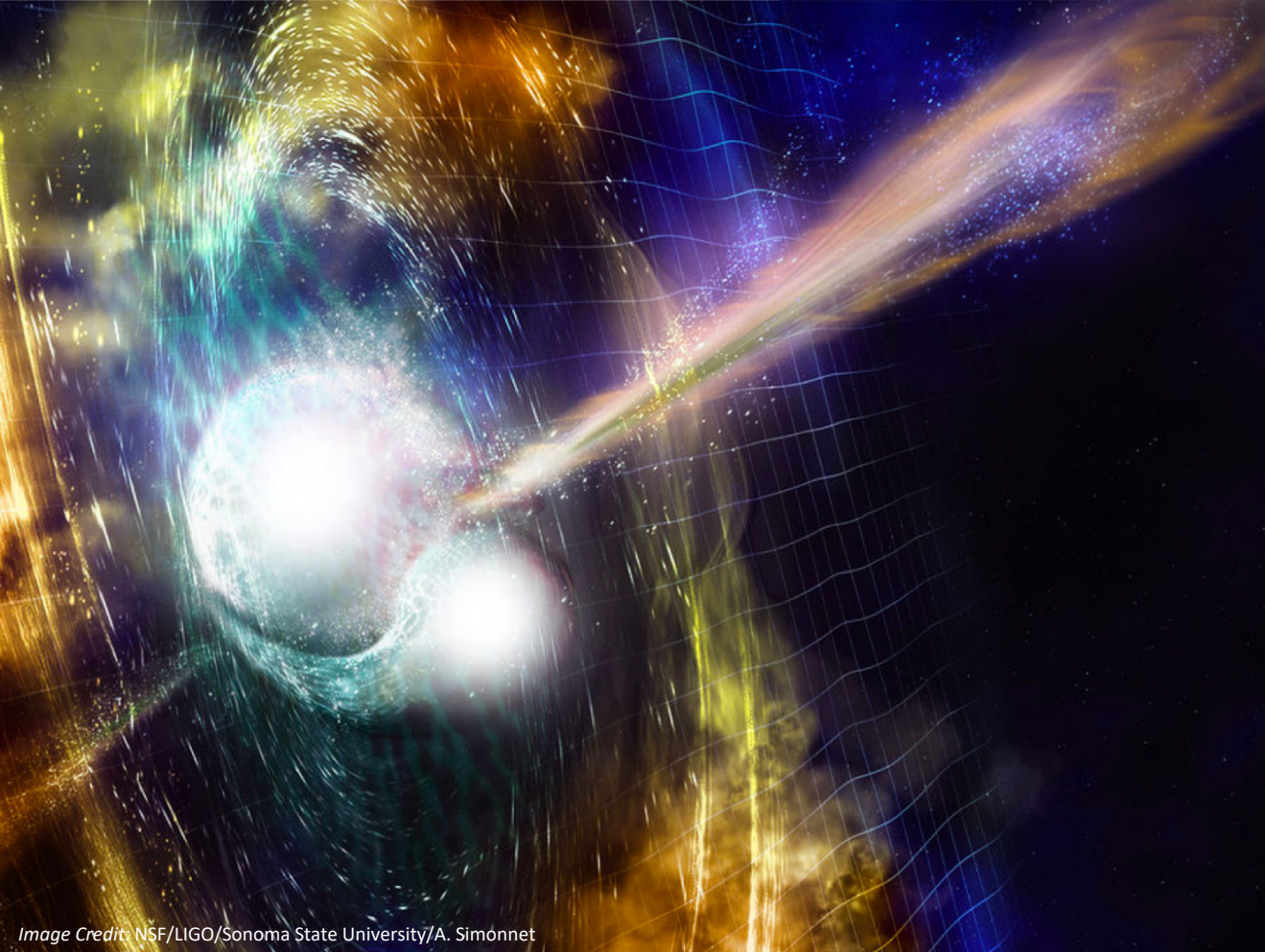


# GW follow-up with IACTs



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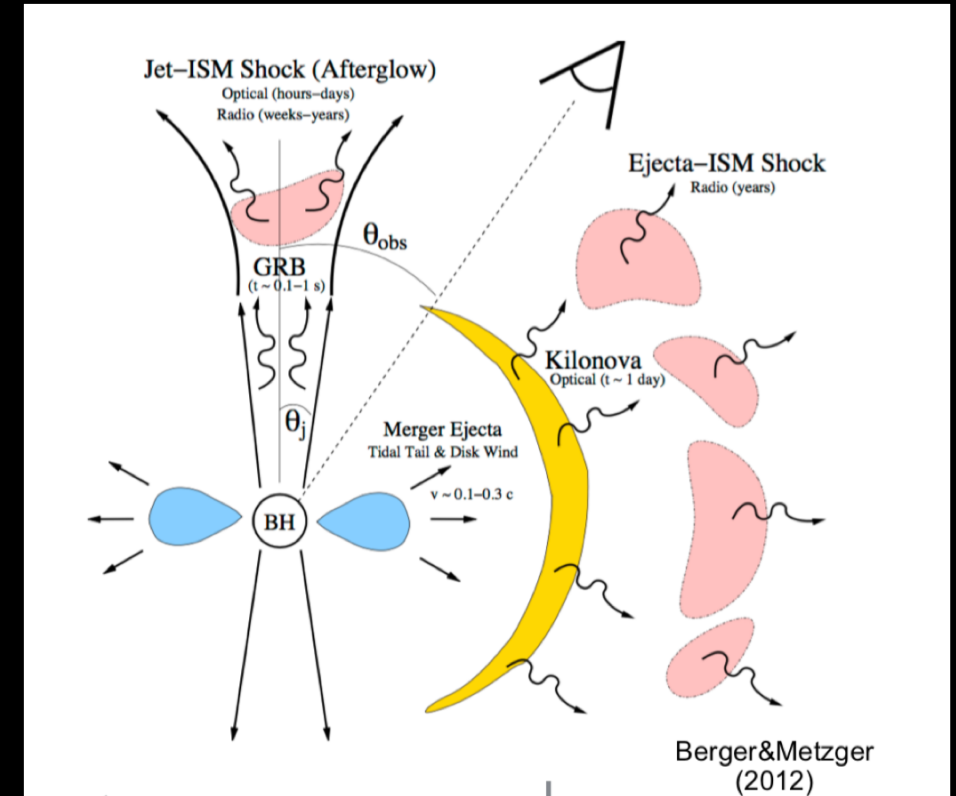
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**Transient Sky 2020 – Paris 2019**

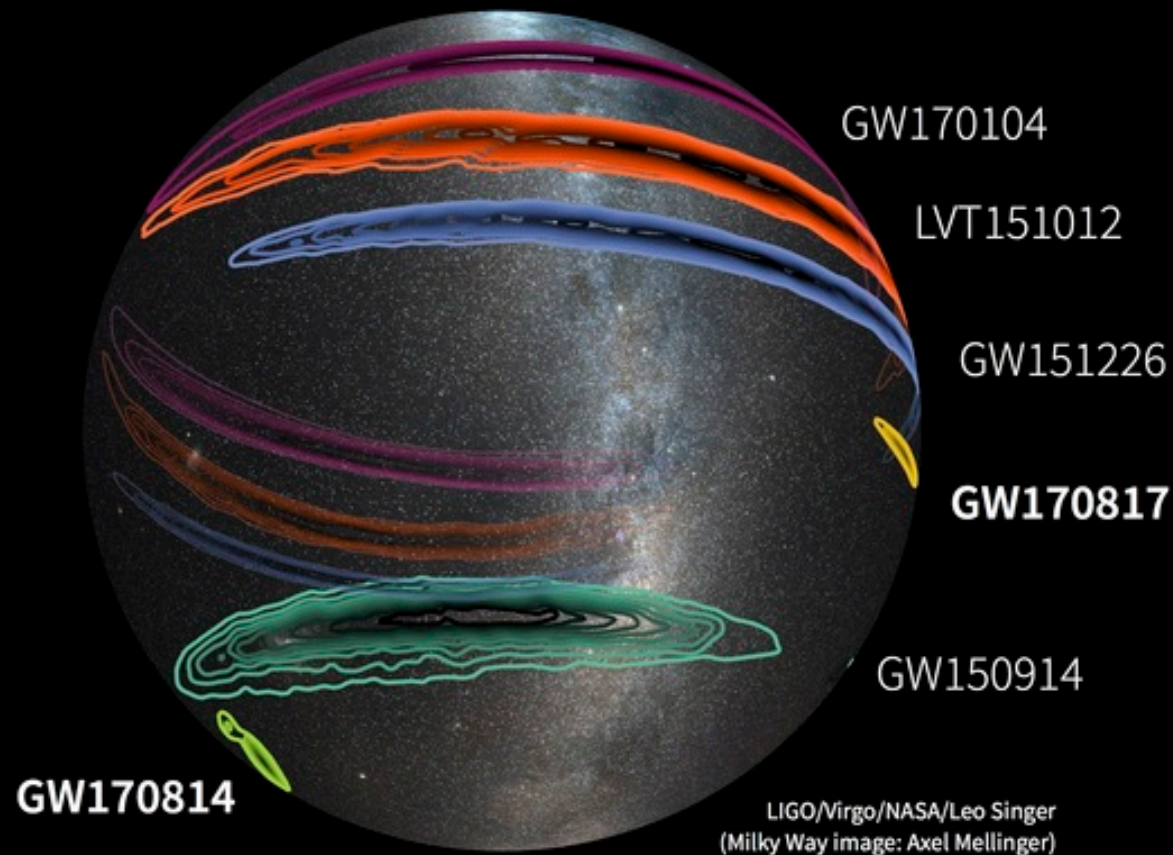
# Science Case: VHE emission in compact binary coalescence

- Neutron star - neutron star
- Neutron star – black hole
- Black hole – black hole ???
  
- Examples of VHE GRBs:
  - **GRB190829A** detected by H.E.S.S.
  - **GRB 190114C** detected by MAGIC
  - **GRB180720B** detected by H.E.S.S
  - GRB 130427A :  $E_{\text{photon}} \sim 95 \text{ GeV}$  (minutes) -  $32 \text{ GeV}$  (hours)
  - GRB 090510: in prompt phase  $E_{\text{photon}} \sim 30 \text{ GeV}$
  - GRB 081024B: in prompt phase  $E_{\text{photon}} \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$



➤ Get information on GRB spectra and remnant structures

But localization regions vary from 10s to 1000s deg<sup>2</sup>

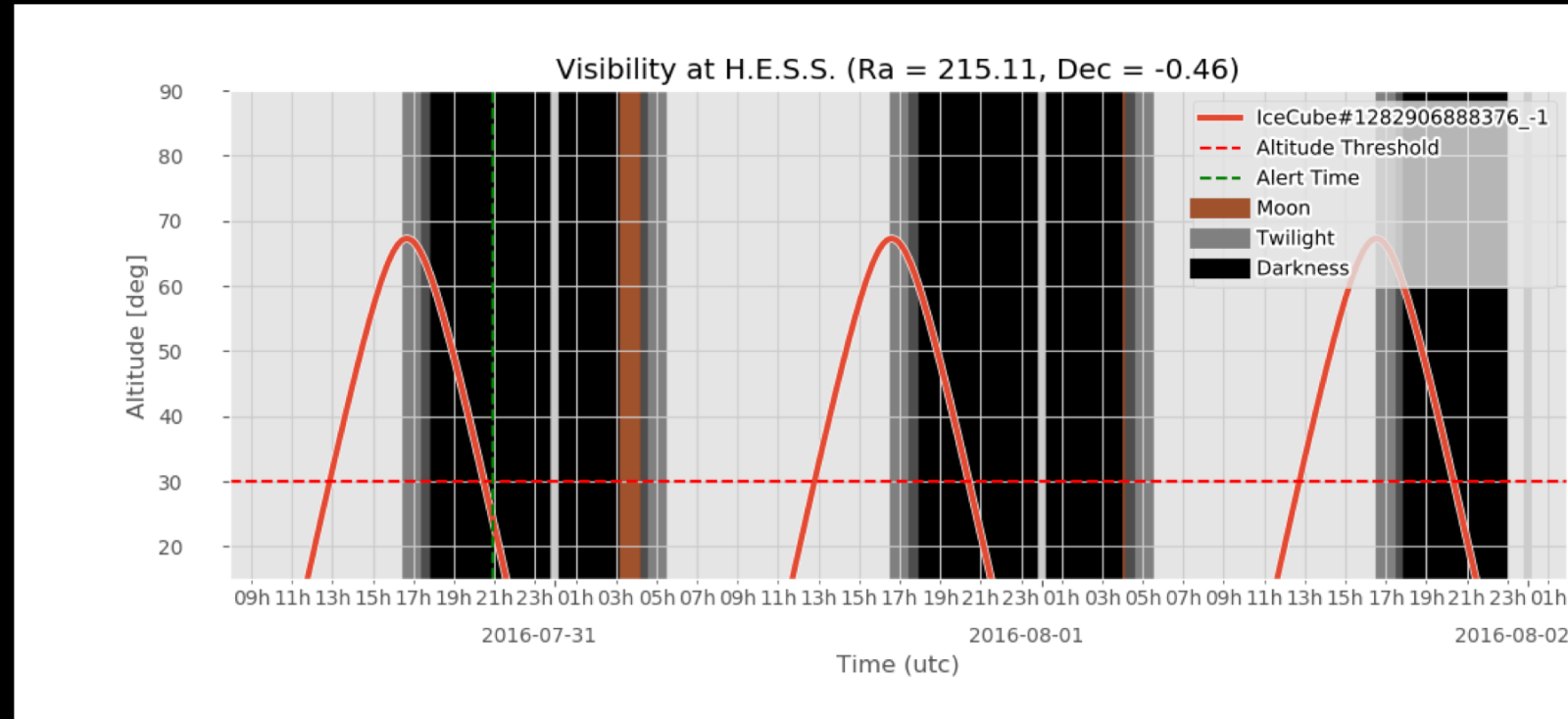


# H.E.S.S. constraints

- Obs windows  
(Sun and moon position)

## Addition: Moonlight obs

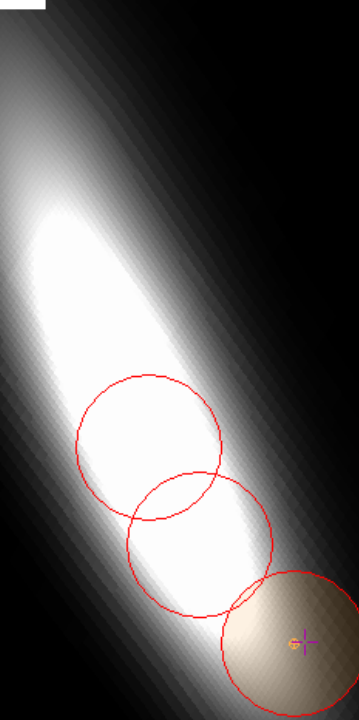
- Phase < 60%
- Alt < 50°
- Source separation > 30°
- Visibility of source
- Some parameters:
  - FoV = 1.5° – 2.5°
  - Max zenith angle = 60°

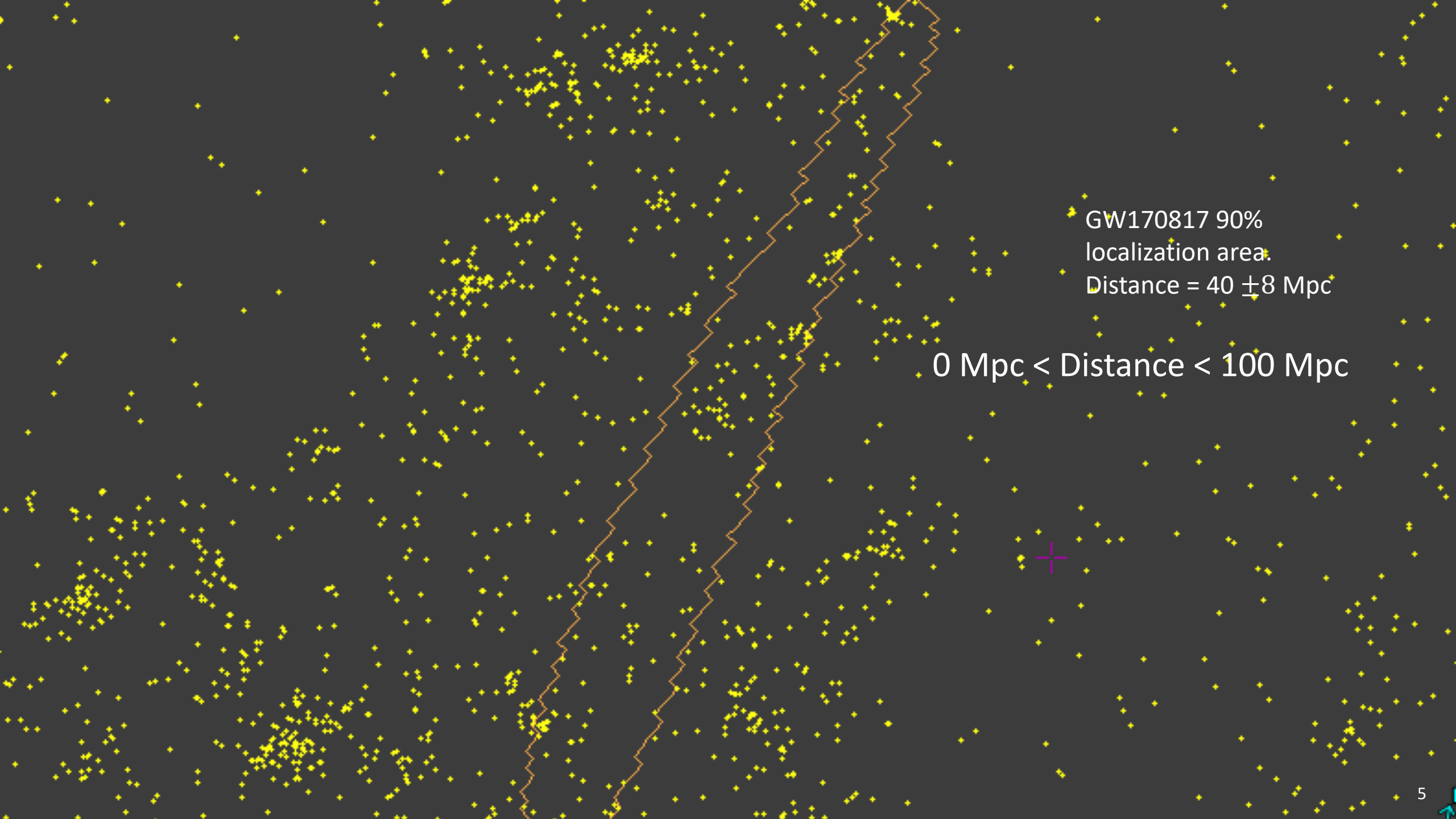


# 2D strategy:

$$P_{\text{GW}}^{\text{FoV}} = \int_0^{\text{FoV}_{\text{H.E.S.S.}}} \rho_i d\rho_i$$

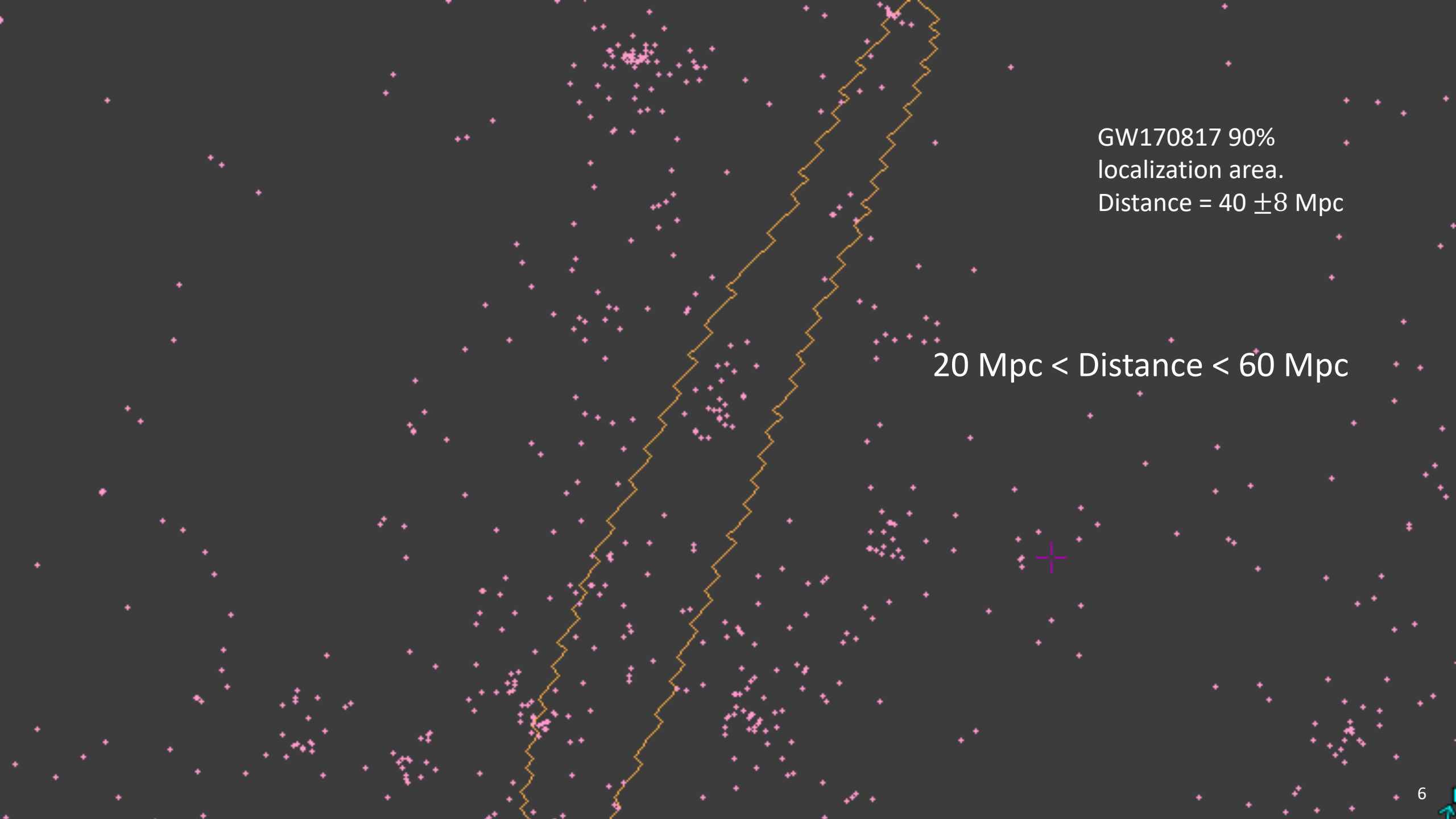
- Compute the total probability inside the FoV
- Choose the pointing with the highest integrated probability for each observation





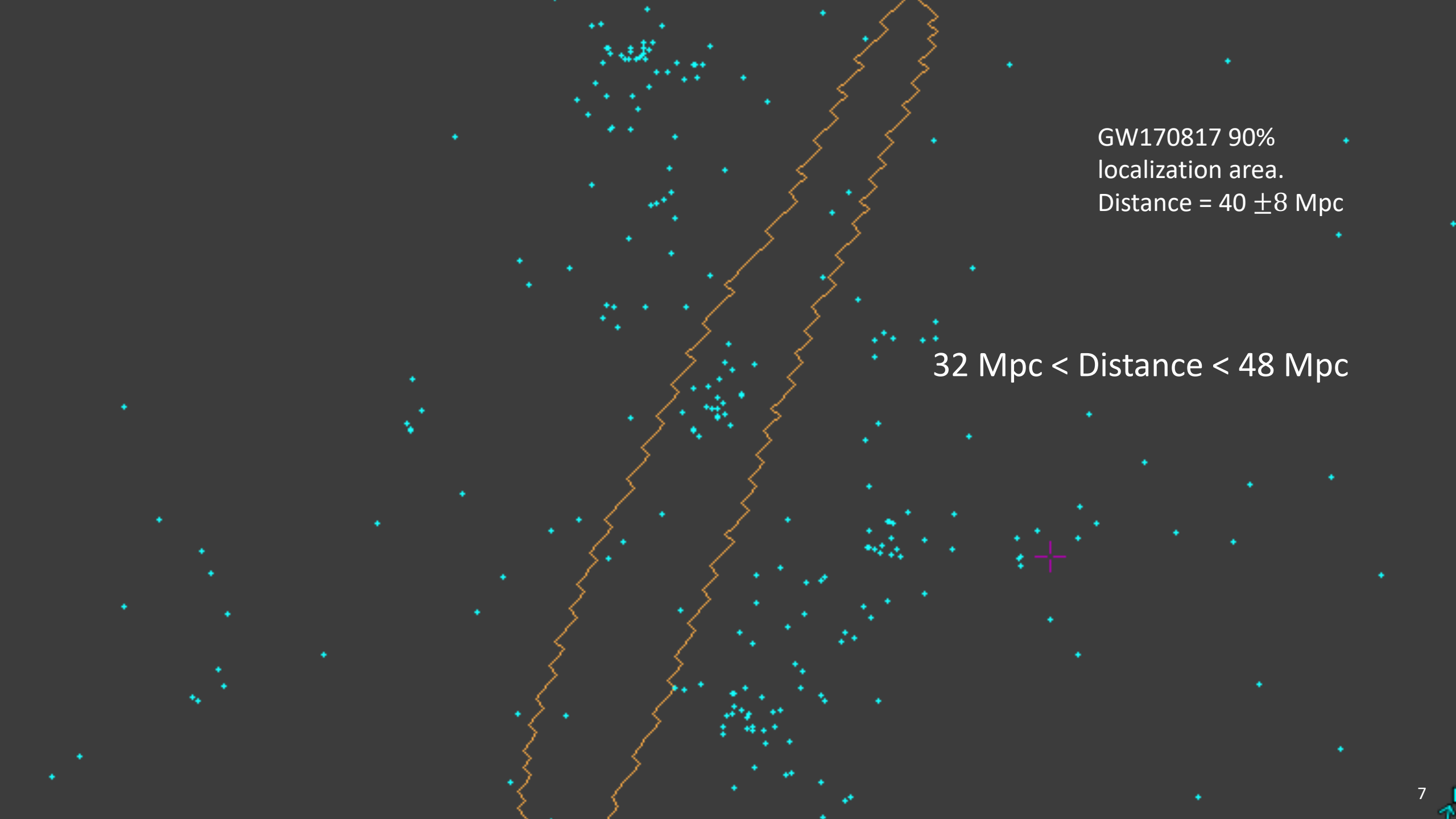
GW170817 90%  
localization area.  
Distance =  $40 \pm 8$  Mpc

0 Mpc < Distance < 100 Mpc



GW170817 90%  
localization area.  
Distance =  $40 \pm 8$  Mpc

$20 \text{ Mpc} < \text{Distance} < 60 \text{ Mpc}$



GW170817 90%  
localization area.  
Distance =  $40 \pm 8$  Mpc

$32 \text{ Mpc} < \text{Distance} < 48 \text{ Mpc}$



GW170817 90%  
localization area.  
Distance =  $40 \pm 8$  Mpc

32 Mpc < Distance < 48 Mpc

## Use distance information: 3D strategies

$$P_{\text{GW}}^{\text{FoV}} = \int_0^{\text{FoV}_{\text{H.E.S.S.}}} \rho_i d\rho_i$$

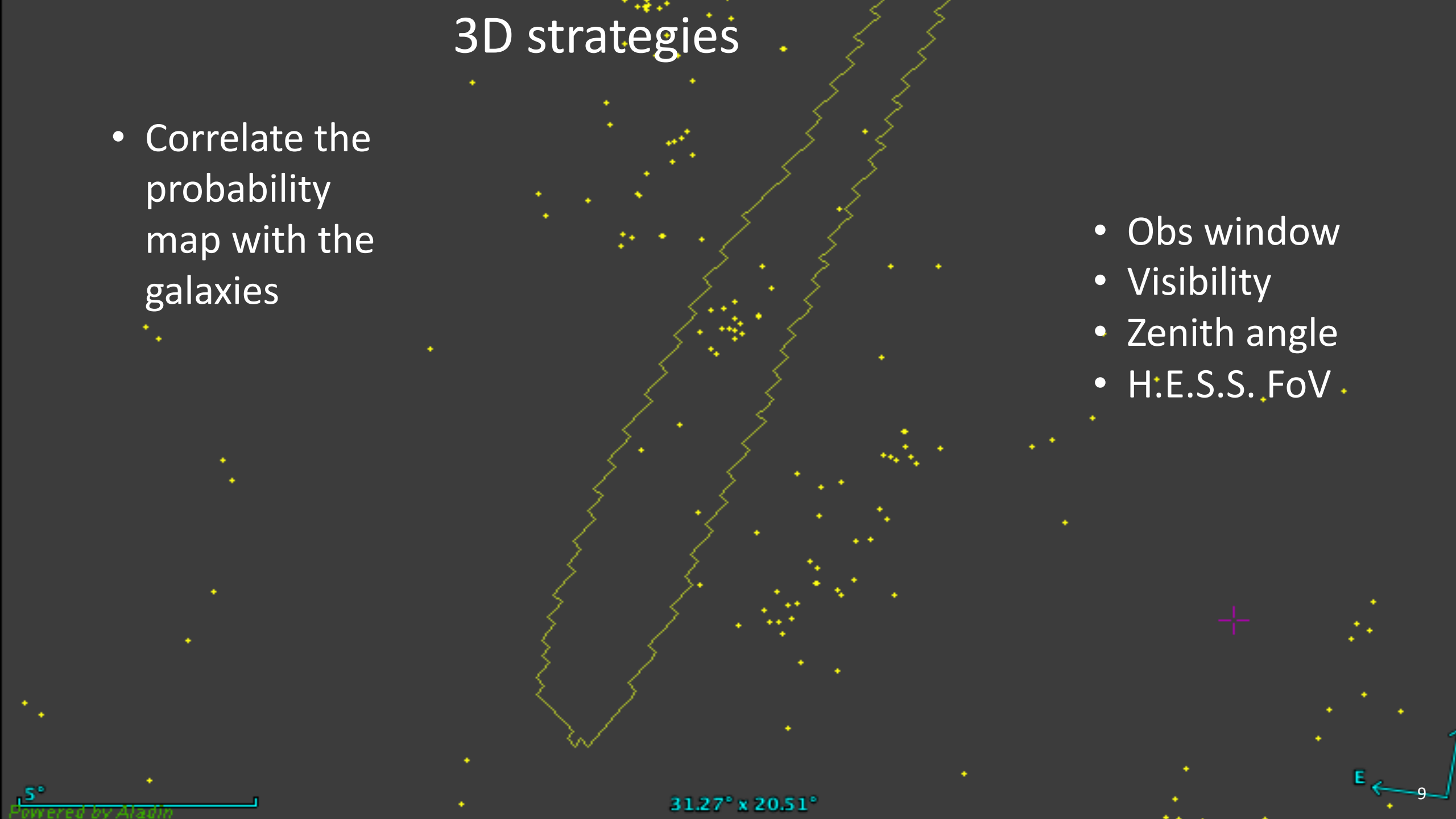


$$P_{\text{GWxGAL}}^{\text{FoV}} = \int_0^{\text{FoV}_{\text{H.E.S.S.}}} P_{\text{GWxGAL}}^i dP_{\text{GWxGAL}}$$

# 3D strategies

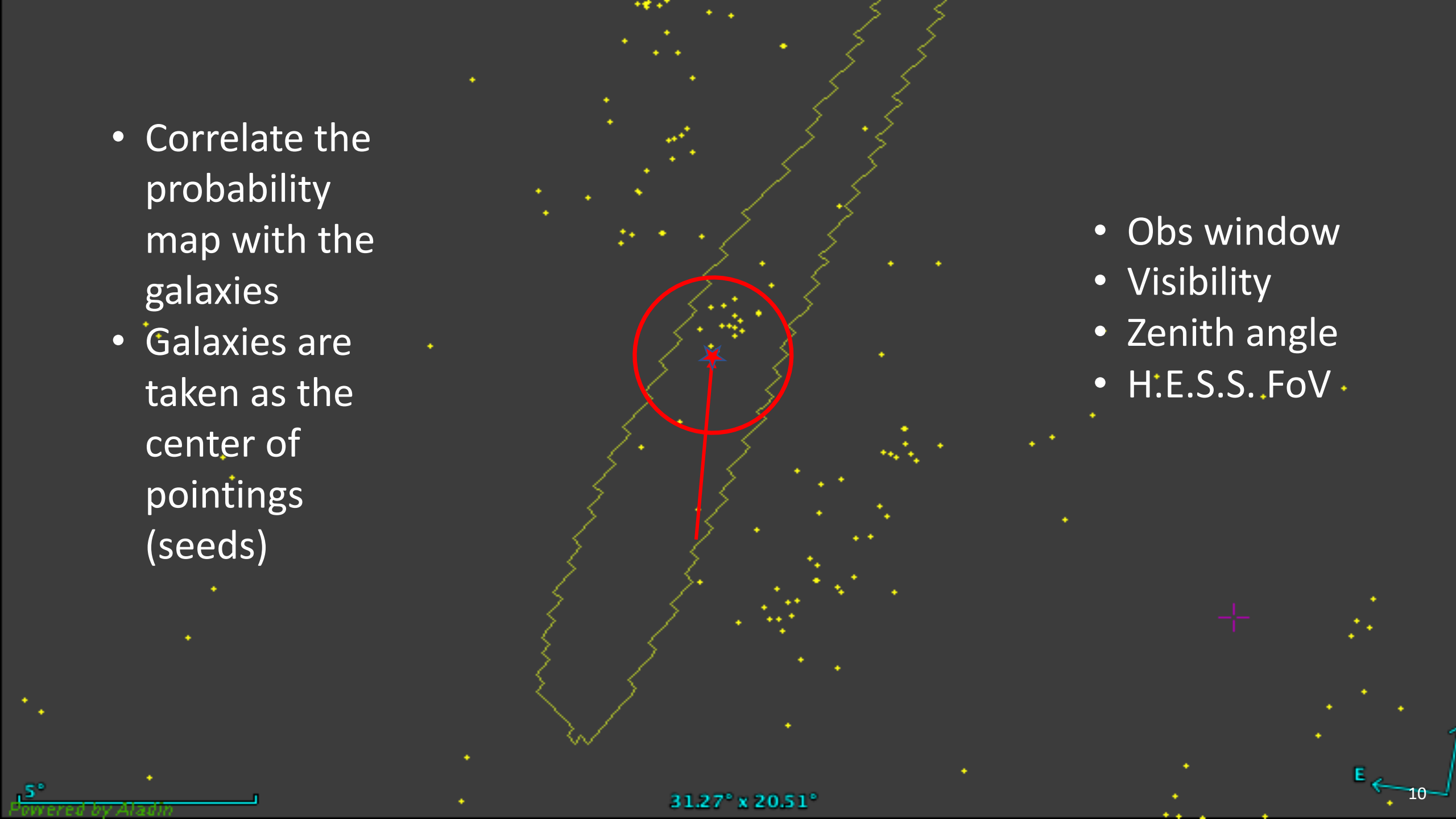
- Correlate the probability map with the galaxies

- Obs window
- Visibility
- Zenith angle
- H.E.S.S. FoV

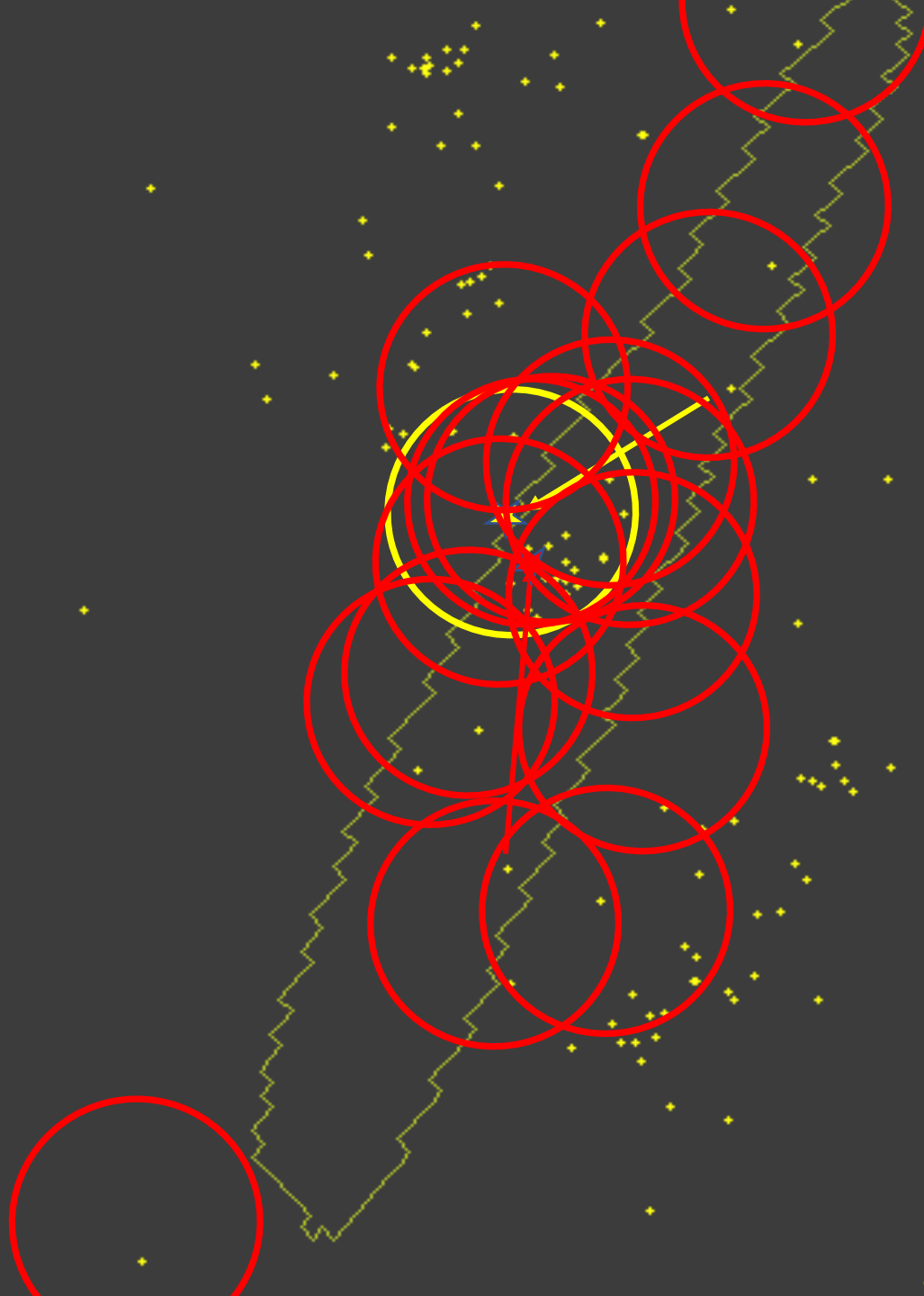


- Correlate the probability map with the galaxies
- Galaxies are taken as the center of pointings (seeds)

- Obs window
- Visibility
- Zenith angle
- H.E.S.S. FoV

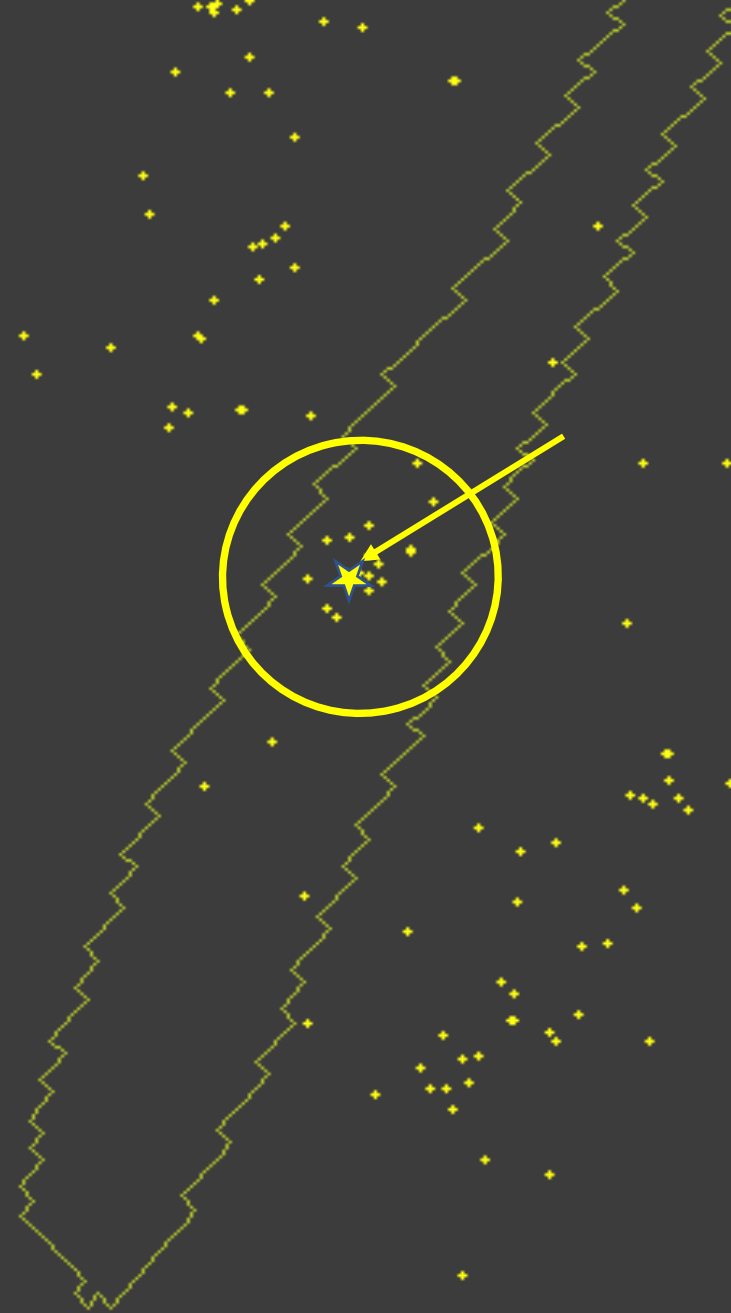


- Correlate the probability map with the galaxies
- Galaxies are taken as the center of pointings (seeds)



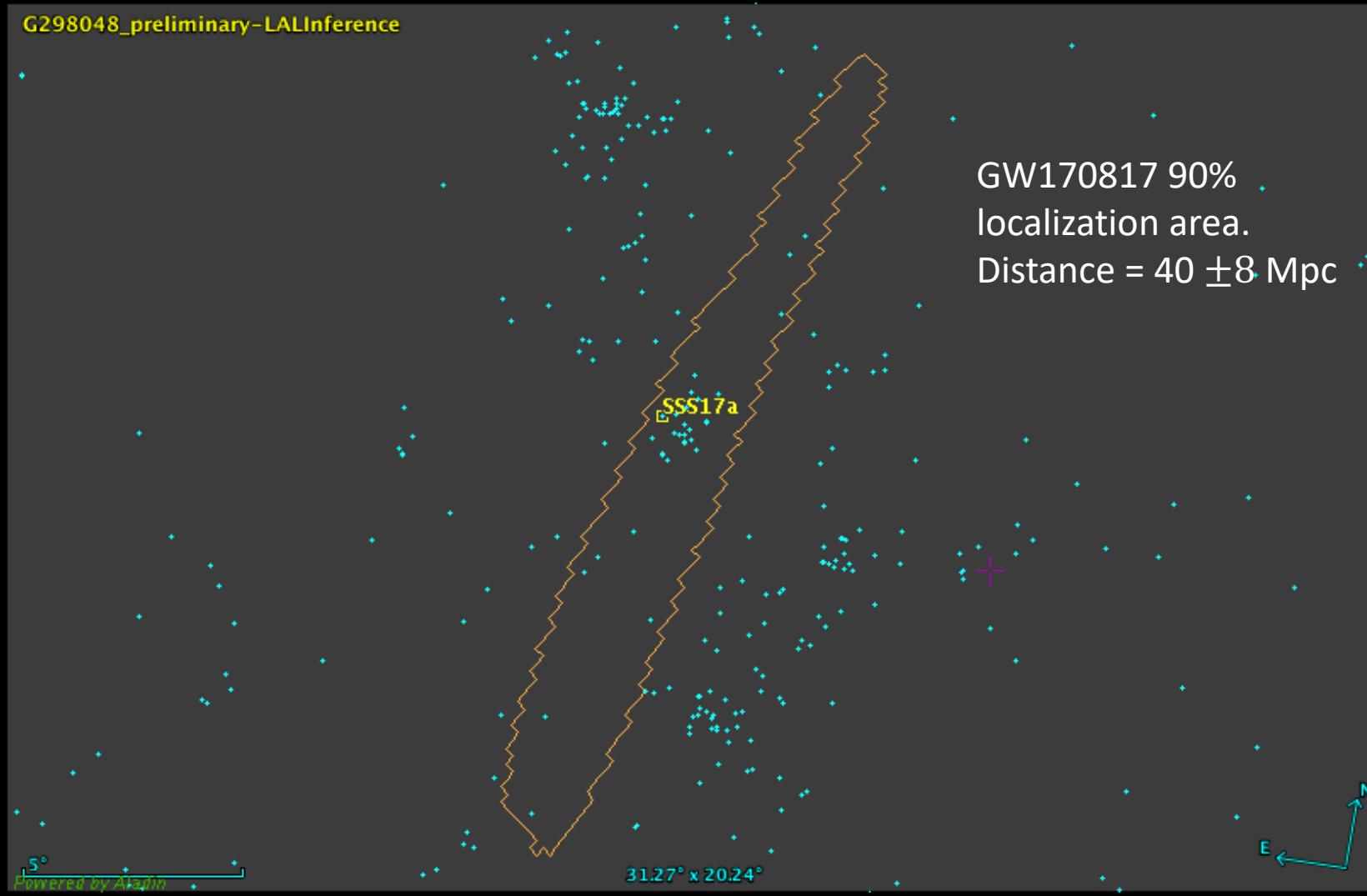
- Obs window
- Visibility
- Zenith angle
- H.E.S.S. FoV

- Correlate the probability map with the galaxies
- The pointing with the highest integrated galaxy probability is chosen for the given window

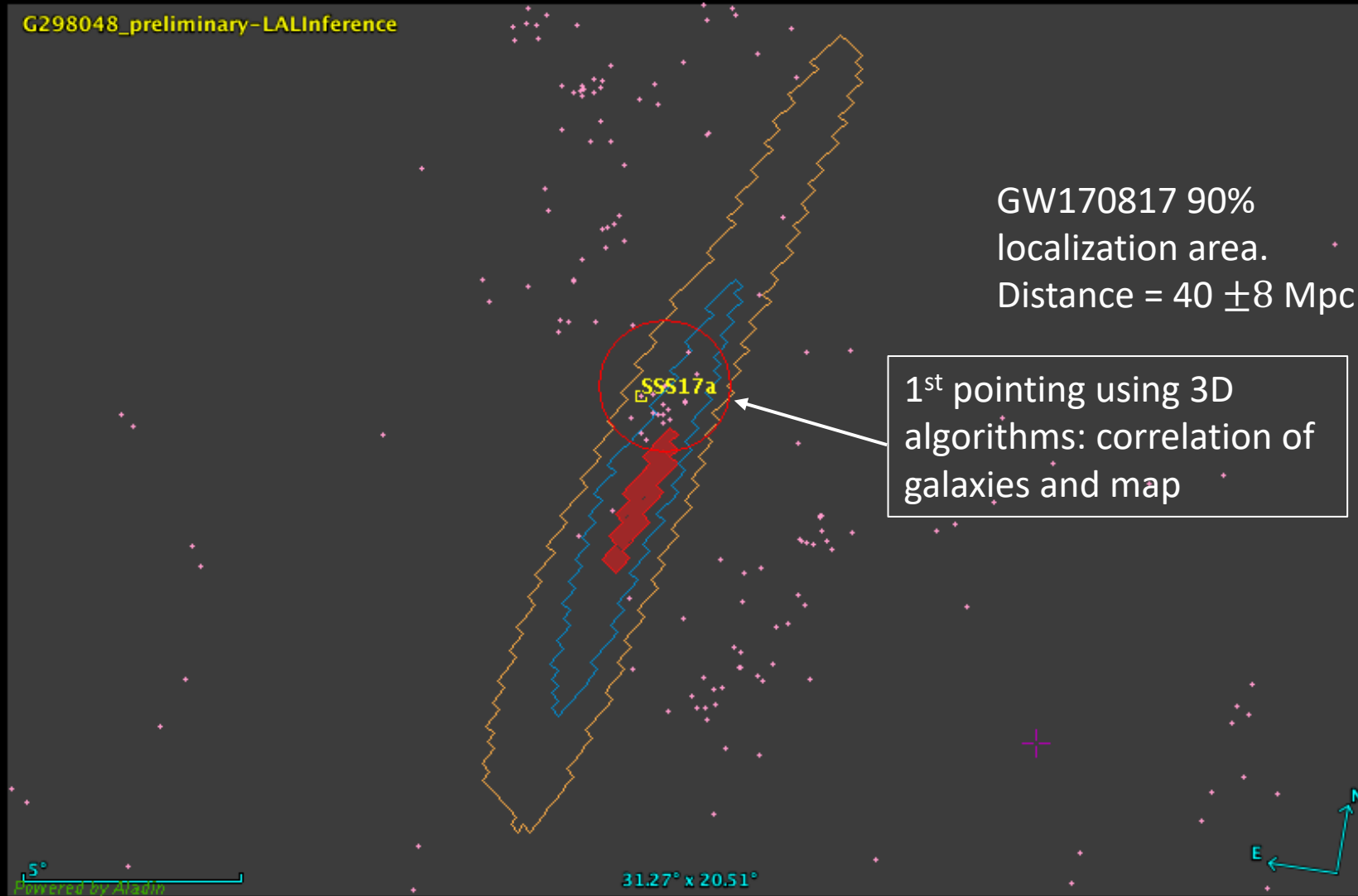


- Obs window
- Visibility
- Zenith angle
- H.E.S.S. FoV

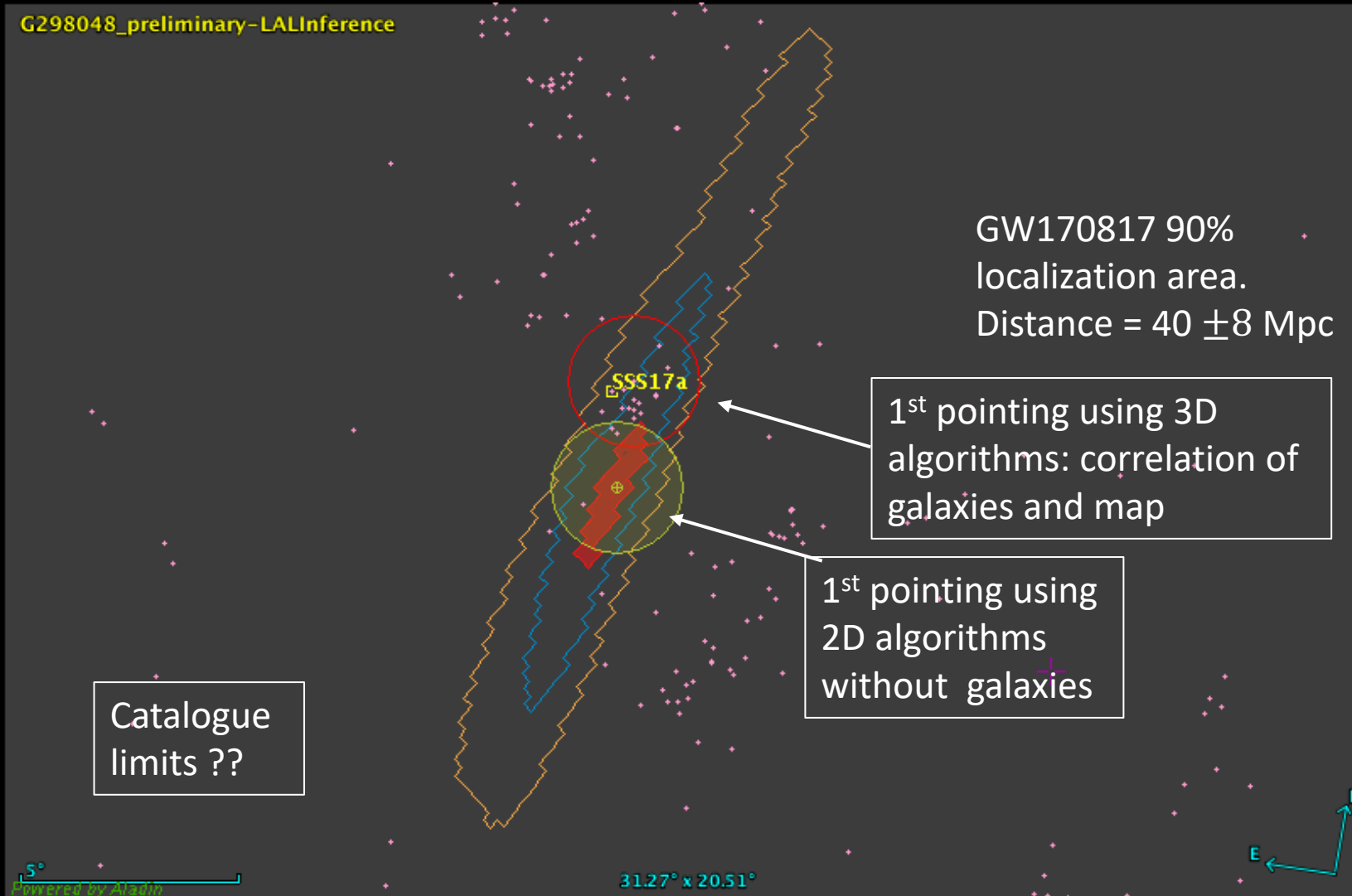
# Example: GW170817



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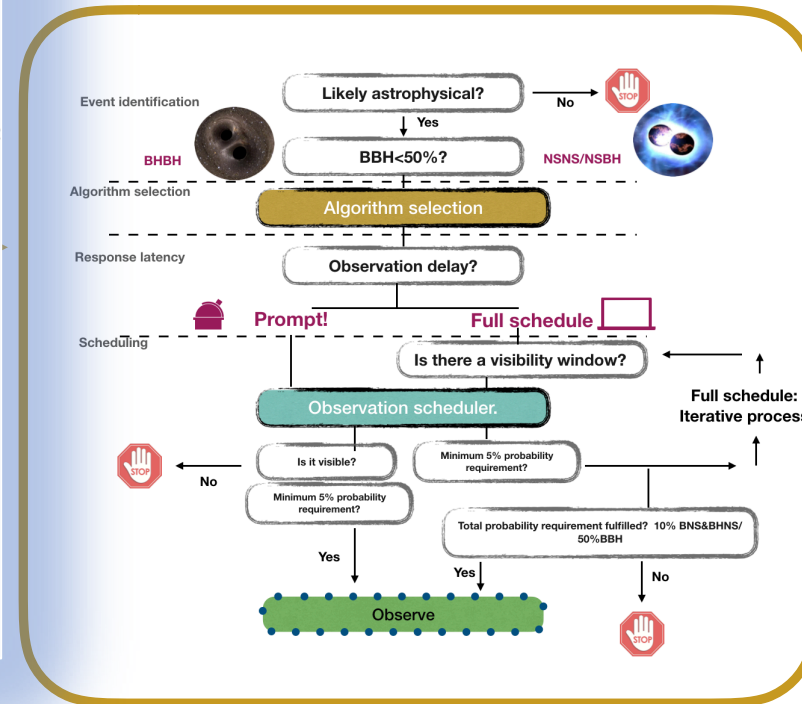


# Alert system



## Fully automatic handling of alerts and data acquisition by the VoAlerter

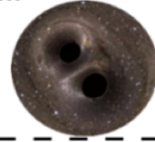
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GW

Event identification

BHBH



Likely astrophysical?

No



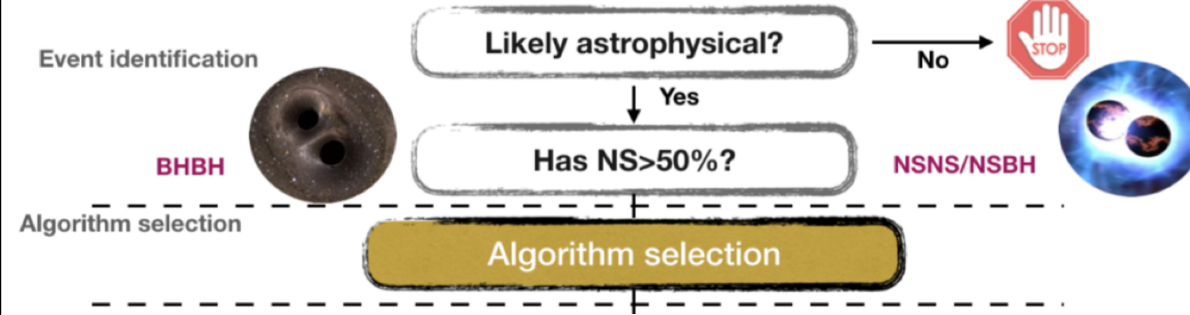
Yes

Has NS > 50%?

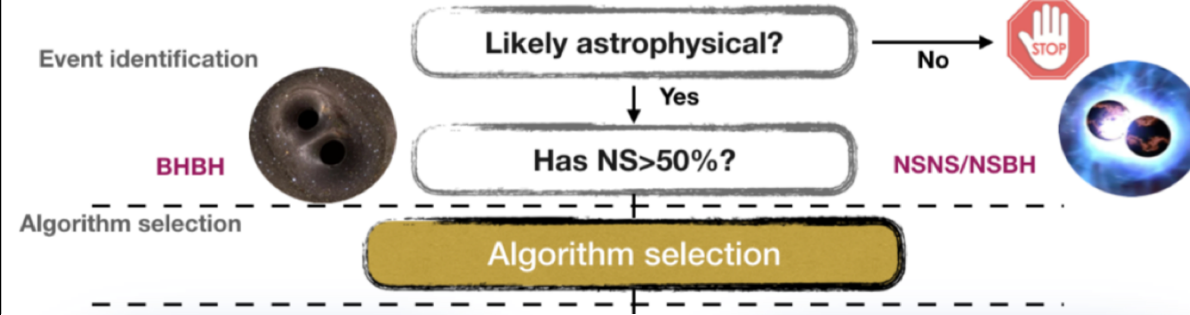
NSNS/NSBH



GW

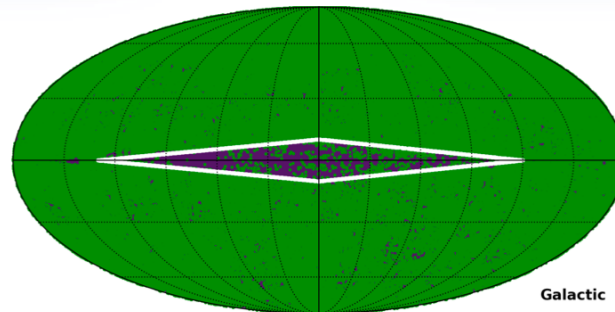


GW

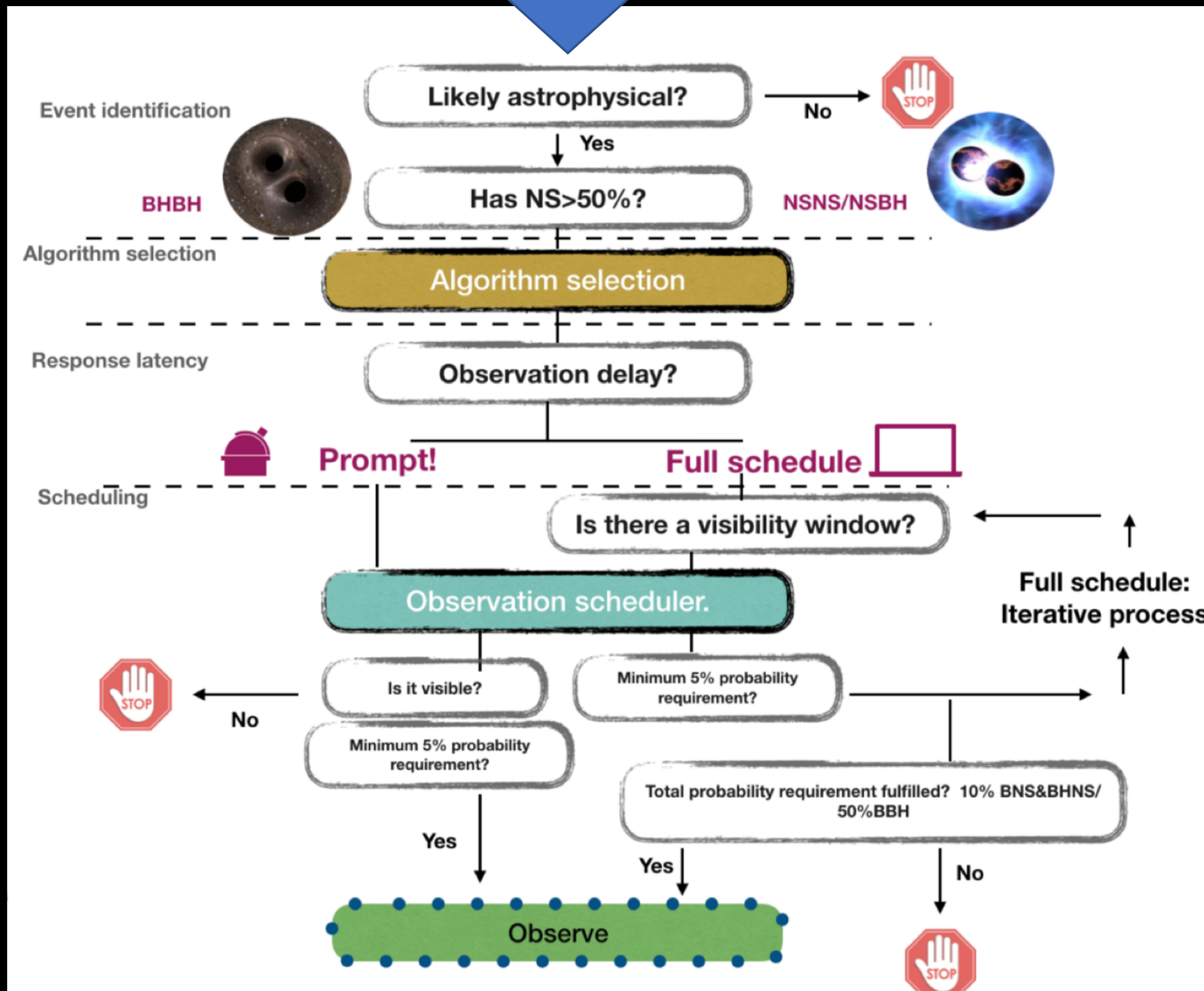


3D  
information?

Distance < 150  
Mpc



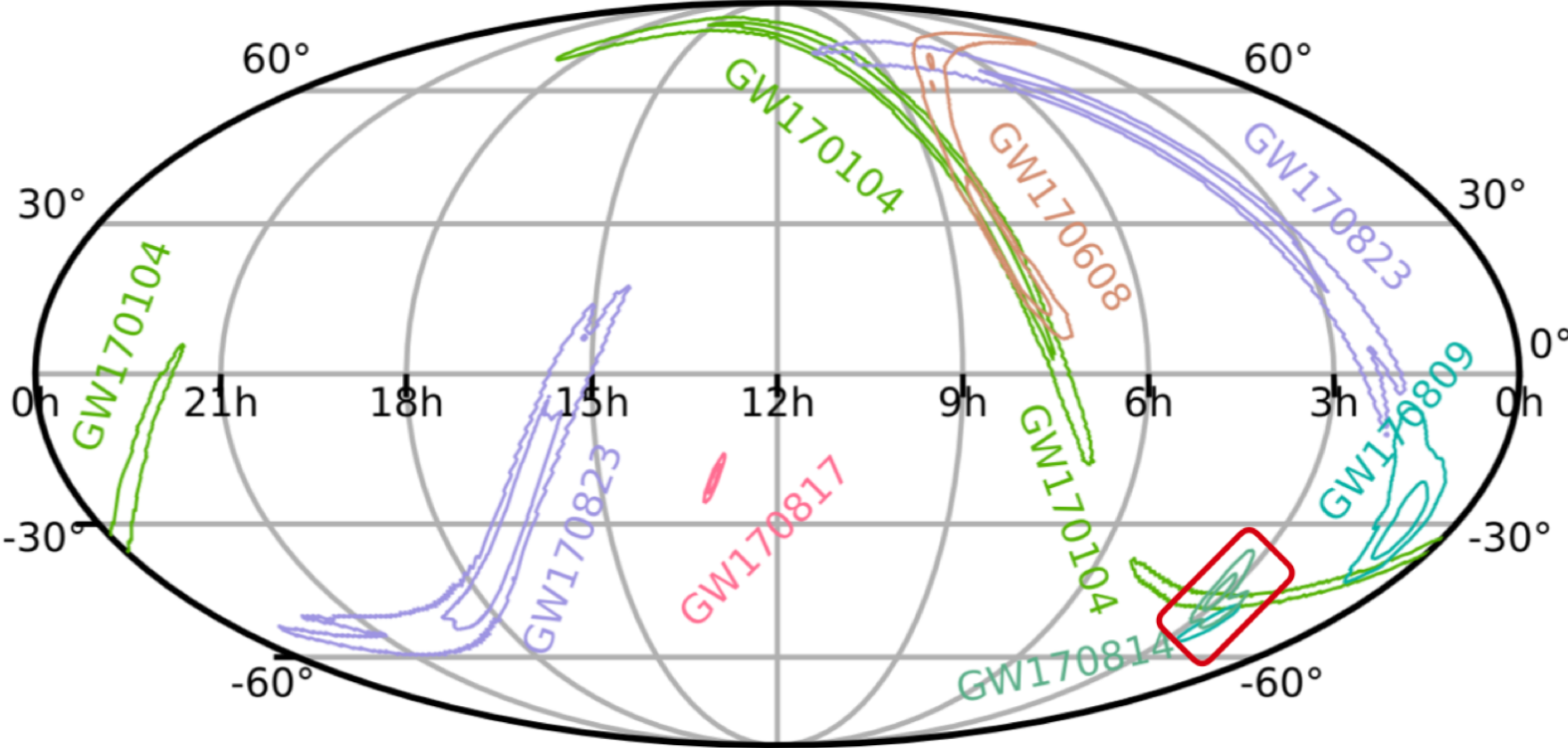
GW



# GW follow-up observations and analysis

## Observation Run 02

# GWTC-1: O2 catalog

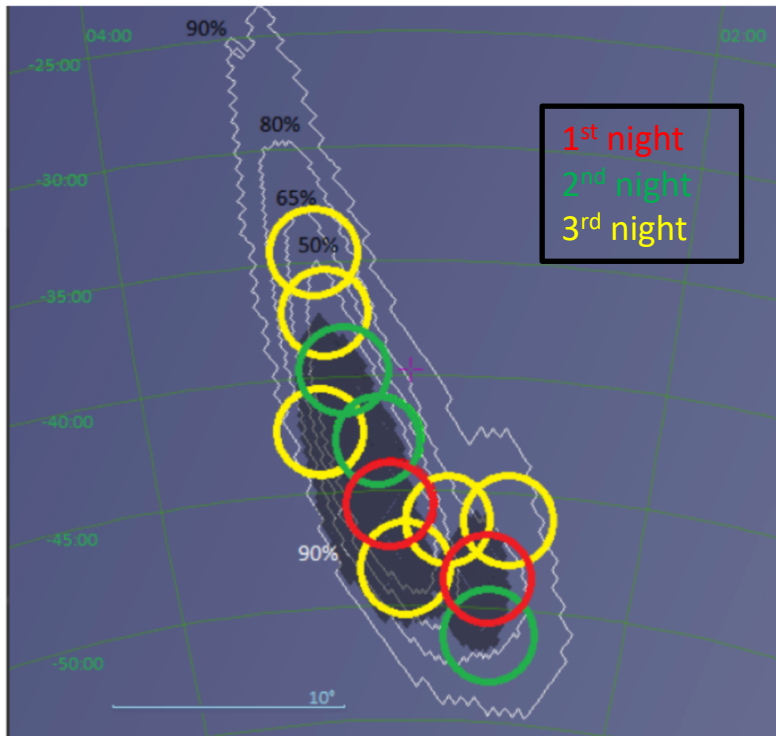


GWTC-1: [arXiv:1811.12907](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.12907)



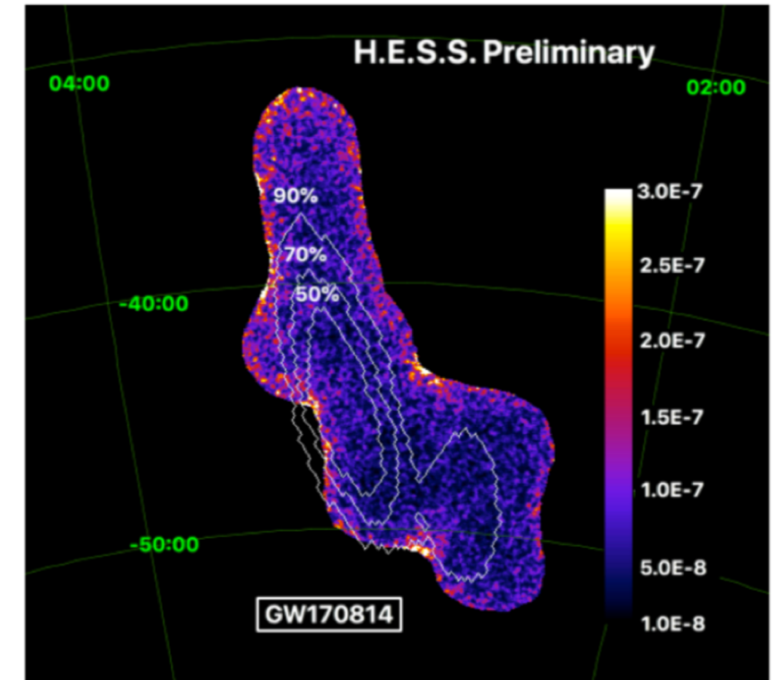
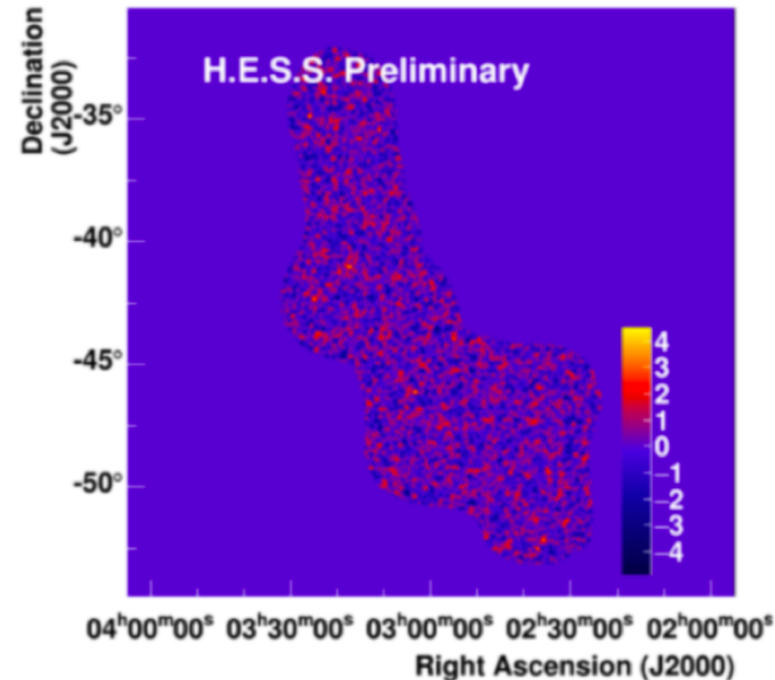
# GW170814: BBH

- For O2 technical, trial run on BBH: GW170814 (3 days before real NSM trigger!)



- 14 August 2017, seen by aLIGO-L, aLIGO-H and Virgo  
Credible region sky area (without V1): 1160 deg<sup>2</sup> (with V1): 60 deg<sup>2</sup>

M1: 28-36 M<sub>⊙</sub>  
M2 :21-28 M<sub>⊙</sub>

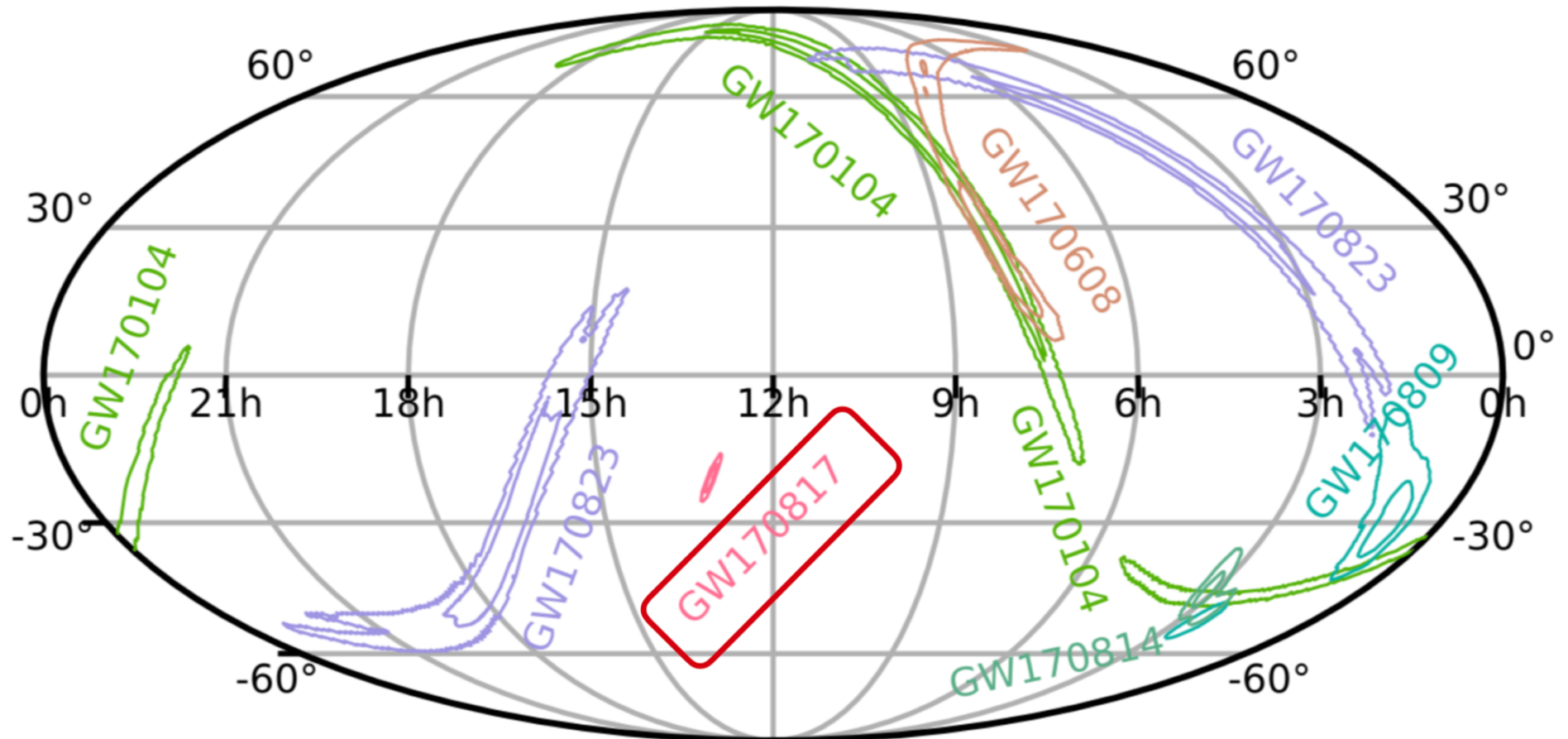


H. Ashkar, F. Schüssler, M. Seglar-Arroy (2019). 12th NTEGRAL conference / 1st AHEAD workshop, *MmSAI*, Arxive 1906.10426, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.10426>





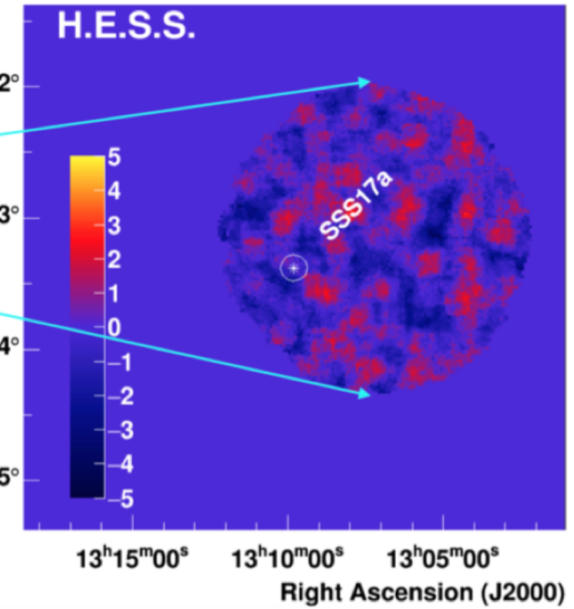
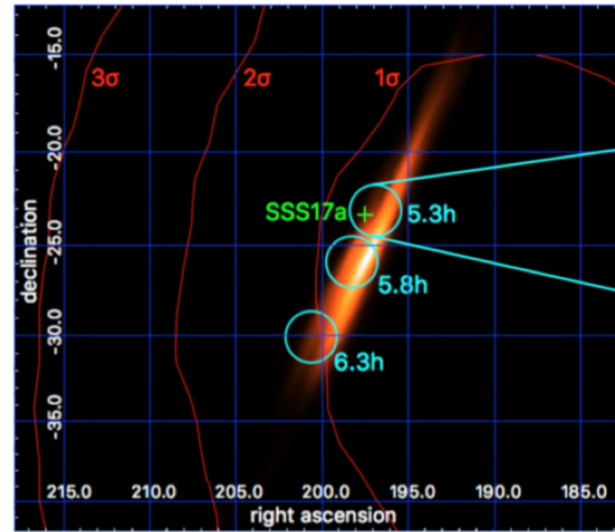
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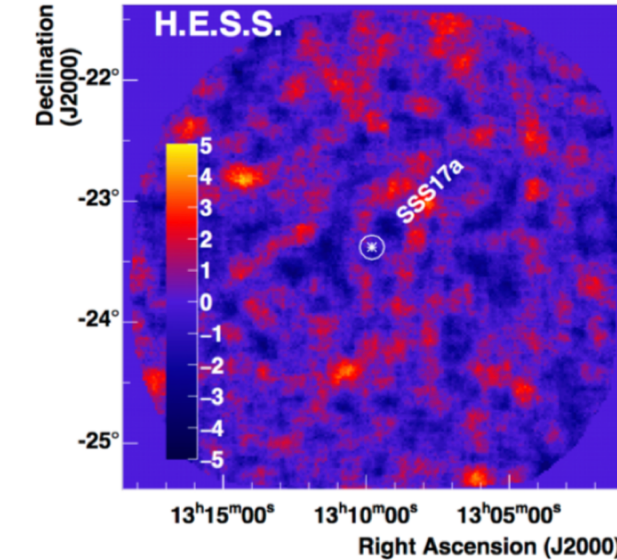
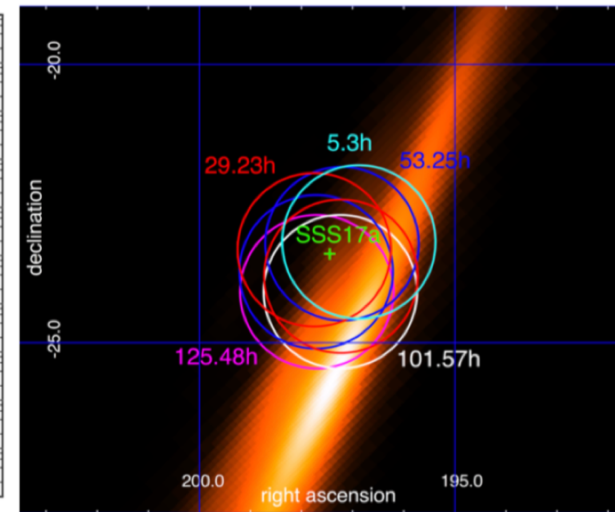
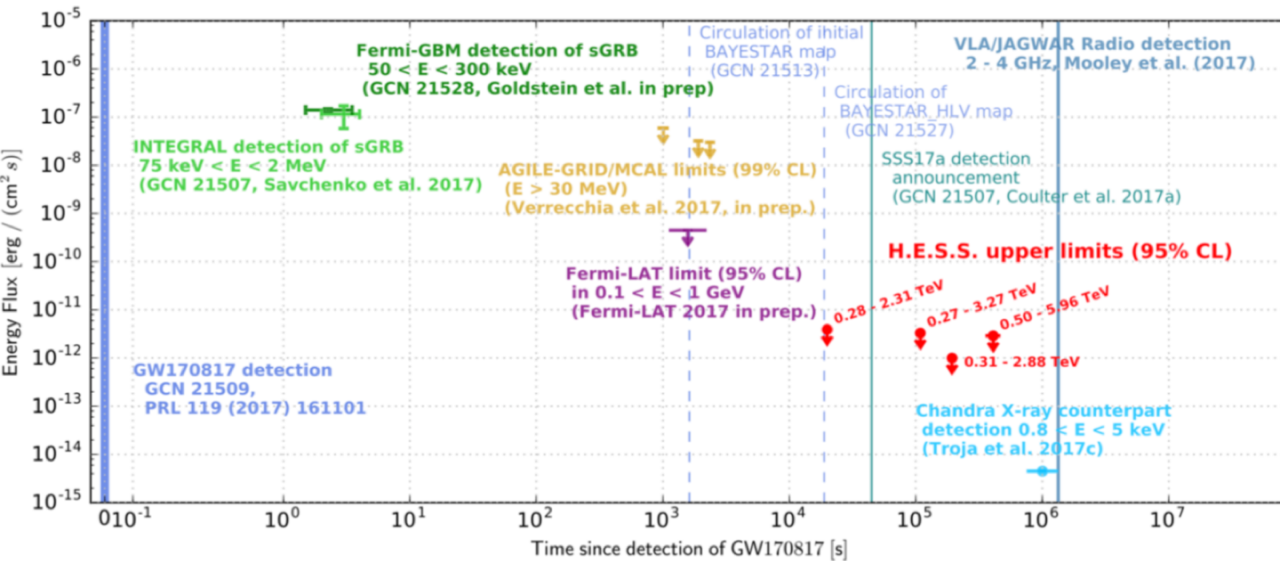
# GW170817: BNS

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 (LIGO+Virgo reconstruction)
- The first observation covered the afterwards identified position of the NS-NS
- In subsequent nights: monitoring of the EM counterpart



H.E.S.S. collaboration (2017). *ApJ*. 850. L22.



# EM170817 long-term follow-up

→ implications on time dependent magnetic field

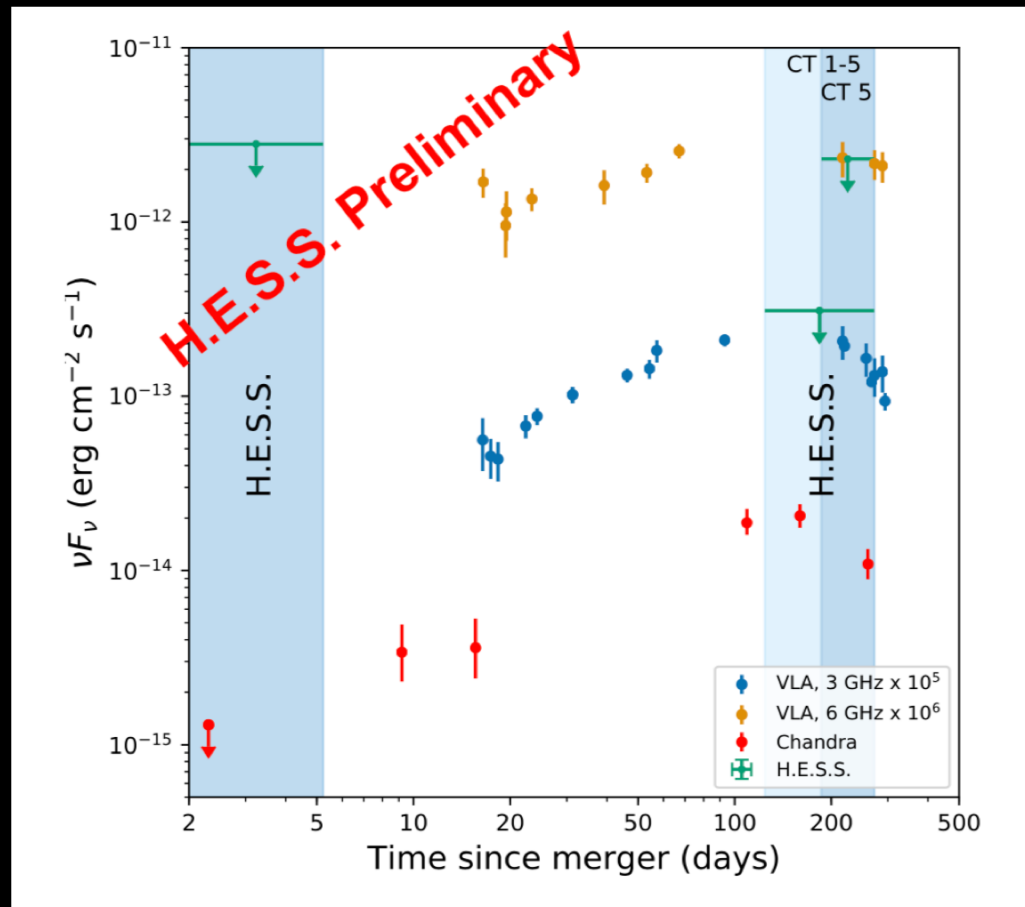
- The “late-time” follow-up of GW/GRB170817:

- Radio and x-ray:

- 10x flux increase in 150 days
- Efficient electron acceleration synchrotron emission in merger remnants magnetic field
- Plateau and turnover after 160 days

- TeV  $\gamma$  rays ??

- Good condition for  $\gamma$ -ray production via ssc



- Pointed observation covering plateau and fading of non-thermal emission (125 to 270 days)

- 32 hours exposure with CT5

- 54 hours exposure with CT1-5

- Radio & X-rays probe synchrotron emission
  - Provides  $N_e * U_B$
  - Provides lower limit on  $E_{\text{max},e}$
  - Alone cannot disentangle the two components

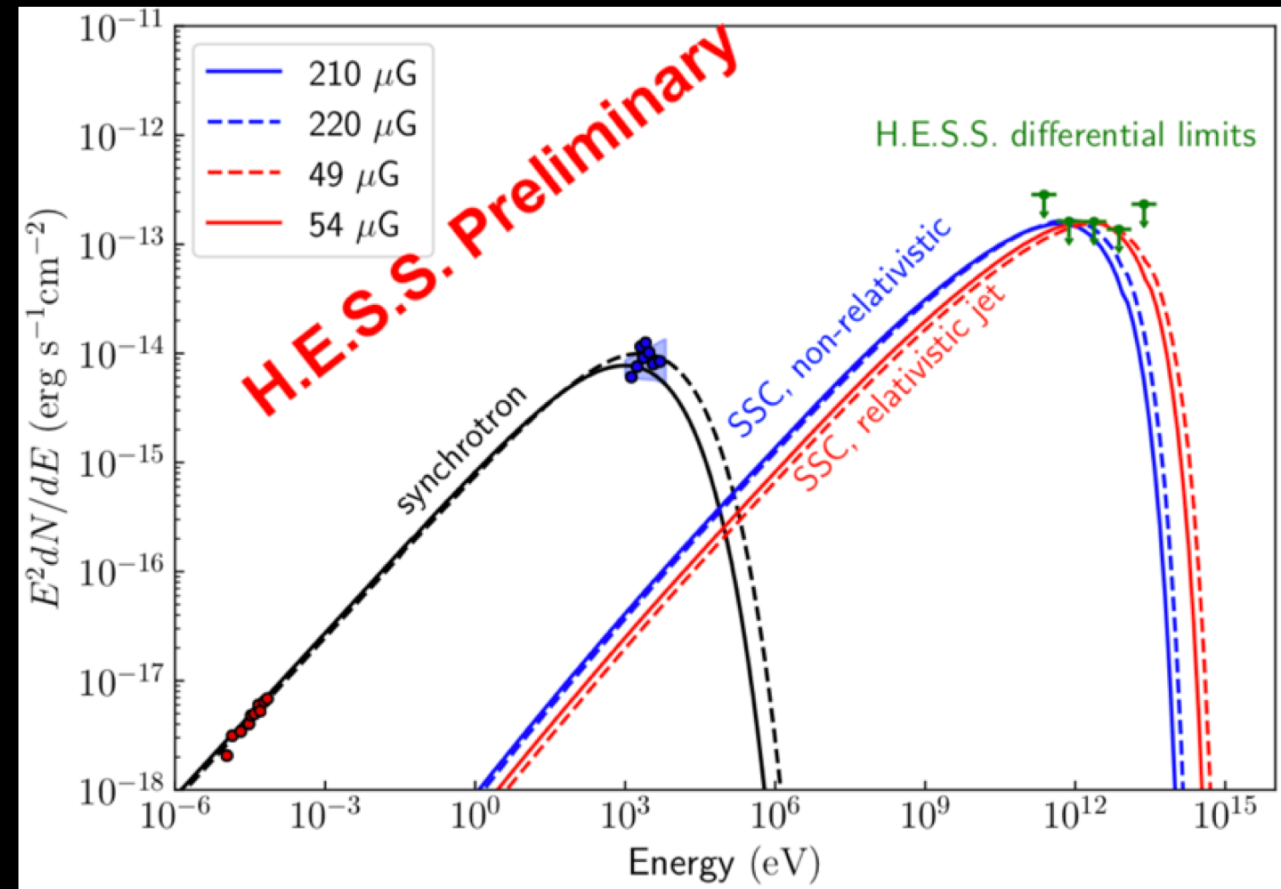
- $\gamma$ -rays probe inverse Compton emission
  - Provides  $N_e * N_e * U_B$  ( $N_e * U_B \sim$  fixed via ssc)

➤ Radio, X-ray,  $\gamma$ -ray can break ambiguity

2 scenarios:  
 Spherical outflow:  $\gtrsim 200 \mu\text{G}$   
 Off-axis jet:  $\gtrsim 50 \mu\text{G}$

Paper in preparation

- Model SSC emission in two scenarios at 110 days after the merger
- Peak of IC component expected in core H.E.S.S. energy range



# GW follow-up observations and analysis

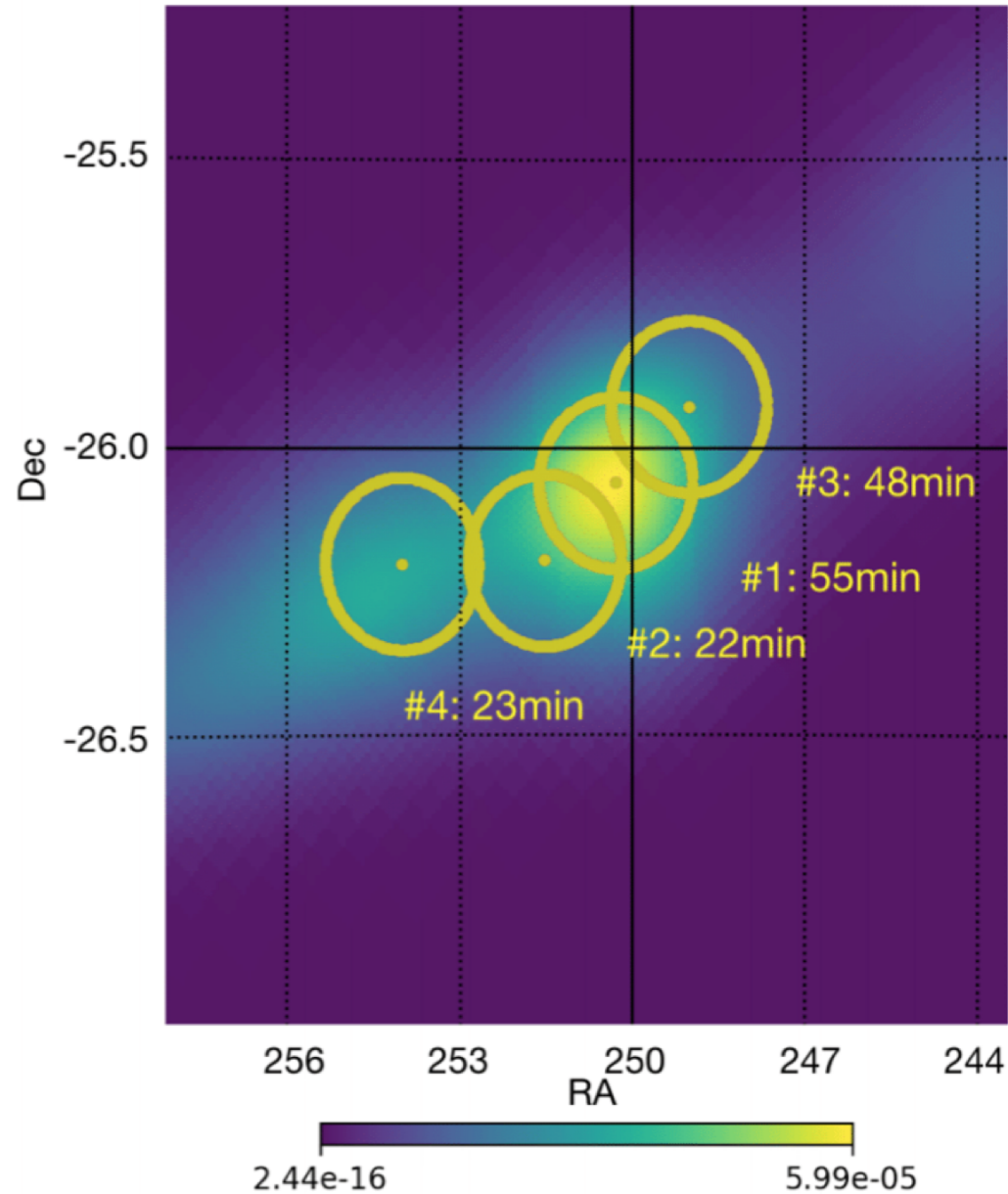
## Observation Run 03

# Follow-up of O3 gravitational wave events

ID	Time (UTC)	Type	90% C.R.	$\Delta_t$	$N_p$	$P_{GW}$	Follow-up
S190408	19-04-08 18:18	BH-BH	387 deg <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	No
S190412	19-04-12 05:31	BH-BH	156 deg <sup>2</sup>	~ 13h	6	66%	No
S190425	19-04-25 08:18	NS-NS	7461deg <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	No
S190426	19-04-26 15:22	NS-NS	1262 deg <sup>2</sup>	~ 6h	9	4 %	No
S190503	19-05-03 18:54	BH-BH	443 deg <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	No
S190512	19-05-12 18:07	BH-BH	339 deg <sup>2</sup>	5h30m	9	34%	Yes
S190513	19-05-13 20:54	BH-BH	691deg <sup>2</sup>	4h20m	1	9%	No
S190519	19-05-19 15:36	BH-BH	967 deg <sup>2</sup>	> days	-	-	No
S190521	19-05-21 03:03	BH-BH	1163 deg <sup>2</sup>	> days	-	-	No
S190521-II	19-05-21 07:44	BH-BH	488 deg <sup>2</sup>	> days	-	-	No
S190602	19-06-02 18:00	BH-BH	1172 deg <sup>2</sup>	> days	-	-	No
S190630	19-06-30 18:52	BH-BH	8493 deg <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	No
S190701	19-07-01 20:33	BH-BH	67 deg <sup>2</sup>	6h	3	51%	No
S190706	19-07-06 22:26	BH-BH	1100 deg <sup>2</sup>	> days	-	-	No
S190707	19-07-07 09:33	BH-BH	1375 deg <sup>2</sup>	15h	-	-	No
S190718	19-07-18 14:35	Terrestrial	7246 deg <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	No
S190720	19-07-20 00:09	BH-BH	1599 deg <sup>2</sup>	> days	-	-	No
S190727	19-07-27 06:03	BH-BH	841 deg <sup>2</sup>	> days	-	-	No
S190728	19-07-28 06:45	MassGap	104 deg <sup>2</sup>	13h	4	50%	Yes

GCN 25237:  
<https://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/gcn3/25237.gcn3>

# S190512



Re-observation  
based on RTA

# GW follow-up with CTA

Low-latency gravitational waves follow-up program of CTA



# Simulations of VHE counterpart searches in GW follow ups with CTA

## Simulation of BNS mergers and GW detection with GWCOSMoS:

Patricelli, B., et al. (2018)

- Merger rate of 830 Gpc<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>
- Max distance = 500 Mpc
- Localisation using BAYESTAR
- Distance and angle with respect to the line of sight are known from mock catalog of BNS merger



## Simulation of VHE emission from sGRBs:

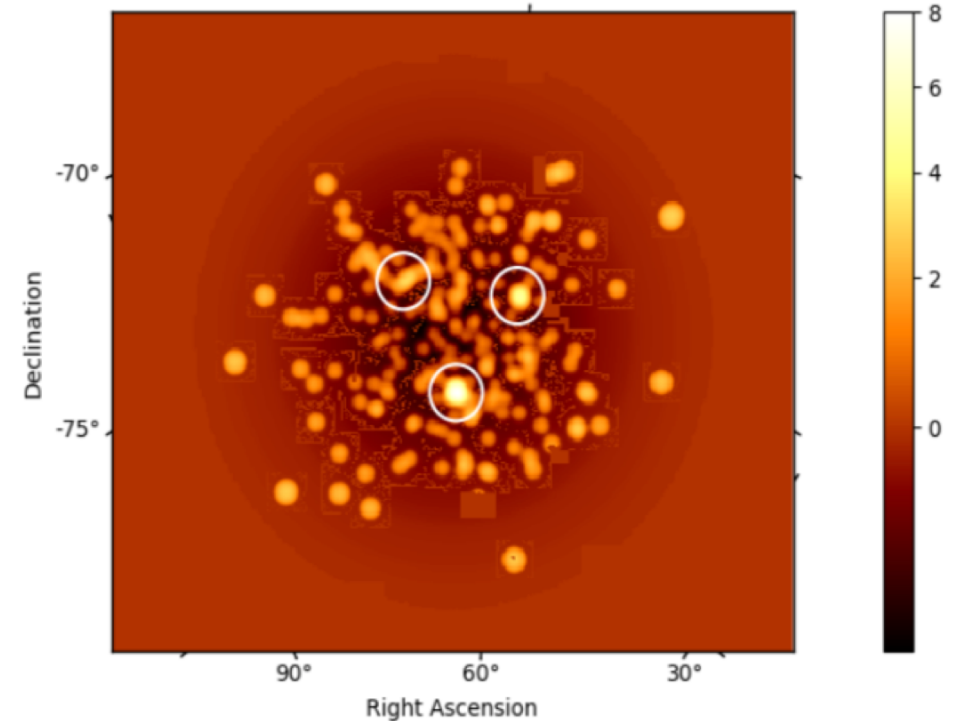
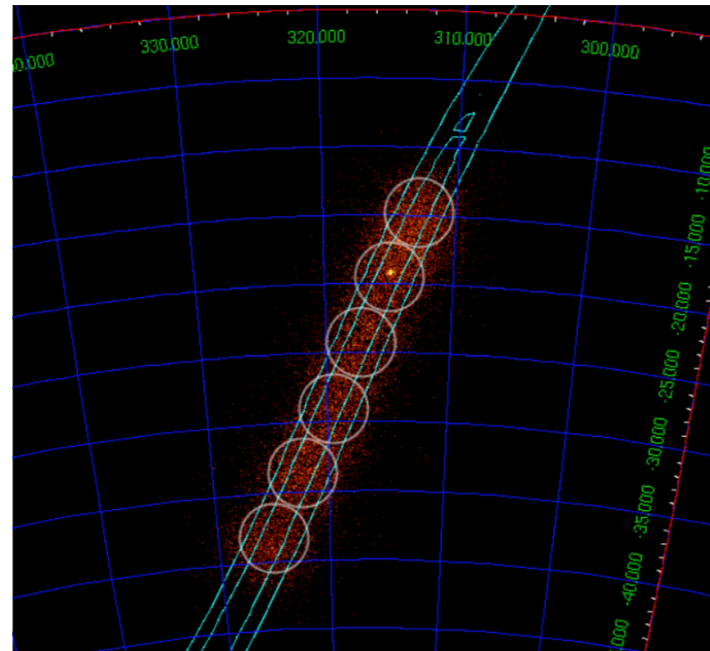
- 0.1-10 GeV luminosity as a function of time derived from typical properties of LAT GRBs (in particular GRB090510)
- Light curve normalized from the correlation found in Nava L., et al. (2014) between  $E_{iso}$  and  $L_{LAT}^{t=60s}$  for a sample of 10 LAT GRBs
- During initial phase flux is proportional to  $t^2$
- Deceleration phase luminosity decreases as  $t^{-1.4}$
- The spectral shape is considered a simple power-law with photon index -2.1 ( $NE \propto E^{-2.1}$ ) spectrum, extrapolated up to 10 TeV (normalization derived from the integrated luminosity 0.1-10 GeV)

- Alert injection & GW follow-up observation
- Scheduling:
  - Low-energy coverage (zenith angle optimization)
  - Probability coverage maximization
  - $TJ = T_{alert} + T_{slew} + \sum_1^{J-1} T_J$

CTA observation searching for an EM counterpart

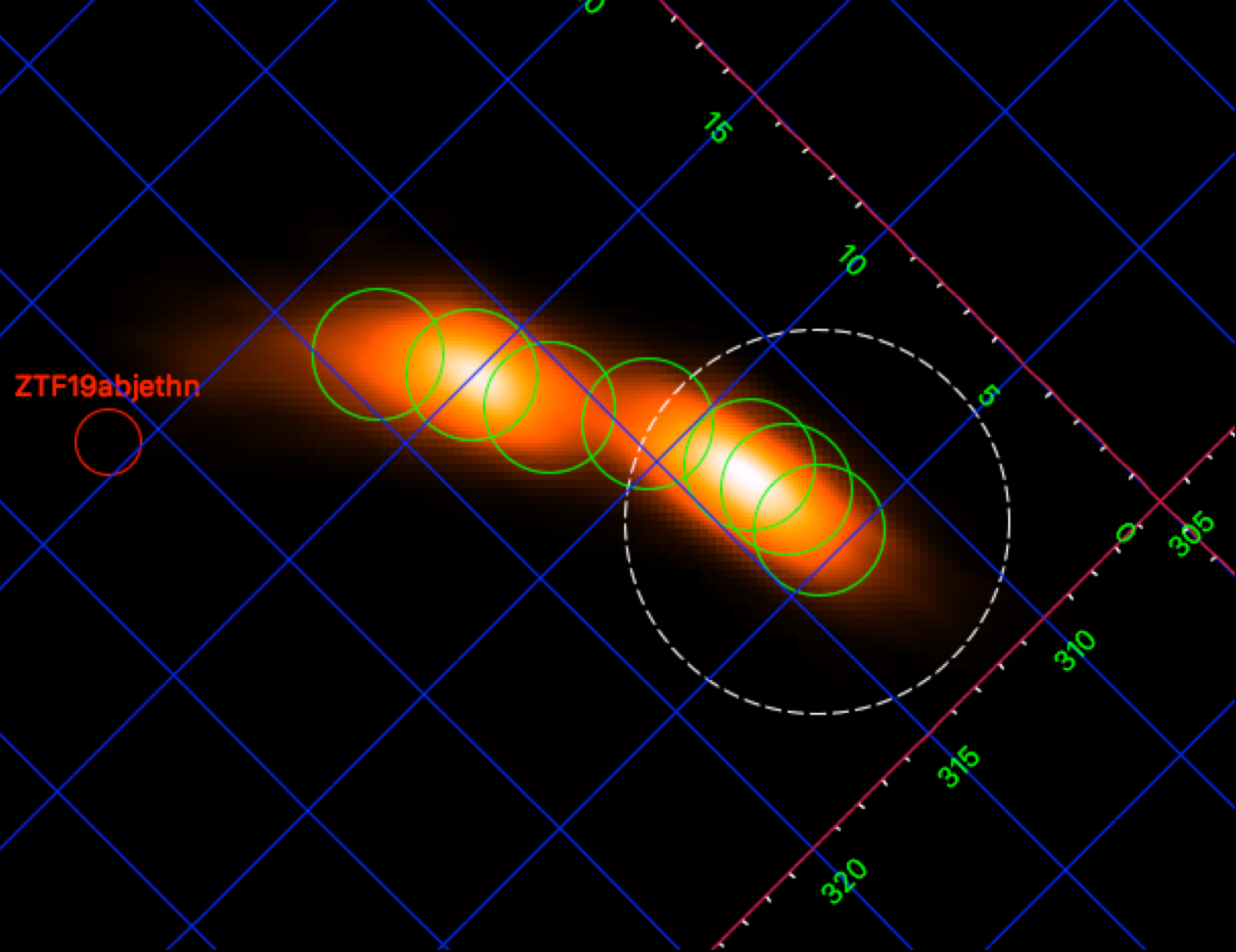
Analysis of the CTA scheduled observations (run-by-run)

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_0+T_{obs}} \frac{dF(t)}{dt} dt = F_{5\sigma}^{int}(t_0, t_0 + T_{obs})$$



Seglar-Arroyo, M., et al (2019). ICRC2019 (PoS 790), <https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.08393>

Thank You



# The search for Compact Binary Mergers in a nutshell

## Burst searches

- Look for excess power time – frequency patterns consistent in multiple detectors
- Can search for un-modeled & un-expected sources (ex: SN)

## Template searches

- Anticipates GR waveforms (from models) as a and finds the template that fits data best
- Confident detection & parameter estimation
- Probable 3D information

# LVC Maps

- Healpix format
- Pixel indices + 4 layers
  1. Prob: Probability
- If has3D info:
  2. Distmu: distance average
  3. Distsigma: distance error
  4. Distnorm: normalization

Singer, L. P. et al. 2016, *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 829L, 15S

