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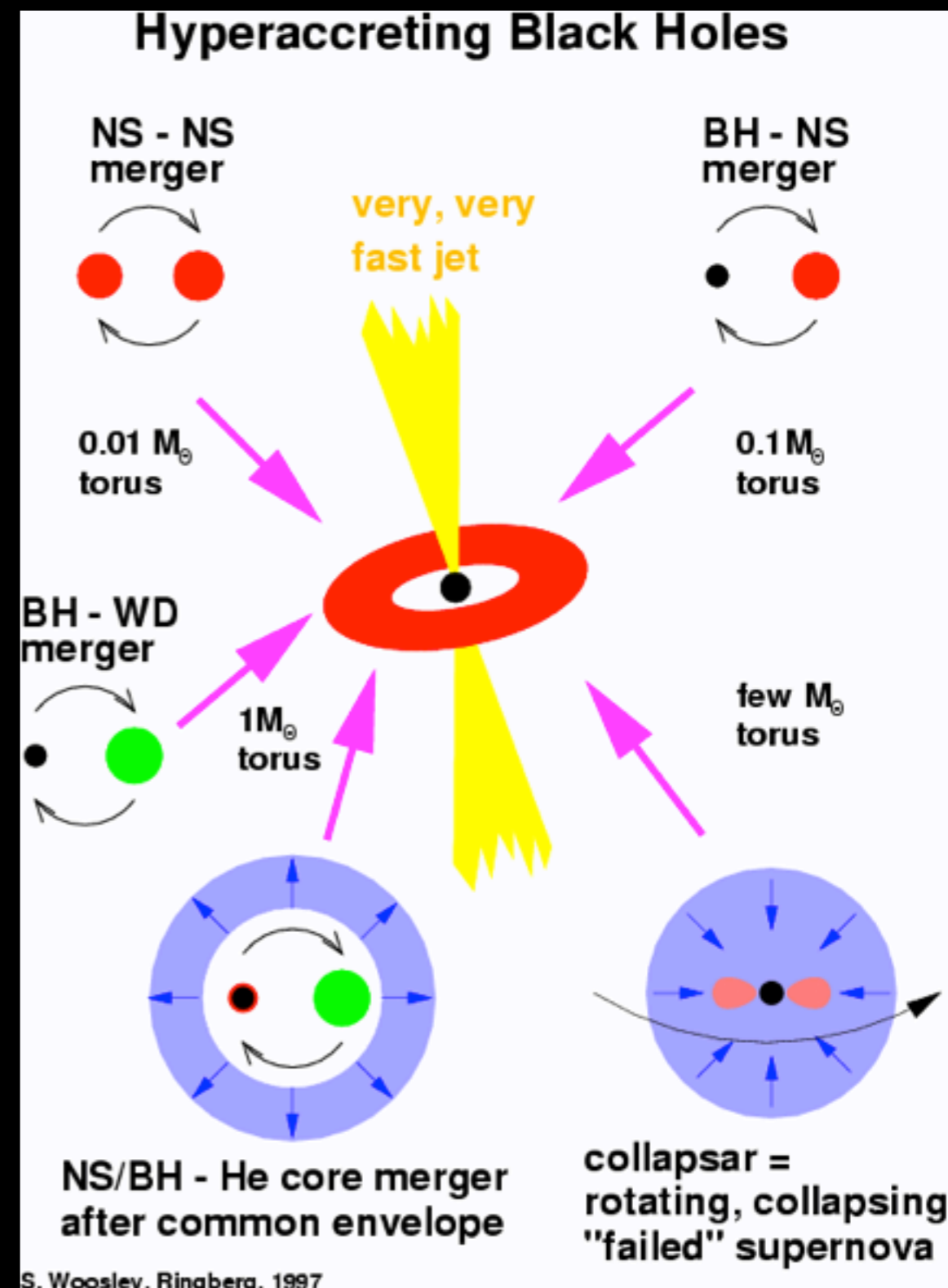
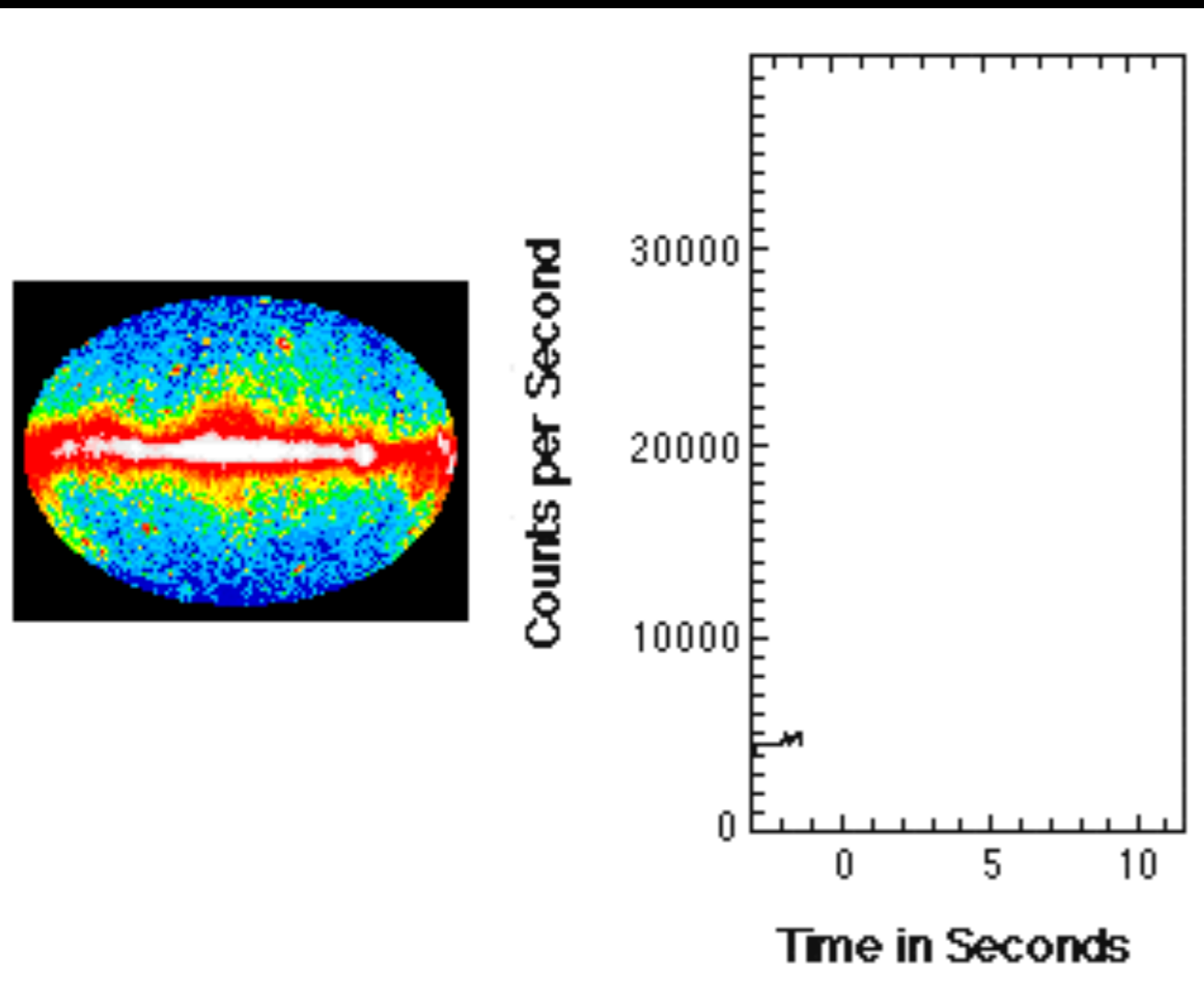
A constellation of nano-satellites for high energy astrophysics and fundamental physics research

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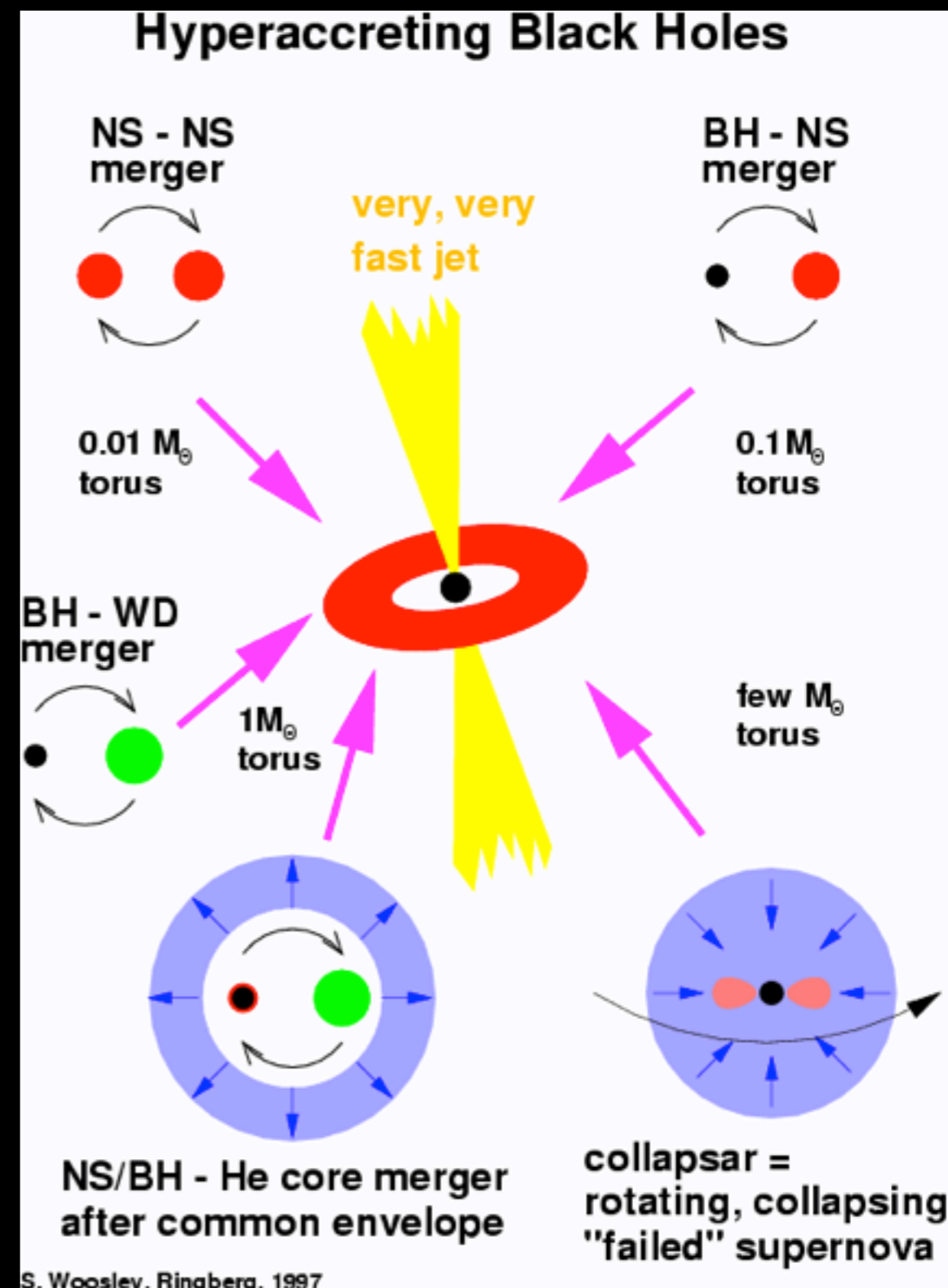
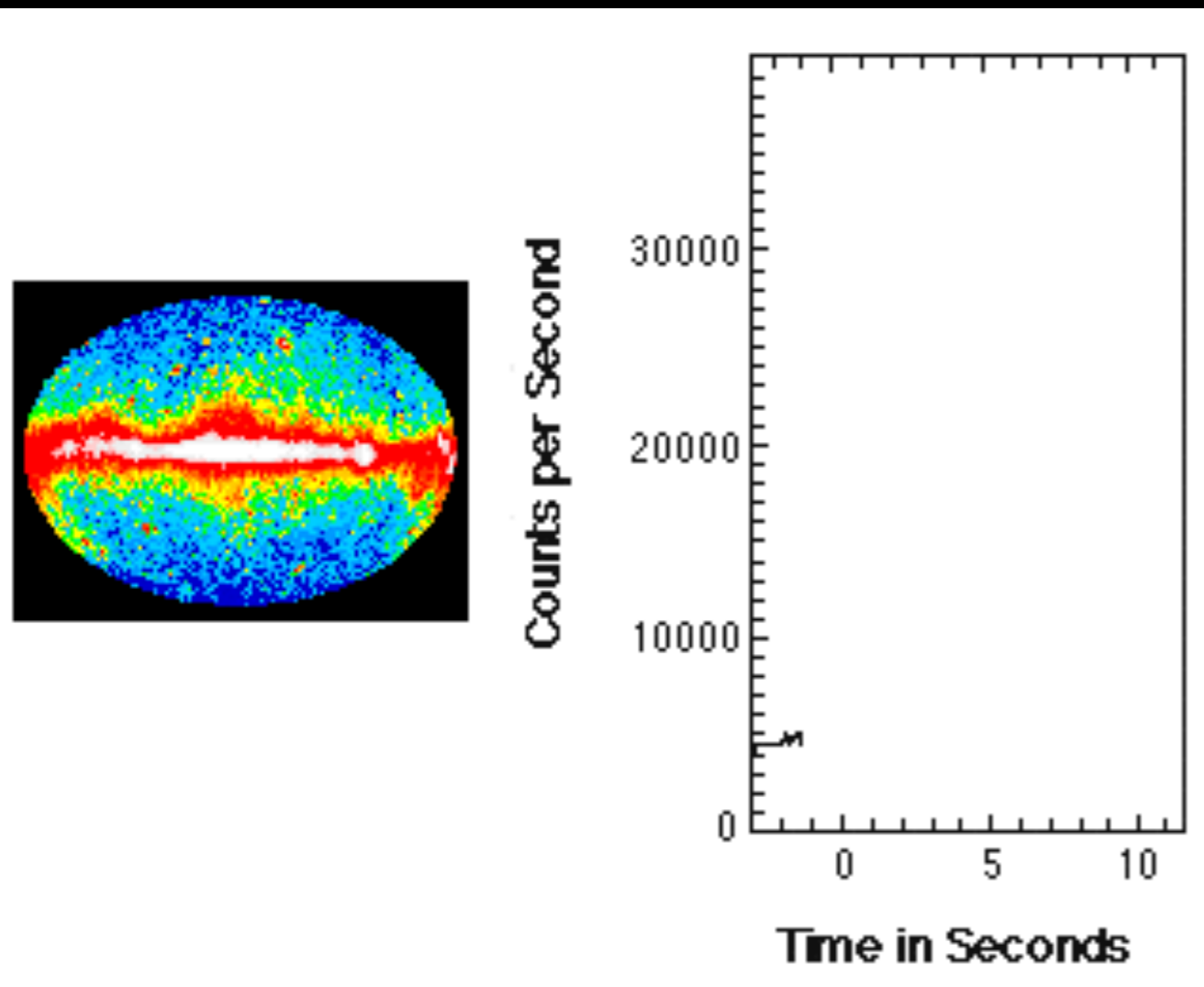
Summary

- Lessons learned
 - 1967: the discovery of Gamma Ray Bursts
 - The Interplanetary Network (IPN)
 - CGRO/BATSE, Fermi/GBM
 - 1997: yes, GRB have cosmological distances (and huge L)
- Today challenges and opportunities: two revolutions:
 - Multimessenger astrophysics
 - Space 4.0
- HERMES: a coming breakthrough

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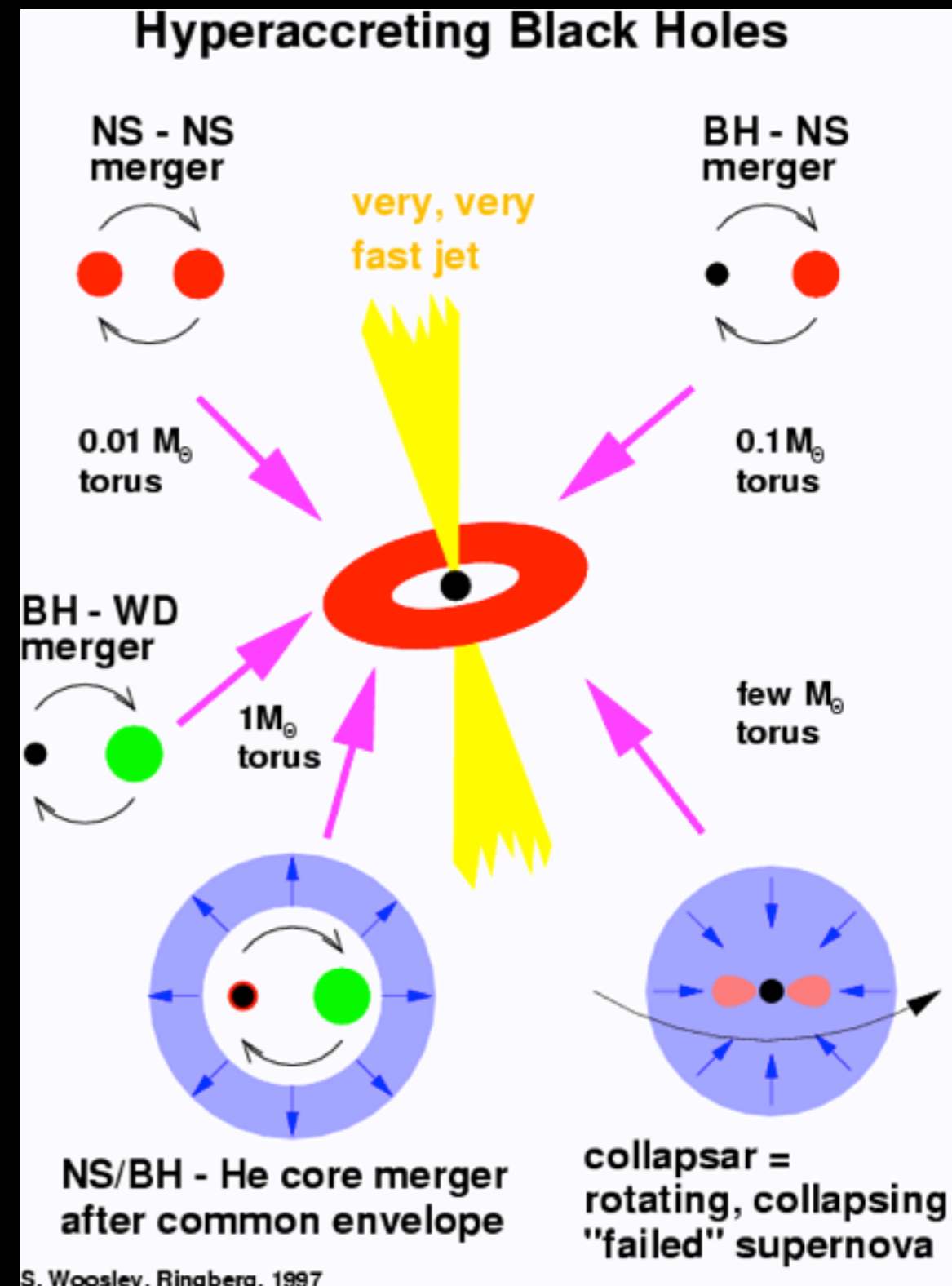
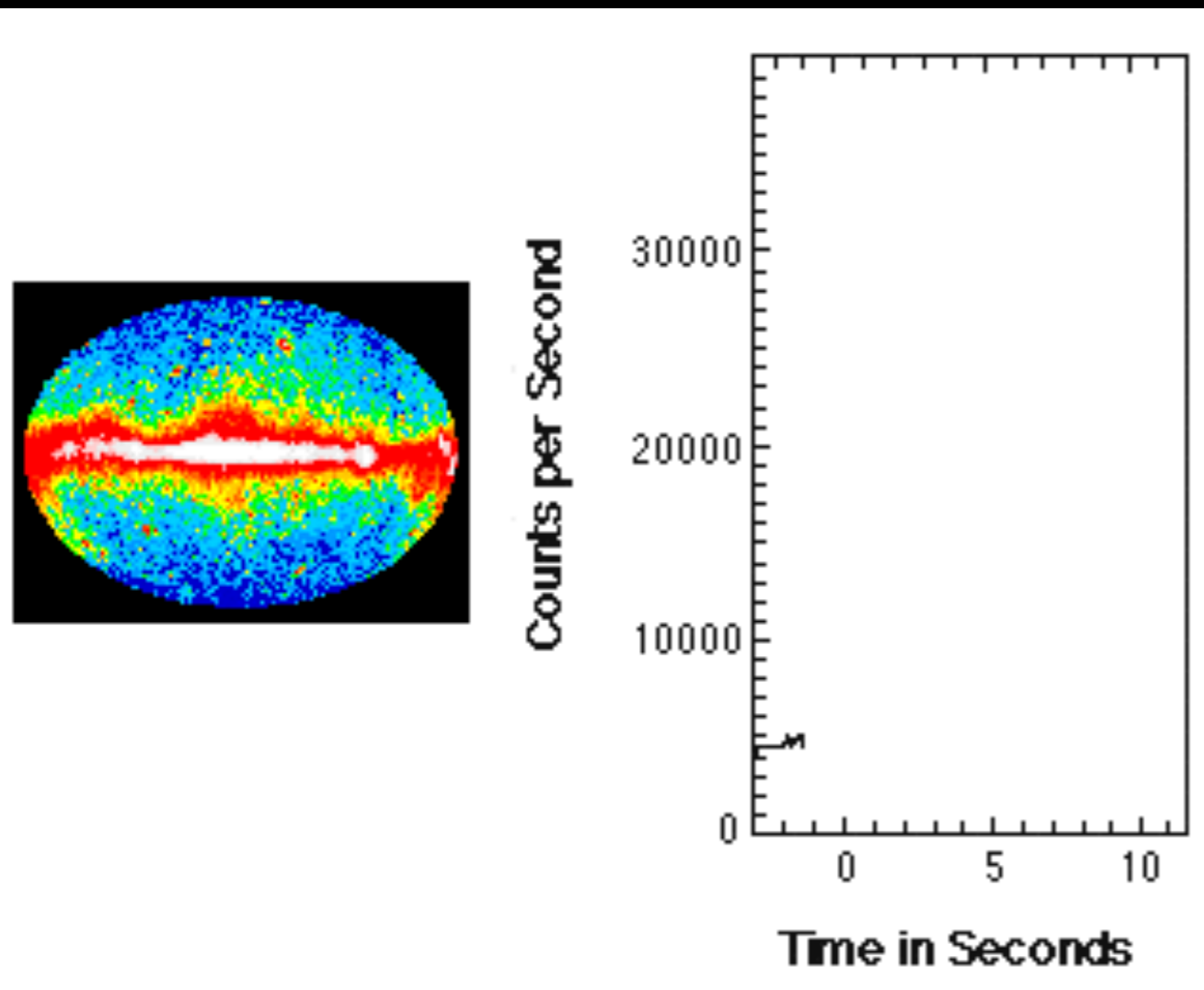


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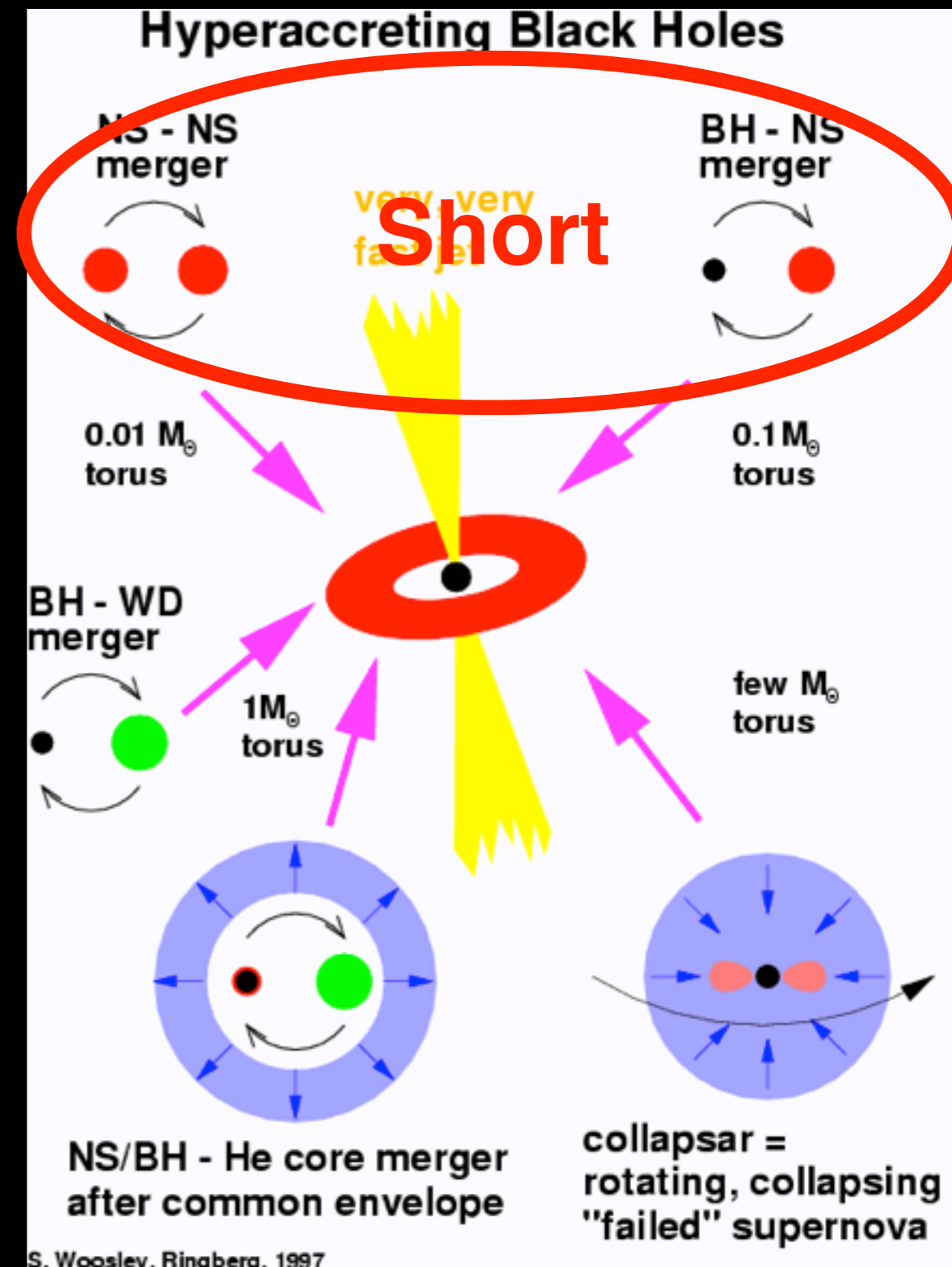
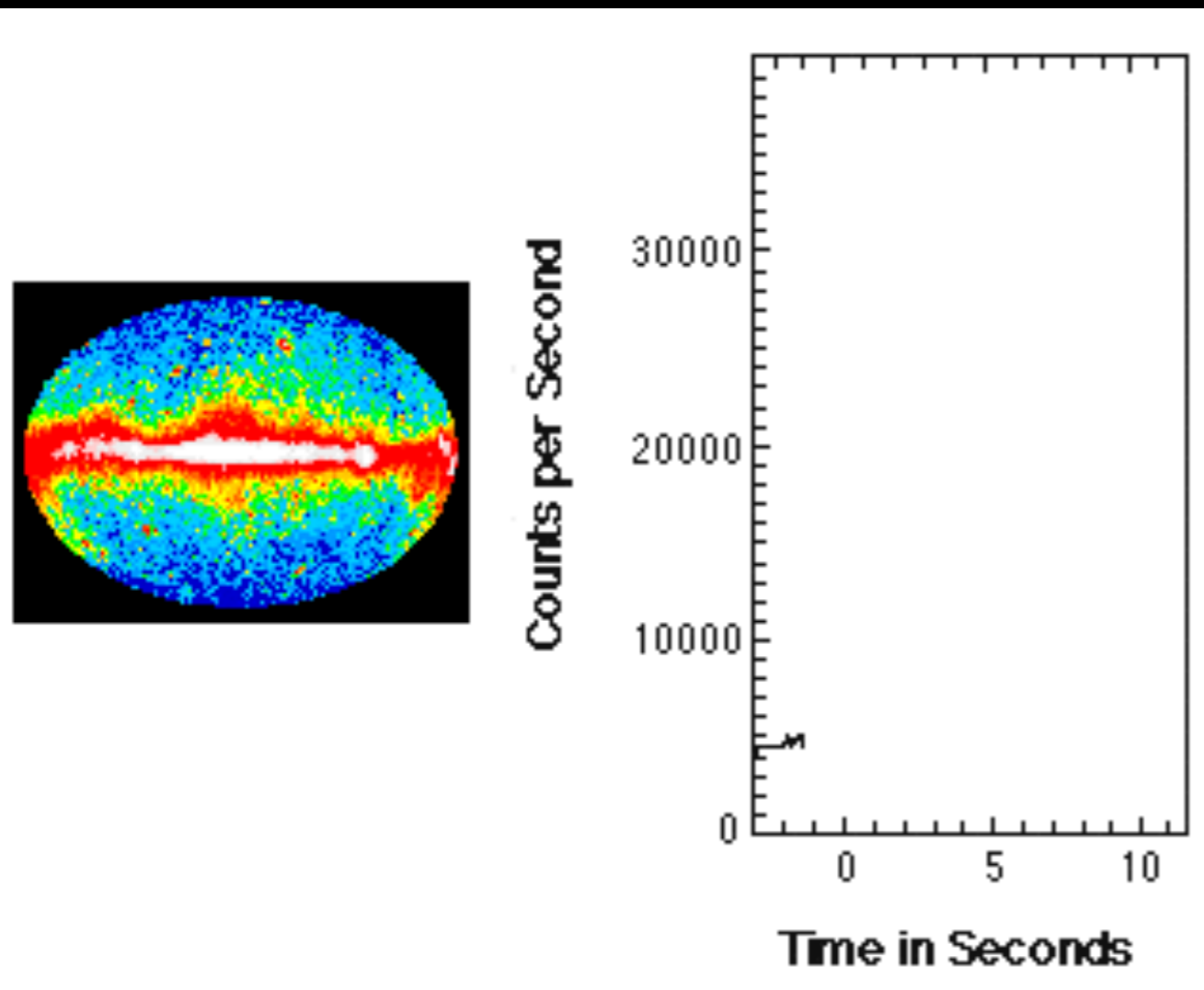
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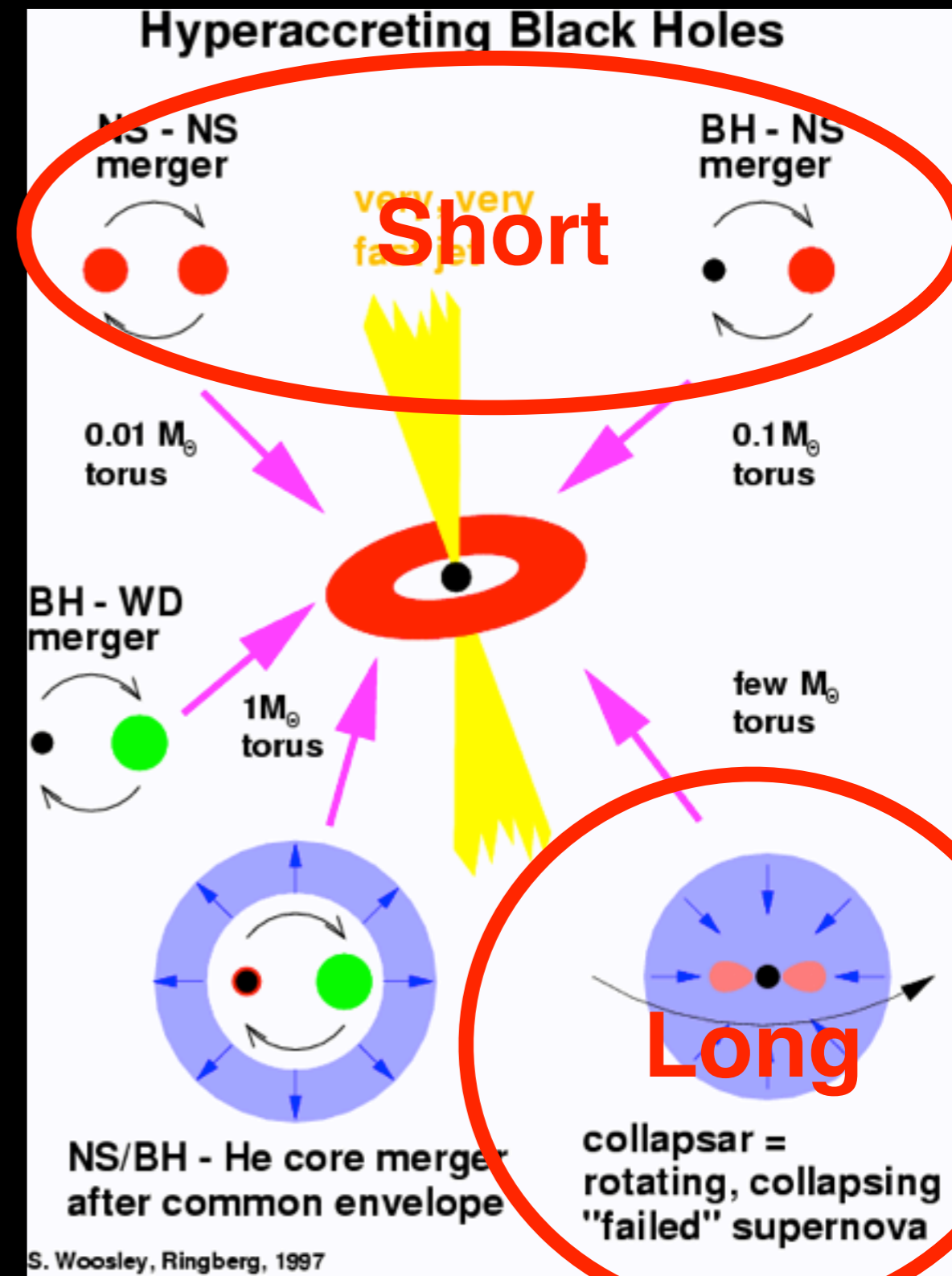
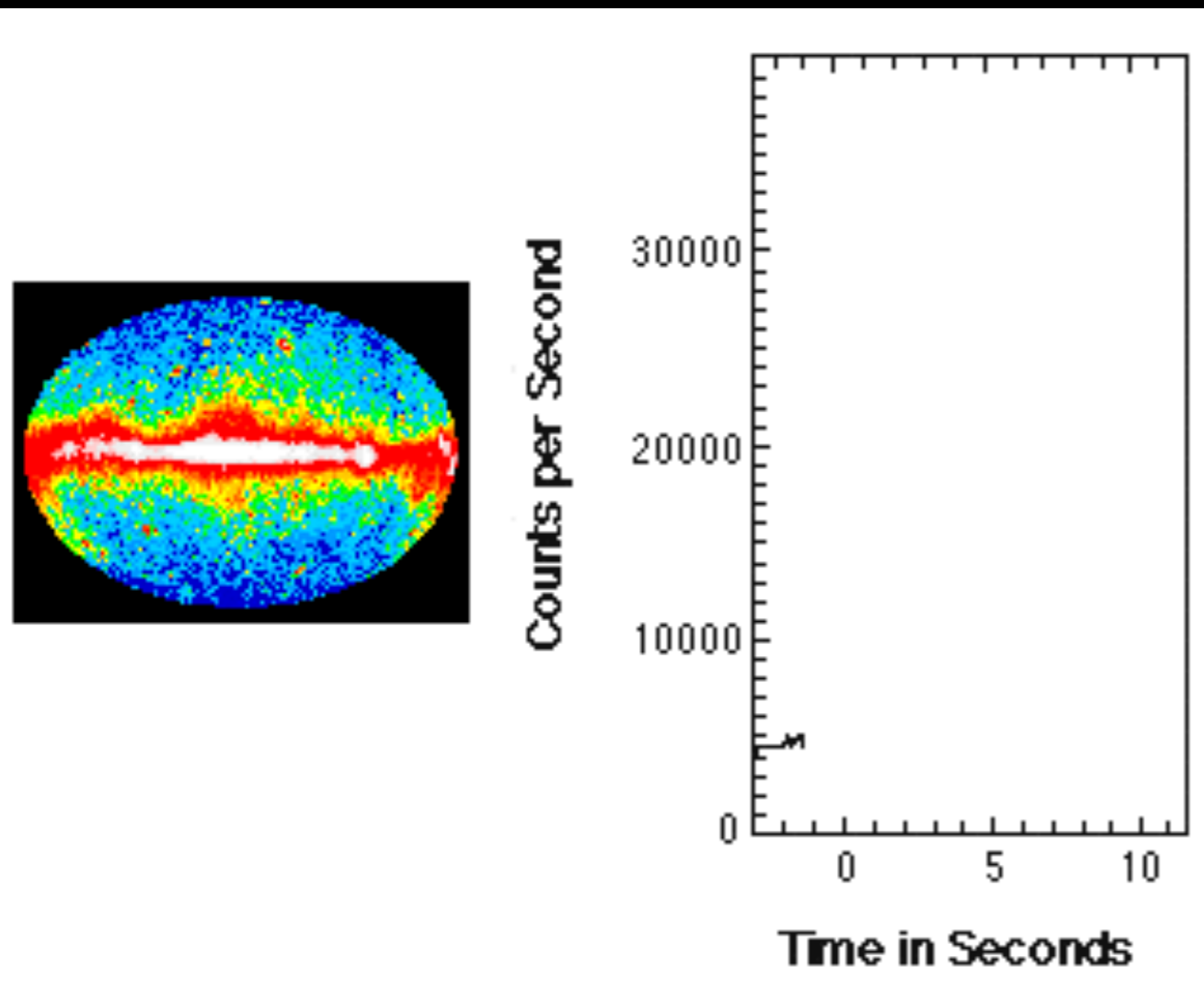
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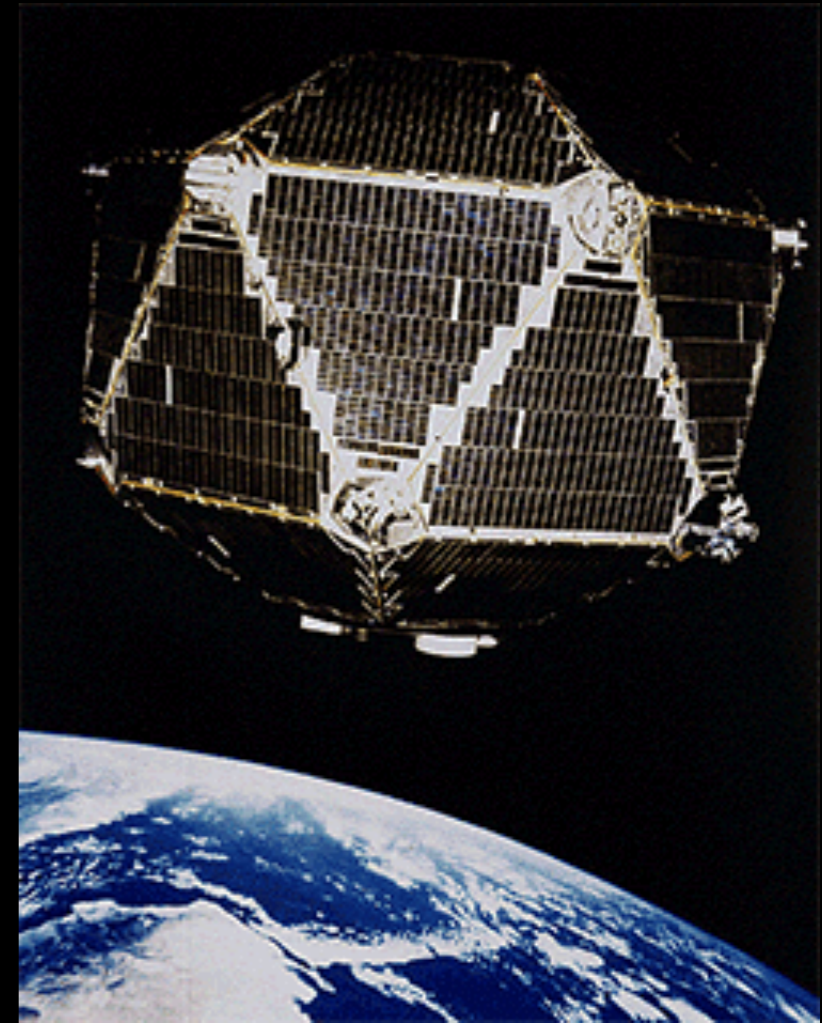


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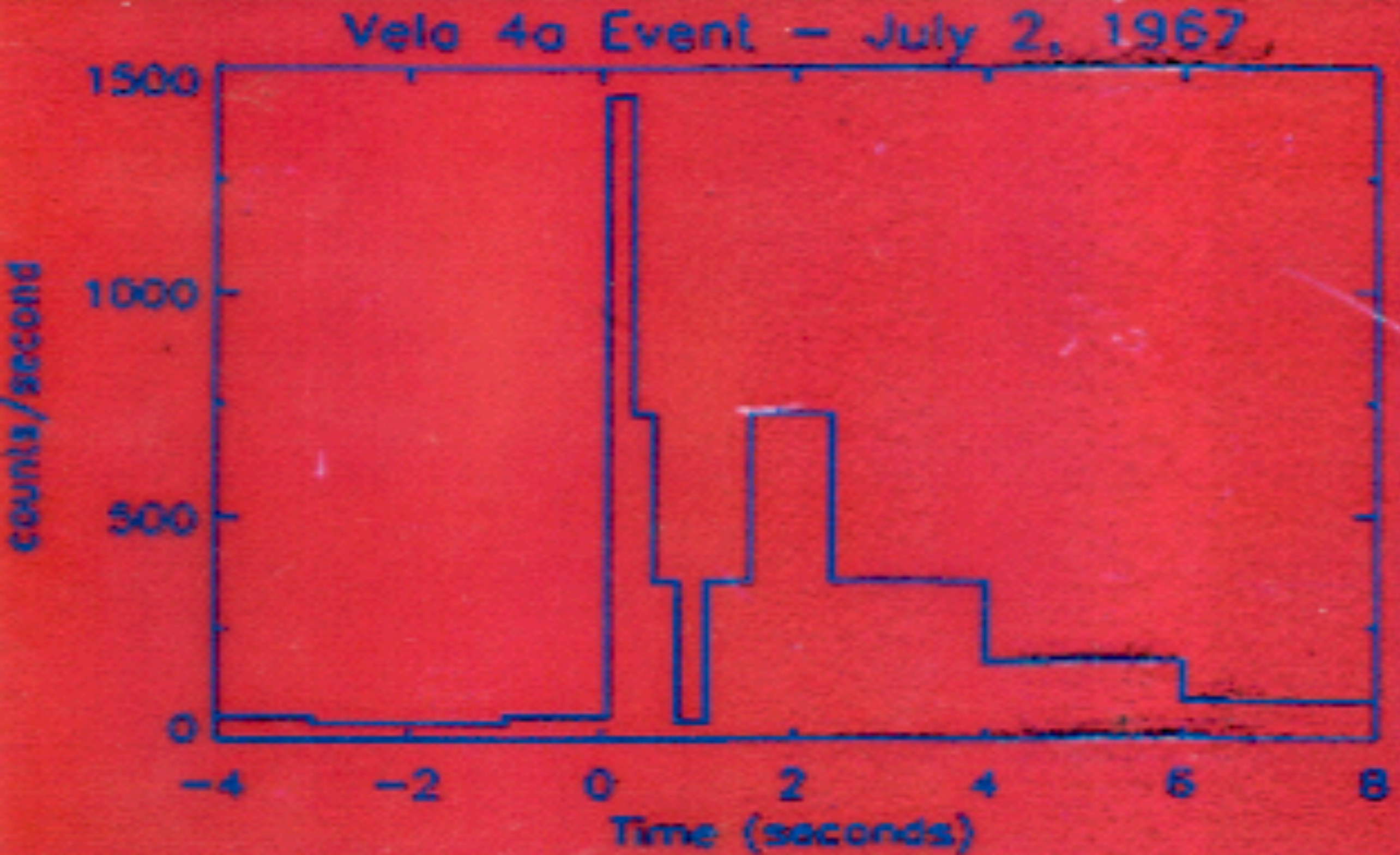
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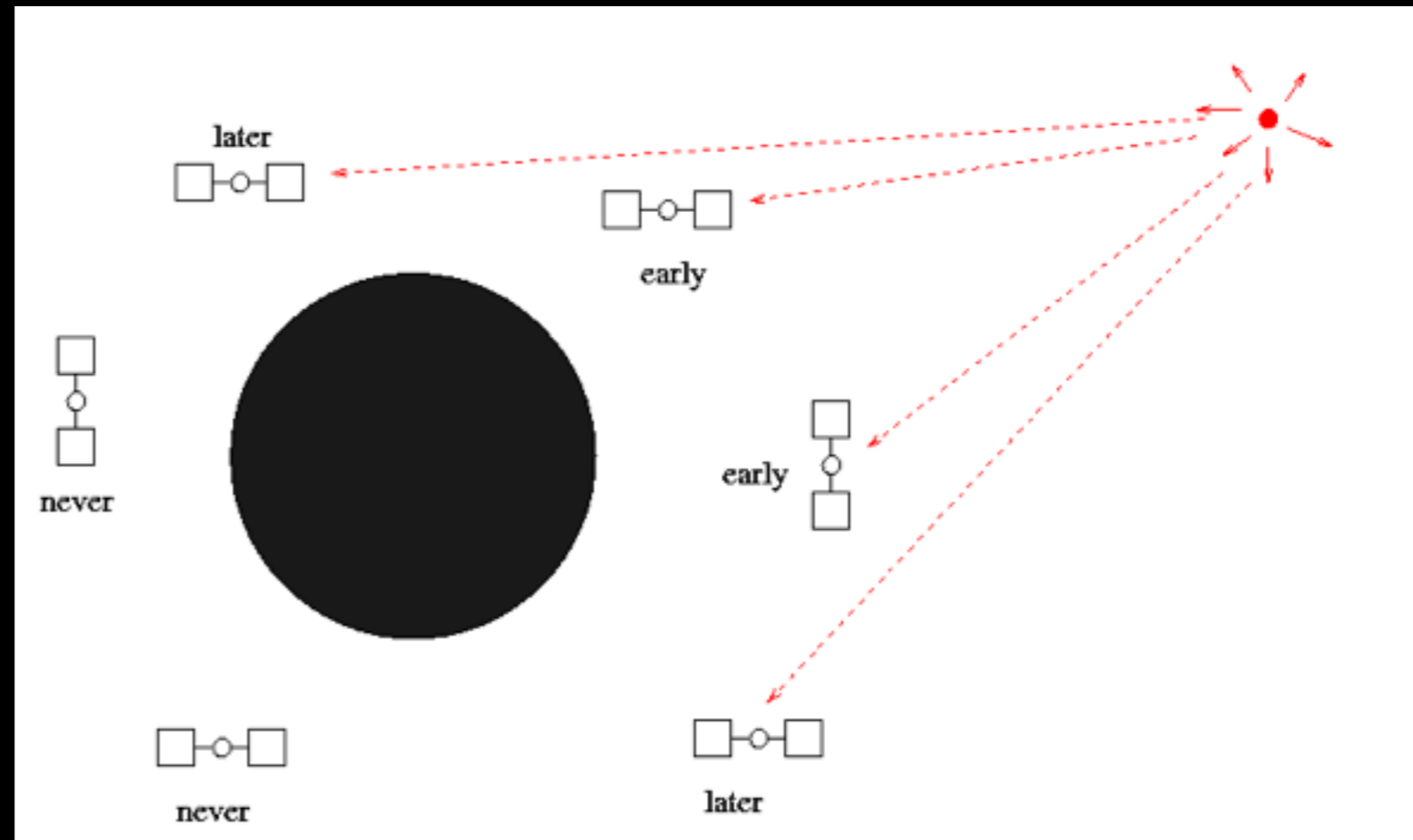
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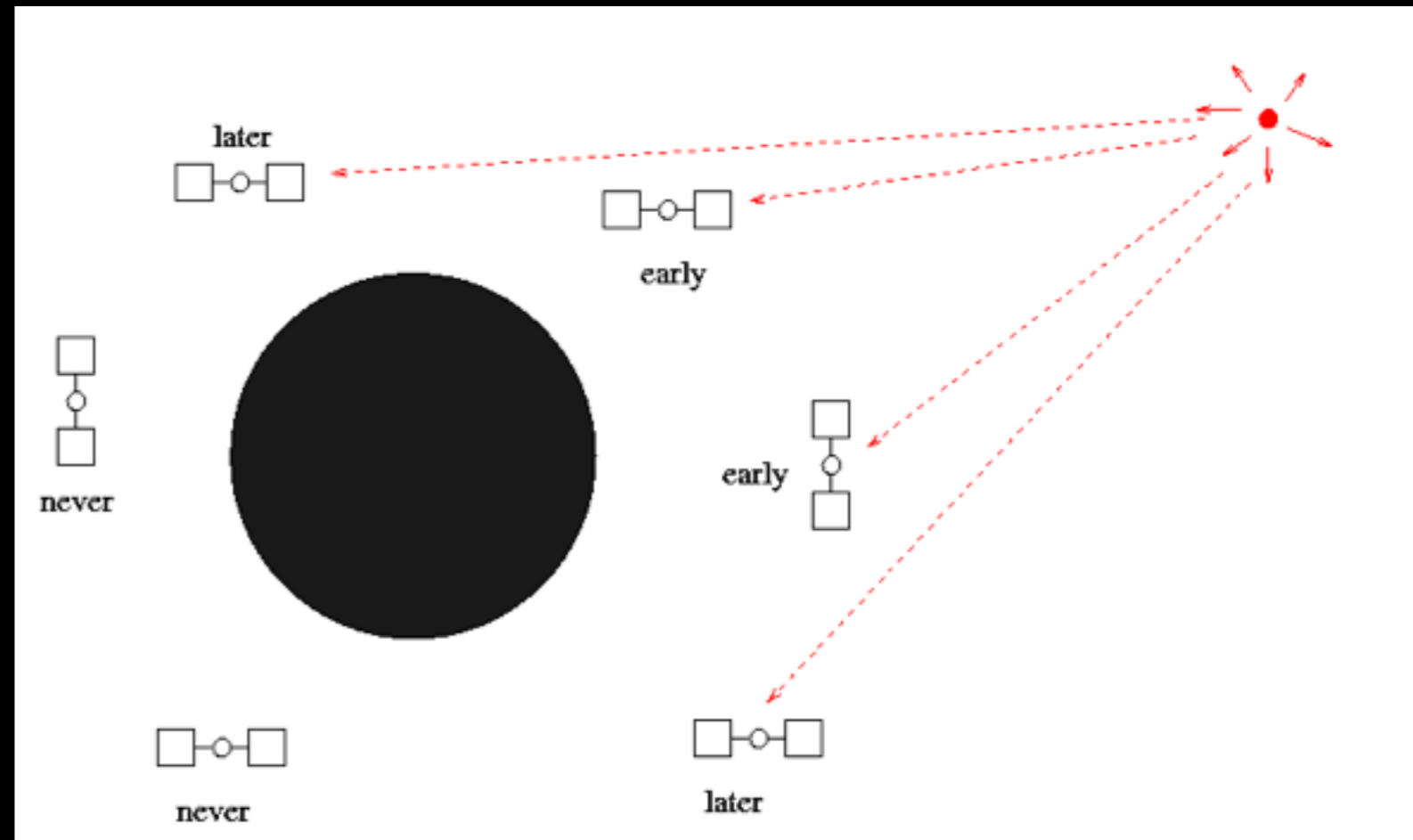


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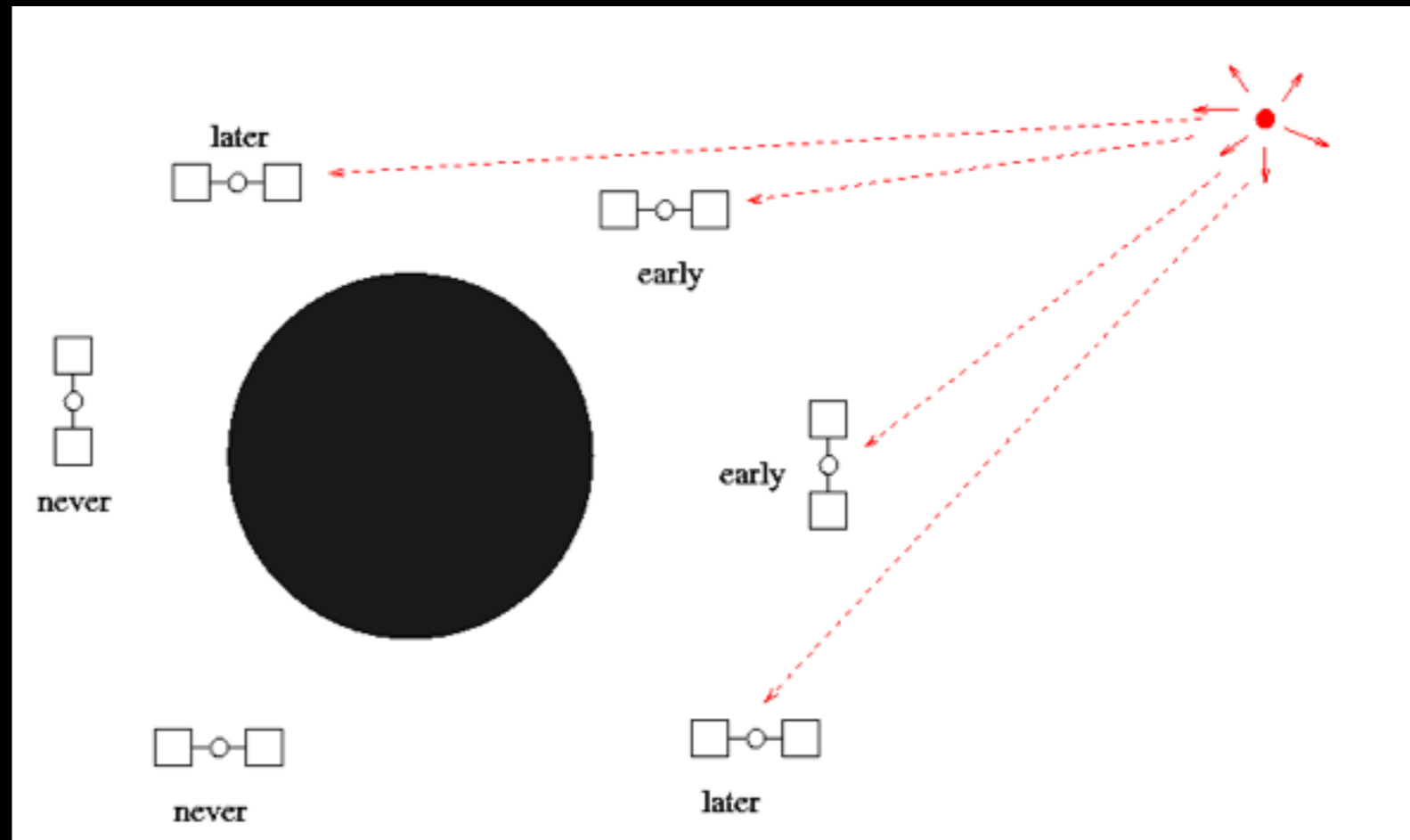
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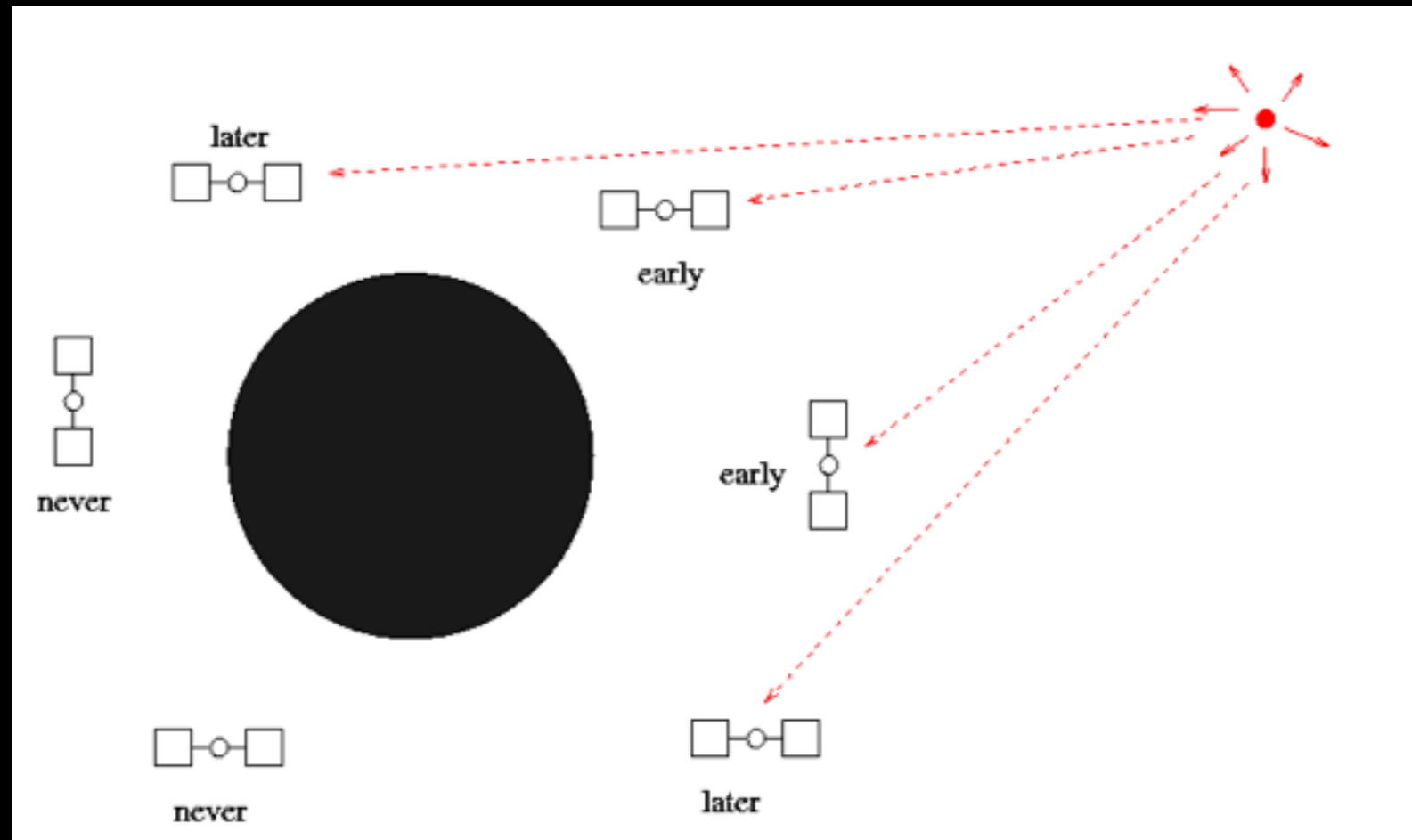
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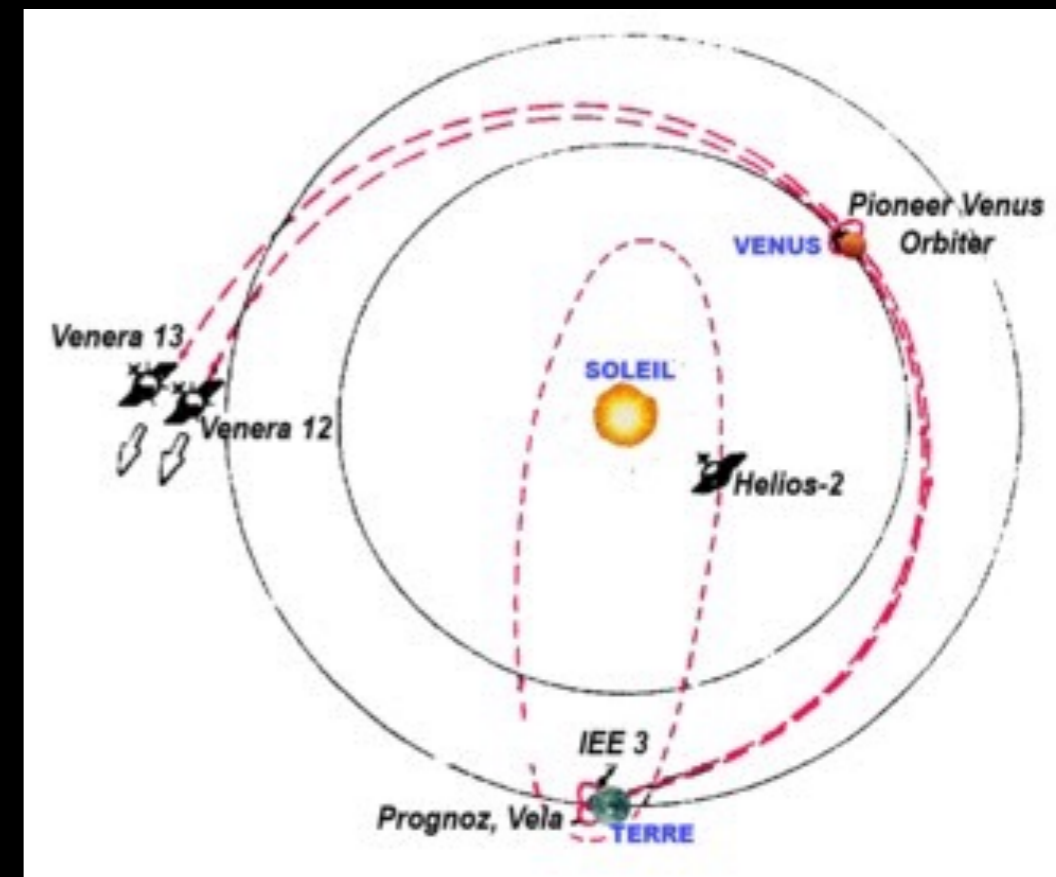
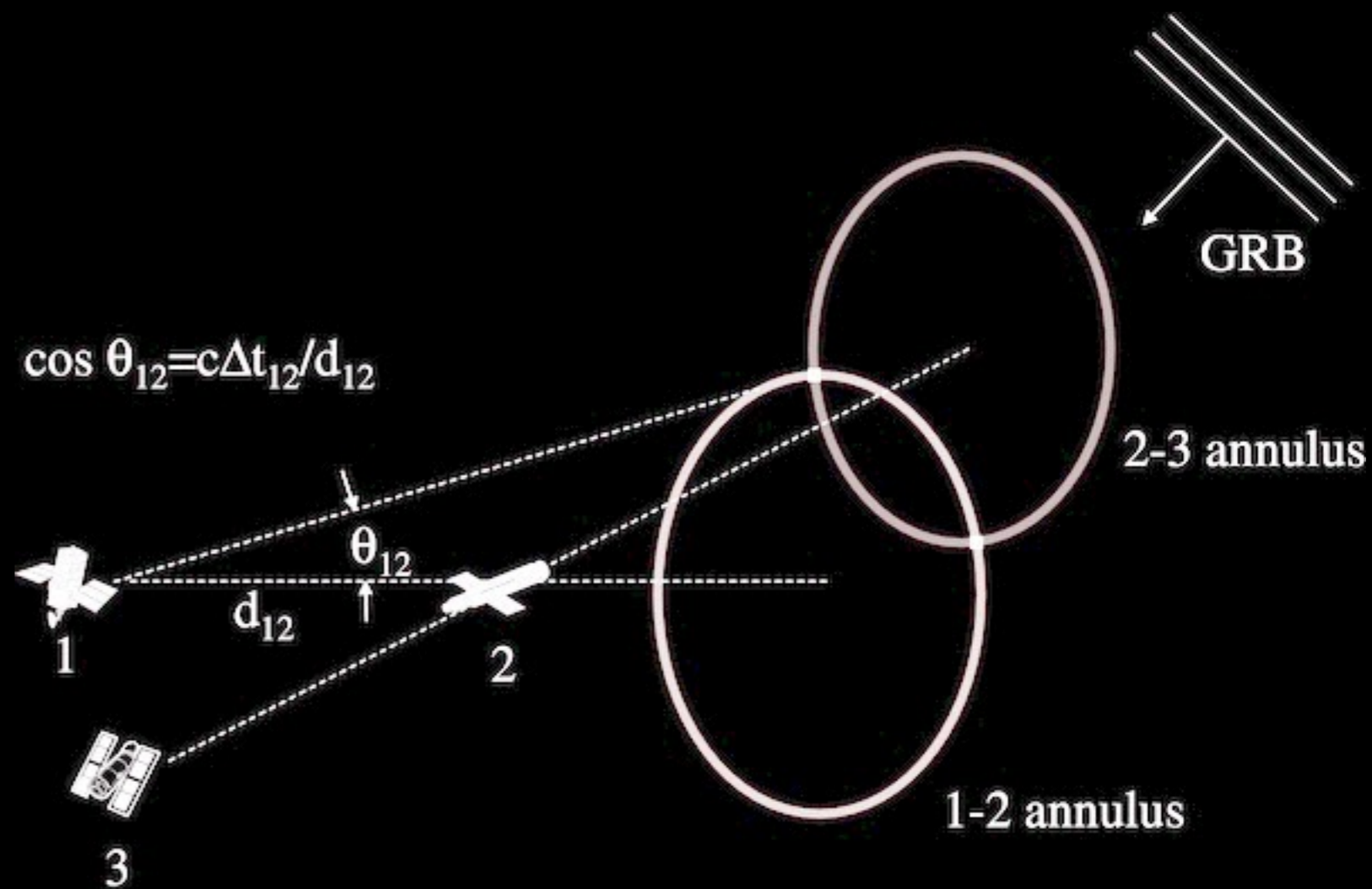
IPN

First IPN 1976
4-6 spacecrafts.
Baseline ~ 1 AU

Second IPN ~1990
PVO, Ulysses, CGRO,
Wind

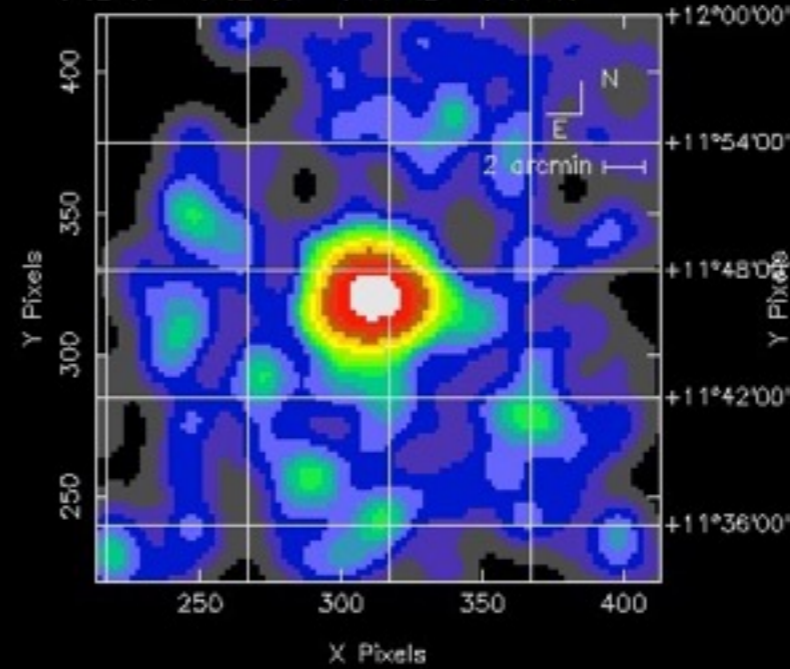
Third IPN 2000
~ 20 spacecrafts

Localisations: arcmin-deg
Main disadvantage: long data
acquisition ~days

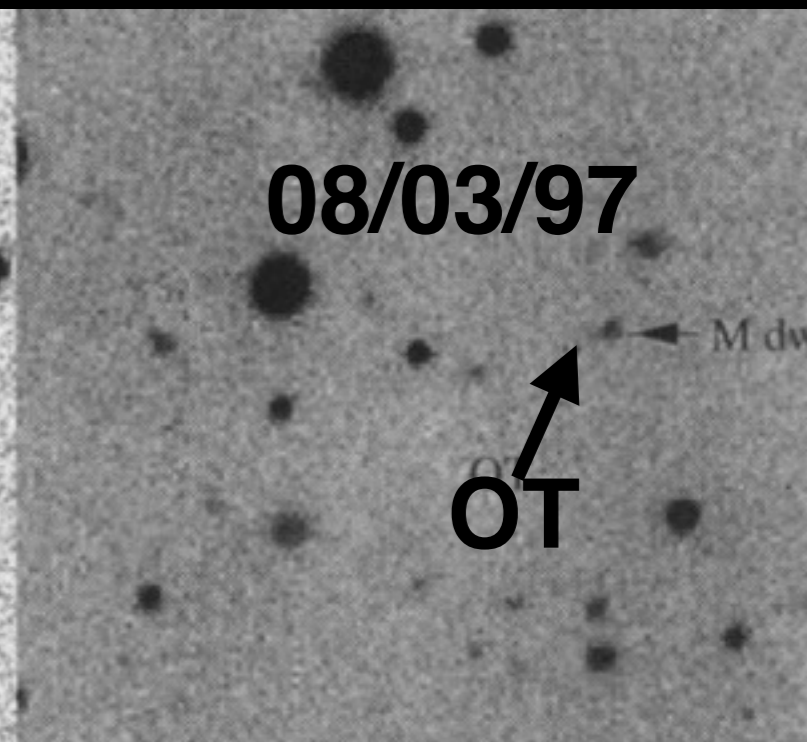
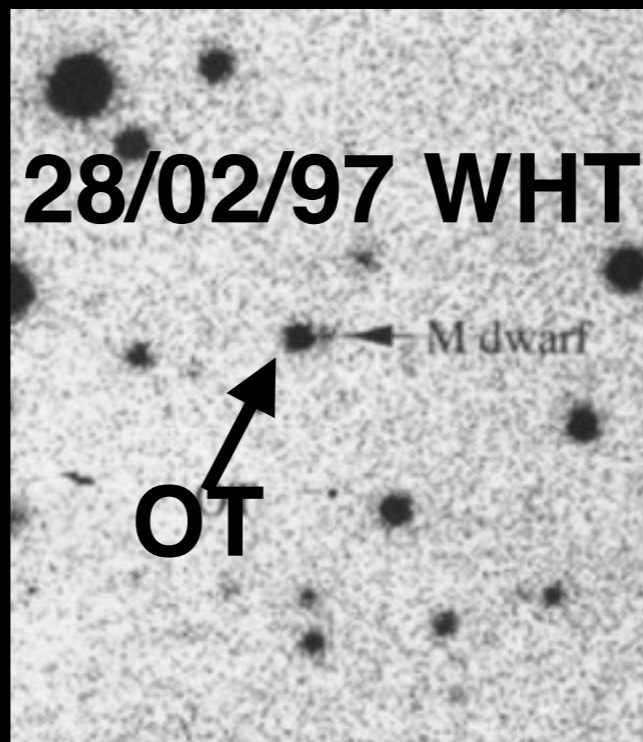
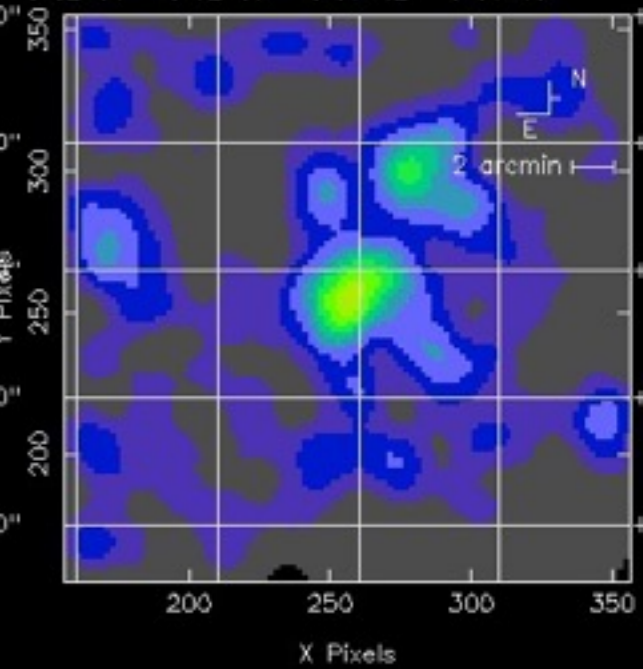


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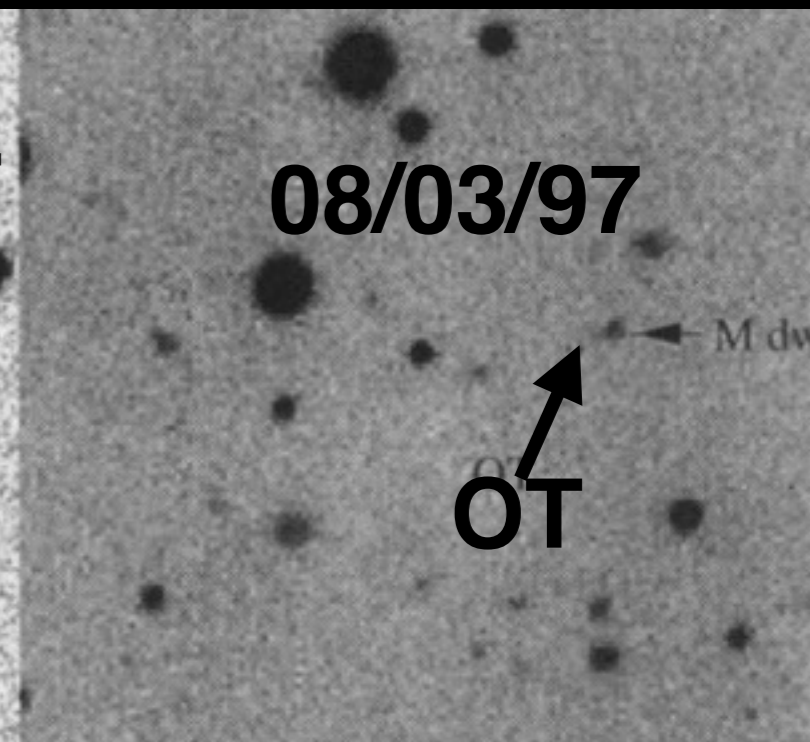
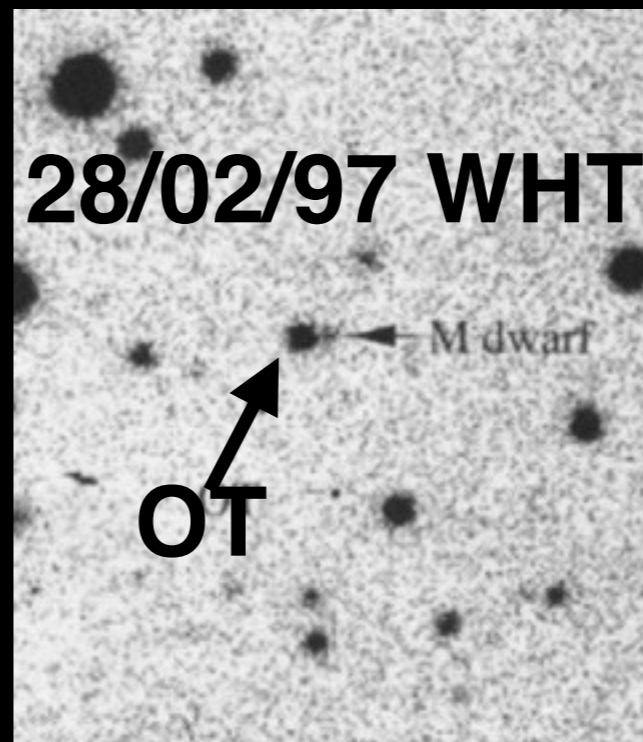
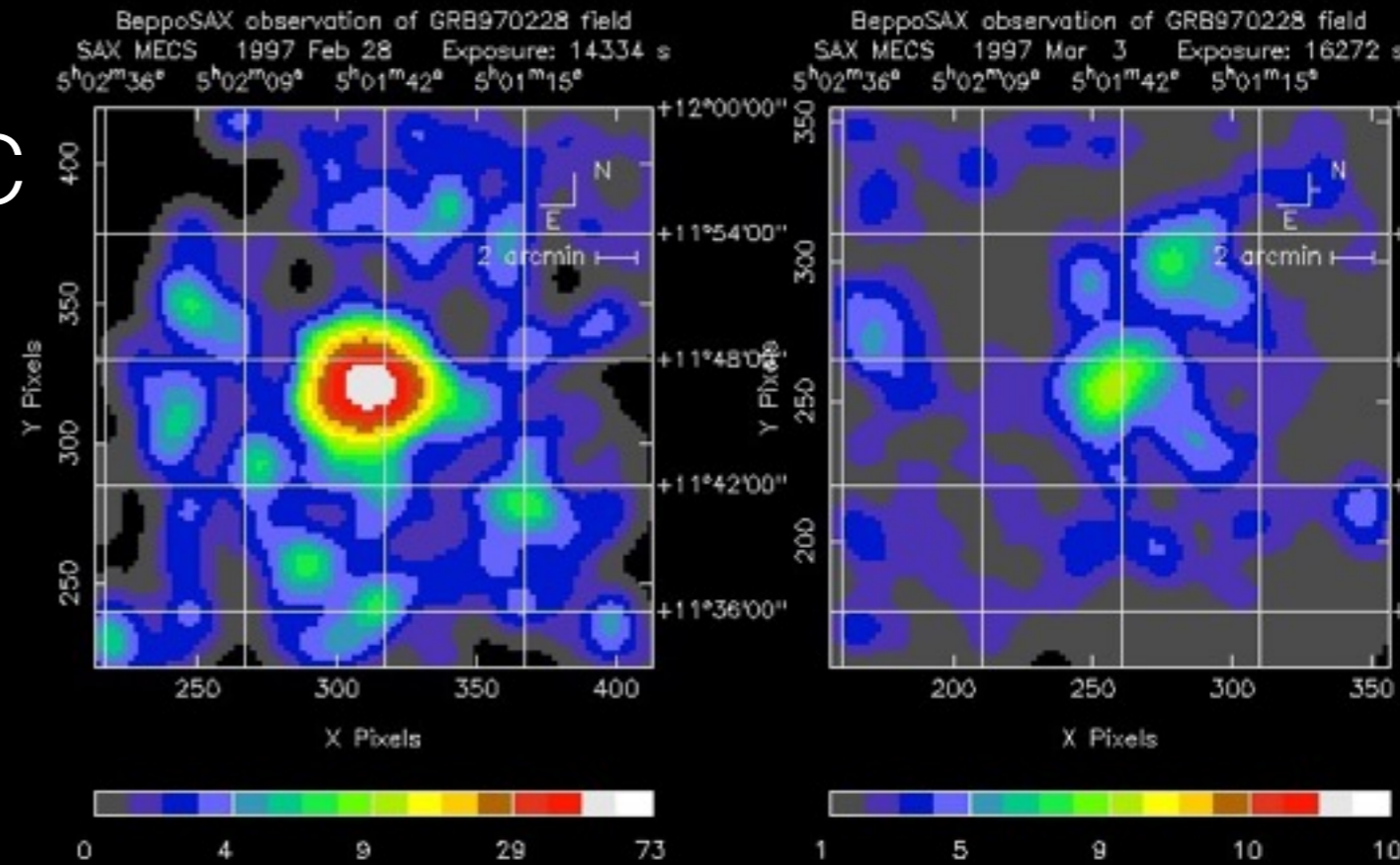


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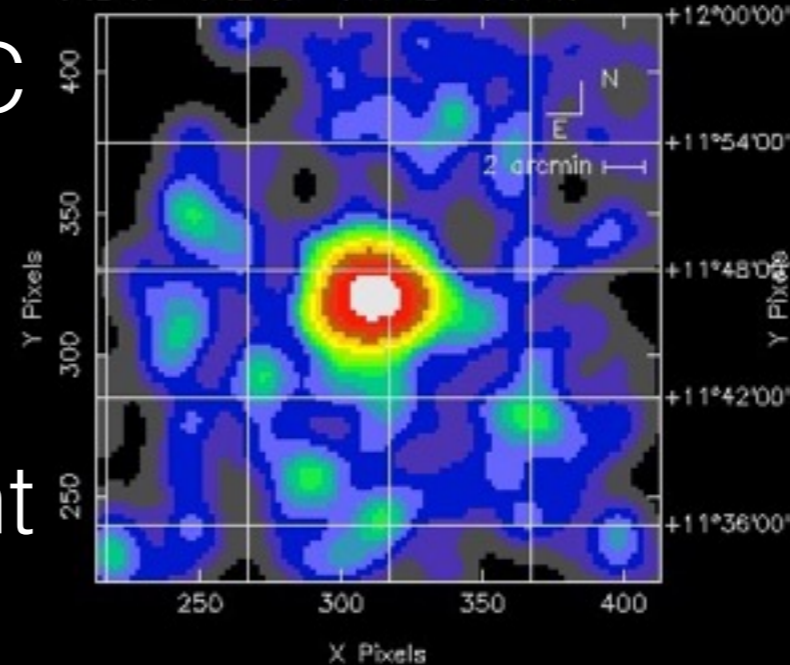


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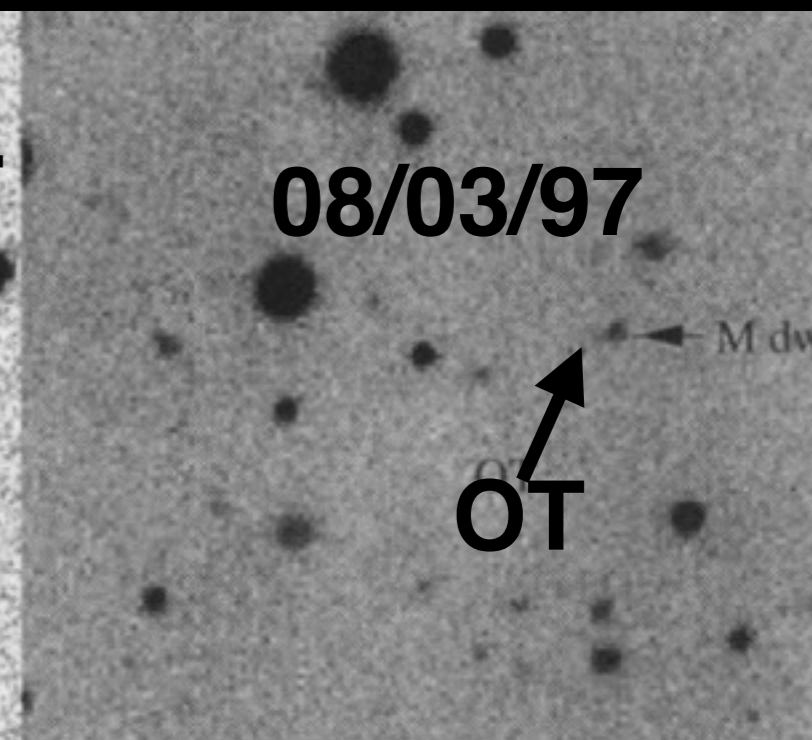
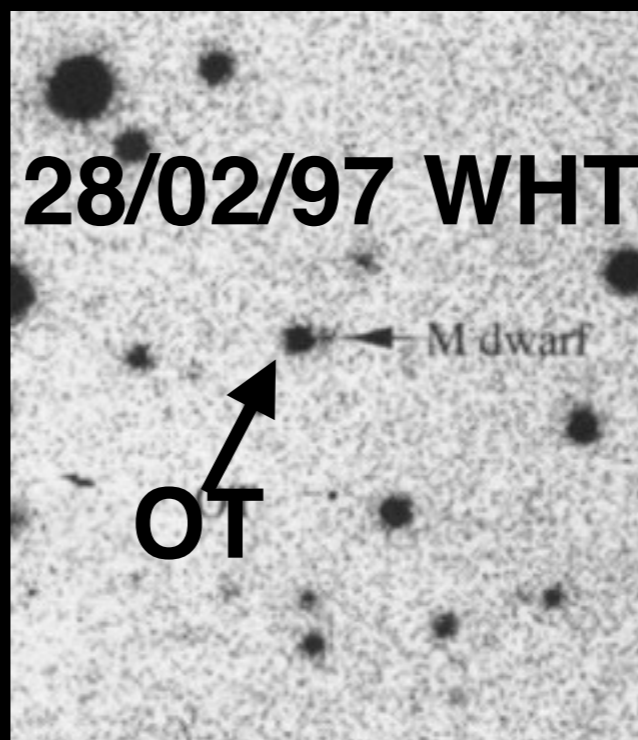
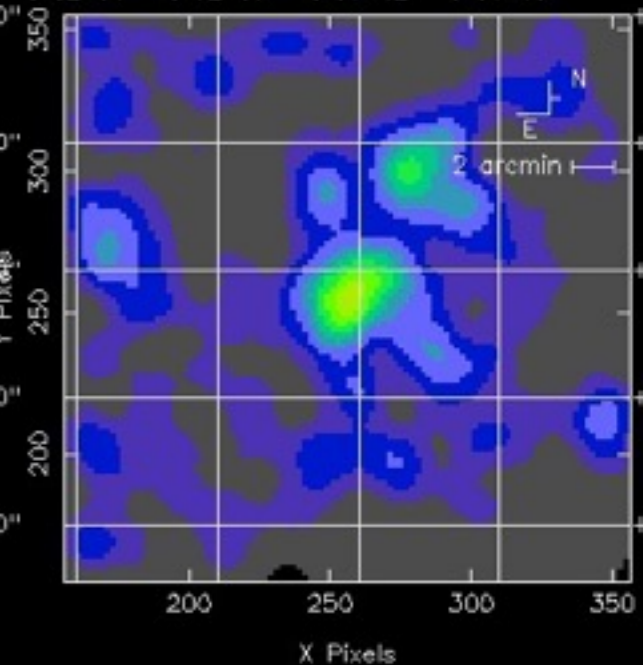
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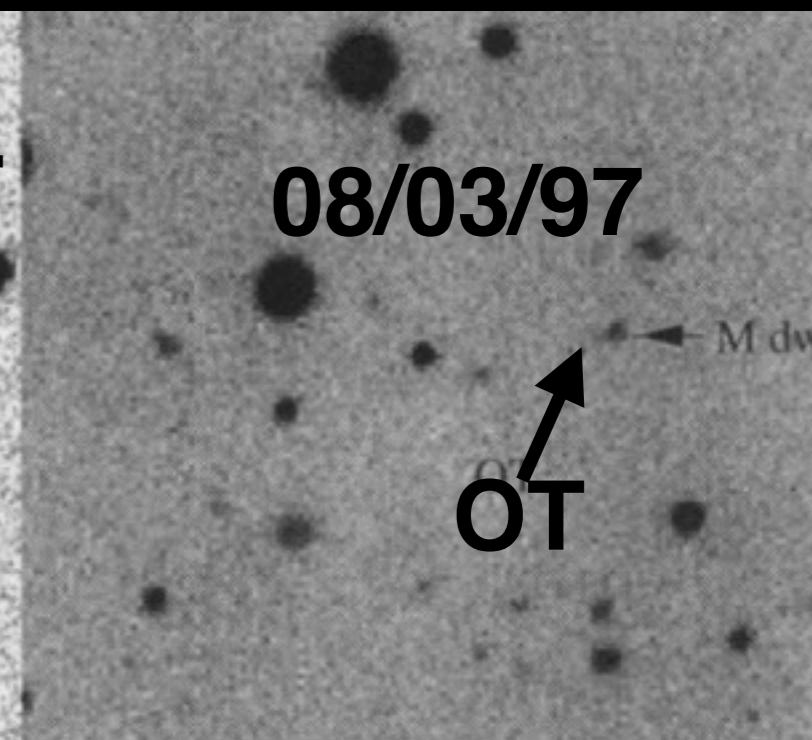
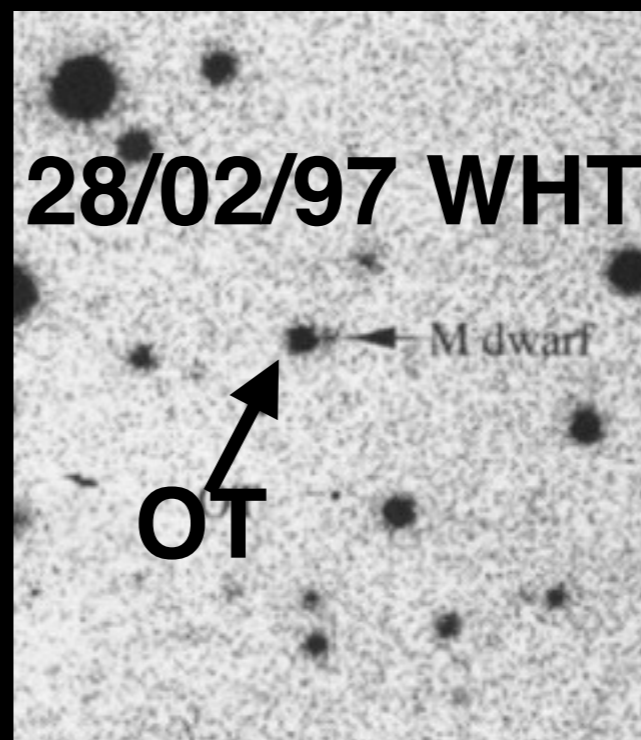
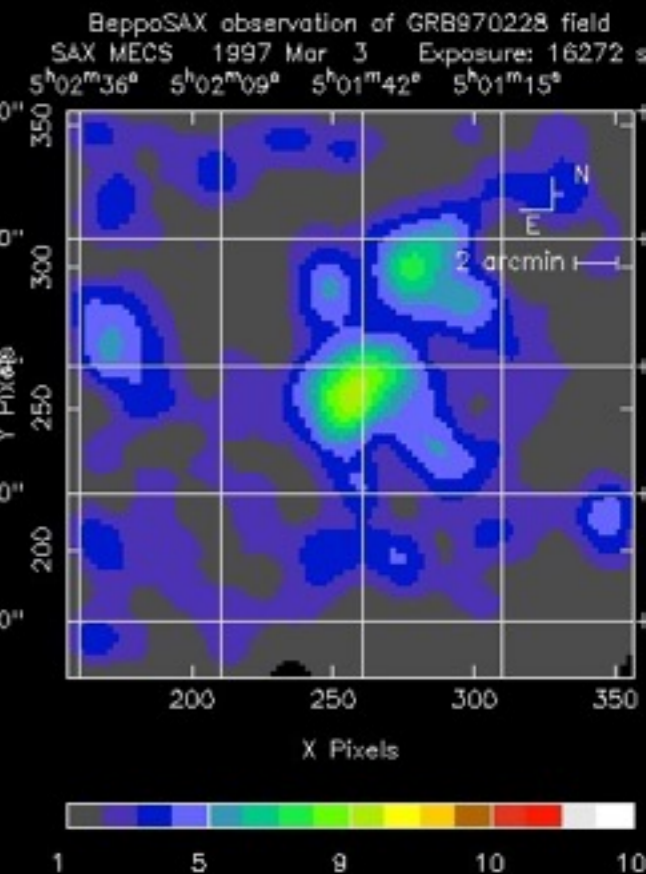
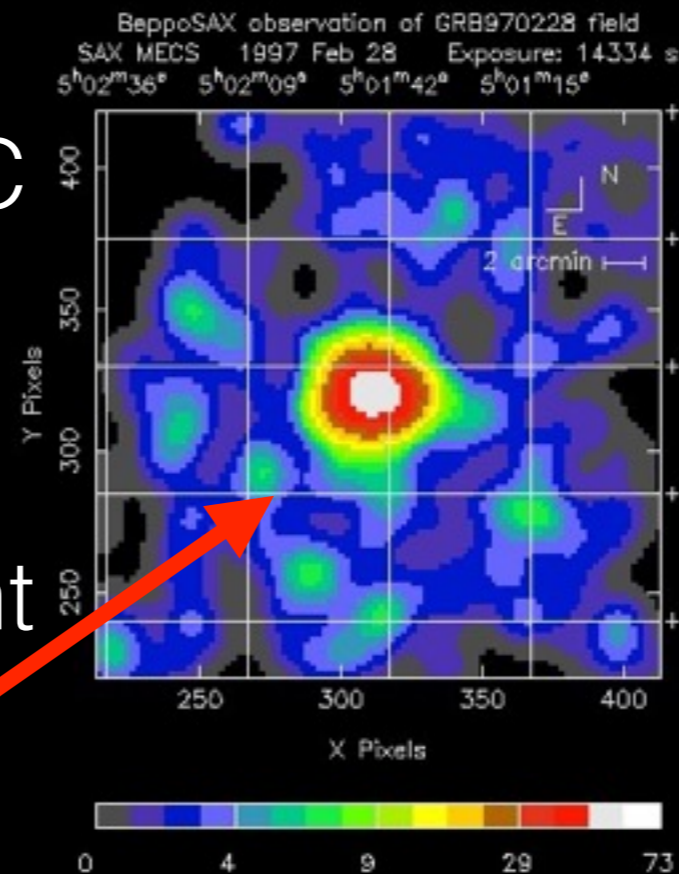


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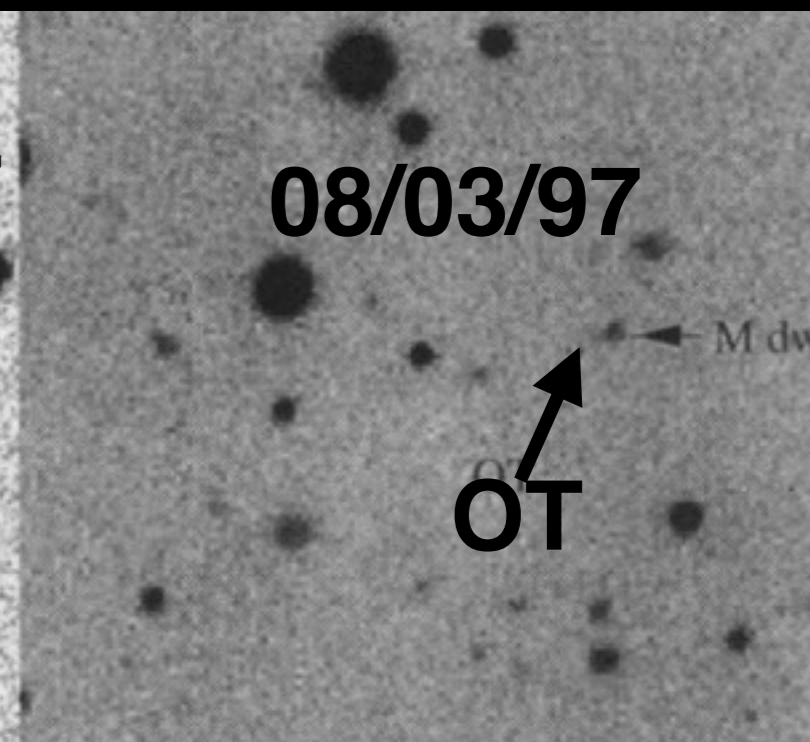
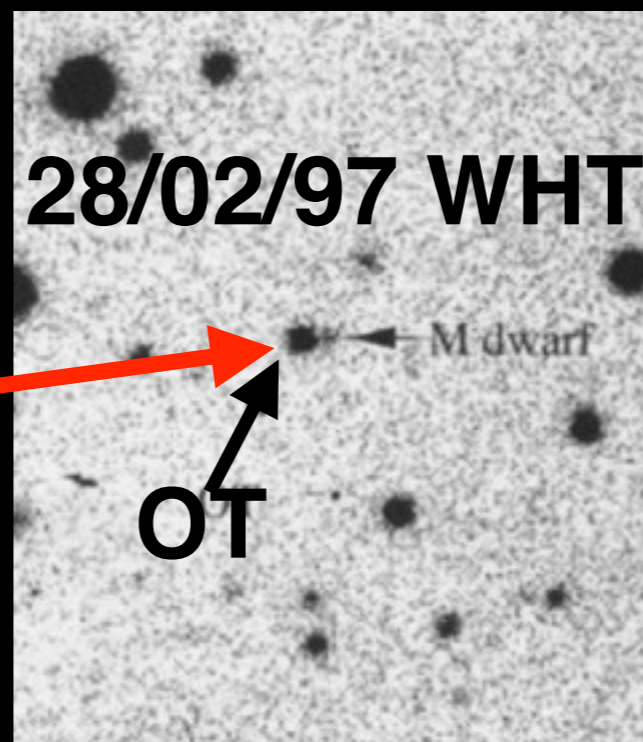
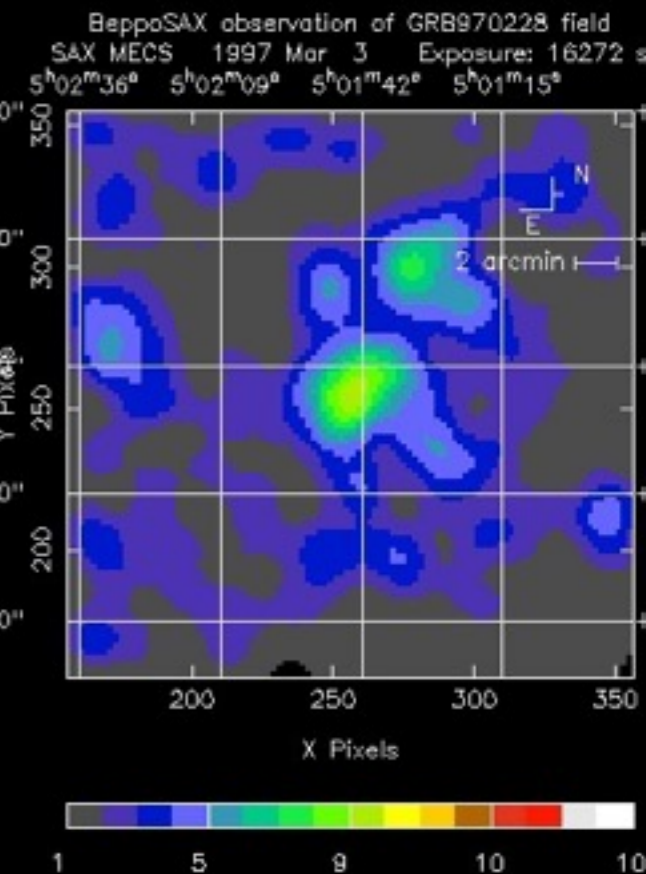
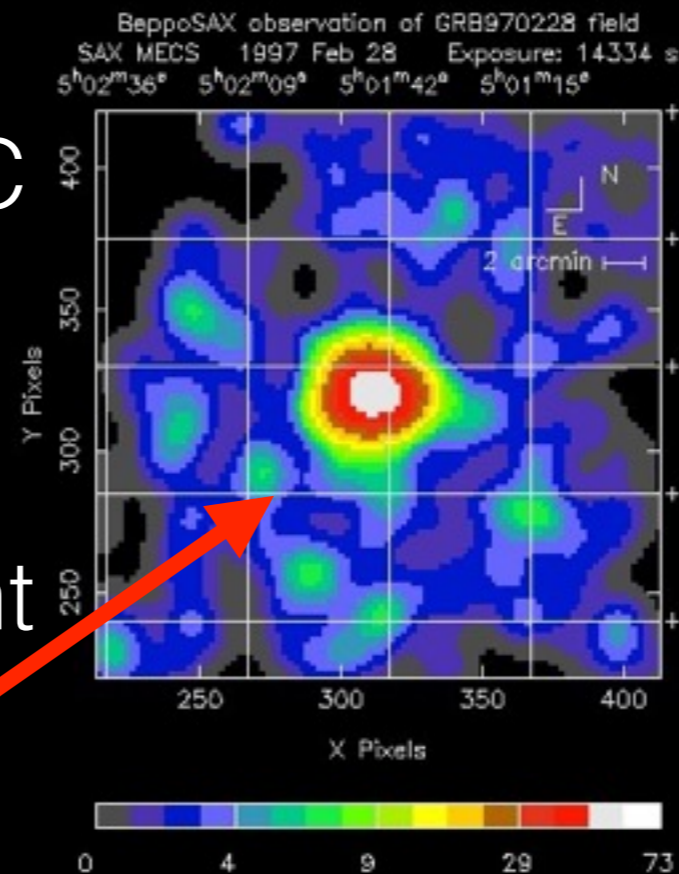
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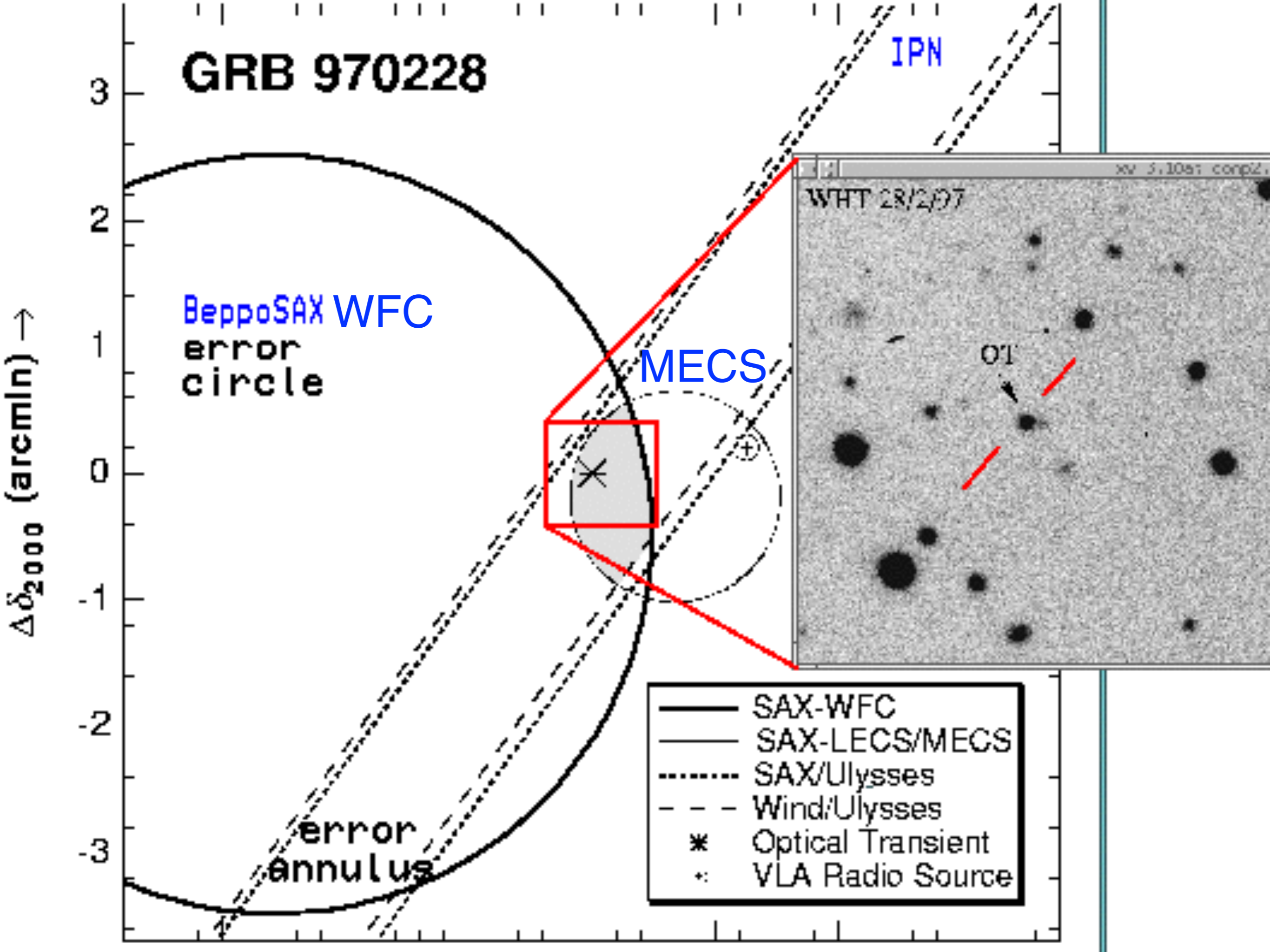
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$\Delta\delta_{2000}$ (arcmin) \rightarrow

3
2
1
0
-1
-2
-3

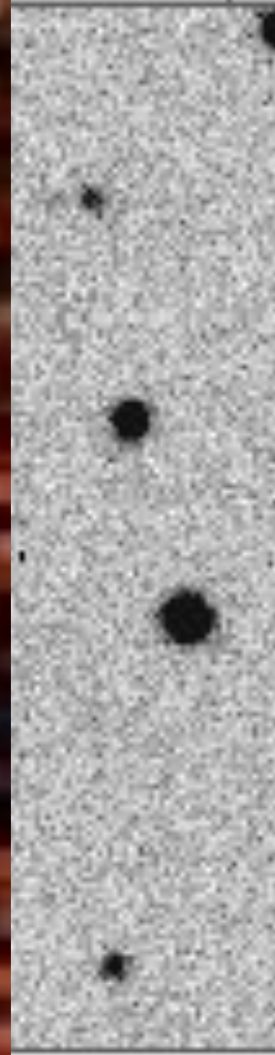


Burst

Host galaxy $z=0.695!$

$L_{\text{iso}} \sim 10^{52}$
erg/s

3, 10s; comp2



Lessons learned

Vela satellites, IPN, BeppoSAX, Swift

Distributed instrument → arcmin-deg positions

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Prompt arcmin-arcsec positions → game changer

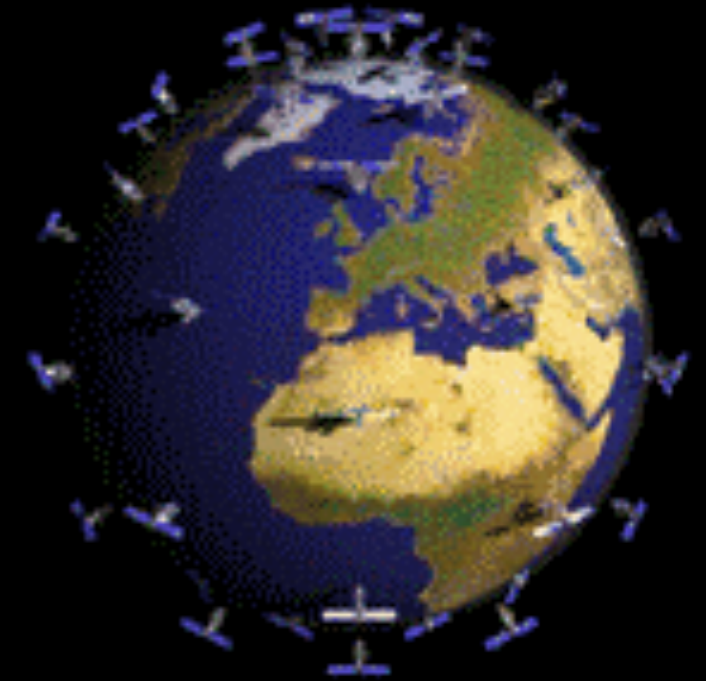
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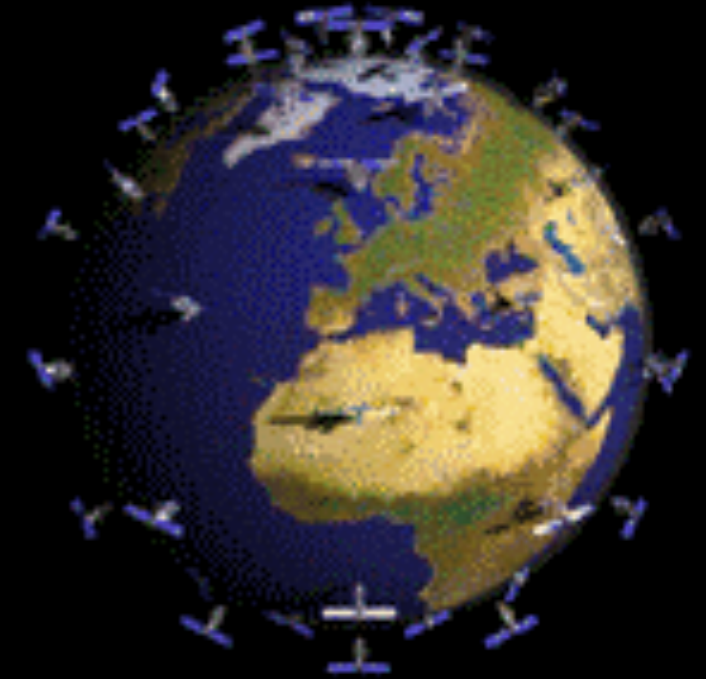
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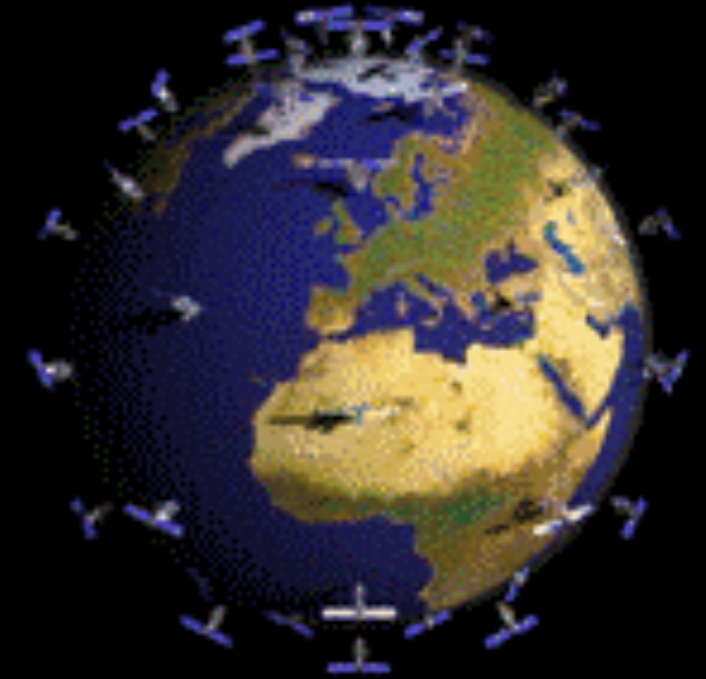
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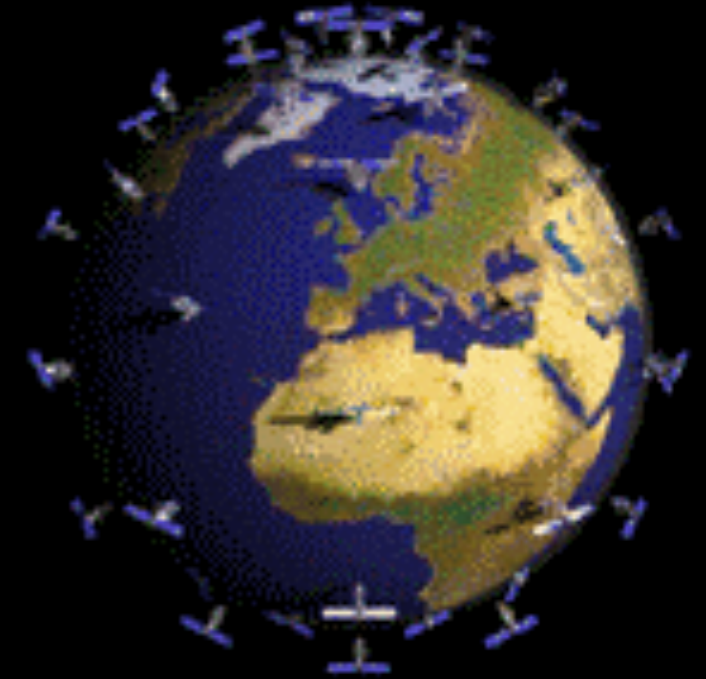
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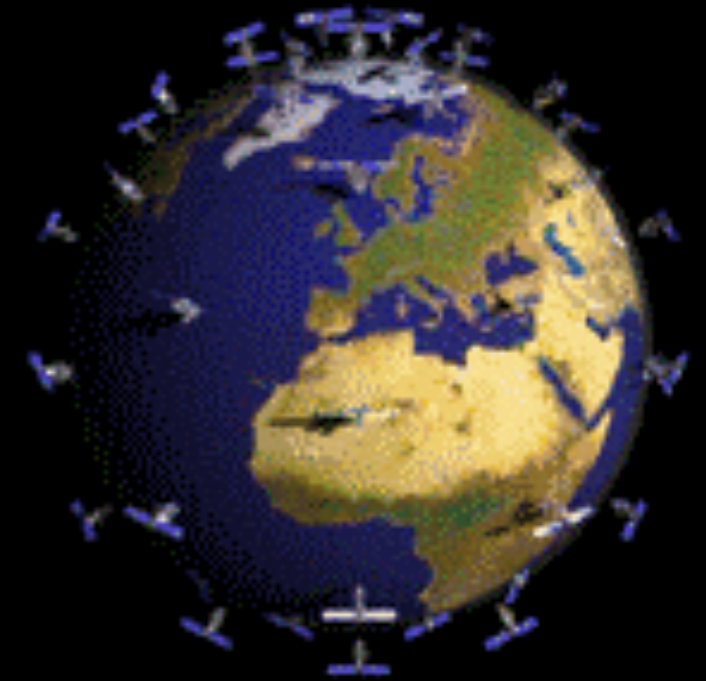


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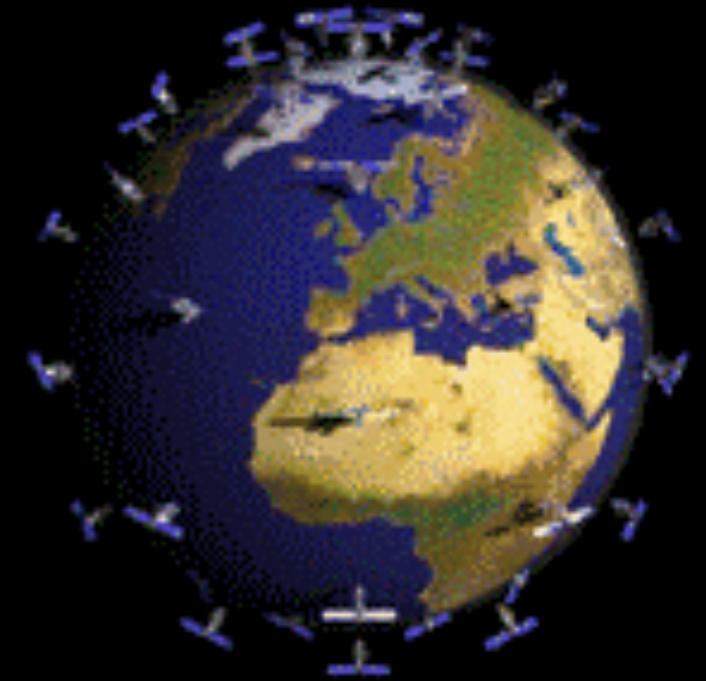
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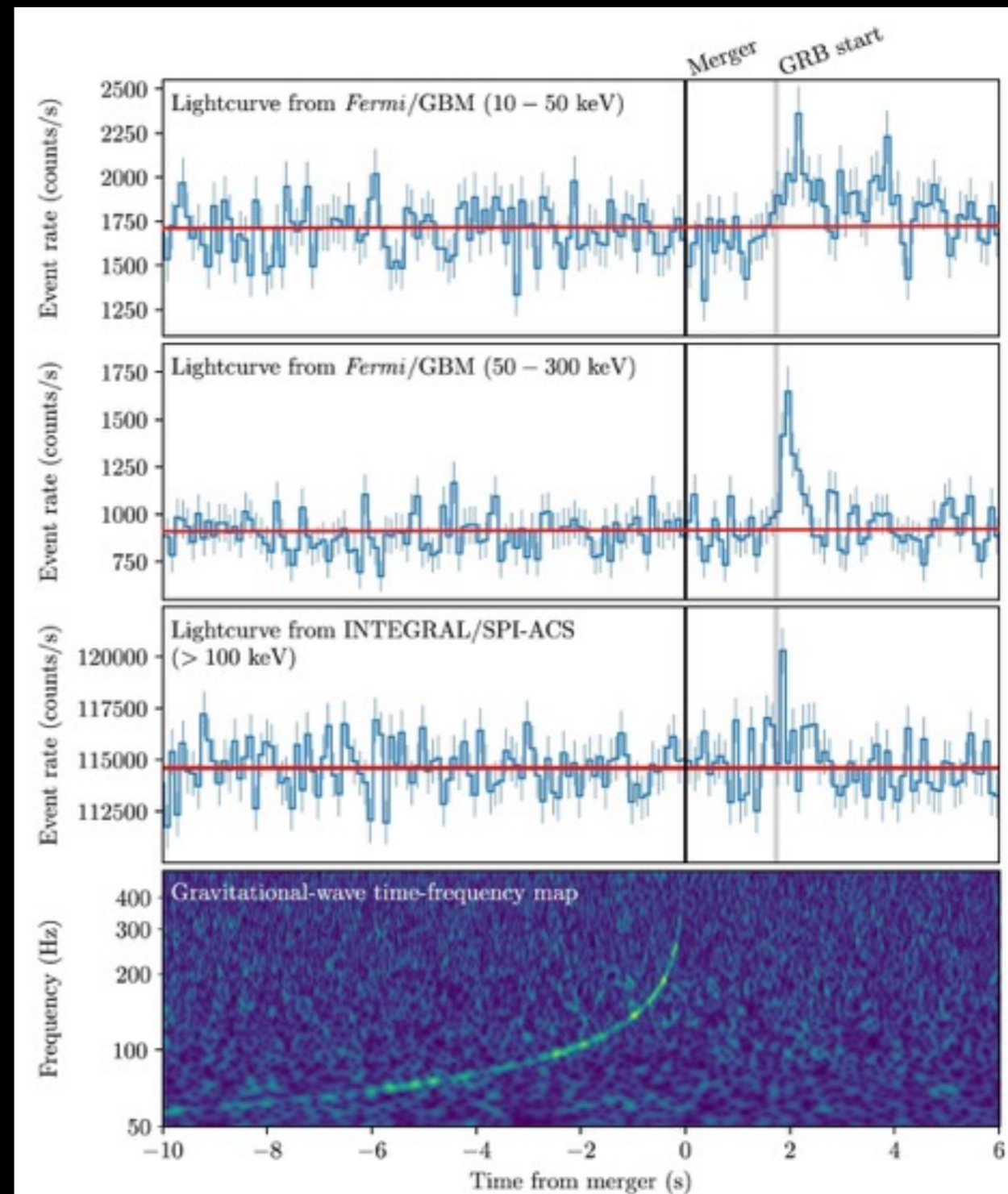
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How some stars explode as SNe?

GW will provide core dynamics, EM will provide explosion type, nucleosynthesis, BH vs NS remnant



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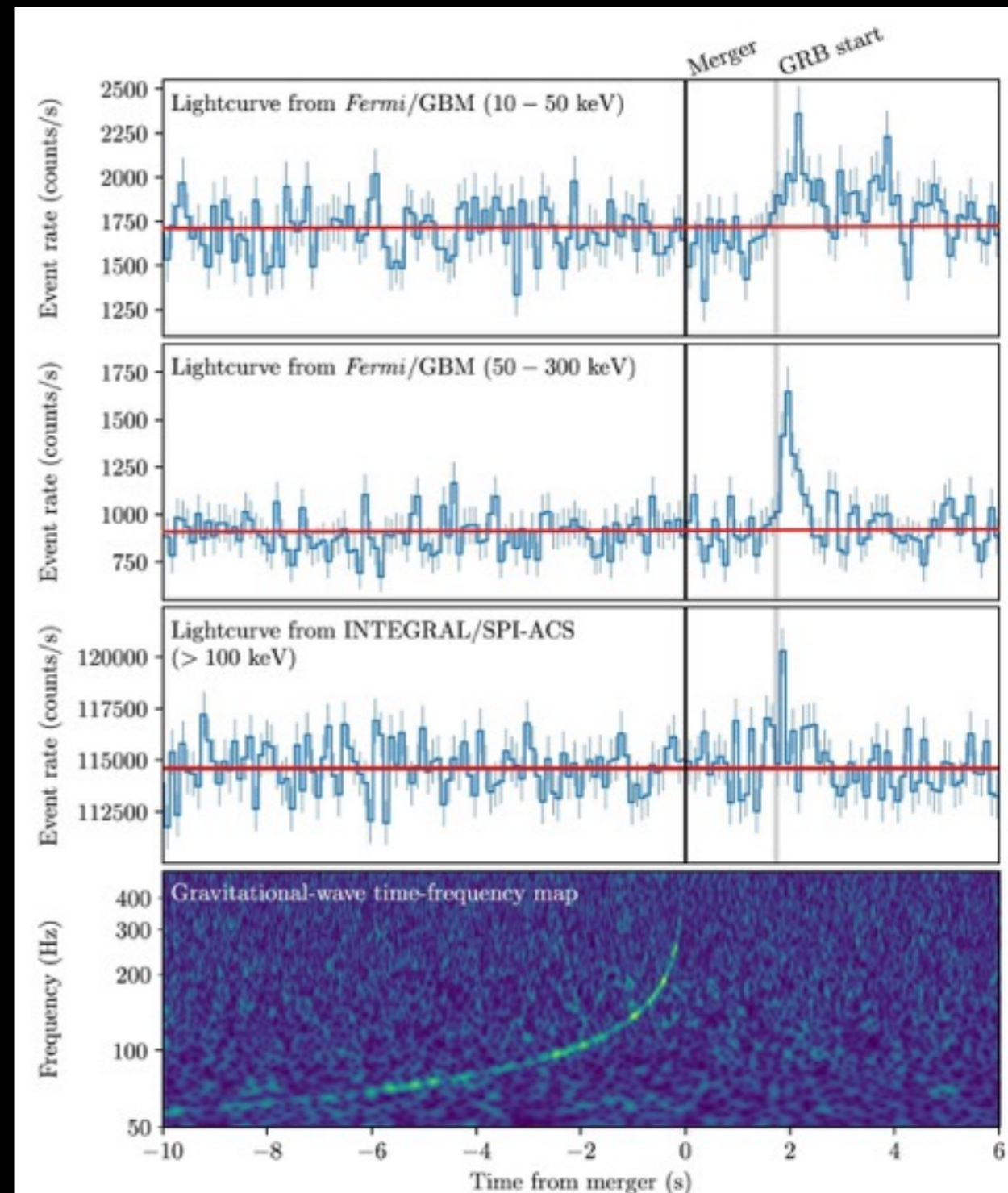
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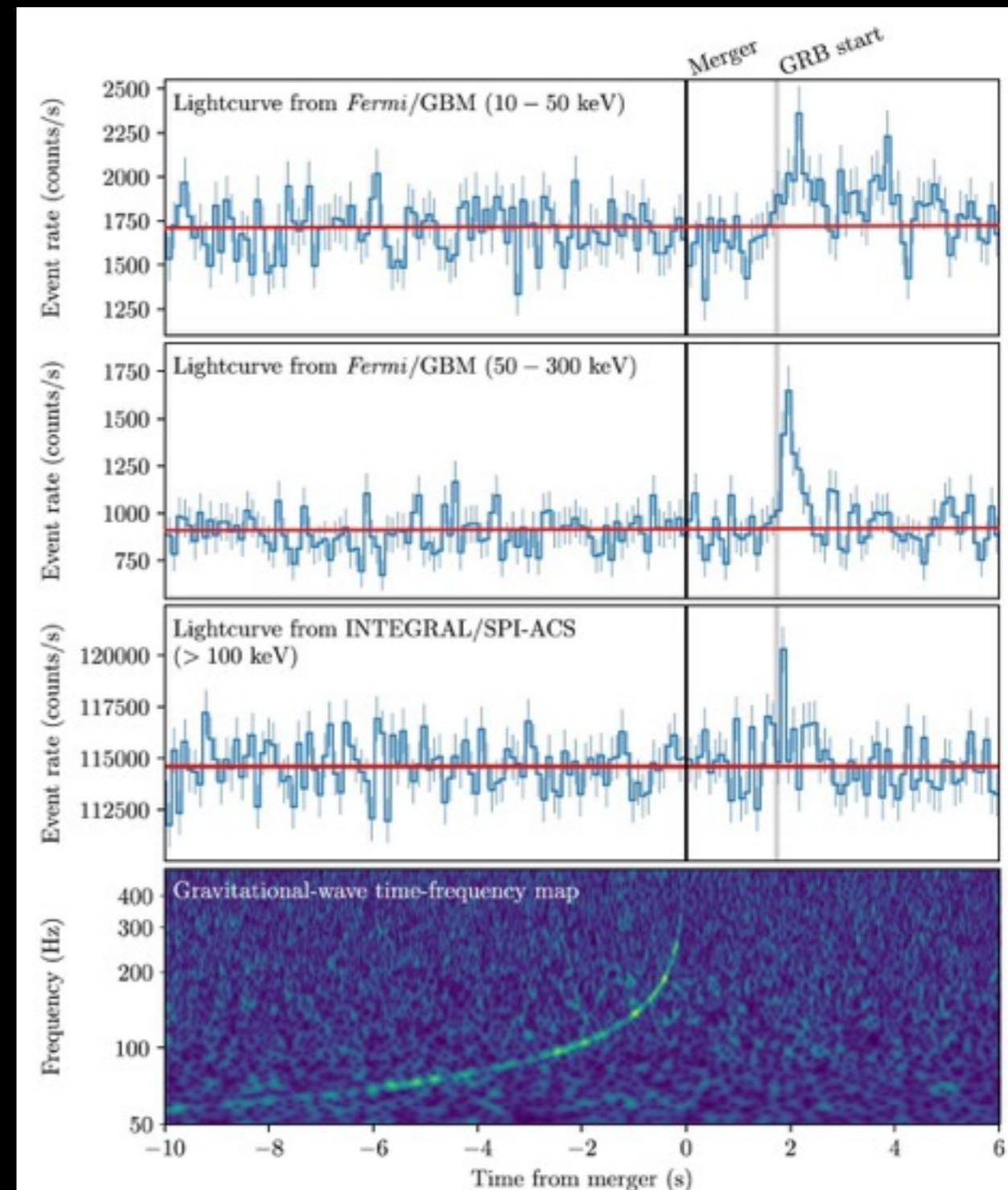
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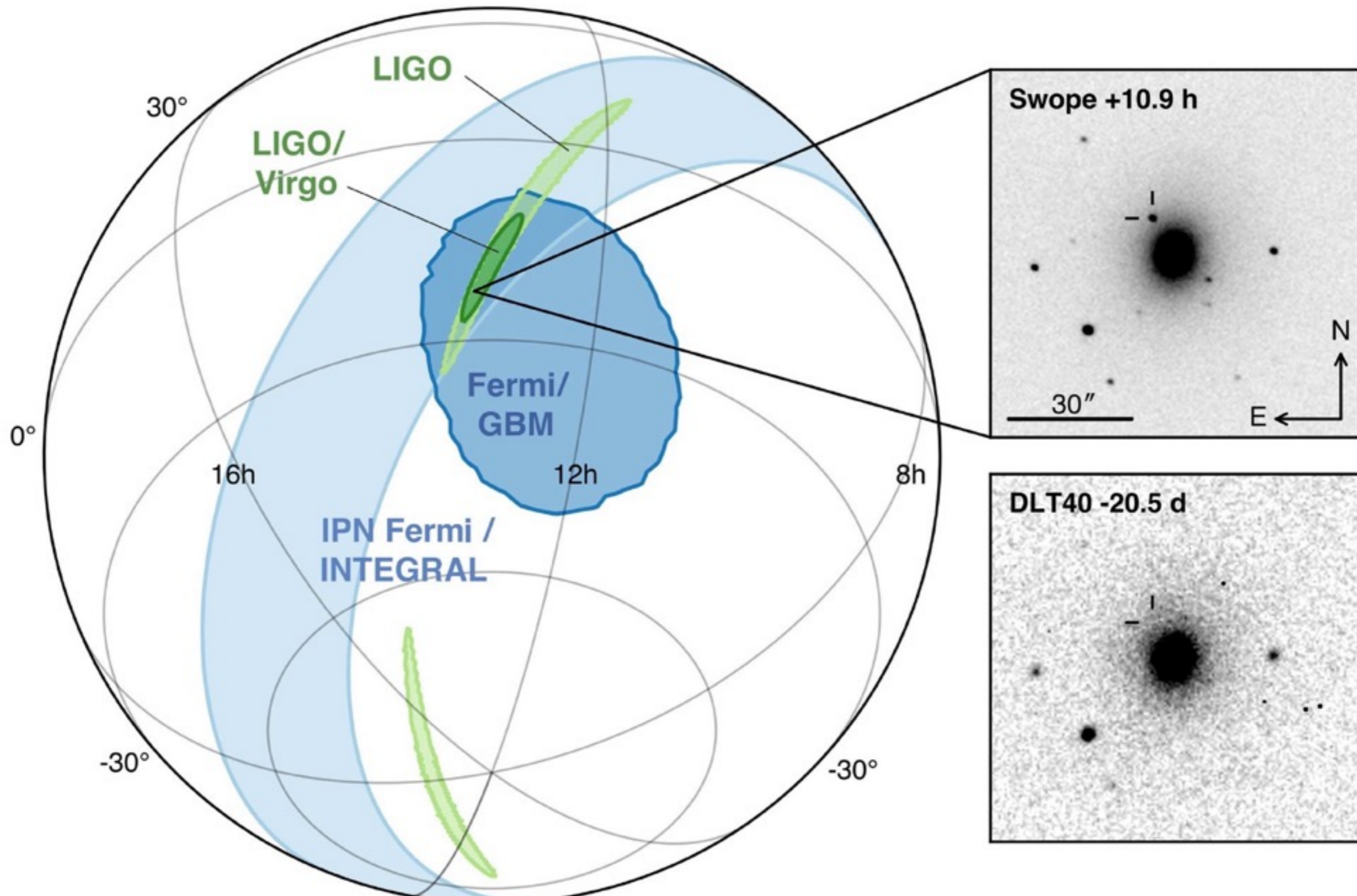
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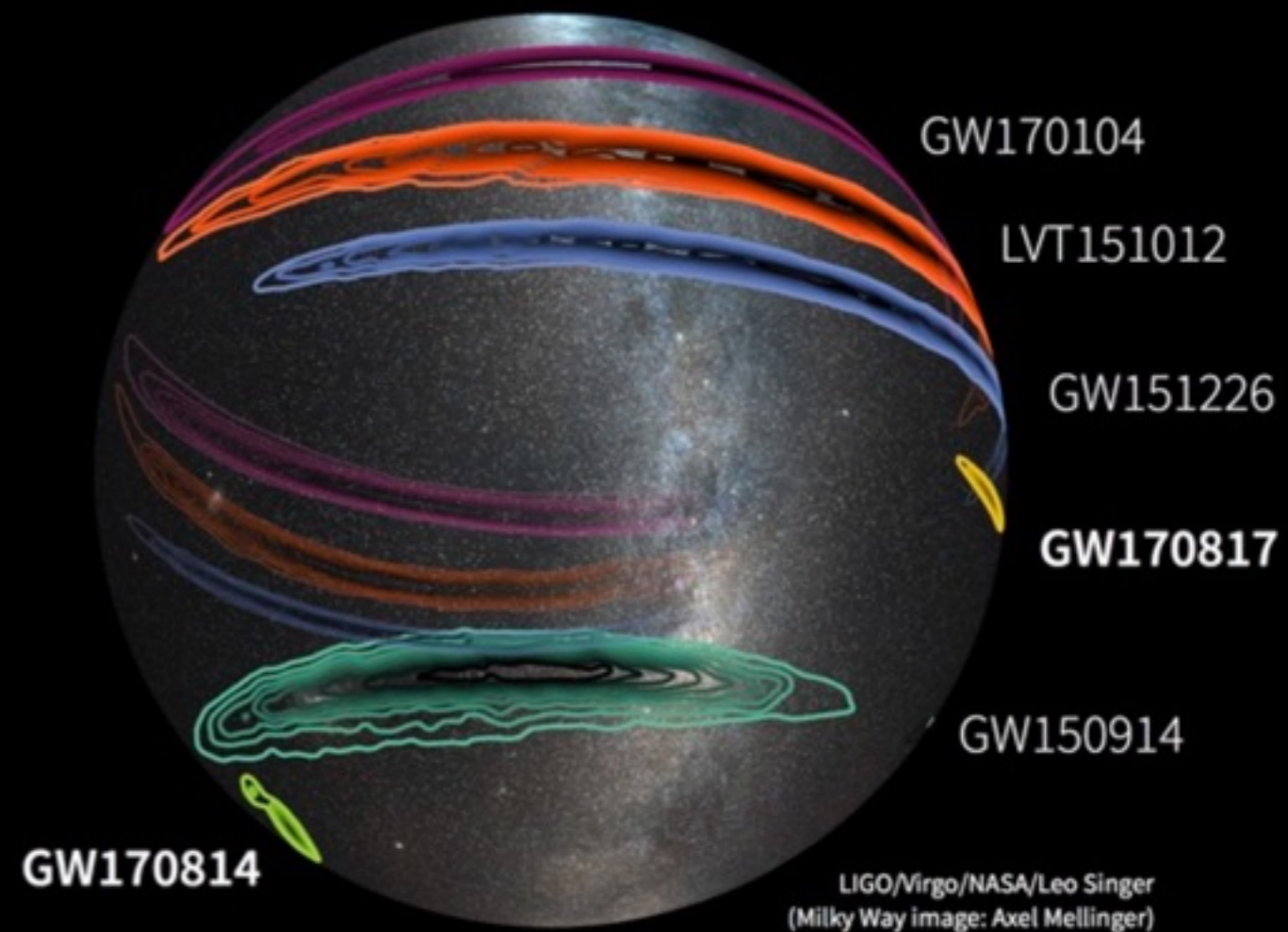
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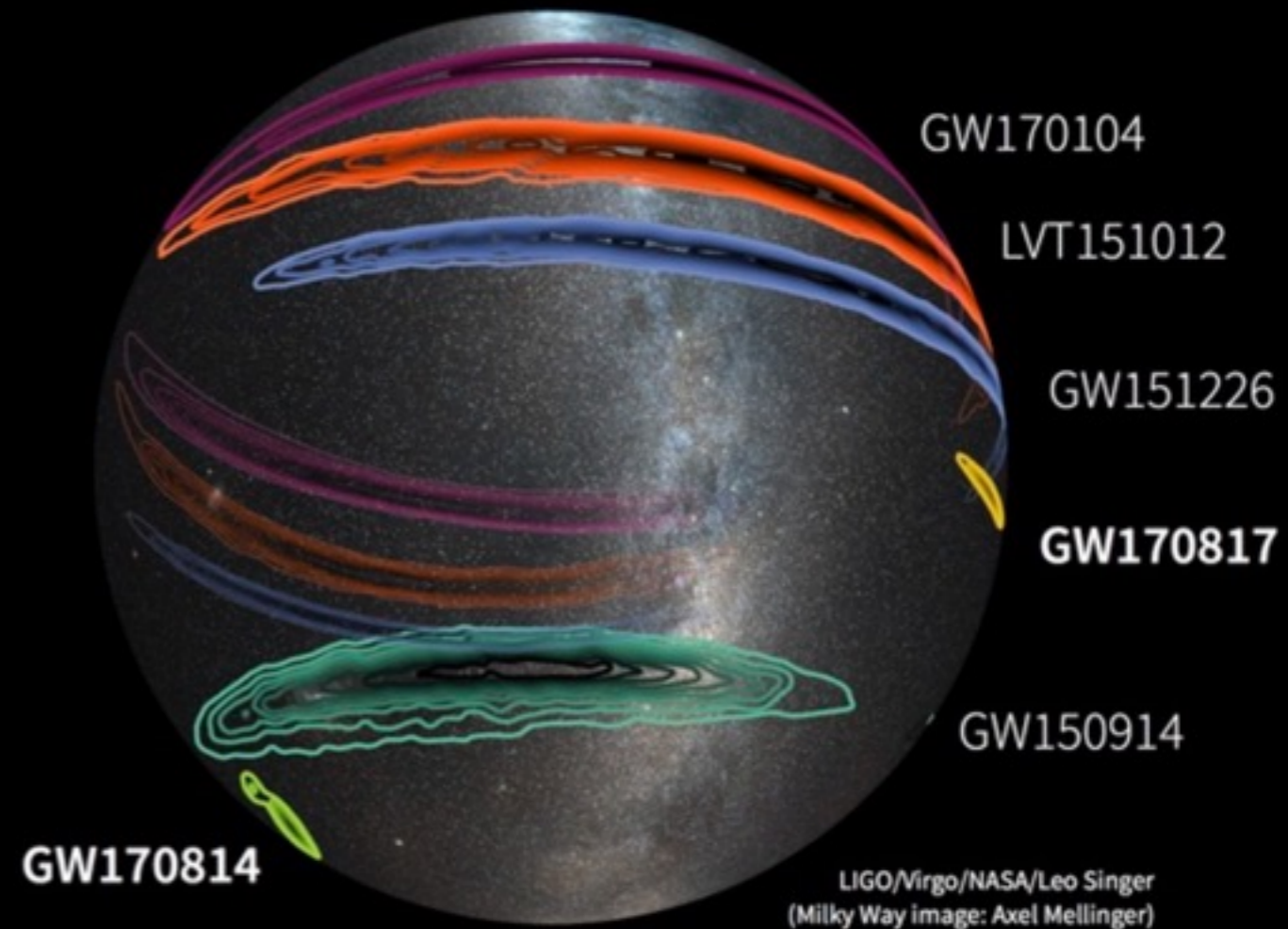


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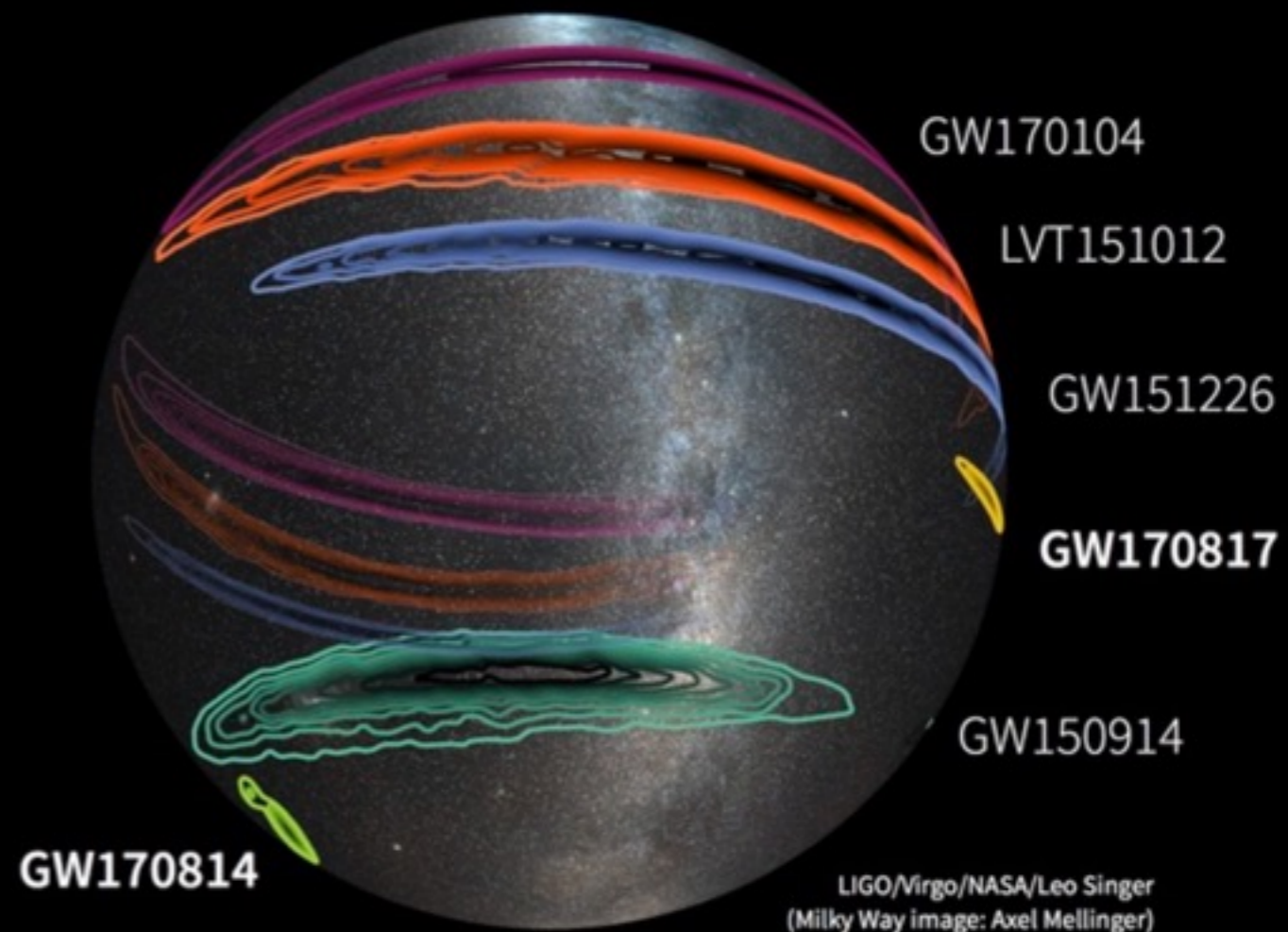
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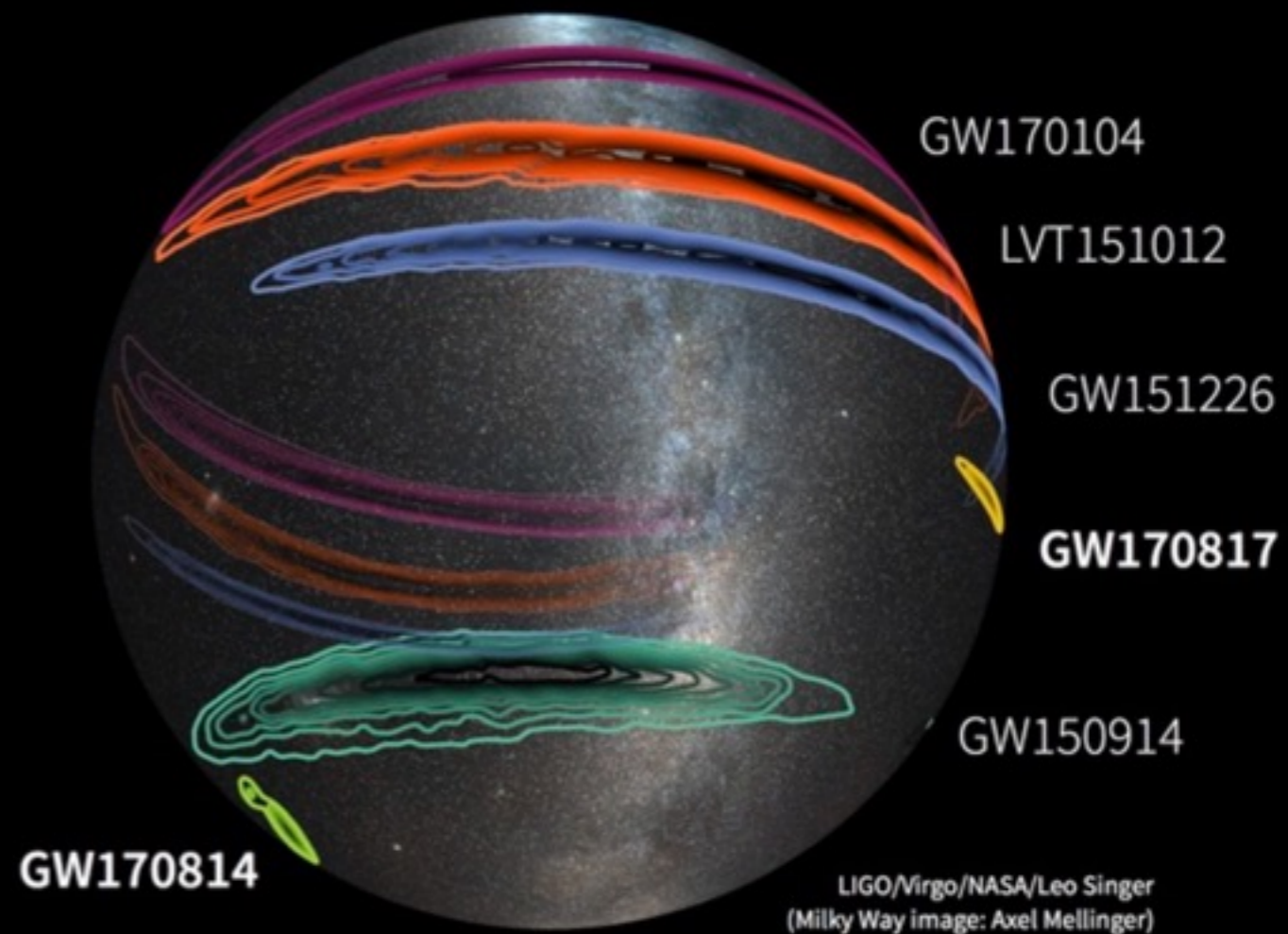


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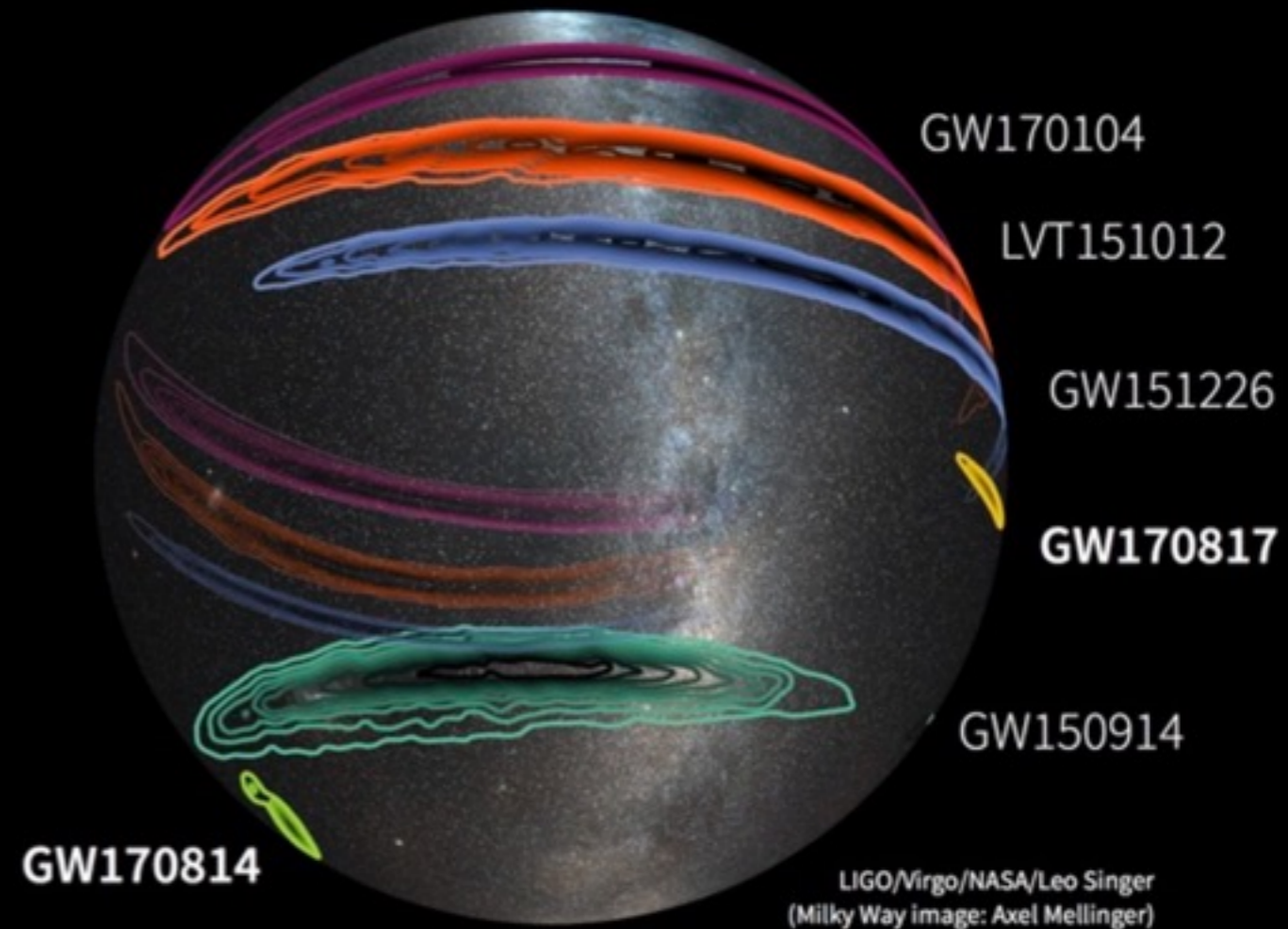
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no expected EM counterpart
(even more exciting if one is found...)



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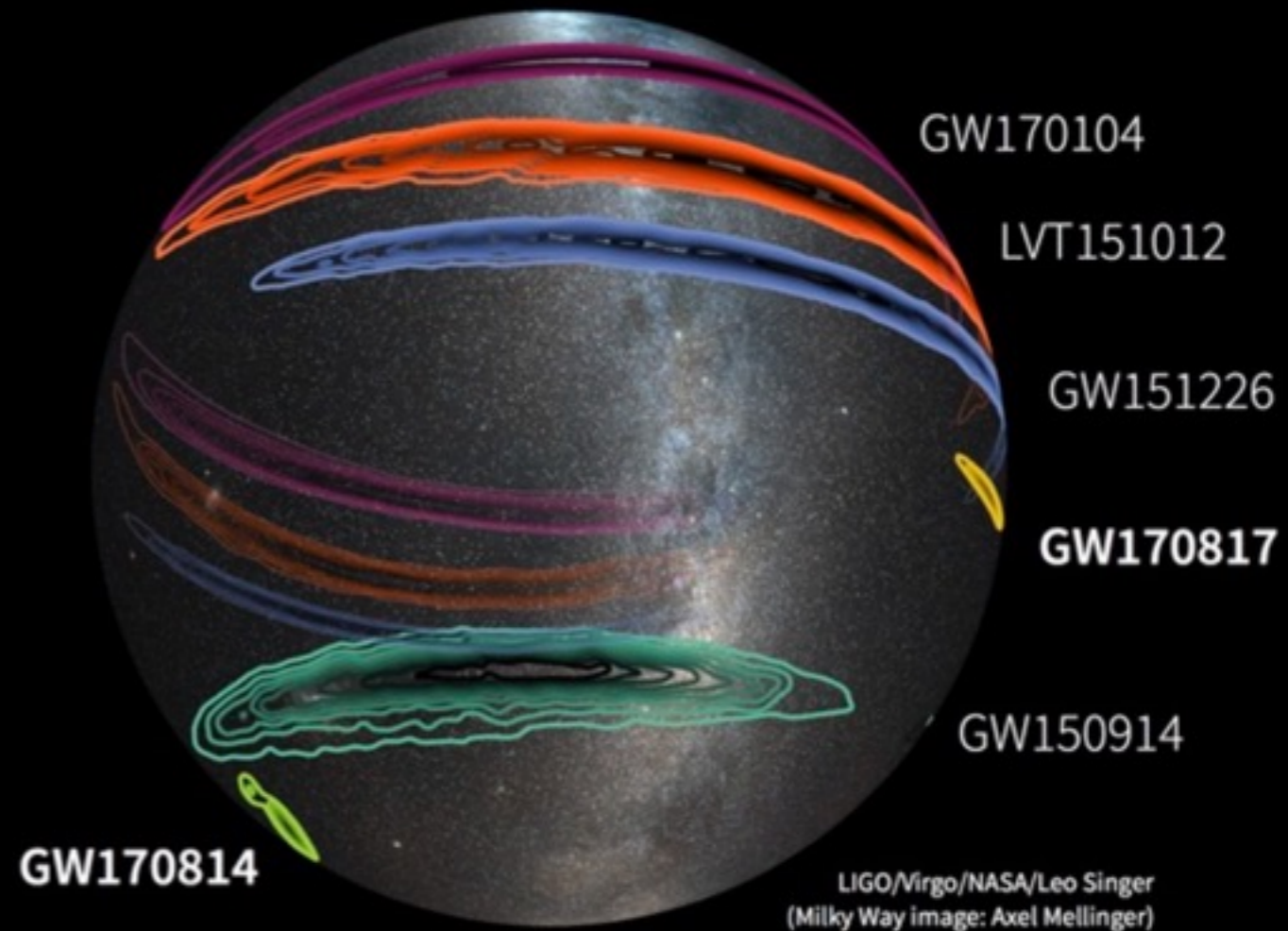
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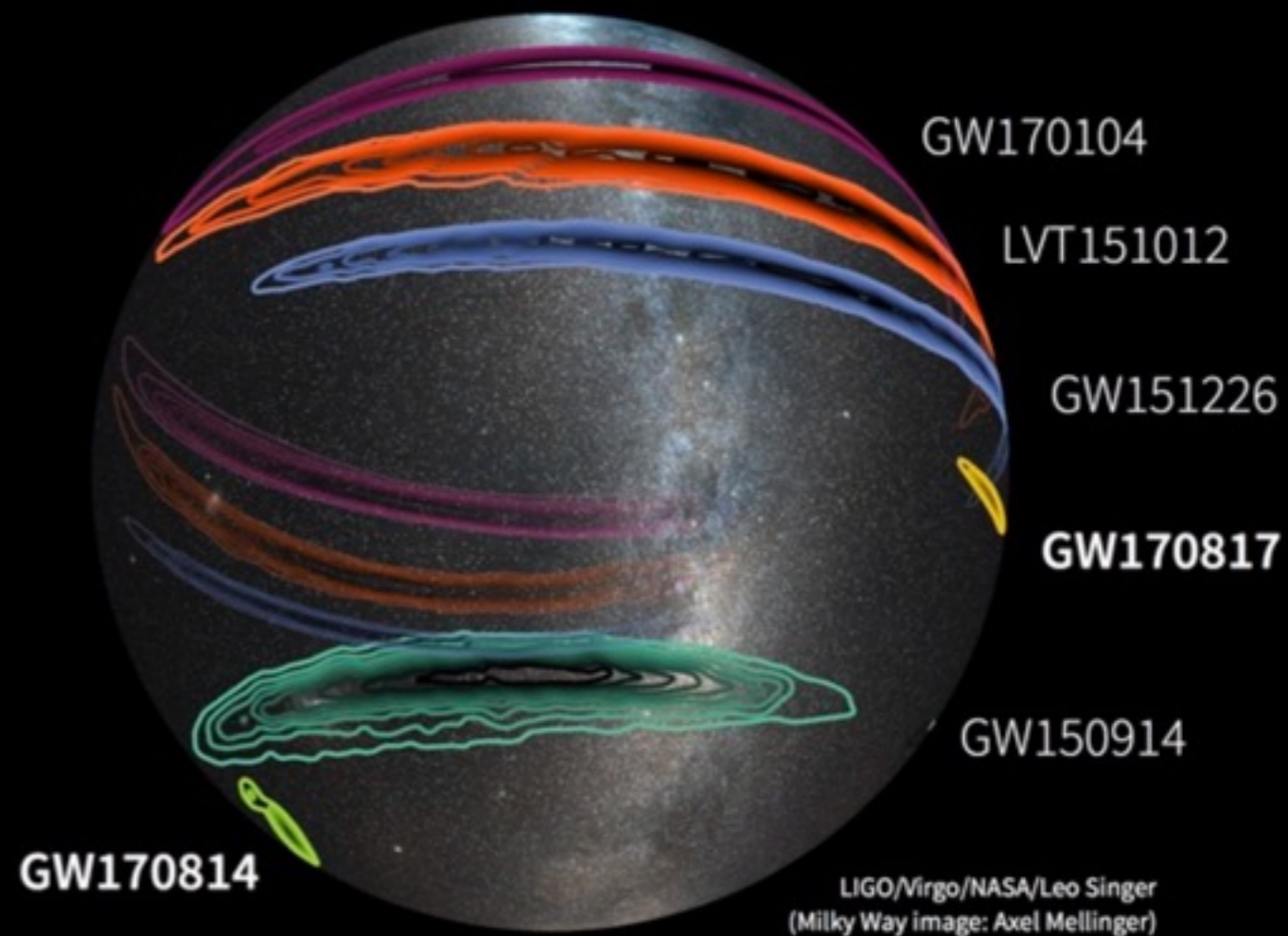
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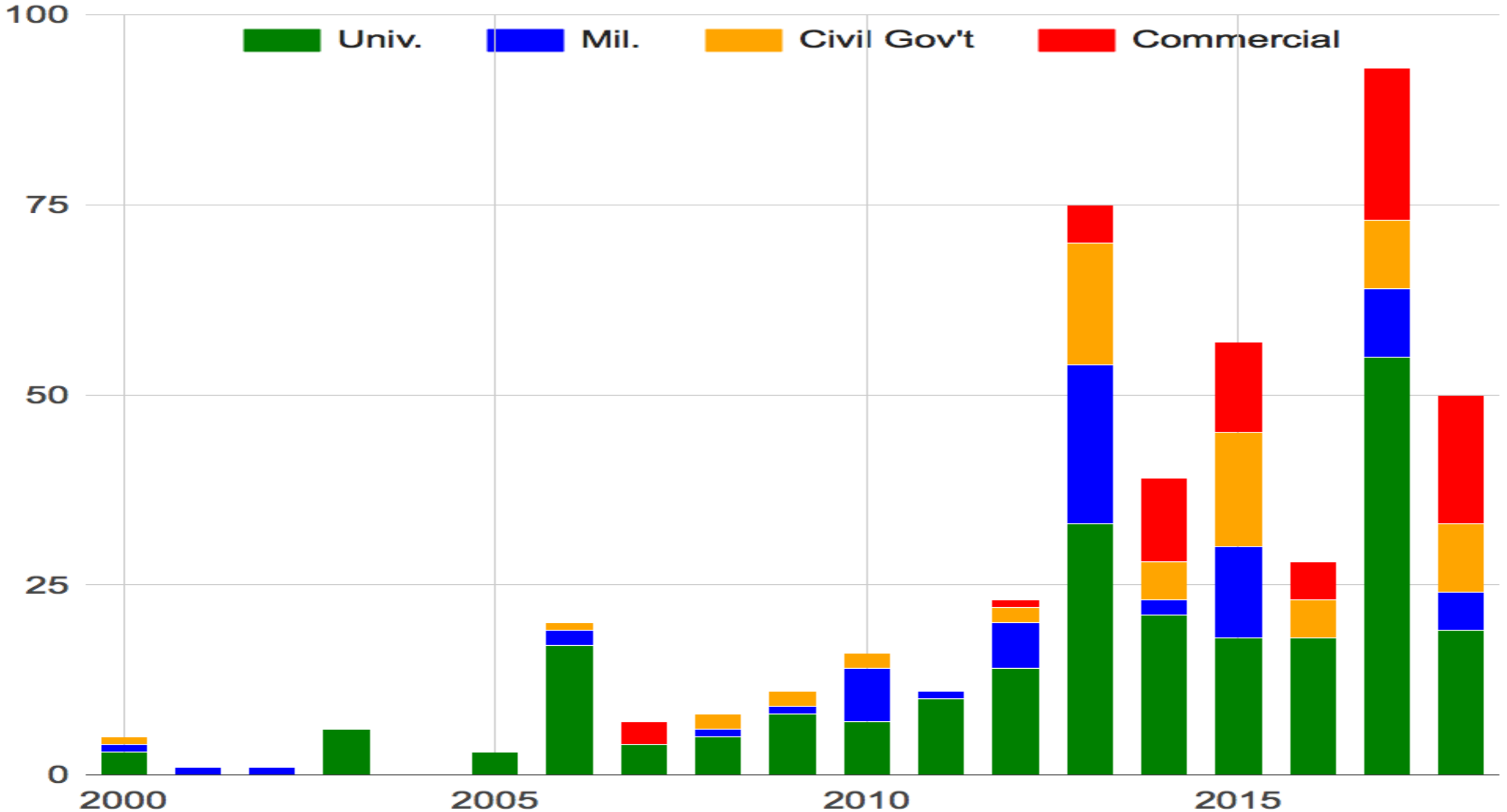
Best strategy:

~ all sky prompt search for transients at high energies.
Negligible probability to find an uncorrelated HEA transient at the time of GWE



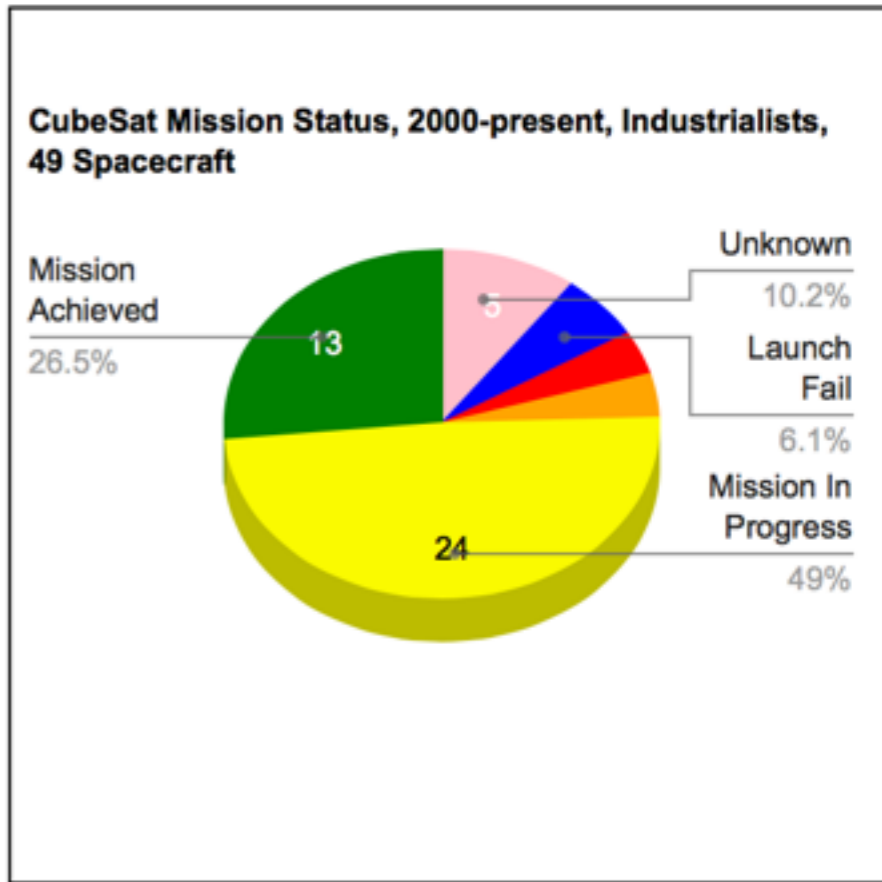
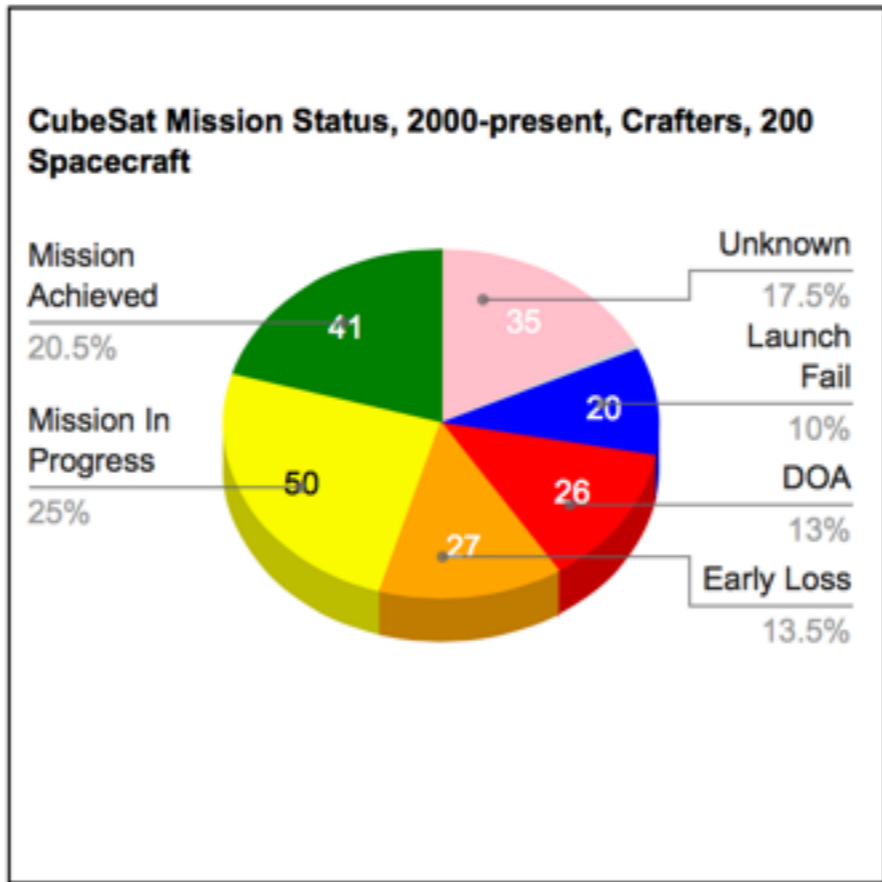
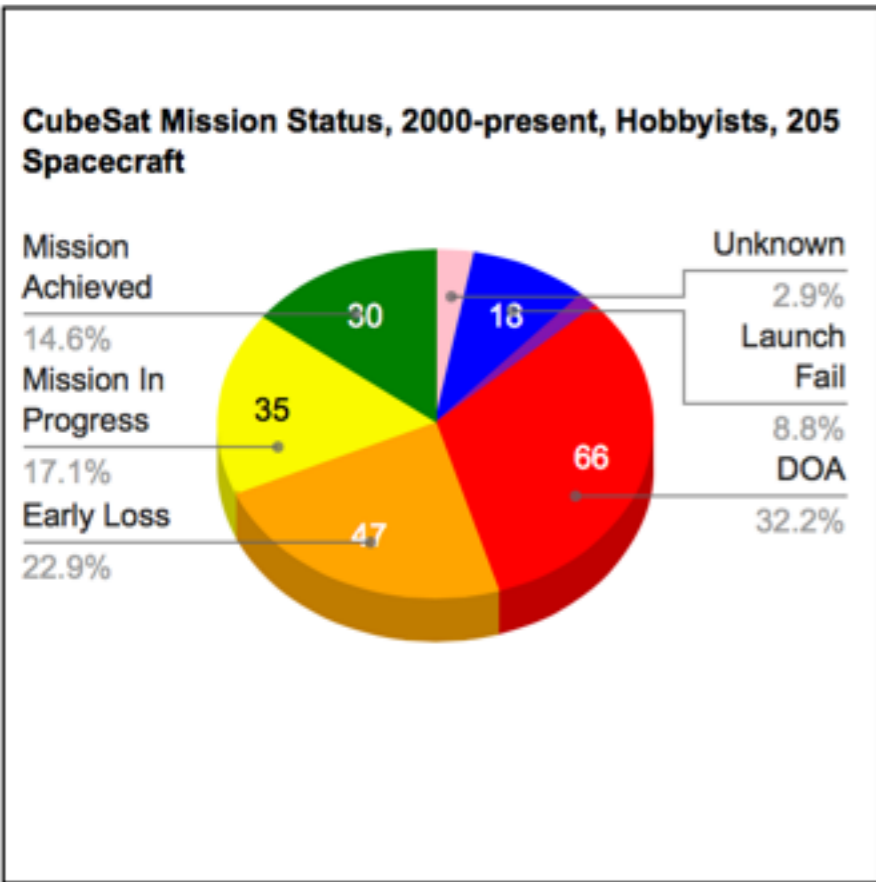
Space 4.0

CubeSats by Mission Type (2000-present,



[Chart created on Wed Nov 14 2018 using data from M. Swartwout]

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HERMES constellation of cubesat

2016: ASI funds for detector R&D

2018: MIUR funds for pathfinder

(Progetti premiali 2015)

2018 H2020 Space-SCI-20 project

2018 ASI internal proposal



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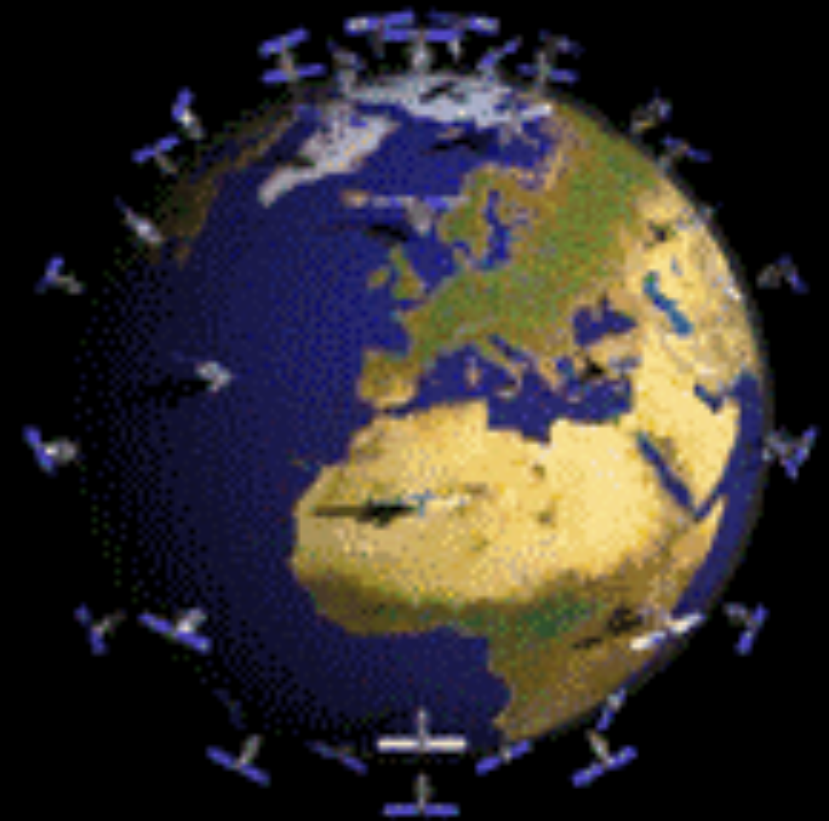
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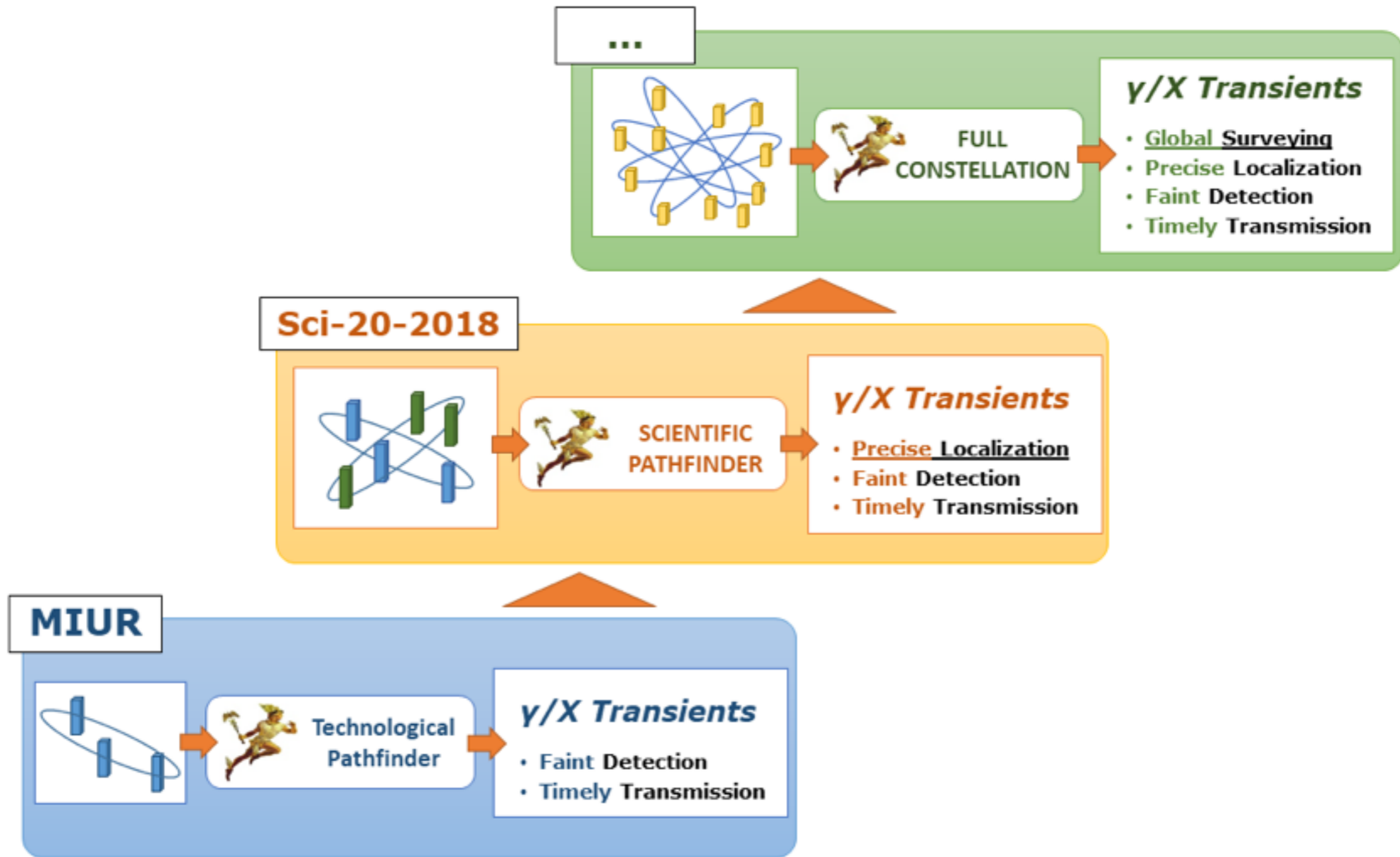
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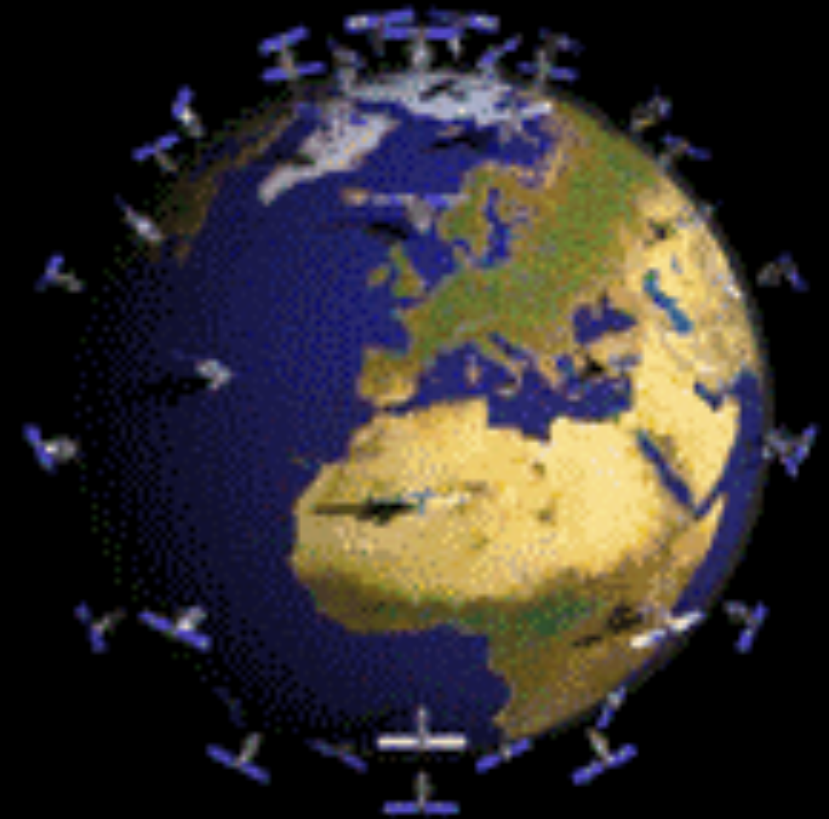
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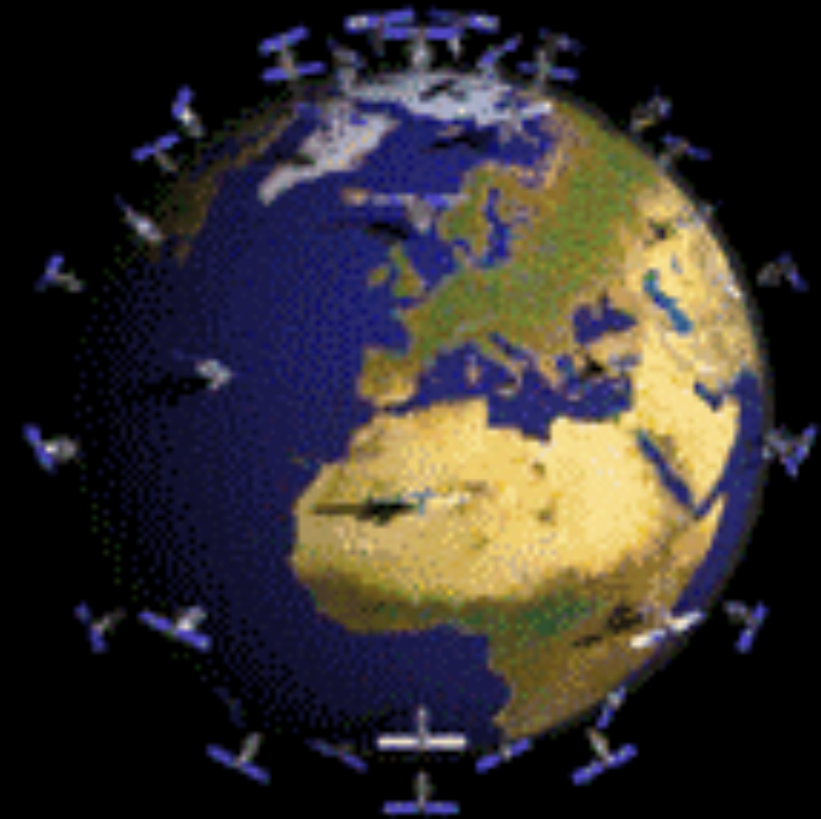
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Open μ sec - msec window:

- Accurate positions
- QG tests



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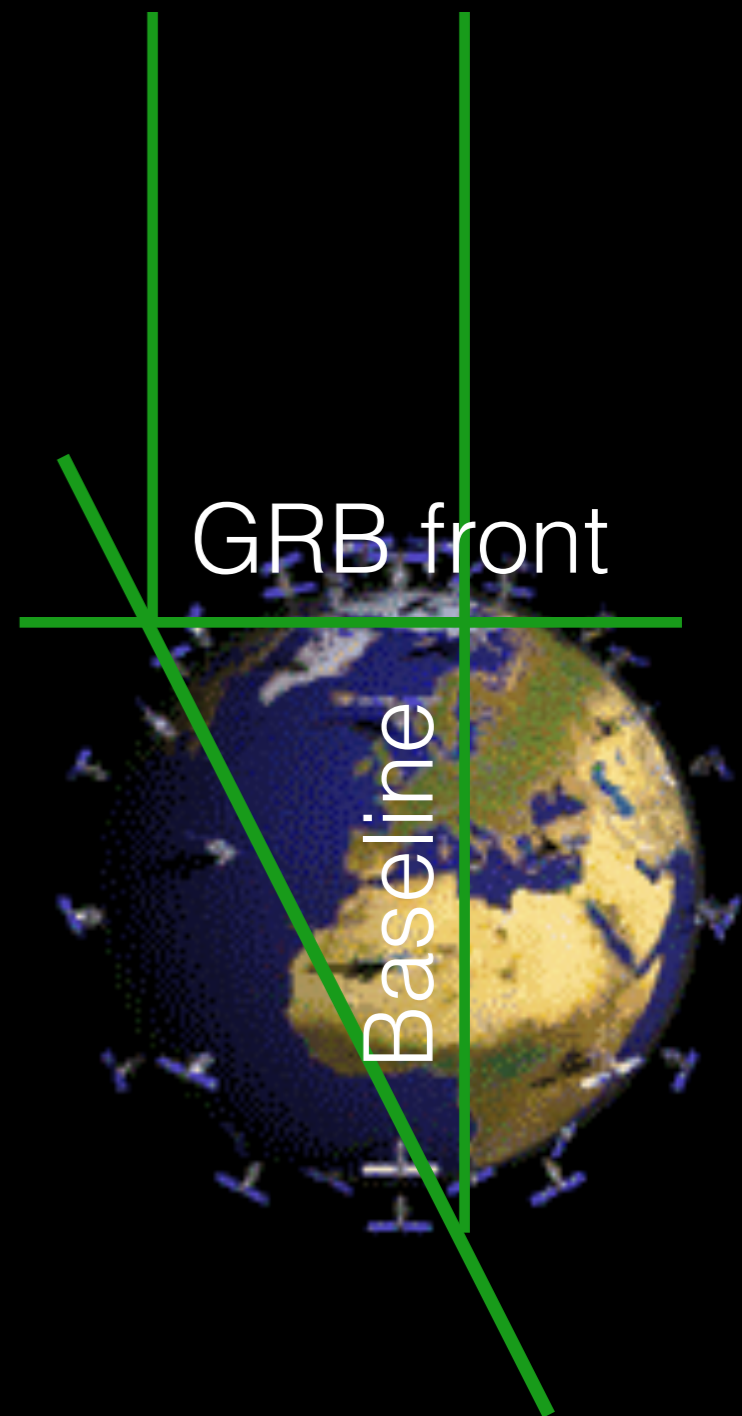
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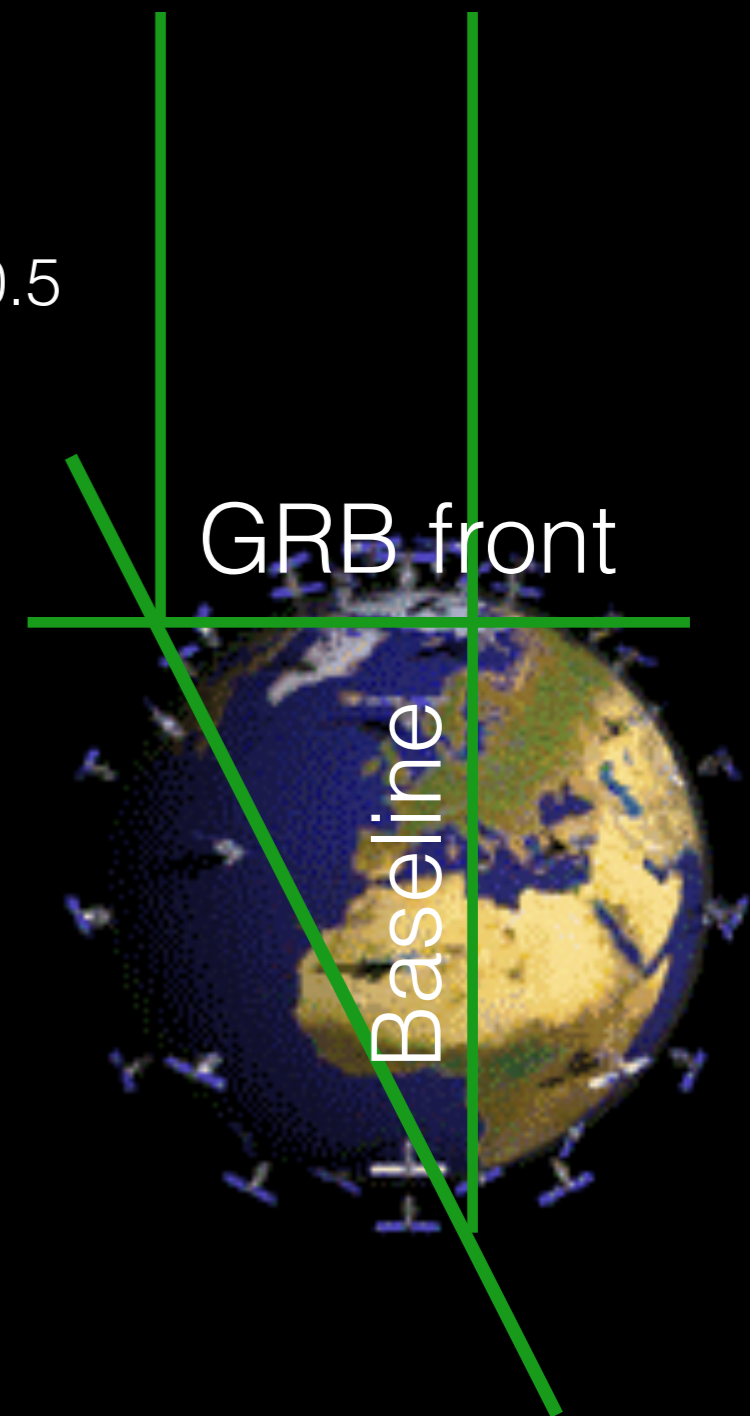
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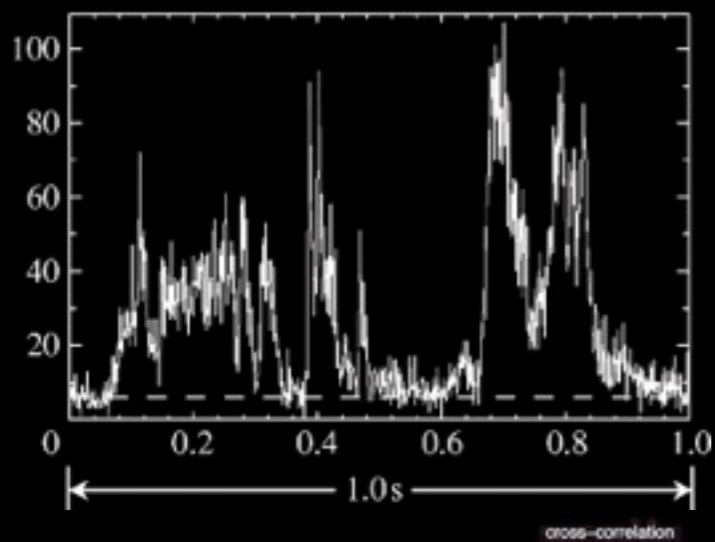
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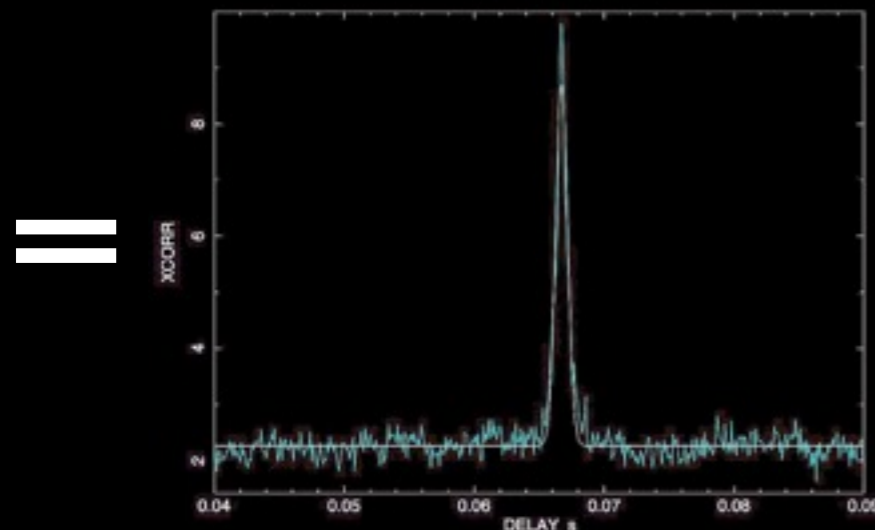
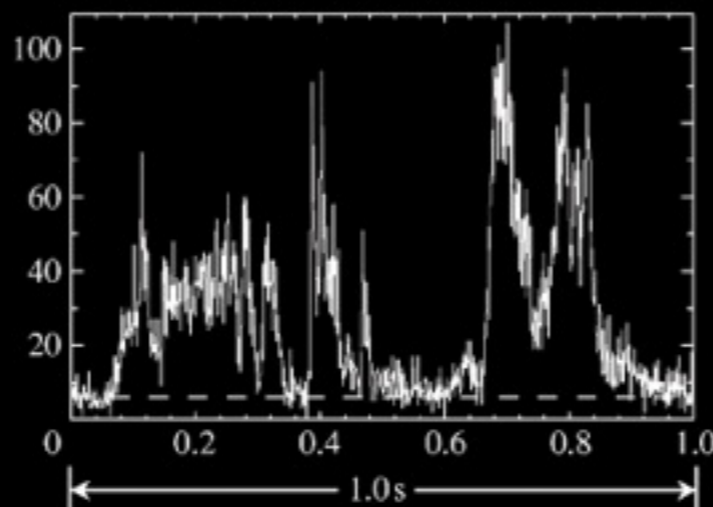
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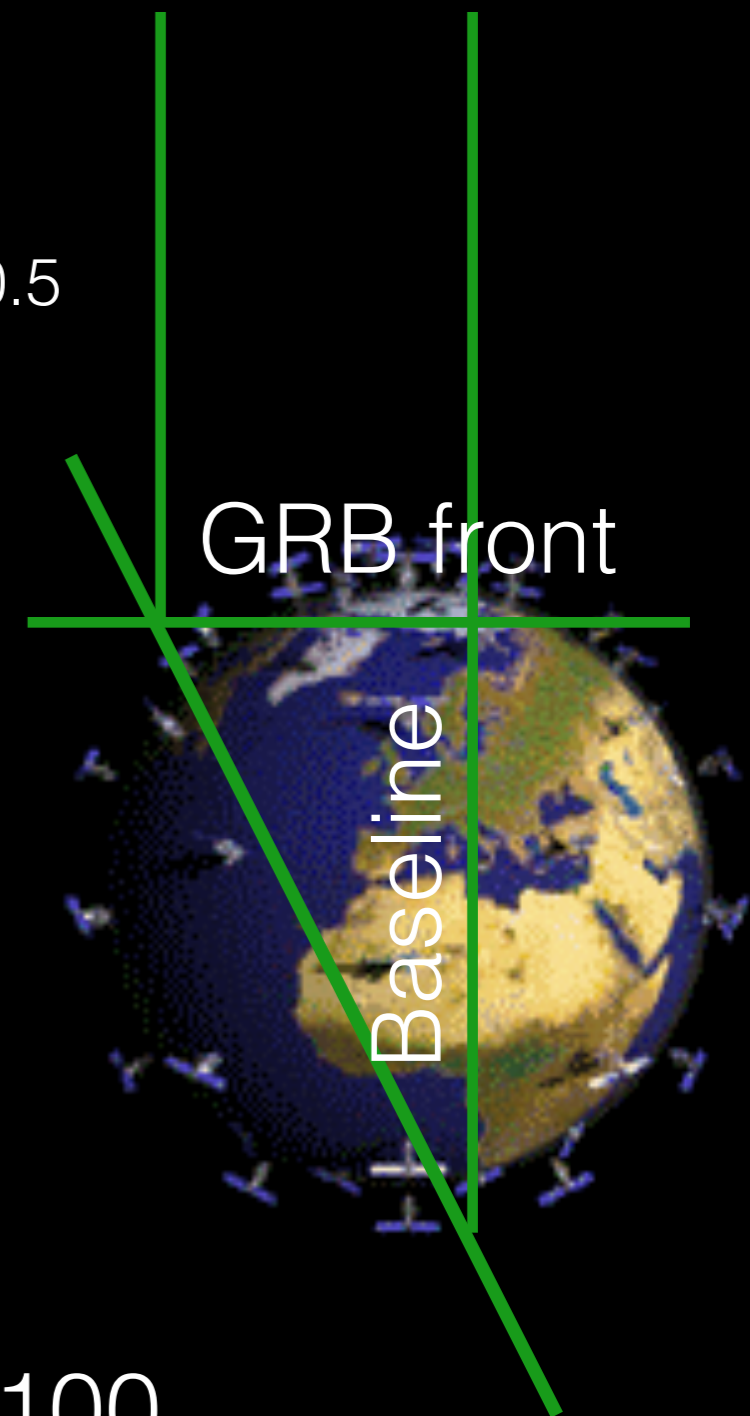
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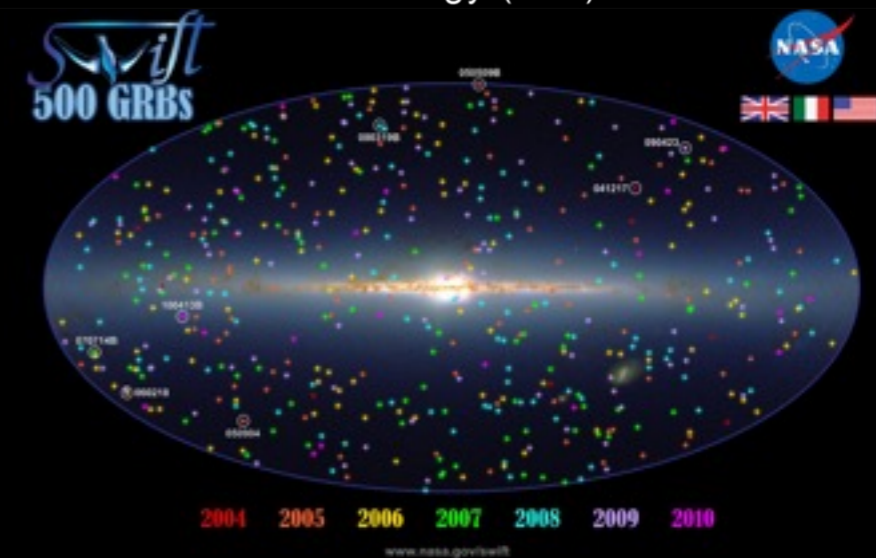
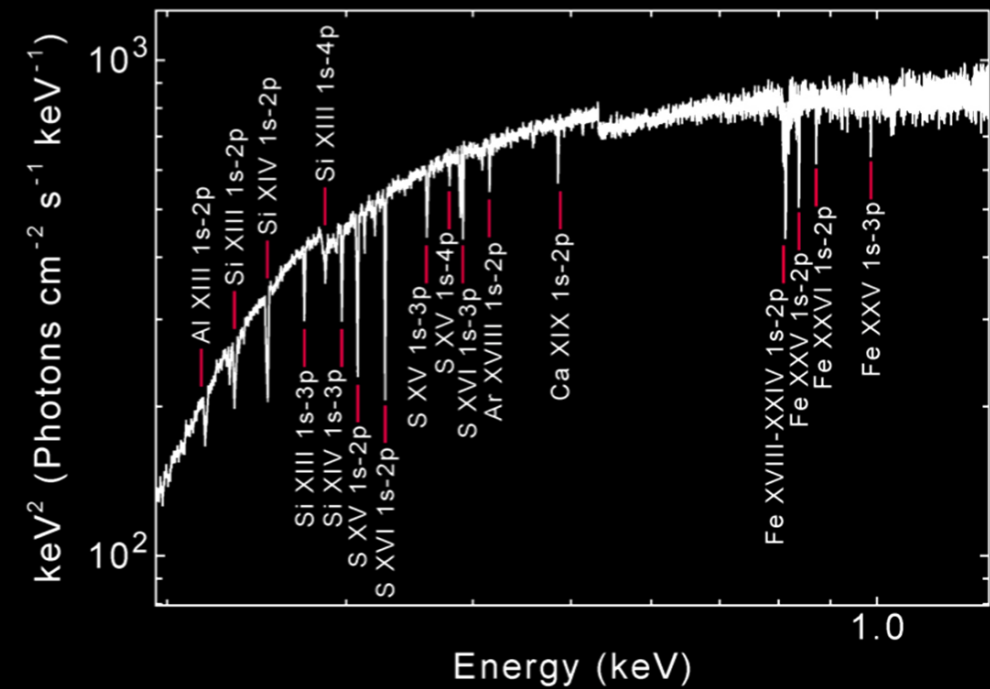
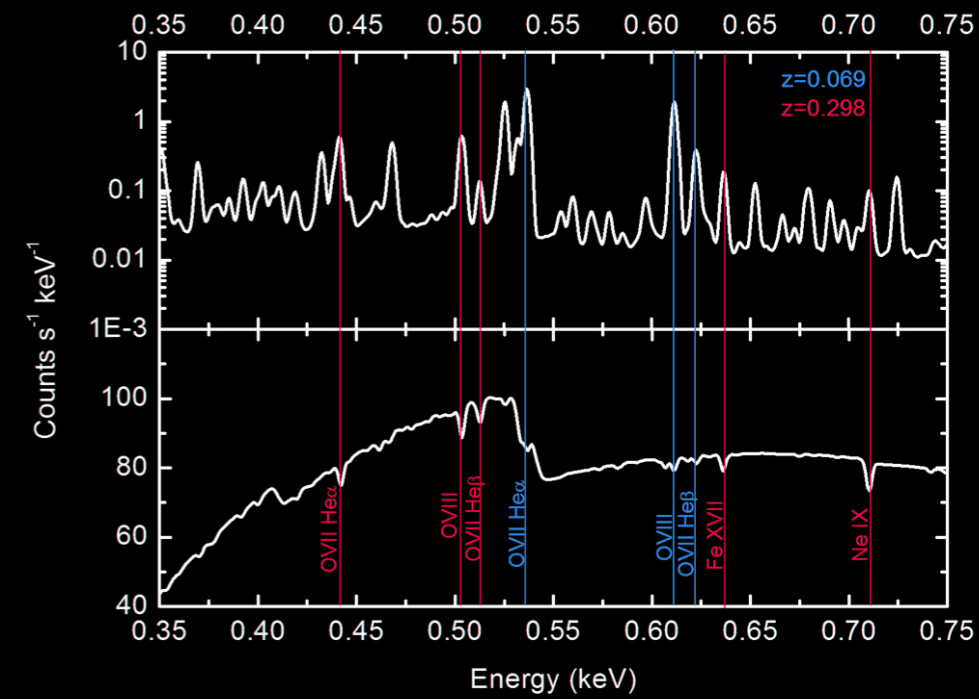
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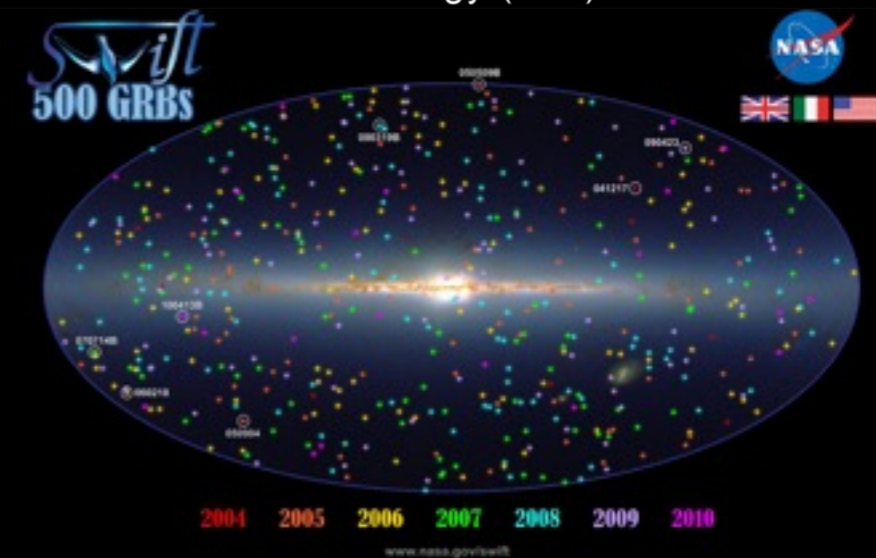
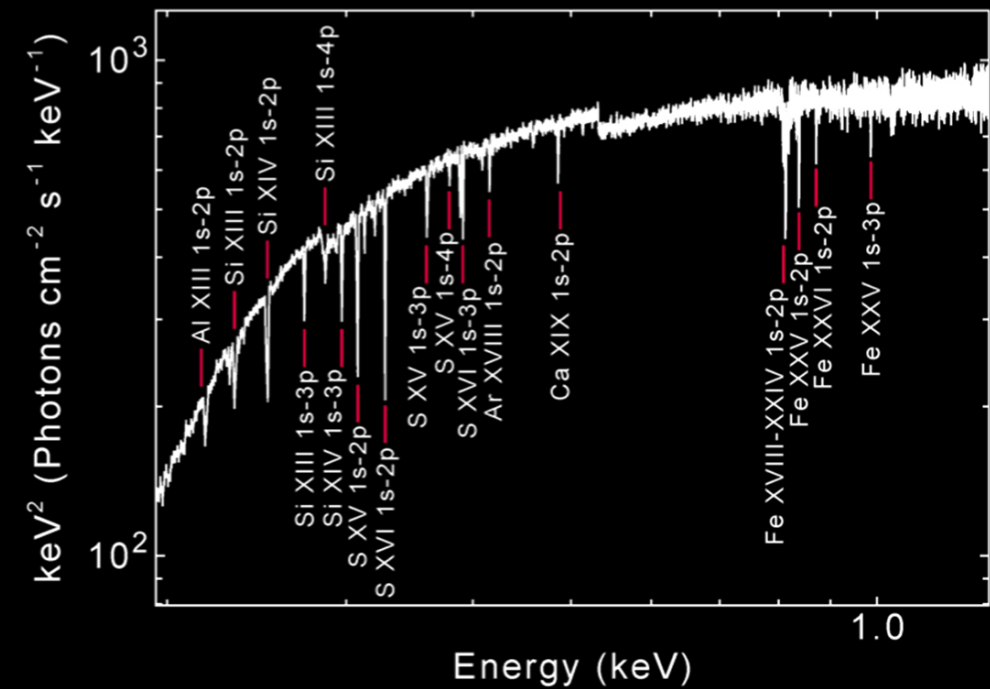
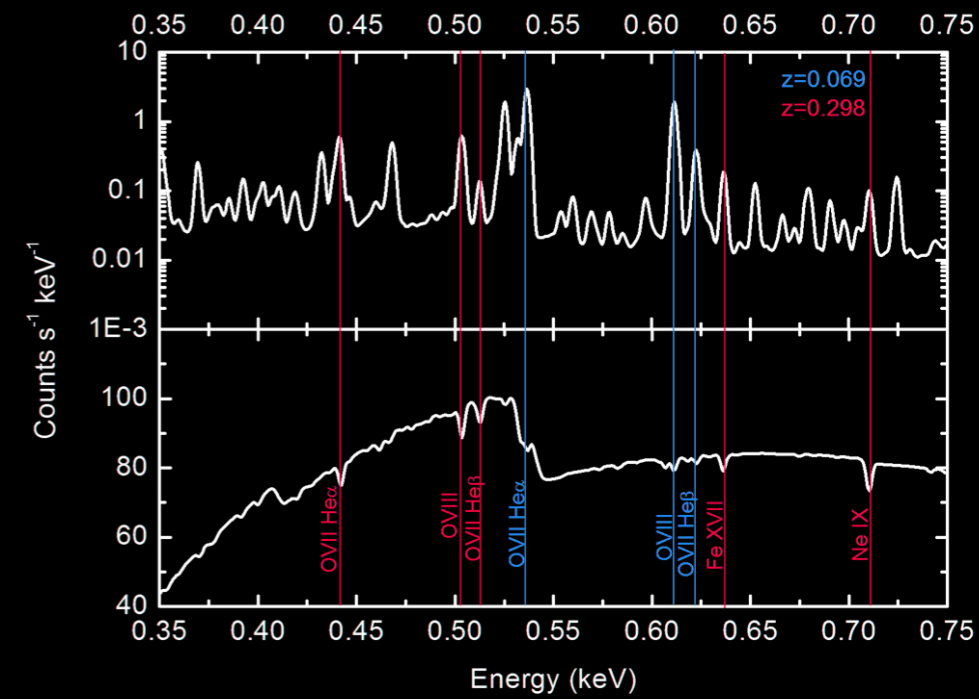
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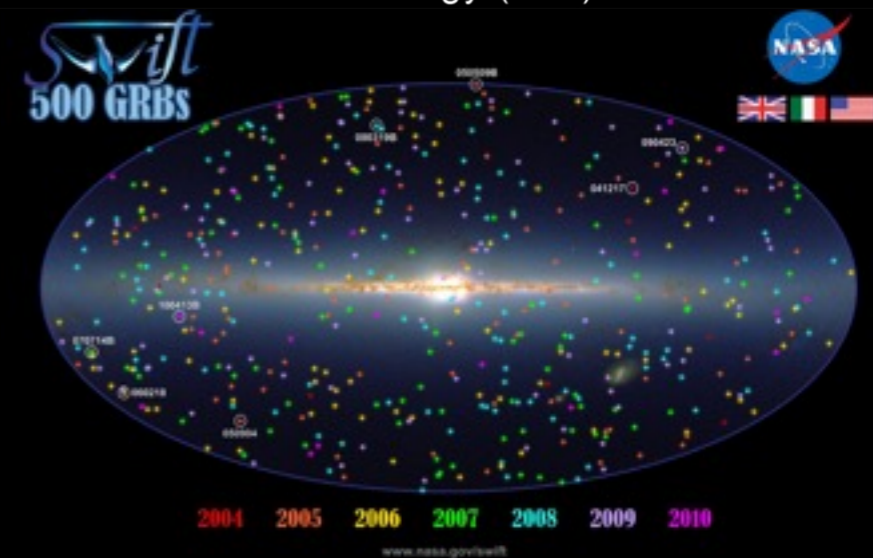
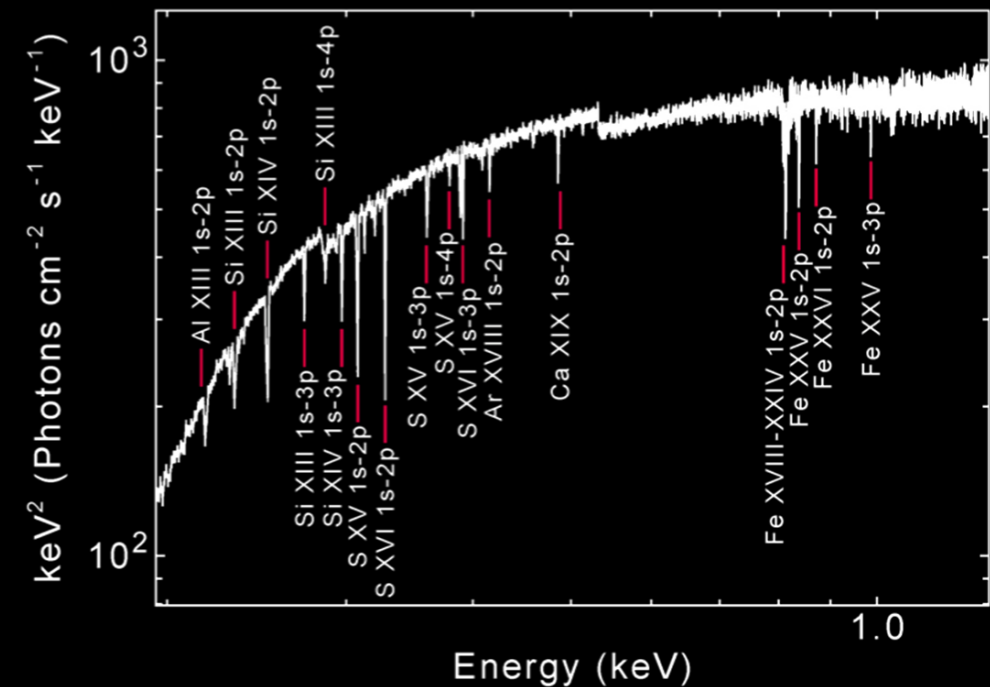
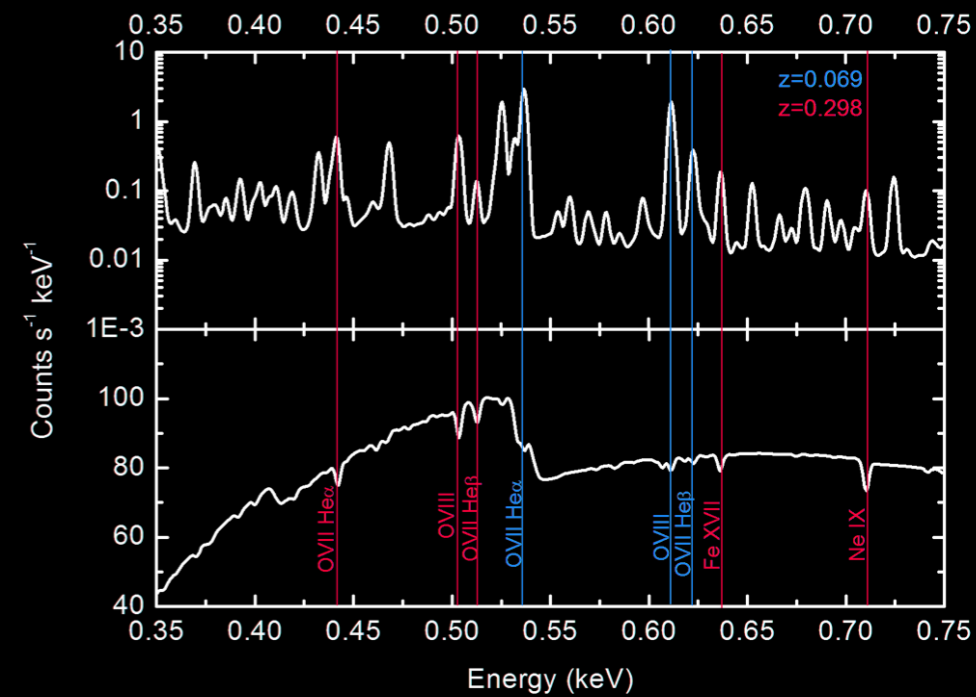
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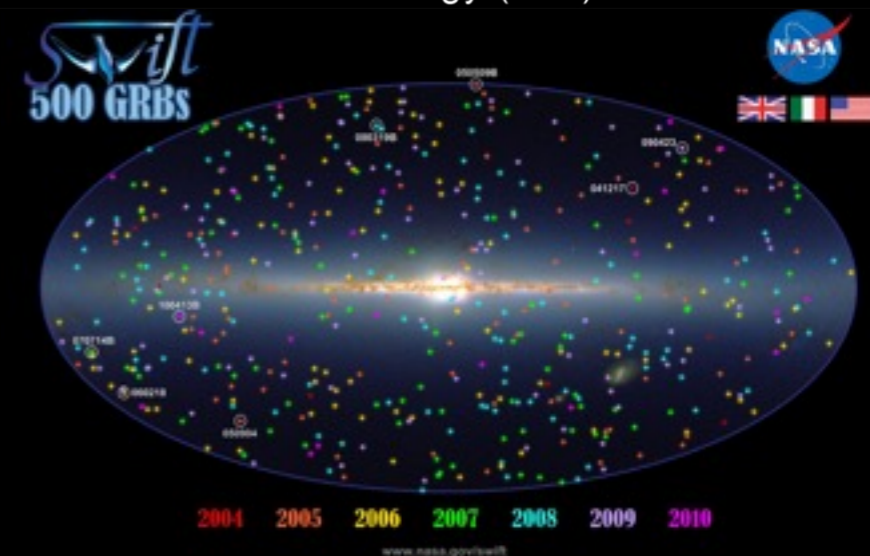
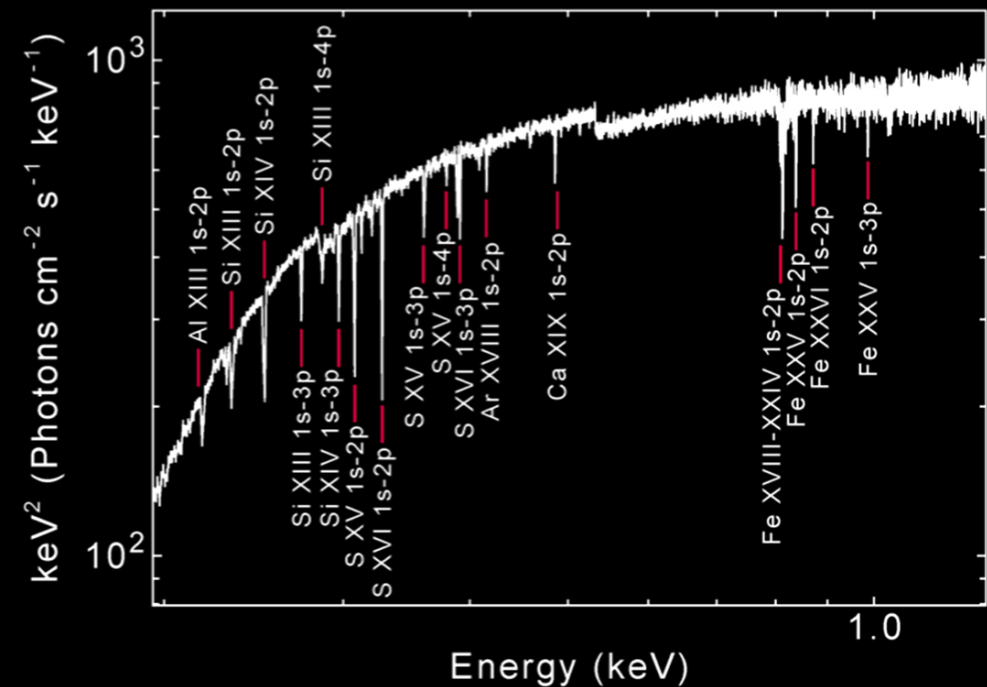
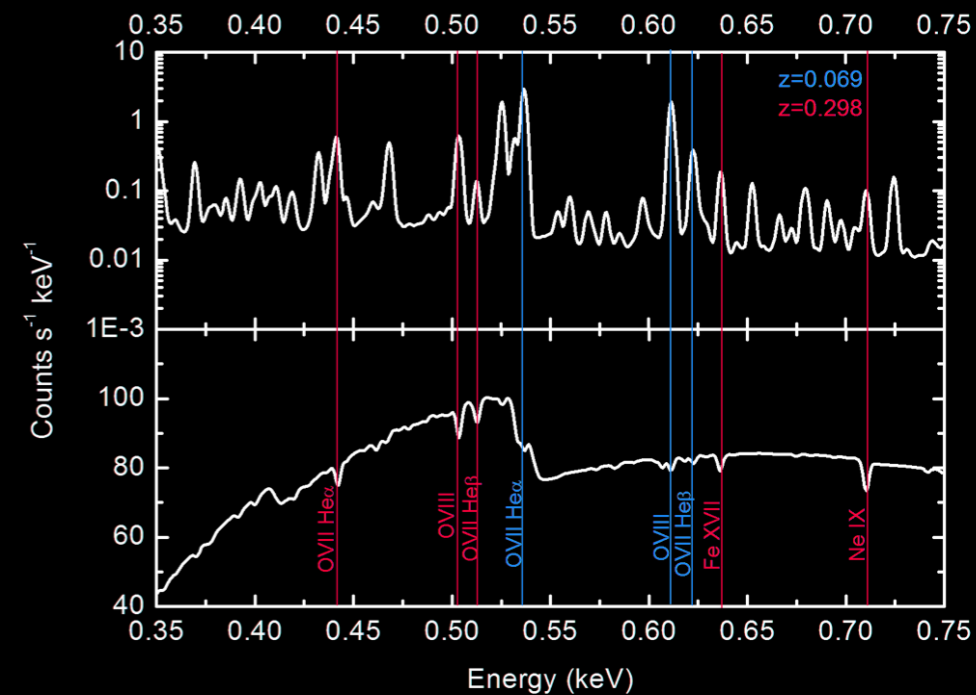
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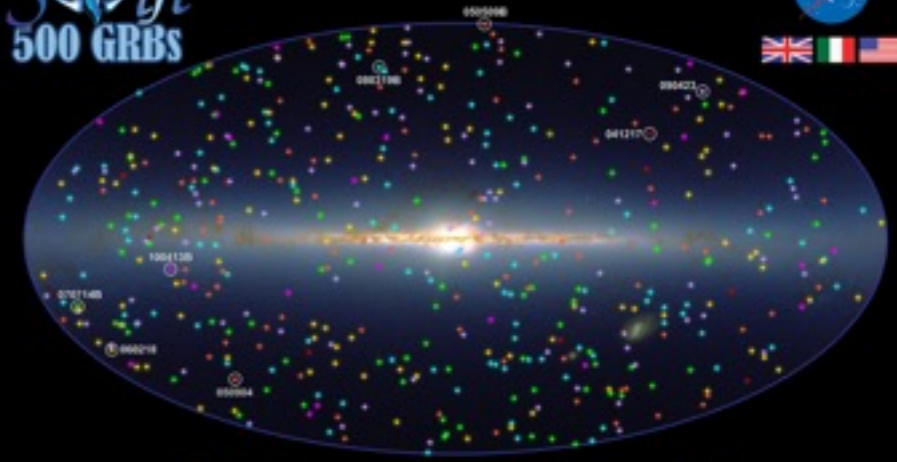
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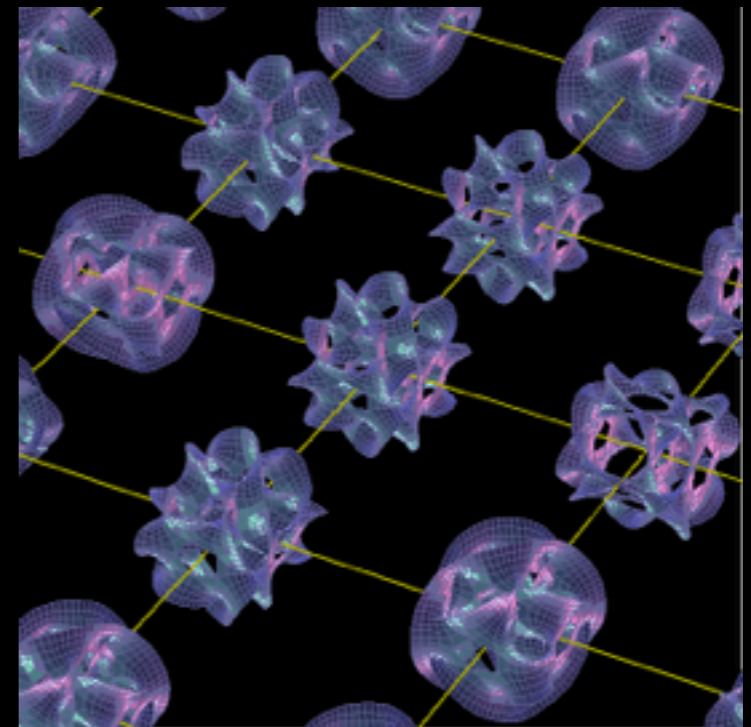
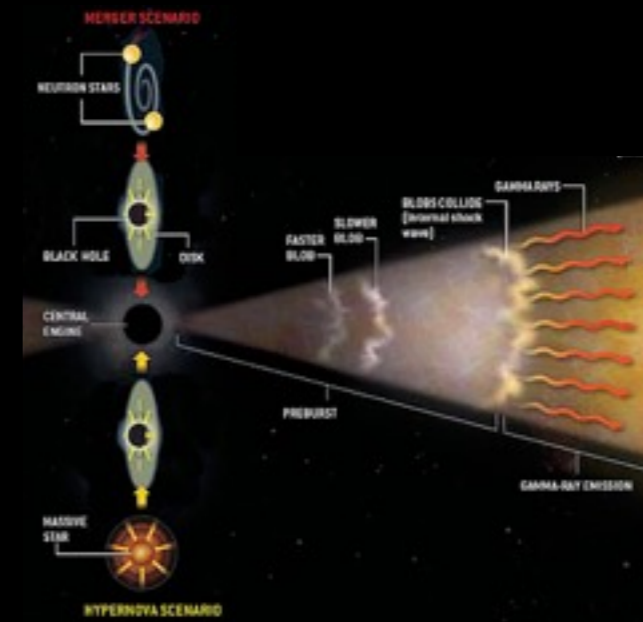


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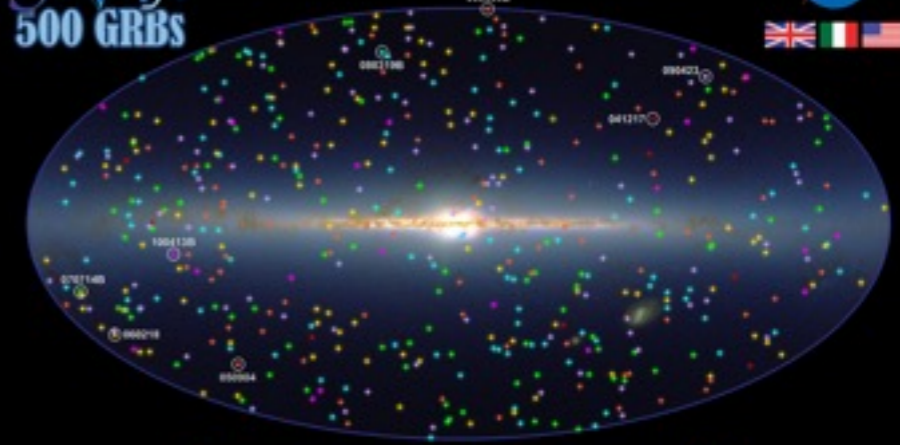


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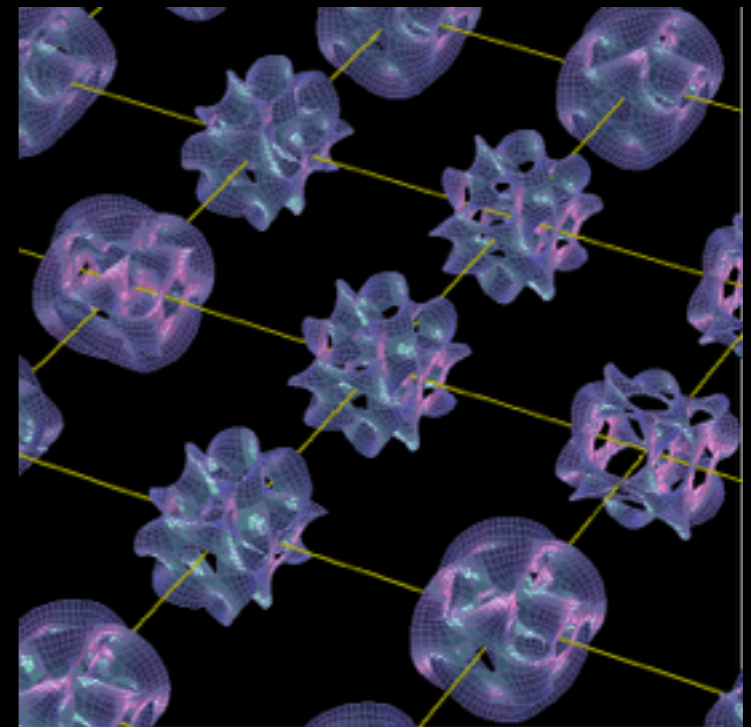
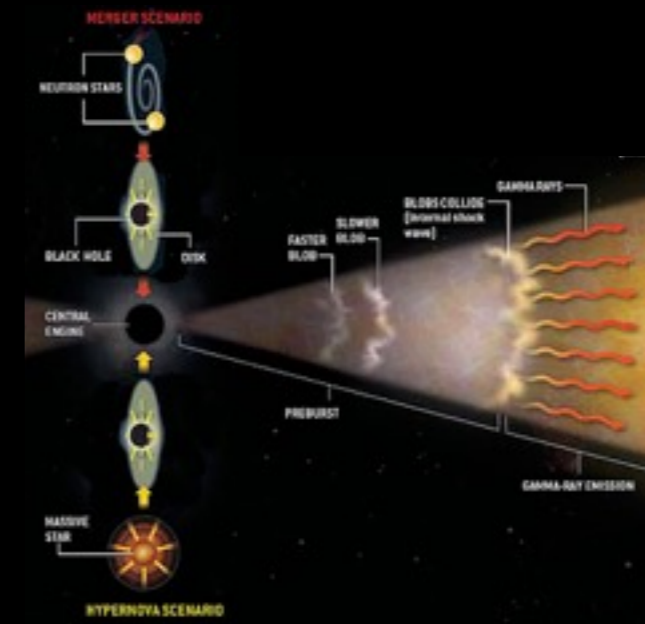


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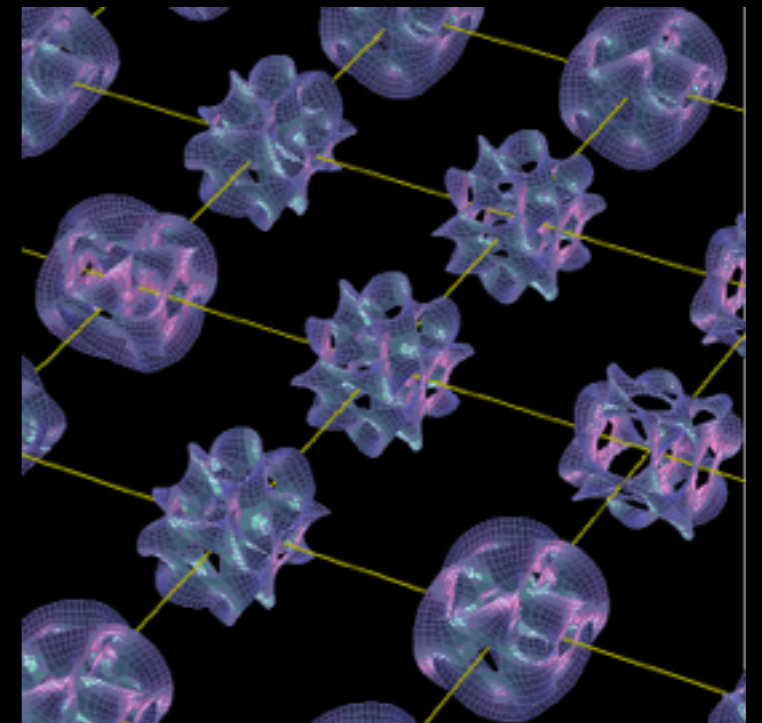
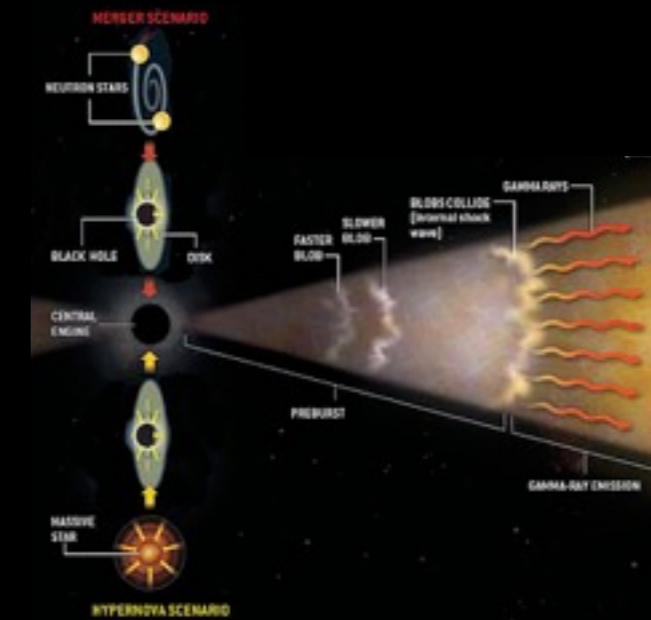
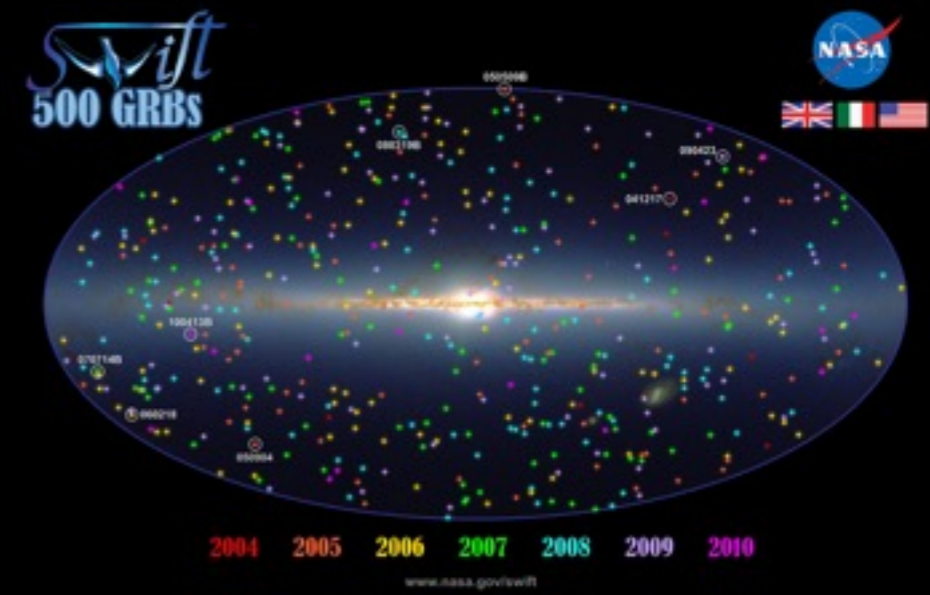


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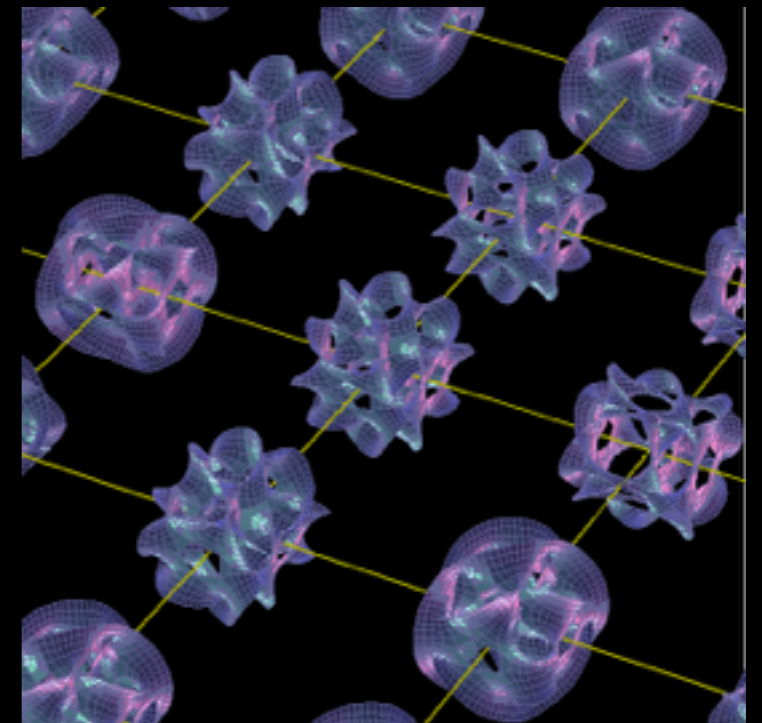
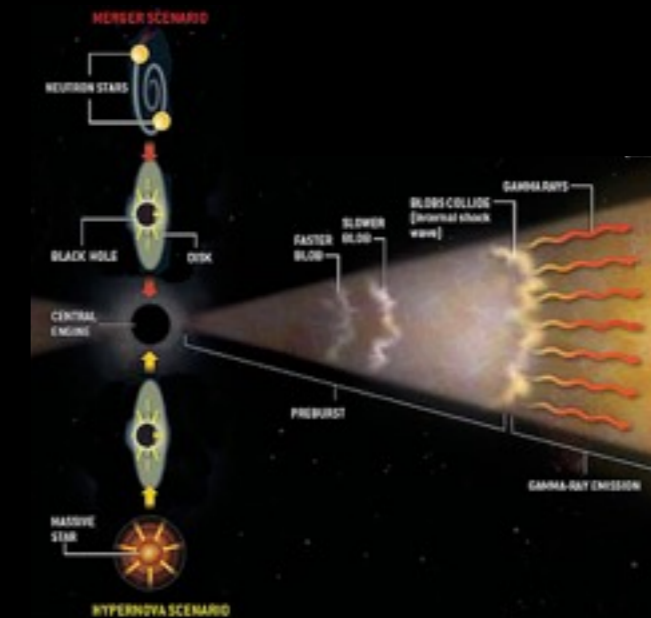
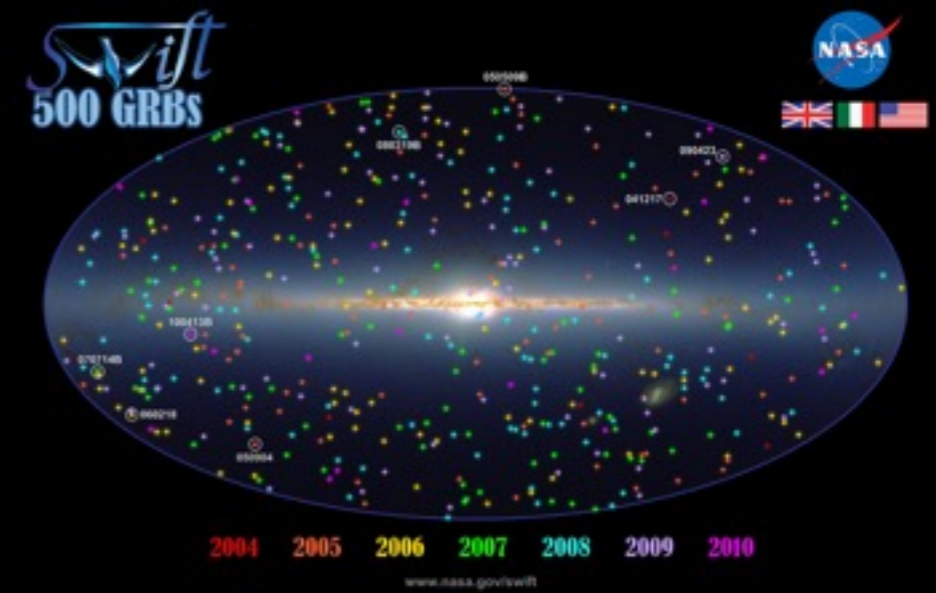


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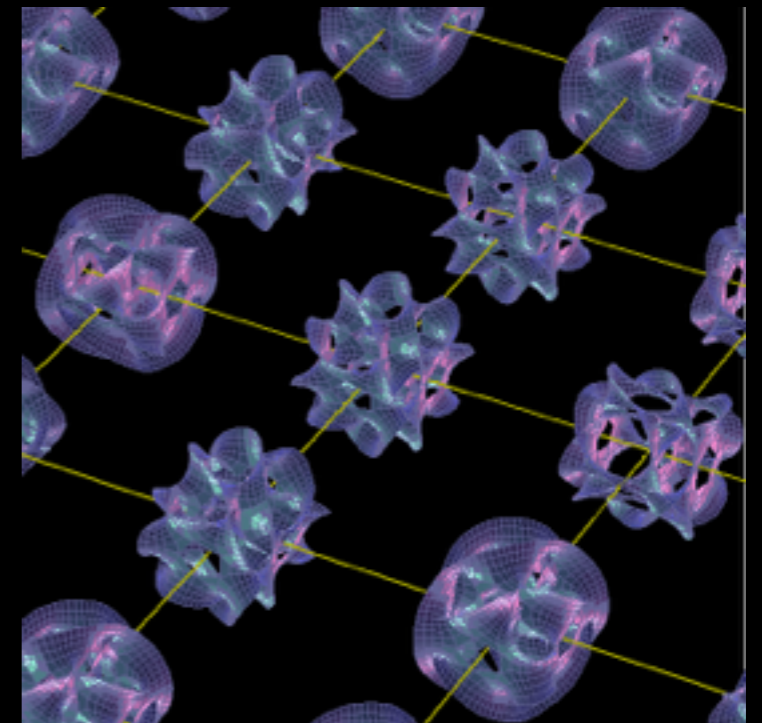
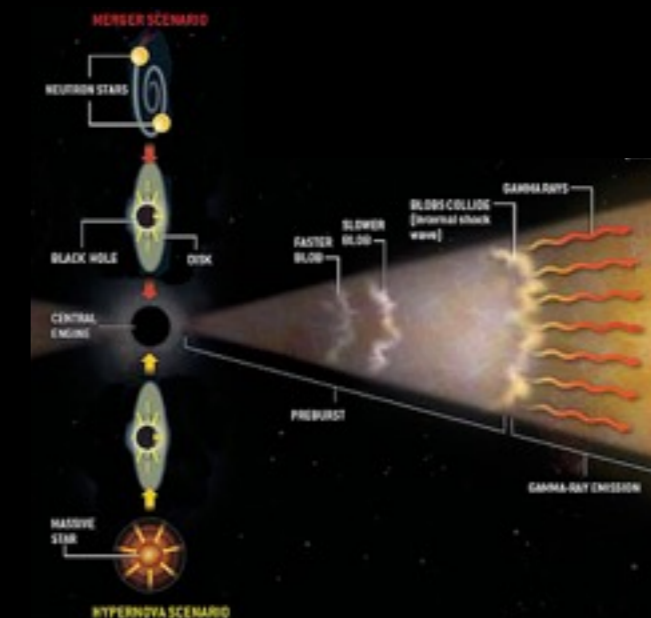
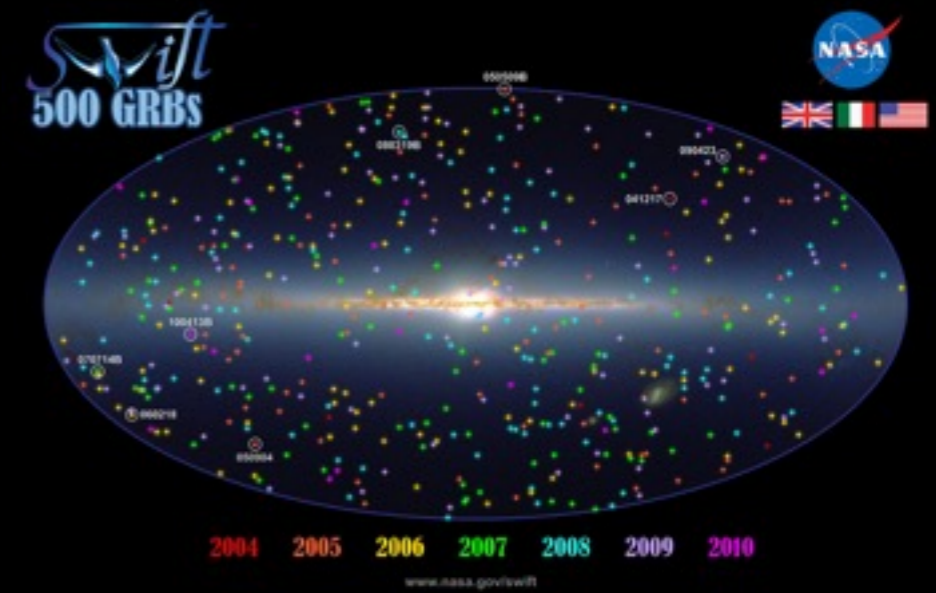
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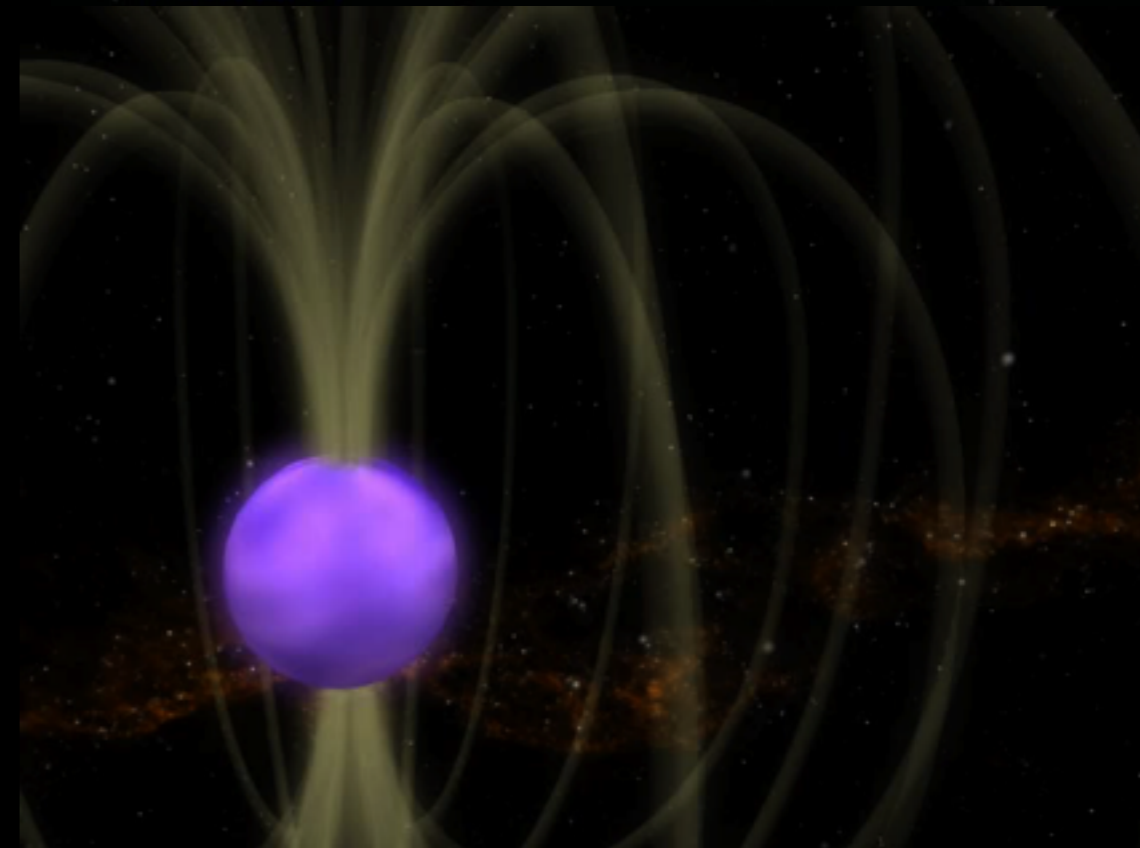
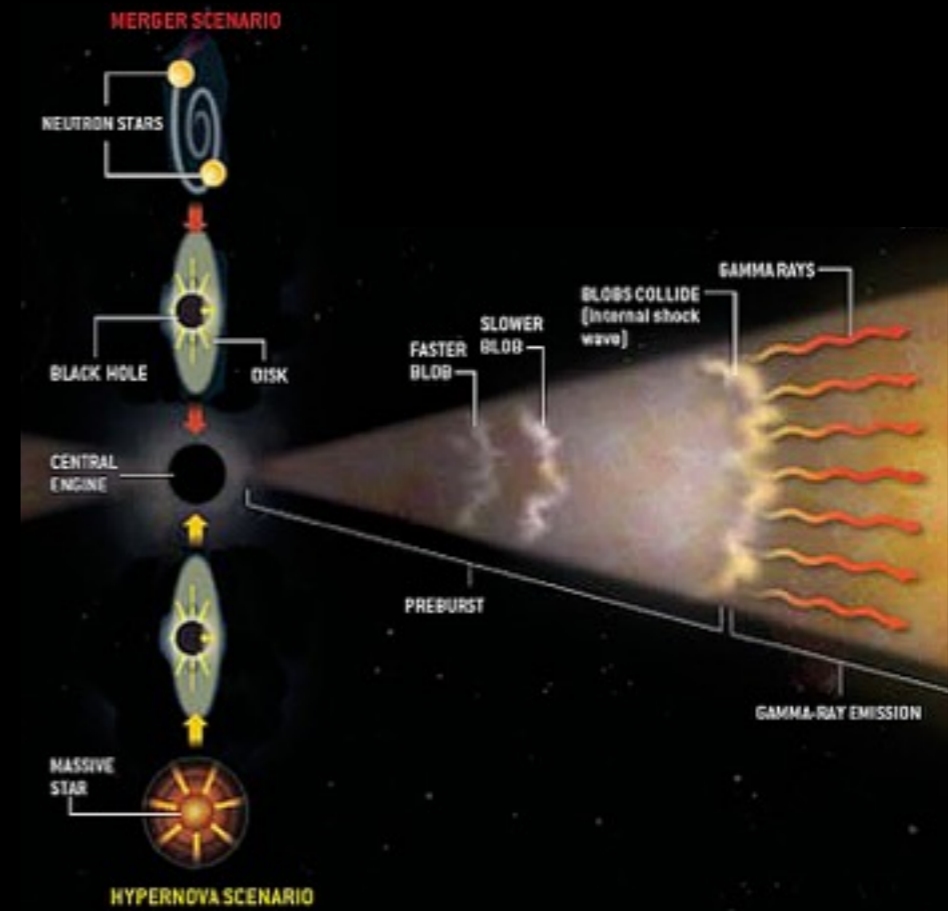
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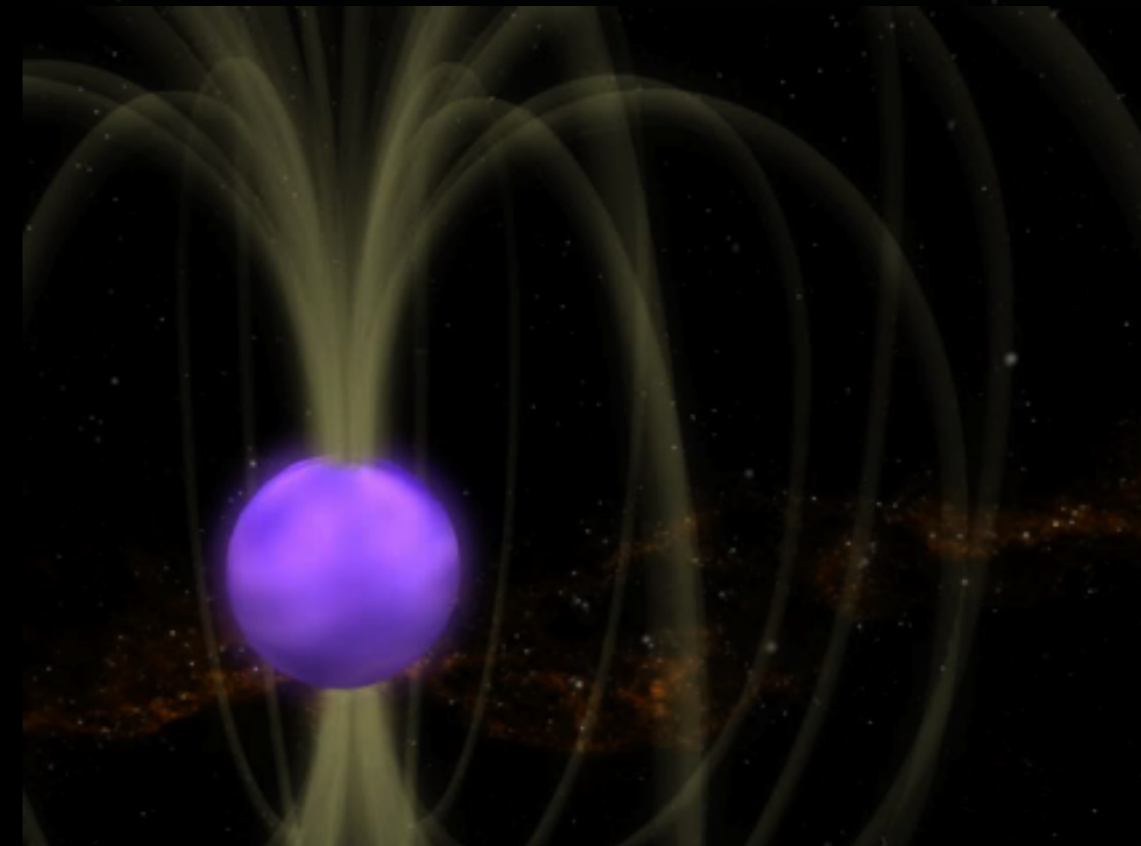
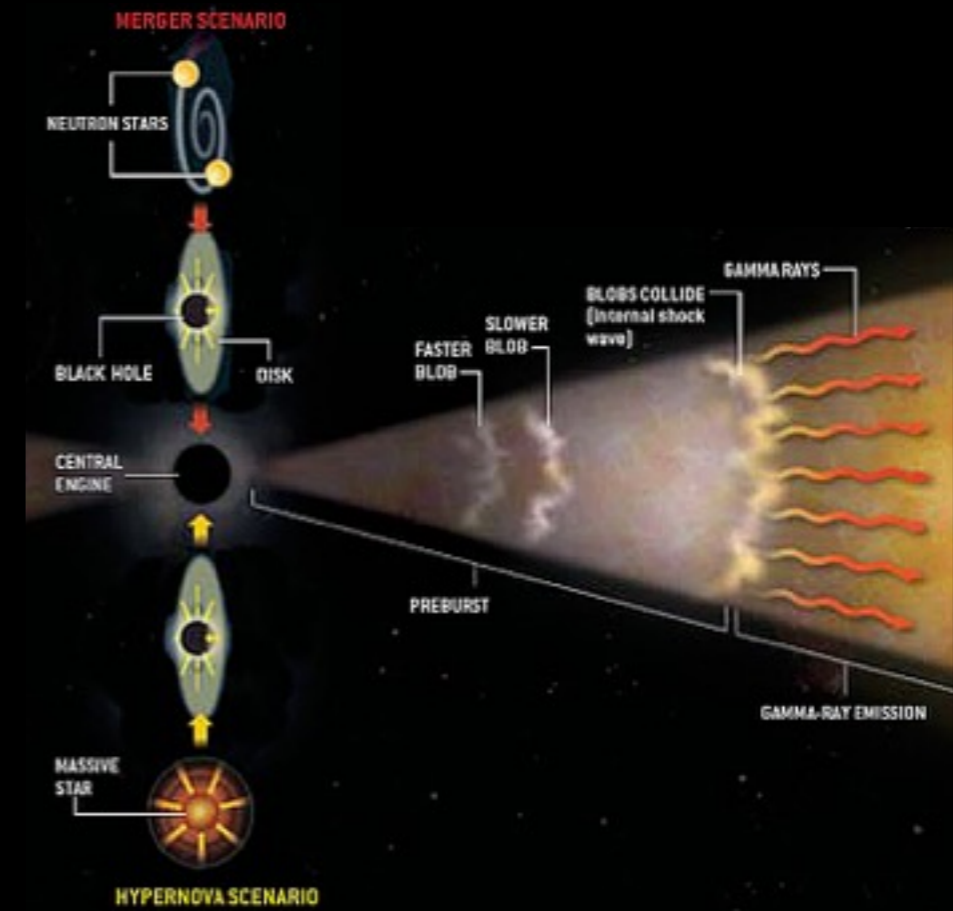
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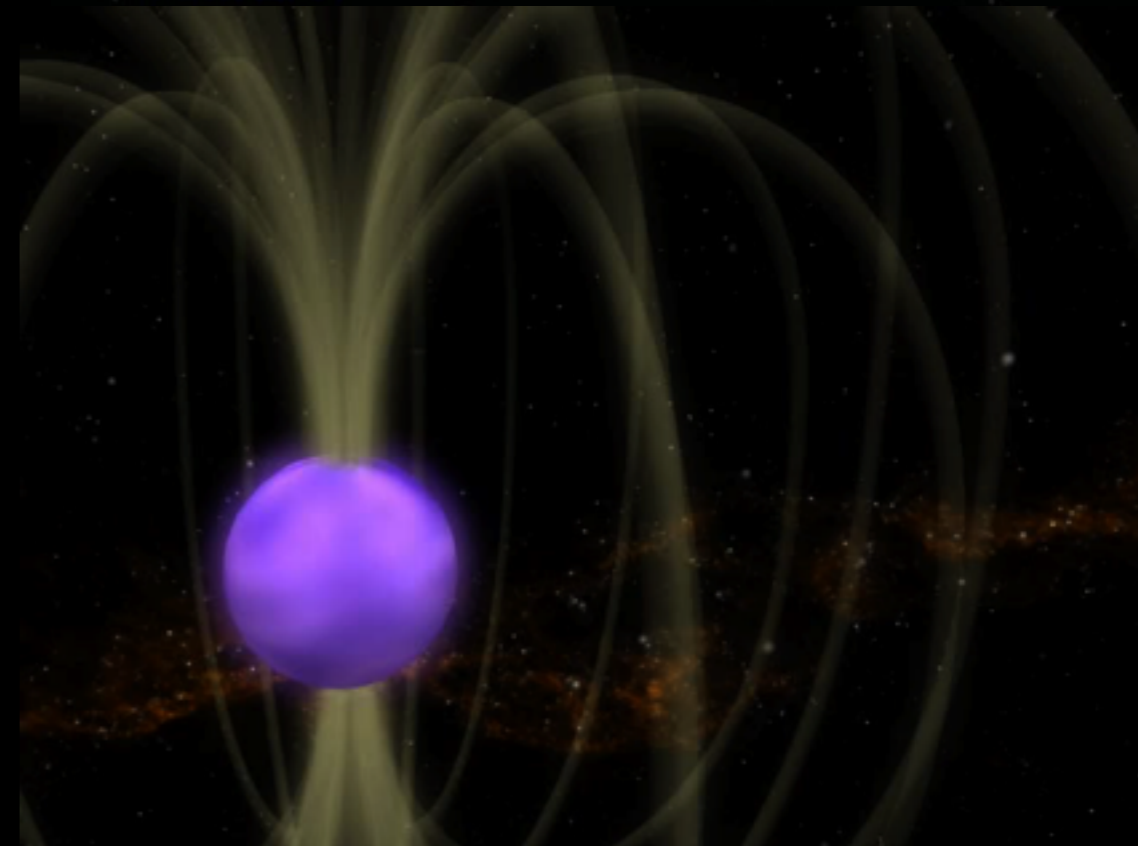
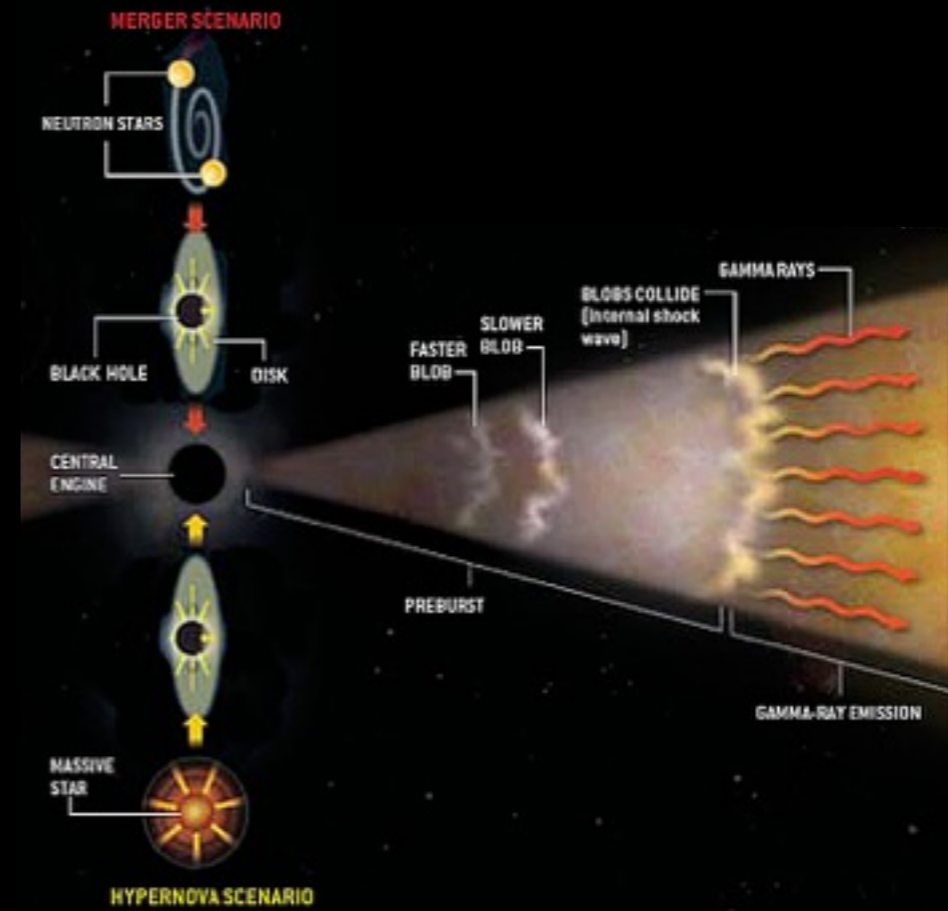
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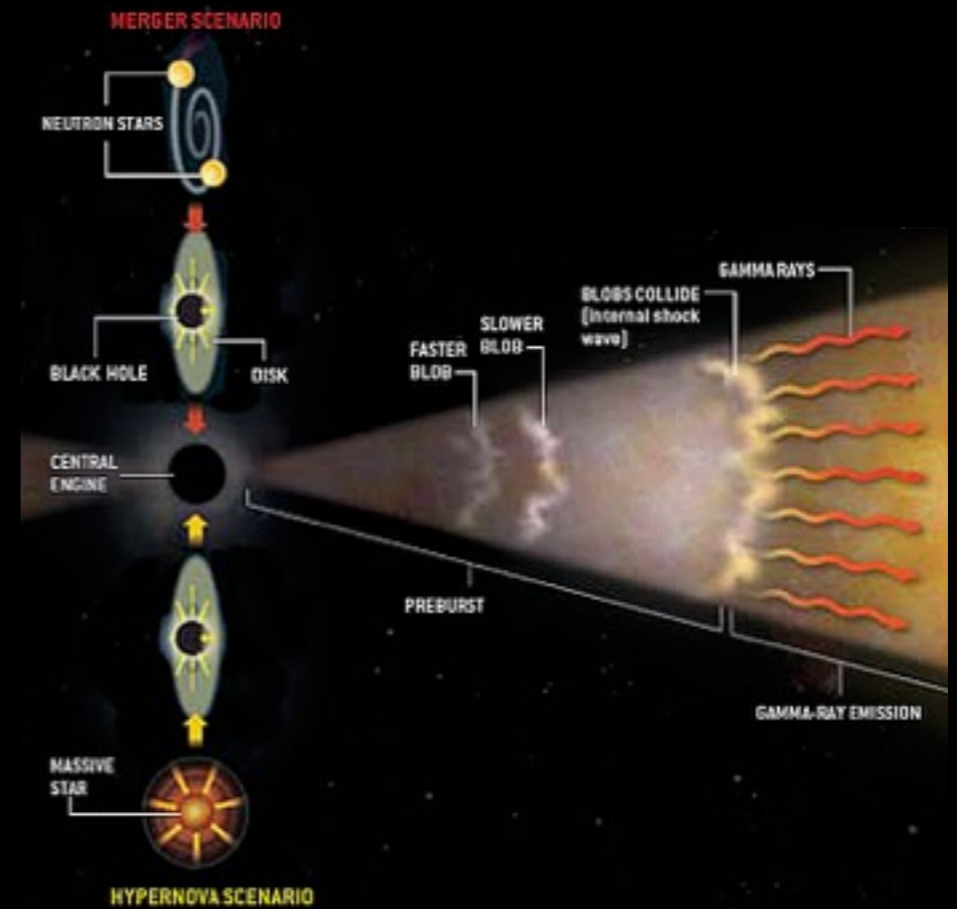
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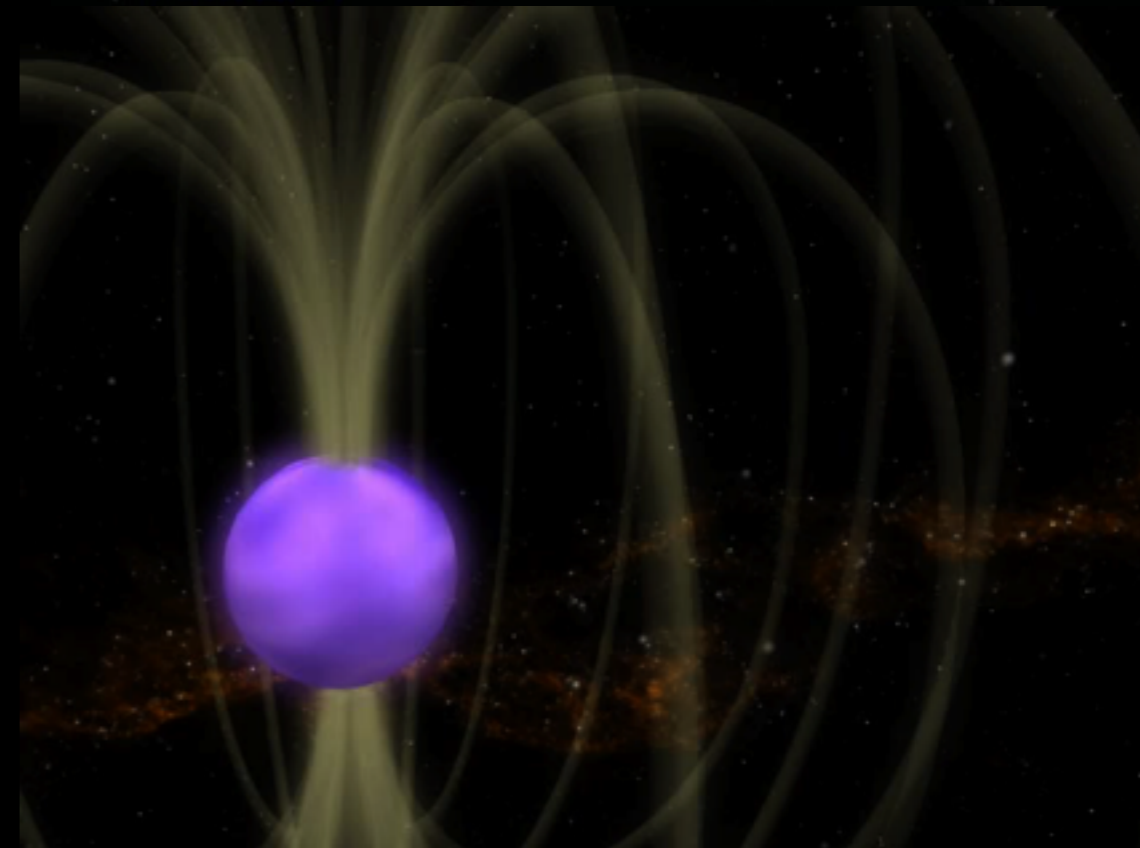
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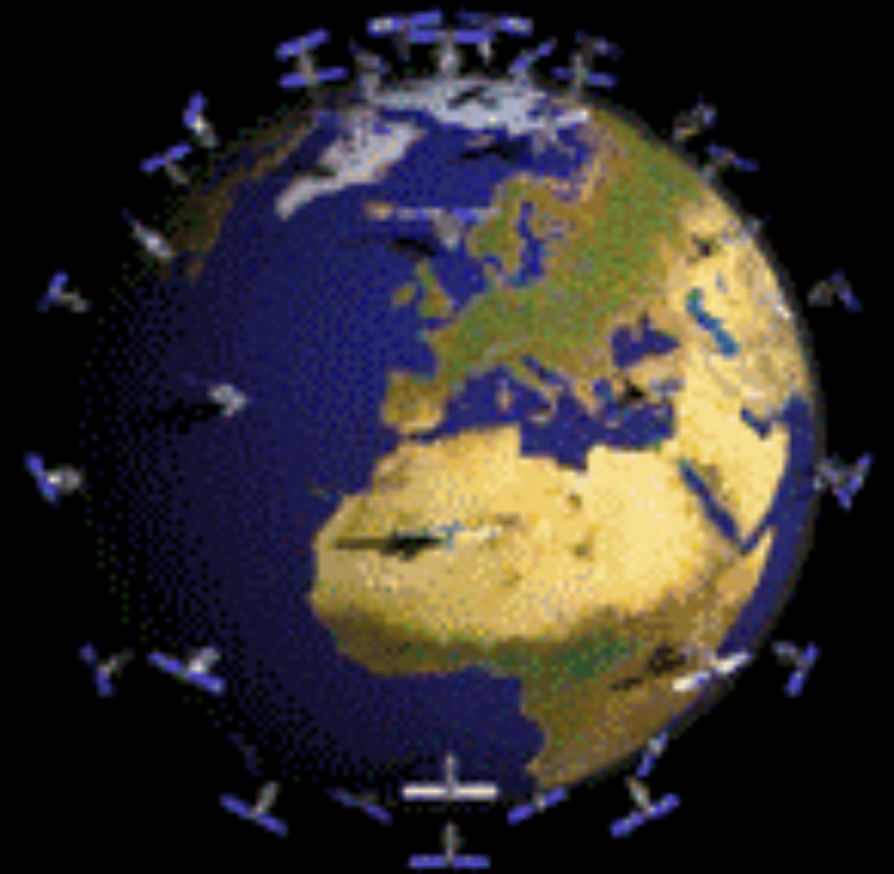
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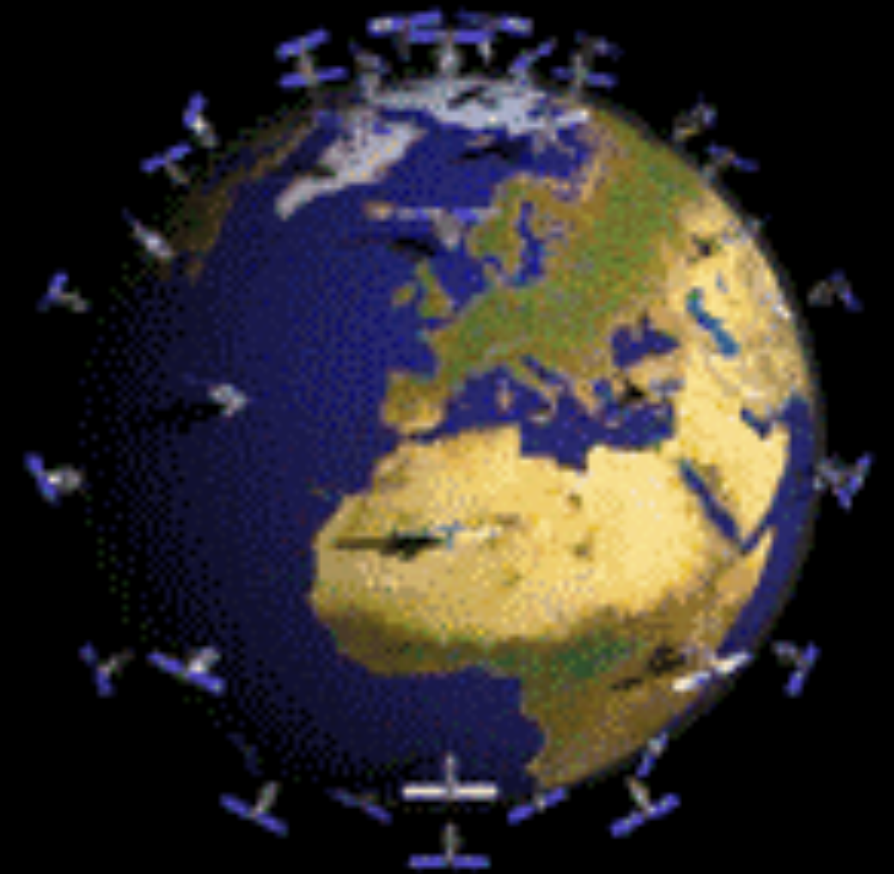
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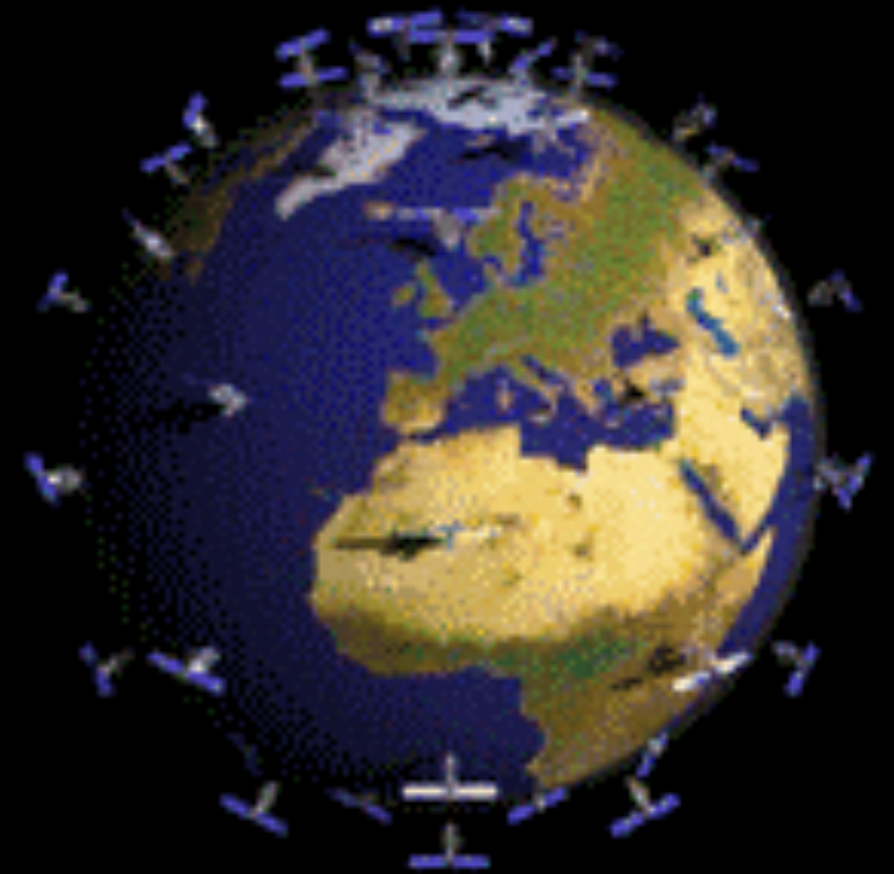
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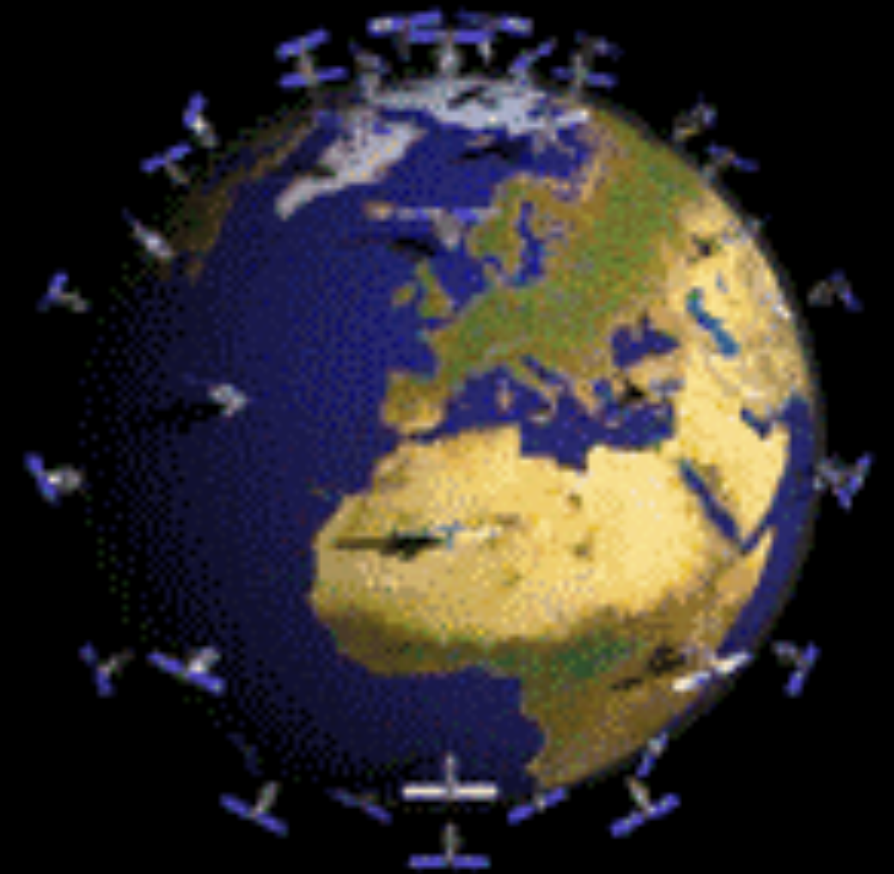


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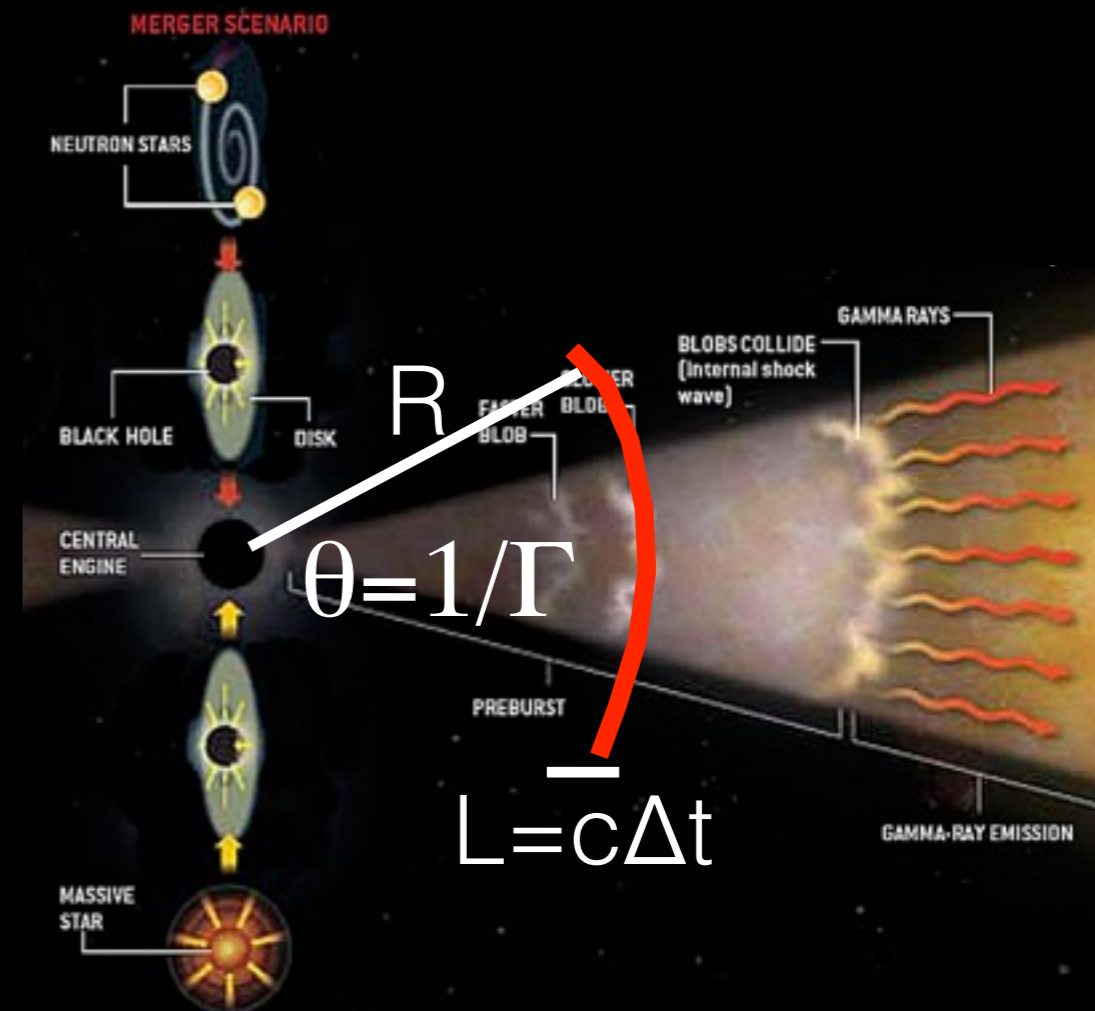
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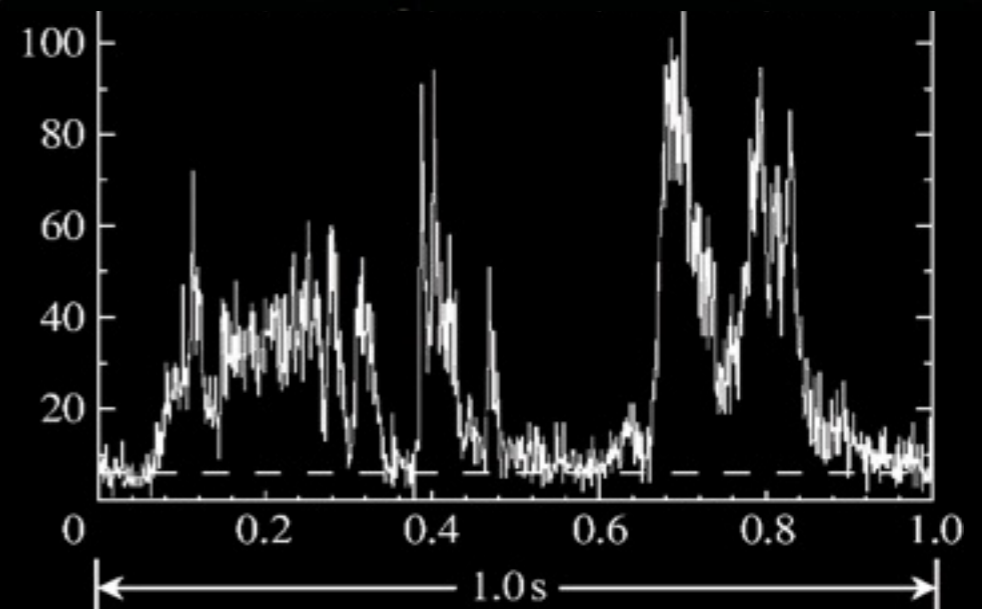
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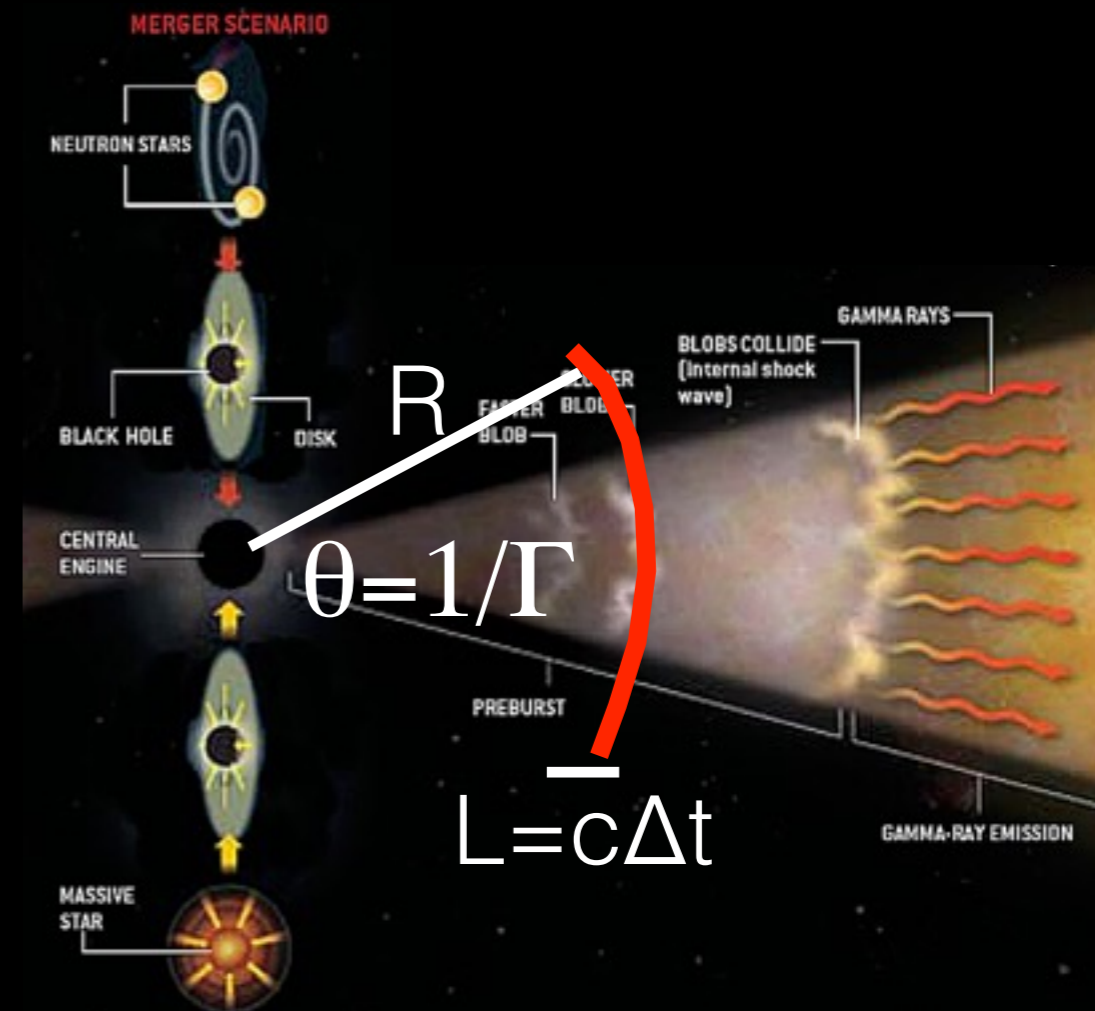


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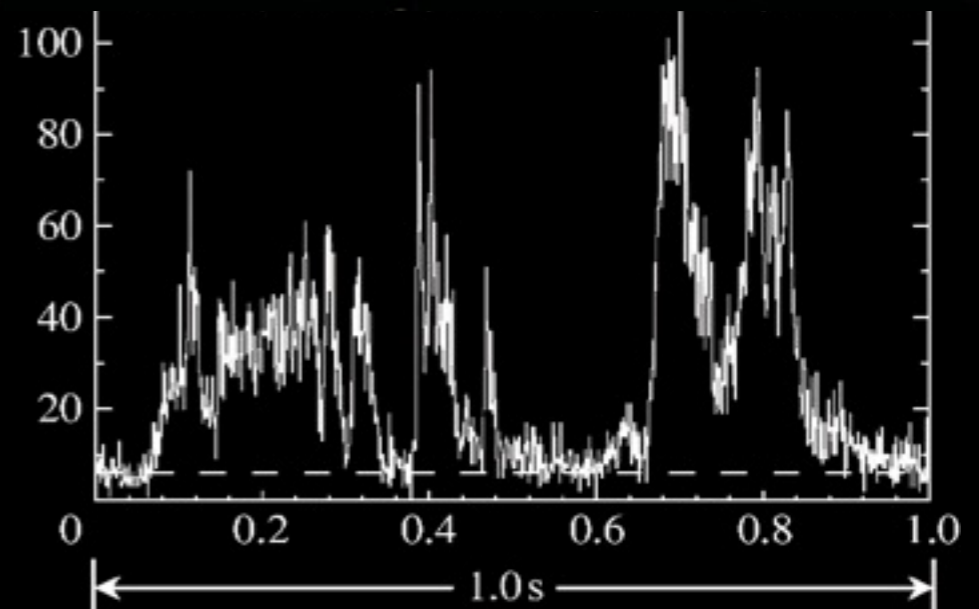


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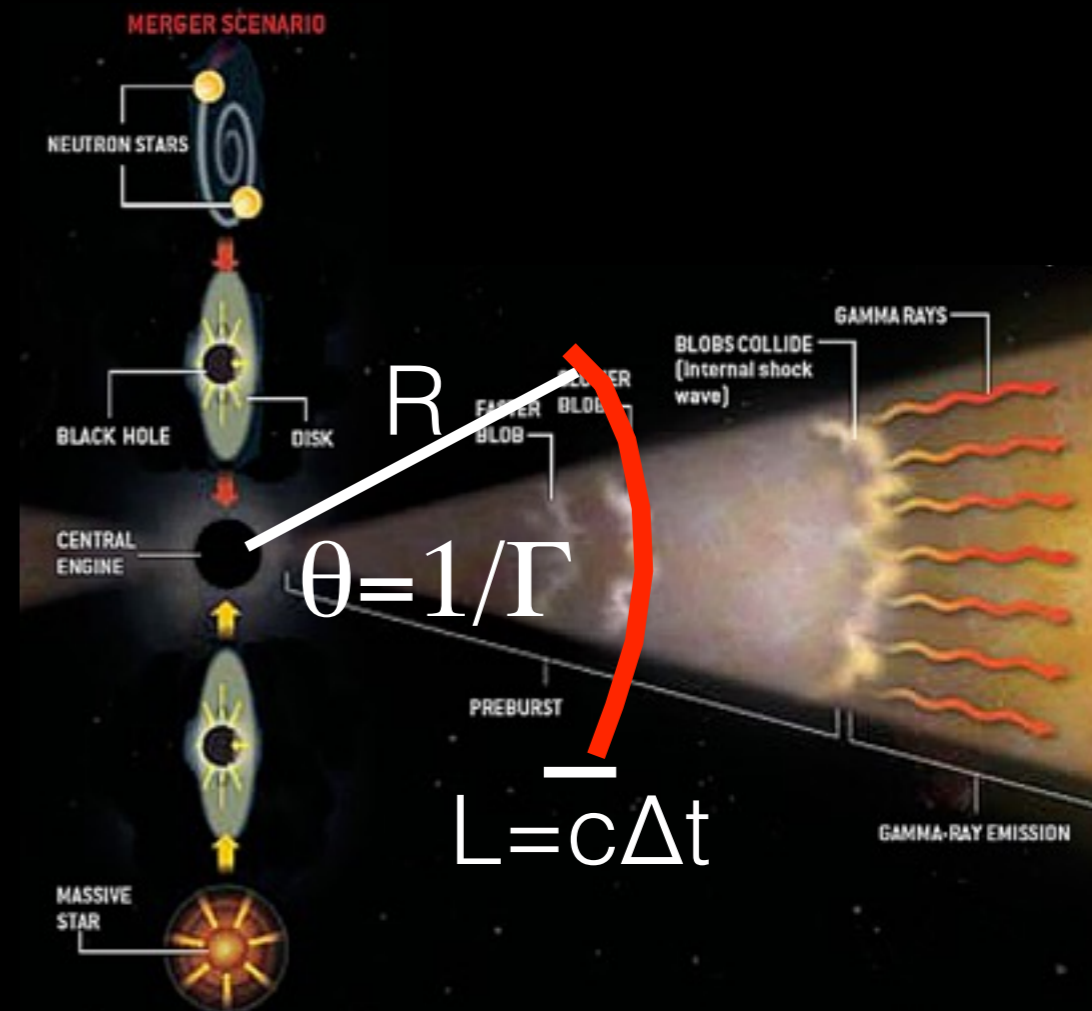


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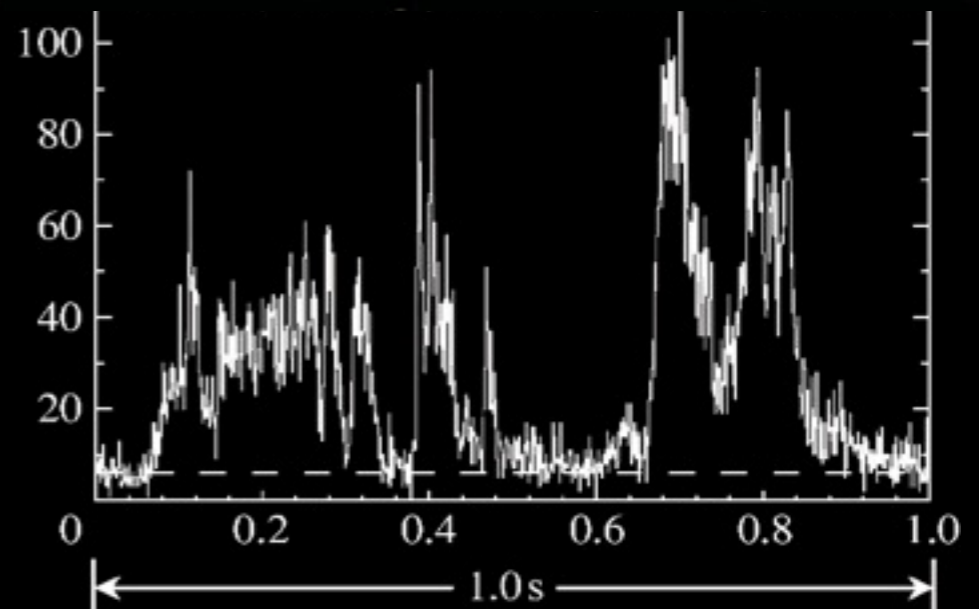
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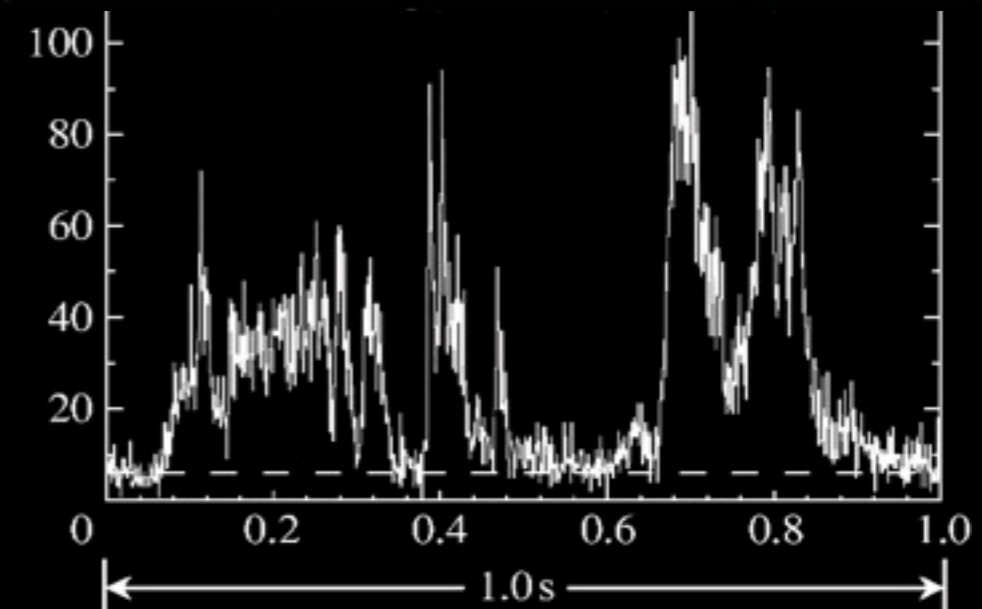
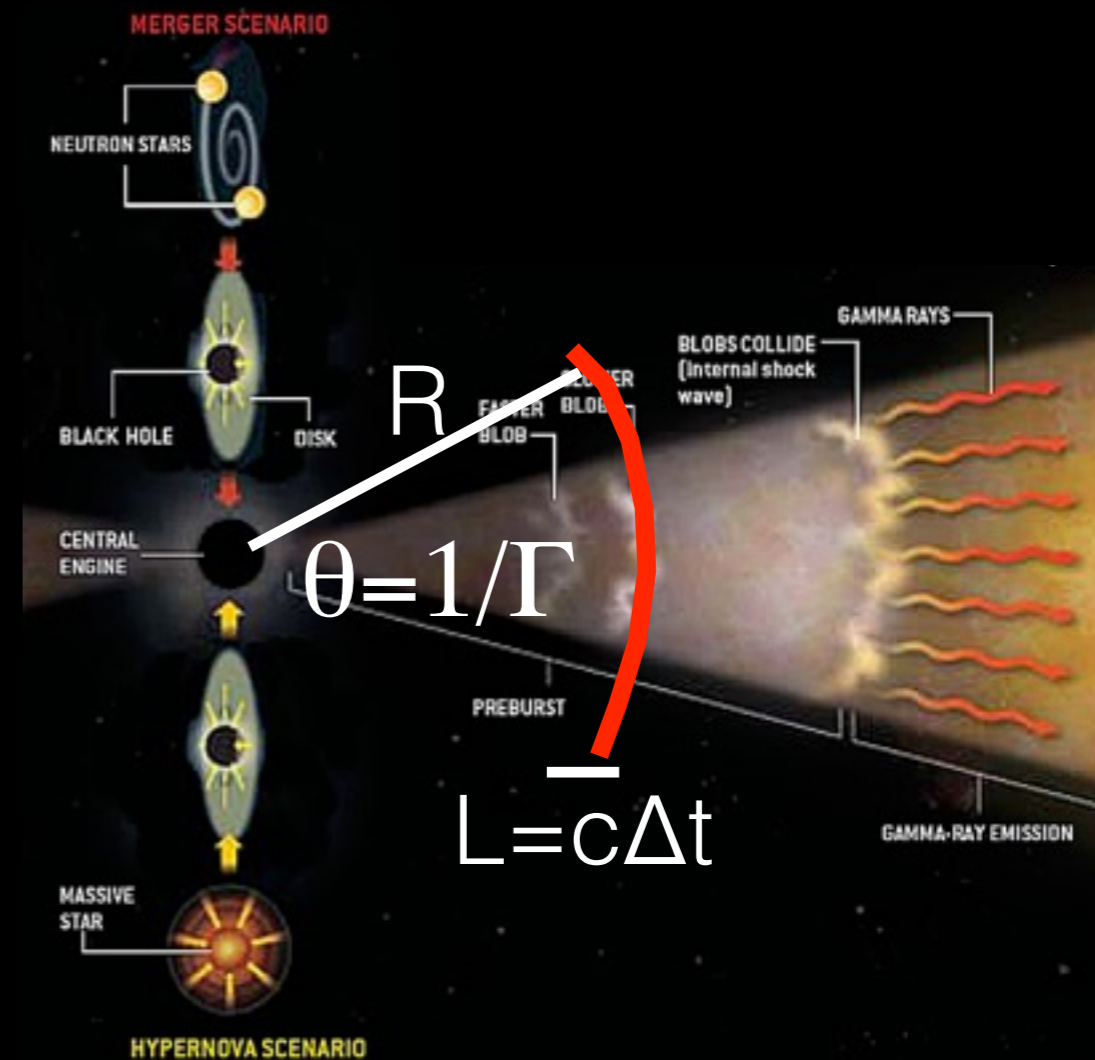
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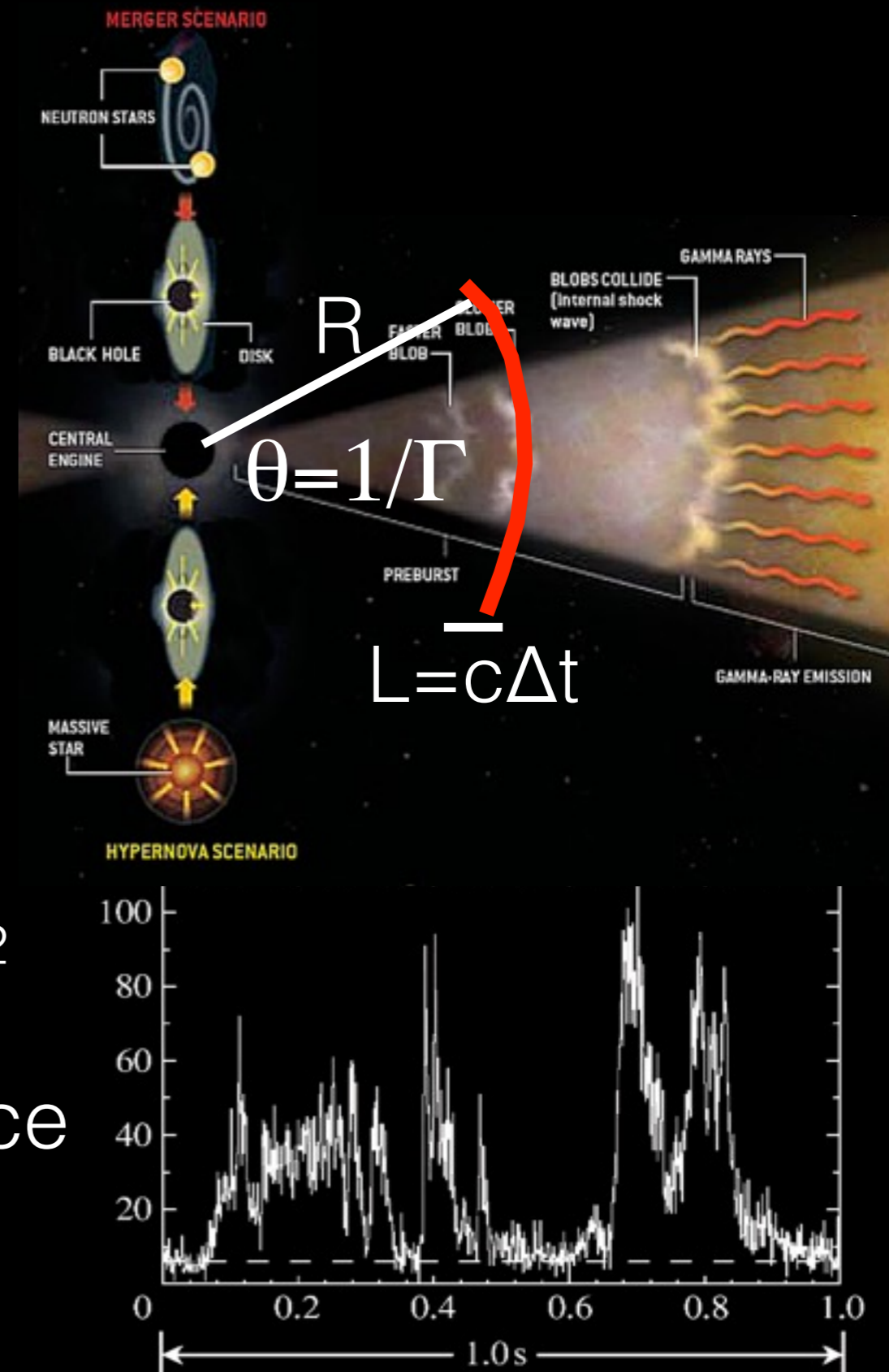
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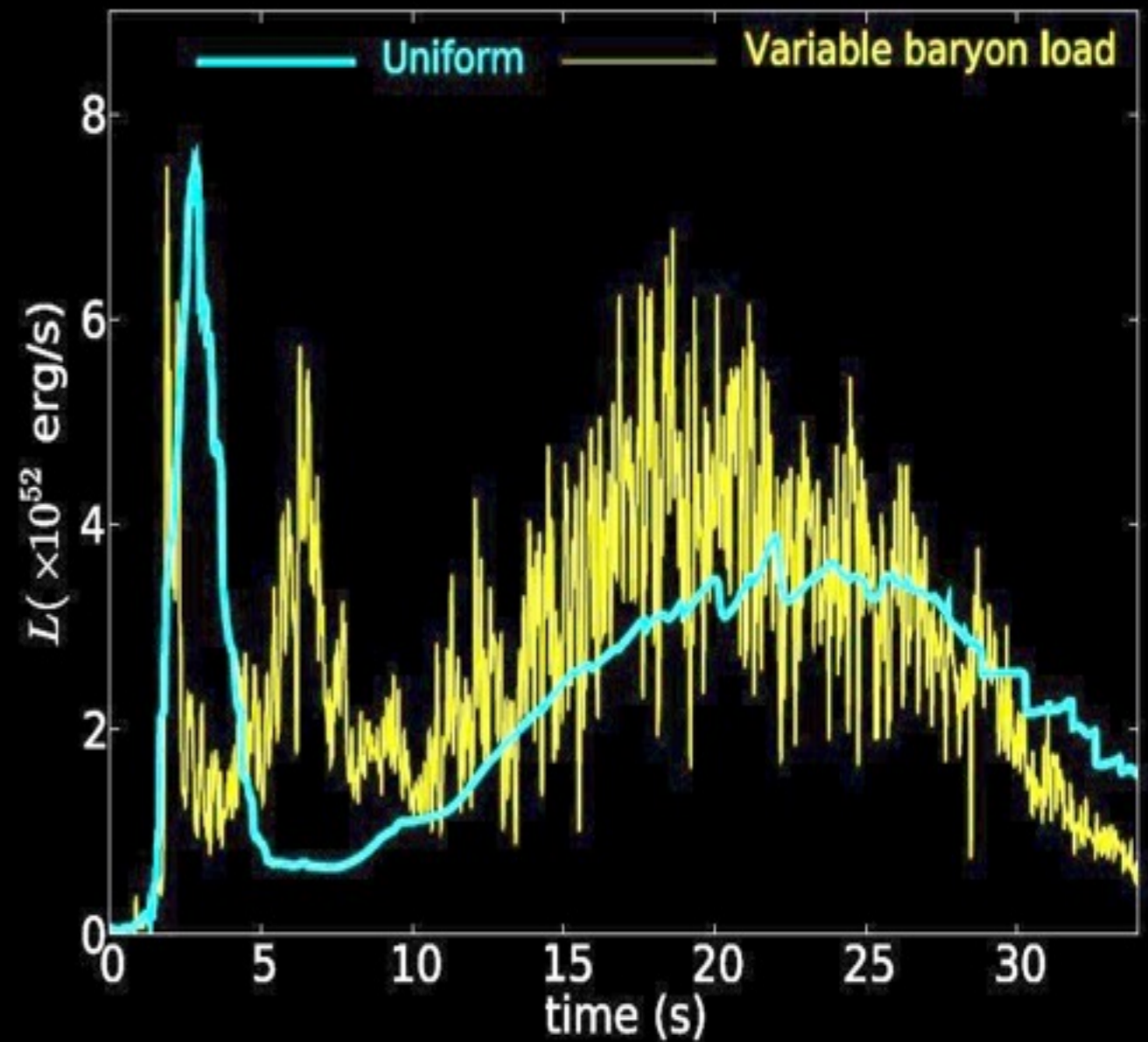
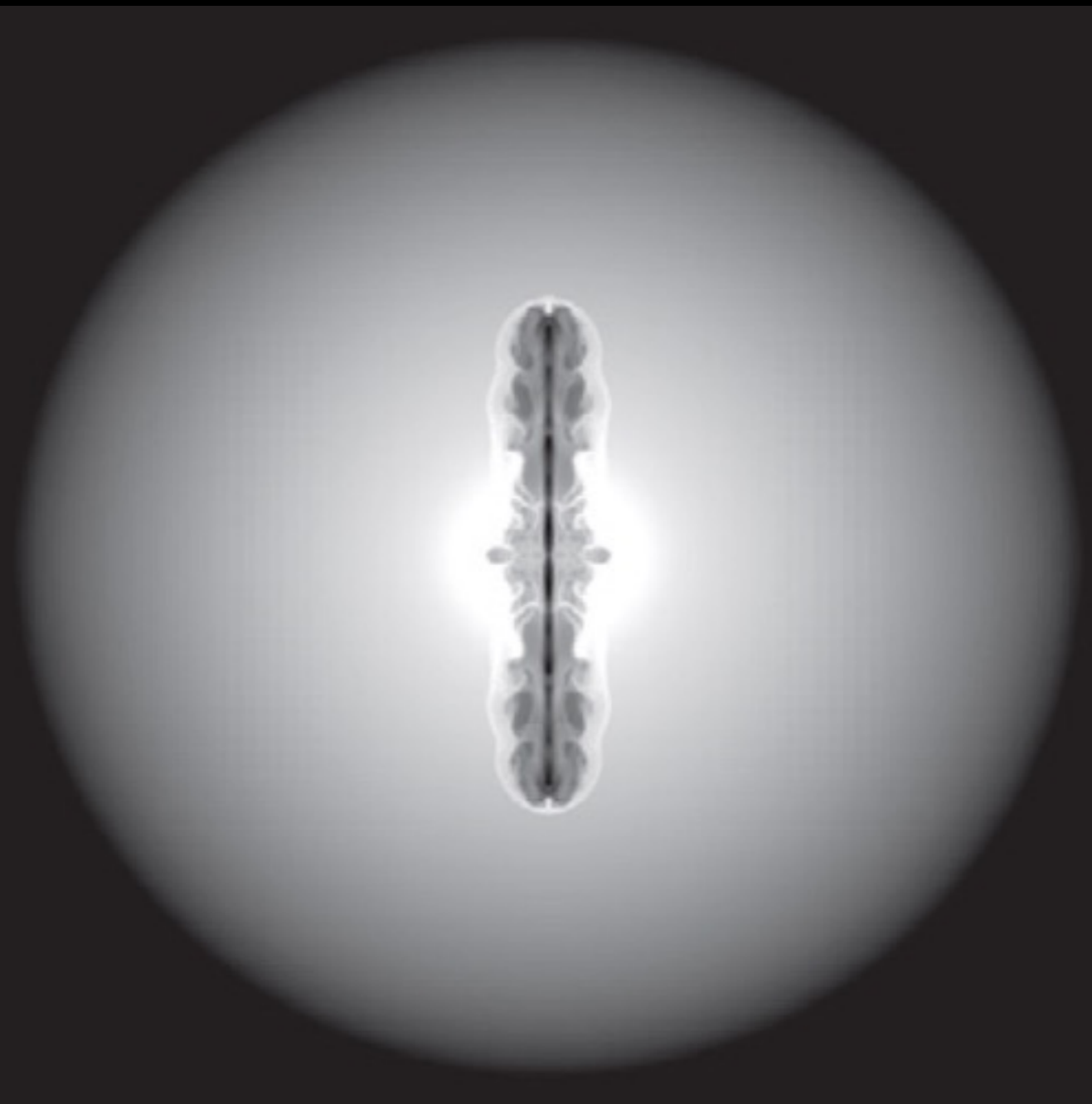
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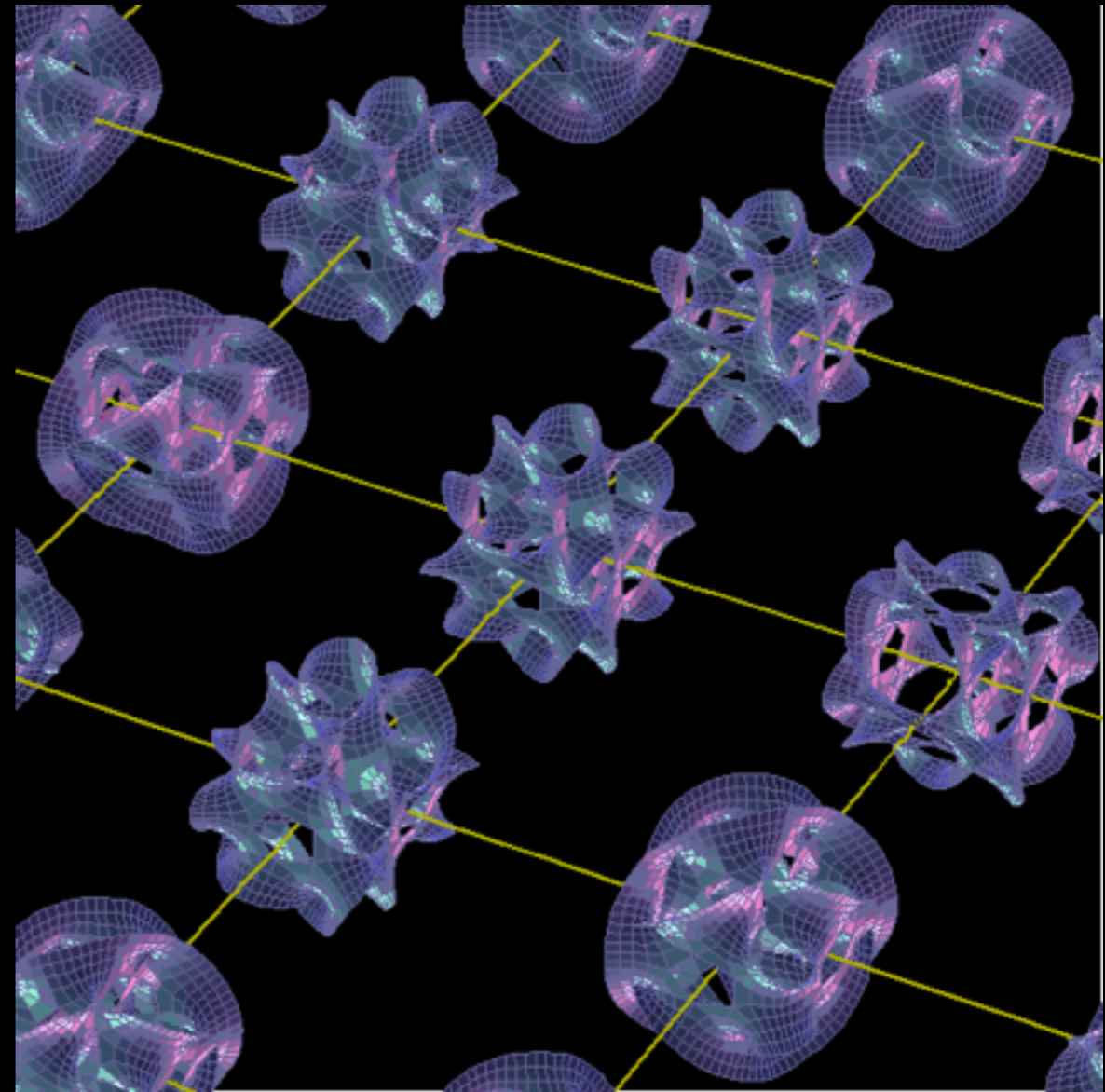


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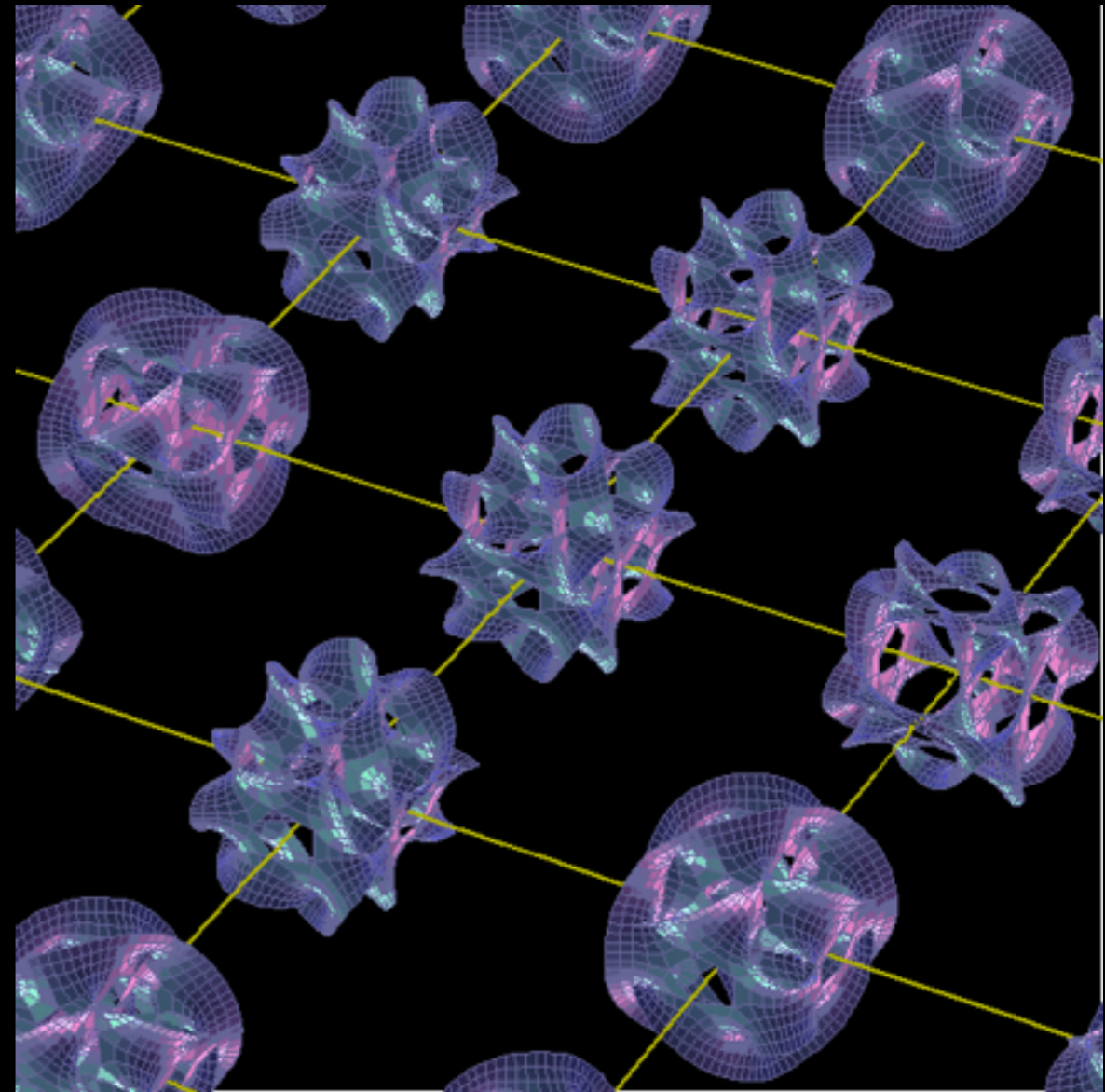
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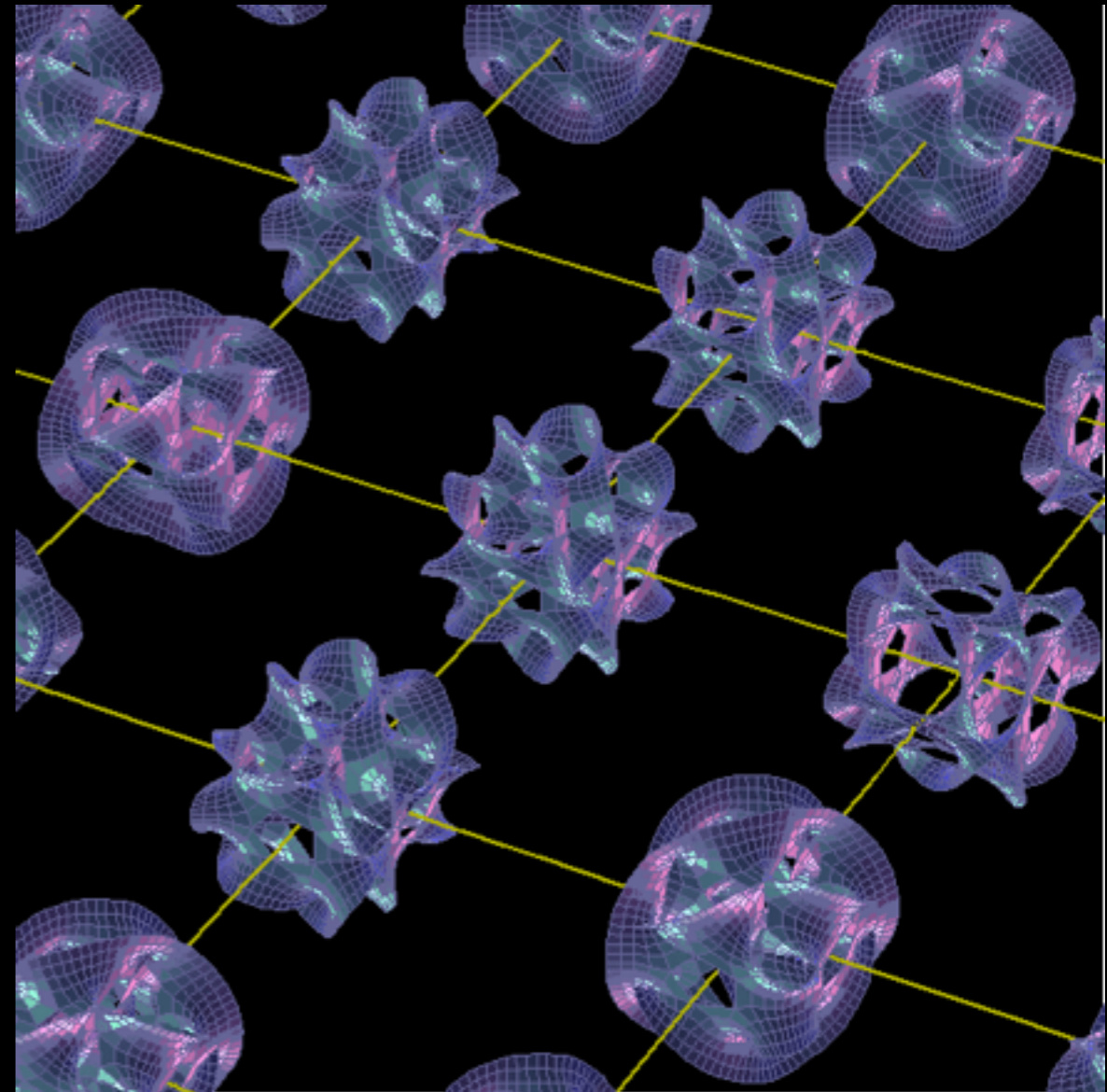
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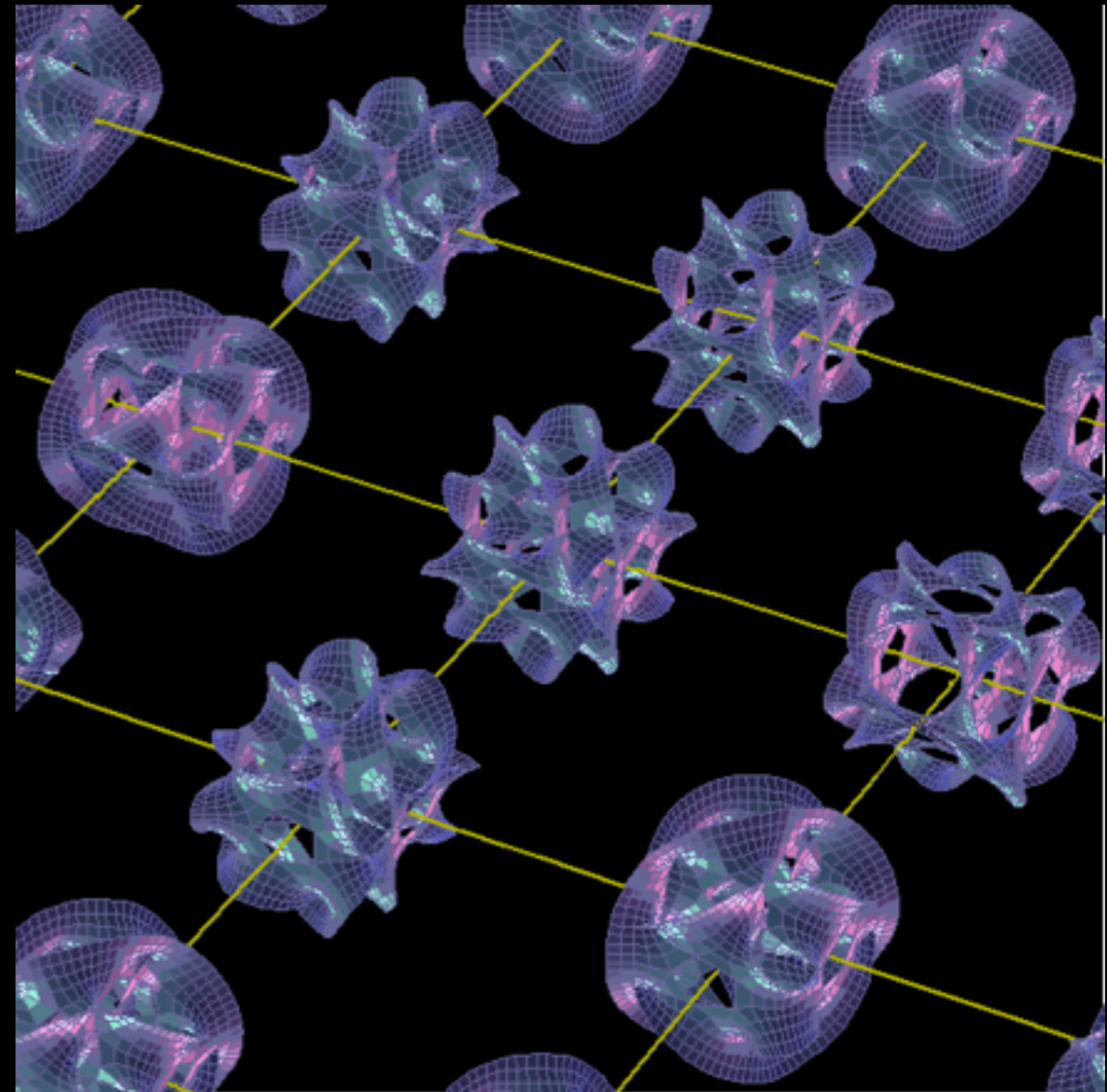
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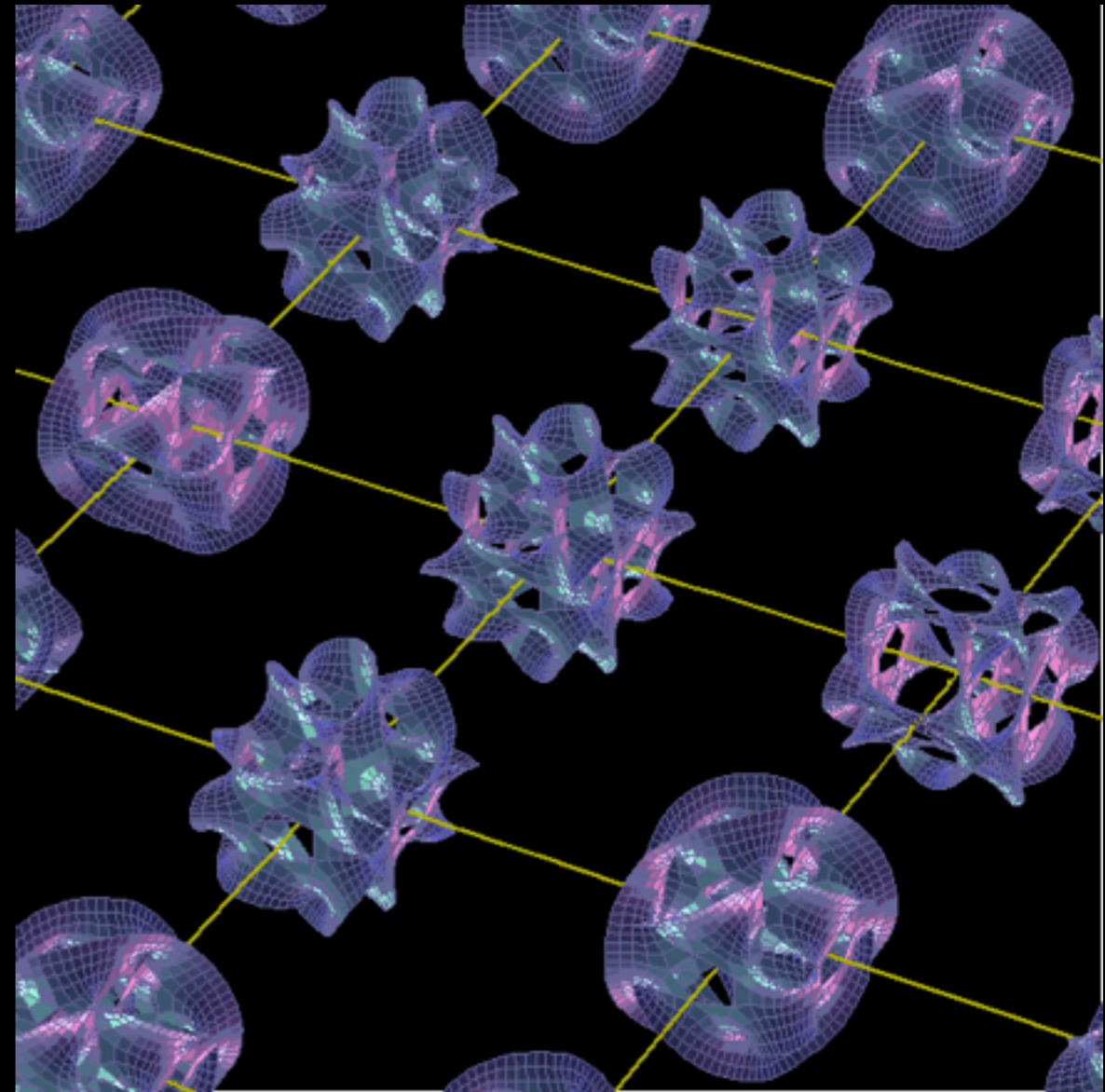
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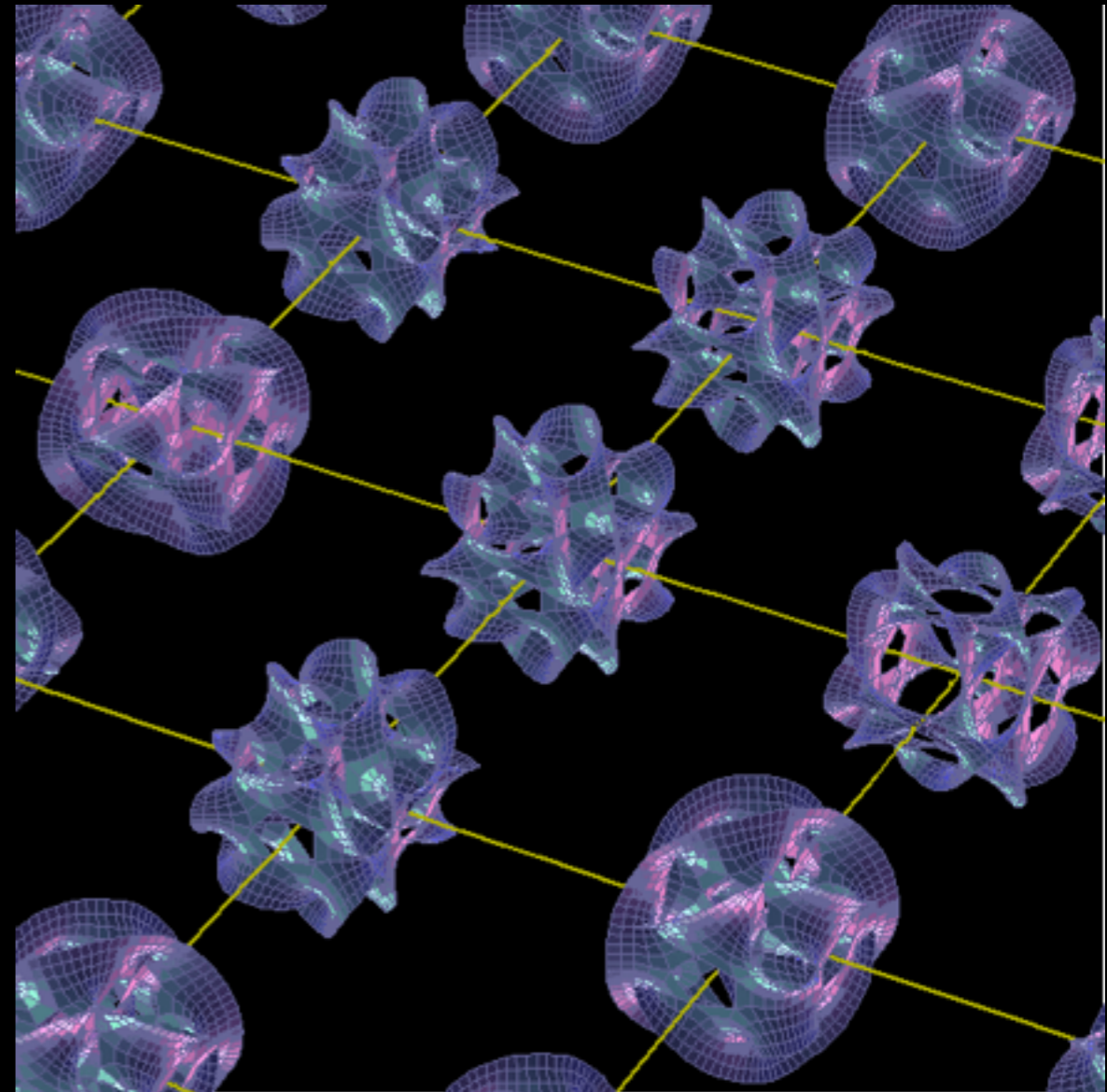
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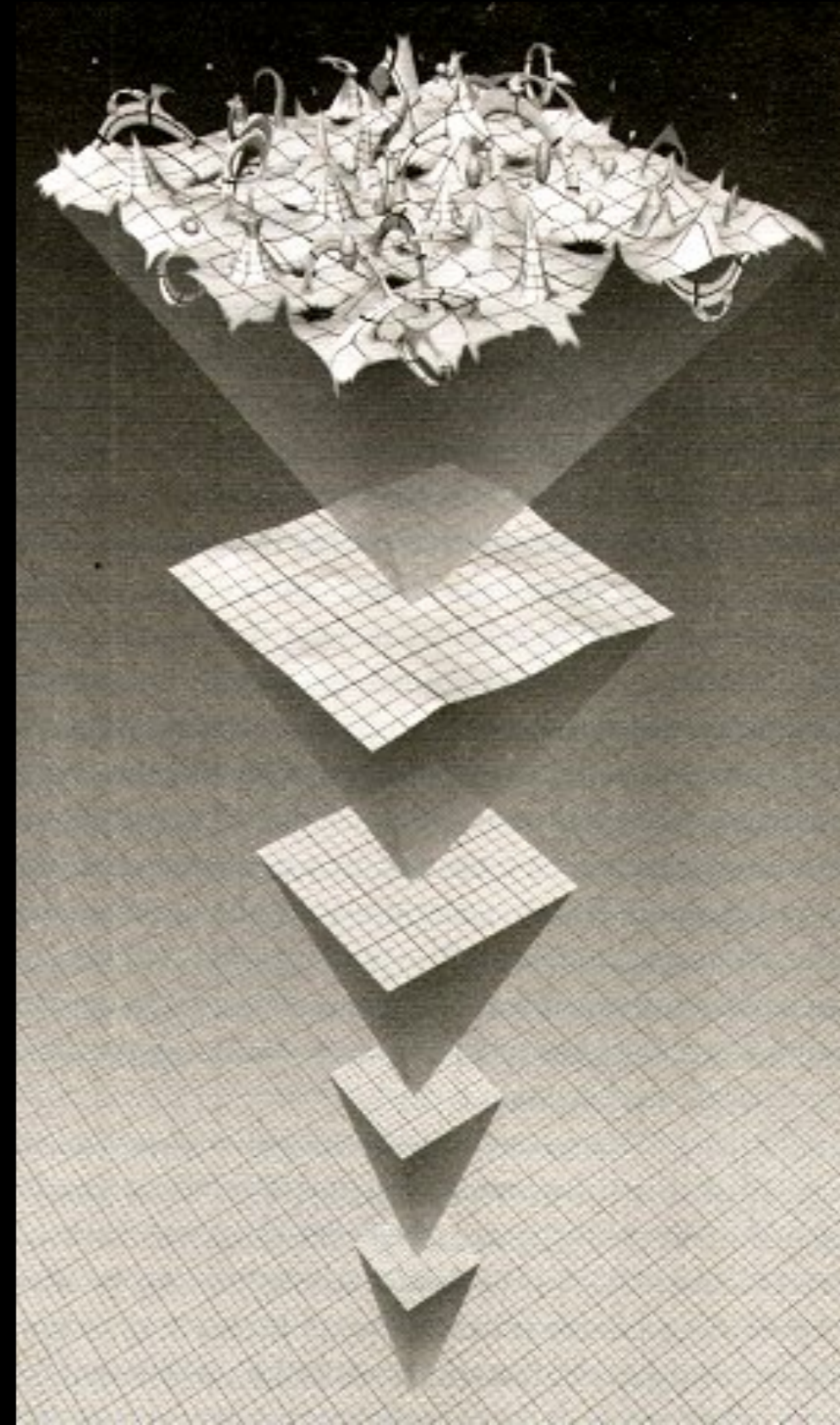
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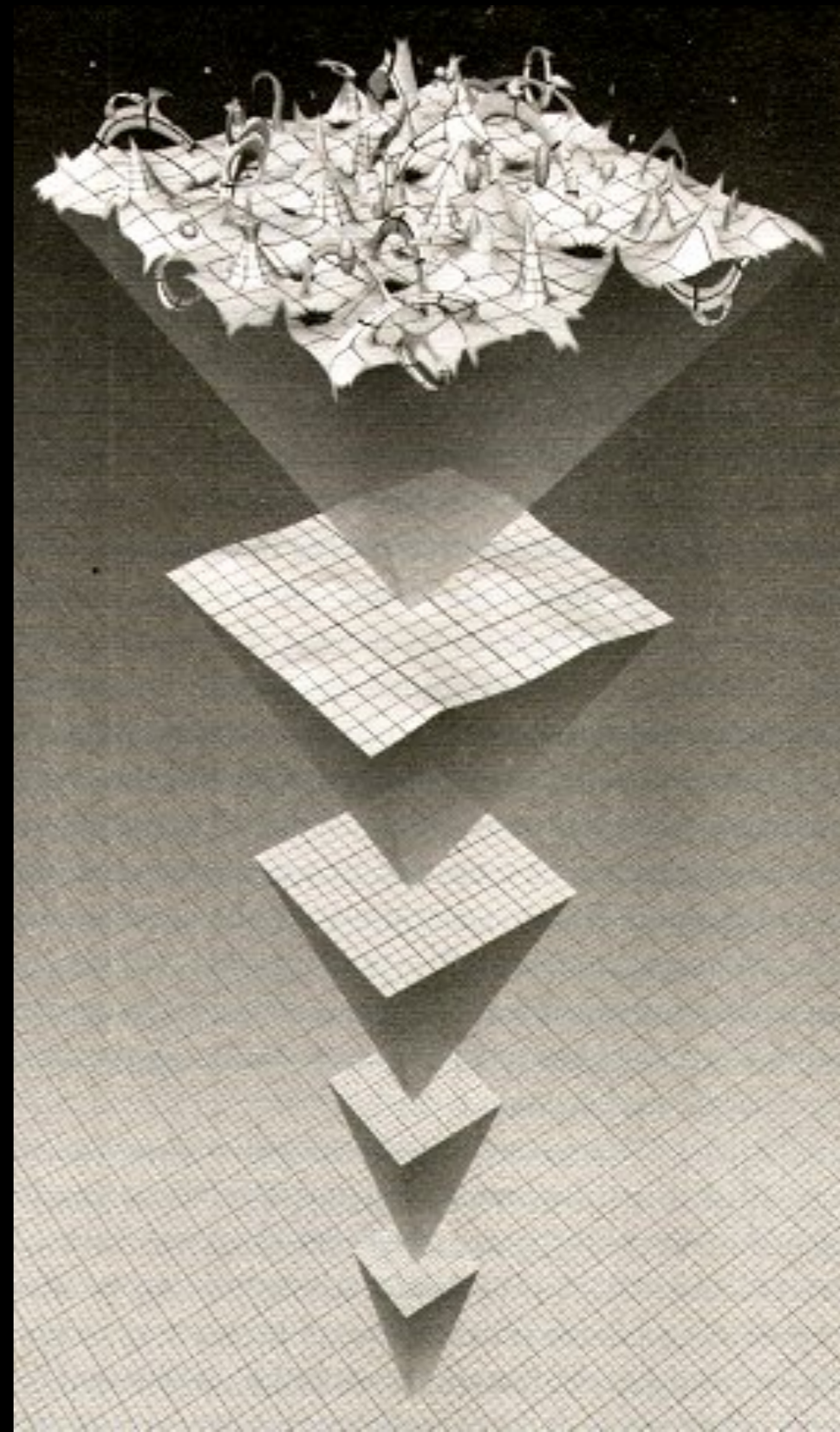
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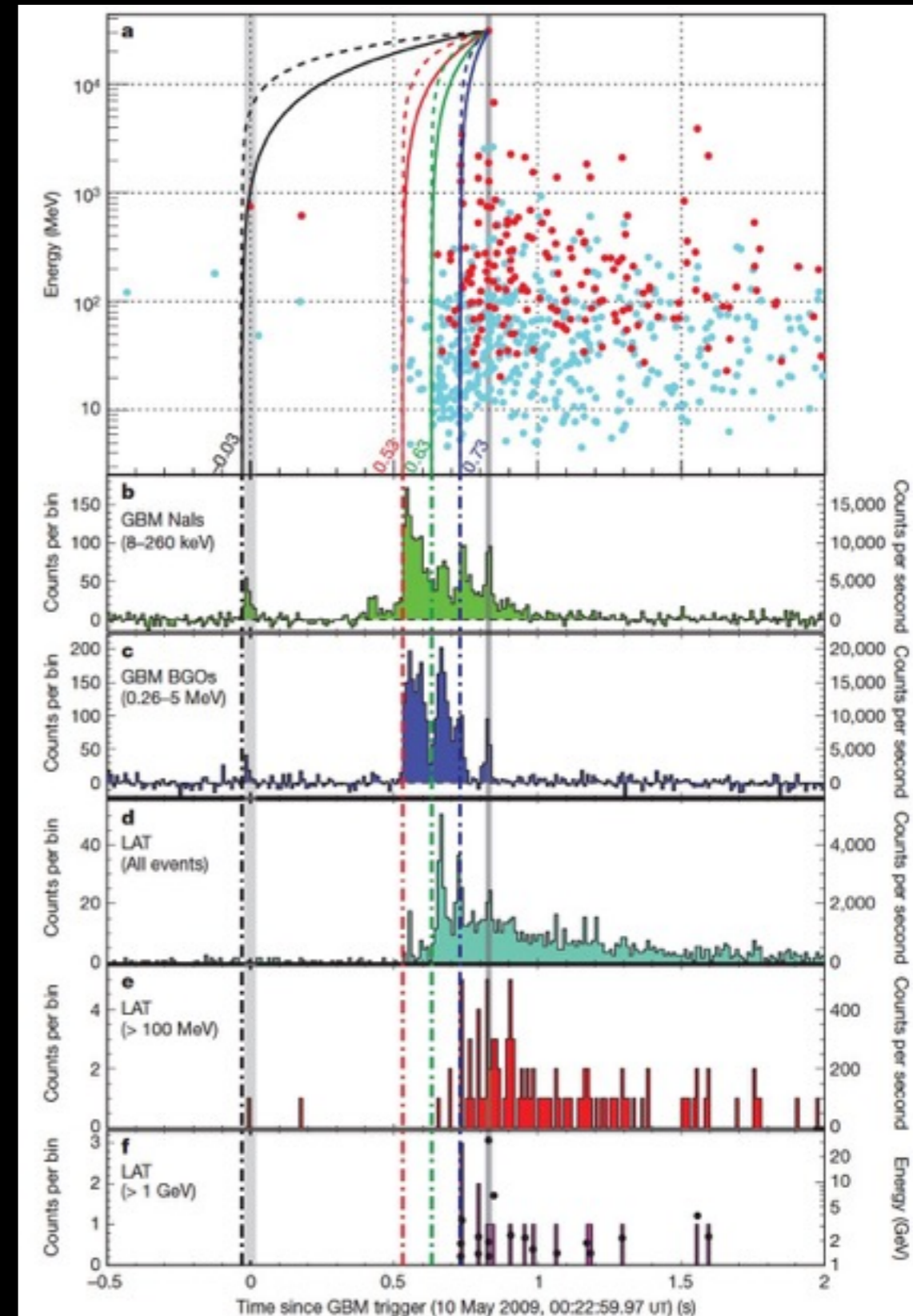
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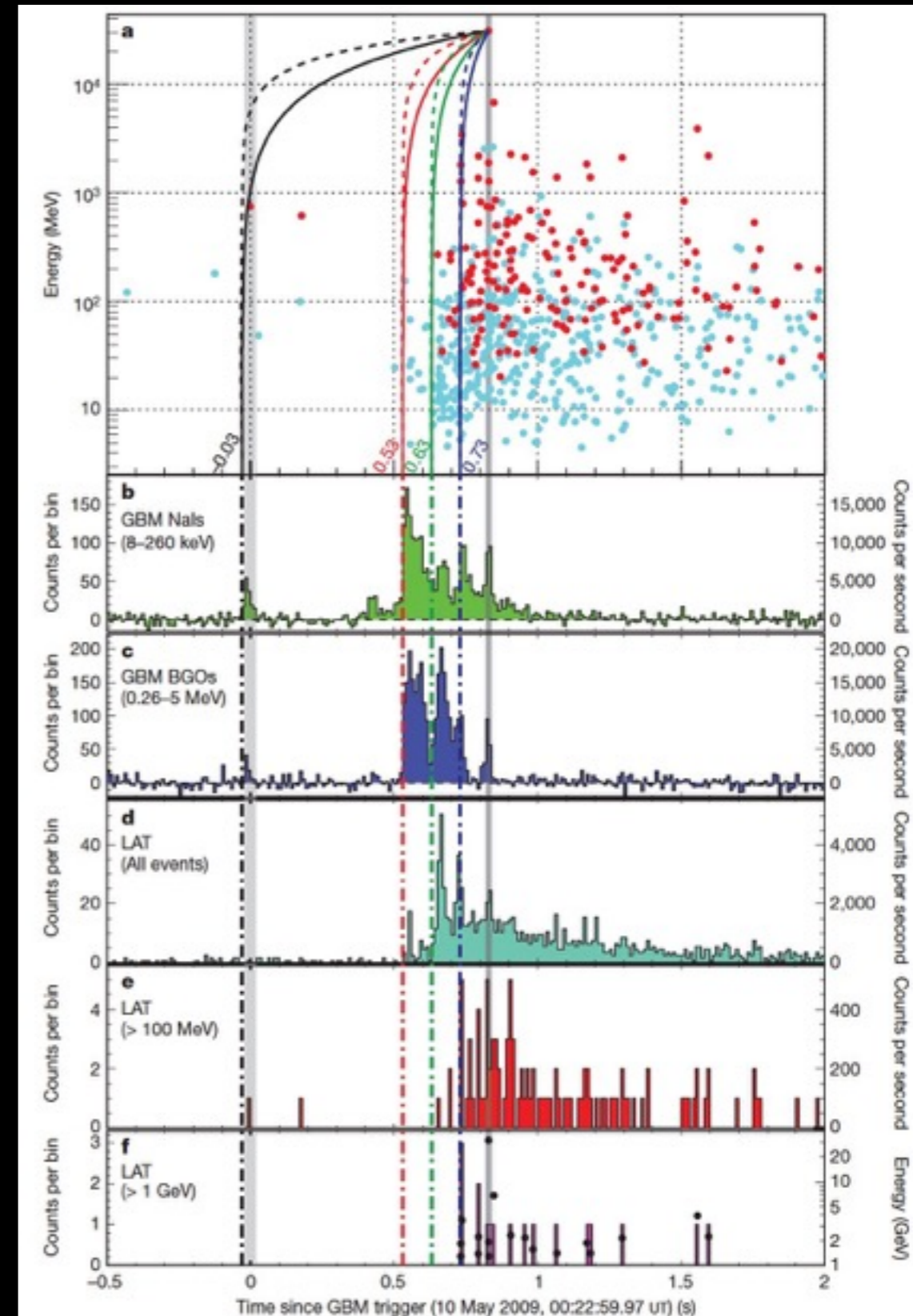
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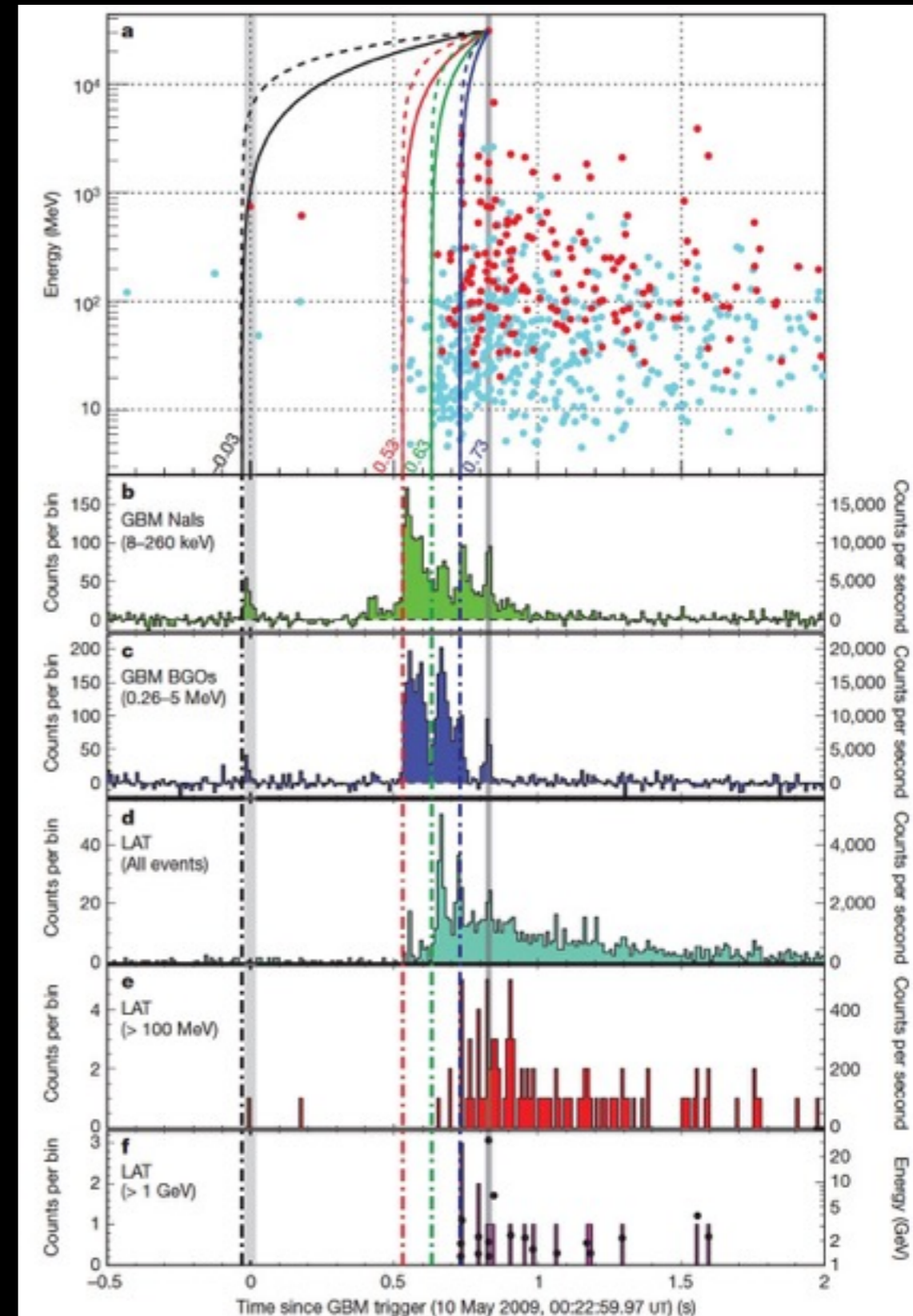


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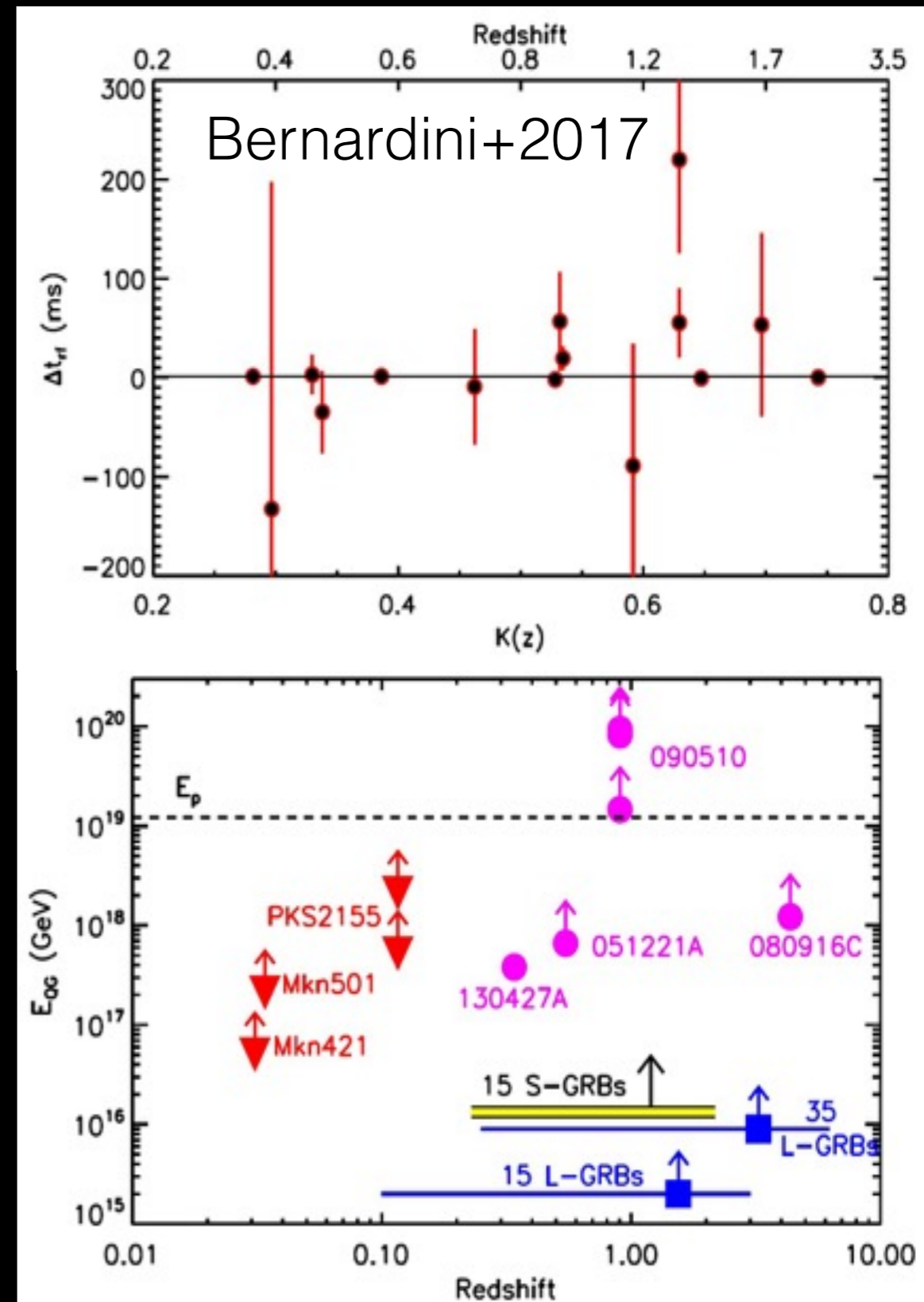
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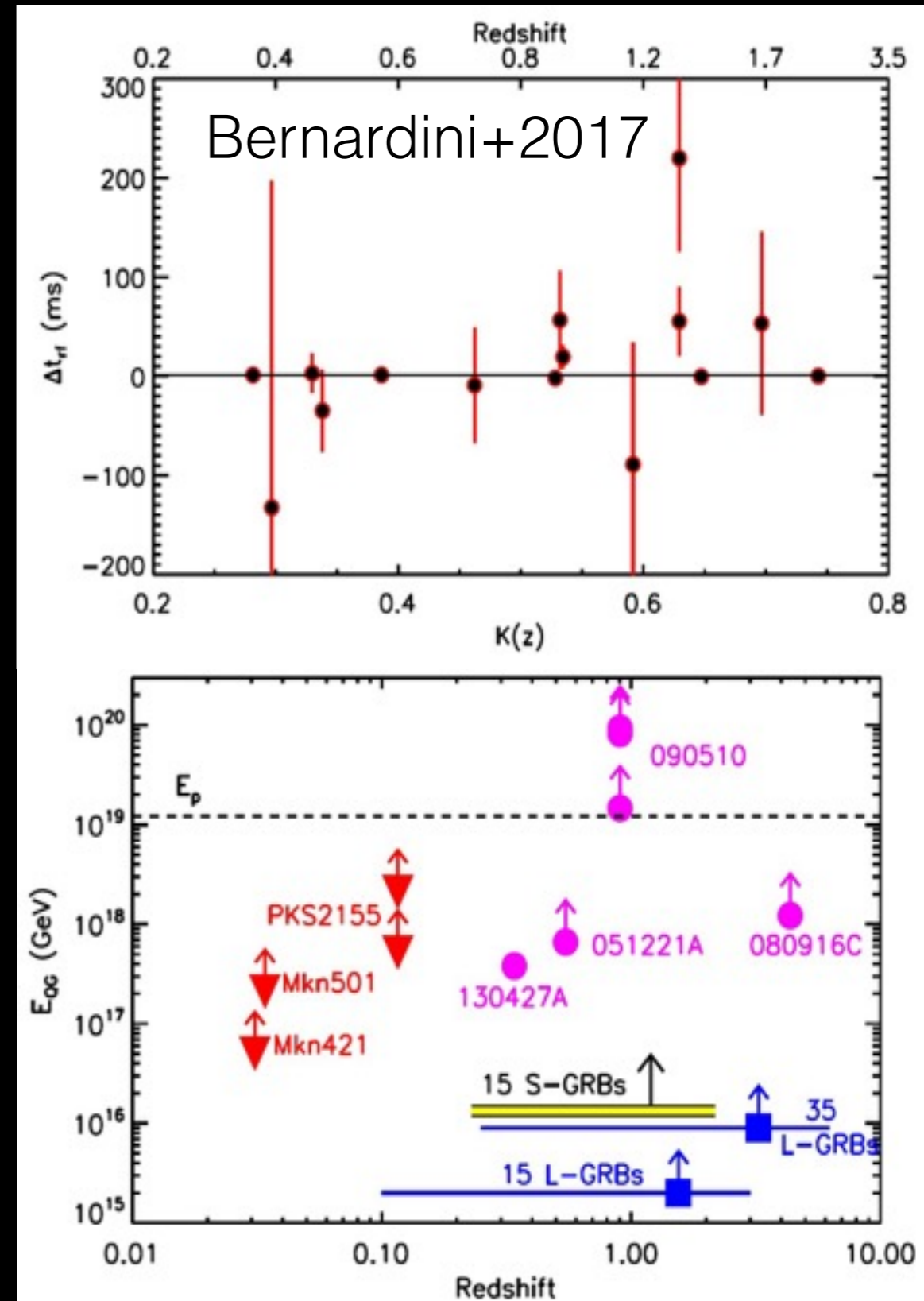


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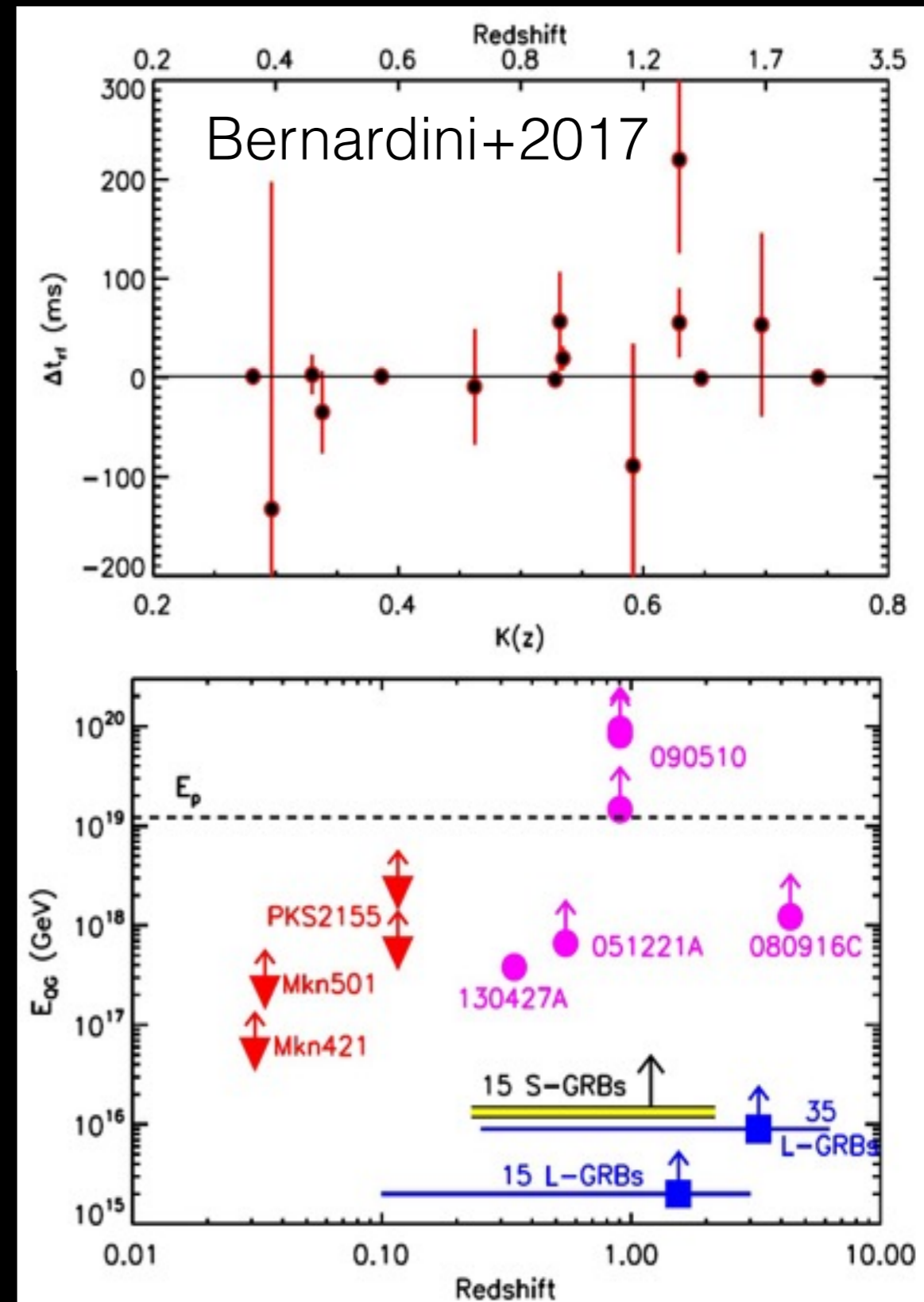
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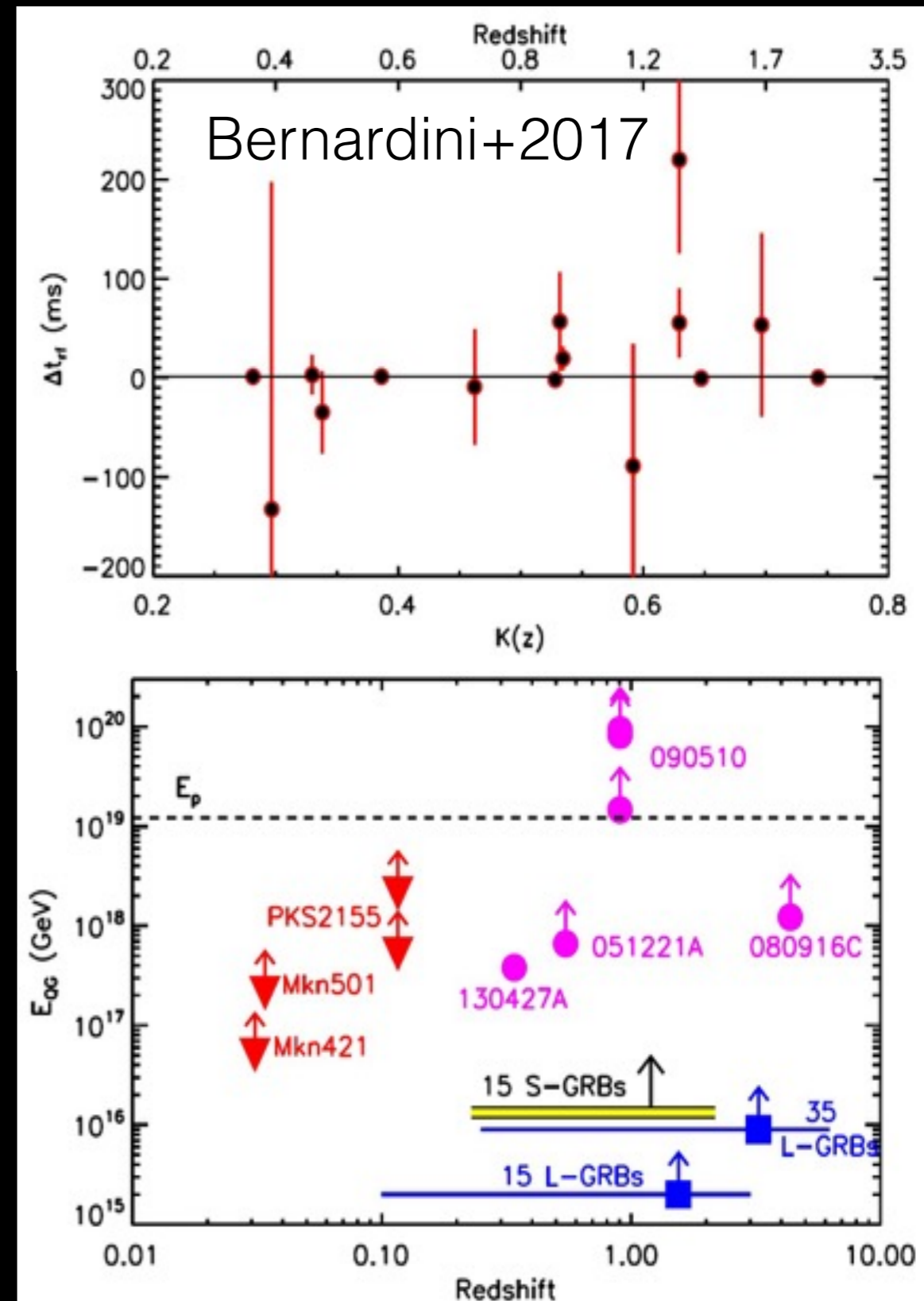
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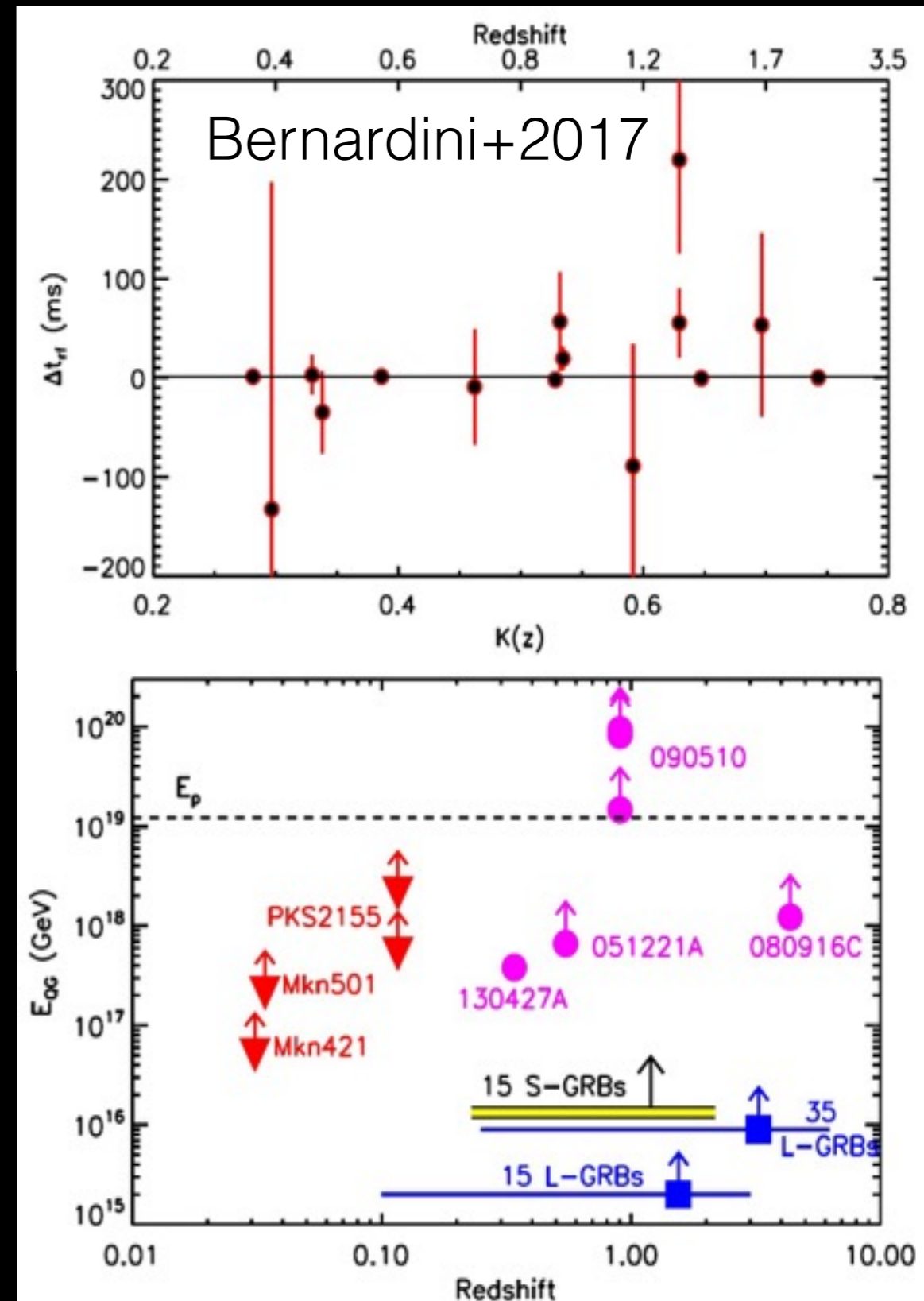
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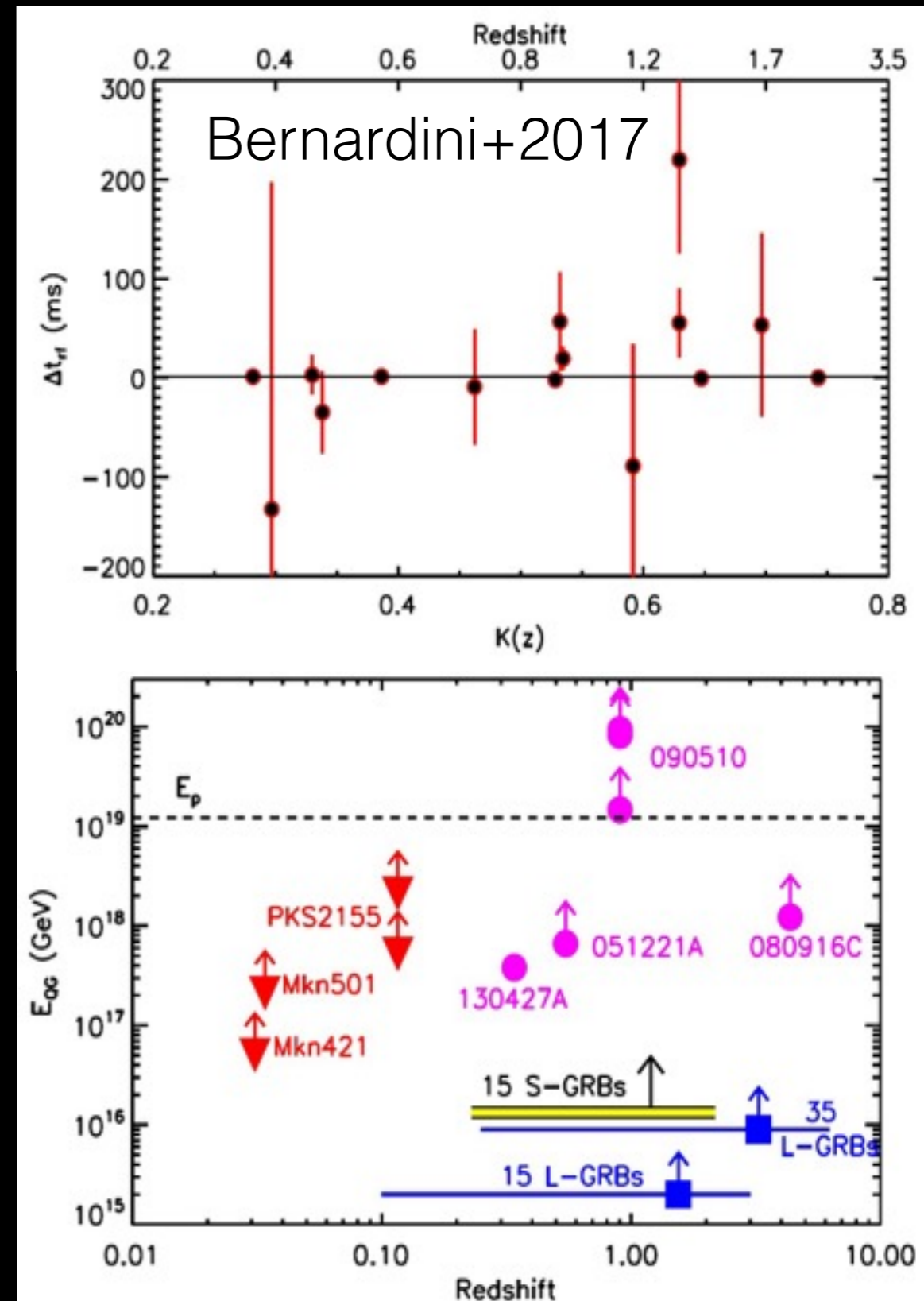
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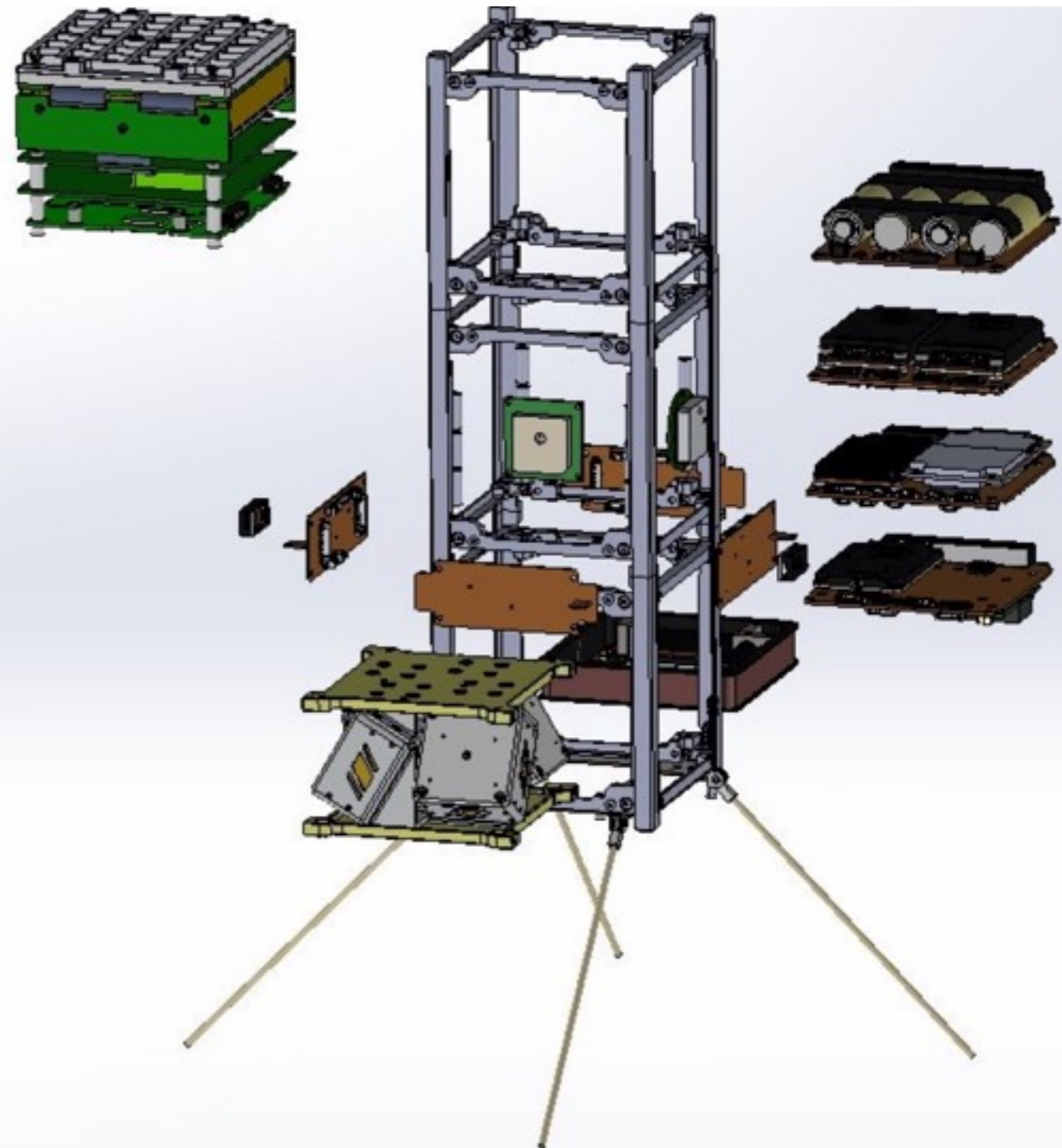
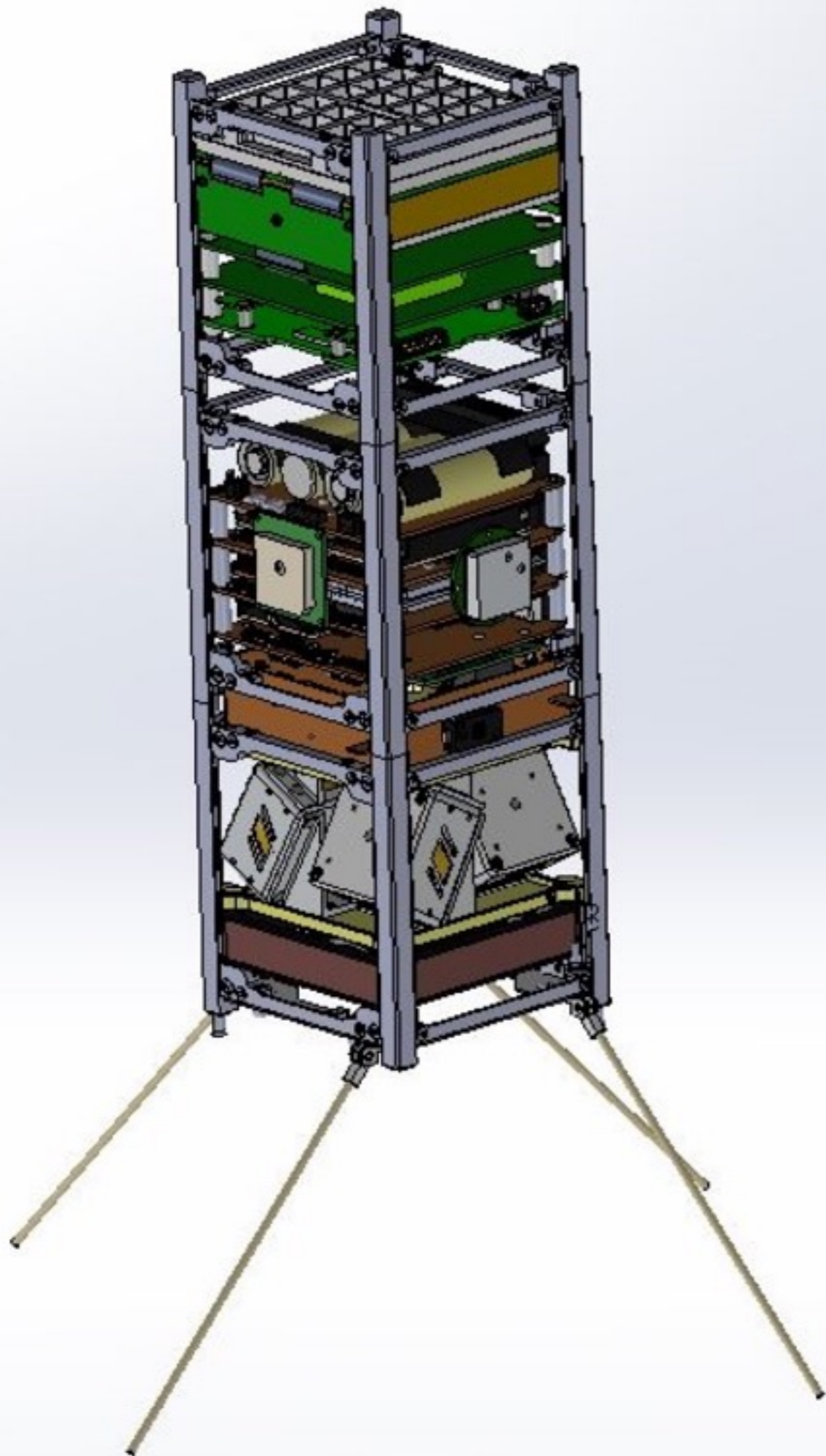
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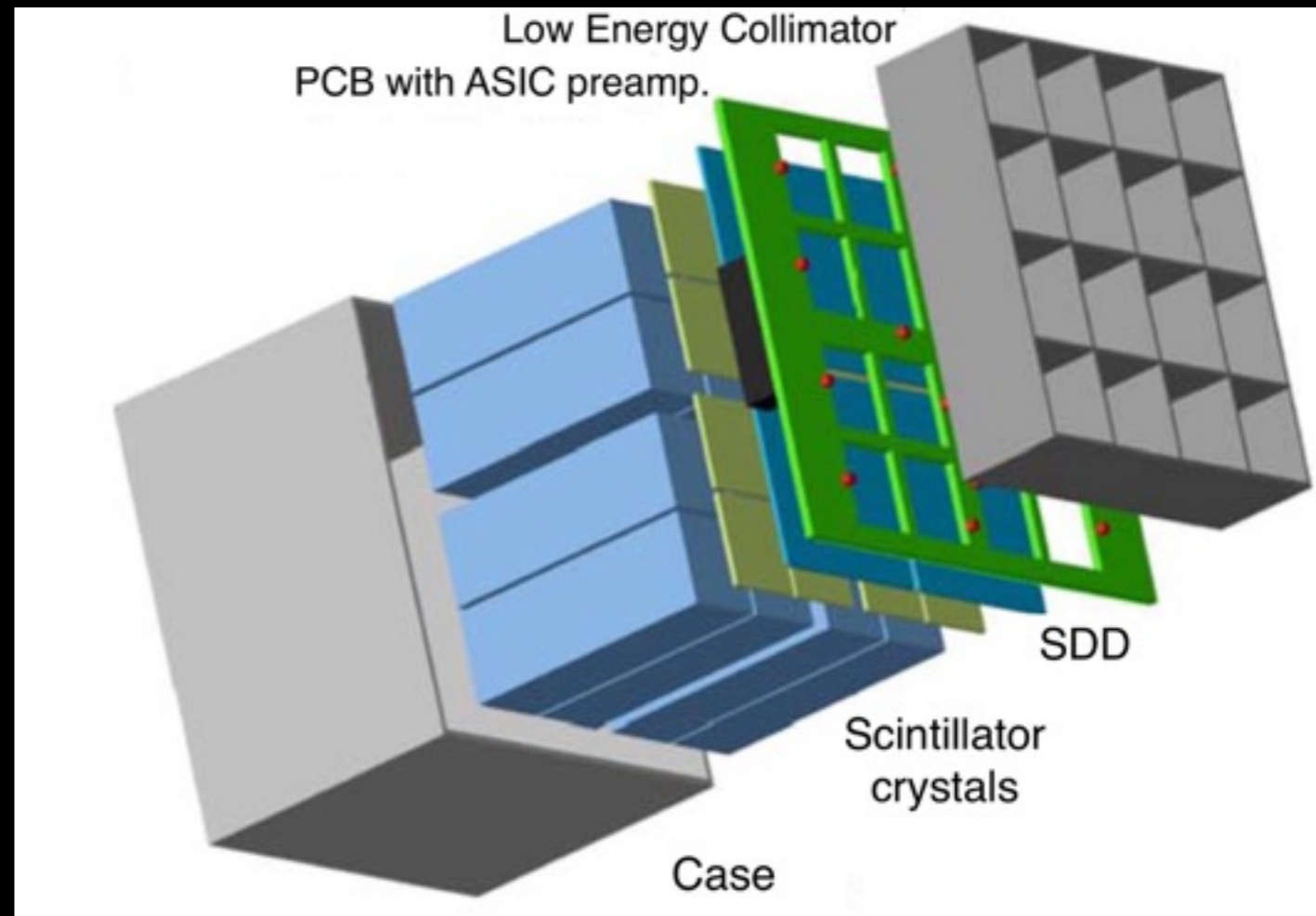
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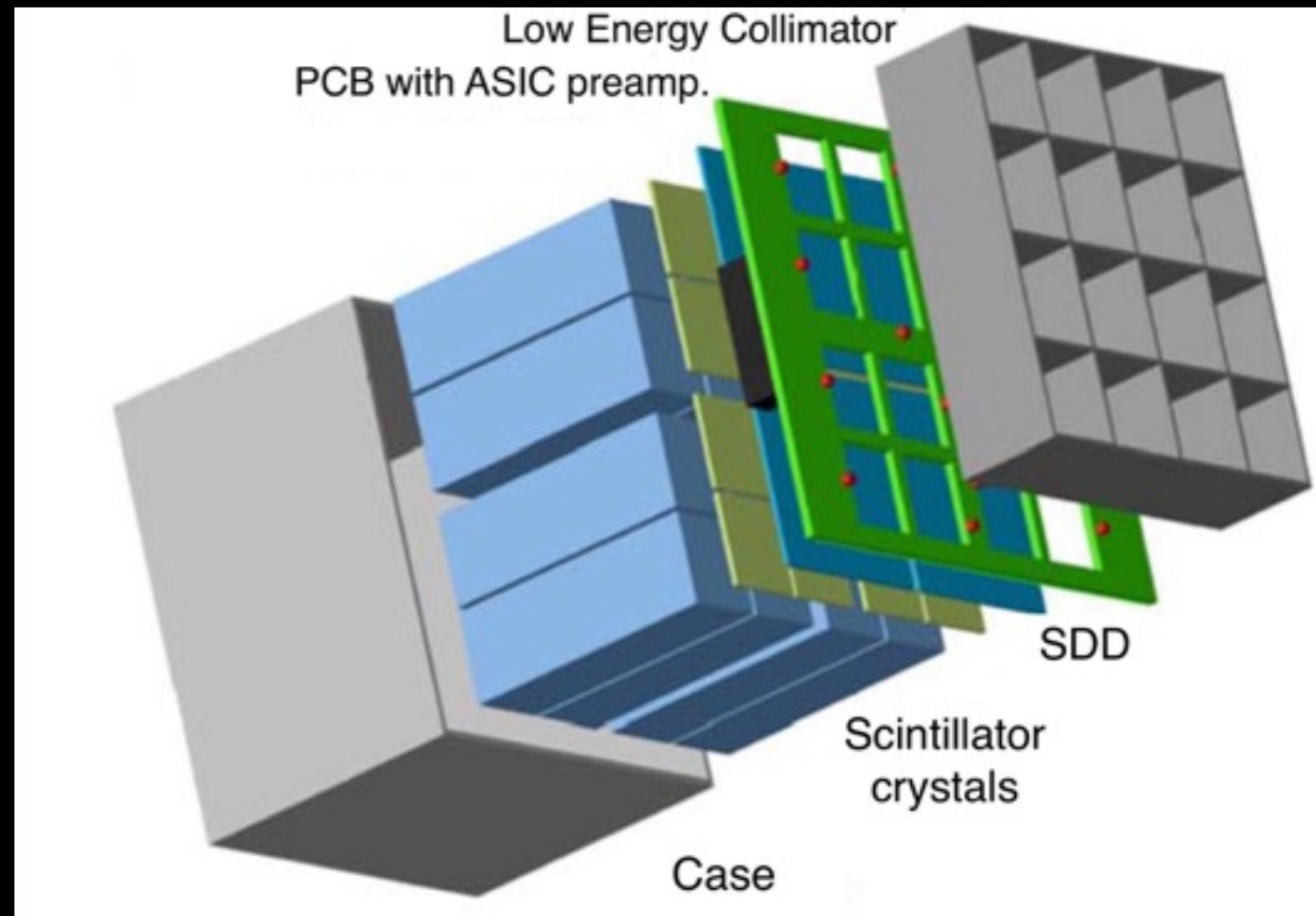
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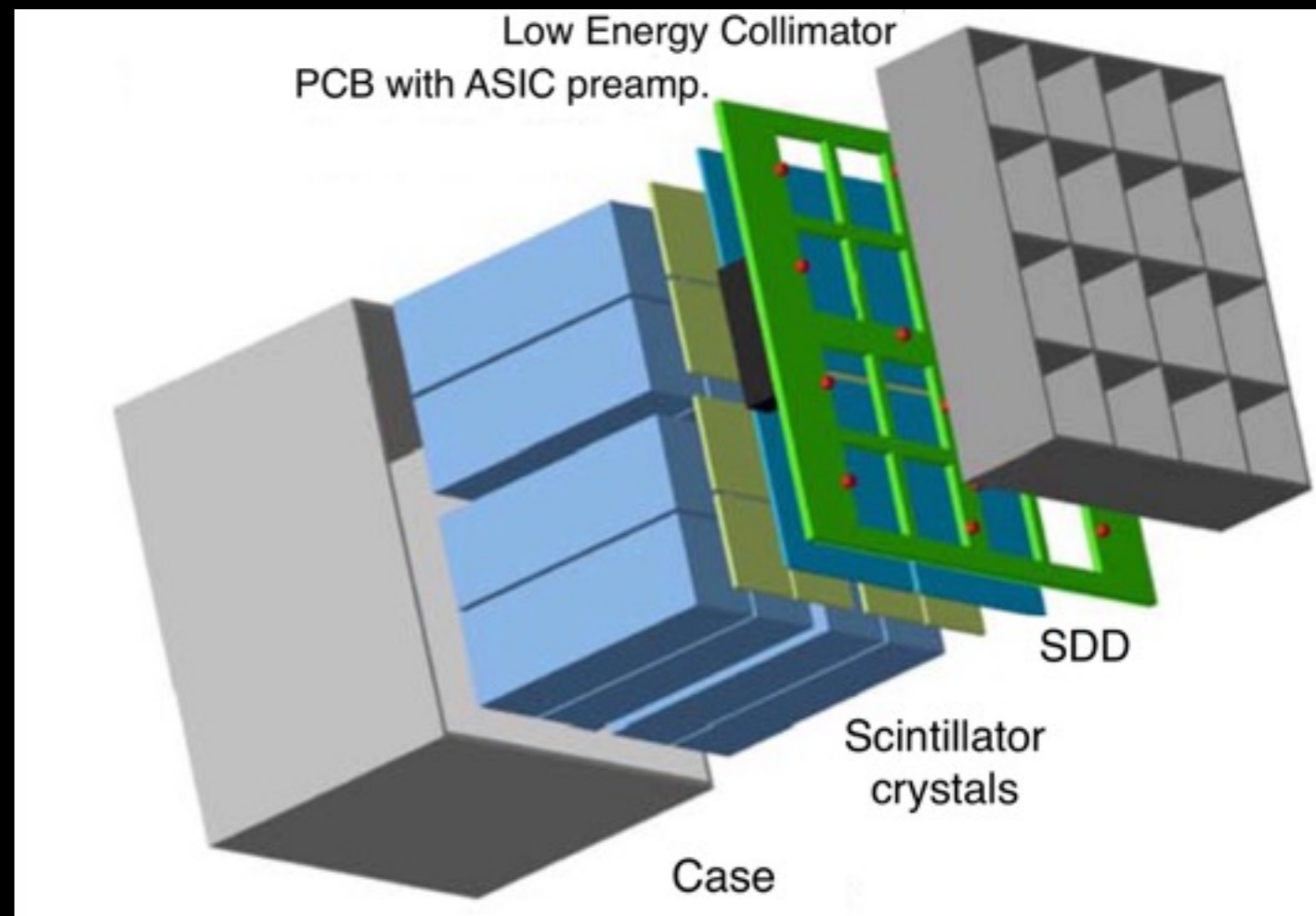
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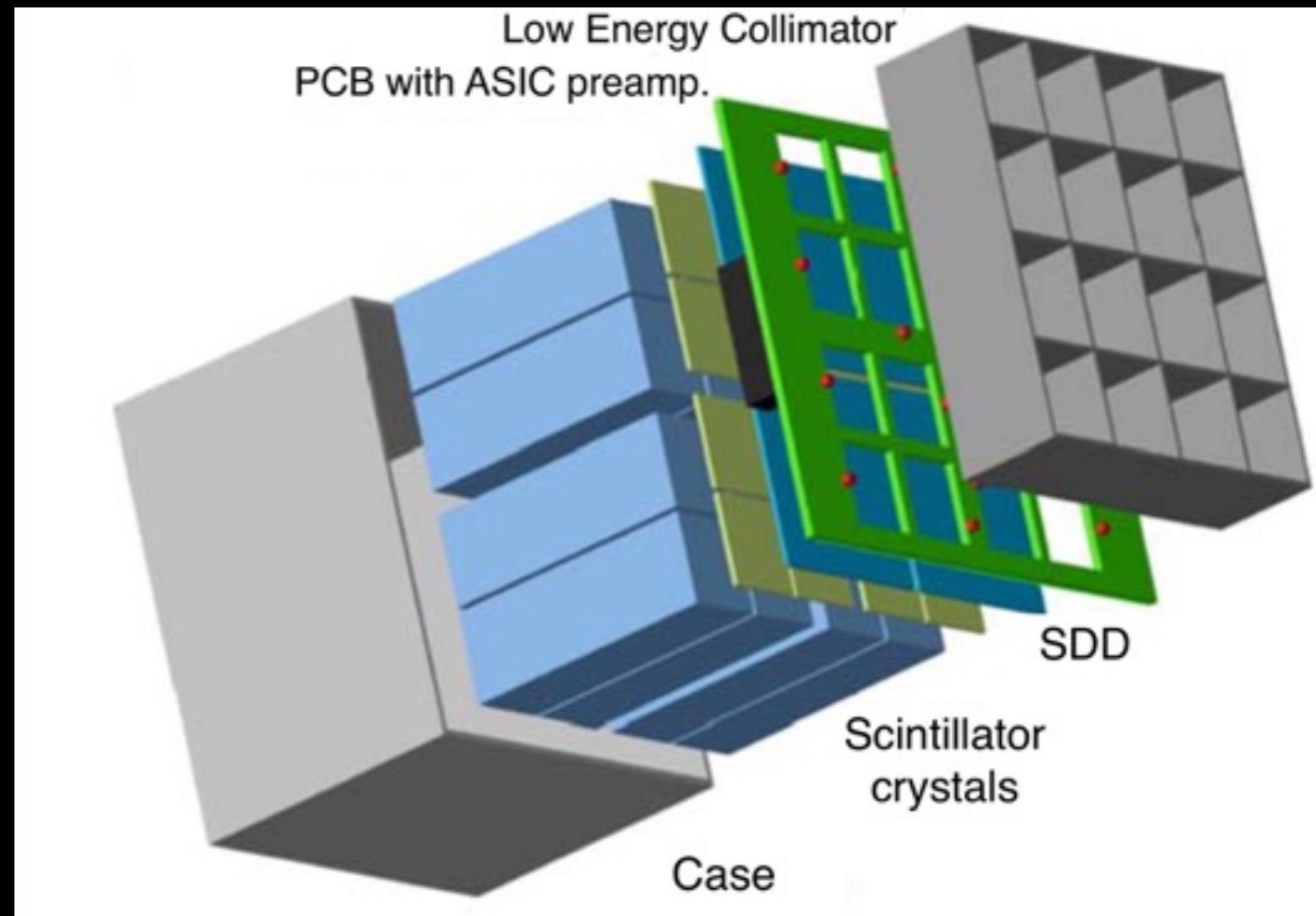
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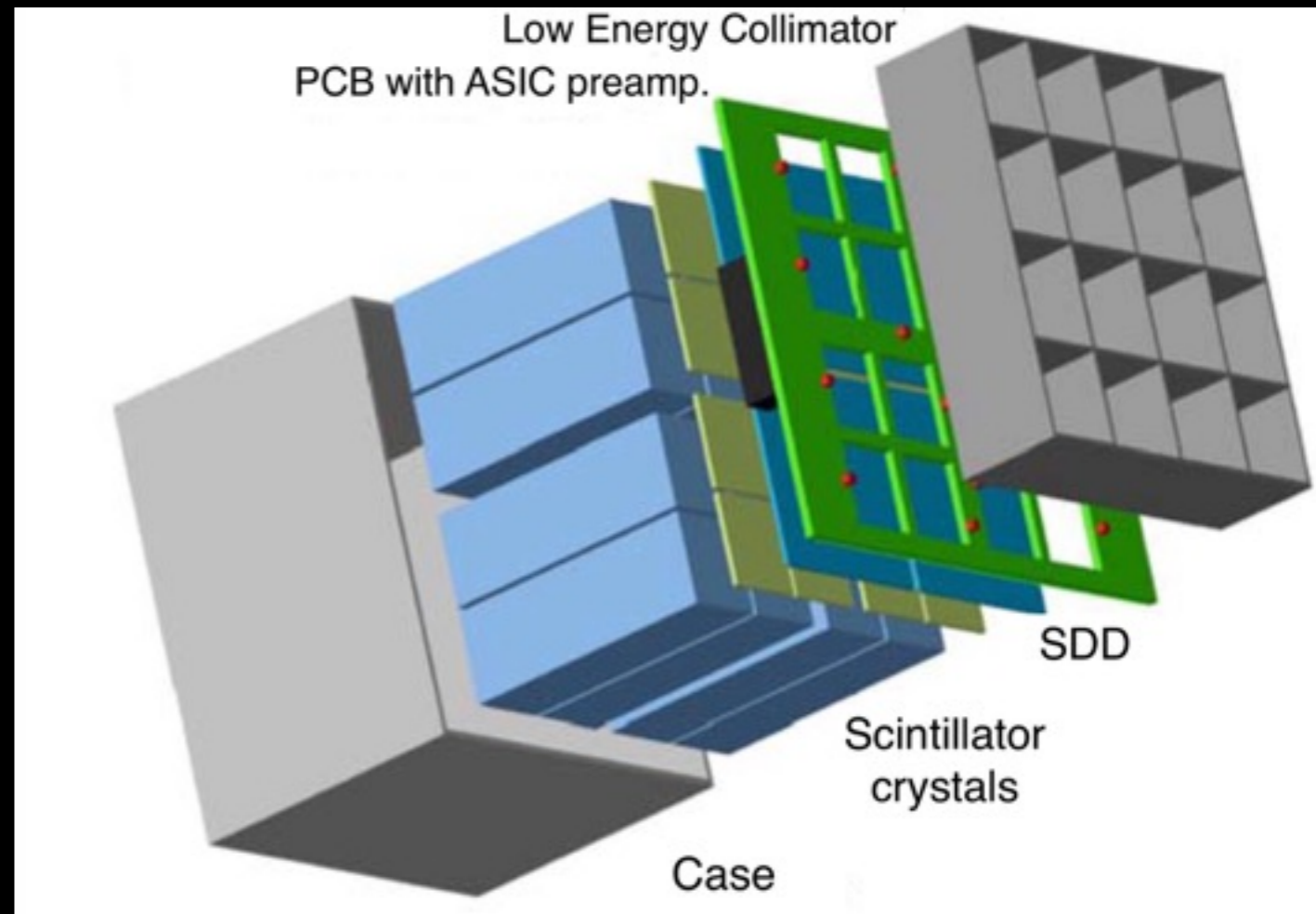
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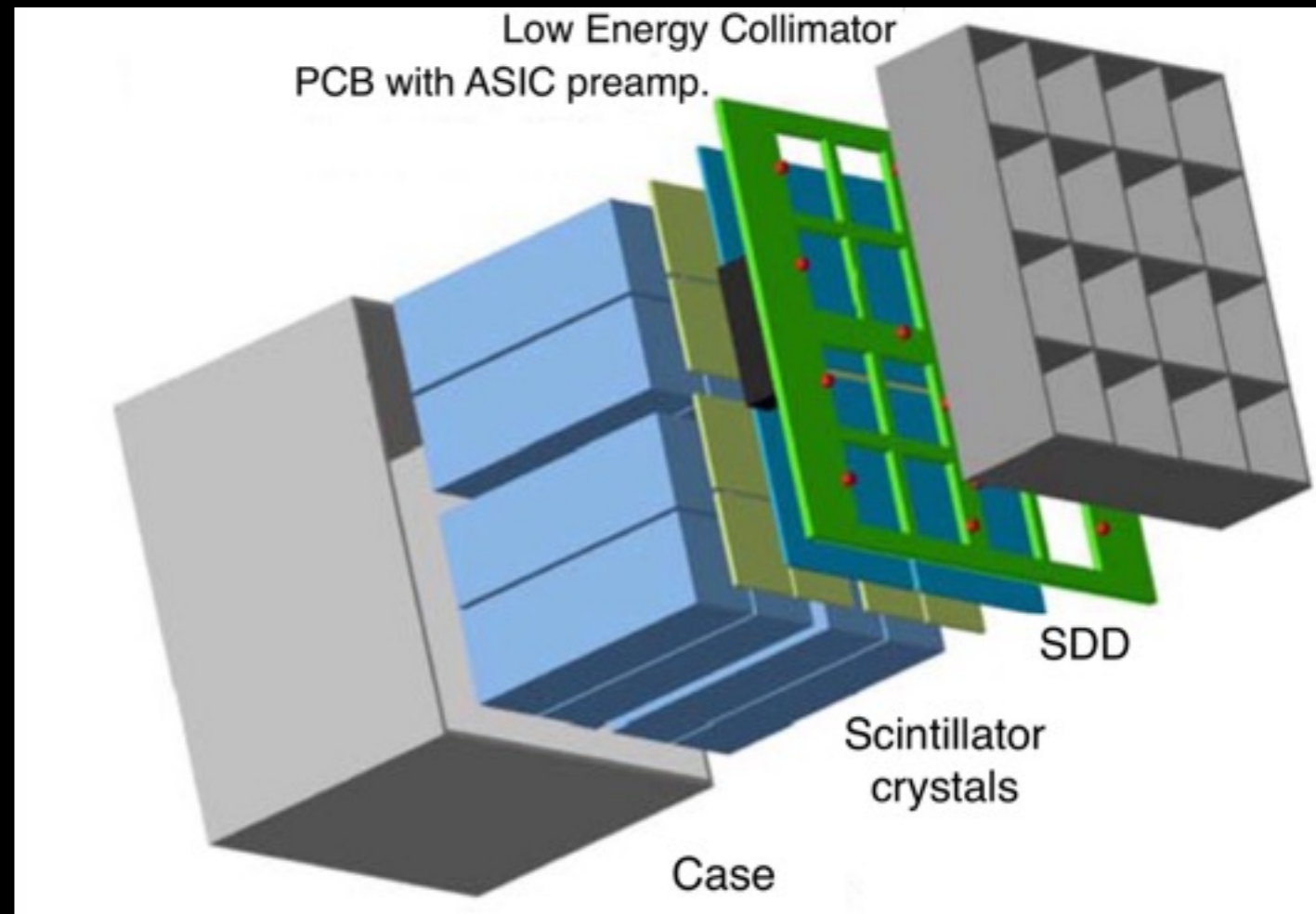
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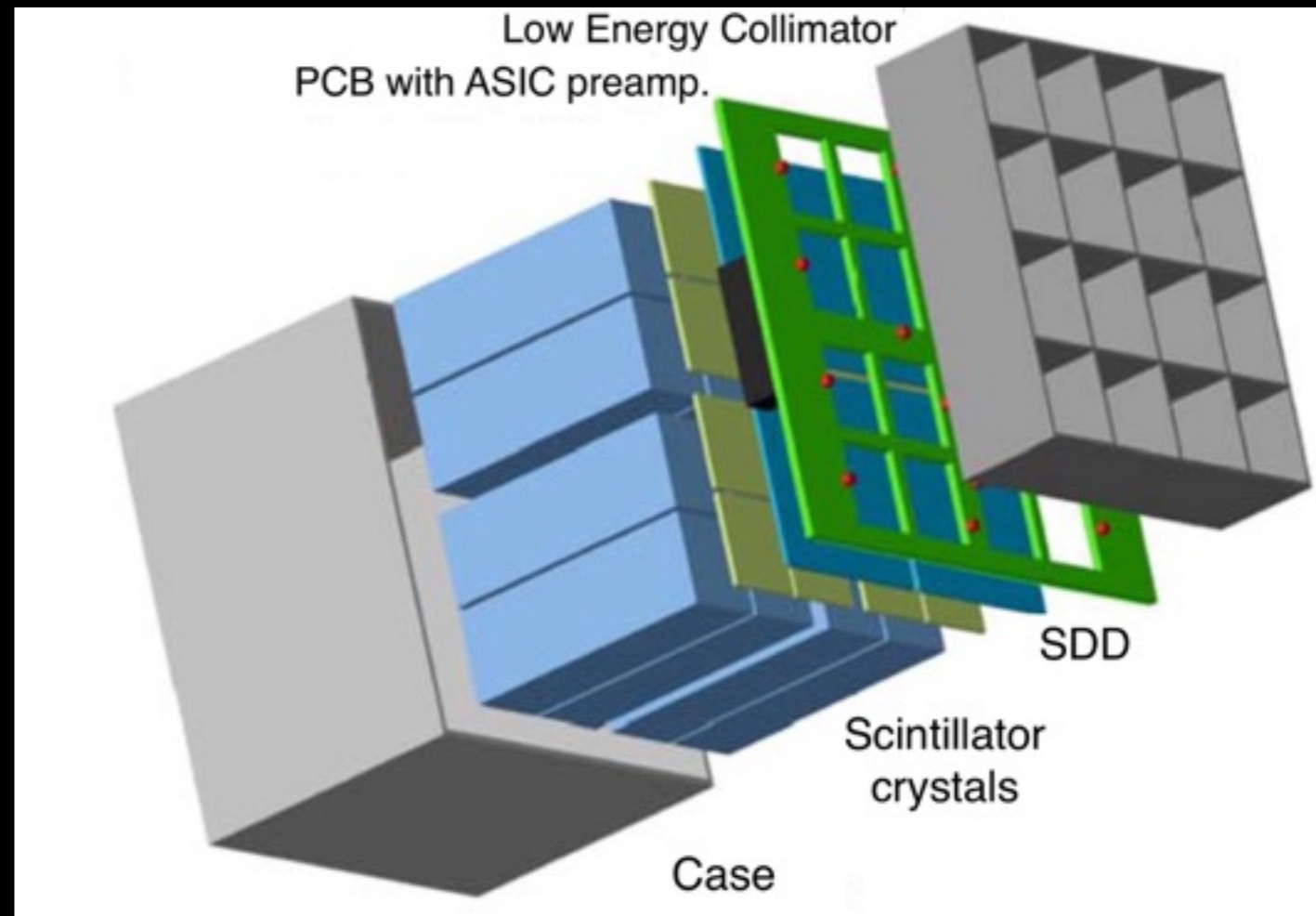
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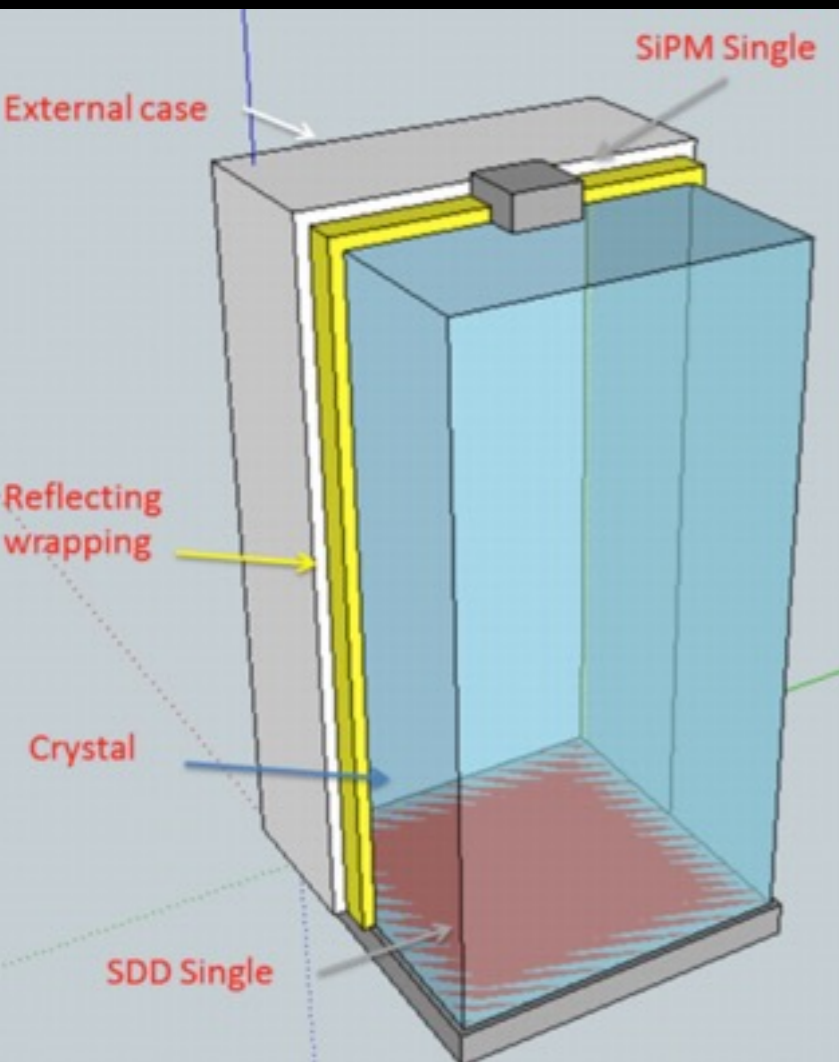
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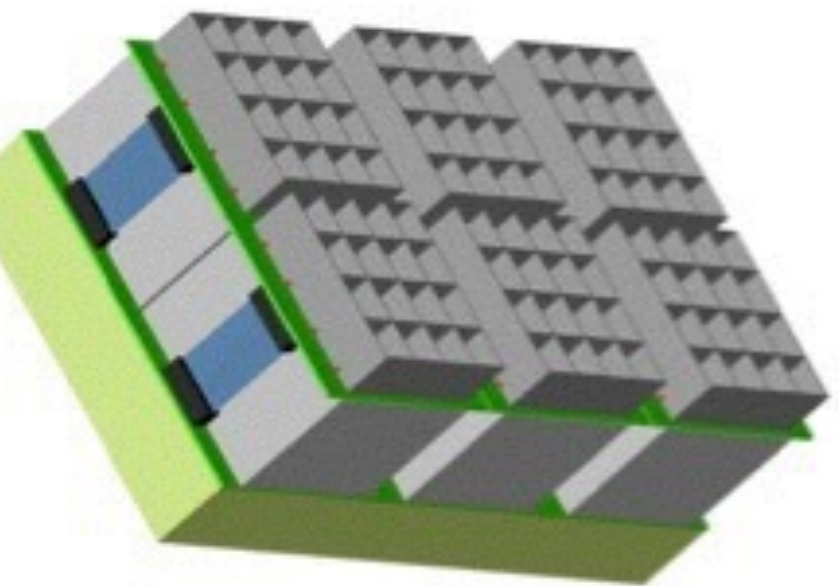
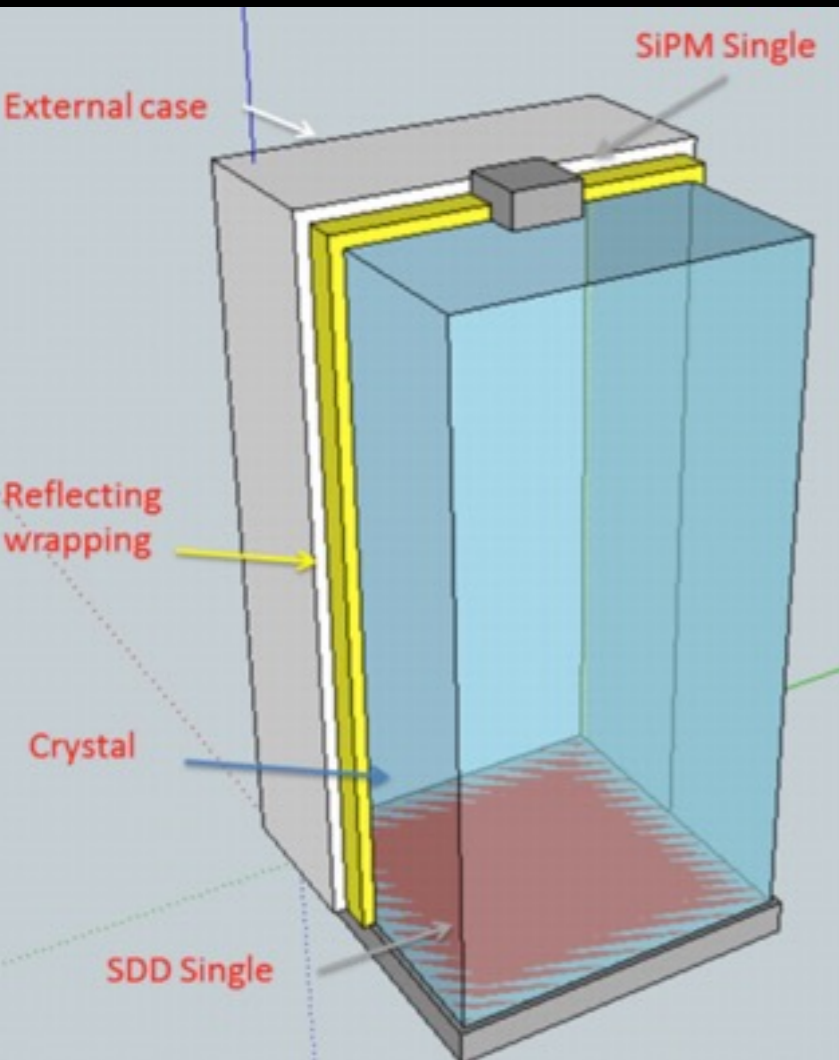
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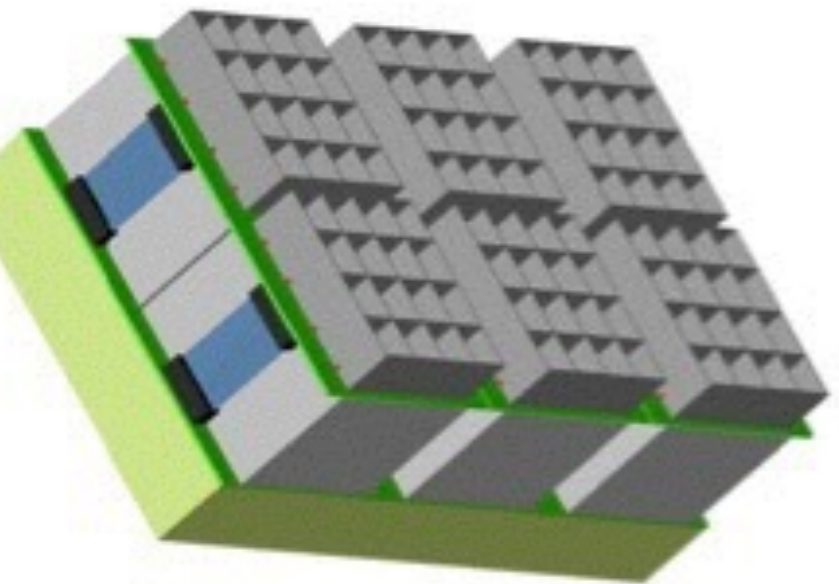
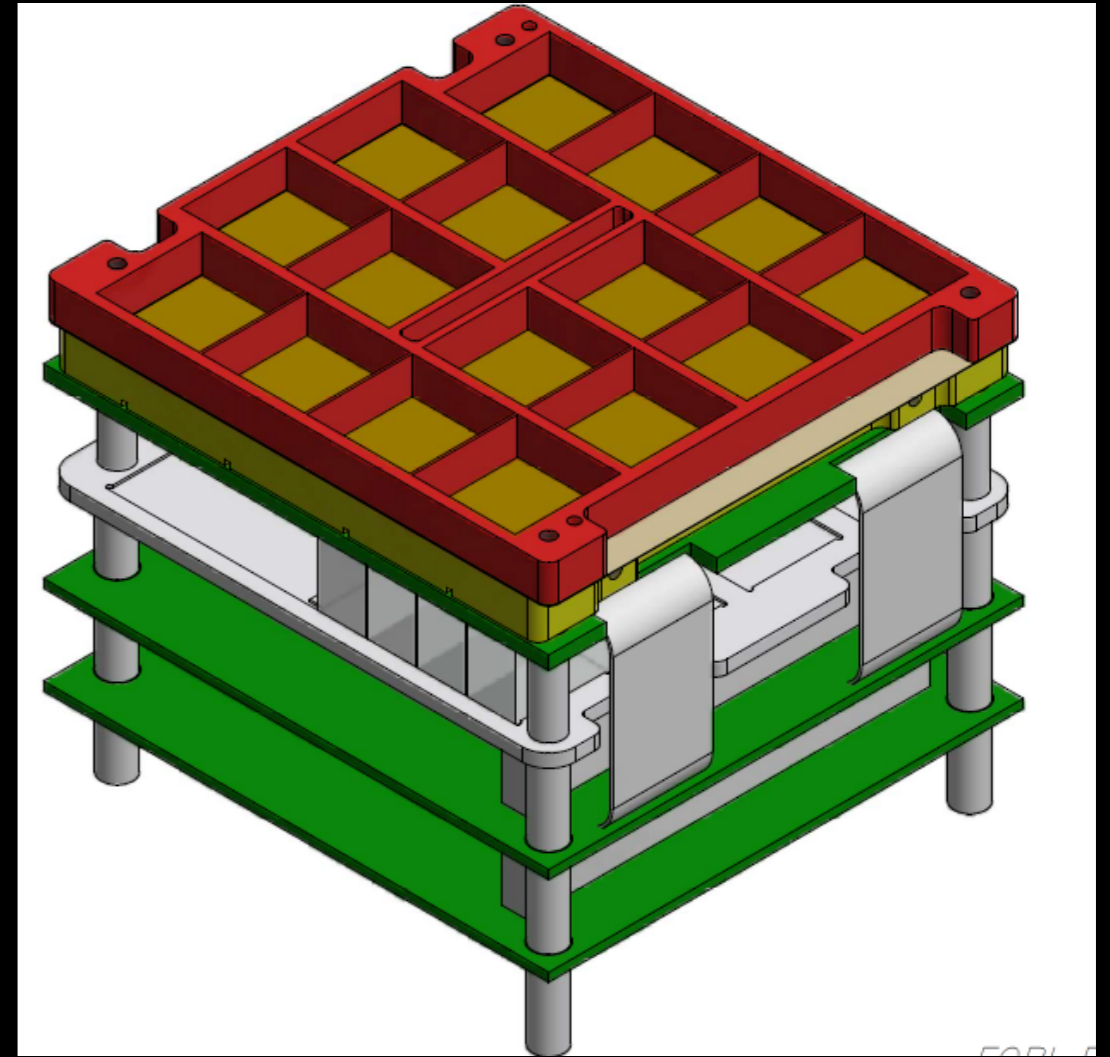
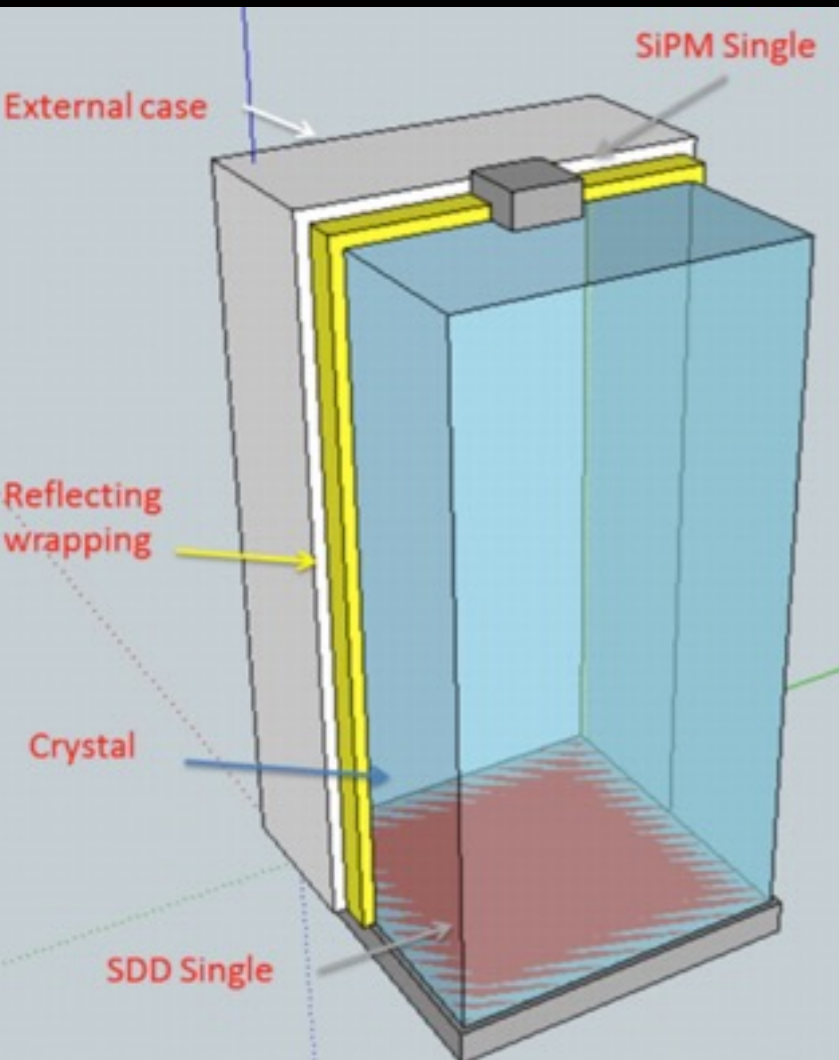
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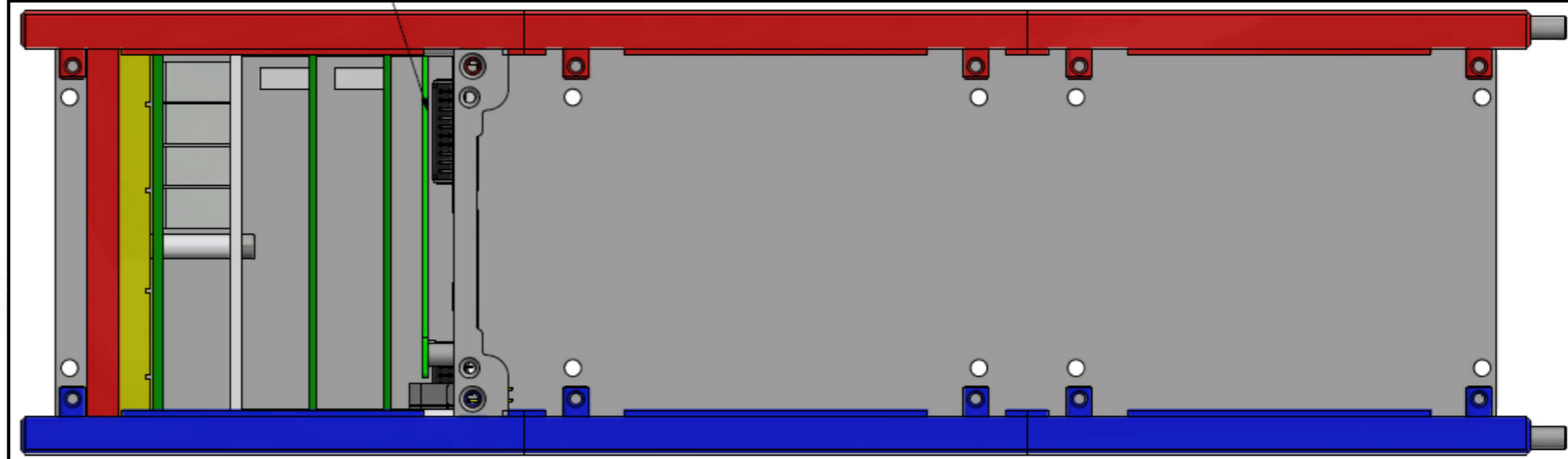
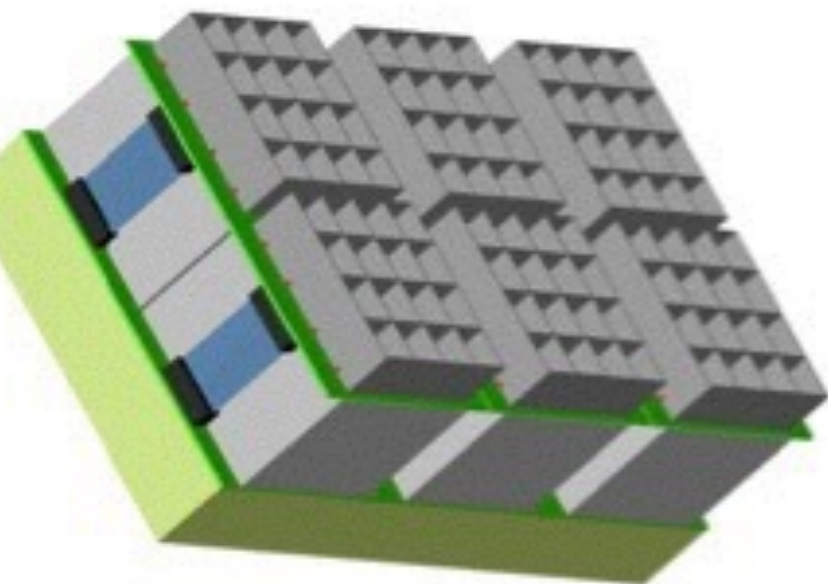
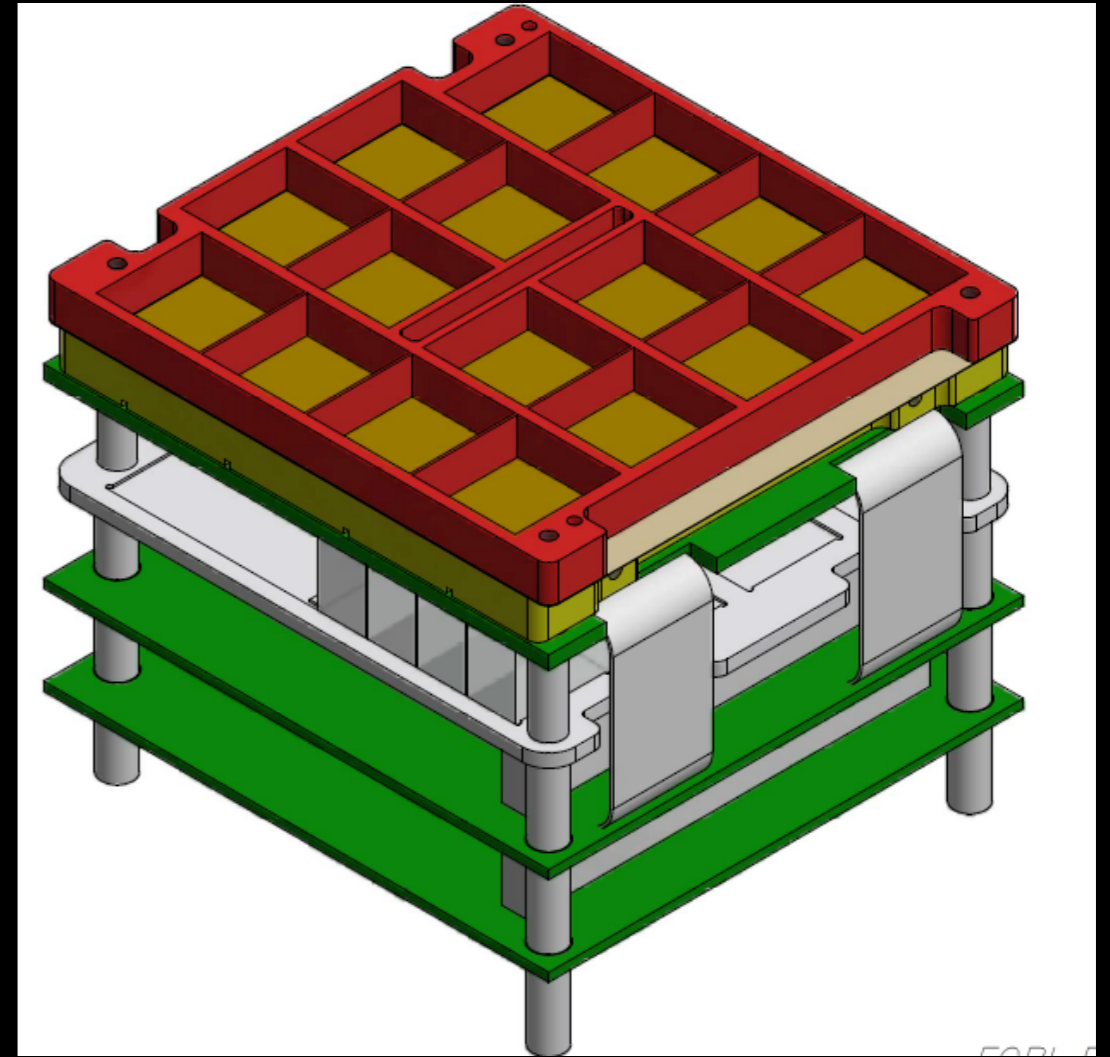
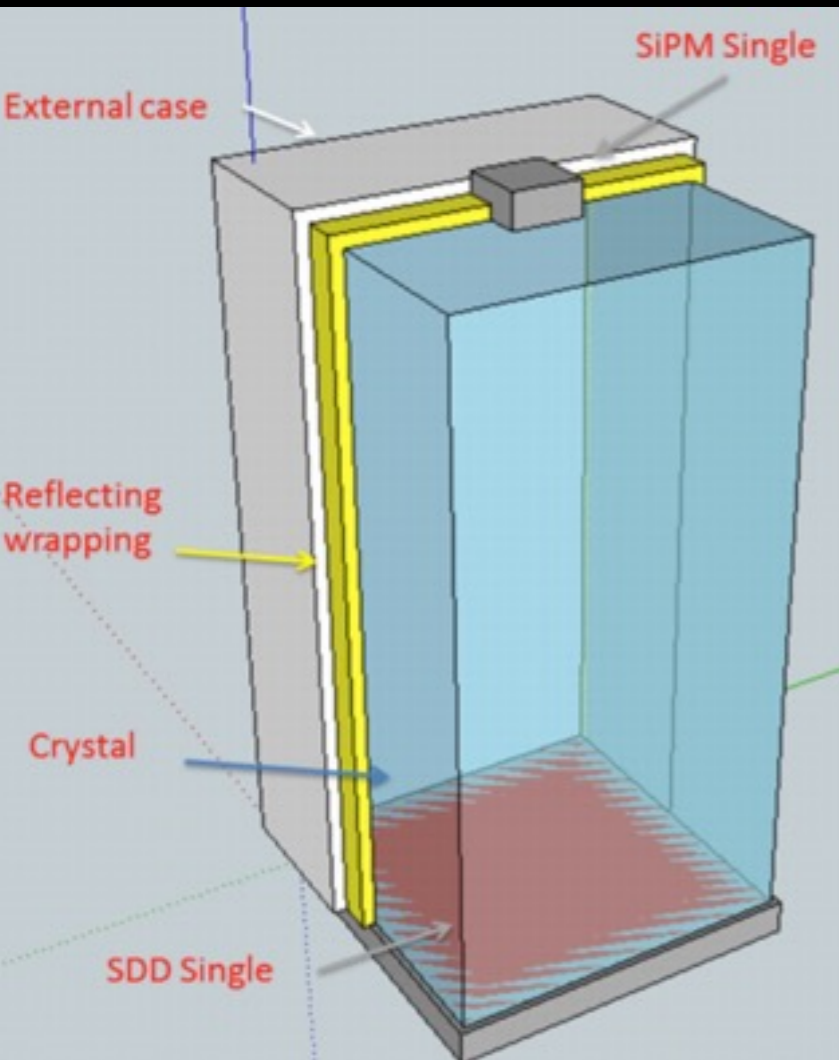
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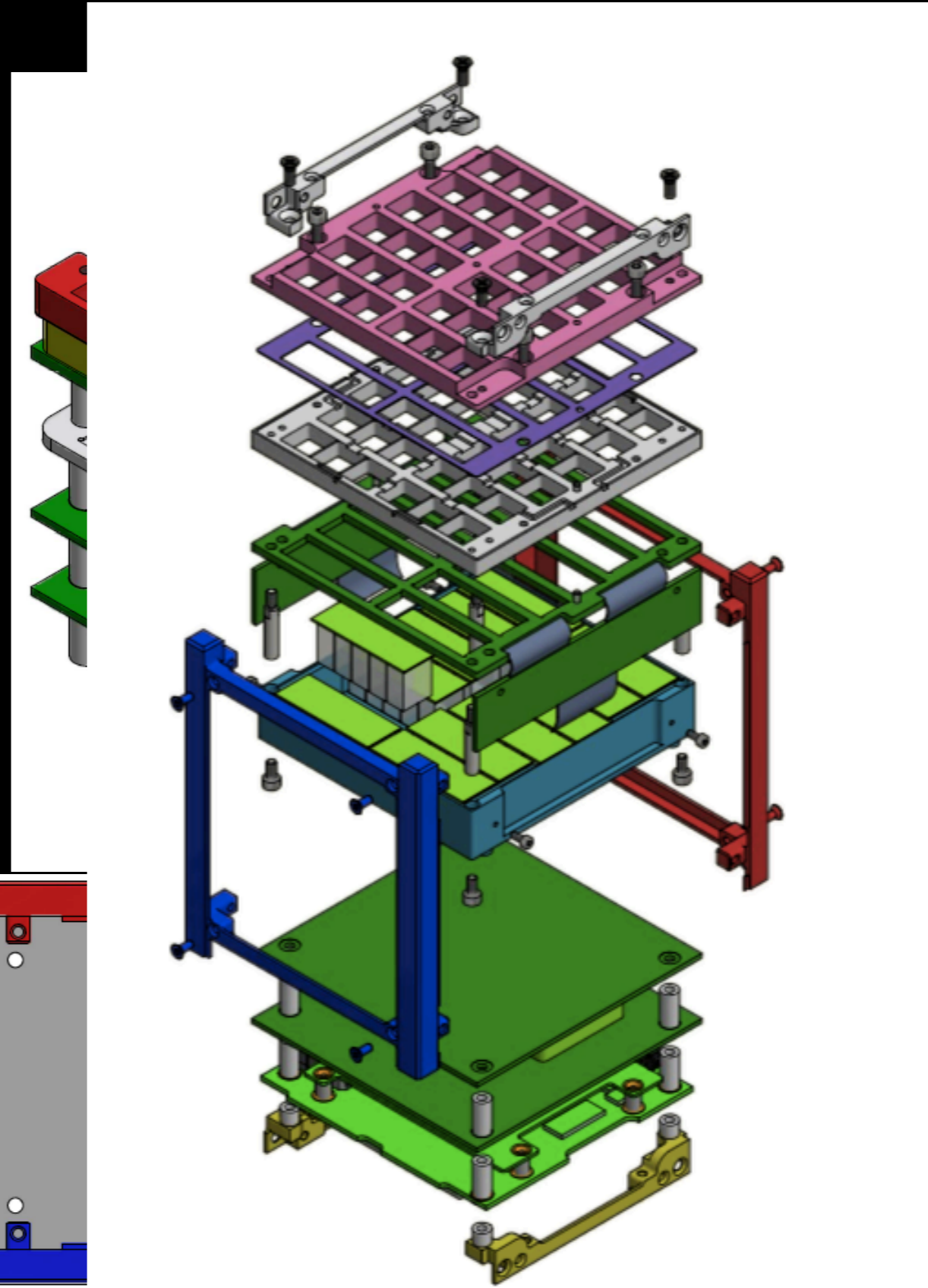
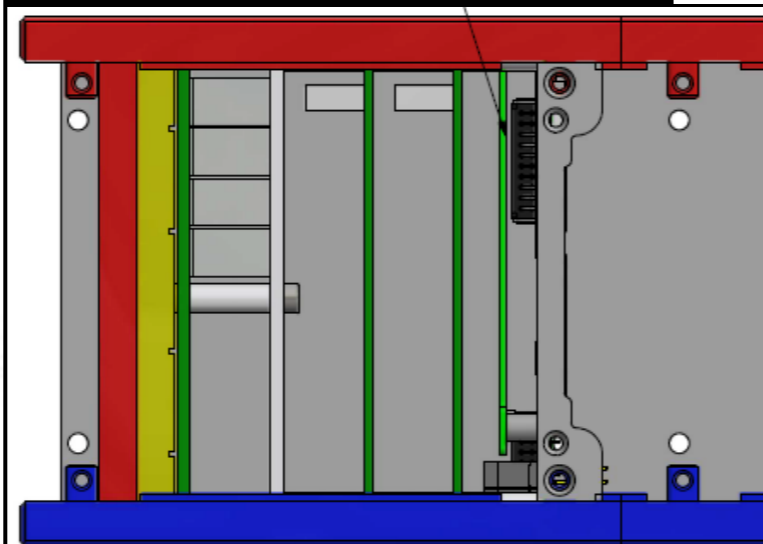
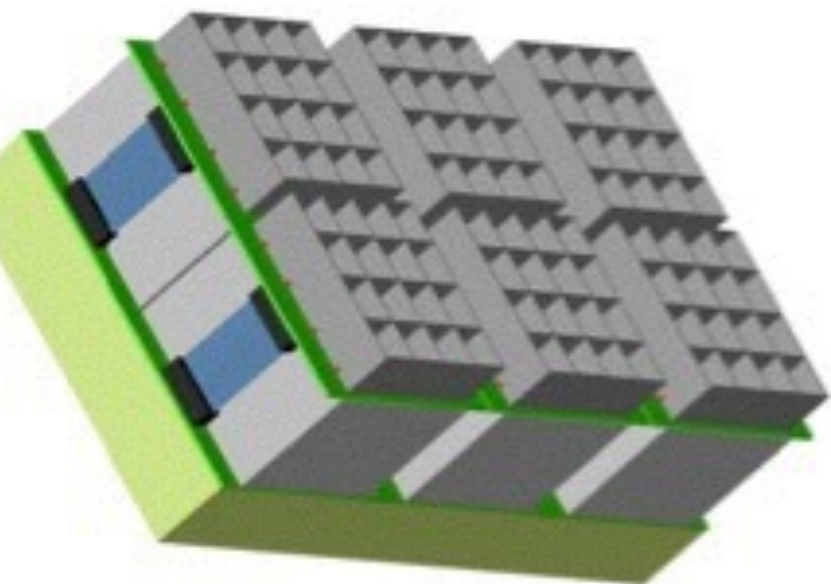
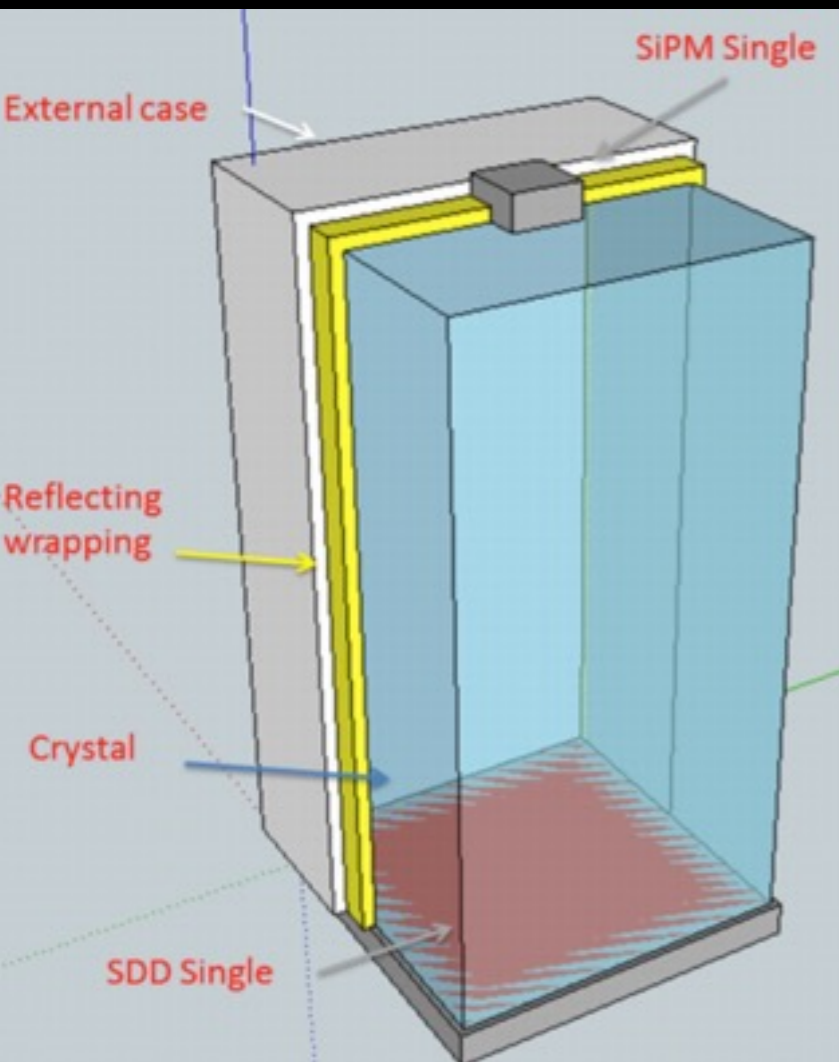
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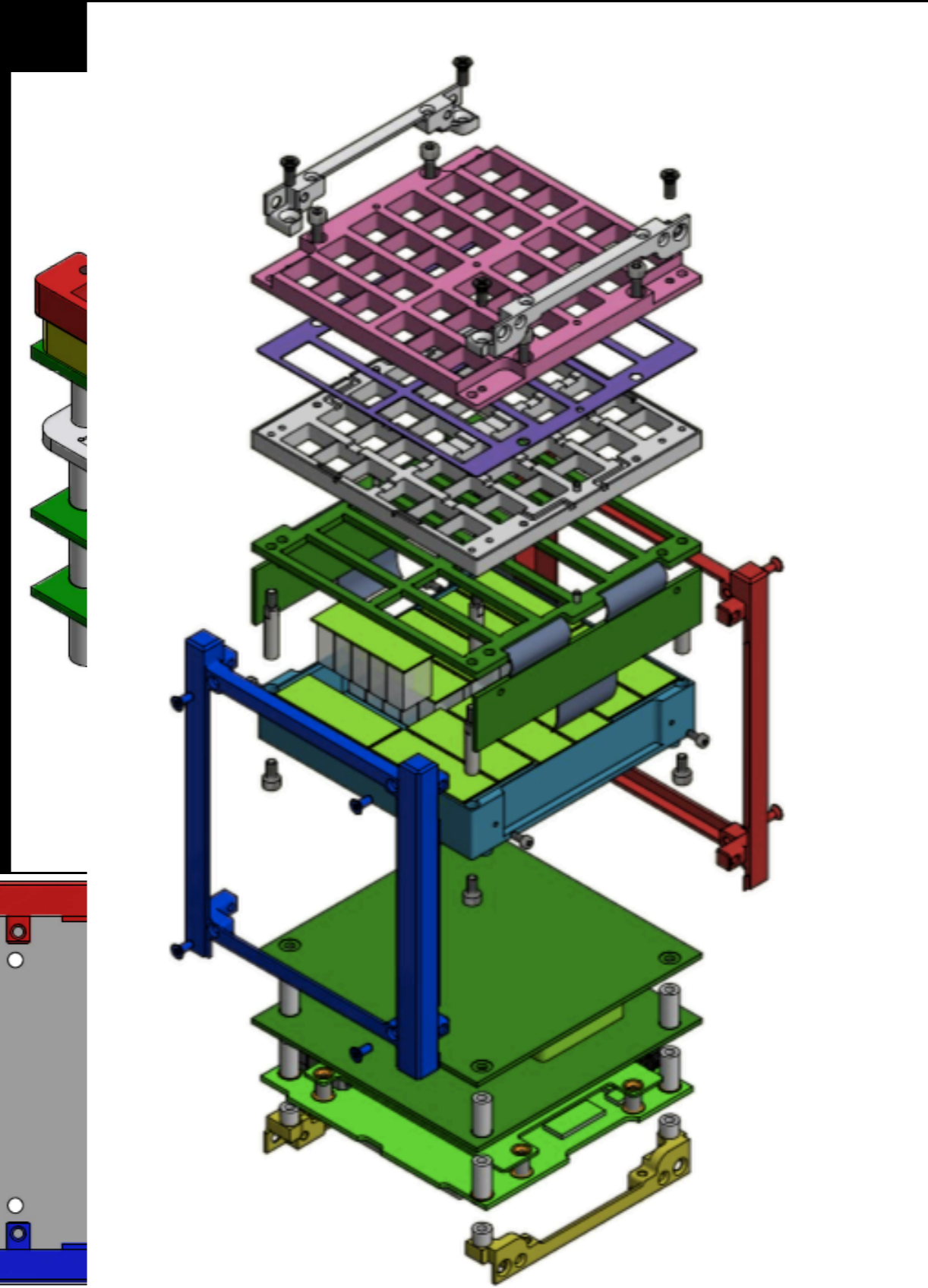
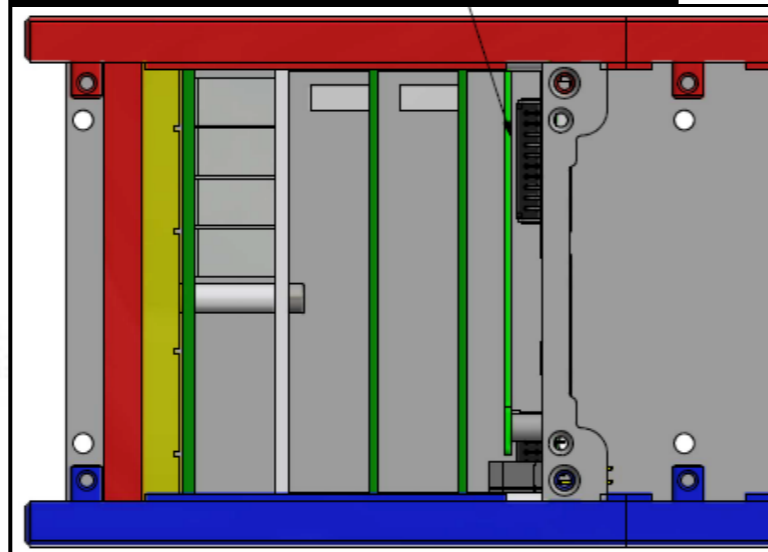
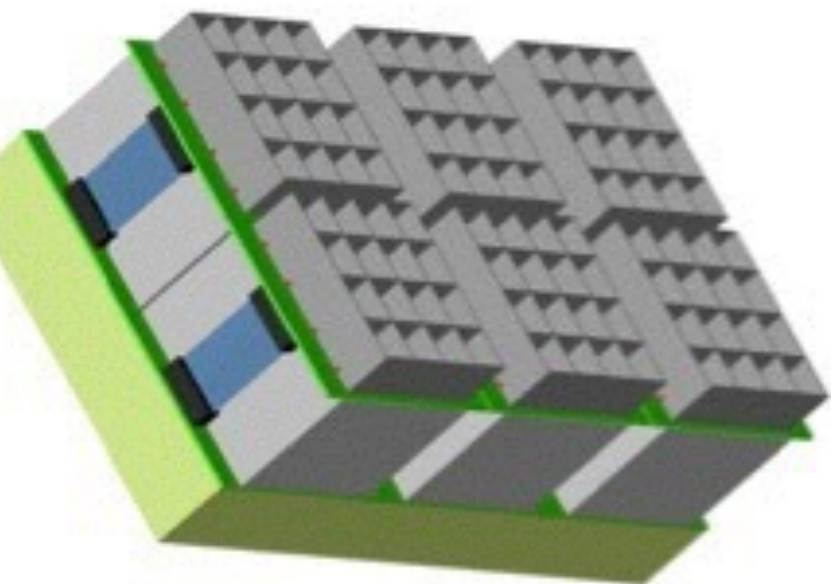
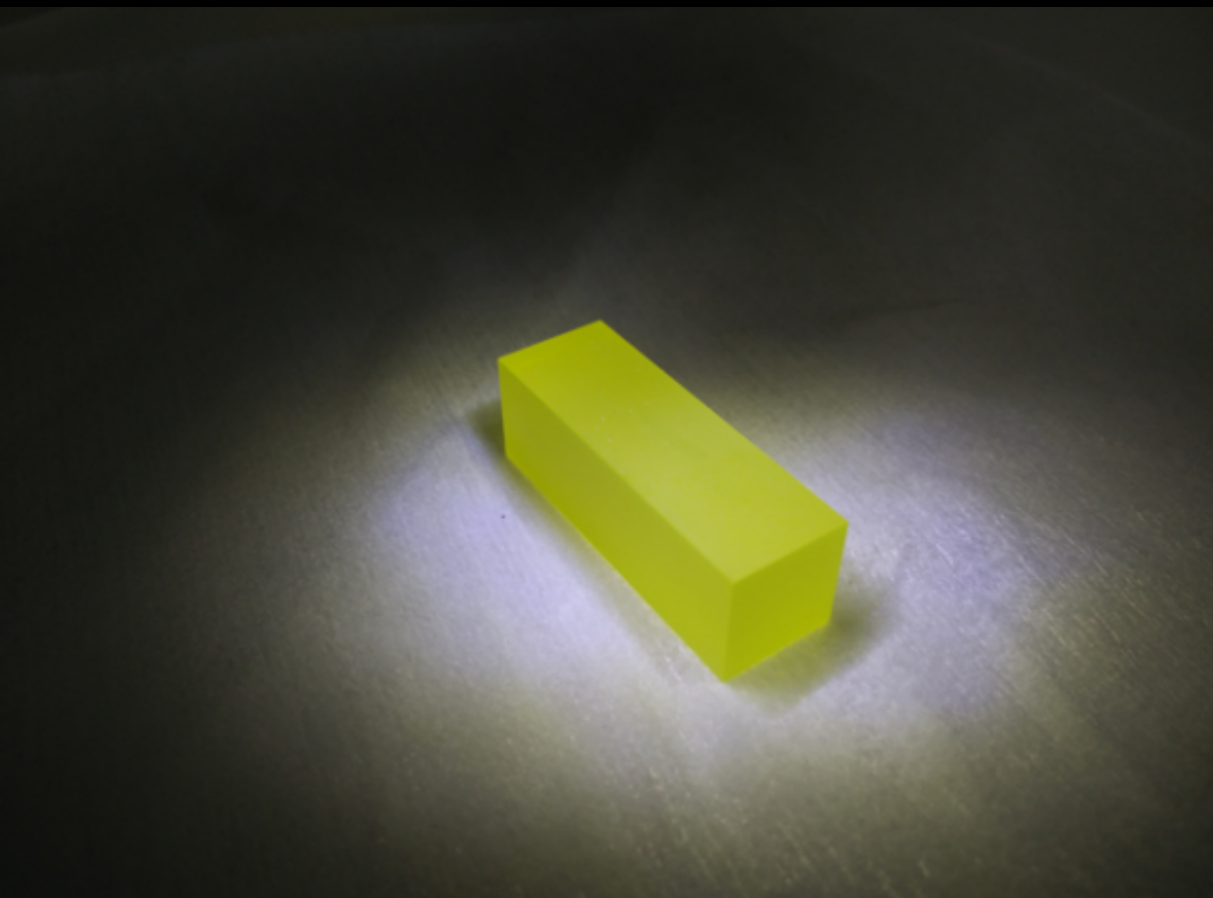
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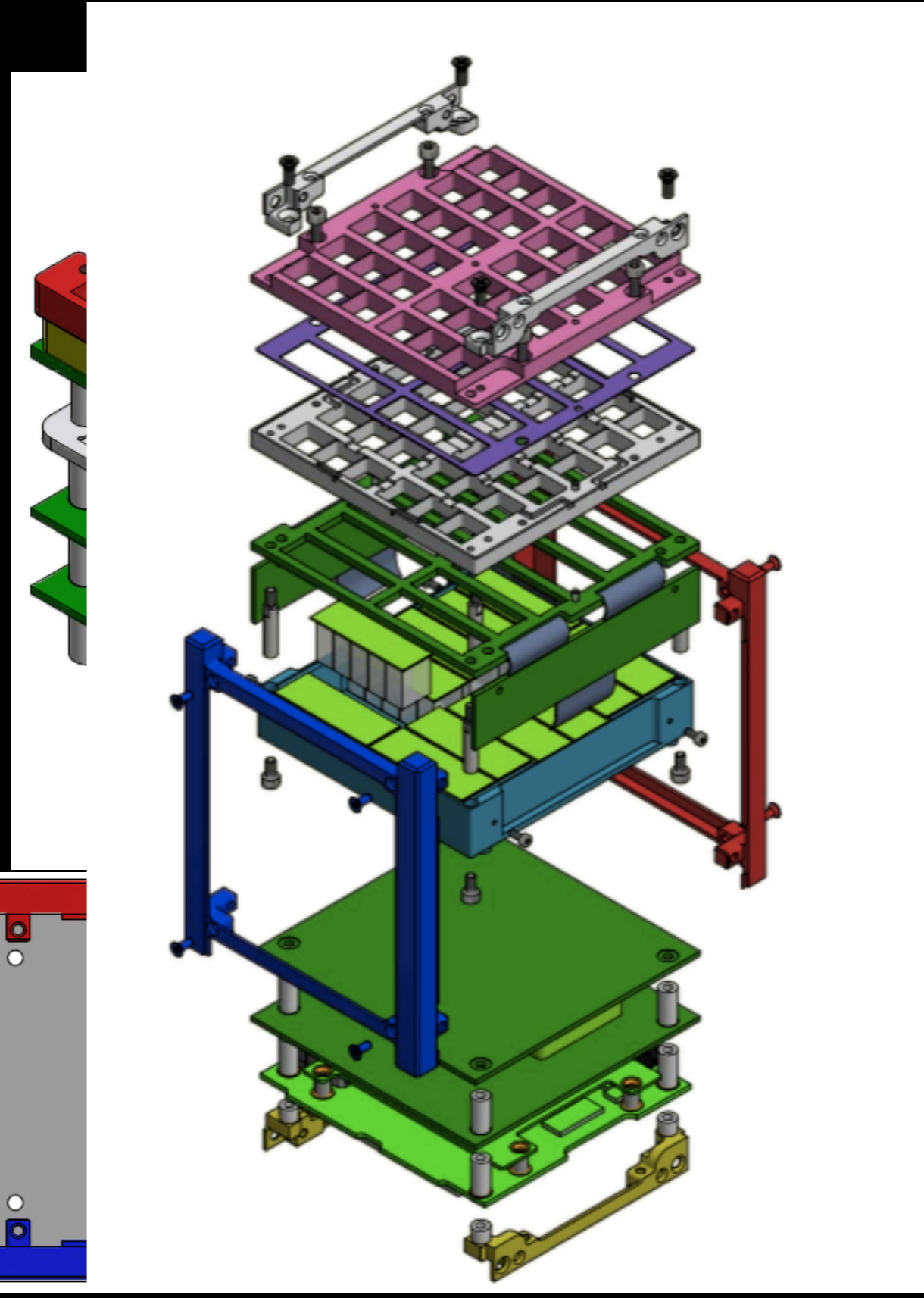
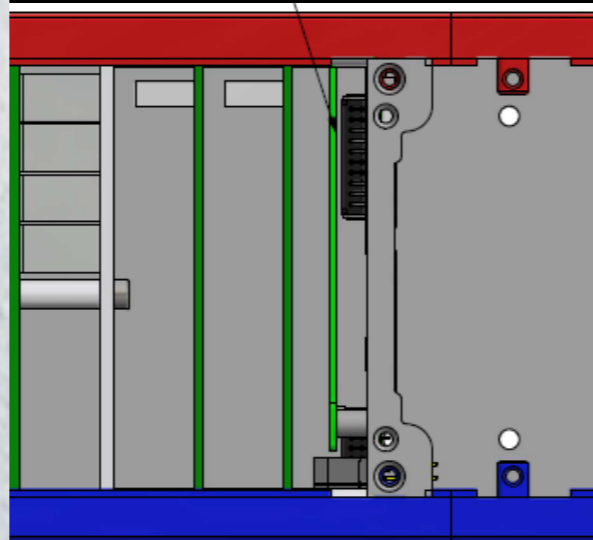
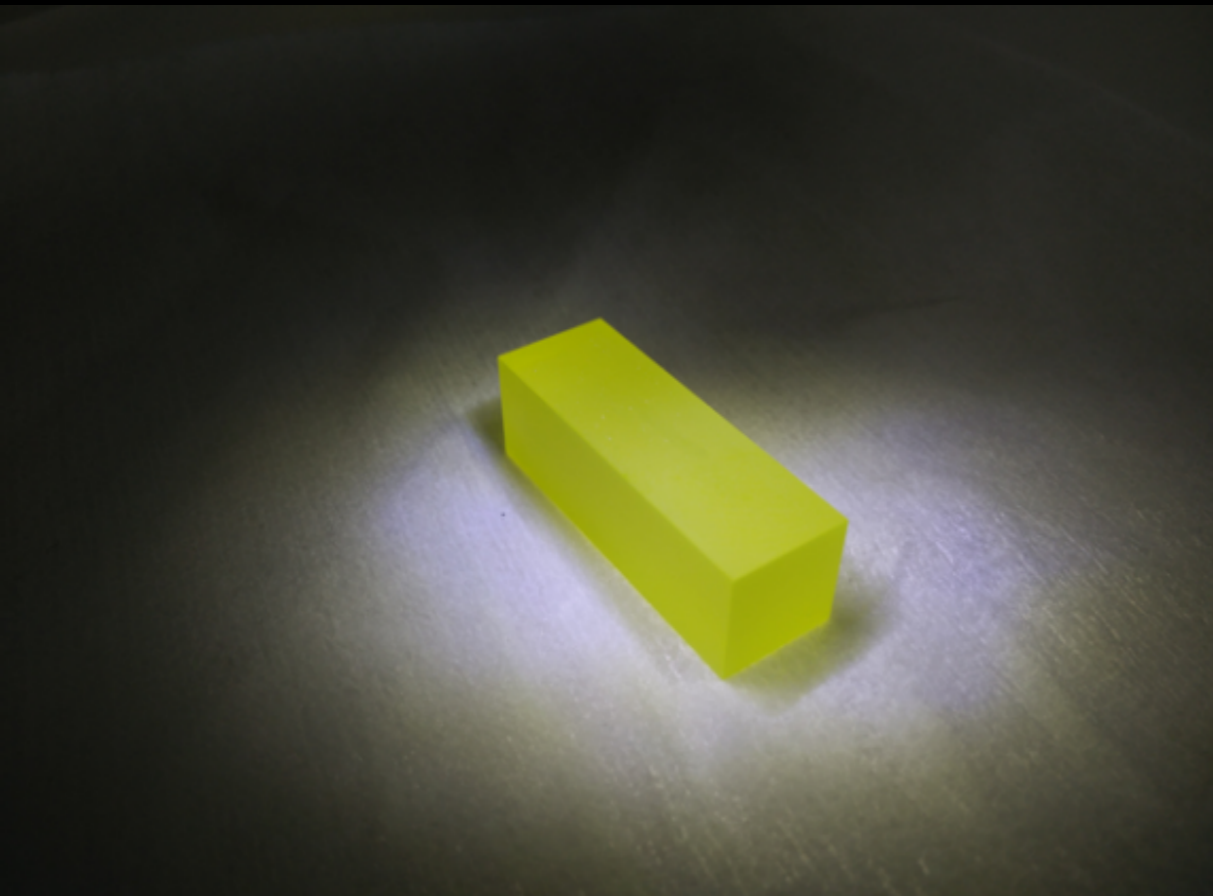
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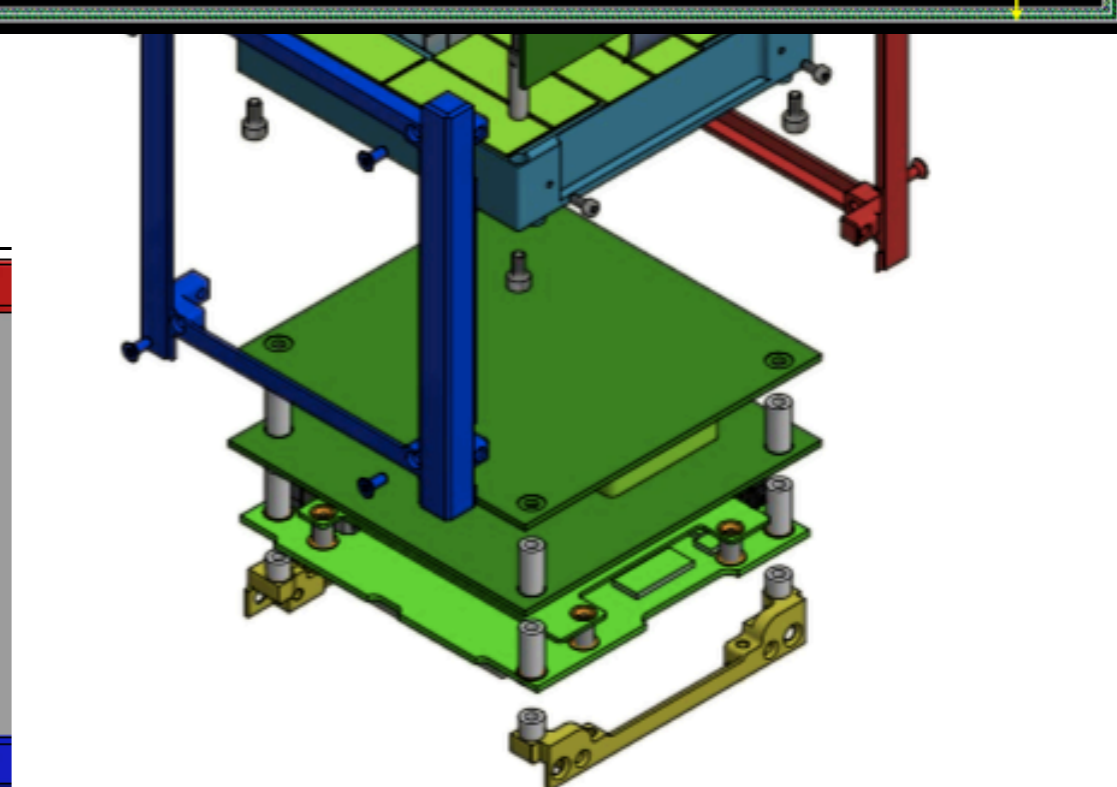
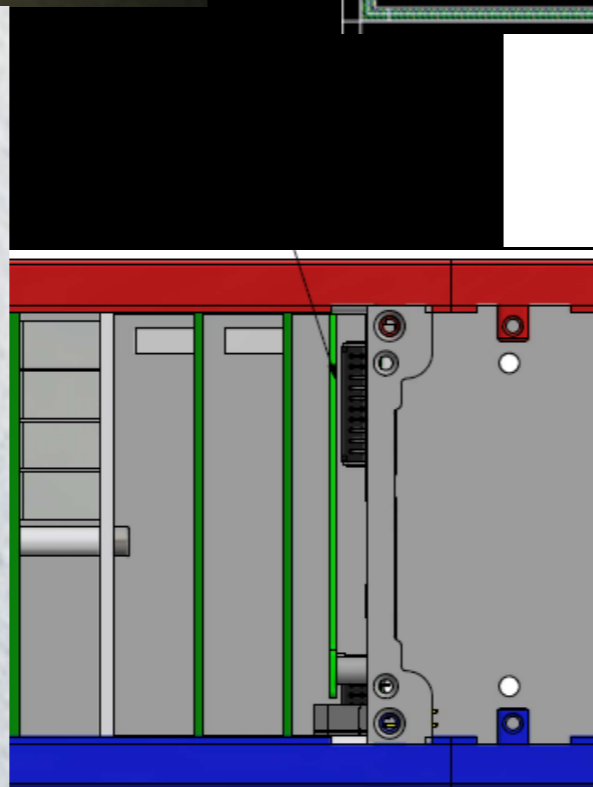
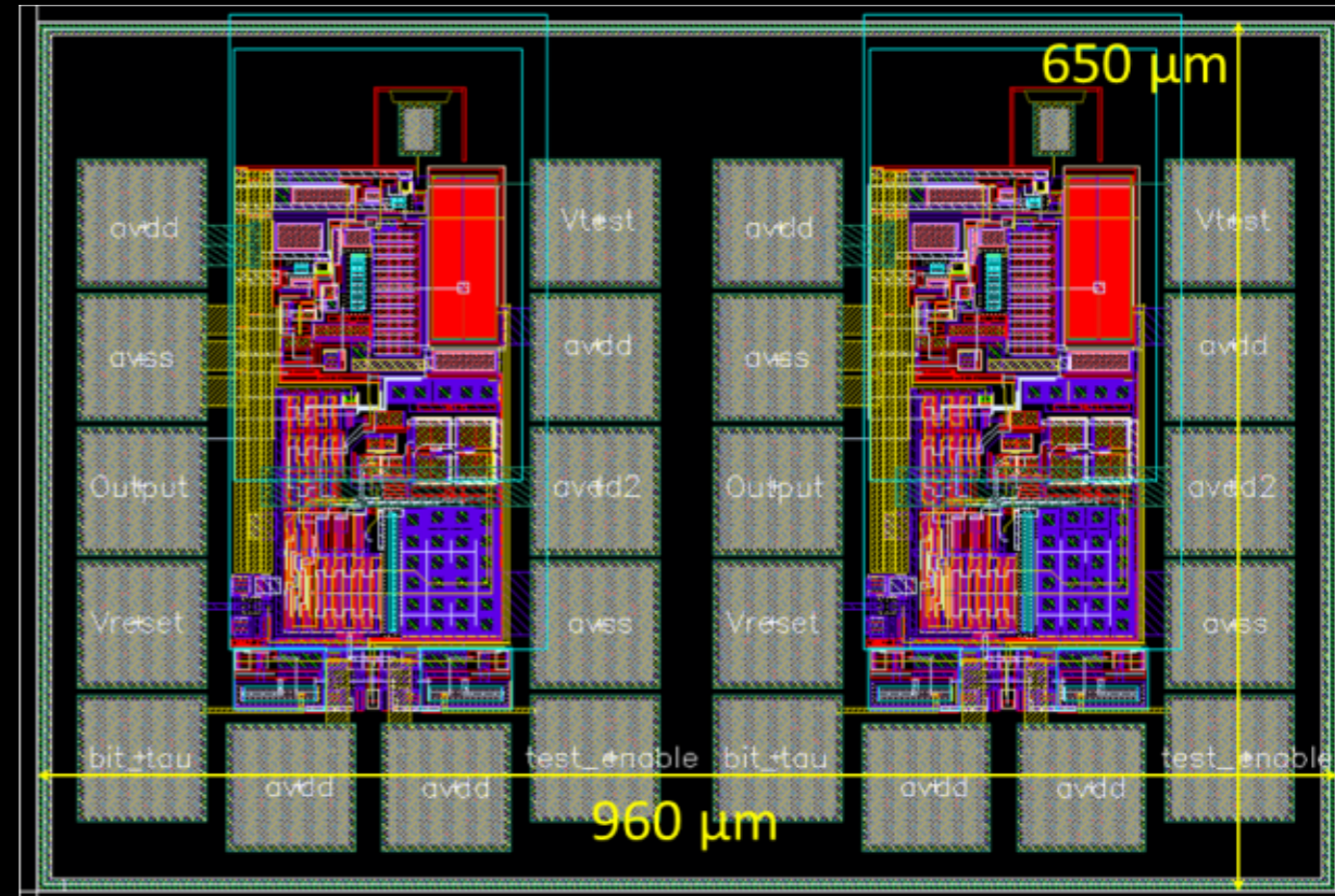
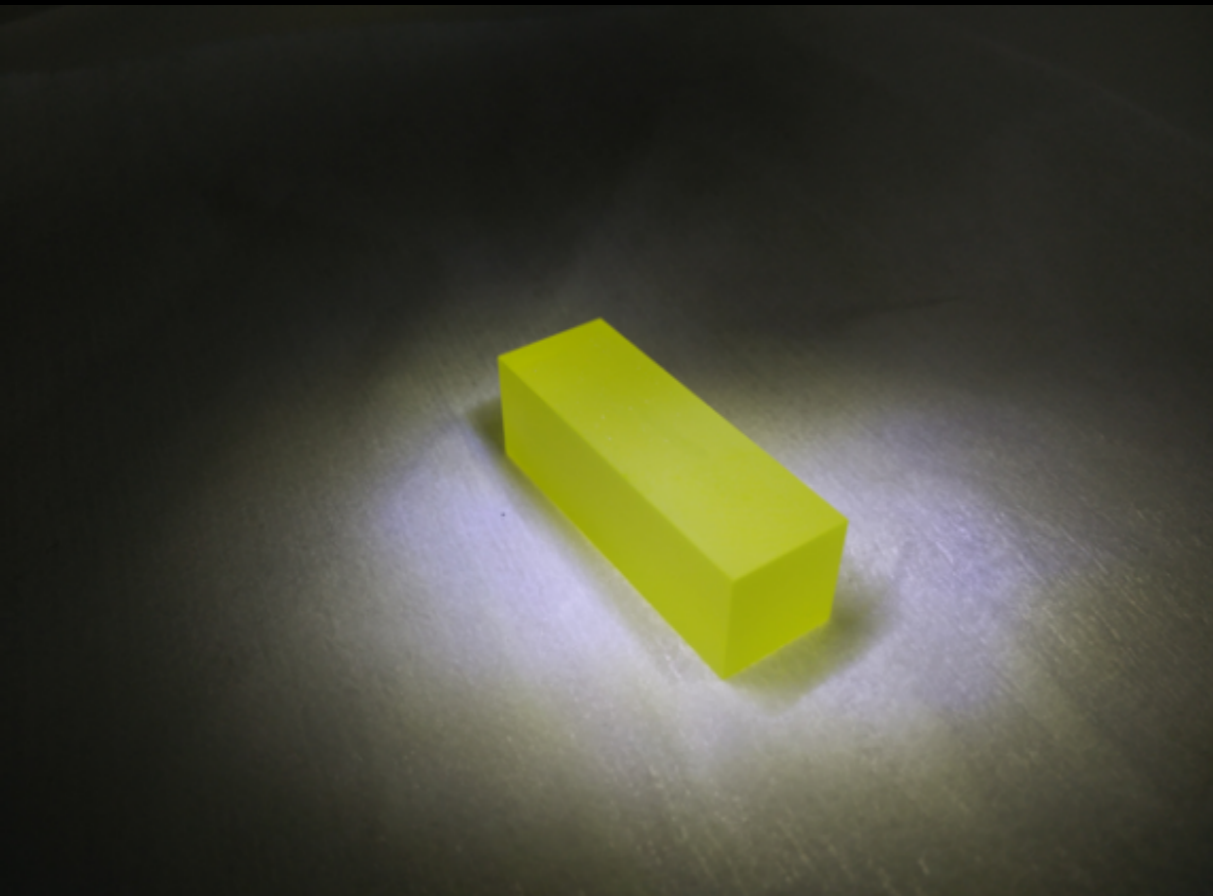
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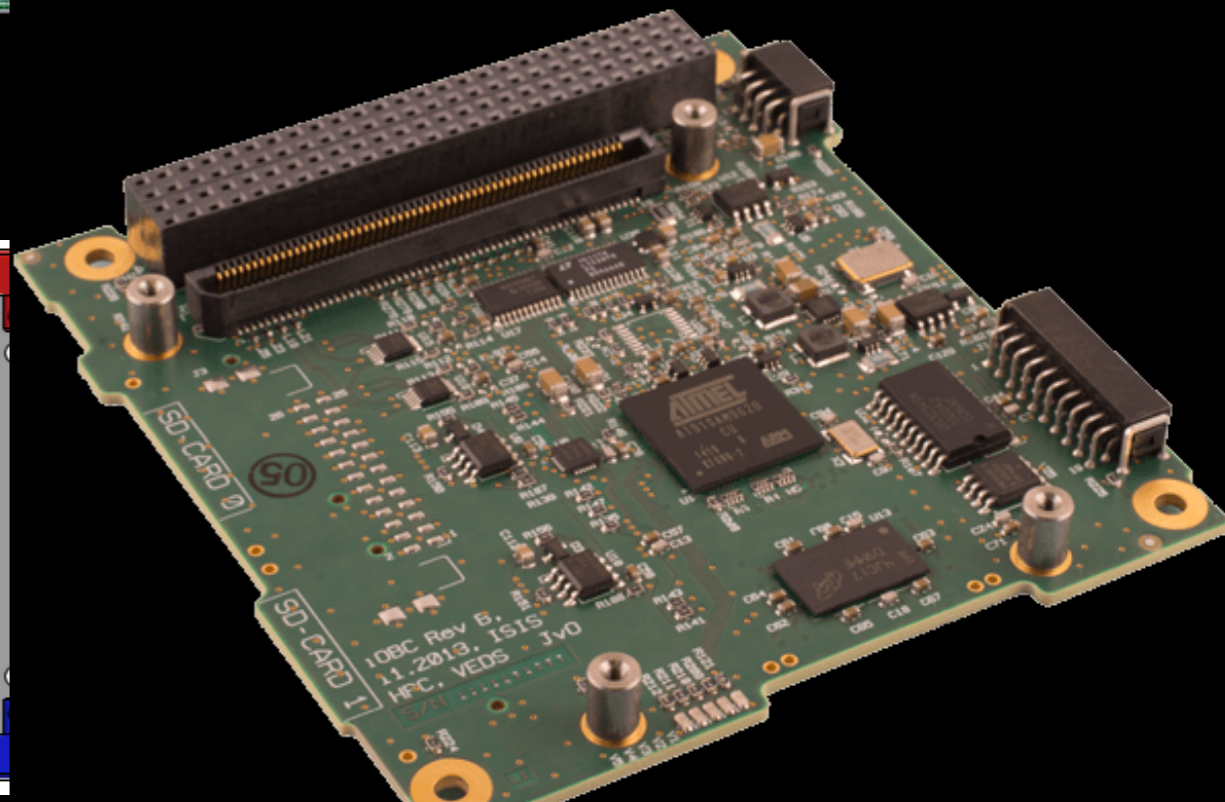
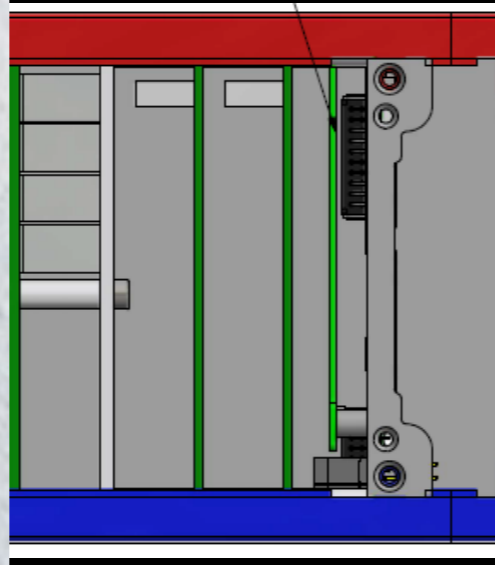
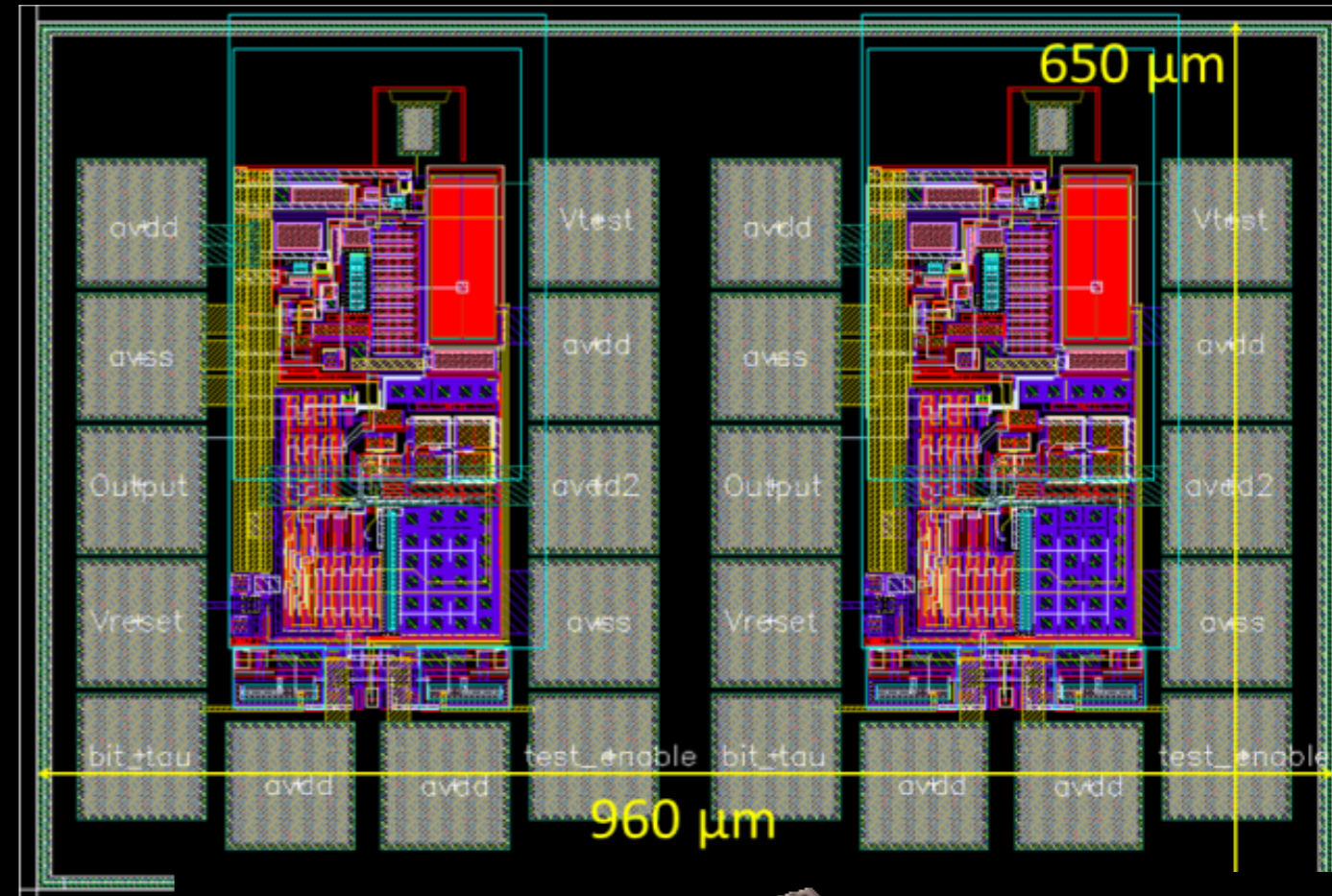
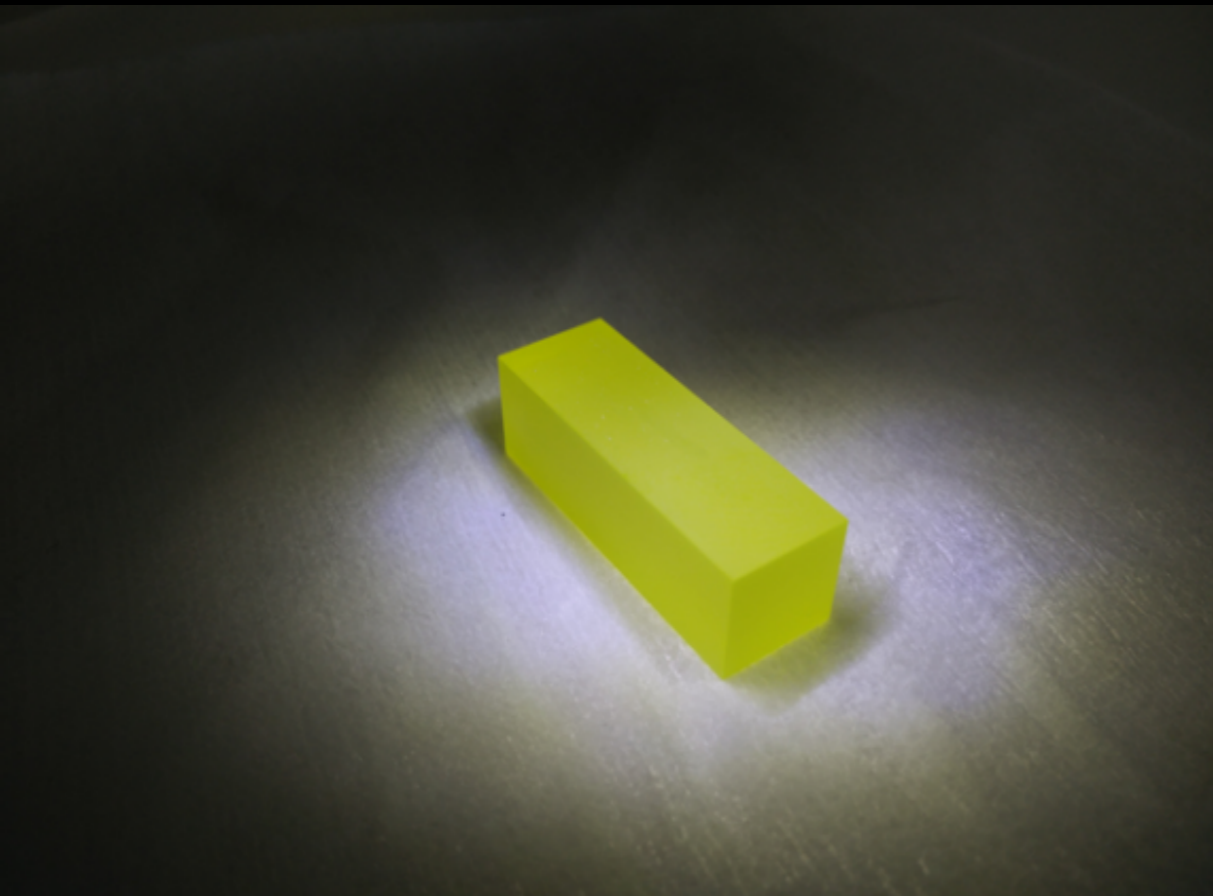
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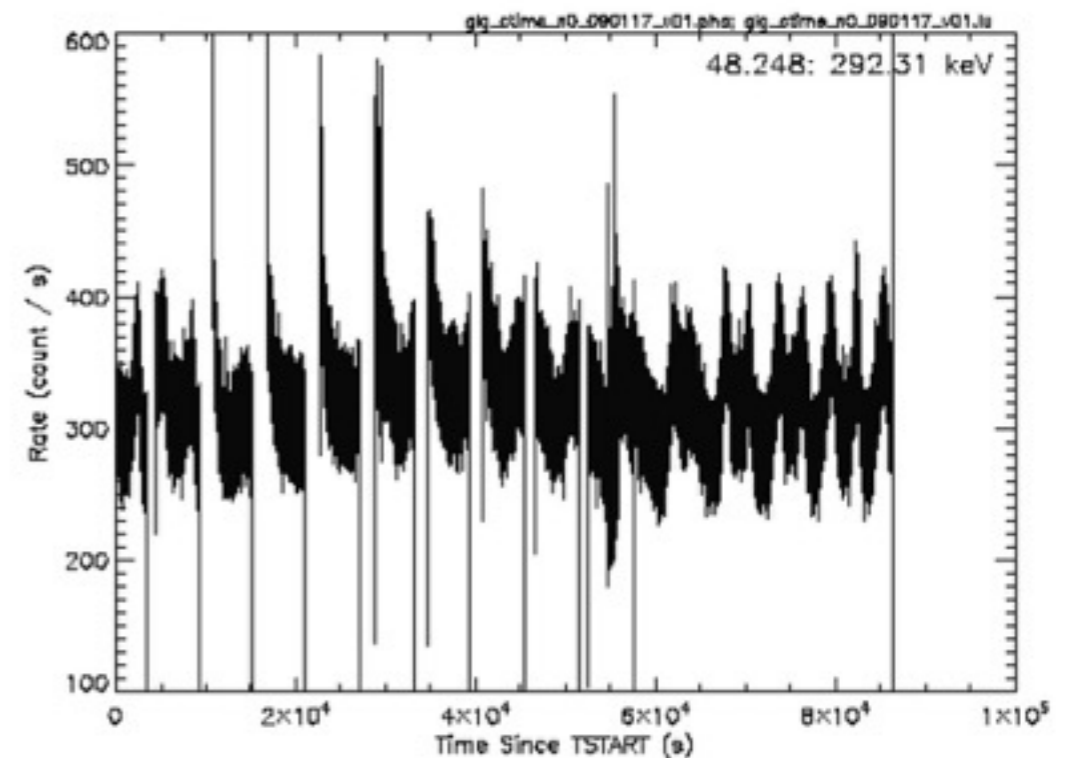
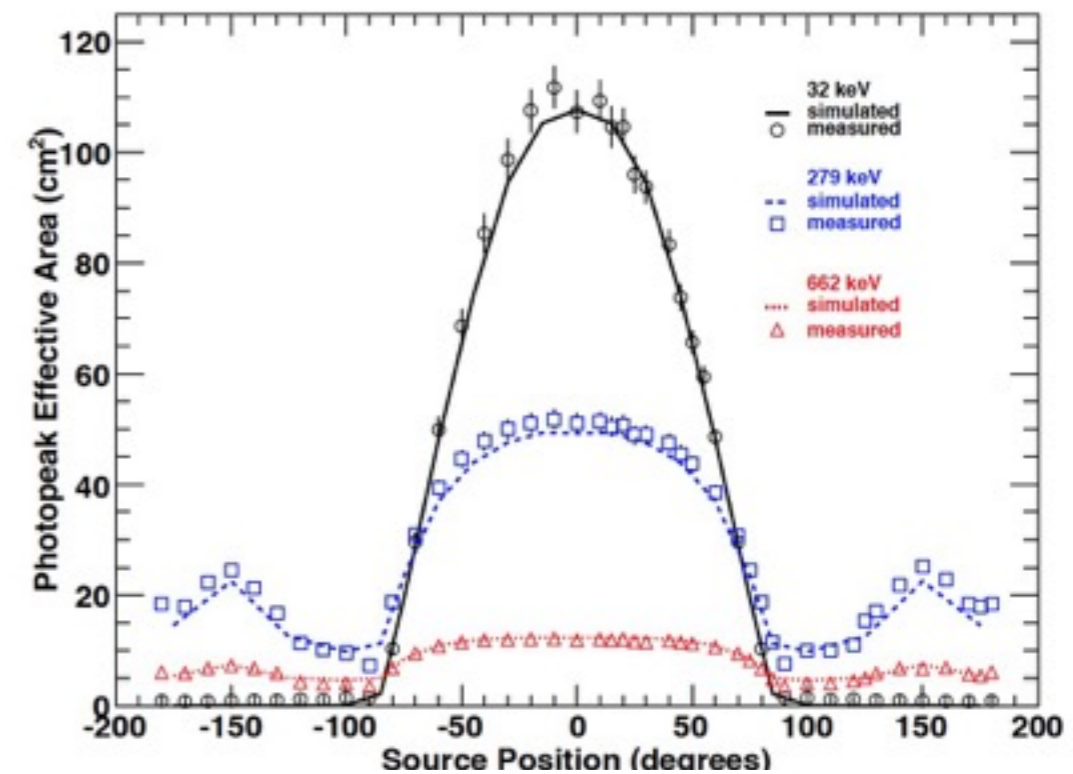
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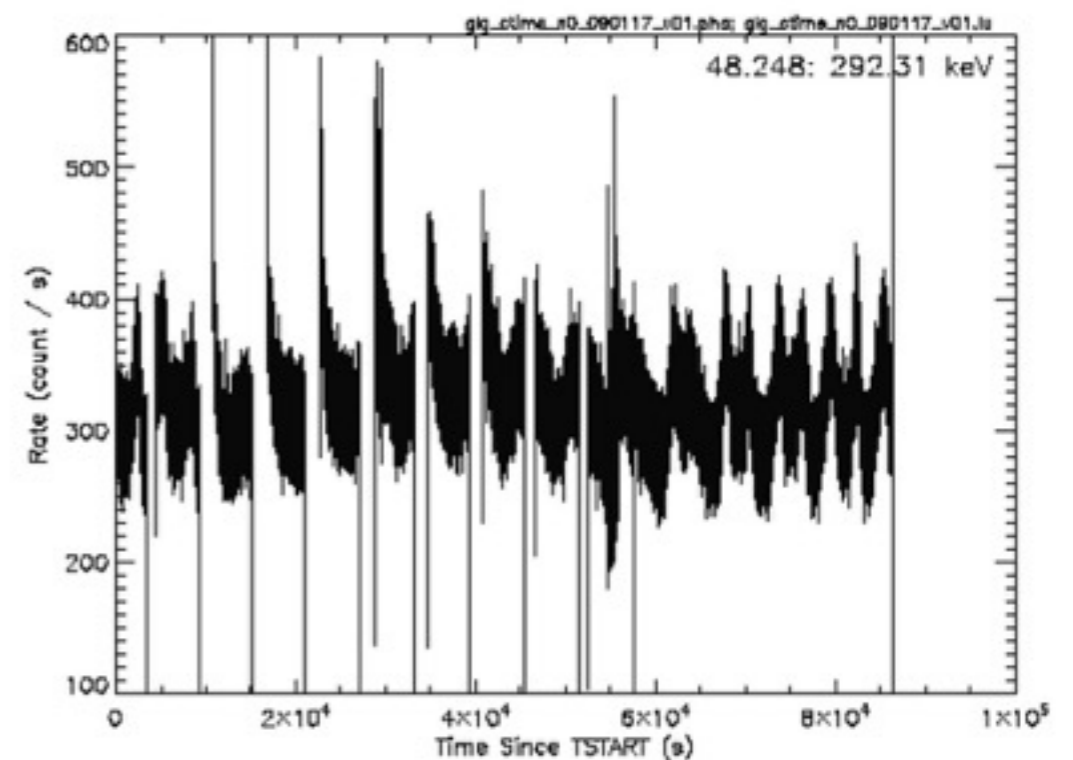
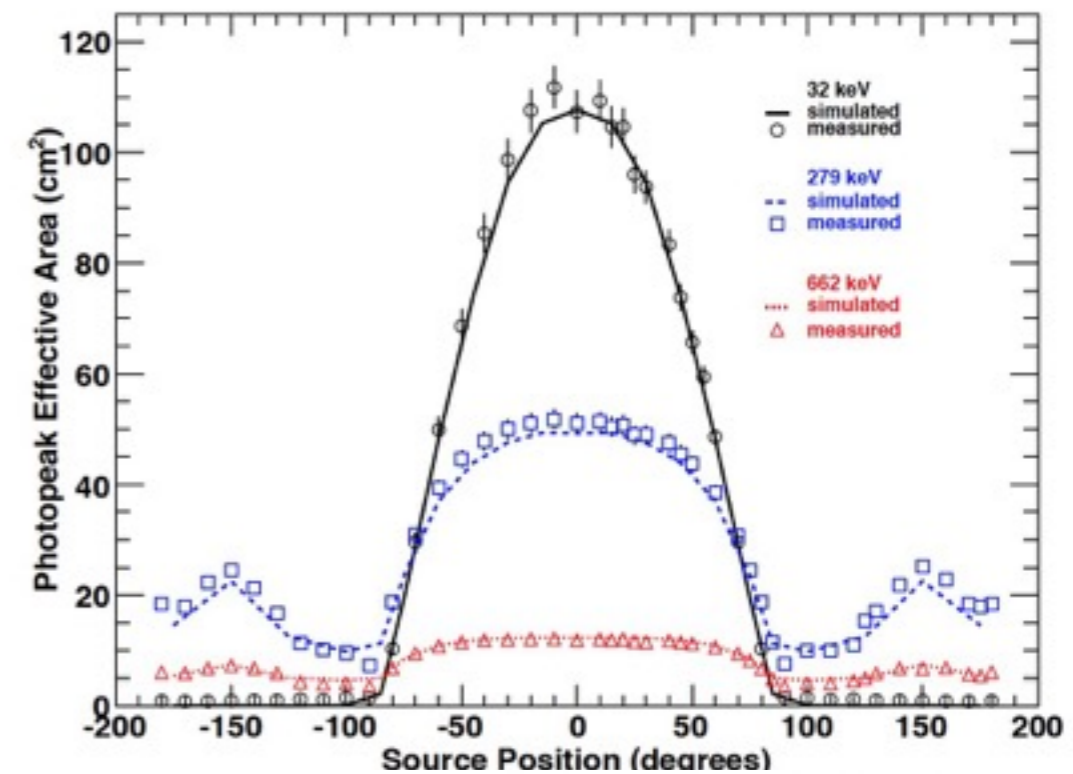
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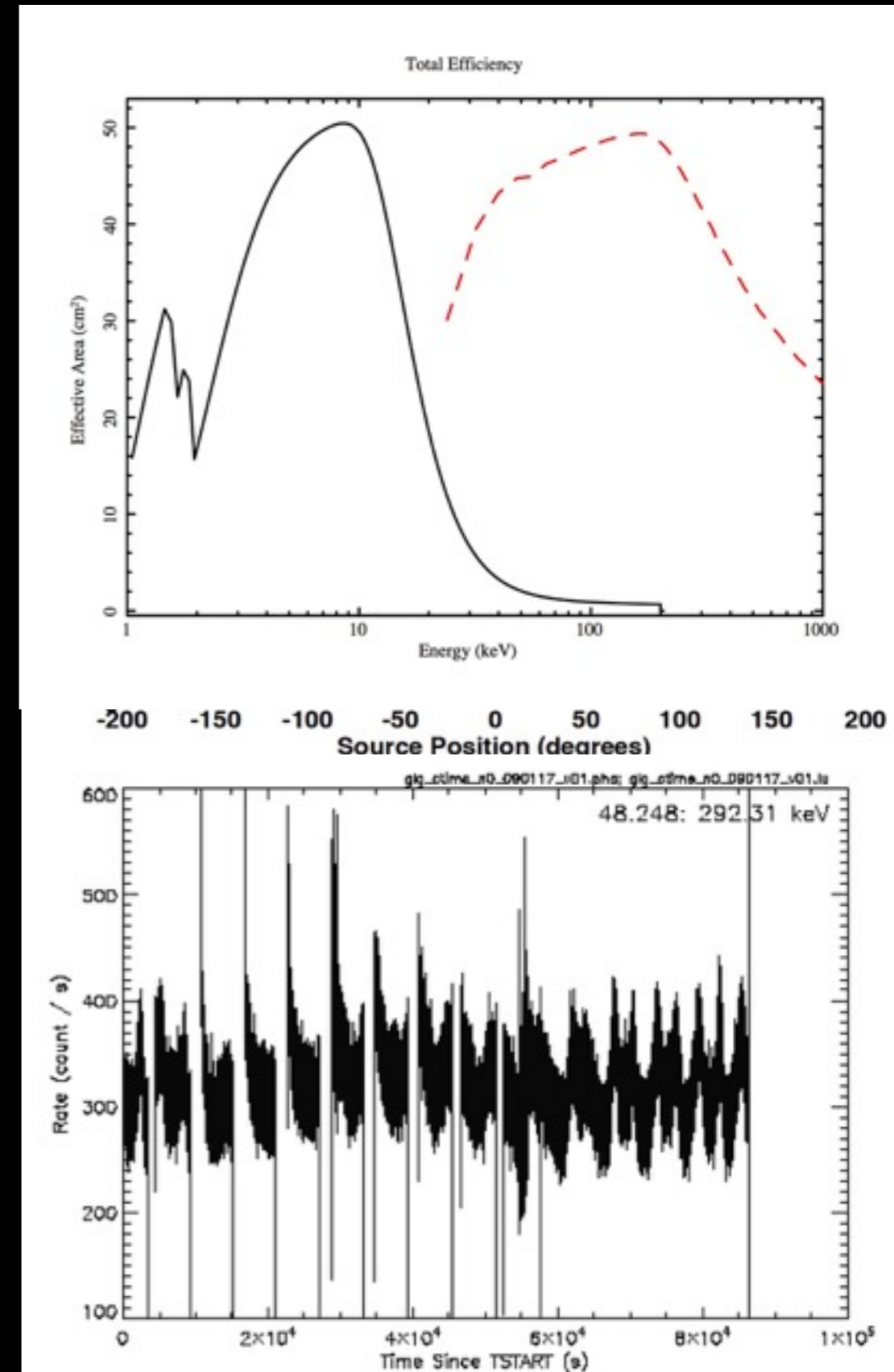
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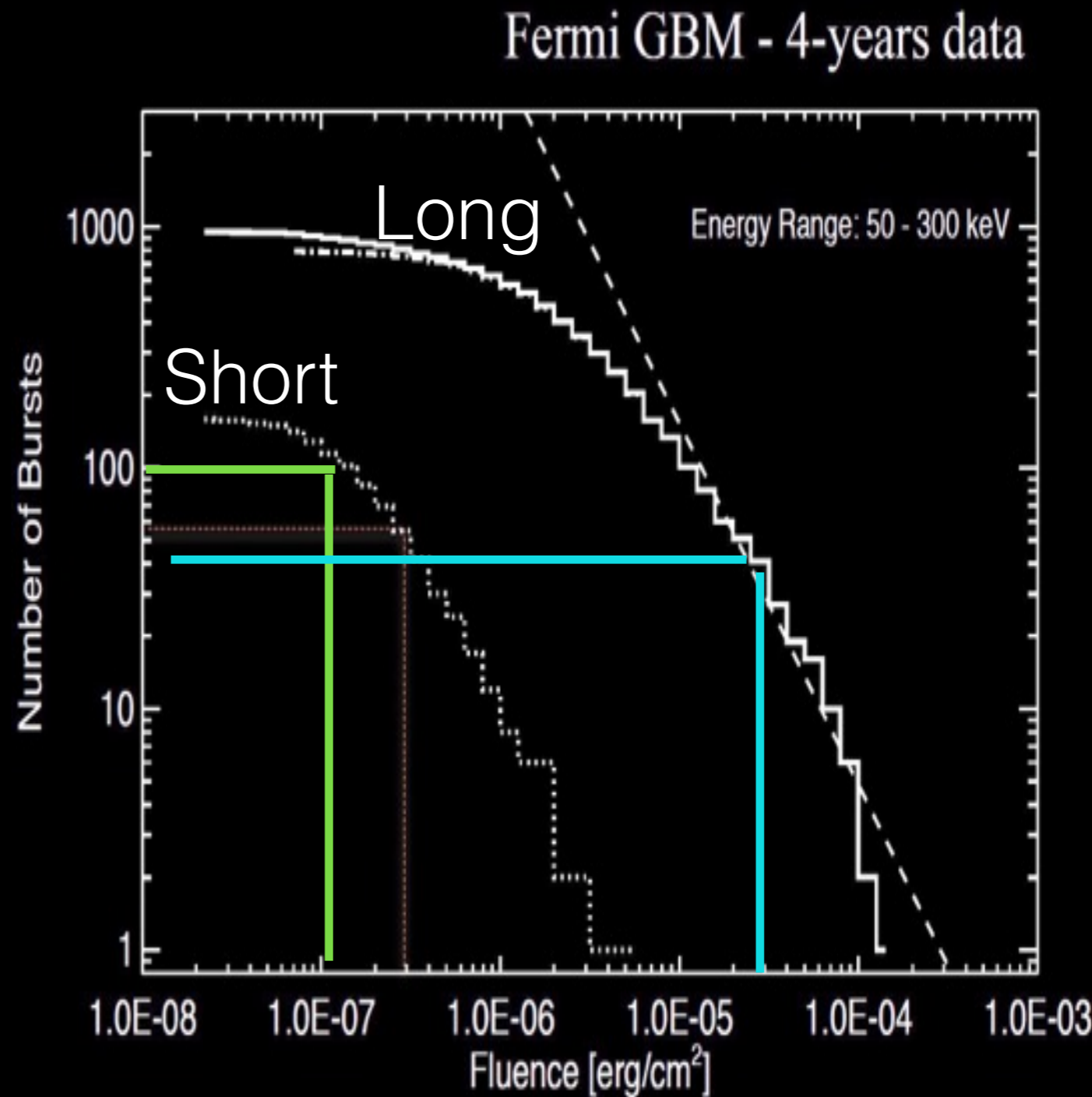
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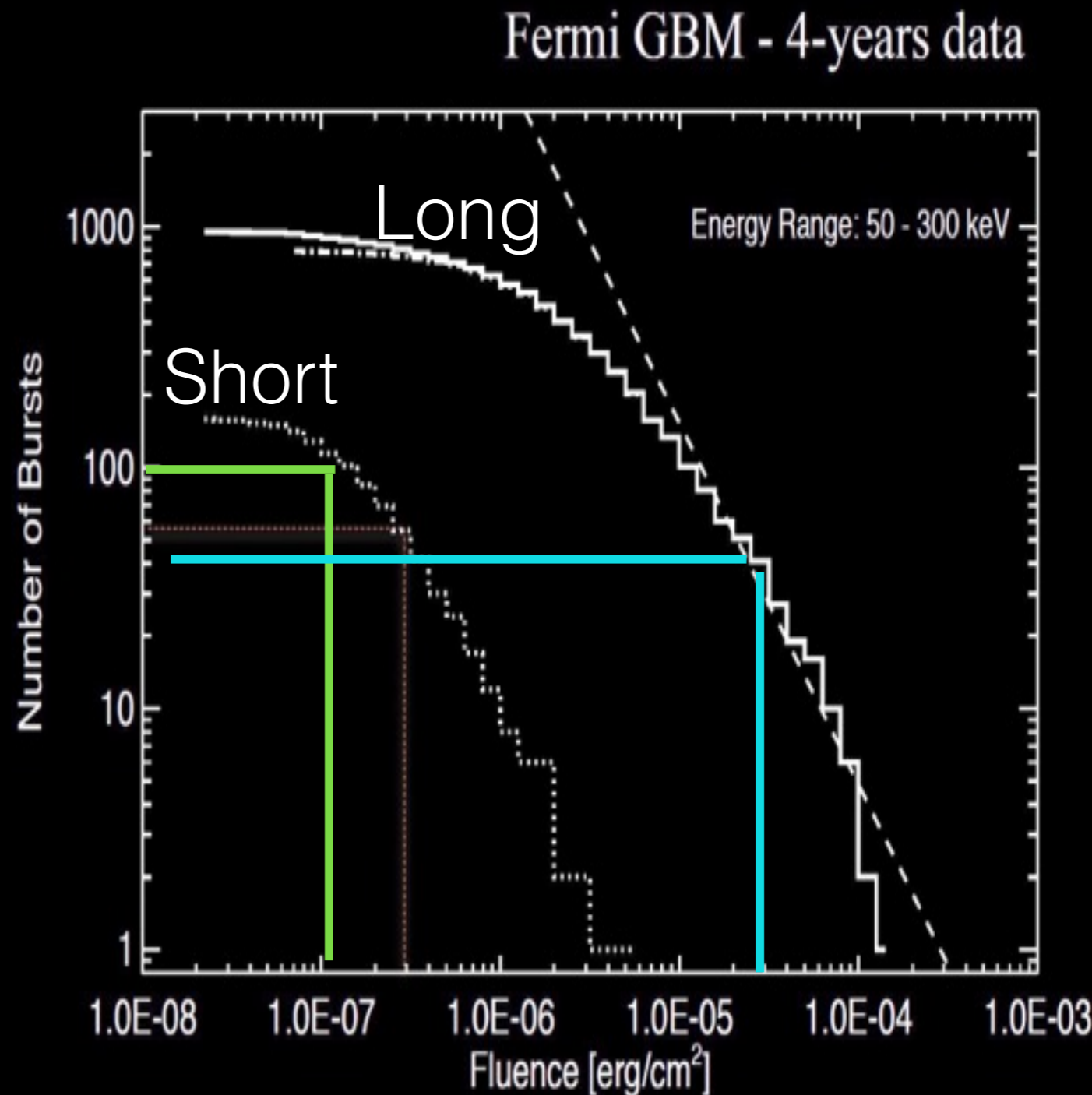


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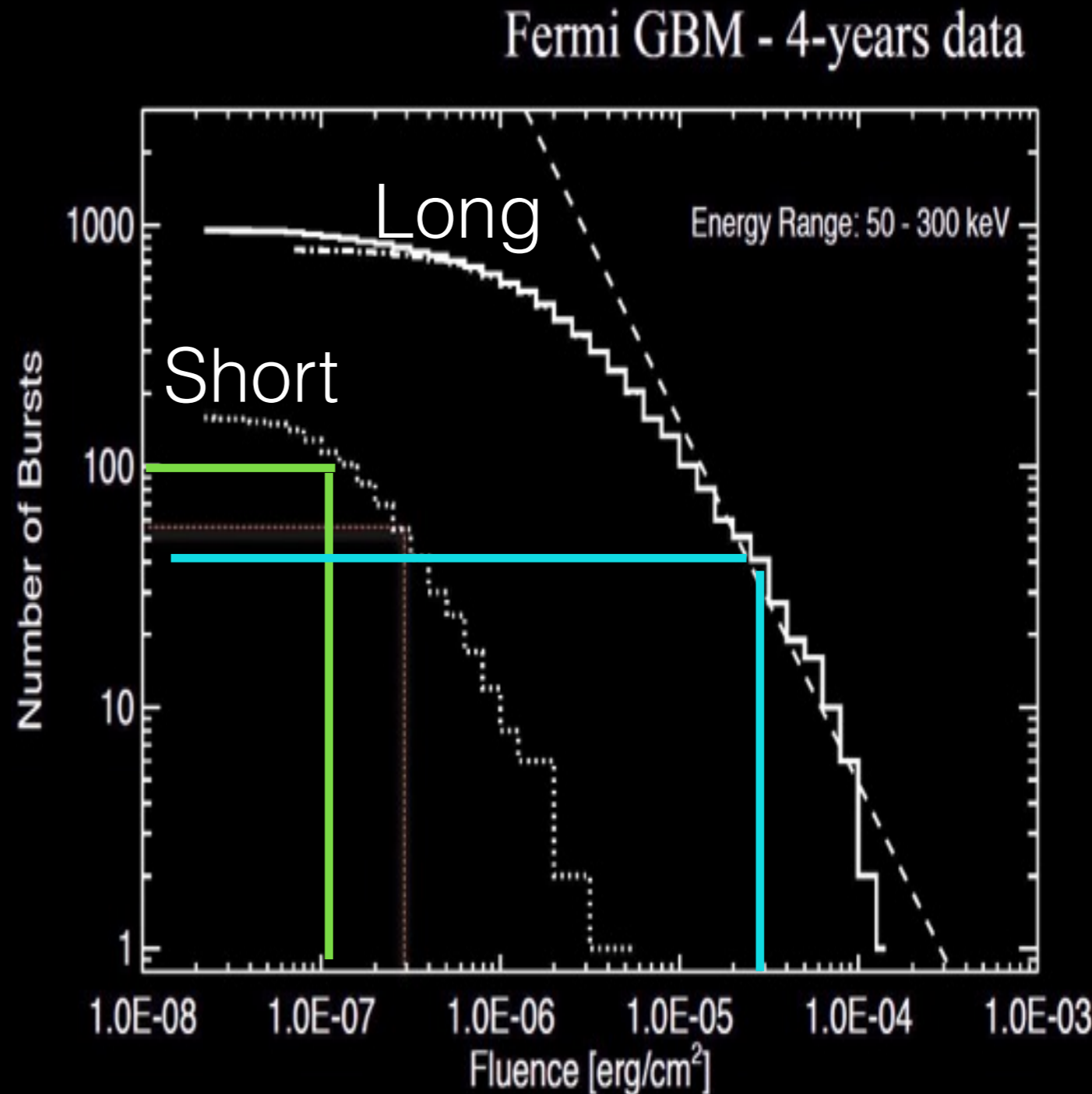
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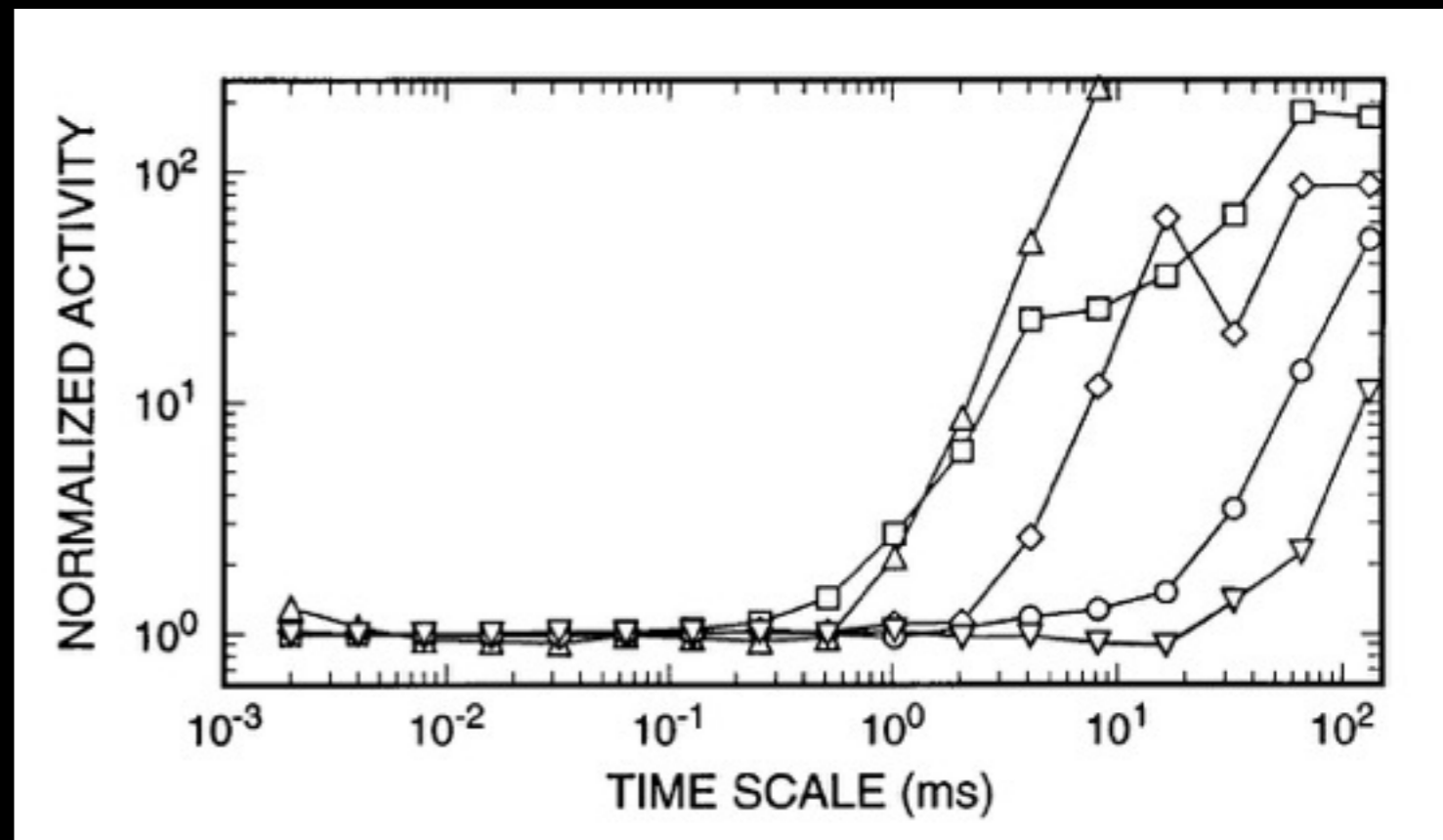
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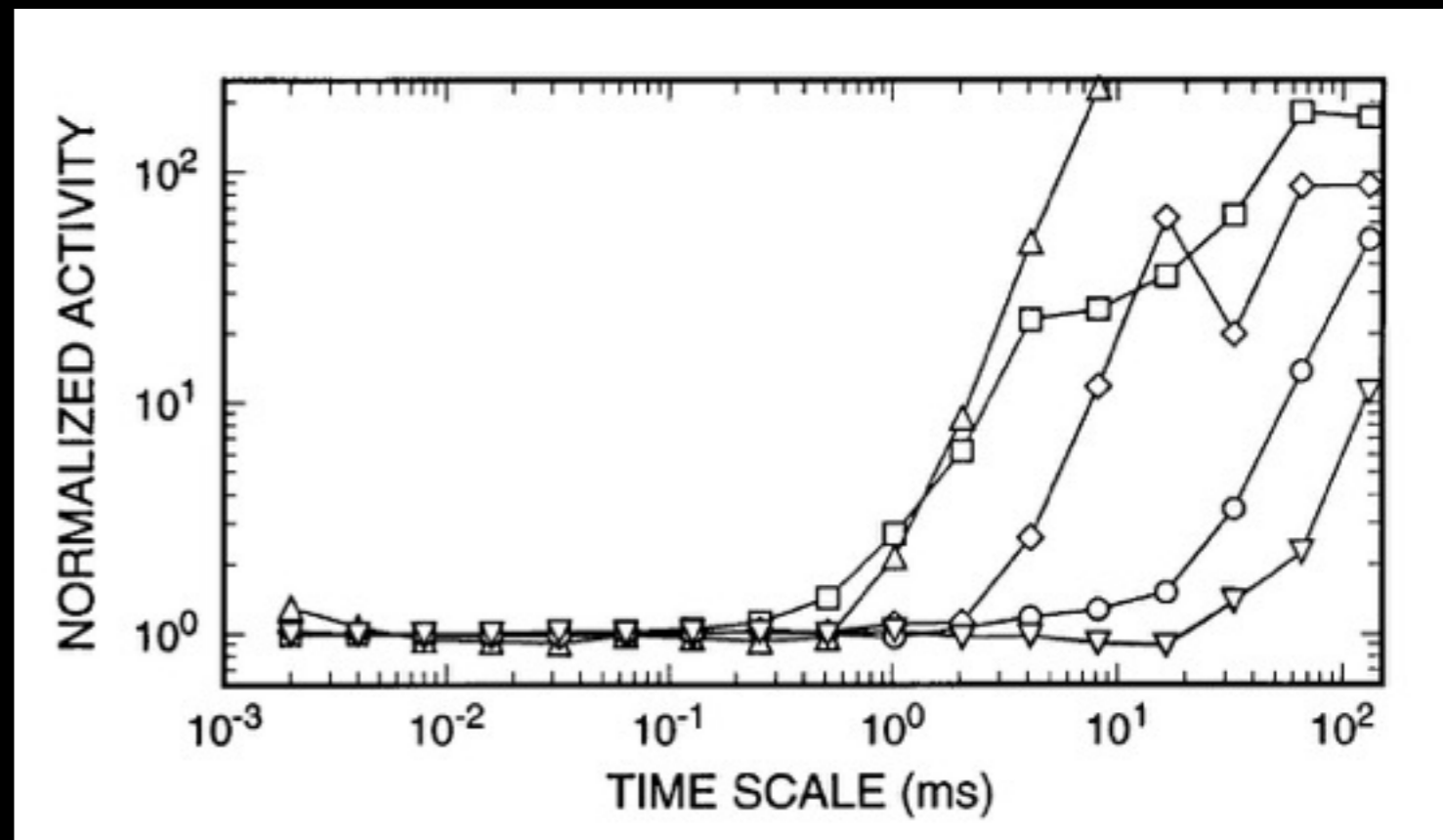
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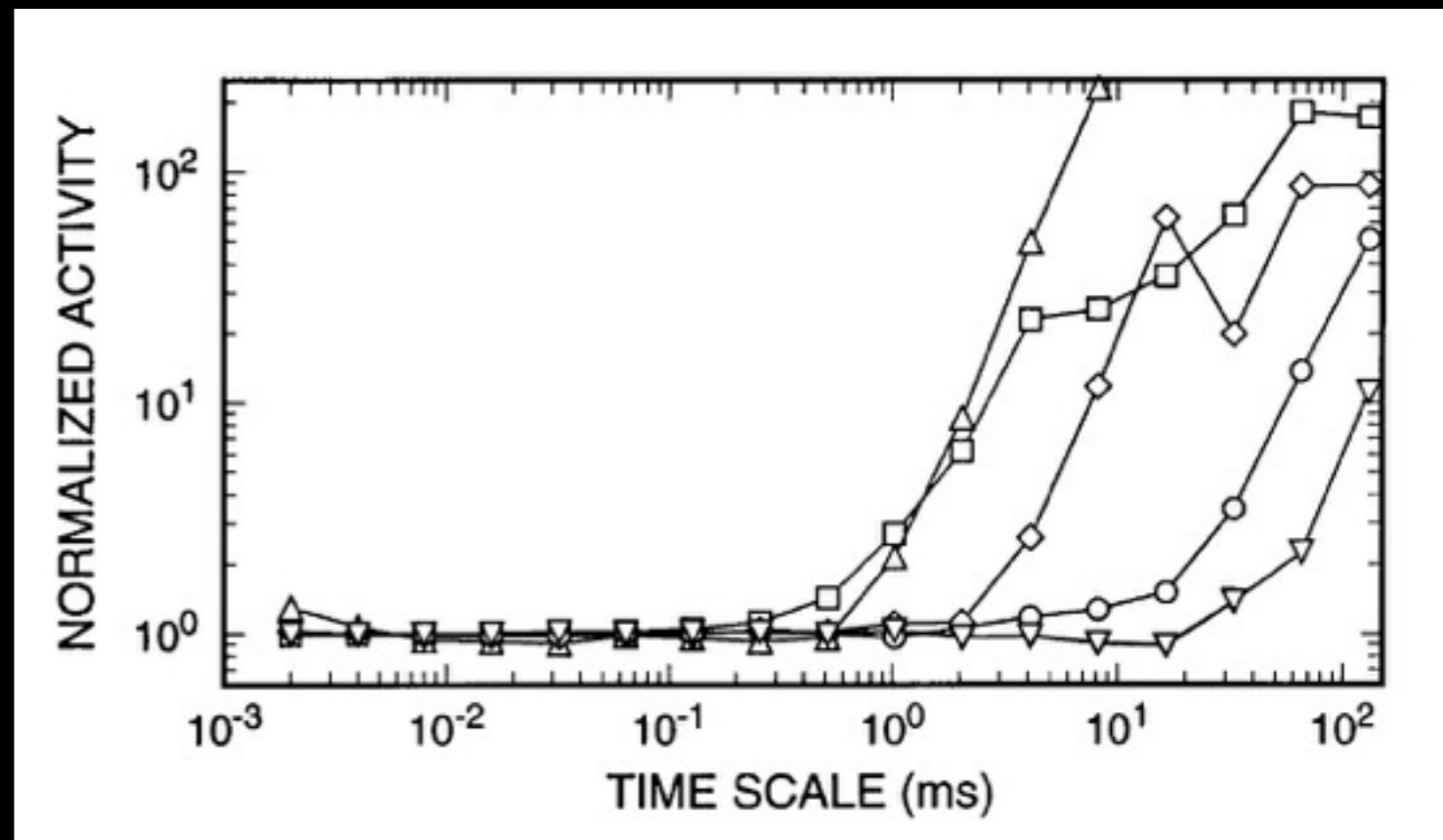


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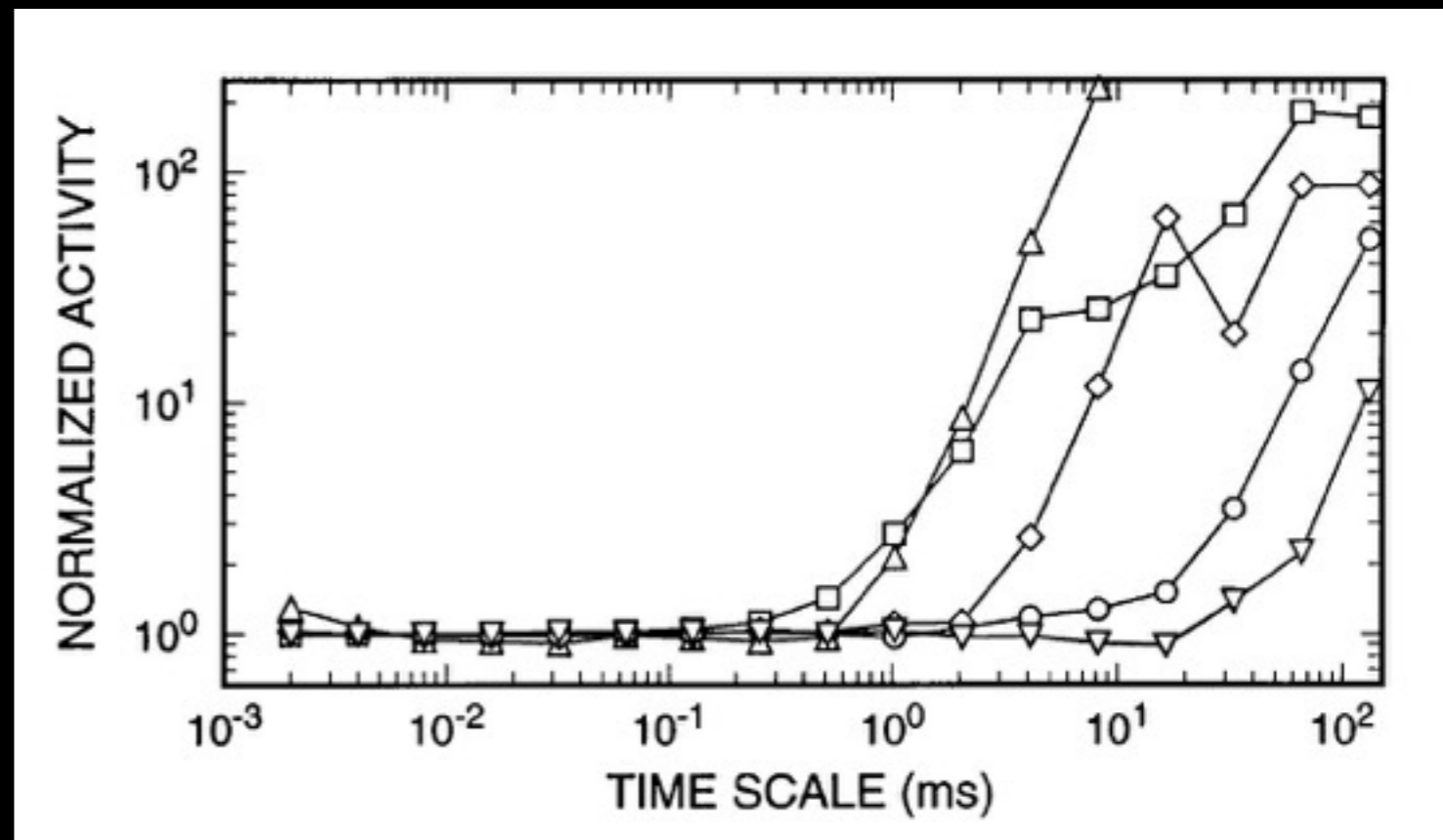
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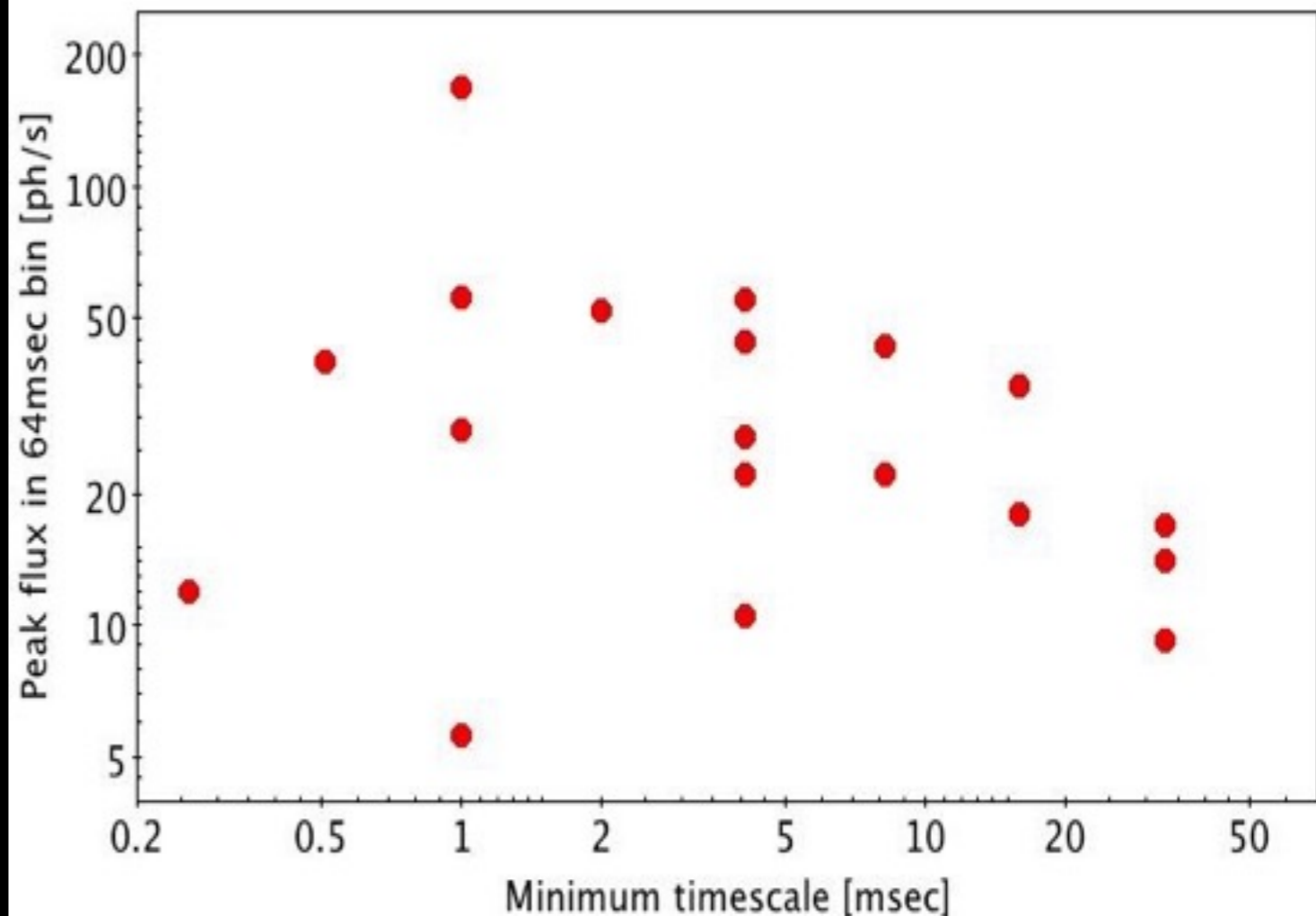
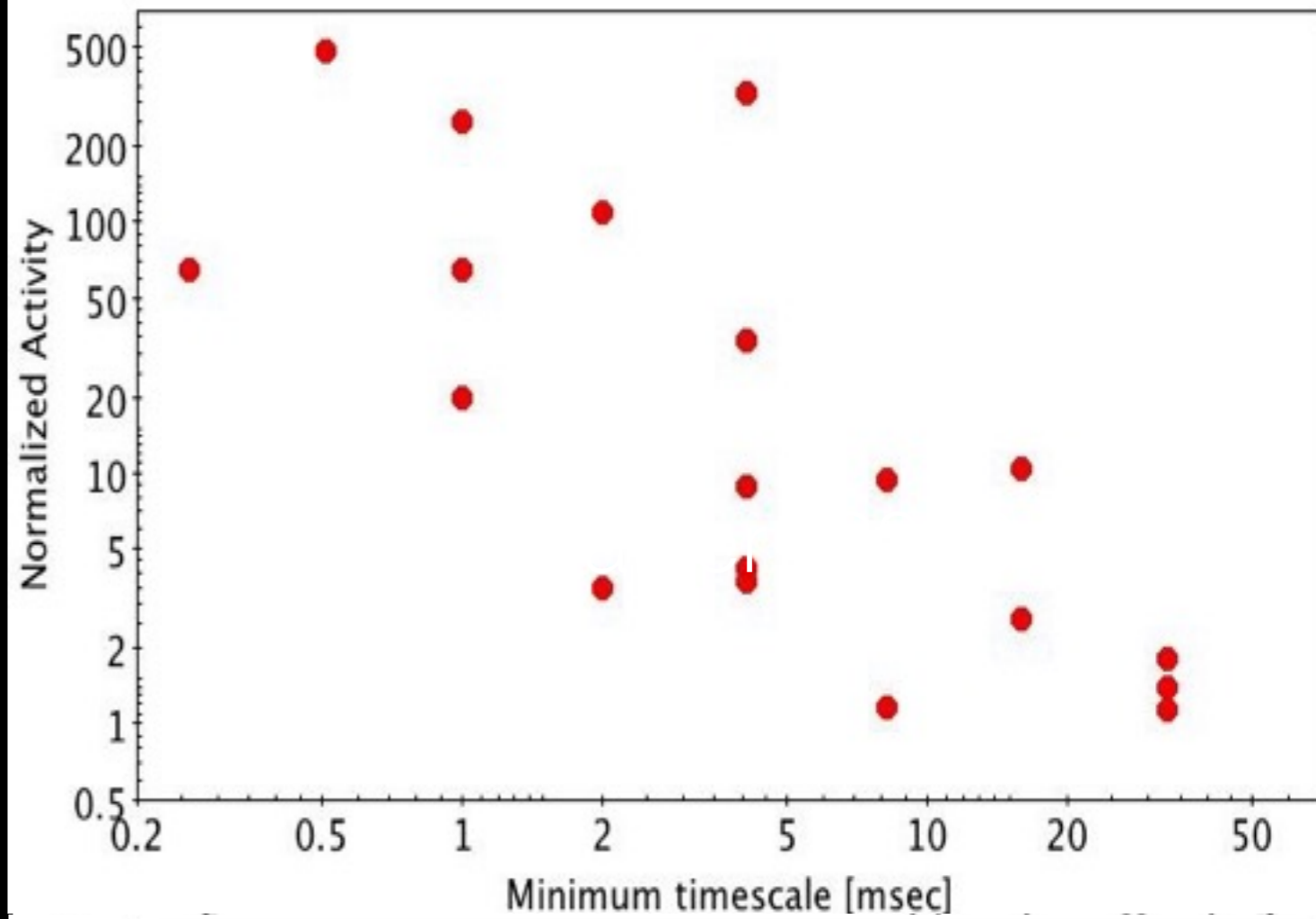


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$\langle B \rangle \sim 7000\text{km}$

$N(\text{pathfinder}) \sim 6-8$, active simultaneously 4-6

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HERMES is open to ideas and collaboration

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