

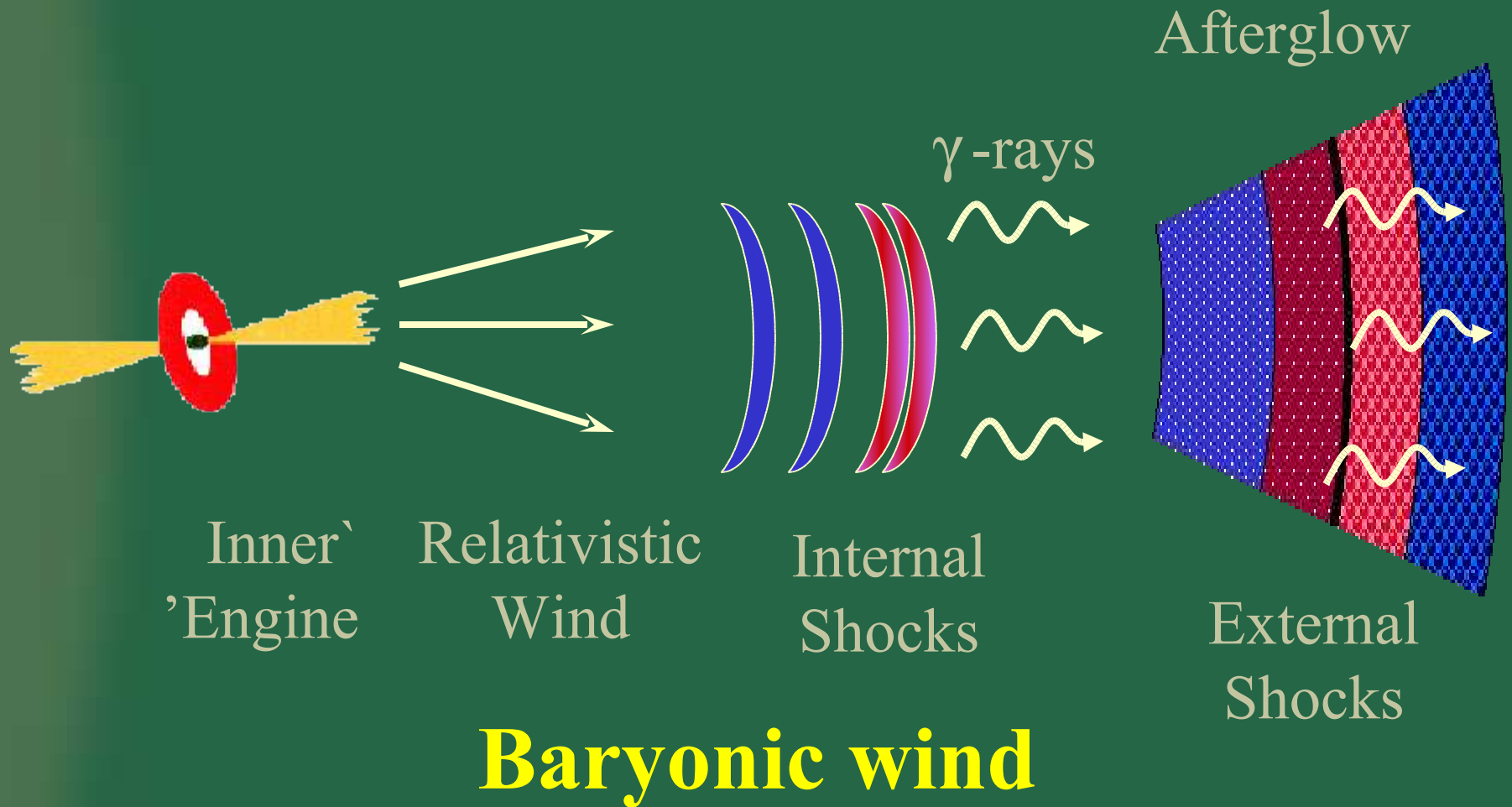
The Early Afterglow as a Diagnostic Tool of GRBs' outflow

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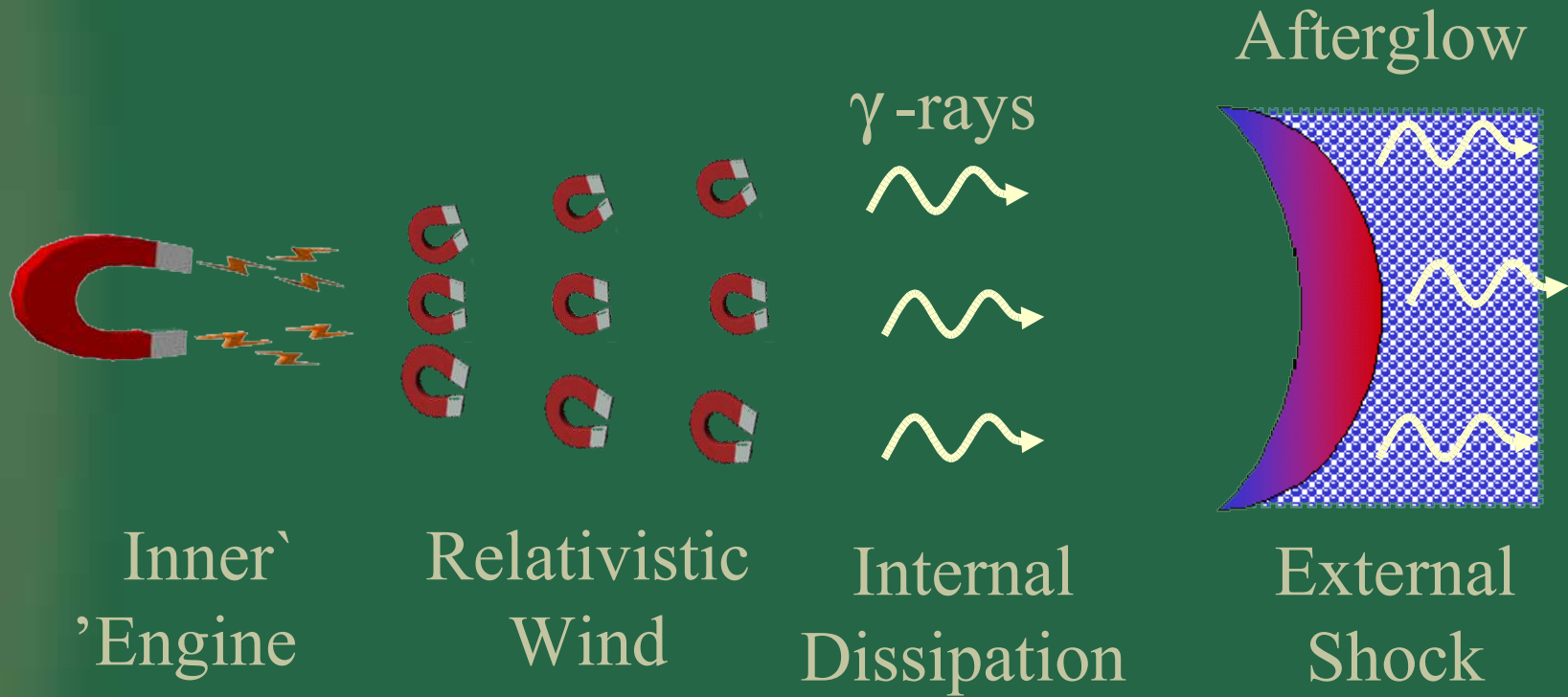
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The Internal-External Fireball Model



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Poynting Flux

The early afterglow

Observationally

Optical and x-rays: seconds – minutes •

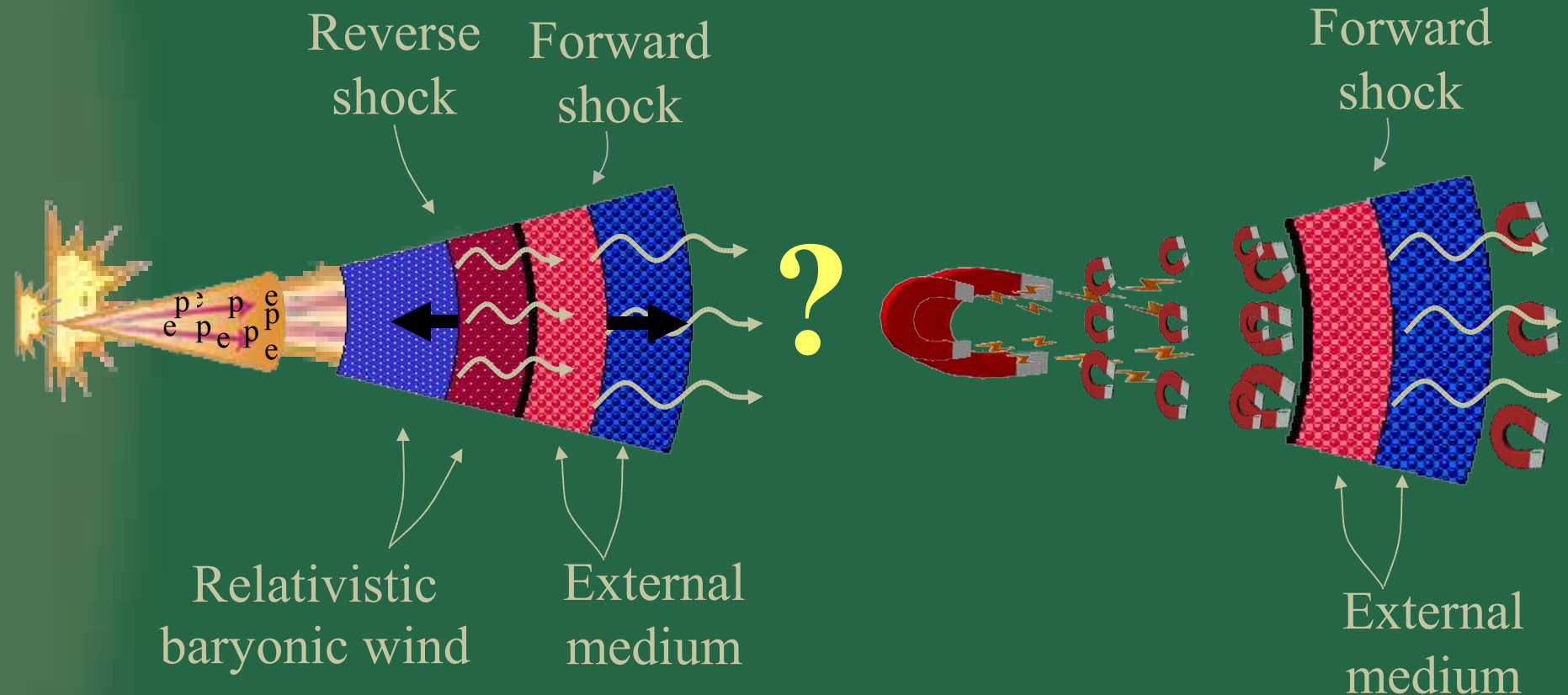
Radio: hours – a day •

Theoretically

A signature of the interaction between the
relativistic wind and the circumburst medium

Why is this phase important

?Baryonic flow or Poynting flux •



The **prompt emission** should carry a **signature** of the content as well. However its **chaotic nature** prevented the **identification**. so far

?Baryonic flow or Poynting flux •

**Reveals the structure and the •
properties (e.g. initial Lorentz factor)
of the outflow**

**Distinguish between different •
models of the circumburst medium
(interstellar medium or a wind of a
(massive star**

Outline

A baryonic ejecta interacting with an ISM

Sari & Piran 1999; Mészáros & Rees 1997,1999; Kulkarni et al. 1999;
Kobayashi 2000; Sari & Mészáros 2000; Kobayashi & Sari 2000;
Wang et al. 2000; Fan et al. 2002; Soderberg & Ramirez-Ruiz 2003;
Kumar & Panaitescu 2003; Zhang, Kobayashi & Mészáros 2003; Zhang
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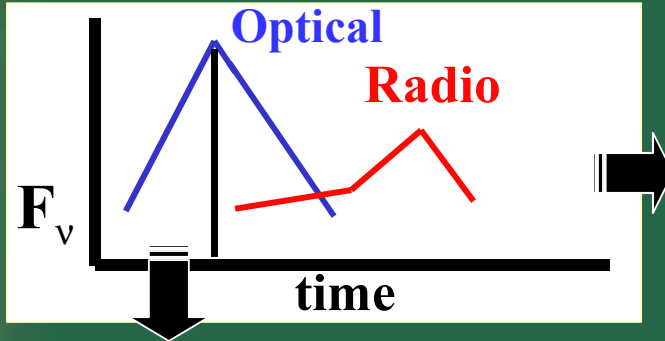
Nakar & Piran, 2004, MNRAS, 353, 647

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Introduction •



A signature of a Reverse Shock Emission

A diagnostic of the initial properties of the ejecta

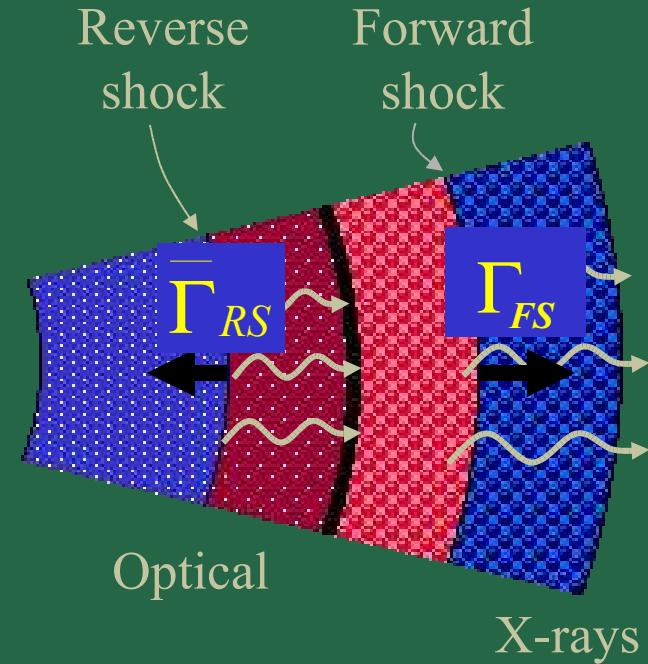
Internal shocks signature •

Observations •

:The synchrotron frequency

$$\nu_m \propto \gamma_e^2 B$$

$$\gamma_e \propto \Gamma_{sh}^{-1}$$



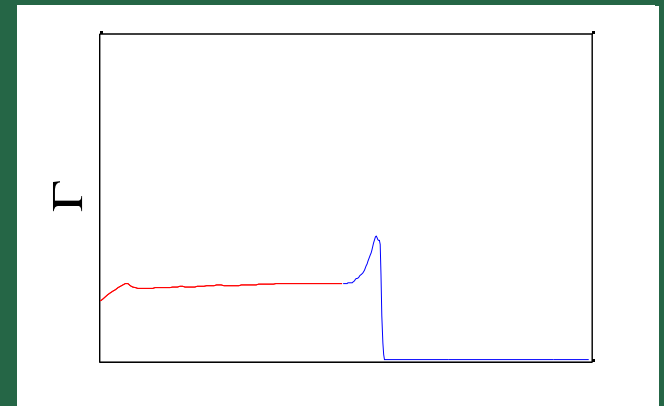
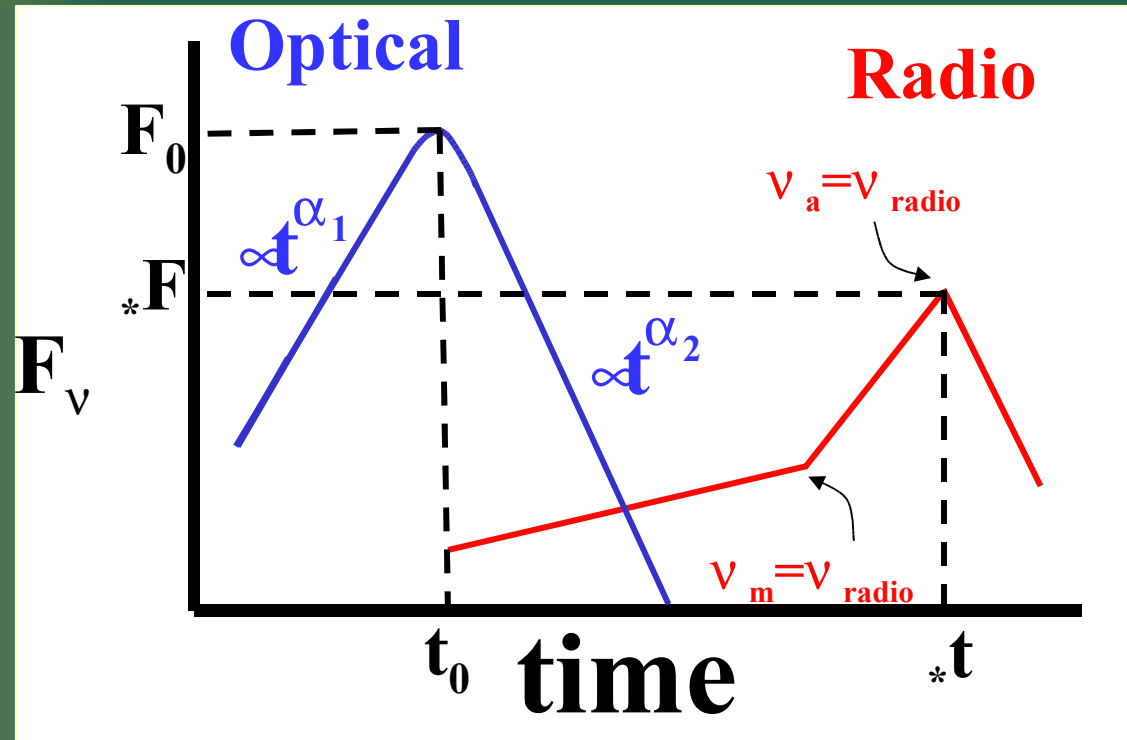
Γ_{RS} -Ultra relativistic ~ 100

$\bar{\Gamma}_{RS}$ Mildly relativistic $\sim 1.5 -$



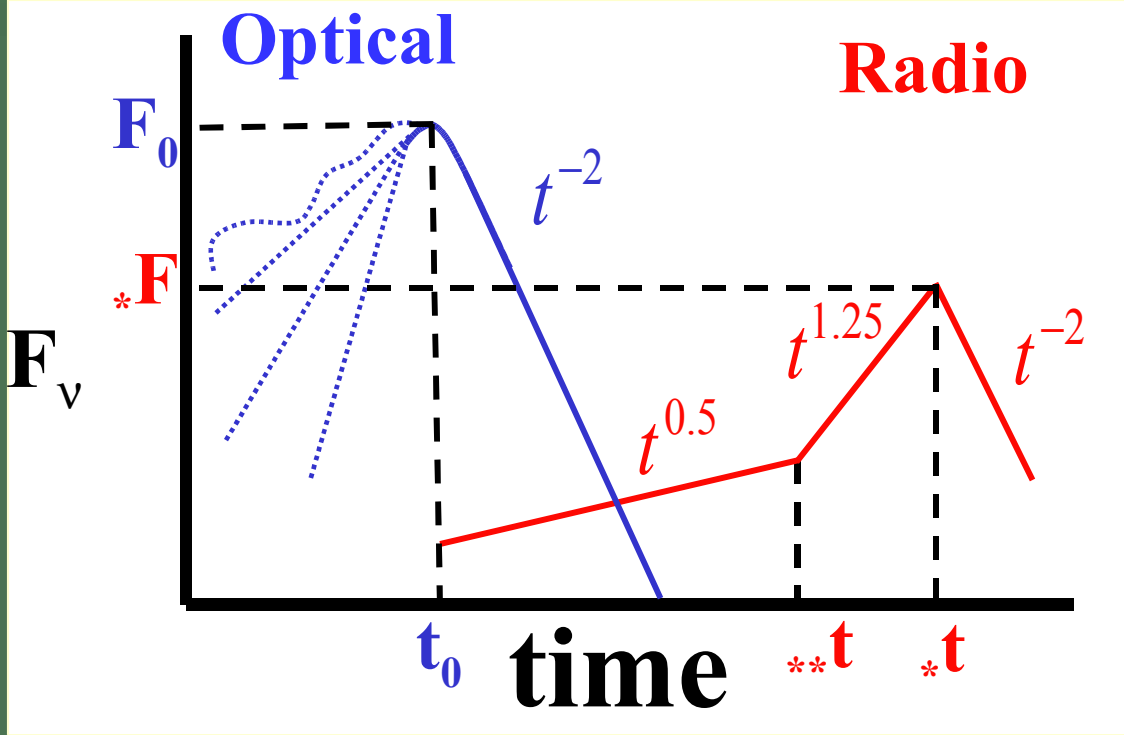
The brightness of the optical flash depends

$\bar{\Gamma}_{RS} = \bar{\Gamma}_{RS} E, n, \Delta, \Gamma_0$ (strongly on



The light curve of the reverse shock alone
 ((without the contribution of the forward shock

$t > t_0$



$$v_a)t_0 \left(\approx v_{radio} \frac{t_*}{t_0} \right)$$

$$v_m)t_0 \left(\approx v_{radio} \left(\frac{t_{**}}{t_0} \right)^{1.5} \right)$$

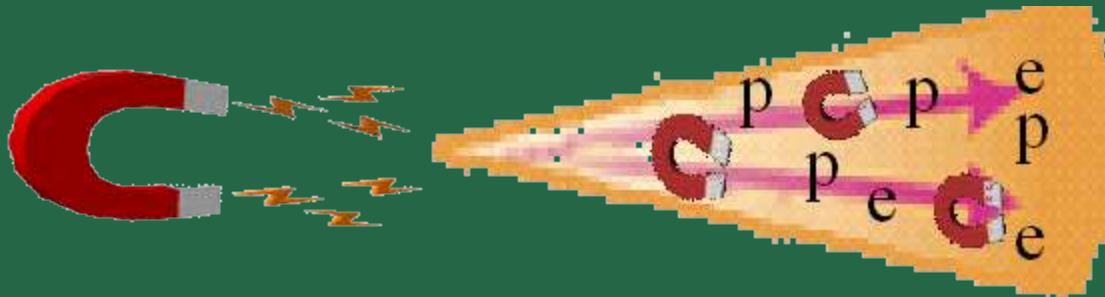
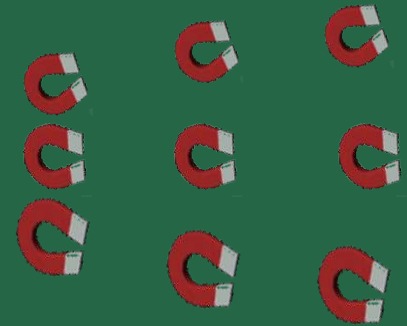
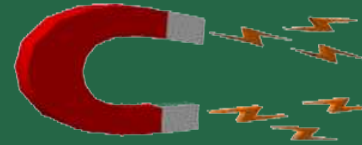
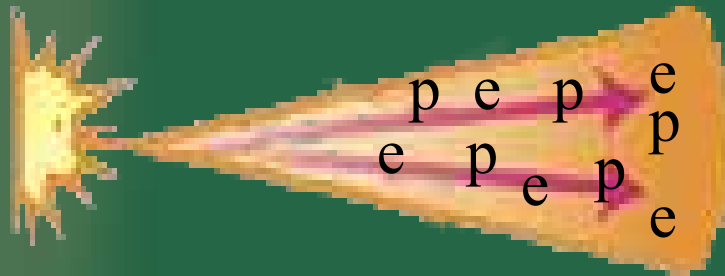
The optical and the radio light curves at $t > t_0$ are insensitive to the initial conditions [[Kobayashi & Sari 00

$$\frac{F_*}{F_0} \left(\frac{t_*}{t_0} \right)^{1.3 + \frac{p-1}{2}} \approx \left(\frac{v_{optical}}{v_{radio}} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = 800 - 4000$$

Early afterglows that pass all these tests



.A Reverse Shock in an ISM



?How bright is the optical flash

$$F_{0,opt} \approx 0.2 \text{ mJy} \left(\frac{R}{1 \text{ pc}} \right)_{\text{mag}} = 18 \left(\frac{E_{52}^{1.3} n^{1/2}}{100 \text{ s}} \right)^{-1} \frac{\bar{\Gamma}_{RS} - 1}{0.25} D_{L,28}^{-2}$$

E – isotropic equivalent energy (10^{51} - 10^{54}) (erg

(**n** – External density (0.01 - 10 cm^{-3}

t₀(– Time of the peak (10 - 500 sec

(**Γ_{RS}**-1) – 0.05 - 5

D_L- Luminosity distance

Assuming 10% of the internal energy is in the electrons

and 1% is in the magnetic field and $v_a, v_m < v_{opt} < v_c$

?When is the peak of the optical flash

$$\frac{t_0}{T} \approx 1 + \frac{0.2}{\Gamma_{RS} - 1}$$

T – the duration of the prompt γ -ray burst

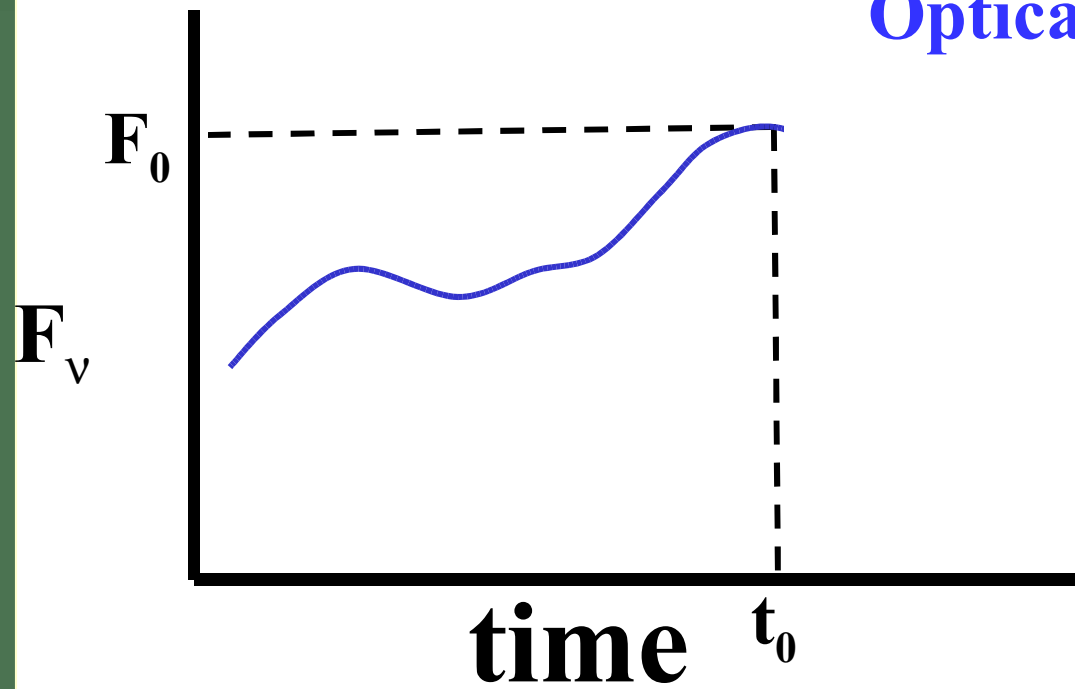
Relativistic reverse shock – no delay •

**Newtonian reverse shock – delay of the order of •
the burst duration**

**if the burst is short the shell might spread significantly*
between the internal and the reverse shocks $t_0 \gg T$**

Optical

$$t < t_0$$



An irregular hydrodynamic profile

Contains information of the exact profile •

A signature of the internal shocks •

Internal shocks + reverse shocks (temporal features)

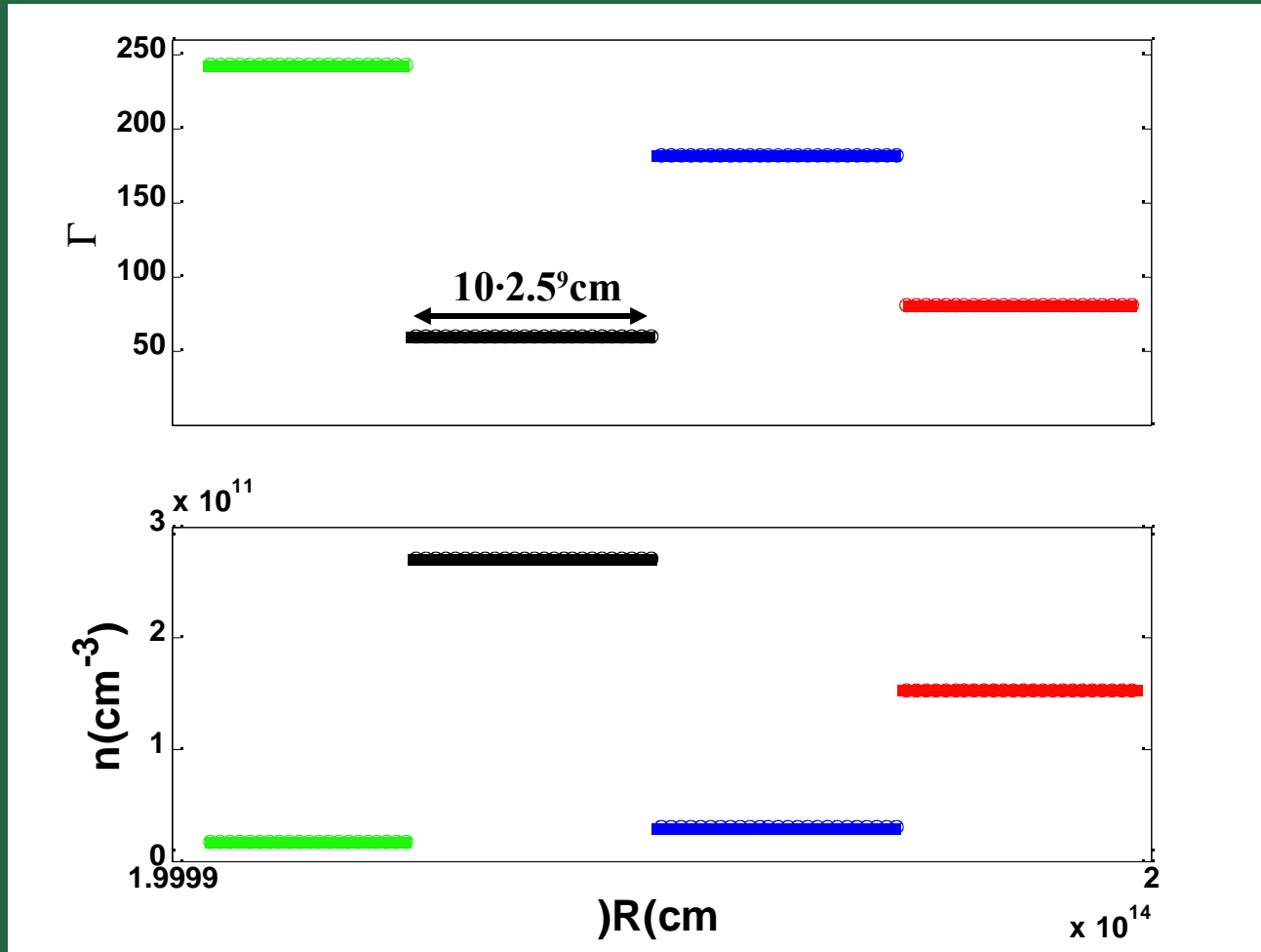
The light curve of
internal shocks



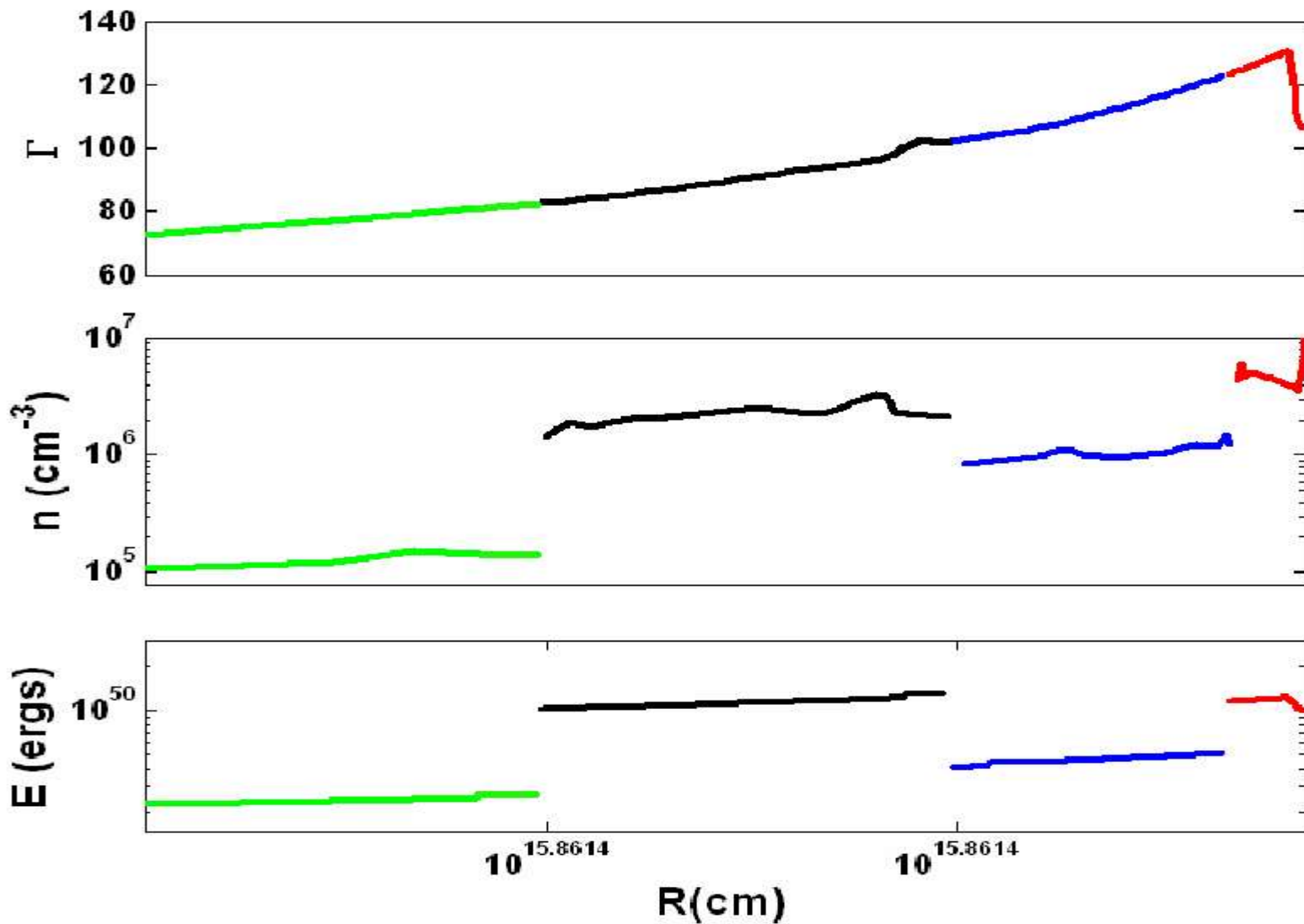
(Optical light curve ($t < t_0$)
of reverse shock

Hydrodynamic shocks homogenize Γ and p but they
do not homogenize n

An example

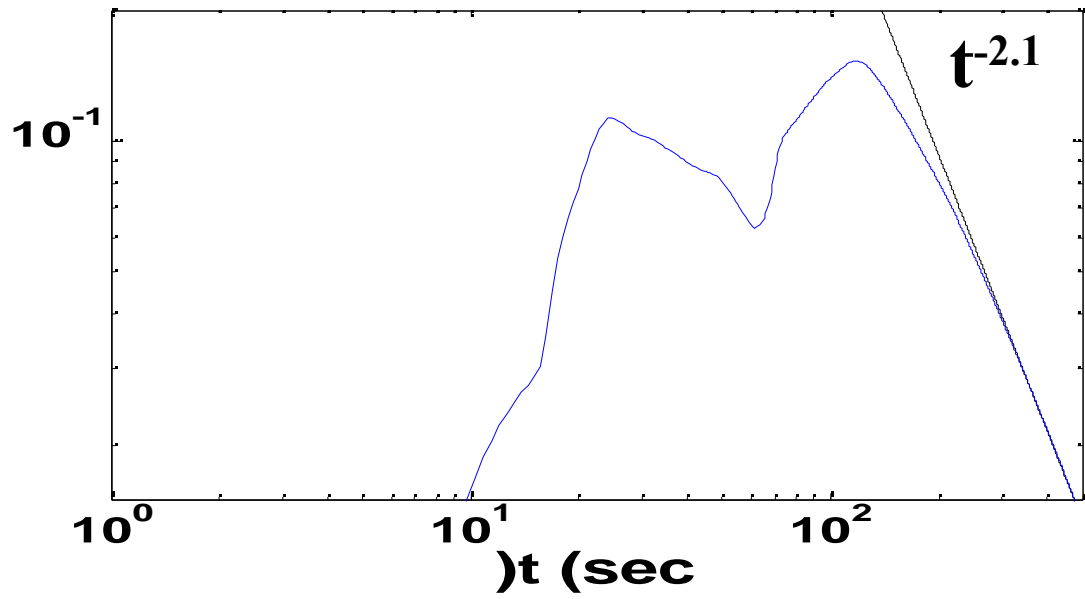


The 1D relativistic hydrodynamic code was given to us generously
by **Shiho Kobayashi & Re'em Sari**

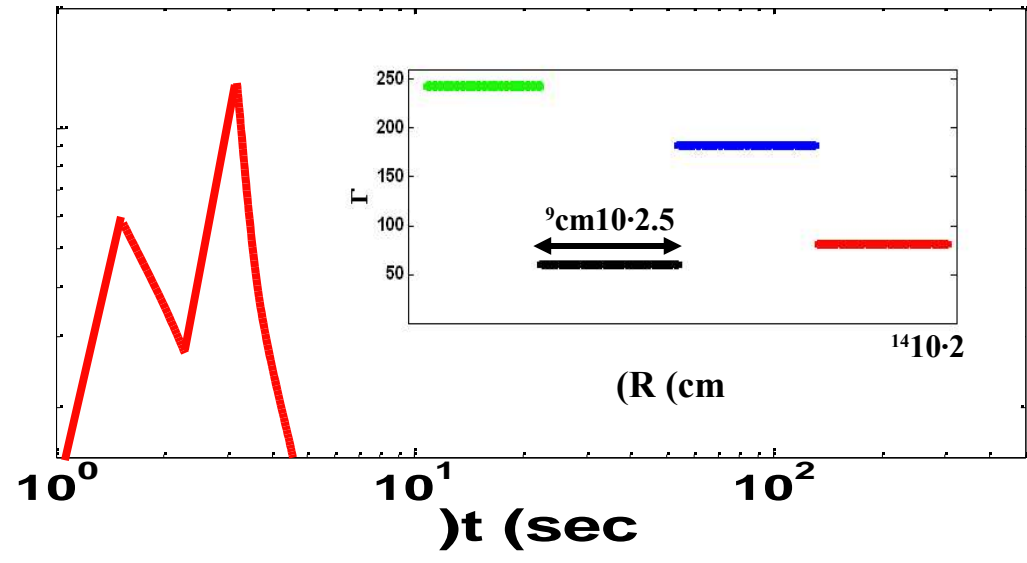


Lorentz factor, density and energy profiles at the beginning of the reverse shock

F_{optical} (mJy)



γ rays flux-



If the prompt γ -ray emission results from internal
:shocks than

The prompt optical light curve should be a
smoothed version of the γ -rays light curve
(maybe, but not necessarily, delayed

Other mechanism that can produce prompt optical emission

The same mechanism that produces the γ -rays •
(Meszaros & Rees 97; Vestrand et al. 05) –Expected to peak, but not necessarily decay with the γ -rays emission (e.g.

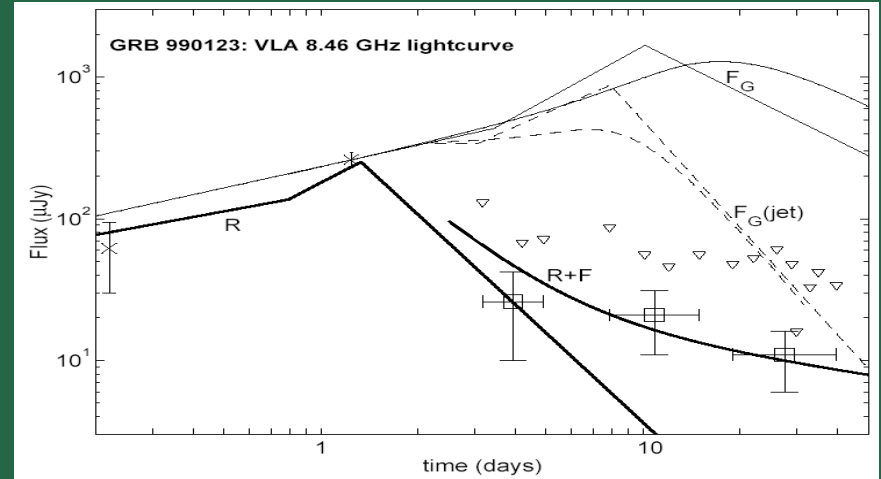
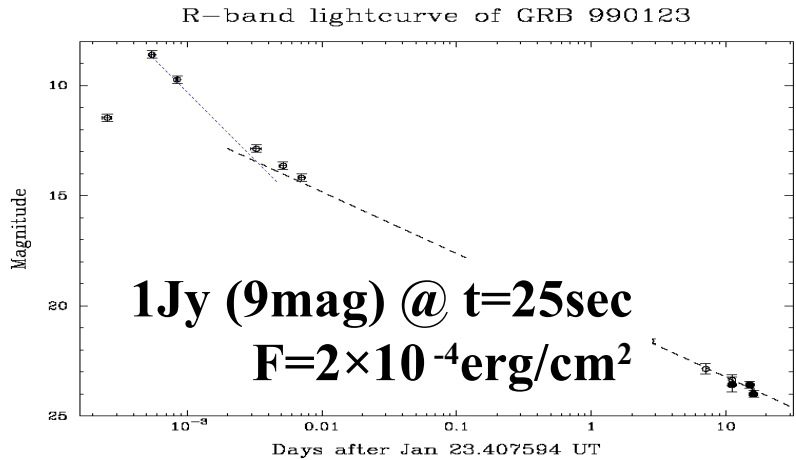
$$\text{if } v_{\text{opt}} < v_c < v_\gamma)$$

Pairs enriched forward shock (by interaction of the γ - •
rays with the circumburst medium; Thompson & Madau 00,
(Meszaros et al. 2001, Beloborodov 2002

The forward shock •

None of these is expected to produce an optical decay of t^{-2} !!! or a radio flare

Observations



Optical Flash ((Akerlof et al. 99

Radio flare ((Kulkarni et al. 99

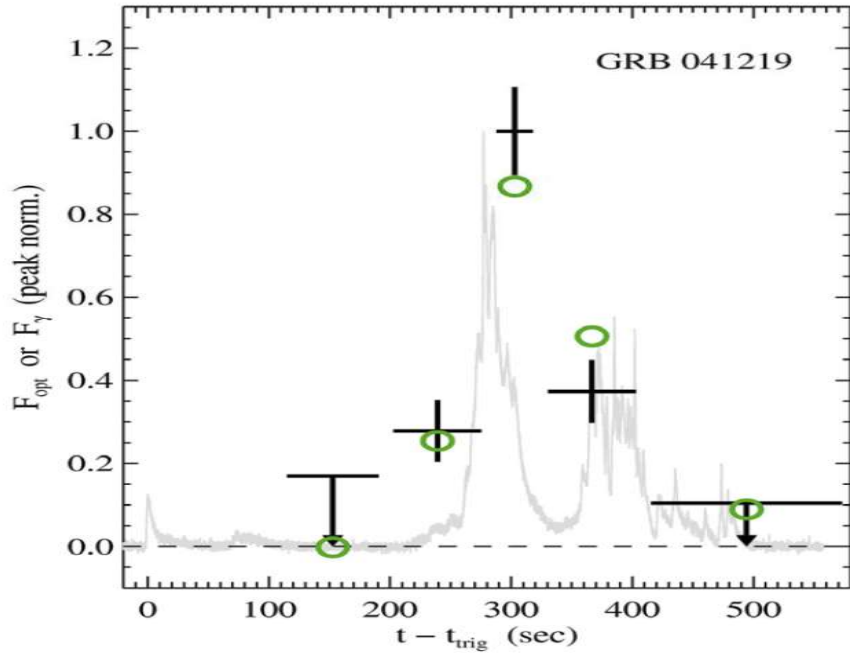
GRB 990123

Reverse shock

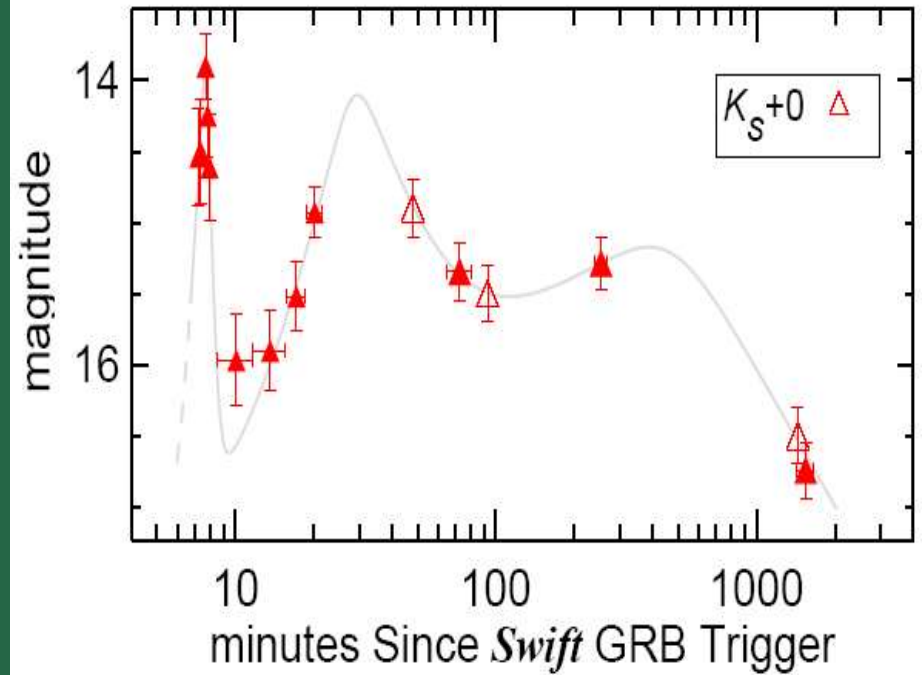
optical flash (decay as t^{-2}) + Radio Flare
 (Sari & Piran '99)

$$\frac{F_*}{F_0} \left(\frac{t_*}{t_0} \right)^{1.3 + \frac{p-1}{2}} \approx \left(\frac{v_{\text{optical}}}{v_{\text{radio}}} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = 1300 \quad (\text{expected } 800 - 4000)$$

GRB 041219

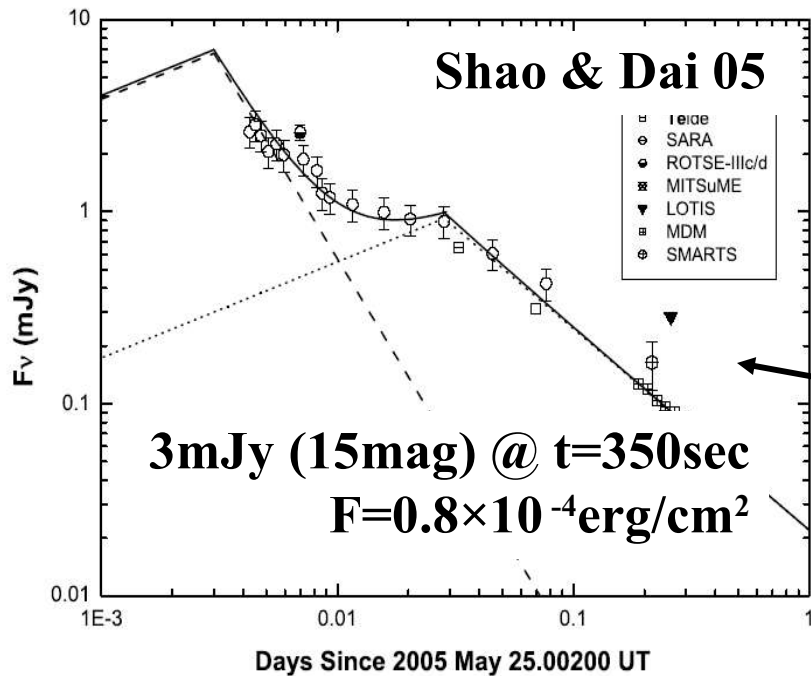
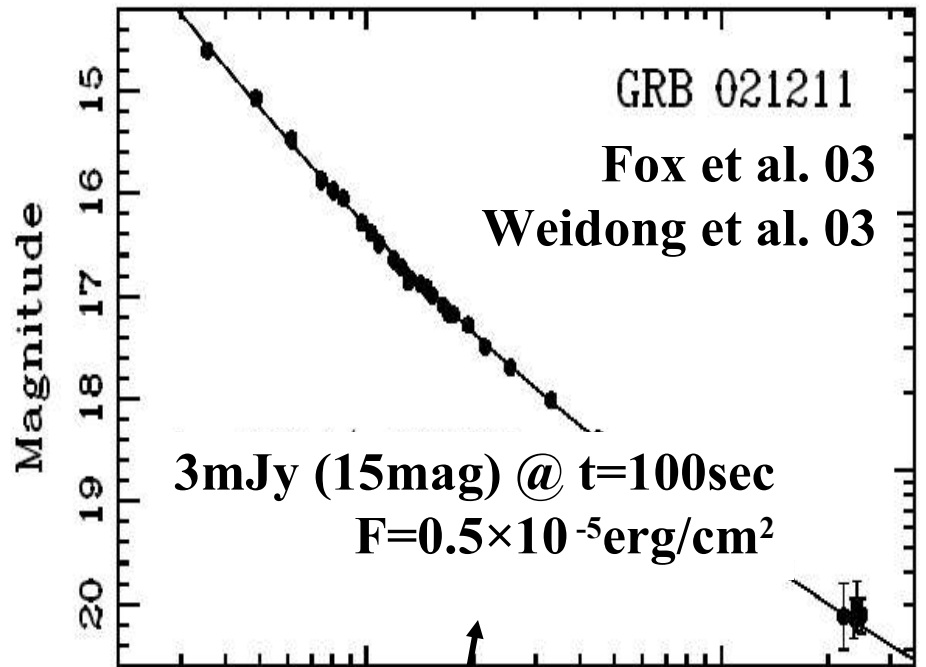
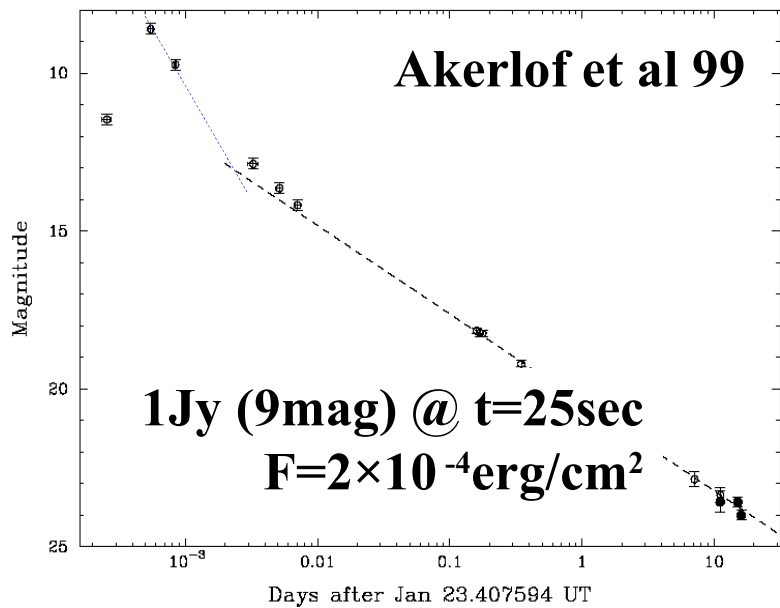


Vestrand et al. 2005



Blake et al. 2005

R-band lightcurve of GRB 990123



No radio detection

No early radio observation

Early optical emission ($\propto t^{-2}$):+ radio flare

- 1 bursts

Early optical emission ($\propto t^{-2}$) -:no radio detection

- 2 bursts

Early radio flare -:no early optical observations

- 2 bursts

Early optical emission that do not decay as t^{-2}

- 4 bursts

**Tight upper limits ($R > 17$ mag) on any early ($t < 100$ sec)
:optical emission**

- 6 bursts (all are faint; fluence $\leq 10^{-6}$ erg/cm²)

Why in some cases there is no bright ?early optical emission

Highly magnetized jet•

Newtonian reverse shock•

Very dense external density as expected for a wind of a•
(massive star ($v_c \ll v_{opt}$

Cooling of the reverse shock by IC of the prompt γ -•
ray

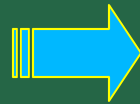
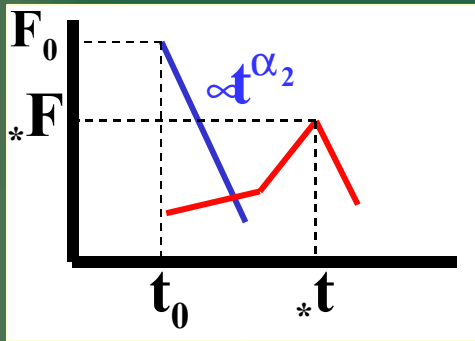
GeV-TeV flash (Beloborodov 2005))

**Why in some cases the bright early optical
?emission do not decay as t^{-2}**

- Not a reverse shock (e.g. internal shocks or forward shock) • (shock**
- (Energy injection (refreshed shocks) •**

Conclusions

Optical flash decay + radio flare

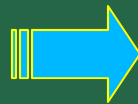
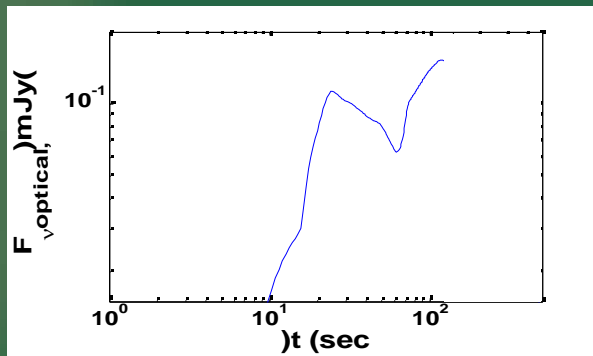


A distinctive Reverse Shock signature

Baryonic flow •

ISM like external density •

The rising phase of the Optical flash



Reveal the ejecta initial properties

Internal shocks signature •

**Current observations at are
not conclusive**

**of the bursts show some $1/3\sim$
signature of reverse shock**

**of the bursts do not show any $1/3\sim$
bright prompt optical emission (in all
these cases they γ -ray emission is faint
(as well**

!Thank you