



# The SVOM mission

« Space-based multi-band astronomical Variable Objects Monitor »

Launch mid-2023, for 3+2 years

**VT**

“The Visible Telescope”  
Narrow-field visible telescope

Ritchey Chretien  $\Phi=400\text{mm}$   
Localization accuracy  $< 1\text{arcsec}$



**GRM**

“The Gamma-Ray burst Monitor”  
X-rays and Gamma-rays detectors

15 keV – 5 MeV  
Localization accuracy  $< 5^\circ$



**ECLAIRs**

« The trigger camera »  
Wide-field X and Gamma rays telescope

Spectral range : 4 keV – 150 keV  
Localization accuracy  $< 12\text{arcmin}$



**MXT**

“The Micro-channel X-ray Telescope”  
Narrow-field X-ray telescope

Spectral range : 0.2 keV – 10 keV  
Localization accuracy  $< 1\text{arcmin}$



**GFT-1**

« Ground-based Follow-up  
Telescope »  
 $\Phi > 1000\text{mm}$



**GWAC**

« Ground Wide-Angle  
Cameras »  
 $\Phi = 180\text{mm}$



**Colibri**

« Ground-based  
Follow-up  
Telescope »  
 $\Phi 1300\text{mm}$



**VHF Alert  
Network**



... and  
more !

**Tracking  
antennas**





# SVOM OBSERVATION PROGRAMS

**The Core Program (GRB).** The first objective of the SVOM mission.

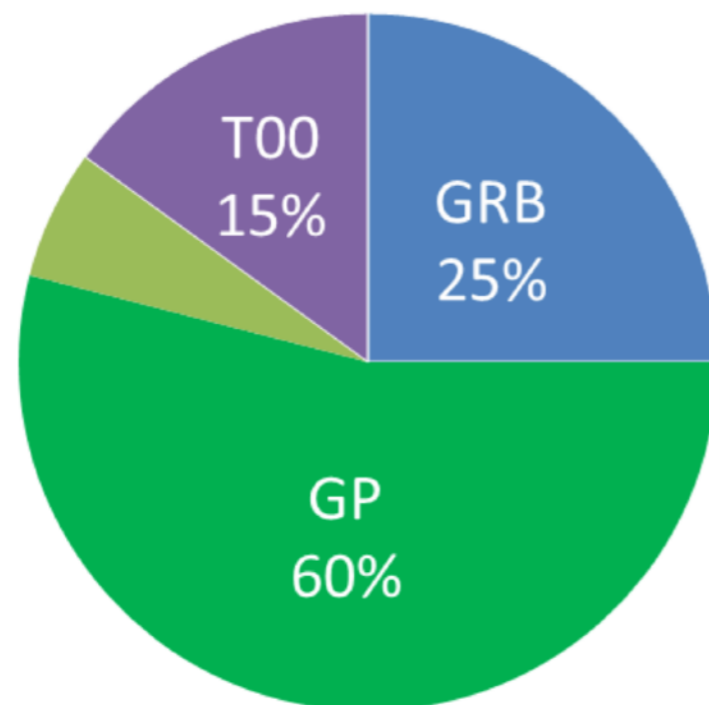
~50-60 ECLAIRs alerts/yr (loc. < 13 arcmin). ~90 GRM only alerts (loc. < 5-10 deg).

~30-40 GRBs/yr with prompt emission over 3 decades + X-ray and V/NIR afterglow + redshift.

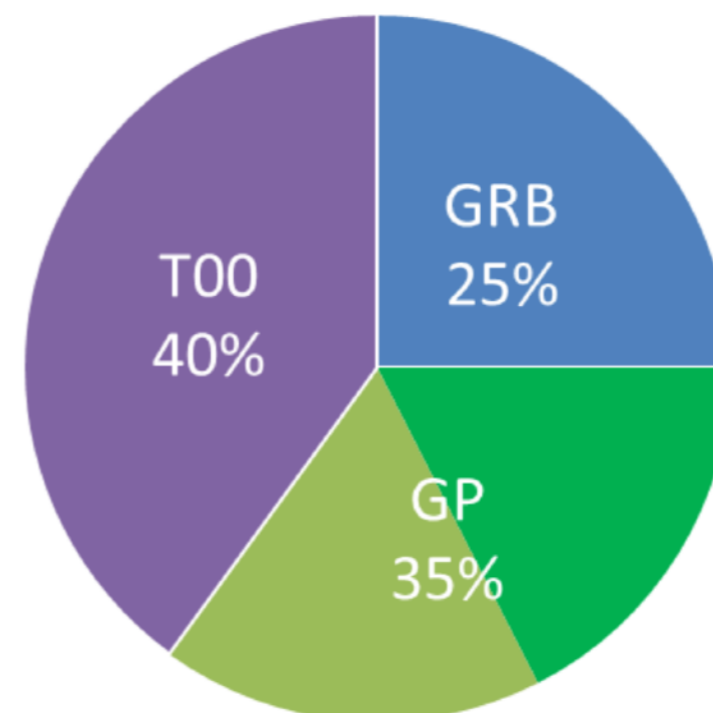
**General Program (GP).** SVOM will be an open observatory : observations will be awarded by a TAC (a SVOM co-I needs to be part of your proposal). 10% of the time can be spent on low Galactic latitude sources during the nominal mission (up to 50% during the extended mission).

**Target of Opportunity (ToO)** program : alerts sent from the ground to the satellite. Initially 1 ToO per day focussed on time domain astrophysics including multi-messengers. ToO program devoted time increases during extended mission.

*~3 first years*  
1 ToO per day, 10% of GP outside B1 law



*After...*  
5 ToOs per day, 50% of GP outside B1 law



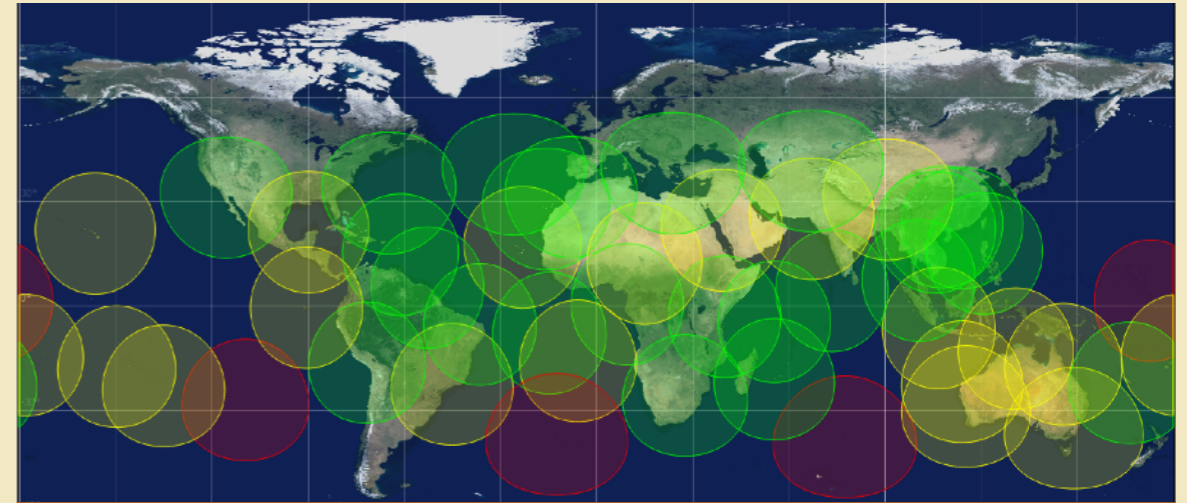
# CORE PROGRAM (GRB) DOWNGOING TELEMETRY LINKS



*VHF*

Alert products (ECLAIRs,  
GRM then MXT, VT).

65% of the alerts  
received within 30s at  
the French Science Center.



~40 VHF receivers

*Beidou*

Beidou Navigation Satellite System (BDS).

For **VHF redundancy** and only for **high priority alert products**.

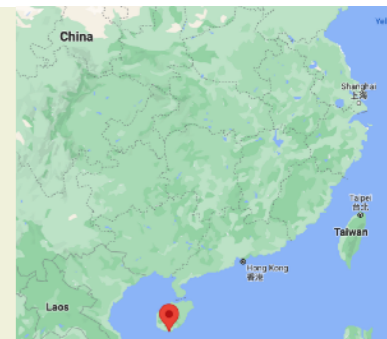
Fast but still under review (recent addition to the SVOM satellite).

First alert notices will be sent automatically within minutes after on-board GRB detection

*X-band  
stations*

All data are downloaded thanks to **X-band stations located in Sanya** (Hainan - China).

Time between 2 passages strongly depends on the orbit  
(max=12h).



Circulars with updated analysis will follow the data reception

# UP-GOING TELECOMMANDS LINKS (GP & ToO)



## GP & ToO-NOM

*S-band  
stations*

Standard S-band stations are located in Sanya, Kashi, Qingdao (China).

**GP** Work Plan is **uploaded one week in advance**.

**ToO-NOM** are uploaded with a typical **48h delay** after decision.

## ToO-EX & ToO-MM

*S-band  
stations*

To reduce the latency for fast **ToO** (**ToO-EX** and **ToO-MM** for exceptional and multi-messenger alerts), Kourou (French Guyana) and Hartebeeshoek (South Africa) can be used as well.

**We have a delay < 12h between alert and start of observations.**

*Beidou*

**Beidou system will be used to reduce the latency** with respect to S-band stations for **ToO-EX** and **ToO-MM**.

Delays still under review. The typical delay between alerts and observations will be **~5 hours at start but will be drastically reduced later.**

# GP & ToO DOWNGOING LINKS



## GP &ToO-NOM

*X-band  
stations*

Data downloaded through standard **X-band stations in China.**

## ToO-EX

*X-band  
stations*

ToO-EX will use **KUX** and **HBX** in addition to the **Chinese X-band stations.**

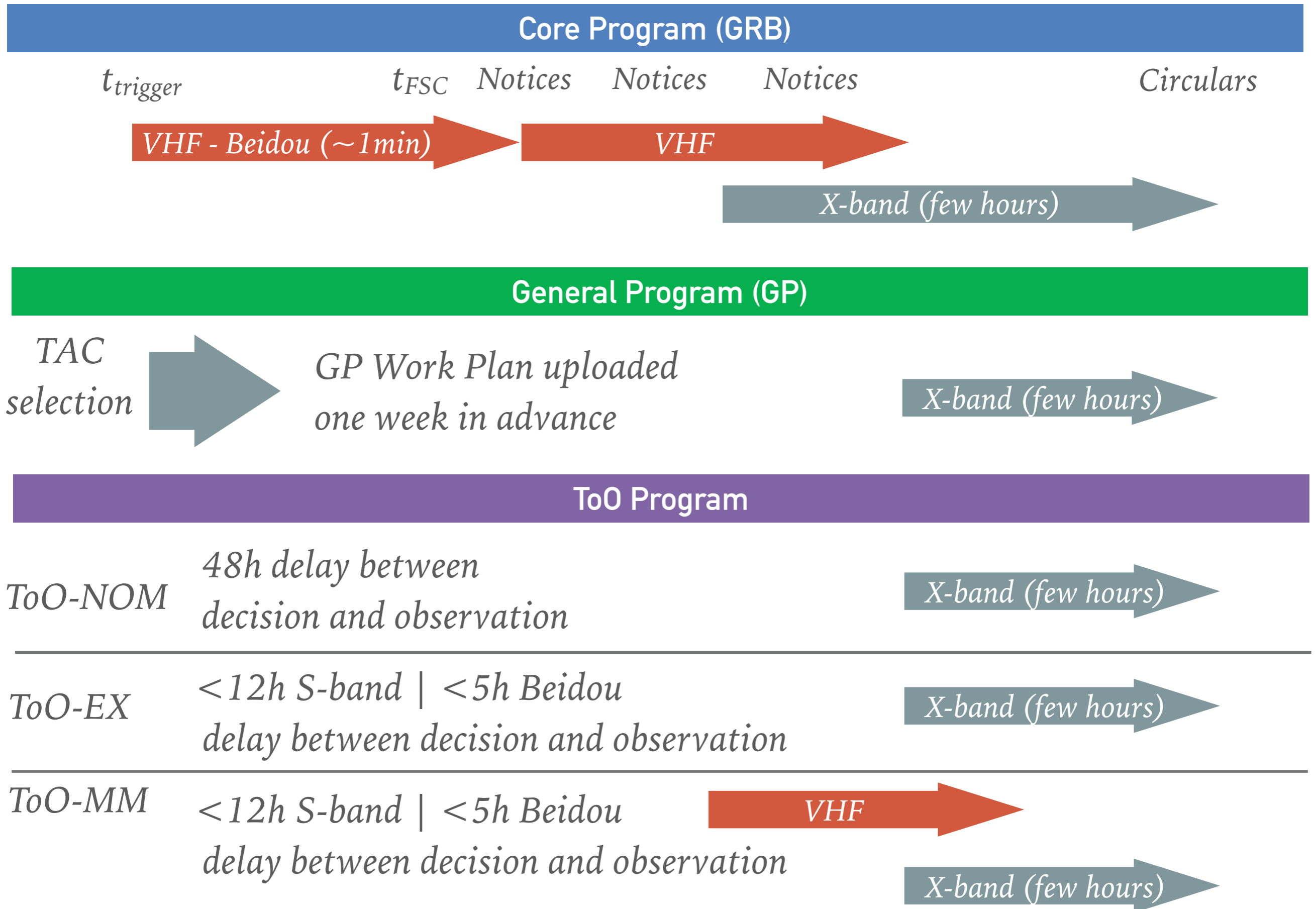
## ToO-MM

*VHF  
(Beidou)*

**MXT Position packet and photon packets** will be sent to the ground through **VHF for immediate analysis.**

Beidou could be used for MXT position packet but it is not confirmed yet...

# LATENCY SUMMARY



# ToO FOLLOW-UP AND COLIBRI

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*Up to now all the ToO preparation effort has been devoted to the space segment (complex at operation level, Beidou changes a lot of things, shortens delay, secure informations).*

*We just start discussing the ToO ground follow-up during the OHP meeting last autumn.*

*A lot of points still to be discussed :*

- Telescope access (SVOM/Colibri Consortium follow-up of ToO-MM event ? ToO-EX ?)*
- Time Constrained ToO : there is the possibility to ask for a ToO for spacecraft with coordinated observation on the ground (NIR).*
- CGFT, GWAC, F60... asked IJCLab (N. Leroy) to provide Observations plan for their telescopes in case of MM Alert, what about Colibri*