# GRBs @ TNG

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## **Coordinamento Italiano Burst Ottici**

The C.I.B.O. collaboration, formed in 2000, involves most of the Italian astronomers interested in optical and infrared observations of the GRB afterglows and their host galaxies (HGs). Many members of the collaboration are also part of the Italian *Swift* team.

#### C.I.B.O. Activities:

- Follow up observations of GRBs & HGs with TNG since 2000
- Follow up observations of GRBs with small Italian Telescopes since 2000
- Follow up observations of GRBs with REM since 2005
- Follow up observations of GRBs & HGs with LBT since 2008





## Science with GRBs

- <u>GRB physics</u>
  - Shocks
  - Role of magnetic fields
  - Jets
  - Accretion/ejection: extreme regimes
- Progenitors
  - Long GRBs: GRB-SN connection
  - Short GRBs: compact objects merging (GW)
- <u>GRB as cosmic probes</u>
  - From the local Universe to the re-ionization era
  - Circumburst environment / IGM
  - Chemical history of the Universe

# Since 2004 Swift observed > 1000 GRBs: legacy/statistical approach to tackle the above science cases







# **GRB** complete samples

Since 2004, Swift observed more than 100 GRBs (> 100 short GRB). It is now possible to follow a statistical approach (beyond single event studies). To this end, we selected complete (flux-limited) samples of events, with favorable observing conditions for ground-based observations (redshift determination)

### **BAT6** sample

Salvaterra+12

- o 124 long GRB
- peak flux > 2.6 photons/s/cm<sup>2</sup>
- $\circ~$  ~85% with redshift (wrt 40% whole Swift sample)

## SBAT4 sample

D'Avanzo+14

#### o 27 short GRB

- $\circ$  peak flux > 3.5 photons/s/cm<sup>2</sup>
- ~60% with redshift (wrt 25% whole Swift sample)
- $\checkmark\,$  luminosity function and redshift distribution
- ✓ prompt/afterglow emission rest-frame properties, comparison, correlations
- ✓ GRB environments
- ✓ host galaxy properties
- $\checkmark\,$  simulations and predictions for high-z and GW (rates)

# Synergy with other facilities



















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- GRB-SN
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- events belonging to the BAT6 / SBAT4 complete (flux-limited) samples

## GRBs as cosmic probes

Thanks to their brightness, long GRBs are detectable from the local Universe to

very high redshift. A unique tool to study:

- cosmic star formation history
- metallicity & dust evolution
- the properties of faint galaxies that would be missed by 'traditional' surveys







#### 8 GRB @ z > 6

nature

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LETTERS

Salvaterra et al., 2009, Nature

#### GRB 090423 at a redshift of $z \approx 8.1$

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LumDist = 84.7 Gpc, AgeUniv = 0.6329 Gyr

## **GRBs** as cosmic probes





**GRB 140515A z = 6.33** Melandri et al. 2015





#### High-z GRBs: ideal targets for JWST / E-ELT



### **GRB-SNe**



GRB 050525A/SN 2013cq z = 0.61 Della Valle et al. 2006





## **GRB-SNe**

#### GRB 130427A/SN 2013cq ("a nearby, ordinary monster") z = 0.34Maselli et al. 2014 Science Melandri et al. 2014





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### **GRB-SNe**











GRB 161219B/SN 2016jca z = 0.148 Ashall et al. Nature Astr. (submitted)







## The farthest short-duration GRB









host galaxy, prompt 10000 spectral and energy properties are 1000 consistent with the E<sub>p,i</sub> LGRB class (keV)

> Long-short classification is tricky

Antonelli et al. 2009





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**GRB 130603B (macronova!)** De Ugarte Postigo et al. 2014







**GRB 151229A** HG detection (r ~ 25 mag)

Short GRB HGs with large aperture / future telescopes

- Redshift determination also for fainter targets (LBT, VLT, JWST, E-ELT)

- High spatial resolution (JWST, E-ELT): detailed study of the environment, constraints on the progenitors

#### → Implication for GW progenitor models and rates







# Short GRBs & GW



Complete sample of short GRB (SBAT4) to derive short GRB redshift distribution and rate in the LIGO/Virgo horizon



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#### NUMBERS (since 2010, LTP):

 observed ~ 5 GRB/semester falling in the above categories (~ 60 GRB overall)

- an average request of ~30 hr/semester (now 10)
- 55 GCN circulars
- 26 paper published (1 Sci, 1 Nat), 1 paper submitted (Nat Astr.)

## **Conclusions & desiderata**

- GRBs have an high science impact in many astrophysical fields
- Swift is providing (and will provide) to the world GRB community a wealth of data (90 GRB/yr)
- The use of TNG in GRB studies played (and is playing) a crucial role in keeping the Italian community in a leading role in this highly competitive research field
- Such role has been (and will be) enhanced by the LTP approach and by the synergy with other facilities (e.g. REM, NOT, LBT, VLT, HST, XMM)
- High visibility and scientific return with relatively little amount of consumed time
- Northern emisphere telescope with flexible schedule (ToO)
- OPT/NIR imaging + low/medium-res spectroscopy (SOXS North?)

#### 2020 and beyond: Time-Domain Astronomy Era





Son Of X-Shooter









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### What is a Gamma-Ray Burst?

Brief, sudden, intense flash of gamma-ray radiation



#### Low to catch a CDD



ZZZ..







### **GRBs** as cosmic probes



**GRB 130606A** 

z = 5.91

**GRB 090423** 

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### A Kilonova associated to GRB 130603B?



Tanvir et al. 2013 Berger et al. 2013 (but see also Jin et al. 2014)

# A Kilonova associated to GRB 060614 & GRB 050709?



#### Jets in SGRBs



Rosswog 2012



#### Metzger & Berger 2012

### The progenitors of short GRBs

Most popular model:

#### Coalescence (merging) of a compact object binary system (NS-NS ; NS-BH)

While orbiting, the two objects emit gravitational waves losing energy: MERGING

- critical parameter: merging time t<sub>m</sub>

Time between the formation of the system and its coalescence  $t_{\rm m} \propto a^4$  (a: system separation) -> ~10 Myr <  $t_{\rm m}$  < ~10 Gyr

- merging can occur in old and young stellar populations

#### - kick velocities:

Compact objects are the remnants of core-collapse SNe, that can give a "kick"

The system can escape from the HG-> OFFSET! (1+100 kpc)/low density CBM

(Belczynski & Kalogera 2001; Perna & Belczynski 2002; Belczynski et al. 2006)





#### **Short GRB rate**

Current estimates of local SGRB rates range from 0.1–0.6 Gpc<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (e.g. Guetta & Piran 2005; 2006) to 1–10 Gpc<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (Guetta & Piran 2006; Guetta & Stella 2009; Coward et al. 2012; Siellez et al. 2014, Wanderman & Piran 2015) to even larger values like 40-240 Gpc<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (Nakar et al. 2006; Guetta & Piran 2006).

Rates depend on the short GRB luminosity function  $\phi(L)$  and redshift distribution  $\psi(z)$ .

Peak flux distribution  $\frac{dN}{dt}(P_1 < P < P_2) = \int_0^\infty dz \frac{dV(z)}{dz} \frac{\Delta Q_s}{4\pi} \frac{\Psi_{\text{SGRB}}(z)}{1+z}$  SGRB redshift  $\phi(L) \propto \begin{cases} (L/L_b)^{-\alpha_1} & L < L_b \\ (L/L_b)^{-\alpha_2} & L \ge L_b \end{cases} \times \int_{L(P_1,z)}^{L(P_2,z)} dL\phi(L),$ distribution is a delayed star formation rate  $\Psi(z) \propto \int^\infty \Psi(z') P[t(z)-t(z')] rac{dt}{dz'} dz'$ The parameters of such functions are usually constrained through:  $P(\tau) \propto \tau^n$ (1) by fitting the peak flux distribution of SGRBs detected by past and/or present GRB delay time (interval between binary detectors (e.g BATSE, GBM) formation and merging) distribution (2) the observed SGRB redshift distribution function

# Short GRB rate: deriving luminosity function and redshift distribution

We derive the short GRB luminosity function and redshift distribution using:

- all the available observer-frame constraints of the large population of bursts detected by the *Fermi/*GBM
- 2) the rest-frame properties of the Swift SBAT4 complete sample



# Short GRB rate: deriving luminosity function and redshift distribution



$$\Psi(z) = \frac{1 + p_1 z}{1 + (z/z_p)^{p_2}}$$
$$\phi(E_p) \propto \begin{cases} \left(\frac{E_p}{E_{p,b}}\right)^{-a_1} & E_p \le E_{p,b} \\ \left(\frac{E_p}{E_{p,b}}\right)^{-a_2} & E_p > E_{p,b} \end{cases}$$
$$T \sim 2(1+z)E/L$$

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Lognormal distribution of durations

# Short GRB luminosity function and redshift distribution



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small delays favored; primordial binaries

#### **Short GRB true rate**

