



**Fermi**  
Gamma-ray Space Telescope



# High-Energy Emission from a Magnetar Giant Flare in the Sculptor Galaxy

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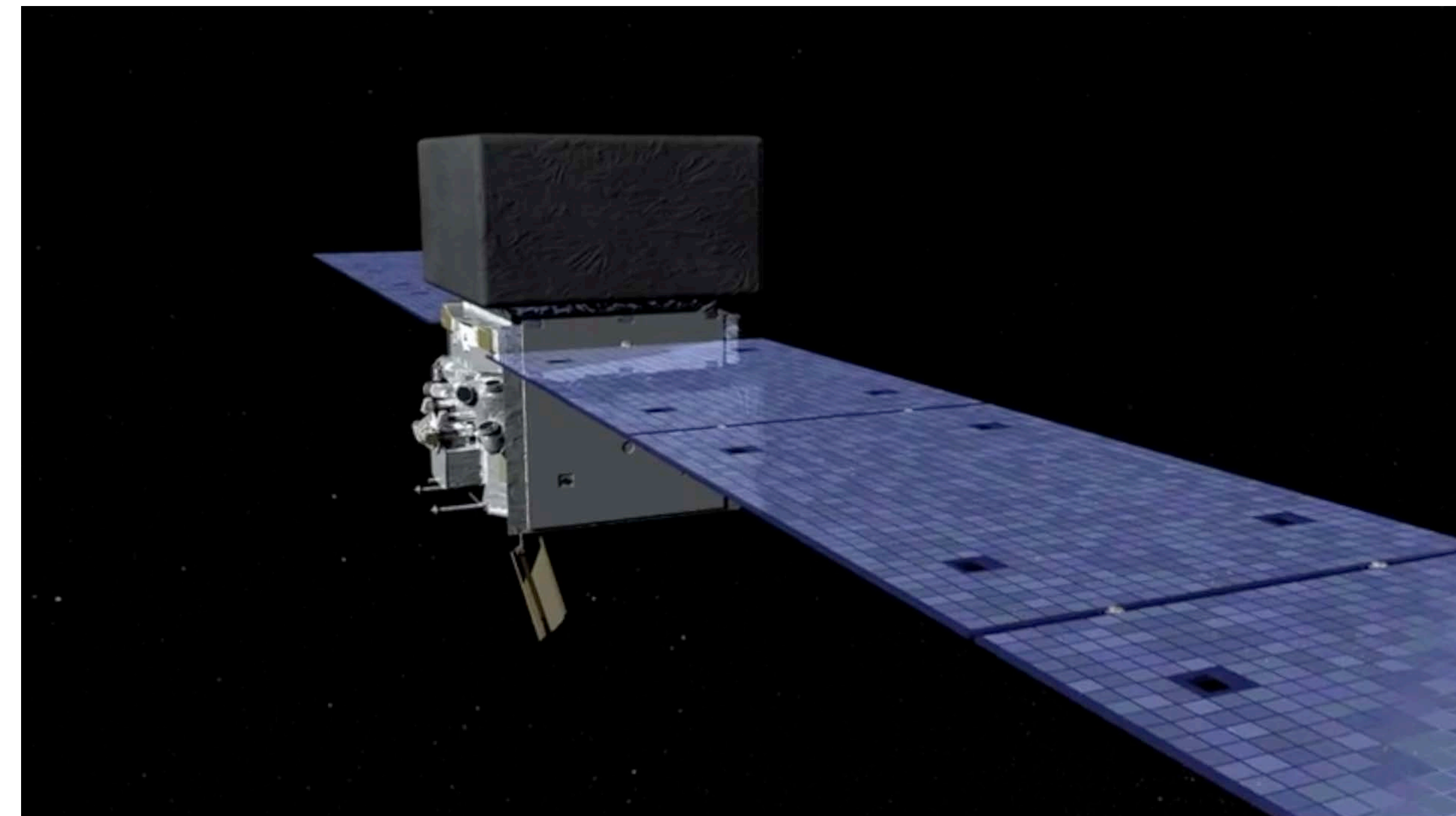
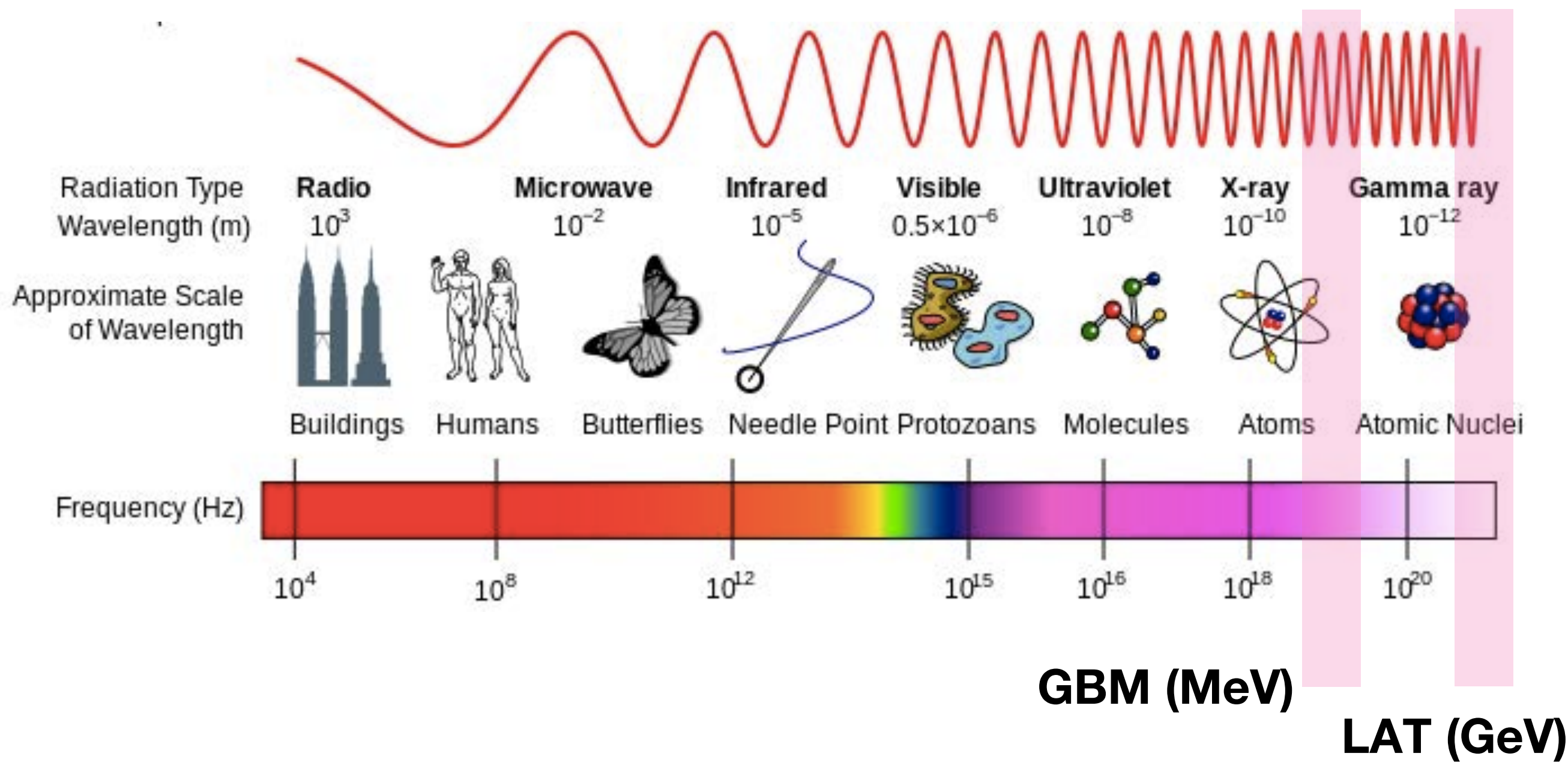
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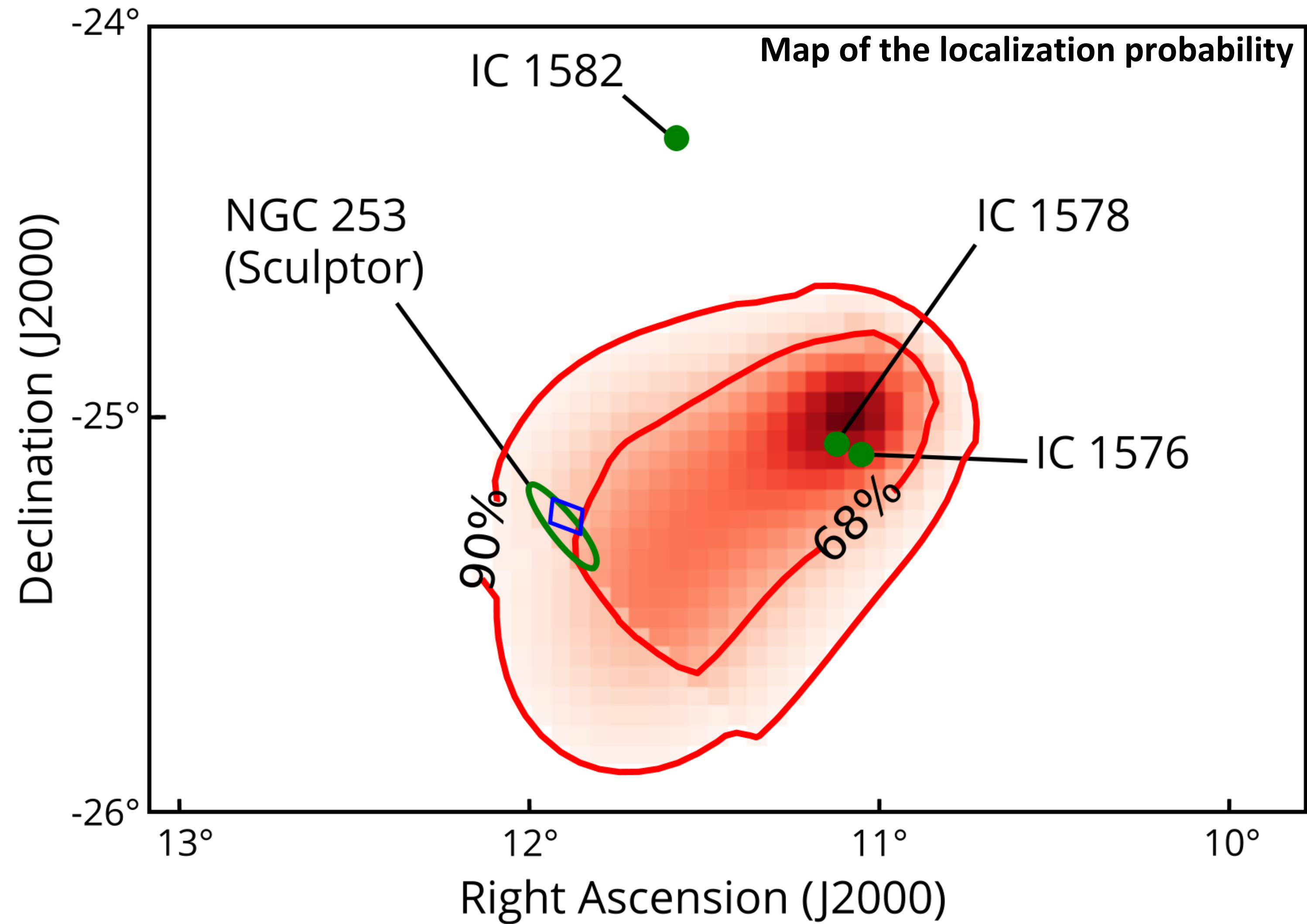
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- For the first time, we've detected GeV gamma rays from a magnetar!



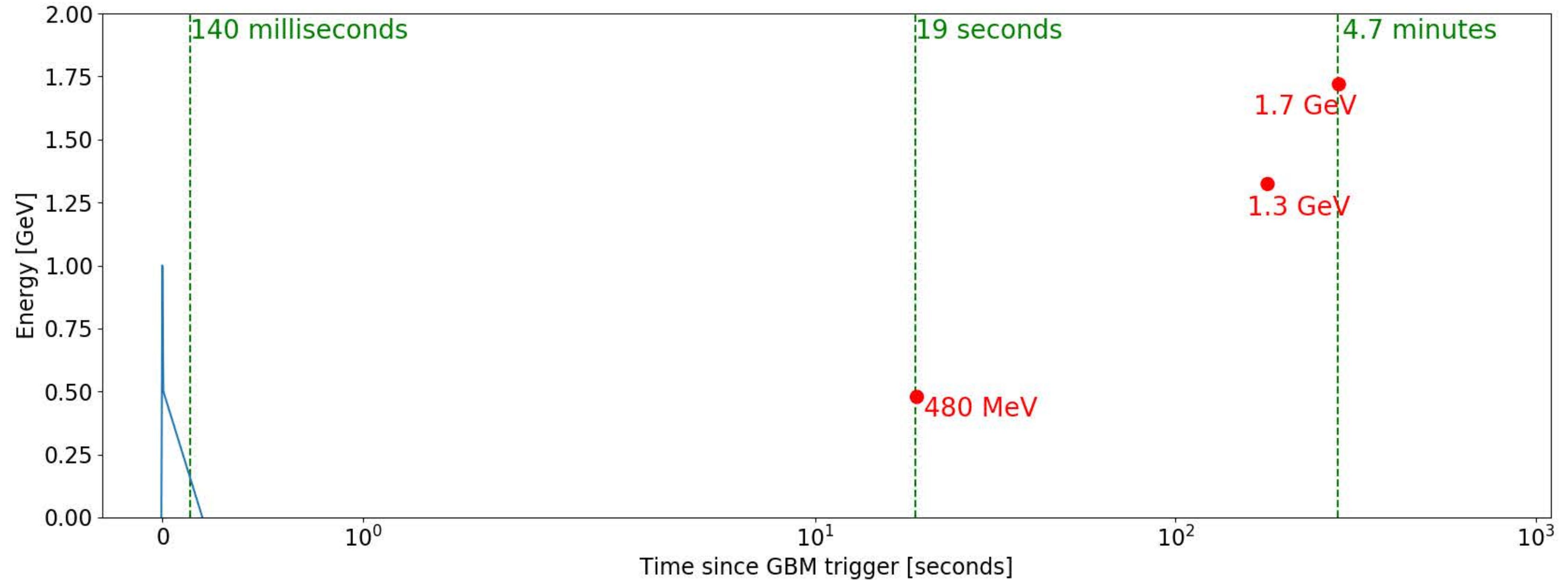
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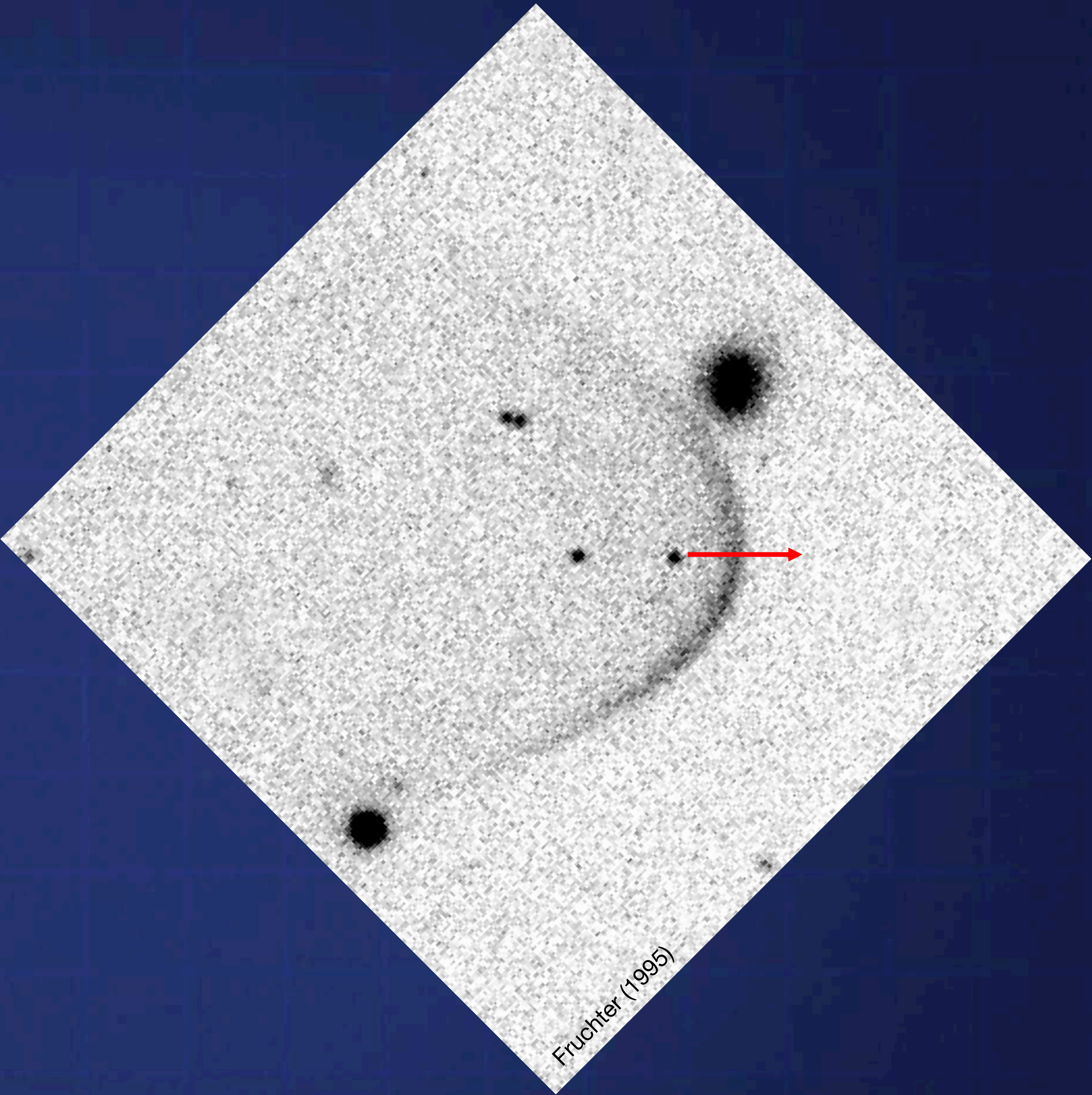
- Was the LAT signal a short GRB far behind Sculptor?
  - Expect 1 event every 200 years at least.
- Chance of such an event coinciding in time with the GBM signal:
  - 1 event in at least 6 million years.



# A peculiar Short Gamma Ray Burst







Fruchter (1995)

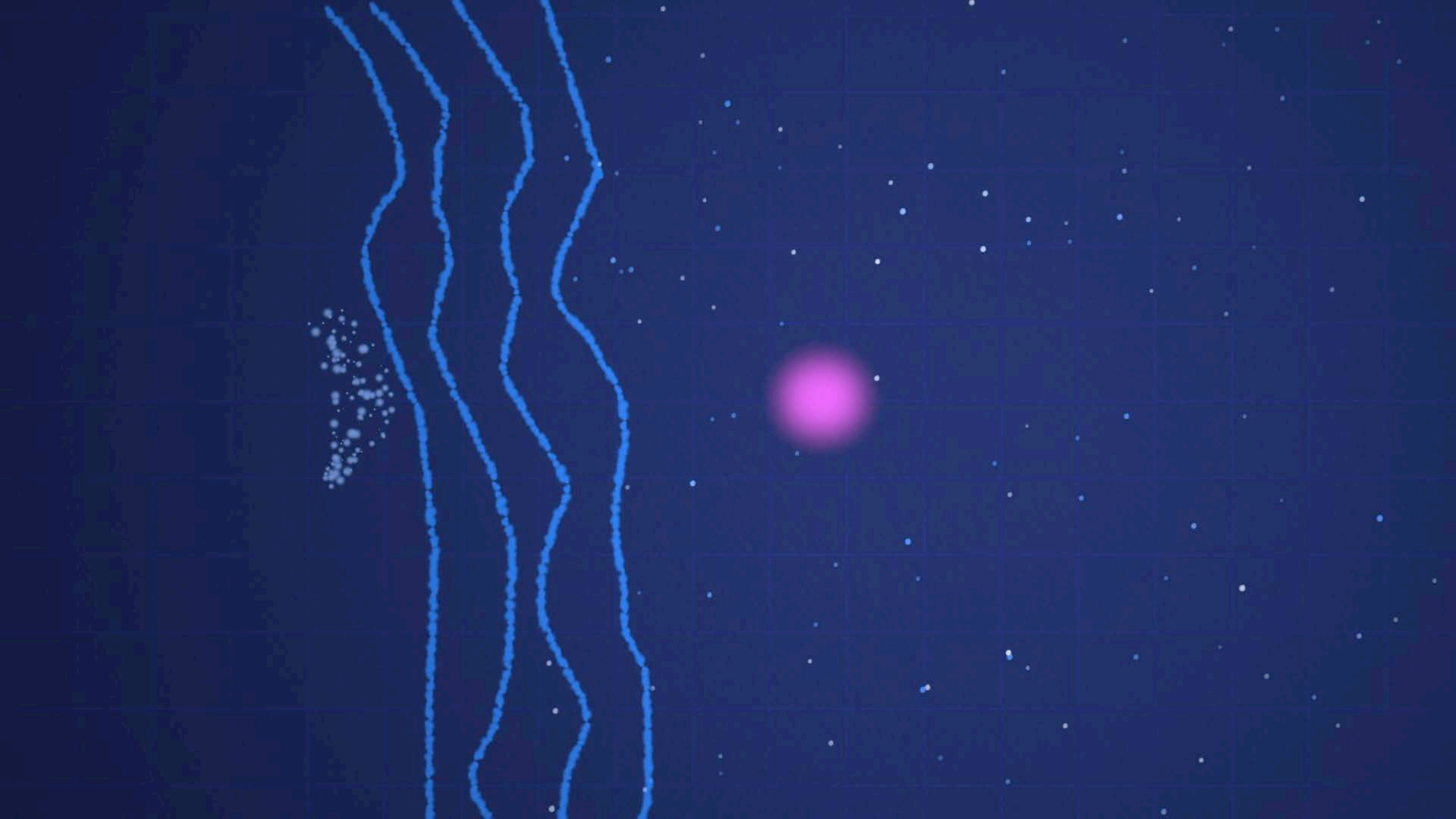


\*2.2 million mph













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