GAMMA-RAY BURSTS IN THE LAST FRONTIER: THE 10-100 GEV ENERGY BAND AND BEYOND

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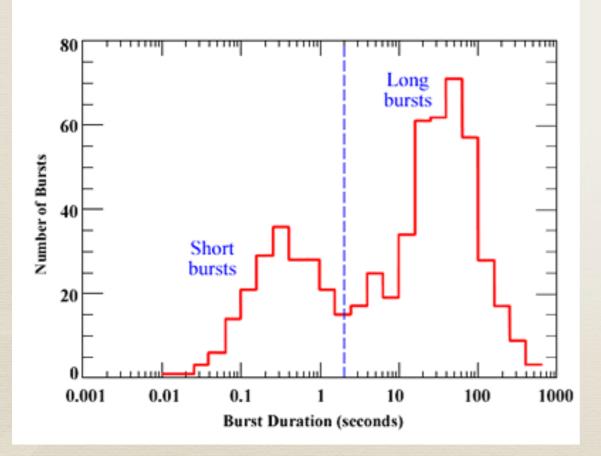
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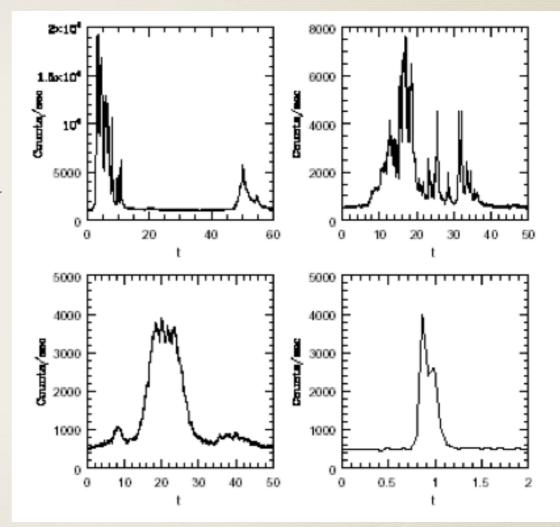
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What are GRBs?

- * Intense bursts of gamma-rays
- * Duration: -10ms hundreds of seconds
- * happen at a random position on the sky never repeat





Burst spectra: "Band" function

* Most GRB spectra can be fit by the Band (1993) function

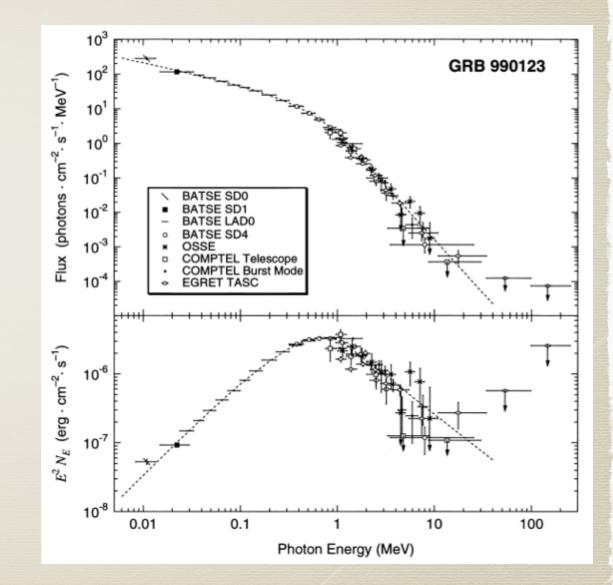
$$N_{E}(E) = A \left(\frac{E}{100 \text{ keV}}\right)^{\alpha} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{E_{0}}\right),$$

$$(\alpha - \beta)E_{0} \ge E,$$

$$= A \left[\frac{(\alpha - \beta)E_{0}}{100 \text{ keV}}\right]^{\alpha - \beta} \exp\left(\beta - \alpha\right) \left(\frac{E}{100 \text{ keV}}\right)^{\beta},$$

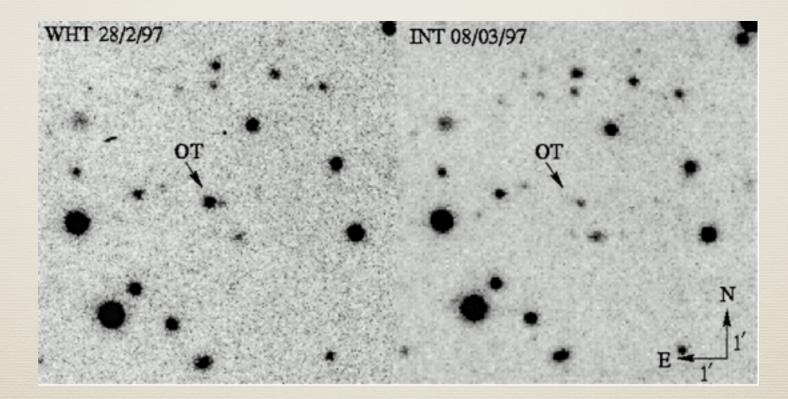
$$(\alpha - \beta)E_{0} \le E,$$

* which is a phenomenological function without being motivated by any theory.



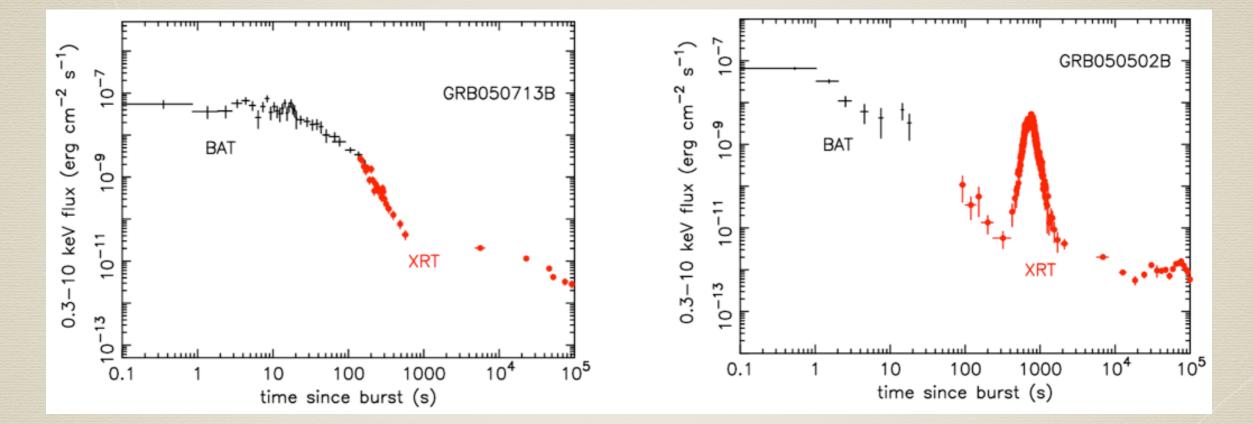
Optical/X-ray afterglows

* Discovery of optical & X-ray afterglows in 1997
* Cosmological origin



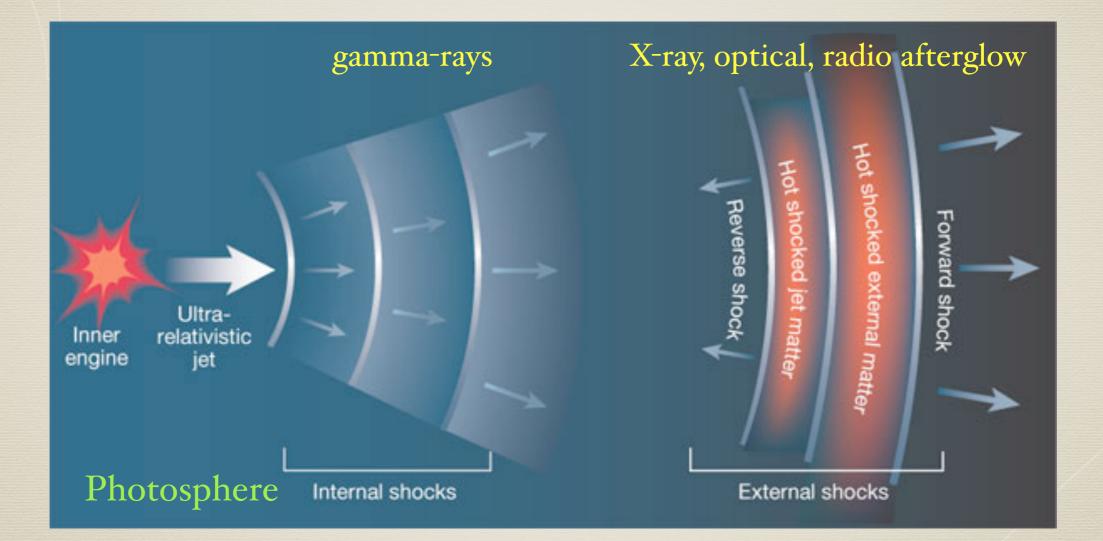
van Paradijs et al. (1997)

XRT afterglow light curves



A "canonical" X-ray decay light curve without flares Strong late-time activities

The Fireball Model



c.f. Piran (2004)

Gamma-rays at different energies

Low-energy gamma-rays: ~100 keV to ~100 MeV

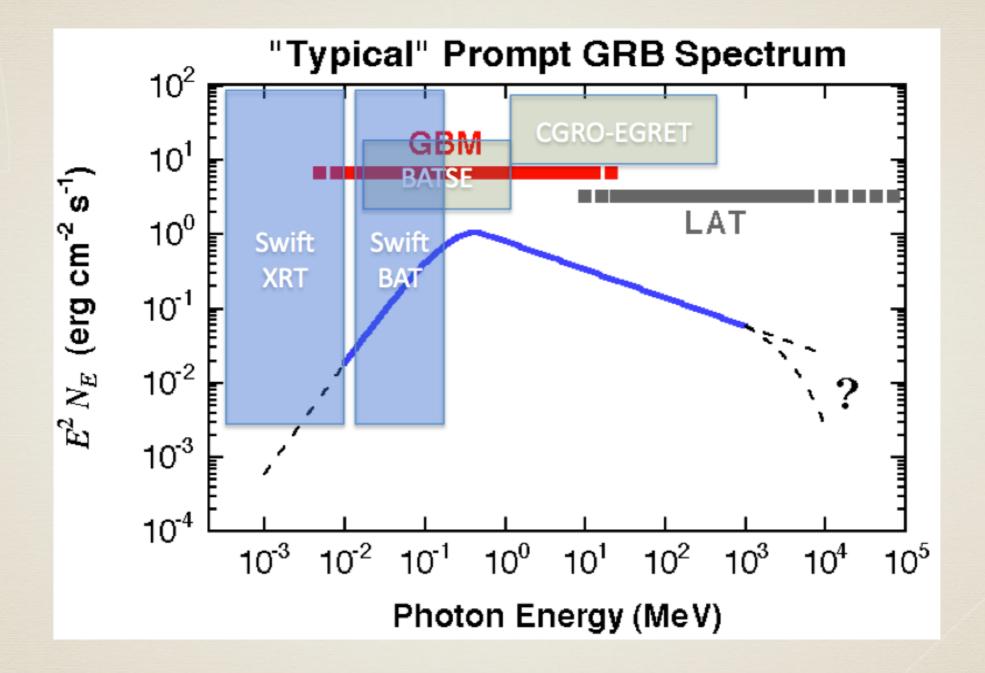
high-energy gamma-rays: ~100 MeV to ~100 GeV

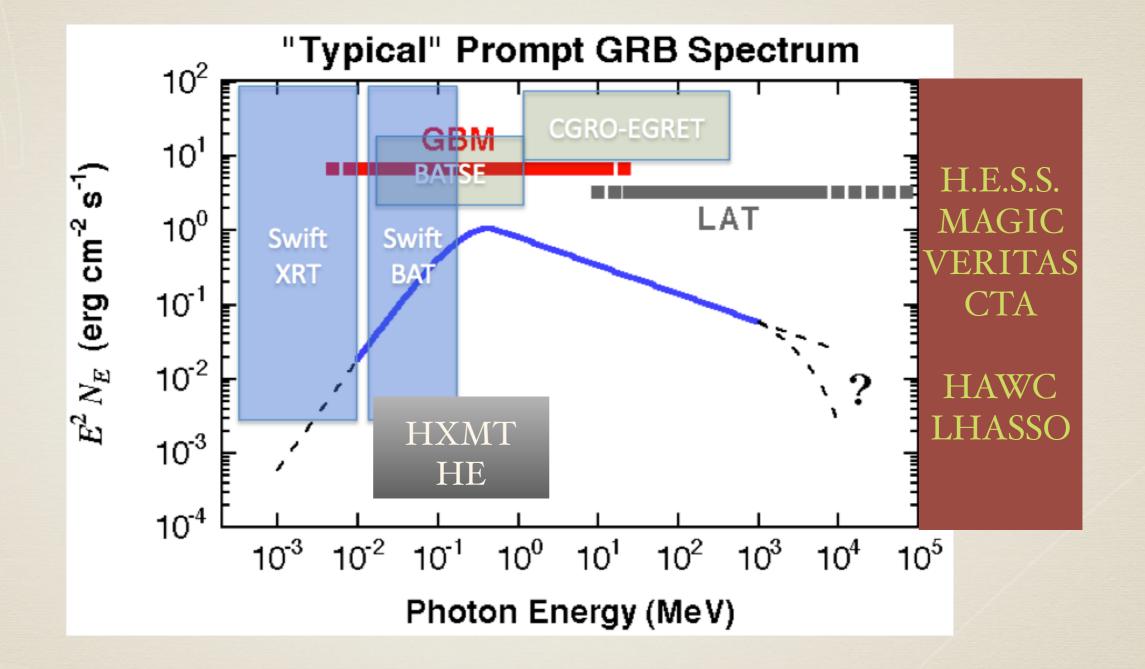
Very high-energy gamma-rays: > 100 GeV

H.E.S.S.

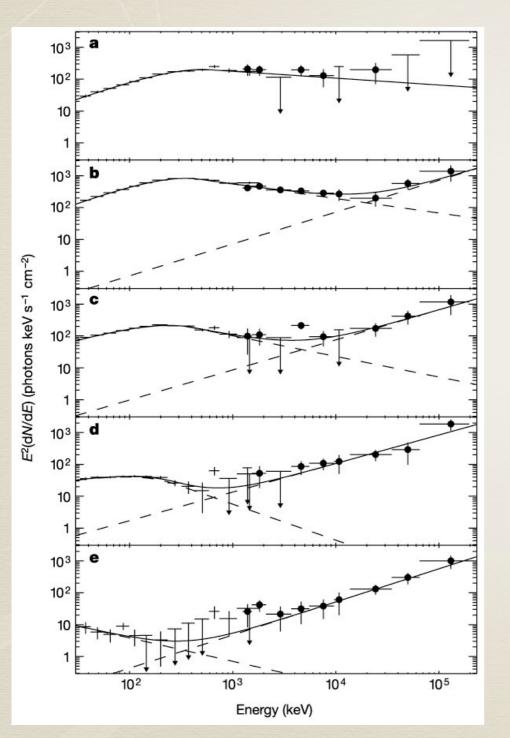


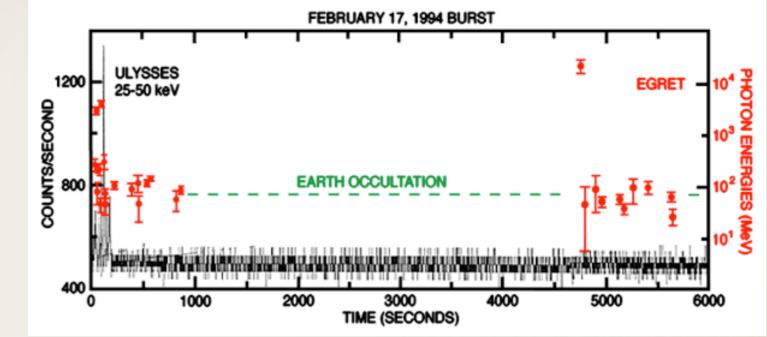






EGRET observations of GRBs





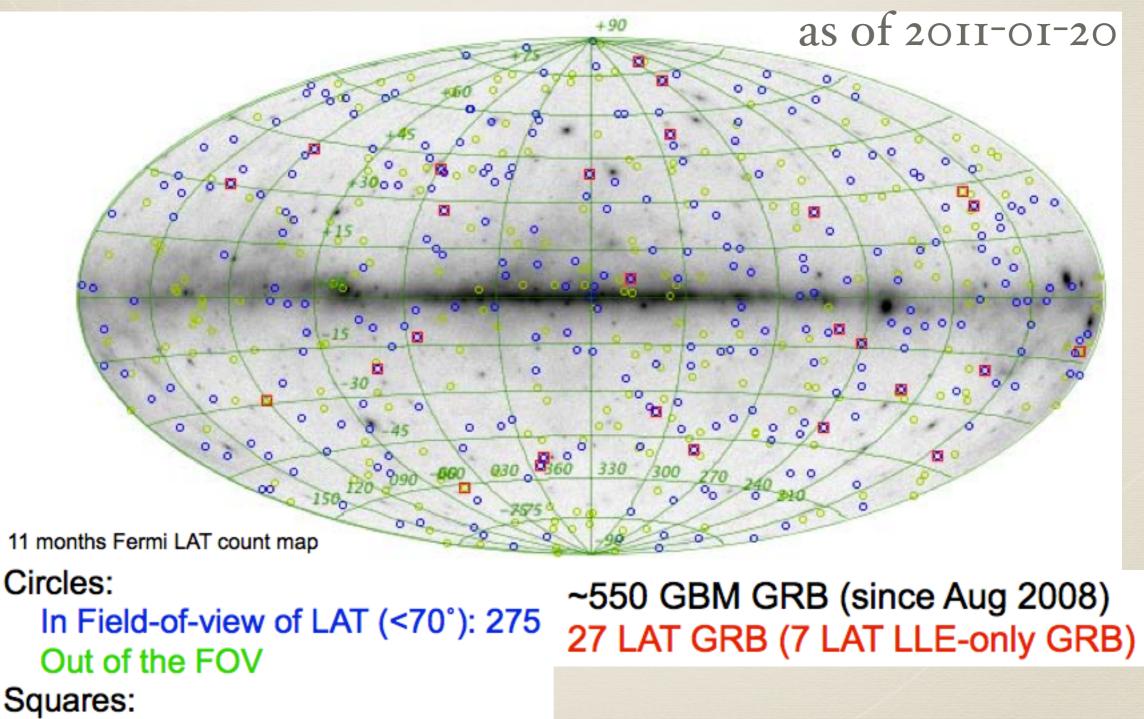
GRB 940217

GRB 941017

Fermi era



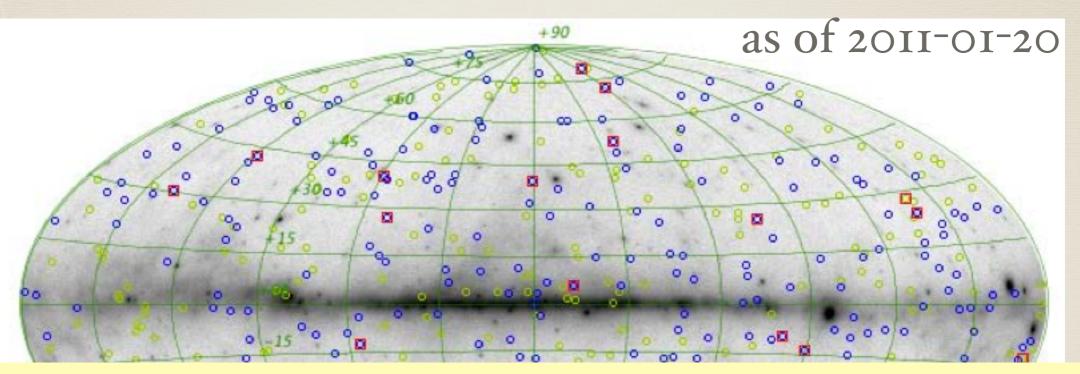
What does Fermi see?



LAT detections

from N. Omodei

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however, LAT does not see GeV emission from most GRBs (see, e.g., Ackermann et al., 2012)

11 months Fermi LAT count map

LAT detections

Circles:

~550 GBM GRB (since Aug 2008) In Field-of-view of LAT (<70°): 275 27 LAT GRB (7 LAT LLE-only GRB) Out of the FOV Squares:

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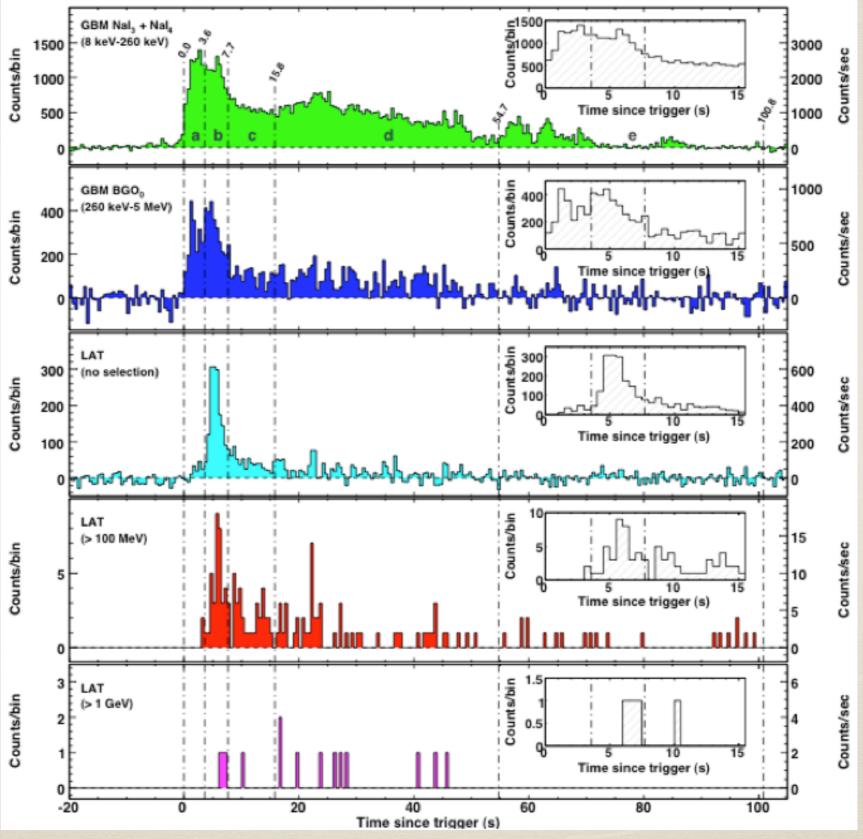
| GRB Name | Likelihood Detection >100 MeV | LLE Detection | LAT off axis angle at T ₀ (degrees) | GBM T ₉₀ | N Pred. Events (>100MeV, Trans.) | HE Delayed Onset? | Long Lived HE Emission? | Maximum Energy (GeV) meas. during the LAT detection | Arrival time of the highest events (seconds since trigger) | Redshift |
|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|---|----------|
| GRB080825C | 1 | 1 | 60.3 | 21 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 0.6 | 28.3 | - |
| GRB080916C | 1 | 1 | 48.8 | 63 | 211 | 1 | 1 | 13.2 | 16.5 | 4.35 |
| GRB081006 | 1 | x | 10.7 | 6.4 | 13 | - | 1 | 0.6 | 1.8 | - |
| GRB081024B | 1 | 1 | 18.6 | 0.6 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 3.1 | 0.6 | - |
| GRB081215 | x | 1 | 97.1 | 5.6 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| GRB081224 | x | 1 | 17 | 16.4 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| GRB090217 | 1 | 1 | 34.5 | 33.3 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 0.9 | 14.8 | - |
| GRB090227B | 1 | 1 | 70.1 | 1.3 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| GRB090323 | 1 | 1 | 57.2 | 135.2 | 39 | 1 | 1 | 7.5 | 195.4 | 3.57 |
| GRB090328 | 1 | 1 | 64.6 | 61.7 | 58 | 1 | 1 | 5.3 | 698.3 | 0.736 |
| GRB090510 | 1 | 1 | 13.6 | 1 | 183 | 1 | 1 | 31.3 | 0.8 | 0.903 |
| GRB090531B | x | 1 | 21.9 | 0.8 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| GRB090626 | 1 | 1 | 18.2 | 48.9 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 2.1 | 111.6 | - |
| GRB090902B | 1 | 1 | 50.8 | 19.3 | 323 | 1 | 1 | (33.4) | 81.7 | 1.822 |
| GRB090926 | 1 | 1 | 48.1 | 13.8 | 252 | 1 | 1 | 19.6 | 24.8 | 2.106 |
| GRB091003 | 1 | 1 | 12.3 | 20.2 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 2.8 | 6.5 | 0.897 |
| GRB091031 | 1 | 1 | 23.8 | 33.9 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1.2 | 79.7 | - |
| GRB100116A | 1 | 1 | 26.6 | 102.5 | 21 | - | 1 | 2.2 | 105.7 | - |
| GRB100225A | x | 1 | 54.9 | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| GRB100325A | 1 | X | 7.4 | 7.1 | 5 | - | 1 | 0.8 | 0.4 | - |
| GRB100414A | 1 | 1 | 69 | 26.5 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 4.3 | 39.3 | 1.368 |
| GRB100707A | x | 1 | 90.3 | 81.8 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| GRB100724B | 1 | 1 | 48.8 | 87 | 24 | - | - | 0.1 | 15.4 | - |
| GRB100728A | 1 | x | 59.9 | 162.9 | 17 | - | 1 | 1.7 | 709 | - |
| GRB101014A | x | 1 | 54.1 | 450.9 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| GRB101123A | x | 1 | 84.2 | ~160 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| GRB110120A | 1 | x | 13.7 | ~20 | 9 | - | 1 | 1.8 | 72.5 | - |

from Nicola Omodei

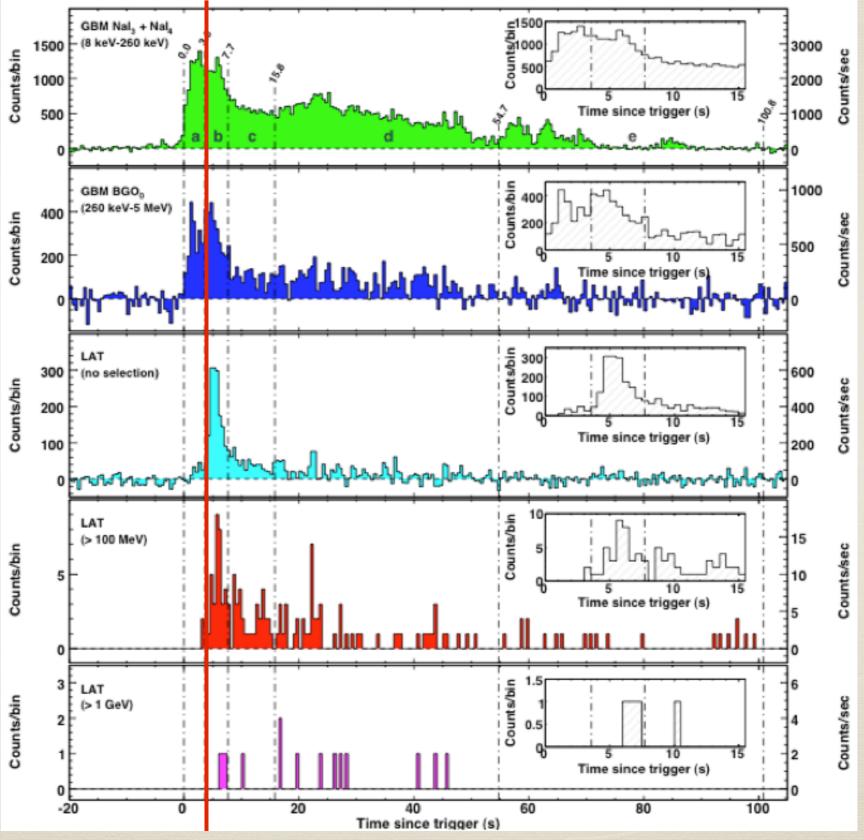
LAT observations of GRBs

* Delayed onset of high-energy emission (prompt phase)
* extra spectral components (prompt phase)
* extended GeV emission

GRB 080916C



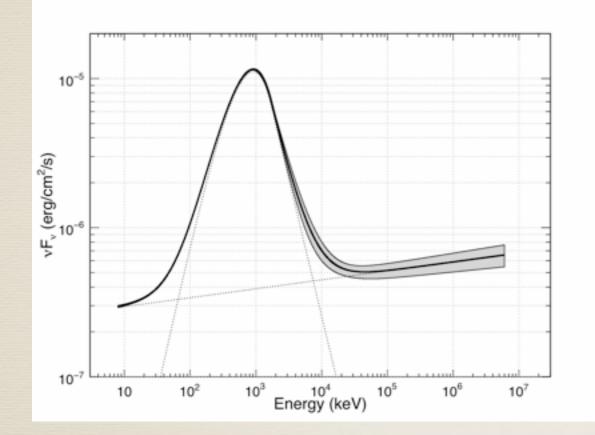
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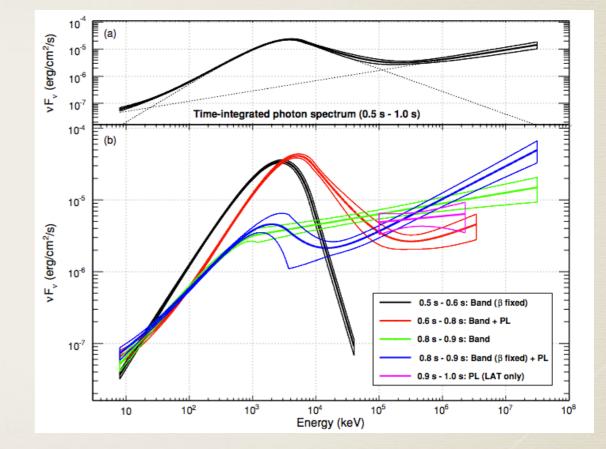
Second component during prompt phase

GRB 090902B

GRB 090510

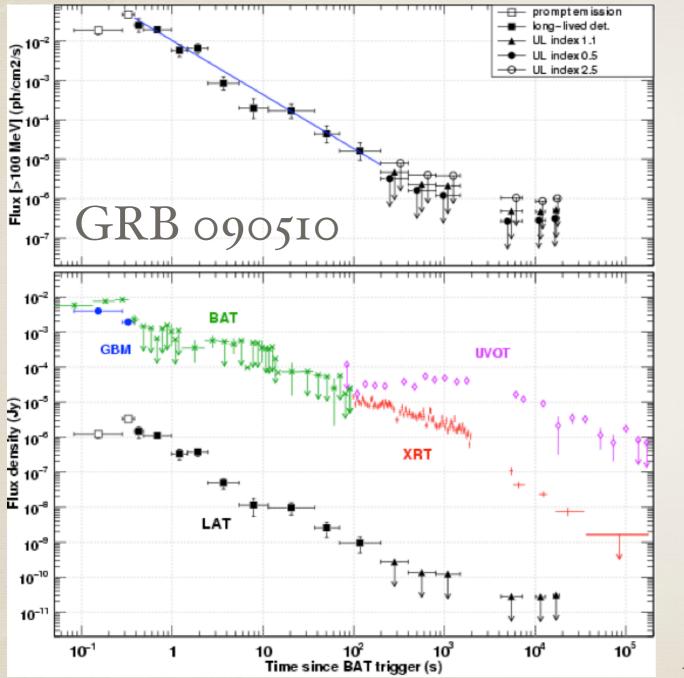


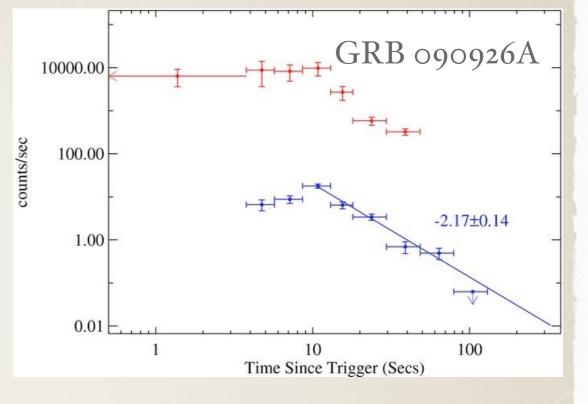
Abdo et al. (2009)



Ackermann, et al. 2010

Power-law decay index

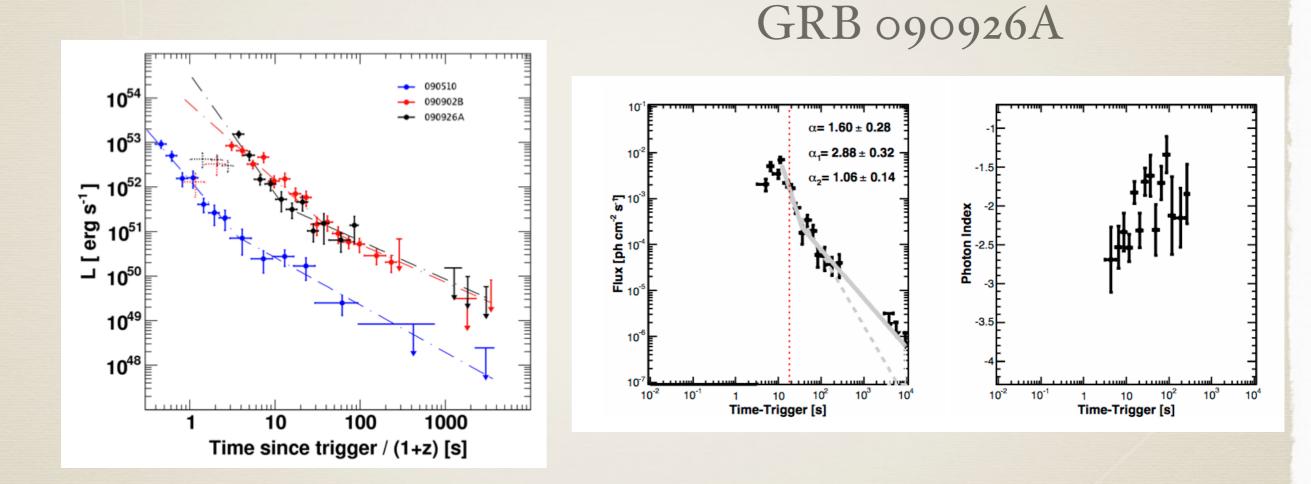




Swenson et al. (2010)

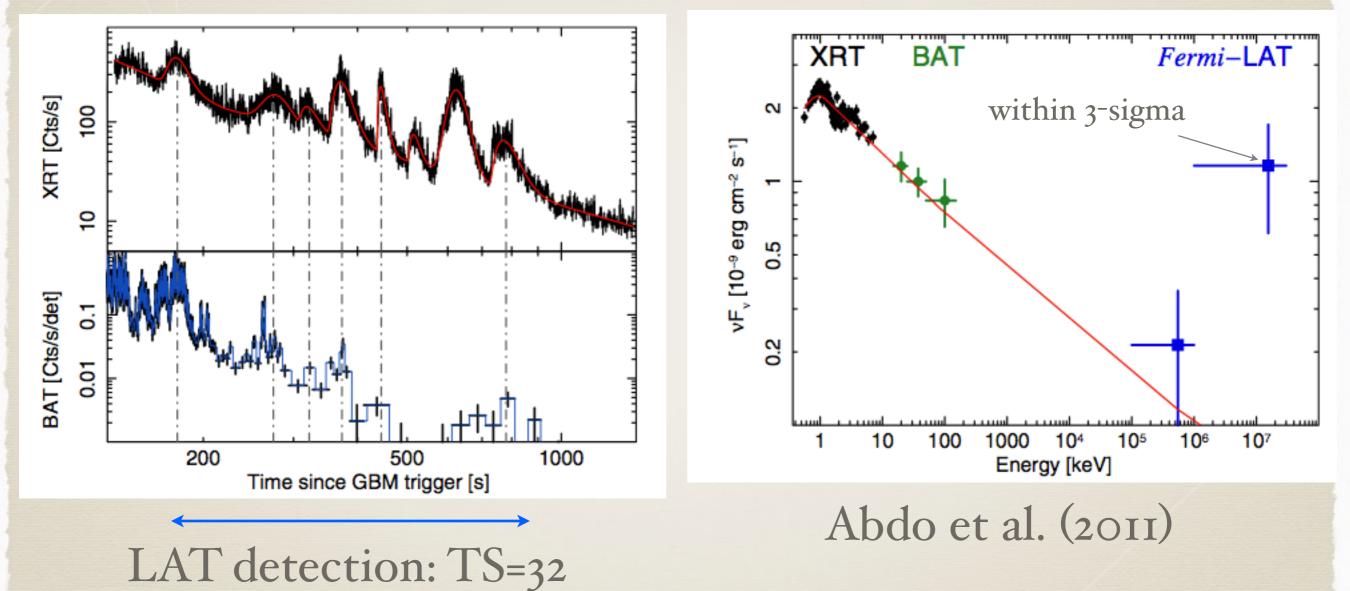
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Catalog light curves



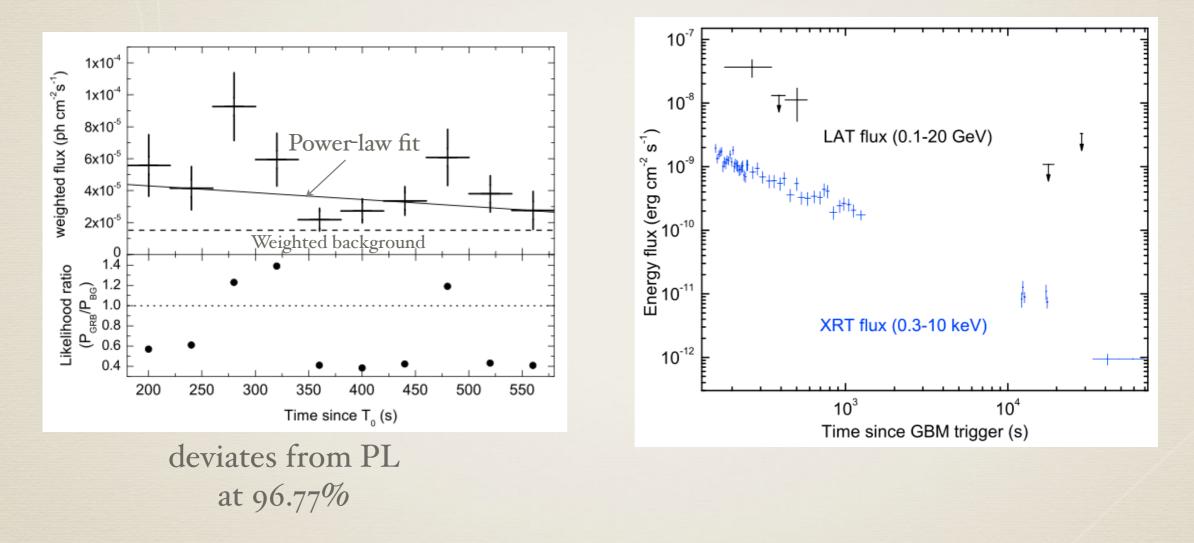
LAT Collaboration (first Fermi-LAT GRB catalog, 2013)

Contemporaneous X-ray/ GeV flares?



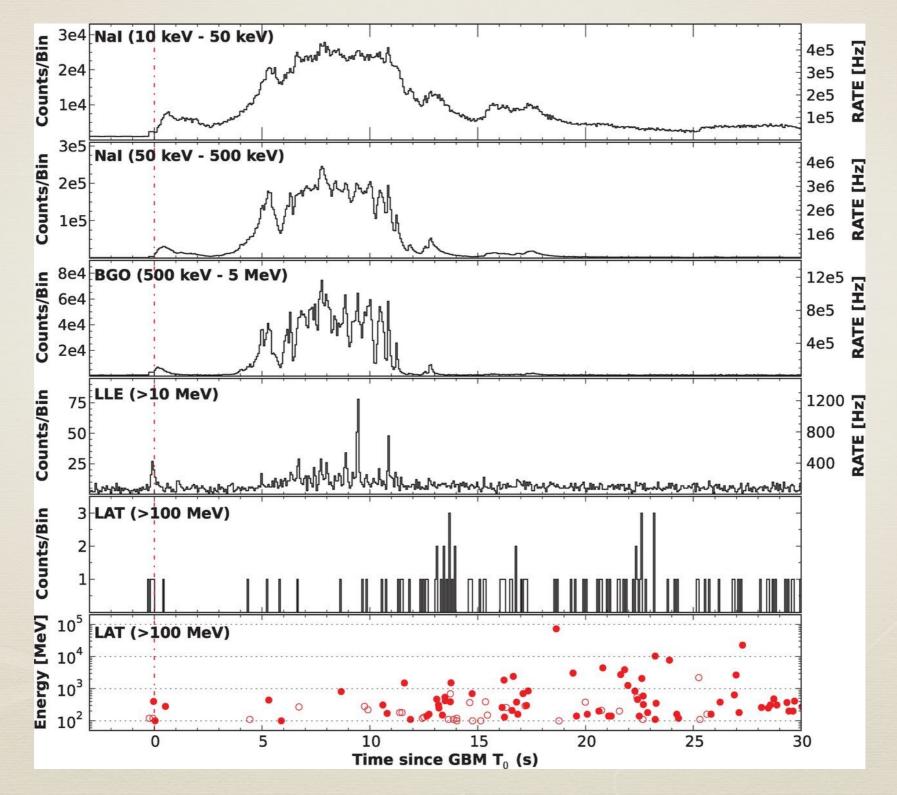
GRB 100728A: LAT detection during X-ray flares

GRB 110625A: LAT detection without X-ray flares



Tam et al. (2012)

GRB 130427A



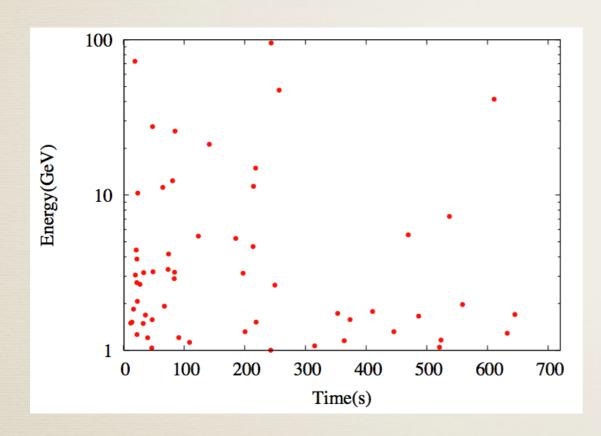
GRB 130427A

* T₉₀ - 138s

- * Fluence-2x 10⁻³ erg cm⁻², putting it as the GRB with the *highest fluence* in GBM and Konus-Wind mission lives
- * Also highest fluence in LAT energy range, and the most luminous GRB at z<0.5
- * Twelve >10 GeV photons were detected in the first 700s after the burst onset
- * a 95 GeV photon arrived at T_0 + 243s, corresponding to an intrinsic photon energy 128 GeV at z=0.34, breaking the records

10-100 GeV photons

GRB 130427A is peculiar, that it emits many high-energy gamma-rays during the afterglow period

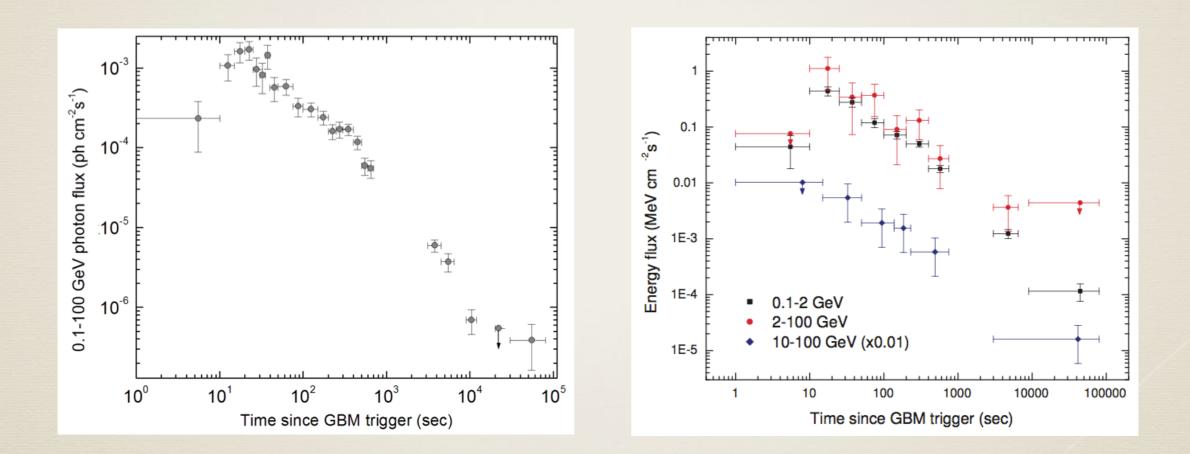


| arrival time (since T_0 , in sec) | energy (GeV) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 18.4 | 72.6 |
| 22.9 | 10.3 |
| 47.3 | 27.5 |
| 64.2 | 11.2 |
| 80.2 | 12.3 |
| 84.5 | 25.8 |
| 140.8 | 21.2 |
| 213.7 | 11.4 |
| 217.2 | 14.9 |
| 242.8 | 95.3 |
| 256.0 | 47.3 |
| 610.3 | 41.4 |
| 3409.6 | 38.5 |
| 6062.3 | 18.6 |
| 34365.9 | 32.0 |

Fan, Tam, et al. (2013)

Tam et al. (2013)

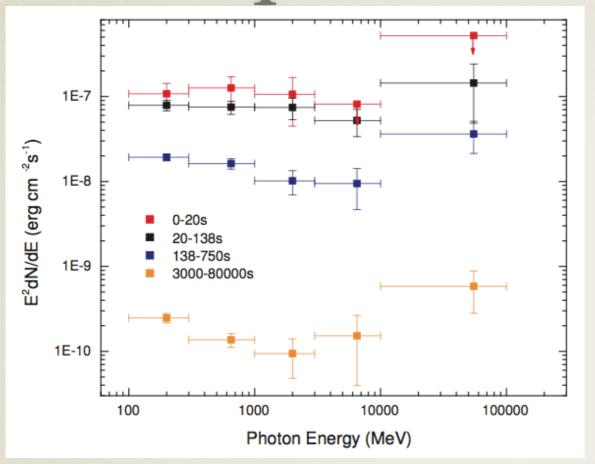
Light curves



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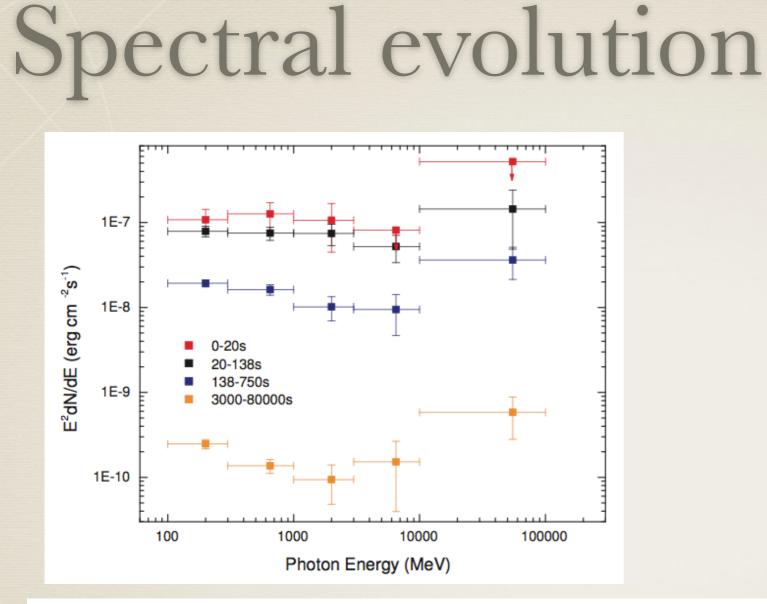
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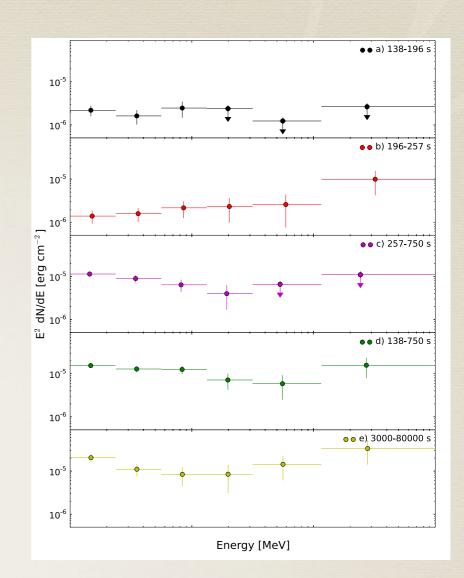
Spectral evolution



Two spectral components are found to co-evolve

Tam et al. (2013)



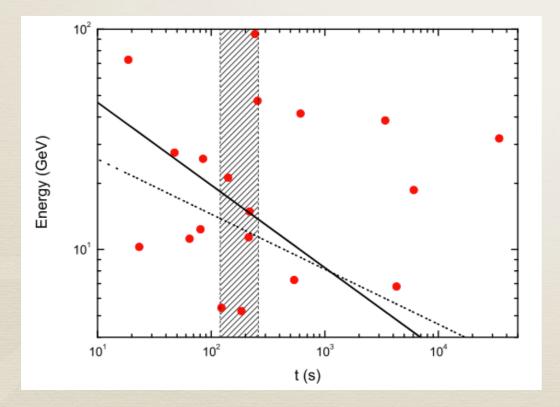


Ackermann et al. (2013)

| $t-T_0$ (sec) | Power Law (PL) Γ | $\Gamma_1 \ (E < E_{\rm b})$ | Broken Power Law (BPL) $\Gamma_2 \ (E > E_b)$ | $E_{\rm b}~({\rm GeV})$ | Improvement of BPL over PL^{a} (σ) | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| | | 1 (0) | 2 (5) | 5 () | () | |
| 0-20 | $-2.0{\pm}0.2$ | | | | | |
| 20 - 138 | $-1.9{\pm}0.1$ | | | | | |
| 138 - 750 | -2.1 ± 0.1 | -2.2 ± 0.1 | -1.4 ± 0.2 | $4.3 {\pm} 2.0$ | 2.5 | |
| 3000-80,000 | -2.1 ± 0.1 | -2.6 ± 0.7 | -1.4 ± 0.2 | 1.1 ± 0.9 | 2.9 | |
| 138-80,000 | -2.1 ± 0.1 | -2.3 ± 0.2 | -1.4 ± 0.1 | 2.5 ± 1.1 | 3.5 | |
| ^a calculated as $\sqrt{2 \times [\log(\mathcal{L}_{BPL}) - \log(\mathcal{L}_{PL})]}$ Significance of broken power | | | | | | |
| Power la | w index does | n't change! | Tam et al. (2 | over power law | | |

extended emission mechanism

- * Synchrotron emission (e.g., Kumar & Barniol 2009, Ghisellini et al. 2010)
- * but there exists a maximum synchrotron energy, it is hard to explain the >10 GeV photons



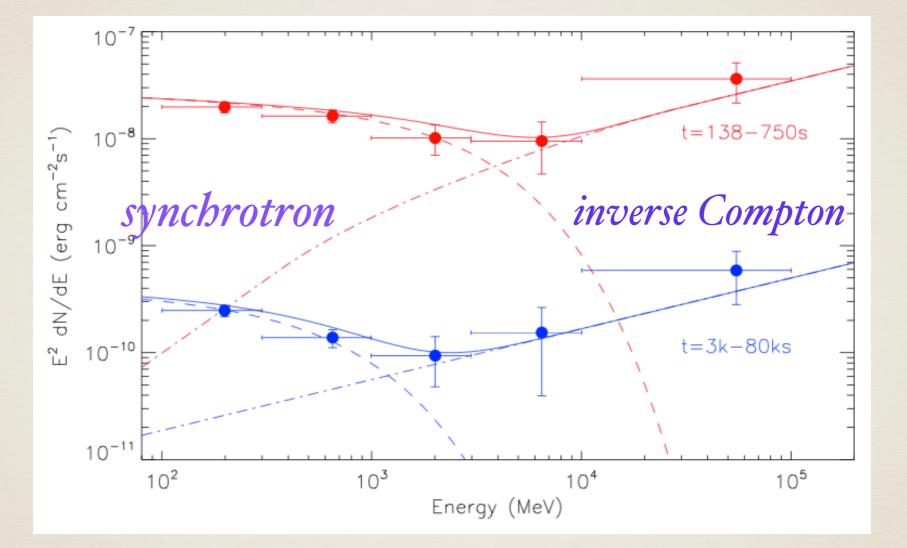
$$\begin{split} \epsilon_{\rm syn,M} &\sim 100 \ {\rm MeV} \ \Gamma(1+z)^{-1} \\ &\sim \begin{cases} 20 \ {\rm GeV} \ E_{\rm k,54}^{1/8} n_{-2}^{-1/8} t_2^{-3/8} (\frac{1+z}{1.34})^{-5/8}, {\rm ISM}; \\ 15 \ {\rm GeV} \ E_{\rm k,54}^{1/4} A_{*,-2}^{-1/4} t_2^{-1/4} (\frac{1+z}{1.34})^{1/4}, \ {\rm wind}; \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Fan, Tam, et al. (2013) also see Ackermann et al. (2013)

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- * but there exists a maximum synchrotron energy, it is hard to explain the >10 GeV photons
- Inverse-Compton emission, long suspected, provides a natural explanation for the extra hard component at >10 GeV energies (Fan et al. 2013, Liu et al. 2013, also see Ackermann et al. 2013)

Are we seeing two mechanisms?

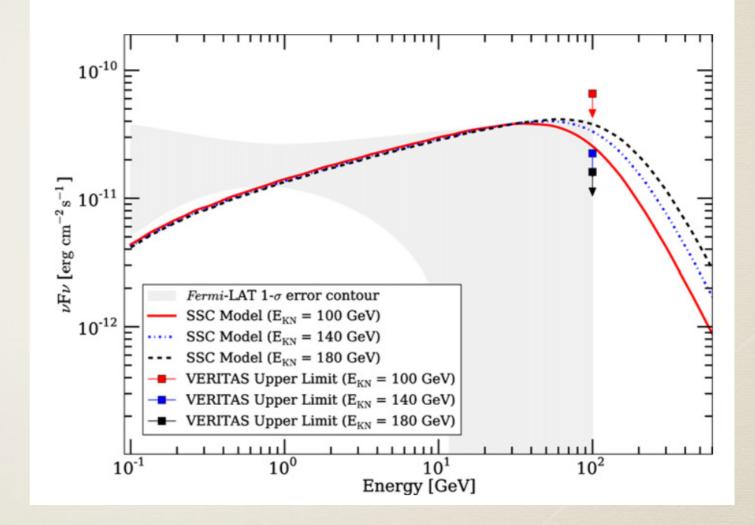


Liu et al. (2013)

VERITAS non-detection

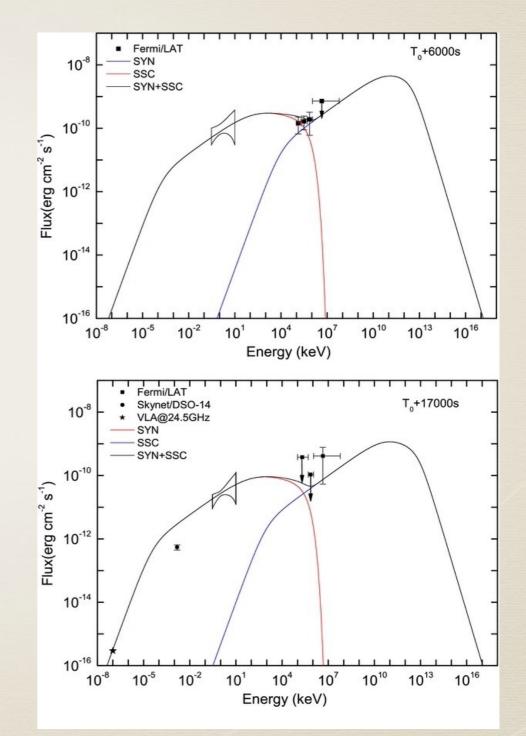
- VERITAS observations were initiated the following night, 71.128 ks after the Fermi-GBM trigger.
- * Observations lasted for 59 minutes until moonrise.

Aliu et al. (2014)



GRB 130907A

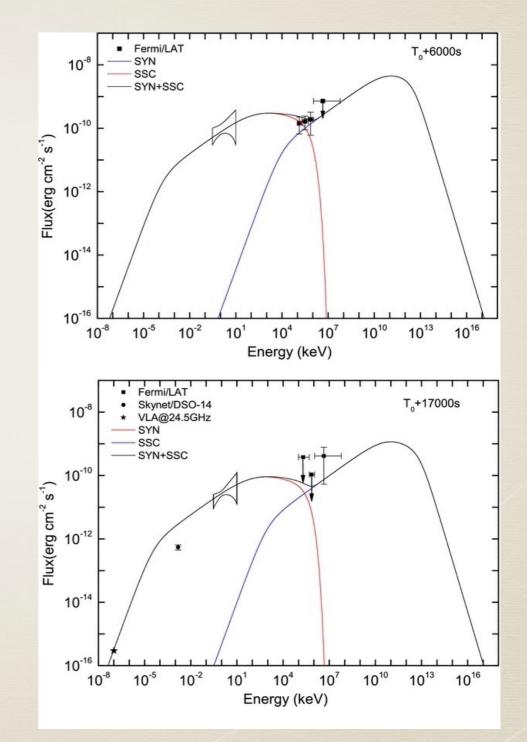
- * A 55 GeV photon was found about 5 hr after the prompt phase
- * The energy of this photon (55 GeV) exceeds the maximum synchrotron photon energy at this time
- * SSC emission of the afterglow? (Tang, Tam & Wang, 2014)



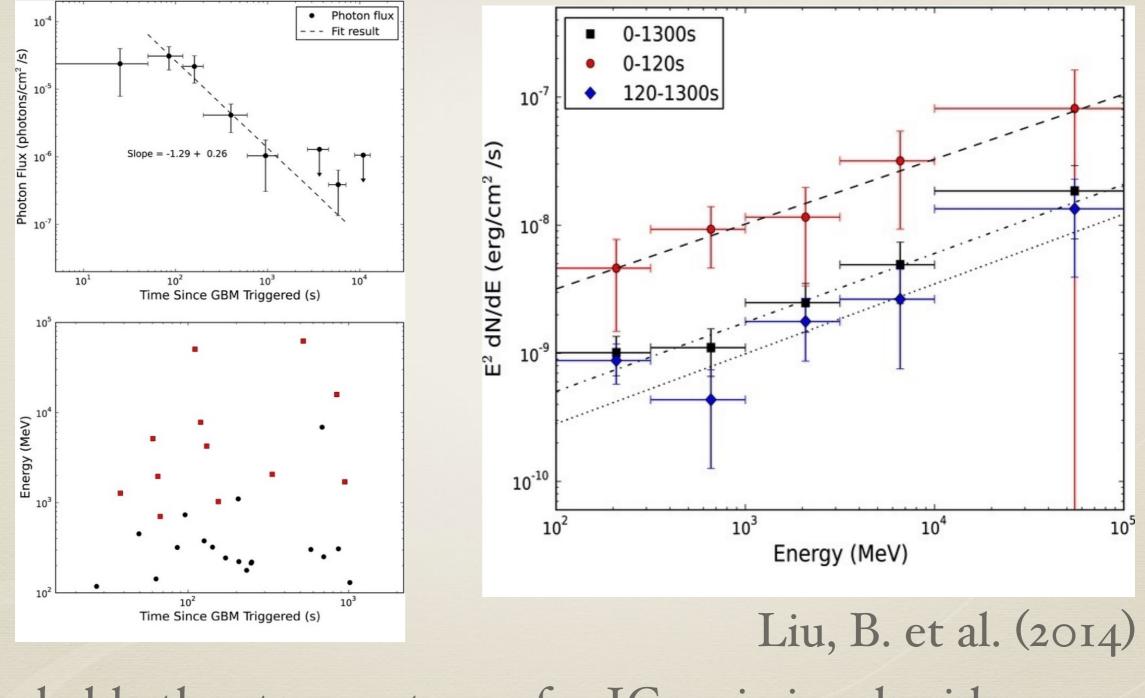
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Yet another GRB 160310A 1.36 GeV@100s; 27 GeV@5800s *GRB-940217-like bursts*



GRB 131231A



Probably the strongest case for IC emission, besides 130427A

GRB 160509A

- * 0-1 hr, Γ --2.1
- * 1-4 hr, Γ -1.6
- ***** 1-24hr, Γ 1.0
- * One 28.9 GeV photon seen by the LAT at 70 ks! (Tam et al. in preparation)
- * VERITAS only obtained an upper limit (David William), observations should be within one day after the burst
- * cut-off at 30-100 GeV (EBL attenuation)? (z=1.17)

H.E.S.S. (High-energy stereoscopic system)

The H.E.S.S. site in Namibia



180 m



A system of 4 air Cherenkov telescopes situated in *Namibia*, southern Africa

(23°16' S, 16°30' E) 1800 m above sea level

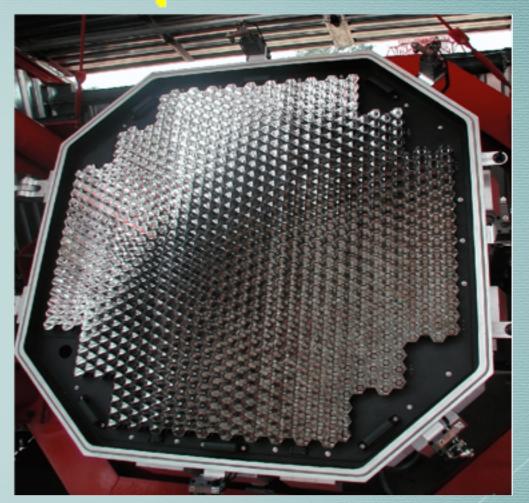
energy range > 100 GeV

complete array operating since early 2004

H.E.S.S. telescopes

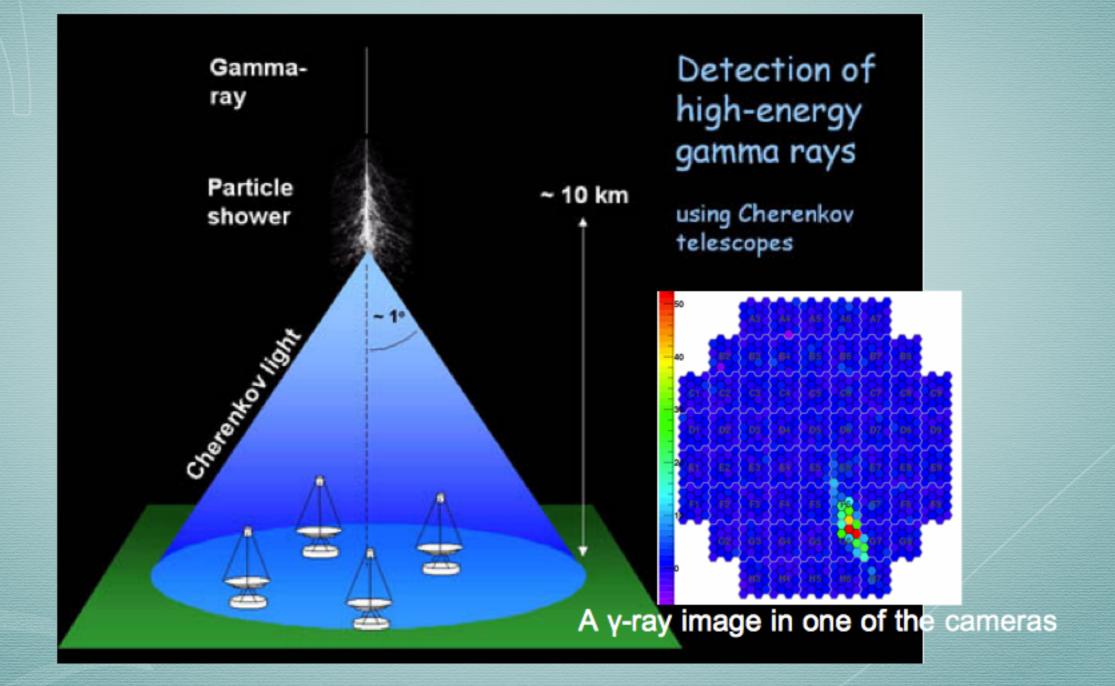


380 mirrors

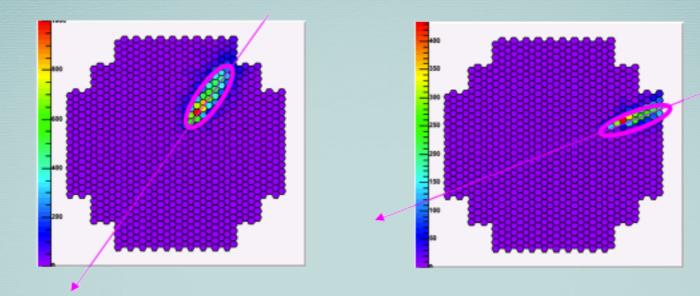


Cameras 960 photomultiplier tubes each of 0.16° field of view ~5°

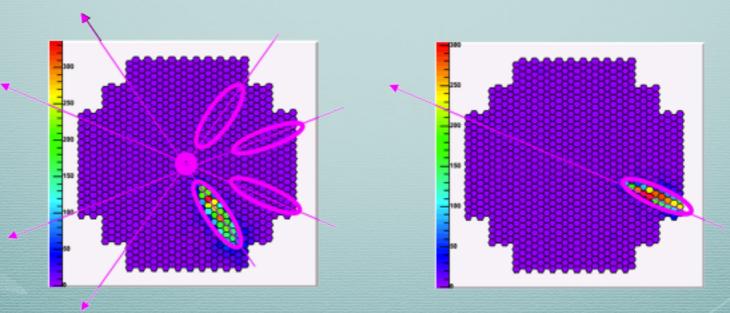
Observation principle



Stereo technique

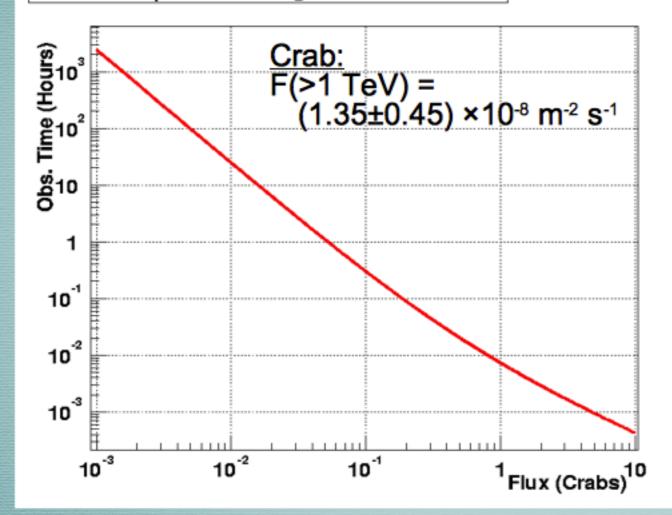


Reconstruct the source position in the camera



H.E.S.S. sensitivity

Time Required for 5 Sigma Detection



Sensitivity:: 0.01 Crab in ≈ 25 hrs 0.10 Crab in ≈ 20 min 1.00 Crab in ≈ 30 sec

Threshold (trigger, selected):

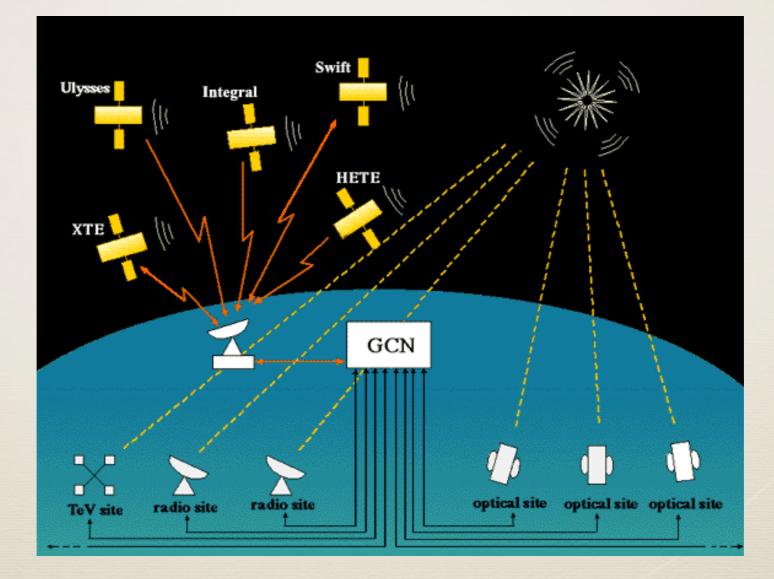
(115,145) GeV at 20° ZA (265,305) GeV at 45° ZA

using standard analysis

At 20° zenith angle (ZA) after selection cuts

H.E.S.S. GRB observing program

* Receiving GRB Coordinates network (GCN) Notices



H.E.S.S. GRB observing program

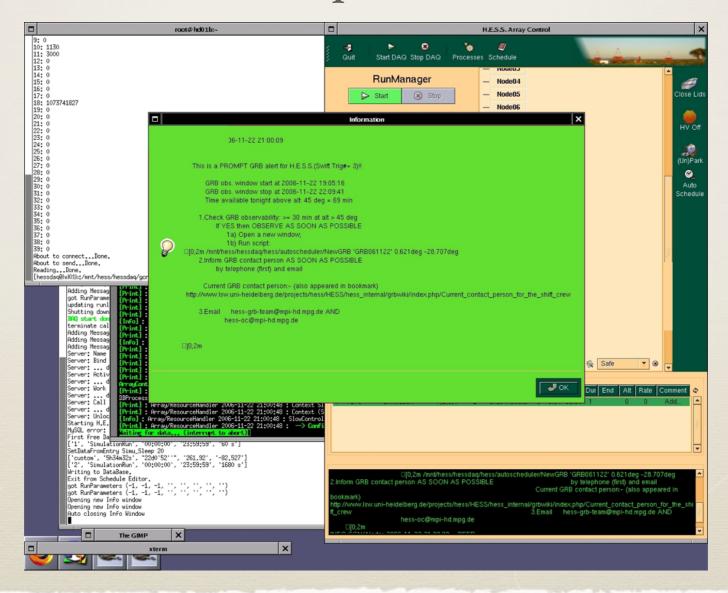
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 - H.E.S.S. dark time (no moon)
 - Zenith angle < 45 deg
- * We start GRB observations up to -24 hours after onset
- * Invest more time for more promising sources (i.e. low-redshift, short delay)

GRB observing strategies

* Pop-up window: shows up when an alert arrives



GRB observing strategies

* Invest more time for more promising sources (i.e. low-redshift, short delay)

* To observe a corresponding GRB position up to
24h after trigger if z<0.1 is reported
12h after trigger if z<0.3 is reported
6h after trigger if z<1.0 is reported
4h after trigger if z is unknown.

HESS-observed GRBs

Table 1. Properties of GRBs observed with H.E.S.S. from March 2003 to October 2007.

| GRB | Satellite | Trigger | R.A. ^a | Decl.a | Errora | Energy band | Fluence ^b | T_{90}^{b} | $X^cO^cR^c$ | z |
|----------|-----------|---------|---|---------------|--------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| | | number | | | ('') | (keV) | (10 ⁻⁸ erg cm ⁻ | $(\hat{s})^{2}$ ($\hat{s})^{2}$ | | |
| 071003 | Swift | 292934 | 20h07m24s25 | +10°56'48".8 | 5.7 | 15-150 | 830 | ~150 | $\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{$ | 1.604 ^e |
| 070808 | Swift | 287260 | 00 ^h 27 ^m 03 ^s .36 | +01°10'34".8 | 1.9 | 15 - 150 | 120 | ~32 | $\sqrt{}$. | |
| 070724A | Swift | 285948 | 01 ^h 51 ^m 13.96 | -18°35'40'.1 | 2.2 | 15 - 150 | 3 | ~0.4 | $\sqrt{\times \times}$ | 0.457 ^f |
| 070721B | Swift | 285654 | 02 ^h 12 ^m 32 ^s .95 | -02°11′40″.6 | 0.9 | 15 - 150 | 360 | ~340 | $\sqrt{\sqrt{\times}}$ | 3.626 ^g |
| 070721A | Swift | 285653 | 00 ^h 12 ^m 39 ^s 24 | -28°22'00'.'6 | 2.3 | 15 - 150 | 7.1 | 3.868 | √ √ . | |
| 070621 | Swift | 282808 | 21h35m10.14 | -24°49'03'.1 | 2 | 15 - 150 | 430 | 33 | $\sqrt{\times}$. | |
| 070612B | Swift | 282073 | 17 ^h 26 ^m 54 ^s .4 | -08°45'08'.'7 | 4.7 | 15-150 | 168 | 13.5 | $\sqrt{\times}$. | |
| 070429A | Swift | 277571 | 19 ^h 50 ^m 48.8 | -32°24'17''9 | 2.4 | 15 - 150 | 91 | 163.3 | $\sqrt{}$. | |
| 070419B | Swift | 276212 | 21h02m4957 | -31°15'49'.'7 | 3.5 | 15-150 | 736 | 236.4 | $\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$. | |
| 070209 | Swift | 259803 | 03h04m50s | -47°22'30'' | 168 | 15 - 150 | 2.2 | 0.09 | ××. | $0.314?^{h}$ |
| 061110A | Swift | 238108 | 22h25m09%9 | -02°15'30.'7 | 3.7 | 15-150 | 106 | 40.7 | √√. | 0.758^{i} |
| 060526 | Swift | 211957 | 15 ^h 31 ^m 18'.4 | +00°17′11″0 | 6.8 | 15 - 150 | 126 | 298.2 | $\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$. | 3.21 ^j |
| 060505 | Swift | 208654 | 22h07m0450 | -27°49'57'.8 | 4.7 | 15 - 150 | 94.4 | ~4 | √ √ . | 0.0889^{k} |
| 060403 | Swift | 203755 | 18h49m21s80 | +08°19'45"3 | 5.5 | 15 - 150 | 135 | 30.1 | $\sqrt{\times}$. | |
| 050801 | Swift | 148522 | 13h36m35s | -21°55′41″ | 1 | 15 - 150 | 31 | 19.4 | √ √ × | 1.56 |
| 050726 | Swift | 147788 | 13h20m12s30 | -32°03'50'.8 | 6 | 15 - 150 | 194 | 49.9 | $\sqrt{}$. | |
| 050509C | HETE-II | H3751 | 12h52m53s94 | -44°50'04".1 | 1 | 2-30 | 60 | 25 | $\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{$ | |
| 050209 | HETE-II | U11568 | 08 ^h 26 ^m | +19°41′ | 420 | 30-400 | 200 | 46 | . × . | |
| 041211Bm | HETE-II | H3622 | 06h43m12s | +20°23'42" | 80 | 30-400 | 1000 | >100 | . × . | |
| 041006 | HETE-II | H3570 | 00 ^h 54 ^m 50 ^s .23 | +01°14'04"9 | 0.1 | 30-400 | 713 | ~20 | $\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{$ | 0.716" |
| 030821 | HETE-II | H2814 | 21 ^h 42 ^m | -44°52 | a | 30-400 | 280 | 23 | 111 | |
| 030329 | HETE-II | H2652 | 10 ^h 44 ^m 49 ^s .96 | +21°31′17″44 | 10-3 | 30-400 | 10760 | 33 | $\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{$ | 0.1687^{p} |
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Summary of HESSobserved GRBs

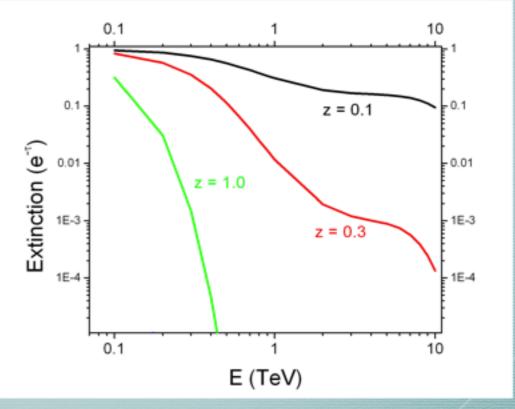
- * 22 GRBs with good data published
- * Brightest one (seen by satellite): GRB 030329
- * Nearest: GRB 060505 (z=0.089)
- * Shortest delay: GRB 070621 (- 6 min)
- * The largest published sample of GRB afterglow observations using an air Cherenkov instrument (>20 GRBs and observation hours -32h)

Extragalactic background Light

γ-γ interaction high-energy photons will suffer absorption by EBL

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$$F_{\text{obs}}(E) = F_{\text{int}}(E) \cdot e^{-\tau(E)}$$



early redshift information crucial ! Detection --> UL of z

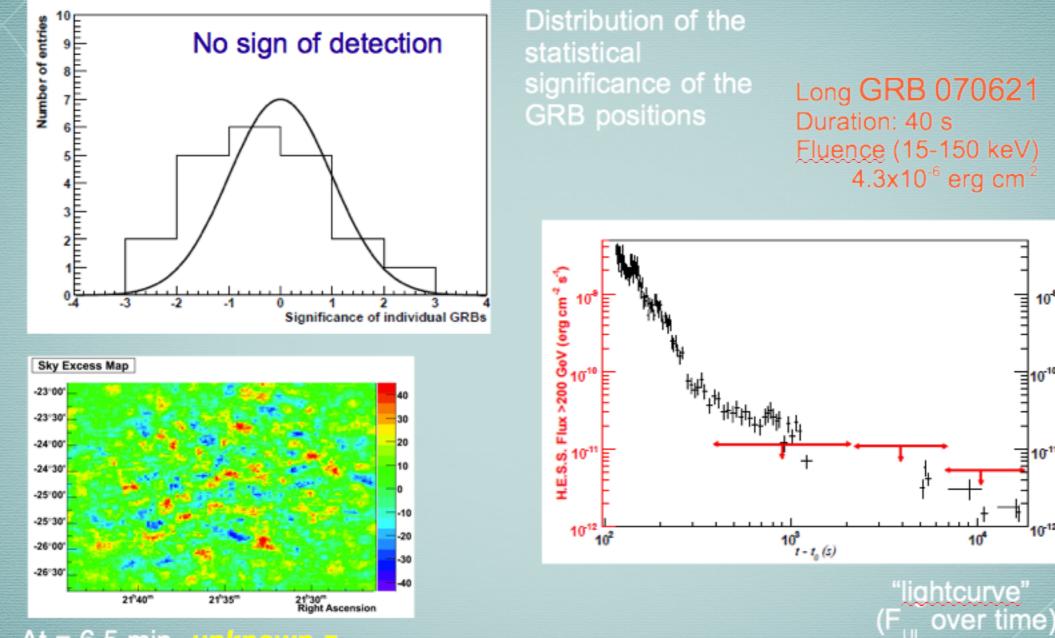
Aharonian et al. (HESS), Nature, 2006

| GRB | Redshift | $E_{\rm th}~({\rm GeV})$ | $F_{\rm UL}{}^a$ | $F_{corrected}^{a}$ |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 060505 | 0.0889 | 400 | 3.9×10 ⁻¹⁴ | 5.8×10^{-14} |
| 030329 | 0.1687 | 1360 | 7.6×10^{-15} | 9.7×10^{-14} |
| 070209 | 0.314 | 370 | 1.2×10^{-13} | 8.7×10 ⁻¹³ |
| 070724A | 0.457 | 200 | 2.1×10^{-13} | 1.0×10^{-12} |
| 041006 | 0.716 | 150 | 1.8×10^{-12} | 2.7×10^{-11} |
| 061110A | 0.758 | 200 | 1.7×10^{-13} | 1.7×10^{-11} |
| 050801 | 1.56 | 310 | 2.1×10^{-13} | b |
| 071003 ^c | 1.604 | 280 | 2.0×10^{-13} | b |
| 060526 | 3.21 | 220 | 1.7×10^{-13} | b |
| 070721B | 3.626 | 320 | 1.1×10^{-13} | b |

10 of them have redshift information; 6 have z < 1

Aharonian...Tam...(2009)

Results: no detection



 $\Delta t = 6.5 \text{ min}, \text{ unknown } z$ exposure 4 hours, longest for H.E.S.S. GRB observations

No detection!

(Aharonian et al. 2009, A&A)

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XRT Flux in 0.3-10 keV (erg

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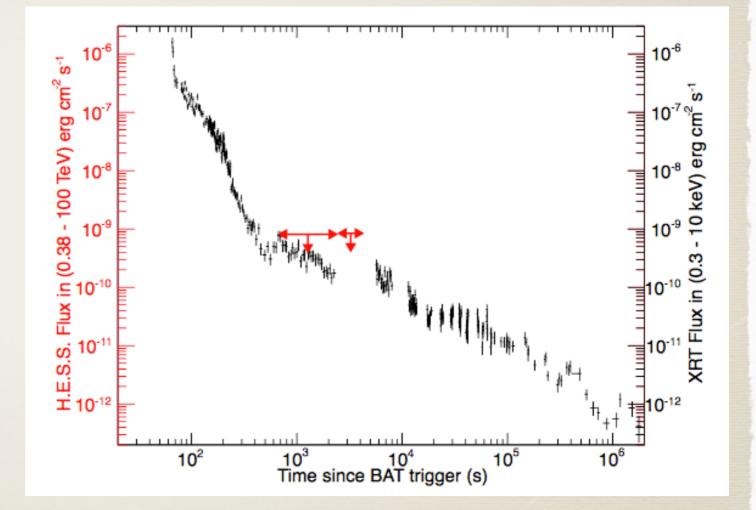
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GRB 100621A

* Brightest XRT burst before 130427A

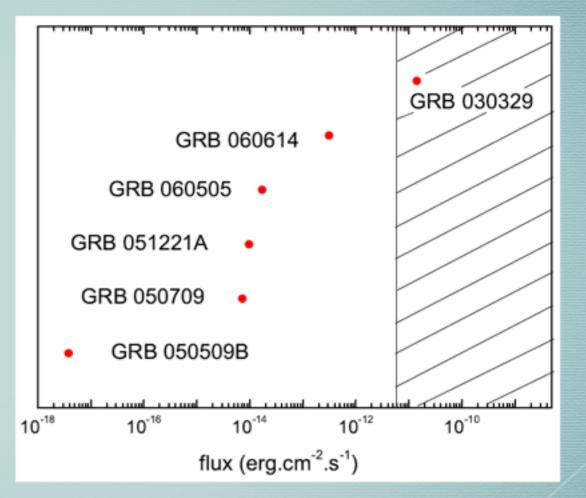
* z=0.542



H.E.S.S. collaboration (2014)

Modeled VHE flux compared with H.E.S.S. sensitivity

Red dots: Modeled VHE flux 10 h after the burst



H.E.S.S. is sensitive to bright GRBs even with 10-h delay! H.E.S.S. 2-h sensitivity above 200 GeV

(Xue, Tam, et al., 2009)

What's next?

* Lower the energy threshold, to O(30 GeV)
* shorten the time delay

Lower the energy threshold



- H.E.S.S. phase I
 - four 12m telescopes
 - FoV 5 deg
 - energy threshold 100 GeV
 - angular resolution < 0.1 deg</p>

- H.E.S.S. phase II
 - four 12m telescopes
 - one 28m telescope (FoV 3.5 deg)
 - energy threshold O(30 GeV)
 - angular resolution from 0.4 deg to less than 0.1 deg

H.E.S.S. phase I

2002-2012

H.E.S.S. phase II

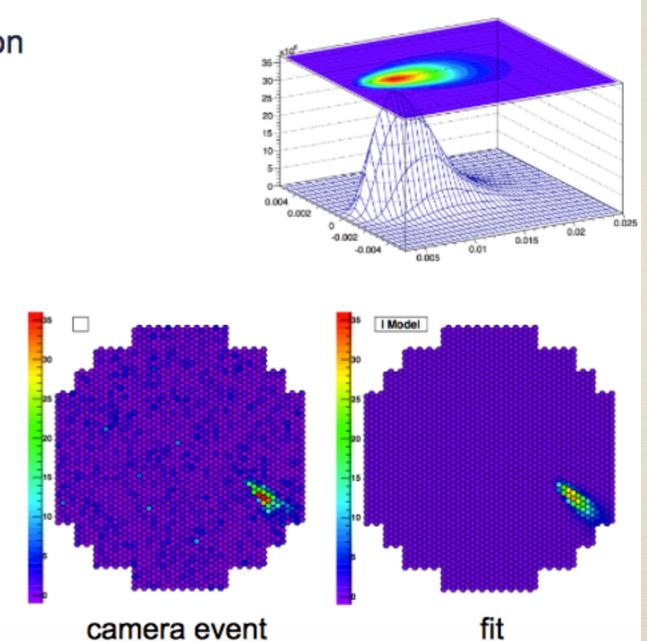
2012-now

CT5, the 28-m dish telescope

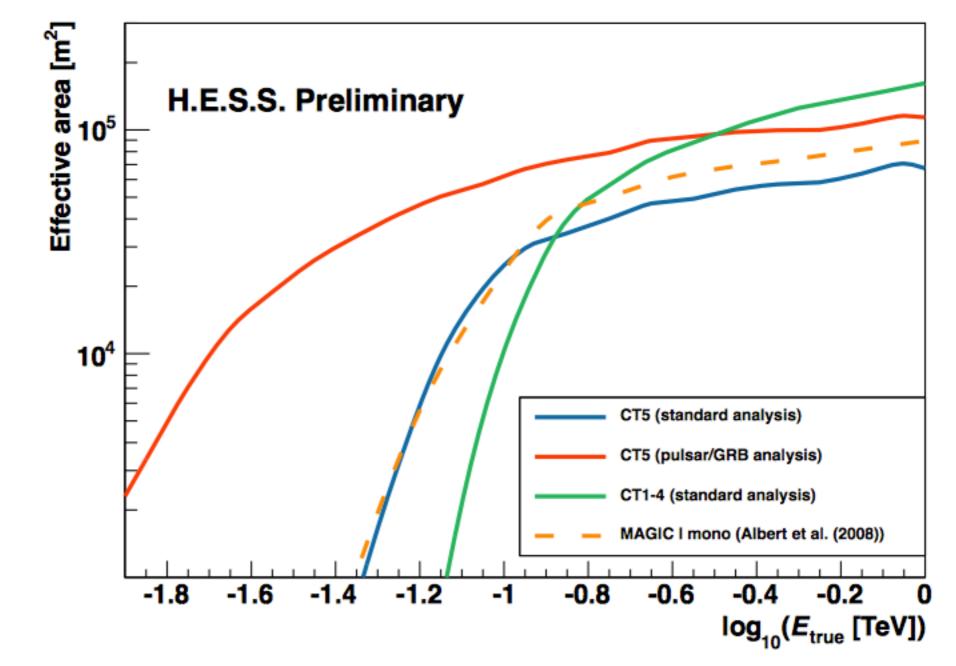
CT1-4, the original 13-m telescopes

Single telescope reconstruction

- Template (model) based photon reconstruction
 - Adapted from de Naurois et al APh 32, 231 (2009)
- Standard analysis
 - optimized for source observations
- PSR/GRB analysis
 - optimized for low E detections
- Template (MC) based photon reconstruction
 - ImPACT, Dan Parsons, ID215



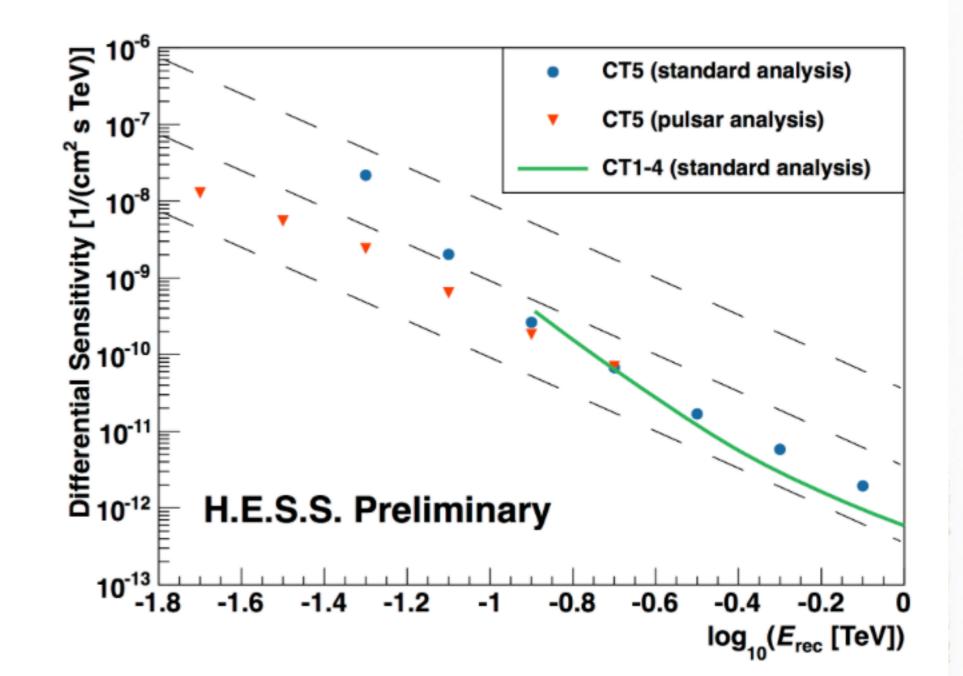
Collection area



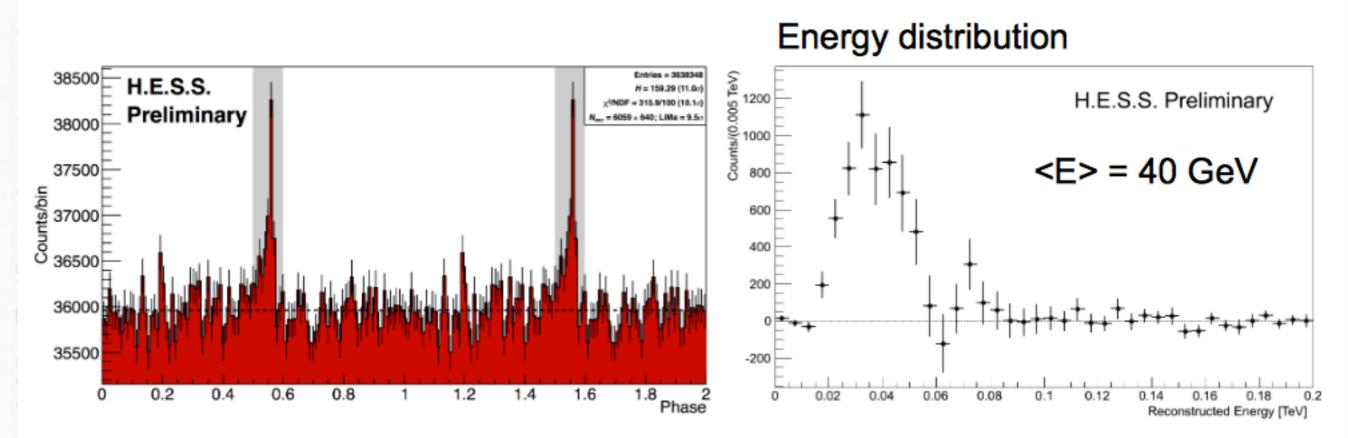
Systematics at low energies under study

Sensitivity

- Standard analysis
 - 5σ in 100 h
 - 5% background systematics
- Pulsar analysis
 - 5σ in 100 h
 - no background systematics



The Vela pulsar seen with CT5



Shortening the time delay





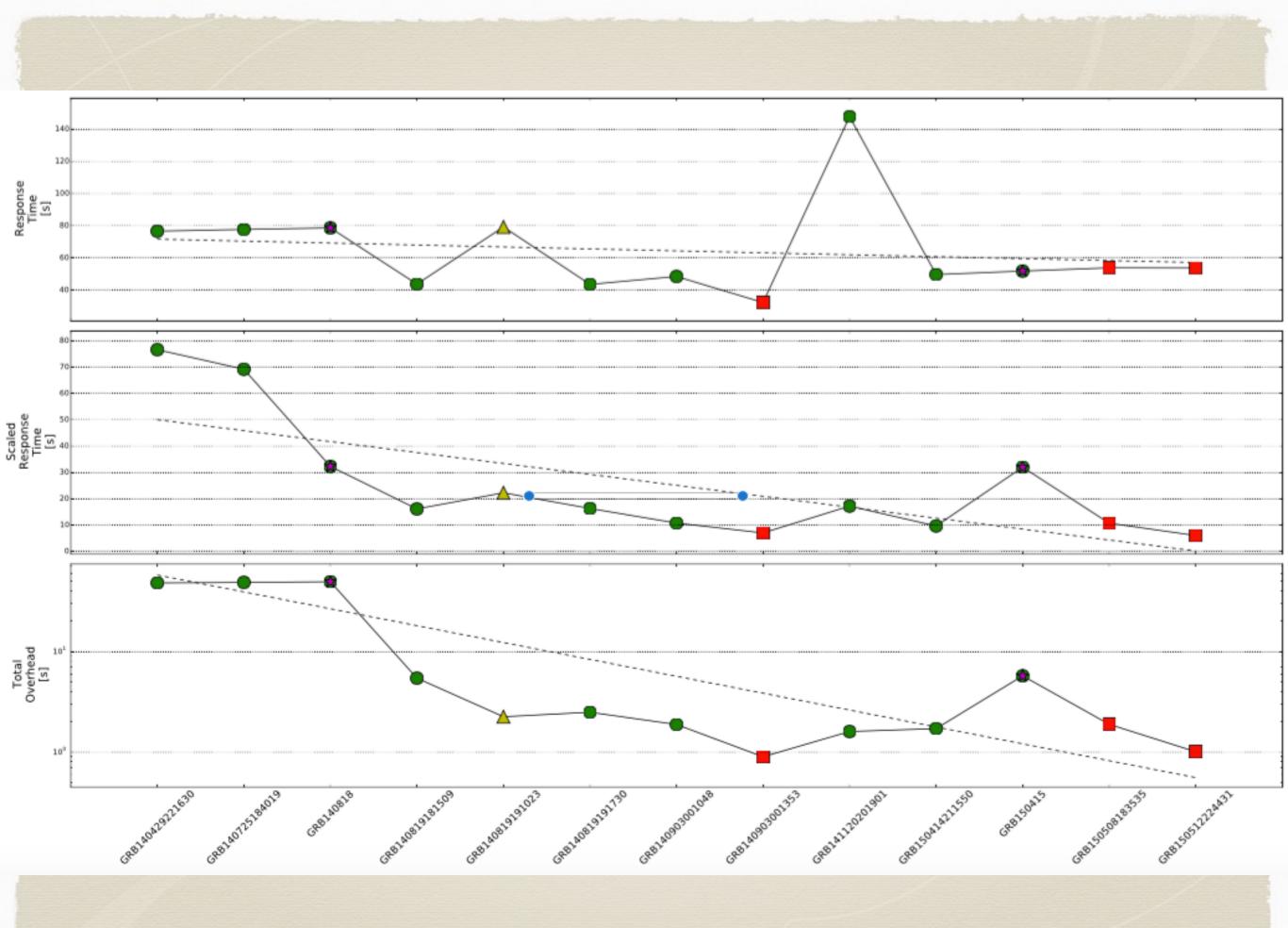
H.E.S.S. II Rapid Repointing System

* Fully automatic, no human-in-loop

* In order to minimise this delay, 2 major improvements have been made for CT5 over the original 4 telescope array

1. the telescope drive system of CT5 is significantly updated over that of the original H.E.S.S. system, allowing a full rotation of the telescope (360 in azimuth) in 3.5 minutes

2. CT5 is able to point in reverse-mode, allowing the telescope to slew through zenith, resulting in significantly faster repointing for some GRBs, where otherwise a large azimuthal slew would be required



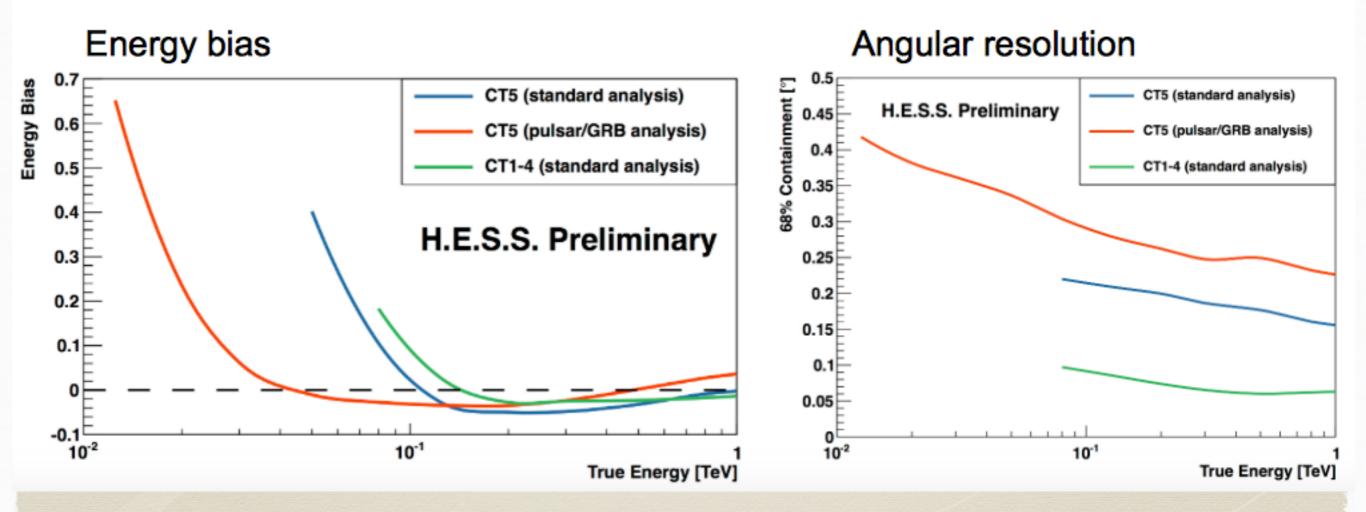
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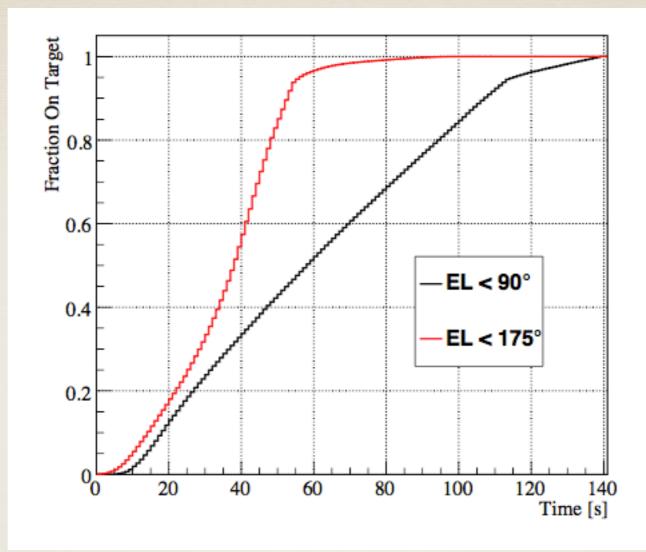
- * Evidence for a hard spectral component at >GeV energies during the late afterglow is accumulating
- * LAT GRBs are rare, but each individual burst is rather special!
- * H.E.S.S. phase II is ready. Automatic re-pointing and the large telescope has been updated to shorten the delay time as much as possible
- * Stay tuned, for the first >30 GeV light curve and spectrum from a nearby GRB using both ground-based and space telescopes

Spare slides

Energy and angular resolution

| | Energy resolution | Angular resolution |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Standard analysis | 30% | 0.2 deg |
| Pulsar/GRB analysis | 30% - 40% | 0.3 - 0.4 deg |





Fraction of times within which the CT5 telescope is able to arrive at it's target position random position on the sky versus the time after the issue of the repointing command. This fraction is shown for the systems with (EL<175, red line) and without (EL<90, black line) reverse observations enabled.