



# Multiwavelength Observations of Dust-Obscured Galaxies Revealed by Gamma-Ray Bursts

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## Gamma-Ray Bursts

### Motivation

Where are the dust-obscured GRBs?  
Pre-Swift host galaxy results

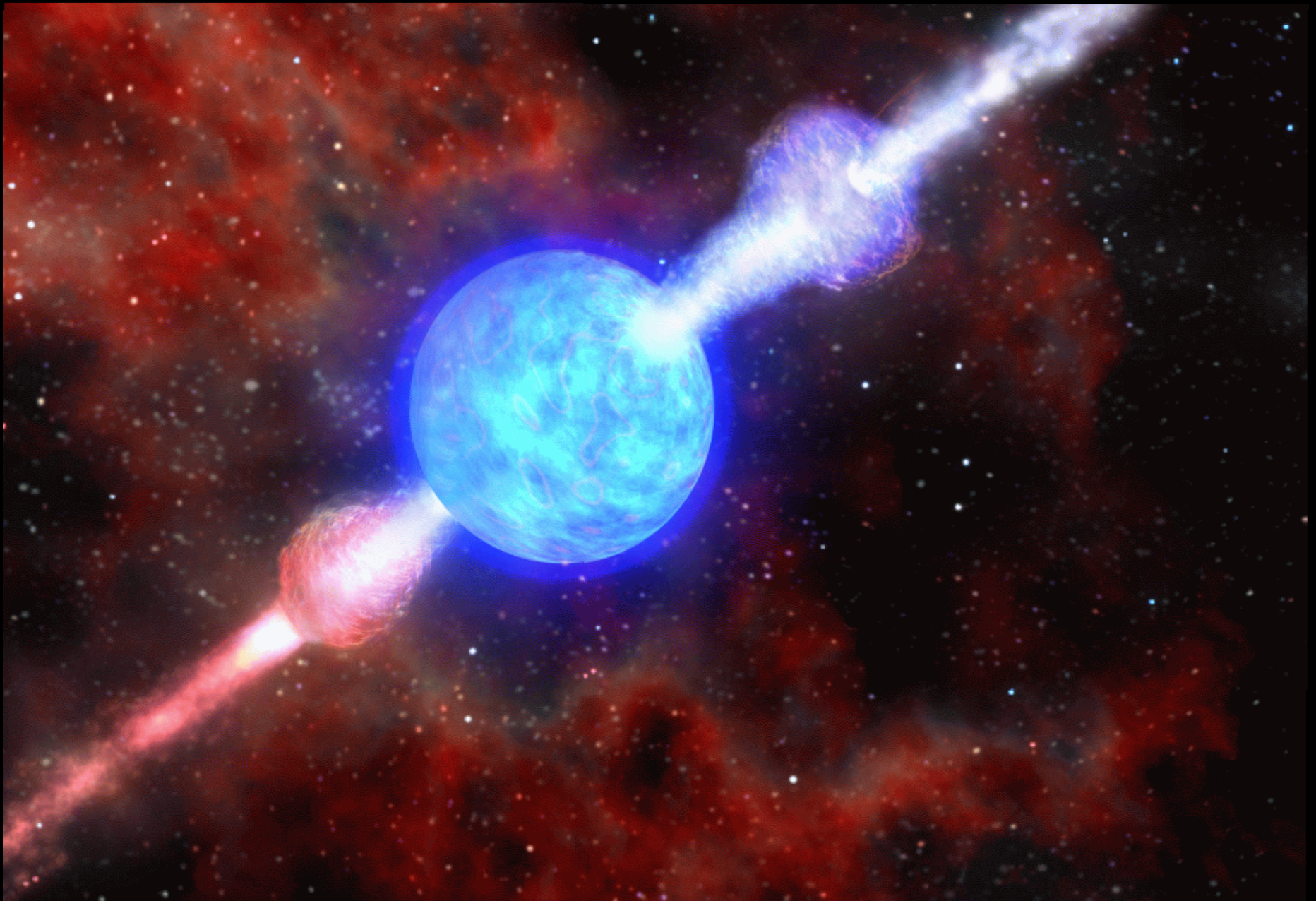
### Dark Bursts

Dark GRB afterglows and dust extinction

### Dark GRB host galaxies



# Gamma-Ray Bursts





# (Long) Gamma-Ray Bursts



# GRBs: Massive Stellar Core-Collapse

GRB 980425 / SN 1998bw at  $z=0.008$

ESA, Stephen Holland

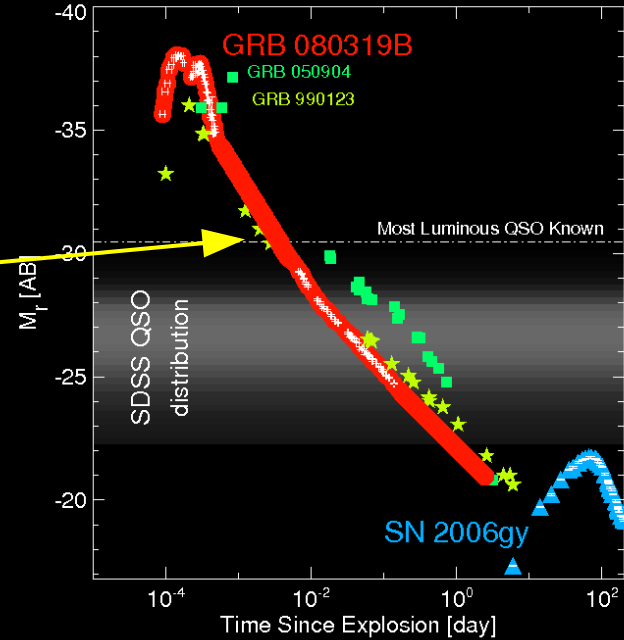
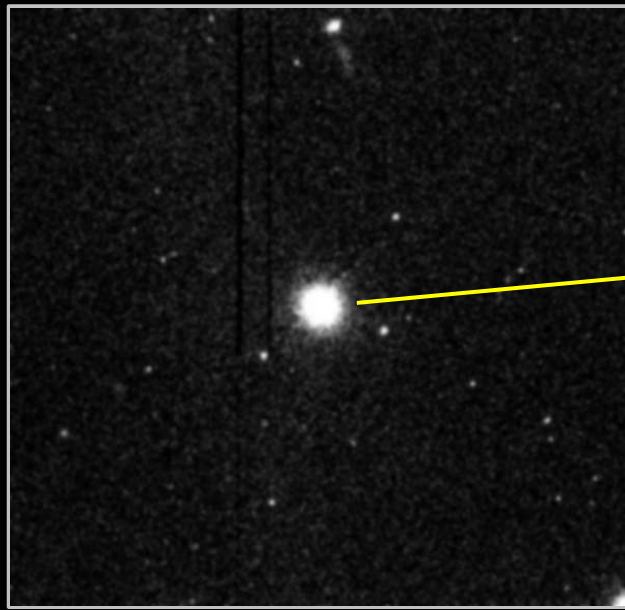




# Lighthouses for the High-z Universe

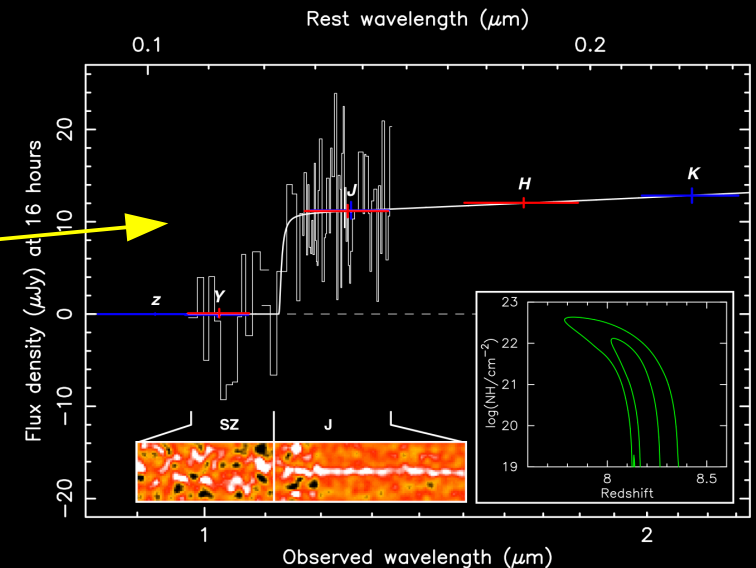
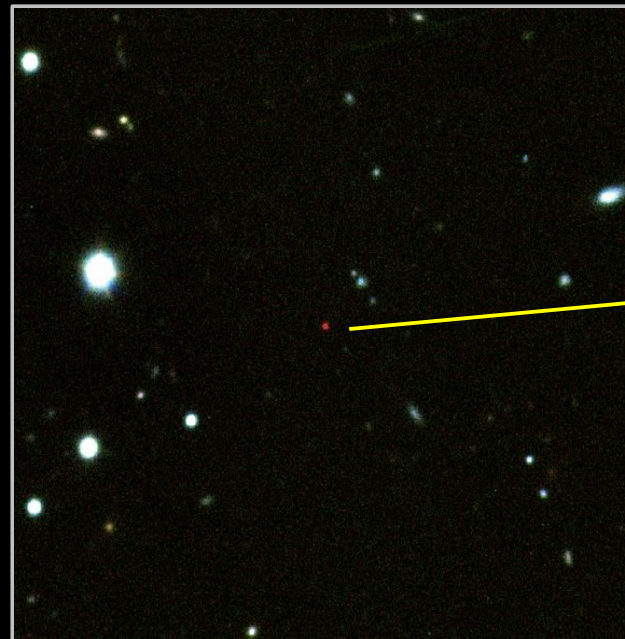
GRB 080319B:

$M_R = -39$  mag  
at peak

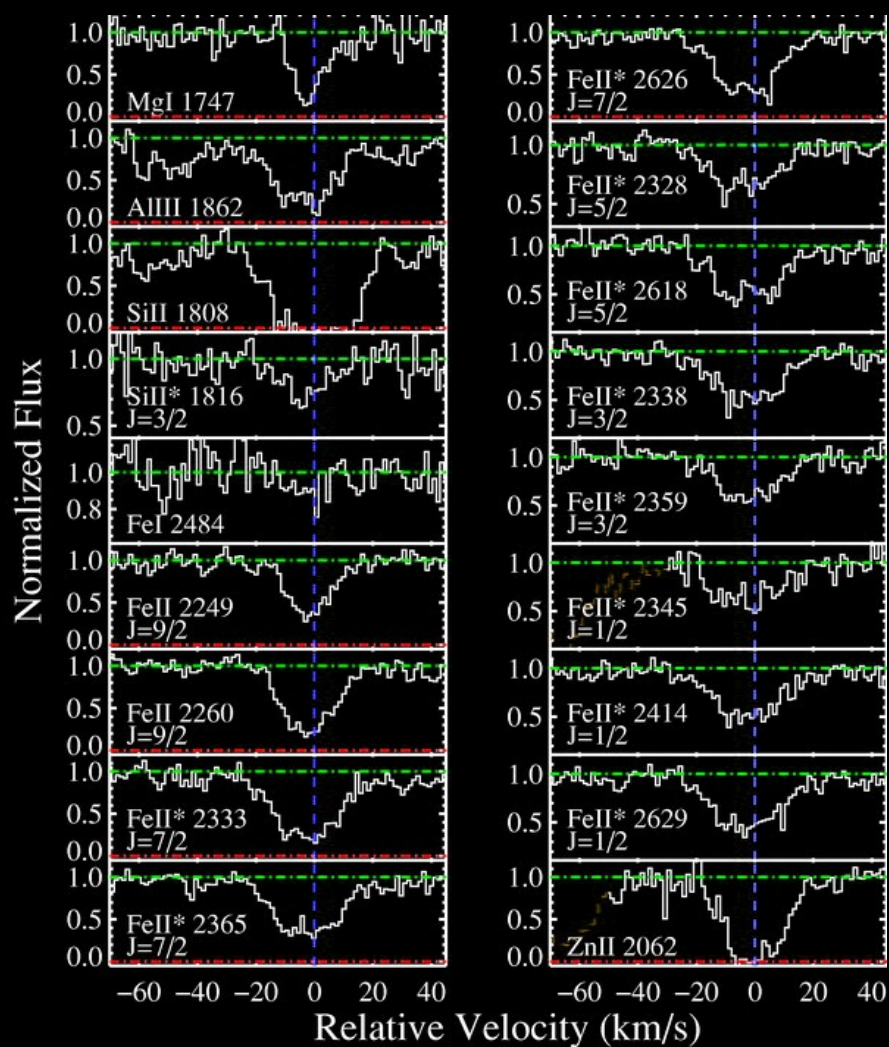


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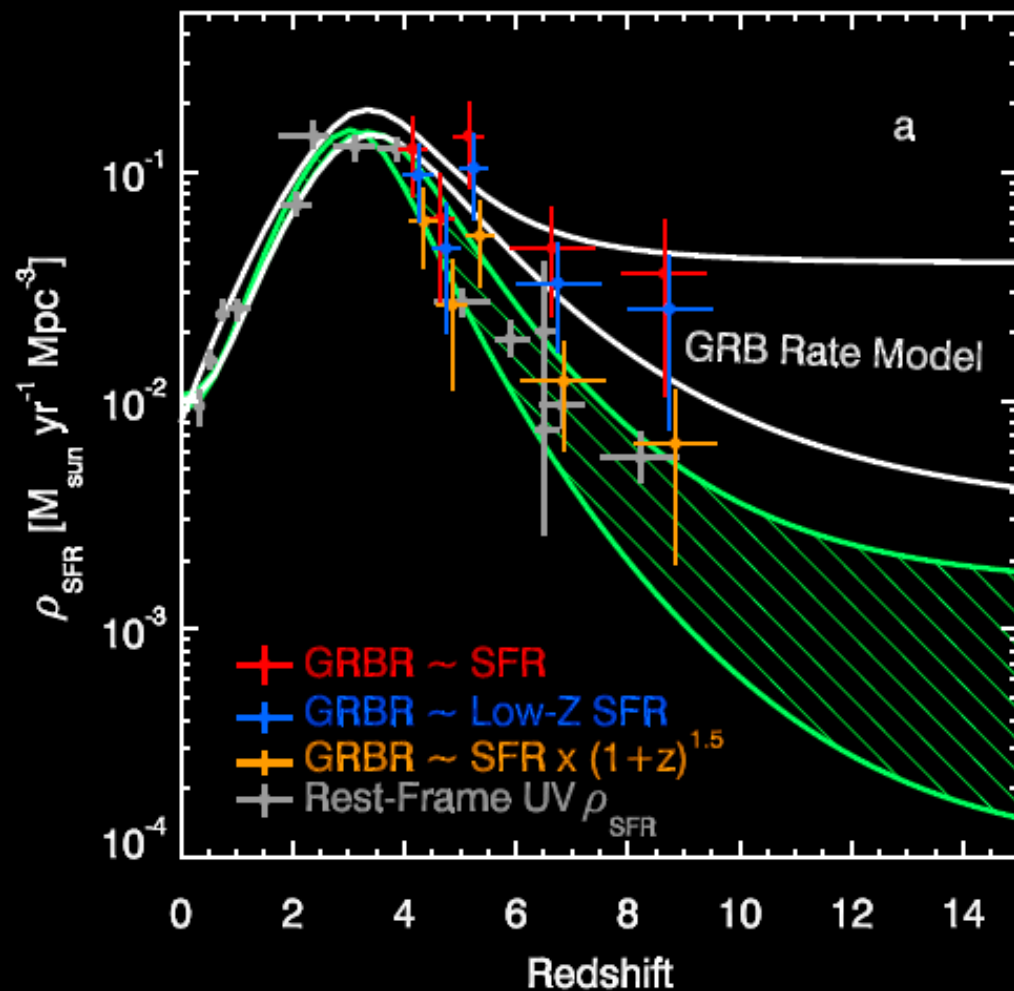
redshift  $z = 8.3$



# Probes of High-z SFR



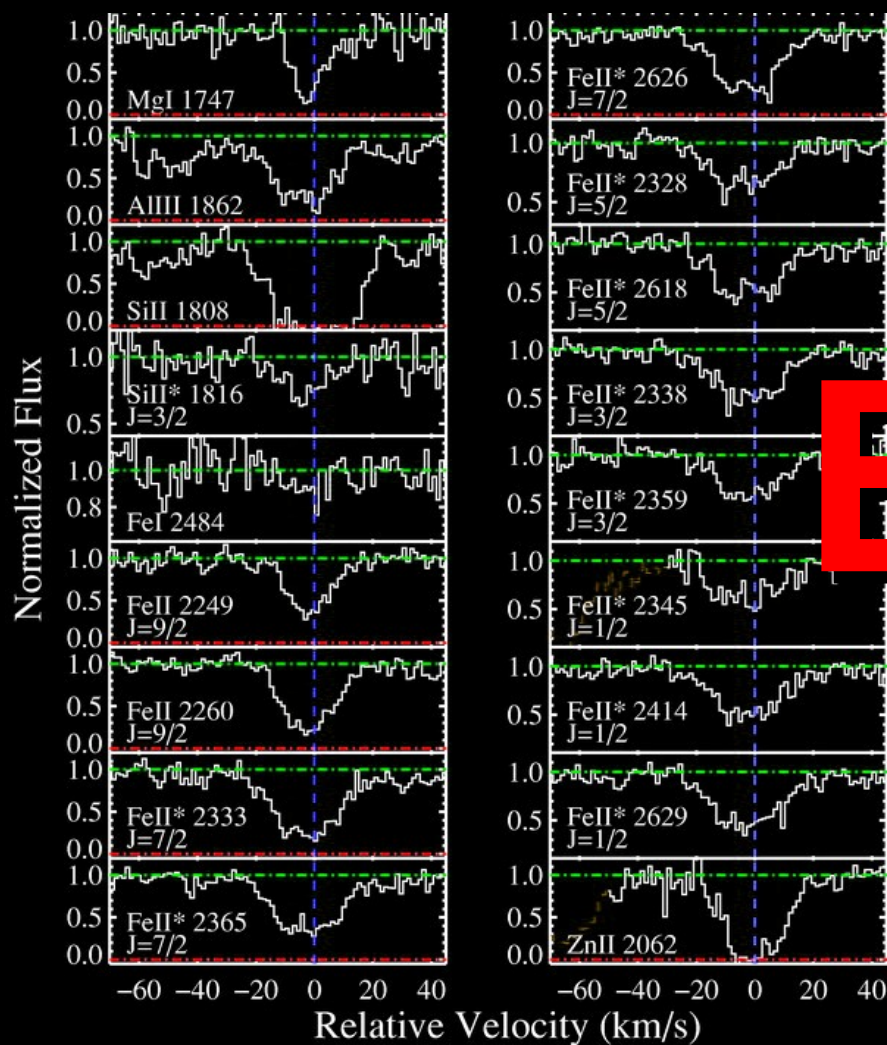
Prochaska et al. 2006



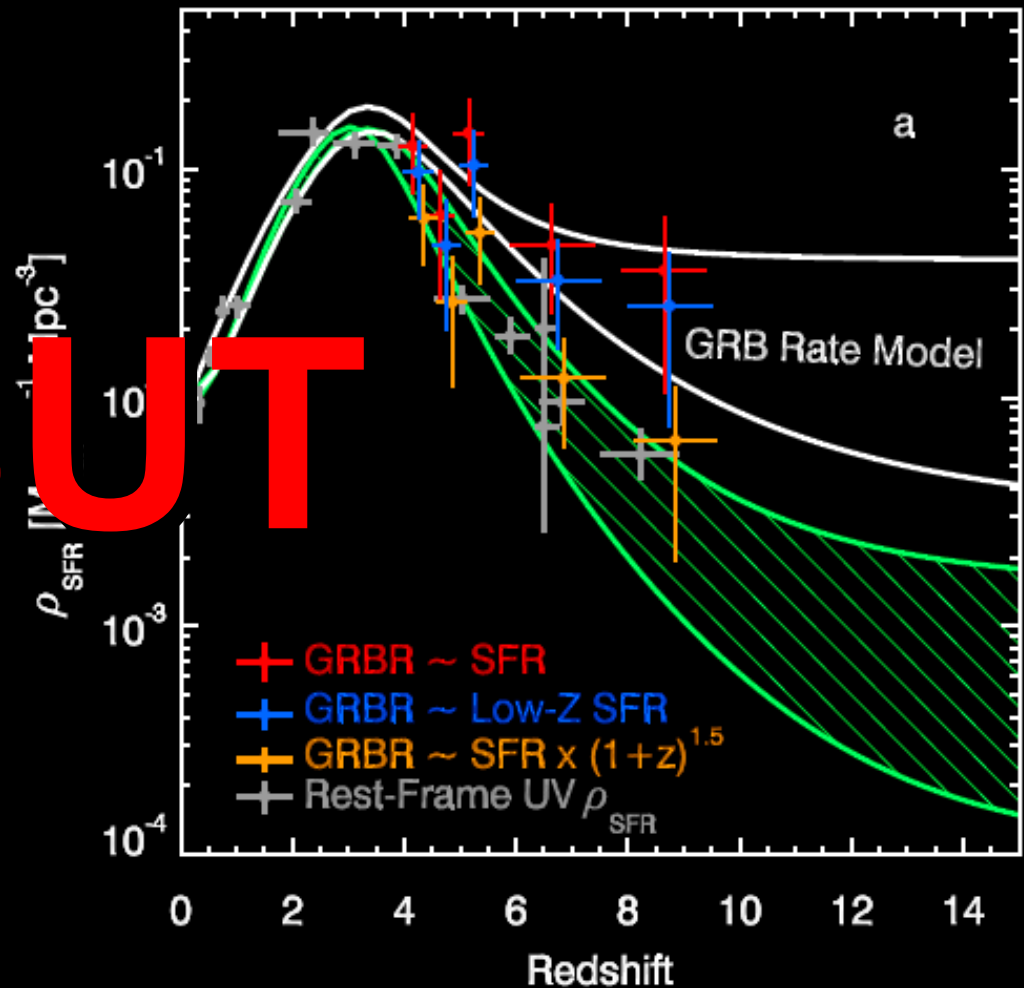
Robertson & Ellis 2011



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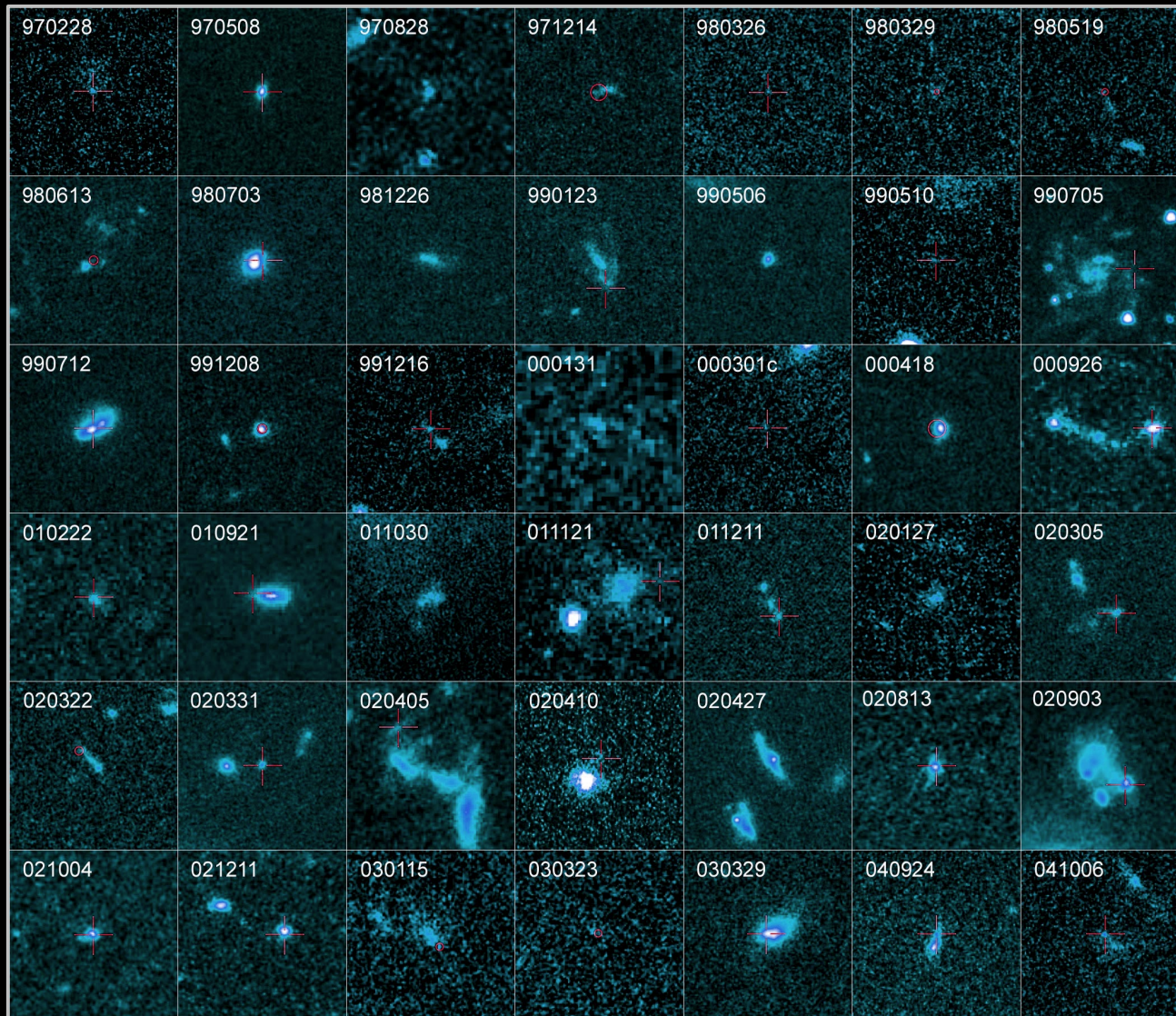
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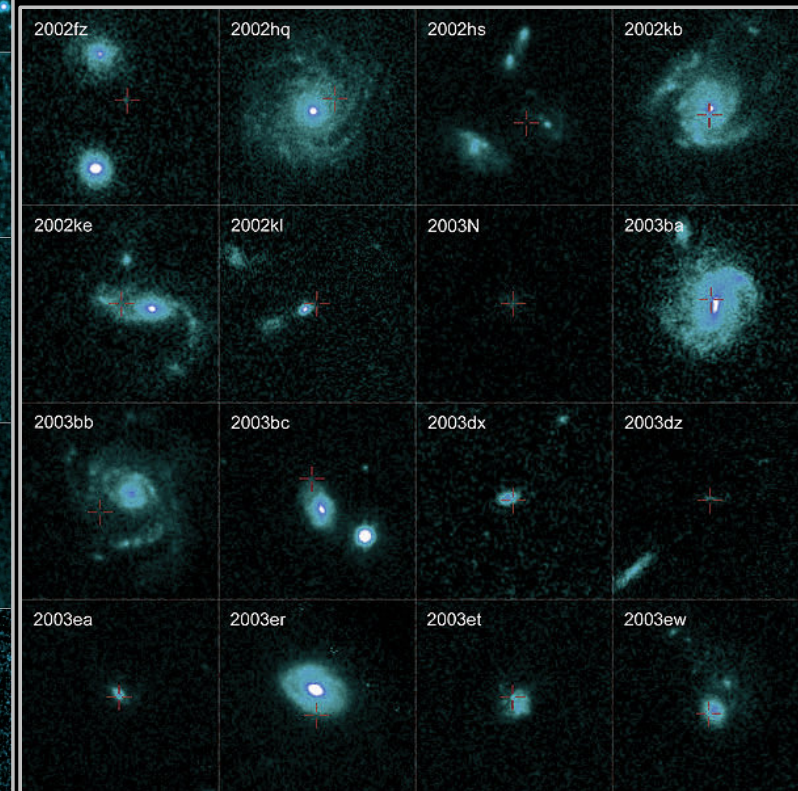


# Morphology Differences



← GRB hosts

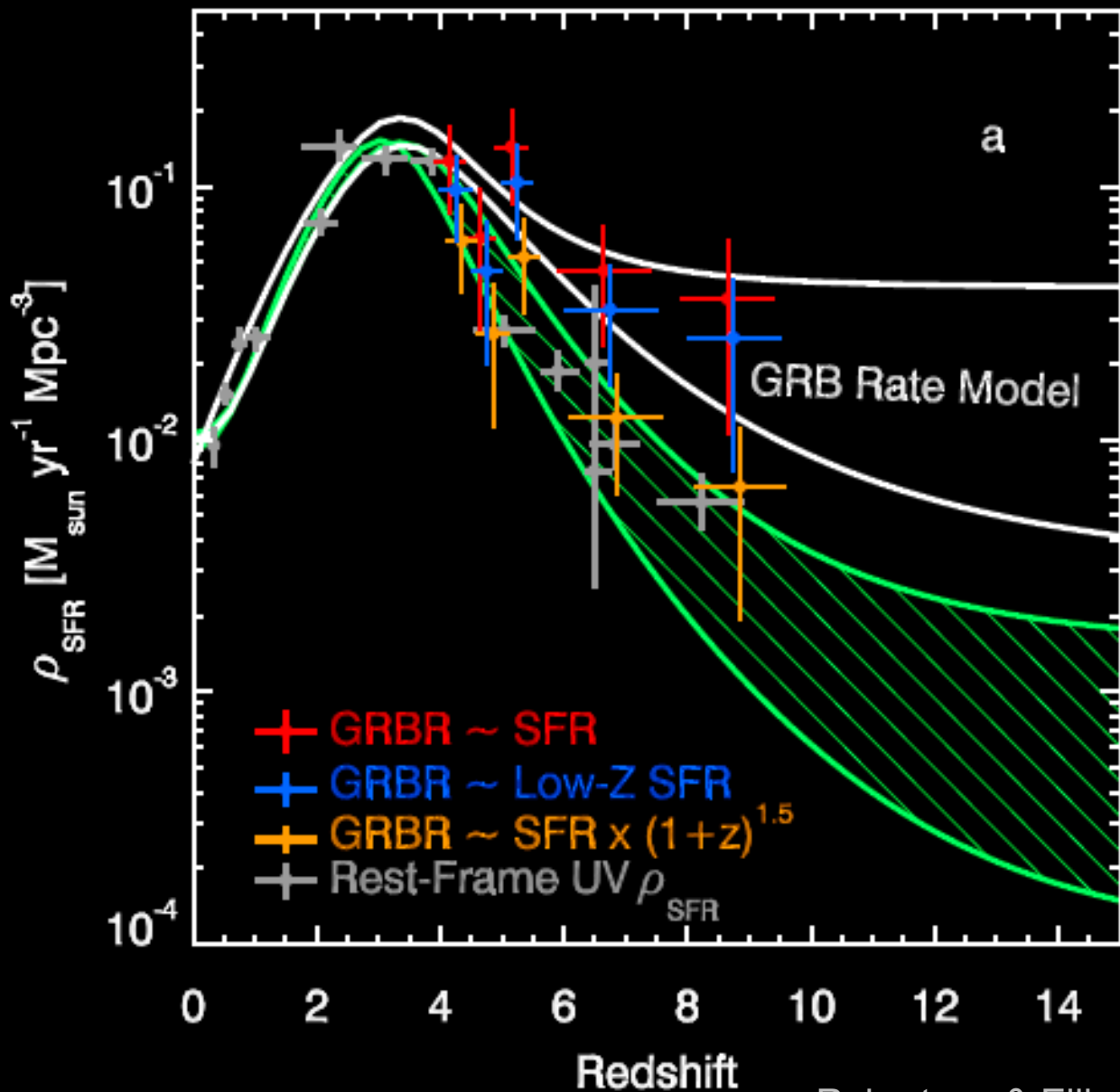
SN hosts



Fruchter et al. 2006

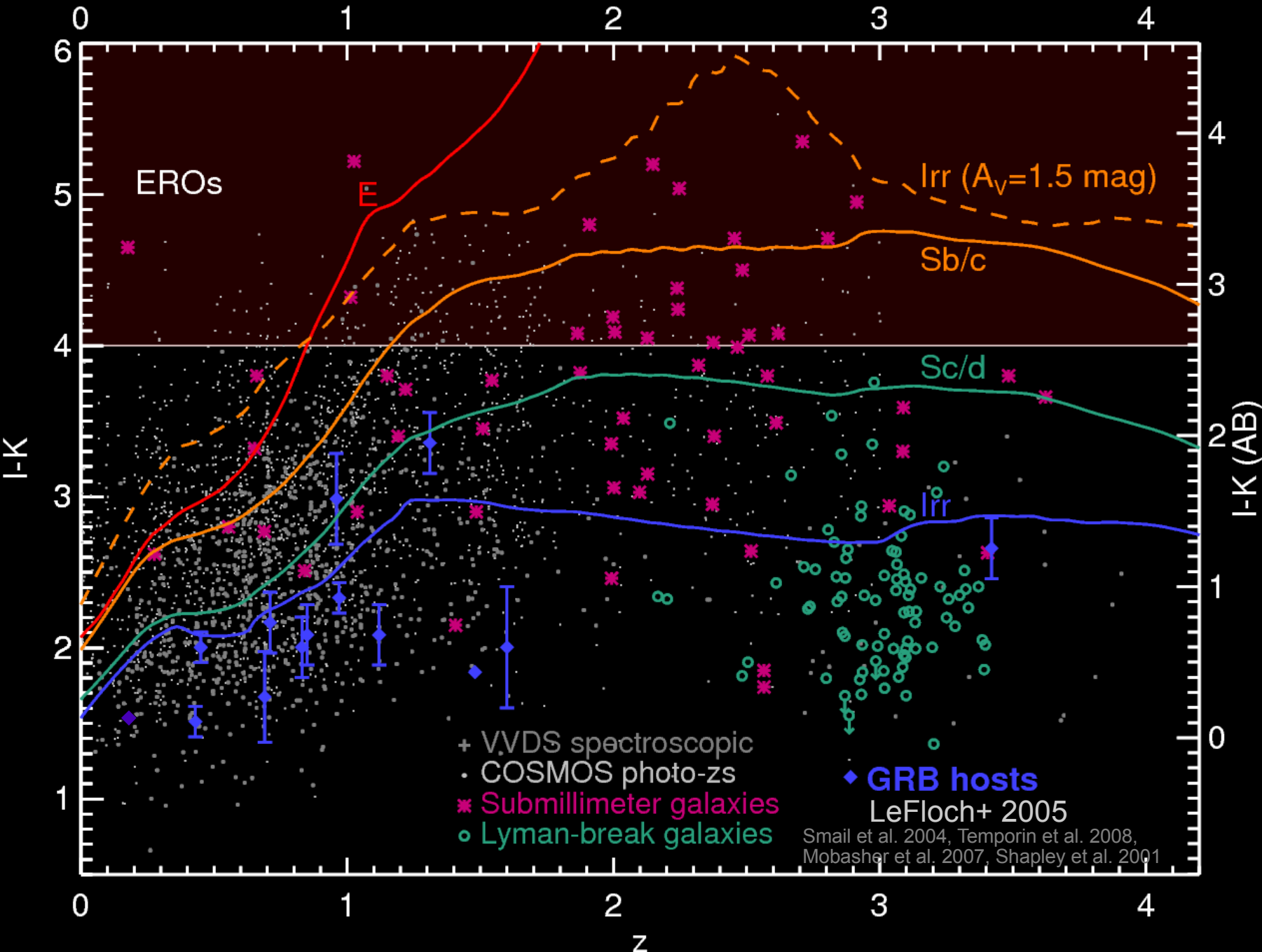


# Redshift Differences



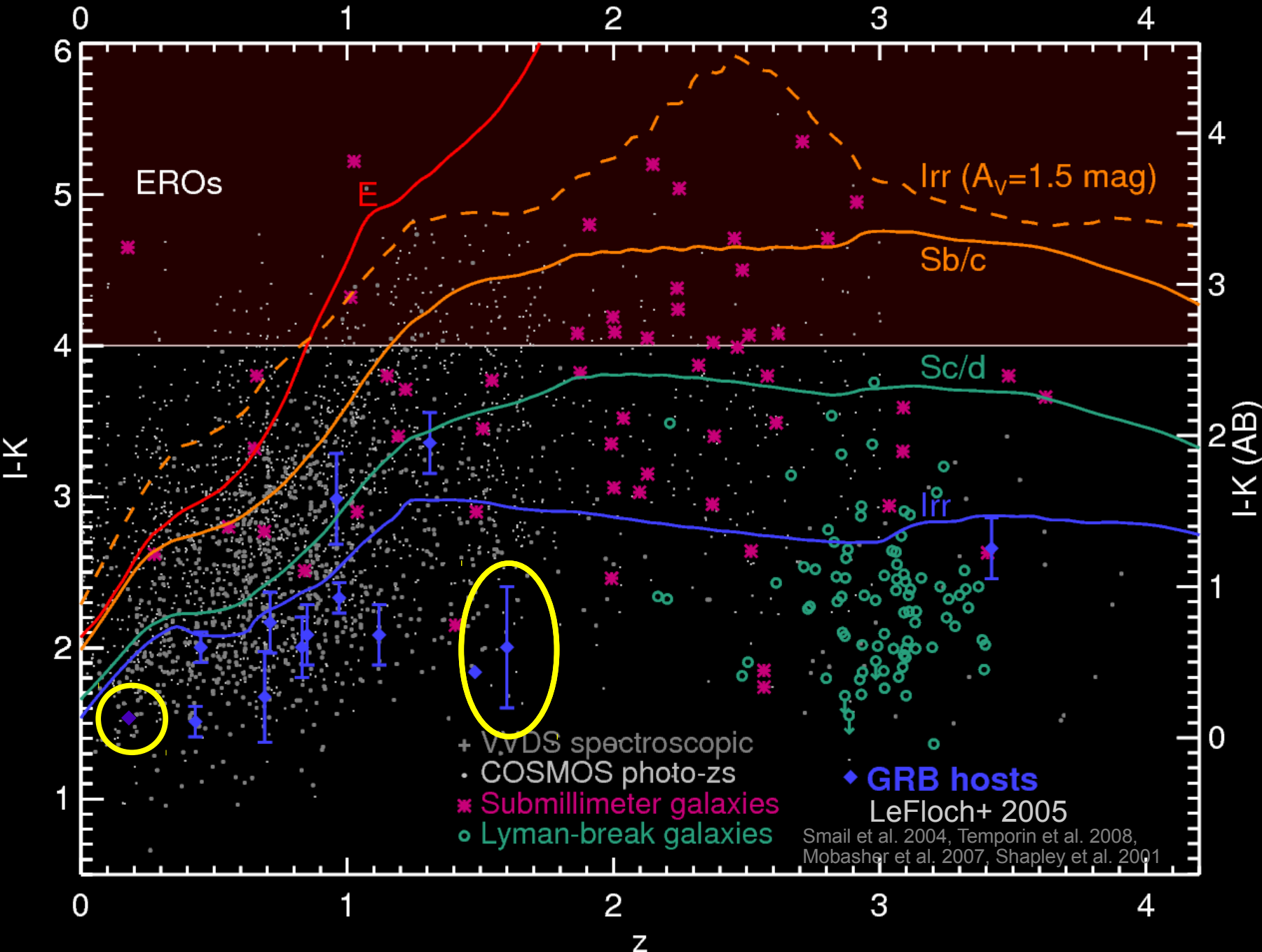
See also  
Kistler et al. 2008,  
Kistler et al. 2009,  
Butler et al. 2009

# Color Differences

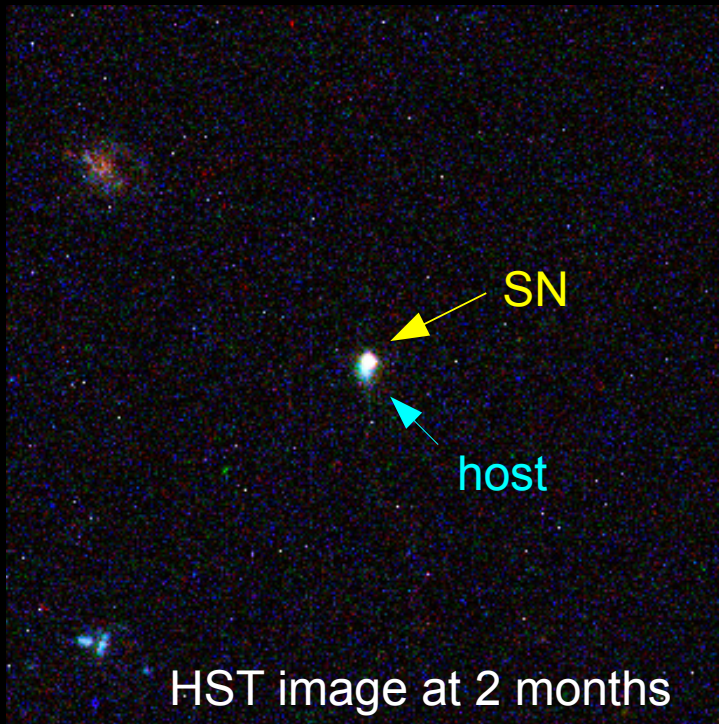




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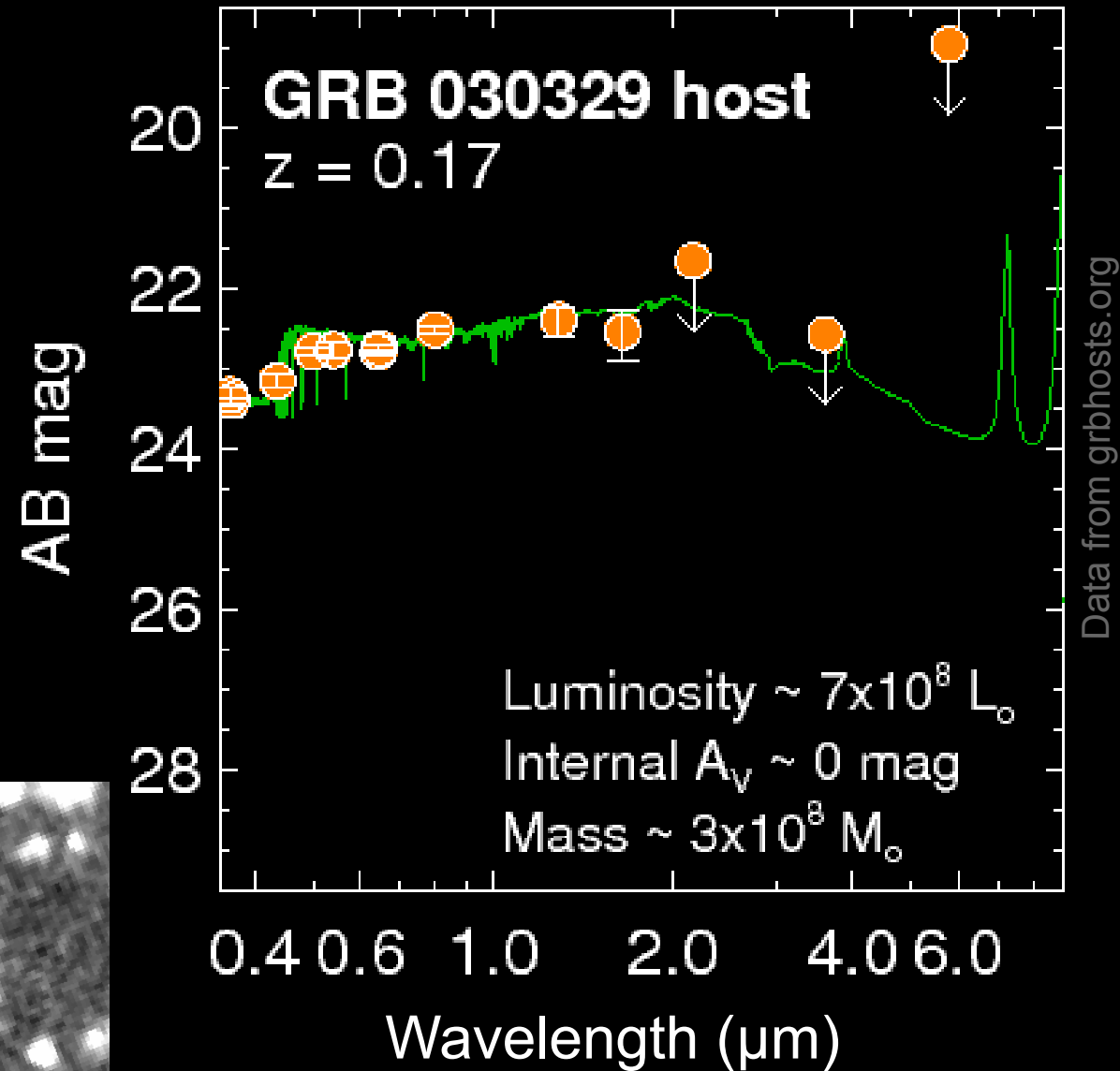
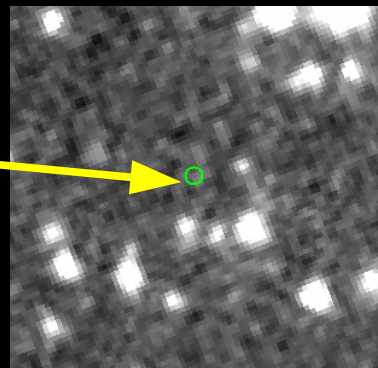
# SED Differences



Fruchter et al. 2003

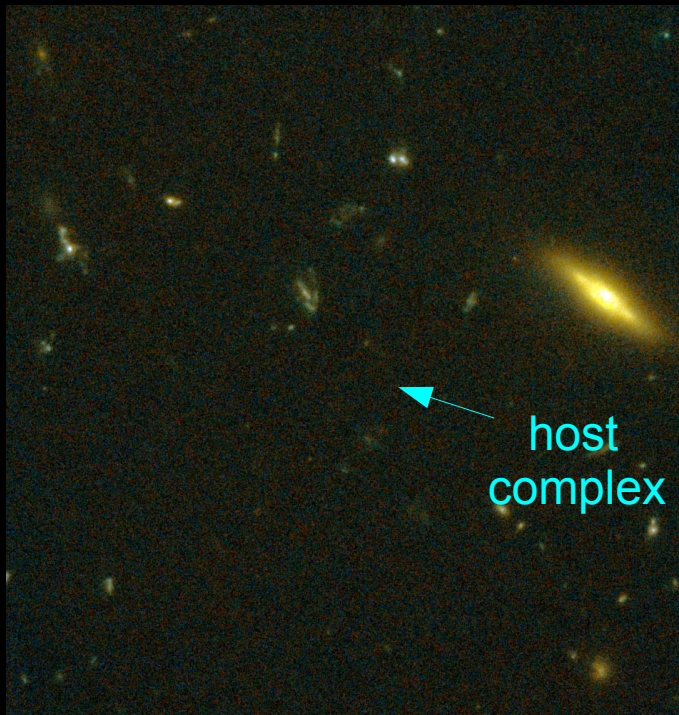
Host of GRB 030329  
at  $z = 0.17$ :

**No detection** at  
2.2  $\mu\text{m}$ , 3.6  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  
5.8  $\mu\text{m}$ ...





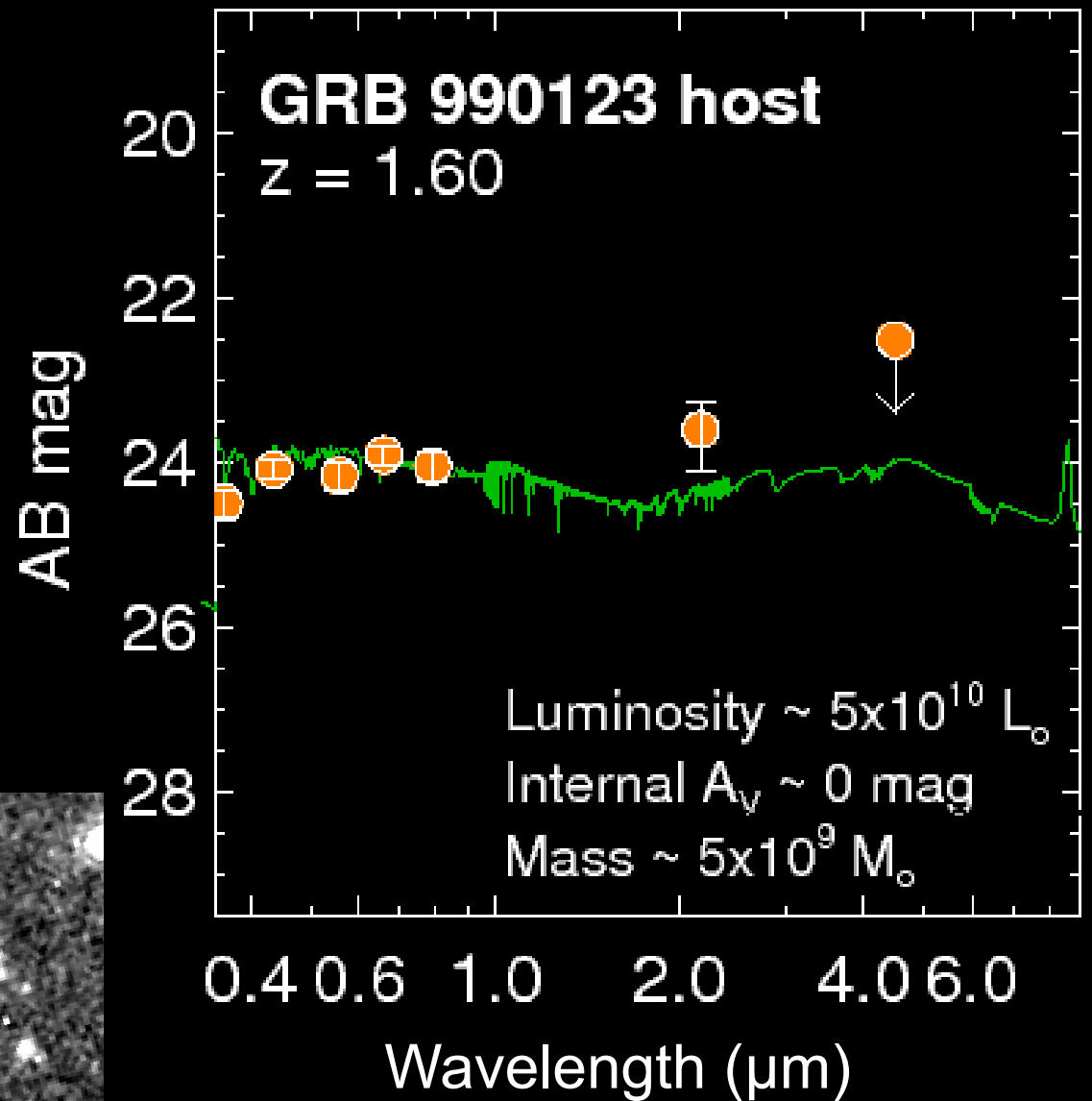
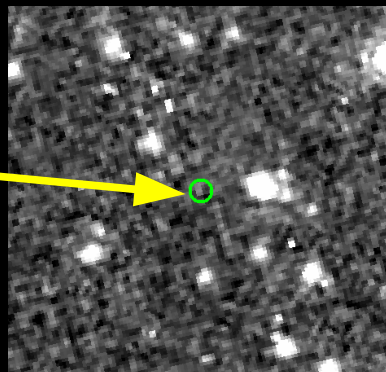
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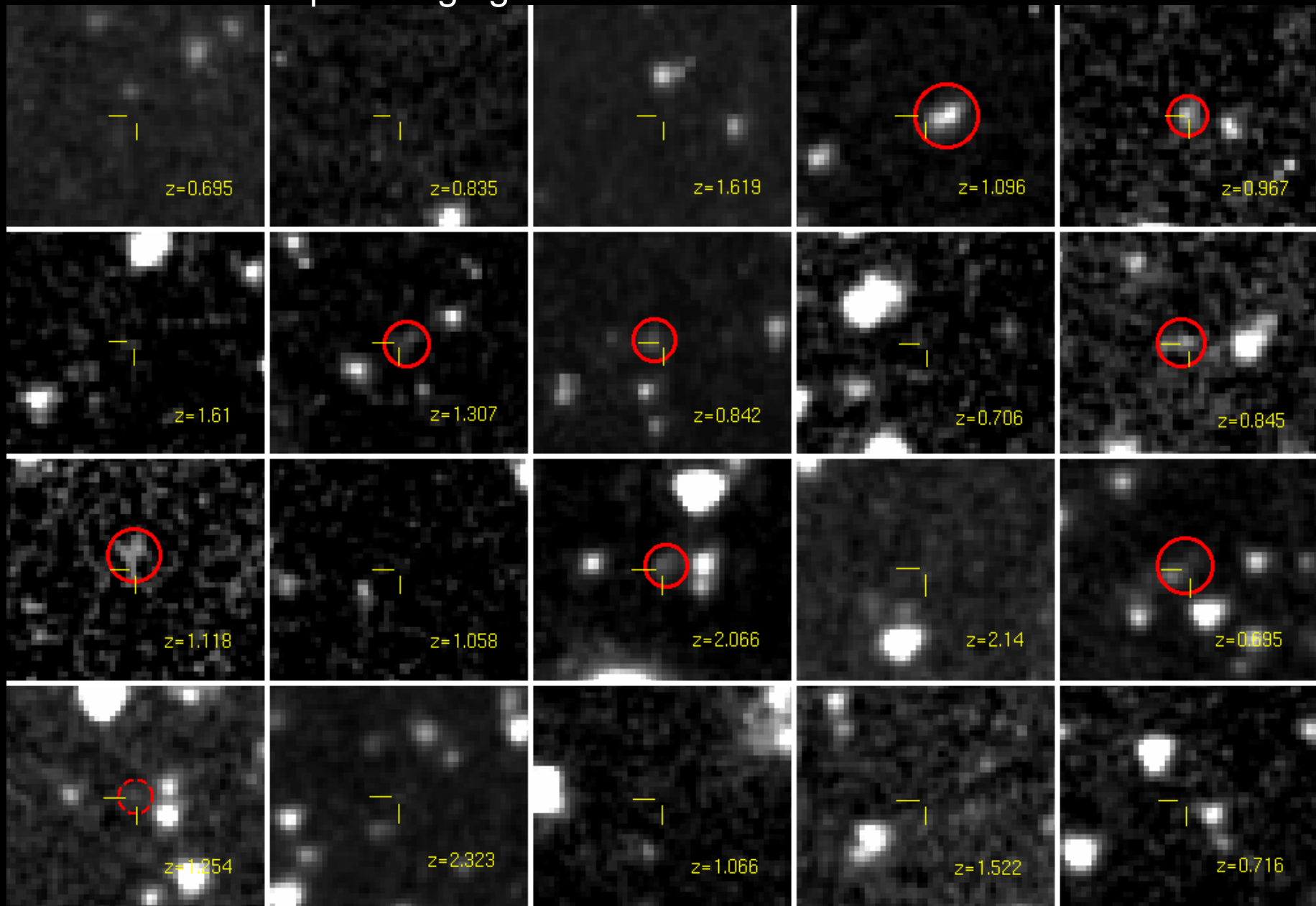
Host of GRB 990123  
at  $z = 1.60$ :

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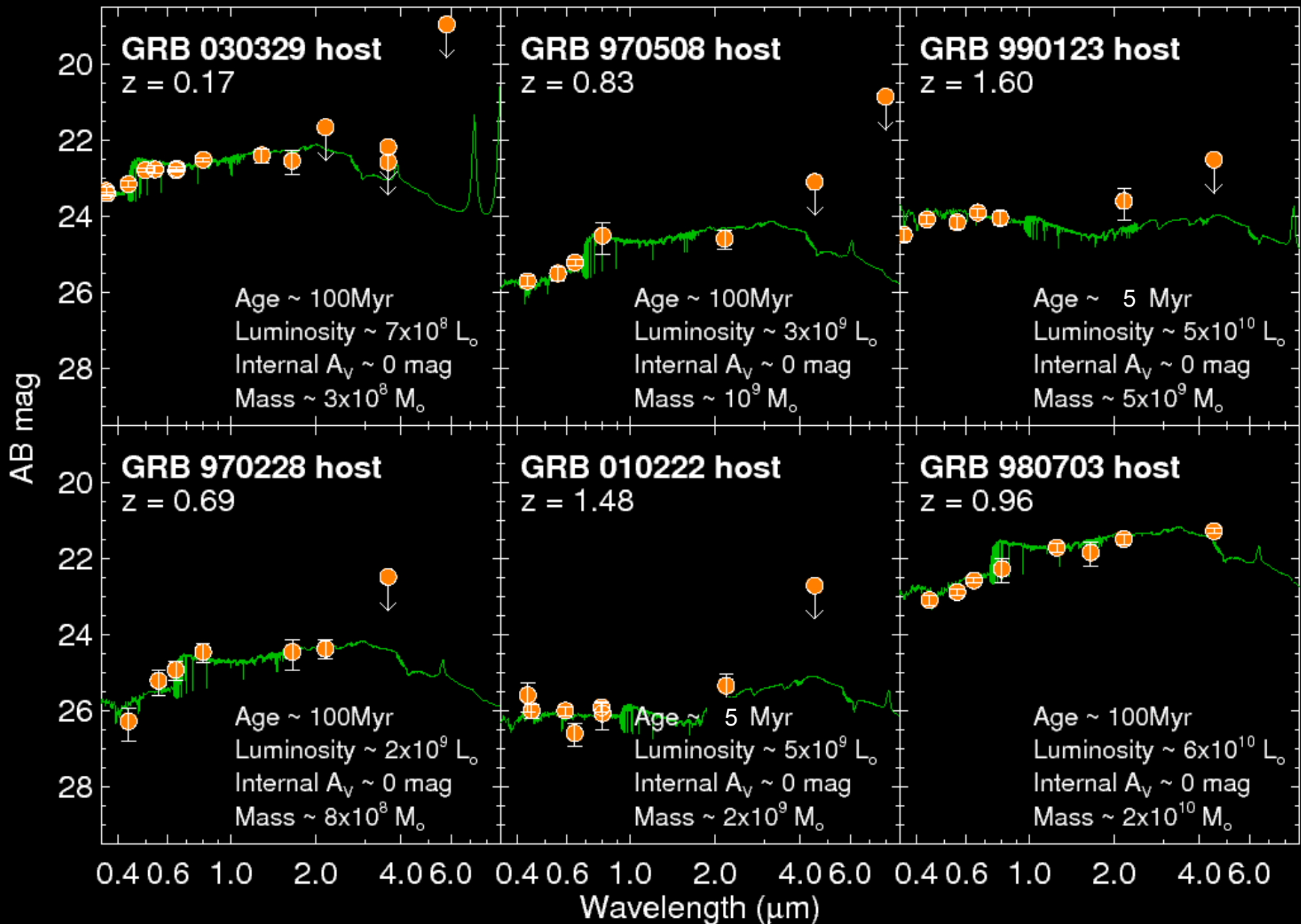
# SED Differences

## Pre-Swift IRAC 3.6/4.5 $\mu\text{m}$ Imaging



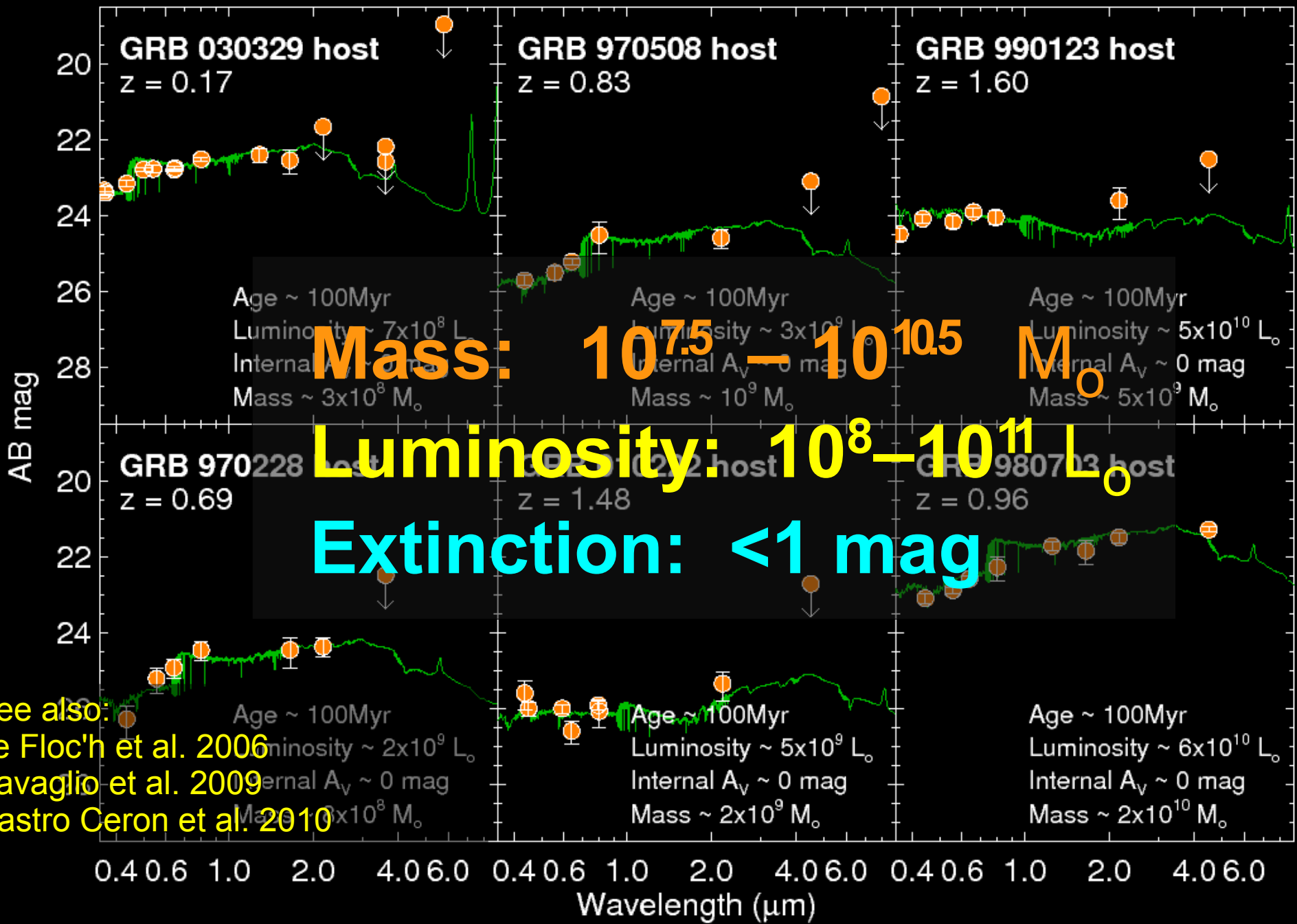


# SED Differences



Pre-Swift SED data points from grbhosts.org

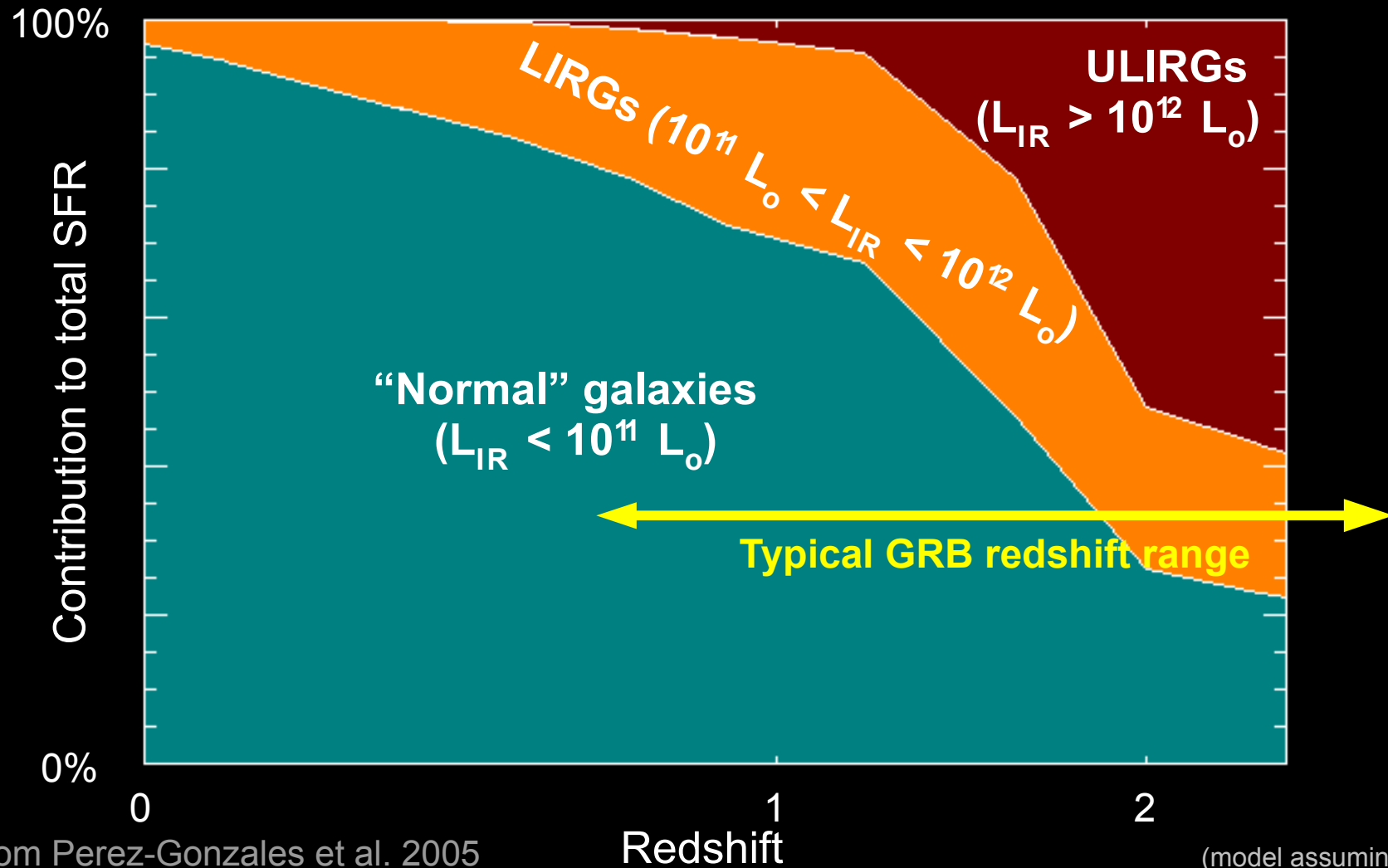
# Mass/Luminosity Differences



See also:  
 Le Floc'h et al. 2006  
 Savaglio et al. 2009  
 Castro Ceron et al. 2010

# Mass/Luminosity Differences

Luminous, obscured galaxies dominate at  $z > 1.5$

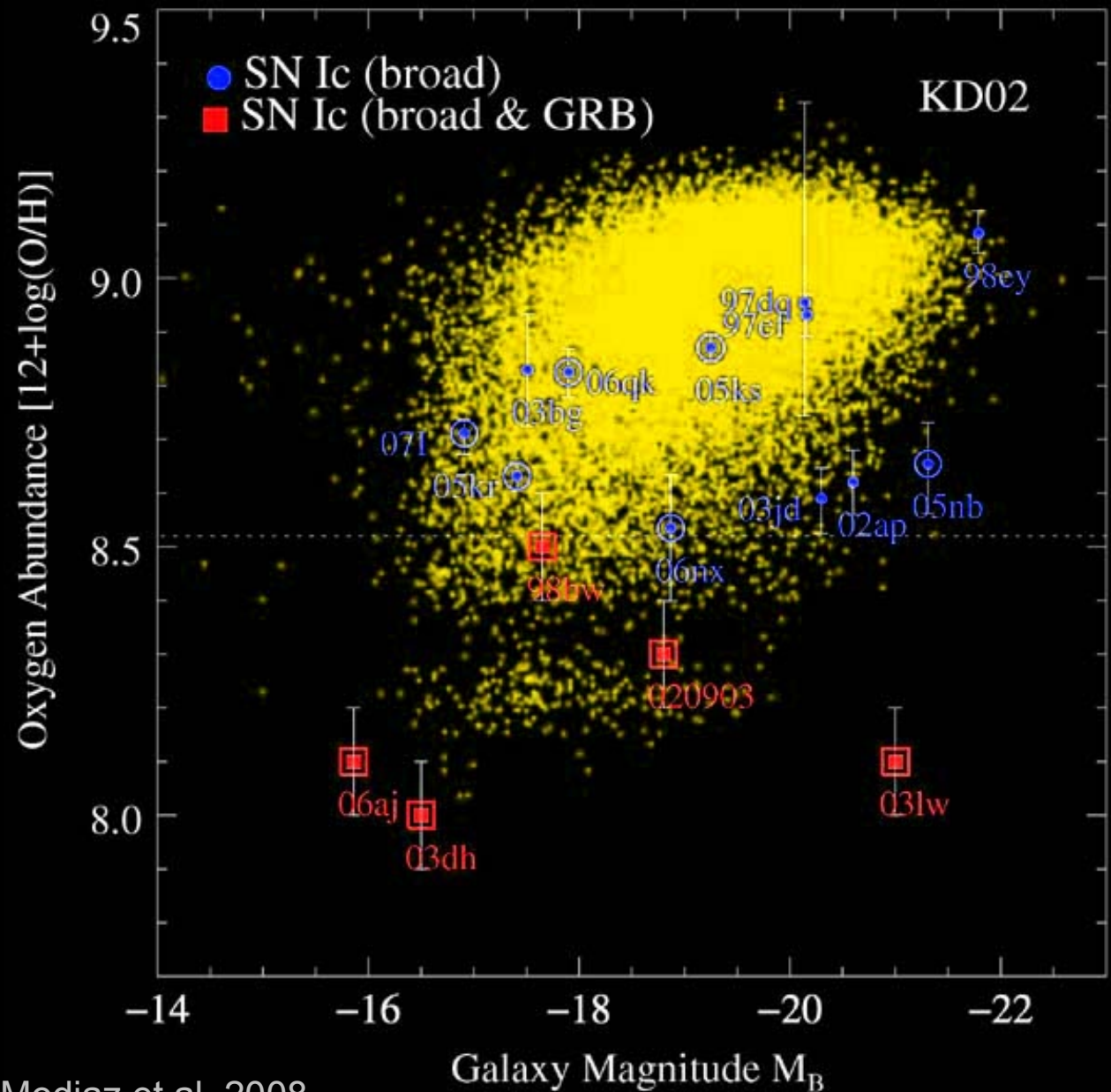


Modified from Perez-Gonzales et al. 2005

(model assuming  $\alpha = -1.7$ )



# Metallicity Differences



Modjaz et al. 2008



# GRBs: a “Biased” Tracer?

Metallicity cut-off —

$$Z_{\text{GRB}} \lesssim 0.4-0.9 Z_{\text{Solar}}$$

Stanek et al. 2006,  
Wolf & Podsiadlowski et al. 2007,  
Modjaz et al. 2008

But, c.f. Savaglio et al. 2008, Chen et al. 2009, Kocevski et al. 2010, etc.



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Real? Or selection effect?

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# Host Selection Biases

Identification of the host galaxy requires accurate afterglow position!

~1-2" or better:  
Narrow-field X-ray  
UV/optical  
Infrared  
Radio

Swift X-ray  
error circle  
(2")

optical  
position  
(0.2")

gamma-ray  
error circle  
(60")



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Infrared

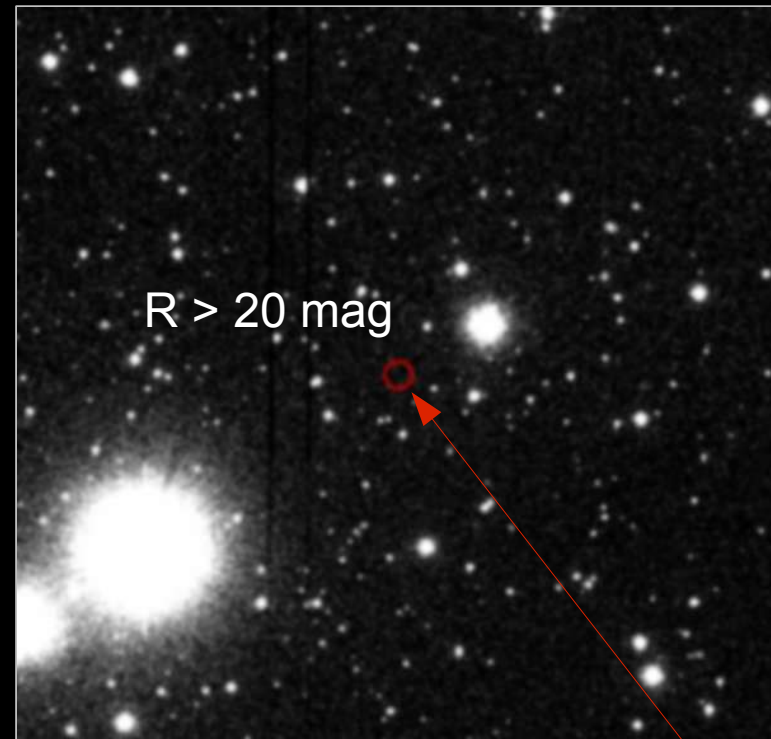
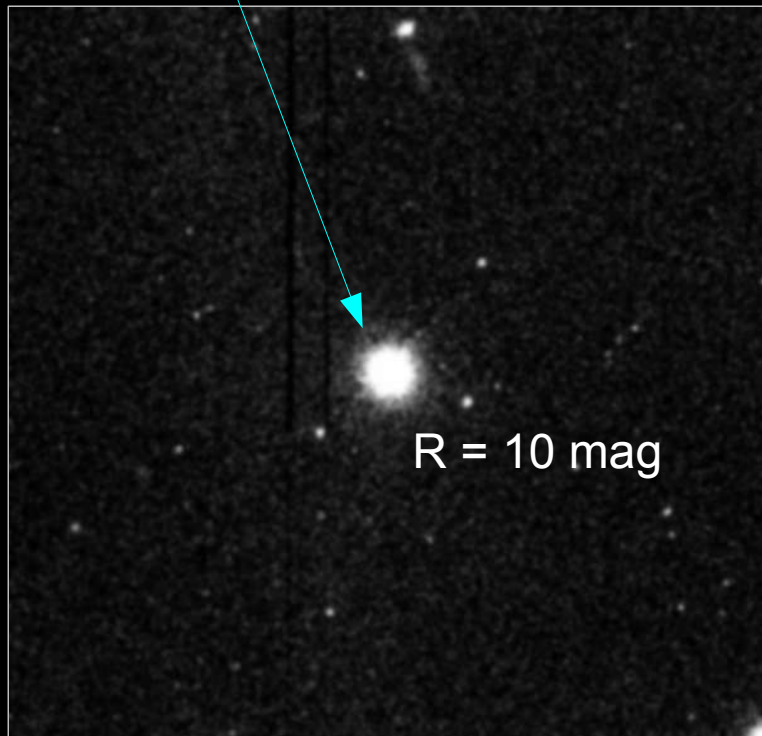
Radio

Not commonly available  
pre-Swift (before 2005)

Not commonly available pre- or  
post-Swift (<20% of GRBs)

Some GRBs have exceedingly faint optical afterglows.

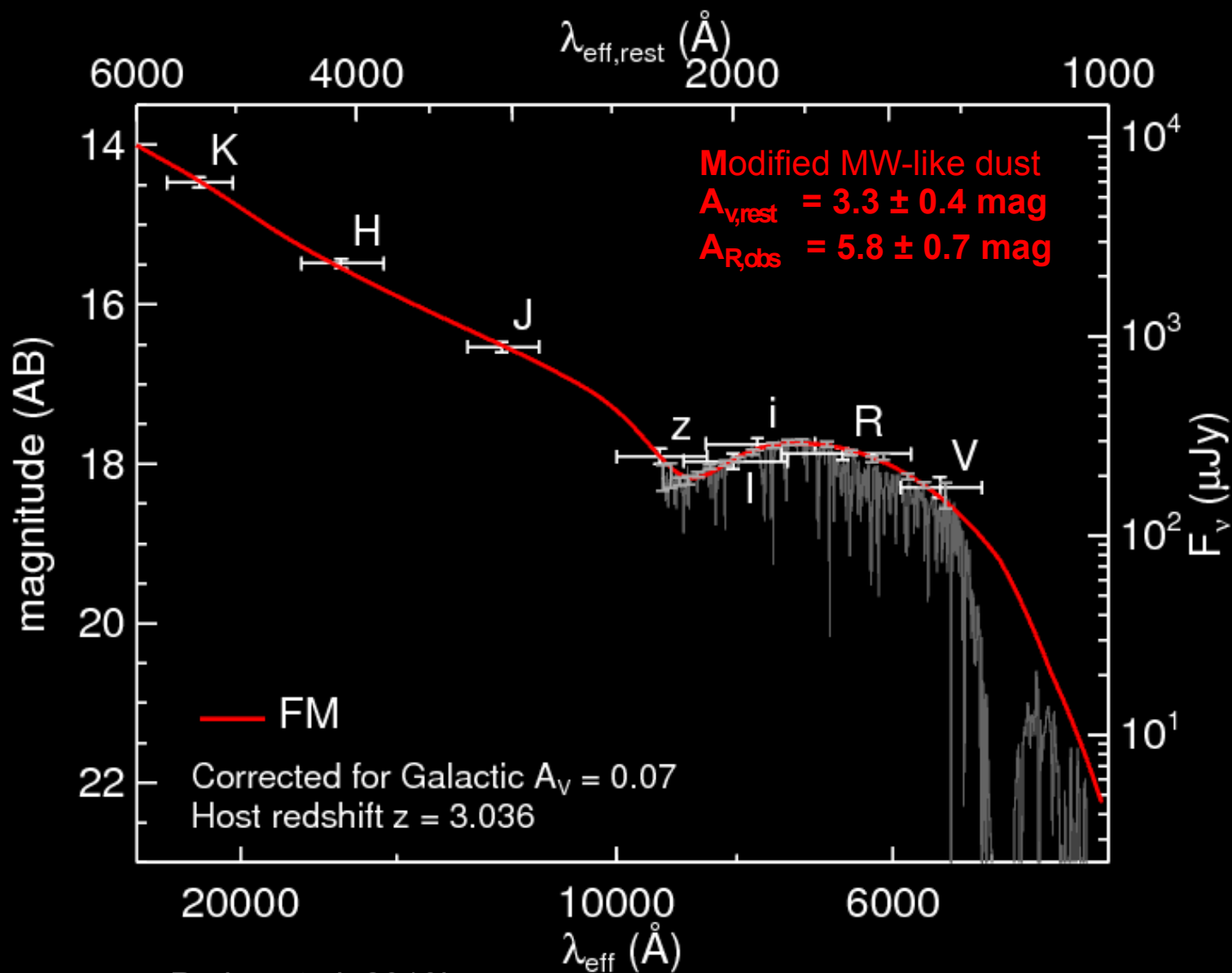
GRB 080319B  
at ~200 sec



X-ray position of  
GRB 061222A  
at ~200 sec

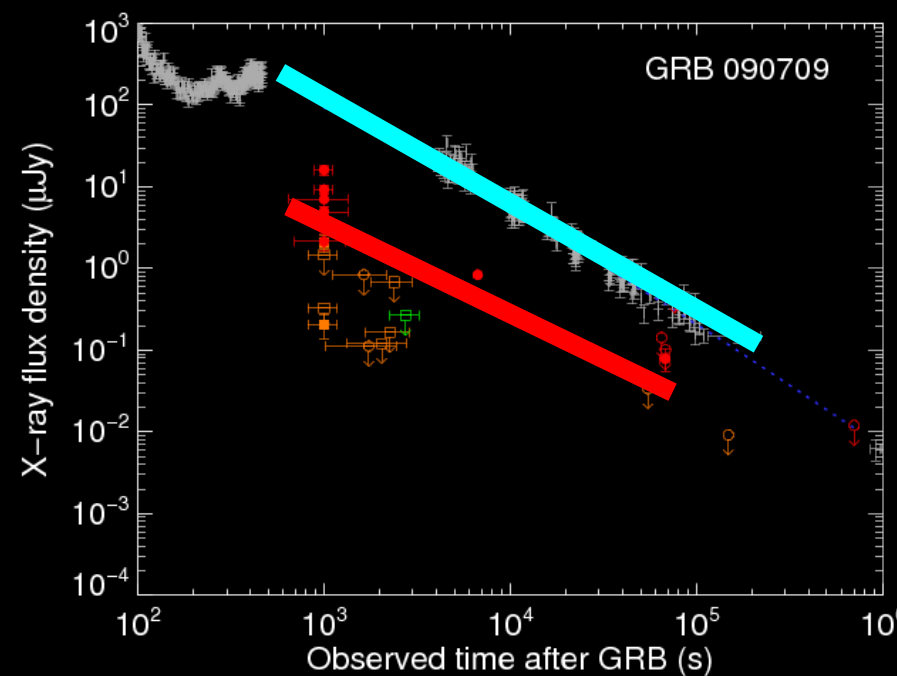
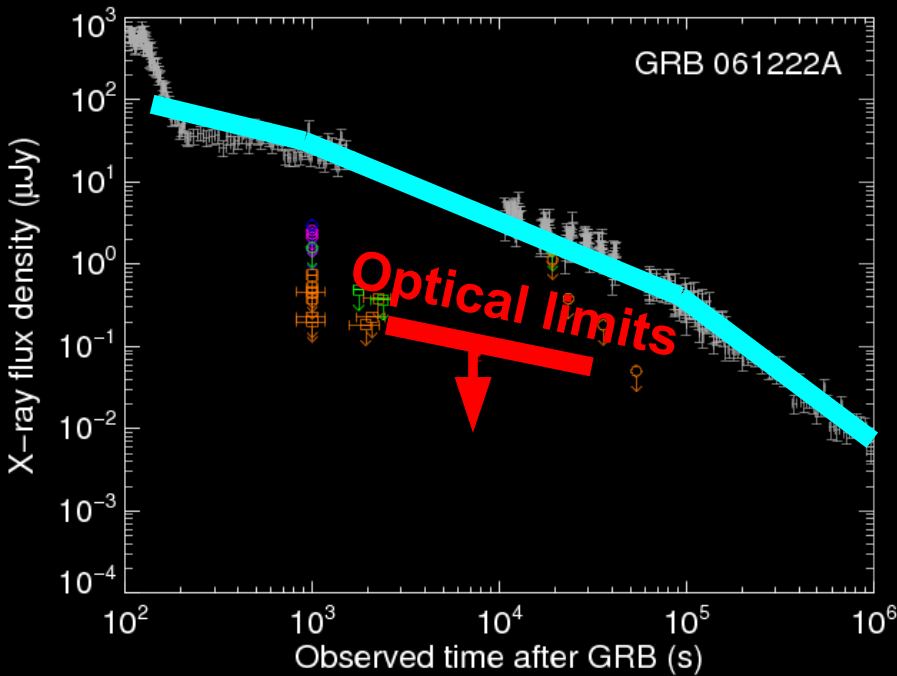
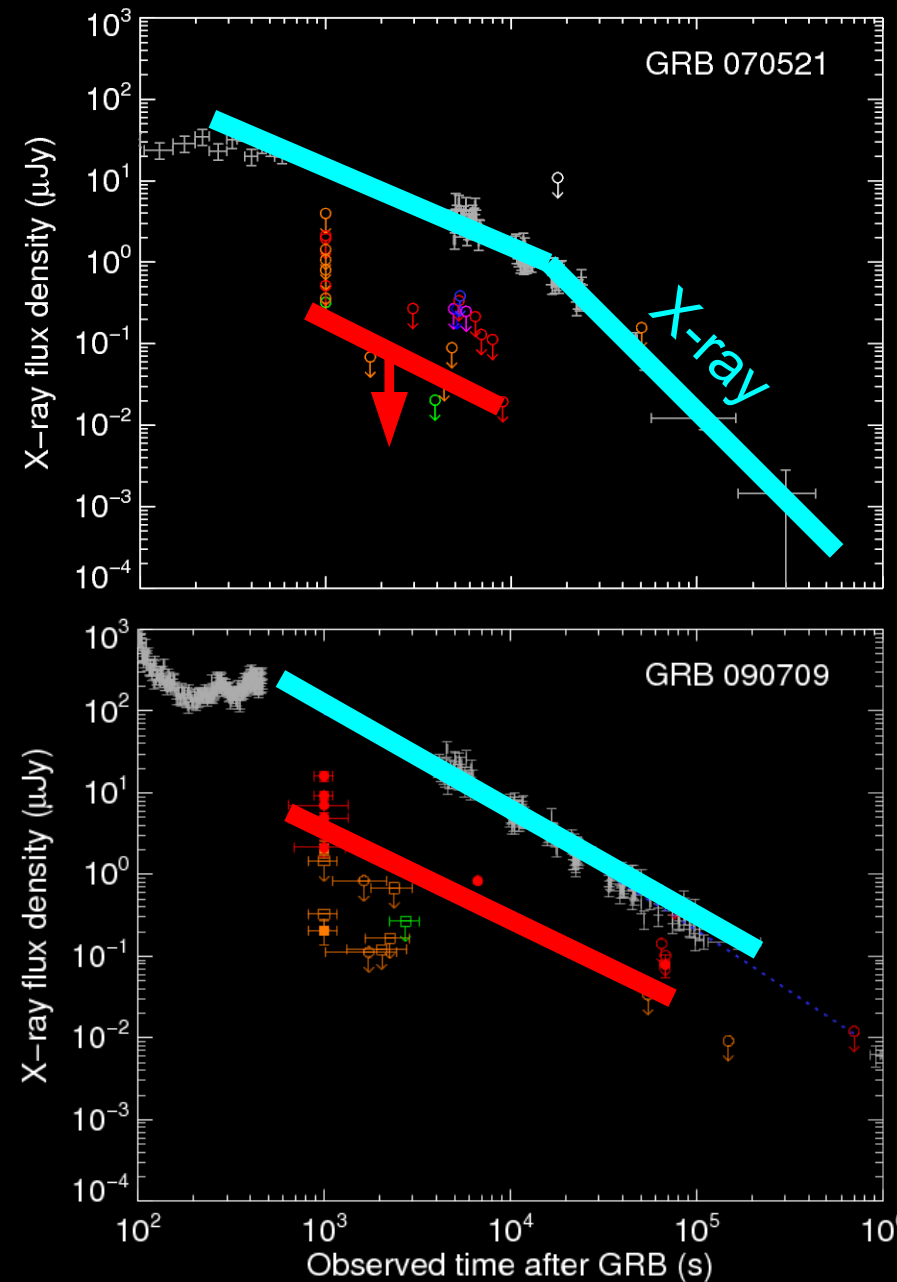
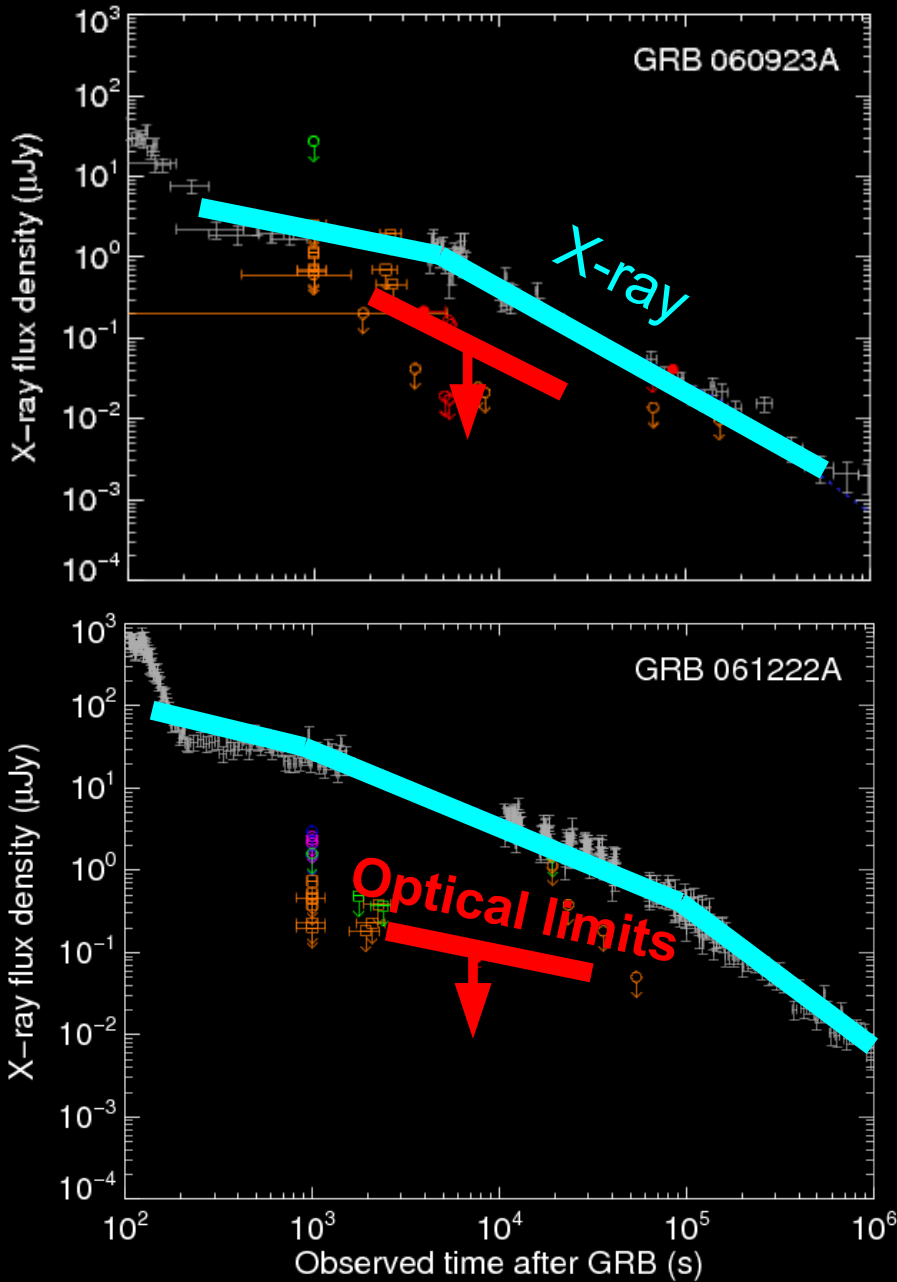


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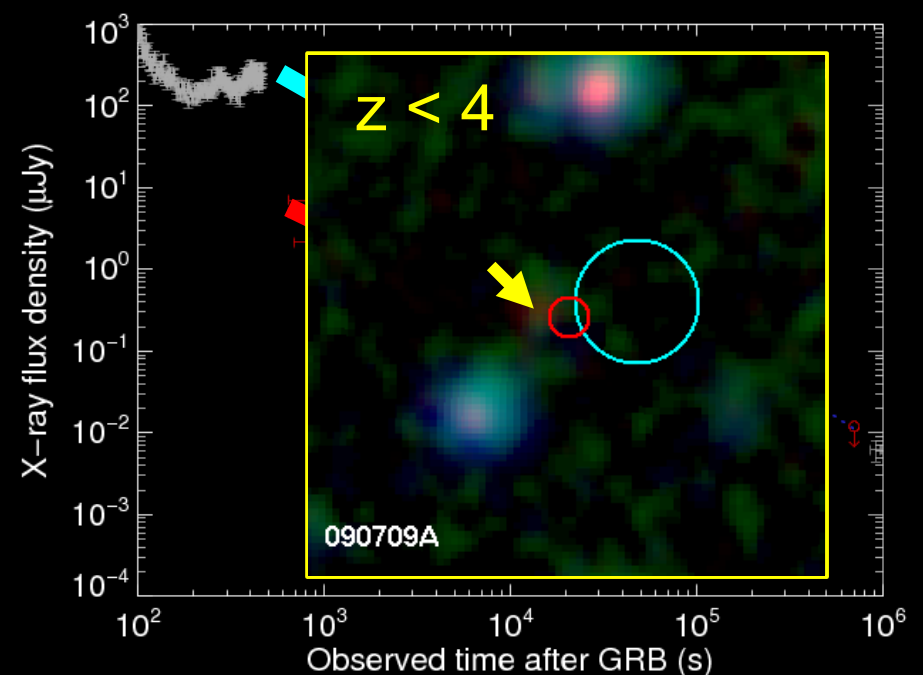
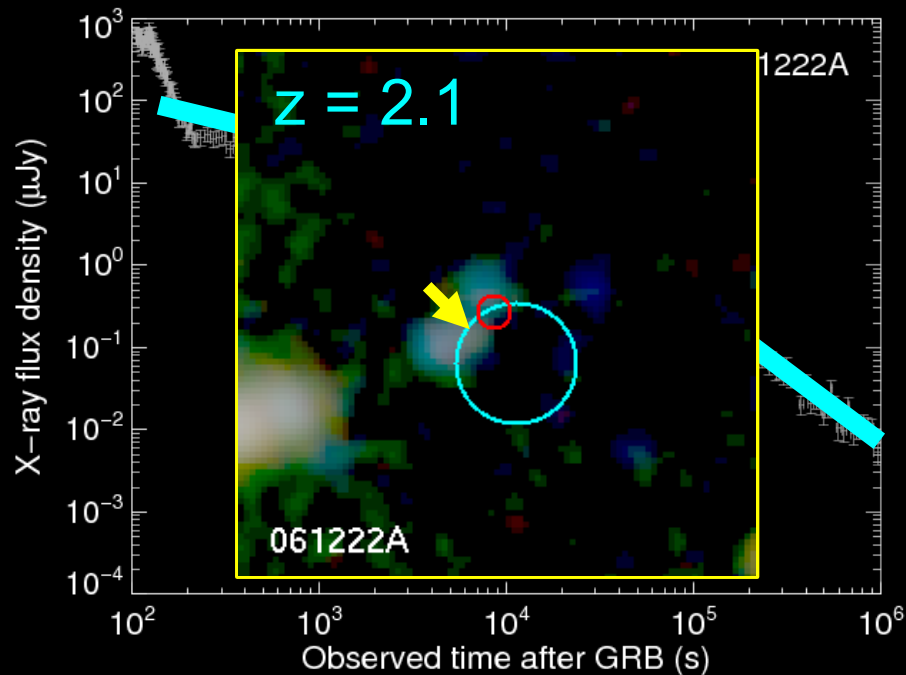
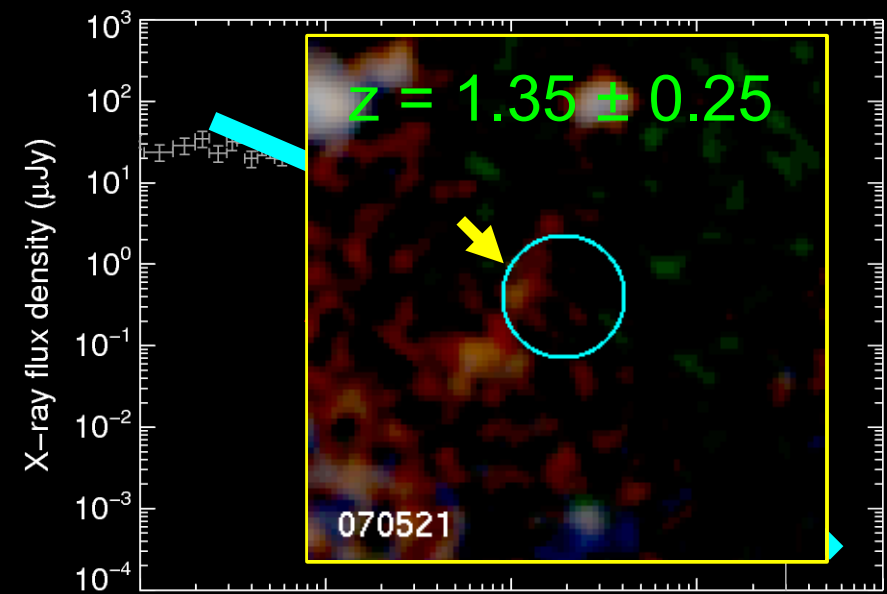
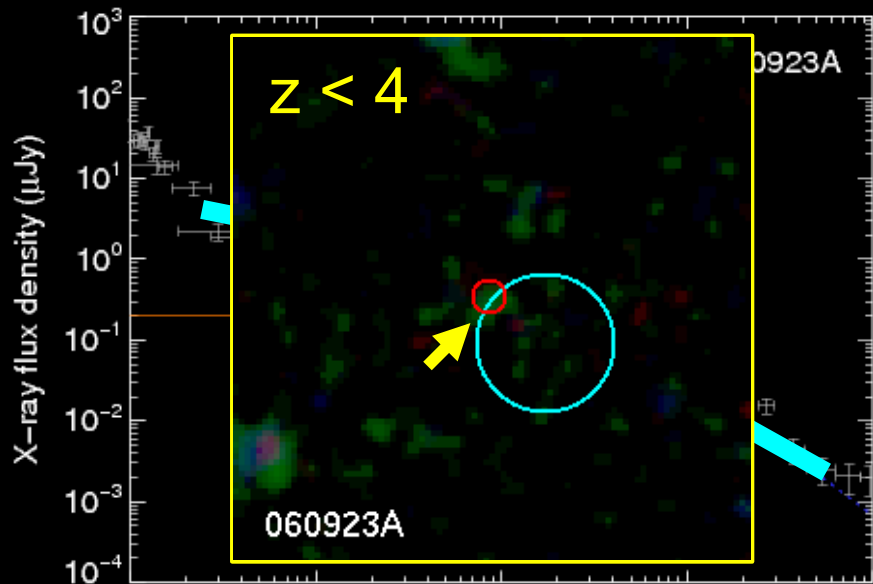


Perley et al. 2010b

# Indirect Evidence for Extinction



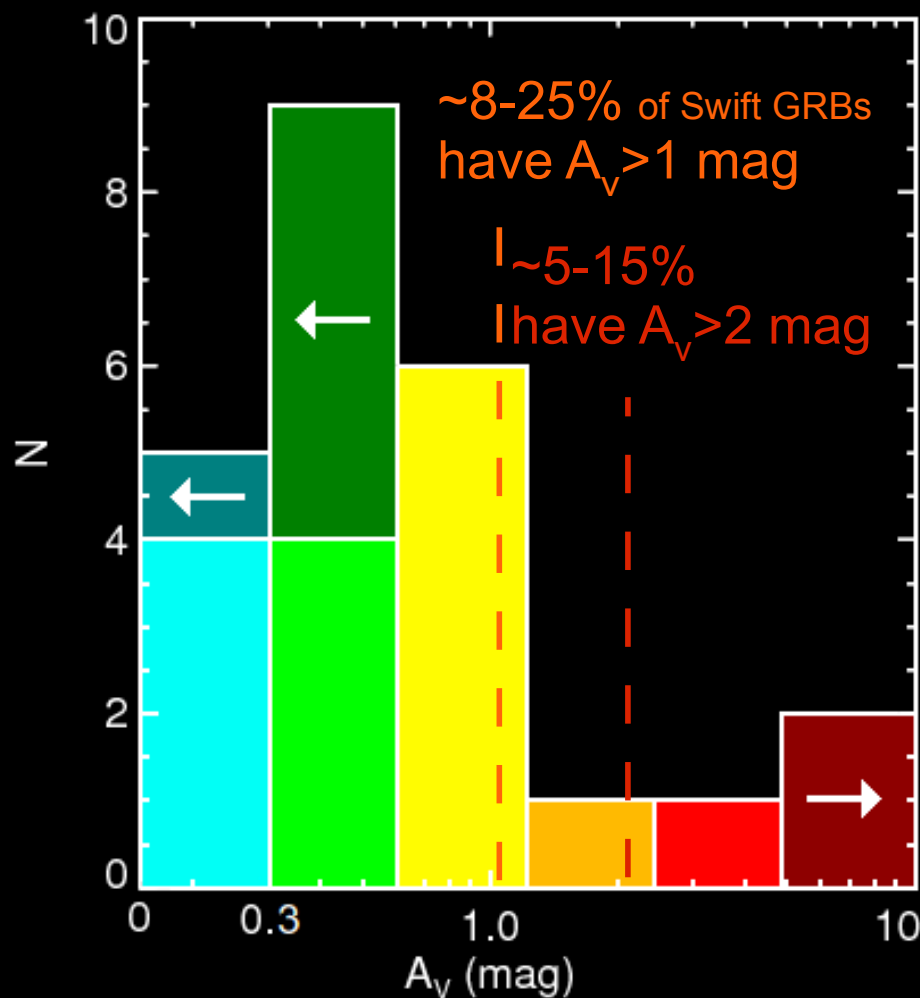
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# Extinction Distribution

Many (but not most: ~20%) GRBs are highly extinguished.

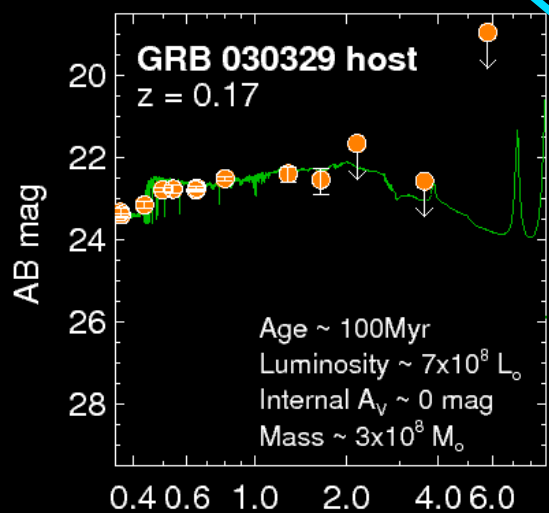
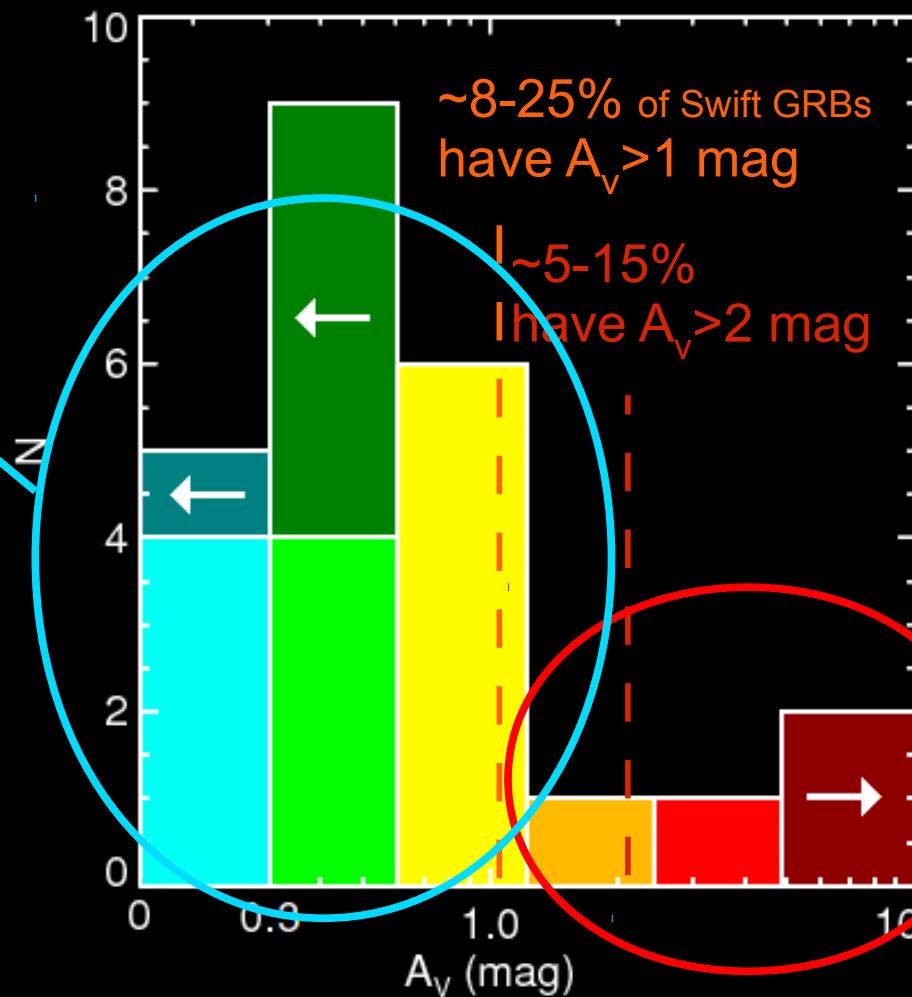
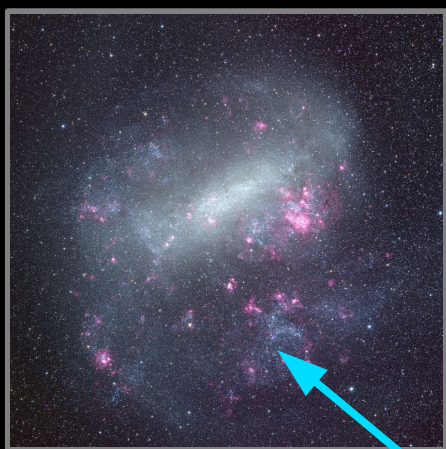


Perley et al. 2009  
+ Kruehler et al. 2011

# Extinction Distribution

The 80 percent

The 20 percent



Dusty galaxies should (in general) be:

*more massive*

*more metal-rich*

*more luminous*

*redder*

than unobscured galaxies.

**Are dark bursts concealing a population of luminous, red, metal-rich galaxies?**

**OR**, darkness could be entirely geometric  
(i.e., does the GRB sightline happen to pierce a  
molecular cloud or dust lane)



# Dark Burst Host Survey

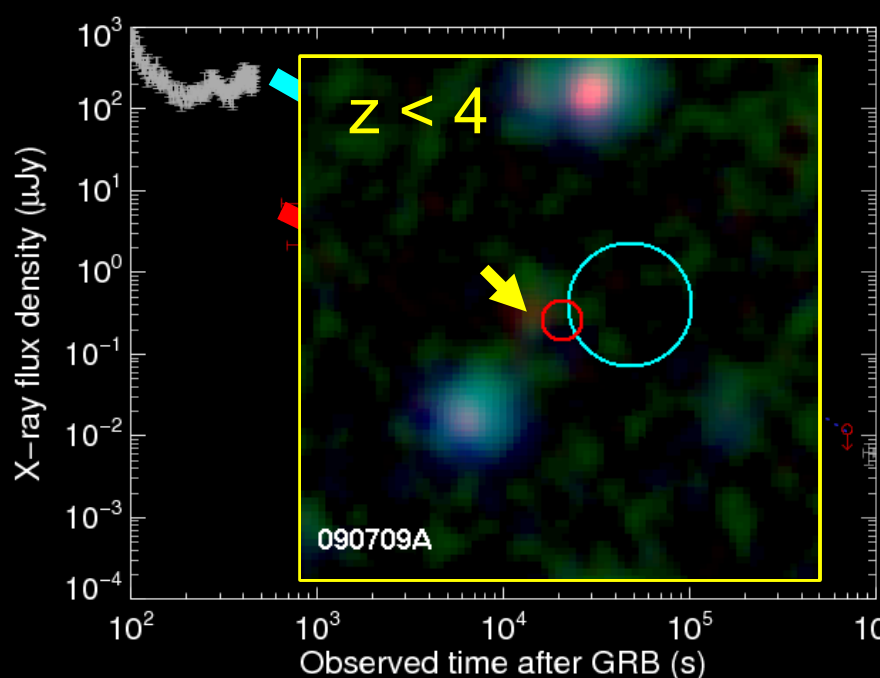
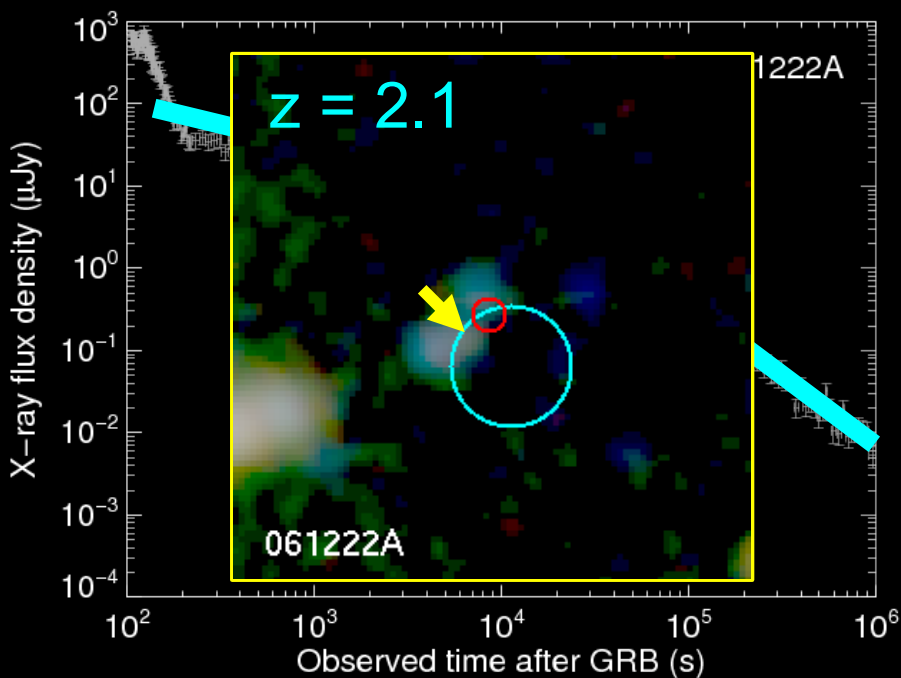
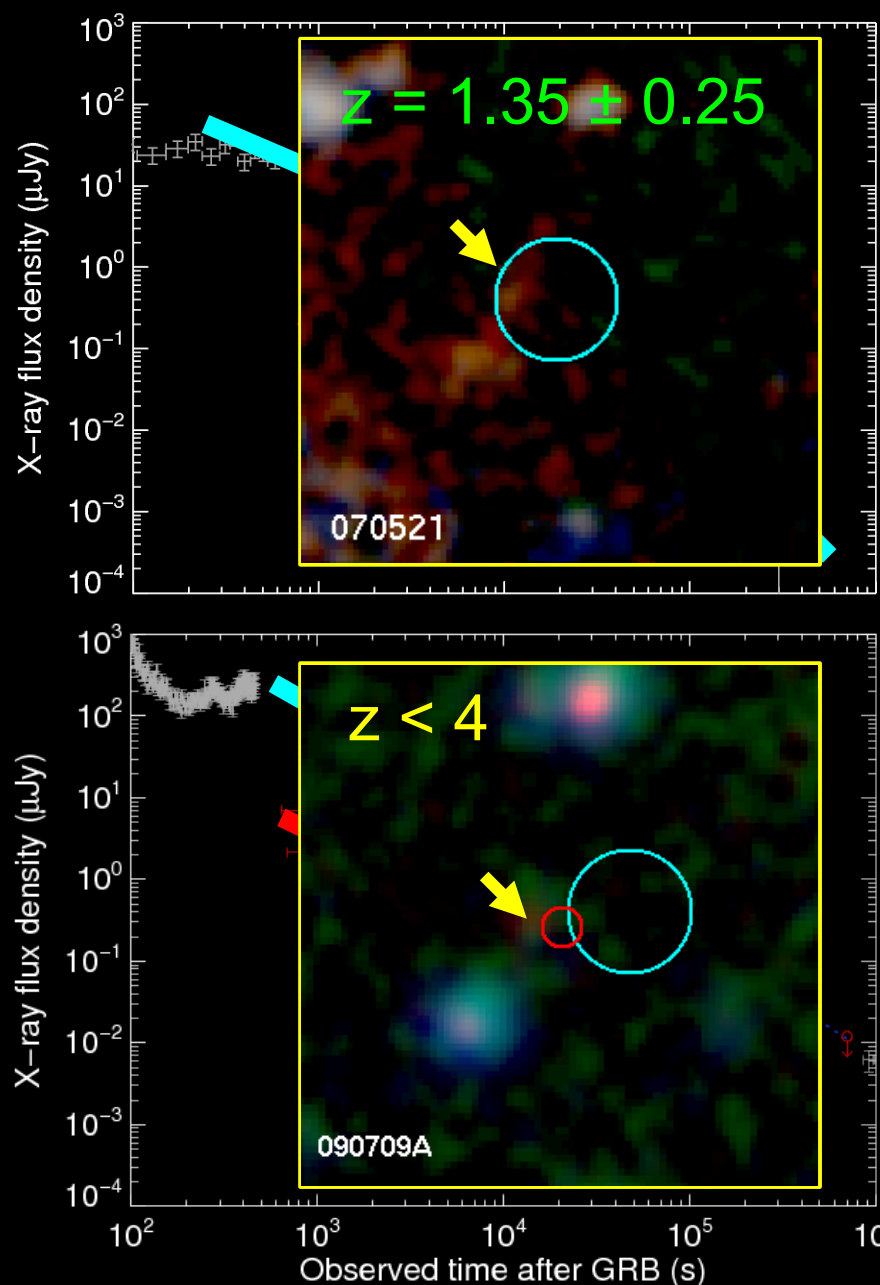
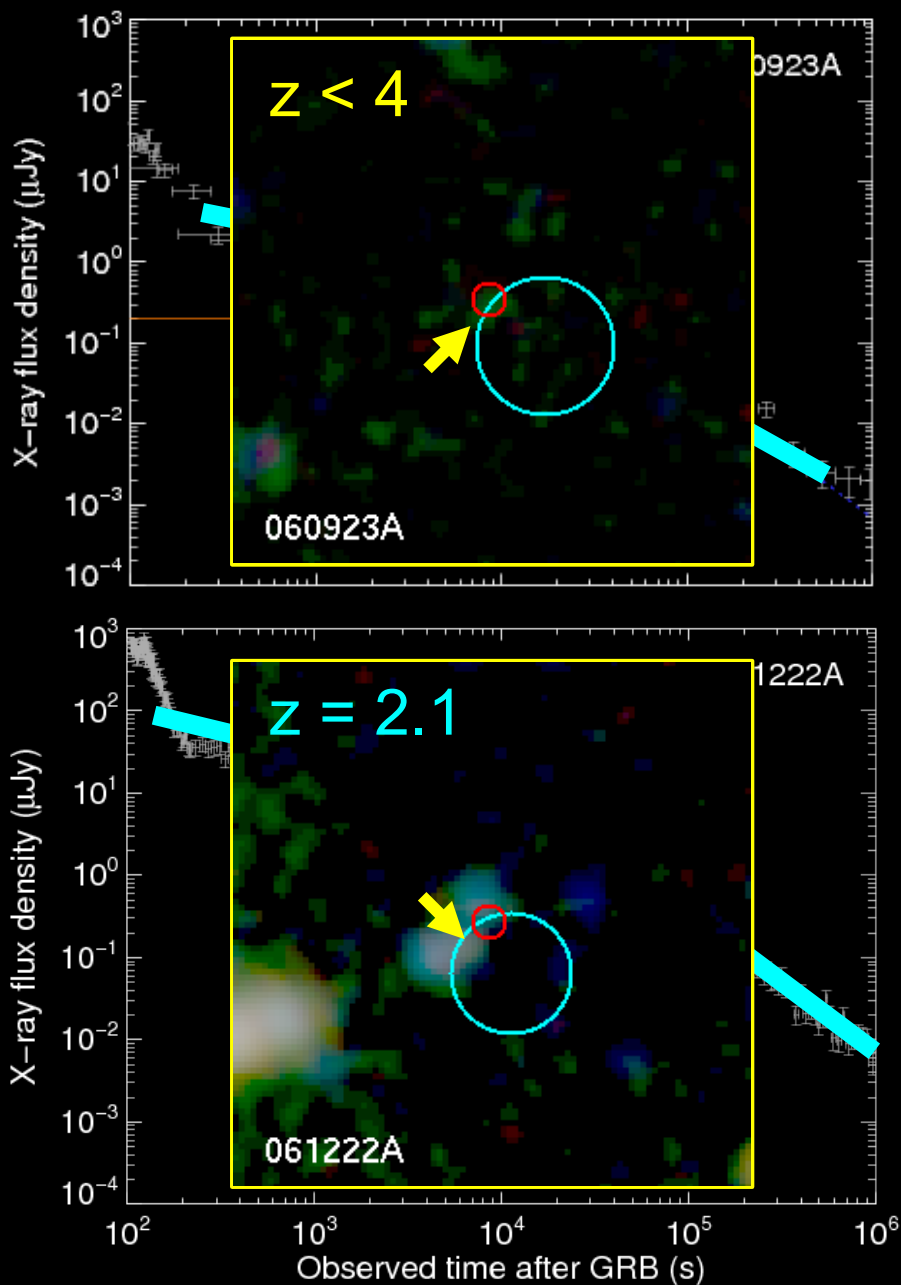




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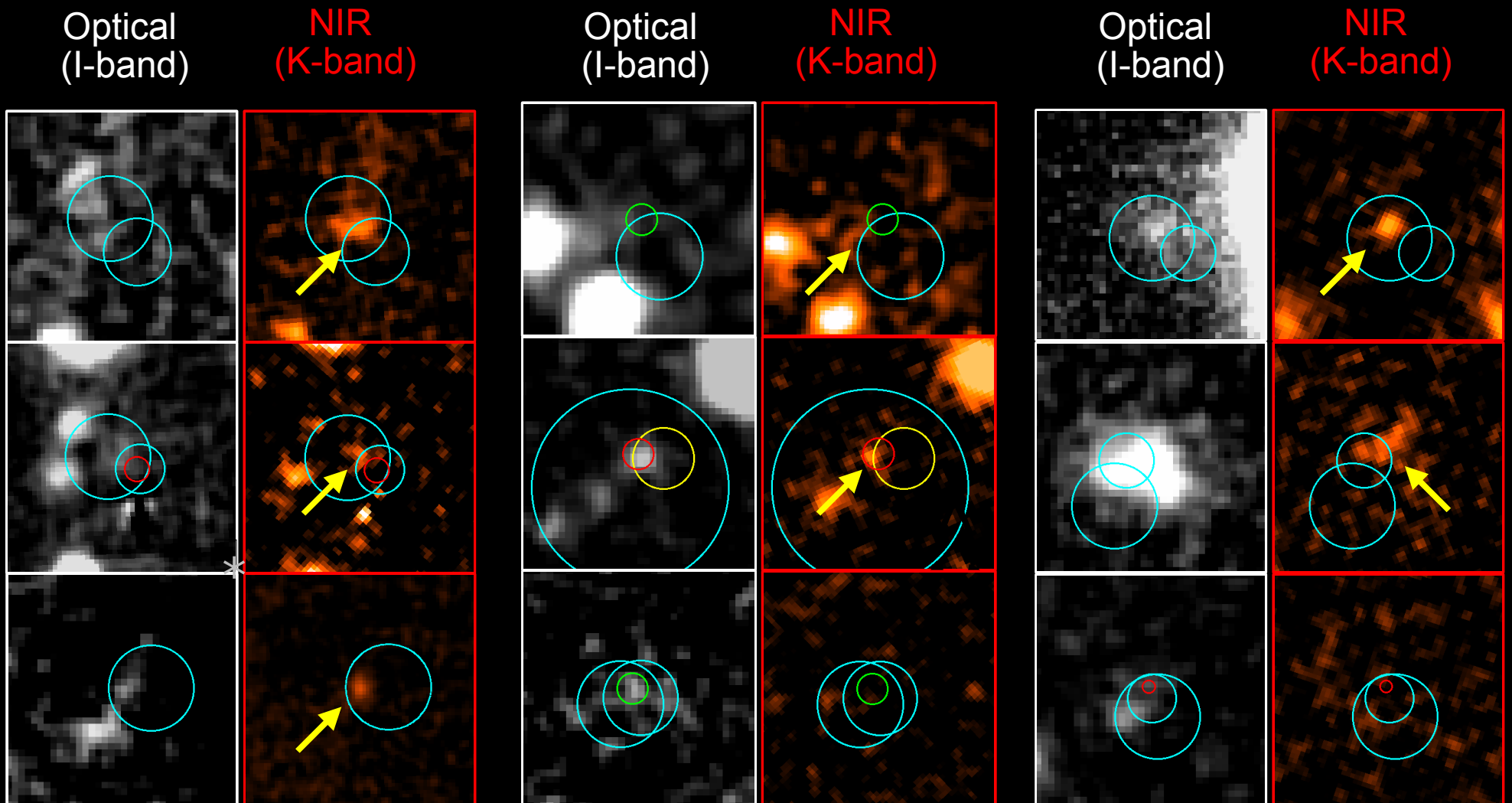


# Optically Ordinary-Looking...

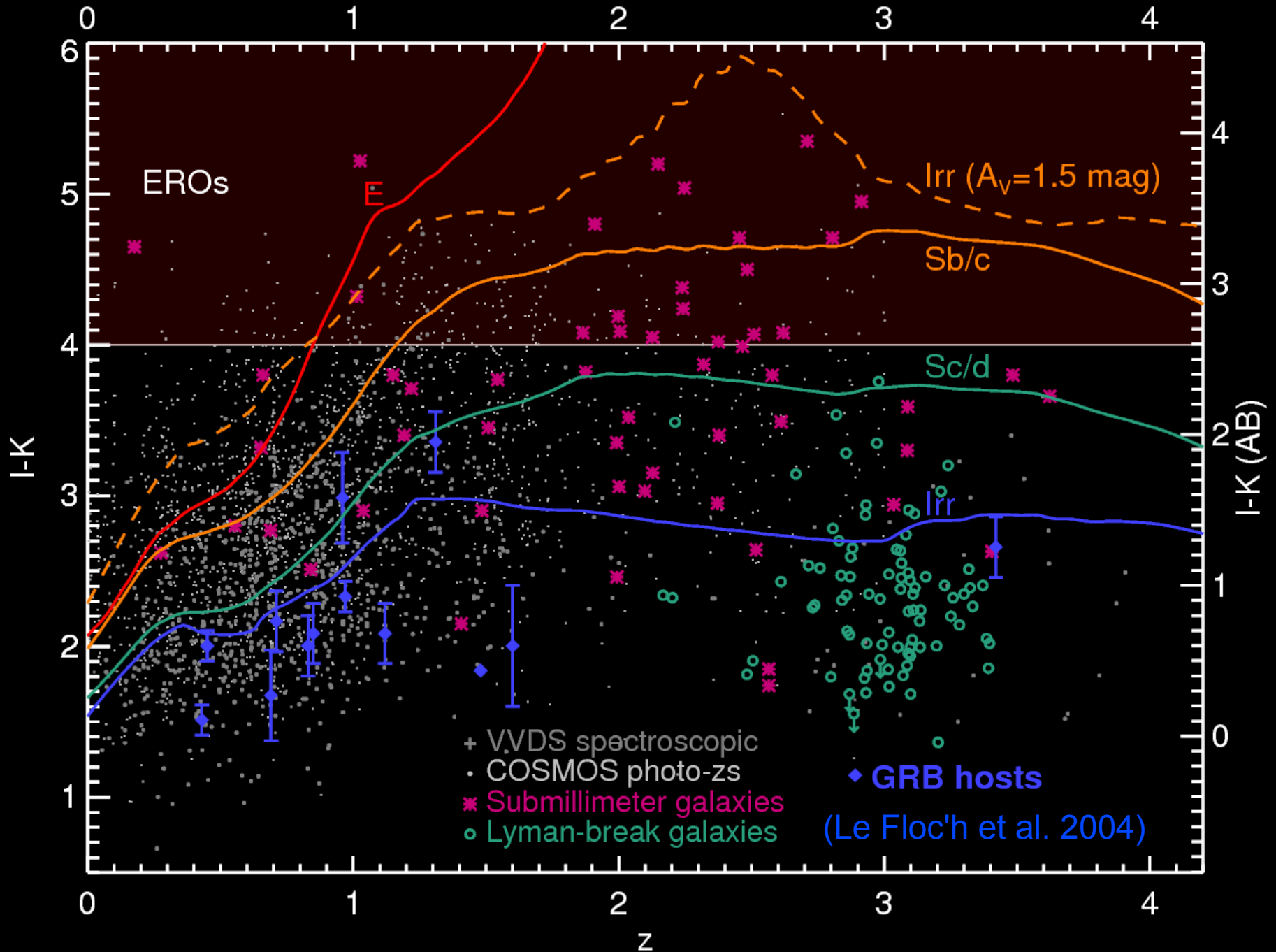




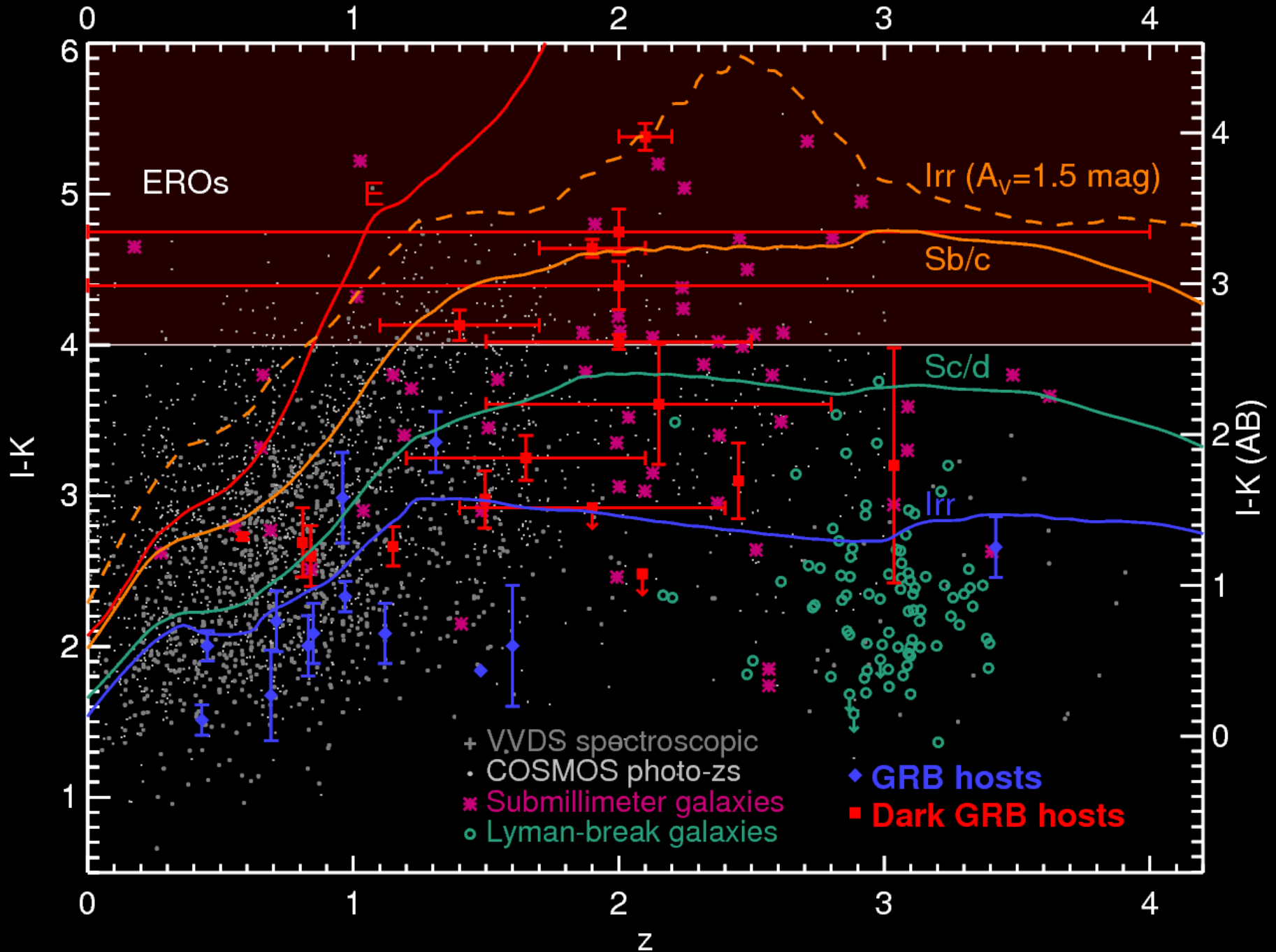
# Often Infrared Bright



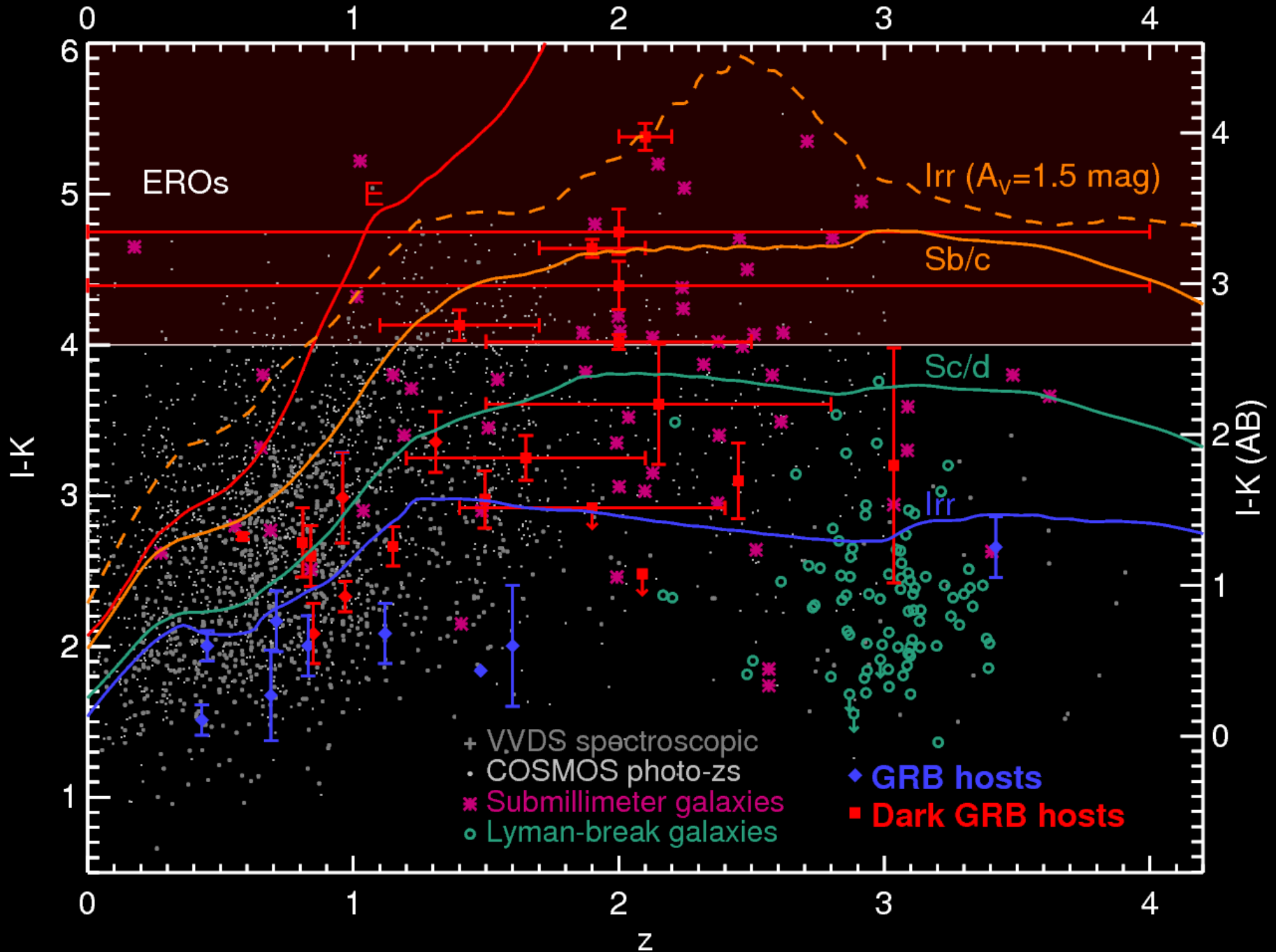
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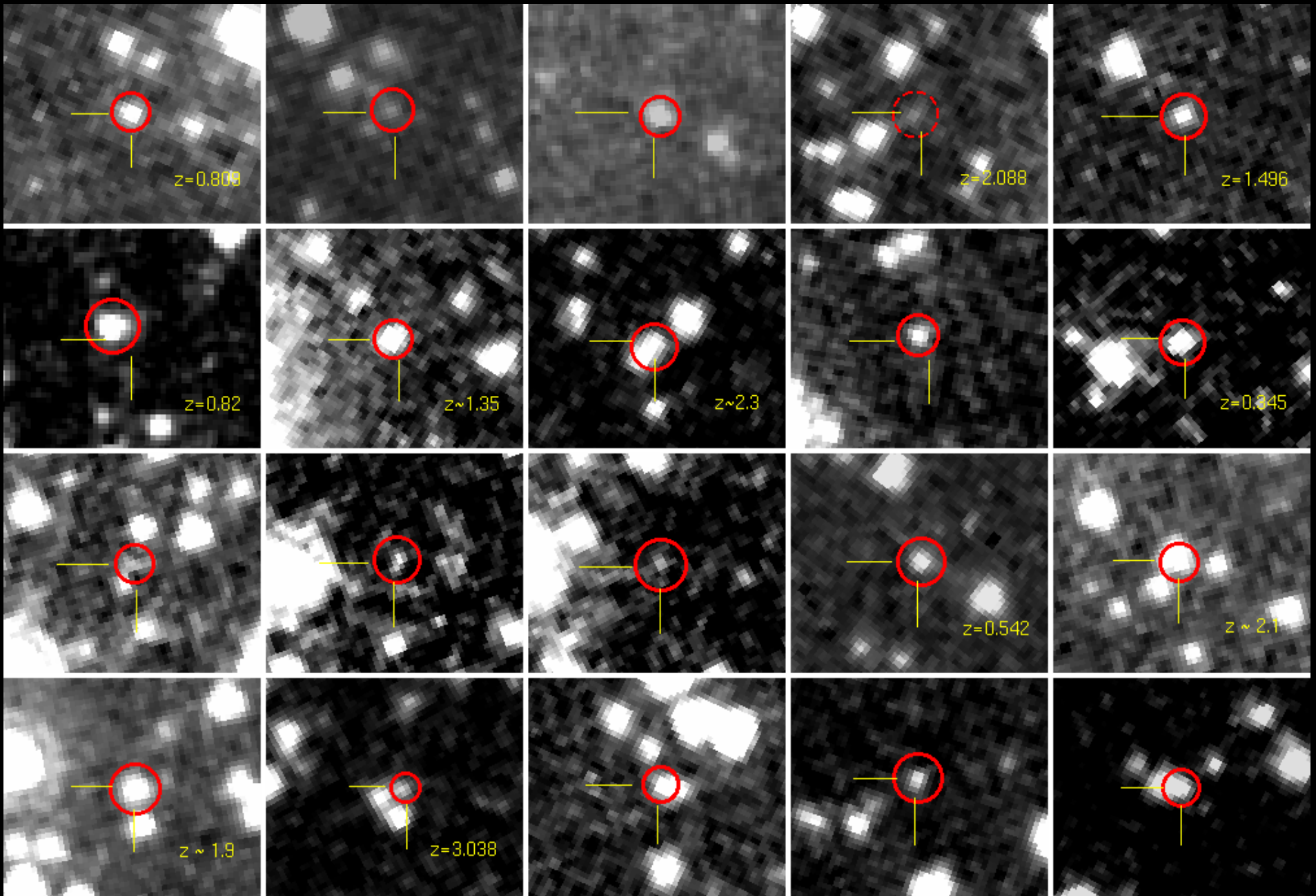


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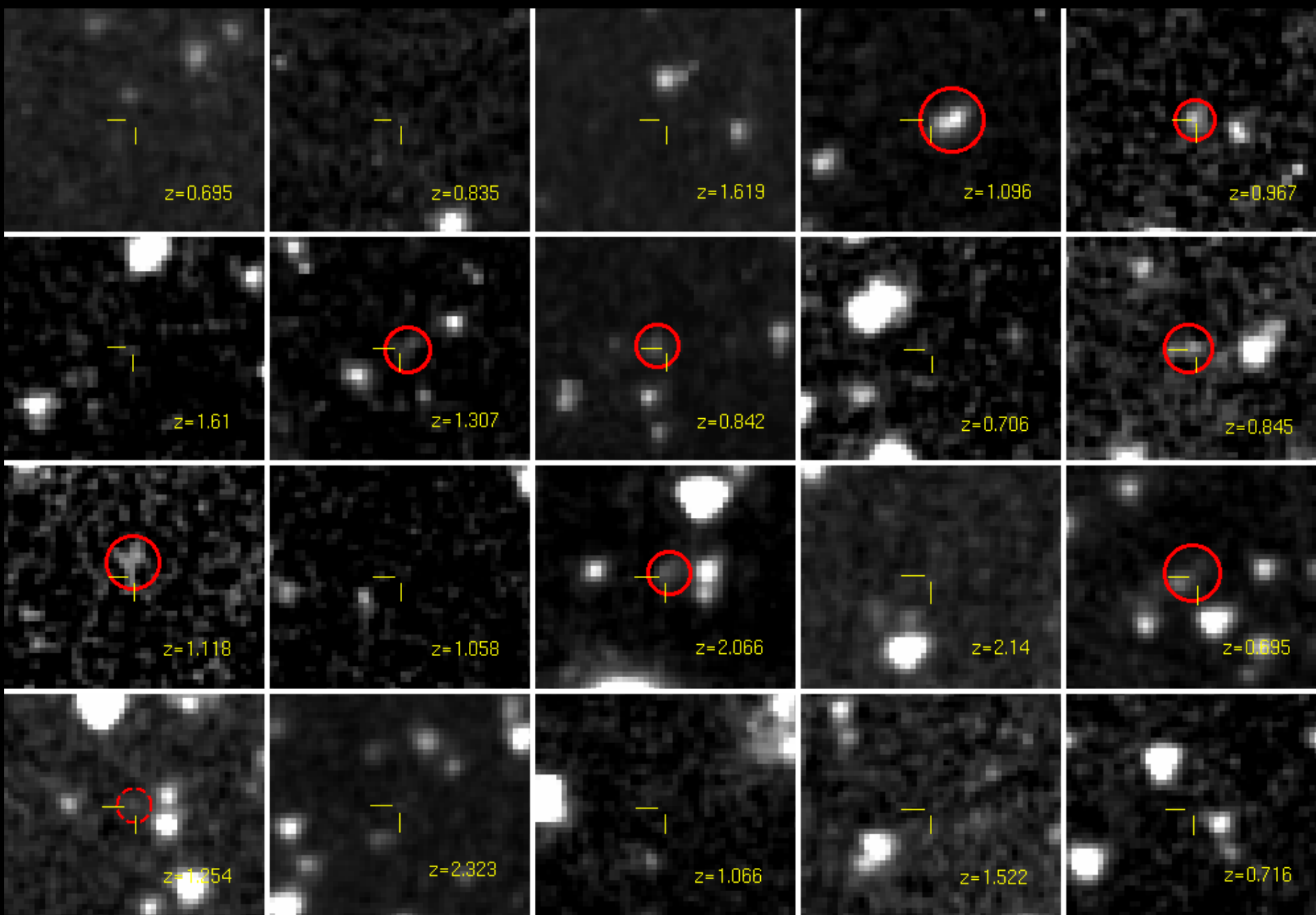


# Swift Dark GRB 4.5 $\mu\text{m}$ Imaging



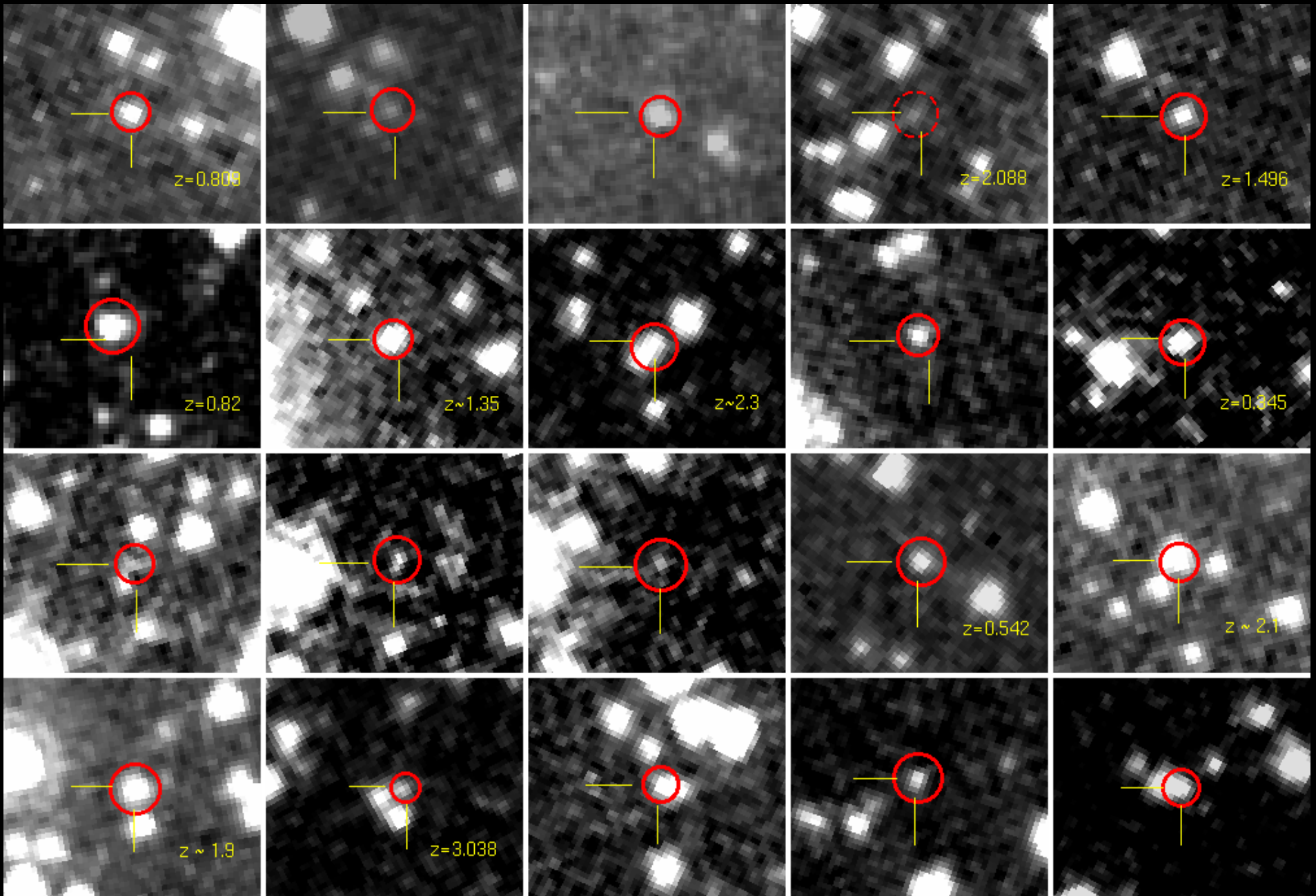


# Pre-Swift Non-Dark GRBs



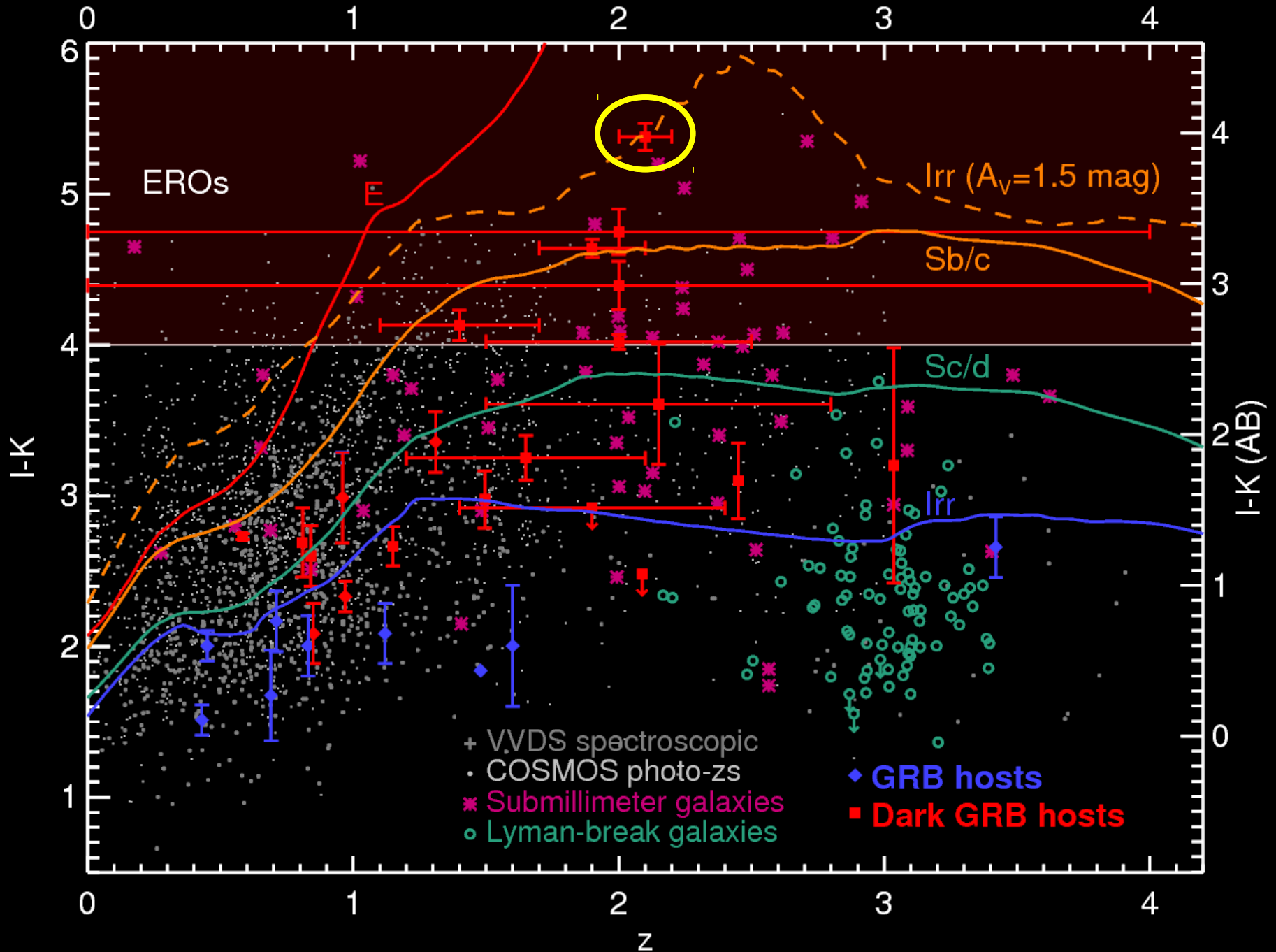


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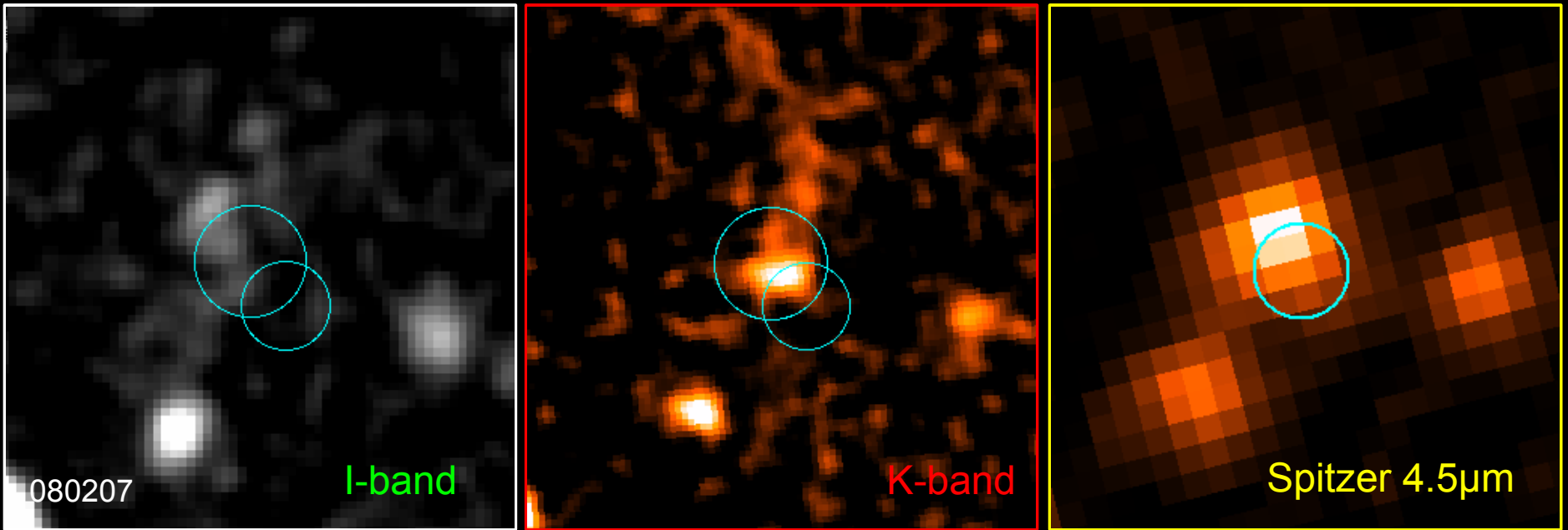




# Dark Burst Host Colors



# Dark GRB 080207



Fairly dark burst with...

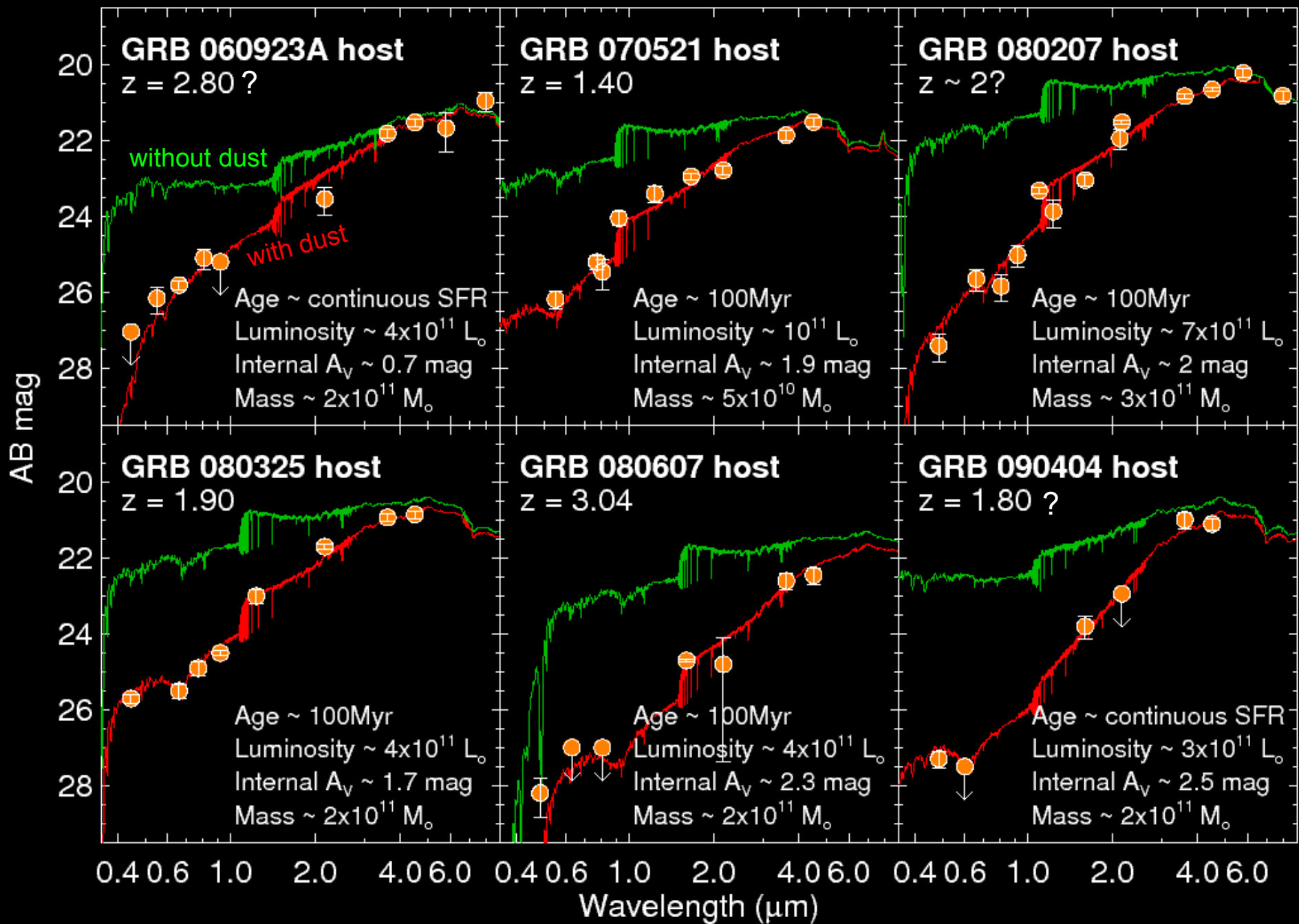
**Extremely red host:**

**I-K ~ 5.5 mag**

In top ~5% of brightest hosts observed by IRAC,  
also detected at 24μm with MIPS

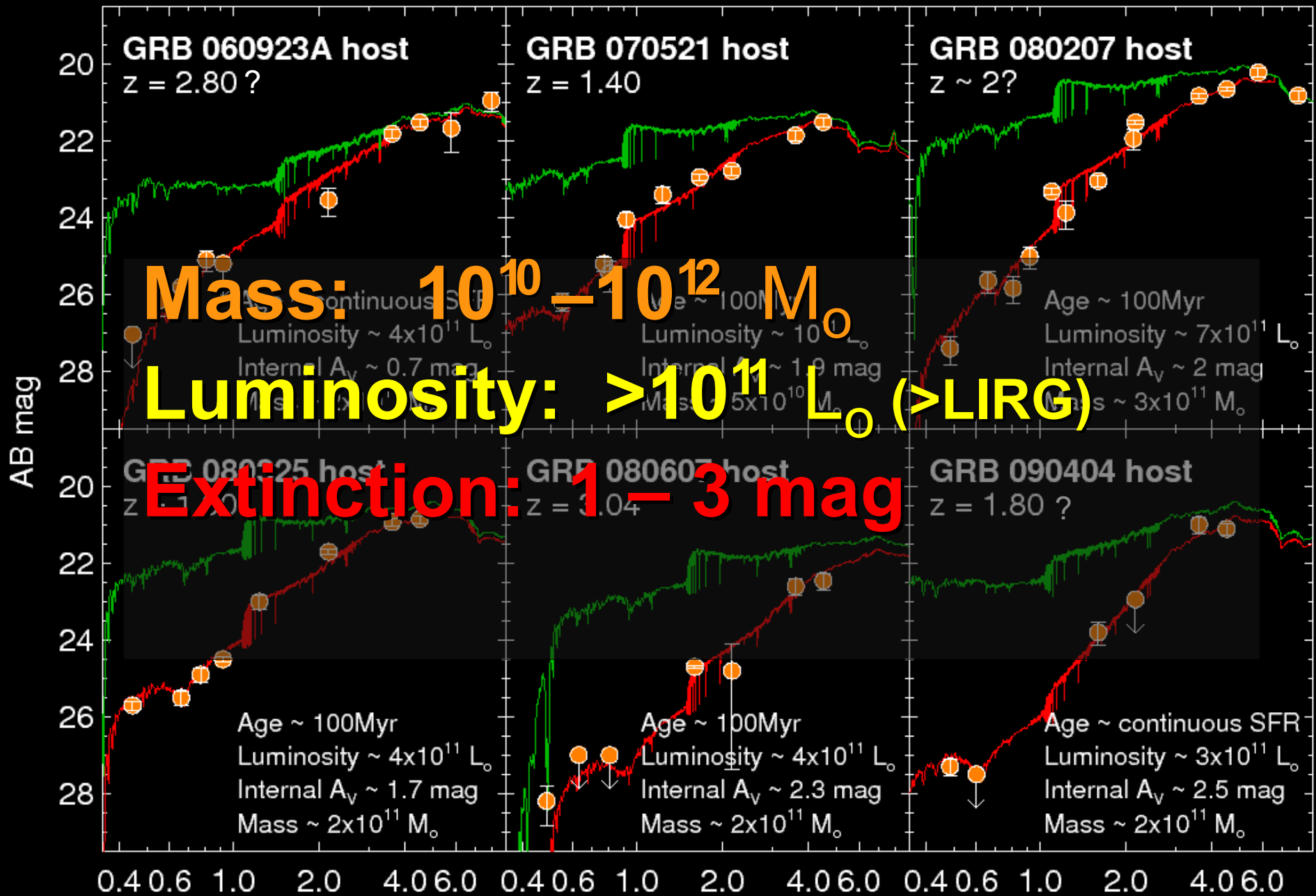
**Photo-z = 1.8-2.1 (Svensson et al. 2011, Hunt et al. 2011)**

# Red Dark Burst Host Galaxies

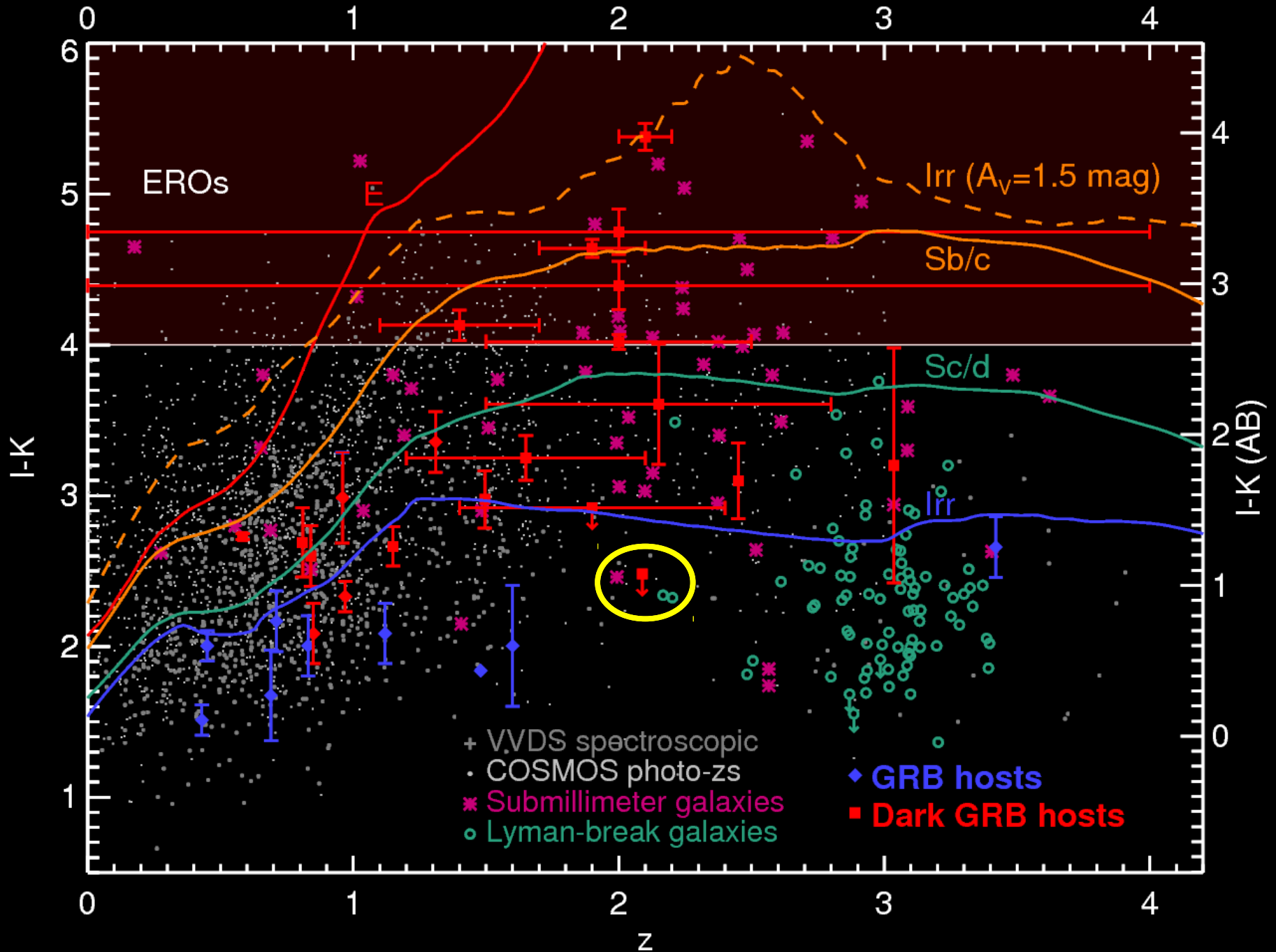




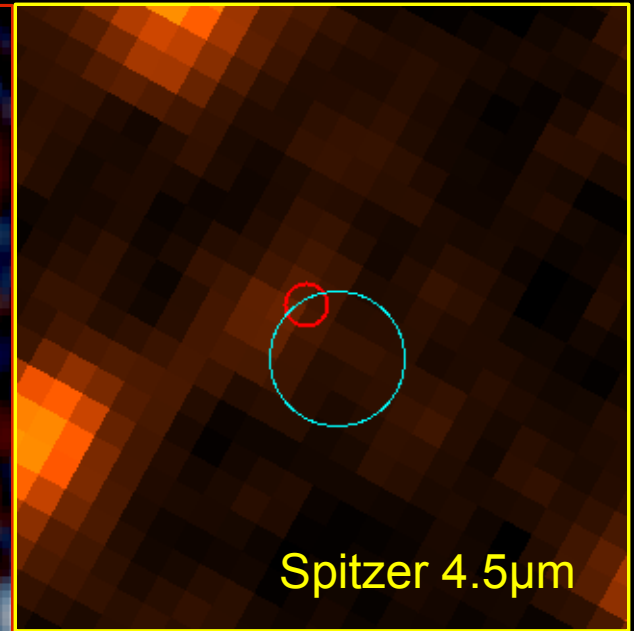
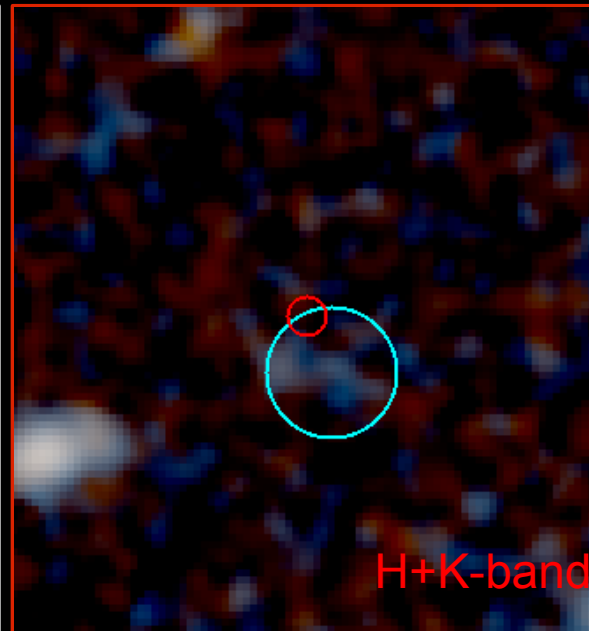
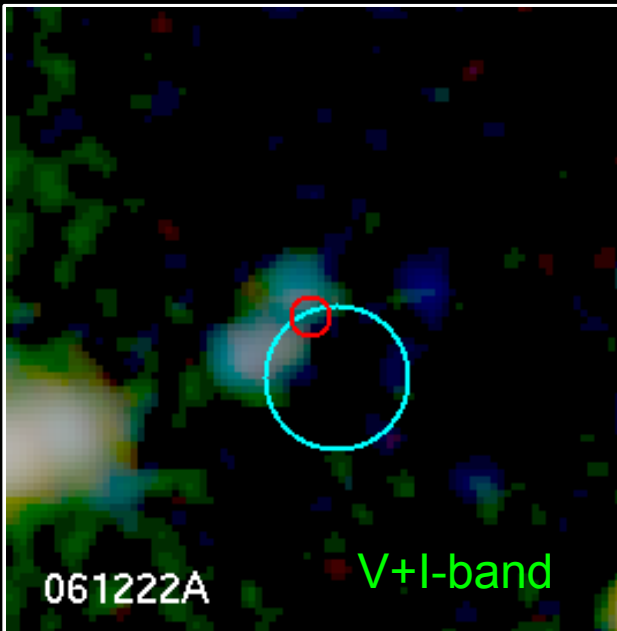
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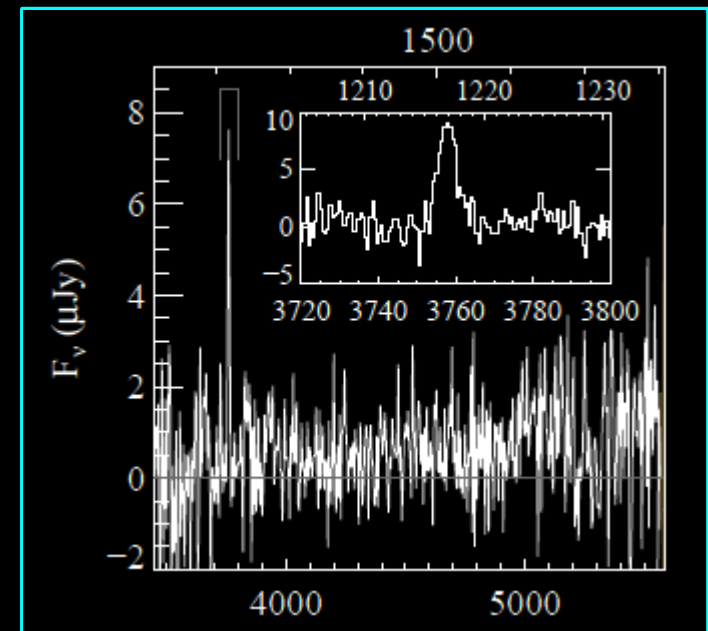
# Dark Burst Host Colors



# Dark GRB 061222A



Ultra-dark burst ( $A_V > 5$  mag), but  
**Extremely blue host:**  
**I-K  $\sim 2$  mag**  
marginal or no Spitzer detection  
**Ly- $\alpha$  emitter at  $z=2.1$**

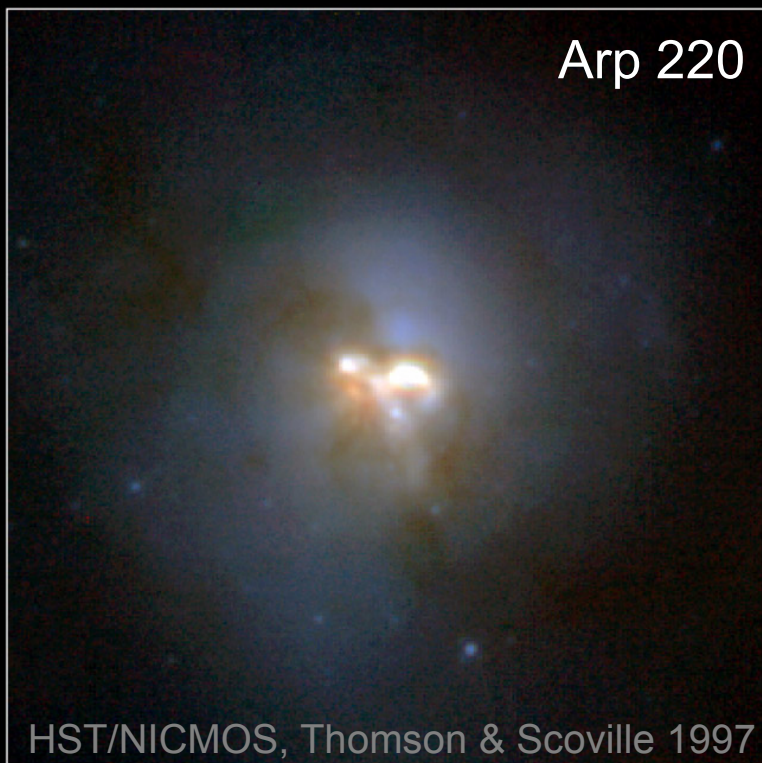




# Dark Burst Host Survey



# Highly-Embedded Star Formation?



Arp 220

HST/NICMOS, Thomson & Scoville 1997

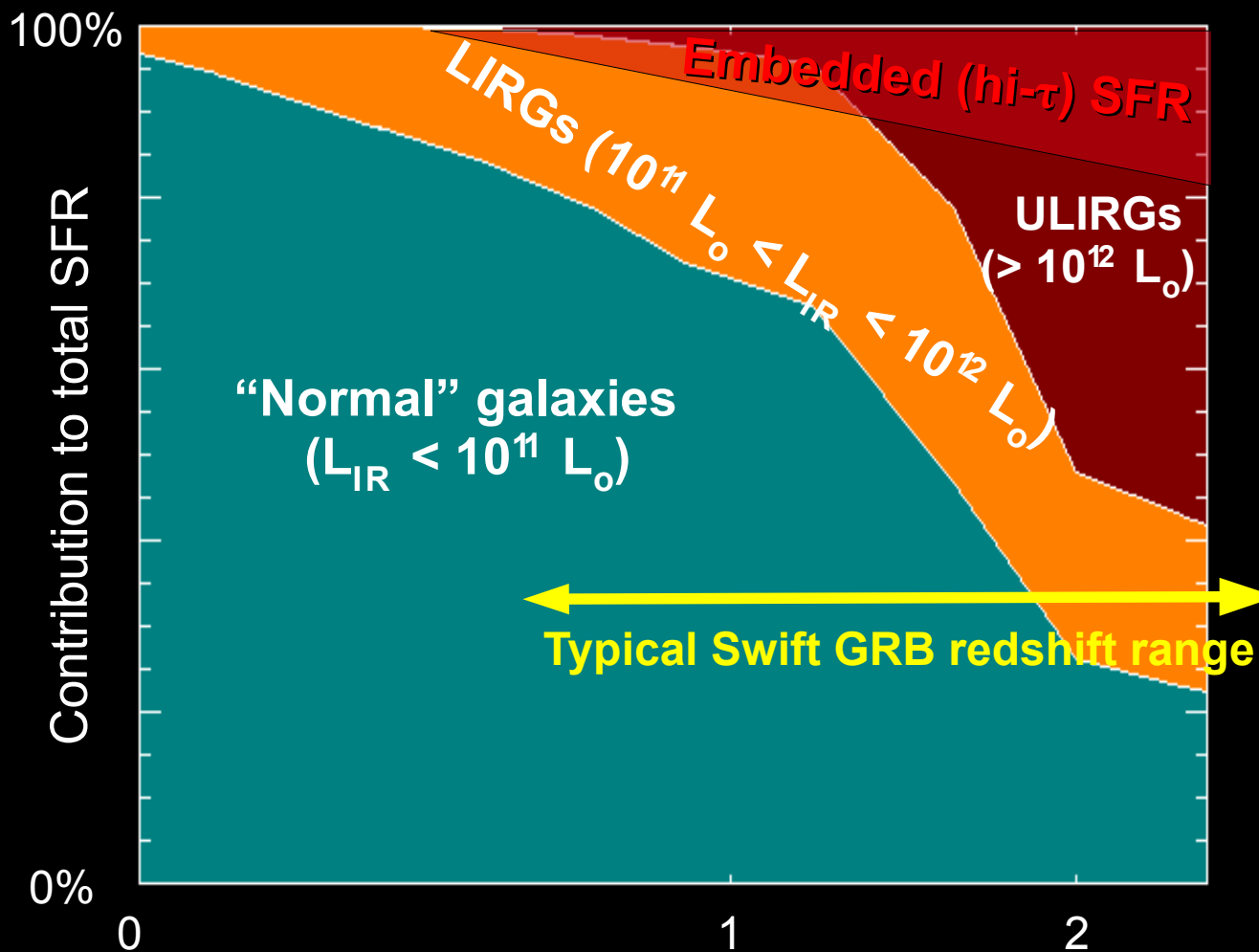
~20% of cosmic SFR at  $z \sim 2$

Michalowski et al. 2010,  
also Chapman et al. 2004

SFR  $\gg$  dust-corrected optical SFR

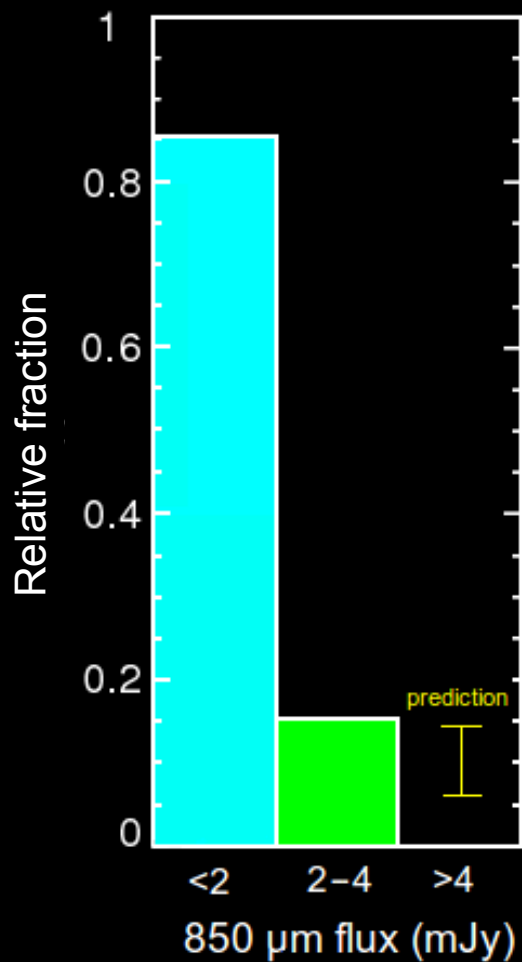
Low-z: ULIRGs

High-z: SMGs

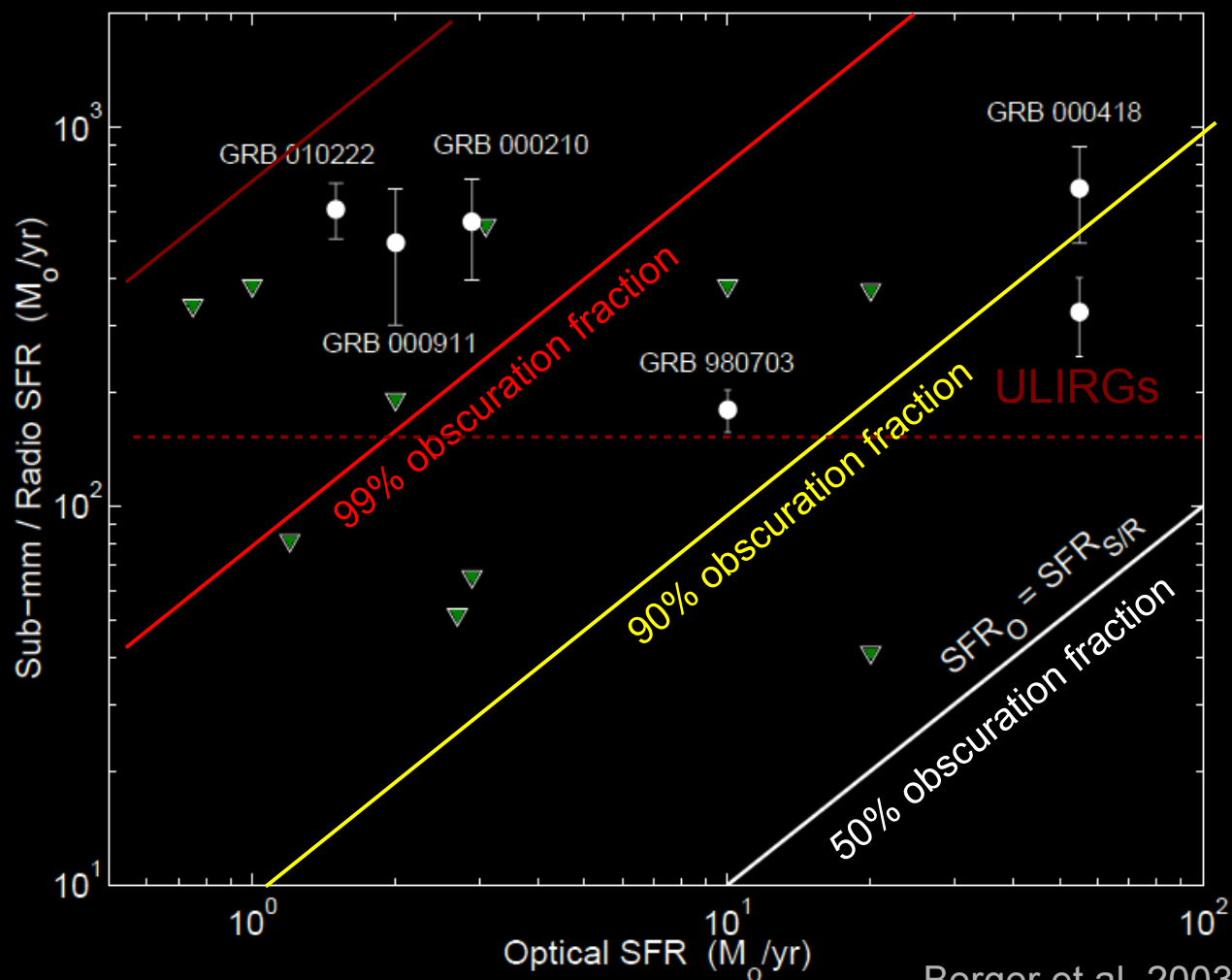


# Pre-Swift Submillimeter Observations

Only a few pre-Swift detections (blue galaxies!)



Tanvir et al. 2004



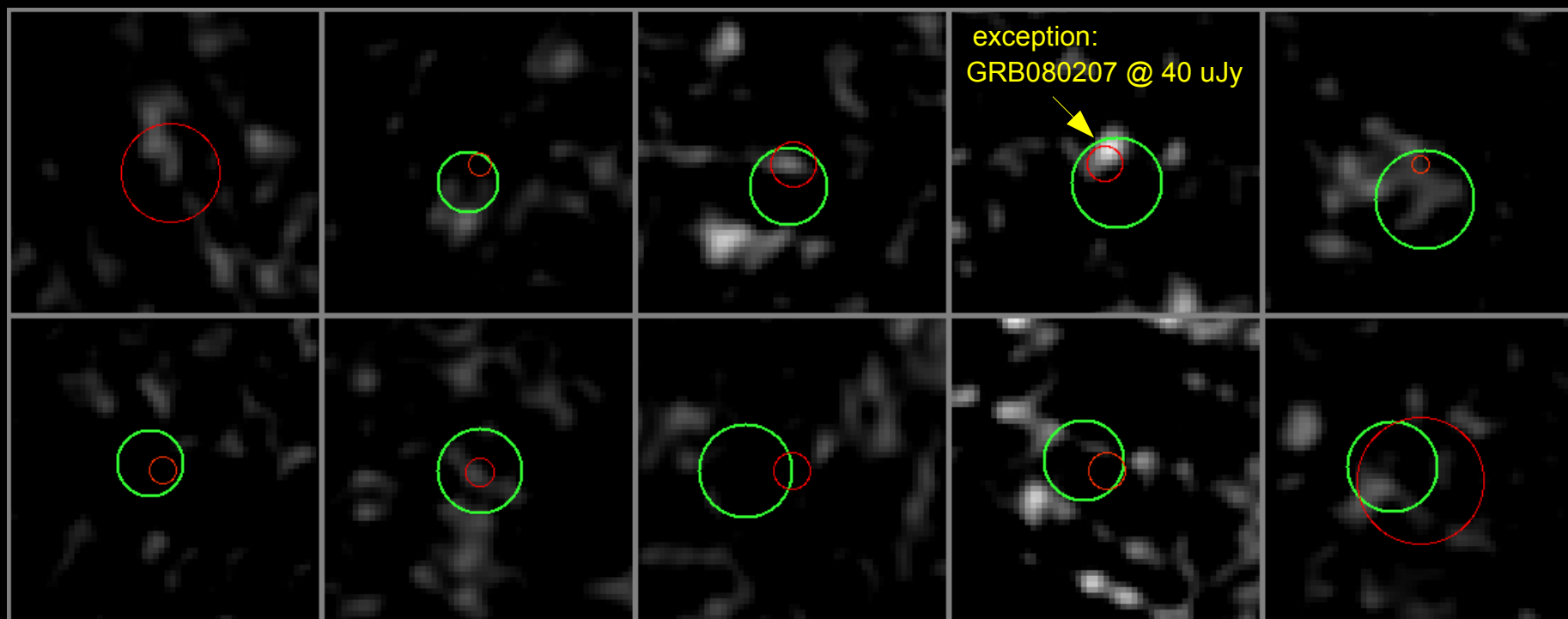
Berger et al. 2003



# Radio/submm observations

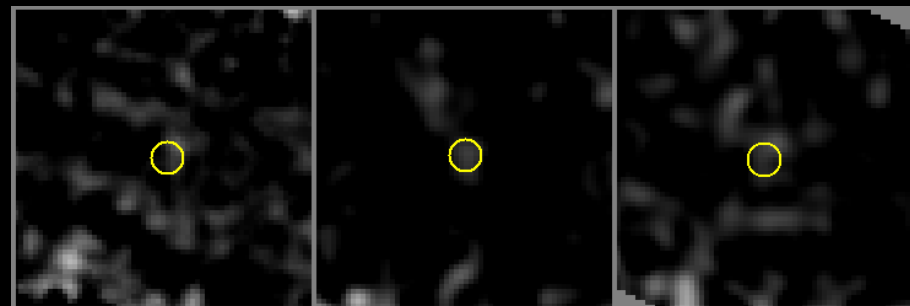
No EVLA detection (to  $\sim 15 \mu\text{Jy}$  @ 5 GHz)  
for 9 out of 10 Spitzer-brightest hosts

1 hr integration/target  
(equiv. Of 20 hr/target  
on old VLA)

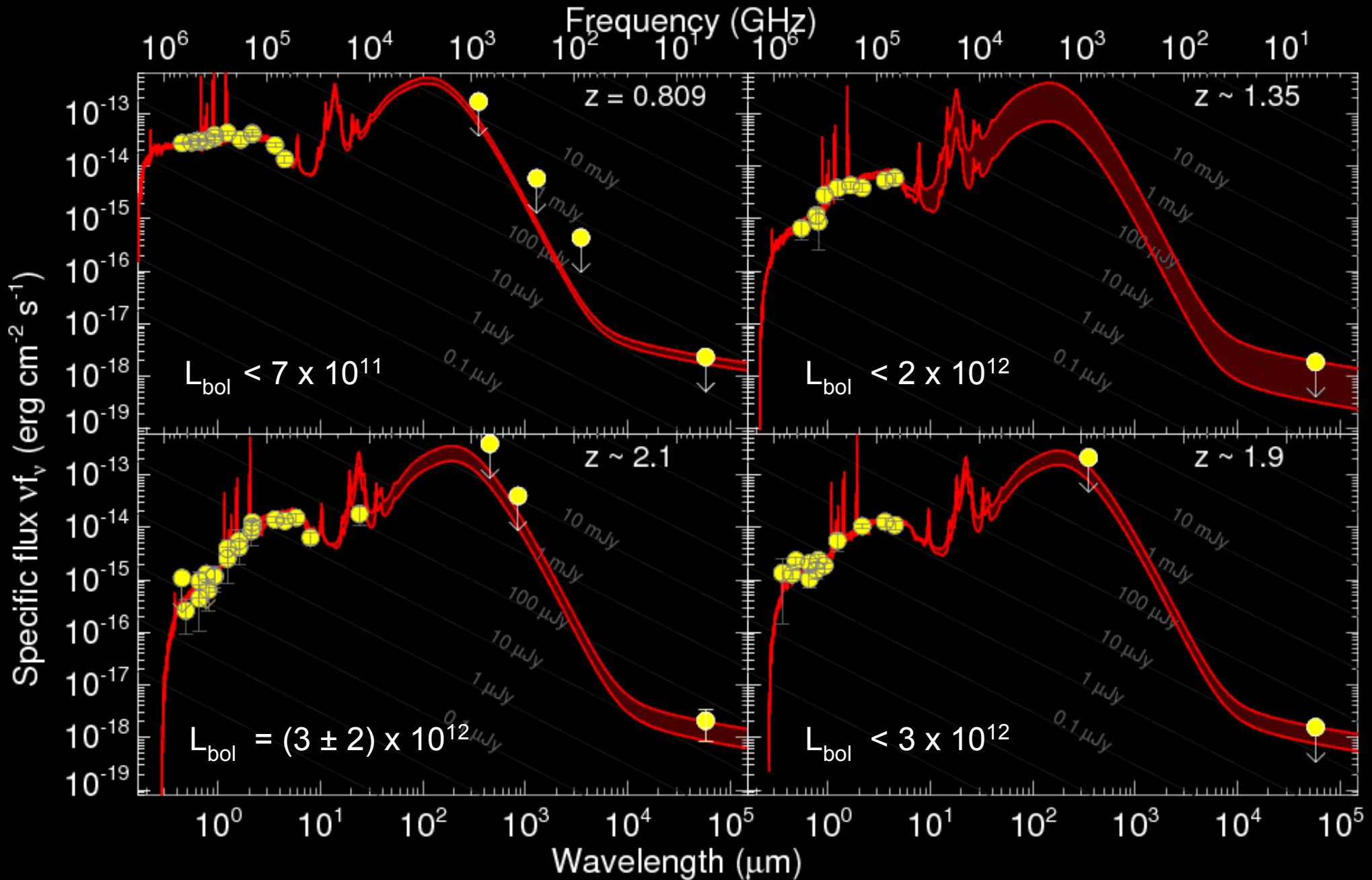


No CSO detection (to  $\sim 10 \text{ mJy}$ )  
for 3 Spitzer-bright hosts

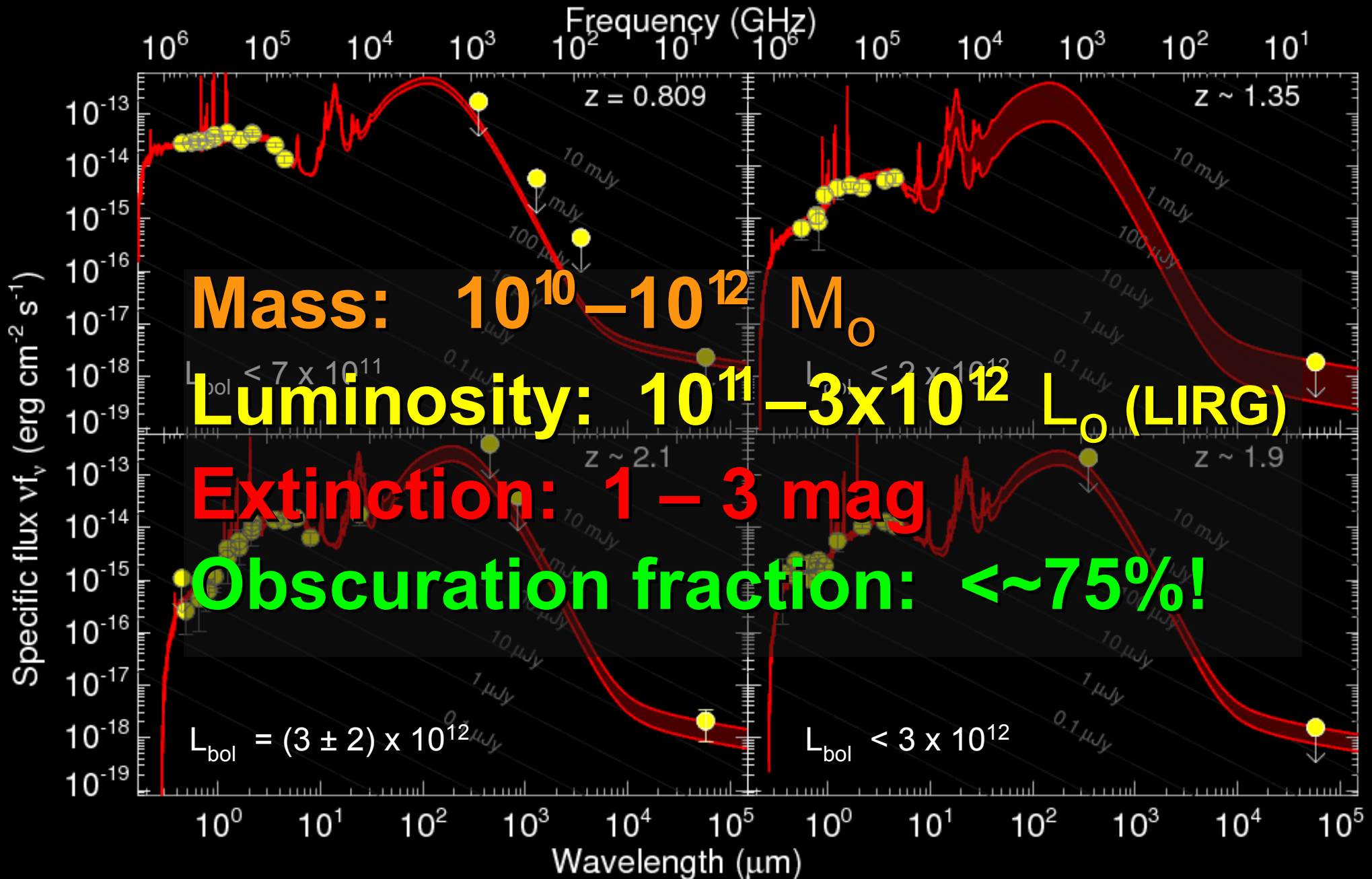
5-15 hr integration/target



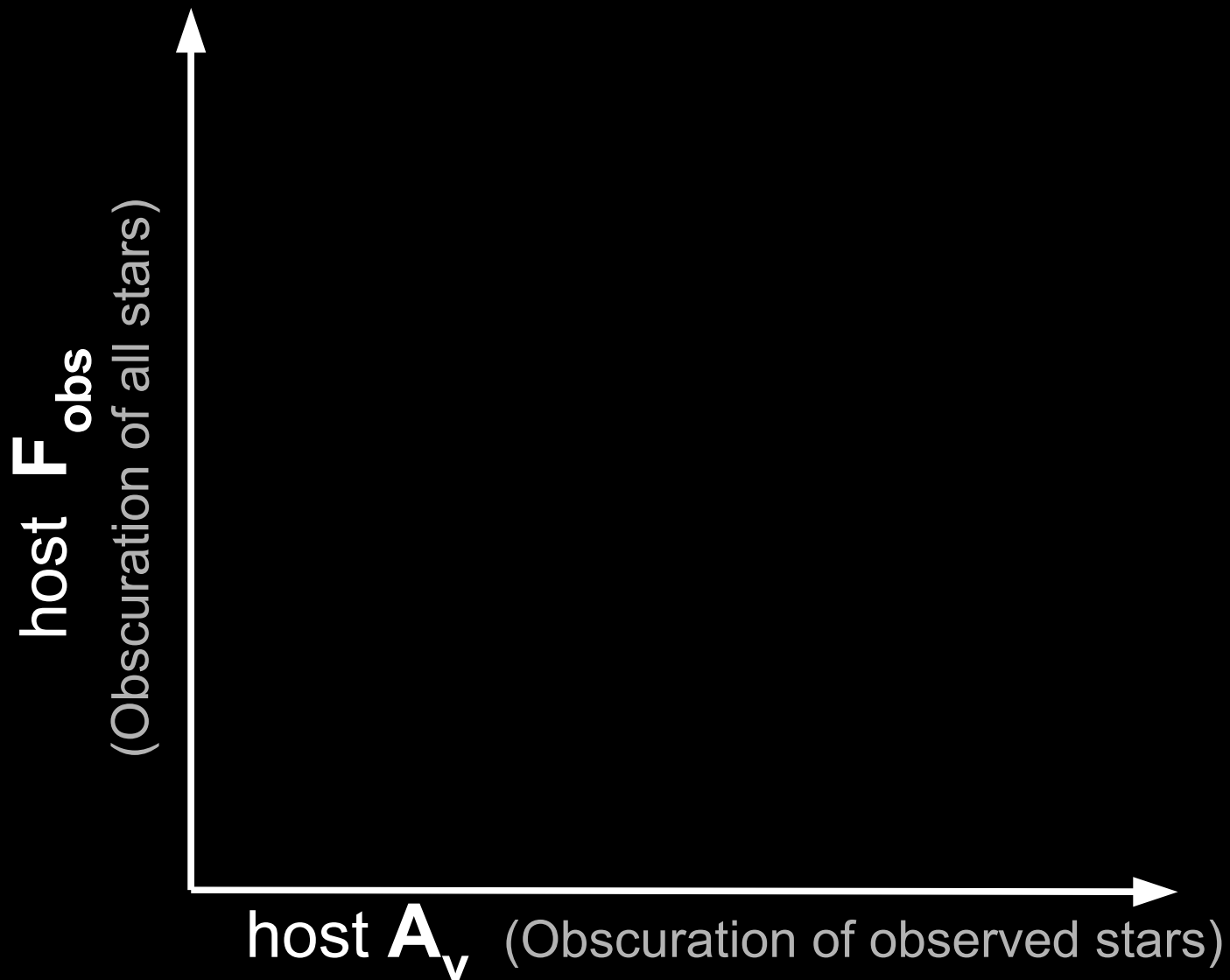
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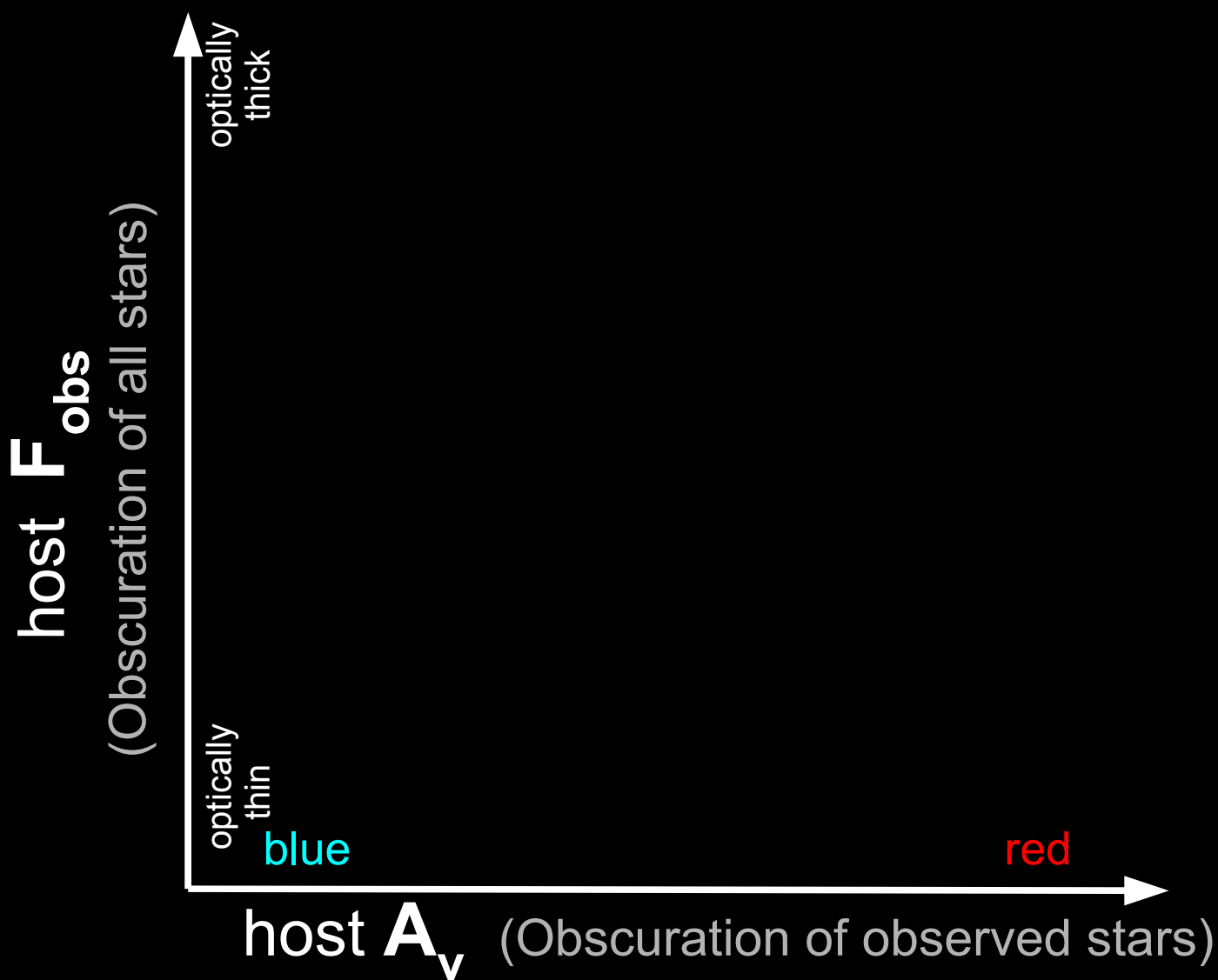
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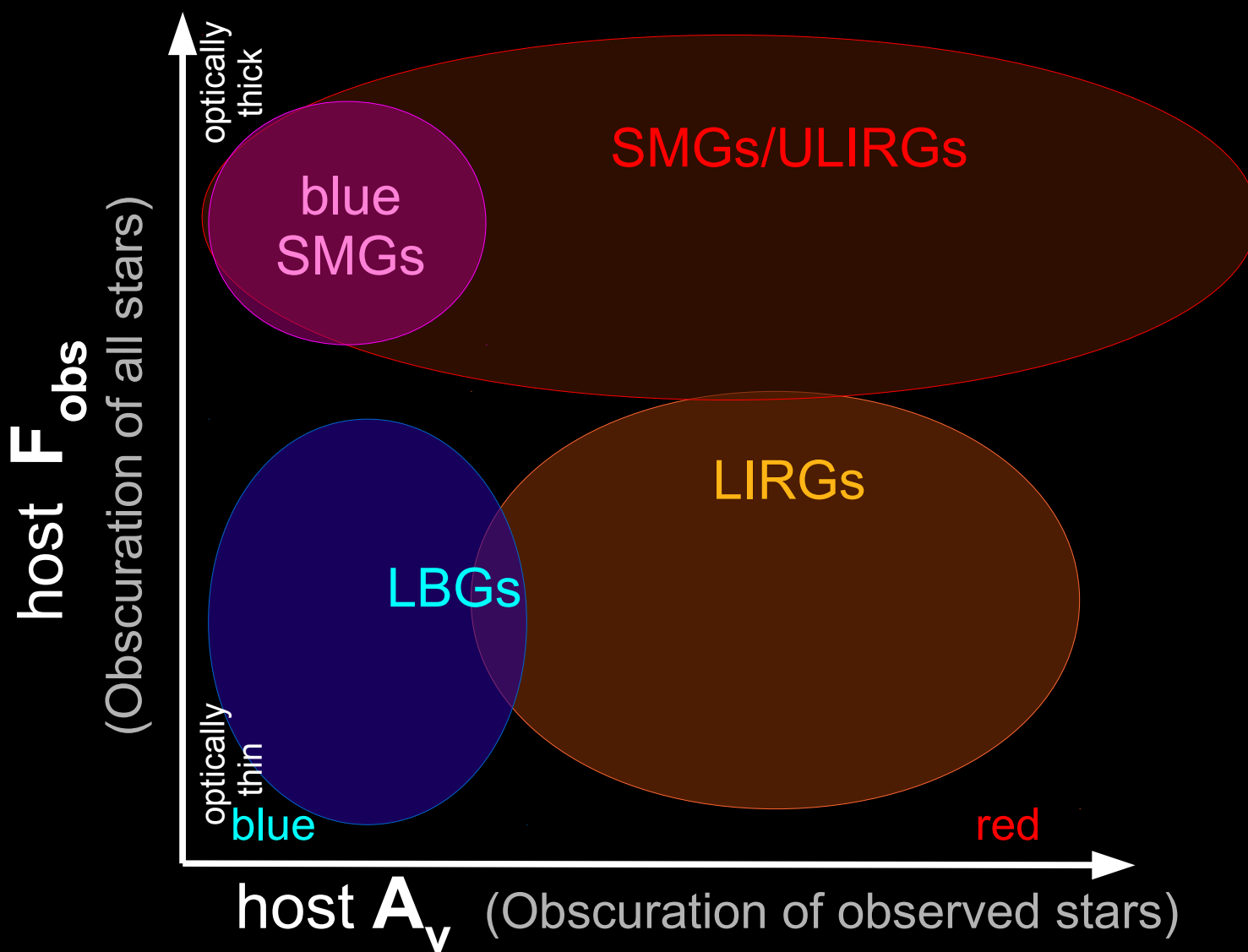




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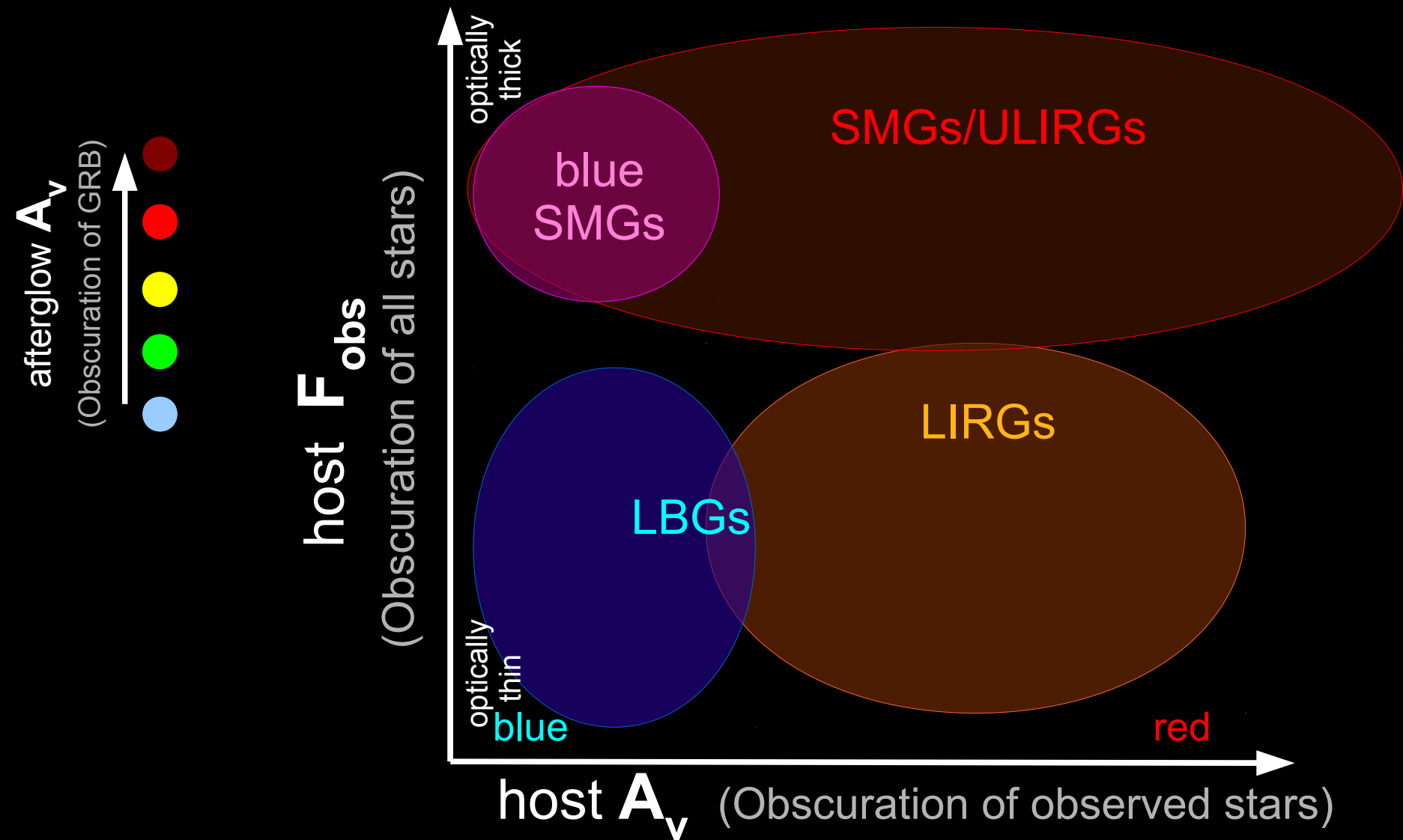


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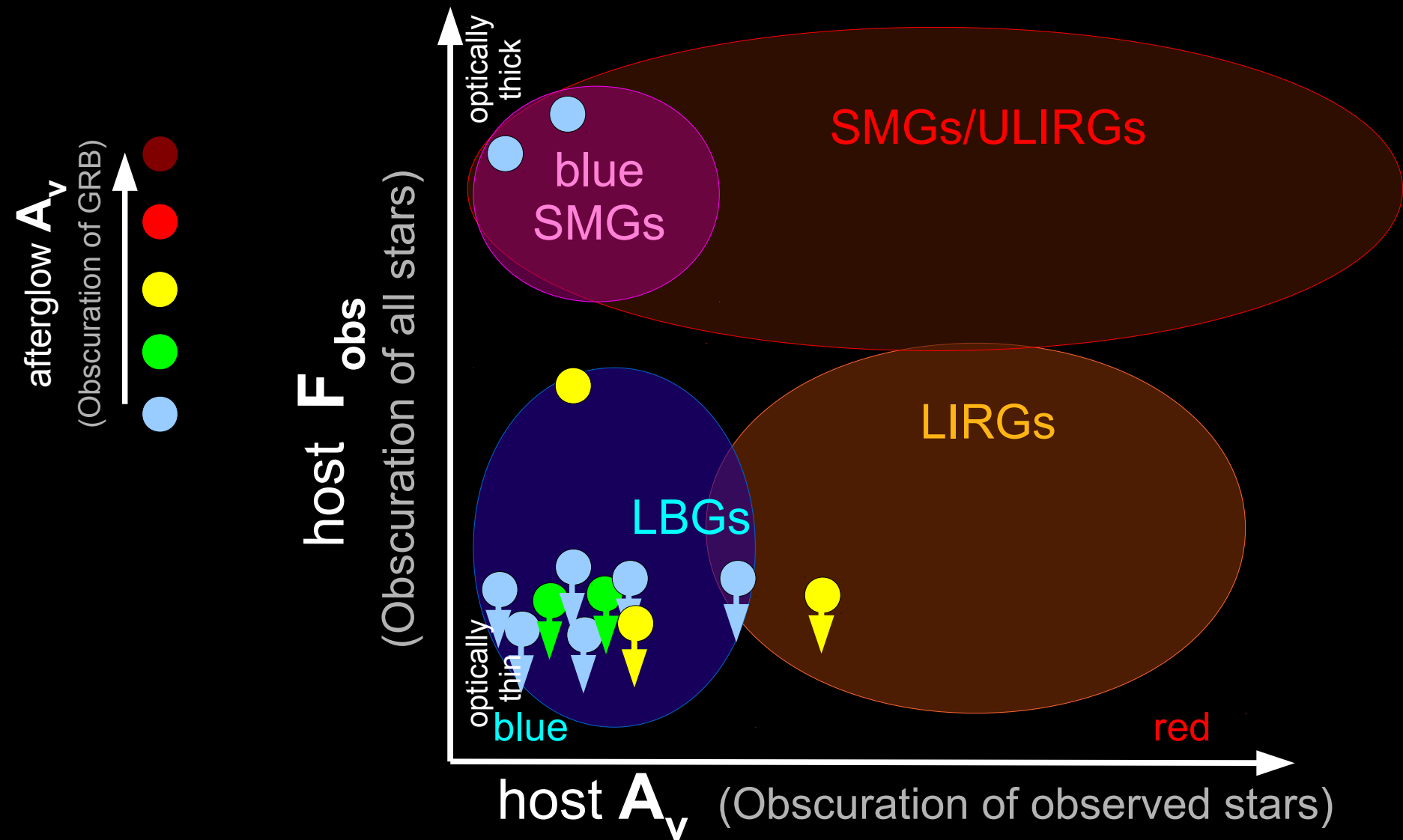




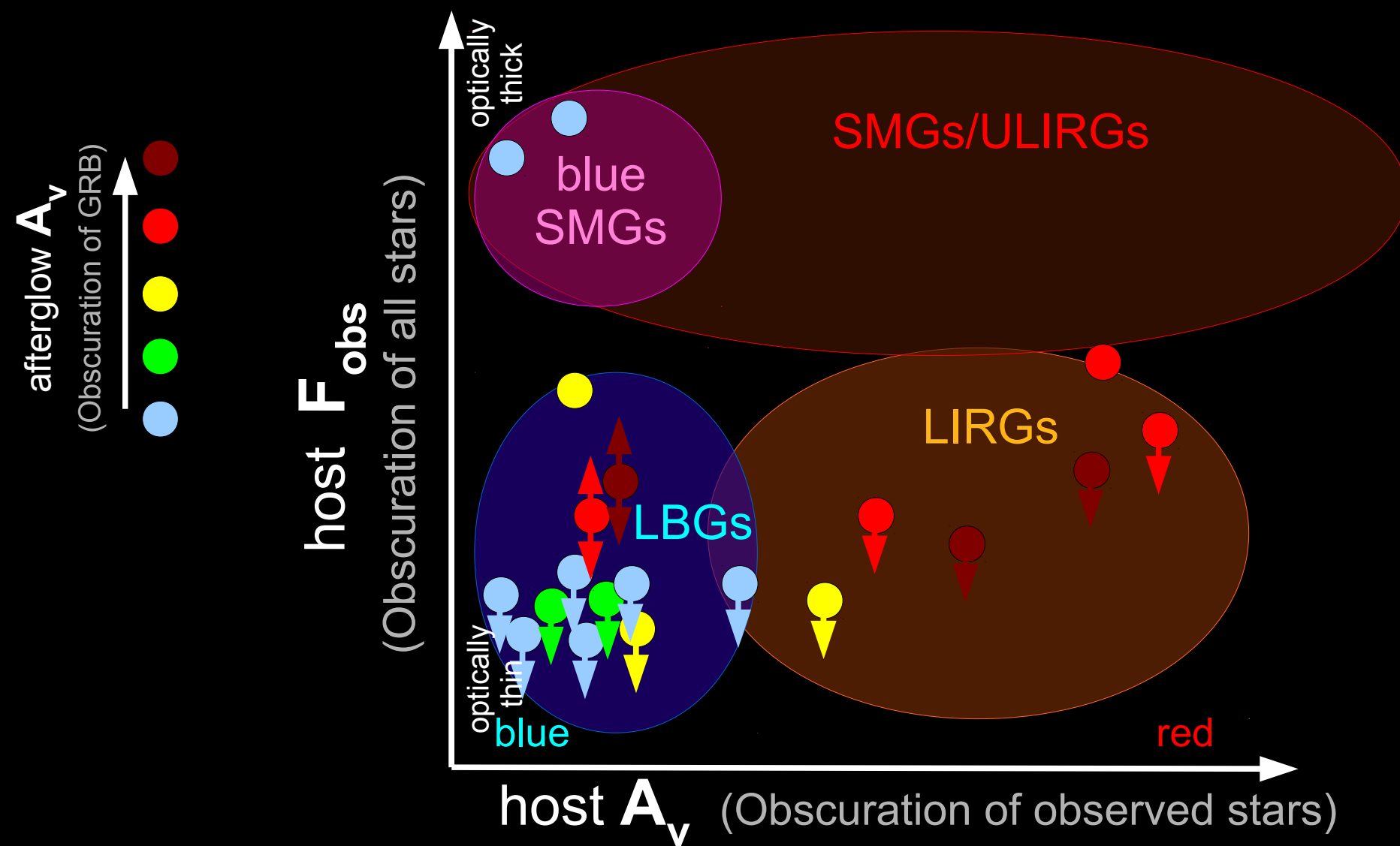
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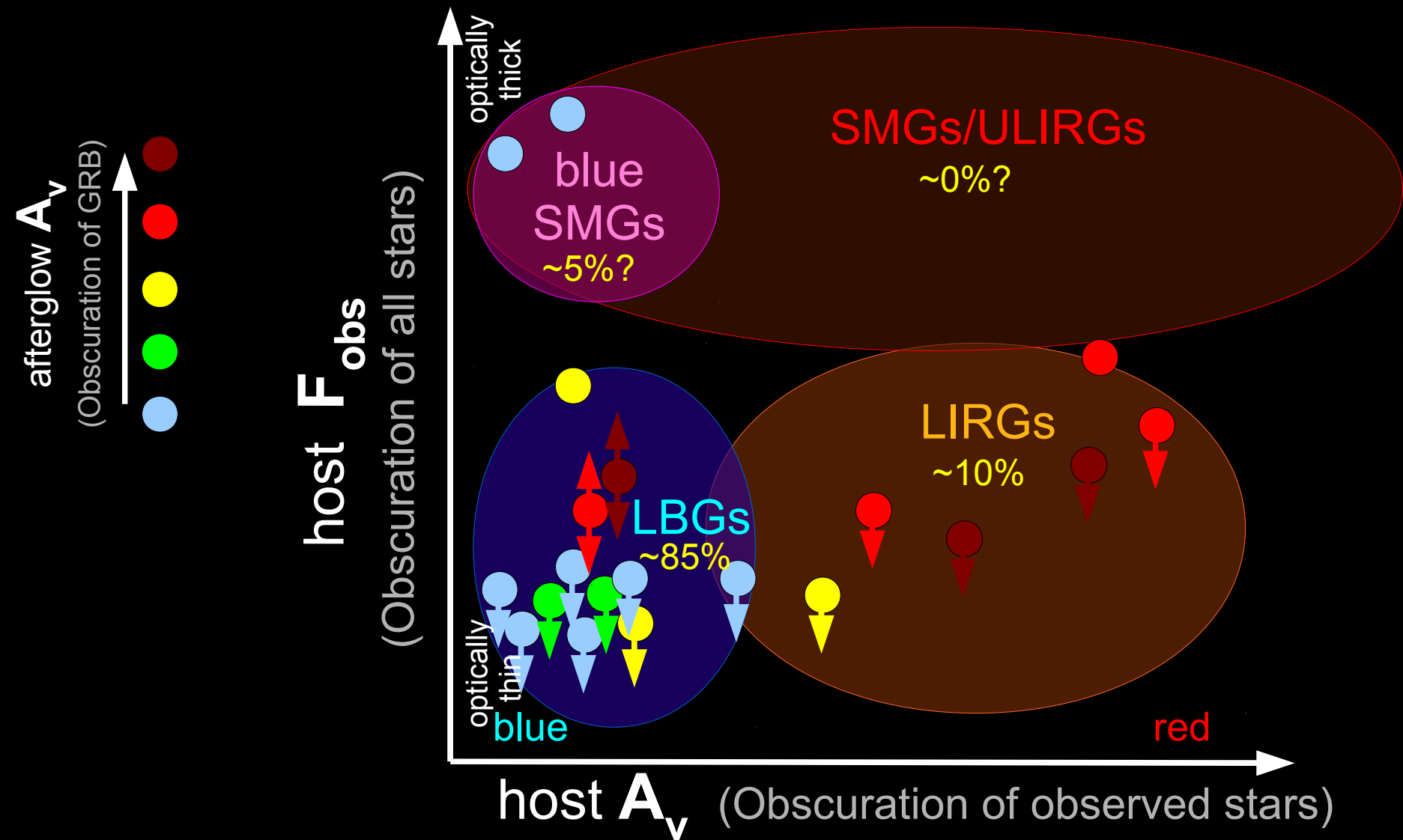
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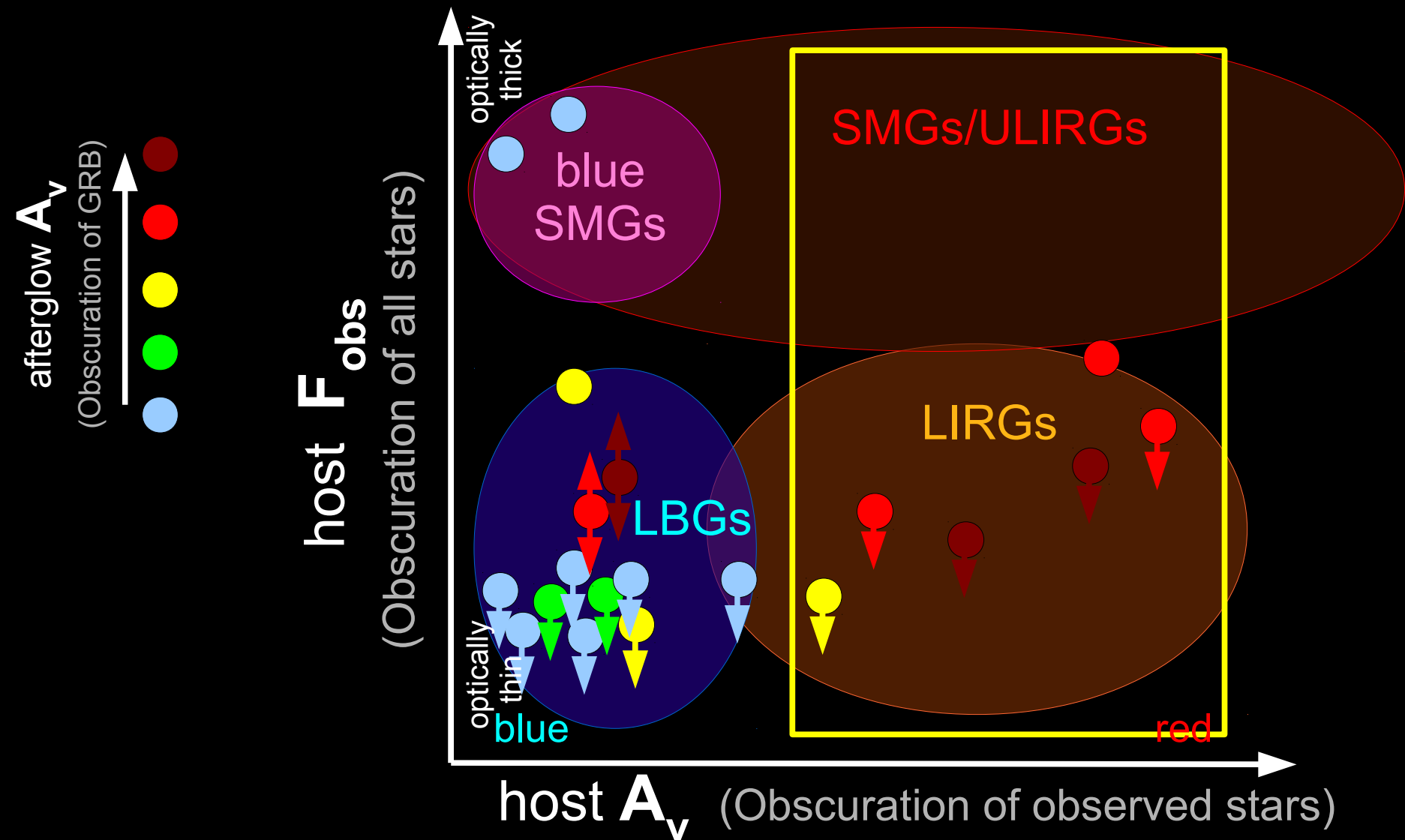
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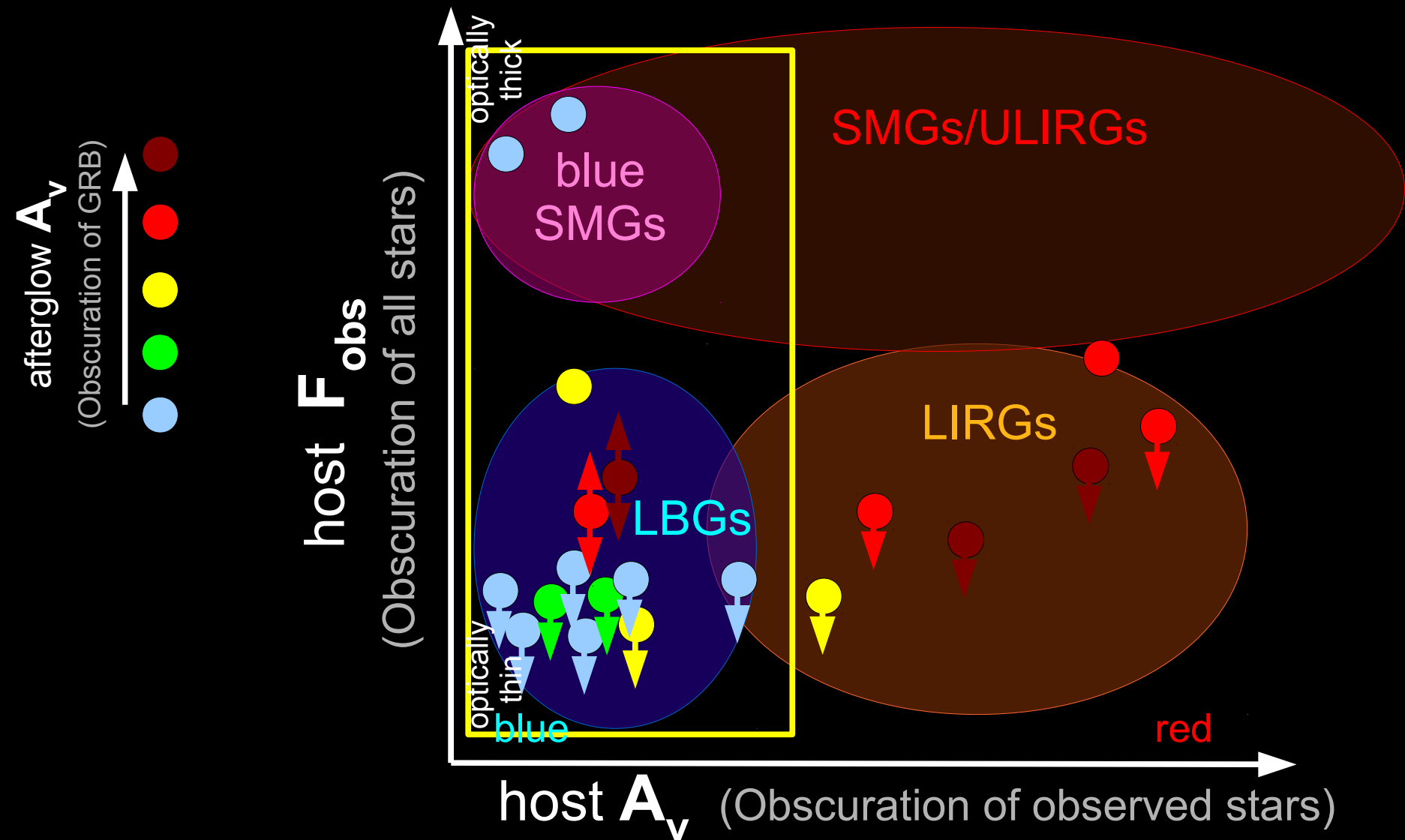
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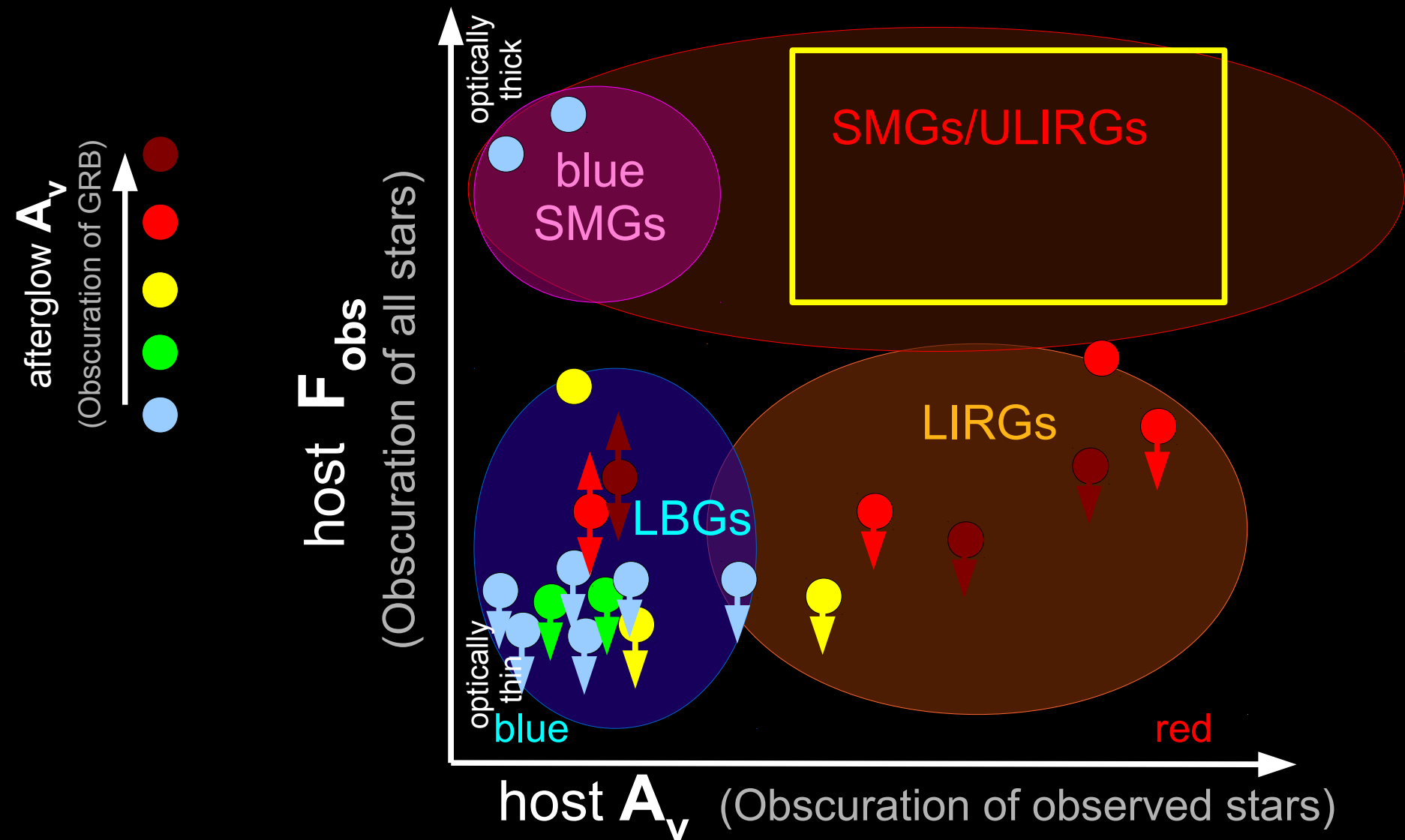
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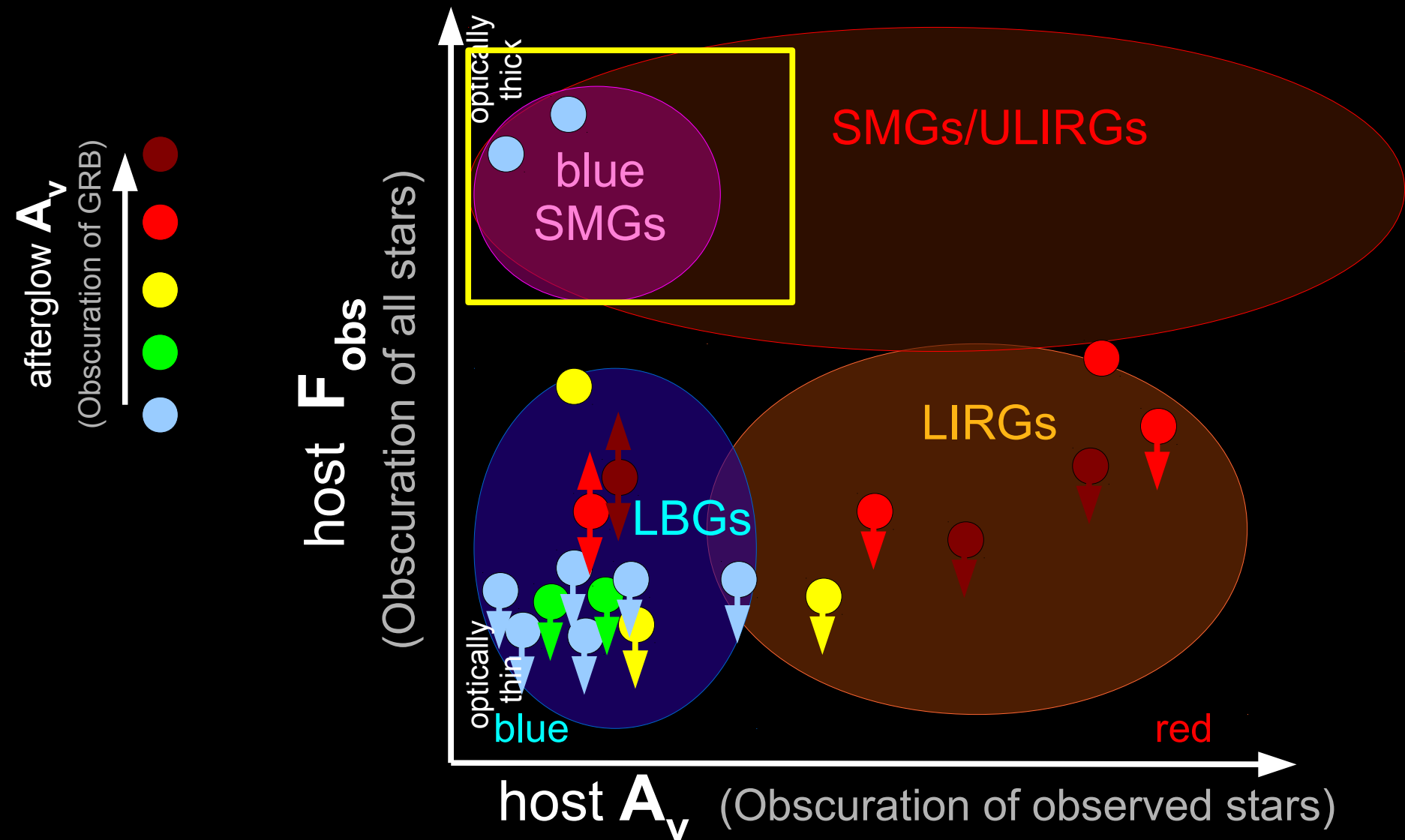
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## Dark GRB hosts are *diverse*.

Some hosts are blue, low-luminosity:

Dust geometry within small galaxies

Majority are red, high-luminosity

GRBs *can* form in massive galaxies

## Luminous hosts are still uncommon

~10-20% of sample  $\geq$  LIRG

(vs. ~50% of SFR  $\geq$  LIRG at  $z > 1$ )

## No GRBs from highly embedded galaxies

High metallicity + chemical homogeneity,  
or age/evolution effect?

