# The Transient High Energy Sky (seen with H.E.S.S.)



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#### **VHE gamma-ray astronomy**





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### **Current IACTs: high resolution follow-up observatories**





## **COSMIC PARTICLE ACCELERATION**

- How and where are particles accelerated?
- How do they propagate?
- What is their impact on the environment?

### **PROBING EXTREME ENVIRONMENTS**

- Close to neutron stars and black holes
- Relativistic jets, winds and explosions
- Cosmic voids

### **PHYSICS FRONTIERS**

- What is the nature of Dark Matter?
- Is the speed of light a constant?
- Do axion-like particles exist?







W. Hofmann, TeVPA2018



#### **Transient sources**







### The H.E.S.S.-II response to ToOs

- main design principles of the H.E.S.S. 28m telescope
  - large photon collection area (614 m<sup>2</sup> mirror area; largest IACT worldwide)
  - rapid response time

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flexible + fully automatized alert system





### **Hunting GRBs with IACTs**

The H.E.S.S. GRB program (< 2018)</p>



C. Hoischen et al., PoS(ICRC2017)636



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### **Recent news on Gamma Ray Bursts @ IACTs**

- short-GRB 160821B @ MAGIC: hint for detection (arXiv:2012.07193), later associated with a kilonova (Lamb et al. 2019 arXiV:1905.02159)
- GRB 180720B @ H.E.S.S.: >100GeV emission 10h after the burst (Nature 575, 464–467 (2019))
- GRB 190114C @ MAGIC: >300GeV emission 50s after the burst (Nature 575, 459 (2019))
- GRB 190829A @ H.E.S.S.: >180GeV during 56h; striking similarity between VHE and X-rays (Science 372, 6546 (2021))
- GRB 201216C @ MAGIC: >5sigma, observations >57s (ATEL #14275)





### H.E.S.S.: GRB180720B

- Triggered by Fermi-GBM and Swift-BAT
- Fermi-LAT detection until T<sub>0</sub>+700s (E<sub>max</sub>) ≈5 GeV)
- Extremely bright burst (e.g. 2nd brightest XRT afterglow)

100

10<sup>0</sup>

10-1

10-2

10-3

10-1

 $exp(-\tau(E_{\gamma,z}))$ 

Redshift: z = 0.653 (>99% absorption at ~500 GeV)



## H.E.S.S.: GRB180720B

- Visibility constrains: observations starting ~10h after the burst !!
- 2h of data (zenith >45deg)



Universal Time (UT)

00:00

02:00

21 juli. 2018

GRB180720B

04:00

06:00

80

70

60

22:00

16:00

1.00

1.01

1.05

1.10

1.20

18:00

20 juli. 2018

20:00

moon

## MAGIC: GRB190114C

- Redshift z = 0.42
- Large zenith angles + moonlight => relatively high energy threshold (~300GeV)





MAGIC et al., Nature 575, 459 (2019)



### A second high-energy component



- Observation of the SSC component in GRBs
- X-rays and gamma-ray fluxes are of the same level
  - We were missing ~half of the emission in all previous GRB observations
- New questions
  - Is this true for all GRBs? What are the necessary conditions? ...
  - How long does the VHE emission last? What is the maximum energy/efficiency/...?
- Can we verify this with further observations (?)



#### GRB 190829A in a nutshell

- Extremely close burst: redshifts z = 0.0785
- Another very X-ray bright burst
- A special burst: low E<sub>iso</sub> + low E<sub>peak</sub>



60

50

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357 Swift GRBs

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190829

with redshifts



### **GRB 190829A: the longest VHE afterglow**

Detection over 3 nights





### **GRB 190829A: temporal evolution**



## GRB 190829A: spectrum

- Problems for SSC model
  - Parameters outside the standard range (e.g. 10<sup>3</sup> doppler boosting; electron spectral break in the GeV-TeV range, leading to B-field and densities outside the typical range, …)
  - Synchrotron emission beyond the burn-off limit ? Need to separate acceleration and emission regions (e.g. decreasing downstream B-field, magnetic blobs, etc.)







#### **Gravitational waves and Gamma-Ray Bursts**



Abbott, B.P. et al 2017 ApJL 848 L12

- GW170817: NS-NS mergers are sources of (short) GRBs
- GRB160821B (!?!)
- GRB180720B
- GRB190114C
- GRB190829A
- GRBs emit at VHE energies
- VHE emission is strong enough for current IACTs
- VHE emission is long-lasting (GRB190829A: >56h)
- Let's detect VHE emission from NS-NS (and NS-BH) mergers...



### **Links to Gamma-Ray Bursts**

Fermi/GBI

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• GRB160821B (?)

GWs are much more than a new way to detect GRBs

Crucial information on the **pre-merger** system

masses, spins, inclination, (distance), ...

MWL detections provide access to **post-merger** energetics and particle acceleration processes

- GRBI90114C: VHE domain ~50% of L<sub>tot</sub>
- localisation (host galaxy, redshift, etc.), local environment, ...

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#### Overview: O1 + O2 + O3 + ...



Modified from B.P. Abbott et al., <u>arXiv:1304.0670</u> (v11, 2020-11-24)







Virgo+Ligo+et al., ApJL 826:L13 (2016)

### Scheduling and pointing strategy





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- automatic selection of regions of interest
  - correlation with galaxy catalog(s) in 3 dimensions
  - dedicated algorithms for the different possibilities (e.g. BNS, BBH, bursts, etc.)

M. Seglar-Arroyo + FS (H.E.S.S.), Moriond VHEPU 2017, arXiv: 1705.10138





H. Ashkar et al., "The H.E.S.S. Gravitational Wave Rapid Follow-up Program", JCAP03(2021)045, arXiv: 2010.16172



## H.E.S.S. rapid follow-up of GW170817



H. Abdalla et al. (H.E.S.S.), ApJL 855:L22 (2017)

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  - 5.3 hours after GW170817 (5 minutes after GCN circular with Ligo+Virgo analysis)
  - first pointing containing SSS17a (AT 2017gfo)



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  Right Ascension (J2000)
  - 5.3 hours after GW170817
  - 5 minutes after the GCN circular announcing the Ligo+Virgo analysis
  - no significant signal: Φ (0.28 < E [TeV] < 2.31) < 3.9 x 10<sup>-12</sup> erg cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>
  - monitoring campaign over 5 nights

H. Abdalla et al. (H.E.S.S.), ApJL 855:L22 (2017)



### H.E.S.S. observations of GW170817: prompt observations



- e.g. K. Murase et al. (arXiv:1710.10575)
  - high-energy signatures from long-lasting central engines
  - inverse Compton: X-ray up-scattering by electrons in the jet
  - H.E.S.S. observations constrain on-axis emission
  - CTA will have access to off-axis emission



### **The Cherenkov Telescope Array**













## The CTA Transient program

- Transients are integral part of the CTA "Key Science Projects"
  - Observation time allocated to the CTA consortium
- dedicated Science Working Group "Transients and MWL"







### **Outlook: GRB detections with CTA**

- ~10 times better sensitivity => increase detections + probe deeper into the afterglow
- Rapid slewing of the LSTs => catch parts of the prompt phase (?)





#### **GW follow-up with CTA**





H. Abdalla et al. (H.E.S.S.), ApJL 855:L22 (2017)



FS (CTA consortium), preliminary

- detailed studies ongoing
- extending work from
  - all current IACTs
  - I.Bartos et al., MNRAS 477 (2018) 639-647
  - B. Patricelli et al., JCAP 05 (2018) 056



## Astro-COLIBRI

- Increasing number of multi-messenger transients + a large variety sources of information (alerts, catalogs, monitoring, etc.)
- Need for novel tools and platforms to keep track and make informed decisions



# https://astro-colibri.com





## High-energy multi-messenger astrophysics in real-time

#### Several years of preparation coming to fruition

automatic alert systems + dedicated data analysis tools + MoUs + ...

#### Gravitational waves + Gamma Ray Bursts

- major breakthroughs over the last years (GW170817, GRB180720B, GRB190114C, etc.)
- Main future players: CTA + LHAASO (+ SWGO?)

#### High-energy neutrinos

- diffuse astrophysical flux detected (details lacking statistics)
- transient sources promising (no point-source in IceCube + reduced chance prob.)
- IceCube-170922A and TXS 0506+056: a first hint

#### Fast Radio Bursts

- rapidly evolving domain (# of bursts, dedicated analysis pipelines, joint MWL campaigns!!)
- Galactic Novae: new class of VHE transients !


# High-energy multi-messenger astrophysics in real-time

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#### Detection of VHE gamma-ray emission from the recurrent nova RS Ophiuchi with H.E.S.S.

ATel #14844; Stefan J. Wagner, for the H. E.S. S. collaboration on 10 Aug 2021; 18:34 UT Credential Certification: Stefan J. Wagner (swagner@lsw.uni-heidelberg.de)

Subjects: Gamma Ray, >GeV, TeV, VHE, Binary, Nova

Referred to by ATel #: 14845, 14846, 14848, 14849, 14851, 14855, 14857, 14858, 14860 14882, 14885, 14886, 14894

The H.E.S.S. array of imaging atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes was used to carry out observations of the recurrent nova RS Ophiuchi currently in outburst and detected with Fermi/LAT (Cheung et al, ATel #14834). RS Ophiuchi is a high-mass WD/red giant binary with an orbital period of 455d that undergoes an outburst approximately every 15-20 years, with the previous one occurring in February 2006. The current outburst is associated with a high-velocity outflow (Taguchi et al., ATel #14838, Munari et al., ATel #14840).// H.E.S.S. Observations started on August 9 at 18:17 UTC , lasted until 22:41 UTC and were taken under good conditions. A preliminary onsite analysis of the obtained data shows a >6 sigma very-high-energy gamma-ray excess compatible with the direction of RS Ophiuchi. Further H.E.S.S. observations are planned. We strongly encourage follow-up at all wavelengths.// H.E.S.S. is an array of five imaging atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes for the detection of very-high-energy gamma-ray sources and is located in the Khomas Highlands in Namibia. It was constructed and is operated by researchers from Armenia, Australia, Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, UK, and the host country, Namibia. For more details see https://www.mpihd.mpg.de/hfm/HESS/

#### H.E.S.S. observations of soft spectrum VHE gamma-ray emission from the recurrent nova RS Ophiuchi

ATel #14857; Stefan J. Wagner, for the H. E.S. S. collaboration

on 12 Aug 2021; 23:03 UT

Credential Certification: Stefan J. Wagner (swagner@lsw.uni-heidelberg.de)

Subjects: Gamma Ray, >GeV, TeV, VHE, Nova

GW Referred to by ATel #: 14858, <u>14860</u>, 14864, 14866, 14882, 14885, 14886, 14894

Following the detection of very-high-energy gamma-ray emission the recurrent nova RS Ophiuchi currently in outburst (ATel #14844), H.E.S.S. observations continued on August 10th and August 11th for about 5h each night. A continued VHE gamma-ray excess compatible with the direction of RS Ophiuchi is seen in these two nights, with comparable significance to the night of August 9 (ATel #14844). The Fermi/LAT collaboration (Cheung et al, ATel #14845) reports a brightening of the nova in >100 MeV gamma-rays with a hard spectrum (single power law spectral index 1.9 +/- 0.1) up to ~10 GeV. In the VHE energy band covered with the H.E.S.S. telescopes, for the three nights August 9-11, a preliminary onsite analysis shows a significantly softer power law spectral index (> 3) than that Creported by Fermi-LAT. This implies that a spectral break occurs between the >100 MeV to ~13 GeV range of the Fermi-LAT data and the higher energy range of the H.E.S.S. data. E Further H.E.S.S. observations are planned. We strongly encourage follow-up at all wavelengths (see also ATels #14834, #14838, #14840, #14845, #14846, #14848, #14849 #14850, #14851, #14852, #14855). H.E.S.S. is an array of five imaging atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes for the detection of very-high-energy gamma-ray sources and is located in the Khomas Highlands in Namibia. It was constructed and is operated by researchers from Armenia, Australia, Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, UK, and the host country, Namibia. For more details see https://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/hfm/HESS/

#### Galactic Novae: new class of VHE transients !



# Gravitational Waves Supernovate Neutrinos Fast Radio Bursts Gamma-ray Bursts





## Short and long GRBs











## **High Altitude particle detector arrays**









## **MM searches with air shower arrays**

Large FoV + high duty-cycle

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- Smaller instantaneous sensitivity + higher E<sub>threshold</sub>
- HAWC: automatized searches for excess at several timescales (0.3s - 100s)





#### I. Martinez + H. Schoorlemmer et al. (HAWC)



Karl Kosack, ISAPP 2012

## **Time domain : searches for MM transients**

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  - large photon collection area → 614 m<sup>2</sup> mirror area (largest IACT worldwide)
  - rapid response time









modified from C. Hoischen, Baikal 2016

## **GRB follow-up: sensitivity**



## **GRB observations with IACTs**





## SGR1935+2154

April 2020: renewed activity of a Galactic magnetar

 Coincidence between an X-ray burst (INTEGRAL) and a Fast Radio Burst like emission (CHIME) => magnetars can emit FRBs



Mereghetti et al., ApJL 898 (2020)





Lin+ 2020

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#### E. Keane et al., Nature 530 (2016)

7 h 18 min 00.00 s 7 h 14 min 00.00 s 7 h 20 min 00.00 s 7 h 16 min 00.00 s

a WISEW1/W2/W3

-18° 40' 00.0'

-19° 00' 00.0

19° 20′ 00.0

-19° 40′ 00.0

-20° 00′ 00.0

-20° 20' 00.0



- detected 2015 April 18 04:29:07.056 UTC at SUPERB@Parke
- ATCA: fading radio afterglow during ~6days
  - optical identification of galaxy at z=0.492
- H.E.S.S. observations the night after the burst
  - delay: ~14.5h
  - no VHE afterglow detected
  - Φ(E>350GeV) < 1.3 x 10<sup>-8</sup> m<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (E<sup>-2</sup>, 99% C.L.)



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# FRB 121102 and FRB 180814.J0422+73

- VERITAS: 12.7h + 8.2h of observations => no steady emission
- FRB 180814.J0422+73 observations overlapping with CHIME => no bursts found
  - Φ < 9.2 × 10<sup>-13</sup> ph cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> >300 GeV for *soft* cuts
- 115min of observations on FRB 121102 overlapping with GBT (Nov. 25, 2017) => 15 bursts found
  - dedicated analysis within 10ms around the bursts
  - $\Phi < 3.7 \times 10^{-8}$  ph cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> >200 GeV for all 15 bursts
- MAGIC: 23h of observations (8.9h overlapping with Arecibo) on FRB 121102 => 5 bursts found







J. Holder et al. (VERITAS), ICRC2019 arXiv: 1908.06471

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    - FRB171019 (ASKAP + GBT/CHIME): first repeating burst in the Southern hemisphere, stay tuned...



## Neutrino telescopes: monitoring the neutrino sky









# ANTARES + KM3NeT

- Good visibility of the Southern Sky
- Water: low scattering => high angular resolution
- <sup>40</sup>K + bioluminescence







## **High-energy neutrino follow-ups with IACTs**





## Gamma-ray counterparts to IceCube events



## Gamma-ray follow-up of high-energy neutrino alerts

Space and time correlations would provide "smoking gun" signal for joint emission processes => CR interaction/acceleration



## H.E.S.S. + MAGIC + VERITAS + HAWC



## IceCube-170922A and TXS 0506+056 : MWL campaign

- the first extensive multi-wavelength and multi-messenger picture
- modeling not straight-forward (e.g. need for special jet models, etc.)





## **Neutrino - Gamma Ray emission scenarios**

- TXS 0506+056 in 2017
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S. Gao, A.Fedynitch, W.Winter, M.Pohl, Nature Astronomy (2019) 3



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#### TXS 0506+056 in 2014/2015

Imited MWL data; no significant GeV flux increase; hint for spectral hardening





## How significant is the correlation?

- 1591 AGNs in the Fermi-LAT catalog 3LAC
- about 5% chance to find a Fermi-LAT AGN in a neutrino error box (~1deg<sup>2</sup>)
- this is the 10th neutrino alert issued in real-time (+41 archival events)







## Multi-messenger observations of a flaring blazar

- Question asked in the paper: "What is the chance probability to find a flaring blazar like TXS 0506+056 correlated with a high-energy neutrino like IC-170922A?"
- Answer: ~3σ

- Also, this question does not include the prior "is the neutrino of astrophysical origin?"
  - probability of ~56%





## **TAToO: the ANTARES neutrino alert program**

- online reconstruction of the ANTARES data within a few seconds
- filtering/detection of promising candidates
- alert emission to a list of MoU observatories (ANTARES) or via public announcements (IceCube)



APP 35 (2012) 530-536



## IceCube-170922A

- 22/09/2017: Detection of another high-energy neutrino of about 300 TeV by IceCube: automatic and public alert distribution to follow-up observatories at all wavelengths
- Observations with H.E.S.S. started 4h later
- no gamma-ray signal found => ATEL #10787







## IceCube-170922A and TXS 0506+056

 28/09/2017 Fermi-LAT: Detection of an active blazar (active galactic nuclei with the jet pointing towards Earth) within the neutrino uncertainty region <u>ATEL #10791</u>






### IceCube-170922A and TXS 0506+056

original GCN Notice Fri 22 Sep 17 20:55:13 U 10 28/09/2017 Fermi-LAT: Detection of an active refined best-fit direction IC1709224 6.6 9 IC170922A 50% - area: 0.15 square degrees blazar (active galactic nuclei with the jet IC170922A 90% - area: 0.97 square degrees 8 Fermi-LAT Counts/Pixel 6.2 pointing towards Earth) within the neutrino 6 Declination uncertainty region ATEL #10791 5.8 5 4 5.4 3 activity in all wavelengths (optical - X-rays -2 5.0 gamma rays) with unprecedented flux levels PKS 0502+049 3FHL 3FGI 78.0° 77.6° 77.2 78.4 76.8 76.4 High-energy gamma rays (Fermi-LAT) High Energy Light Curve (800 MeV - 300 GeV) 10 Neutrino detection 7.5 Relative Flux > 800 MeV 5 2.5-2.5239859818 270099818 300339818 330579818 360819818 391059818 421299818 451539818 481779818 512019818 MET



## A worldwide observation campaign





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- Iongterm monitoring campaign by VERITAS + MAGIC
- ToO observations by H.E.S.S. (e.g. March 2018)



## An orphan flare of neutrinos from the same direction

- dedicated searches in the IceCube (and ANTARES) neutrino data
- excess of 13 ± 5 neutrinos within ~100-150 days in 2014/2015
- spectrum following E<sup>-2.1 ± 0.3</sup> (atmospheric: E<sup>-3.7</sup>)
- significance : 3.5σ



No associated MWL activity (no alert, i.e. few observations) => need for VHE monitoring observatories (see later)



#### **LHAASO**

Hybrid air-shower array at 4410m altitude in the Sichuan province of China







### LHAASO: status





- >1/2 in operation
- Completion expected end 2020



Huihai He, TMEX 2020

#### **LHAASO: first results**

240days of data: Crab @ 63σ; pointing < 0.1°</p>





#### **The Southern sky**





adapted from W. Hofmann (TeVPA2018)

## **Potential SGSO/SWGO sites**

- altitude ~4xxx m
- reasonably flat area
- Iatitude around 30°S
- infrastructure (incl. access to water)



other potential sites in Bolivia, Peru, etc.



Lat. 10° S.



## The main science drivers of SGSO/SWGO

- Cosmic ray acceleration and transport
- Monitoring the high-energy transient sky
- Physics beyond the Standard Model of particle physics
- Cosmic ray observations

# Complementarity with CTA



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#### **Different novel design ideas + prototypes**

