



Transients

Intro slides to the discussion

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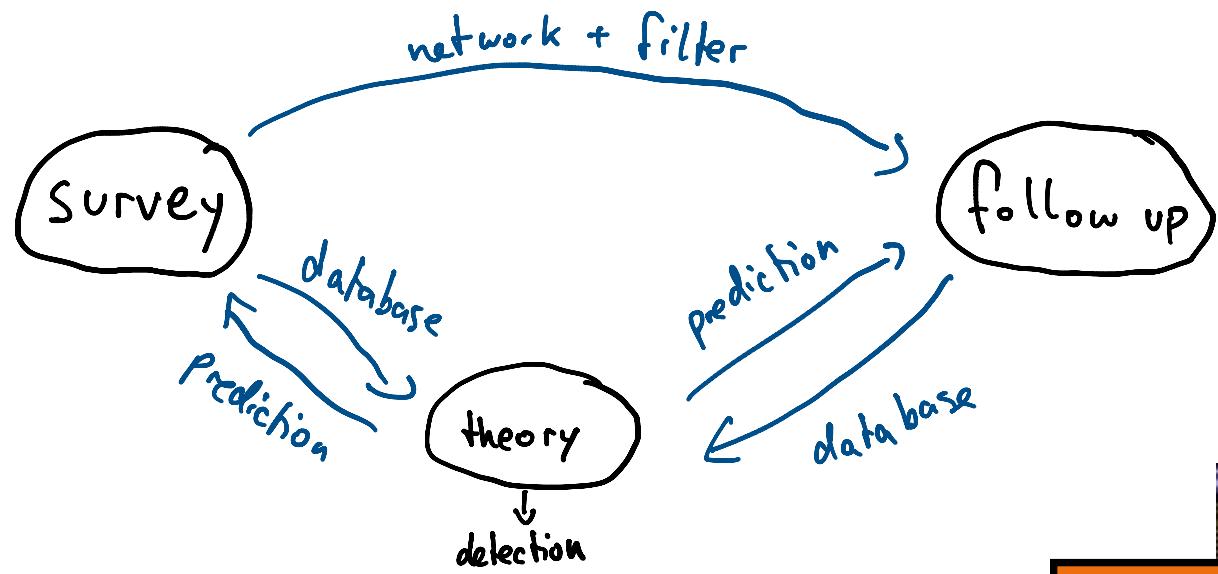
definition via observational signature:

non-periodically, temporally-limited excess of messenger

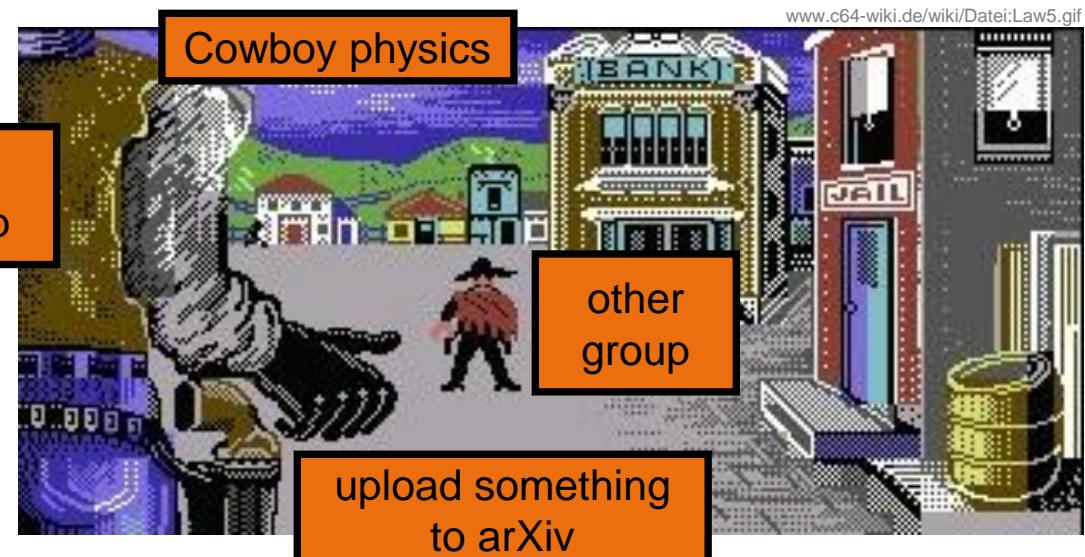
→ classification into categories depending on messenger, energy spectrum and temporal profile, e.g. :

- SN
- GRB
- TDE
- AGN flares
- FBOT
- FRBs
- Novae
- Kilonovae
- ...

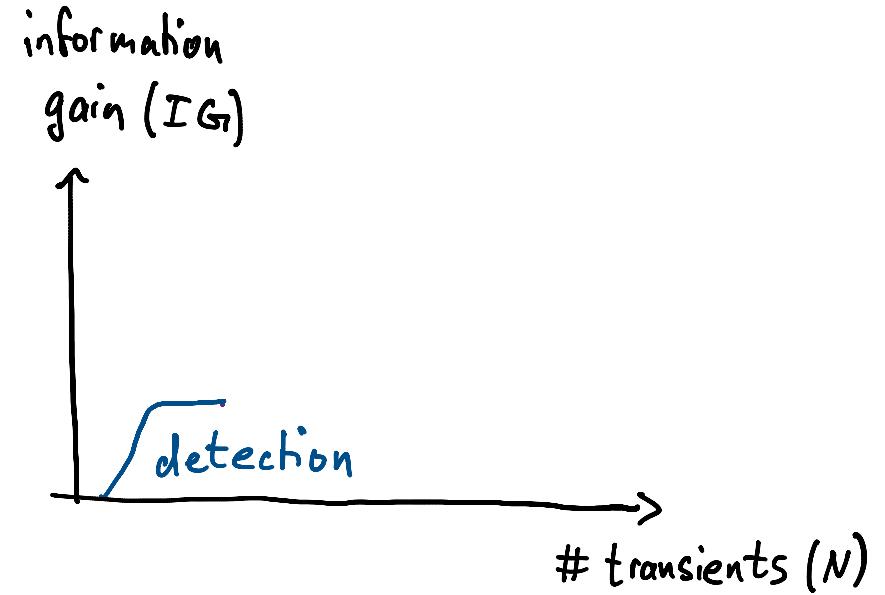
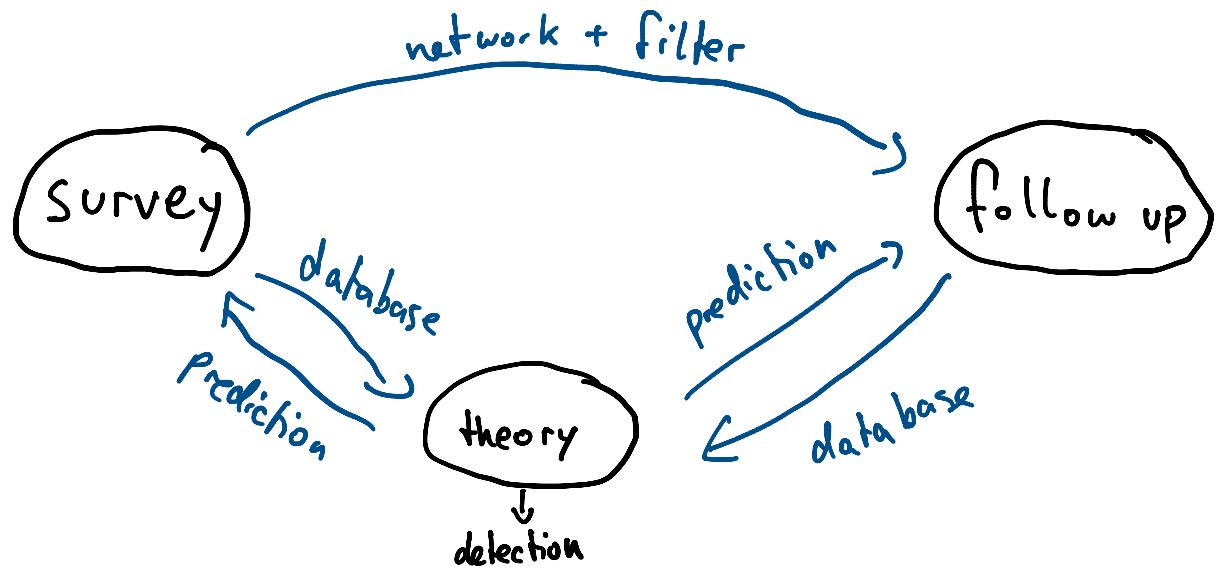
Transient Timescales



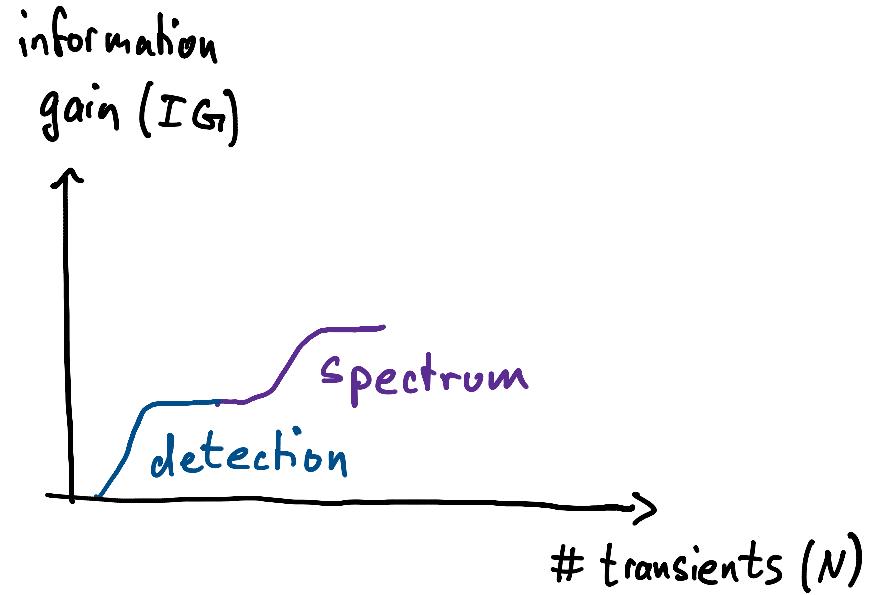
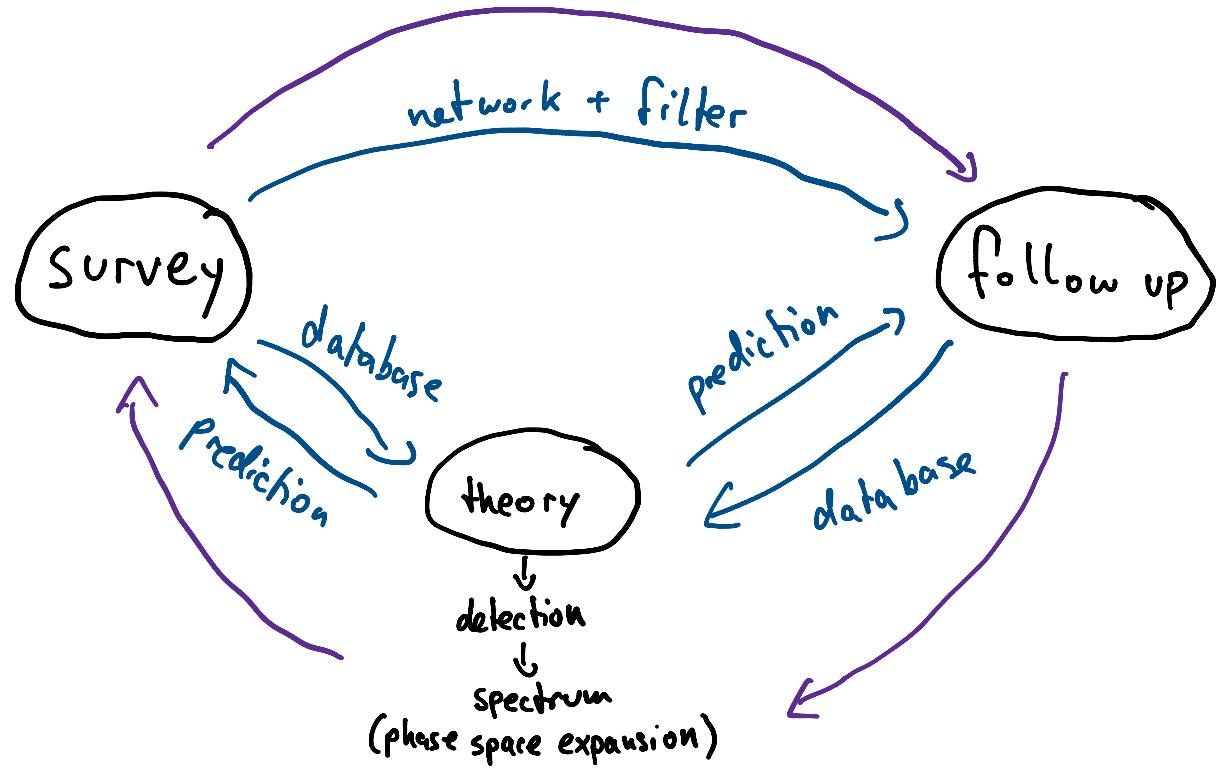
- very fast transients require very fast follow up
 - increasing time scales
- do we want to increase the other time scales in a similar manner?
 - transient duration vs. transient rate



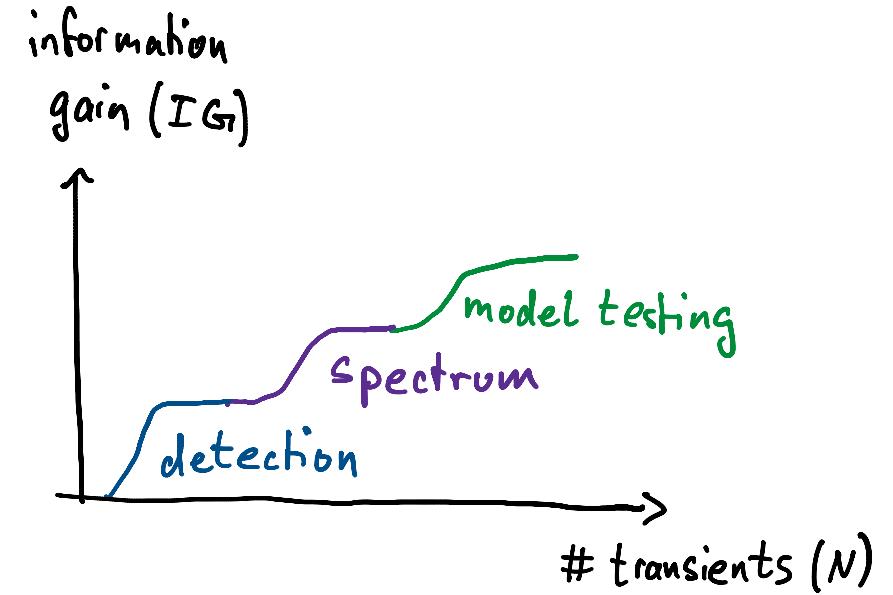
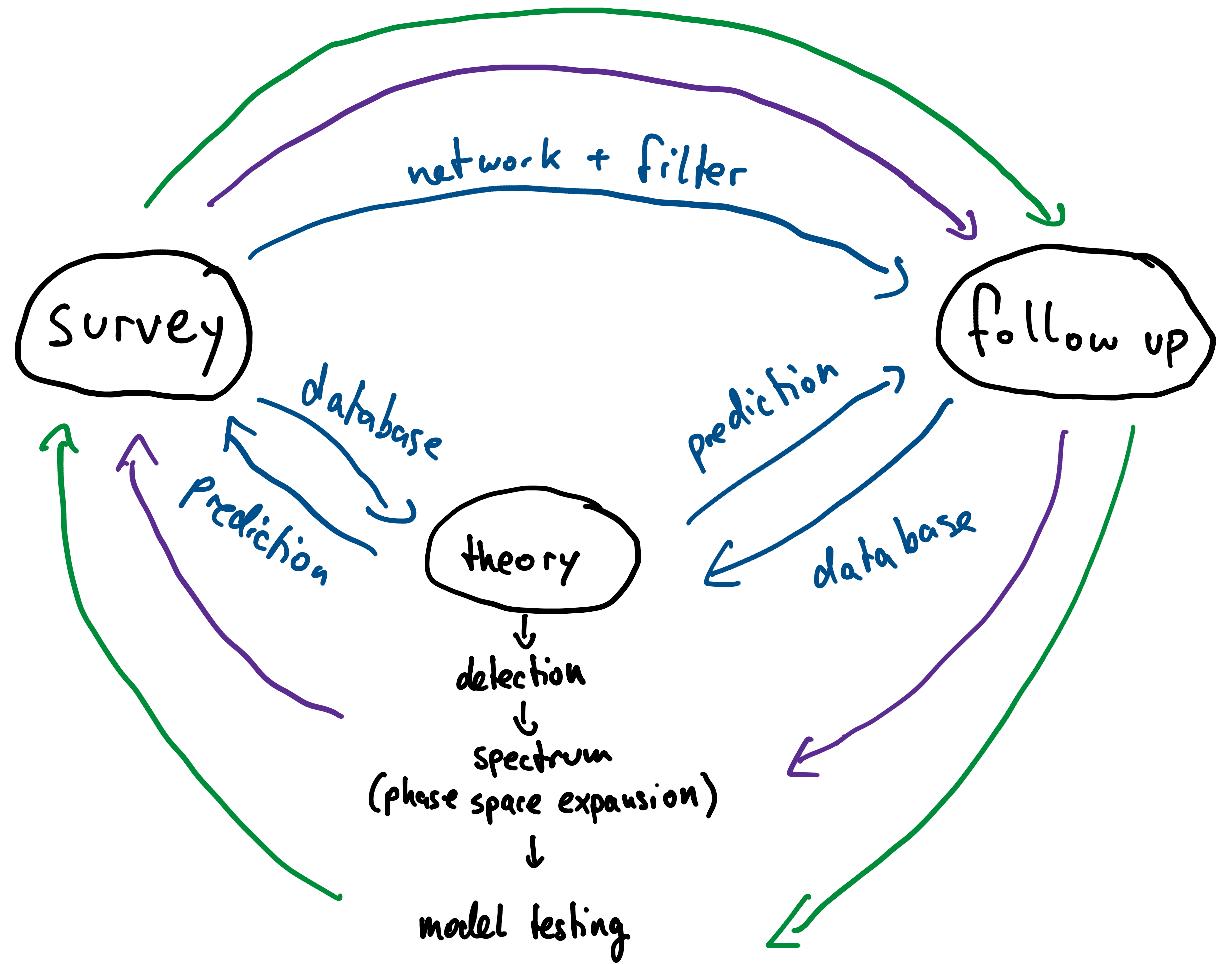
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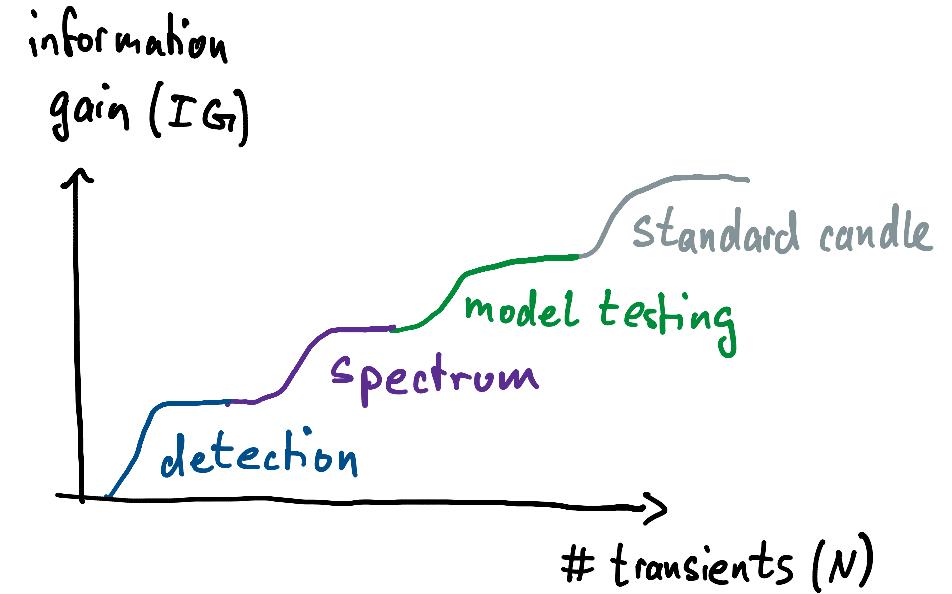
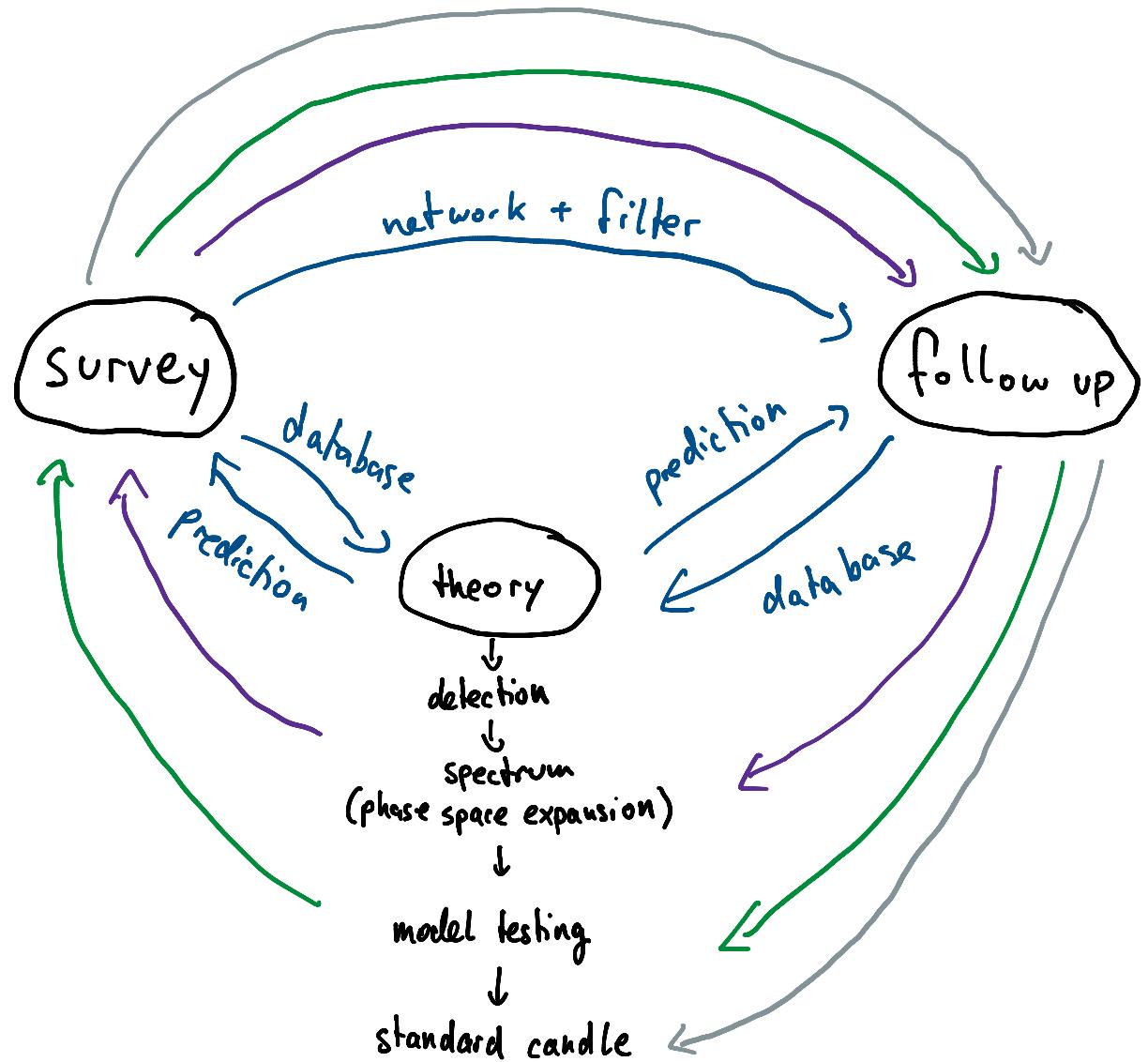
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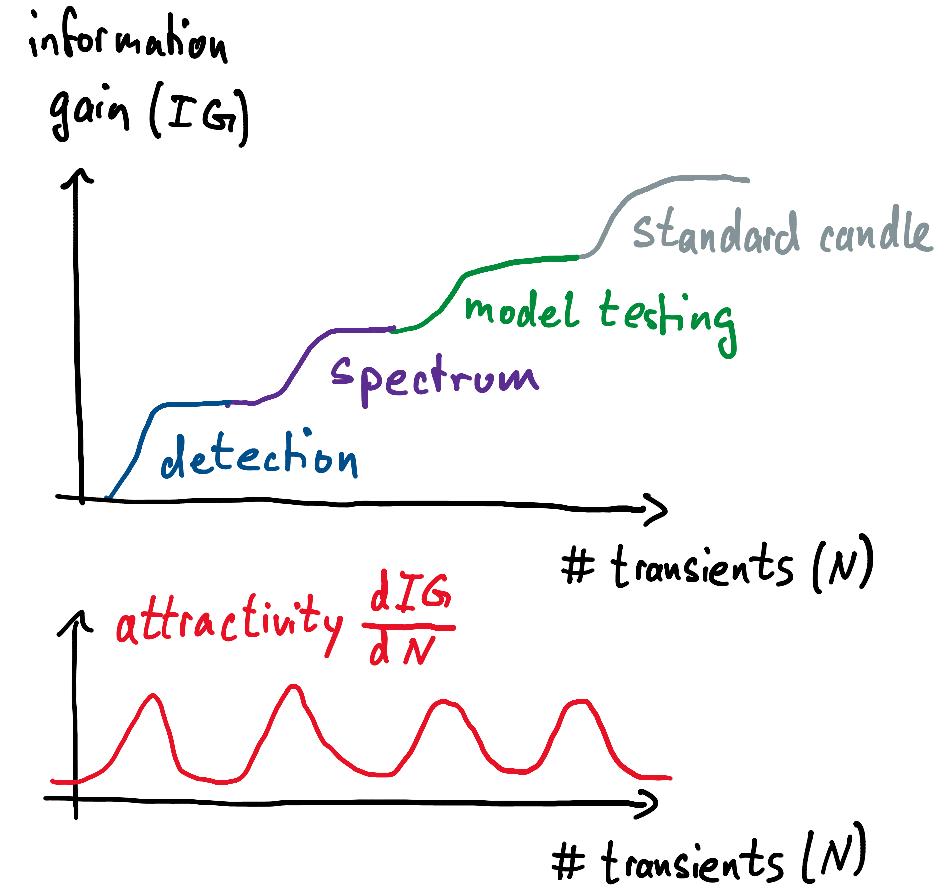
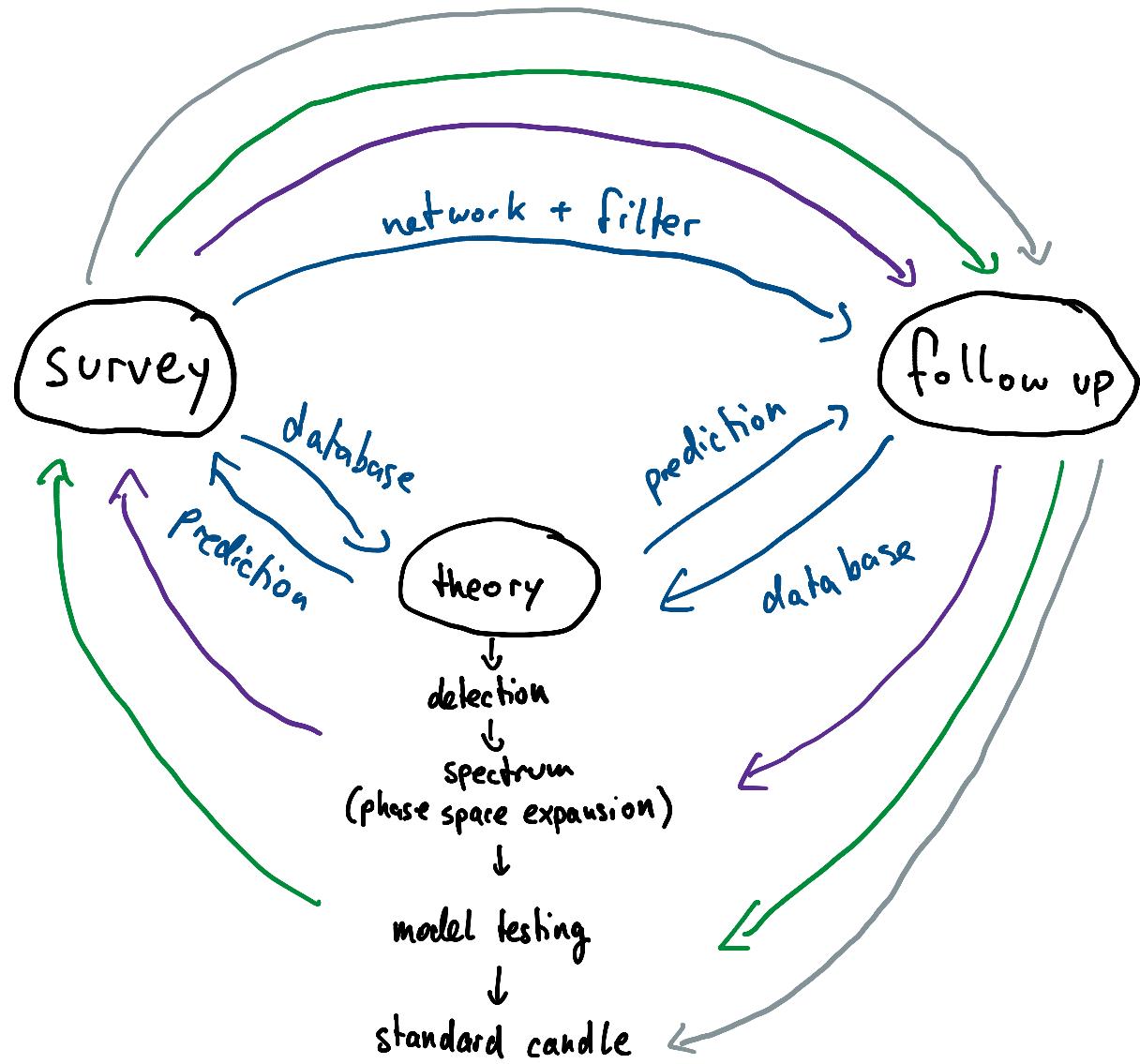
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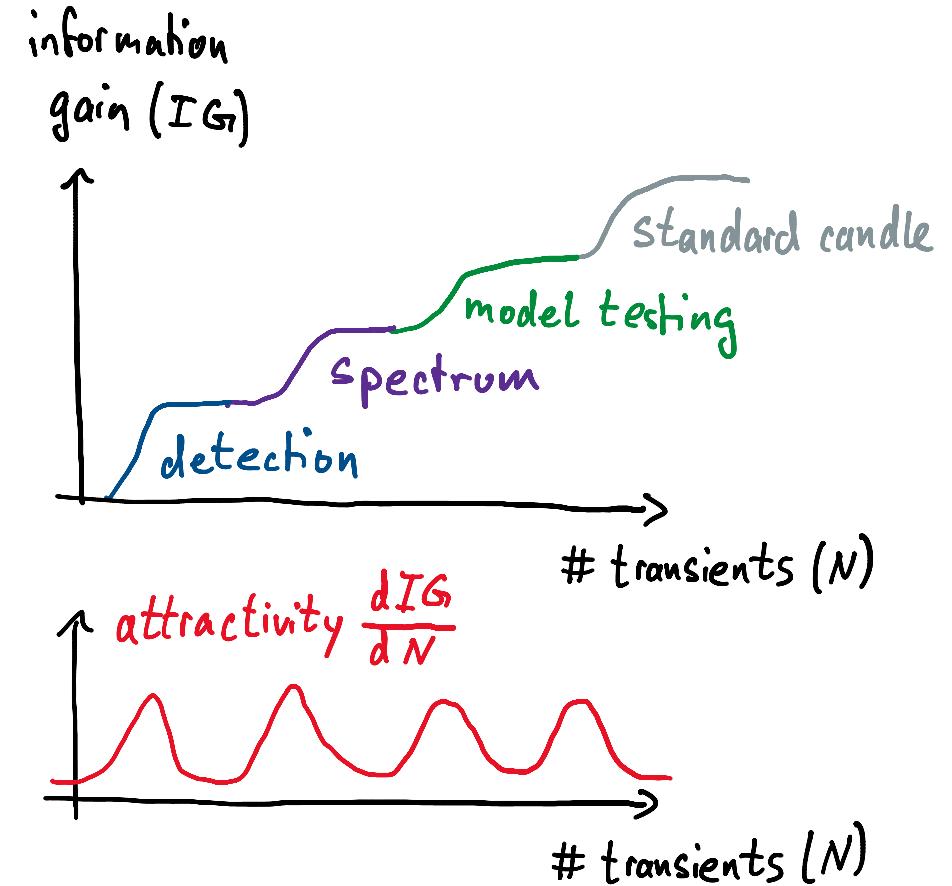
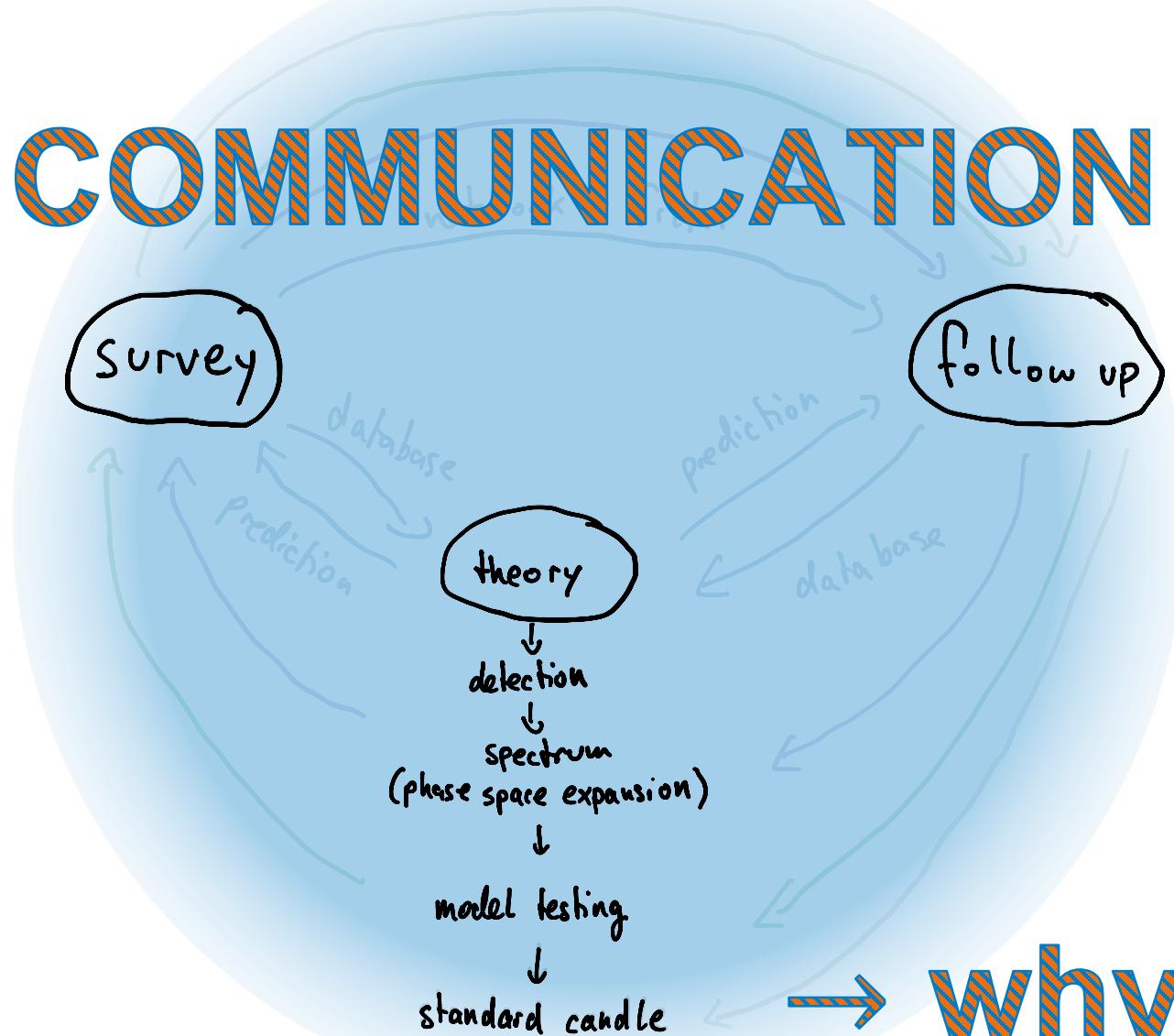
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What do we actually want to learn?

- we can always add information/messengers/people
→ what is the bigger goal?
 - find the origin of CRs ?
 - study the process of transferring energy into non-thermal particles and the feedback to the environment? (in different phase-space regions)
 - particle physics at highest energies
 - self-purpose?
 - connect the acceleration/interaction part with the propagation?
(spheres of inference - detector/propagation/source)
→ standard candle jump

TXS 0506 + 056

RS Ophiuchi

AT2018cow

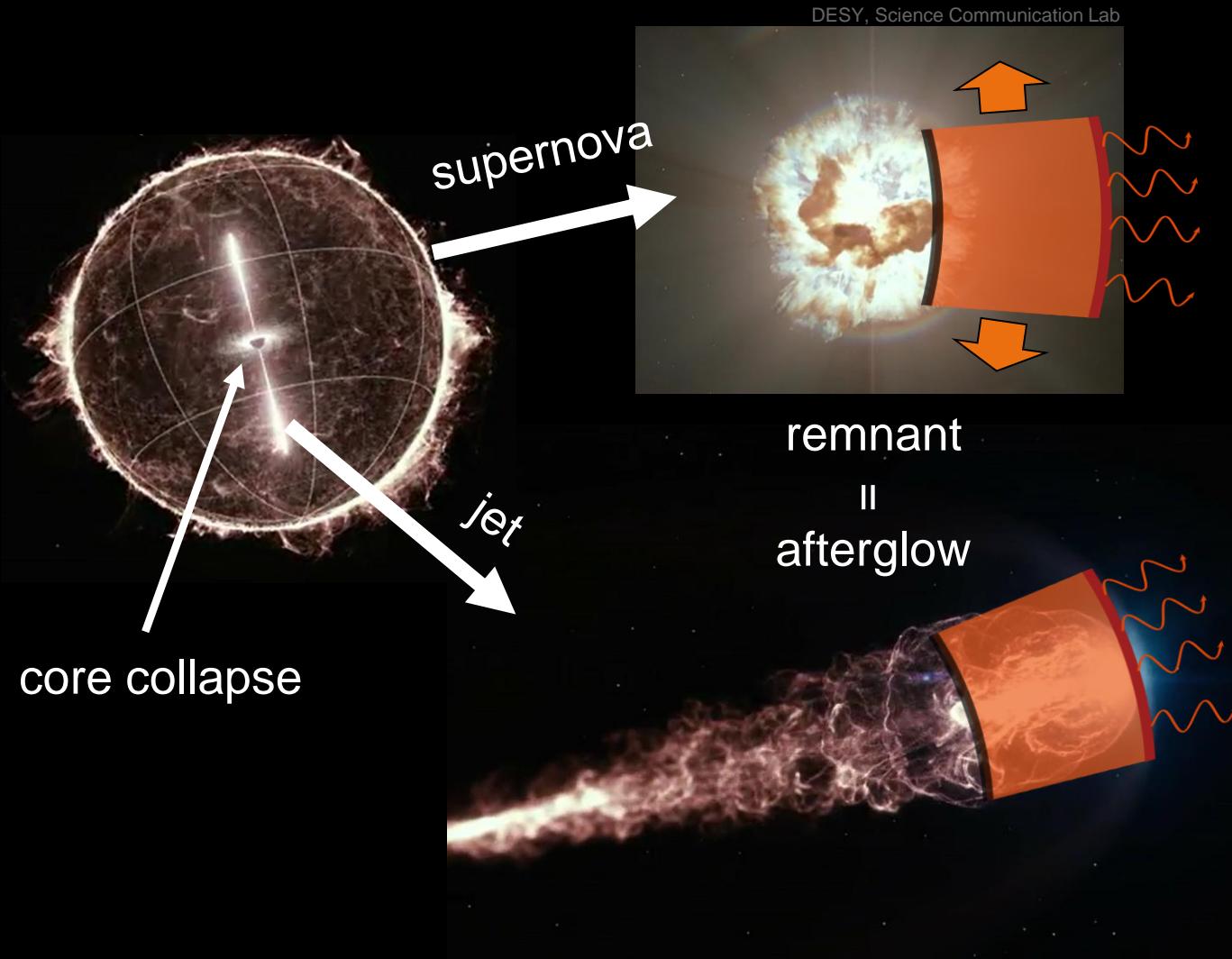
Transient spiral for different classes → where are we @ DESY

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Bran Stark

GRB190829A

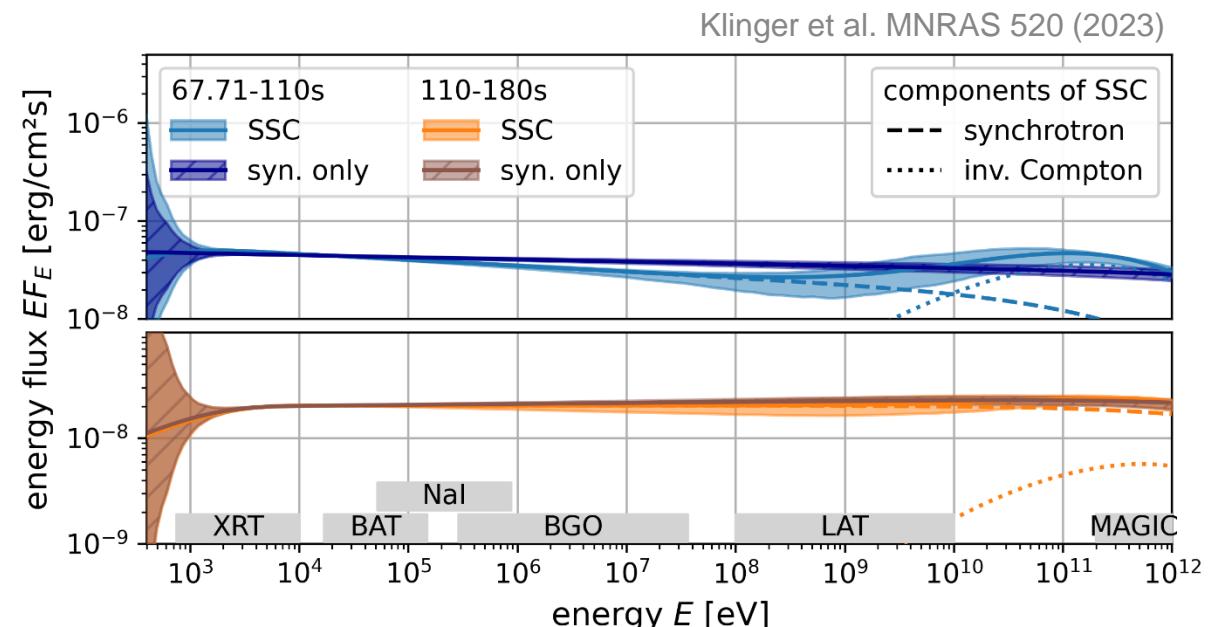
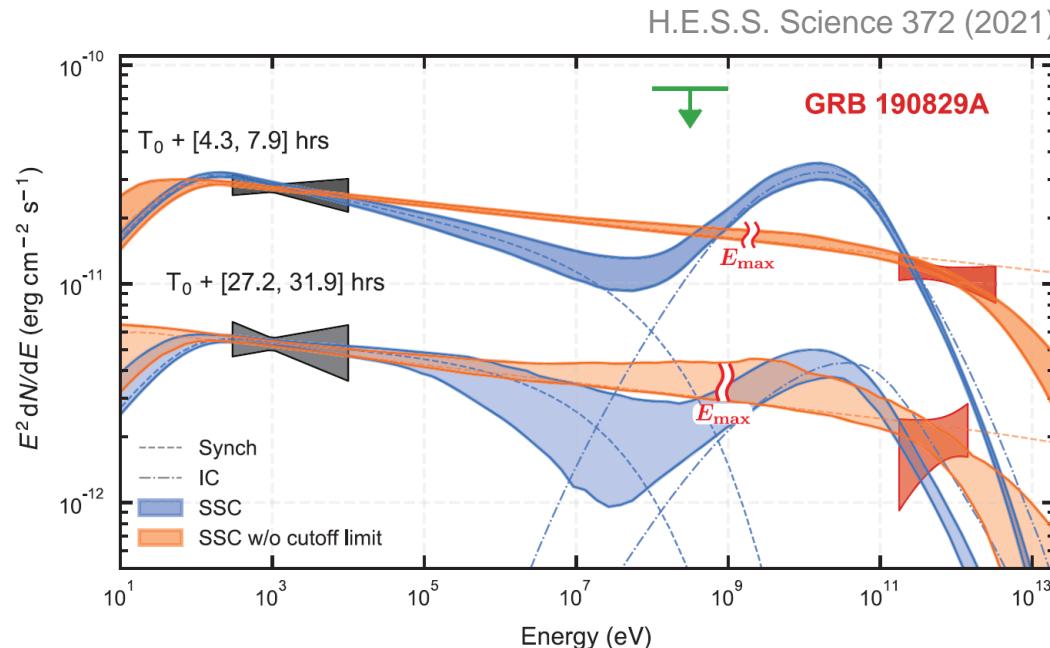
Deaths of massive stars: SN and long GRB



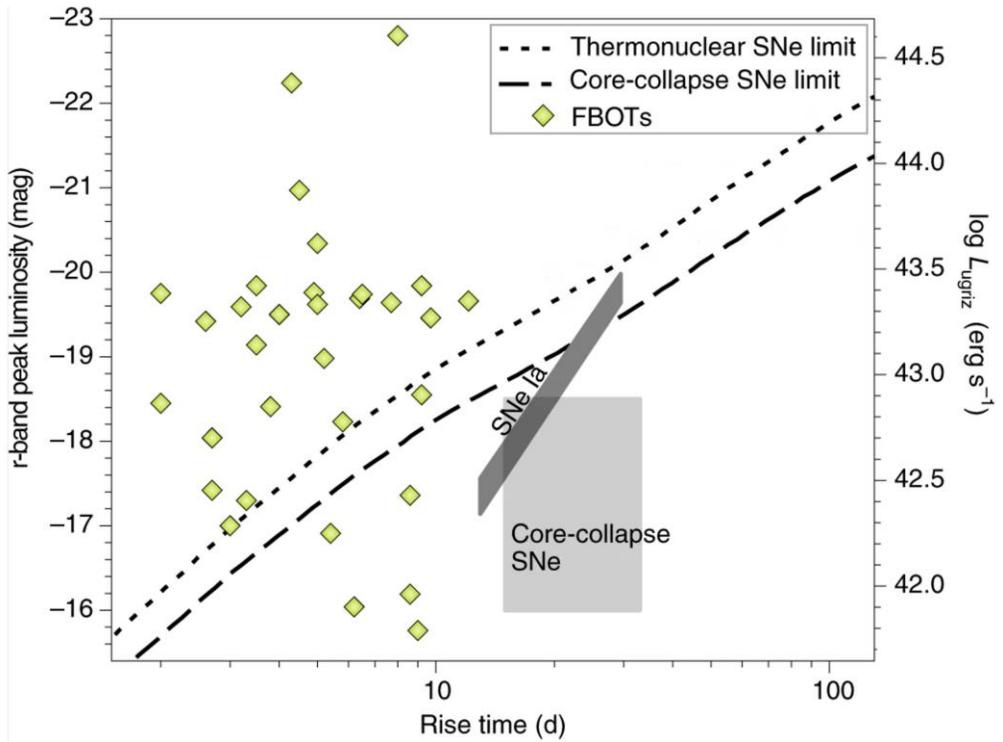
- core collapse of massive star can free gravitational energy of star
- dump fast (rel. & non-rel.) outflow into surrounding medium
 - up to $E_{\text{kin}} \approx 10^{51} \text{ erg}$
 - radial blast wave evolution at human time scales
 - we can see a shock at work
 - 2 communities, 2 languages

Long GRBs at VHE

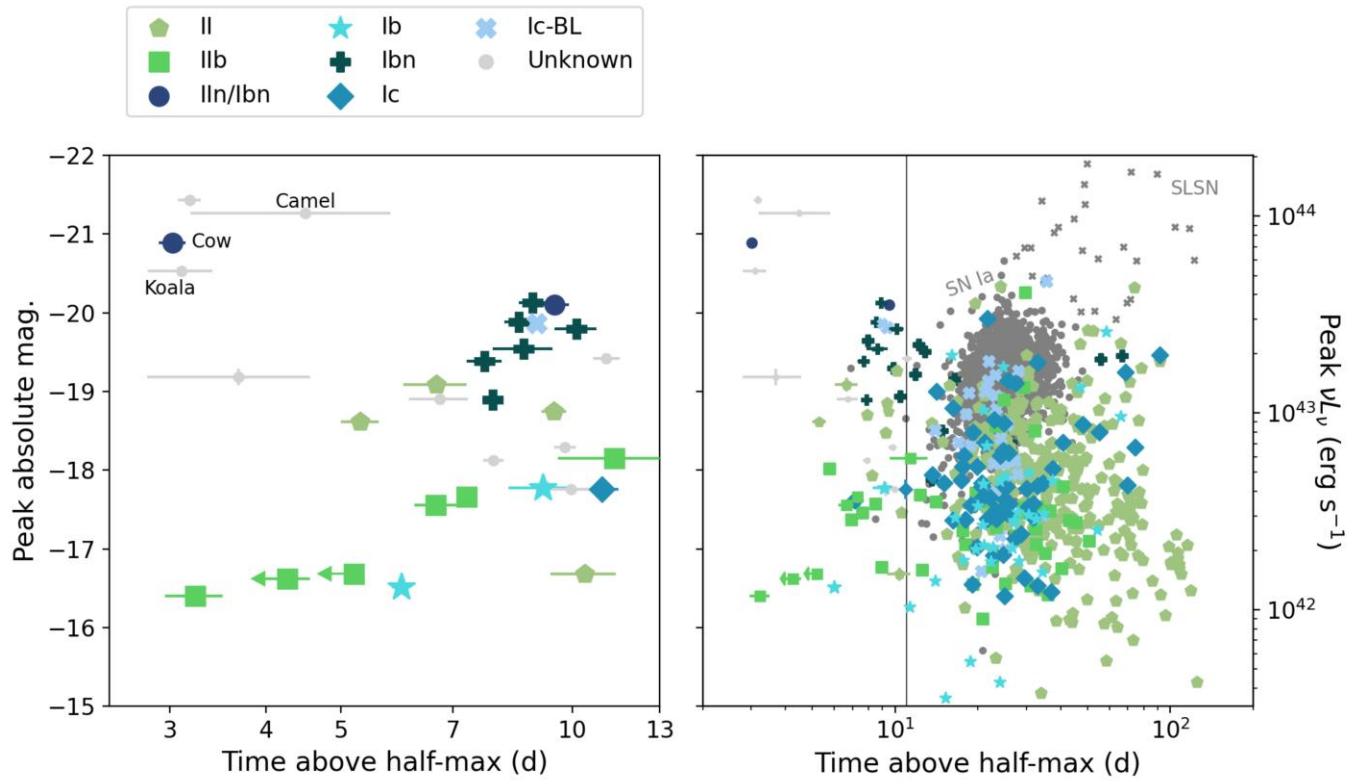
- Collapse of rotating star → jet (GRB180720B, GRB190114C, GRB190829A, GRB221009A)
- Where can we learn the most? → keV-TeV window, neutrino ULs for hadronic scenarios?
- From VHE detection (2018): lower limit on particle energy (→ particle acceleration)
- From VHE spectrum (2019, 2022): place limits on some physical processes
- From contemporaneous keV-TeV spectrum: actual physical mechanisms



Fast Blue Optical Transients (FBOTs)



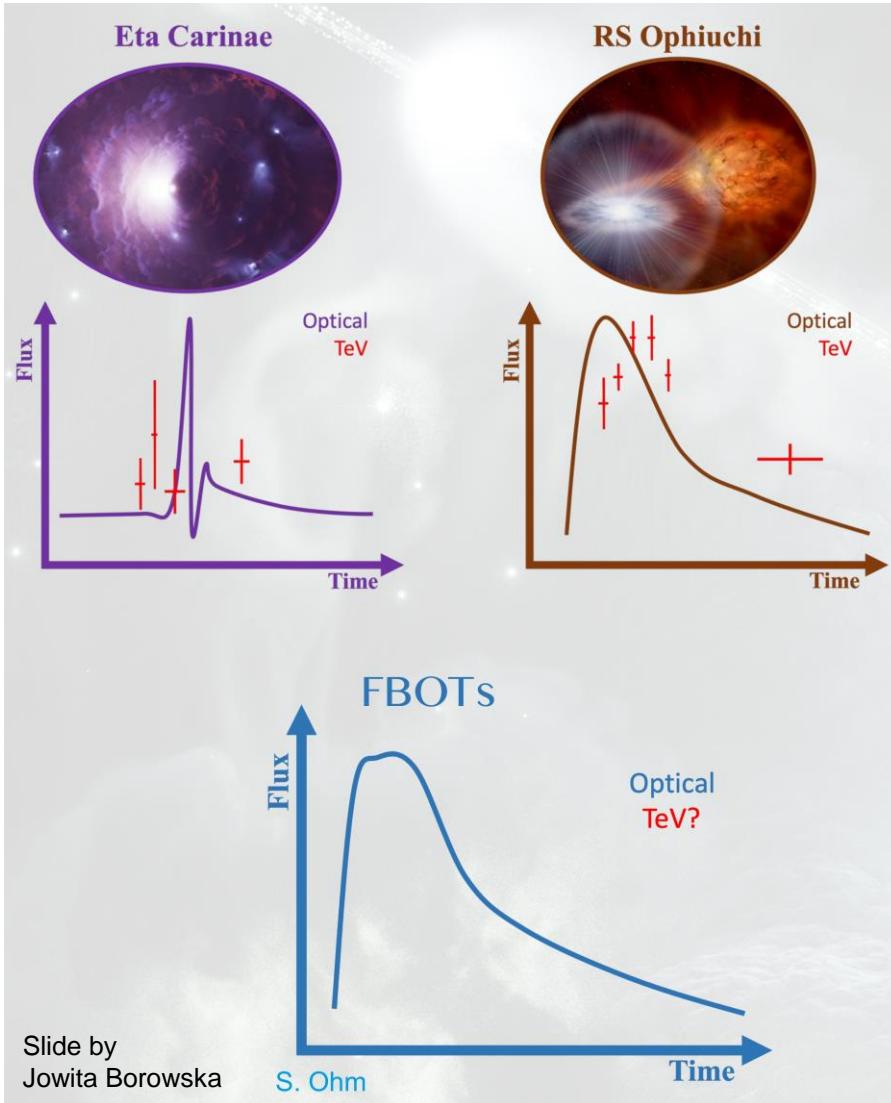
Inserra 2019



Ho et al. 2021

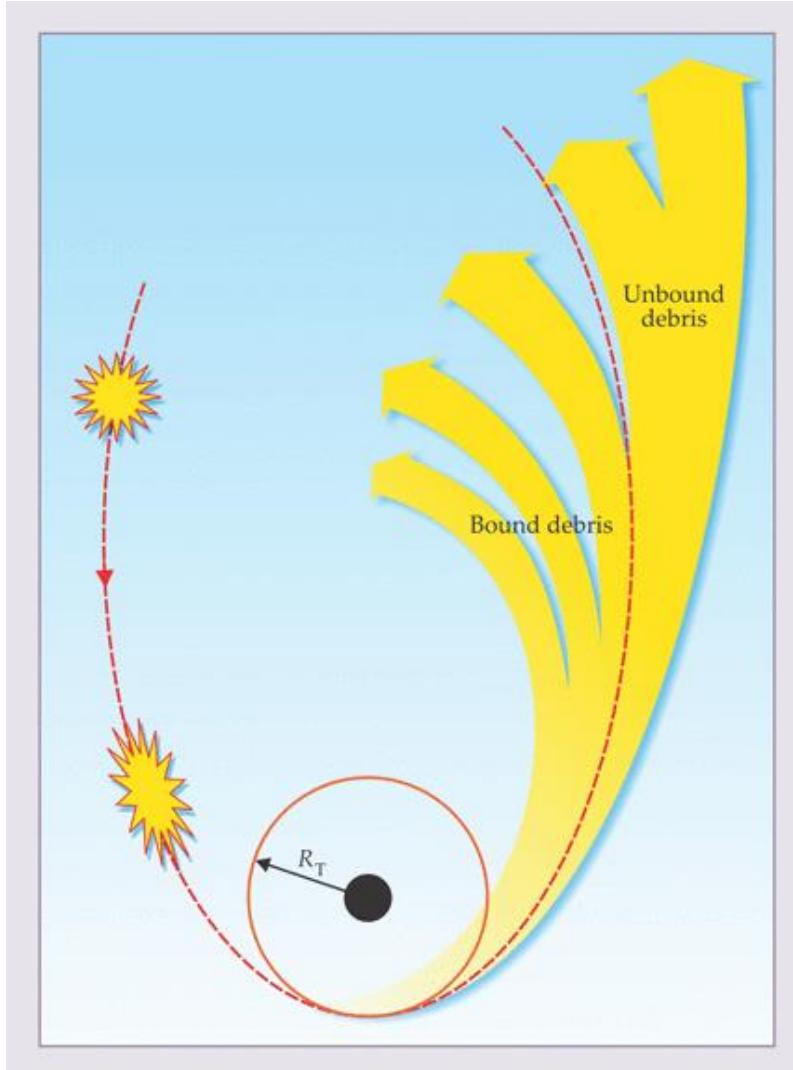
- Fast rising and falling, bright optical transients.
- Potentially exceptional interaction powered supernovae (type Ibn- and IIn-like).

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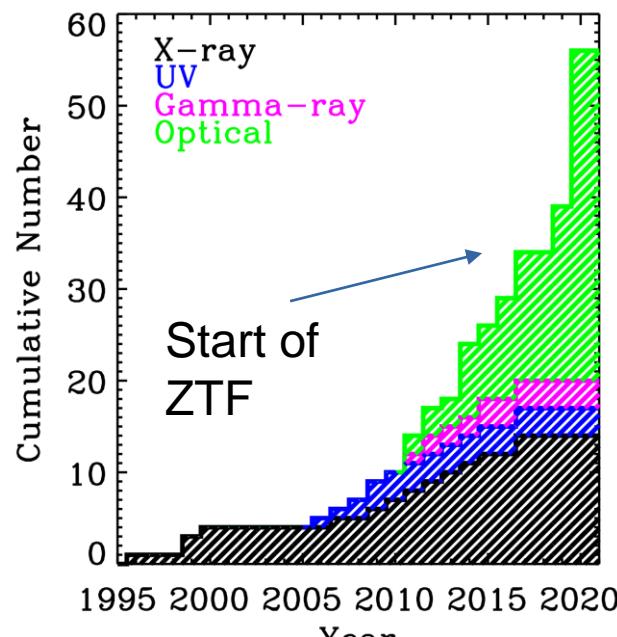


- Similar shock physics are seen in known hadronic time-variable sources such as Eta Carinae and RS Ophiuchi
- Follow-up interest in VHE gammas (@DESY H.E.S.S., Veritas), neutrinos?
 - Strategy simple; trigger as fast as you can.
- ToO alarm rate depends on optical surveys; (@DESY existing expertise with e.g. ZTF, AMPEL)
 - Current (ZTF) and future (LSST) large optical surveys are not optimal for FBOTs. Requires higher cadence surveys to catch the fast FBOT rise and fall.
- modeling: interest?

Tidal Disruption Events & non-thermal follow-up



Rees 1988



Gezari 2021

- Stellar object disrupted by tidal forces of a supermassive black hole
- Known hosts of particle acceleration (radio, X-rays, neutrinos)

- Maturing field in optical with increasing population → Model testing
 - Black hole spins, accretion physics, early universe black hole genesis

Tidal Disruption Events & non-thermal follow-up

- Non-thermal follow-up strategy is unclear (VHE gamma-ray perspective)
 - Non-thermal (jetted) TDEs are very rare.
 - ~5 jetted X-ray detections so far
 - 3 neutrino associations so far
 - Missing multi-wavelength data
 - No high cadence X-rays survey.
 - Radio results are not well disseminated.
 - Missing input from theory (this could be done in-house @DESY)
 - What are the best times to observe?
 - TDEs last for ~months, monitoring hard to justify for pointed instruments with seasonal observation programs
 - Can we base our trigger criteria on other wavelengths, e.g. IR ?

Questions to be addressed

- How to improve **communication**: more internal workshops?
Collaboration private data vs DESY family? Prejudices?
- What is the **bigger goal**? Ideal coordination for science goals AND international competitiveness? Inter-group projects with significant humanpower?
- strategy **transfer**: how can we advance one transient field from another? accumulate/outsource expertise DESY internal/external?
- Why **transients over persistent** sources? How to combine both best way?
- Which transient is **the best**?