CGRO/BATSE DATA SUPPORT THE NEW PARADIGM FOR GRB PROMPT EMISSION AND THE NEW L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ RELATION

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ABSTRACT

The paradigm for gamma-ray burst (GRB) prompt emission is changing. Since early in the *Compton Gamma Ray Observatory* (*CGRO*) era, the empirical Band function has been considered a good description of the keV–MeV γ-ray prompt emission spectra despite the fact that its shape was very often inconsistent with the theoretical predictions, especially those expected in pure synchrotron emission scenarios. We have recently established a new observational model analyzing data of the NASA *Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope*. In this model, GRB prompt emission would be a combination of three main emission components: (i) a thermal-like component that we have interpreted so far as emission from the jet photosphere, (ii) a non-thermal component that we have interpreted so far as either synchrotron radiation from the propagating and accelerated charged particles within the jet or reprocessed jet photospheric emission, and (iii) an additional non-thermal (cutoff) power law (PL) extending from low to high energies in γ-rays and most likely of inverse Compton origin. In this article we reanalyze some of the bright GRBs, namely GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123, observed with the Burst And Transient Source Experiment (BATSE) on board *CGRO* with the new model. We conclude that BATSE data for these three GRBs are fully consistent with the recent results obtained with *Fermi*: some bright BATSE GRBs exhibit three separate components during the prompt phase with similar spectral parameters as those reported from *Fermi* data. In addition, the analysis of the BATSE GRBs with the new prompt emission model results in a relation between the time-resolved energy flux of the non-thermal component, F_i^{nTh}, and its corresponding νF_ν spectral peak energy, $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ (i.e., F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$), which has a similar index—when fitted to a PL—as the one initially derived from *Fermi* data. For GRBs with known redshifts (z) this results in a possible universal relation between the luminosity of the non-thermal component, L_i^{nTh}, and its corresponding νF_ν spectral peak energy in the rest frame, $E_{peak,i}^{NT,rest}$ (i.e., L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{NT,rest}$). We estimated the redshifts of GRBs 941017 and 970111 using GRB 990123—with $z = 1.61$—as a reference. The estimated redshift for GRB 941017 is typical for long GRBs and the estimated redshift for GRB 970111 is right in the range of the expected values for this burst.

Key words: acceleration of particles – black hole physics – distance scale – gamma-ray burst: general – radiation mechanisms: non-thermal – radiation mechanisms: thermal

1. INTRODUCTION

During the past several years, a new paradigm has emerged for gamma-ray burst (GRB) prompt emission[9] in which multiple component models seem to be favored over single component ones (see, for instance, Guiriec et al. 2015a). Until recently, the empirical Band function—a smoothly broken power law (PL) described with four free parameters: α_{Band} and β_{Band} for the indices of the low and high energy PLs, respectively, E_{peak}^{Band} for the νF_ν spectral peak energy (Gehrels 1997), and an amplitude parameter (Band et al. 1993; Greiner et al. 1995)—was considered an adequate description of the keV–MeV γ-ray prompt emission spectra. However, in a few cases, an additional PL was required to account for spectral deviations at high energies (González et al. 2003, 2012; Abdo et al. 2009b; Ackermann et al. 2010, 2011; Guiriec et al. 2010, 2015a). Moreover, despite their compatibility with non-thermal processes, the values of α_{Band} were usually too high to be

consistent with the predictions from the pure synchrotron emission scenarios from electrons in the slow and fast cooling regimes that require index values less than $-2/3$ and less than $-3/2$, respectively (Cohen et al. 1997; Crider et al. 1997; Preece et al. 1998; Ghisellini et al. 2000), as expected in the framework of the popular fireball model (Cavallo & Rees 1978; Goodman 1986; Paczynski 1986; Shemi & Piran 1990; Rees & Mészáros 1992, 1994; Mészáros & Rees 1993).

The recent discovery of a thermal-like component, C_{Th}, together with a non-thermal one, C_{nTh}, in the prompt emission of both long (Guiriec et al. 2011a, 2015a, 2015b; Axelsson et al. 2012) and short (Guiriec et al. 2013) GRBs observed with the *Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope* (hereafter, *Fermi*), challenges the well established Band function paradigm. The C_{Th} spectral shape is usually compatible with a Planck function—based on the quality of the *Fermi* data. However, a broader spectral shape more compatible with the GRB jet photospheric models was recently reported by Guiriec et al. (2015b) who analyzed the spectra of GRB 131014A and showed that it exhibited an intense C_{Th} component. Indeed, while a pure Planck function is well approximated with a cutoff PL (CPL)

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[9] See Pe'er (2015) for a recent review on GRB prompt emission.

with an index $\alpha_{\text{Th}} = +1$, the thermal-like component of GRB 131014A is best described with a CPL with an index $\alpha_{\text{Th}} \approx +0.6$. The C_{nTh} spectral shape is adequately described with a Band function but with spectral parameters usually very different from those resulting from fits to a Band function alone. For instance, α_{nTh} is systematically lower than α_{Band} and therefore more compatible with the synchrotron emission scenarios, β_{nTh} is $\lesssim -3$ and compatible with an exponential cutoff (i.e., the Band function can be replaced with a CPL with no change in the fit statistics), and $E_{\text{peak}}^{\text{nTh}}$ is systematically shifted to higher values compared to $E_{\text{peak}}^{\text{Band}}$ (Guiriec et al. 2011a, 2013, 2015a, 2015b). In the case of short GRB 120323A, the α indices drop from positive values—in fits to a Band function alone—down to values low enough to be compatible with a pure fast-cooling synchrotron scenario (i.e., ~ -1.2)—in fits to $C_{\text{nTh}} + C_{\text{Th}}$ (Guiriec et al. 2013). Conversely to the genuine fireball model, which predicts a thermal-like component from the jet photosphere that overpowers the non-thermal one (Zhang & Pe'er 2009), the observed C_{Th} is usually energetically subdominant compared to C_{nTh} as predicted by Daigne & Mochkovitch (2002), Nakar et al. (2005), Zhang & Pe'er (2009), and Hascoët et al. (2013) in the case of highly magnetized outflows. The diversity of C_{Th}'s relative contribution to the total energy from burst to burst indicates that the magnetization parameter can vary over a large range of values (Guiriec et al. 2011a, 2013, 2015a, 2015b). Although we interpreted C_{nTh} as synchrotron emission, it is also possible that this component corresponds to a Comptonized photosphere (Pe'er 2008; Beloborodov 2010; Beloborodov et al. 2014; Vurm & Beloborodov 2015).

Guiriec et al. (2011b, 2013, 2015a) went a step further by identifying simultaneously the three known components— namely C_{nTh}, C_{Th}, and the additional (cutoff) PL (i.e., $C_{\text{nTh}} + C_{\text{Th}} + (C)$PL)—in the prompt emission of some bright *Fermi* GRBs. This completely changed the view we had of GRB 080916C, which was previously considered to be adequately fitted to a single Band function from 8 keV up to GeVs (Abdo et al. 2009a). While the spectral and temporal behaviors of GRBs 080916C and 090926A were very different when fitted to a Band function alone for the former (Abdo et al. 2009a) and to a combination of a Band function and an additional CPL for the latter (Ackermann et al. 2011), the two GRBs are like "twins" in the context of the $C_{\text{nTh}} + C_{\text{Th}} + (C)$PL model. We note here, however, that the three components of the $C_{\text{nTh}} + C_{\text{Th}} + (C)$PL model are not systematically present or detectable in all GRBs.

Guiriec et al. (2013, 2015a, 2015b) reported a strong correlation between the time-resolved energy flux of C_{nTh}, F_i^{nTh}, and its corresponding νF_ν spectral peak energy, $E_{\text{peak,i}}^{\text{nTh}}$ intrinsic to each burst (hereafter, F_i^{nTh}–$E_{\text{peak,i}}^{\text{nTh}}$ relation where "i" counts time intervals). Interestingly, the F_i^{nTh}–$E_{\text{peak,i}}^{\text{nTh}}$ relations for all GRBs are adequately described by PLs with very similar index values, indicating a possible common physical process in jets of both short and long GRBs to explain the C_{nTh} component. Moreover, when accounting for the redshift and the K-correction, a strong correlation appears between the time-resolved luminosity of C_{nTh}, L_i^{nTh}, and its corresponding νF_ν spectral peak energy in the GRB central engine rest frame, $E_{\text{peak,i}}^{\text{nTh,rest}}$ (hereafter, L_i^{nTh}–$E_{\text{peak,i}}^{\text{nTh,rest}}$ relation); this relation is not only intrinsic to each GRB but also common to all GRBs and

points, therefore, toward a possible universal physical mechanism intrinsic to all GRB jets, which may eventually be used, for instance, (i) to measure the distance of GRBs using solely their γ-ray prompt emission and (ii) to constrain the cosmological parameters complementary to the SN IA sample. While the previous relations linking GRB prompt emission energetics to the spectral hardness—such as the so-called Amati (Amati et al. 2002), Ghirlanda (Ghirlanda et al. 2004), and Yonetoku (Yonetoku et al. 2004) relations—have often been attributed to instrumental selection effects (e.g., Lloyd & Petrosian 1999; Kocevski 2012), Guiriec et al. (2013) showed that they are not sufficient to explain the new relation and physical mechanisms intrinsic to the source must be the main factor of this correlation.

While all the parameters of the Band function are highly variable—within each burst and from burst to burst—when a Band function alone is fitted to γ-ray prompt emission data, α_{nTh}, β_{nTh}, α_{Th}, and the index of the additional (C)PL, $\alpha_{(C)\text{PL}}$, do not vary much with time or from burst to burst when fitting either $C_{\text{nTh}} + C_{\text{Th}}$ or $C_{\text{nTh}} + C_{\text{Th}} + (C)$PL to the data (Guiriec et al. 2013, 2015a). Indeed, α_{nTh} indices have values that are either ~ -0.7 or ~ -1.2 depending on the burst (Guiriec et al. 2013, 2015a, 2015b), β_{nTh} index values are usually less than -3.5 and compatible with exponential cutoffs in many cases, α_{Th} indices are usually $\sim +0.6$, and $\alpha_{(C)\text{PL}}$ values are usually ~ -1.5. Therefore, by freezing some parameters of the $C_{\text{nTh}} + C_{\text{Th}}$ and $C_{\text{nTh}} + C_{\text{Th}} + (C)$PL models to their typical values, we reduce the number of free parameters to four and five, respectively, without significantly degrading the fit quality, and the new models become statistically competitive with the Band function in terms of free parameters. Moreover, thanks to the F_i^{nTh}–$E_{\text{peak,i}}^{\text{nTh}}$ and L_i^{nTh}–$E_{\text{peak,i}}^{C_{\text{nTh}},\text{rest}}$ relations it is possible to reduce again the number of free parameters to three and four for $C_{\text{nTh}} + C_{\text{Th}}$ and $C_{\text{nTh}} + C_{\text{Th}} + (C)$PL, respectively.

In this article we reanalyzed three famous bright long GRBs (namely, GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123) observed with BATSE on board the *Compton Gamma Ray Observatory* (*CGRO*)—which was operating in low-Earth orbit from 1991 to 2000—in the context of the new paradigm to verify its consistency with these archival data. This article does not aim to be a full validation of the new model and relation, but rather to show that the results obtained with *Fermi* also hold with the data of other instruments too. It is a crucial step since it reduces the risk that instrumental calibration/systematic effects may account for the results. A comprehensive study of the new model and relation using an extensive sample of GRBs detected with multiple instruments is in progress, but it is out of the scope of the current paper. In Sections 2 and 3 we discuss the data selection criteria and our analysis methodology. In Section 4 we present our results. We will see how the view we had of those GRBs—which attracted a lot of attention in the scientific community—may be completely refreshed in the framework of the new model.

2. DATA SELECTION

We focus this first article of a series on a limited sample of three famous bright long GRBs detected with BATSE. These GRBs are of particular interest because they have often been and still are cited to support or discard theoretical interpretations for GRB prompt emission.
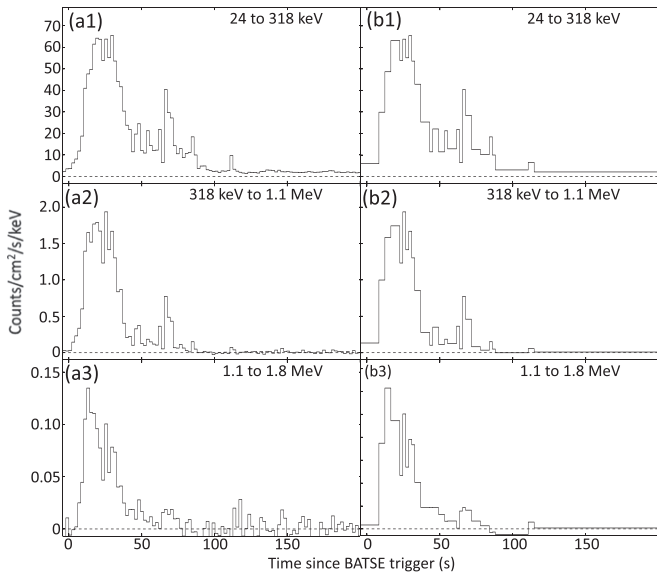
Figure 1. GRB 941017 count light curves as observed with BATSE LAD4 ($\sim$20 keV$-$2 MeV). (a1–3) 2.048 s time-resolved light curves. (b1–3) Light curves with the binning used for our time-resolved spectral analysis.

Figure 2. GRB 970111 count light curves as observed with BATSE LAD0 ($\sim$20 keV$-$2 MeV). (a1–4) 2.048 s time-resolved light curves. (b1–4) Light curves with the binning used for our time-resolved spectral analysis.

GRB 990123 was the first GRB to be simultaneously detected during its prompt phase in the γ-ray and optical bands (Akerlof et al. 1999). The prompt emission spectra of this burst in the keV–MeV energy range was considered to be adequately fitted to a single Band function (Briggs et al. 1999). A redshift estimate for the burst of 1.61 was reported by Kelson et al. (1999) and Hjorth et al. (1999).

GRB 941017—which was also observed with EGRET on board *CGRO*—was the first burst of the pre-*Fermi* era for which a strong deviation at high energy from the Band function was reported (González et al. 2003). GRB 941017 was considered to be adequately fitted to a combination of a Band function fading with time and an additional PL remaining constant and incompatible with the synchrotron models. Unfortunately no redshift was measured for this GRB.

Finally, we also analyzed GRB 970111 which was thought to be adequately fitted to a Band function but with positive values of $\alpha_{\rm Band}$ at early times. The photometric redshift of this burst was estimated to be $0.2 < z < 1.4$ based on its probable association with host galaxies at this redshift range (Gorosabel et al. 1998). Unfortunately, many fainter galaxies may lie in the same region of the sky and the association with the detected objects is not secure, which jeopardizes the validity of this photometric redshift.

The light curves of GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123 are presented in Figures 1–3, respectively.

Detailed descriptions of the BATSE instrument are given in several references such as Fishman et al. (1989), Pendleton et al. (1995), Preece et al. (2000), and Kaneko et al. (2006); therefore, only a brief description sufficient to understand the data selection is given below.

BATSE consisted of eight individual identical detector modules located at each corner of the *CGRO* spacecraft comprising the faces of a regular octahedron. Each module was built of two Na I(Tl) scintillation detectors coupled with photomultiplier tubes (PMTs): a Large Area Detector (LAD)
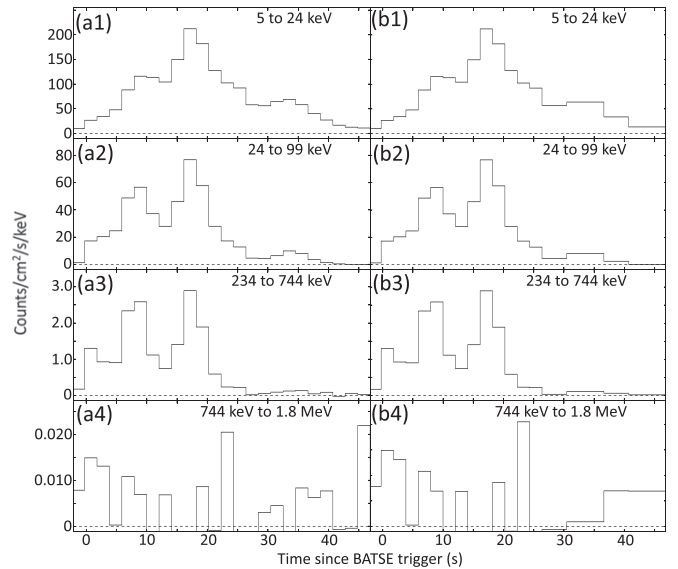

Figure 3. GRB 990123 count light curves as observed with BATSE LAD0 ($\sim$20 keV$-$2 MeV). (a1–3) 2.048 s time-resolved light curves. (b1–3) Light curves with the binning used for our time-resolved spectral analysis.
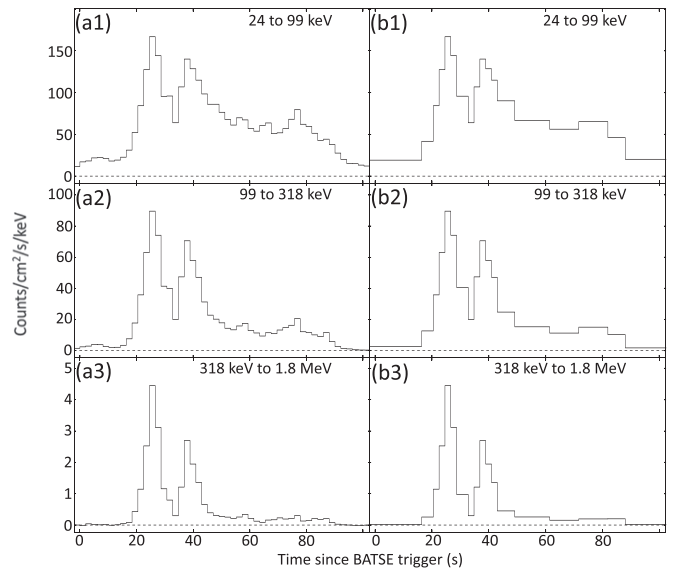
optimized for sensitivity and directional response, and a Spectroscopy Detector (SD) optimized for energy coverage and resolution. While the LADs had a constant energy range extending from 20 keV up to 1.9 MeV, the SDs had an adjustable energy range between 10 keV and 100 MeV depending on the gain of the PMTs. Despite their significantly better spectral capabilities, the SDs had a collecting area 16 times smaller than the LADs, considerably reducing their sensitivity. The data collected by each of the 16 BATSE detectors can be analyzed either individually or simultaneously in joint fits.

Table 1
Model Parameter Values Resulting from the Time-integrated Spectral Analysis of GRBs 941017, 970111,
and 990123 with Their 1σ Uncertainties as Presented in Section 4.1

Models	Base Component			Additional Component		Cstat/dof
	CPL or Band			BB	PL	
Parameters	E_{peak} (keV)	α	β	kT (keV)	Index	
GRB 941017 from $T_0 - 4.096$ s to $T_0 + 118.784$ s						
Band	330 ± 5	-0.78 ± 0.01	-2.35 ± 0.03	⋯	⋯	205.8/9
$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + \mathrm{PL}$	270 ± 4	$+0.12 \pm 0.07$	⋯	⋯	-1.62 ± 0.01	75.3/8
$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + \mathrm{PL}$	272 ± 9	$+0.01 \pm 0.25$	-2.29 ± 0.15	⋯	-1.99 ± 0.33	28.2/7
$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}}$	784 ± 44	-1.33 ± 0.02	⋯	56.0 ± 0.66	⋯	25.1/8
$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}}$	674 ± 75	-1.30 ± 0.03	-2.41 ± 0.22	56.3 ± 0.73	⋯	23.6/7
$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}} + \mathrm{PL}$	451 ± 52	-0.62 ± 0.27	⋯	51.8 ± 2.3	-1.70 ± 0.03	18.3/6
GRB 970111 from $T_0 - 2.304$ s to $T_0 + 42.752$ s						
CPL	160 ± 1	-0.76 ± 0.01	⋯	⋯	⋯	98.7/10
Band	159 ± 1	-0.76 ± 0.02	-4.55 ± 0.62	⋯	⋯	96.7/9
$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + \mathrm{PL}$	163 ± 1	-0.20 ± 0.08	⋯	⋯	-2.26 ± 0.06	38.5/8
$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}}$	151 ± 3	-1.21 ± 0.06	⋯	42.0 ± 1.0	⋯	24.3/8
$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}} + \mathrm{PL}$	144 ± 8	-1.14 ± 0.48	⋯	43.2 ± 2.1	-1.72 ± 0.80	23.0/6
GRB 990123 from T_0 to $T_0 + 100.352$ s						
Band	609 ± 10	-0.89 ± 0.01	-2.66 ± 0.09	⋯	⋯	382.4/9
$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + \mathrm{PL}$	432 ± 8	-0.10 ± 0.05	⋯	⋯	-1.58 ± 0.01	123.3/8
$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}}$	999 ± 41	-1.20 ± 0.02	⋯	81.7 ± 1.1	⋯	99.6/8
$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}} + \mathrm{PL}$	614 ± 60	-0.40 ± 0.20	⋯	63.8 ± 4.4	-1.68 ± 0.03	68.3/6

In our analysis, we only used LAD data because the sensitivity of the SEDs was too low for the type of analysis presented here (i.e., time-resolved analysis using multiple spectral components). We used the LAD Continuous (CONT) data for which the energy range is divided into 16 energy channels with an accumulation time of 2.048 s. For each of the three GRBs, we used the LAD detector with the smallest angle to the source (i.e., LAD4 for GRB 941017 and LAD0 for GRBs 970111 and 990123). The response matrices were generated using the best source locations for the three GRBs.

3. ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

We followed here the same procedure as described in detail in Guiriec et al. (2011a, 2013, 2015a, 2015b). We first performed a time-integrated analysis of the bursts to identify the main spectral components of the prompt emission. Then we analyzed the bursts on fine timescales to follow the evolution of the various components and to verify that the observed spectral features are not merely artifacts due to, for instance, strong spectral evolution.

For this analysis, we used the fitting package Rmfit and we determined the best parameters of the various tested models as well as their 1-σ uncertainties by minimizing the Castor C-Statistic (hereafter, Cstat; Arnaud 1996 and Cash 1979). Cstat is a likelihood technique converging to a χ^2 for a specific data set when there is "enough" data.

As proposed in Guiriec et al. (2011a, 2013, 2015a, 2015b) we fitted our $C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}} + C_{\mathrm{nTh2}}$ model to the three GRBs where: (i) C_{nTh} is a component with a non-thermal spectral shape that we approximated with either a CPL or Band function, (ii) C_{Th} is either $\varnothing$ or a thermal-like component that we approximated with a blackbody (BB) spectrum in the current analysis, and (iii) C_{nTh2} is either $\varnothing$ or a second non-thermal component that we approximated with a PL. While we left all the parameters of $C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}} + C_{\mathrm{nTh2}}$ free in the time-integrated spectral analysis, we froze α_{nTh} to -0.7, β_{nTh} to < -5 (i.e., CPL) and α_{PL} to -1.5 as proposed in Guiriec et al. (2015a) in the time-resolved analysis (i.e., $C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}} + \mathrm{PL}_{5\,\mathrm{params}}$). We also fitted Band alone to the data for comparison with the historical spectral model.

The statistical comparison of the $C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}} + C_{\mathrm{nTh2}}$ fits with the Band-only ones, as well as the goodness of the fits were performed following the same simulation procedure as described in Appendix B of Guiriec et al. (2015a).

4. RESULTS

4.1. Time-integrated Spectral Analysis

Table 1 summarizes the results of the time-integrated analysis for the three GRBs and the more relevant models are presented in Figures 4–6. It is clear from the Cstat values that a Band function alone is not a good description of the time-integrated spectra; this is also supported by the strong wavy pattern observed in the residuals of the Band-only fits as shown in panels (a2) of Figures 4–6.

$C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}}$ significantly improves the Band-only fits by 181, 72, and 283 units of Cstat for only one additional free parameter for GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123, respectively. Our simulation procedure indicates that $C_{\mathrm{nTh}} + C_{\mathrm{Th}}$ is a better description of the data than Band alone. For the three
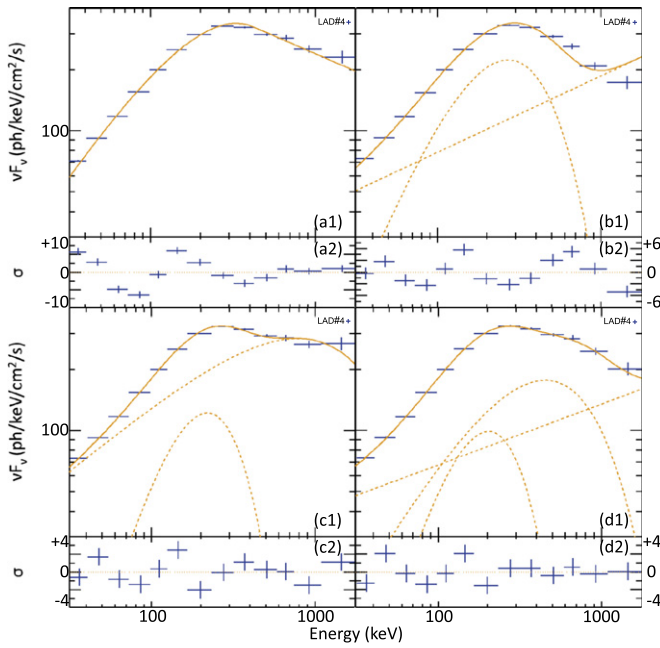
Figure 4. Time-integrated BATSE (LAD4) spectra of GRB 941017 (from $T_0 - 4.096$ s to $T_0 + 118.784$ s) when fitted to (a) a Band function alone, (b) C_{nTh} + PL, (c) C_{nTh} + C_{Th}, and (d) C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL. The deconvolved νF_ν spectra are presented in panels (a1), (b1), (c1) and (d1)—the dashed lines correspond to the individual components of the fitted model and the solid ones to the total emission. Panels (a2), (b2), (c2), and (d2) correspond to the residuals of the fits.

Figure 5. Time-integrated BATSE (LAD0) spectra of GRB 970111 (from $T_0 - 2.304$ s to $T_0 + 42.752$ s) when fitted to (a) a Band function alone, (b) C_{nTh} + PL, (c) C_{nTh} + C_{Th}, and (d) C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL. The deconvolved νF_ν spectra are presented in panels (a1), (b1), (c1), and (d1)—the dashed lines correspond to the individual components of the fitted model and the solid ones to the total emission. Panels (a2), (b2), (c2), and (d2) correspond to the residuals of the fits.

GRBs, C_{nTh} is adequately approximated with a CPL in the C_{nTh} + C_{Th} scenario.

Although not as good as C_{nTh} + C_{Th}, C_{nTh} + PL is also significantly better than Band alone. This is not surprising because the additional PL usually overpowers C_{nTh} below a few tens of keV and above a few MeV as reported from *Fermi* data (Abdo et al. 2009b; Ackermann et al. 2010, 2011; Guiriec et al. 2010, 2015a). Indeed, since the energy range of BATSE only extends from 20 keV up to 2 MeV, the additional PL, if it exists, is most likely highly subdominant in this energy band compared to the other components. With a broader energy range, which extends from 8 keV up to 40 MeV, firm identifications of the additional PL are much easier with the *Fermi*/Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GBM) as shown in Guiriec et al. (2010, 2015a). Therefore, we do not expect to usually have as strong of a Cstat improvement with the additional PL over the BATSE energy range as compared with C_{Th}, but its possible existence should not be completely discarded.

A Cstat improvement of 31 units for two additional free parameters is obtained when adding a PL to C_{nTh} + C_{Th} for GRB 990123 (i.e., C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL) suggesting the simultaneous presence of the three components as presented in several *Fermi* GRBs in Guiriec et al. (2015a). For GRB 941017, only a limited Cstat improvement is obtained with C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL, but since the additional PL is supported by the joint analysis of BATSE and EGRET data in González et al. (2003), we can, therefore, be confident about its existence. Claiming the possible presence of an additional PL component is much more speculative in the case of GRB 970111. Indeed,
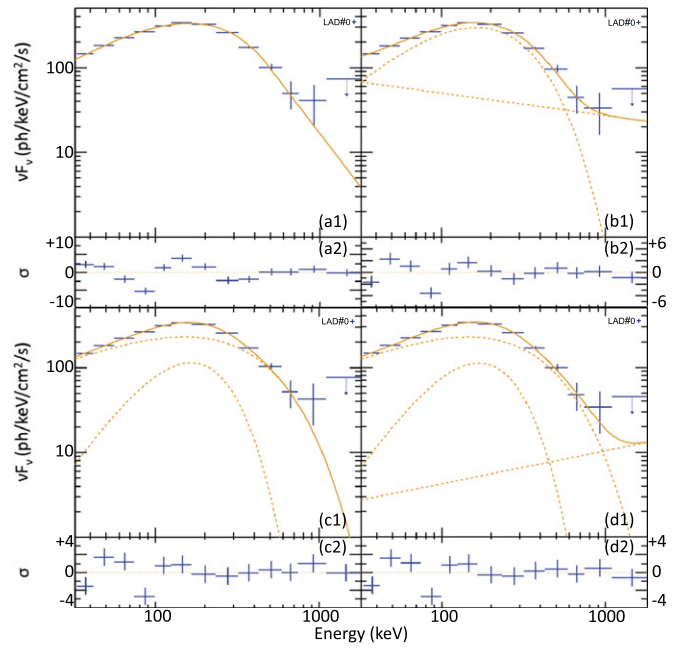
even if C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL can be fitted to the data of this GRB, the parameters of the additional PL are not well constrained and its flux is compatible with 0; however, we will see that the time-resolved analysis may support the presence of the additional PL, albeit weaker than in the two other GRBs. Our simulation procedure indicates that C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL is a better description of the data than C_{nTh} + C_{Th} for GRBs 941017 and 990123; for GRB 970111, the two models are statistically equivalent.

In addition to the discussion above, Figures 4–6 show a clear flattening of the residuals in the multi-component scenarios and the systematic wavy patterns observed in the residuals of the Band-only fits are replaced by much more random ones with C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL; therefore, the resulting spectral shape of this three-component model appears to be a valid option to describe the spectra of the three GRBs.

4.2. Time-resolved Spectral Analysis

In this section we only discuss the most relevant models resulting from the time-integrated spectral analysis: Band, C_{nTh} + C_{Th}, and C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL. Here, C_{nTh} is approximated with a CPL for both C_{nTh} + C_{Th} and C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL. With seven free parameters, it is often challenging to fit C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL to the data in the fine time intervals and to get meaningful constraints on the values of the spectral parameters, especially on the indices of the PLs; however, the values of α_i^{nTh} are globally included between -0.9 and -0.4, which is compatible with the estimate of -0.7 proposed in Guiriec et al. (2015a). In order to ease the fitting process, we fixed the spectral index values of C_{nTh} and of the additional
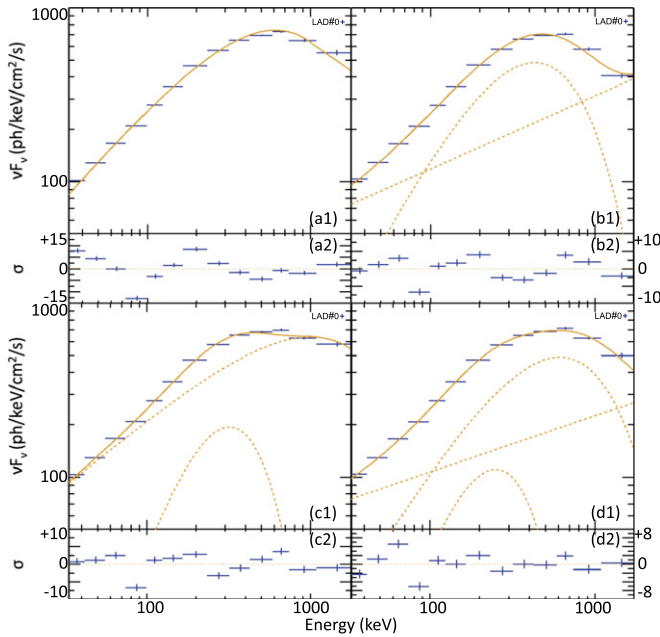
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Figure 6. Time-integrated BATSE (LAD0) spectra of GRB 990123 (from T_0 to $T_0 + 100.352$ s) when fitted to (a) a Band function alone, (b) C_{nTh} + PL, (c) C_{nTh} + C_{Th}, and (d) C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL. The deconvolved νF_ν spectra are presented in panels (a1), (b1), (c1), and (d1)—the dashed lines correspond to the individual components of the fitted model and the solid ones to the total emission. Panels (a2), (b2), (c2), and (d2) correspond to the residuals of the fits.

PL to -0.7 and -1.5, respectively, as proposed in Guiriec et al. (2015a). Although these parameter estimates may not be the most accurate ones, they are good enough in the context of our analysis, as we do not plan to study the detailed spectral shape of the various components, but rather their global shape and evolution. A more accurate estimate of these parameters based on a larger sample of GRBs will be the topic of a future article.

The results of the time-resolved spectral analysis are presented in Tables 4–6 as well as in Figures 15–20.

4.2.1. Band Versus C_{nTh} + C_{Th}

The νF_ν spectra resulting from the Band-only and C_{nTh} + C_{Th} fits to the time-resolved data of GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123 are overplotted in Figures 15–17, respectively.

For only one additional free parameter, the Cstat values obtained when fitting C_{nTh} + C_{Th} to the data are overall much lower than those resulting from the fit to a Band function alone (see Tables 4–6.) Our simulation procedure indicates that C_{nTh} + C_{Th} is a better description of the data than Band alone in ~100% of the time intervals for the three GRBs.

The similarities of BATSE and *Fermi* results are striking when comparing Band and C_{nTh} + C_{Th}. Indeed, α_i^{nTh} is systematically lower than α_i^{Band} (panels (a) of Figures 7–9) and $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ is systematically higher than $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ (panels (c) of Figures 7–9) as reported in Guiriec et al. (2011a, 2013, 2015a, 2015b).[10]

The α_i^{Band} values exhibit strong evolution and discontinuities. While usually incompatible with synchrotron scenario limits during the first few tens of seconds, they become

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[10] The time-interval index i indicates that we are discussing time-resolved values.

consistent with synchrotron emission from electrons in the slow (i.e., $\alpha_i^{Band} < -2/3$) and even in the fast (i.e., $\alpha_i^{Band} < -3/2$) cooling regimes at late times. Similarly to the results presented in Guiriec et al. (2013, 2015b), the values of α_i^{Band} are clearly positive and incompatible with non-thermal processes during the first ~10 s of GRB 970111; this also corresponds to the time period during which C_{Th} overpowers C_{nTh} and therefore the spectral parameters of Band alone are biased toward those of C_{Th} (see the several first time-resolved spectra of GRB 970111 in Figure 16).

Conversely to α_i^{Band}, the values of α_i^{nTh} are always compatible with at least the synchrotron slow cooling scenario (i.e., $\alpha_i^{nTh} < -2/3$). As we will see in the next section, the discontinuity of α_i^{nTh} for GRB 990123—whose values drop from ~-0.8 down to less than -1.5 after ~$T_0 + 40$ s—is consistent with the presence of an intense additional PL at late times (see Figure 9(a)).

Overall, the temperature of C_{Th} (i.e., $kT \sim E_{peak,i}^{Th}/2.7$; we choose to plot $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ instead of kT for an easier comparison to $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$) varies much less than $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ (see panels (c) of Figures 7–9.) While the temperature kT of the C_{Th} varies between ~40 and ~120 keV for GRB 990123, its evolution is much more limited for GRBs 941017 and 970111 in which kT varies from ~30 to ~70 keV and from ~20 to ~65 keV, respectively (see panels (e) of Figures 7–9.).

$E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ is usually lower than $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$. As noted in Guiriec et al. (2011a, 2013, 2015a, 2015b), the discrepancies between $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ are strongest at early times when the intensity of C_{Th} is the highest; at later times, when the C_{Th} contribution decreases, the values of $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ become extremely similar. This is particularly striking in the case of GRB 970111 (see Figure 8(c)): from ~T_0 to ~$T_0 + 6$ s, $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ evolves like $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ and not like $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$, while after ~$T_0 + 6$ s $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ are perfectly identical. It is also interesting to note that the values of $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ seem to fall below those of $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ after ~$T_0 + 20$ s, as also reported in Guiriec et al. (2015a) for *Fermi* GRBs; this trend will be clearer in the C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL analysis presented in the next section.

4.2.2. C_{nTh} + C_{Th} versus C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL

The νF_ν spectra resulting from the C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL fits to the time-resolved data of GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123 are displayed in Figures 18, 19, and 20, respectively—together with the Band-only fit results. Our simulation procedure indicates that C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL is a better description of the data than Band alone in ~100% of the time intervals for the three GRBs.

In Guiriec et al. (2015a), we showed that the distributions of α_i^{nTh} and α_i^{PL} peaked at ~-0.7 and at ~-1.5, respectively, for a sample of *Fermi* GRBs fitted to C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL. When fixing α_i^{nTh} and α_i^{PL} of C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL to these typical values for all the time intervals of our current analysis of BATSE data, C_{nTh} + C_{Th} and C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL result in similar Cstat values, overall, for the same number of free parameters (see Tables 4–6). However, our simulation procedure indicates that C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL is a better description of the data than C_{nTh} + C_{Th} in ~80% of the time intervals for the three GRBs; the time intervals in which C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL and C_{nTh} + C_{Th} are equivalent mostly

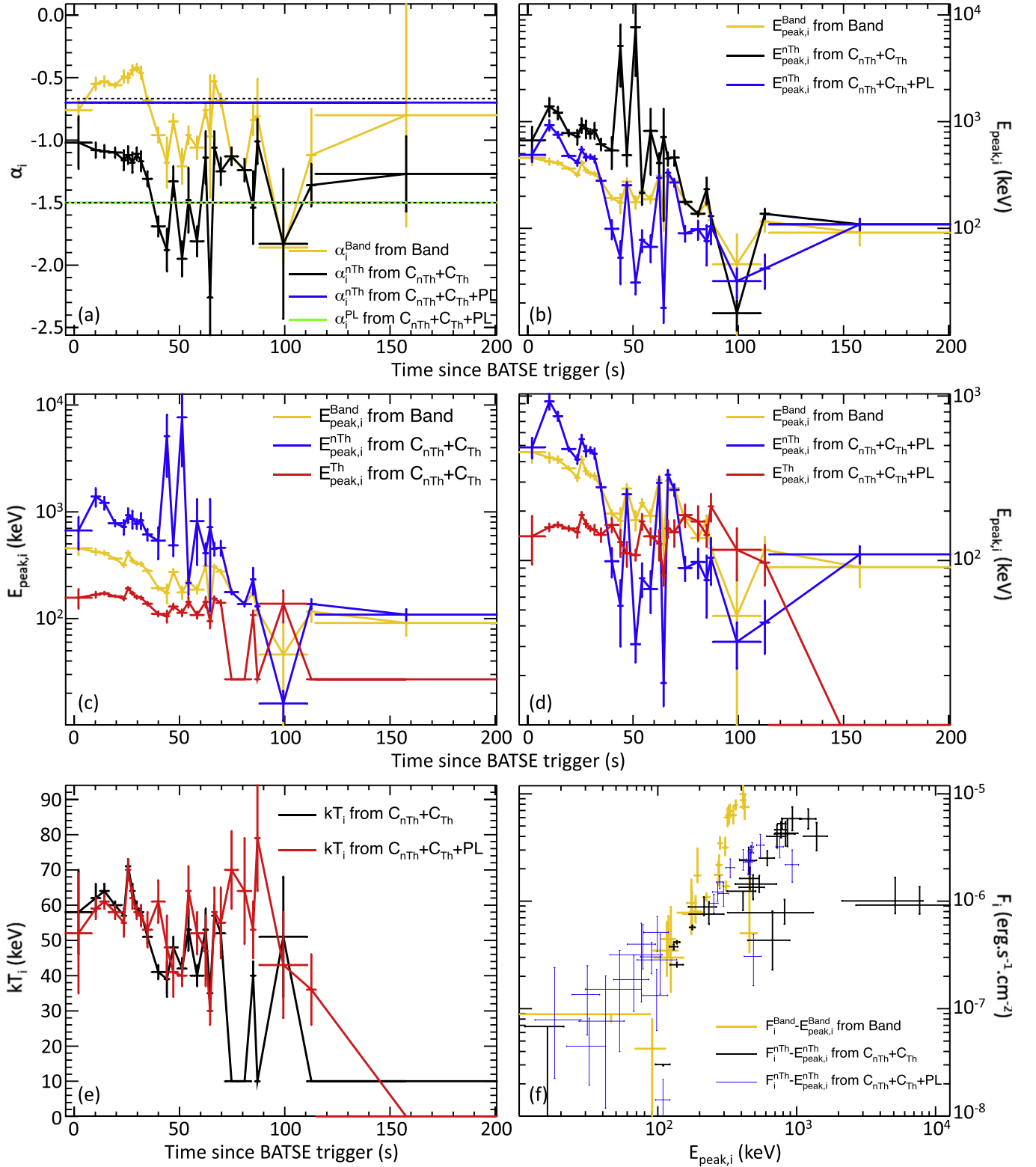**Figure 7.** GRB 941017—Evolution of the spectral parameters for Band, $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$, and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (a) Evolution of α_i. The horizontal dashed black lines at $-2/3$ and $-3/2$ correspond to the limits above which the values of α_i are incompatible with the synchrotron emission from electrons in the pure slow cooling regime and the pure fast cooling regime, respectively. (b) Evolution of $E_{peak,i}$ for Band, $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$, and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (c) Comparison of the evolution of $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ from Band with $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ from $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$. (d) Comparison of the evolution of $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ from Band with $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ from $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (e) Comparison of the evolution of kT_i for $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (f) $F_i^{Band} - E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ and $F_i^{nTh} - E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ for Band, $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$, and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$.

Figure 8. GRB 970111—Evolution of the spectral parameters for Band, $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$, and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (a) Evolution of α_i. The horizontal dashed black lines at $-2/3$ and $-3/2$ correspond to the limits above which the values of α_i are incompatible with the synchrotron emission from electrons in the pure slow cooling regime and the pure fast cooling regime, respectively. (b) Evolution of $E_{peak,i}$ for Band, $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$, and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (c) Comparison of the evolution of $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ from Band with $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ from $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$. (d) Comparison of the evolution of $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ from Band with $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ from $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (e) Comparison of the evolution of kT_i for $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (f) F_i^{Band}–$E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ and F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ for Band, $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$, and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$.
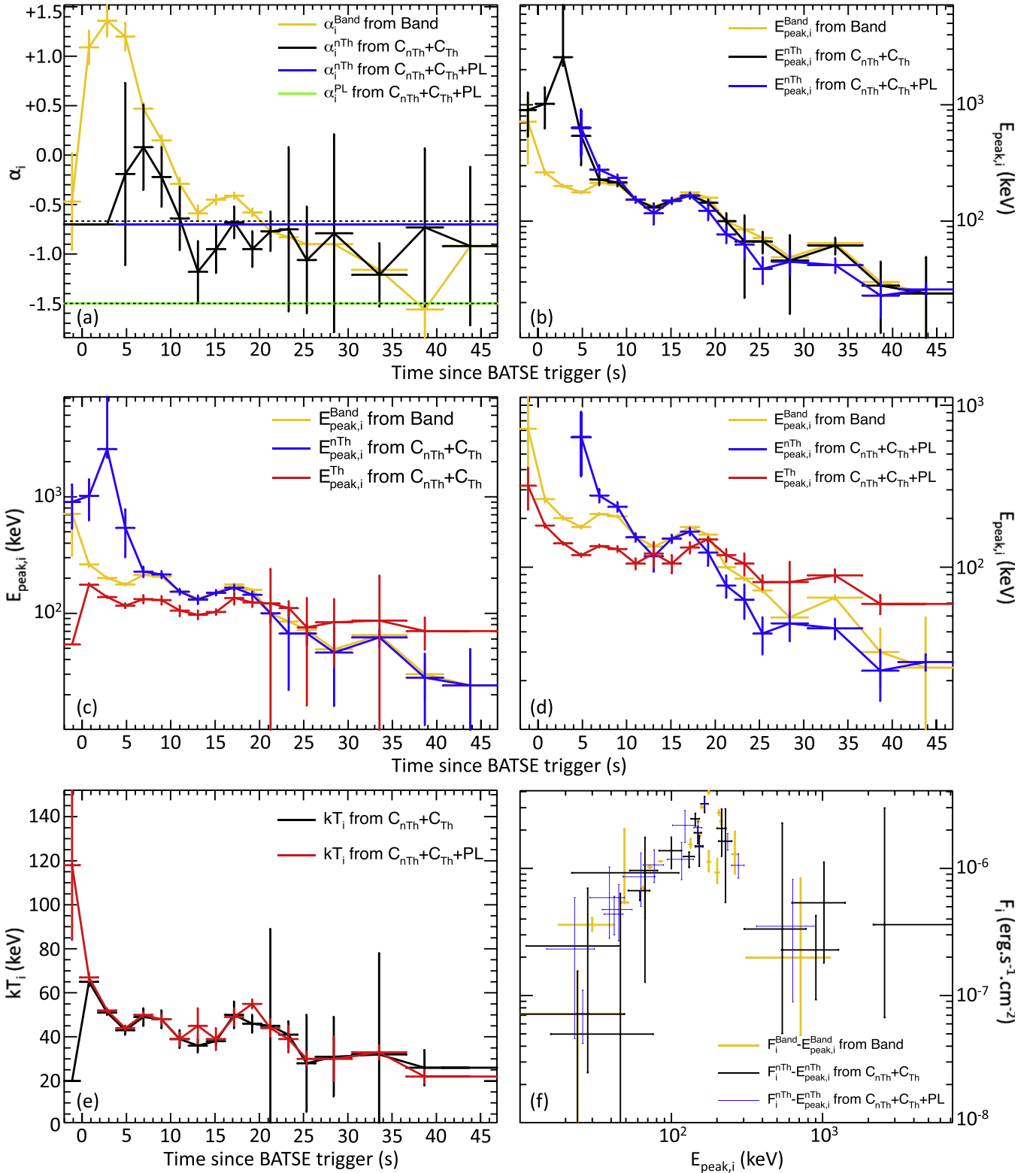
Figure 9. GRB 990123—Evolution of the spectral parameters for Band, $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$, and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (a) Evolution of α_i. The horizontal dashed black lines at $-2/3$ and $-3/2$ correspond to the limits above which the values of α_i are incompatible with the synchrotron emission from electrons in the pure slow cooling regime and the pure fast cooling regime, respectively. (b) Evolution of $E_{peak,i}$ for Band, $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$, and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (c) Comparison of the evolution of $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ from Band with $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ from $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$. (d) Comparison of the evolution of $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ from Band with $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ from $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (e) Comparison of the evolution of kT_i for $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$. (f) F_i^{Band}–$E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ and F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ for Band, $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$, and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$.
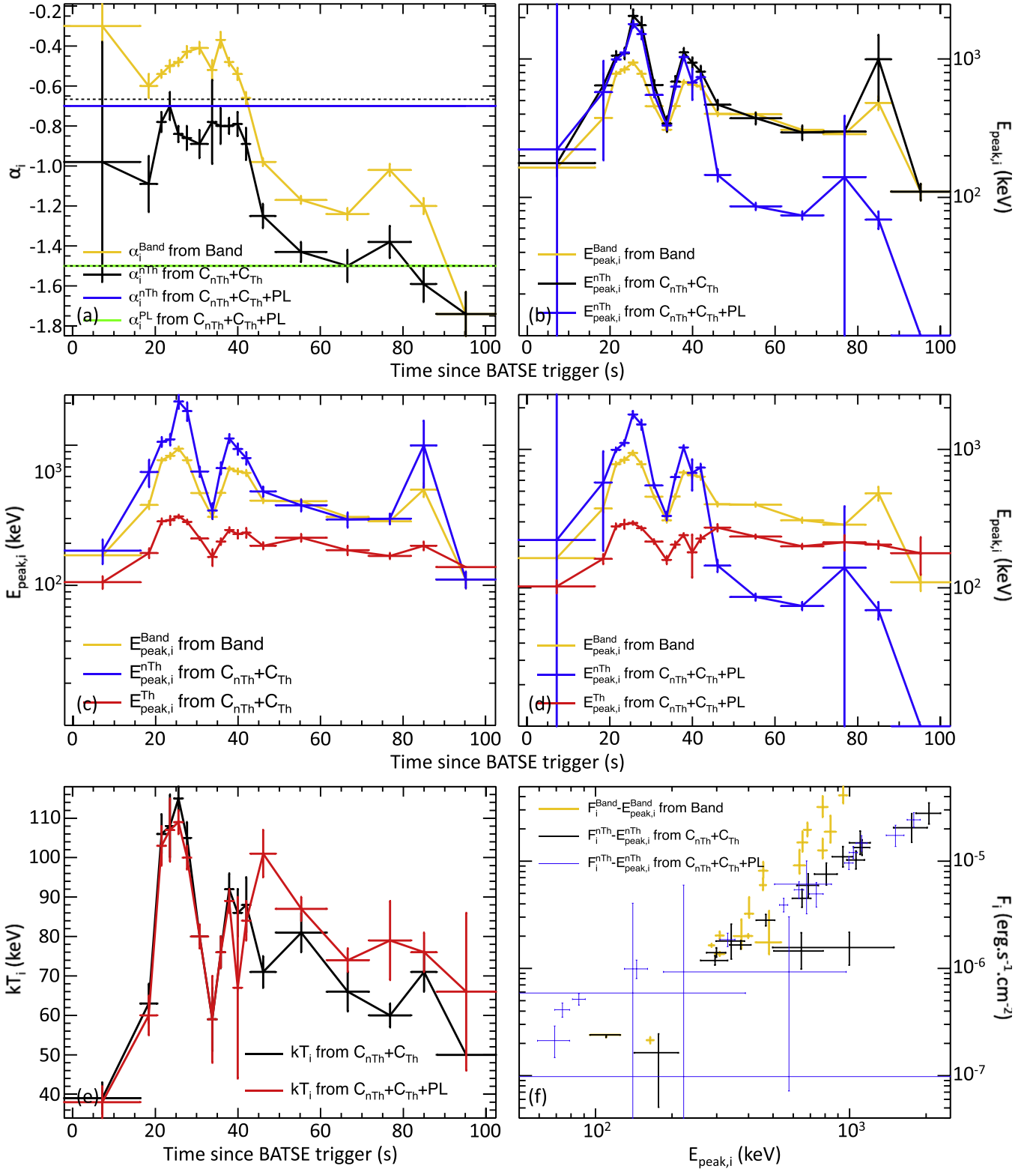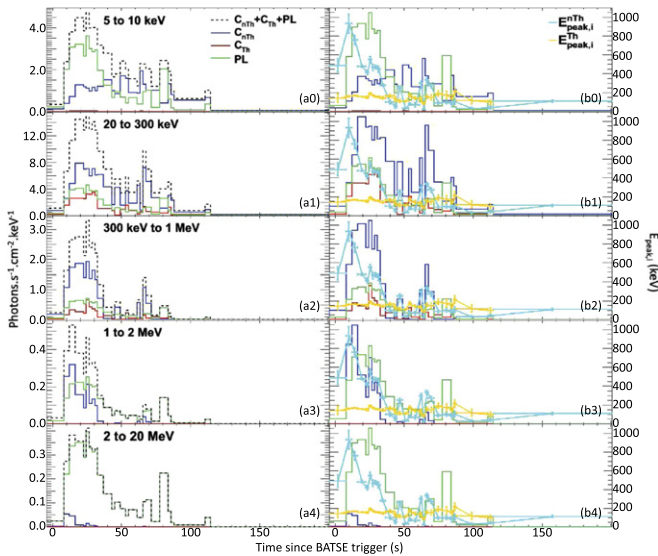
Figure 10. GRB 941017—Reconstructed photon light curves resulting from the spectral analysis using the $C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$ model. (a0–4) The reconstructed photon light curves of the non-thermal ($C_{\rm nTh}$), the thermal-like ($C_{\rm Th}$), and the PL components are displayed in blue, red, and green, respectively. The black dashed lines correspond to the sum of the three components ($C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$). The light curves (a1–3) are displayed in the same energy bands as the count light curves presented in Figure 1 and with the same time intervals as in Figure 1(b). (b0–4) The $C_{\rm nTh}$, $C_{\rm Th}$, and PL components are displayed in blue, red, and green, respectively, together with the evolution of the νF_ν spectral peaks of $C_{\rm nTh}$, $E_{\rm peak}^{\rm nTh}$, in cyan and of $C_{\rm Th}$, $E_{\rm peak}^{\rm Th}$, in orange. The temperature of the thermal-like component, $C_{\rm Th}$, is obtained by dividing $E_{\rm peak}^{\rm Th}$ by $\sim$2.5.

Figure 11. GRB 970111—Reconstructed photon light curves resulting from the spectral analysis using the $C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$ model. (a0–5) The reconstructed photon light curves of the non-thermal ($C_{\rm nTh}$), the thermal-like ($C_{\rm Th}$), and the PL components are displayed in blue, red, and green, respectively. The black dashed lines correspond to the sum of the three components ($C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$). The light curves (a1–4) are displayed in the same energy bands as the count light curves presented in Figure 2 and with the same time intervals as in Figure 2(b). (b0–5) The $C_{\rm nTh}$, $C_{\rm Th,}$ and PL component are displayed in blue, red, and green, respectively, together with the evolution of the νF_ν spectral peaks of $C_{\rm nTh}$, $E_{\rm peak}^{\rm nTh}$, in cyan and of $C_{\rm Th}$, $E_{\rm peak}^{\rm Th}$, in orange. The temperature of the thermal-like component, $C_{\rm Th,}$ is obtained by dividing $E_{\rm peak}^{\rm Th}$ by $\sim$2.5.

correspond to GRB 970111 in which the contribution of the additional PL is the weakest.

When $C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$ is fitted to the data of the three GRBs without the additional PL, the values of $\alpha_i^{\rm nTh}$ cluster around -1, that is, an average of $\sim$$-0.7$ and $\sim$$-1.5$ (see panels (a) of Figures 7–9); this result is similar to the one reported in Guiriec et al. (2015a) which showed the impact of the extension at low energy of the additional PL on the values of α. For GRB 970111, which exhibits a weaker additional PL component (see Section 4.1), the $\alpha_i^{\rm nTh}$ values remains closer to $\sim$$-0.7$ with $C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$.

As also reported in Guiriec et al. (2015a), the values of $E_{\rm peak,i}^{\rm nTh}$ obtained when fitting $C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$ to the data are usually lower than those resulting from the $C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$ fits (see panels (b) of Figures 7–9); this is particularly striking for GRB 941017 as well as for GRB 990123 after $\sim$$T_0 + 45$ s. This can easily be explained if we consider that the contribution of the additional PL at high energy (i.e., $> \sim 1$ MeV) is included in $C_{\rm nTh}$ when fitting $C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$ to the data and makes, therefore, the spectra of $C_{\rm nTh}$ harder and their $E_{\rm peak,i}^{\rm nTh}$ values higher.

We mentioned in Section 4.1 the difficulty with clearly identifying the additional PL in the time-integrated spectrum of GRB 970111. It is interesting to note that the $C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$ fit— with $\alpha_i^{\rm PL} = -1.5$ and without any $C_{\rm nTh}$ component—to the data of GRB 970111 provides an adequate description of the spectra during the first few seconds of the burst. This has two
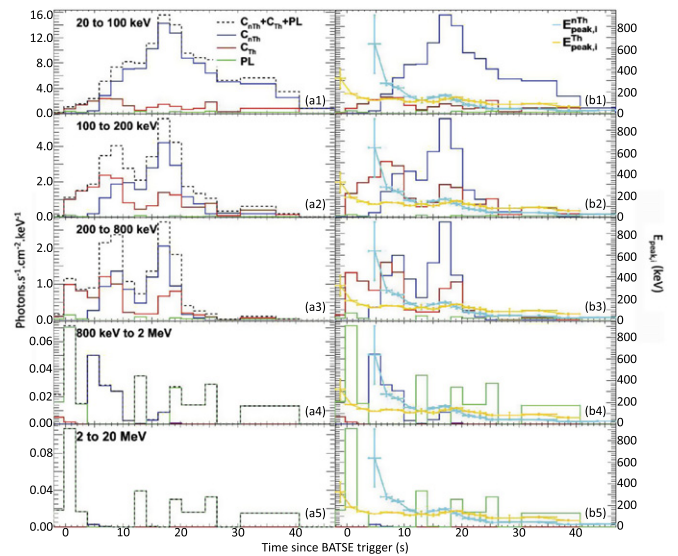
important consequences: first, the use of $C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$ at early time results in an initial monotonic cooling of the thermal-like component, $C_{\rm Th}$, while that was not the case for the first time interval when fitting $C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$ (see Figure 8(e)); second, this would indicate that similarly to the cases of GRBs 080916C and 090926A published in Guiriec et al. (2015a), the additional PL would be initially strong in GRB 970111 while $C_{\rm nTh}$ is either weak or absent. The additional PL would then be present from the very beginning or even before the other components conversely to previous reports where the additional PL was considered to start with a delay compared to the other main non-thermal component (see, for instance, Ackermann et al. 2010, 2011).

4.3. The $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ Scenario

In Section 4.1 we discussed the presence of three spectral components in the time-integrated spectra of GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123, and we followed their evolution with time in Section 4.2. We compared the differences in the spectral parameters when fitting the simplest model and the more complex ones, and we found strong similarities with the results reported in Guiriec et al. (2011a, 2013, 2015a, 2015b) from *Fermi* data. Since the time-resolved analysis of BATSE data is consistent with the new paradigm proposed in Guiriec et al. (2015a), we focused on the $C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$ scenario later on.
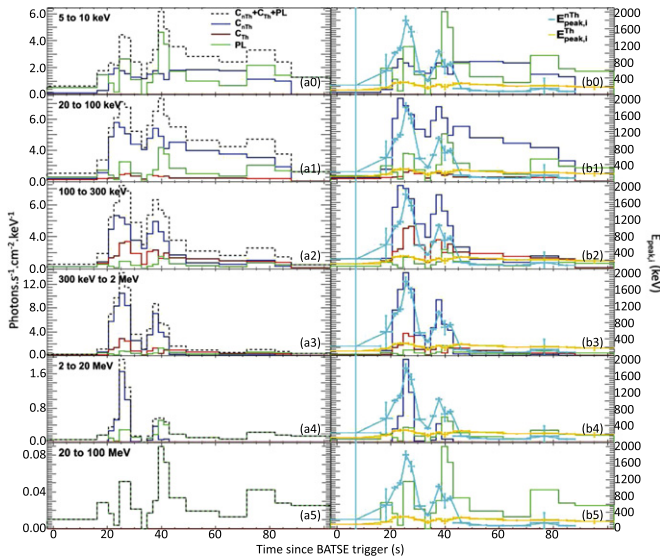
Figure 12. GRB 990123—Reconstructed photon light curves resulting from the spectral analysis using the C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL model. (a0–5) The reconstructed photon light curves of the non-thermal (C_{nTh}), the thermal-like (C_{Th}), and the PL components are displayed in blue, red, and green, respectively. The black dashed lines correspond to the sum of the three components (C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL). The light curves (a1–3) are displayed in the same energy bands as the count light curves presented in Figure 3 and with the same time intervals as in Figure 3(b). (b0–5) The C_{nTh}, C_{Th}, and PL components are displayed in blue, red, and green, respectively, together with the evolution of the νF_ν spectral peaks of C_{nTh}, E_{peak}^{nTh}, in cyan and of C_{Th}, E_{peak}^{Th}, in orange. The temperature of the thermal-like component, C_{Th}, is obtained by dividing E_{peak}^{Th} by ∼2.5.

Figures 10–12 show the reconstructed photon light curves in various energy bands resulting from the time-resolved spectral analysis using C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL for GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123. The energy light curves between 20 keV and 2 MeV, as well as the relative contribution of each component to the total energy, are presented in Figure 13.

4.3.1. The C_{nTh} Component

Overall, C_{nTh} overpowers the other components in the BATSE energy range from 20 keV to 2 MeV for the three GRBs (see Figures 10–12). Its contribution is usually higher than 50% of the total energy released between 20 keV and 2 MeV during the most intense part of the prompt emission (see Figure 13). The hardness of C_{nTh} strongly evolves with time during each burst; indeed, $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ can vary from tens of keV up to several MeV in only a few seconds (see panels (d) of Figures 7–10).

The light curves of the C_{nTh} component usually exhibit multiple intensity peaks whose hardness is correlated with the flux; this is clearly evident with the $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ values tracking the photon fluxes as shown in panels (b) of Figures 10–12. The correlation between the energy flux of C_{nTh}, F_i^{nTh}, and $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ will be studied in detail in Section 4.4.

4.3.2. The C_{Th} Component

The contribution of the C_{Th} component to the total energy between 20 keV and 2 MeV is globally ⩽20% of the total emission during most of the burst duration, which is consistent

with the results reported from *Fermi* data in Guiriec et al. (2011a, 2013, 2015a, 2015b). C_{Th} is usually more intense at early times. The temperature of C_{Th}—approximated with $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ for an easier comparison with $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$—does not vary over the same amplitude as $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ (see panels (b) of Figures 10–12.); indeed, kT_i varies between ∼30 and ∼80 keV, between ∼20 and ∼140 keV, and between ∼40 and ∼110 keV for GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123, respectively (see panels (e) of Figures 7–9). Although a limited correlation may exist between the flux of C_{Th} and its temperature, kT_i remains more or less constant with time for GRBs 941017 and 990123; this result is similar to the one reported from the observations of GRBs 080916C and 090926A in Guiriec et al. (2015a).

The behavior of GRB 970111 is peculiar compared to the two other GRBs of this study but very similar to *Fermi* GRB 131014A published in Guiriec et al. (2015b). Indeed, GRB 970111 exhibits an initial nearly purely thermal episode[11]—despite the presence of the additional PL at early times—with a monotonic cooling from ∼120 keV down to ∼45 keV during the first five seconds of the burst (see Figures 8(e) and 11(b)). After ∼T_0 + 5 s, kT_i continues to cool slowly from ∼45 down to ∼25 keV during the remaining ∼40 s of the studied emission period although there is very slight reheating consistent with the light-curve peaks of the thermal-like component.

Despite some similarities in the light-curve structures, there is no evidence for a perfect correlation between either the flux variations of C_{nTh} and C_{Th} or the variations of $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ (see panels (d) of Figures 7–9 and panels (b) of Figures 10–12). It is particularly striking that while $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ is usually much higher than $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ at early times for all three GRBs, its values drop below $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ at late times.

4.3.3. The Additional PL Component

The overall contribution of the additional PL to the total energy between 20 keV and 2 MeV is roughly a few tens of percent although it can be >70% at early and late times (see Figure 13).

It has been reported many times from *Fermi* data that the additional PL usually extends from a few keV up to tens to hundreds of MeV and maybe even up to GeVs; the additional PL usually overpowers C_{nTh} below a few tens of keV and above several MeVs (Abdo et al. 2009b; Ackermann et al. 2010, 2011; Guiriec et al. 2010, 2015a). Because of the limited energy range of BATSE, the additional PL is mostly subdominant compared to C_{nTh} over the whole observed energy band, and it only starts to be the dominant component at the very high end of the spectrum (see Figures 18–20). Although C_{nTh} clearly outshines the additional PL below 20 keV in GRB 970111 (see Figure 11), there is evidence for an extension of the additional PL at low and high energies with a flux higher than in the other components in GRBs 941017 and 990123 (see Figures 10 and 12). For a better comparison to the *Fermi* data, we extrapolated the C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL model derived from the 20 keV–2 MeV BATSE data down to 5 keV—to mimic the low end of the energy range of the GBM Na I detectors—and beyond 2 MeV—to mimic the high energy coverage of GBM BGO detectors up to 40 MeV, as well as the

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[11] This is consistent with Ryde (2004), who reported a pure BB spectrum at early times for GRB 970111.
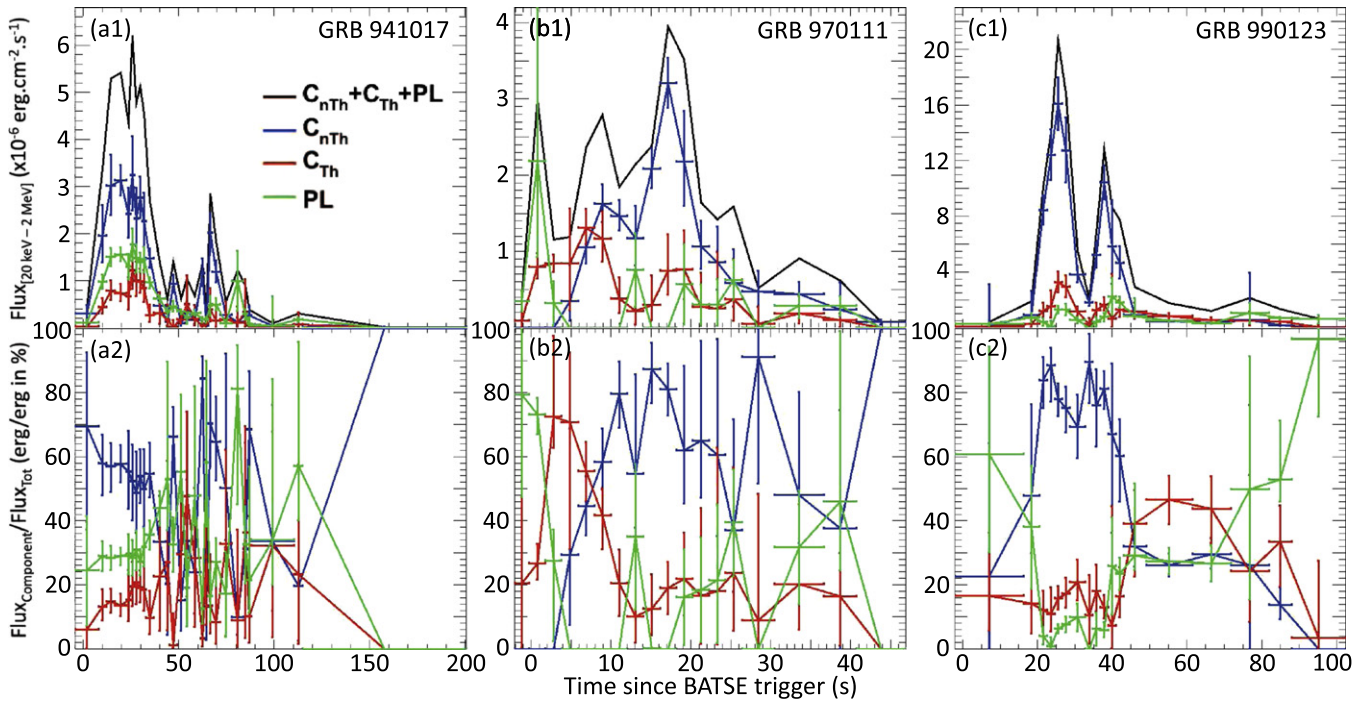
Figure 13. Energy flux evolution between 20 keV and 2 MeV for GRB 941017 (a1), GRB 970111 (b1), and GRB 990123 (c1) in the context of the $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ model. Panels (a2), (b2), and (c2) of each figure show the contribution of each component to the total energy flux of GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123, respectively. For clarity, no uncertainty is displayed for the total energy flux (black line). Because of its narrow spectral shape (i.e., Planck function), the contribution of C_{Th} to the total 20 keV–2 MeV energy flux is very limited; however, it has an important relative contribution to the total emission at the C_{Th} spectral peak around 100–200 keV (see Figures 18–20 of Appendix B).

20 to 100 MeV energy range of the *Fermi*/Large Area Telescope (LAT). If *Fermi* had observed GRBs 941017 and 990123—without considering the instrumental sensitivities or possible <100 MeV breaks in the additional PL as suggested in Guiriec et al. (2015a)—it would have detected an additional PL outshining the other components at low and high energies similarly to the other bursts with additional PL detected by *Fermi*:

1. If observed with *Fermi*, the additional PL in GRB 941017 would correspond to a broad pulse in the light curves with a fast rise and exponential decay type shape (see Figure 10); despite the similarities in the timing of the most intense part of the additional PL with the other components, their evolutions with time are quite different. The additional PL emission would be the most intense between $\sim T_0 + 10$ s and $\sim T_0 + 30$ s, then the emission would quickly decay but it would remain present until at least $T_0 + 100$ s; this is in perfect agreement with the >1 MeV light curves of the data from the Total Absorption Shower Counter, which is the calorimeter of EGRET on board *CGRO*, presented in Figure 1 in González et al. (2003). The broad shape of the additional PL light curve is similar to the one reported for *Fermi* GRB 090902B in Abdo et al. (2009b).

2. The case of GRB 990123 is particularly interesting with respect to the additional PL. In Guiriec et al. (2015a) we reported that the additional PLs identified in *Fermi*

GRBs 080916C and 090926A were, overall, low-intensity components that sometimes strongly outshone the other ones during short periods of time of the order of a few seconds—short duration excesses associated with the additional PL were also reported in Ackermann et al. (2011) and González et al. (2012) for *Fermi* GRB 090926A and BATSE GRB 980923. The same behavior is observed in GRB 990123 (see Figure 12). Indeed, if *Fermi* had observed this GRB, it would have detected a strong intensity peak at low energies below ~ 10 keV around $T_0 + 40$ s and lasting ~ 5 s, perfectly correlated in time with an intense peak in the light curve above a few MeV. As shown in Figure 12, this intensity peak in the light curves would be mostly related to the additional PL. However, the contribution of the additional PL would be mostly hidden by the intense C_{nTh} component between a few tens of keV and several MeV as in GRB 080916C (Guiriec et al. 2015a).

4.4. F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ and L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ Relations and Distance Estimates

4.4.1. The F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ Relation

When fitting the γ-ray prompt emission of both short and long GRBs to a Band function, a correlation is often observed between the evolution of the γ-ray energy flux, F_i^{Band}, and the evolution of the corresponding $E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ within each
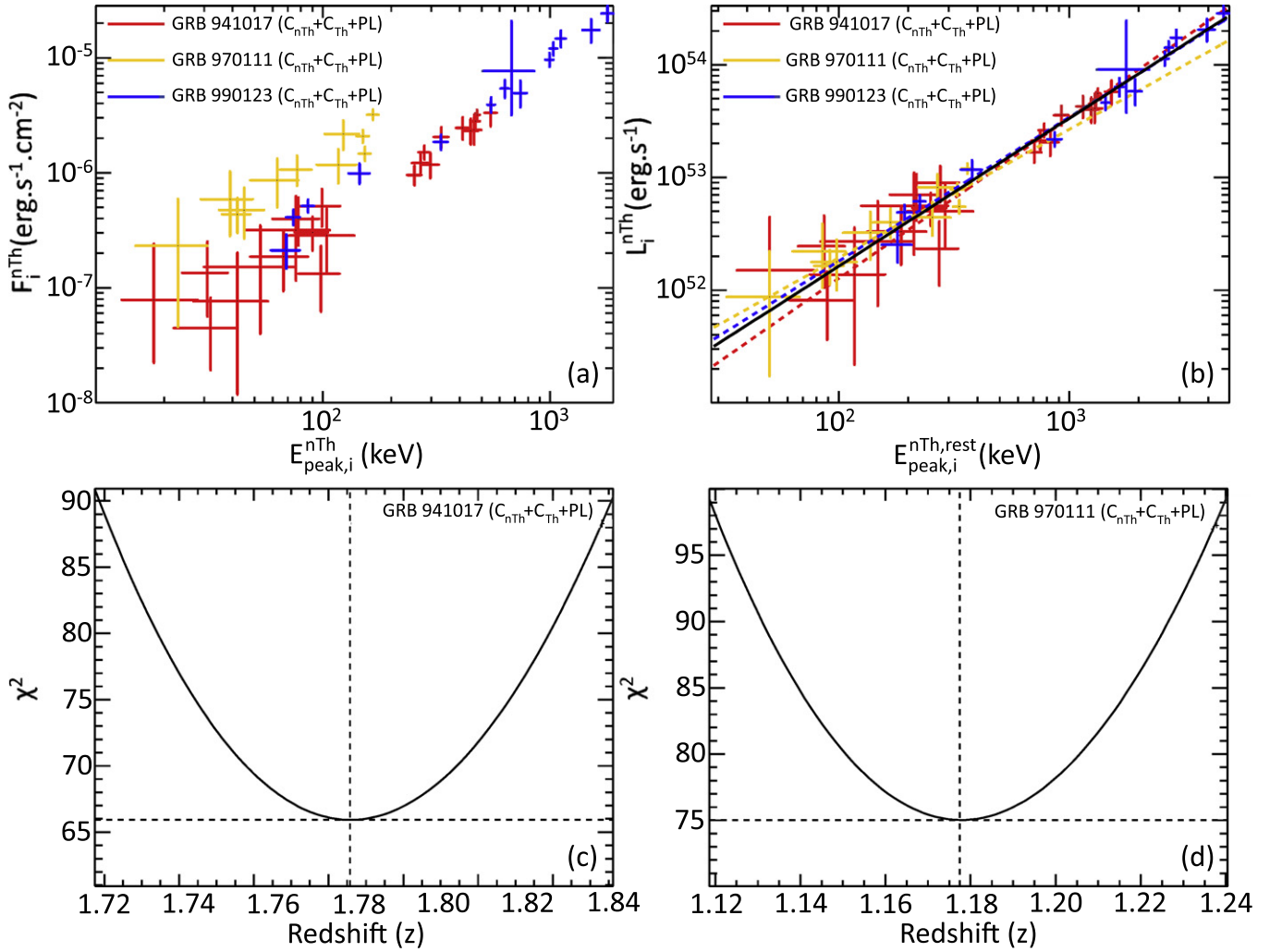
Figure 14. (a) Energy flux of C_{nTh} between 20 keV and 2 MeV, F_i^{nTh}, as a function of the νF_ν spectral peak of C_{nTh}, $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$, resulting from the $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ + PL fits to the fine time intervals of GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123 (i.e., F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ relation). (b) Luminosity of C_{nTh}, L_i^{nTh}, as a function of the νF_ν spectral peak of C_{nTh} in the rest frame, $E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$, resulting from the $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ + PL fits to the fine time intervals of GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123 (i.e., L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ relation). The measured redshift $z = 1.61$ is used for GRB 990123, while the redshift estimates $z = 1.79$ and $z = 1.18$—using GRB 990123 as a reference for the redshift estimates— are used for GRBs 941017 and 970111, respectively. The colored dashed lines correspond to the PL fits to the L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ relations of each GRB and the solid black line corresponds to the PL fit to the data of the three GRBs simultaneously. (c) and (d) χ^2 profiles resulting from the redshift estimates of GRBs 941017 ($z = 1.79 \pm 0.07$) and 970111 ($z = 1.18 \pm 0.06$) using GRB 990123—with $z = 1.6$—as a reference.

Table 2
Power-law Indices of the F_i^{Band}–$E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ or F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ Relations Obtained When Fitting Band-only, $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$, or $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ + PL to the Time-resolved Spectra of GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123 (See Section 4.4)

	F_i^{Band}–$E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ or F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ Relation PL indices For		
	Band	$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ + PL
GRB 941017	$+3.07 \pm 0.12$	$+1.35 \pm 0.06$	$+1.40 \pm 0.10$
GRB 970111	$+1.43 \pm 0.04$	$+1.61 \pm 0.32$	$+1.33 \pm 0.23$
GRB 990123	$+2.68 \pm 0.09$	$+1.72 \pm 0.09$	$+1.28 \pm 0.05$

Table 3
Measured and Estimated Redshifts (z) for GRBs 941017, 97011, and 990123 Using GRB 990123 with $z = 1.61$ as a Reference (see Section 4.4)

	Measured z	z Estimates
GRB 941017	⋯	1.79 ± 0.07
GRB 970111	$0.2 \leqslant z \leqslant 1.4$[a]	1.18 ± 0.06
GRB 990123	~1.61	⋯

Note.
[a] This photometric redshift estimate, based on possible host-galaxy identifications reported in Gorosabel et al. (1998), is not secure because fainter objects are present in this region of the sky and one of them may be the actual host galaxy of GRB 970111.

burst (i.e., F_i^{Band}–$E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ relation—see, for instance, Golenetskii et al. 1983; Borgonovo & Ryde 2001; Liang et al. 2004; Guiriec et al. 2010, 2015a, 2015b; Ghirlanda et al. 2011a, 2011b; Lu et al. 2012). Although this correlation globally follows a PL, there is often large scatter in the data of

each burst and the PL indices can be dramatically different from burst to burst. More importantly, there are many bursts that do not exhibit this correlation.

In Guiriec et al. (2013, 2015a, 2015b) we introduced a new relation between the γ-ray energy flux and the spectral hardness. Indeed, by isolating the non-thermal component of the spectra from the thermal-like one—in fitting $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ or $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ to the data—we showed that a very strong correlation, intrinsic to the non-thermal component only, appears between the evolution of its energy flux, F_i^{nTh}, and the evolution of its νF_ν γ-ray spectral peak, $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ (i.e., F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ relation). Conversely to the F_i^{Band}–$E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ relations, the F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ relations have extremely similar indices for all GRBs when fitted to PLs.

Moreover, in the central engine frame, the F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ relations translate into a unique L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ relation—with the same index as the F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ relation—which seems to be universal for all short and long GRBs (Guiriec et al. 2013, 2015a, 2015b).

Panel (f) of Figures 7–9 shows the F_i^{Band}–$E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ and F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ relations for the three GRBs using Band, $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$, and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ models. As already reported in Guiriec et al. (2013, 2015a, 2015b) for other GRBs, the energy flux and E_{peak} values are typically anti-correlated at very early times in the burst, which also usually corresponds to the highest values of E_{peak}. The indices of the PLs fitted to these relations—after excluding the anti-correlated early phase—are reported in Table 2. Apart from GRB 970111, the indices of the F_i^{Band}–$E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ relations are inconsistent with the F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ ones; the indices of the F_i^{Band}–$E_{peak,i}^{Band}$ relations are also dramatically different from one burst to the other (i.e., from $+1.4$ to $+3.2$). Conversely, the indices of the F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ relations are all clustered when using the $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ model (between $+1.3$ and $+1.5$—see Figure 14(a)); these values are perfectly consistent with the indices of $+1.33 \pm 0.06$, $+1.38 \pm 0.04$ and $+1.43 \pm 0.03$ reported in Guiriec et al. (2013, 2015a, 2015b), respectively.

4.4.2. Redshift Estimates Using the L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ Relation

In our three-BATSE-burst sample, GRB 990123 has an accurate redshift measurement of $z \sim 1.61$. There are no redshift measurements available for GRB 941017 and GRB 970111, although host galaxies possibly associated with GRB 970111 resulted in an initial redshift range of $0.2 \leqslant z \leqslant 1.4$ (Gorosabel et al. 1998). Assuming that the L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ relation is universal[12]—as suggested in Guiriec et al. (2013, 2015a, 2015b)[13]—we estimated the distance of GRBs 941017 and 970111 using GRB 990123 as the reference; the L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ relation for GRB 990123 is displayed in Figure 14(b) (dashed blue line). We varied the redshift to determine the values that minimize the distances between the dashed blue line and the data of GRBs 941017 and 970111. Using the same technique as described in Guiriec et al. (2015b), we performed a linear fit in the log–log space to account for the uncertainties on both the L_i^{nTh} and $E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ quantities; the resulting χ^2 profiles are displayed in panels (c) and (d) of Figure 14 for GRBs 941017 and 970111, respectively. The redshift estimates using this technique are

reported in Table 3. The uncertainties on the best L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ relation of GRB 990123 do not affect the redshift estimates at more than the second figure after the decimal point and can therefore be neglected. Interestingly, the distance estimate for GRB 970111 (i.e., $z = 1.18 \pm 0.06$) is compatible with the redshifts of the galaxies (i.e., $0.2 \leqslant z \leqslant 1.4$) identified as possible hosts for this burst in Gorosabel et al. (1998); however, this result should neither be interpreted as a proof of the technique nor as a proof that the host galaxy is one of the objects identified between $z = 0.2$ and $z = 1.4$ since it may be a coincidence. The redshift estimate for GRB 941017 (i.e., $z = 1.79 \pm 0.07$) is a typical value for a long GRB (i.e., $\langle z \rangle \sim 2.16$—Jakobsson et al. 2012).

Figure 14(b) shows the L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ relations for the three bursts using the redshift measurement for GRB 990123 and the redshift estimates for the two other bursts. The PL fits to each burst are displayed in dashed colored lines. The solid black line is the fit to the whole data together, and it results in a PL index of $+1.31 \pm 0.03$, which is in perfect agreement with the results published in Guiriec et al. (2013, 2015a, 2015b) using *Fermi* data.

Once again, the aim of this article is not to validate the L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ relation nor to test its robustness to estimate GRB distances; such a study is an ongoing project using a large sample of GRBs with known redshifts, and it will be the topic of a future paper. Here, we simply show that the L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ relation obtained in this article using BATSE data is perfectly compatible with our previous results using *Fermi* data (Guiriec et al. 2013, 2015a, 2015b) and that the redshift estimates that we obtained using this relation seem to be reasonable based on knowledge of GRB redshifts.

5. CONCLUSION

In this article we tested the new paradigm for GRB prompt emission proposed in Guiriec et al. (2011a, 2013, 2015a, 2015b) to three bright and famous BATSE GRBs; according to this new model, GRB prompt emission is composed of three main components: (i) a thermal-like component, C_{Th}, that we interpret as emission from the jet photosphere, (ii) a non-thermal component, C_{nTh}, interpreted either as synchrotron emission from charged particles propagating and accelerating within the GRB jet or as a dissipative photosphere, and (iii) a second non-thermal component adequately fitted to a PL with or without cutoff, which extends from below a few tens of keV up to tens or hundreds of MeV, and most likely of inverse Compton origin. The three components are not systematically present or detectable in all GRBs, especially the second non-thermal component, which is clearly identified only in a limited number of GRBs.

This new model is perfectly consistent with the prompt emission data of GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123 recorded with BATSE. We identified the signature of the three components in the time-integrated spectra of the three bursts and followed their evolution through fine time-resolved analysis. The results are similar to those reported from *Fermi* GRBs:

1. C_{nTh} is the most intense component from 20 keV to 2 MeV and accounts for $>50\%$–60% of the total collected energy in this energy range. The νF_ν peak energy of C_{nTh}, $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$, exhibits strong variations perfectly

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[12] Using a standard cosmology $[\Omega_\Lambda, \Omega_M, h] = [0.73, 0.27, 0.71]$ and luminosities computed over the same energy range in the rest frame for all GRBs (i.e., K-correction).
[13] The differences between our new relation and the other relations proposed for prompt emission energetics are discussed in these articles.

correlated with the energy flux variations of this component, F_i^{nTh} (i.e., F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ relation).

2. The C_{Th} contribution to the total energy between 20 keV and 2 MeV is usually $\leqslant 20\%$. C_{Th} is present from the beginning of the burst and its intensity globally decreases with time. The temperature of C_{Th} is either globally constant during the whole burst duration (i.e., GRBs 941017 and 990123) or it globally decreases with time with a strong cooling phase during the first seconds (i.e., GRB 970111). In GRB 970111, C_{Th} contributes for $\geqslant 70\%$ of the total energy during an initial nearly purely thermal episode lasting for a few seconds similarly to *Fermi* GRB 131014A (Guiriec et al. 2015b).

3. The flux of the additional PL is very significant for GRBs 941017 and 990123, but only marginal for GRB 970111. This component is present from the very beginning to the very end of the burst, and contributes to $\leqslant 30\%$ of the total energy between 20 keV and 2 MeV. Extrapolation of the $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ model over a broader energy range covered by *Fermi* (i.e., 5 keV–100 MeV) shows that the PL would overpower the other components below a few tens of keV and above a few MeV; this is striking for GRB 941017. In addition, for GRB 990123, intense and short duration light-curve structures associated with the additional PL would be present in the low and high energy bands ($\leqslant 10$ keV and $\geqslant 20$ MeV, respectively) and perfectly correlated in time such as reported for *Fermi* GRBs (Guiriec et al. 2015a).

The relative contribution of each component to the total energy strongly evolves with time, showing that there is no perfect correlation between the three components. There is also no clear correlation between $E_{peak,i}^{Th}$ and $E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$.

The PL indices of the F_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh}$ relations are very similar for the three GRBs (i.e., ∼1.3–1.4) and they are also similar to the values reported from *Fermi* GRBs in Guiriec et al. (2013, 2015a, 2015b).

Assuming that the L_i^{nTh}–$E_{peak,i}^{nTh,rest}$ relation is universal as suggested in Guiriec et al. (2013, 2015a), and using GRB 990123—which has a measured redshift of $z \sim 1.61$—as reference, we estimated the redshift of GRBs 970111 and 941017 to be $z = 1.18 \pm 0.06$ and $z = 1.79 \pm 0.07$, respectively. The redshift estimate for GRB 970111 is compatible with the redshifts of the galaxies ($0.2 \leqslant z \leqslant 1.4$) identified as possible hosts in Gorosabel et al. (1998); however, the actual host may be a fainter galaxy not yet identified. Despite the lack of constraints for the distance of GRB 941017, the redshift estimate for this burst has a value perfectly typical for long GRBs.

The analysis presented in this article shows that the new model and relation, which we derived from *Fermi* data, are also a valid solution to explain the BATSE ones; this important result indicates that this new model and relation cannot be the solemn consequences of systematic calibration effects intrinsic to *Fermi* only. A comprehensive test of the new model and relation—using large samples of GRBs observed with multiple instruments—will be the topic of a future paper.

APPENDIX A
SPECTRAL ANALYSIS RESULTS

The values of the spectral parameters resulting from the fine time analysis of GRBs 941017, 970111, and 990123 as presented in Sections 4.2 and 4.3 are reported in Tables 4–6, respectively.

Table 4
Model Parameter Values Resulting from the Fine Time Spectral Analysis of GRB 941017
with Their 1σ Uncertainties as Presented in Section 4.2

T_{start} (s)	T_{stop} (s)	Parameters	E_{peak} (keV)	α	β	kT (keV)	α	Cstat/dof
−4.096	+8.192	Band	456 ± 62	−0.76 ± 0.09	−2.84 ± 1.04	⋯	⋯	20.7/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	669 ± 224	−1.02 ± 0.21	⋯	58 ± 13	⋯	18.7/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	488 ± 69	−0.7 (fix)	⋯	52 ± 10	−1.5 (fix)	19.0/8
+8.192	+12.288	Band	422 ± 29	−0.55 ± 0.05	−1.93 ± 0.06	⋯	⋯	16.0/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	1391 ± 272	−1.08 ± 0.06	⋯	62 ± 4	⋯	5.5/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	929 ± 102	−0.7 (fix)	⋯	59 ± 3	−1.5 (fix)	5.7/8
+12.288	+16.384	Band	411 ± 18	−0.53 ± 0.04	−2.07 ± 0.05	⋯	⋯	15.6/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	1212 ± 161	−1.09 ± 0.05	⋯	64 ± 2	⋯	14.6/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	755 ± 48	−0.7 (fix)	⋯	61 ± 2	−1.5 (fix)	13.8/8
+16.384	+22.528	Band	364 ± 8	−0.56 ± 0.02	−2.35 ± 0.05	⋯	⋯	50.6/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	783 ± 52	−1.10 ± 0.04	⋯	60 ± 1	⋯	17.6/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	477 ± 13	−0.7 (fix)	⋯	58 ± 2	−1.5 (fix)	14.9/8

The column headers above the data: "Time from T_0" spans T_{start}/T_{stop}; "Models" over Parameters; "Base Component" with "CPL or Band" (E_{peak}, α, β); "Additional Components" with "BB" (kT) and "PL" (α); "Cstat/dof".

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Time from T_0		Models	Base Component			Additional Components		Cstat/dof
			CPL or Band			BB	PL	
T_{start} (s)	T_{stop} (s)	Parameters	E_{peak} (keV)	α	β	kT (keV)	α	
+22.528	+24.576	Band	318 ± 14	-0.49 ± 0.05	-2.41 ± 0.10	...	...	26.5/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	722 ± 113	-1.16 ± 0.08	...	57 ± 2	...	10.9/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	412 ± 26	-0.7 (fix)	...	55 ± 4	-1.5 (fix)	15.5/8
+24.576	+26.624	Band	412 ± 18	-0.50 ± 0.04	-2.43 ± 0.10	...	...	21.4/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	930 ± 145	-1.12 ± 0.07	...	71 ± 2	...	6.4/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	547 ± 34	-0.7 (fix)	...	70 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	5.8/8
+26.624	+28.672	Band	350 ± 15	-0.44 ± 0.04	-2.50 ± 0.11	...	...	39.1/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	859 ± 161	-1.18 ± 0.08	...	64 ± 2	...	12.1/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	463 ± 34	-0.7 (fix)	...	62 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	15.6/8
+28.672	+30.720	Band	330 ± 9	-0.42 ± 0.03	-2.43 ± 0.07	...	...	40.6/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	772 ± 78	-1.11 ± 0.05	...	59 ± 2	...	17.7/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	469 ± 21	-0.7 (fix)	...	58 ± 2	-1.5 (fix)	13.6/8
+30.720	+32.768	Band	325 ± 14	-0.46 ± 0.05	-2.38 ± 0.09	...	...	21.4/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	832 ± 142	-1.17 ± 0.08	...	58 ± 2	...	8.7/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	447 ± 32	-0.7 (fix)	...	57 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	6.7/8
+32.768	+36.864	Band	280 ± 9	-0.68 ± 0.03	-2.49 ± 0.08	...	...	26.0/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	614 ± 76	-1.31 ± 0.06	...	51 ± 2	...	11.8/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	279 ± 15	-0.7 (fix)	...	53 ± 5	-1.5 (fix)	11.7/8
+36.864	+43.008	Band	193 ± 9	-0.96 ± 0.06	-2.48 ± 0.11	...	...	19.9/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	537 ± 177	-1.69 ± 0.08	...	41 ± 2	...	11.3/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	99 ± 20	-0.7 (fix)	...	61 ± 6	-1.5 (fix)	7.7/8
+43.008	+45.056	Band	174 ± 35	-1.18 ± 0.20	-2.34 ± 0.32	...	...	8.4/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	5124 ± 3000	-1.88 ± 0.17	...	39 ± 5	...	8.2/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	53 ± 23	-0.7 (fix)	...	48 ± 9	-1.5 (fix)	5.2/8
+45.056	+49.152	Band	274 ± 18	-0.85 ± 0.06	-2.55 ± 0.21	...	...	16.3/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	485 ± 101	-1.33 ± 0.12	...	48 ± 3	...	8.7/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	253 ± 18	-0.7 (fix)	...	45 ± 4	-1.5 (fix)	7.8/8
+49.152	+53.248	Band	176 ± 24	-1.21 ± 0.14	-2.38 ± 0.25	...	...	25.0/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	7679 ± 5000	-1.95 ± 0.14	...	42 ± 3	...	14.5/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	31 ± 7	-0.7 (fix)	...	40 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	11.6/8
+53.248	+55.296	Band	224 ± 12	-0.96 ± 0.07	< -5	...	...	13.5/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	215 ± 49	-1.48 ± 0.26	...	53 ± 6	...	8.0/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	78 ± 18	-0.7 (fix)	...	64 ± 7	-1.5 (fix)	7.8/8
+55.296	+61.440	Band	187 ± 16	-1.06 ± 0.09	-2.51 ± 0.23	...	...	17.6/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	818 ± 500	-1.81 ± 0.12	...	40 ± 3	...	12.7/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	67 ± 19	-0.7 (fix)	...	52 ± 6	-1.5 (fix)	12.3/8
+61.440	+63.488	Band	310 ± 17	-0.76 ± 0.06	< -5	...	...	12.7/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	410 ± 95	-1.14 ± 0.21	...	53 ± 6	...	8.2/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	297 ± 26	-0.7 (fix)	...	47 ± 10	-1.5 (fix)	6.9/8
+63.488	+65.536	Band	124 ± 29	-0.97 ± 0.49	-2.50 ± 0.52	...	...	11.2/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	717 ± 600	-2.26 ± 0.30	...	35 ± 5	...	3.7/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	18^{+10}_{-5}	-0.7 (fix)	...	30 ± 4	-1.5 (fix)	5.0/8
+65.536	+67.584	Band	306 ± 13	-0.53 ± 0.05	-3.00 ± 0.30	...	...	20.4/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	451 ± 63	-1.06 ± 0.13	...	57 ± 3	...	13.2/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	332 ± 24	-0.7 (fix)	...	58 ± 7	-1.5 (fix)	13.0/8

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Time from T_0		Models	Base Component			Additional Components		Cstat/dof
			CPL or Band			BB	PL	
T_{start} (s)	T_{stop} (s)	Parameters	E_{peak} (keV)	α	β	kT (keV)	α	
+67.584	+71.680	Band	276 ± 12	−0.68 ± 0.05	−2.72 ± 0.20	...	...	15.2/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	461 ± 73	−1.25 ± 0.11	...	52 ± 3	...	6.5/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	269 ± 22	−0.7 (fix)	...	55 ± 10	−1.5 (fix)	6.4/8
+71.680	+77.824	Band	177 ± 8	−1.13 ± 0.07	<−5	...	...	7.3/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	177 ± 8	−1.13 ± 0.07	...	10 ± 2	...	6.0/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	90 ± 15	−0.7 (fix)	...	70 ± 11	−1.5 (fix)	7.3/8
+77.824	+83.968	Band	137 ± 7	−1.24 ± 0.09	<−5	...	...	7.3/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	137 ± 7	−1.24 ± 0.09	...	10 ± 2	...	6.1/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	98 ± 20	−0.7 (fix)	...	64 ± 15	−1.5 (fix)	5.4/8
+83.968	+86.016	Band	175 ± 13	−0.84 ± 0.12	−2.92 ± 0.46	...	...	6.2/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	233 ± 65	−1.54 ± 0.29	...	40 ± 4	...	5.2/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	76 ± 31	−0.7 (fix)	...	53 ± 8	−1.5 (fix)	4.1/8
+86.016	+88.064	Band	119 ± 13	−0.81 ± 0.30	−2.72 < 0.40	...	...	5.0/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	130 ± 9	−1.01 ± 0.18	...	10 ± 2	...	4.5/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	104 ± 33	−0.7 (fix)	...	79 ± 15	−1.5 (fix)	5.0/8
+88.064	+110.590	Band	46 ± 42	$-1.86^{+0.23}_{-0.13}$	<−5	...	...	16.5/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	16 ± 5	−1.83 ± 0.06	...	51 ± 17	...	13.0/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	32 ± 10	−0.7 (fix)	...	43 ± 15	−1.5 (fix)	11.9/8
+110.590	+114.690	Band	116 ± 23	−1.12 ± 0.37	−2.37 ± 0.27	...	...	13.7/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	137 ± 15	−1.36 ± 0.17	...	10 ± 2	...	12.0/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	42 ± 15	−0.7 (fix)	...	36 ± 10	−1.5 (fix)	11.2/8
+114.690	+200.700	Band	91 ± 22	−0.80 ± 0.89	−2.36 ± 0.27	...	...	7.2/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	109 ± 13	−1.27 ± 0.30	...	10 ± 2	...	6.5/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	109 ± 13	−1.27 ± 0.30	...	10 ± 2	...	6.5/8

Table 5
Model Parameter Values Resulting from the Fine Time Spectral Analysis of GRB 970111
with Their 1σ Uncertainties as Presented in Section 4.2

Time From T_0		Models	Base Component			Additional Components		Cstat/dof
			CPL or Band			BB	PL	
T_{start} (s)	T_{stop} (s)	Parameters	E_{peak} (keV)	α	β	kT (keV)	α	
−2.034	−0.256	Band	715 ± 403	−0.47 ± 0.49	<−5	...	...	13.0/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	903 ± 369	−0.7 (fix)	...	20 ± 2	...	12.0/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	...	...	...	118 ± 34	−1.5 (fix)	12.6/10
−0.256	+1.792	Band	263 ± 12	+1.09 ± 0.17	−2.87 ± 0.26	...	...	7.6/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	1019 ± 391	−0.7 (fix)	...	65 ± 2	...	7.7/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	...	...	...	67 ± 2	−1.5 (fix)	12.6/10
+1.792	+3.840	Band	201 ± 5	+1.36 ± 0.16	−3.94 ± 0.61	...	...	11.3/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	2565 ± 400	−0.7 (fix)	...	51 ± 1	...	9.8/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	...	...	...	51 ± 1	−1.5 (fix)	12.7/10
+3.840	+5.888	Band	177 ± 4	+1.20 ± 0.14	−3.52 ± 0.30	...	...	11.4/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	540 ± 237	−0.19 ± 0.92	...	43 ± 2	...	10.4/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	635 ± 269	−0.7 (fix)	...	44 ± 1	...	11.1/9

Table 5
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Time From T_0		Models	Base Component			Additional Components		Cstat/dof
			CPL or Band			BB	PL	
T_{start} (s)	T_{stop} (s)	Parameters	E_{peak} (keV)	α	β	kT (keV)	α	
+5.888	+7.936	Band	213 ± 3	$+0.47 \pm 0.06$	-5.22 ± 1.68	...	...	2.5/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	228 ± 23	$+0.08 \pm 0.43$	...	49 ± 4	...	2.5/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	277 ± 26	-0.7 (fix)	...	50 ± 1	...	6.3/9
+7.936	+9.984	Band	206 ± 3	$+0.15 \pm 0.05$	<-5	...	...	12.7/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	215 ± 15	-0.22 ± 0.30	...	48 ± 4	...	10.9/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	236 ± 16	-0.7 (fix)	...	48 ± 2	...	14.0/9
+9.984	+12.032	Band	154 ± 2	-0.29 ± 0.06	<-5	...	...	14.5/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	153 ± 9	-0.64 ± 0.32	...	39 ± 4	...	13.2/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	153 ± 9	-0.7 (fix)	...	39 ± 3	...	13.2/9
+12.032	+14.080	Band	134 ± 3	-0.59 ± 0.08	-3.75 ± 0.53	...	...	12.5/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	131 ± 11	-1.18 ± 0.31	...	36 ± 3	...	10.8/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	117 ± 23	-0.7 (fix)	...	45 ± 8	-1.5 (fix)	10.8/8
+14.080	+16.128	Band	151 ± 2	-0.45 ± 0.05	<-5	...	...	14.3/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	150 ± 8	-0.95 ± 0.24	...	38 ± 2	...	9.2/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	150 ± 9	-0.7 (fix)	...	39 ± 5	-1.5 (fix)	10.6/8
+16.128	+18.176	Band	177 ± 2	-0.41 ± 0.03	<-5	...	...	13.2/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	166 ± 9	-0.68 ± 0.16	...	50 ± 6	...	4.9/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	166 ± 9	-0.7 (fix)	...	49 ± 4	...	4.9/8
+18.176	+20.224	Band	159 ± 2	-0.58 ± 0.04	<-5	...	...	15.8/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	144 ± 9	-0.95 ± 0.18	...	46 ± 4	...	5.1/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	123 ± 21	-0.7 (fix)	...	55 ± 2	-1.5 (fix)	6.4/8
+20.224	+22.272	Band	100 ± 1	-0.77 ± 0.05	<-5	...	...	10.3/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	100 ± 17	-0.77 ± 0.20	...	45 ± 10	...	10.4/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	77 ± 12	-0.7 (fix)	...	44 ± 4	-1.5 (fix)	7.6/8
+22.272	+24.320	Band	85 ± 2	-0.83 ± 0.09	<-5	...	...	13.8/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	67 ± 45	-0.75 ± 0.83	...	41 ± 6	...	12.7/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	63 ± 15	-0.7 (fix)	...	39 ± 6	-1.5 (fix)	11.8/8
+24.320	+26.368	Band	72 ± 2	-0.90 ± 0.13	-3.93 ± 0.54	...	...	16.8/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	67 ± 14	-1.06 ± 0.54	...	28 ± 15	...	19.1/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	39 ± 10	-0.7 (fix)	...	30 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	15.8/8
+26.368	+30.464	Band	49 ± 3	-0.90 ± 0.17	<-5	...	...	9.1/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	46 ± 30	-0.79 ± 1.00	...	31 ± 18	...	9.0/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	45 ± 10	-0.7 (fix)	...	30 ± 10	...	9.0/9
+30.464	+36.608	Band	65 ± 2	-1.16 ± 0.09	-4.14 ± 0.81	...	...	6.8/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	62 ± 10	-1.21 ± 0.32	...	32 ± 12	...	7.0/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	42 ± 6	-0.7 (fix)	...	33 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	6.2/8
+36.608	+40.704	Band	30 ± 12	-1.56 ± 0.29	-4.04 ± 1.35	...	...	12.2/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	28 ± 17	-0.73 ± 0.80	...	26 ± 8	...	12.4/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	23 ± 8	-0.7 (fix)	...	22 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	7.0/8
+40.704	+46.848	Band	24 ± 23	-0.92 ± 0.80	<-5	...	...	23.1/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	24 ± 20	-0.92 ± 0.80	...	26 ± 8	...	20.0/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	26 ± 3	-0.7 (fix)	...	...	...	21.8/8

Table 6
Model Parameter Values Resulting from the Fine Time Spectral Analysis of GRB 990123
with Their 1σ Uncertainties as Presented in Section 4.2

Time From T_0		Models	Base Component			Additional Components		Cstat/dof
			CPL or Band			BB	PL	
$T_{\rm start}$ (s)	$T_{\rm stop}$ (s)	Parameters	$E_{\rm peak}$ (keV)	α	β	kT (keV)	α	
-2.048	$+16.384$	Band	164 ± 5	-0.30 ± 0.11	<-5	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	3.7/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	177 ± 35	-0.98 ± 0.60	$\cdots$	39 ± 4	$\cdots$	2.2/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	632^{+238}_{-155}	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	$44.8^{+20.5}_{-11.4}$	-1.5 (fix)	2.2/8
$+16.384$	$+20.480$	Band	375 ± 25	-0.60 ± 0.06	-2.60 ± 0.27	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	18.0/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	645 ± 142	-1.09 ± 0.14	$\cdots$	63 ± 5	$\cdots$	11.3/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	577 ± 392	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	60 ± 5	-1.5 (fix)	12.9/8
$+20.480$	$+22.528$	Band	783 ± 30	-0.54 ± 0.02	-2.92 ± 0.39	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	67.6/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	1059 ± 85	-0.78 ± 0.05	$\cdots$	106 ± 5	$\cdots$	49.2/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	994 ± 38	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	103 ± 5	-1.5 (fix)	49.0/8
$+22.528$	$+24.576$	Band	841 ± 42	-0.50 ± 0.03	-2.76 ± 0.40	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	38.8/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	1101 ± 104	-0.70 ± 0.07	$\cdots$	108 ± 8	$\cdots$	31.6/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	1115 ± 55	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	107 ± 8	-1.5 (fix)	31.6/8
$+24.576$	$+26.624$	Band	944 ± 35	-0.48 ± 0.02	-2.17 ± 0.09	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	91.6/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	2053 ± 231	-0.84 ± 0.04	$\cdots$	115 ± 3	$\cdots$	31.1/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	1789 ± 106	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	109 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	25.2/8
$+26.624$	$+28.672$	Band	783 ± 36	-0.43 ± 0.03	-2.18 ± 0.10	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	54.5/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	1756 ± 267	-0.86 ± 0.06	$\cdots$	105 ± 4	$\cdots$	24.6/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	1516 ± 123	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	100 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	22.3/8
$+28.672$	$+32.768$	Band	456 ± 12	-0.41 ± 0.03	-3.31 ± 0.32	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	46.8/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	649 ± 54	-0.89 ± 0.07	$\cdots$	80 ± 2	$\cdots$	15.4/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	550 ± 21	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	80 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	16.4/8
$+32.768$	$+34.816$	Band	308 ± 11	-0.52 ± 0.05	<-5	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	6.3/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	342 ± 44	-0.78 ± 0.21	$\cdots$	59 ± 8	$\cdots$	4.7/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	331 ± 23	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	59 ± 11	$\cdots$	4.9/8
$+34.816$	$+36.864$	Band	457 ± 17	-0.37 ± 0.04	-2.78 ± 0.18	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	19.8/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	687 ± 67	-0.80 ± 0.09	$\cdots$	76 ± 4	$\cdots$	14.1/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	632 ± 27	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	76 ± 4	-1.5 (fix)	13.8/8
$+36.864$	$+38.912$	Band	682 ± 21	-0.48 ± 0.02	-2.38 ± 0.09	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	54.8/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	1119 ± 81	-0.80 ± 0.04	$\cdots$	92 ± 4	$\cdots$	33.8/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	1034 ± 39	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	89 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	32.3/8
$+38.912$	$+40.960$	Band	652 ± 29	-0.54 ± 0.03	-2.53 ± 0.18	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	27.7/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	941 ± 86	-0.79 ± 0.06	$\cdots$	86 ± 6	$\cdots$	21.1/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	677 ± 171	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	67 ± 23	-1.5 (fix)	20.8/8
$+40.960$	$+43.008$	Band	635 ± 31	-0.66 ± 0.03	-3.12 ± 0.62	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	59.9/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	810 ± 83	-0.89 ± 0.08	$\cdots$	88 ± 7	$\cdots$	41.6/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	740 ± 47	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	84 ± 5	-1.5 (fix)	30.9/8
$+43.008$	$+49.152$	Band	402 ± 15	-0.98 ± 0.02	-3.73 ± 1.25	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	32.7/9
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th}$	468 ± 39	-1.25 ± 0.06	$\cdots$	71 ± 4	$\cdots$	13.3/8
		$C_{\rm nTh} + C_{\rm Th} + {\rm PL}$	145 ± 15	-0.7 (fix)	$\cdots$	101 ± 6	-1.5 (fix)	30.6/8

Table 6
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Time From T_0		Models	Base Component			Additional Components		Cstat/dof
			CPL or Band			BB	PL	
T_{start} (s)	T_{stop} (s)	Parameters	E_{peak} (keV)	α	β	kT (keV)	α	
+49.152	+61.440	Band	399 ± 14	-1.17 ± 0.02	<-5	...	...	57.6/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	373 ± 36	-1.43 ± 0.05	...	81 ± 5	...	11.3/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	86 ± 5	-0.7 (fix)	...	87 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	42.2/8
+61.440	+71.680	Band	308 ± 13	-1.24 ± 0.03	<-5	...	...	24.0/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	295 ± 36	-1.50 ± 0.08	...	66 ± 5	...	5.5/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	74 ± 5	-0.7 (fix)	...	74 ± 3	-1.5 (fix)	28.6/8
+71.680	+81.920	Band	286 ± 7	-1.02 ± 0.03	<-5	...	...	36.9/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	299 ± 26	-1.38 ± 0.08	...	60 ± 3	...	10.0/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	140^{+249}_{-139}	-0.7 (fix)	...	79 ± 10	-1.5 (fix)	10.2/8
+81.920	+88.064	Band	482 ± 55	-1.20 ± 0.04	-2.71 ± 0.70	...	...	22.8/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	997 ± 500	-1.59 ± 0.09	...	71 ± 5	...	6.4/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	69 ± 10	-0.7 (fix)	...	76 ± 5	-1.5 (fix)	12.0/8
+88.064	+102.400	Band	110 ± 15	-1.74 ± 0.11	<-5	...	...	15.1/9
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$	110 ± 15	-1.74 ± 0.11	...	50 ± 1	...	13.5/8
		$C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$	10 ± 1	-0.7 (fix)	...	66 ± 20	-1.5 (fix)	12.0/8

APPENDIX B
FINE TIME-RESOLVED ANALYSIS

Figures 15 and 16 show the results of the fine time-resolved analysis of GRB 941017 with a Band function alone and the $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ or the $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ models, respectively, as presented in Section 4.2.

Figures 17 and 18 show the results of the fine time-resolved analysis of GRB 970111 with a Band function alone and the $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ or the $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ models as presented in Section 4.2.

Figures 19 and 20 show the results of the fine time-resolved analysis of GRB 990123 with a Band function alone and the $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ or the $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ models as presented in Section 4.2.
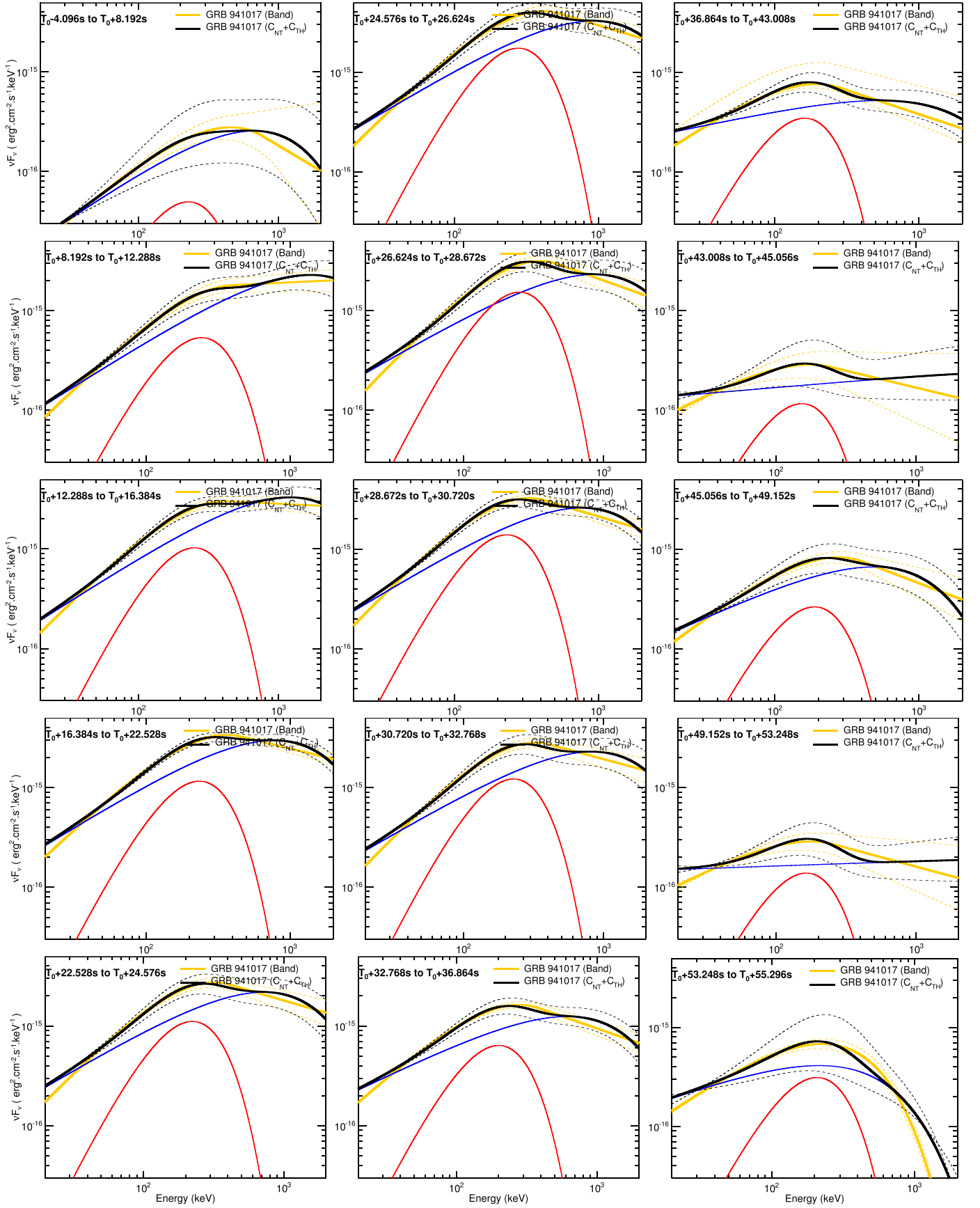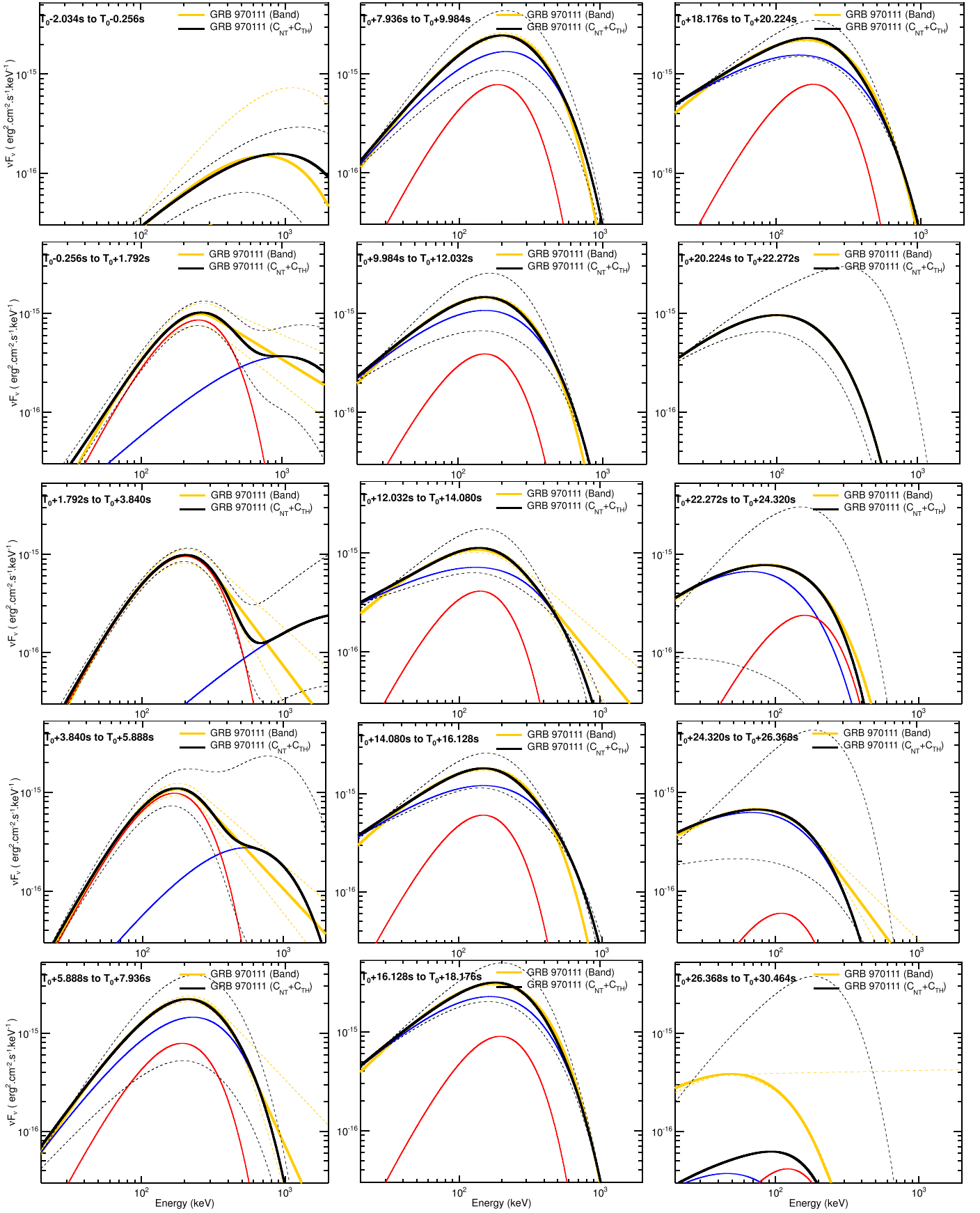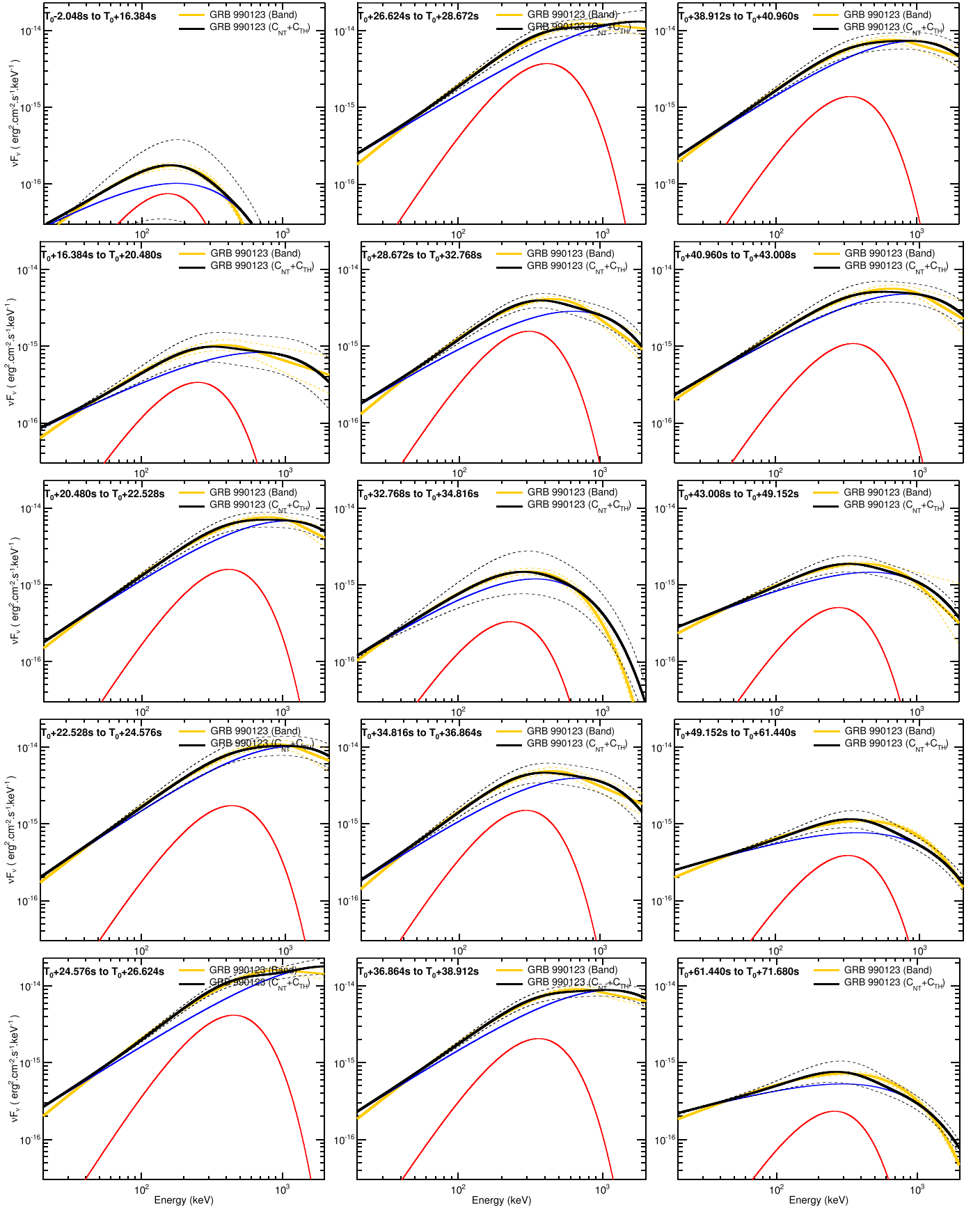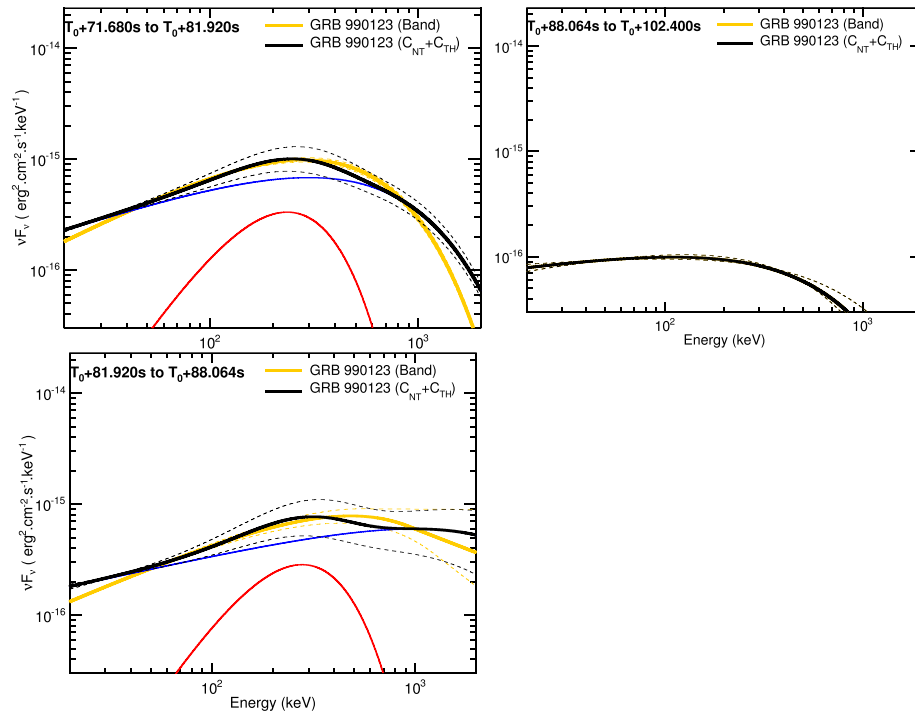
Figure 15. GRB 941017: νF_ν spectra resulting from the fine time analysis presented in Section 4.2. The solid yellow and black lines correspond to the best Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ fits, respectively. The dashed yellow and black lines correspond to the 1-σ confidence regions of the Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ fits, respectively. The solid blue and red lines correspond to C_{nTh} and C_{Th} resulting from the best $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ fits (i.e., solid black line) to the data, respectively.
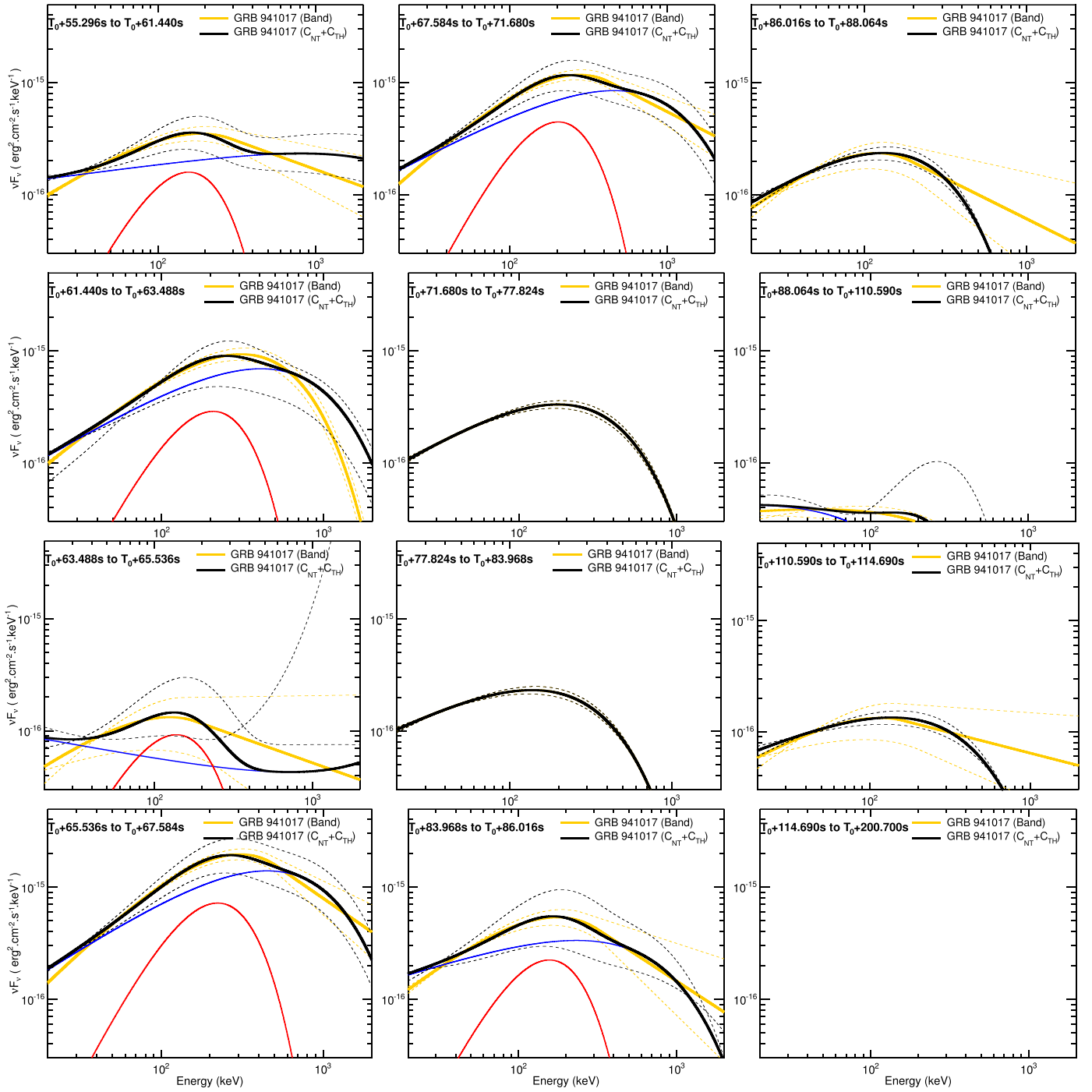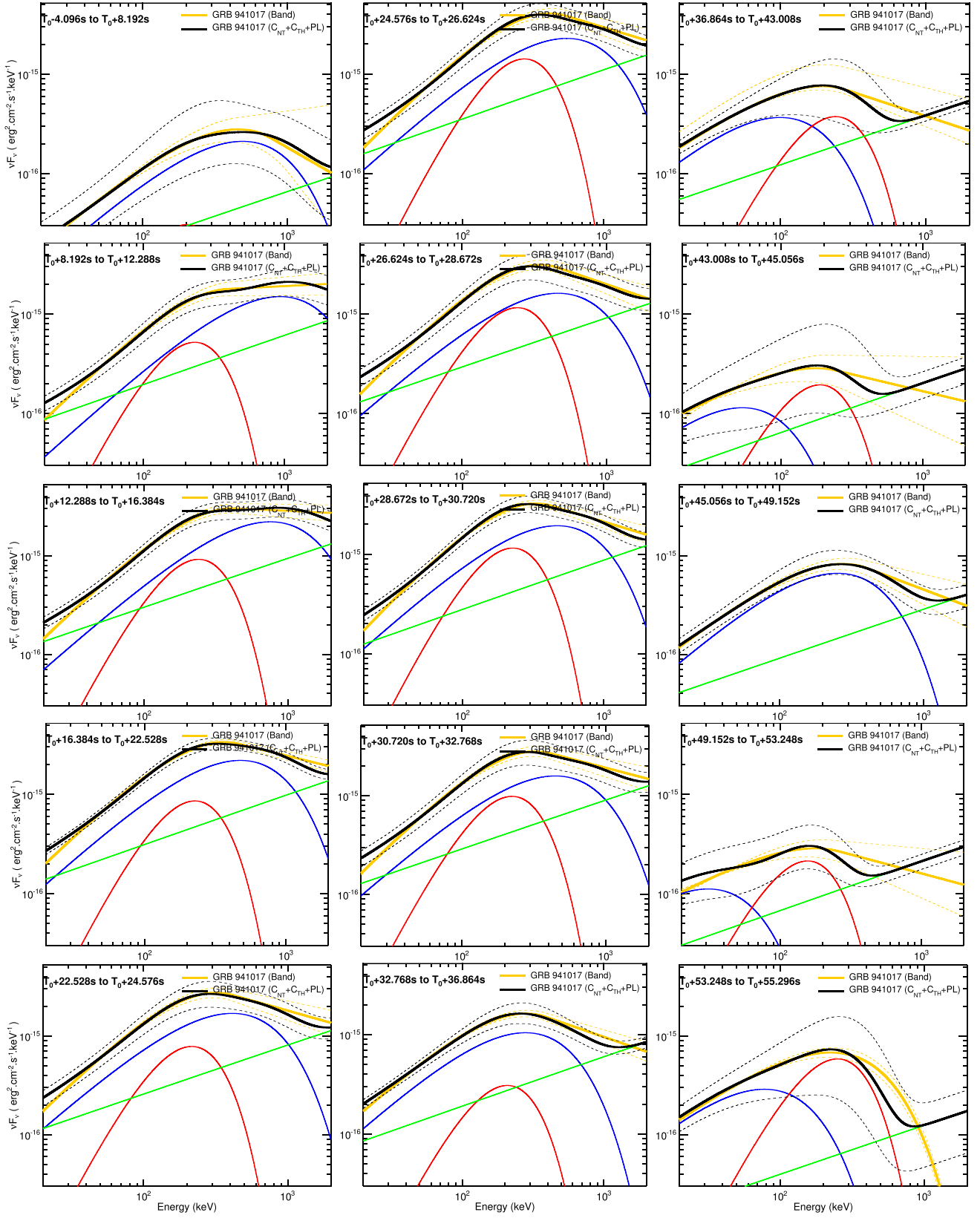
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Figure 16. GRB 970111: νF_ν spectra resulting from the fine time analysis presented in Section 4.2. The solid yellow and black lines correspond to the best Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ fits, respectively. The dashed yellow and black lines correspond to the 1σ confidence regions of the Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ fits, respectively. The solid blue and red lines correspond to C_{nTh} and C_{Th} resulting from the best $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ fits (i.e., solid black line) to the data, respectively.
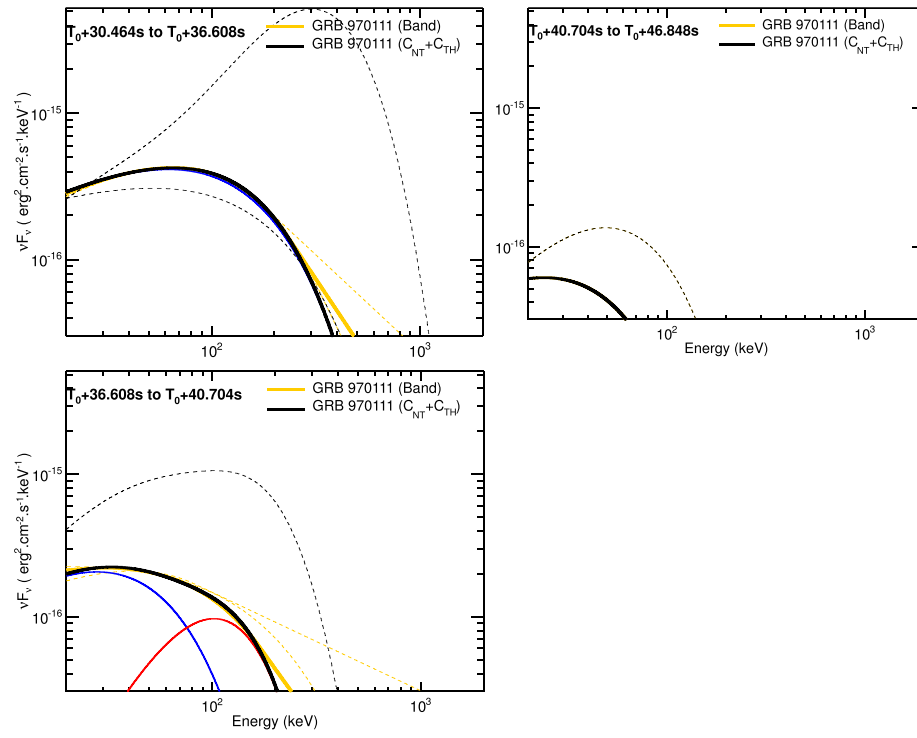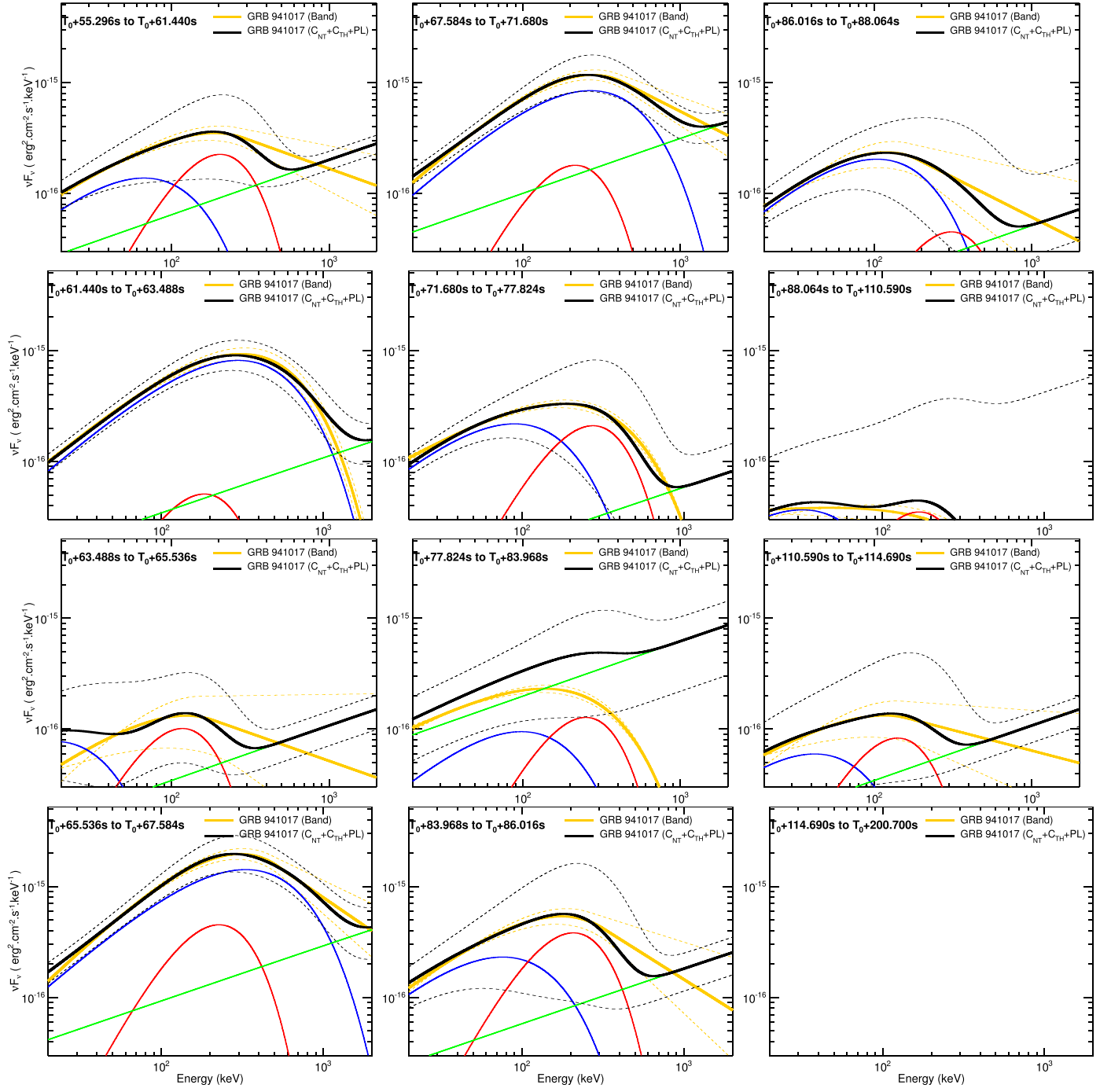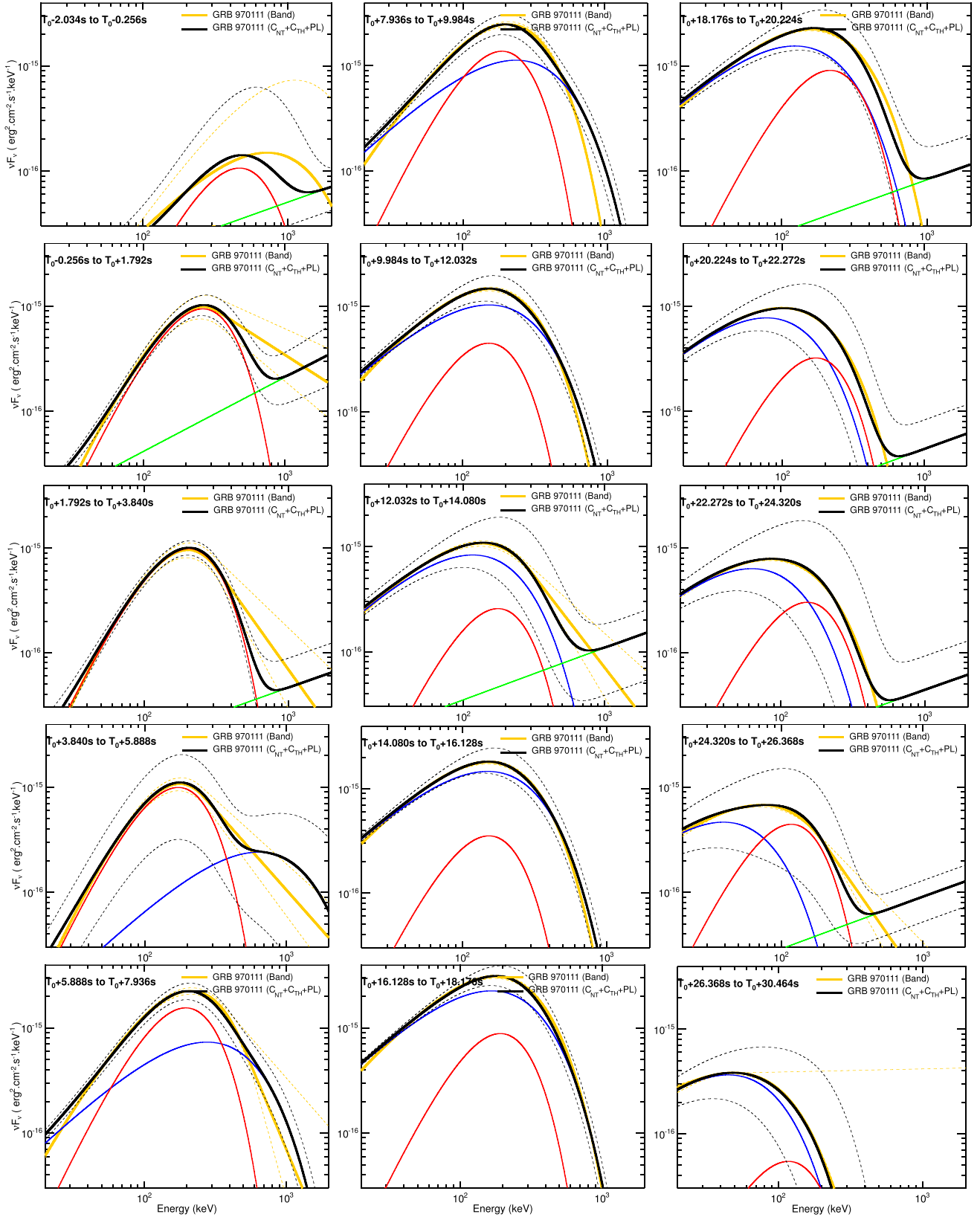
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Figure 17. GRB 990123: νF_ν spectra resulting from the fine time analysis presented in Section 4.2. The solid yellow and black lines correspond to the best Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ fits, respectively. The dashed yellow and black lines correspond to the 1σ confidence regions of the Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ fits, respectively. The solid blue and red lines correspond to C_{nTh} and C_{Th} resulting from the best $C_{nTh} + C_{Th}$ fits (i.e., solid black line) to the data, respectively.

Figure 17. (Continued.)

Figure 18. GRB 941017: νF_ν spectra resulting from the fine time analysis presented in Section 4.2. The solid yellow and black lines correspond to the best Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ fits, respectively. The dashed yellow and black lines correspond to the 1σ confidence regions of the Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ fits, respectively. The solid blue, red and green lines correspond to C_{nTh}, C_{Th} and the additional PL resulting from the best $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ fits (i.e., solid black line) to the data, respectively.
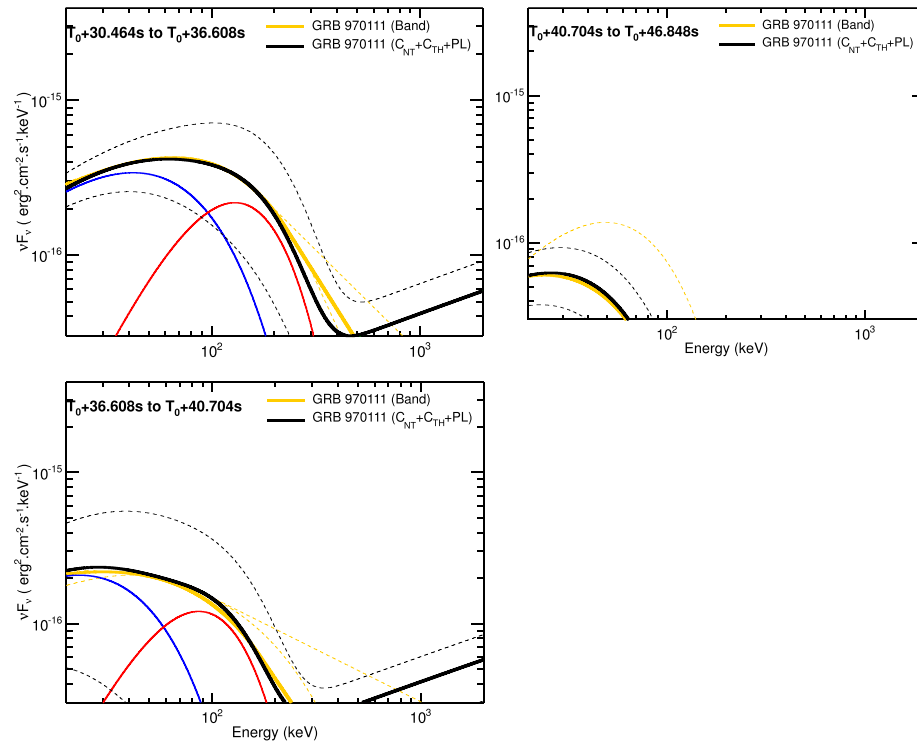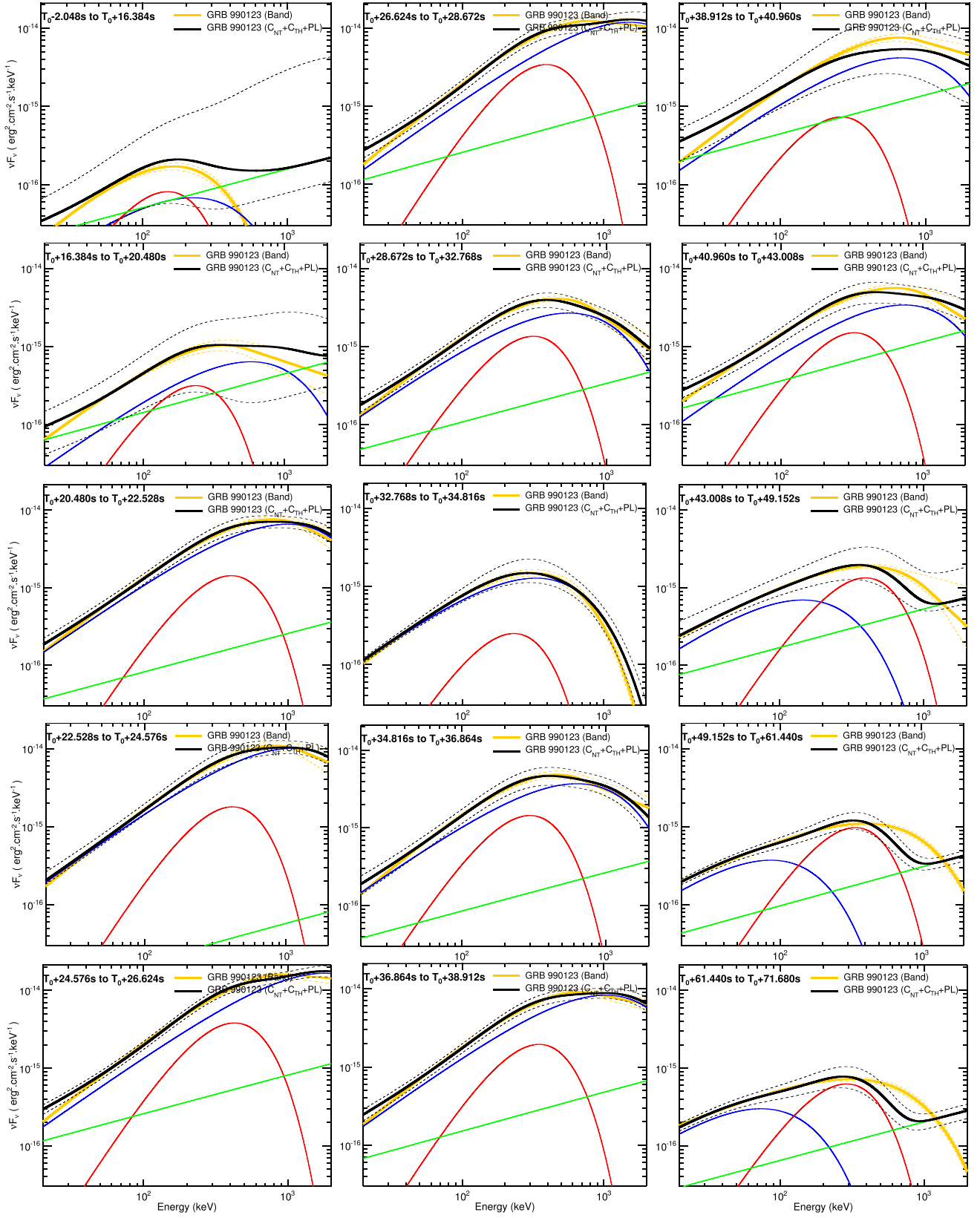
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Figure 19. GRB 970111: νF_ν spectra resulting from the fine time analysis presented in Section 4.2. The solid yellow and black lines correspond to the best Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$, respectively. The dashed yellow and black lines correspond to the 1-σ confidence regions of the Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ fits, respectively. The solid blue, red, and green lines correspond to C_{nTh}, C_{Th}, and the additional PL resulting from the best $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ fits (i.e., solid black line) to the data, respectively.
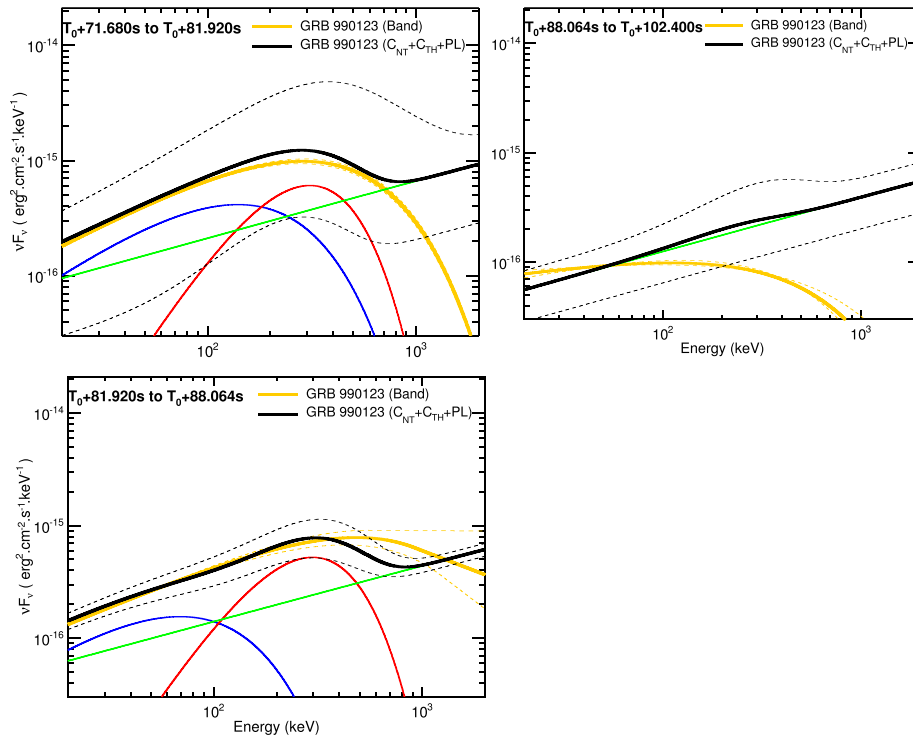
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Figure 20. GRB 990123: νF_ν spectra resulting from the fine time analysis presented in Section 4.2. The solid yellow and black lines correspond to the best Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ fits, respectively. The dashed yellow and black lines correspond to the 1σ confidence regions of the Band-only and $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ fits, respectively. The solid blue, red, and green lines correspond to C_{NT}, C_{Th}, and the additional PL resulting from the best $C_{nTh} + C_{Th} + PL$ fits (i.e., solid black line) to the data, respectively.

Figure 20. (Continued.)

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