



# **CTA&ASTRI technological activities @ INAF/OAS Bologna and the CTA Science Alert Generation System**

**OAS VHE meeting, June 8, 2022**

**A. Bulgarelli, A. Addis, L. Baroncelli, G. De Cesare, A. Di Piano, V.  
Conforti, V. Fioretti, F. Gianotti, G. Panebianco, N. Parmiggiani, V.  
Pastore, F. Russo, A. Tacchini**

[andrea.bulgarelli@inaf.it](mailto:andrea.bulgarelli@inaf.it)

# VHE projects

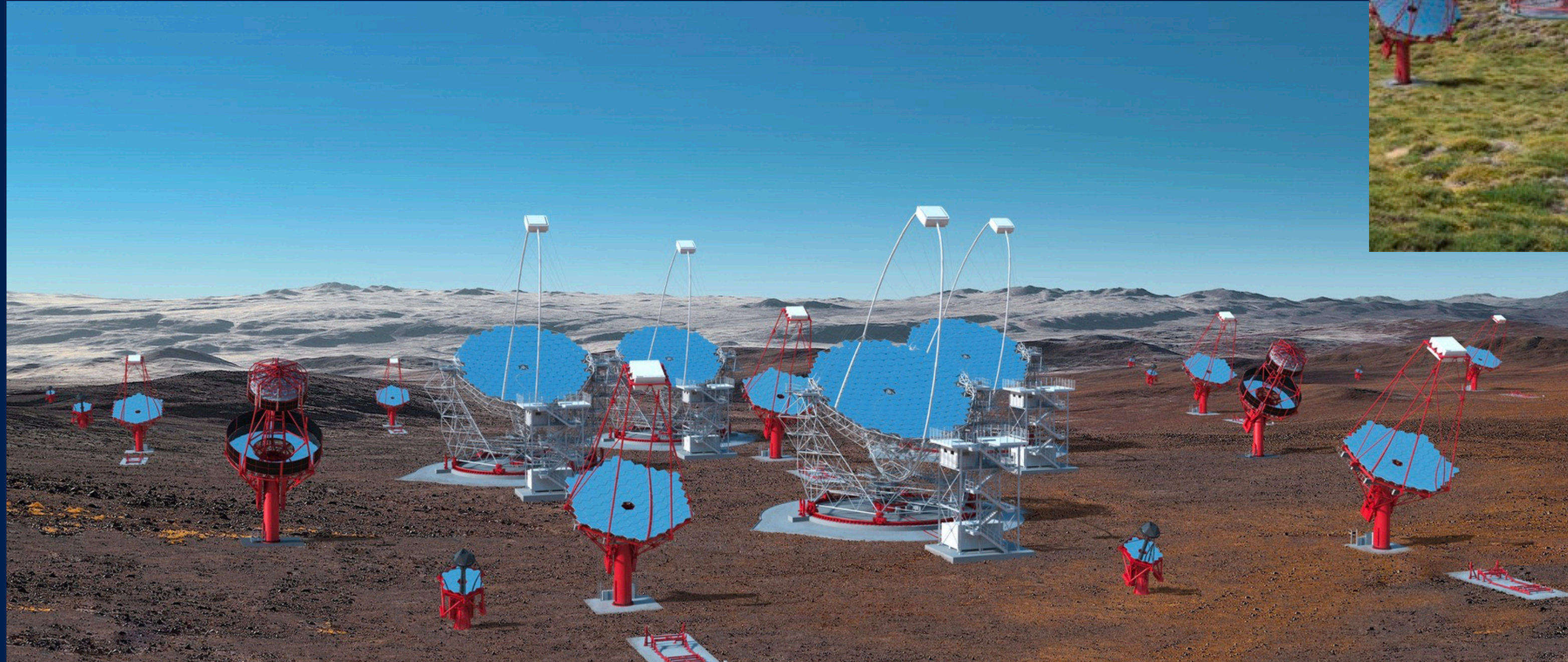
---

- CTA Observatory (CTAO)
- CTA Consortium (CTAC)
- LST collaboration
- ASTRI Horn collaboration
- ASTRI Mini-Array collaboration



cherenkov  
telescope  
array

CTA



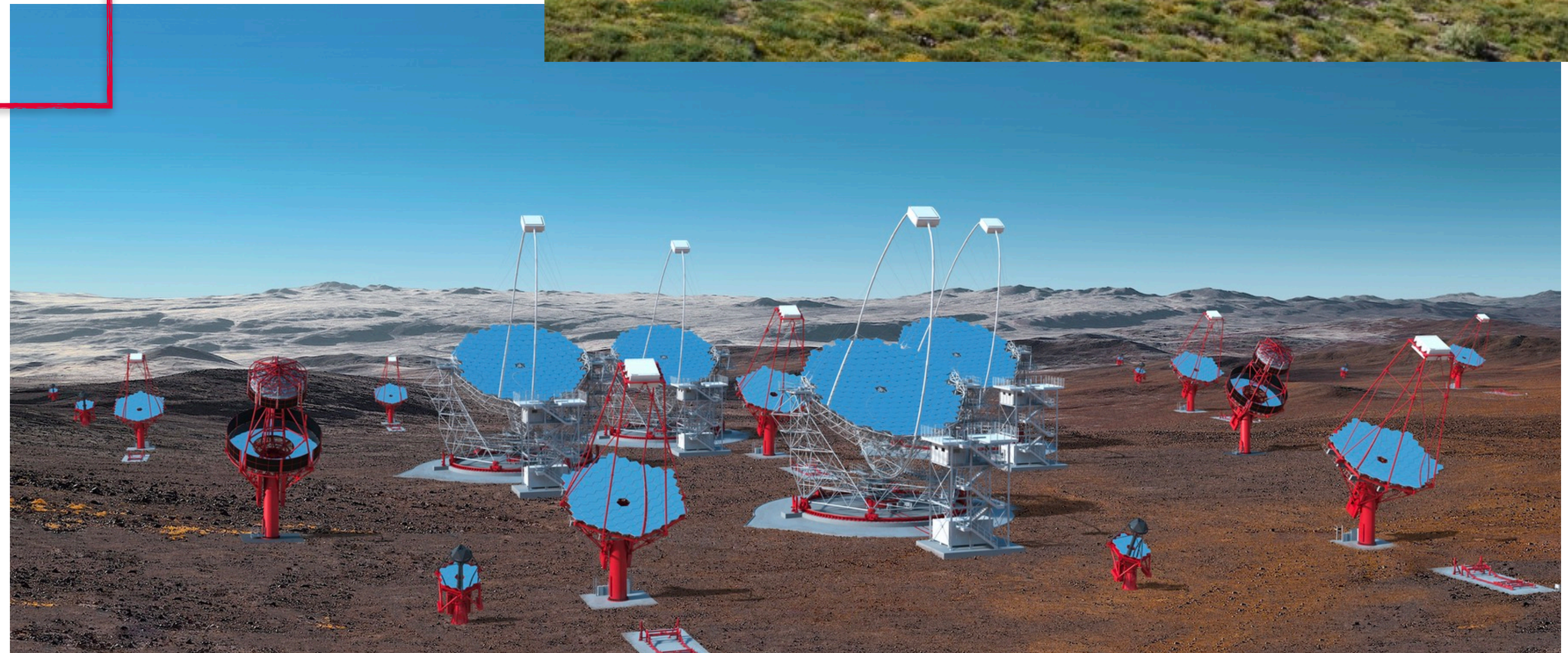
# CTA & ASTRI Technological activities @OAS

- **CTA**

- CTAO** – CTA Science Alert Generation System (a.k.a. Real-Time Analysis)
- CTAC** – GRB/GW working group activities
- CTAC** – Analysis and Simulation Working Group deputy coordinator
- CTAO** – Software Engineering activities
- CTAO** – Computing

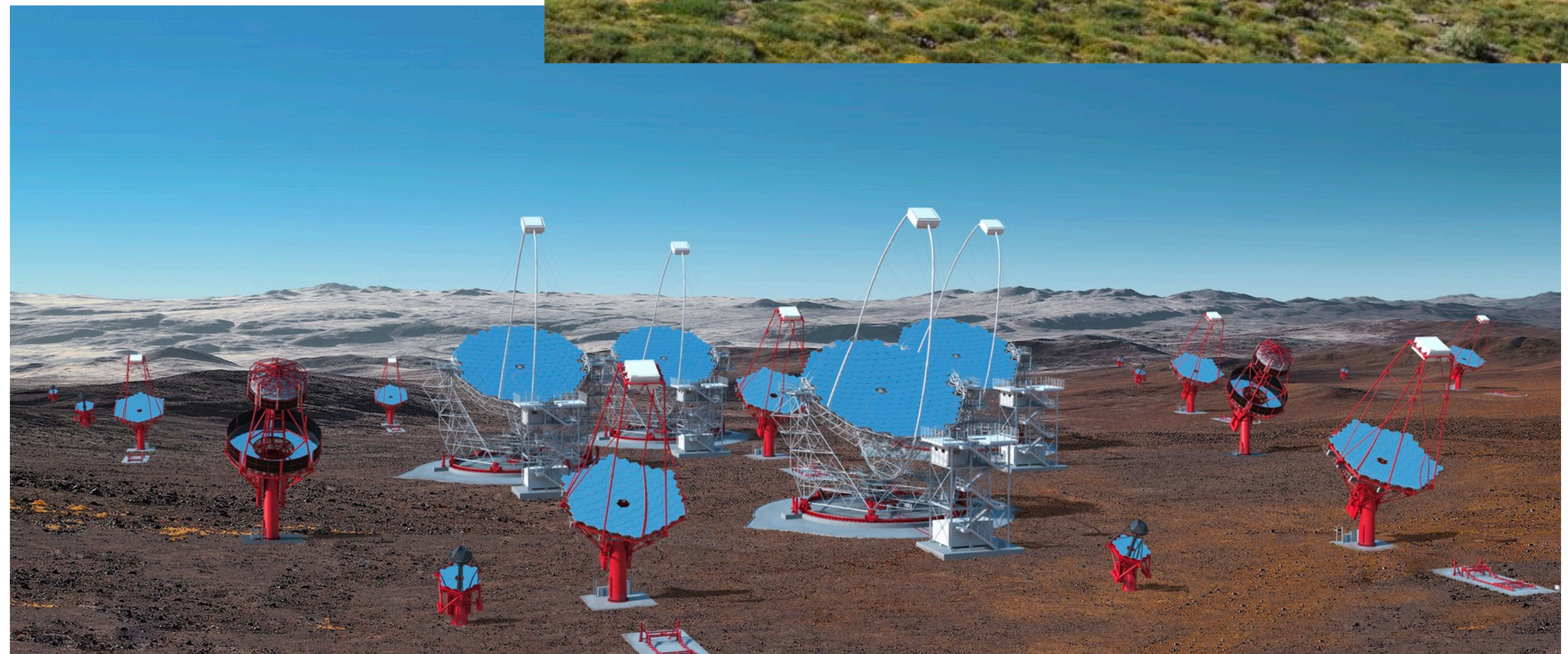


See Gianotti/Conforti's talk



# CTA & ASTRI Technological activities @OAS

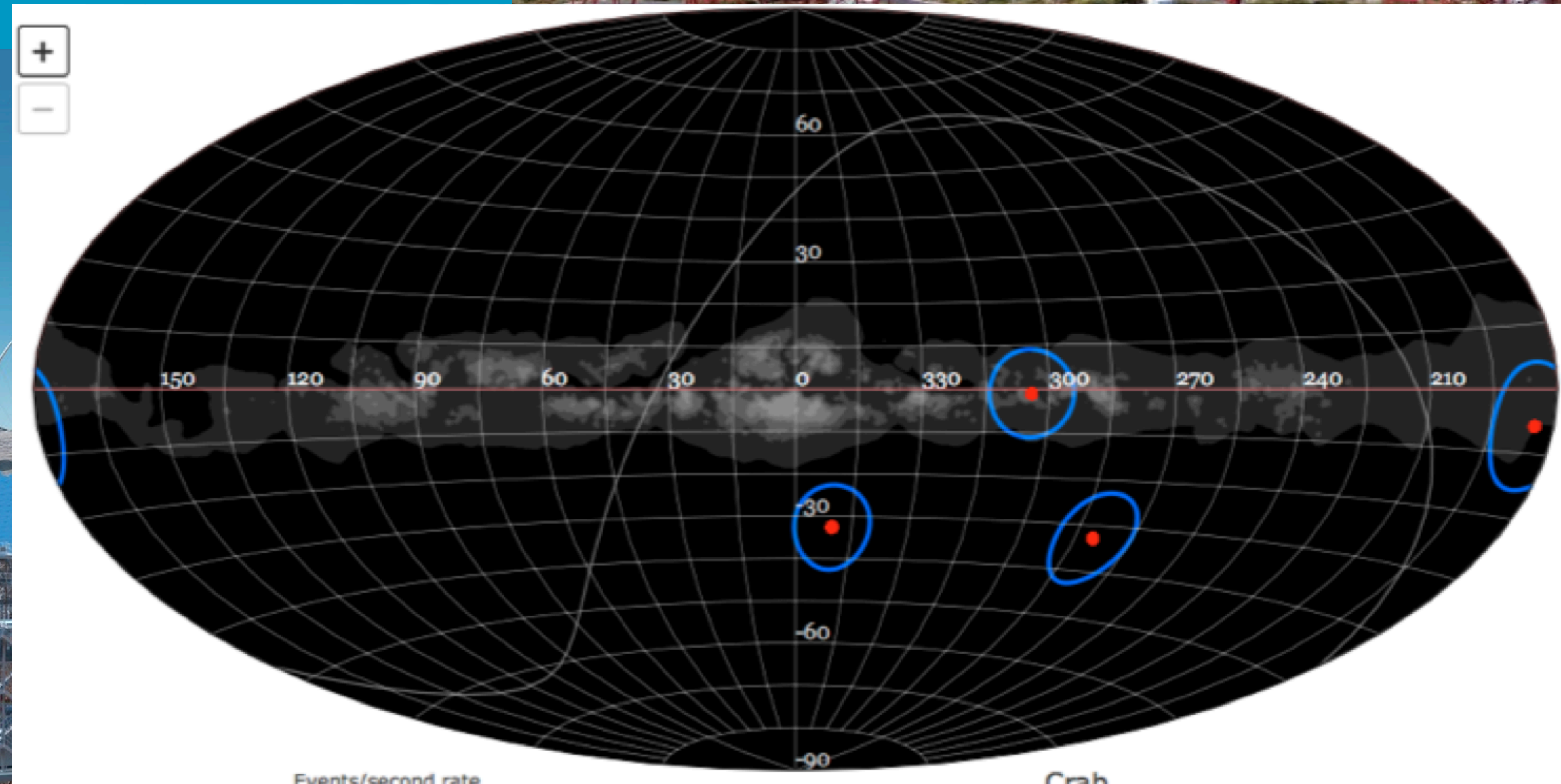
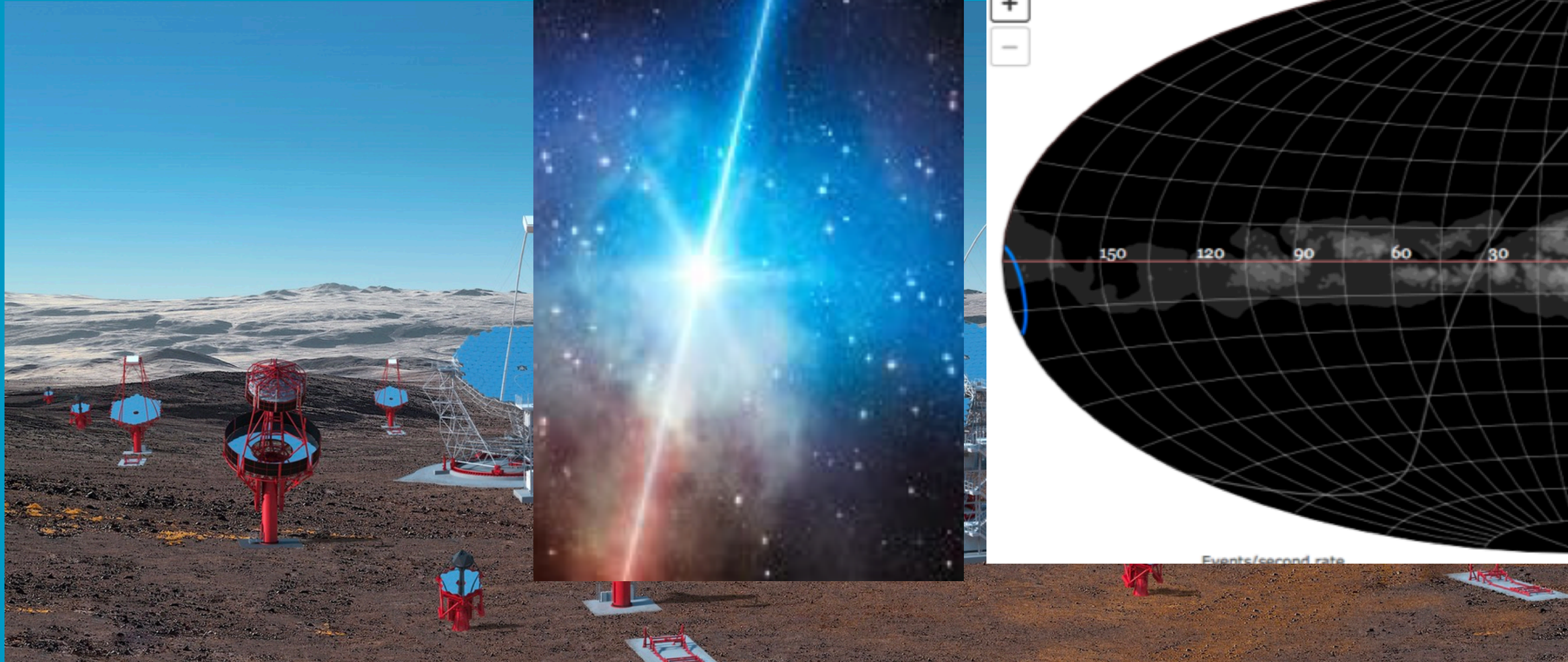
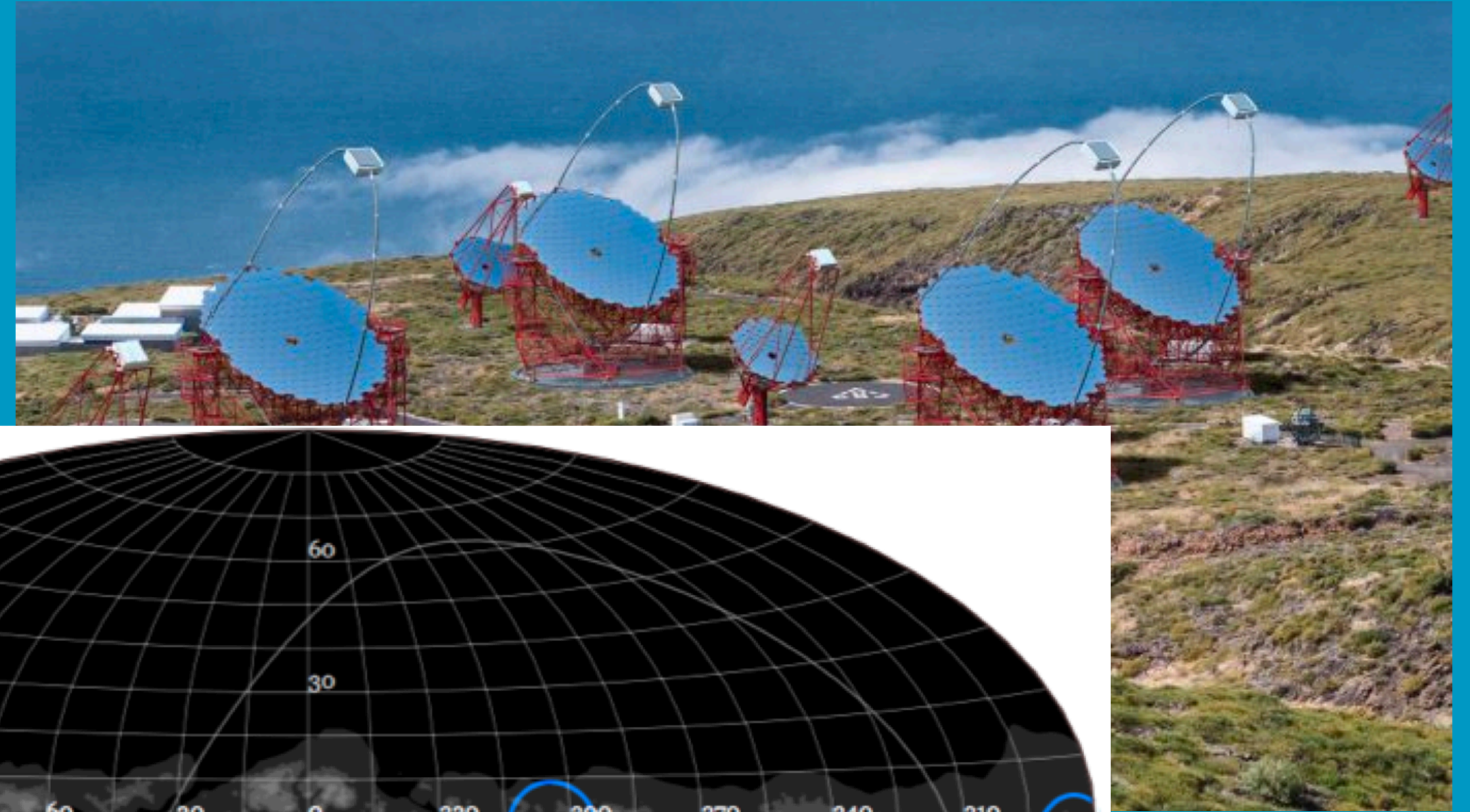
- **CTA**
  - **CTA Science Alert Generation System (a.k.a. Real-Time Analysis)**
  - GRB/GW working group activities
  - Analysis and Simulation Working Group deputy coordinator
  - Software Engineering activities
  - Computing





cherenkov  
telescope  
array

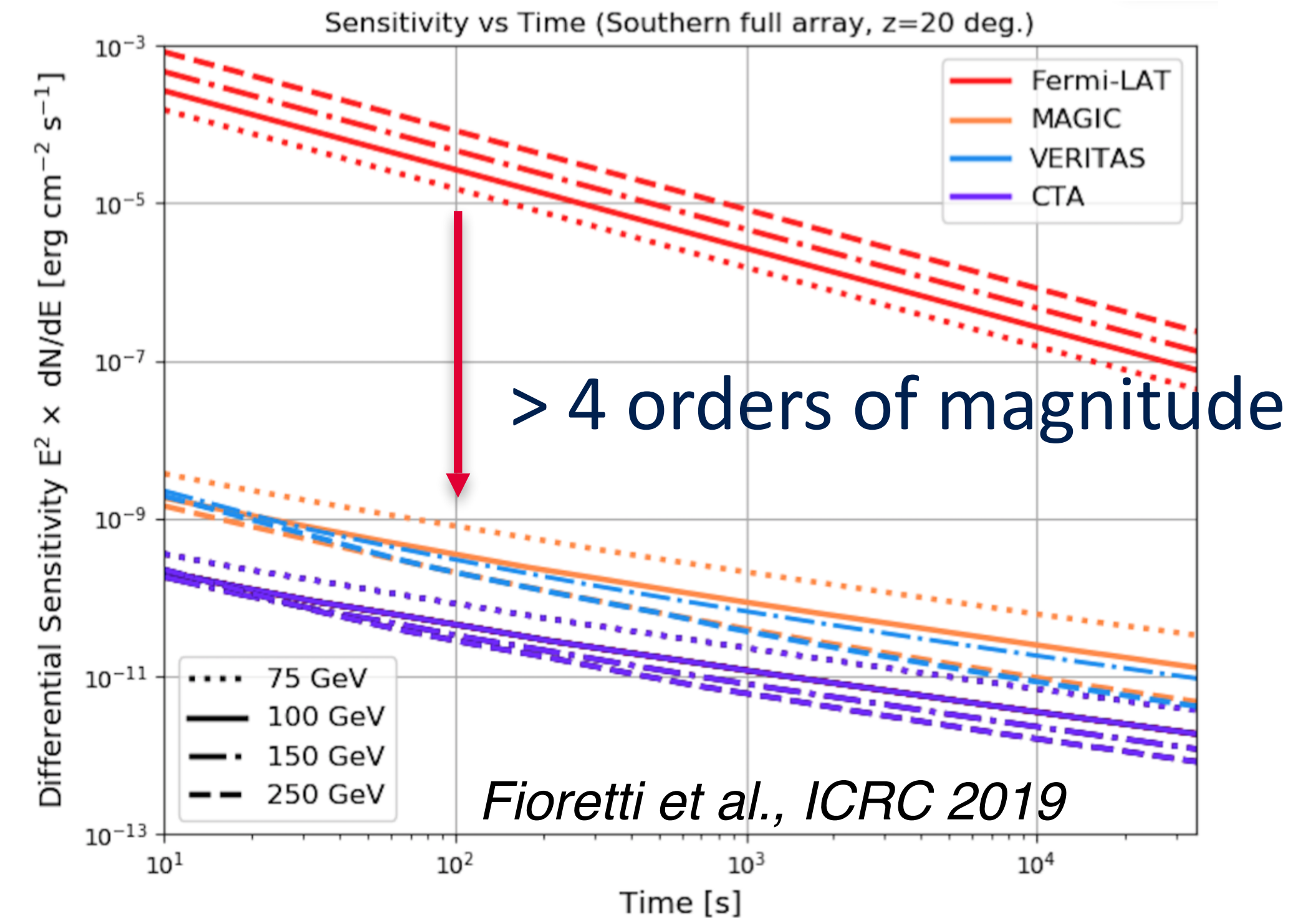
# CTA Science Alert Generation System: system and workgroup



# Requirements



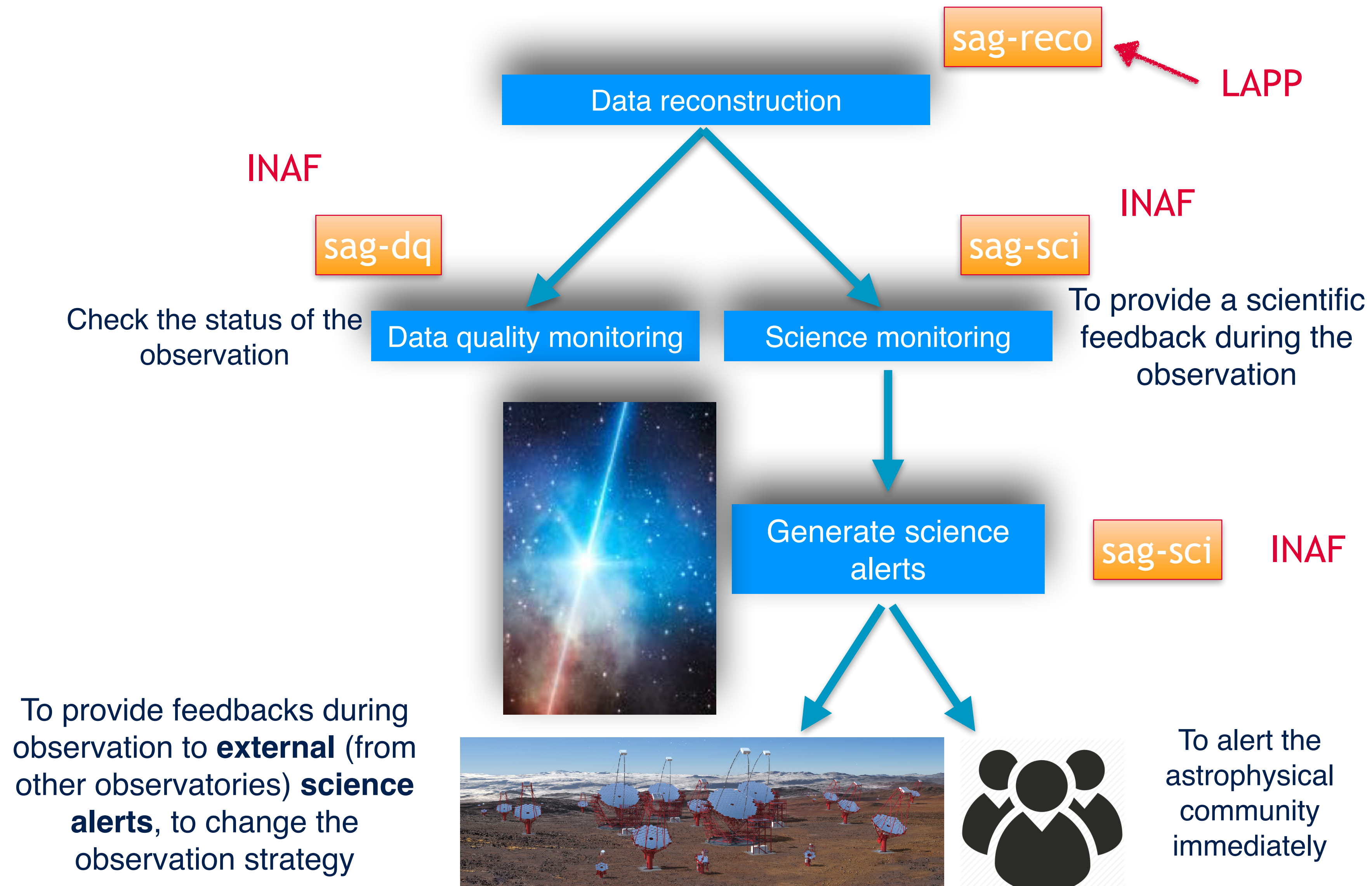
- The **SAG** is a **software system** that analyses CTAO data **during the observation**.
- **On-site** with the telescopes.
- The SAG must be capable of **issuing candidate science alerts with a latency of 20s** since data becomes available to ACADA.
- It shall be able to work with different array configurations, ranging from all the telescopes targeting the same object, to the subdivision into a number of independent sub-arrays.
- The SAG must **search for transient** phenomena on different timescales **from 10 seconds to 180 minutes**.
- The **sensitivity** of the analysis is required not to be worse than the one of the final analysis by more than a factor of 2.



With SAG we are able to detect transients in real-time

The ACADA/SAG is a key system in the context of **multi-messenger** and **multi-wavelength** astronomy.

# CTA Real-Time Analysis: Workflow

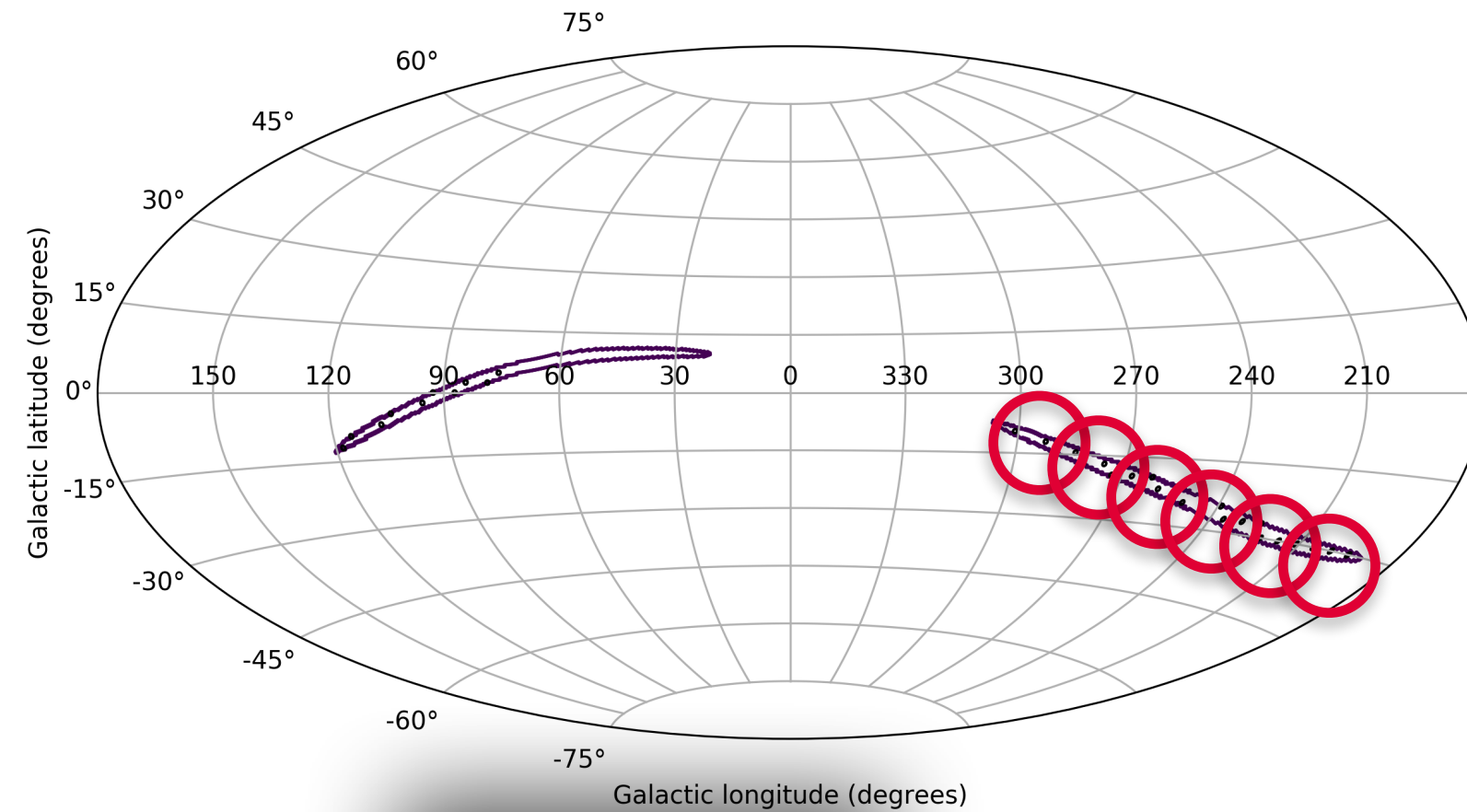




# CTA SAG/Real-Time Analysis: Change of the observation strategies in real-time



\_TEST\_GW\_1000s/T482329550.498208\_482330550.498208\_E0\_10000\_P149.52709\_0.757073//GCN\_GW\_LIGO\_TEST\_19041413\_0\_492299\_GW\_FM3.119\_LIGO\_TEST\_GW\_1000s\_T4



External science alert: GW or GRB

New Observation  
e.g. a grid of pointing

SAG

next pointing or end of ToO observation

no

detection?

yes

New observation to the detection sky region identified by SAG

came back to the original schedule

still detectable?

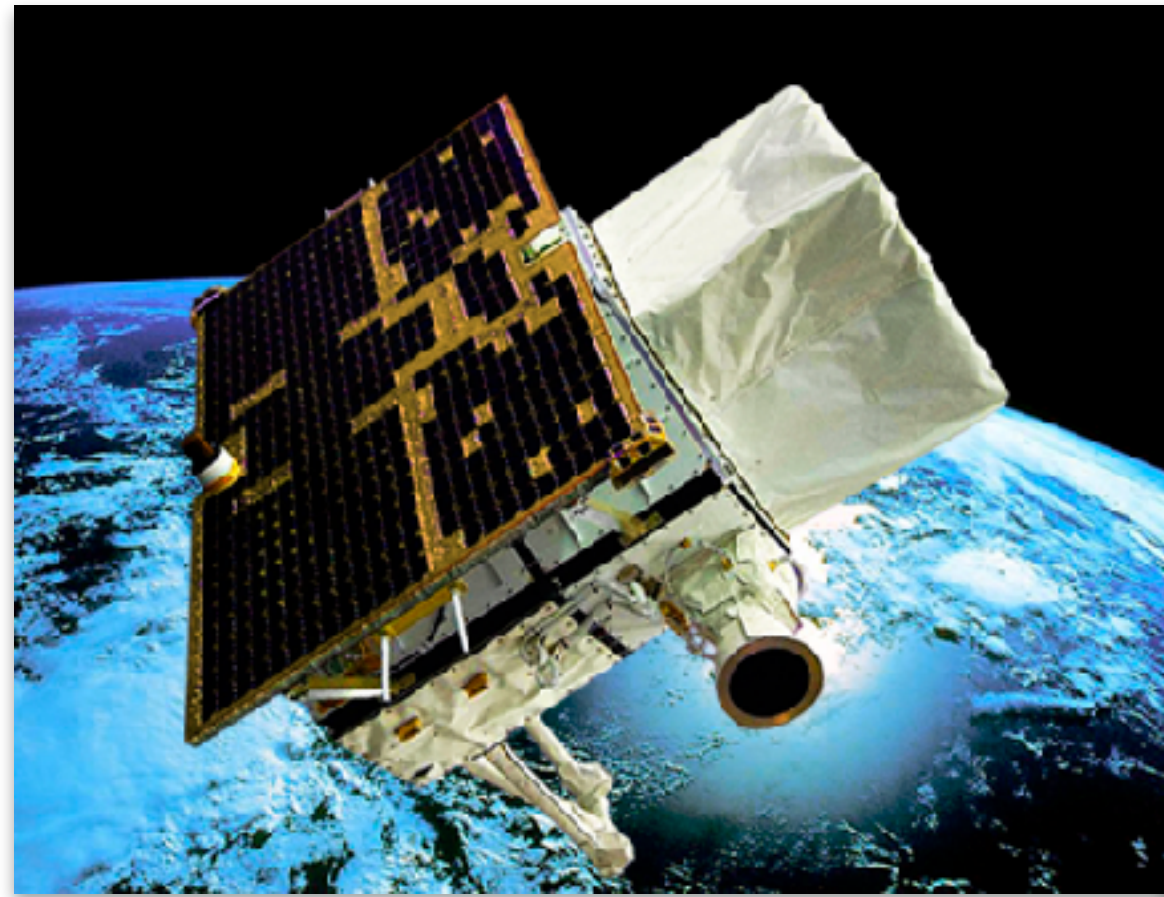
no

yes

SAG

continue current observation

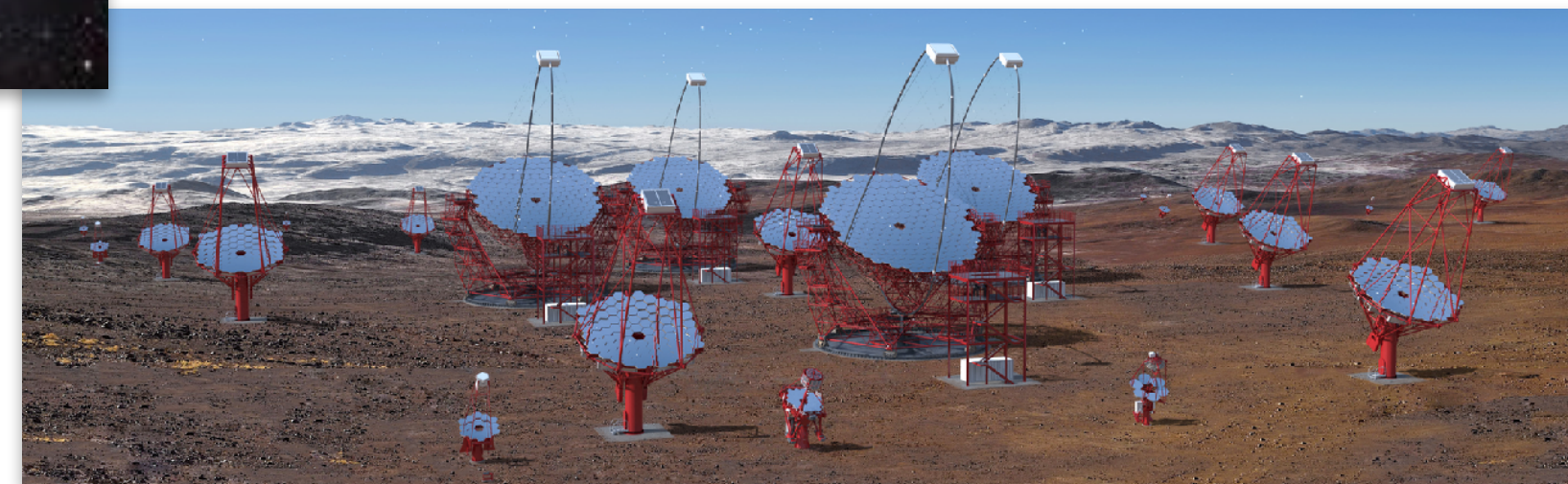
# The Real-Time Analysis: Current systems and prototypes



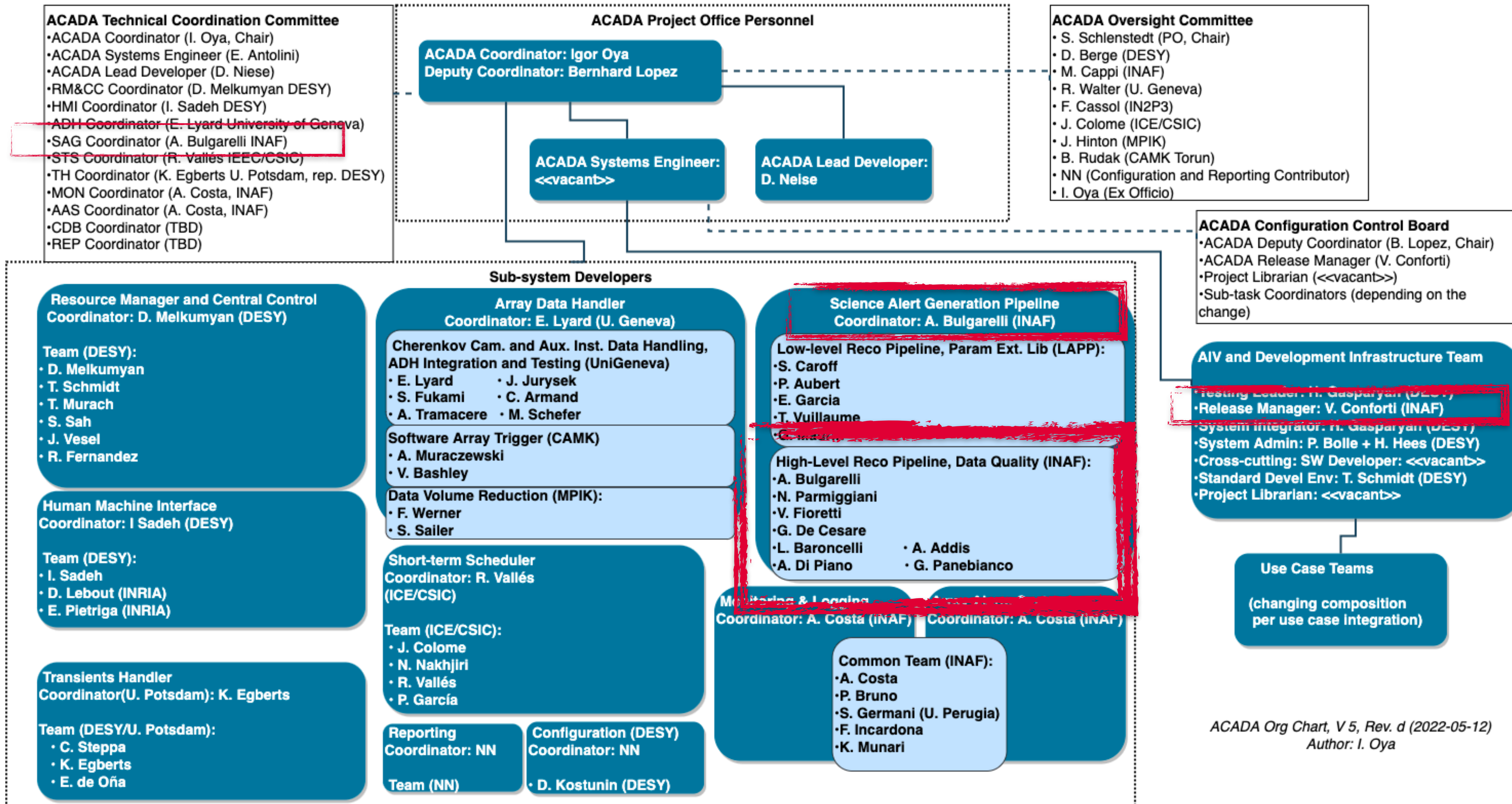
AGILE satellite



LST1 @ La Palma



CTA



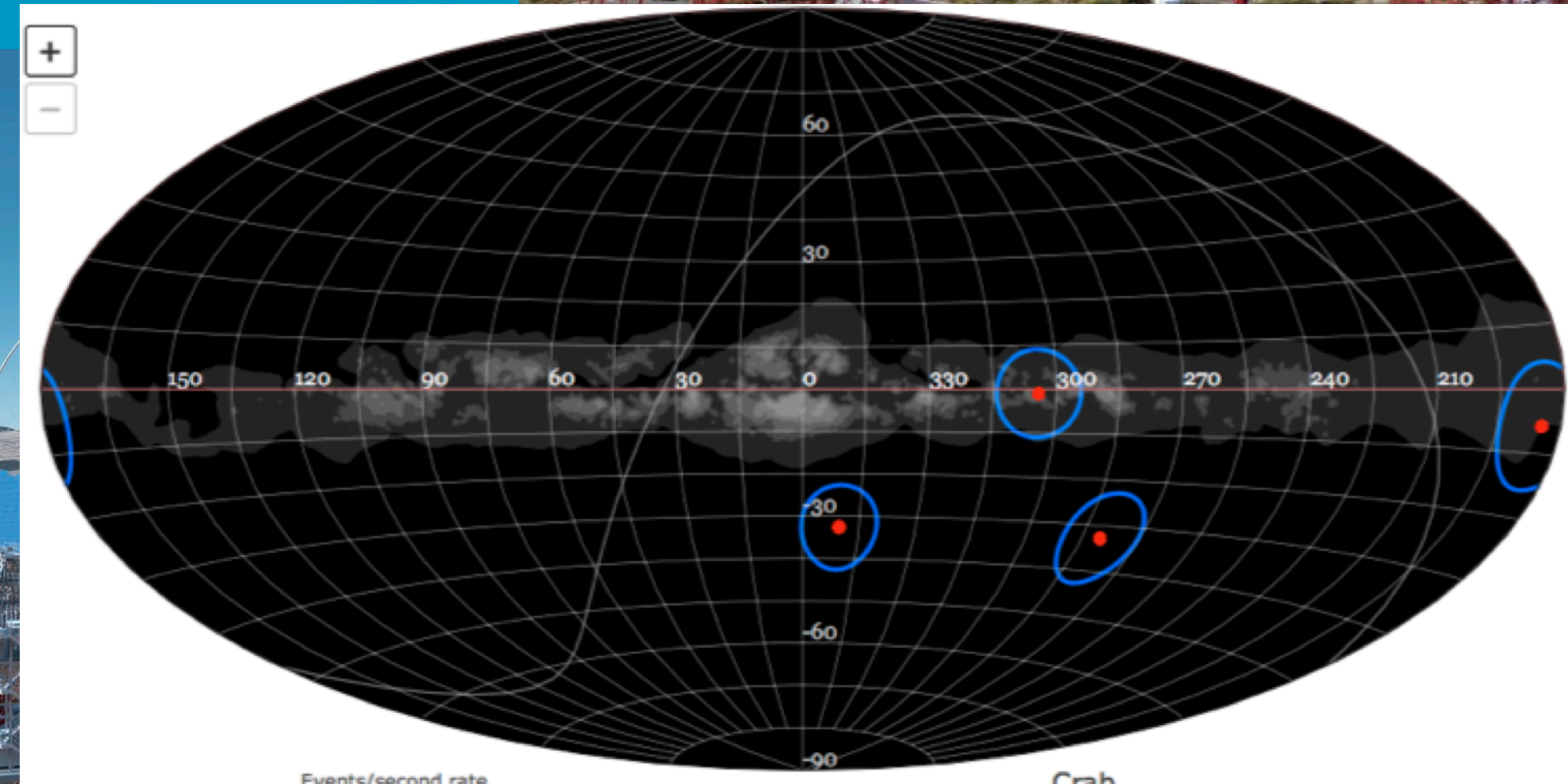
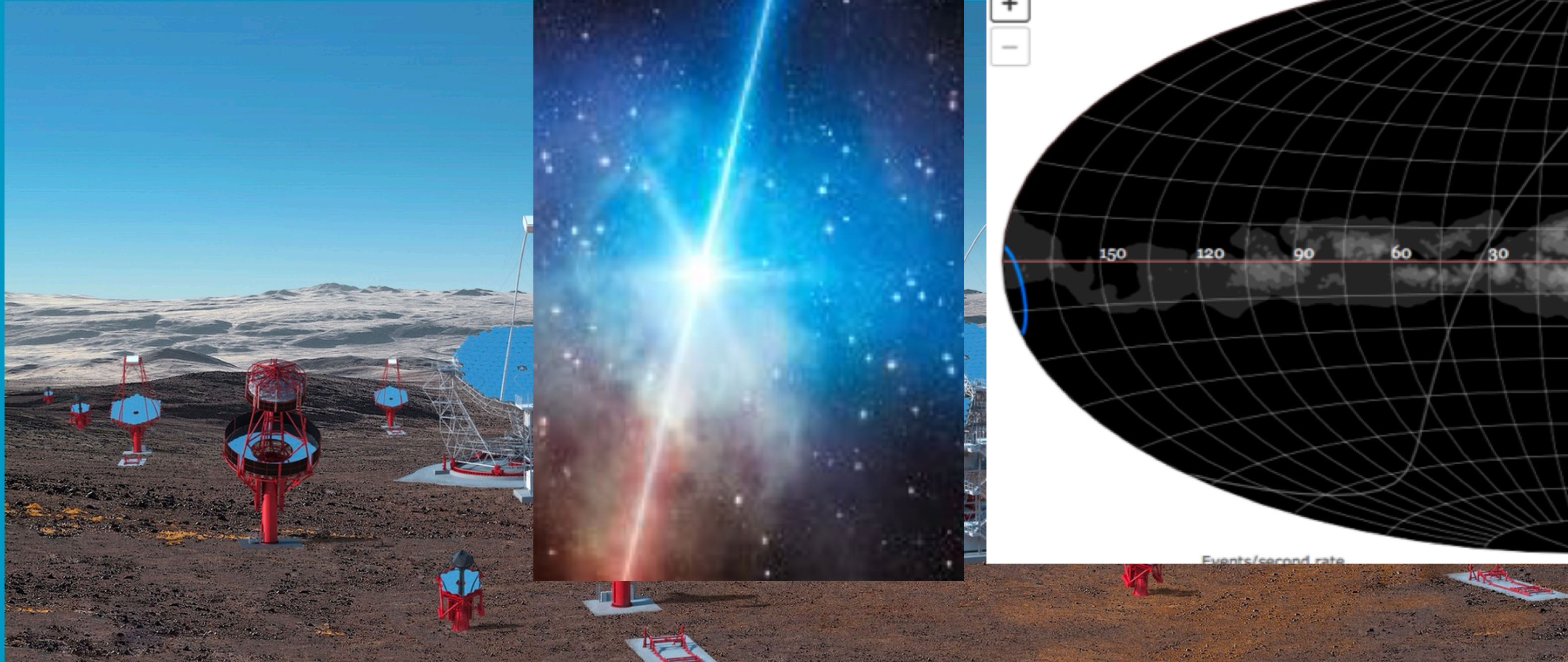
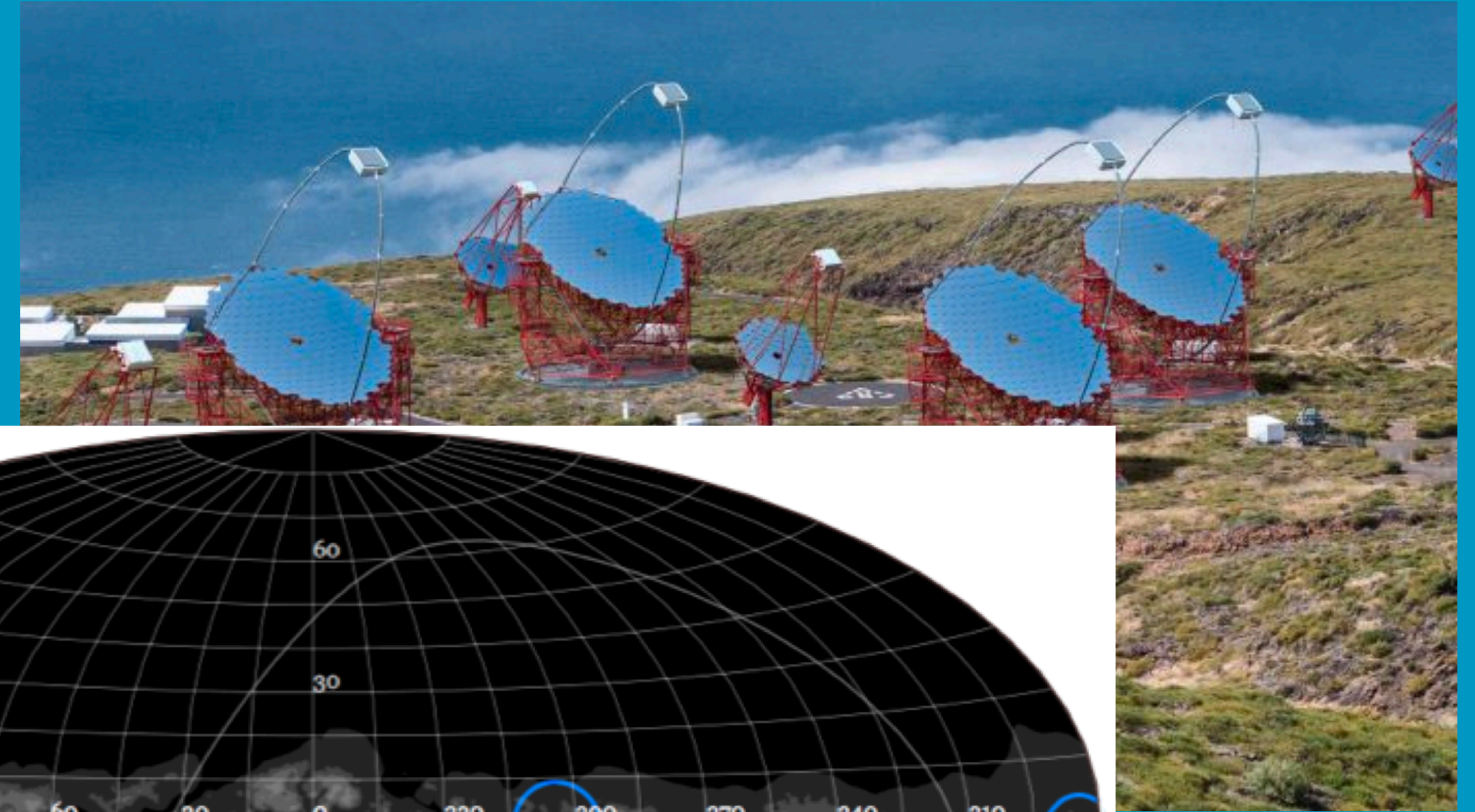
ACADA Org Chart, V 5, Rev. d (2022-05-12)  
Author: I. Oya

- SAG developed in the context of the ACADA WG as CTAO In-Kind contribution
  - 3 FTEy for 5 years = 15 FTE
    - A. Bulgarelli (coordinator)
    - N. Parmiggiani (AdR, sag-sci responsible, sag responsible for verification procedure, ACADA database selection group leader)
    - L. Baroncelli (PhD student on Data Science and Computation @ UNIBO, sag supervisor responsible, software integration leader, sag-dq responsible, LST member)
    - A. Di Piano (PhD student @UNIMORE on machine learning, LST member, development of SAG algorithms, sag responsible for GRB and GW WGs)
    - G. Panebianco (PhD student @DIFA, simulation of light curves, atmospheric variability studies for CTA, gammapy)
    - A. Addis (sag-dq responsible for LST)
    - G. De Cesare (sag-sci test leader)
    - V. Fioretti (short-term sensitivity, IRFs, data challenge)



cherenkov  
telescope  
array

# CTA Science Alert Generation System: PhDs



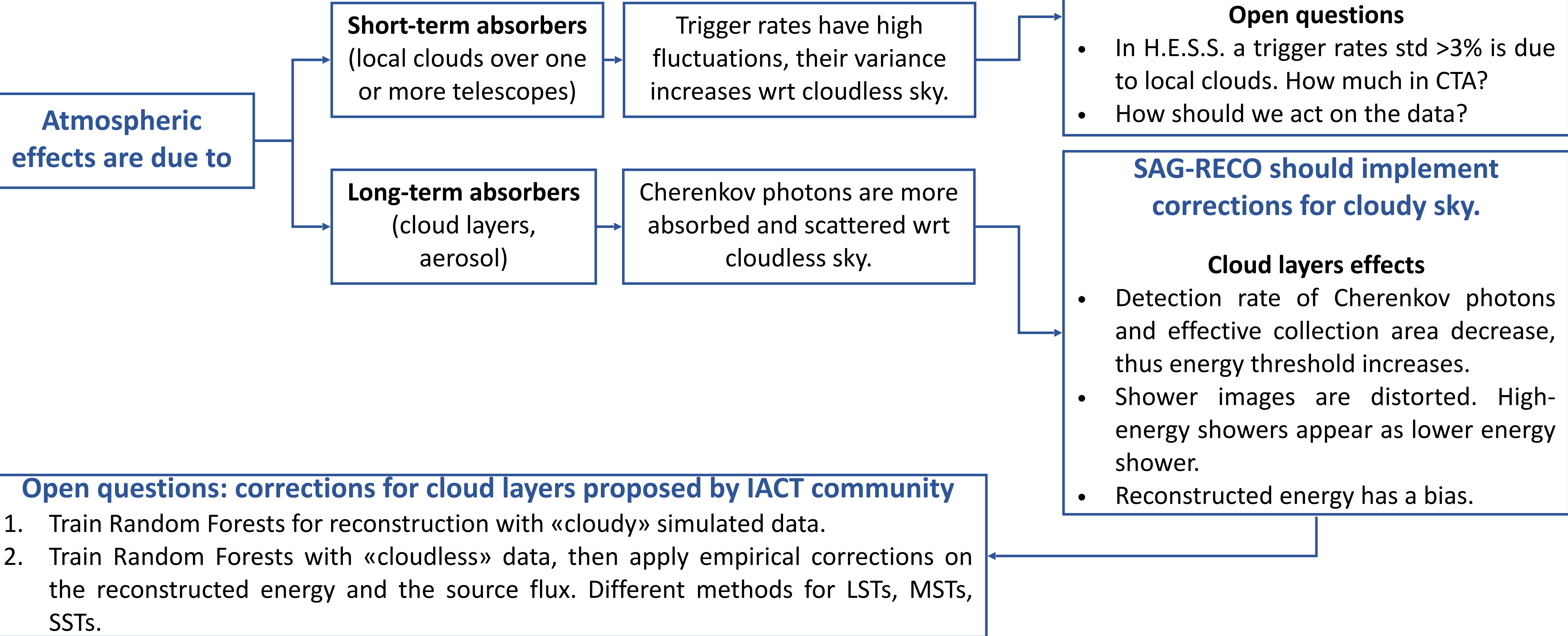
# Atmospheric variability studies for CTA (G. Panebianco)



**Current goal:** understand how atmospheric variability affects the reconstruction process of IACT data.

**Long term goal:** implement corrections for atmospheric effects in SAG pipelines.

## What have we understood so far?



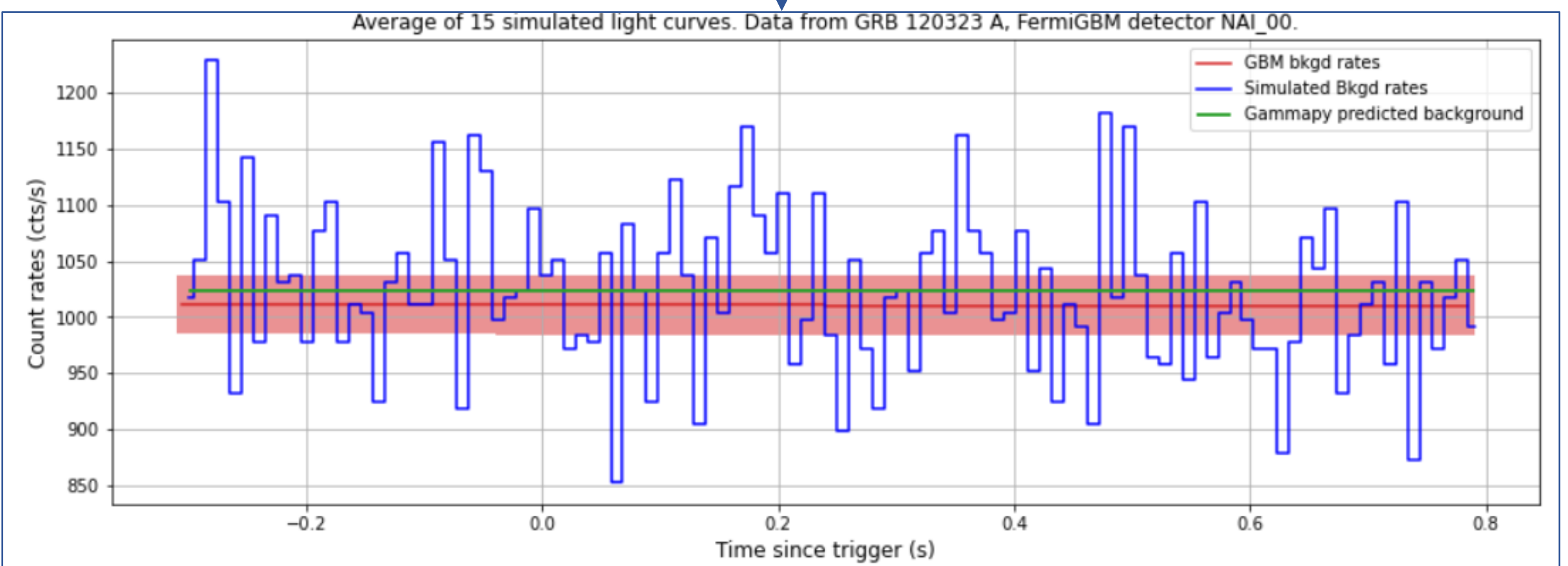
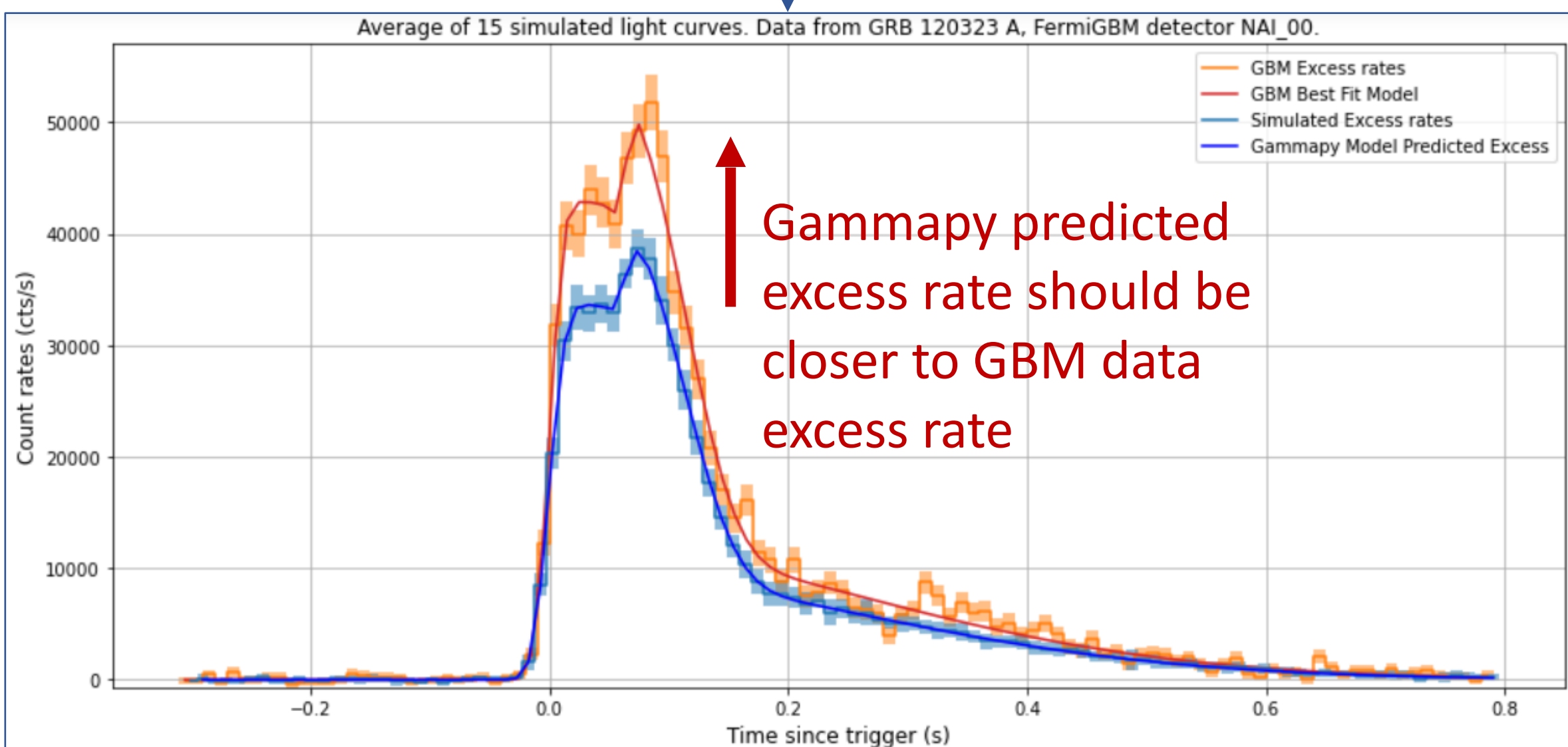
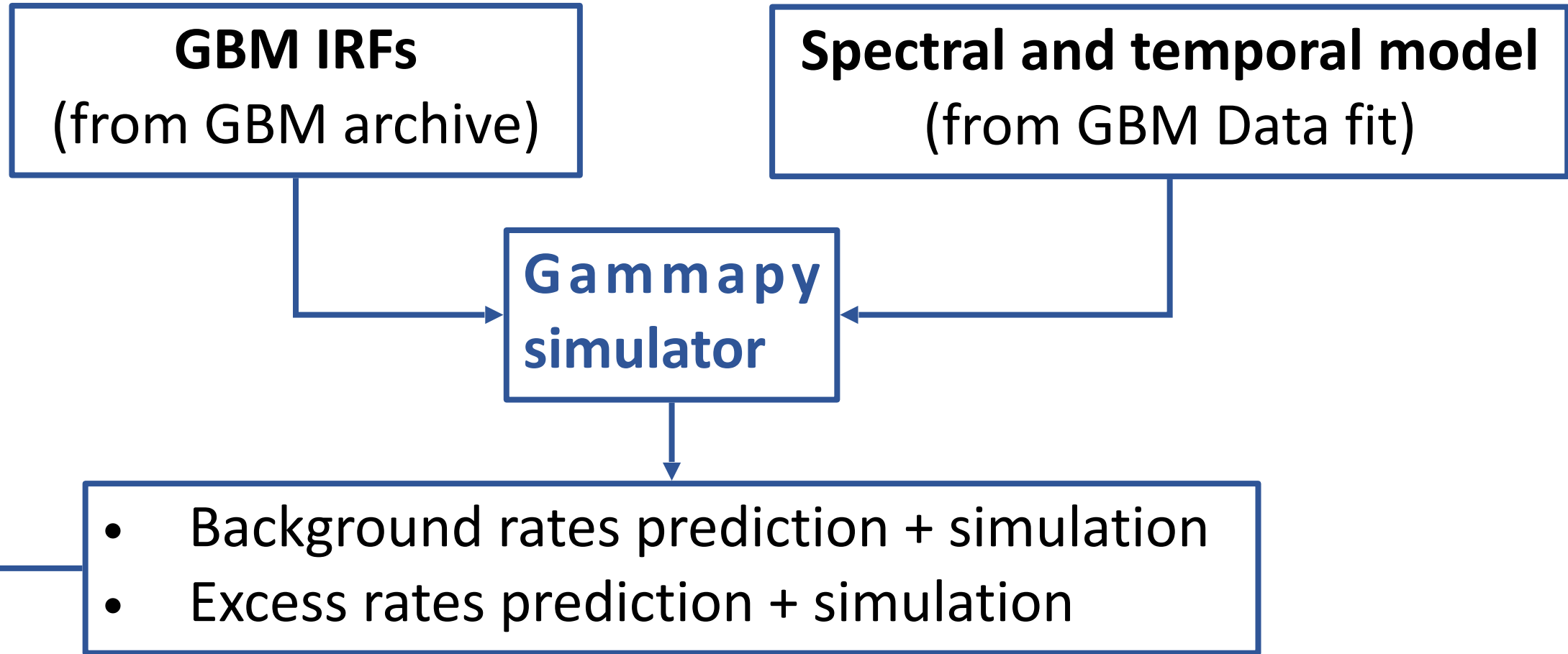
# Transient light curve simulator with Gammapy for CTA and COSI (G. Panebianco)

**Current goal:** setup a simulator of light curves (GRBs, AGNs, other transients) given a source model (spectral+temporal) and a set of IRFs.

**Long term goal:** create a dataset of simulated light curves that can be used to train ML algorithms to detect transients.

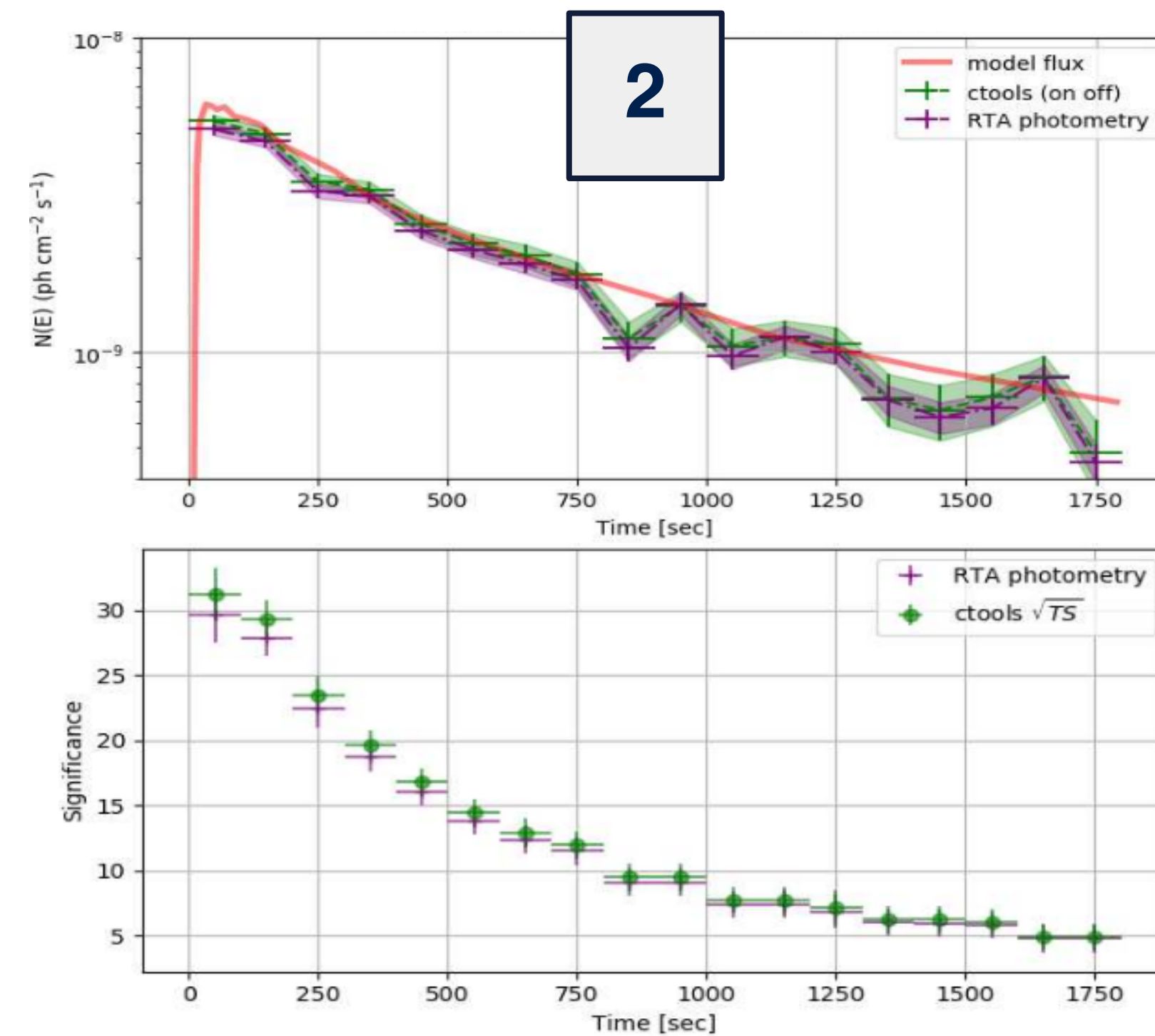
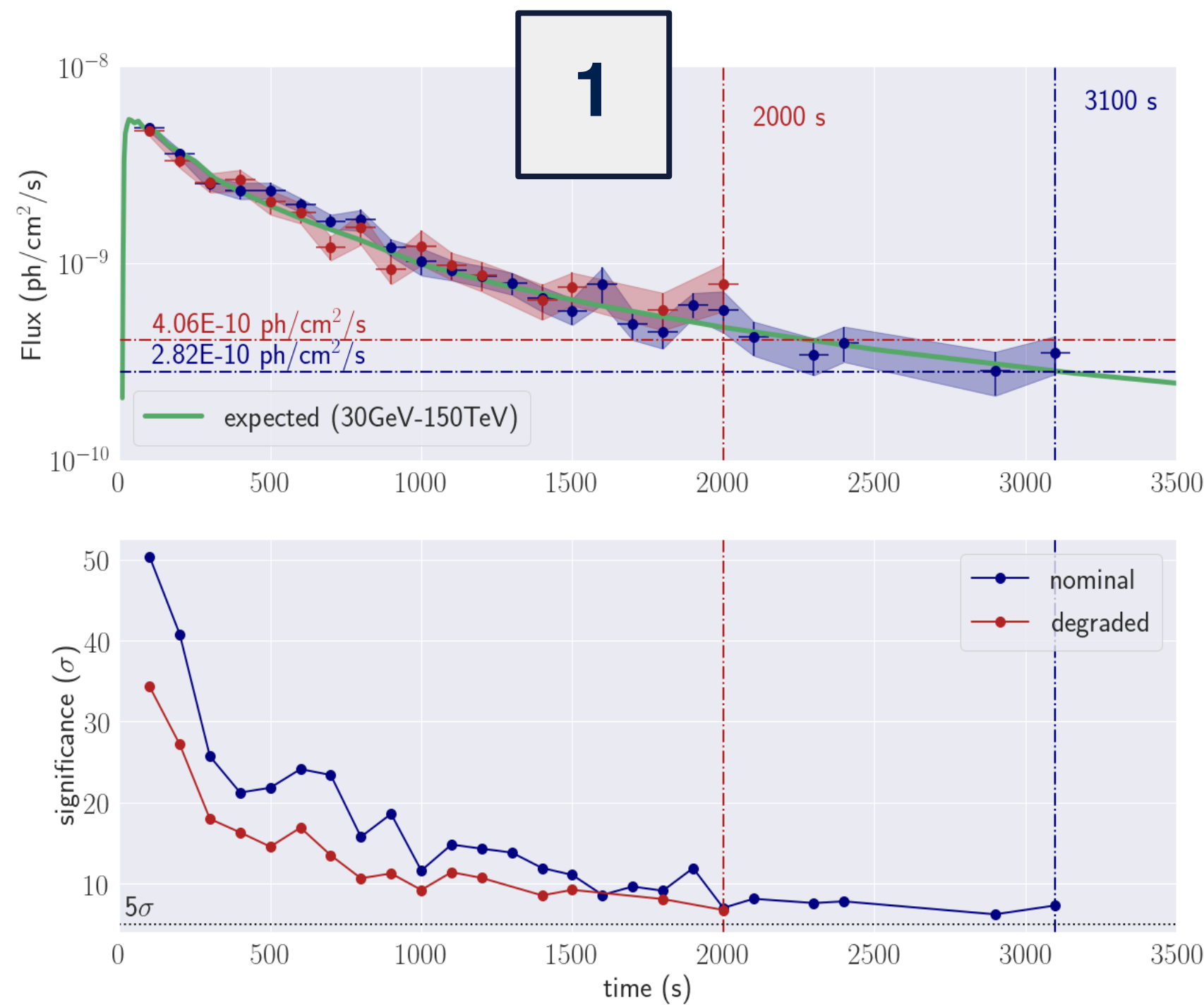
**Current task:** setup the simulator and reproduce a GRB (i.e. GRB 120323A) as detected by Fermi-GBM.

- **Background rates:** OK, GBM Data reproduced.
- **Temporal shape:** OK, GBM Data reproduced.
- **Spectral shape:** OK, GBM Data reproduced.
- **Excess rate:** NOT OK, predicted  $\approx 18\%$  systematically lower than GBM Data. Something wrong with IRF normalization? Or spectral parameter choice?



# Thesis works

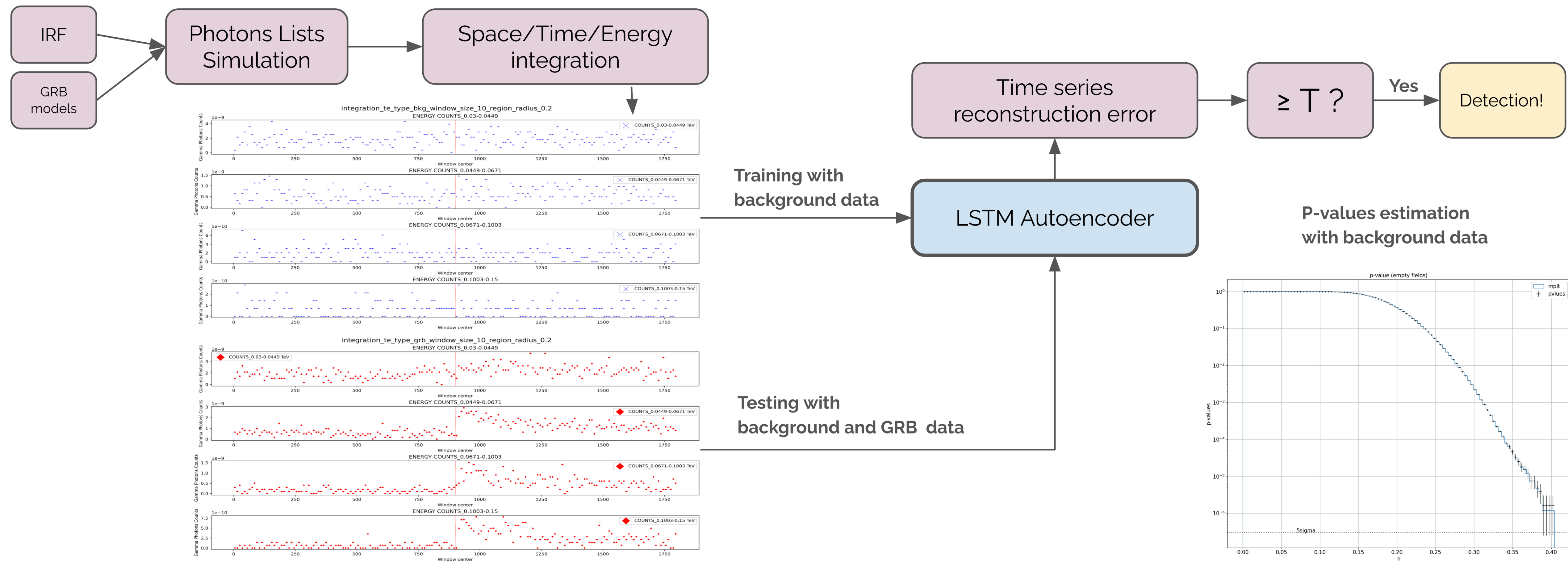
1. Blind-search + full-FoV maximum likelihood pipeline with ctools software package for externally alerted follow-ups (A. Di Piano [thesis](#))
2. RTA Photometry tool pipeline (reflected/wobble methods) for targeted observations + comparison with ctools on/off analysis (S. Tampieri [thesis](#))





# Leonardo Baroncelli PhD main activities

- Design and development of an online anomaly detection system for science alert generation, based on deep learning, in the context of the CTA Observatory.



# Nicolò Parmiggiani PhD Main Activities

- Design and Development of the **RTApipe framework** to implement real-time analysis pipelines for ground and space based gamma-ray observatories in the multi-messenger and multi-wavelength context.

Parmiggiani, N. et al., “The RTApipe framework for the gamma-ray real-time analysis software development”, Astronomy and Computing, Volume 39, April 2022. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ascom.2022.100570>

- Development of **Deep Learning models** to detect Gamma-ray Bursts in the AGILE space mission data acquired by the GRID instrument.

Parmiggiani, N. et al., [Astrophysical Journal, 914, 67, 2021.](#)

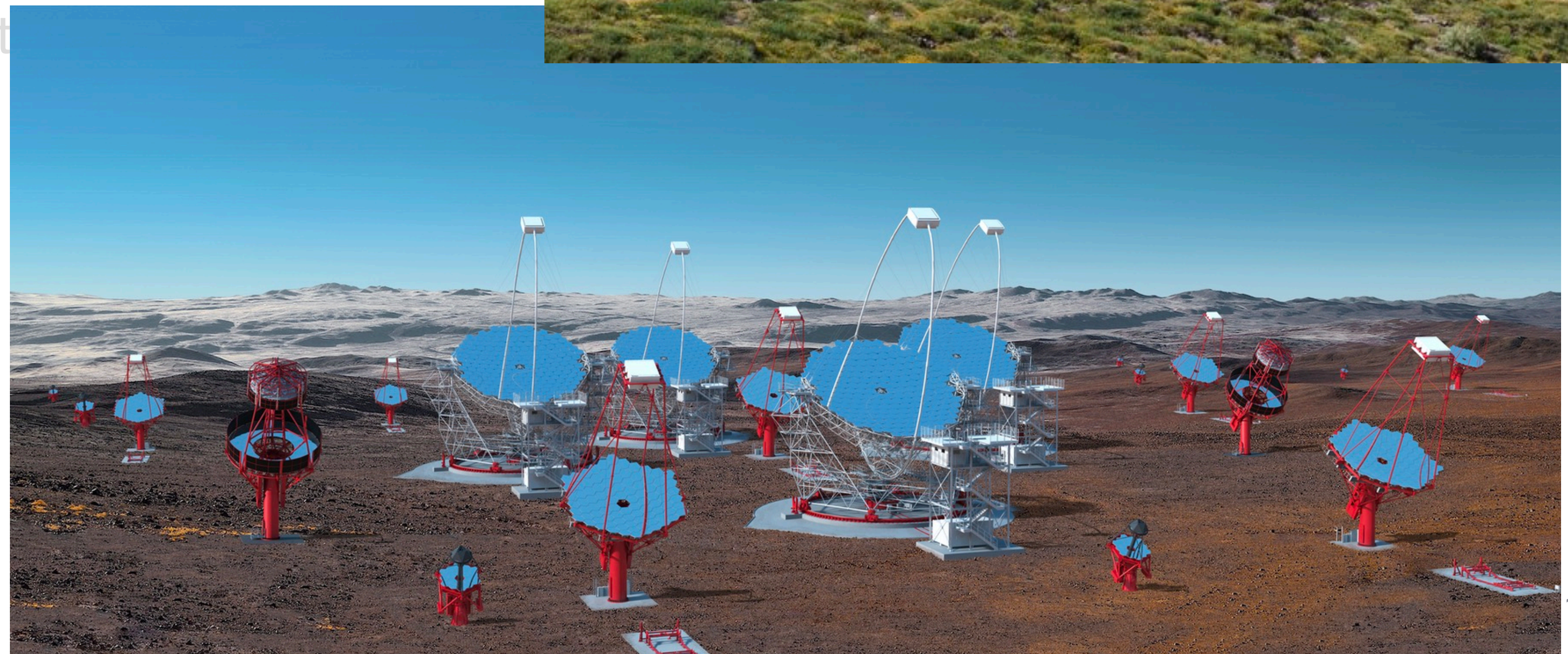
Parmiggiani, N., Italian National Prize for Artificial Intelligence and Big Data research, WMF and IFAB 2021. [Media INAF](#)

- Development of real-time analysis pipelines for the AGILE space missions to perform the follow up of external science alerts and maintenance of the hardware systems.

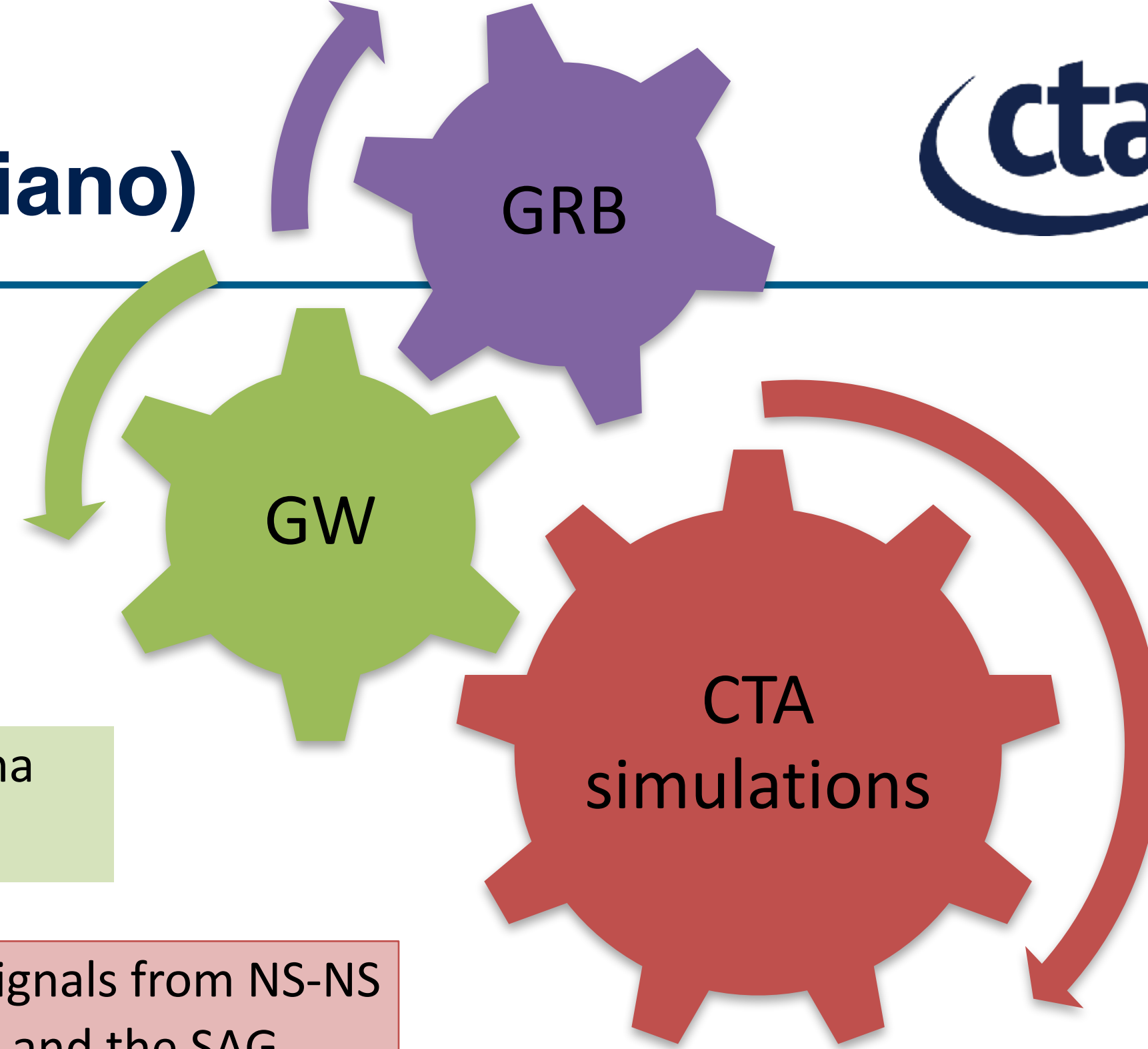
# CTA & ASTRI Technological activities @OAS

- **CTA**

- CTA Science Alert Generation System (a.k.a. Real-Time Analysis)
- **GRB/GW working group activities (A. Di Piano)**
- Analysis and Simulation Working Group deputy coordinator
- Software Engineering activities
- Computing



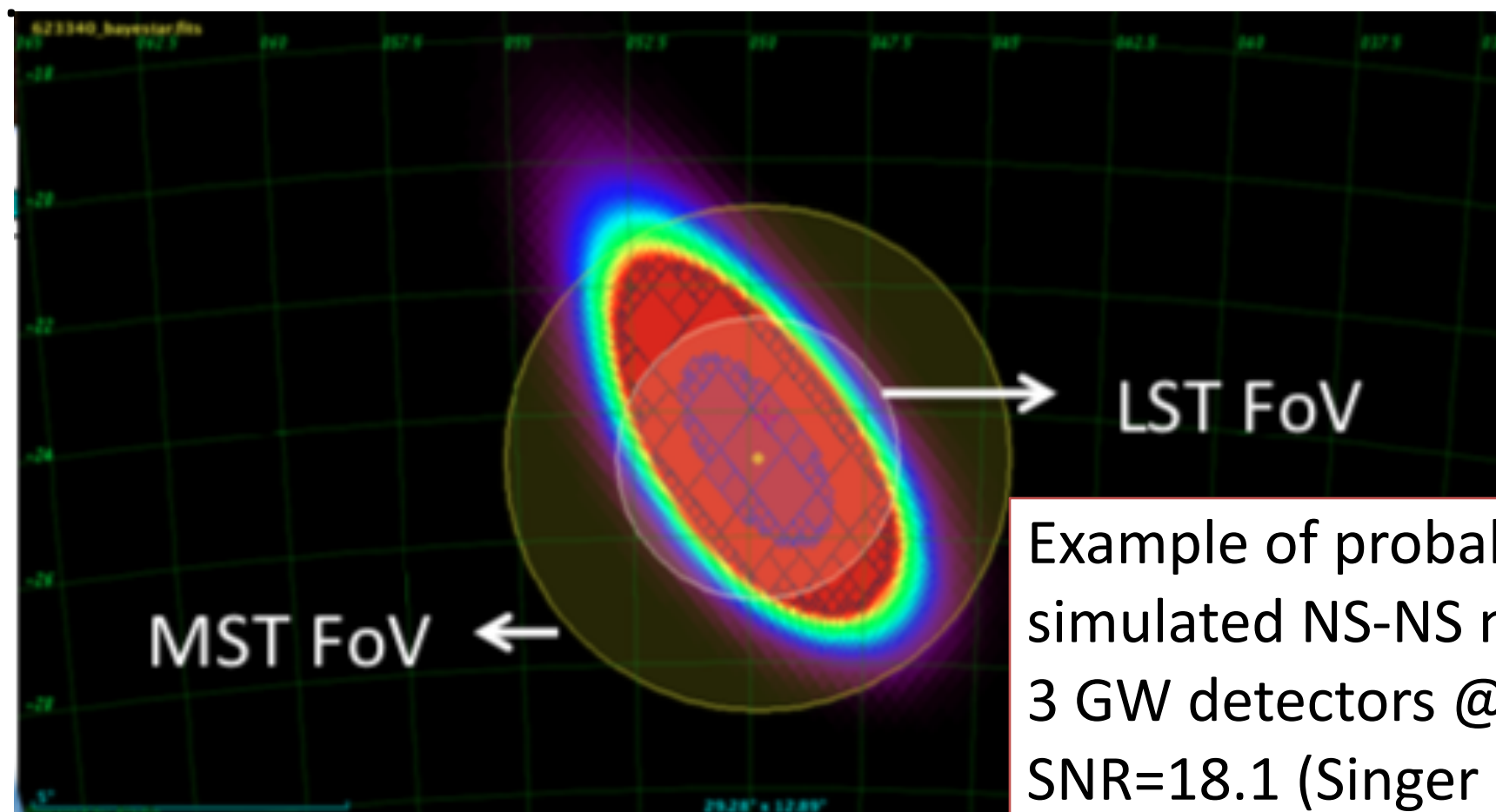
# Transient SWG: GRB and GW (A. Di Piano)



Fermi/LAT and MAGIC detection have shown that GRB emit up to TeV energy domain (e.g. GRB 190114C, GCN 23701, Mirozyan et al. 2019)

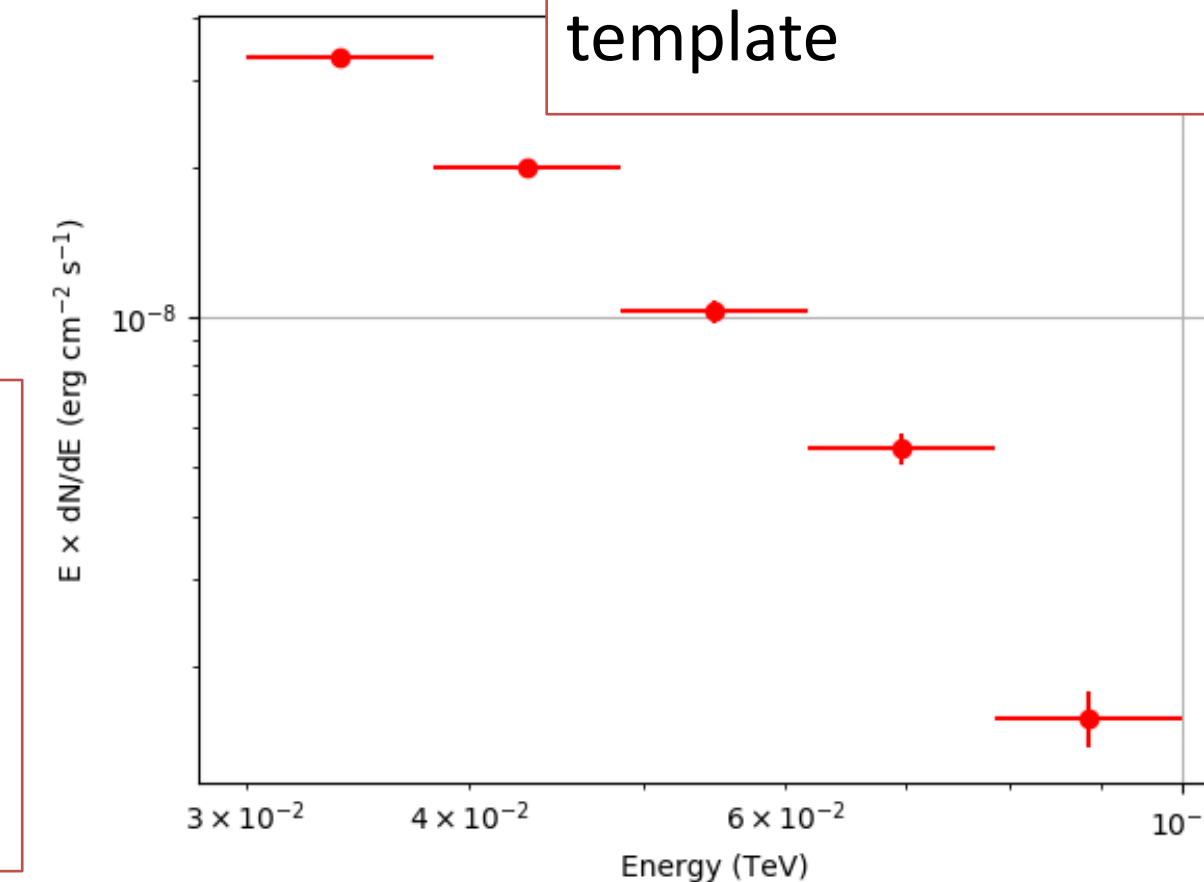
GW 170817 / GRB 170817 has definitively associated Gamma Ray Bursts to NS-NS mergers (Abbott et al. 2017)

We simulate CTA observations of realistic electromagnetic signals from NS-NS mergers, in strong synergy with the GRB and GW CTA teams and the SAG team at OAS-INAF. **Development of the visibility tools**



Example of probability skymap of a simulated NS-NS merger detected with 3 GW detectors @ 54 Mpc,  $i=8^\circ$ , SNR=18.1 (Singer et al. 2015). **CTA FoV covers 98% of total probability**

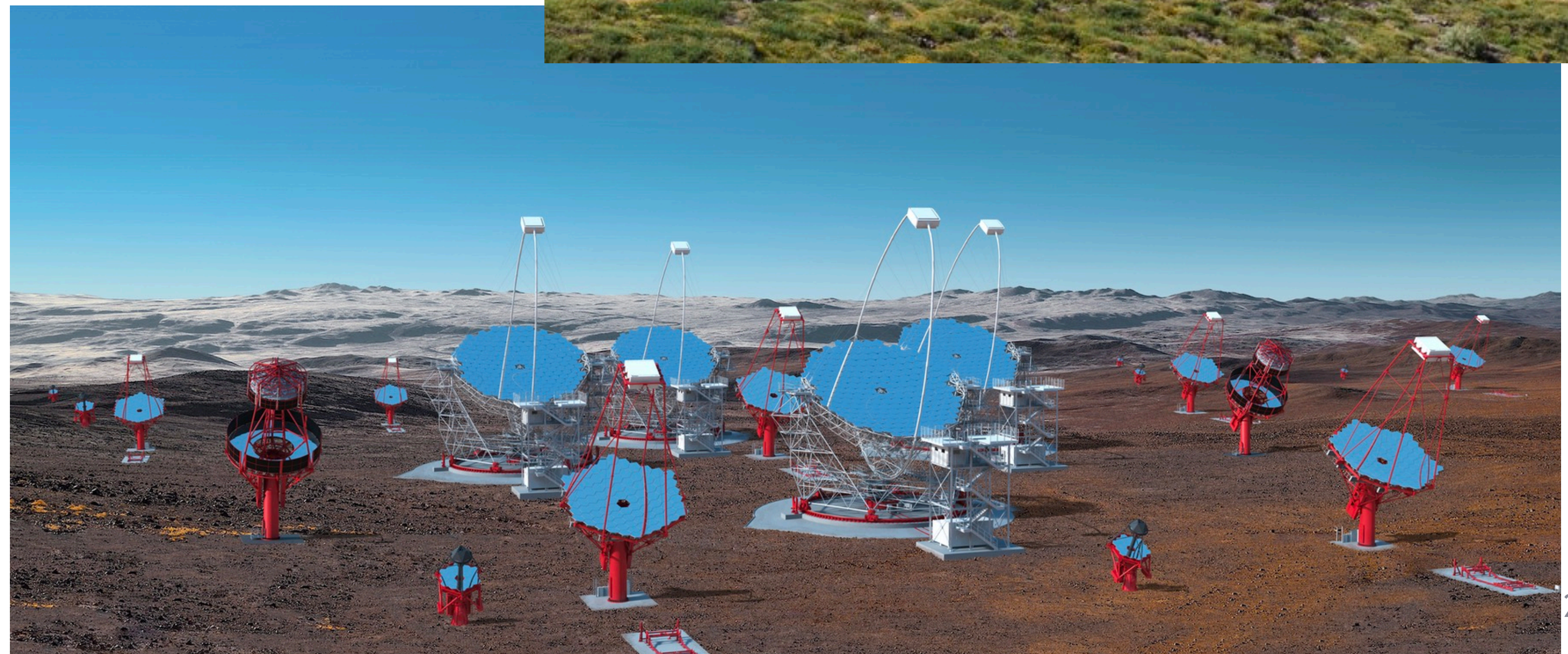
Example of a simulated spectrum using the Fermi/LAT GRB080916 template



# CTA & ASTRI Technological activities @OAS

- **CTA**

- CTA Science Alert Generation System (a.k.a. Real-Time Analysis)
- GRB/GW working group activities
- **CTAC Analysis and Simulation Working Group deputy coordinator (V. Fioretti)**
- Software Engineering activities
- Computing



# ASWG deputy coordinator

---

- CTA short-term sensitivity WGs leader (V. Fioretti)
- ASWG deputy coordinator:
  - forum for exchange on analysis topics beyond the core pipeline development;
  - Instrument Response Functions (IRFs): testing, data model/format discussion, interpolation;
  - Performance investigations (e.g. ctapipe / protopipe analysis)
  - Participation in the SDC technical committee



cherenkov  
telescope  
array

# LST



# CTA & ASTRI Technological activities @OAS

- **LST**
  - Real-Time Analysis
  - On-site Shifter activities (Baroncelli's shift in 2021, Di Piano's shift in 2022)



See Di Piano's talk







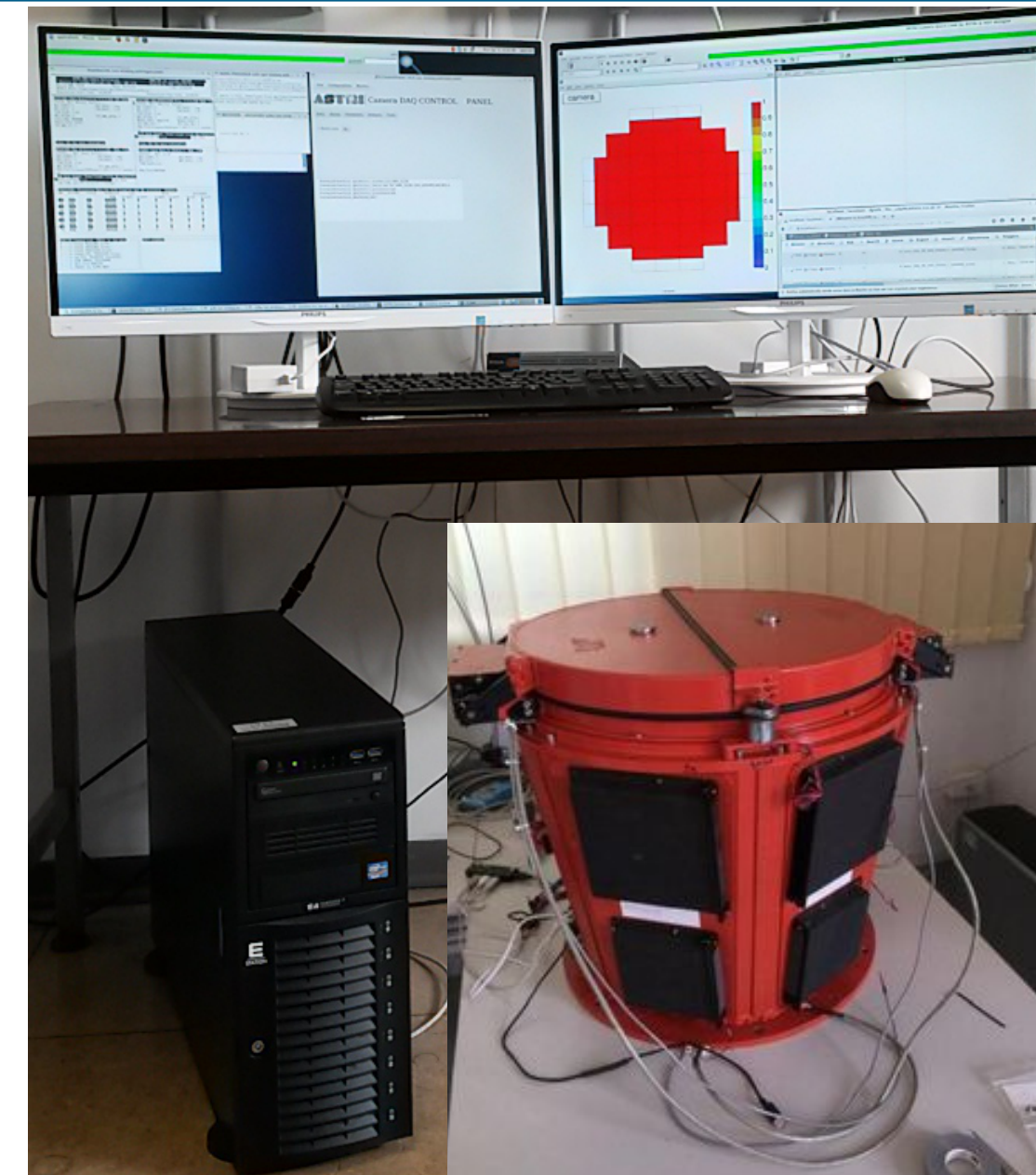
Mini-Array

# ASTRI Horn



# CTA & ASTRI Technological activities @OAS

- **ASTRI Horn** (M. Trifoglio, F. Gianotti, V. Conforti, V. Fioretti, F. Russo, A. Bulgarelli, N. Parmiggiani):
  - Software for Development and test
    - Camera development and testing through an Instrument Workstation
    - Active Mirror Control
    - Software Development and Testing infrastructure
  - Software for Operations
    - Data stream Acquisition, pre-processing and storage
    - Engineering quick-look
    - Operator Control Room
  - ICT responsibility
  - Development of a prototype of automated science analysis





**Mini-Array**

# ASTRI Mini-Array



# CTA & ASTRI Technological activities @OAS

- **ASTRI Mini-Array**

- Deputy Software coordinator
- Responsibility of the on-site software for control, monitoring and data acquisition (a.k.a. SCADA)
- Responsibility and development of the SCADA subsystems:
  - Telescope Control System
  - On-Line Observation Quality System
  - Array Data Acquisition System
- Responsible of the on-site ICT
- Integration and deployment test bed
- Software engineering activities and members of the software engineering team



- Interface Manager
- Responsibility of software in the ASTRI Data Center
  - Automated scientific analysis pipeline
  - Cherenkov Camera Preprocessing

# CTA & ASTRI Technological activities @OAS

- **ASTRI Mini-Array**

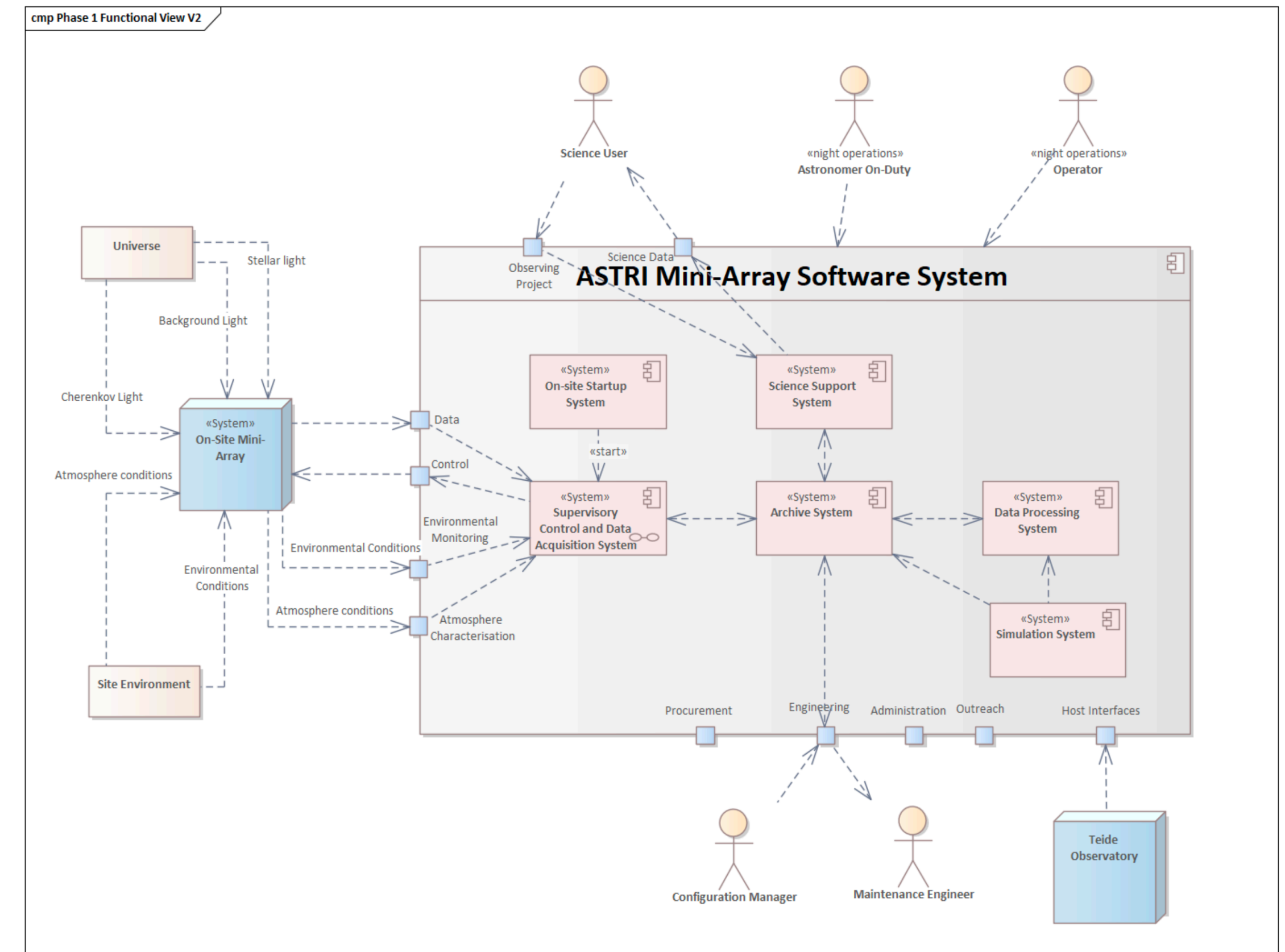
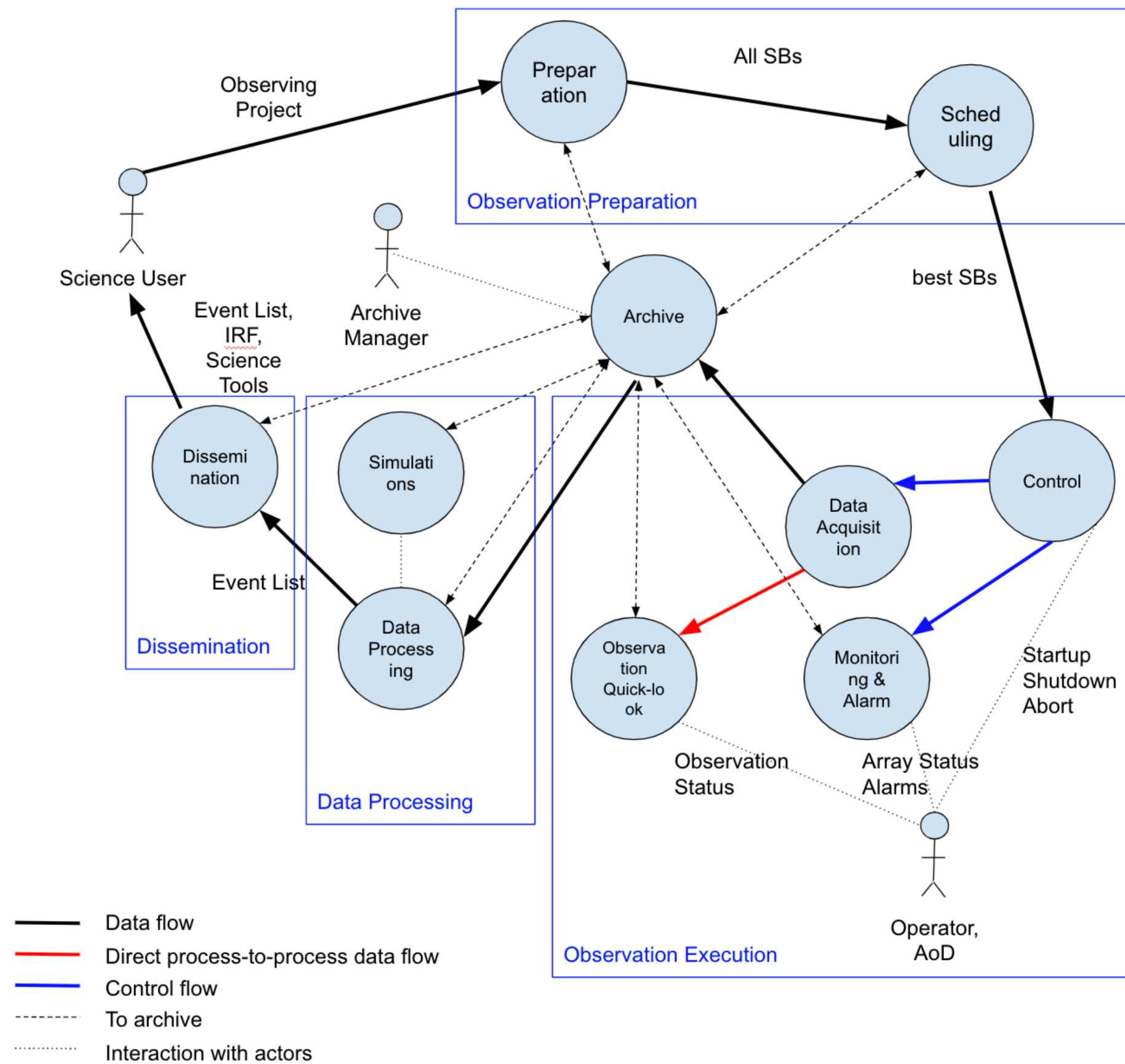
- Deputy Software coordinator (A. Bulgarelli)
- Responsibility of the on-site software for control, monitoring and data acquisition (a.k.a. SCADA) (A. Bulgarelli)
- Responsibility and development of the SCADA subsystems:
  - Telescope Control System
  - On-Line Observation Quality System
  - Array Data Acquisition System
- Responsibility of the on-site ICT
- Integration and deployment test bed
- Software engineering activities and members of the software engineering team



- Interface Manager
- Responsibility of software in the ASTRI Data Center
  - Automated scientific analysis pipeline
  - Cherenkov Camera Preprocessing

# ASTRI Mini-Array Software system

- Software system engineering documents

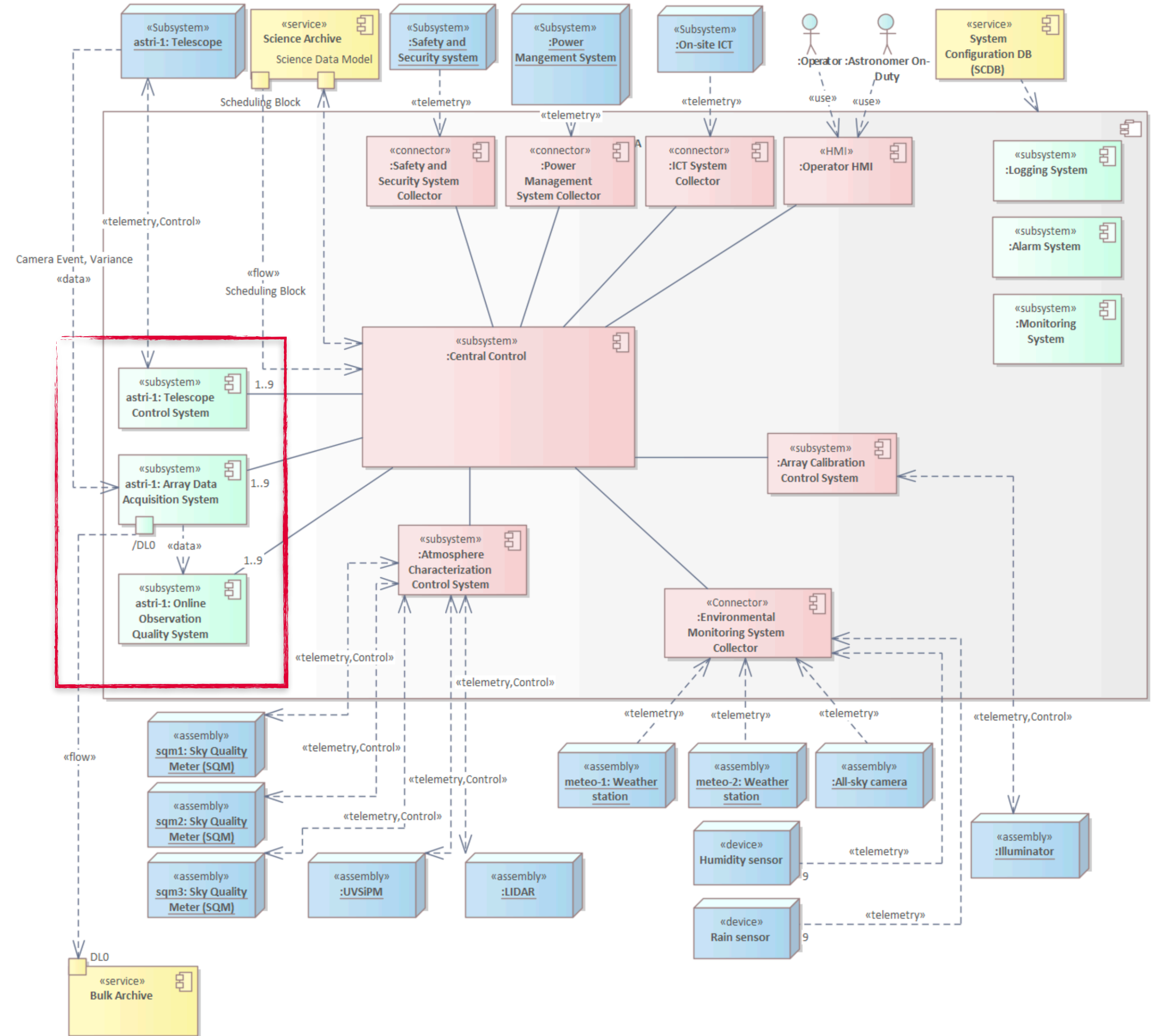


# ASTRI Mini-Array SCADA

---

- **SCADA** is an on-site software system controlling all the operations carried out at the MA site.
  - SCADA has a **Central Control System** which interfaces and communicates with all ASTRI MA subsystems and their dedicated software installed at the site.
  - SCADA is responsible for the execution of the observations and shall normally perform the operations in an automated way but is supervised by the **Operator** located in one of the ASTRI Control rooms.
  - SCADA shall collect scientific data provided by the scientific instruments, logging, monitoring, alarms provided by the ASTRI MA subsystems and provide online observation quality information to the **Operator** in order to assess the quality of data during the acquisition.

- Green: INAF
- Red box: OAS
- Red: industrial contract
- Operator HMI: University of Geneve





# CTA & ASTRI Technological activities @OAS

- **ASTRI Mini-Array**

- Deputy Software coordinator (A. Bulgarelli)
- Responsibility of the on-site software for control, monitoring and data acquisition (a.k.a. SCADA) (A. Bulgarelli)
- Responsibility and development of the SCADA subsystems:
  - Telescope Control System (F. Russo)
  - On-Line Observation Quality System (N. Parmiggiani)
  - Array Data Acquisition System (V. Conforti)
- Responsibility of the on-site ICT
- Integration and deployment test bed
- Software engineering activities and members of the software engineering team



- Interface Manager (A. Bulgarelli)

- Responsibility of software in the ASTRI Data Center

- Automated scientific analysis pipeline (N. Parmiggiani)

- Cherenkov Camera Preprocessing (V. Conforti)

See Parmiggiani's talk

See Conforti's talk

# Telescope Control System (TCS)

ASTRI > SCADA > telescope-control-system




**telescope-control-system** 

Project ID: 680 [Leave project](#)

172 Commits 3 Branches 1 Tag 26.4 MB Files 1.3 GB Storage

dev telescope-control-system / + History Find file



**Adding test case scripts for running PMC test**  
Federico Russo authored 3 weeks ago

[README](#) [GNU LGPLv3](#) [CI/CD configuration](#) [Add CHANGELOG](#) [Add CONTRIBUTING](#)

[Configure Integrations](#)

Name	Last commit
CDB	roll back MountDeviceConnector to previous generated one (new gener...
Connectors	added geOpcUa both in IDL and PMCDeviceConnectorBaseImpl (using r...
IDL	added geOpcUa both in IDL and PMCDeviceConnectorBaseImpl (using r...
MATel01	added PMC to compilation process
MountSupervisor	linked PMCsupervisor to lifecycle start chain

TCS: control of monitor of a single telescope and Cherenkov camera. Used also for testing activities.

The actual status of the TCS is progressively growing following the Use Cases document.

The current progress includes:

- Management of high level commands and implementation of the workflow **from the highest interface**, represented by the SCADA Central Control (which is now simulated by Junits) **to the lowest interface**, represented by Local Control Software (which is now simulated by opc-ua simulator).

I.E. command for tracking, pointing, jogging motion, parking, requests for telescope assemblies state change etc.

- Implementation for Cherenkov Camera high level commands: I.E. Put online the Camera LCS, Stop the Camera LCS, Perform Camera Calibration and Perform a Cherenkov Observation.
- Centralized management for errors, alarms and logging.
- Hardware monitoring.
- Script for automatic execution for on site tests (I.E. automatic execution for stress test pointing AZ/EL...).

# Teide Observatory test activities with TCS

## 2.1.2 Test di inizializzazione sistemi da TCS

TEST ID:	EIE-200
TEST NAME:	Accensione PLC e verifica esecuzione cambi di stato preliminari TelescopeHealthAndSafety
TEST OBJECTIVES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controllare la comunicazione server OPC-UA dei PLC con i client OPC-UA del tcs.</li> <li>Controllare lo stato iniziale dei PLC se quella prevista.</li> <li>Controllare esecuzione di cambio di stato per TelescopeHealthAndSafety LCS.</li> </ul>

TEST ID:	EIE-201
TEST NAME:	Accensione PLC e verifica esecuzione cambi di stato preliminari Mount LCS
TEST OBJECTIVES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controllare la comunicazione server OPC-UA dei PLC con i client OPC-UA del tcs.</li> <li>Controllare lo stato iniziale dei PLC se quella prevista.</li> <li>Controllare funzionamento comando di accensione corrente per la Mount da parte della TelescopeHealthAndSafety.</li> <li>Controllare esecuzione di cambio di stato per Mount LCS.</li> </ul>

TEST ID:	EIE-202
TEST NAME:	Stop durante procedura inizializzazione encoder
TEST OBJECTIVES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controllare la comunicazione server OPC-UA dei PLC con i client OPC-UA del tcs.</li> <li>Controllare lo stato iniziale dei PLC se quella prevista.</li> <li>Controllare funzionamento comando di accensione corrente per la Mount da parte della TelescopeHealthAndSafety.</li> <li>Controllare esecuzione di cambio di stato per Mount LCS e TelescopeHealthAndSafety LCS.</li> </ul>

TEST ID:	EIE-203
TEST NAME:	Accensione PLC e verifica esecuzione cambi di stato preliminari da posizione fuori parcheggio
TEST OBJECTIVES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controllare la comunicazione server OPC-UA dei PLC con i client OPC-UA del tcs.</li> <li>Controllare lo stato iniziale dei PLC se quella prevista.</li> <li>Controllare funzionamento comando di accensione corrente per la Mount da parte della TelescopeHealthAndSafety.</li> <li>Controllare esecuzione di cambio di stato per Mount LCS e TelescopeHealthAndSafety LCS da posizione fuori parcheggio.</li> </ul>

TEST ID:	EIE-204
TEST NAME:	fungo di emergenza durante movimentazione di inizializzazione encoder
TEST OBJECTIVES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controllare il funzionamento del fungo di emergenza durante la movimentazione di inizializzazione encoder.</li> <li>Controllare la ripresa di funzionamento del sistema dopo il disingaggio del fungo di emergenza.</li> </ul>

TEST ID:	EIE-201																				
TEST NAME:	Accensione PLC e verifica esecuzione cambi di stato preliminari Mount LCS																				
TEST OBJECTIVES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controllare la comunicazione server OPC-UA dei PLC con i client OPC-UA del tcs.</li> <li>Controllare lo stato iniziale dei PLC se quella prevista.</li> <li>Controllare funzionamento comando di accensione corrente per la Mount da parte della TelescopeHealthAndSafety.</li> <li>Controllare esecuzione di cambio di stato per Mount LCS.</li> </ul>																				
TEST DESCRIPTION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eseguire TelescopeHealthAndSafetyDeviceConnector.TCUON()</li> <li>Controllare se il Mount risponde al ping entro 180 secondi.</li> <li>Utilizzare l'object Explorer per attivare la raccolta log per Mount. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In alternativa aggiungere all'object explorer il monitoraggio sugli stati della Mount.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Controllare se lo stato della MountDeviceConnector sia LOADED</li> <li>Eseguire MountDeviceConnector.GO_STANDBY()</li> <li>Controllare se lo stato della MountDeviceConnector cambi in STANDBY in un tempo inferiore a 250 secondi (TBD).</li> <li>Eseguire MountDeviceConnector.GO_ONLINE()</li> <li>Controllare se lo stato della MountDeviceConnector cambi in ONLINE in un tempo inferiore a 160 secondi (TBD).</li> <li>Controllare se l'encoder AZ si sia inizializzato correttamente. (GET_TCU_AZENCINITEN(new LongHolder()) == true)</li> </ol> <p>Tabella riferimento associazioni stati e valore ritornato:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Mount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>LOADED</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>STANDBY</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE IDLE</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE SLEW</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE TRACK</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CALIBRATION</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MAINTENANCE</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FAULT</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Mount	LOADED	0	STANDBY	1	ONLINE IDLE	2	ONLINE SLEW	3	ONLINE TRACK	4	ONLINE	N/A	CALIBRATION	5	MAINTENANCE	6	FAULT	7
	Mount																				
LOADED	0																				
STANDBY	1																				
ONLINE IDLE	2																				
ONLINE SLEW	3																				
ONLINE TRACK	4																				
ONLINE	N/A																				
CALIBRATION	5																				
MAINTENANCE	6																				
FAULT	7																				
TEST CONFIGURATION:	Mount LCS, TelescopeHealthAndSafety LCS e TCS.																				
PRE-REQUIREMENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eseguito il test EIE2</li> <li>Mount LCS, TelescopeHealthAndSafety LCS e TCS sono collegati.</li> <li>TelescopeHealthAndSafety é in running nello stato iniziale (no altre operazioni sono state eseguite).</li> <li>TCS é running.</li> <li>Il telescopio é nella posizione di parcheggio.</li> </ul>																				
TOOLS/FACILITIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACS, Object explorer, PLCs.</li> </ul>																				
MANPOWER:																					

# CTA & ASTRI Technological activities @OAS

- **ASTRI Mini-Array**

- Deputy Software coordinator
- Responsibility of the on-site software for control, monitoring and data acquisition (a.k.a. SCADA)
- Responsibility and development of the SCADA subsystems:
  - Telescope Control System
  - On-Line Observation Quality System
  - Array Data Acquisition System

- Responsible of the on-site ICT (F. Gianotti)
- Integration and deployment test bed (F. Gianotti, V. Conforti)
- Software engineering activities and members of the software engineering team
  - Release Manager (V. Conforti)
  - Software Quality Assurance (V. Conforti)
  - Requirement, Architecture, Interfaces (A. Bulgarelli)

See Gianotti/Conforti's talk



# Conclusions

---

- Participation in CTA Consortium PHYS WGs
- Deputy coordination of CTAC/ASWG
- Software engineering activities and responsibilities
- ICT activities responsibilities
- Shifters on LST
- Software development and responsibilities on
  - telescope and array control system
  - data acquisition and preprocessing
  - data quality status
  - scientific analysis pipelines for science monitoring and gamma-ray transient detection
    - 3 PhDs
    - 1 AdR

