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## SYNERGIES WITH OTHER DOMAINS OF ASTROPHYSICS, GLOBAL COLLABORATIONS

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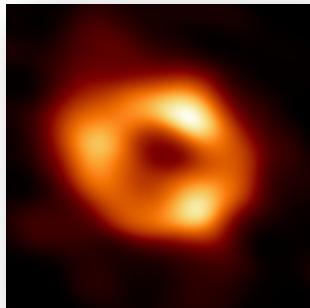
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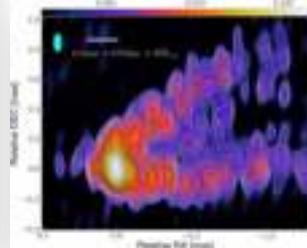
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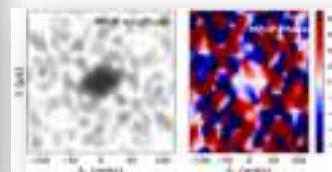
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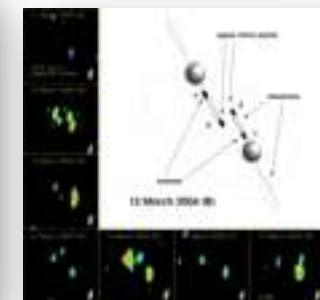
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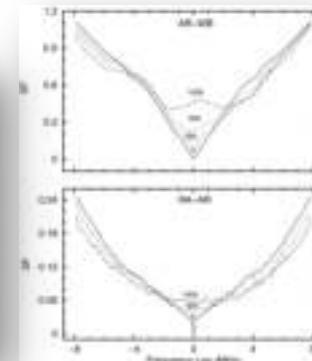
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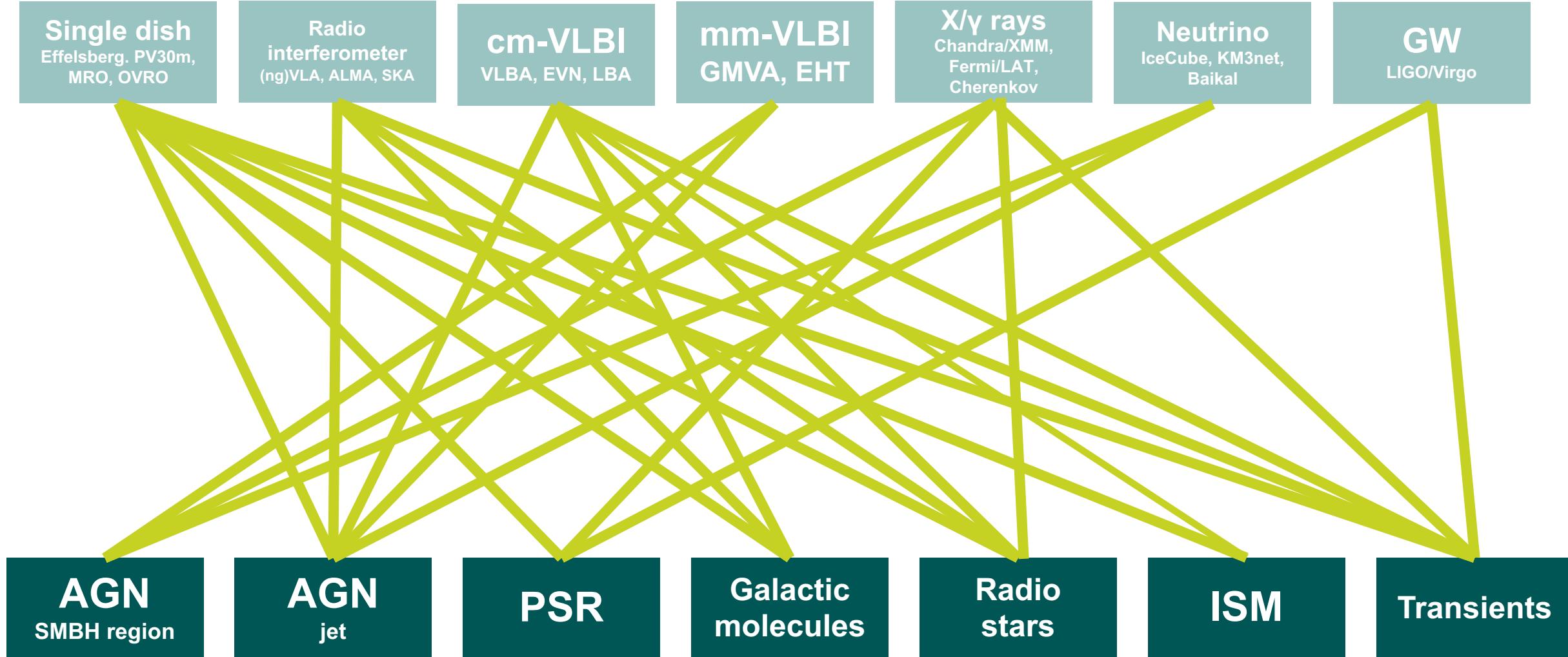
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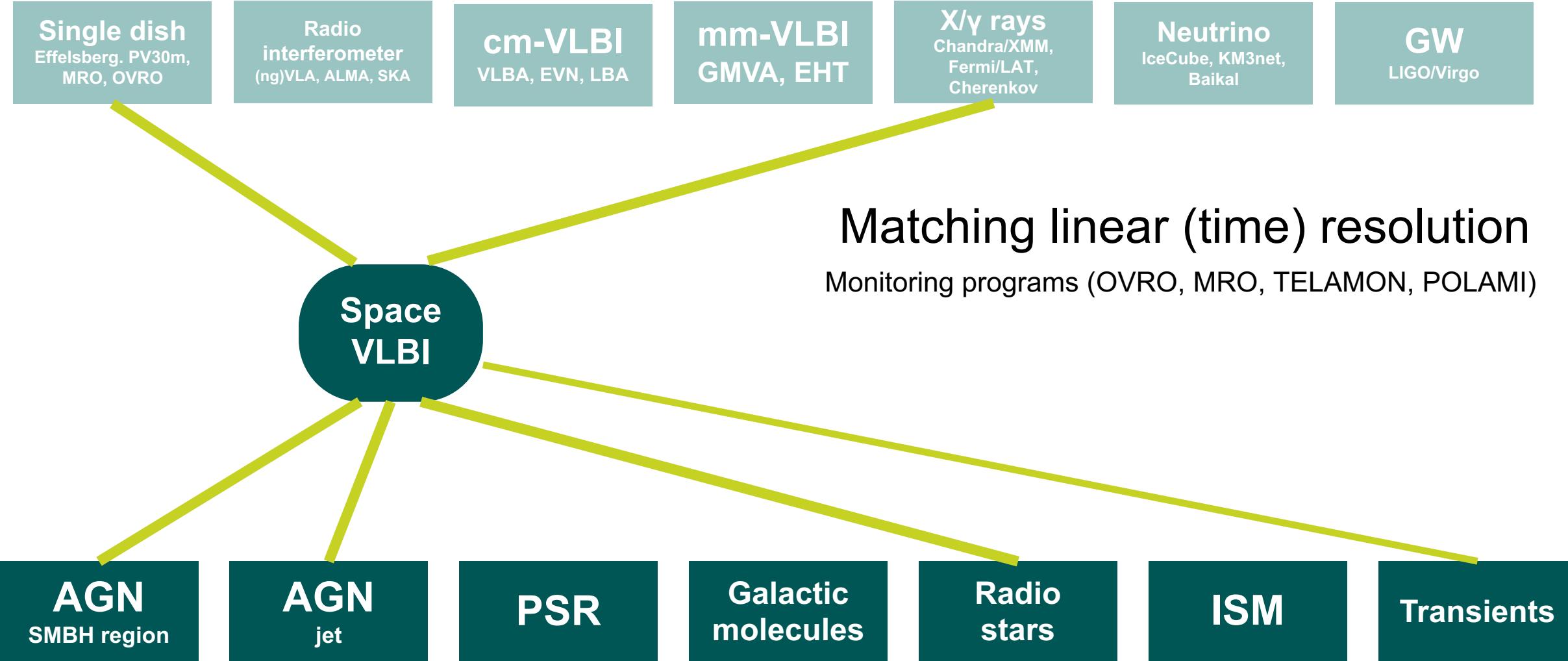
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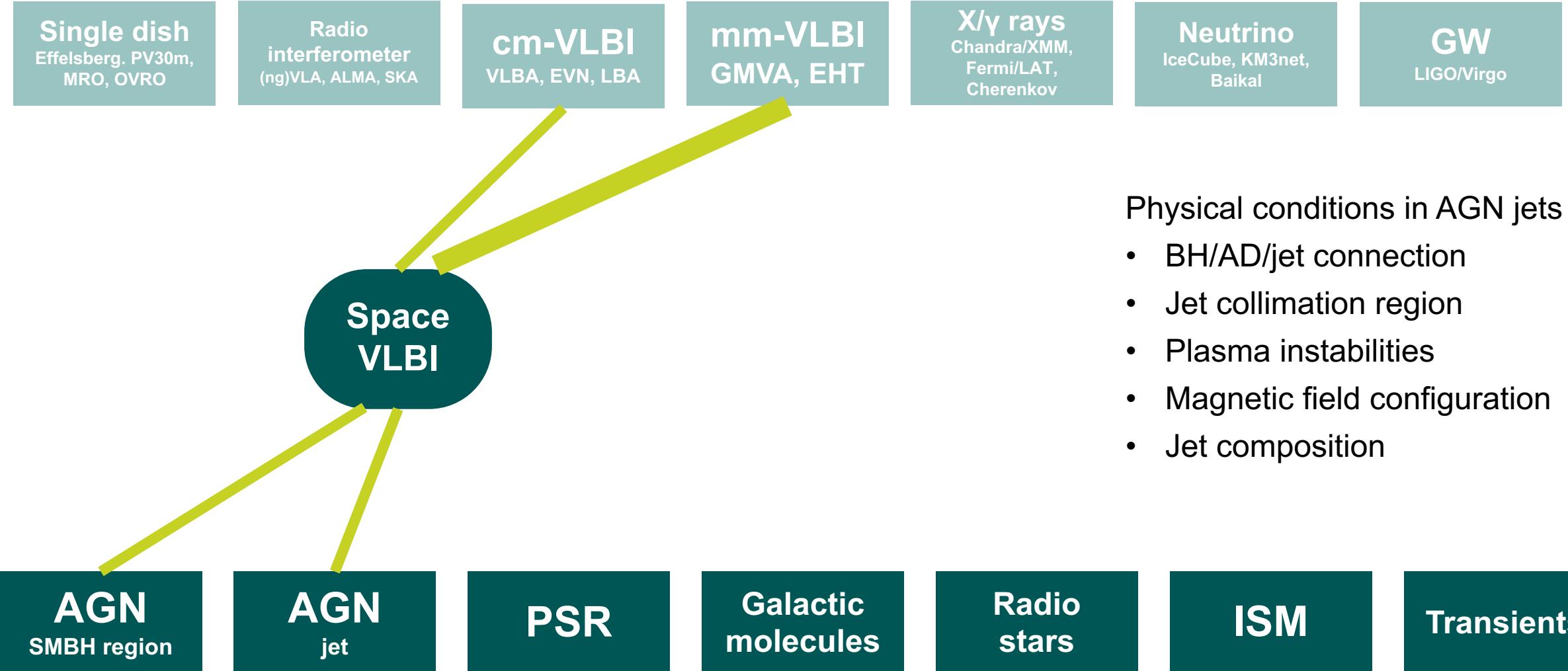
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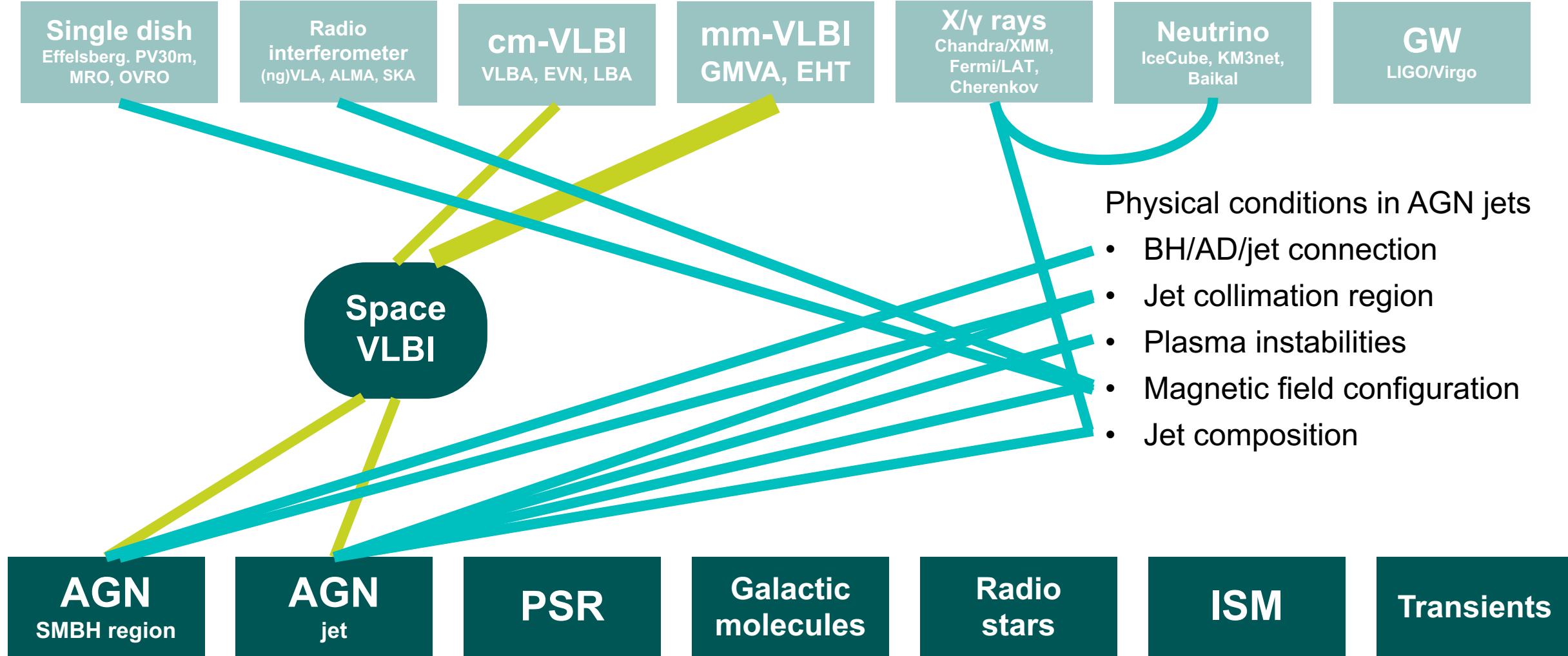
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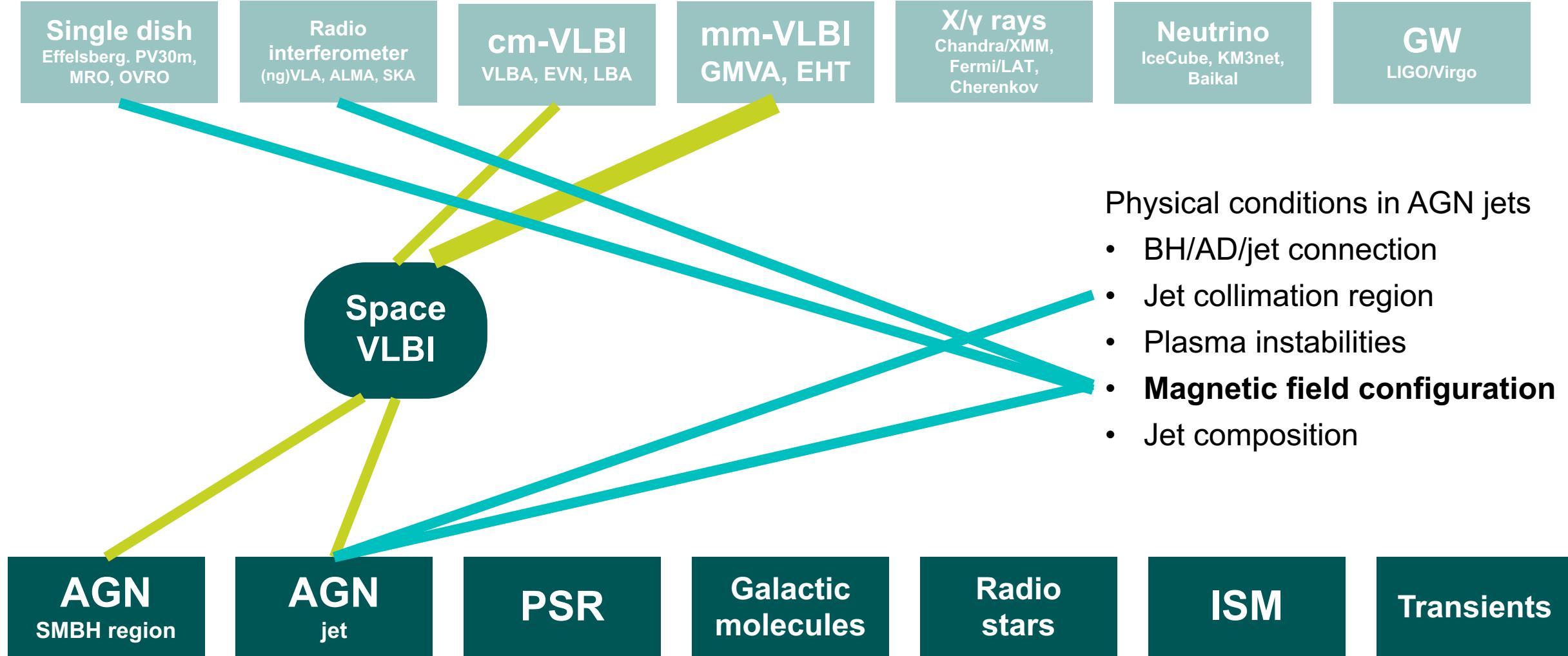
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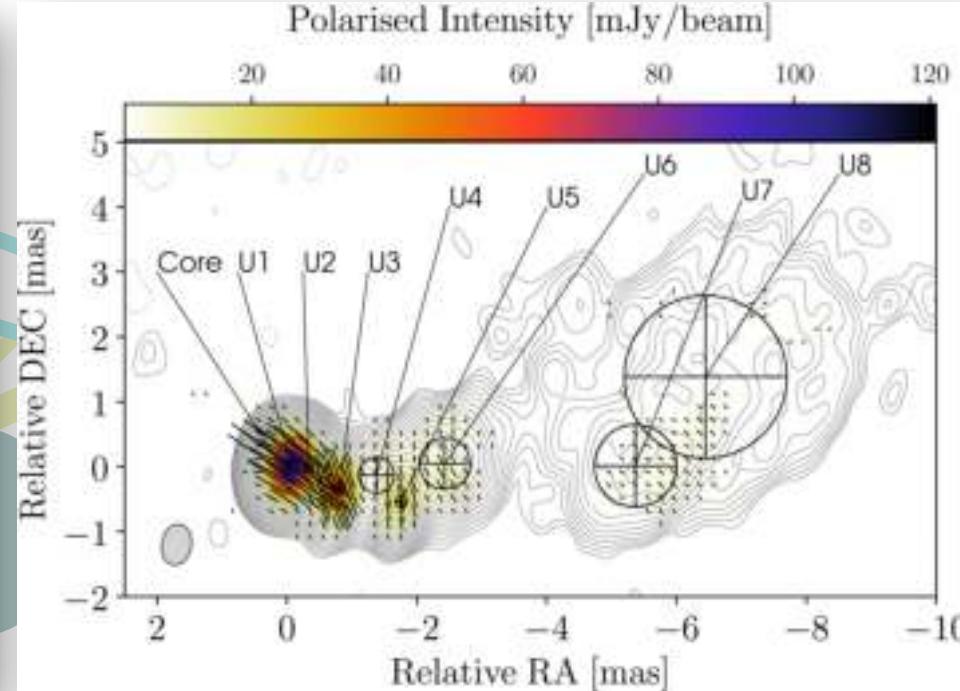
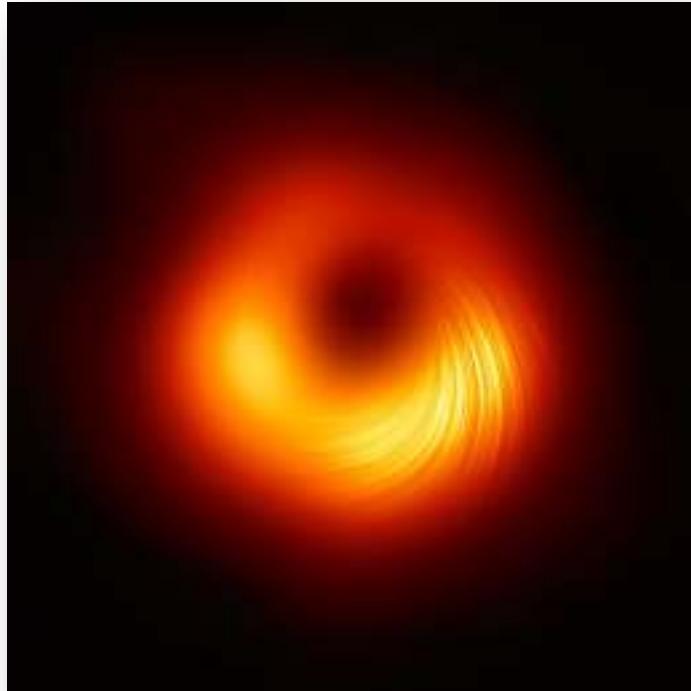


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EHTC 2021

Pötzl+ 2021



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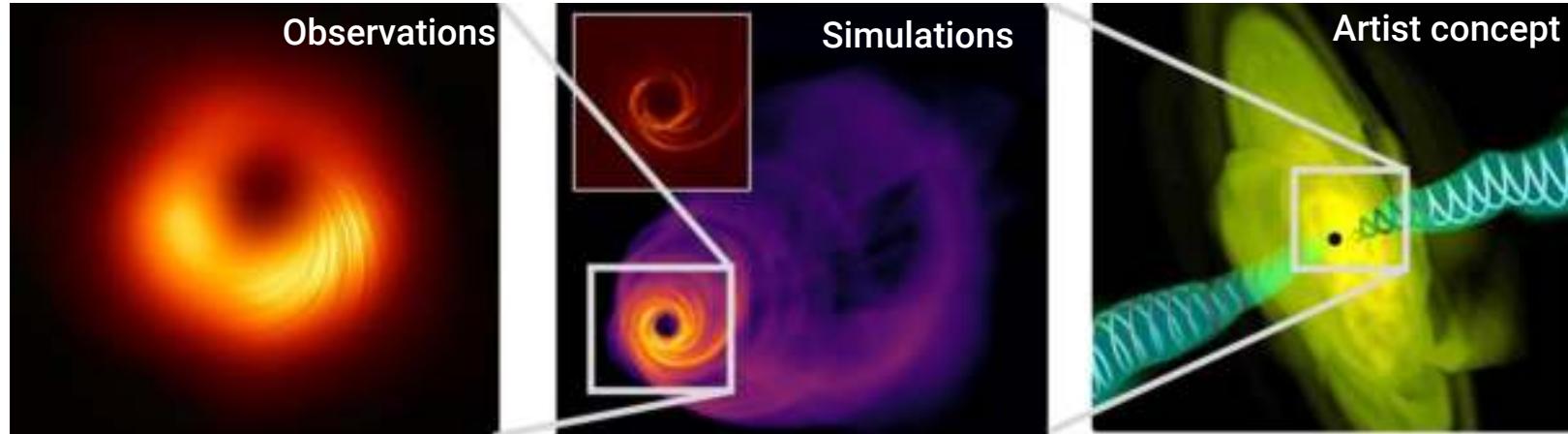
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# MAGNETIC FIELDS: M2FINDERS ADVANCED GRANT

Mapping Magnetic Fields with INterferometry Down to Event hoRizon Scales



*Image: Eduardo Ros © EHT Collaboration, Nakamura et al. 2020, Tchekhovskoy 2015*

## Three working packages to probe magnetic fields near black holes

Mapping magnetic fields through polarisation and astrometric VLBI

Developing VLBI interferometry techniques

Deriving robust magnetic field properties near the event horizon

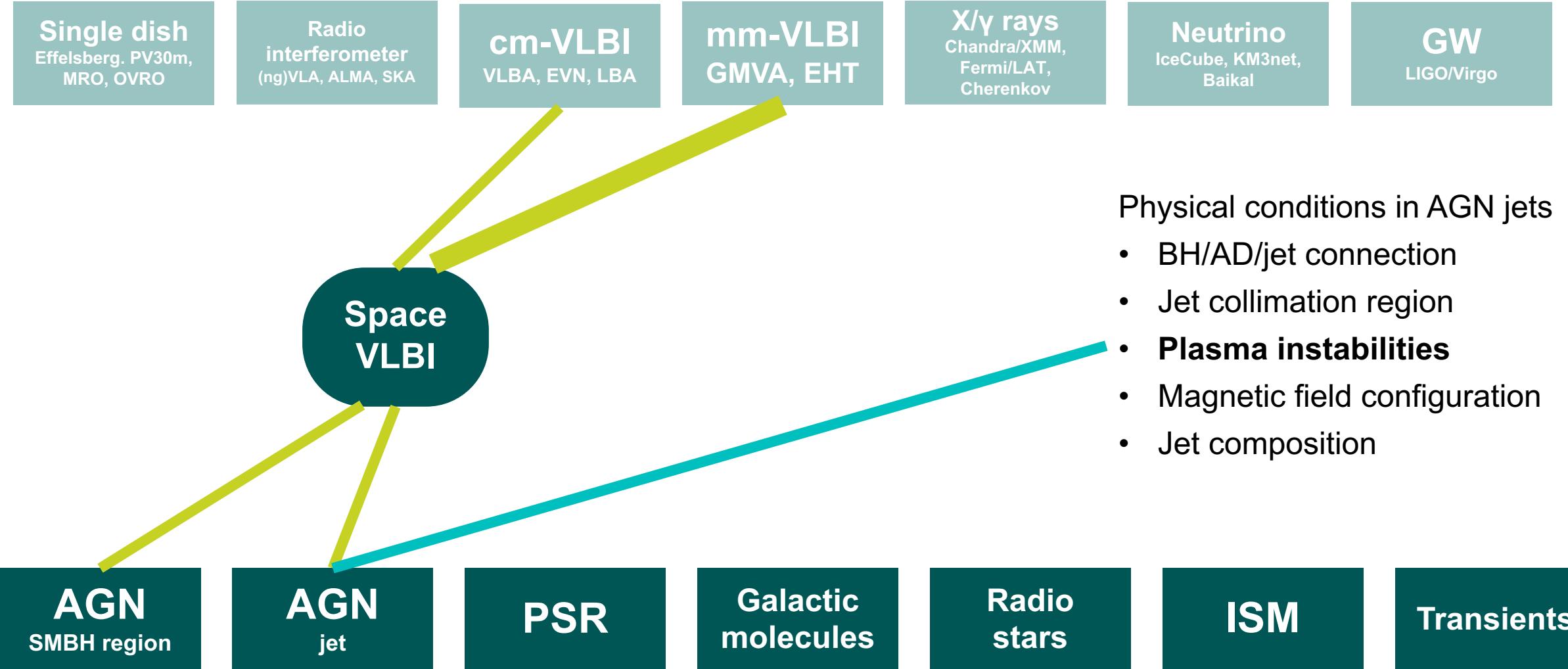
↳ 2,5 M€ funded from the European Research Council

Project started in November 2021



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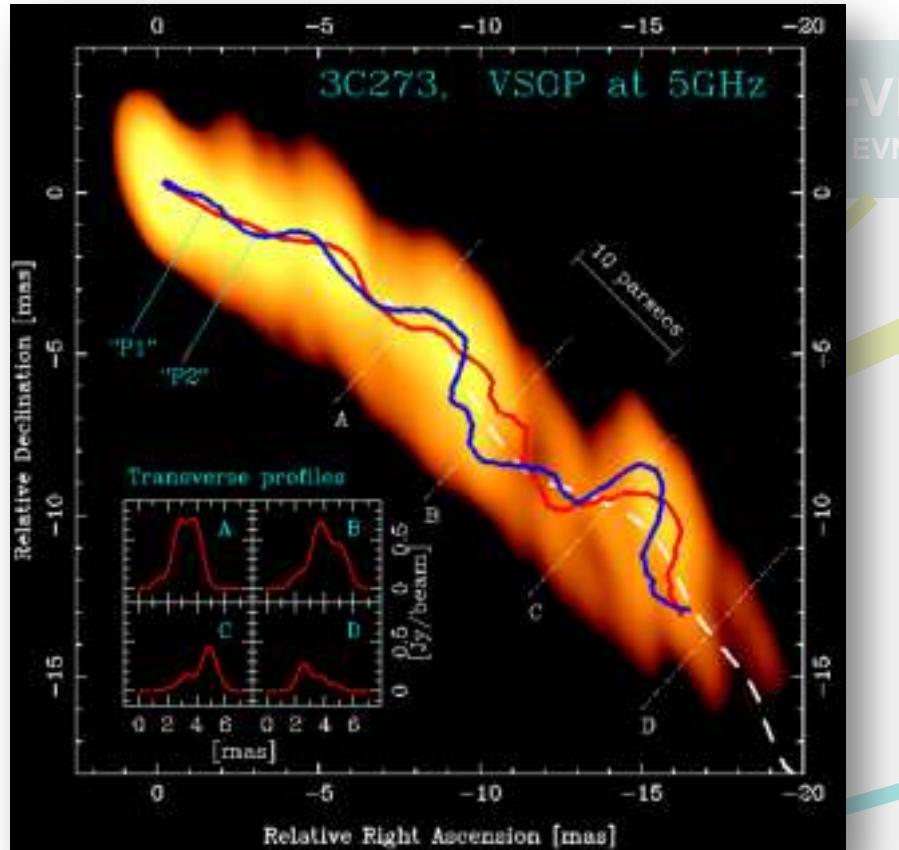
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Lobanov & Zensus (2001)

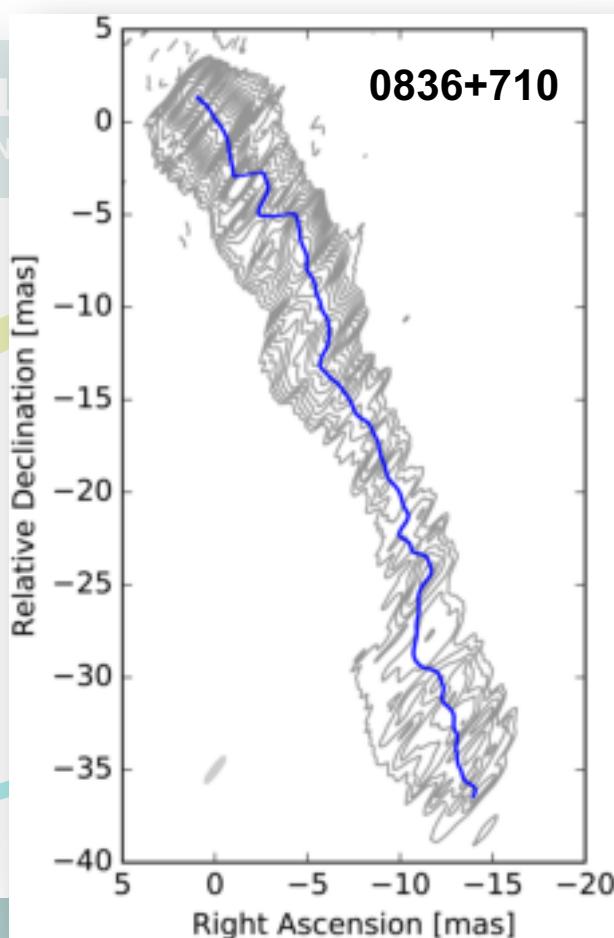


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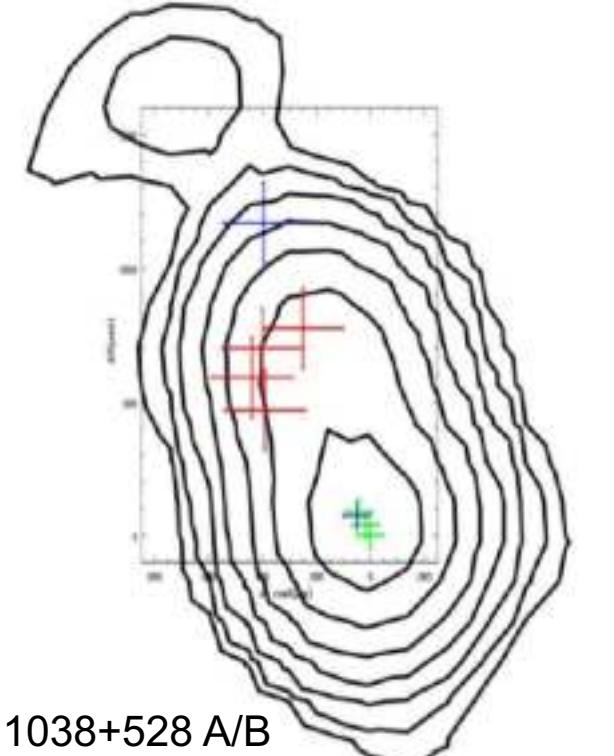
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See also Gómez talk on 3C279

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# MATCHING ANGULAR RESOLUTION: ASTROMETRY



Astrometry of jets

- In-beam astrometry for gravitational lenses
- Core-shift studies with enhanced resolution

Directly related to orbit determination

See also Rioja's talk on astrometry



# mm-VLBI PRESENT ARRAYS AND SPACE MISSIONS



## Millimetre VLBI

Continental and global arrays

D up to Earth size ( $10^7$  m)

Recent boost in sensitivity by phased ALMA, offered both for GMVA at 3.5 mm and EHT at 1.3/0.8 mm

## Space VLBI

Ground array supporting space baselines

D up to 3x or 10x Earth size ( $10^7$  m)

High resolution for Tb determination, not necessarily for imaging

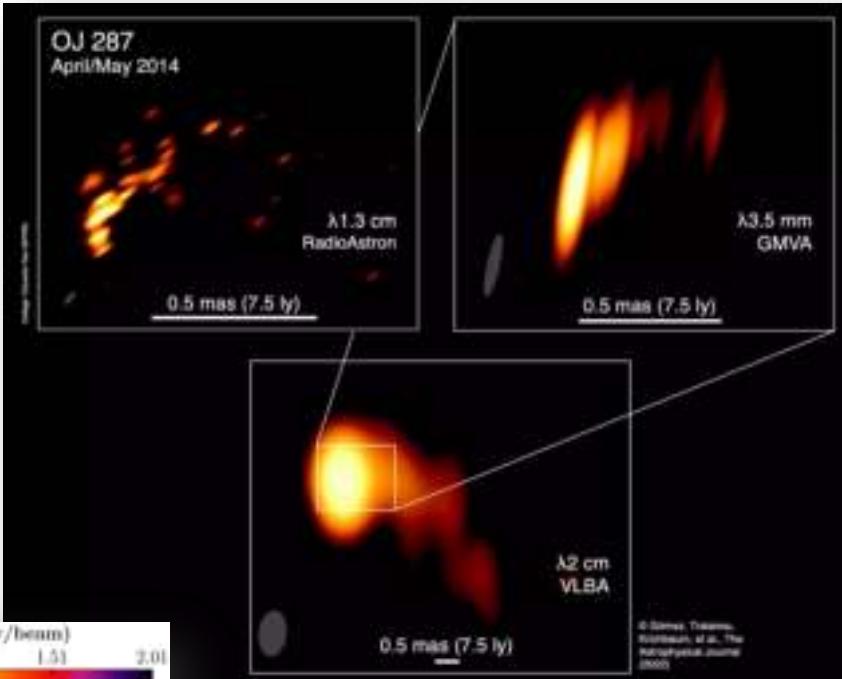
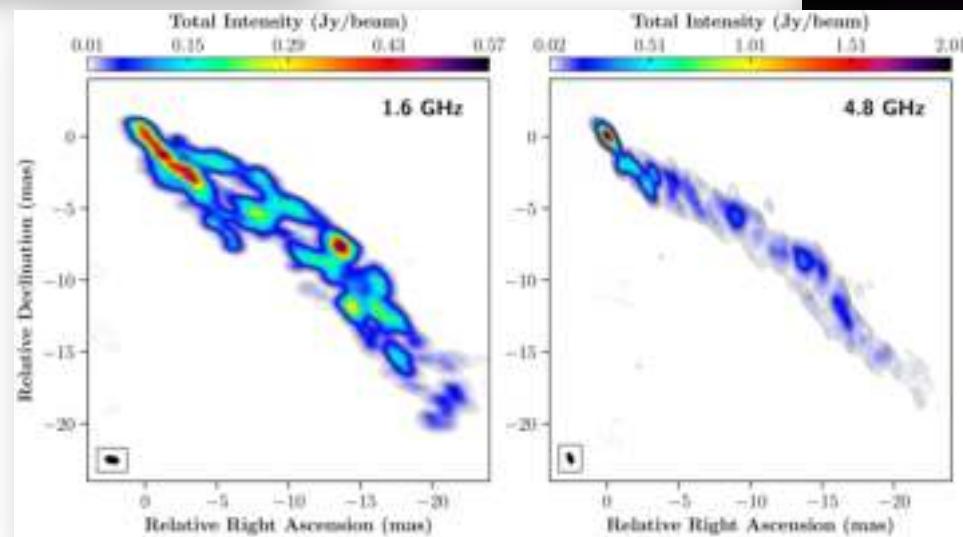
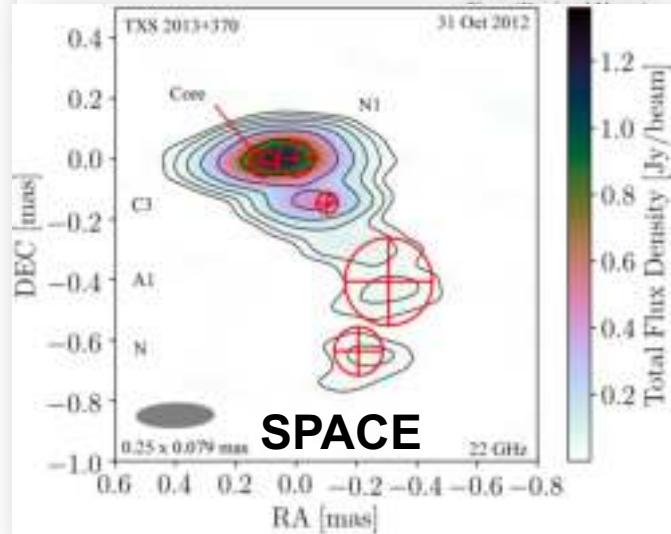
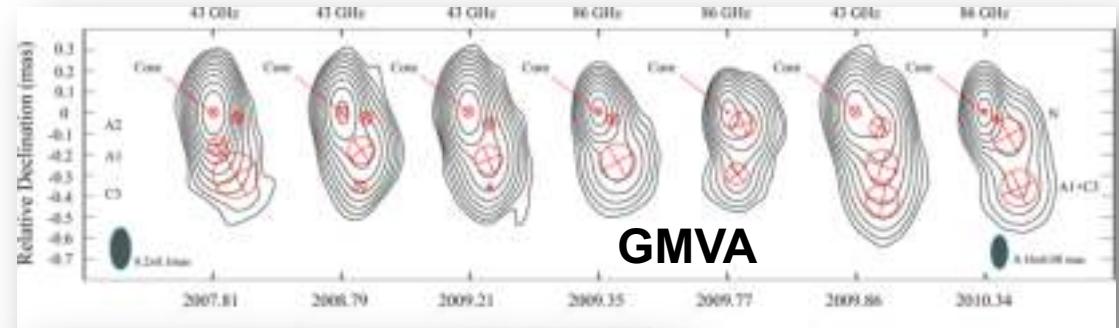
Array	$\nu$ [GHz]	D [km]	D [ $M\lambda$ ]	$\Theta$ [mas]
VSOP	1.65/4.8/22.1	33000	175/528/2432	1.17/0.39/0.085
Ground global	22	11600	893	0.231
RadioAstron	0.33/1.66/4.8/22	350000	7230/8500/24230/99600	0.540/0.106/0.037/0.009
Ground global	43	11600	1660	0.124
GMVA	86	11045	3680	0.056
EHT	230/345	11045	8500/12300	0.024/0.017

$$\Theta = 1.22 c/(v D)$$



# GMVA-RADIOASTRON RESULTS

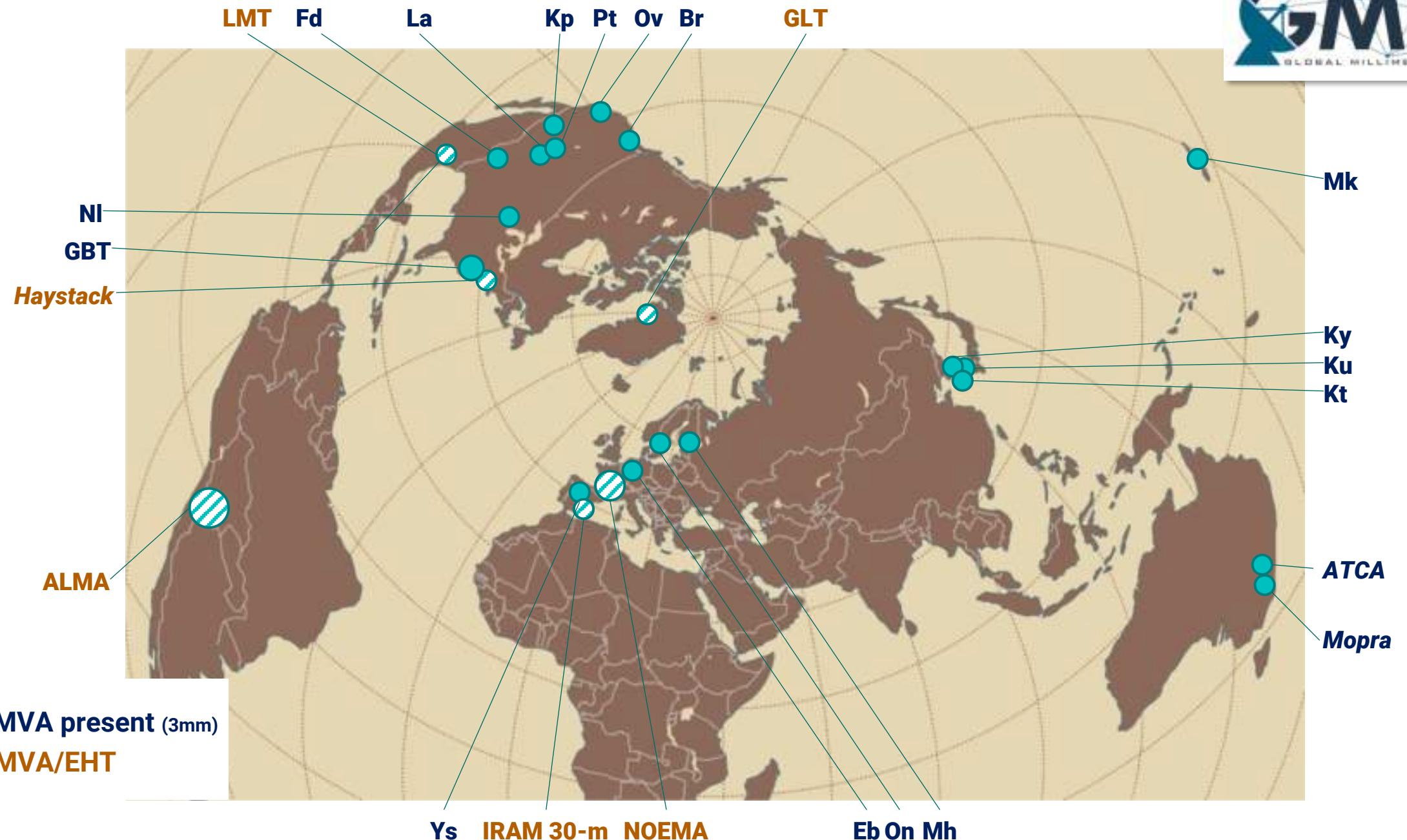
Traianou et al. (2020) TXS 2013+370



Gómez et al. (2022) OJ 287

Bruni et al. (2021) 3C 273

Forthcoming: 3C 84 (Savolainen, Giovannini, J.Y. Kim, et al.),  
M 87 (J.Y. Kim et al.), 0615+820 (Ros et al.), 3C 279 (Fuentes, Gómez et al.)



● GMVA present (3mm)

○ GMVA/EHT



# GMVA: PRESENT STATUS

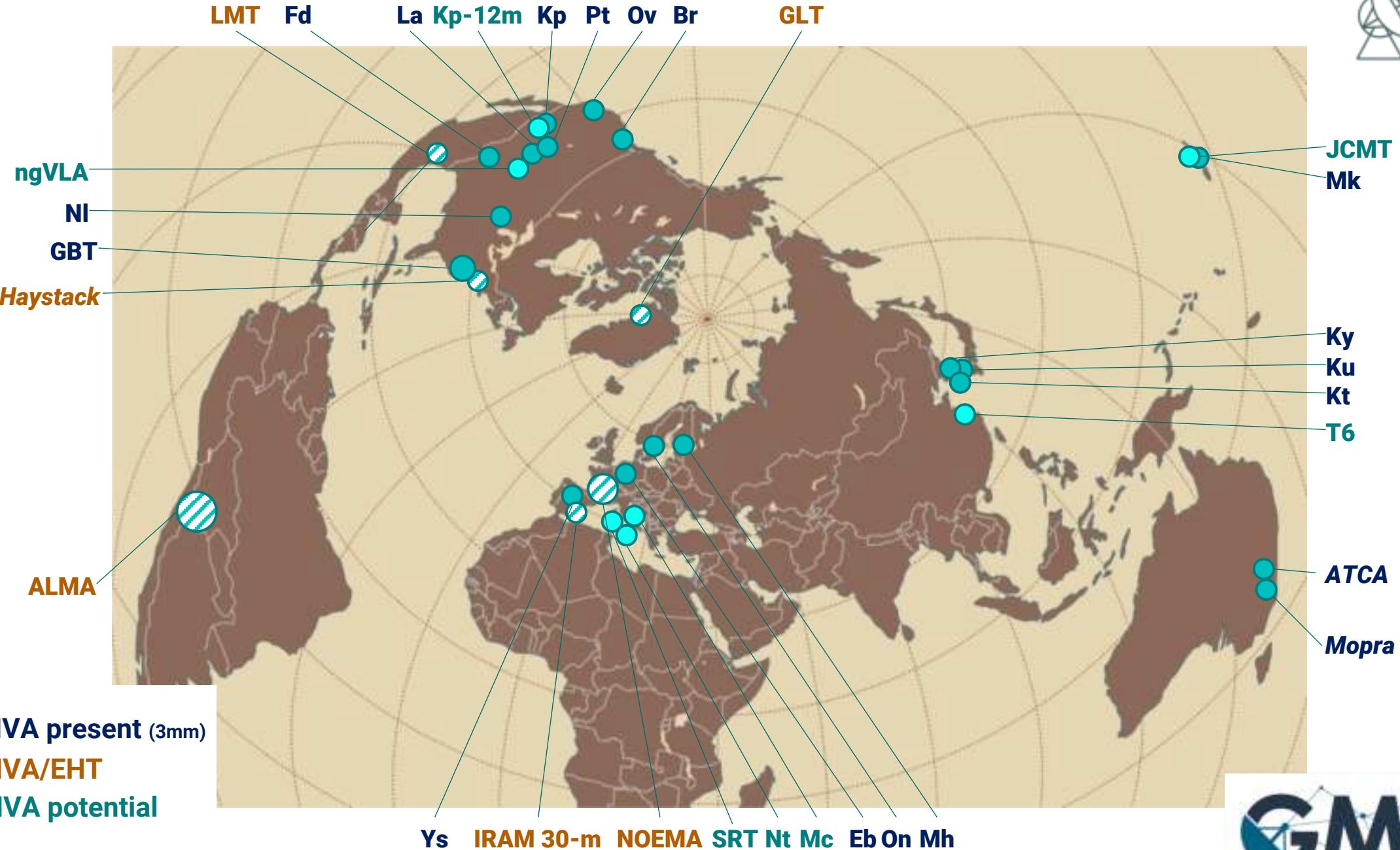
- **Operations based on a Memorandum of Understanding**
  - 4 Gbps obs. at VLBA8+IRAM\*+Eb+Mh+On+Ys\*+KVN\* + GBT (limited time) +GLT\*+ALMA\*
  - Temporary additions: LMT\*, Haystack\*, Mopra\*, ATCA
  - Correlation at MPIfR
- **Open-sky policy, proposals via NRAO-PST (01feb, 01aug)**
  - Proprietary period of 1yr, data archived at MPIfR and NRAO
- **Two sessions per year (apr+oct)**
- **No dedicated funding, in-kind contribution by partners**
  - Media provision, session planning, scheduling by MPIfR
- **Moderate frequency agility (85-90 GHz) & 43 GHz interleaved (VLBA+Nt)**

\*: 16 Gbps available



## FORTHCOMING IMPROVEMENTS OF THE ARRAY: COVERAGE & BANDWIDTH

- **Improved (u,v) coverage (antennas)**
  - MoU stations: VLBA8+IRAM+Eb+Mh+On+Ys+KVN + GBT (limited access)
  - ALMA appointed GMVA for Band 3 (one session per year)
  - Temporary additions on best-effort basis: LMT, Haystack, Mopra, ATCA
  - Potentially: JCMT, KP12m, Taeduk, Nobeyama, Purple Mountain, OVRO, APEX, VERA
- **Higher bandwidth already available for a subset of antennas (check [GMVA webpage](#))**
  - 16 Gbps available in IRAM-30m, NOEMA, GLT, Ys, KVN, *Mopra, Haystack, LMT, JCMT, KP12m*





## GMVA IMPROVEMENTS: CALIBRATION, TIME COVERAGE, MULTI-BAND OPTIONS

- User friendliness: calibration and pipeline data reduction
- Improvement of observation cadence (more sessions per year) – costly option
- Multi-band receivers (Frequency-Phase-Transfer and Source-Frequency-Reference-Transfer observing modes) for a subset of the array, expansion of frequency coverage (bands KQWD)
  - Current: KVN<sup>KQWD</sup> + Yebes<sup>QW</sup>
  - Future: KVN4<sup>KQWD</sup> + On<sup>KQW</sup> + Mh<sup>KQW</sup> + Eb<sup>KQW</sup> + SRT<sup>KQW</sup> + Nt<sup>KQW</sup> + Mc<sup>KQW</sup> + T6<sup>KQW</sup>
  - Following ngVLA<sup>KQWD</sup> development (covers until D-band)



# ROLE OF BIG COLLABORATIONS, EXPERTISE

## **Ground arrays and correlator with experienced teams**

Examples: orbit determination of VSOP and correlation teams, revision of DiFX correlation for RadioAstron

## **Pre-launch survey and connection to large collaborations addressing the same objects (e.g., Fermi/LAT collaboration, MAGIC collaboration, MOJAVE team)**

## **Building new structures**

e.g., Global VLBI Working Group for VSOP

## **Addressing logistical issues**

e.g., out-of-session observations needed for the arrays to match space missions

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## FINAL REMARKS

**Successful space VLBI builds in the decade-long expertise in VLBI operations, both for ground support and operations, and for organization**

**Different astronomical techniques, and especially (but not only) mm-VLBI (i.e., GMVA and EHT) address the high (and extreme)  $T_b$  science**