



# Gamma Ray Burst origin and their afterglow: story of a discovery and more

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In this paper we review the story of the BeppoSAX discovery of the Gamma Ray Burst afterglow and their cosmological distance, starting from their first detection with Vela satellites and from the efforts done before BeppoSAX. We also discuss the consequences of the BeppoSAX discovery, the issues left open by BeppoSAX, the progress done up to now and its perspectives.

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