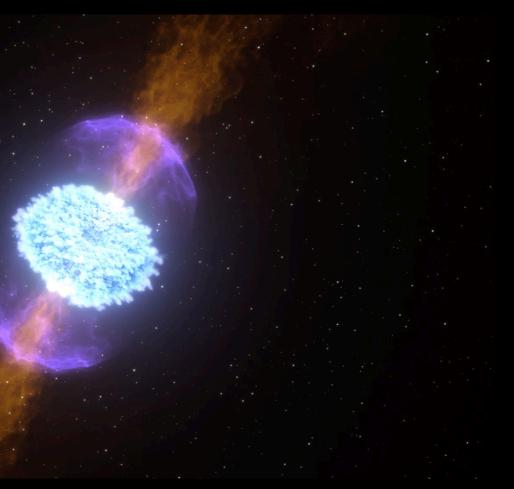
# **Extreme Astrophysics**

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> Jet launching → particle acceleration → cosmic rays → neutrinos, gamma-rays + radio to X-ray light



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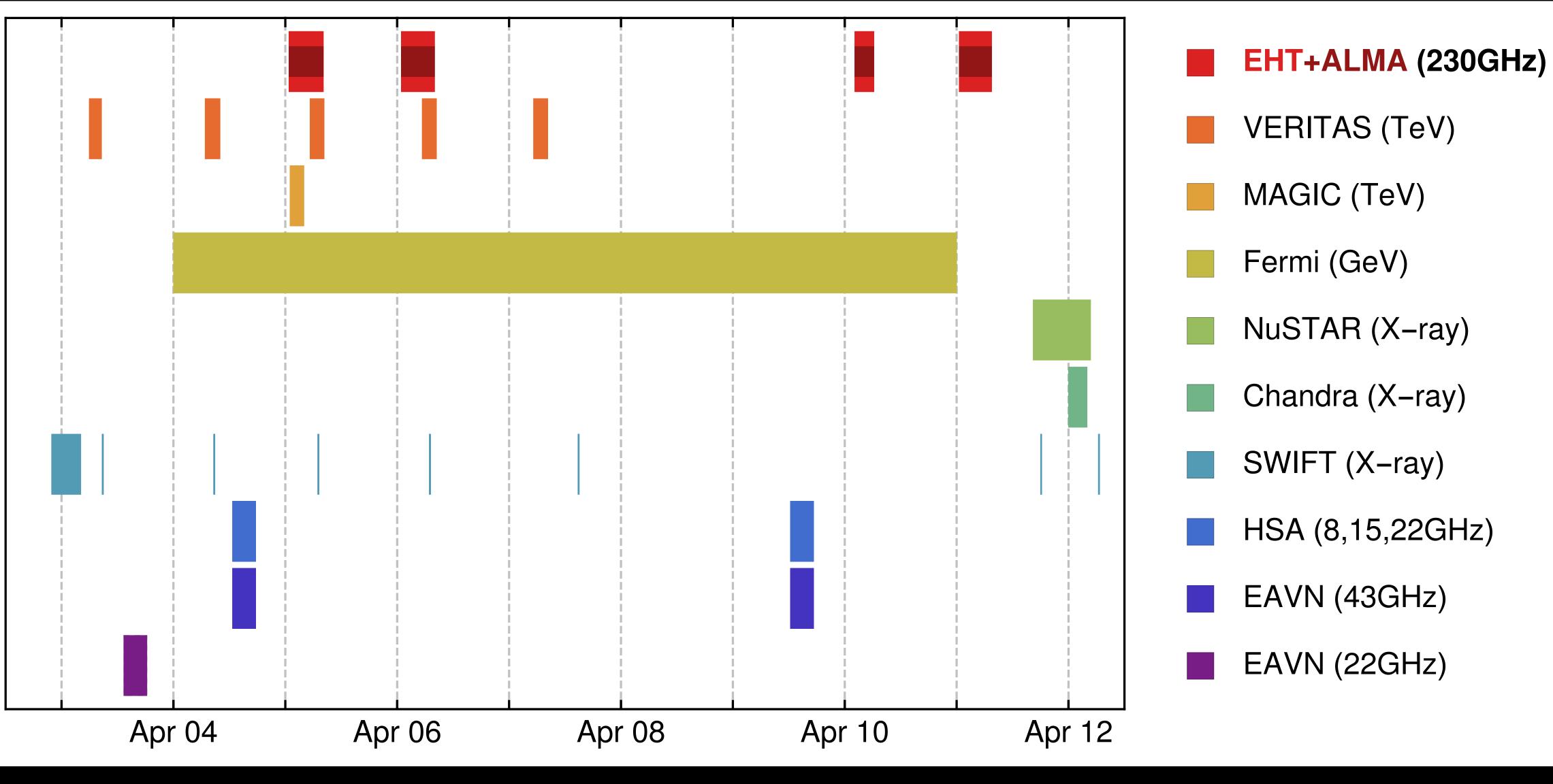
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### The Event Horizon Telescope used MWL constraints to reject half of the theoretical model scenarios. A key question is whether these jets also accelerate cosmic rays/neutrinos.



(M. Johnson, J. Farah/UMass, S. Markoff & K. Hada, for EHT MWL WG)





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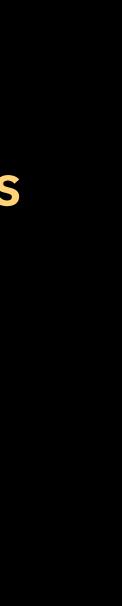
- Similar physics at the heart of EM counterparts of GW events and many cosmic accelerators
- Major outstanding questions:

  - how does strong gravity interact with/influence strongly magnetised plasma? - what governs how gravitational energy is channeled into different forms? - are astrophysical jets the source of high-energy cosmic rays and neutrinos? - how can we predict fluxes of photons and other signals from first principles?
- ESCAPE Test Science Project: platform where data from data from different wavelengths/messengers can be easily gathered, analysed and modelled holistically, not piecemeal as currently done

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- Another initiative that we are considering is a platform on "Gravitational Waves for Fundamental Physics" in the framework of JENAS
- GWs may in fact soon probe:
  - the particle nature of dark matter, e.g. via BH environments (ApPEC / ECFA)
  - the properties of extreme nuclear matter, via NS mergers (ApPEC / NuPECC)
  - new physics in the early universe, via phase transitions (ApPEC / ECFA)
- We plan to probe the interest of the community and consider submitting an Eol



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- How to build an optimal interface between scientists and ESCAPE?
- Major issues:
  - software development scarcely rewarded in academic environments (difficult to attract funds & work not always recognised)
  - need suitable resources to build and maintain VRE
  - Timescale of (theoretical) research, e.g. in MM Astrophysics vs. Building generalpurpose frameworks

Focus on 1 TSP within ESCAPE, or explore many smaller test cases?





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- European Consortium for Astroparticle Theory
- New initiative, with central hub at CERN and support of APPEC, that aims to bring together the European community of theoretical astroparticle physicists and cosmologists.
- Ist census: 660 theorists working in 31 European countries, 55 nationalities
- •Goals:
  - to increase the exchange of ideas and knowledge;
  - to coordinate scientific and training activities
  - to help scientists attract adequate resources for their projects
  - to promote a stimulating, fair and open environment in which young scientists can thrive