Cosmological Distributions and Evolution of Gamma-ray Bursts and their relations to Star Formation Rate and Gravitational Waves



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## I. General Remarks

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#### Cosmology with Standard "Candles?"

Method For Measuring Cosmological Distance

$$d_m(z) = (c/H_0) \int_0^z dz' / \sqrt{\Omega(z')}$$

- 1. Standard Candle: Constant Luminosity  $d_m(z)(1+z) = [L/(4\pi f)]^{1/2}$
- 2. Standard Yardstick: Constant Diameter  $d_m(z)/(1+z) = D/\theta$
- 3. OR: Find a tight relation between a

distance dependent and a distance independent parameter

- Well known examples:
  - A. Cepheids: Luminosity-Period relation
  - B. Type Ia Supernovae: *Peak luminosity-Light profile width*

## **GRB Correlations as SC?**

Examples of Correlations After Few Redshifts

- 1. Variability-Luminosity (Reichart et al. 2001)
- 2. Lag-Luminosity

(Norris, Maeani & Bonnell 2000)

3.  $E_{\text{peak}} - \varepsilon_{\text{iso}}$  or  $E_{\text{peak}} - \varepsilon_{\gamma}$  (Amati; Ghirlanda et al.)



# 4. And Several Variations on These

(see Schaeffer et al.)

#### SOME RELEVANT EQUATIONS

1. "Luminosity Function" and Correlation

$$\begin{split} \psi(\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{iso}},E_p) &= \phi(\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{iso}}[E_p])\zeta(E_p)\\ \phi(\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{iso}}) \propto \delta[(\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{iso}}-\mathcal{E}_0f(E_p/E_0)], \quad \text{e.g.} \ f(x) = x^\eta \end{split}$$

#### 2. COSMOLOGY

$$\mathcal{E}_{iso} = 4\pi d_m^2 (1+z) F_{tot}, \text{ Define } F_0 = 4\pi (c/H_0)^2 F_{tot}$$
$$d_m = (c/H_0) \int_0^z dz / \sqrt{\Omega(z)}, \text{ with } \Omega = \rho/\rho_0$$

$$\int_0^z dz' / \sqrt{\Omega(z')} = \left(\frac{f[E_p^{obs}(1+z)/E_0]}{(1+z)F_{tot}/F_0}\right)^{1/2}$$

#### POSSIBLE EVOLUTIONS



Figure 1: Scheamatic shape (left), spectral (right, red) and energy (right, black) Evolutions.

$$\left(\int_0^z \frac{dz'}{\sqrt{\Omega(z')}}\right)^2 = f\left(\frac{E_p^{obs}(1+z)}{E_0 h(z)}\right) \frac{F_0 g(z)}{(1+z)F_{tot}}$$

## Problems With These Correlations in particular with $E_{peak} - \varepsilon_{iso}$ or $E_{peak} - \varepsilon_{\gamma}$



Pseudo-Redshifts (Ghirlanda et al)

Li et al.

#### **Cosmology with Discrete Sources**

#### **Determination of Global Cosmological Parameters**

1. Type Ia Supernovae: *Standard Candle and well understood BUT Low z* 

2. Galaxies and Quasars (AGNs): *High z but broad distributions* 

Galaxies least understood astrophysical sources

3. Gamma-Ray Bursts: *High z and not well understood* 

Question: *SN-like or Galaxy-like?* 

#### **Cosmology with Discrete Sources**

#### First Step

Determination of the Luminosity Function  $\Psi(L,z)$ 

Without loss of generality we can write  $\Psi(L,z) = \rho(z) \psi(L/g(z))/g(z)$ 

 $\frac{\rho(z)}{g(z)}$  Is the (co-moving) Density Evolution  $\frac{g(z)}{g(z)}$  Is the Luminosity Evolution

# II. The Luminosity Function and its Evolution

#### The required data: Bivariate L-z distribution



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#### **Bi-variate Luminosity-redshift Distribution**



## III. Procedures

# Forward Fitting

#### US

# Non-parametric EPL Methods

Efron and Petrosian ApJ 1992 Lynden-Bell 1973

## **Procedures: 1. Forward Fitting**

The common practice is to assume forms for the GRB

"Luminosity" Function  $\Psi(L,z) = \rho(z)\psi(L/g(z))/g(z)$ 

Luminosity Evolution  $(z)^k$ 

 $\rho(z)$ 

Density Evolution

$$L(z) = L_o g(z); \quad g(z) = (1 + 1)$$

Energy Spectrum *Power-low, Broken Power-law, etc* 

Difficulty: Involves many functions each with several parameters **Uniqueness**??

#### Procedures: 2. Non-parametric

Some past non-parametric methods

Schmidt (1968) V/Vmax or Lynden-Bell (1973) C- methods

These however assume that Luminosity and Redshift are

Uncorrelated or are Independent variables

### Procedures: 2. Non-parametric

More recently (Efron and VP, 1992, 1999) have developed a method that first determines the L-zcorrelation; i.e. g(z)Then remove this correlation by defining  $L_o = L/g(z)$ Which is now independent of redshift and allows Determination of all distributions non-parametrically and directly from the data with very few assumptions or prescribed functional forms

## 1. Test of Independence

Spearman Rank Order Test: Distribution of Ranks  $R_j$ 

#### Kendall's tau Statistic



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### Given uncorrelated or independent variables Can account for truncation



#### 2. The Bivariate Distributions

Based on the associated sets



### The single variable distributions

The method gives the cumulative L and z distributions

Non-parametrically and with no binning

$$\Phi(L_i) = \int_{L_i}^{\infty} \Psi(L) dL = \Pi_1^i (1 + 1/N_j)$$

$$\sigma(z_i) = \int_0^{z_i} \rho(z) (dV/dz) dz = \Pi_1^i (1 + 1/M_j)$$

From these we get the sought differential distributions

 $\Psi(L) \hspace{0.2cm} ext{and} \hspace{0.2cm} 
ho(z)$ 

# IV. Application to Swift Long Gamma-ray

## Bursts

#### Density (rate) Evolution vs Star Formation Rate

**Caveats:** Selection Effects and Truncations

1. Gamma-ray trigger

Peak count or flux threshold

2. Localization

X-ray flux threshold

3. Optical follow-up and *Redshift* 

Optical Magnitude etc

## 2. Bias Due to X-ray Observations

- Strong Correlation between
- Gamma and X-rays
- Same for GRBs with
- or without redshift.
- Thus, Small bias if any (data from Nysewander et al. 2009)



### 3. Optical and Redshift Bias

There is no good criteria for redshift bias.

The optical flux can be used as indicator but there is

no well defined limit.

Opt.-X-ray fluxes correlated

So use X-ray threshold

to correct for this bias

(data from Nysewander et al. 2009)



#### 1. Test of independence *Luminosity evolution*



## **Cumulative Distributions**

#### **Luminosity Function**

#### **Rate Density Evolution**



#### **GRB and Star Formation Rates**



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**Figure 8.** Comparison between GRB formation rate  $\rho(z)$  (blue) and the observed SFR. The SFR data are taken from Hopkins & Beacon (2006), which are shown as red dots. The SFR data from Bouwens et al. (2011) (stars) and Wang (2013) (open circles) are also used. All error bars are  $1_{\sigma}$  errors.



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#### **GRB and Star Formation Rates**



## SUMMARY on Long GRBs

1. In order to use GRBs as Cosmological Tools we need a better understanding of the *distribution and evolution* of their characteristics.

2. We have emphasized the advantages of *non-parametric approach* and demonstrated how to determine luminosity and rate density evolutions.

GRB Formation Rate very different than the Star Formation Rate.

3. Further studies can improve our understanding of the phenomenon which will help in using them as tools to explore

The high redshift universe.

4. In the long run, GRBs may prove to be useful for

GLOBAL cosmological studies.

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#### **SGRB and Star Formation Rates**



#### **Comparison: Short and Long GRBs**

#### Redshift distribution



## SUMMARY: Short GRBs

- 1. Small samples that can be considered "complete"
- 2. Preliminary results show
  - a. Similar luminosity evolution as Long GRBs
  - b. Luminosity function steeper at low luminosities
  - c. Rate evolution similar to the low redshift part of the LGRBs: Perhaps delayed SFR
- 3. The high rates of both at low redshift will have important consequence for gravitational wave rate.

## Backups

# Further Testing of the Results Assume GRB rate=SFR



#### Further Testing of the Results Log N-Log S Test



## **GRBs: As Cosmological Probes**

GRBs Can be useful probes for study of the early universe such as Reionization, Star Formation Rate, Metalicity Evolution

#### However

For this we need to determine the evolution of their characteristics (e.g. Formation Rate, Luminosity, ....) This requires a large sample with **redshifts** and well defined observational selection criteria and data truncation