Gravitational waves and gamma rays

Synergies at MeV energies

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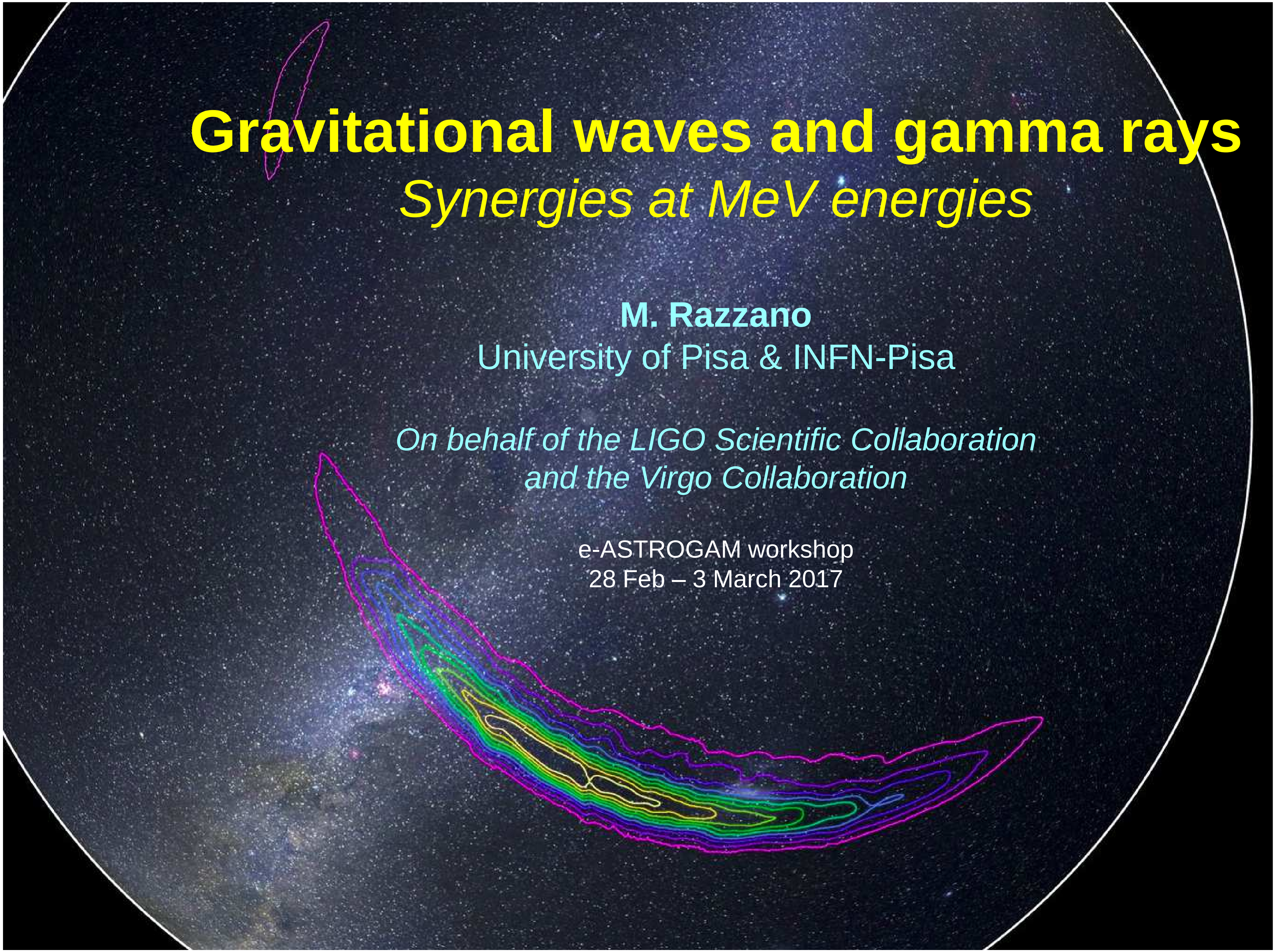

The multi-messenger frontier

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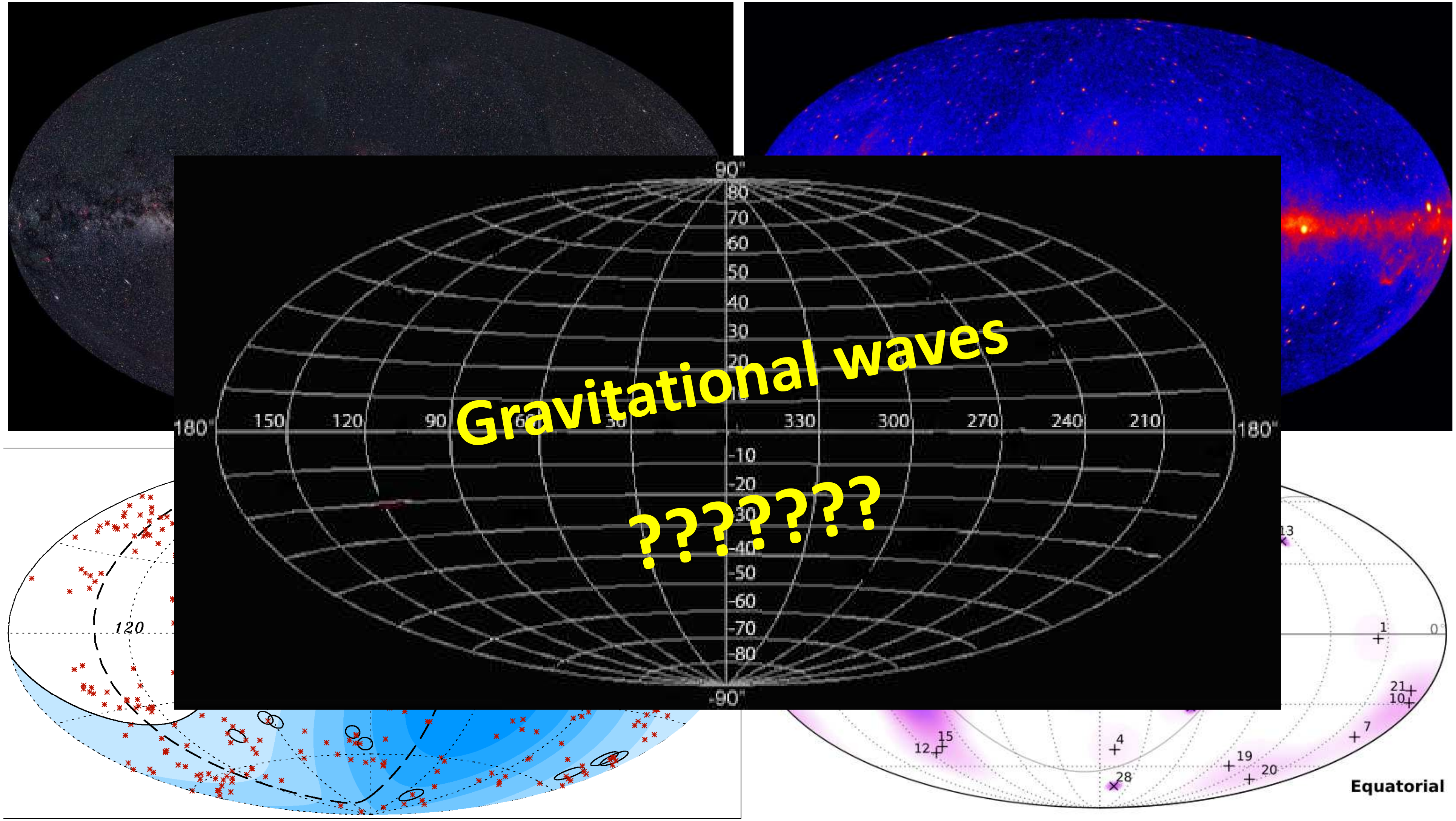
Gamma rays > 0.1 GeV (Fermi-LAT)



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The multi-messenger sky today

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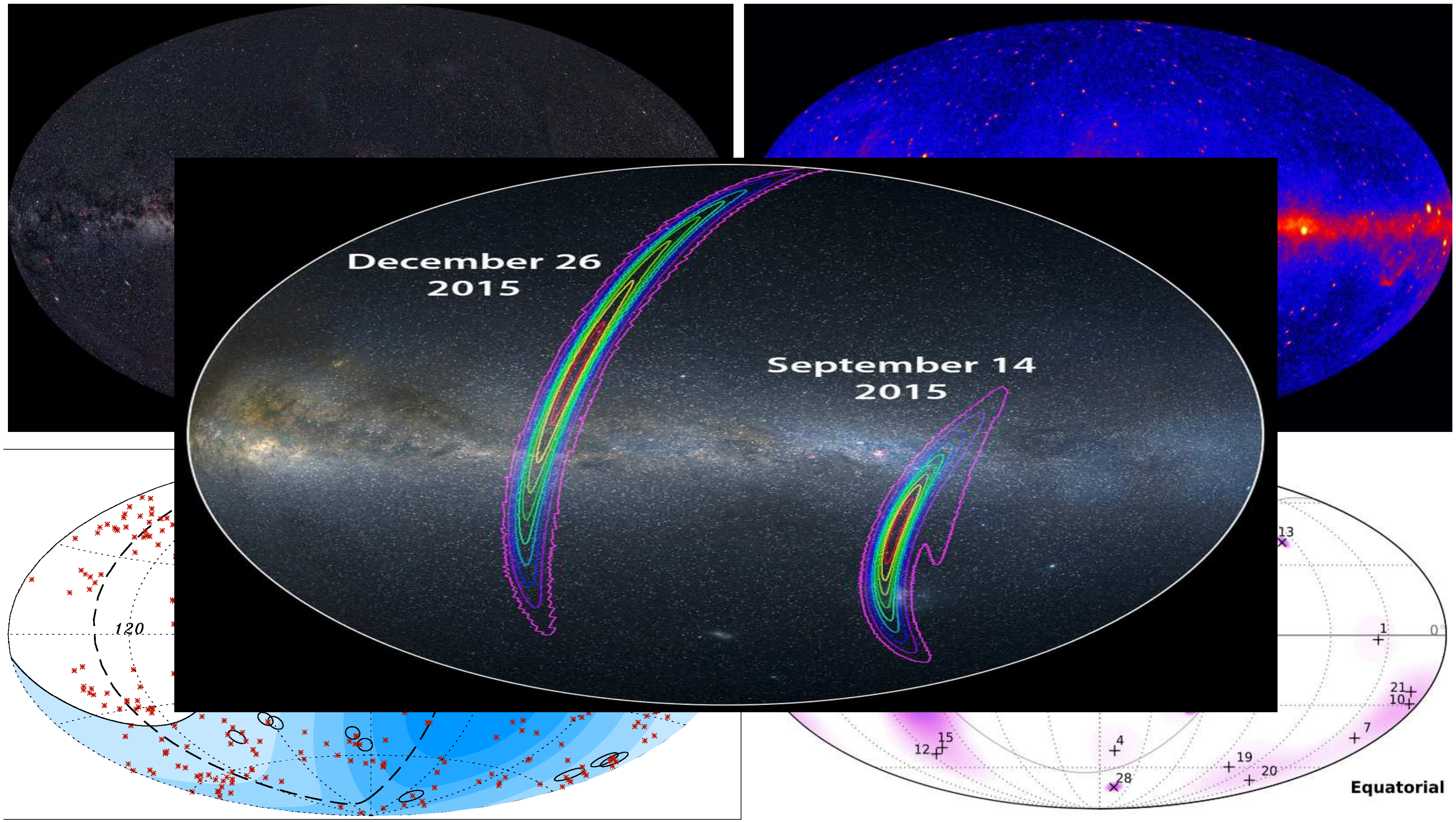

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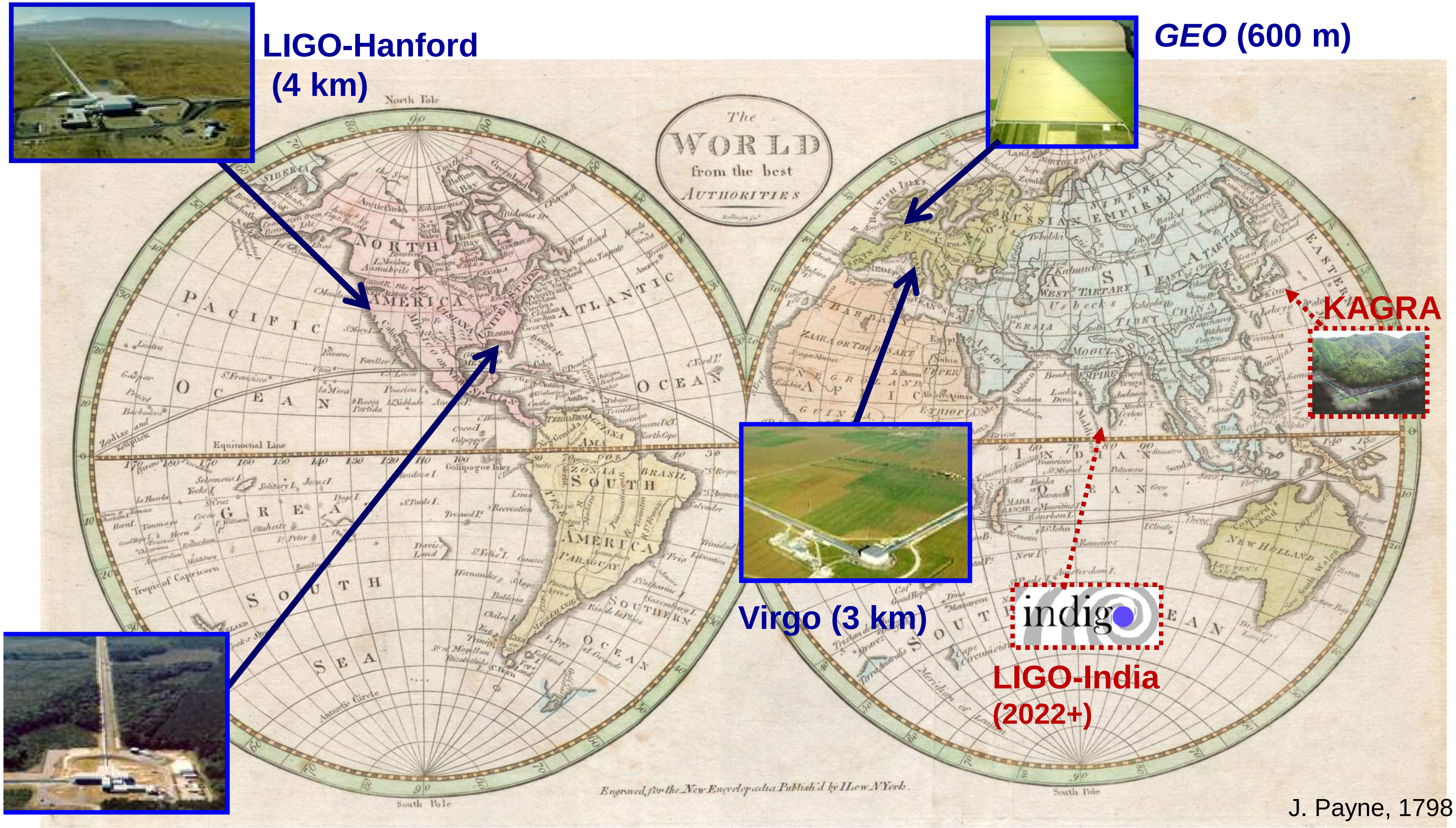

Advanced LIGO now in its second observing run (O2)
Virgo planned to join soon

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The era of Advanced GW detectors

Prospects for Observing and Localizing Gravitational-Wave Transients with Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo

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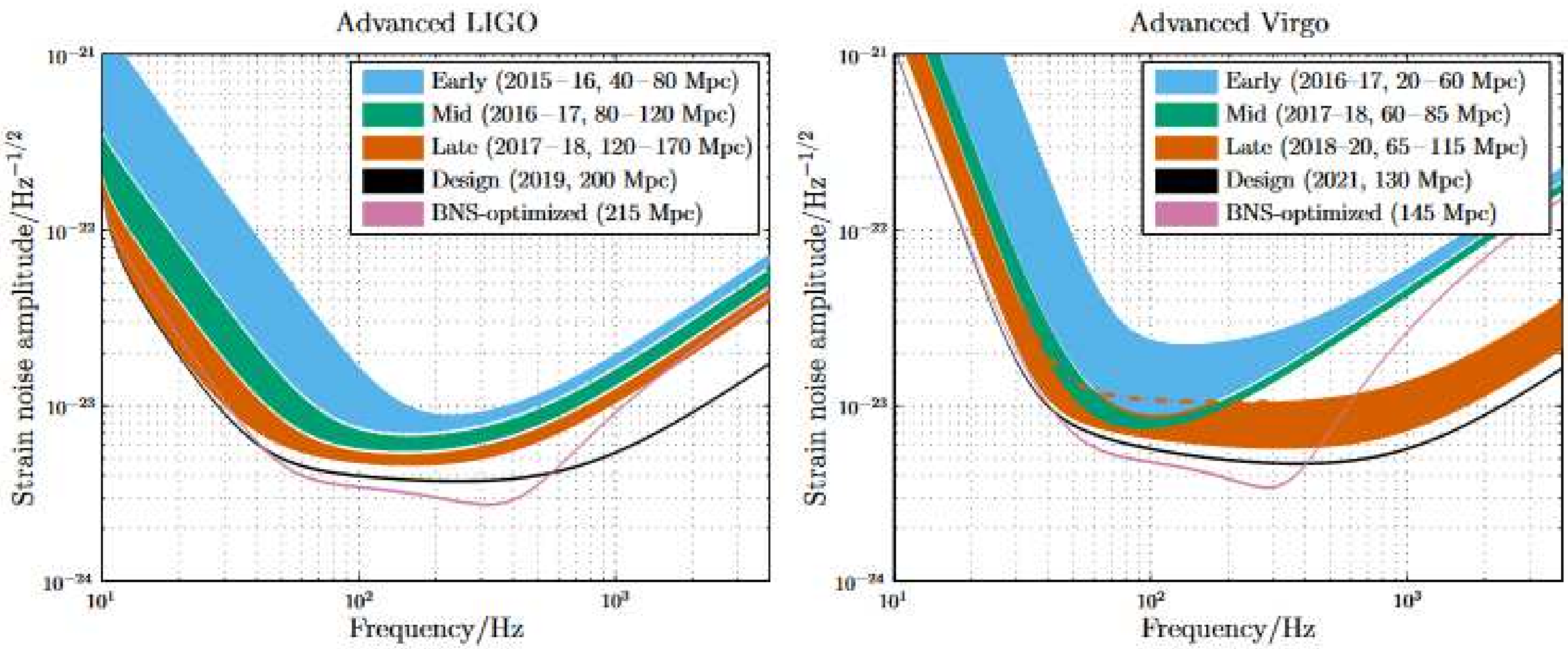

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The new frontiers of multimessenger astronomy

- Complementary information:
  - GW→ mass distribution
  - EM → emission processes, acceleration mechanisms, environment
  - Neutrinos→ hadronic/nuclear processes, etc

- Give a precise (arcmin/arcsecond) localization
  - Localize host galaxy of a merger
  - Identify an EM counterpart with timing signature (e.g. pulsars)
  - EM follow-up to get simultaneous observations

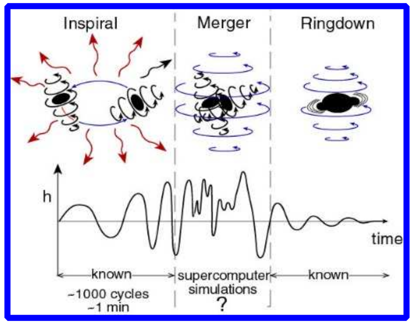
- Provide a more complete insight into the most extreme events in the Universe

- Explore the physics of the progenitors (mass, spin, distance..) and their environment (temperature, density, redshift..)

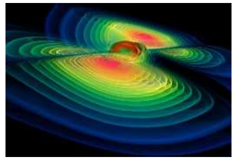
Expected multimessengers sources by Advanced LIGO/Virgo

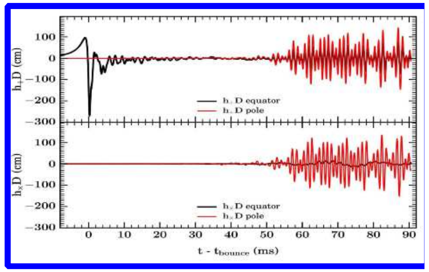
Transients

- **Coalescence of compact binary systems (NSs and/or BHs)**
  - Known waveforms (template banks)
  - $E_{gw} \sim 10^{-2}\ Mc^2$



- **Core-collapse of massive stars**
  - Uncertain waveforms
  - $E_{gw} \sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-4}\ Mc^2$



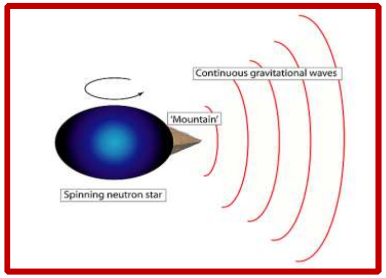


Ott, C. 2009

Non transients

- **Rotating neutron stars**
  - Quadrupole emission from star's asymmetry
  - Continuous and Periodic

- **Stochastic background**
  - Superposition of many signals (mergers, cosmological, etc)
  - Low frequency



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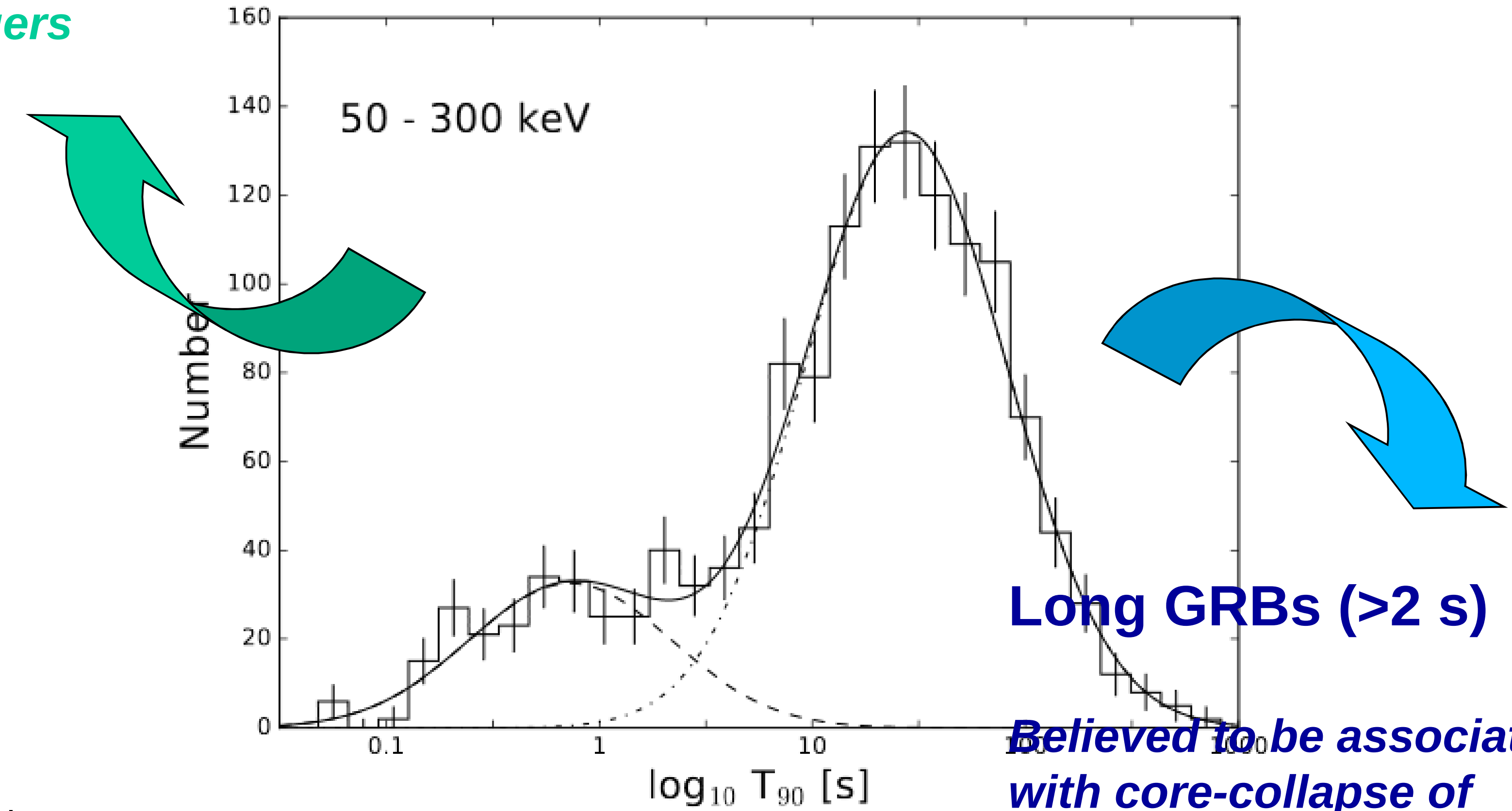
Science case for EM follow-up: the GRB connection

Short GRBs (<2 s)

believed to be associated with mergers

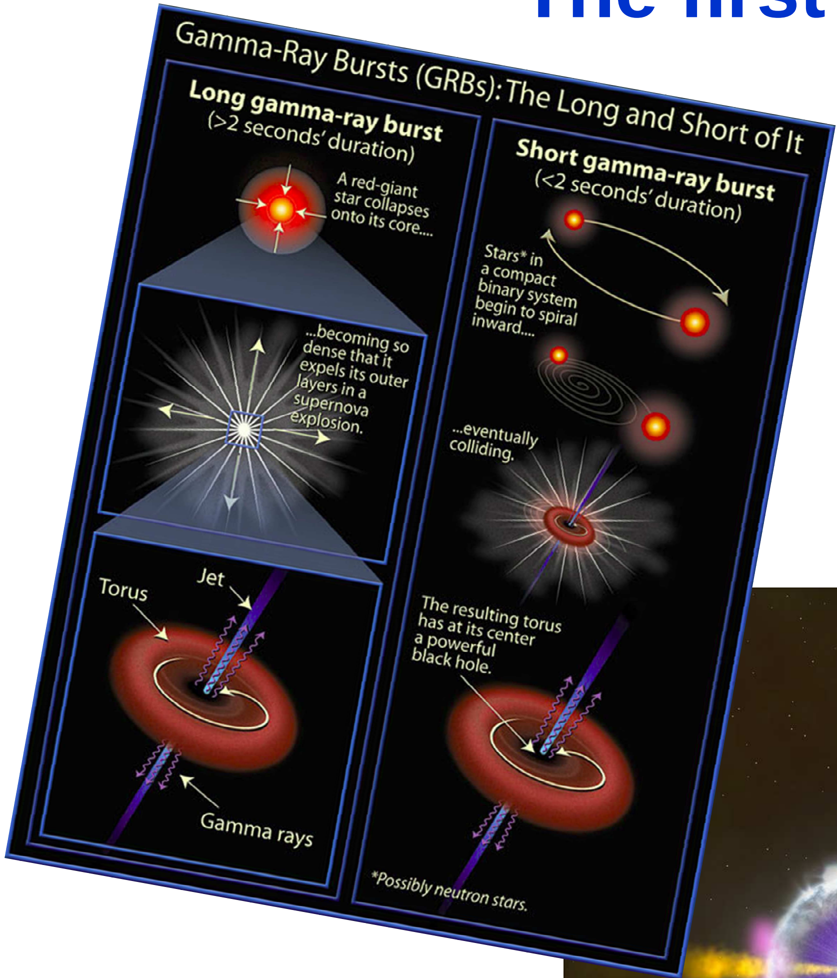


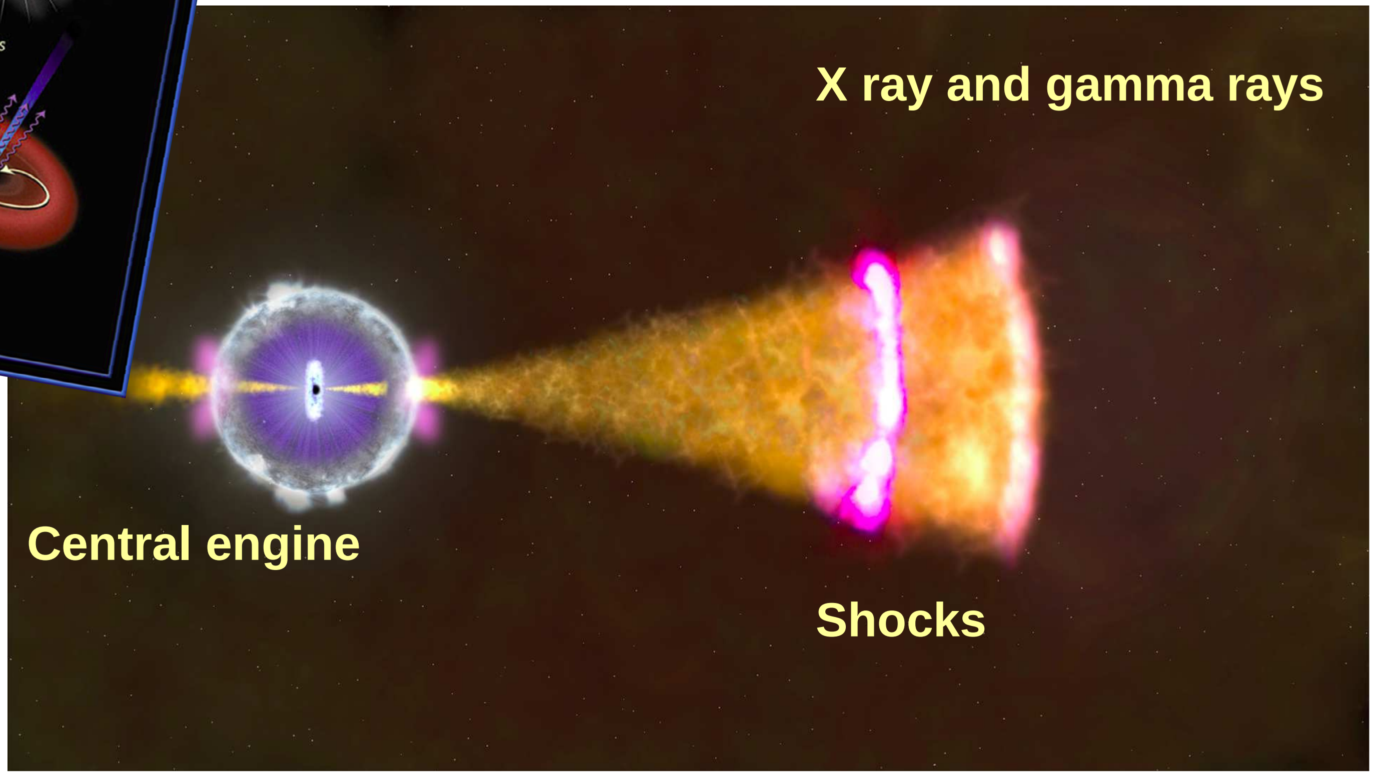
Long GRBs (>2 s)

Believed to be associated with core-collapse of massive star

3rd GBM catalog
Narayana Bhat+, ApJS,223 (2016)

The first synergy: GRBs





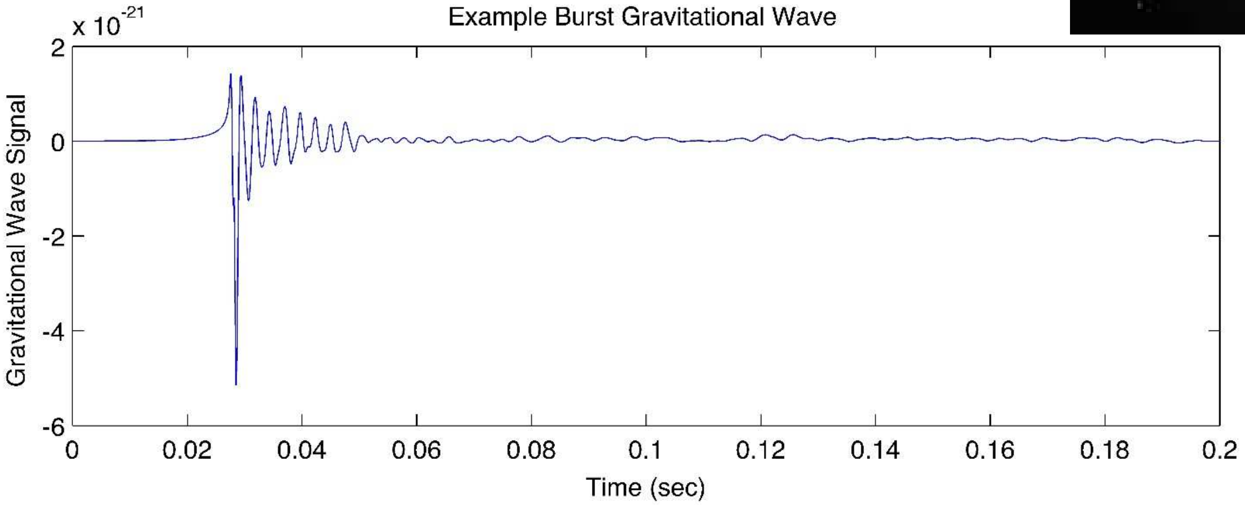
Credits: D. Darling (top), NASA (right)

Other transients – Supernovae

Stellar explosions

- What is the physical mechanisms behind Supernovae?
- What is the structure/asymmetry during collapse?
- Many inputs beyond GW are required
- X and MeV energies observations are very important

Credits: ESO/L. Calcada

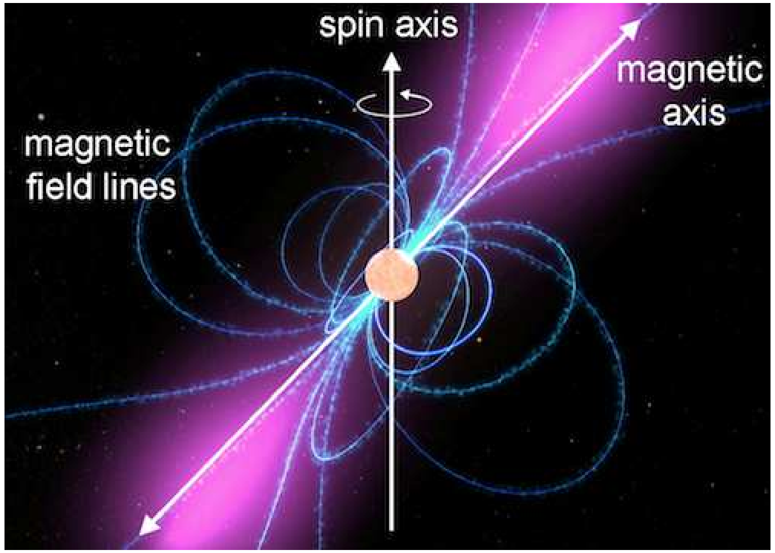


Credits: A. Stuver/LIGO, using data from C. Ott, D. Burrows, et al

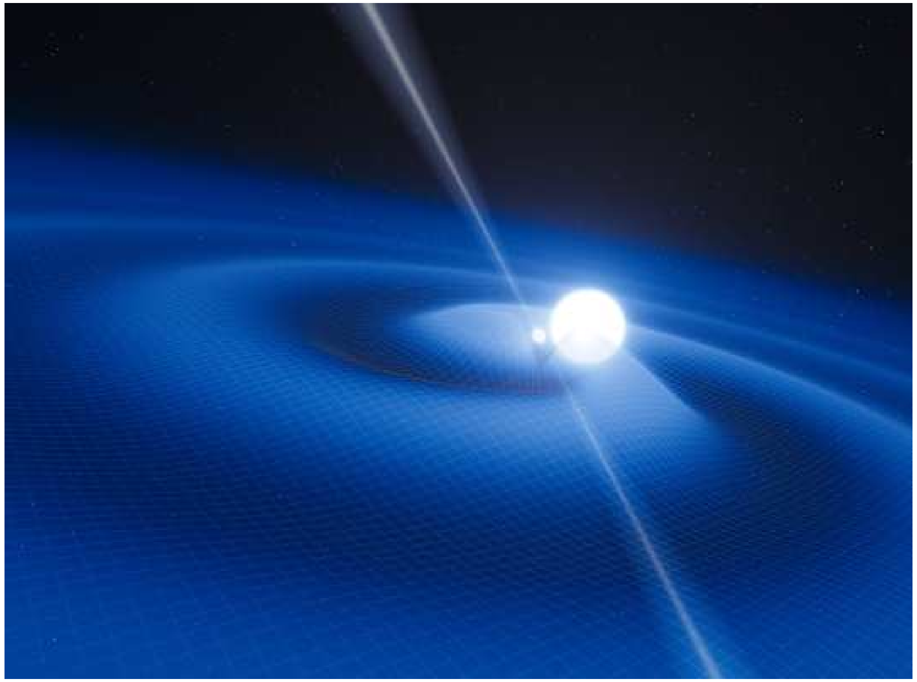
Continuous sources– Neutron Stars

Continuous Waves

- Non-linear instabilities and NS evolution
- Explore the nature of the NS crust
- Glitches
- Gamma-ray monitoring very useful to search for GWs from known pulsars



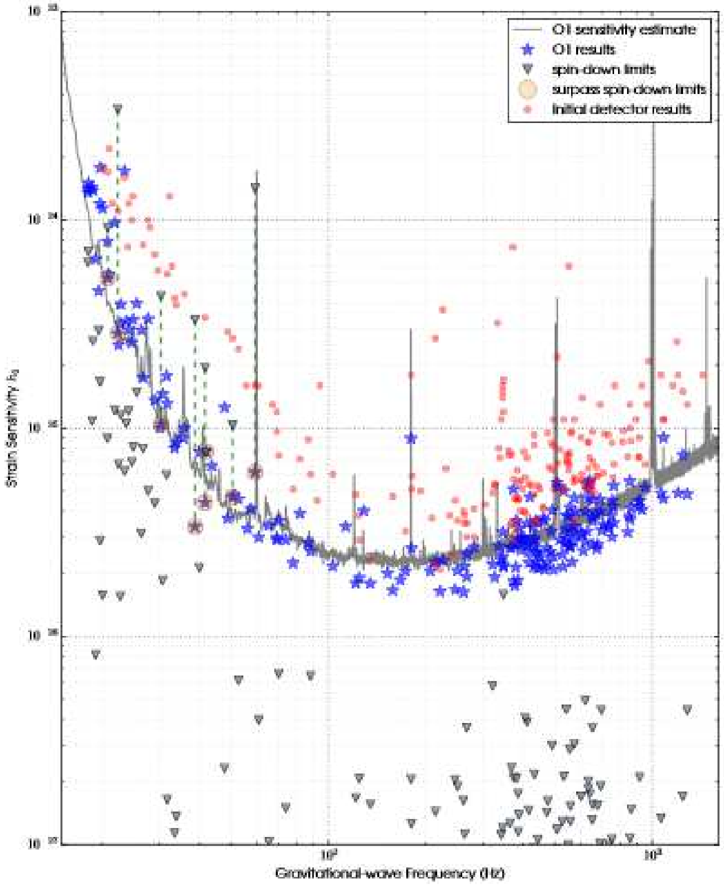
Credits: NASA



Credits: ESO/L. Calcada

Continuous sources– Neutron Stars

- High-B pulsars at MeV energies
- PSR B1509-59 is one of the candidates



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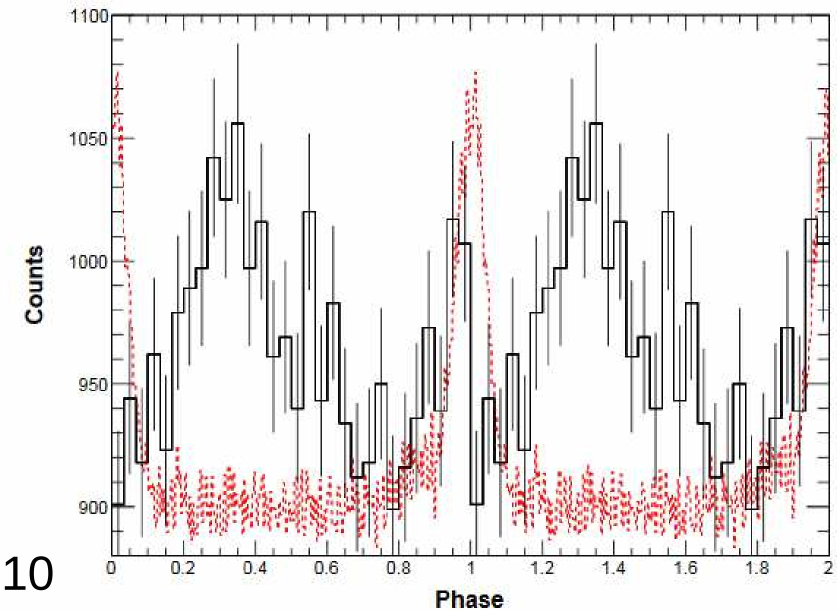
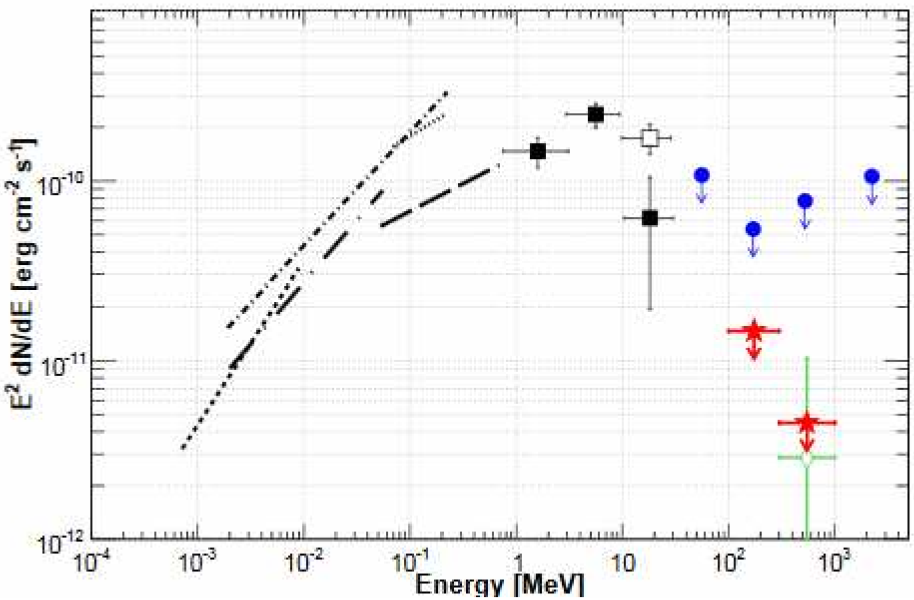


Abdo+2010

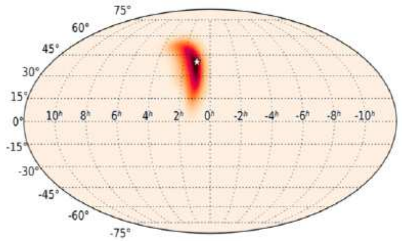
FIG. 1.— Light curve of the pulsar PSR B1509−58 above 30 MeV within an energy-dependent circular region, as described in Secti 4.1.1. The light curve profile is binned to 1/30 of pulsar phase. The radio profile (red dashed line) is overlaid in arbitrary units. The m peak of the radio pulse seen at 1.4 GHz is at phase 0. Two cycles are shown.



Back to the EM follow-up…

- Past experiences (2009-2010)
  - ~30 min latency, optical telescopes+Swift
  - Centralized organization
- Now (2015-)
  - Few mins latency
  - GCN alerts for EM partners (MoU)
  - Broadband coverage

GW alert → Sky localization → EM follow-up



EM event	EM band	Timescale
Prompt emission	Gamma rays	<seconds
Afterglow	X-ray, optical, radio	Hours-days
Kilonova-macronova	Optical-near IR	Days-weeks
Radio blast wave	Radio	Months-years

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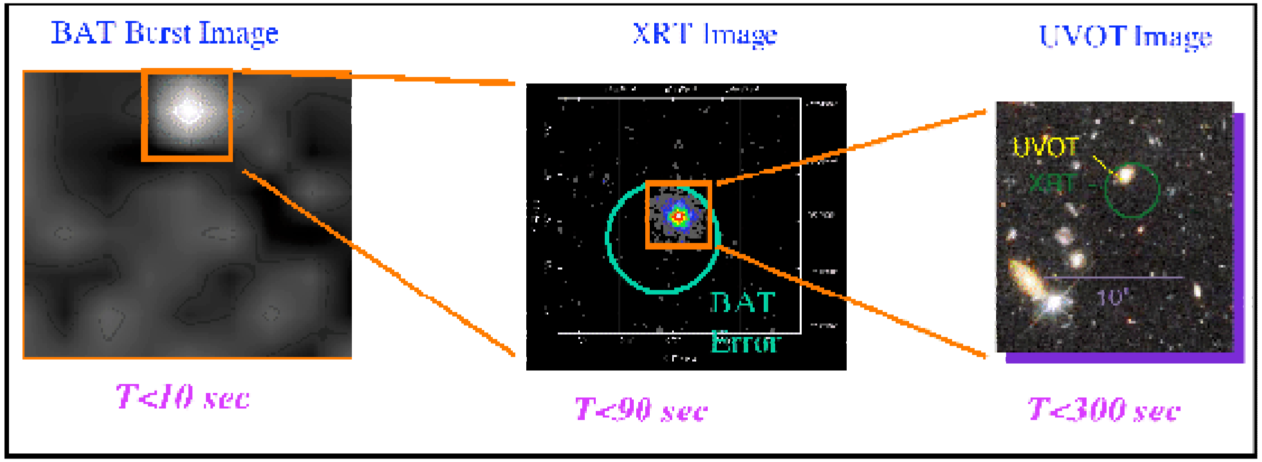
A needle in a haystack: an example from the past

Find a counterpart is not easy!
•EM Transients might be
- **Fast**
- **Faint**
- **Too many**

•Finding counterparts of GRBs was quite difficult

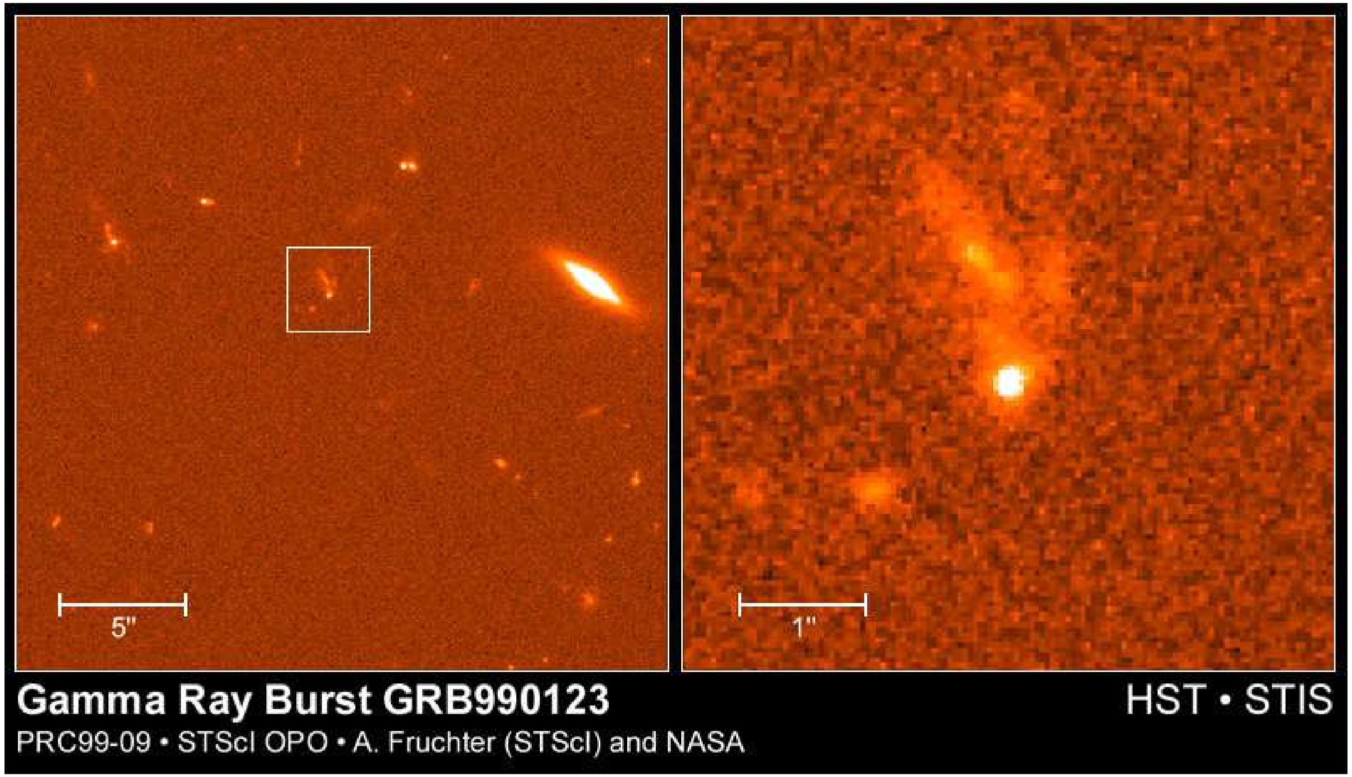
•For GWs, the situation is worse...



Credits: NASA

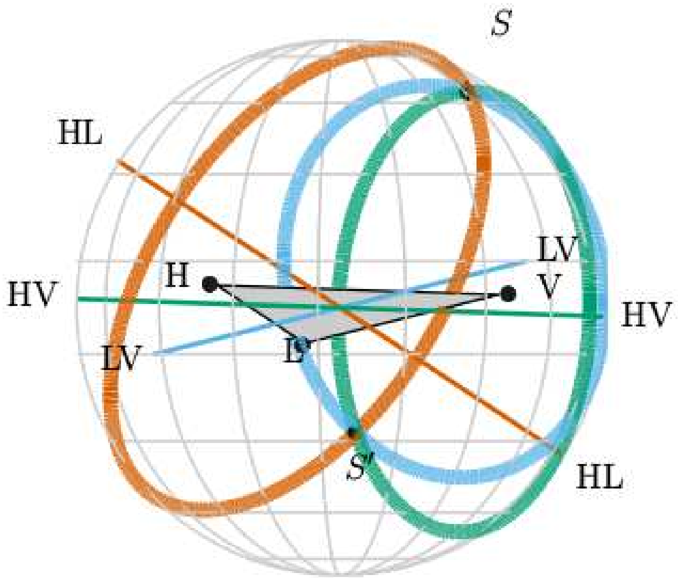
EM follow-up : key challenges

- **What is the best observing strategy?**
  - **Scan the full error box?**
  - **Look only to specific regions (e.g. potential galaxy hosts?)**
  - **How to identify the potential host?**
- **If there is more than one candidate…**
  - **How can we uniquely identify it?**
  - **How can models help us?**



Sky Localization of GW transients

- “Triangulation” using temporal delays
- Depends on the SNR
- Low SNR → large error box (tens – hundreds sq deg)
- Wide-fov telescopes are required!



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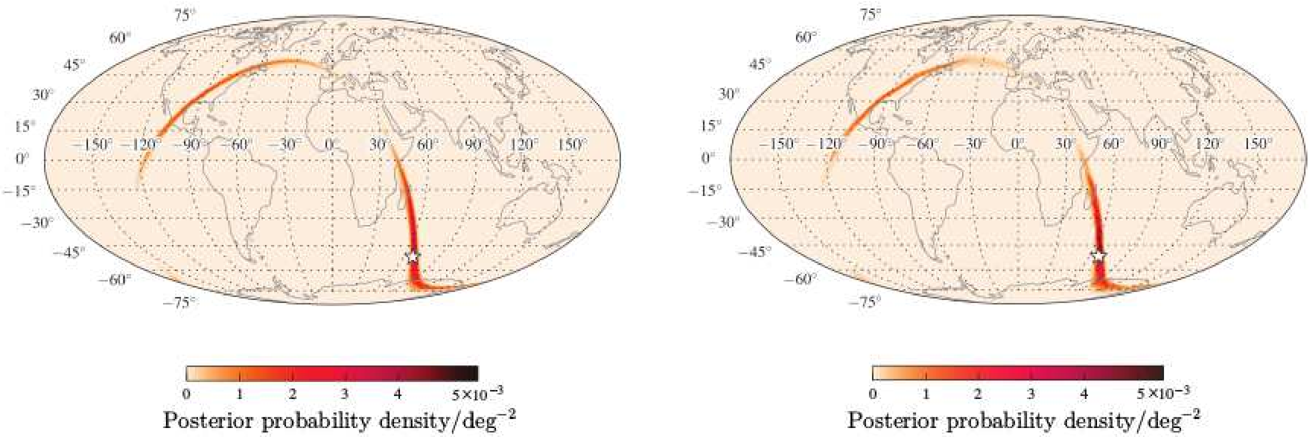

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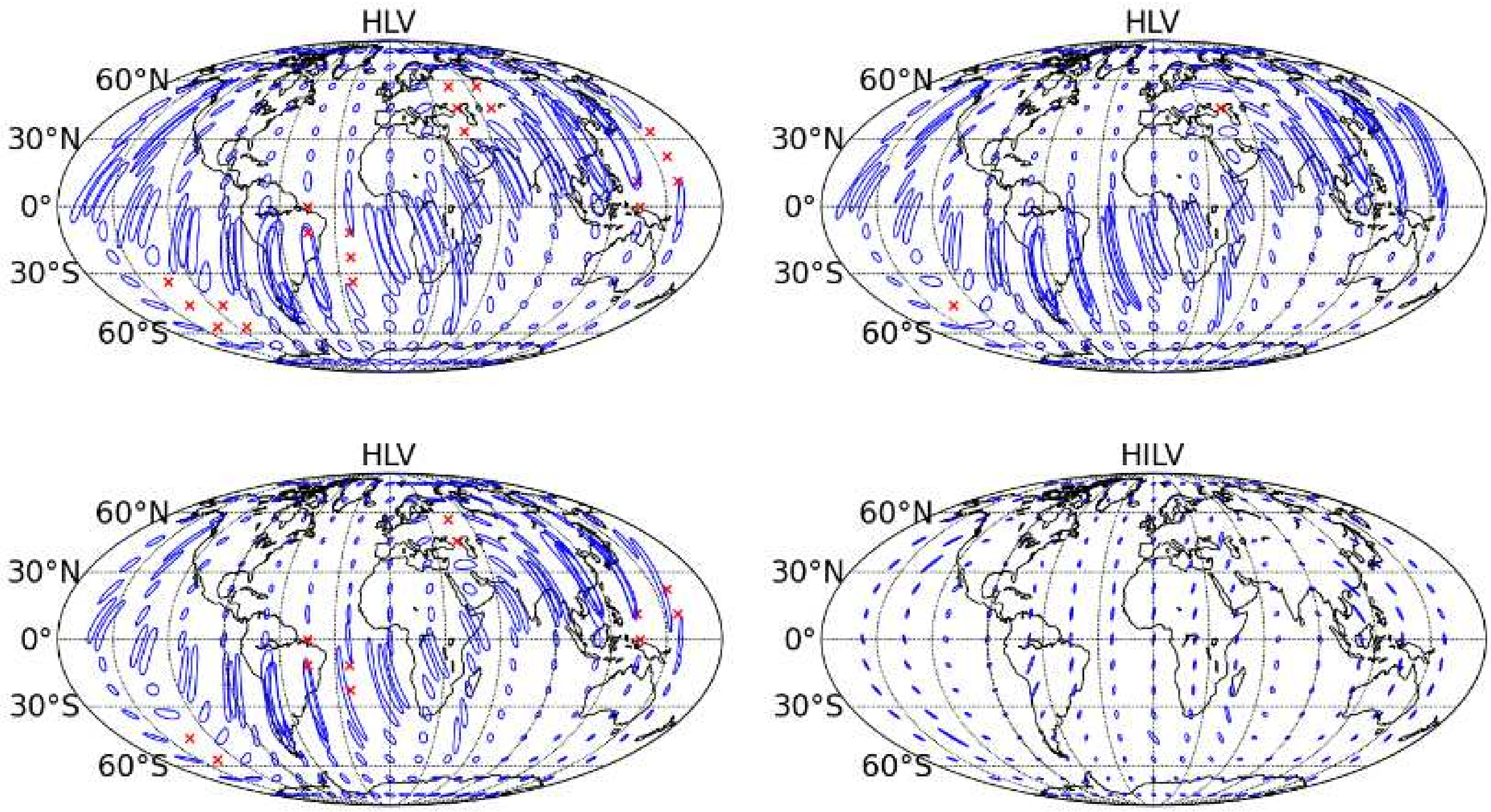
BNS system, SNR ~13.2
LALINFERENCE (left), BAYESTAR (right)

Sky Localization

BNS, 80 Mpc

2016-17

2017-18



2019+

2022+

BNS, 160 Mpc

→ **90% CL**

X → **No detection**

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EM follow-up: the role of gamma-ray telescopes

- GRBs are very energetic phenomena
  - Best candidates for GWs from NS/NS system
  - Clearly, strong HE emitters too

- Gamma-ray telescopes are very useful
  - Large FoV & good localization
  - Kev-MeV-GeV energy coverage
  - Gamma sky not so crowded as optical one
  - However, detection required jet alignment (cuts event rate) (e.g. Patricelli,MR+16)

Why an EM follow-up program?

- **EM follow-up is key to find counterparts (and do great science)**
  - **GW analysis and checks require time**
  - **Need to avoid misinformation/rumors**
  - **Encourage multiwavelength coverage**

- **LV-EM follow-up program**
  - **Standard MoU to share information promptly while maintaning confidentiality for event candidates**
  - **GW alerts sent to partners through private GCN notices/circulars**
  - **Once first few (>=4) detections, prompt alerts will be made public for high-significance detections (FAR<1/100 yrs)**

- **Status**
  - **85 groups have signed MoU with LIGO & Virgo**
  - **From radio to gamma rays**
  - **Special LVC GCN Notices and Circulars with distribution limited to partners**

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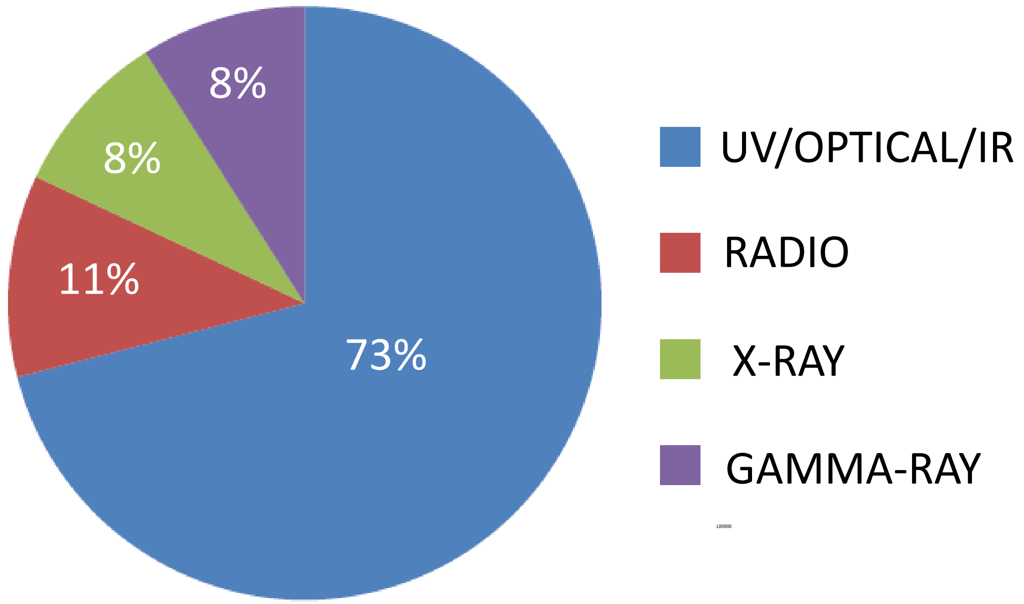
LIGO and Virgo EM follow-up program



Now 85 MoUs involving

- **160 instruments**

(space and ground-based facilities)
Broadband, radio – VHE gamma rays

- **Astronomical institutions, agencies and large/small groups of astronomers** (20 countries)

In 2012, **LVC agreed policy on releasing GW alerts**

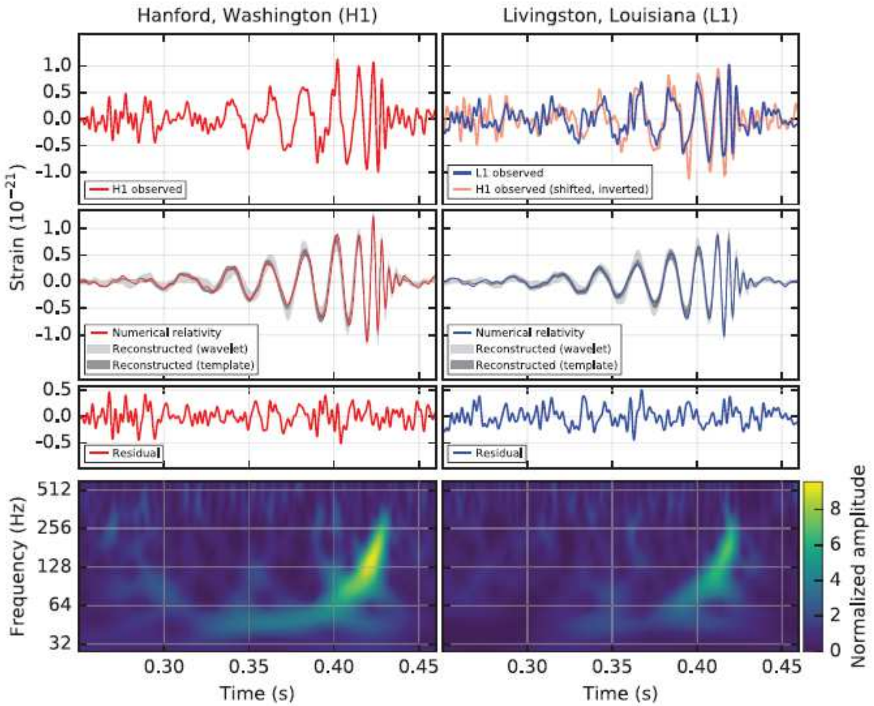
*"Initially, **triggers** (partially-validated event candidates) will be **shared promptly only with astronomy partners who have signed a Memorandum of Understanding** (MoU) with LVC involving an agreement on deliverables, publication policies, confidentiality, and reporting.*

***After four GW events have been published**, further event candidates with high confidence will be **shared immediately with the entire astronomy community**, while lower-significance candidates will continue to be shared promptly only with partners who have signed an MoU."*

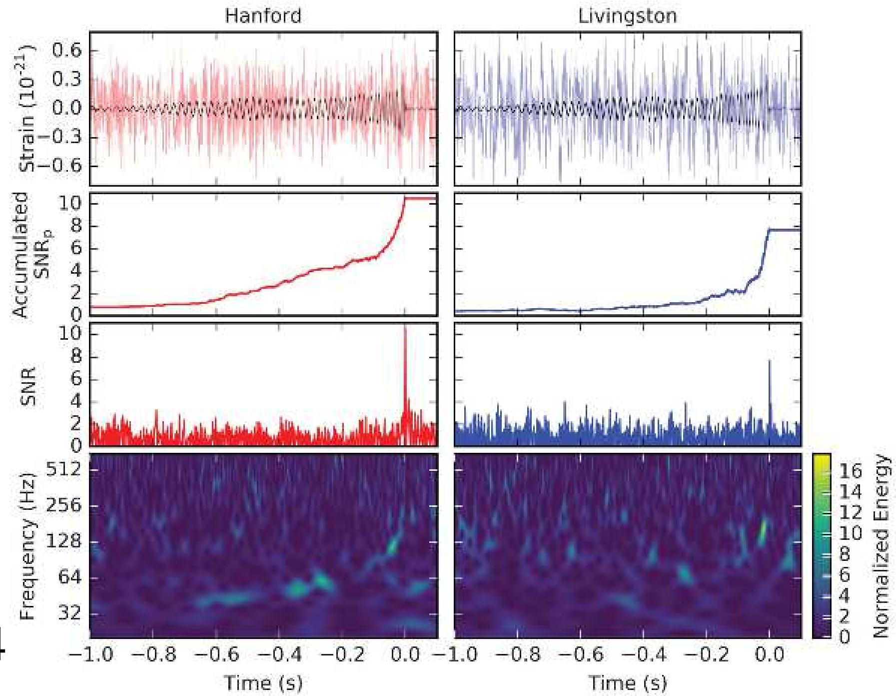
- First (2014), second (2015) and third (2016) open calls for participation in GW-EM follow-up program **85 MoUs signed**

- **http://www.ligo.org/scientists/GWEMalerts.php**

Opening the GW window



GW15109
Abbott+16, PRL116,6



GW151226
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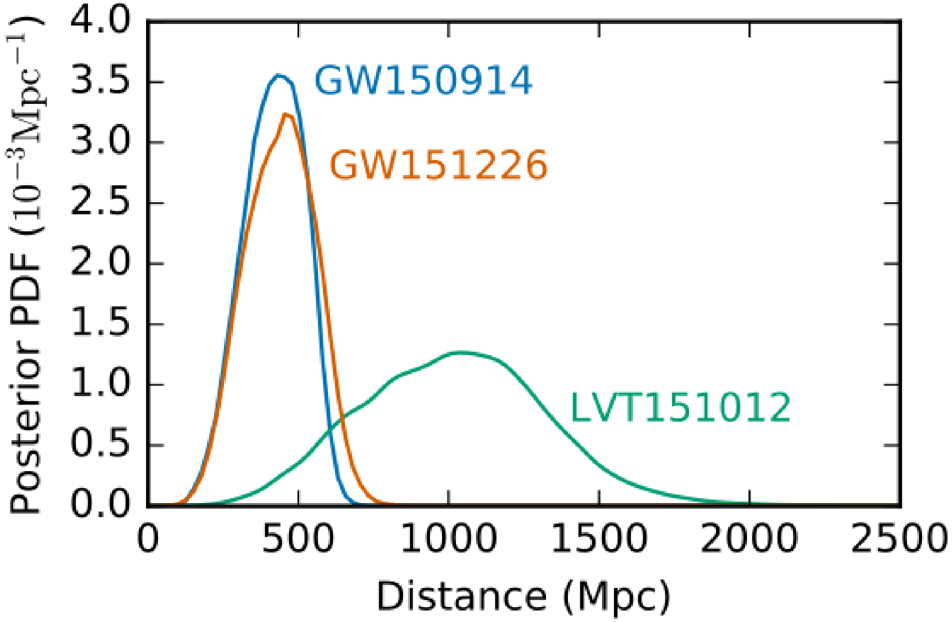
GW151226 & LVT151012



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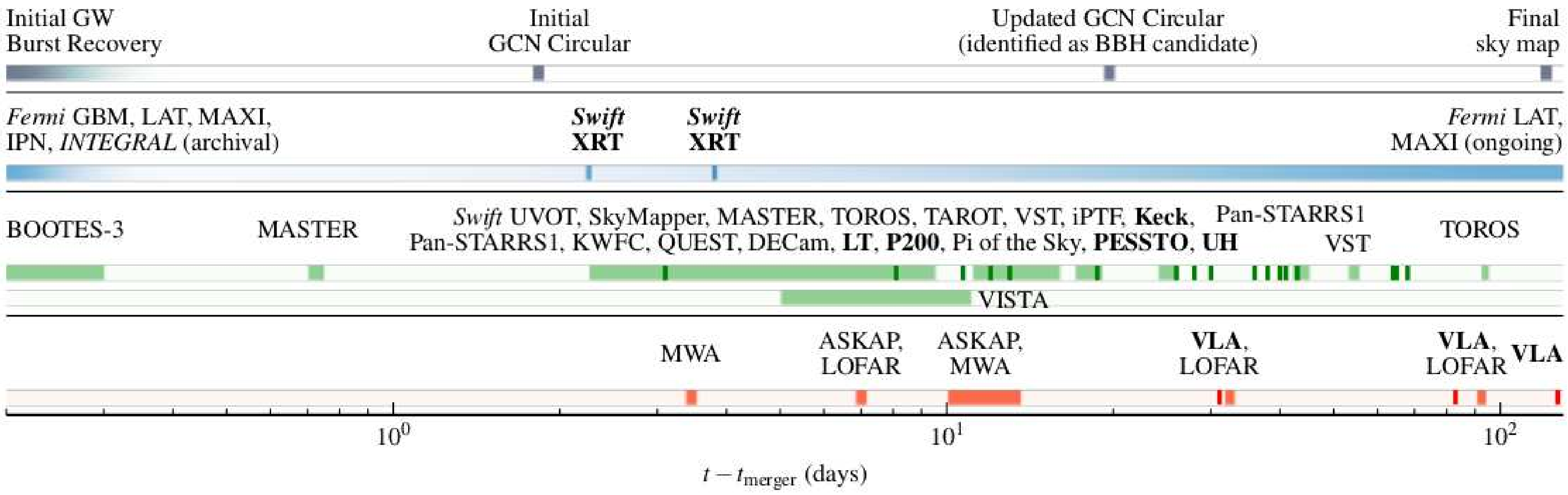
Event	Dt (HL, ms)	Area of 90% Prob (90%)	Distance (Mpc)
GW150914	~7	~630	~420
GW151226	~1.1	~850	~440
LVT151012	~-0.6	~1600	~1000

The case of GW150914 follow-up

- t+few minutes: cWB & oLIB pipelines
    - T+17 min – 14 hr (skymaps)
        - T+2d: first alert (after many checks)
            - T+3w (Oct 3): BBH identification
                - T+4m (Oct 20) updated FAR (<1/100 yr)



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GW150914 sky maps

Localization pipelines

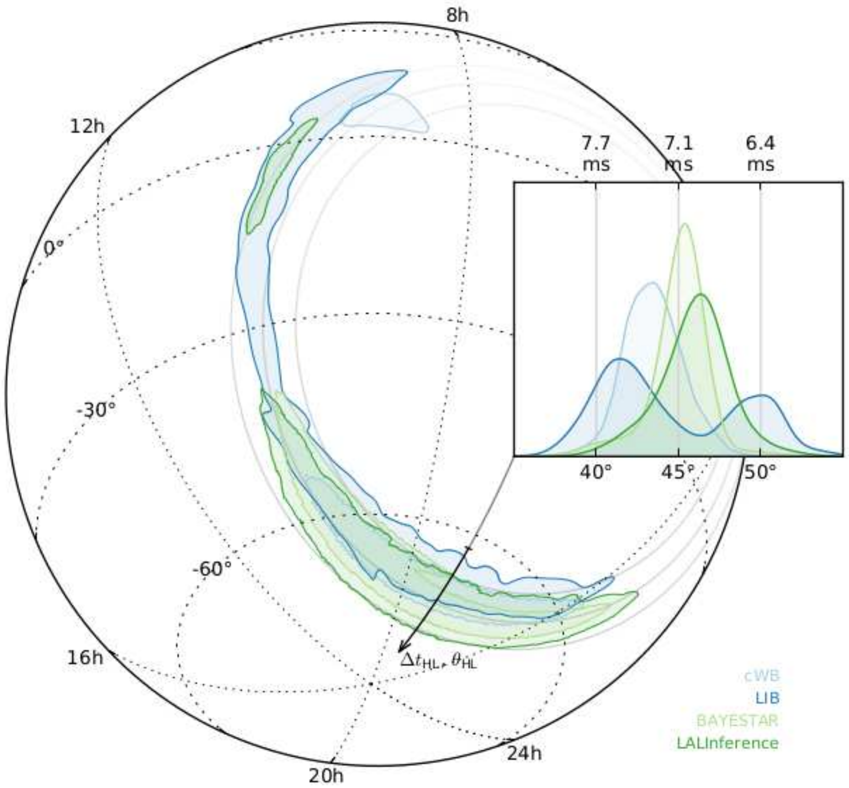
- cWB: constrained ML on sky grid
- LIB: bayesian inference
- BAYESTAR: triangulation (based on CBC pipelines, here offline)
- LALInference: full details

	Area[a]				Comparison[c]			
	10%	50%	90%	θ_{HL}[b]	cWB	LIB	BSTR	LALInf
cWB	10	100	310	43^{+2}_{-2}	—	190	180	230
LIB	30	210	750	45^{+6}_{-5}	0.55	—	220	270
BSTR	10	90	400	45^{+2}_{-2}	0.64	0.56	—	350
LALInf	20	150	620	46^{+3}_{-3}	0.59	0.55	0.90	—

[a] Area of credible level (deg^2). Note that the LALInference area is consistent with but not equal to the number reported in Abbott et al. (2016e) due to minor differences in sampling and interpolation.

[b] Mean and 10% and 90% percentiles of polar angle in degrees.

[c] Fidelity (below diagonal) and the intersection in deg^2 of the 90% confidence regions (above diagonal).



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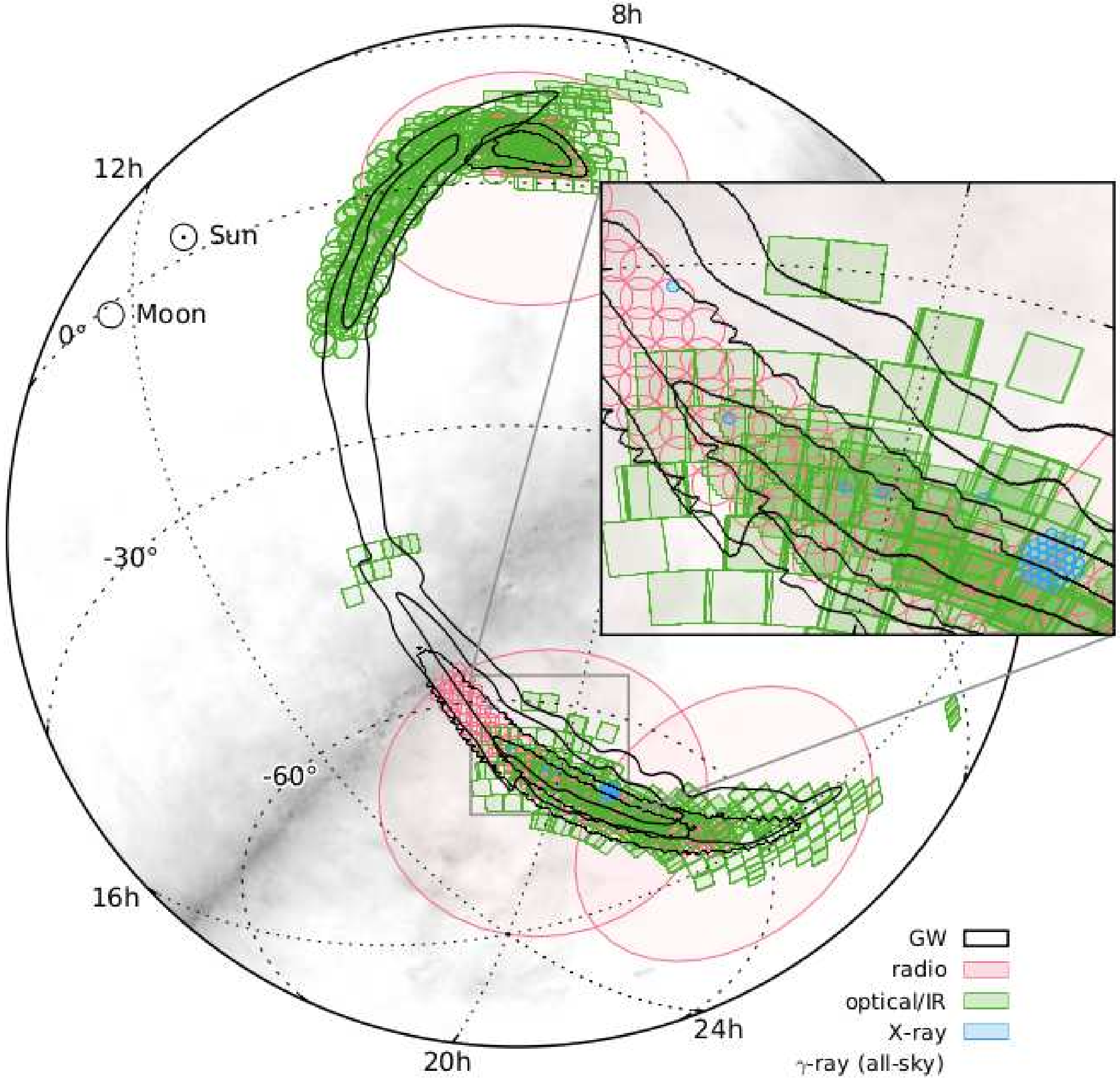
GW150914 coverage



- 25 teams involved
- 19 orders of magnitudes in wavelenghts
- Repointing (optical)
- Archival (X & gamma)
- Deep follow-up (optical/radio)

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X-rays and gamma rays

Facility/ Instrument	Band[a]	Depth[b]	Time[c]	Area (deg^2)	Contained Probability (%) cWB	LIB	BSTR[d]	LALInf	GCN
Gamma-ray									
Fermi LAT	20 MeV–300 GeV	1.7×10^{-9}	(every 3 hr)	—	100	100	100	100	18709
Fermi GBM	8 keV–40 MeV	$0.7–5 \times 10^{-7}$ (0.1–1 MeV)	(archival)	—	100	100	100	100	18339
INTEGRAL	75 keV–1 MeV	1.3×10^{-7}	(archival)	—	100	100	100	100	18354
IPN	15 keV–10 MeV	1×10^{-7}	(archival)	—	100	100	100	100	—
X-ray									
MAXI/GSC	2–20 keV	1×10^{-9}	(archival)	17900	95	89	92	84	19013
Swift XRT	0.3–10 keV	5×10^{-13} (gal.)	2.3, 1, 1	0.6	0.03	0.18	0.04	0.05	18331
		$2–4 \times 10^{-12}$ (LMC)	3.4, 1, 1	4.1	1.2	1.9	0.16	0.26	18346

- Fermi GBM: 1 candidate ~1.9σ, ~0.4 s (Connaughton+16)
- Fermi LAT : no candidates (Ackermann+16)
- AGILE: no candidates (Tavani et al+16)
- INTEGRAL: no candidates (Sevechenko+16)
- Swift: candidates, but no new sources (Ewans+16)

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Optical, IR, radio

- Optical
  - Tiled and galaxy-oriented
  - Tens of candidates, later observed deeper
  - Candidates compatible with normal population of SNe, AGN, etc..
- Radio coverage up to t+4 months

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Facility/ Instrument	Band[a]	Depth[b]	Time[c]	Area (deg^2)	Contained Probability (%) cWB	LIB	BSTR[d]	LALInf	GCN
Optical									
DECam	i, z	$i < 22.5$, $z < 21.5$	3.9, 5, 22	100	38	14	14	11	18344, 18350
iPTF	R	$R < 20.4$	3.1, 3, 1	140	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.2	18337
KWFC	i	$i < 18.8$	3.4, 1, 1	24	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.1	18361
MASTER	C	< 19.9	-1.1, 7, 7	590	56	35	55	49	18333, 18390, 18903, 19021
Pan-STARRS1	i	$i < 19.2 - 20.8$	3.2, 21, 42	430	28	29	2.0	4.2	18335, 18343, 18362, 18394
La Silla–QUEST	g, r	$r < 21$	3.8, 5, 0.1	80	23	16	6.2	5.7	18347
SkyMapper	i, v	$i < 19.1$, $v < 17.1$	2.4, 2, 3	30	9.1	7.9	1.5	1.9	18349
Swift UVOT	u	$u < 19.8$ (gal.)	2.3, 1, 1	3	0.7	1.0	0.1	0.1	18331
	u	$u < 18.8$ (LMC)	3.4, 1, 1						18346
TAROT	C	$R < 18$	2.8, 5, 14	30	15	3.5	1.6	1.9	18332, 18348
TOROS	C	$r < 21$	2.5, 7, 90	0.6	0.03	0.0	0.0	0.0	18338
VST	r	$r < 22.4$	2.9, 6, 50	90	29	10	14	10	18336, 18397
Near Infrared									
VISTA	Y, J, K_S	$J < 20.7$	4.8, 1, 7	70	15	6.4	10	8.0	18353
Radio									
ASKAP	863.5 MHz	5–15 mJy	7.5, 2, 6	270	82	28	44	27	18363, 18655
LOFAR	145 MHz	12.5 mJy	6.8, 3, 90	100	27	1.3	0.0	0.1	18364, 18424, 18690
MWA	118 MHz	200 mJy	3.5, 2, 8	2800	97	72	86	86	18345

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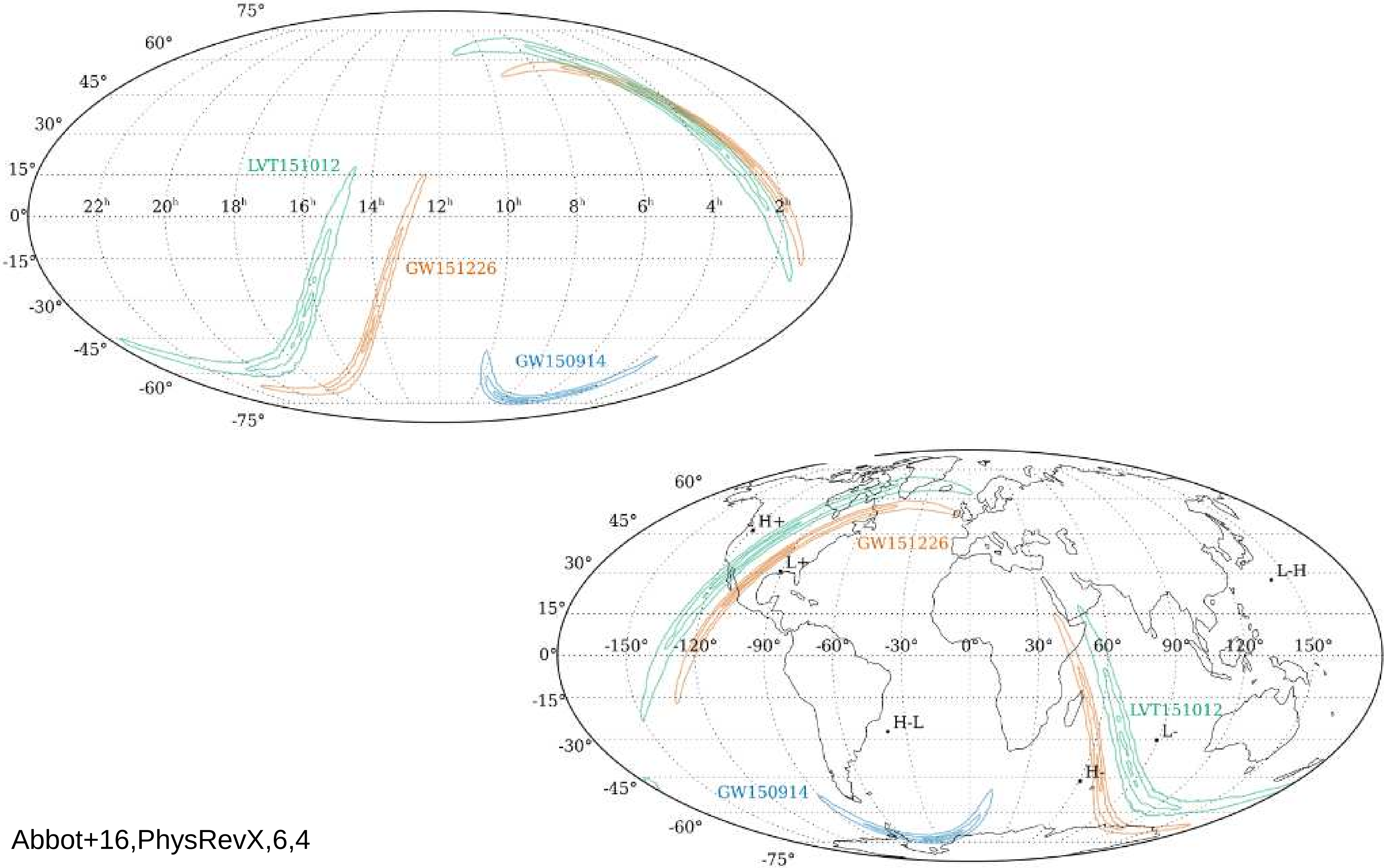

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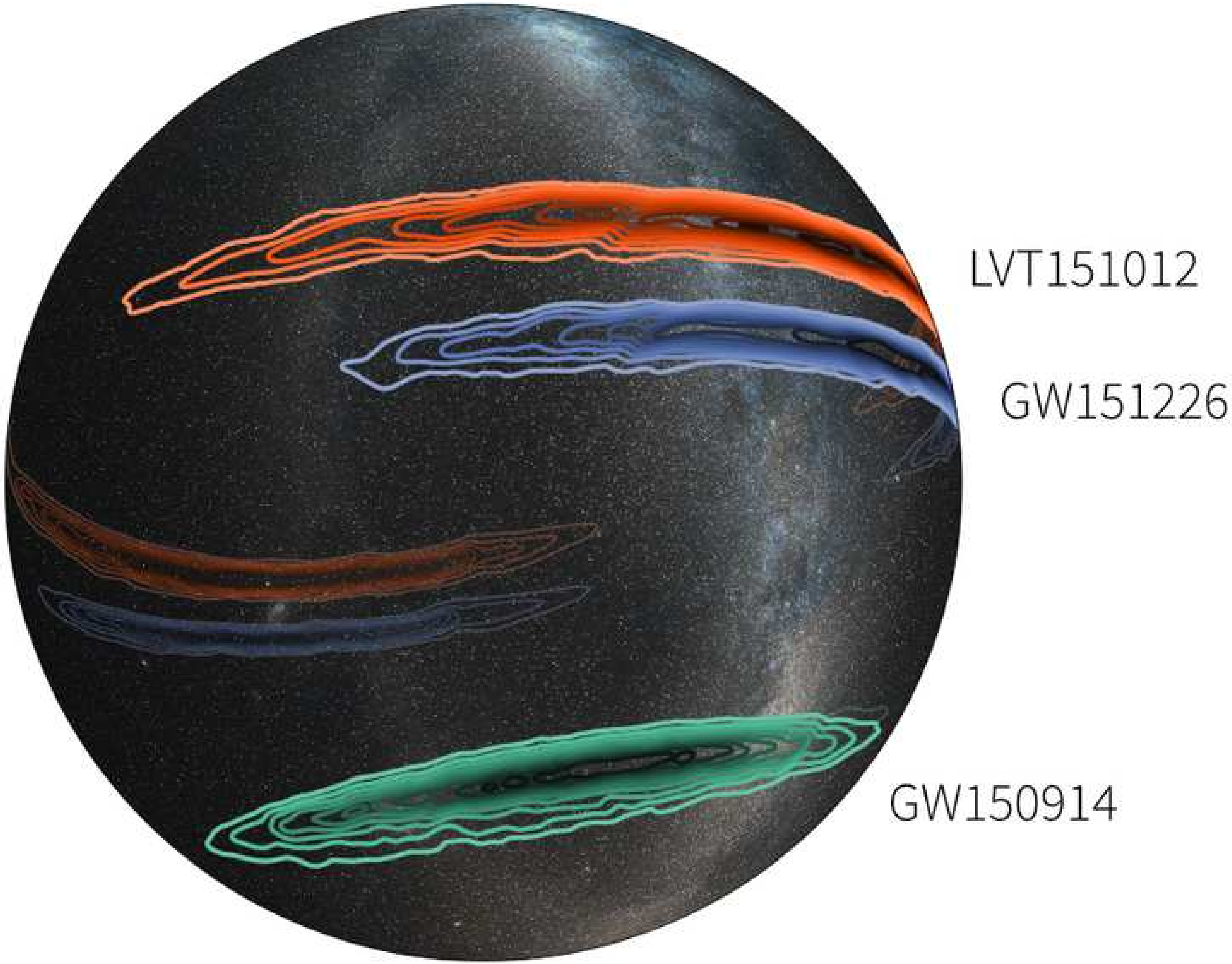
Future perspectives: the role of Virgo



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Future perspectives: the role of Virgo

Assuming Virgo horizon 36 Mpc

Virgo will help in localization
and parameter estimation

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Conclusions

- GW and photons provide complementary information
  - Multimessenger observations extremely promising
- Multimessenger approach is key to study the most extreme objects in the Universe
  - Natural laboratories to probe fundamental physics
  - Transients (e.g. GRBs)
  - Also, other sources (e.g. neutron stars)
- First GW events provided first tests for EM follow-up campaign
  - Great synergy and coverage
  - No expected EM emission from BBHs, but new interesting models arising
- Gamma-ray telescopes are important
  - Emission from GRBs and other HE sources
  - Large FoV
- Present & Future
  - Not just BBH: what about BNS/NSBH?
  - Advanced LIGO O2 ongoing
  - Advanced Virgo in commissioning

Not just Virgo/LIGO...