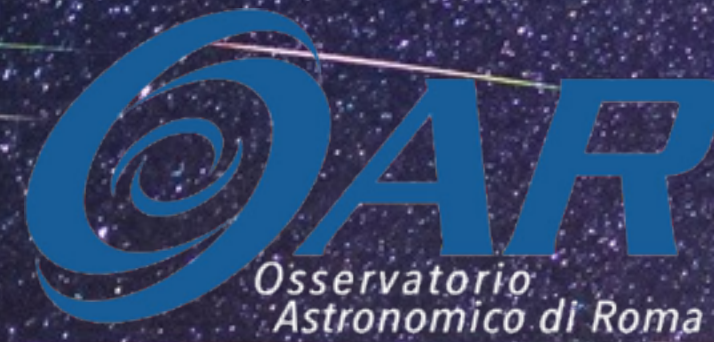


# THE THRIVING GAMMA-RAY ASTRONOMY WITH THE MAGIC TELESCOPES AND CTA PROSPECTS

ANTONIO STAMERRA (*INAF-OAR; and SSDC-ASI, SNS-PISA*)

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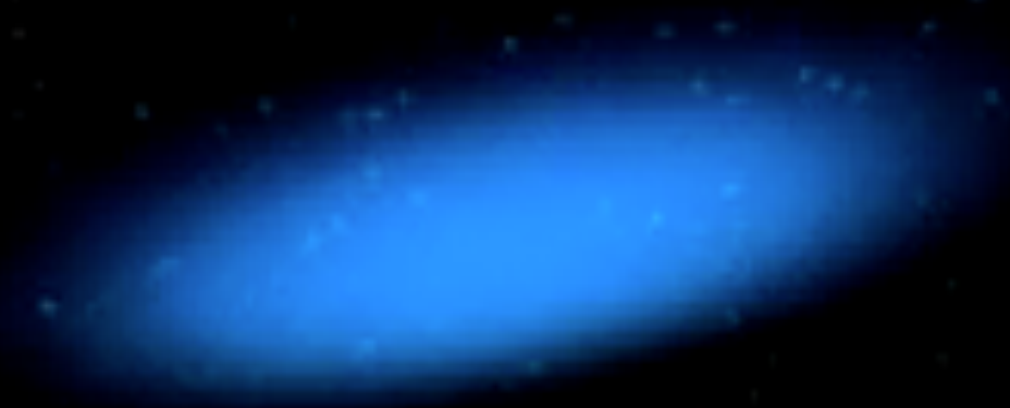
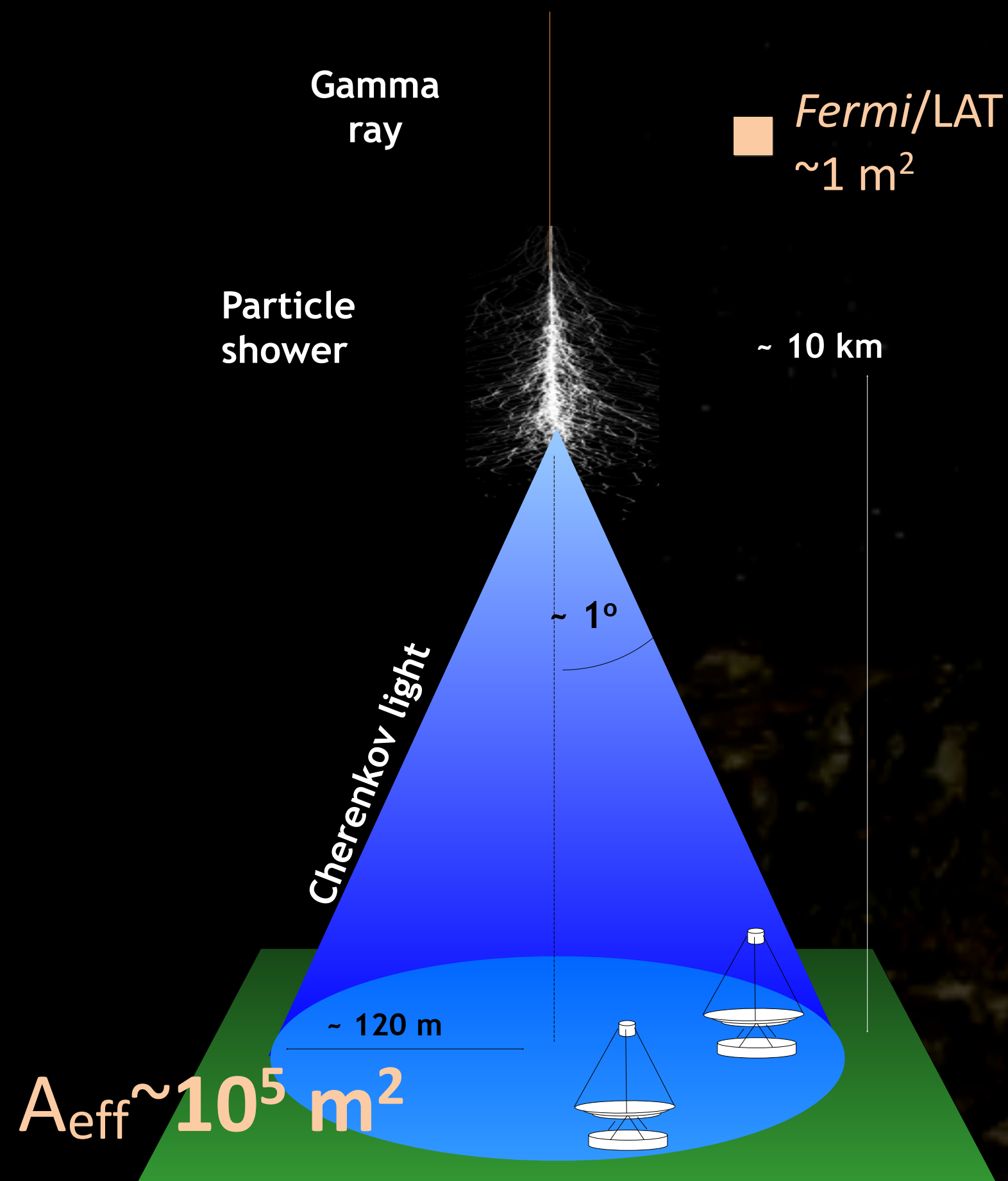


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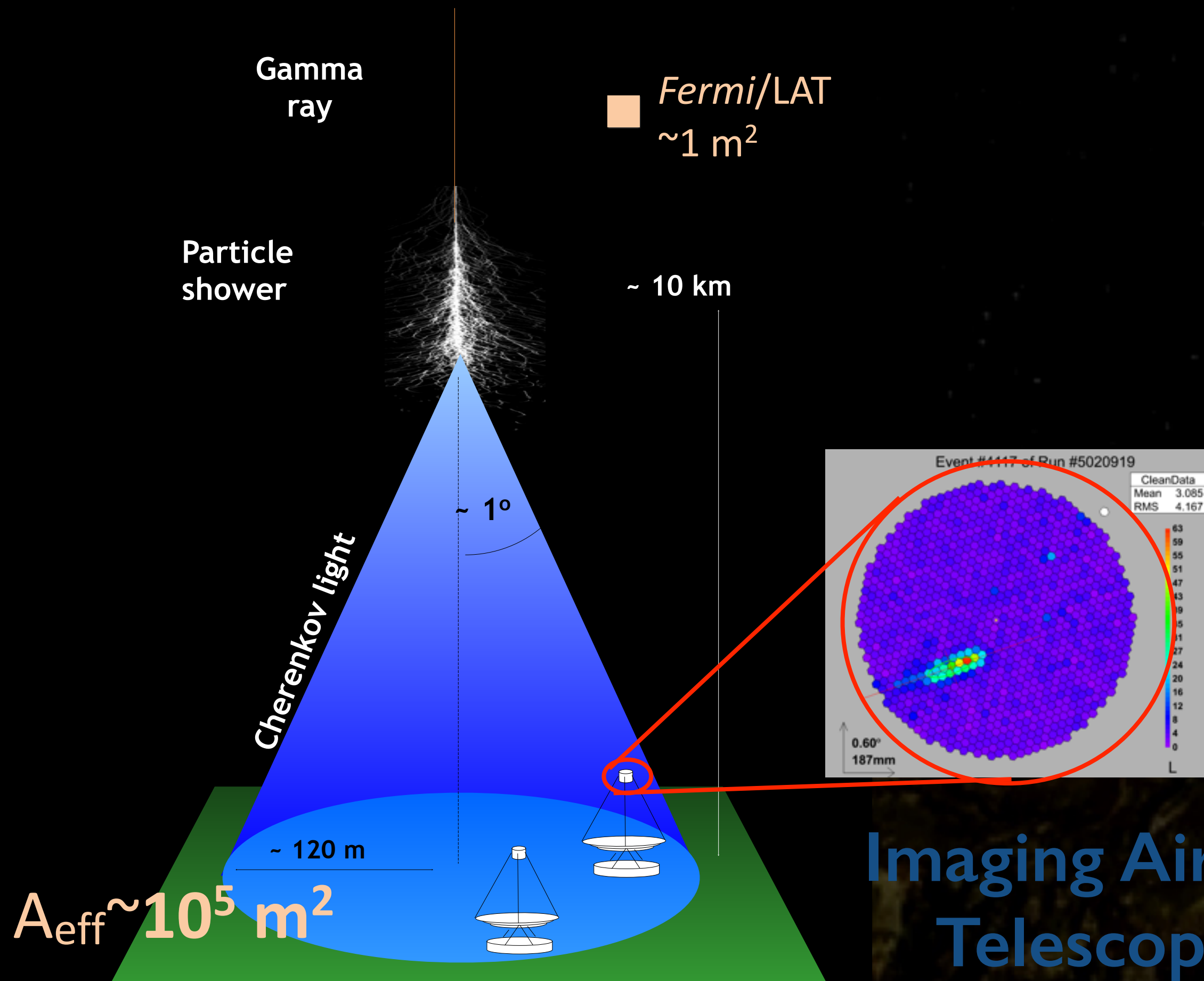
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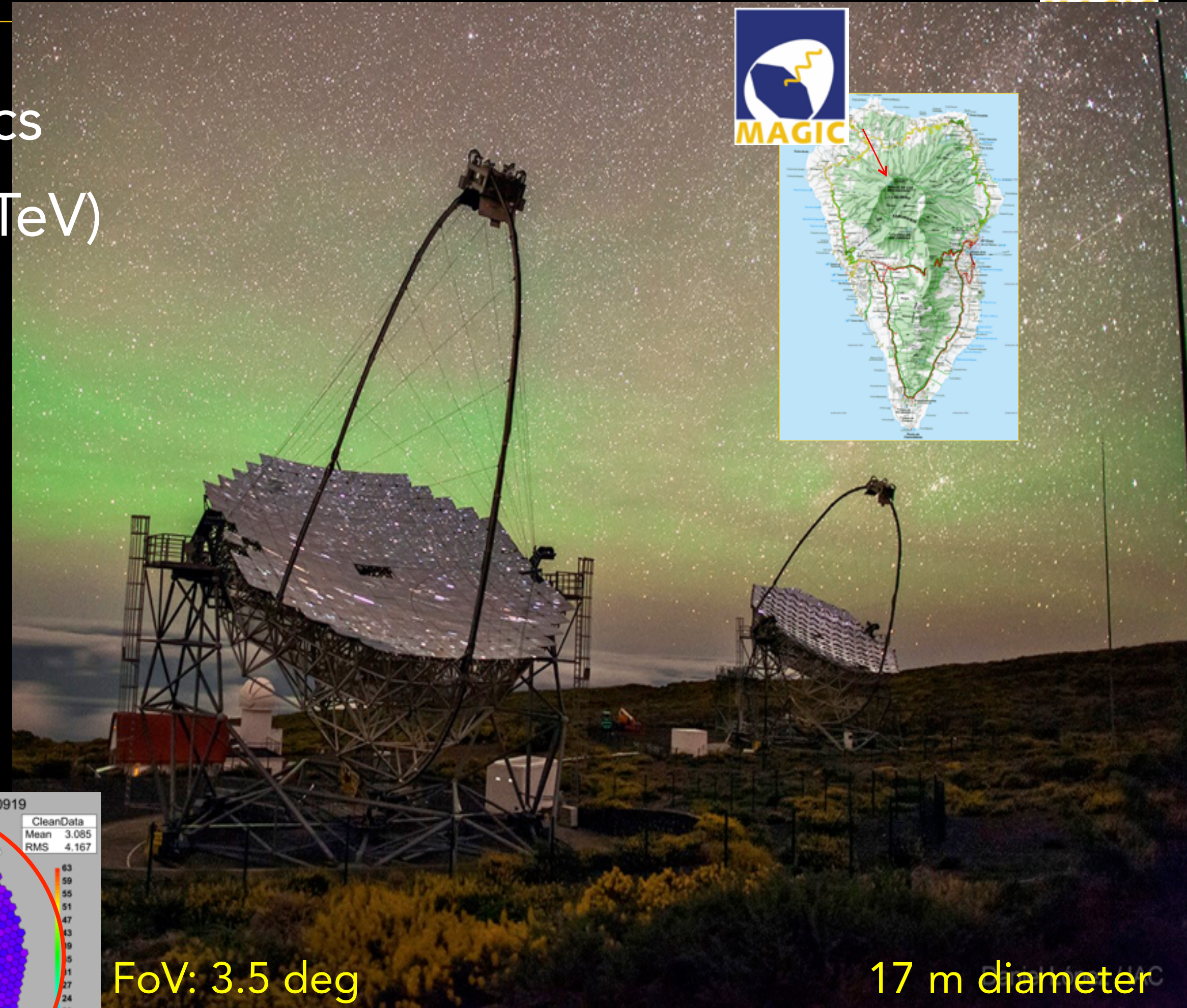
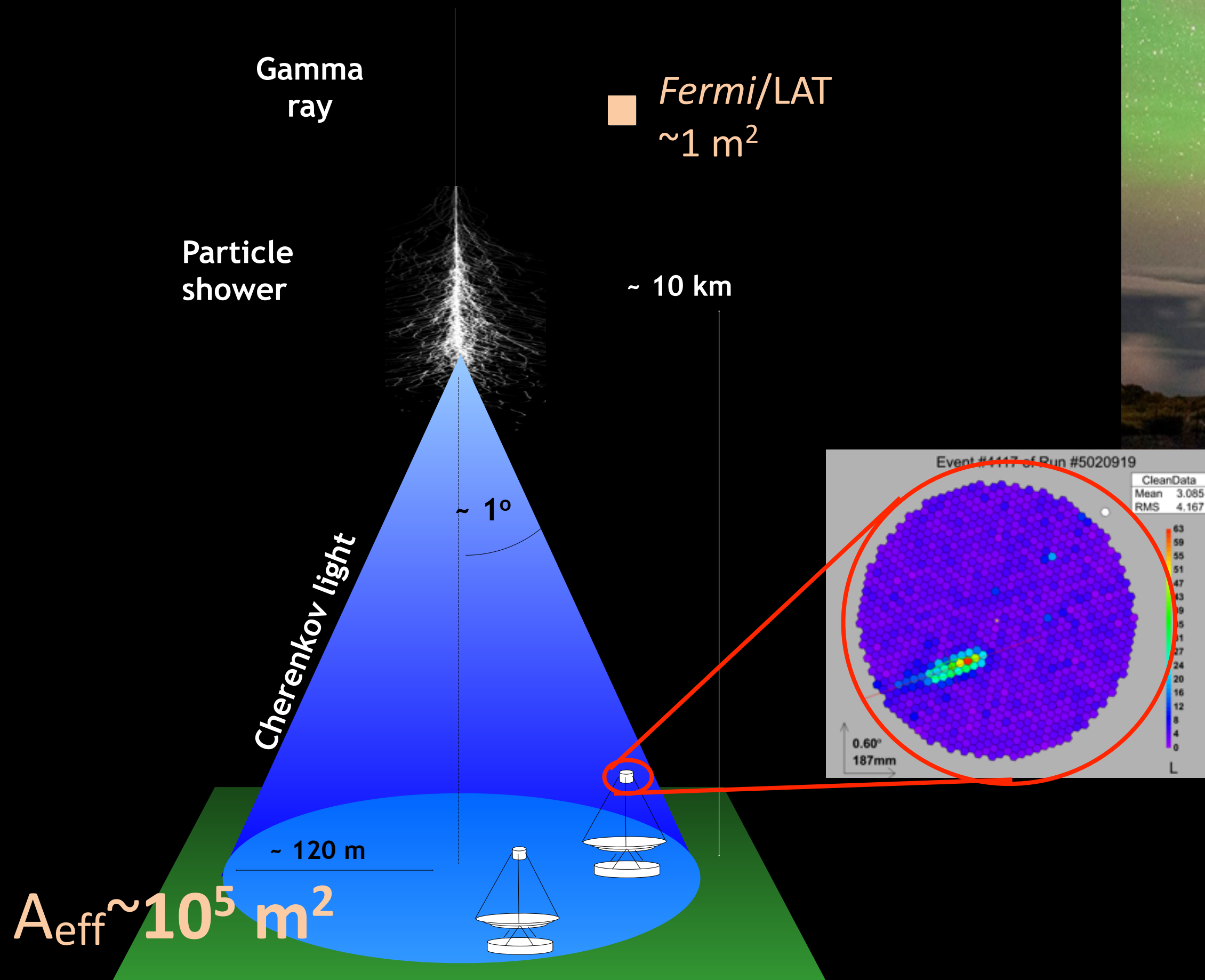
Imaging Air Cherenkov Telescopes (IACT)



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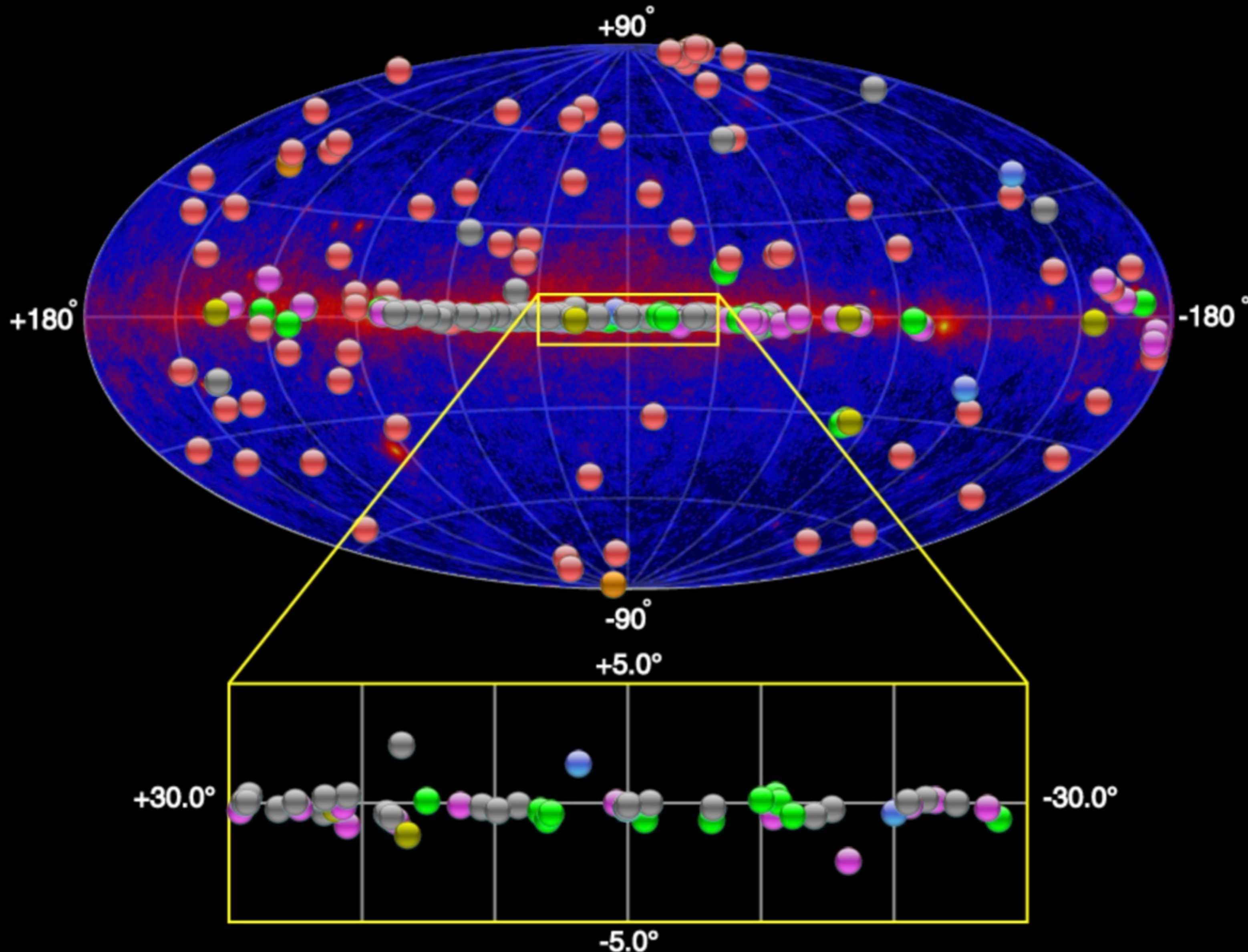


FoV: 3.5 deg  
Energy: 50 GeV - 10 TeV  
Slewing: 7 deg/s  
Ang.res:  $<0.1^\circ$   
Sensitivity:  $\sim 0.8\%$  Crab flux  
in 50h ( $>220\text{GeV}$ )

17 m diameter  
carbon-fiber structure  
70 tons  
2-4 GHz sampling  
in operation since 2003  
stereo since 2009



# The VHE ( $E > 100$ GeV) gamma-ray sky



## Source Types

- Extended TeV Halo PWN
- Binary XRB PSR Gamma BIN
- HBL IBL FRI FSRQ  
Blazar LBL AGN  
(unknown type)
- Shell SNR/Molec. Cloud  
Composite SNR  
Superbubble
- Starburst
- DARK UNID Other
- uQuasar Star Forming  
Region Globular Cluster  
Cat. Var. Massive Star  
Cluster BIN BL Lac  
(class unclear) WR

<http://tevcat.uchicago.edu>



## Detection of very-high-energy gamma-ray emission from B2 1420+32 with the MAGIC telescopes

ATel #13412; *Razmik Mirzoyan (Max-Planck-Institute for Physics, Munich), on behalf of the MAGIC collaboration*

*on 21 Jan 2020; 21:03 UT*

*Distributed as an Instant Email Notice Transients*

*Credential Certification: Giacomo Bonnoli (giacomo.bonnoli@unisi.it)*

Subjects: Gamma Ray, TeV, VHE, Blazar

Referred to by ATel #: 13417, 13421, 13428, 13479, 13582

## Detection of sub-TeV gamma-ray emission from the flaring blazar TXS 1515-273 with the MAGIC telescopes

ATel #12538; *Razmik Mirzoyan (Max-Planck-Institute for Physics, Munich), on behalf of the MAGIC collaboration*

*on 28 Feb 2019; 22:14 UT*

*Credential Certification: Razmik Mirzoyan (Razmik.Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de)*

Subjects: Gamma Ray, >GeV, TeV, VHE, AGN, Blazar

Referred to by ATel #: 12565, 12575

## MAGIC detection of very-high-energy gamma-ray flaring activity from BL Lacertae during the current historical optical and high-energy gamma-ray flare

ATel #13963; *Oscar Blanch (IFAE-BIST, Barcelona), on behalf of the MAGIC collaboration*

*on 22 Aug 2020; 13:11 UT*

*Credential Certification: Oscar Blanch (blanch@ifae.es)*

Subjects: Gamma Ray, TeV, VHE, Blazar

## MAGIC detection of increased flux from 1ES 0647+250 at very-high-energy gamma rays

ATel #13331; *Razmik Mirzoyan (Max-Planck-Institute for Physics, Munich), on behalf of the MAGIC collaboration*

*on 5 Dec 2019; 15:05 UT*

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*Credential Certification: Daniela Dorner (dorner@astro.uni-wuerzburg.de)*

Subjects: Gamma Ray, TeV, VHE, AGN, Blazar, Transient

## MAGIC detection of an increased activity from BL Lacertae at very-high-energy gamma rays

ATel #12724; *Razmik Mirzoyan (Max-Planck-Institute for Physics, Munich), on behalf of the MAGIC collaboration*

*on 3 May 2019; 22:00 UT*

*Credential Certification: Antonio Stamerra (antonio.stamerra@inaf.it)*

Subjects: Gamma Ray, >GeV, TeV, VHE, Request for Observations, AGN, Blazar, Quasar

Referred to by ATel #: 13963

## MAGIC detects an unprecedented activity from the blazar 1ES 1218+304 at very high energy gamma rays

ATel #12354; *Razmik Mirzoyan on behalf of the MAGIC Collaboration*

*on 3 Jan 2019; 22:11 UT*

*Credential Certification: Razmik Mirzoyan (Razmik.Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de)*

Subjects: Gamma Ray, >GeV, TeV, VHE, AGN, Blazar

Referred to by ATel #: 12360, 12365, 13695

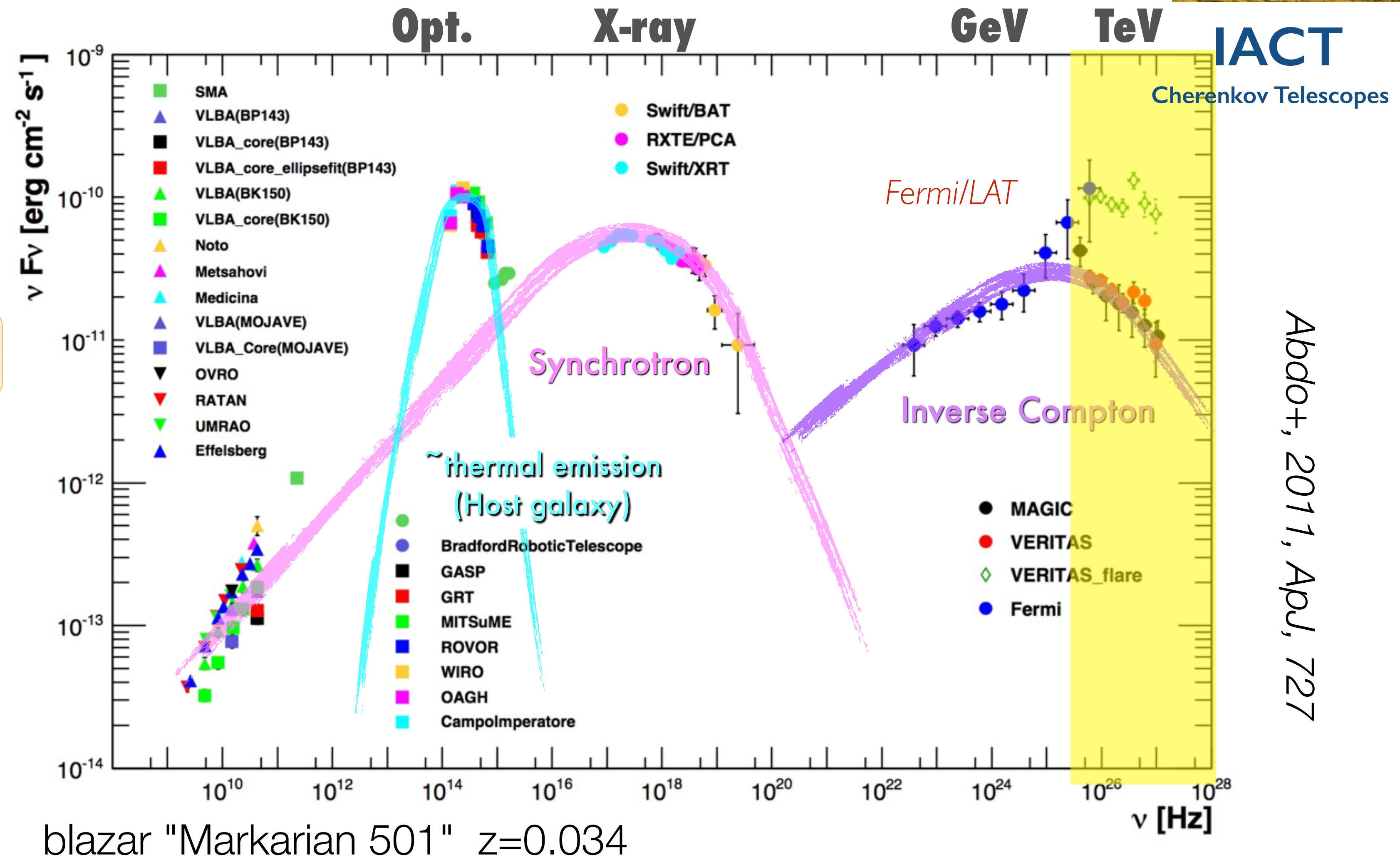
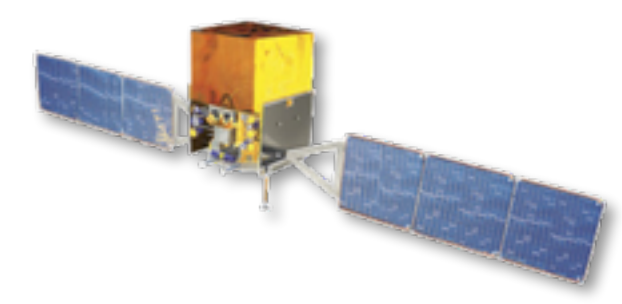


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blazar "Markarian 501" z=0.034

Abdo+, 2011, ApJ, 727



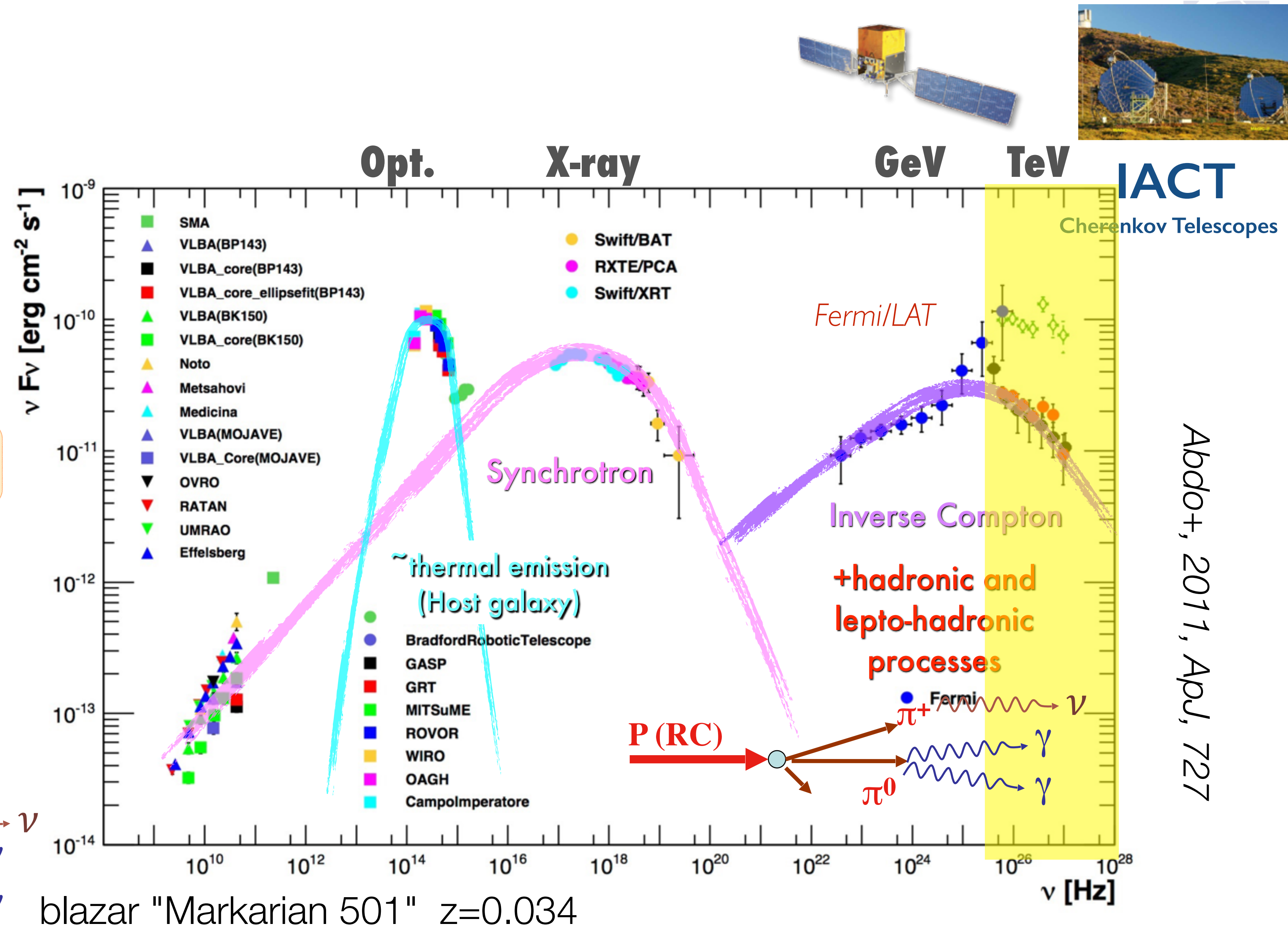
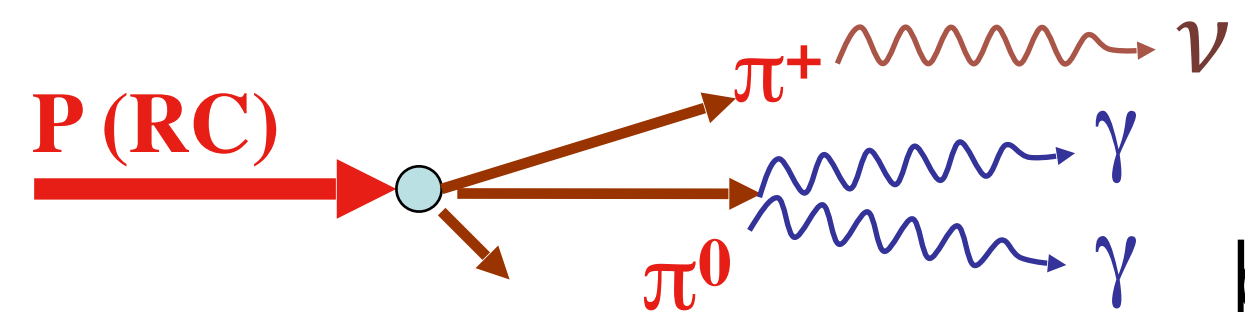
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- Hadronic models (photo-meson production, proton-synchrotron....)
- high-energy neutrinos

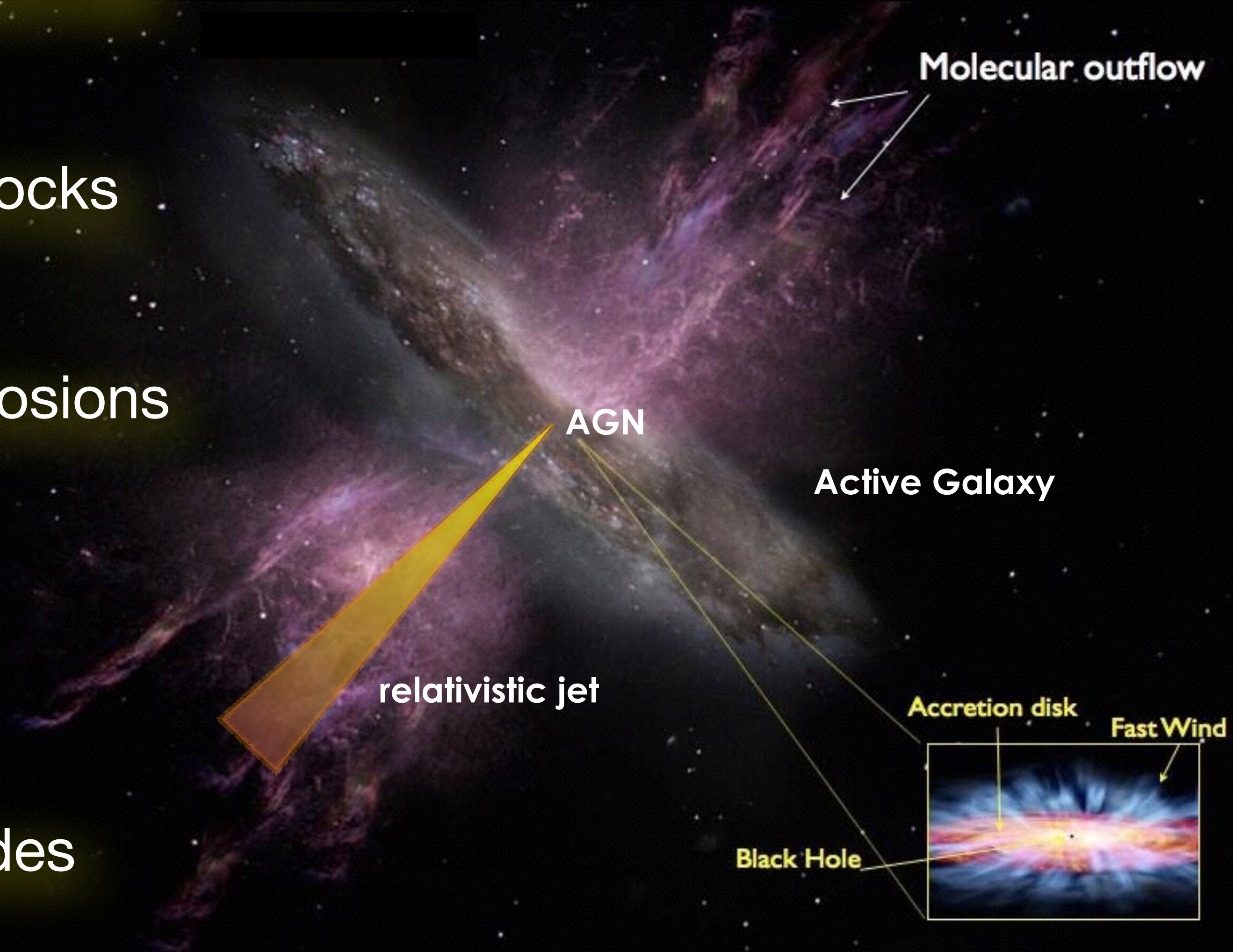


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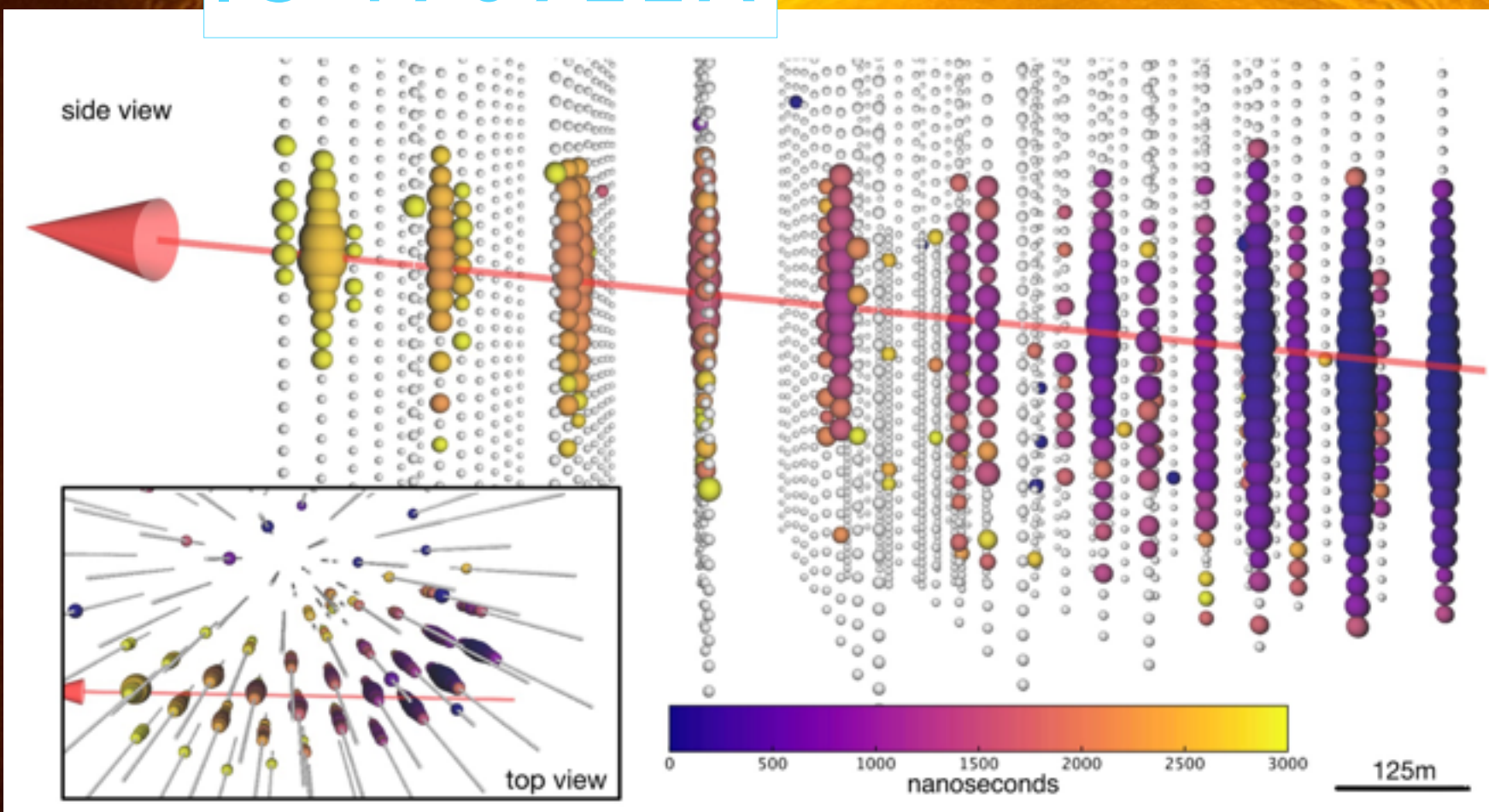
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# VHE ASTRONOMY IN THE MULTI-MESSENGER DOMAIN: THE BLAZAR-NEUTRINO CONNECTION

IC-170922A



22 September 2017  
High energy neutrino event  
Uncertainties on direction < 1 deg

## First-time detection of VHE gamma rays by MAGIC from a direction consistent with the recent EHE neutrino event IceCube-170922A

ATel #10817; *Razmik Mirzoyan for the MAGIC Collaboration*  
on 4 Oct 2017; 17:17 UT

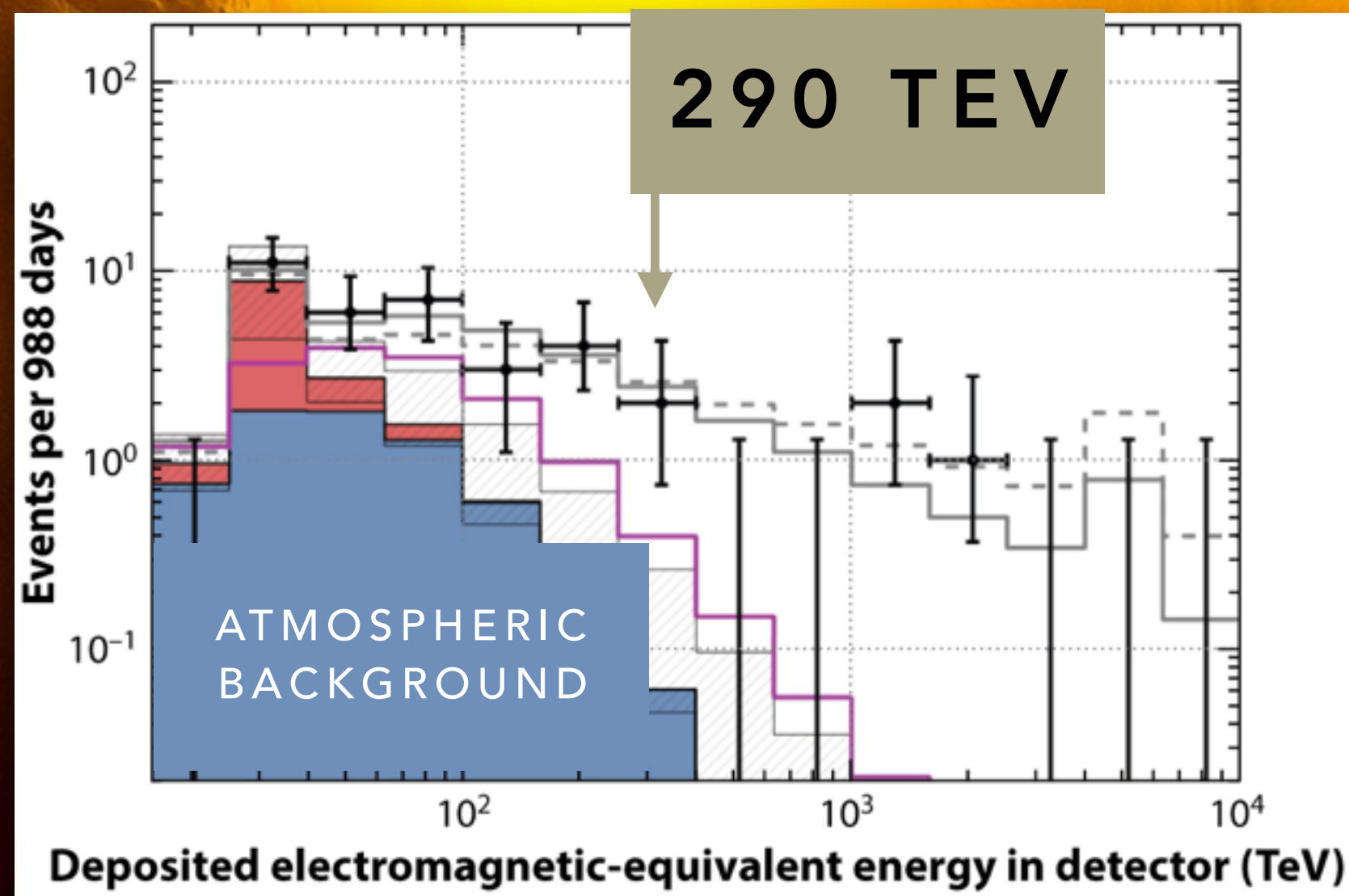
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Referred to by ATel #: [10830](#), [10833](#), [10838](#), [10840](#), [10844](#), [10845](#), [10942](#), [12260](#)



After the IceCube neutrino event EHE 170922A detected on 22/09/2017 (GCN circular #21916), Fermi-LAT measured enhanced gamma-ray emission from the blazar TXS 0506+056 (05 09 25.96370, +05 41 35.3279 (J2000), [Lani et al., Astron. J., 139, 1695-1712 (2010)]), located 6 arcmin from the EHE 170922A estimated direction (ATel #10791). MAGIC observed this source under good weather conditions and a 5 sigma detection above 100 GeV was achieved after 12 h of observations from September 28th till October 3rd. This is the first time that VHE gamma rays are measured from a direction consistent with a detected neutrino event. Several follow up observations from other observatories have been reported in ATels: #10773, #10787, #10791, #10792, #10794, #10799, #10801, GCN: #21941, #21930, #21924, #21923, #21917, #21916. The MAGIC contact persons for these observations are R. Mirzoyan ([Razmik.Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de](mailto:Razmik.Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de)) E. Bernardini ([elisa.bernardini@desy.de](mailto:elisa.bernardini@desy.de)), K.Satalecka ([konstancja.satalecka@desy.de](mailto:konstancja.satalecka@desy.de)). MAGIC is a system of two 17m-diameter Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes located at the Observatorio Roque de los Muchachos on the Canary island La Palma, Spain, and designed to perform gamma-ray astronomy in the energy range from 50 GeV to greater than 50 TeV.



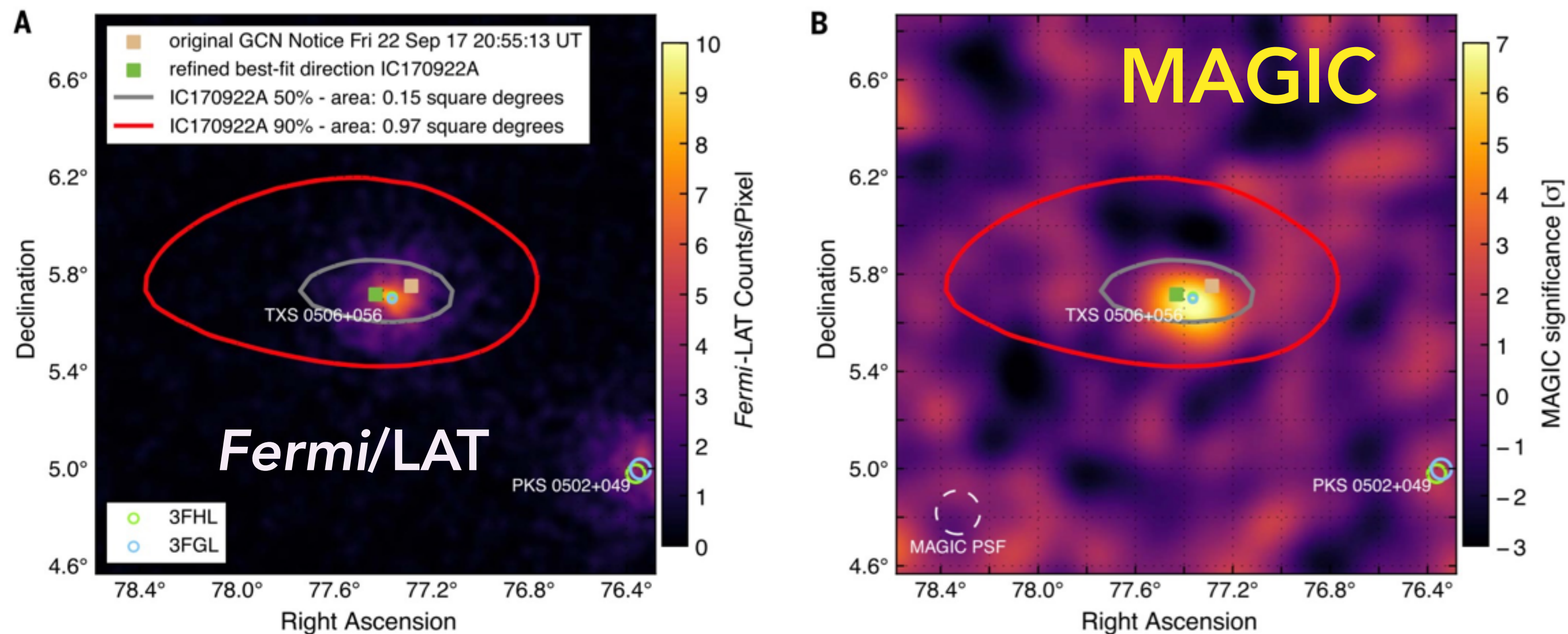


# The $\gamma$ - $\nu$ connection in TXS 0506+056

- ◆ Relatively small angular uncertainty of the HESE  $\nu$  event
- ◆ The blazar TXS 0506+056 only plausible candidate
- ◆ Time correlation: TXS 0506+065 in  $\gamma$  high-state

MAGIC follow-up  
program on neutrino  
alerts

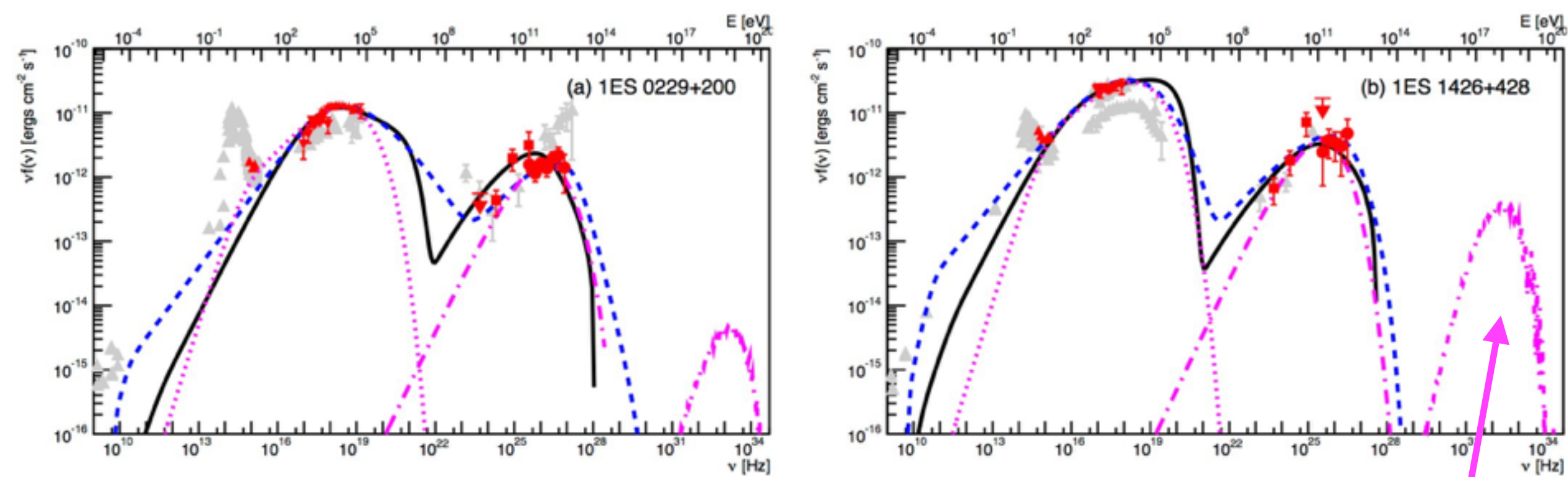
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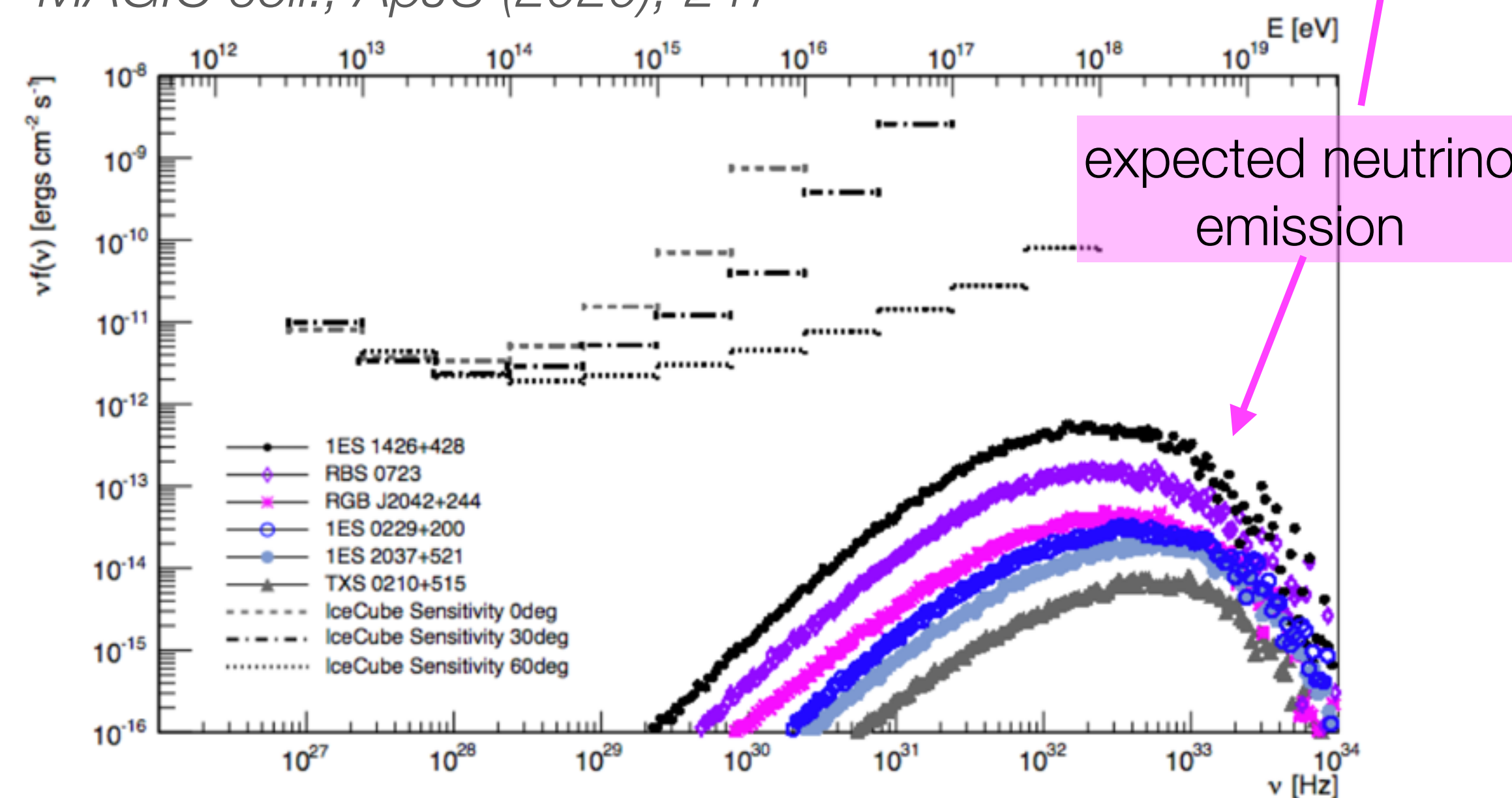
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- Standard blazar models constrain the high-energy SED peak below 1 TeV
- Extreme TeV-blazars, with peak energy  $> 1\text{ TeV}$  are **ideal targets** for IACTs
- Possible interpretation with hadronic models: **limits on neutrino emission**



◆ *MAGIC coll., ApJS (2020), 247*

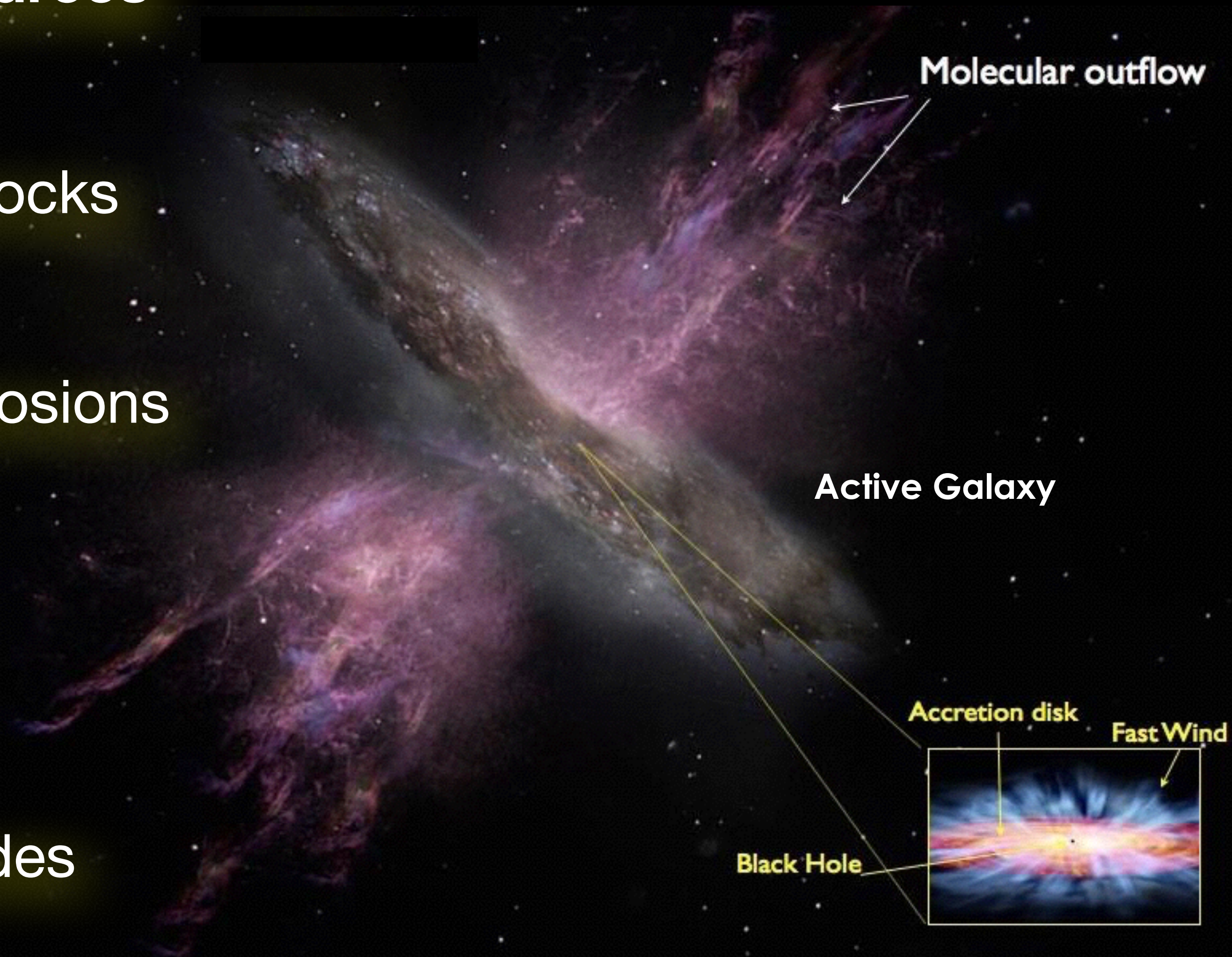


- ◆ *MAGIC coll., ApJS (2020), 247 New hard-TeV extreme blazars detected with the MAGIC telescopes*
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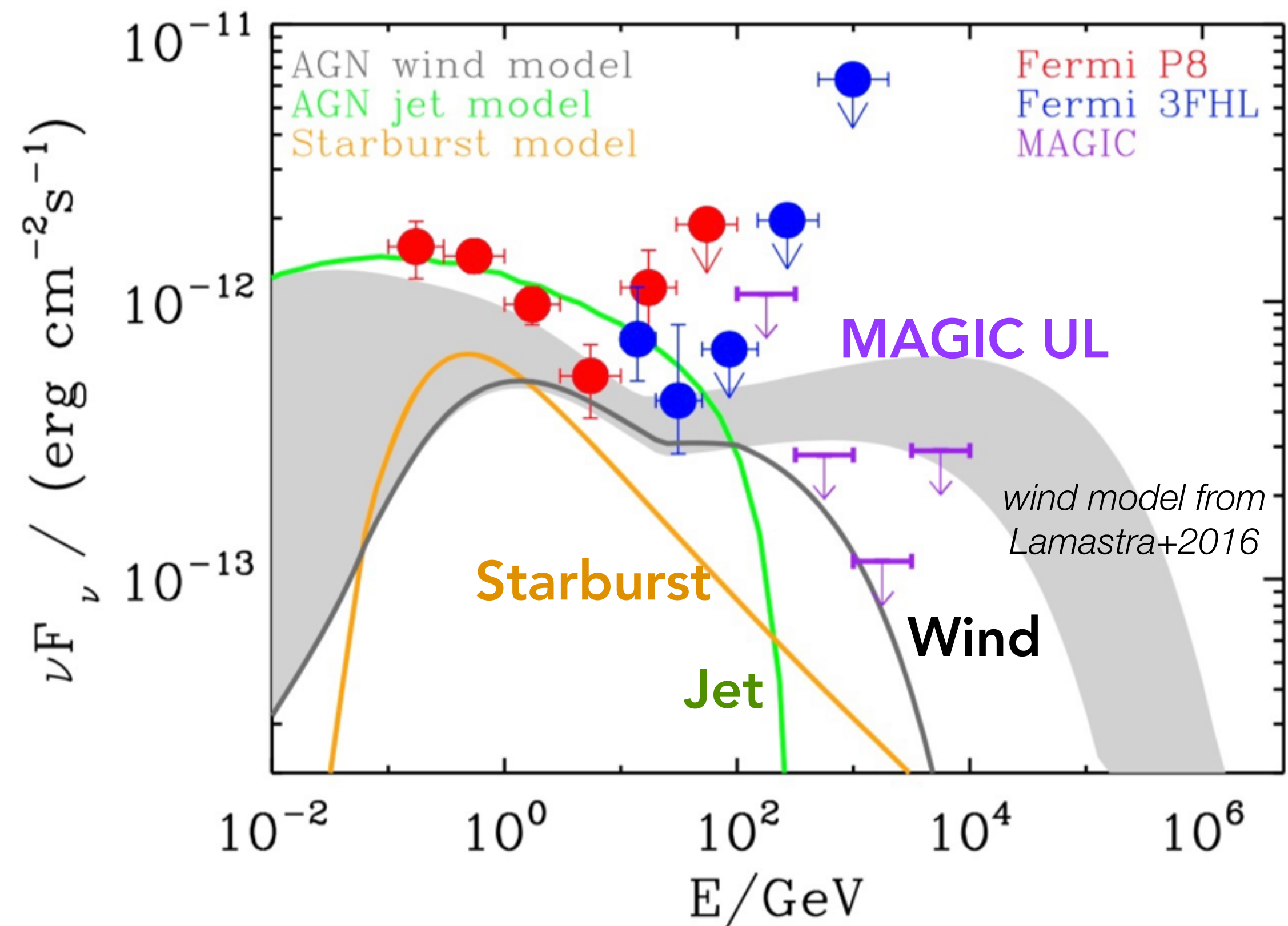


## NGC 1068 as neutrino emitter?

- prototypical Seyfert-II galaxy ( $D=14.4$  Mpc)
- composite starburst/AGN galaxy ( $M_{\text{BH}} \approx 10^7 M_{\text{sun}}$ )
- Luminous infrared galaxy  $L_{\text{IR}} = 2.8 \times 10^{11} L_{\text{sun}}$
- High luminosity ( $L_{\text{AGN}} = 10^{44} - 10^{45}$  erg/s)  
high obscured ( $N_{\text{H}} > 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ) AGN
- 125 hours of observations with MAGIC from January 2016 to January 2019 based on proposal and models in Lamastra+2016, 2019
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*MAGIC coll., (2019) ApJ, 883*

*Constraints on Gamma-Ray and Neutrino Emission from NGC 1068 with the MAGIC Telescopes*





## NGC 1068 as neutrino emitter?

- **IceCube** all sky search for  $E > \sim \text{TeV}$  neutrino excess in 10 years of data
- **NGC 1068 as most significant candidate**
- To match the estimated neutrino flux and the MAGIC UL, gamma internal absorption is needed (e.g. *Y. Inoue et al., 2020, ApJL, 891*)

*IceCube coll., 2019, Phys.Rev.Lett., 124*

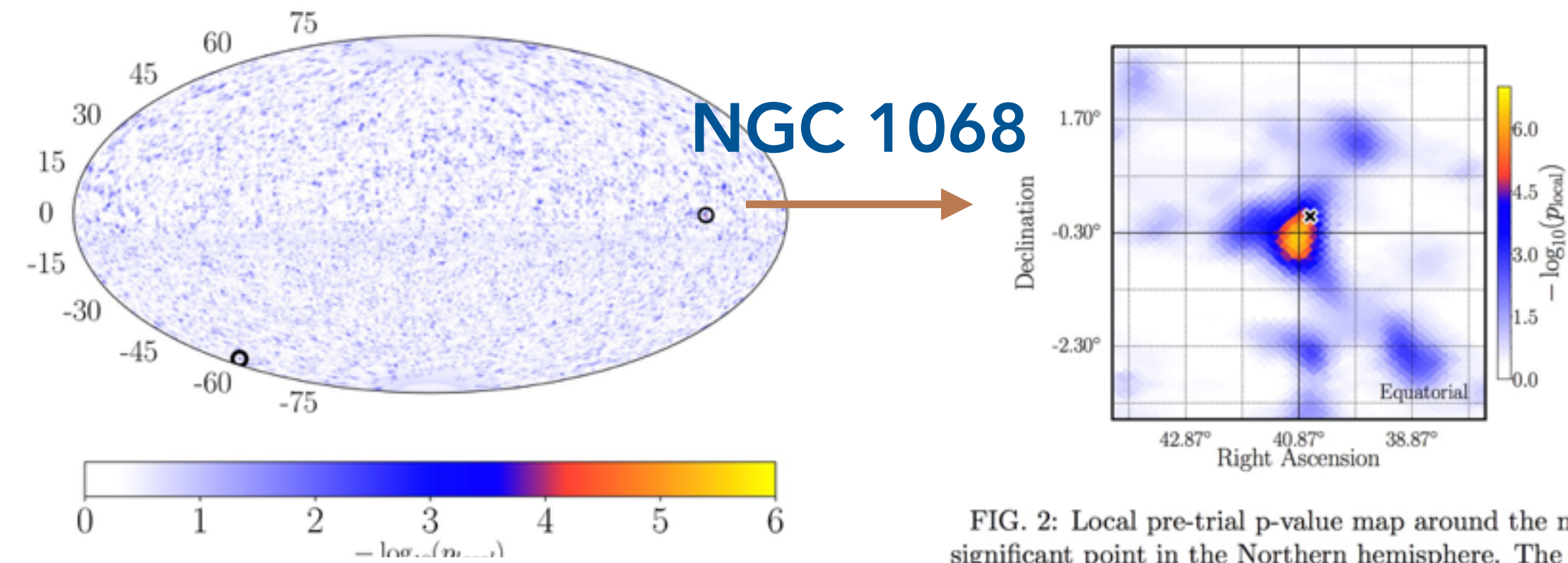
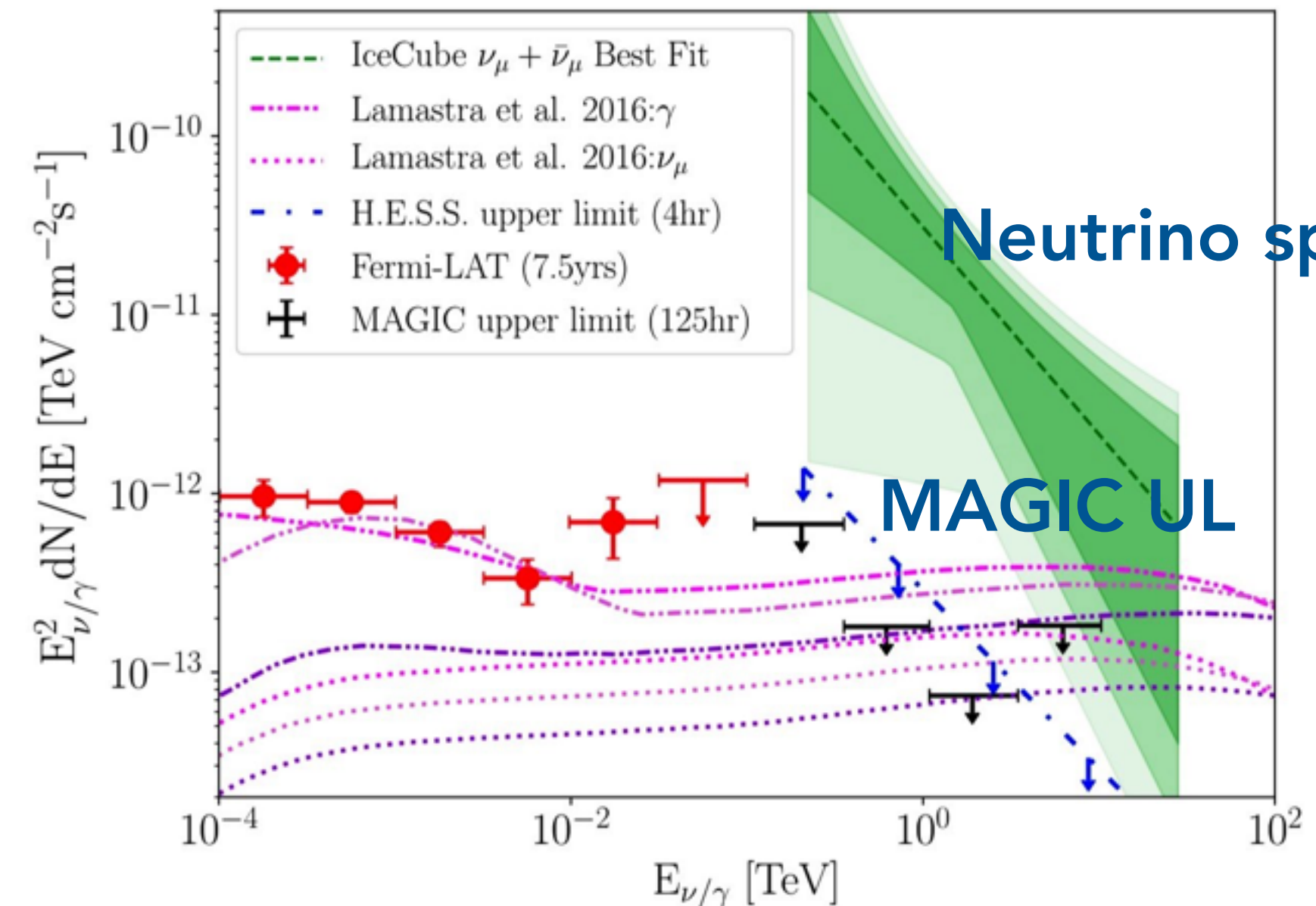


FIG. 2: Local pre-trial p-value map around the most significant point in the Northern hemisphere. The black cross marks the coordinates of the galaxy NGC 1068 taken from *Fermi-4FGL*.

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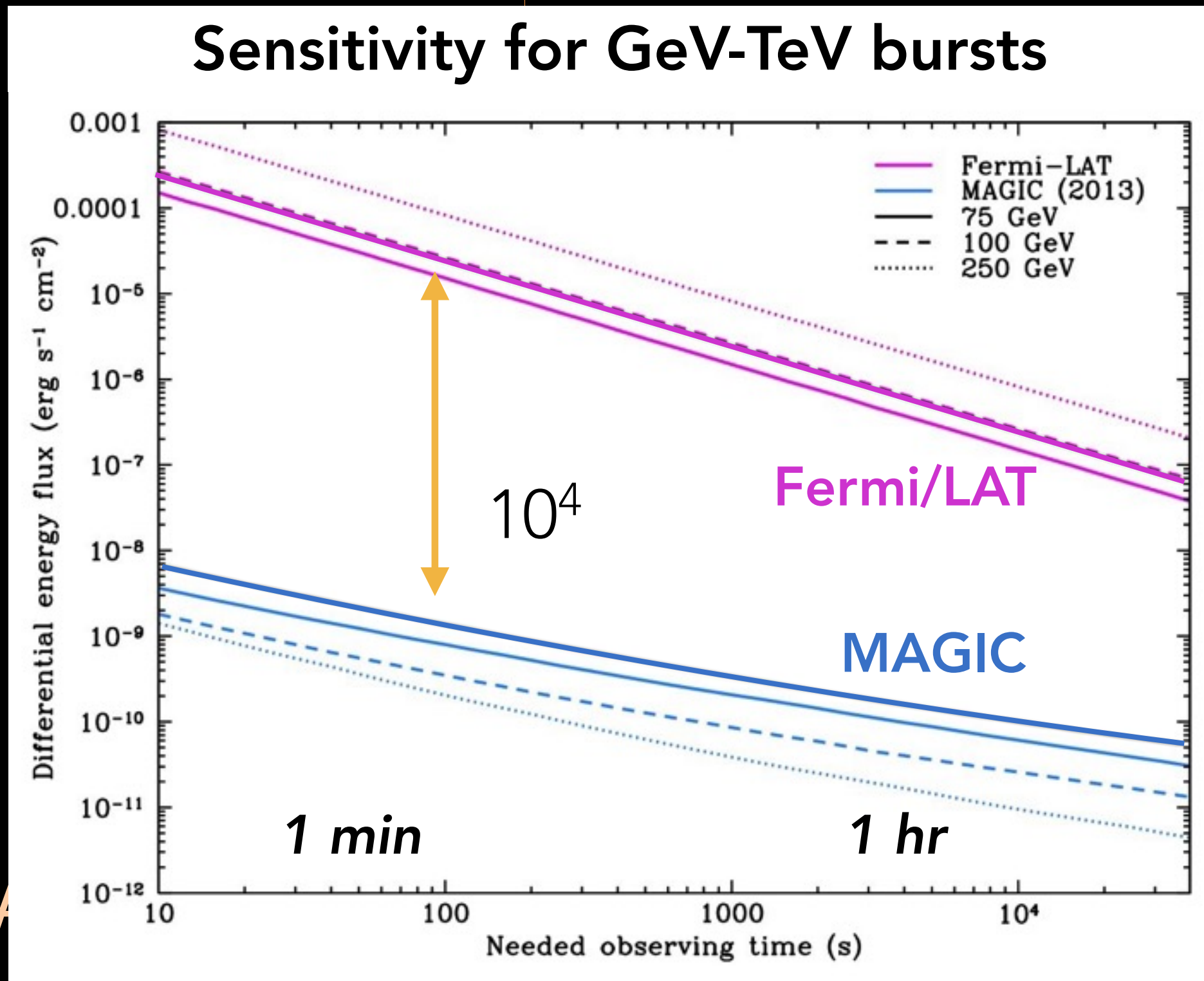
MAGIC UL





- **Big effective area** → photon statistics
- **Low energy threshold** (~50 GeV)
- **Angular resolution: 0.1 deg**

duty cycle ~100% ■ Fermi/LAT  
 $A_{\text{eff}} \sim 1 \text{ m}^2$



**MAGIC:**  
 $A_{\text{eff}} \sim 10^5 \text{ m}^2$   
 duty cycle ~10%

FoV: 3.5 deg  
 Energy: 50 GeV - 10 TeV  
**Slewing: 7 deg/s**  
 Ang.res: <0.1°  
 Sensitivity: ~0.8% Crab flux  
 in 50h (>220GeV)

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 in operation since 2003  
 stereo since 2009



- **1st GRB detected at the teraelectronvolt (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 in the sky ever detected**

**Latest Press Releases**

• **BREAKING THE LIMITS: DISCOVERY OF THE HIGHEST-ENERGY PHOTONS FROM A GAMMA-RAY BURST**

**nature** DOI: 10.1038/s41586-019-1750-x  
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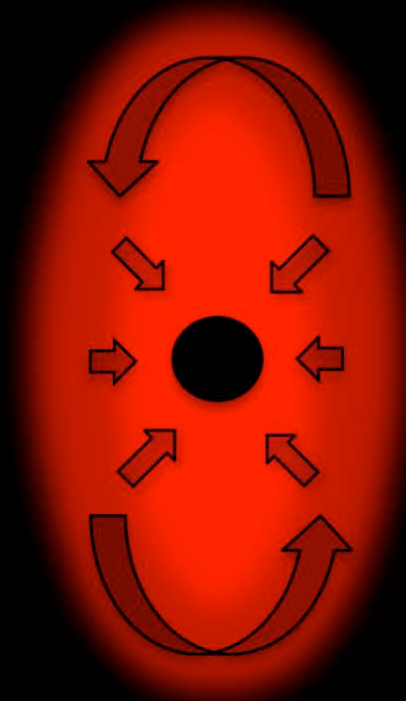
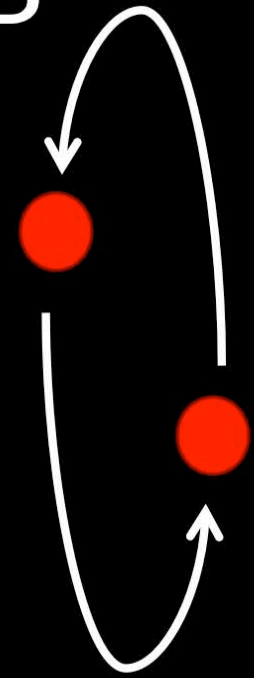
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# Fireball model of GRBs

short GRB

compact merger

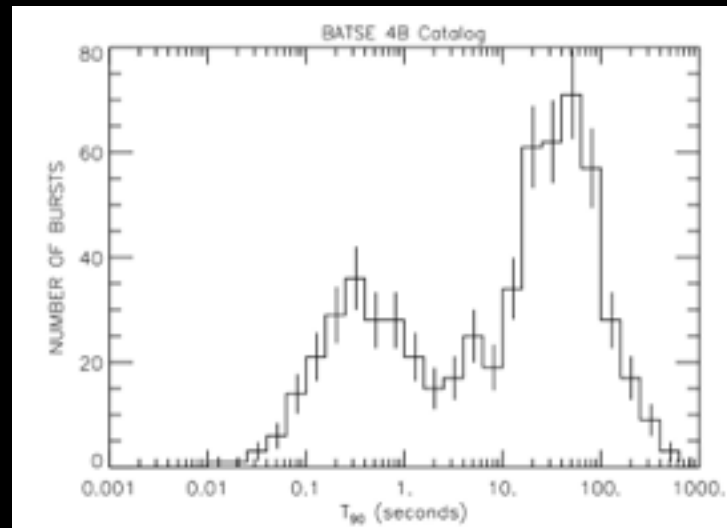


relativistic beaming  
 $\Gamma \sim 100 \div 1000$

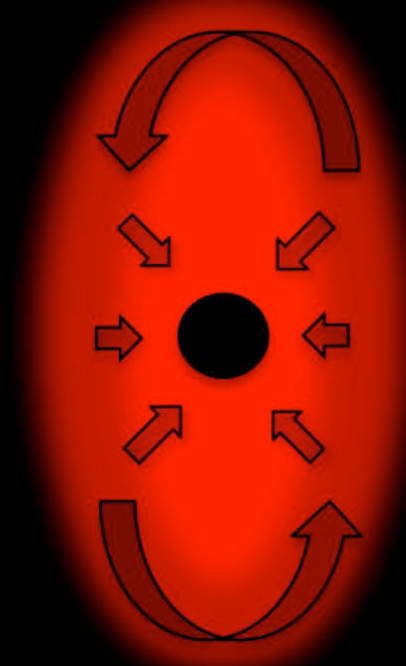
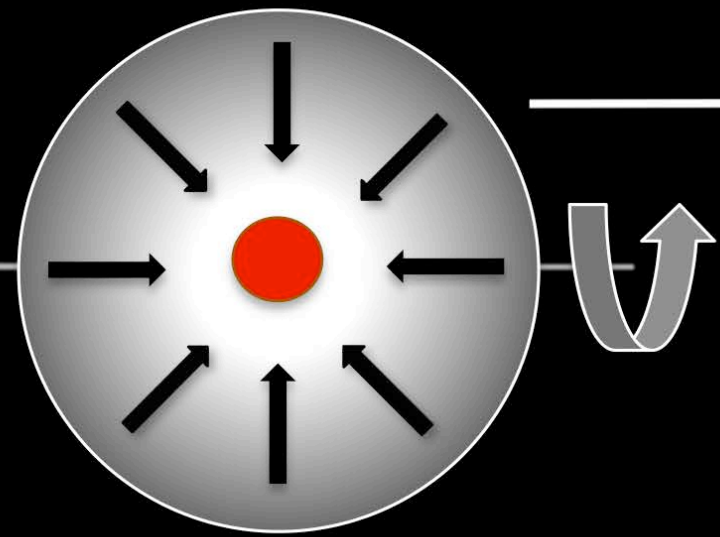
External Shock

- B-amplification?
- Synchrotron; SSC?

circumburst medium



collapsar



long GRB

thermal pre-burst

GRB

afterglow

prompt

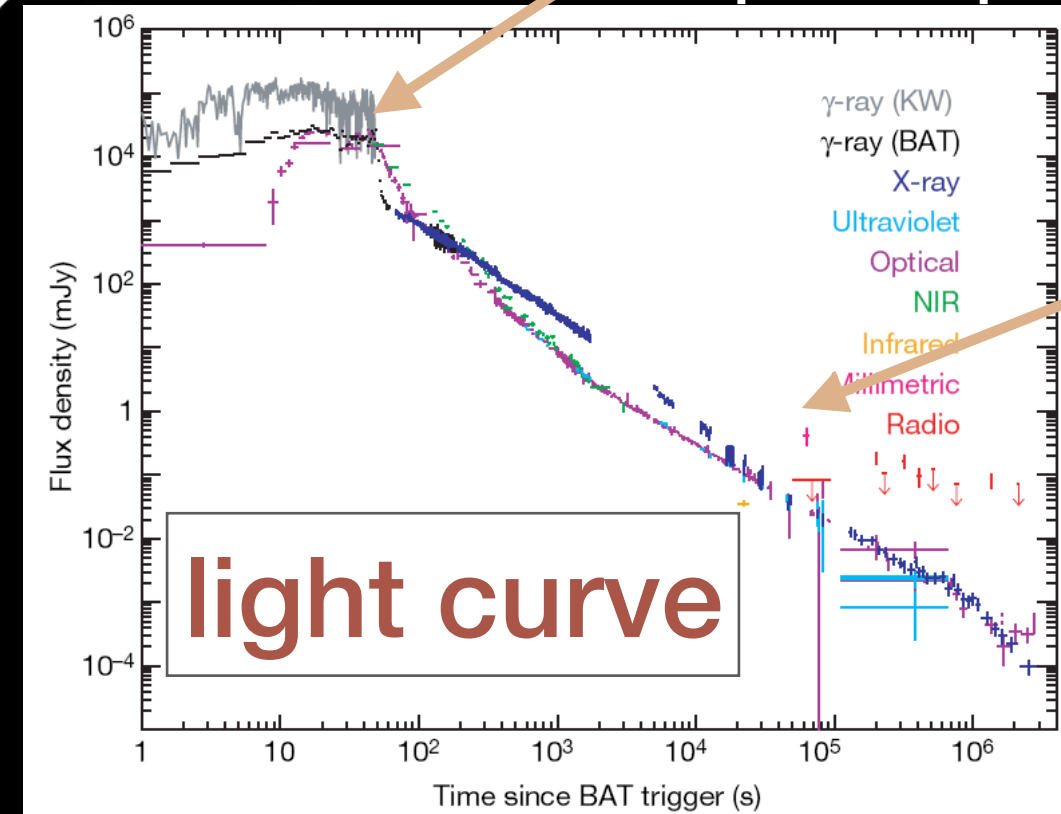
internal shocks

reverse shock

forward shock

afterglow

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 UV  
 optical  
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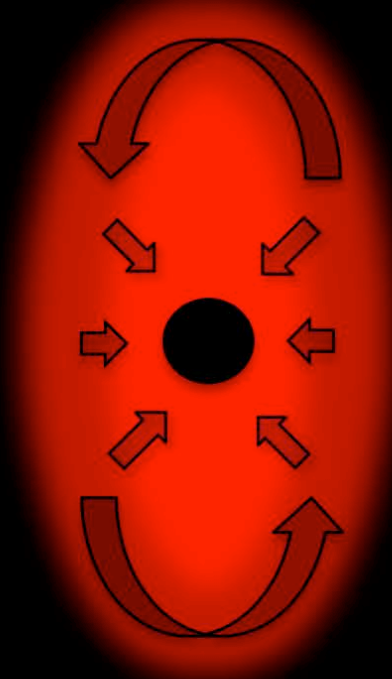
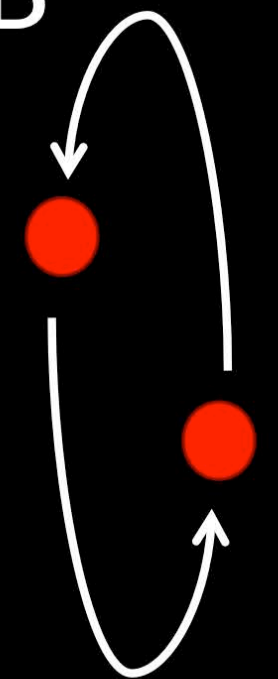
light curve



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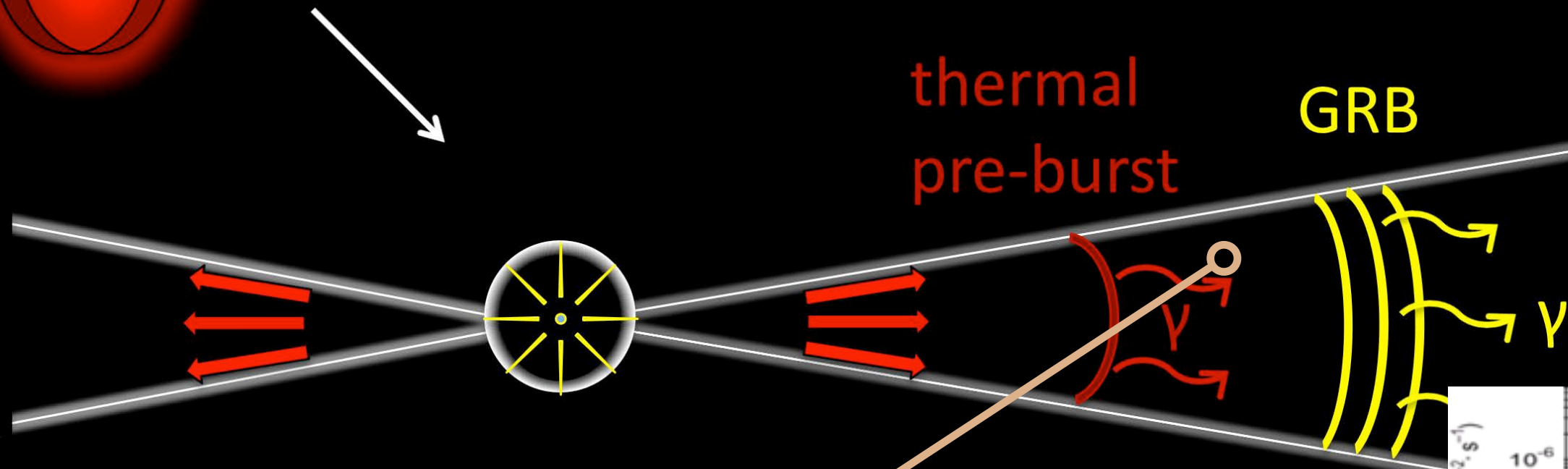
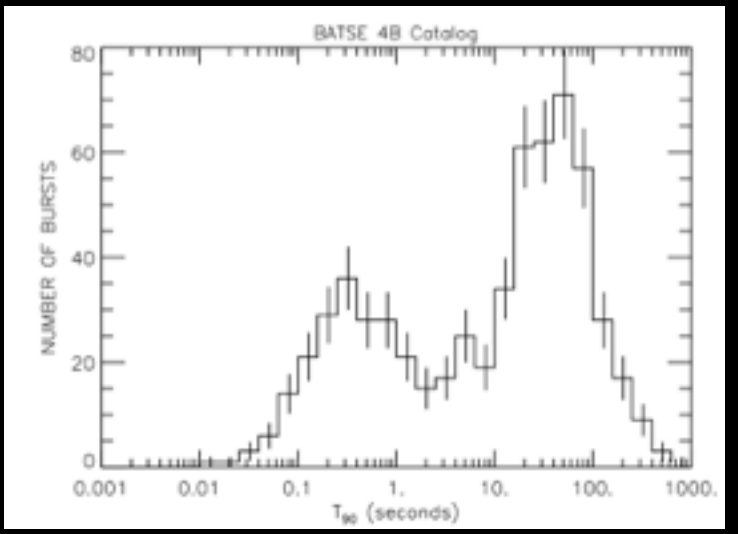
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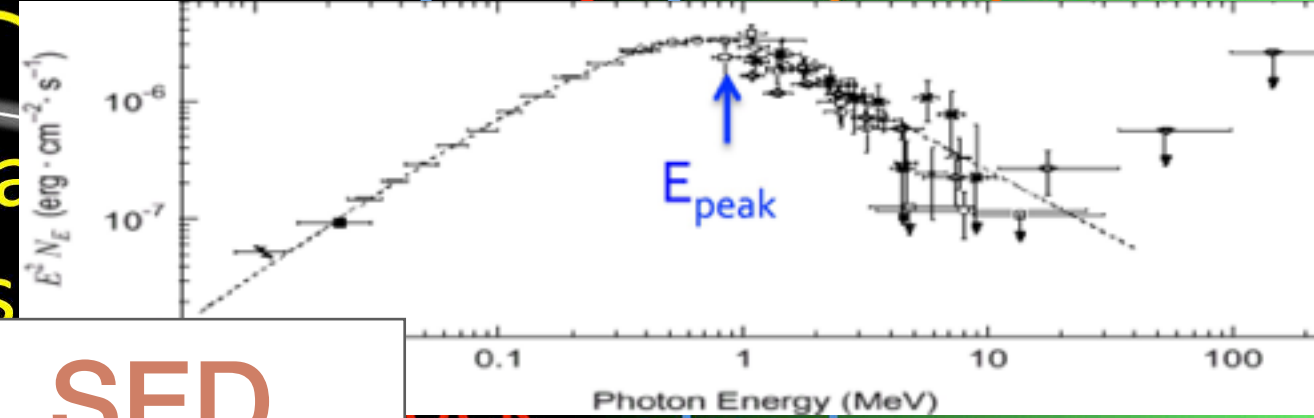
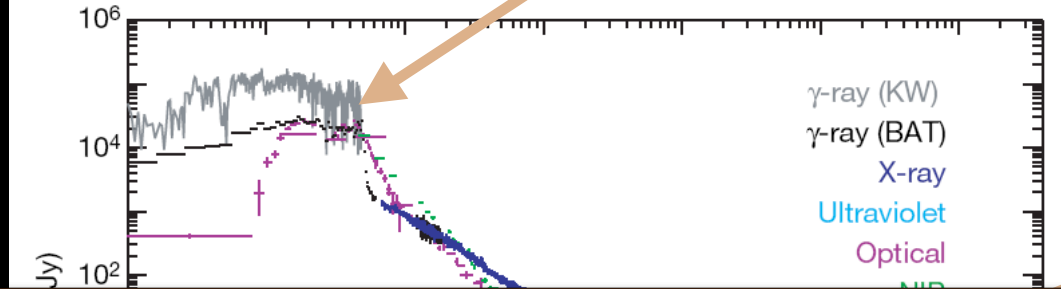
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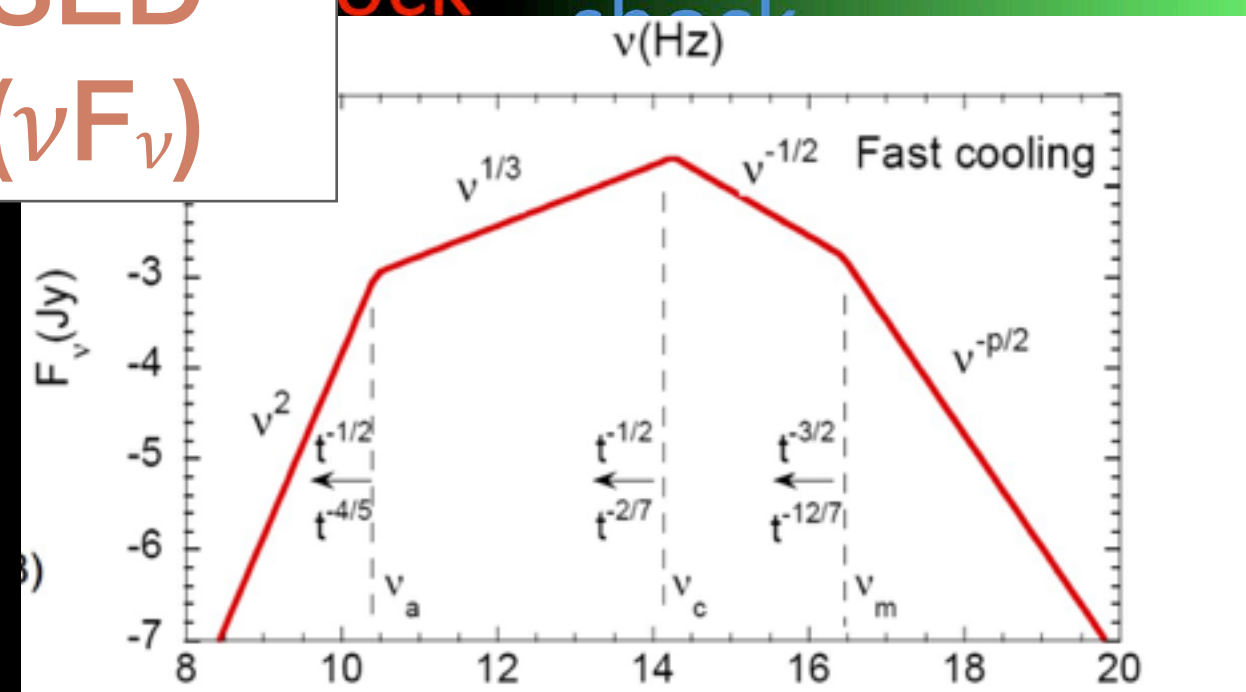
X  
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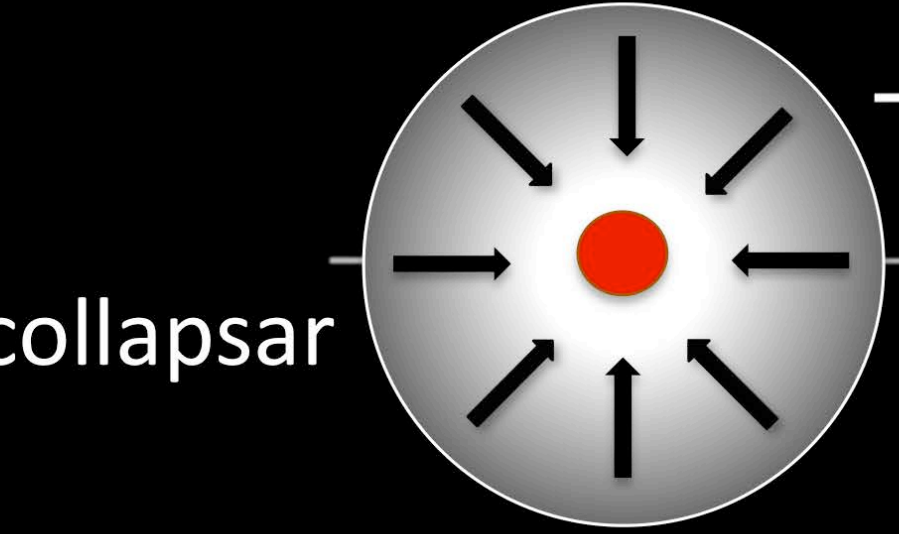


SED  
 $(\nu F_\nu)$



Before GRB190114C:  
 Single component up to GeV energies  
 synchrotron emission

Time since BAT trigger (s)



collapsar

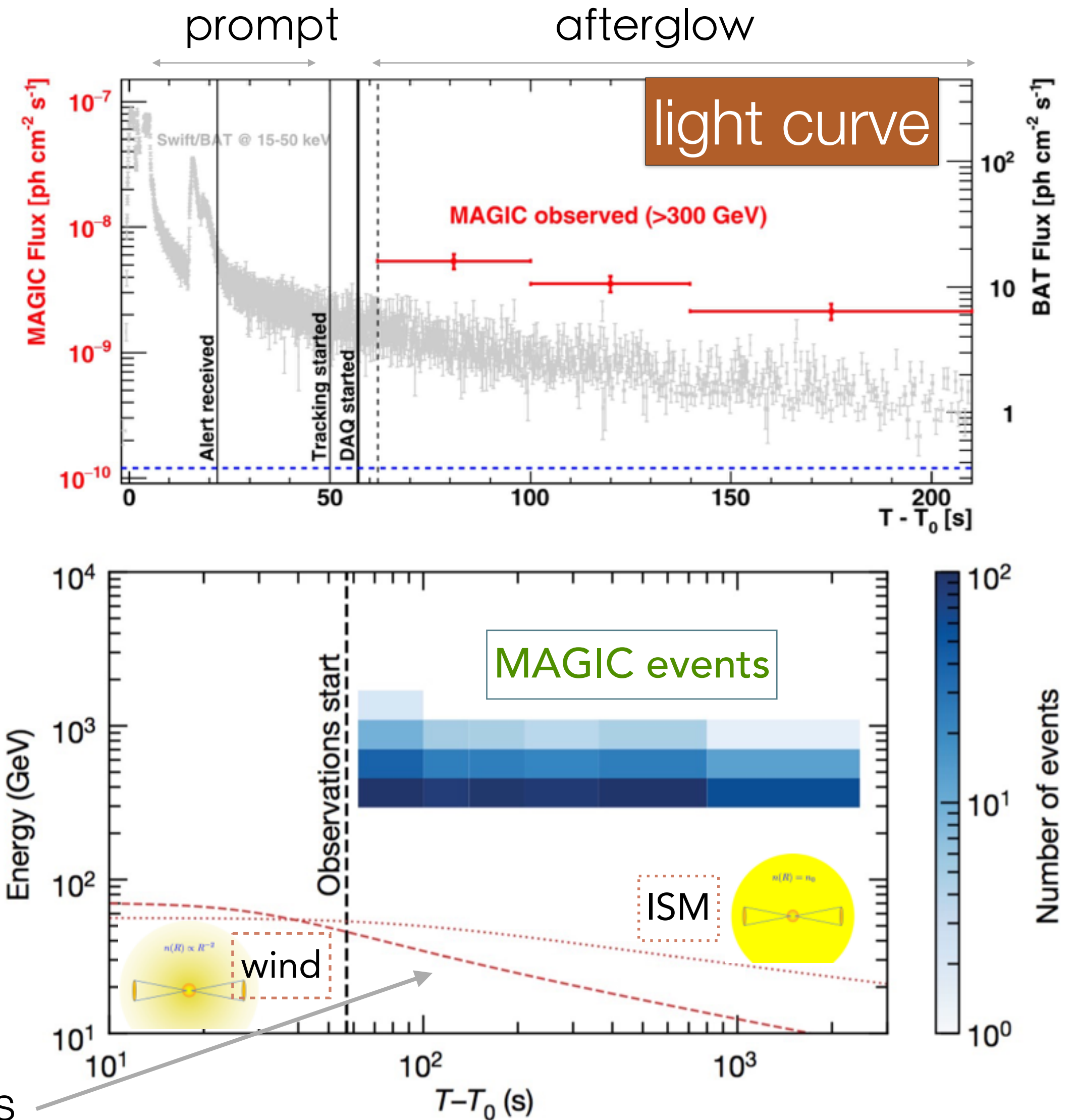
long GRB



# GRB 190114C: the detection of TeV emission

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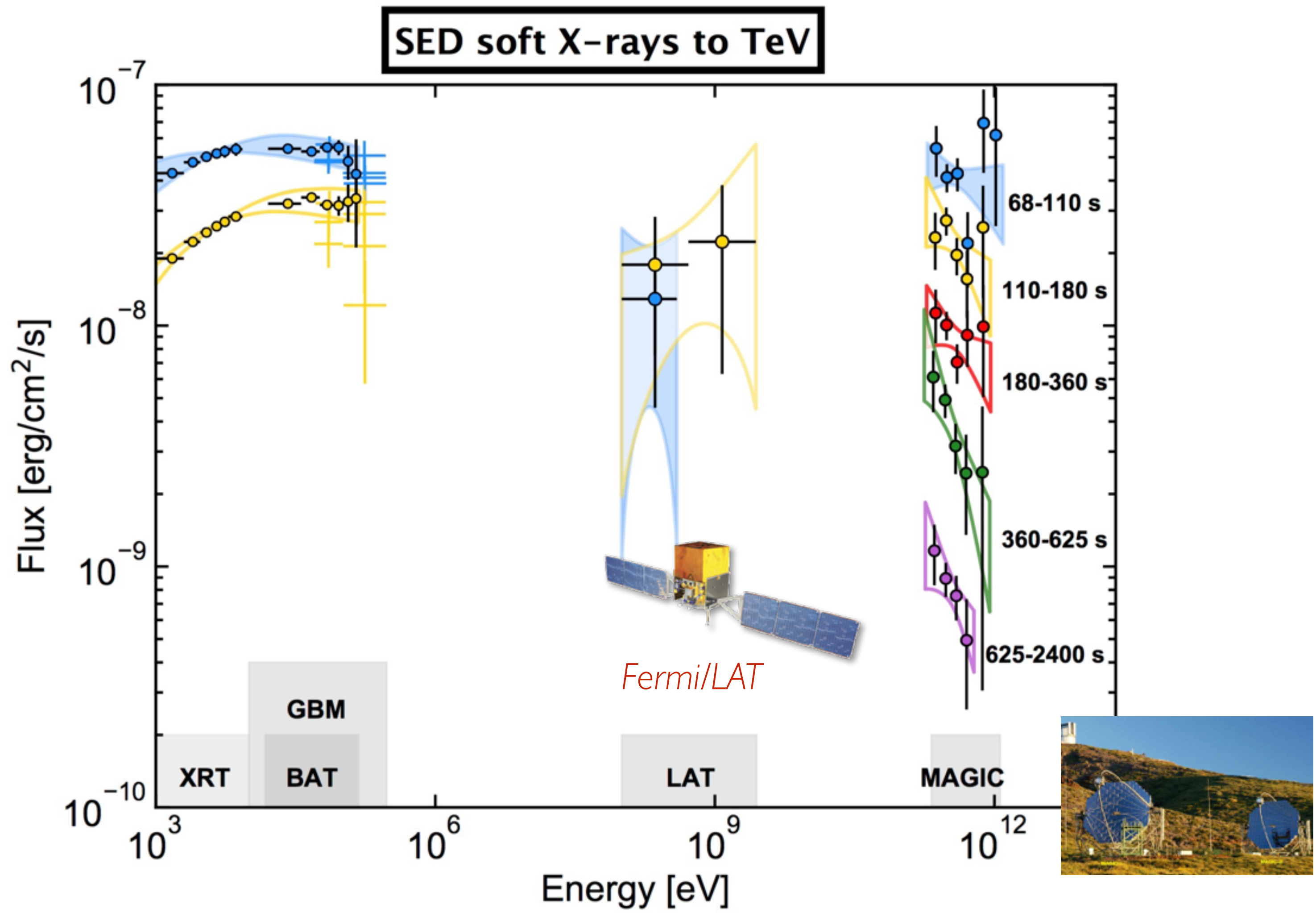
- Long GRB at  $z=0.425$  (GCN #23695 #23708)
- $E_{\text{iso}} = 3 \times 10^{53}$  erg; **bright GRB, but not exceptional**
- MAGIC telescopes on target at  $T_0+50$ s
  - observations in the **afterglow phase**
  - Total observing time 4.25 hrs
- Brightest TeV source ever!
- VHE photons detected by MAGIC, at  $>100$  GeV up to  $\sim 1$  TeV are **well beyond the burnoff limits**



"burnoff" limits



# GRB190114C: the high energy SEDs

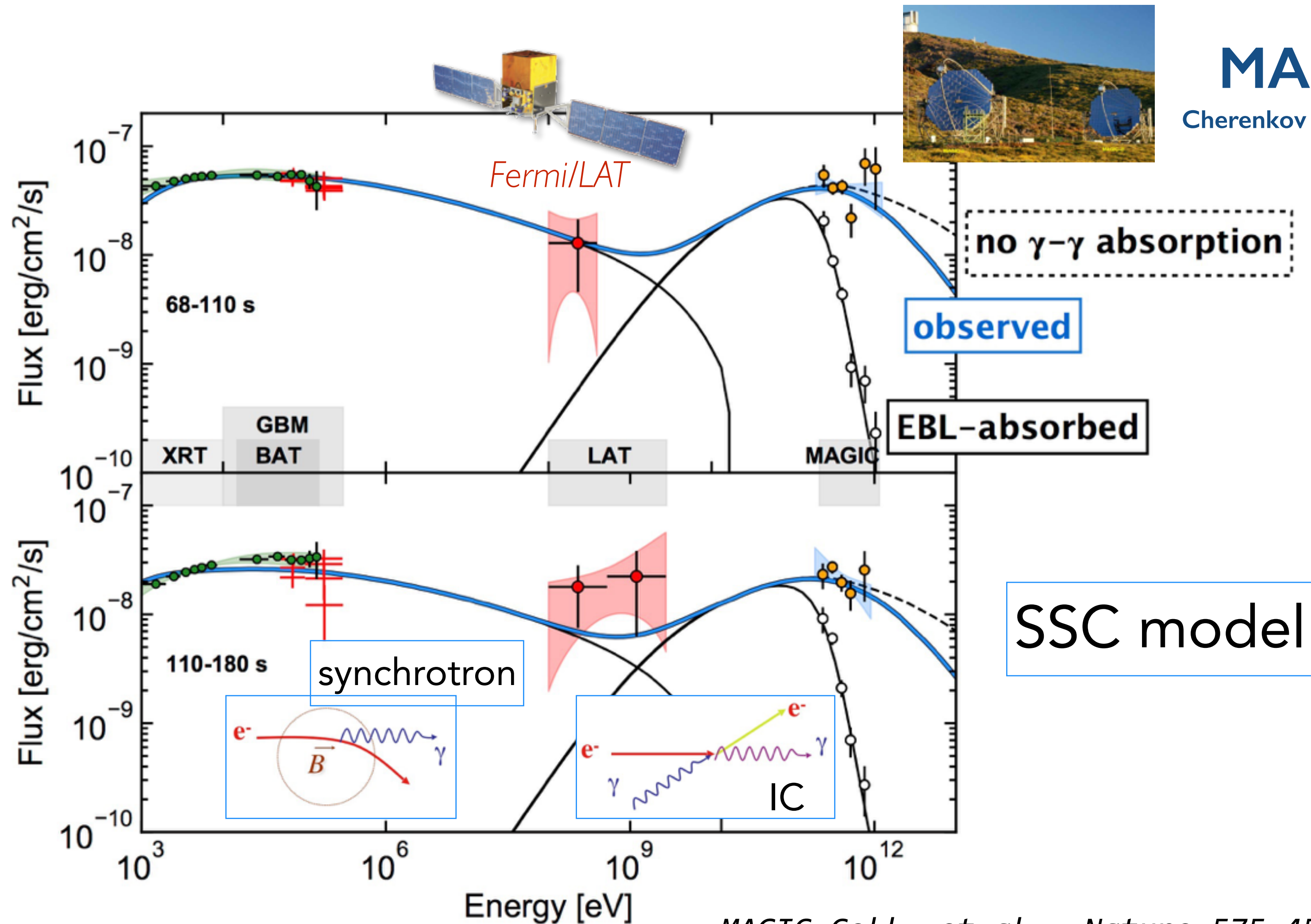


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# GRB190114C: modeling with SSC afterglow radiation

- First modelling of broad-band and TeV emission from a GRB!



**MAGIC**  
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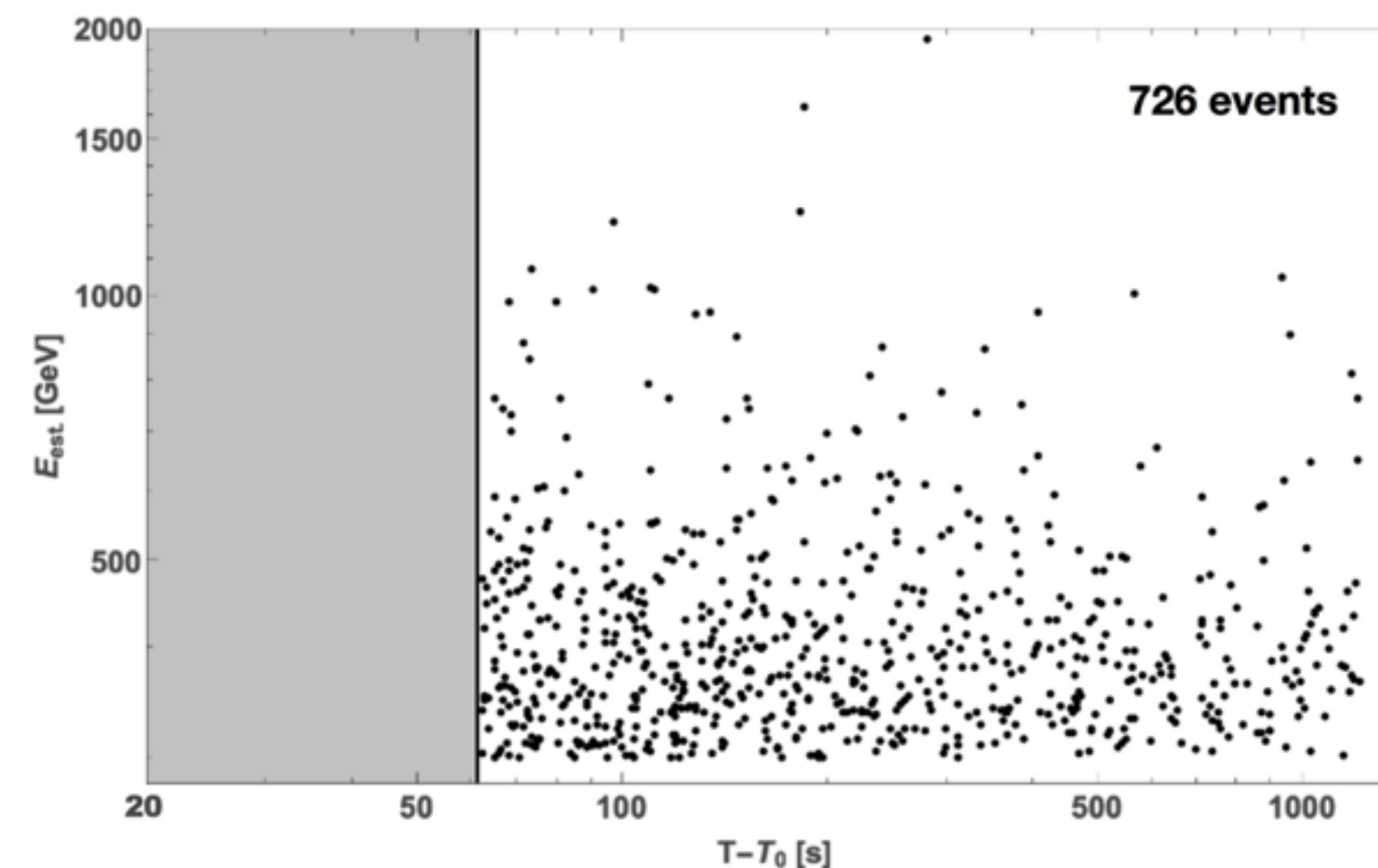


MAGIC Coll., 2020, Phys. Rev. Lett., 125

- Delay  $\Delta t$  between photons with different energy  $\Delta E$

$$\Delta t = s \frac{n+1}{2} D_n(z) \left( \frac{\Delta E}{E_{QG,n}} \right)^n$$

*s = +1, -1 super-, sub-luminal*  
*comoving distance*  
*correction order*  
*> Planck energy by a factor  $\eta$*

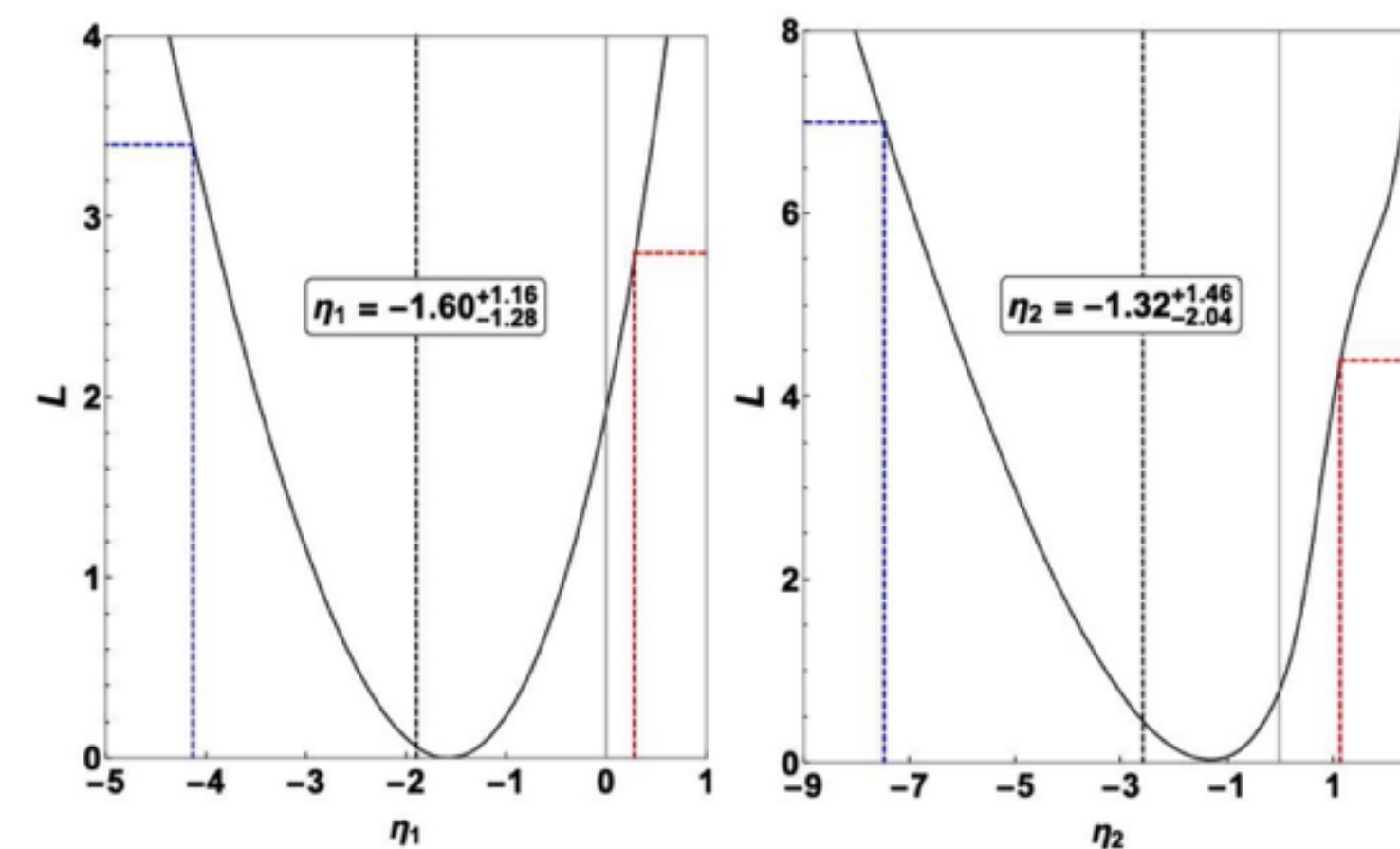


- Two assumptions on the shape of the temporal distribution of TeV photons (step function and observed light curve)

- Likelihood analysis to constrain  $\eta$  and thus the limits on the quantum energy

- Limits second order: ~ Mrk501 (larger energies > TeV);

- first order: less constraining than limits from GRB090510 (larger distance)



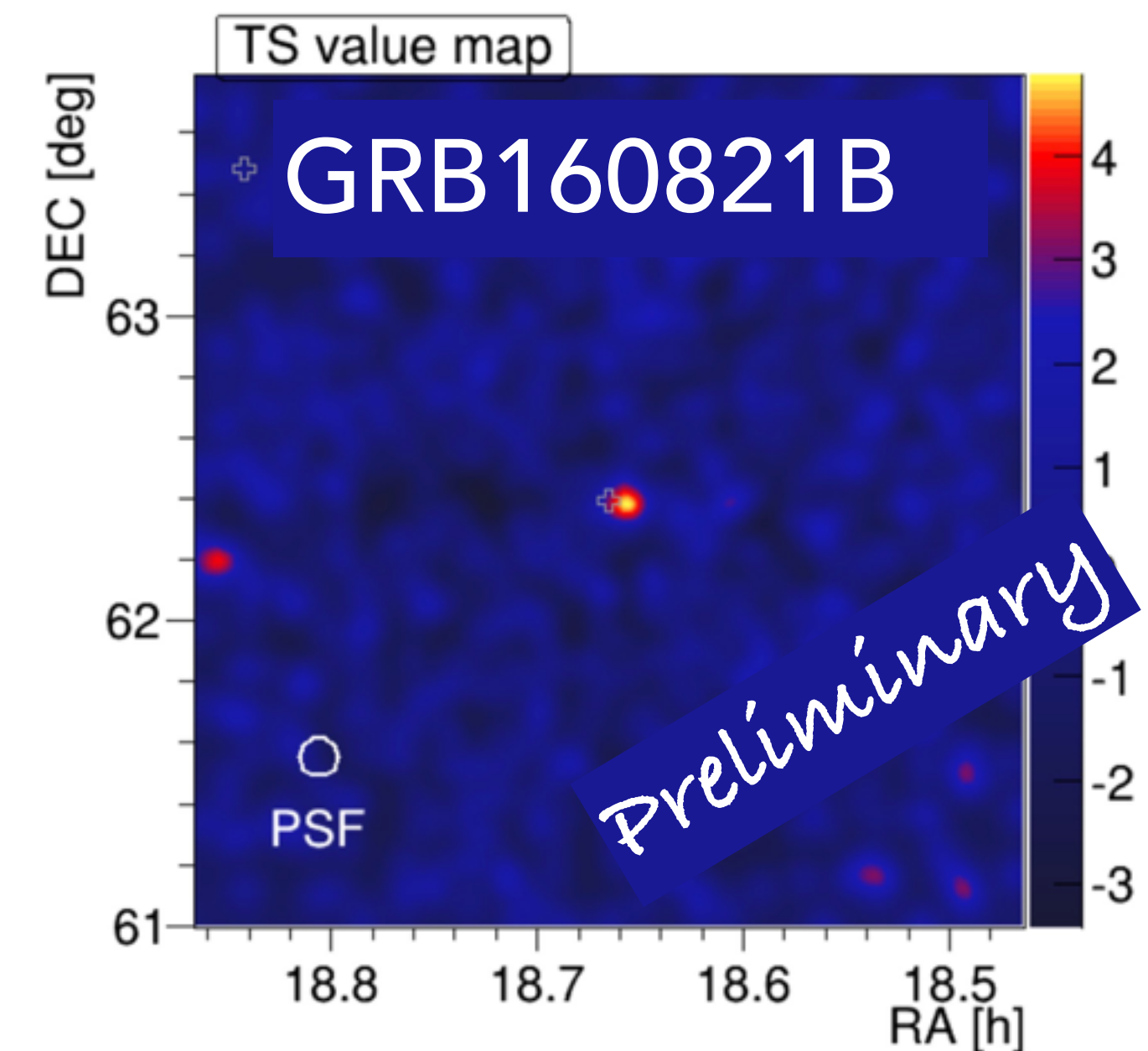
	$s=-1$ superluminal case	$s=+1$ subluminal case
n=1	$E_{QG,1} > 0.5 \cdot E_{Pl}$	$E_{QG,1} > 0.6 \cdot E_{Pl}$
n=2	$E_{QG,2} > 8.4 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$	$E_{QG,2} > 7.9 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$



- First clear and strong detection of a GRB in the TeV with high photon statistics
- **Hint of detection on the short GRB160821B by MAGIC** (S. Inoue, ICRC 2017; K. Noda, Texas Symposium 2017; Berti et al., 2019, Proc. MG15)
  - $z=0.16$ ; recently associated to a kilonova  
Lamb et al. 2019 arXiv:1905.02159, Troja et al. arXiv:1905.01290

COMPELLING FOR FUTURE  
TeV-DETECTION OF  
GW COUNTERPARTS!

*paper in preparation*  
K. Noda, Texas Symposium 2017



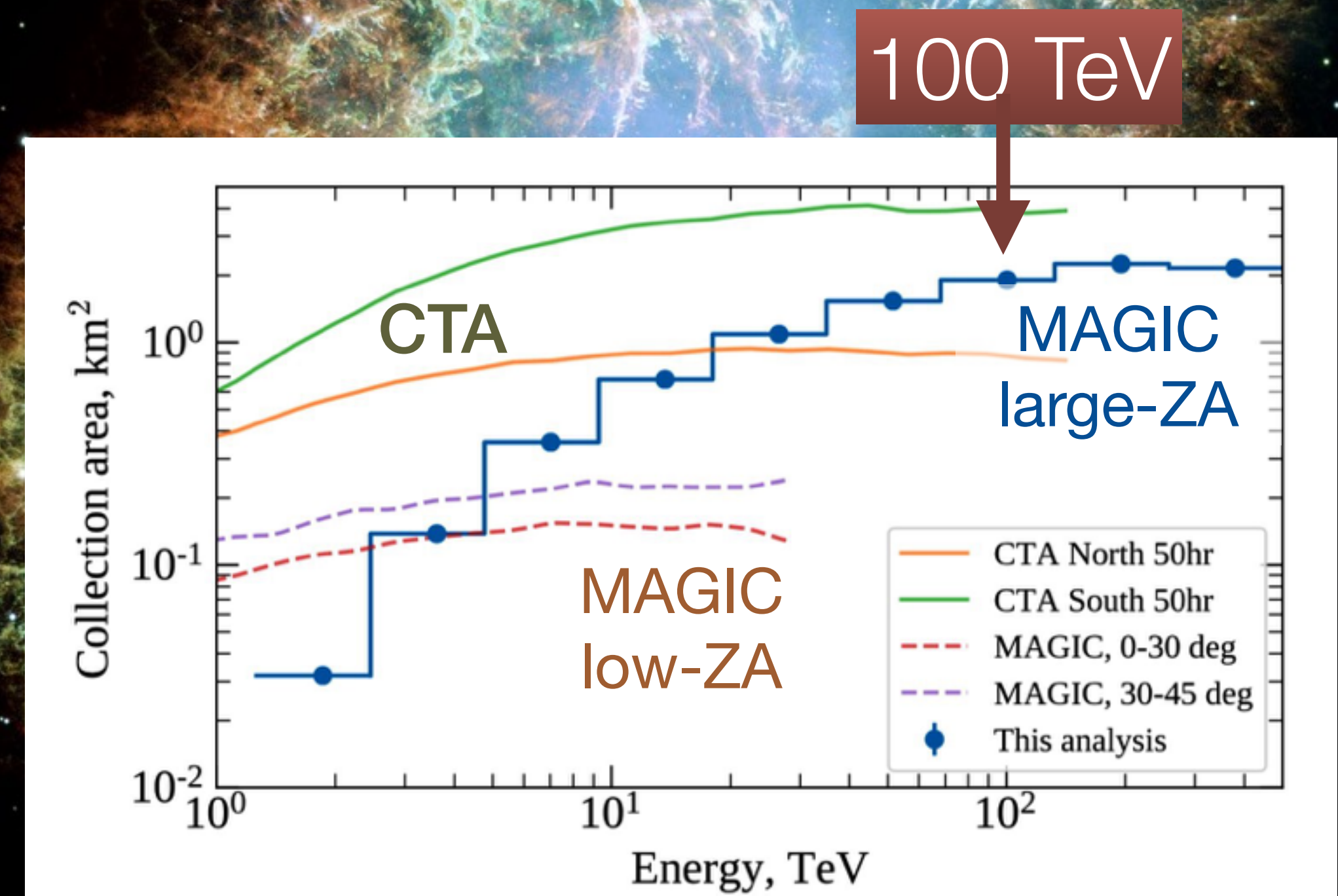
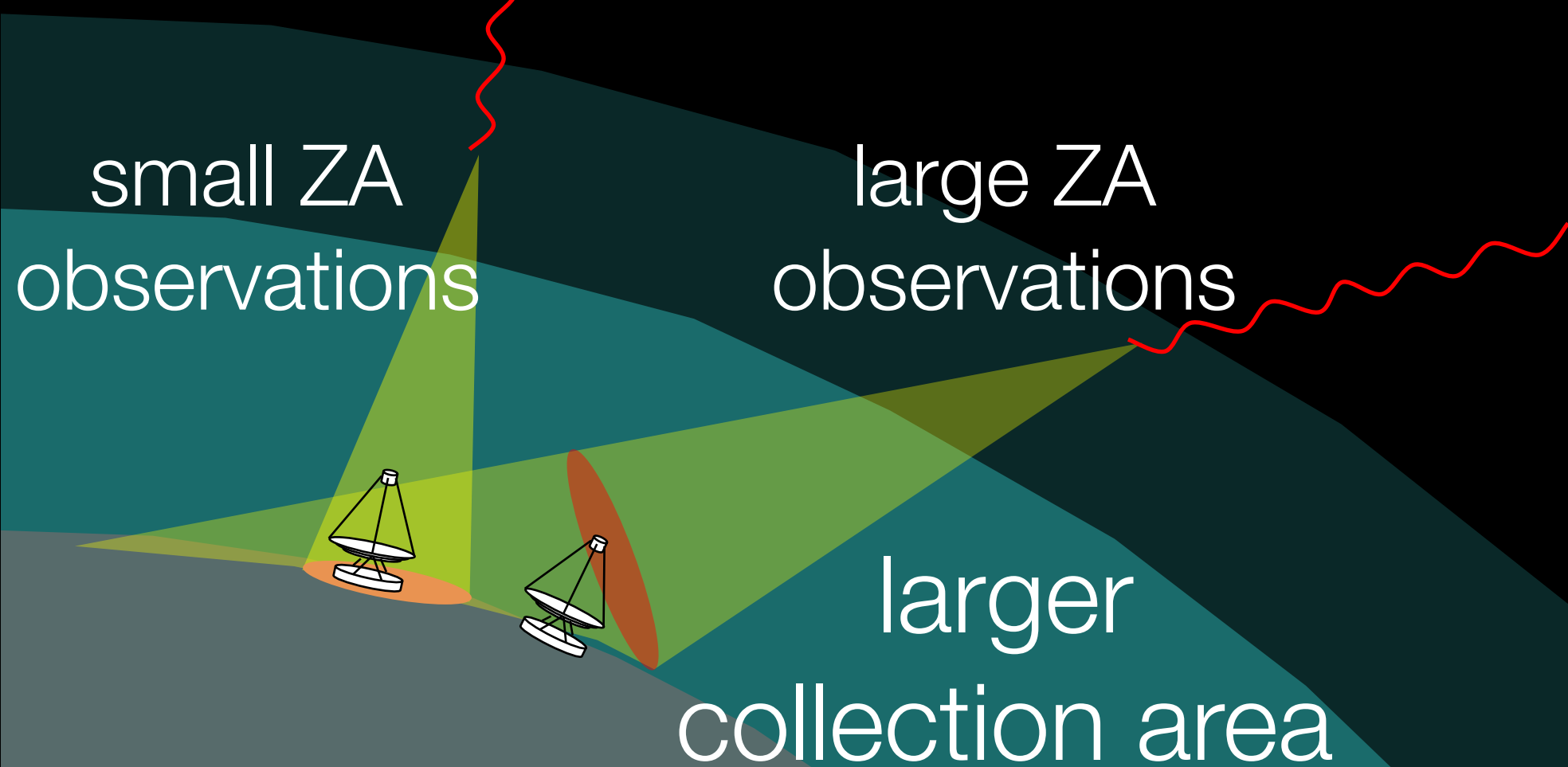
4 h data,  $> 4\sigma$  pre-trial,  $3.1\sigma$  post-trial above 600-800 GeV: detection hint (3 independent analyzers)



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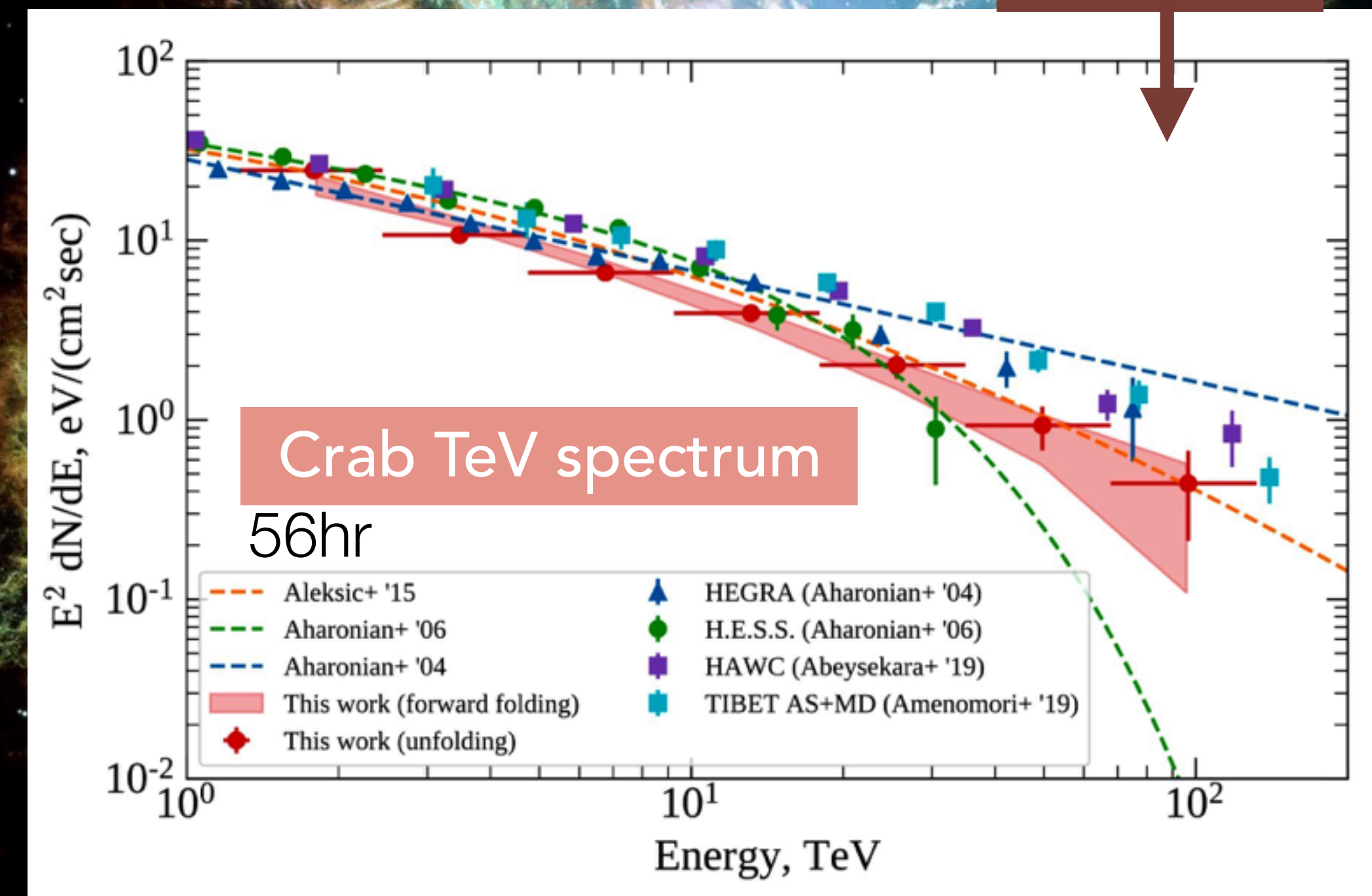
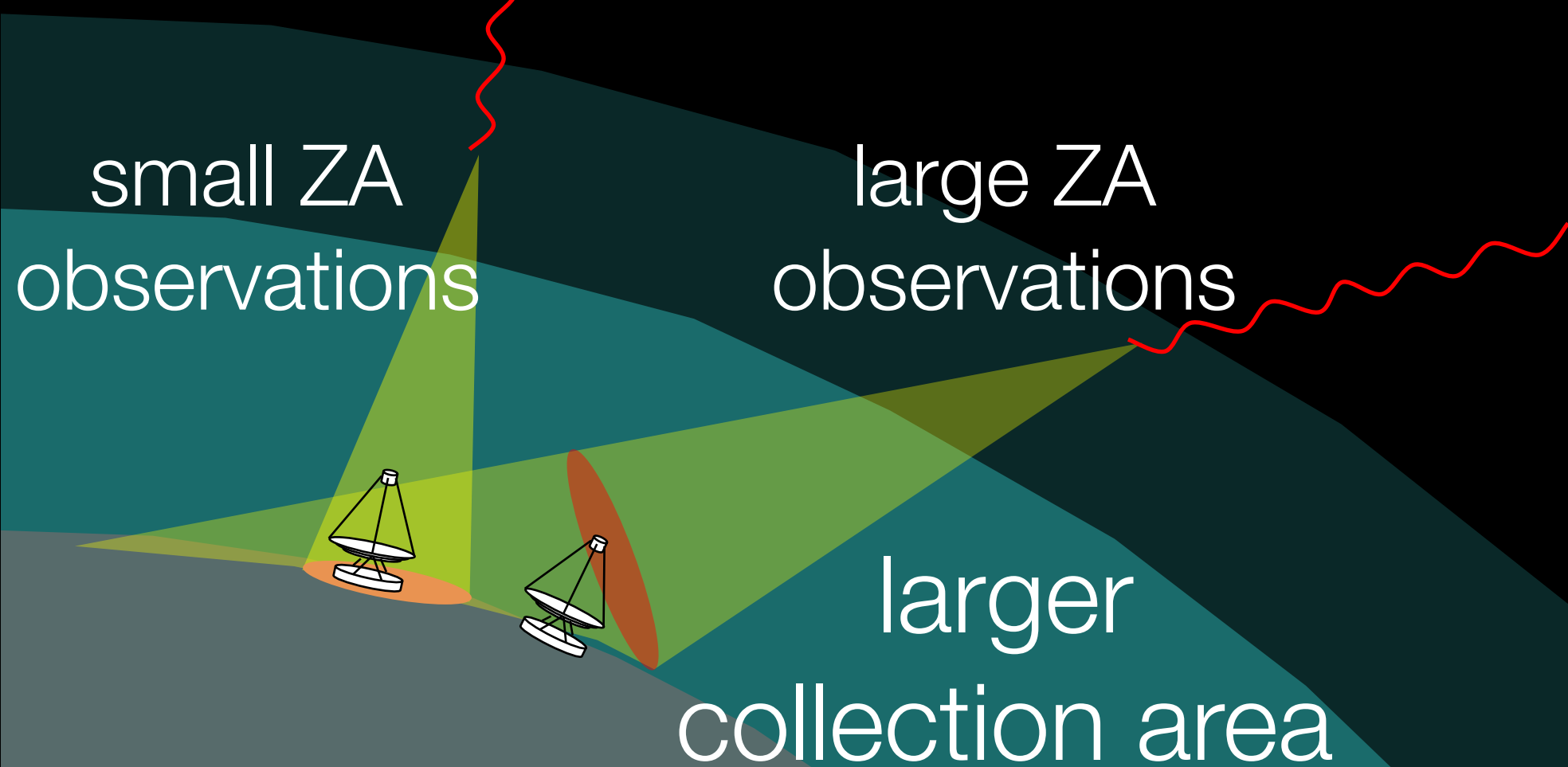
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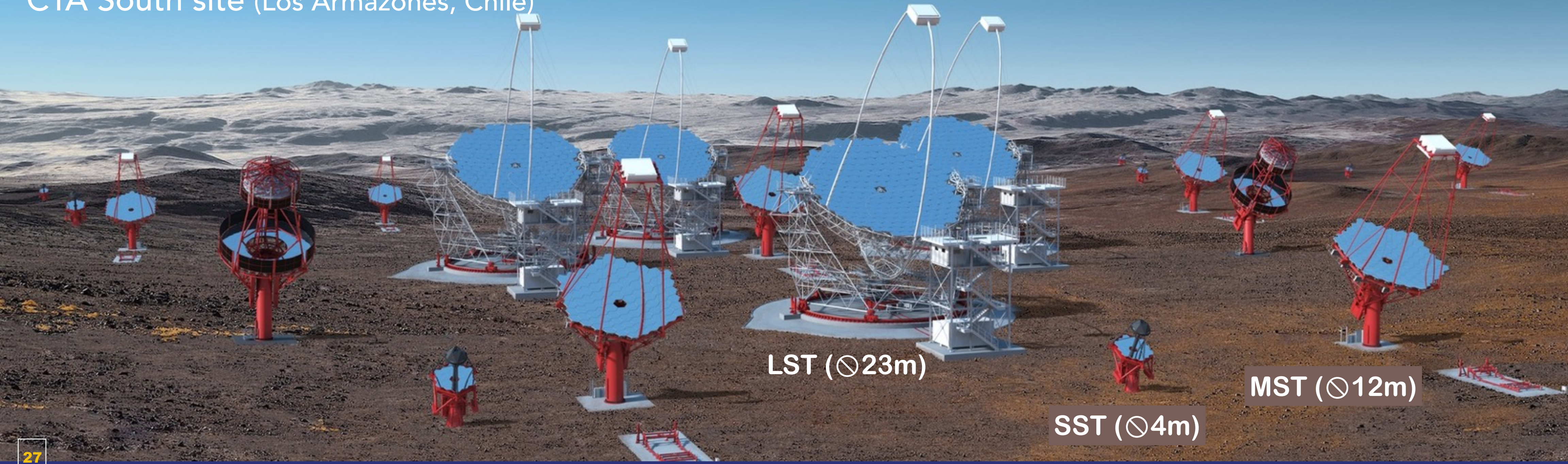


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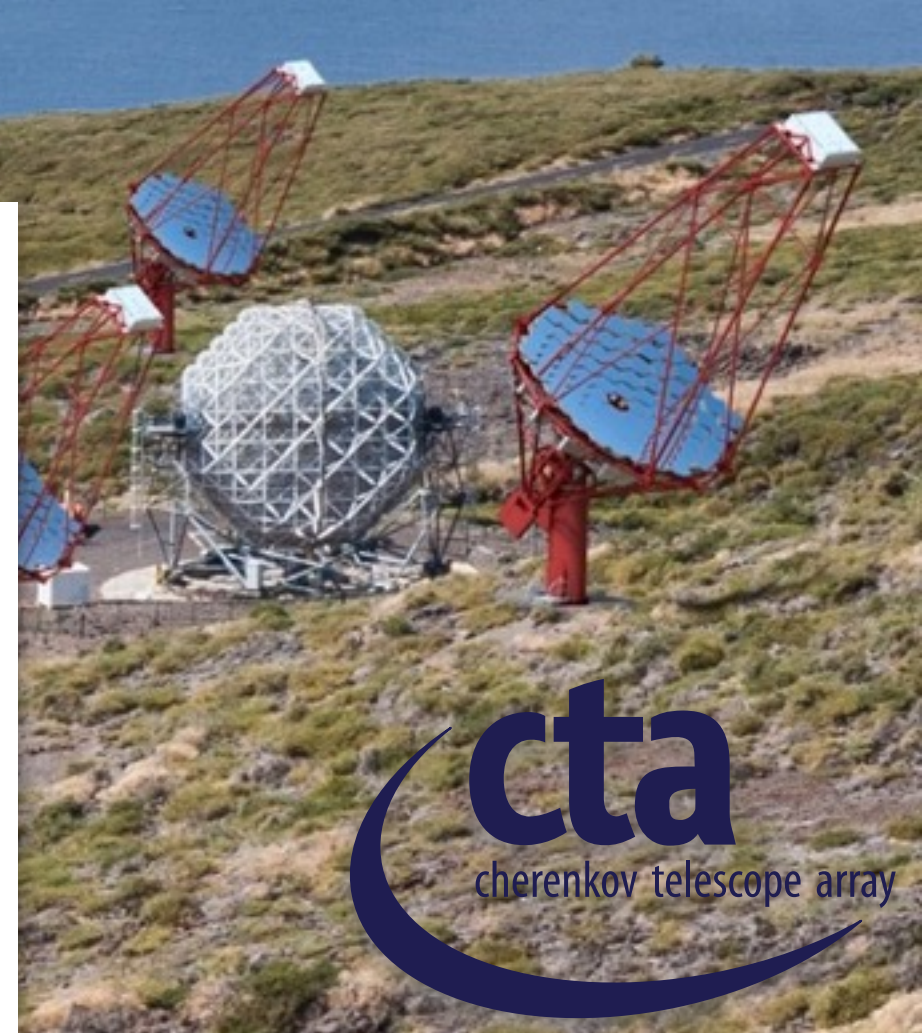
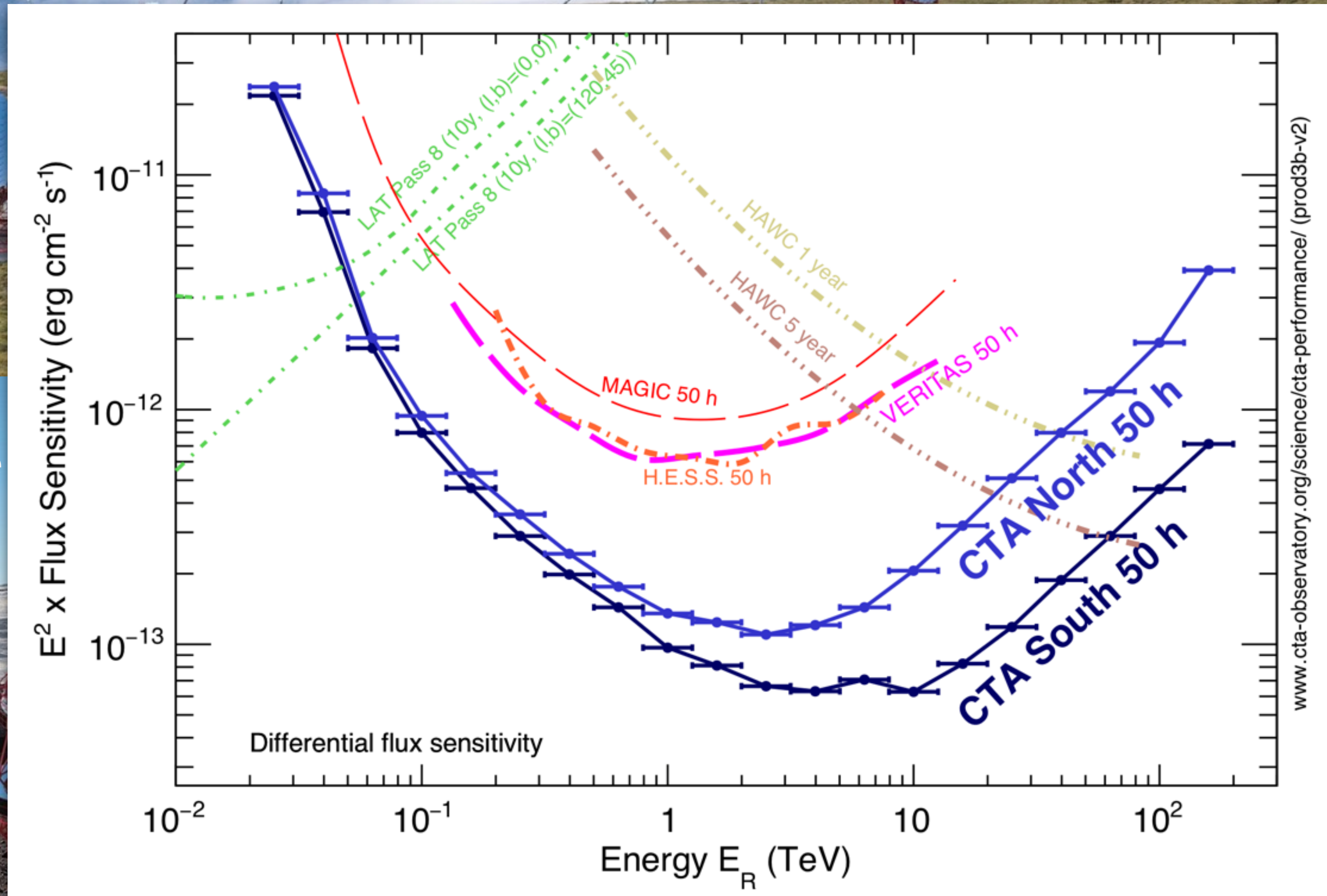
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## Project Phases



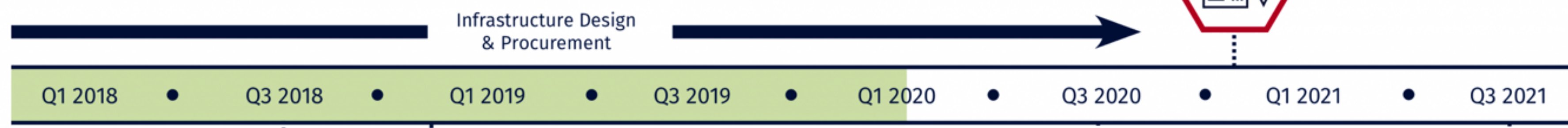
Current Phase



First Pre-Production Telescopes on Site



ERIC Established



LST-1 Prototype Completed on CTA-North



CTA-South Hosting Agreement Finalized

Phase 1 CTA-North Construction Begins



CTA-North Telescope Assembly Begins



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**MAGIC-2**

**MAGIC-1**

Live webcam

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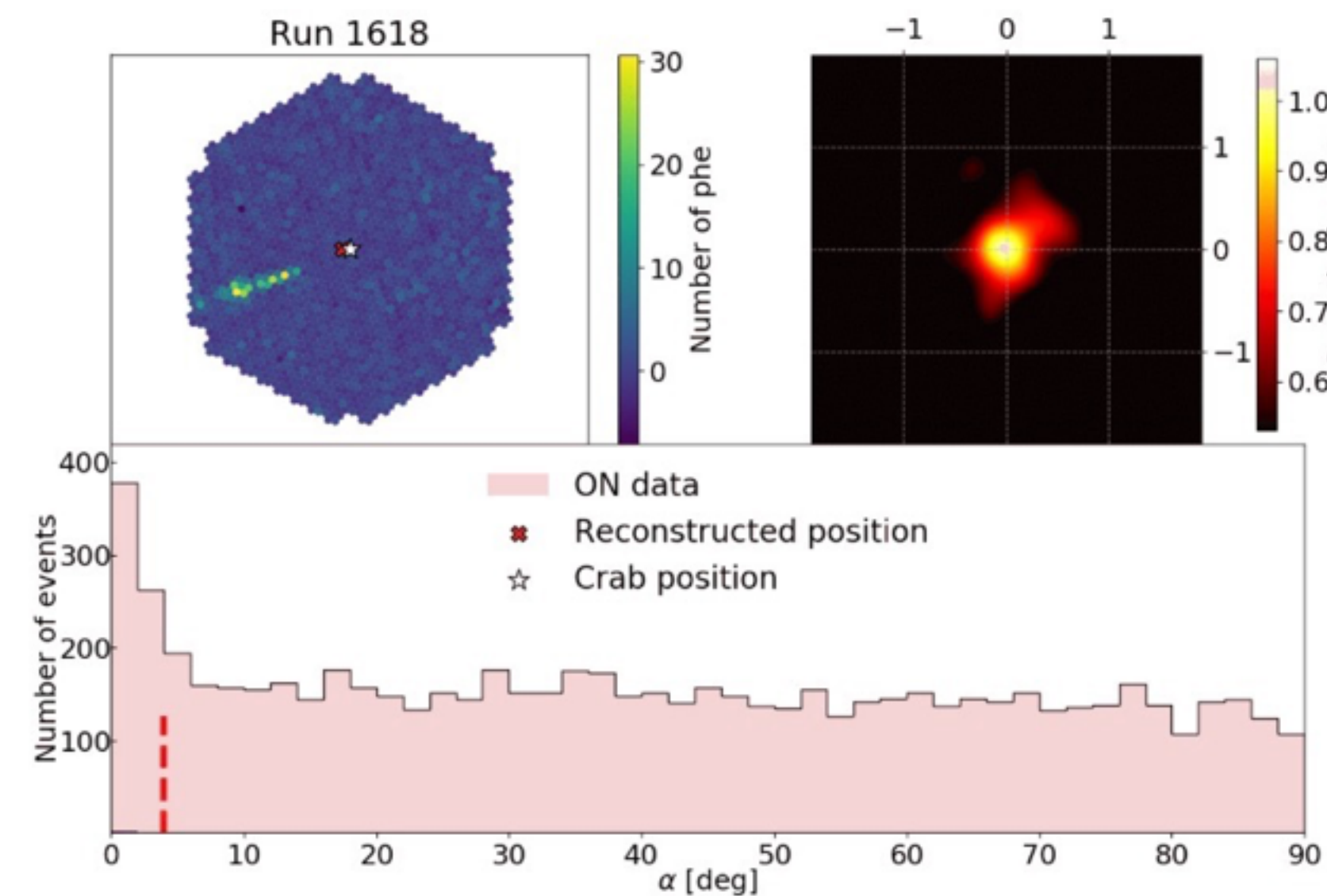
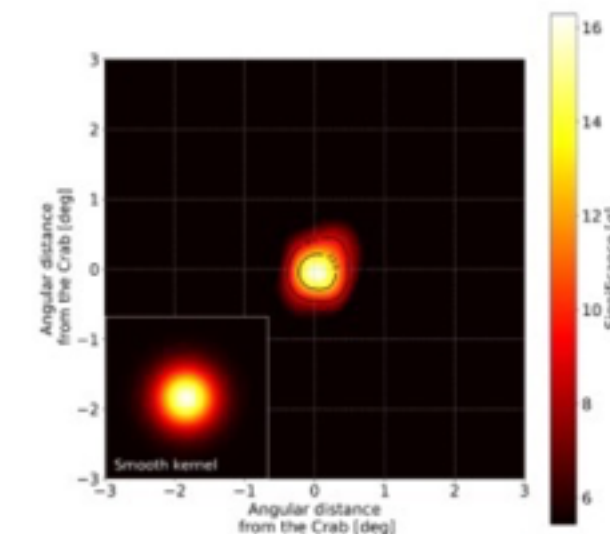
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# The LST-1 Detects its First Gamma-Ray Signal

In its first attempt to detect a gamma-ray source, the **Large-Sized Telescope** prototype (LST-1) successfully detected its first gamma-ray signal on 23 November 2019 when it pointed to the Crab Nebula, which is considered the standard candle in very high-energy astronomy. Preliminary analyses show a very clear detection of a gamma-ray signal coming from the source, reassuring the team's expectations that the telescope is performing as designed. These results are being discussed at the LST General Meeting that is taking place this week in Marseille, France. Right: the two-dimensional excess map of the gamma-ray excess from the direction of the Crab Nebula at an exposure of 269 min. (Credit: Rubén López-Coto, LST Collaboration)



Above: The time development of the gamma-ray signal in one run (30-min exposure) on the Crab Nebula on 23 November 2019. (Credit: Rubén López-Coto, LST Collaboration)



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# CTA Prototype LST-1 Detects Very High-Energy Emission from the Crab Pulsar

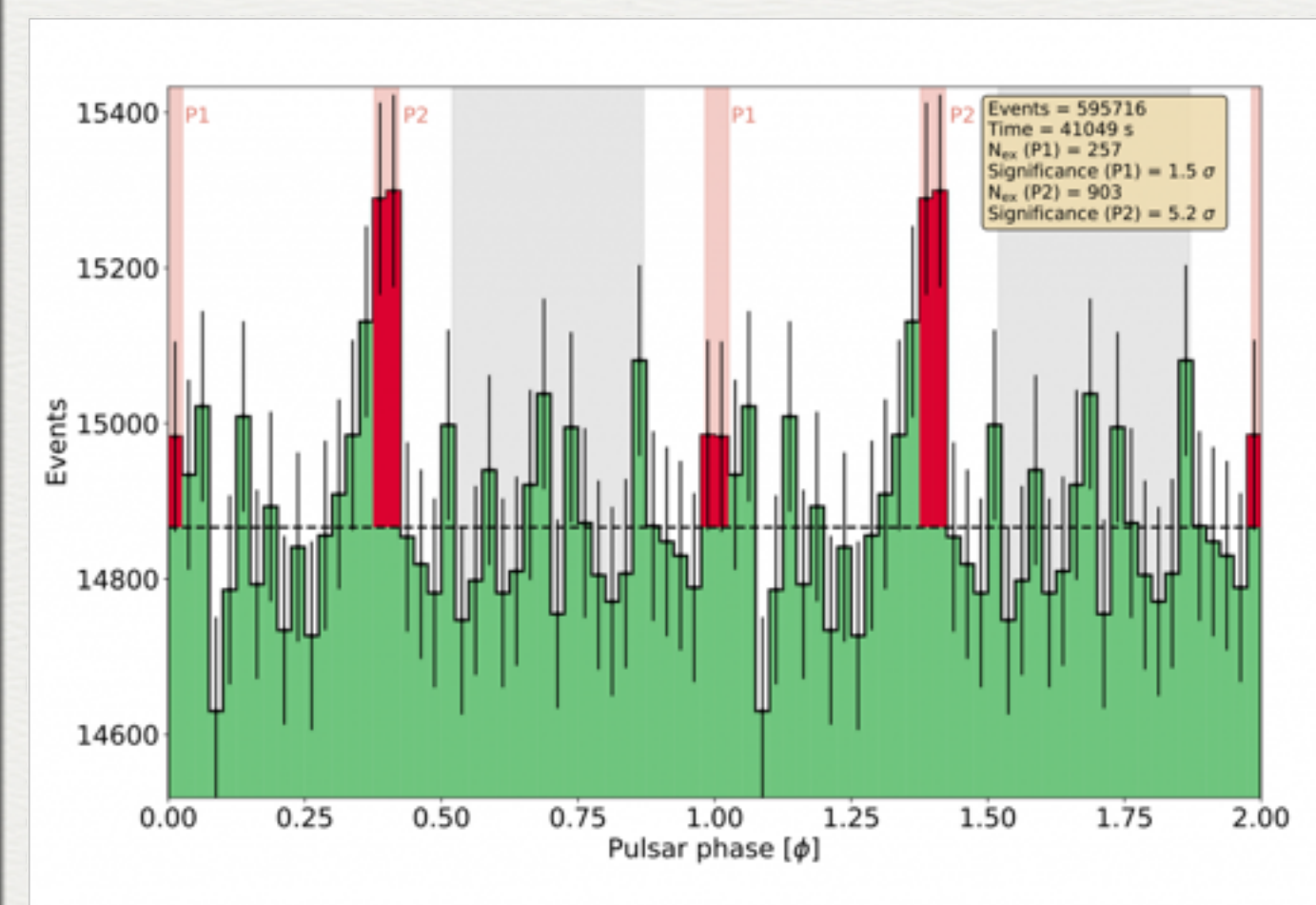
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Between January and February 2020, the prototype Large-Sized Telescope (LST), the LST-1, observed the Crab Pulsar, the neutron star at the centre of the Crab Nebula. The telescope, which is being commissioned on the CTA-North site on the island of La Palma in the Canary Islands, was conducting engineering runs to verify the telescope performance and adjust operating parameters.

Pulsars are very rapidly rotating and strongly magnetized neutron stars that emit light in the form of two beams, which can be observed from Earth only when passing our line of sight. While detecting the strong and steady emission or outbursts of gamma-ray sources with Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACTs) has become routine, pulsars are much more challenging to detect due to their weak foreground nebulae. Detection of very high-energy emission from the Crab pulsar is a milestone for the CTA. Now, the Crab pulsar has been detected with the LST-1. The detection timestamp is 2020-06-22T14:04:49.800Z.



Figure 1. Multiwavelength view of the Crab Nebula and the Crab pulsar – the bright spot at the centre of the image. Credit: NASA, ESA, G. Dubner (IAFE, CONICET-University of Buenos Aires) et al.; A. Seward et al.

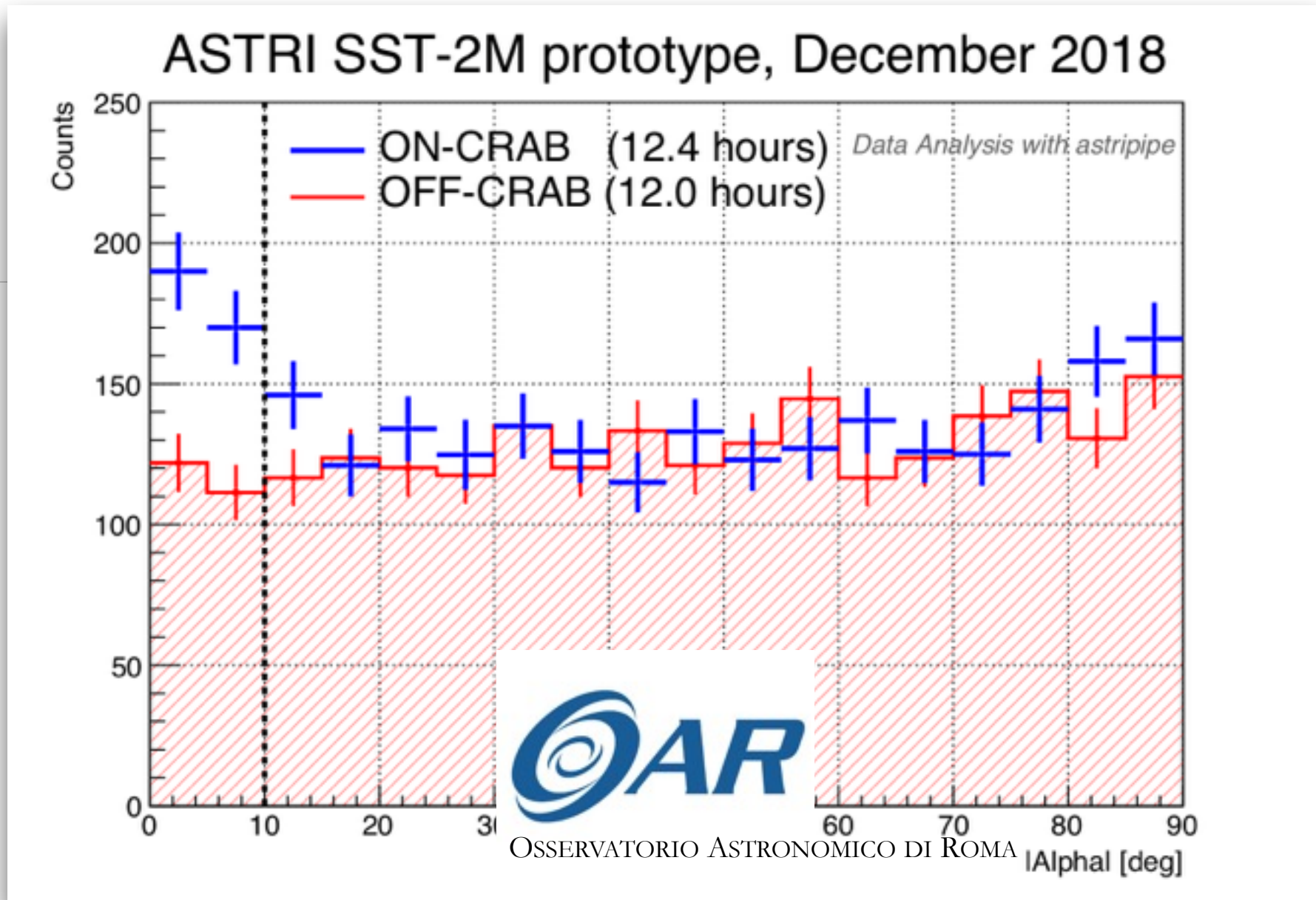


“This milestone is a challenging physics in the LSTs, a commissioning milestone for the CTA.”

The data show the phase towards the different background contributions, including the irreducible steady emission from the Crab Nebula.



# The very first source detection made by CTA!



8 May 2019



Press Release

## ASTRI-Horn is first Cherenkov telescope in dual-mirror configuration to detect the Crab Nebula at TeV energies

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### First detection of the Crab Nebula at TeV energies with a Cherenkov telescope in a dual-mirror Schwarzschild-Couder configuration: the ASTRI-Horn telescope

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The ASTRI-Horn prototype telescope is located at the observing station of the INAF Astrophysical Observatory of Catania, in Serra La Nave, on Etna, where it was installed in 2014. The primary tassellated mirror has a diameter of 4 meters and the secondary monolithic mirror is 1.8 meters in diameter.

Exactly 30 years after the first historical observation of Crab nebula at TeV energies, which opened the era of TeV astronomy with the Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Technique (IACT), another advancement in IACT technology has been achieved. The ASTRI-Horn Cherenkov Telescope, based on the innovative Schwarzschild-Couder dual-mirror configuration and equipped with an innovative camera, has detected the Crab Nebula at TeV energies for the first time, proving the viability of this technology.

In 1989, the very first detection of the Crab Nebula at TeV energies (about a trillion times the energy of visible light) was obtained with the Whipple Telescope. This discovery was the initiation of TeV astronomy, which, with its rapid growth, has led to the detection of about 200 gamma-ray sources from other ground-based detectors like H.E.S.S.,

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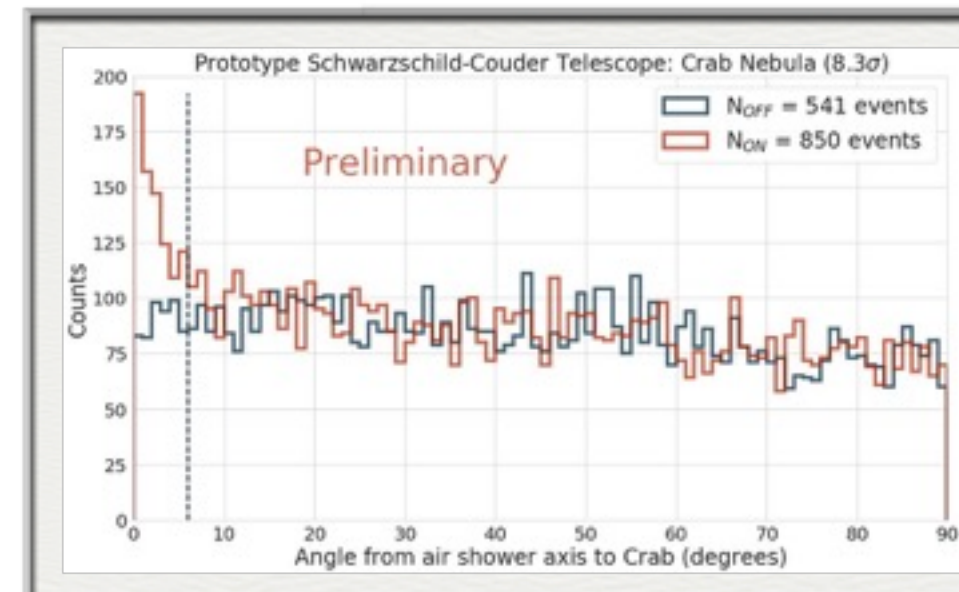


1 June 2020



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## CTA Prototype Telescope, the Schwarzschild-Couder Telescope, Detects Crab Nebula



Armado, AZ — On 1 June 2020, scientists from the **Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA) Consortium** announced at the 236th meeting of the American Astronomical Society (AAS) that they have detected gamma rays from the Crab Nebula using a prototype telescope proposed for CTA, the prototype **Schwarzschild-Couder Telescope (pSCT)**, proving the viability of the novel telescope design for use in gamma-ray astrophysics.

“The Crab Nebula is the brightest steady source of TeV, or very-high-energy, gamma rays in the sky, so detecting it is an excellent way of proving the pSCT technology,” said Justin Vandenbroucke, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin. “Very-high-energy gamma rays are the highest energy photons in the universe and can unveil the physics of extreme objects including black holes and possibly dark matter.”

Detecting the Crab Nebula with the pSCT is more than just proof-positive for the telescope itself. It lays the groundwork for the future of gamma-ray astrophysics. “We’ve established this new technology, which will measure gamma rays with extraordinary precision, enabling future discoveries,” said Vandenbroucke. “Gamma-ray astronomy is already at the heart of the new multi-messenger astrophysics, and the SCT technology will make it an even more important player.”

<https://www.cta-observatory.org/sct-detects-crab-nebula/>



- Science cases are described in the book "Science with the Cherenkov Telescope Array", 2019, CTA consortium, World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., . ISBN #9789813270091 arxiv:1709.07997
- **Consortium papers:** specific cases are reviewed within the consortium, according to new observational and theoretical insight and with the brand-new simulations.
  - *"Pre-construction estimates of the Cherenkov Telescope Array sensitivity to a dark matter signal from the Galactic centre"* arXiv:2007.16129
  - *"Monte Carlo studies for the optimisation of the Cherenkov Telescope Array layout"* AstroP.Phys, 2019, 111;
  - *"The gravitational wave follow-up program of the Cherenkov Telescope Array"* arXiv:1908.08393 (proceed.)
- More to come!





## MAGIC Cycle 16 call for proposals

- ★ Observations: from 2021 January 25th to 2022 January 23rd
- ★ Deadline for submission: **23rd October 2020**
- ➔ Contact the Physics coordinator before **2nd October**
- ★ Guide for proposal preparation and submission:  
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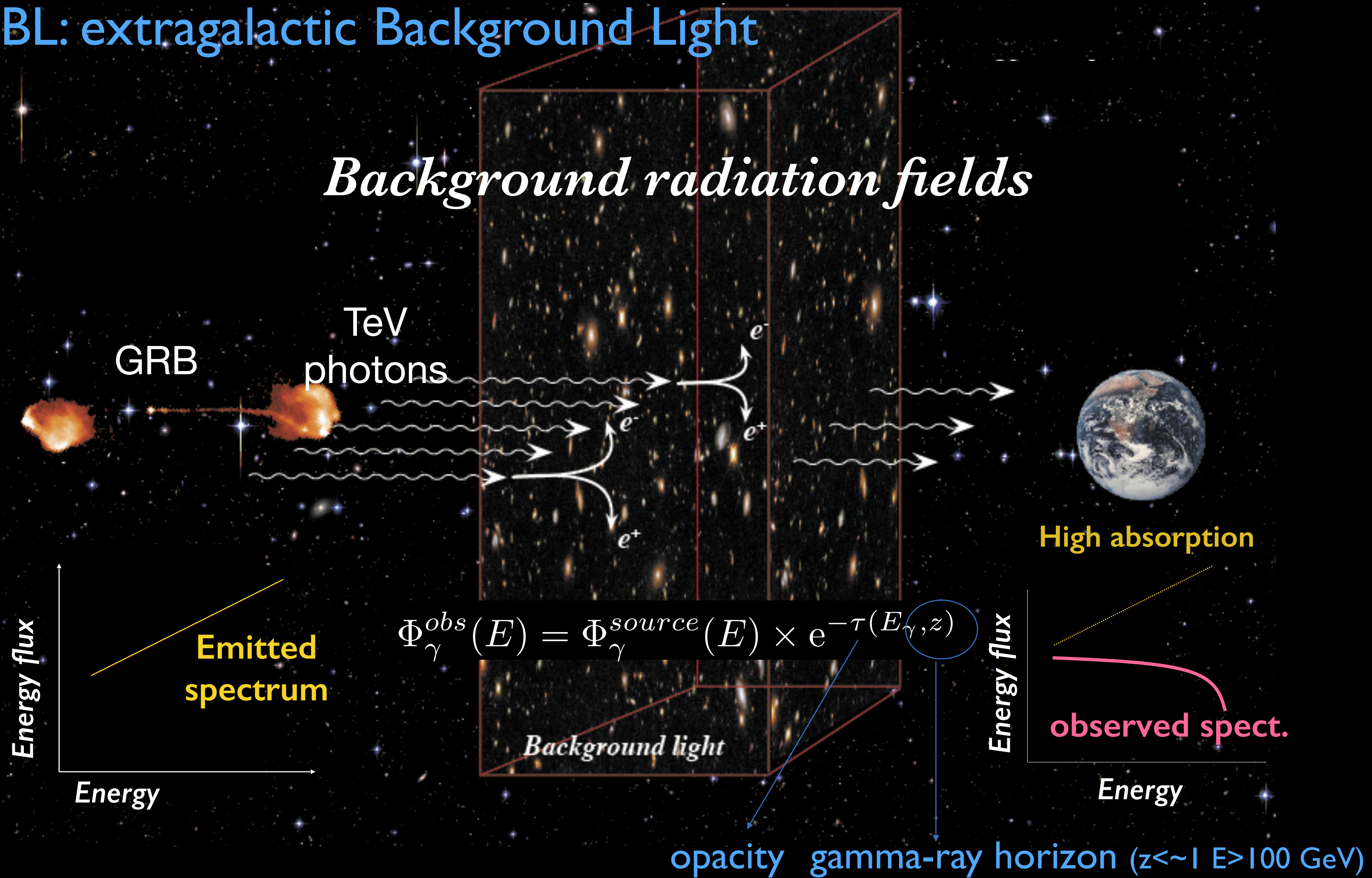
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# EBL absorption of TeV photons



EBL: extragalactic Background Light

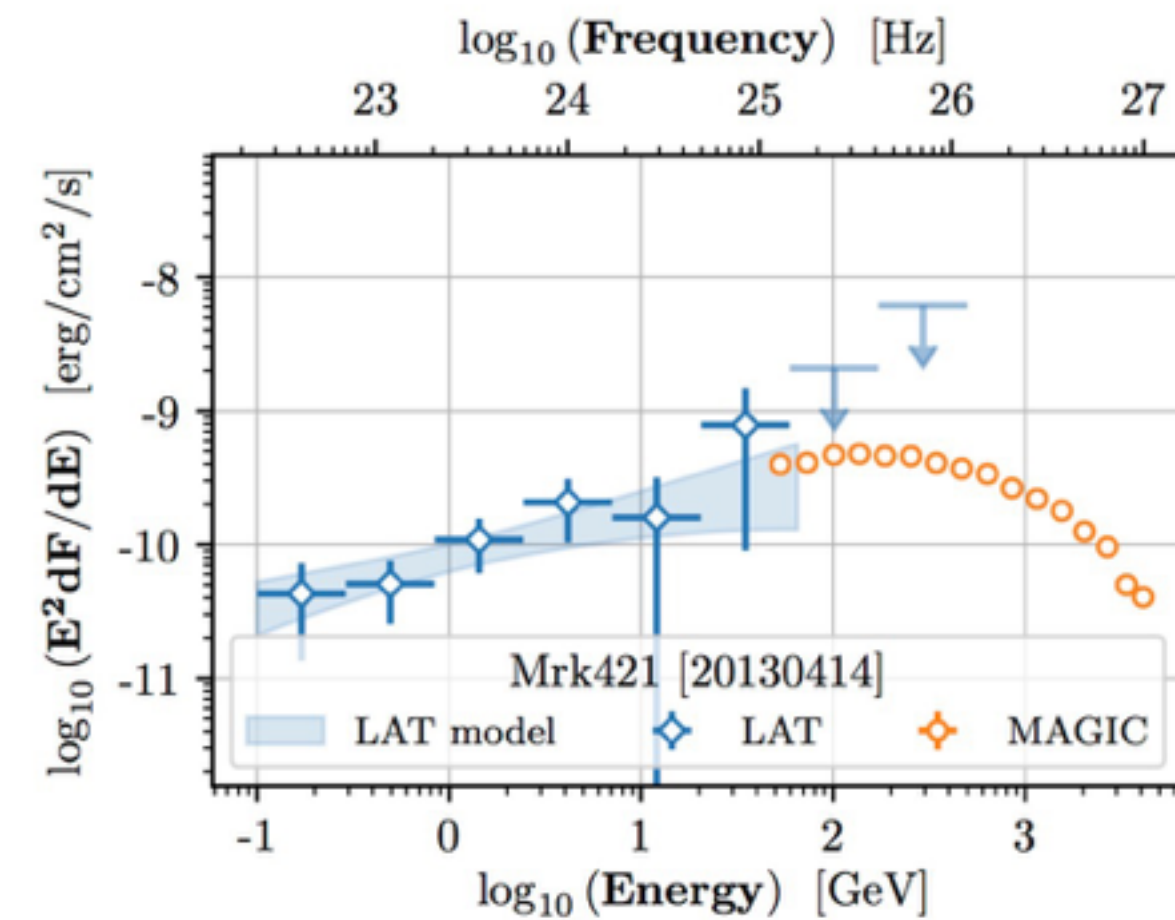
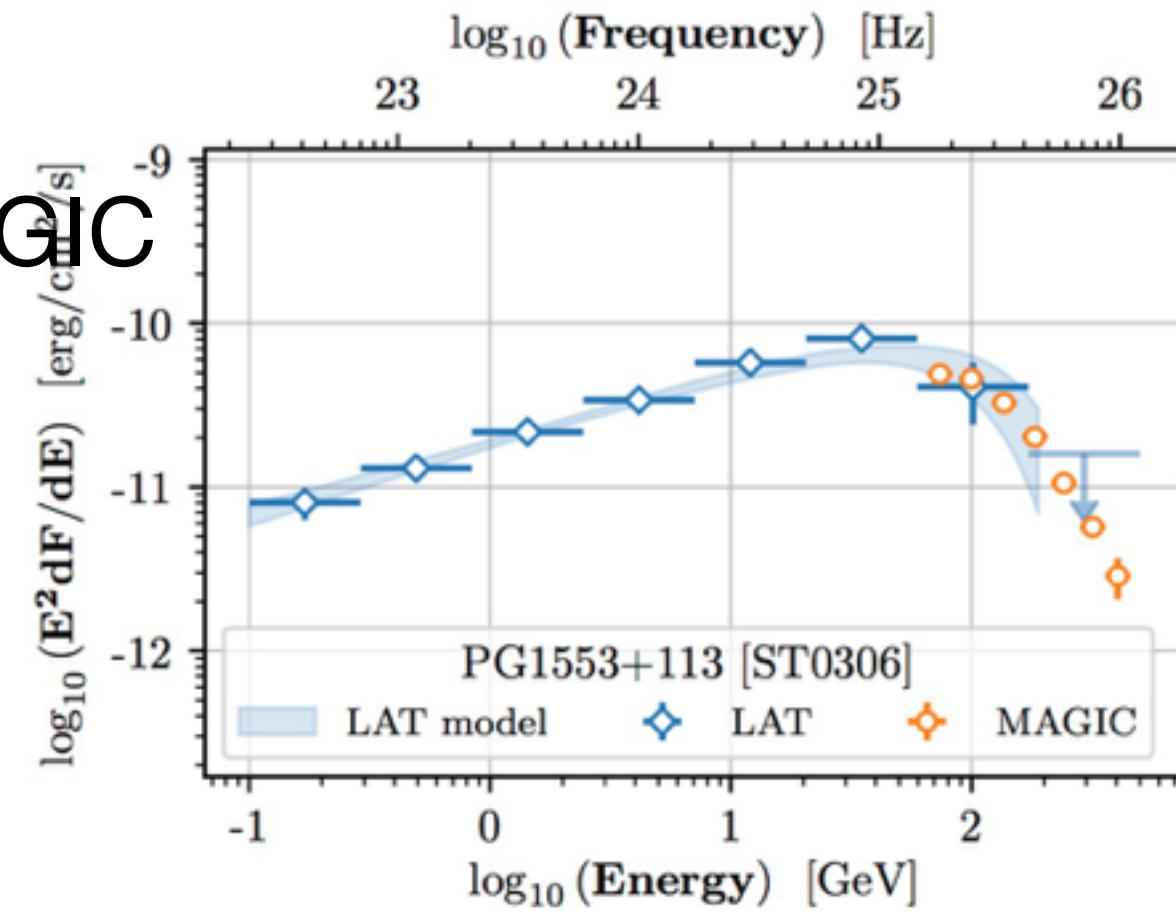
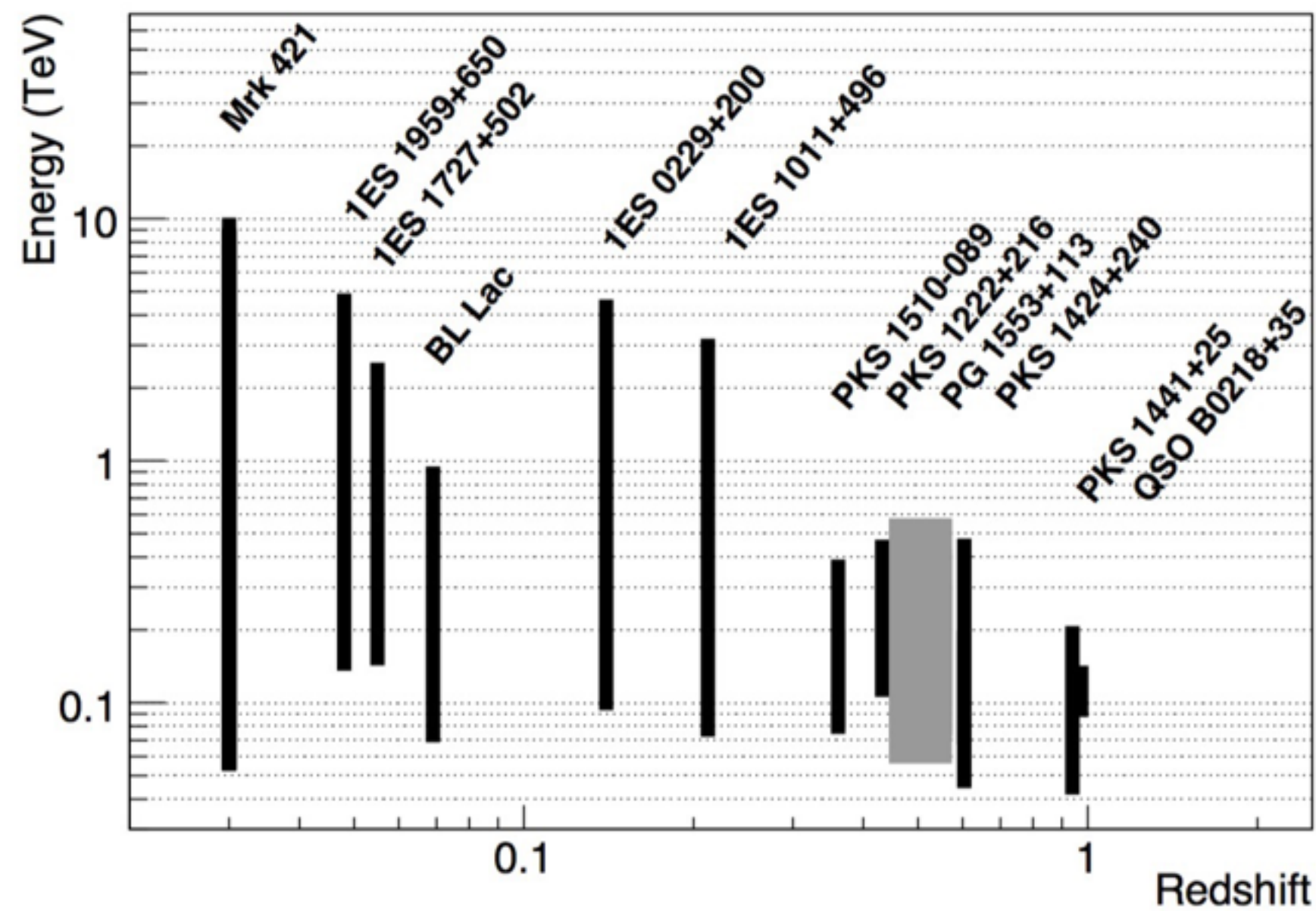






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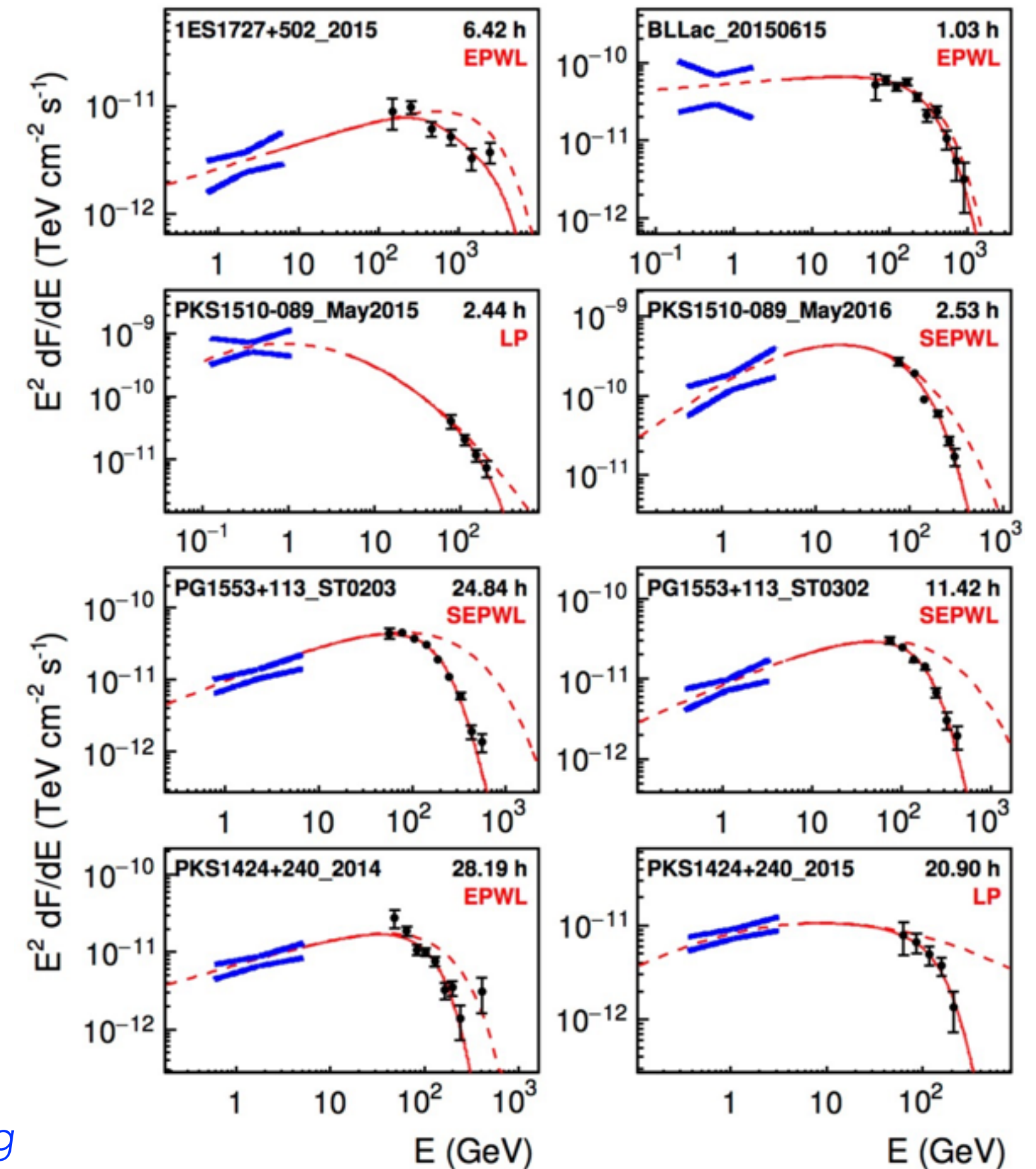




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LP:	$F_0 (E/E_0)^{-\Gamma - b \log(E/E_0)}$		
ELP:	$F_0 (E/E_0)^{-\Gamma - b \log(E/E_0)} e^{-E/E_c}$		
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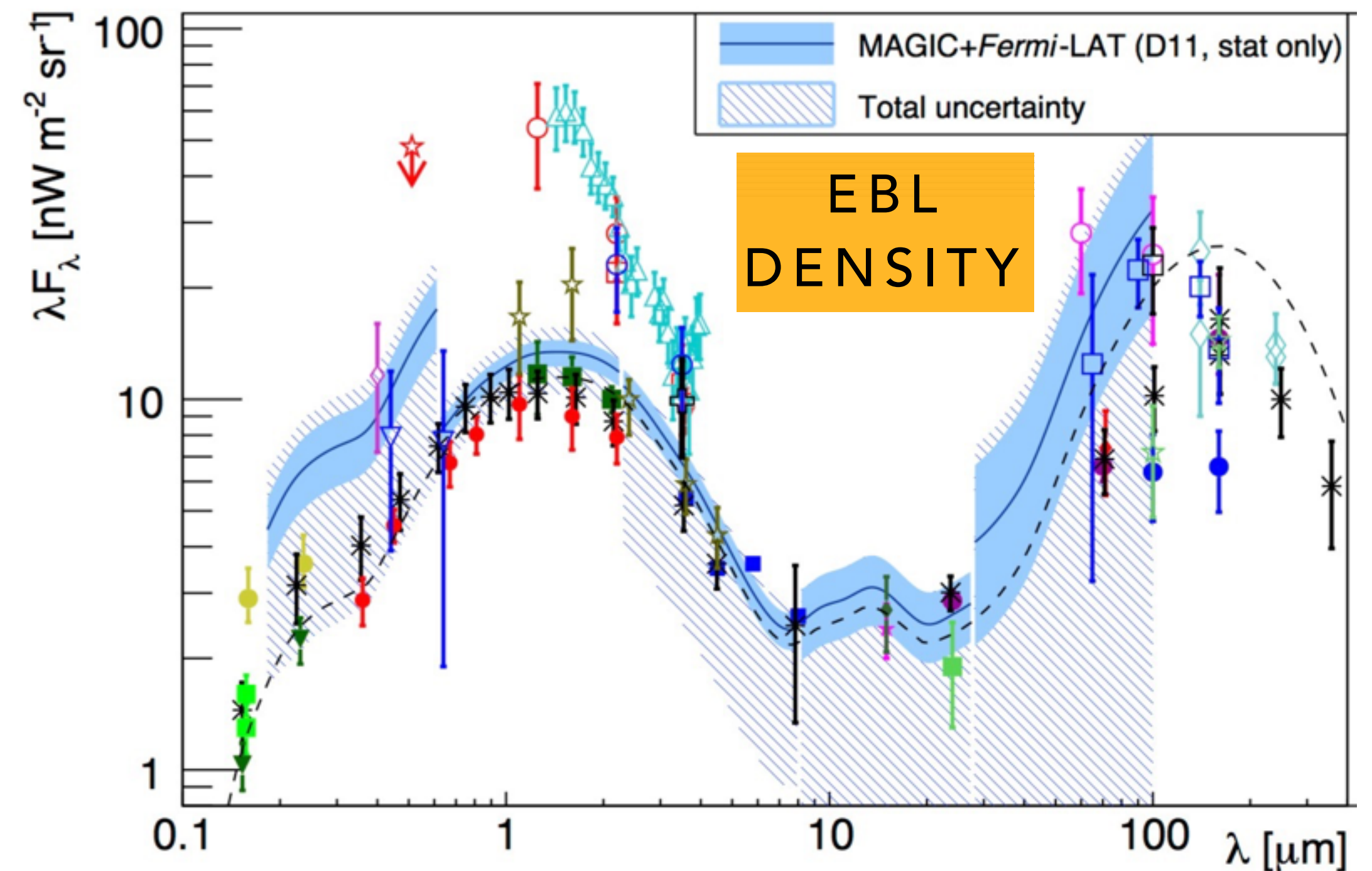


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- **Studies on systematics**
  - intrinsic models
  - instrument response



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