

# Sky localization and Gravitational waves alerts

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[Indico.in2p3.fr/e/gw-odw2](https://indico.in2p3.fr/e/gw-odw2)

# What is multi-messenger astronomy ?

Transient phenomena: shortest times scales (milliseconds to several years)

*To emit GWs, a source must be compact, relativistic and asymmetric*



## Merger (NS-NS; NS-BH; BH-BH)

- Short GRBs, Kilonova
- Other cases ? FRB ?

## Collapse of a single star

- Type Ib, Ic, II supernovae
- Long GRBs
- Intermediate cases

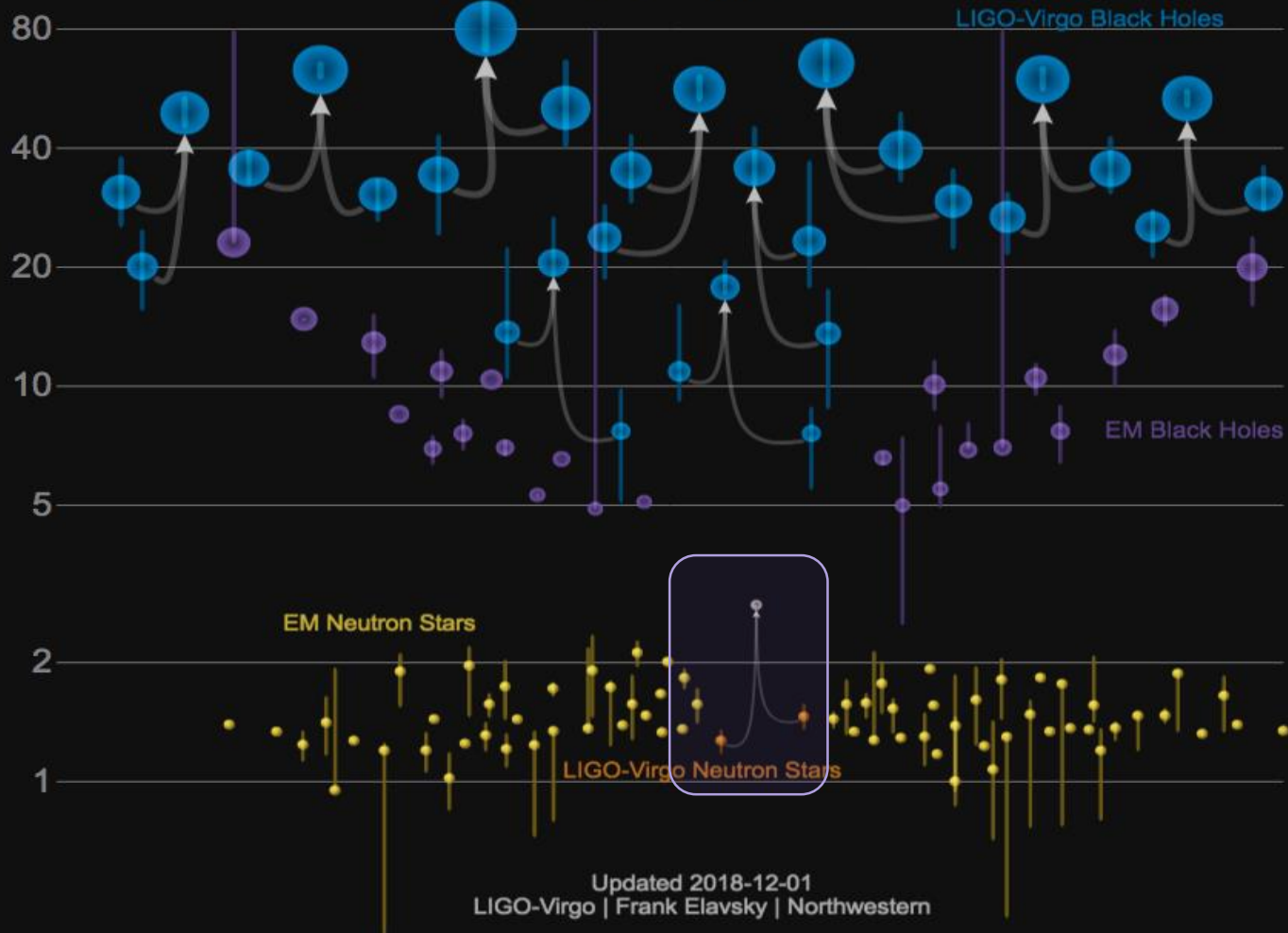


## Neutron star instabilities

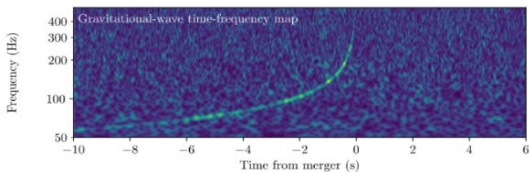
- Soft Gamma-ray repeaters
- Radio/ Gamma-ray pulsar glitches

# Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

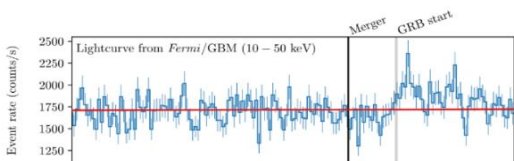
*in Solar Masses*



# GW170817- a first multi-messenger case



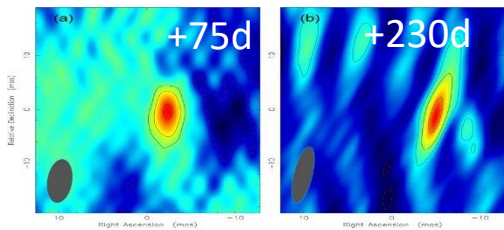
**Gravitational wave**  
Initial system



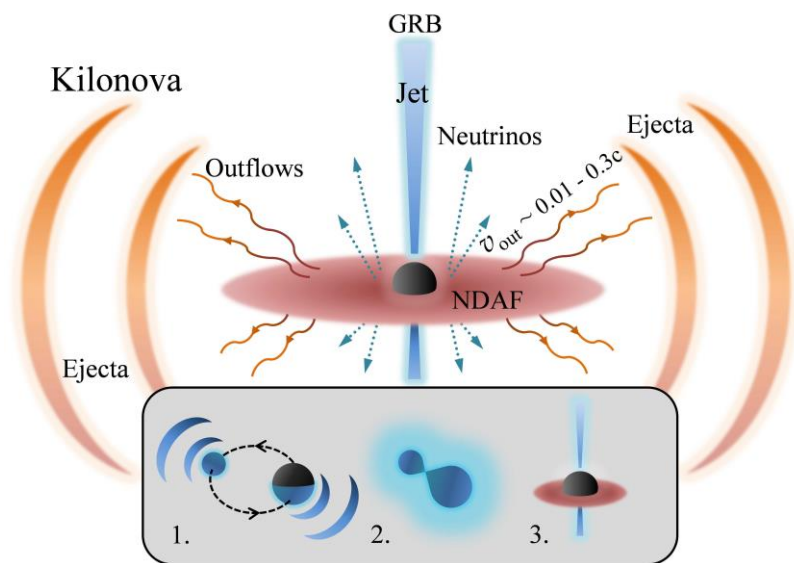
**GRB**  
Jet  
Acceleration mechanisms



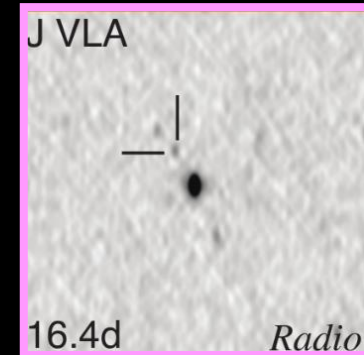
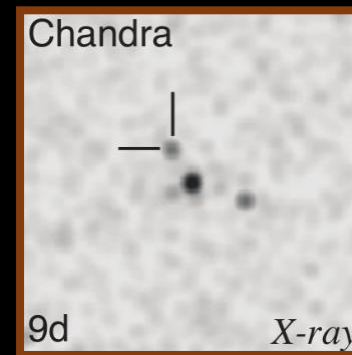
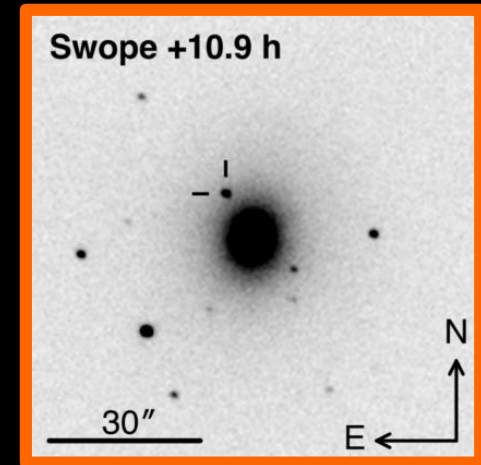
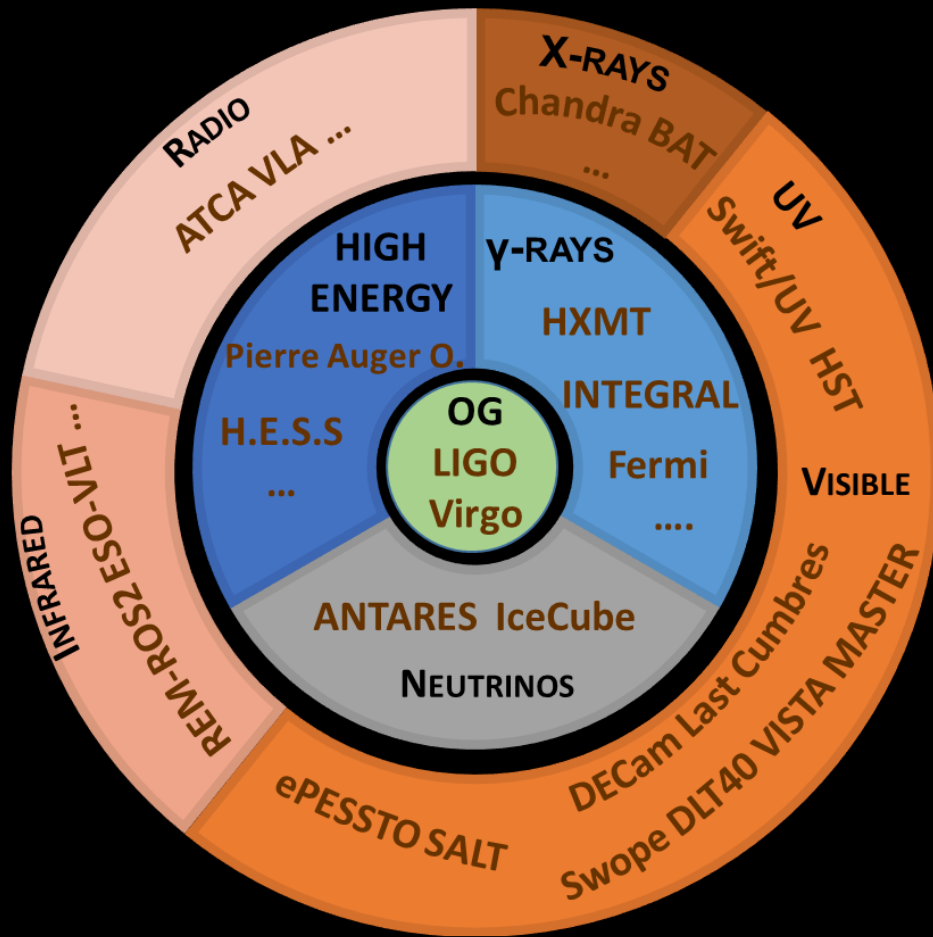
**Kilonova**  
Localization (arcsec)  
Host galaxy  
Redshift



**Afterglow**  
Geometry of the emission



# GW170817- Alert sequence



# Science impact of gravitational wave science

## FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS

Access to dynamic strong field regime, new tests of General Relativity  
Black hole science: inspiral, merger, ringdown, quasi-normal modes  
Lorentz-invariance, equivalence principle ...

## ELECTROMAGNETIC EJECTA TO GW EVENTS

First observation for binary neutron star merger, relation to sGRB  
Evidence for a kilonova, explanation for creation of elements heavier than iron

## POPULATIONS STUDIES

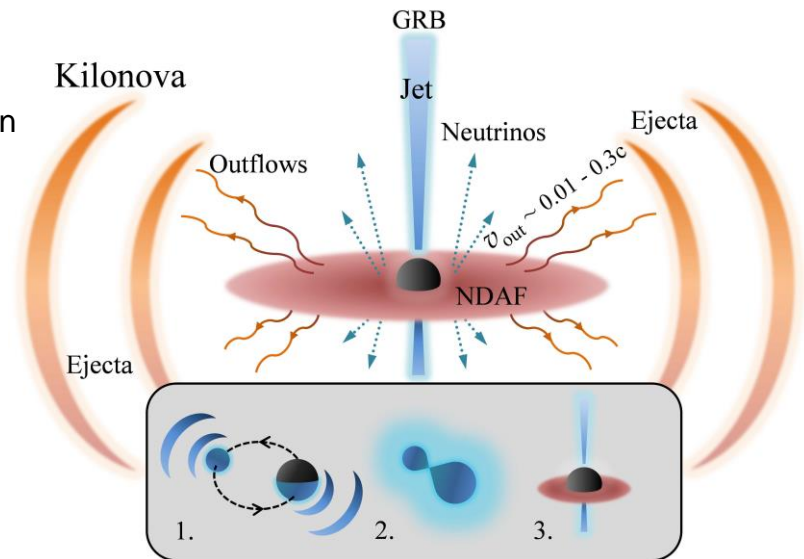
Start of gravitational wave astronomy, population studies, formation of progenitors, remnant studies  
Gap between NS and BH

## COSMOLOGY

Binary neutron stars can be used as standard “sirens”  
Dark Matter and Dark Energy, stochastic background

## NUCLEAR PHYSICS

Tidal interactions between neutron



# Multi-messenger astronomy with LIGO-Virgo

## COINCIDENCE SEARCH

Compare sets of candidates events

## TRIGGERED ANALYSIS

**Search that uses EM or neutrino observations to drive the detection of GWs**

*GRB prompt emission, SN explosion in local galaxies, flares SGR, pulsar glitches, low and high energy neutrino*

Known event time and sky position

- reduction in search parameter space for GW searches
- gain in search sensitivity

## EM FOLLOW-UP

**Search EM/neutrino counterpart candidates after GW identification**

# O2 Electromagnetic campaign

Earth

Space

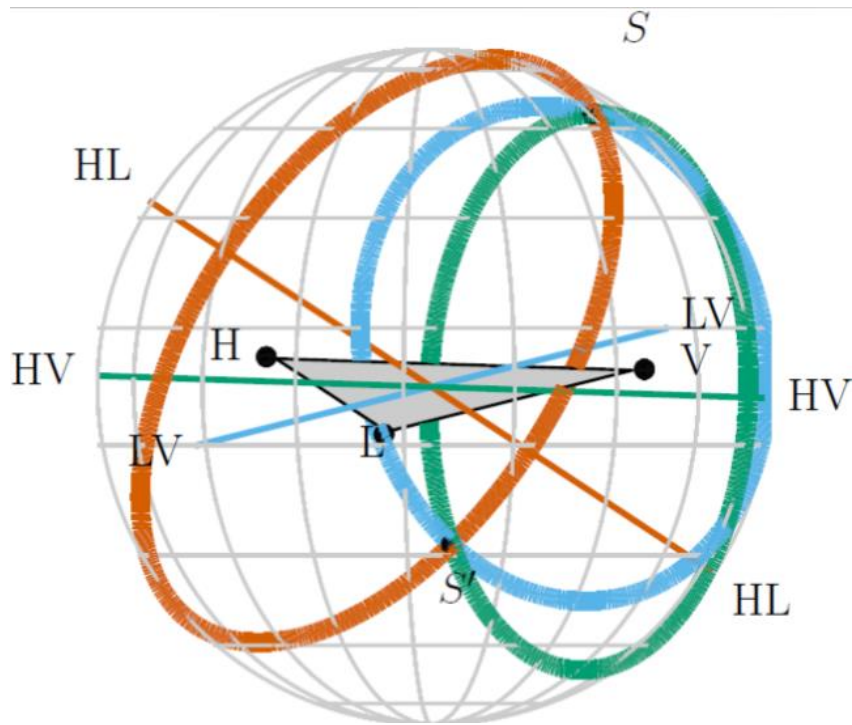


## O2 MULTI-MESSENGER GROUP WITH LIGO/VIRGO > 90 MOU SIGNED

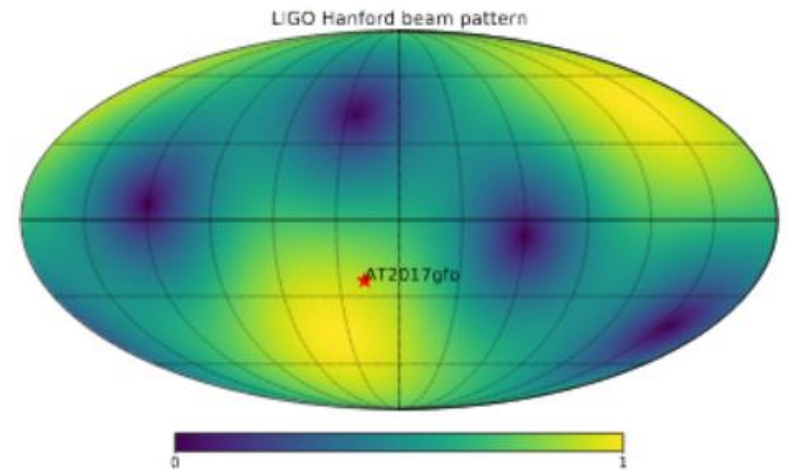
- Astronomical institutions, agencies and groups of astronomers from 20 countries
- More than 200 instruments covering the full spectrum (space and ground space telescopes)
- Telescopes in the optical band represented half of the groups



# Localization of GW events



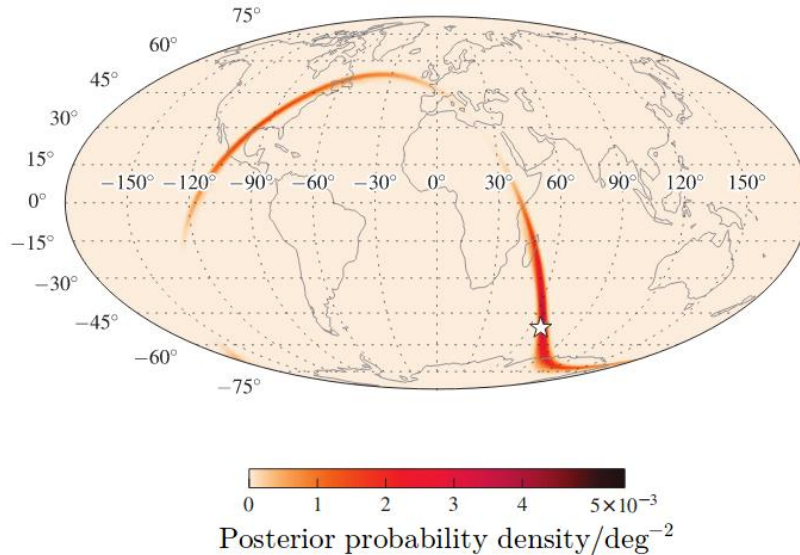
Source localization by timing triangulation for the aLIGO-AdV network



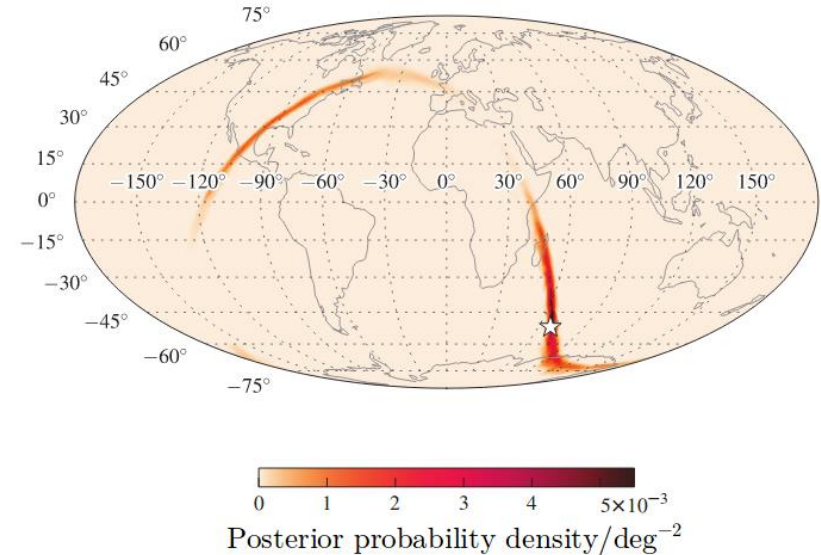
Antenna pattern of Livingston at the time of GW170817

# Localization of GW events

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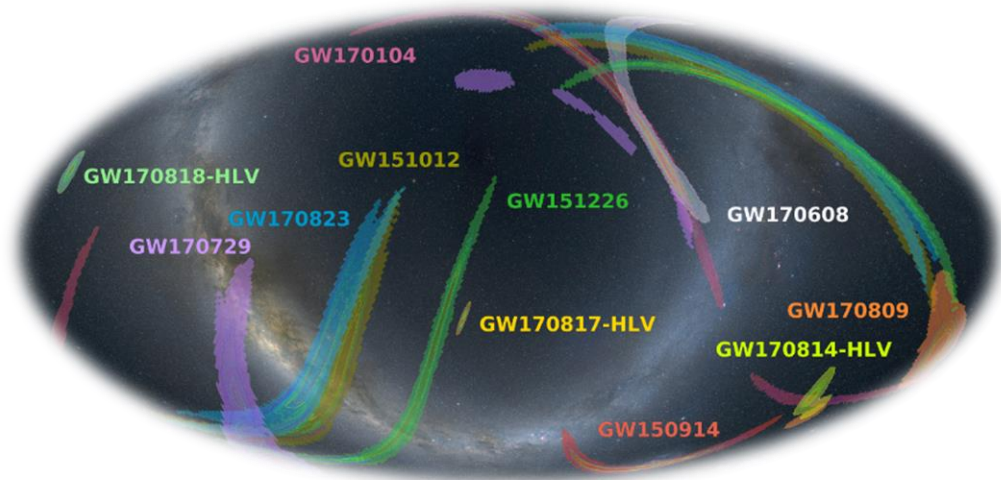


LALINFERENCE

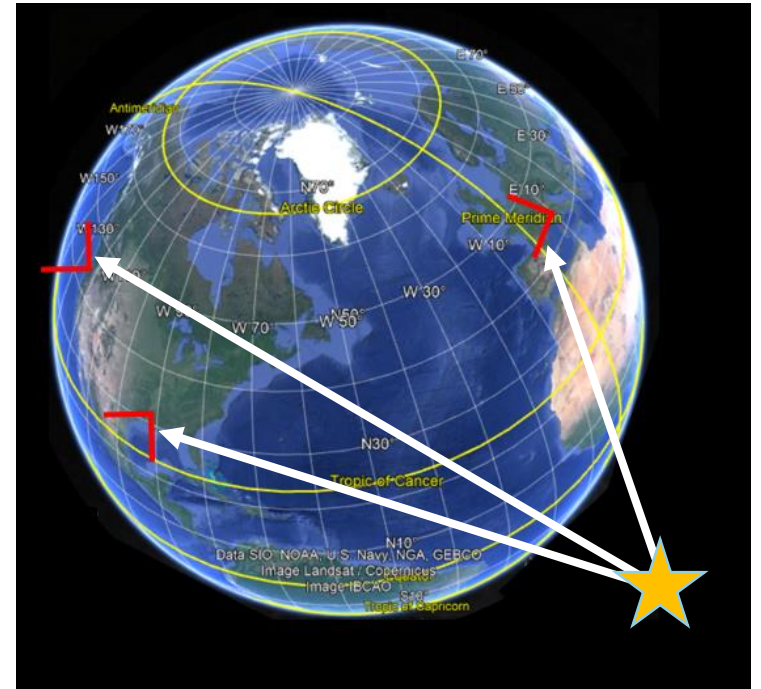


Posterior probability density for sky location with a simulated example. The source is at a distance of 266 Mpc and has a network signal-to-noise ratio of 13.2

# Localization of GW events



14 alerts sent during O2, 6 confirmed !  
GW170817 first arrived at Virgo, after 22 ms it arrived at LLO, and  
another 3 ms later LLH detected it



Virgo allowed source location via triangulation

*Low latency gravitational wave alerts for multi-messenger astronomy during the second advances LIGO and Virgo observing runs APJ, 2019*

# Localization of GW events



## Gravitational Wave Open Data Workshop #2

### Tutorial 2.6: skymap and source localization of gravitational-wave events

In this tutorial we will learn how:

- 1) to visualize over the sky the gravitational-wave localization
- 2) to get information from the image's header
- 3) to identify the maximum probability pixel
- 4) to create the confidence levels and query the galaxy catalog(s)

[Click this link to view this tutorial in Google Colaboratory](#)

### Installation (execute only if running on a cloud platform!)

```
In [ ]: ! wget --output-document=requirements.txt 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/gw-odw/odw-2019/master/requirements.txt'
! pip install -r ./requirements.txt
```

**Important:** With Google Colab, you may need to restart the runtime after running the cell above.

### Initialization

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In [ ]: from IPython.display import display, Math, Latex
from _future_ import print_function
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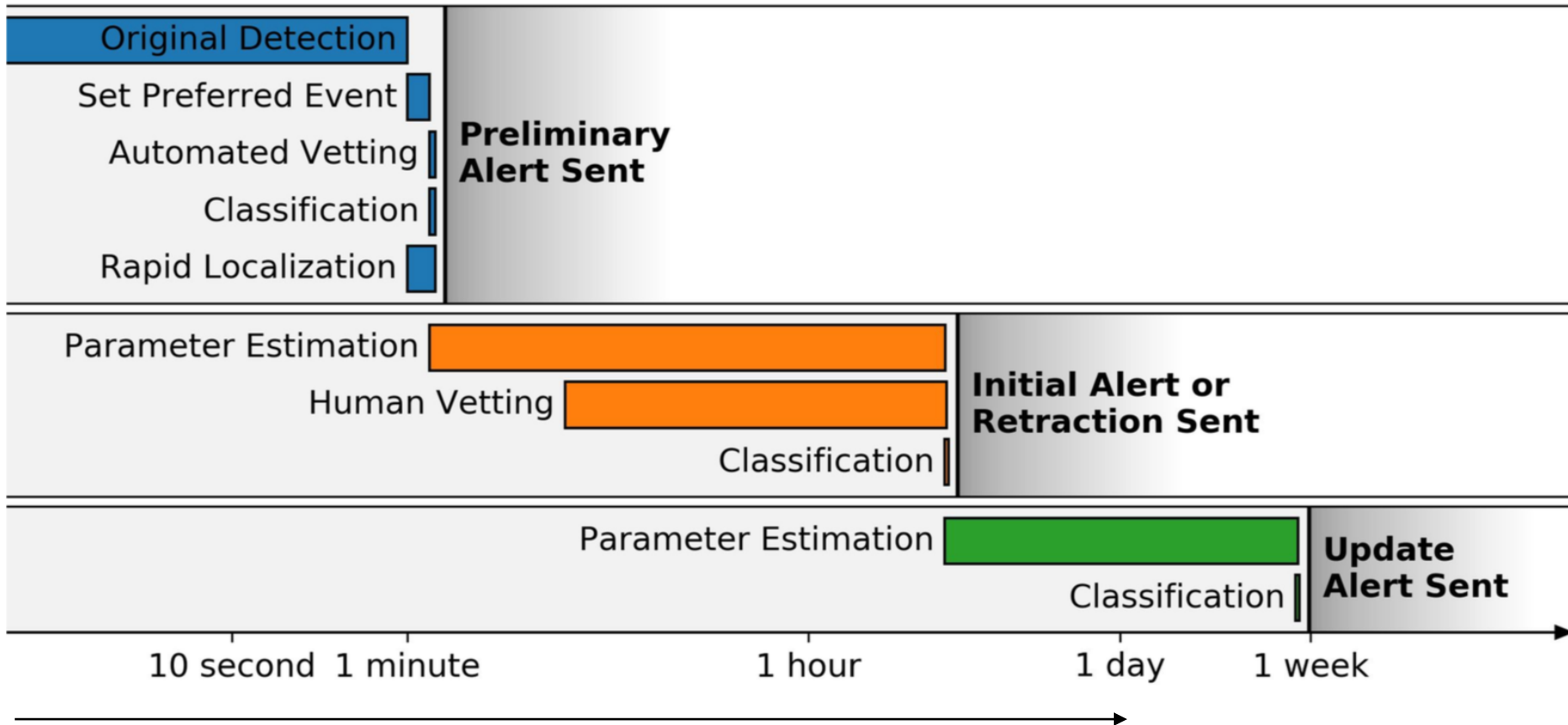
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G. Greco Tutorial  
This afternoon !

- GW170818 : BBH merger
- GW170817: BNS merger

- Reading files
- Parsing info (dist, ...)
- Calculate 90 c.r region
- Collect info from host galaxy
- And a surprise !

# Timeline of the PUBLIC alerts



Possible triggers (from the offline analysis) **Promoted** as follow-up events

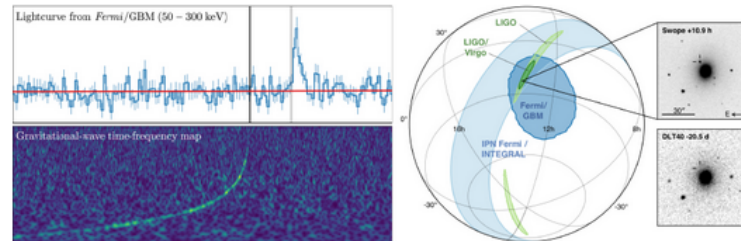
# LIGO-Virgo Userguide



Primer on public alerts for astronomers from the LIGO and Virgo gravitational-wave observatories

[Getting Started Checklist](#) →

## LIGO/Virgo Public Alerts User Guide



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### Quick search

Welcome to the LIGO/Virgo Public Alerts User Guide! This document is intended for both professional astronomers and science enthusiasts who are interested in receiving alerts and real-time data products related to gravitational-wave (GW) events.

### Warning:

Some technical details of LIGO/Virgo public alerts may change before the start of Observing Run 3 (O3) in 2019. In particular, details of the alert format and the [GraceDb](#) public portal may evolve. Please check this document regularly for announcements and updates.

Three sites ([LHO](#), [LLO](#), [Virgo](#)) together form a global network of ground-based GW detectors. The [LIGO Scientific Collaboration](#) and the [Virgo Collaboration](#) jointly analyze the data in real time to detect and localize transients from compact binary mergers and other sources. When a signal candidate is found, an alert is sent to astronomers in order to search for counterparts (electromagnetic waves or neutrinos).

Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo are preparing for their third observing run (O3) in early 2019. For the first time, **LIGO/Virgo alerts will be public**. Alerts will be distributed through NASA's Gamma-ray Coordinates Network ([GCN](#)). There are two types of alerts: human-readable [GCN Circulars](#) and machine-readable [GCN Notices](#). This document provides a brief overview of the procedures for vetting and sending GW alerts, describes their contents and format, and includes instructions and sample code for receiving GCN Notices and decoding GW sky maps.

# GCN Notices content

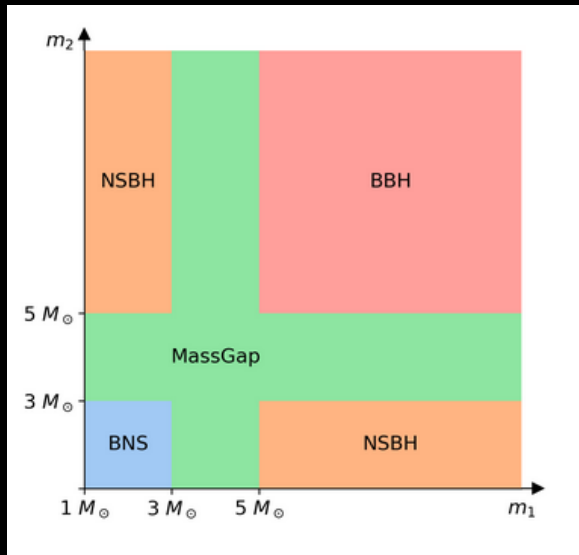
Inference: classification

Five numbers, summing to unity, giving probability that the source belongs to the following five categories:

Terrestrial, BNS, MassGap, NSBH, BBH

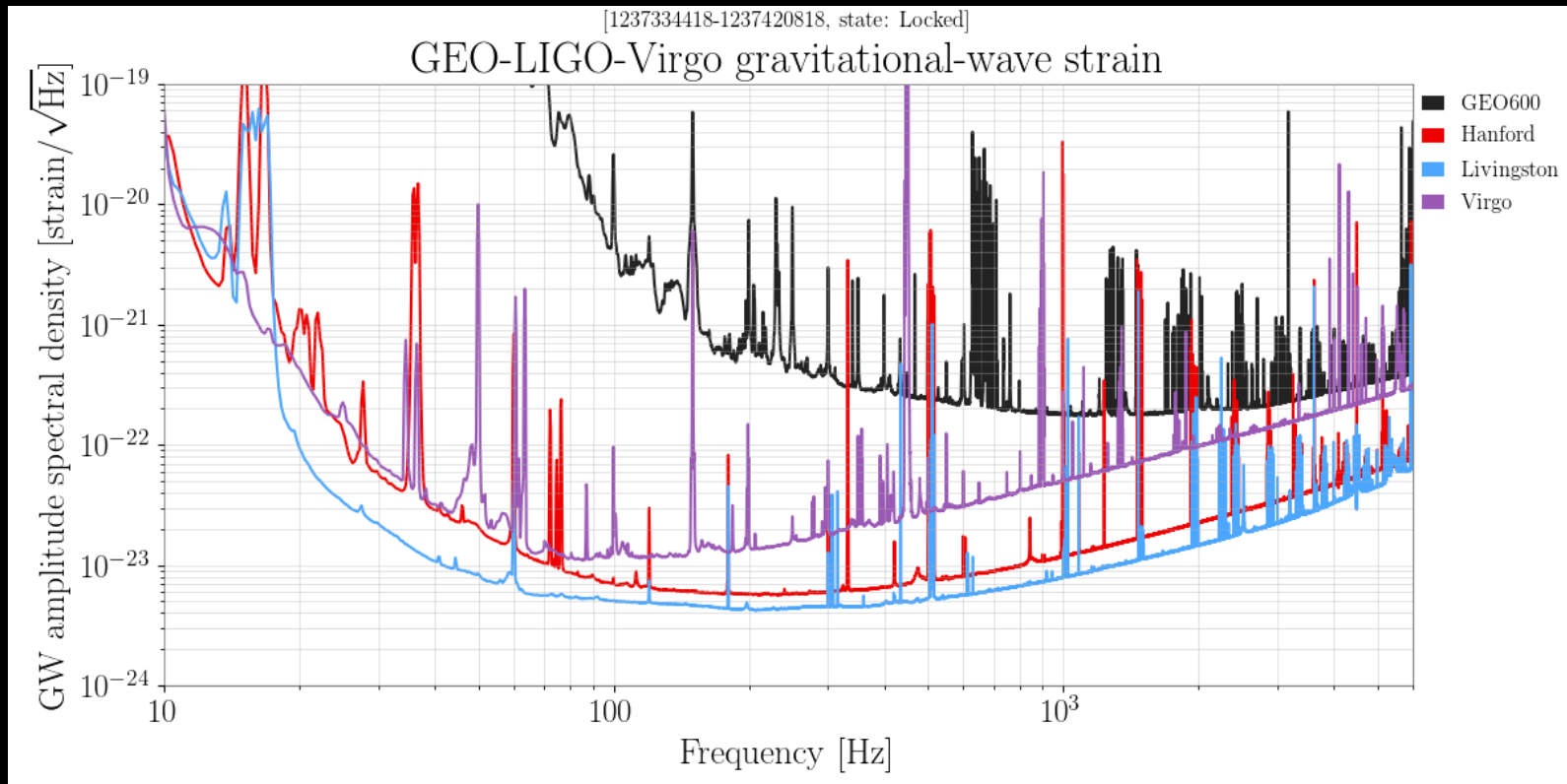
GW150914: 5e-40, 0.00, 0.06, 0.01, 0.93

GW170817: 1e-48, 1.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00



<b>Root</b>		
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Role	<code>{observation,test}</code>	
<b>Who</b>		
Date	Time sent (UTC, ISO-8601), e.g. 2018-11-01T22:34:49	
Author	LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration	
<b>WhereWhen</b>	Time of signal (UTC, ISO-8601), e.g. 2018-11-01T22:22:46.654437	
<b>What</b>		
GraceID	GraceDb ID: <code>[{T,M}]SYMMDDabc</code> . Example: MS181101abc	
Packet Type	GCN Notice type: <code>{Preliminary,Initial,Update}</code>	
Notice Type	Numerical equivalent of GCN Notice type: <code>{150,151,152}</code>	
FAR	Estimated false alarm rate in Hz	
Sky Map	URL of HEALPix FITS localization file	
Group	CBC	Burst
Pipeline	<code>{GstLal,MBTAOnline,PyCBC,SPIIR}</code>	<code>{cWB,oLIB}</code>
CentralFreq	N/A	Central frequency in Hz
Duration		Duration of burst in s
Fluence		Gravitational-wave fluence in $\text{erg cm}^{-2}$
BNS, NSBH, BBH, Noise	Probability that the source is a <a href="#">BNS</a> , <a href="#">NSBH</a> , <a href="#">NSBH</a> merger, or terrestrial (i.e., noise) respectively	N/A
HasNS, HasRemnant	Probability, under the assumption that the source is not noise, that at least one of the compact objects was a neutron star, and that the system ejected a nonzero amount of neutron star matter, respectively.	

# O3 just starts !!!



Binary Neutron Star range Virgo : 50 Mpc

Handford: 100 Mpc

Livingston: 130 Mpc

A primer on gravitational wave detector with LIGO and Virgo (J.van der Brand)

Observation and calibration data quality talk (A.Weinstein)



# Identification of the EM/neutrino counterpart

GW sky localisation error box (hundreds deg<sup>2</sup>)



Wide Field of view instruments

Trigger candidates



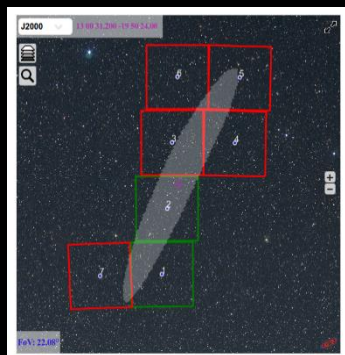
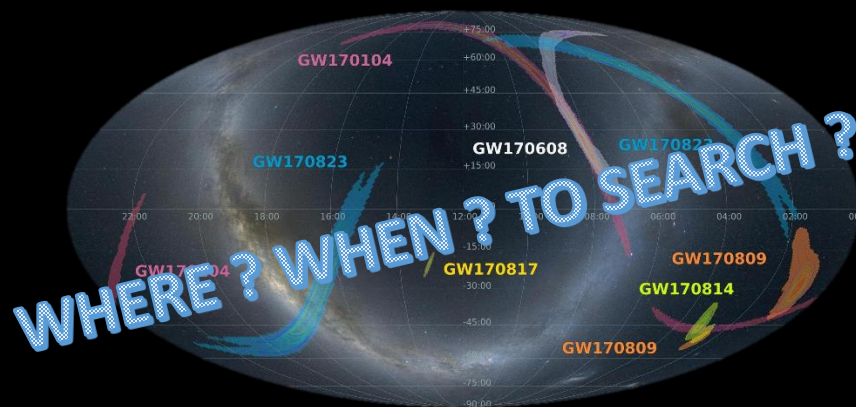
Follow-up with narrow fields instruments



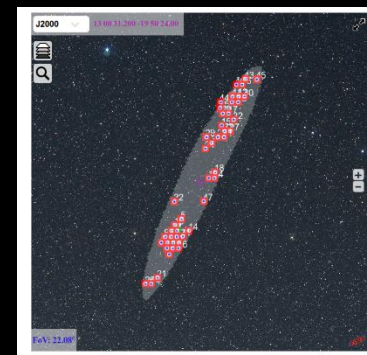
Characterisation of the counterparts candidates

NEEDS A LARGE ASTRONOMICAL COLLABORATION

NEEDS SPECIFICS OBSERVATIONAL STRATEGIES



Tiling strategy

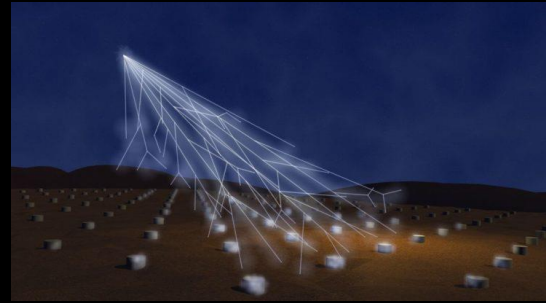


Galaxy-targeting (with distance)

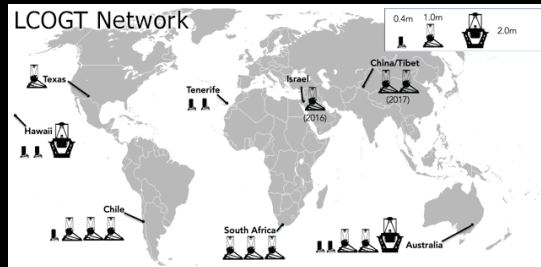
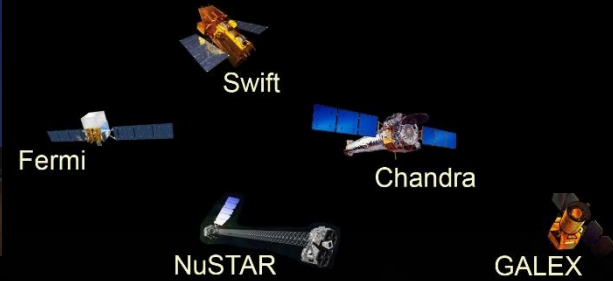
# Good luck to all counterpart colleagues !



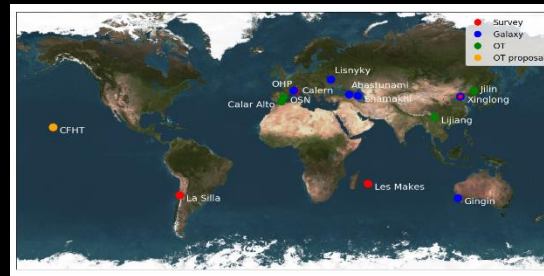
IceCube



Pierre Auger



LCOGT



GRANDMA



GROWTH



SKA



VLA



ESO

# The future for multi-messengers area is bright !

*In the PAST*



*O1/O2 campaign*



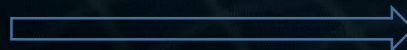
BH-BH mergers  
NS-NS merger

*In the future: O3 and beyond*



Mergers  
Collapse of massive star  
Isolated neutrons star instabilities

Populations studies  
Remanent studies



Global picture  
of the Violent Universe

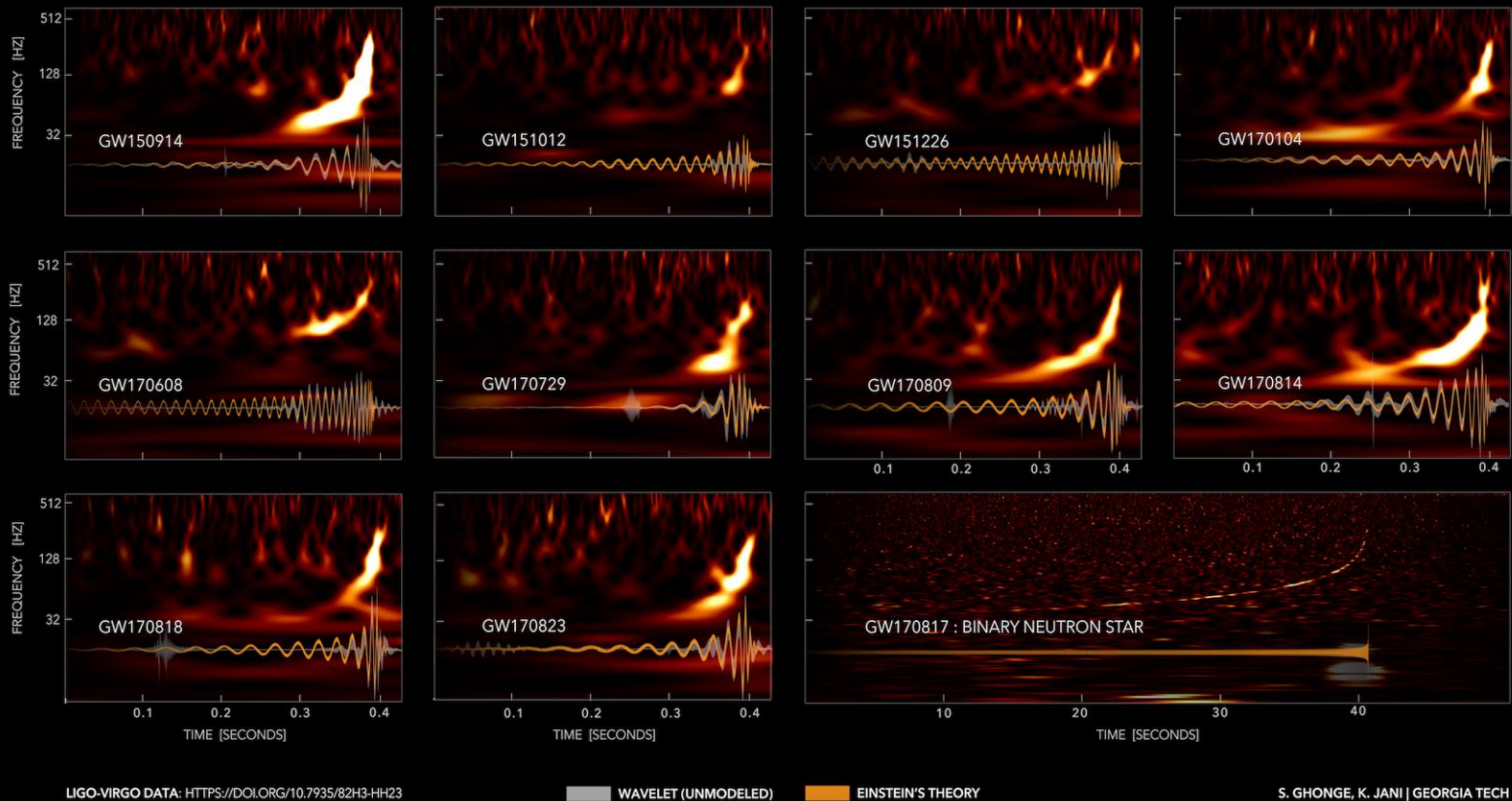
Electromagnetic emissions  
On different angles



Thanks !



# GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE TRANSIENT CATALOG-1



[GWTC-1: A Gravitational-Wave Transient Catalog of Compact Binary Mergers Observed by LIGO and Virgo during the First and Second Observing Runs](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.12907) arxiv.org/abs/1811.12907

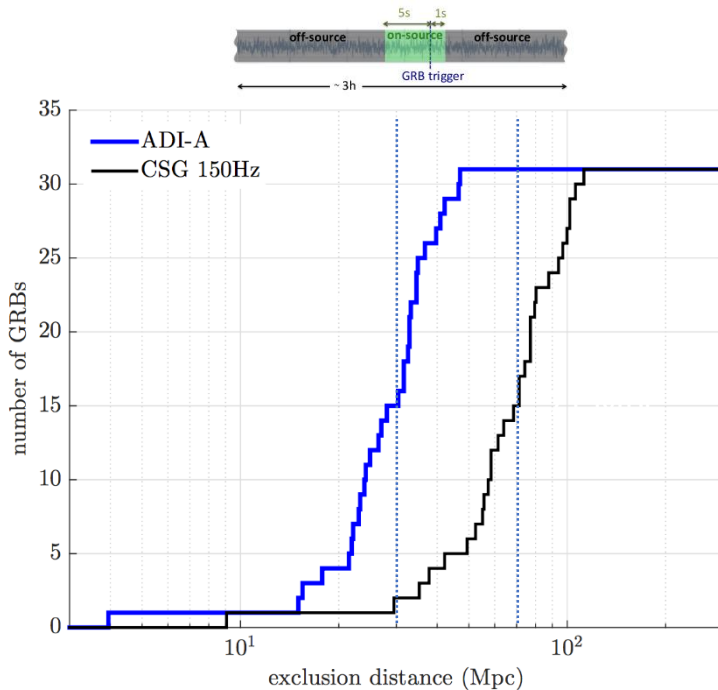
Confident events: FAR < 1 per 30 years,  
Probability of physical origin greater than 50%

**10 BBH + 1 BNS + 14 other marginal events**

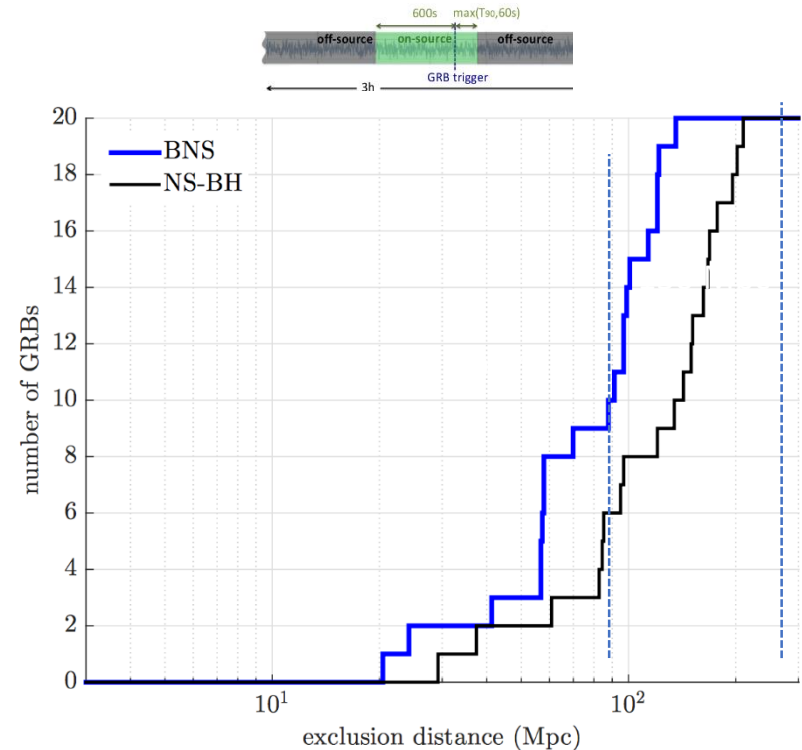
# External triggers and GWs: triggered analysis

*GRB prompt emission, SN explosion in local galaxies, flares SGR, pulsar glitches, low and high energy neutrino*

Unmodeled GW search (31 GRBs)  
with  $10^{-2} \text{ Moc}^2$  energy in GW (optimistic)



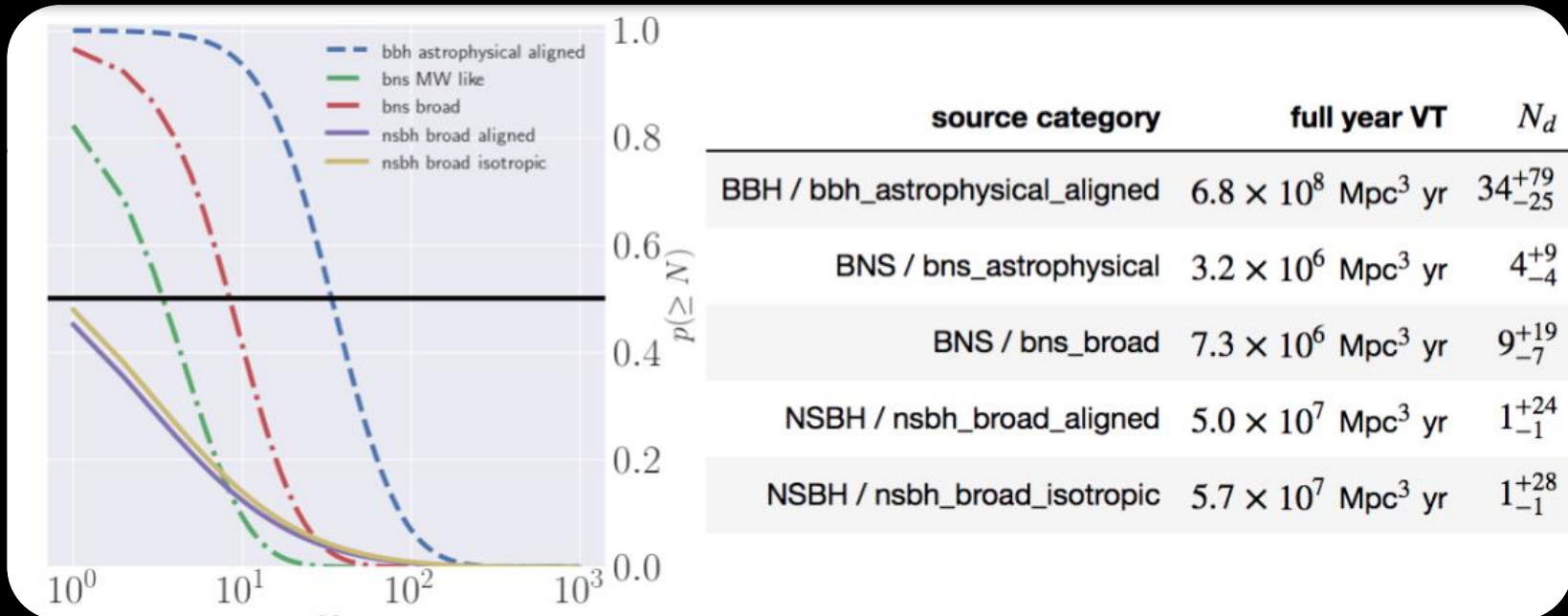
Binary system coalescence (19 short GRBs)



**Non GW-detection result: lower bounds on the progenitor distance**

*Abbott et al. 2016, ApJ,*

# The O3 multi-messenger campaign



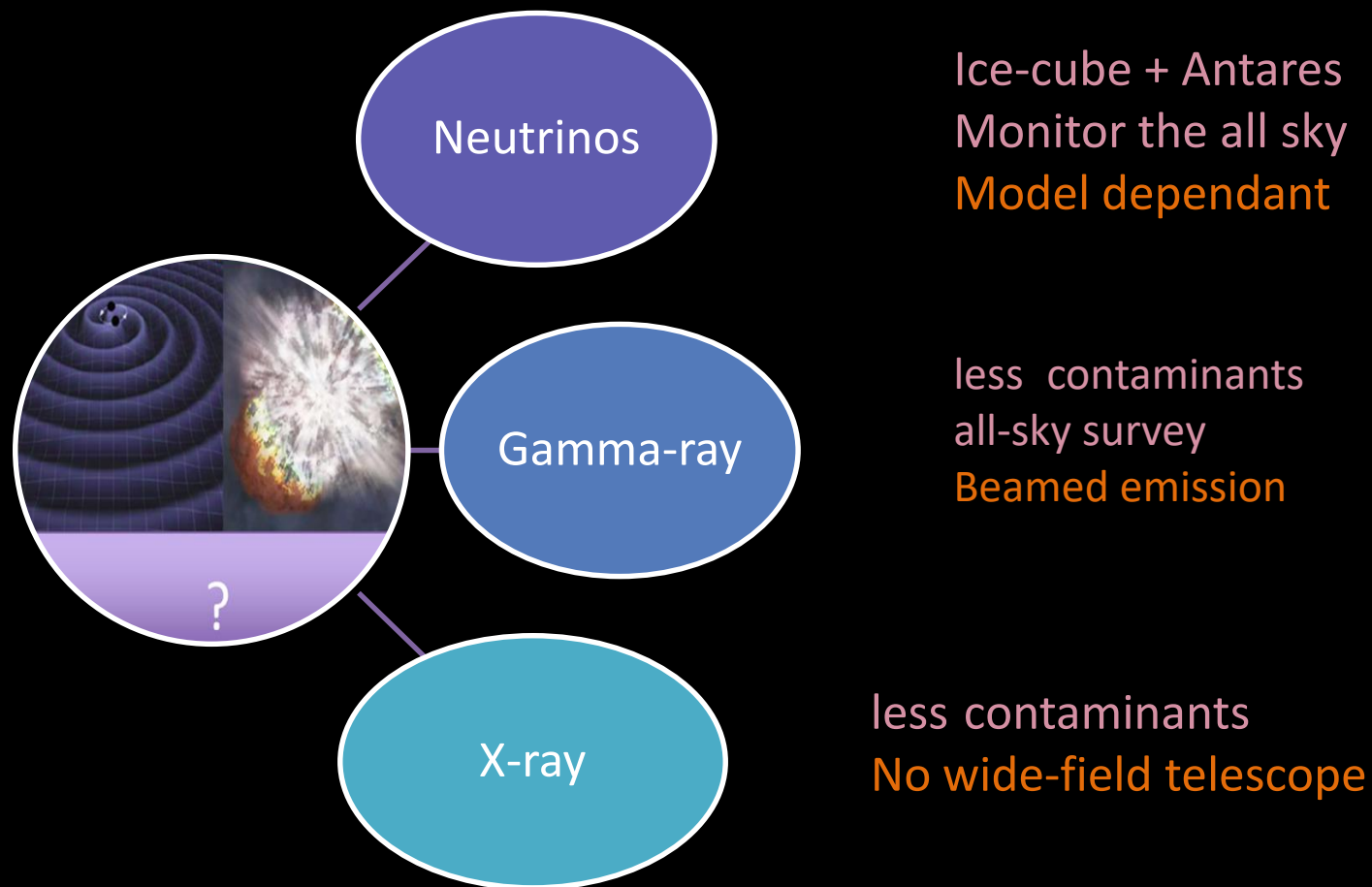
Pankow et al. on behalf of LIGO/Virgo colla.

**BBH rate will dominate**, at least ~few/month up to few/week

**1-10 BNS**

**NS-BH=0 not ruled out in any scenario, most give ~50%  $N > 0$**

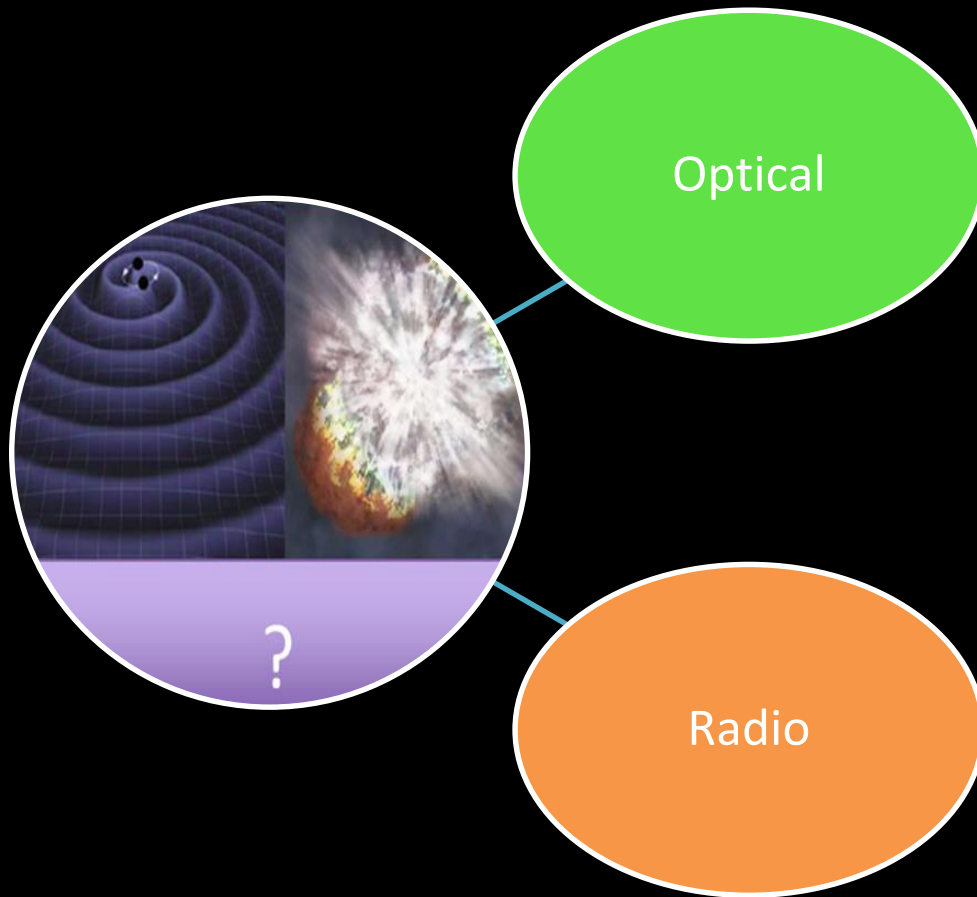
## COINCIDENCE SEARCH – EARLY SEARCH





# TRACK the em/neutrino counterpart of GW ALERTS

## EARLY SEARCH

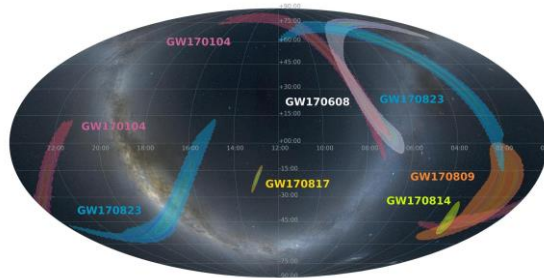


**Lot of contaminants**  
*10<sup>4</sup>-10<sup>5</sup> variable objects*  
over 100 sq. degrees  
**Difficult to monitor the whole sky**

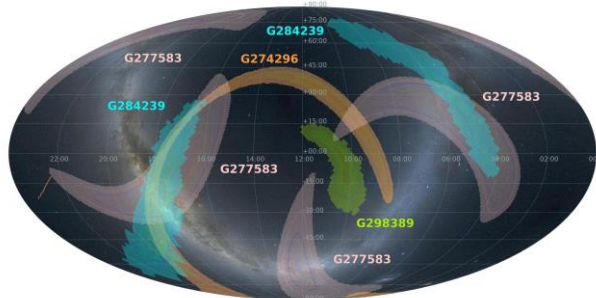
**Less contaminants**  
*Wide-field array at low frequencies (MHz)*  
**Faint sources**  
**Long delay between GW and radio emission**

# O2 Electromagnetic campaign

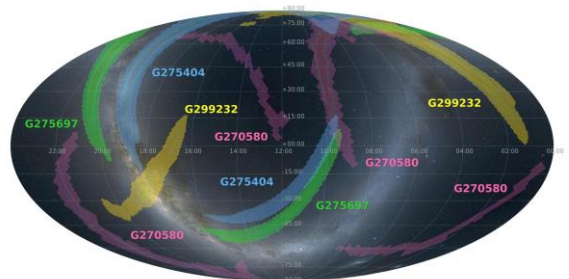
## 14 ONLINE ALERTS



Confident

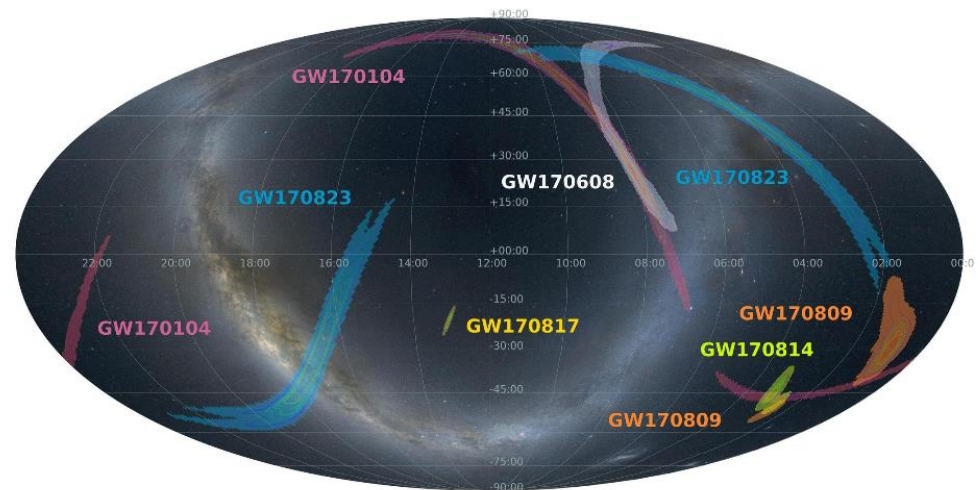


Consistent with noise



Rejected

6 ALERTS confirmed as BBH + BNS  
Offline sky localization area



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