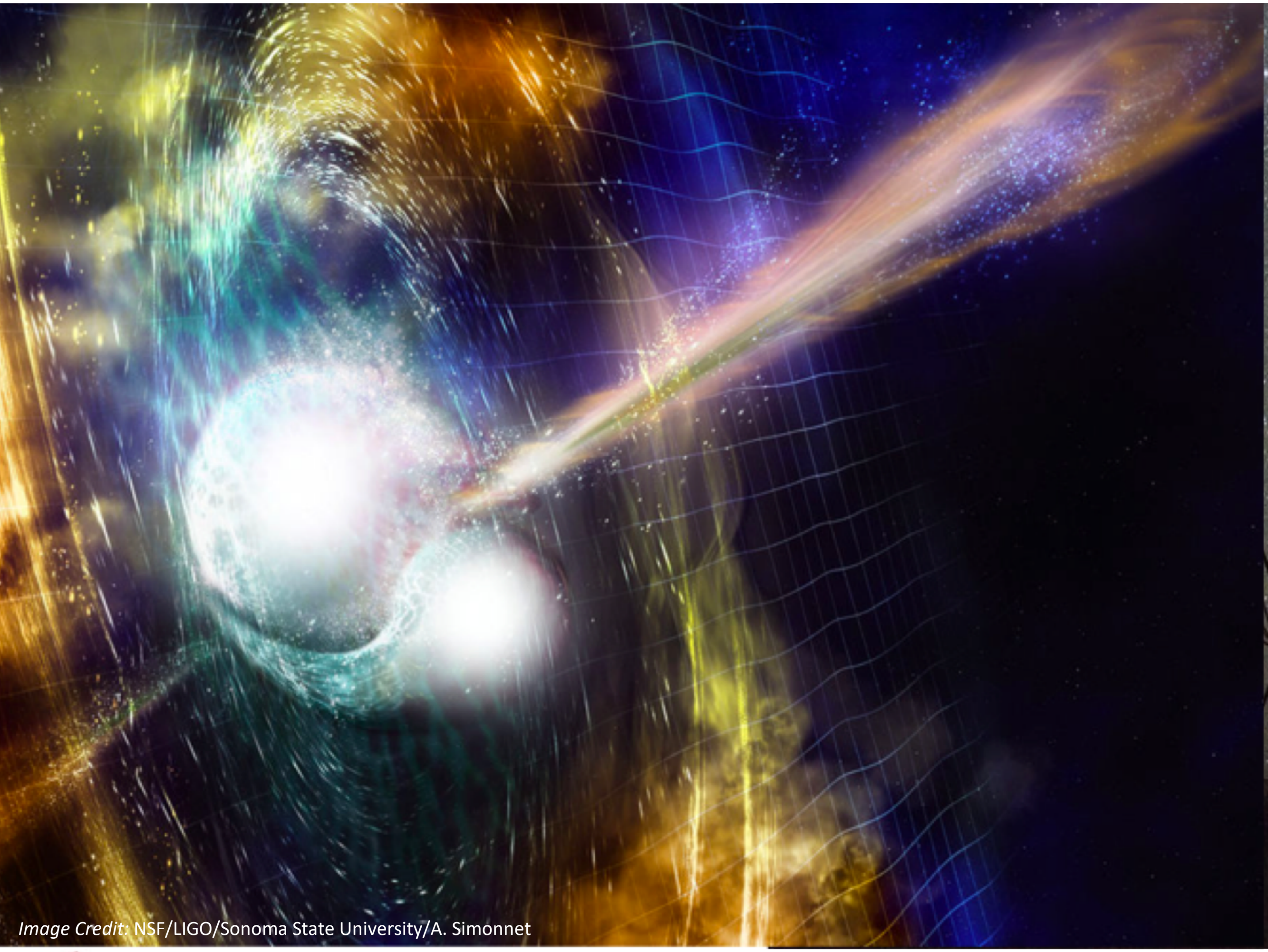
The hunt for GW counterparts with H.E.S.S. in the multi-messenger era



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Halim Ashkar (on behalf of the H.E.S.S. GW team)

Elbereth conference – Paris 2020

Science Case: VHE emission in compact binary coalescence

- First BBH in 2015 in **O1** **(LIGO)**: **GW150914**
- First BNS in 2017 in **O2** **(LIGO/Virgo)**: **GW170817**
- **We are now in O3**

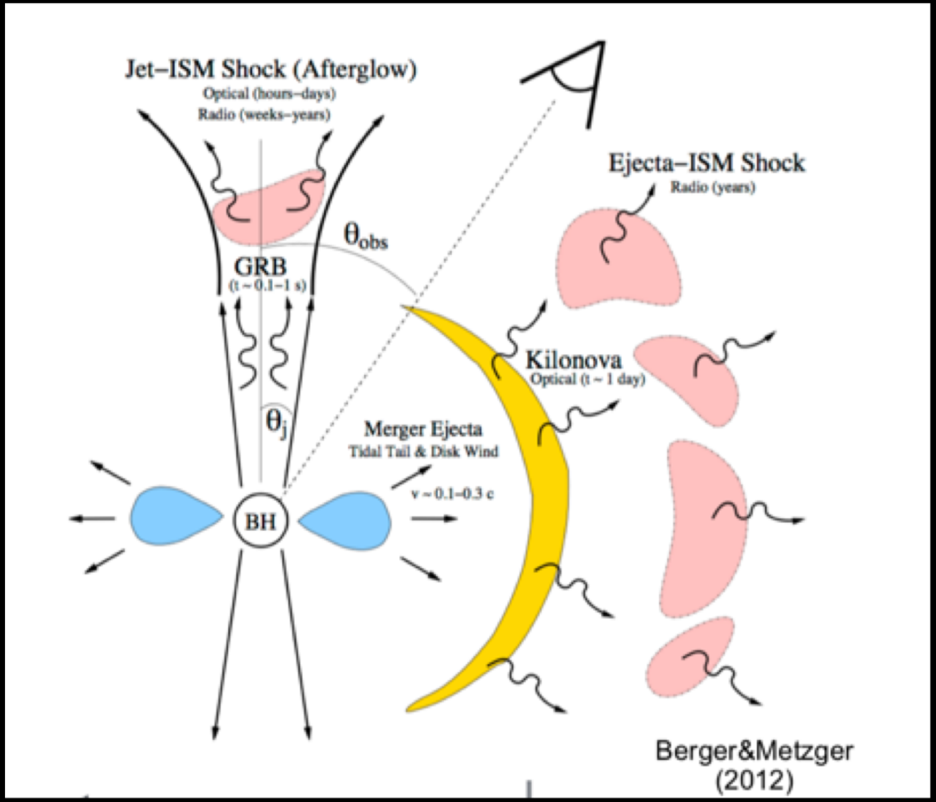
- Neutron star - neutron star (BNS)
- Neutron star – black hole (BHNS)
- Black hole – black hole (BBH)

➢ Nature of the merger remnant
➢ Energy spectrum and remnant structures
➢ Better understanding of fundamental physics and emission mechanisms

Virgo

Ligo

Science Case: VHE emission in compact binary coalescence



Examples of VHE GRB:

- Space instruments (GeV):

- GRB 081024B: in prompt phase E_{photon}~ 3 GeV
- GRB 090510: in prompt phase E_{photon}~30 GeV
- GRB 130427A : Ephoton~ 95 GeV (minutes)
E_{photon} ~ 32GeV (hours)

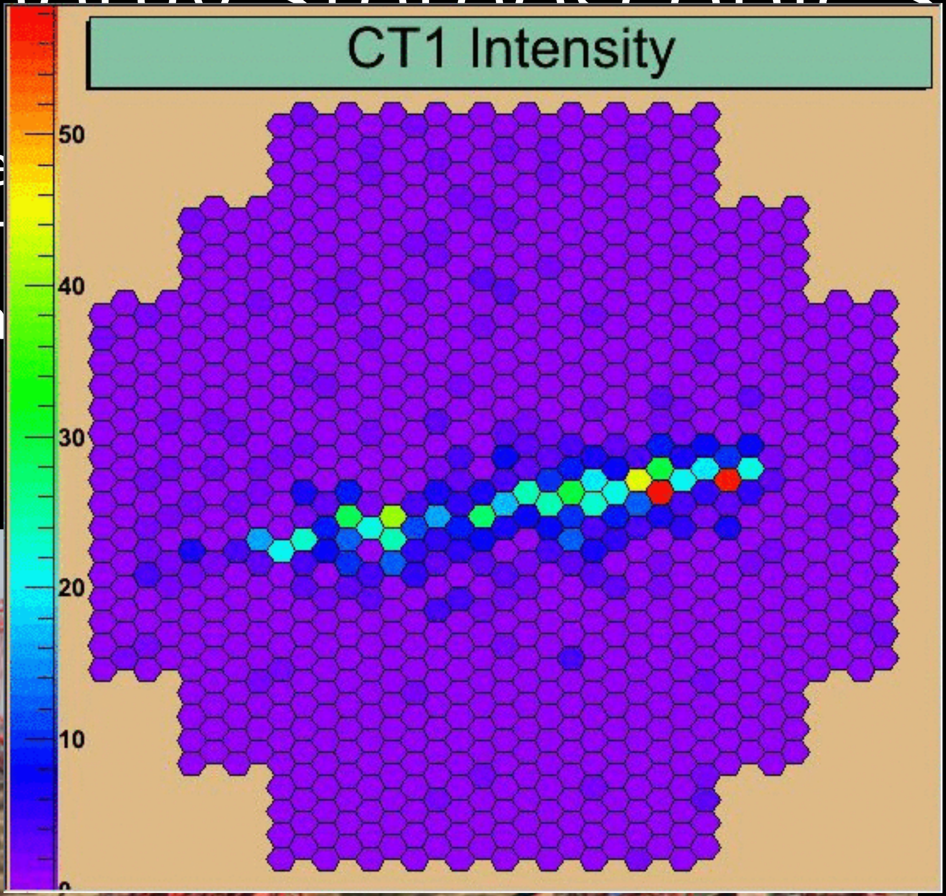
- Ground instruments (TeV):
- **GRB180720B detected by H.E.S.S (440GeV-11 hours)**

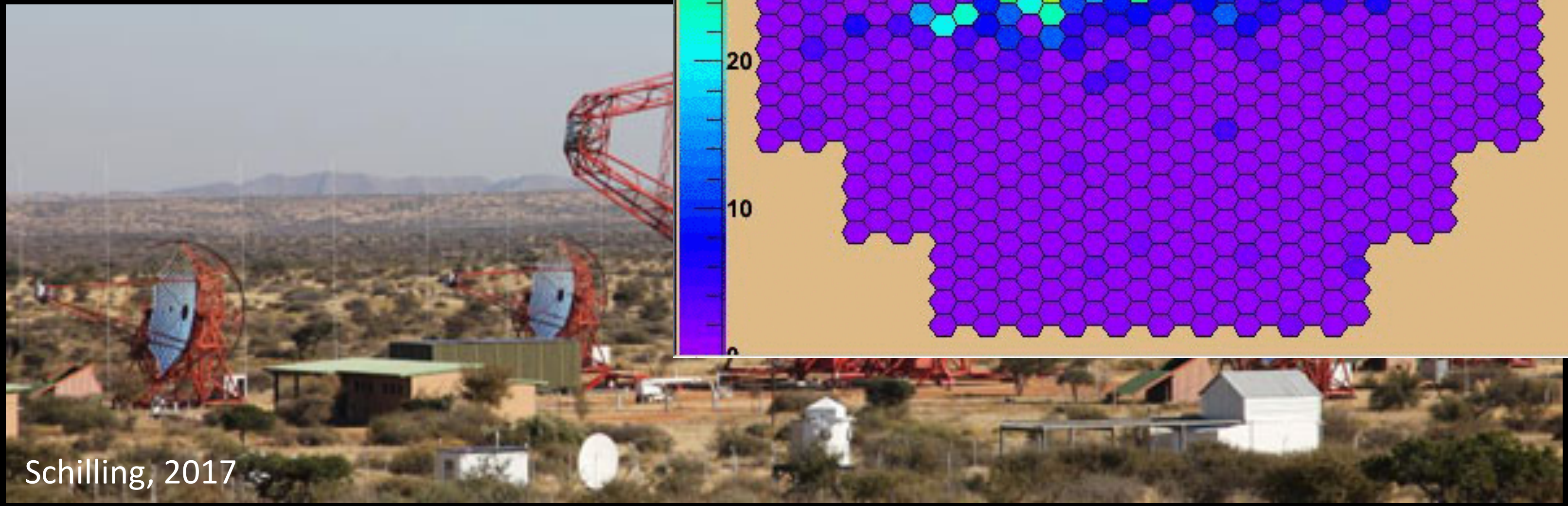
→ Nature 575, 464–467 (2019) doi:10.1038/s41586-019-1743-9
- **GRB 190114C detected by MAGIC (TeV – early afterglow)**

→Nature 575, 455–458 (2019) doi:10.1038/s41586-019-1750-x
- **GRB190829A detected by H.E.S.S.**

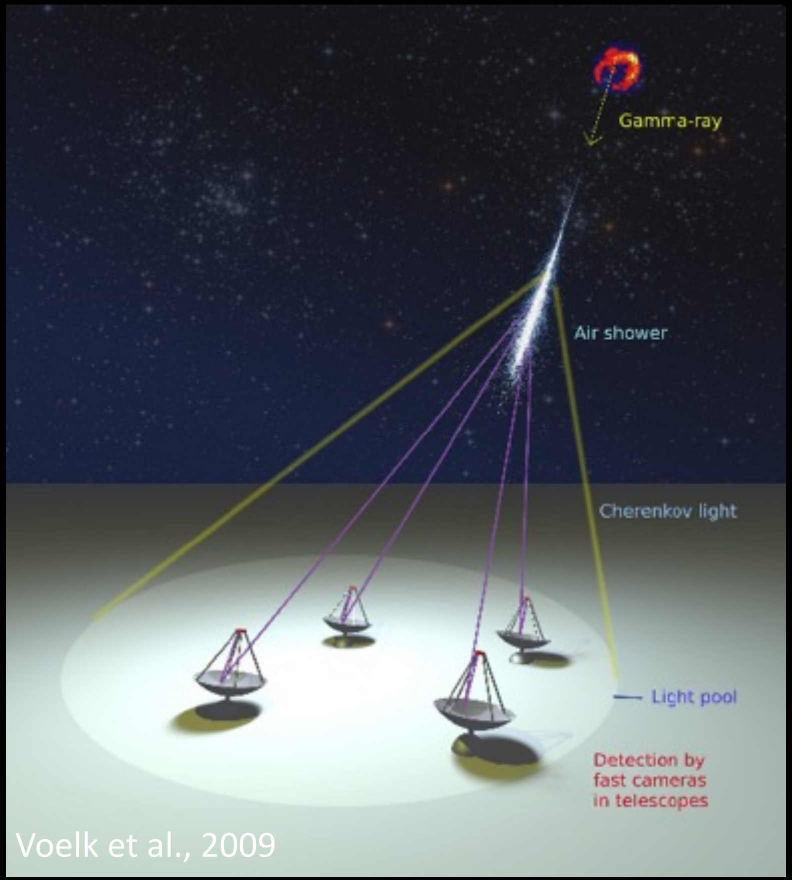
The High Energy Stereoscopic System (H.E.S.S.)

- Imaging Atmosphe
- 0.03TeV < E < 100 T
- Square of four 12n
  (H.E.S.S. 1: CT1, 2,
- 28 m telescope (in

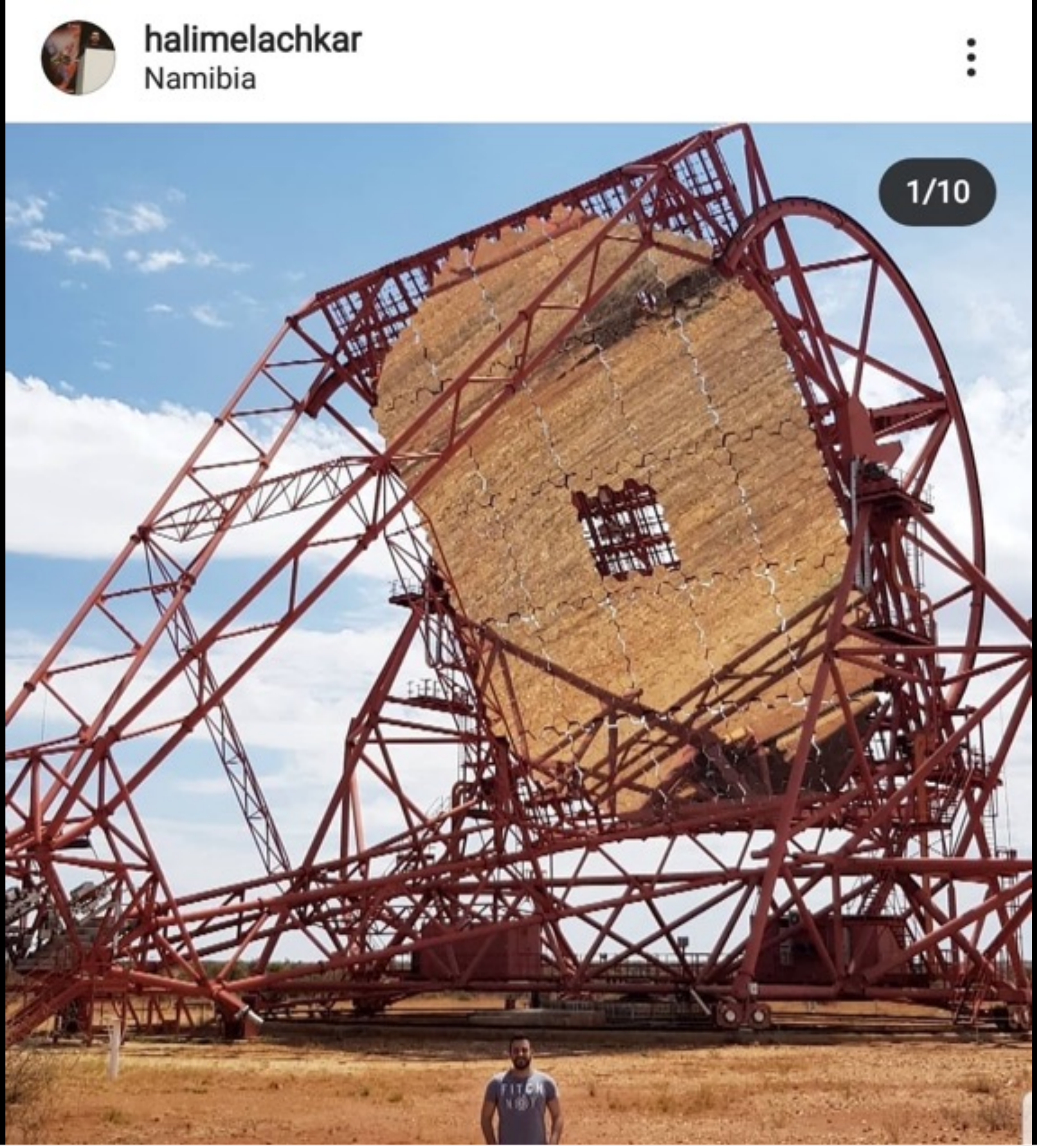




Schilling, 2017



Voelk et al., 2009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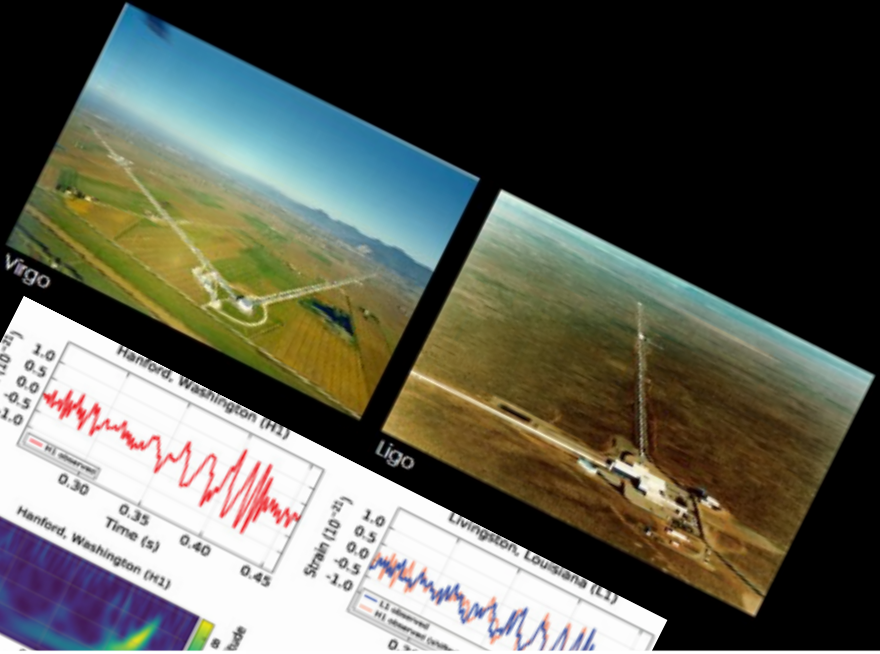
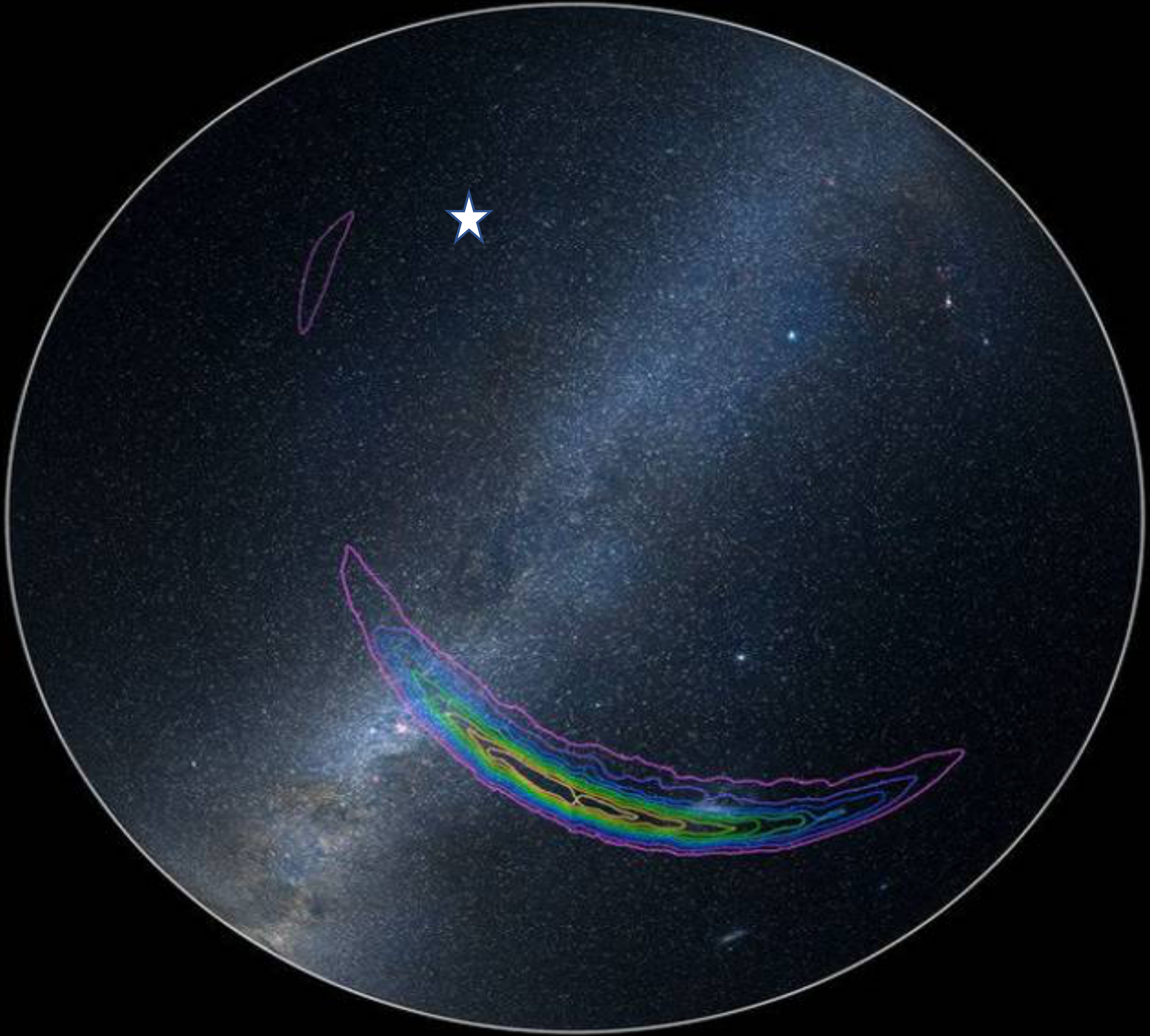

Virgo
Ligo
Hanford, Washington (H1)
Livingston, Louisiana (L1)
Time (s)

But localization regions vary from 10s to 1000s deg^2



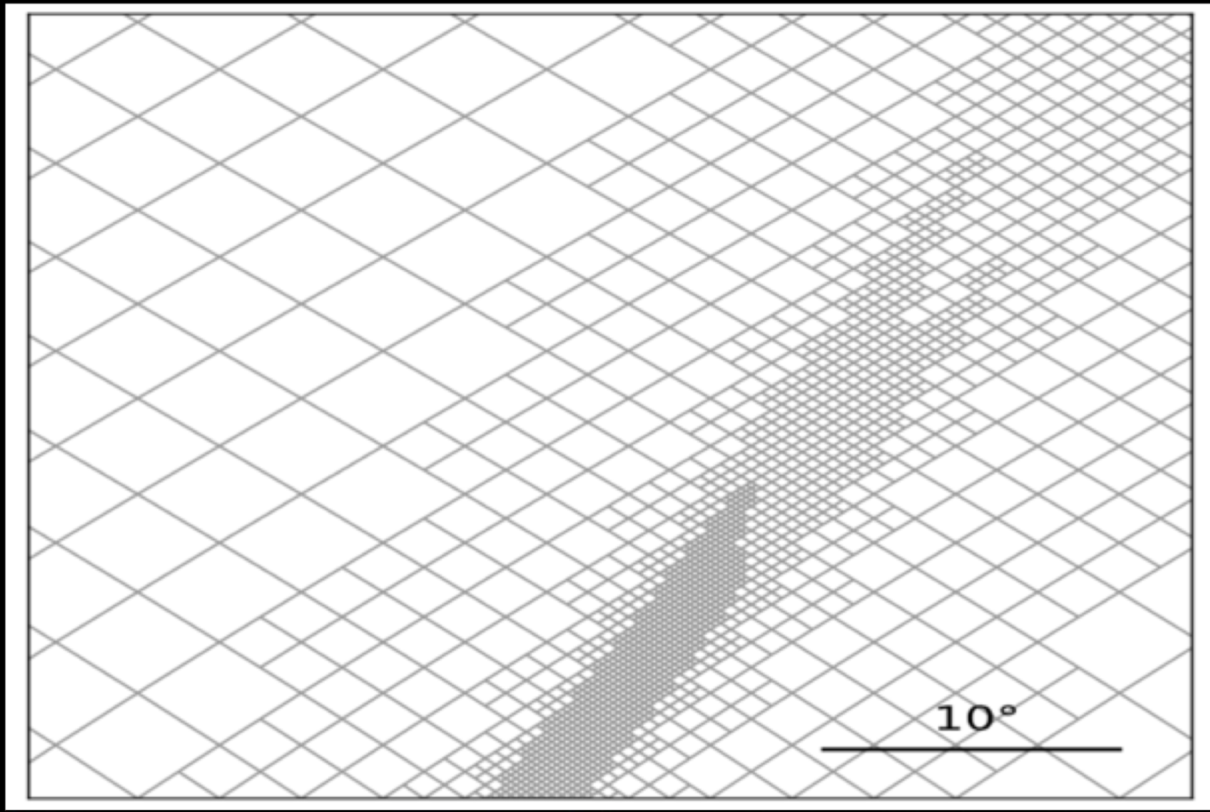
LVC Maps

- 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



Virgo

Ligo

H.E.S.S. constraints

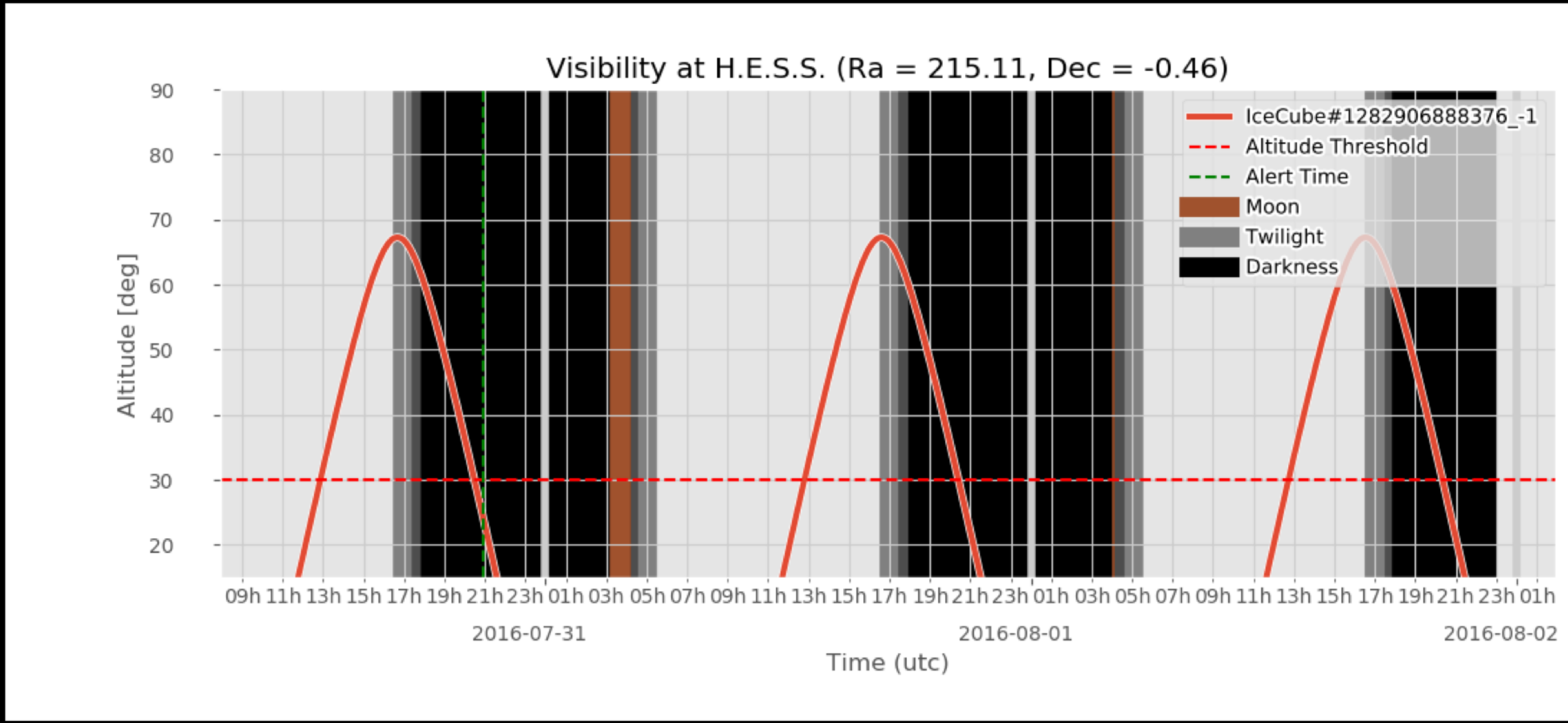
- Obs windows

(Sun and moon position)

Moonlight obs:

  - Phase < 60%
  - Alt < 50º
  - Source separation > 30º

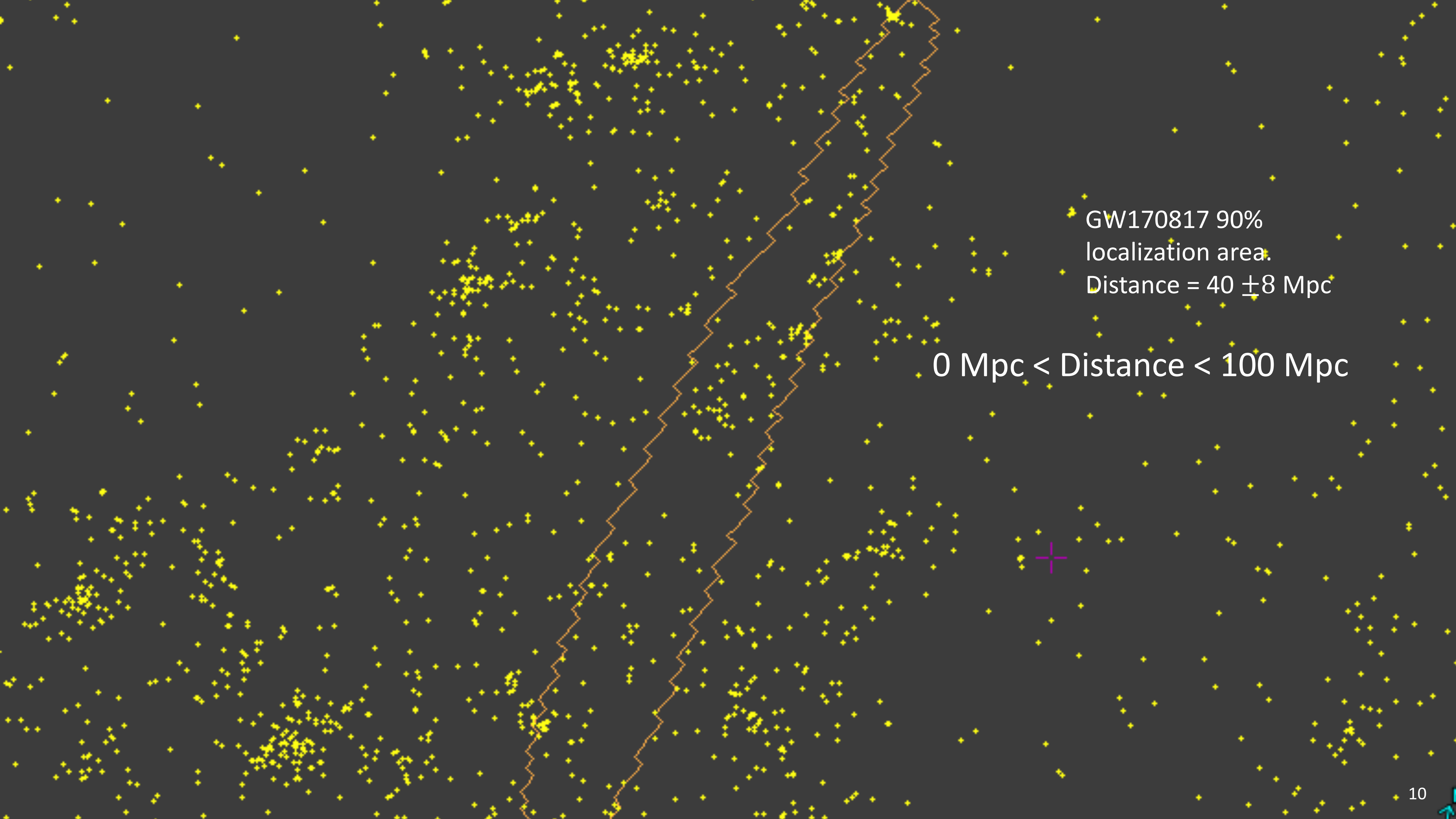
- Visibility of source
- Some parameters:
  - FoV = 1.5º – 2.5º
  - Max zenith angle = 60º

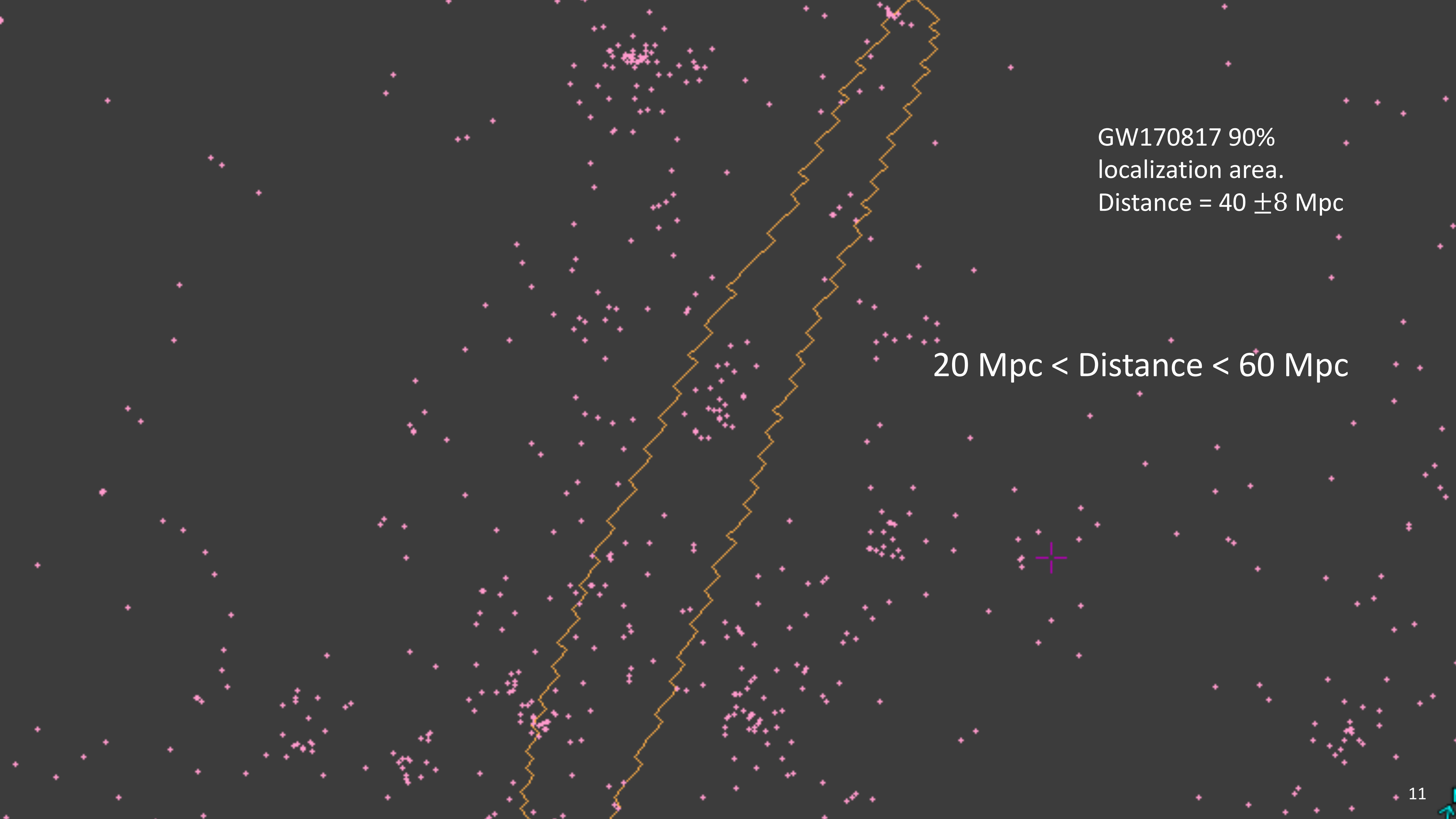


2D strategy:

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

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


GW170817 90%
localization area.
Distance = 40 ±8 Mpc
0 Mpc < Distance < 100 Mpc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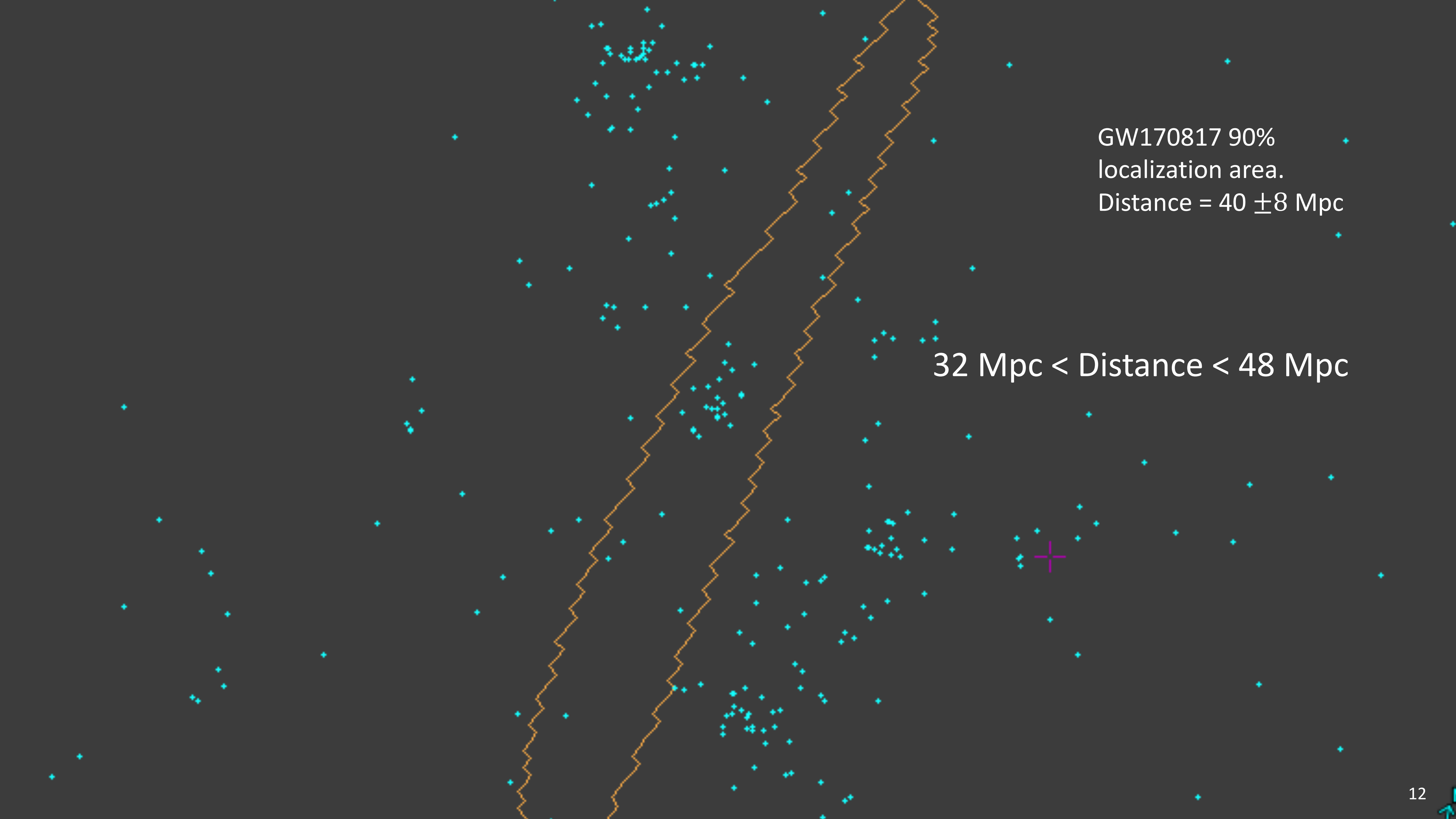
20 Mpc < Distance < 60 Mpc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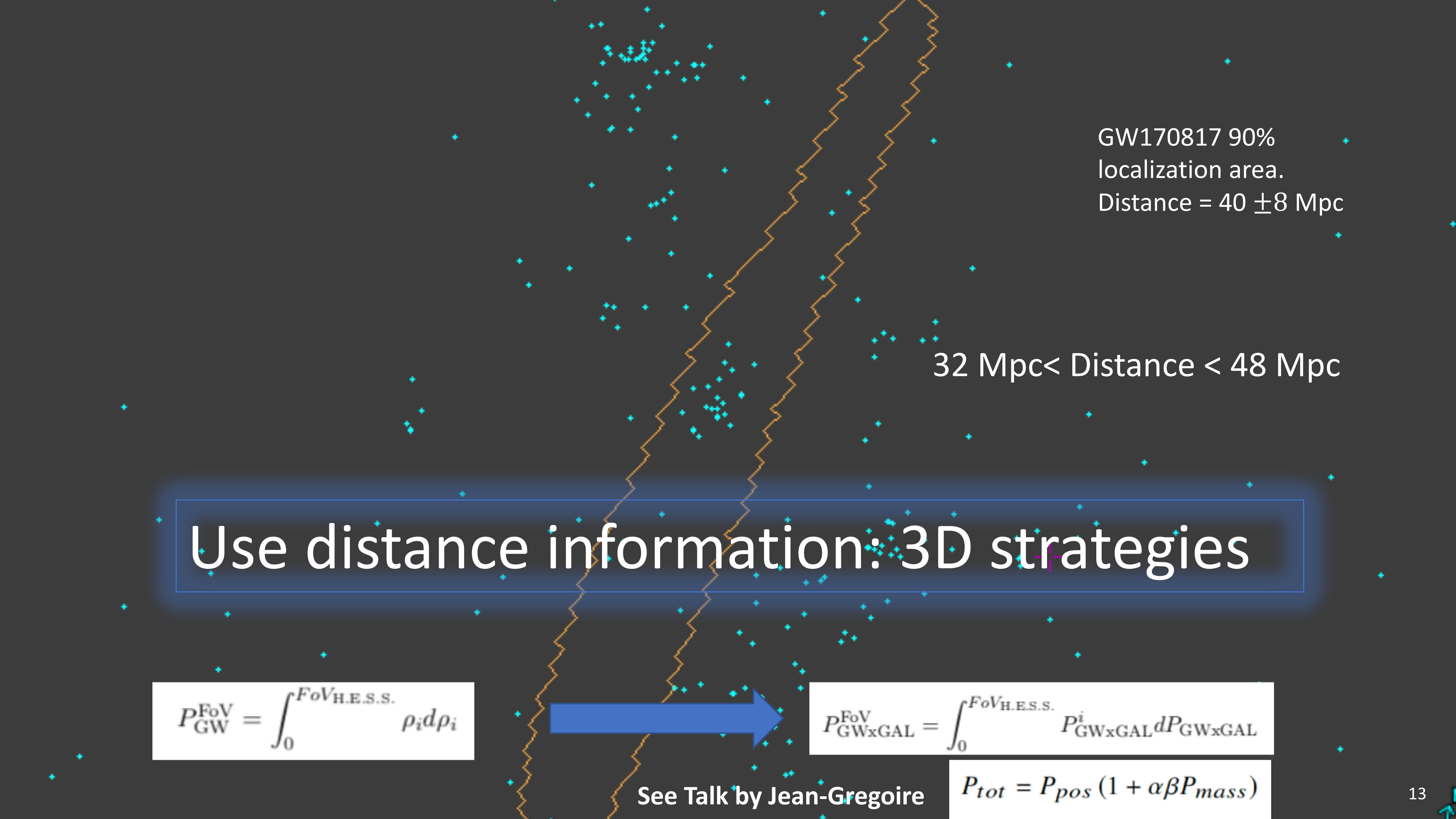
Distance = 40 ±8 Mpc
32 Mpc < Distance < 48 Mpc



Use distance information: 3D strategies

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

→

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

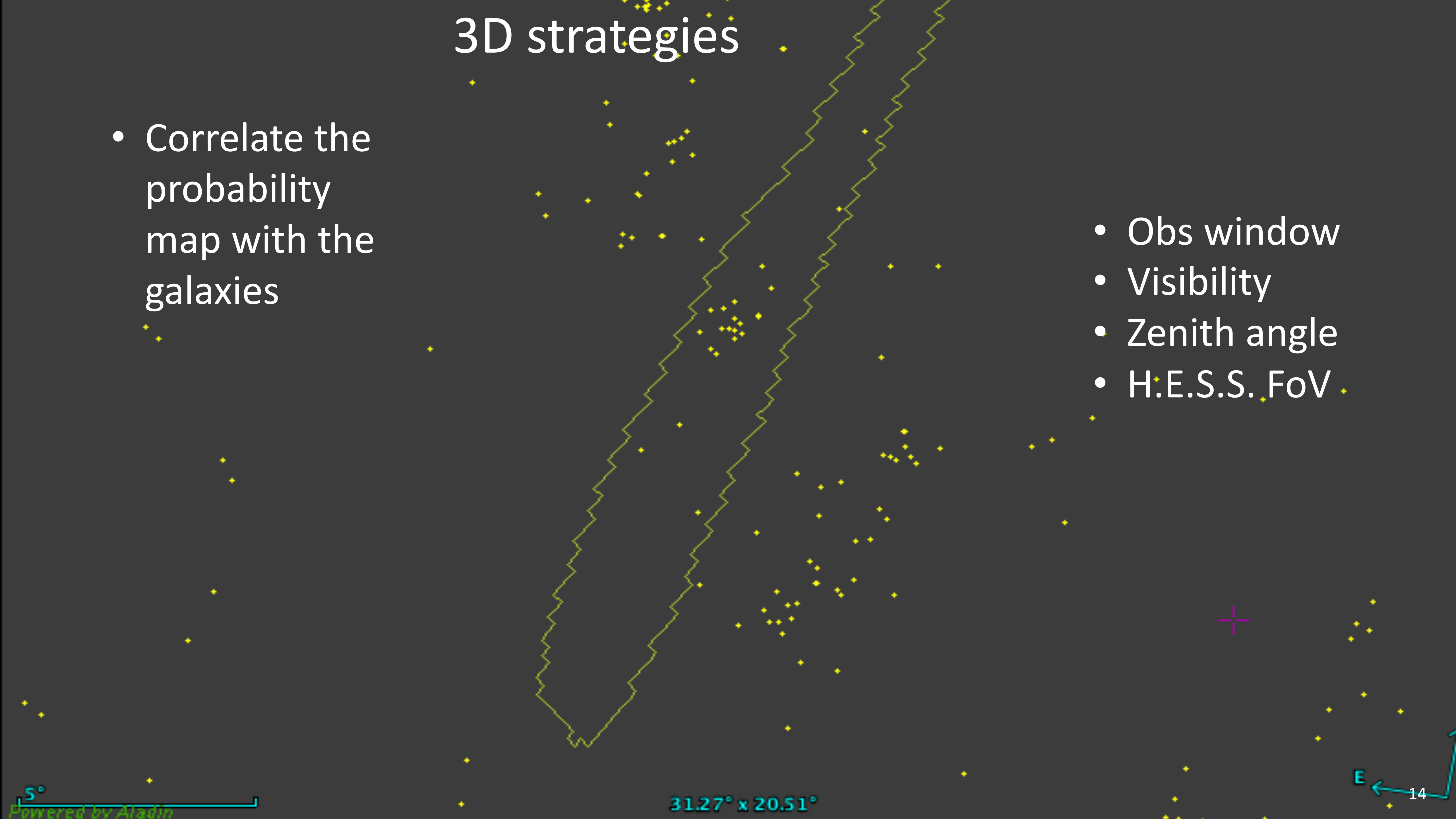
$$P_{tot} = P_{pos}\left(1 + \alpha\beta P_{mass}\right)$$

See Talk by Jean-Gregoire

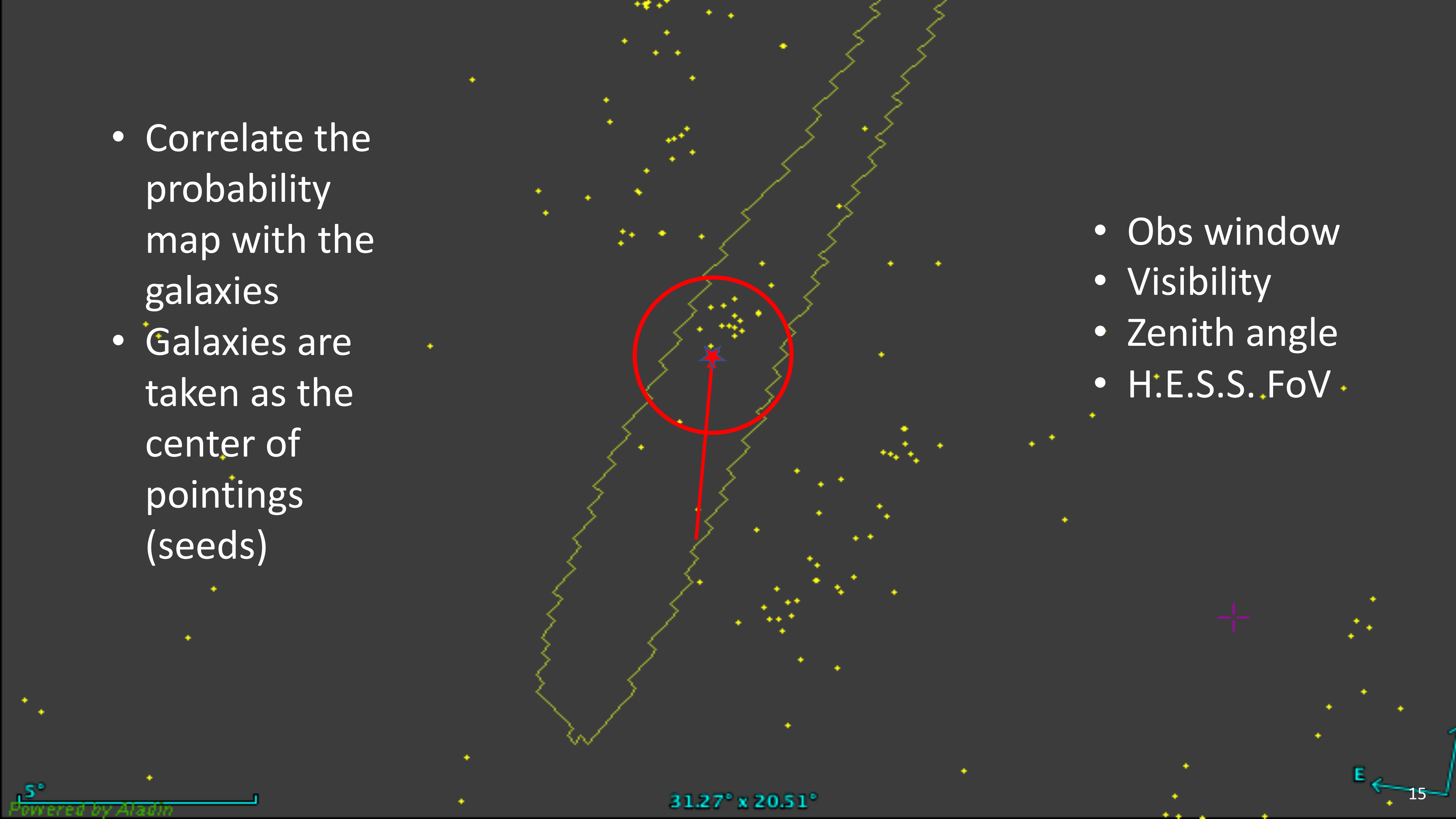
3D strategies

- 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)



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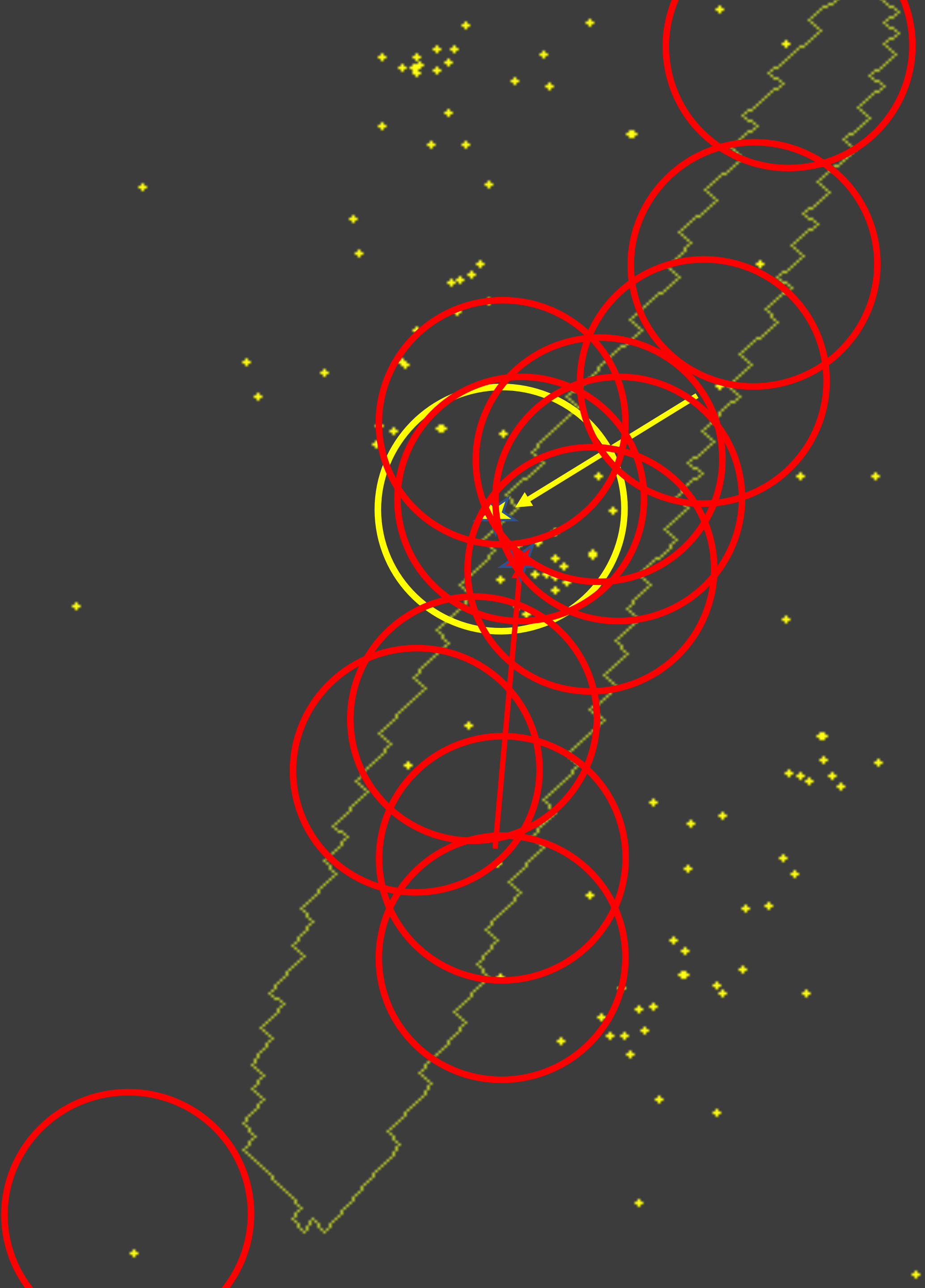
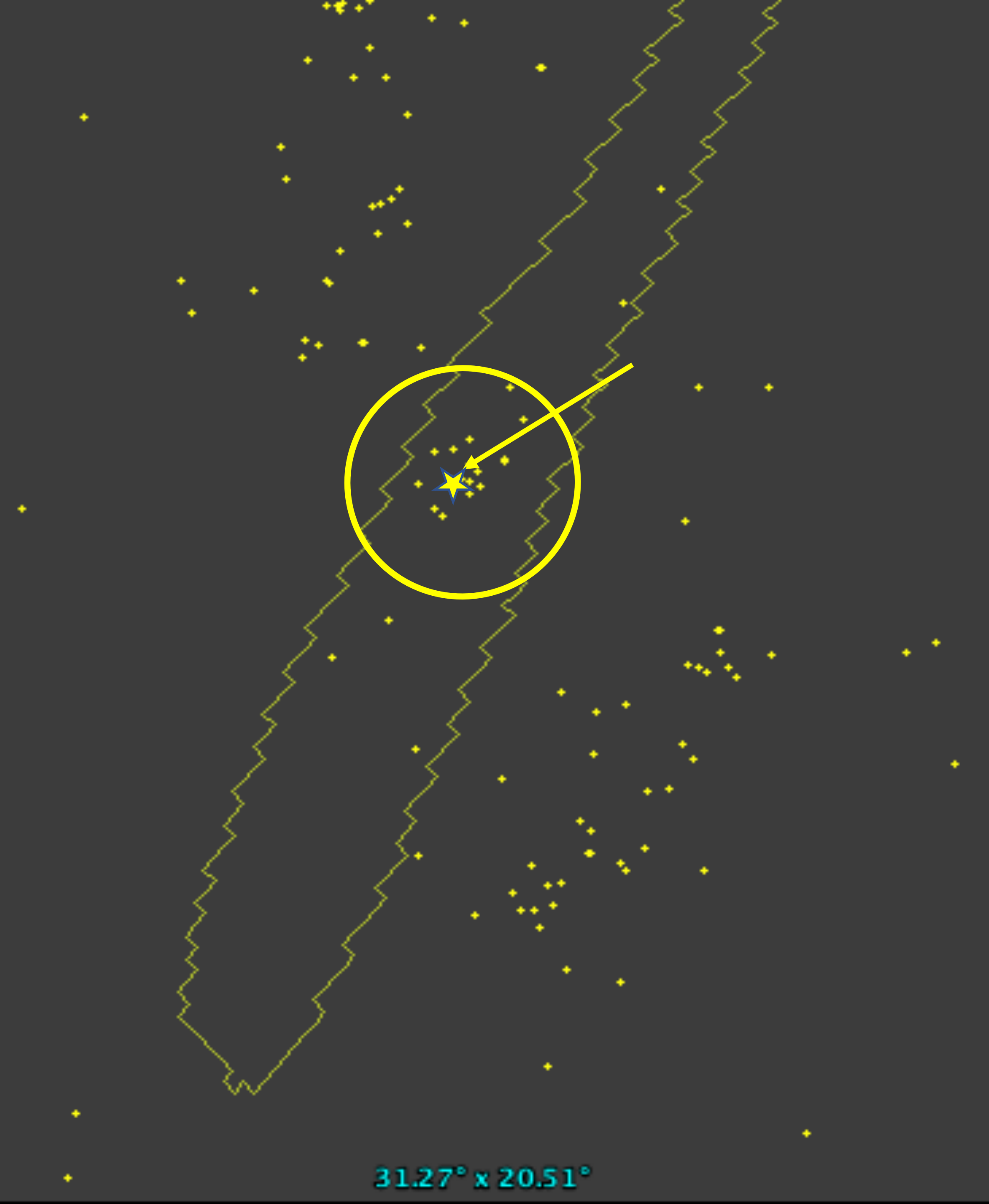


- Obs window
- Visibility
- Zenith angle
- H.E.S.S. FoV

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



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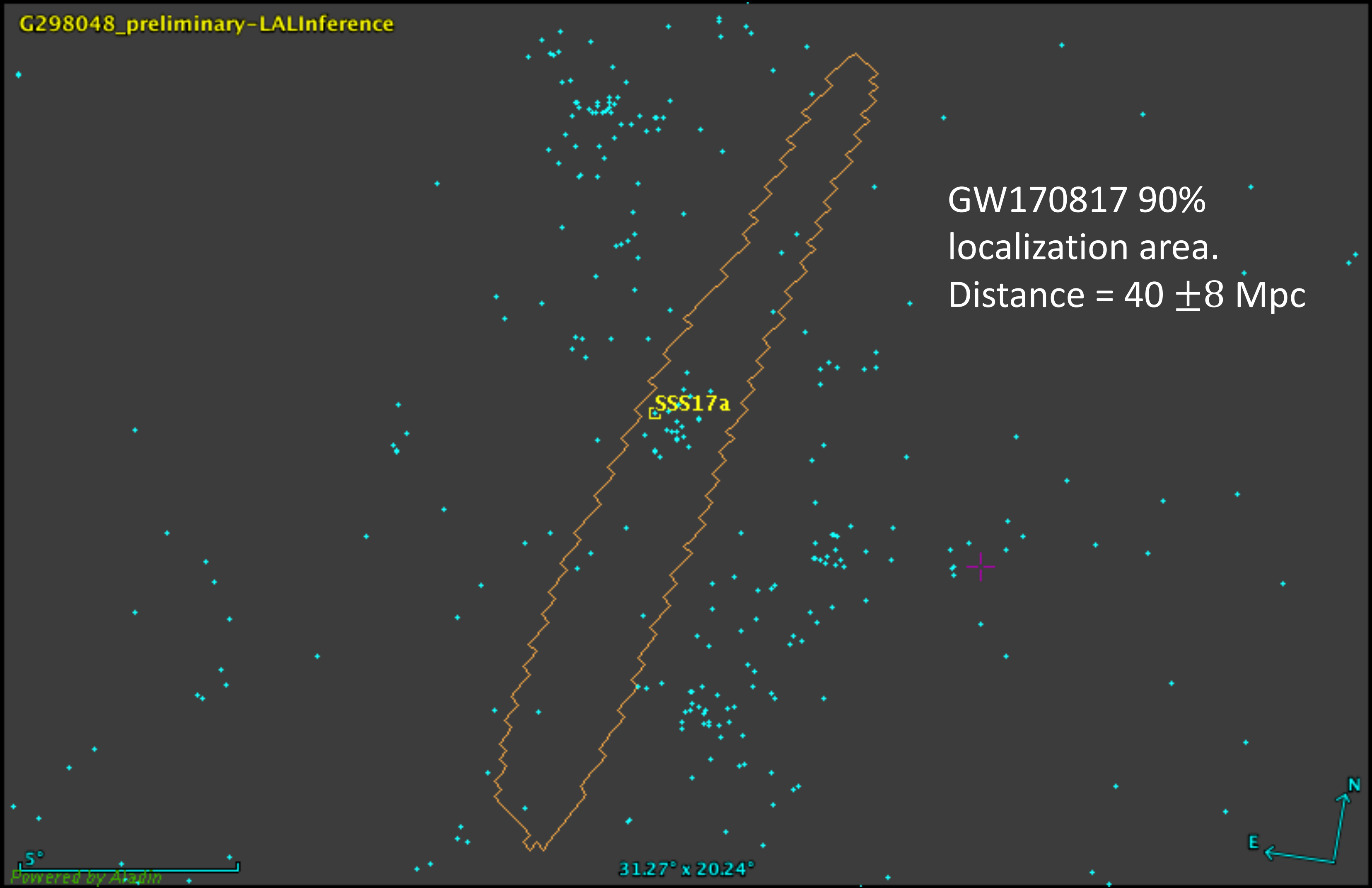
- Visibility
- Zenith angle
- H.E.S.S. FoV

Example: GW170817



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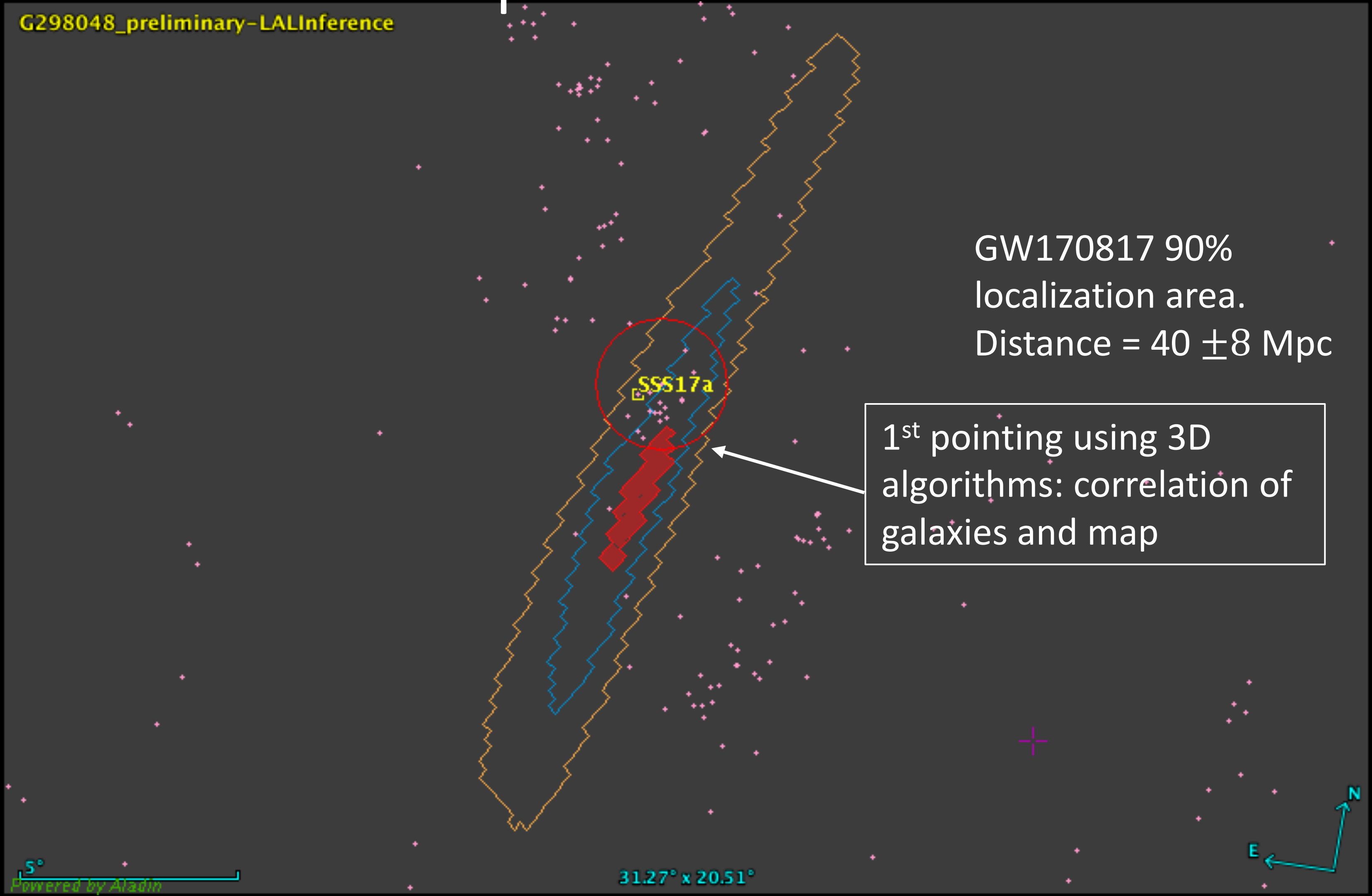

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1st pointing using 3D algorithms: correlation of galaxies and map

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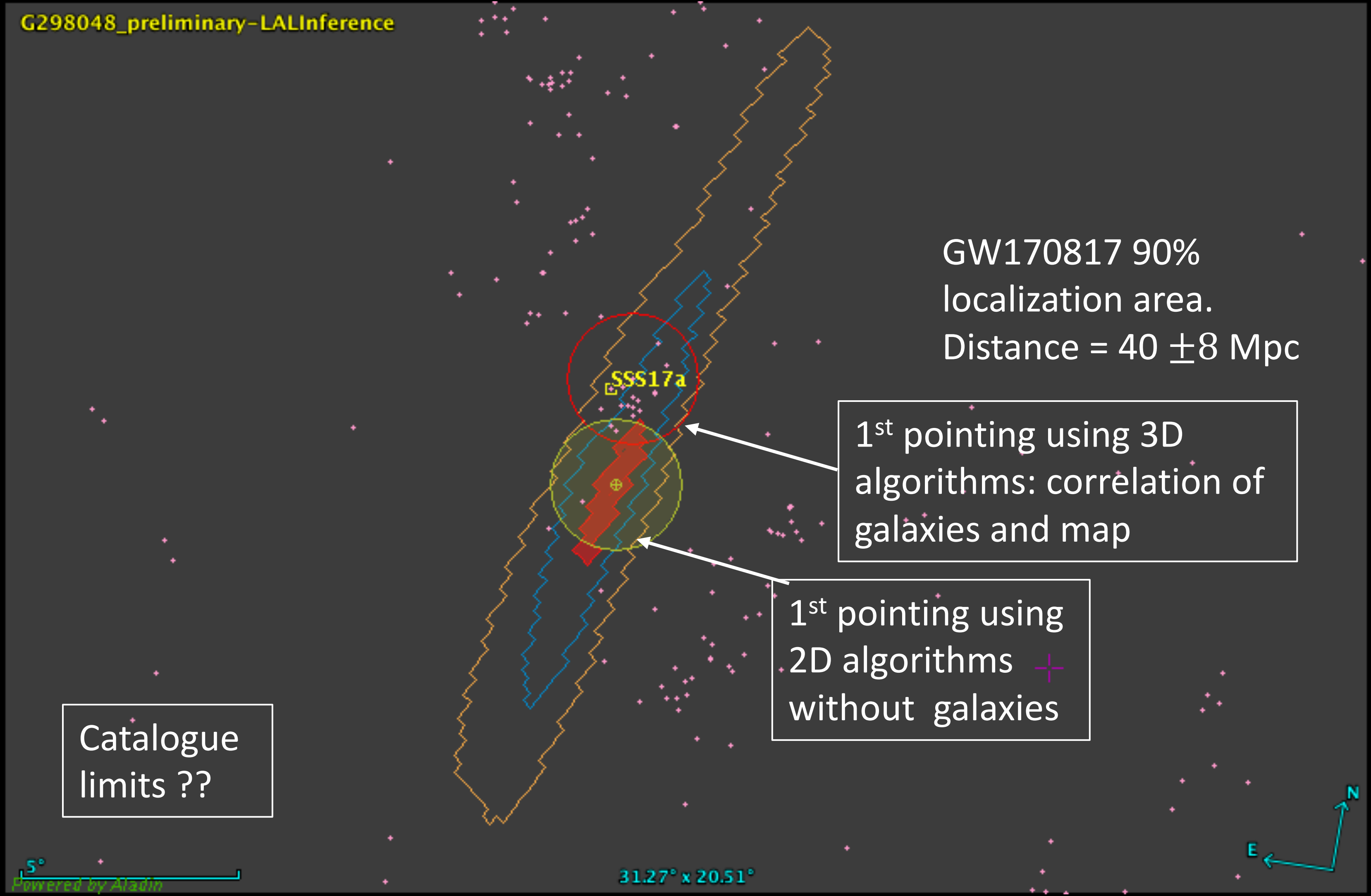

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1st pointing using 3D algorithms: correlation of galaxies and map

1st pointing using 2D algorithms without galaxies

Catalogue limits ??

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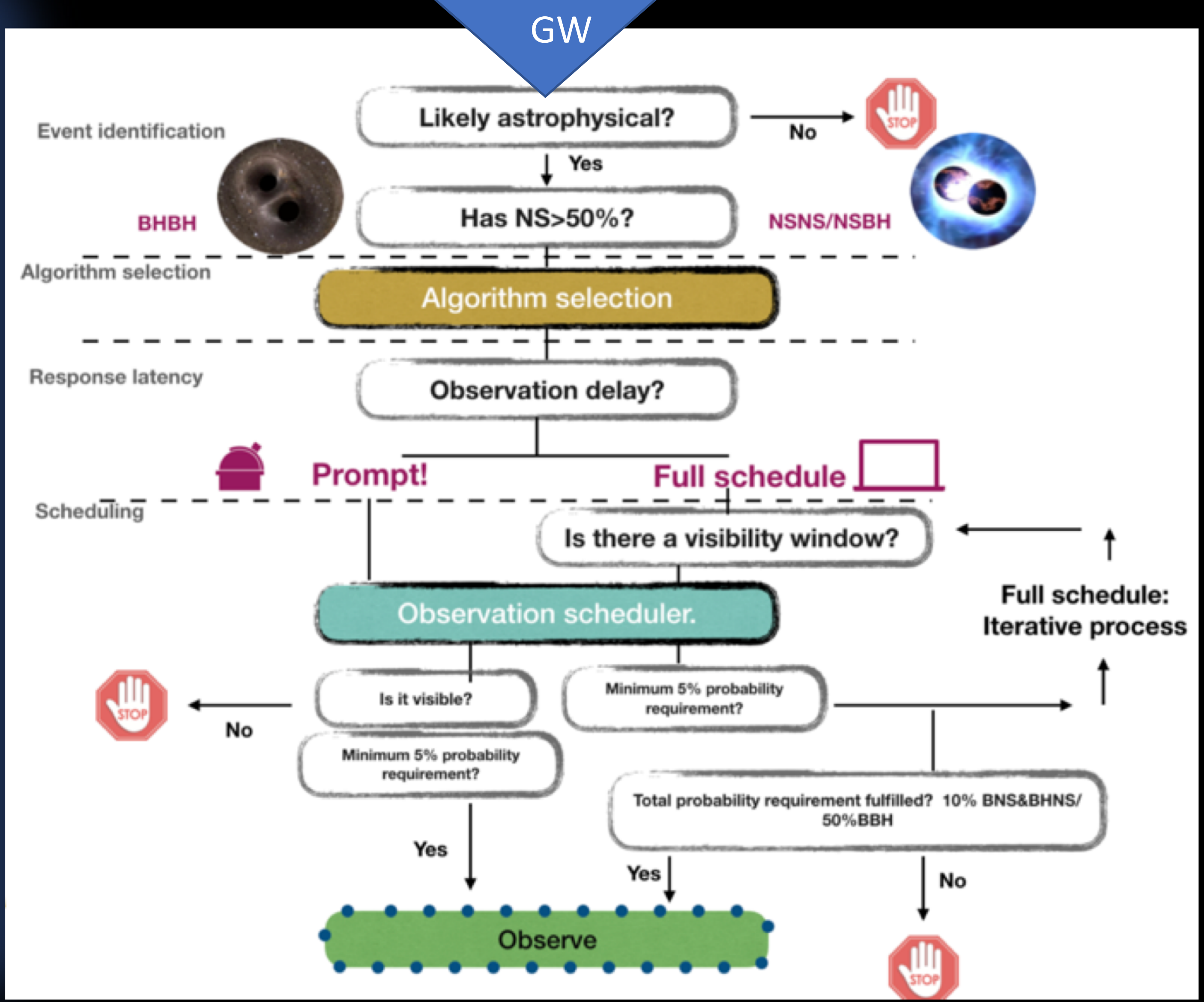
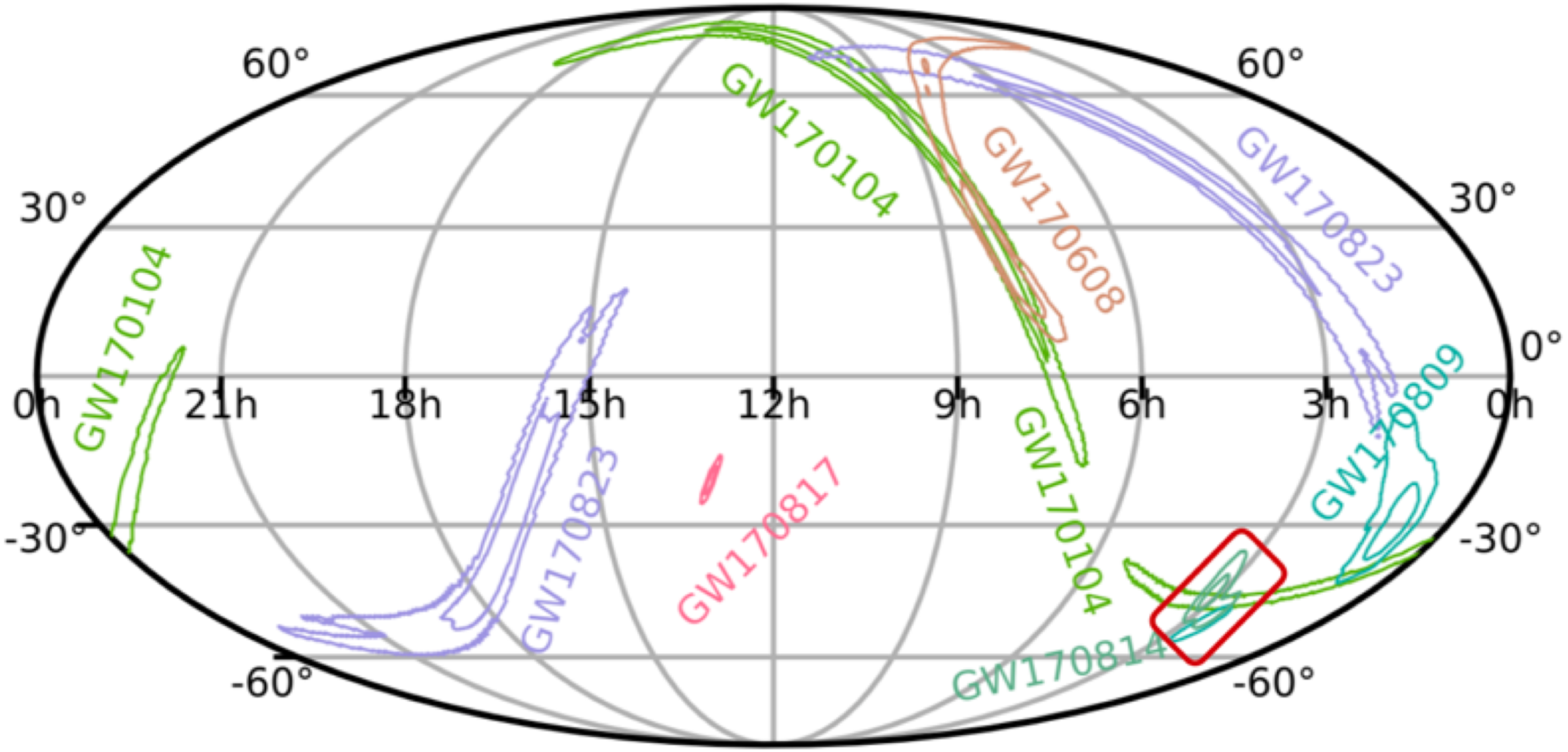


GW follow-up observations and analysis

Observation Run O2

GWTC-1: O2 catalog

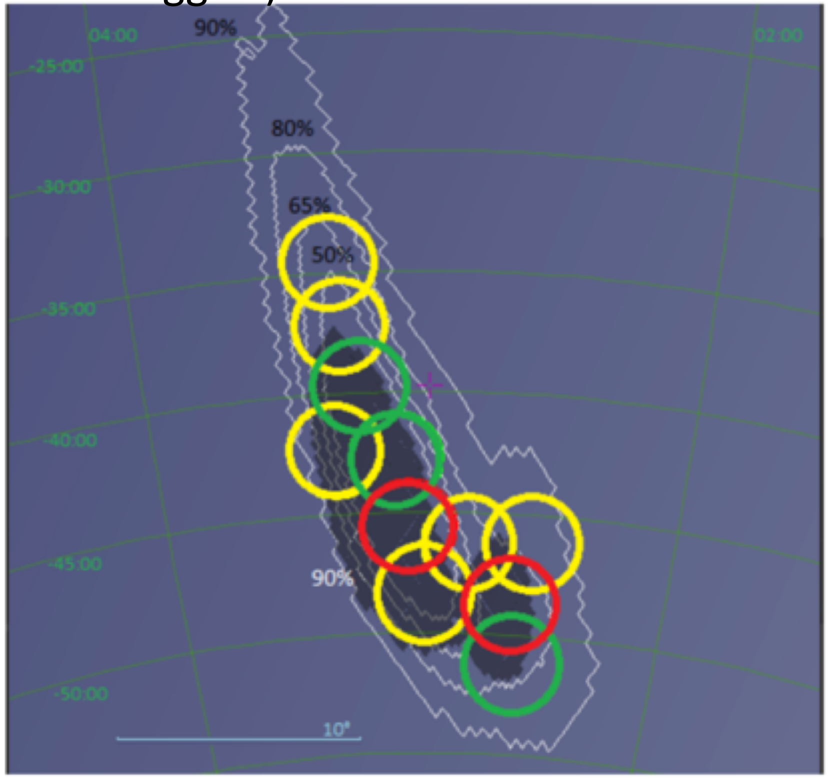


GWTC-1: arXiv:1811.12907

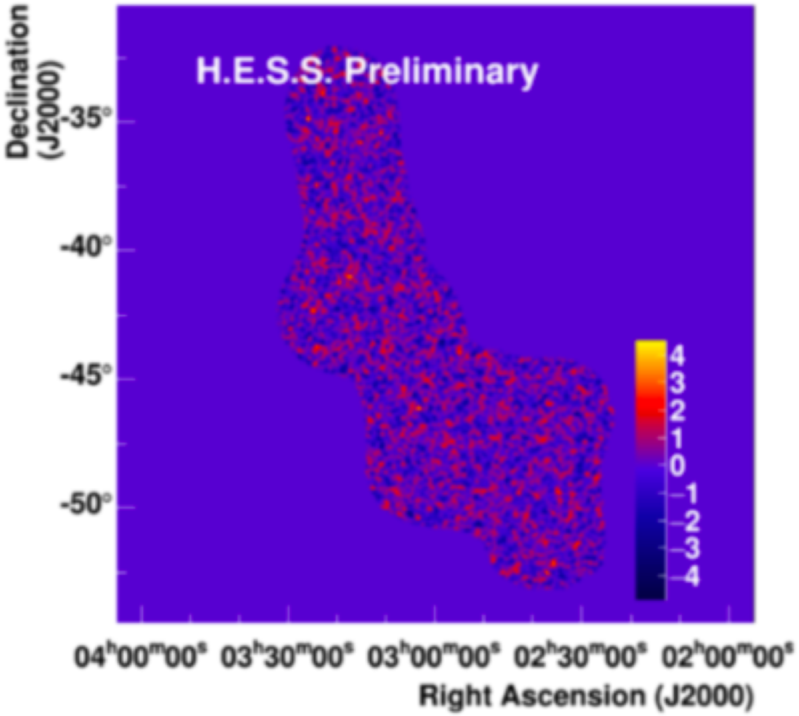
GW170814: BBH

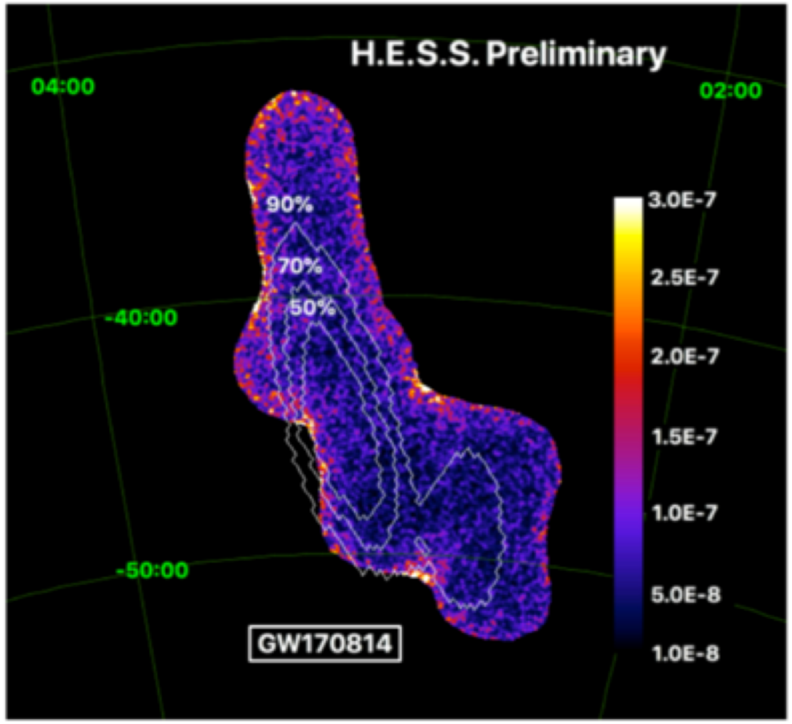
M1: 28-36 M⊙
M2 :21-28 M⊙
MTotal = 53-59 M⊙

- 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 deg2 (with V1): 60 deg2





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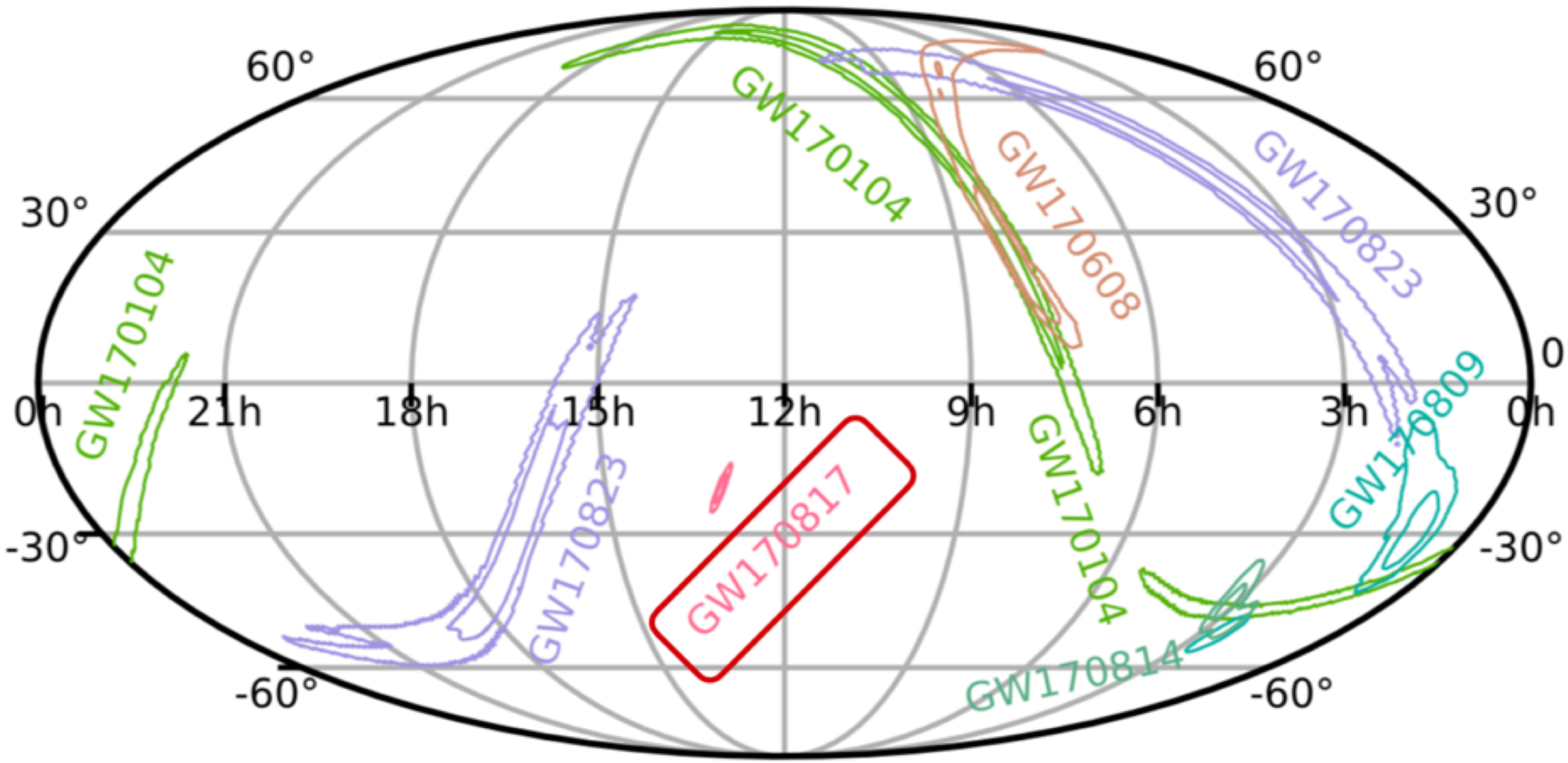


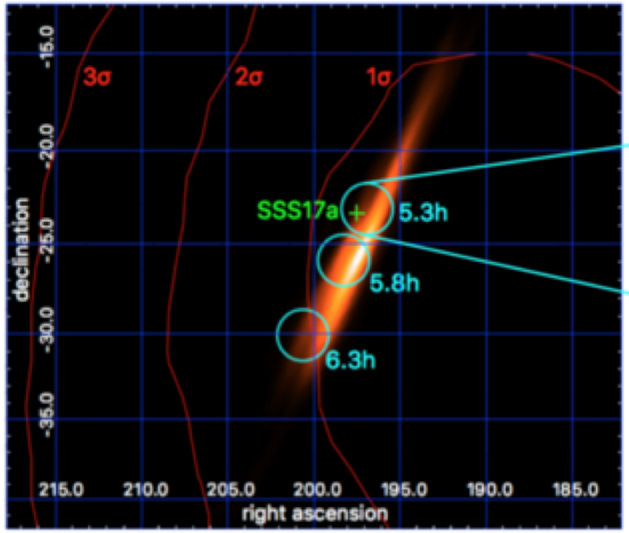
GW170817: BNS

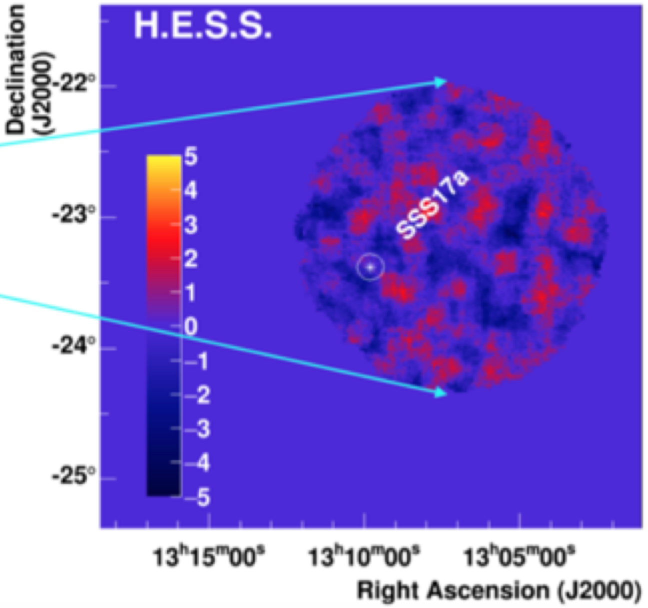
H.E.S.S. was the first ground based instrument on target!

- 5.3 hours after merger
- 5 minutes after the update of the GW skymap

(LV reconstruction)

- The first ground-based observation was on the afterwards identified position of the NS-NS
- In subsequent nights, observations were modified according to the NS-NS location





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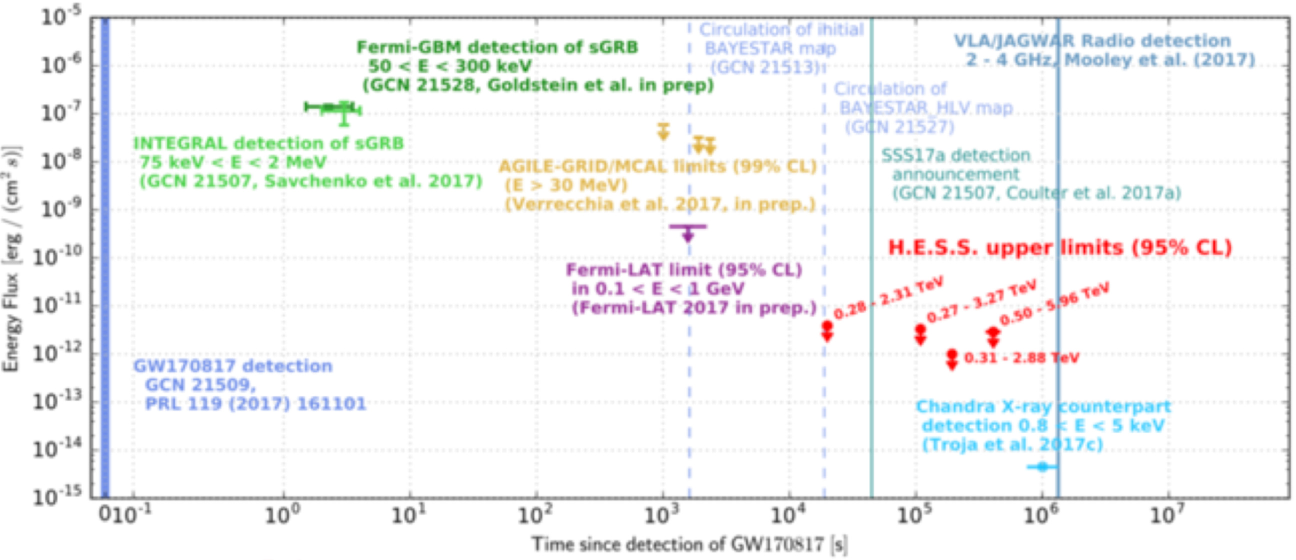

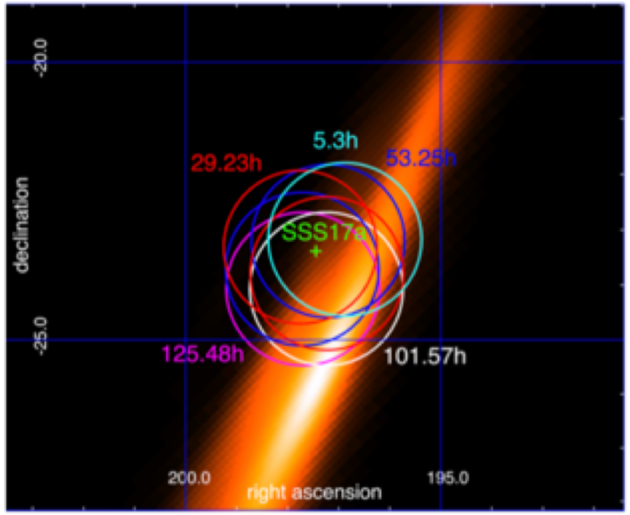

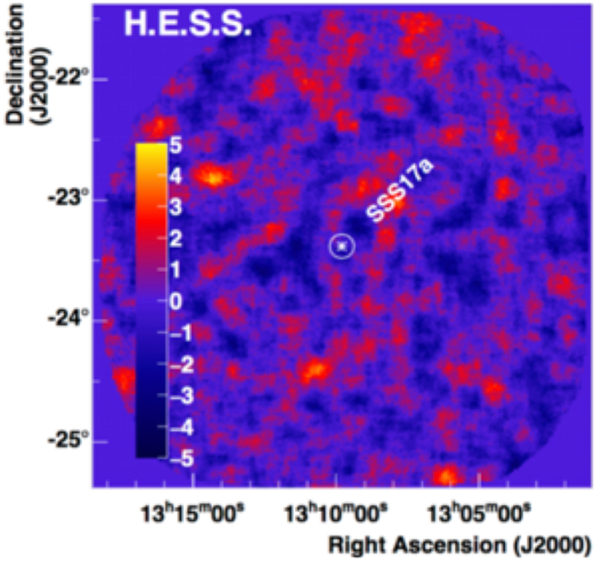

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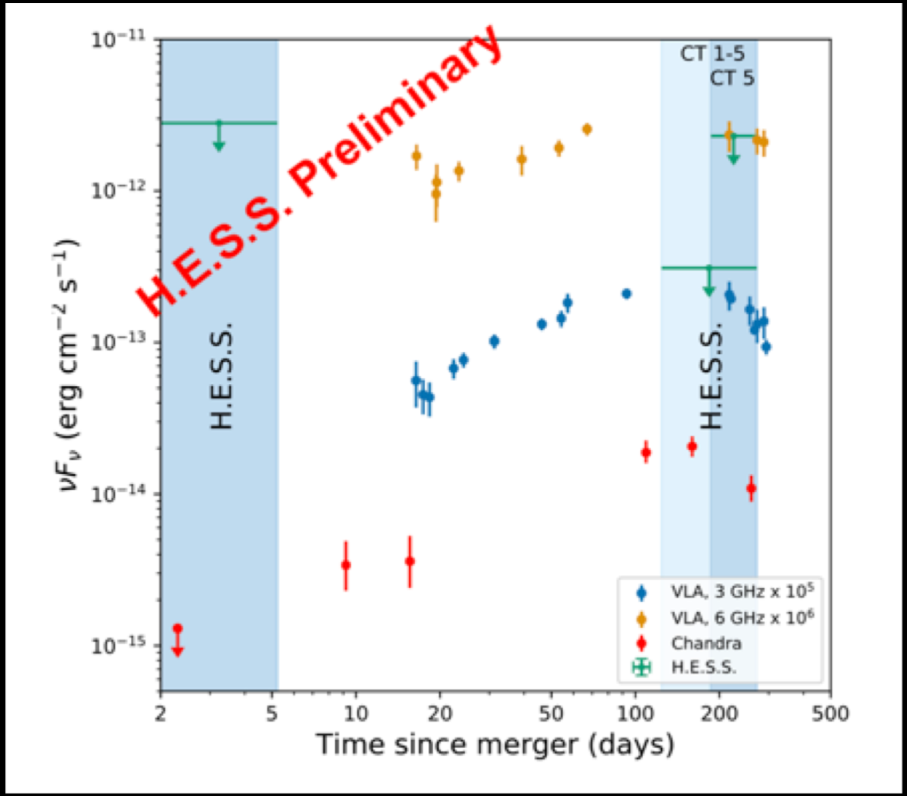

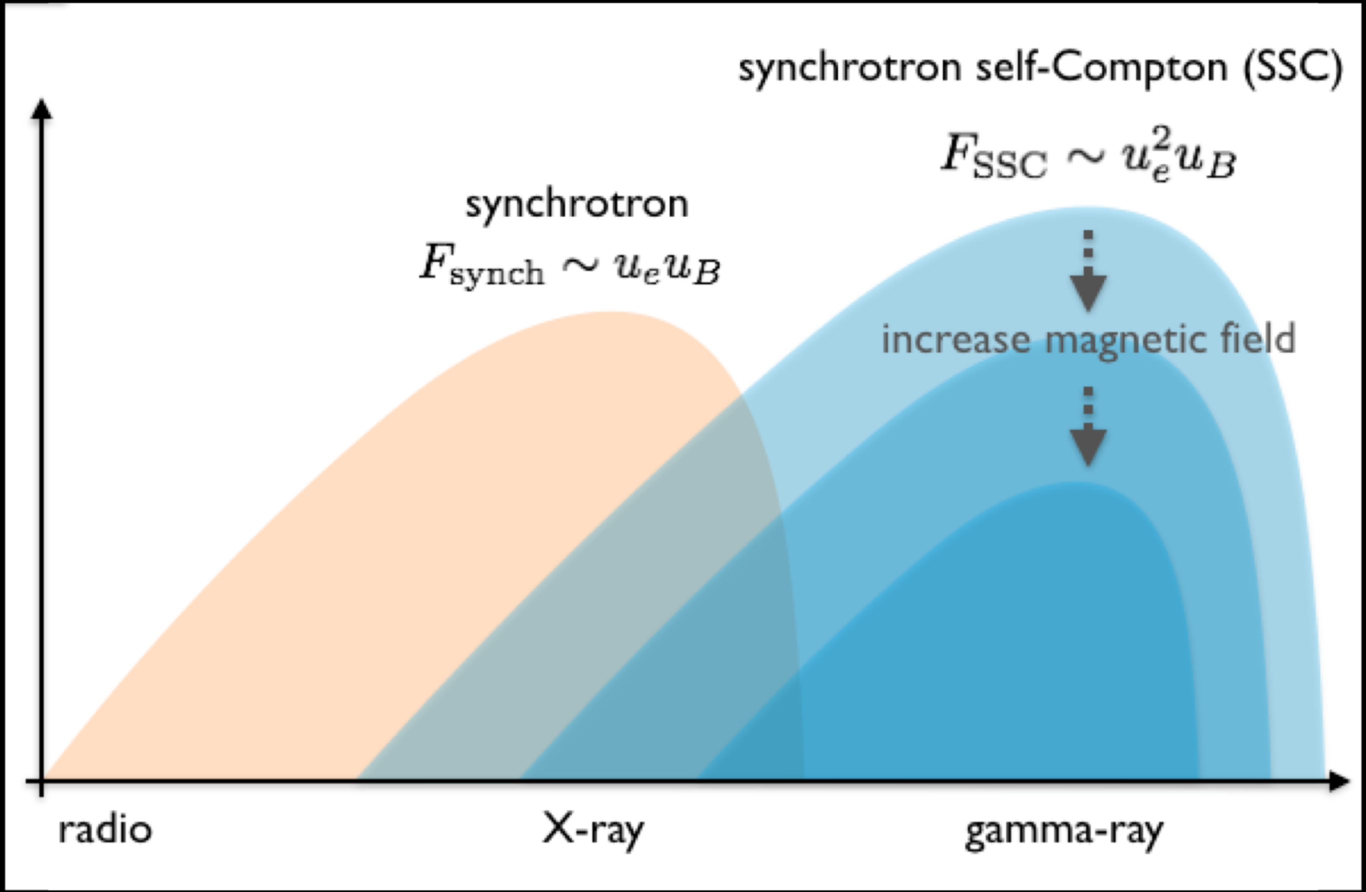

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2 scenarios:
Spherical outflow: ≳ 200 uG
Off-axis jet: ≳ 50 uG

GW follow-up observations and analysis

Observation Run O3

Follow-up of O3 gravitational wave events

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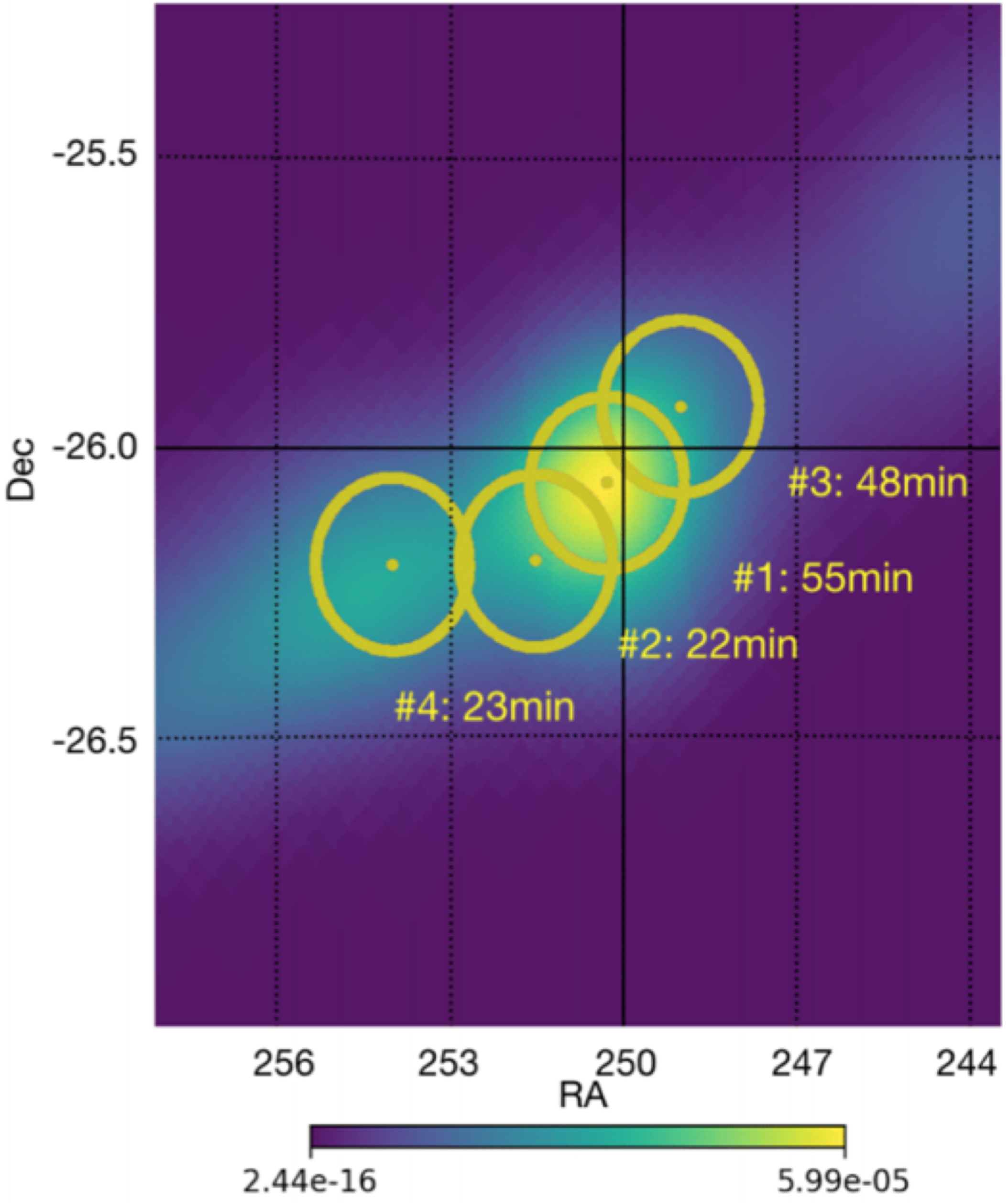
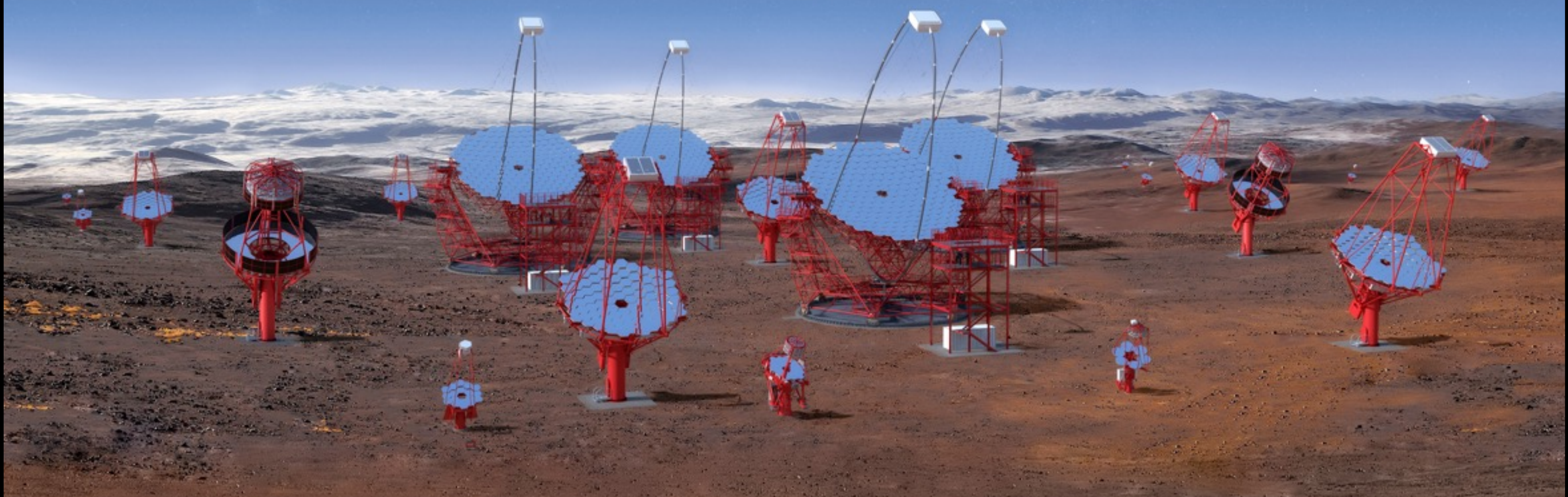


Future prospects:
GW follow-up with CTA

Low-latency gravitational waves follow-up program of CTA



Simulation of BNS mergers and GW detection with GWCOSMoS: ⟷ Simulation of VHE emission from sGRBs:

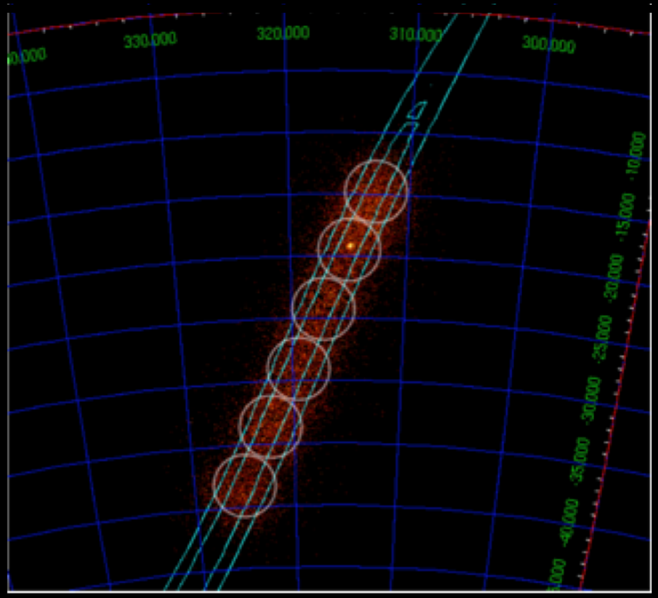
Patricelli, B., et al. (2018)

from typical properties of LAT GRBs (in particular GRB090510)

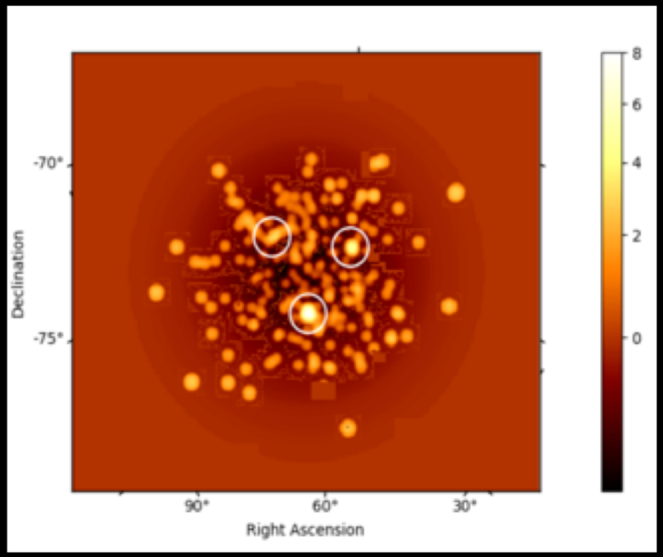
- Alert injection & GW follow-up observation
- Scheduling:
  - Low-energy coverage (zenith angle optimization)
  - Probability coverage maximization
  - $T_J = T_{alert} + T_{slew} + \sum_1^{J-1} T_J$

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

CTA observation searching for an EM counterpart



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



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