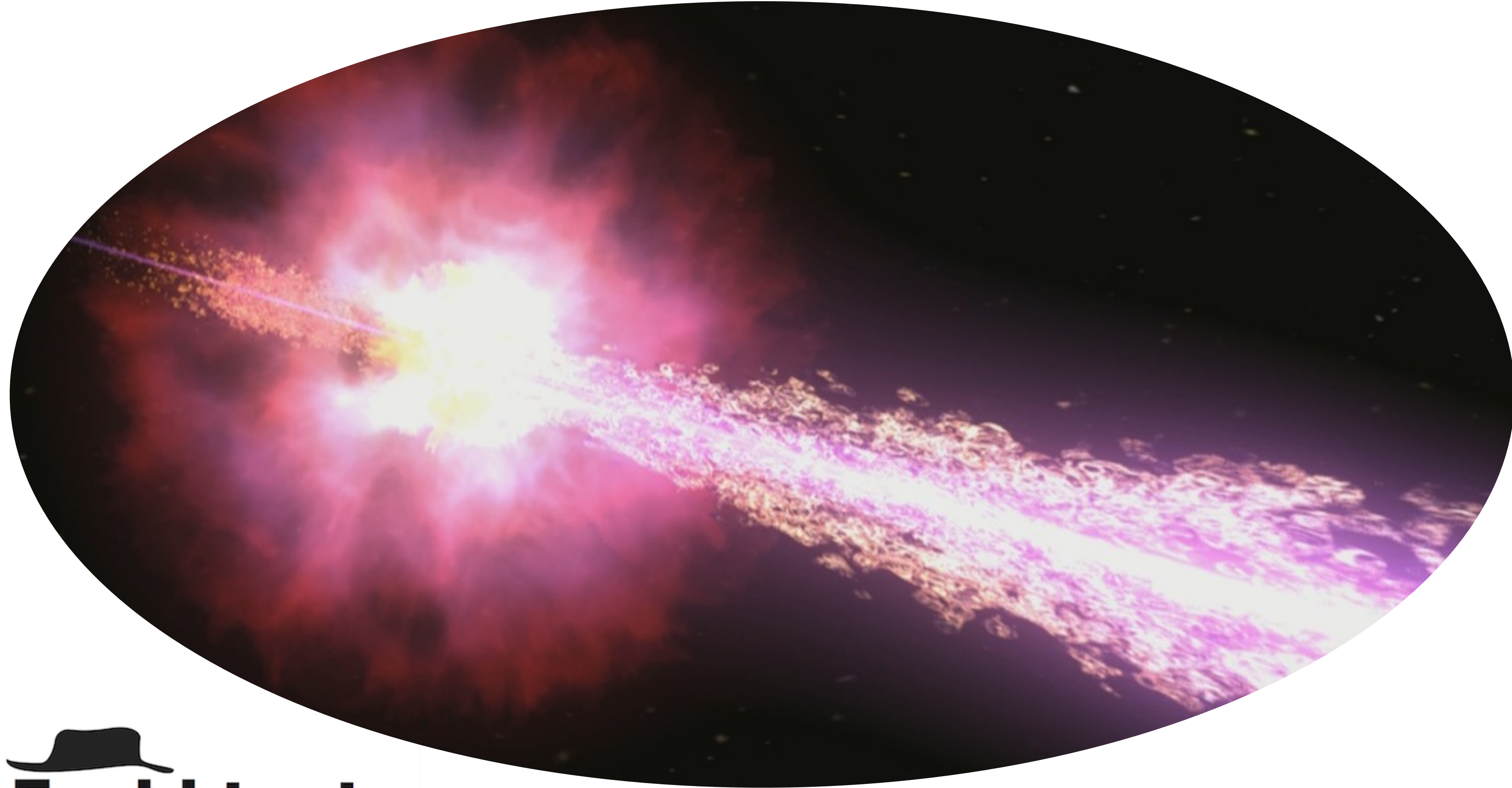


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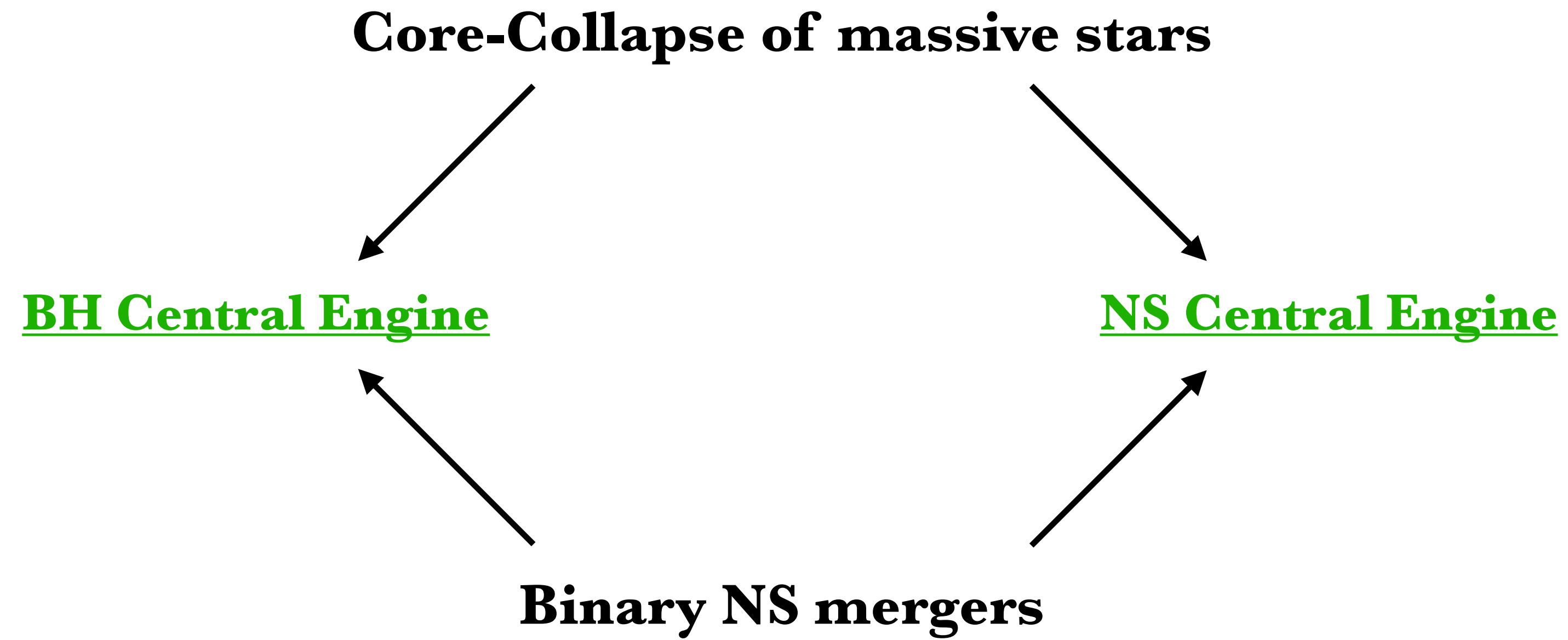


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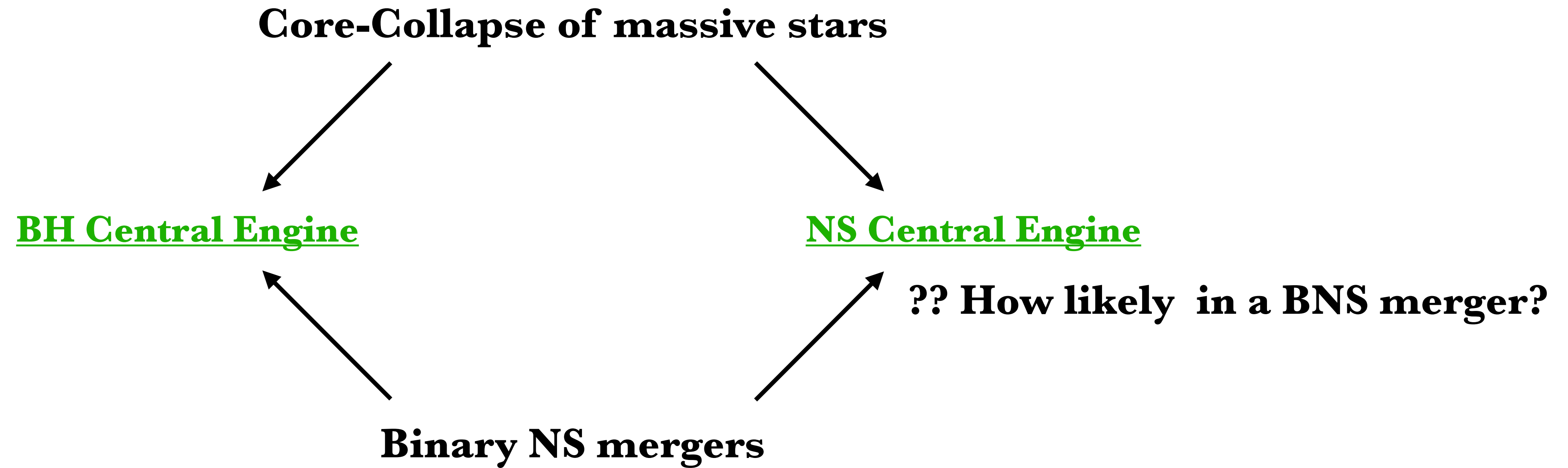
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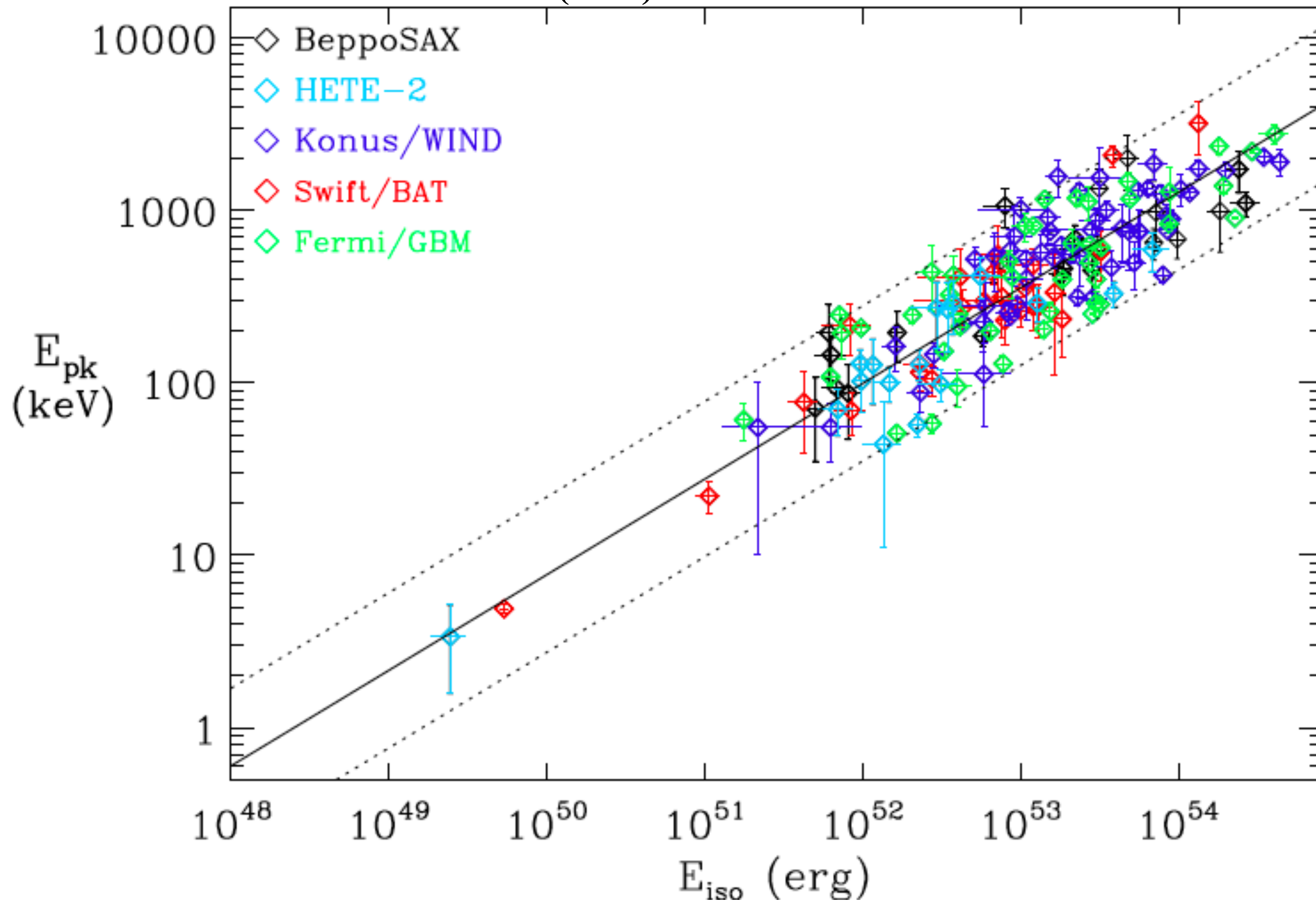
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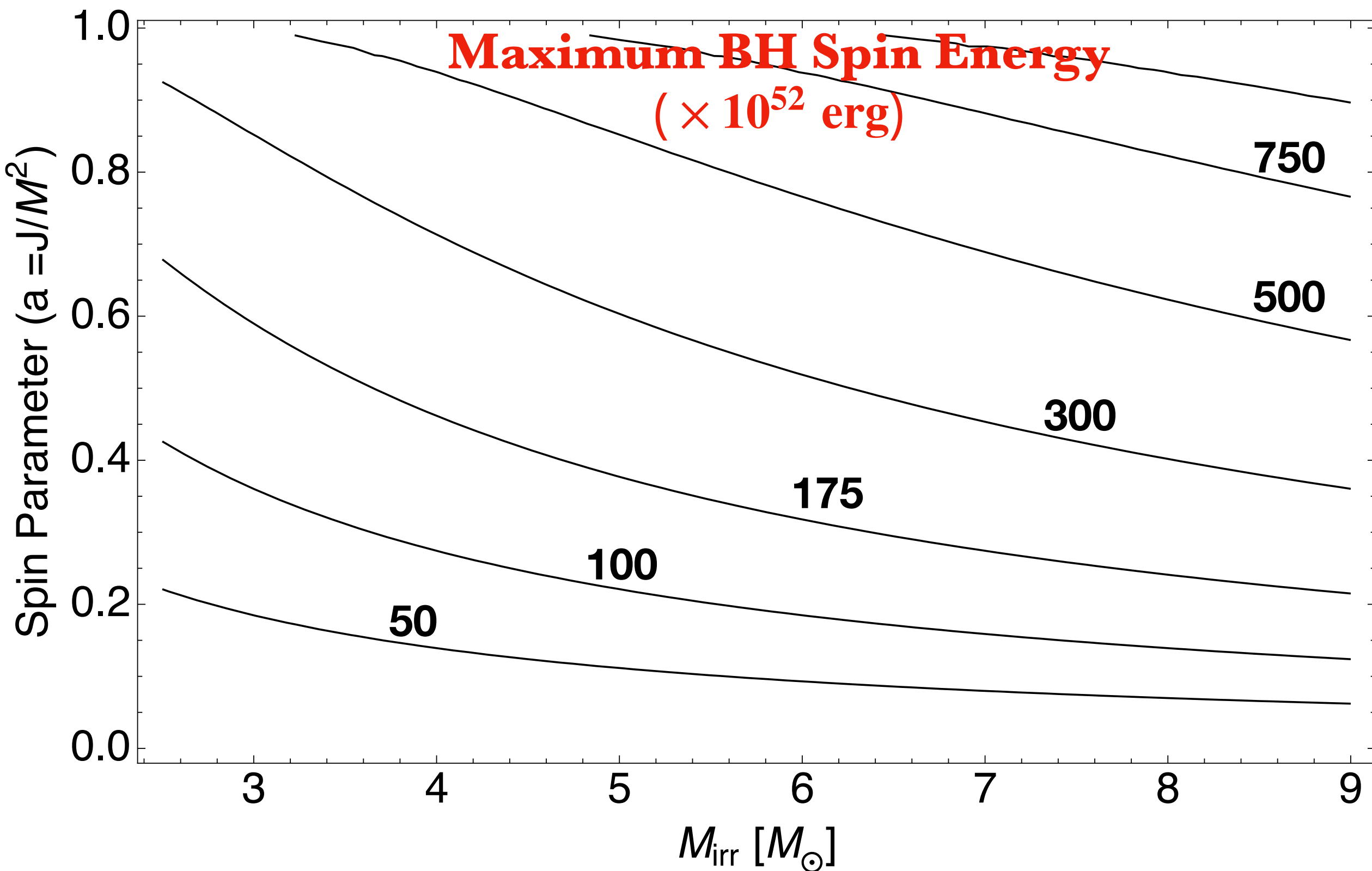


For beaming factors $\sim 30-10^3$
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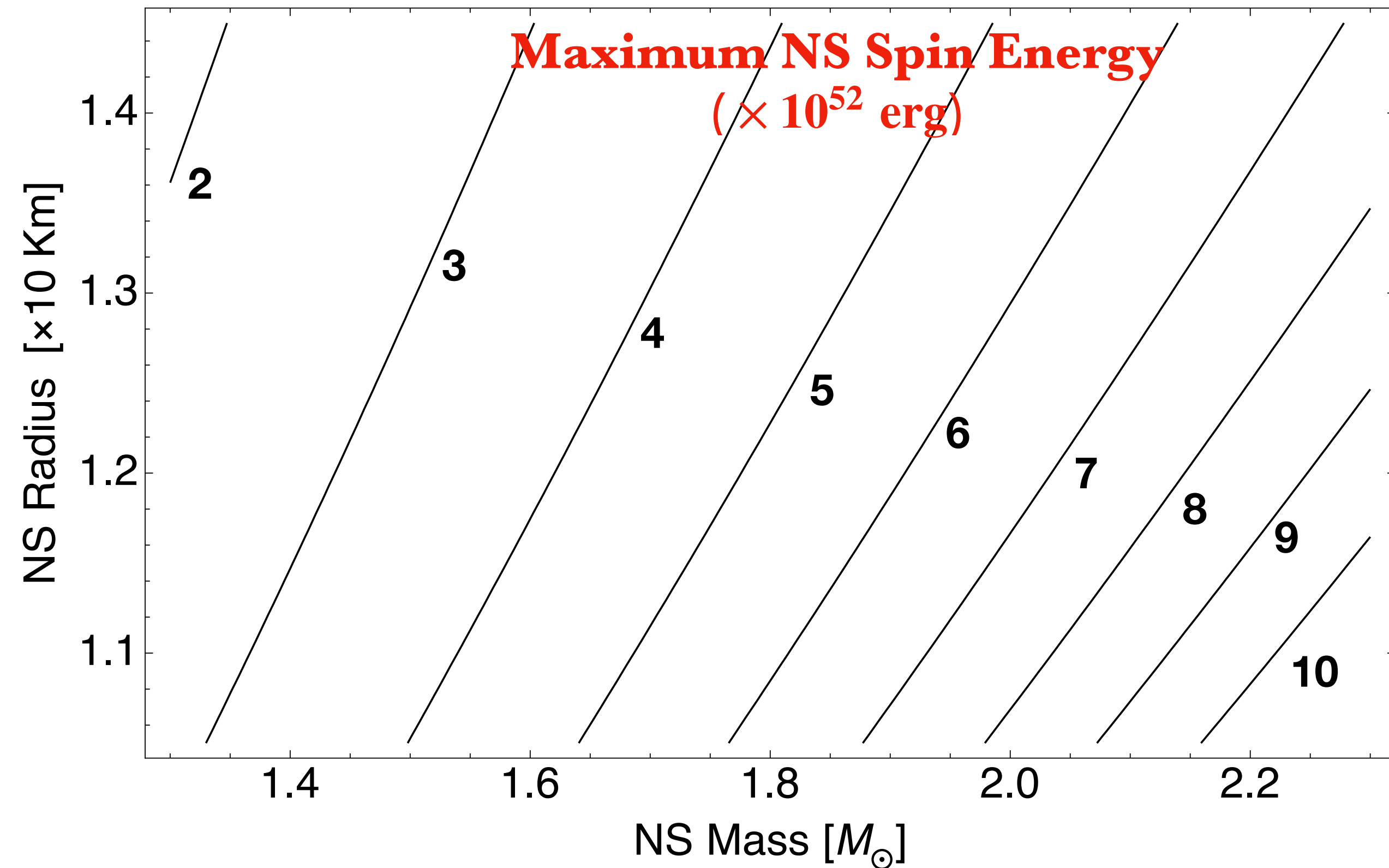
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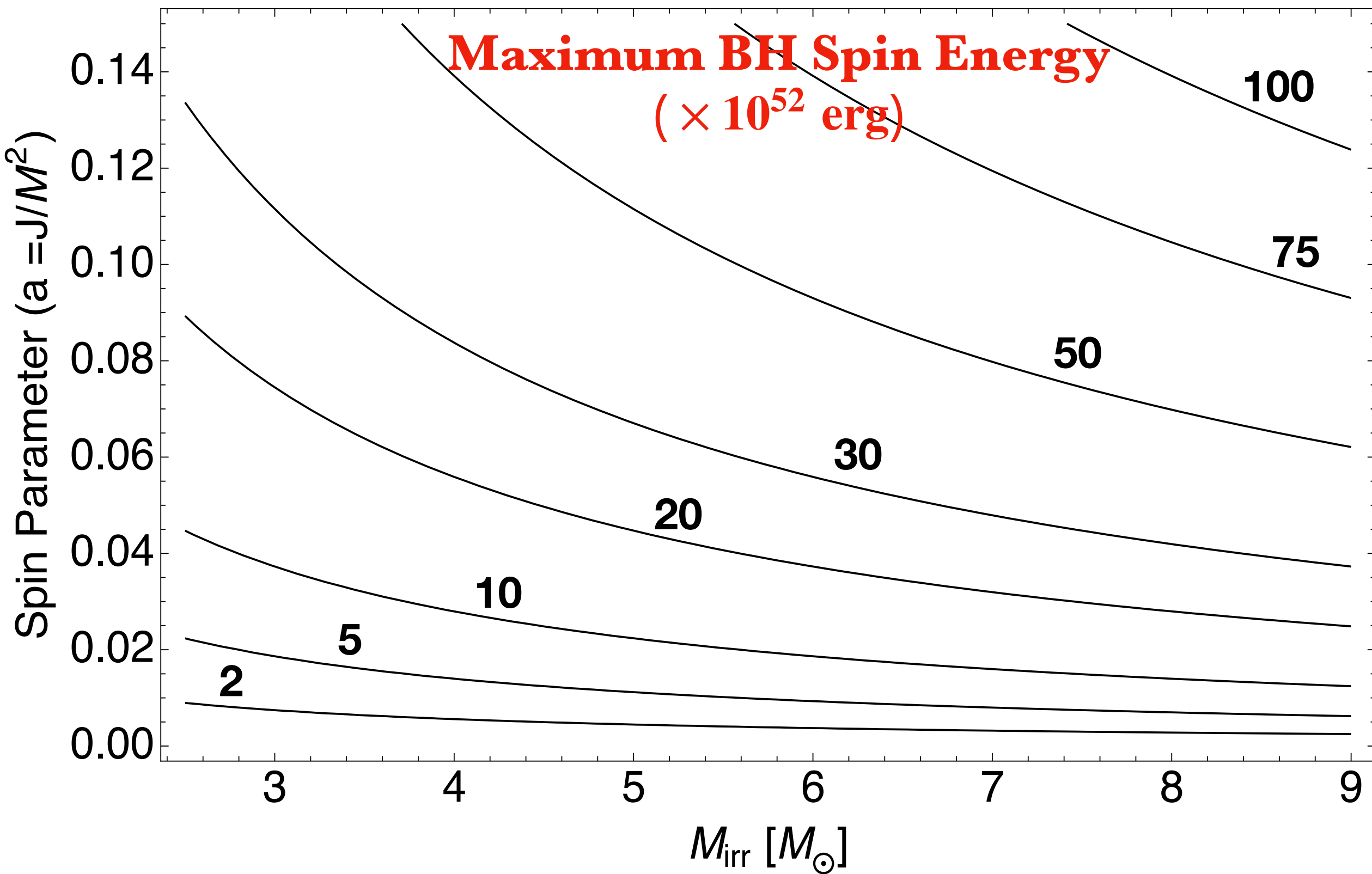


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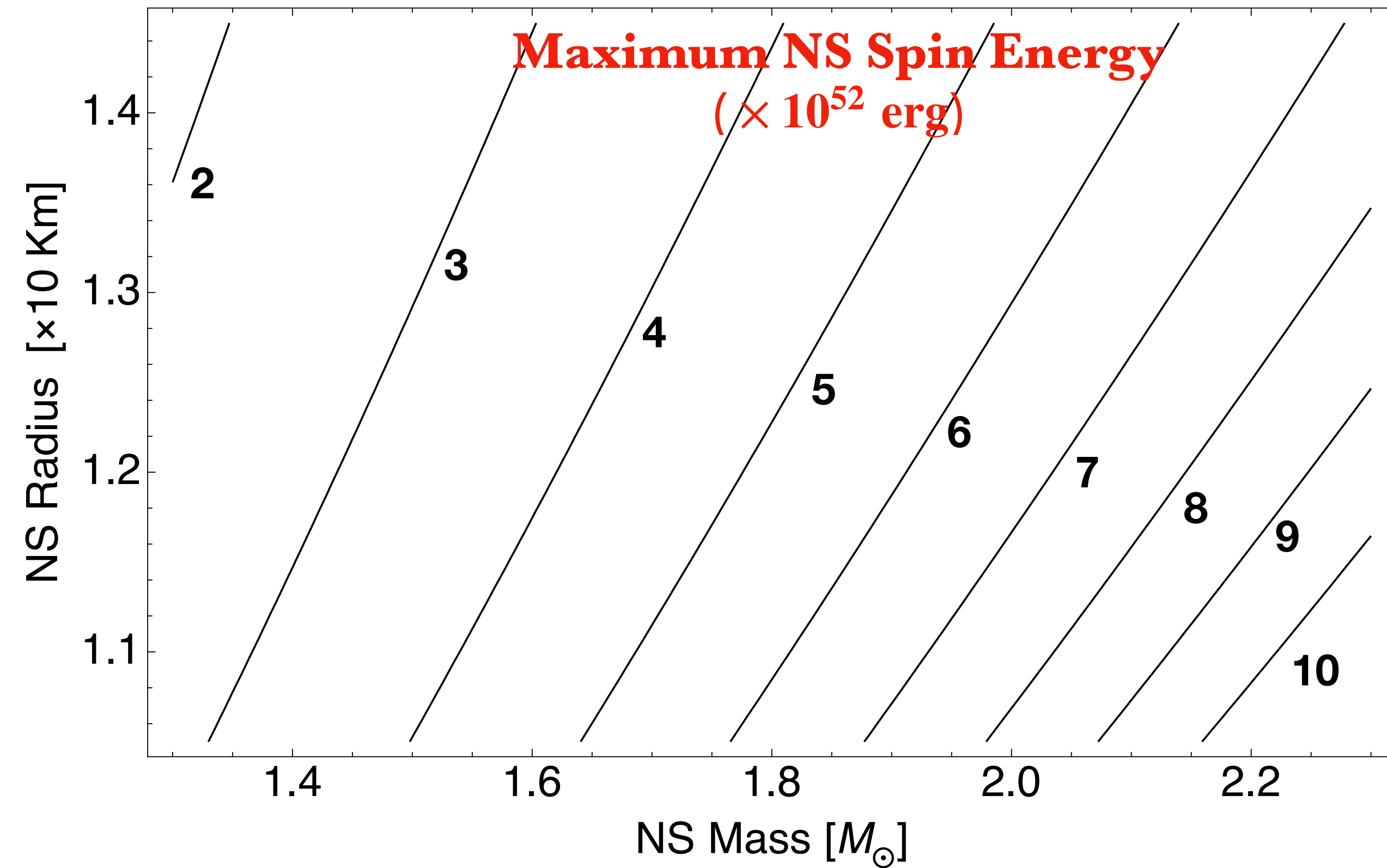
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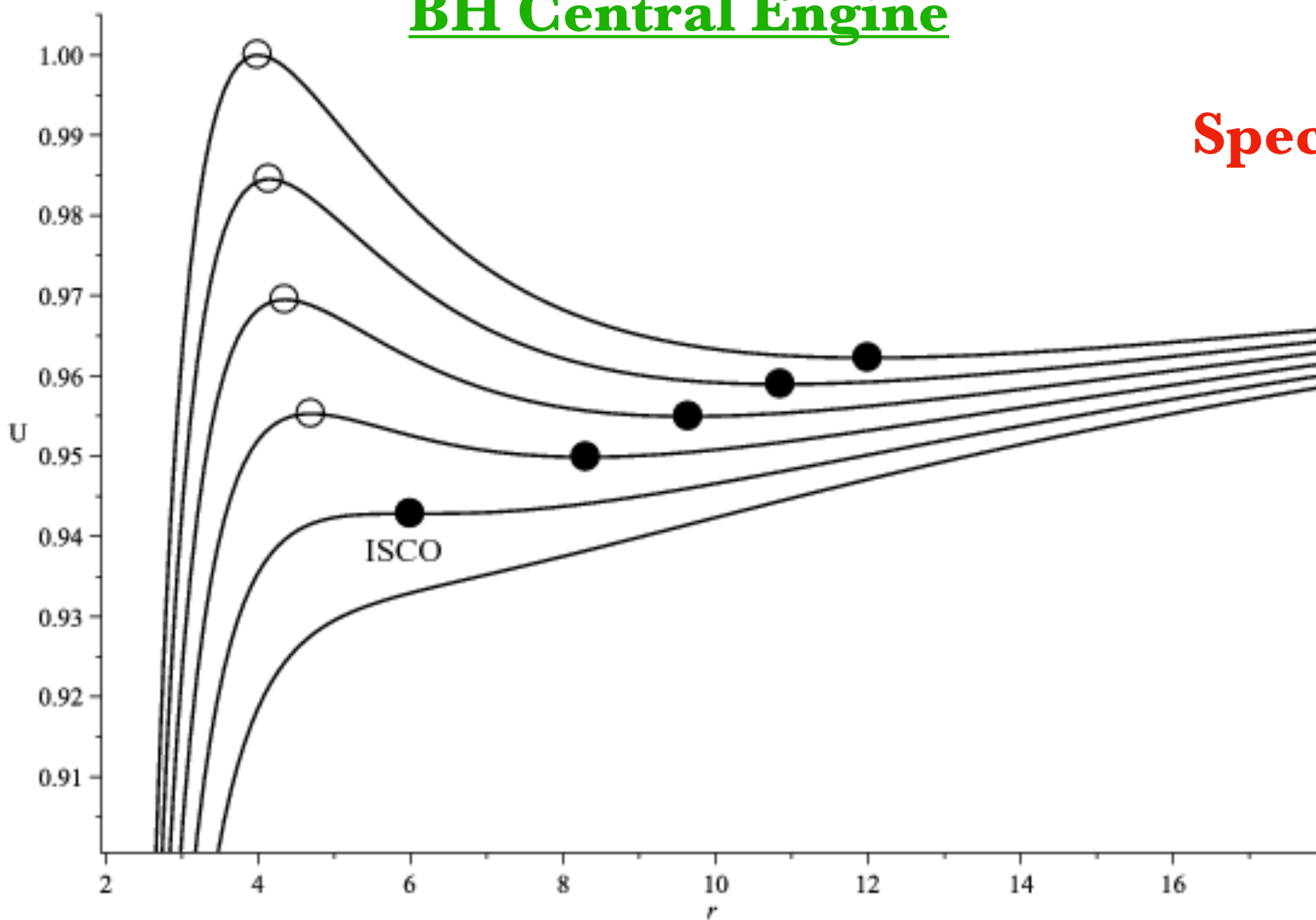
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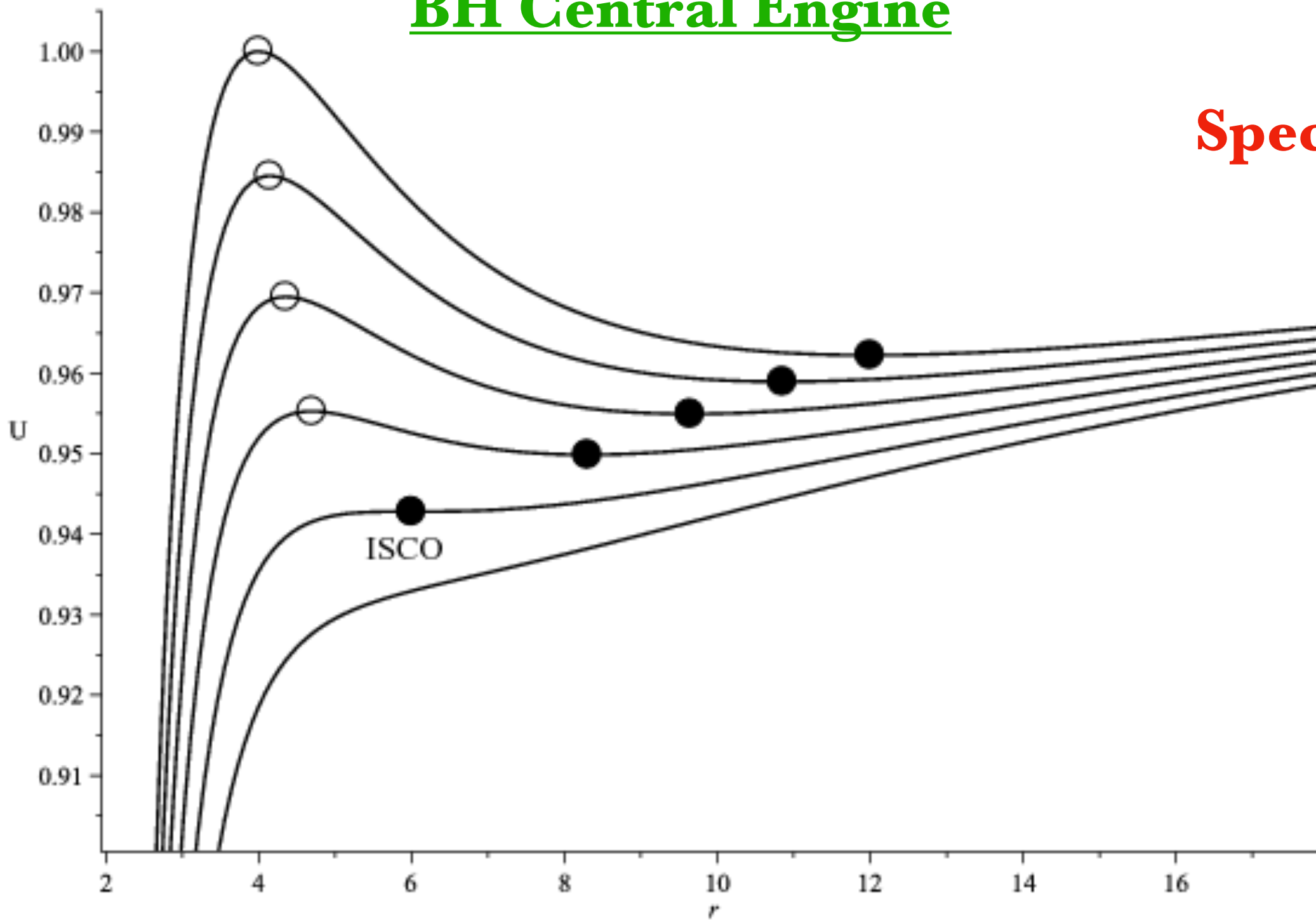
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In BNS mergers the formation of a stable NS depends sensitively on the NS maximum mass, the mass distribution of binary components and the amount of ejecta.

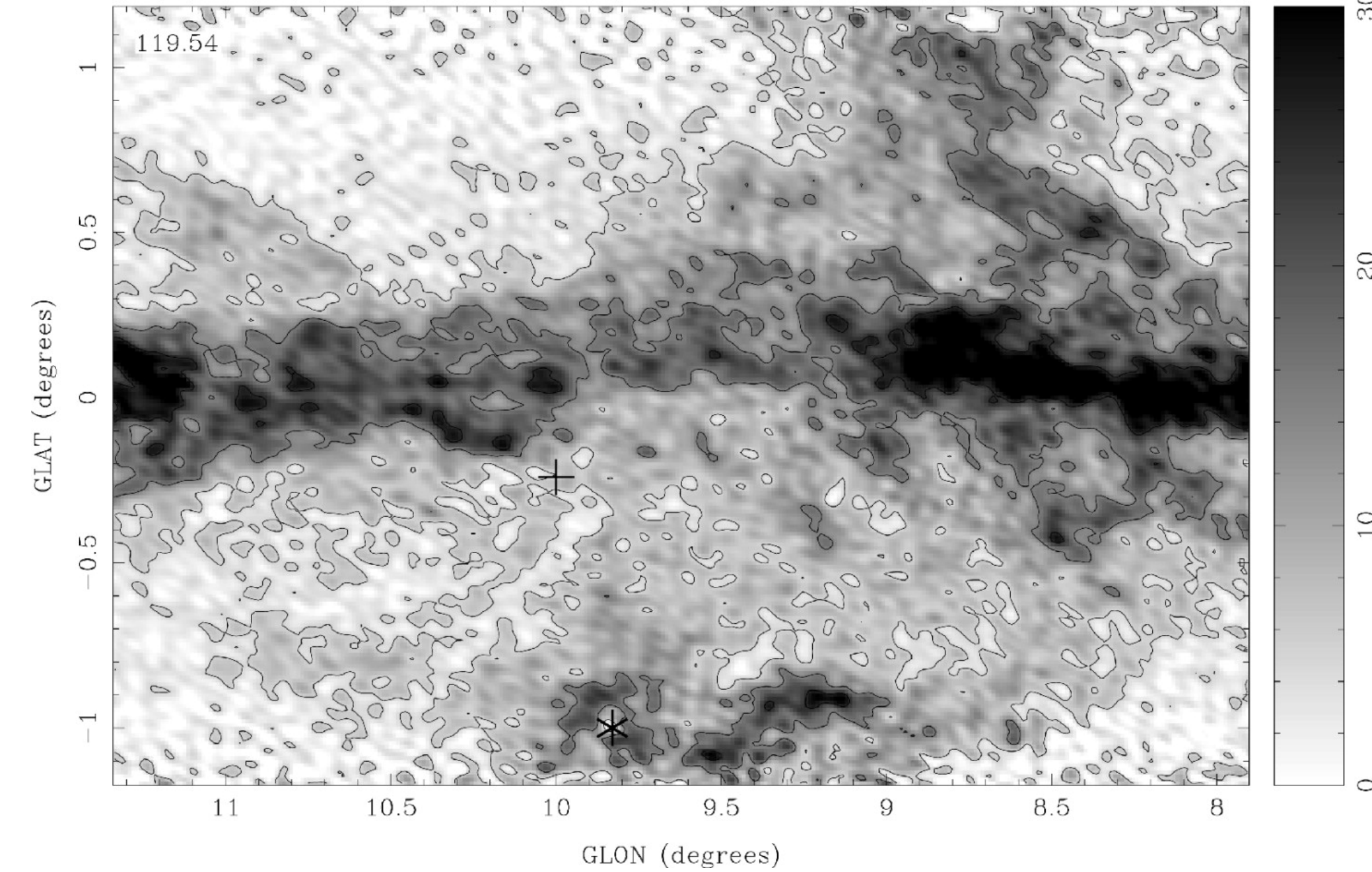
Simulations reveal difficulties in launching a relativistic jet with a NS merger remnant, although some details still need to be addressed (Ciolfi et al. 2020 + yesterday's talk)

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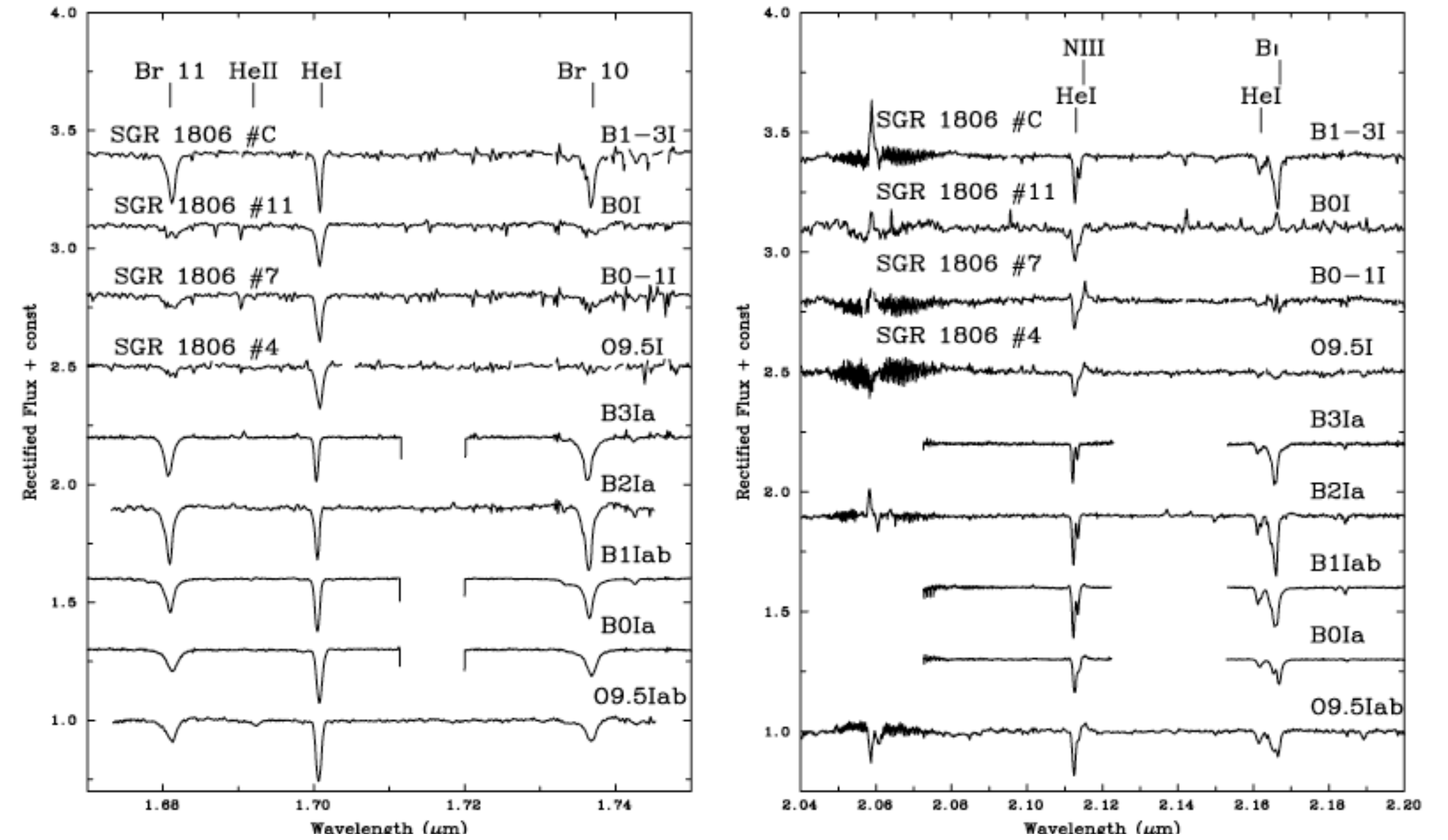
SGR 1806-20

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McLure et al. (2005)



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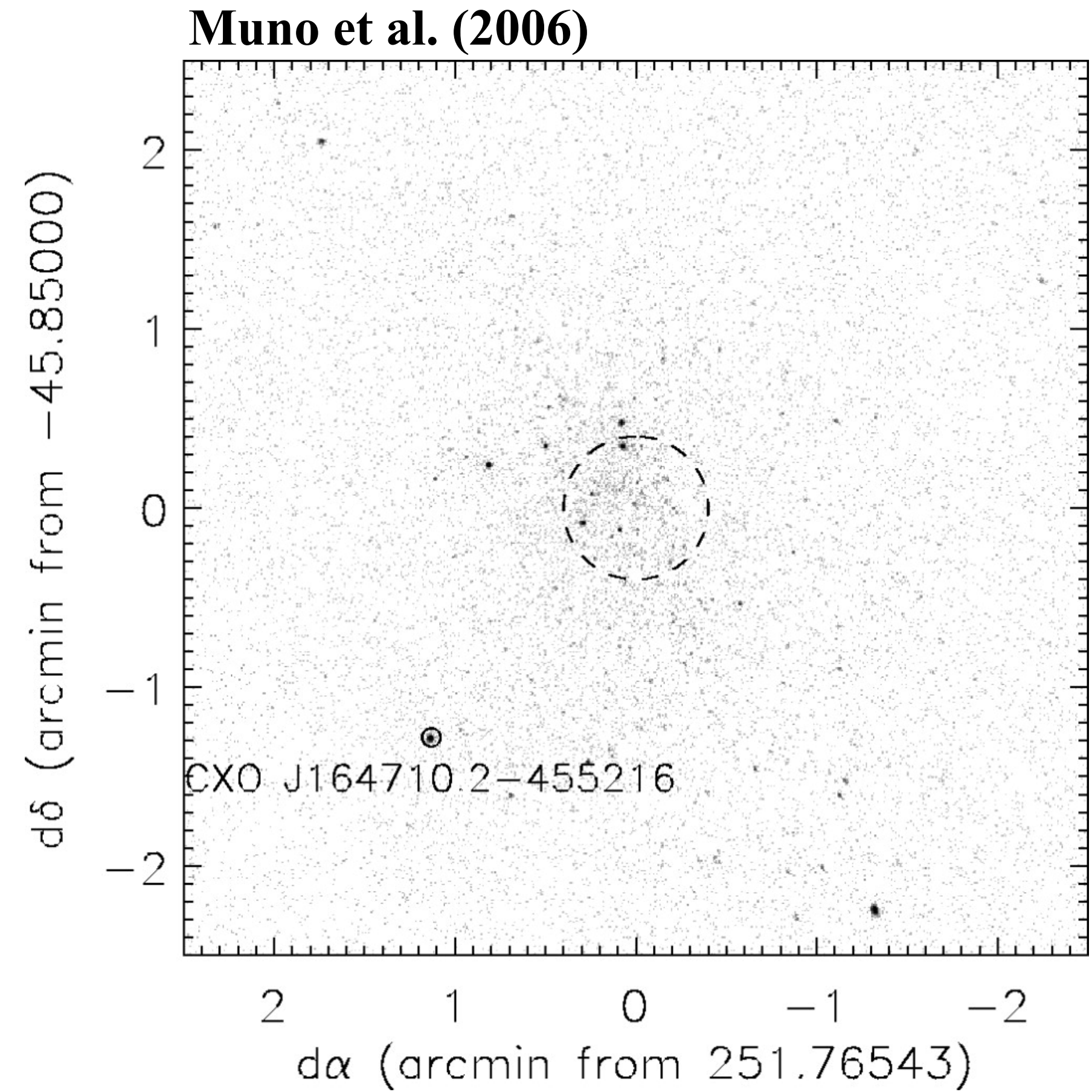


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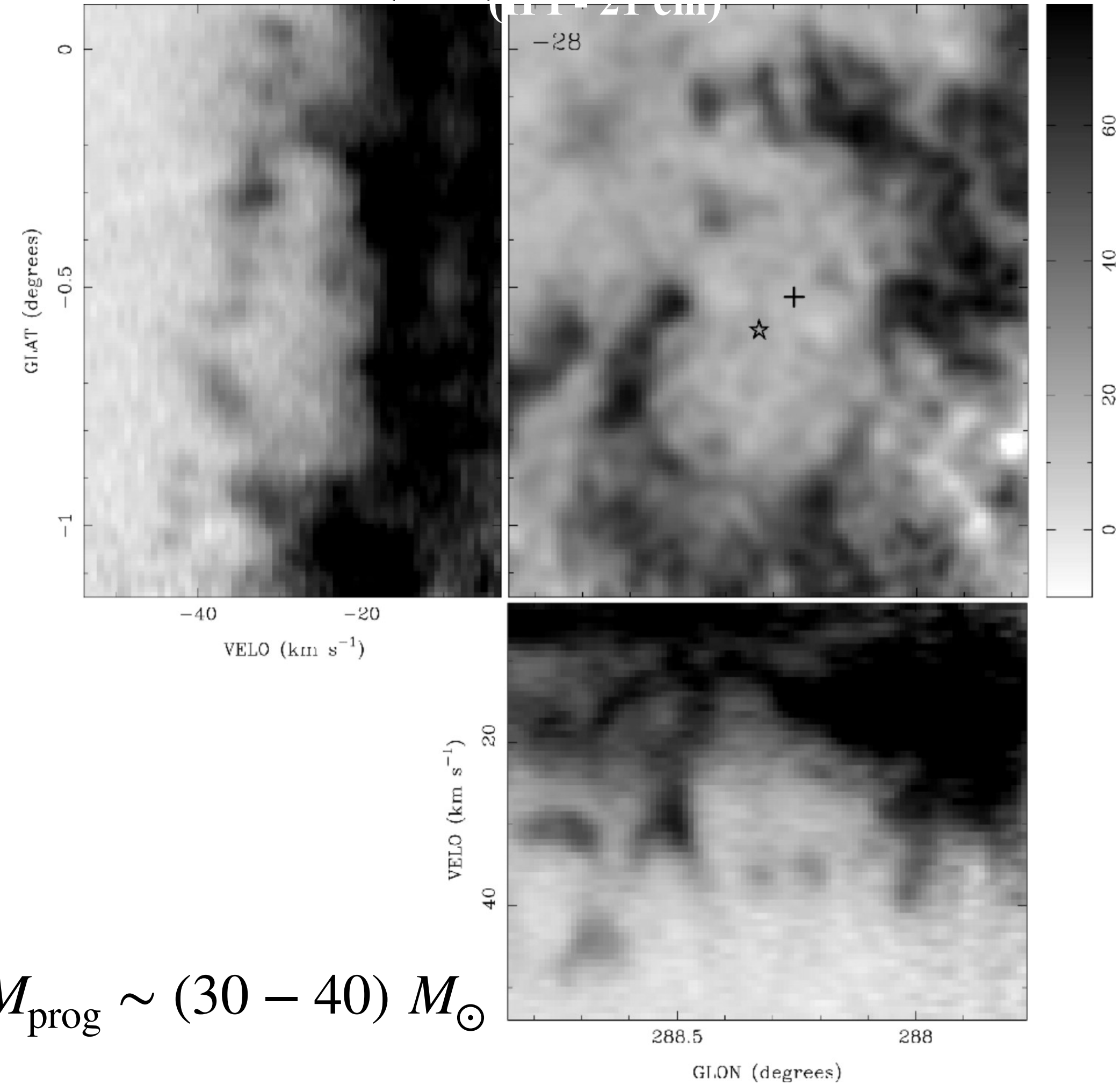
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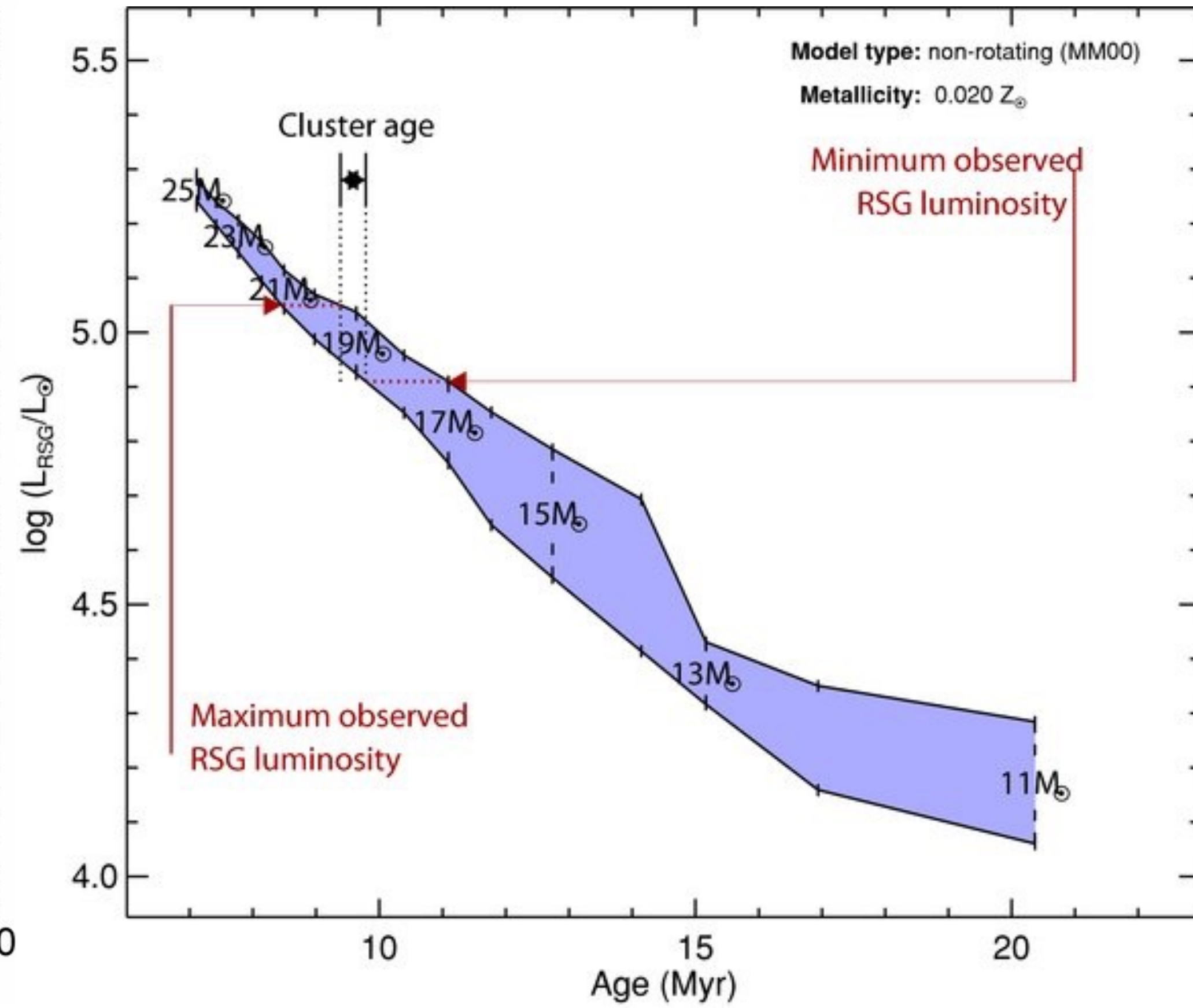
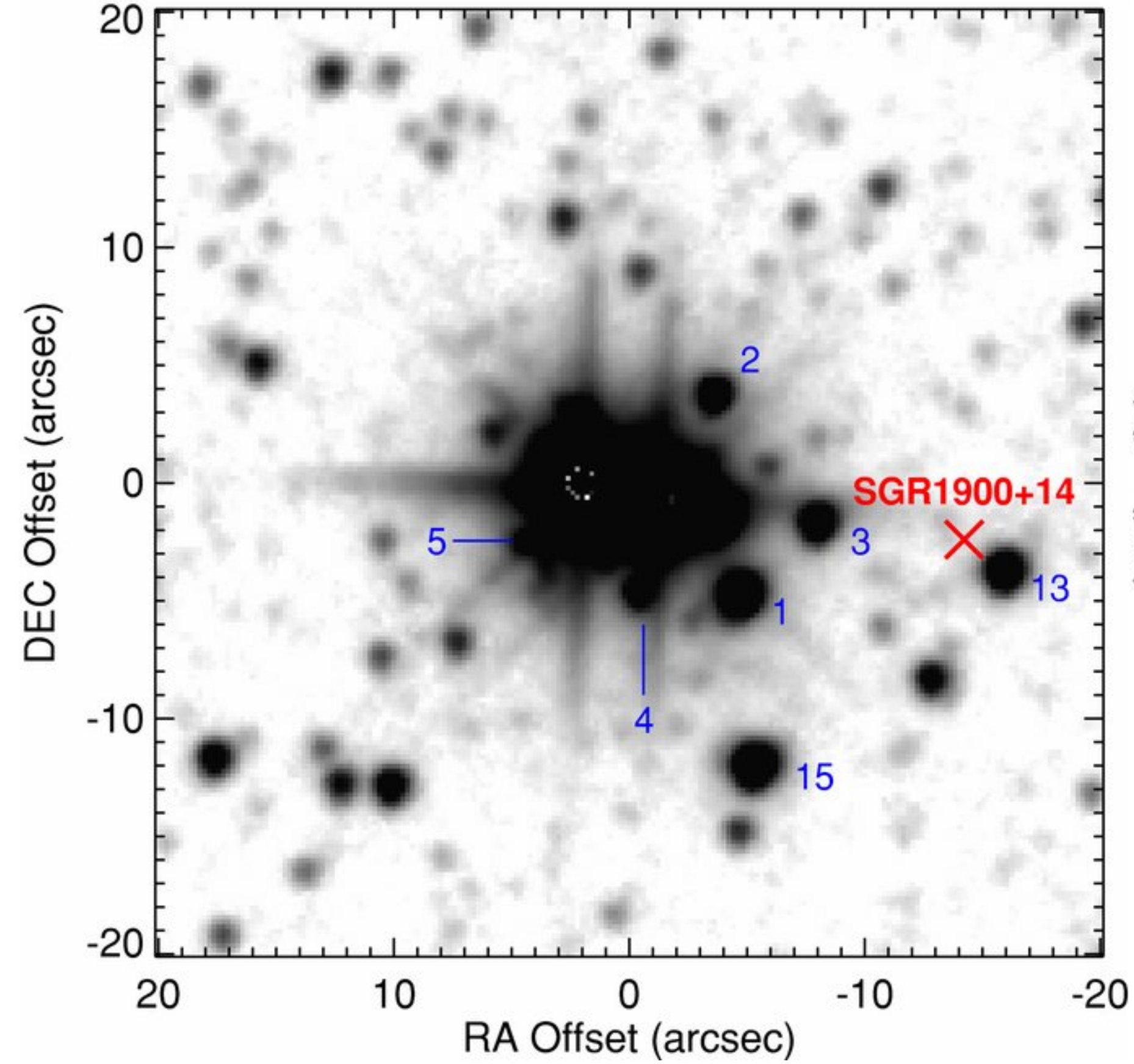


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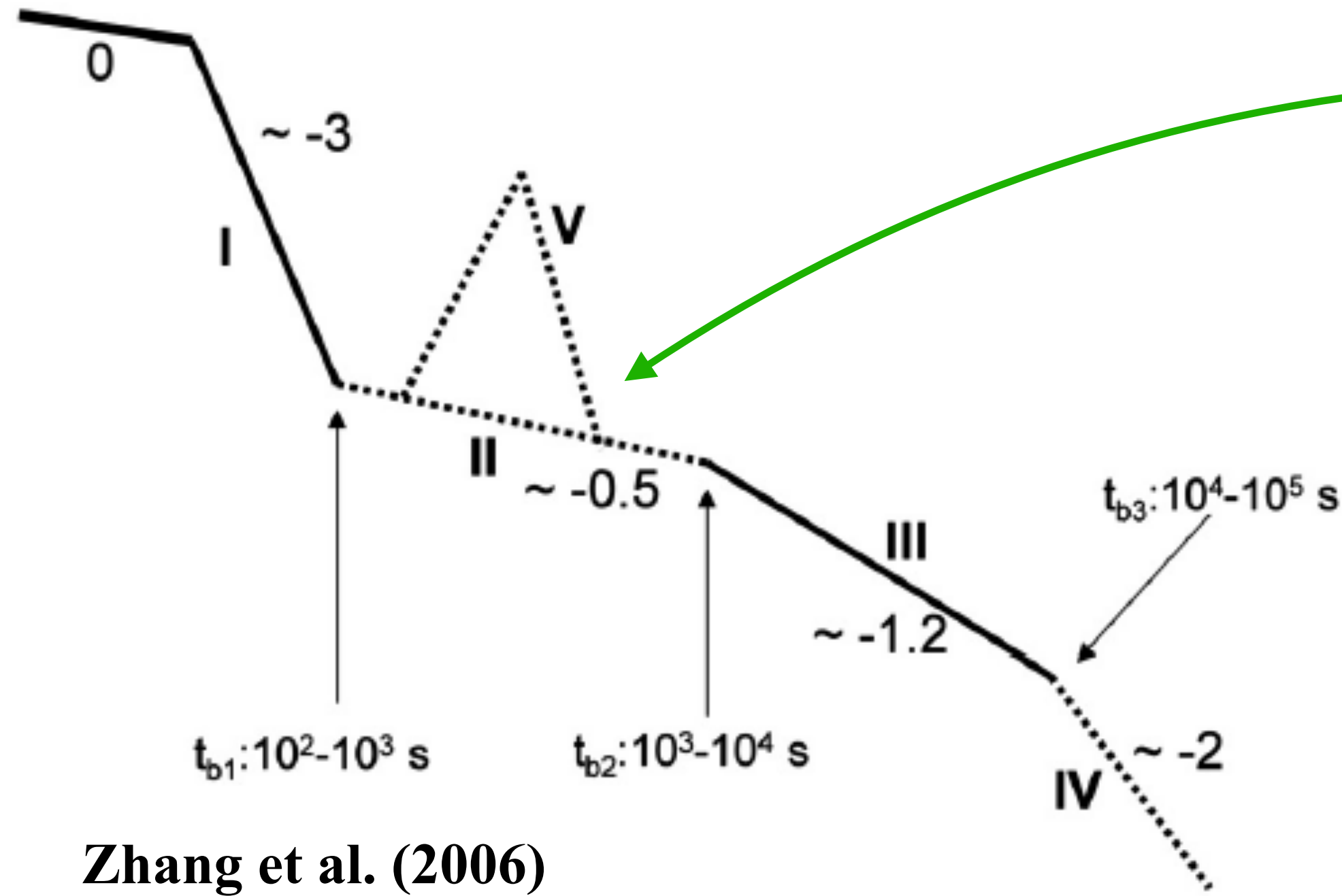
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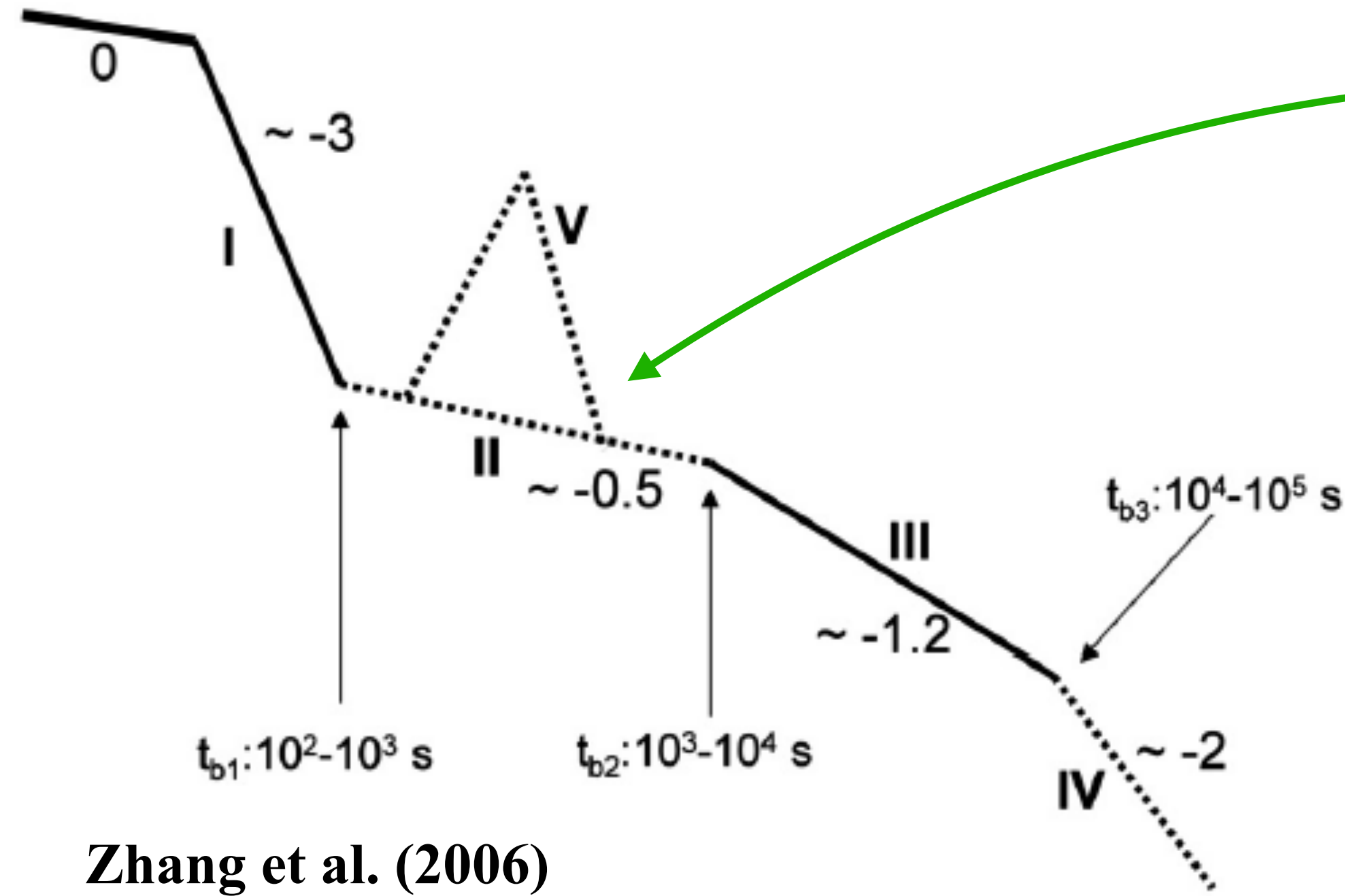
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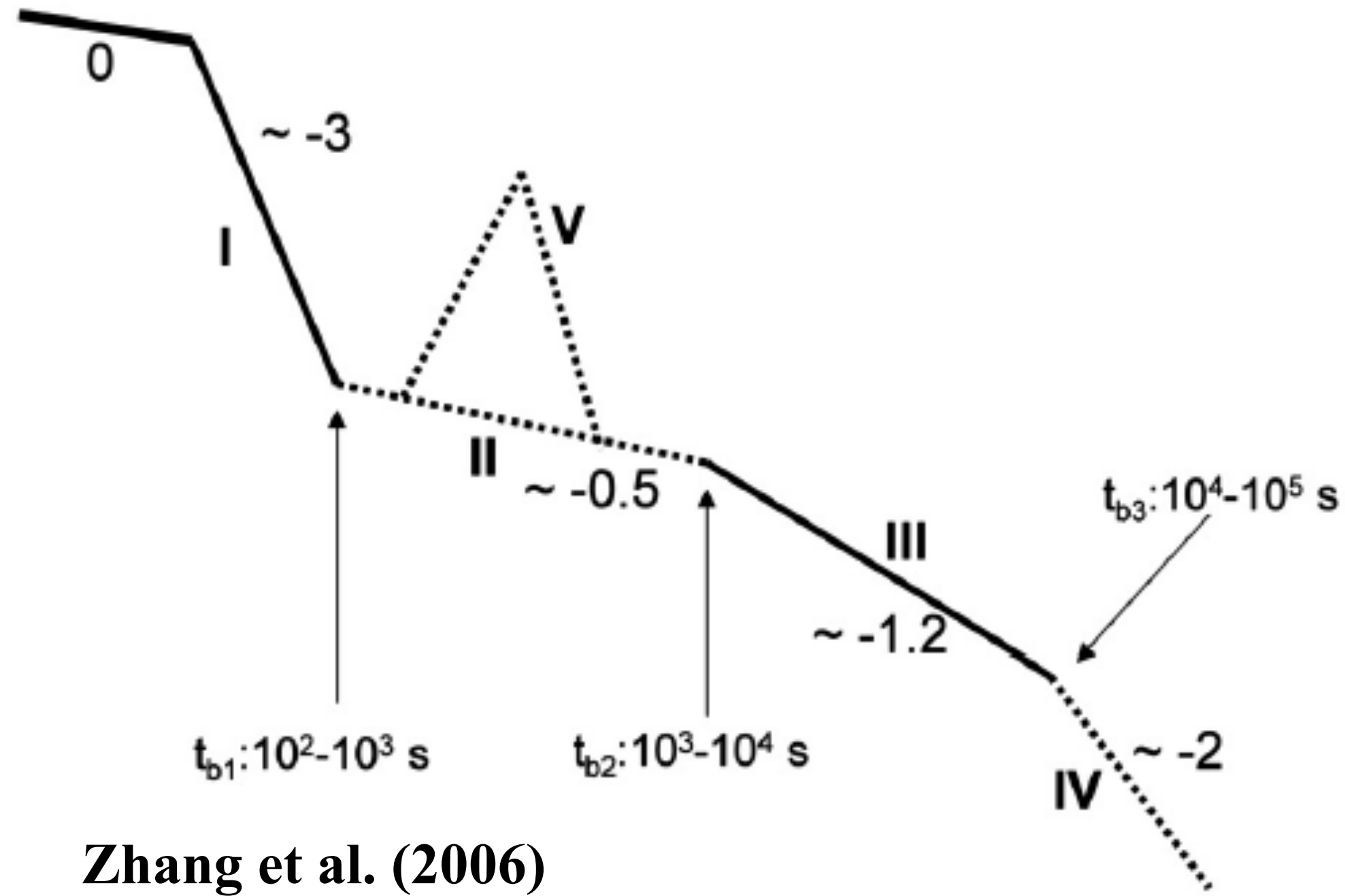
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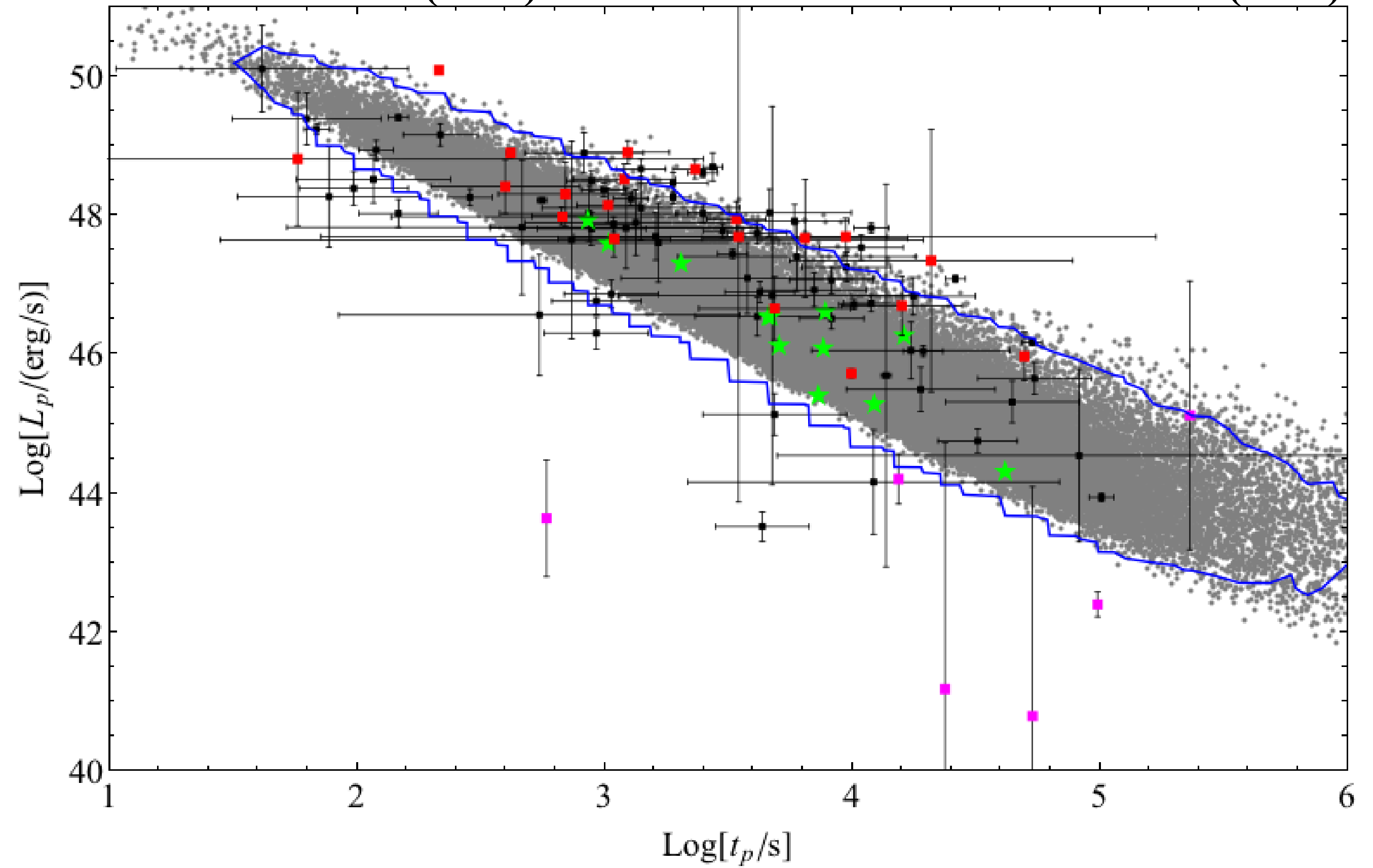
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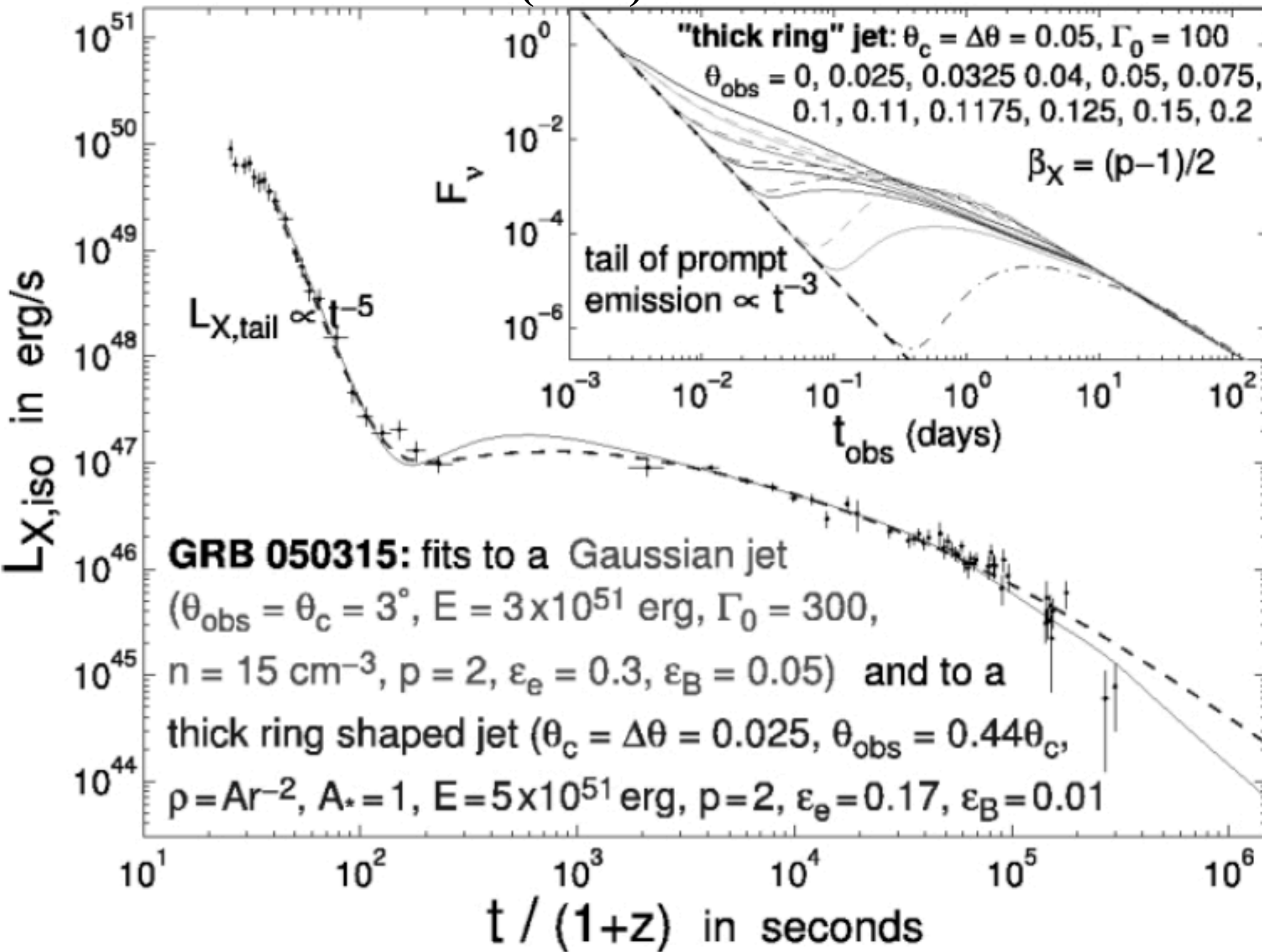


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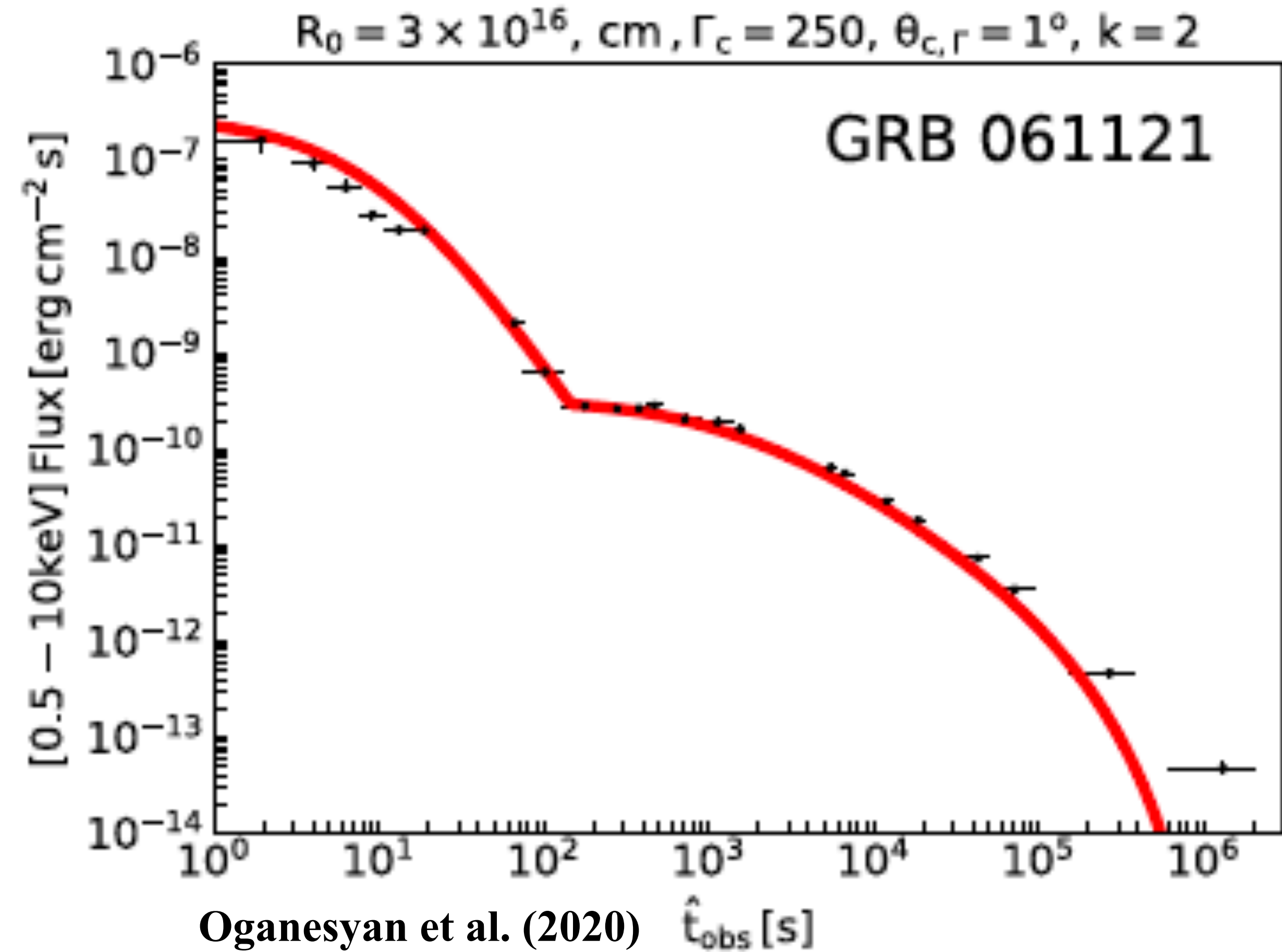
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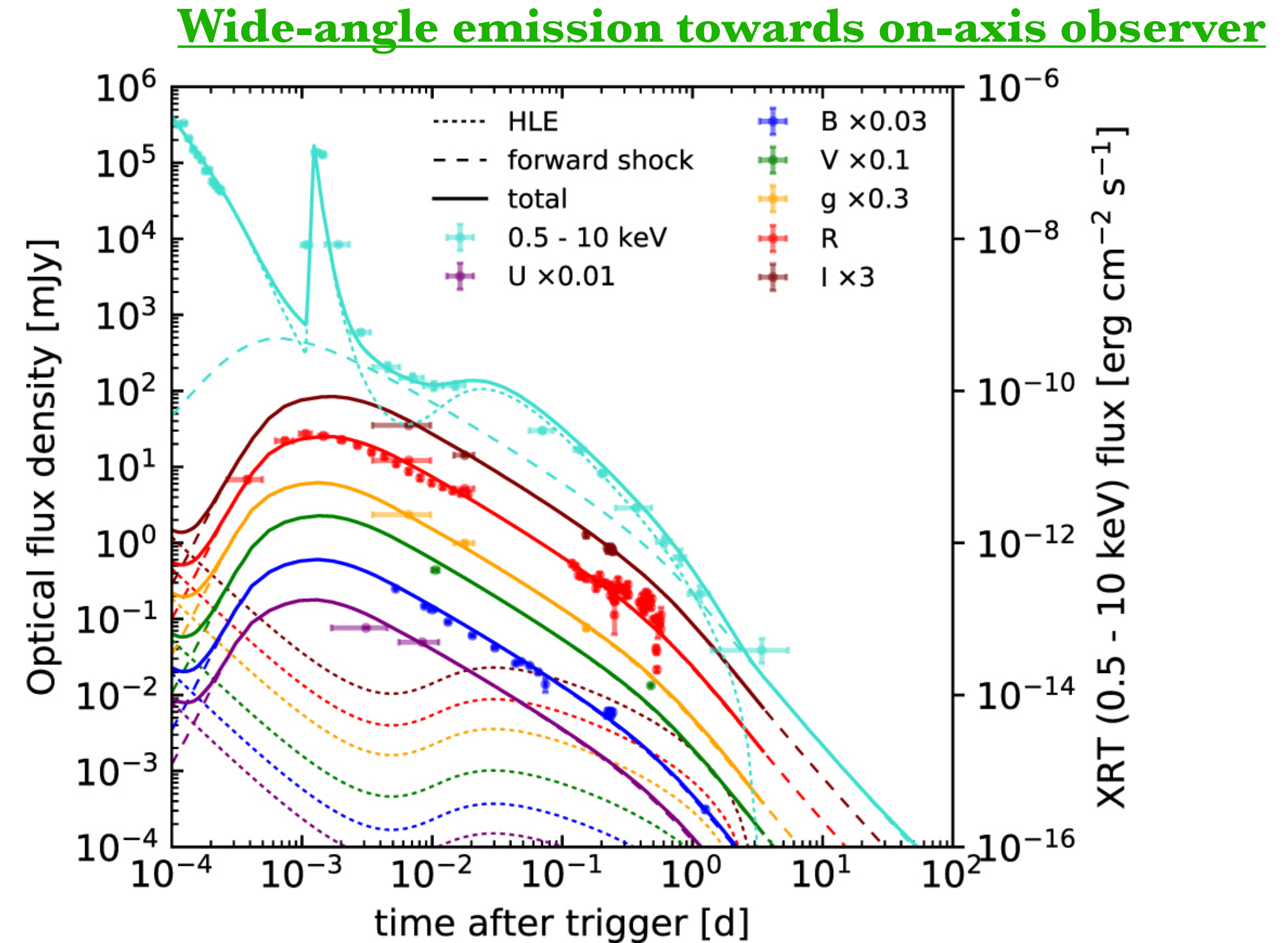
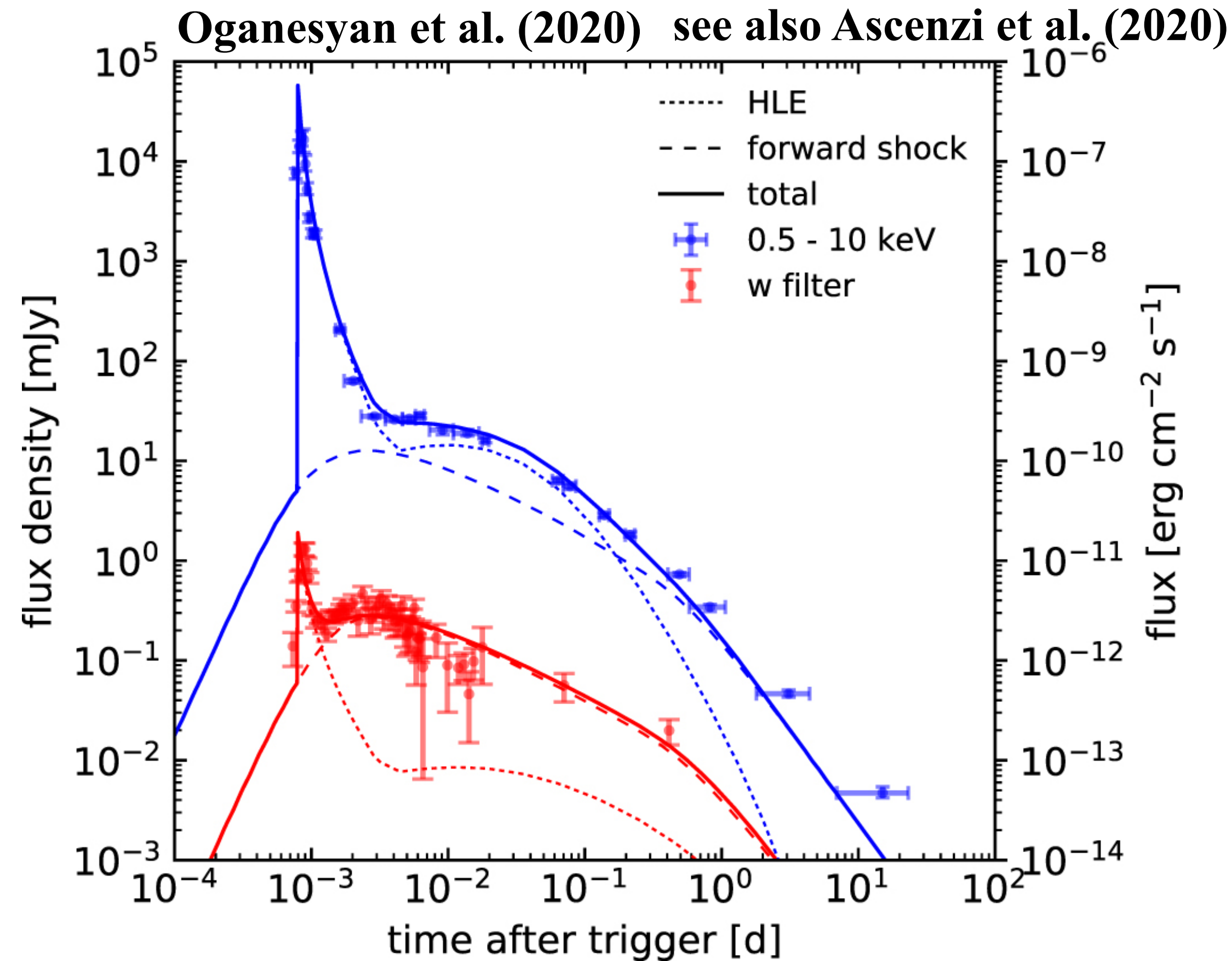
Eichler & Granot (2006)



Wide-angle emission towards on-axis observer



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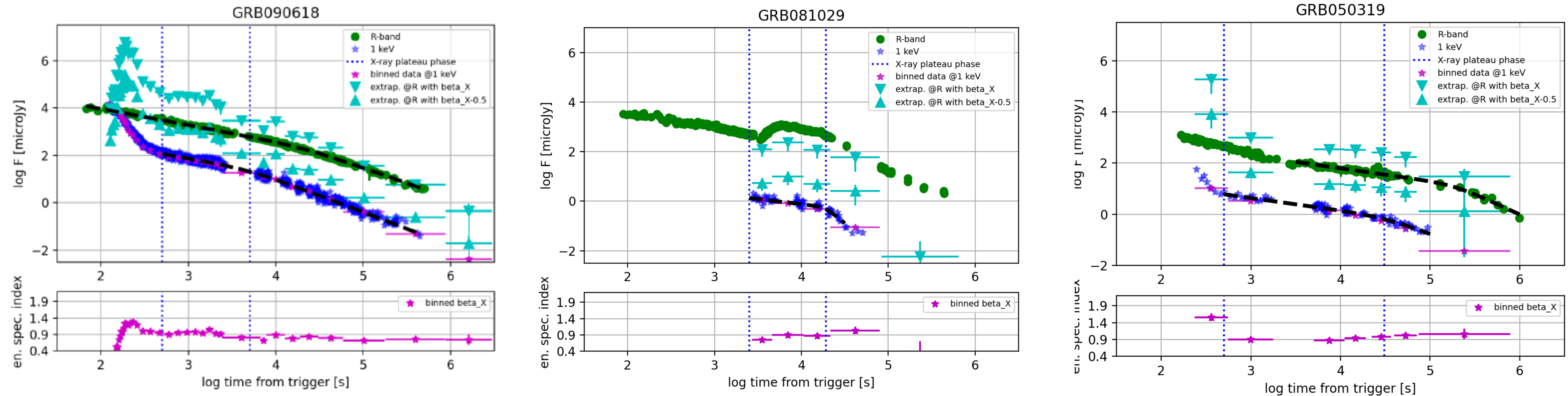


A specific feature of this scenario is the expectation of chromatic behaviour in the shallow phase
Two distinct active regions: (a) the X-ray emitting prompt region and (b) the afterglow-producing external shock (dominating in the optical)

AFTERGLOW SHALLOW DECAY

Multi-band study of “plateaus”

Stratta et al. 2022



3 out of 29 GRBs have strictly chromatic behaviour, i.e. the optical data are above (or below) the extrapolation of the X-ray spectrum.

At face value, it favours a single emission region in most cases

Still ongoing work to enlarge the sample and refine the study

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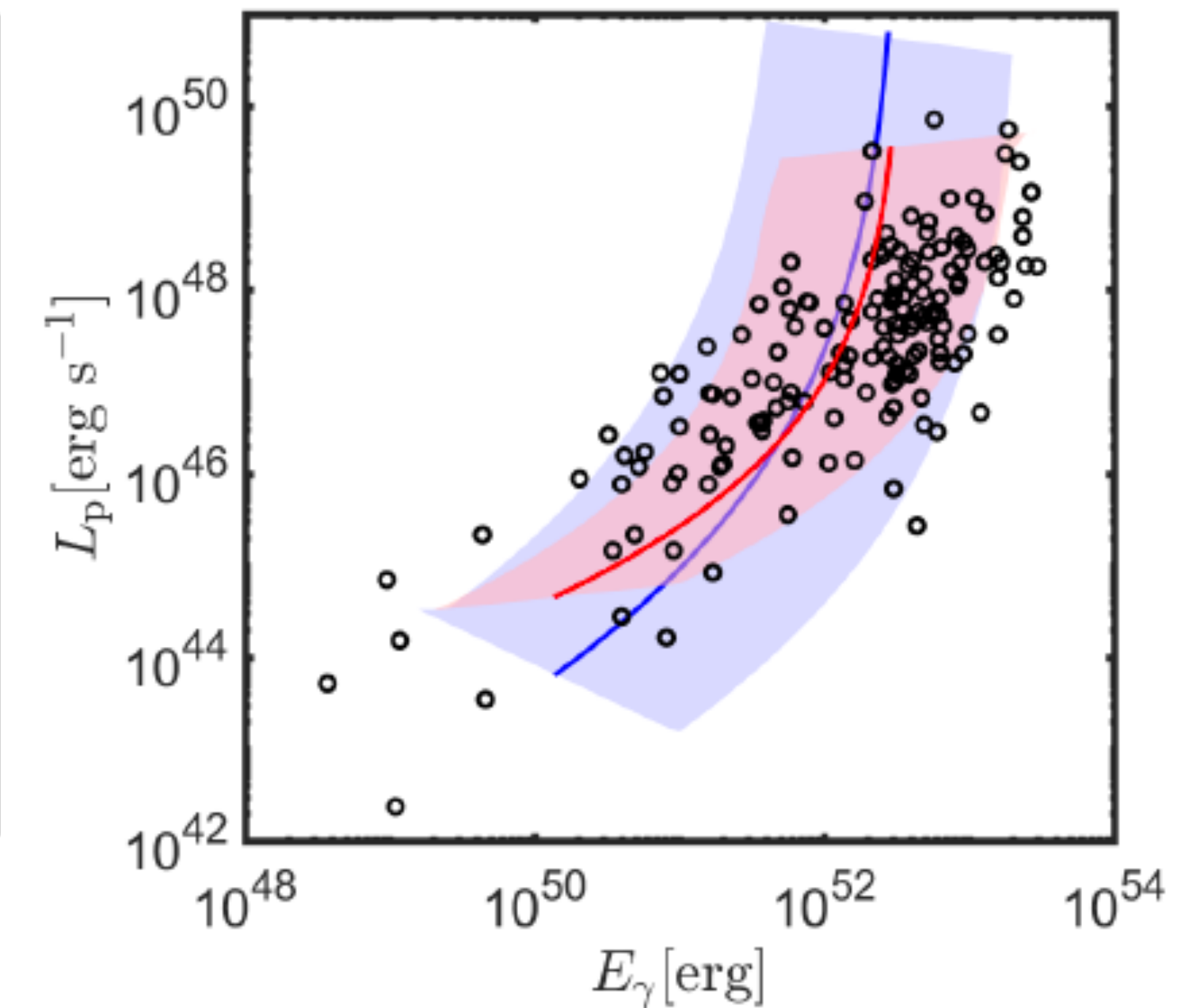
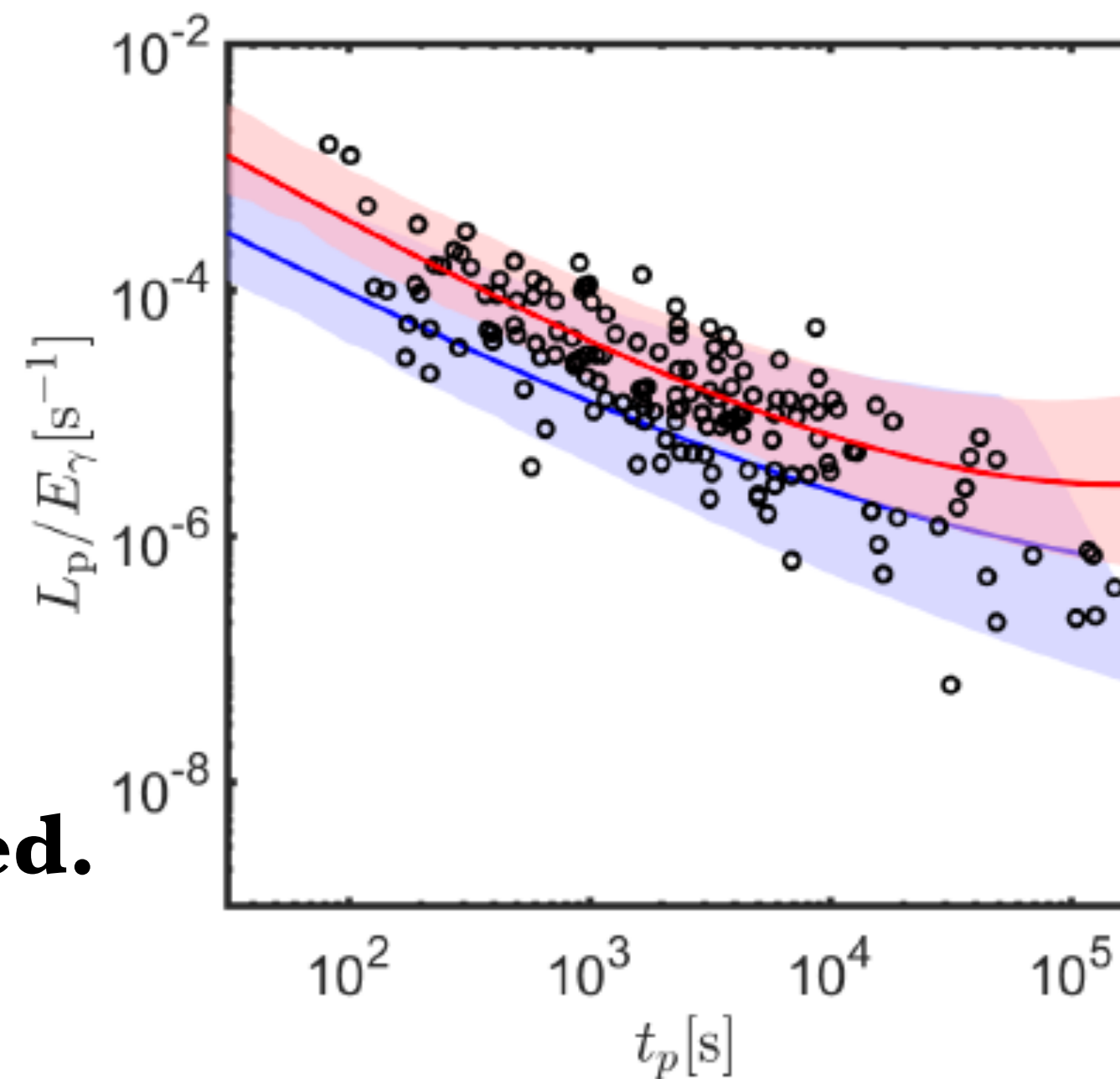
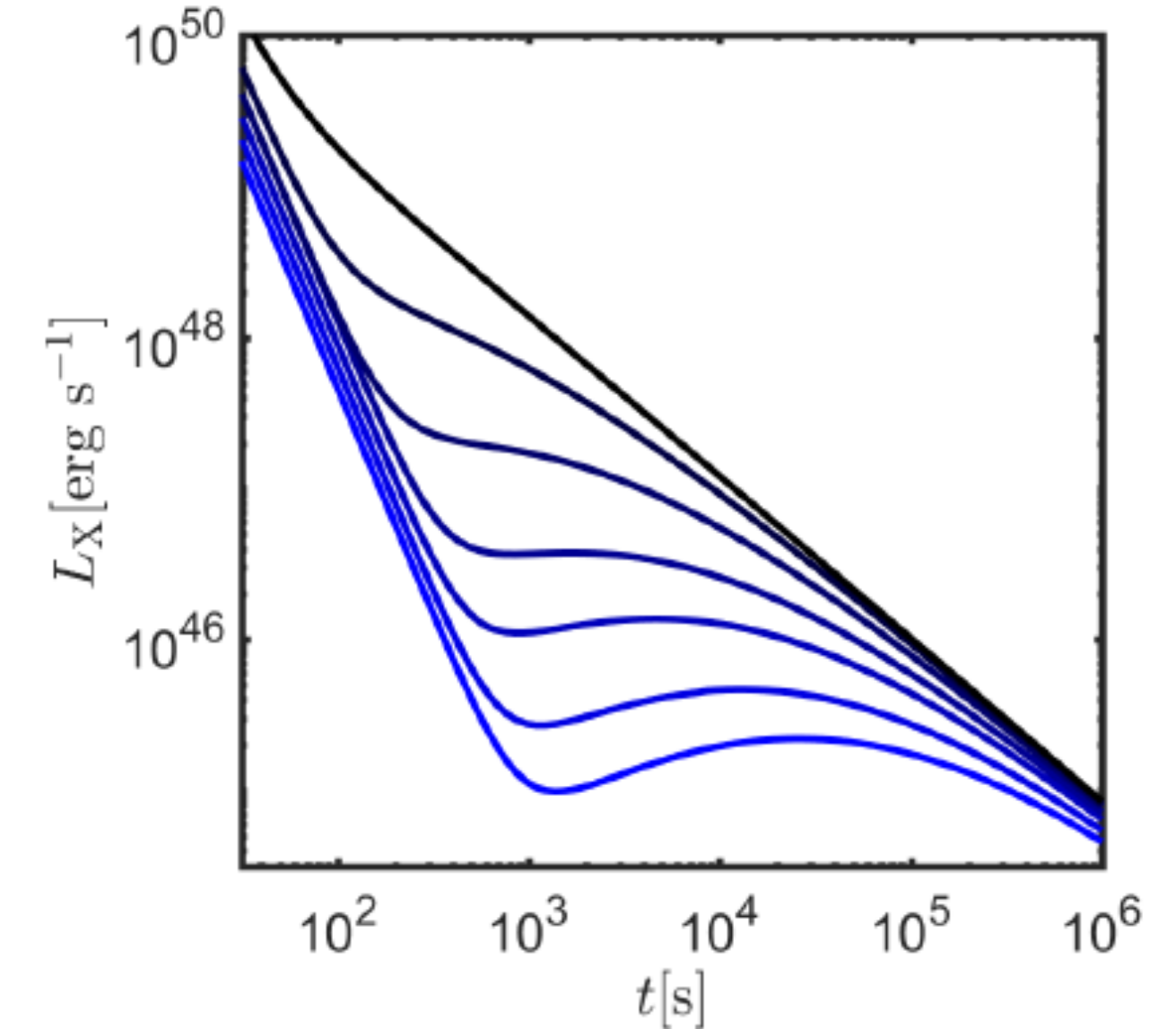
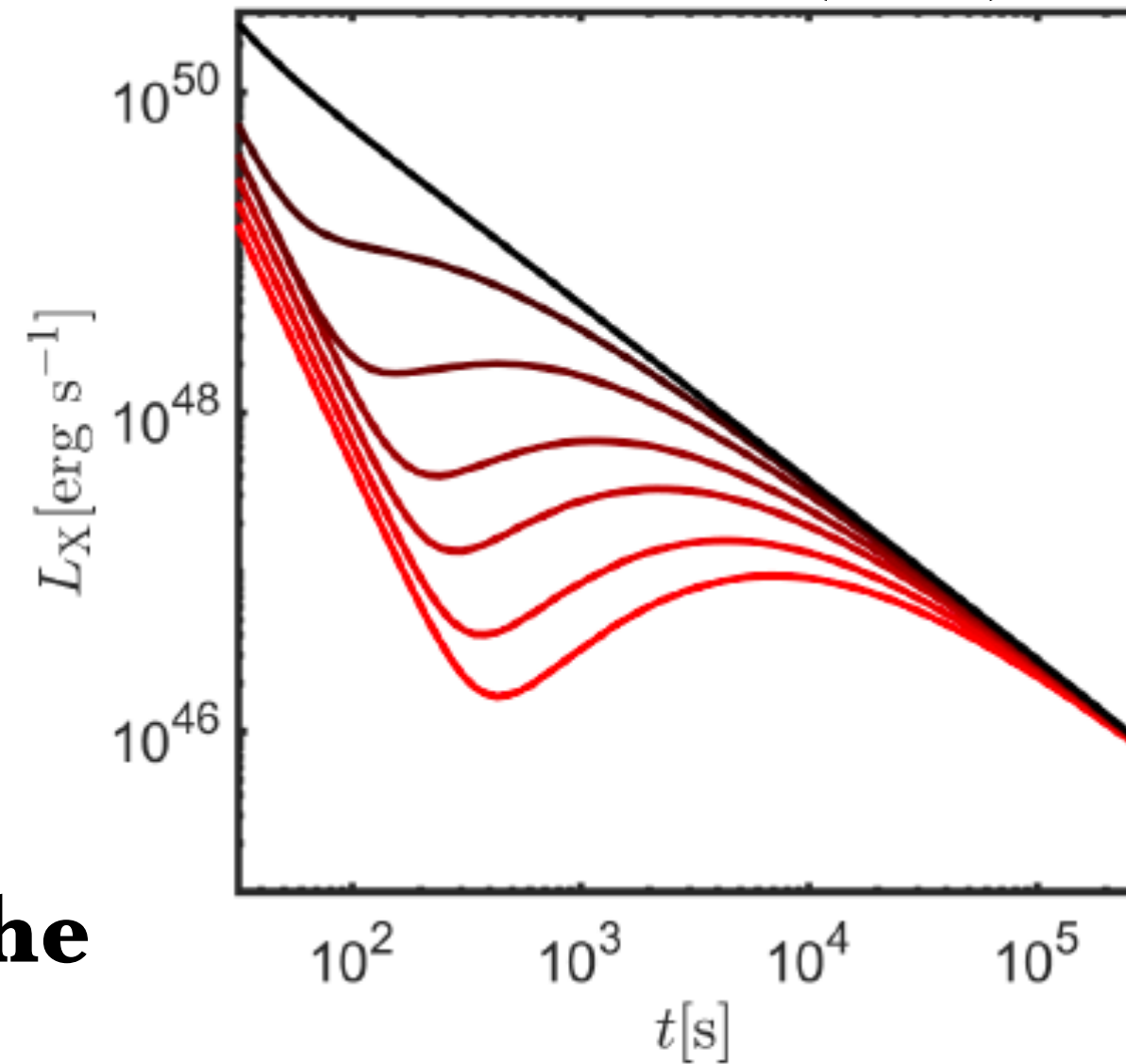
Some fine-tuning of the (many) model parameters can provide agreement with the data

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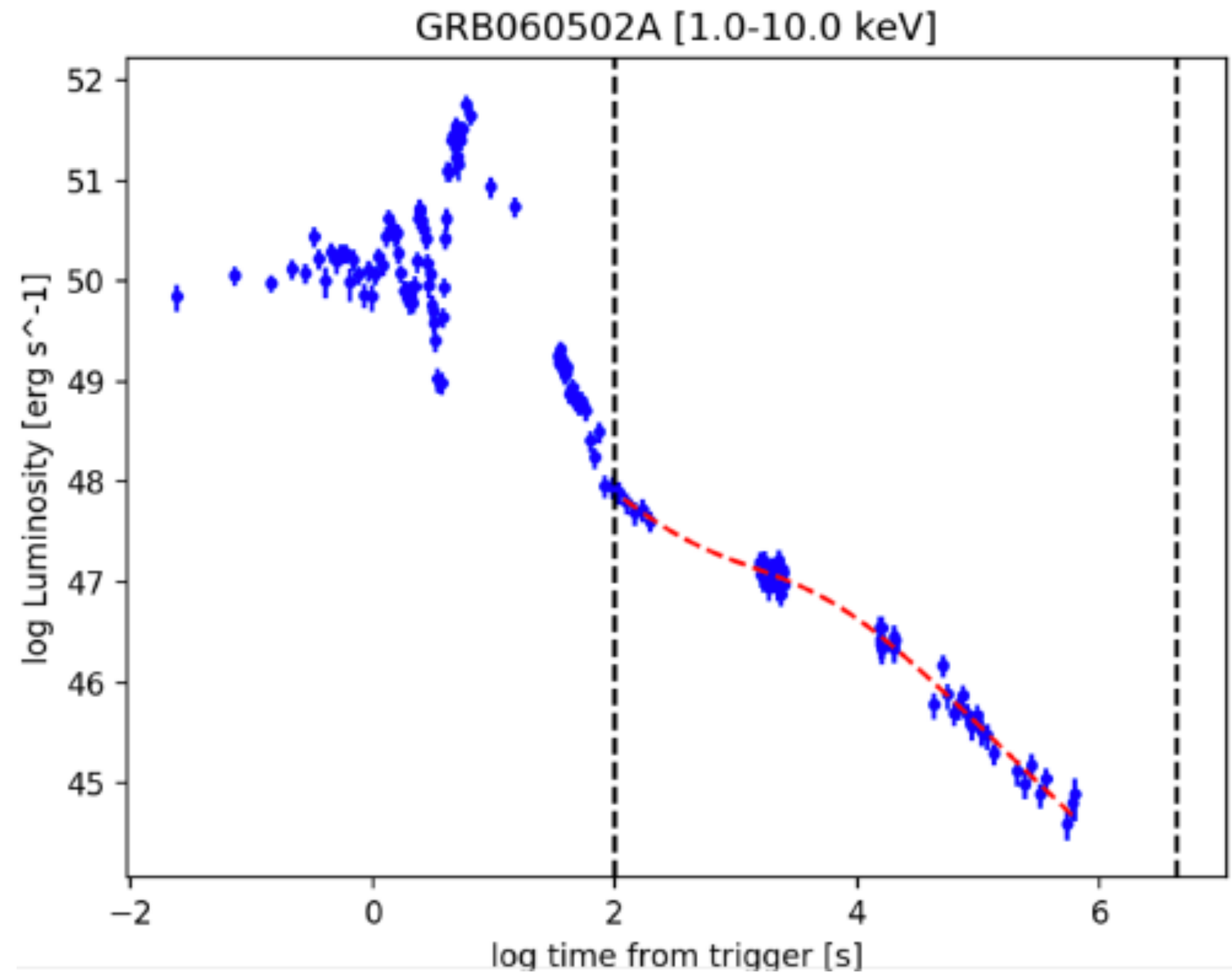
There are some issues there!

**No obvious L_p vs. t_p correlation is predicted.
Is it a model's fault or just forgotten?**

Beniamini et al. (2020)

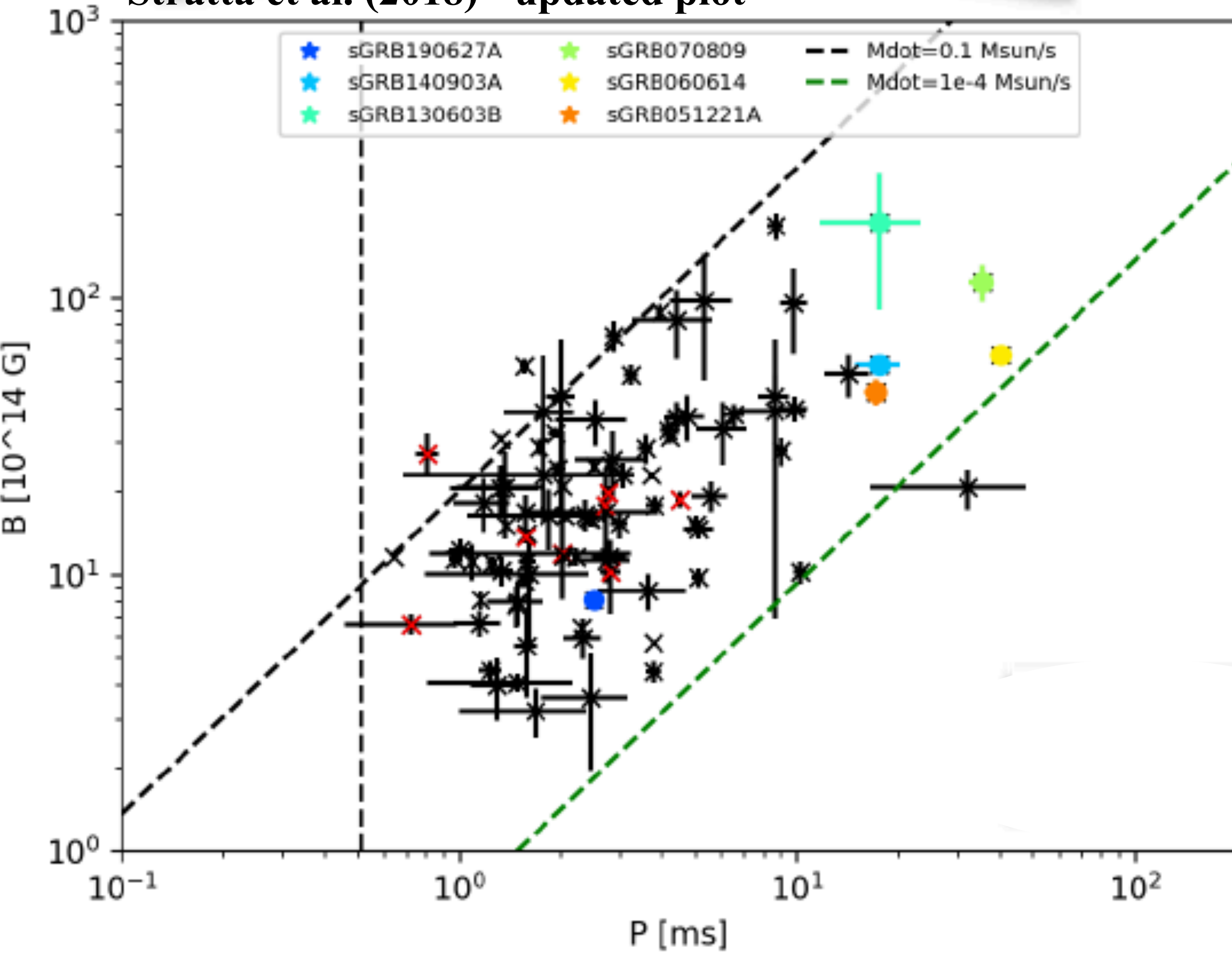


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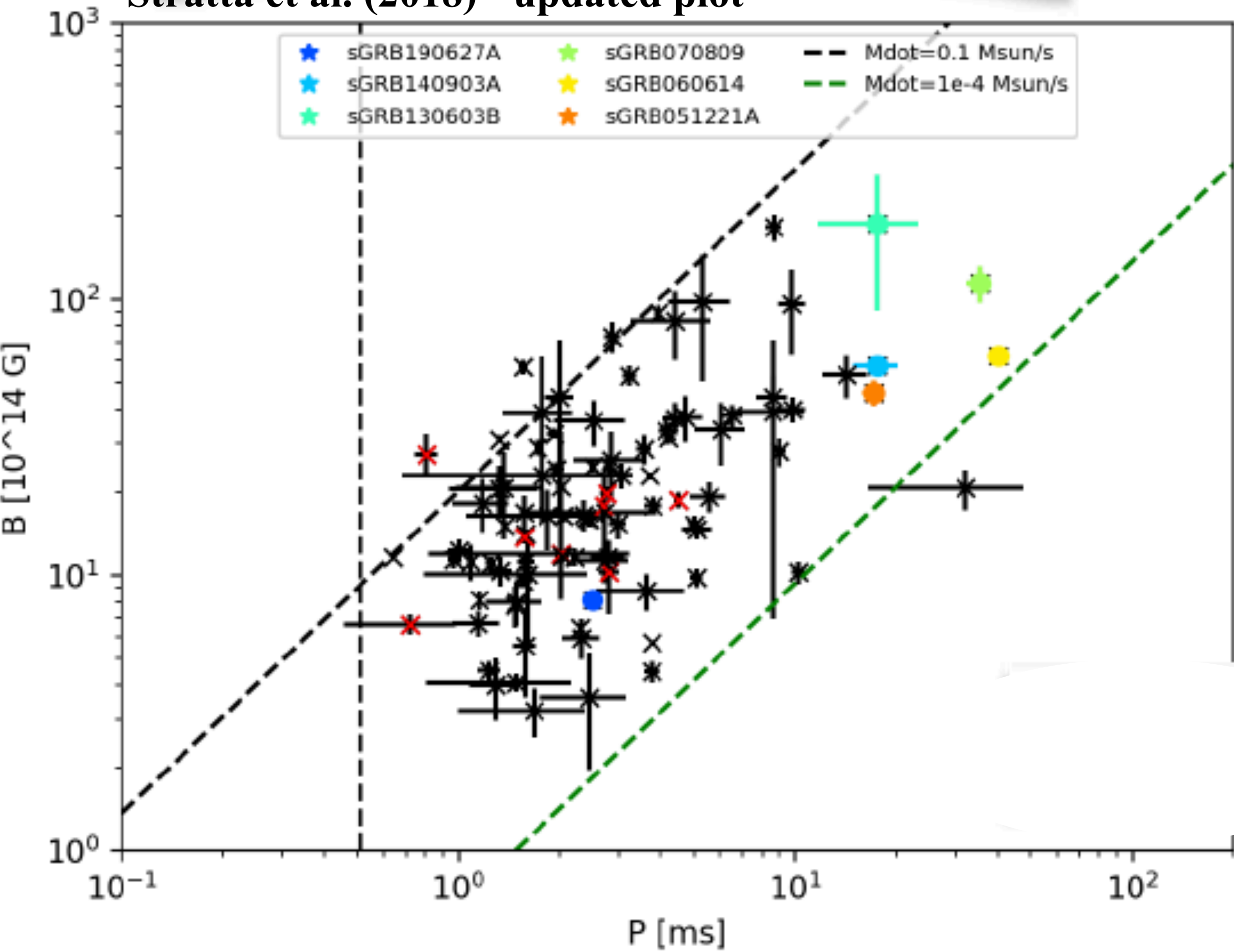


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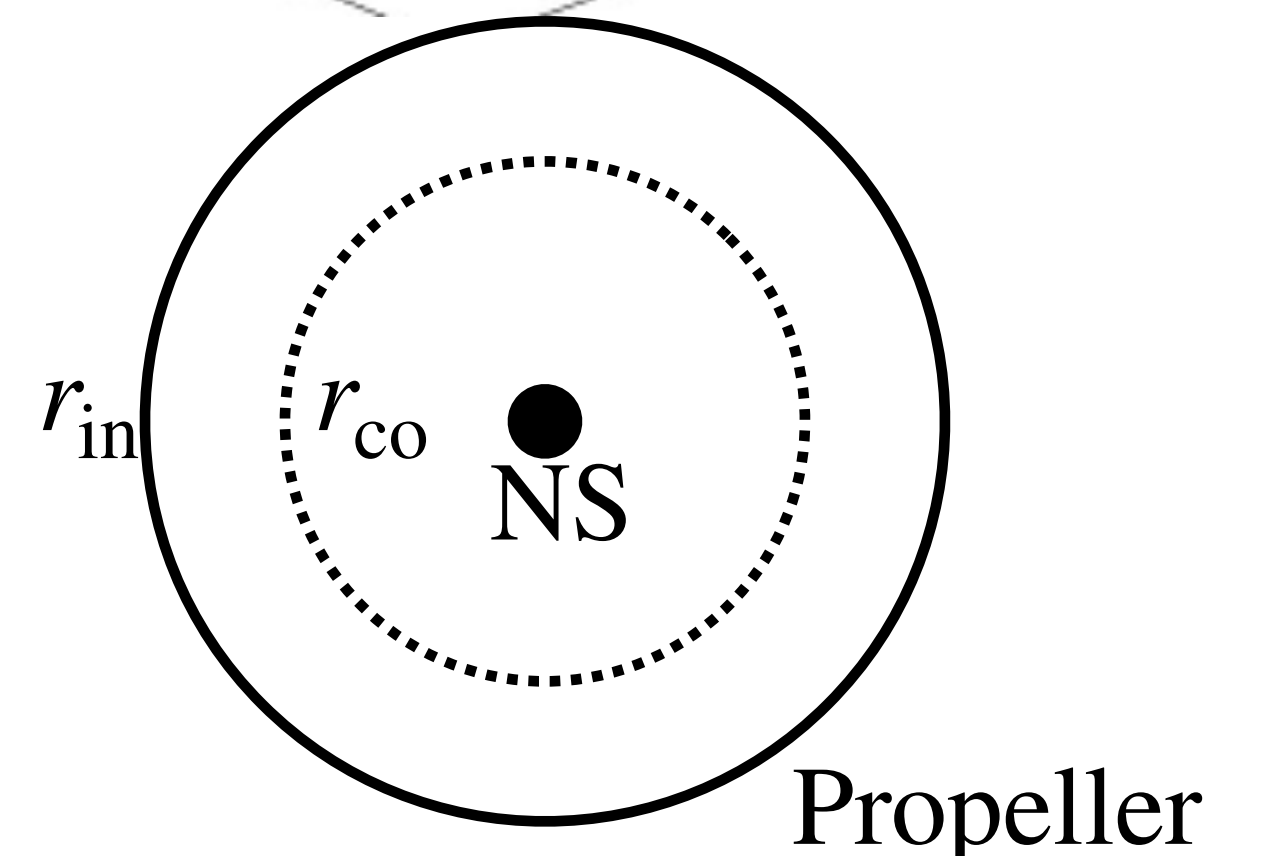
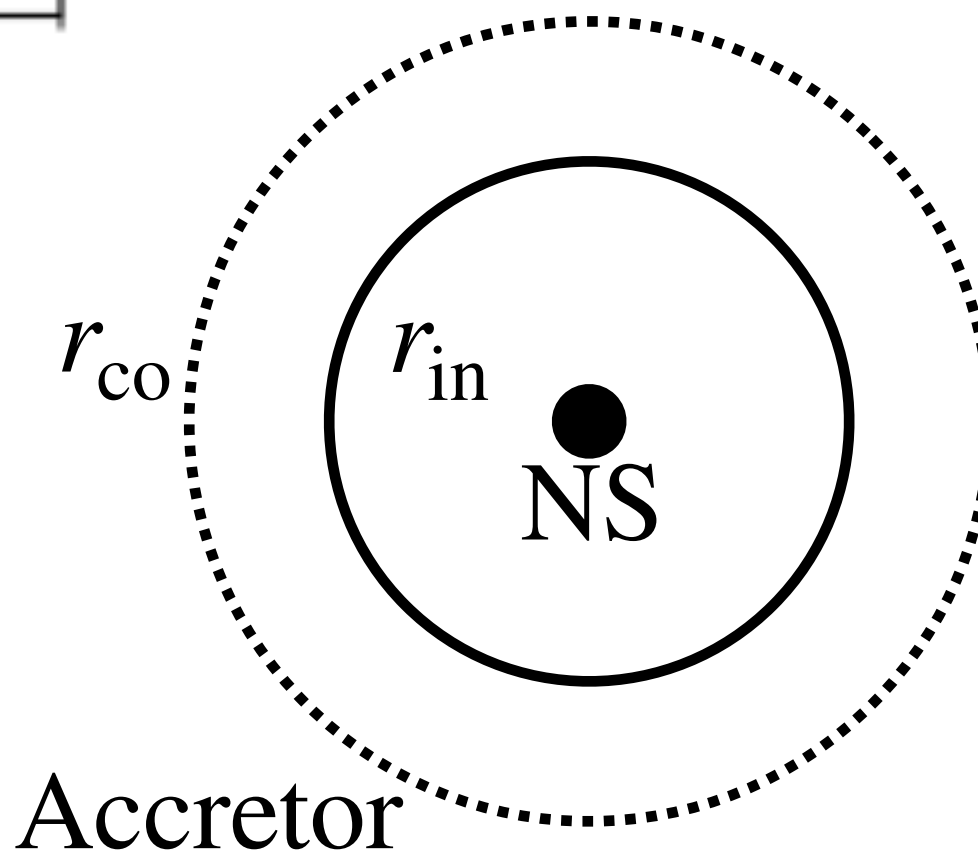
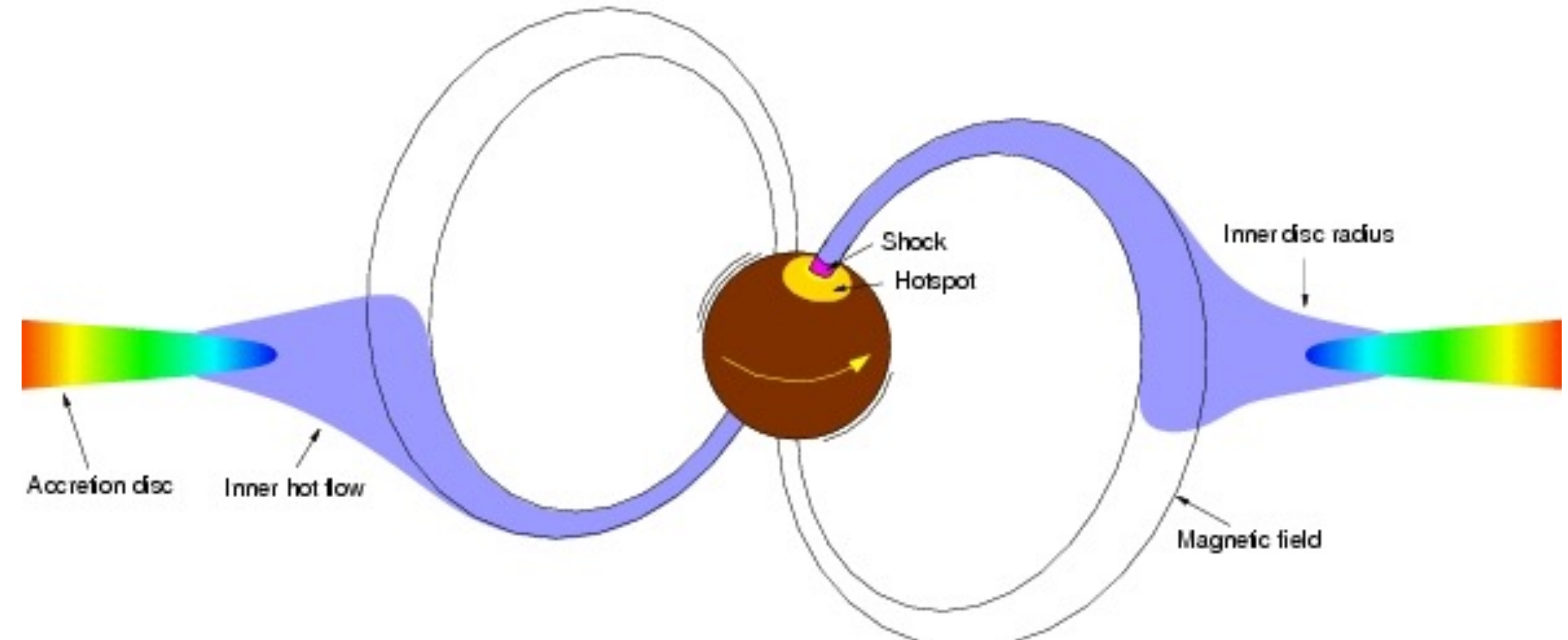
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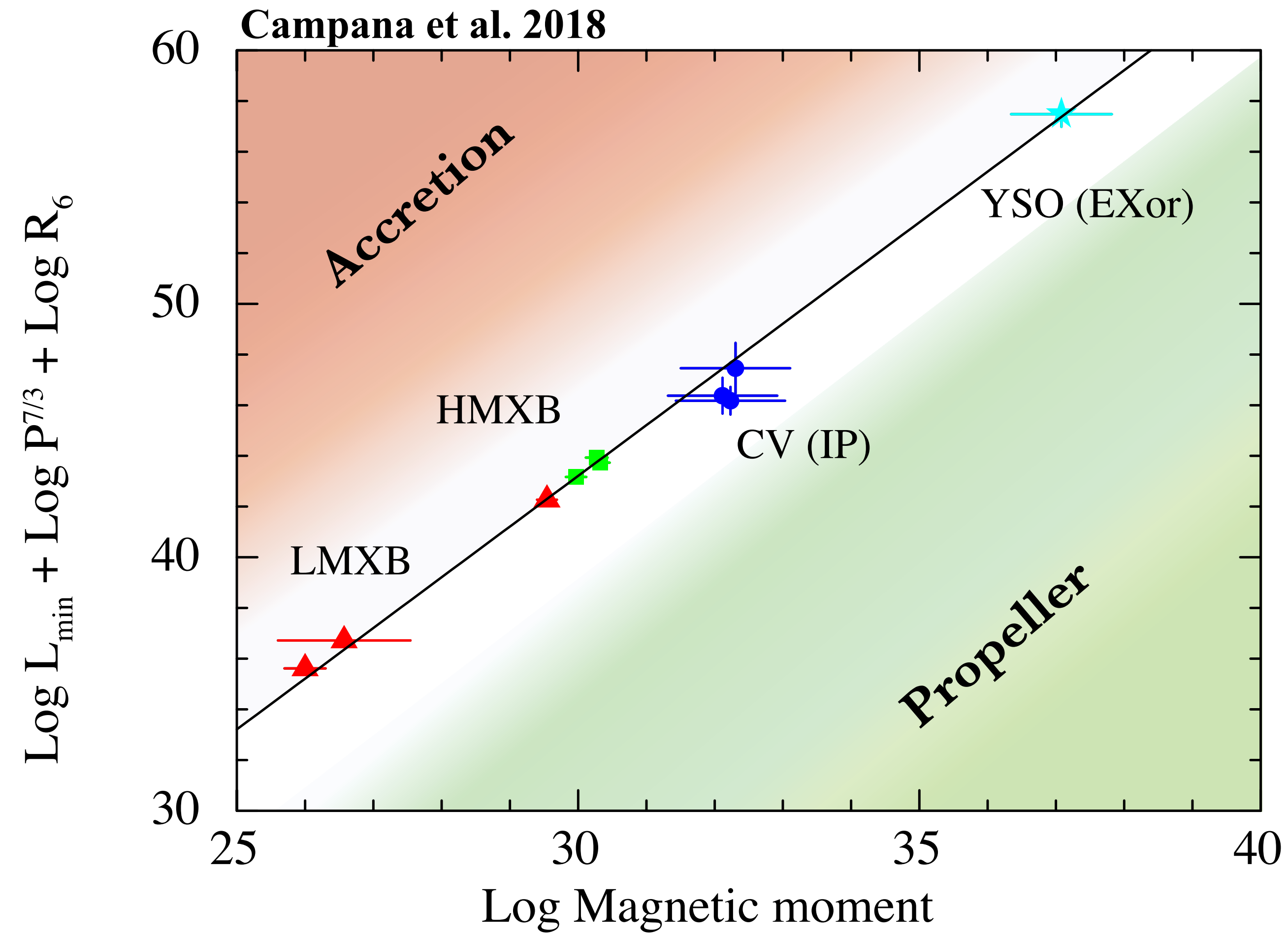
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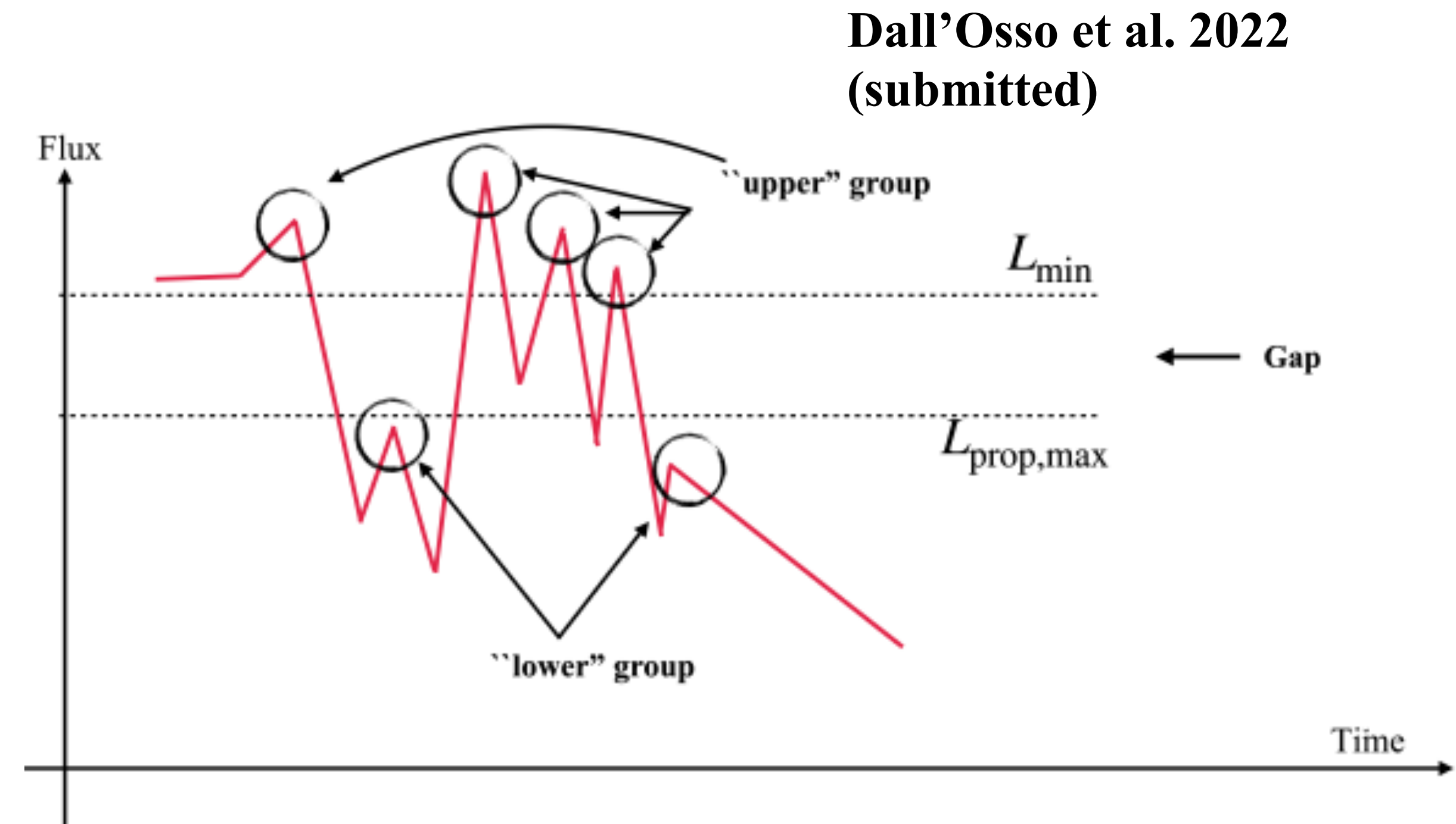
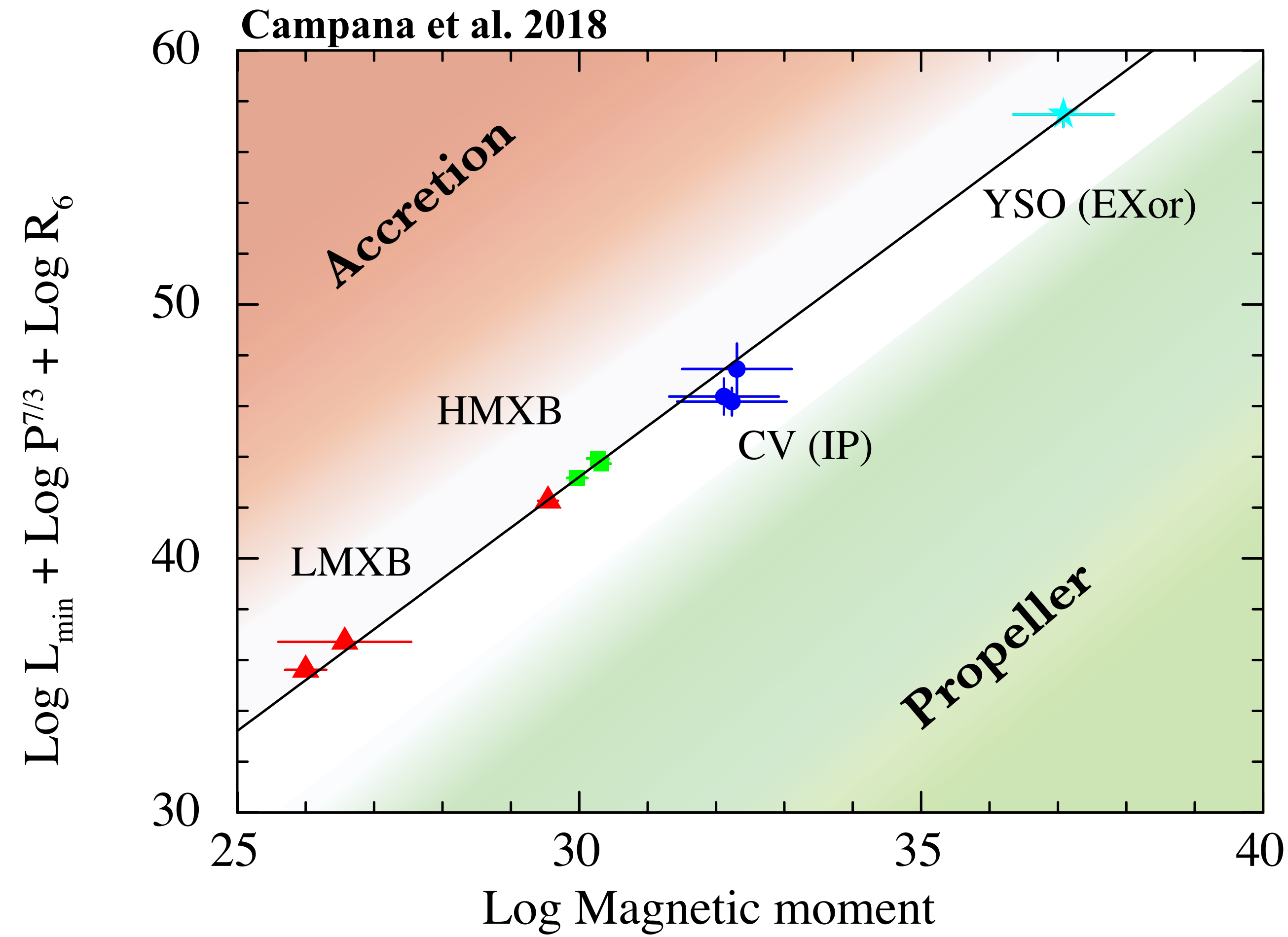
see Bernardini et al. (2013) for a similar idea in a different context

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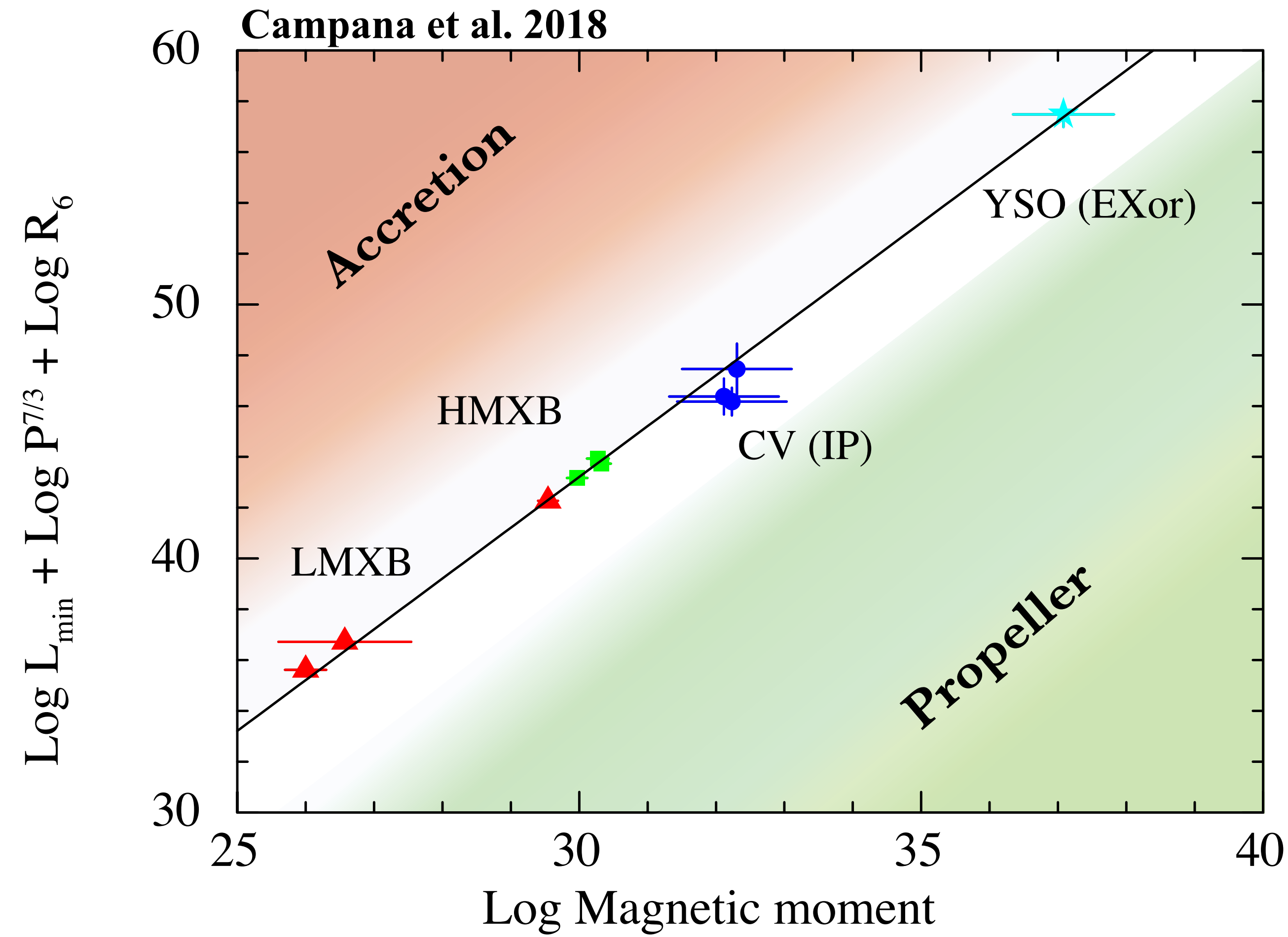
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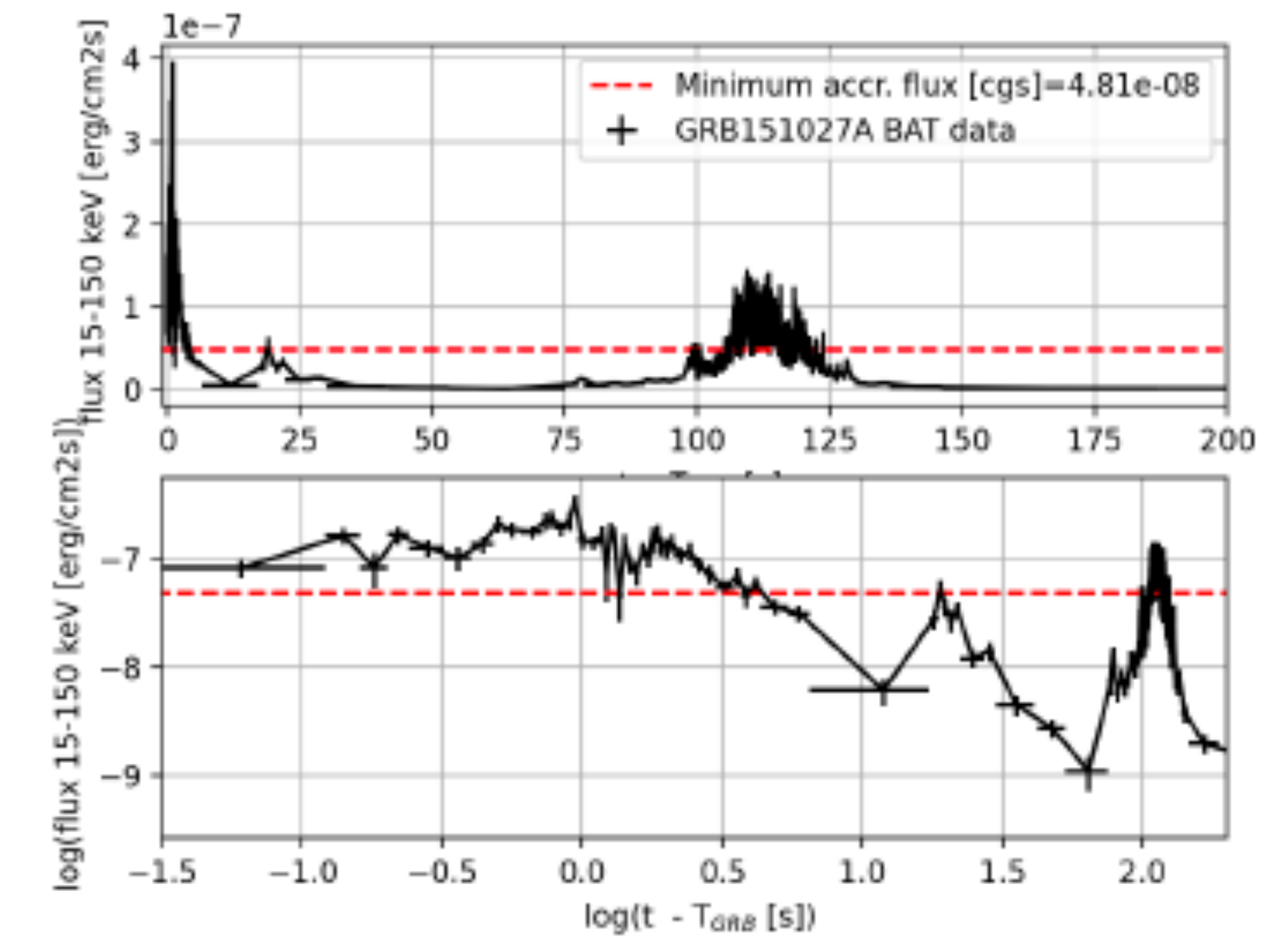
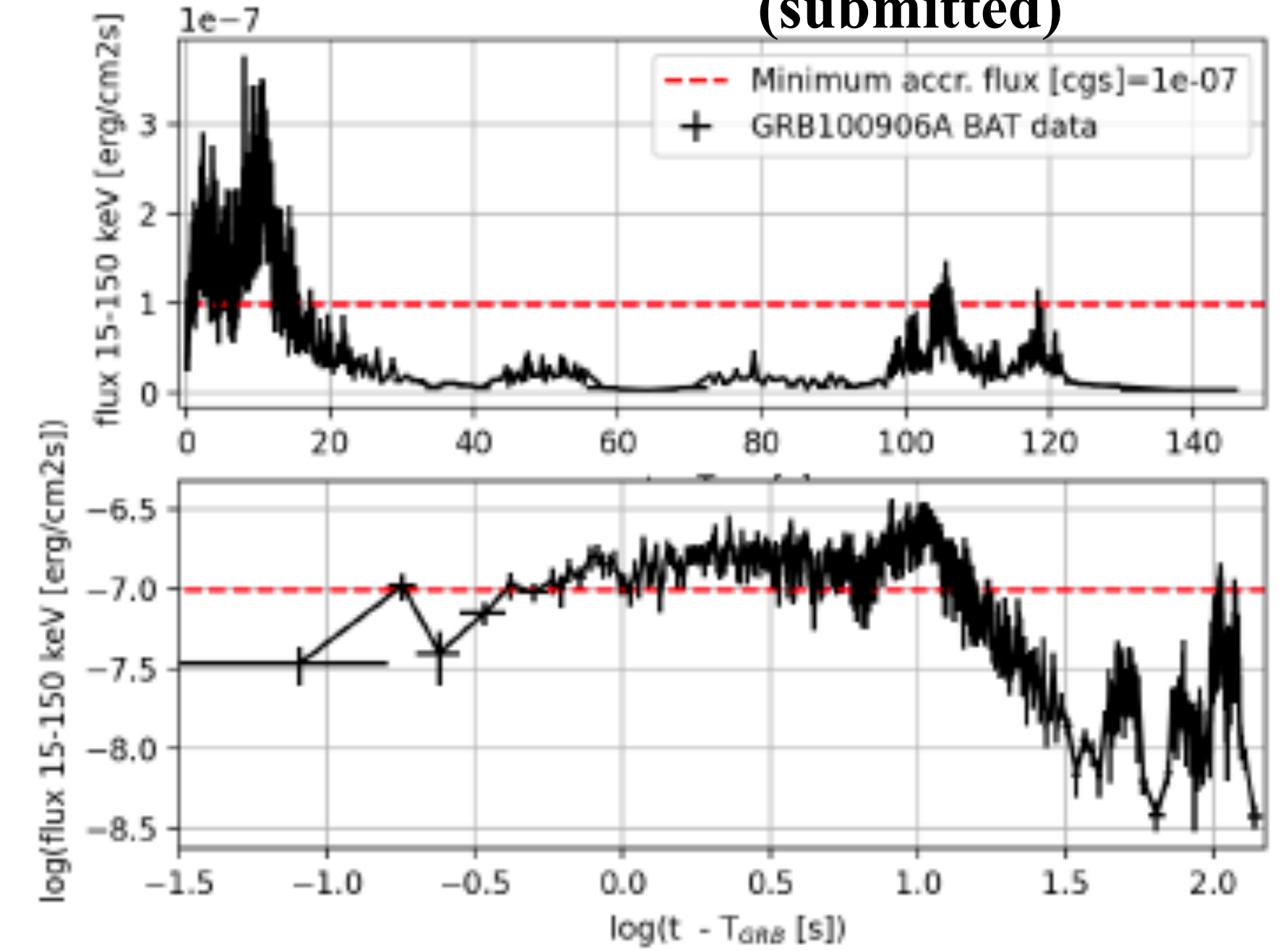
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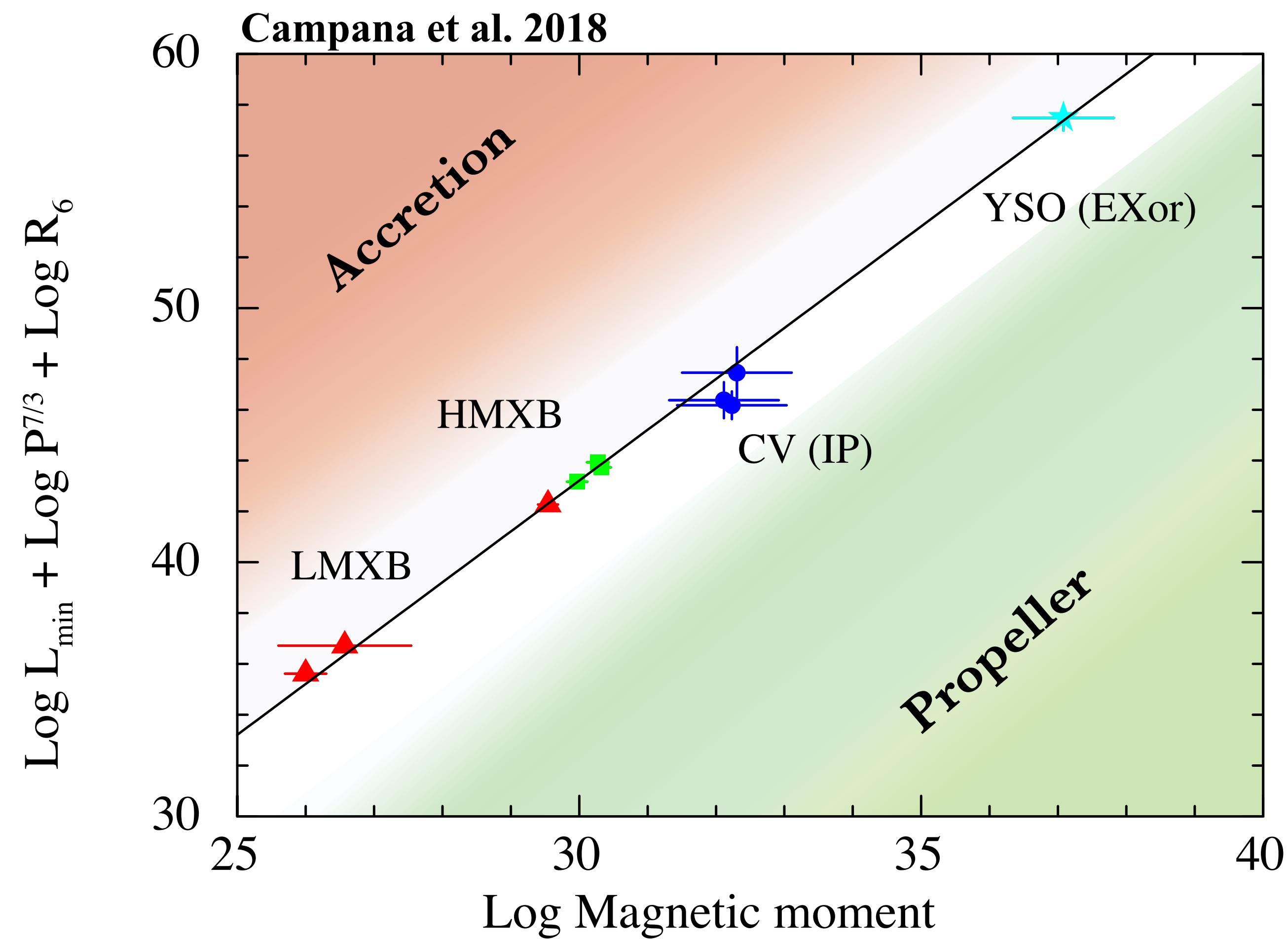
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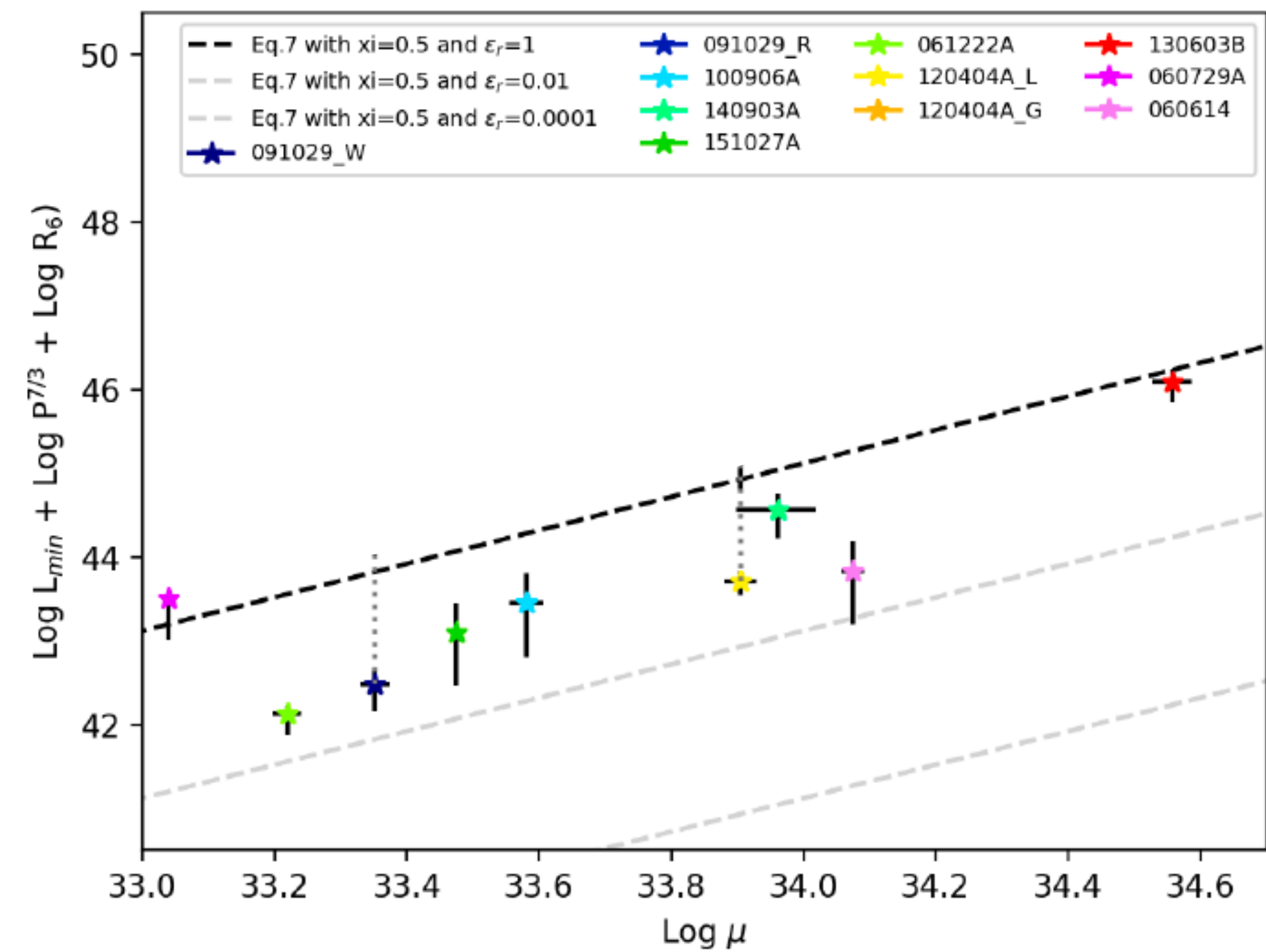
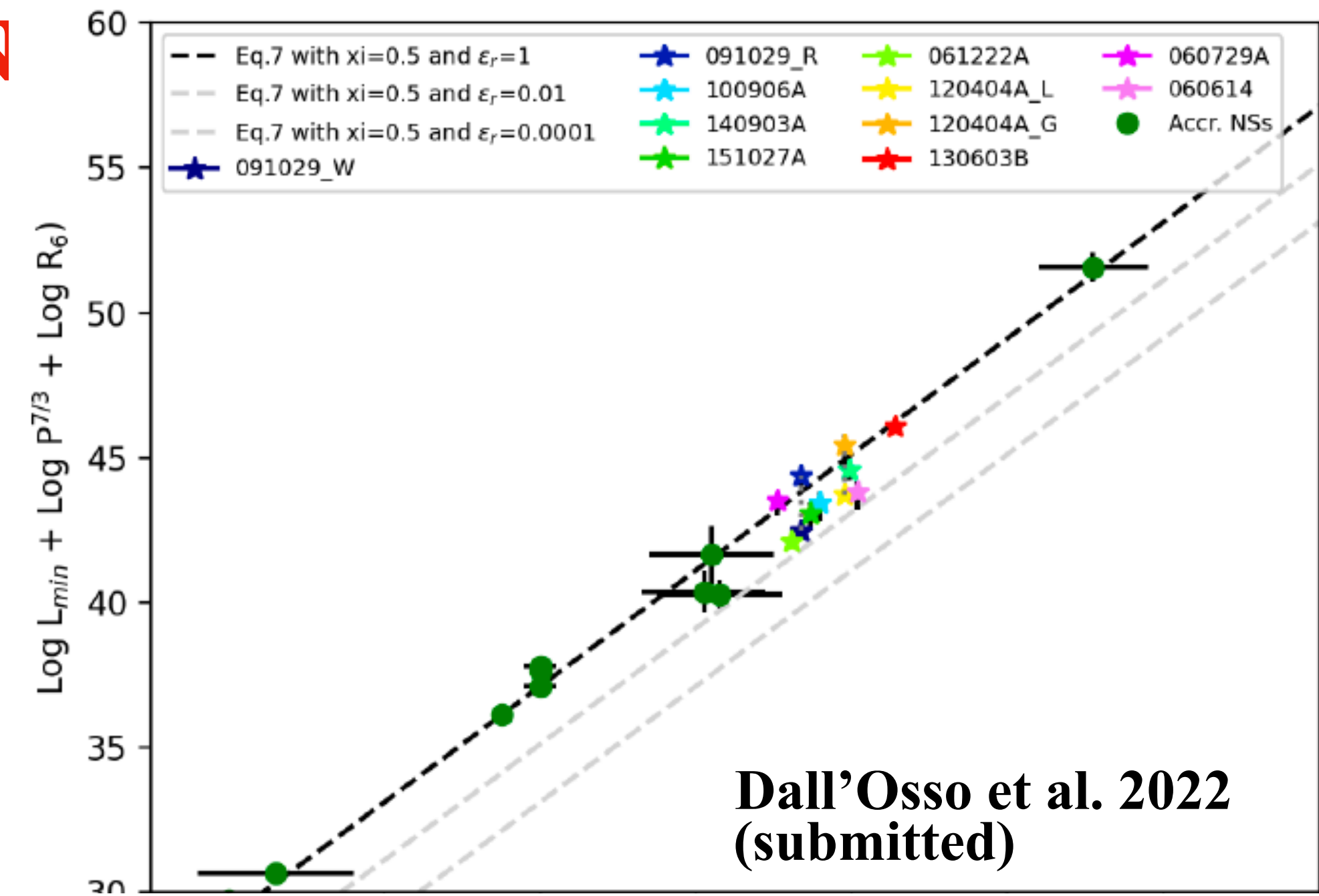
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CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

- 1. NS central engines have enough energy to account for nearly all GRB prompt events observed**
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- 3. Highly-magnetized and STABLE NS may be formed in some BNS mergers. Exact fraction sensitive to the NS maximum mass, i.e. EoS of matter at supranuclear densities. Capability to launch relativistic jets needs to be checked.**
- 4. Structured jets can produce a plateau phase if observed slightly off-axis (some may also be explained as wide-angle emission from on-axis jets). Need to check fit results at the population level (long-lived plateaus, L_p vs. t_p correlation, required range of model parameters)**
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