

# The synergy of ASTRI and CTA with future GRB missions



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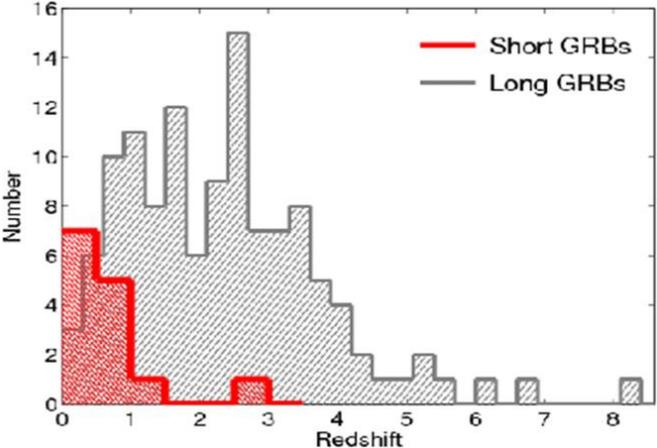
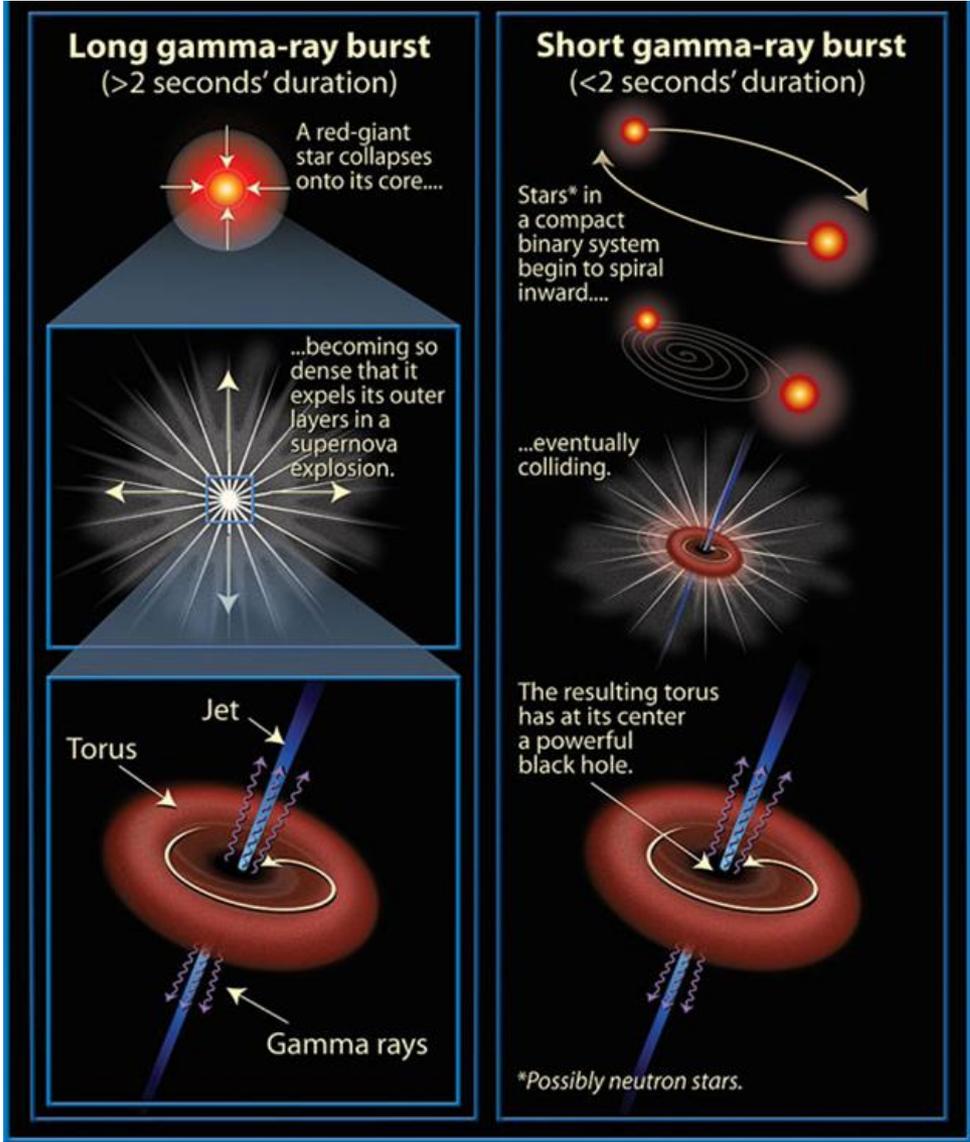


OAS Very High Energy Meeting: towards Astri and CTA

# Gamma-Ray Bursts: the most extreme phenomena in the Universe

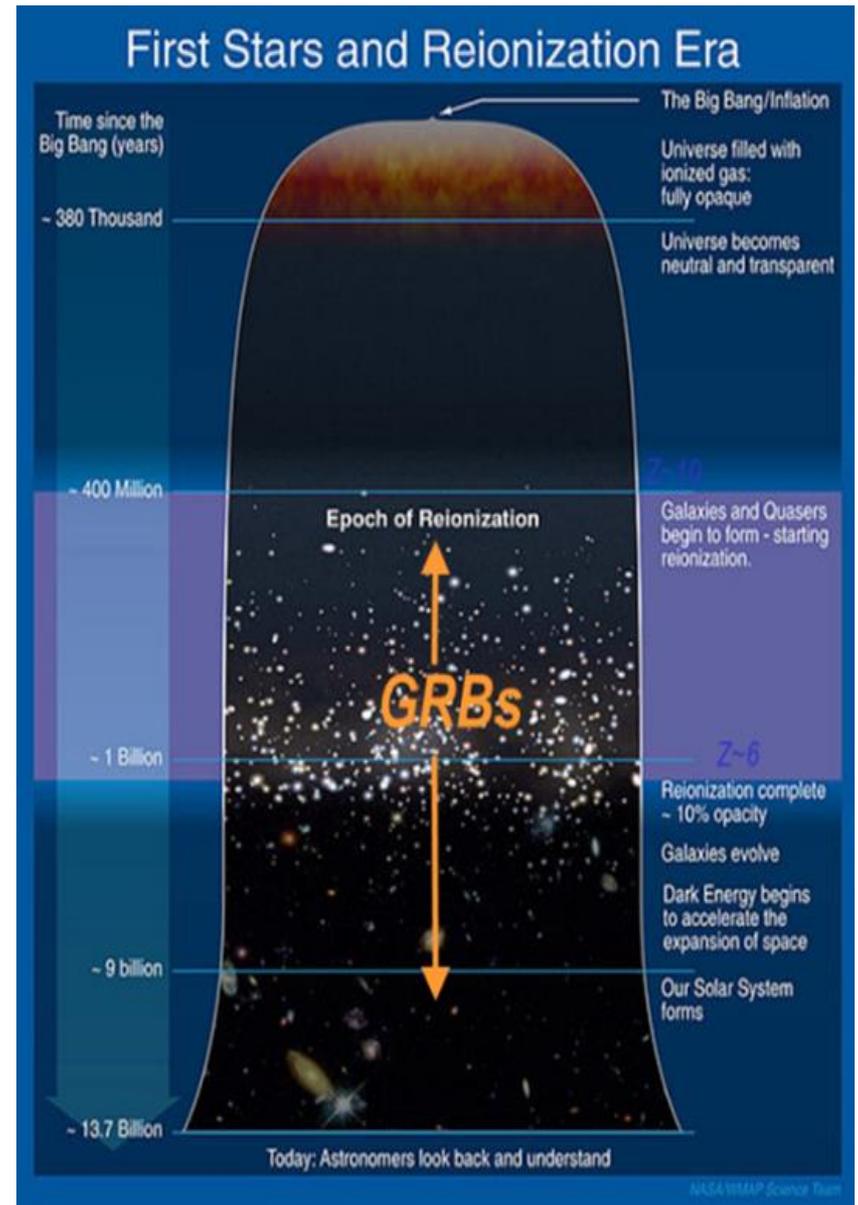
Long GRBs: core collapse of massive stars, tracing primordial stars & galaxies

Short GRBs: NS-NS or NS-BH mergers, association with GW sources



# Shedding light on the early Universe with GRBs

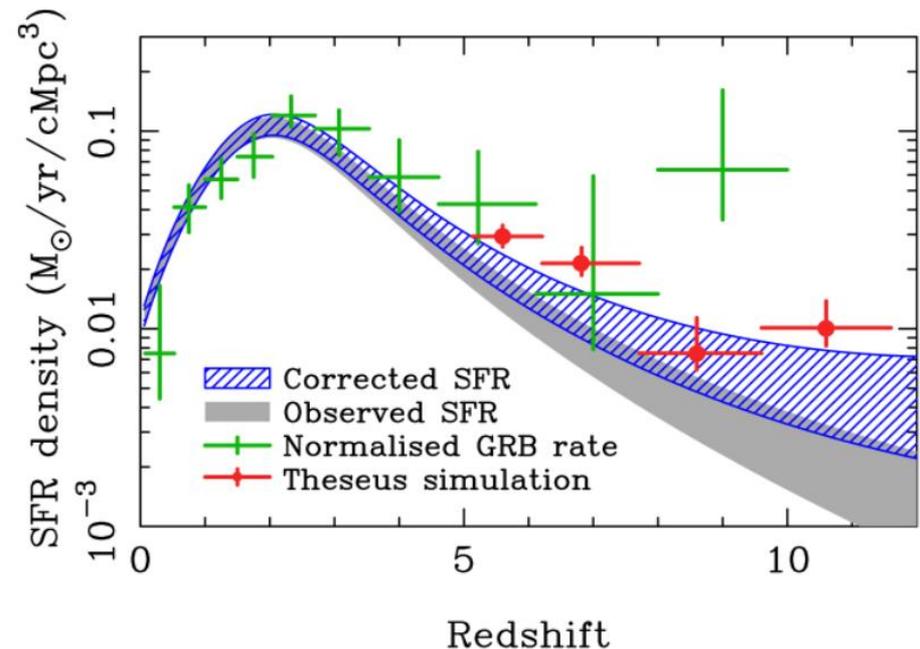
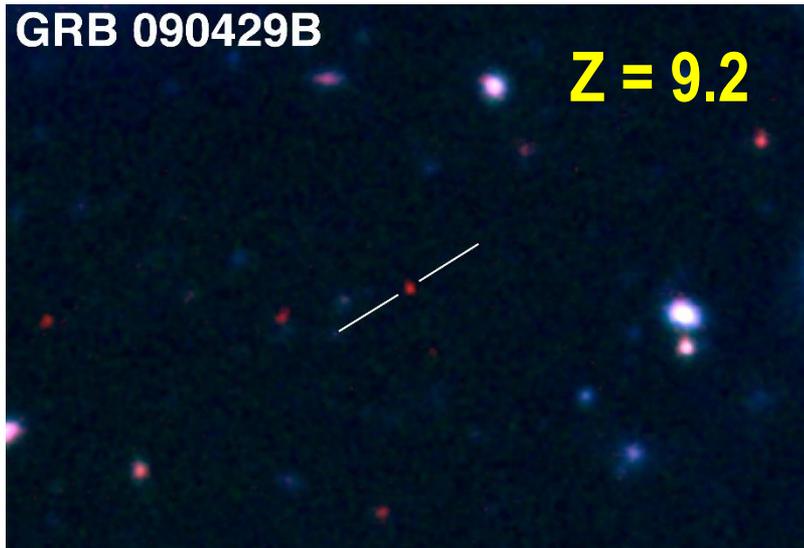
- ❑ **Long GRBs:** huge luminosities, mostly emitted in the X and gamma-rays
- ❑ **Redshift distribution** extending at least to  $z \sim 9$  and association with exploding massive stars
- ❑ **Powerful tools for cosmology:** SFR evolution, physics of re-ionization, high- $z$  low luminosity galaxies, pop III stars



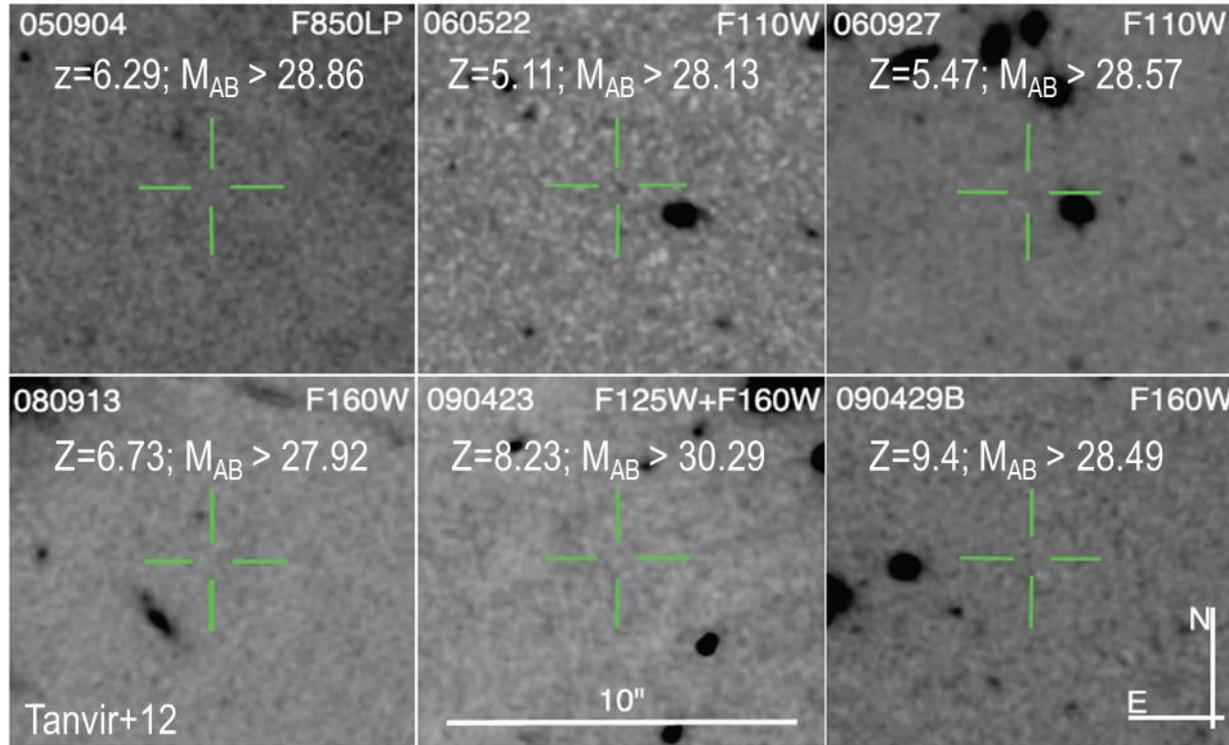
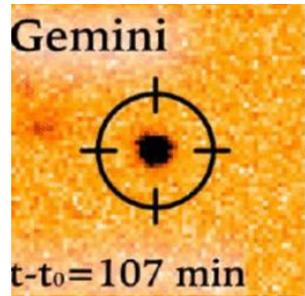
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A statistical sample of high- $z$  GRBs can provide fundamental information:

- measure independently the **cosmic star-formation rate**, even beyond the limits of current and future galaxy surveys
- directly (or indirectly) detect the **first population of stars (pop III)**



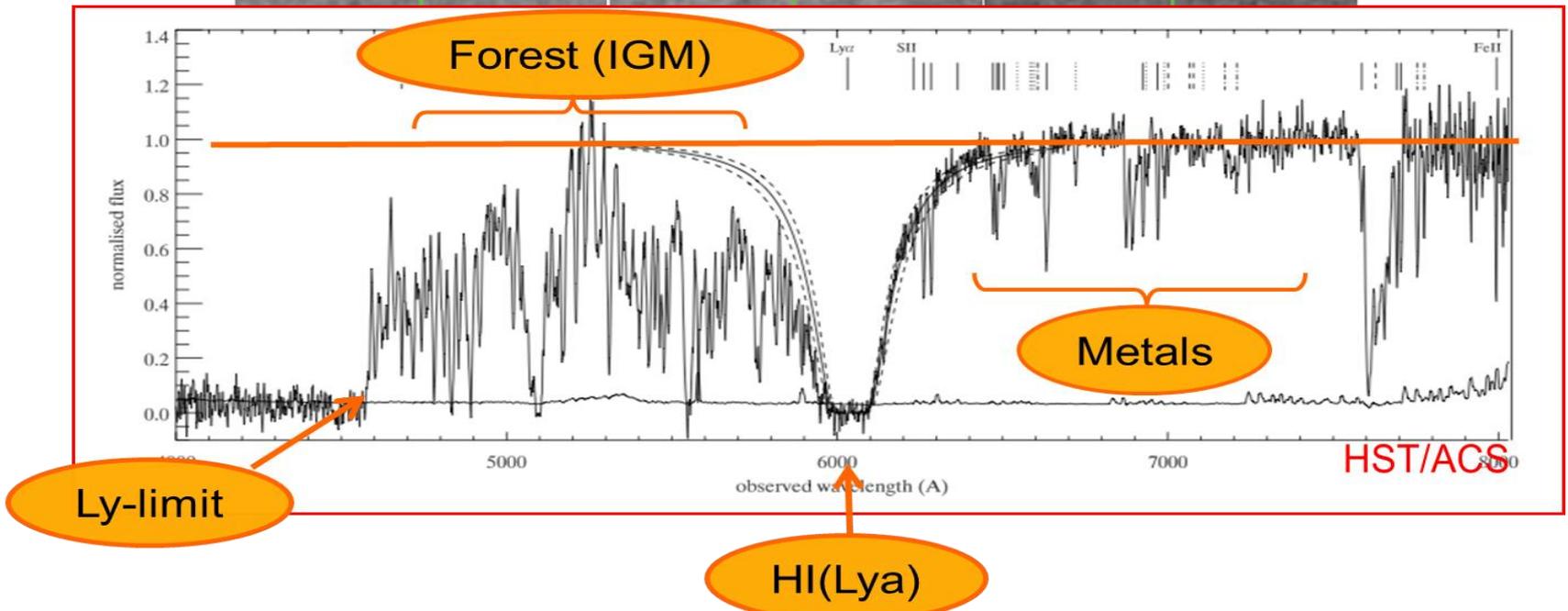
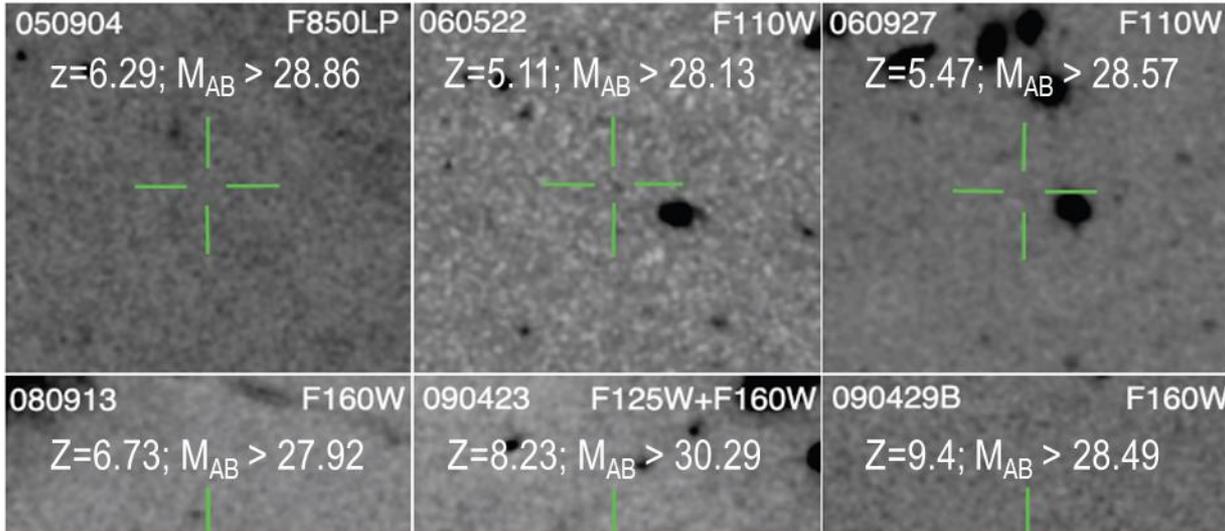
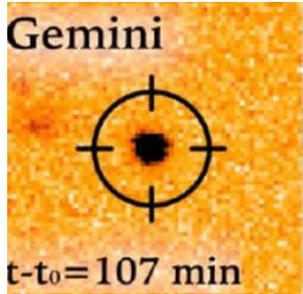
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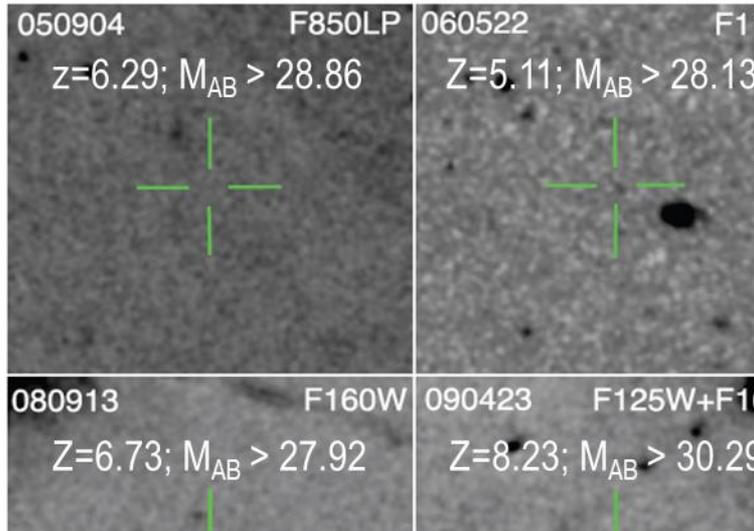
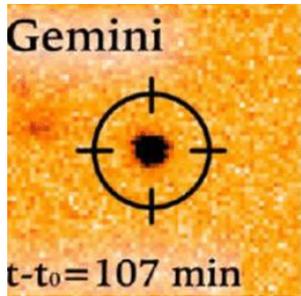
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Even **JWST** and **ELTs** surveys will be not able to probe the faint end of the galaxy Luminosity Function at high redshifts ( $z > 6-8$ )

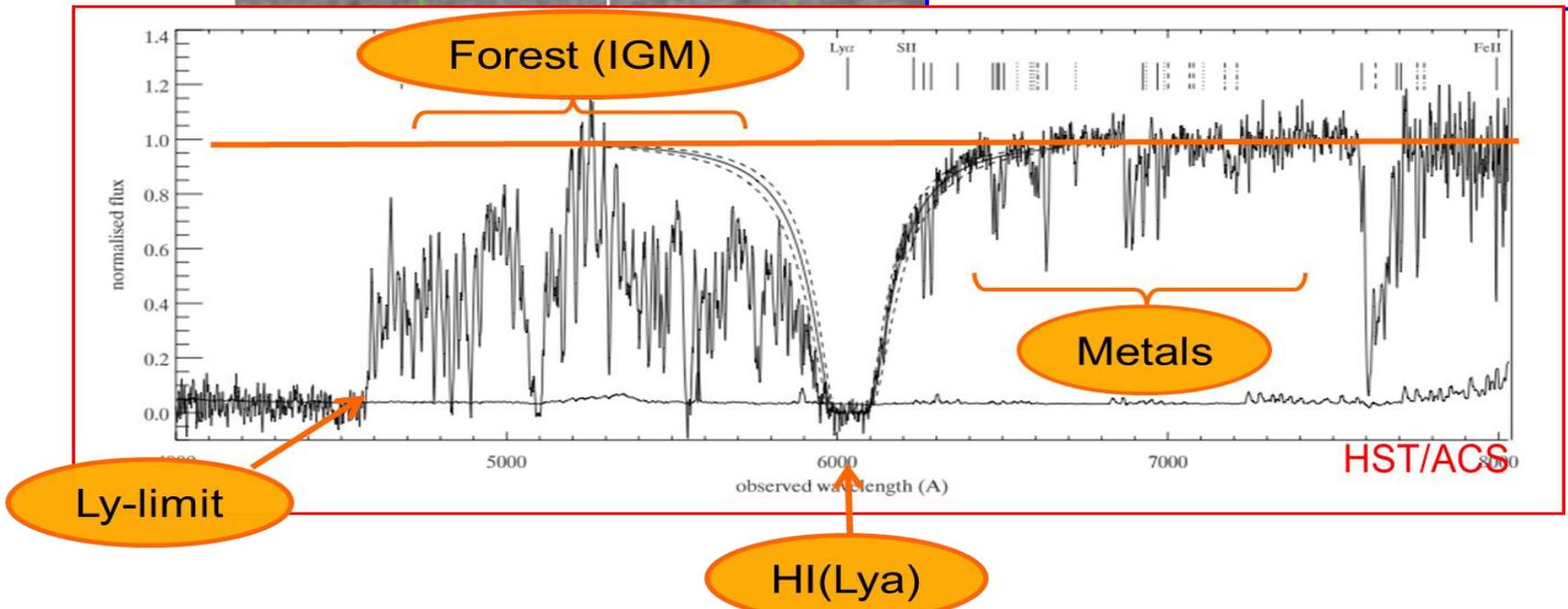
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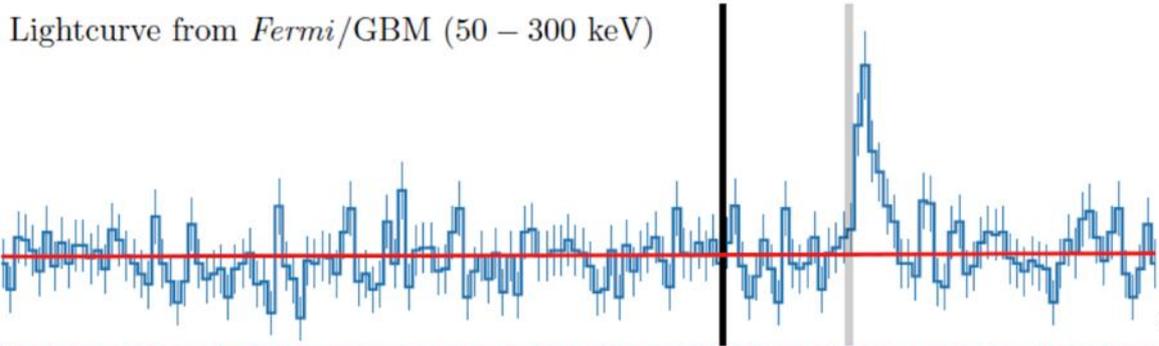
- neutral hydrogen fraction
- escape fraction of UV photons from high-z galaxies
- early metallicity of the ISM and IGM and its evolution



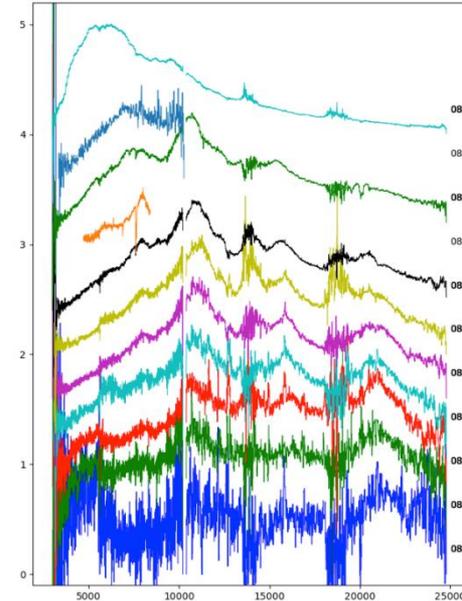
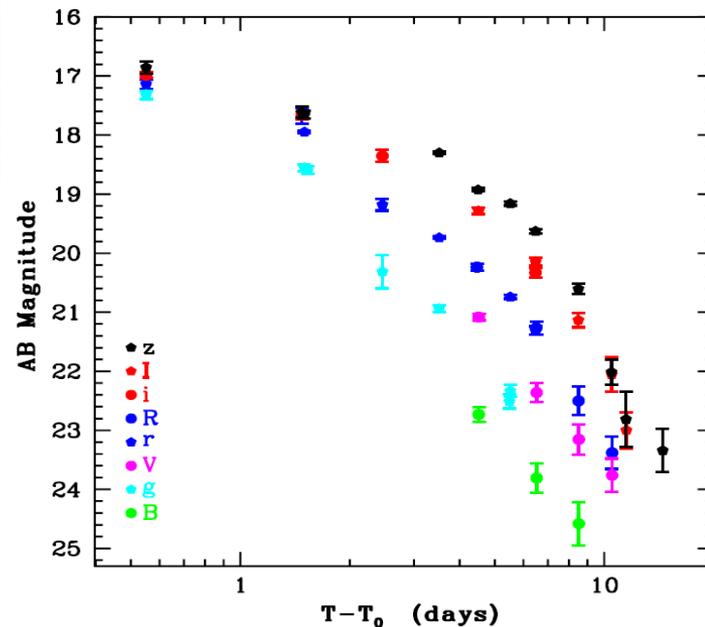
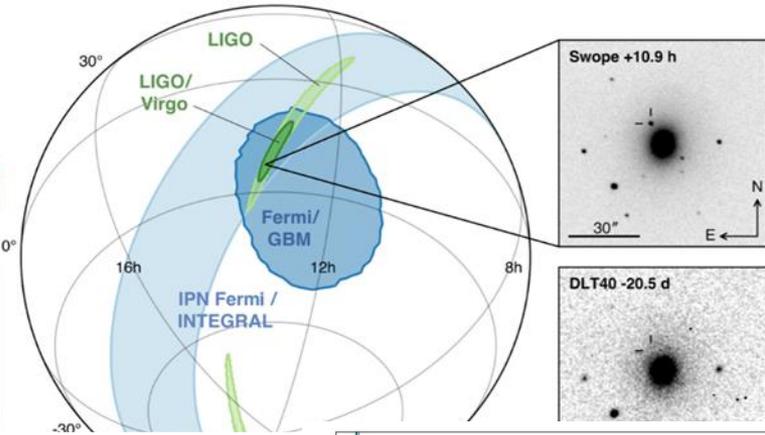
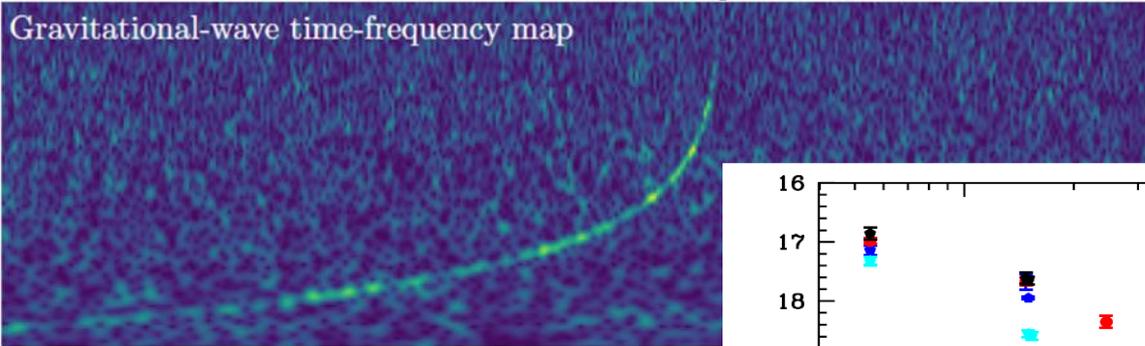
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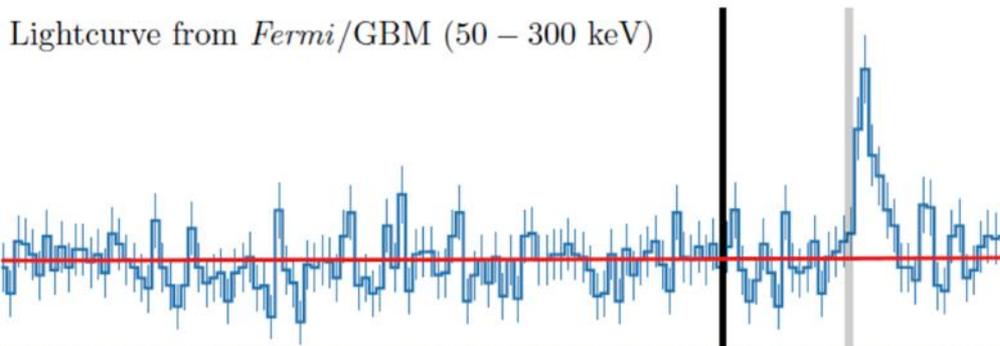
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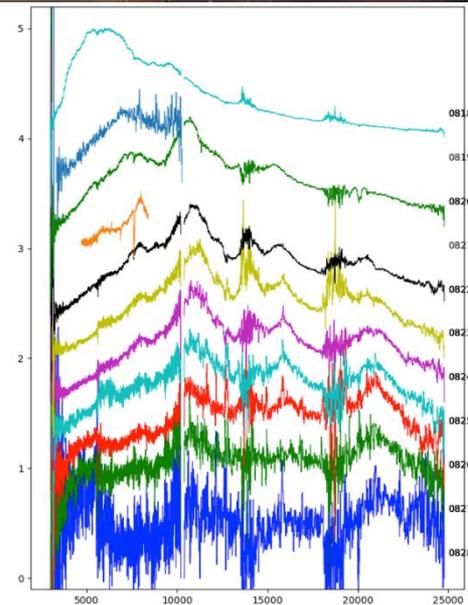
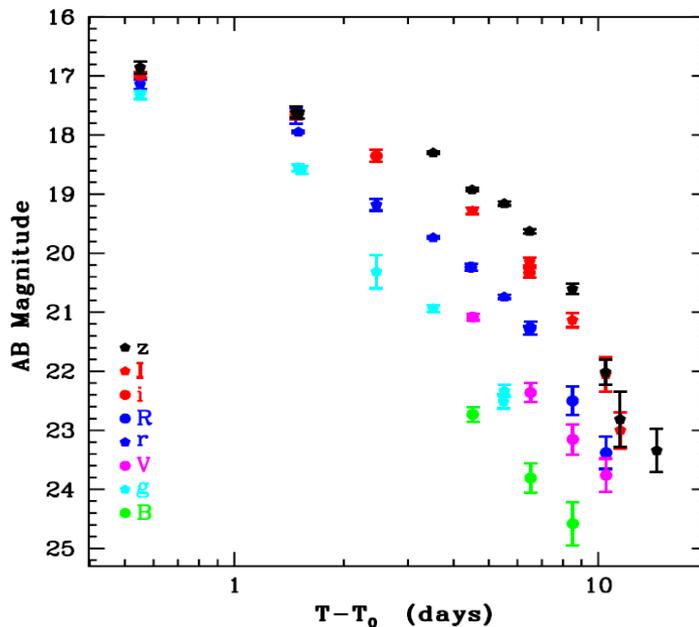
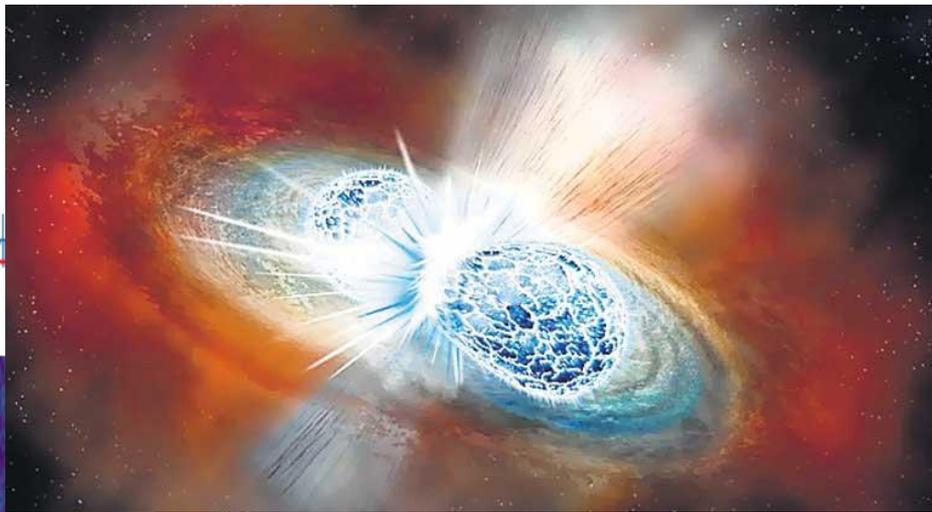
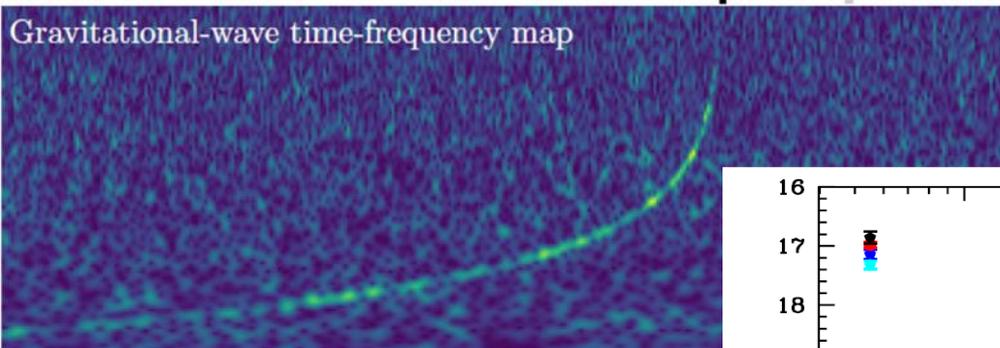
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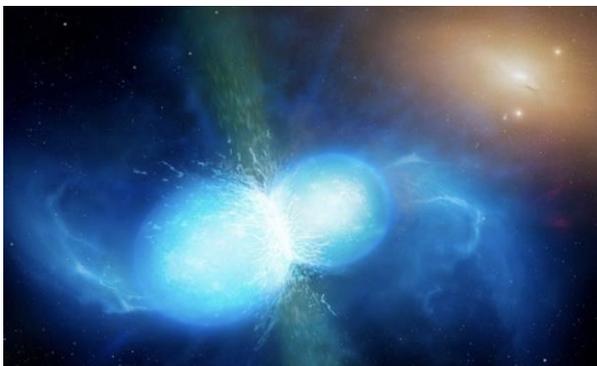
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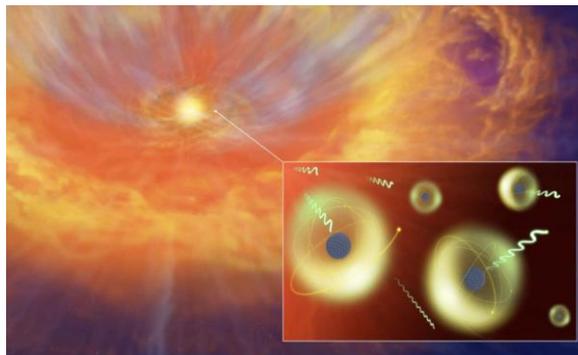
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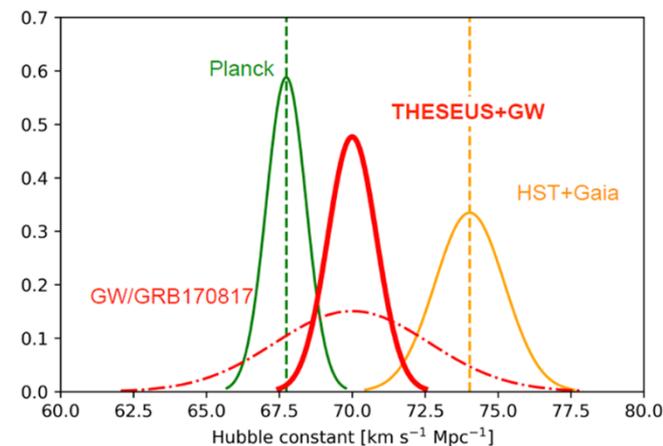
Relativistic jet formation,  
equation of state,  
fundamental physics



Cosmic sites of r-  
process nucleosynthesis



New independent route  
to measure cosmological  
parameters



# Future GRB missions (late '20s and '30s)

Probing the Early Universe with GRBs

Multi-messenger and time domain Astrophysics

The transient high energy sky

Synergy with next generation large facilities (E-ELT, SKA, CTA, ATHENA, GW and neutrino detectors)

- **THESEUS** (studied for ESA Cosmic Vision / M5), **HiZ-GUNDAM** (JAXA, under study), **TAP** (idea for NASA probe-class mission), **Gamow Explorer** (proposal for NASA MIDEX): **prompt emission down to soft X-rays, source location accuracy of few arcmin, prompt follow-up with NIR telescope, on-board REDSHIFT**

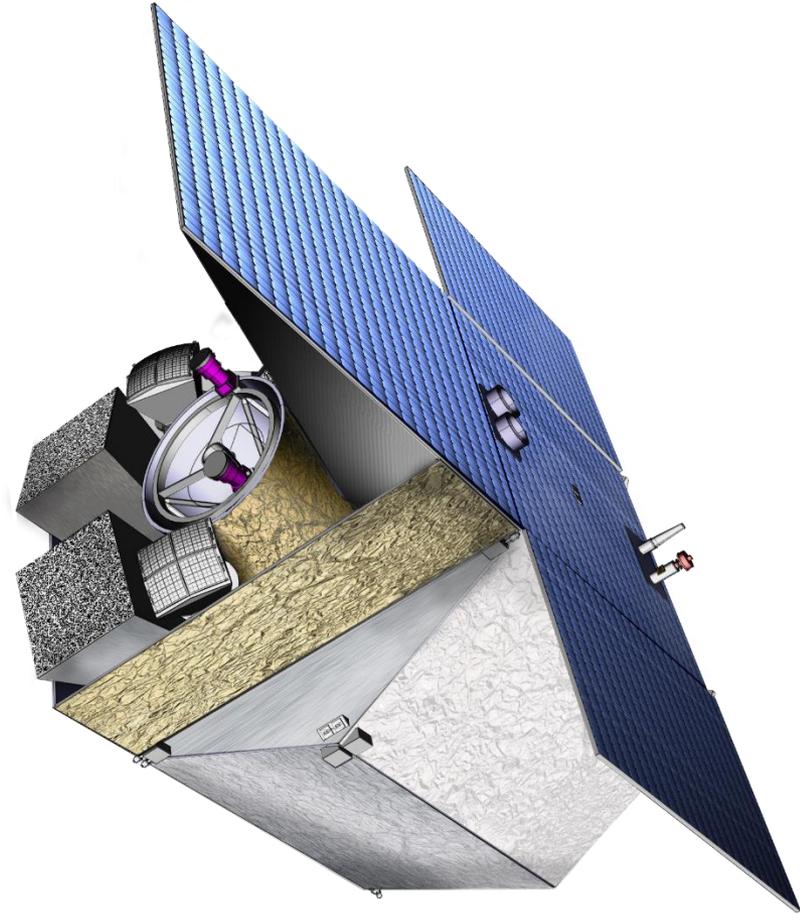
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Set of innovative wide-field monitors  
with **unprecedented combination of  
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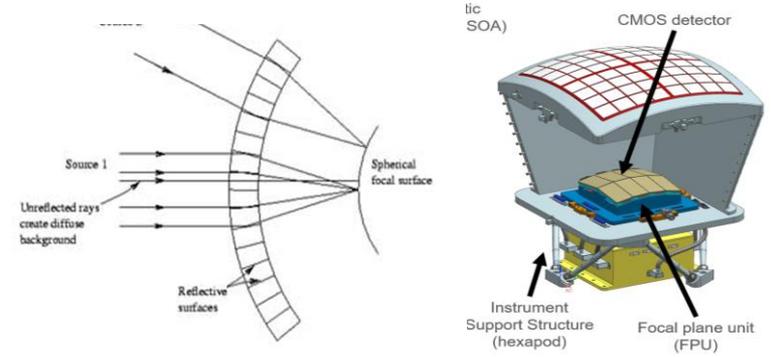
On-board **autonomous fast follow-up** in  
optical/NIR, arcsec location and **redshift  
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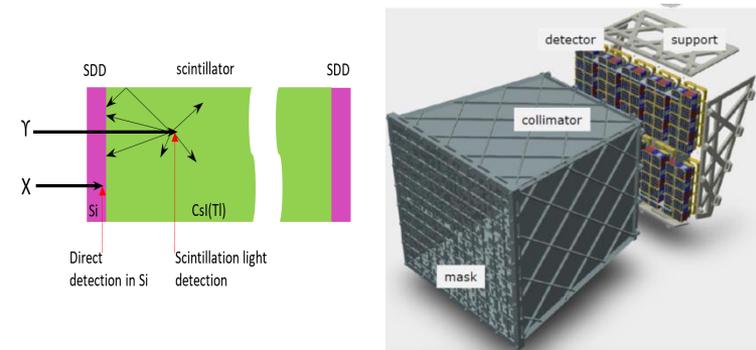
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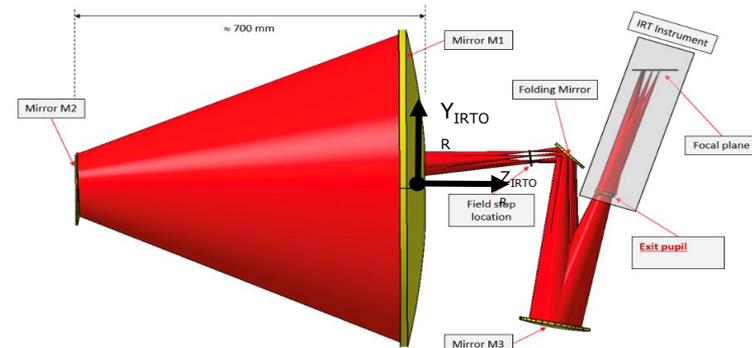
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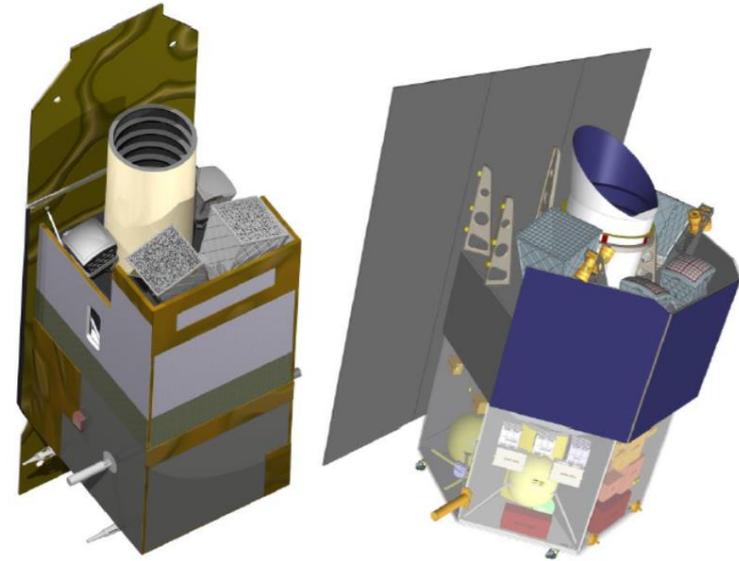
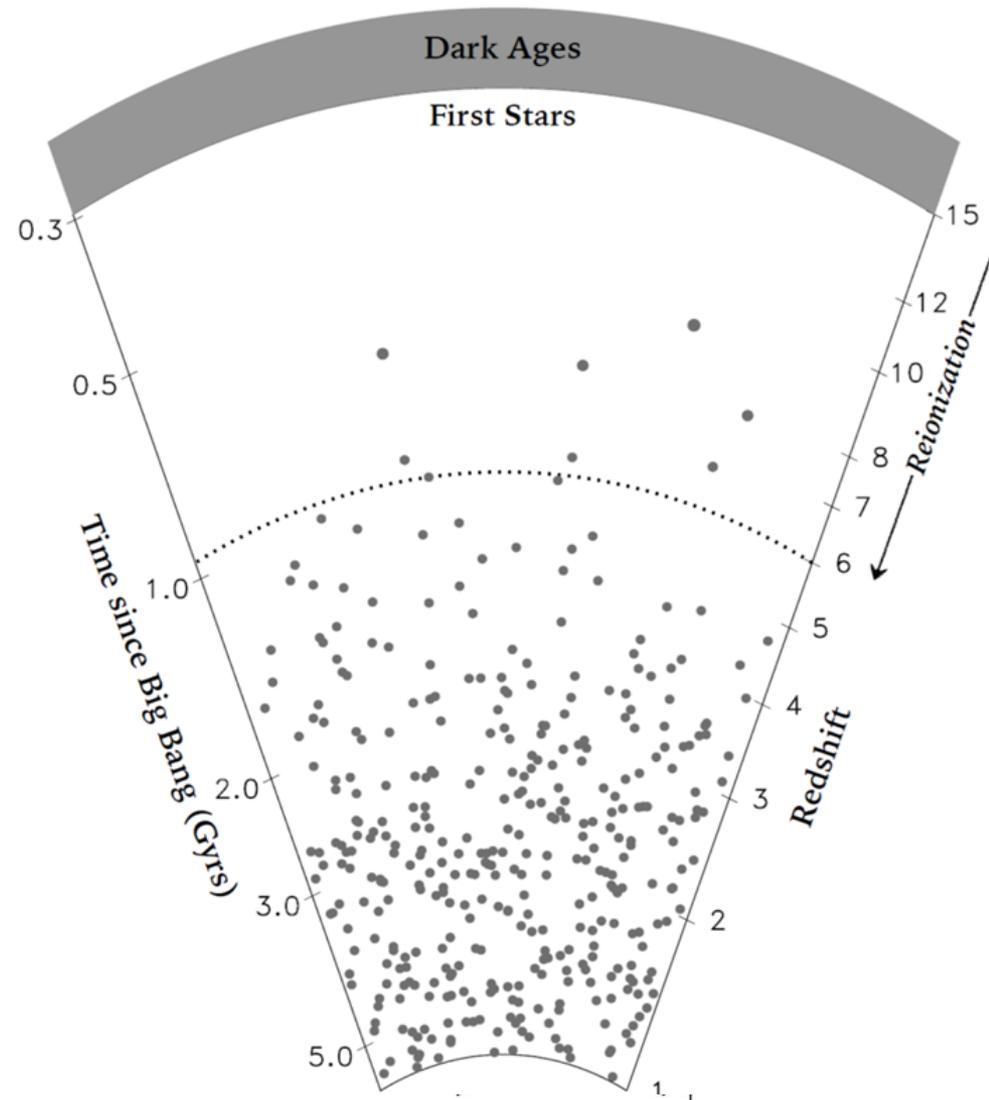
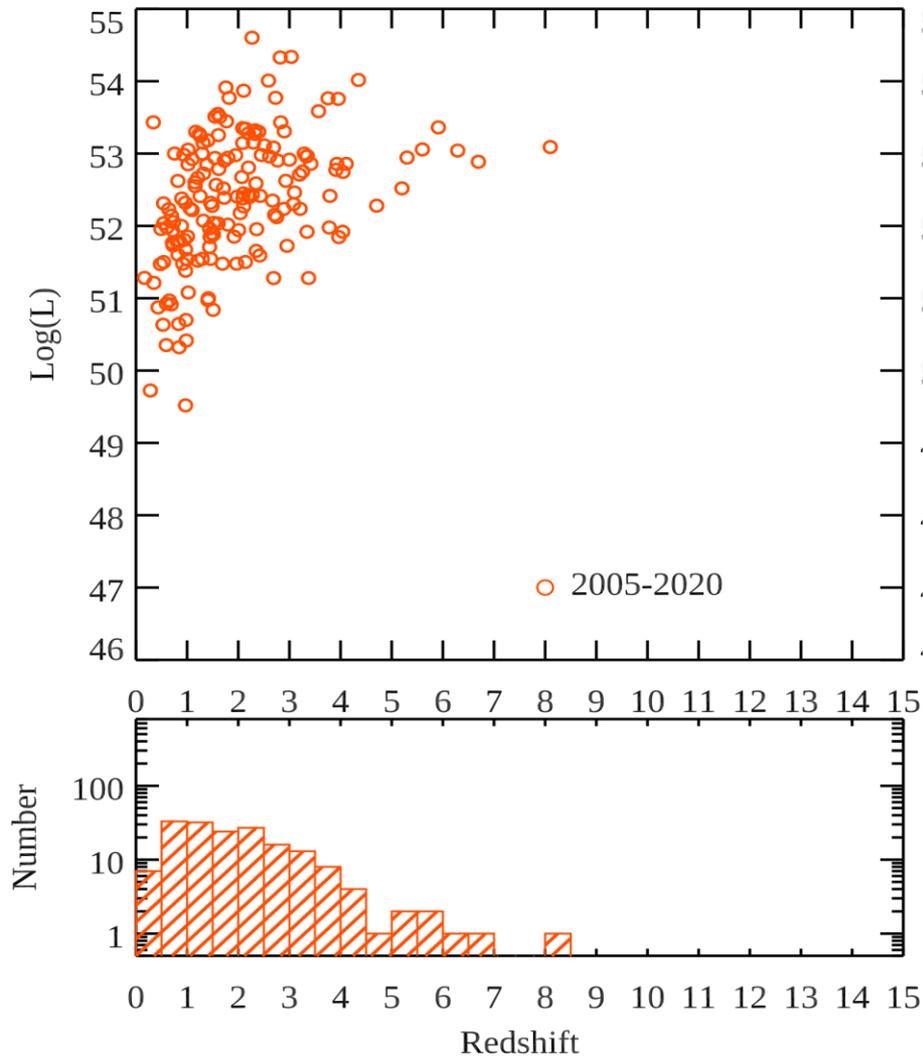


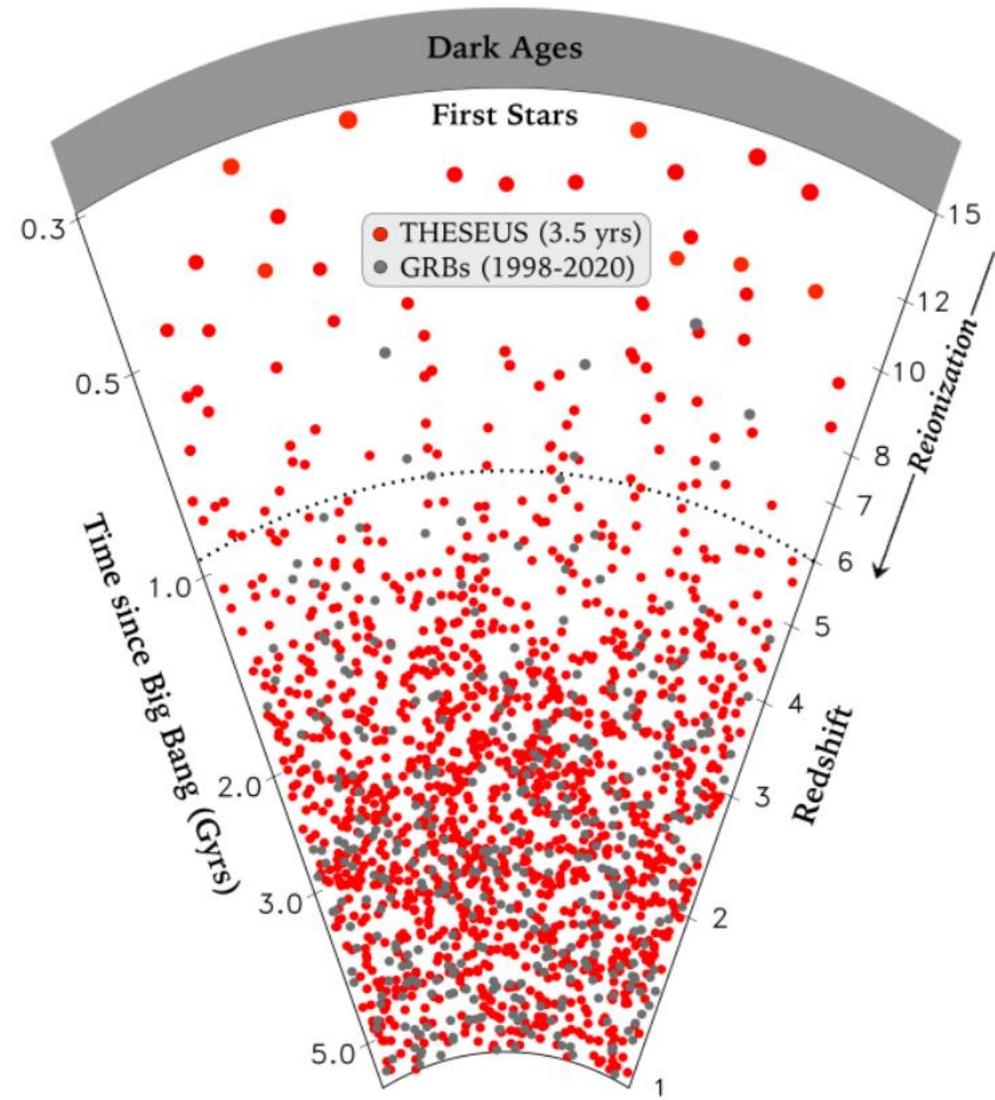
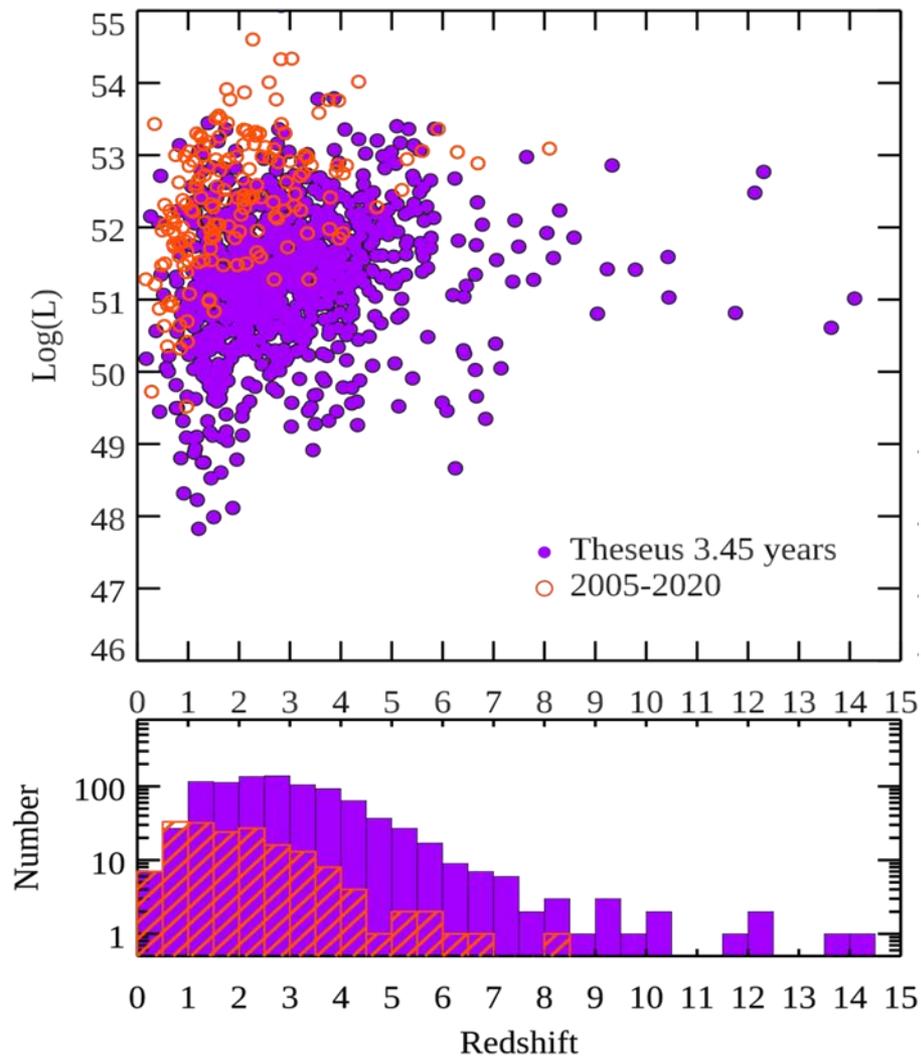
Figure 5-4 - Schematic view of the spacecraft design for the Phase A ADS (left) and TAS (right) Studies.

- **Low Earth Orbit**  
( $< 5^\circ$ ,  $\sim 600$  km)
- **Autonomously rapid slewing bus**
- **4-years nominal**

# Shedding light on the early Universe with GRBs

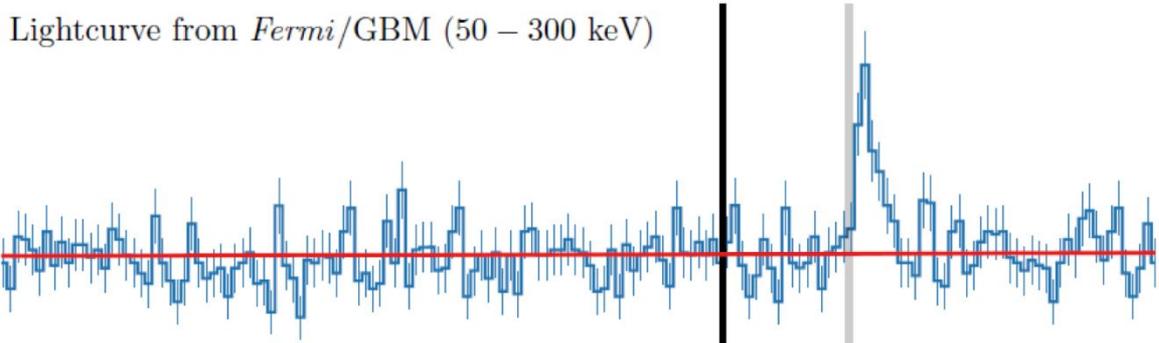


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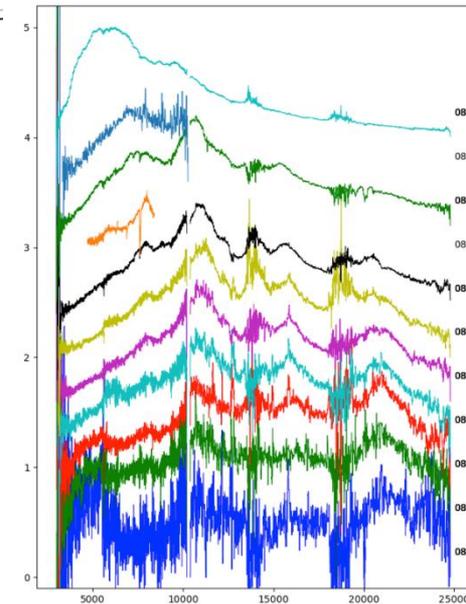
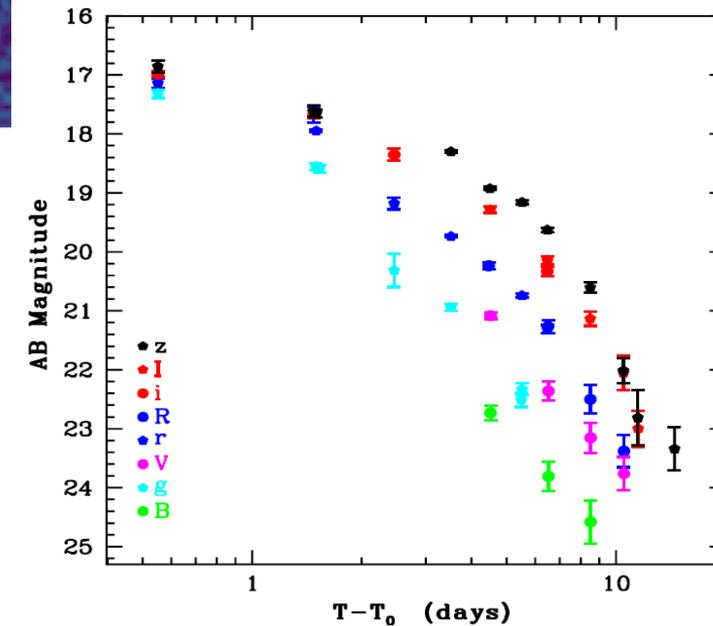
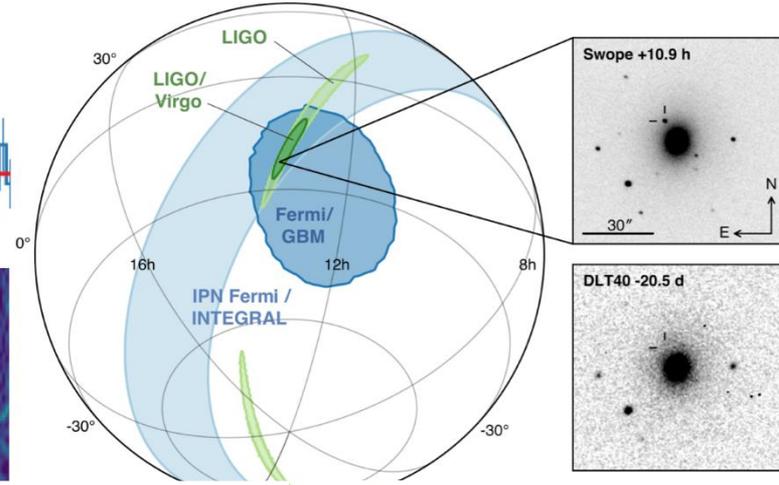
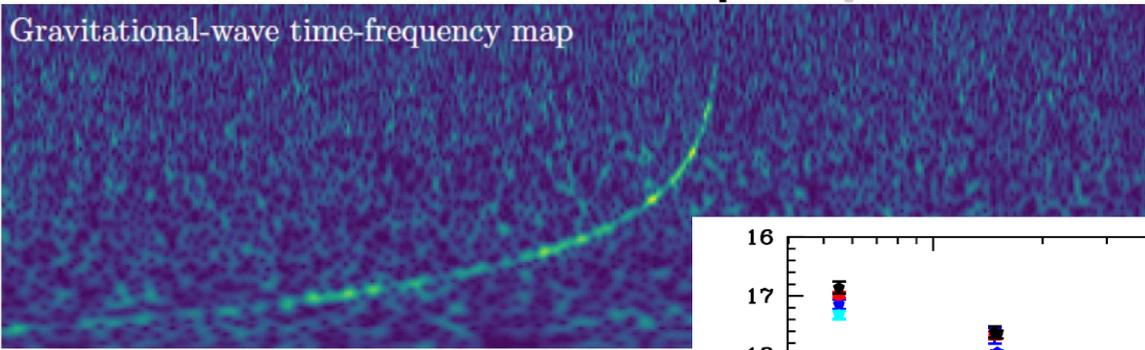


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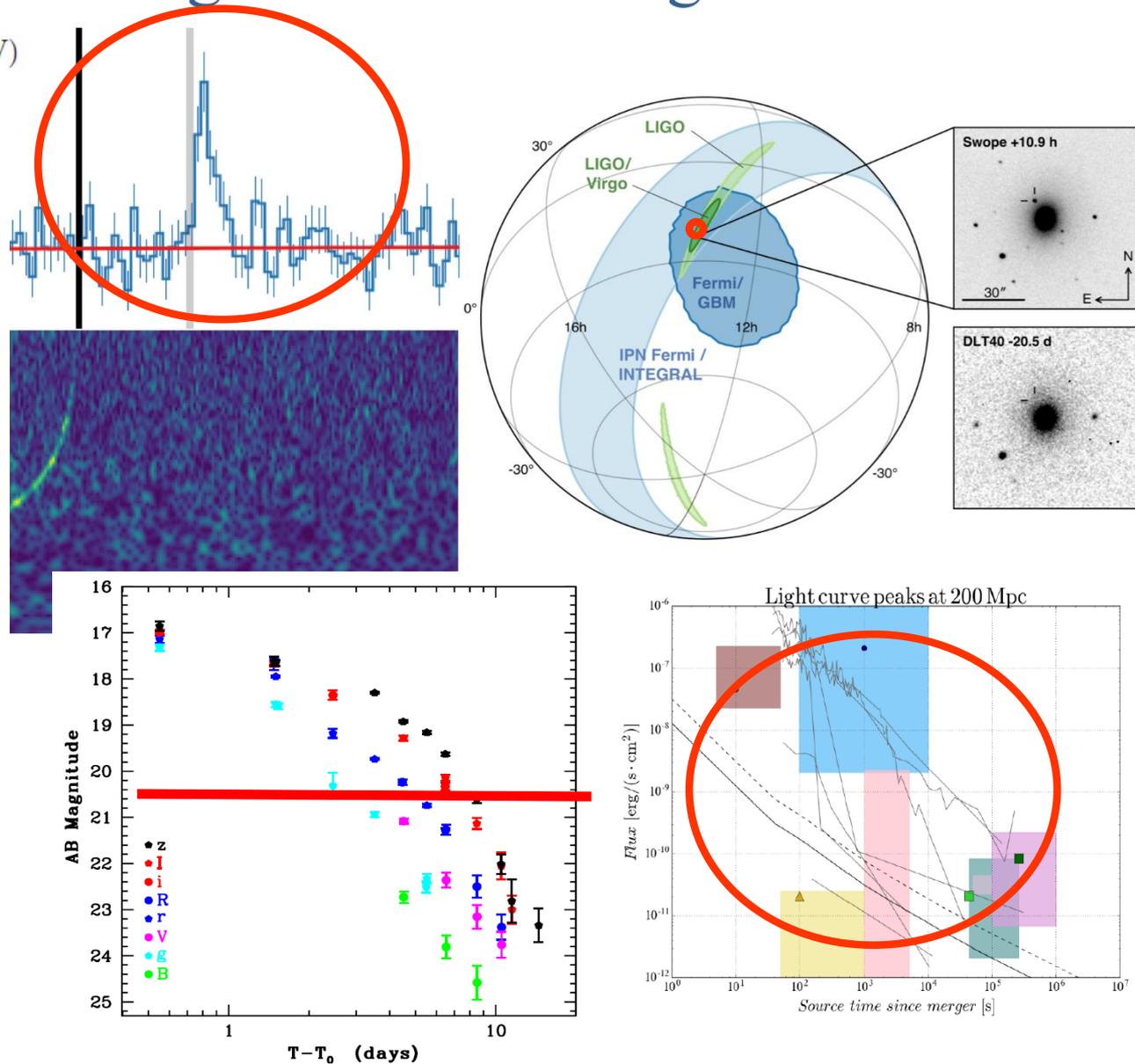


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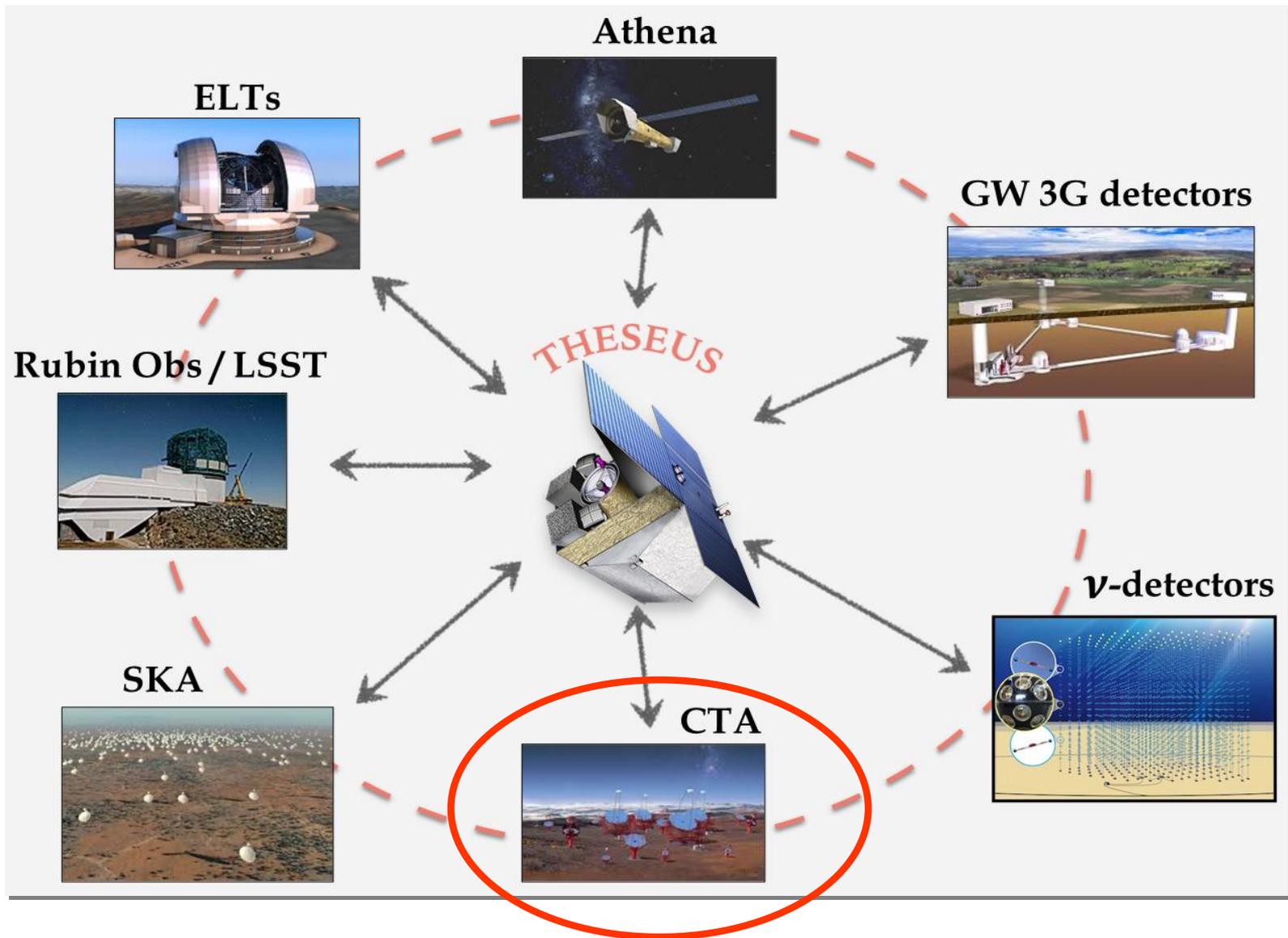
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## THESEUS:

- ✓ short GRB detection over large FOV with arcmin localization
- ✓ Kilonova detection, arcsec localization and characterization
- ✓ Possible detection of weaker isotropic X-ray emission



# Multi-wavelength/messenger synergies



# Synergy with CTA (and ASTRI)

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## Synergies between the Cherenkov Telescope Array and THESEUS

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**Abstract.** The Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA) is designed to be the next major observatory operating in the Very High Energy (VHE,  $\gtrsim 100$  GeV) gamma-ray band. It will build on the imaging atmospheric Cherenkov technique but will go much further in terms of performance than current instruments. Its sensitivity at short timescales and the rapid repointing system will make CTA a perfect facility to observe the gamma-ray transient sky. In this respect, the synergies between CTA and other multi-wavelength and multi-messenger facilities are expected to further enhance CTA's scientific scope. Thanks to its characteristics, THESEUS will perform an unprecedented monitoring of the X-ray variable sky, detecting, localising, and identifying transients. It will provide external triggers and accurate location for the CTA follow-up of transients, and their broadband characterisation, playing a key role for CTA after the next decade.

5. Synergies with future facilities		
Surname and Name	Country	Institute
Basa Stephane	France	CEA
Rosati Piero	Italy	University of Ferrara
Branchesi Marica	Italy	GSSI
<b>5.1 SVOM, EP, and GRB missions of the 20s</b>		
Cordier Bertrand	France	CEA
<b>5.2 Athena</b>		
O'Brien Paul	United Kingdom	University of Leicester
<b>5.3 LISA</b>		
Sesana Alberto	Italy	Milano-Bicocca University
<b>5.4 3G GW detectors (ET, CE)</b>		
Maggiore Michele	Switzerland	University of Geneva
<b>5.5 SKA, Alma and large radio facilities</b>		
Ferrara Andrea	Italy	Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa
<b>5.6 Extremely large telescopes (ELT/TMT)</b>		
Verdani Susanna	France	Observatoire de Paris
<b>5.7 CTA</b>		
Schussler Fabian	France	CEA
Zanin Roberta	Italy	INAF-OAS Bologna
Longo Francesco	Italy	University of Trieste
<b>5.8 Km3Net and neutrino detectors</b>		
Spurio Maurizio	Italy	University of Bologna
<b>5.9 LSST</b>		
Andreja Gomboc	Slovenia	University of Nova Gorica



million bodies in the Solar System. It is very likely that Rubin observations, with emphasis on variable and transient sources, will continue after the first 10 years of operations.

Science operations of the VRO are planned to start in 2024 and continue through the next decade. Its four main science drivers are: (1) understanding dark matter and dark energy, (2) hazardous asteroids and the remote Solar System (3) formation and structure of the Milky Way, and (4) variable and transient sources. In particular, it will be a revolutionary and powerful transient machine: a stream of 1-10 million time-domain events per night are expected to be detected with real-time data analysis. They will be transmitted within 60 seconds of observation. A number of observing strategies are under study, with different combinations of cadence and sky coverage, to provide adequate discovery space for a variety of classes of transients.

THESEUS has survey capabilities for high-energy transient phenomena complementary to VRO in the optical. Their joint availability in the next decade will enable a remarkable scientific synergy between them. Specifically:

- The catalogue of 20 billion galaxies provided by the VRO (combined magnitudes  $r < 27.5$  and time resolved measurements to  $r < 24.5$ ) – characterized in shape, colour, and variability – will be an invaluable resource for identification studies of THESEUS transients, including location and properties of the host galaxies of GRBs, GW events, TDEs etc. and their galactic environments.
- Real-time observations of various classes of high energy transients will be possible. Although triggering and follow-up observations with the Rubin Obs-LSST/VRO are not envisaged, a wealth of unique data will be available in the LSST images taken (serendipitously) just prior, during or soon after transient events detected by THESEUS (GRBs, GW events, TDEs, magnetars/SGRs, SN shock break-outs, SFXTs, thermonuclear bursts from accreting neutron stars, Novae, dwarf novae, stellar flares, AGNs and Blazars). LSST will conservatively generate thousands of transient alerts of interest to HE scientists every night and will support public distribution of these alerts. The success rate of such simultaneous observations will depend on the adopted cadence strategy.

### 2.7.4 Cherenkov Telescope Array

The Cherenkov Telescope Array [214] is a global, next-generation observatory studying very-high-energy (VHE) gamma rays in the energy range from tens of GeV to hundreds of TeV. The observatory will consist of a range of Imaging Air Cherenkov Telescopes (IACTs) in two sites (Paranal, Chile and Canary Islands, Spain), and will have unprecedented sensitivity as well as unique angular and energy resolutions over a large energy range. CTA is building on the success of the current generation of IACTs, namely H.E.S.S., MAGIC, VERITAS and FACT. Its construction is expected to be completed around 2025. After a number of Key Science Projects defined by the CTA Consortium are completed, the fraction of the time allocated to guest observer programs will increase rapidly. It is thus expected that CTA will be a fully open observatory at the timescale of the THESEUS mission.

We expect strong synergies between the CTA science programs and THESEUS. One of the main science drivers for both observatories is the study of transient phenomena and especially GRBs. This field has recently seen tremendous breakthroughs with the detection of VHE emission from the GRBs detected by H.E.S.S. (GRB 180720B, [215], and GRB 190829A) and MAGIC (GRB 190114C, [216]). As an example, the detection of the nearby and very low luminosity burst GRB 190829A may indicate that the phase space of low luminosity events detectable in large numbers with THESEUS will enable many further joint CTA-THESEUS observations and studies. Access to this new phase space, combined with the high sensitivity of CTA and its fast reaction to multi-wavelength alerts within 30 s over the full sky, will enable detailed joint studies of GRB light-curves across many orders of magnitude in energy and covering long time ranges. These studies will naturally be extended into the multi-messenger domain through searches for VHE counterparts of GW events. The rapid and precise localisation of GW electromagnetic counterparts by THESEUS will enable to significantly improve the efficiency of the CTA detection of high-energy counterparts.

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## Synergies between Arra

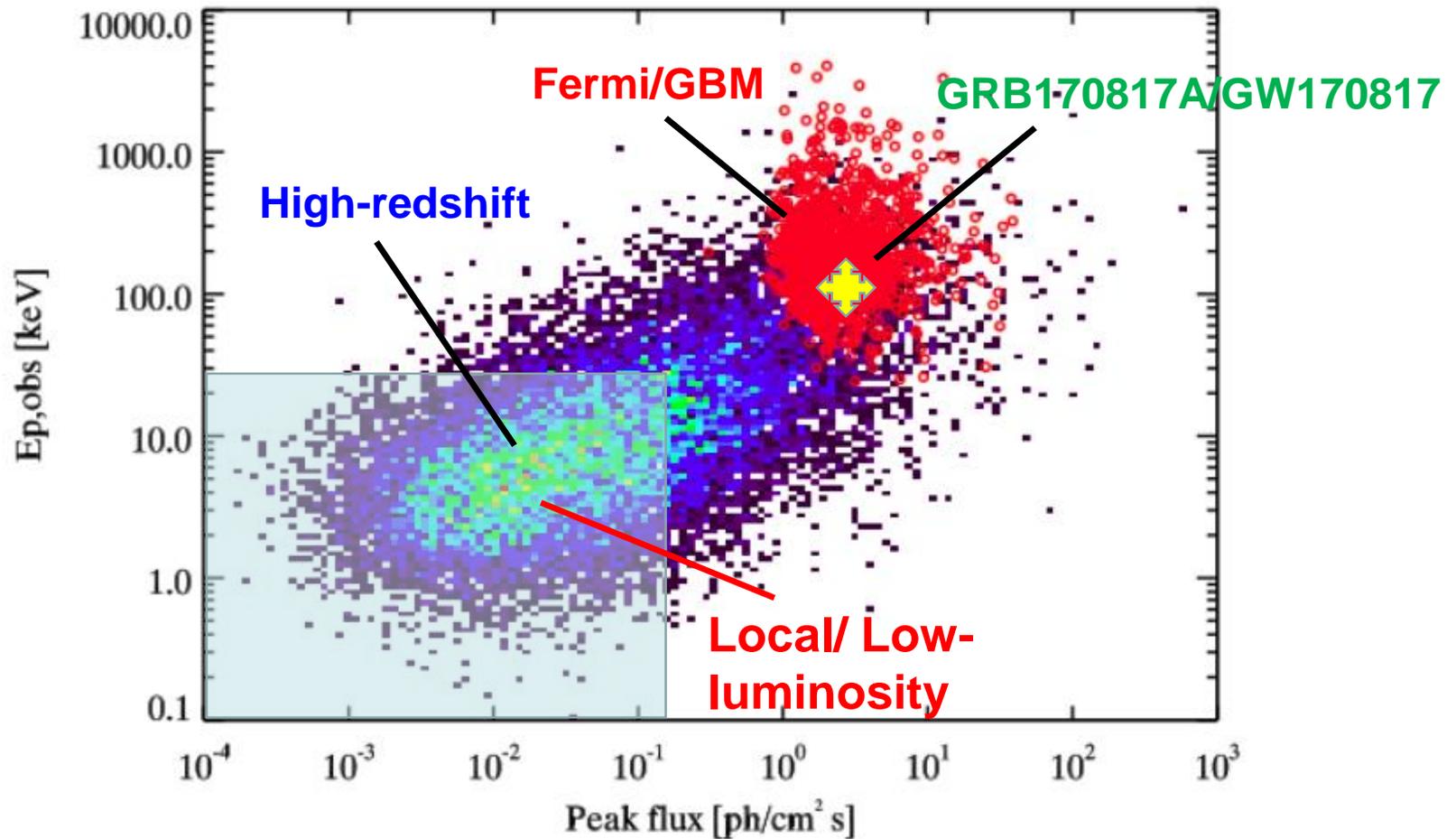
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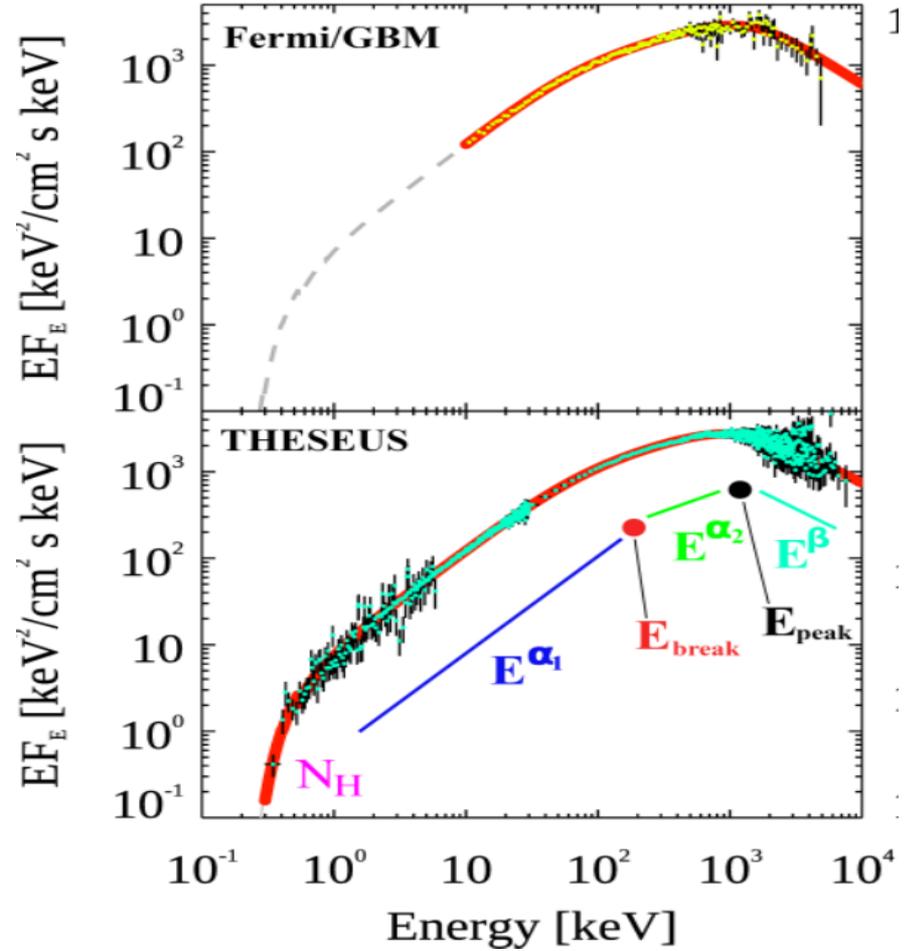
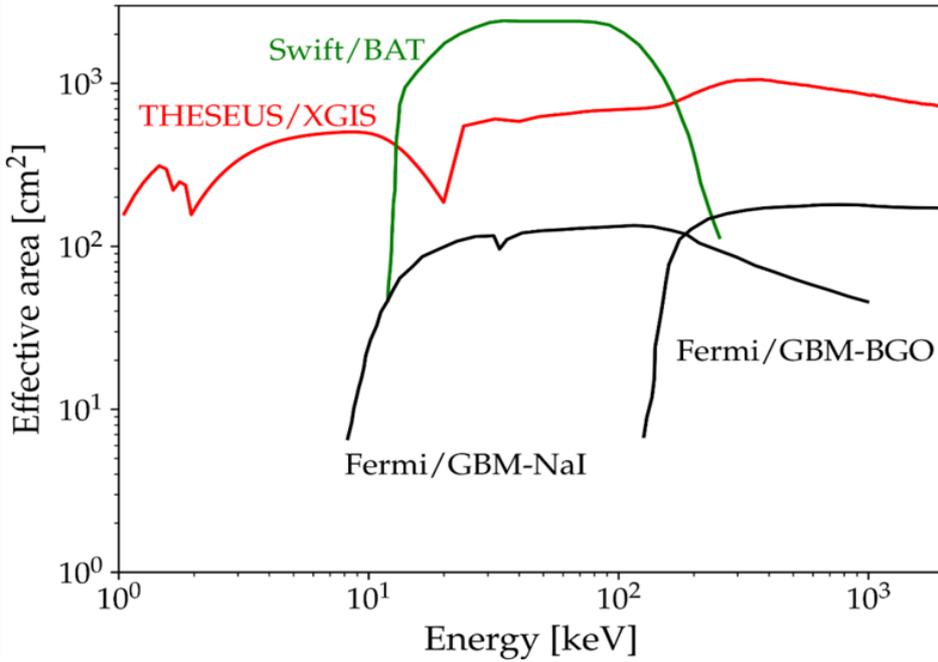
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	GSSI
	CEA
	University of Leicester
	Milano-Bicocca University
	University of Geneva
	Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa
	Observatoire de Paris
	CEA
	INAF-OAS Bologna
	University of Trieste
	University of Bologna
	University of Nova Gorica

□ THESEUS will have the ideal combination of instrumentation and mission profile for detecting all types of GRBs (long, short/hard, weak/soft, high-redshift), localizing them from a few arcmin down to arsec and measure the redshift for a large fraction of them

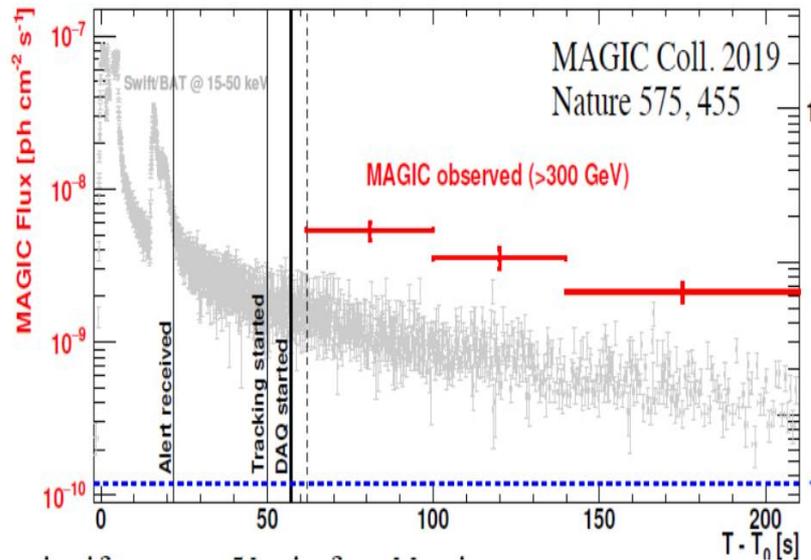


# Unprecedented GRB prompt emission physics with THESEUS

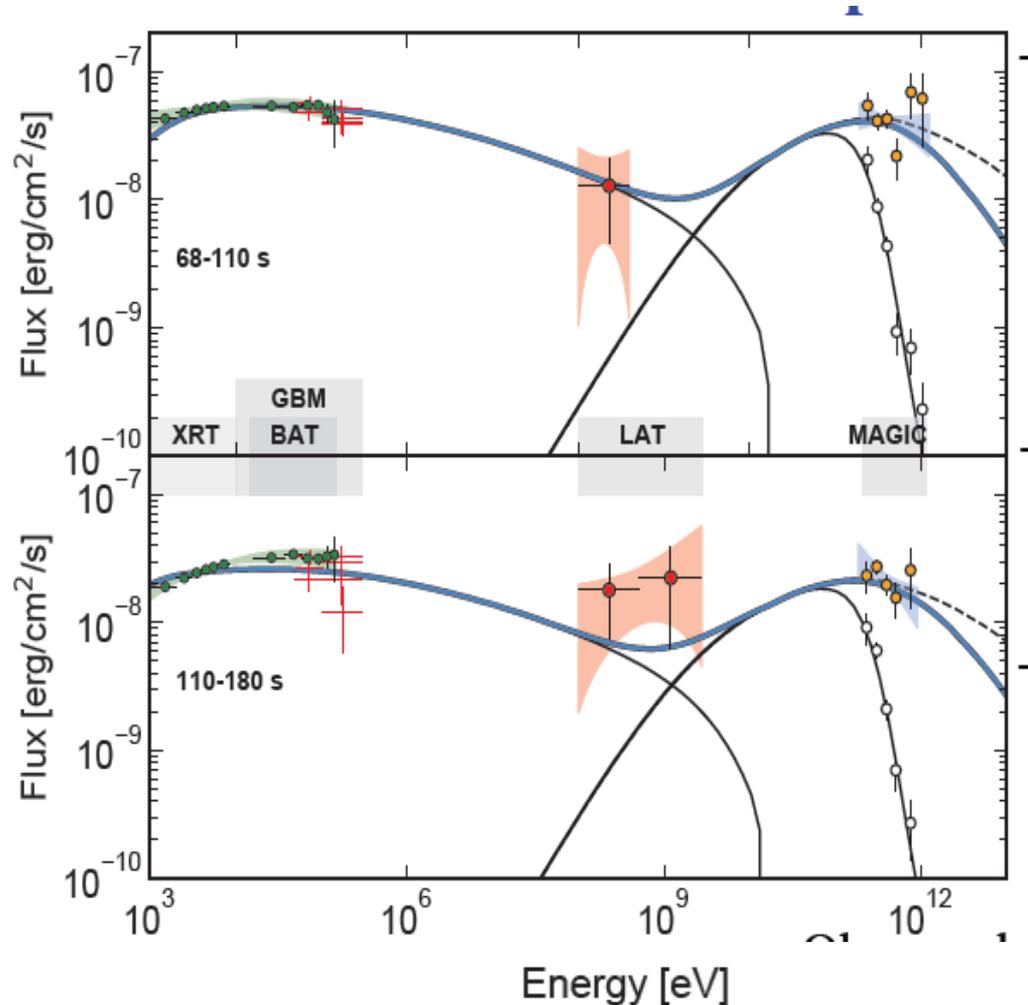


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- Long GRB180720B (HESS) and GRB190114C (MAGIC), plus two more events
- Further evidence of possible SSC or IC component in GRB afterglow emission

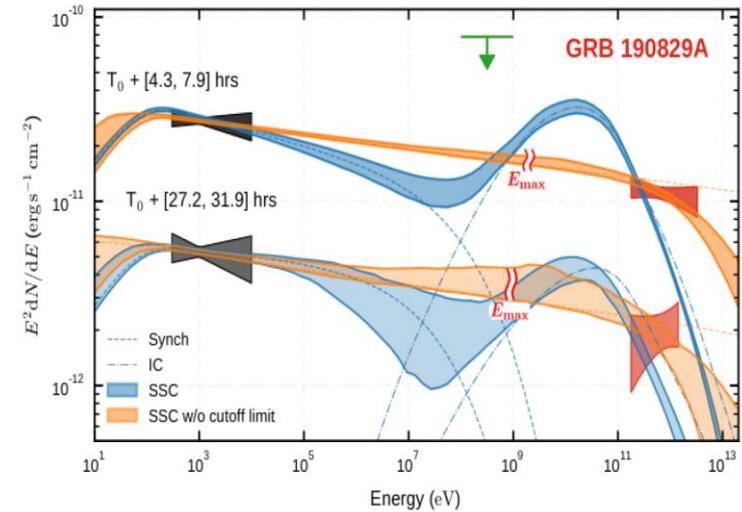
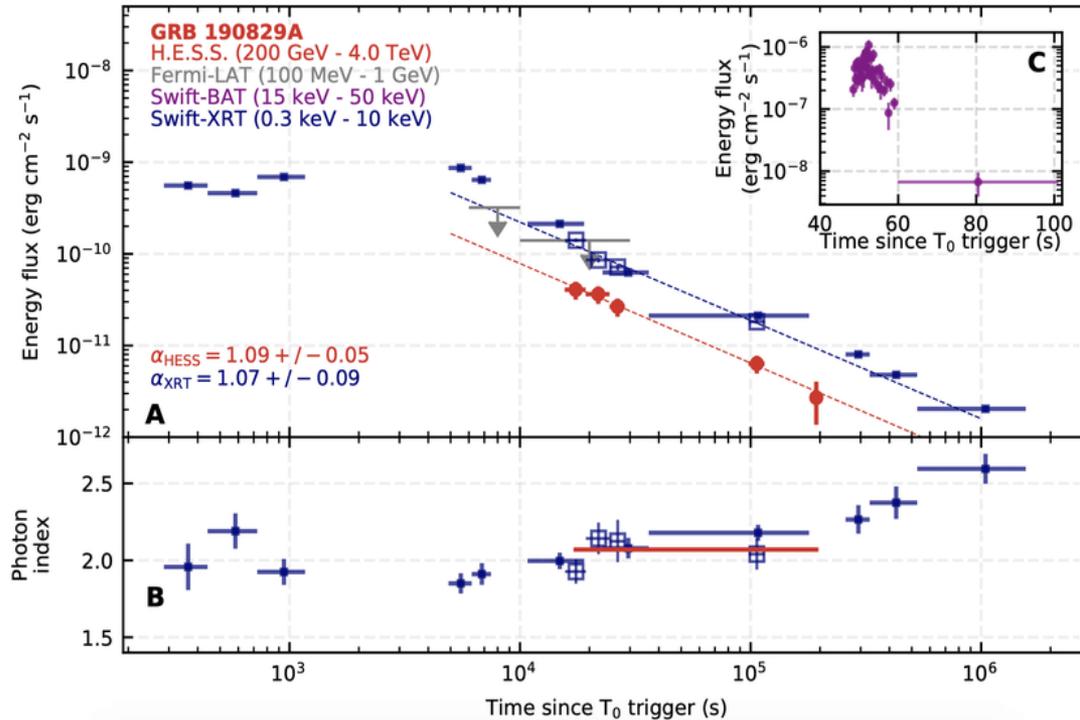


*GRB190114C: TeV  
prompt emission*



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GRB190829A at  $z=0.08$ : TeV afterglow emission

# Fundamental physics with GRBs: testing LI / QG

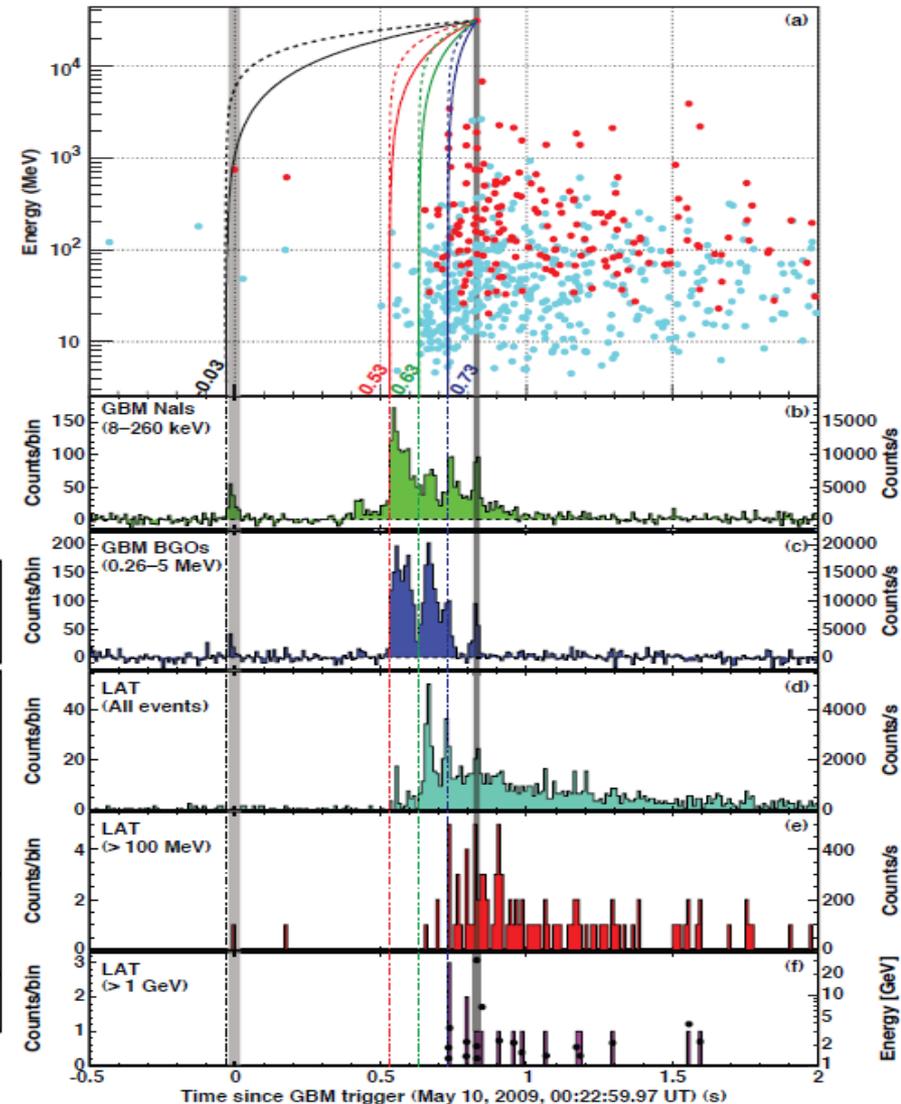
Using time delay between low and high energy photons to put Limits on Lorentz Invariance Violation (allowed by unprecedented Fermi GBM + LAT broad energy band)

$$v_{\text{ph}} = \frac{\partial E_{\text{ph}}}{\partial p_{\text{ph}}} \approx c \left[ 1 - s_n \frac{n+1}{2} \left( \frac{E_{\text{ph}}}{M_{\text{QG},n} c^2} \right)^n \right]$$

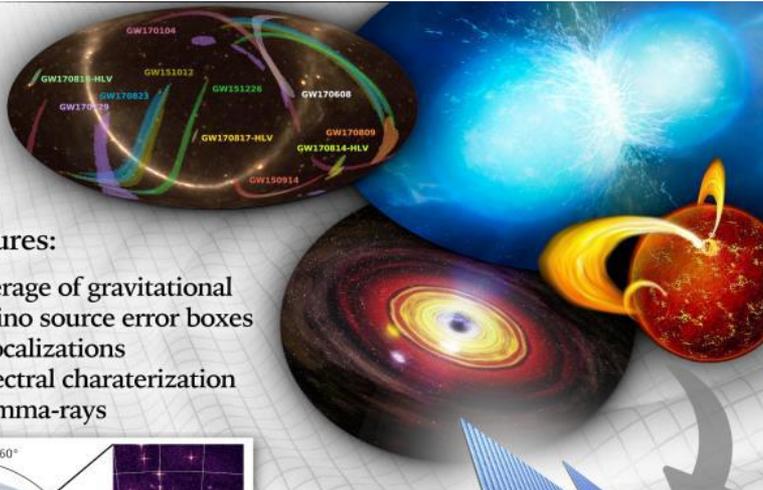
$$\Delta t = s_n \frac{(1+n)}{2H_0} \frac{(E_h^n - E_l^n)}{(M_{\text{QG},n} c^2)^n} \int_0^z \frac{(1+z')^n}{\sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}} dz'$$

**GRB 990510**  $E_h = 30.53^{+5.79}_{-2.56}$  GeV

$t_{\text{start}}$ (ms)	limit on $ \Delta t $ (ms)	Reason for choice of $t_{\text{start}}$ or limit on $\Delta t$	$E_l$ (MeV)	valid for $s_n$	lower limit on $M_{\text{QG},1}/M_{\text{Planck}}$
-30	< 859	start of any observed emission	0.1	1	> 1.19
530	< 299	start of main < 1 MeV emission	0.1	1	> 3.42
630	< 199	start of > 100 MeV emission	100	1	> 5.12
730	< 99	start of > 1 GeV emission	1000	1	> 10.0
—	< 10	association with < 1 MeV spike	0.1	$\pm 1$	> 102
—	< 19	if 0.75 GeV $\gamma$ is from 1 <sup>st</sup> spike	0.1	$\pm 1$	> 1.33
$ \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta E} $	< 30 $\frac{\text{ms}}{\text{GeV}}$	lag analysis of all LAT events	—	$\pm 1$	> 1.22

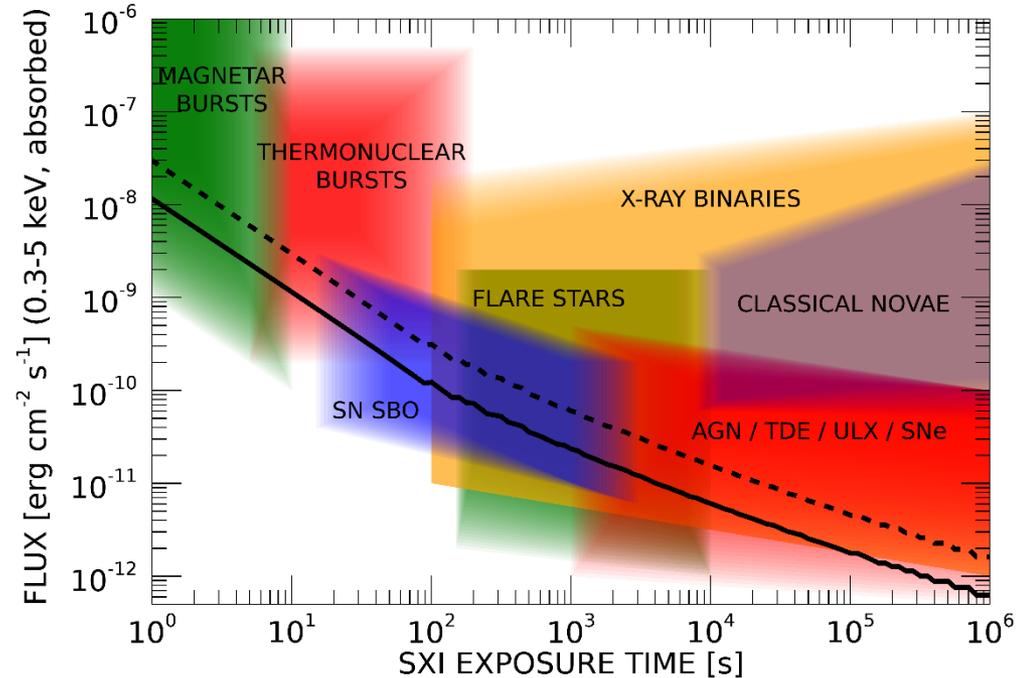
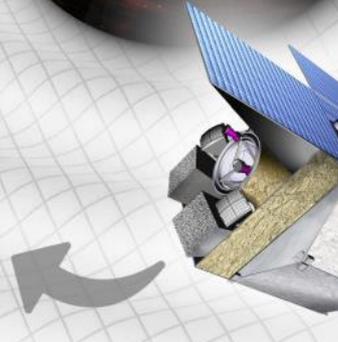
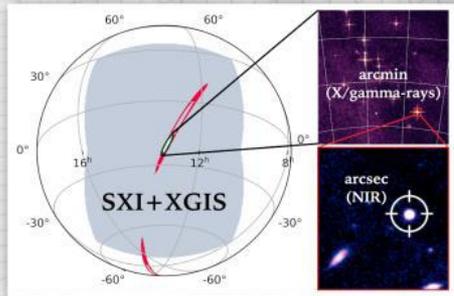


# Exploring the multi-messenger transient sky



THESEUS ensures:

- Immediate coverage of gravitational wave and neutrino source error boxes
- Real time sky localizations
- Temporal & spectral characterization from NIR to gamma-rays

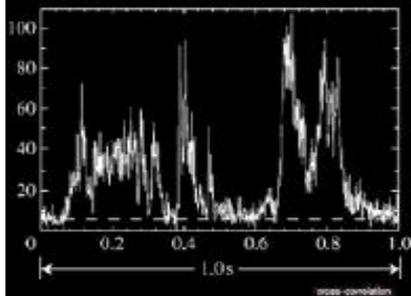


# Nanosatellites programmes: case of HERMES

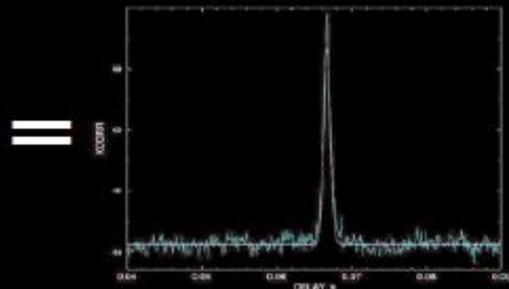
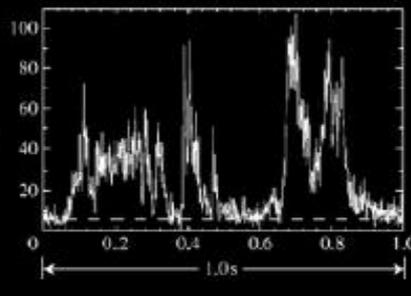
- ❑ Accurate location of GRBs for multi-messenger astrophysics
- ❑ Accurate GRB timing over wide energy band for LIV tests

1. Measure GRB positions through delays between photons arrival times:

$$\sigma_{\text{Pos}} = (\sigma_{\text{CCF}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{sys}}^2)^{0.5} \times c / \langle B \rangle / (N - 1 - 2)^{0.5}$$



+



$$\sigma_{\text{CCF}} \sim 10 \mu\text{s}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{Pos}} \sim 10 \text{ arcsec}$$

$$\text{if } \langle B \rangle \sim 7000 \text{ km, } N \sim 100$$



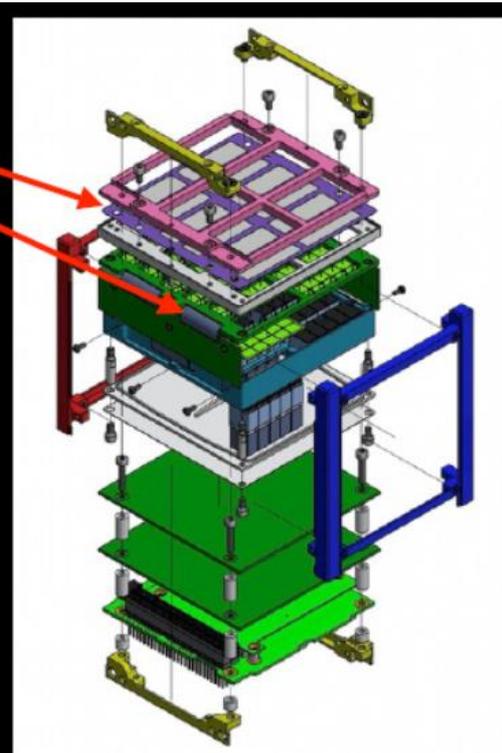
# Nanosatellites programmes: case of HERMES

3U minimum, simplest basic configuration  
50 cm<sup>2</sup> detector: Pathfinder

6U more performing configuration  
~200cm<sup>2</sup> detector, more accurate GPS, more accurate AOCS: Full Constellation



- Photo detector, SDD  
Scintillator crystal GAGG
- 5-300 keV (3-1000 keV)
- $\geq 50$  cm<sup>2</sup> coll. area
- a few st FOV
- Temporal res.  $\leq 300$  nsec
- ~1.6kg



Fuschino+2018, 2020  
Evangelista+2020  
Campana+2020

# Nanosatellites programmes: case of HERMES

## HERMES performances

$$\sigma_{\text{Pos}} = 2.4^{\circ} [(\sigma_{\text{CCF}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{sys}}^2) / (N-3)]^{0.5}$$

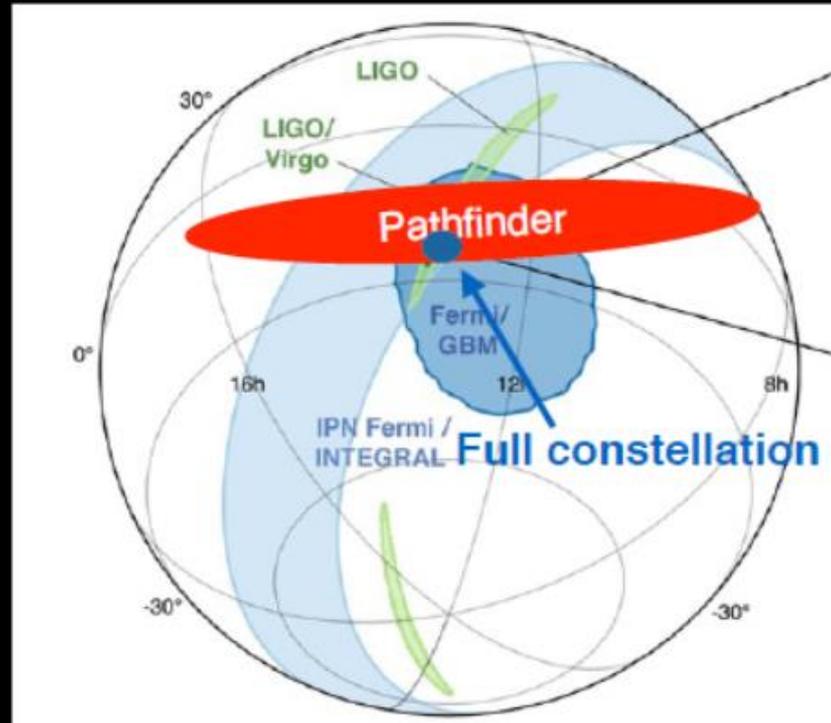
$\langle B \rangle \sim 7000\text{km}$

$N(\text{pathfinder}) \sim 6-8$ , active  
simultaneously 4-6

$\sigma_{\text{Pos}} \sim 2.4 \text{ deg}$  if  $\sigma_{\text{CCF}}, \sigma_{\text{sys}} \sim 1\text{ms}$

$N(\text{Full constellation})$   
 $\sim 100$ , active 50

$\sigma_{\text{Pos}}(\text{FC}) \sim 15 \text{ arcmin}$   
if  $\sigma_{\text{CCF}}, \sigma_{\text{sys}} \sim 1\text{ms}$



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**Mostly the same for HERMES, coordinated by INAF – Trieste and Univ. Cagliari**

# Key roles of INAF-OAS in THESEUS and HERMES

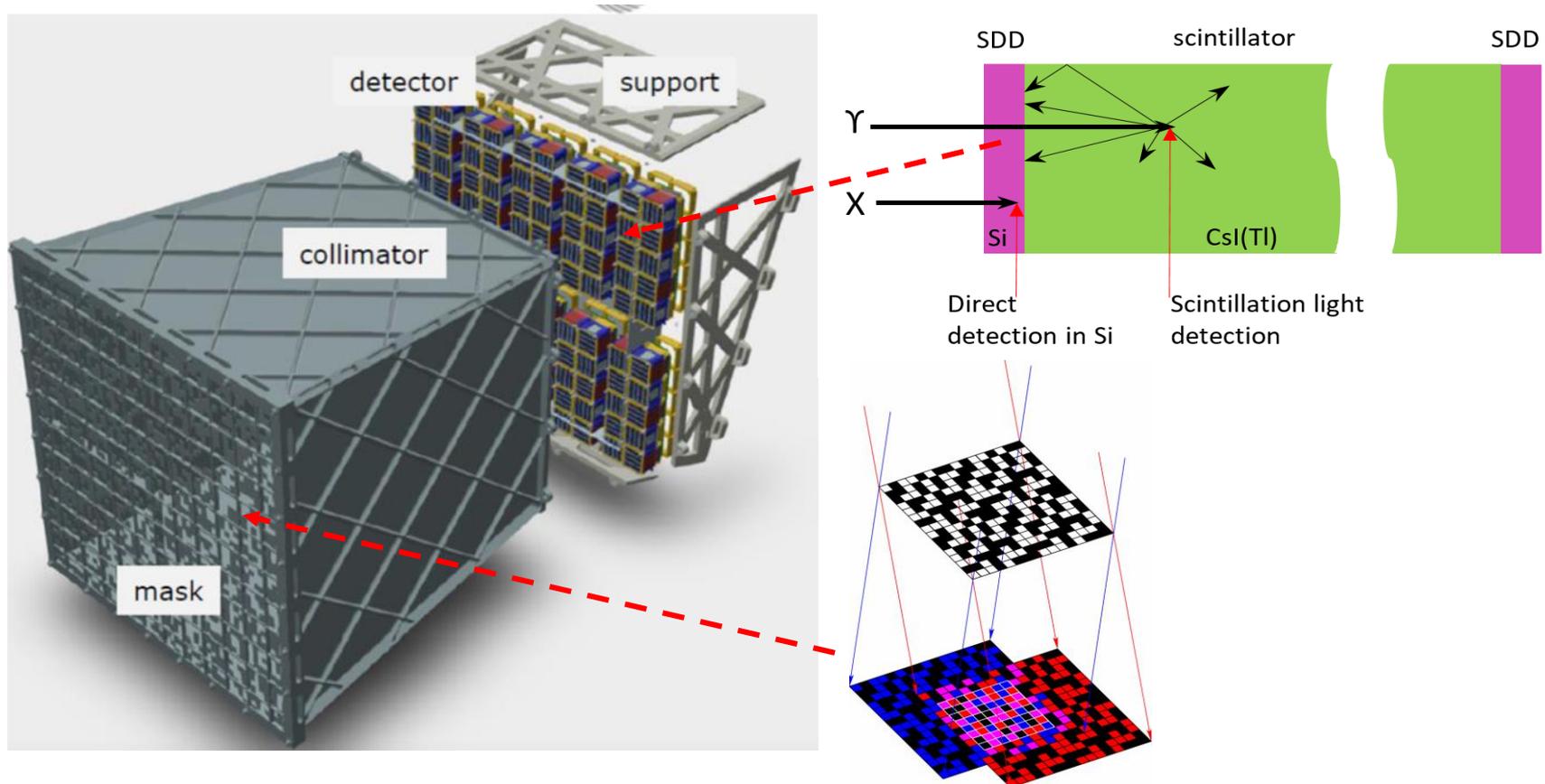
- **THESEUS consortium coordination:** INAF-OAS Bologna (Lead Proposer, project office)
- **PIship of THESEUS/XGIS instrument:** INAF (PI@OAS, + IASF-MI, IAPS, IASF-PA, ...), **Universities** (Politecnico Milano, Univ. Pavia, Univ. Ferrara, Univ. Udine), **FBK** Trento
- **Key role in THESEUS Science case, requirements, simulations:** INAF (Lead Scientist; OAS, IASF-MI, Oss. Brera, IAPS, IASF-PA, Oss. Napoli, Oss. Roma, ...), **Universities** (e.g., Univ. Ferrara, Pol. Milano, SNS Pisa, Univ. Federico II Napoli, Univ. Urbino, ...)
- **Key role in HERMES detection system:** concept, R&D, design and testing
- **Contribution to HERMES Science:** science case, requirements, simulations, follow-up strategy

**Great perspective interactions** between THESEUS, HERMES and CTA teams at OAS for further assessment, simulations and optimization of synergies between CTA and future GRB / high-energy transients missions

**Back-up slides**

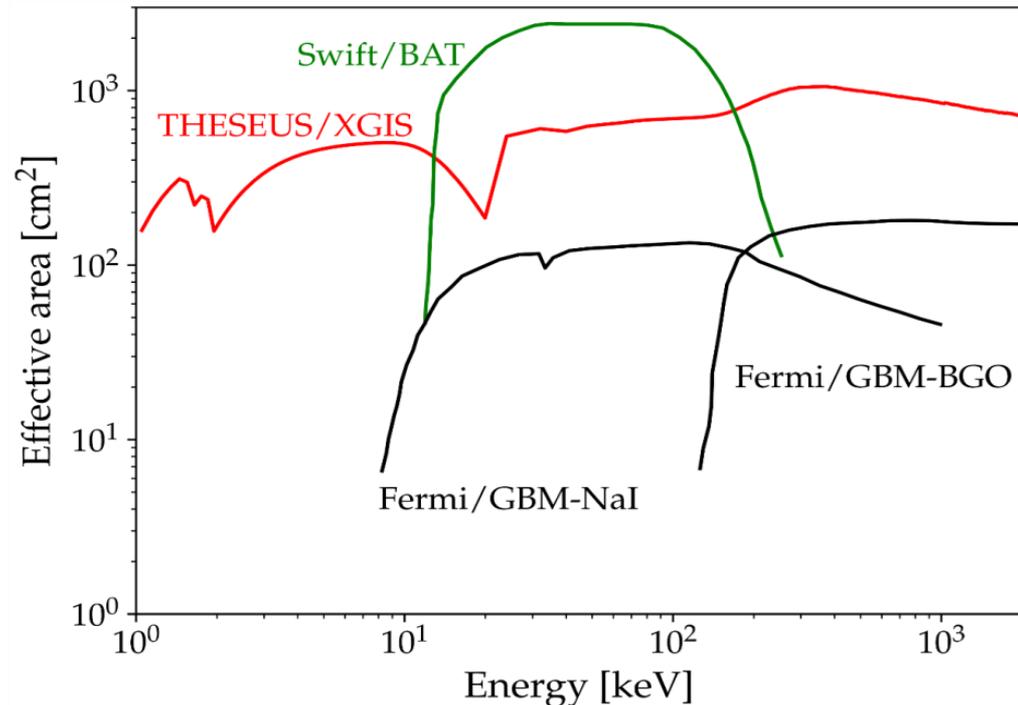
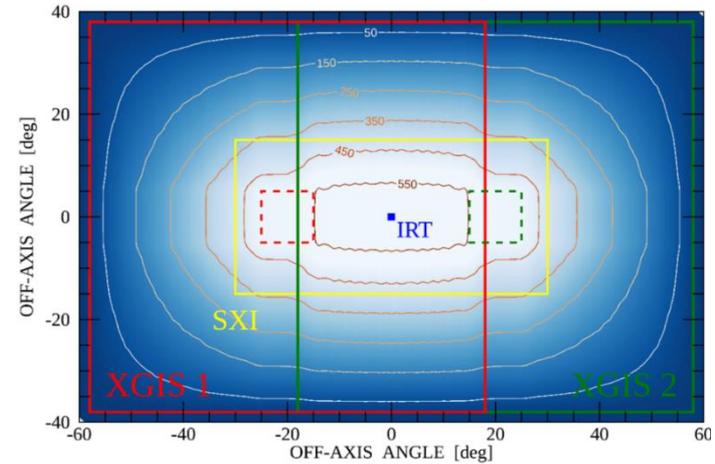
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- Two coded-mask X-gamma ray cameras using innovative coupling between Silicon drift detectors (2-30 keV) and CsI crystal scintillator bars (20 keV–10 MeV)

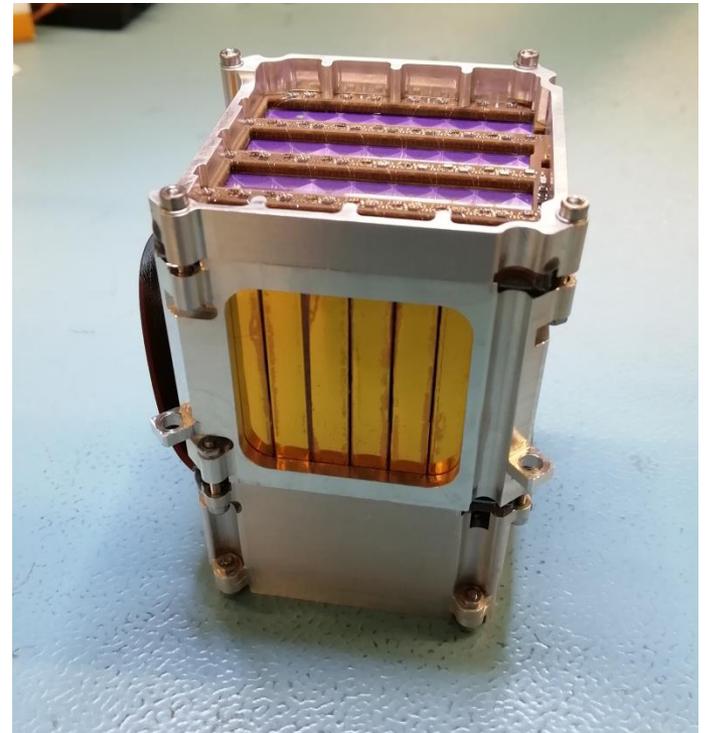
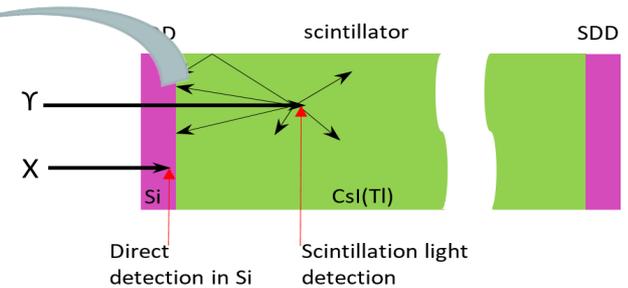
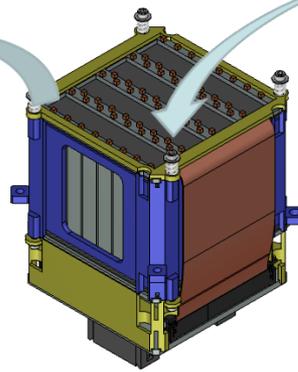
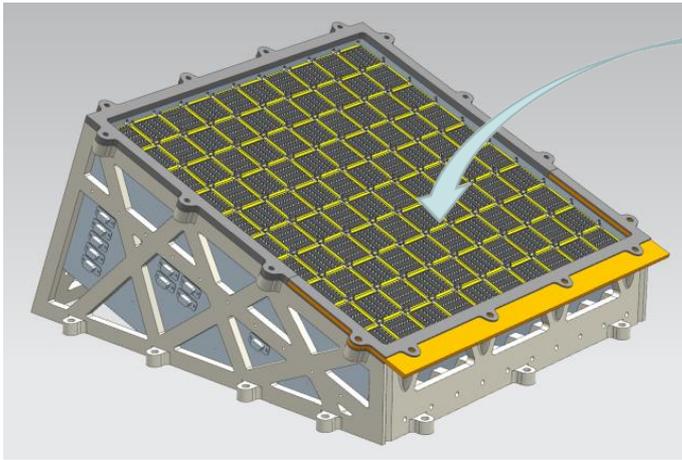


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- ❑ Unprecedented combination of effective area (min.  $>500$   $\text{cm}^2$ , max.  $>1000$   $\text{cm}^2$ ) and energy band (2 keV – 10 MeV)
- ❑ Total FoV  $\sim 6$  sr (2 sr imaging)
- ❑ GRB location accuracy  $< 15'$  in imaging FoV
- ❑ Excellent timing ( $< 5$   $\mu\text{s}$ )
- ❑ Sensitivity to high- $z$  GRBs
- ❑ Under study: polarimetry, lower energy threshold, non imaging localization



# The X-Gamma Ray Imaging Spectrometer (XGIS)



## ❑ XGIS Phase A study:

- R&D on detectors (SDD+CsI) and electronics (ASIC, BE)
- Trade-offs and optimization of design
- detection module prototype manufacturing and testing (ESA-OHB +ASI-INAF partners)

# XGIS: Italian community and heritage

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ASI funding for Phase A study: ~500 KE (2019-2021); Co-funding from INAF + Universities: ~660 KE; ESA-OHB-I contract (INAF/OAS involved): ~480KE; AHEAD2020

# Perspectives for the XGIS

- ❑ An XGIS-like instrument will improve substantially the capability of future missions for multi-messenger astrophysics and GRB science
- ❑ The Phase A study of THESEUS and related TDAs grants an already good TRL level (e.g., detection module prototype, SDD detectors and specifically designed ASIC already under testing).
- ❑ Modularity grants great flexibility in adapting design for specific scientific objectives and available resources;
- ❑ Possibility of extended capabilities by exploiting 3D detection plane: Compton polarimetry and source location outside imaging FoV
- ❑ **Perspective 1: inclusion in the payload of a mid/large GRB mission:** es., THESEUS (Phase-II proposal for ESA M-class 2037) and Gamow Explorer (under evaluation by NASA as possible candidate for MIDEX to be launched in 2028; an ASI contribution has already been discussed)

## □ Perspective 2: dedicated mission

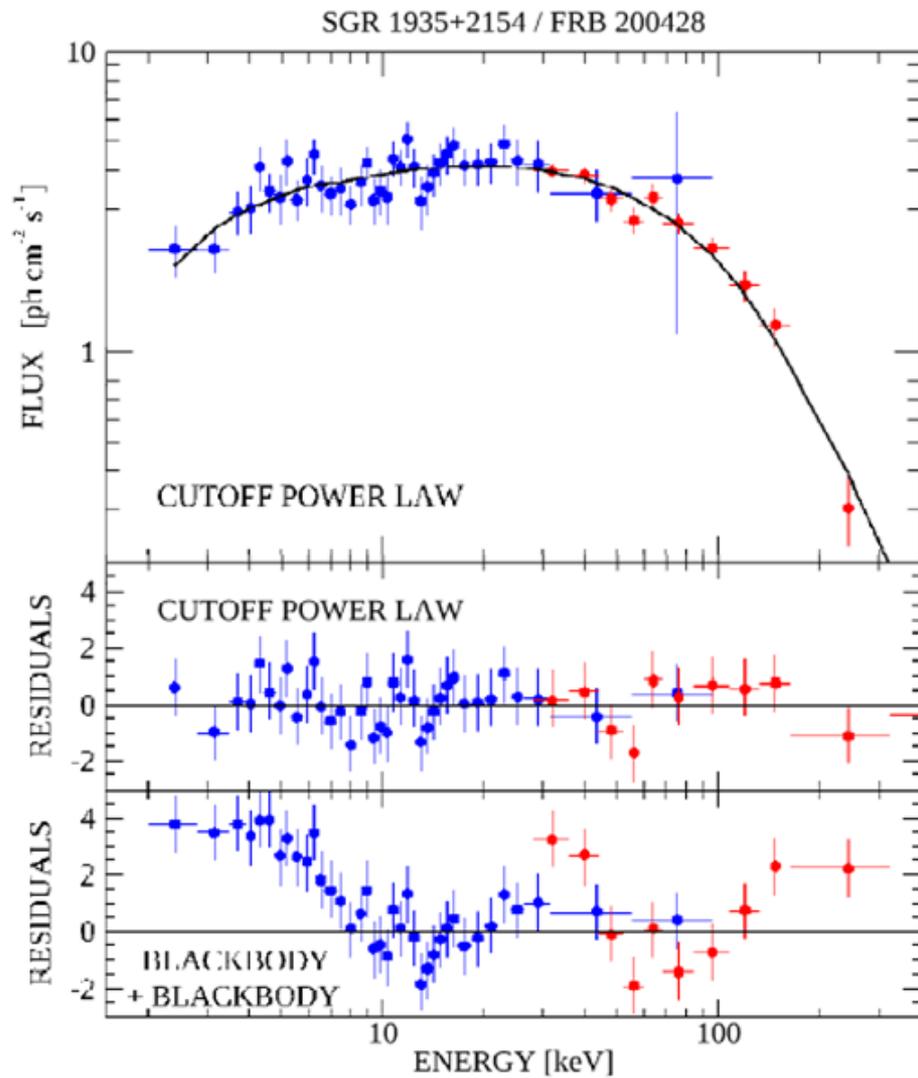
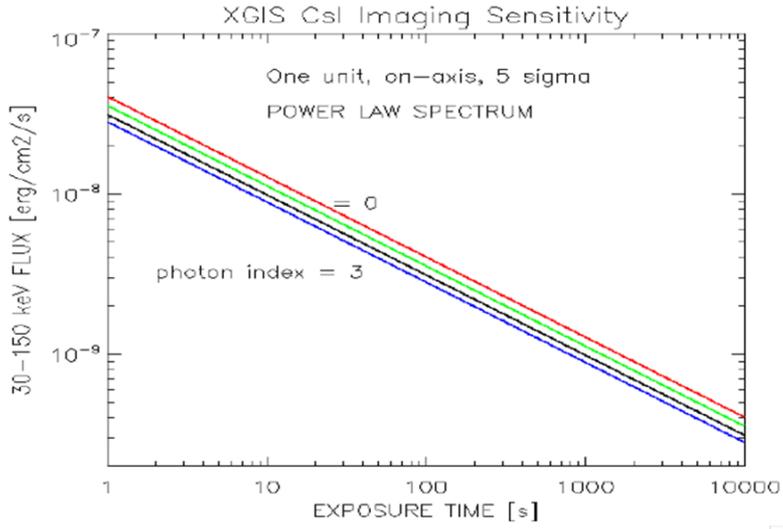
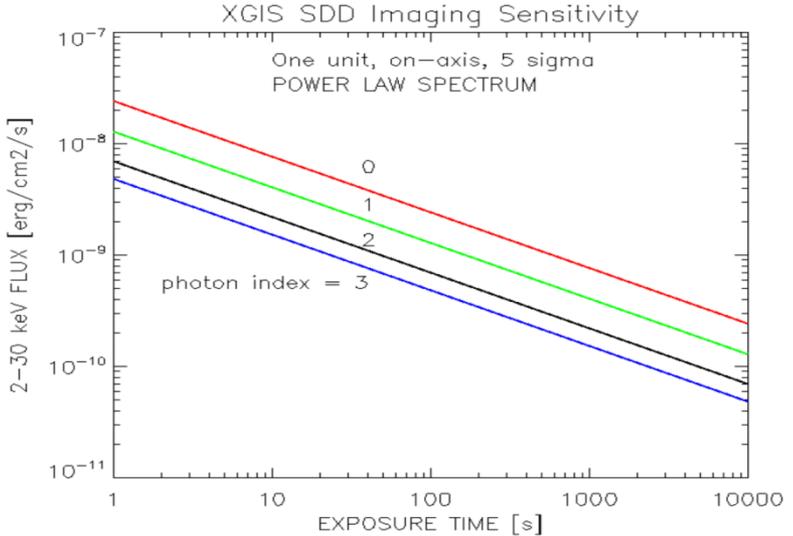
- **Small mission “a la AGILE”** (~300-350 kg), with scientific P/L based on one/two THESEUS/XGIS – like cameras (mass ~80 kg, power ~100 W, volume ~60x60x90 cm<sup>3</sup>), possibly re-designed to optimize combination of FoV and location accuracy or on a set of misaligned simply collimated detection (super) modules;
- could be launched in LEO or to L2; latter case would optimize synergy with Gamow Explorer, and NASA may be interested in contributing the launcher (high-interest of Gamow community and possibility of using same launcher);
- **Two mini-satellites** (~100-150 kg each) in LEO in conjugate constellation layout on both sides of the earth (“a la GECAM”), with only misaligned XGIS detection modules (maximum FOV, i.e. almost full sky at all time)

□ **Remark:** XGIS, ALBATROS, DAMA and partly SWIPE and ASTENA, come from the same large scientific community and are partly based on same R&D (e.g., HERMES, THESEUS/XGIS, ASTENA/WFI) : **maximum effort will be done for converging** (main trade-offs include compact vs. distributed)

# TRL: status and needed activities

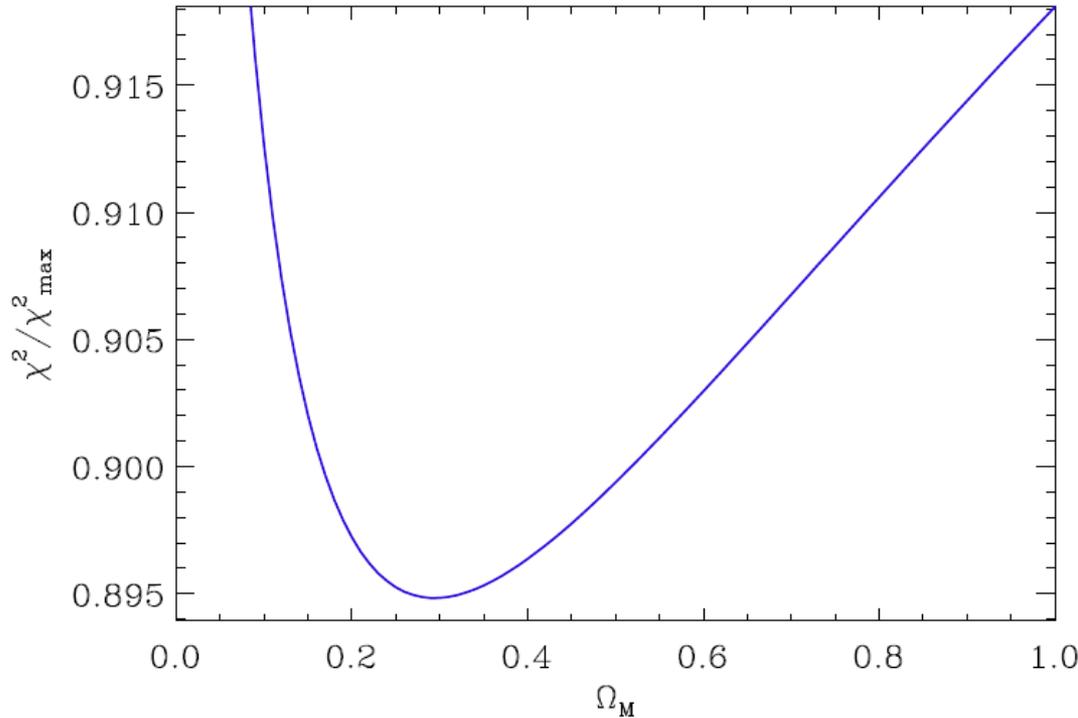
- ❑ R&D activities during THESEUS Phase A Study as ESA/M5 candidate allowed to reach a TRL of at least 4 for the ASIC and 5 for the SDD+CsI detection elements (with identified path for reaching TRL 6 by 2024).
- ❑ TDA study by OHB-I and INAF-OAS, funded by ESA, was dedicated to define requirements, to design, manufacture, and test a XGIS Detection Module (DM) prototype; achieved maturity level of TRL 4/5.
- ❑ In order to obtain a TRL6, the XGIS DM would need a more robust mechanical design able to withstand the launch loads and the use of new ASIC component of the Orion family, designed and produced specifically for the XGIS and currently under testing
- ❑ Study of Alternative DM concepts with larger sub-array dimensions and a smaller pixel size to improve spatial resolution and provide polarimetric capabilities

# XGIS capabilities for time domain astronomy

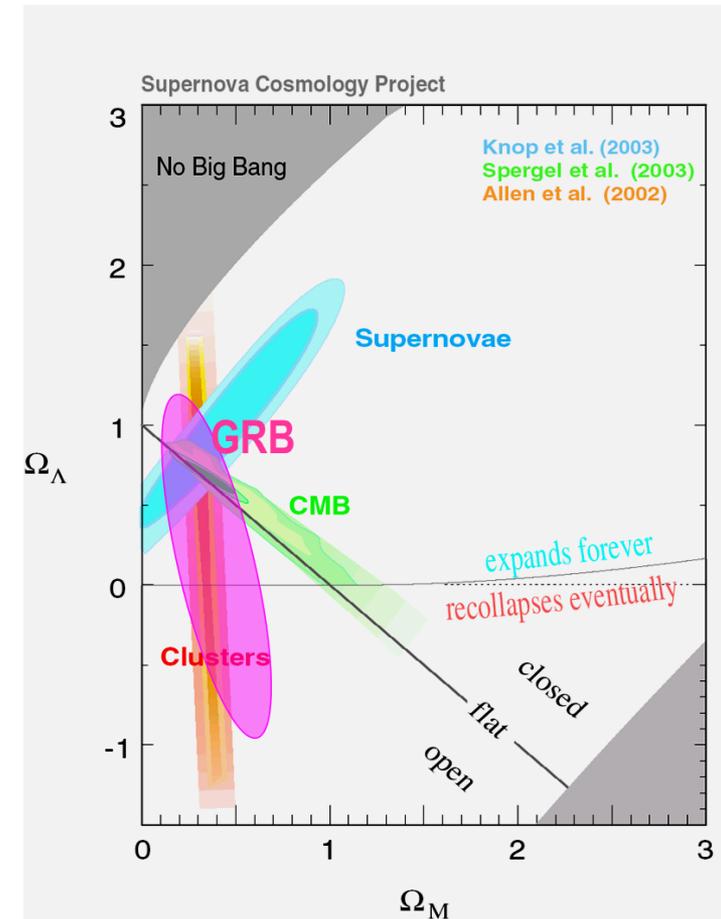


# Measuring cosmological parameters with GRBs

- a fraction of the extrinsic scatter of the  $E_{p,i}$ - $E_{iso}$  correlation is indeed due to the cosmological parameters used to compute  $E_{iso}$
- Evidence, independent on other cosmological probes, that, if we are in a flat  $\Lambda$ CDM universe,  $\Omega_M$  is lower than 1 and around 0.3



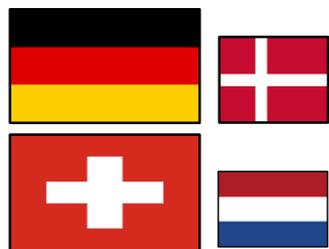
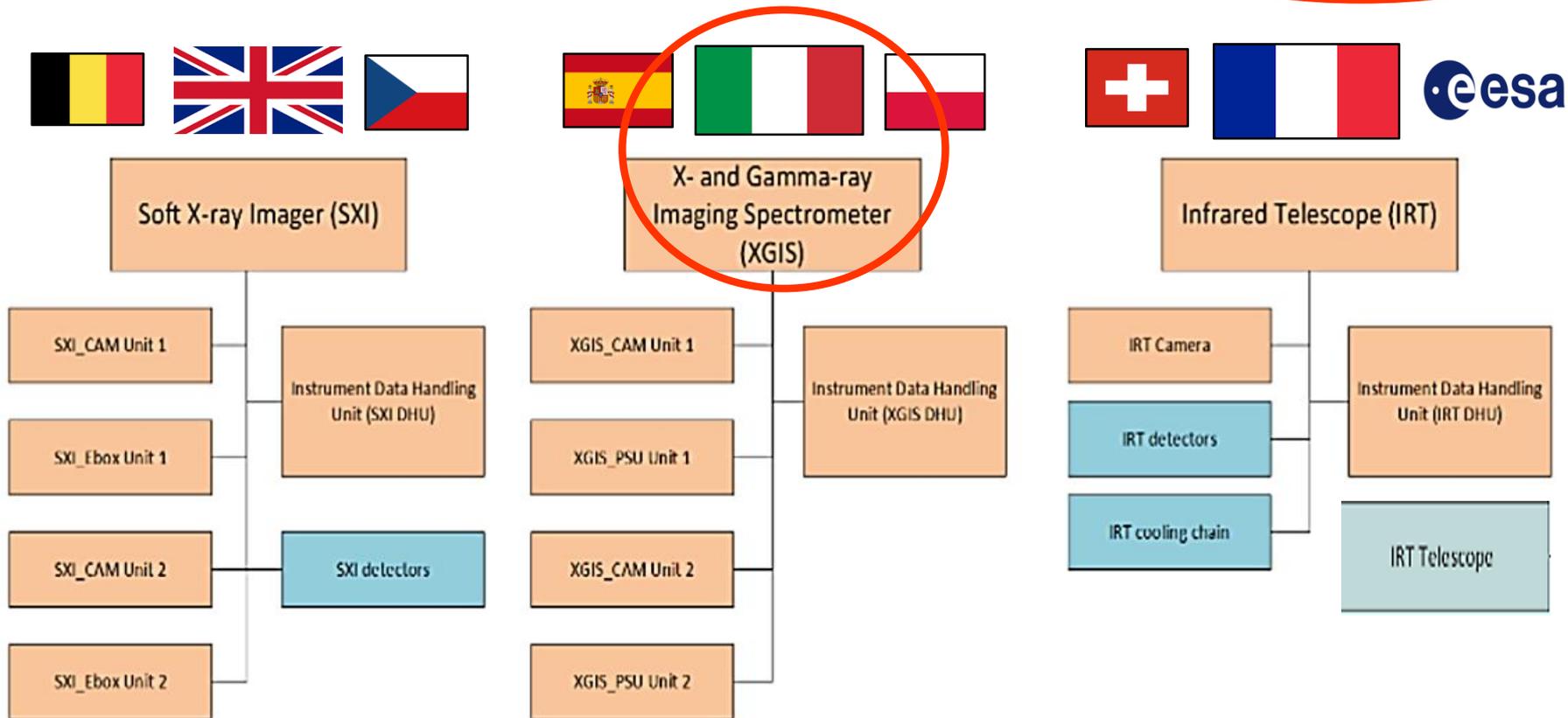
Amati et al. 2008, Amati & Della Valle 2013



# The key role of Italy in THESEUS

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# THESEUS consortium responsibilities (Lead: ITALY)



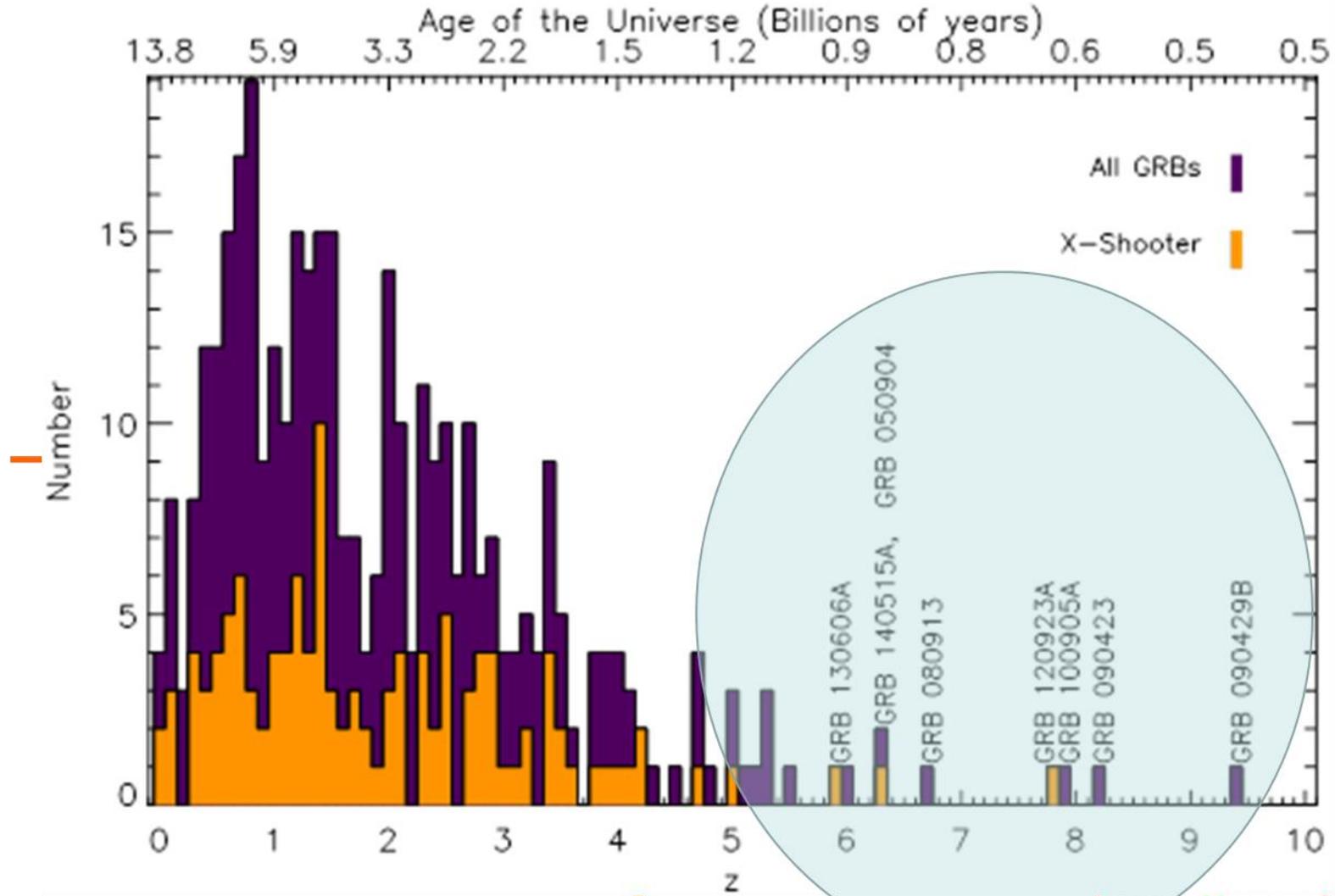
Instruments Data Handling Units

Science Data Centre



Main ground station (ASI/Malindi)

- Requirements:



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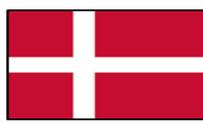
# Future missions: the case of THESEUS

## *Transient High Energy Sky and Early Universe Surveyor*

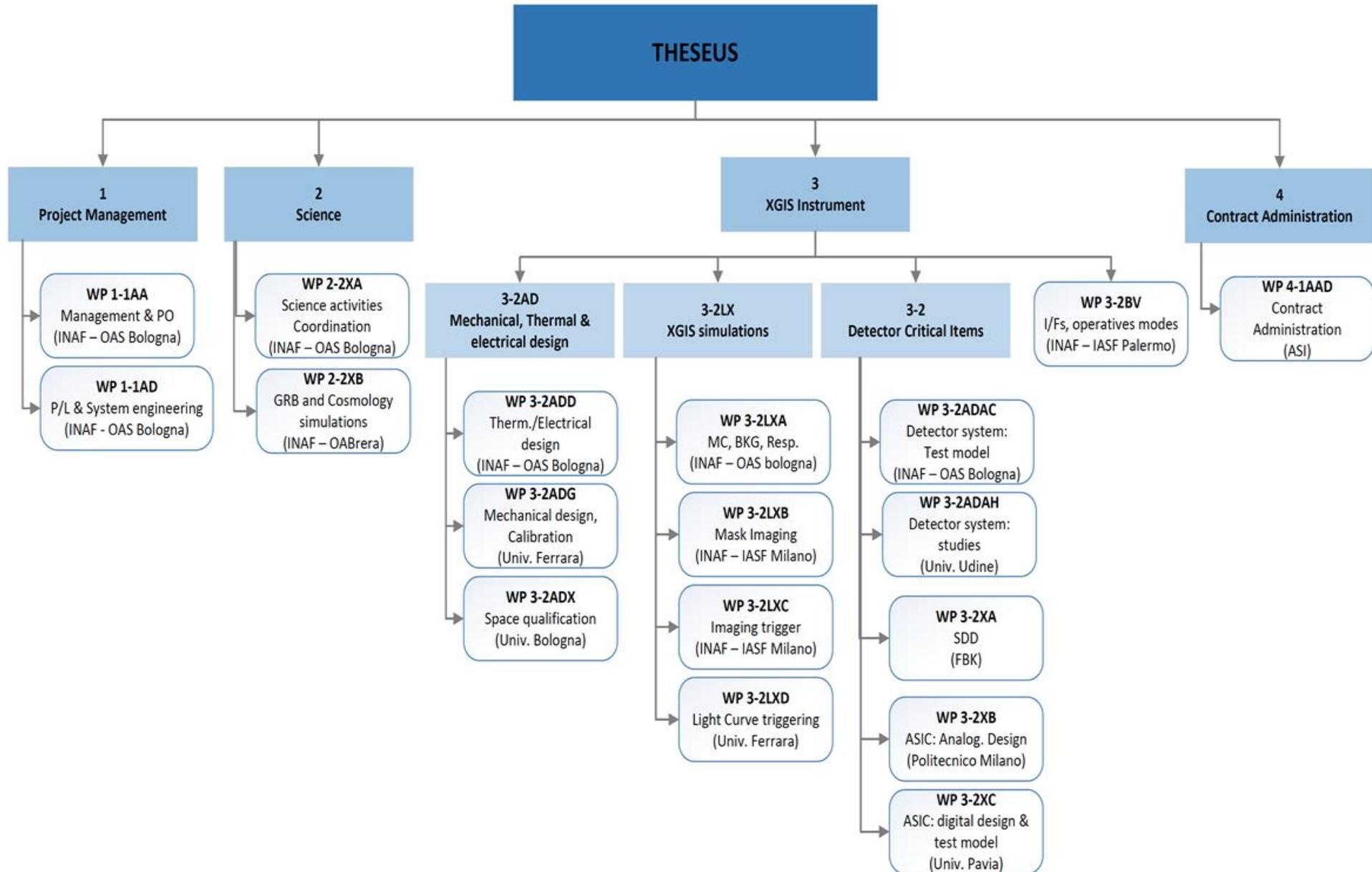
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**Payload consortium:** Italy, UK, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Poland, Denmark, Belgium, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Ireland, NL, ESA



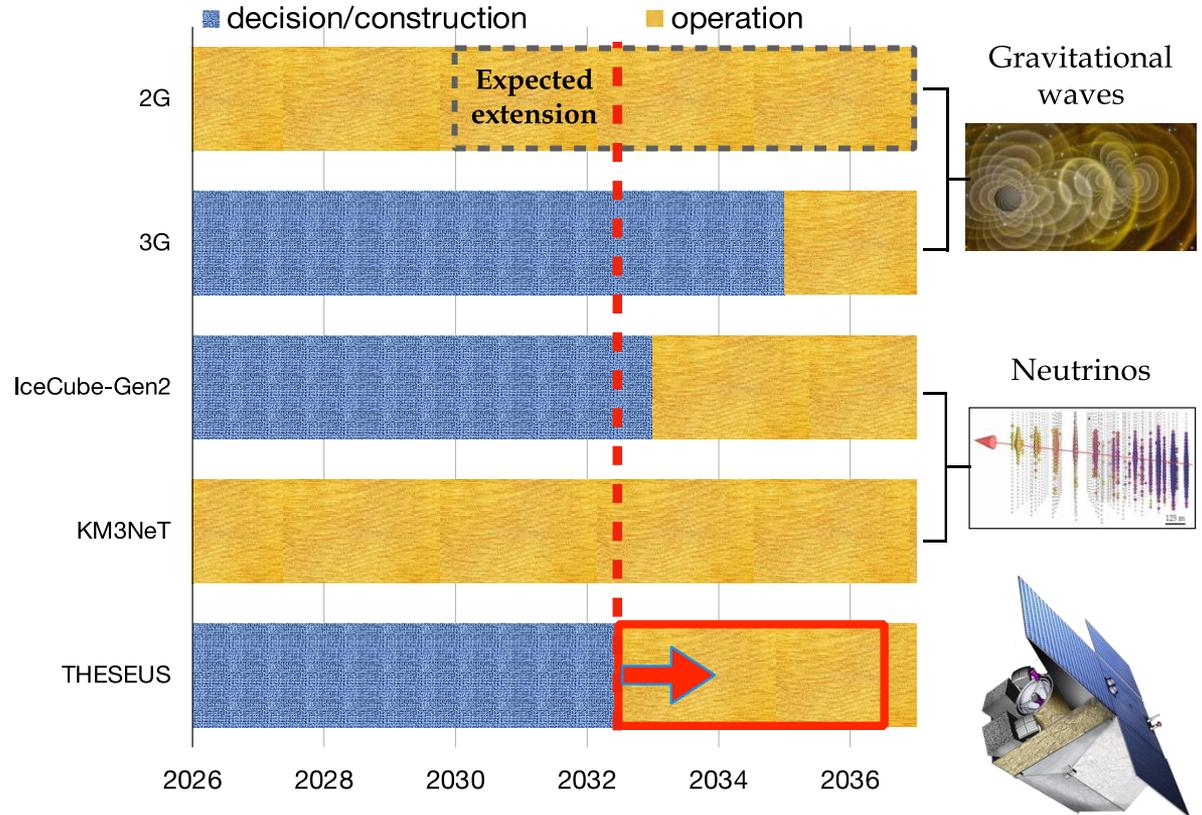
# ASI-INAF agreement: break-down



# Future GRB missions: synergies

ENTERING THE GOLDEN ERA OF MULTI-MESSENGER ASTROPHYSICS

Synergy with future GW and neutrino facilities will enable transformational investigations of multi-messenger sources





## Gravitational-wave physics and astronomy in the 2020s and 2030s

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**Abstract** | The 100 years since the publication of Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity saw significant development of the understanding of the theory, the identification of potential astrophysical sources of sufficiently strong gravitational waves and development of key technologies for gravitational-wave detectors. In 2015, the first gravitational-wave signals were detected by the two US Advanced LIGO instruments. In 2017, Advanced LIGO and the European Advanced Virgo detectors pinpointed a binary neutron star coalescence that was also seen across the electromagnetic spectrum. The field of gravitational-wave astronomy is just starting, and this Roadmap of future developments surveys the potential for growth in bandwidth and sensitivity of future gravitational-wave detectors, and discusses the science results anticipated to come from upcoming instruments.

The past five years have witnessed a revolution in astronomy. The direct detection of gravitational waves (GW) emitted from the binary black hole (BBH) merger GW150914 (FIG. 1) by the Advanced Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) detector on September 14, 2015 (REF. 1) was a watershed event, not only in demonstrating that GWs could be directly detected but more fundamentally in revealing new insights into these exotic objects and the Universe itself. On August 17, 2017, the Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo detectors jointly detected GW170817, the merger of a binary neutron star (BNS) system, an equally momentous event leading to the observation of electromagnetic (EM) radiation emitted across the entire spectrum through one of the most intense astronomical observing campaigns ever undertaken.

Coming nearly 100 years after Albert Einstein first predicted their existence<sup>2</sup>, but doubted that they could ever be measured, the first direct GW detections have undoubtedly opened a new window on the Universe. The scientific insights emerging from these detections have spurred the GWIC to re-examine and update the GWIC roadmap originally published a decade ago<sup>3</sup>.

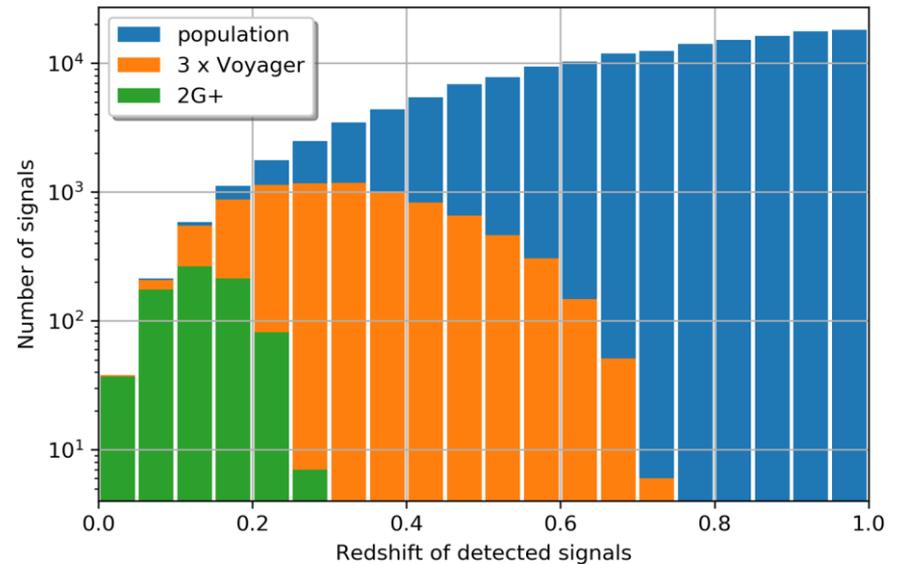
sources emit GWs across a broad spectrum ranging over more than 20 orders of magnitude, and require different detectors for the range of frequencies of interest (FIG. 2).

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GWIC Roadmap and Letter of Endorsement from EGO/virgo clearly mention further upgrades of 2G to bridge in the 3G era

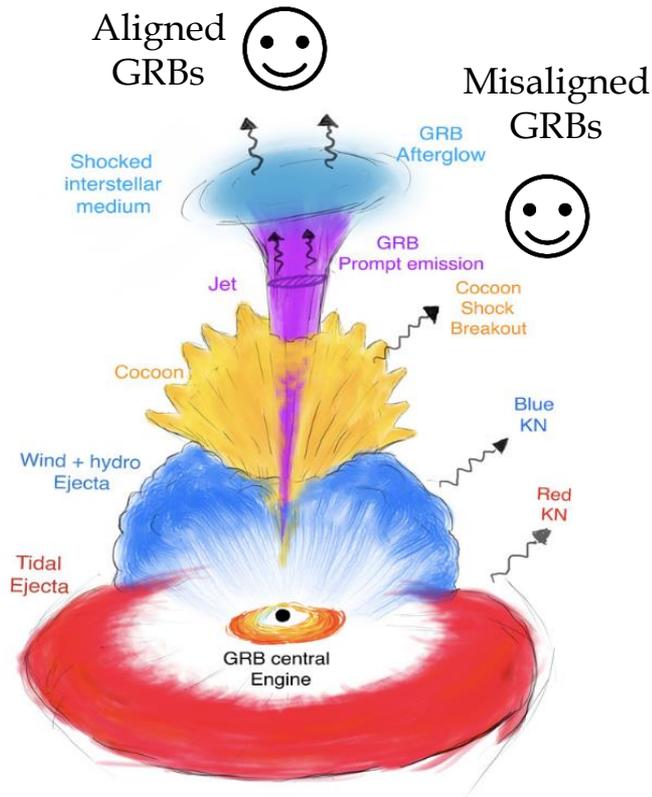


NS-NS merger detection efficiency with 2G and 2G++ will sensibly improve at z>0.1 with 2G++

# Multi-messenger science with THESEUS

## INDEPENDENT DETECTION & CHARACTERISATION OF THE MULTI-MESSENGER SOURCES

### Lessons from GRB170817A



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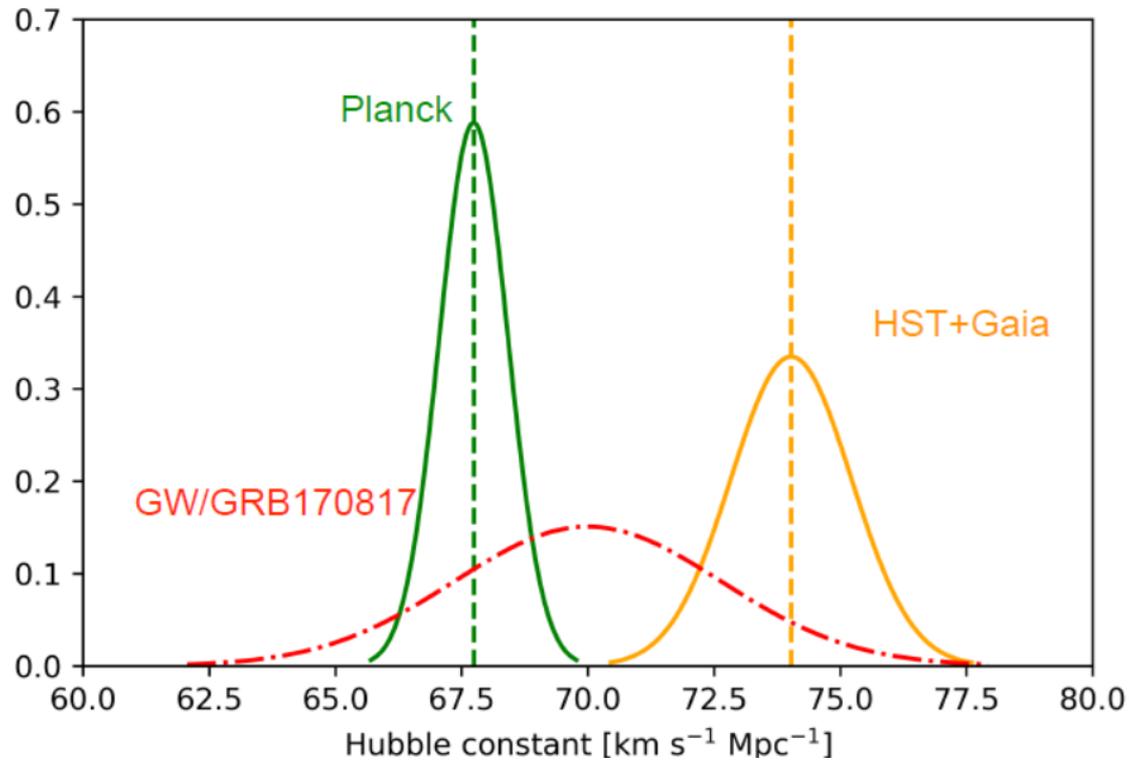
THESEUS + 3G:

- ~50 aligned+misaligned short GRBs
- ~200 X-ray transients

Higher redshift events – X/ $\gamma$  is likely only route to EM detection: larger statistical studies including source evolution, probe of dark energy and test modified gravity on cosmological scales

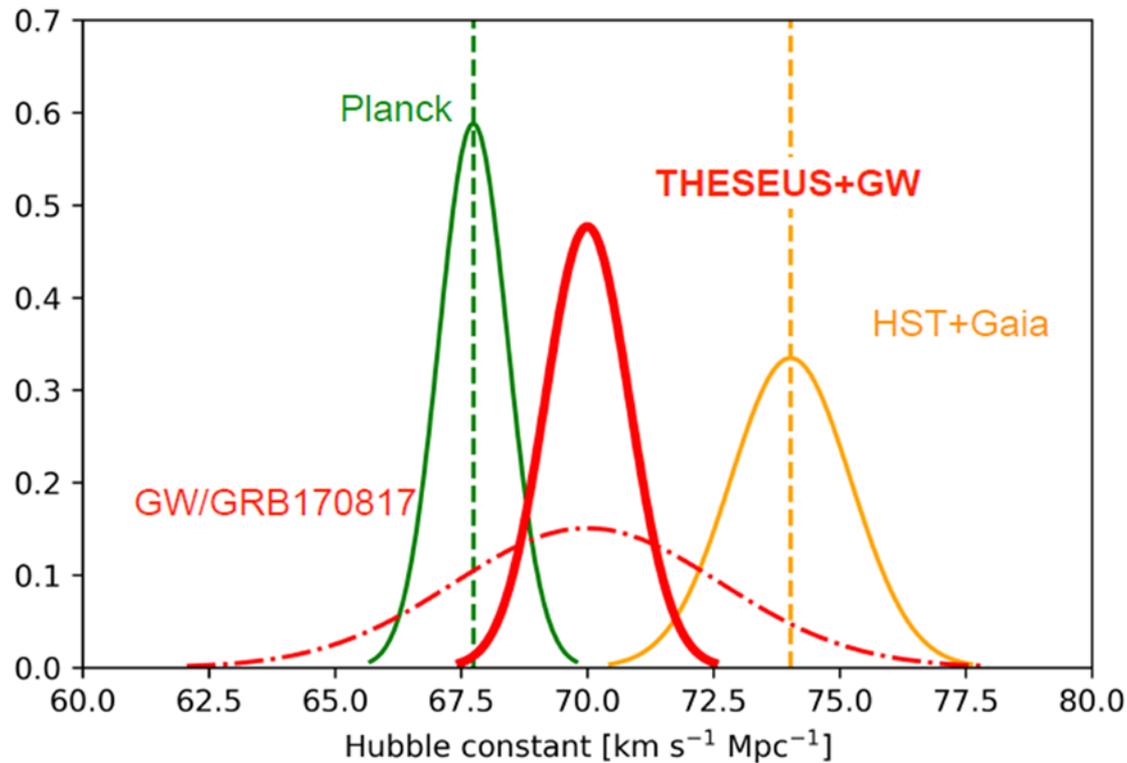
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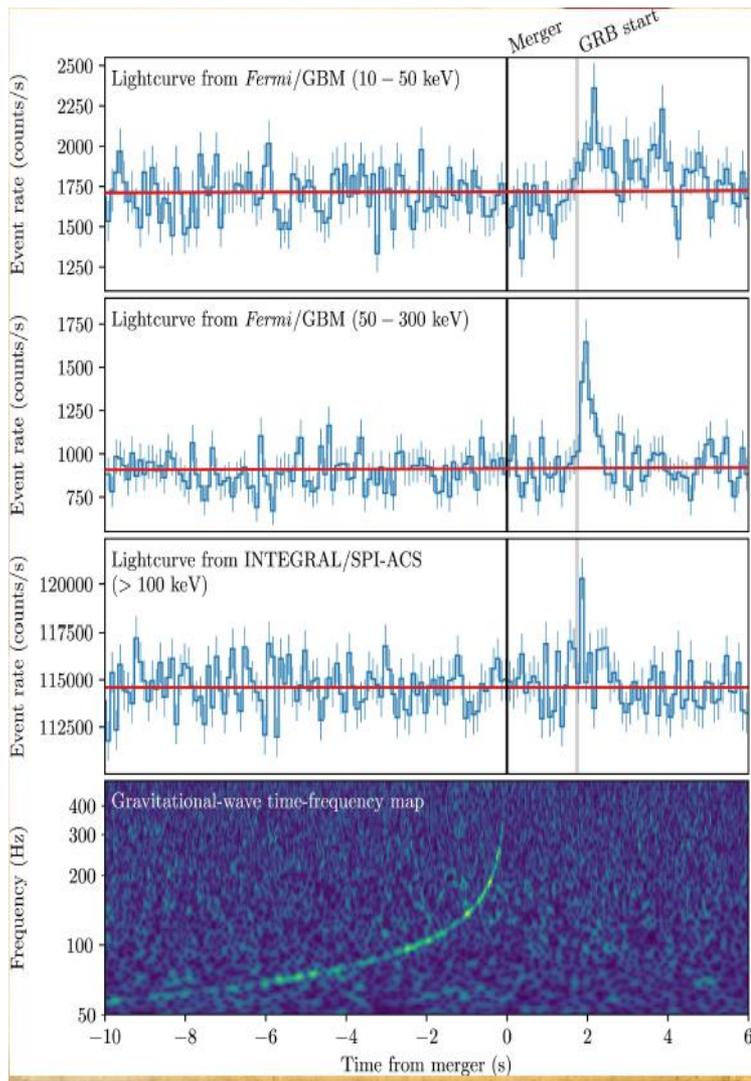
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~20 joint GRB+GW events

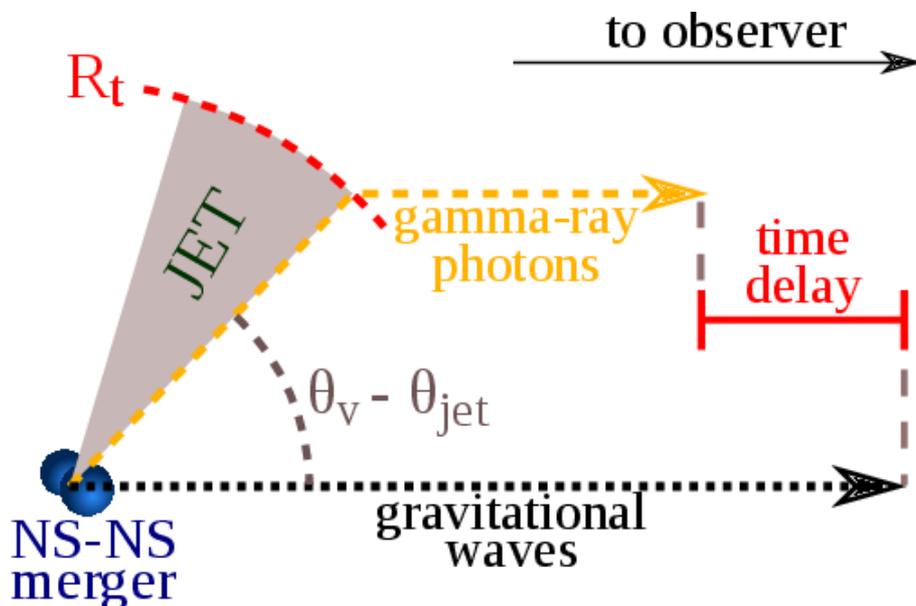
# Fundamental physics with GRBs: GW vs. light speed

GW170817/GRB170817A,  $D \sim 40$  Mpc



A short GRB  
at +1.7 s

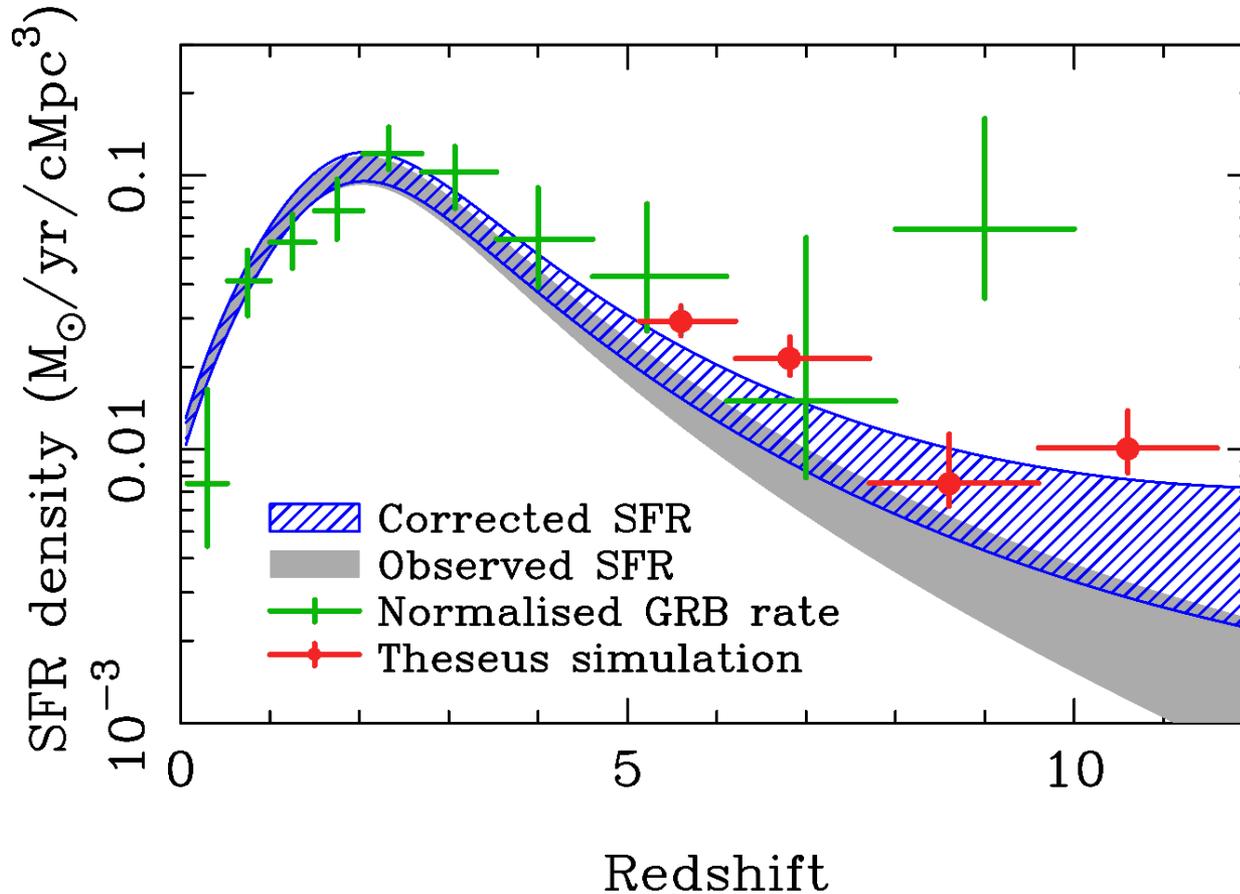
$$V_{\text{gw}} / c < 4 \times 10^{-16}$$



$$\Delta t = (\Delta t_{\text{jet}} + \Delta t_{\text{bo}} + \Delta t_{\text{GRB}})(1 + z)$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{GRB}} \simeq (1 - \beta \cos \theta) \frac{R_{\text{GRB}}}{c} \simeq \frac{R_{\text{GRB}}}{\Gamma^2 c}$$

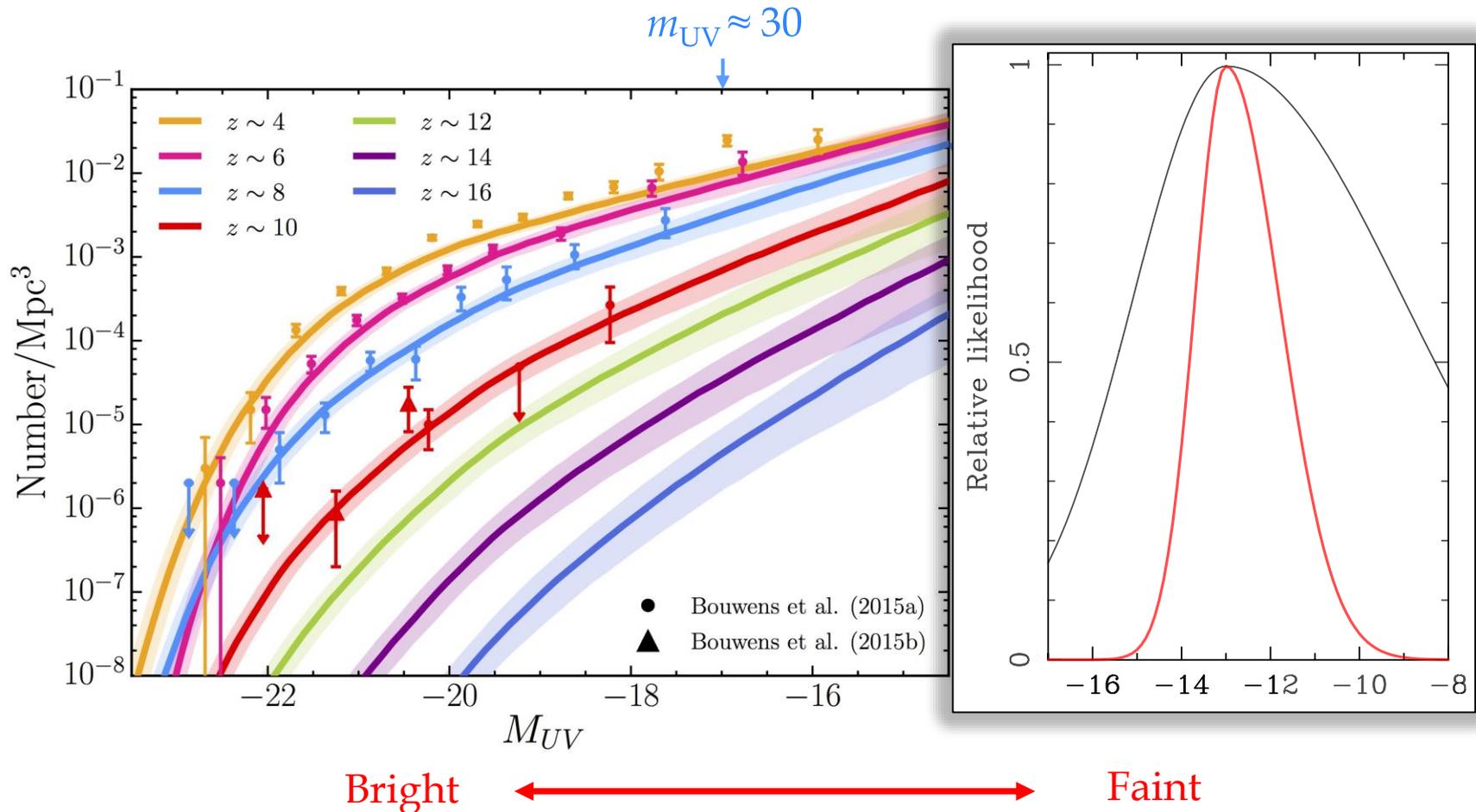
- Independent measure of cosmic SFR at high-z (possibly including pop-III stars)



A statistical sample of high-z GRBs will give access to star formation in the faintest galaxies, overcoming limits of current and future galaxy surveys

# • Detecting and studying primordial invisible galaxies

The proportion of GRB hosts below a given detection limit provides an estimate of the fraction of star formation “hidden” in such faint galaxies

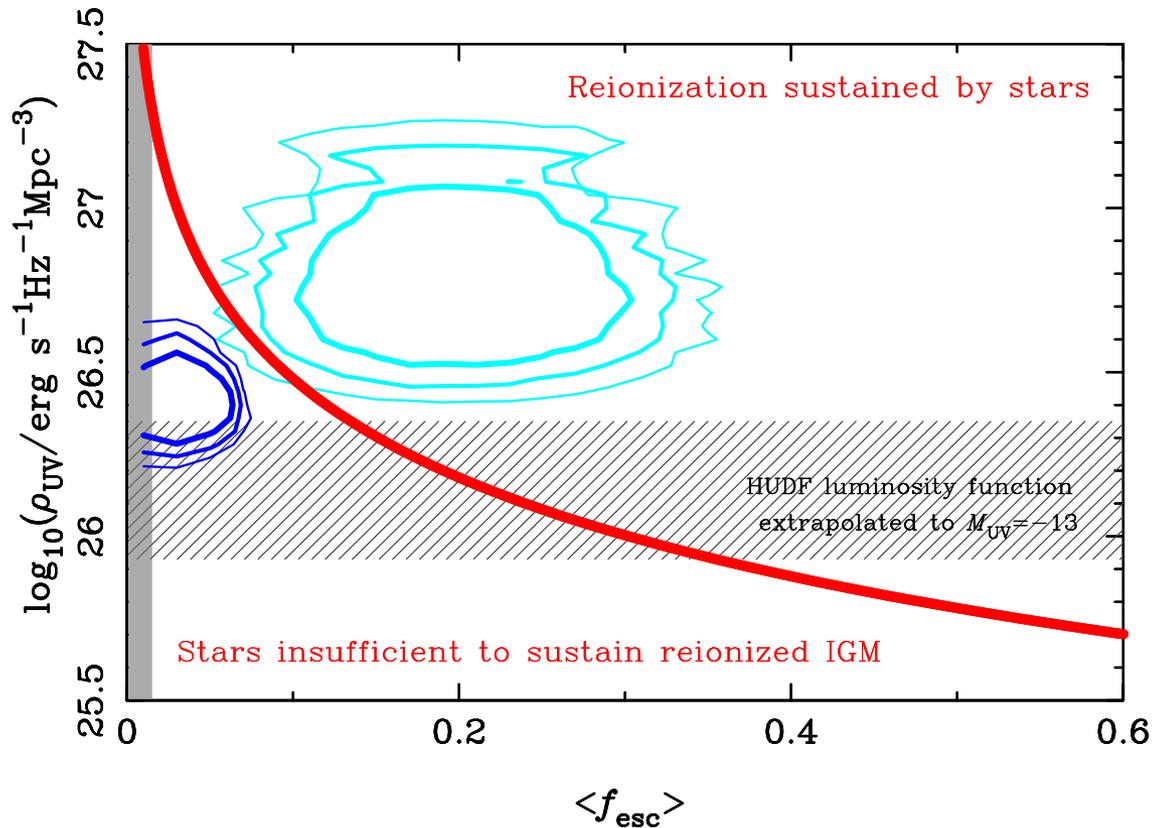


Bright



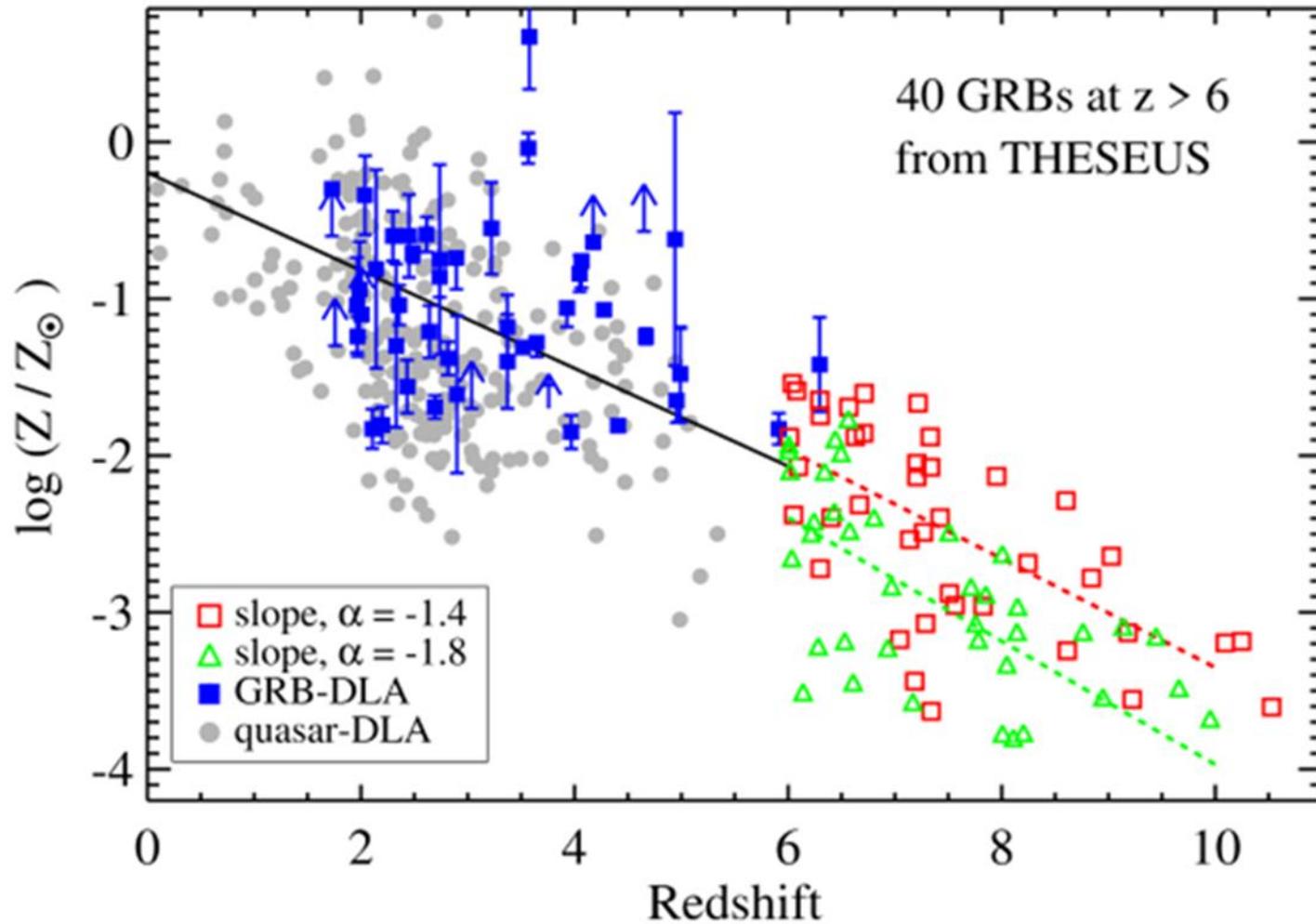
Faint

- **Shedding light on cosmic reionization**



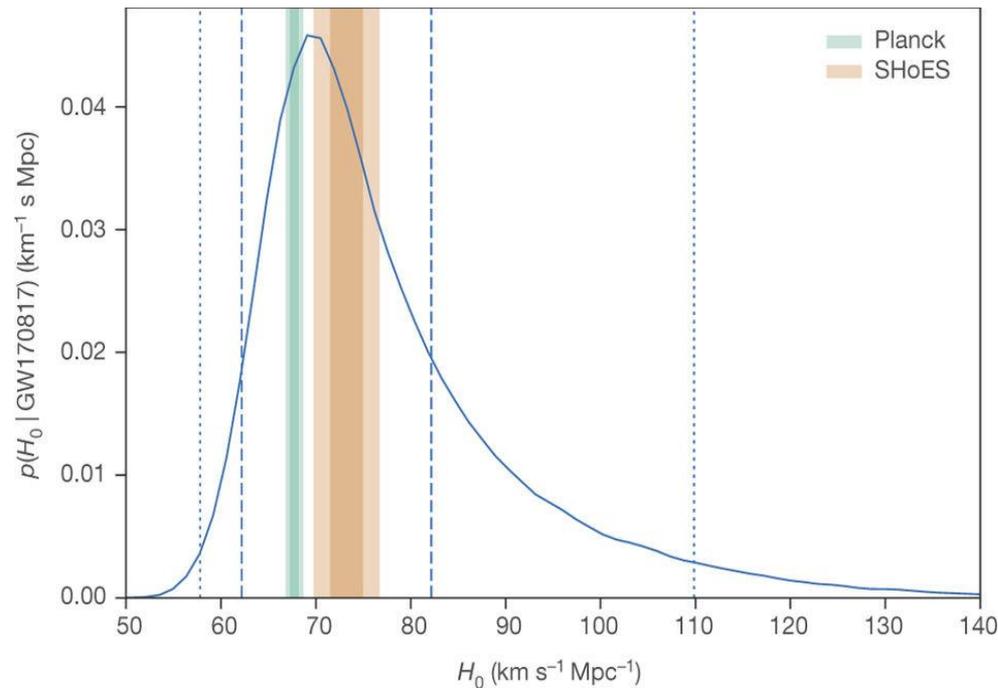
Combination of massive star formation rate and ionizing escape fraction will establish whether stellar radiation was sufficient to reionize the universe, and indicate the galaxy populations responsible

- Cosmic chemical evolution at high- $z$

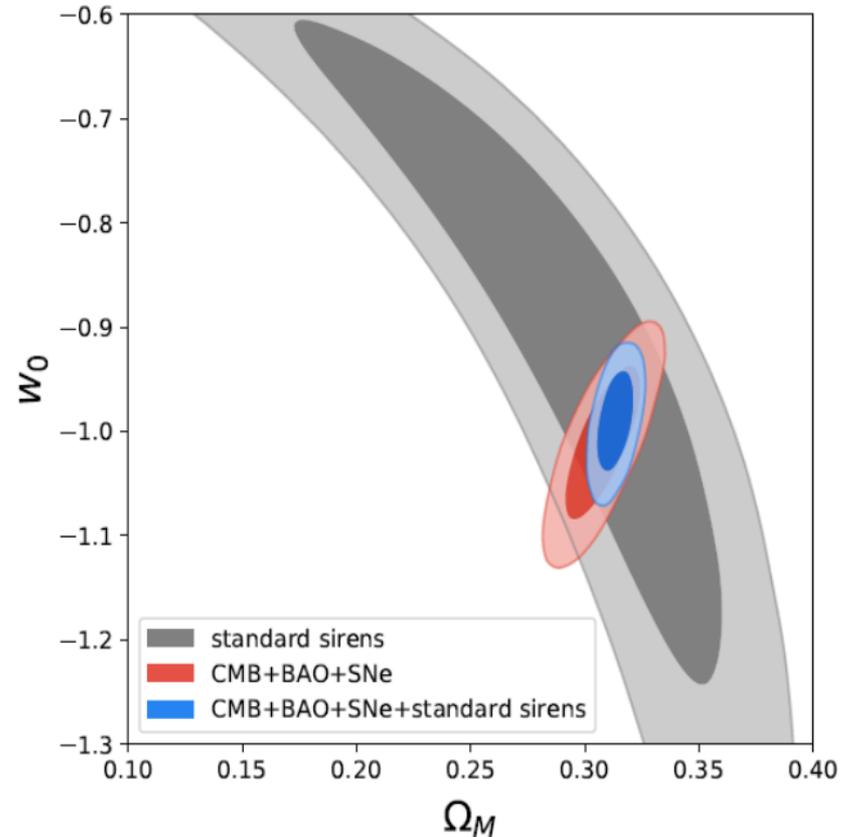


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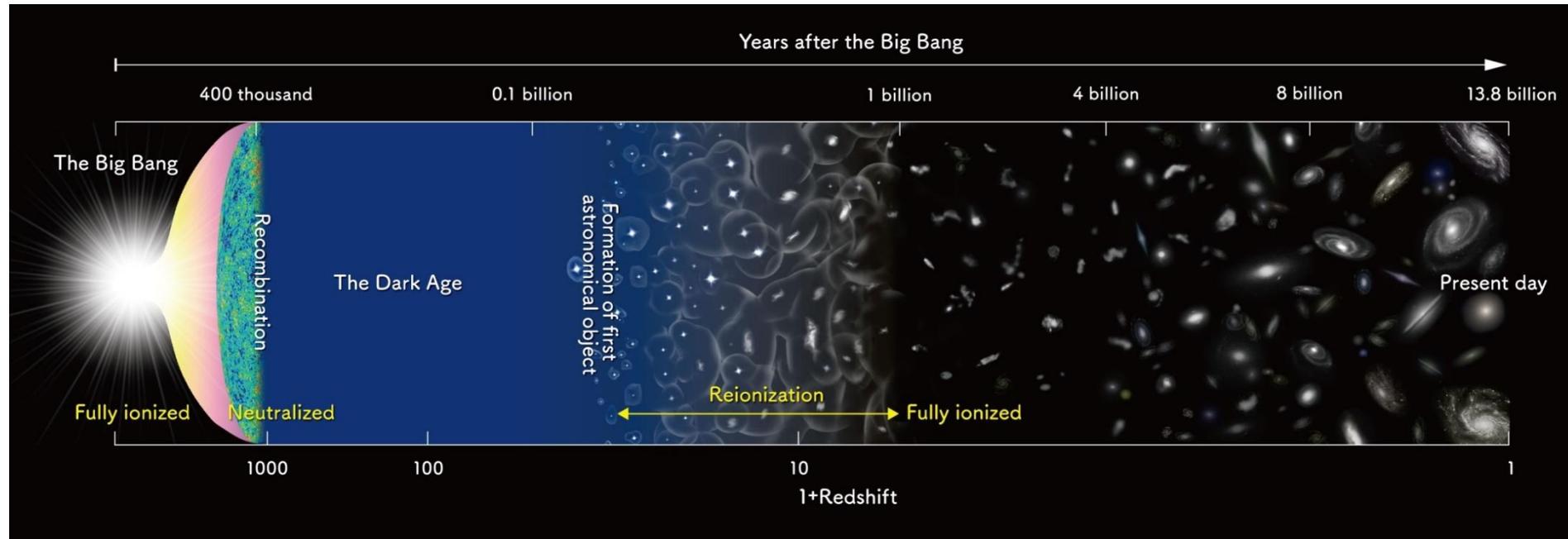
**Estimating  $H_0$  with GW170817A (LVC 2017)**



**Investigating dark energy with a statistical sample of GW + e.m. (Sathyaprakash et al. 2019)**

# Shedding light on the early Universe with GRBs

- A major goal of contemporary cosmology is to reveal the **emergence of primordial stars and galaxies**, and the contemporaneous **reionization of the intergalactic medium**, in the **first billion years of the Universe**



What was the timeline of reionization?

What sources were responsible?

How did the chemical elements build up?

# Fundamental physics with GRBs: testing LI / QG

□ Using time delay between low and high energy photons to put Limits on Lorentz Invariance Violation (allowed by unprecedented Fermi GBM + LAT broad energy band)

$$|v_{\text{PHOT}}/c - 1| \approx \xi \left( \frac{E_{\text{PHOT}}}{\zeta m_{\text{PLANCK}} c^2} \right)^n \quad \epsilon = E_{\text{PHOT}} / (\zeta m_{\text{PLANCK}} c^2)$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{QG}} = \pm \xi \left( \frac{D_{\text{TRAV}}}{c} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta E_{\text{PHOT}}}{\zeta m_{\text{PLANCK}} c^2} \right)^n$$

Energy band MeV	$E_{\text{AVE}}$ MeV	$N$ ( $\beta = -2.5$ ) photons	$E_{\text{CC}}(N)$ $\mu\text{s}$	$N$ ( $\beta = -2.0$ ) photons	$E_{\text{CC}}(N)$ $\mu\text{s}$	$\Delta t_{\text{QG}} (\xi = 1.0, \zeta = 1.0)$			
						$\mu\text{s}$ $z = 0.1$	$\mu\text{s}$ $z = 0.5$	$\mu\text{s}$ $z = 1.0$	$\mu\text{s}$ $z = 3.0$
0.005 – 0.025	0.0112	$3.80 \times 10^8$	0.38	$3.02 \times 10^8$	0.43	0.04	0.25	0.51	1.42
0.025 – 0.050	0.0353	$1.40 \times 10^8$	0.62	$1.17 \times 10^8$	0.69	0.13	0.72	1.46	4.10
0.050 – 0.100	0.0707	$1.10 \times 10^8$	0.71	$9.98 \times 10^7$	0.74	0.27	1.43	2.93	8.21
0.100 – 0.300	0.1732	$8.98 \times 10^7$	0.79	$1.00 \times 10^8$	0.74	0.66	3.51	7.19	20.10
0.300 – 1.000	0.5477	$2.07 \times 10^7$	1.64	$3.82 \times 10^7$	1.20	2.09	11.11	22.72	63.56
1.000 – 2.000	1.4142	$2.63 \times 10^6$	4.56	$8.20 \times 10^6$	2.60	5.40	28.68	58.67	164.12
2.000 – 5.000	3.1623	$1.07 \times 10^6$	7.19	$4.92 \times 10^6$	3.35	12.07	64.12	131.19	367.00
5.000 – 50.00	15.8114	$3.52 \times 10^5$	12.54	$2.95 \times 10^6$	4.33	60.35	320.62	656.00	1834.98