Observation of burst activity from SGR1935+2154 associated to first galactic FRB with H.E.S.S.



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# High Energy Stereoscopic System

Namibia, 23°16'17"S 16°30'00"E, 1800 m a.s.l.

- Energy range 30 GeV 100 TeV
- Enery resolution  ${\sim}15\%$
- Angular resolution  ${\sim}5'$
- Source position ~ 10"
- Observations ~1000 h/year



#### H.E.S.S. phase I (Sep. 2002)

- 4 telescopes: Ø12 m, 107 m<sup>2</sup>
- Stereoscopic reconstruction
- 960 PMTs/camera, FoV 5°

#### H.E.S.S. phase II (Sep. 2012)

- 5th telescope: Ø28 m, 600 m<sup>2</sup> (largest IACT in the world)
- 2048 (until Oct. 2019) / 1758 (now) PMTs, FoV 3.5°
- Energy threshold  ${\sim}30~{
  m GeV}$
- Fast response of CT5: >90% of targets in 60 s

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# SGR and FRB

Soft Gamma-ray Repeaters (**SGR**) and Anomalous X-ray Pulsars (**AXPs**) are associated with highly magnetized neutron stars or magnetars.

Fast radio bursts (**FRBs**) are powerful radio pulses with a duration of several milliseconds with high brightness temperatures suggesting a coherent emission mechanism



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## MWL observations of SGR1935+2154



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## H.E.S.S. observations of SGR1935+2154

Start time (UTC)	Duration	Average zenith angle
2020-04-28 01:55:00	28 min	55.0 deg
2020-04-28 02:26:55	28 min	51.0 deg
2020-04-28 02:56:08	28 min	48.1 deg
2020-04-28 03:25:24	28 min	46.2 deg

# H.E.S.S. observations of SGR1935+2154



Excess (left) and significance (center) maps for SGR1935+2154 reconstructed by H.E.S.S. One-dimensional significance distribution (right) shows no detection

### **Differential spectrum upper limits**



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### **Transient search**



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- First VHE observations of a magnetar in an active state
- No significant emission detected
- Obtained upper limits on the VHE emission in agreement with existing SGR models
- Prompt follow-up observations of magnetar bursts as novel way to study FRBs
- H.E.S.S. sensitivity well suited to study gamma-ray counterparts to FRB and restrict/confirm several models