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# THE OPEN UNIVERSE INITIATIVE: ACCESS TO SPACE FOR ALL

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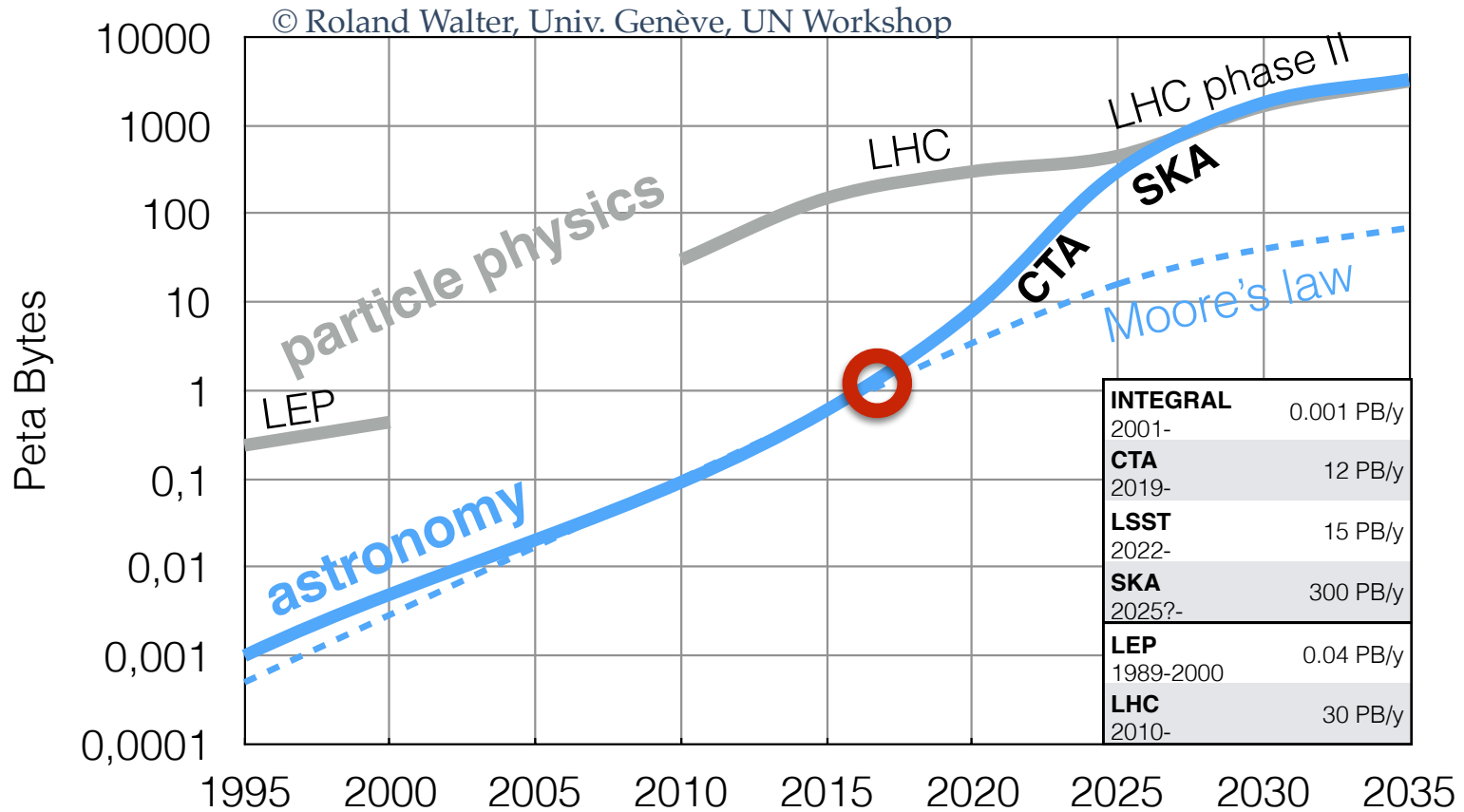
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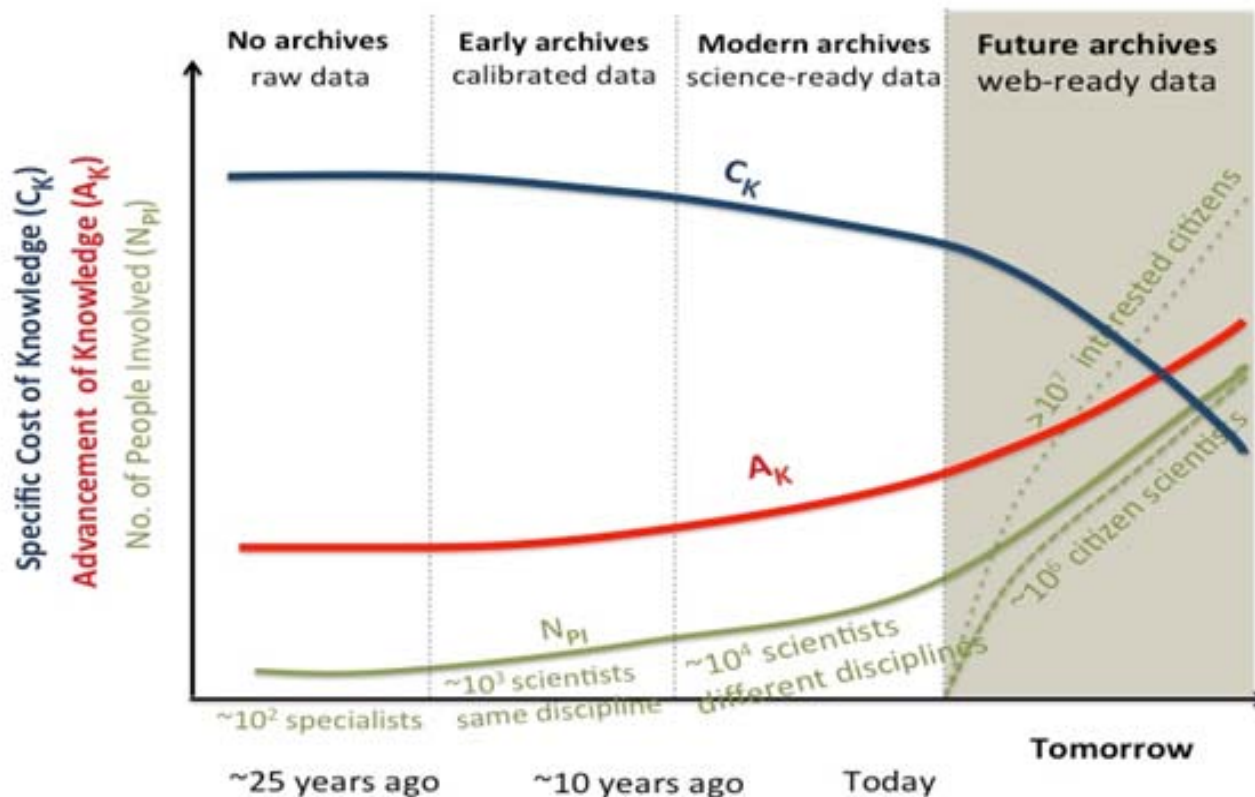
## I - Dramatic increase in the volume of data produced in astronomy and space sciences



# PREMISES



## II - Evolution of information technology opens new opportunities for data sharing, accessibility, and utilisation.



From the original COPUOS proposal by Italy

# ORIGINS OF THE INITIATIVE



Original Open Universe  
Proposal at 59<sup>th</sup> COPUOS:  
A/AC.105/2016/CRP6

**Committee on the Peaceful  
Uses of Outer Space**  
Fifty-ninth session  
Vienna, 8-17 June 2016

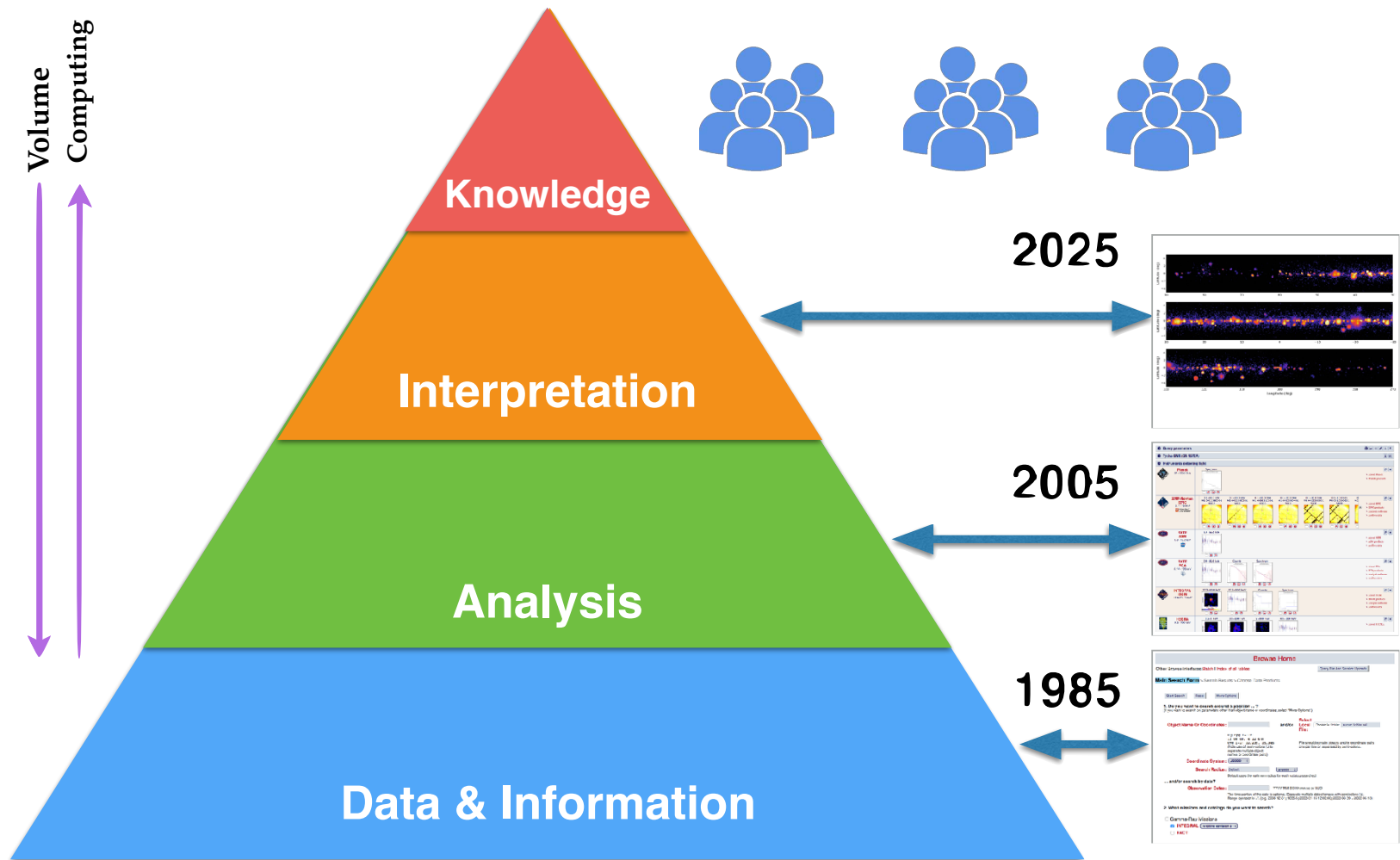
**“Open Universe” proposal, an initiative under the auspices  
of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for  
expanding availability of and accessibility to open source  
space science data.**

**Proposal by Italy**

**“Open Universe” was originally proposed by Italy as an initiative under the auspices of COPUOS, during the preparations for UNISPACE+50.**

- **Main goal is** to dramatically expand the availability and access to space science data, responding to the growing demands of transparency on the use of public resources and of the societal returns of science.
- **Motivated by** (i) from one side, the evidence of the increased rate of production of scientific data in all fields, including space science, and the responsibility to convert such data into effective knowledge; (ii) on the current context in which technological barriers to data sharing and access have been dramatically reduced, opening up new opportunities for knowledge dissemination and inclusion.

# DEMOCRATISING KNOWLEDGE

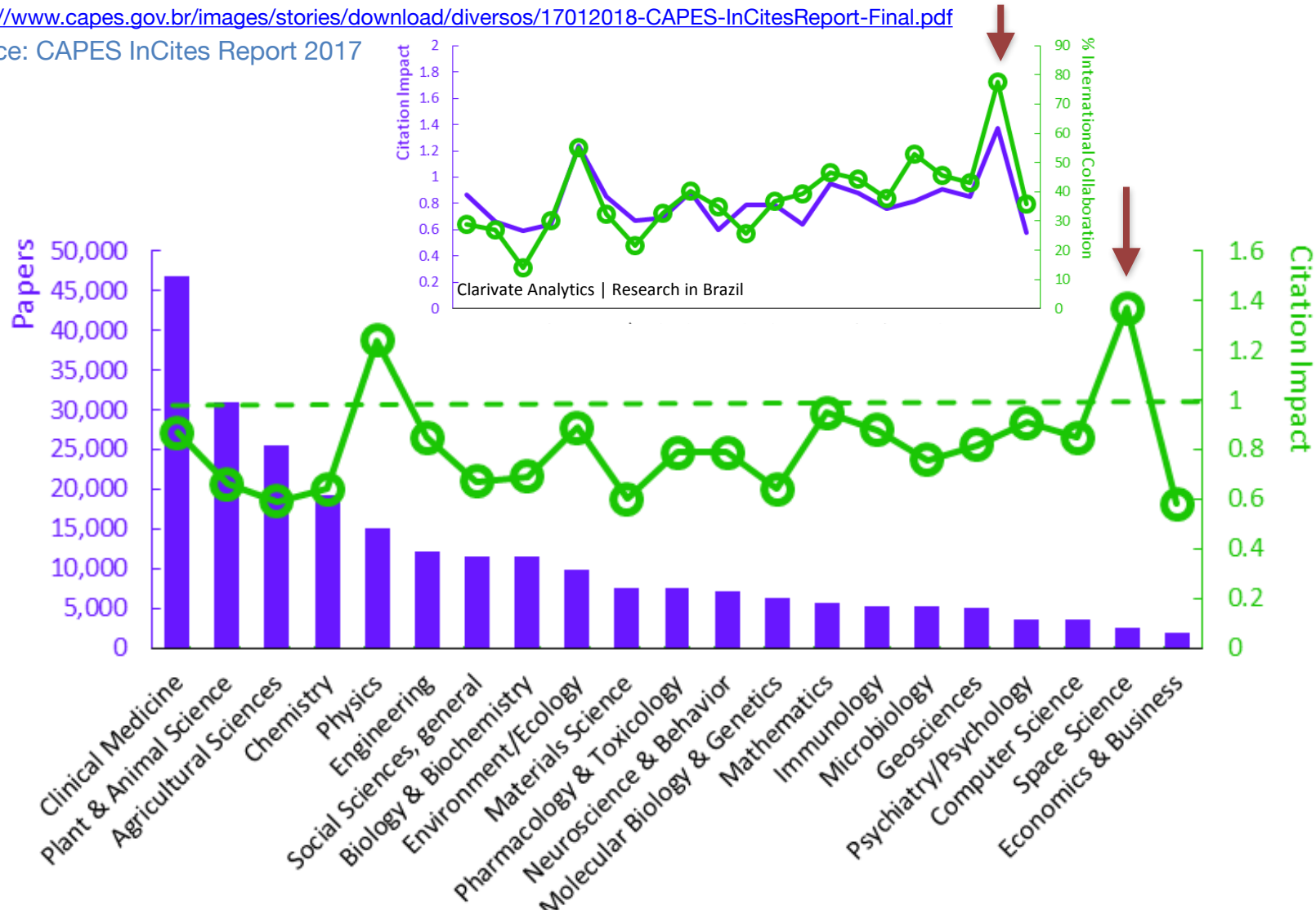


# THE APPEAL OF SPACE SCIENCE: STRENGTH OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



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Source: CAPES InCites Report 2017



# CONTEXT

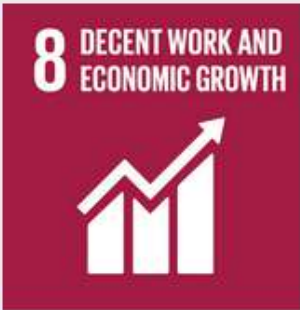


**Space accessibility is one of the four pillars (others being space economy, space society and space diplomacy) supporting a Space 2030 Agenda, as established after UNISPACE+50.**

- The Agenda envisions strategies and activities to strengthen the contribution of the **space sector to the achievement of global targets**, such as the SDGs.
- In particular, **space accessibility** responds to the underlining fundamental goal of sharing the benefits of space exploration amongst all nations.
- Reduction of inequality of opportunities in the growing and diversifying space sector, and enhancement of international cooperation in space, are at the basis of efforts to build a peaceful future of outer space.

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Among the different avenues for space accessibility, data stands out as

- a most sustainable entry point,
- providing a cheap and secure starting level,
- based on education and capacity building

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It also offers a

- **cost-effective avenue for international co-operation for development,**
- **whereby local groups and new players can be quickly welcomed into the global arena,**
- **and impactful “south-south” co-operation can quickly be initiated.**





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A motivating element, provided by Lattes' fundamental discoveries

Appropriate social-political context

**The right entry-point: cosmic-ray physics was cheap to develop and sustainable!**

# DEVELOPMENT OF SPACE & SPACE FOR DEVELOPMENT



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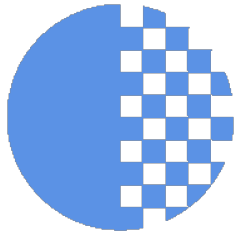
## The first UNISPACE Conference in 1968 Opening Address by Pope Paul VI

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“If the benefits of the use of outer space are put, in spite of justice, **to the service of only a small group of nations, in exclusion of others** [...] who then would fail to realise that the recent and wonderful discoveries of science have turned themselves against man, and now work for its unhappiness, instead of contributing to the happiness of humanity?

Scientific and technological progress are usually **not matched by comparable progress in moral, legislation, and international cooperation, for the benefit of all peoples.** I think here particularly of those who, owing to their lower state of technological or cultural development, are kept in a state of unjust inferiority [...] **To use the resources of space exploration for their benefit is to contribute to advance humanity to justice and peace.”**

# PILLARS OF THE OPEN UNIVERSE INITIATIVE



**INCREASE TRANSPARENCY of already accessible resources:** including promoting FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) guiding principles, promoting the adoption of widely-used standards, processing from raw data to web-ready products, enhanced data-mining and integration solutions, interfacing and facilitating cooperation between data providers and data centres and archives...



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**UNOOSA, through its mandate from UNISPACE III, to increase scientific knowledge of near and outer space by promoting cooperative activities in astronomy and space sciences, is in a unique position to bring together all relevant stakeholders to achieve these proposed goals.**

# THE SUSTAINABLE COST OF DATA FOR SPACE ACCESSIBILITY

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- Gathering the full force of existing infrastructure and data services : fundamental technologies and services (e.g., IVOA) are already in place and must have their full potential extracted through new use concepts.
- Push for PI-quality, high-level data provision : attainable with only small modification of agencies' cost-to-implementation models
- Achieve global coordination and cooperation : can actually reduce costs by avoiding duplication of efforts by organising the collaboration between data centres and data providers
- Develop new technological paradigms and innovative tools : can bring a revolution in the software level to boost data and space accessibility at low-cost, with impact in education, capacity building and citizen science.



# STEPS TOWARDS THE OPEN UNIVERSE INITIATIVE



Experts Meeting @ ASI, Feb 2017  
[http://www.openuniverse.asi.it/documents/ou\\_documents.php](http://www.openuniverse.asi.it/documents/ou_documents.php)

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UNOOSA Report on Open Universe:  
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"Zero Draft" 2030 Agenda:  
[http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/oosadoc/data/documents/2019/aac.105c.22019crp/aac.105c.22019crp.24\\_0.html](http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/oosadoc/data/documents/2019/aac.105c.22019crp/aac.105c.22019crp.24_0.html)

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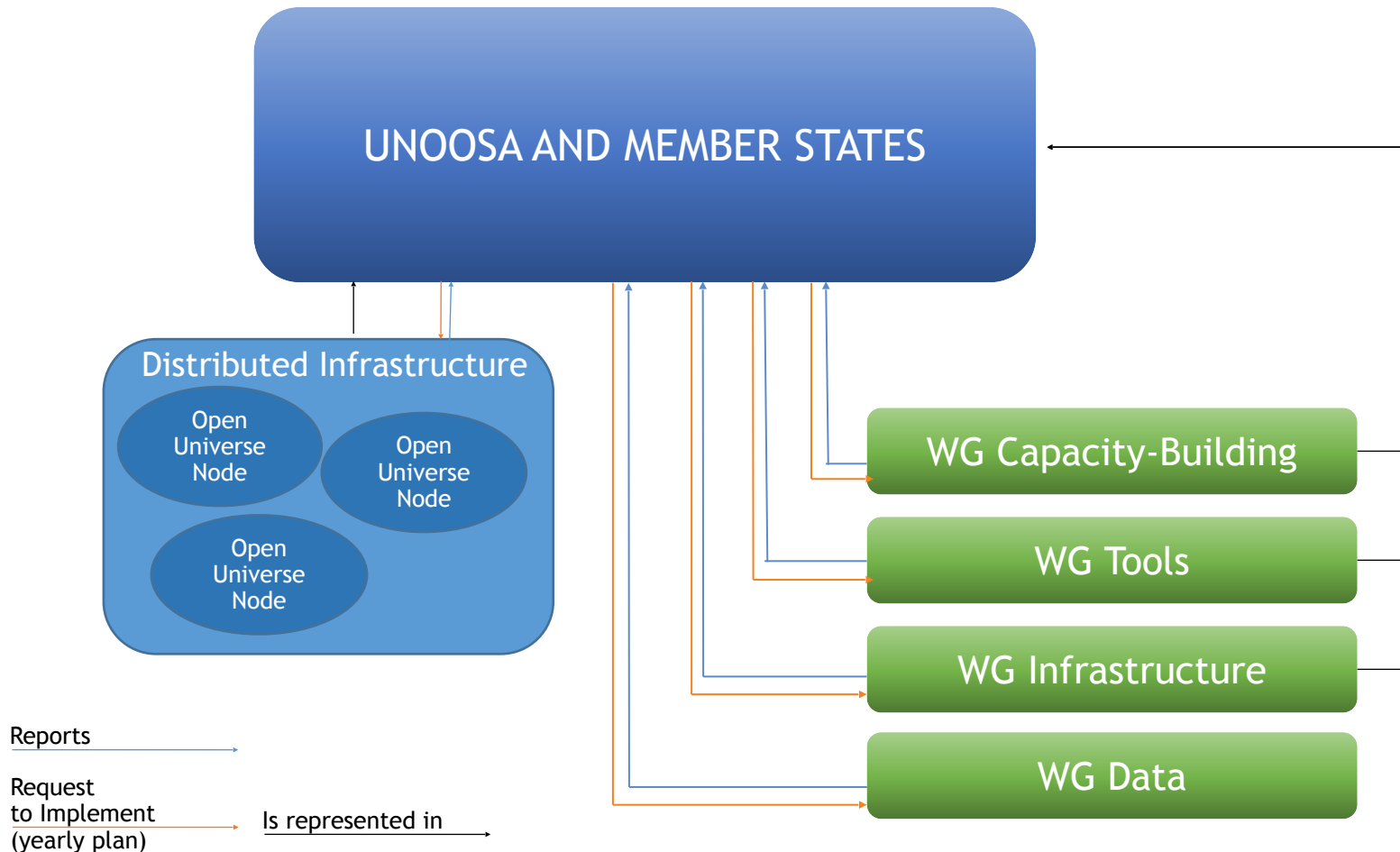
## Next steps will involve:

- a kick-off meeting, to happen in 2019, to formally start the initiative within UNOOSA;
- a first meeting of the steering board, already planned to take place in Brazil in 2020, to outline the first activities and goals of the initiative.

# PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE INITIATIVE



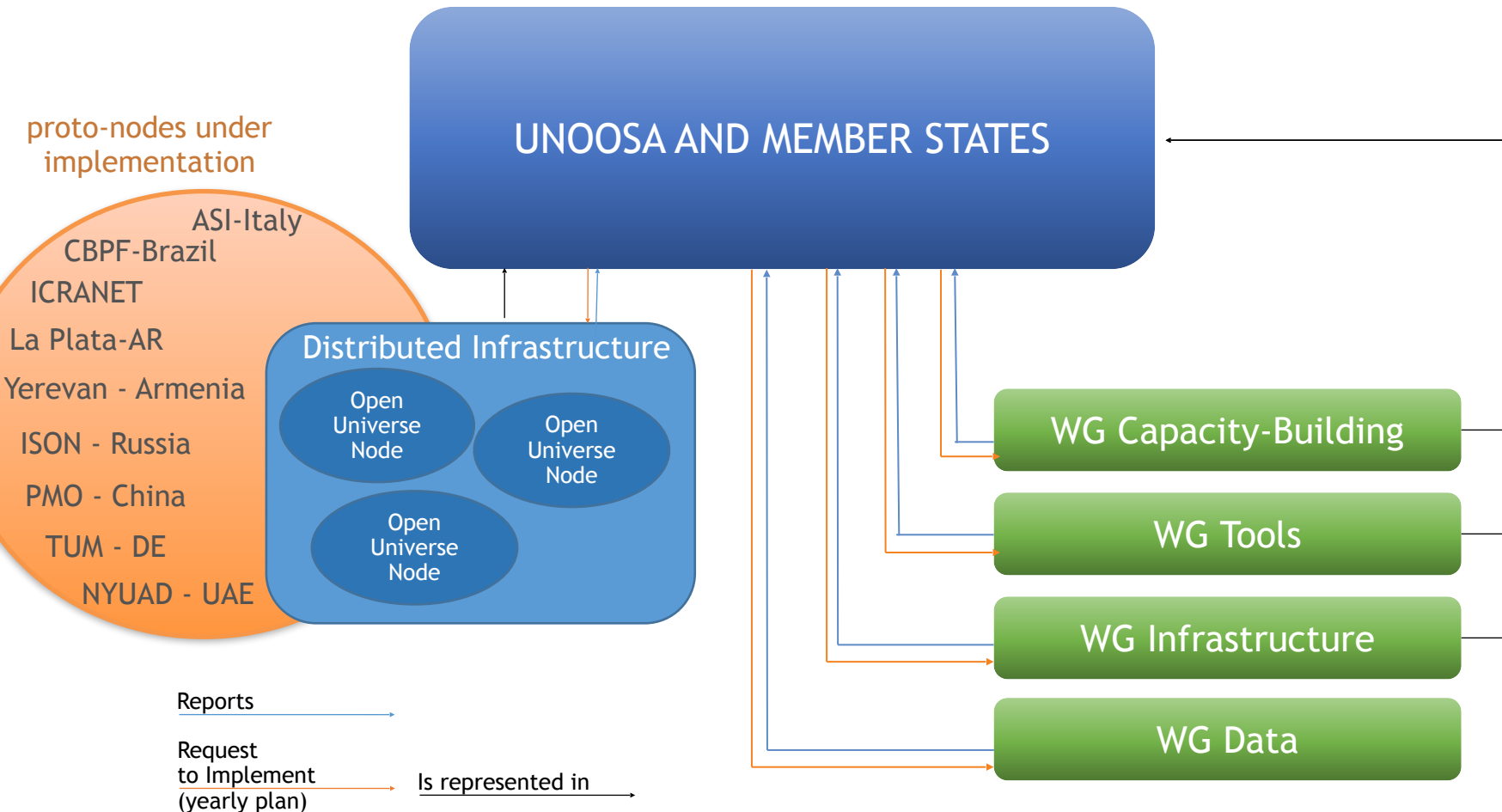
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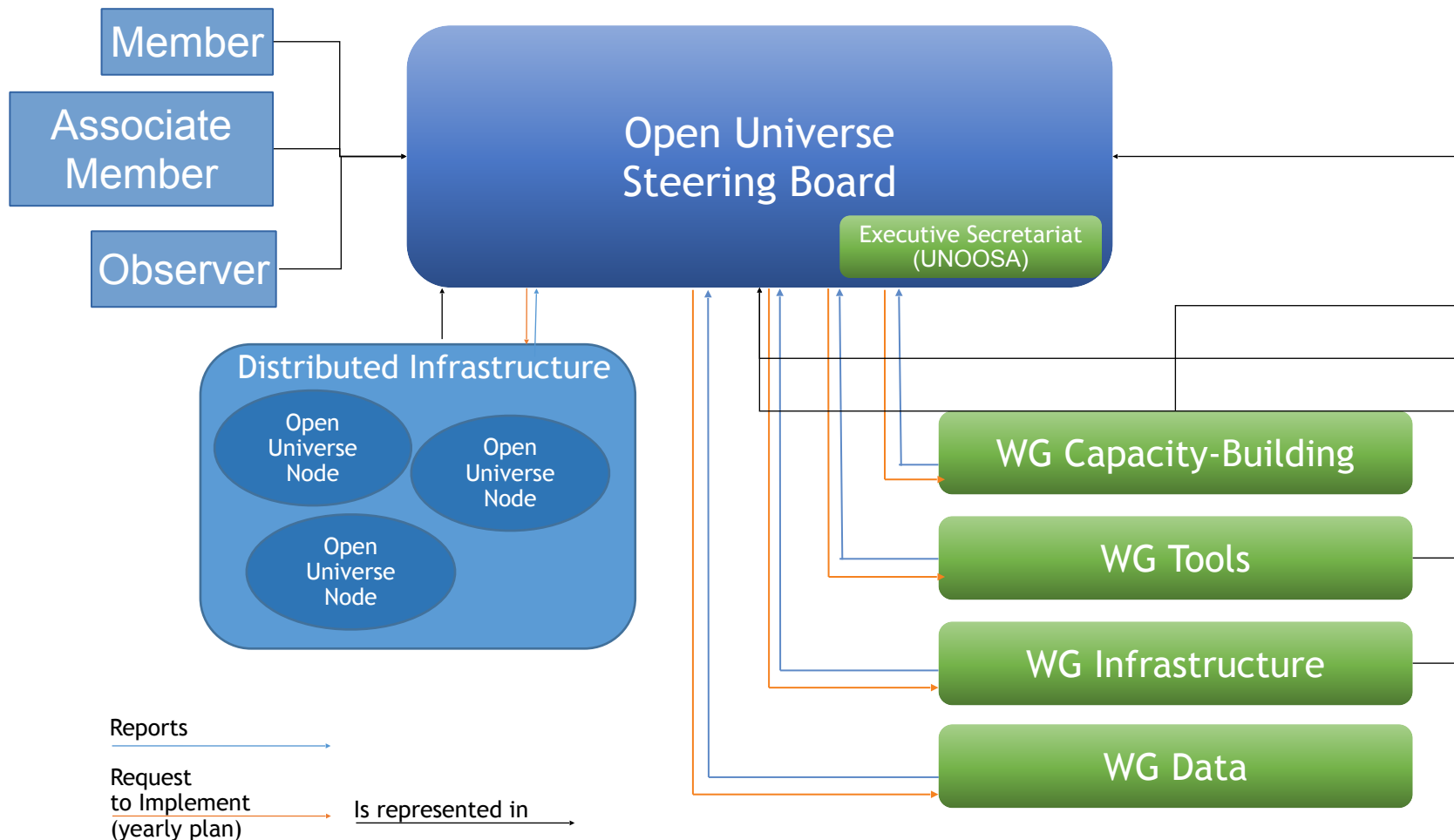
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## OPERATIONAL PHASE after the first few years



# CURRENT STATUS OF ACTIVITIES

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- **Data transparency** : A data portal is maintained by ASI, with support data and software services from the proto-nodes around the world.
- **Data accessibility** : New software is being developed to produce enhanced data products from satellite missions; data provision from a suit of BRICS observatories is being organised.
- **Capacity Building** : Schools and training activities using Open Universe resources and services are being organised; e.g. at the New York University in Abu Dhabi.

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**NEW SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATIONS AND  
CUTTING-EDGE SPACE SCIENCE RESEARCH  
UNDER DEVELOPMENT AS A RESULT OF THESE  
ACTIVITIES**

# THE OPEN UNIVERSE PORTAL

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## Open UNiverse

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## Open UNiverse Space science data for everyone

### Open Universe documents

- [Open Universe paper](#)
- [Original proposal LA/AC/1105/2016/CBPF](#)
- [Open Universe Expert Meeting, 11-12 April 2017, ASI-NO, Roma, Italy](#)
- [Report on the Open Universe Expert Meeting](#)
- [Open Universe Workshop, Merano 20-22 November 2017](#)
- [Report on the Open Universe workshop](#)

### Open Universe Technical presentations

- [June 2016 - COPUOS, 59th session](#)
- [June 2017 - COPUOS, 60th session](#)
- [February 2018 - COPUOS-585C, 59th session](#)
- [November 2018 - United Nations/Germany High Level Forum](#)
- [February 2019 - COPUOS-585C, 58th session](#)





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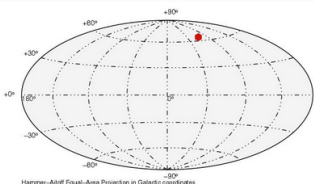
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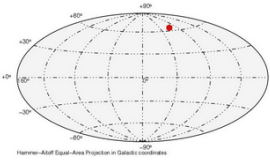
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- SSDC R-X-O
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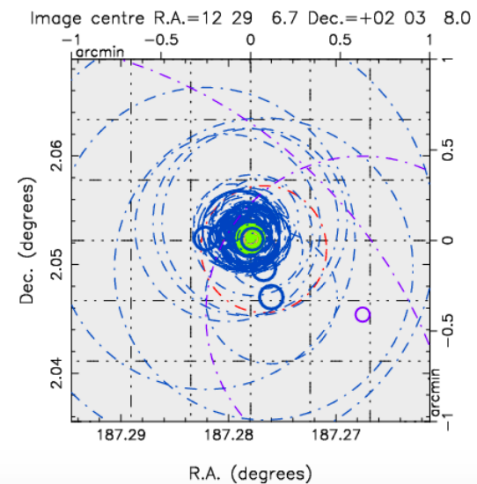
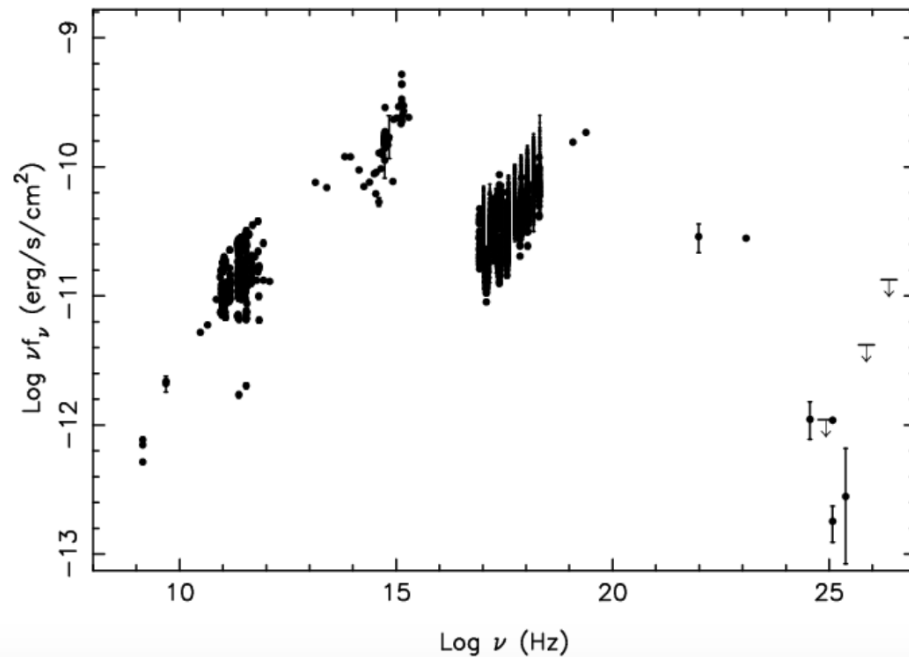


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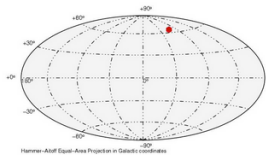
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**VOU SED**

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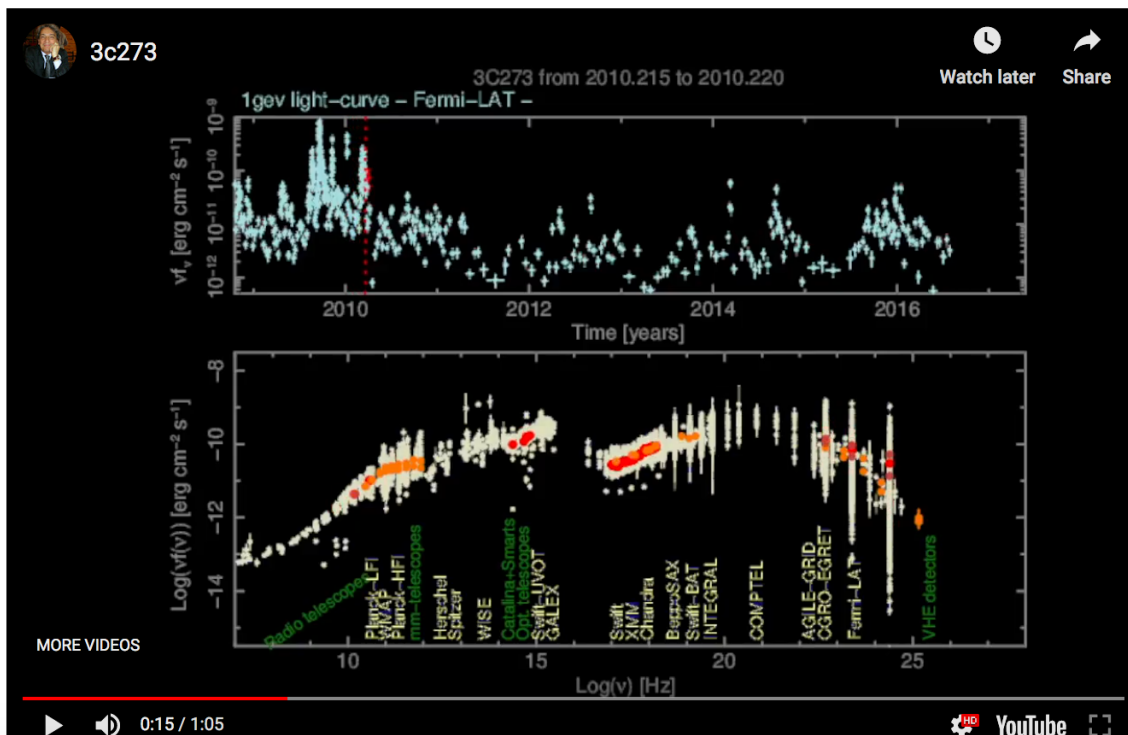
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# Open Universe for Blazars

**Open Universe for blazars** is a programme developed as part of the [Open Universe Initiative \(Giommi et al. 2018\)](#) to support multi-frequency/multi-temporal blazar science by creating source catalogues and high-transparency data products that are ready for use or enable anyone interested in astronomy, with or without data analysis expertise, to do the same using innovative analysis methods.

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# NEW SOFTWARE AND DATA PRODUCTS

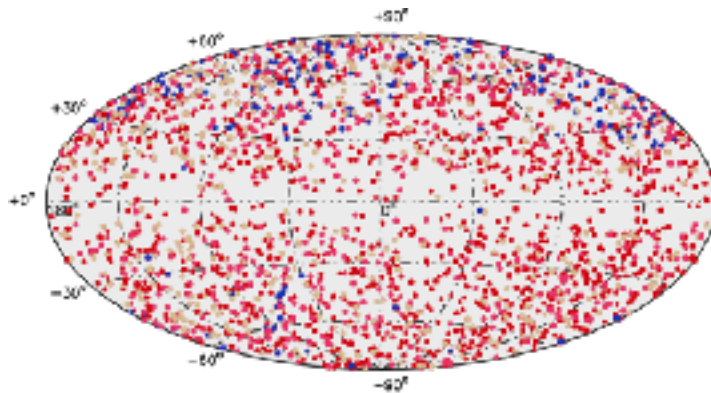


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Swift\_deepsky run on a 11,000 Swift-XRT observations of blazars

Spectral information on dozens of sources with over 100 pointings by Swift

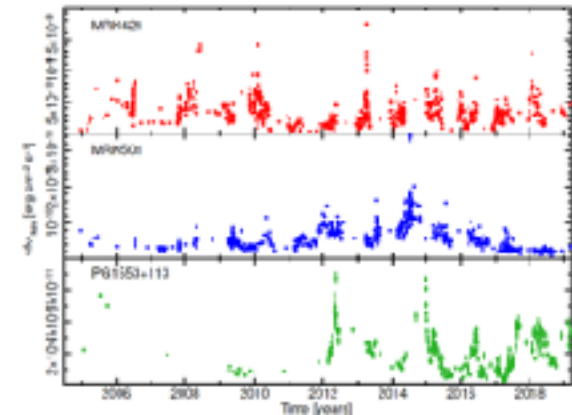
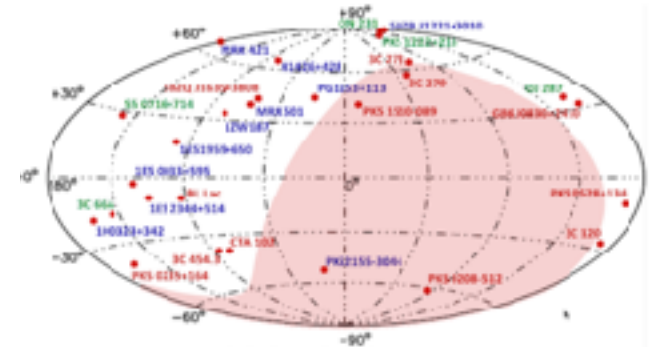


Fig. 5. Examples of 1KeV light curves of HBL blazars built

Detailed time-variability information for tens of sources regularly monitored

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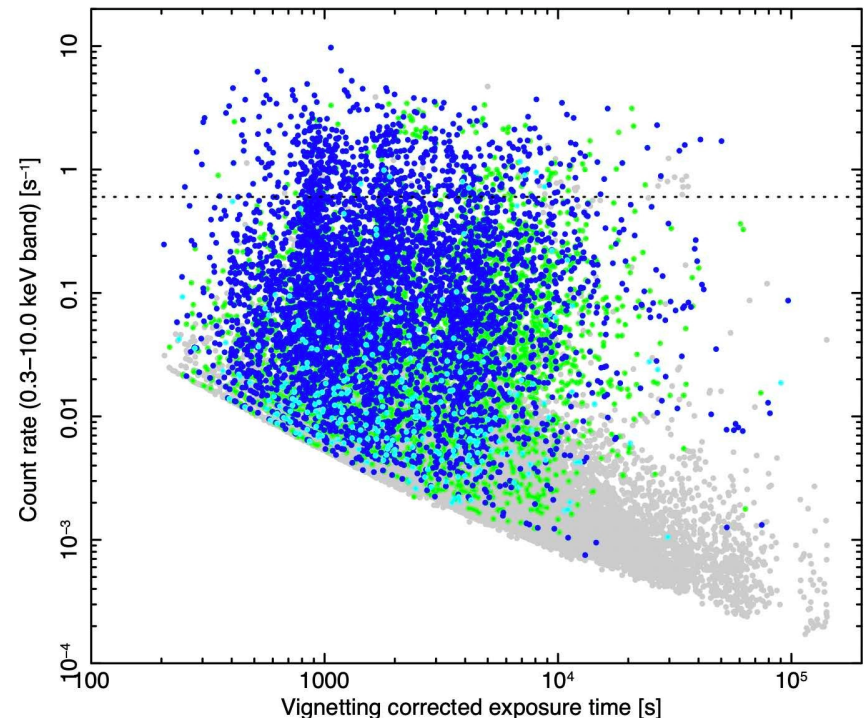
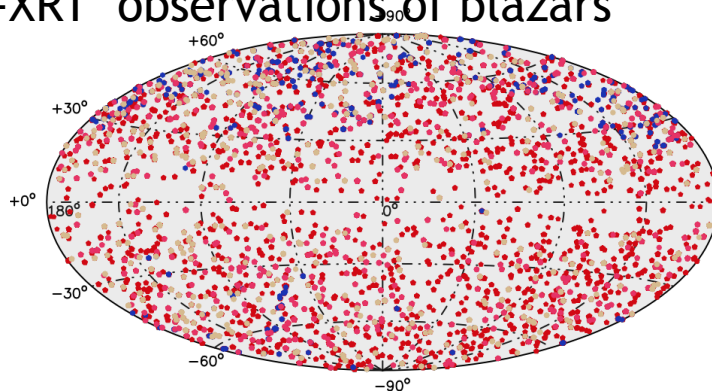
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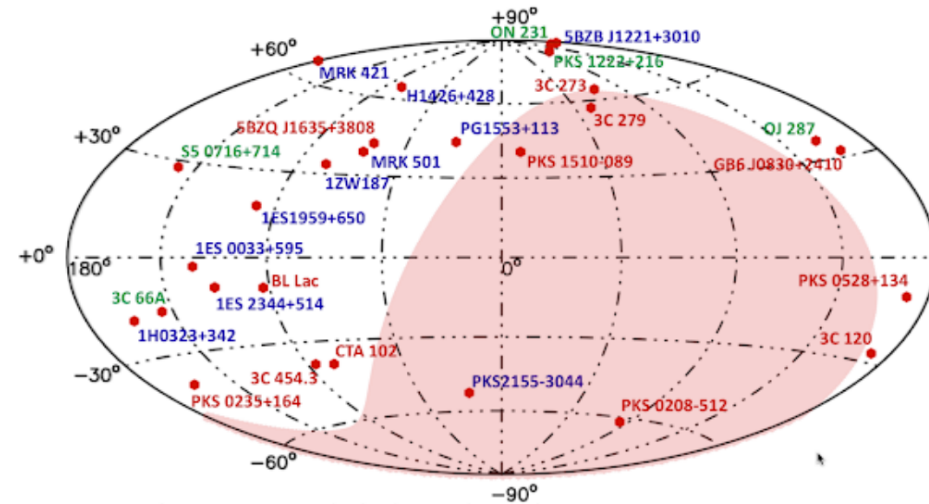


## Swift-XRT spectra and light-curves of blazars observed more than 100 times.

Giommi, Perri, Capalbi et al., in preparation

This paper presents a detailed X-ray spectral analysis of all the Swift observations (in PC and WT mode) of the 28 blazars that have been observed with XRT more than 100 times during the mission. X-ray light curves have been constructed using both the fluxes from the spectral best fits, when the sources are bright enough for a detailed spectral analysis and for the fainter sources, using the image analysis presented in Paper I. See [Giommi \(2015\)](#) for a description and some preliminary results.

Results of the spectral analysis (password protected)

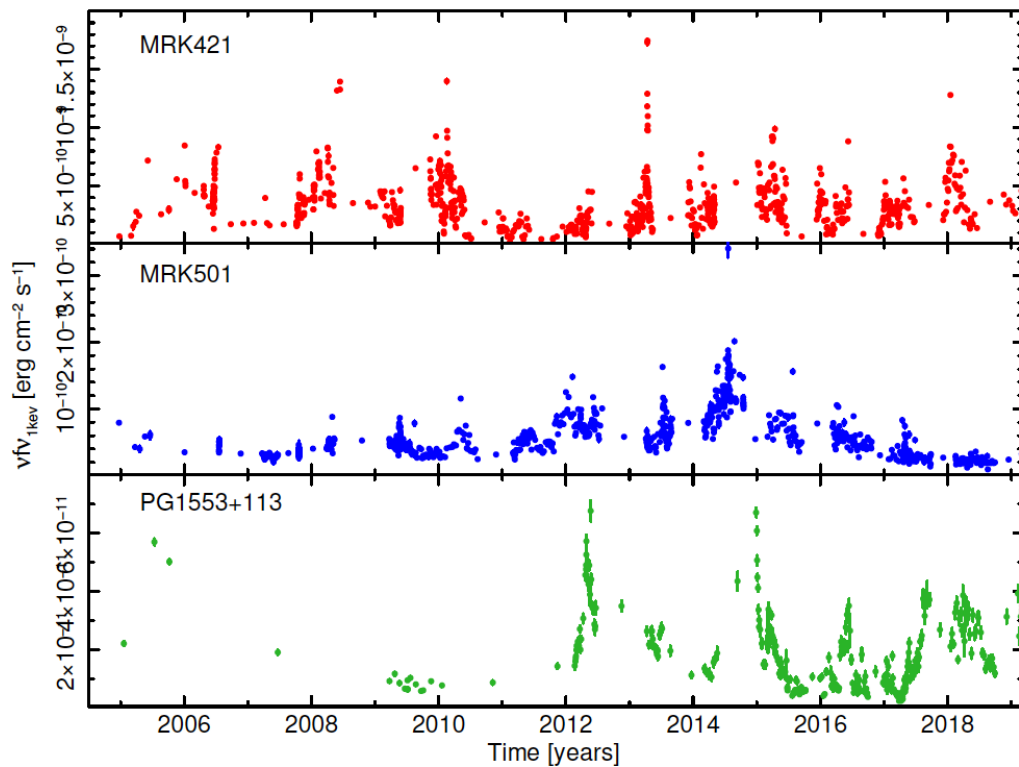


Hammer-Aitoff plot of the sky in Galactic coordinates showing the position of the 28 sources in the sample. The names of HBL sources appear in blue color, while those of IBLs and LBLs are green and red respectively. The darker area highlights the part of the sky south of the equator, illustrating how most of the blazars best observed by Swift are in the northern hemisphere.



# Open Universe for Blazars: user-ready Swift-XRT spectral and timing data of blazars observed more than 100 times

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**Fig. 5.** Examples of 1KeV light curves of HBL blazars built

Blazar name	no. of XRT observations <sup>a</sup>
MRK 421	1066
MRK 501	659
OJ 287	540
BL Lac	511
3C 454.3	449
1ES1959+650	436
3C 279	427
3C 273	313
S5 0716+714	313
PG 1553+113	290
PKS 1510-089	264
PKS 2155-304	244
PKS 0235+164	190
3C120	184
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1ES 2344+514	154
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PKS 0528+134	136
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Open Universe for blazars

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+16 08 53	1.61±0.04	1.08	1.5±0.16	0.19±0.22	1.07	2.7e-11±5.1e-13	6.7e-11±1.8e-12	55126.812

## Fermi-LAT adaptive-bin light-curves of bright blazars

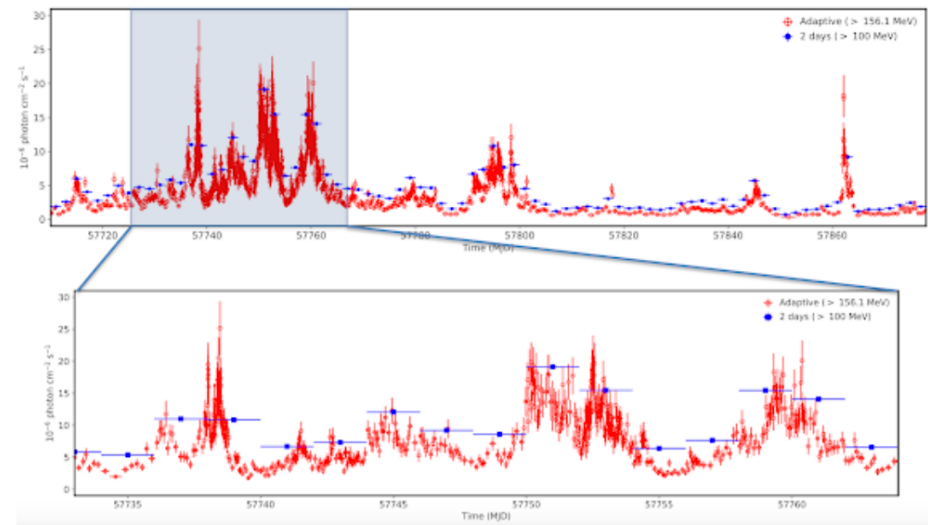
Sahakyan et al., in preparation

The emission from blazars is variable in all parts of the electromagnetic spectrum. The most rapid and the highest amplitude flux changes are observed in the gamma-ray band ( $> 100$  MeV). When the gamma-ray light curves with regular (fixed) time bins are generated, the use of long bins will smooth out the fast variations during bright periods, while using short bins might result in many upper limits during the low- activity periods, which prevents variability studies.

**This paper presents detailed gamma-ray light curves of 30 bright blazars generated using the adaptive binning method.** In this method, the bin width is adjusted by requiring a constant relative flux uncertainty, which produces longer time intervals during lower flux levels and narrower bins when the source is in a high state.

The figure shows the remarkable improvement in the level of detail that the adaptive bin light-curve (red points) can provide compared to a two-day fixed time bin (blue points) for the case of the bright blazar CTA102.

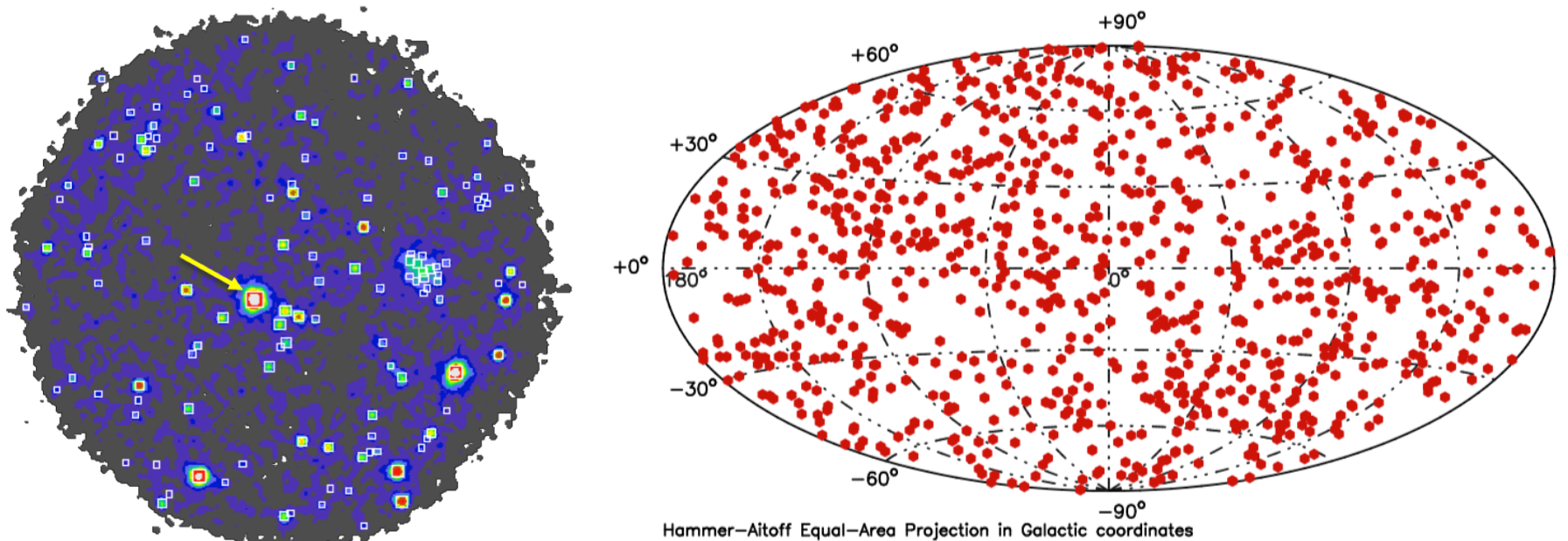
Fermi Adaptive bin and fixed bin (2 day) light-curve of the blazar CTA 102. For more details see Gasparyan, Sahakyan, V. Baghmanyany and D. Zargaryan, [2018 ApJ ...863..114G](#)



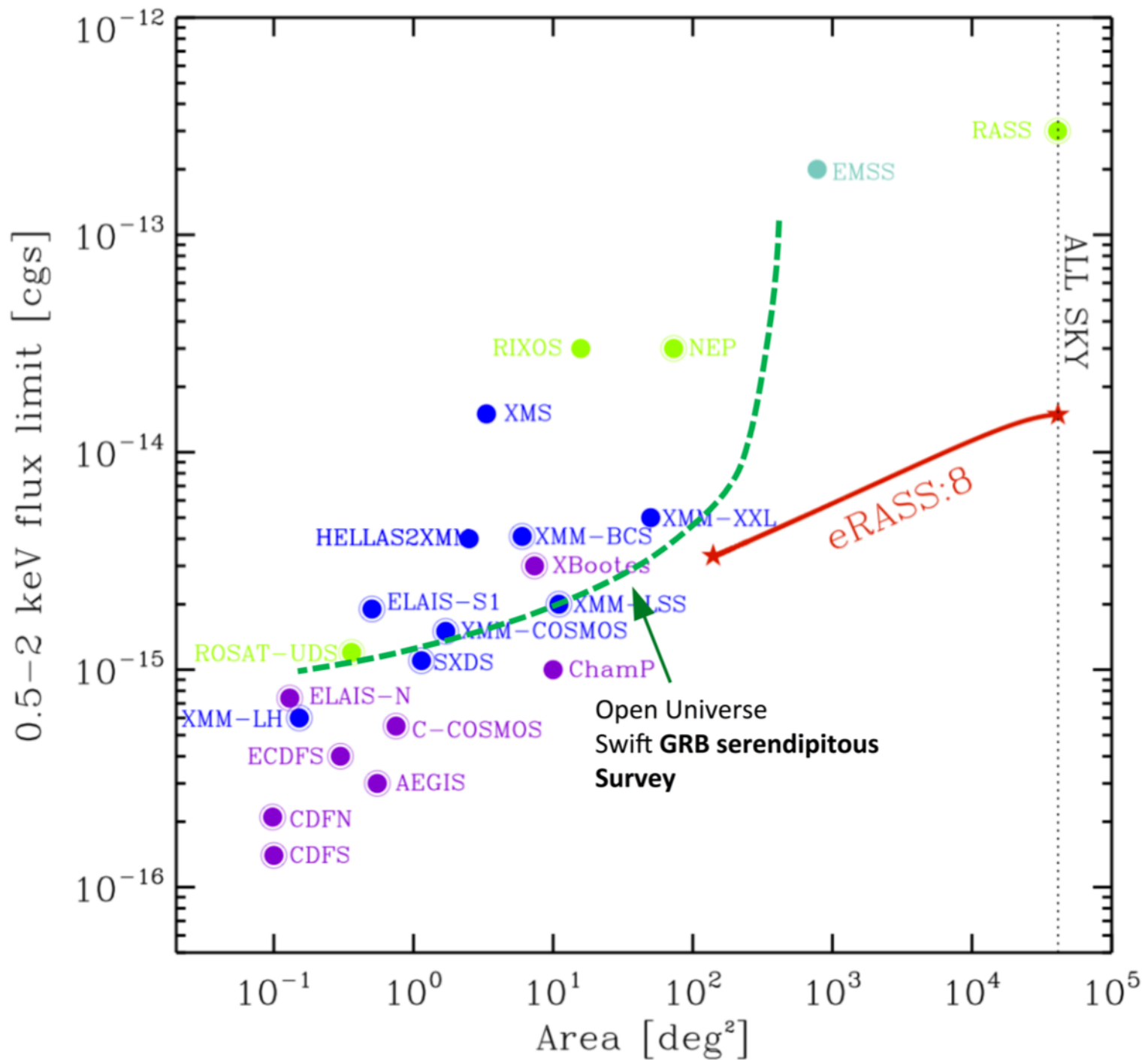
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# The Open Universe Swift-XRT survey: a large-area, medium-deep survey of the random X-ray sky from stacked GRB fields

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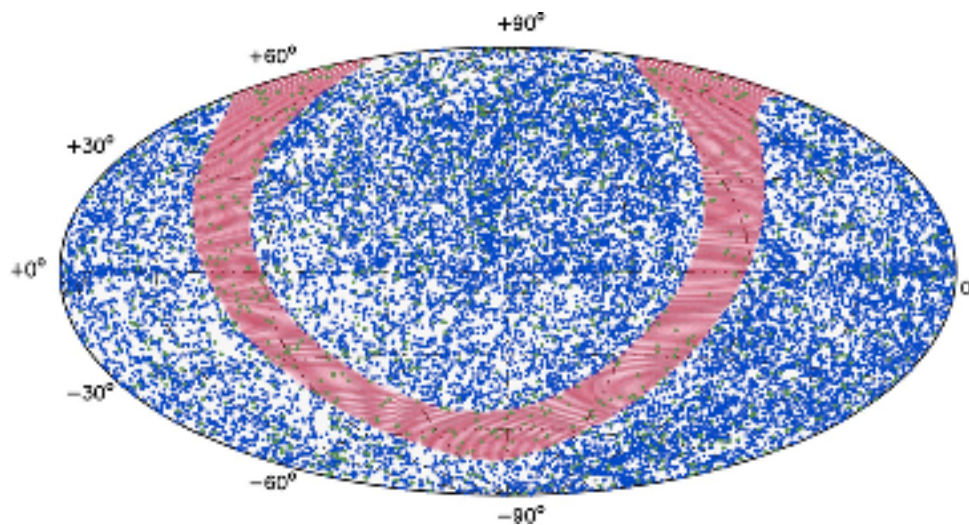
**Fig. 2.** Hammer-Aitoff plot in Galactic coordinates of the 986 fields centred in as many GRBs observed by Swift used for the survey



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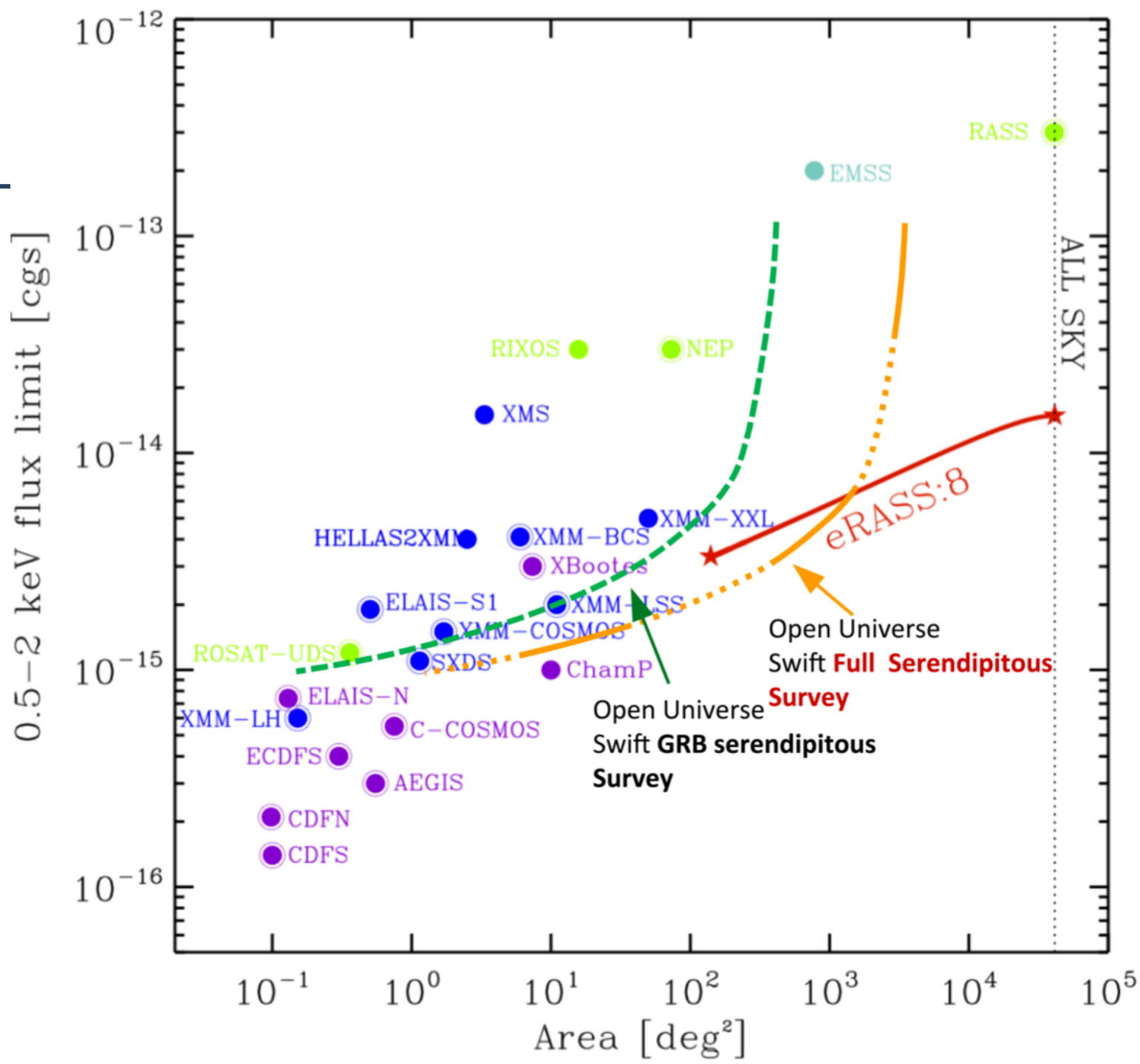
First Open Universe Training School for undergraduate students of NYU - AD



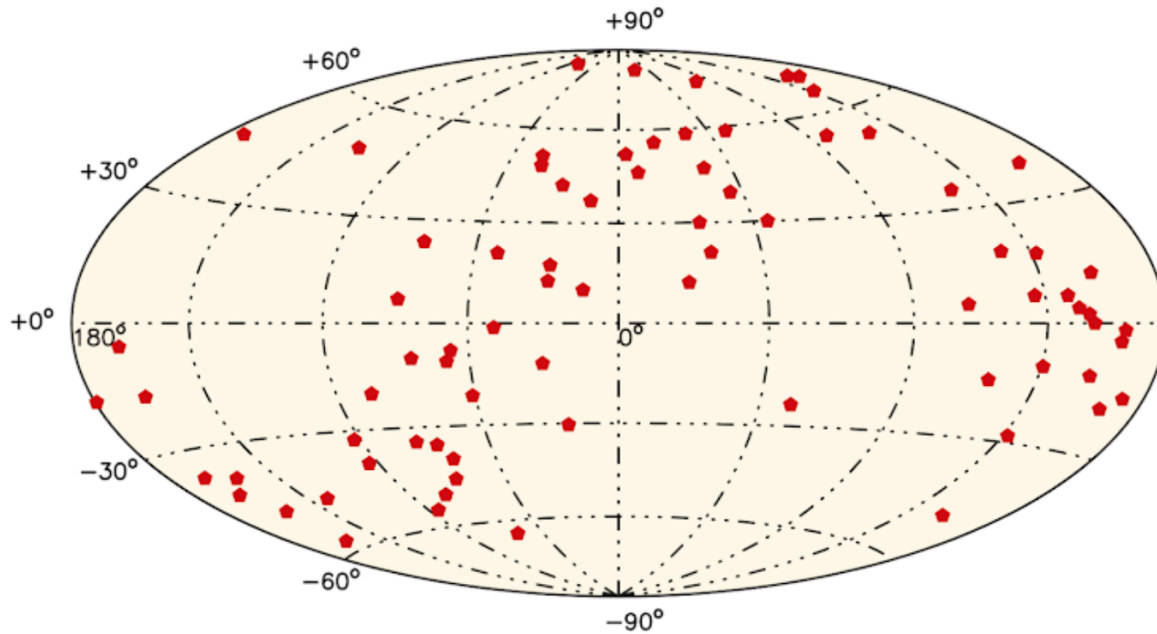
Full-sky survey in X-rays performed at NYU-AD using the data tools developed for Open Universe:

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# ICECUBE NEUTRINO TRACKS





# Dissecting the region around IC131014

T. Glauch (IAS-TUM) , P. Giommi (IAS), others

**The page provides a brief summary of the main results**

[The complete report for this track event, including a description of the analysis, is available here](#)

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## VOU-Blazars results

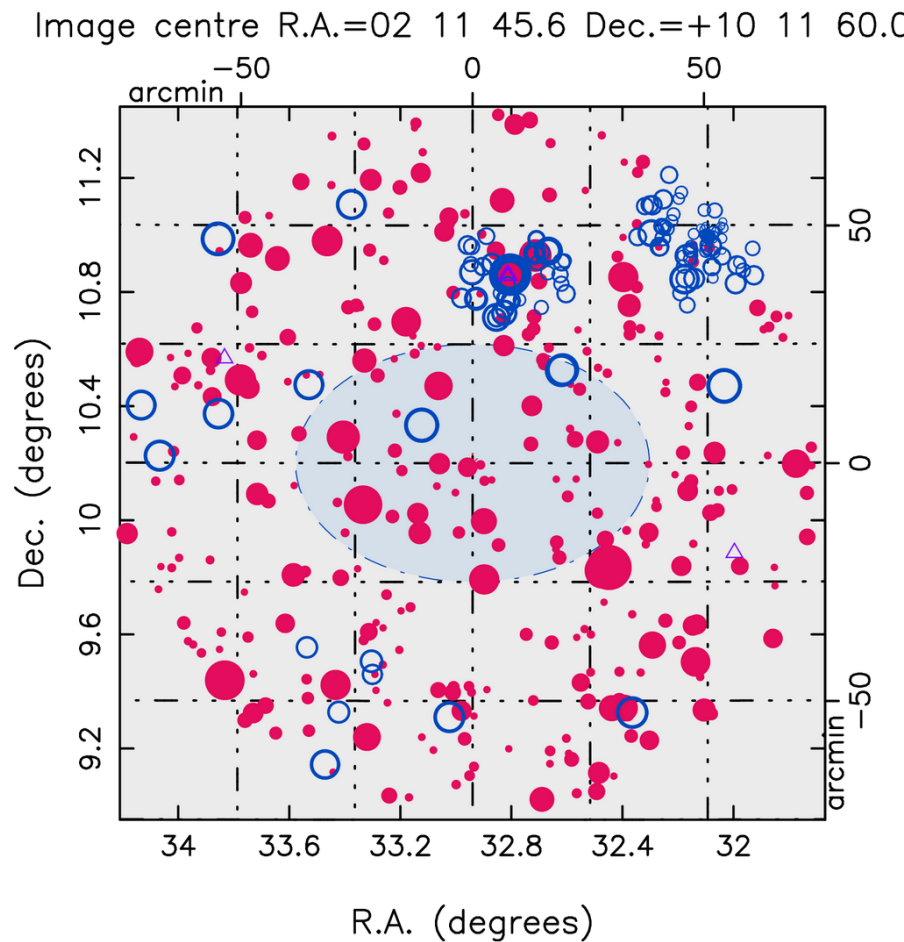
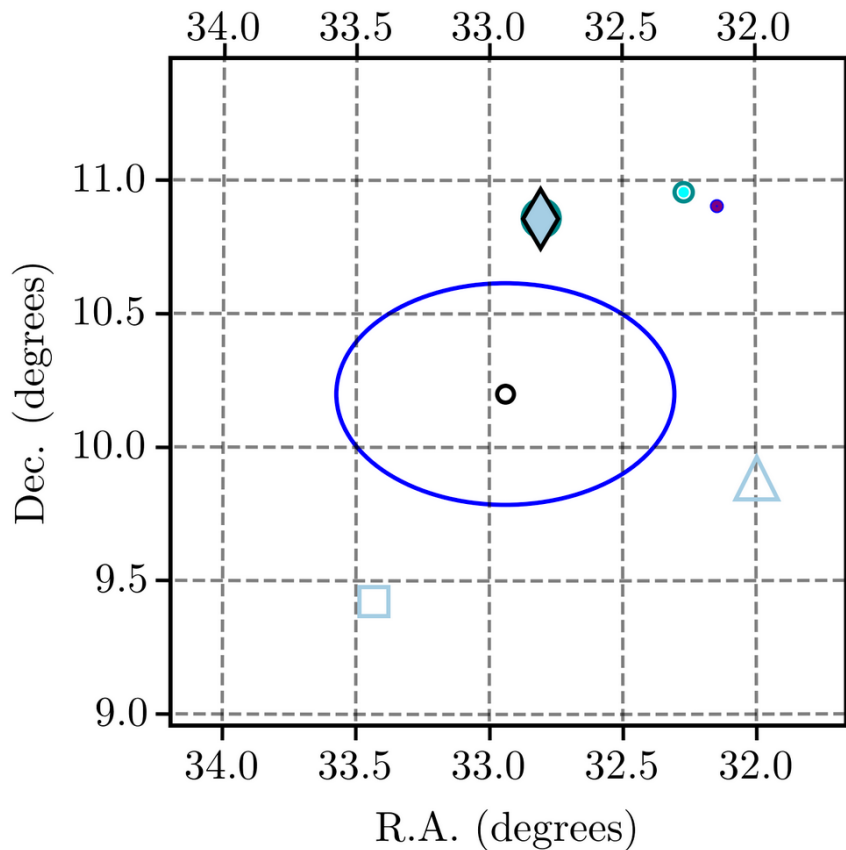
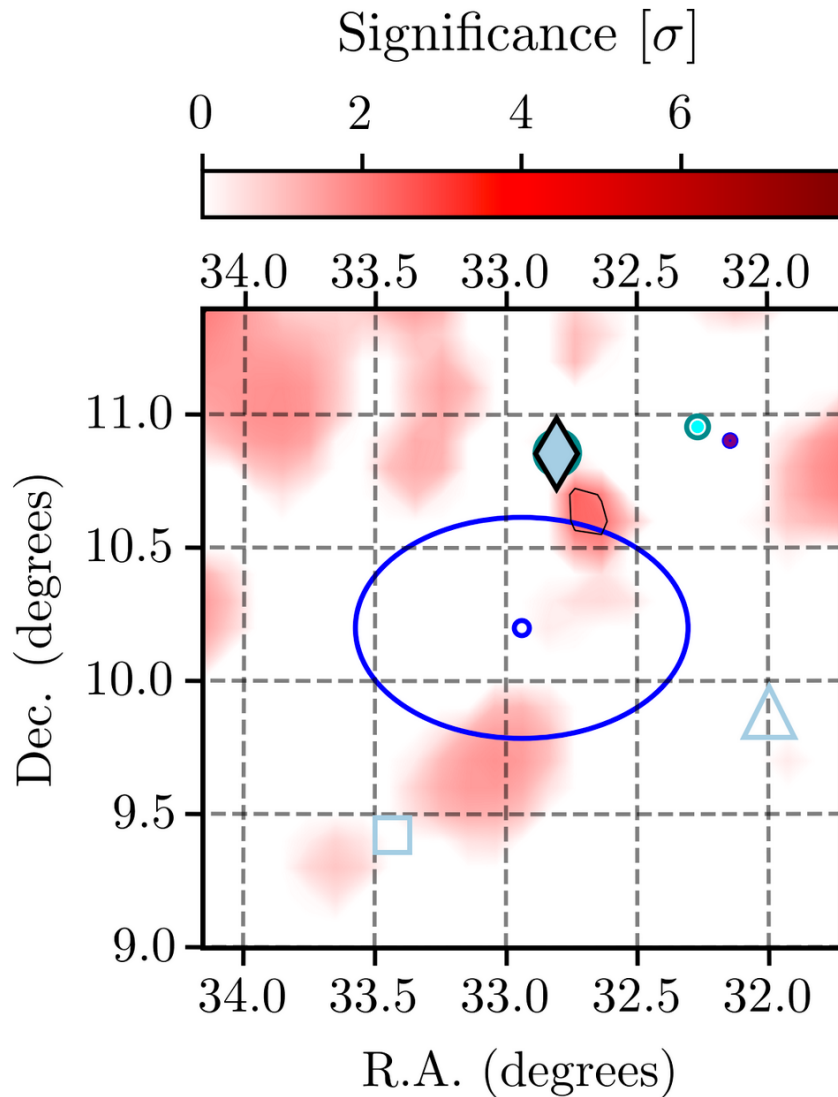
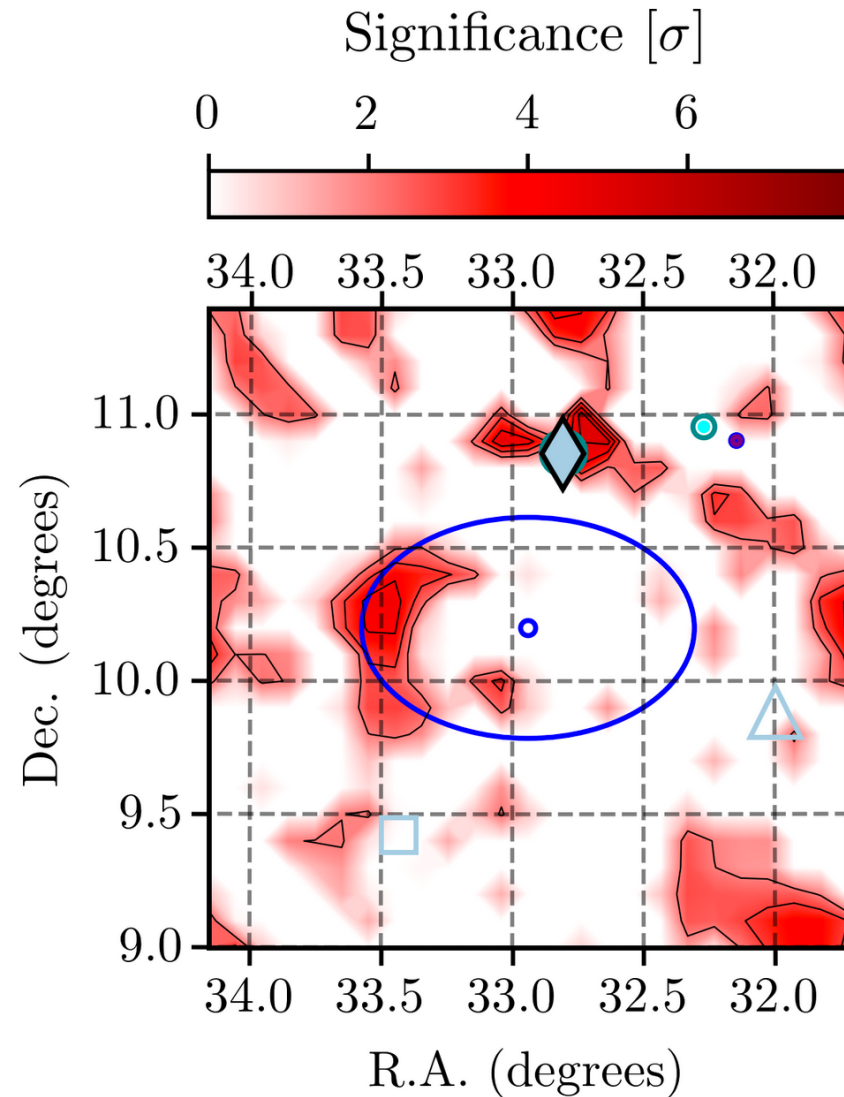


Chart of the area around the error region of IC131014 showing candidate blazars (based on radio to X-ray flux ratio), objects from selected catalogues (5BZCat, 3HSP, PSR), and flat-spectrum radio sources, and gamma-ray sources. Blazar types are color coded as follows: orange for HBLs, cyan for IBLs and dark blue for LBLs. Catalogued sources appear as: yellow diamonds for BZCAT blazars, yellow stars for 3HSP blazars, and blue pentagons for pulsars. Flat spectrum radio sources with no X-ray counterpart appear as red filled circles with an open blue square superposed.

Radio, X-ray and gamma-ray sources in the area including the error region of IC131014. Radio sources appear as red filled circles, X-ray sources as open blue circles, and gamma-ray sources as purple open triangles. Symbol size is proportional to source intensity.

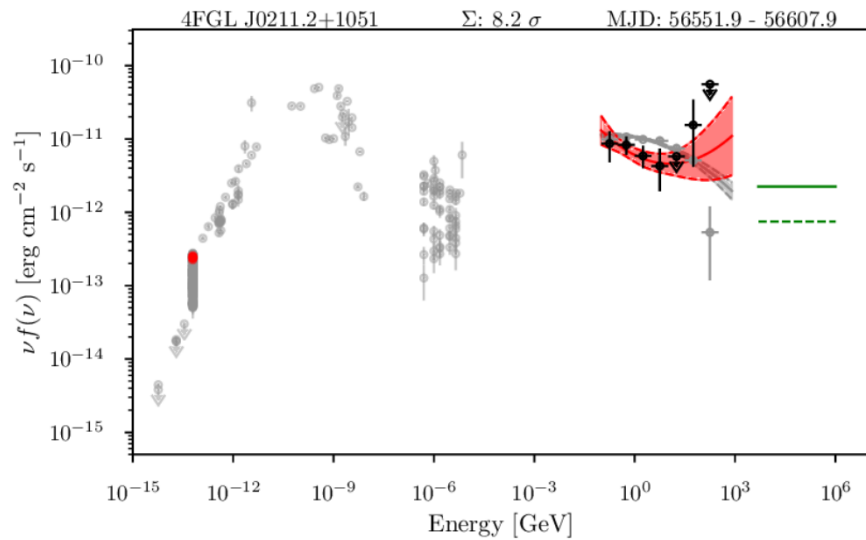


Fermi-LAT TS map of the region built with photons with energy larger than 1 GeV detected over a period of 200 days prior to the neutrino detection. Note that all catalogued (4FGL) gamma-ray sources in the area have been subtracted.

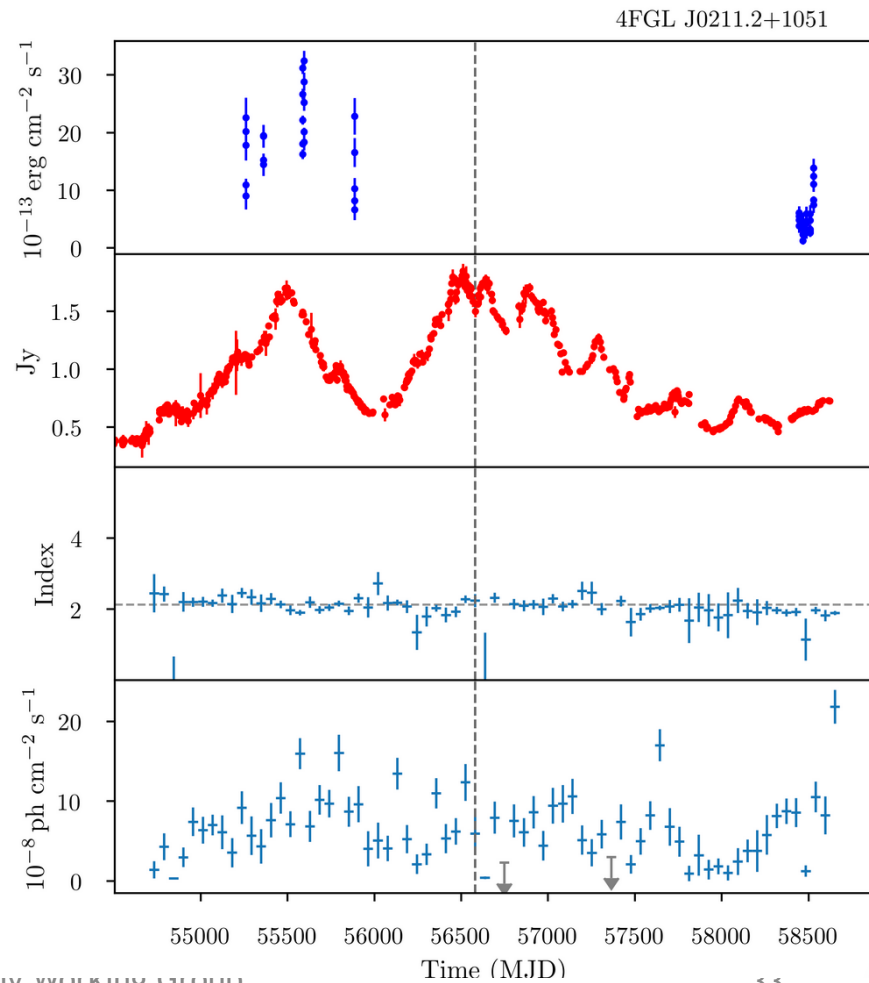


Fermi-LAT TS map of the region built with photons with energy larger than 1 GeV integrated over the entire Fermi mission, up to the neutrino arrival. As in the previous TS map all catalogued (4FGL) sources in the area have been subtracted.

# Candidate 1



The SED of candidate 1



# BRICS ASTRONOMY 2019

## BRICS flagship project launched to create a BRICS Optical Telescope Network

The network is to be virtually enabled by data science technology provided by the Open Universe Initiative, where the data would also be available for scientific and capacity building activities.



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# CONCLUSIONS

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**THE OPEN UNIVERSE INITIATIVE**, ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IN 2016 HAS UNDERGONE A NUMBER OF FORMAL AND DISCUSSION STEPS WITHIN THE UN AND IN THE BROADER ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

**A number of preparatory activities** have been carried out in all fronts of the initiative to demonstrate its potentials and prepare its structure, with generally great success.

**Through its mandate from UNISPACE III** the UN-OOSA is ready to welcome the initiative to its formal start in the coming months.

**Various countries and groups / institutions** have manifested support and are already active in building the initiative, with new collaborations shaping up around Open Universe.

**OPEN UNIVERSE WILL  
LAUNCH SOON!**

# THANK YOU!

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## Space science data for everyone

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