Short GRBs in high-z clusters?

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Long Bursts

- All(?) from massive star collapses
- Star forming host galaxies
- Extremely luminous
- Trace star formation
- Obvious high-z probes.

Short Bursts

- Origin still largely unknown.
- Range of host galaxies
 including ellipticals
- Trace star formation convolved with delay distribution (ala SN la's)
- Apparently less luminous
- Are they useful as probes?
 - Gravitational Waves
 - Clusters





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Gehrels et al. 2005; Bloom et al. 2006

More clusters?





Levan et al. 2008

Berger et al. 2007

Perhaps ~10-20% of SGRBs appear in clusters (but uncertain)



But not very high-z.....





Can we find high-z short bursts?



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Levan et al. 2006; de Ugarte Postigo 2006

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Piranamonte et al. 2008







Berger et al. 2007

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Summary

- Some short GRBs apparently originate from massive, relatively local clusters
- Short GRBs can originate at much higher redshift
- Short GRBs at higher-z might be a useful technique for the location of more distant overdensities (z>1.5).

