



CTA LST



# Multi-messenger $\gamma$ -ray observations by MAGIC & CTA

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Synergies at new frontiers at  $\gamma$ ,  $\nu$ , and GW





# MAGIC • CTA LST



- MAGIC
  - 2x 17 m, FoV 3.5 deg, 1039 PMT (0.1 deg)
  - 1st tel. since 2004, 2nd tel. since 2009  
Camera upgrade in 2012. **Operational since 2013 with the current sensitivity**
- Large Size Telescope (LST) of Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA)



- 1 of 3 types, array of tens IACTs
- 4x 23 m, FoV 4.5 deg, 1855 PMT (0.1 deg)
- North site: LST1 since 2018, operational now  
**4 LSTs to be completed in 2024, obs. will start**

- Both in ORM, La Palma, Spain. **Can follow the same sources**

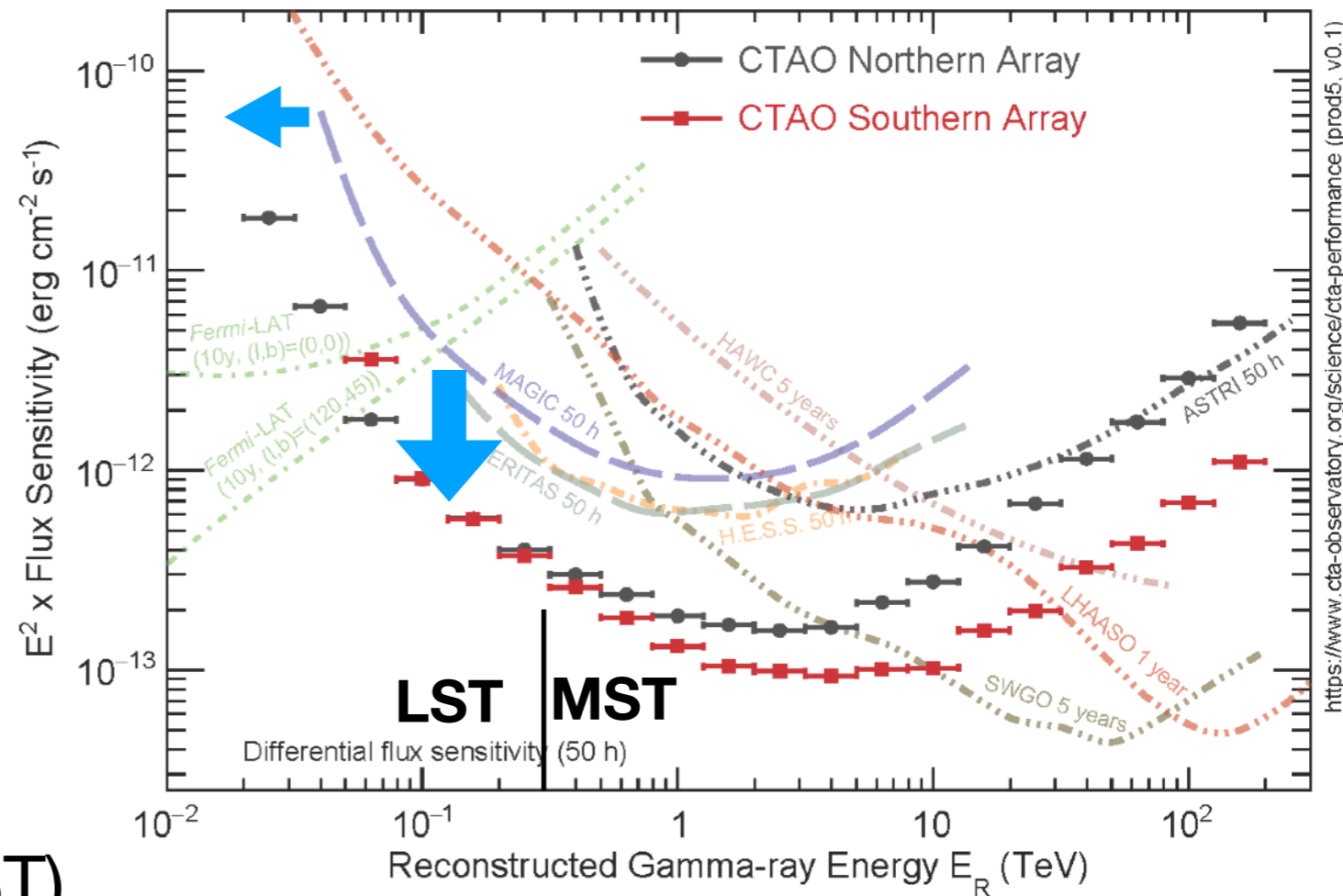


# MAGIC => LST improvements



cherenkov  
telescope  
array

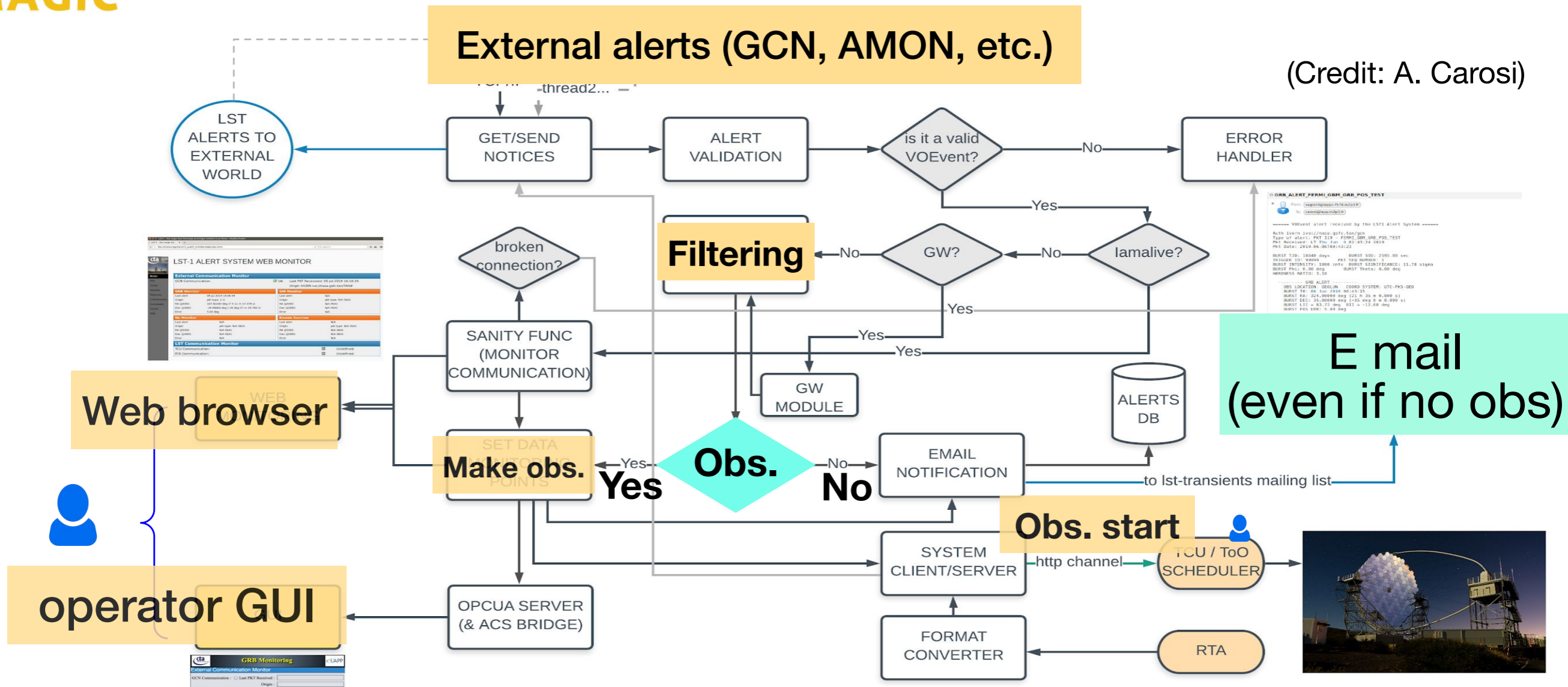
- **E threshold: 30-50 GeV (MAGIC) => 20 GeV (LST)**  
Less EBL absorption, farther objects can be detected
- **Sensitivity: <0.7% Crab @ 220 GeV in 50 h (MAGIC) => x10 improve with LST**
- Resolutions @ TeV:  
E 15% => 10% (LST)  
Angular 0.06 => 0.05 deg (LST)
- Weight: 70 t => 100 t  
**Fast rotation: 7 deg/s => 9 deg/s (180 deg/ 20 s)**  
LST can start to observe transients within 1 min



## MAGIC/LST focus on (far) transients by design

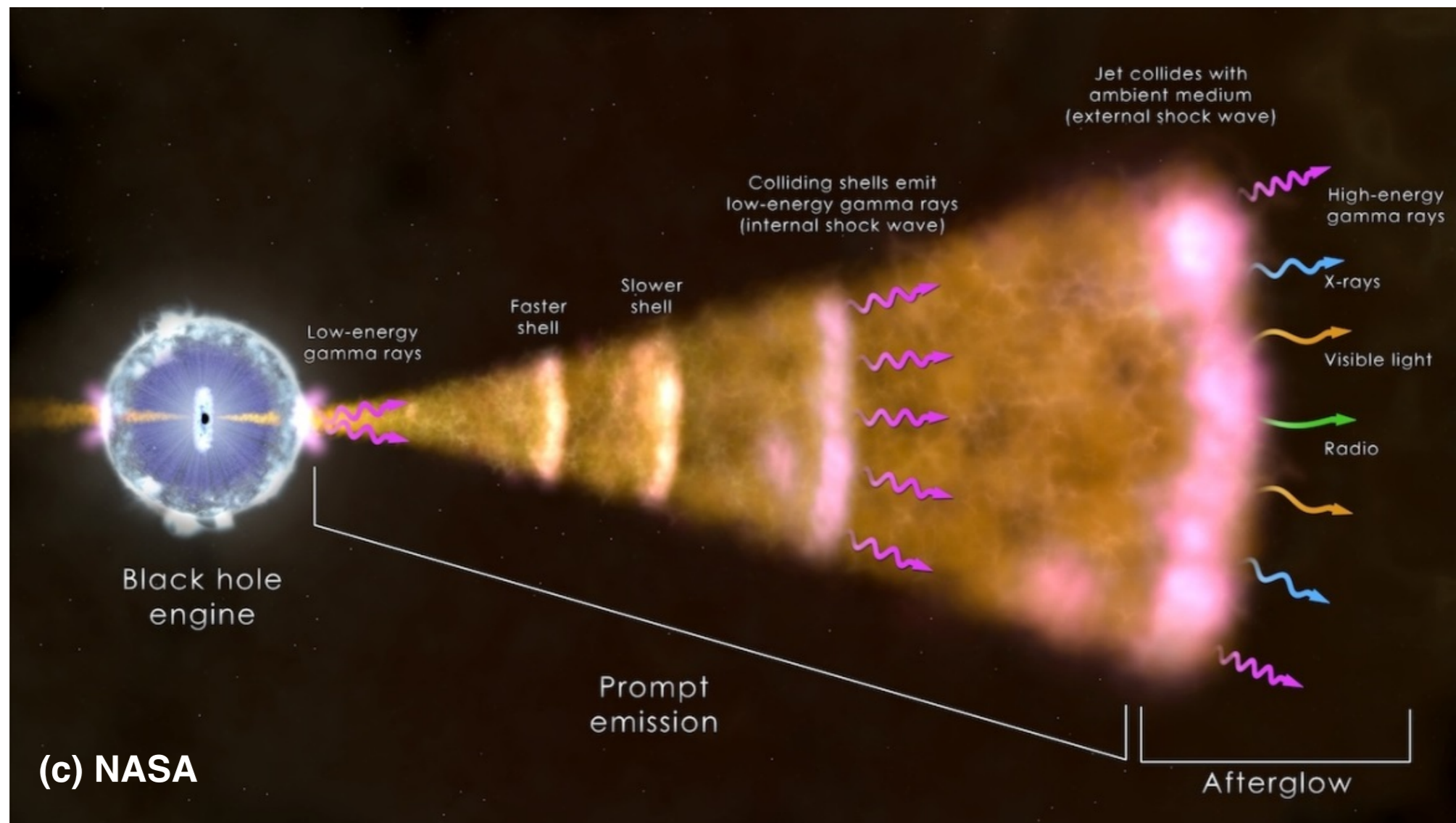
External alerts (GCN, AMON, etc.)

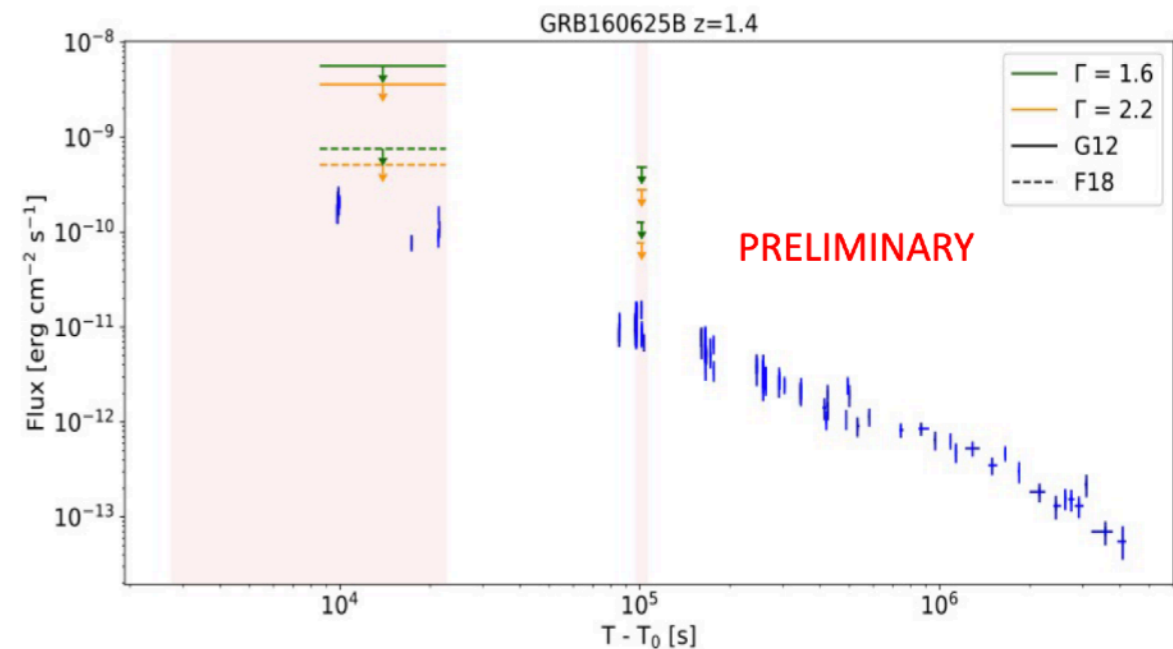
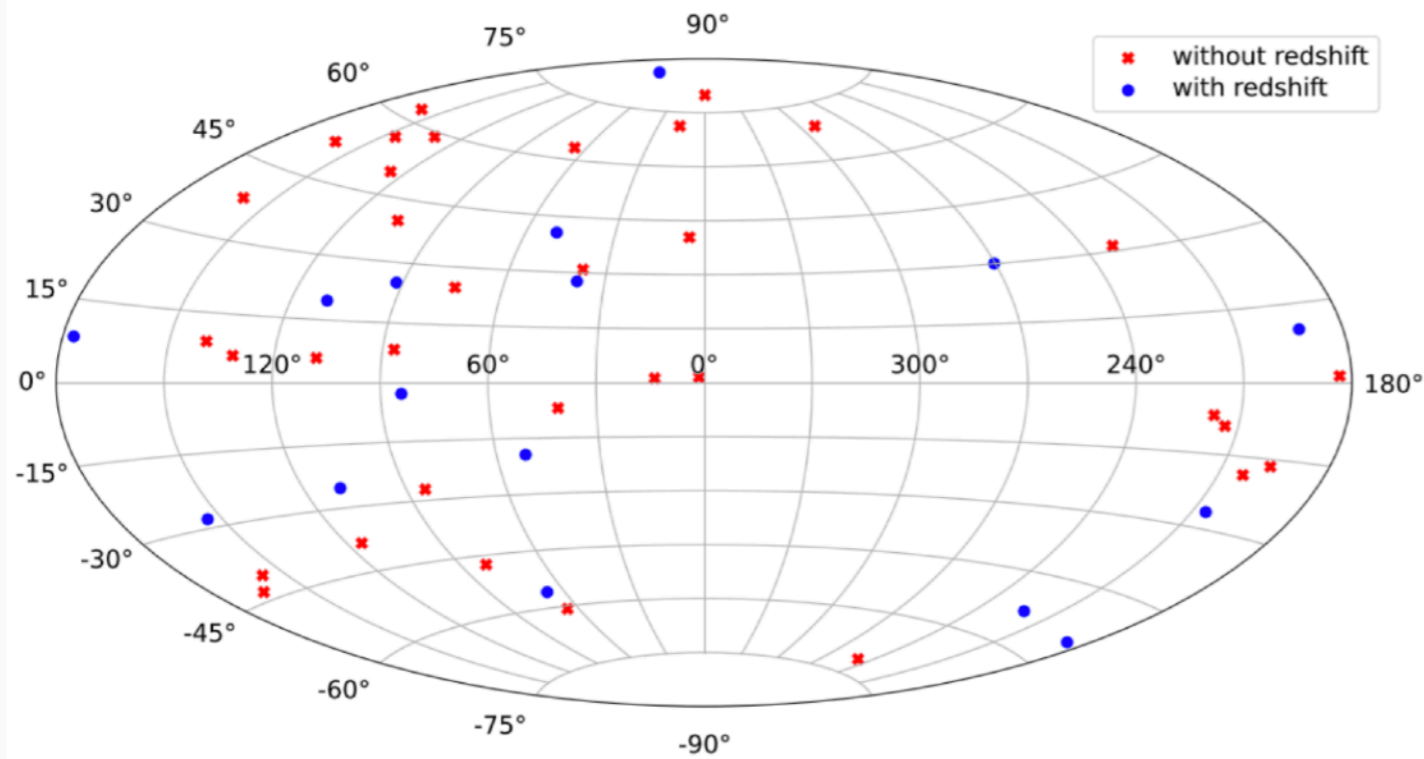
(Credit: A. Carosi)



- Need a dedicated system to receive alerts, filter them, and start & control the special observation
- MAGIC: Automatic Alert System (AAS), LST: Transient Handler
- Developers of MAGIC AAS contribute to LST TH. Already operational

# Gamma-ray burst (GRB) follow-up



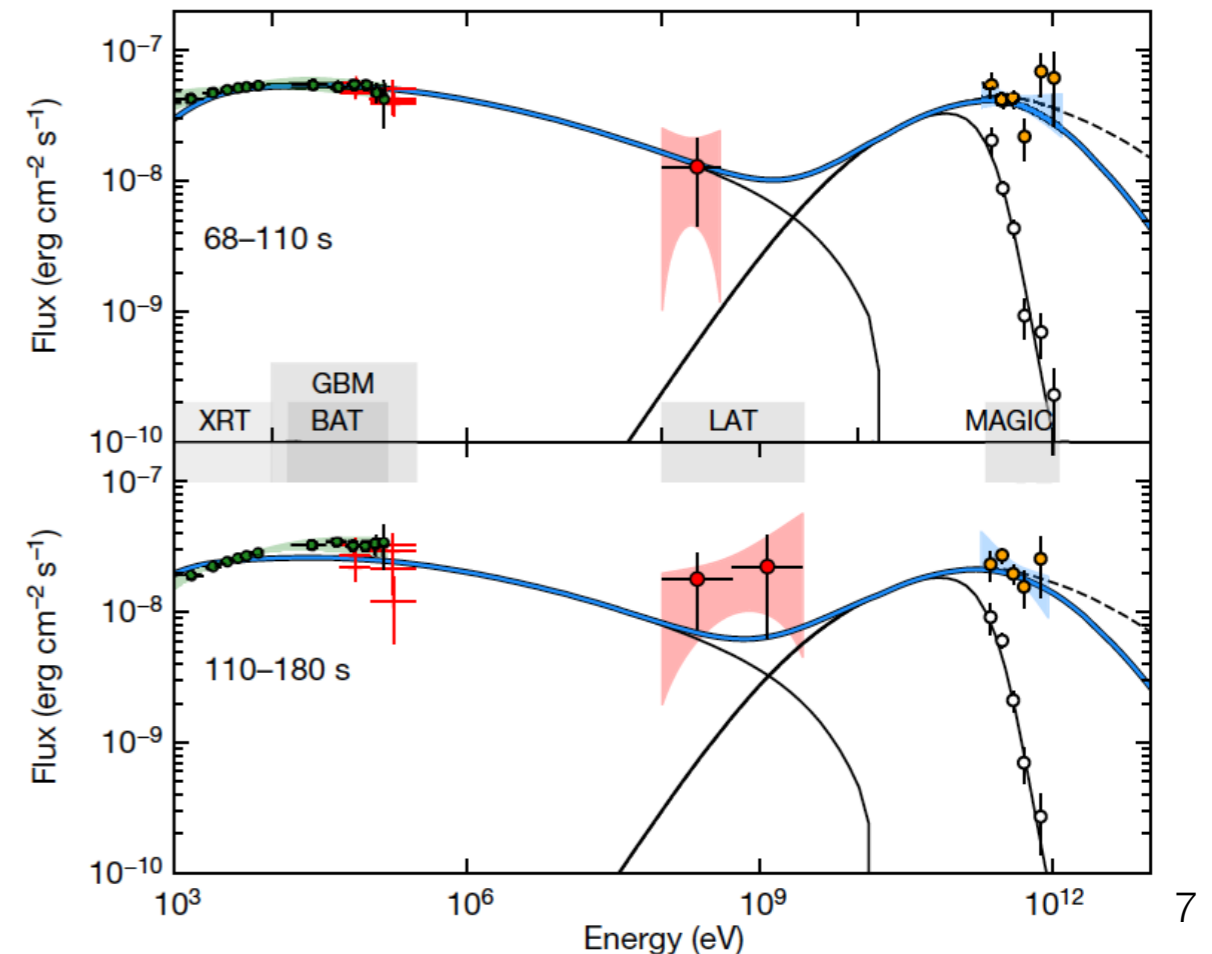
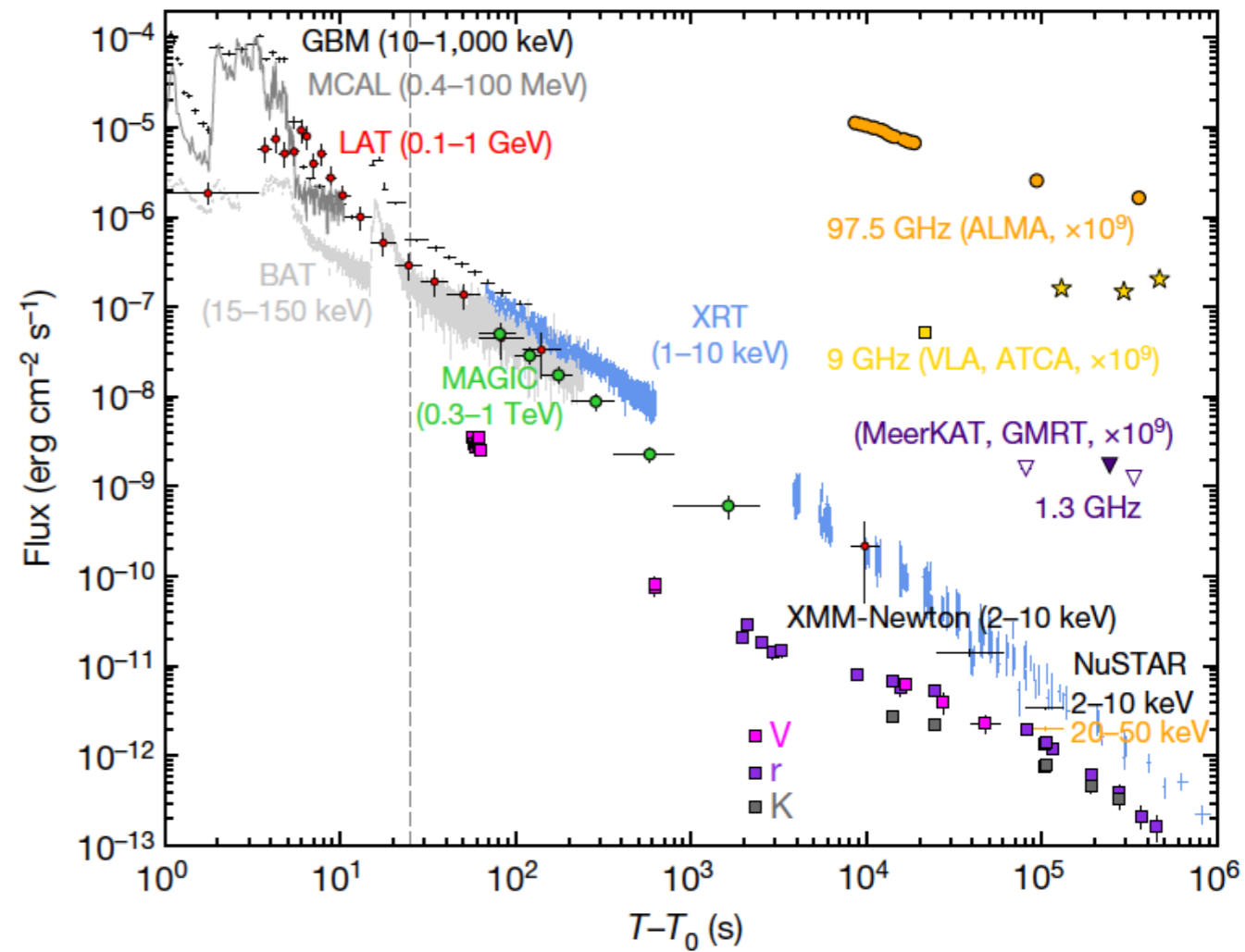


- 107 GRBs in total observed in 2005 - 2019
  - 2005-: mono, 2009-: stereo, 2013-: upgraded
- **50 in 2013 - 2019 (with the upgraded telescopes)**
  - Hints of detection already in 2014 & 2016
  - Reported only upper limits (but 160821B)
  - 41 GRBs removing non-optimal conditions (Longo+ @ ICRC 2021)
- 2019: **190114C** detection in Jan, 2 papers in Nature in Nov
- 2020 Mar - May: covid19, 2021 Sep-Dec: eruption

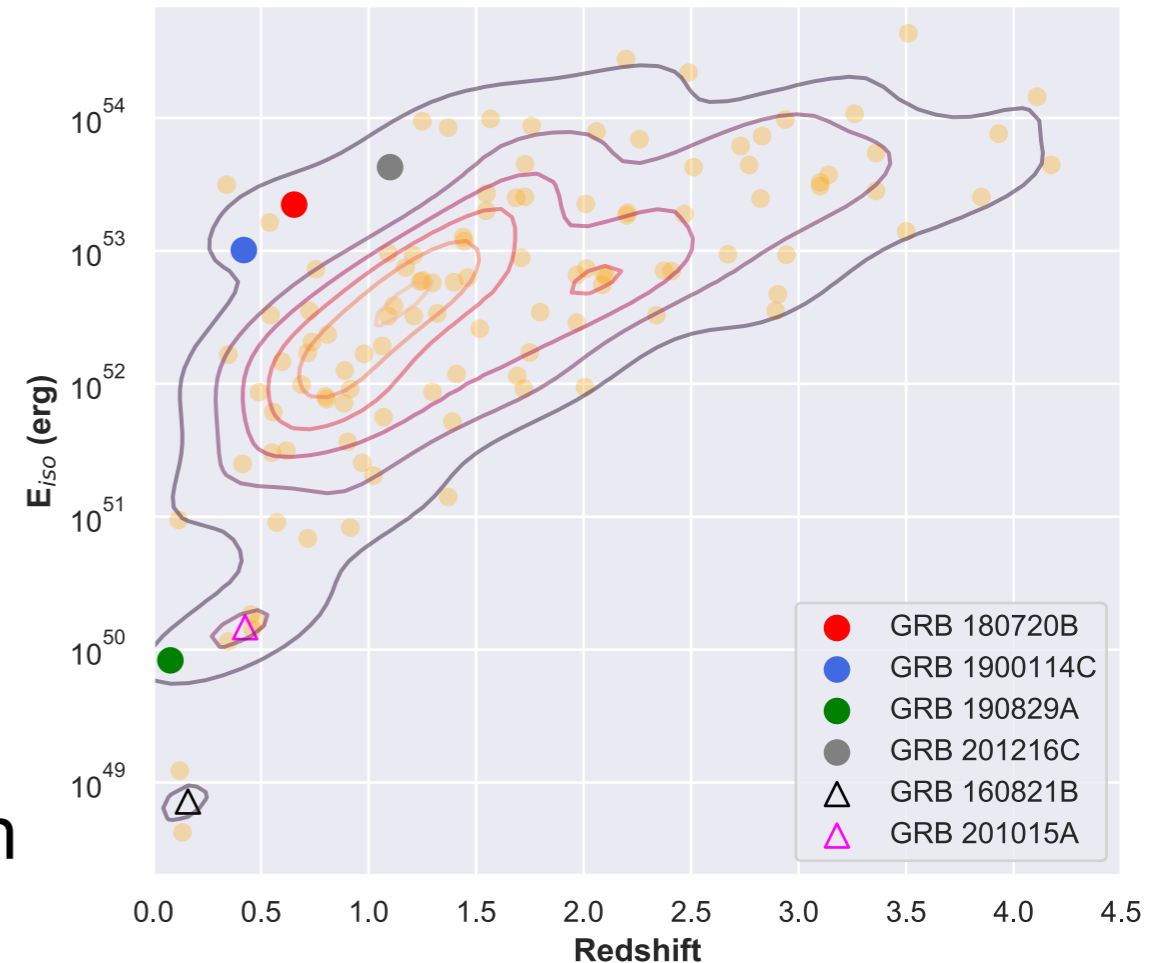


# 190114C

- Long GRB,  $T_{90} = 361$ s by Swift-BAT, "very bright"
- Alert received at 22 s after GRB onset, obs. start at 50 s, data acquisition started 57s +5 s to obtain analyzable data
- Zenith angle 55 deg, moderate moon,  $z = 0.42$  (the 3rd closest in GRBs observed by MAGIC)
- First detection of TeV gamma-rays from a GRB
- MWL modeling (23 instruments): SSC is natural interpretation (No big need for different models)



- 180720B: HESS, clear (? marginal?)
- 190829A: HESS, low luminosity
  - Presented in ICRC2021 "hard to explain with SSC, better with a single Synchrotron component"
- 201015A: MAGIC, marginal detection (3.5 sigma), low luminosity?
- 201216C: MAGIC, clear detection with  $> 5$  sigma.  $z=1.1$ , the farthest source detected by IACTs ever. Observed by LST (but cross analyses not possible)



Redshift - Eiso of VHE & GBM GRBs  
(Noda & Parson, 2021 submitted)

2 groups in VHE (long) GRBs? but need more statistics, which is needed also to conclude on the "SSC discussion" => LST!





# LST GRBs



## First regular follow-up started at the beginning of 2021

- Only several events observed so far (partially due to swift malfunctioning)
- Fully automatic procedure is under development

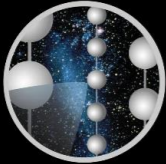
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GRB 210511B	11:26:39	6	-	03:37:54	58200	<i>Fermi-GBM</i>
GRB 210704A	19:33:24	1	-	21:32:43	119	<i>Fermi-GBM</i>
GRB 210731A	22:21:07	25.9	1.25	23:22	3600	<i>Fermi-GBM</i>
GRB 210807A	10:03:40	156.3	-	03:55:17	1071	<i>Swift</i>
GRB 220302A	07:40:19	20	-	05:23:06	1302	<i>Swift</i>

- Started with MAGIC strategy.  
Expecting higher z (2-4) with the lower E threshold than MAGIC, increasing VHE GRB stat


**From Carosi+, ICRC 2021  
(updated in Mar 2022)**

- **Optimizations:** observations to later (from <4 hrs to, e.g., 24 hrs), more GBM GRBs with a large localization error (1 deg to ~2 deg)
  - but then need to reduce frequency, by selecting with brightness?
- Analysis need to be optimized as well
- **Detection / observation of the prompt emission !**

# Neutrino follow-up



## IceCube Event Topology



Track

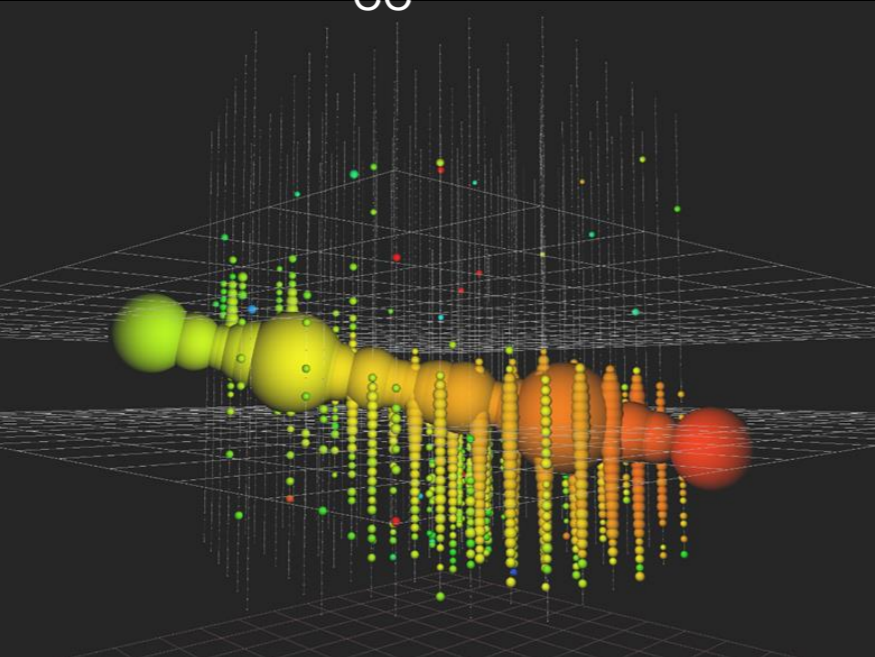
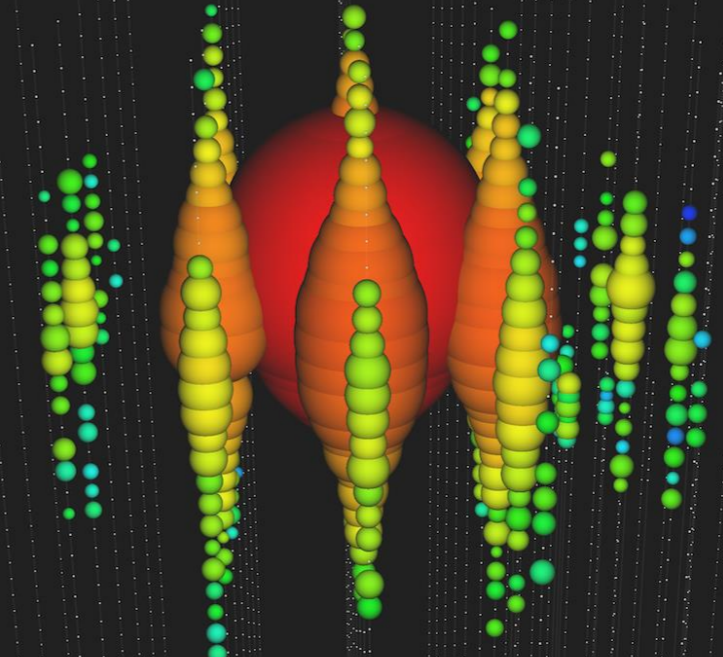
Cascade (shower)

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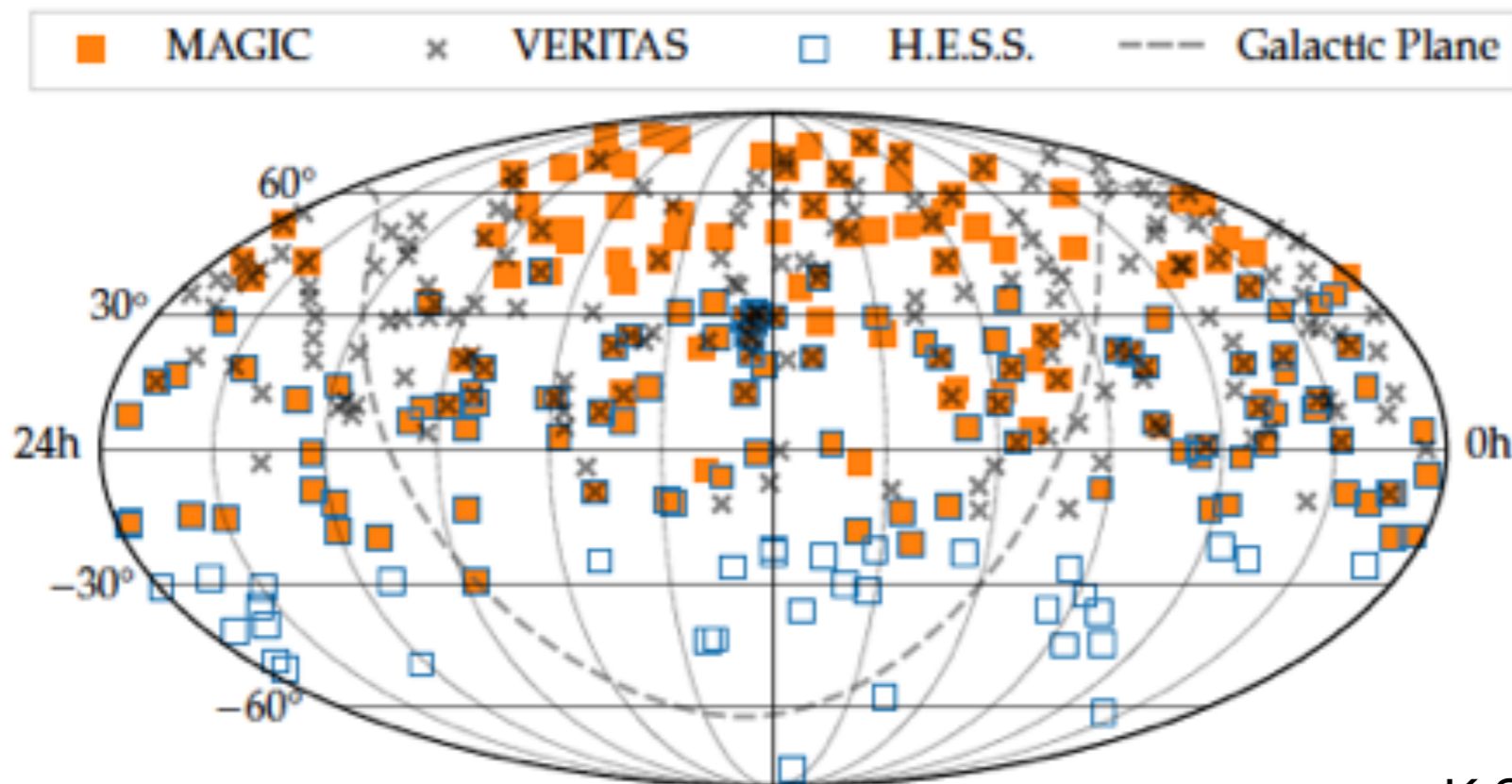
$$\nu_{\tau} \xrightarrow{CC} \tau \text{ (only at ultra-high energies)}$$

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$$\nu_x \xrightarrow{NC} x + X \quad x=e, \mu, \tau$$

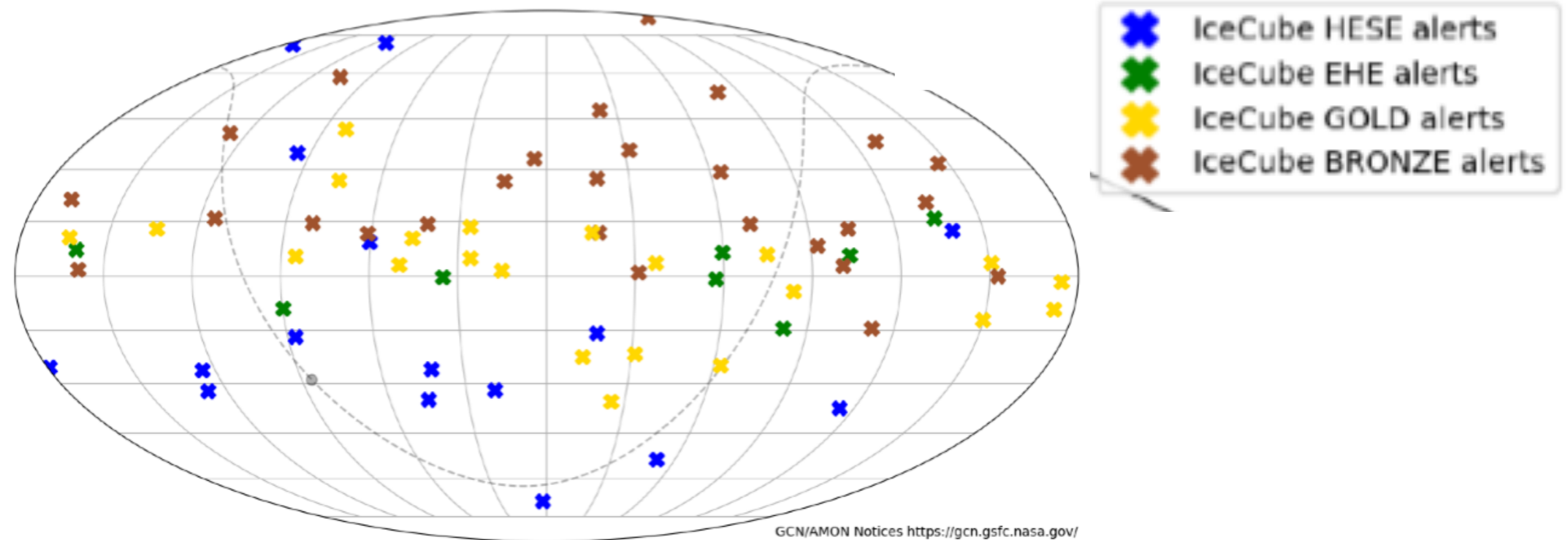
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# different list of targets depending on IACTs

K.Satalecka+, PoS(ICRC2021)960

- **Gamma Follow Up (GFU):** multiplet in time scale from s to 180 days, **correlation with gamma sources** in TeVCat & Fermi LAT && distance ( $z < 1$ ) && variability in  $\gamma$  && IACT-dependent conditions (observability and extrapolated flux  $> 100$  GeV) ***Strong bias to  $\gamma$ -rays***
- MAGIC & VERITAS since 2012, HESS since 2019.  $> 10$  observed in MAGIC. Private alert by email, triggering ToO obs. (not automatic)

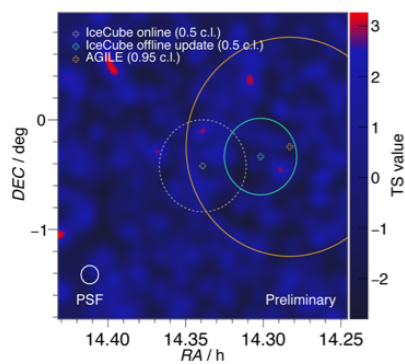
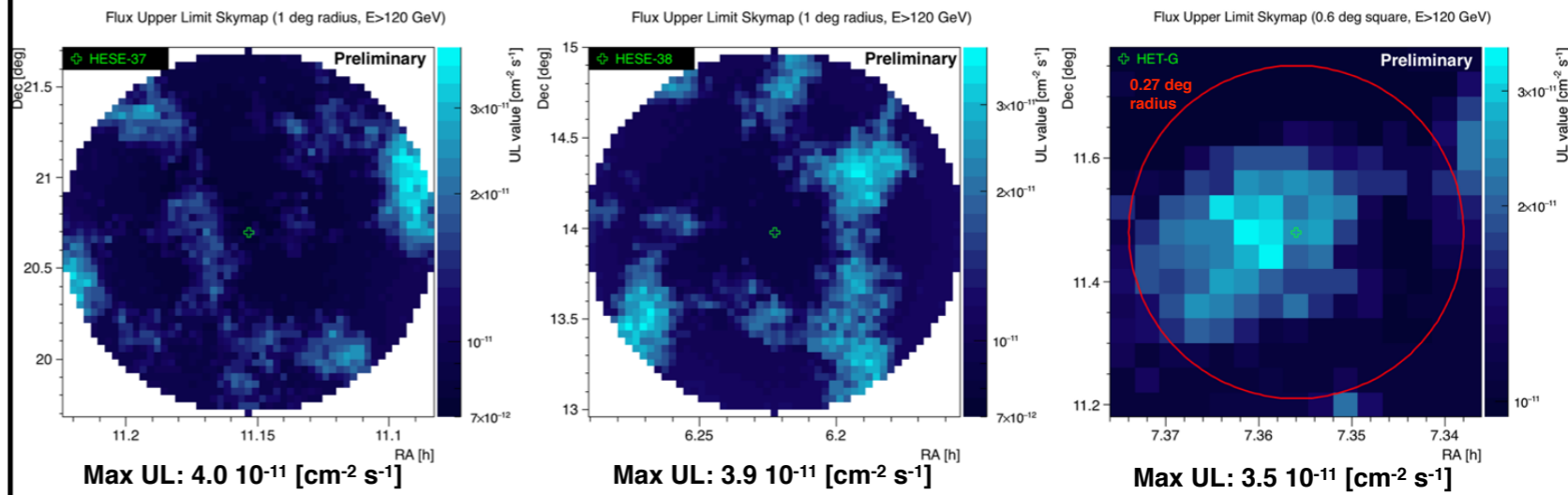


- **HESE/EHE:** single neutrinos (singlet), 2015-, no corr. condition, public
  - MAGIC observed in 2016 archival HESE & track events in 2015
  - Since mid 2016, the automatic observation system for neutrinos (GCN/AMON) has started to operate as for GRBs. Since then, MAGIC has observed 6 online alert events over 3 years
- **GOLD/BRONZE:** HESE/EHE was re-organized in 2019, only with the probability "signalness". 10 events over ~2 years observed by MAGIC
  - Bronze alerts tend to be upward in the south pole = northern sky

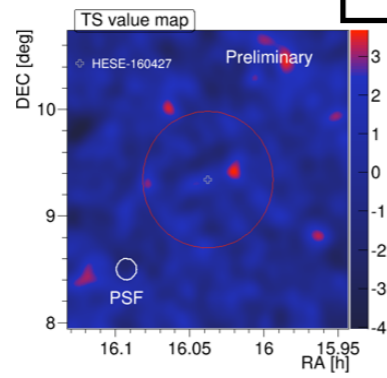


# Efforts for many ULs...

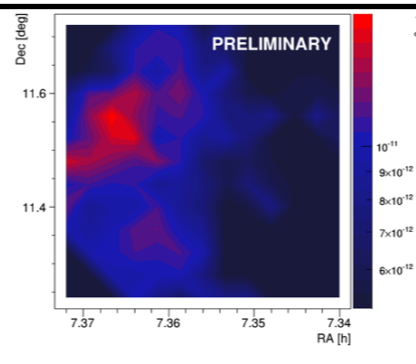
↓ **Upper-limit maps** UL (95% C.L.) estimated for  $E > 120$  GeV assuming a power-law spectrum with index  $-2.3$ . No. of excess is bound to  $>0$ , to obtain conservative flux ULs. Stay tuned for HESE-160427 UL map!



HESE/EHE-160731A (ATel #9315)



HESE-160427A



2 PeV track (ATel #7856)

- 1.3 h data starting at  $\sim t_0 + 16$  h
- $z_d 45^\circ \div 65^\circ$
- $E_{thr} \sim 800$  GeV (due to calima)
- No signal found (no excess at AGL J1418+0008 position)

- 2 h data starting at  $\sim t_0 + 42$  h
- $z_d 18^\circ \div 26^\circ$
- $E_{thr} \sim 120$  GeV (due to moon)
- Hotspot ( $3.6\sigma$ ,  $2.1\sigma$  after trials)  $0.3^\circ$  away from center

- 11.6 h in March/December 2016
- $z_d 16^\circ \div 38^\circ$
- $E_{thr} \sim 120$  GeV
- Flux UL at 95% C.L.:  $(0.6 \div 2) \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-2}$  ( $\sim 2 \div 7\%$  C.U.)

**Archival HESE**  
Noda+ TeVPA 2016

**GFU (PMN J035-1843)**  
Satalecka+ ICRC 2021

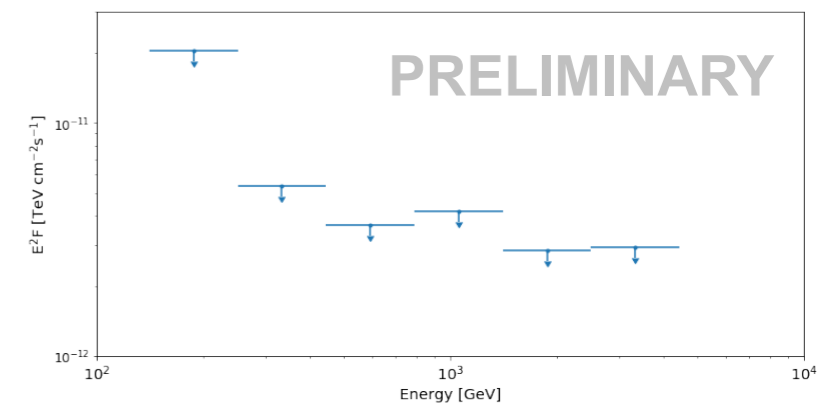
**Online HESE/EHE**  
Berti+ Blois 2018

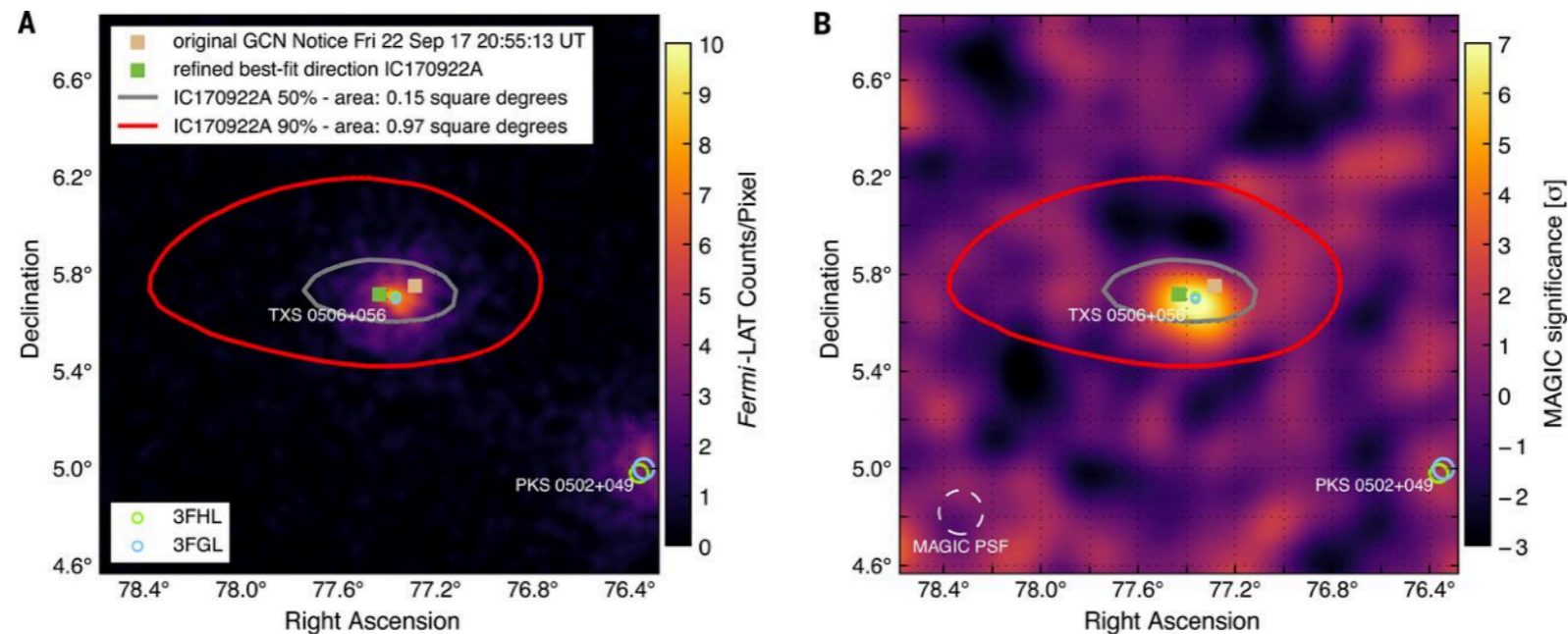
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- **Neutrino flare:**
  - Found using the **all-sky multiplet** search algorithm
  - FAR for this alert channel  $< 1/\text{yr}$
  - Duration:  $\sim 3.7$  days
  - **Significance:  $5.1\sigma$  (pre-trial)**
  - Alert issued with delay of 1 day, channel was in test phase

• **MAGIC observations:**

- Delay:  $\sim 5$  days after passing the alert threshold
- Exposure of 2h, with zenith angle  $47-52$  deg
- Pointed to the **nearest ( $\sim 0.35$  deg away) source PMN J035-1843**, a blazar with unknown redshift
- **No detection**, integral flux upper limit:  $F_{UL} (> 250 \text{ GeV}) = 5.16 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Differential flux ULs calculated using the Rolke method at 95% C.L. and assuming a spectral index of 2.5



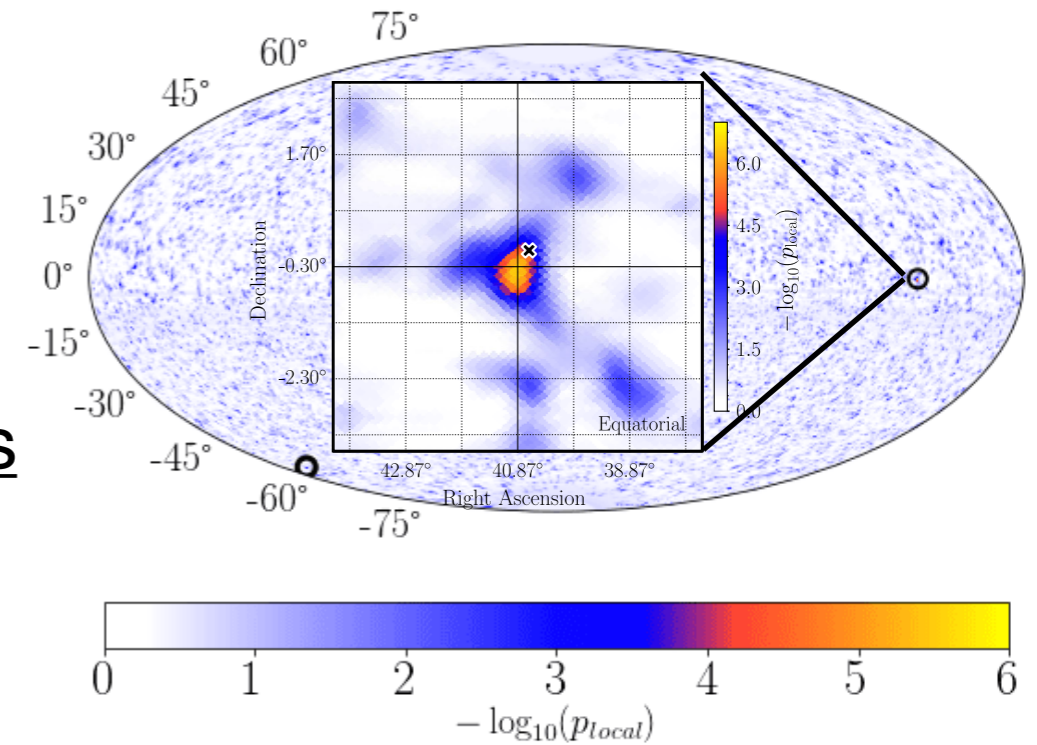


- Online alert EHE 170922A (Singlet, 290 TeV,  $\sim 1$  deg error)  
Blazar TXS 0506+056 at 0.1 deg flared in optical and GeV (LAT)
- MAGIC: bad weather in the day of the alert, ToO (normal) observation a few days later  $\Rightarrow$  detection of  $>100$  GeV  $\gamma$
- Details in Science paper
- However,, it is hard to explain the  $\nu$  emission with a simple model. No other similar detection... It would be difficult to explain IceCube diffuse  $\nu$  even if we sum up all such  $\nu$  emissions from blazars

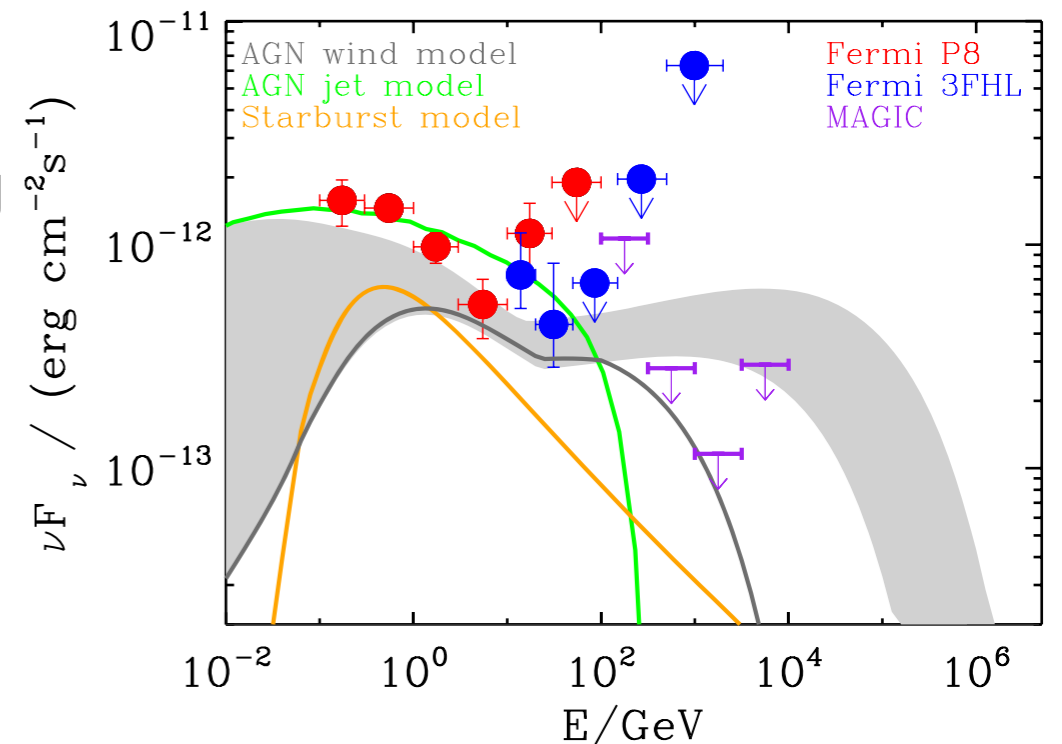
**The consensus is "not yet clear"**

# Non-blazar $\nu$ ?

- IceCube point source search: 7-yr until 2015 max. significance among  $\gamma$  sources was a blazar 1ES1959+650, but BG prob. 54%
- 10-yr search not depending on  $\gamma$ -ray sources revealed **2.9  $\sigma$  hotspot** 0.35 deg away from **NGC 1068 (M77) => became 4  $\sigma$**
- **not detected at VHE  $\gamma$**  (while 2nd & 3rd highest are TeV sources)
- nearby Seyfert 2 gal., detected by LAT
- MAGIC has observed it but **outside GFU proposal**, for 125 hr from 2016 to 2019
  - Strong constraint in particular on the AGN wind models, but no clear alternative



IceCube 10-yr data Aartsen+ (2020)



MAGIC Coll.+, ApJ 883 135 (2019)

**Better to observe irrespective of known VHE/TeV  $\gamma$  source or not**

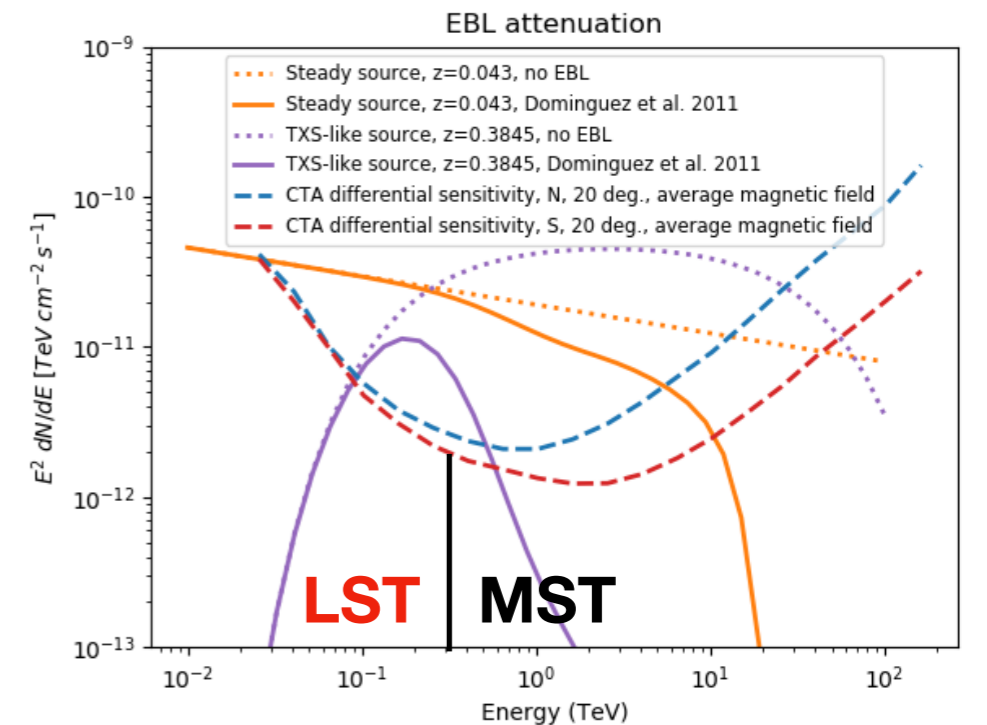


# $\nu$ follow-up by CTA/LST



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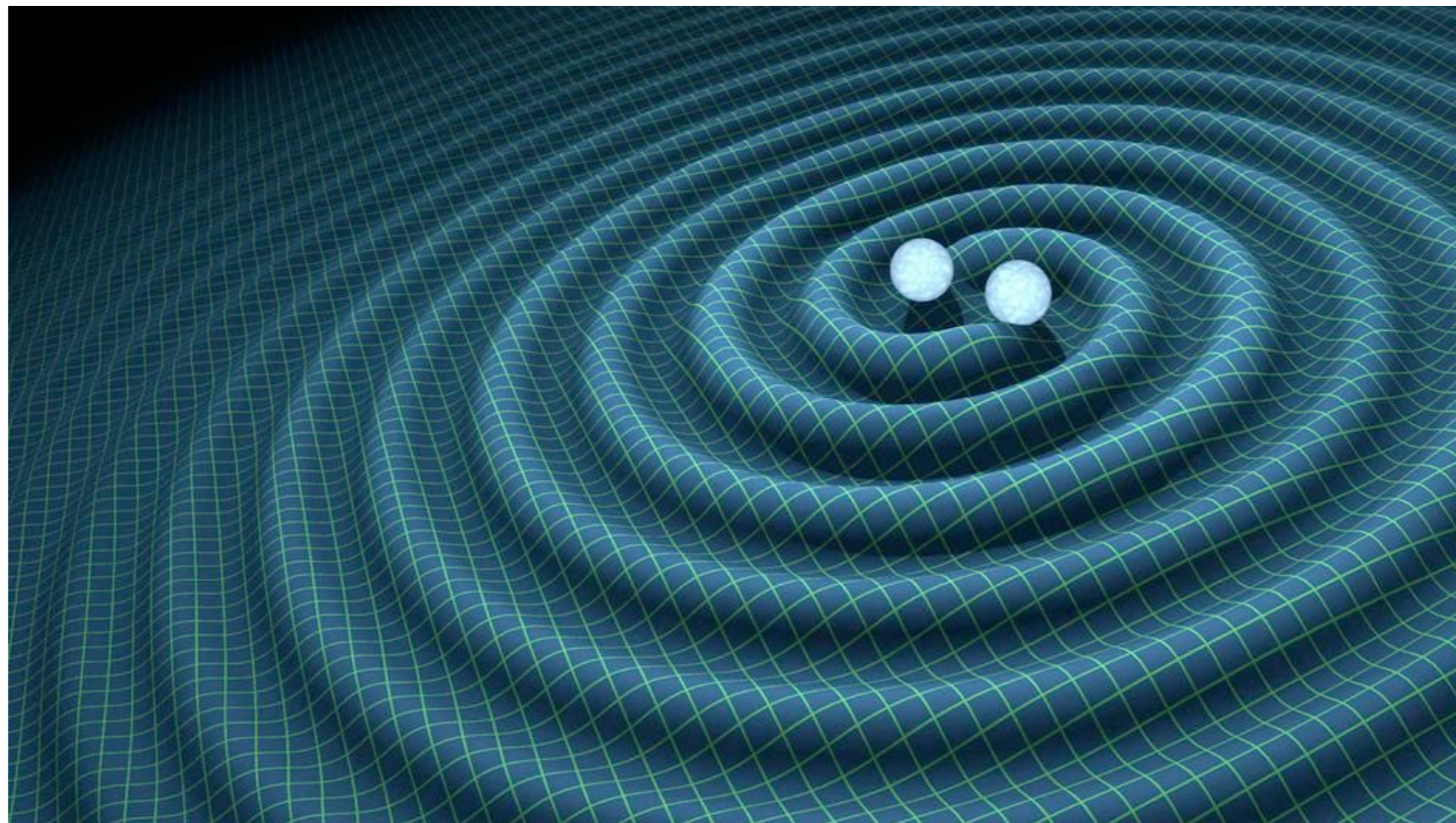
- Continue to observe GOLD / BRONZE (singlet). Official says ">11 astrophysical evts / yr" and MAGIC observed 5 evts / year. Expecting the same with **LST (~once per 2 months)**
- $\gamma$ -ray followup (multiplet GFU) by LST
  - MAGIC ~2/year => need to revise for **LST (lower E, farther), more alerts**
  - private alert, MoU with IceCube: done
- **More obs. not biased to TeV  $\gamma$** 
  - more non-blazar AGN (but how?)
  - nearby SN (multiplet)
  - NS mergers (Galaxies? Technically the same as GRB & GW)
- Aug 2020-: Cascade activated, ~8/yr, large localization (3-30 deg)  
Source selection and/or tiling obs. = **tasks shared with GW**



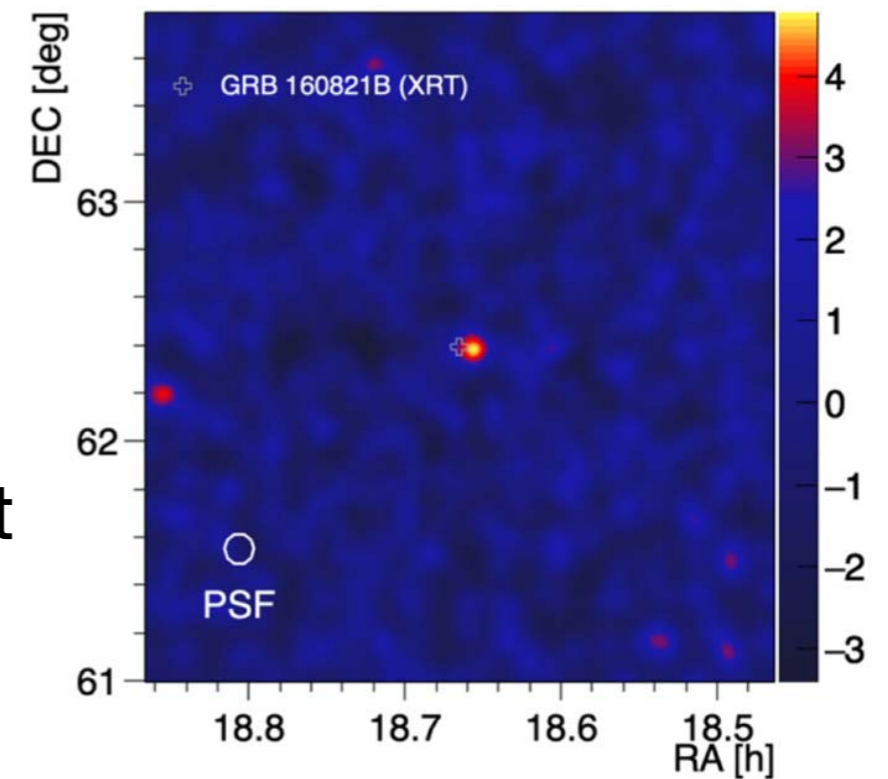
(Bošnjak+ 2021)



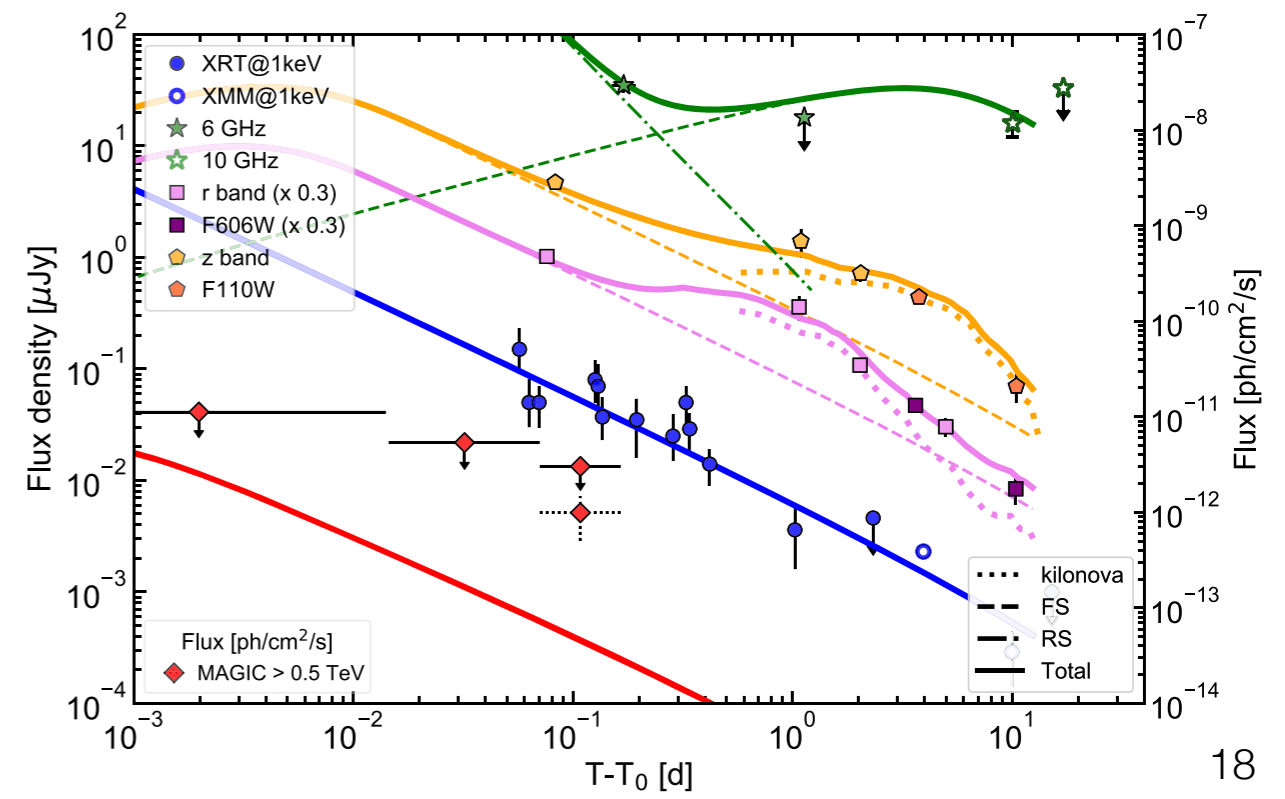
# Gravitational wave (GW) follow-up



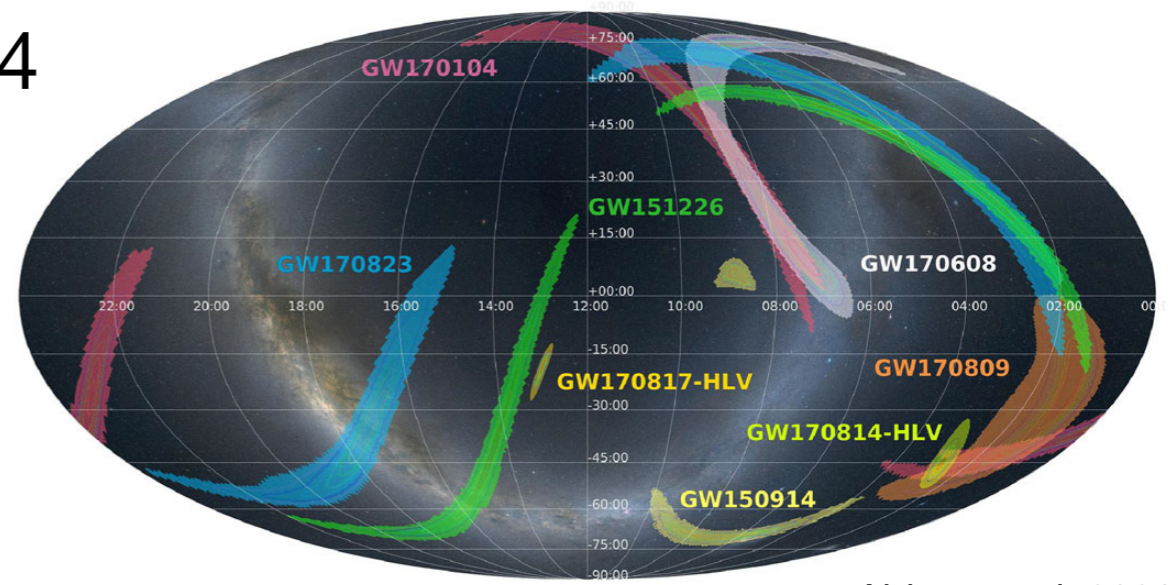
- No TeV $\gamma$  from BBH/BHNS/BNS?
- BNS: non detection from GRB 170817A / GW170817 by HESS nor MAGIC, but  $> 5$  hr
- **Short GRB 160821B @  $z = 0.16$** 
  - MAGIC observed from 24 s after the onset under non-optimal conditions
  - **Hint of detection (3.1 sigma)  $> 0.5$  TeV**
- Reported a kilonova in 2019 "Most sampled after 170817" TeV gamma from **BNS/sGRB?**
- Detailed model (4 emissions): TeV from SSC ~order beyond a rough estimation by the obs. External Compton?
- **BNS is hot topic also in IACT**



Acciari+ (MAGIC Coll.), ApJ 908 90 (2021)

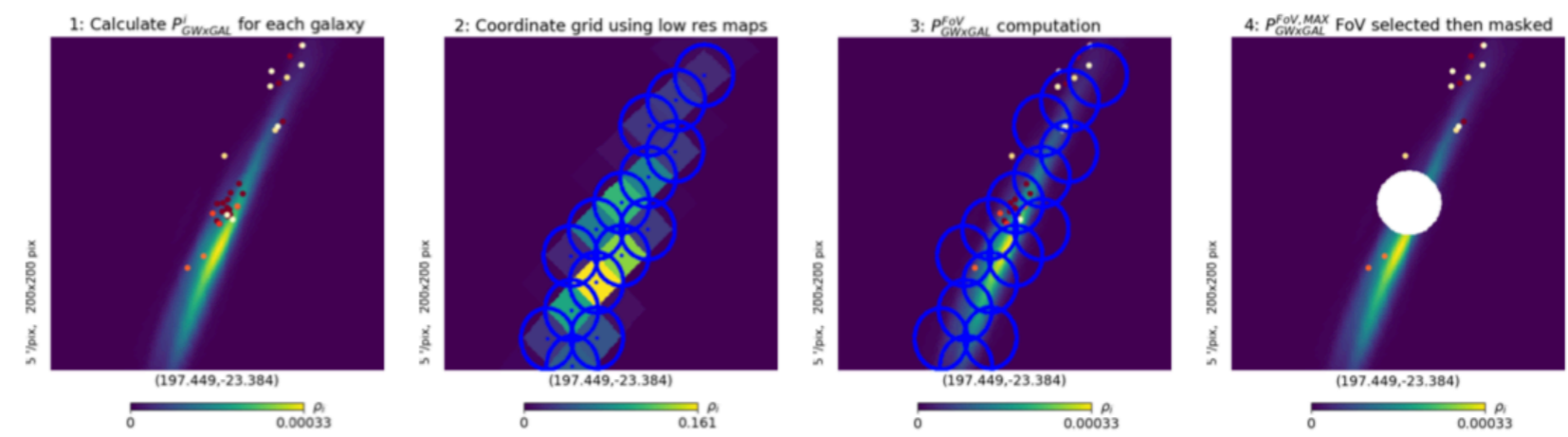


- Participated in follow-ups since 2014
- O1: GW151226, O2: GW170817 (still) under analysis
- Technically the same as GRB/v but the larger localization errors



Abbott et al. 2020

- Selection of "interesting sources"
  - On-call shift in O3, 2 evts observed (under analysis)
  - Semi-automatic tool prepared for O4
- **Tiling observation** (implemented by HESS, Ashkar+ 2020) ?  
3D Algorithms: 'GW x galaxy' prob. using catalogs (e.g., GLADE)



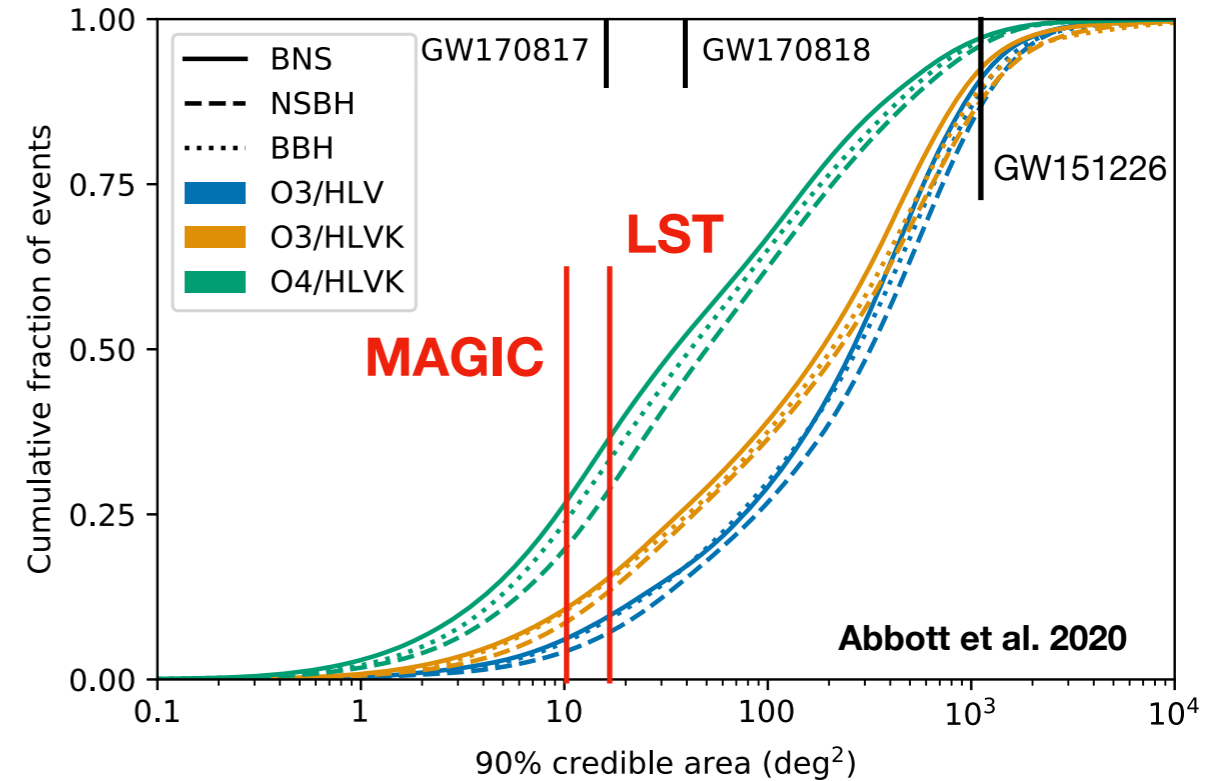


# GW follow-up by CTA/LST



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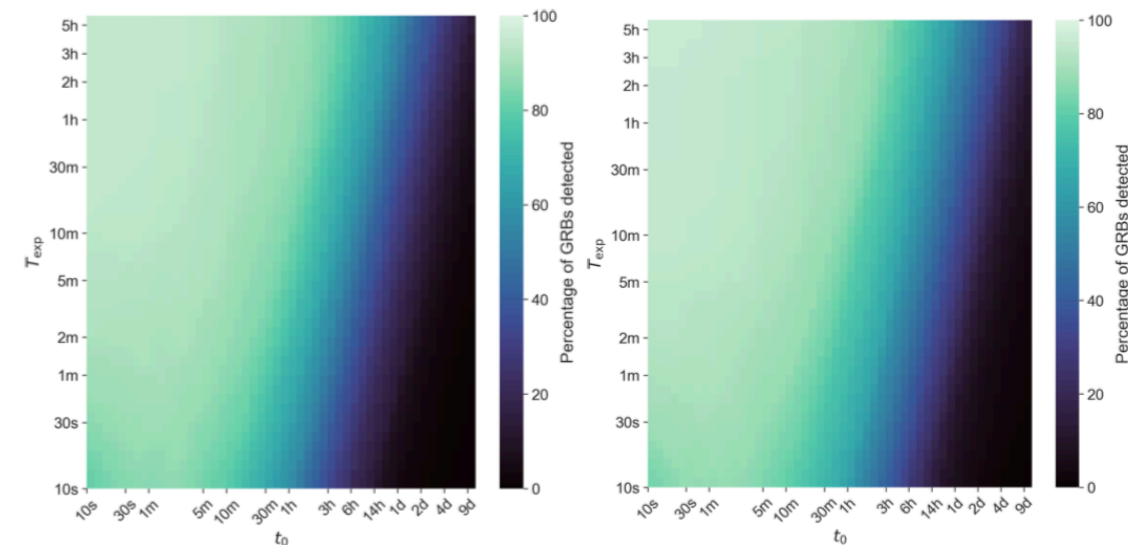
- O4 (from 2023?): KAGRA with a high sensitivity (in the latter half) = essential improvement, more alerts with a small error
- **~30%: No need for selection or tiling, ~2-3 BNS/year**
- **> a half: LST FoV (~16 deg<sup>2</sup>) can cover with the tiling** but need an optimized strategy (share experiences of  $\nu$  cascades)
- Simulation of "If observed?": **BNS-GRB >90% (CTA Cons., in prep.)**
- MoU with LVK in near future (?)



On-axis GRBs ( $\theta_{\text{view}} < 10^\circ$ ):

$t_0 \sim 30$  s,  $\sim 94\%$  detections with  $T_{\text{exp}} \leq 30$  minutes.

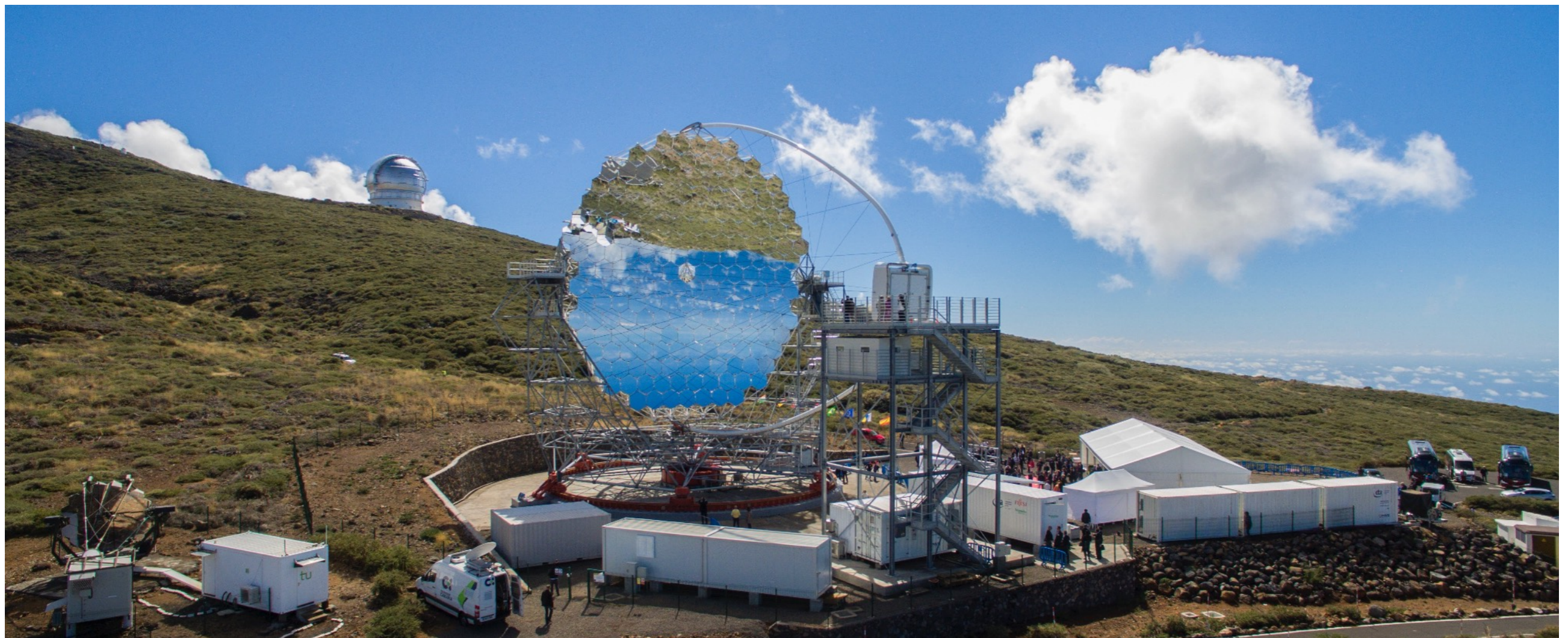
$t_0 \sim 10$  min  $\sim 92\%$  detections with  $T_{\text{exp}} \sim$  hours



(c) CTA North,  $z_{20^\circ}$ , ( $\theta_{\text{view}} < 10^\circ$ )

(a) CTA South,  $z_{20^\circ}$ , ( $\theta_{\text{view}} < 10^\circ$ )

# Outlook





# Follow-up strategies



- **GRB**

- Public alerts (Swift, Fermi,, through GCN. SVOM?)
- MWL? MAGIC has a strong connection to INAF, but unclear for LST. I always wait for z & host info in GCN. Please contact me as Deputy MWL coordinator in LST and one of Transient conveners in MAGIC

- **Neutrinos**

- by IceCube: MoU signed for private alerts
  - Strong optical follow-up team in Japan, aiming at nearby SNe
- Other exp.? Water (KM3Net, B-GVD) has a better localization

- **GW**

- MAGIC has MoU with LVK. CTA/LST also needs one by O4.
- Before KAGRA comes with a high sensitivity, we still need inputs from other follow-ups, even if nice tiling tools are being prepared
- Alerts from CTA? Yes in the future. Real Time Analysis to trigger obs.

- MAGIC under operation and CTA LST under construction: **optimal for MWL/MM transients followup in a few tens GeV - TeV  $\gamma$**
- GRB: expand MAGIC strategy/results to farther GRBs and aim for the prompt emission,  $\sim 10$  events / yr
- Neutrinos: continue AGN blazar follow-ups, improving for LST, but not only known (TeV)  $\gamma$  sources.  $\sim 10$  events / yr
- GW: Short GRB / GW is a hot topic in coming years. To essentially overcome a large localization error, we need KAGRA. A few events / yr
- **More observations by LST, expecting detections in coming years**

