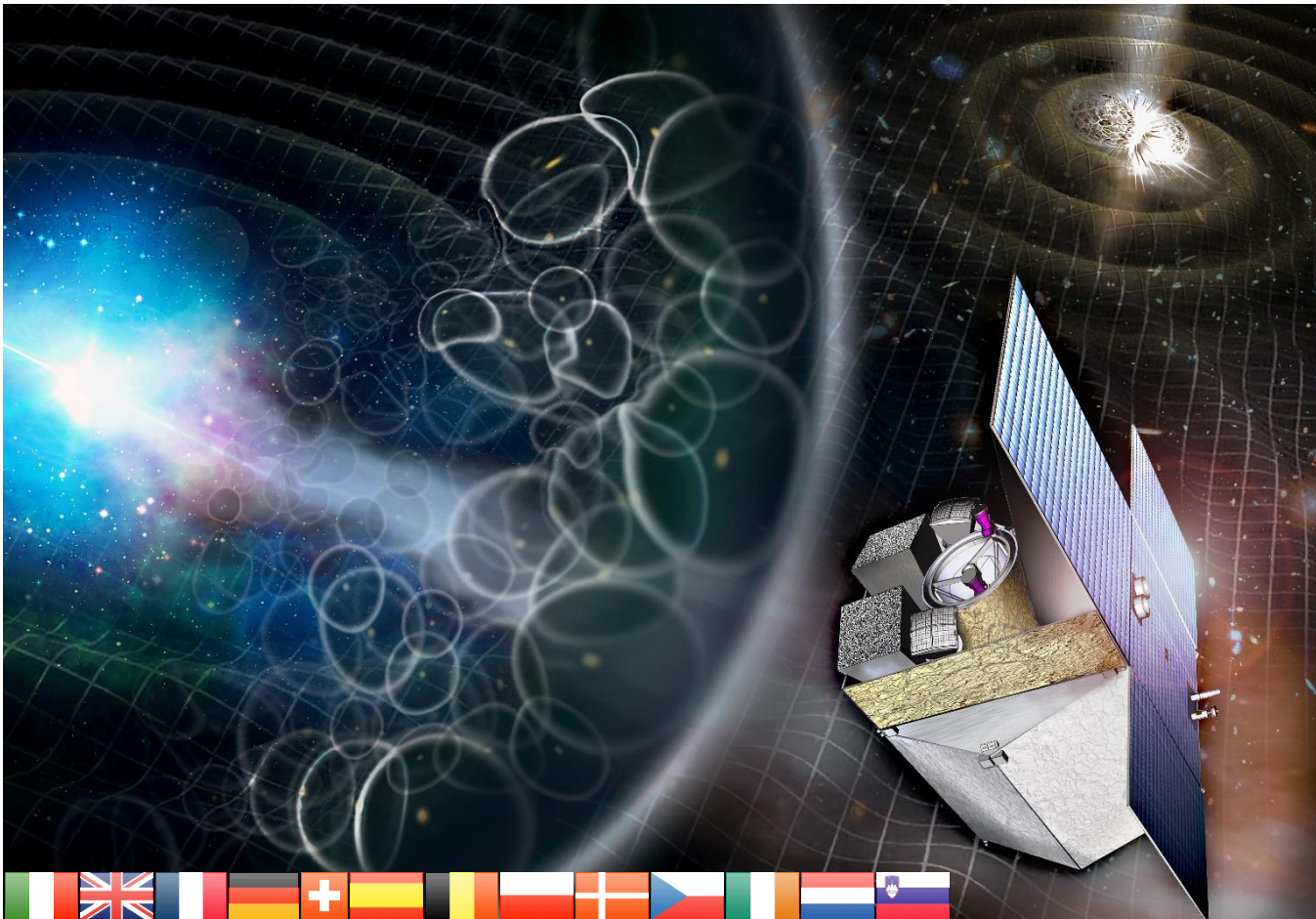


# THESEUS

Transient High-Energy Sky and Early Universe Surveyor



European Space Agency

L. Amati (INAF - OAS Bologna) on behalf of THESEUS Consortium and SST  
(Joint Astrophysical Colloquium - Bologna, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2021)

## THESEUS FOR ESA/M5 (COSMIC VISION)

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**Payload consortium:** Italy, UK, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Poland, Denmark, Belgium, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Ireland, The Netherlands

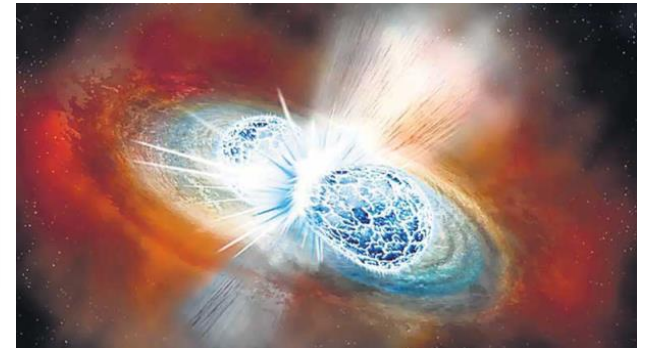


## THESEUS CORE SCIENCE GOALS

THESEUS will open a new window on the early Universe through **high-redshift Gamma-Ray Bursts**



THESEUS will be a cornerstone of **multi-messenger and time domain astrophysics**



## THESEUS May 2018: THESEUS selected by ESA for Phase 0/A study (with SPICA and ENVISION)



M5 mission themes

### ESA SELECTS THREE NEW MISSION CONCEPTS FOR STUDY

7 May 2018 A high-energy survey of the early Universe, an infrared observatory to study the formation of stars, planets and galaxies, and a Venus orbiter are to be considered for ESA's fifth medium class mission in its Cosmic Vision science programme, with a planned launch date in 2032.

The three candidates, the Transient High Energy Sky and Early Universe Surveyor (Theseus), the SPace

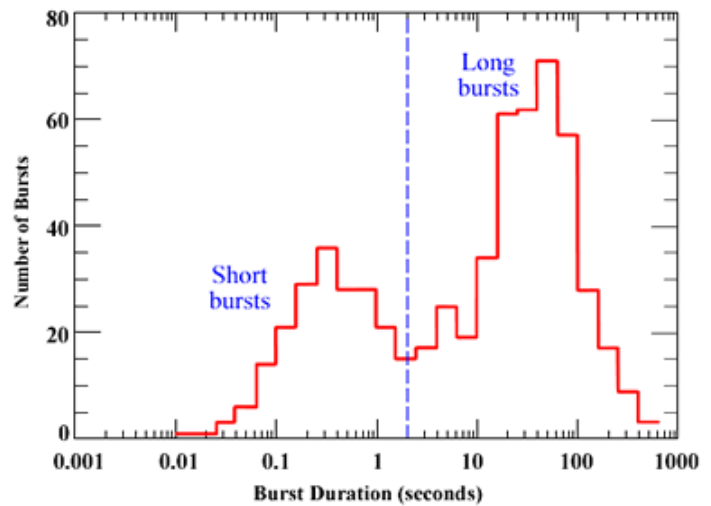
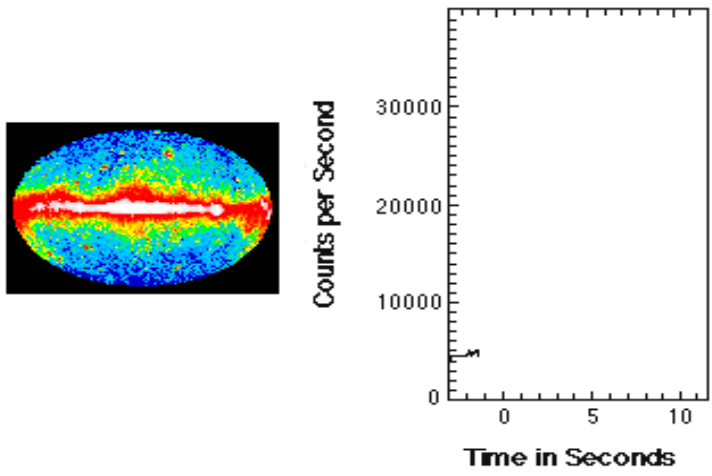


## ESA milestones for M5

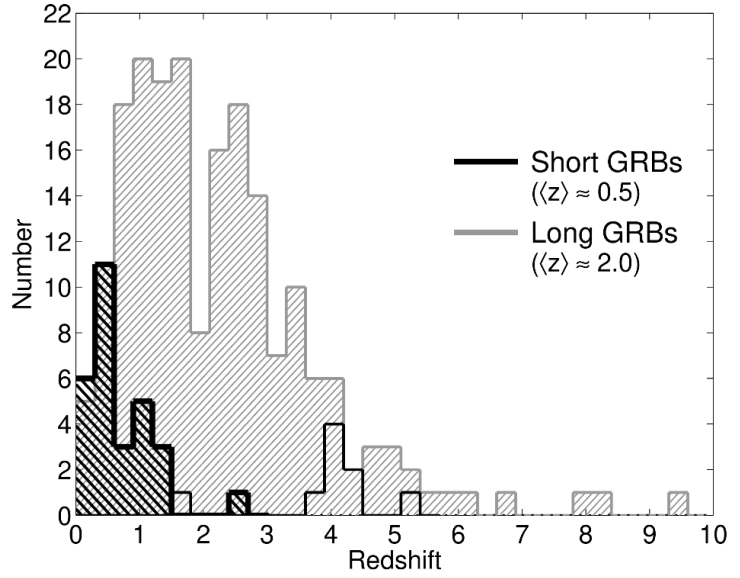
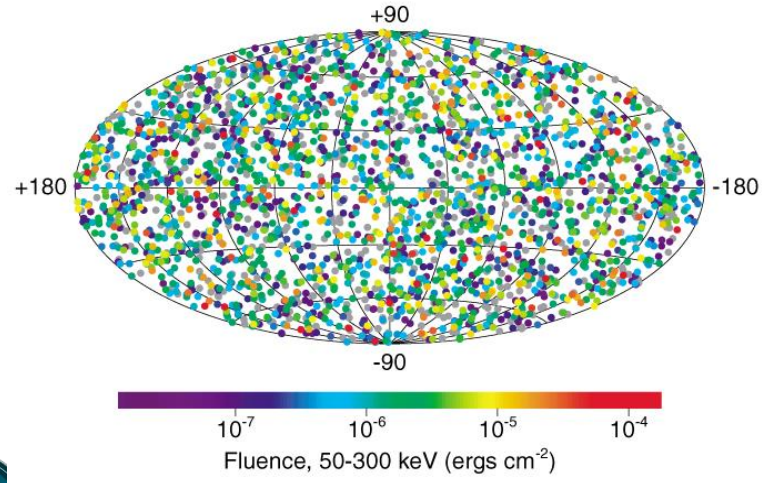
Activity	Date
Phase 0 kick-off	June 2018
Phase 0 completed (EnVision, SPICA and THESEUS)	End 2018
ITT for Phase A industrial studies	February 2019
Phase A industrial kick-off	June 2019
Mission Selection Review (technical and programmatic review for the three mission candidates)	Completed by May 2021
SPC selection of M5 mission	June 2021
Phase B1 kick-off for the selected M5 mission	December 2021
Mission Adoption Review (for the selected M5 mission)	October 2023
SPC adoption of M5 mission	January 2024
Phase B2/C/D kick-off	June 2025
Launch	2032



# Gamma-Ray Bursts: the most extreme phenomena in the Universe



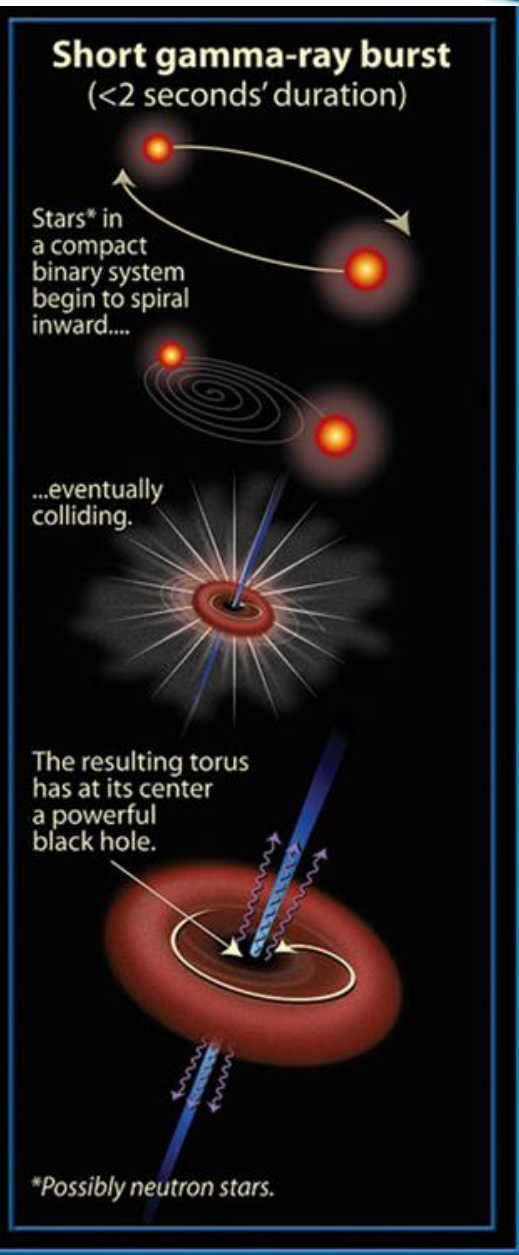
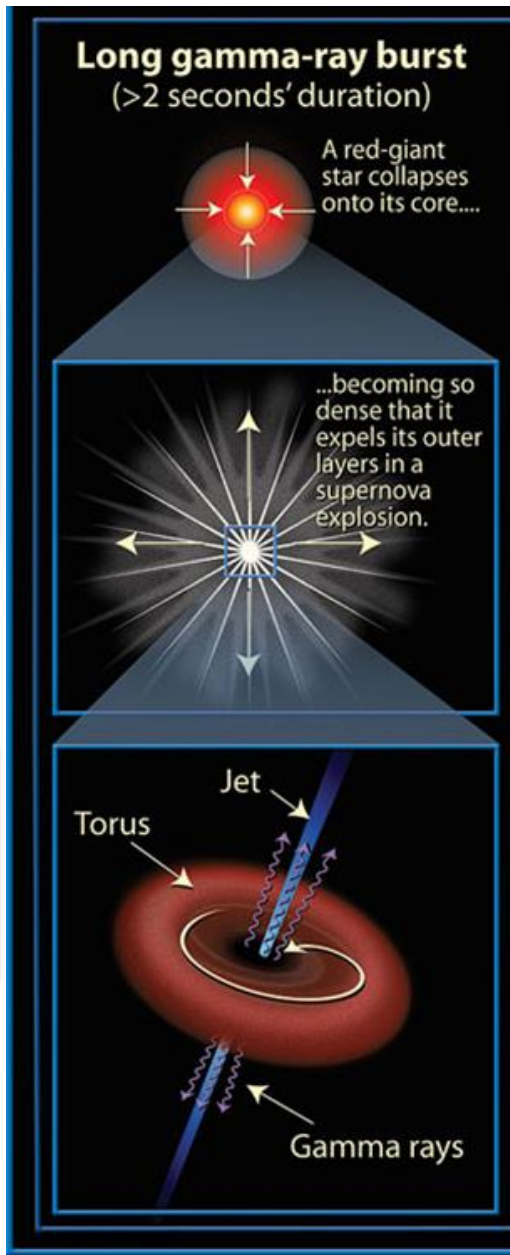
## 2704 BATSE Gamma-Ray Bursts



# Standard scenarios for GRB progenitors

Long GRBs: core collapse of peculiar massive stars, association with SN

Short GRBs: NS-NS or NS-BH mergers, association with GW sources

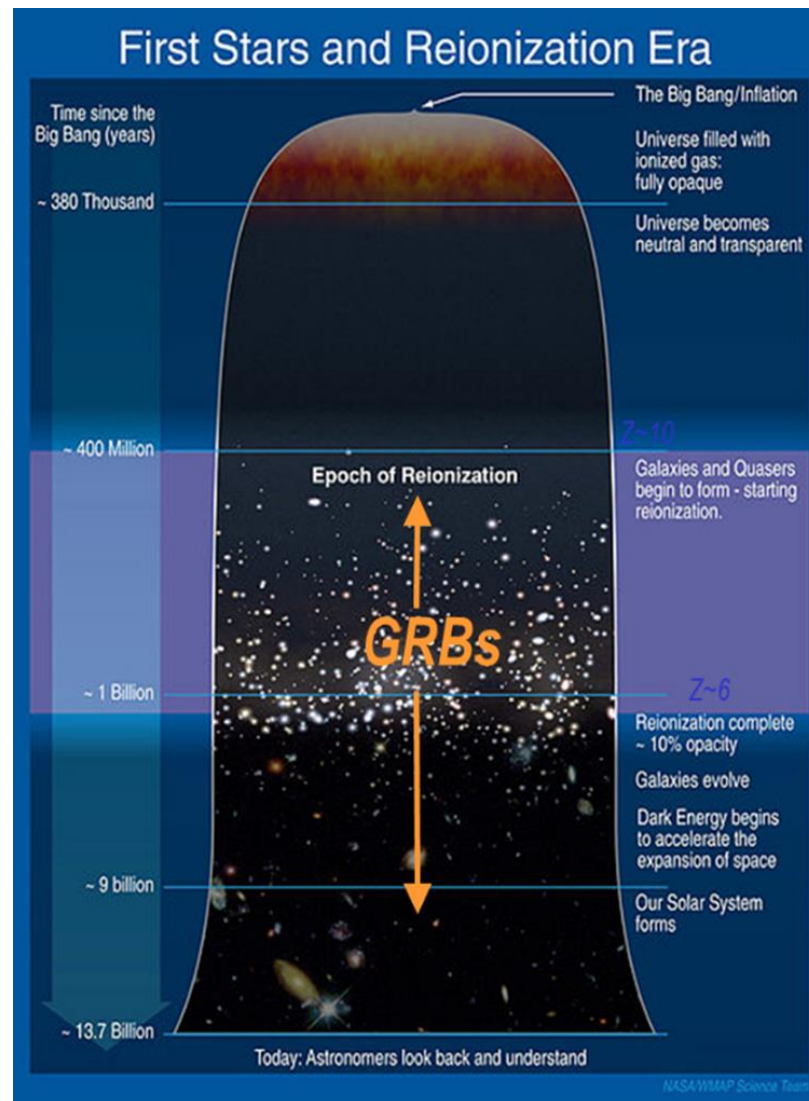


## Shedding light on the early Universe with long GRBs

Huge luminosities, mostly emitted in the X and gamma-rays

Association with exploding massive stars and redshift distribution extending at least up to  $z \sim 10$

SFR evolution, cosmic re-ionization, high- $z$  low luminosity galaxies, pop III stars

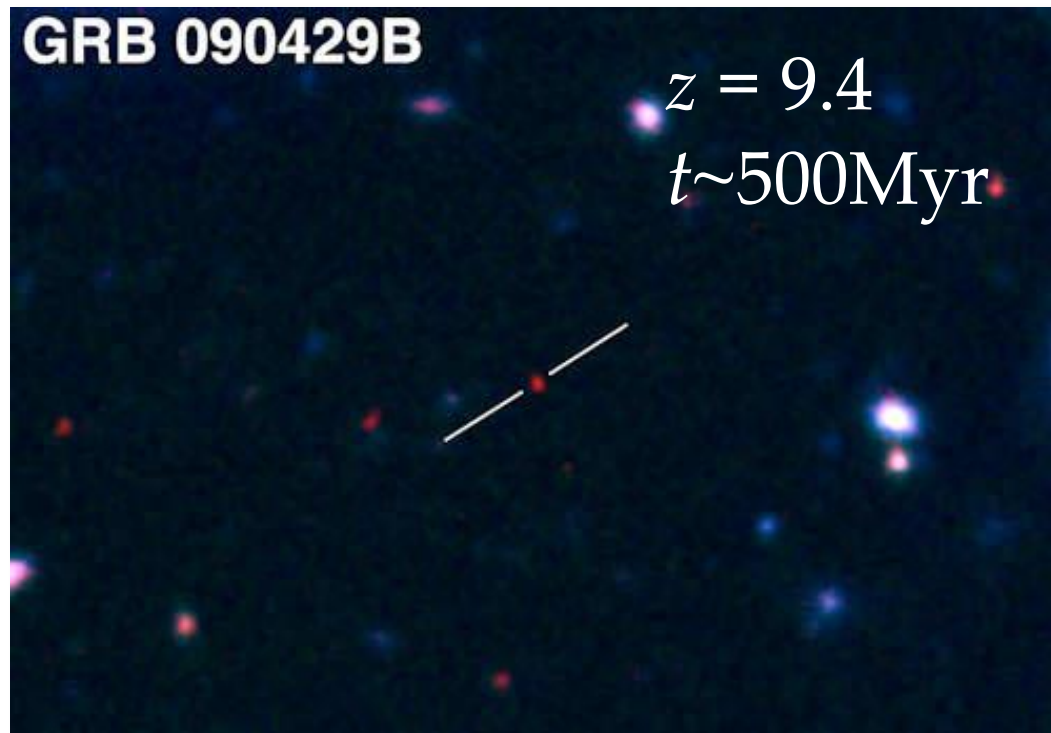




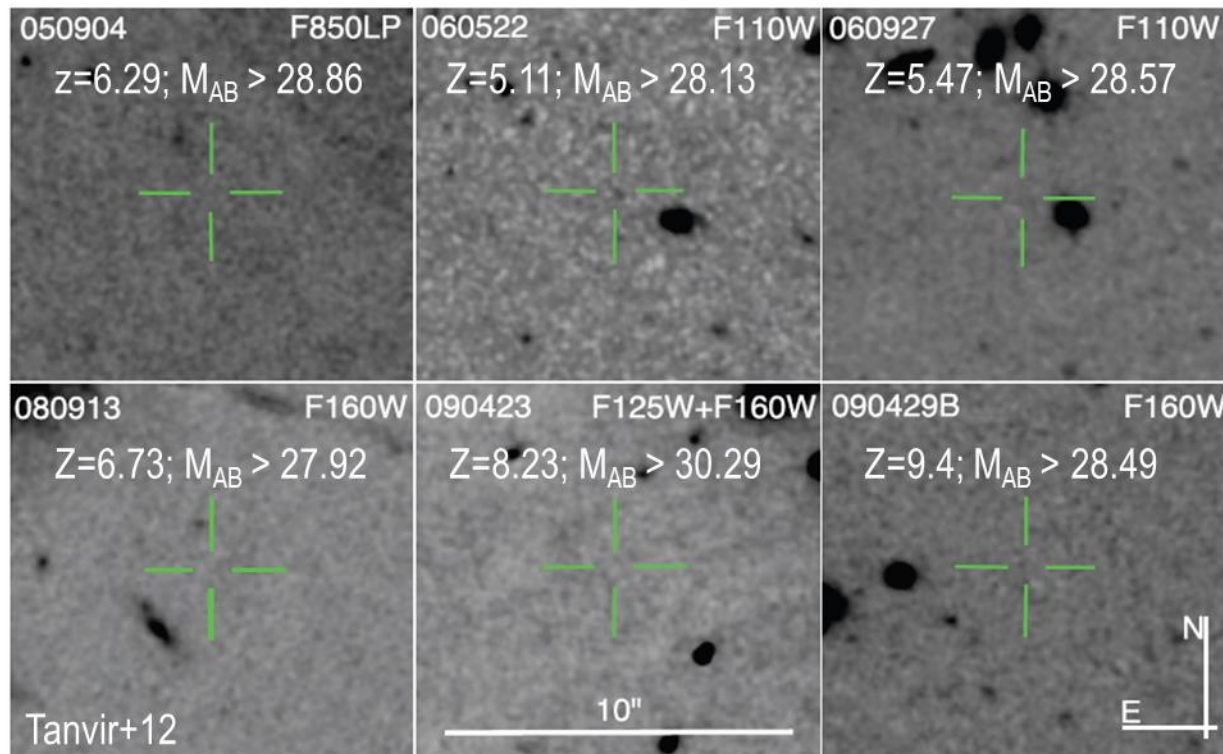
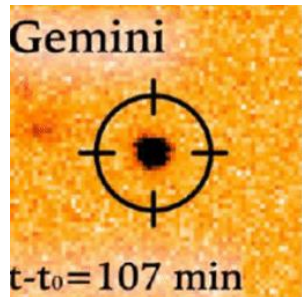
# Direct detection of exploding stars at a few hundreds million years after the Big Bang

Measure independently  
the cosmic star-  
formation rate

Directly (or indirectly)  
detect first population of  
stars (pop III)

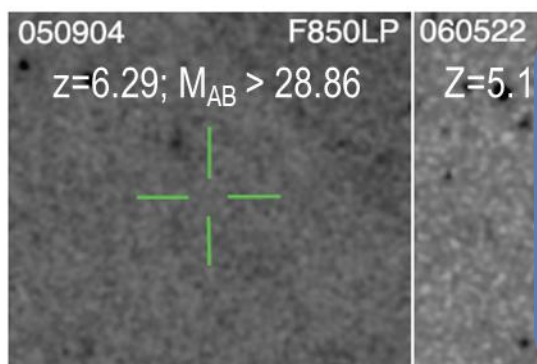


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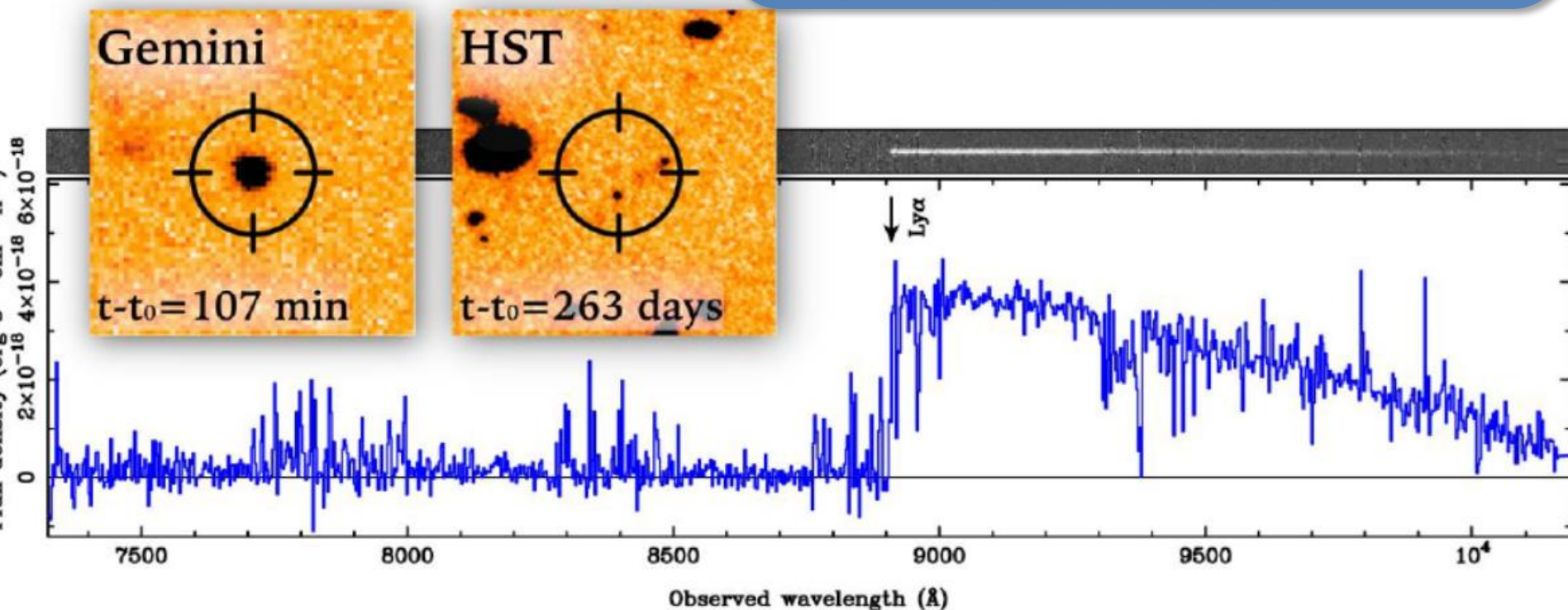


Even JWST and ELTs surveys will be not able to probe the faint end of the galaxy Luminosity Function at high redshifts ( $z > 6-8$ )

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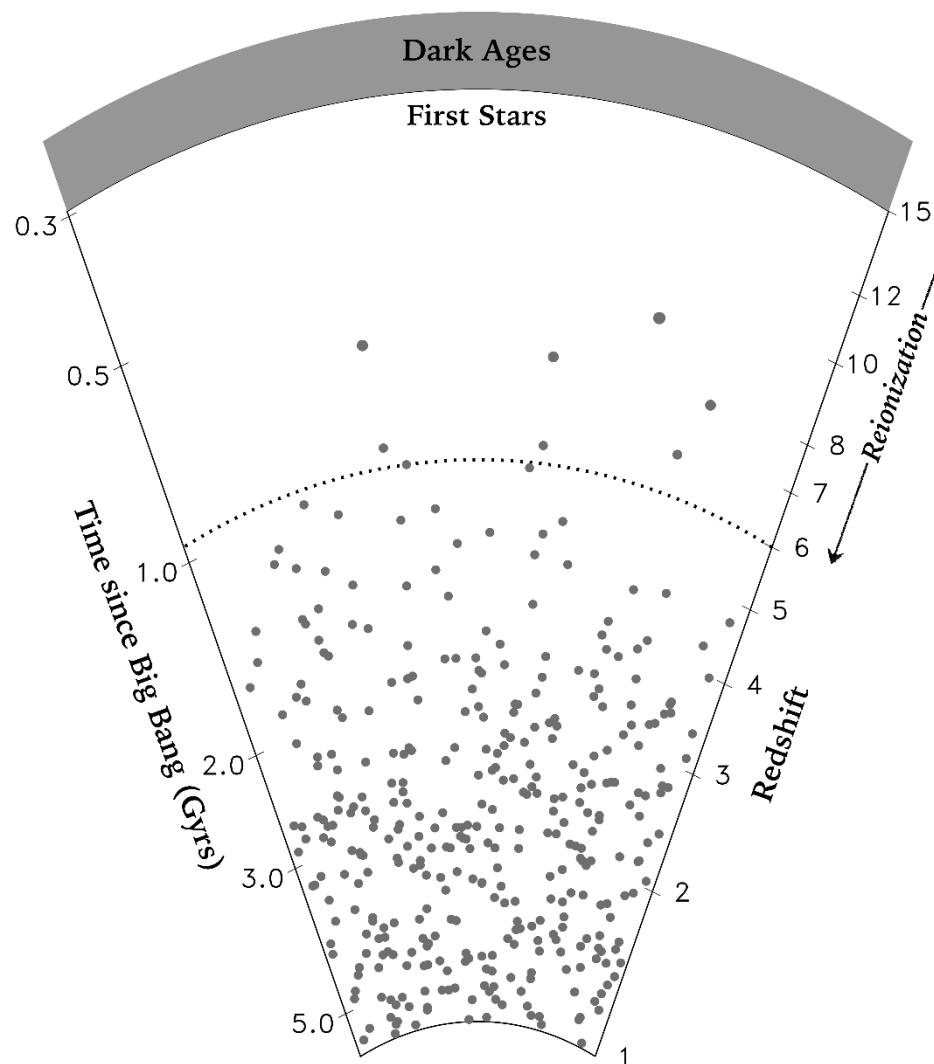


- neutral hydrogen fraction
- escape fraction of UV photons from high- $z$  galaxies
- early metallicity of the ISM and IGM and its evolution



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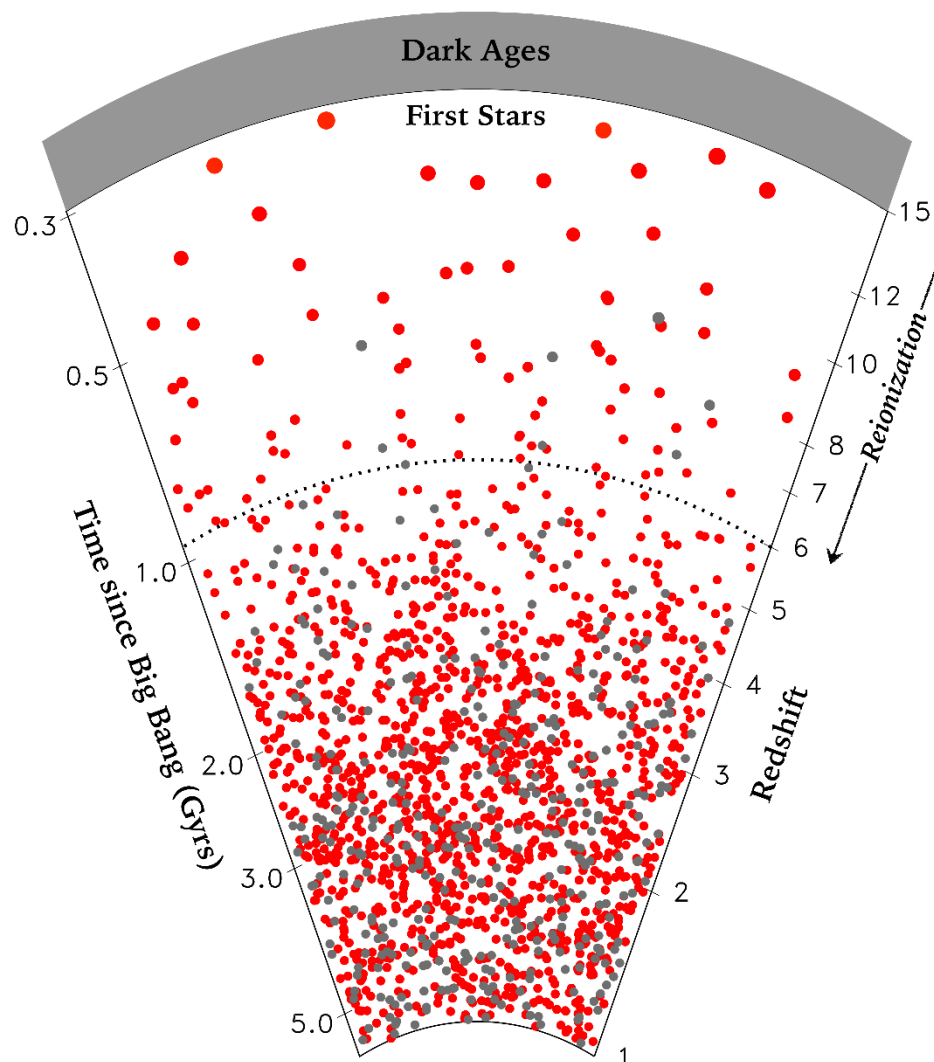
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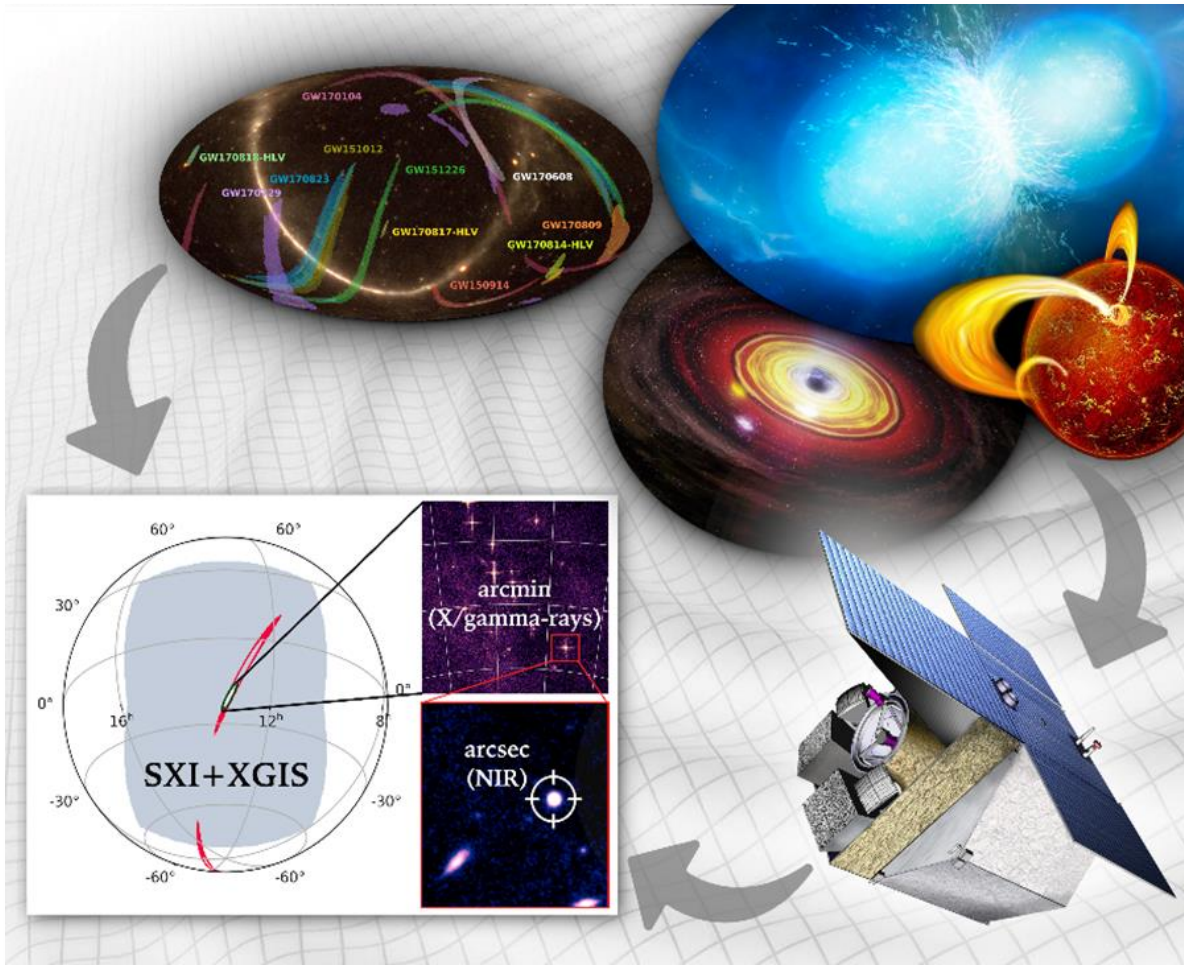
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THESEUS in 3.5 years of scientific operations



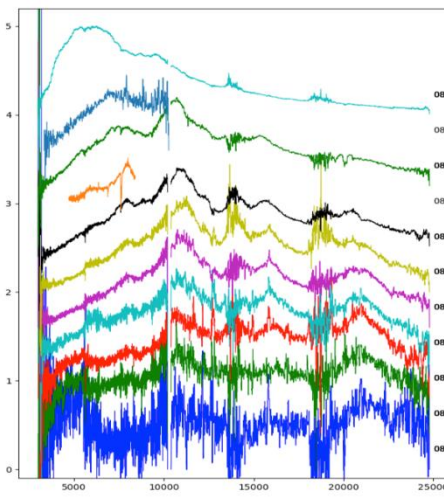
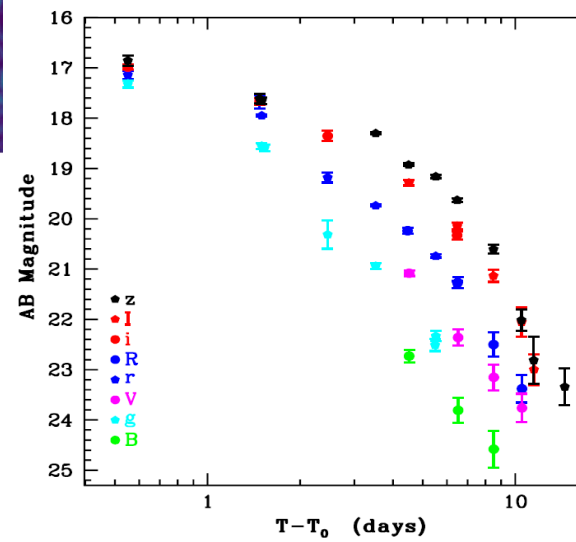
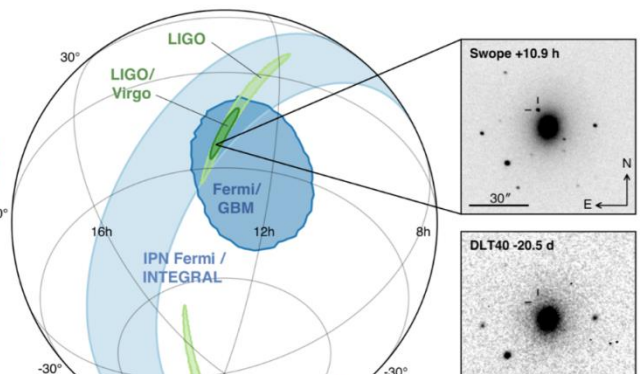
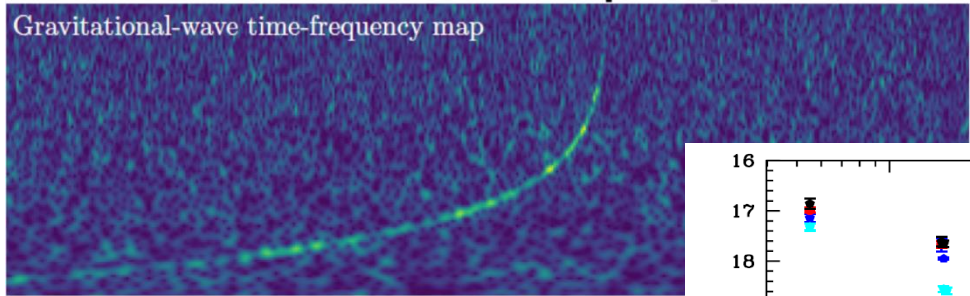
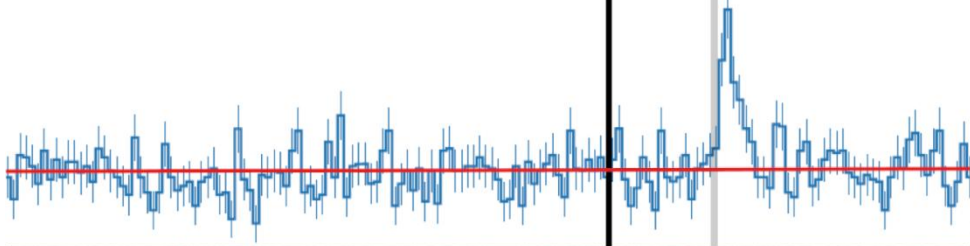
# UNPRECEDENTED SURVEY OF THE X/GAMMA-RAY SKY COMBINED WITH AUTONOMOUS NIR FOLLOW-UP CAPABILITY



# THESEUS AND MULTI-MESSENGER ASTROPHYSICS

The 2017 breakthrough: LIGO, Virgo and partners make first detection of GW and light from colliding neutron stars

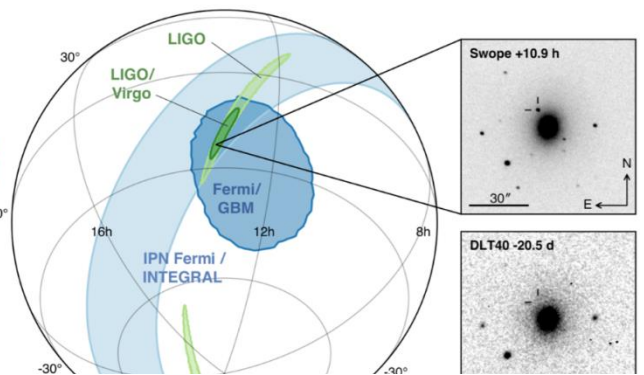
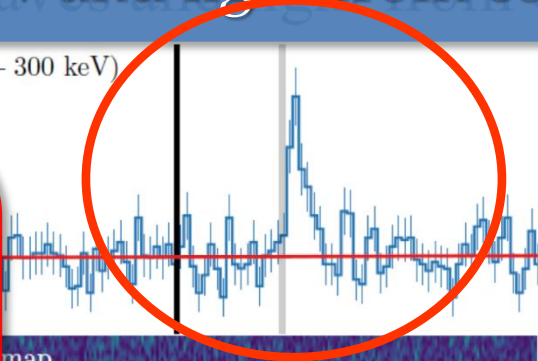
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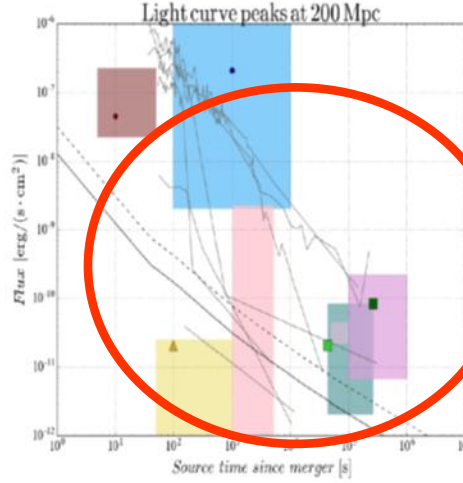
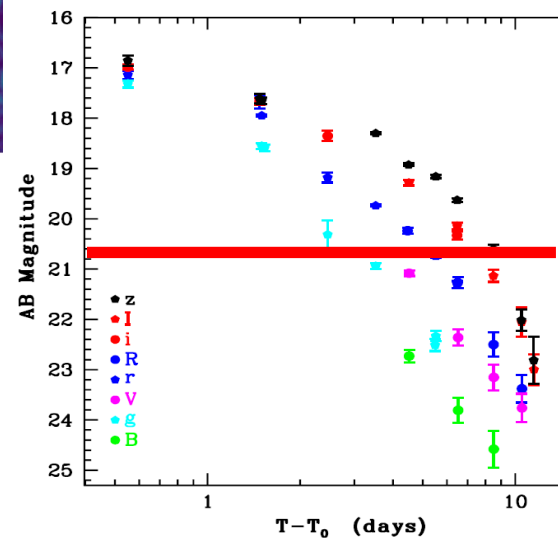
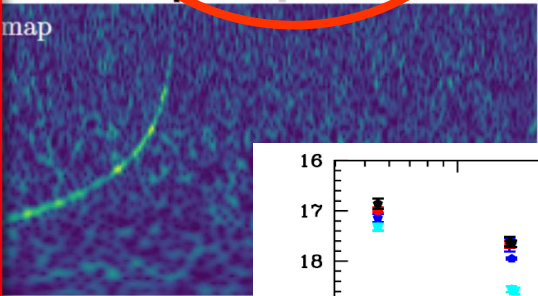
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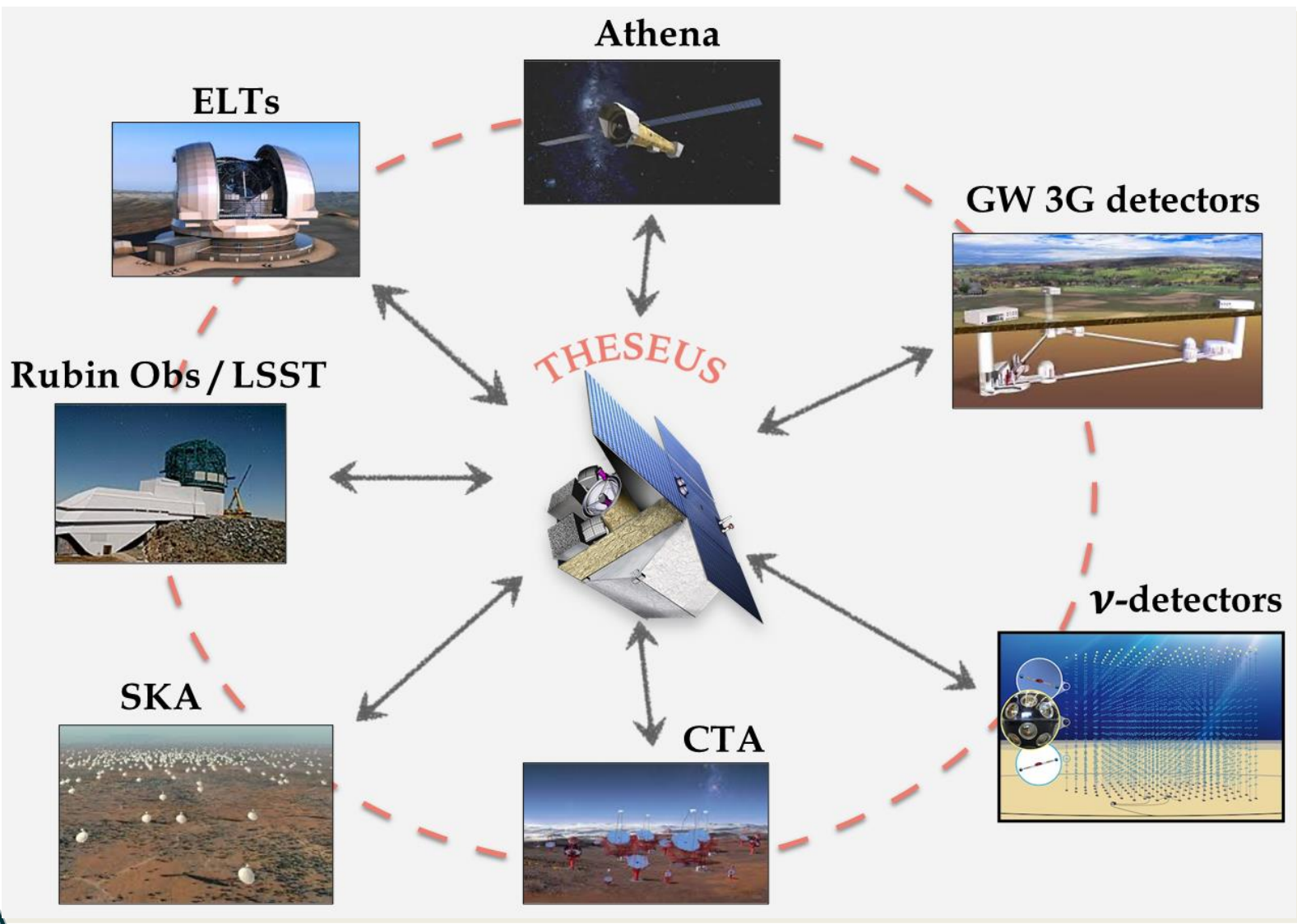
**THESEUS:**  
detection and accurate location of

- short GRB
- NIR afterglow and/or KN
- possible soft X-ray emission

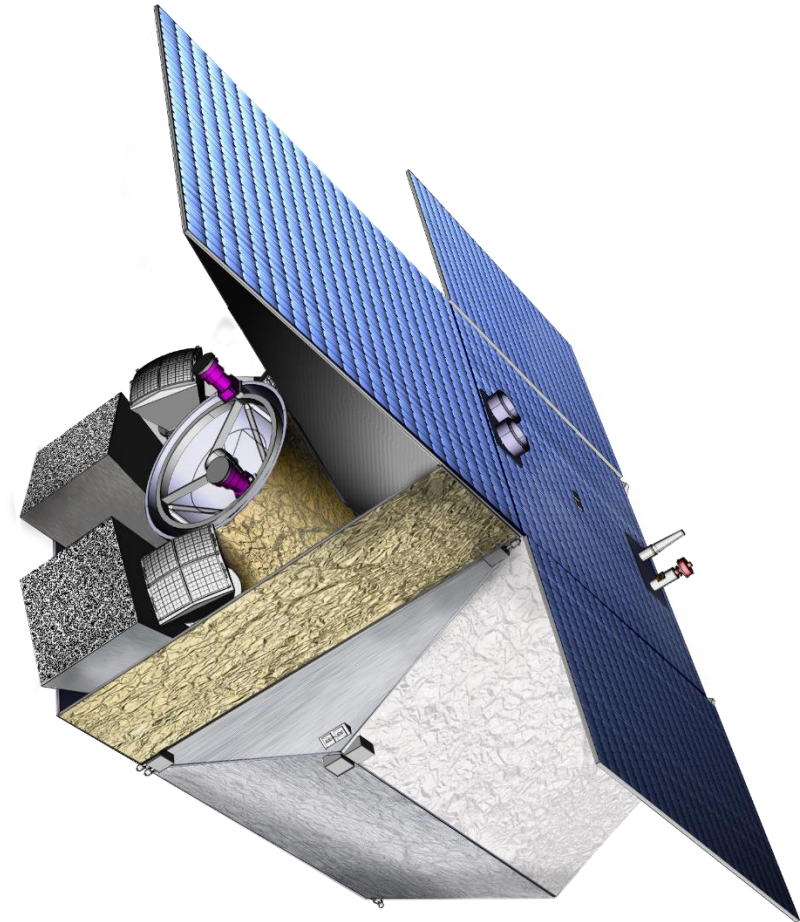




# THESEUS CRUCIAL SYNERGIES

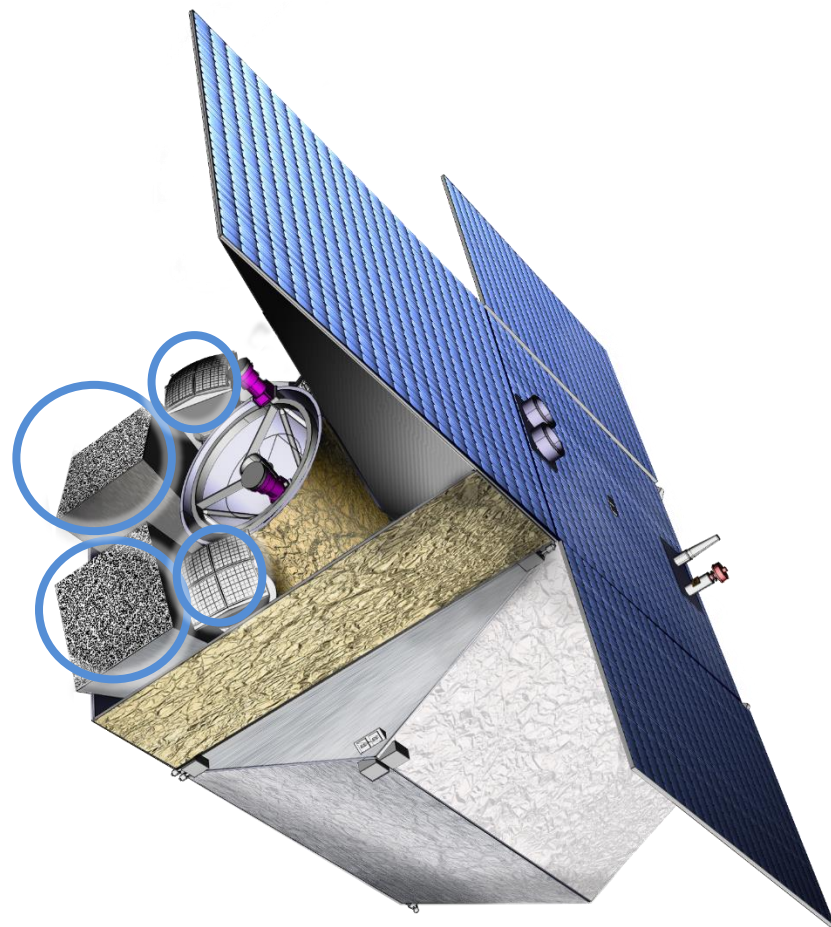


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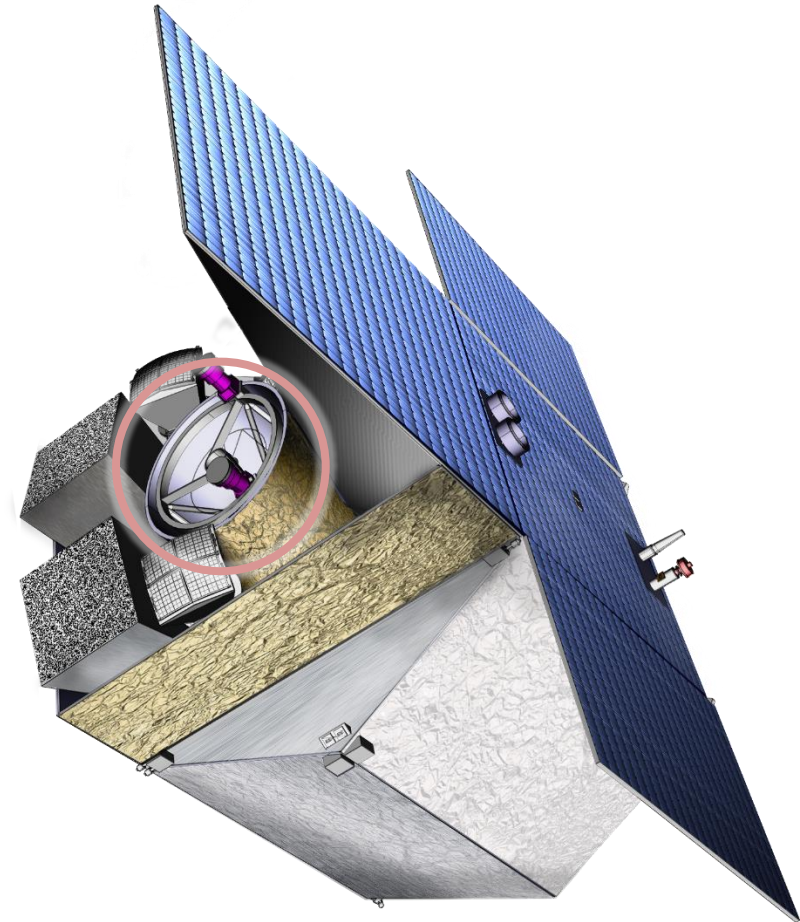
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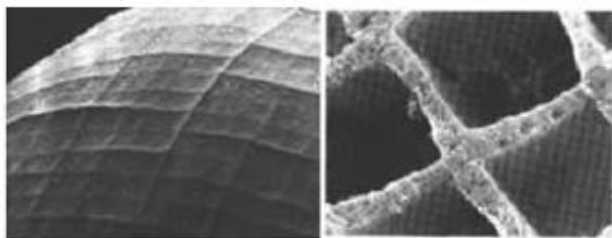
On-board **autonomous fast follow-up** in  
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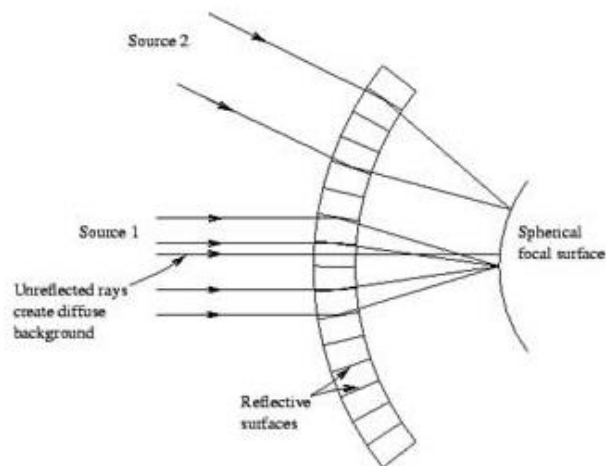
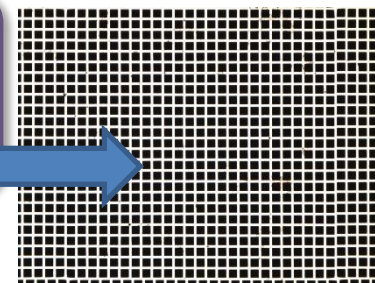


## The Soft X-Ray Imager (SXI)

Two sensitive “lobster-eye” X-ray telescopes (0.3 - 5 keV); total FOV of 0.5sr ( $>1000 \times$  conventional X-ray telescopes); 100ms photon timing; source location accuracy  $<2'$

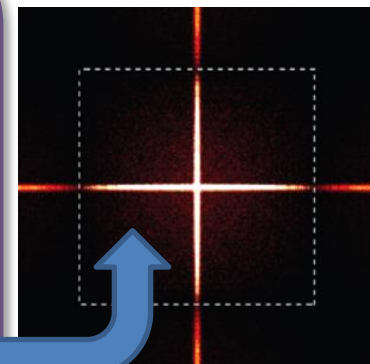


Mimic a lobster-eye using curved, square-pore MPOs



No single optical axis: get a wide field of view plus focusing with constant effective area

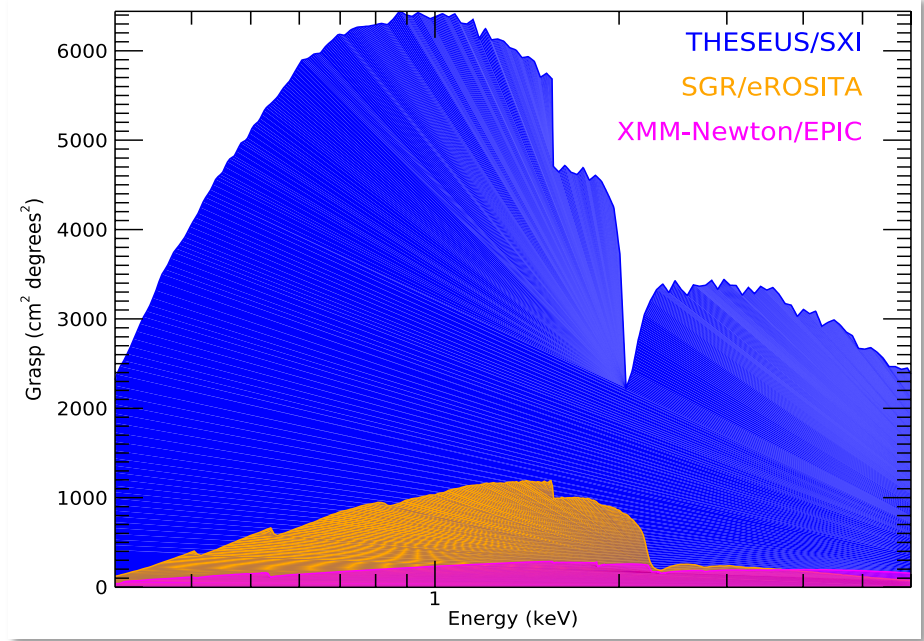
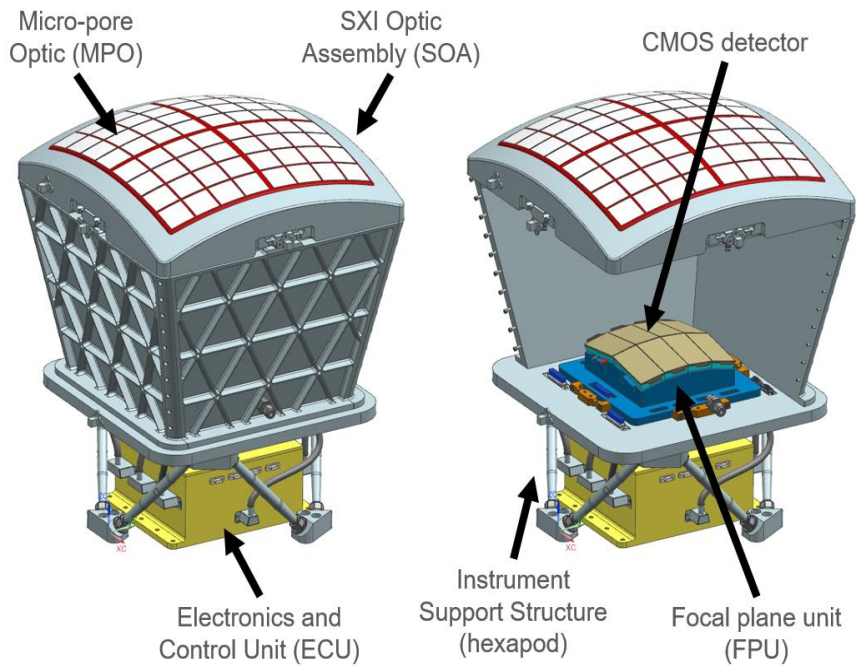
Spot (double reflection)  
Lines (single reflections)





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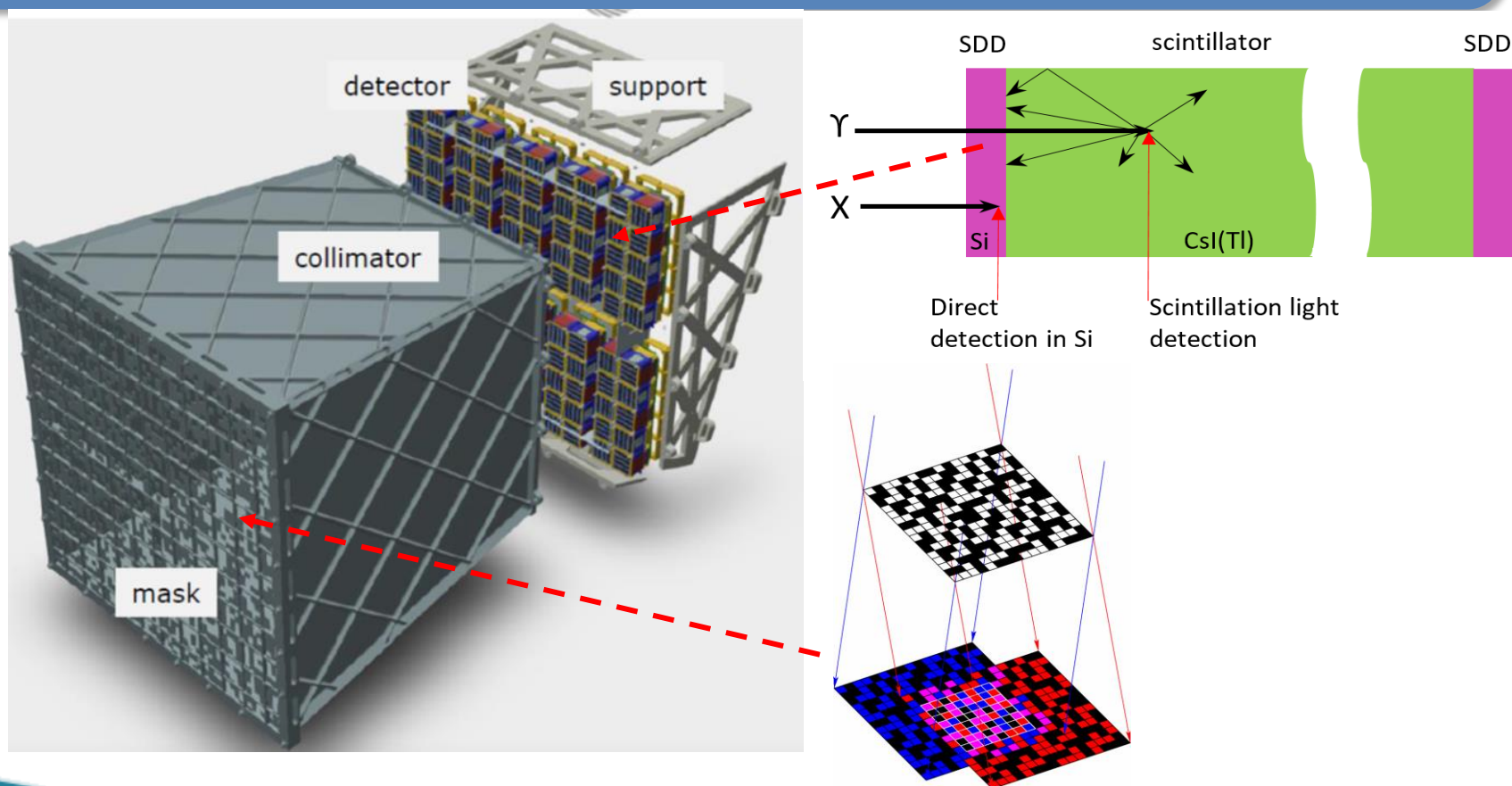
SXI will show a unique combination of FOV and effective area (GRASP), enabling simultaneous detection and localization of many transients in parallel.





# The X-Gamma Ray Imaging Spectrometer (XGIS)

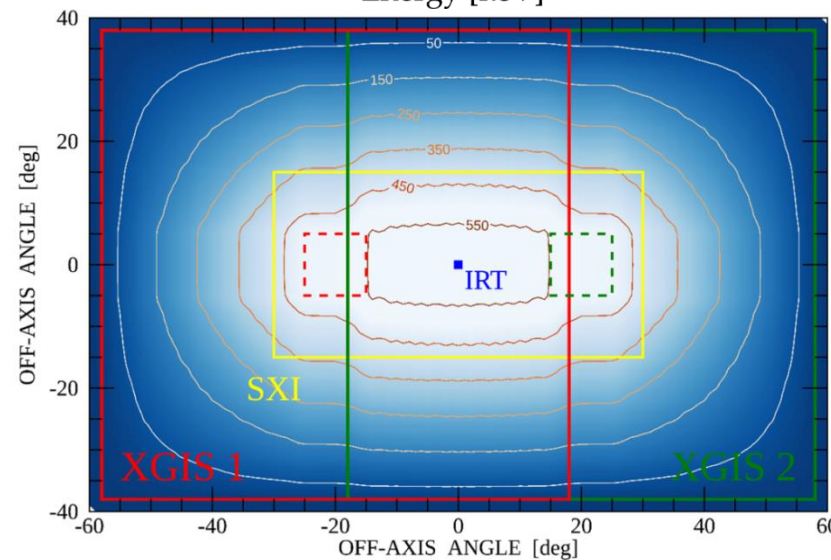
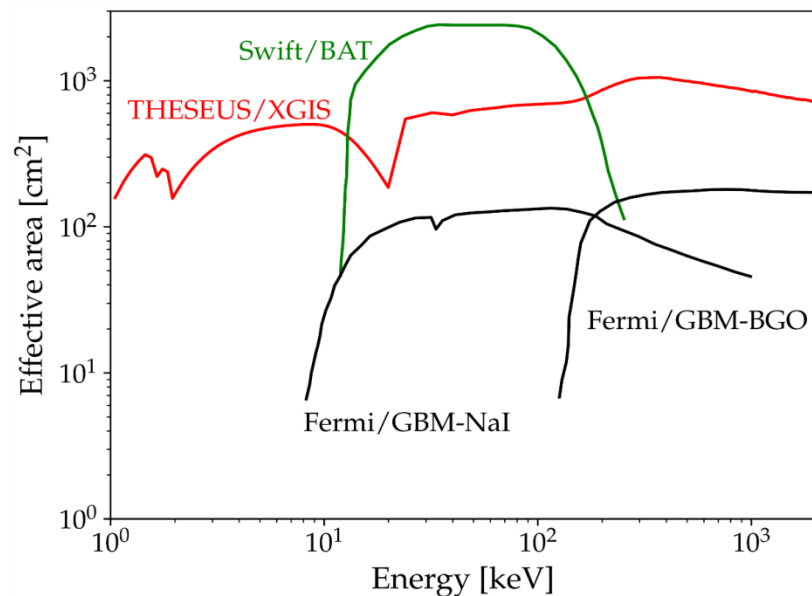
Two coded-mask X-gamma ray cameras using innovative coupling between Silicon drift detectors (2-30 keV) and CsI crystal scintillator bars (20 keV–10 MeV)





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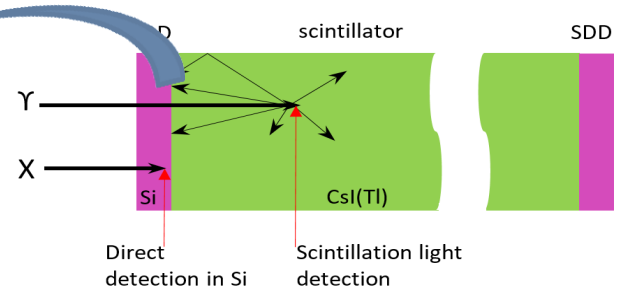
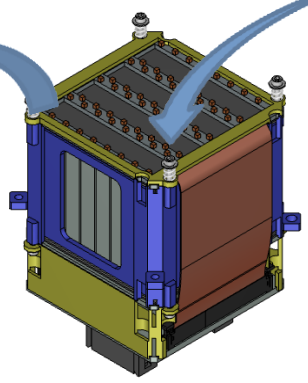
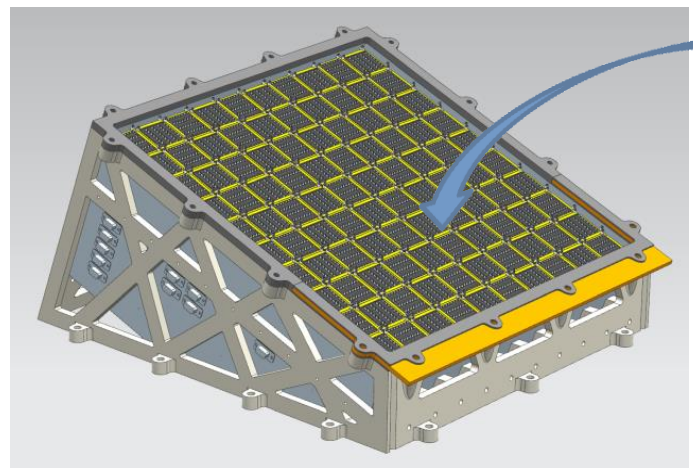
- Unprecedented energy band (2 keV – 10 MeV)
- Large effective area down to 2 keV
- FOV >2 sr overlapping the SXI one
- GRB location accuracy <15' in 2-150 keV
- Excellent timing (< a few  $\mu$ s)



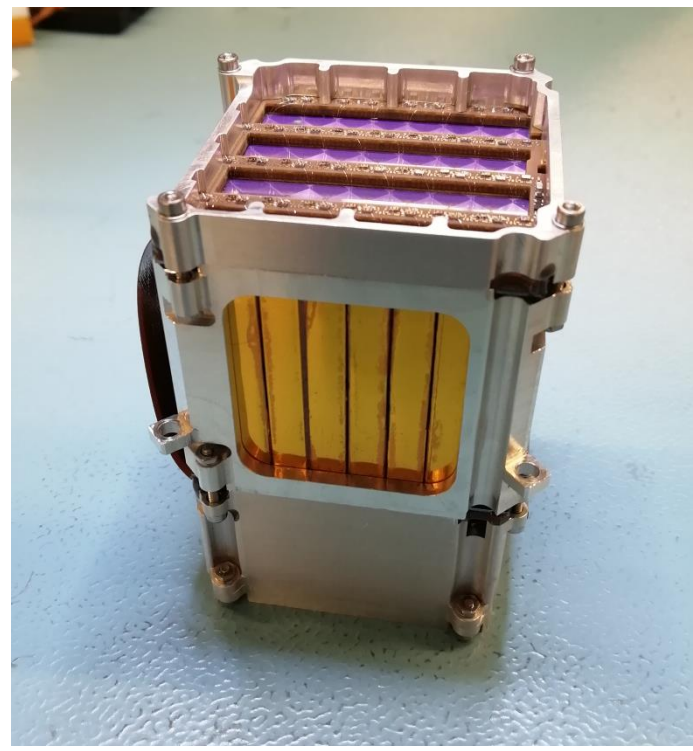




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XGIS Phase A study: detection module prototype (ESA-OHB-ESA -INAF/OAS +ASI-INAF partners)

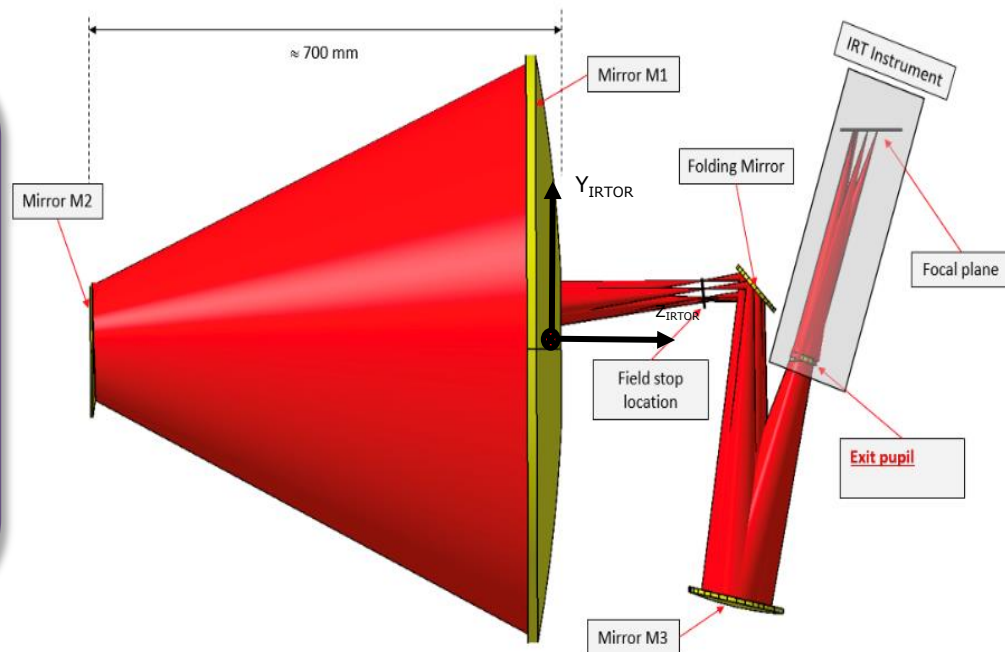




## The Infra-Red Telescope (IRT)

A 0.7 m class telescope with an off-axis Korsch optical design allowing for a large field of view ( $15' \times 15'$ ) with imaging and moderate ( $R \sim 400$ ) spectroscopic capabilities

Teledyne H2RG sensitive in  
0.7-1.8 microns  
Expected sensitivity per filter  
(over 150 s): 20.9 (I), 20.7 (Z),  
20.4 (Y), 21.1 (J), 21.1 (H).  
Spectral sensitivity limit (over  
1800 s), about 17.5 (H) over the  
0.8-1.6 microns

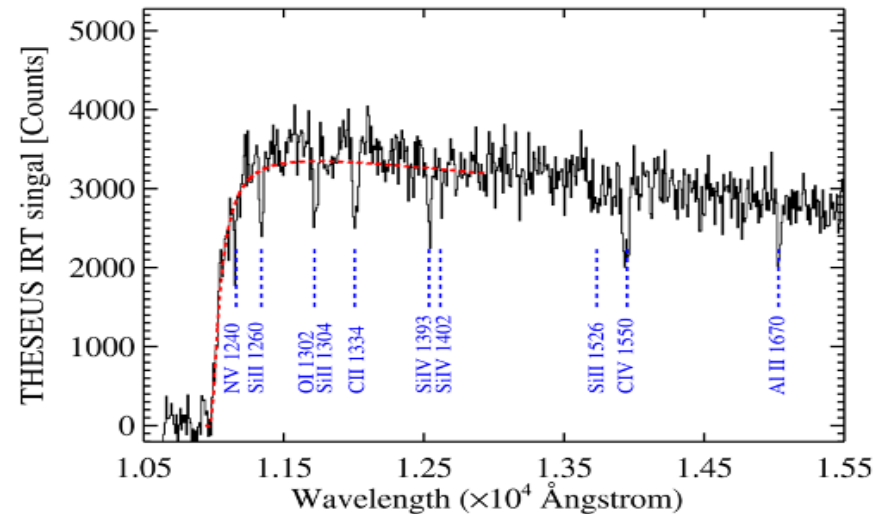
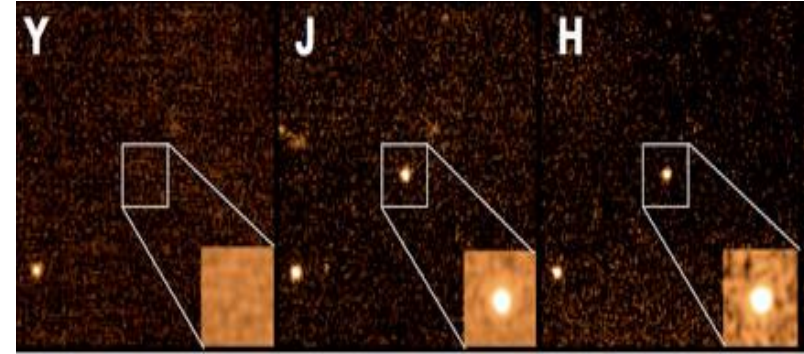




## The Infra-Red Telescope (IRT)

On-board photometric redshift for  
>90% detected GRB afterglows

On-board sensitive absorption  
spectroscopy for medium-bright  
events



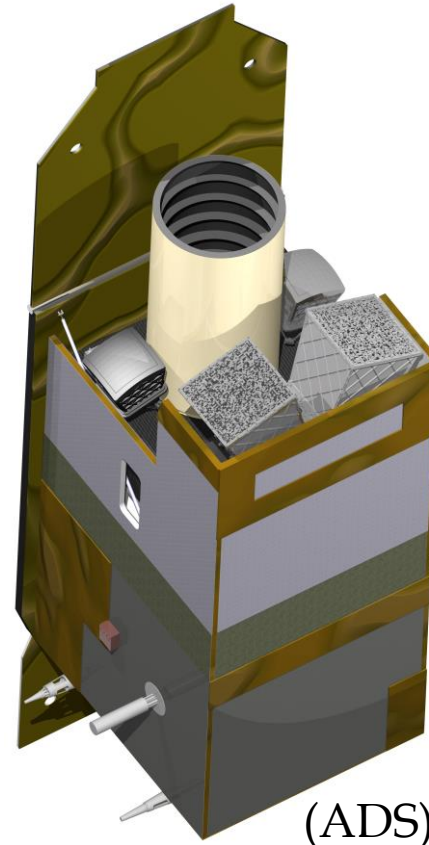


## THE SPACECRAFT DESIGN, LAUNCH, AND ORBIT

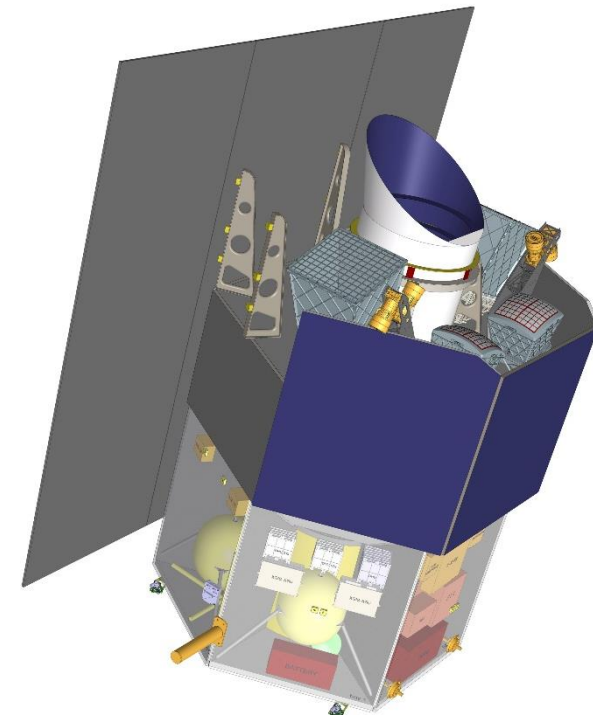
Fast slewing capability ( $>10^\circ / \text{min}$ ), granting prompt NIR follow-up of GRBs and transients

Low-Earth Orbit (LEO), with about  $4^\circ$  inclination and 550-640 km altitude

The weight (about 2.3 tons) and dimensions are suitable for launch with VEGA-C



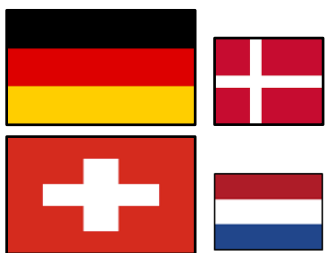
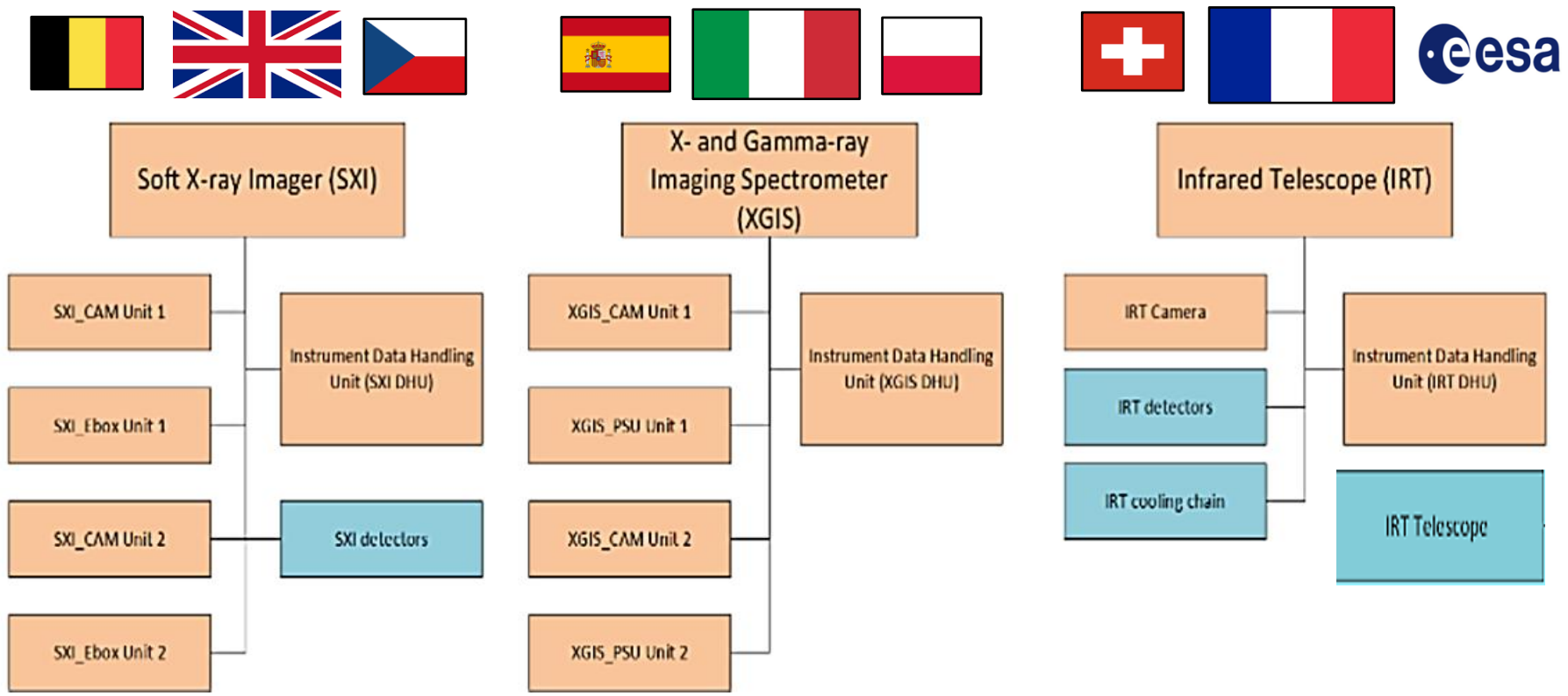
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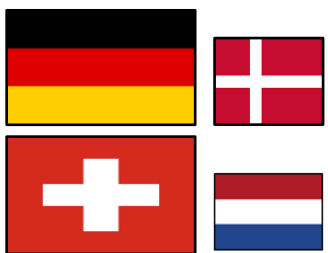
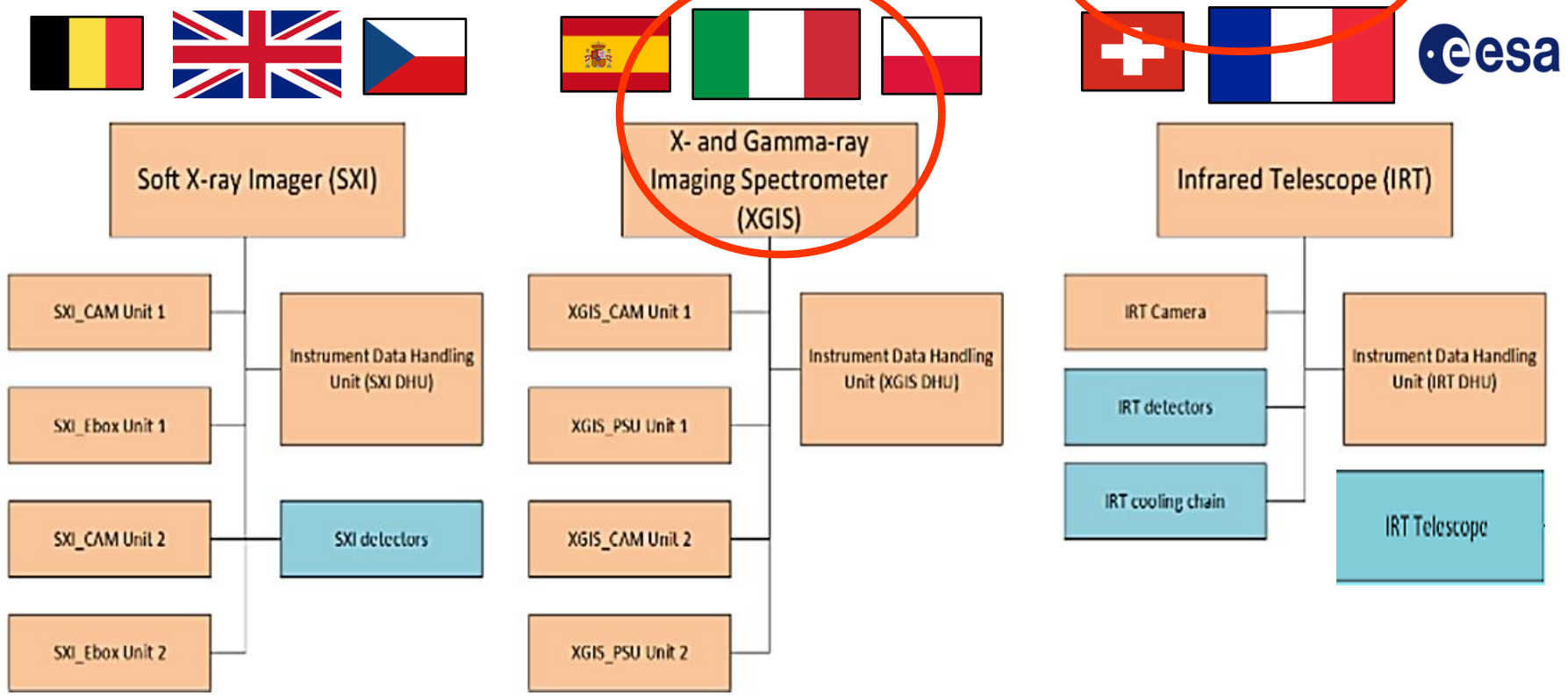
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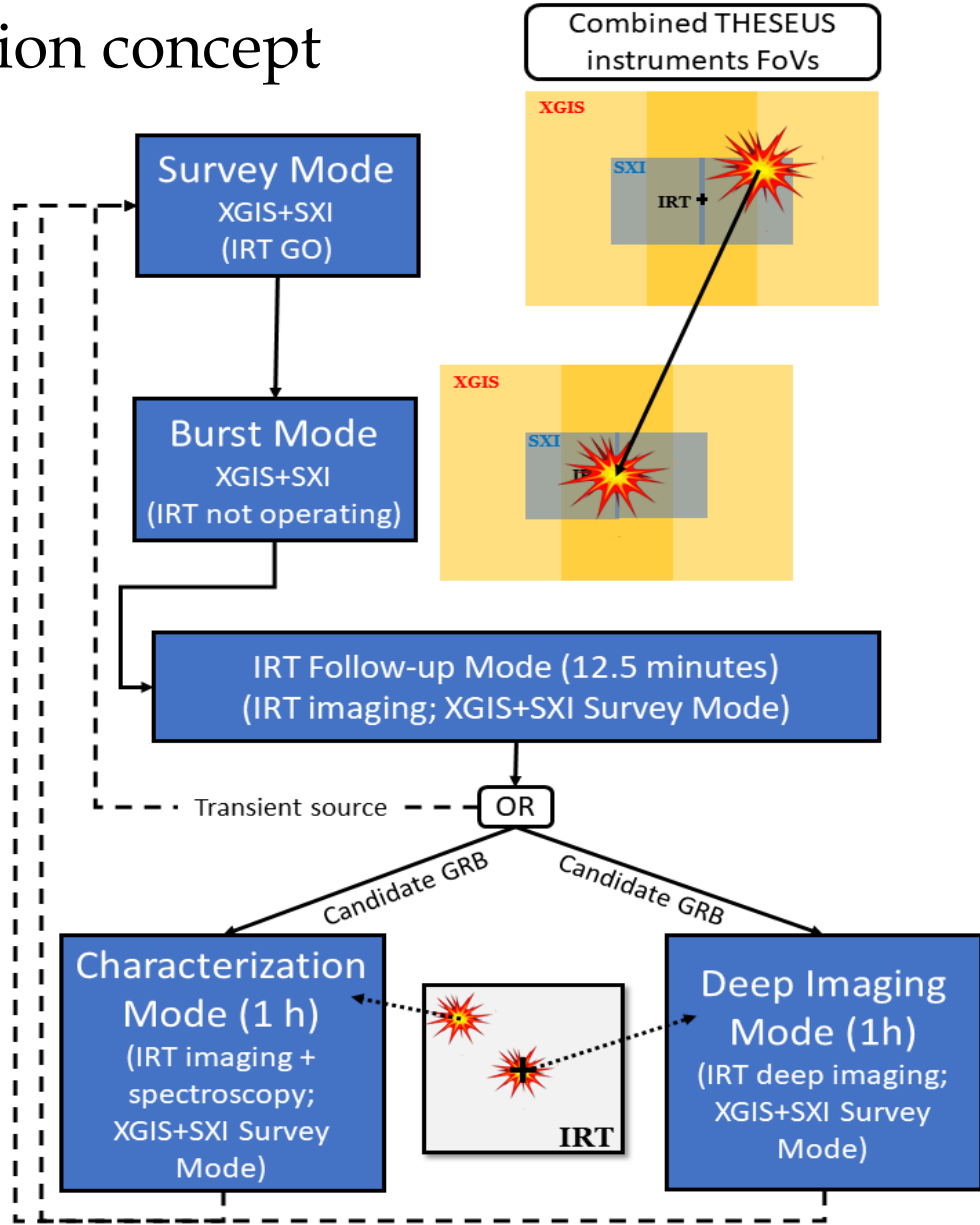


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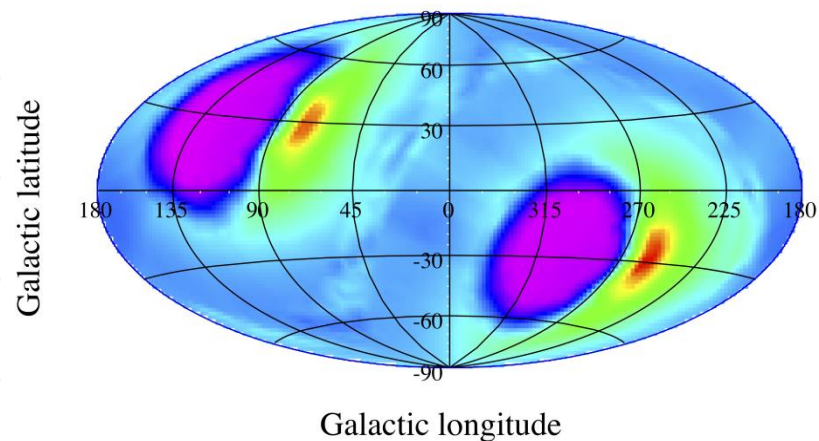
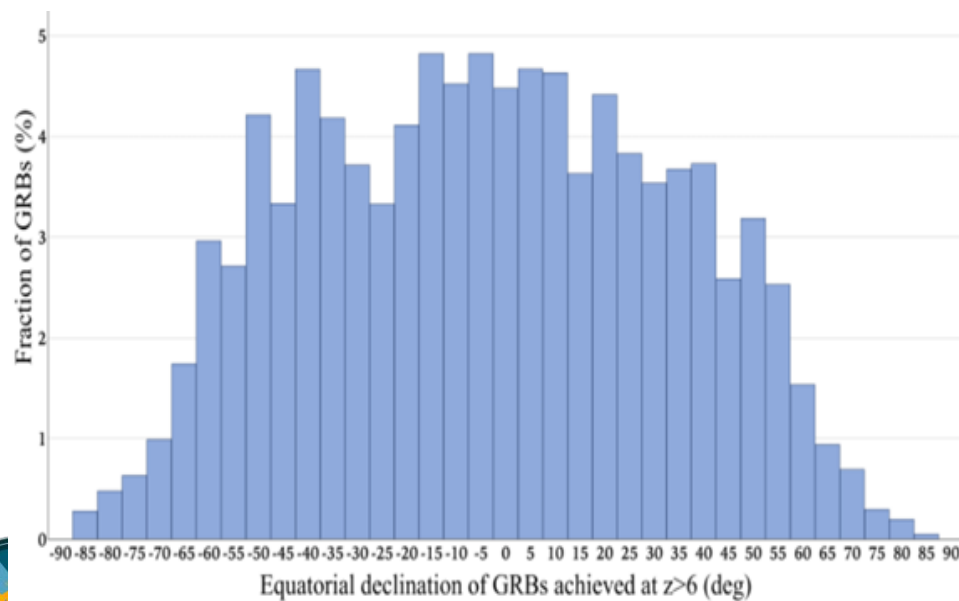
# Mission operation concept



# THESEUS pointing strategy in survey (GRB hunting) mode

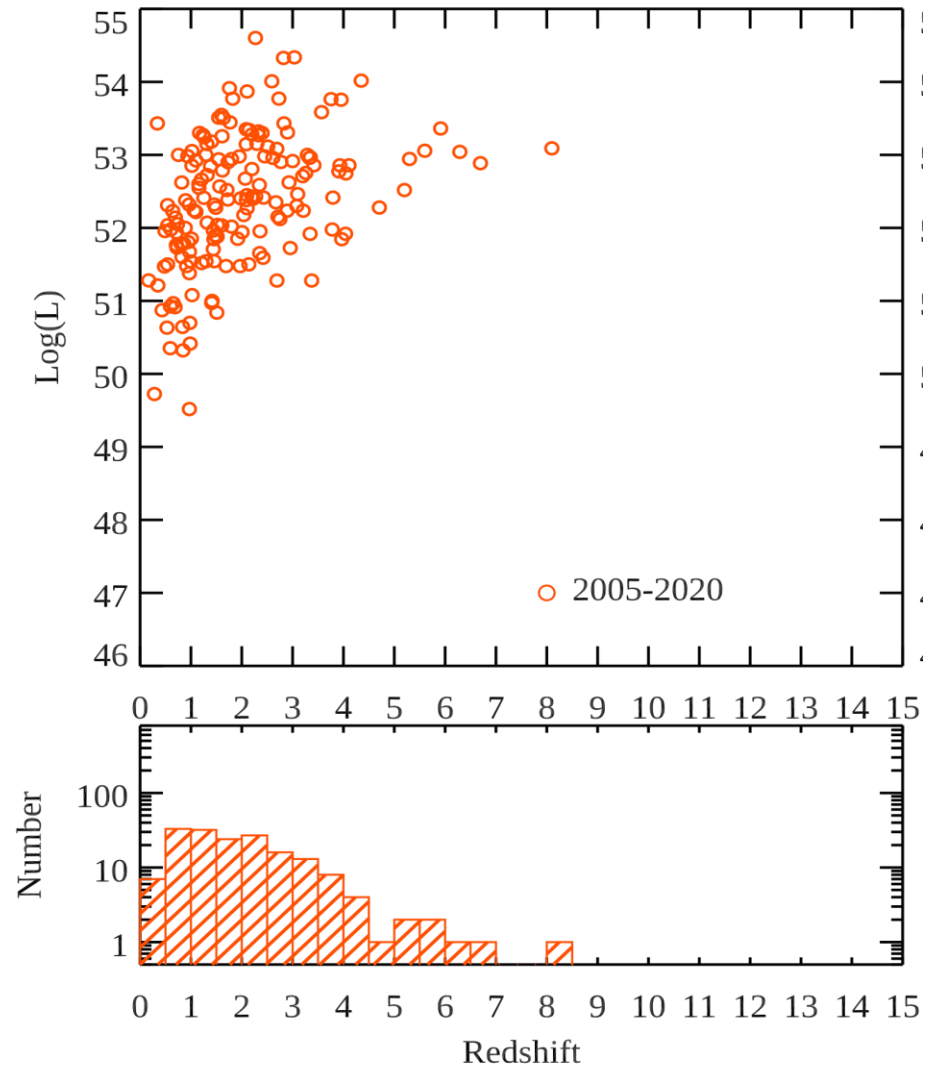
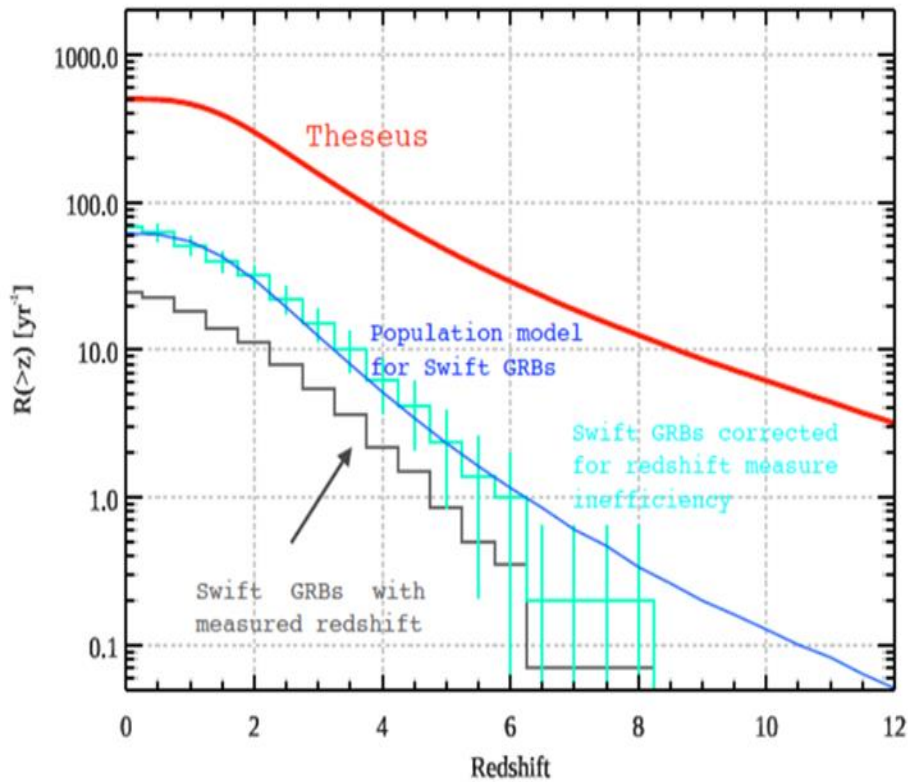
Different pointing strategies investigated through sophisticated Mission Observation Simulator

Optimization of combined SXI+XGIS+IRT detection efficiency, sky exposure, follow-up from ground

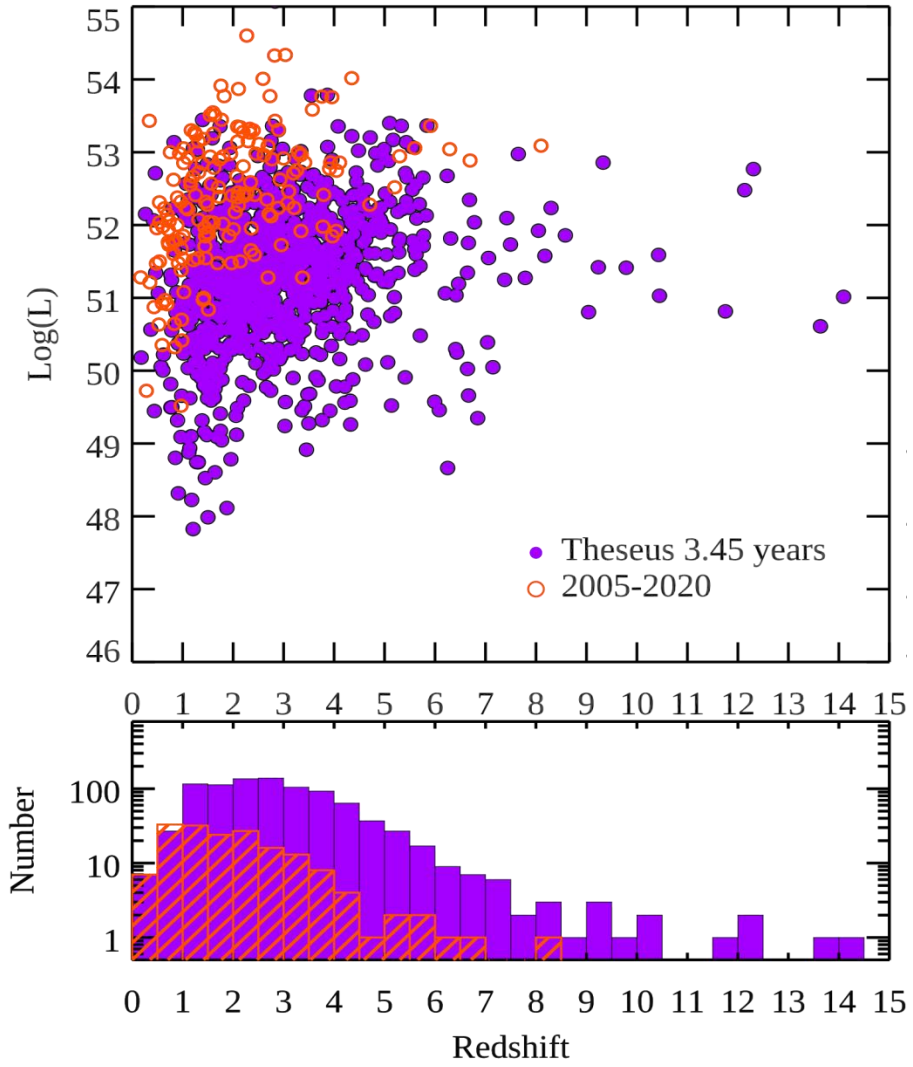
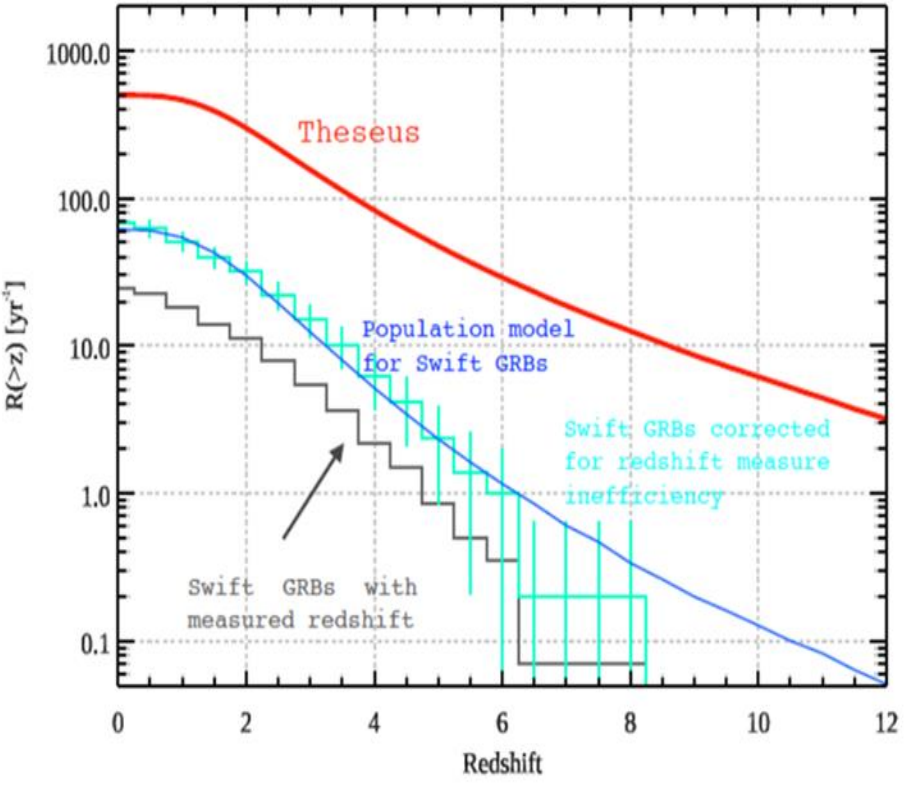




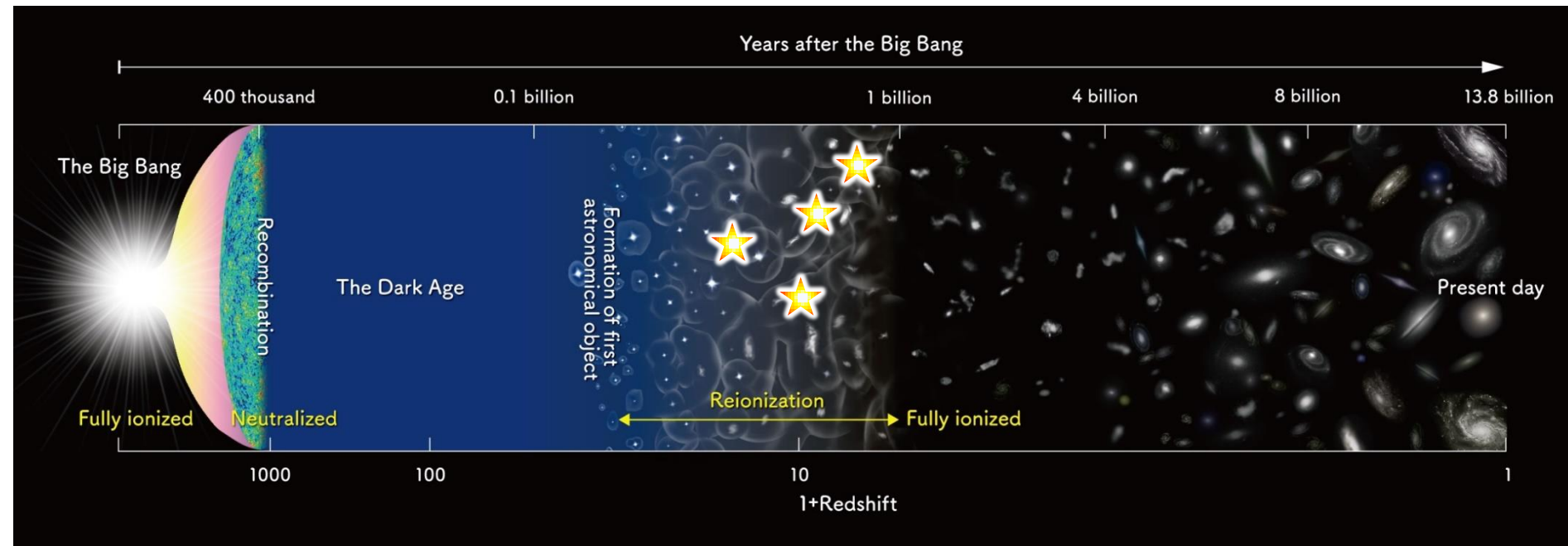
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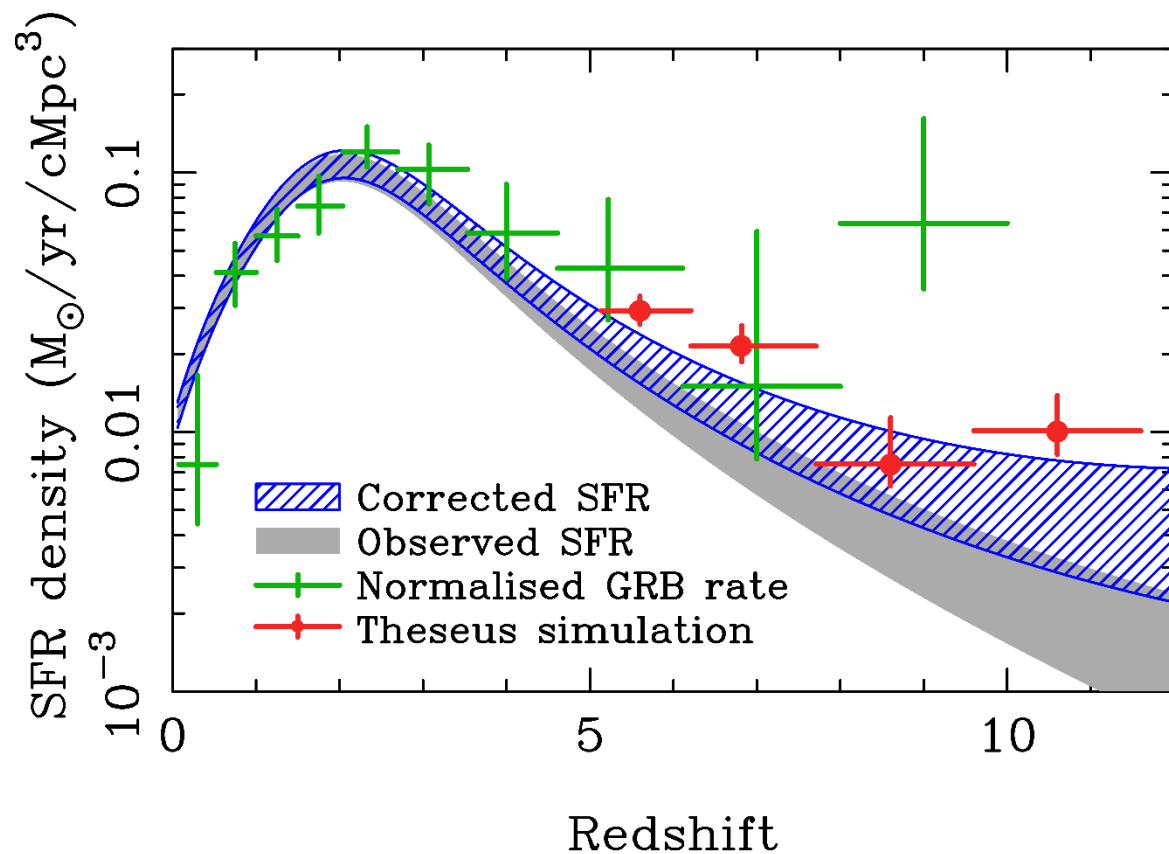


# Investigating the first collapsed cosmic objects - primordial stars and galaxies - in the early Universe with long-GRBs



GRBs: pinpoint the locations of massive star formation back to cosmic dawn, allowing detailed spectroscopic studies of even very faint galaxies

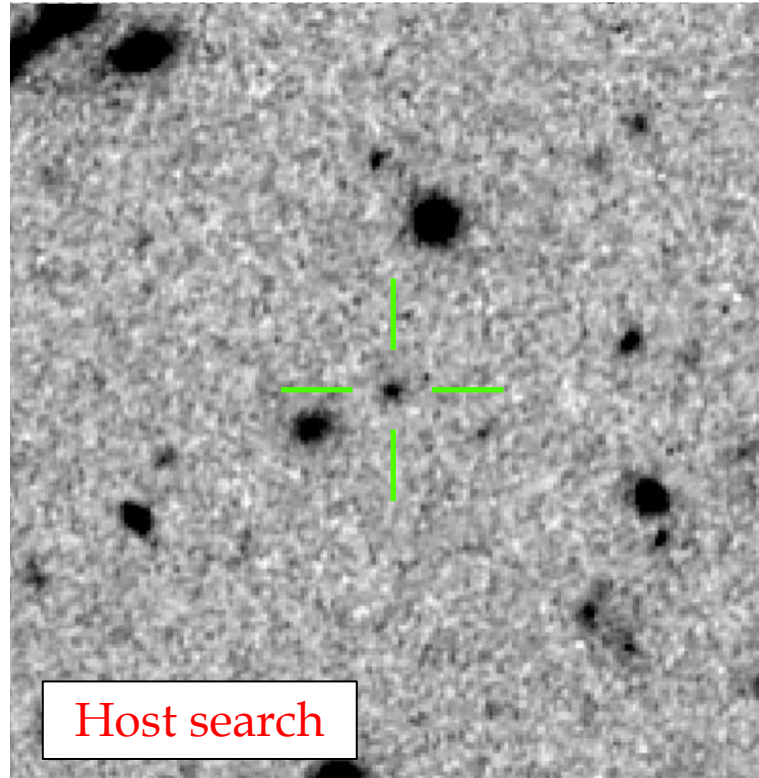
## INDEPENDENT MEASURE OF COSMIC STAR FORMATION RATE



A statistical sample of high- $z$  GRBs will give access to star formation in the faintest galaxies, overcoming limits of current and future galaxy surveys

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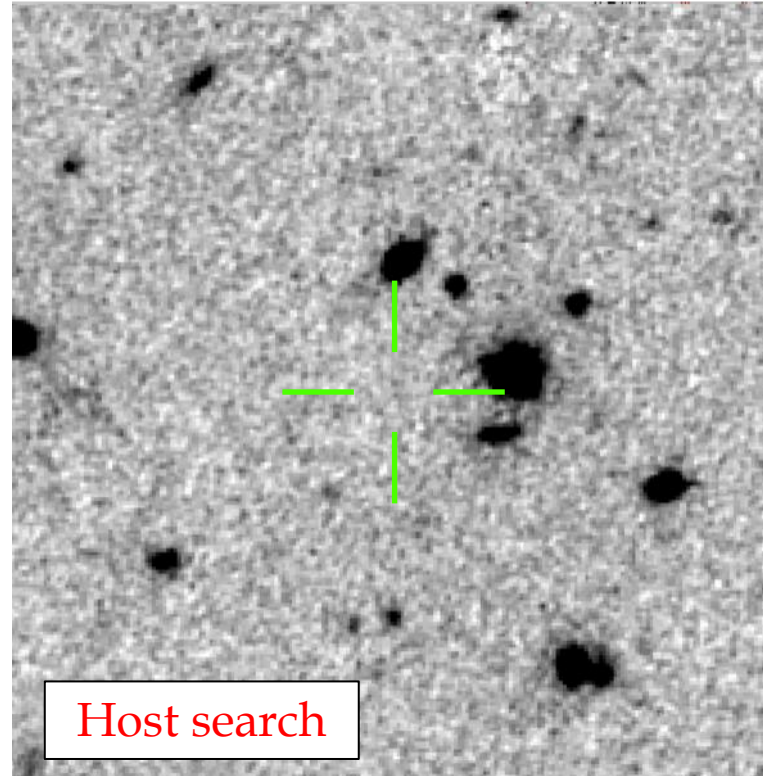
GRB 130606A



In some cases, deep HST follow-up has revealed faint hosts at  $z \sim 6$

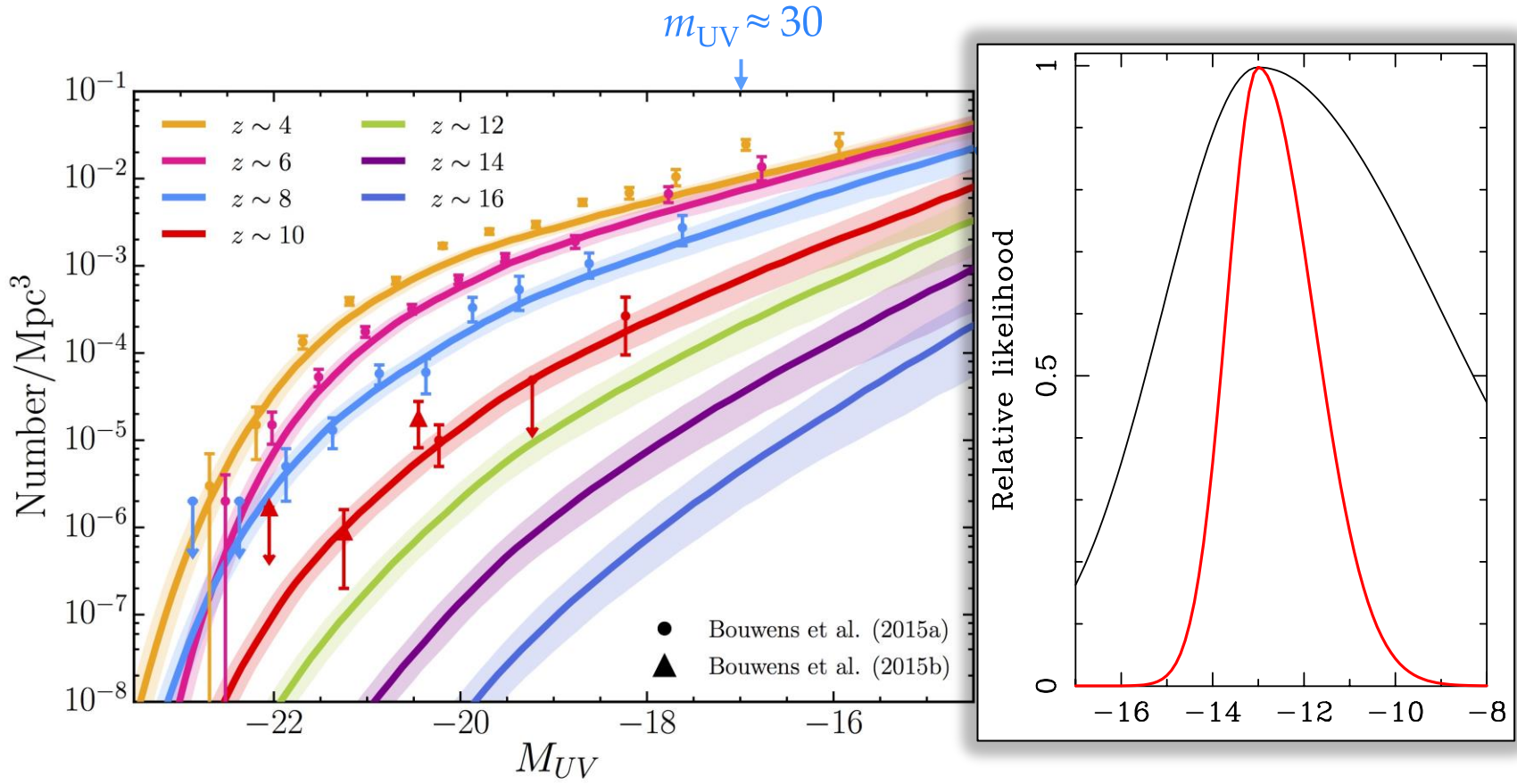
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GRB 120521C



But majority of  $z > 6$  hosts remain undetected, confirming that most star formation is in intrinsically faint primordial galaxies in that era

The proportion of GRB hosts below a given detection limit provides an estimate of the fraction of star formation “hidden” in such faint galaxies



Bright ← → Faint

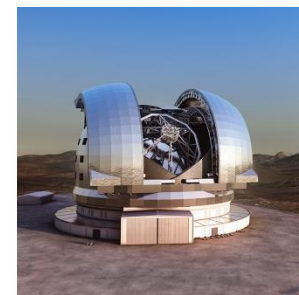
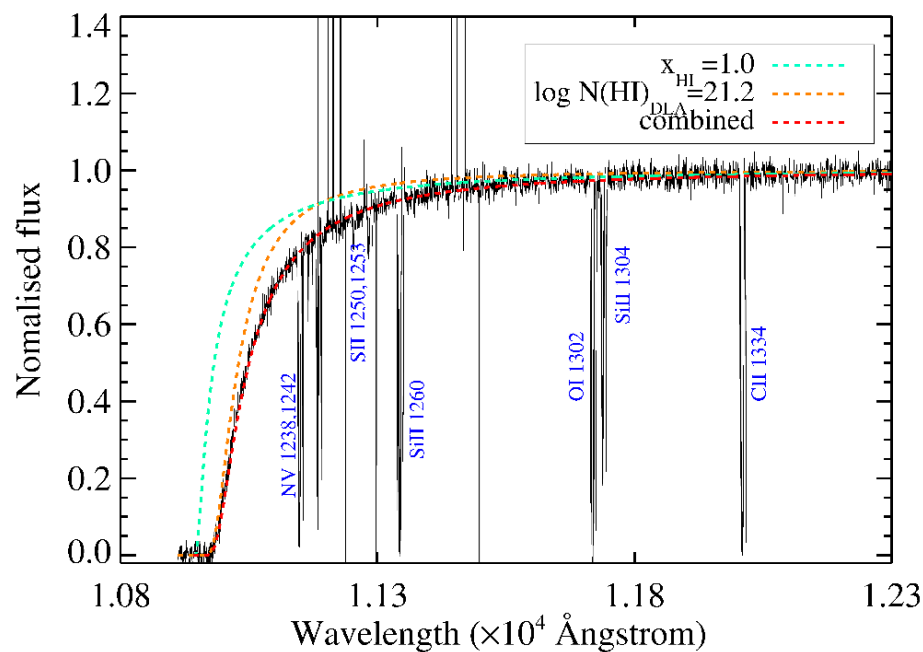


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- Metallicity of the ISM and IGM → cosmic chemical evolution
- Detailed abundance patterns → signatures of earlier generations
- Time variability → structure/depth of ISM along line of sight

Simulated ELT  
spectrum of  $z = 8$   
afterglow

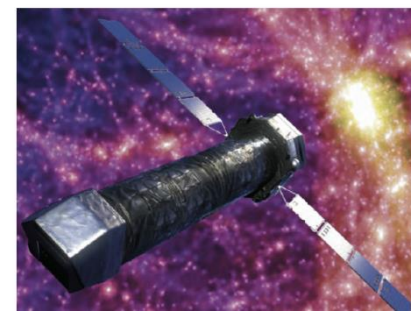
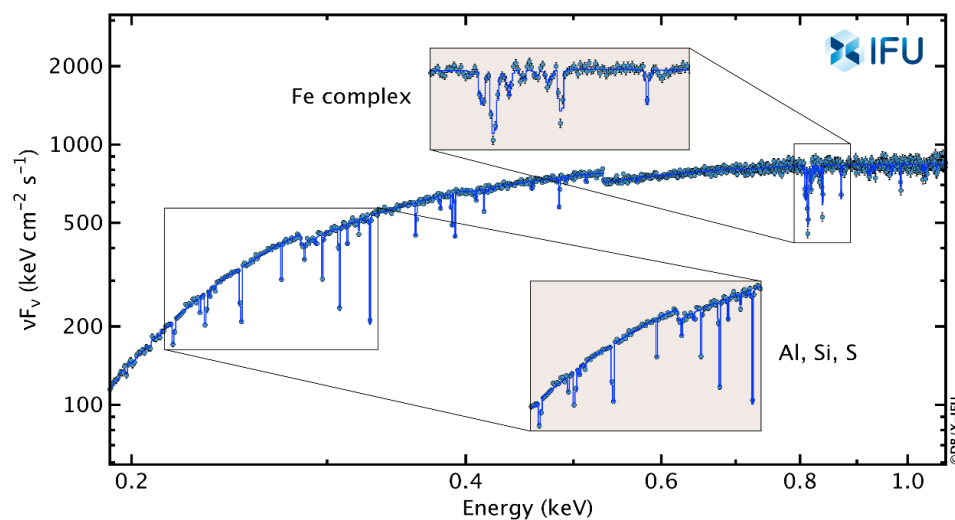
Metals + HI column in  
host and IGM





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X-ray spectroscopy with Athena will reveal high ionization species e.g. gas proximate to the GRB

Athena-THESEUS synergy white paper

<https://www.isdc.unige.ch/theseus/wp.pdf>



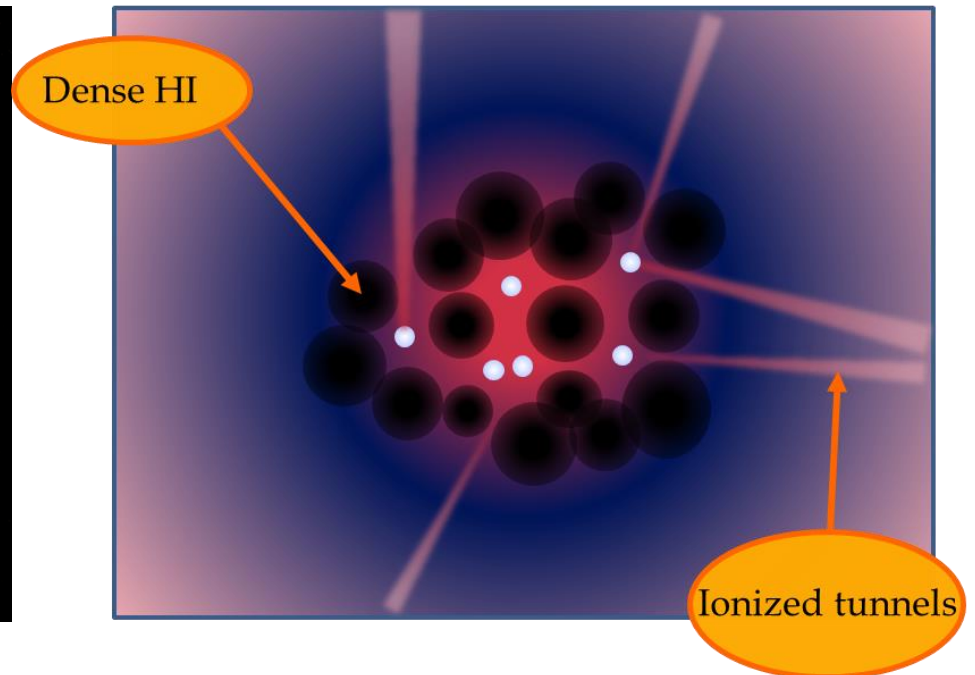
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Distribution of neutral hydrogen fraction of intergalactic medium as a function of redshift, including estimation of sizes of any local ionized bubble

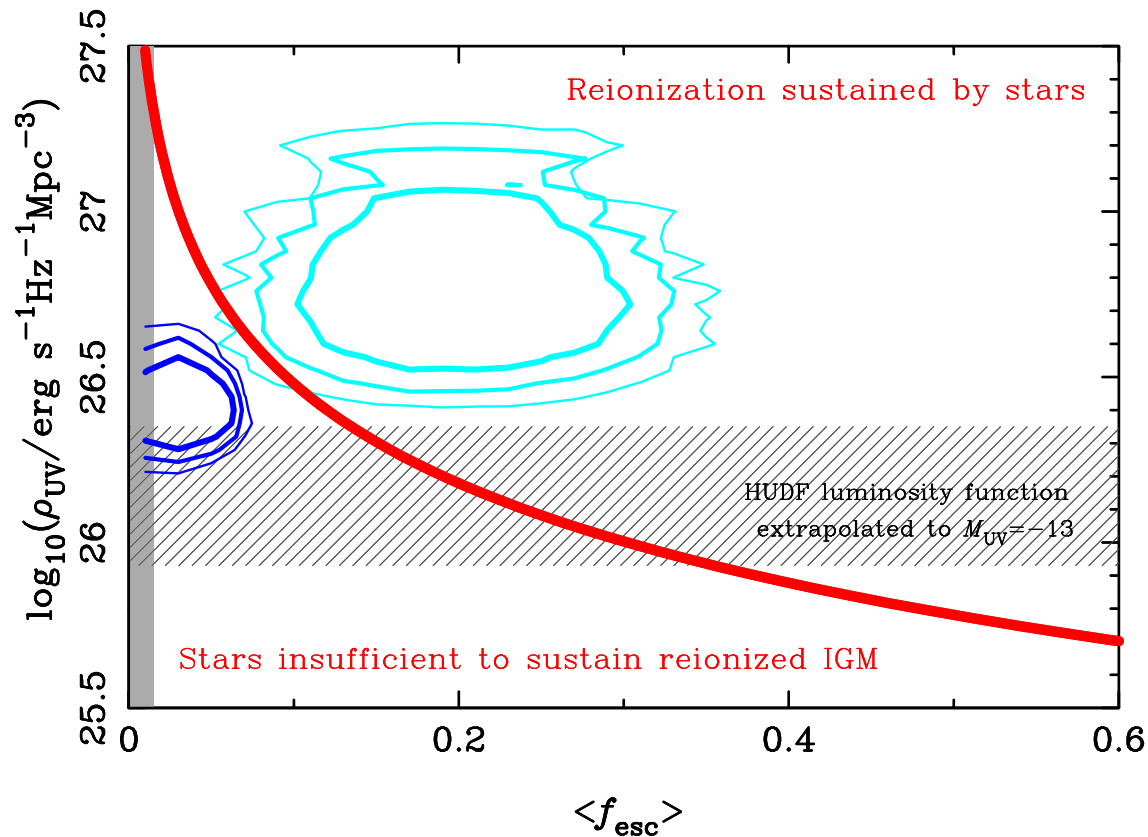
Opacity of host interstellar medium gas to ionizing radiation, average escape fraction of ionizing radiation



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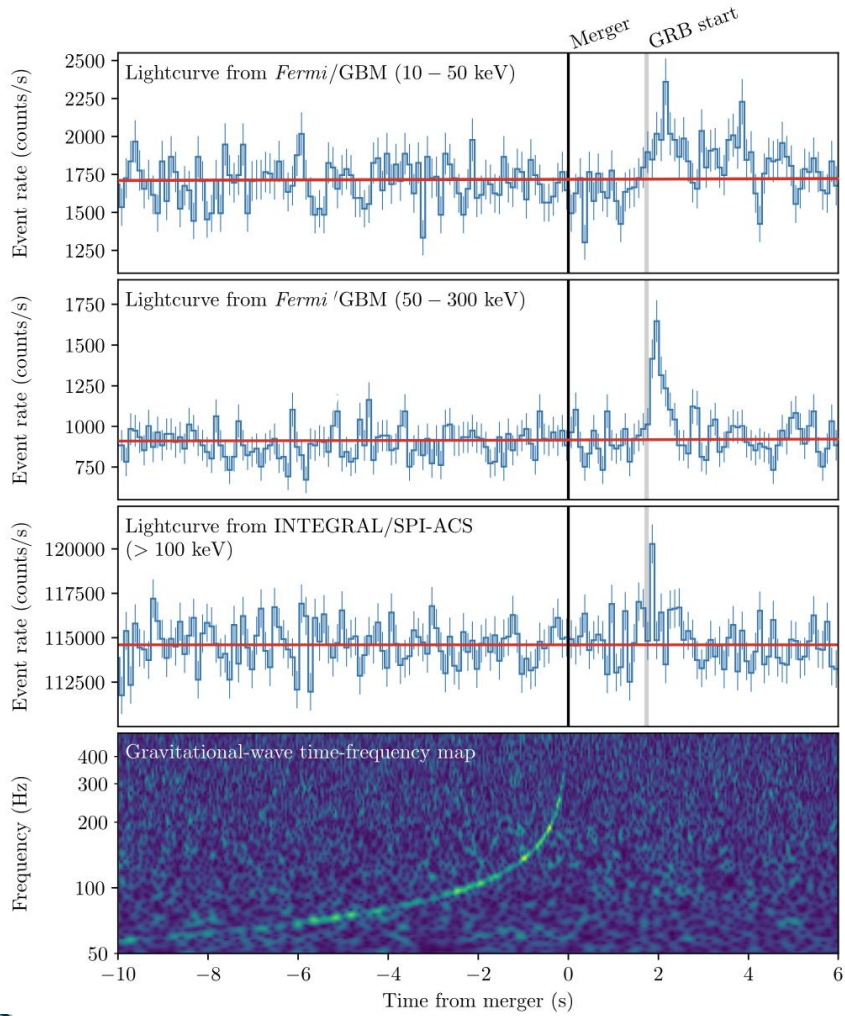


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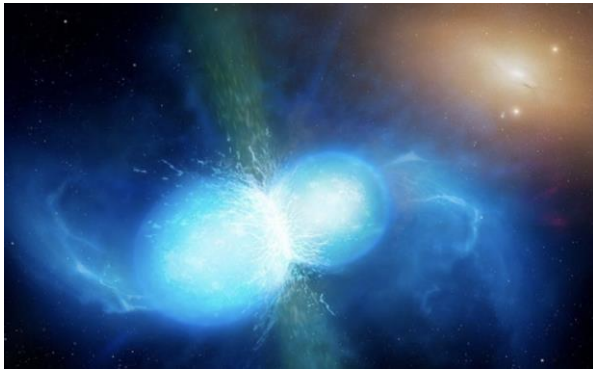
Combination of massive star formation rate and ionizing escape fraction will establish whether stellar radiation was sufficient to reionize the universe, and indicate the galaxy populations responsible

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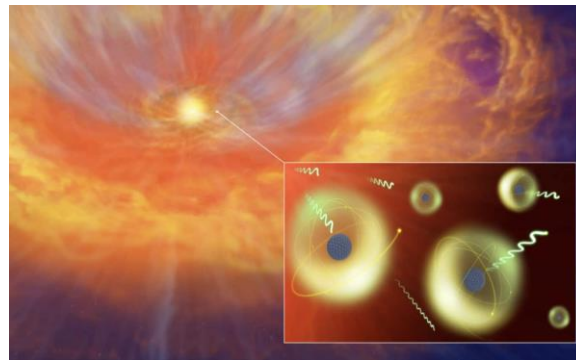


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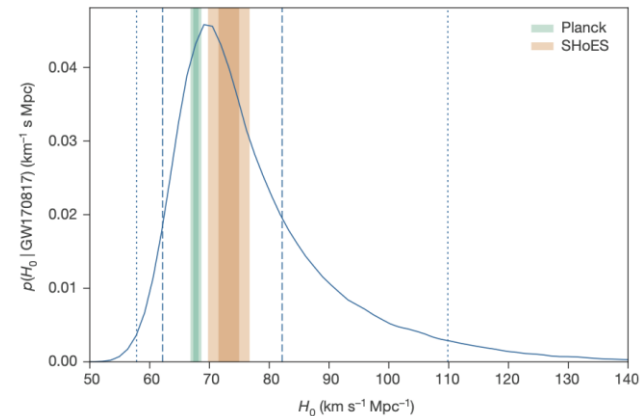
Relativistic jet formation,  
equation of state,  
fundamental physics



Cosmic sites of r-  
process nucleosynthesis

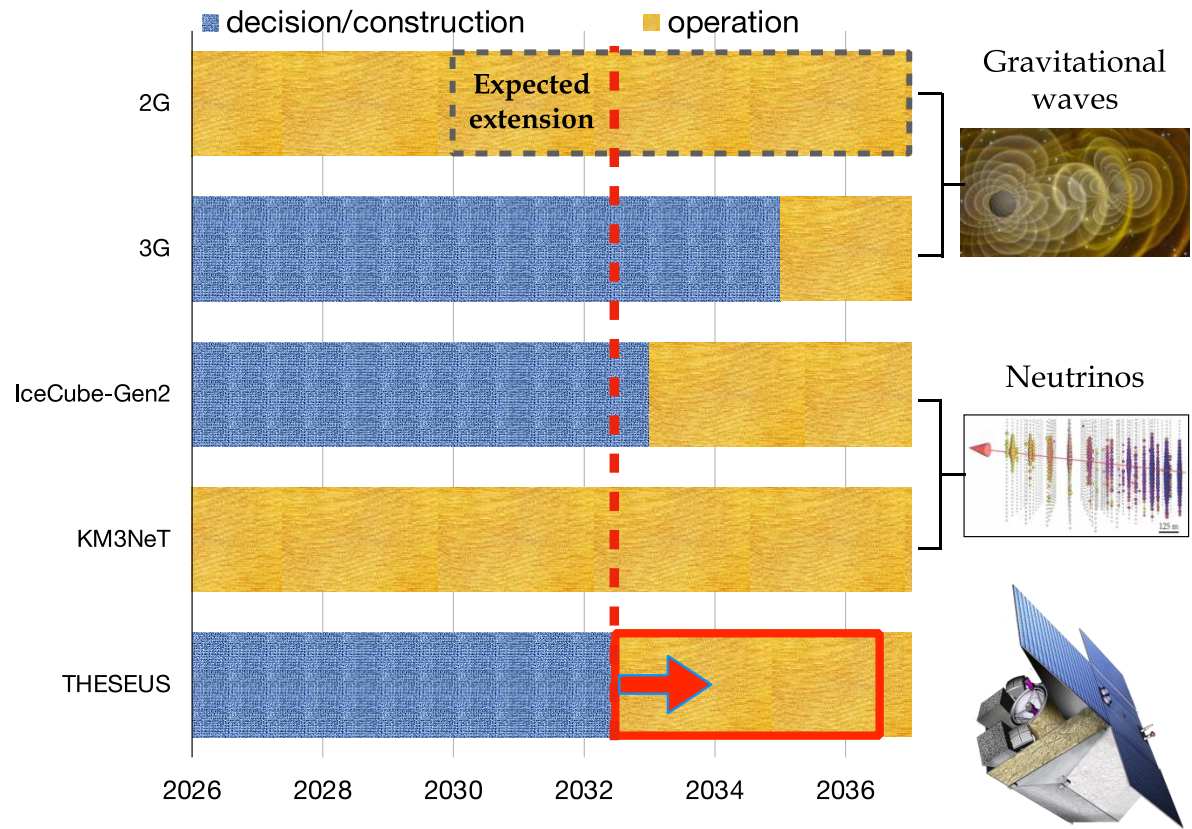


New independent route  
to measure cosmological  
parameters



# THESEUS IN THE GOLDEN ERA OF MULTI-MESSENGER ASTROPHYSICS

THESEUS synergy with future GW and neutrino facilities will enable transformational investigations of multi-messenger sources



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ROADMAP

Gravitational-wave physics and astronomy in the 2020s and 2030s

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Abstract | The 100 years since the publication of Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity saw significant development of the understanding of the theory, the identification of potential astrophysical sources of sufficiently strong gravitational waves and development of key technologies for gravitational-wave detectors. In 2015, the first gravitational-wave signals were detected by the two US Advanced LIGO instruments. In 2017, Advanced LIGO and the European Advanced Virgo detectors pinpointed the binary neutron star coalescence that was also seen across the electromagnetic spectrum. The field of gravitational-wave astronomy is just starting, and this Roadmap of future developments surveys the potential for growth in bandwidth and sensitivity of future gravitational-wave detectors, and discusses the science results anticipated to come from upcoming instruments.

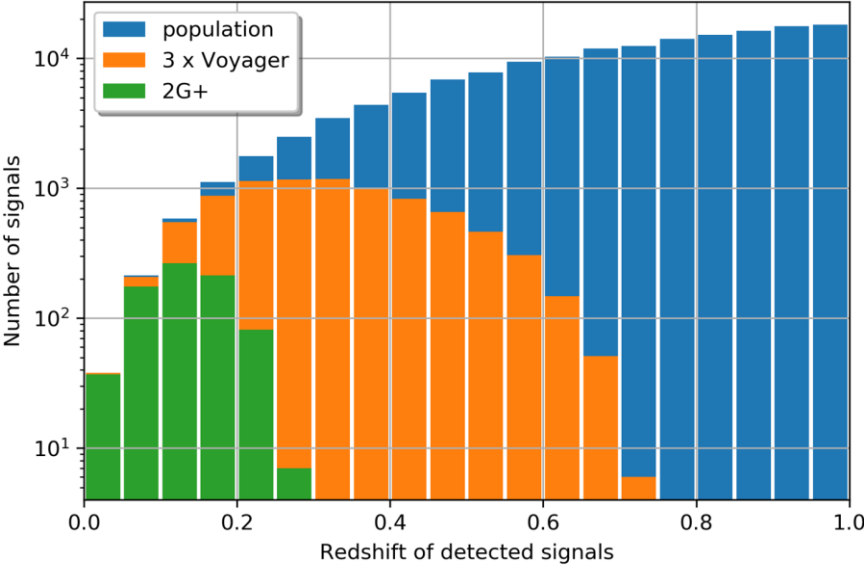
The past five years have witnessed a revolution in astronomy. The direct detection of gravitational waves (GW) emitted from the binary black hole (BBH) merger GW150914 (FIG. 1) by the Advanced Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) detector on September 14, 2015 (REF. 1) was a watershed event, not only in demonstrating that GWs could be directly detected but more fundamentally in revealing new insights into these exotic objects and the Universe itself. On August 17, 2017, the Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo detectors jointly detected GW170817, the merger of a binary neutron star (BNS) system, an equally momentous event leading to the observation of electromagnetic (EM) radiation emitted across the entire spectrum through one of the most intense astronomical observing campaigns ever undertaken. Coming nearly 100 years after Albert Einstein first predicted their existence<sup>2</sup>, but doubted that they could ever be measured, the first direct GW detections have undoubtedly opened a new window on the Universe. The scientific insights emerging from these detections have spurred the GWIC to re-examine and update the GWIC roadmap originally published a decade ago<sup>3</sup>. We first present an overview of GWs, the methods used to detect them and some scientific highlights from the past five years. Next, we provide a detailed survey of

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GWIC Roadmap and Letter of Endorsement from EGO/virgo clearly mention further upgrades of 2G to bridge in the 3G era



NS-NS merger detection efficiency with 2G and 2G++ will sensibly improve at z>0.1 with 2G++

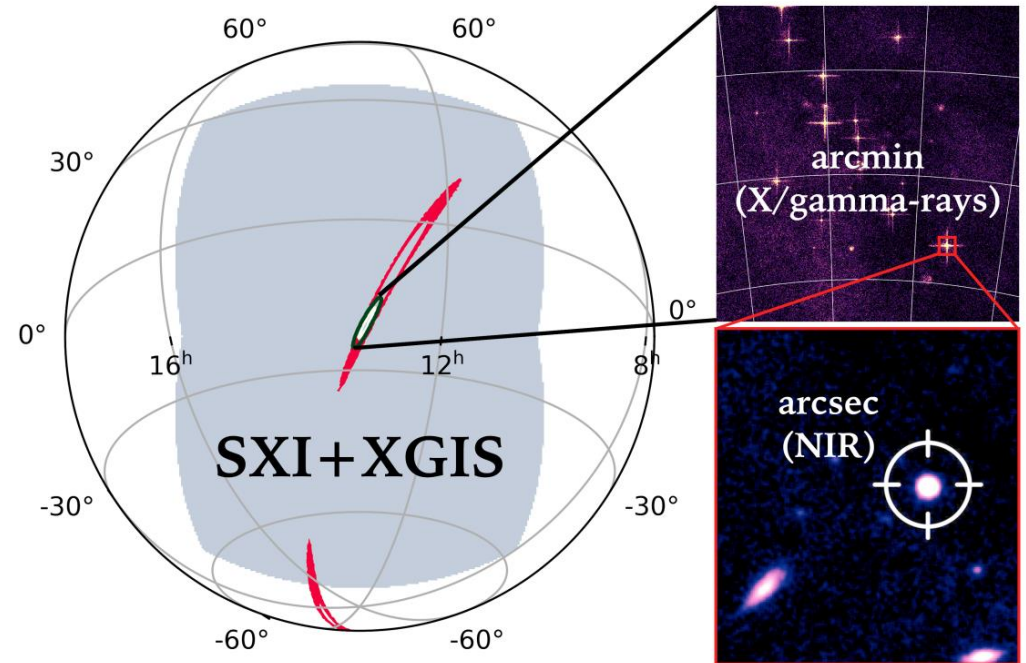


## MAIN THESEUS CAPABILITIES FOR MULTI-MESSENGER ASTRONOMY

Independent detection of the electromagnetic counterparts

Autonomous source identification and characterization

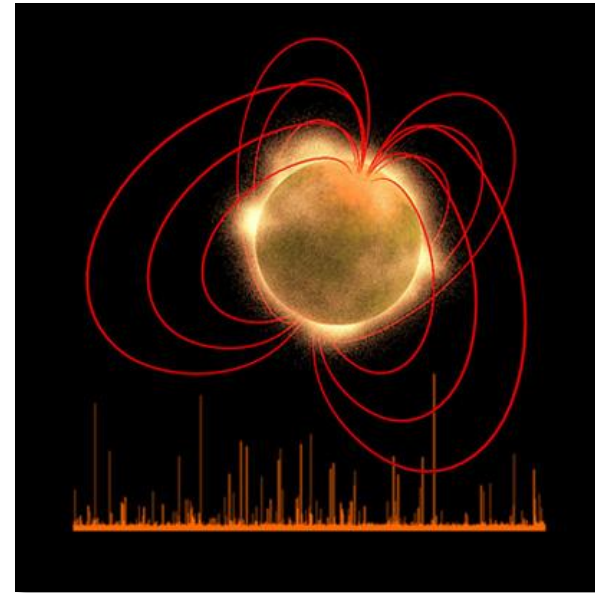
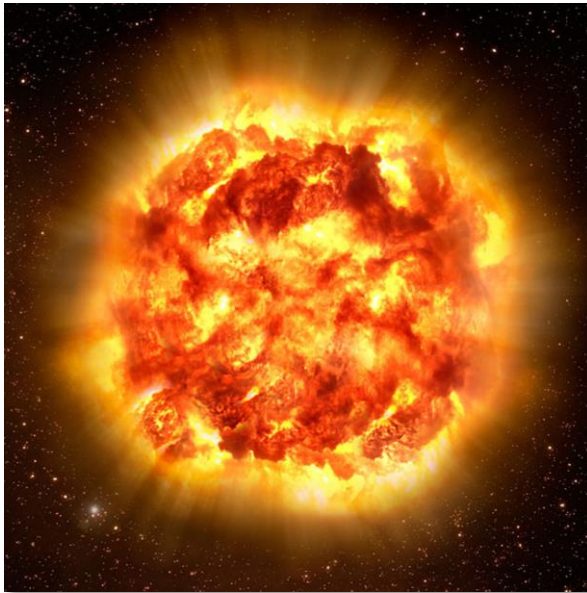
Accurate sky coordinate dissemination – essential, given large GW error regions





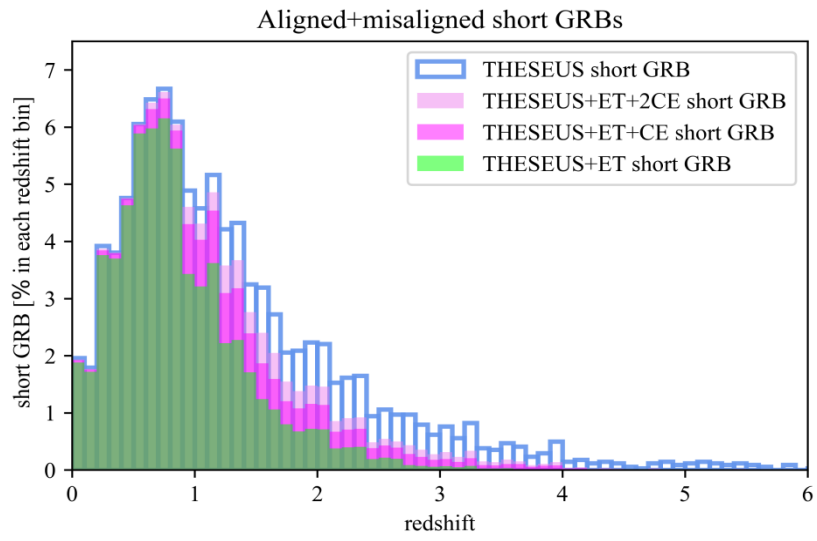
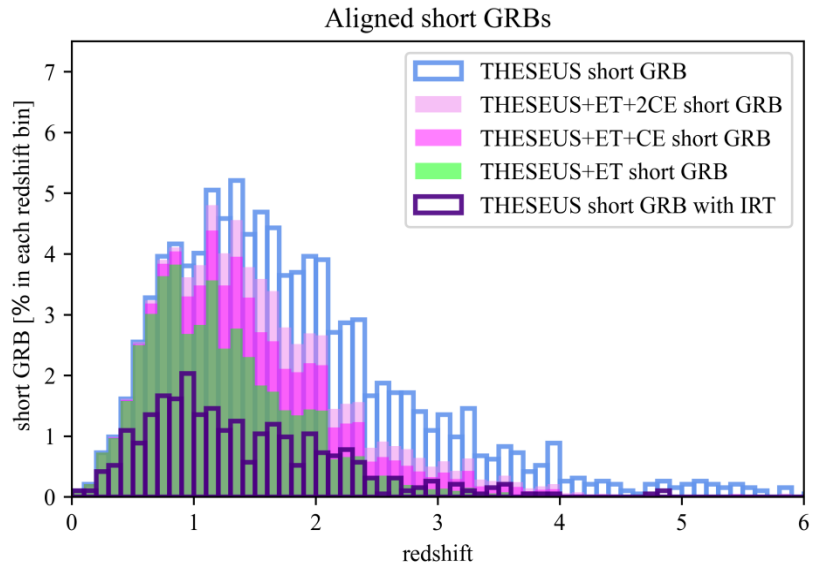
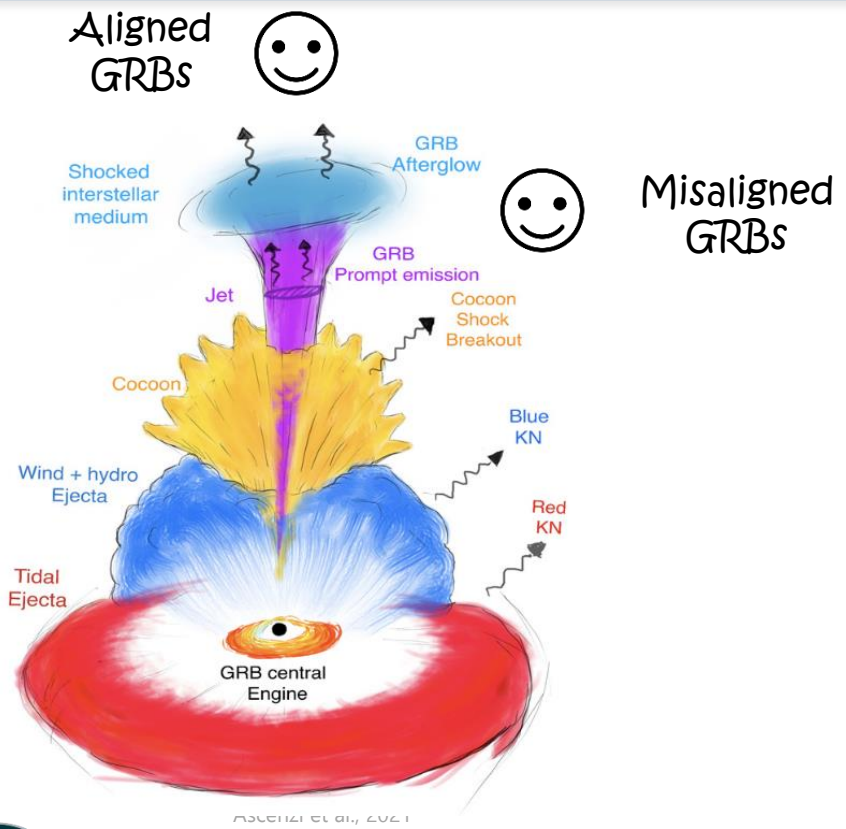
## MULTI-MESSENGER TARGETS FOR THESEUS

- **Short GRBs**
- Core-collapse stars
- Soft Gamma-ray Repeaters
- Unexpected transients...



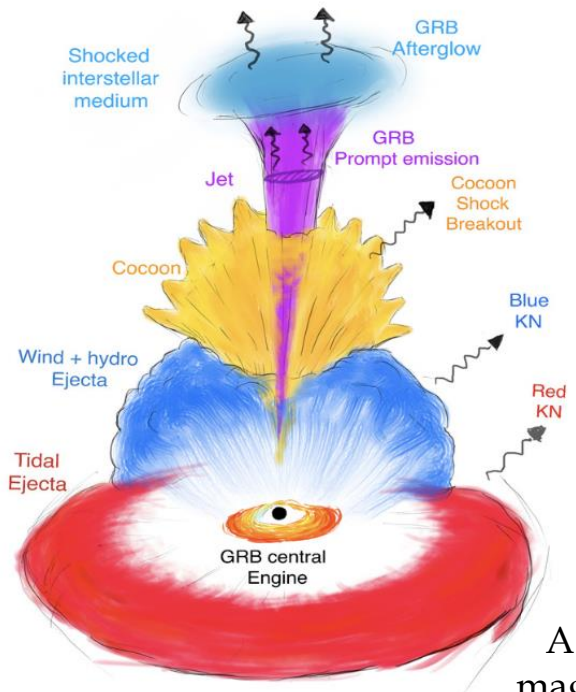
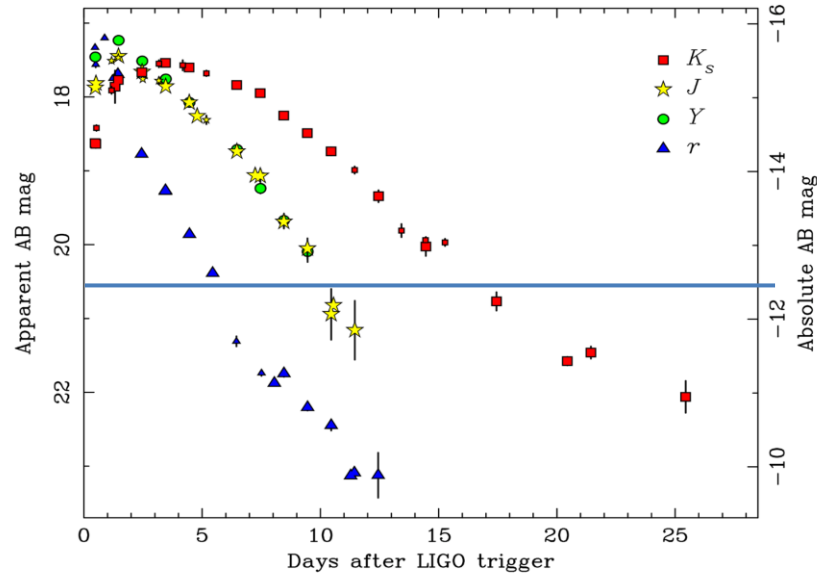
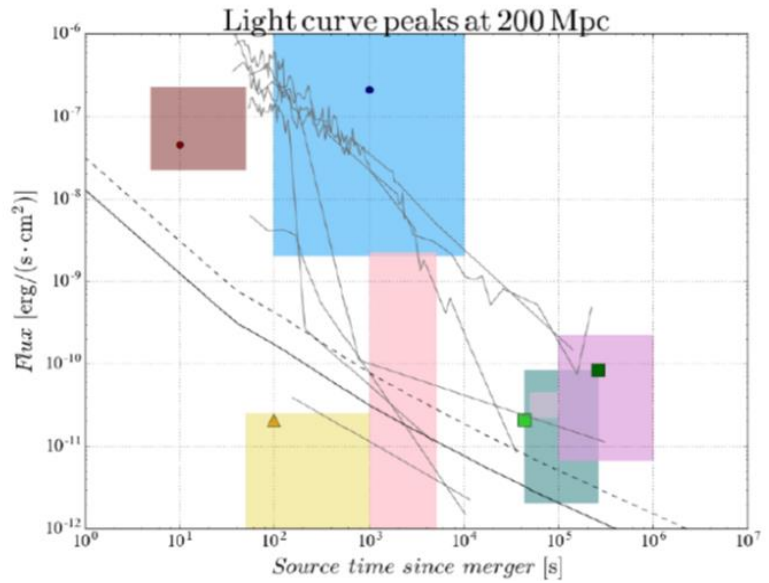
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Collimated on-axis and off-axis prompt gamma-ray emission from short GRBs



# MAIN THESEUS CAPABILITIES FOR MULTI-MESSENGER ASTRONOMY: NS-NS (NS-BH) mergers

Optical/NIR and soft X-ray isotropic emissions from kilonovae, off-axis afterglows and, for NS-NS, from newly born ms magnetar spindown

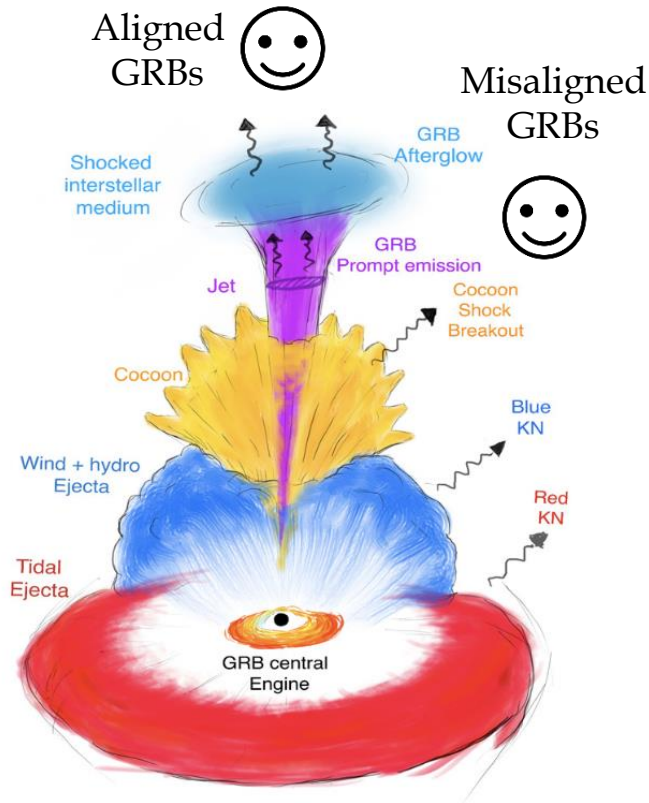


A BH or a long-lived ms magnetar can form after the merger of two NS



# INDEPENDENT DETECTION & CHARACTERISATION OF THE MULTI-MESSENGER SOURCES

## Lessons from GRB170817A



Expected rates:

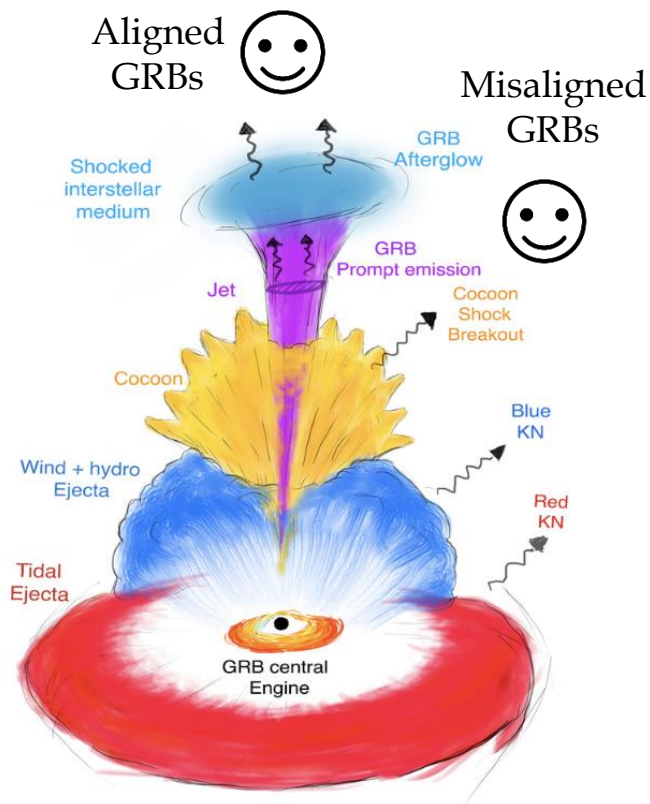
THESEUS + 2G++:

- ~10 yr aligned+misaligned collimated short GRBs
- ~50/yr isotropic X-ray transients from possible NS-NS merger remnant

Low redshifts events: detailed study of kilonovae, jet structure, remnant nature

# INDEPENDENT DETECTION & CHARACTERISATION OF THE MULTI-MESSENGER SOURCES

## Lessons from GRB170817A



Expected rates:

THESEUS + 3G:

- ~50 aligned+misaligned short GRBs
- ~200 X-ray transients

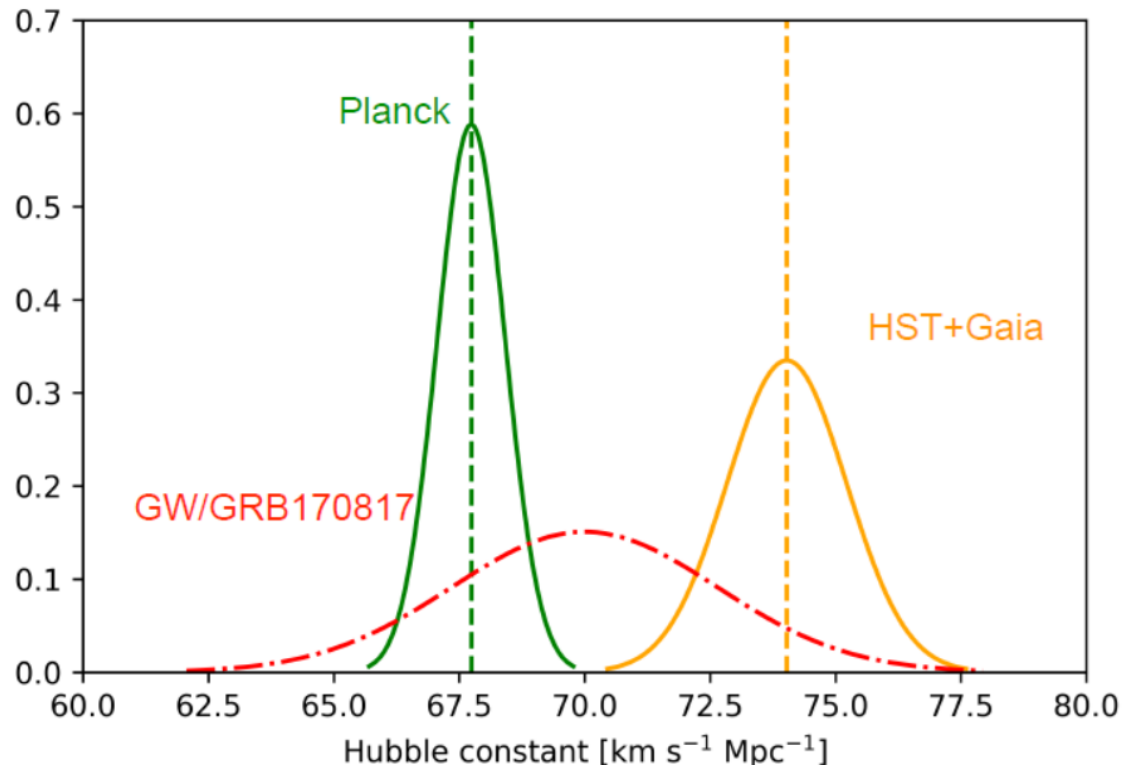
Higher redshift events – X/ $\gamma$  is likely only route to EM detection: larger statistical studies including source evolution, probe of dark energy and test modified gravity on cosmological scales

## THESEUS &amp; 2G++ SCIENCE

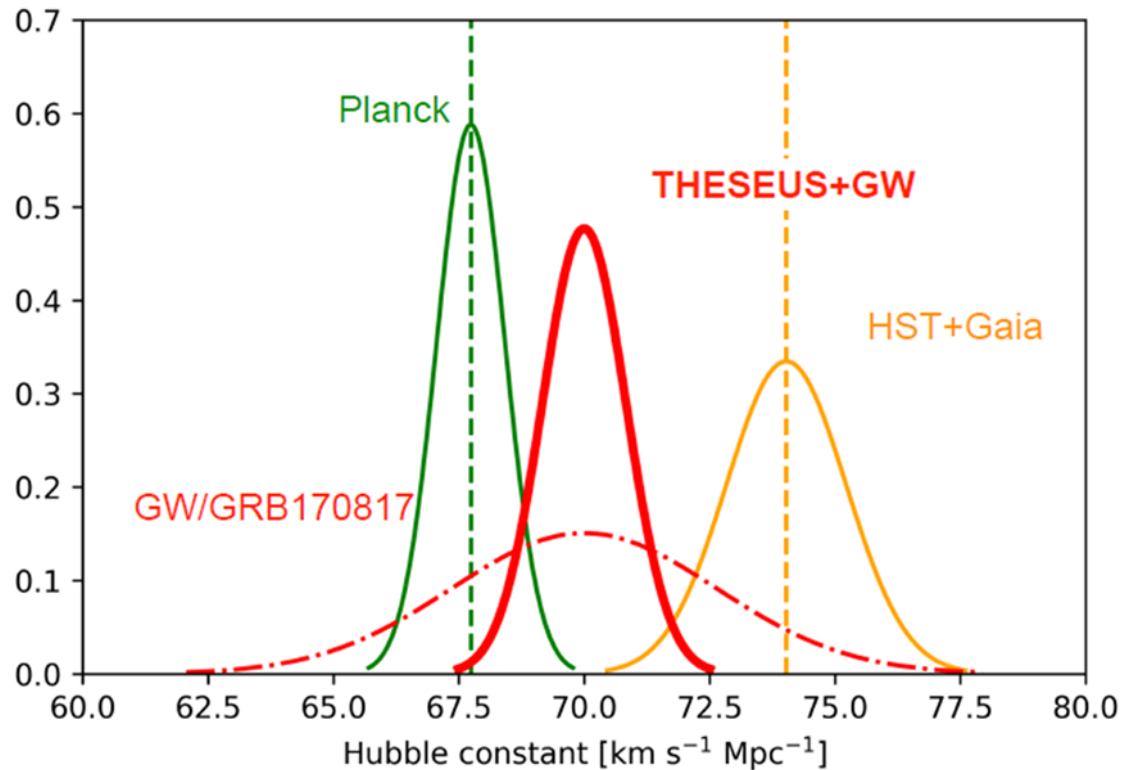
Main topics	THESEUS role	What will we learn?
<b>Physics of compact binaries</b>	short GRB+GW detection and localization	<b>relativistic jet formation mechanism/efficiency, remnant nature, NS EoS</b>
<b>Relativistic plasma</b>	accurate sky coordinates of GW events associated with misaligned afterglows	<b>Jet propagation, jet structure and its universality, NSBH vs NSNS</b>
<b>Physics of kilonova</b>	accurate sky coordinates of GW events	<b>Role of NS-NS/NSBH in r-process element nucleosynthesis</b>
<b>Fundamental physics</b>	Identify counterparts for events at $z > 0.3$	<b>Tests of modified gravity theories</b>
<b>Cosmology</b>	accurate sky coordinates of GW events allowing redshift measurement	<b>Independent <math>H_0</math> measure</b>



## MEASURING THE EXPANSION RATE AND GEOMETRY OF SPACE-TIME



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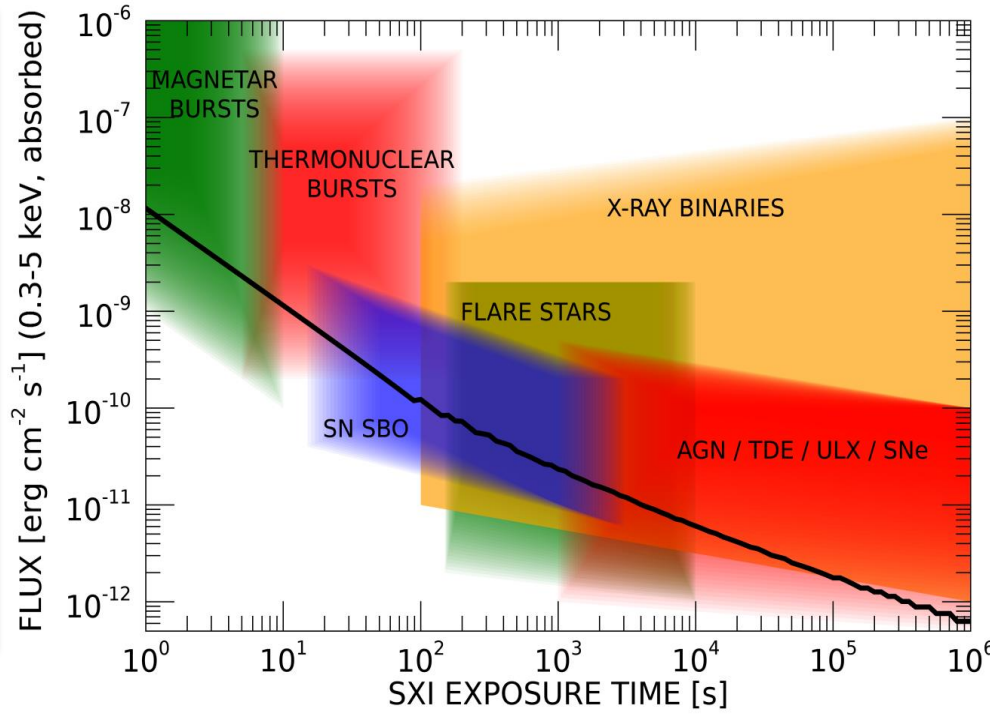
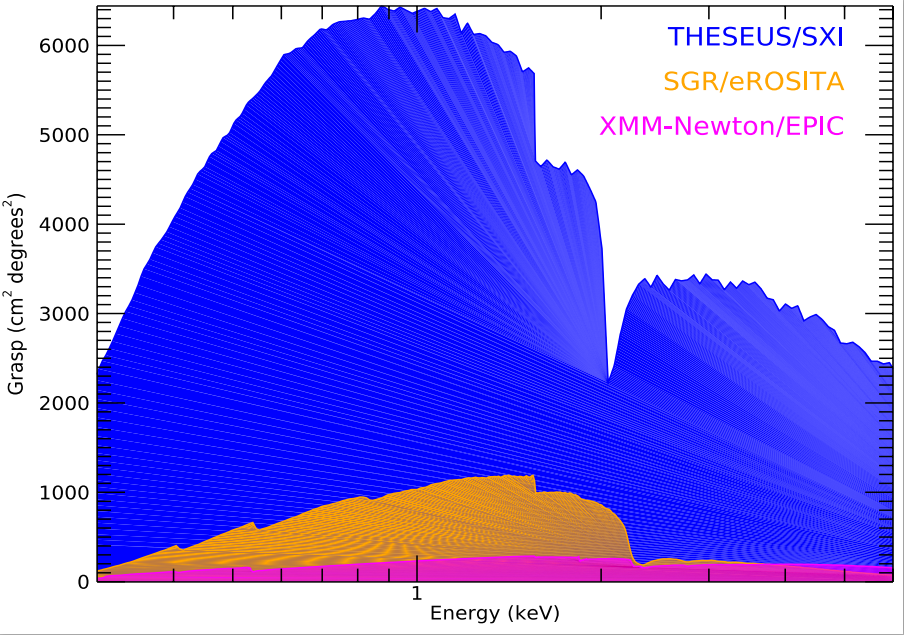


~20 joint THESEUS+GW events



# EXPLORING THE TRANSIENT SKY WITH THESEUS

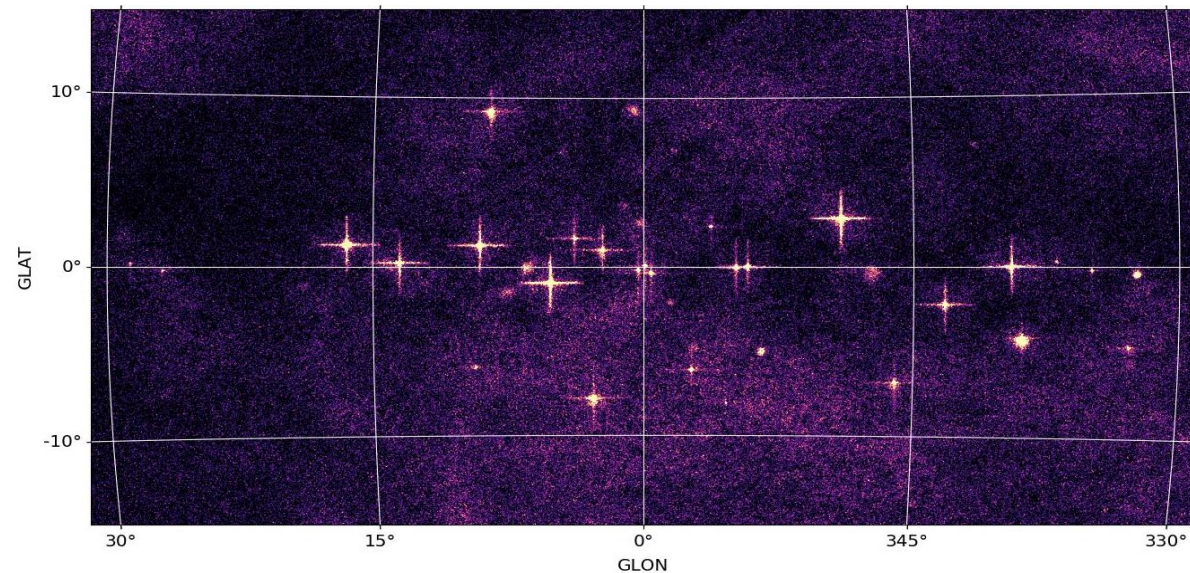
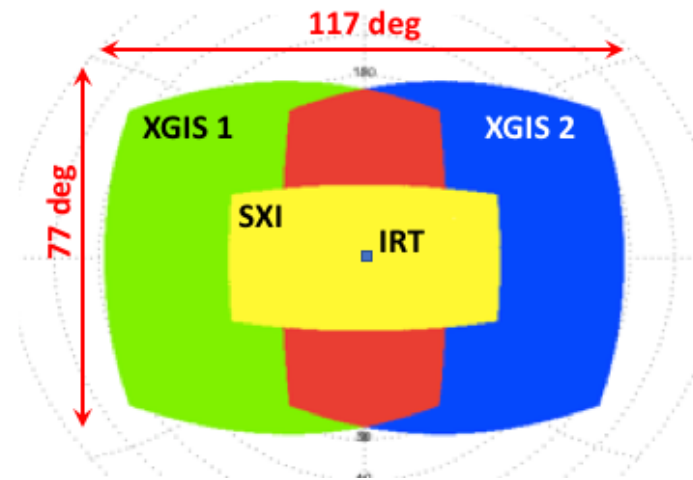
THESEUS will have a unique combination of Field-Of-View, sensitivity and energy band, enabling simultaneous detection, accurate localization and characterization of many classes of transients in parallel



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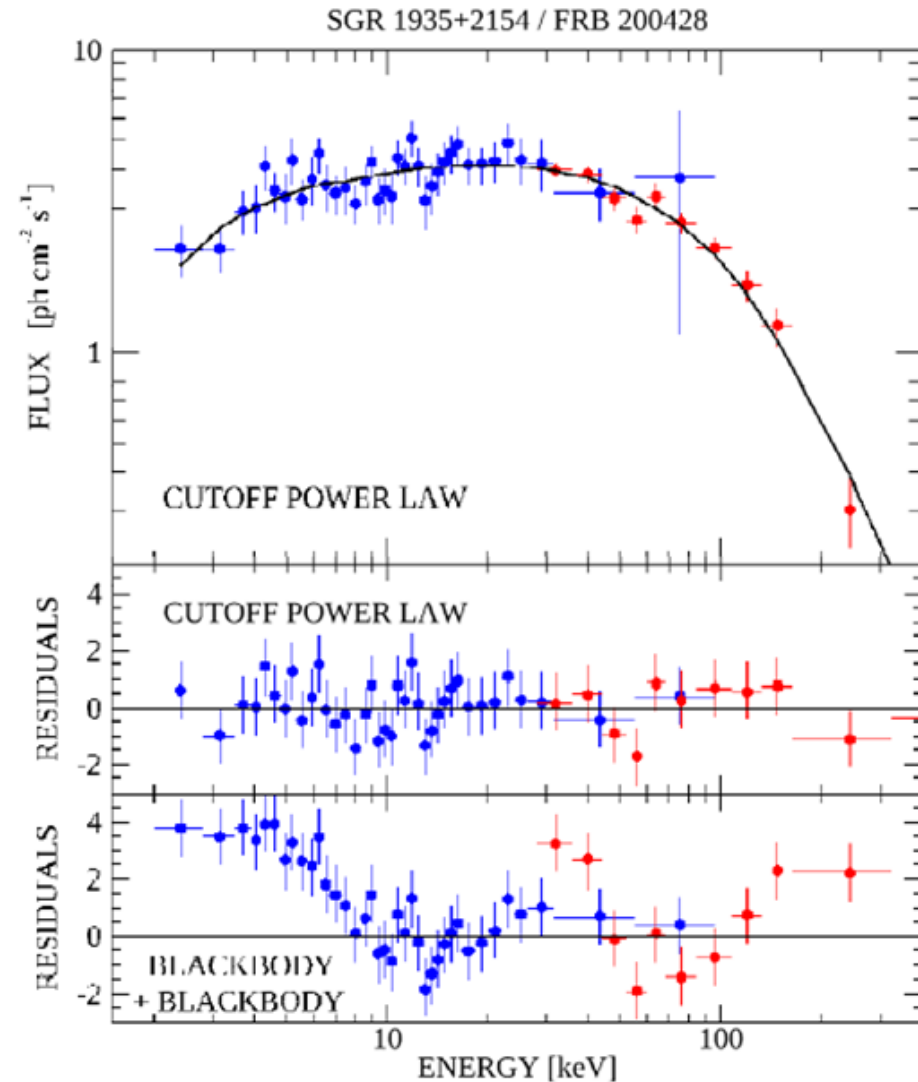
THESEUS will find fast transients within a single orbit, while co-adding survey data will monitor longer timescale events

The IRT will observe sources (also selected through GO programme) in the monitors FOV, giving very broad-data spectral coverage for key object classes



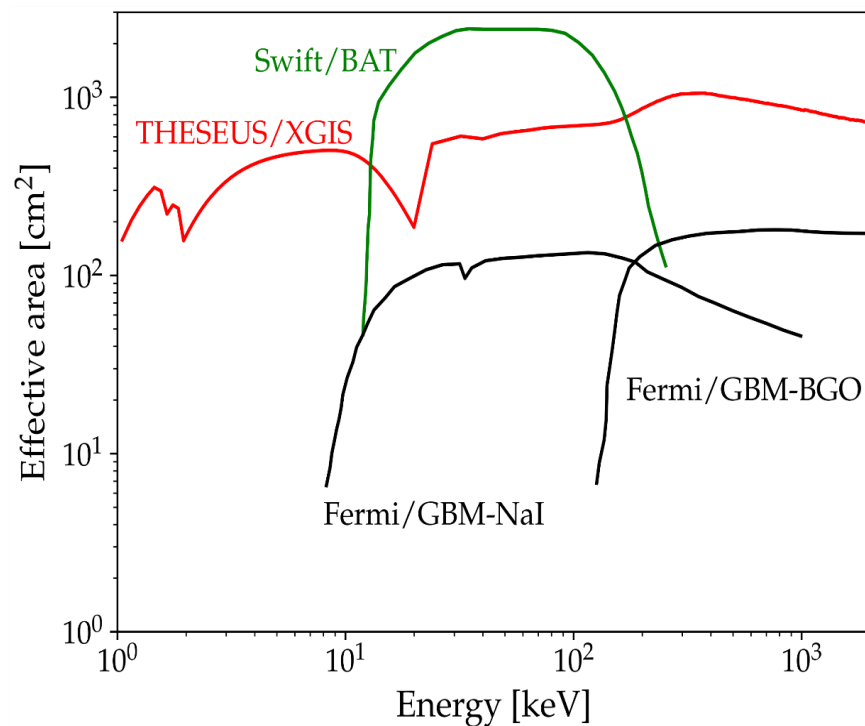
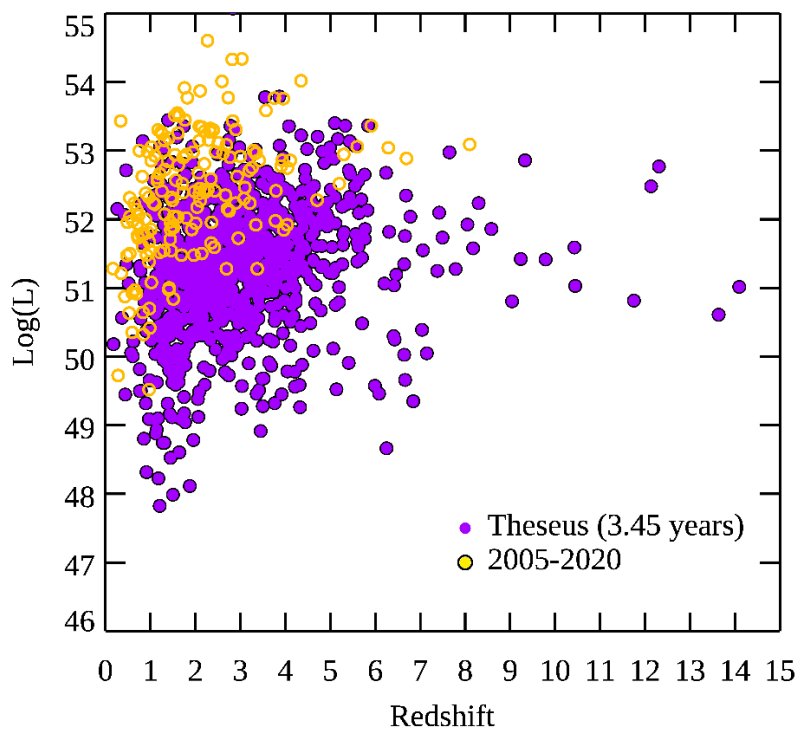
## THESEUS capabilities for time domain astronomy

Outstanding example:  
investigating the Fast-Radio  
Burst – Soft Gamma  
Repeaters connection and  
physics



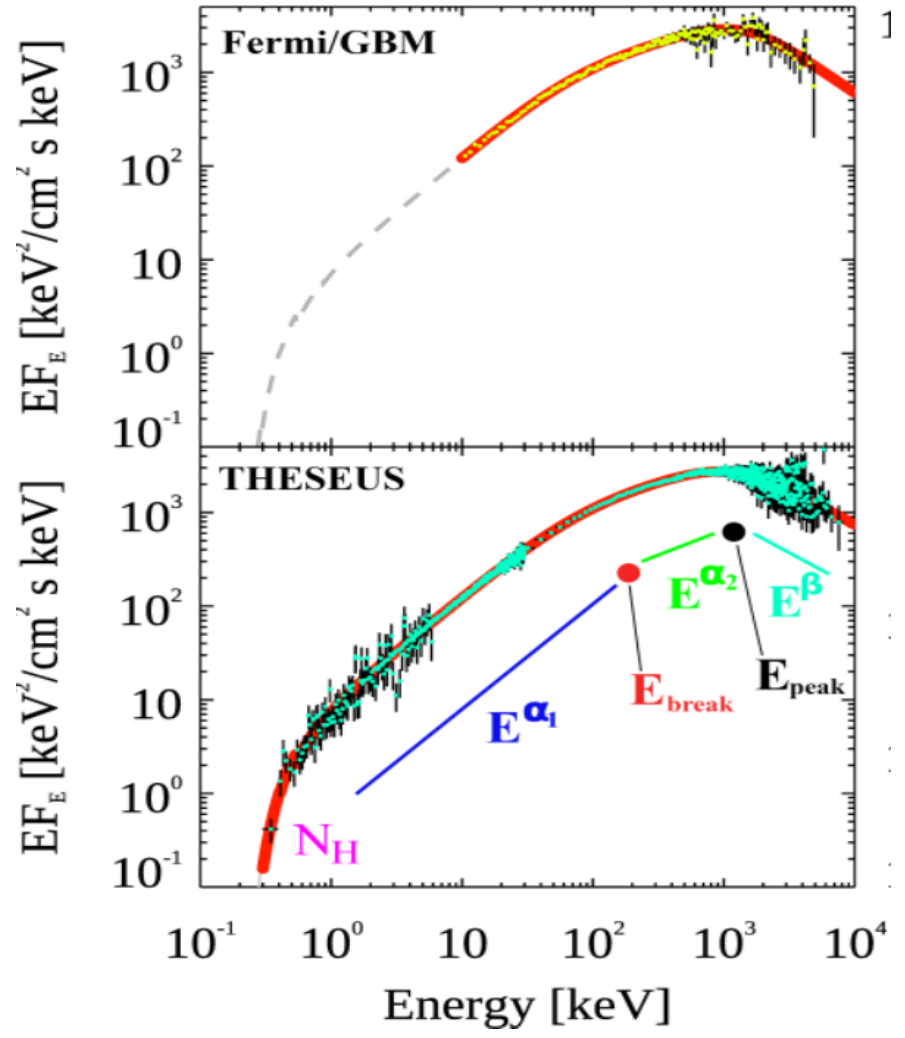
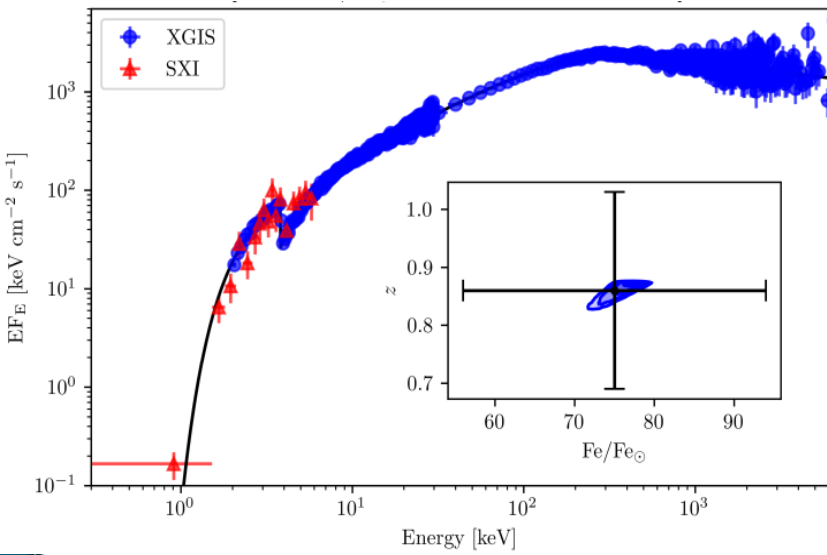
## THESEUS capabilities for GRB SCIENCE

THESEUS will provide an unprecedented sample of many hundreds of GRBs with redshift, wide band X/gamma-ray spectroscopic and few ms timing characterization, NIR



# THESEUS capabilities for GRB SCIENCE

Extreme prompt emission physics, jet structure, central engine, circum-burst environment -> progenitors, weak/soft "local" GRBs, cosmological parameters, fundamental physics



## THESEUS GUEST OBSERVER OPPORTUNITIES

THESEUS will provide the opportunity for agile **simultaneous** NIR and X-ray observations beyond its core science

Wide range of potential targets, from asteroids and exoplanets to SNe and distant AGNs



The THESEUS scientific community  
(<http://www.isdc.unige.ch/theseus>)

The THESEUS Consortium includes nearly 500 contributing scientists from worldwide, organized in six Scientific WGs including synergies and GO science

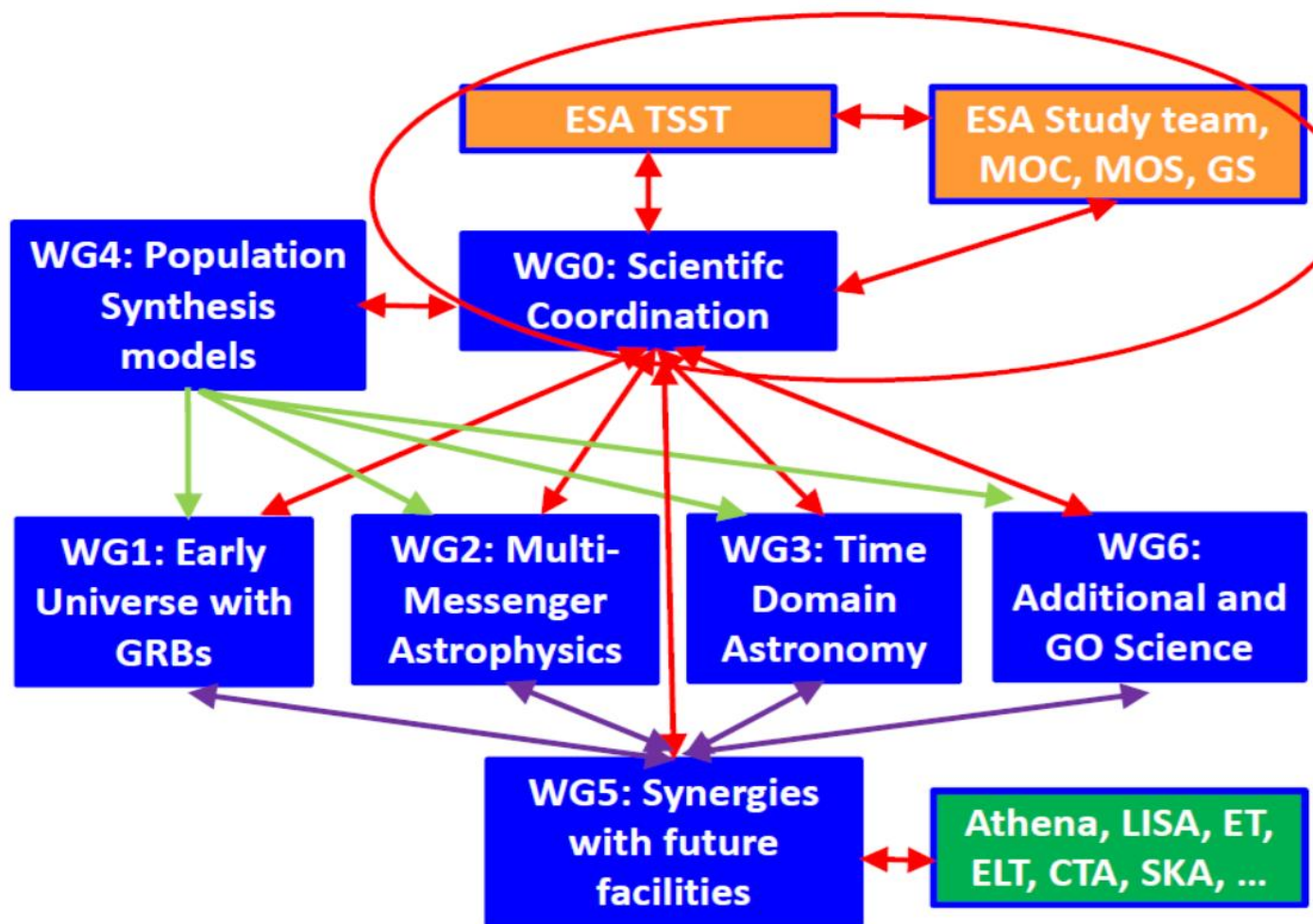
Coordinators and member of WG include also key scientists and coordinators of external facilities with great synergies with THESEUS

Involvement of the community through THESEUS Conferences the many articles illustrating the THESEUS mission (e.g, SPIE) and the great expected science (e.g., Experimental Astornomy)



# The THESEUS scientific community

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## The Italian contribution to THESEUS

Supported by **ASI & INAF** (+ AHEAD2020, ESA/NPMC)

Coordination of the International Consortium  
(Lead proposer: L. Amati @ INAF - OAS Bologna)

Responsibility of the XGIS instrument  
(L. Amati, C. Labanti @ INAF - OAS Bologna)

Main ground station (ASI/Malindi)

Key roles in ESA Science Study Team and Scientific WGs

Institutions (INAF, Universities, FBK) + Industries (OHB, GPAP)

Exploiting the great heritage and leadership in the main  
scientific fields and key enabling technologies



## THE PROMISE OF THESEUS



THESEUS will open a new window on the Early Universe and will be a cornerstone of multi-messenger and time domain astrophysics of the '30s

THESEUS will impact a very broad range of research fields through its core science, wide synergies and GO opportunities

THESEUS is a unique occasion for fully exploiting the European leadership in time-domain and multi-messenger astrophysics and in related key enabling technologies

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# Back-up slides



## THESEUS data policy

All data taken during the nominal mission operations (3.45 years) will be public as soon as they are processed (except for GO: reserved for 3 months)

The consortium will release regular XGIS and SXI survey products, and near real-time on-line data products will be available for monitoring many known transients and for alerting the community to new transients

In addition to early verification phases (first 3 months) some limited (few months) reserved access to GRB data (e.g.,  $z > 6$  GRBs in the first 6 months) may be granted to consortium



THIS BREAK-THROUGH WILL BE ACHIEVED BY A MISSION CONCEPT  
OVERCOMING MAIN LIMITATIONS OF CURRENT FACILITIES

Mission	Autonomous rapid repointing	Arcsec localisation	Optical imaging	Near-IR imaging	Near-IR spectroscopy	On-board redshift	<10 keV X-ray coverage	>10 keV X-ray coverage	MeV $\gamma$ -ray coverage
<i>Swift</i>	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
<i>Fermi/GRB</i>	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
<i>Integral</i>	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
<i>SVOM</i>	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
<i>Einstein Probe</i>	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
<i>eXTP</i>	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
<i>THESEUS</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

