


TeV gamma-ray observations of GW170817 with H.E.S.S.

A visualization of a gravitational wave event, showing a bright, glowing ring of light in shades of blue and purple, with a central point of intense light. The background is a dark blue space filled with numerous small, distant stars.

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Very High Energy emission in Neutron Star Mergers

- The energy release of sGRBs motivates their origin to be a cataclysmic process of compact binaries either **neutron star-neutron star** or **neutron star-black hole** coalescences.

- Examples of Fermi-LAT observations of GRBs showing the presence of high energy emission (GeV) in prompt phase:

▶ GRB 090510: in prompt phase $E_{\text{photon}} \sim 30 \text{ GeV}$

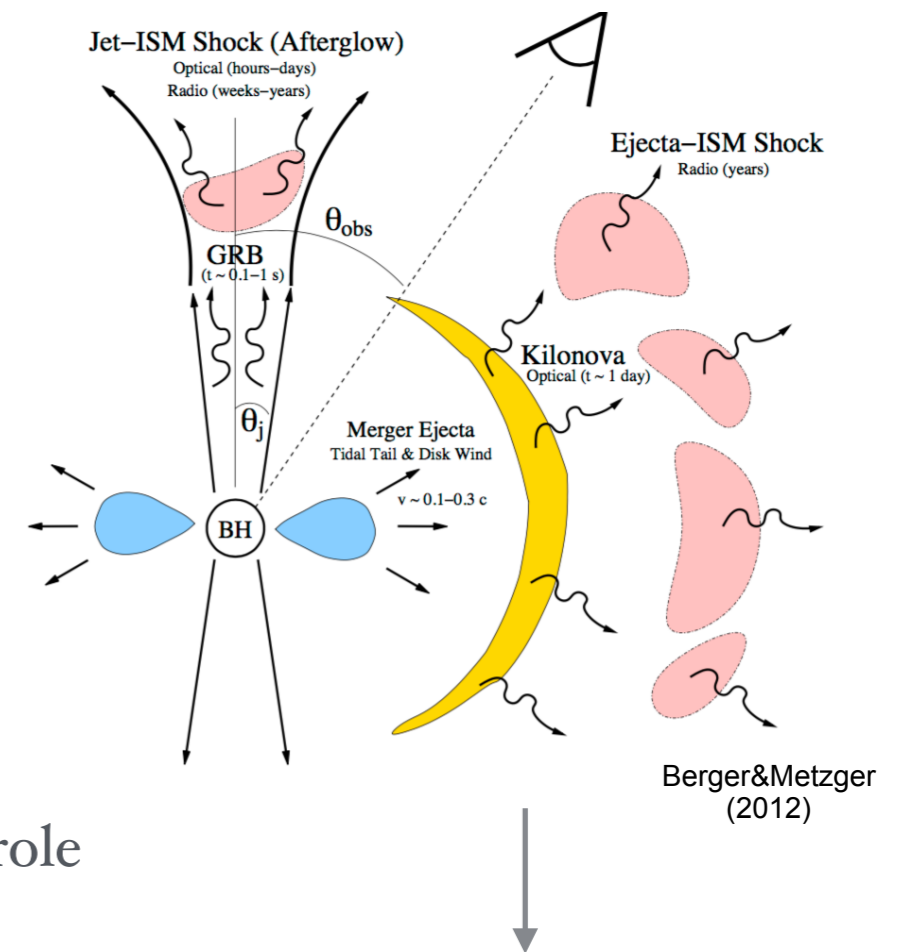
▶ GRB 081024B: in prompt phase $E_{\text{photon}} \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$

▶ GRB 130427A : ~minutes: $E_{\text{photon}} \sim 95 \text{ GeV}$, after ~9hours: $E_{\text{photon}} \sim 32 \text{ GeV}$

▶ To know about H.E.S.S. GRB observations, go to the poster by Edna Ruiz-Velasco

- The observation of GeV-TeV emission plays an important role in:

- Nature of the compact remnant after the coalescence
- Distinguishing between different ejecta structure and observing the cut-off of GRB spectra



The variety of merger remnants will lead to the detection of different kind of transients

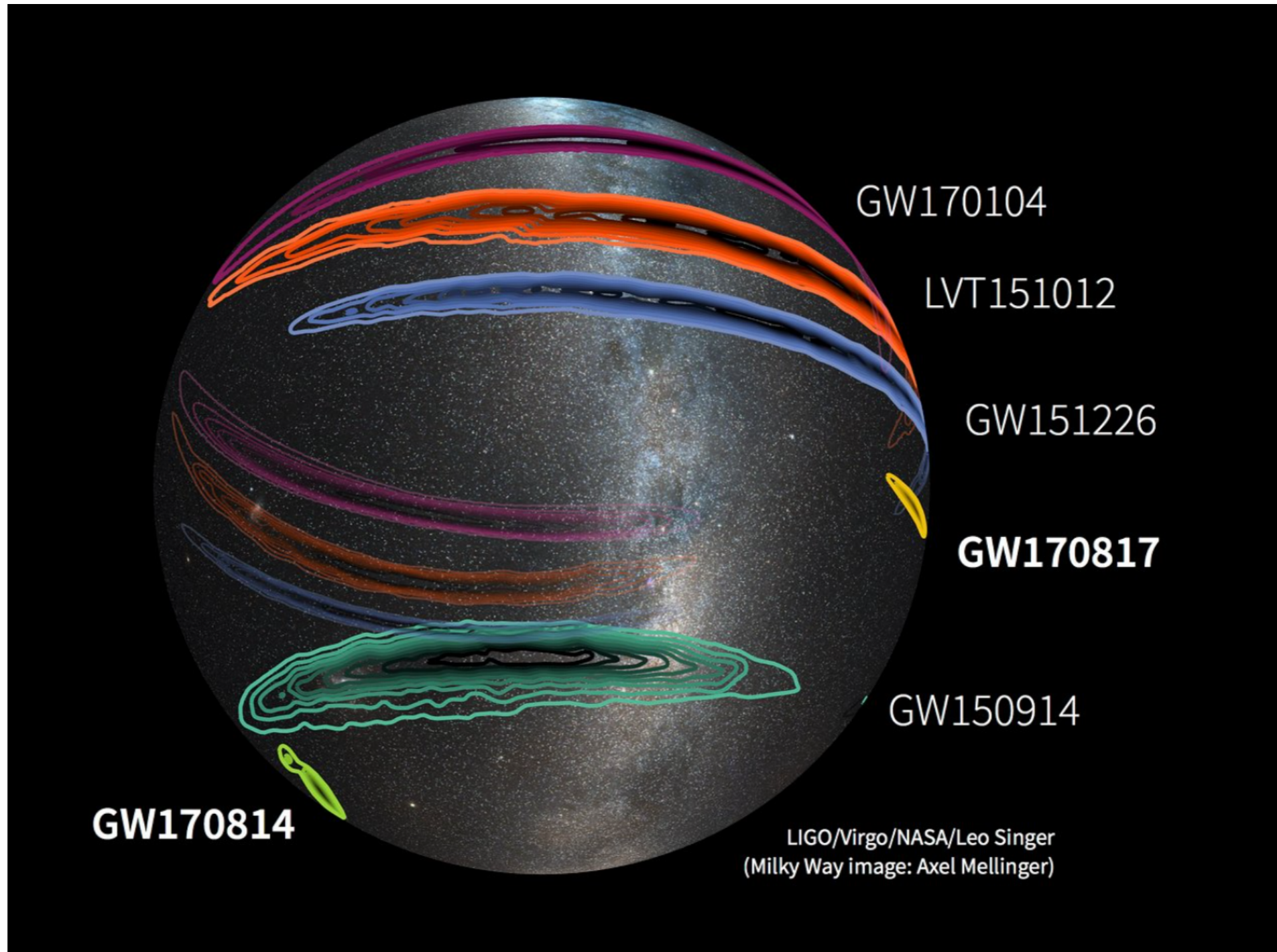
H.E.S.S. experiment

- Located in Namibia at ~1800 meters a.s.l.
- Cherenkov light from air showers initiated by VHE Gamma-Rays (10s of GeVs-10s of TeVs)
- Well suited to follow transients:
 - Rapid follow-up response (~30 seconds)
 - High sensitivity
 - Large FoV for IACT ($5^\circ/3.5^\circ$)
- Target-of- Opportunity programs:
 - EM:Gamma-Ray Burst (GRB), Fast Radio Burst (FRB), Multi-wavelength AGN studies
 - High-energy neutrinos
 - **Gravitational waves**

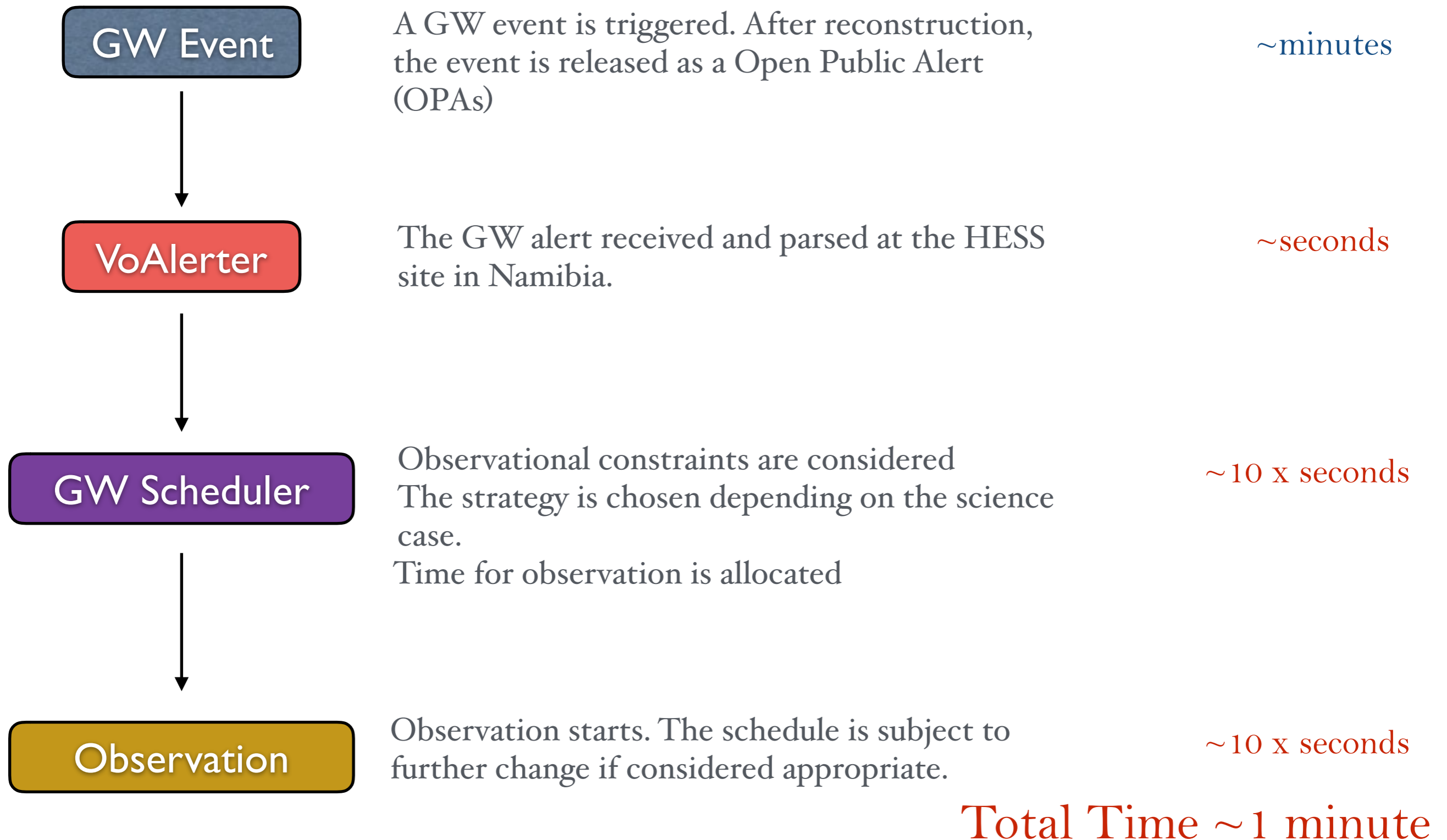
HESS phase I	HESS phase II
4 x 12m telescopes	4 x 12m + 1 x 28 m telescopes
FoV: 5°	FoV: $5^\circ / 3.5^\circ$
Energy threshold ~100 GeV	Energy threshold ~30 GeV
Angular resolution $< 0.1^\circ$	Angular resolution $< 0.1- 0.4^\circ$

But..

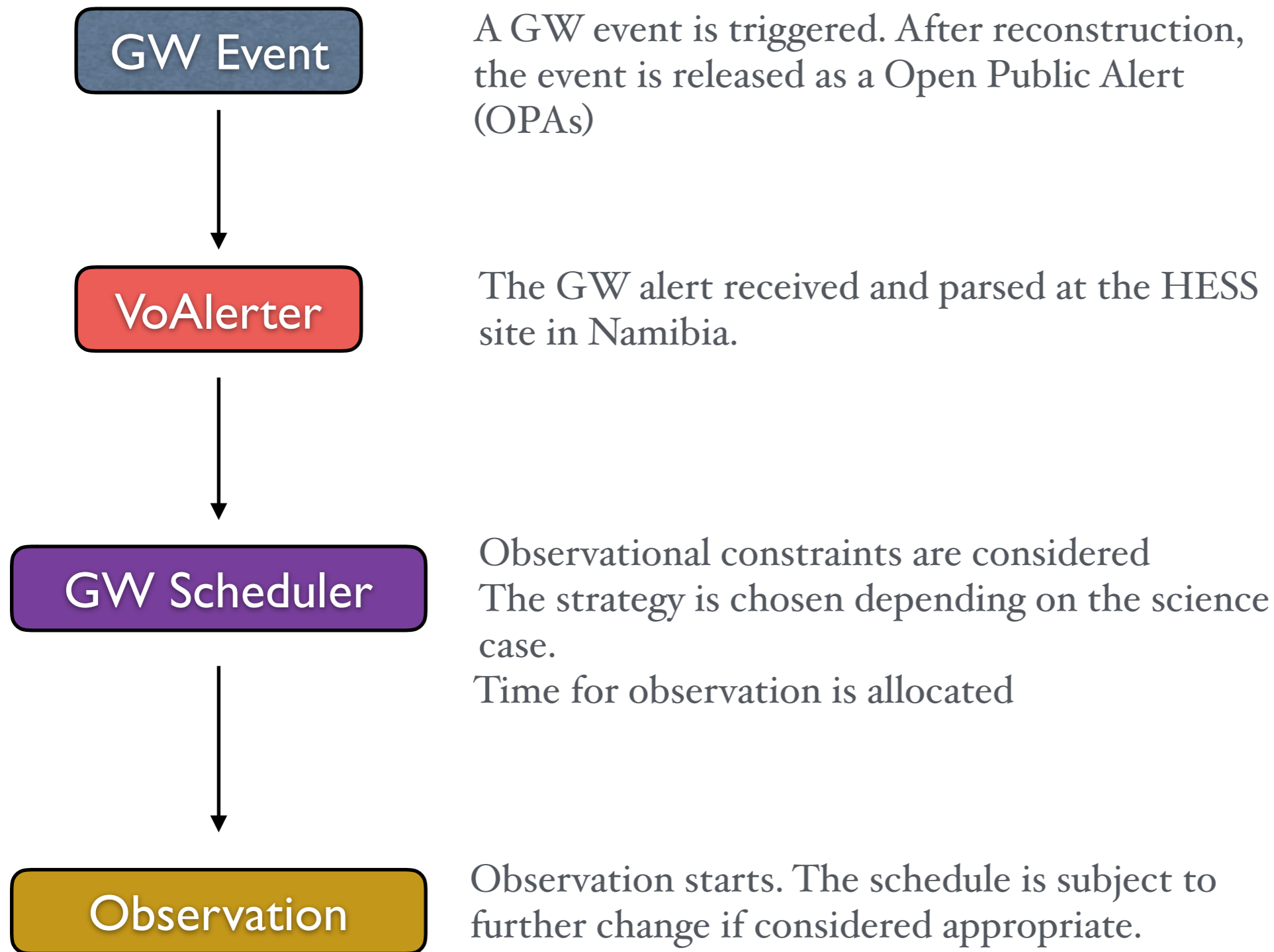
Gravitational Wave localisations covers regions on the sky from $\sim 10\text{s}-1000\text{s deg}^2$



Gravitational Wave follow-up program

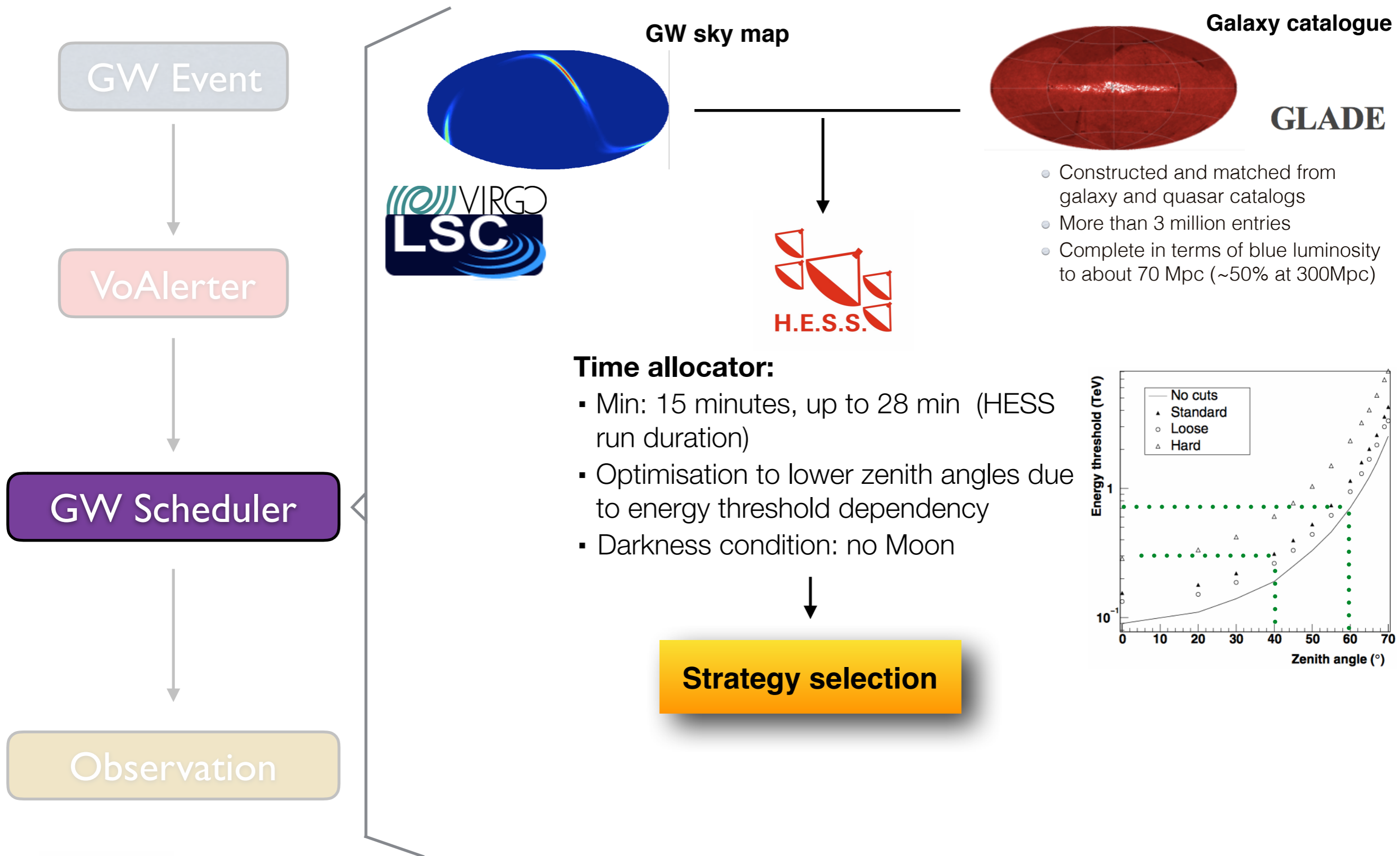


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The whole chain is fully automated and on-line. However, if the alert arrives during daytime, the process is done by a human, as was the case for GW₁₇₀₈₁₇

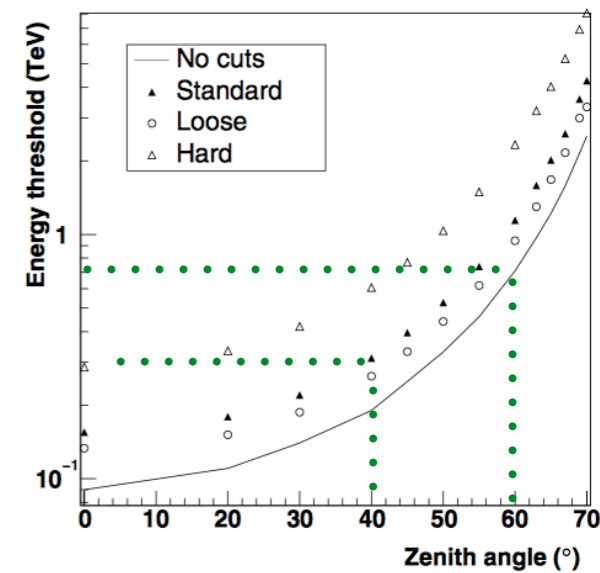
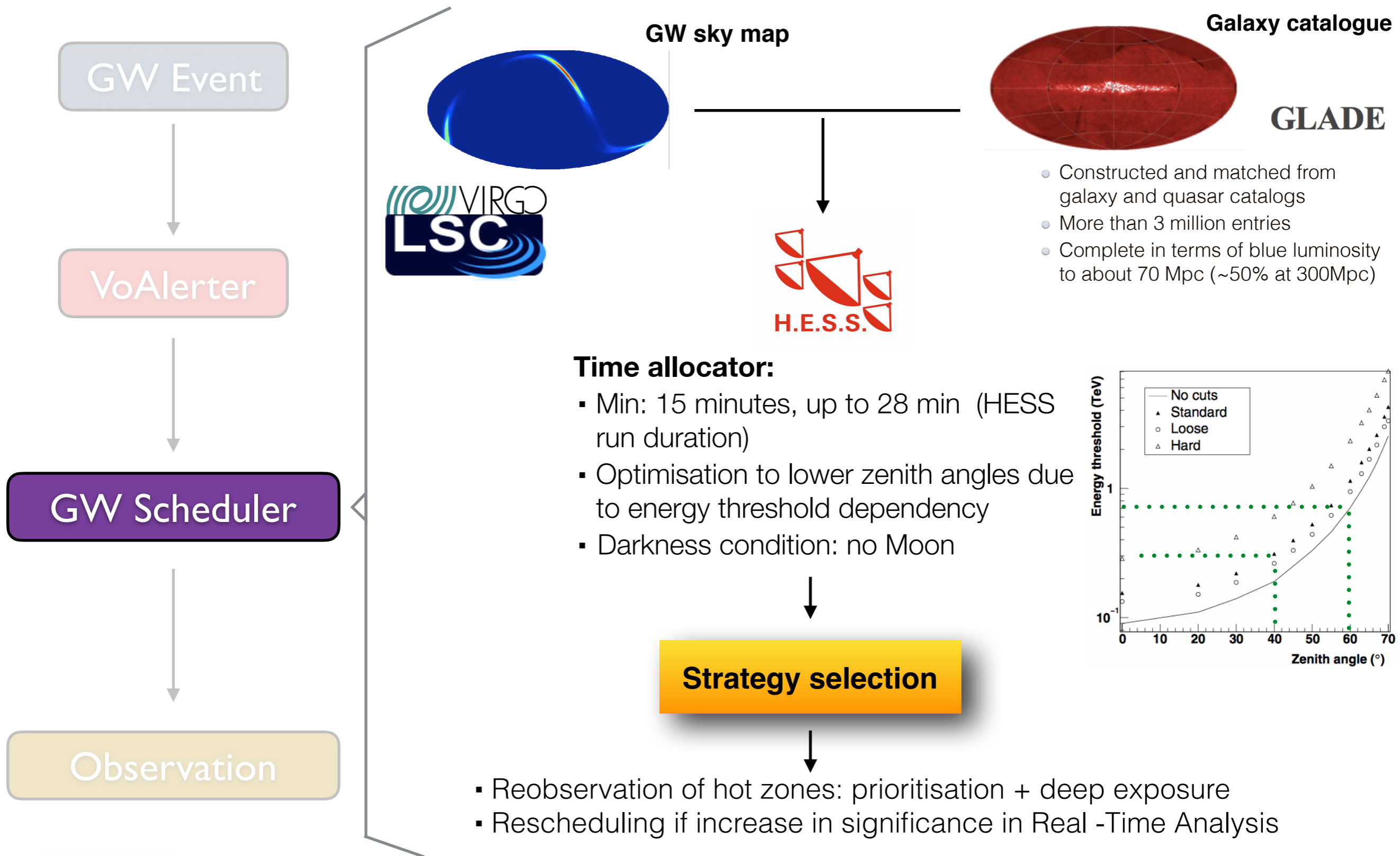
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Follow-up strategy selection

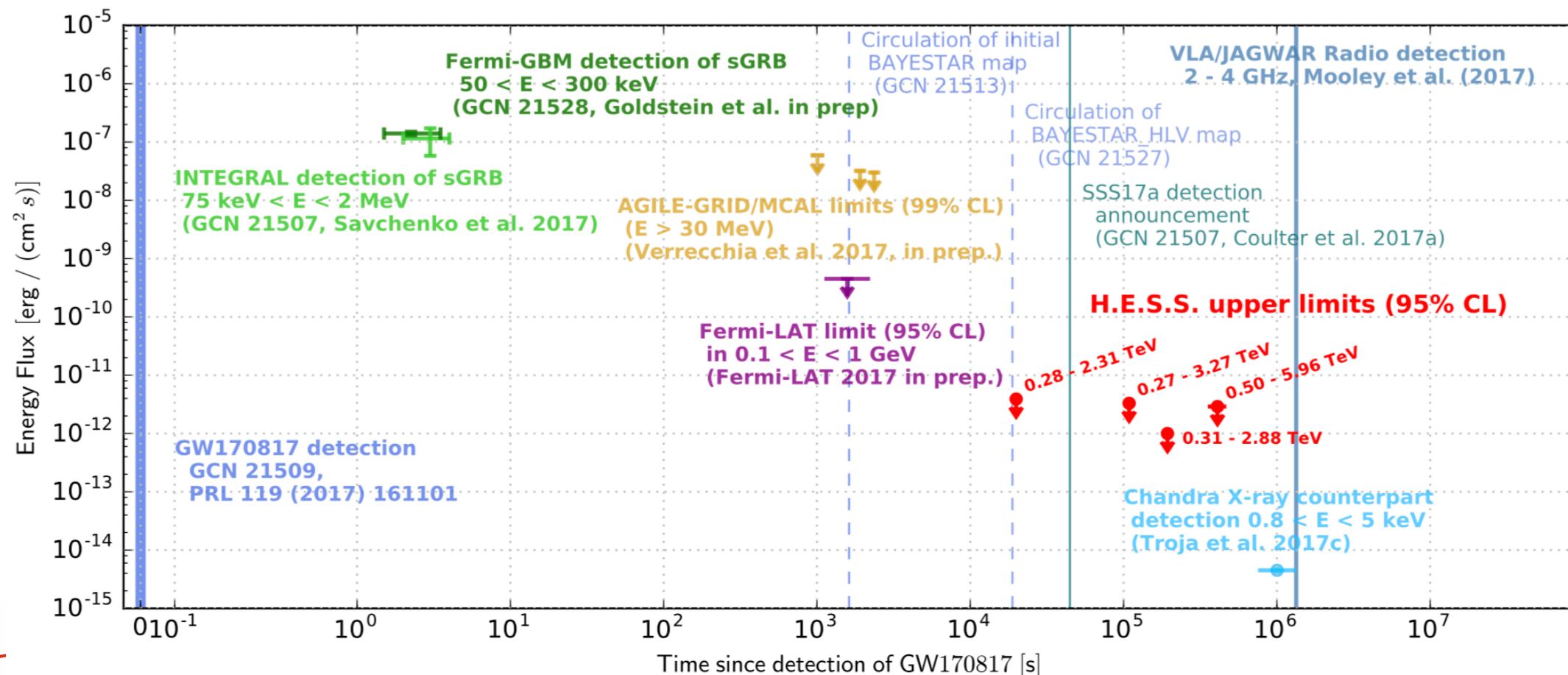
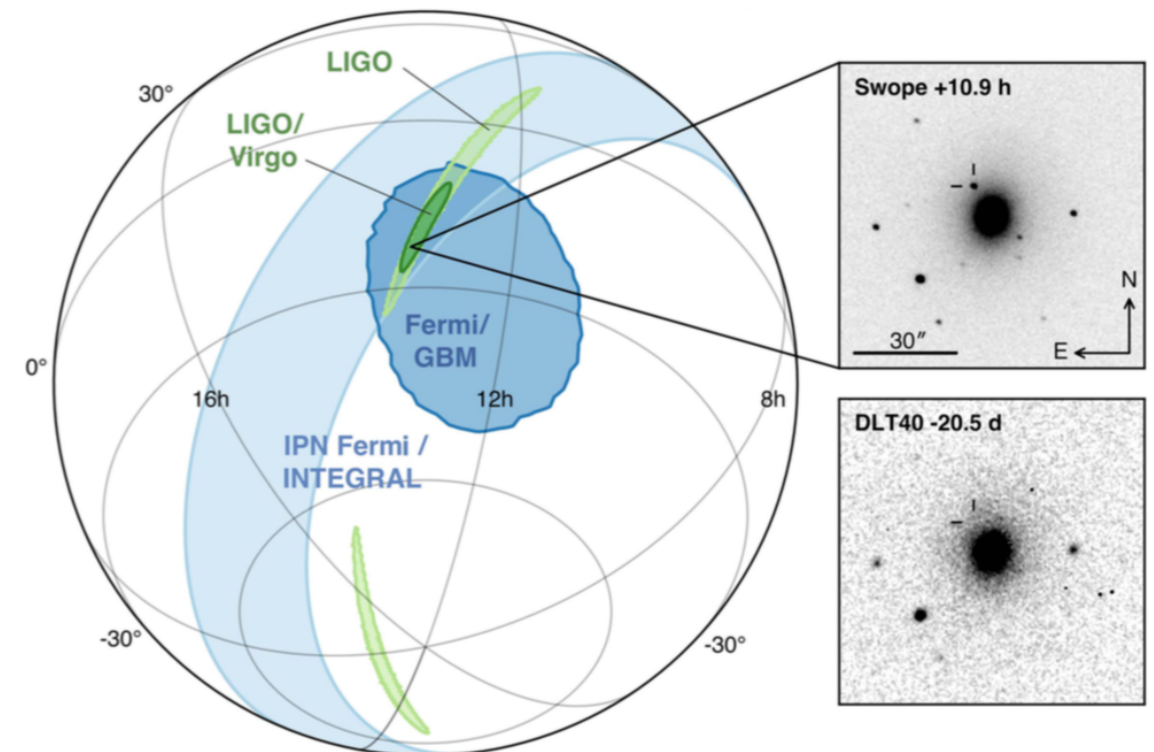
	Description	Pros	Type of events
$P_{GW-in-FoV}$ (2D)	Use raw GW sky map and chose highest direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fastest Possibility of low res. GW map No need to load galaxy catalogues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bursts-like events BBH mergers Poor resolution events
Highest- $P_{GW \times GAL}$ (3D)	Select of individual high galaxy according to its $P_{GW \times GAL}$ and observe them one-by-one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast Astrophysically motivated Uses D_{lum} estimates in GW reconstruction Validated during GW₁₇₀₈₁₇ follow-up: NGC 4993 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First pointing on NS-NS
$P_{GW \times GAL}$ (3D)	Integrate the full FoV $P_{GW \times GAL}$ and observe direction with highest value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More performant Astrophysically motivated Uses D_{lum} estimates in GW reconstruction Validated during GW₁₇₀₈₁₇ follow-up: NGC 4993 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsequent pointings on NS-NS

Gravitational Wave follow-up program



GW170817/GRB170817a trigger

- First detection of gravitational waves coming from a Neutron Star Merger
- First coincidence detection of the GW and EM signatures of NSM
- Galaxy catalogs were used to pinpoint the source
- Follow-up campaign that allowed to study the evolution of the event
- Counterparts in UV, optical & infrared

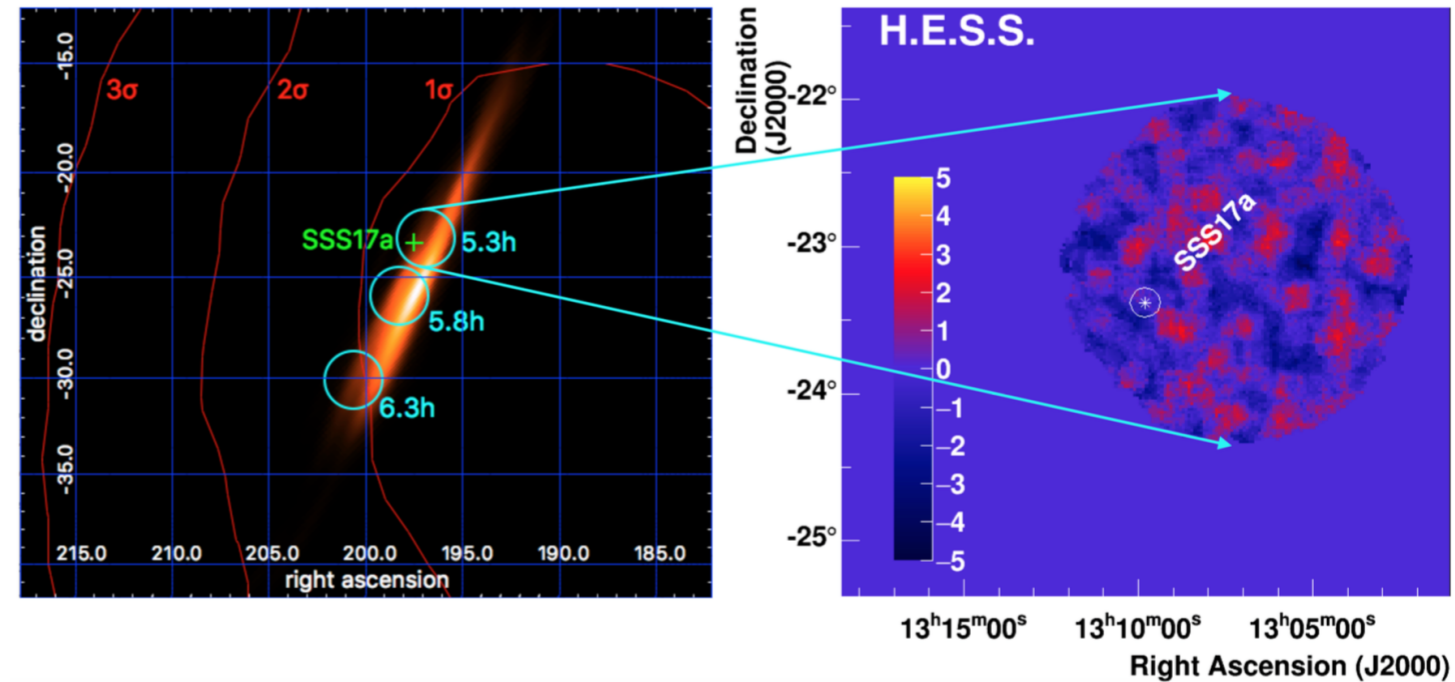


GW170817/GRB170817a observation

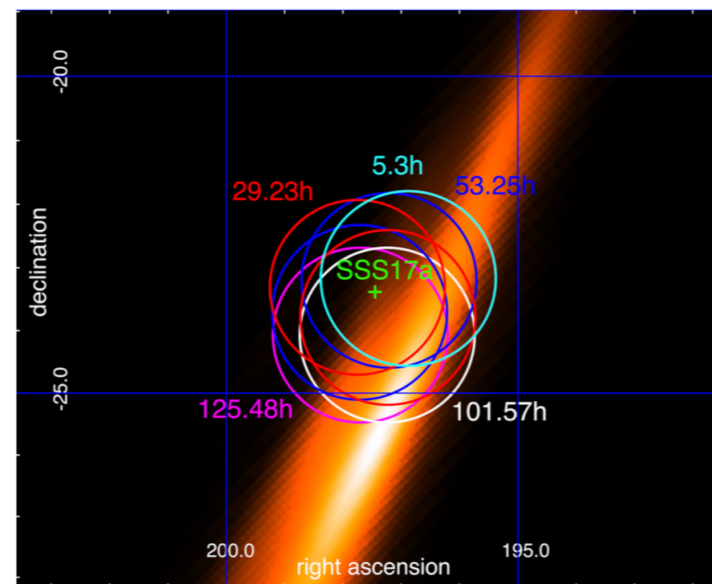
NGC4993, host galaxy, is **NOT** located in the place you would expect by eye (2D strategy)!

- H.E.S.S. was the first ground based instrument on target!
 - 5.3 hours after merger
 - 5 minutes after the update of the GW skymap (LV reconstruction)
- The first observation was on the afterwards identified position of the NS-NS
- In subsequent nights, observations were modified according to the NS-NS location

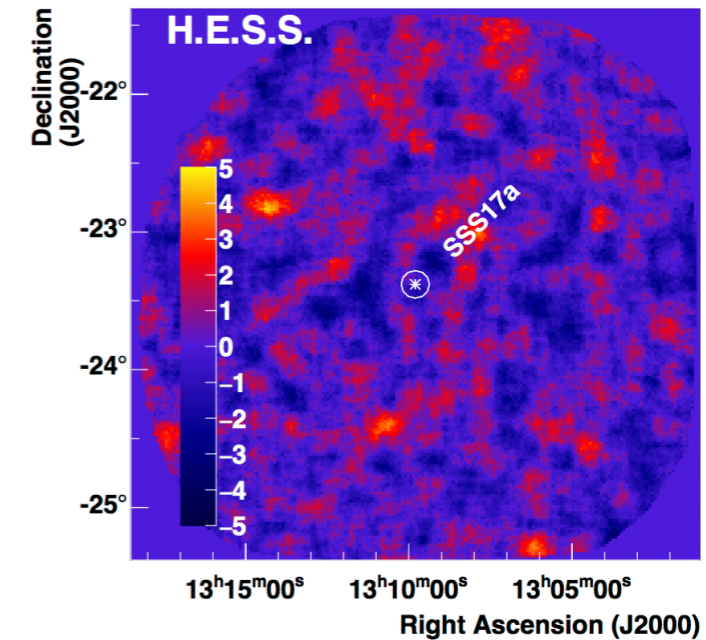
H. Abdalla et al. (H.E.S.S. collaboration), ApJL 855:L22 (2017), arXiv: 1710.05862



ID	Observation time (UTC)	Pointing coordinates [deg]	<zenith angle> [deg]
1a	2017-08-17 17:59	196.88, -23.17	59
1b	2017-08-17 18:27	198.19, -25.98	58
1c	2017-08-17 18:56	200.57, -30.15	62
2a	2017-08-18 17:55	197.75, -23.31	53
2b	2017-08-18 18:24	197.23, -23.79	60
3a	2017-08-19 17:56	197.21, -23.20	55
3b	2017-08-19 18:24	197.71, -23.71	60
5a	2017-08-21 18:15	197.24, -24.07	60
6a	2017-08-22 18:10	197.70, -24.38	60



(a) SSS17a: H.E.S.S. pointings

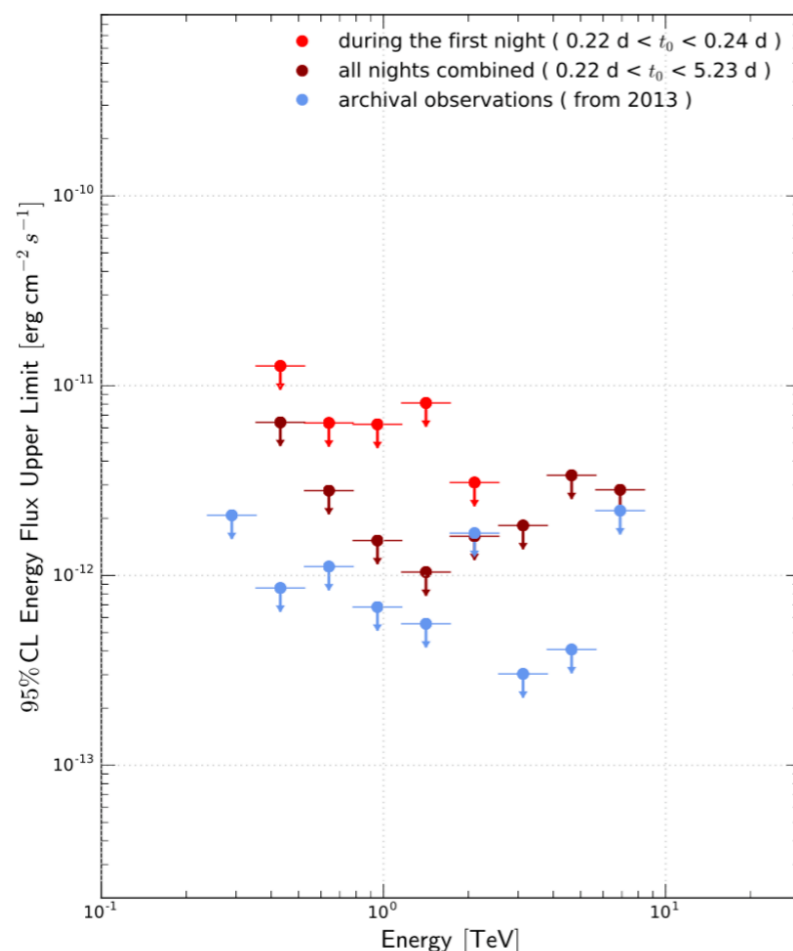


(b) SSS17a: H.E.S.S. significance map

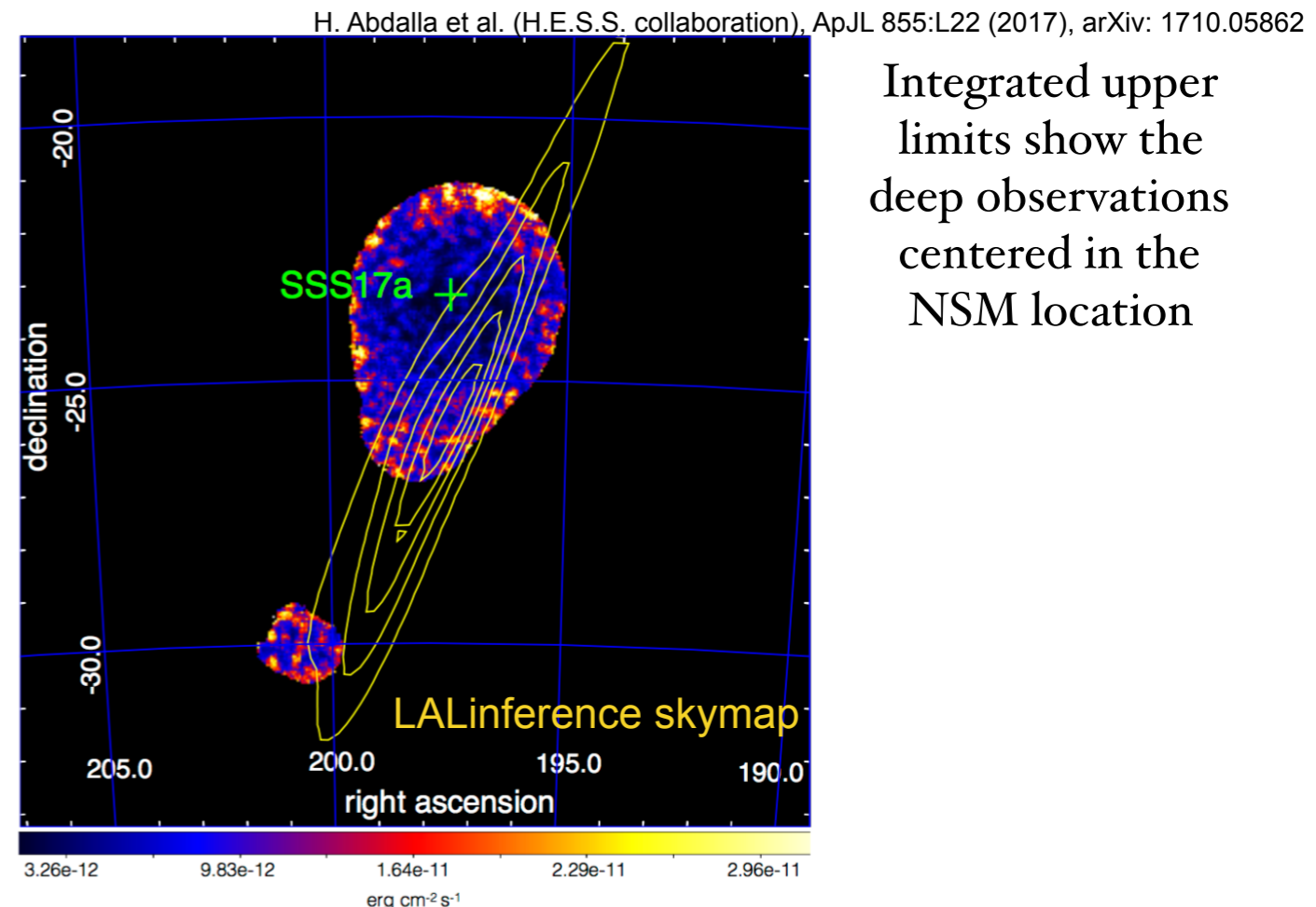


Flux upper limits on GW170817/GRB170817A

- Follow-up campaign of the source
 - Model Analysis (de Naurois et Rolland 2009) results x-checked with ImPACT (Parsons & Hinton 2014)
 - 0.22-5.22 days after merger: 8.5 h of monitoring covering E range from 270 GeV to 8.55 TeV
 - No significant signal: $\Phi (0.27 < E [\text{TeV}] < 8.55) < 1.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 - PKS1309-216 archival observation (2013): upper limits derived



(a) SSS17a: H.E.S.S. limits

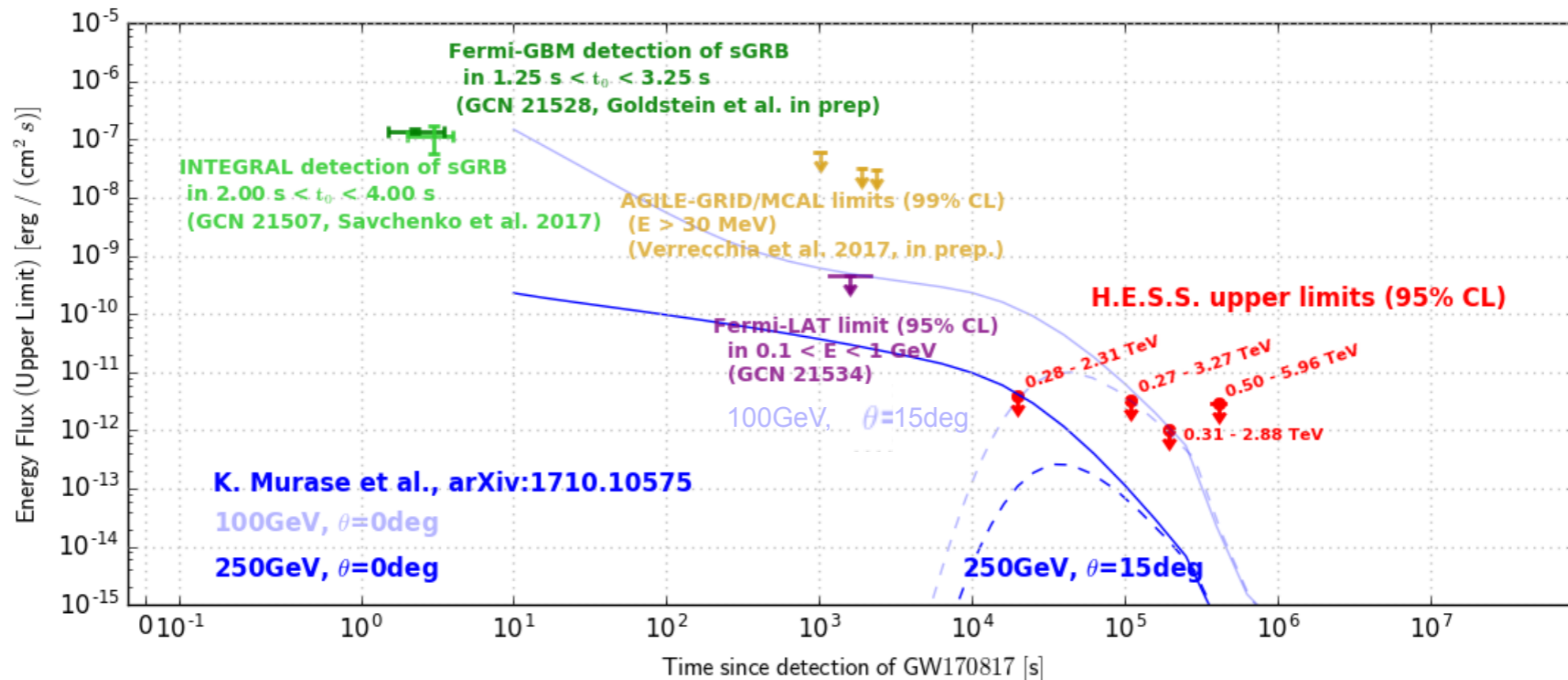
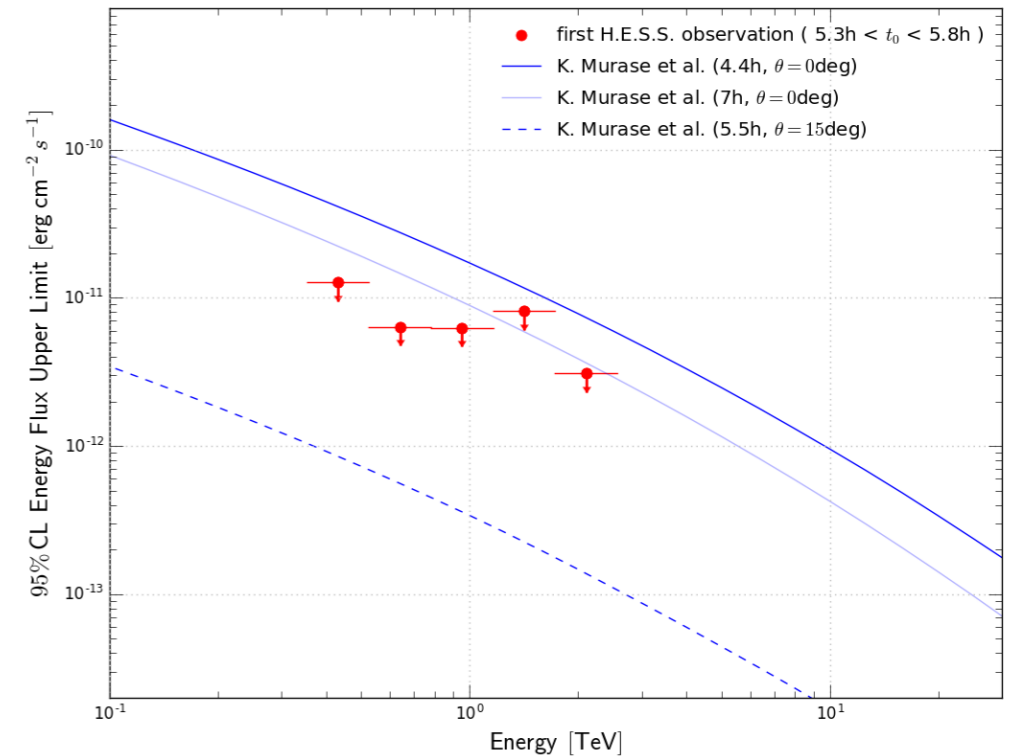


(b) GW170817: H.E.S.S. flux limit map

Integrated upper limits show the deep observations centered in the NSM location

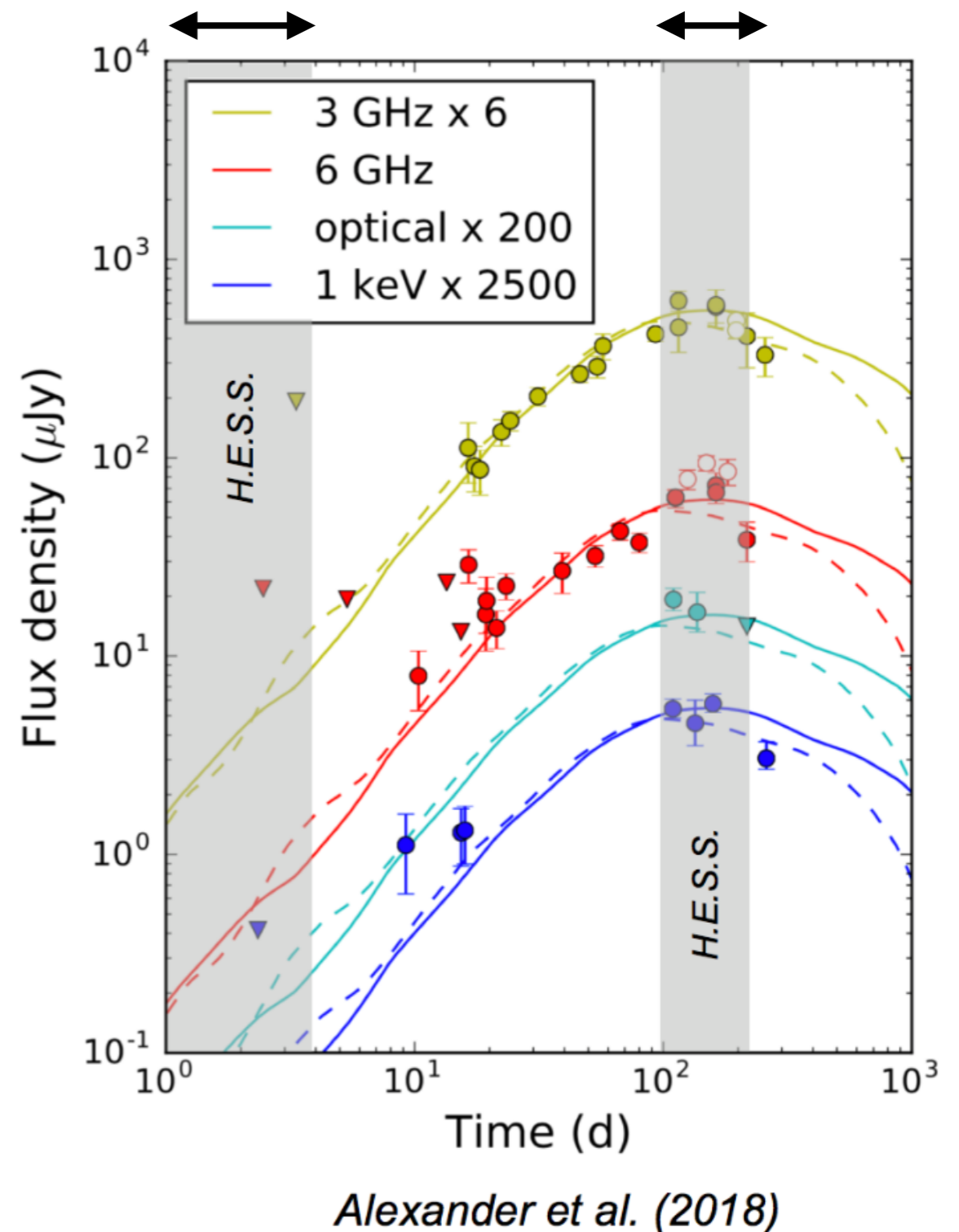
GW170817/GRB170817a observation

- HESS observations of GW170817 can put constraints on models including long lasting central engines presenting HE signatures
- For further detail, see Murase et al, ApJ, 854(1), 60.



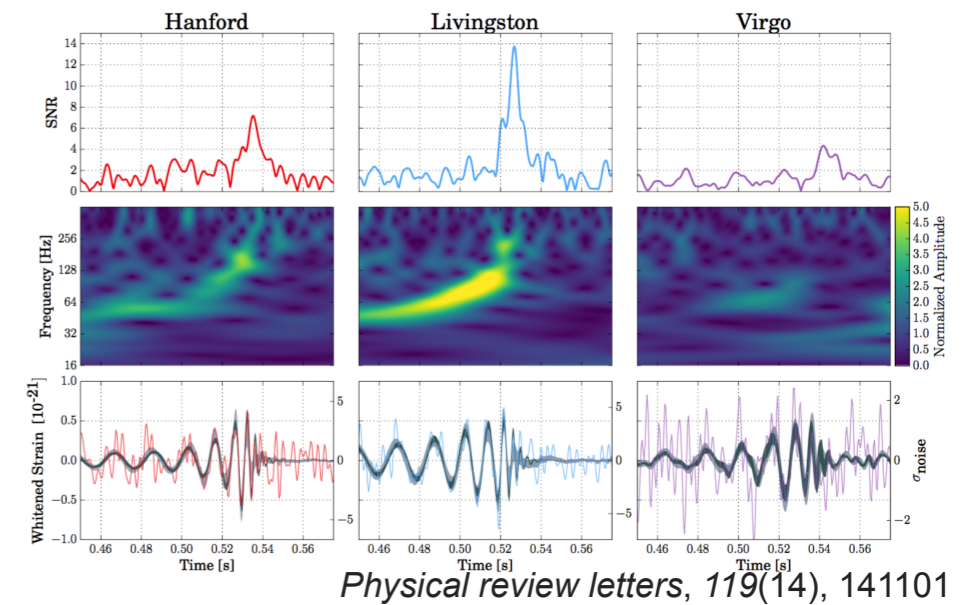
GW170817/GRB170817a: long term observation

- Late emission
 - Rise of the flux in radio and X-rays 150 days after merger and subsequent decrease
 - H.E.S.S. observations campaign covering the peak of X-ray /radio emission from December till May
 - In the TeV energy range, observations can put constraints on the magnetic field strength of the remnant (Rodrigues, X. et al, arXiv:1806.01624)
 - Analysis in progress

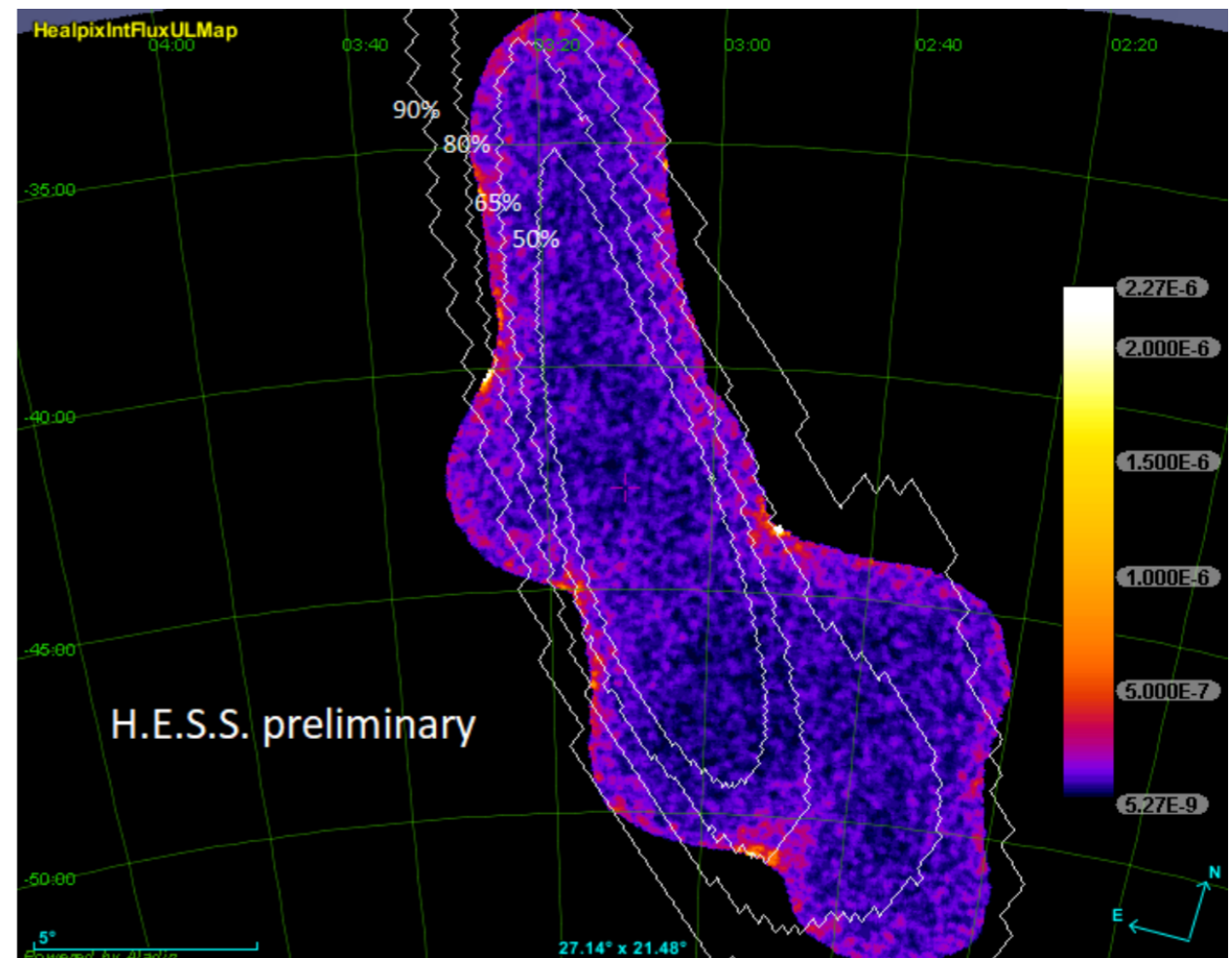
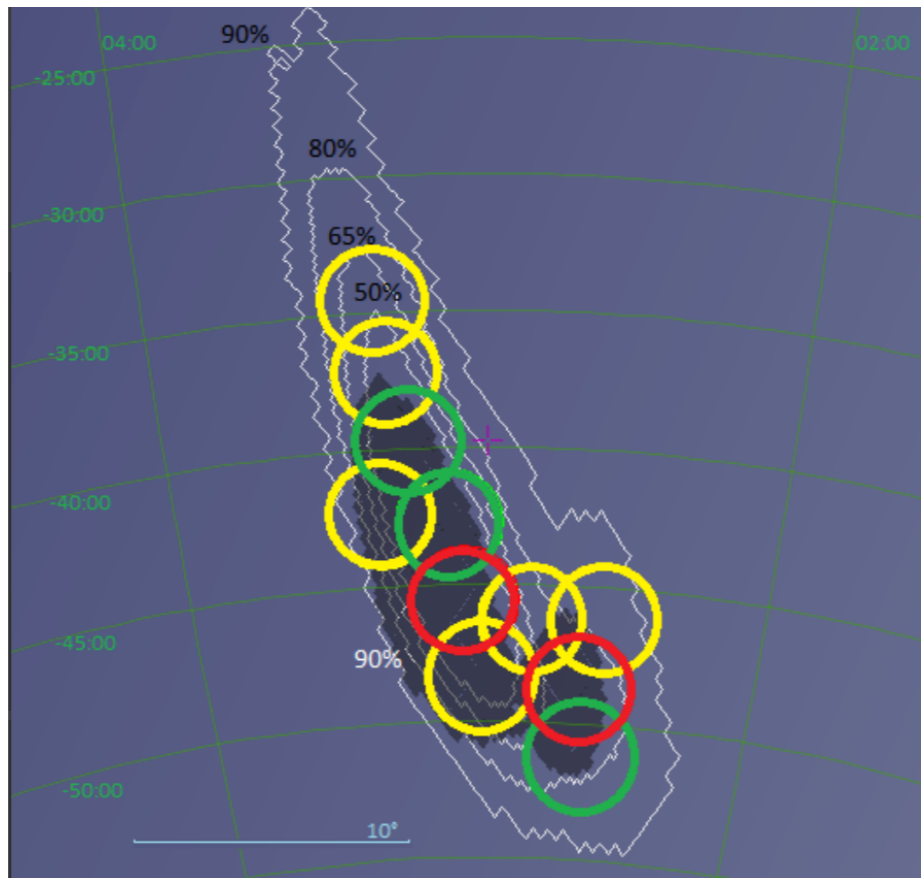


GW170814

- For O2 technical, trial run on BBH:
 - GW170814 (3 days before real NSM trigger!).
- GW170814:
 - 14 August 2017, seen by aLIGO-L, aLIGO-H and Virgo
 - Credible region sky area (without V1): 1160 deg² (with V1): 60 deg²
 - M_1 : 28-36 M_\odot M_2 : 21-28 M_\odot M_{Total} = 53-59 M_\odot



1st night
2nd night
3rd night



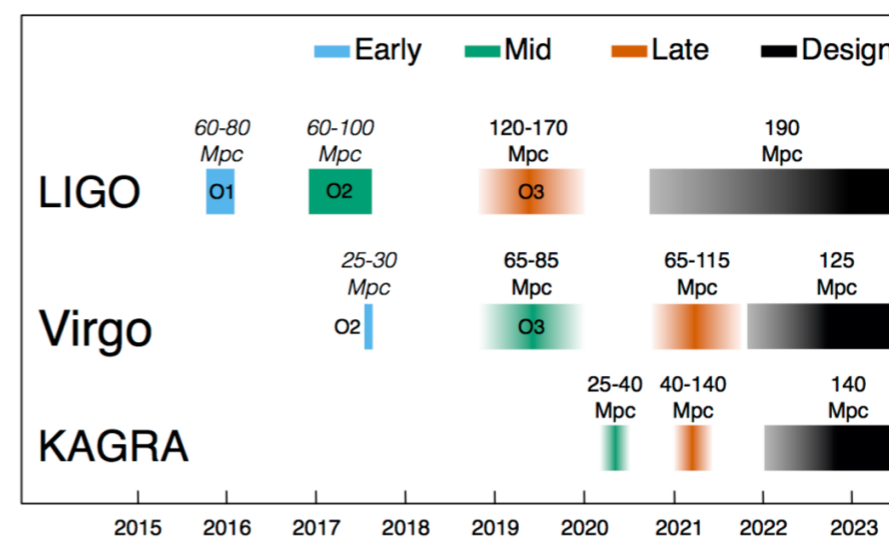
Ashkar, Bonnefoy, Schüssler for HESS collab.



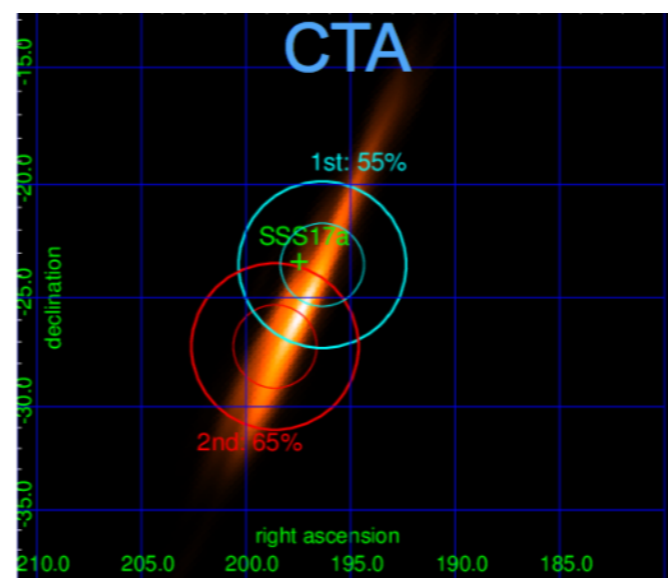
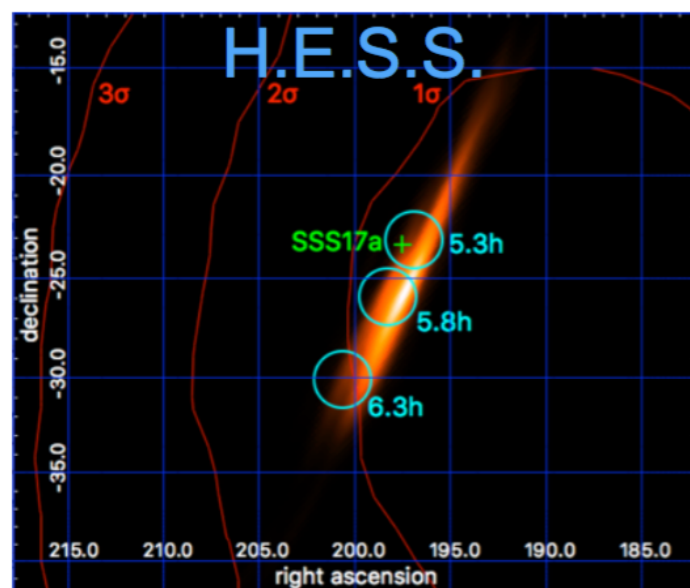
Outlook

- Automatic and adaptative follow-up strategy in H.E.S.S.
- GW₁₇₀₈₁₇ has successfully proven our approach to NS-NS and the use of galaxy catalogs.
- Upper Limits on the VHE emission of GW₁₇₀₈₁₇ were derived for early phase. Analysis of the late-time observations in progress.

Epoch		2015–2016	2016–2017	2018–2019	2020+	2024+
Expected burst range/Mpc	LIGO	40–60	60–75	75–90	105	105
	Virgo	—	20–40	40–50	40–70	80
	KAGRA	—	—	—	—	100
Expected BNS range/Mpc	LIGO	40–80	80–120	120–170	190	190
	Virgo	—	20–65	65–85	65–115	125
	KAGRA	—	—	—	—	140
Estimated BNS detections		0.05–1	0.2–4.5	1–50	4–80	11–180



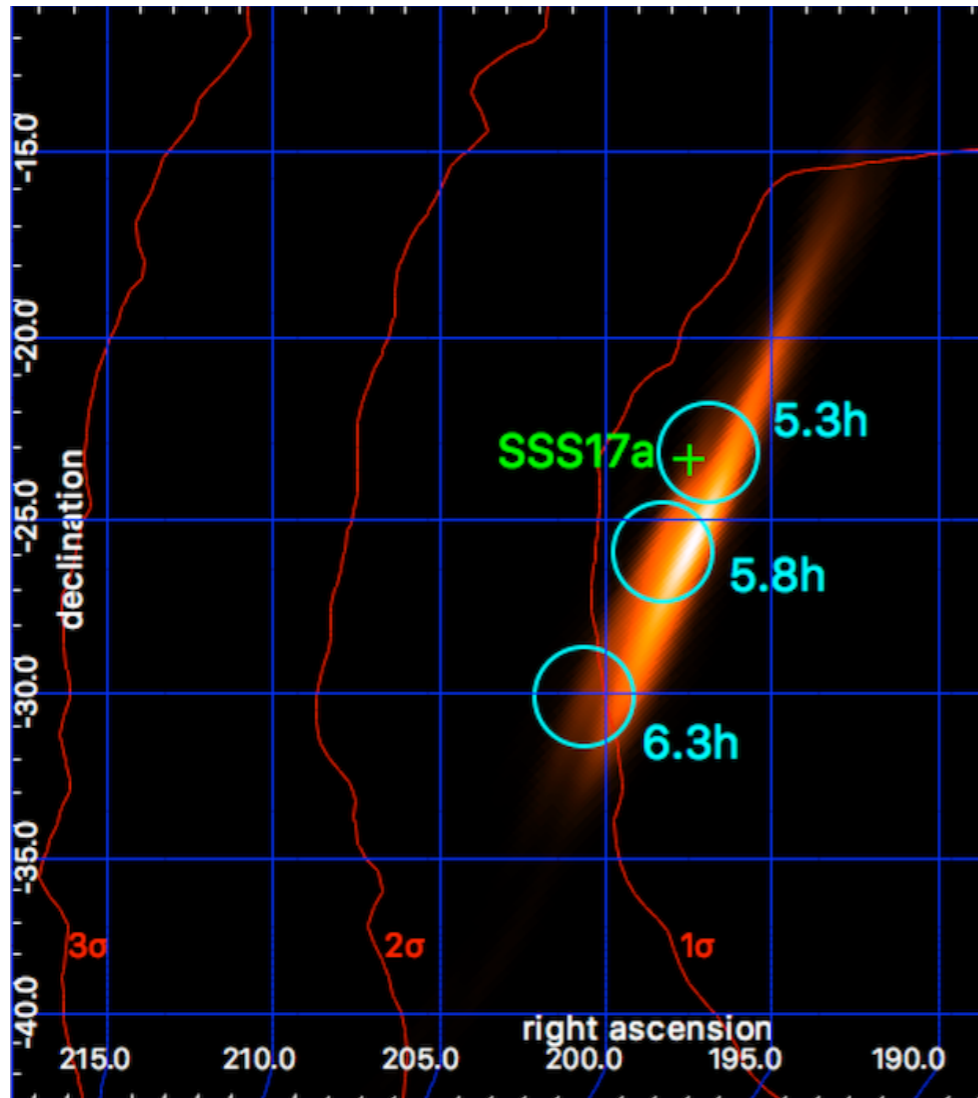
- LST prototype deployed this October!



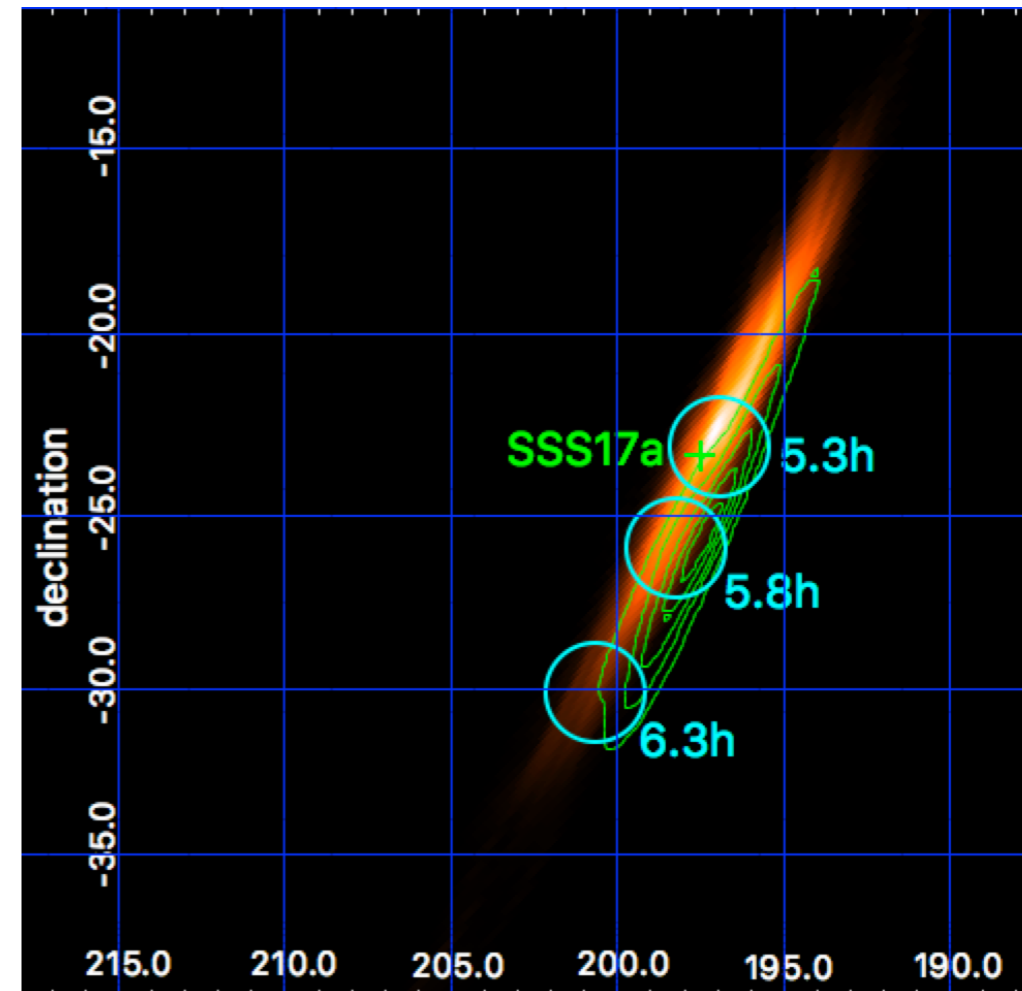
Back-up

Prompt vs. late reconstruction

- The large FoV of HESS can also deal with systematic shifts due to the GW reconstruction



Bayestar
(rapid sky-localization code)



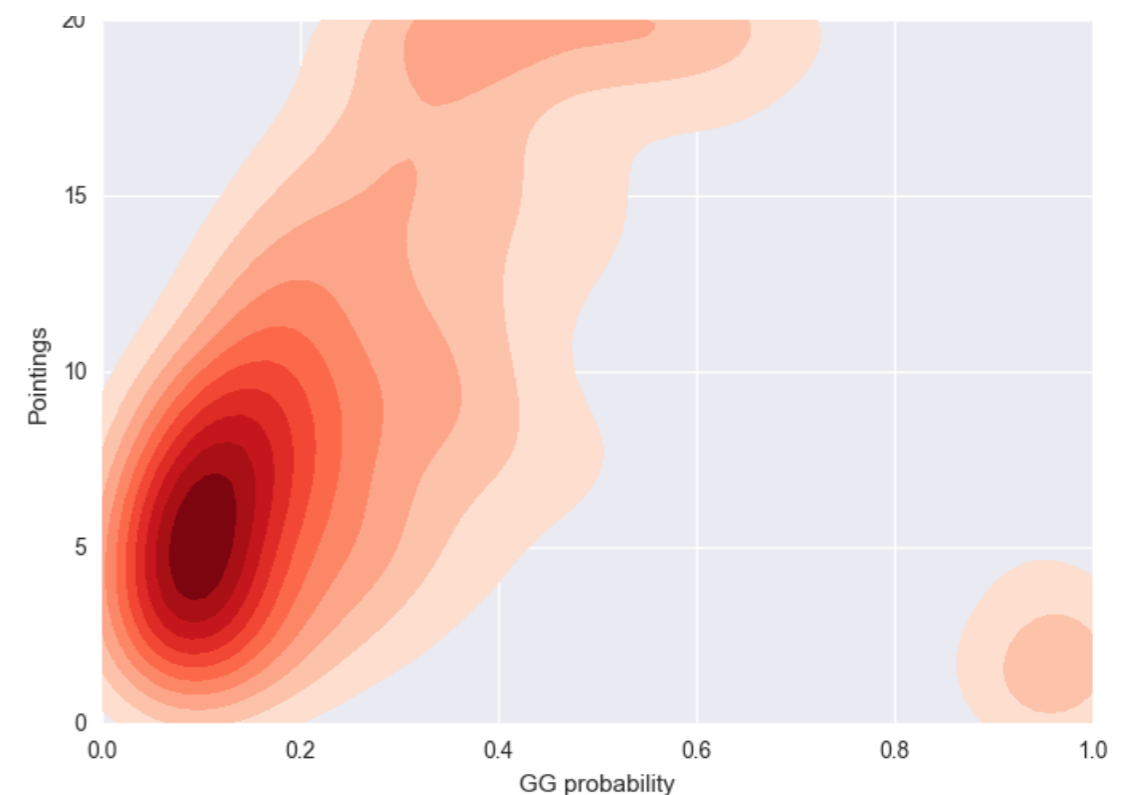
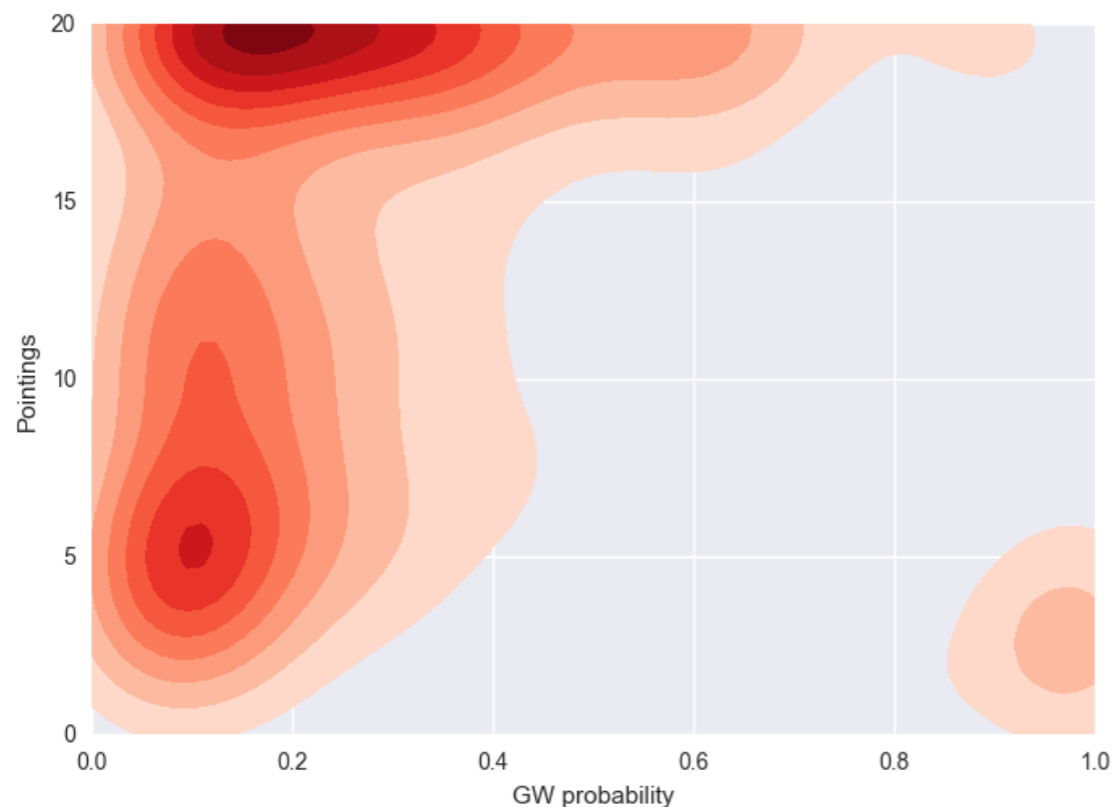
LAL-inference

Highest- $P_{\text{GW} \times \text{GAL}}$ VS. $P_{\text{GW} \times \text{GAL}}$

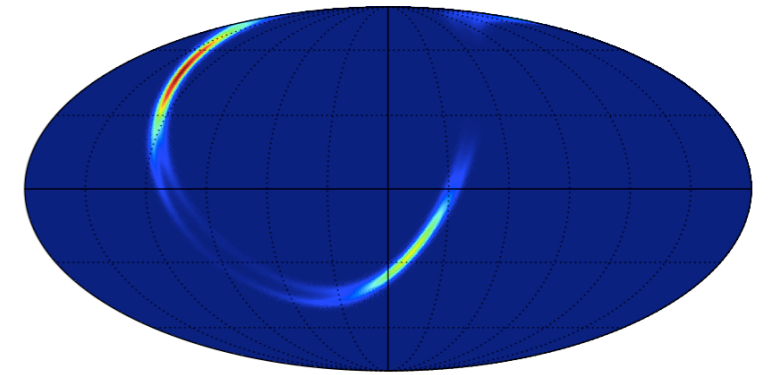
Details in Seglar-Arroyo, M. & Schussler, F.
arXiv:1705.10138

Simulations were done with the following configuration:

- Effective FoV radius: 2.5 deg
- Maximum of 20 observations of 30 minutes, within 3 days
- Random times during the year
- Trigger HESS observation only if a minimum coverage can be achieved.
- 250 available gravitational wave localisation maps derived from simulated NS-NS merger events
BayeStar reconstructed (<https://lsc.ligo.org/s/skymapViewer>)
- GLADE galaxy catalogue



$P_{\text{GW} \times \text{GAL}}$ computation

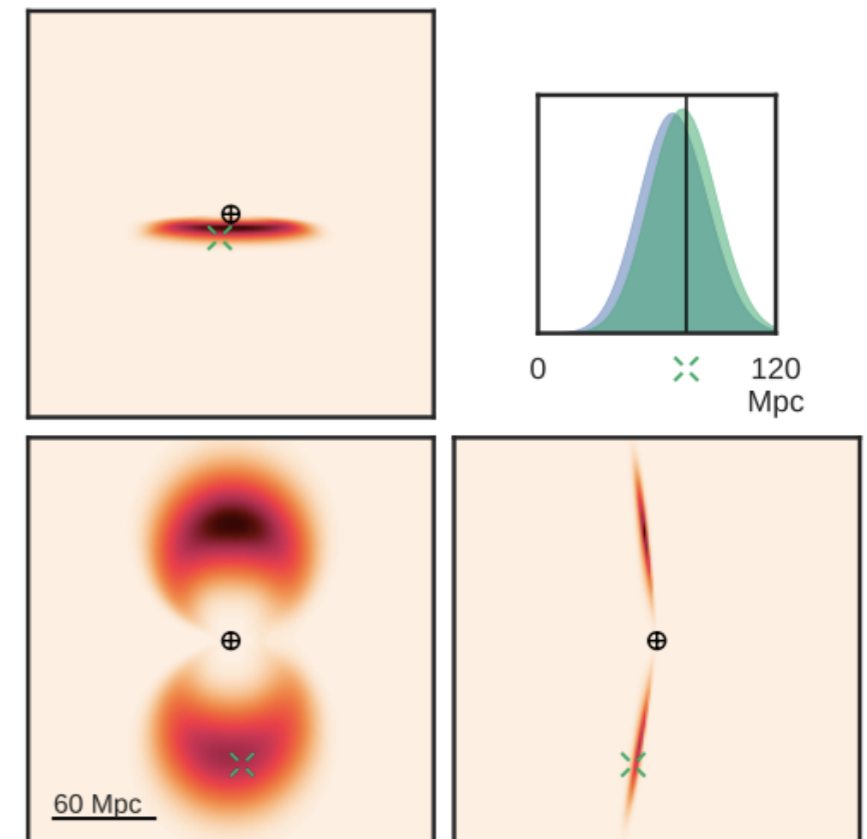


- 2D Probability density from the GW map : P_{GW}
- 3D Probability density from the GW map : $P_{\text{GW} \times \text{GAL}}$

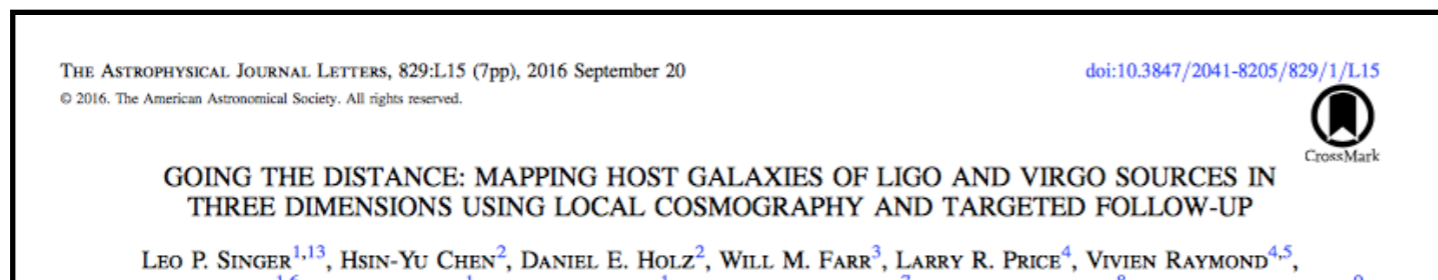
- The conditional distribution of distance is well fit by an ansatz whose location parameter $\mu(n)$, scale $s(n)$, and normalization $N(n)$ vary with the sky location n
- Gaussian likelihood + uniform prior

$$p(r|n) = \frac{\hat{N}(n)}{\sqrt{2\pi} \hat{\sigma}(n)} \exp\left[-\frac{(r - \hat{\mu}(n))^2}{2\hat{\sigma}(n)^2}\right] r^2$$

for $r \geq 0$.



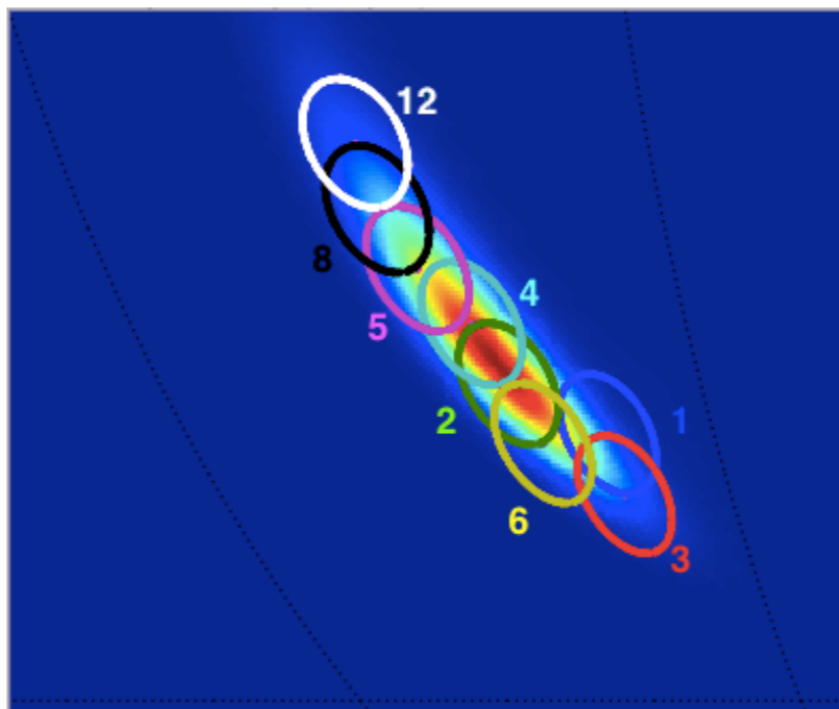
Singer, LP., et al., *APJ Letters* 829.1 (2016): L15 arXiv: 1603.07333



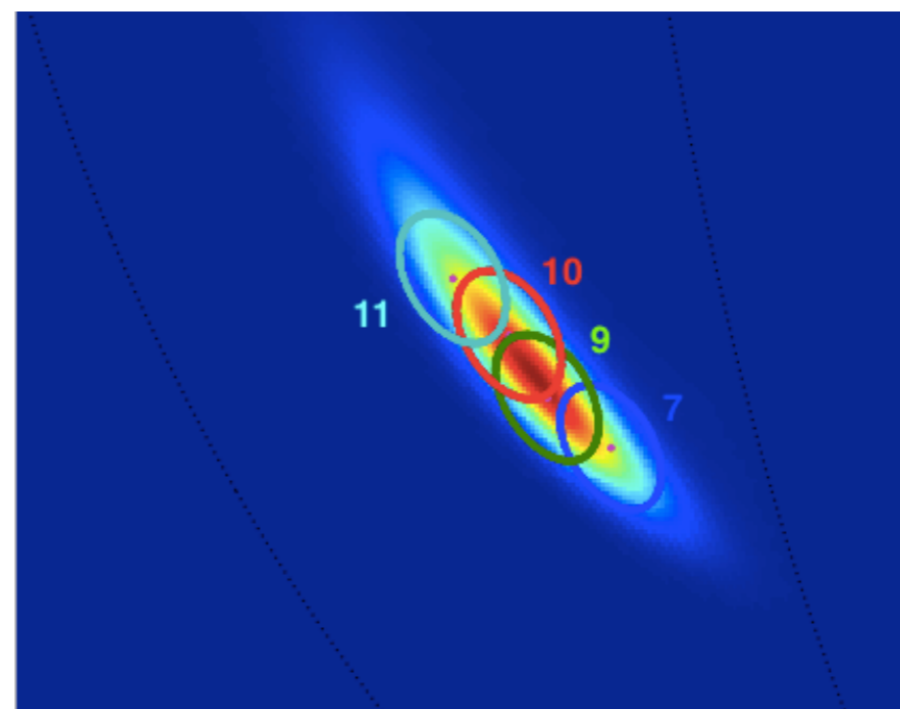
Prioritisation+deep exposure

Reobservation in further time windows with better condition (zenith+increase of dark times) when principal pointing doesn't provide really interesting information

Main pointings



Deep exposure / backup

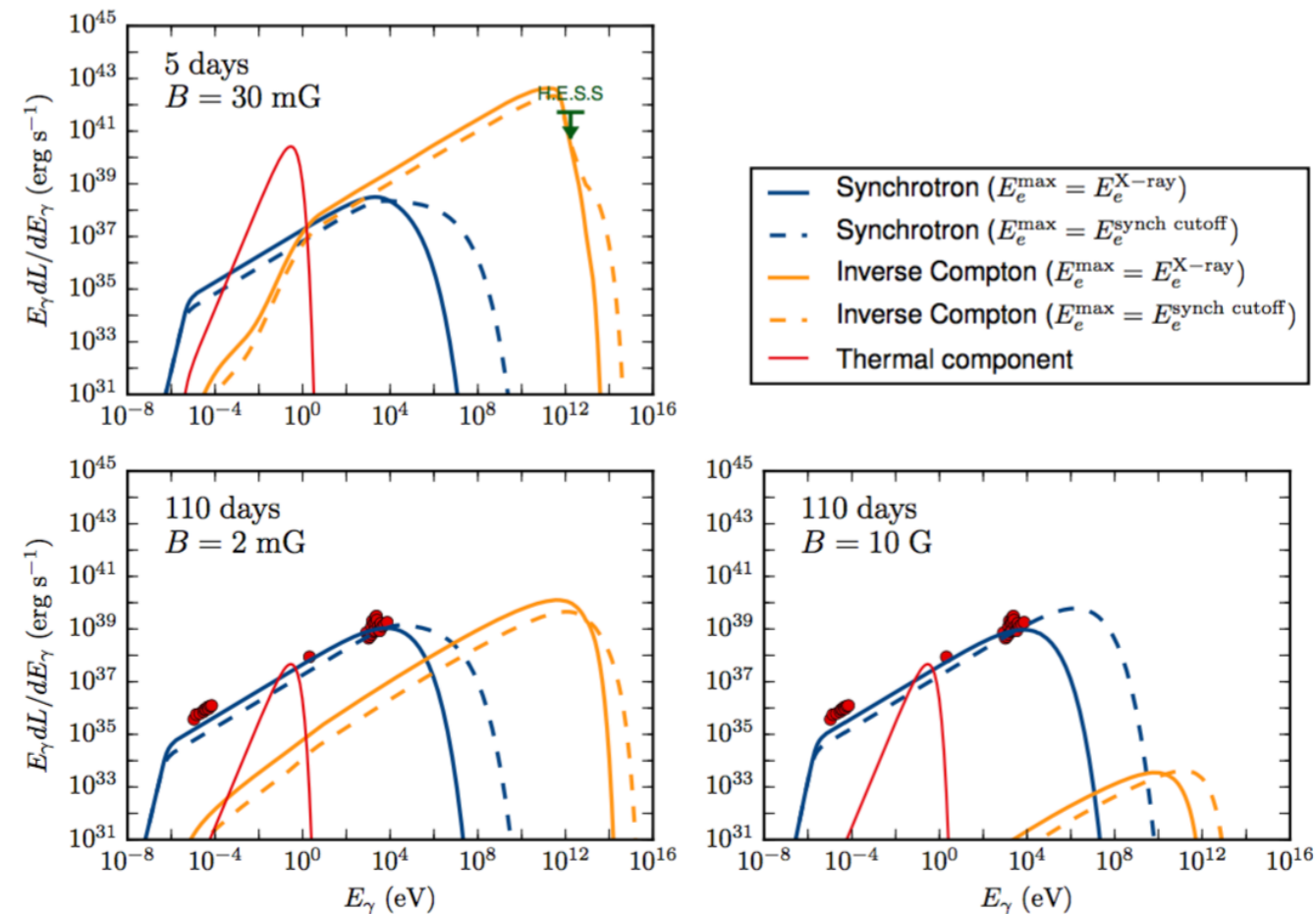


Simulated NS-NS skymap

Looking for ideal compromise between full coverage + prioritisation of zones

TeV late-emission of GW170817

- From the SED, one can extract:
 - Energy in non-thermal electrons
 - Magnetic field (evolution) in the ejecta
 - Dynamics of the ejecta
- Radio & X-rays probe synchrotron emission, Gamma-rays probe IC.
- Together: Constraints on magnetic fields



From Rodrigues, X. et al, arXiv:1806.01624