Very high energy gamma-ray follow-up observations of gravitational waves

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The Compact Binary Coalescences-Gamma Ray Burst connection

- Compact binary coalescences (CBC), proposed as progenitors of short GRBs (sGRBs)
- The unambiguous detection of **GW170817-GRB170817A** shows that at least a subsample of sGRBs have BNS as progenitors.
- GW170817-GRB170817A:
 - Closest+dimmest sGRB, L_{ISO}~10⁴⁷ erg s⁻¹, D_L~40 Mpc
 - Regarding HE/VHE emission:

 - H.E.S.S. and HAWC followed up the event: ULs on the VHE emission.
- The joint GW-GRB detections:

 - GRB: sky localization, host galaxy identification, emission processes, acceleration mechanisms..





• No detection from Fermi-LAT: passing the South Atlantic Anomaly at the merger time, no significant detection at later times

• GW: properties of the binary system, i.e. mass, spins, eccentricity, inclinations, luminosity distances, rates..







Challenges in GW-follow-ups associated to the detection technique



Gravitational waves can have really large localization uncertainty 0 regions from 10s to 1000s deg²



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*Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescope

	IACT*Arrays	Ground-particle Ar
Field of view	$3^{\circ}{-}10^{\circ}$	90°
Duty cycle	10% – 30%	> 95%
Energy range	$30~{ m GeV} - > 100~{ m TeV}$	$\sim 500 \text{ GeV} - >100$
Angular resolution	$0.05^{\circ} - 0.02^{\circ}$	$0.4^{\circ}-0.1^{\circ}$
Energy resolution	${\sim}7\%$	60% - 20%
Background rejection	> 95%	90% – 99.8%









First VHE counterpart searches: Observation run O1 and O2



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Observation strategy for IACTs to maximise the probability to cover the source

- mid-size telescopes
- Implementation for IACTs:
 - type, 3D uncertainty region)
 - Correlation of the 3-dimensional localization uncertainty region with galaxy catalogs
 - A probability of hosting the event is associated to each galaxy.





• Due to the large localization uncertainty regions, observation strategies are key to cover the source of GW with small/

• Dedicated observation scheduling algorithm selected depending on the parameters of the events (most probable source



Seglar-Arroyo, M. & Schussler, F. Moriond VHEPU 2017 arXiv: 1705.10138 Ashkar, H. et al., JCAP 2021.03 (2021): 045 arXiv:2010.16172





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GW170814 (BBH) H.E.S.S

O2

- 3 IFO localisation: 60 deg²
- First large probability coverage (~95%, 68% after analysis cuts)

No significant excess found.





Ashkar, H. et al., 12th INTEGRAL conference, arXiV:1906.10426



O2: Prompt observations of GW170817 at VHE with H.E.S.S.

• First ground-based pointing instrument on target

- 5.3h after the signal GW170817 from the BNS merger
- 5 minutes after the update of the GW skymap (LHV reconstruction)
- Succesful coverage of the source in first observations thanks to the use of galaxy catalogs
- 5 days of monitoring until the source was no longer in the H.E.S.S. FoV • Constraints on the VHE emission from external Inverse Compton in afterglow shock with X-ray photons





Abdalla et al, ApJL, 850:L22 (9pp)











O2: More observations of GW170817 at VHE

- HAWC follow-up observations \bigcirc
 - Short term: GW170817 entered in FoV 8h after merger, for 2.03h. 0
 - No signicant emission was detected, ULs: 1.5×10^{-8} erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ (100GeV 1 TeV) 0
 - Long term: Flux limits derived above 40 TeV over 9 consecutive logarithmic time \bigcirc windows.

- H.E.S.S. long-term follow-up observations 0
 - Observation campaign during the peak at X-ray and radio
 - Constraining the magnetic field by connecting the synchrotron and SSC emission





Galván, A. et al., ICRC2019. Vol. 36. 2019. Martinez-Castellano, I et al. ICRC 2019, arXiv:1908.06122



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Observation run O3: consolidation of gravitational wave astronomy

- A (little less than a) year of observations due to Covid-19 (April 2019 end March 2020)
- A total of 56 online detection candidates after 24 retractions (gracedb.ligo.org)
 - Several possible source probability: BBH(38), BNS(6), BH-NS (5), MassGap (4), Terrestrial(3) events
 - No electromagnetic counterpart associated+confirmed to any of these events

- Some results from O3 :
 - Catalog papers GWTC-2 (O3a): 39 candidates (extra 13 compared to online searches)
 - Binary systems with largely asymmetric masses: GW190412, GW190814
 - NS-NS candidates: GW190425 (Total Mass $\sim 3.4 M_{\odot}$)
 - Intermediate-mass black holes (IMBHs): GW190521(Total Mass of 150M₀)
 - Recent publication : first two BH-NS systems: GW200105 (8.9+1.9 M_{\odot}), GW200115 (5.7+1.5 M_{\odot})





Abbott, R., et al. *PRX* 11.2 (2021): 021053

Abbott, R., et al., PRD 102.4 (2020): 043015 Abbott, R., et al. ApJL 896.2 (2020): L44

Abbott, R., et al., *ApJL* 892.1 (2020): L3

Abbott, R., et al., PRL 125.10 (2020): 101102

Abbott et al. ApJL, 915 (2021), L5





O3: observations of IACTs

MAGIC

Semi-automatic strategy, with two cases of interest:

- Follow-up of well localized GW (~ 10° at 90% CL) with good observation conditions
- Follow-up of identified transients by other facilities and shared through GCN & ATels

Miceli, D. et al. ICRC 2019, arXiv:1909.03971.

VERITAS

• Observation strategy consisting on short exposures of 5 minutes, using the Greedy Traveling Salesman algorithm

GW ID	Delay	Compact binary	Prob. covered	VERITAS obs.
	[hrs]	coalescence type		[hrs]
S190412m	24.1	BBH:> 99%	$\sim 50\%$	3.1
S190425z	1.3	BNS:>99%	$\sim 2\%$	0.9
S190426c	17.6	NSBH:60%, MG: 25%, BNS:15%	$\sim 20\%$	2.5
S190707q	20.3	BBH:> 99%	$\sim 30\%$	3.0

Santander, M. et al., ICRC 2019, PoS 358



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Ashkar, H. et al., (2020), JCAP, 2021.03 (2021): 045.

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O3: observations with particle detectors

HAWC

- Timescales (0.3 -100s), in steps of 20%
- Follow-up of all the events during O3 in the instrument's FoV
 - Issue GCN Circulars with the results of these analysis, even if no candidate is found.
 - Special focus on events whose progenitor contains NS
 - No significant emission detected in any of these searches
 - Analysed the 25% (S190425z), 28% (S190426c) and 4% (S190510g)
 - S191216ap BBH (99%): Subthreshold trigger (4.6 sigma pre-trials, 10 s search) found (GCN #26472)
 - IceCube neutrino in coincidence

 - No candidate was identified in other wavelengths



• Automated, low-latency response search of clusters of gamma-rays in the field-of view (~2 sr) during the entire O3 run

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• Cross-match with galaxy catalogs to look for candidates => Follow-up by MASTER, Subaru, VLA...
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Martinez-Castellanos, I et al. ICRC 2019, arXiv:1908.06122





The HLVK observing run O4

- Next observing run of Virgo-LIGO-Kagra is O4
 - Planned to start not before June 2022
 - 1-year observing run
- Substantial improvement in the sensitivity yield to:
 - Increase of the horizon -> Number of detection
 - Larger signal-to-noise ratio for closer events
 - Better localization
 - Accumulate large part of the signal before the merger => Early Warning alerts





Abbott, B. P., et al.. 23.1 (2020): 1-69.

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The time evolution of the gravitational-wave frequency and the cumulative SNR for a GW170817-like BNS system.

Observation run Network		Expected BNS detections	Expected NSBH detections	Expected BBH detections	
O3	HLV	1^{+12}_{-1}	0^{+19}_{-0}	17^{+22}_{-11}	
O4	4 HLVK		1^{+91}_{-1}	79^{+89}_{-44}	
Observation run	Network	Area (deg ²) 90% c.r.	Area (deg ²) 90% c.r.	Area (deg ²) 90% c.r.	
O3	HLV	270_{-20}^{+34}	330^{+24}_{-31}	280^{+30}_{-23}	
O4	HLVK	33^{+5}_{-5}	50^{+8}_{-8}	41^{+7}_{-6}	



Next generation IACT: The Cherenkov Telescope Array

• Key points on GW counterpart searches of CTA

- 5-10x sensitivity and collection area
- Large FoV of 8°
- Rapid slewing of the telescopes (~20 s)
- Energy coverage down to ~20 GeV and up to ~300 TeV
- Two-hemisphere coverage thanks to North-South sites





LST-1 currently taking data, will be there for O4!







Gravitational Wave follow-up with CTA

- First studies on the detectability of joint sGRB-GW at VHE: \bigcirc
 - Bartos, I., et al., MNRAS 443.1 (2014): 738-749 +MNRAS 477 (2018) 639-647
 - CTA may be capable of efficiently detecting late-time highenergy gamma-ray emission from short GRBs
 - Survey mode+GRB090510-like source+300Mpc, Syn+IC
 - Joint rate of ~0.03 yr-1 0
 - Patricelli B. et al., JCAP 05 (2016) 056 + JCAP 05 (2018) 056
 - Exposure is chosen as the time needed to get 5 sigma post-trials signal

$$\int_{T_j}^{T_j + t_j^{obs}} F(t) dt \ge F_s(t_j^{obs});$$

- Survey mode+ GRB 090510-like source to 30/100 GeV
- Joint rate of ~0.001-0.08 yr-1 (E_{iso}10⁴⁹-10⁵² erg, 100 GeV cut-off)





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Conclusions

- Really exciting times ahead for joint detections of GW-sGRB
- First proof of the connection **BNS-sGRB** with GW170817-GRB170817A
- Crucial impact on number of events and localization uncertainty regions
- Gamma-ray observatories, current and future generations:
 - Short-term and long-term GW follow-up campaigns in place
- - Promising expectations for GRB detection in the future with IACTs and particle detectors.
- Lots of open questions about the VHE GRB emission in sGRB/lGRB being tackled! • Emission mechanisms, progenitors, physics of the jet, particle acceleration...



• GW network will improve their sensitivity in the coming years: O4, O5, post-O5, Einstein Telescope/Cosmic explorer...

• Implementation of optimized observation strategies in IACTs, large sky coverage in ground particle arrays.

• Recent detections at VHE gamma-ray from GRB by H.E.S.S. and MAGIC are a major milestone in GRB physics • First three detections of IGRBs GRB180720A, GRB190114C, GRB190829A and hint of sGRB detection of GRB160821B

Stay tuned!





Thanks!

Back-up

Early Warning alerts

- Shorten to its minimum the latency between the various steps of the chain, before the alert is sent.
- the chain may be used for 'standard' alerts in the future
- - Big impart in localization
- Expectation:
 - only 5-30% will be amenable for sending early warning alerts.
 - At 60 s before merger, **one event per year** is expected to be localized to within 400 deg².
 - At 30 seconds before merger, at least **one event per year** is expected to be localized to within 40 deg² and ~4 events per year are expected to be localized to within 400 deg².
 - By 10 seconds before merger, ~10 events per year are expected to be localized to within 400 deg².



• System under commissioning during O4 => The progress on shortening the latency for early warning alerts in the different steps of

• Caviats: end of the inspiral contributes a lot to the SNR. These last seconds are key to cross-match h(t) signal seen in different IFO

	Final SNR	11	18	25		
ò	Distance	250 Mpc	210 Mpc	160 Mpc		
	Frequency	Localization accuracy (90% credible area)				
	29 Hz	Not detected	Not detected	12000 deg ²		
	32 Hz		Not deletted	10000 deg ²		
	38 Hz		9200 deg ²	8200 deg ²		
	49 Hz	2300 deg ²	1000 deg ²	730 deg ²		
	56 Hz	1000 deg ²	700 deg ²	250 deg ²		
	1024 Hz	10 deg ²	31 deg ²	5.4 deg ²		

https://emfollow.docs.ligo.org/userguide/early_warning.html

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Probability selection algorithms

2D Algorithm: 2D localization uncertainty region is considered

<u>One-pixel algorithm</u> Select individual highprobability **pixels** of the GW sky map

* 3D Algorithm: 3D posterior 'GW x galaxy' probability distribution is considered

<u>One-galaxy algorithm</u>

Select individual highprobability **galaxies**

The selection of regions of probability is iterative => Each region of probability defines an observation The total pointing pattern defines the coverage of the observations



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Pixels-in-FoV algorithm

Integrate the localization uncertainty in FoV region and select the highest in the ranking

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

Galaxies-in-FoV algorithm

Integrate the 3D posterior 'GW x galaxy' probability distribution in FoV region and select the highest in the ranking

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

Ashkar, H. et al., JCAP 2021.03 (2021): 045 arXiv:2010.16172



Gravitational waves follow-up performance paper



Figure 5. Difference of the cumulative P_{GW} per pointing between PGW-in-FoV and Best-pixel

Total P_{GAL} and P_{GW} simu-Figure 6. lated coverage distributions for PGalinFoV and PGalinFoV-PixRegion.



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Figure 8. Absolute time for the computation of each step of the PGalinFov algorithm for $N_{side} =$ 512 maps up to an area of 1000 \deg^2 .

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GRB emission





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HAWC/SWGO

- HAWC:
 - Design: 300 water Cherenkov tanks 4 PMTs/tank + 350 smaller tanks
 - Inst. FoV of 2sr (1/6 sky)
 - 95% uptime
 - Energy range: 0.1-100 TeV







- SWGO: higher, larger, denser!
 - 5000 m. a.s.l.
 - Southern sky
 - Sparse Array: 1000 units covering 221.000 m²
 - Dense array: 4000 units covering 80.000 m²
- Goal: Order of magnitude higher sensitivity than current generation instruments like HAWC



Next generation combined: Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory



Completion of LHAASO construction expected for 2020

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LHAASO* Sichuan, China, 4410 m asl

5195 Scintillators

- 1 m² each
- 15 m spacing

1171 Muon Detectors

- 36 m² each
- 30 m spacing

3000 Water Cherenkov Cells - 25 m² each

12 Wide Field Cherenkov Telescopes





Different approaches in joint GW-GRB simulations (1/3)

- Bartos, I., et al., MNRAS 443.1 (2014): 738-749 +MNRAS 477 (2018) 639-647
 - GRB emission as a GRB090510-like source+
 - Use temporal decay and spectral index + Distance= 300Mpc
 - Tstart= 100 s, Tend= 1000s
 - Synchrotron emission by a shocked electron population with 0 power-law index p = 2.5
 - Cut-off at 0.1 and 1 TeV. 0
 - SSC emission considered for realistic choise of the parameters n, ε_{B} 0 (fraction of energy in magnetic fields), ε_{e} (fraction of energy carried by electrons, *E*_{kin}(kinetic energy), and electron population powerlaw index *p* to describe the synchrotron component and calculate the SSC flux
 - Late rebrightening due to a SSC fordward shock SSC emission in a refreshed shock OR continuous injection
- Scheduler: Survey mode



- About GRB090510 (Abdo et al. 2009).
 - LAT emission from the energetic GRB 090510 10⁵³ erg, observed for up to ~200 s
 - z = 0.9 highest photot at 30 GeV 0
 - temporal index: $\alpha = -1.38$

Detectability as ratio between fluence assuming synchrotron emission vs. sensitivity CTA in survey mode



$E_{\rm cutoff}$ (energy cutoff)	50 GeV	100 GeV	1
S_{det} (CTA) (10 ⁻⁹ erg cm ⁻²)	80	23	
S_{survey} (CTA - survey; 1000 deg ²)	800	230	
S_{survey} (CTA - survey; 200 deg ²)	360	100	
$S_{\rm syn}$ (GRB 090510-like; $D_{\rm L} = 5.8$ Gpc)	50	40	
$S_{\rm syn}$ (GRB 090510-like; $D_{\rm L} = 300$ Mpc)	33 000	28 000	1
$S_{\rm syn} (E_{\rm kin} = 10^{51} {\rm erg}; D_{\rm L} = 300 {\rm Mpc})$	190	160	
$S_{\text{syn}} (E_{\text{kin}} = 10^{51} \text{ erg}; D_{\text{L}} = 300 \text{ Mpc}; t_{\text{start}} = 30 \text{ s})$	360	310	
$S_{\text{syn}} (E_{\text{kin}} = 10^{51} \text{ erg}; D_{\text{L}} = 300 \text{ Mpc}; t_{\text{start}} = 10^3 \text{ s})$	30	25	
$S_{\rm ssc} \ (n = 10^{-1} {\rm cm}^{-3})$	4400	5300	
$S_{\rm ssc} \ (n = 10^{-3} {\rm cm}^{-3})$	20	40	

Table 1. Fluence values for different emission and detection scenarios presented in the text, in units of 10^{-9} erg cm⁻², for different emission cutoff energies E_{cutoff} . CTAdetectable fluences for single pointing and survey mode (S_{det} , S_{survey}) are shown for 1000 s duration, and for 1000 deg² as well as 200 deg² observable sky area in the case of the survey mode (see Section 4.1). These detection fluences are calculated conservatively from the differential sensitivity of CTA (see text). For the fluence of synchrotron emission (S_{syn}) , we take the parameters of GRB 090510, and an observation starting at $t_{\text{start}} = 100$ s after the binary merger and lasting for $t_{\text{duration}} = 1000$ s, except for the parameters stated explicitly in the table. For the fluence of SSC emission ($S_{\rm ssc}$), we consider isotropic-equivalent GRB energy $E_{\rm kin} = 10^{51}$ erg, an observation with $t_{\text{start}} = 100 \text{ s and } t_{\text{duration}} = 1000 \text{ s}$, and circumburst number density *n* stated in the table.









Different approaches in joint GW-GRB simulations (2/3)

Patricelli B. et al., JCAP 05 (2018) 056 + JCAP 05 (2018) 056 \bigcirc

- **GW: GWCosmos** 0
 - Montecarlo simulation pipeline: BNS +detection by GW interferometers.
 - 830 Gpc-3yr-1
 - Local Universe up to 500 Mpc
- GRB emission as a GRB090510-like source til 30/100 GeV 0
 - A power-law with exponential cut-off spectrum
 - Spectral index β =-2.1 and two different values for the cut-off energy: 30 GeV and 100 GeV.
 - Correction on the redshift + isotropic energy
 - No limit on the duration (since probably Fermi-LA biased)
- Exposure of CTA:10000 seconds as max 0
- Scheduler: Survey mode + exposure obtained as time 0 sigma post-trials



Ratio between the CTA coverage with consecutive observations estimated with the strategy proposed in this work and using a constant observing time for each





3.5 10⁵² erg (magenta), 10⁵¹ erg (blue), 10⁵⁰ erg (green) and 10⁴⁹ erg (red); the dotted (solid) lines refer to a cut-off energy of 100 GeV (30 GeV)

AT is a experimental				E_{iso}	$\operatorname{cut-off}$ % of events		
				(ergs)	(GeV)	Obs. region = 90%	Obs.
	E_{iso} (ergs)	cut-off (GeV)	EM and GW (yr^{-1})	10^{49}	30	< 1	
	10^{49}	30	$< 10^{-3}$		100	1.5	
		100	0.001	1050	20	0 0	
e needed to get 5	10^{50}	30	0.01 0.03	10**	30 100	0.0 18.0	
	10^{51}	30	0.06	10^{51}	$\frac{30}{100}$	59.7 73.0	
	3.5×10^{52}	30	0.07	3.5×10^{52}	30	99.9	
		100	0.08		100	99.9	









Different approaches in joint GW-GRB simulations (3/3)

- Seglar-Arroyo, M. et al.. 36th ICRC, PoS790, 2019
 - GW: GWCosmos 0
 - GRB: Purely phenomenological approach based on observations of Fermi-LAT GRBs. 0 C
 - Randomly associate Eiso from the intrinsic distribution inferred for short GRBs.
 - The 0.1-10GeV luminosity as a function of time, based on LAT GRBs, and in particular in GRB090510. 0
 - During the initial phase of the afterglow emission (before deceleration) the flux is assumed to be 0 proportional to t2 (as expected for homogeneous medium); the afterglow onset is fixed at tpeak = 3s; during the deceleration phase the luminosity decreases as t-1.4.
 - To normalize the light curve, we use the correlation found in a sample of 10 LAT GRBs, including also 0 GRB 090510.
 - Power law with photon index -2.1 and normalization derived from the integrated luminosity 0.1-10 GeV, 0 extrapolated up to 10 TeV.
 - Consider the viewing angle and apply a correction assuming a homogeneous jet. 0
 - Scheduler, following : 0
 - Seglar-Arroyo, M. & Schussler, F. Moriond VHEPU 2017 arXiv: 1705.10138 Ashkar, H. et al., JCAP 2021.03 (2021): 045 arXiv:2010.16172
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