

PROBING TRACES OF INTERGALACTIC MAGNETIC FIELD FROM GAMMA-RAY BURSTS WITH VERY-HIGH ENERGY GAMMA-RAY DETECTORS

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Magnetic Fields in the Universe

Magnetic field seeds origin

Cosmological

Astrophysical

Amplification process

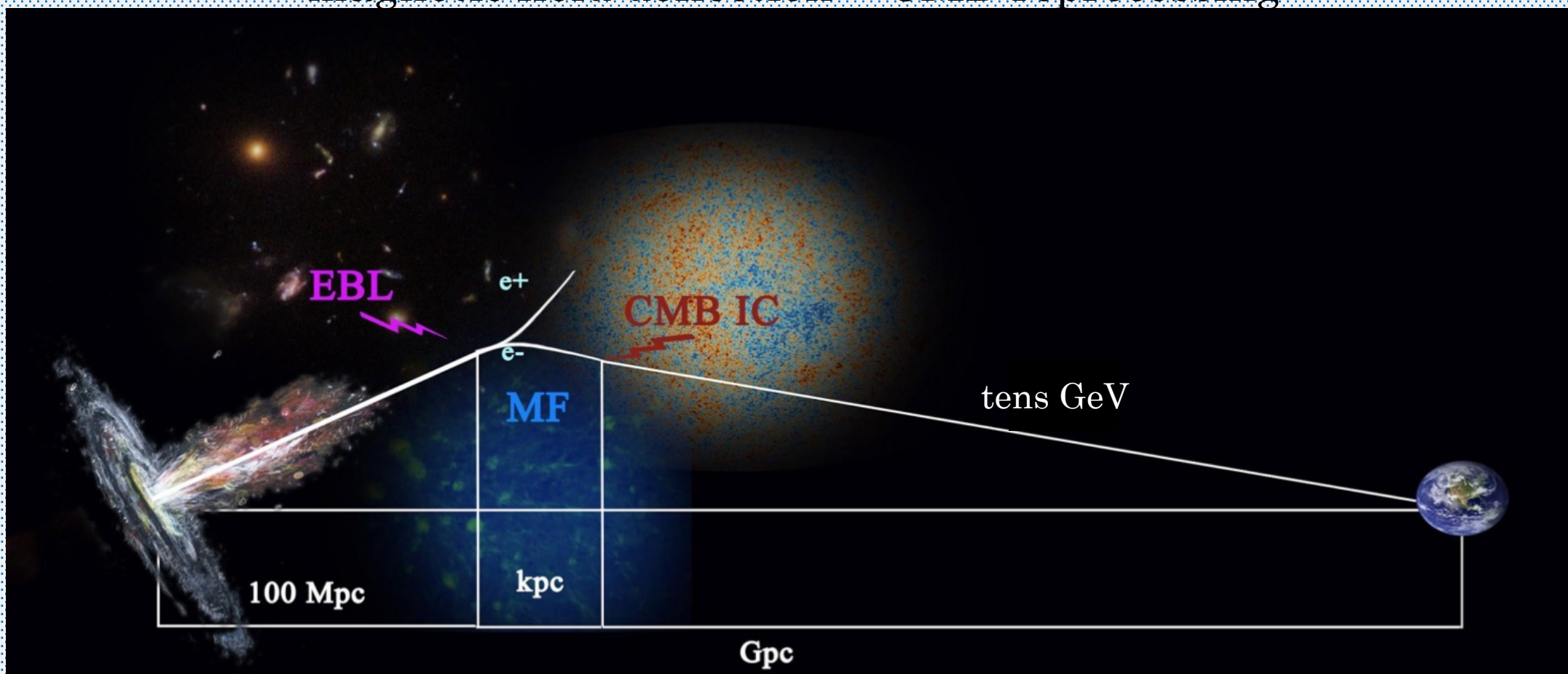
Dynamo amplification

Current B-fields detected

Modern μG
magnetic fields
in galaxy and
galaxy clusters

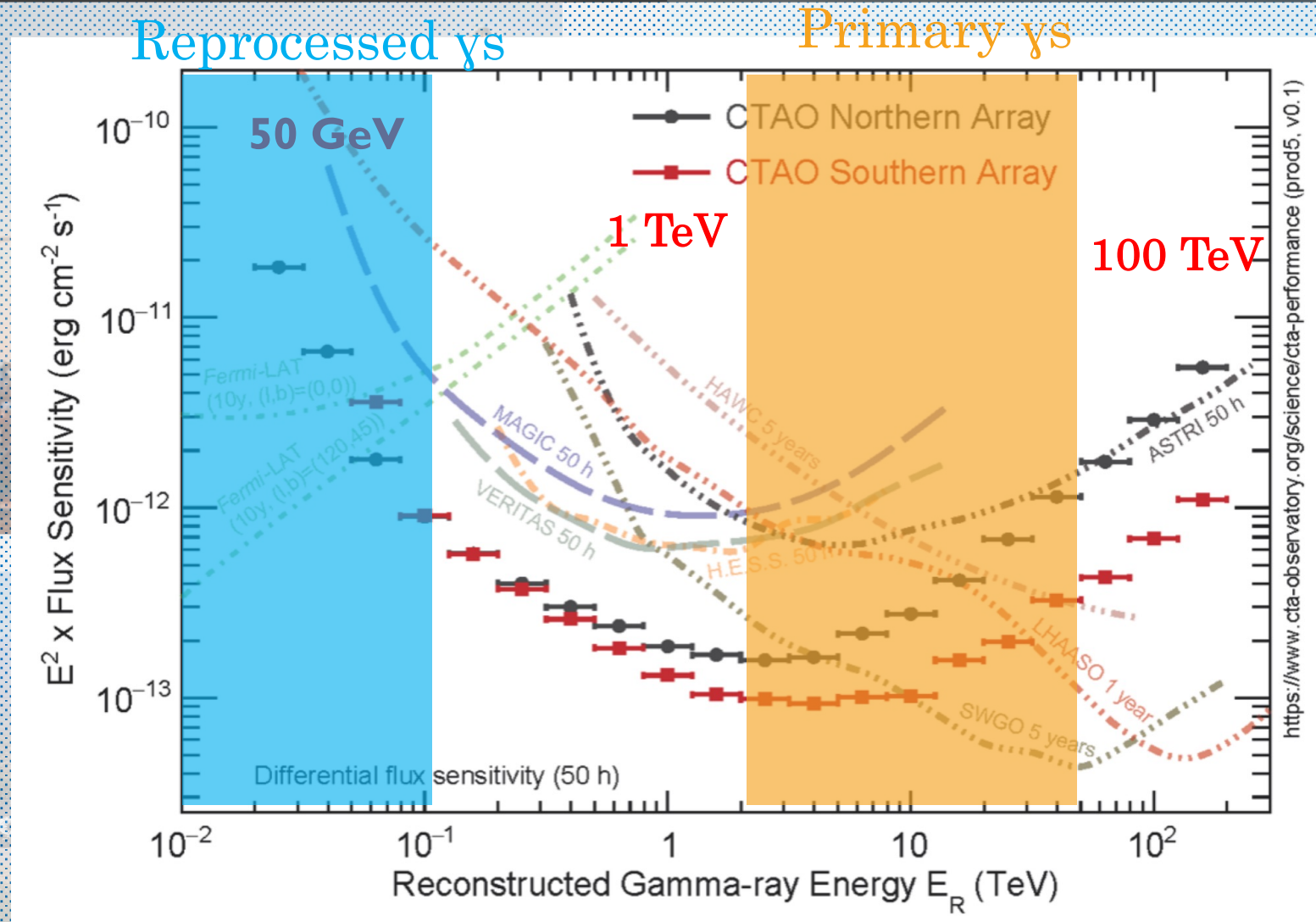
Probing Intergalactic Magnetic Field (IGMF) in the GeV range

IGMF can generate an *extended and time-delayed* emission at GeV energies due to magnetic field deflection + CMB reprocessing



Adapted from Vachaspati et al. 2020

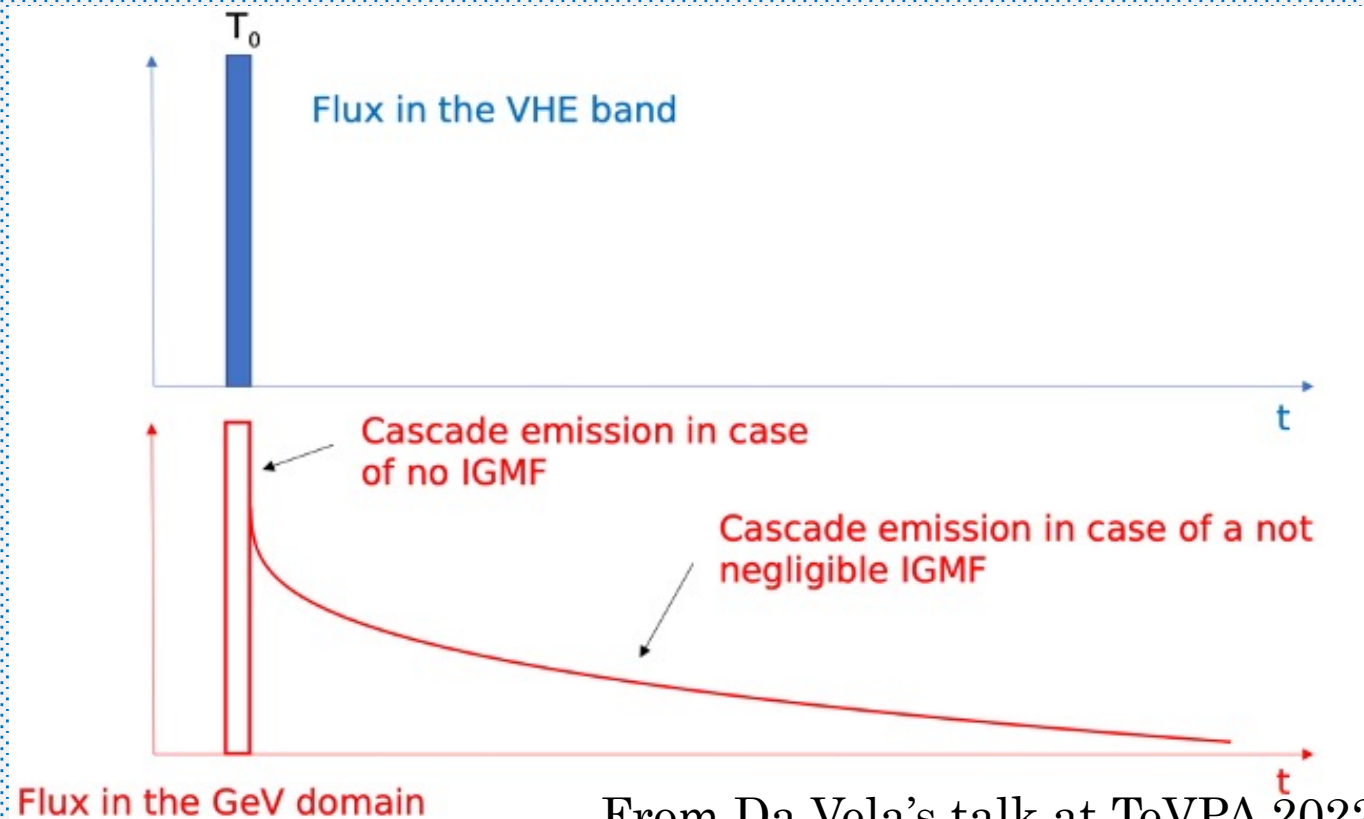
Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACTs)



Gamma-rays for Intergalactic Magnetic Field (IGMF) studies

How gamma-ray can probe IGMF properties (B strength and correlation length λ_B)?

- Method: search for time-delayed 'pair-echo' emission



From Da Vela's talk at TeVPA 2022

$$F_{\text{delay}} \sim F_0 \frac{T}{T_{\text{delay}} + T}$$

$$T_{\text{delay}} \propto B^2 E_{\gamma}^{-5/2} \quad \lambda_B \gg \lambda_{\text{IC}}$$

$$T_{\text{delay}} \propto B^2 E_{\gamma}^{-2} \lambda_B \quad \lambda_B \ll \lambda_{\text{IC}}$$

Interesting for AGN flares or
transient sources

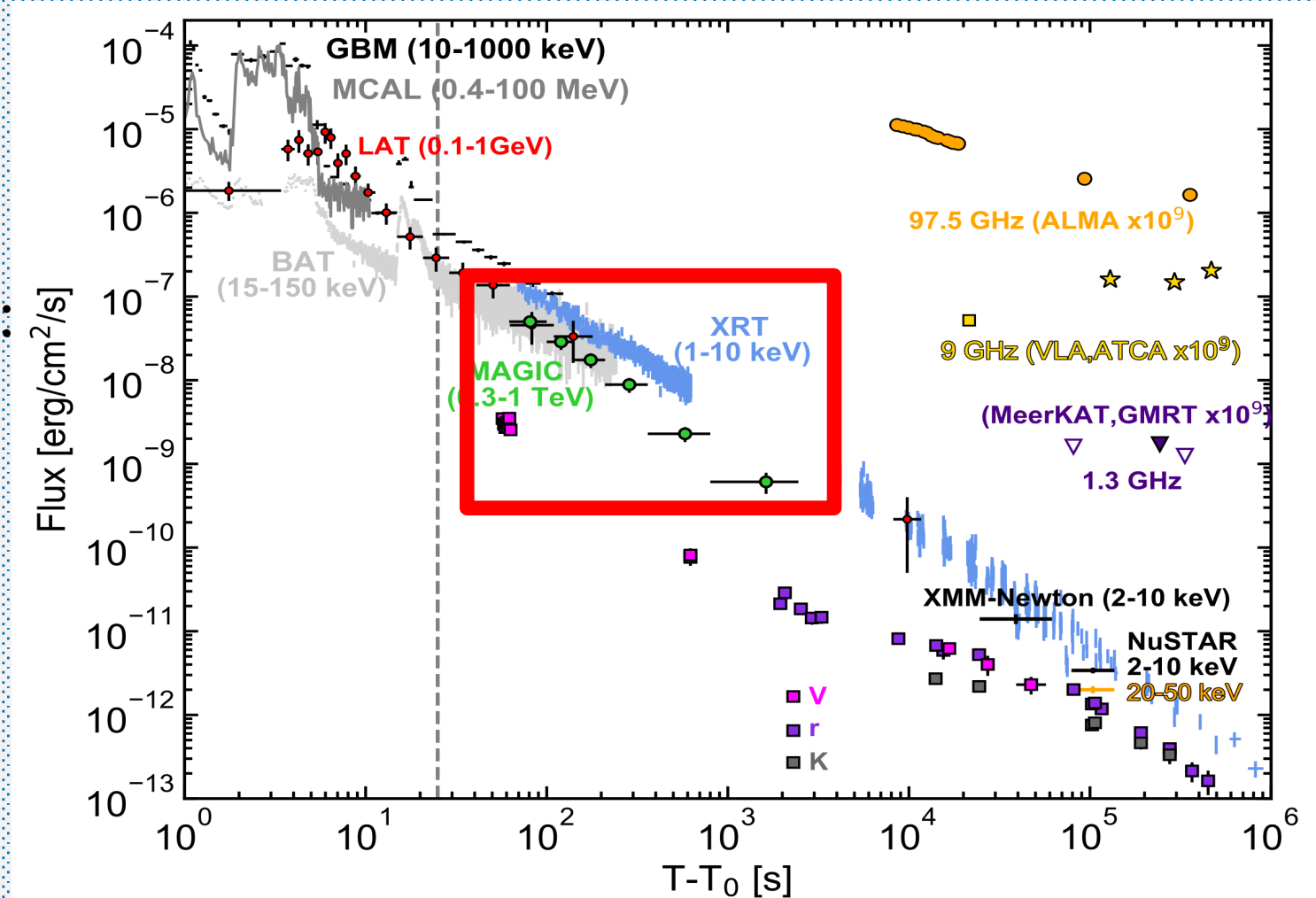
GRB190114C

- Long GRB
- $E_{\text{y,iso}} \sim 2.5 \times 10^{53}$ erg
- $z = 0.42$

TeV detection info (MAGIC):

- $T_{\text{delay}} \sim 57$ s
- $> 50\sigma$ in 20 minutes
- detection up to 40 min
- 0.3 - 1 TeV energy range

Multi-wavelength light curve



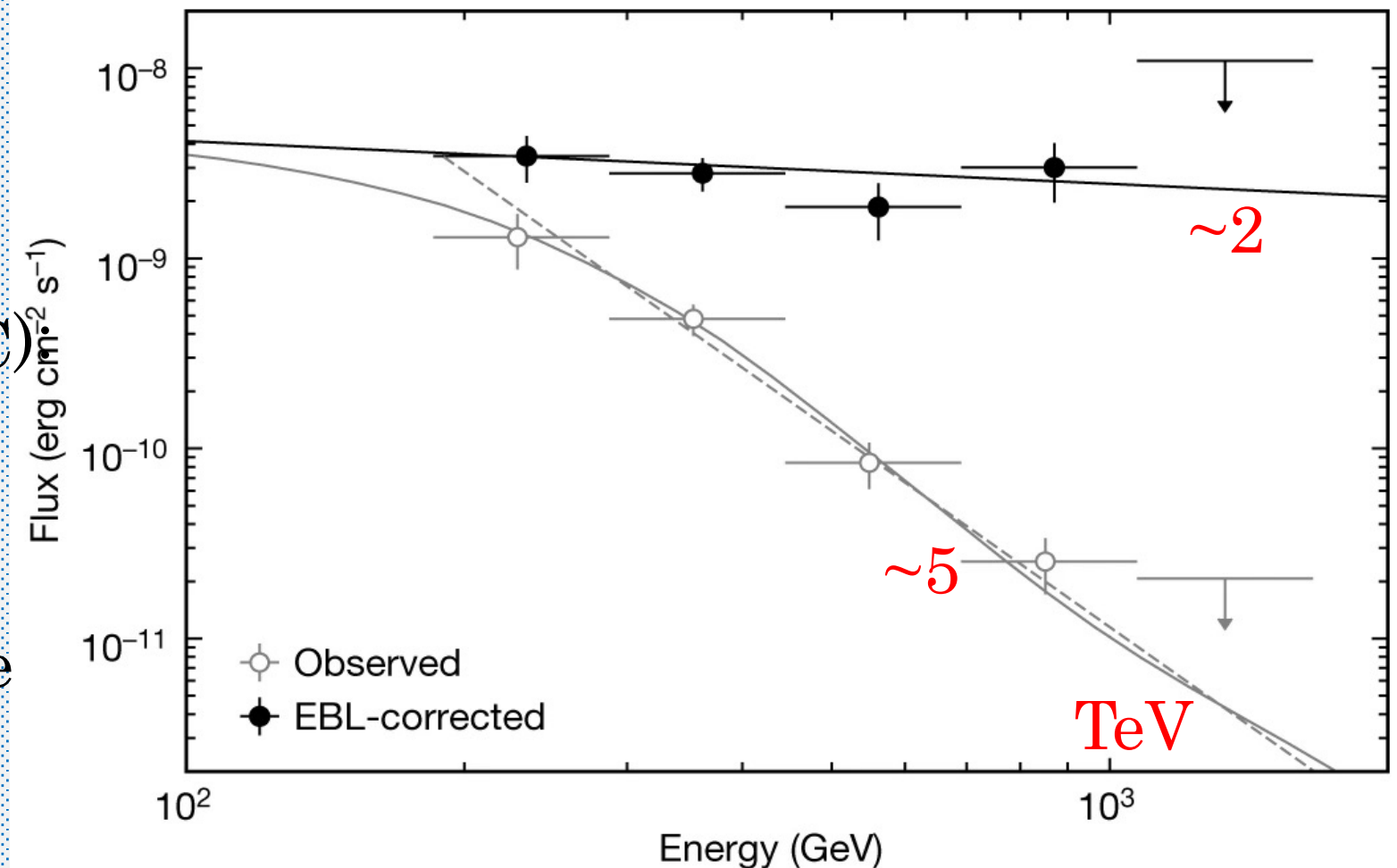
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Spectral energy distribution



GRB190114C: Simulated echo emission

Purpose: calculate the simulated secondary cascade with *CRPropa*

- For the case of GRB190114C ($z=0.42$)
- For a generic GRB190114C-like source at different distance ($z=1.0$ and $z=0.2$)
- Details of CRPropa (Source; Magnetic Field; Observer)
- Assumptions:
 - Starting time for photon cascade counting: 3000 s
 - Source time activity: MAGIC detection interval (40 min)
 - No spectral variability with time (consistent with MAGIC results)
 - Average flux emitted in afterglow phase

GRB190114C: Simulated echo emission

Estimate the average flux emitted in the afterglow phase in TeV range

- Afterglow starting phase $\rightarrow \sim 6$ s ([Ravasio et al. 2019](#))

MAGIC LC fit in $[0.3 - 1]$ TeV from 68 s up to 2400 s



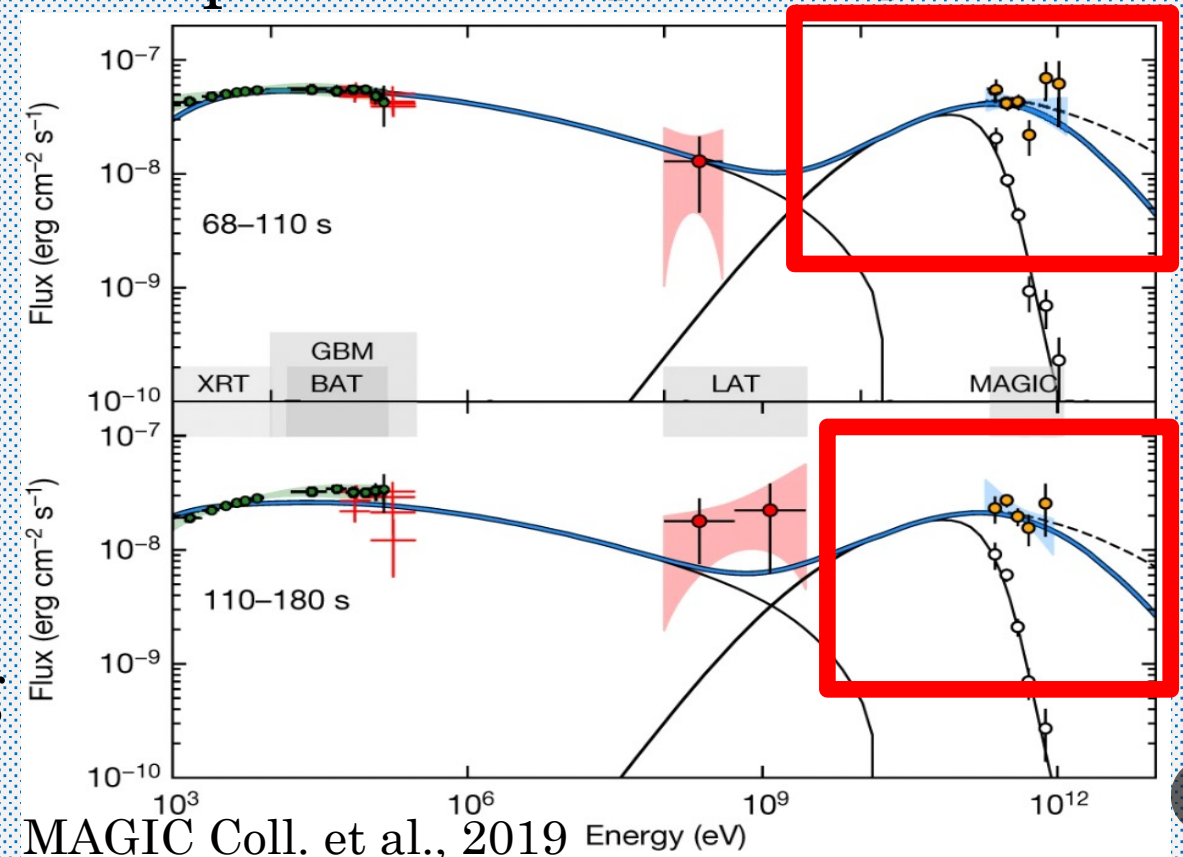
Flux extrapolated from 6 s up to 2400 s

GRB190114C: Simulated echo emission

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Assumed photon (EBL-deabsorbed) spectrum in [0.2 - 10] TeV:

- Power-law spectrum
↓
too optimistic assumption
- Log-parabola spectrum
↓
consistent with data modeling
theoretical expectations

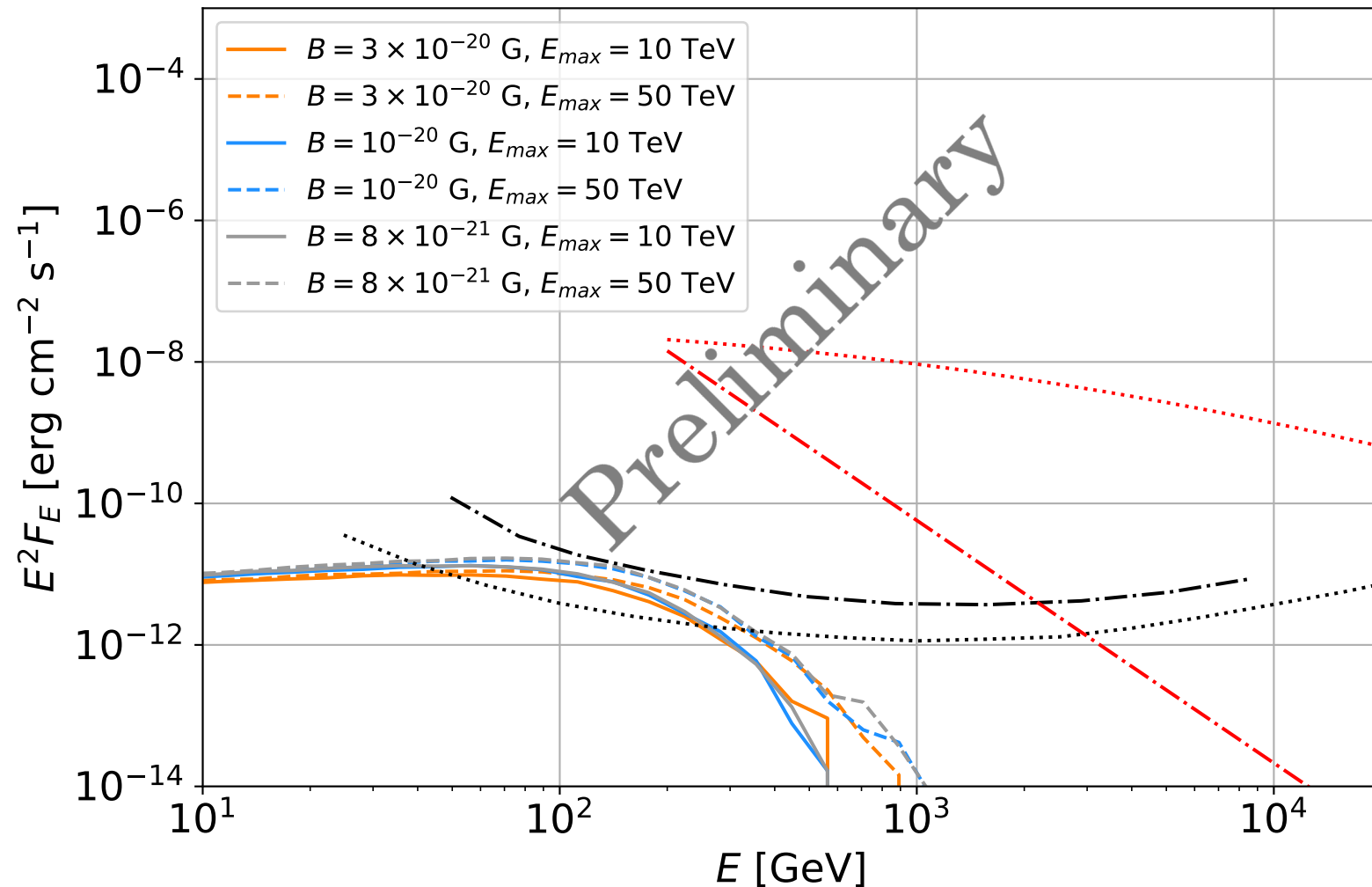


MAGIC Coll. et al., 2019 Energy (eV)

GRB190114C ($z = 0.42$)

Comparison with MAGIC and CTA sensitivities

GRB 190114C, $T_{obs} = 3h$

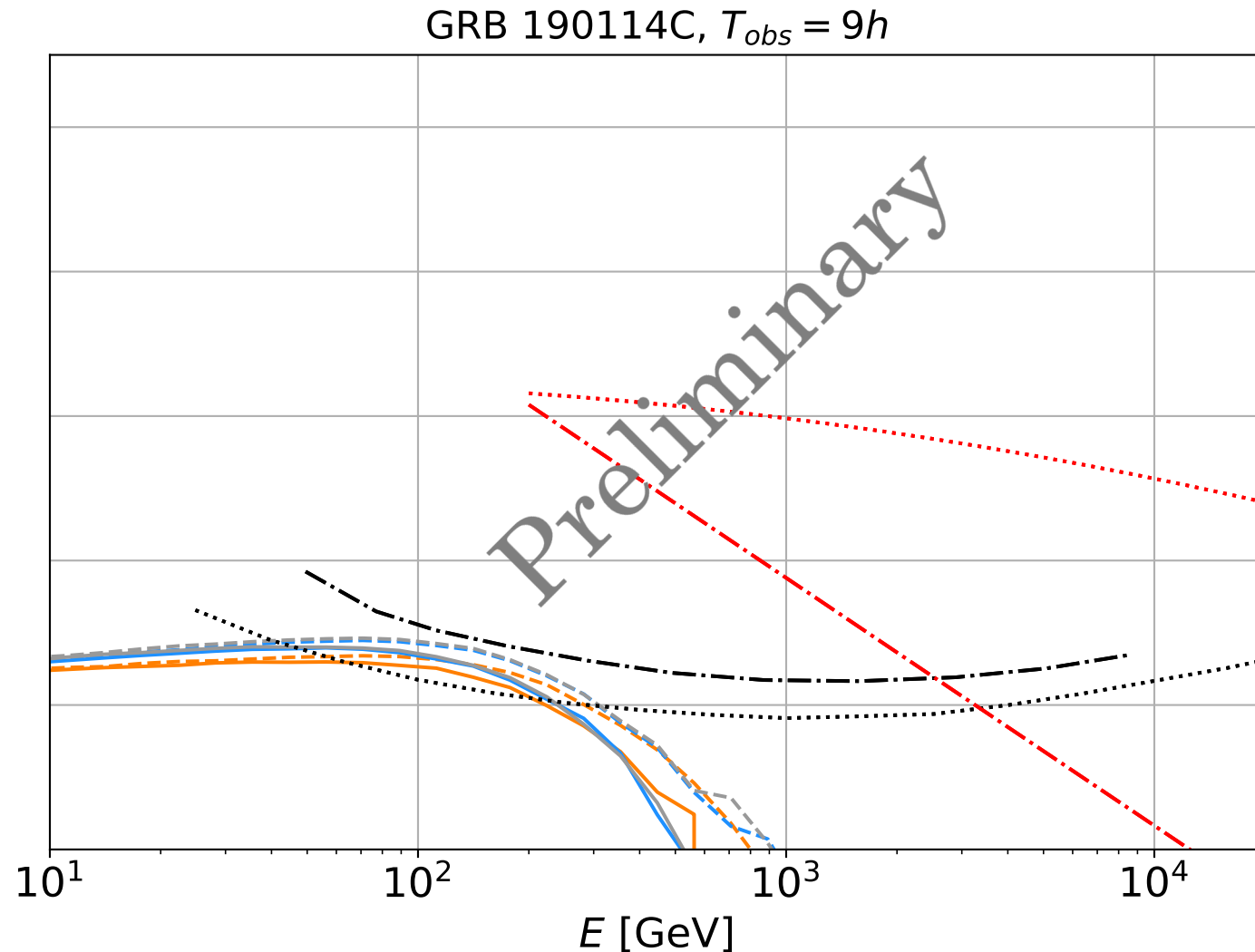


Spectral energy distribution

- **Primary GRB emission**
- **Secondary emission**
- Observational time: **3 hours** starting from 2400 s after trigger burst
- MAGIC and CTA sensitivity derived from CTA website and rescaled in time

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Comparison with MAGIC and CTA-North sensitivities

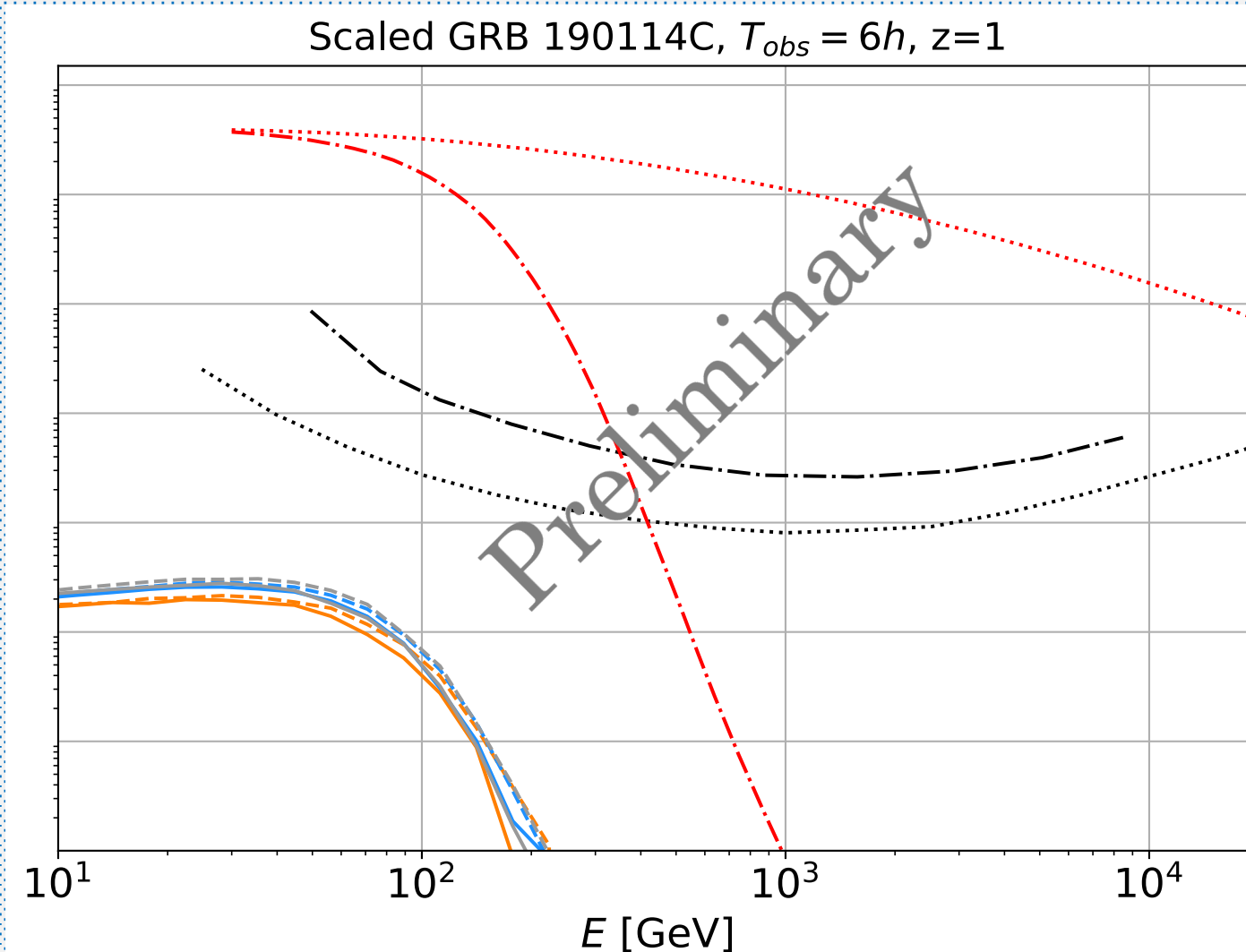


Spectral energy distribution

- Primary GRB emission
- Secondary emission
- Observational time: **9 hours** starting from 2400 s after trigger burst
- MAGIC and CTA-North sensitivity derived from [CTA website](#) and rescaled in time ($S \propto (1/\sqrt{t})$)

GRB190114C-like with higher redshift ($z = 1.0$)

Comparison with MAGIC and CTA-North sensitivities

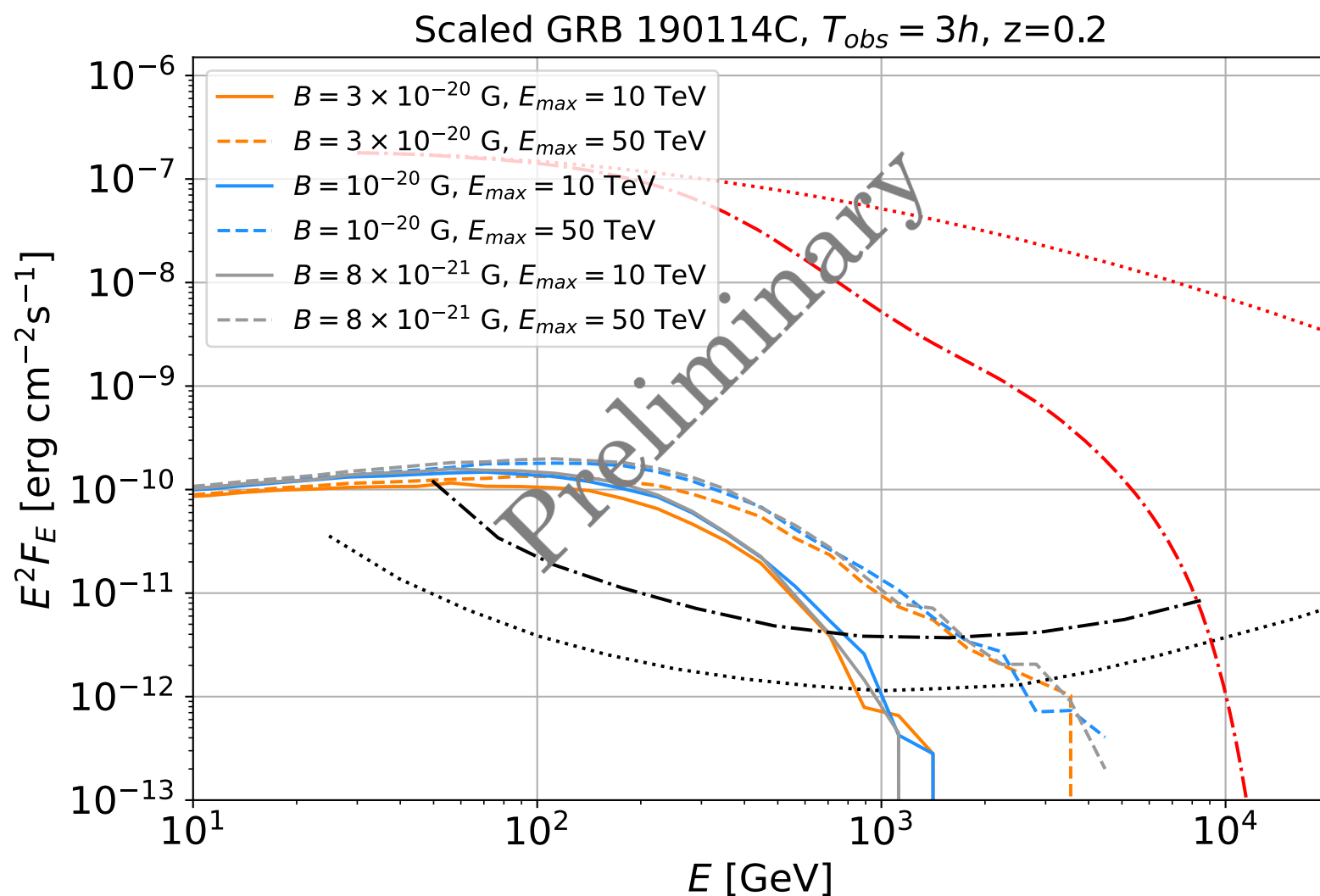


Spectral energy distribution

- Primary GRB emission
- Secondary emission
- Observational time: **6 hours** starting from 2400 s after trigger burst
- MAGIC and CTA-North sensitivity derived from [CTA website](#) and rescaled in time ($S \propto (1/\sqrt{t})$)

GRB190114C-like with lower redshift ($z = 0.2$)

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Conclusions

- Gamma-Ray Bursts are promising sources for IGMF studies
- Current and future IACTs can probe the "weakest" IGMFs extending observational time (3-6-9 h) after GRB emission is not visible anymore
- Impact of intrinsic source features is greater than secondary reprocessing due to distance → bright and nearby GRBs are the most interesting objects
- Next steps:
 - Provide accurate predictions for CTA full array
 - Explore the role of other parameters

BACKUP SLIDES

GRB221009A ($z = 0.151$)



The Southern Wide-field Gamma-ray Observatory

TITLE: GCN CIRCULAR

NUMBER: 32635

SUBJECT: LHAASO observed GRB 221009A with more than 5000 VHE photons up to around 18 TeV

DATE: 22/10/11 09:21:34 GMT

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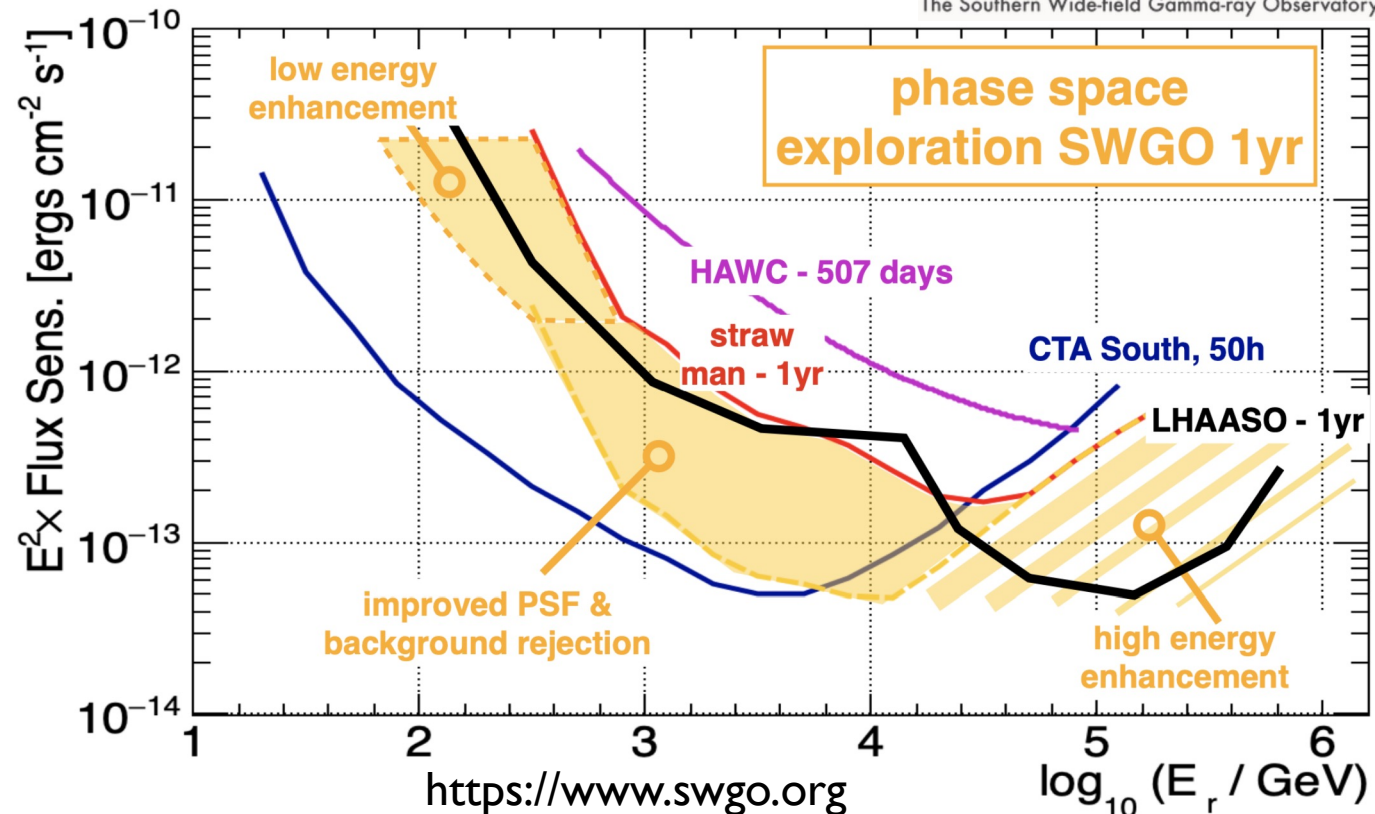
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We report the observation of GRB 221009A, which was detected by Swift et al. GCN #32635), Fermi-GBM (Veres et al. GCN #32636, Lesage et al Fermi-LAT (Bissaldi et al. GCN #32637), IPN (Svinkin et al. GCN #326

GRB 221009A is detected by LHAASO-WCDA at energy above 500 GeV, cent RA = 288.3, Dec = 19.7 within 2000 seconds after T0, with the signif 100 s.d., and is observed as well by LHAASO-KM2A with the significan where the energy of the highest photon reaches 18 TeV.

This represents the first detection of photons above 10 TeV from GRB

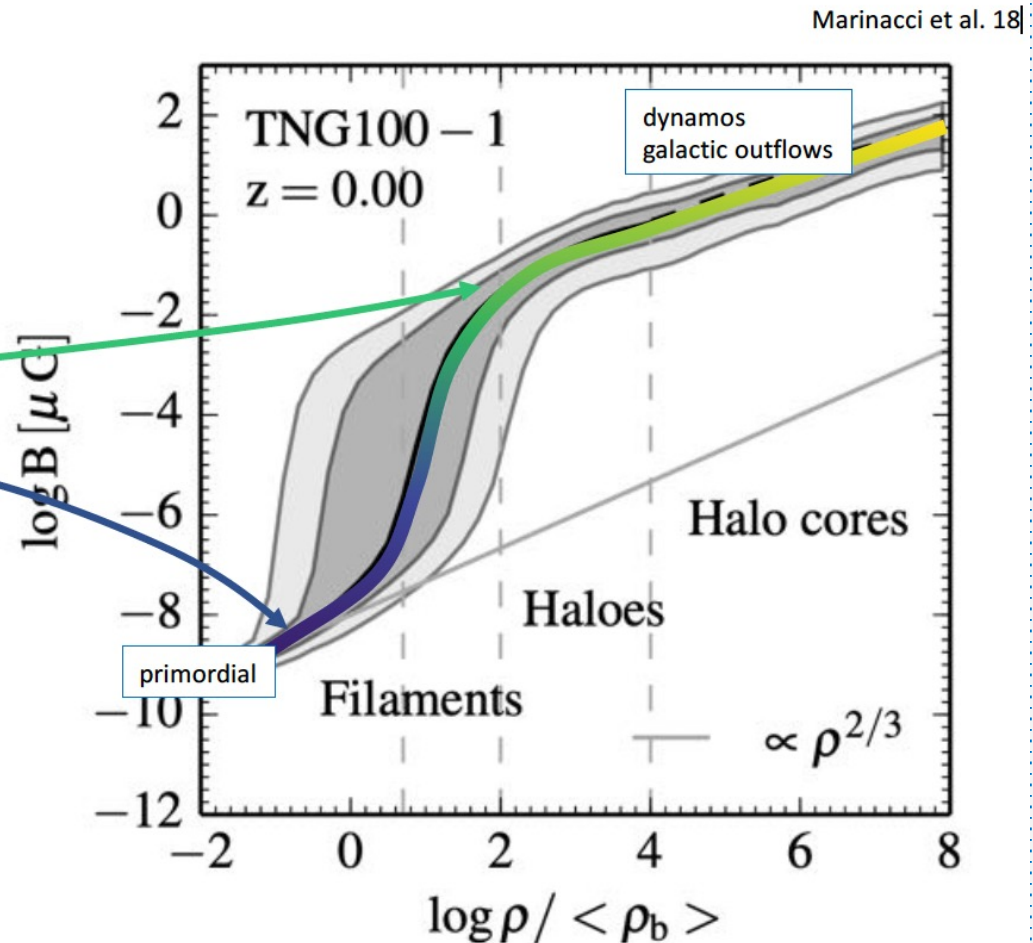
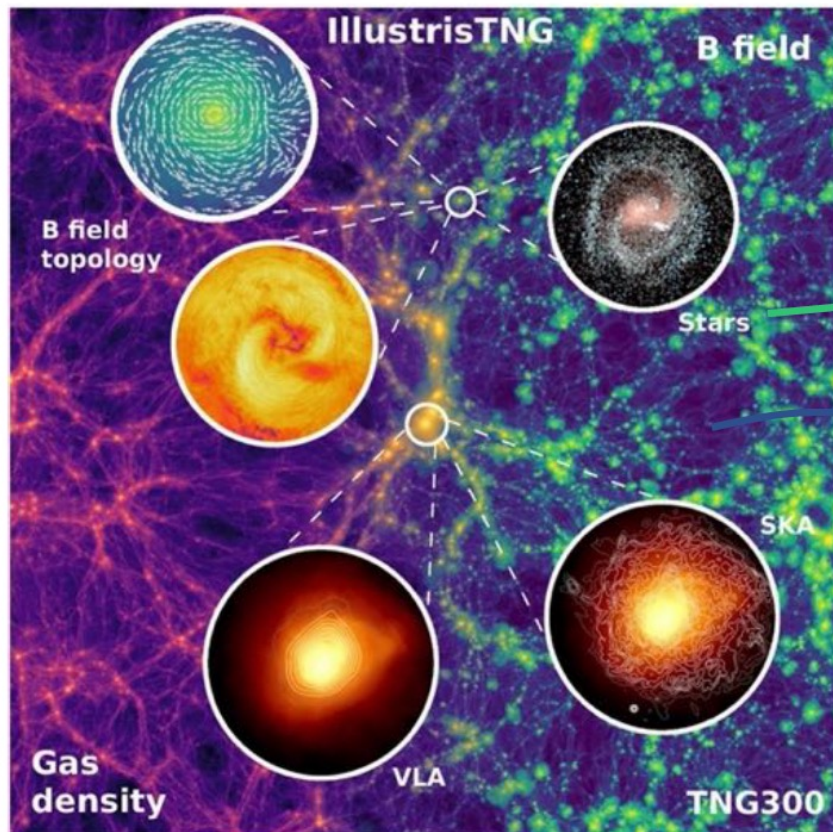
The LHAASO is a multi-purpose experiment for gamma-ray astronomy (in band between 10^{11} and 10^{15} eV) and cosmic ray measurements.



Current and future Extended Air Shower (EAS) can provide useful results

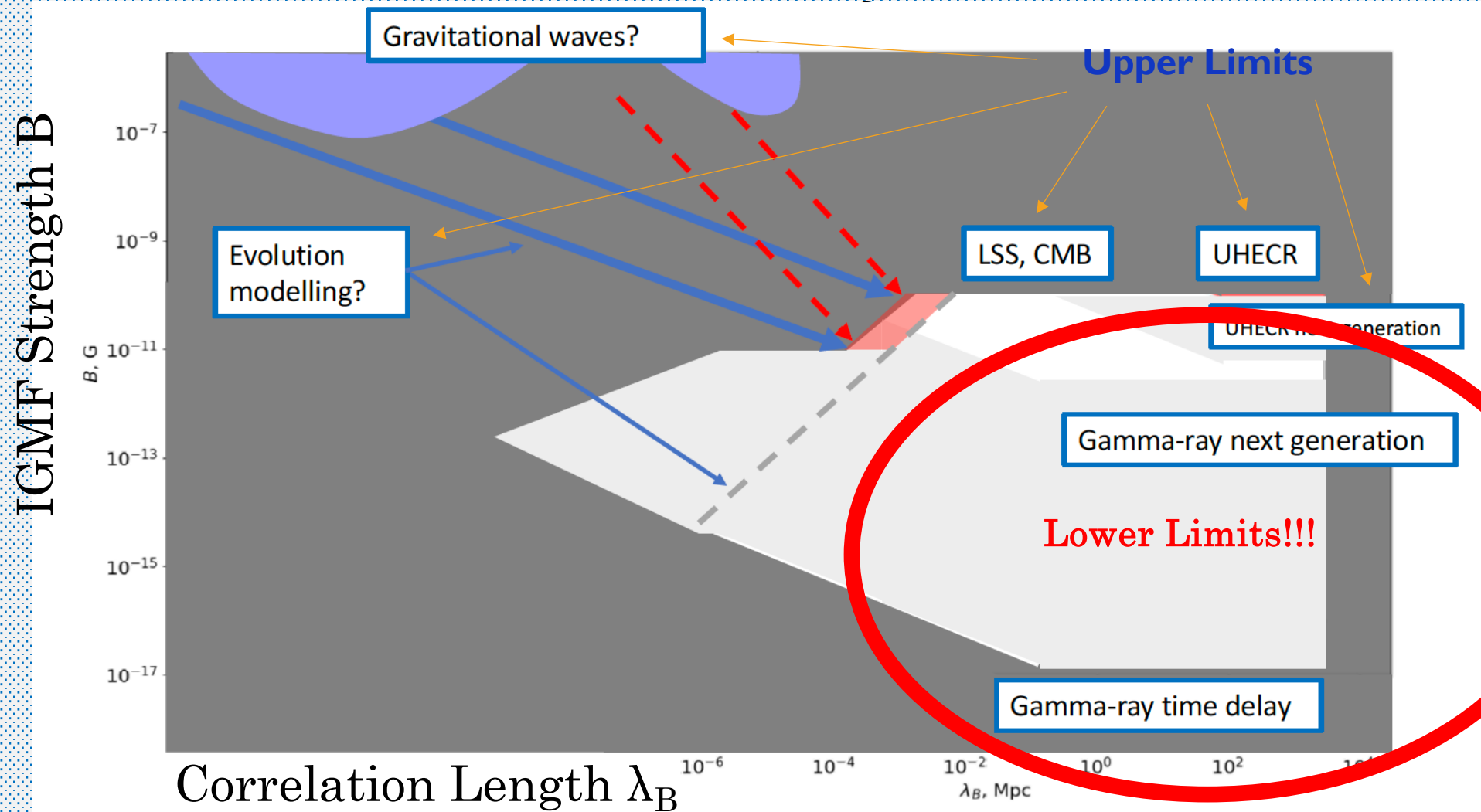
Magnetic Fields in the Universe

Where to look for cosmological magnetic fields?



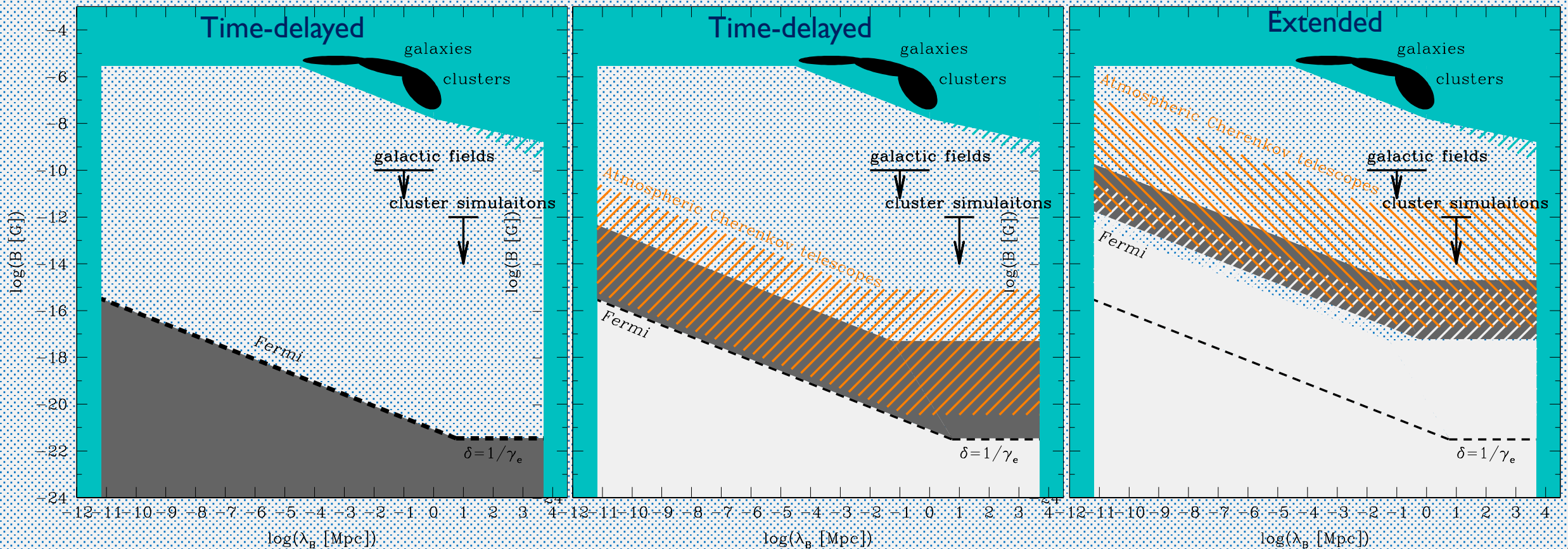
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Intergalactic Magnetic Field (IGMF) Limits

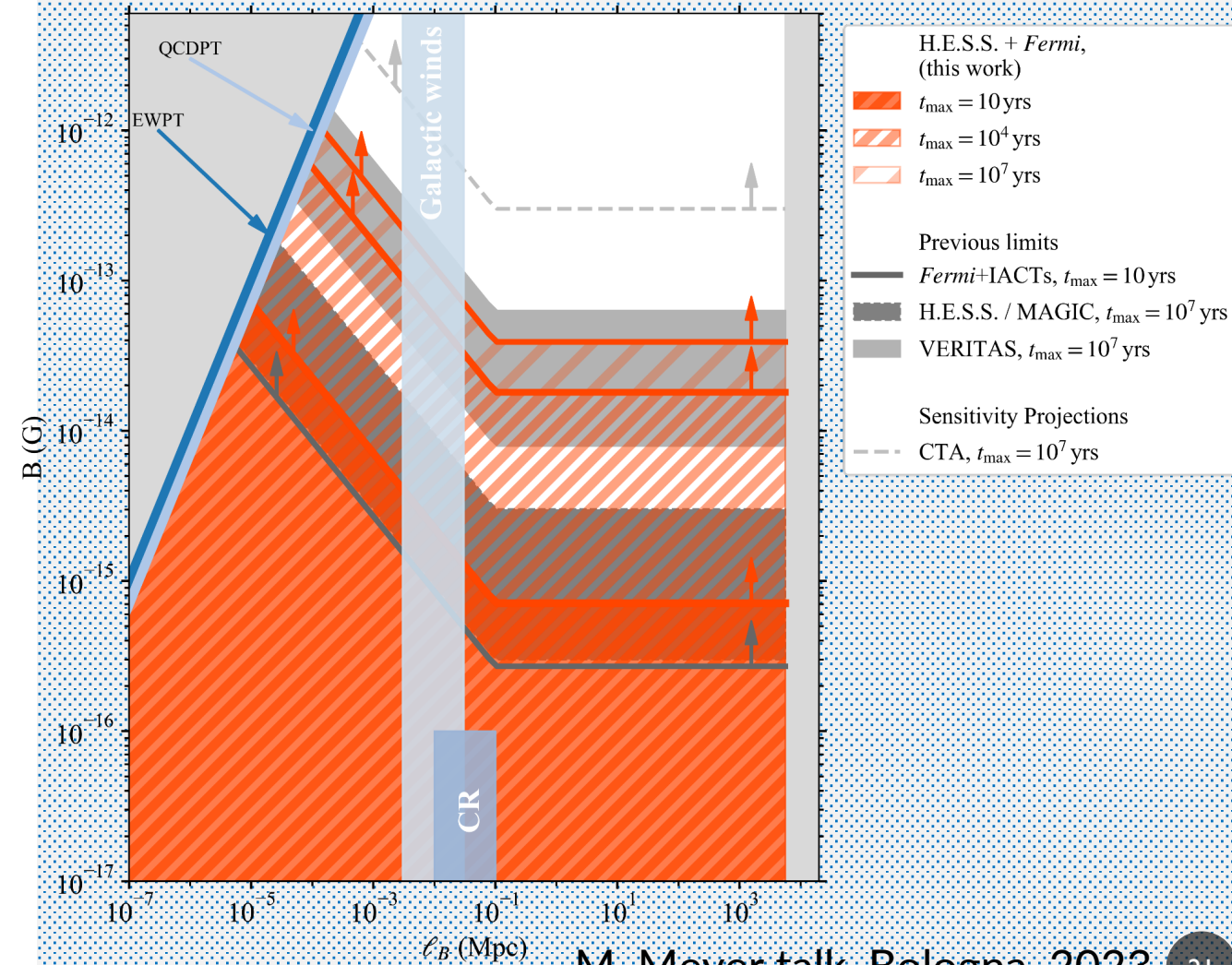
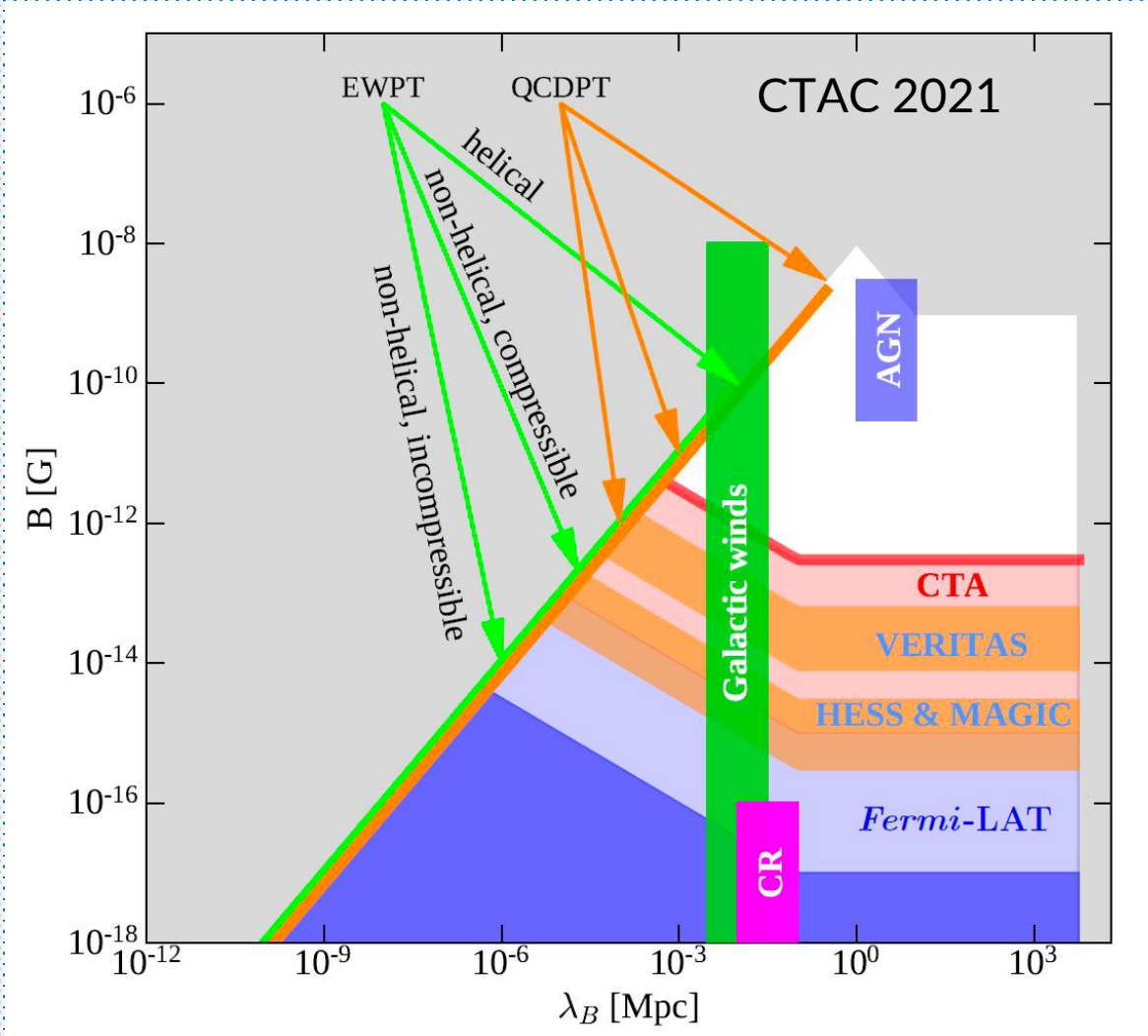


Probing IGMF in the GeV range

IGMF can generate an **extended** and **time-delayed** emission at GeV energies due to magnetic field deflection + CMB reprocessing

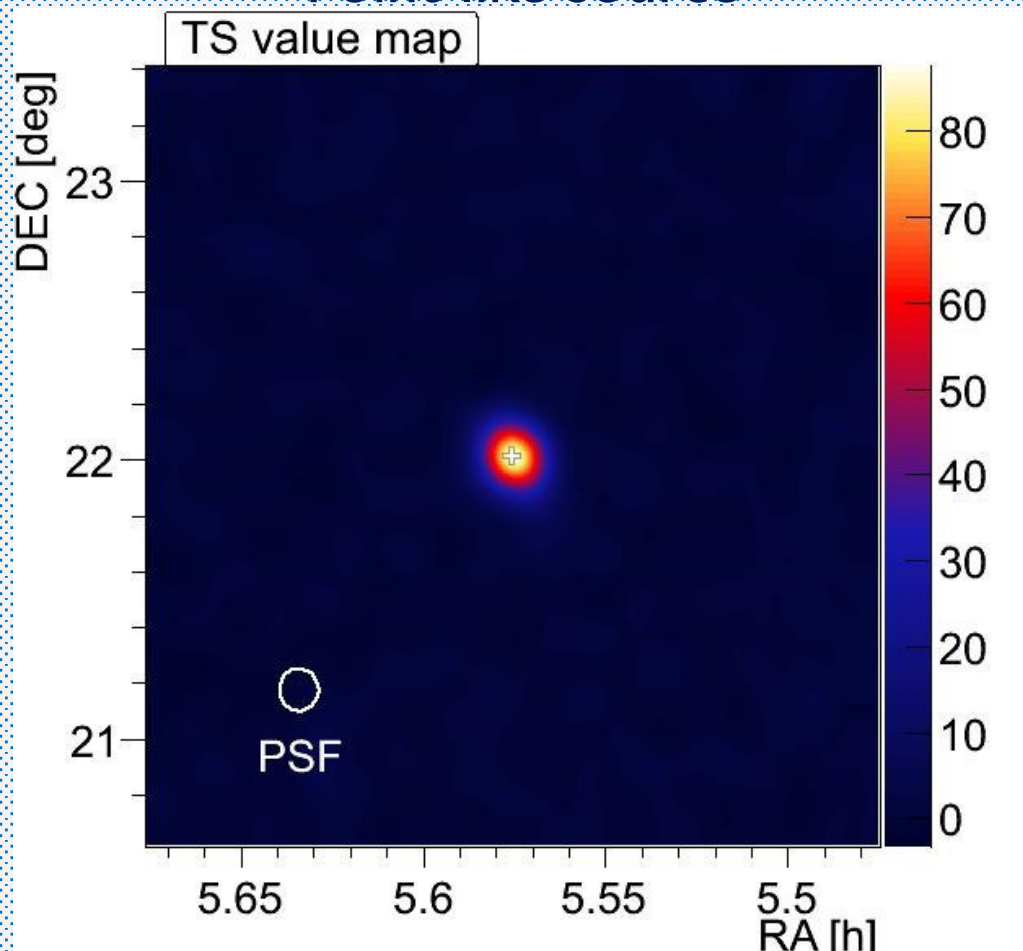


Lower Limits (LL): the kingdom of gamma rays

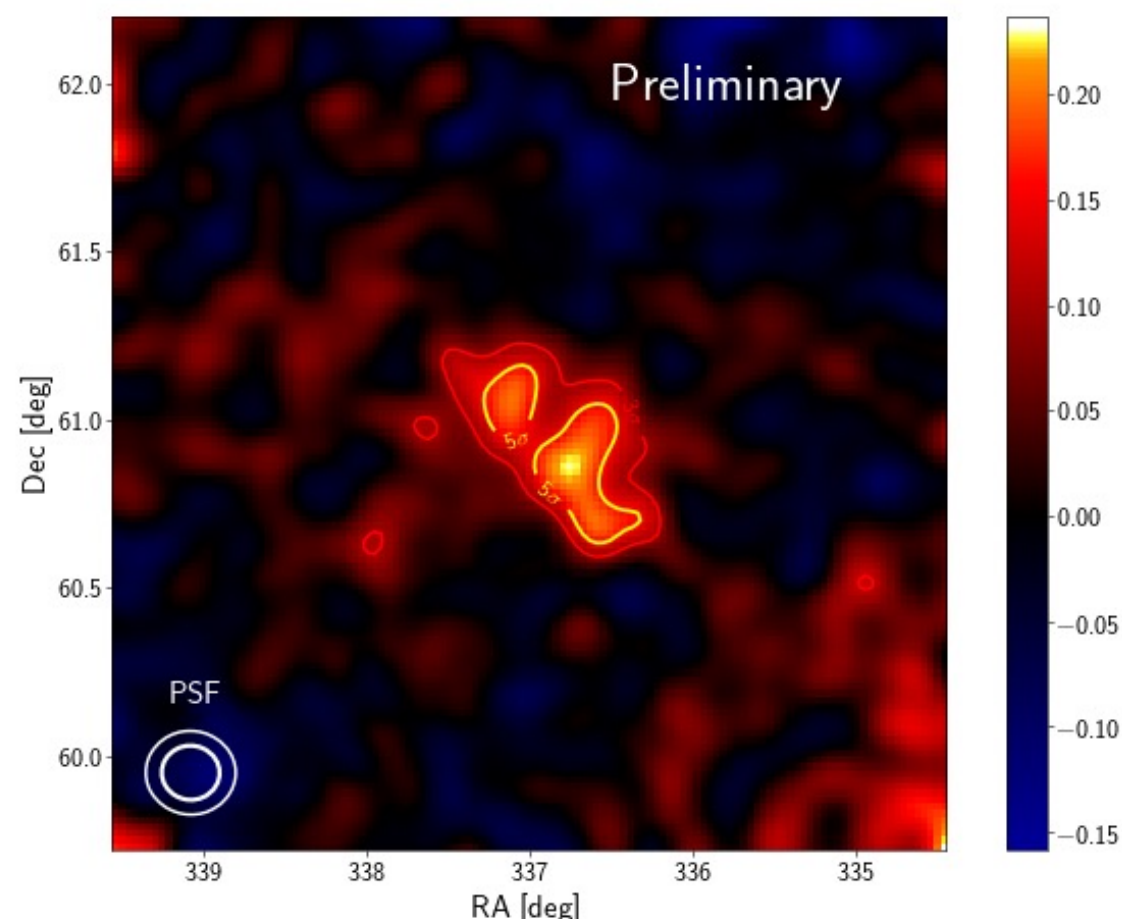


IGMF: Extended emission

Point-like source

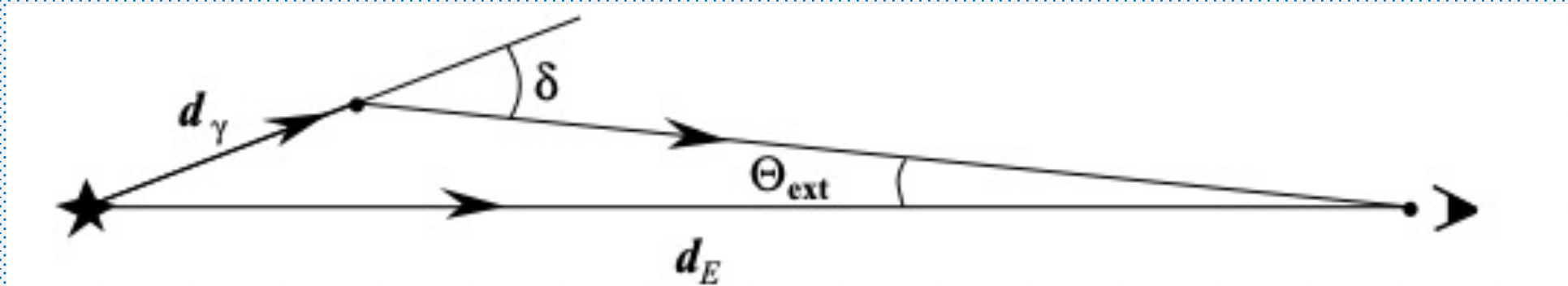


Extended source



IGMF: Extended emission

Deflection angle (δ) and angular extent (Θ_{ext}) are sensitive to magnetic field B , energy of reprocessed photons (E_γ) and source distance (z)



$$\delta = \frac{D_e}{R_L} \simeq 3 \times 10^{-6} (1 + z_{\gamma\gamma})^{-4} \left[\frac{B'}{10^{-18} \text{ G}} \right] \left[\frac{E'_e}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right]^{-2}$$

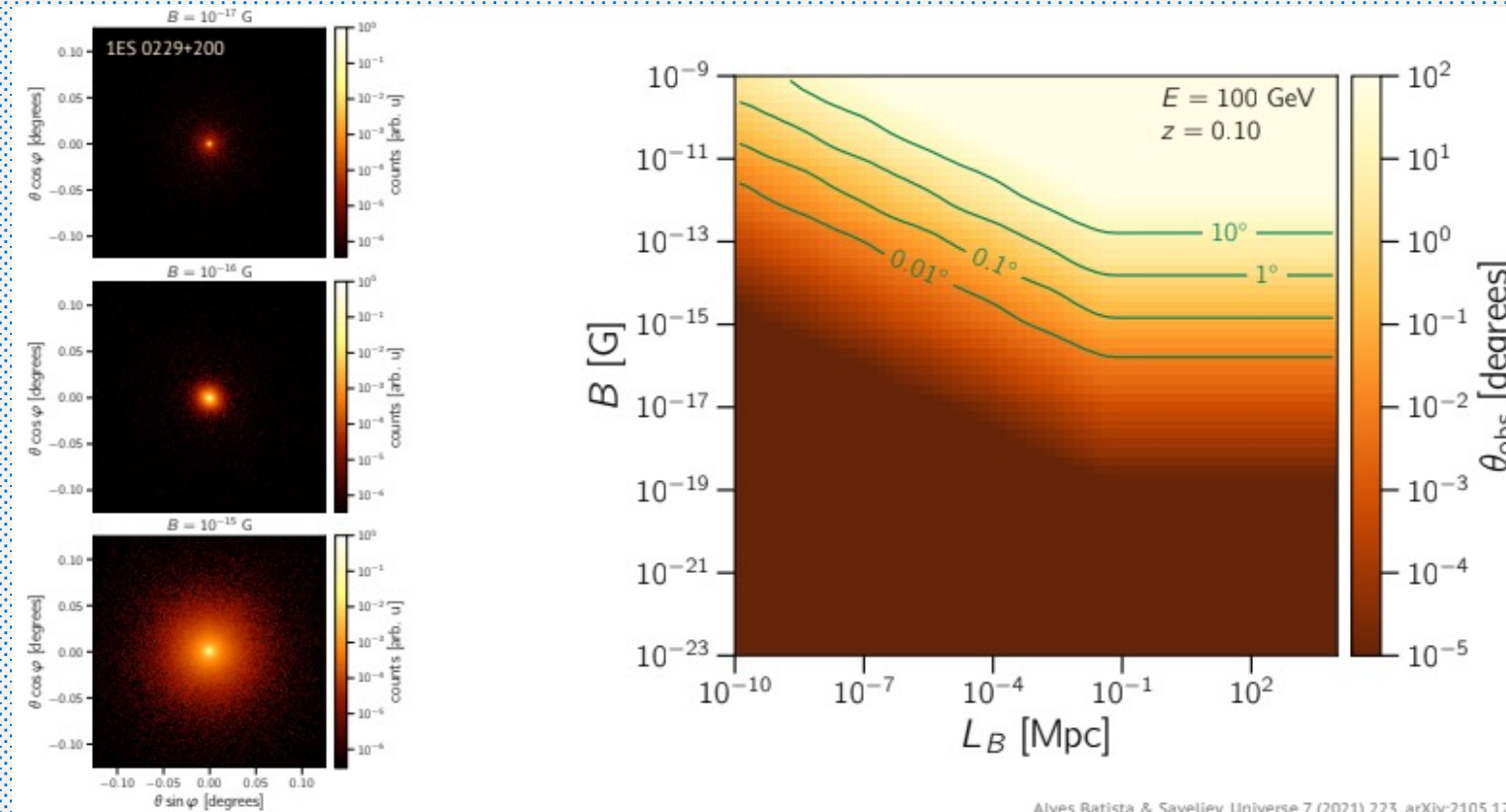
$$\simeq 3 \times 10^{-6} (1 + z_{\gamma\gamma})^{-2} \left[\frac{B_0}{10^{-18} \text{ G}} \right] \left[\frac{E'_e}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right]^{-2} \quad (30)$$

$$\Theta_{\text{ext}} \simeq \begin{cases} 0.5^\circ (1 + z)^{-2} \left[\frac{\tau_B}{10} \right]^{-1} \left[\frac{E_\gamma}{0.1 \text{ TeV}} \right]^{-1} \left[\frac{B_0}{10^{-14} \text{ G}} \right], & \lambda'_B \gg D_e \\ 0.07^\circ (1 + z)^{-1/2} \left[\frac{\tau_B}{10} \right]^{-1} \left[\frac{E_\gamma}{0.1 \text{ TeV}} \right]^{-3/4} \left[\frac{B_0}{10^{-14} \text{ G}} \right] \left[\frac{\lambda_{B0}}{1 \text{ kpc}} \right]^{1/2}, & \lambda'_B \ll D_e \end{cases}$$

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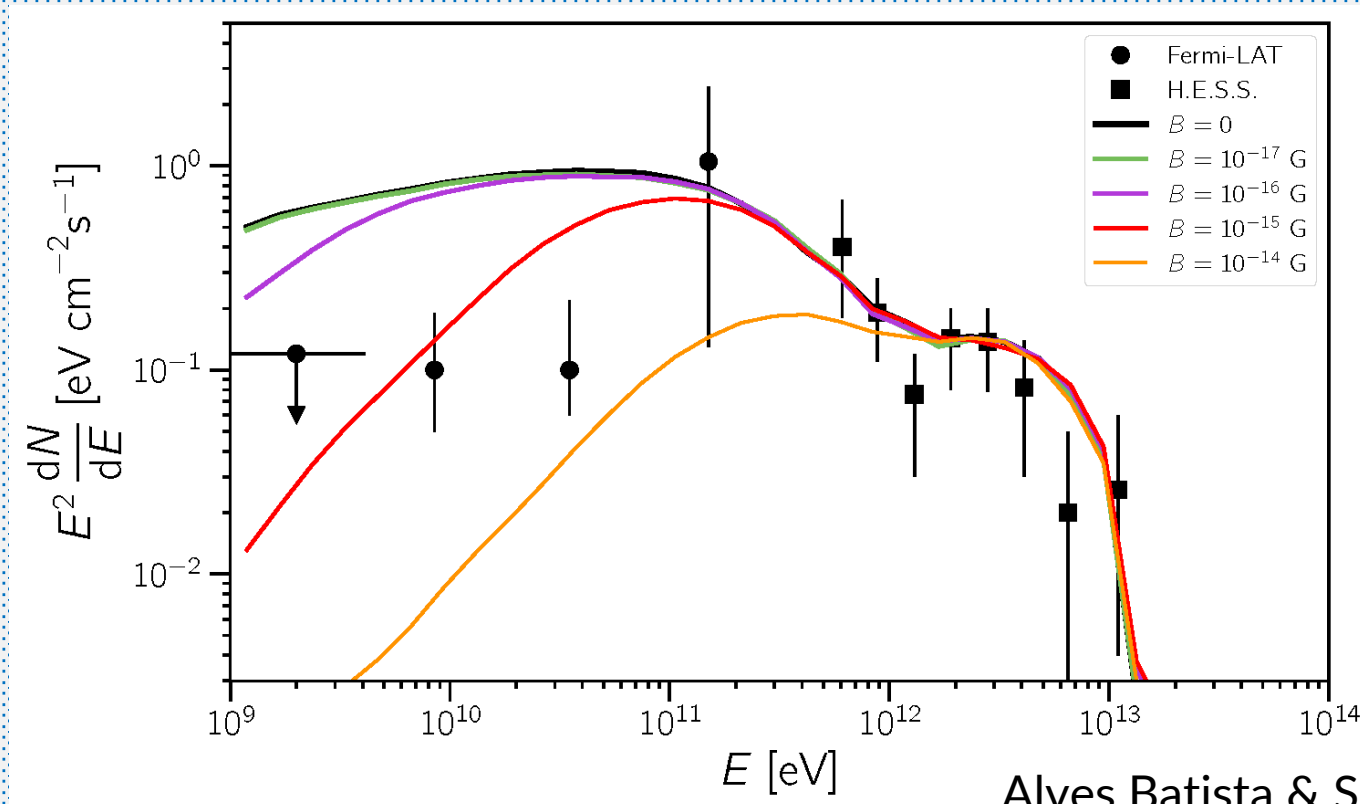
- Method I : search for extended emission



Gamma-rays for Intergalactic Magnetic Field (IGMF) studies

How gamma-ray can probe IGMF properties (B strength and correlation length λ_B)?

- Method III: search for SED signatures



Alves Batista & Saveliev, 2021

IGMF studies

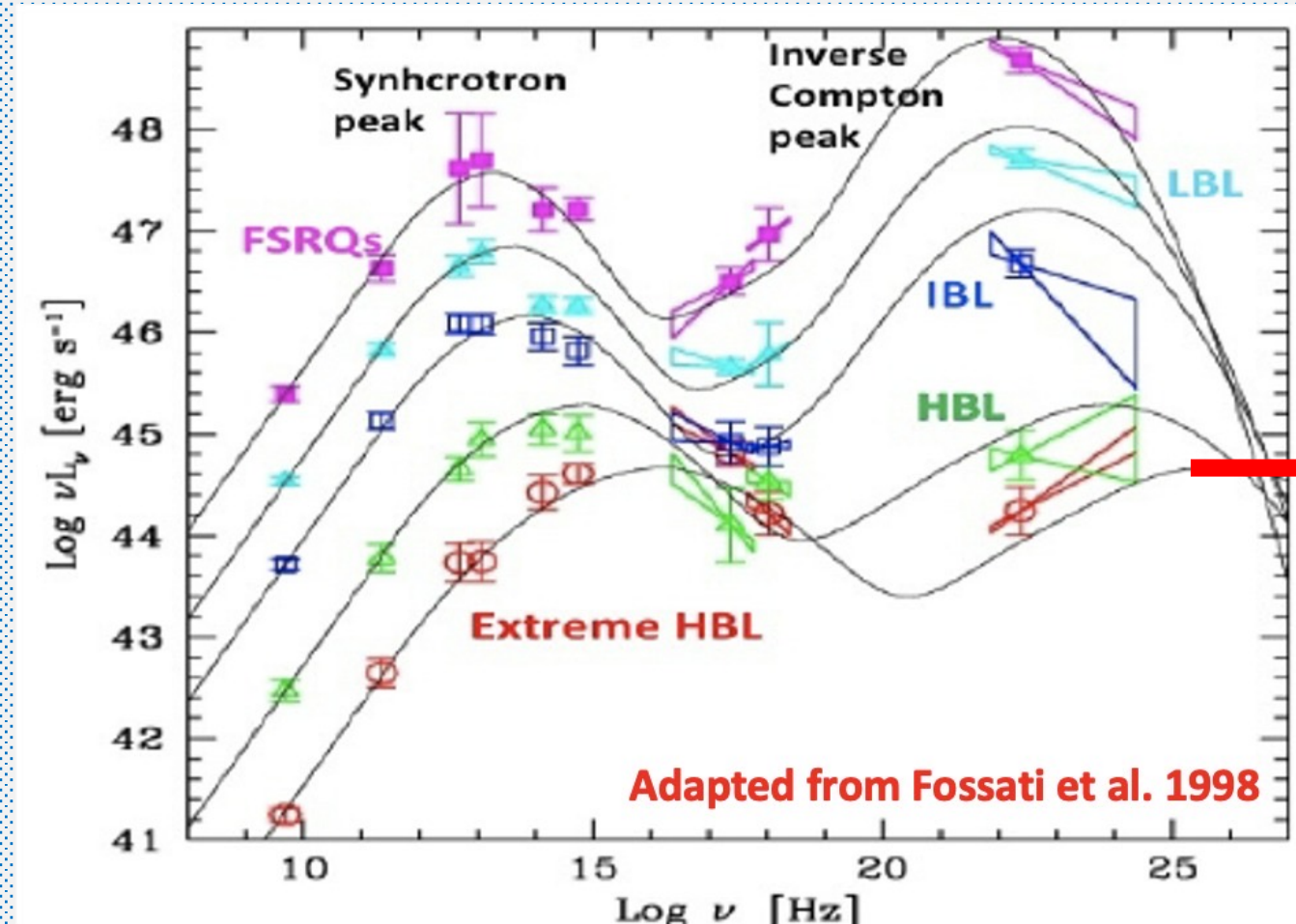
Blazars

Features:

- Persistent sources of TeV radiation
- Subclass with **Hard-TeV spectrum**
- Population of ~ 80 sources as TeV emitters

Drawbacks:

- Source temporal (min-yrs) and spectral variability
- Pollution by primary GeV emission
- Unknown duty cycle



IGMF studies

GRBs

Features:

- Cosmological sources
- Bright transient events (L up to $\sim 10^{53}$ erg s $^{-1}$)

Advantages:

- ~~Pollution by primary GeV emission~~
- ~~Unknown duty cycle~~

Drawbacks:

- Limited number of events (4 events at TeV + 2 hints of TeV emission)
- Source spectrum and spectral variability

Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRBs)

short GRB

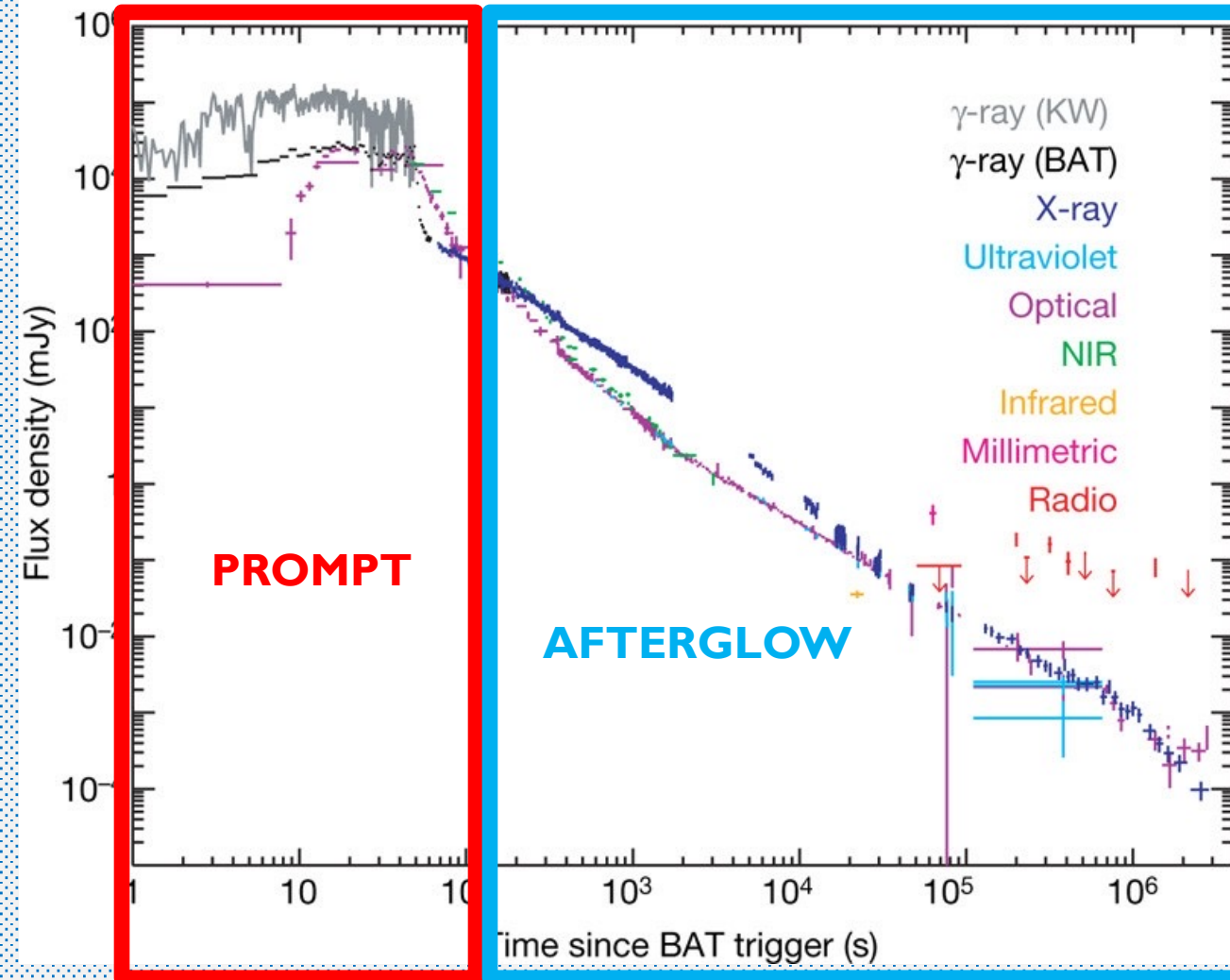
GRBs at Very High Energy

		T_{90} s	$E_{\gamma,iso}$ erg	z	T_{delay} s	E_{range} TeV	IACT (sign.)
Short	160821B	0.48	1.2×10^{49}	0.162	24	0.5-5	MAGIC (3.1σ)
Long	180720B	48.9	6.0×10^{53}	0.654	3.64×10^4	0.1-0.44	H.E.S.S. (5.3σ)
Long	190114C	362	2.5×10^{53}	0.424	57	0.3-1	MAGIC ($> 50\sigma$)
Long	190829A	58.2	2.0×10^{50}	0.079	1.55×10^4	0.18-3.3	H.E.S.S. (21.7σ)
Long	201015A	9.78	1.1×10^{50}	0.42	33	0.14	MAGIC (3.5σ)
Long	201216C	48	4.7×10^{53}	1.1	56	0.1	MAGIC (6.0σ)

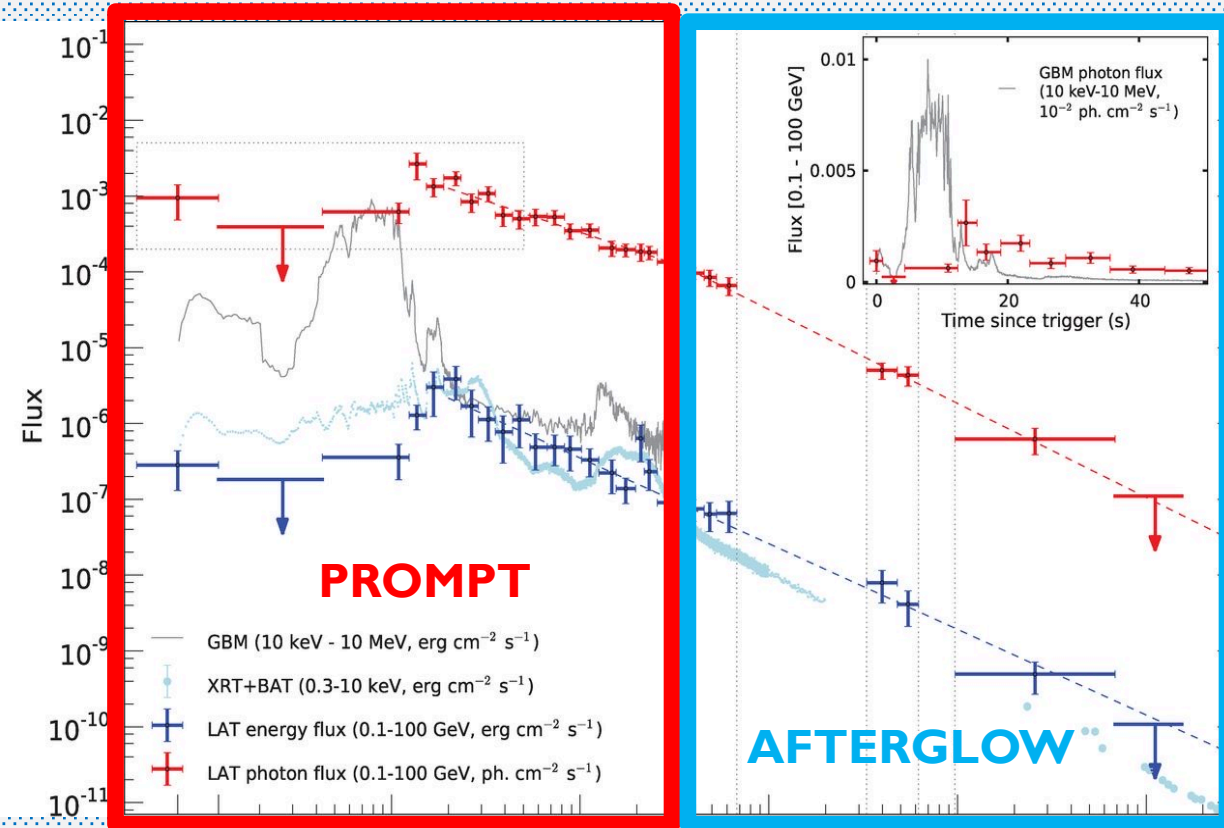
Miceli & Nava, 2022

long GRB

Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRBs)

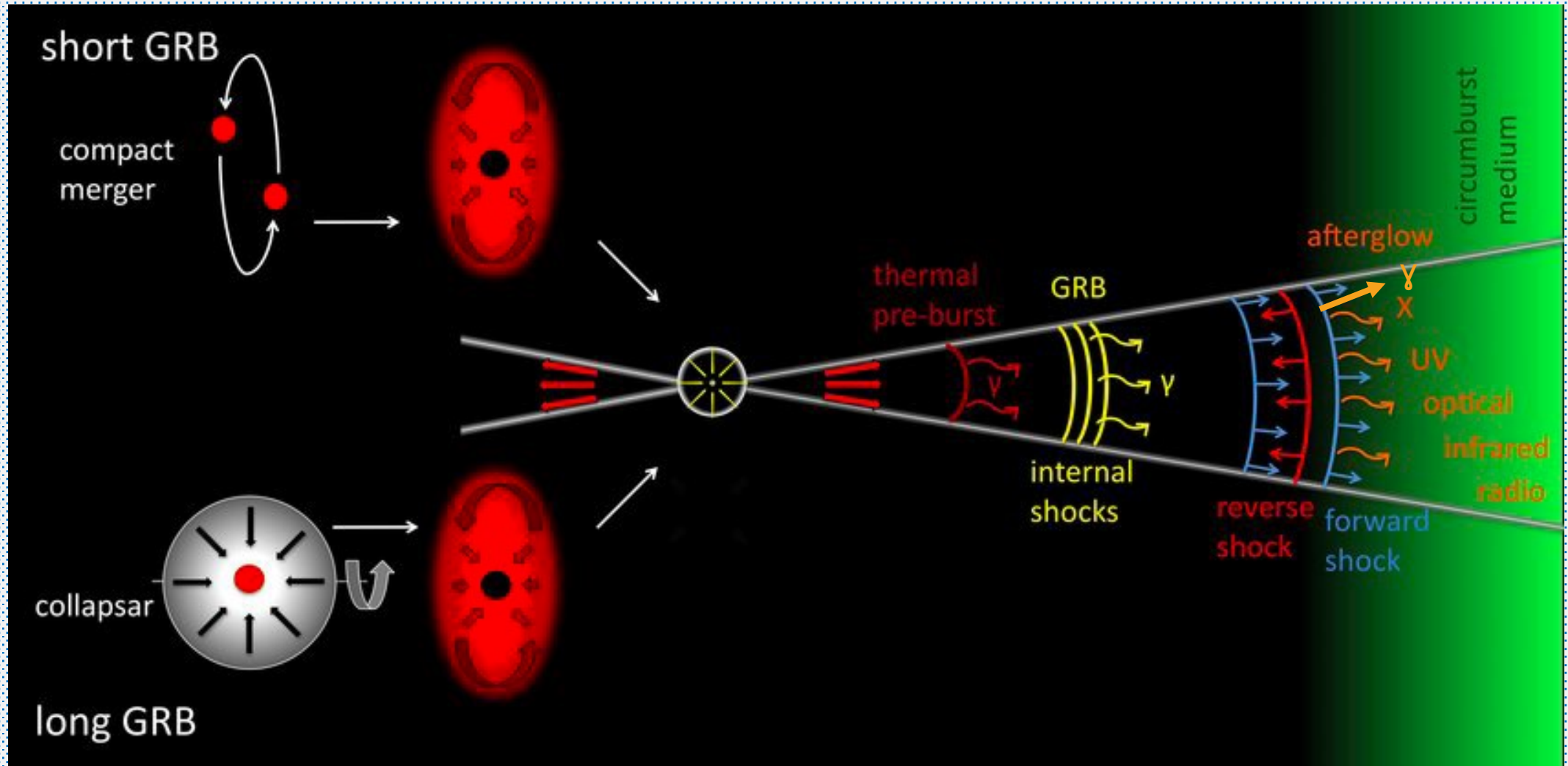


GRB080319B (Racusin et al., 2008)



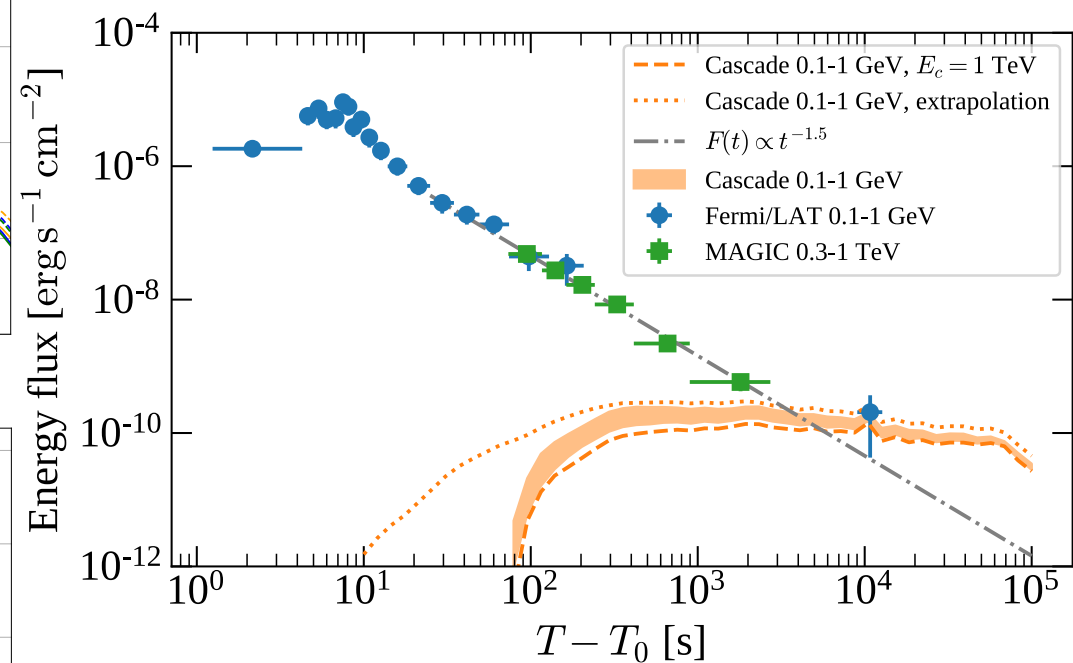
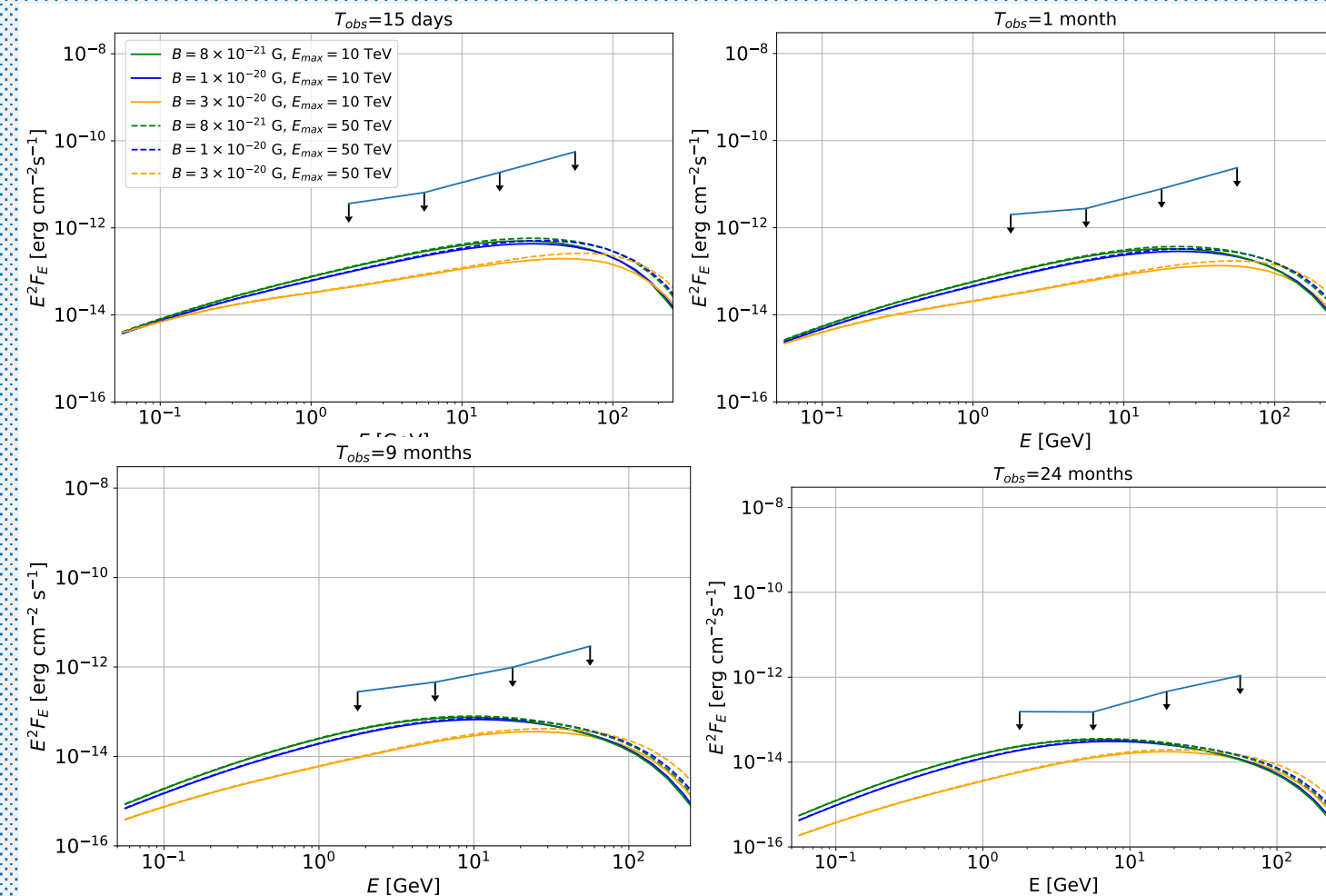
GRB130427A (Ackermann et al., 2013)

Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRBs)



IGMF bounds from GRBs

The case of GRB190114C



Vovk, 2023

Da Vela et al. 2023