

Structured Jets in Gamma-Ray Bursts

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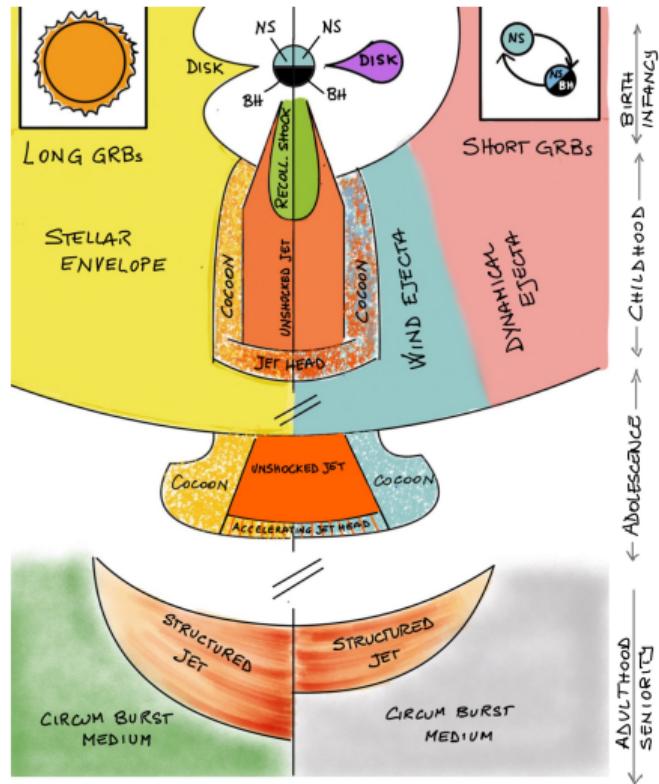
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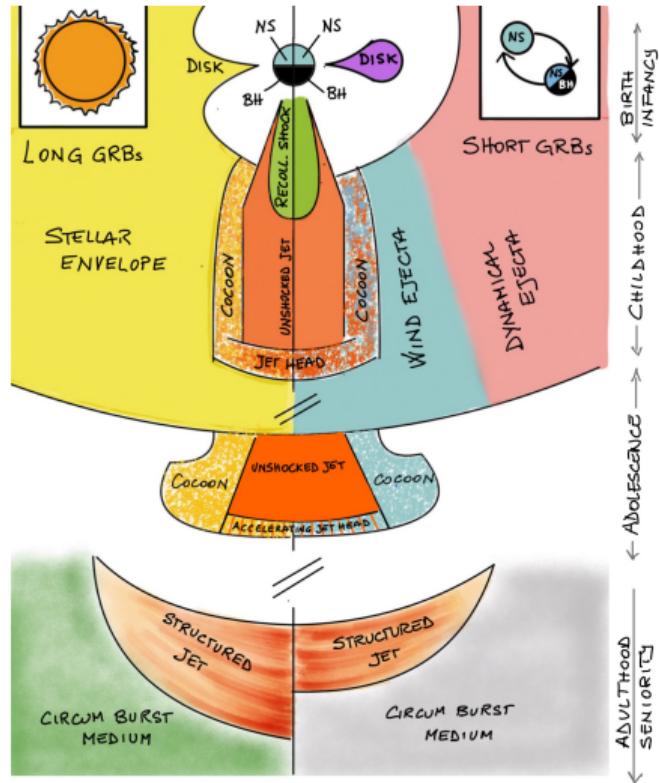


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[Salafia & Ghirlanda 2023]

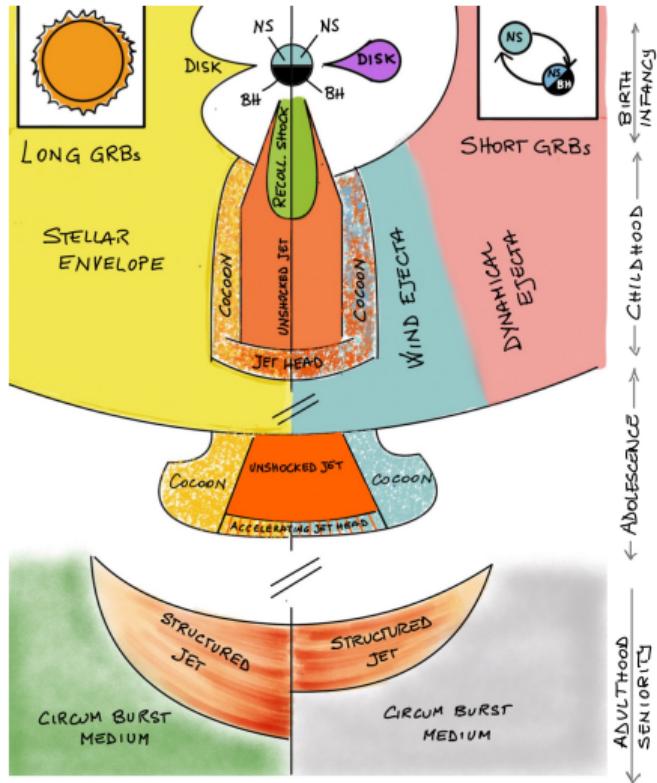
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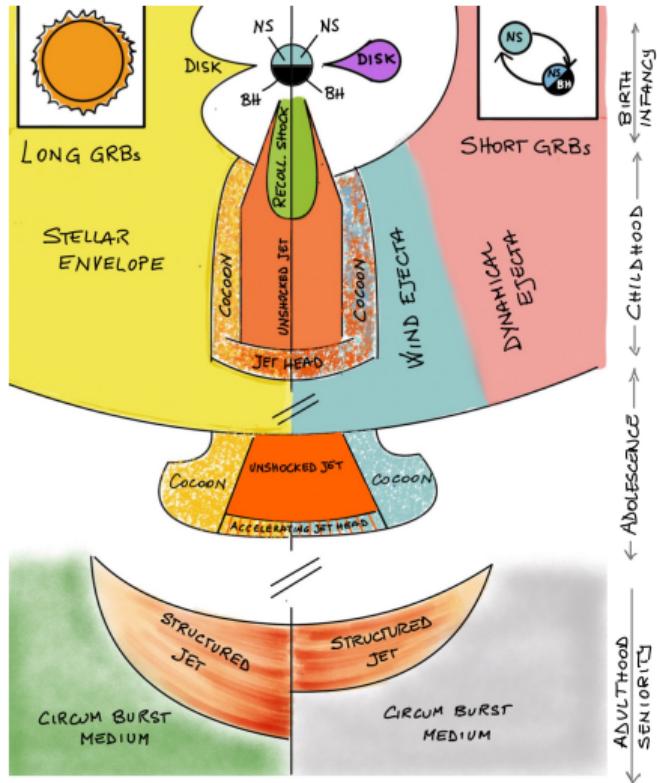
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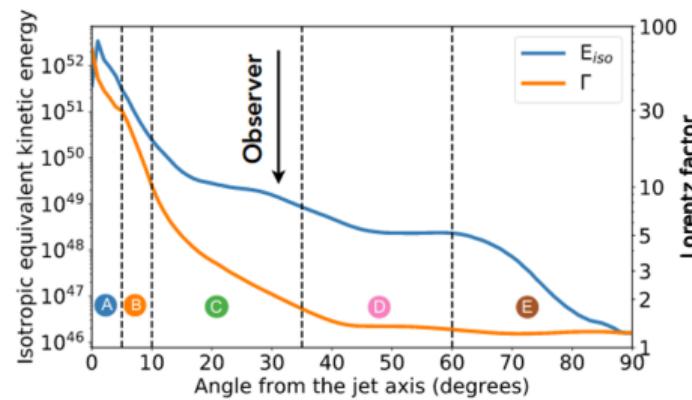
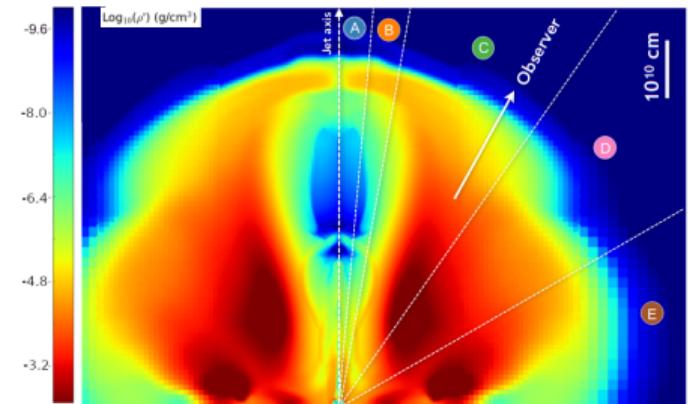
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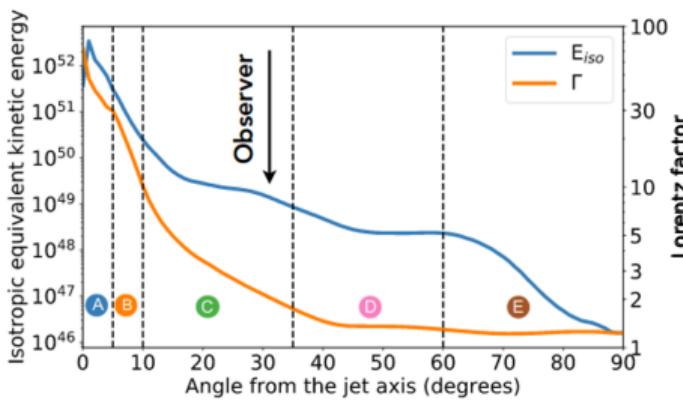
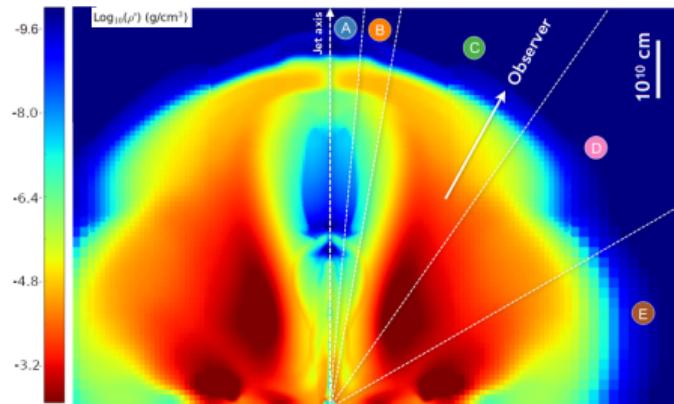
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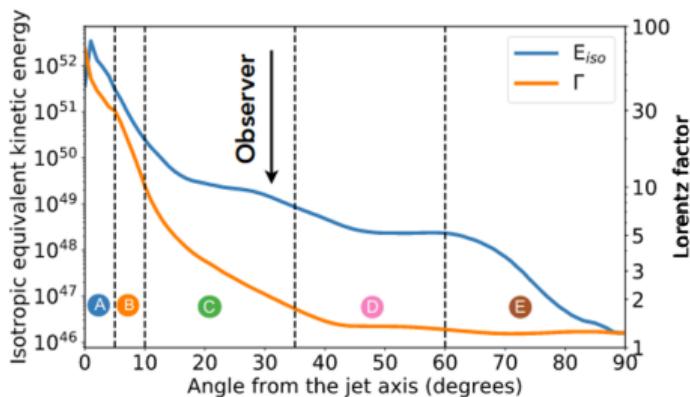
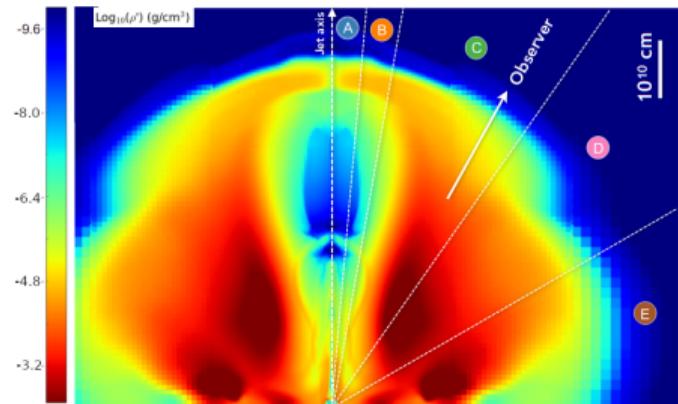


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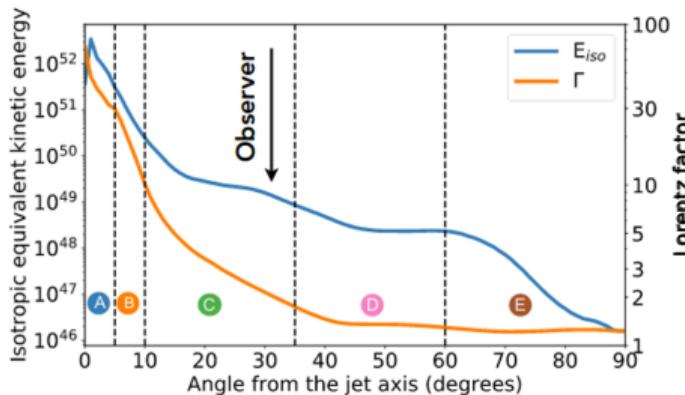
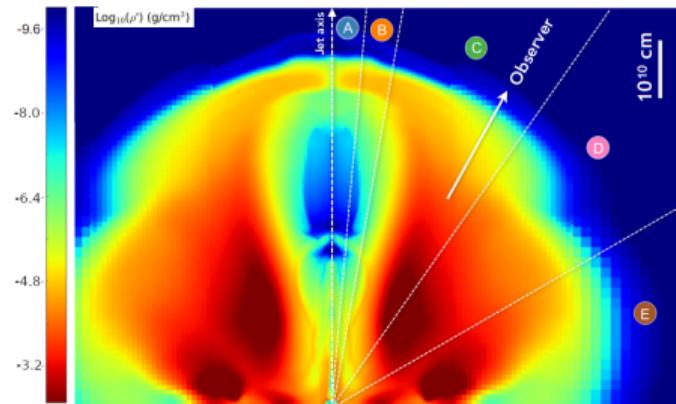
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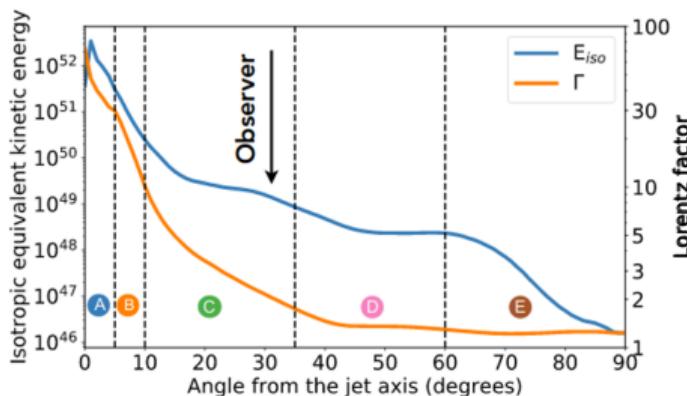
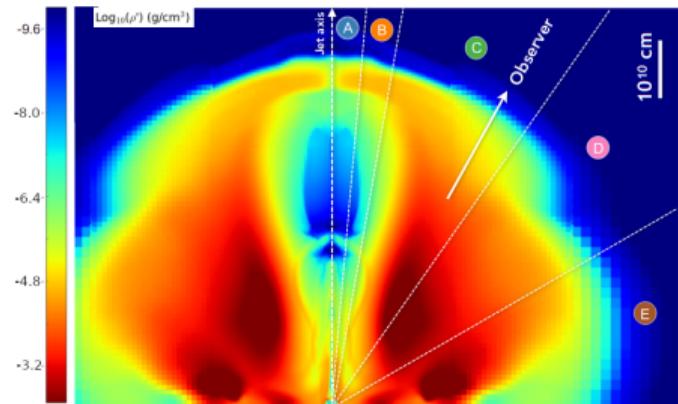
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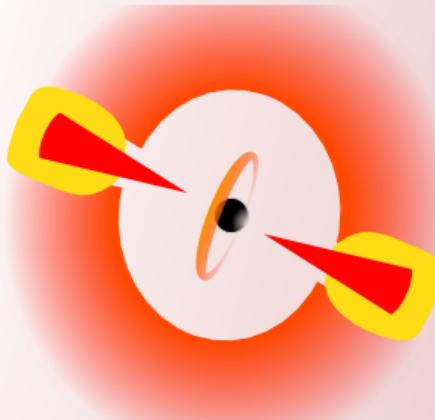
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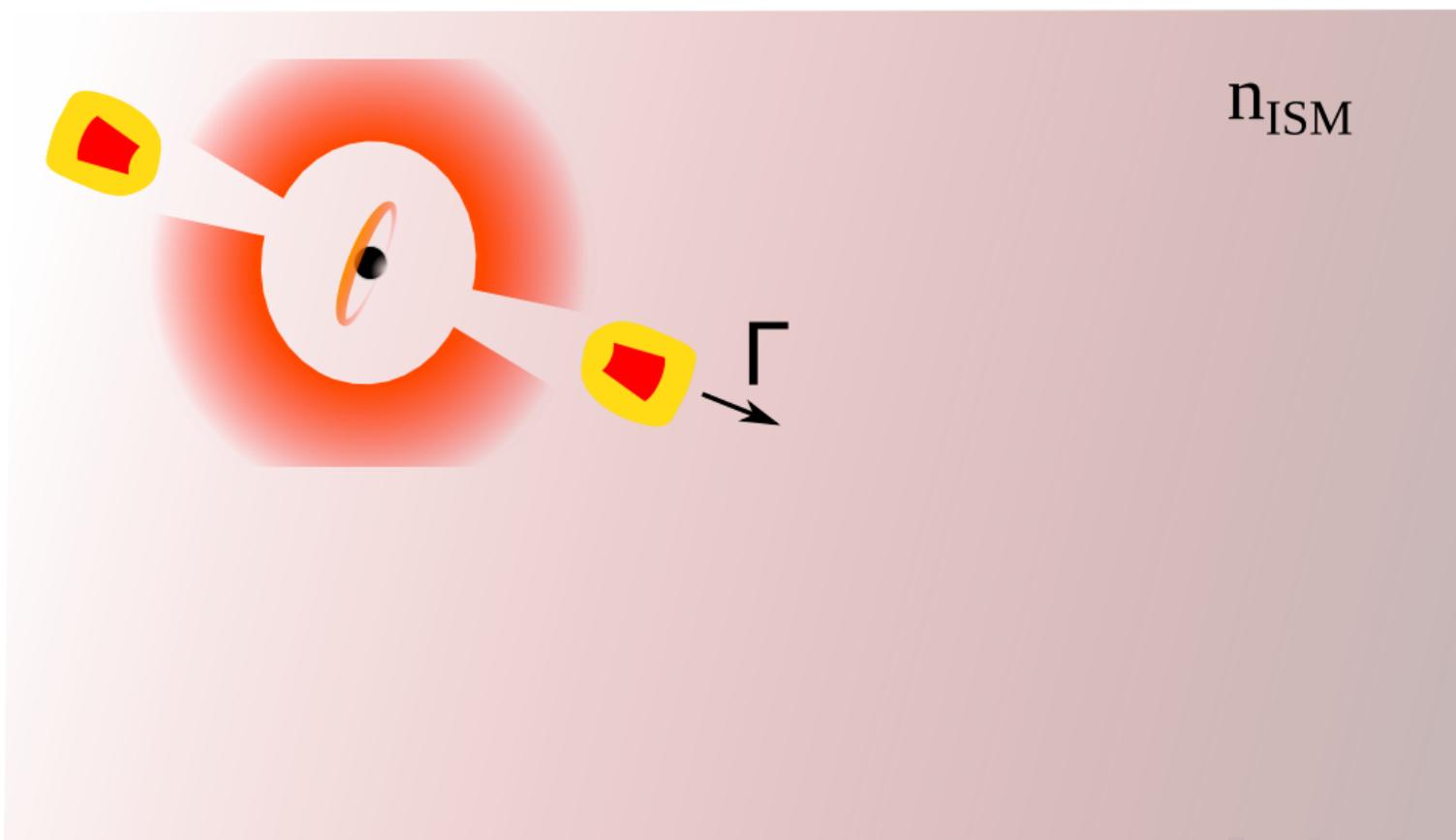
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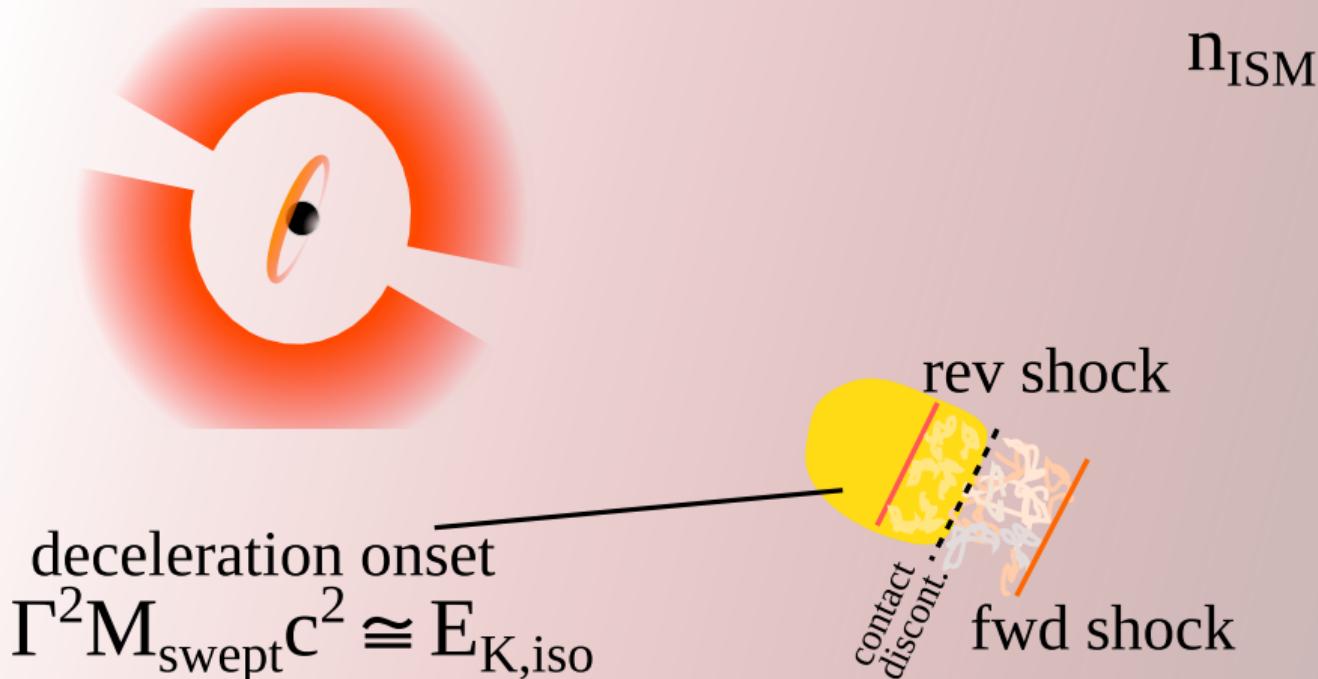


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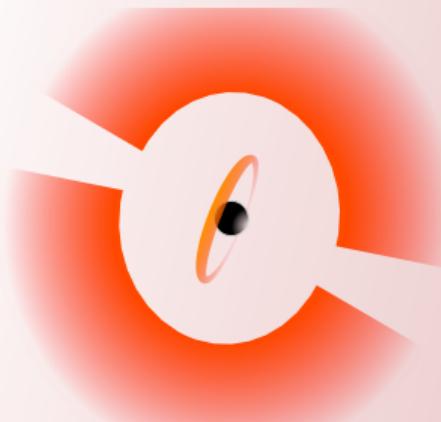
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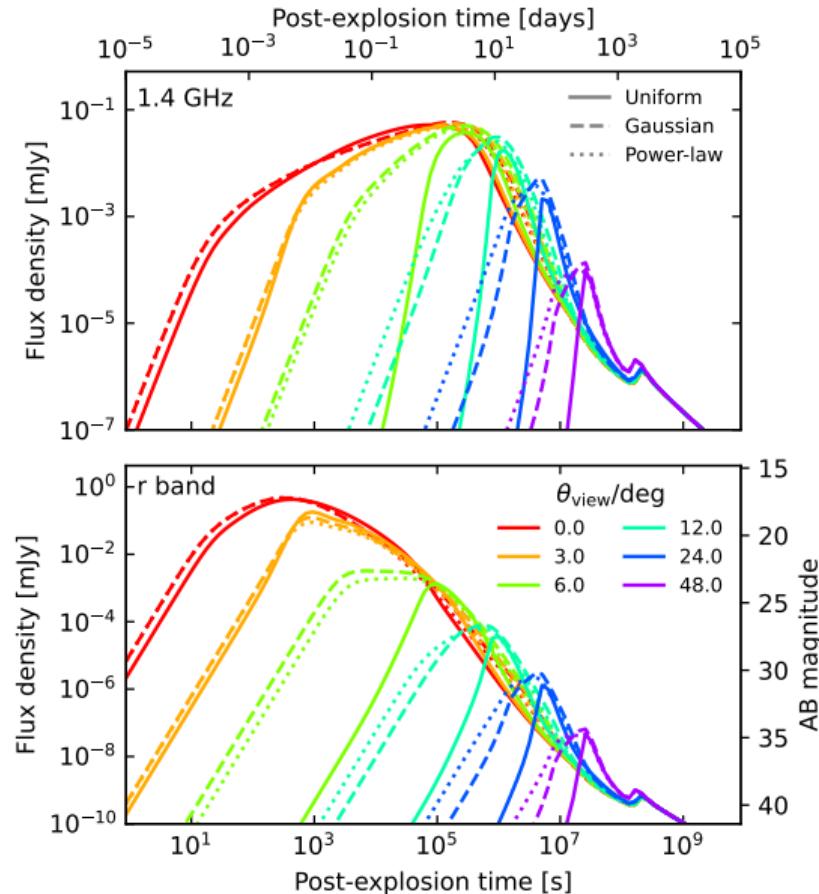
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deceleration onset

$$\Gamma(\theta, R)^2 M_{\text{swept}}(\theta, R) c^2 \cong E_{K, \text{iso}}(\theta)$$

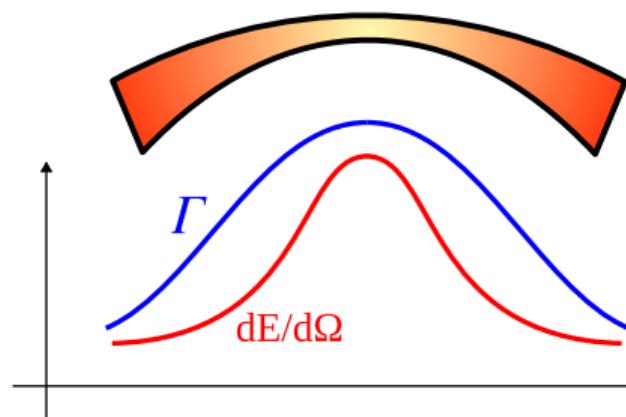
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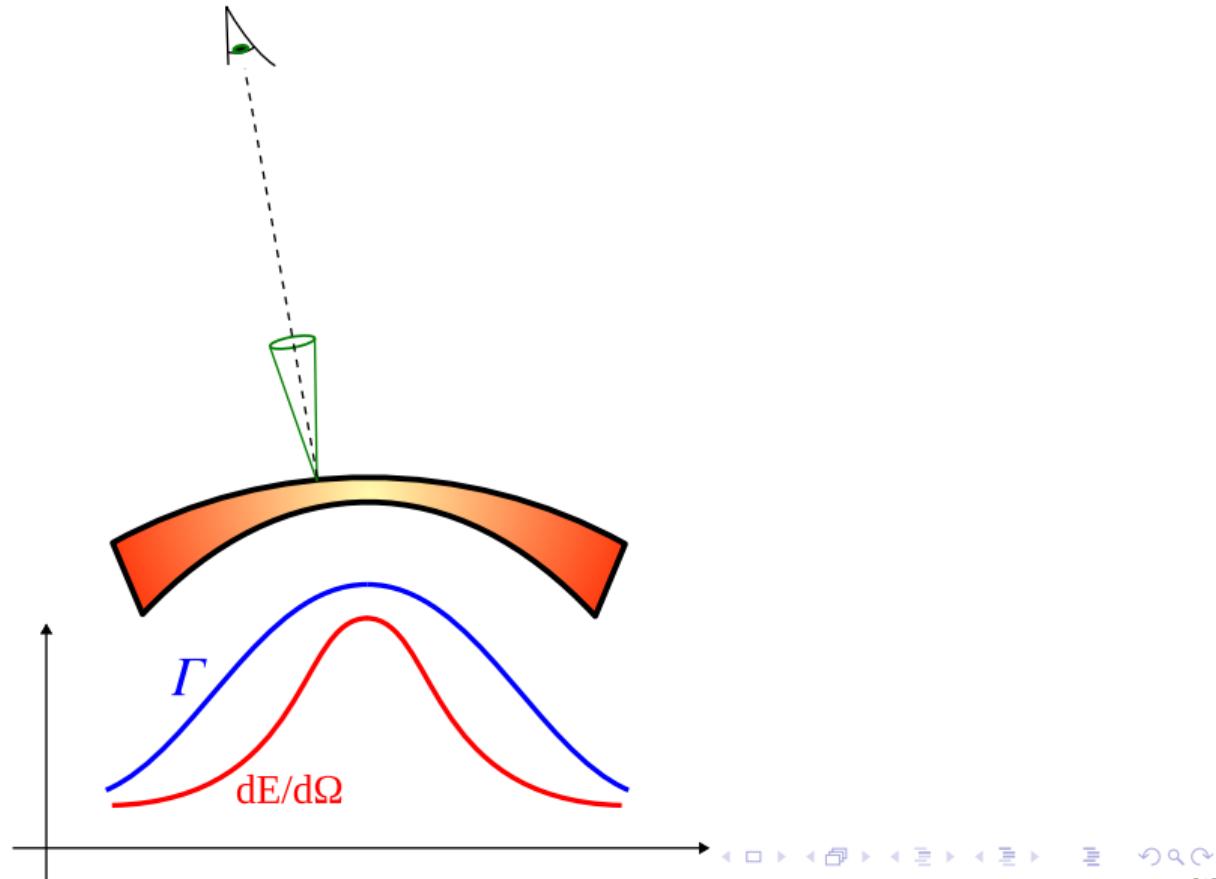
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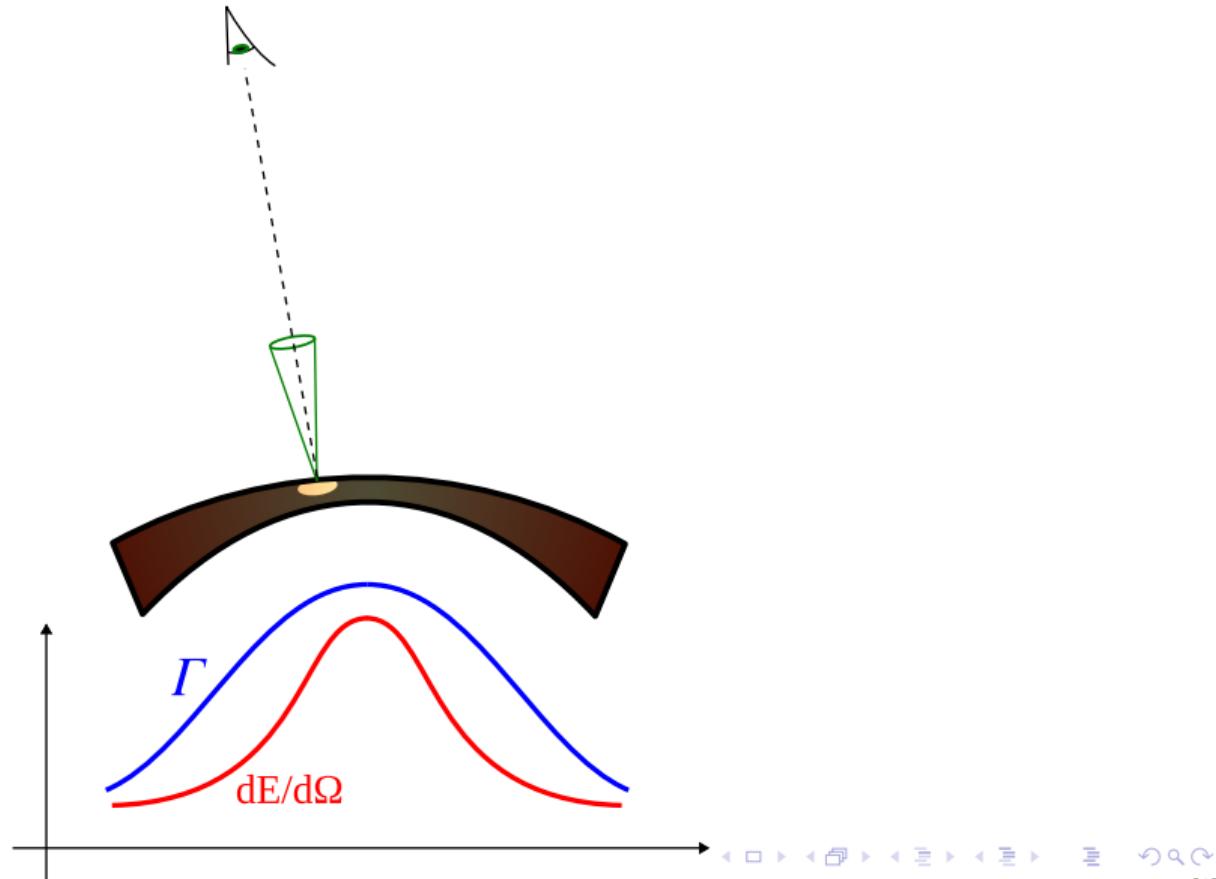
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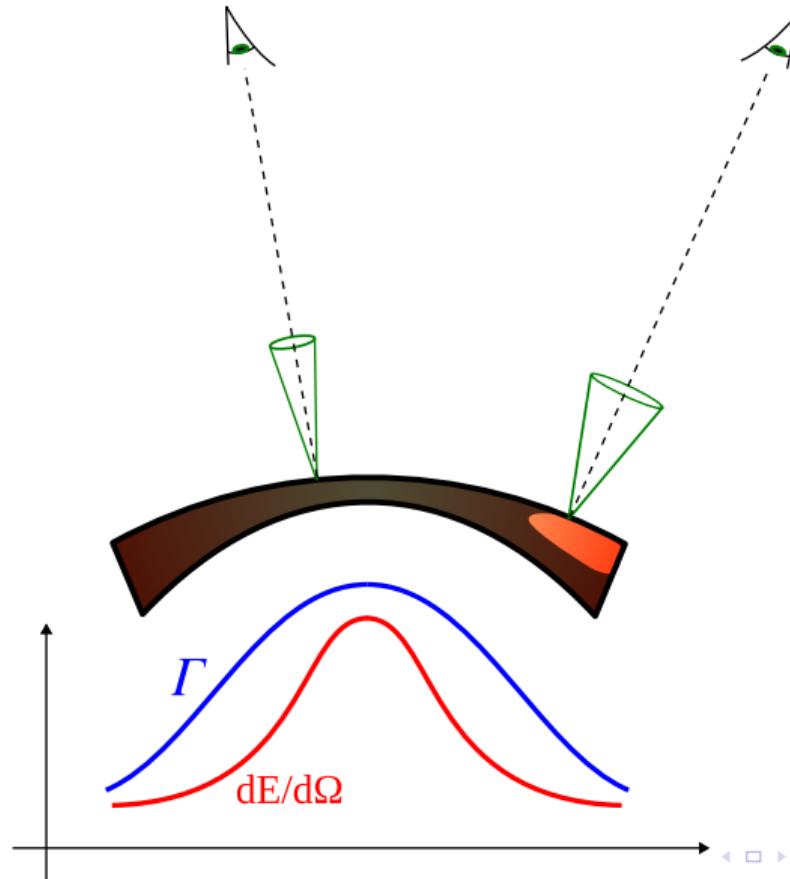
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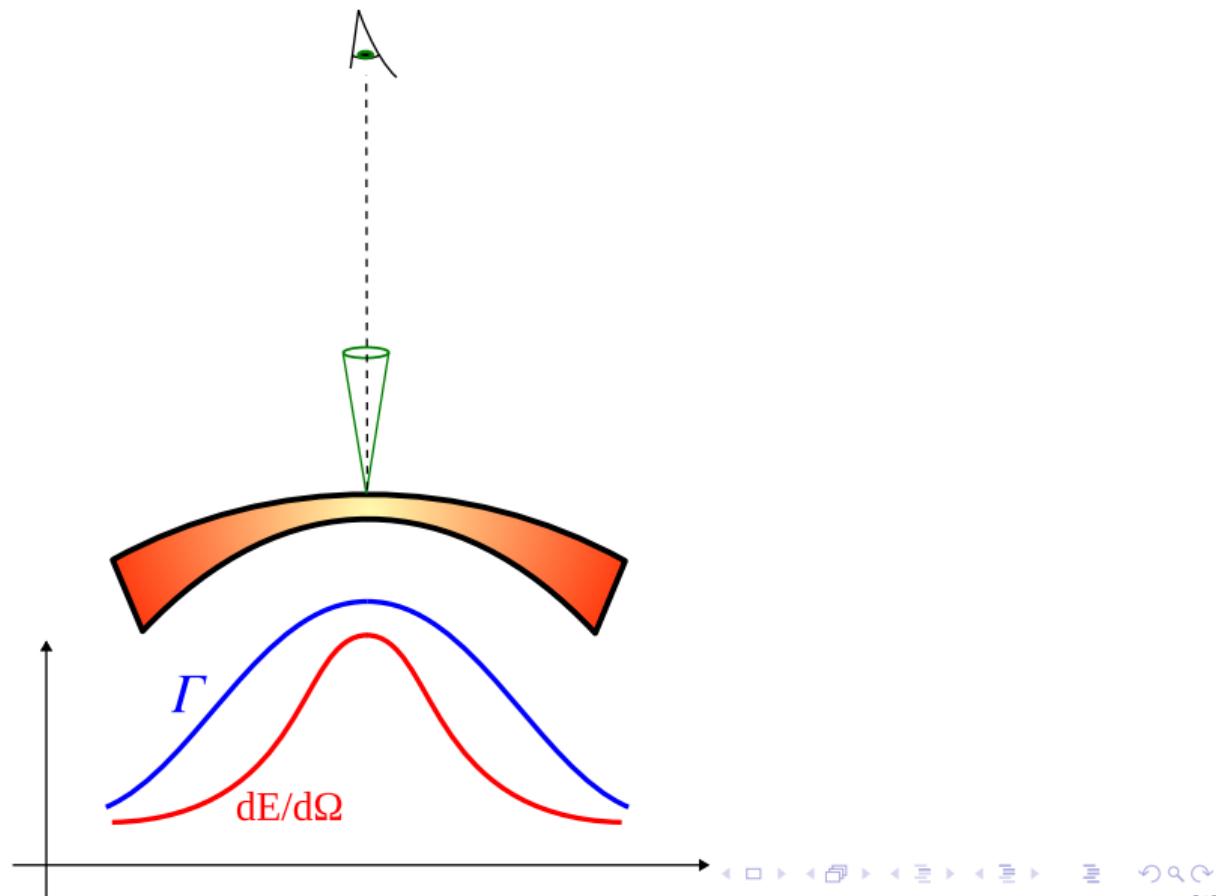
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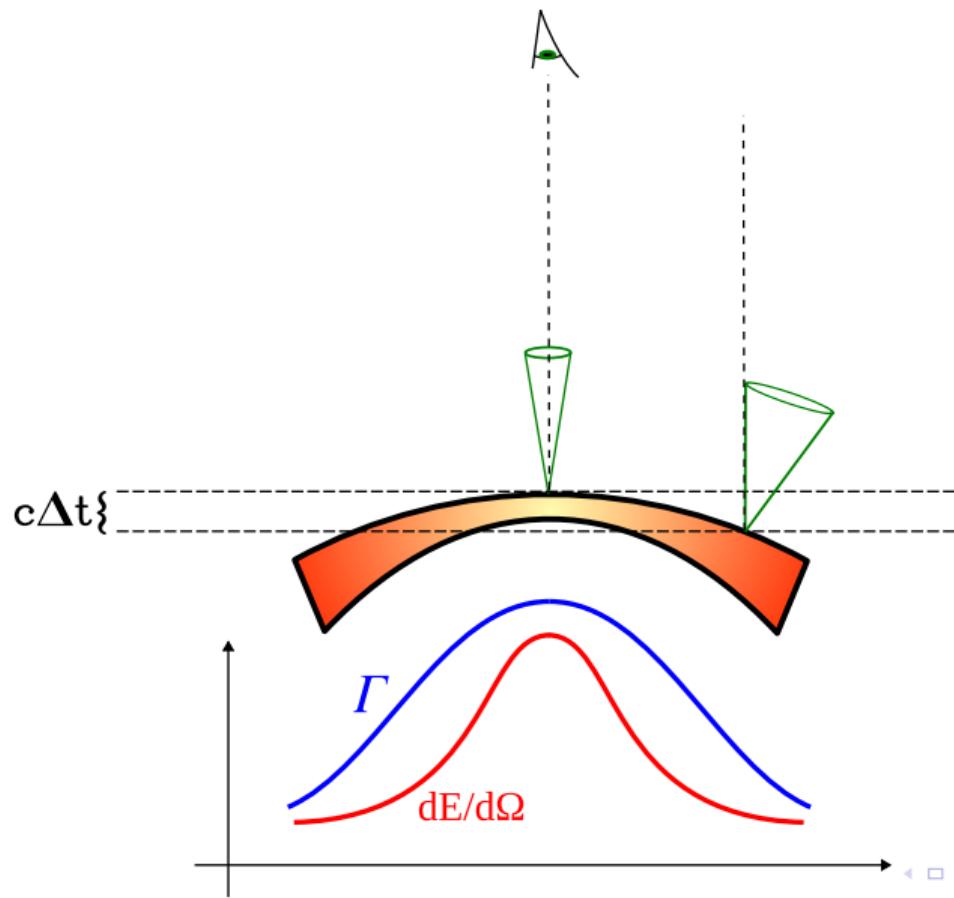
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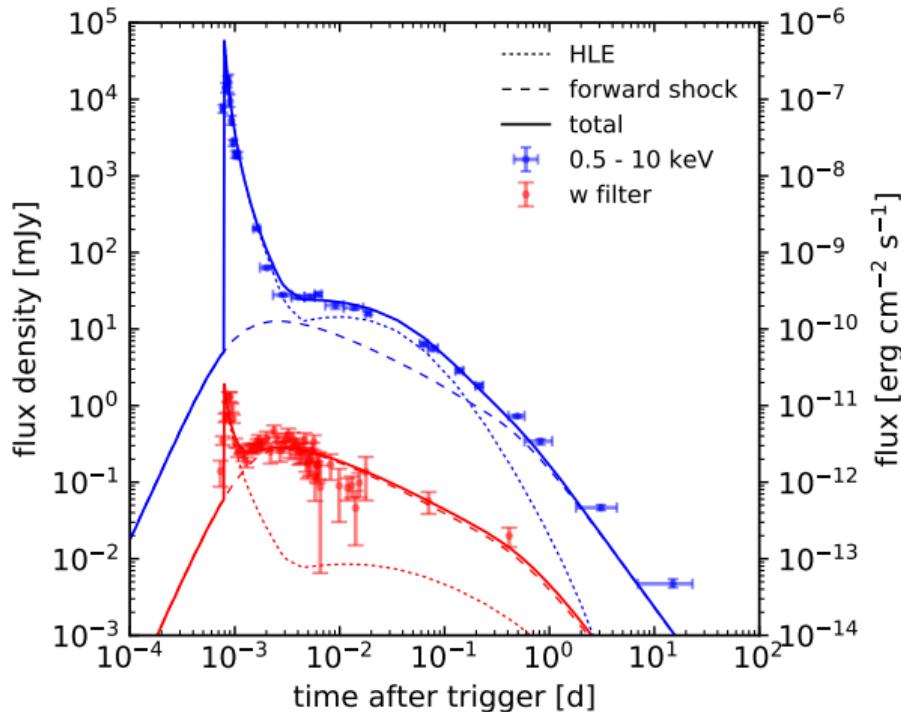


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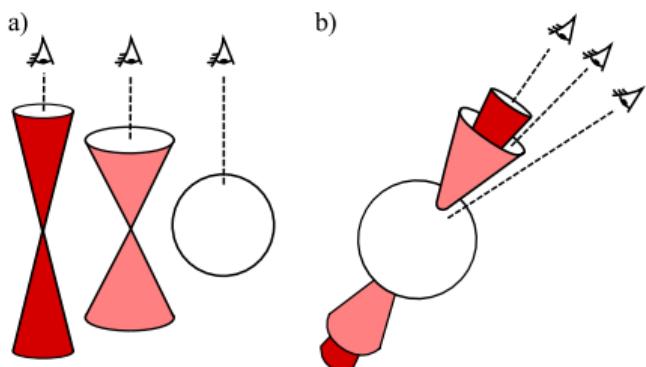
High latitude 'latecomer' prompt emission

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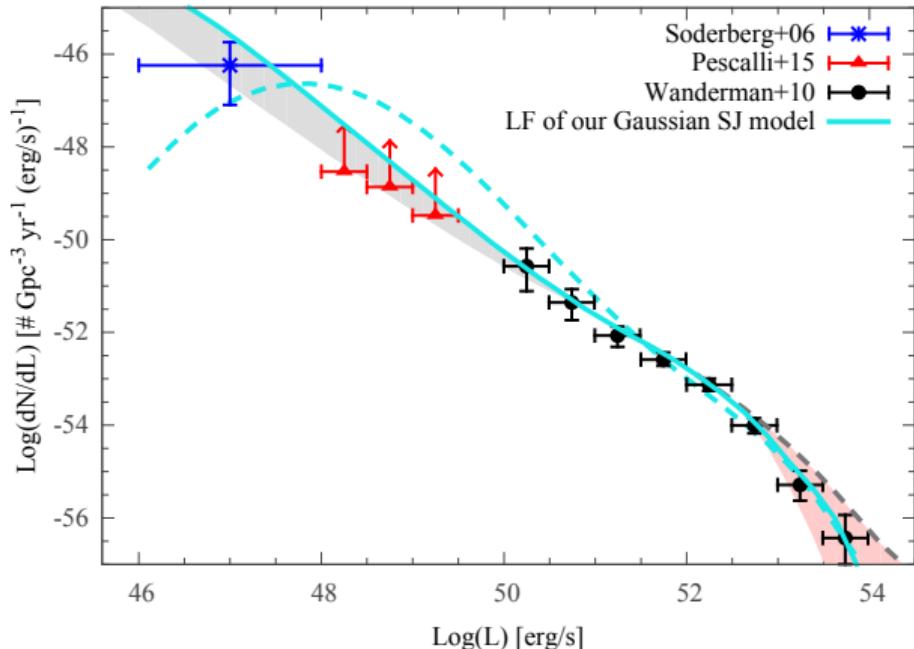


[Oganesyan et al. 2020, see also Panaitescu 2020]

Jet structure → luminosity function



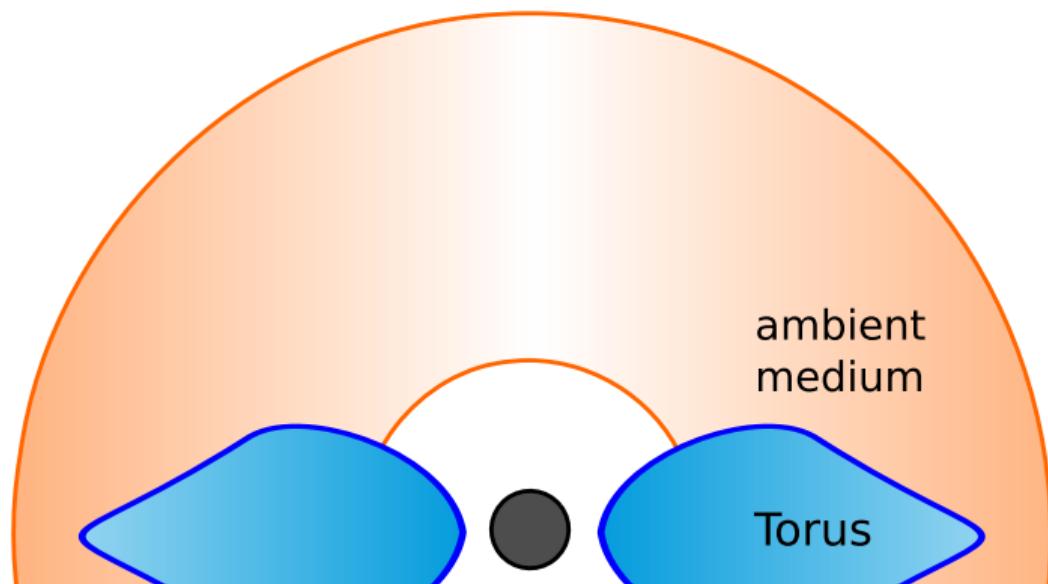
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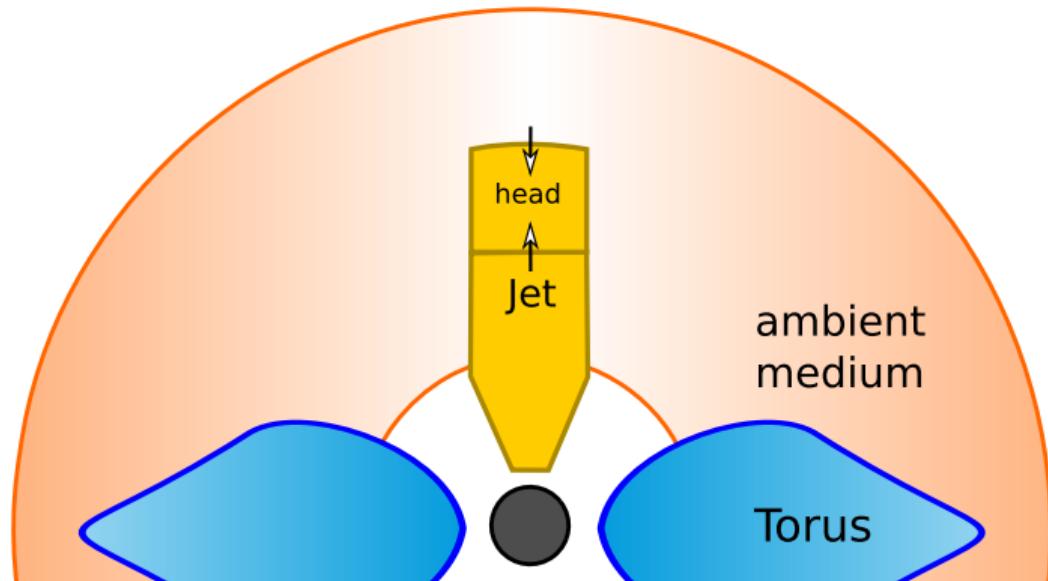
What determines the jet structure?

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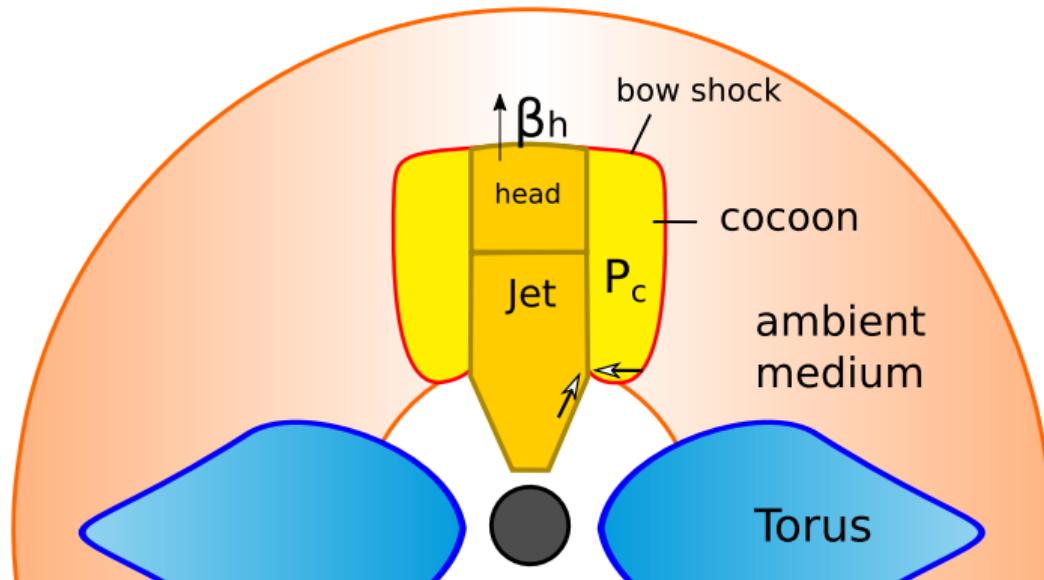
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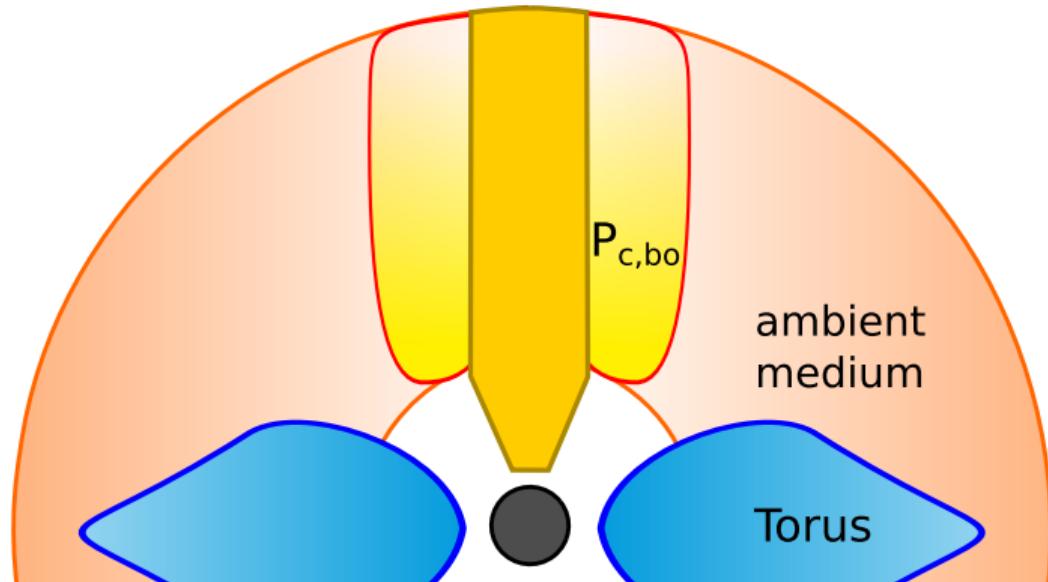
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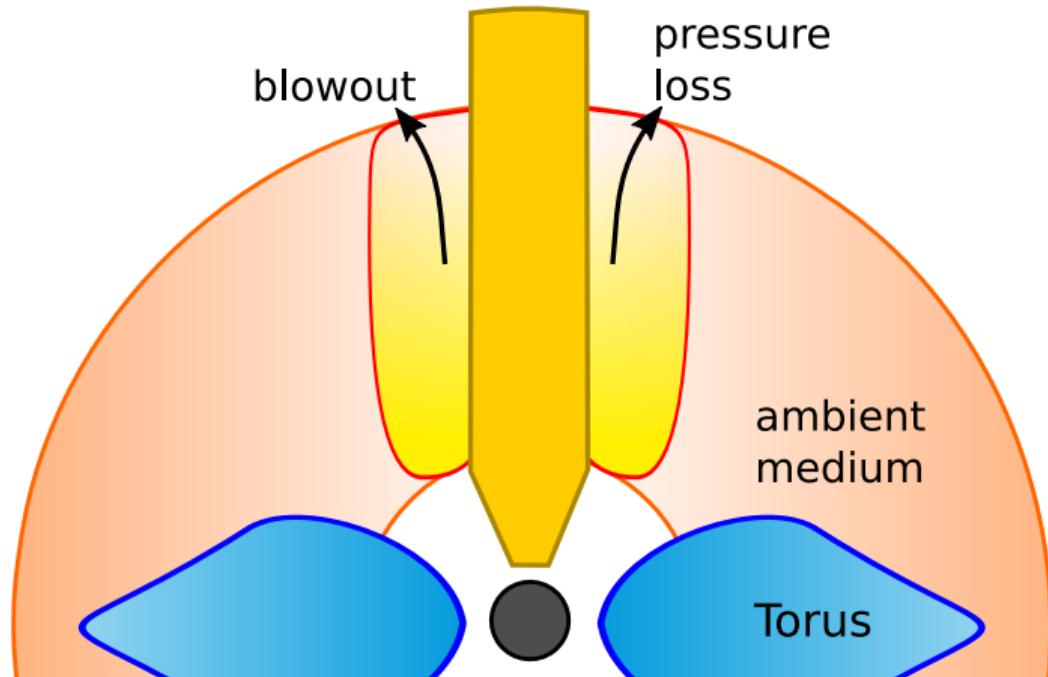
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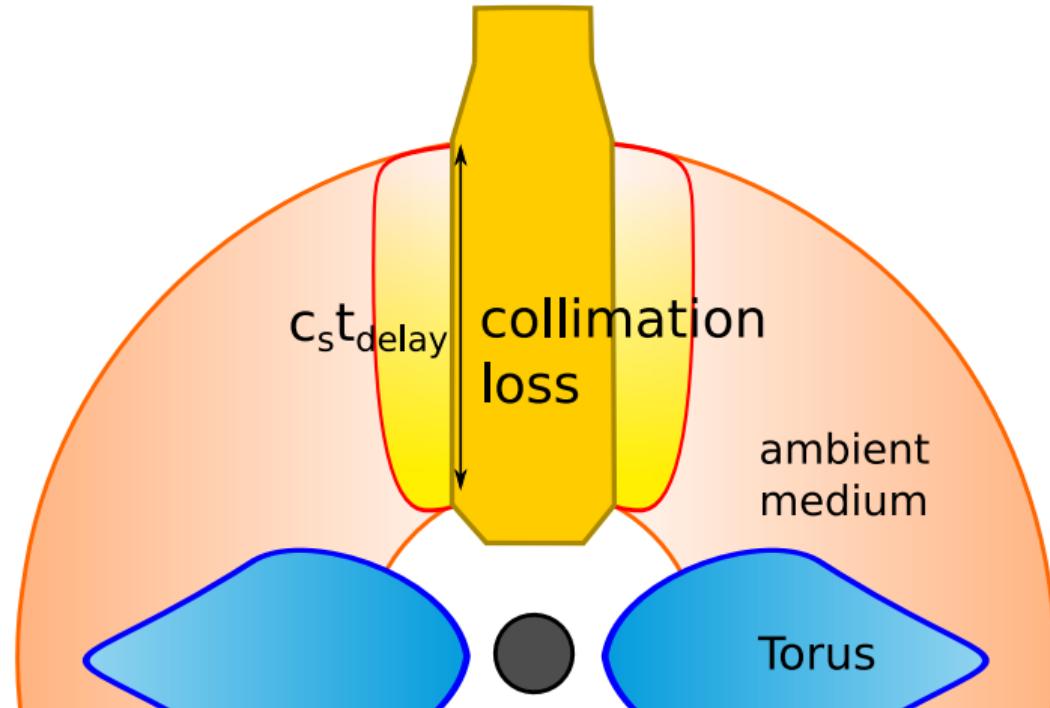
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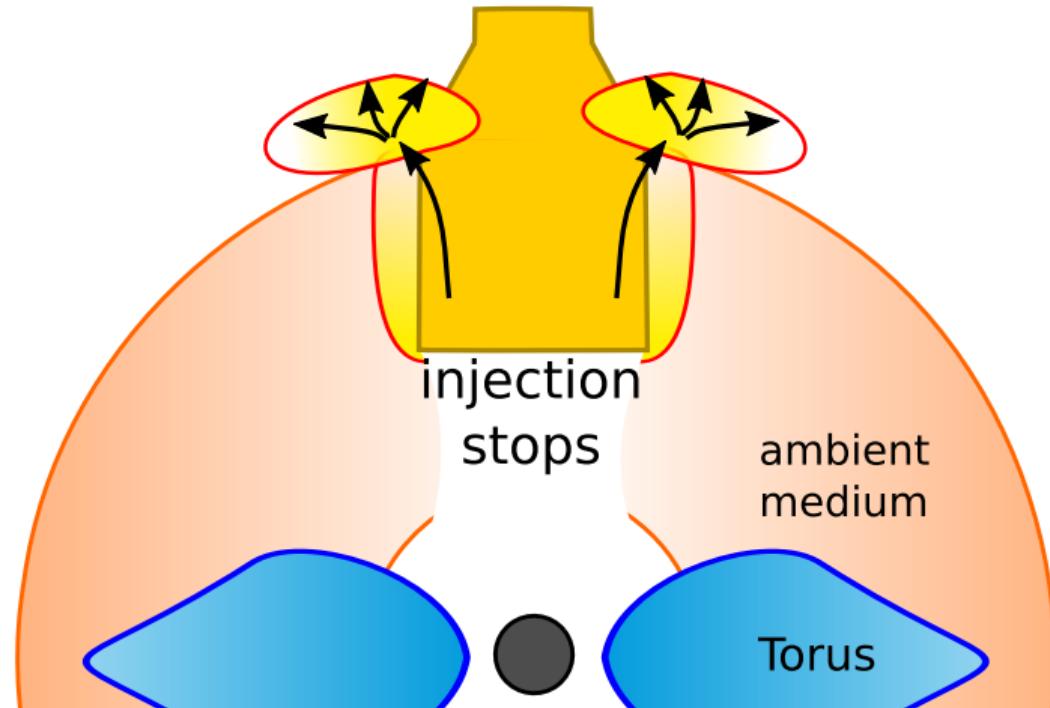
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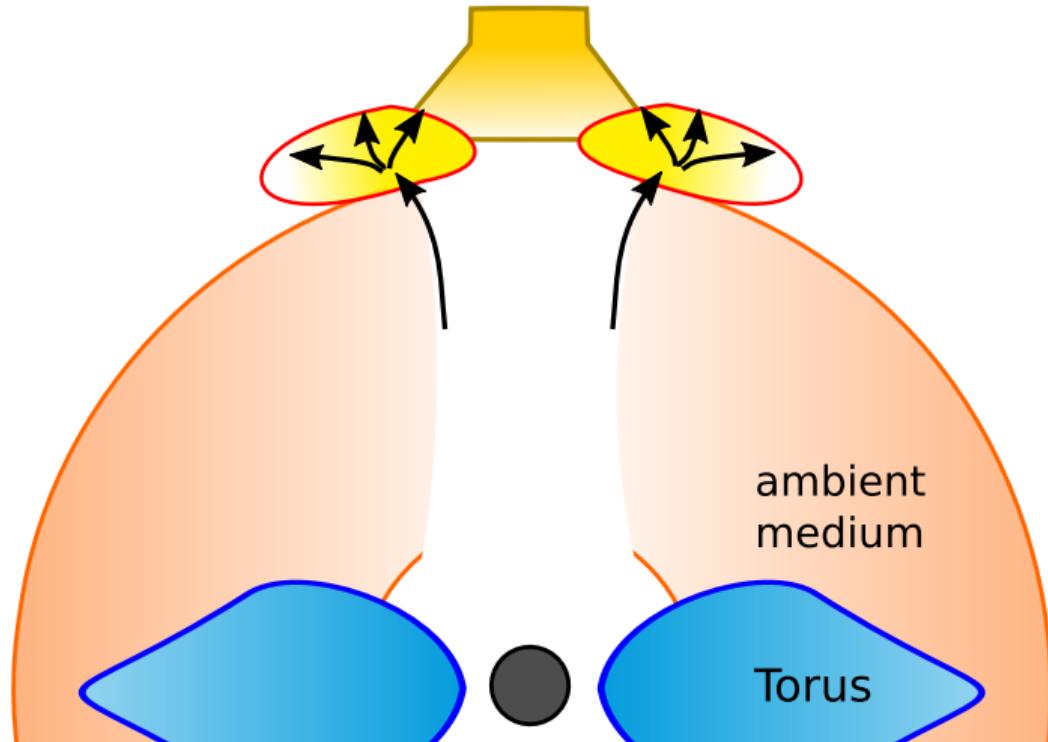
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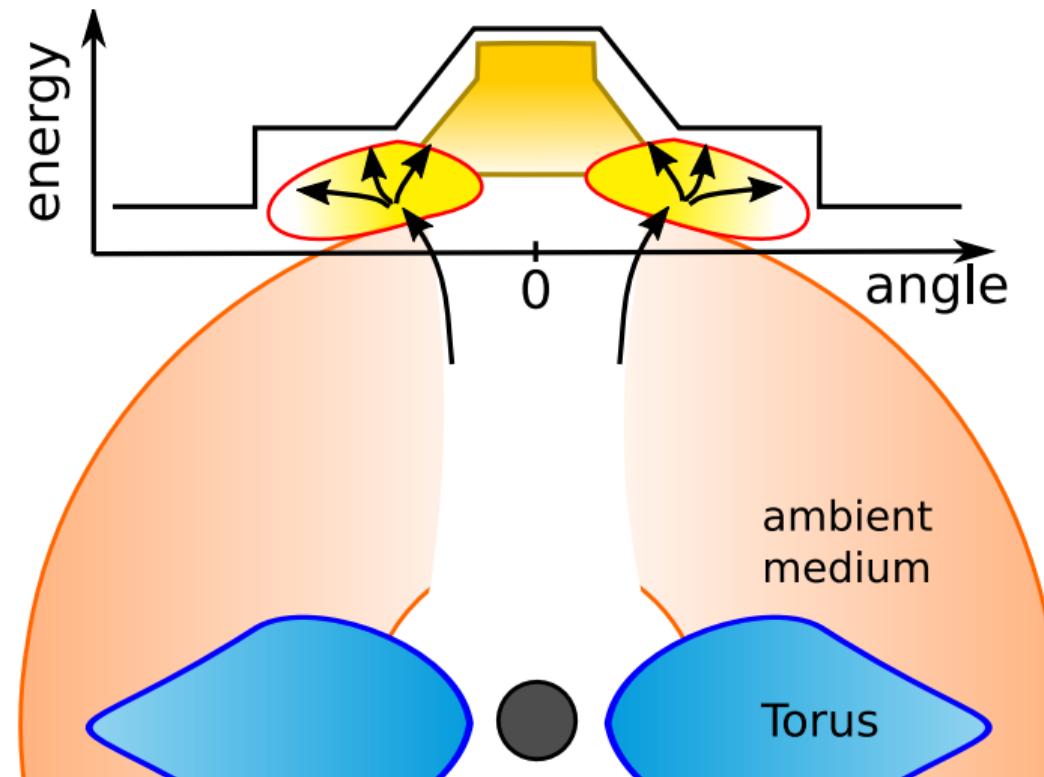
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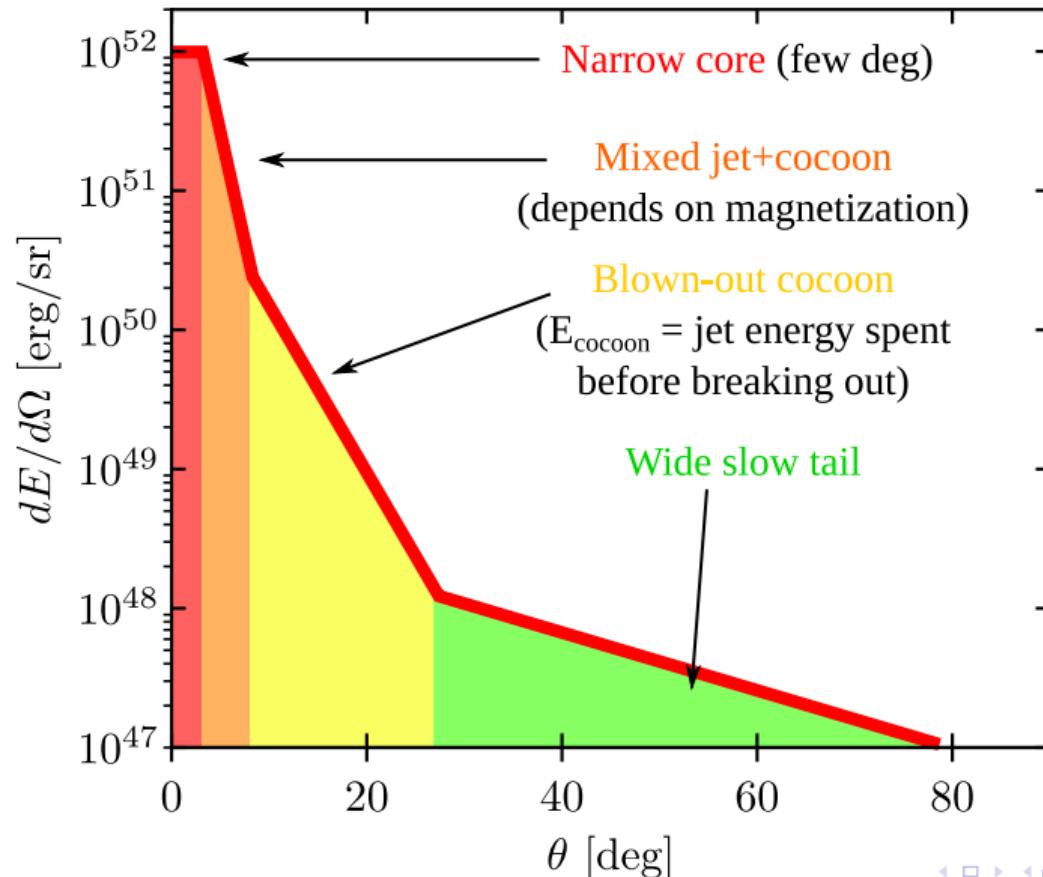
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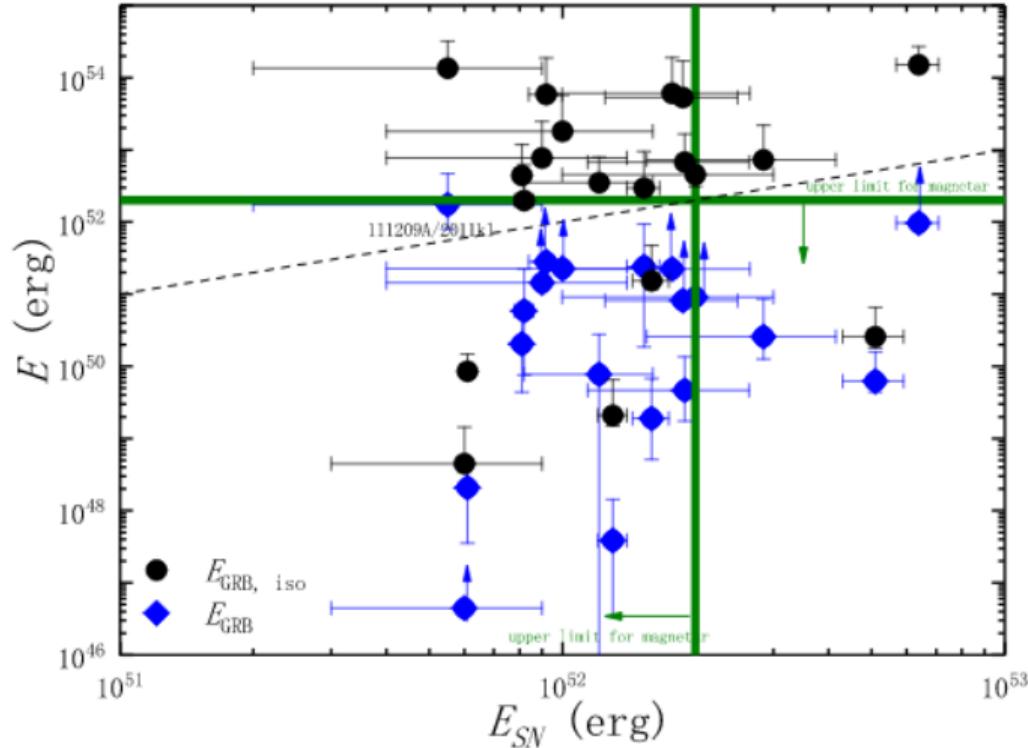
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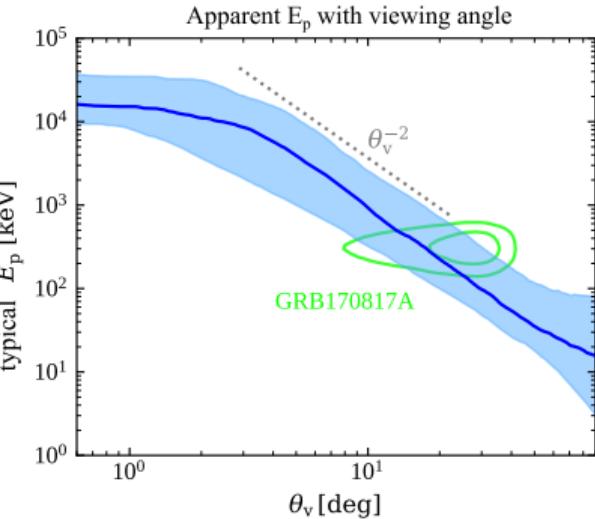
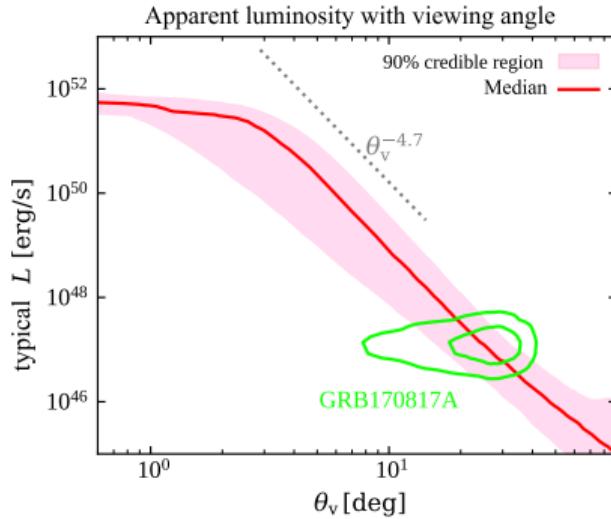
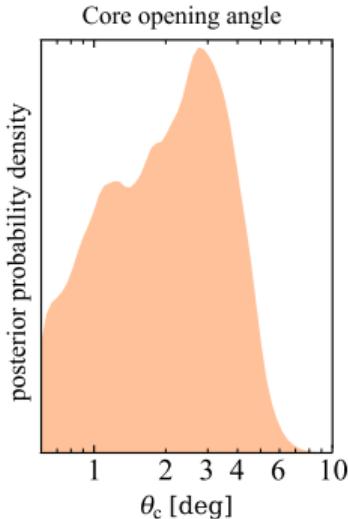
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Quasi-universal jet structure?



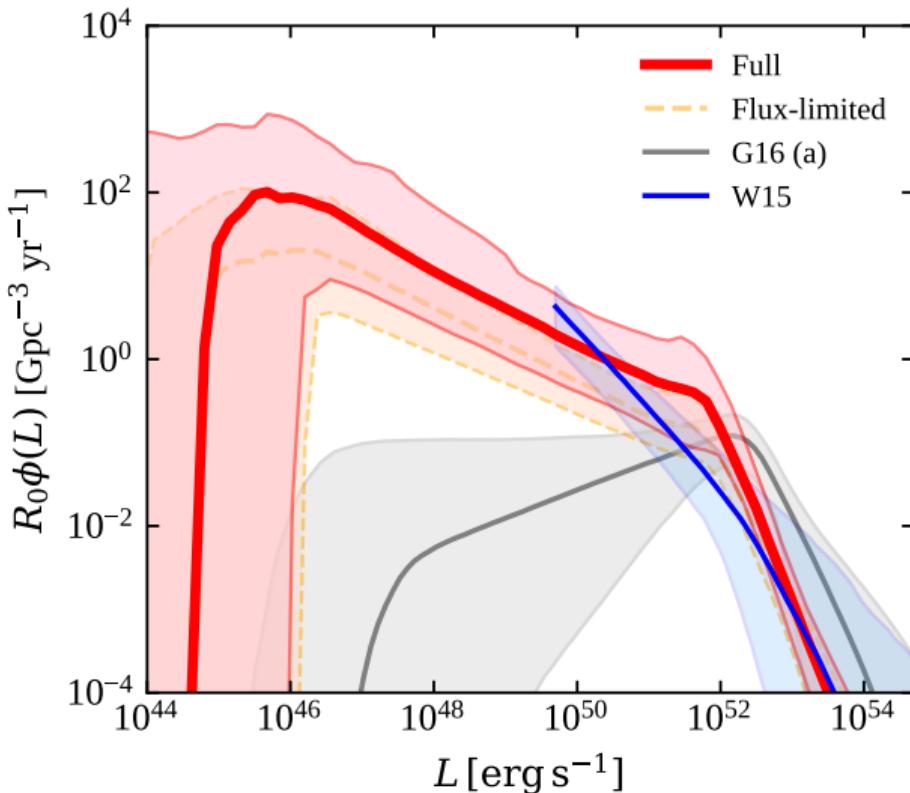
[Lu et al. 2018]

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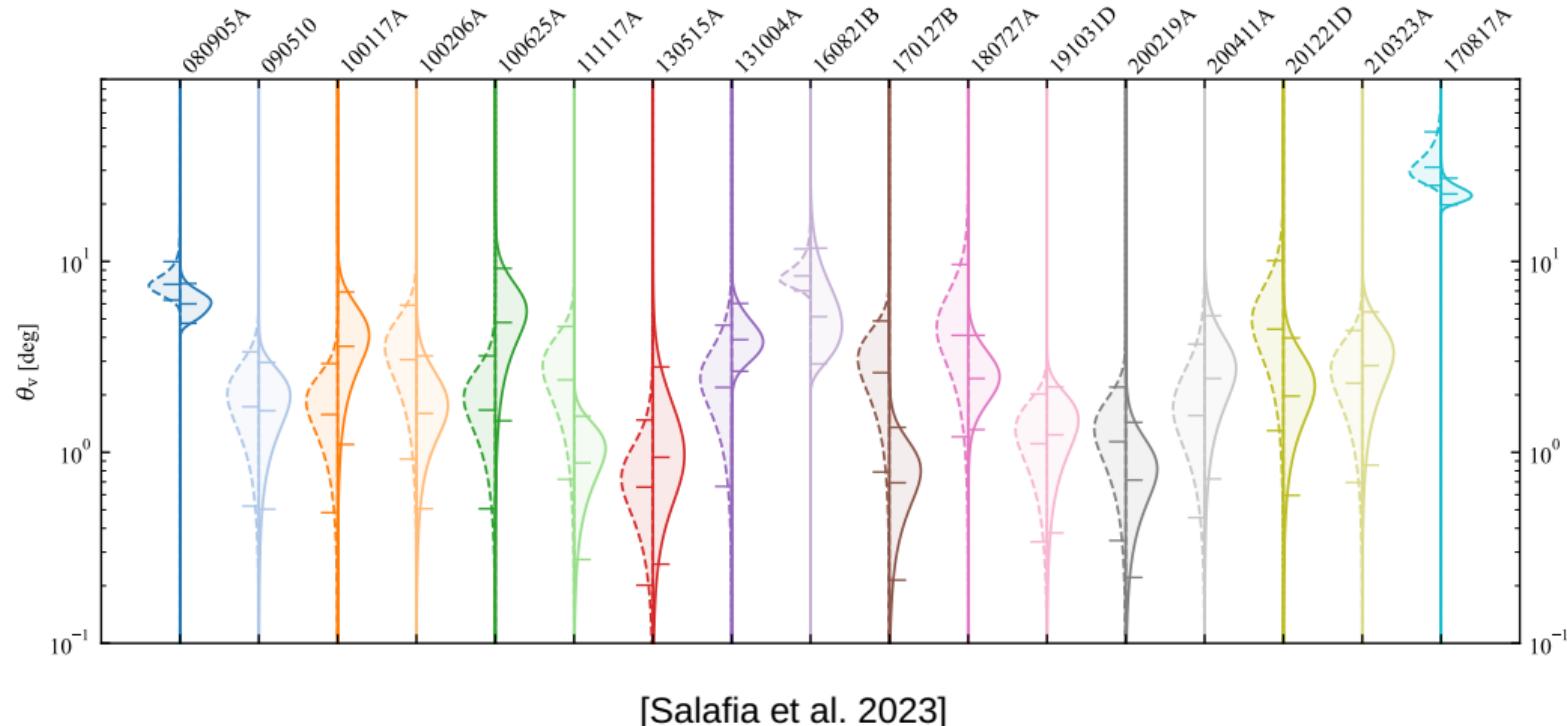


[Salafia et al. 2023]

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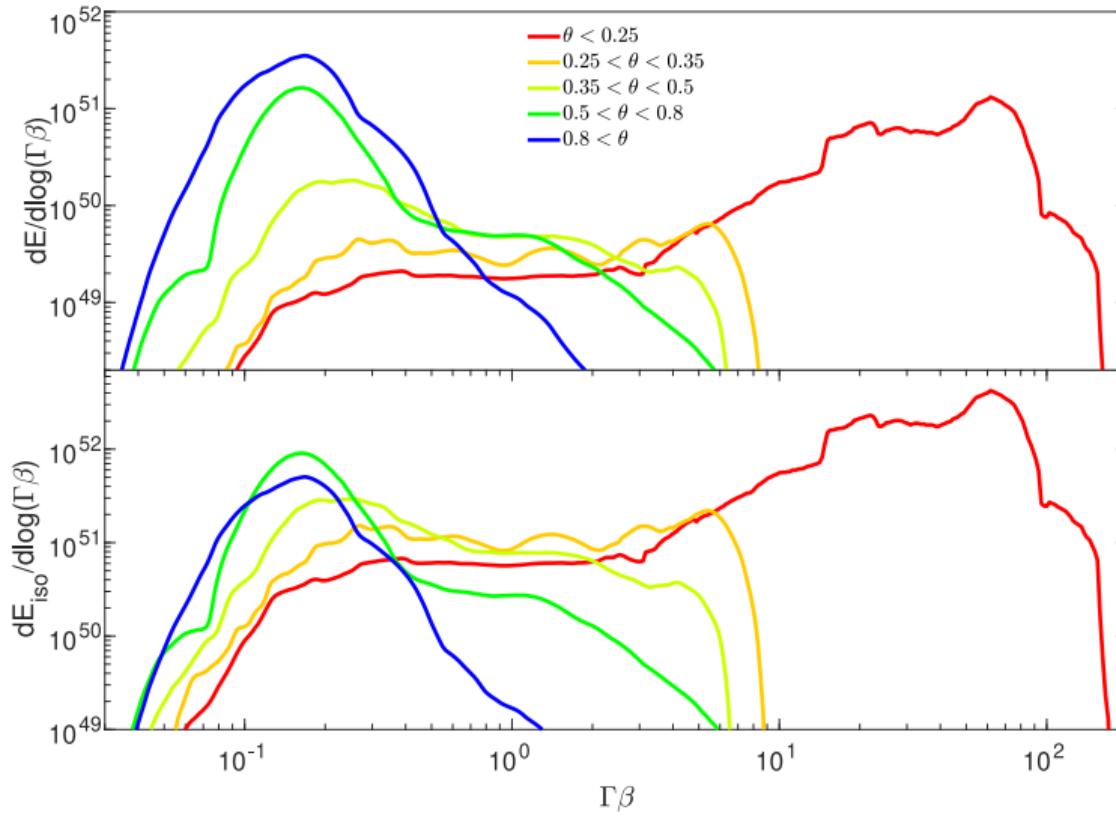


Quasi-universal jet structure in short GRBs: viewing angles



[Salafia et al. 2023]

Pitfalls: afterglow description



[Nakar & Piran 2018]

Summary

- Many definitions of ‘jet structure’: each useful in different contexts, most imply (sometimes hidden) simplifications
- Structure can teach us about jet-progenitor interaction, but possibly also about central engine in some cases
- Structure likely impacts the energy/luminosity distribution of the prompt emission, at least to some extent
- Quasi-universal structure is attractive for unification (e.g. explains extreme diversity of GRBs wrt the associated SNe)
- Many pieces of evidence indicate some intrinsic variability is present though
- Impact of jet structure on various emission components yet to be fully explored