

# Extragalactic and MM physics at VHE



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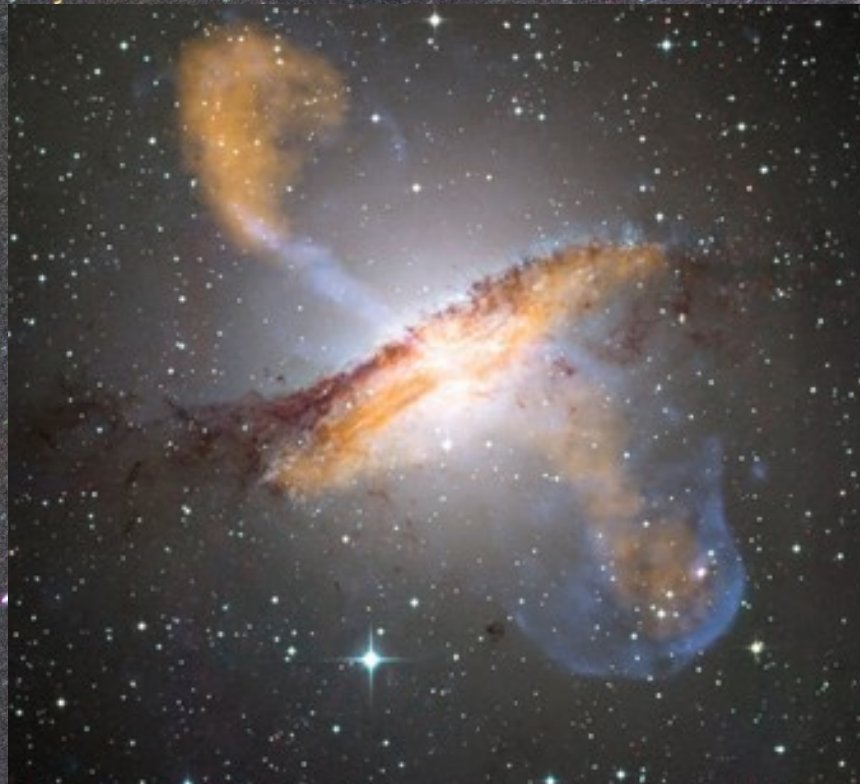
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# Extragalactic and fundamental physics

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## AGNs



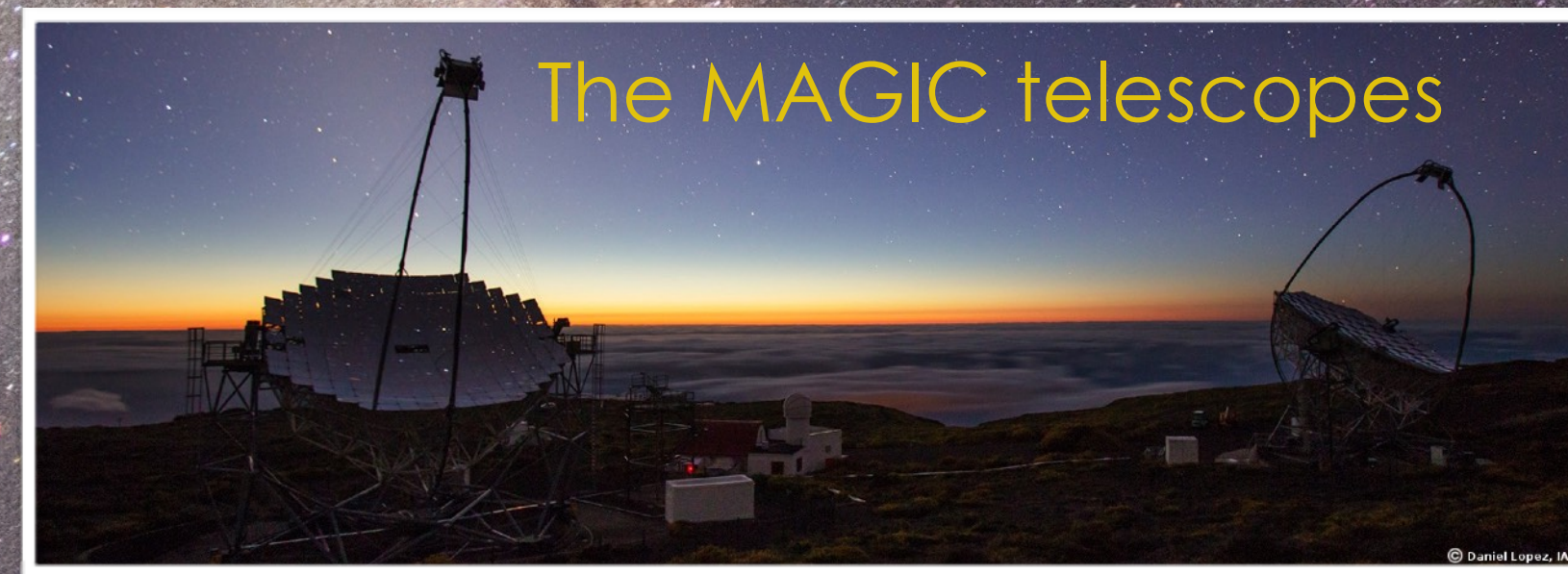
## GRBs



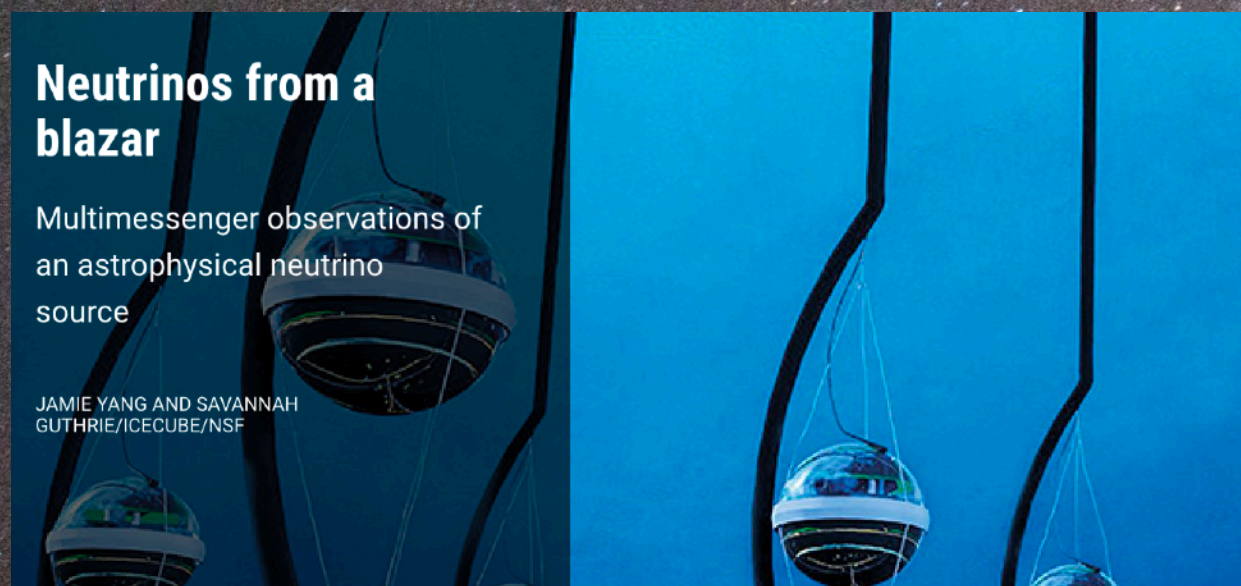
## Fundamental Physics



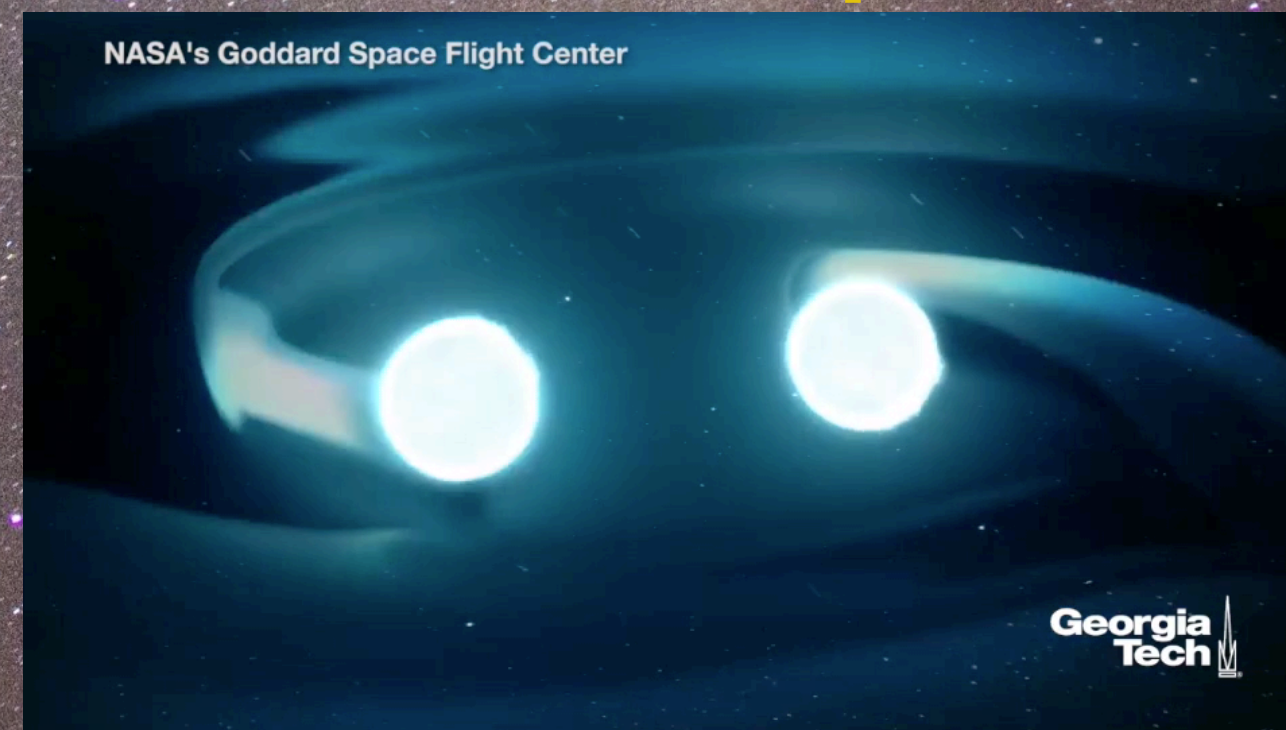
Dark Matter  
Lorentz Invariance



## Neutrino search



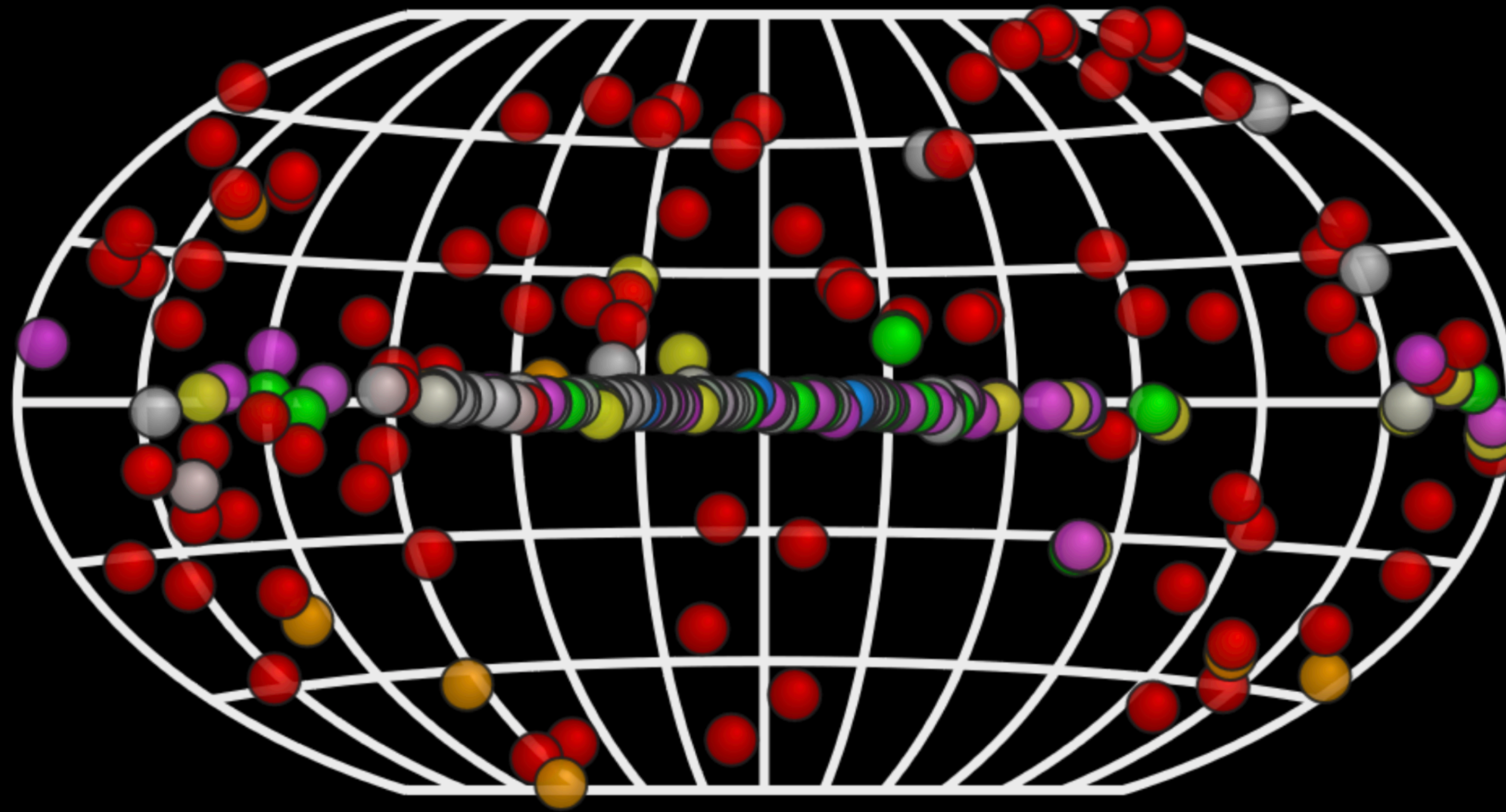
## GW counterparts



**Active  
Galactic  
Nuclei**



# VHE Galactic Sources



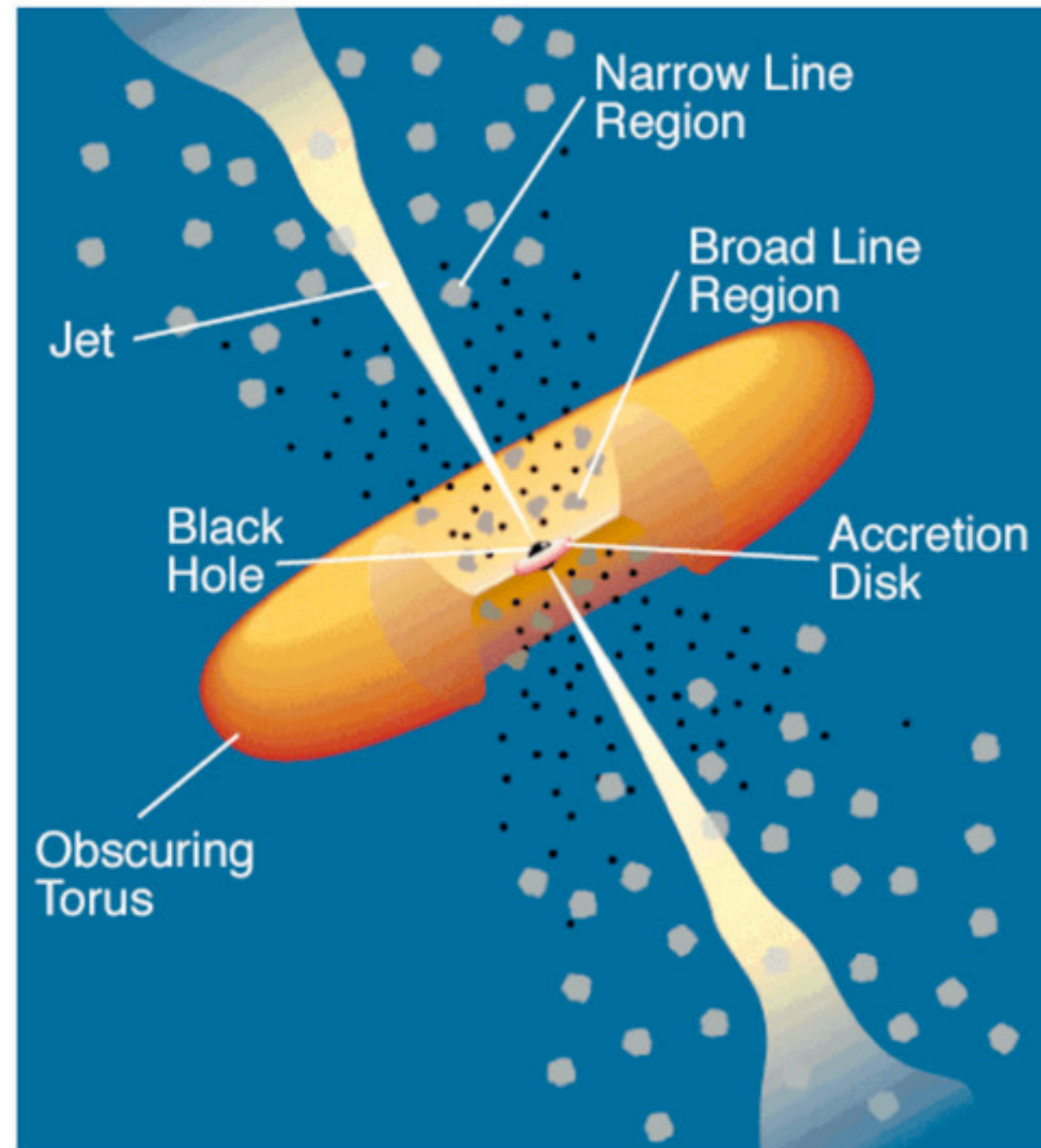
- GRB, Starburst, Superbubble
- PWN, TeV halo, PWN/TeV Halo, Composite SNR, BIN
- HBL, IBL, FSRQ, AGN (unknown type), FRI, Blazar, BL Lac (class unclear), LBL, EHBL
- Shell, SNR/Molec. Cloud, Giant Molecular Cloud, Composite SNR
- UNID, TeV halo, DARK
- Binary, PSR, Gamma BIN, Nova
- Massive Star Cluster, Globular Cluster

- **252\*** sources of VHE gamma rays (<http://tevcat2.uchicago.edu/>)
  - Blazars are the largest population: ~81
  - Radio galaxies: 4
  - Starbursts: 2

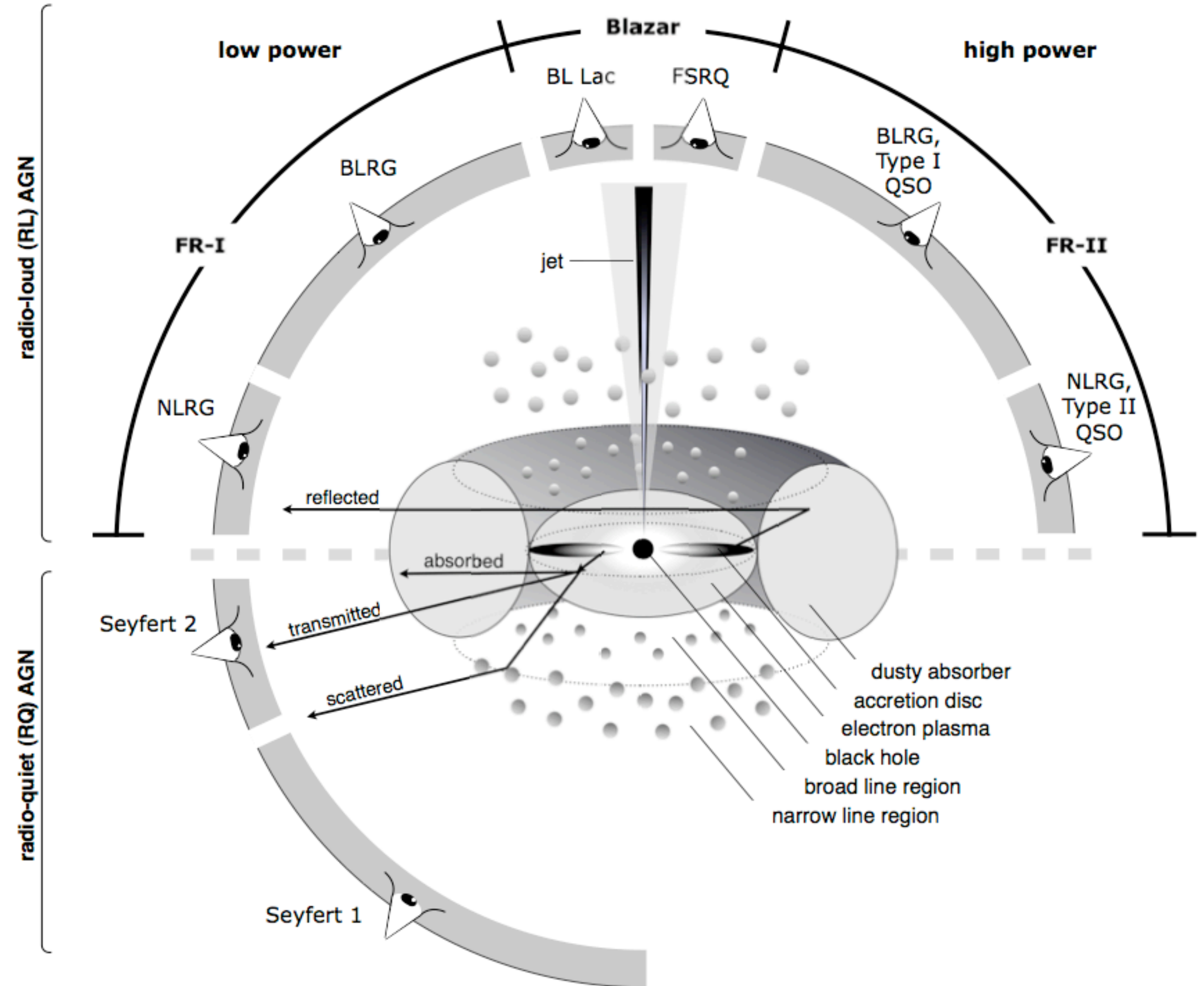
# Jetted AGNs

Blazars can be classified as:

- **Flat Spectrum Radio Quasars (FSRQs):** exhibit lines with an equivalent width of  $>5 \text{ \AA}$
- **BL Lac objects:** fainter lines or even absent



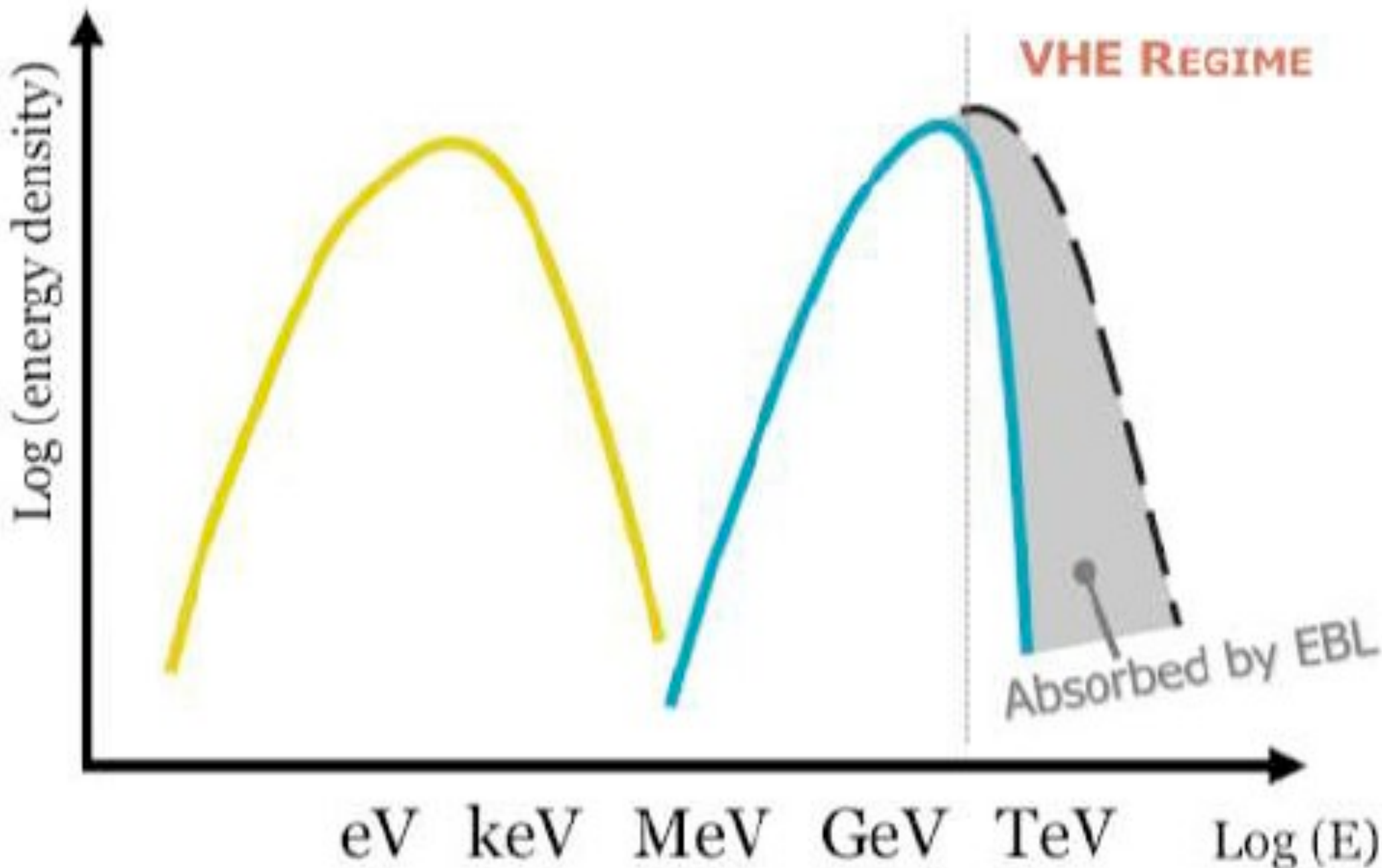
simplified scheme from Urry & Padovani 1995



Sketch of the basic ideas of the unified AGN model. Credit: Beckmann & Shrader (2012).

# Blazars

Simplified blazar SED

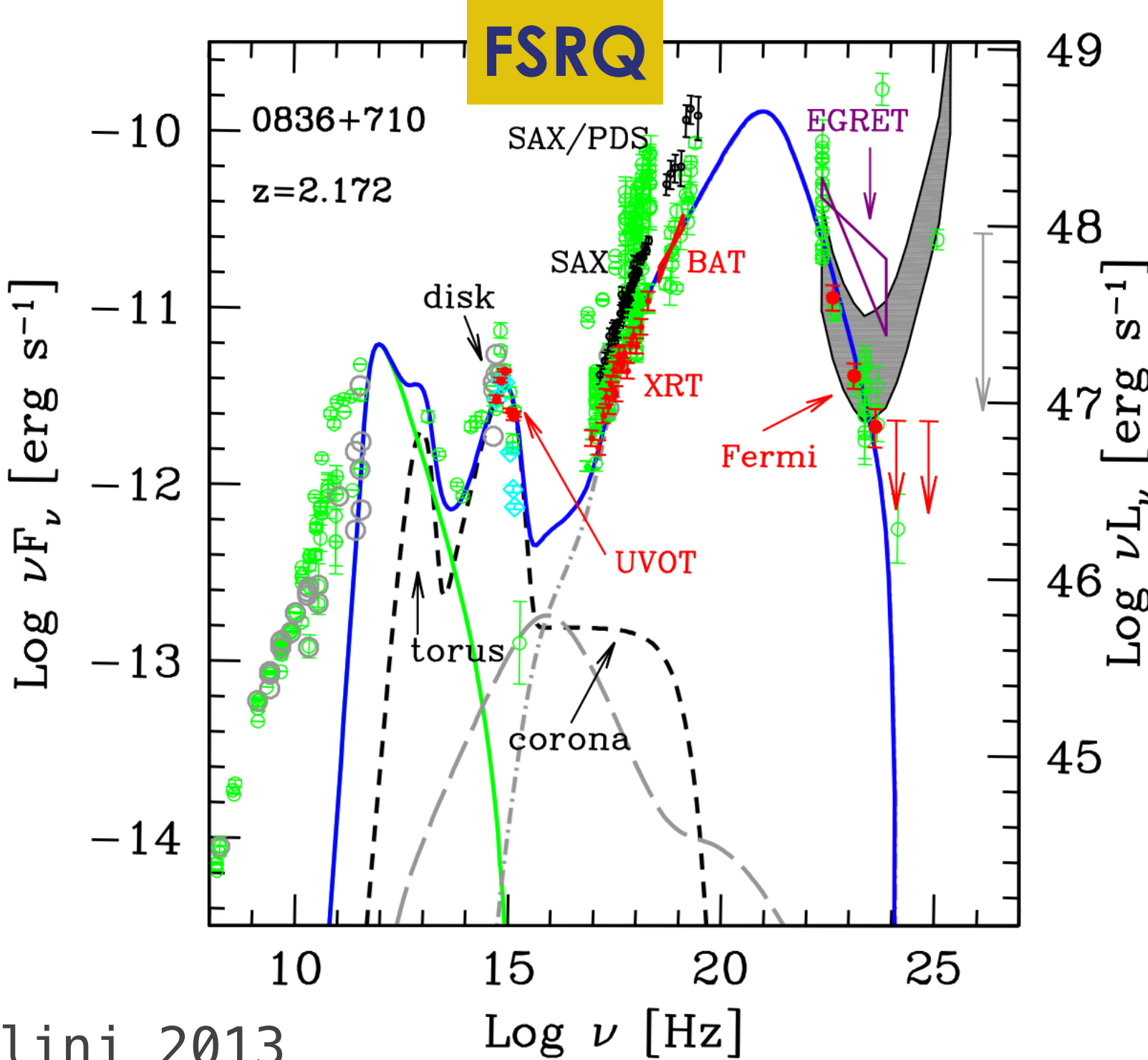


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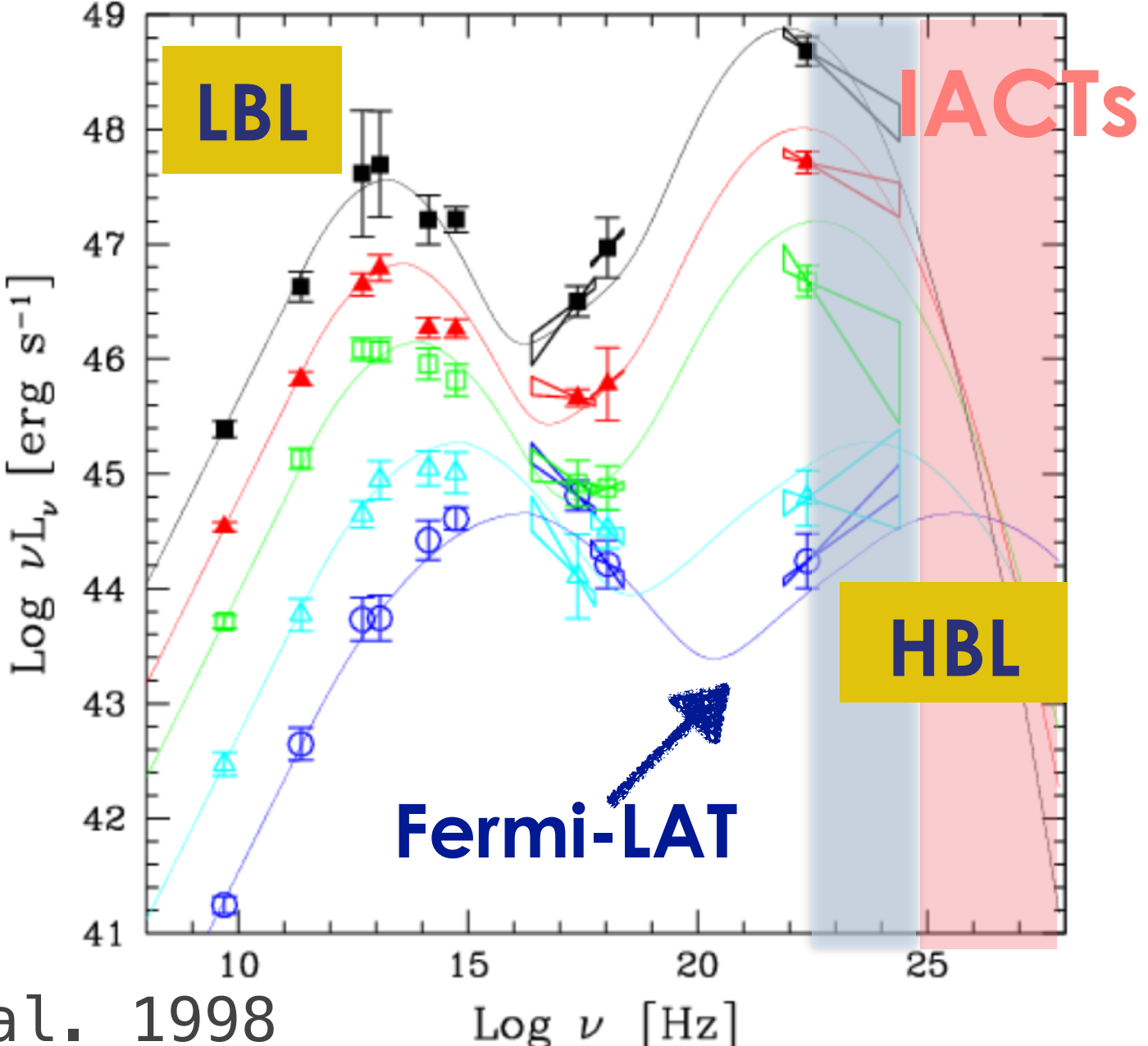
- Flat Spectrum Radio Quasars (FSRQs)
- BL Lac objects

Most popular models to interpret the blazar emission:

- One zone, leptonic
- One zone, hadronic
- Multi zone, either leptonic or hadronic

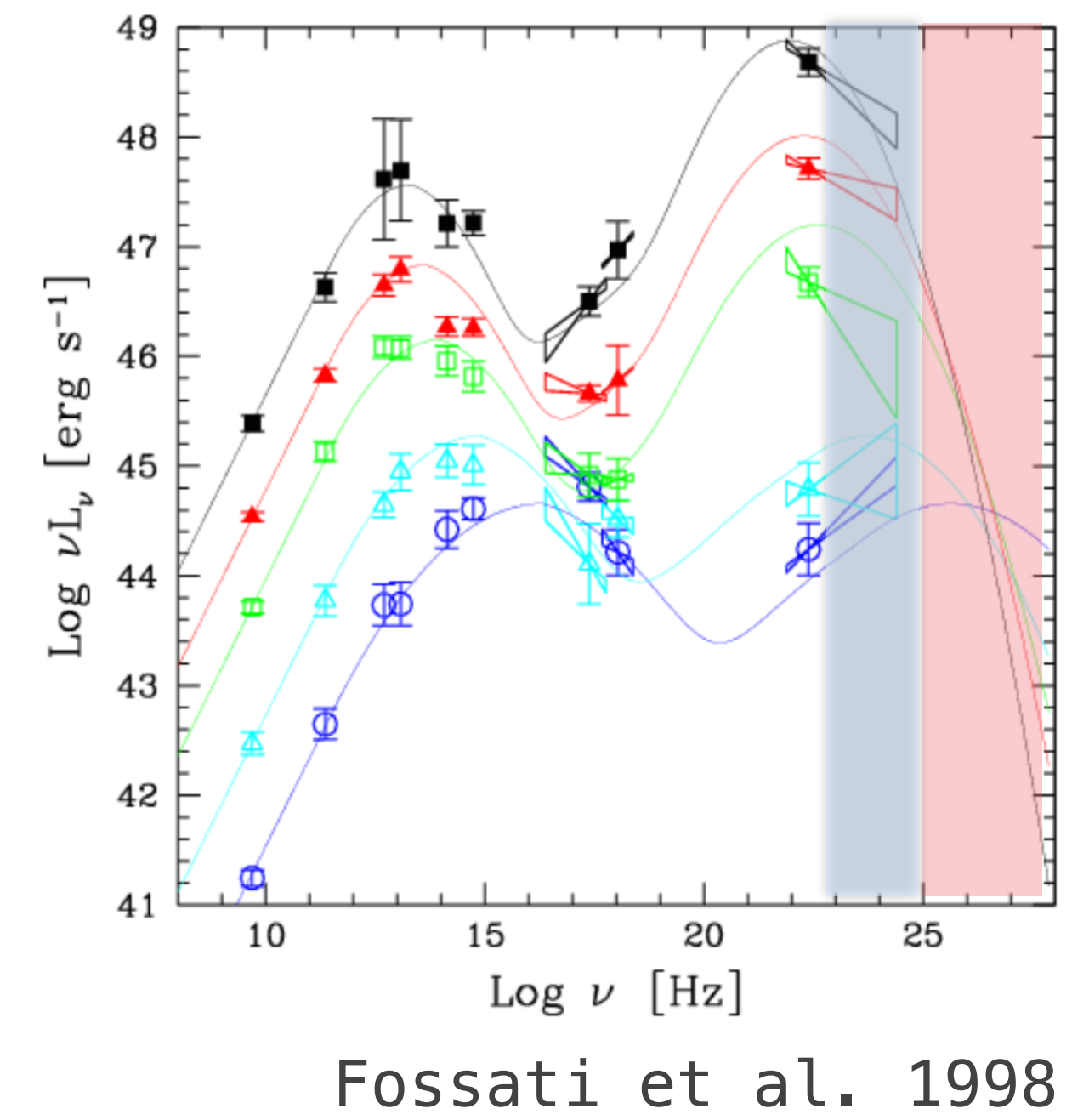
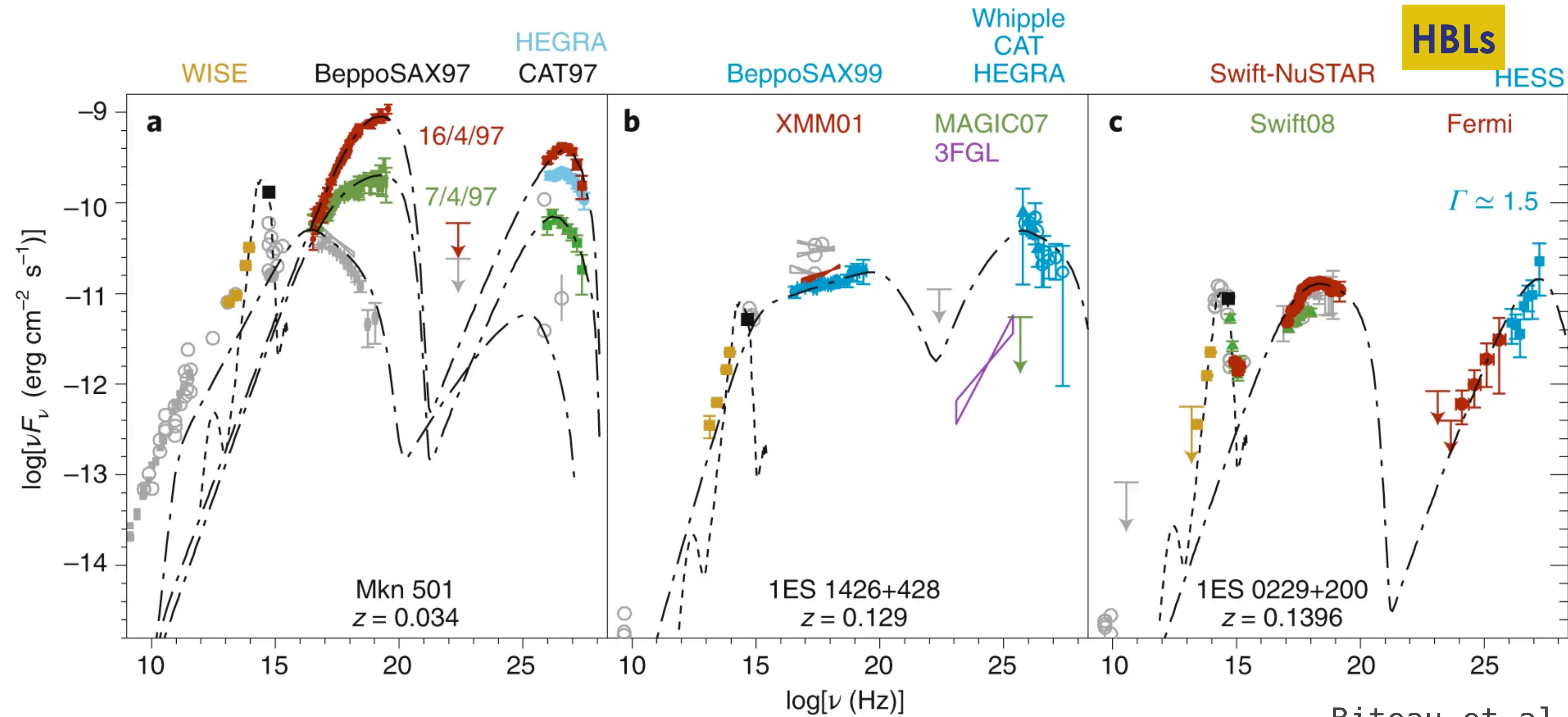


Ghisellini 2013



Fossati et al. 1998

# Blazars



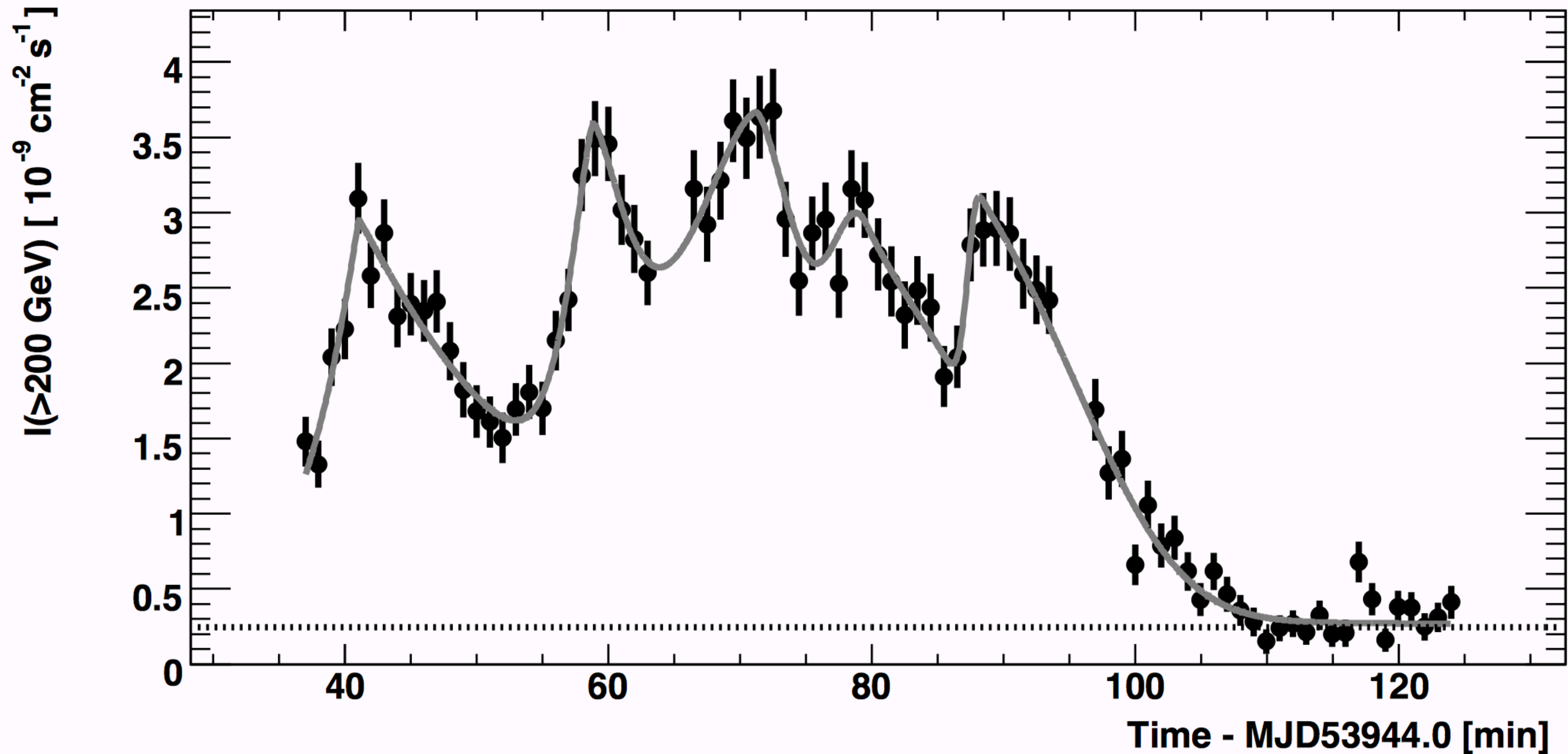
- The most successful leptonic models applied to **extreme-TeV blazars thus appear to be simple SSC models** that involve electron distributions with either a large minimum Lorentz factor,  $\gamma_{\min} \gg 1$ , or hard particle spectra,  $p < 2$ , as well as a magnetic field strength well below equipartition
- (Lepto-)hadronic models: Typical hadronic scenarios for extreme blazars are based on the **co-acceleration of protons and electrons** and attribute the TeV emission to proton synchrotron radiation or to the decay of pions from proton-photon interactions, possibly mixed with SSC emission from secondary pairs

# Jet structure

- Some multi-wavelength light curves points to the need of structure jets, showing more complex behaviours than expected from simple one-zone emitting regions, including also fast variability
- First hint of an spectral narrow feature in the VHE band from Mrk 501
- CTA will bring better resolution and MWL campaigns will be key

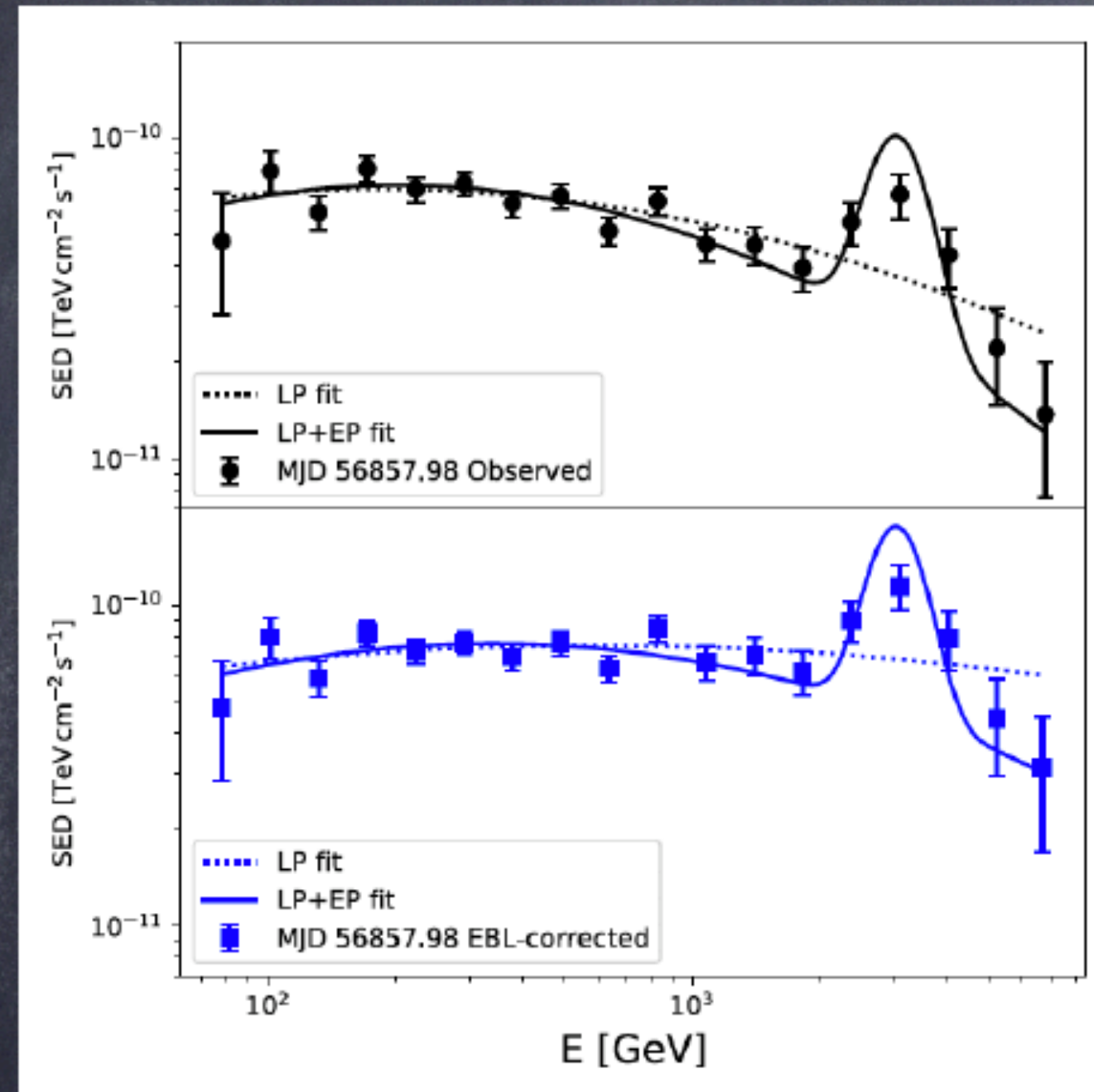


# Extreme variability PKS 2155-304



# Hint of a narrow VHE spectral feature

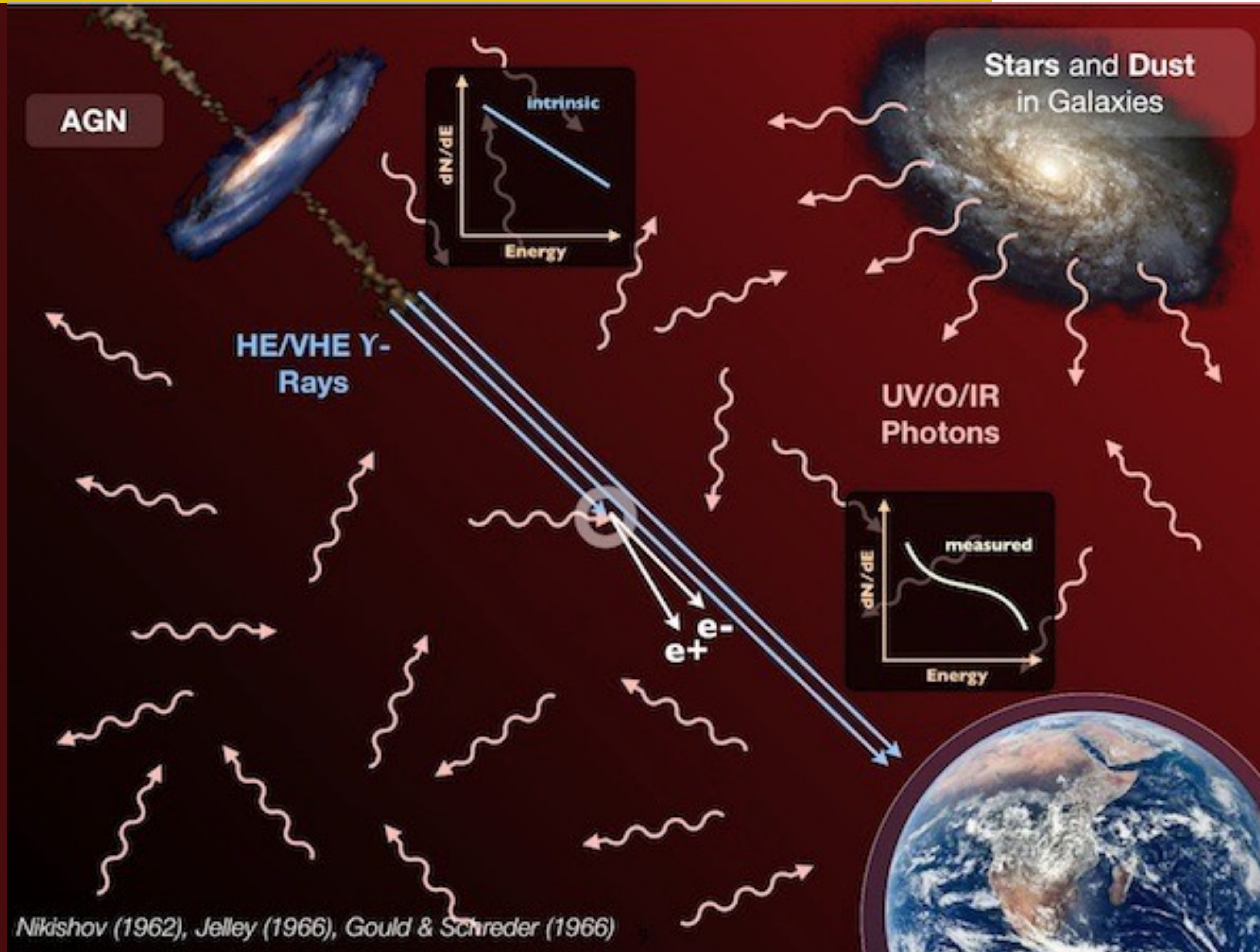
## Likelihood Ratio Test



2014 July 19–20  
(MJD 56857.98)

	Fit	$f_0 \cdot 10^{10}$ [TeV <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Gamma$	$b$	$K \cdot 10^5$ [TeV <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\beta$	$E_p$ [TeV]	$\chi^2/df$	LRT
Observed	LP	$2.56 \pm 0.09$	$-2.16 \pm 0.03$	$0.08 \pm 0.02$	-	-	-	39.8/19	
Observed	LP+EP	$2.54 \pm 0.10$	$-2.26 \pm 0.04$	$0.14 \pm 0.03$	$7.7 \pm 1.7$	$9.1 \pm 3.2$	$3.04 \pm 0.10$	13.5/16	$4.5\sigma$
EBL-corr	LP	$3.00 \pm 0.11$	$-1.99 \pm 0.03$	$0.04 \pm 0.02$	-	-	-	35.4/19	
EBL-corr	LP+EP	$2.99 \pm 0.11$	$-2.08 \pm 0.04$	$0.10 \pm 0.03$	$13.0 \pm 3.0$	$10.0 \pm 3.6$	$3.03 \pm 0.10$	14.6/16	$3.9\sigma$

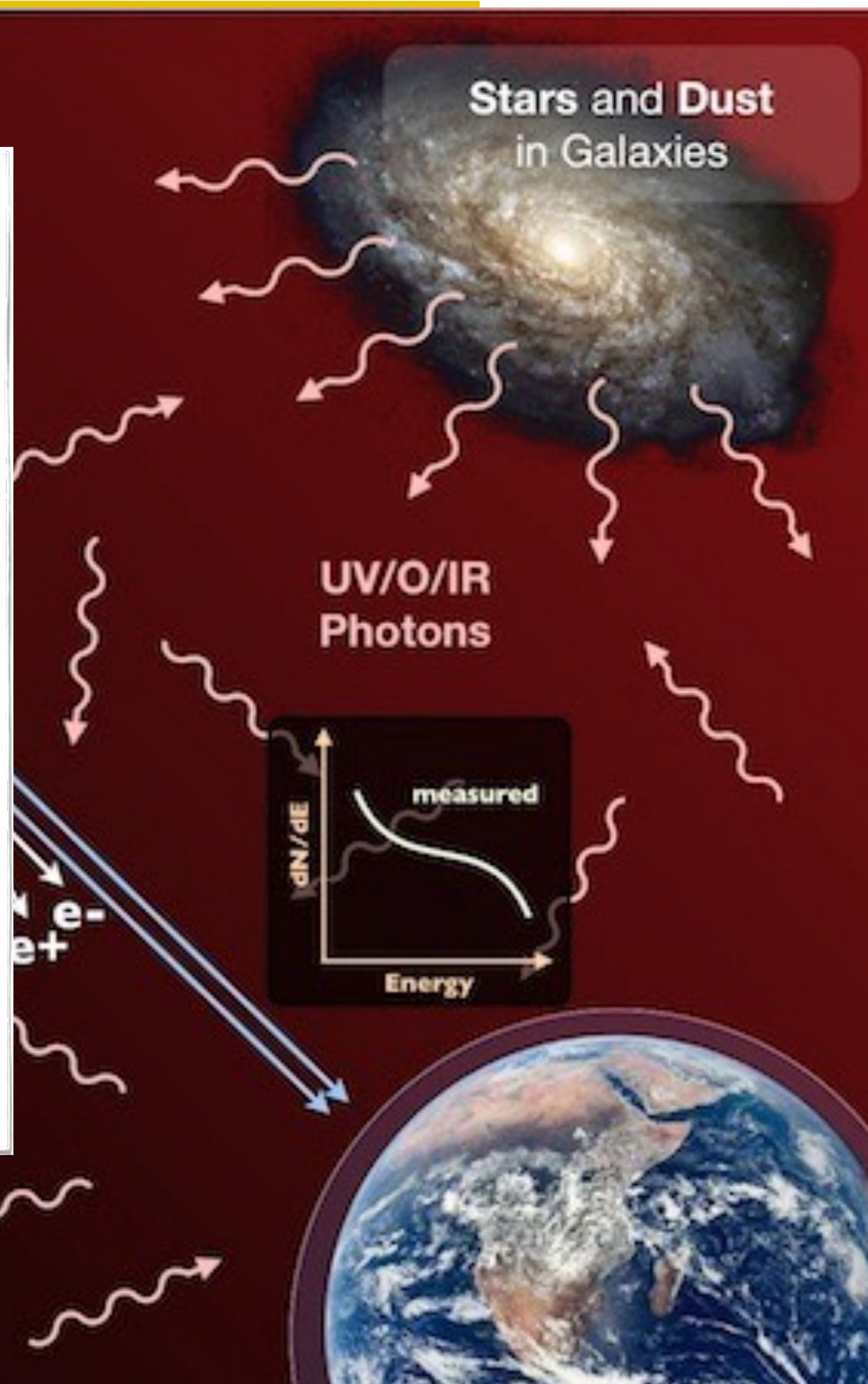
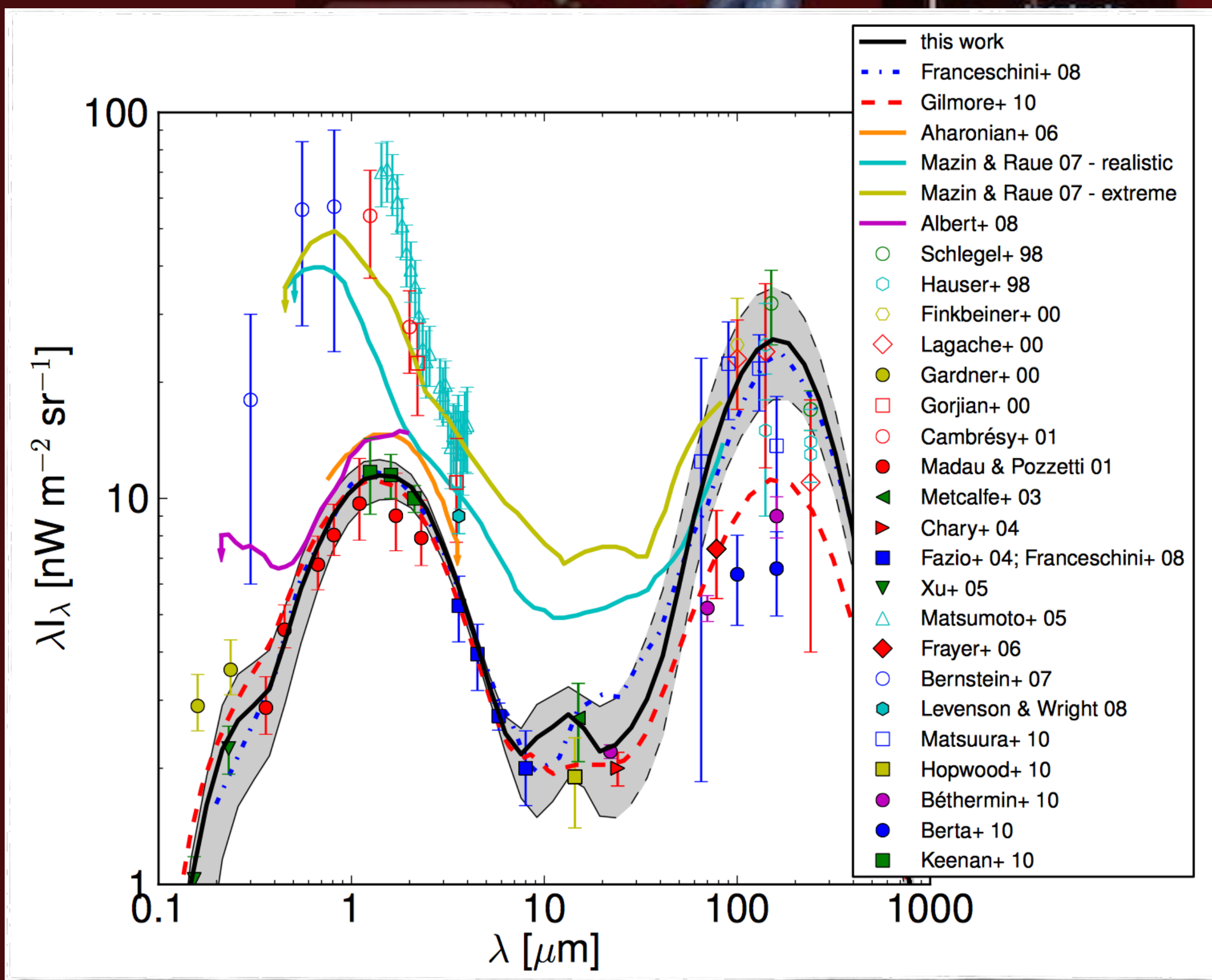
# Extragalactic Background Light (EBL)



Nikishov (1962), Jelley (1966), Gould & Schreder (1966)

Slide from M. Raue

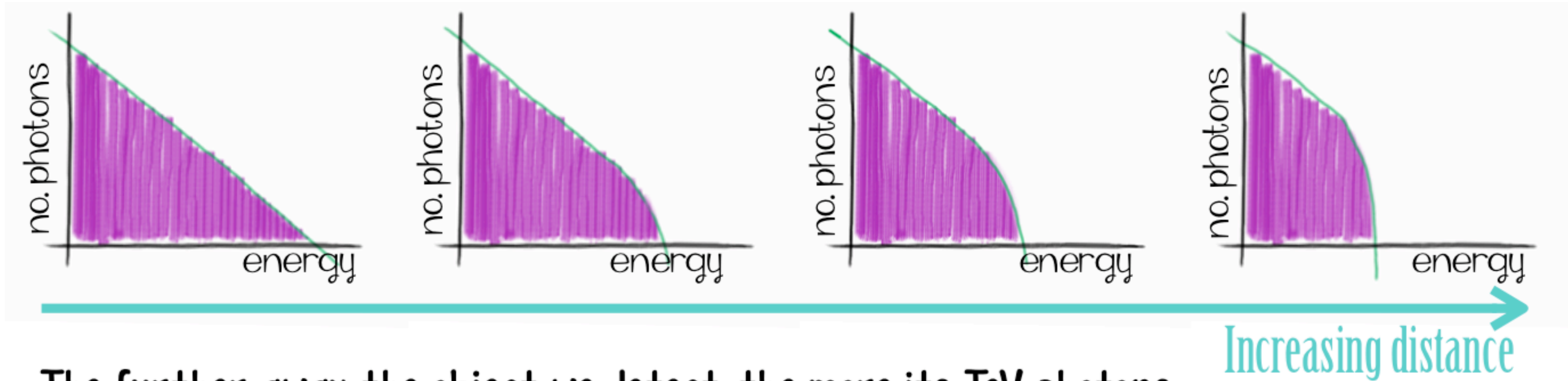
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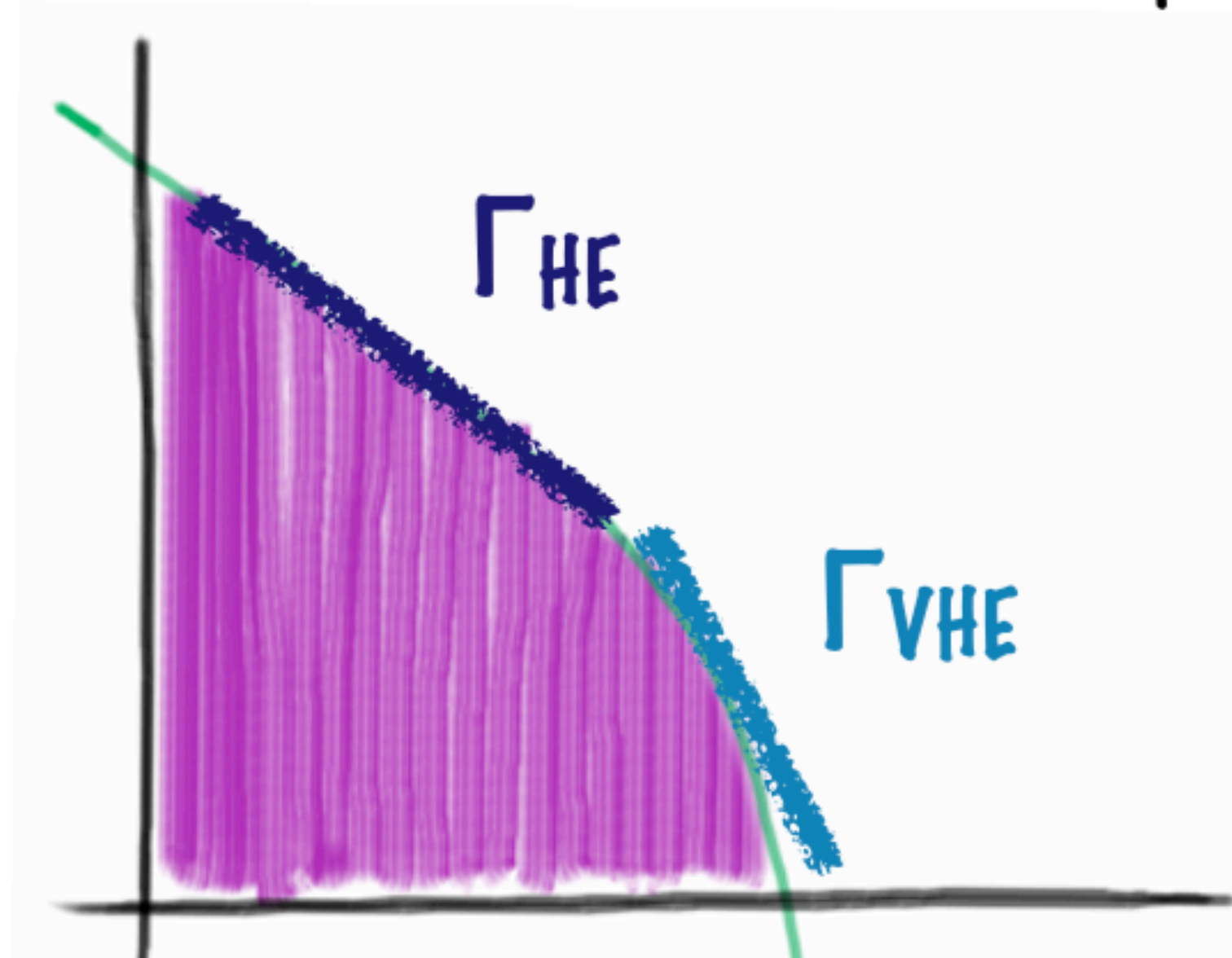
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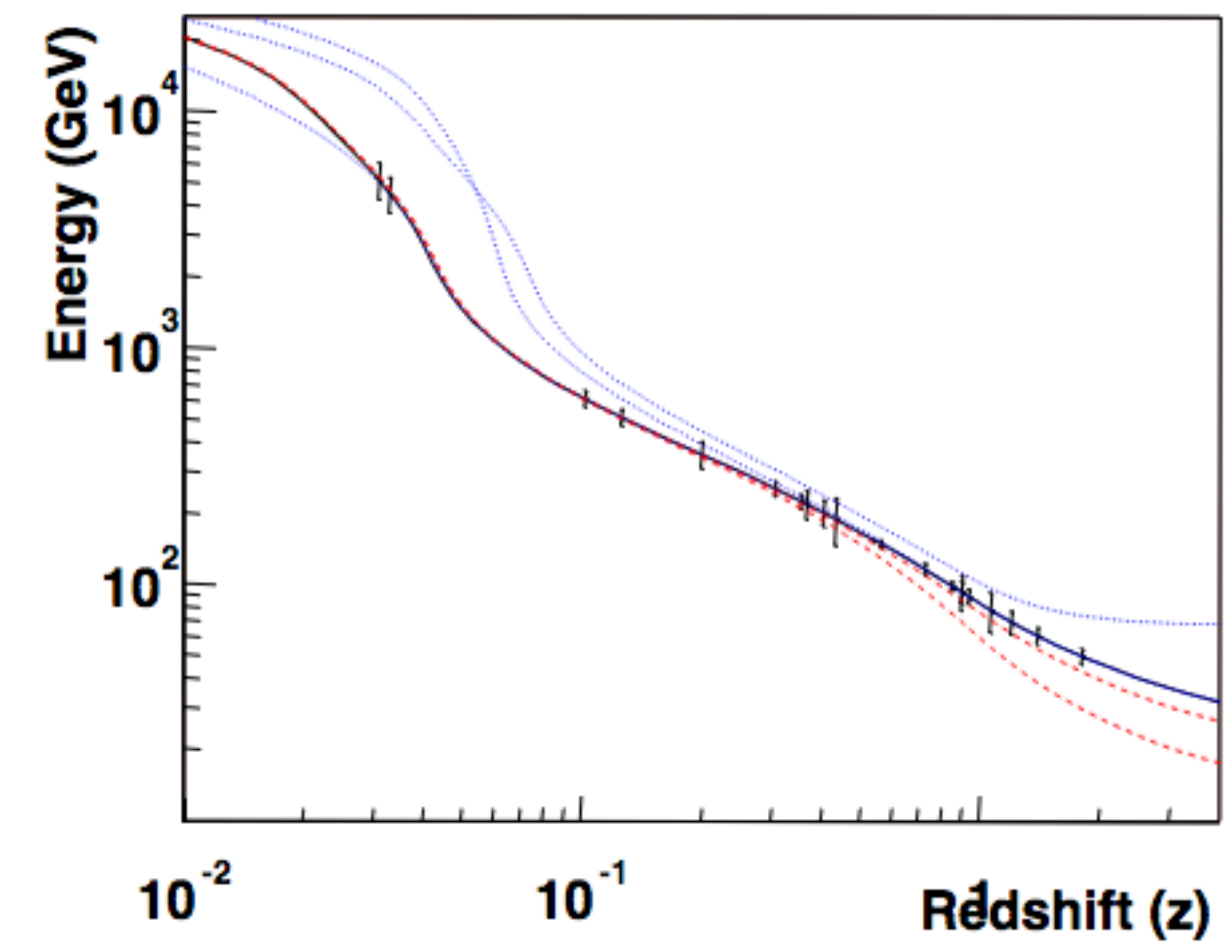
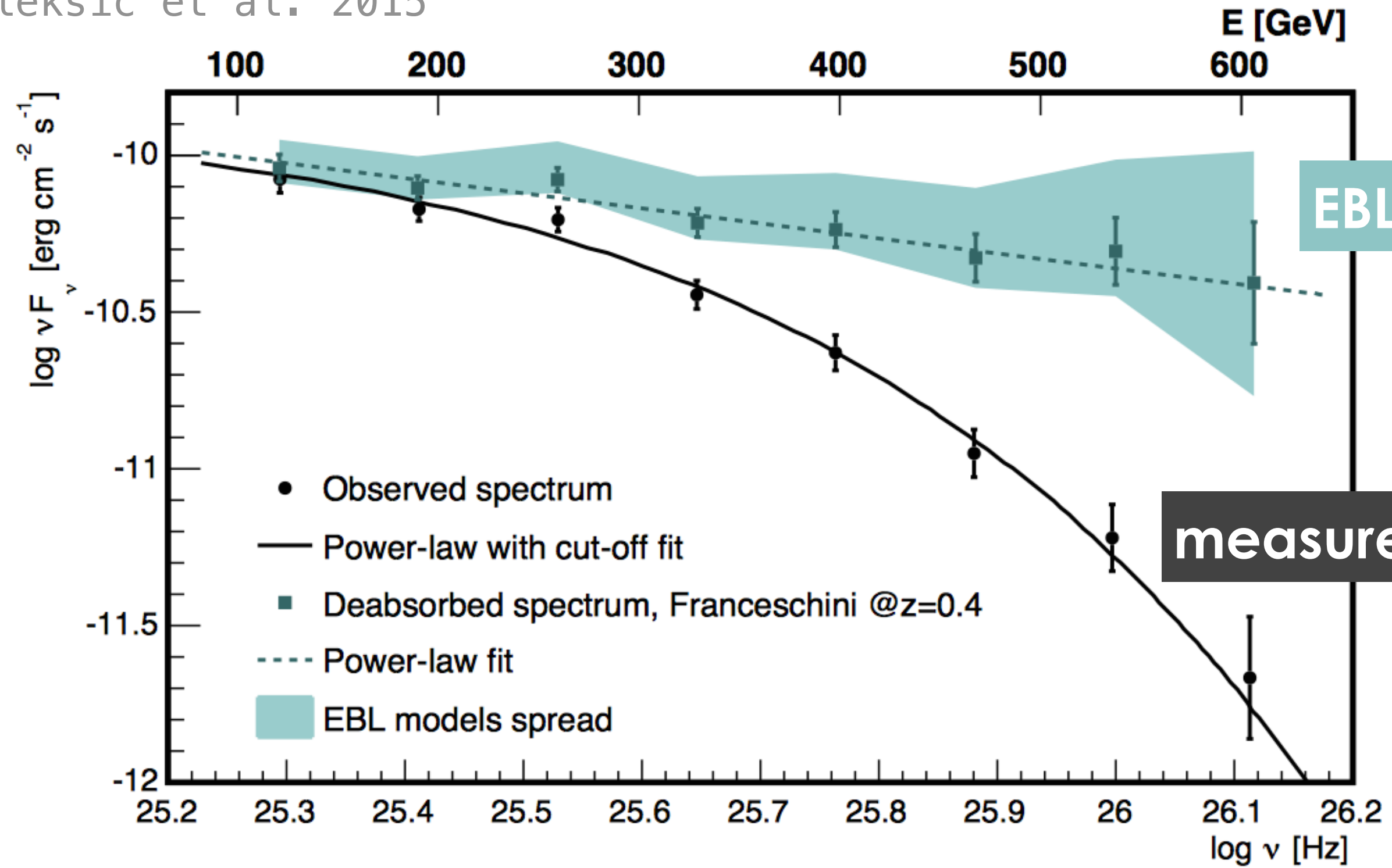
The further away the object we detect, the more its TeV photons are absorbed by the EBL - this results in a break in the spectrum



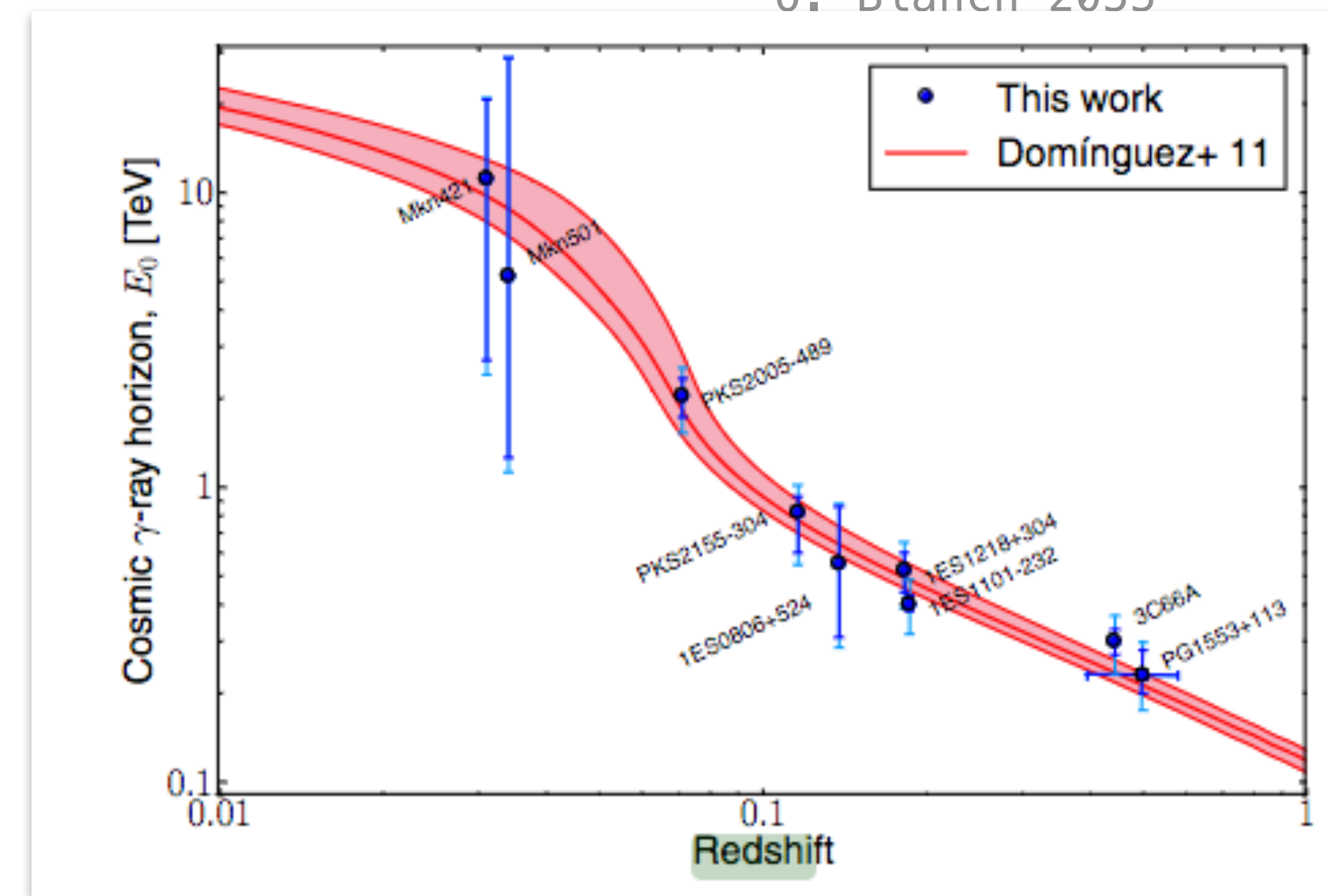
# EBL

PG 1553+113 ( $z \sim 0.4$ )

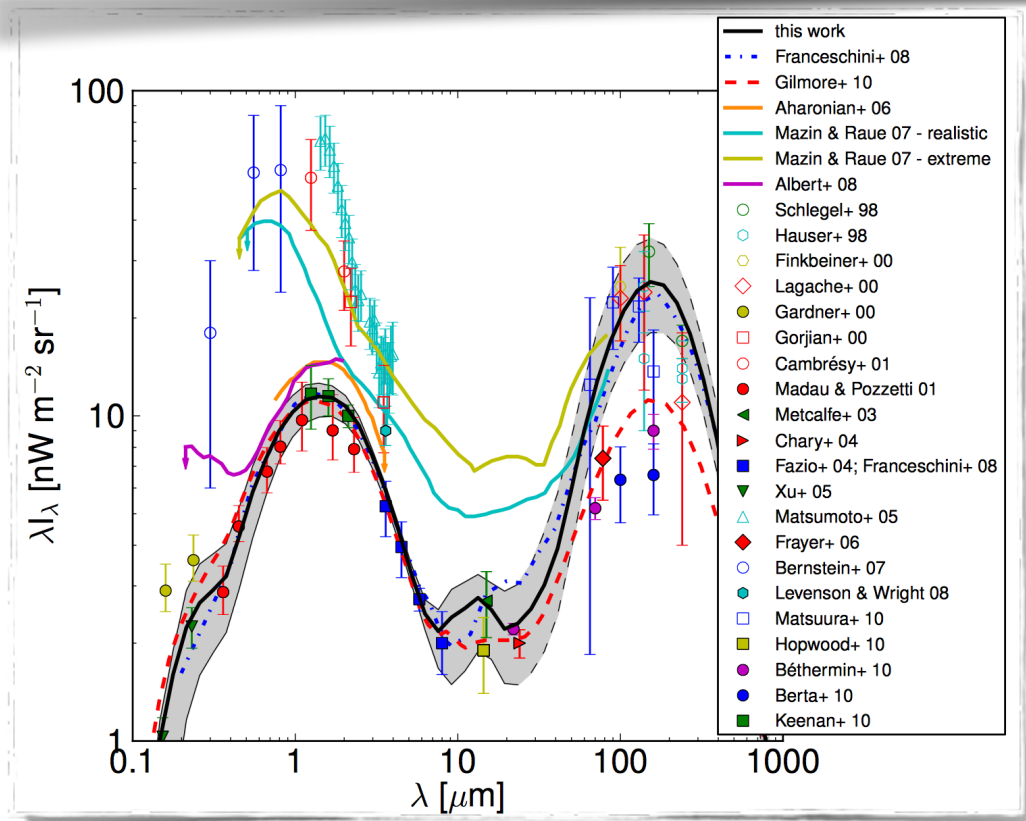
Aleksic et al. 2015



O. Blanch 2055



Domínguez et al. 2011



## • Gamma-ray horizon

- Most distant source GRB201216C at  $z=1.1$  (MAGIC 2020)
- most distant blazar PKS 0346-27 at  $z=0.991$  (HESS 2021)



**pushing the limits!**

Mario Diaz

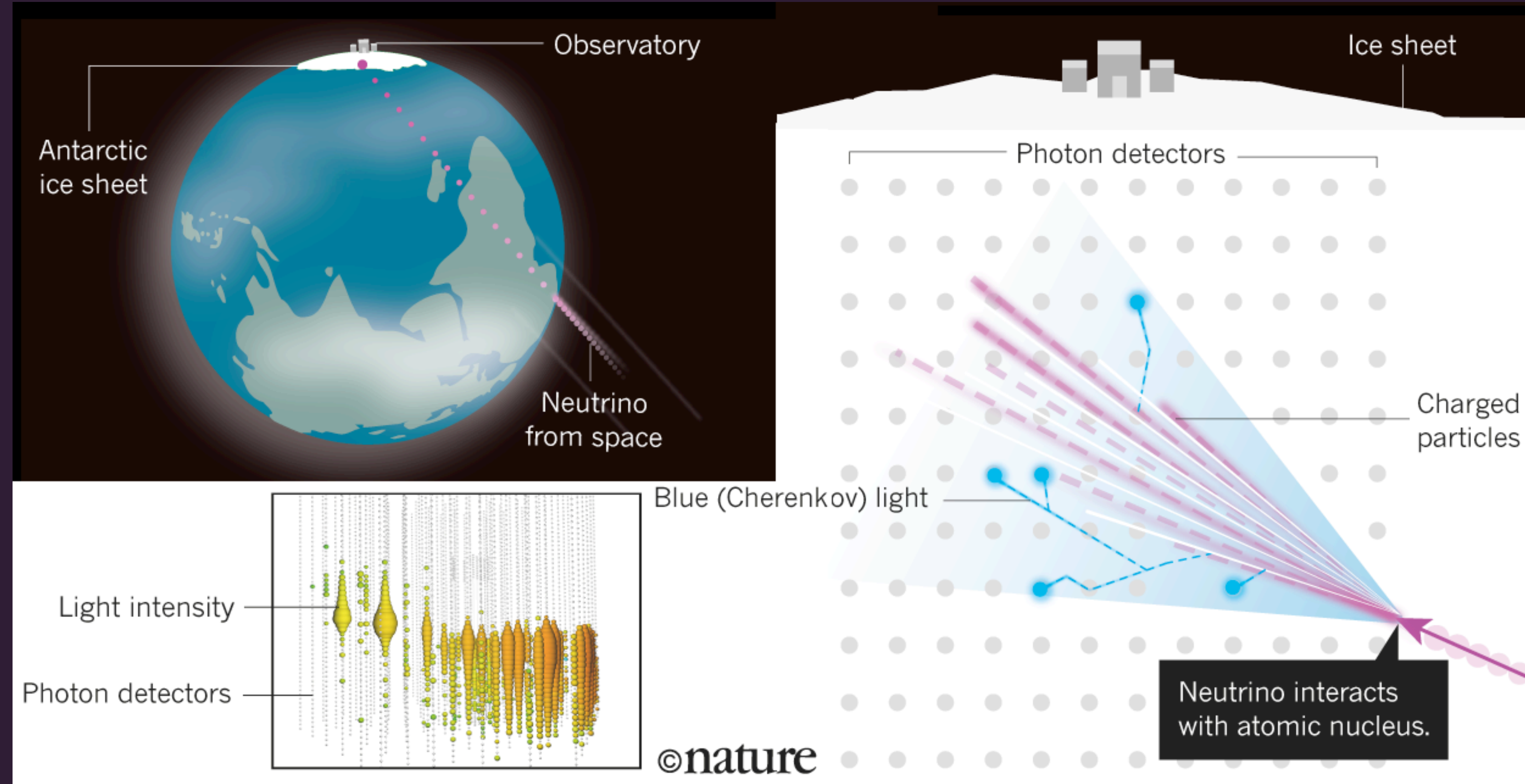
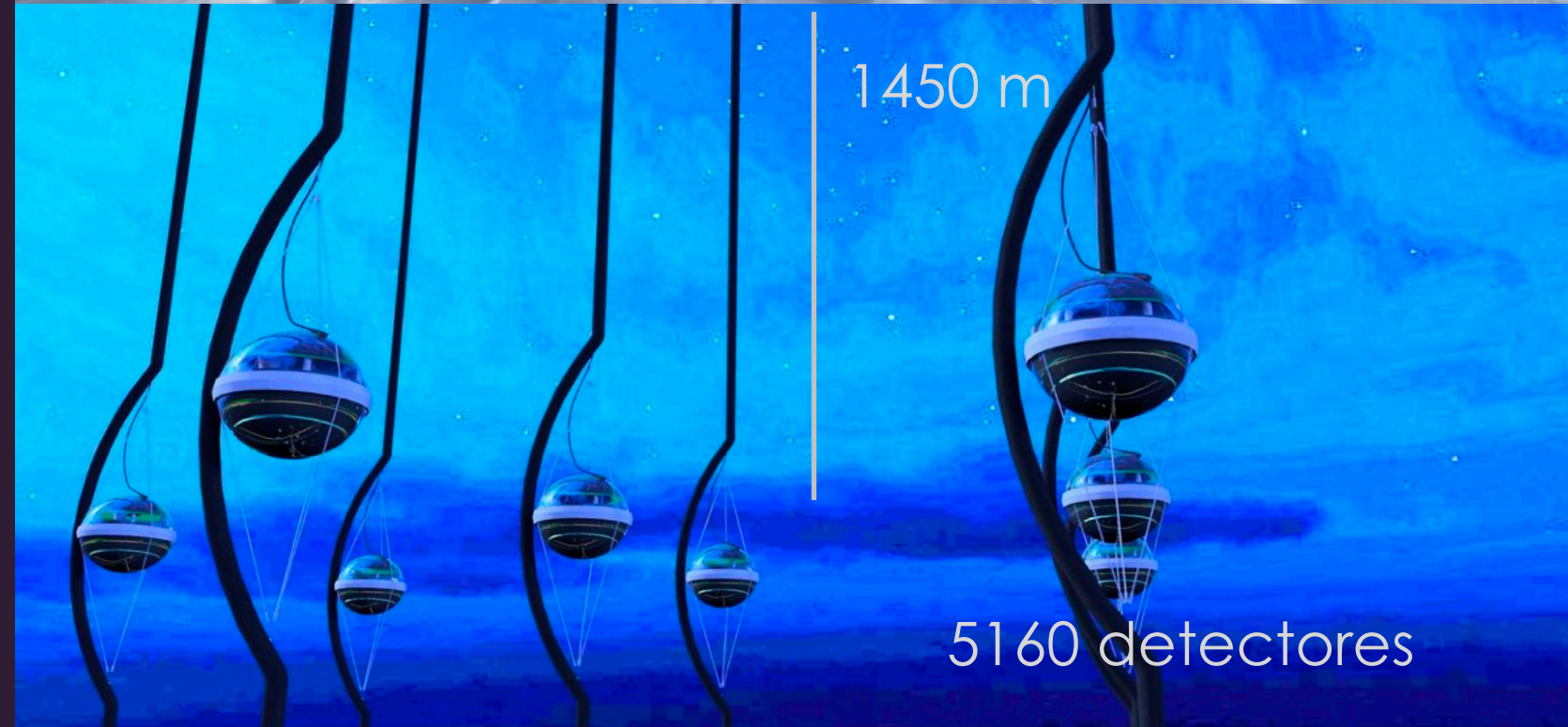
## Multi-messenger Astronomy

Dismissing our Sun for its domesticity (Davis, 1968) only three clear events so far:

- SN1987A (Hirata et al, 1987).
- GW170817-GRB170817A-AT2017gfo (Abbott et al. , 2017 ).
- Blazar TXS 0506+056 Flaring,  
IceCube-170922, (Aartsen et al. 2018).

FAPESP Advanced School, Sao Paulo, May<sup>30</sup>, 2023

# High-energy neutrinos



**Few dozens of highly energetic neutrinos : TeV-PeV ( $10^{12-15}$  eV)**

7-year data set:

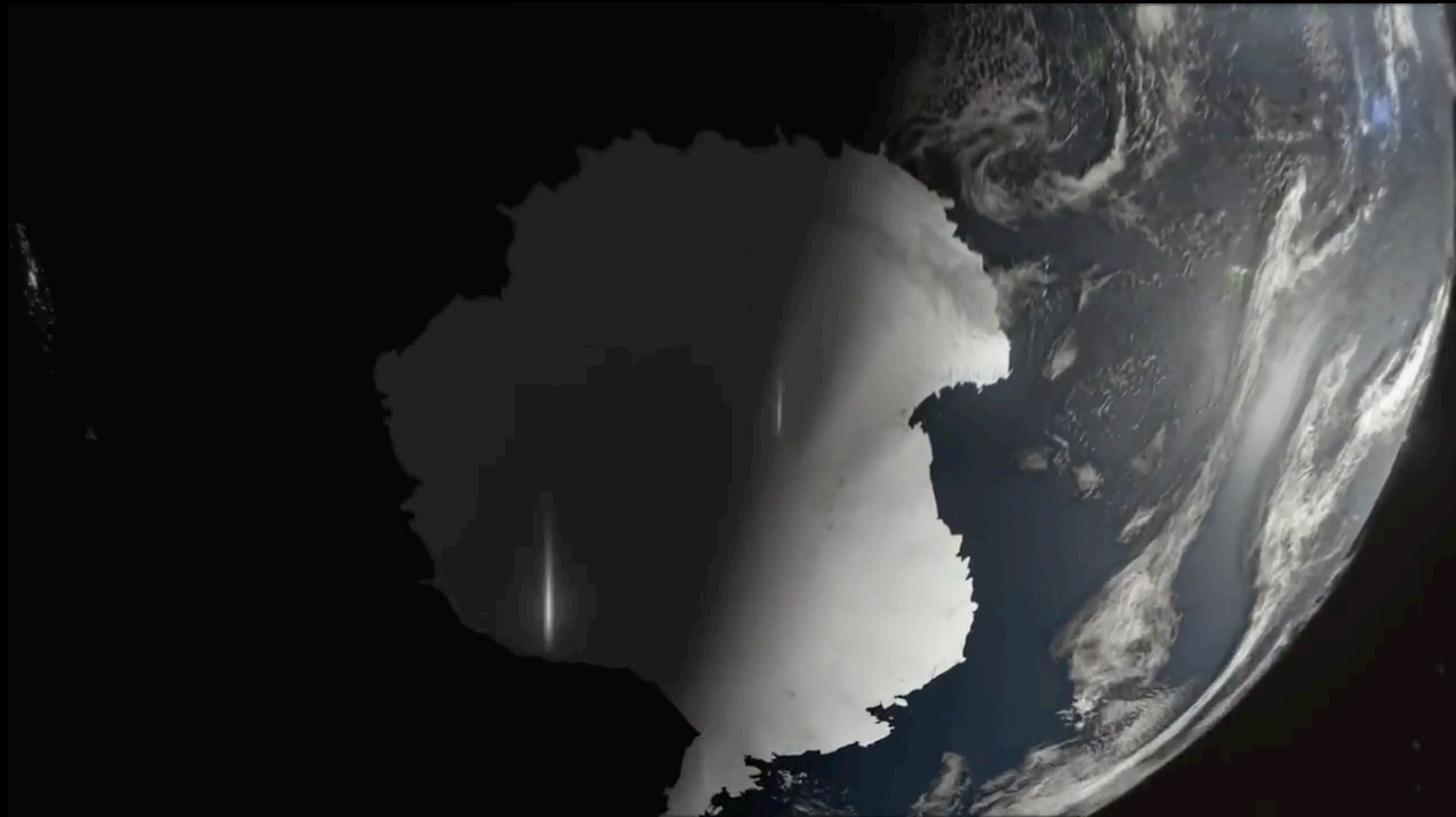
- total of 60 neutrino events with E: 60 TeV to 10 PeV (from Halzen & Kheirandish 2022)



# September 22, 2017

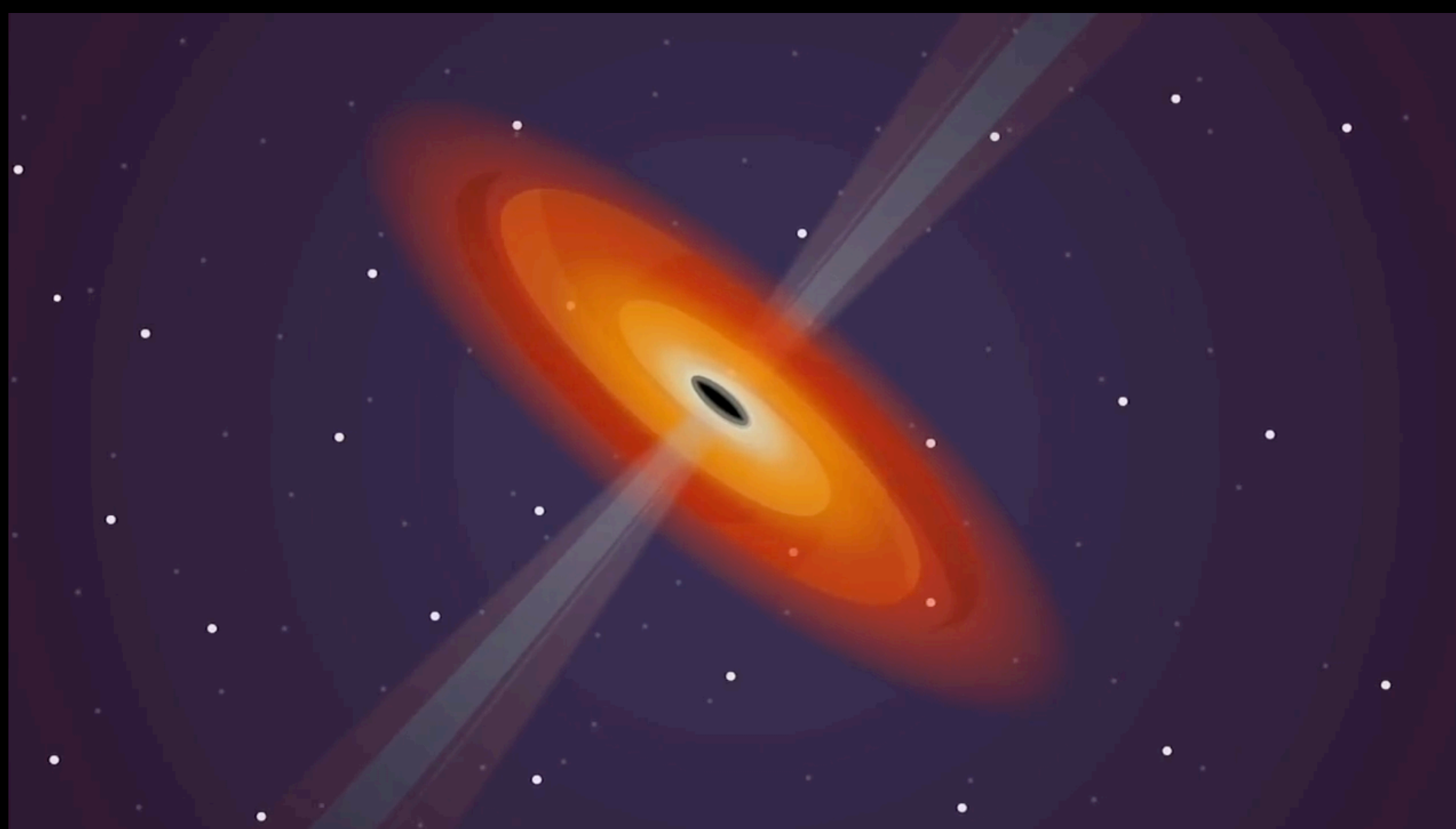
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IC170922A : neutrino with E: 290 TeV

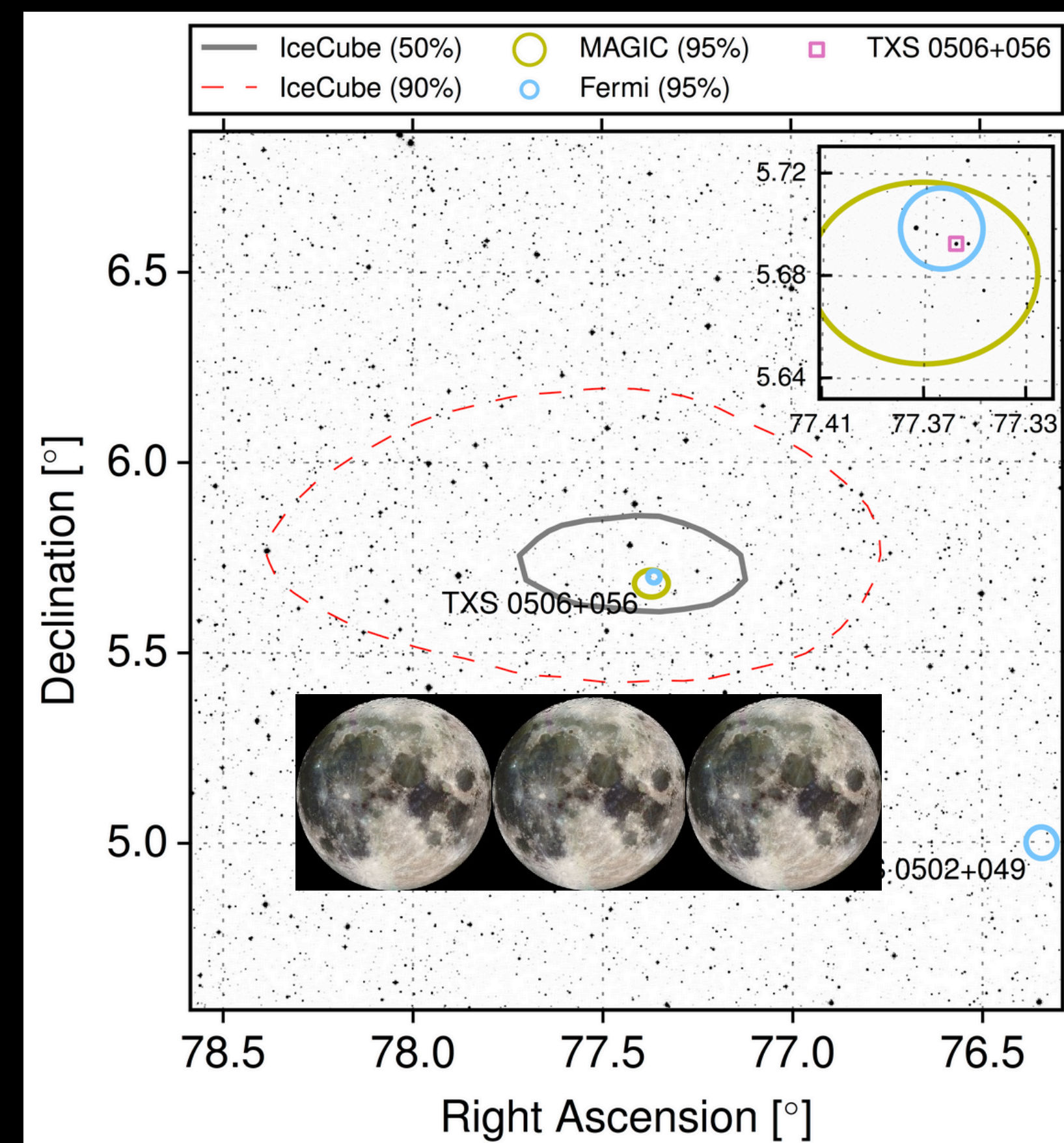


# First confirmed cosmic/extragalactic neutrino

Galaxy **TXS 0506+056** : a blazar in Orion

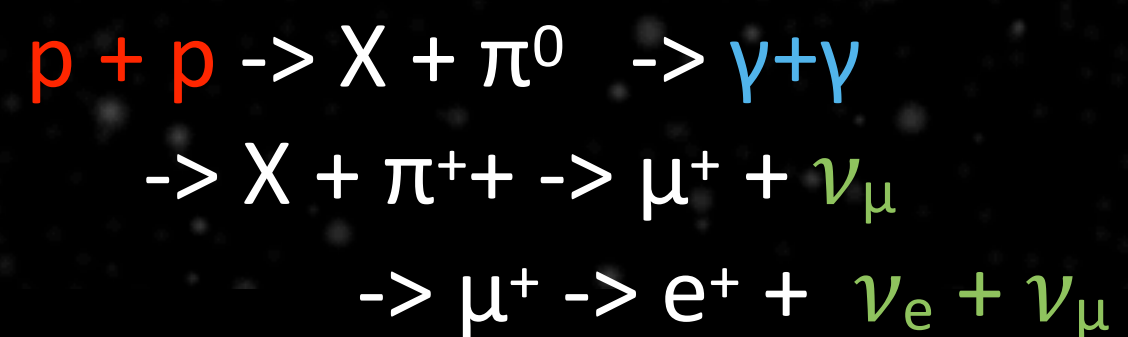
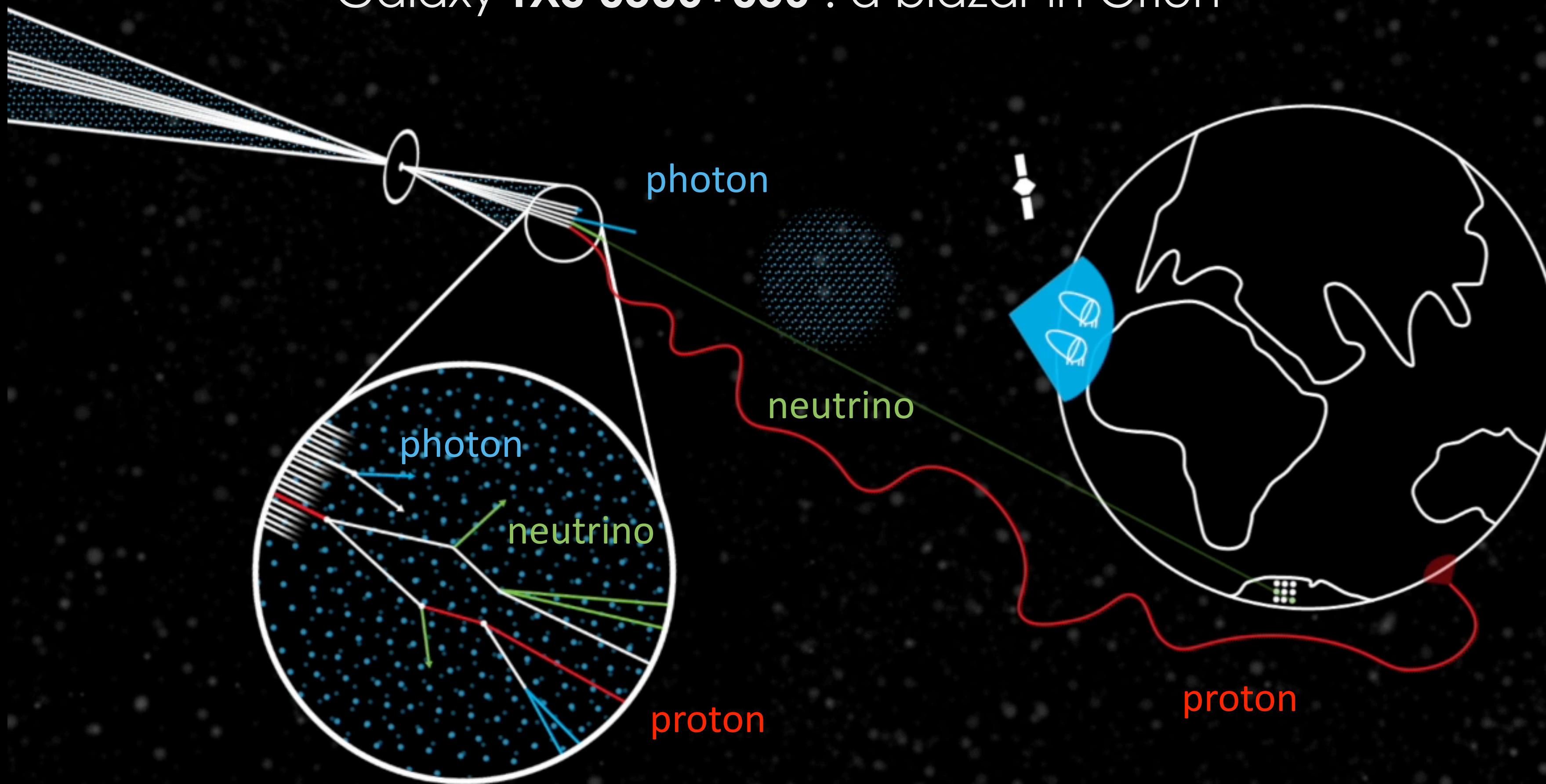


$z = 0.34$  (Paiano et al. 2018)



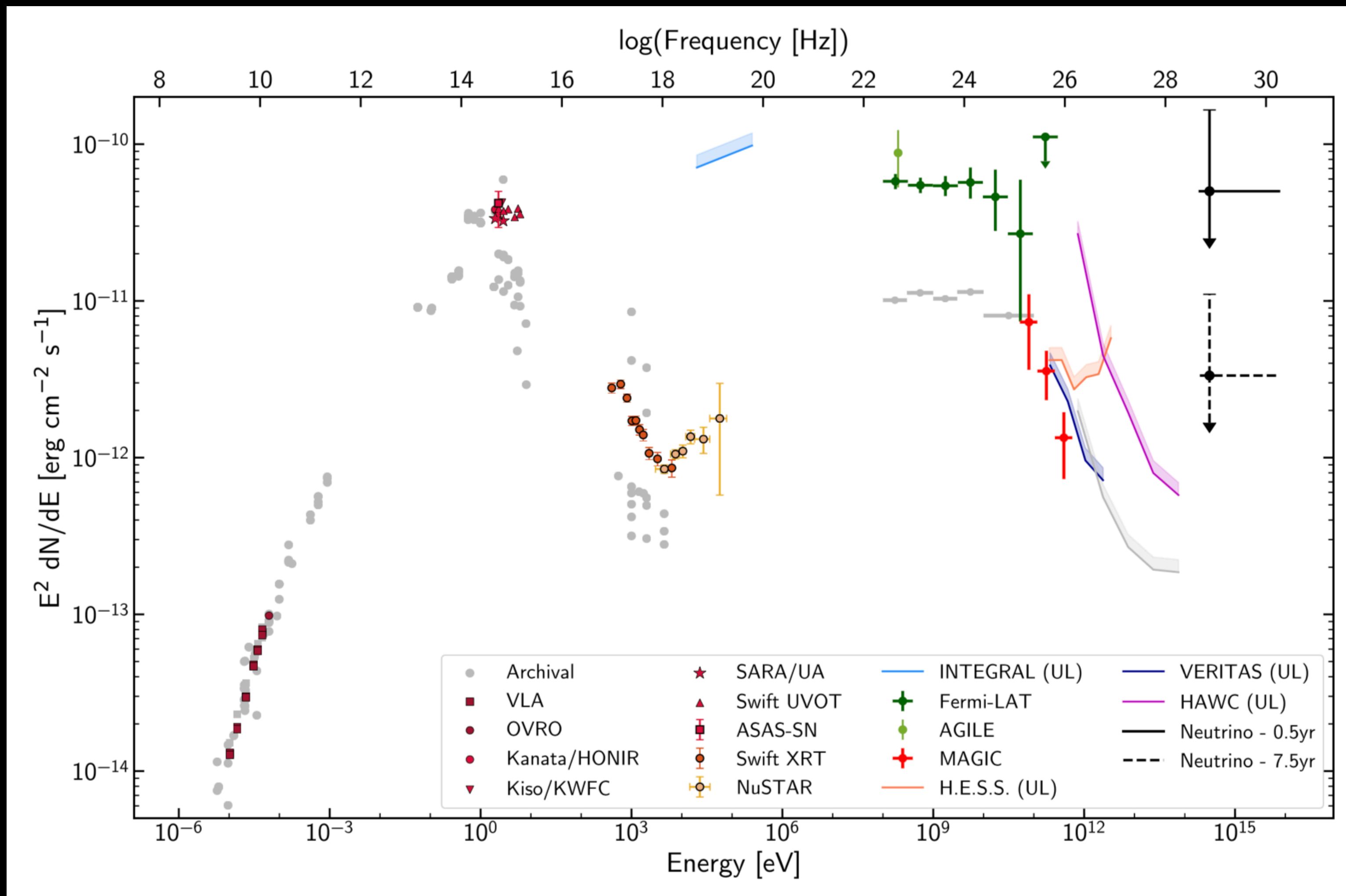
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● photon	☞ MAGIC
● neutrino	☞ IceCube
● proton	☞ Fermi

# First confirmed extragalactic neutrino of identified origin



More interesting results released by ICECUBE in the past years

Science Magazine 2018 Breakthrough:  
 2° Editor's Choice  
 3° People's choice

Aartsen et al. (ICECUBE, Fermi, MAGIC+), Science, 2018

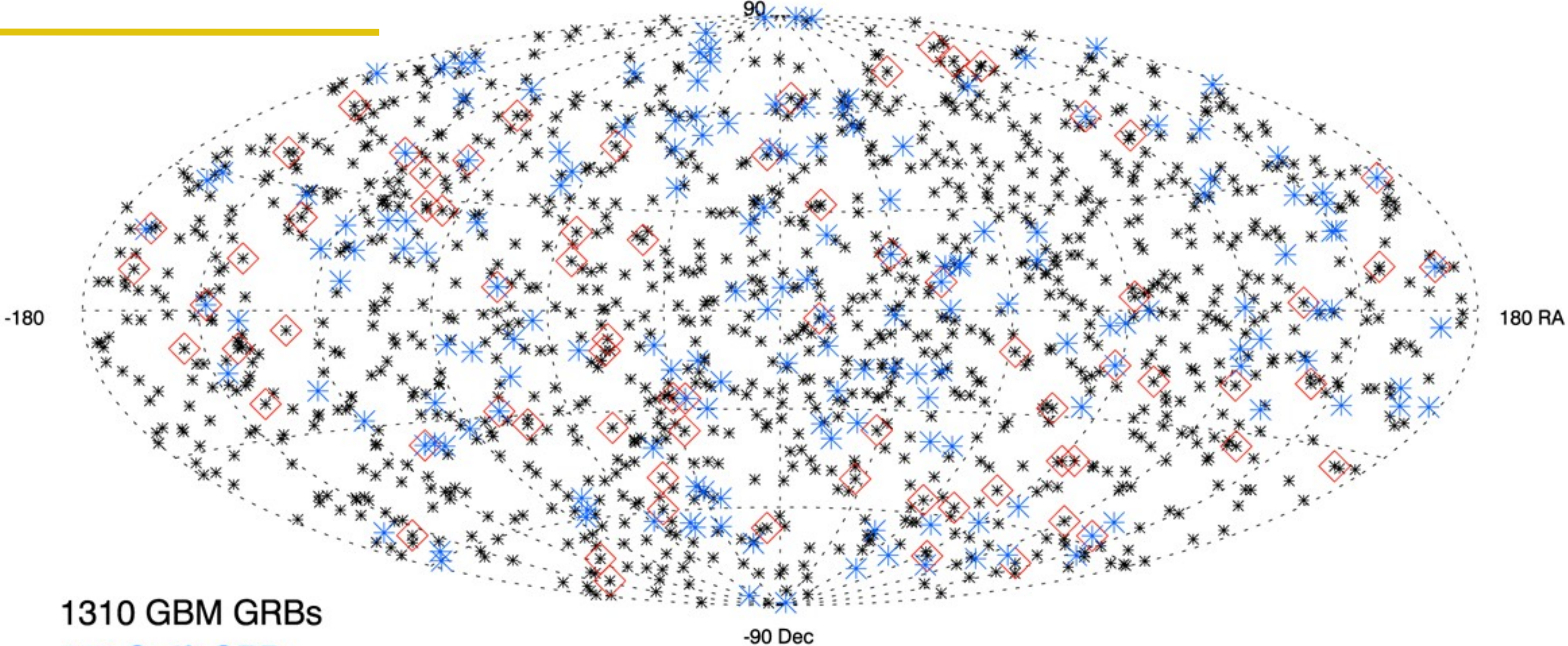
# Gamma Ray Bursts



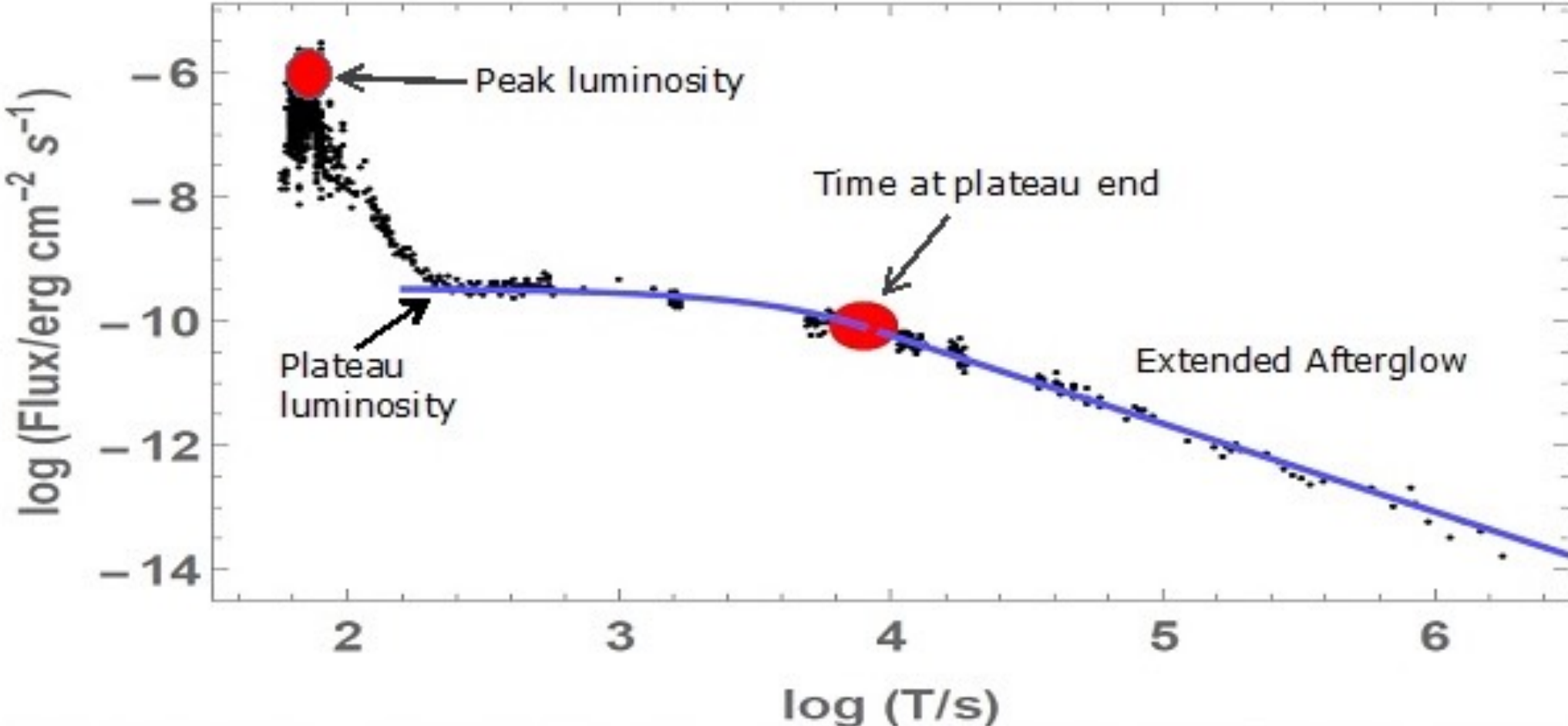
Naho Wakabayashi

# GRBs

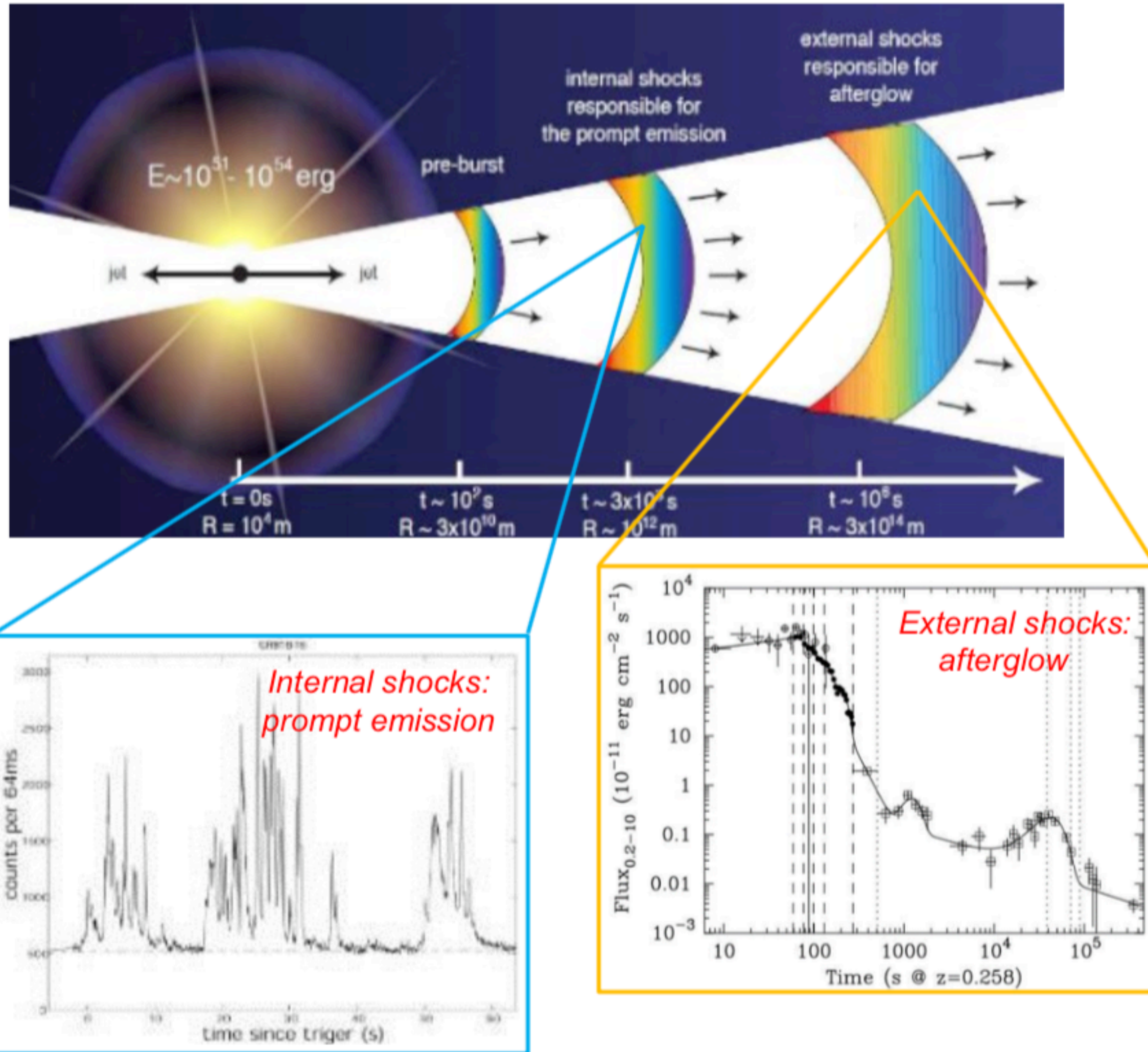
## Fermi GRBs as of 140218



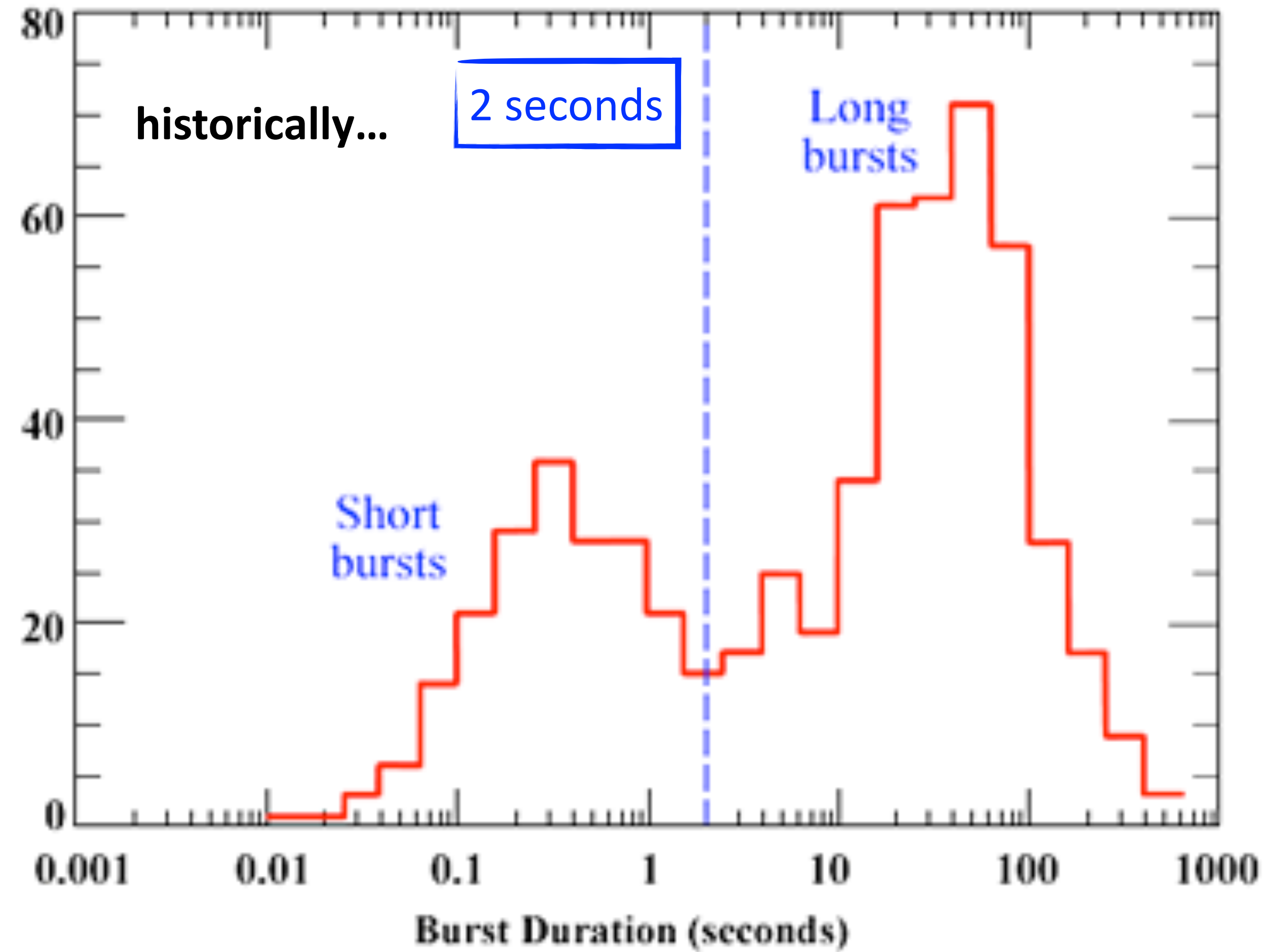
1310 GBM GRBs  
174 Swift GRBs  
73 LAT GRBs



# GRBs



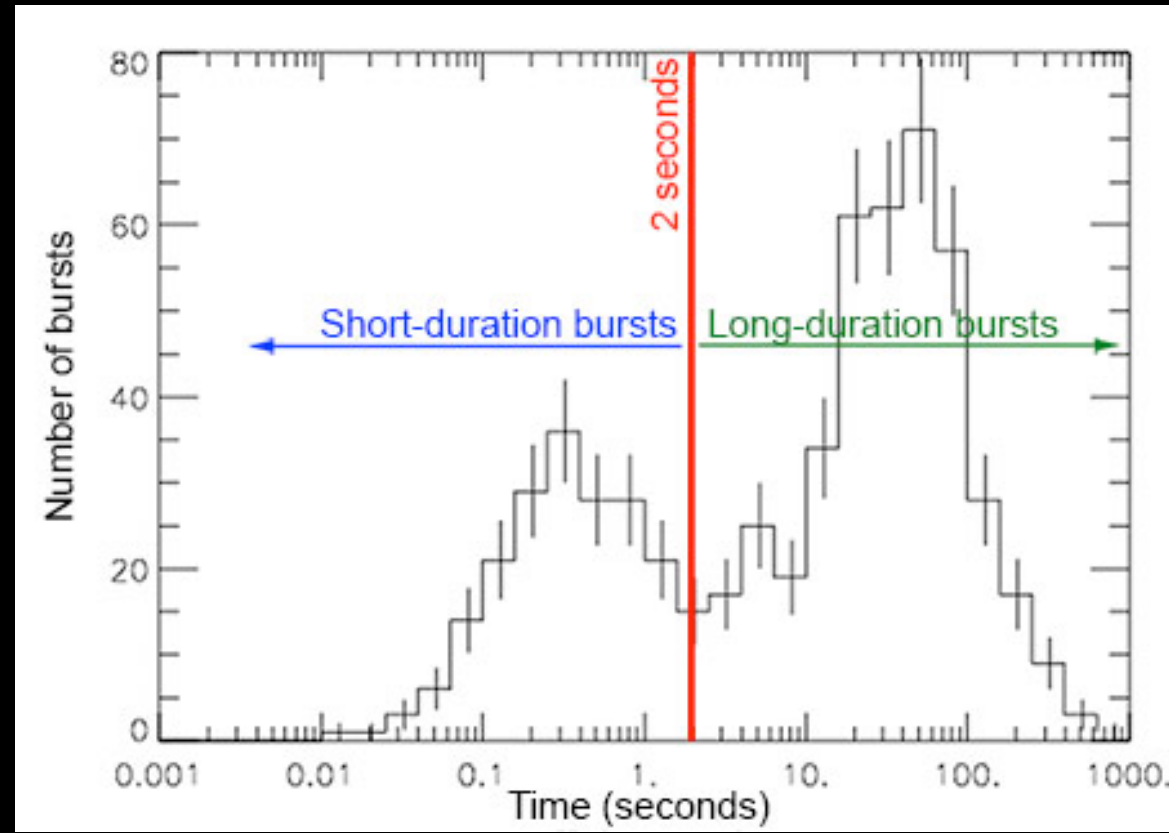
- Transient events with  $10^{52} - 10^{54}$  erg energy release



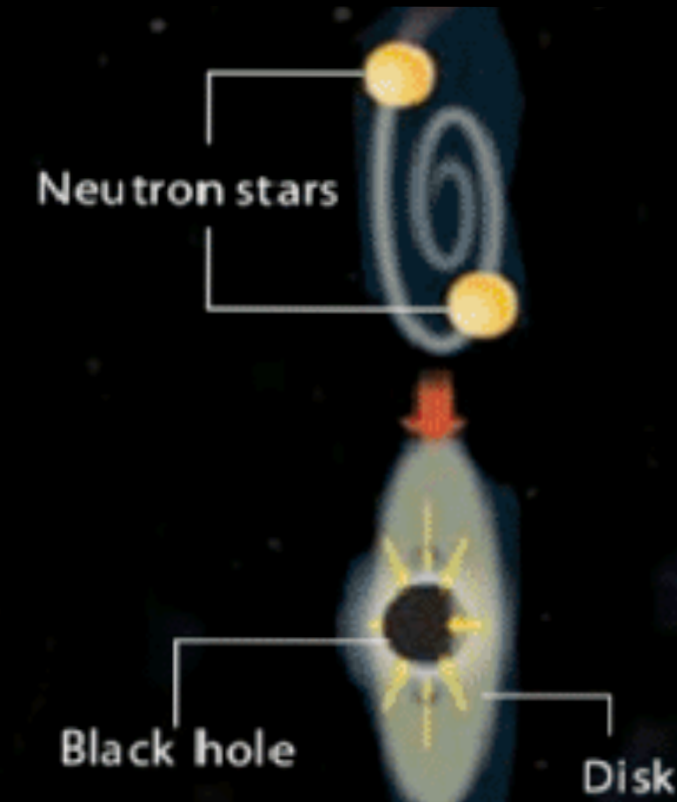
from A. Carosi

\* see Amati 2021 for a review

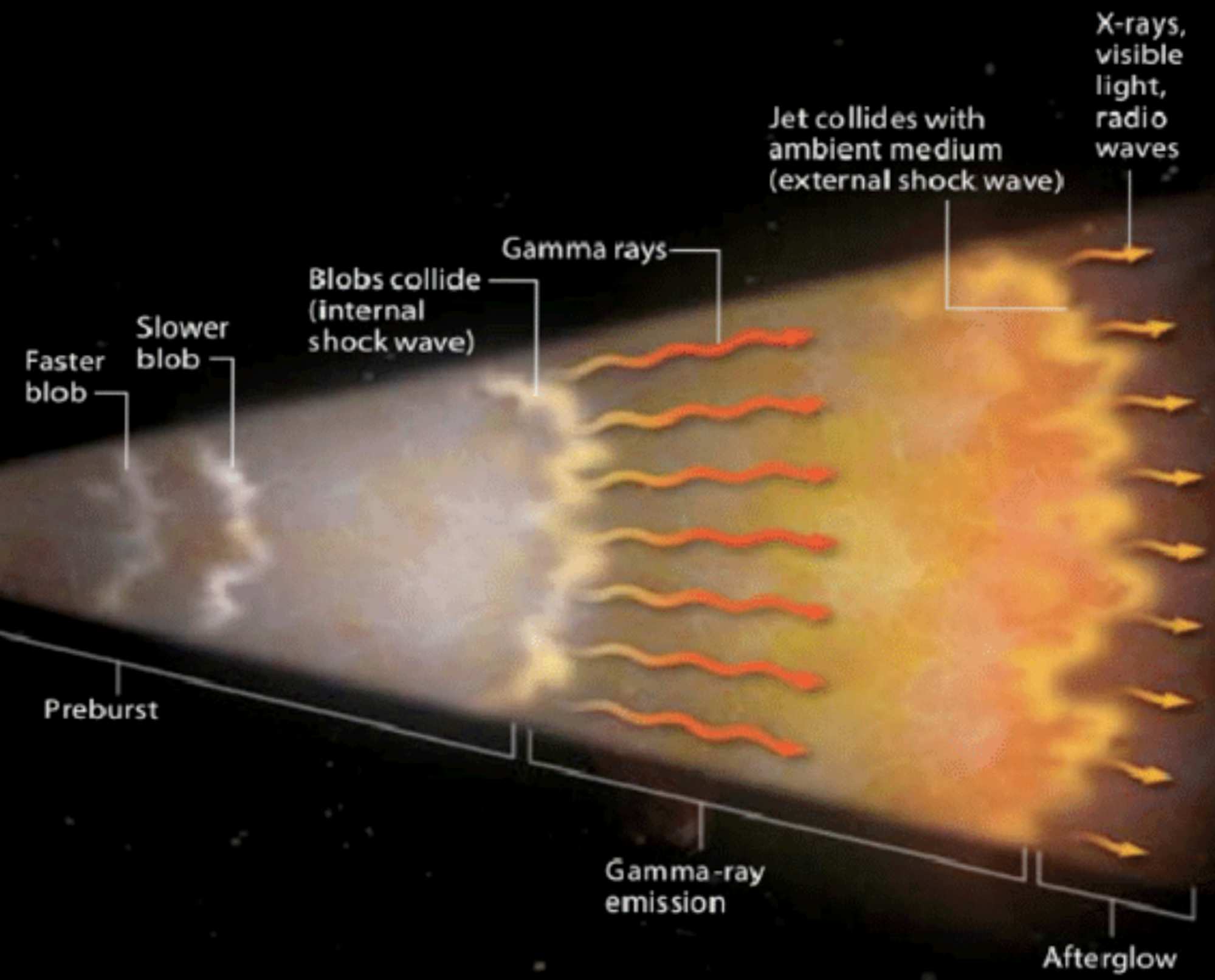
# Different origin



**Short GRBs**  
Binary  
Neutron Star  
mergers



**Long GRBs**  
Collapsar  
Massive  
Star





# MAGIC: designed for GRB hunting



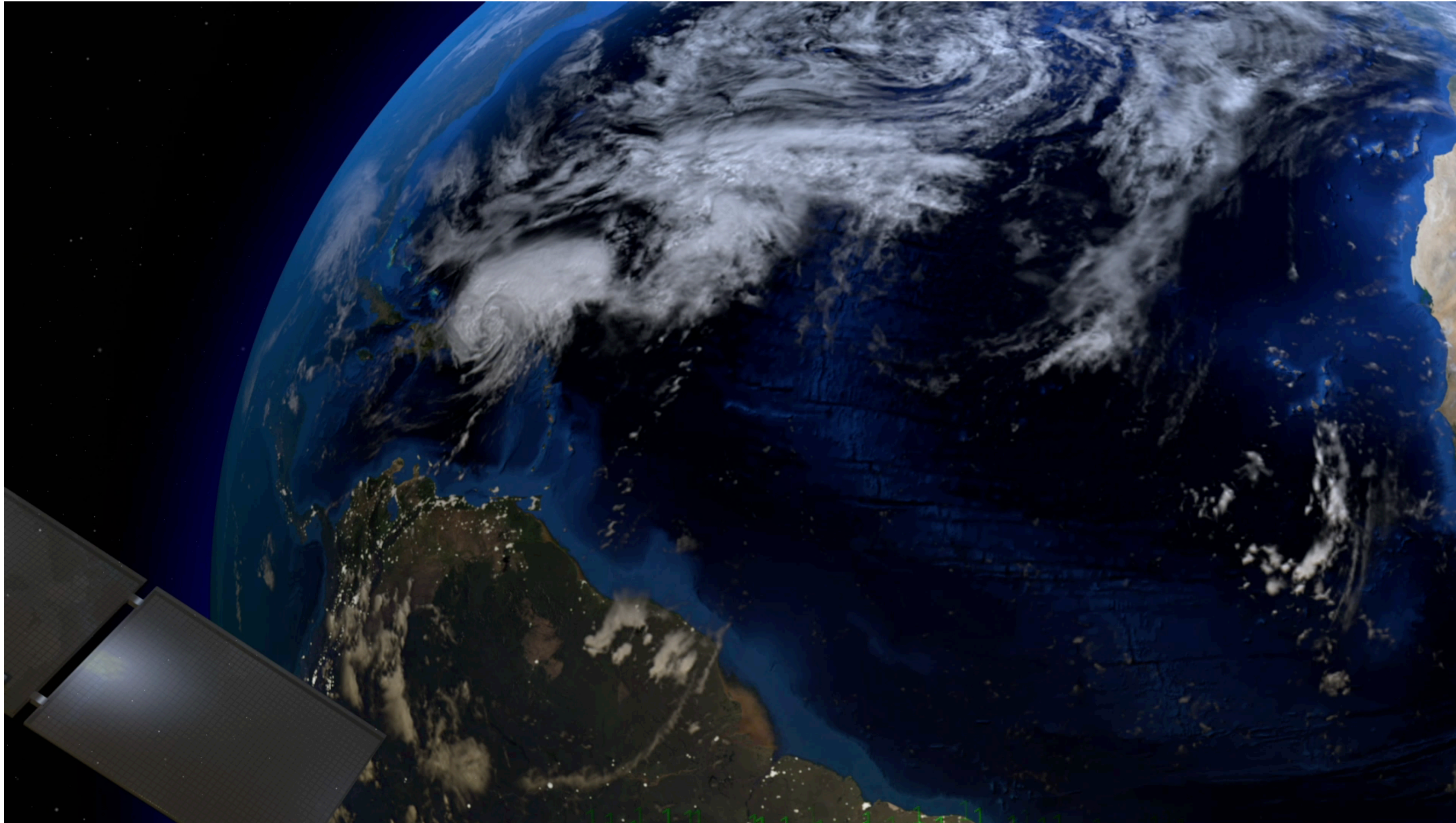
**MAGIC:** 17 m de diámetro  
64 T de peso  
25 segundos

**GTC:** 10.4 m de diámetro  
400 T de peso



# GRB190114C: 1st GRB at VHE!

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The MAGIC collaboration, *Nature* 575, 455–458(2019) / *Nature* 575, 459–463 (2019)

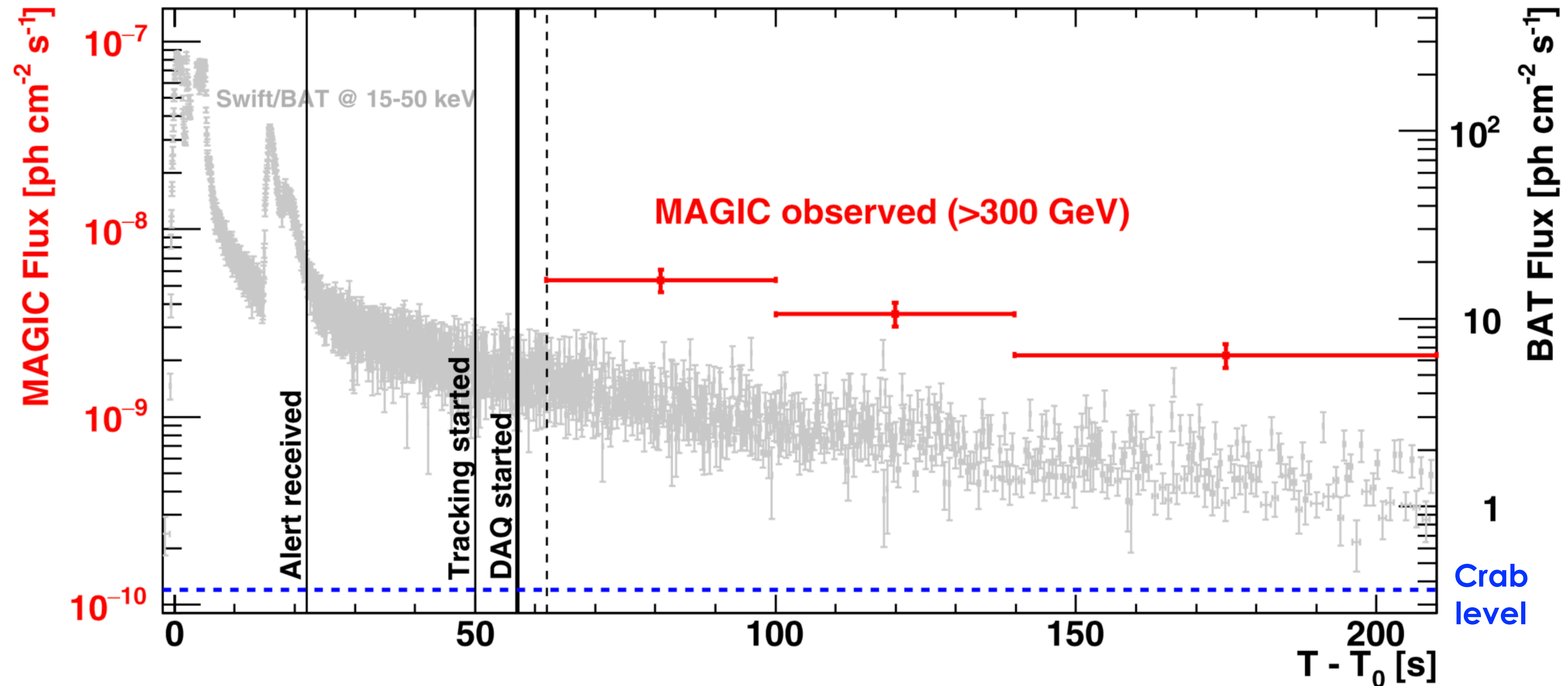
T0+22 sec: Swift & Fermi alert issued

T0+50 sec: MAGIC started observations -> **MAGIC VHE detection**

T0+20 min: no more VHE signal

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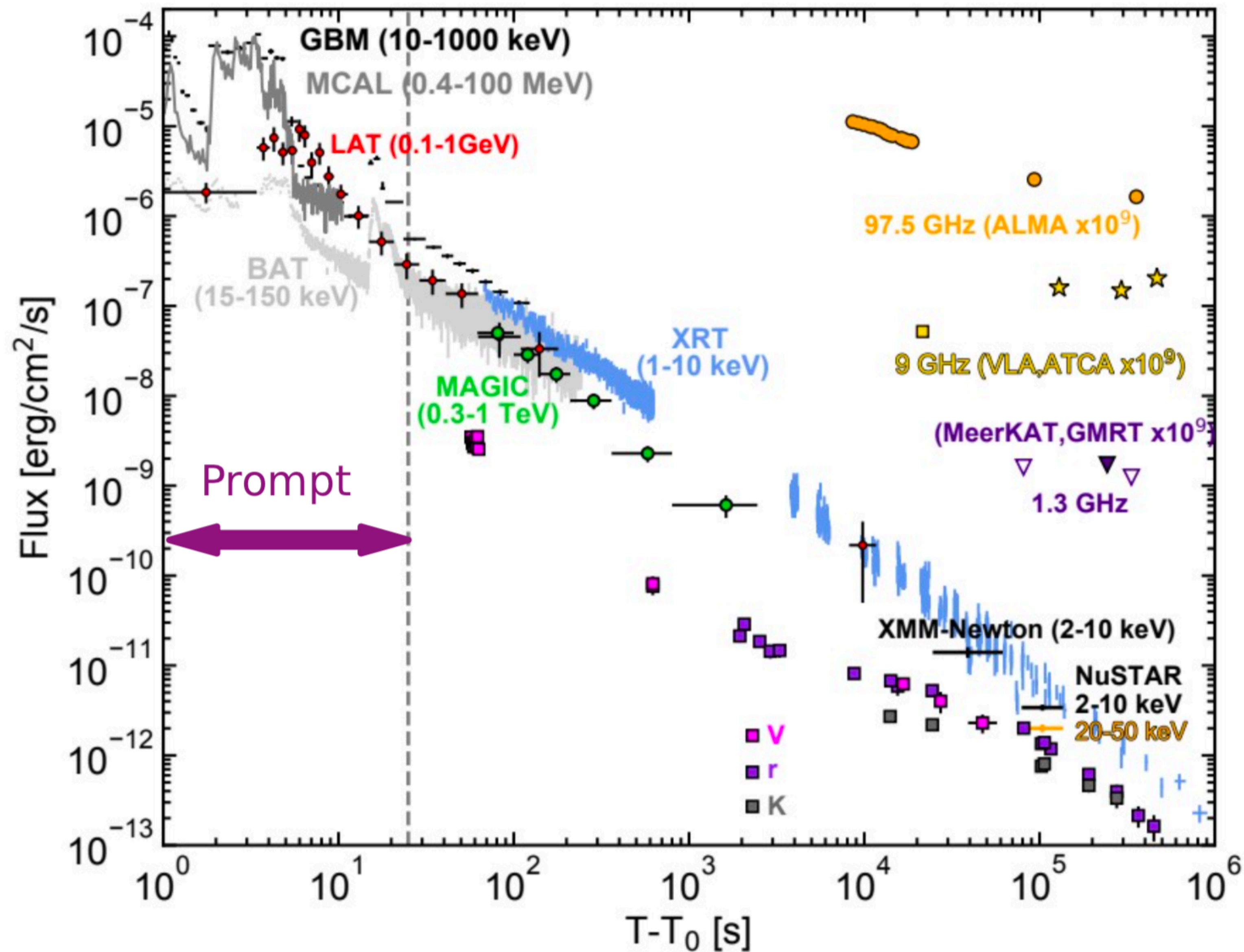
1st GRB in the VHE domain (200 GeV-1 TeV)

It took MAGIC only 28 seg to repositing and start datataking

VHE emission vanished after 20min

New era starts!

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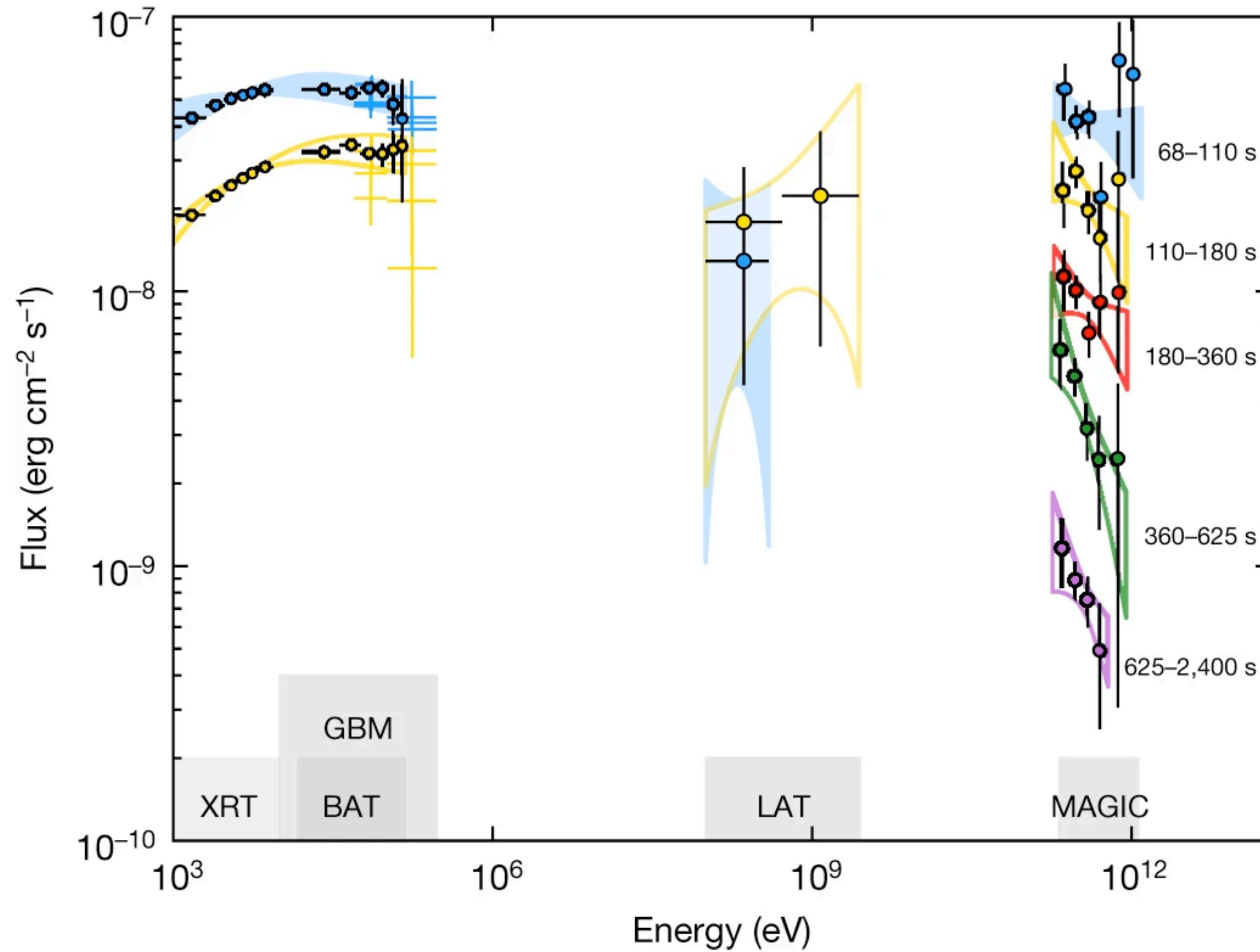
- $z = 0.4245 \pm 0.0005$  (Paiano et al. 2019)
- MAGIC detects the **afterglow emission**

The MAGIC Collaboration,  
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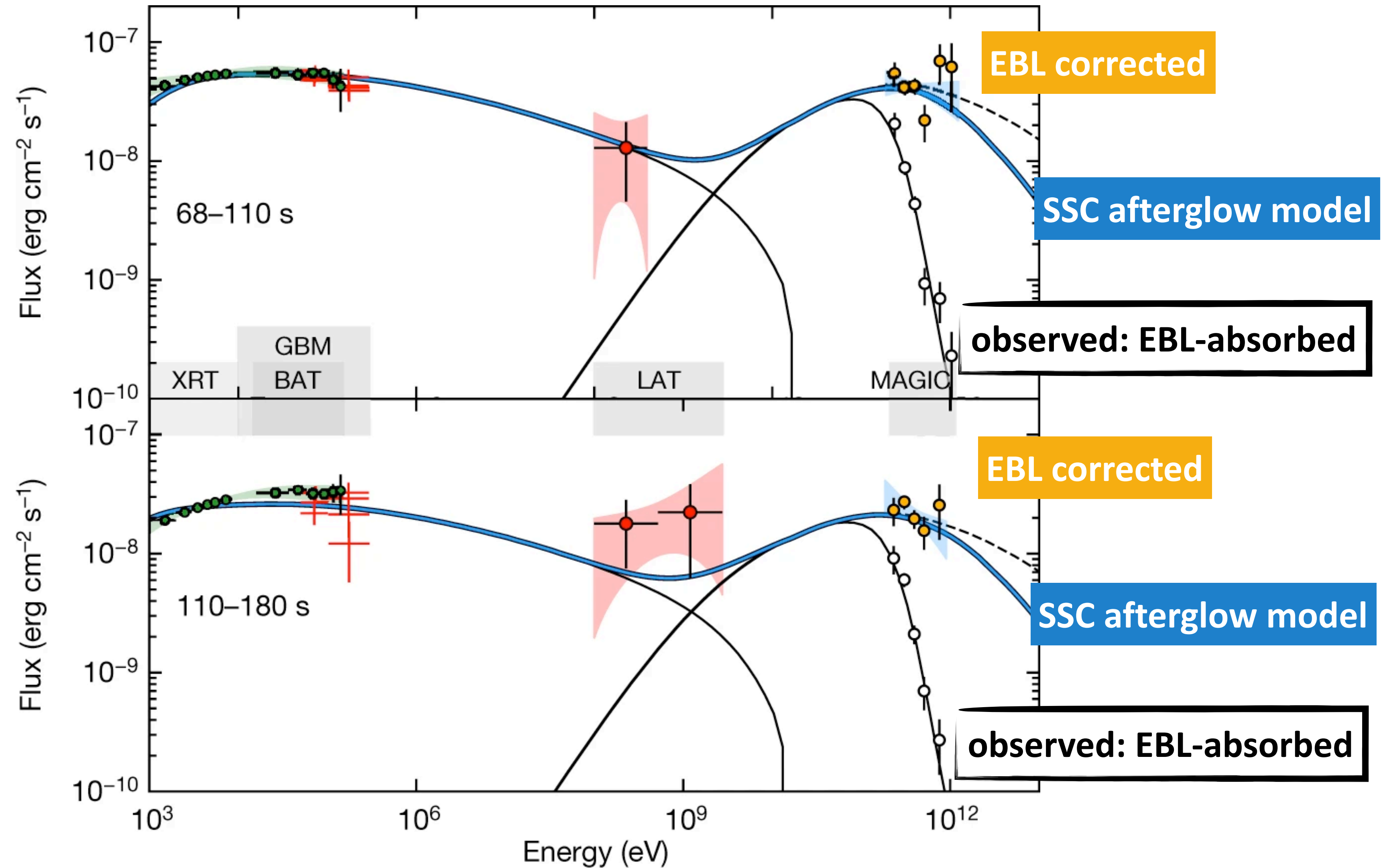


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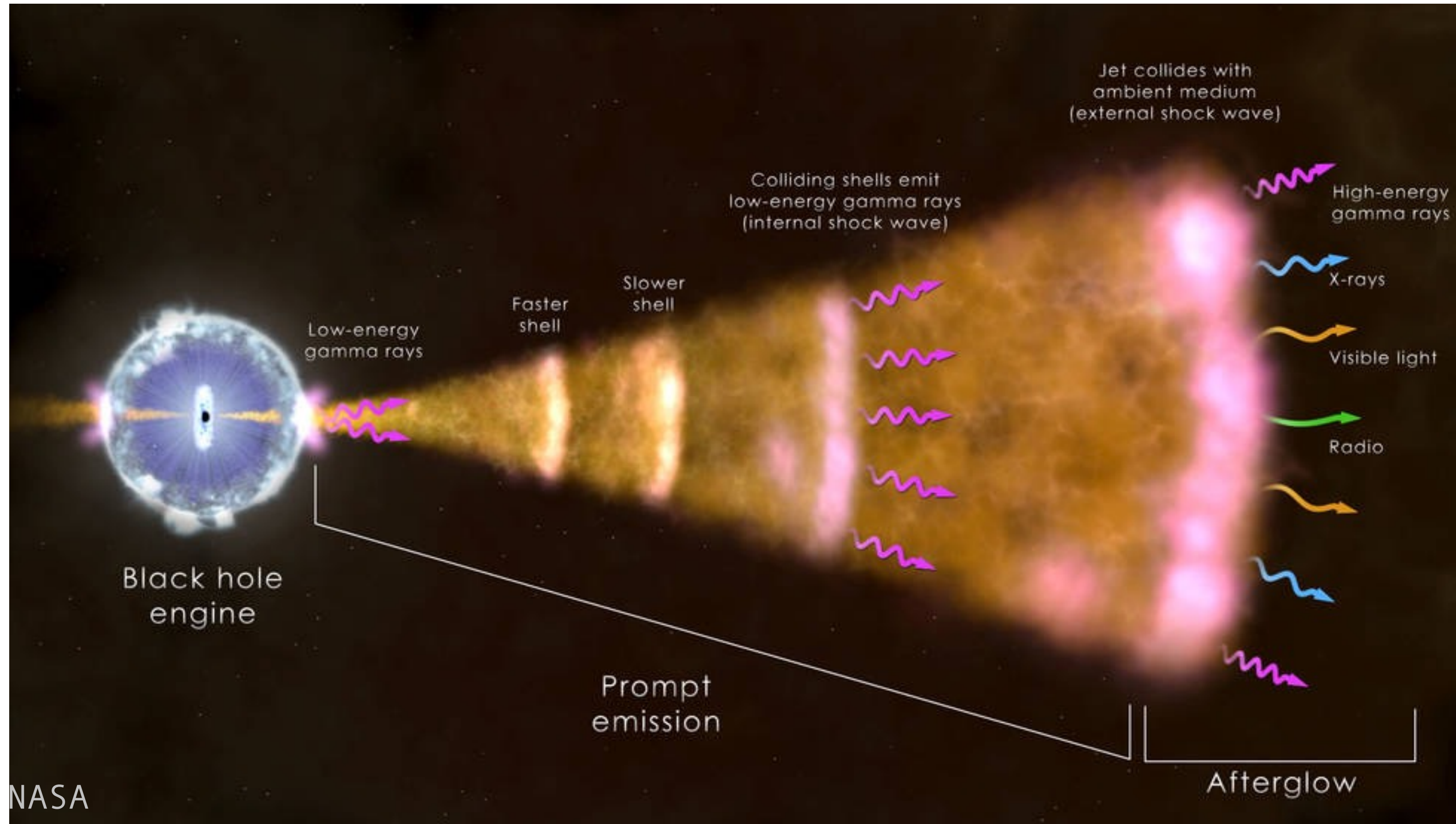
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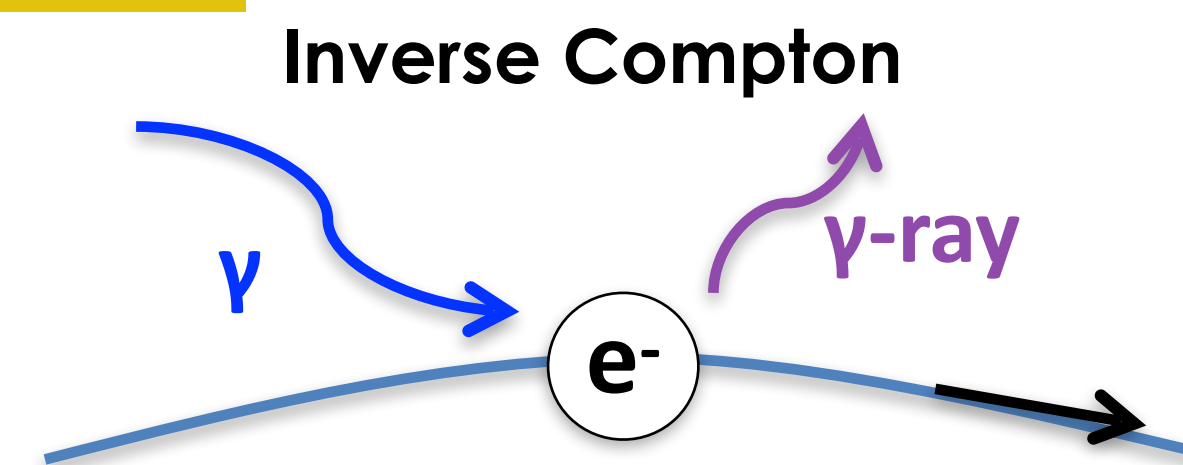
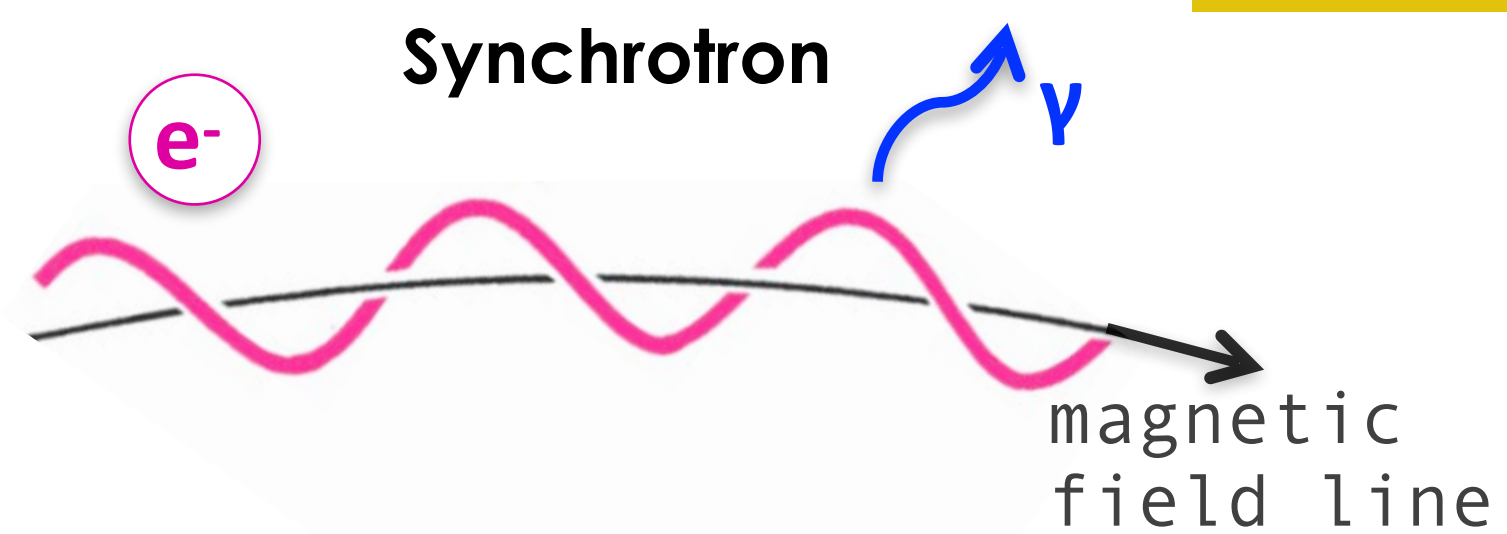


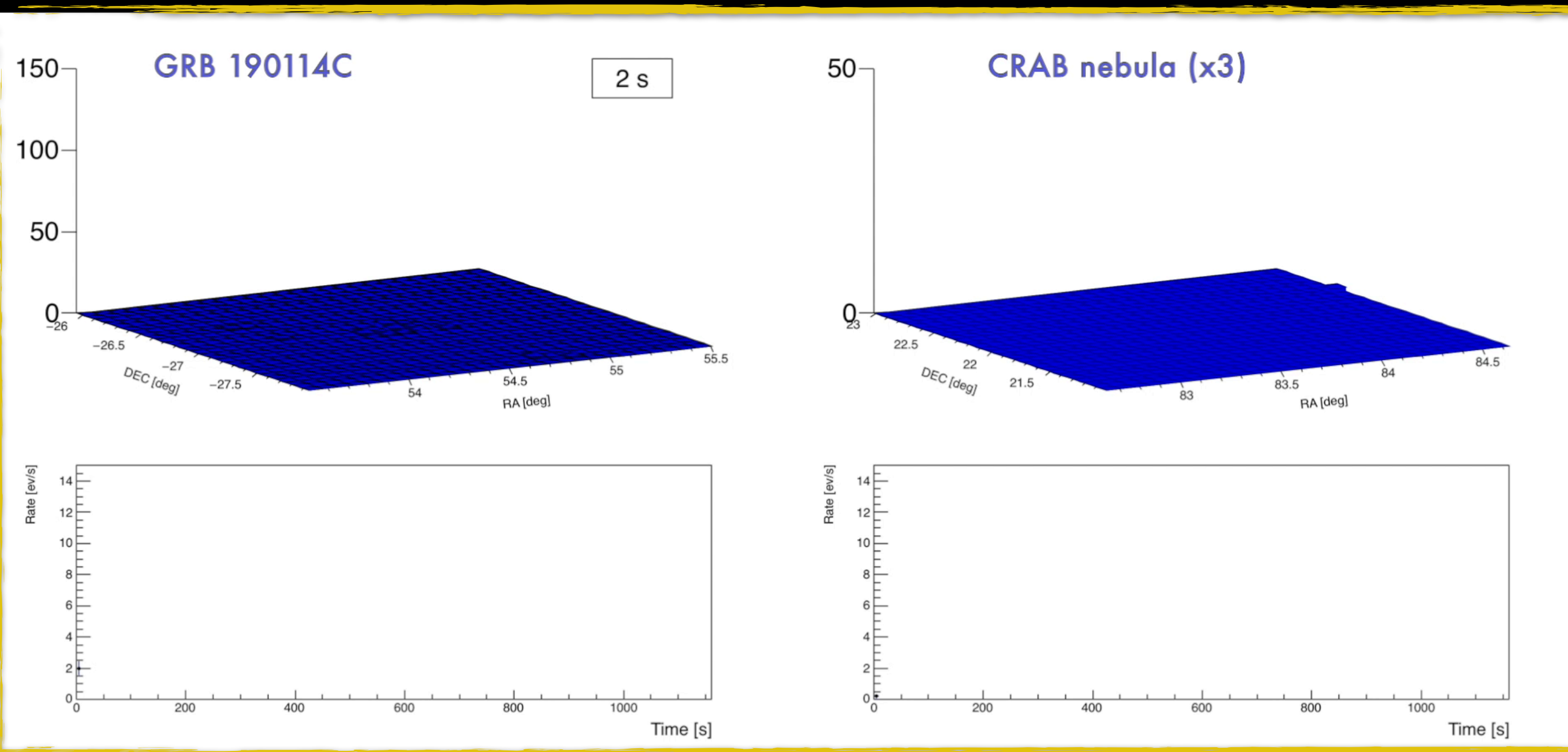
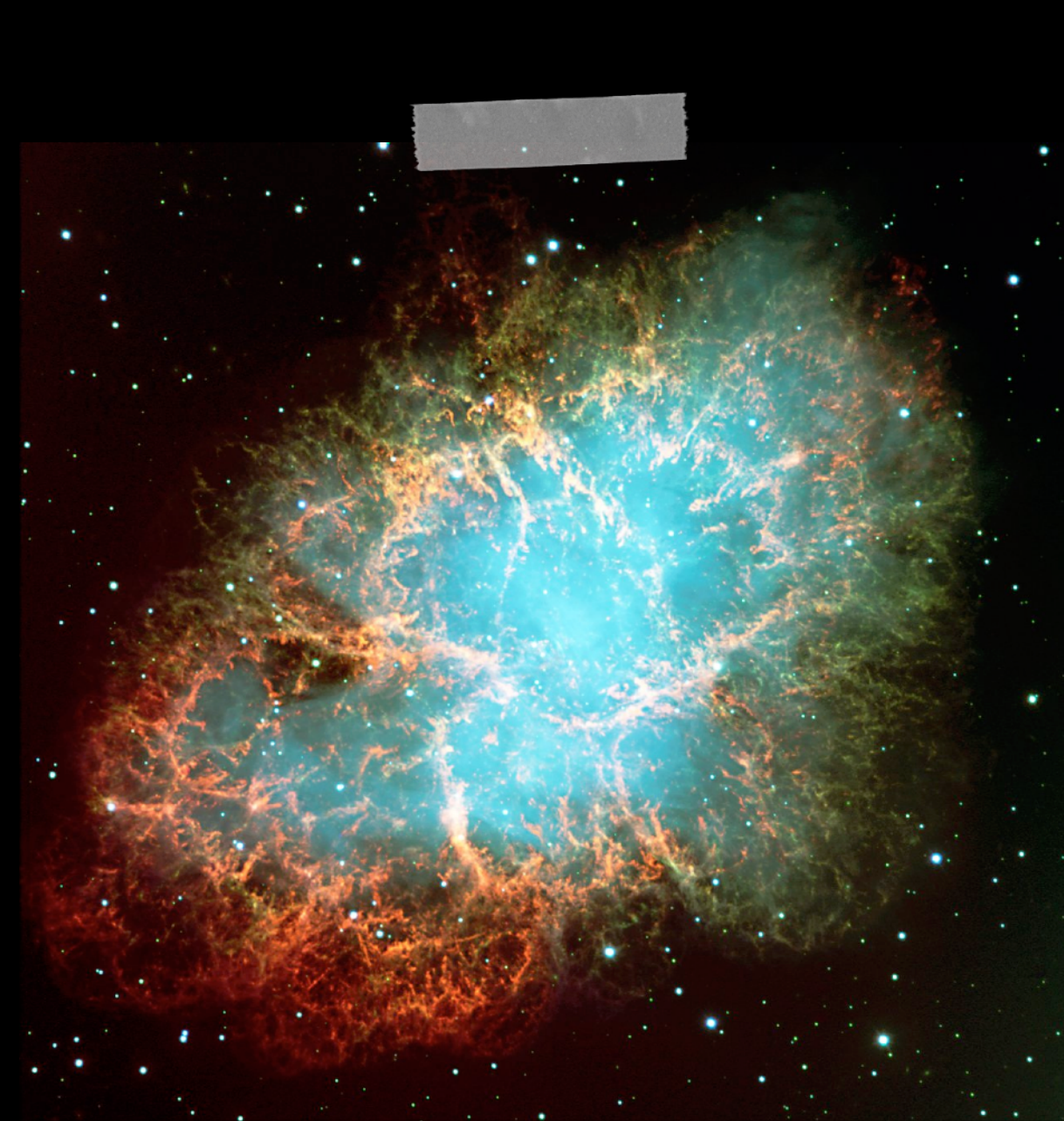
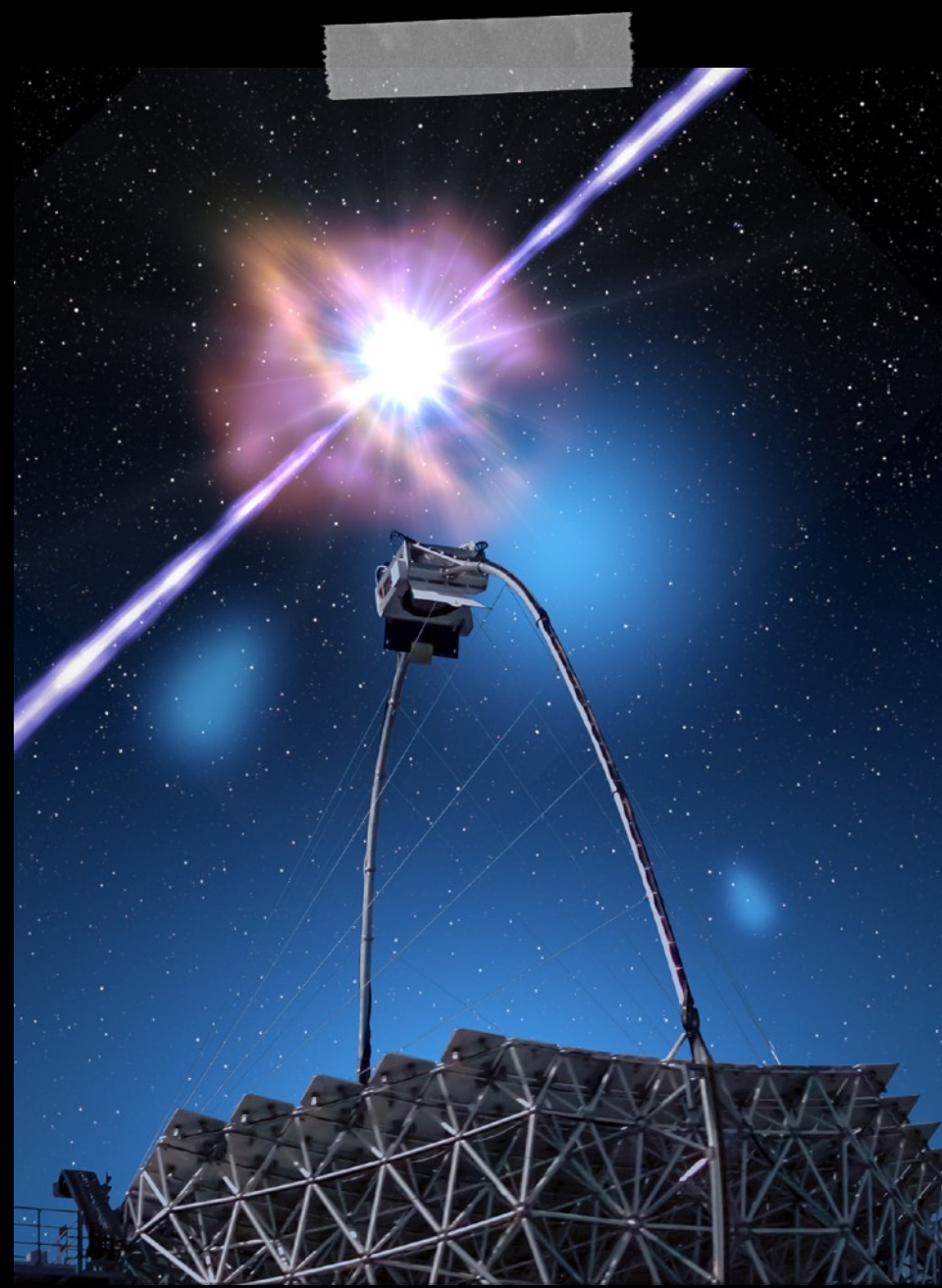
First clear evidence of a second emission component (SSC - blazar-like)

# GRB190114C: 1st GRB at VHE!



## Synchrotron Self-Compton





**GRB 190114C** es la fuente **más brillante** detectada en rayos gamma: x1000 Crab!

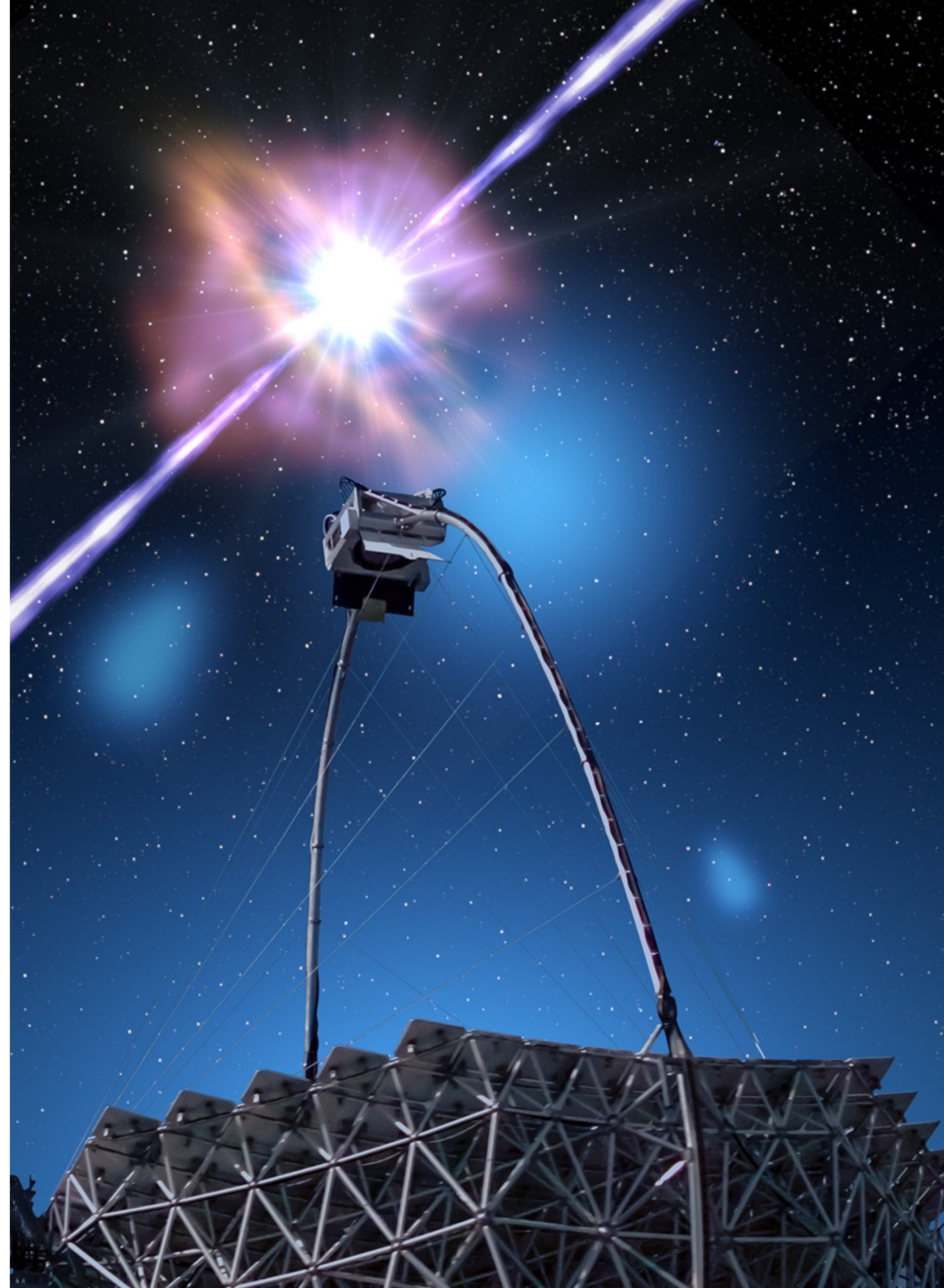


# GRB190114C

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- 1st GRB unambiguous detection at TeV energies
- 1st GRB observed over 20 orders of magnitude in energy
- 1st GRB with unambiguous detection of a new energetic emission component distinct from synchrotron
- 1st single broad-band modeling of a GRB including both components
- Brightest TeV source ever detected ( $>\sim 100$  crab) \*

from A. Carosi

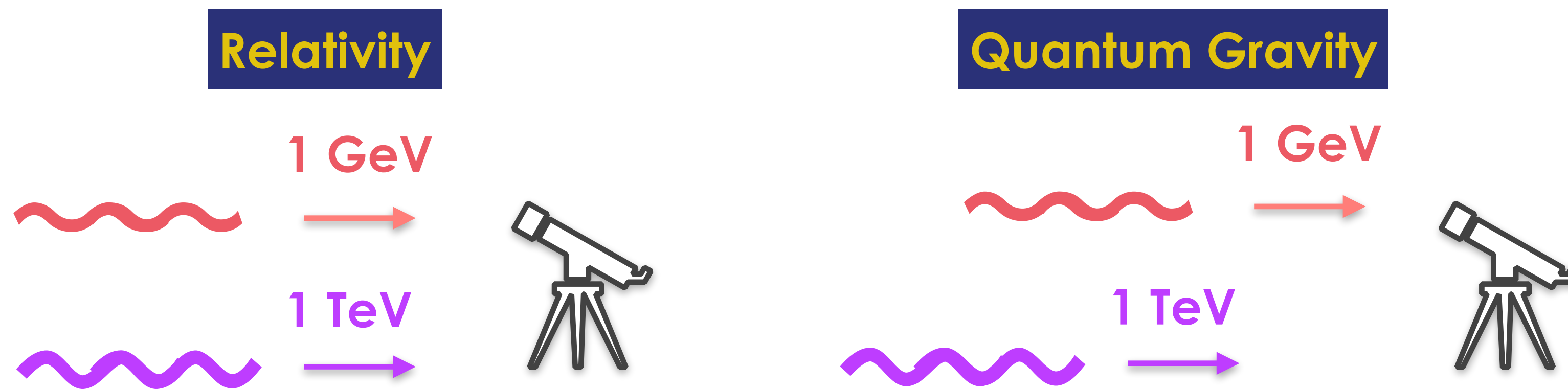


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# Lorentz Invariance Violation

- Einstein's theory of Relativity postulates: the **speed of light in a vacuum is a constant** independent of the energy of photons
- Quantum theories of gravity: speed of light might be energy dependent -> **Lorentz invariance violation (LIV)**
  - **Best measured over long distances**
  - **Difference greater at higher energies**



VHE gamma ray telescopes can be especially competitive in the search for LIV effects

# LIV tests with GRB190114C

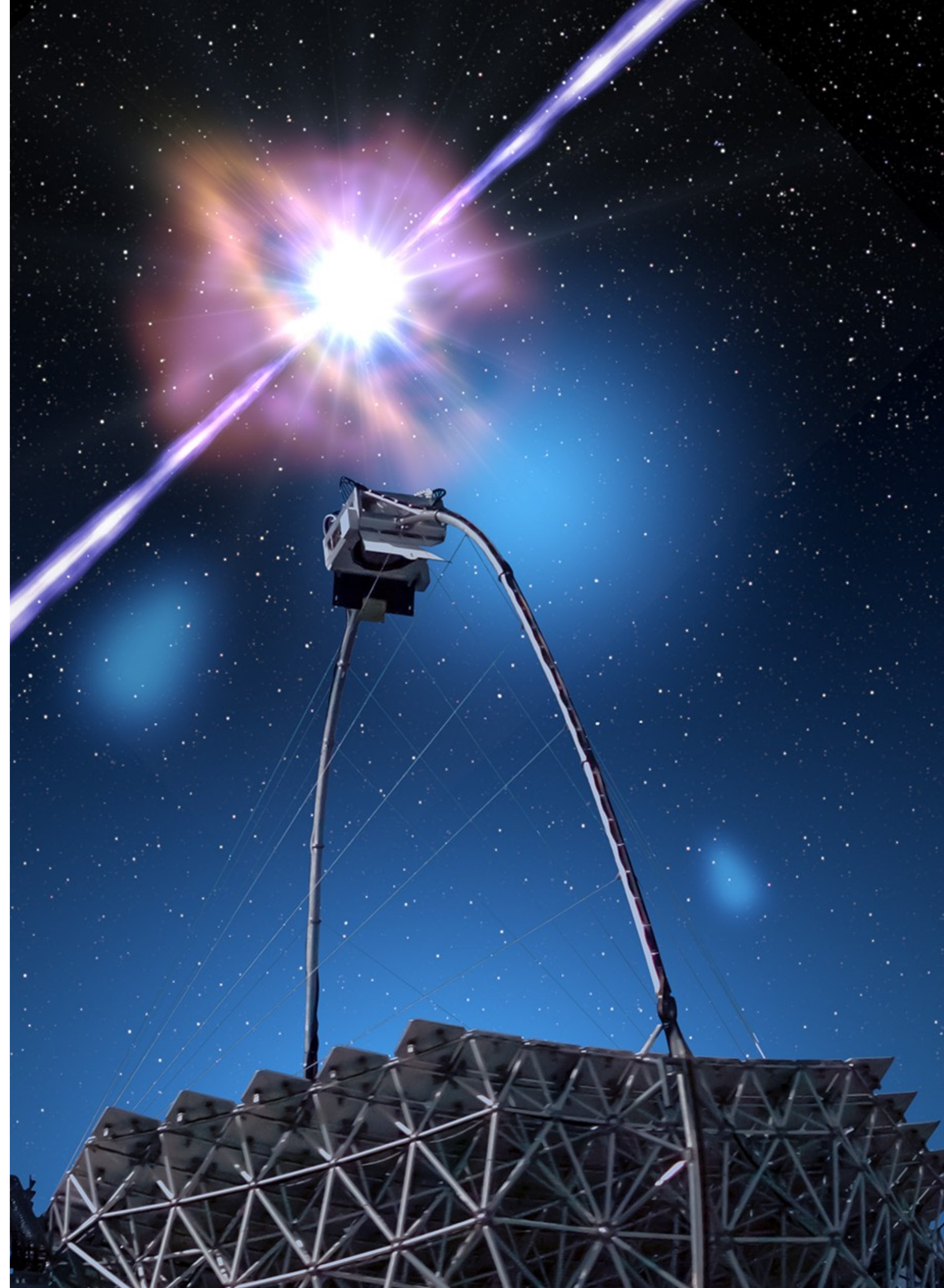
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- Measured the **arrival times and energies of photons**
- Models to describe the temporal evolution of the emission
- **No energy-dependent time delay in arrival times of gamma rays**
  - strong constraints on some quantum gravity theories

**First LIV studies with a GRB at VHE  
(Acciari et al. 2020)**

- LIV also measured with blazars (Albert et al. 2008, Abramowski et al. 2011, Abdalla et al. 2019..) and pulsars (Ahnen et al. 2017, Zitzer et al. 2013)

....now coming back to GRBs at VHE ...



# GRB 180720B

GBM trigger at 14:21:39 UTC

- ☐  $z = 0.653$  (VLT/X-shooter)
- ☐ LAT: detected up to  $T_0 + 700$  s
- ☐  $E_{\text{max}} = 5$  GeV,  $T_0 + 142$  s
- ☐  $T_{90} = 48.9 \pm 0.4$  s
- ☐  $E_{\text{iso}} \sim 6 \times 10^{53}$  erg (50-300 keV)

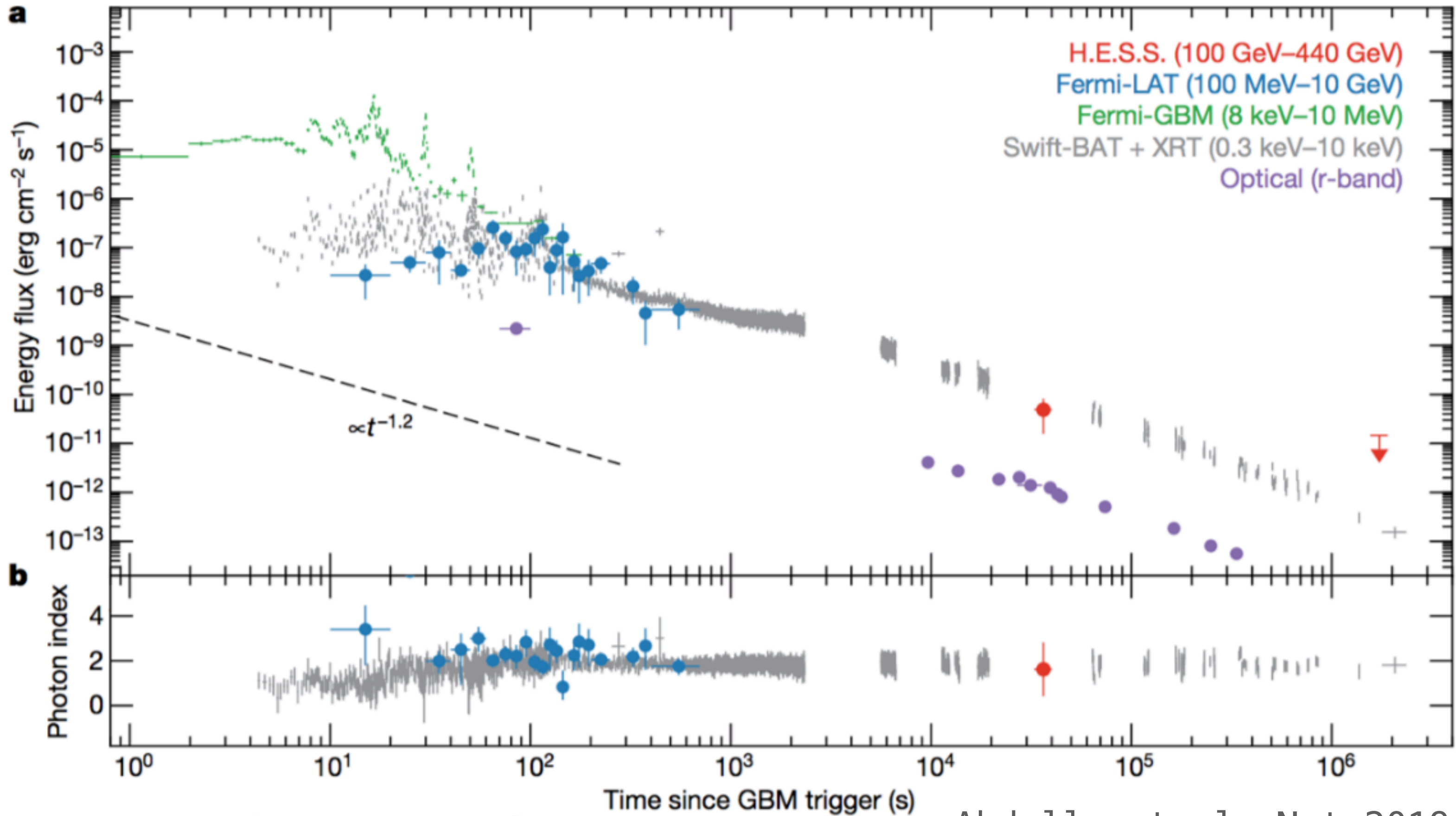
(6th brighter GBM event)

(2nd highest 11 hr flux in XRT)

**H.E.S.S. follow up:**

- ☐ start at  $T_0 + 10$  hr
- ☐ Total exposure: 2 hr

*A very high energy component deep in the Gamma-Ray Burst afterglow, H. Abdalla et al. (H.E.S.S. Coll.), Nature, 575, 464*

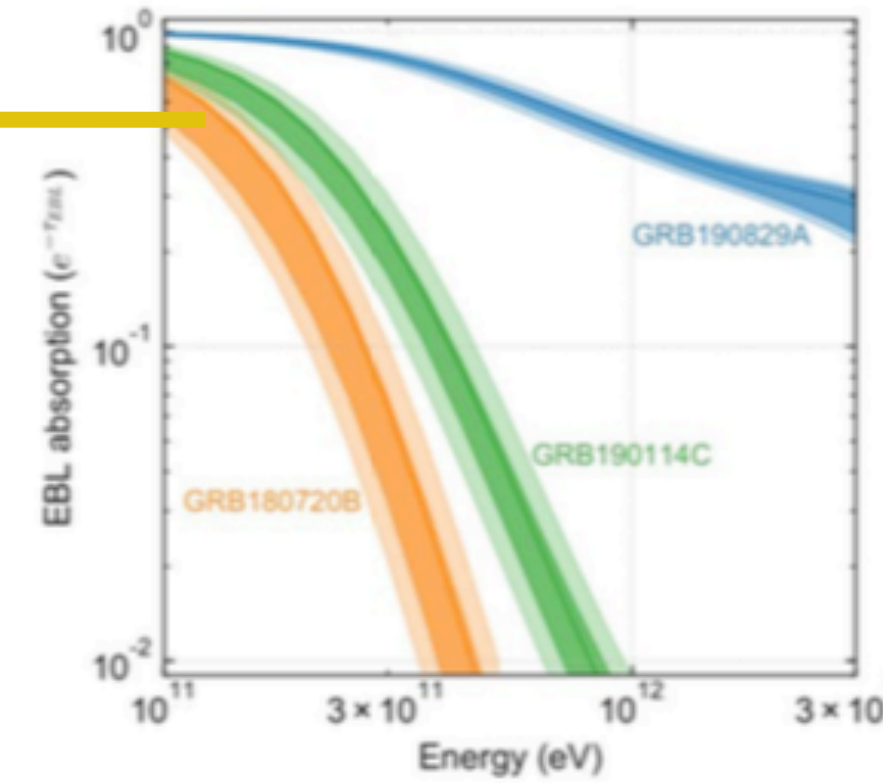
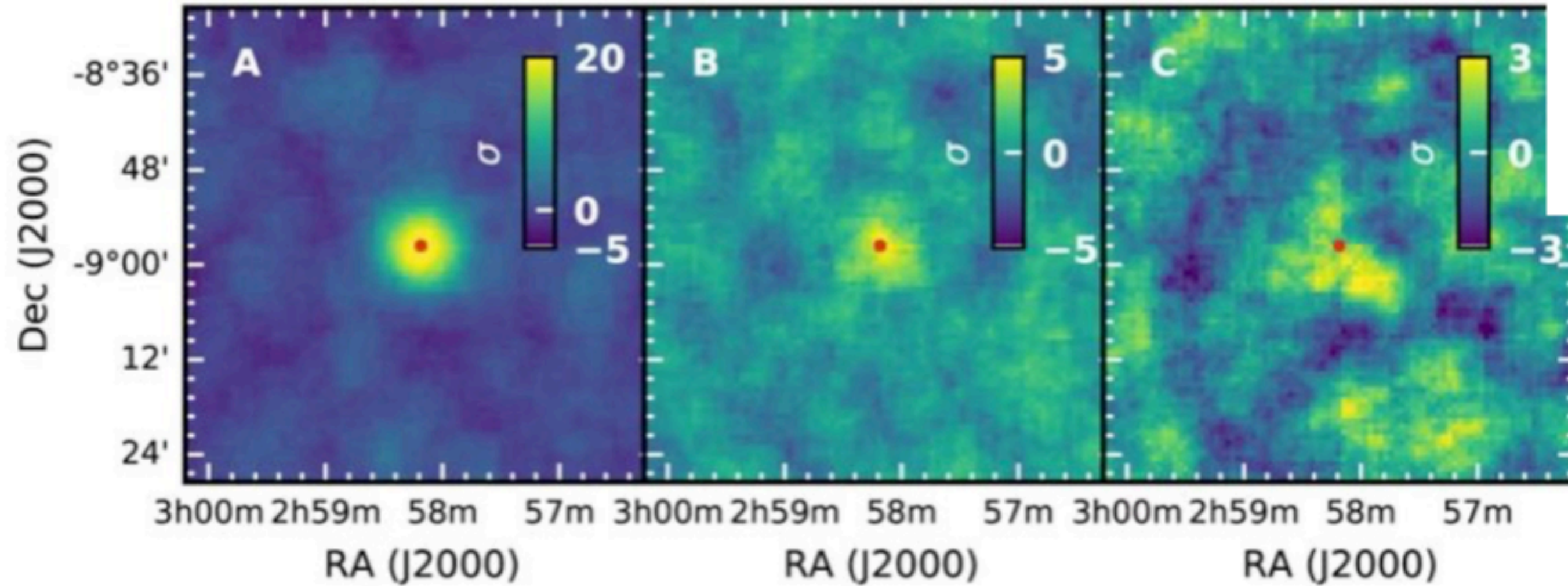


Abdalla et al. Nat 2019

# GRB 190829A

## Synchrotron emission extending to VHE?

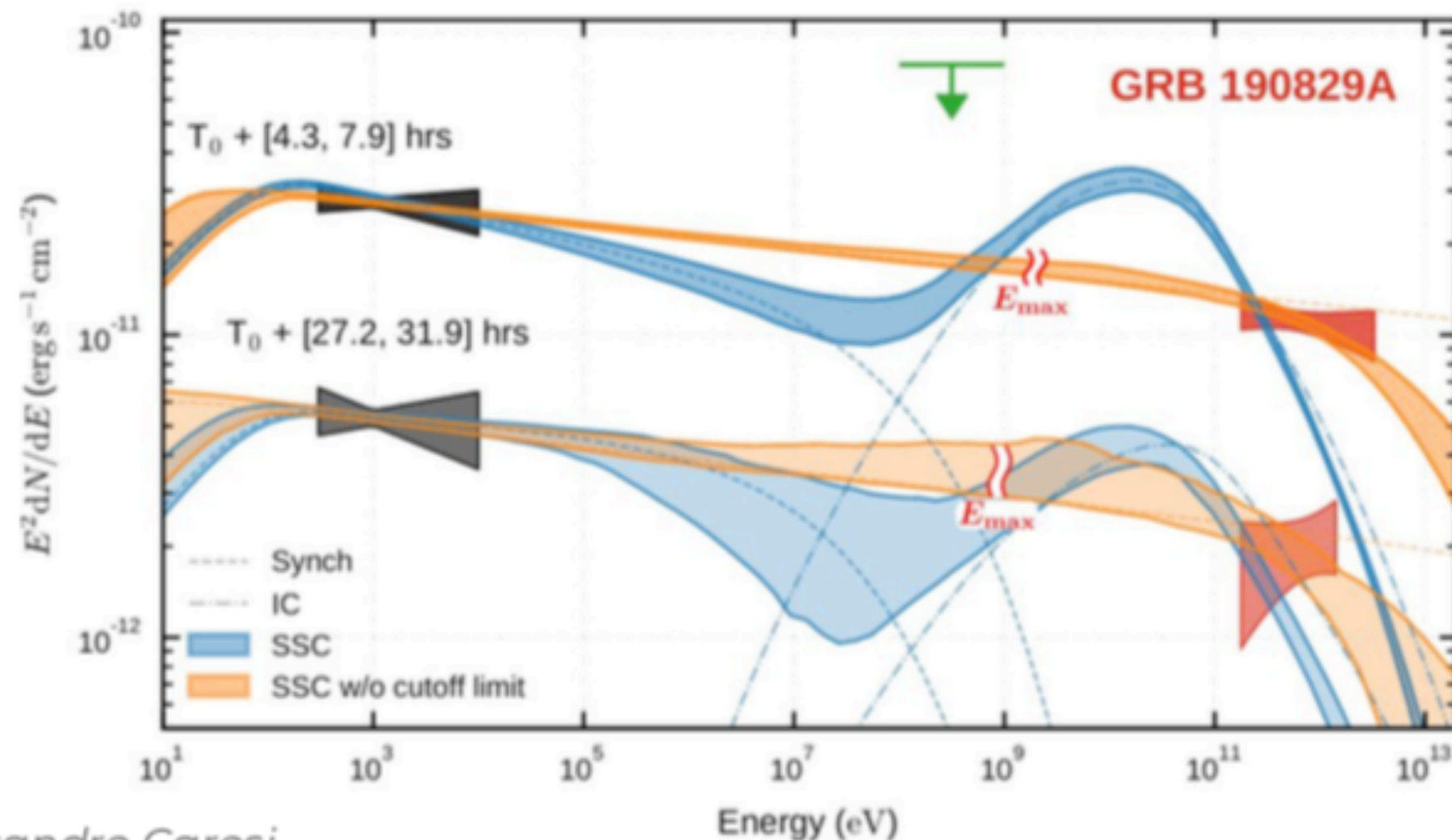
Other authors suggest SSC /EIC (Salafia et al. 2022, Sato et al. 2022, Zhang et al. 2021)



- ❑ SSC model unlikely challenging the the synchrotron burnoff limit → acceleration mechanisms?



Revealing X-ray and gamma ray temporal and spectral similarities in the GRB 190829A afterglow, H. Abdalla et al. (H.E.S.S. Coll.), Science, 372, 6546

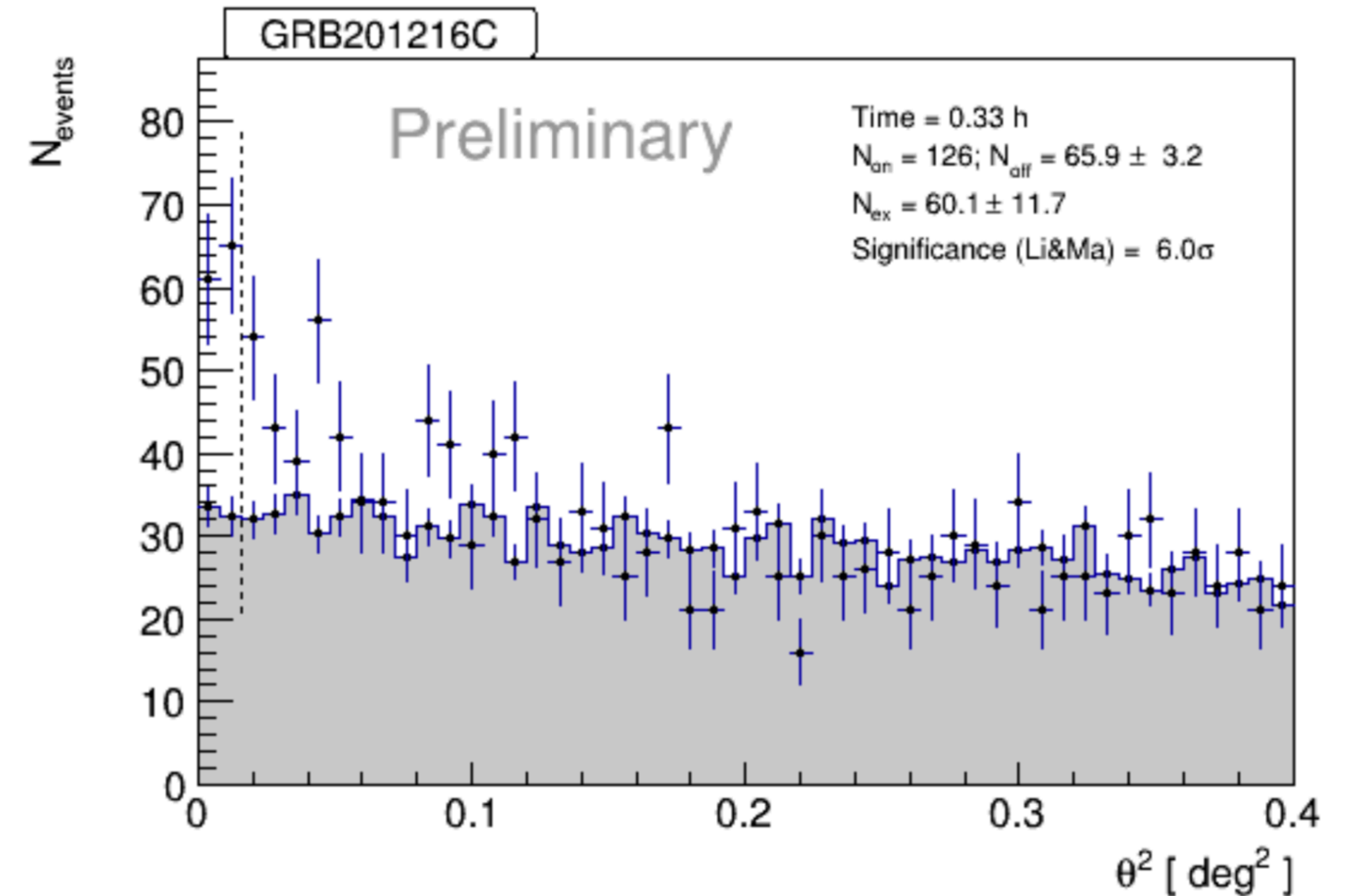


Detected by Swift and Fermi-GBM on 2019/08/29 at 19:56:44 UTC (swift T<sub>0</sub>)

- very low-luminosity ( $E_{\text{iso}} \sim 2 \times 10^{50}$  erg) & nearby ( $z \sim 0.08$ ) event
- Not detected by Fermi-LAT ( $\sim 100$  MeV - 100 GeV)
- Prompt emission ( $T_{90} < \sim 1$  min);
- low value of  $E_{\text{peak}} \sim 11$  keV but harder precursor
- Beside a large flare at  $T = T_0 + 103$  s, quite normal X-ray afterglow behaviour

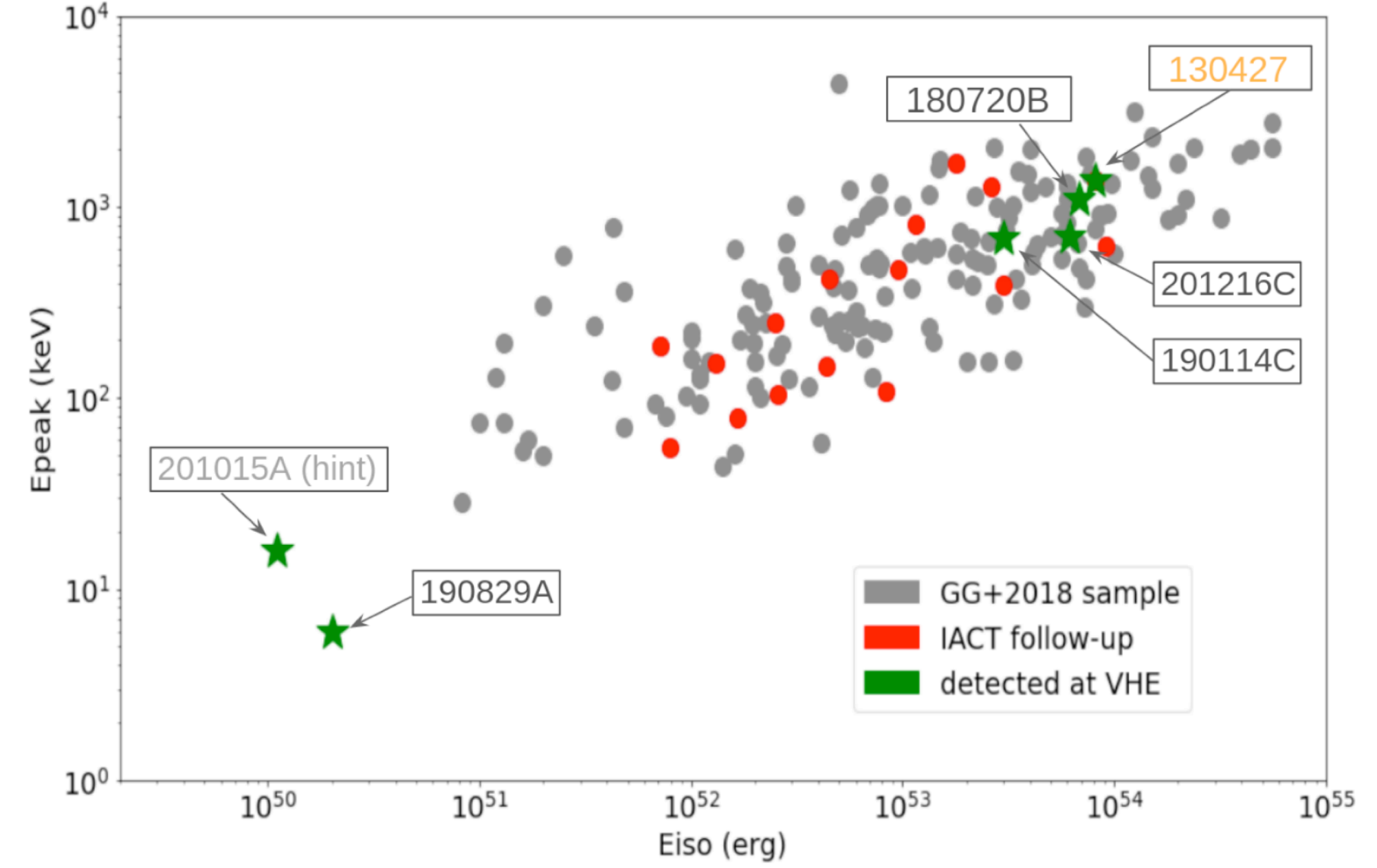
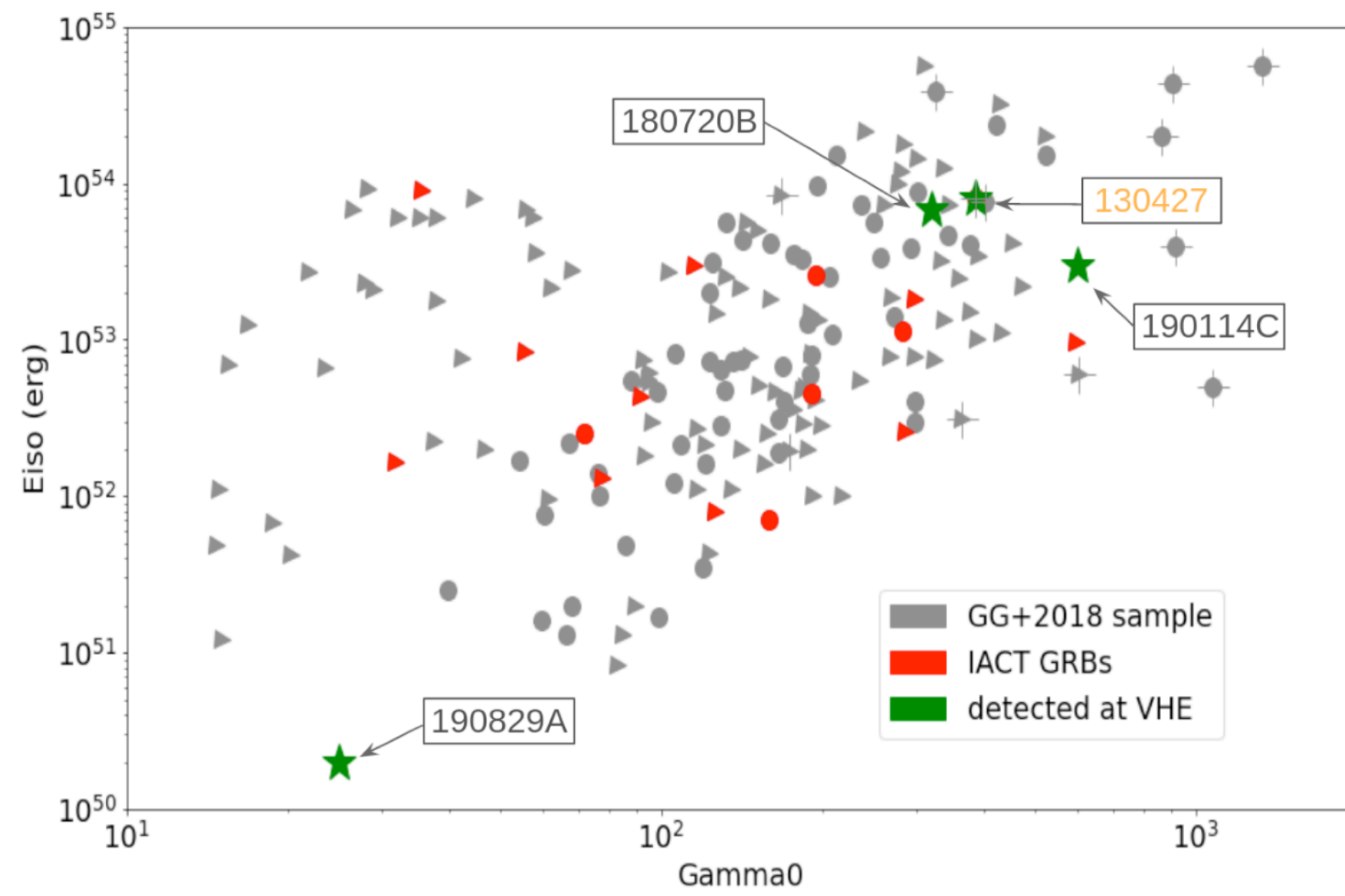
# GRB 201216C

- **Most distant VHE source:  $z=1.1$**
- Discovered by MAGIC (GCN 29075, Fukami et al. 2021)
  - Observations T0+56 seconds after Swift/BAT alert
  - Due to the strong absorption effect by EBL a very steep power-law decay was found for the observed spectrum
  - The intrinsic spectrum, corrected for the EBL absorption was found to be consistent with a flat single power-law until 200 GeV
  - After 50 min only upper limits on the emitted flux have been derived since no significant emission was found after this time.



Fukami et al. 2021

# GRBs at VHE



Berti & Carosi 2022

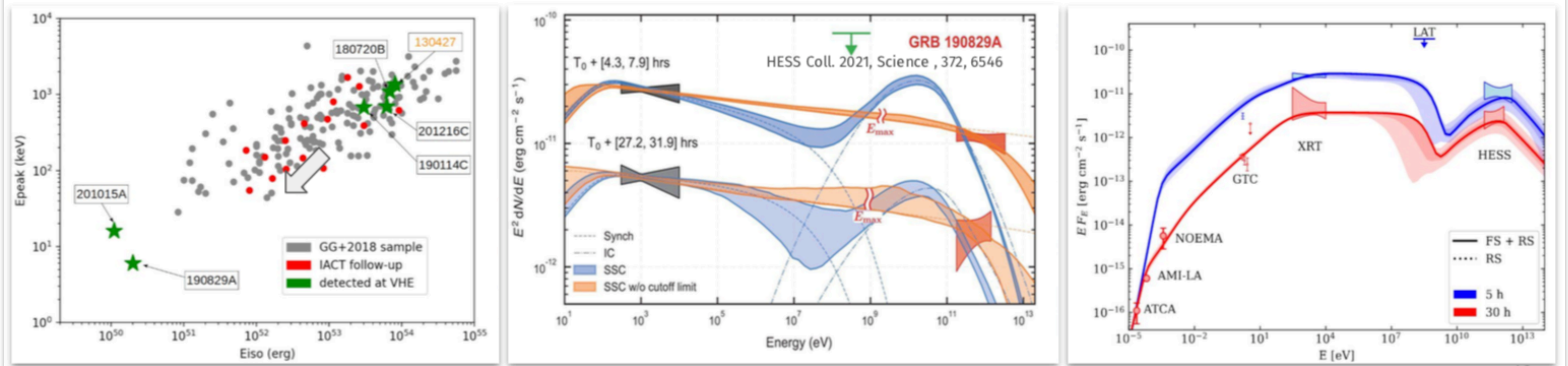
Name	$T_{90}$ [s]	Redshift	$E_{\text{iso}}$ [erg]	IACT	$\alpha_{\text{obs}}$	$E_{\text{max}}$
180720B	48.9	0.653	$6 \times 10^{-53}$	H.E.S.S.	$3.7 \pm 1.0$	440 GeV
190114C	362	0.4245	$3 \times 10^{-53}$	MAGIC	$5.43 \pm 0.22$	1 TeV
190829A	58.2	0.0785	$2 \times 10^{-50}$	H.E.S.S.	$2.59 \pm 0.08$	3.3 TeV
201216C	48	1.1	$5 \times 10^{-53}$	MAGIC	-	-
201015A	9.8	0.423	$10^{-50}$	MAGIC	-	-



# GRBs at VHE

Although the quest for the first detection is over, we are now moving to the phase of physics interpretation and, possibly, populations studies

- Which are the emission mechanisms? VHE during afterglow and/or prompt? **Do all GRB have a VHE component?** Why haven't we detected GRB before?
- We now had few detections (like GRB 180720B and GRB 190114C) that were somehow 'expected' (bright, powerful etc). However, we also have something that is (apparently) different. Are we observing the first (or one of the first) event of a new GRB population? Or do we just have to think that the parameters space of the possible VHE-emitter GRB is much larger than we thought in the past?



- prompt?

# GRB 221009A: Brightest of all times (BOAT)

- **Unusually bright and long-lasting** discovered by Swift (GCN 32635), Fermi-GBM (GCN 32636) and Fermi-LAT (GCN 32637)
  - 1 in 10000 year event! (Laskar et al. 2023)
    - $E \sim 10^{55}$  erg (An et al 2023)
    - $z=0.151$  (GCN 32648)
    - LAT emission lasted for 2 days
    - Probably detectable with radio telescopes for years (Laskar et al. 2023)

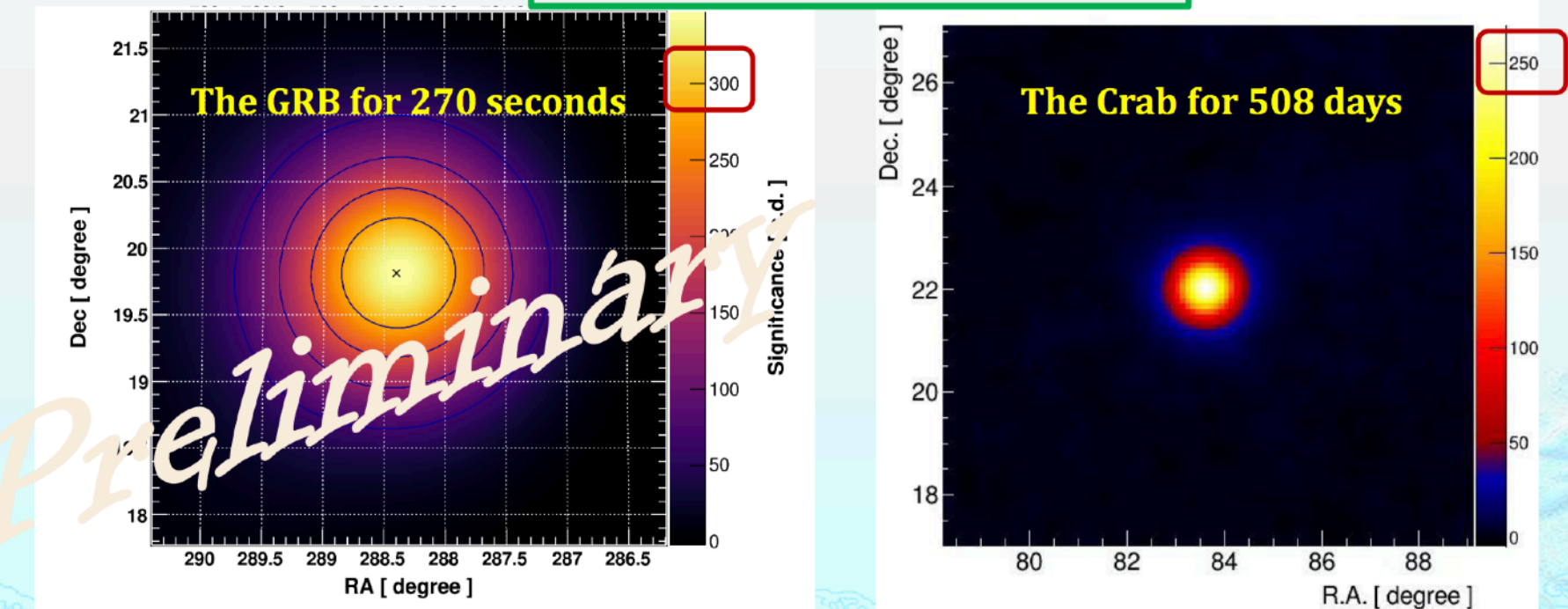
- **Detection by LHAASO (GCN 32677):**
  - **more than 5000 photons up to 18 TeV!!**
  - $T_0+2000$  seconds ( $>100$  sd) -> **no prompt emission!**
- **No IACT detection** claimed (Aharonian et al. 2023)
- **No neutrino** found across event samples ranging from MeV to PeV energies (Abbasi et al. 2023)



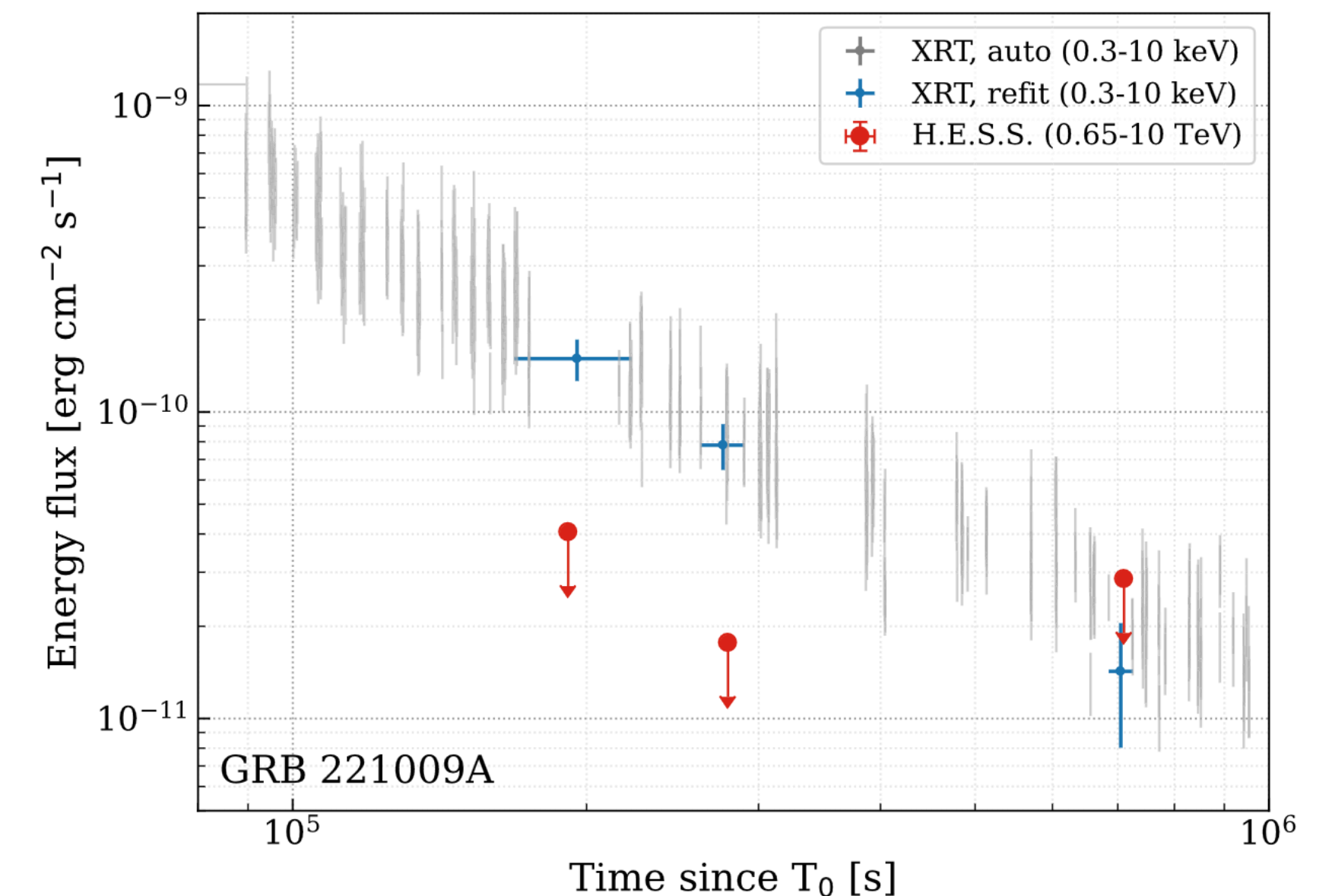
## GRB221009A and Crab as calibration targets

- The burst of 64k photons in **270 seconds** versus the exposure of the Crab for 508 days

Pointing accuracy: **0.02°**



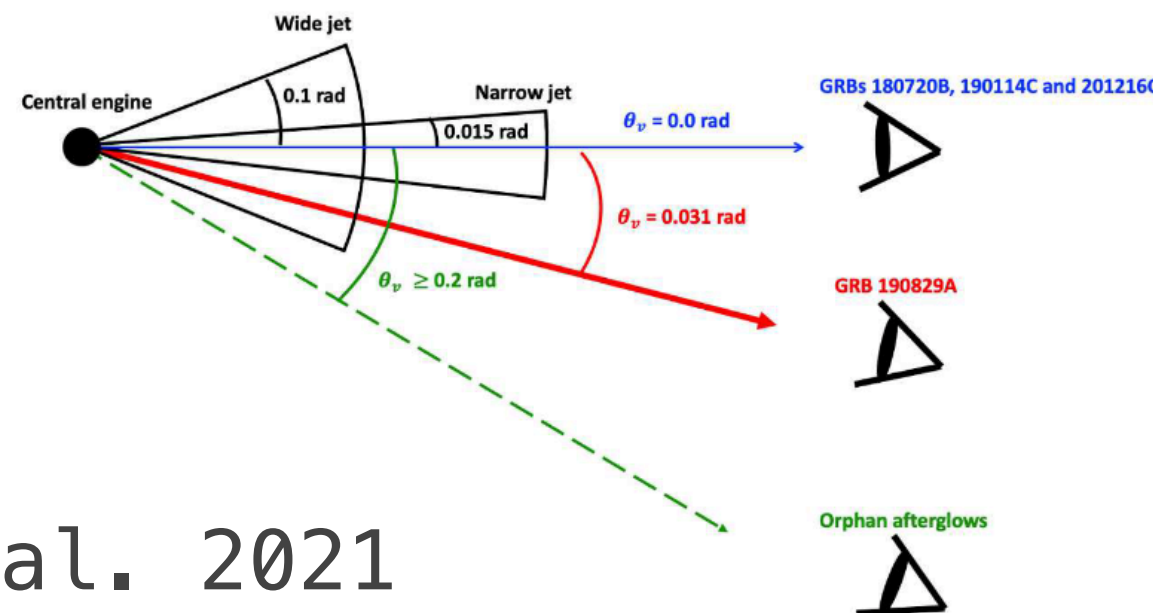
Slide from Z. Cao



Aharonian et al. 2023

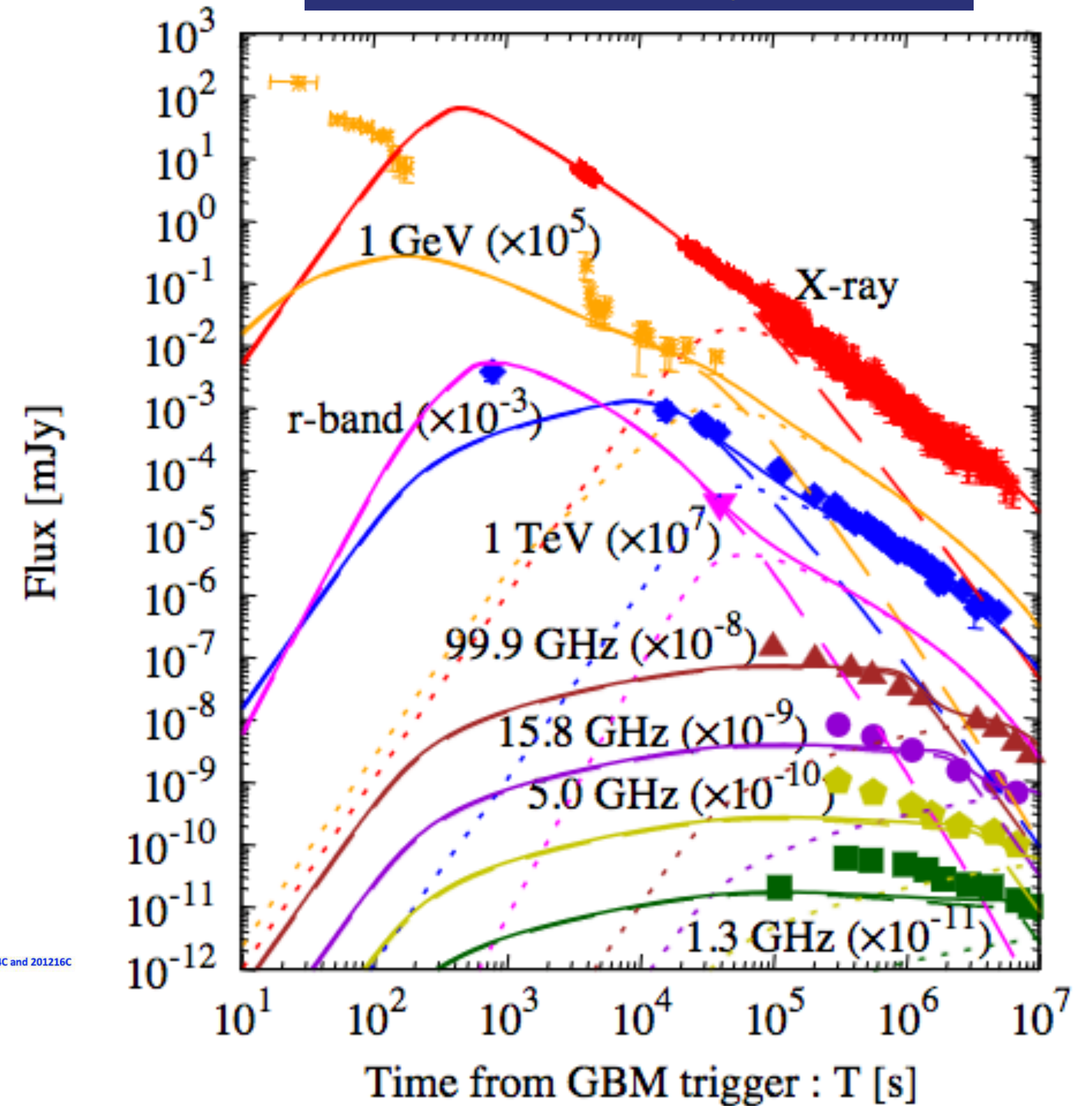
# GRB 221009A: Brightest of all times

- The physics:
  - GRB 221009A and other energetic GRBs:
    - same energy function and luminosity function as normal IGRBs
    - statistical properties are consistent with normal IGRBs suggest that there is nothing special for these bursts except their apparent brightness (Lan et al. 2023)
      - they **likely share the similar progenitor systems** and experience similar energy dissipation processes and radiation mechanisms as normal IGRBs
    - Differences due to the jet viewing angle?
  - Structured jet** (O'Connor et al. 2023)
  - Two component jet: wide+narrow (Sato et al. 2023):
    - gamma-ray photons from the SSC component of the narrow jet**



Sato et al. 2021

## Two-component jet model



Sato et al. 2023

# SSC to explain VHE ?

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- Two proposed models: SSC (external IC) and synchrotron
- A simultaneous SED covering X-ray, HE and VHE range should be enough to discriminate:
  - hardening of the spectrum from GeV to TeV energies should be the smoking gun for the presence of a distinct component -> SSC
  - VHE emission as extension of synchrotron up to TeV-> synchrotron
  - **modeling suggest that the responsible VHE radiation mechanism is the SSC emission** although different mechanisms (e.g. synchrotron radiation, EIC) cannot be completely excluded and a conclusive answer cannot be given yet ([Miceli & Nava 2022](#))
- More detections needed to clear out the emission mechanisms

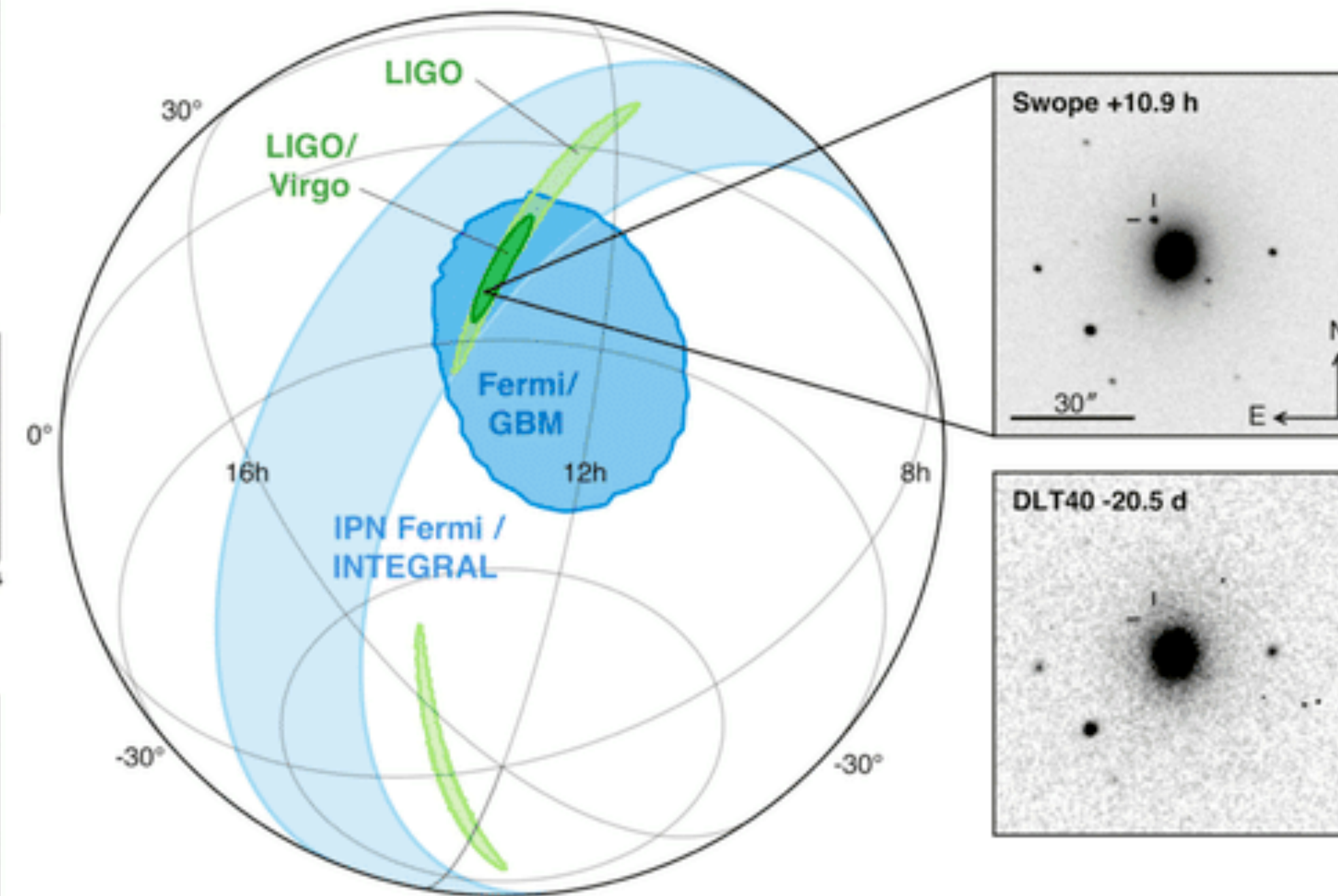
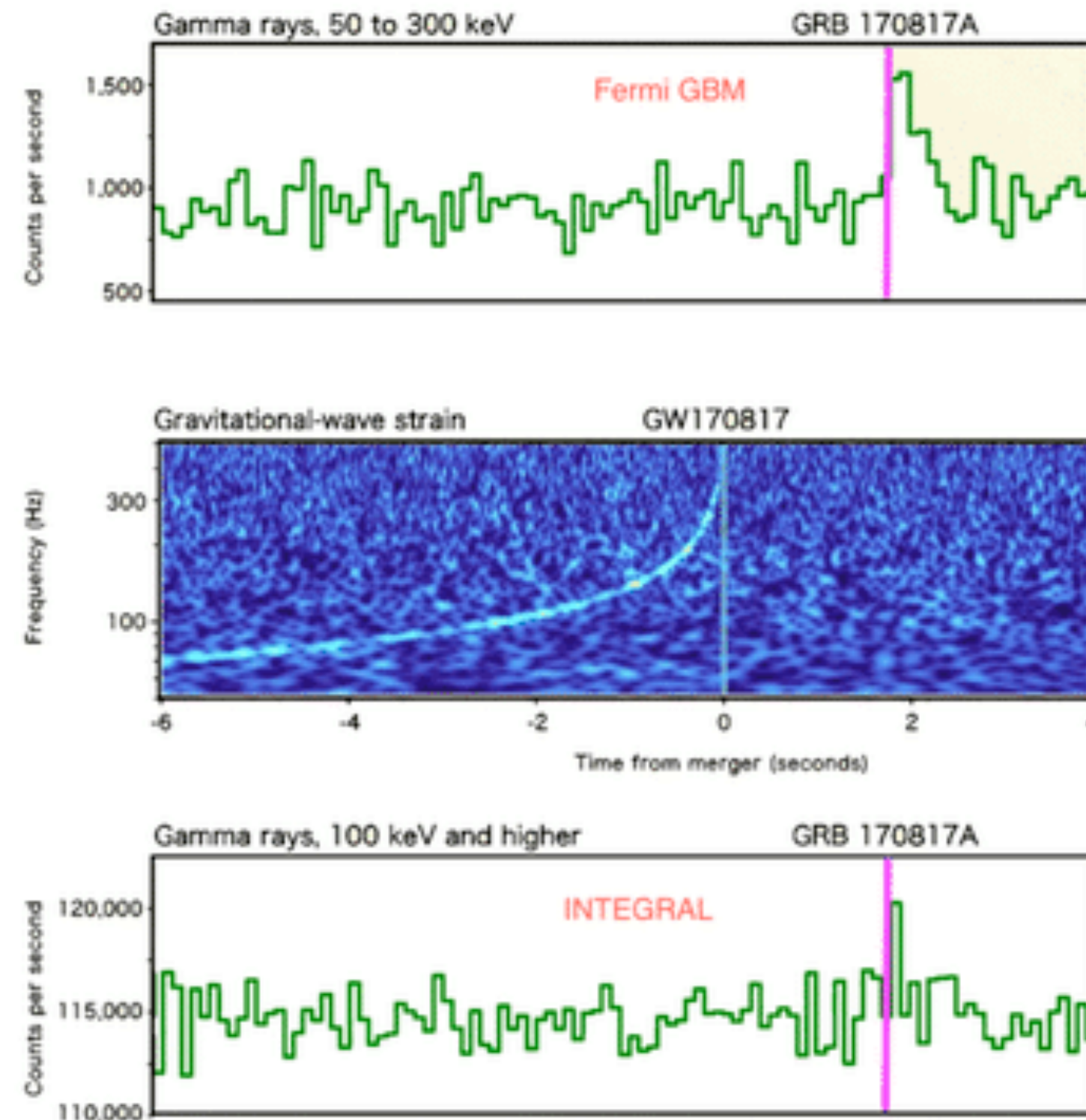
**Gravitational  
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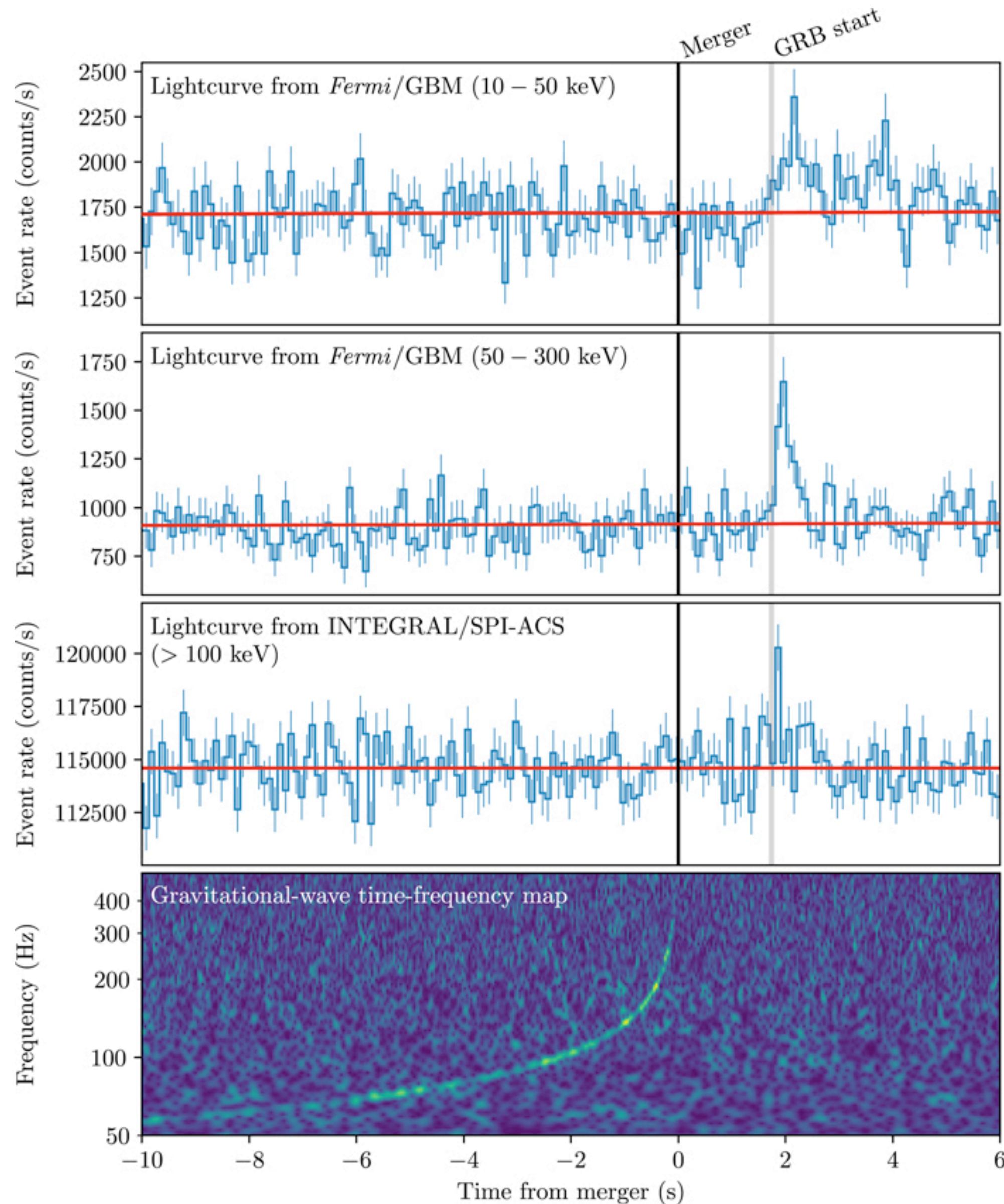
# sGRBs: Binary neutron star (BNS) mergers

- **GW 170817 (On 2017 August 17, at 17:54:51 UTC): binary NS merger** detected by **LIGO/VIRGO** (Abbot et al. 2017)
  - **EM counterpart GRB170817: kilonova**
  - **Result: BH (2.73 - 3.29  $M_{\odot}$ )**

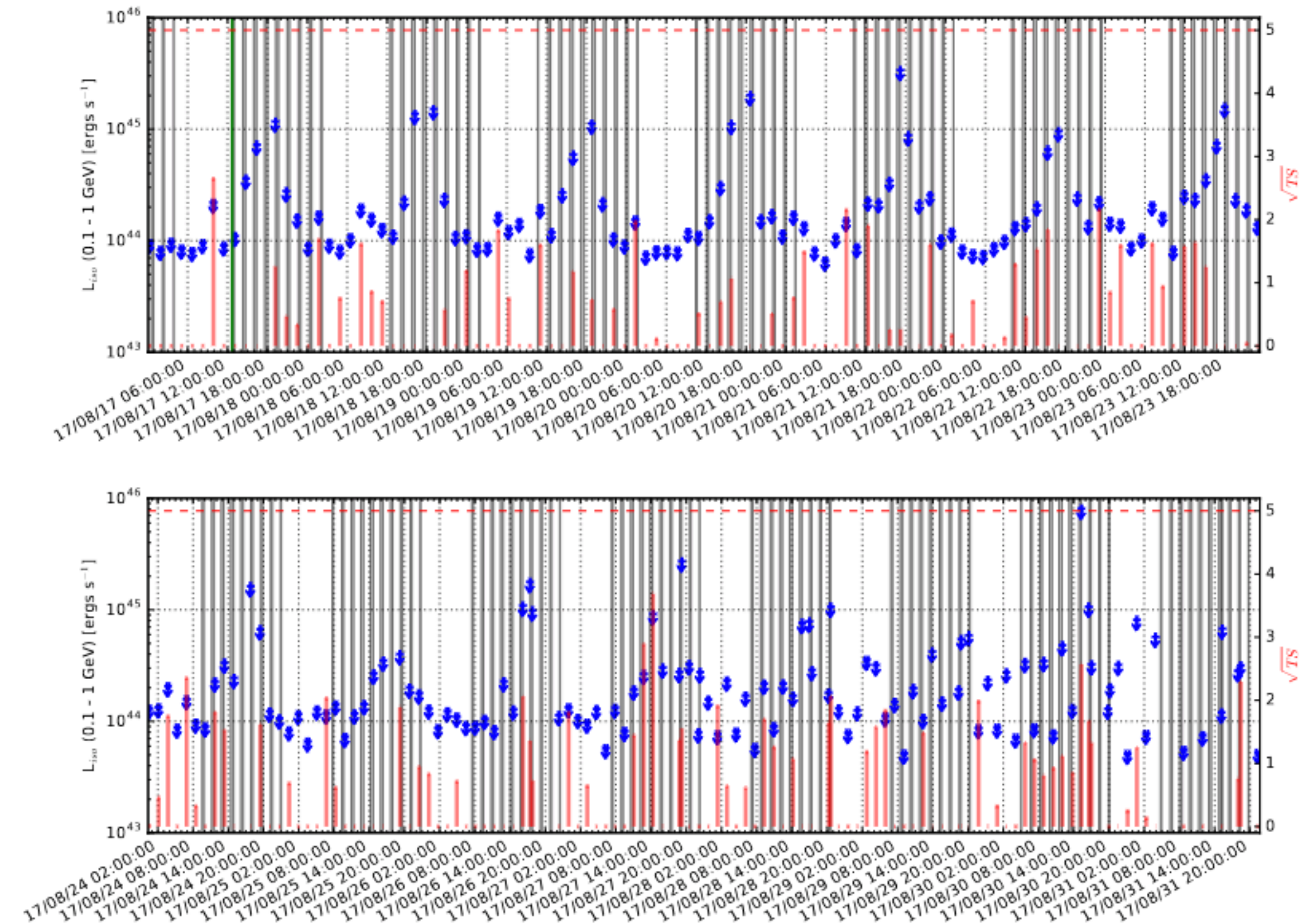
**Birth of multi-messenger astronomy with GW**  
**First evidence of BNS mergers as progenitors for sGRB**



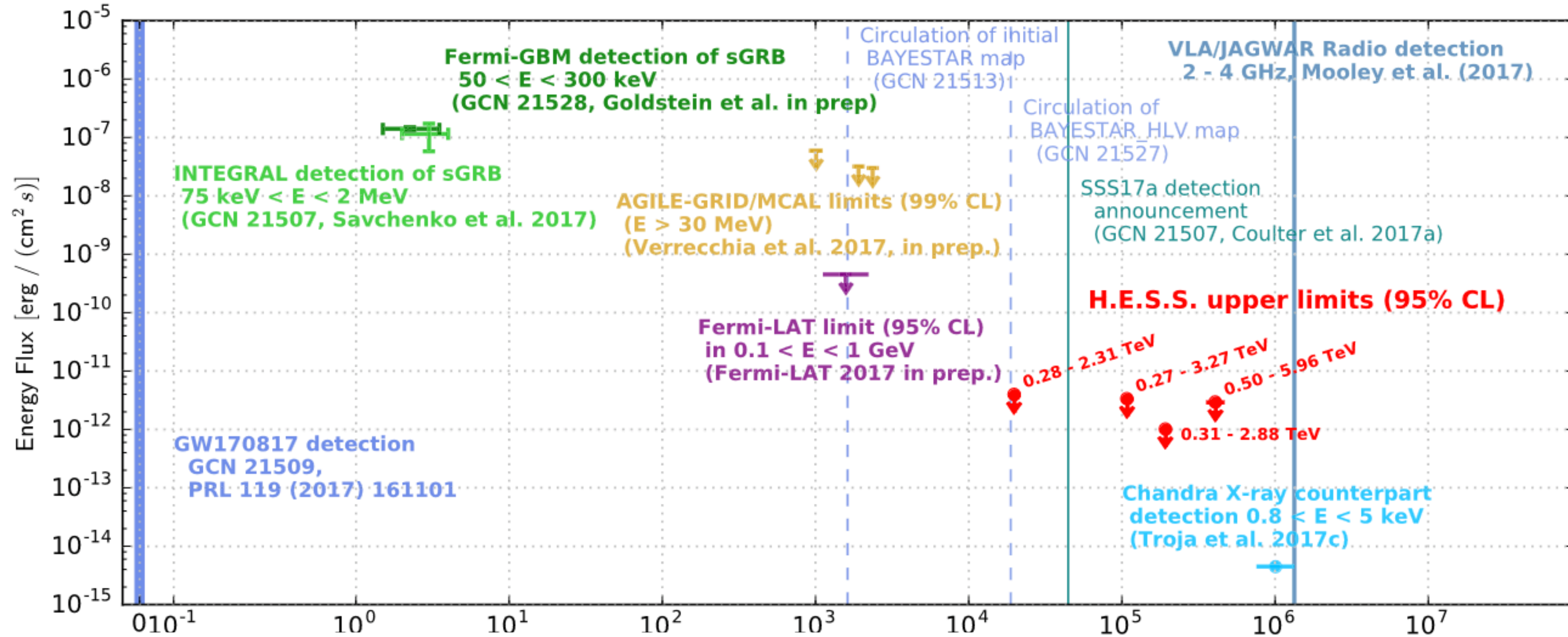
# GW 170817 at HE



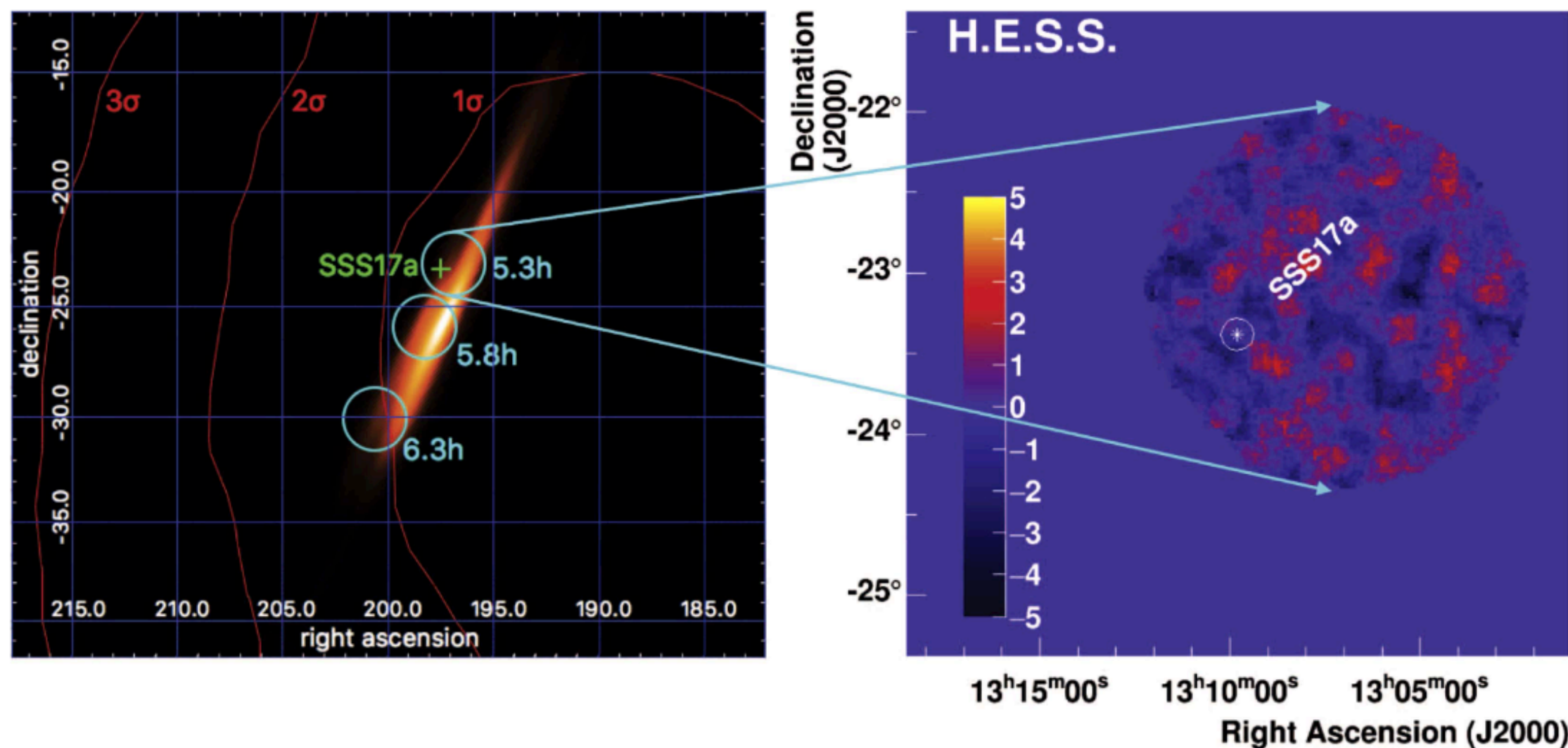
- **Fermi-GBM detected** the GRB right after the merger
- **No detection by Fermi-LAT**
  - LAT was not collecting data due to a passage through the South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA), and was thus unable to observe the prompt emission phase of the GRB
  - The LAT resumed collecting science data ~ 103 seconds later



# GW 170817 at VHE



- HESS Observations between Aug 17 - Aug 22
- No VHE detection (Abdalla et al. 2017)



**Table 2**  
Limits on the High-energy Gamma-Ray Flux at 95% C.L. and Assuming a  $E^{-2}$  Energy Spectrum Obtained During the Monitoring of SSS17a with H.E.S.S.

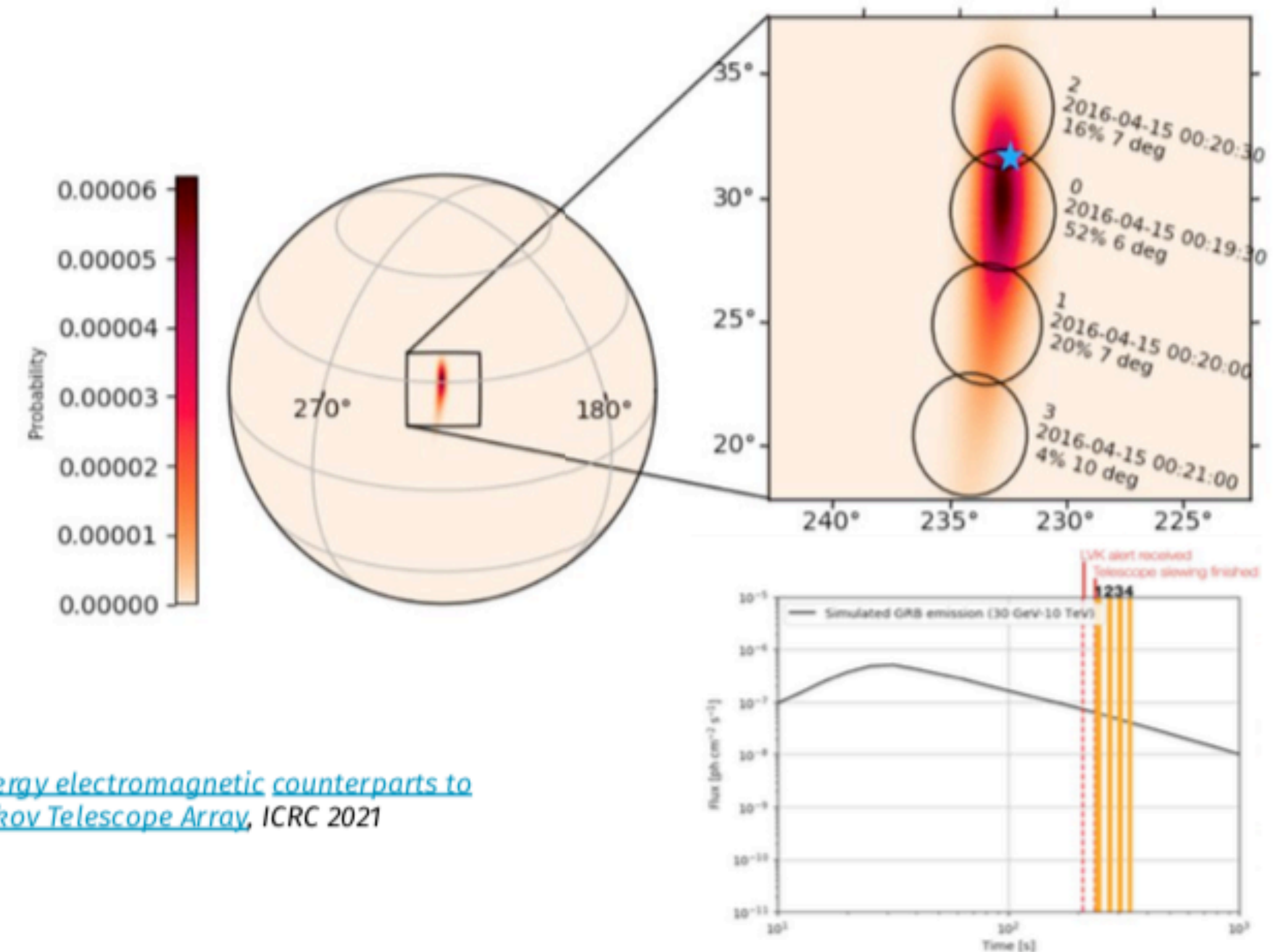
Pointings (See Table 1)	Time since GW170817 (days)	$f_{\gamma}$ ( $\text{erg cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	Energy Band (TeV)
1a	0.22	$< 3.9 \times 10^{-12}$	0.28–2.31
2a+2b	1.22	$< 3.3 \times 10^{-12}$	0.27–3.27
3a+3b	2.22	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$	0.31–2.88
5a+6a	4.23, 5.23	$< 2.9 \times 10^{-12}$	0.50–5.96
all	0.22–5.23	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-12}$	0.27–8.55



# GW/sGRBs at VHE

We now know that GRBs are possible VHE emitter and we also have a good hint that sGRB can be too. However, few differences have to be considered wrt “standard” GRB case:

- GW emission is isotropic while GRB em emission is collimated within a jet  $\rightarrow$  the viewing angle plays an important role
- The uncertainty in the sky location of the GW event requires the definition of an observational strategy for the search of the EM counterpart with pointed instruments through a scan of the sky map provided by the GW event.



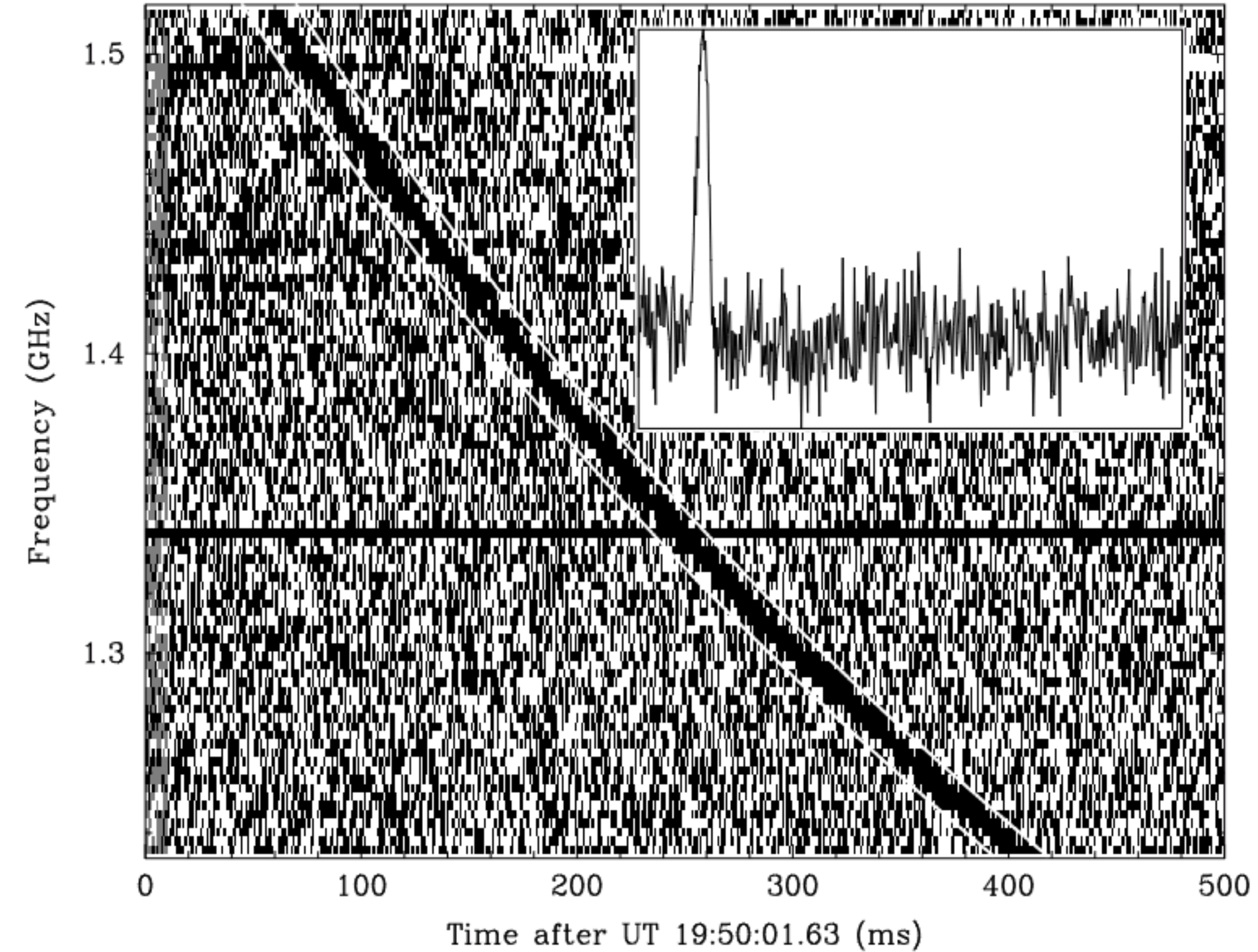
Patricelli+2021, [Searching for very-high-energy electromagnetic counterparts to gravitational-wave events with the Cherenkov Telescope Array](#), ICRC 2021

# Fast Radio Bursts



# The first FRB

- Radio flares of **millisecond duration**
- Short events that generate **as much energy in a thousandth of a second as the Sun does in an entire year**
- Discovered in 2007, extragalactic origin ([Lorimer et al. 2007](#))
  - the Lorimer Burst FRB 010724 (Parkes Observatory, 2011)
  - a 30-Jy dispersed burst of **duration < 5 ms**
  - < 1 Gpc distance
- Most FRB are isolated signals



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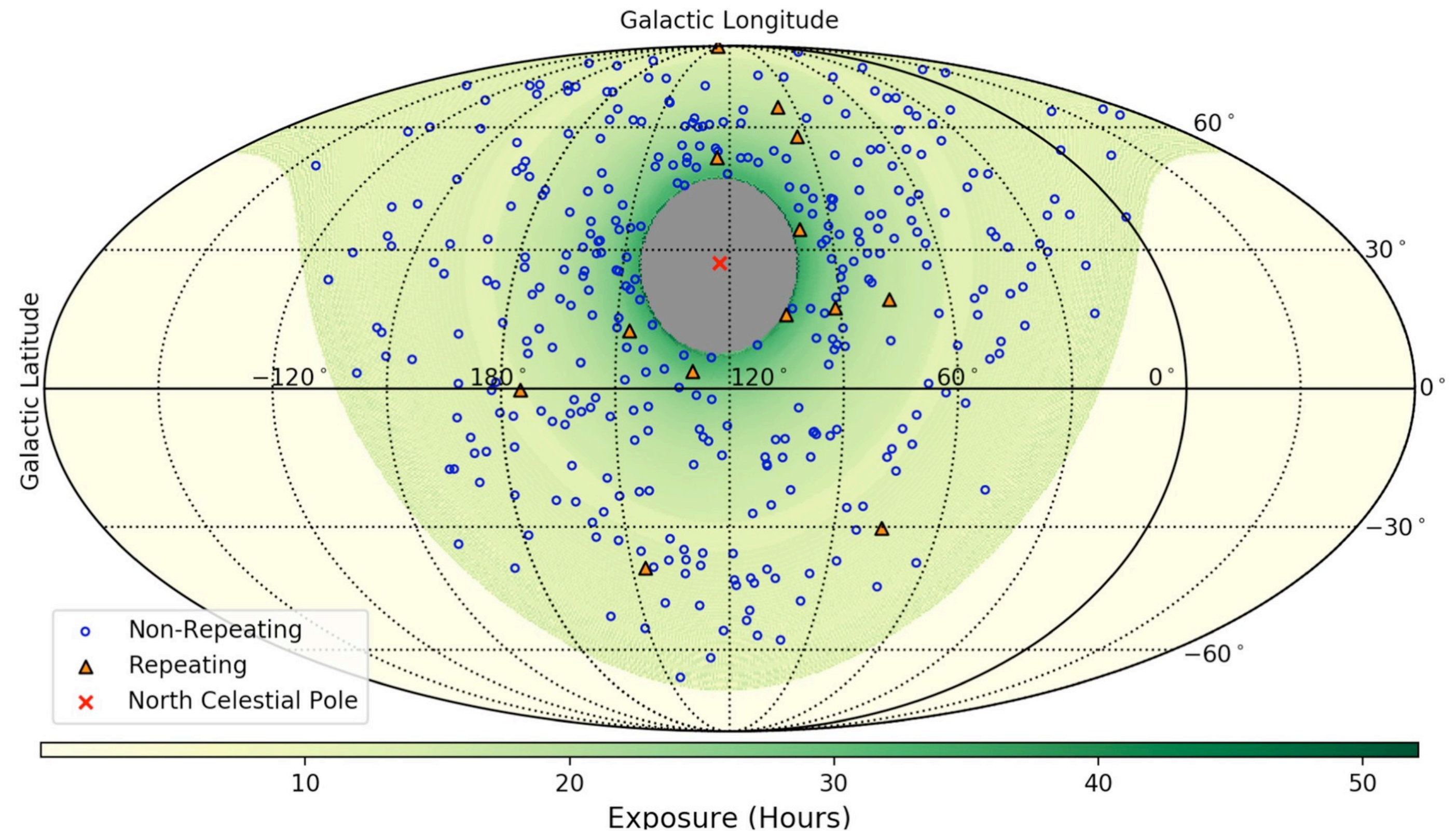
## A Bright Millisecond Radio Burst of Extragalactic Origin

D. R. LORIMER, M. BAILES, M. A. MCLAUGHLIN, D. J. NARKEVIC, AND F. CRAWFORD [Authors Info & Affiliations](#)

# FRBs

- **FRB 121102: first repeater** (Splinter et al. Nature 2016)
  - its localization in a dwarf star forming galaxy at redshift  $z = 0.19$  (Chatterjee et al. 2017, Marcote et al. 2017, Tendulkar et al. 2017)
- Right now:
  - Total FRB count: 670 (April 2023)
  - Repeaters: 50
  - Host galaxies: 27

**What is the nature of these FRBs?**



Credit: CHIME/2019

# FRB200428 : a unique case

- April 28, 2020: CHIME detects another FRB (ATel 13681)
- The burst had a **double-peak structure** with two components

## A bright millisecond-timescale radio burst from the direction of the Galactic magnetar SGR 1935+2154

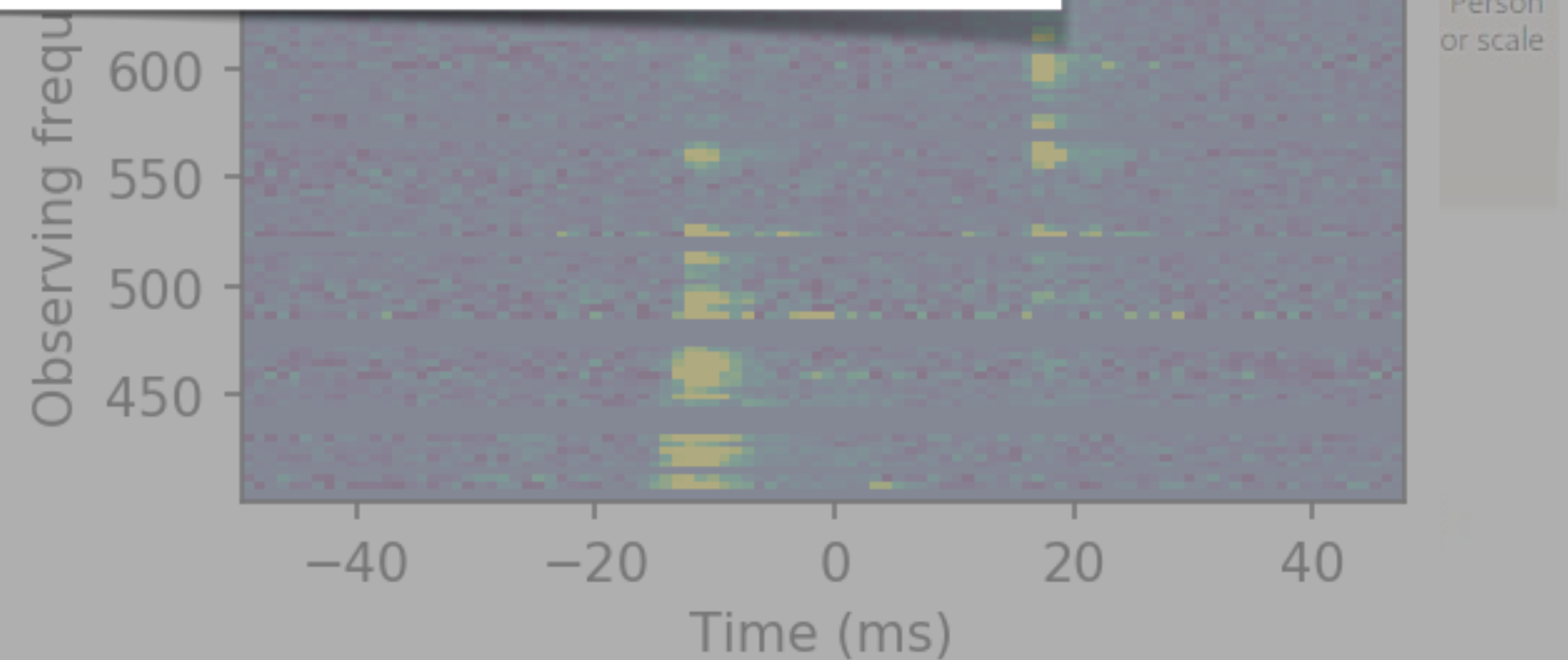
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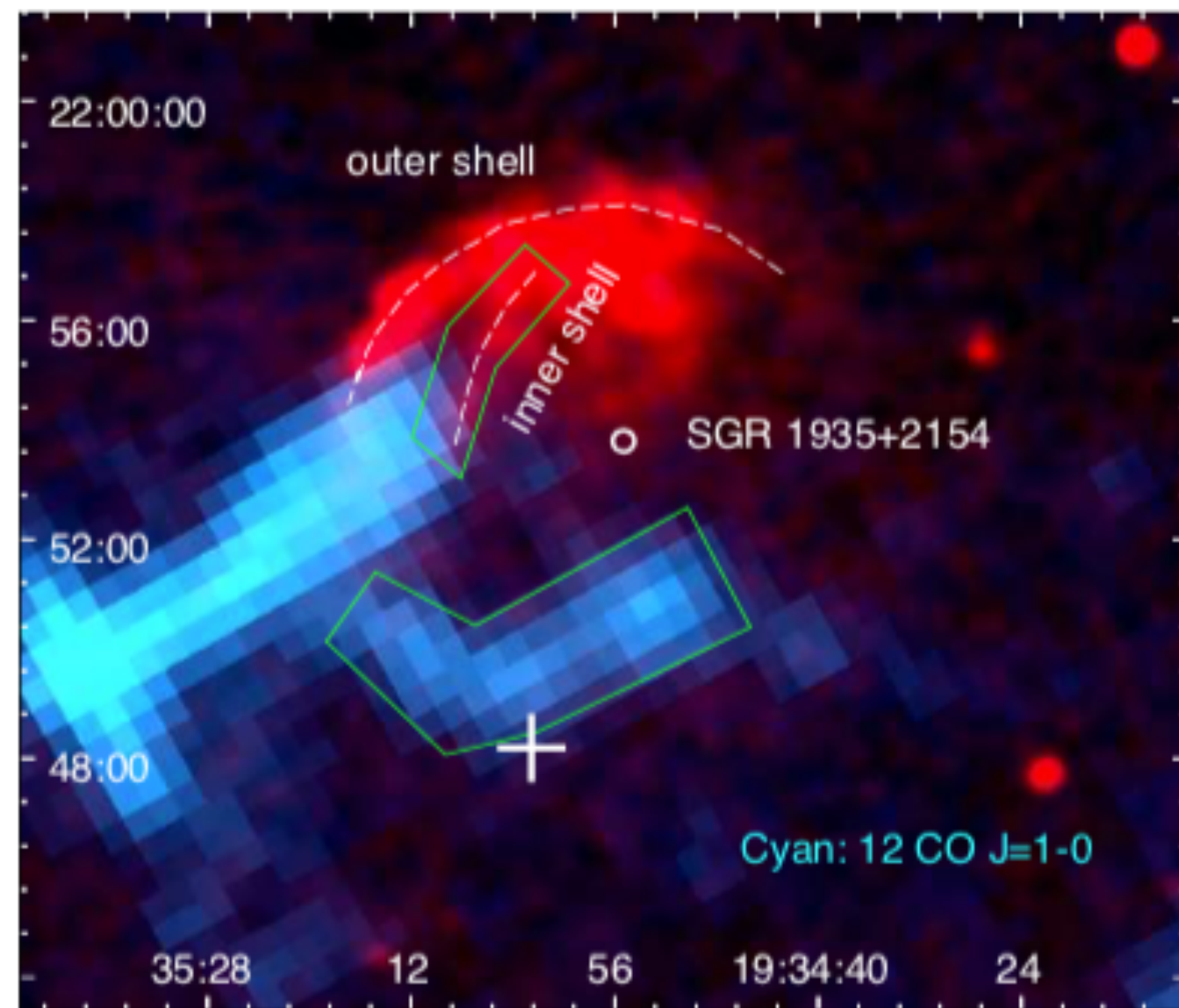
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### THE CHIME RADIO TELESCOPE

The telescope has no moving parts but collects radio signals in a narrow zone of sky that runs north to south. As the Earth turns, celestial objects that emit radio waves pass through the zone and are detected by CHIME.



# FRB200428 : SGR 1935+2154

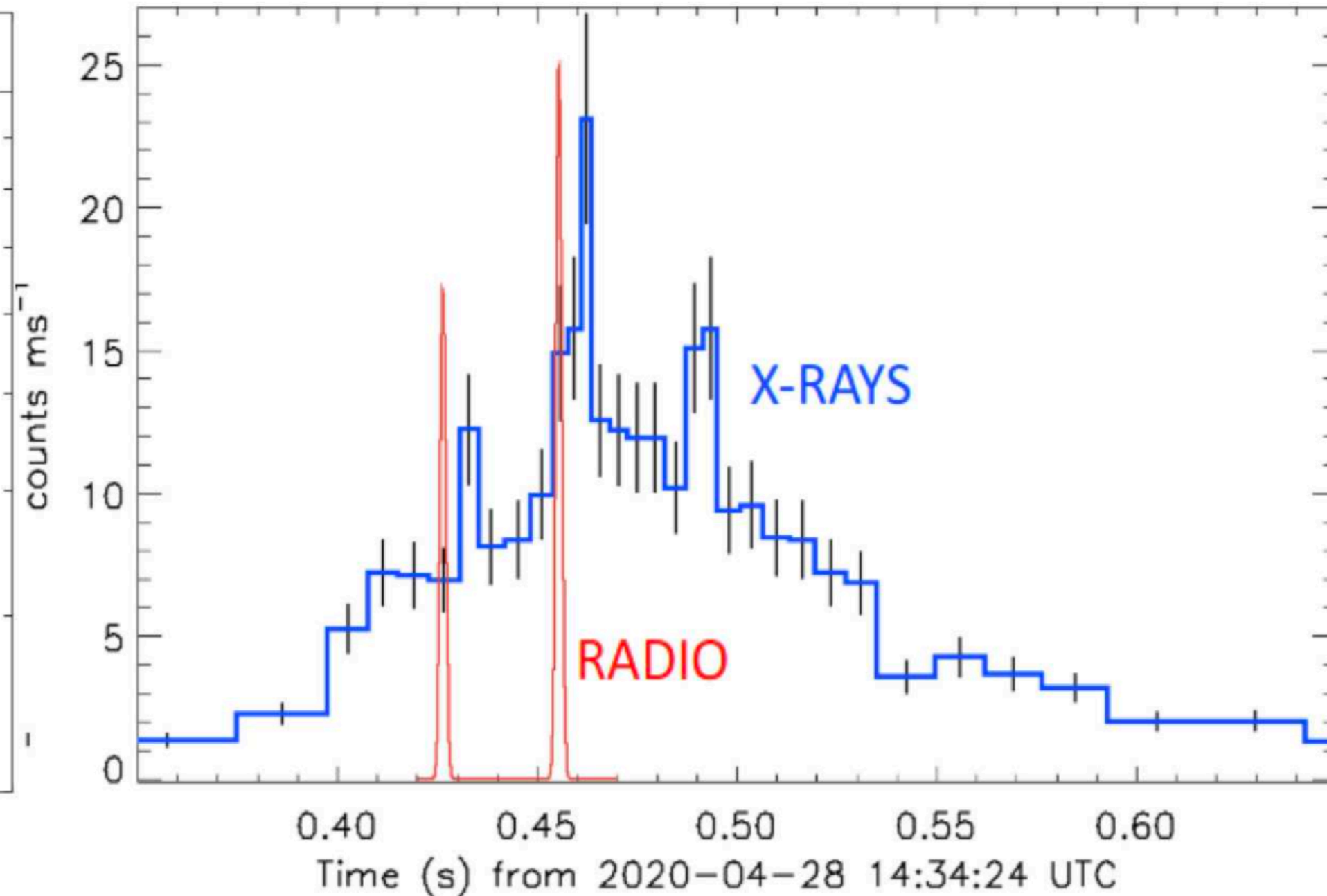
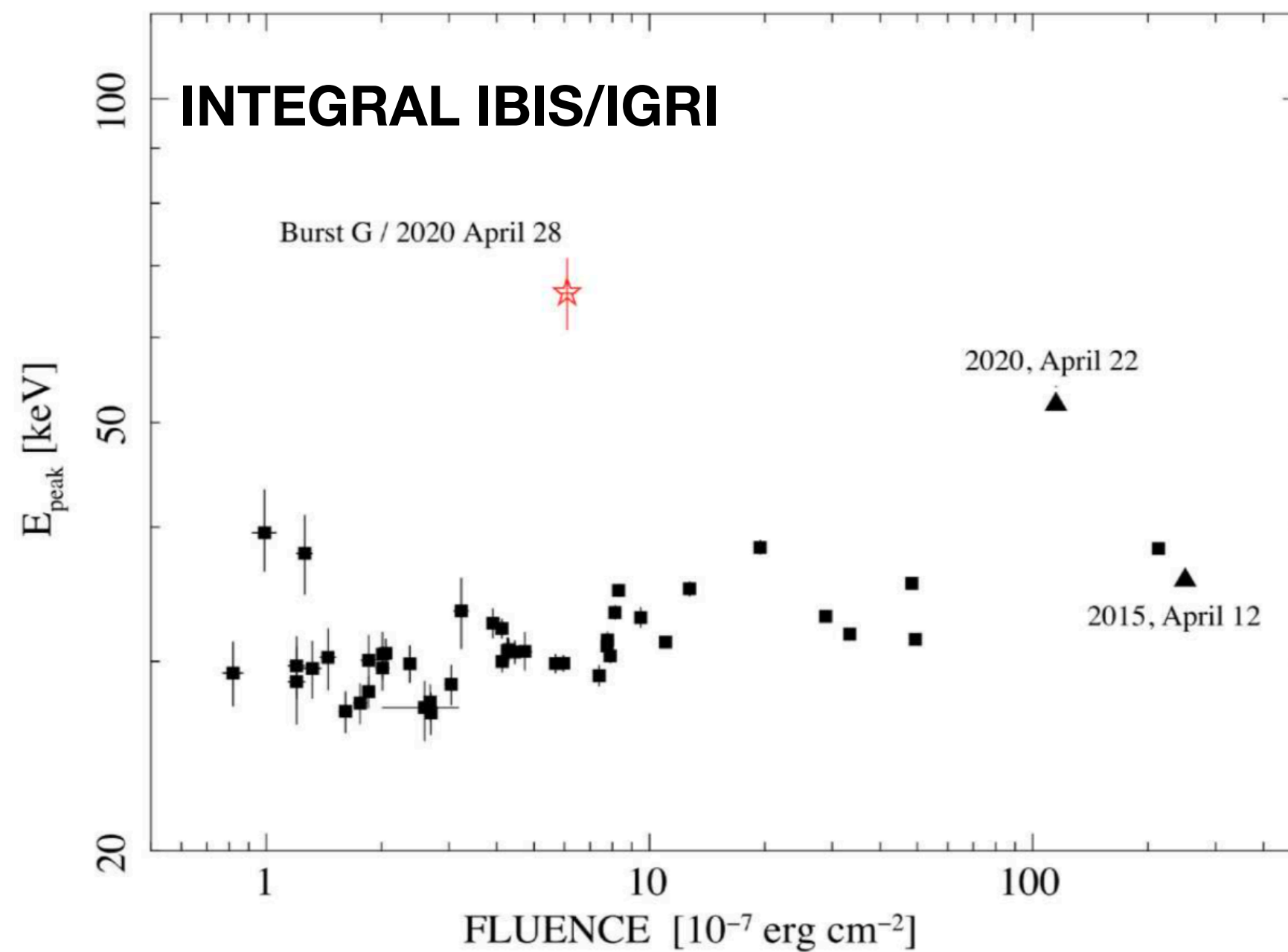


- Galactic magnetar located at 6.6 kpc (Zhou et al. 2020)
- **Hosted in an evolved SNR** (GG57.2+0.8) and (likely) interacting with a **surrounding molecular cloud**
- April 2020: **a fast radio burst (FRB) is detected by CHIME/FRB** in coincidence with this magnetar (Andersen et al. 2020)
  - The burst had a **double-peak** structure with two components ~5 ms wide separated by ~30 ms
- Confirmation by STARE2 (Bochenek et al. 2020) and European dishes: Westerbork, Onsala, Toruń (Kirsten et al. 2020)
- **X-ray bursts** by Swift (Barthelmy et al. 2020), INTEGRAL (Mereghetti et al. 2020), AGILE (Tavani et al. 2021), Konus-Wind (Ridnaia et al. 2021), NICER (Younes et al. 2021), Insight HXMT (Li et al. 2021)
- MAGIC could not observe due to pandemic lockdown

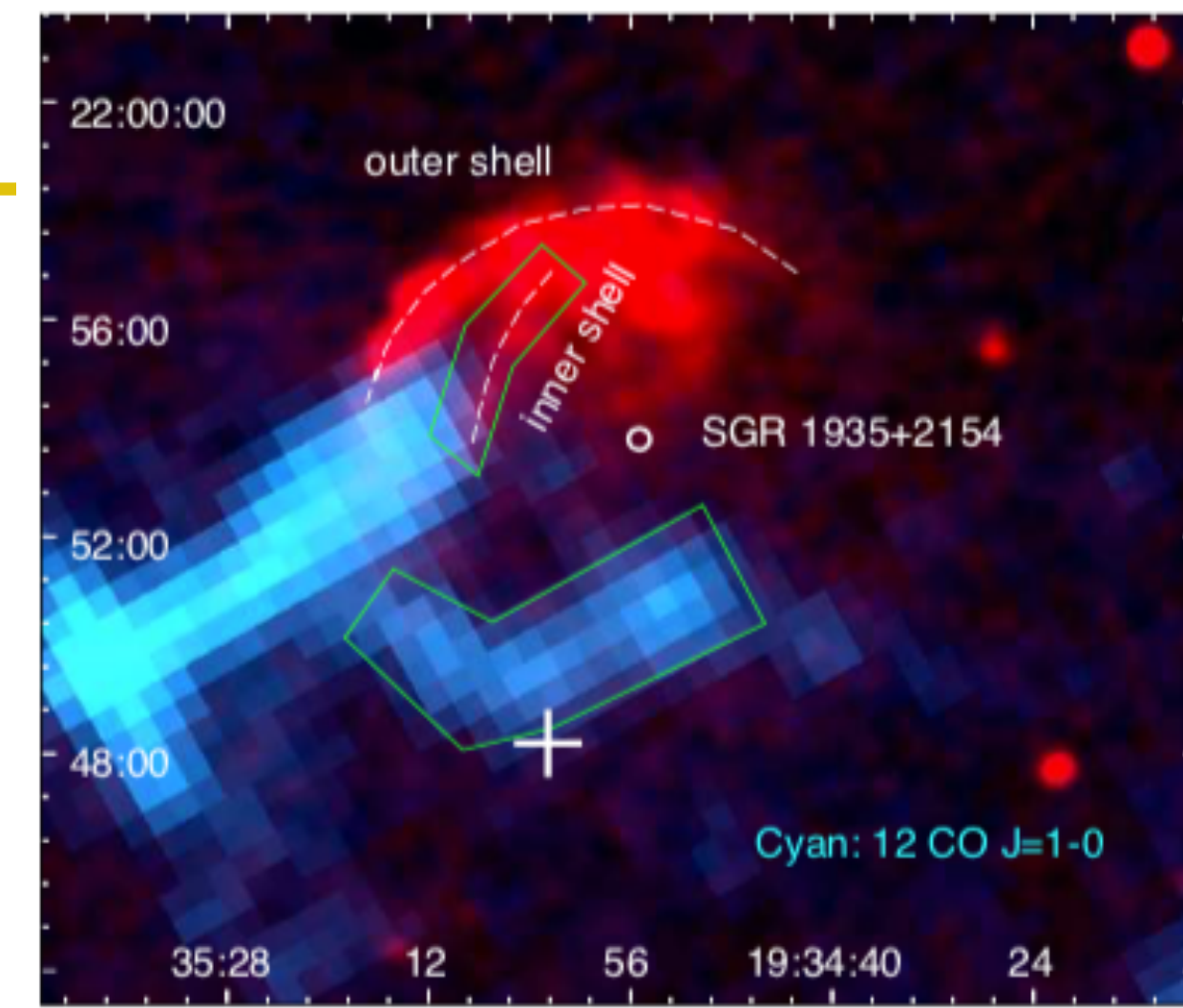
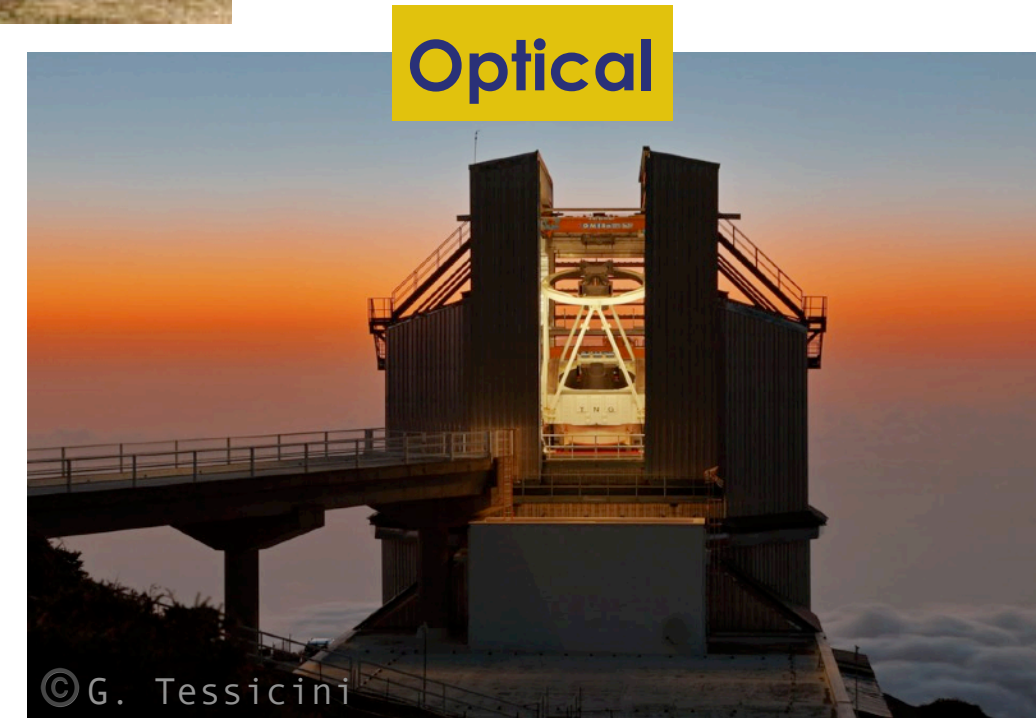
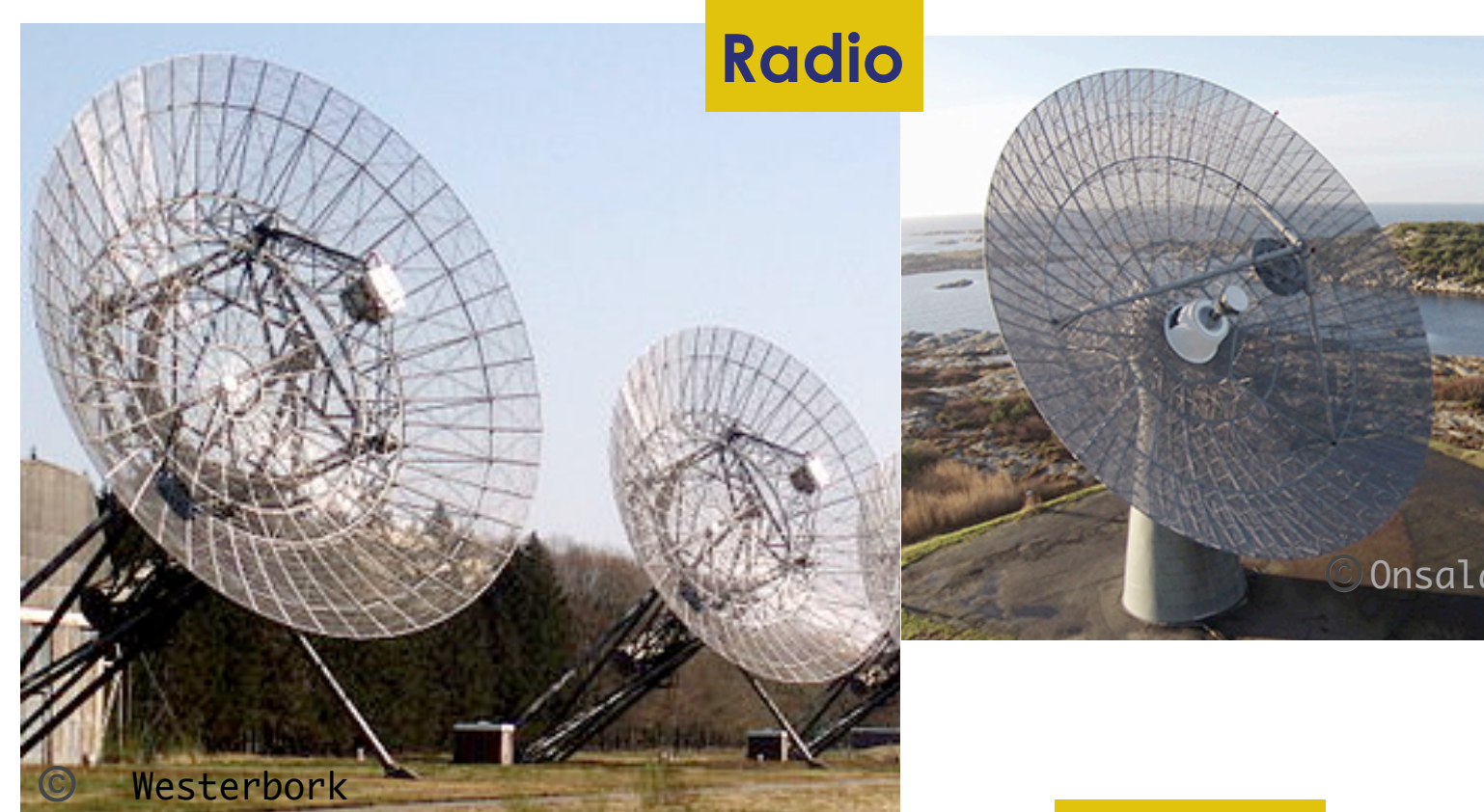
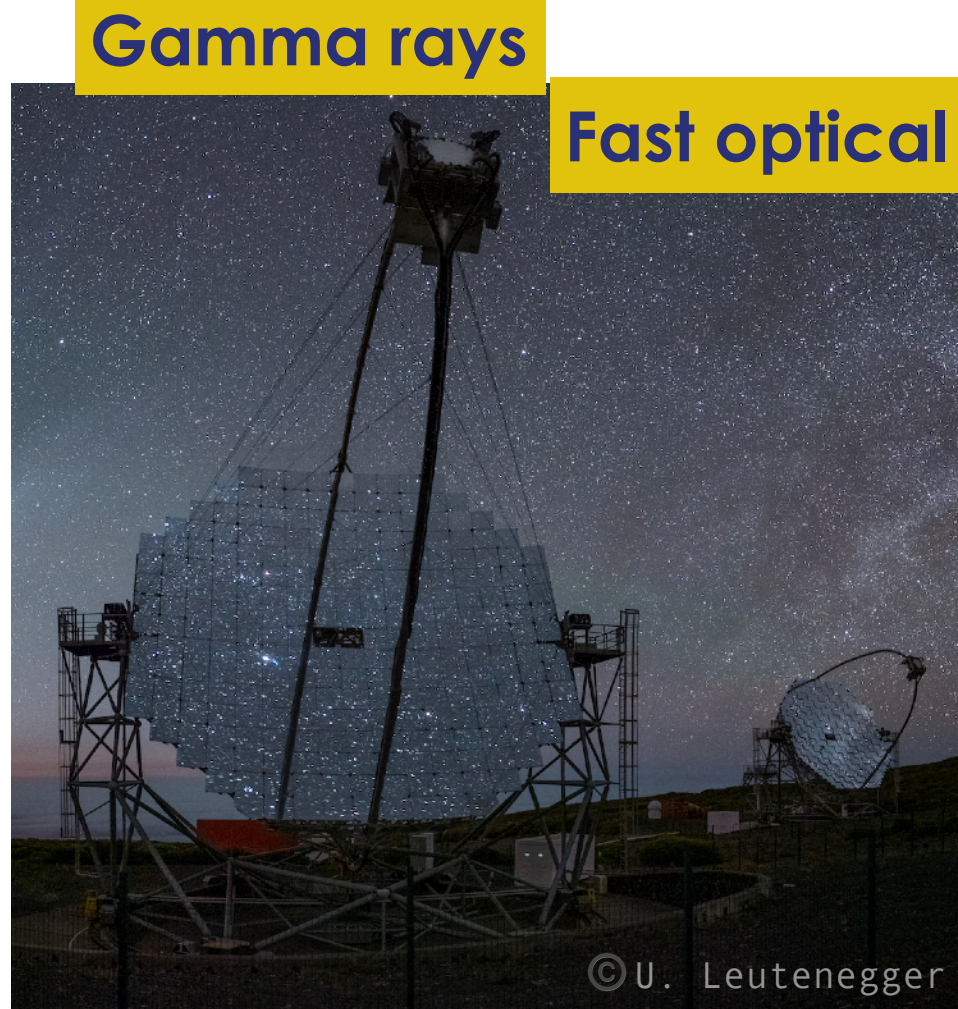
**SGR 1935 +2154 is  
the first FRB in the Galaxy and  
the first identified FRB source**

# FRB200428 : SGR 1935+2154

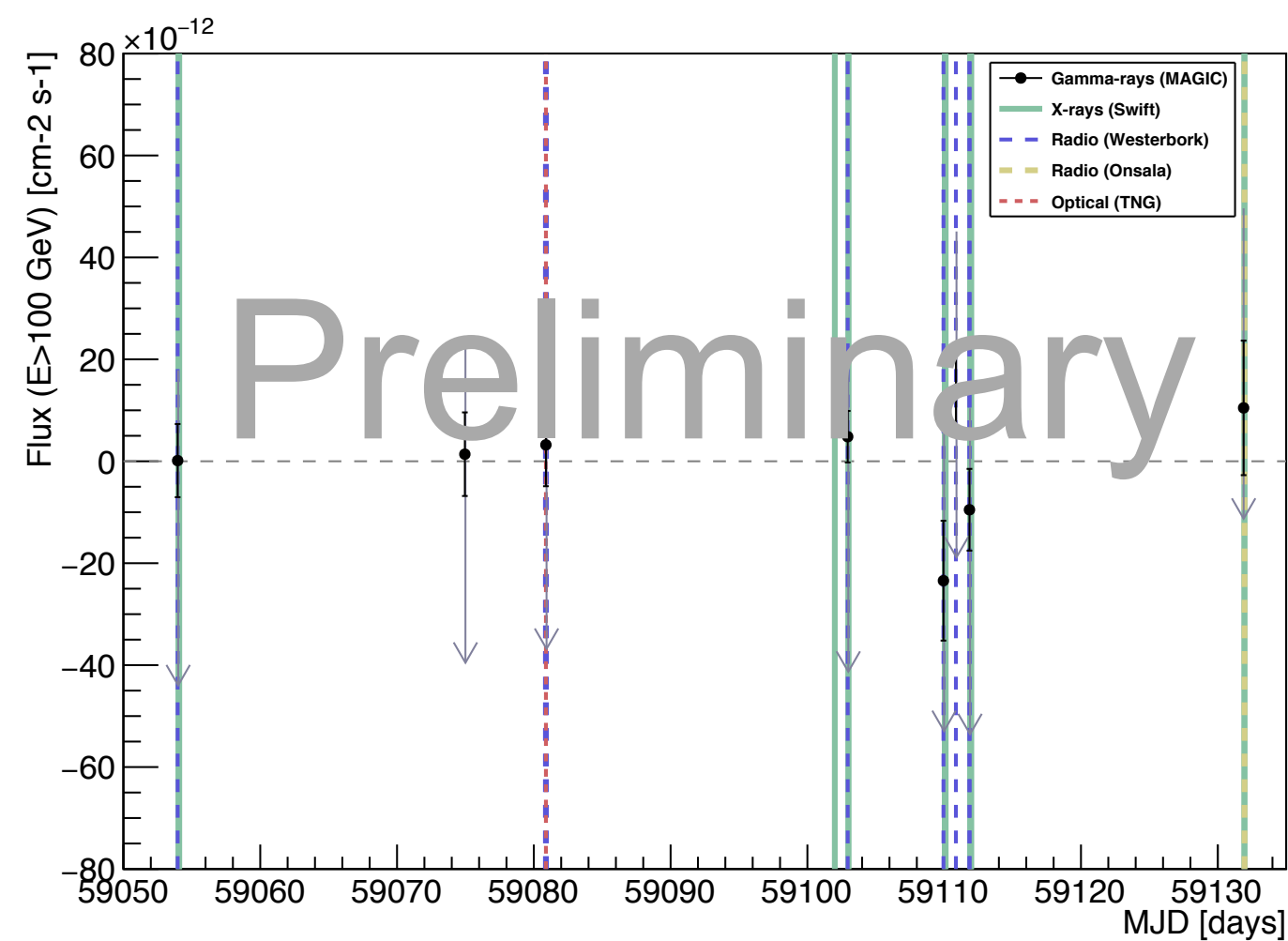
- It was not a giant flare but **intermediate**
- The X-ray burst was **not especially energetic but it was harder than other flares** (Mereghetti et al. 2020)
- Different models for the site of emission (see Zhang 2020 for a review):
  - inside magnetosphere
  - relativistic outflow interacting with surrounding ISM
- TeV emission can be expected according to theoretical models (Lyubarsky 2014, Murase et al. 2016, Metzger et al. 2020)



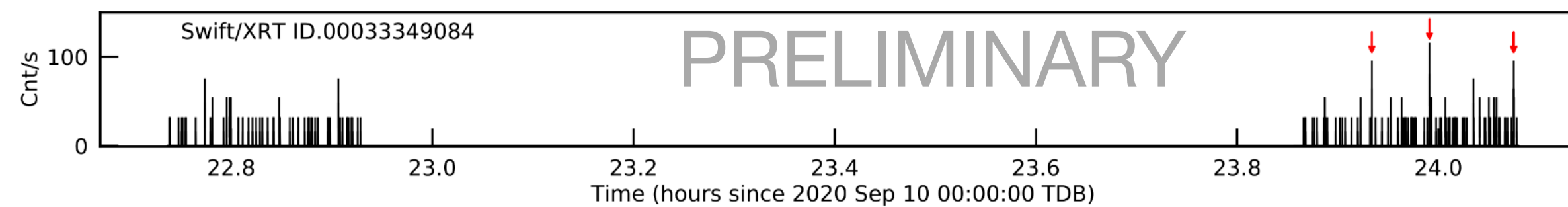
# MWL collaboration: SGR 1935+2154



**More info  
on SGR1935+2154  
tomorrow!  
Stay tuned!**



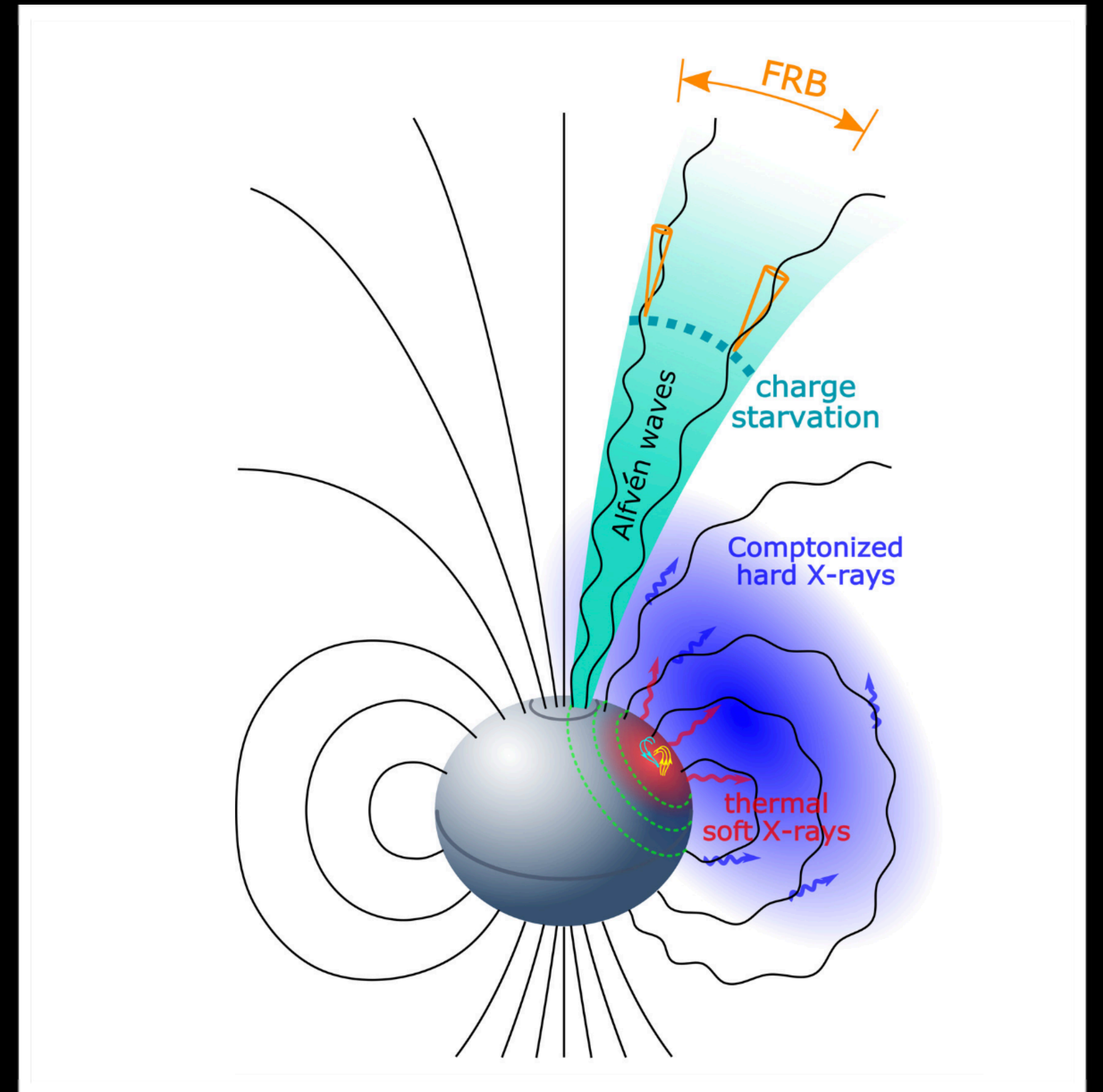
Example of bursts detected by **Swift/XRT**



López-Oramas et al. 2021



- “FRBs are consistent with a population of magnetars born through the collapse of giant, highly magnetic stars” (Bochenek et al. 2020)

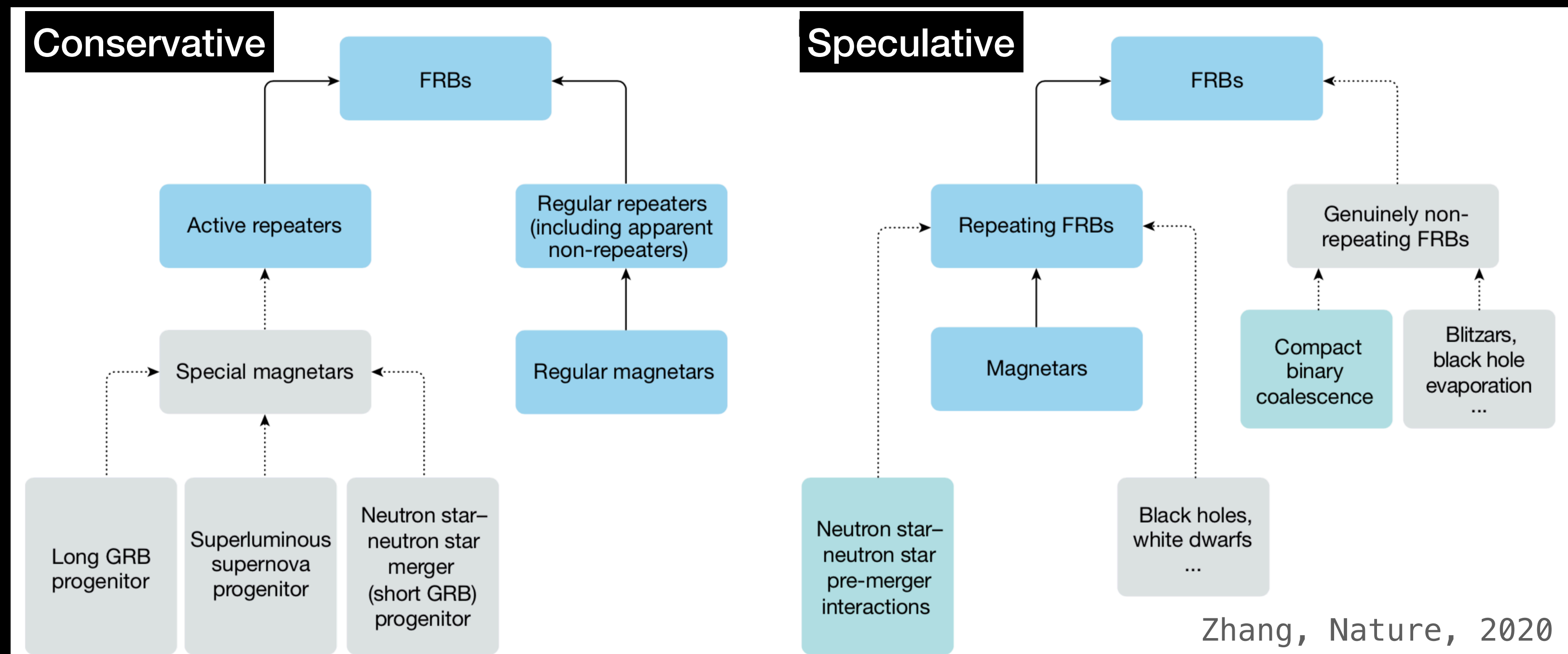


**A unified picture of Galactic and cosmological fast radio bursts**

Lu et al. 2020

# A unified magnetar model for all FRBs?

- Galactic magnetars: SNe
- “Exotic” magnetars: extreme cosmic explosions such as long GRBs, superluminous SNe or even short GRBs (neutron star–neutron star mergers)
  - may give birth to extremely rapidly rotating magnetars
  - more active than Galactic ones
- **‘Active magnetars’ and SGR 1935+2154-like Galactic magnetars must be two distinct populations** (Margalit et al. 2020, Liu et al. 2020)



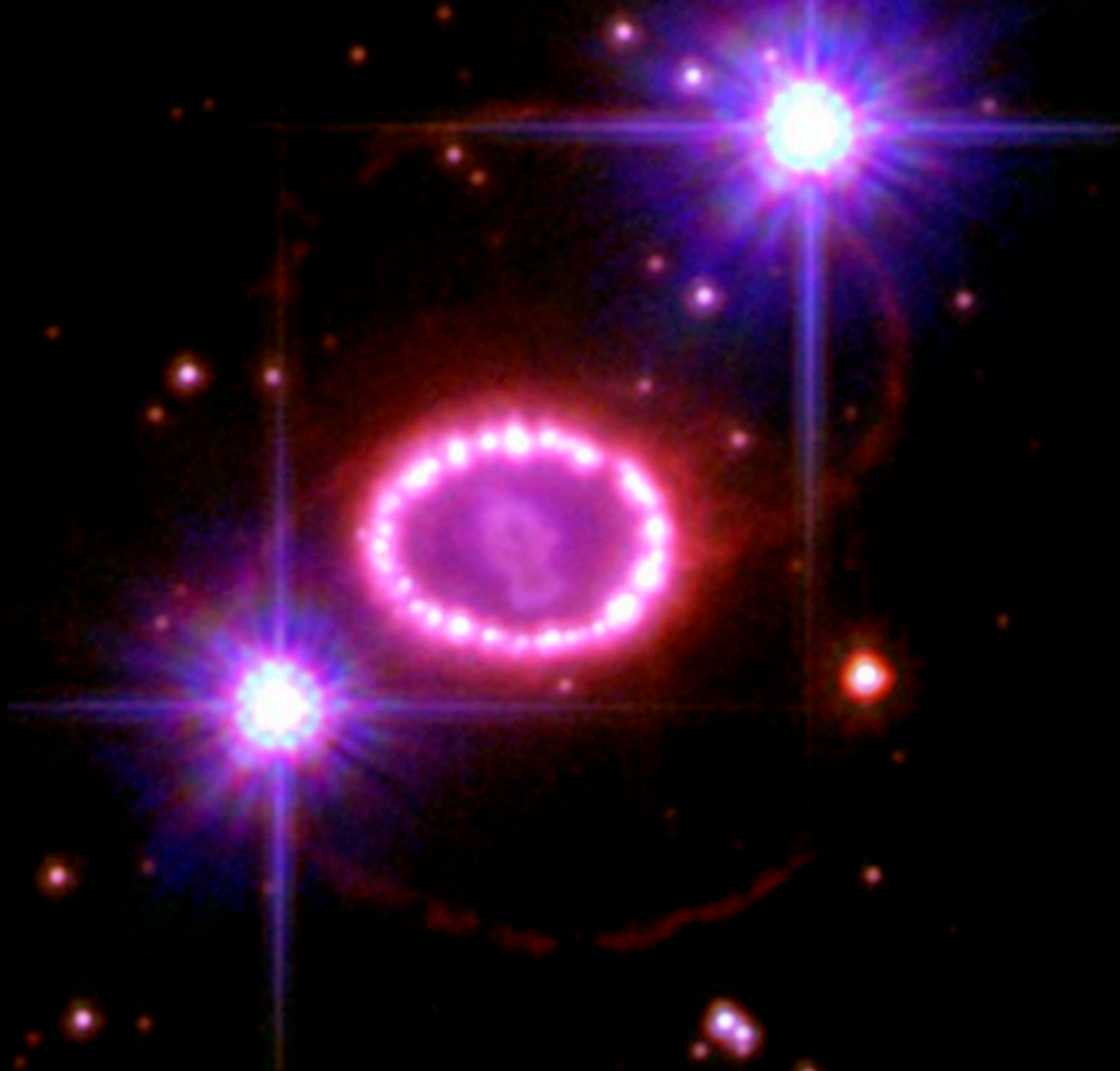
## Open questions

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Despite rapid progress in the field, there are still several open questions regarding the origin of FRBs, which will drive observational efforts and theoretical investigations in the field in years to come:

- (1) Are there genuinely non-repeating FRBs? If so, what could be the plausible source(s)?
- (2) Are there engines other than magnetars that could power repeating FRBs? If so, what could be the plausible sources?
- (3) How is FRB emission generated, from magnetospheres (pulsar-like mechanism) or relativistic shocks (GRB-like mechanisms)? What is the mechanism that produces coherent emission from FRBs?

SuperNovae  
SNe

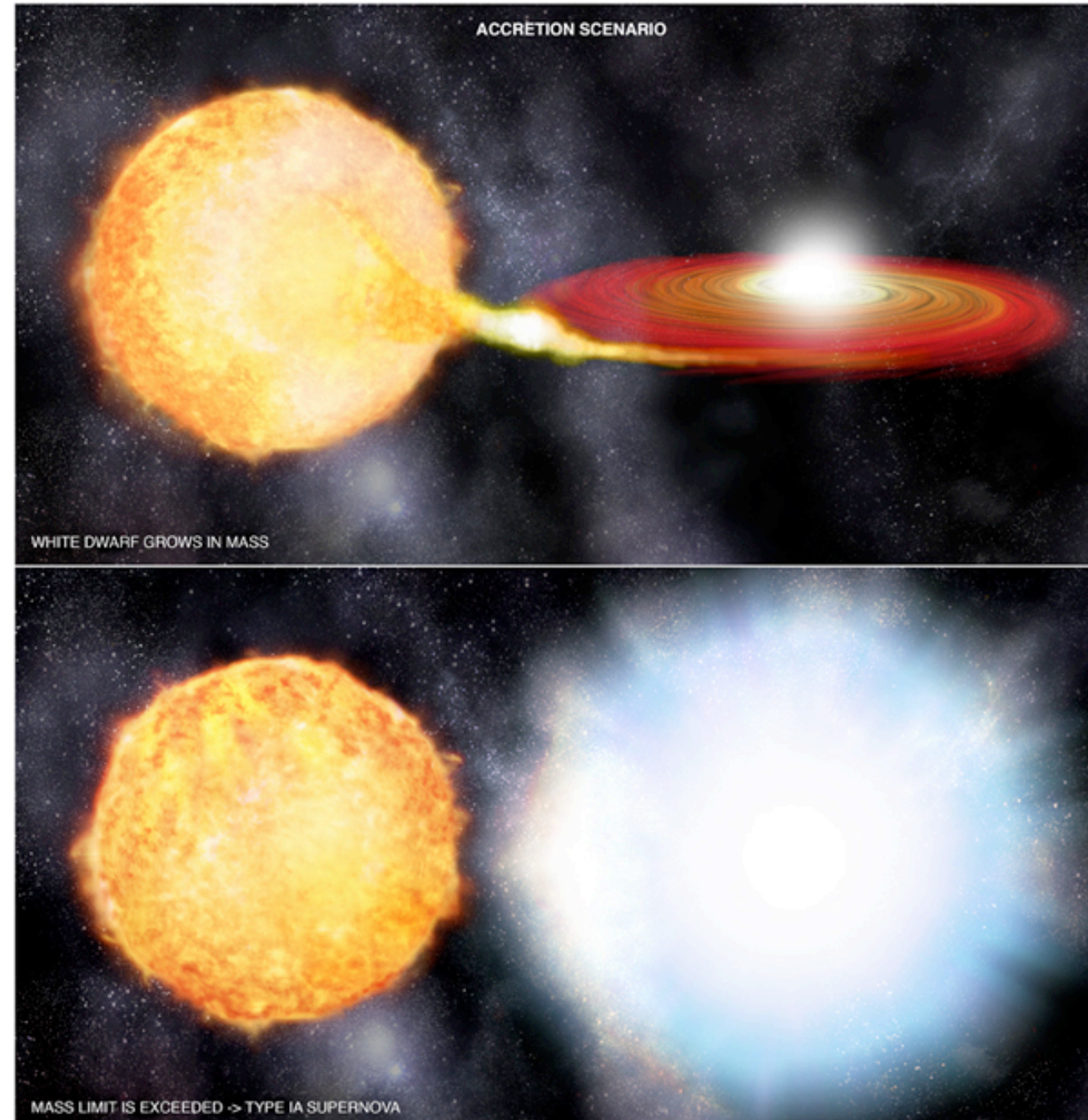


# SNe at VHE

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- Campaigns on **extragalactic SNe**
- **MAGIC ULs on type Ia SN 2014J** (Ahnen et al. 2017), located at M82 (3.6 Mpc) -> nearest Type Ia SN in the last 50 years
- **H.E.S.S. ULs on 10 core-collapse SNe** observed within a year of the supernova event (Abdalla et al. 2019)
  - The lack of detection does not necessarily indicate that the early phase of SN evolution is not generally conducive to CR acceleration
  - The non-detection **suggests that the circumstellar mediums in this subsample are not likely to be dense enough for particle acceleration**

type Ia SN

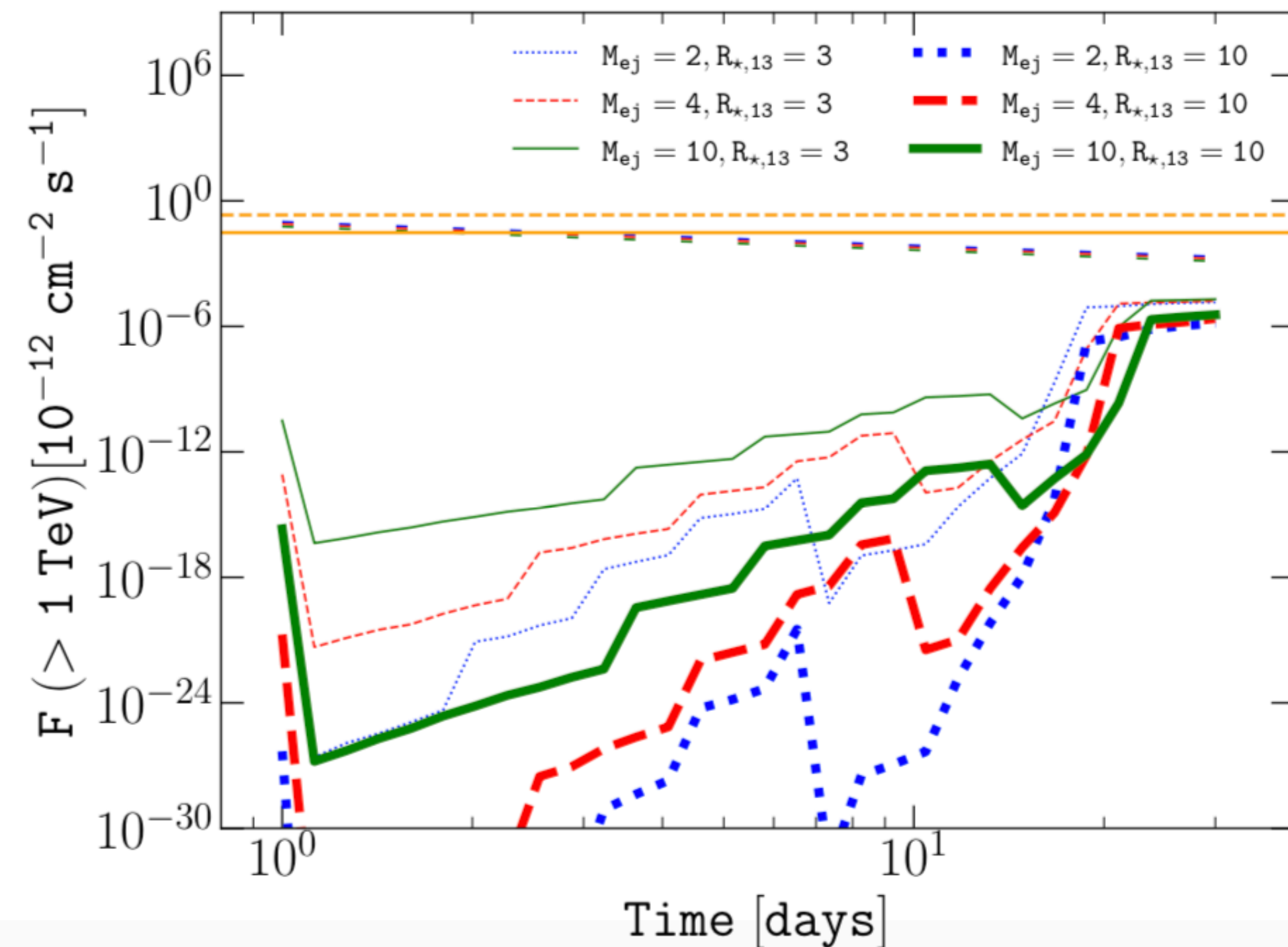
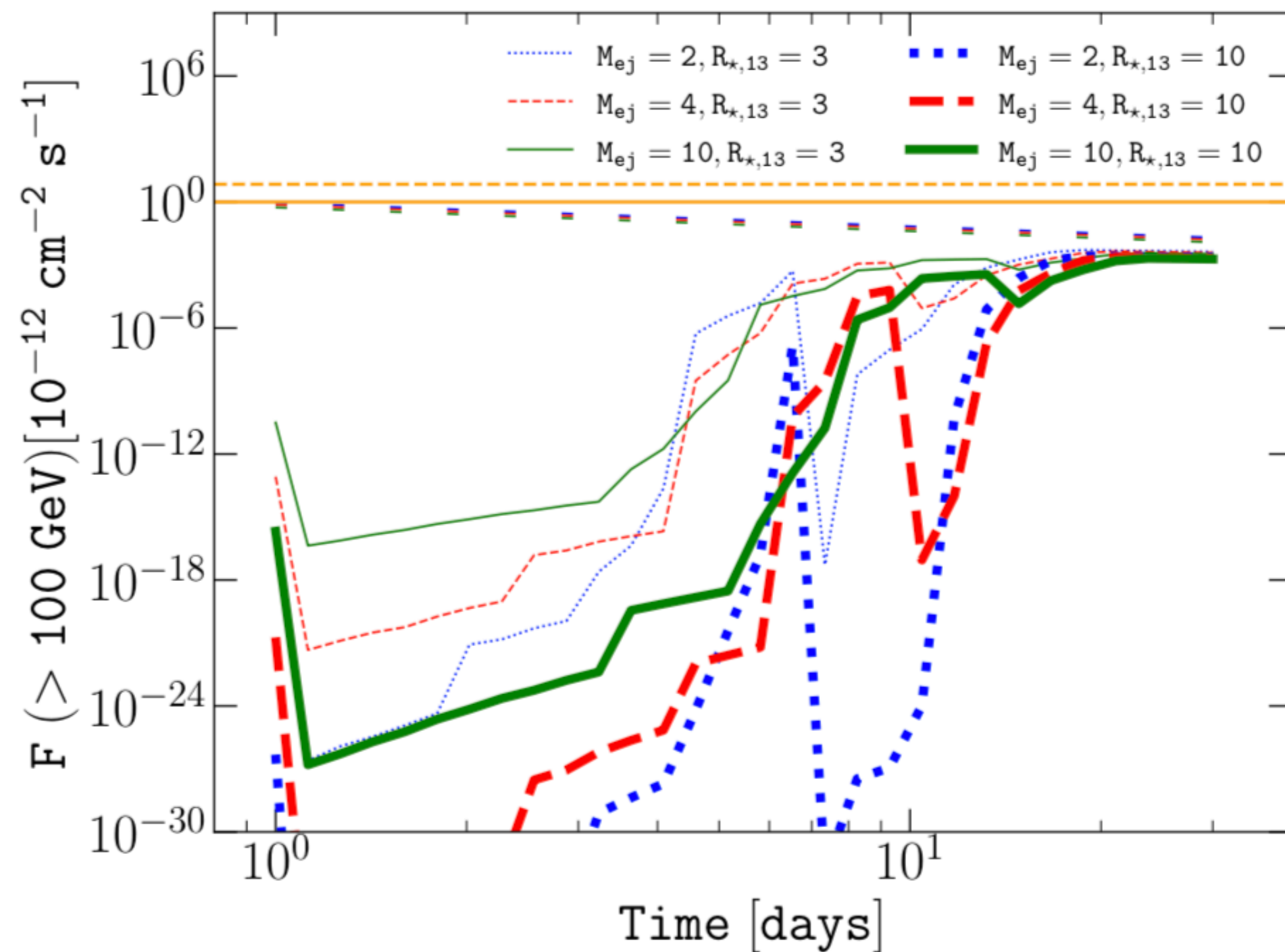


type II SN (core collapse)



# Core collapse SNe as TeV candidates

- CCSNe (type II) originating from (massive) stellar progenitors with dense winds can **fulfil the right conditions for CR acceleration** (Katz et al. 2011; Murase et al. 2011; Bell et al. 2013, Cristofari et al. 2022)
  - Detection at radio frequencies confirm the presence of relativistic electrons and shows that they could be efficient energetic particle accelerators
  - VHE emission is expected in Type II CC-SNe but the **gamma-ray signal can be attenuated in the first ~10 days** (Cristofari et al. 2022)
- In the case of **Galactic core-collapse SNe observations can be triggered by an observation of a prompt neutrino flare, since the EM signal is expected to be delayed** with respect to neutrinos by minutes to hours



# SN 2023 ixf

- 2023ixf discovered 2023-05-19 07:45:07 UTC, MJD 60083.727 by [Koichi Itagaki](#) (Mag 14.4)
  - $z = 0.000804 \rightarrow \sim 6.4 \text{ Mpc (M101)}$
  - Type II SN  $\rightarrow$  exact type still not known
    - red supergiant star



## MAXI/GSC upper limit of SN 2023ixf in M 101

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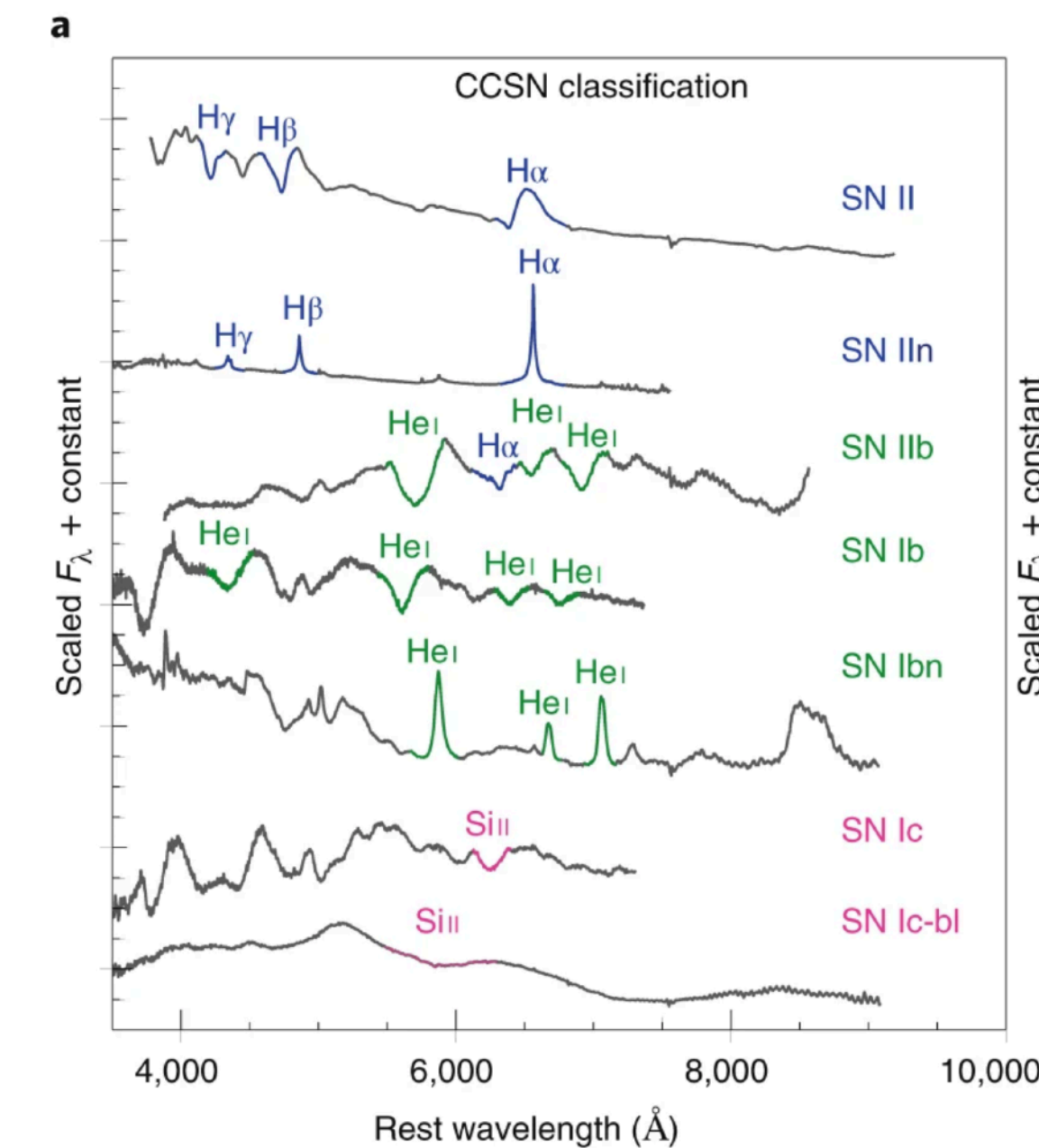
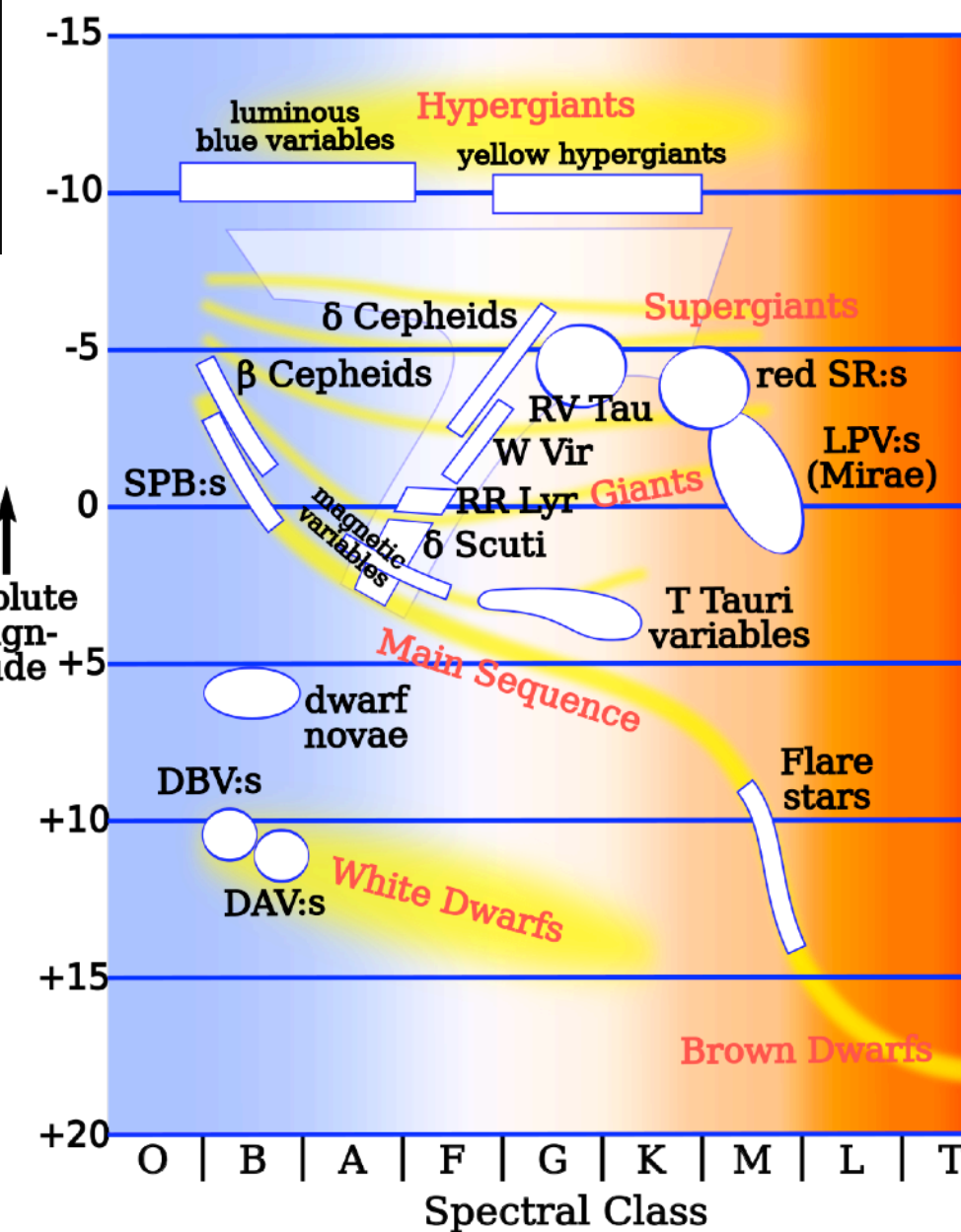
## Detection of candidate progenitor of SN 2023ixf in HST archival data

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Subjects: Optical, Star, Supernovae, Transient

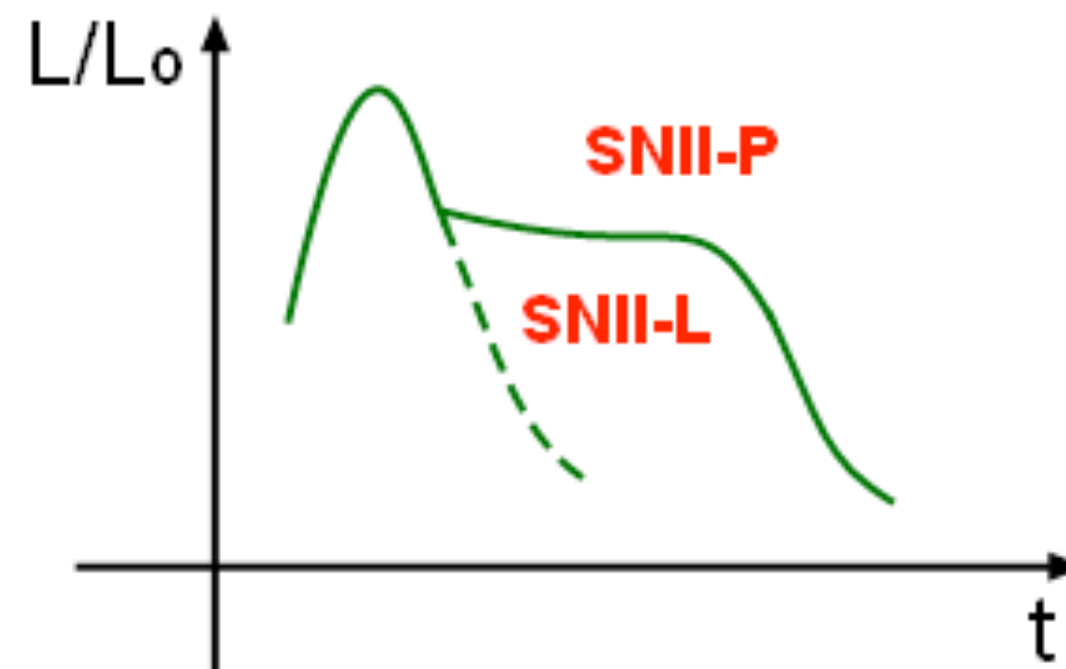


We searched the HST archival data for the progenitor of SN 2023ixf. A clear source can be seen at the SN position (<https://antares.noirlab.edu/loci/ANT2023i4lgj6bhp4rt>) in the F814W image from the HST program 9490 (PI: Kuntz), which was observed on UT 2002-11-16. The source is, however, not visible in the bluer bands (F435W and F555W). We measure a preliminary F814W magnitude of  $24.39 \pm 0.08$  for the source. Considering it as the candidate progenitor of SN 2023ixf and using a distance modulus of 29.05 for M101 (Shappee and Stanek, 2011, ApJ, 733), we obtain an approximate absolute magnitude (no extinction correction) of  $-4.66$ , which is in line with a supergiant progenitor.



## NuSTAR detection of SN 2023ixf in M101

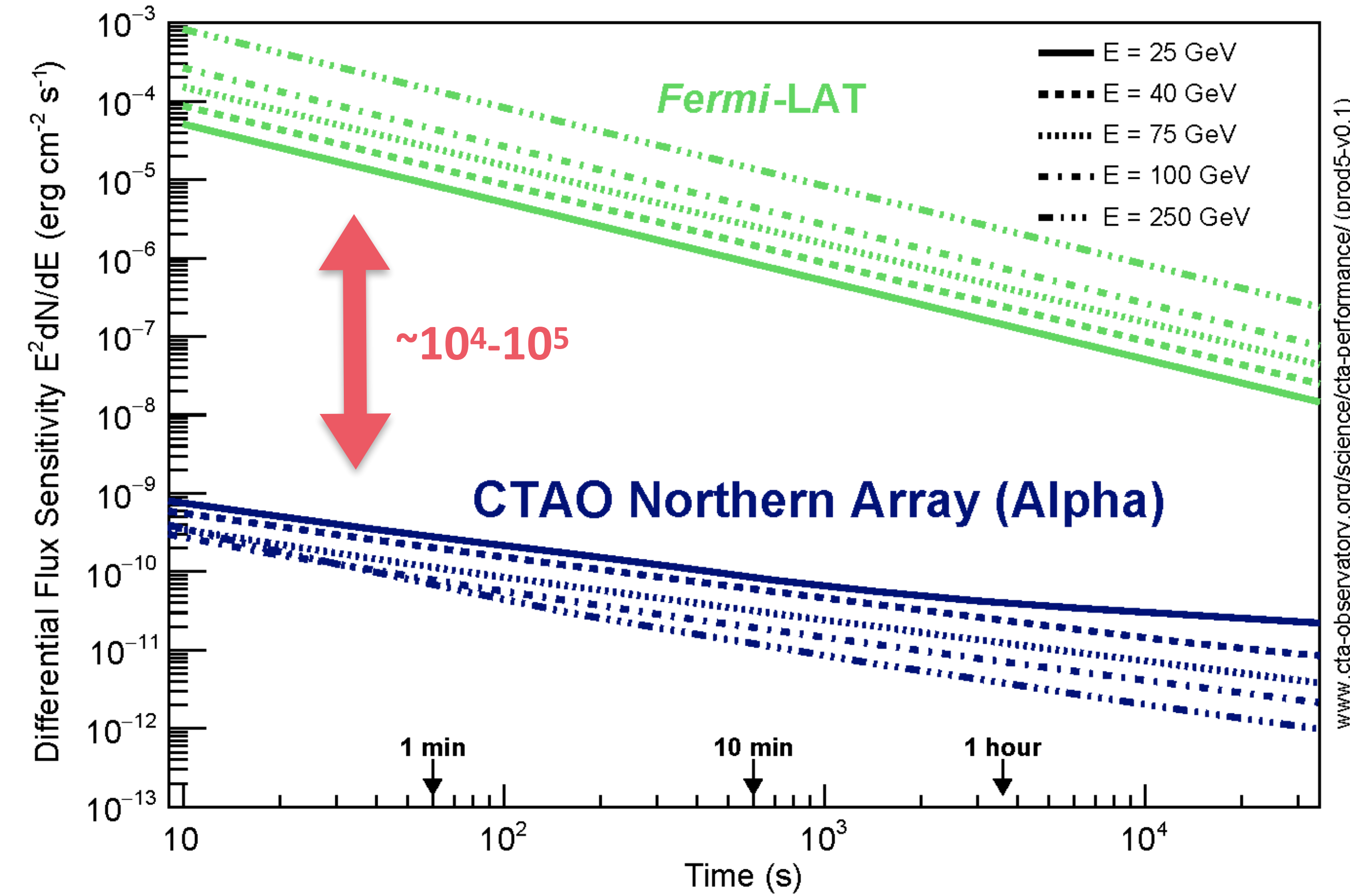
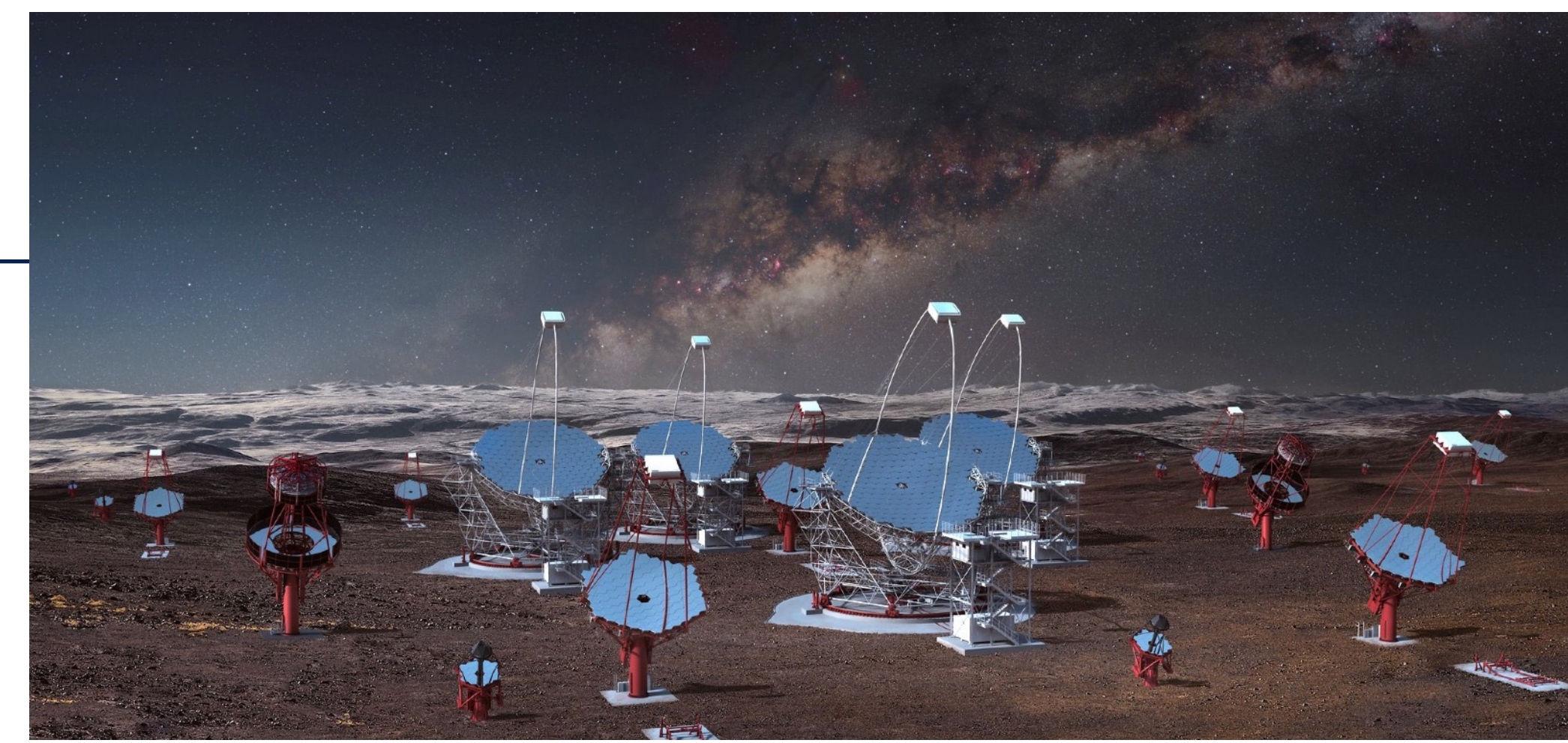
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## X-ray emission of SN 2023ixf and its progenitor

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# Short-time sensitivity



- Unprecedented **sensitivity at short timescales** -> **transient detection**
- **Fast slewing** (LST: 20 sec)
- **Low energy threshold** (20 GeV)

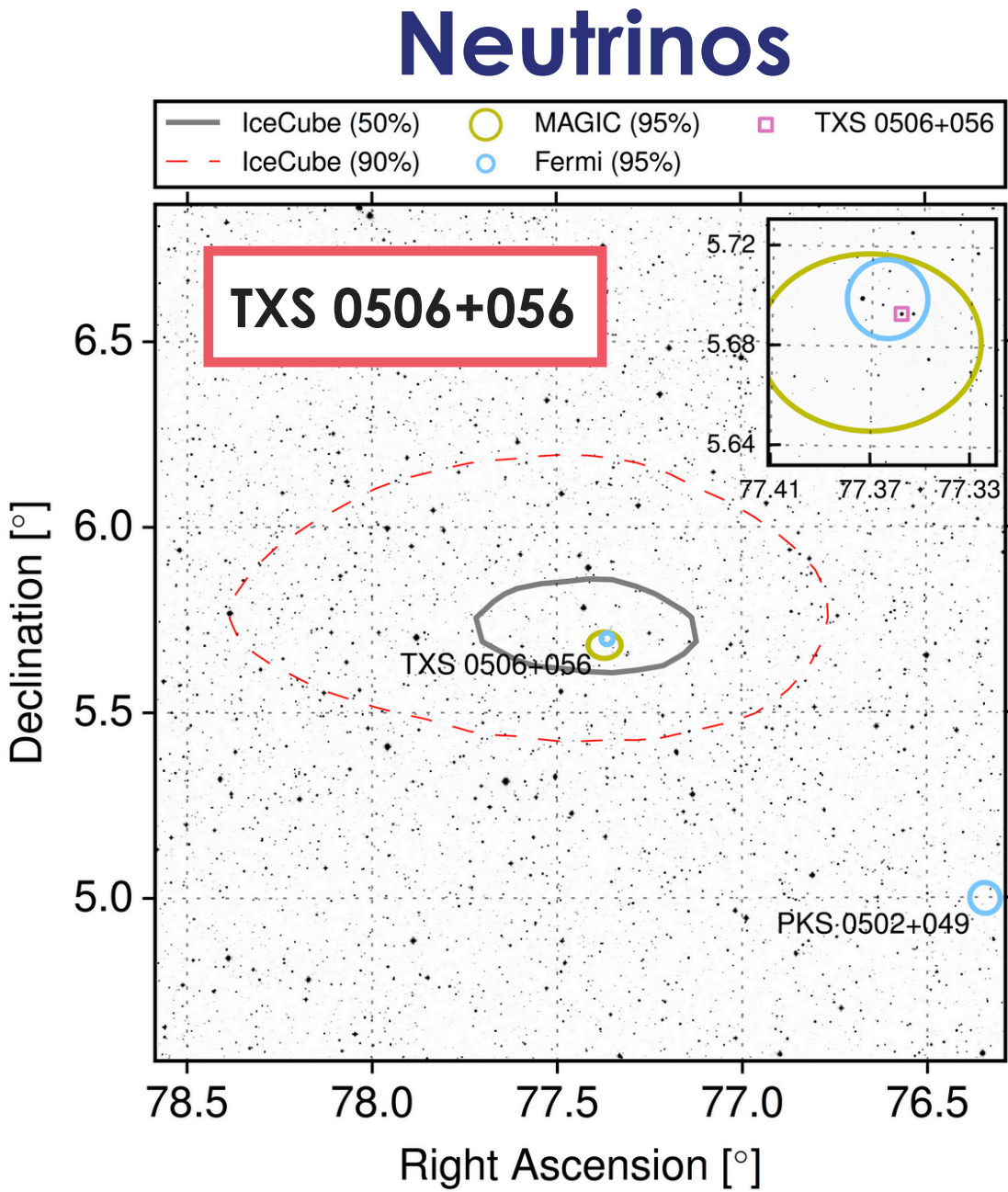


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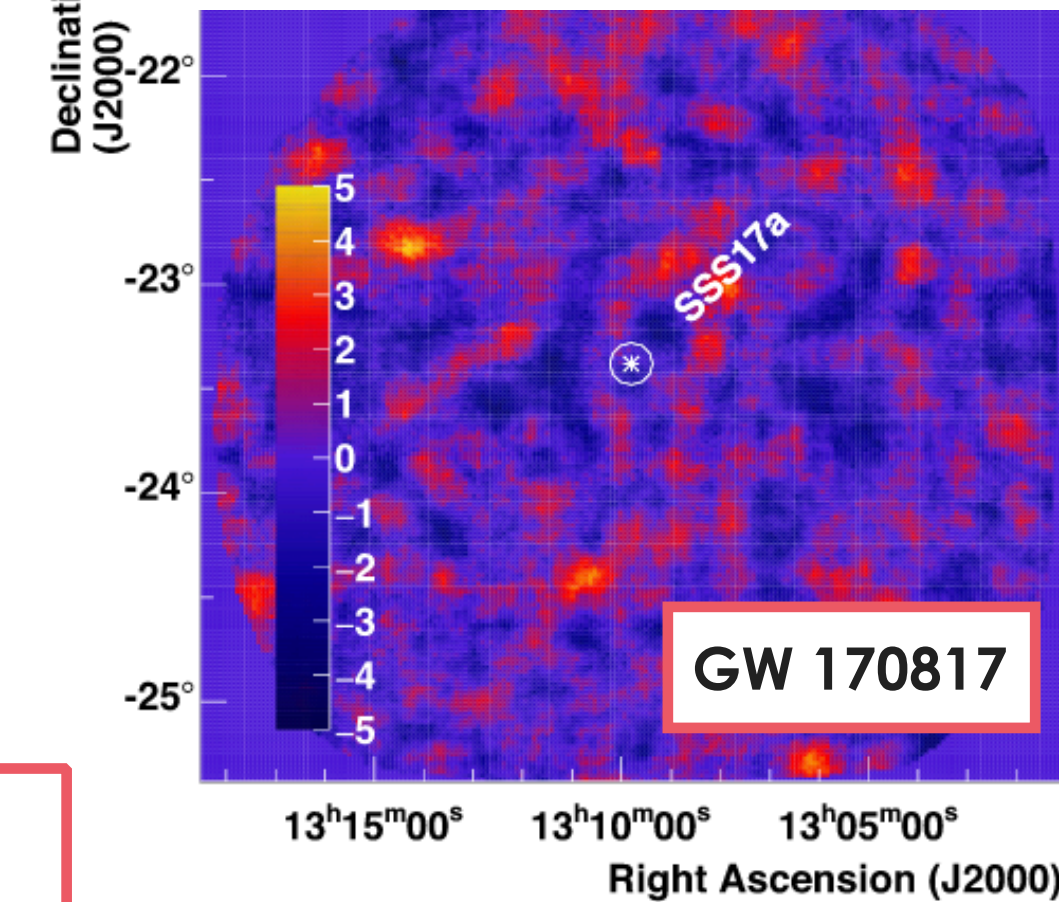


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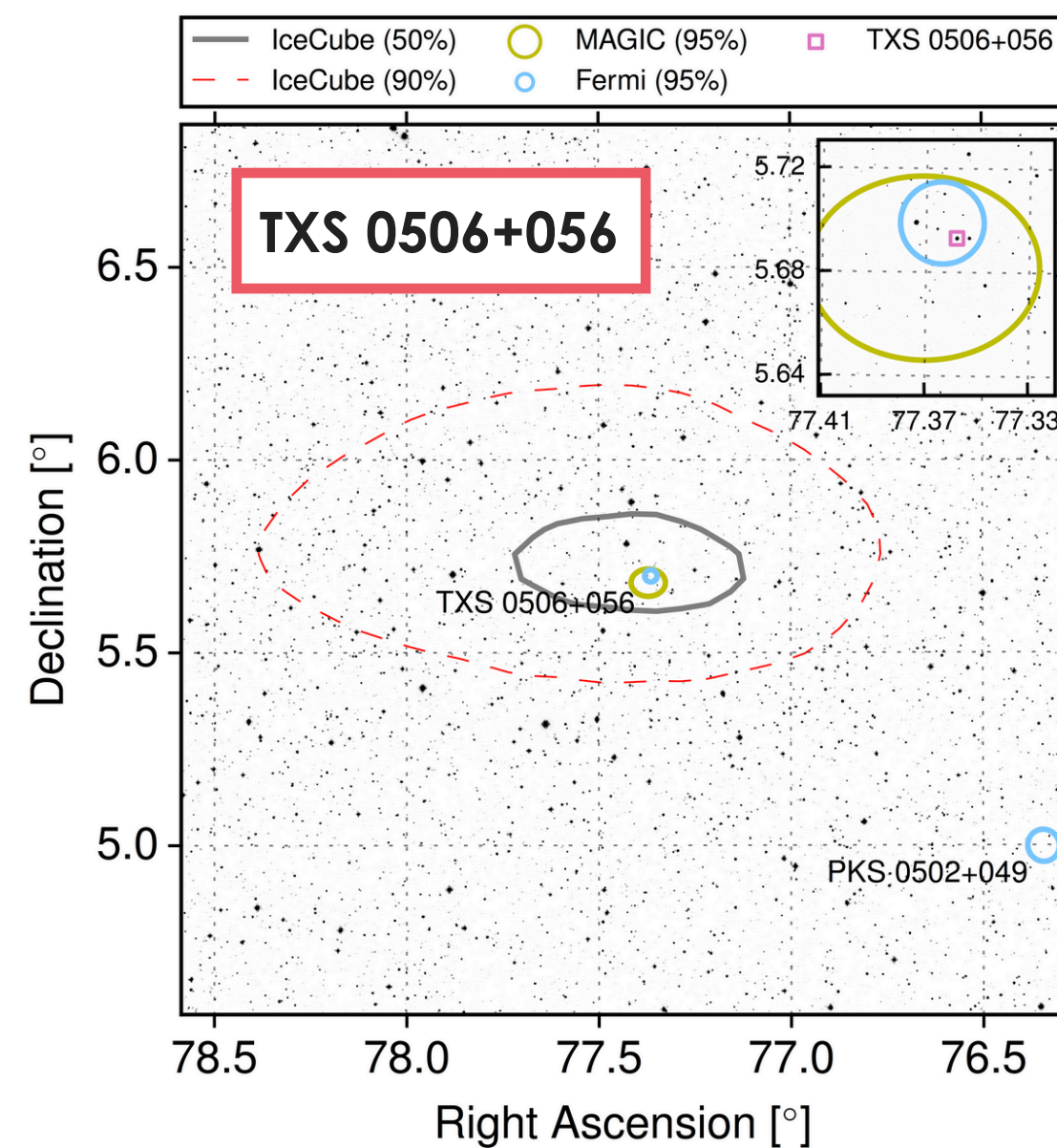
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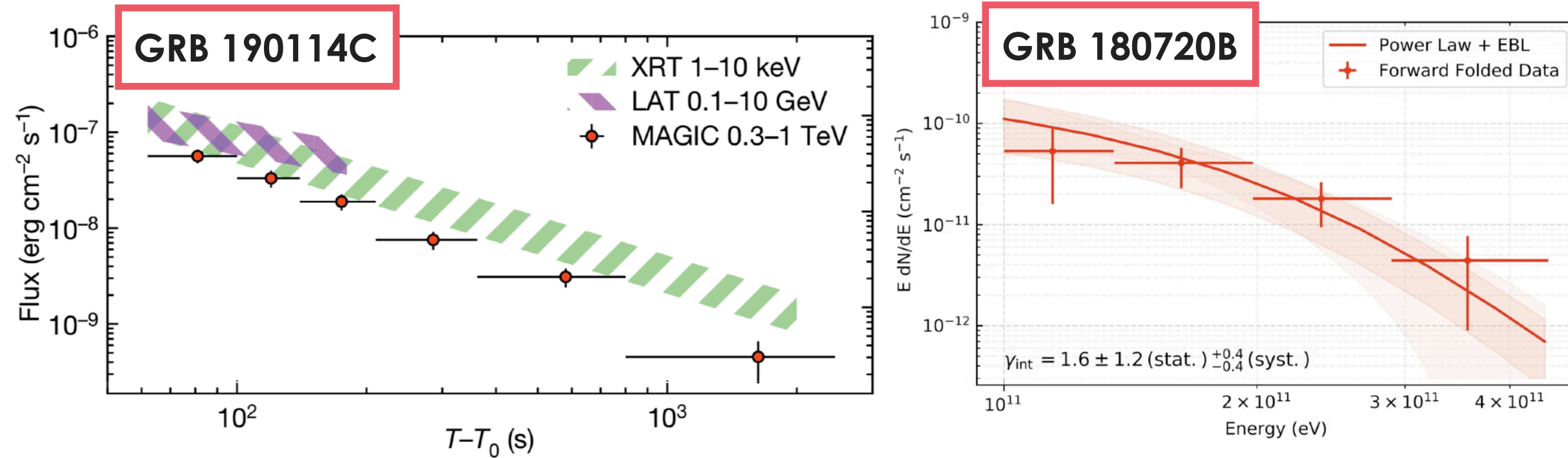
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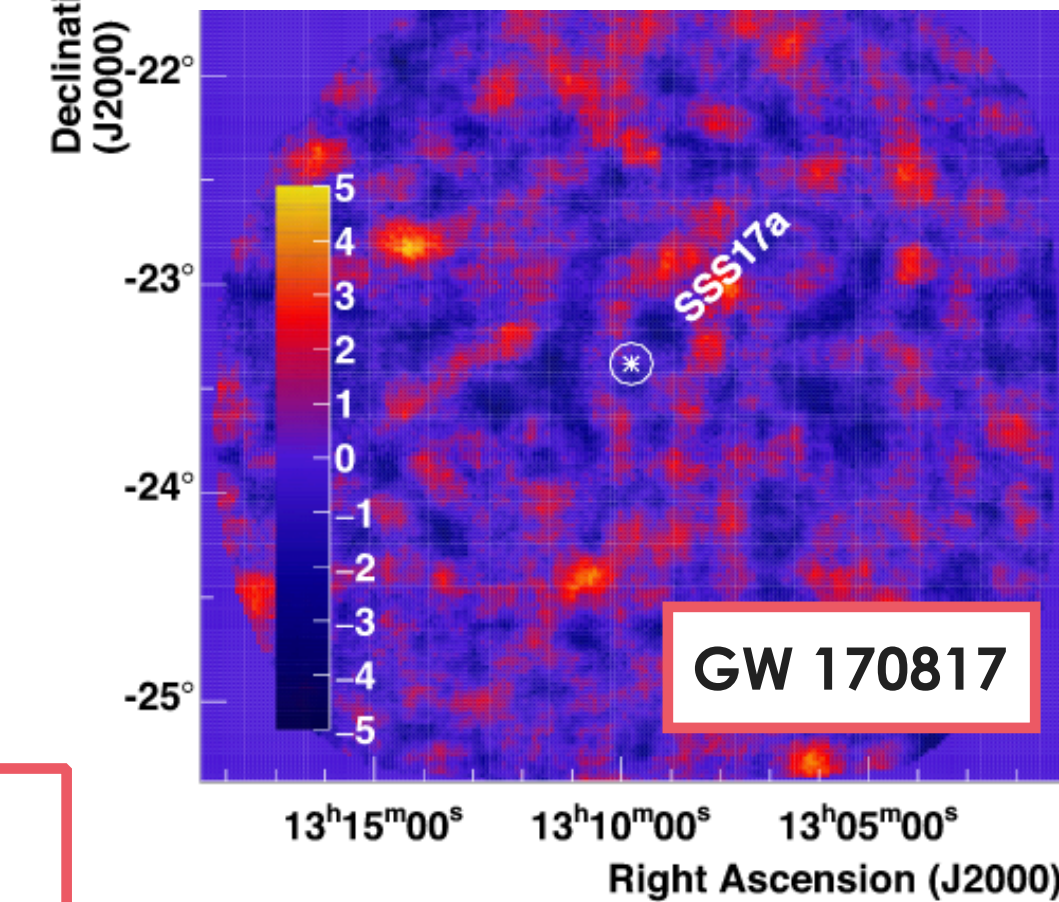
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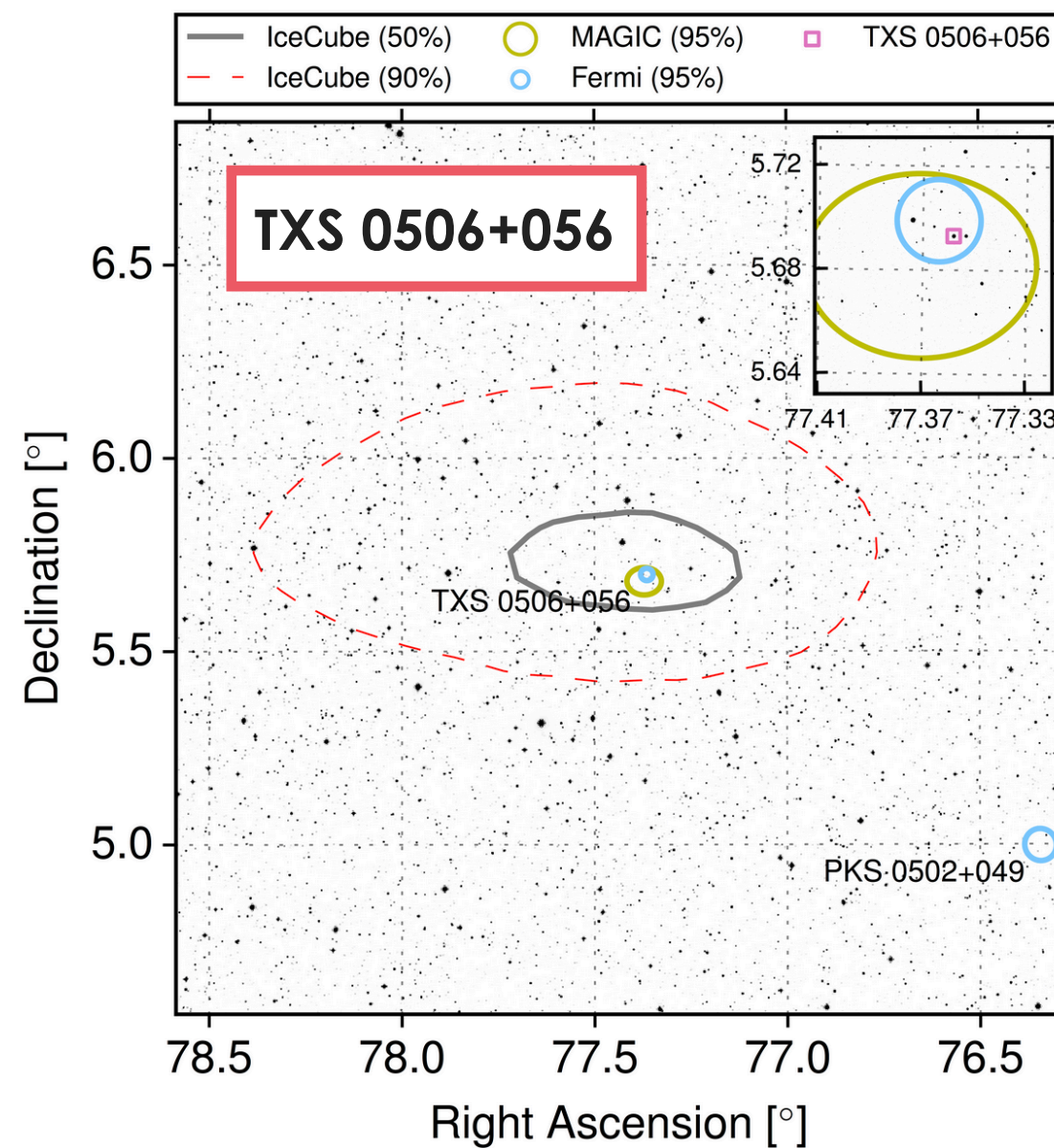
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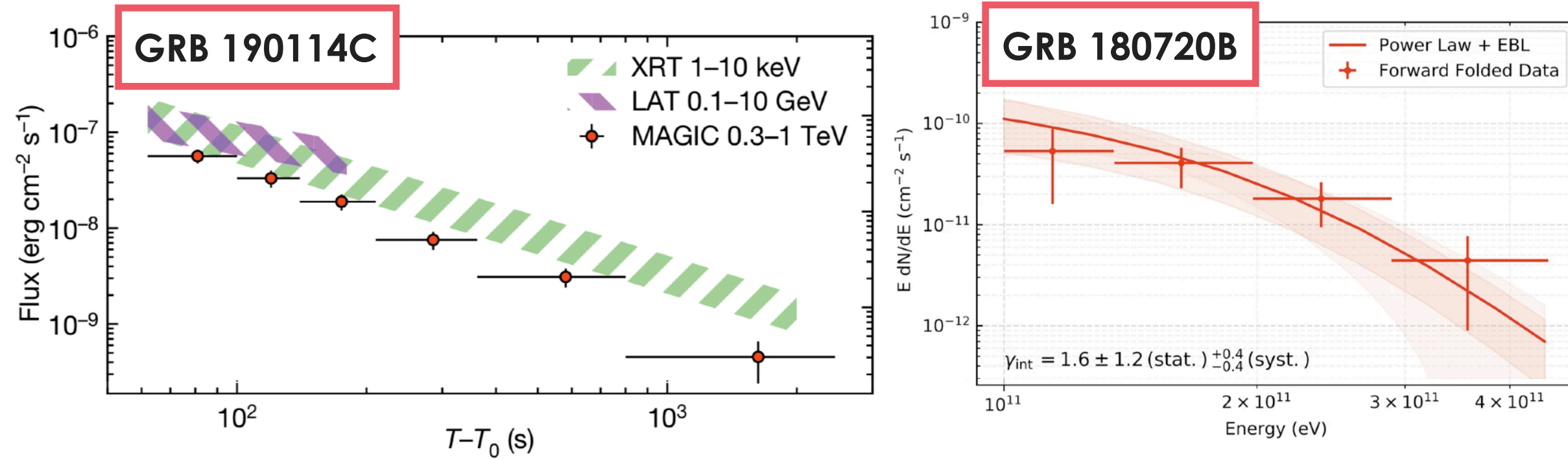


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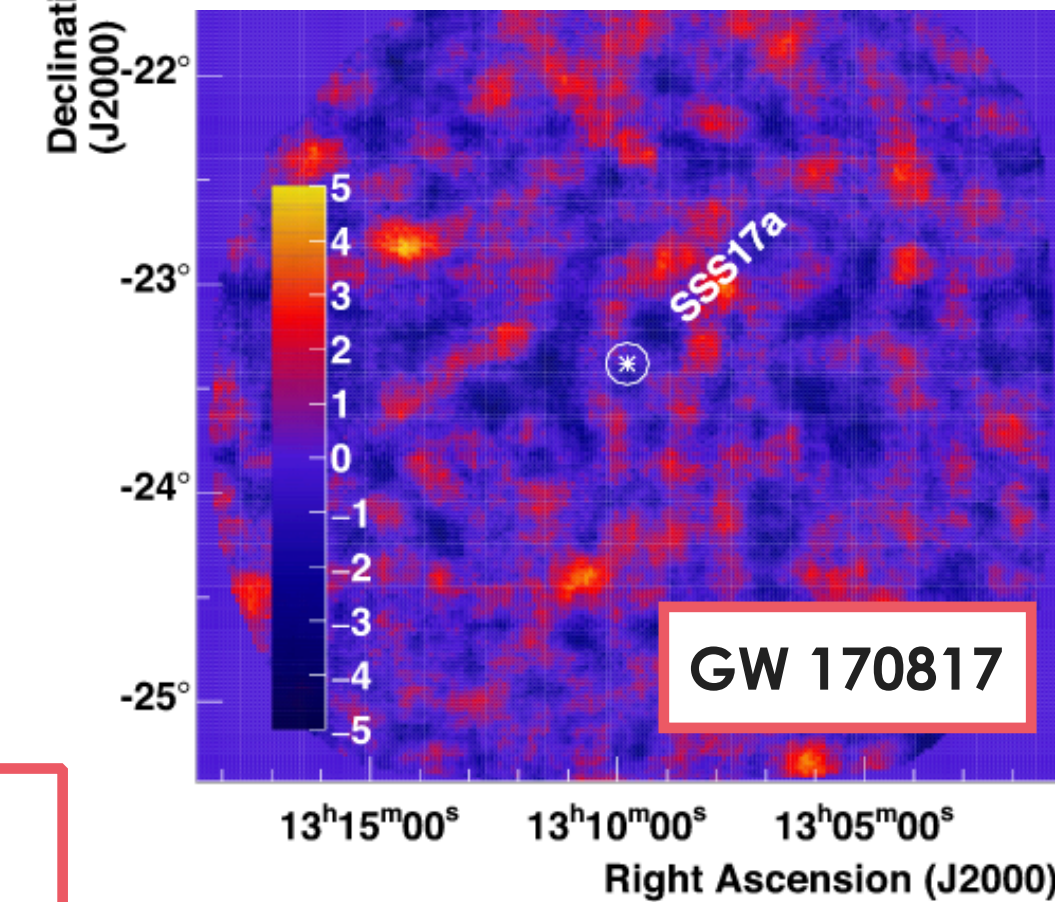
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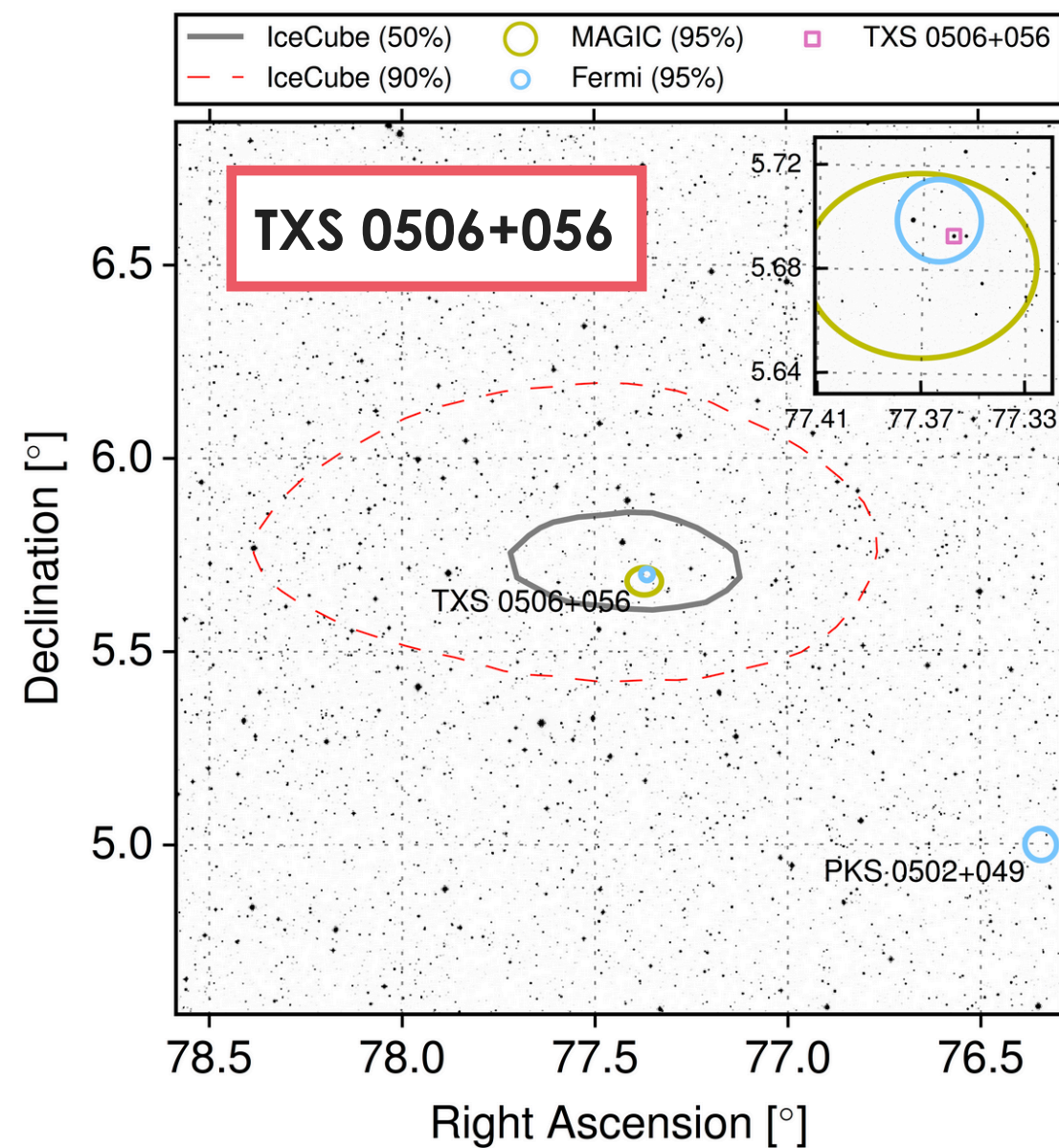
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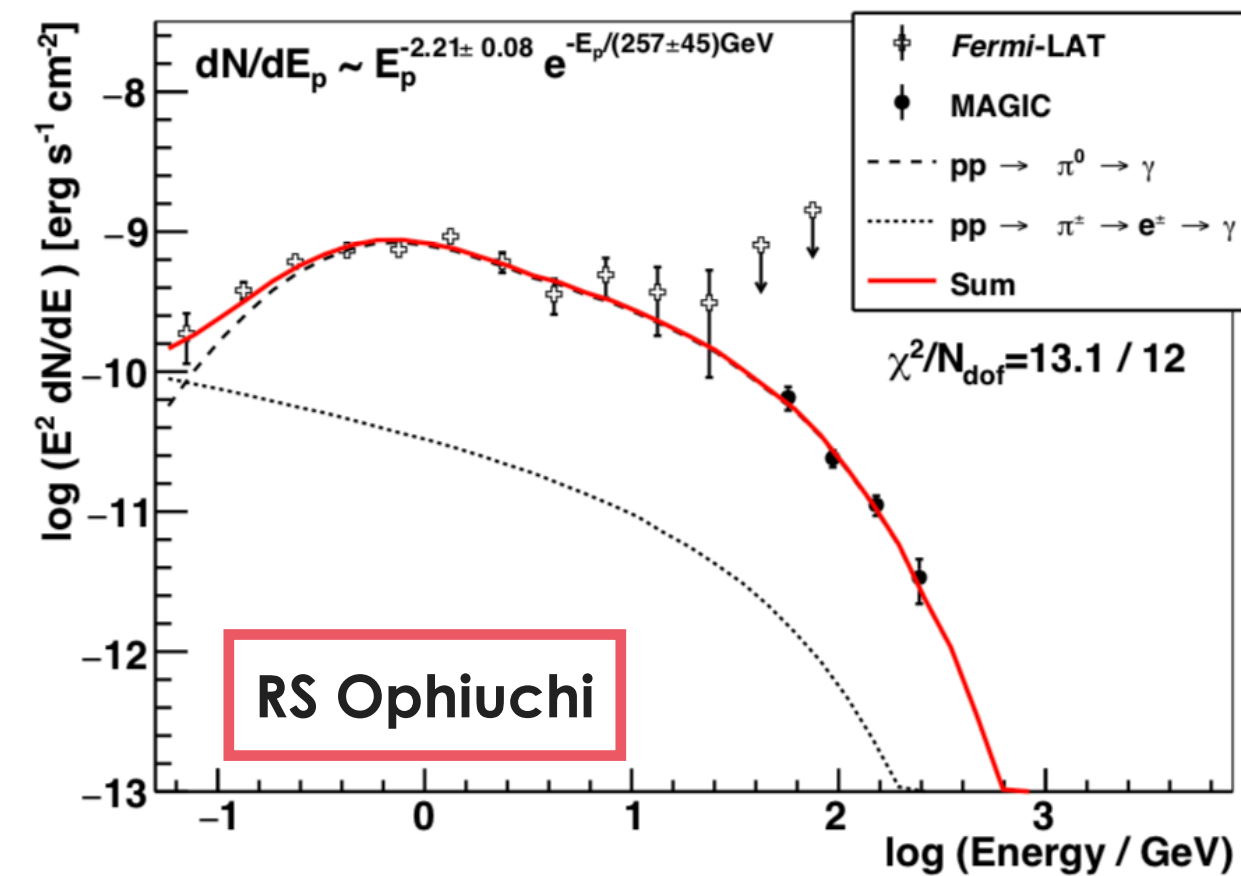
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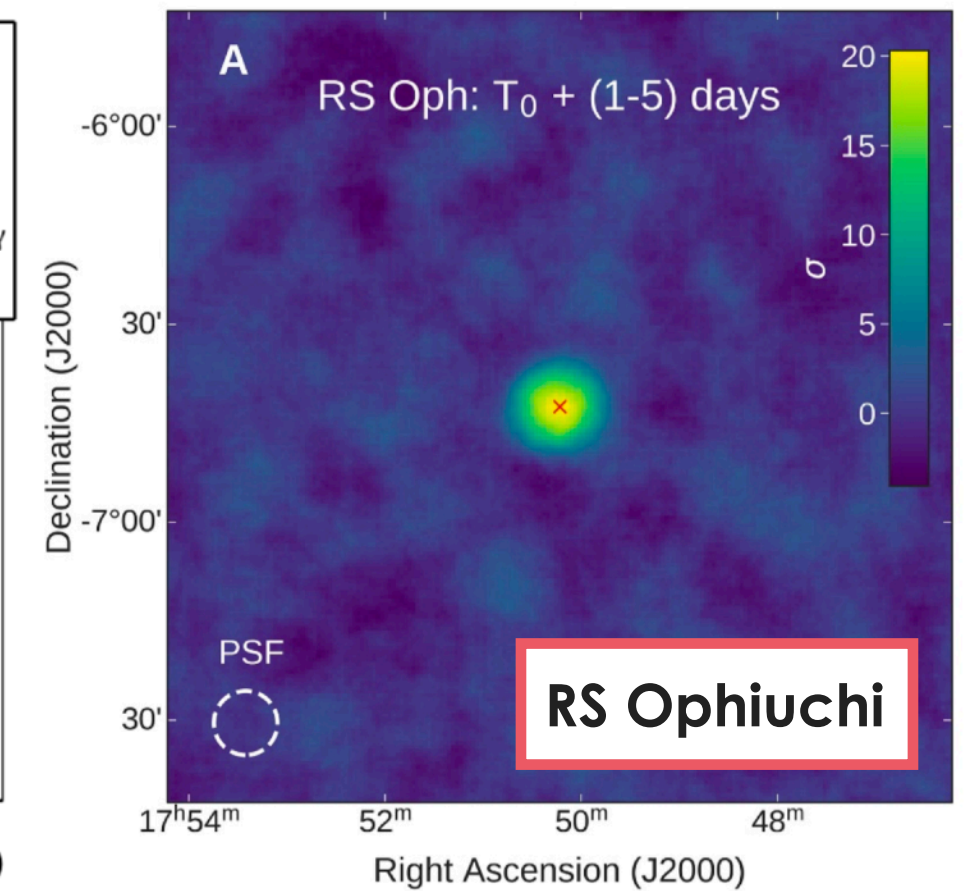
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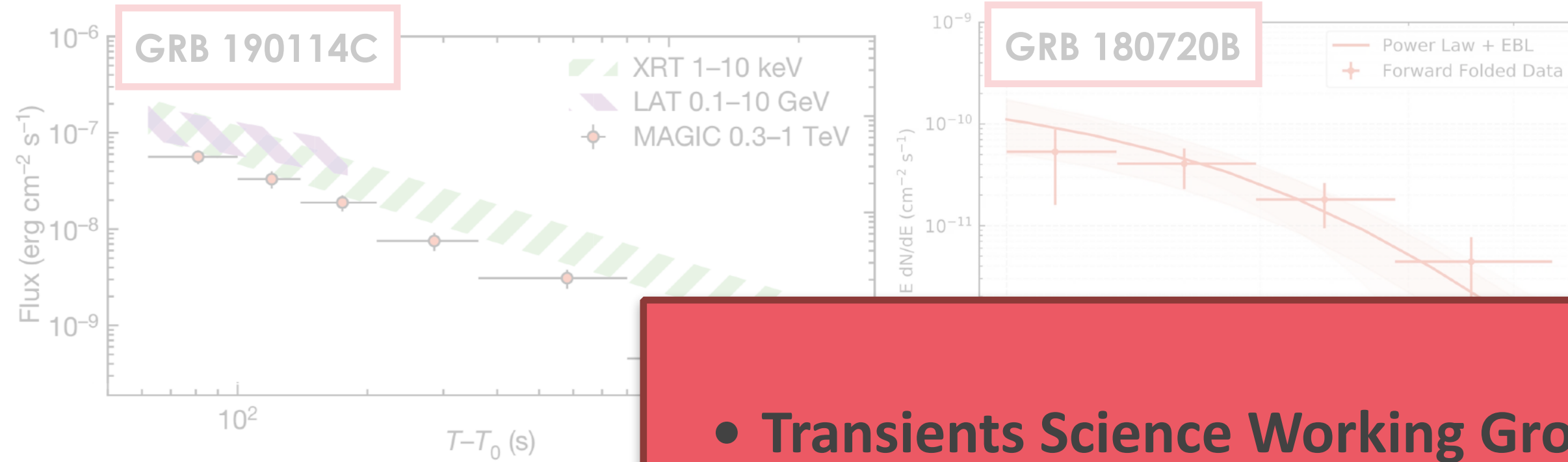


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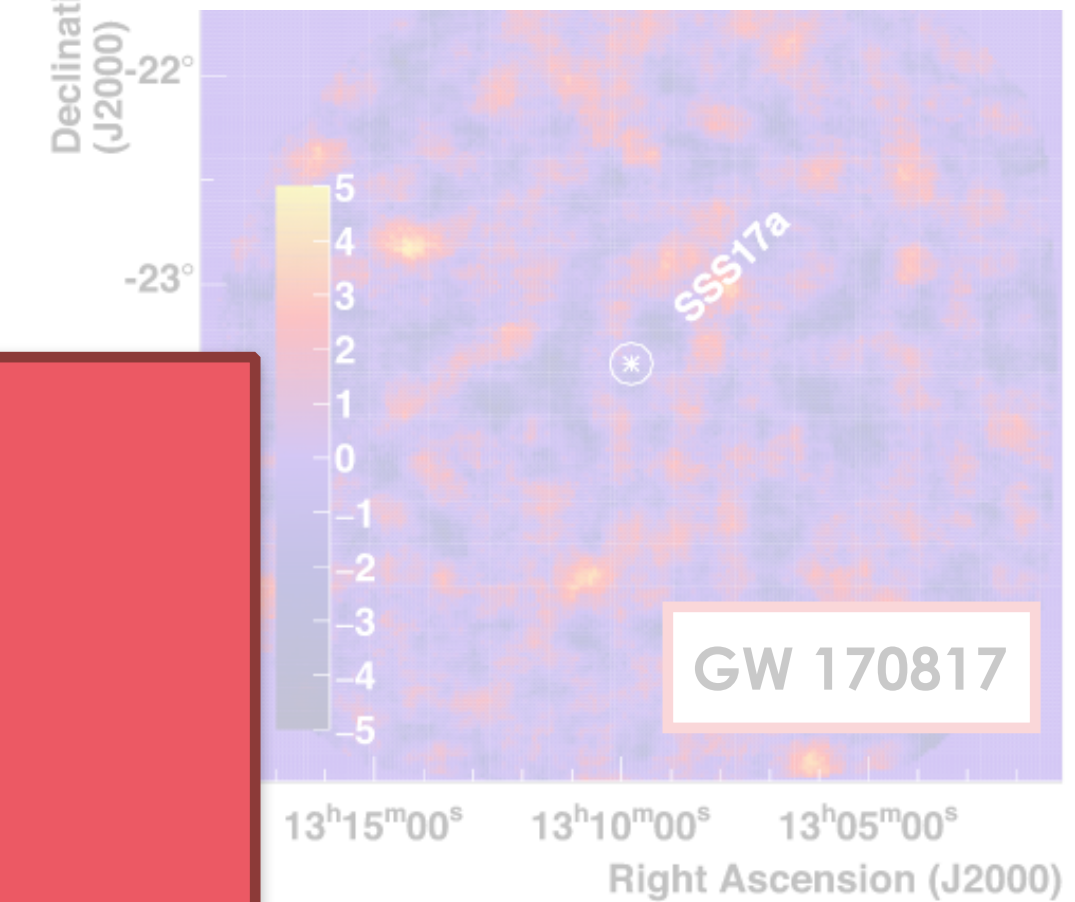


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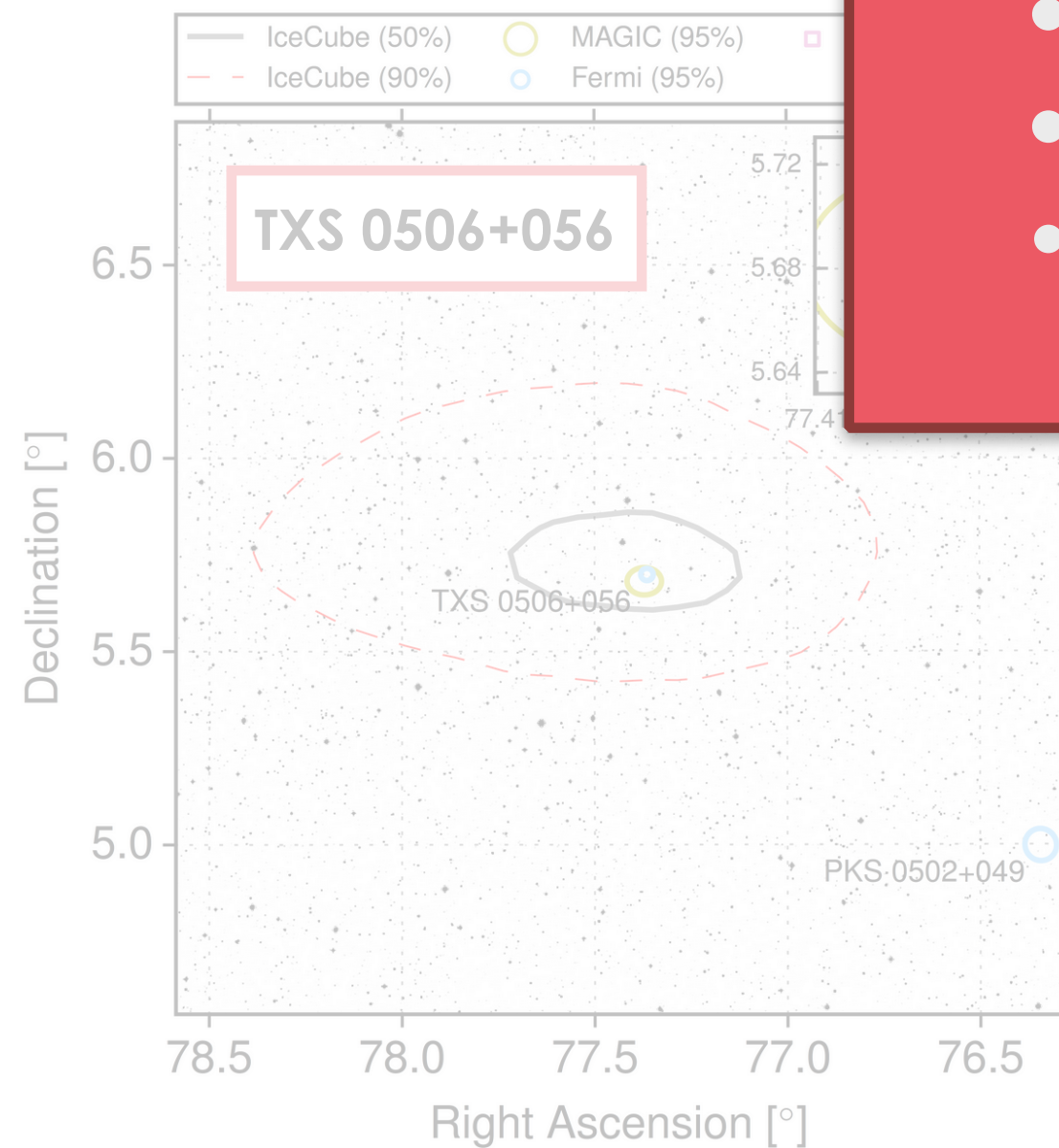
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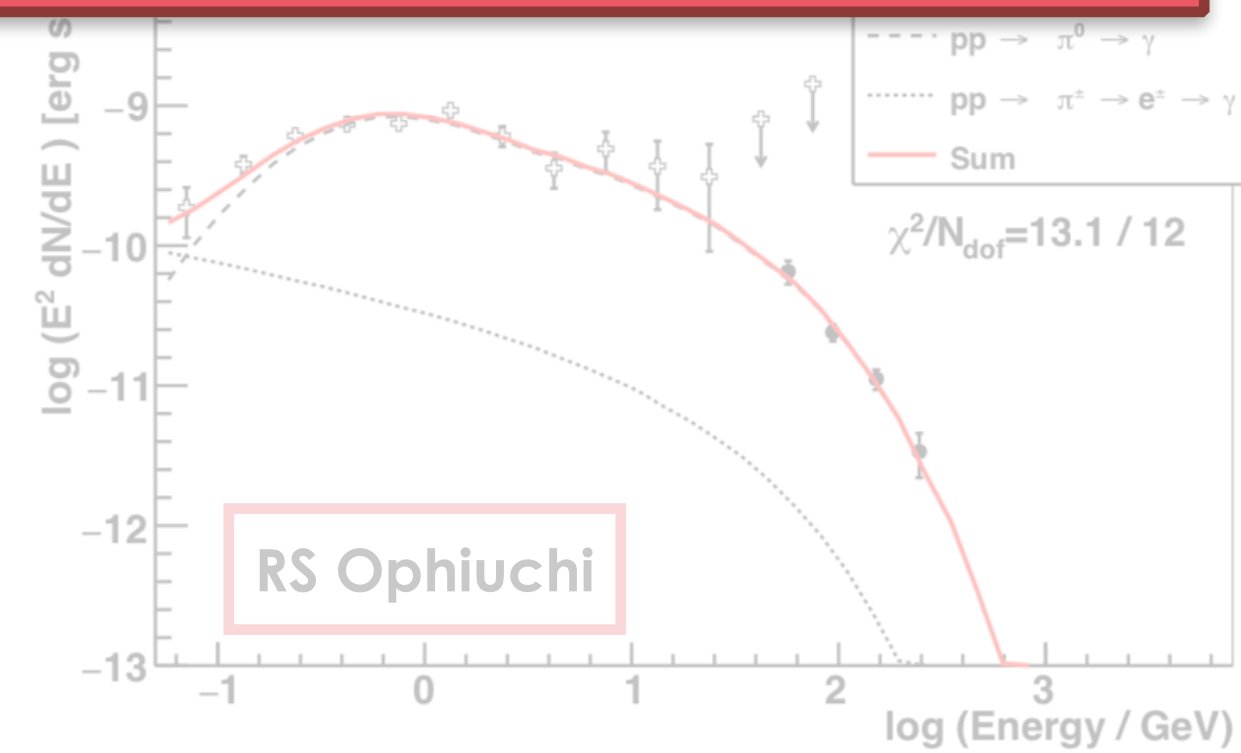
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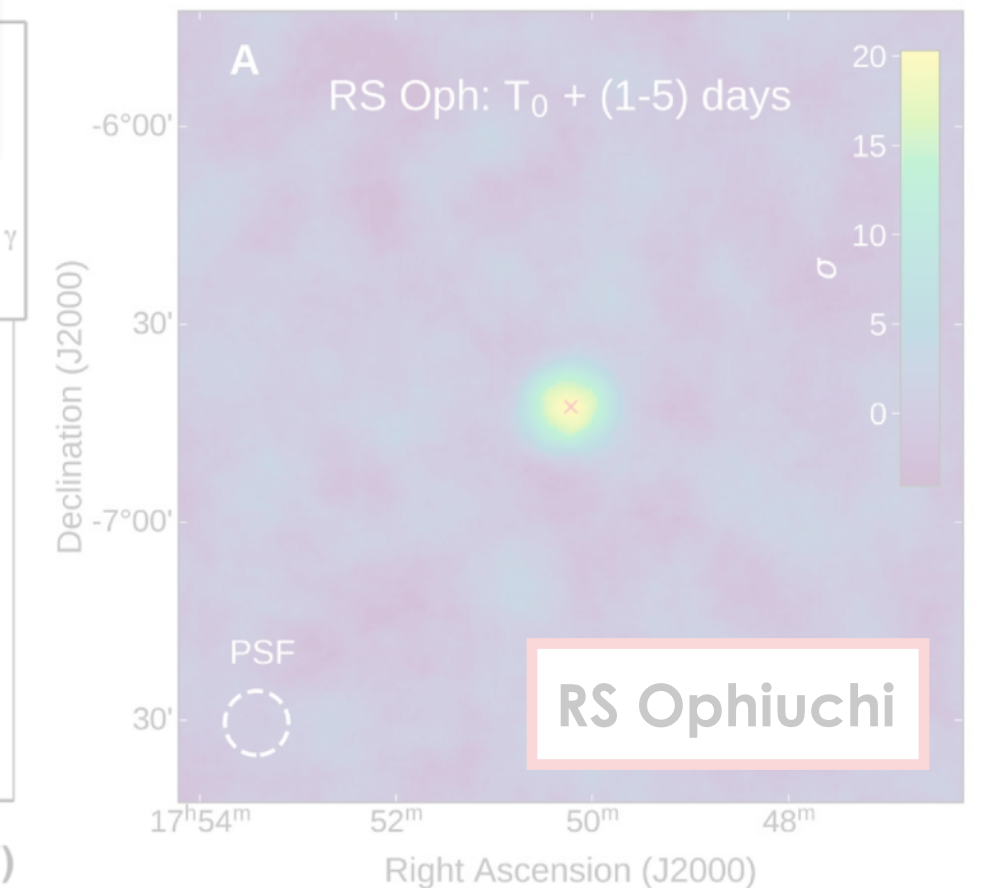


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  - Gravitational waves (GWs)
  - Neutrinos
  - Galactic transients (microquasars, PWNe, novae, tMSPs...)
  - Core-collapse supernovae



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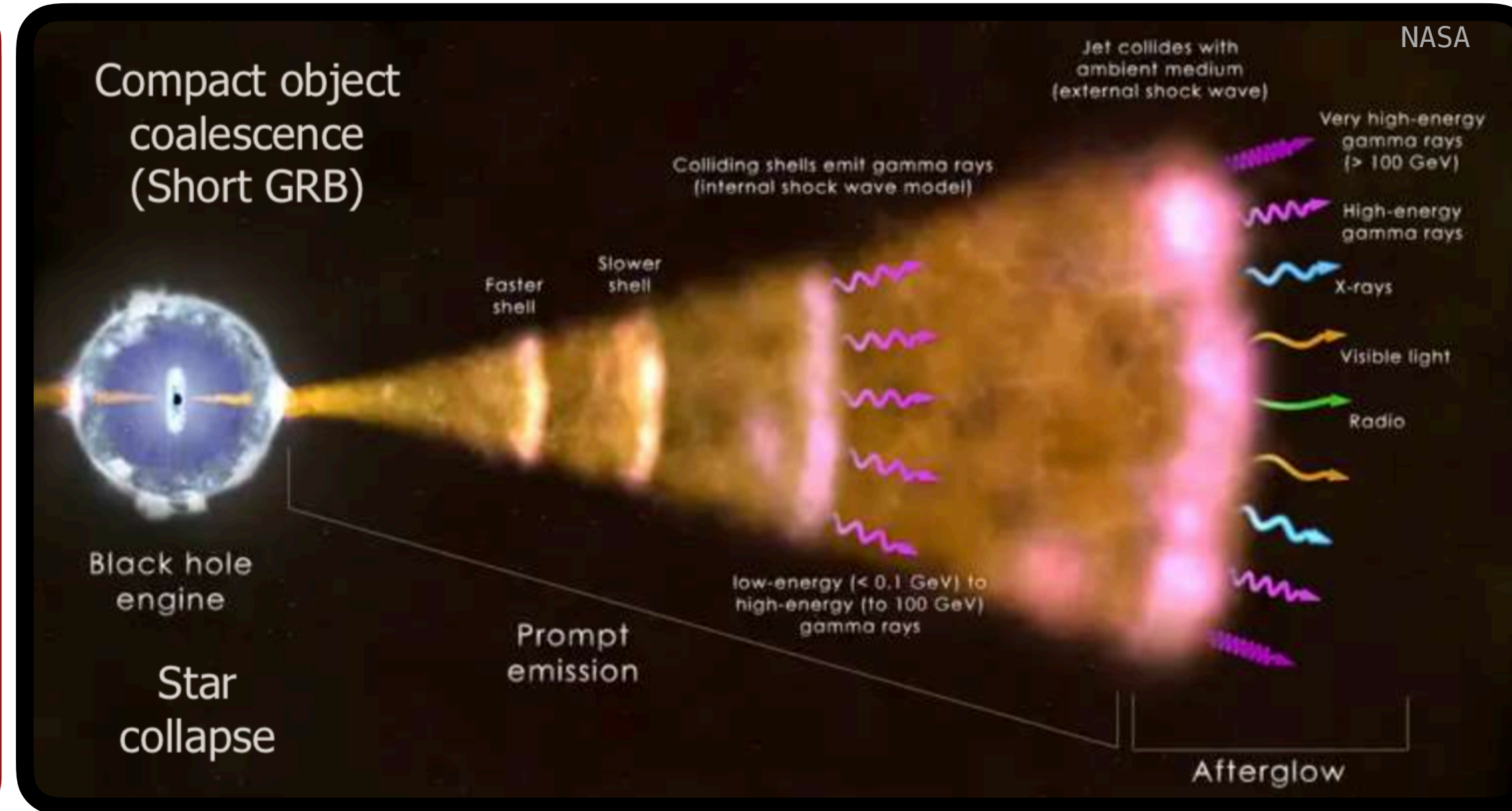
# Gamma-ray Bursts (GRBs)

## Population

Monte Carlo  
Calibrated on Fermi-  
GBM & Swift data

1 000 GRB – 44 yr

Swift bright GRBs,  
 $P(15-150 \text{ keV}) > 2.6 \gamma$   
 $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



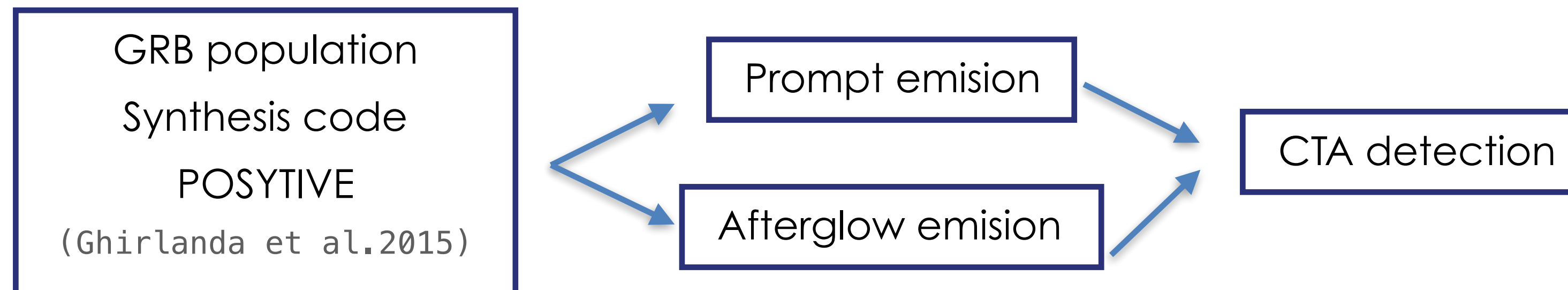
## Detection Analysis



SoHAPPY  
with



from ThStolarczyk



# Gamma-ray Bursts (GRBs): afterglow

## Reference simulation

- ✓ EBL model : Dominguez 2011
  - ✓ IRF : Full Array (N, S)
    - Variable zenith (20°, 40°, 60°)
    - Variable observation time (100s, 30', 5h, 50 h)
    - Average azimuth
  - ✓ Visibility
    - Moon veto whatever its phase (altitude < -0.25°)
    - GRB altitude > 24° (CTA requirements)
  - ✓ Delays
    - ✓ Slewing : 30 s (LST)
      - MST additional delays neglected (<90 s)
    - ✓ Alert : 77 s
- ⇒ Total delay : 107 s

	Rate	Total
Vis.	Counts	611 ± 25
	yr <sup>-1</sup> @trig	13.9 ± 0.6
3σ	Counts	96 ± 10
	yr <sup>-1</sup> @trig	2.2 ± 0.2
5σ	Counts	81 ± 9
	yr <sup>-1</sup> @trig	1.8 ± 0.2

Preliminary

- Input: 1000 long GRB afterglows
  - Visibility above horizon, detection delays
  - Condition: detected if 90% of trials are successful
- **10% of the visible population are detected** (duty cycle)
- **Detection rate: 1.8 (± 0.2) per year**
  - 1 event per year >20σ
  - 1 event every 2 years >50σ

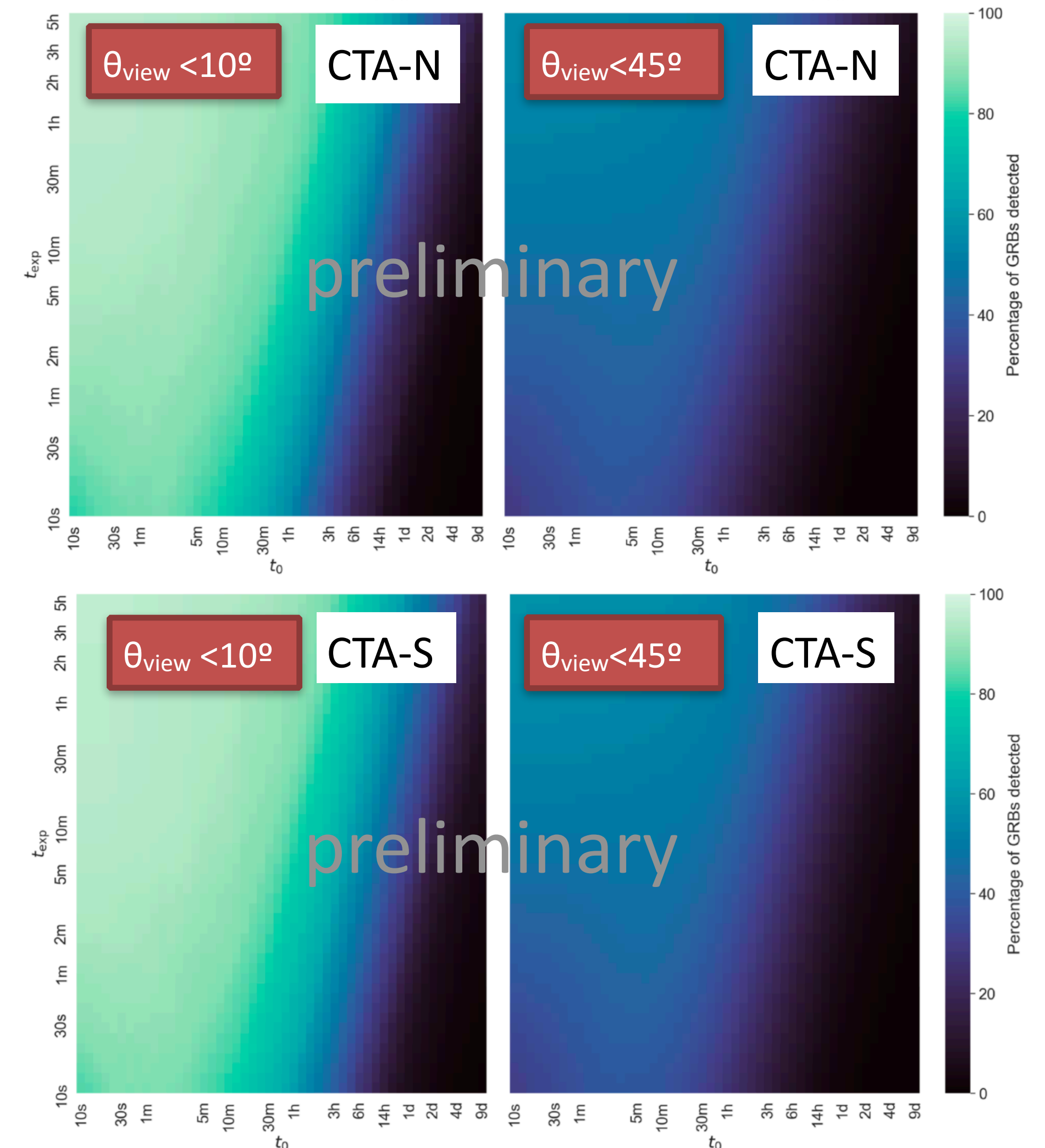
CTA will detect ~2 GRBs year (afterglow)



# Gravitational Waves (GWs)

- The detection of **GW 170817 with LIGO-Virgo** and the corresponding detection and sky localization of GRB 170817:
  - **Birth of multi-messenger astronomy with GW**
  - First evidence of **binary neutron star (BNS) mergers as progenitors for short GRBs (sGRBs)**
- Follow-up GW transient events and **detect possible VHE counterpart**
- Simulations of **BNS mergers accompanied by short GRBs**  
GWCOSMoS database (Patricelli et al. 2016, 2018)
- CTA is sensitive enough to **detect both on-axis and off-axis GRBs with time delays up to ~10 min**

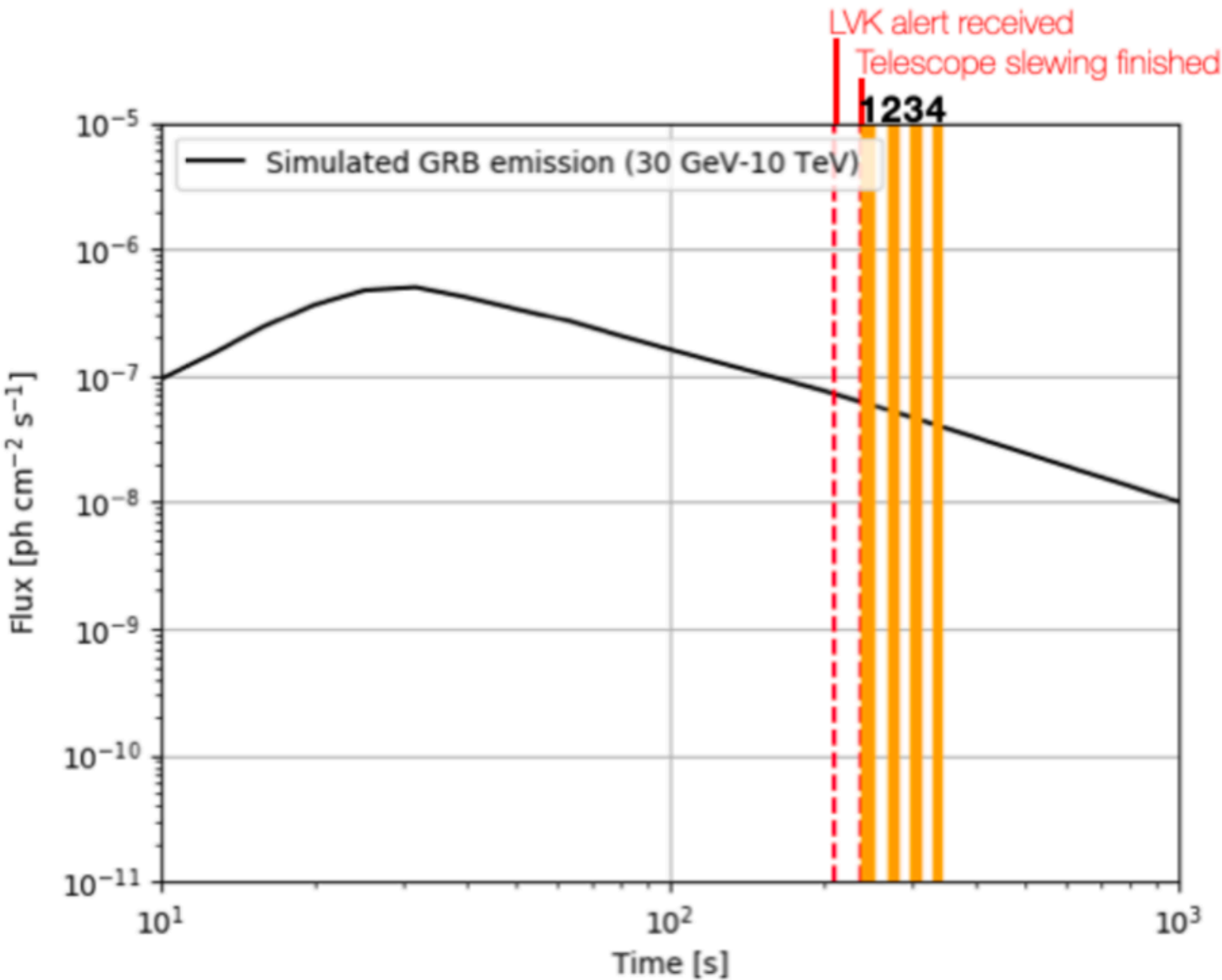
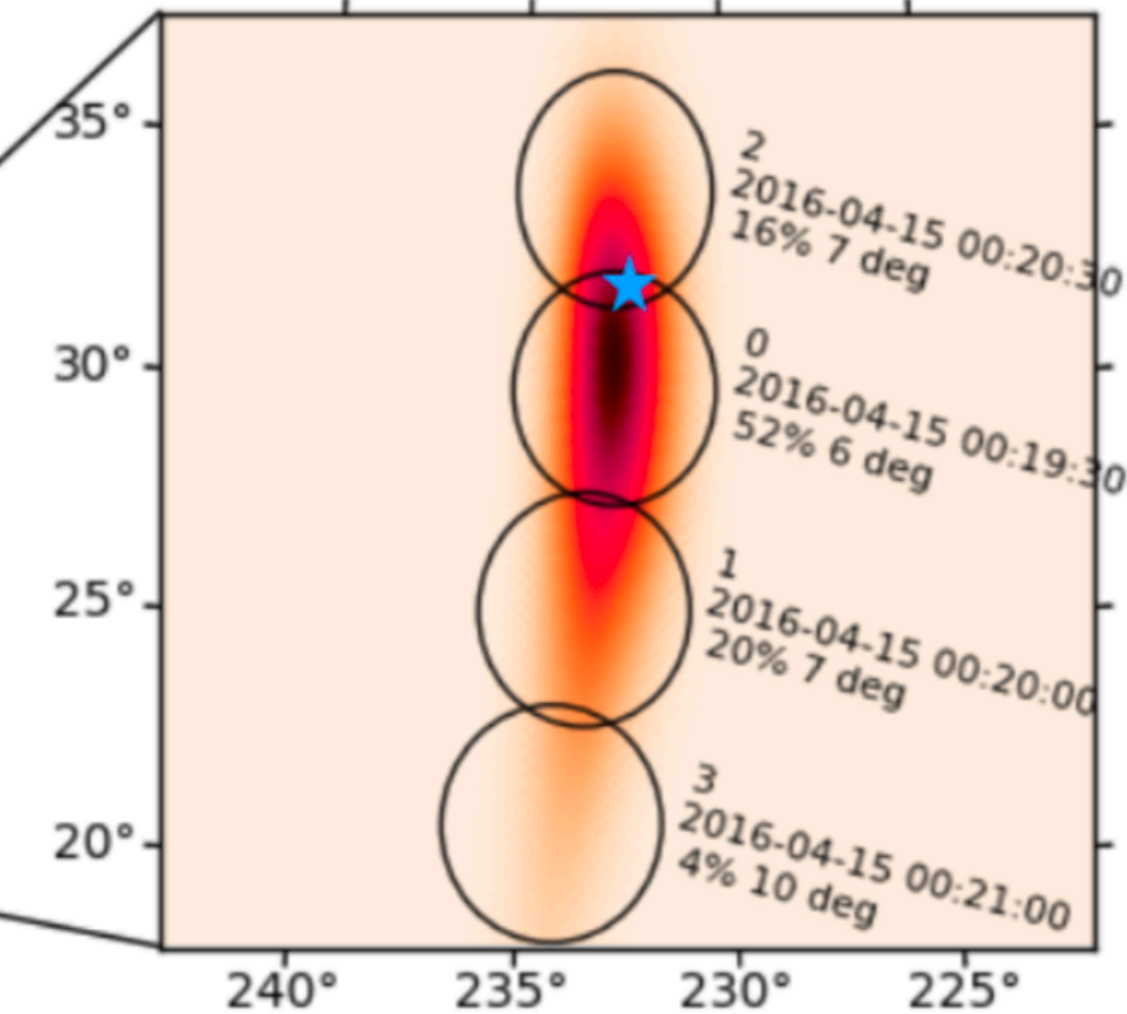
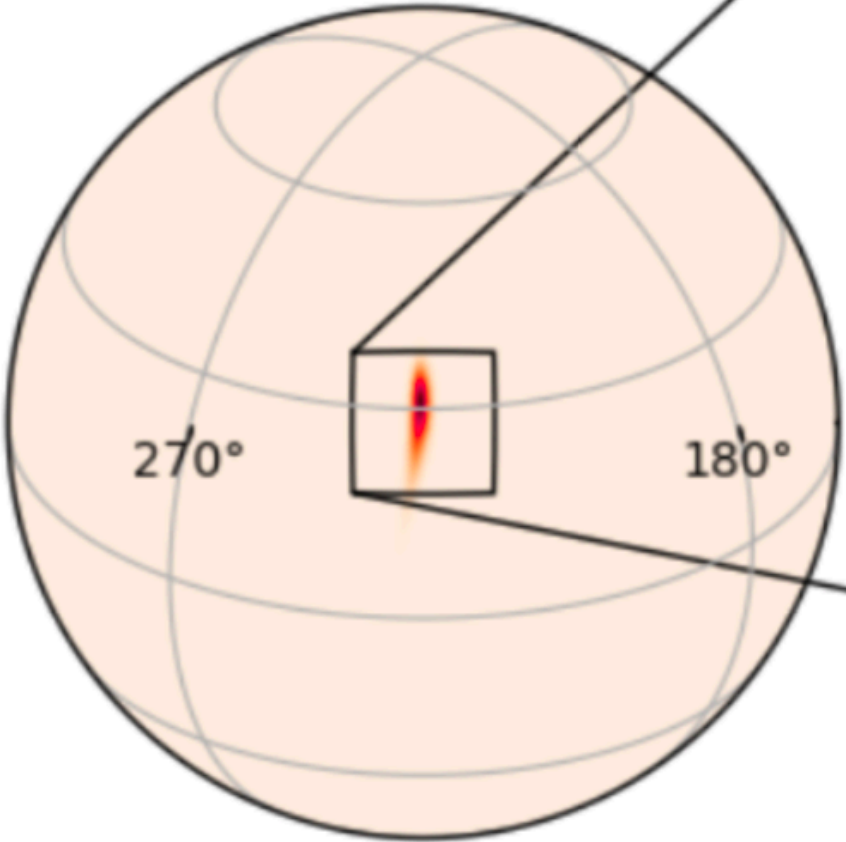
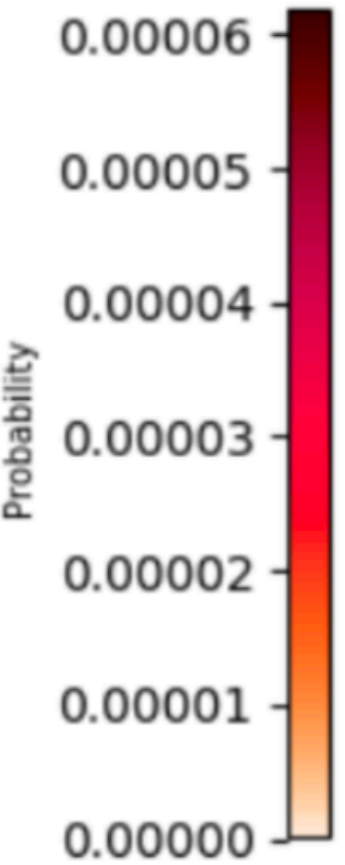
CTA will detect on/off-axis GW counterparts



# Gravitational Waves (GWs)

- Pointing strategy: observation scheduling algorithm to derive optimal pointing to cover the GW error ellipse area

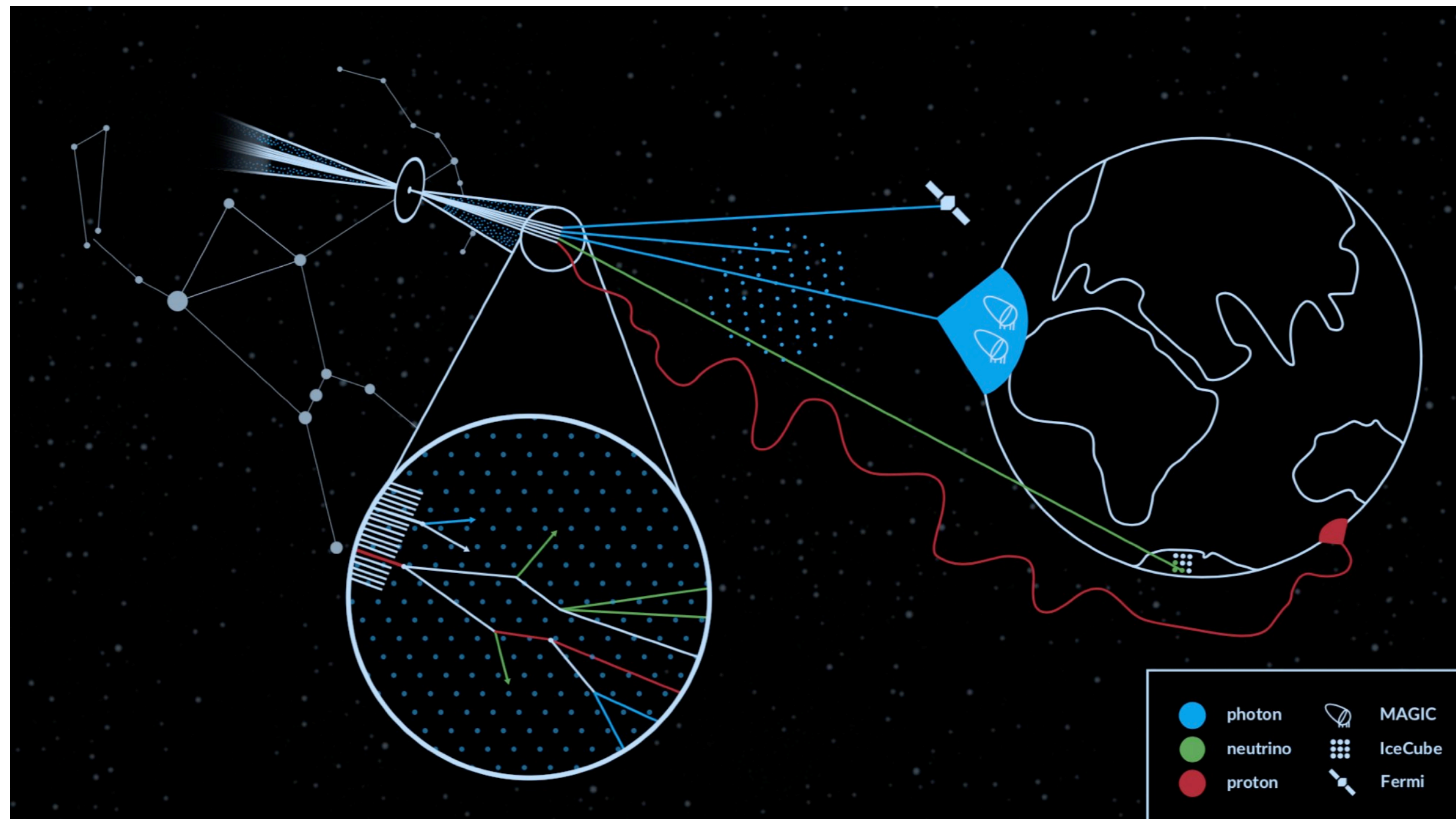
Test case



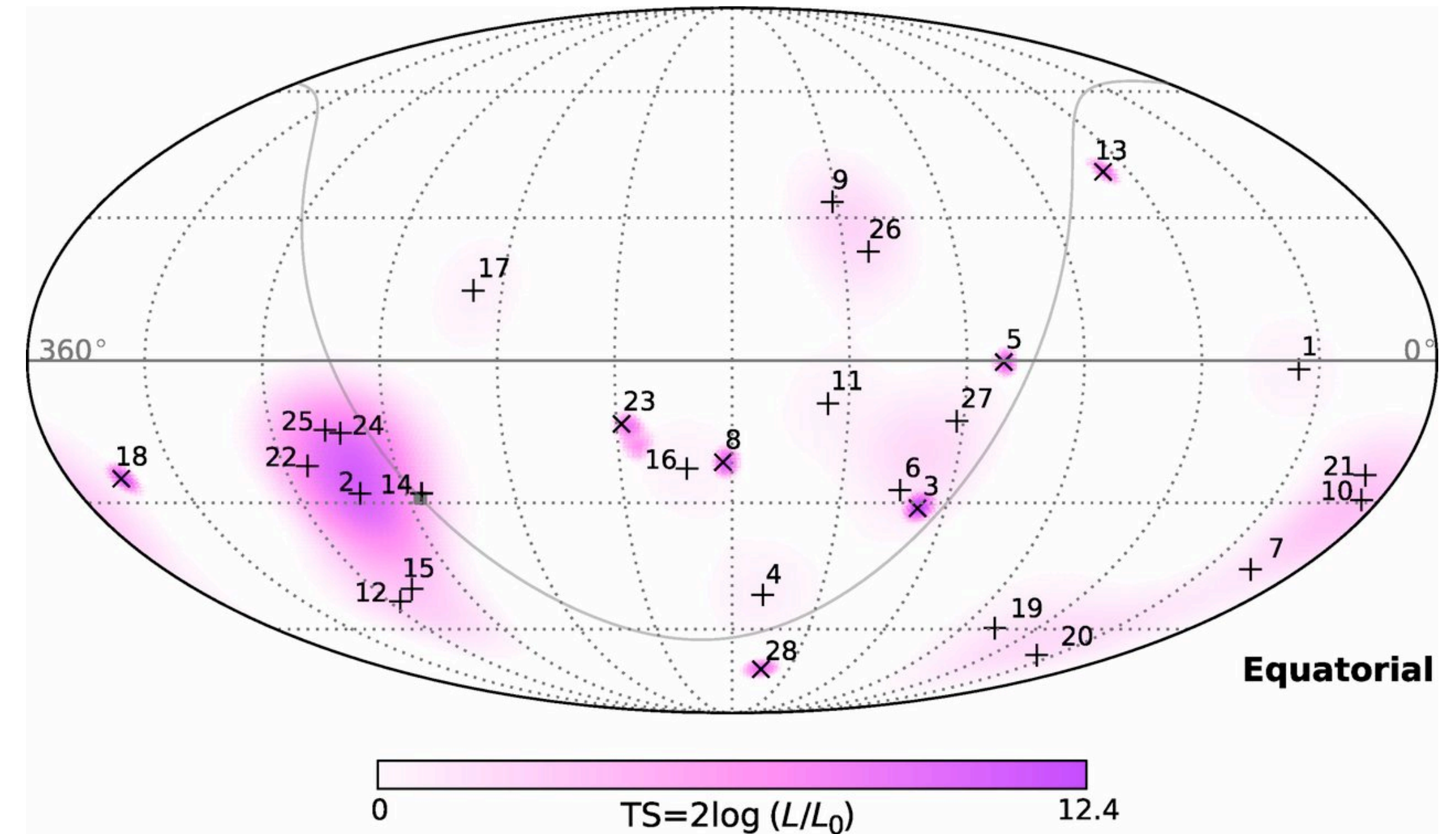
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# Neutrinos

- Detection of VHE counterpart of neutrino sources (populations with FIRESONG software)
- CTA will enable **counterpart detections to astrophysical neutrino events**
  - **Two source populations:**
    - **Transient: neutrino source alerts (blazars)**
    - **Steady: nu-cluster exceeding IceCube sensitivity** (following SFR evolution)

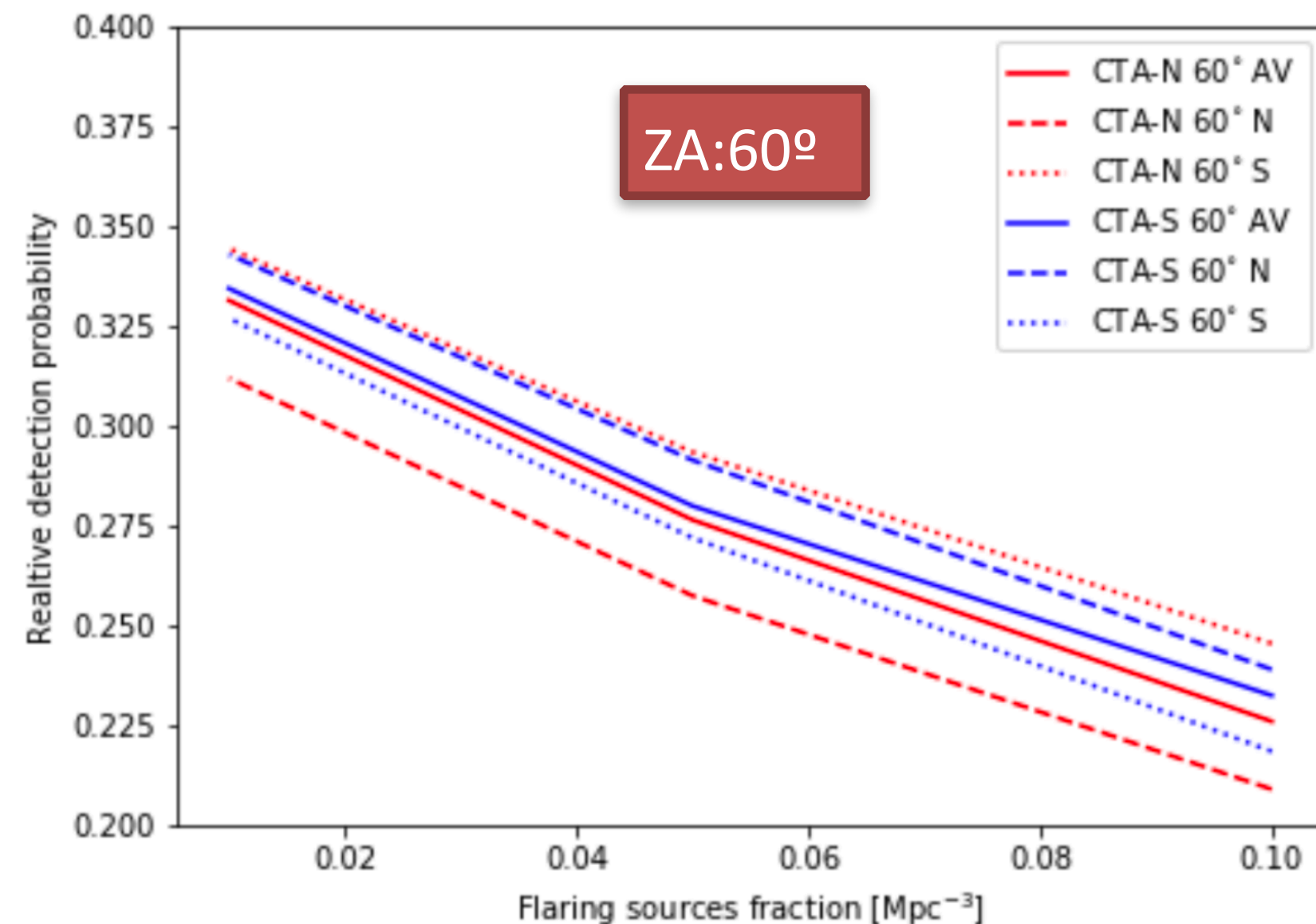
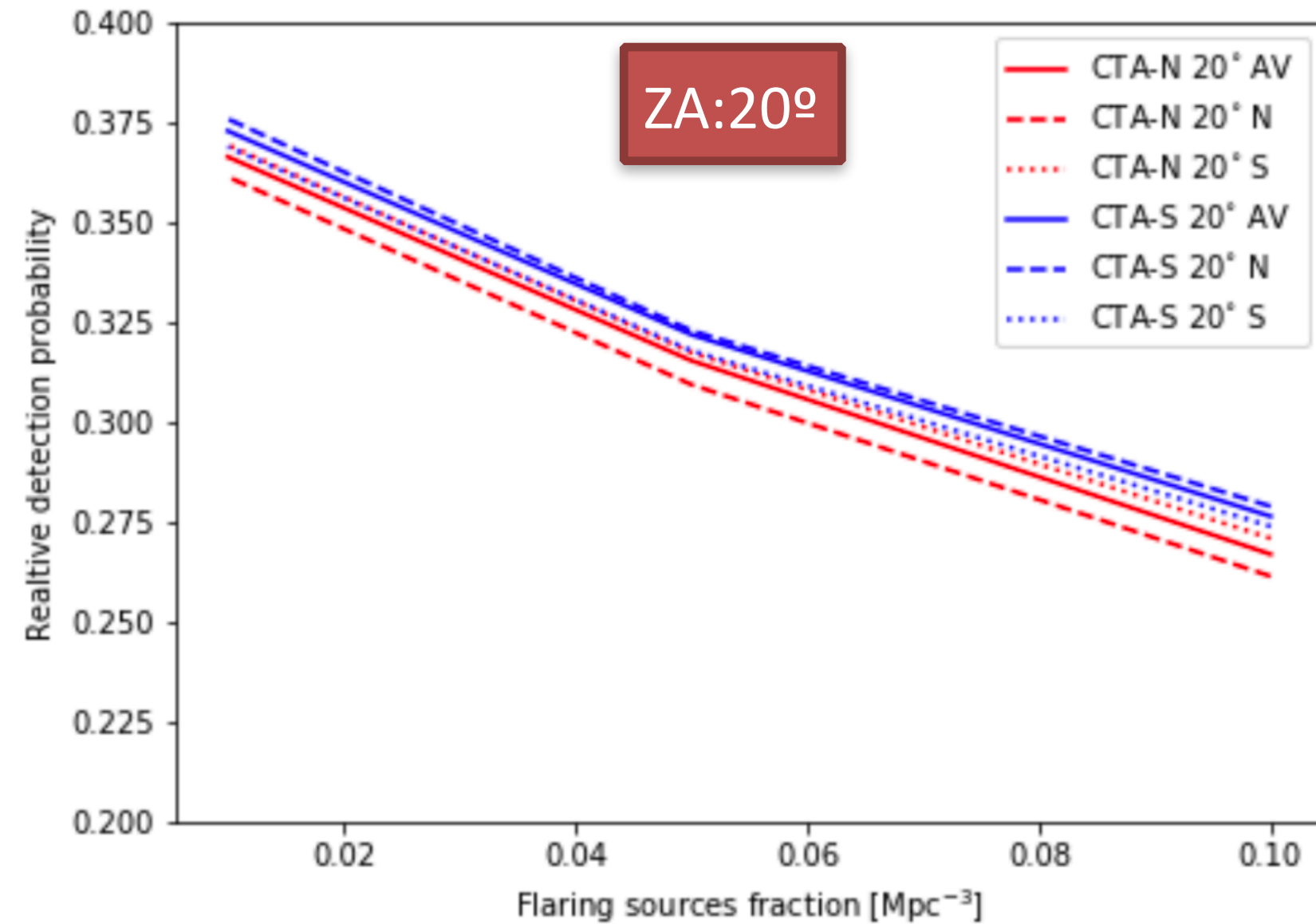


Credit: Elisa Bernardini, Konstancja Satalecka, Weronika Racz and Igor Rams



IceCube, Science 2013

# Neutrinos: flaring sources



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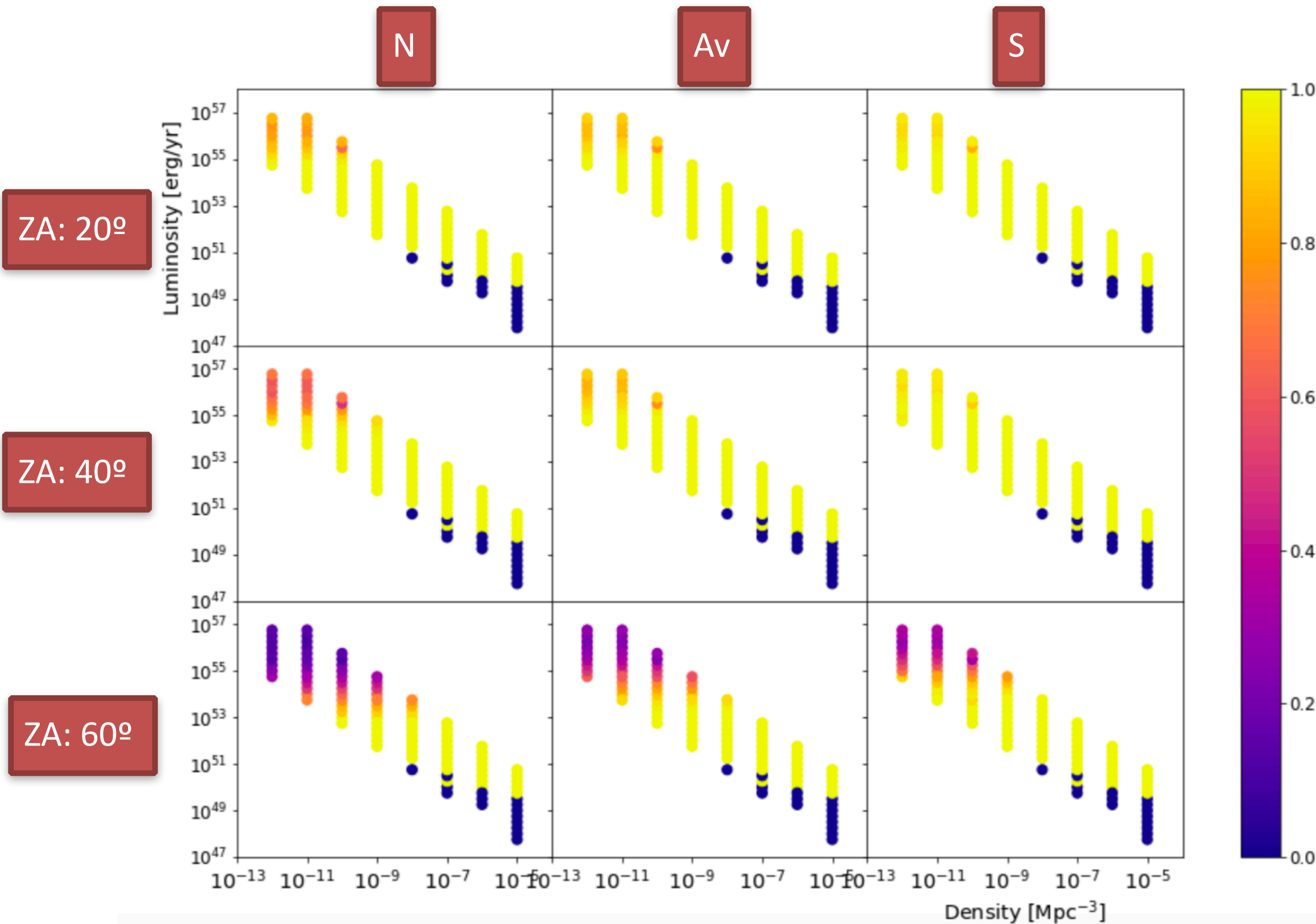
- Based on the neutrino flare model of TXS 0506+056 in 2014-2015
- Same flare duration (in the comoving) as TXS 0506
- Flat cosmological evolution and IC alerts always observable

- During **neutrino flares** from blazars **CTA will detect a counterpart for about one third of the cases after only 10 mins of observations**, with lower detection probabilities for steady neutrino sources.

CTA will detect flaring sources of neutrinos

# Neutrinos

Steady sources: detection probability (CTA-N)



## STEADY SOURCES

- Local Density (source Mpc<sup>-3</sup>) vs Luminosity (erg yr<sup>-1</sup>)
- SFR evolution of the nu population
- Assuming all the sources are always visible by CTA

- **Steady sources:** at low to mid zenith angle observations (20°-40°) **CTA-N will be able to detect all sources down to the density of  $\rho=10^{-9}$  Mpc<sup>-3</sup> in 30 min**

CTA will detect steady sources

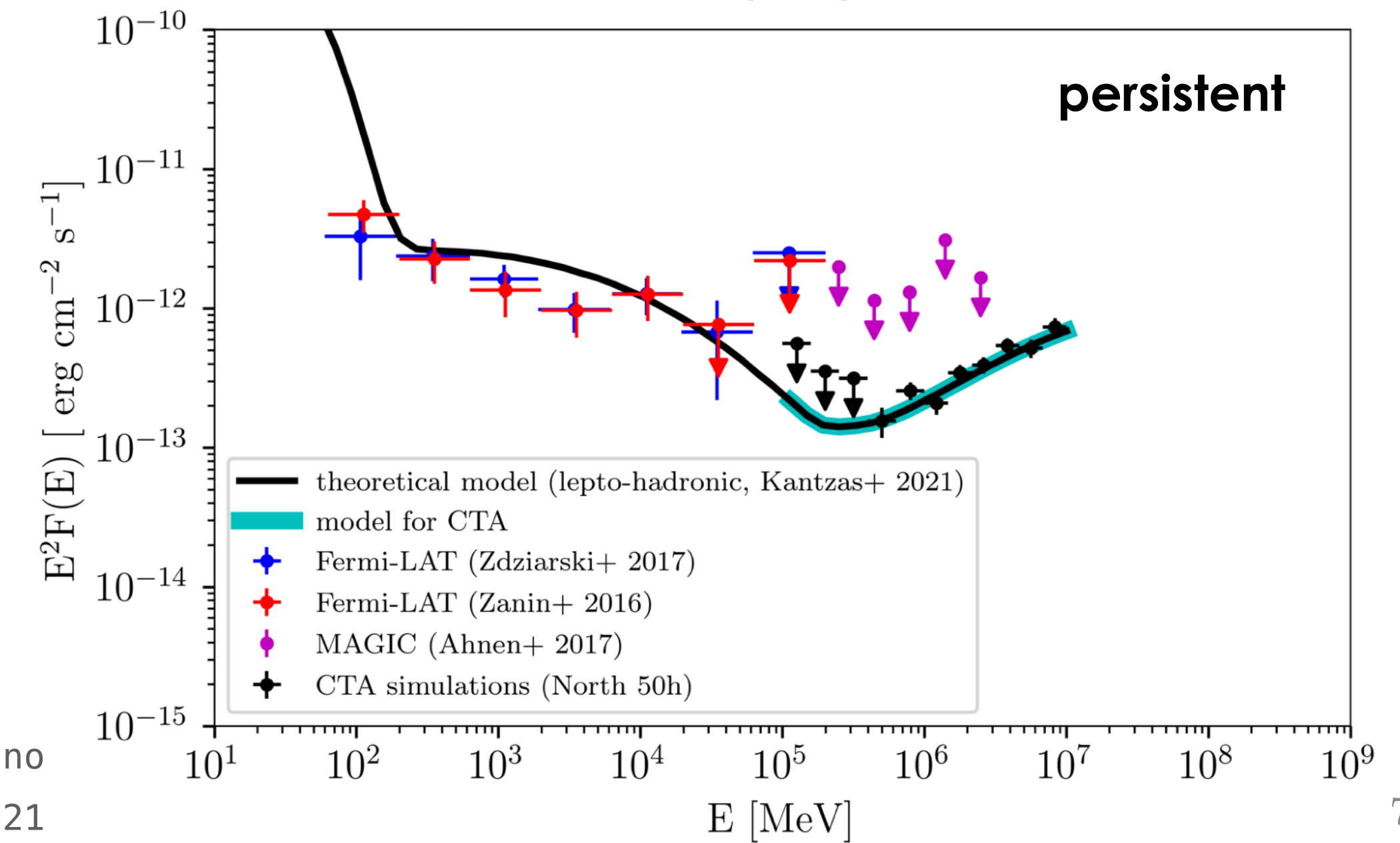
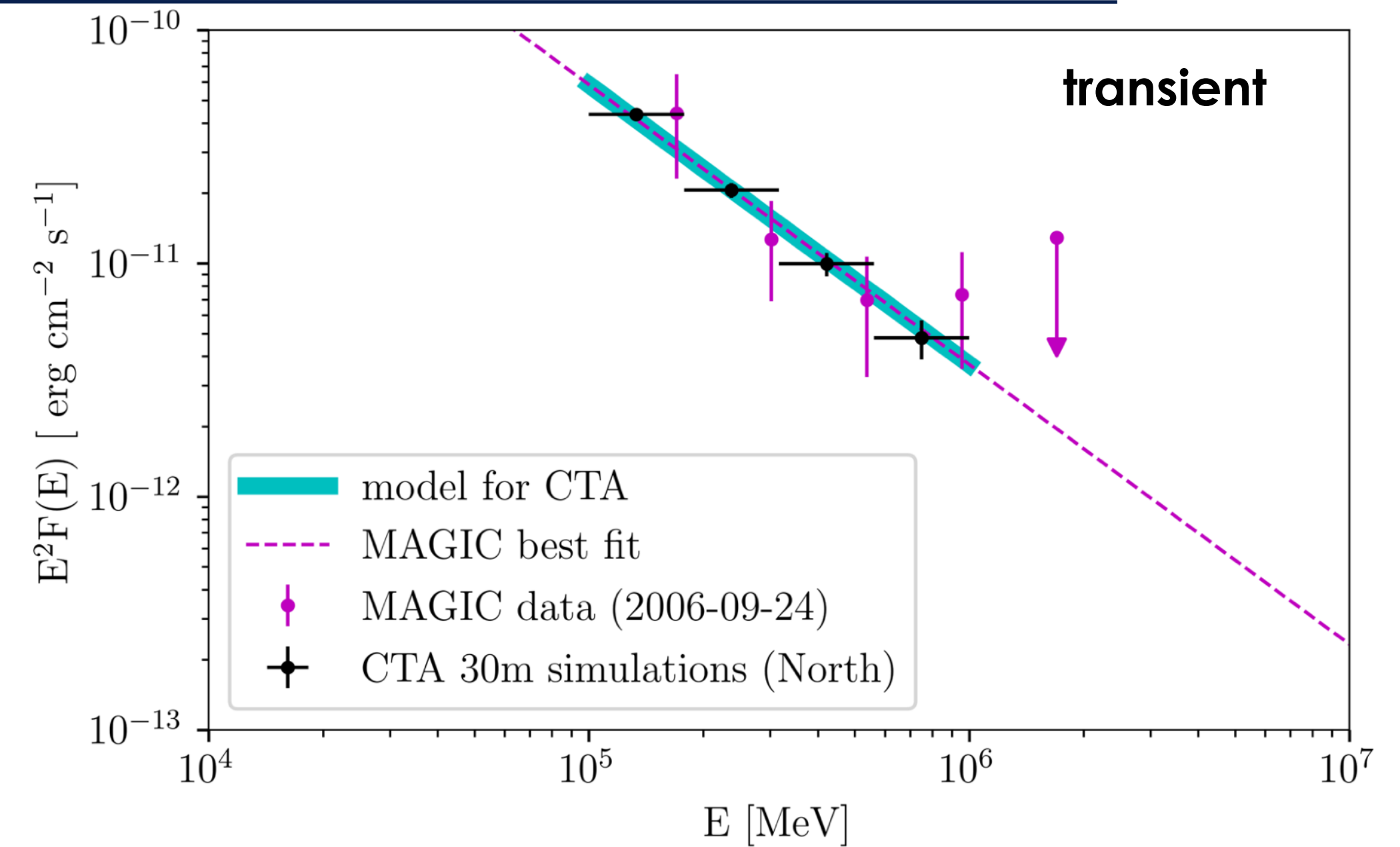
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# Galactic transients

## Microquasars: Cygnus X-1

- Massive O star + black hole:
  - Transient:  $4.9\sigma$  hint (80 min) at VHE by MAGIC (Albert et al. 2006)
  - Persistent: 7.5yr *Fermi*-LAT HE detection (Zanin et al. 2016)
- **CTA simulations** (100 GeV – 1 TeV) to search for:
  - Transient emission: 30-minute observation with MAGIC hint SED (Albert et al. 2006) as input
  - Persistent emission: lepto-hadronic model by Kantzas et al. 2021, assuming 50 h of observations
- **Detection of transient ( $44\sigma$ ) and persistent emission ( $39\sigma$ ) with CTA-North** (CTA Consortium in prep)

CTA will detect (some) microquasars

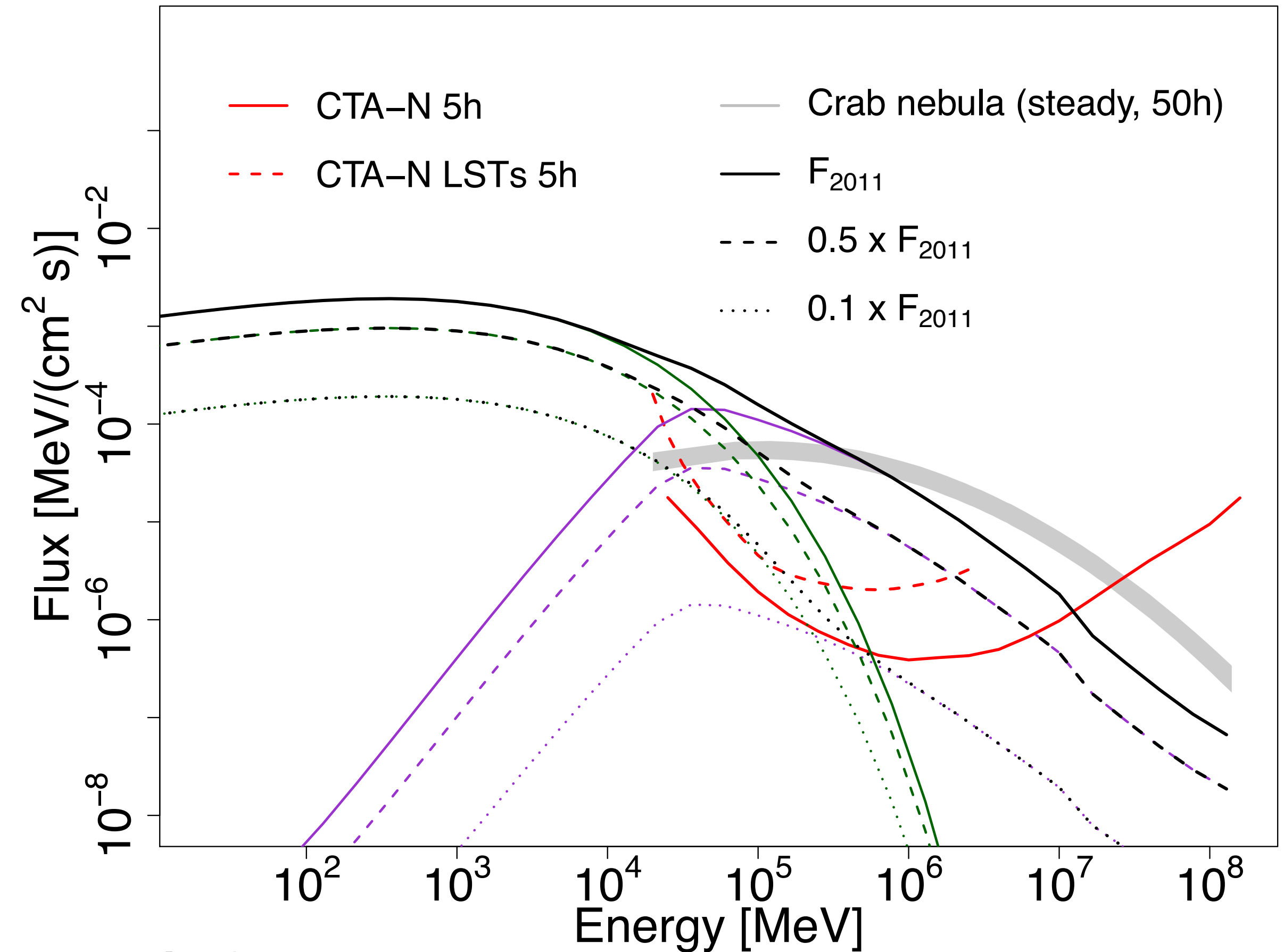


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## Crab Nebula Flares (PWNe)

- **Rapid and bright MeV flares** observed in Crab (Tavani et al. 2011, Abdo et al. 2011) with **timescales of hours**
  - **No TeV detection** with current IACTs
- Studying the capabilities of CTA to detect flares from the Crab Nebula (Mestre et al. 2021, CTA Consortium in prep)
- **Good prospects with CTA** and especially **LSTs**:
  - **VHE detection in < 5h** (CTA Consortium in prep)

CTA will detect flaring PWNe



Plot by E. Mestre

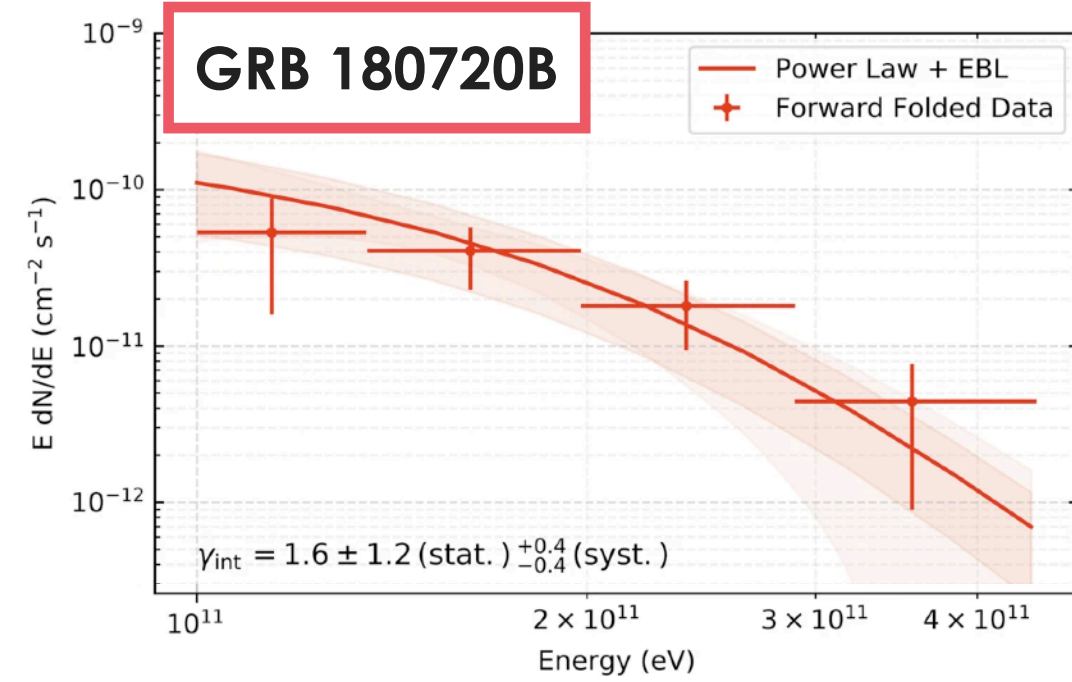
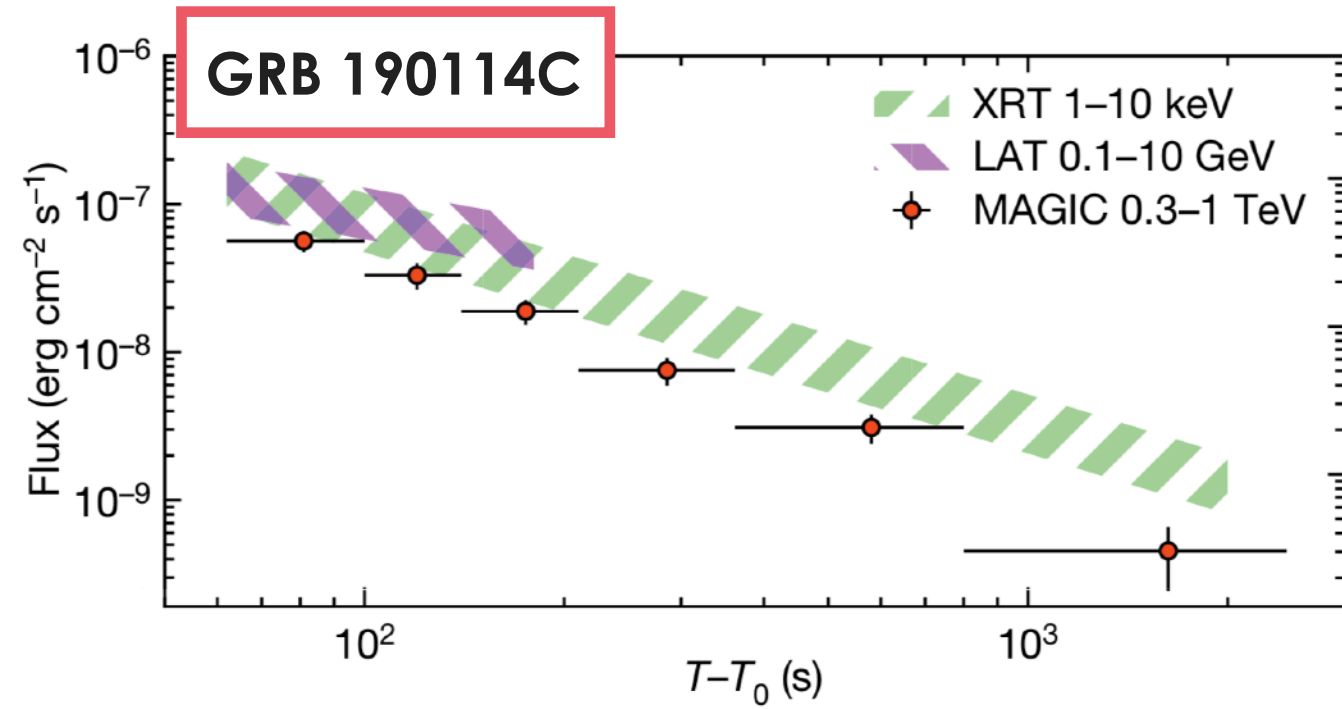
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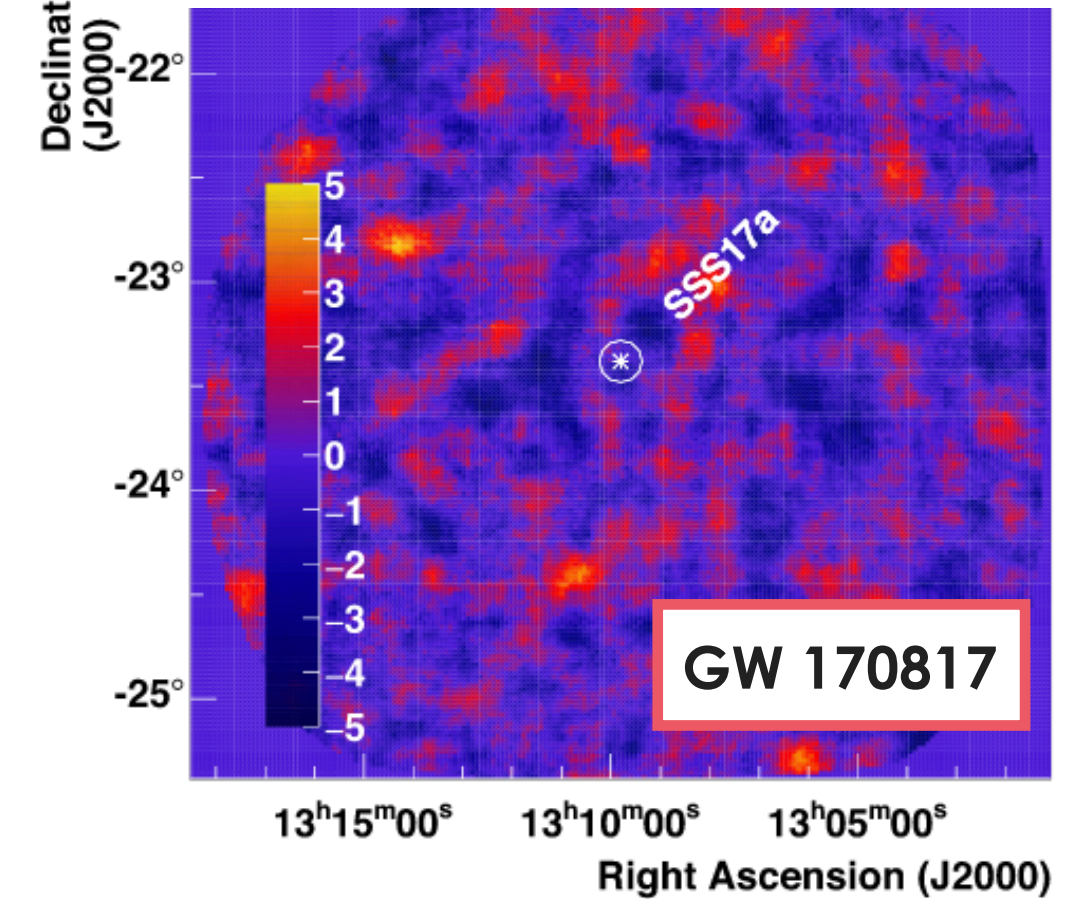


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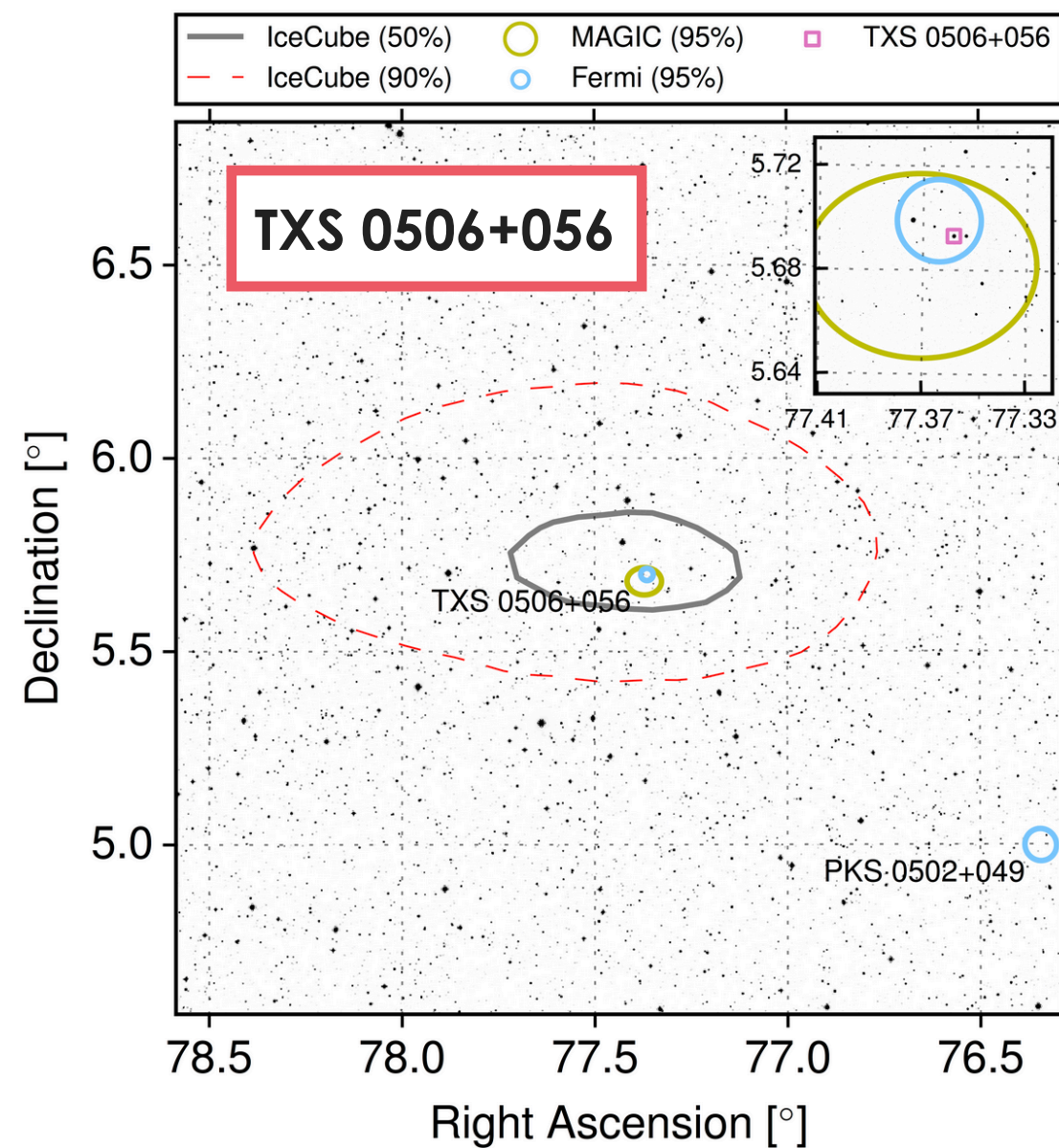
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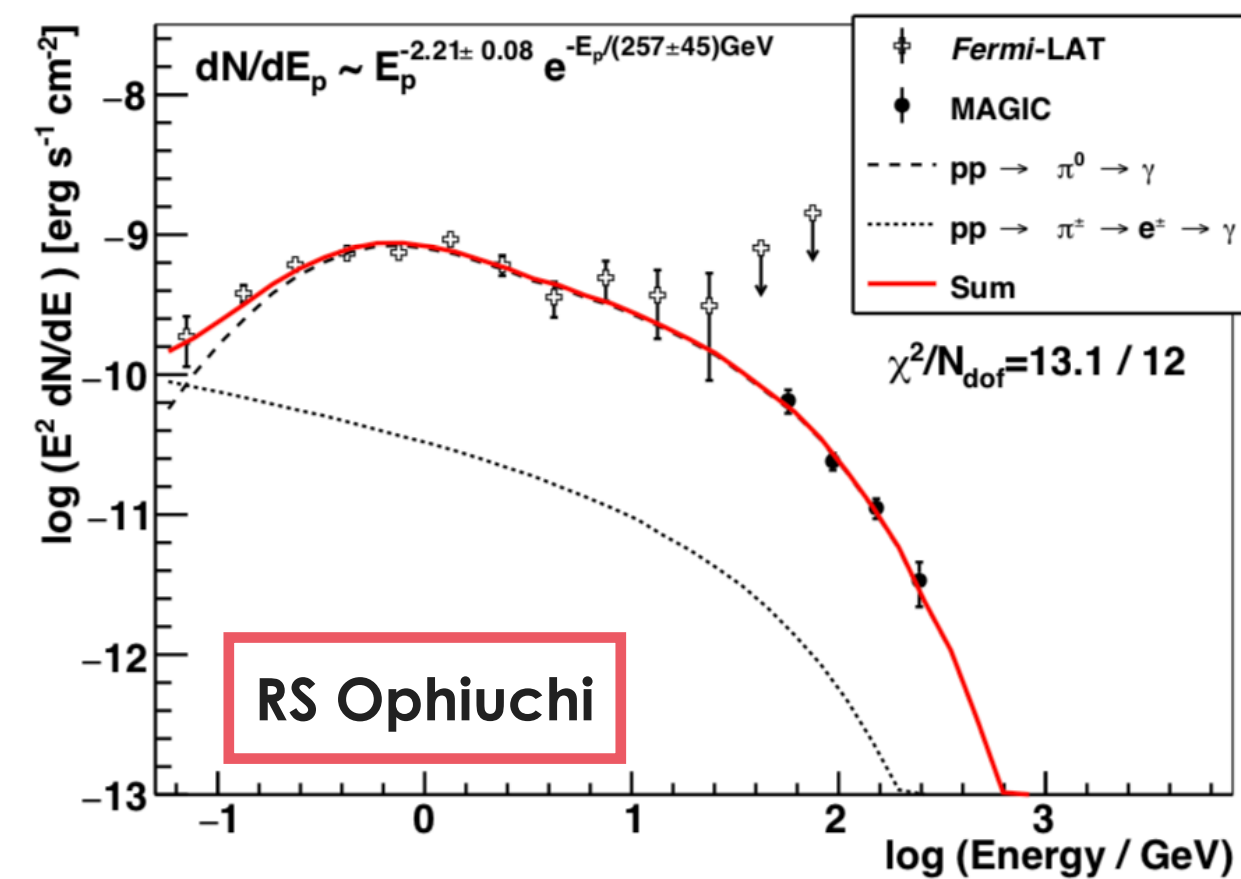
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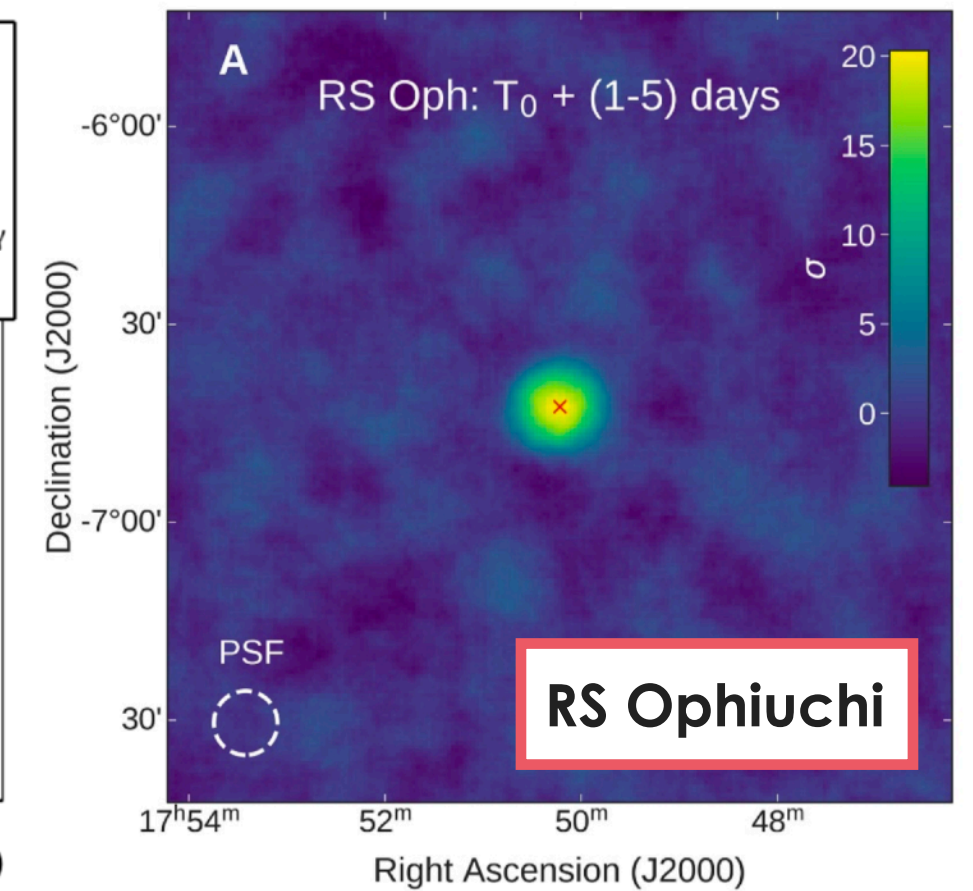


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