



# Gravitational waves and high-energy photons: *the multimessenger connection*

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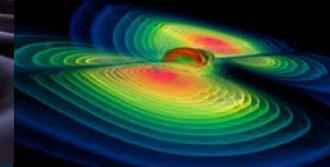
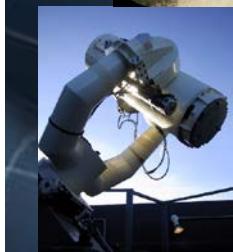
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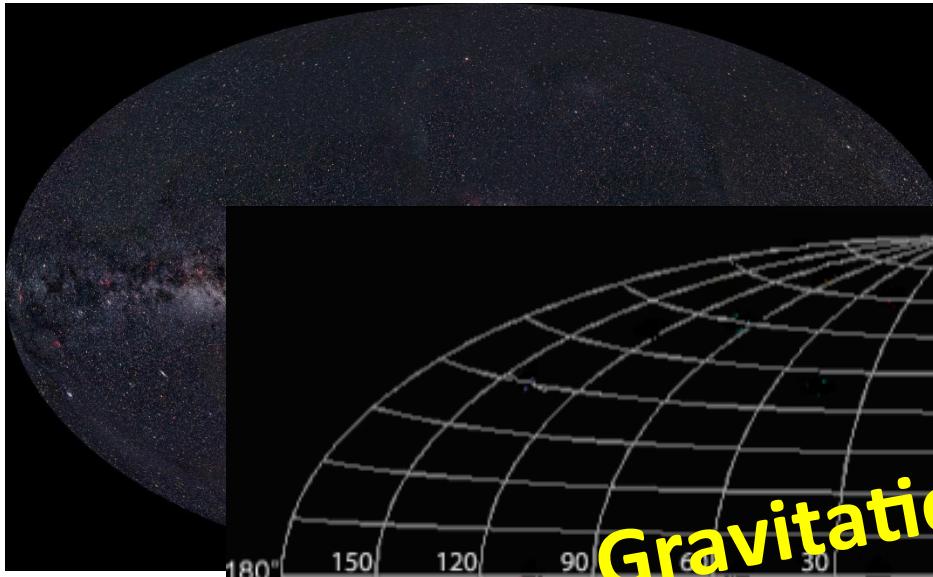
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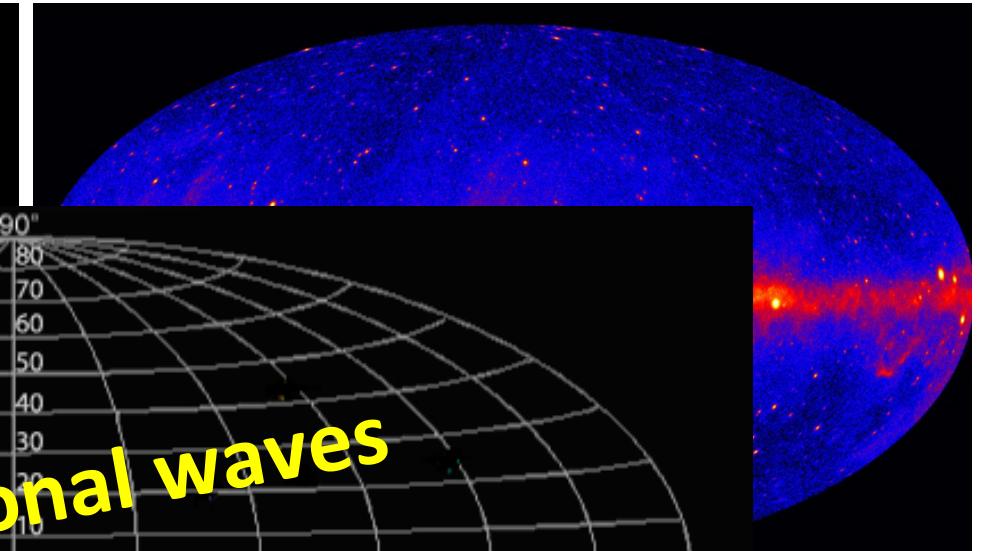


# A multi-messenger sky

Optical (APOD)

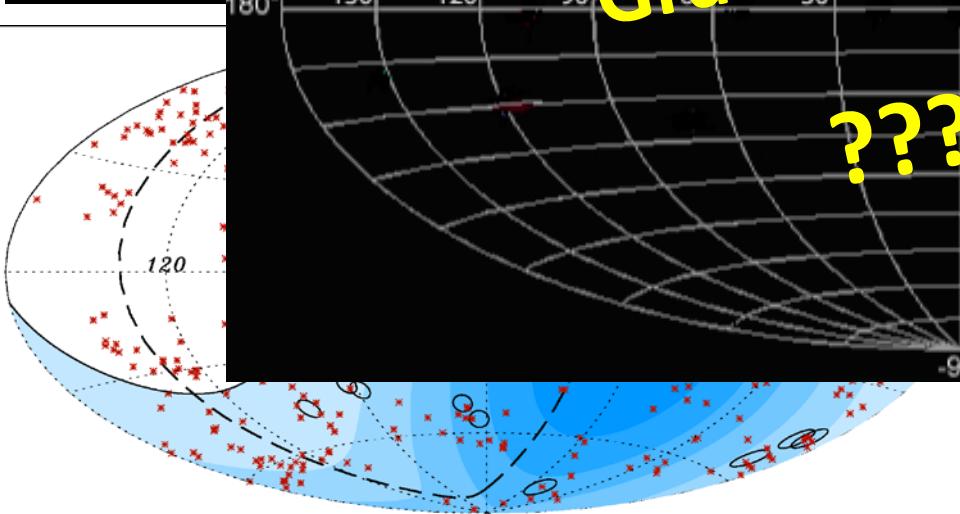


Gamma rays > 0.1 GeV (Fermi-LAT, 2013)

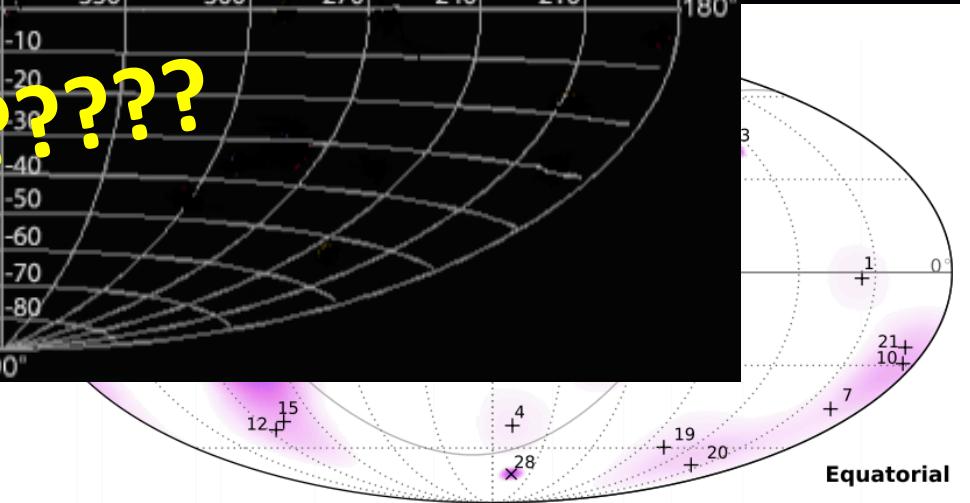


Gravitational waves

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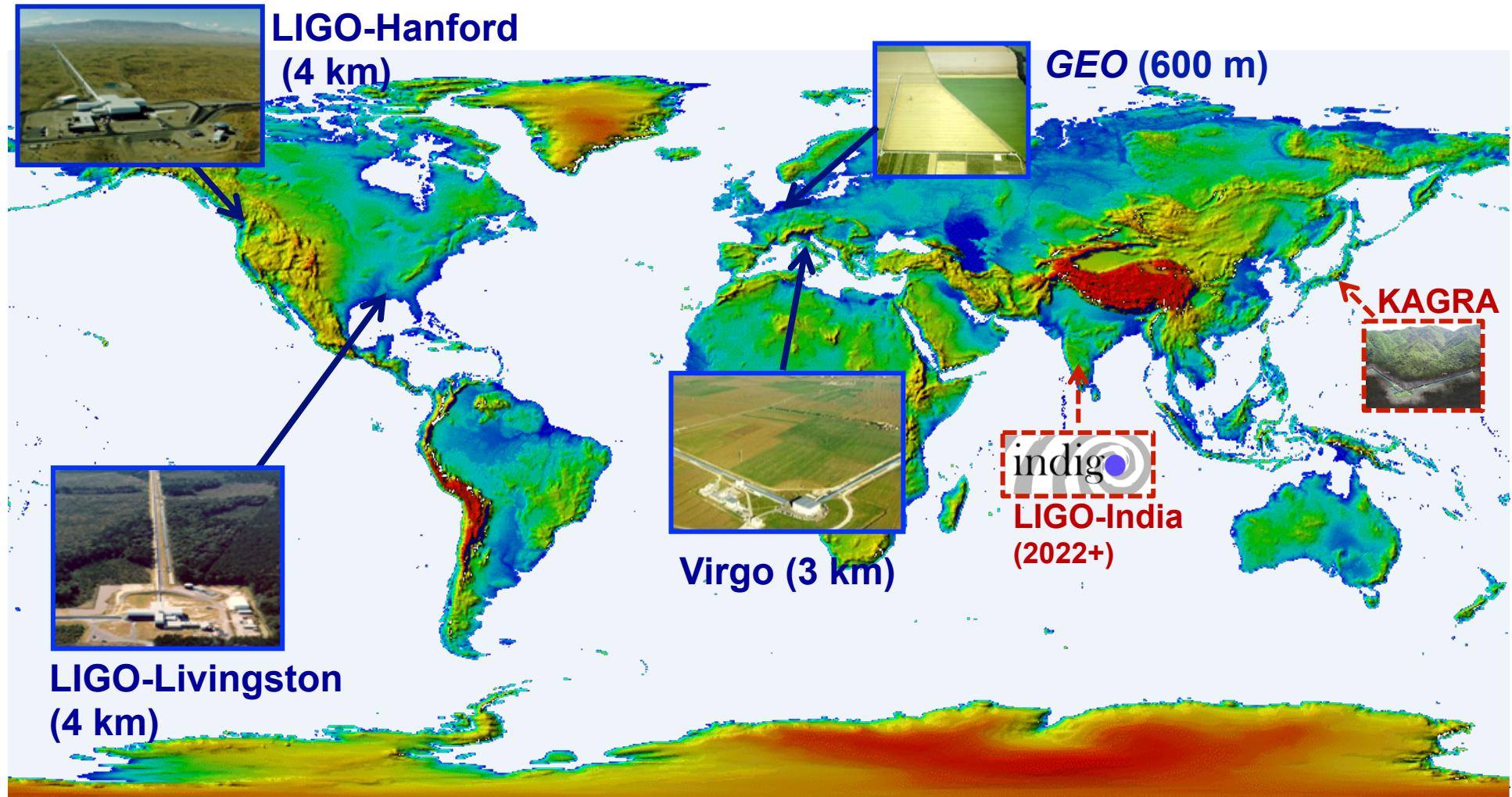


Cosmic rays > 57 Eev (Auger, 2007)



Neutrinos > 30 Tev (Icecube, 2013)

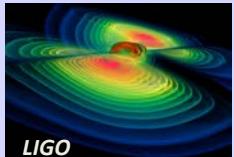
# A network of Gravitational Wave detectors



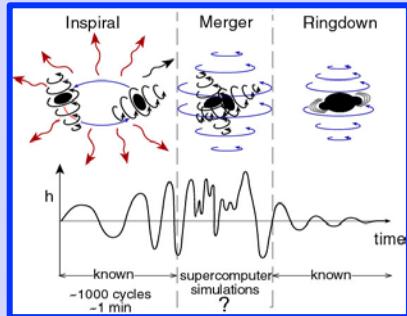
**LIGO and Virgo currently under upgrade**  
They will observe the sky (10-1000 Hz) as a single network  
aiming at the first direct detection of GWs

# Expected GW sources detectable by LIGO/Virgo

## Coalescence of Compact Objects Neutron-Stars and/or Black-Holes



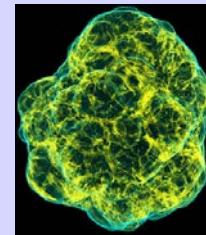
- Known waveform
- Energy emitted in GW:  $10^{-2} M_o c^2$



Initial LIGO/Virgo  
detectable to 50 Mpc  
likely rate  $0.02 \text{ yr}^{-1}$

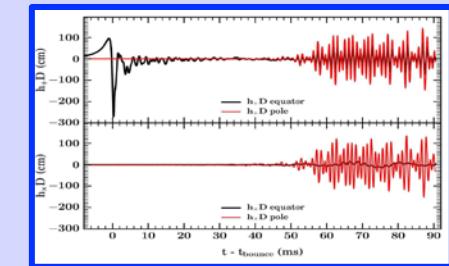
## Transient signals

## Core-collapse of Massive Stars



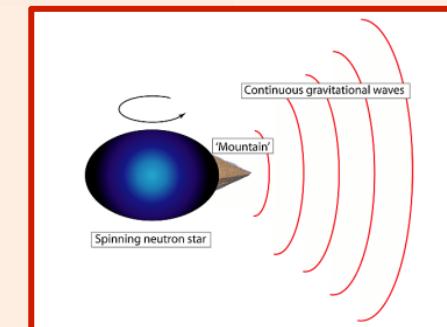
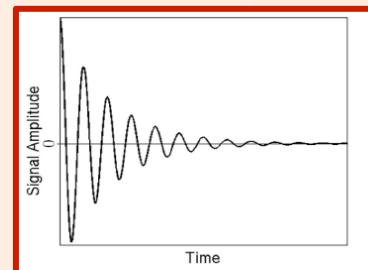
Ott et al. 2013

- Waveform and energy emitted in GW uncertain:
- Likely  $10^{-8} M_o c^2$
  - Optimistic  $10^{-4} M_o c^2$

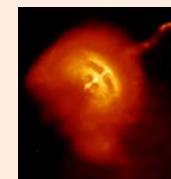


Ott, C. 2009

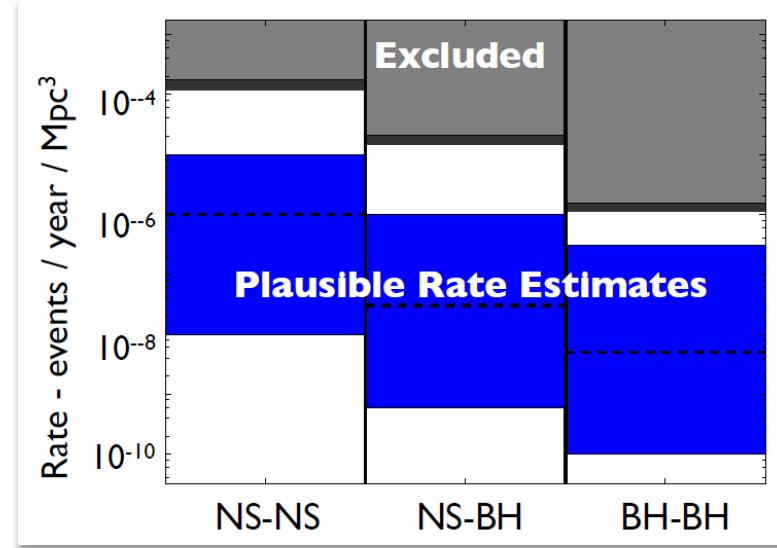
## Neutron Stars



## Continuous signals



## Examples of GW science from previous LIGO/Virgo runs (2005-2010)



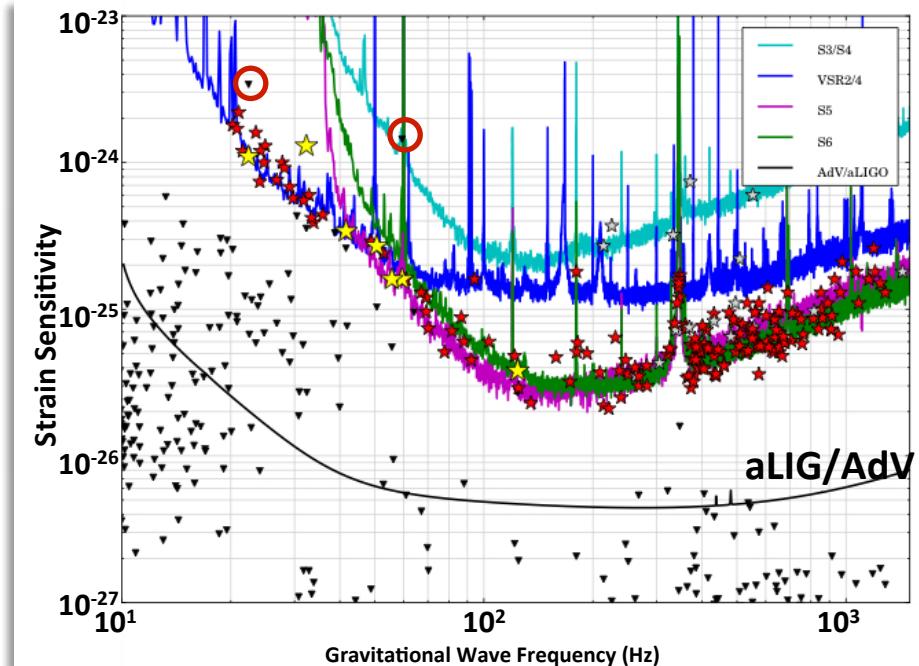
GW amplitude upper limits  
from 195 known Pulsars

**Crab limit** at 1% of total energy loss!  
**Vela limit** at 10% of total energy loss!

Aasi et al. 2014, ApJ, 785

Upper limits on the rate of low mass compact binary coalescence  
total mass 2-25  $M_{\text{sun}}$

Abadie et al. 2012, *Phys. Rev. D*, 85



# Advanced Era GW-detectors (ADE)



LIGO-L



Virgo

**LIGO and Virgo detectors  
are currently being upgraded**



**boost of sensitivity  
by a factor of ten  
(of  $10^3$  in number of detectable sources)**



## Advanced era

### Detection rates of compact binary coalescences

Source	Low	Real	High	Max
	$\text{yr}^{-1}$	$\text{yr}^{-1}$	$\text{yr}^{-1}$	
Advanced	NS-NS	0.4	40	400
	NS-BH	0.2	10	300
	BH-BH	0.4	20	1000

(Abadie et al. 2010, CQG 27)

**Mass:** NS = 1.4 Mo

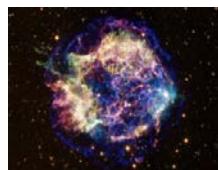
BH = 10 Mo

**Advanced era**  
**Sky location and orientation**  
**averaged range**

**197 Mpc** for NS-NS

**410 Mpc** for NS-BH

**968 Mpc** for BH-BH



## Core-Collapse Supernovae

**2-4  $\text{yr}^{-1}$**  EM-observed within **20 Mpc**

Rate of GW-detectable events unknown

GW-signal detectable

< **Milky Way** (Ott et al. 2012, Phy.R.D.)  
**few Mpc** (Fryer et al. 2002, ApJ, 565)

LONG-GRB core-collapse **(?) 10 - 100 Mpc** (Piro & Pfahl 2007)

# Why joint GW/electromagnetic observations?

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- Complementary information:
  - GW → mass distribution
  - EM → emission processes, environment
- Give a precise (arcmin/arcsecond) localization
  - Localize host galaxy of a merger
  - Identify an EM counterpart with timing signature (e.g. pulsars)
- Provide a more complete insight into the most energetic events in the Universe
- Explore the physics of the progenitors (mass, spin, distance..) and their environment (temperature, density, redshift..)
- Open a new era of multi-messenger (GW and photon) astronomy

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# Transient sources: Gamma Ray Bursts

**Merger of NS-NS / NS-BH**



**Core collapse of massive star**

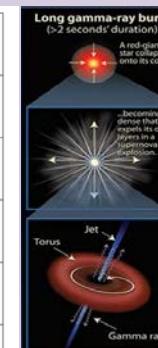
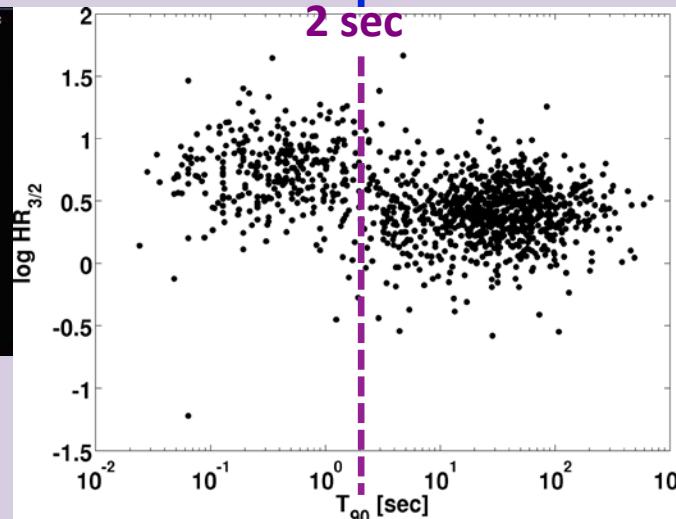
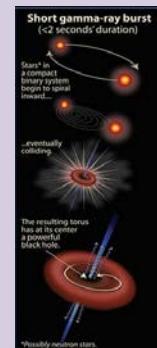


**Gamma-Ray Burst:** flashes of gamma-rays isotropic-equivalent energy up to  $10^{53}$  erg

**Short Hard GRB**

**Progenitor indications:**

- lack of observed SN
- association with older stellar population
- larger distance from the host galaxy center ( $\sim 5\text{-}10$  kpc)



**Long Soft GRB**

**Progenitor strong evidence:** observed Type Ic SN spectrum

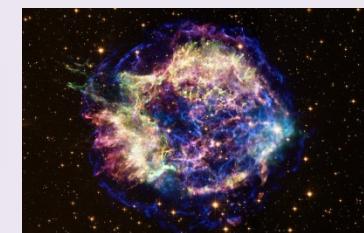
**Kilonovae**

(Optical/IR, radio remnant)



**Supernovae**

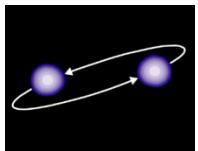
Type II, Ib/c



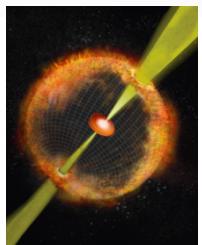
# GRBs emission - Fireball Model

## Cataclysmic event

NS-NS NS-BH  
merger



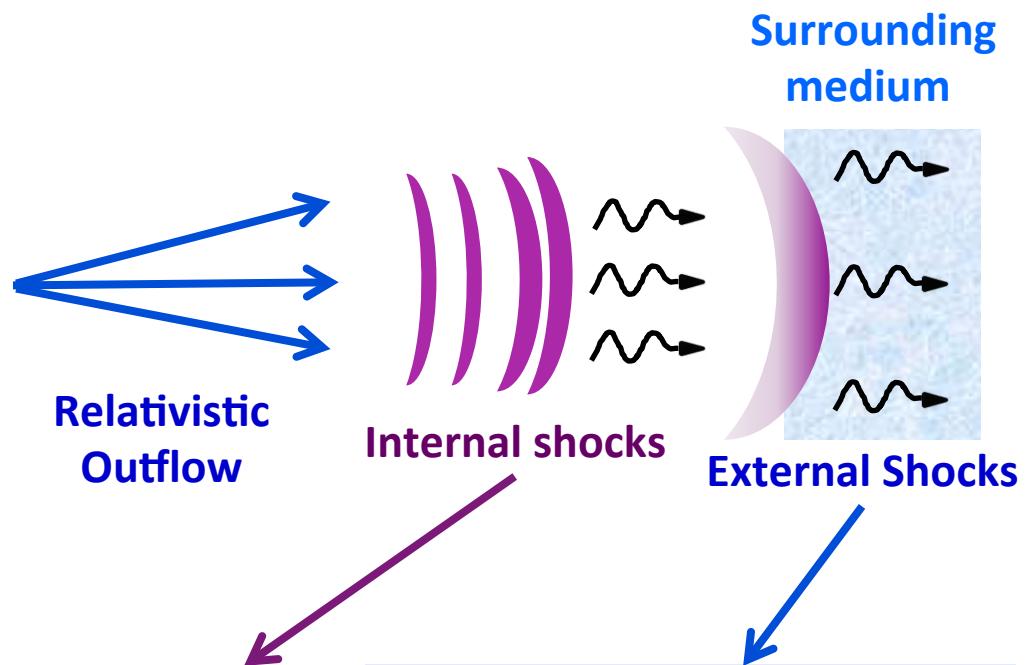
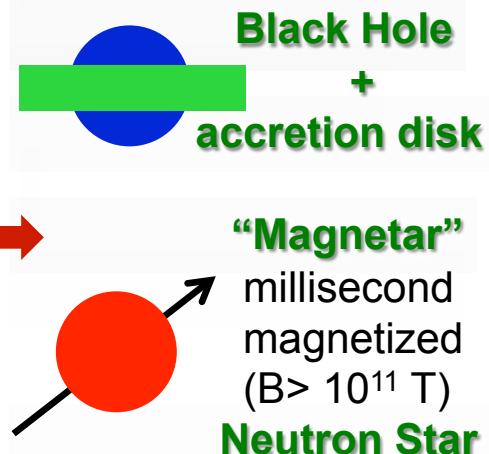
Core Collapse



## Central engine

Black Hole  
+  
accretion disk

“Magnetar”  
millisecond  
magnetized  
( $B > 10^{11}$  T)  
Neutron Star



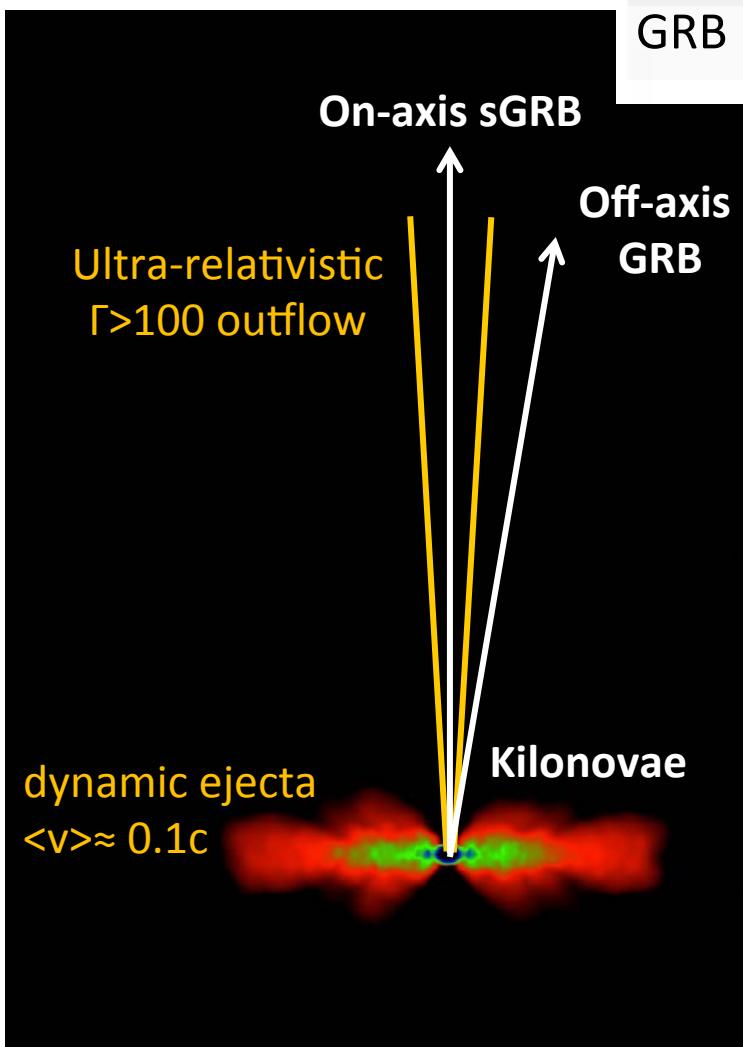
## Prompt emission

$\gamma$ -ray - within seconds

## Afterglow emission

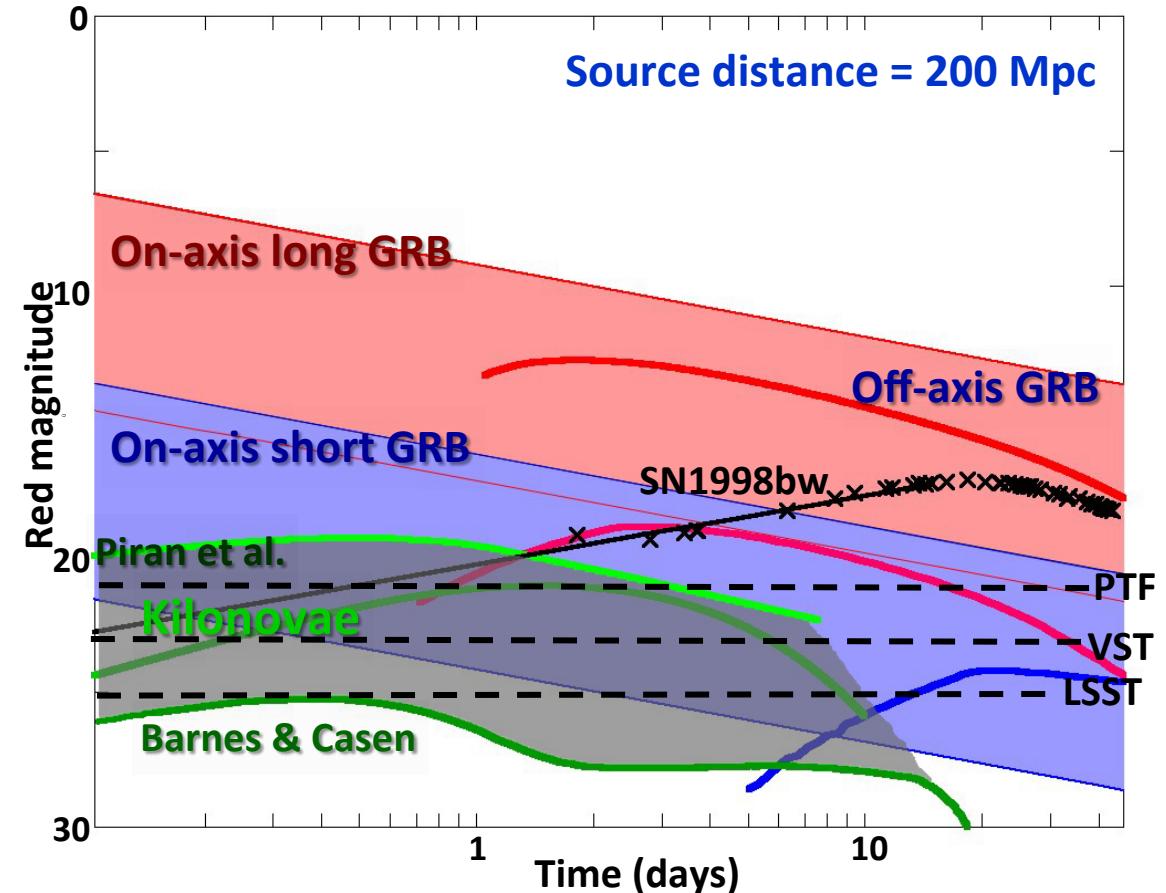
Optical, X-ray, radio -  
hours, days, months

# EM signals from GRBs



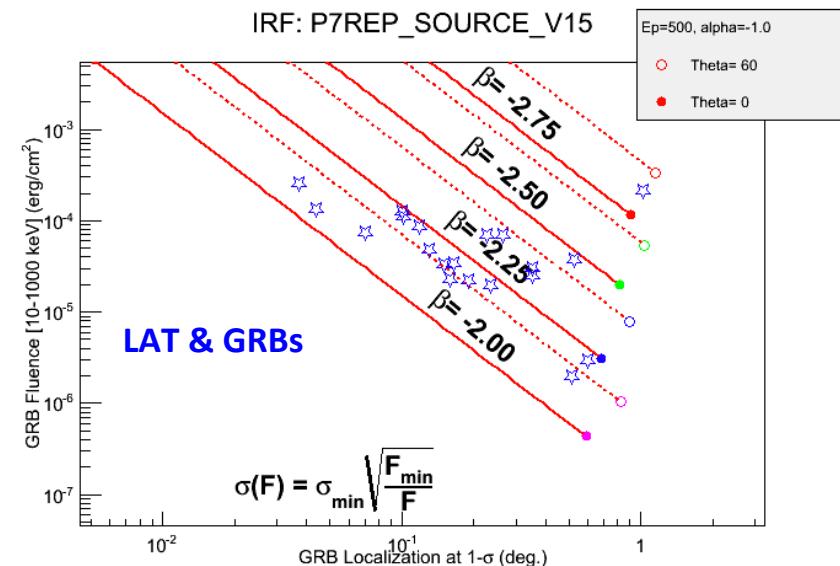
❖ **Prompt  $\gamma$ -ray emission (beamed):**  
GRB → GW search “**GRB Triggered analysis**”

❖ **GRB afterglow emission, kilonovae:**  
GW trigger → EM search  
“**Low-latency EM follow-up**”



# GRB observations: the case of Fermi

- **Fermi's Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GBM) and Large Area Telescope (LAT) excellent for GRBs**
  - Large FoV & sensitivity
  - Huge energy coverage (7 decades)
  - Precise timing ( $\sim 1$  us)
- **GW → EM**
  - Confirm GRB
  - Better constrain time & localization
- **EM → GW**
  - Provide GW candidate for search



Characteristic	Capability
Low Energy Limit	<10 keV
High Energy Limit	>25 MeV
Energy Resolution (FWHM, 0.1-1 MeV)	<10%
Field of View (Co-aligned with LAT FOV)	>8 sr
Time Accuracy (Relative to spacecraft time)	<10 microseconds
Average Dead Time	<10 microseconds/count
Burst Sensitivity (Peak 50-300 keV flux for 5 $\sigma$ detection in ph cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	<0.5 cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
Burst Alert Locations (1 $\sigma$ systematic error radius)	<15°
Burst Alert Time Delay (Time from burst trigger to spacecraft notification (used to notify ground or LAT))	<2 s

## References:

LAT:

[http://www.slac.stanford.edu/exp/glast/groups/canda/lat\\_Performance.htm](http://www.slac.stanford.edu/exp/glast/groups/canda/lat_Performance.htm)

GBM: [http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/analysis/documentation/Cicerone/Cicerone\\_Introduction/GBM\\_overview.html](http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/analysis/documentation/Cicerone/Cicerone_Introduction/GBM_overview.html)

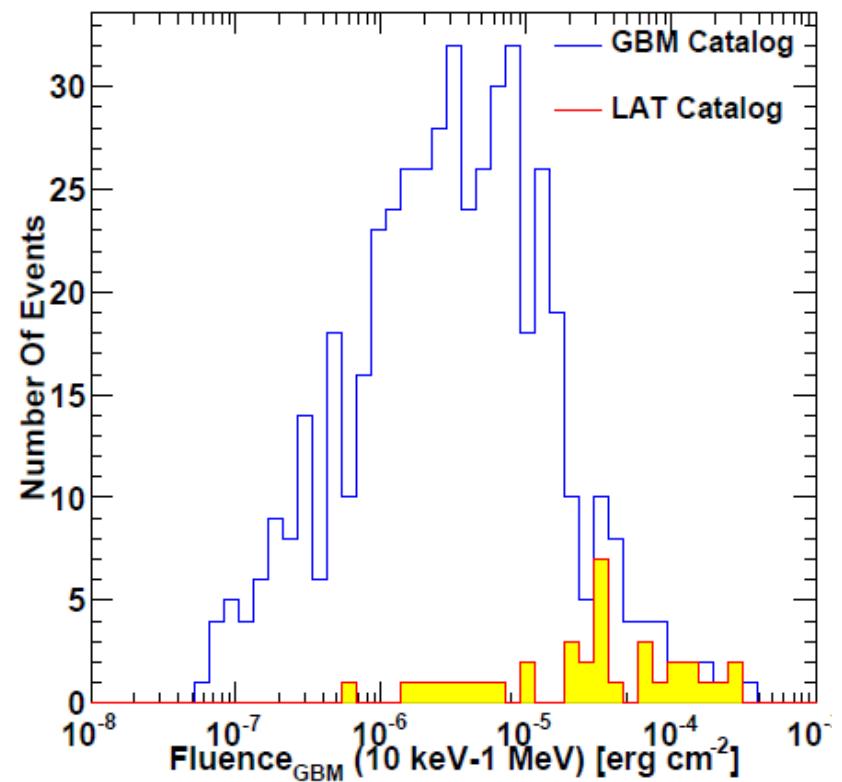
GBM performance

# GRBs in the Fermi era

- First LAT GRB Catalog (Ackermann+13, ApJS)
- 35 GRBs detected by the LAT ( $28 > 100$  MeV)
- 5 of them are short GRBs ( $T_{90,GBM} < 2$  s)
- 733 detected by the GBM

## Main results:

- Spectra:
  - Deviation from Band function at low E
  - Additional power law at high-E
  - High-E photons by the LAT (e.g. 95 GeV from GRB130427A)
  - High-E cutoff
- Temporally-extended high-E emission
- LAT GRBs among the brightest ones

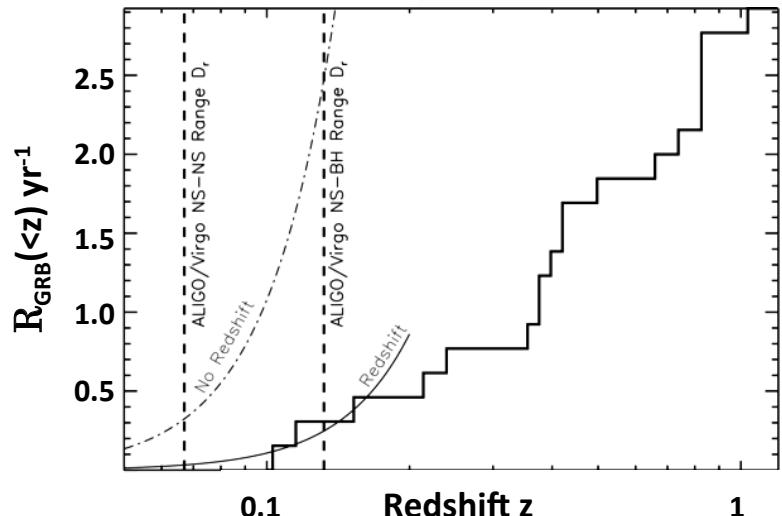


See also: GBM 2-yr catalog (Goldstein +12, ApJS)

# GW detection rate based on short GRB observations

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## GW/on-axis short GRB detection rate



*All-sky gamma-ray monitor*

- 0.3 short GRBs per year (NS-NS range)
- 3 short GRBs per year (NS-BH range)

Metzger & Berger 2012, ApJ 746

## aLIGO and Virgo NS-NS detection rate

Short GRB observations → NS-NS merger rate

$$R_{\text{NS-NS}} = R_{\text{GRB}} / (1 - \cos(\theta))$$

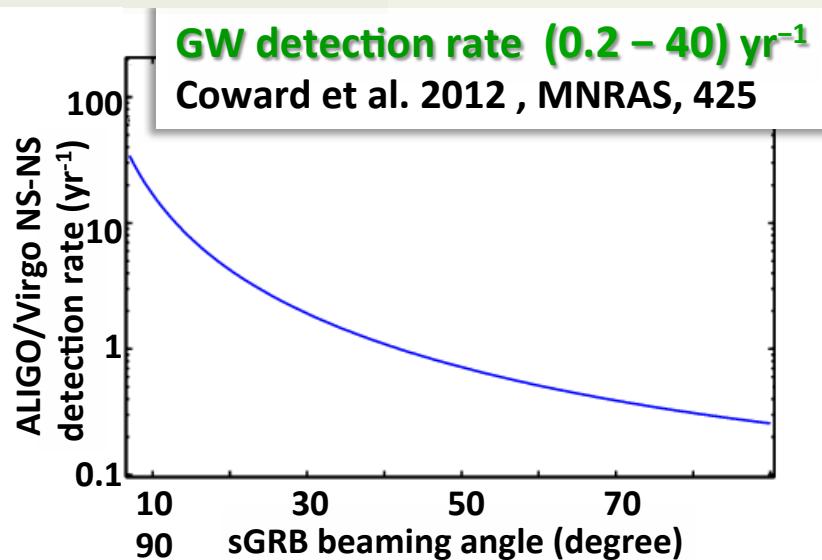
$R_{\text{NS-NS}}$

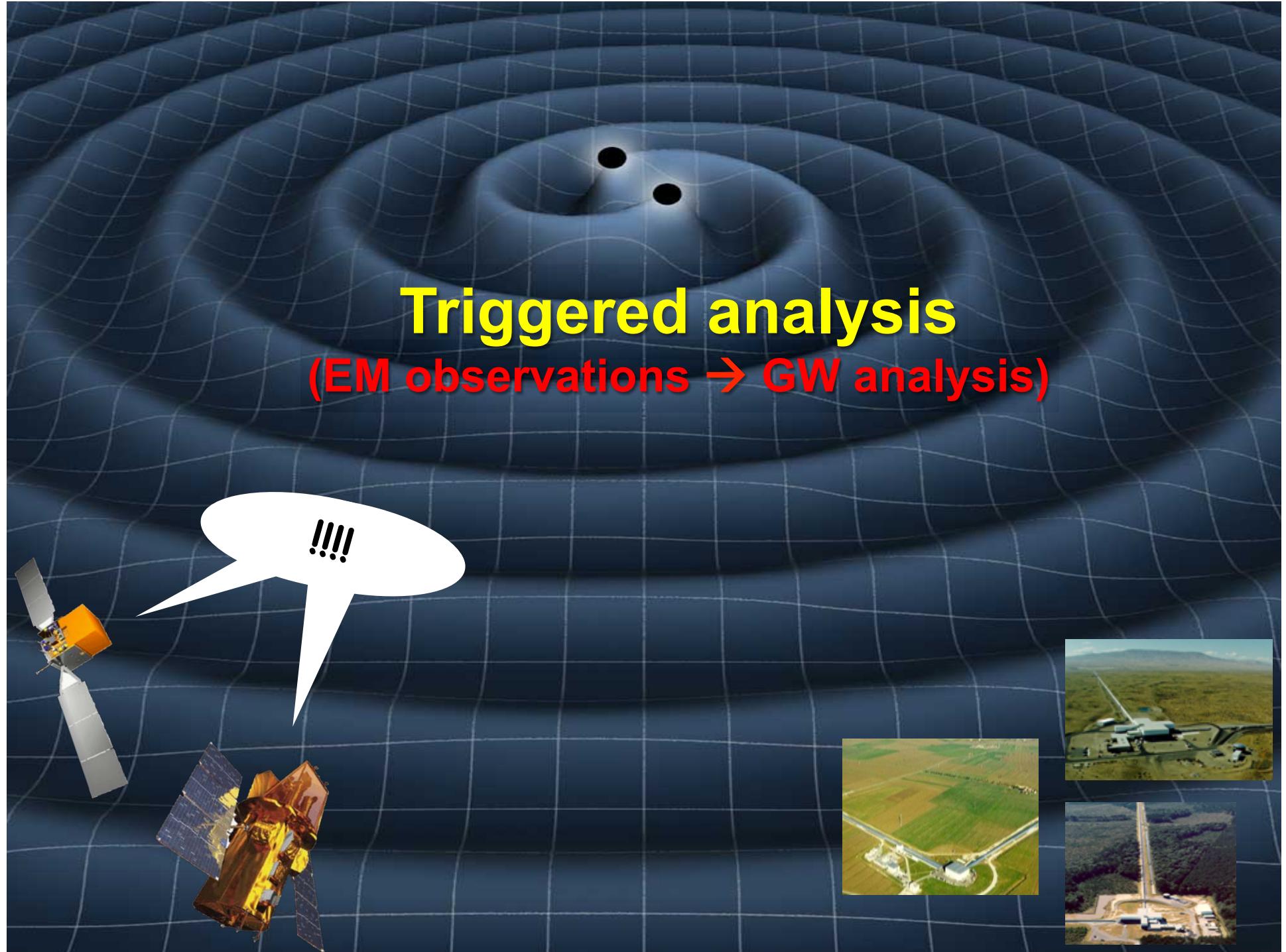
**8 - 1100** Gpc<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (Coward et al. 2012)

**92 - 1154** Gpc<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (Siellez et al. 2013)

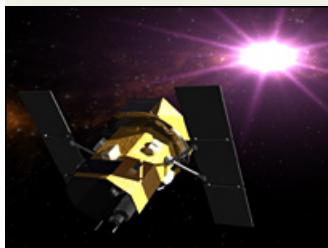
Theoretical prediction

**10 - 10000** Gpc<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (Abadie et al. 2010)





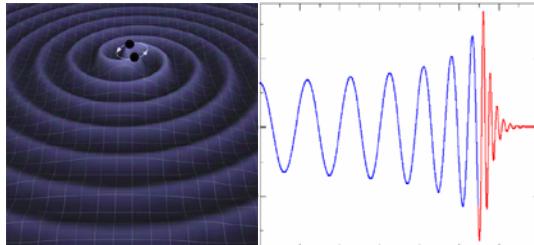
# GRB prompt emission → TRIGGERED GW SEARCH



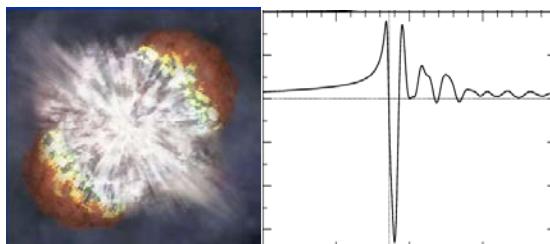
Known **GRB event time** and **sky position**:  
→ reduction in search parameter space  
→ gain in search sensitivity



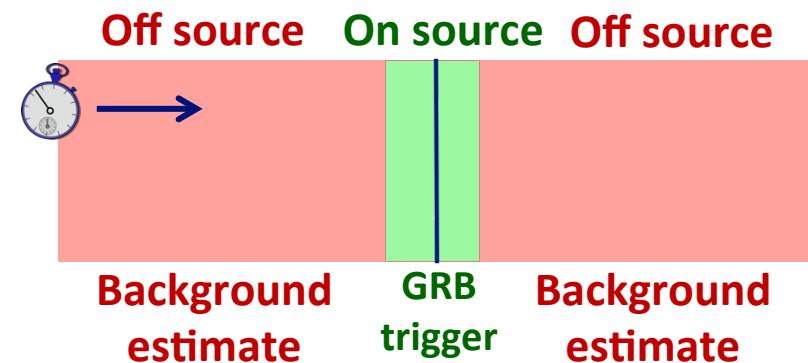
## GW transient searches



**Unmodeled GW burst**  
(< 1 sec duration)  
**Arbitrary waveform**  
→ **Excess power**



**Compact Binary Coalescence**  
Known waveform  
→ **Matched filter**



Analyzed **154 GRBs** detected by gamma-ray satellites during **2009-2010**

while 2 or 3 LIGO/Virgo detectors were taken good data

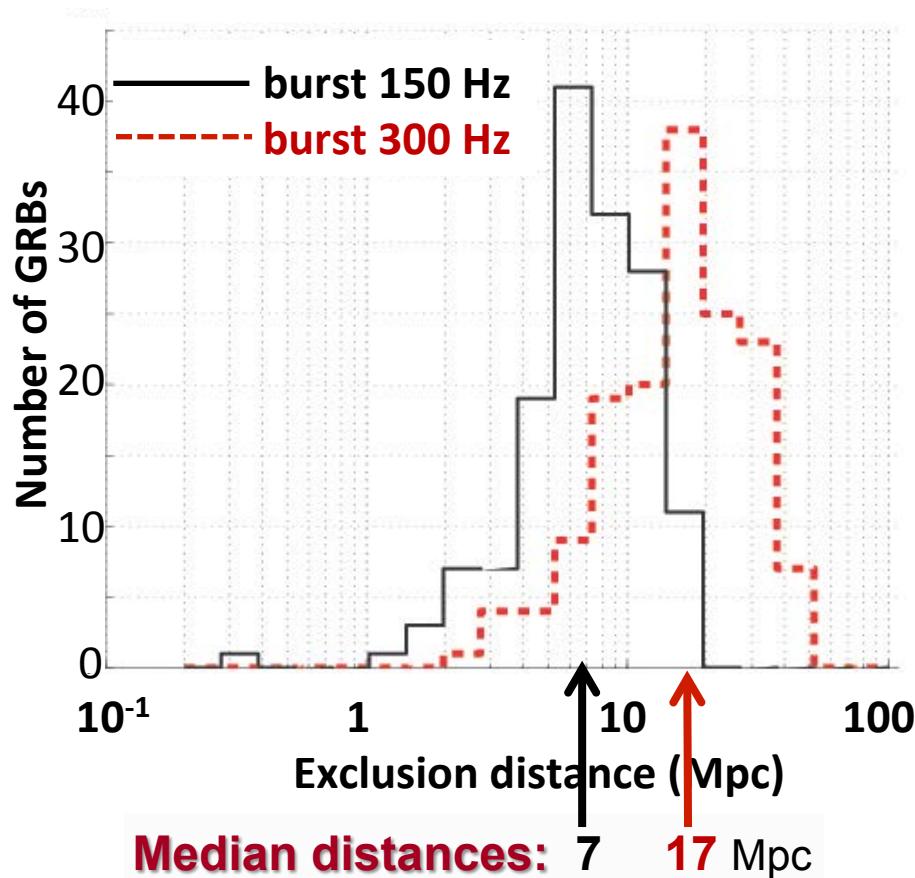
**No evidence for gravitational-wave counterparts** Abadie et al. 2012, ApJ, 760

# GRB prompt emission - TRIGGERED SEARCH

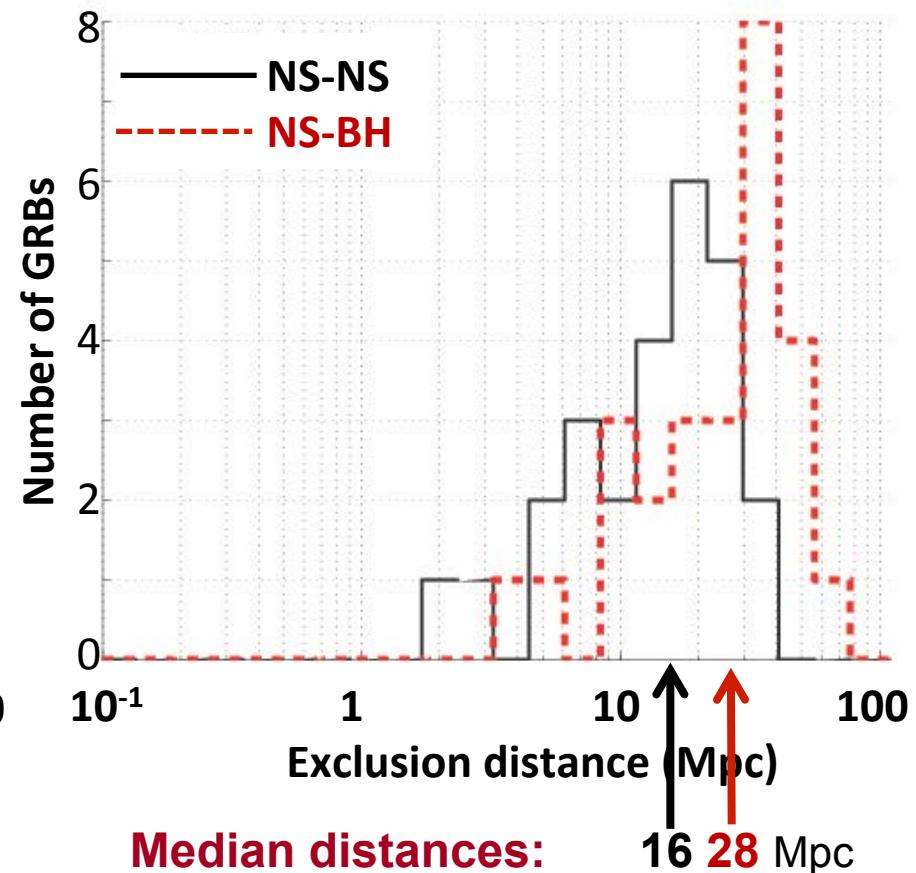
Non GW-detection result: **lower bounds on the progenitor distance**

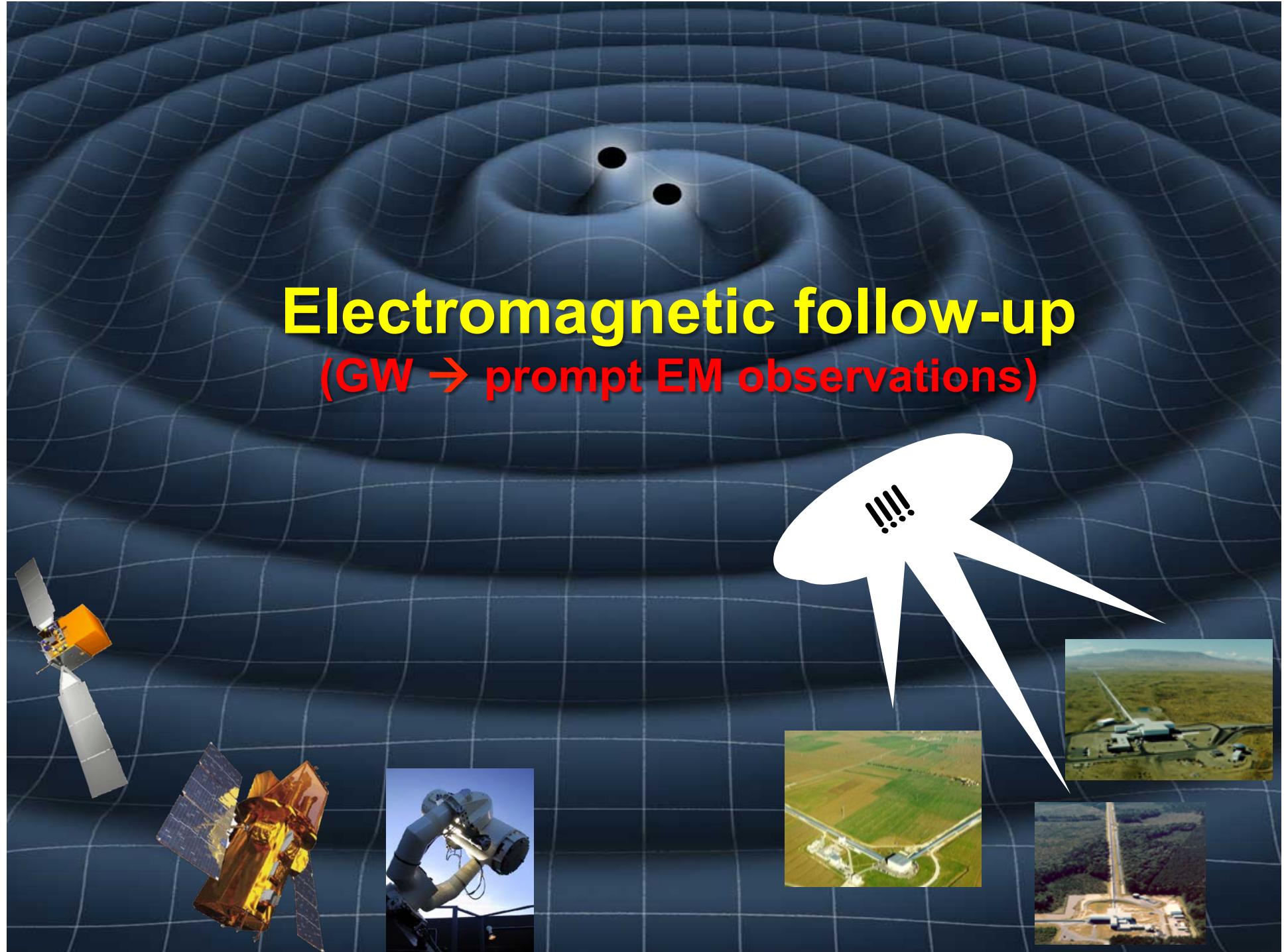
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**Unmodeled GW burst (150 GRBs)**  
with  $10^{-2}$  Moc<sup>2</sup> energy in GW (optimistic)



**Binary system coalescence (26 short GRBs)**





# Electromagnetic follow-up

(GW → prompt EM observations)

## EM-follow up challenges:

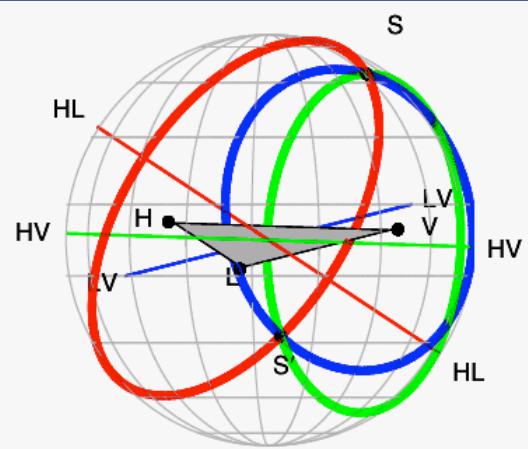
- ❖ Fast faint transient counterparts
- ❖ Large GW error box → difficult to be covered  
→ many transient contaminants
- ❖ Larger Universe observed by LIGO/Virgo

## EM-follow up key points:

- ❖ How to set up an optimal observational strategy? to image the whole GW error box or the most probable galaxy hosts?
- ❖ How to uniquely identify the EM counterpart?

TIGHT LINK is required between GW/EM/Theoretical COMMUNITIES!!

# Sky Localization of GW transients

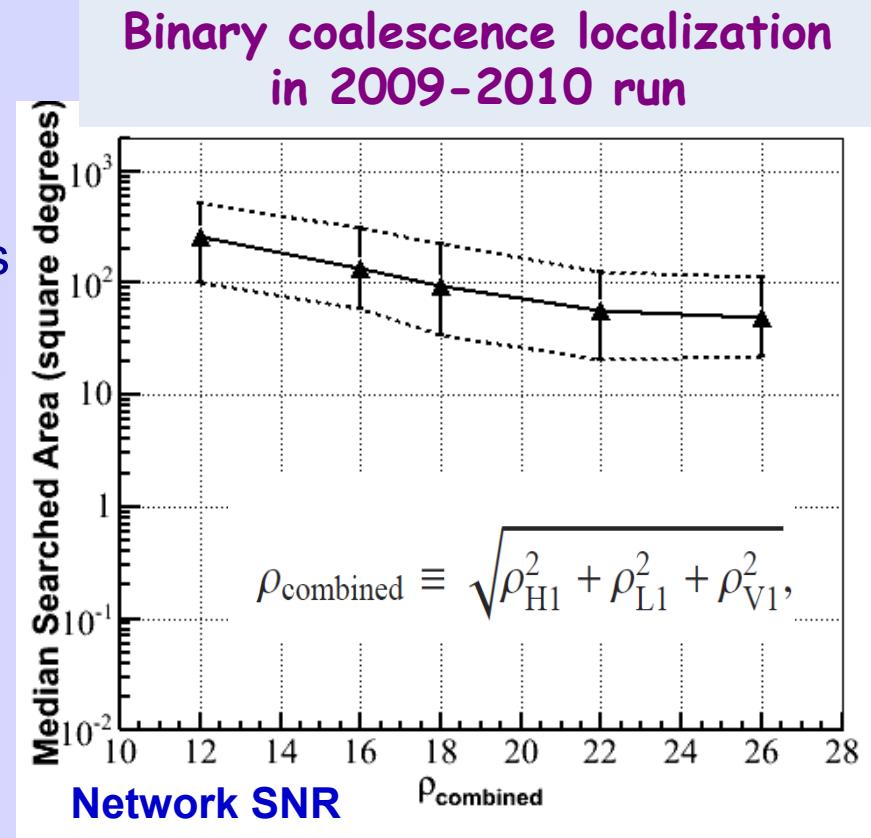


The **sky position of a GW source** is mainly evaluated by “triangulation” based on **arrival time delay between detector sites**

low SNR signals were localized into regions of **tens to hundreds of sq. degrees** possibly in several disconnected patches

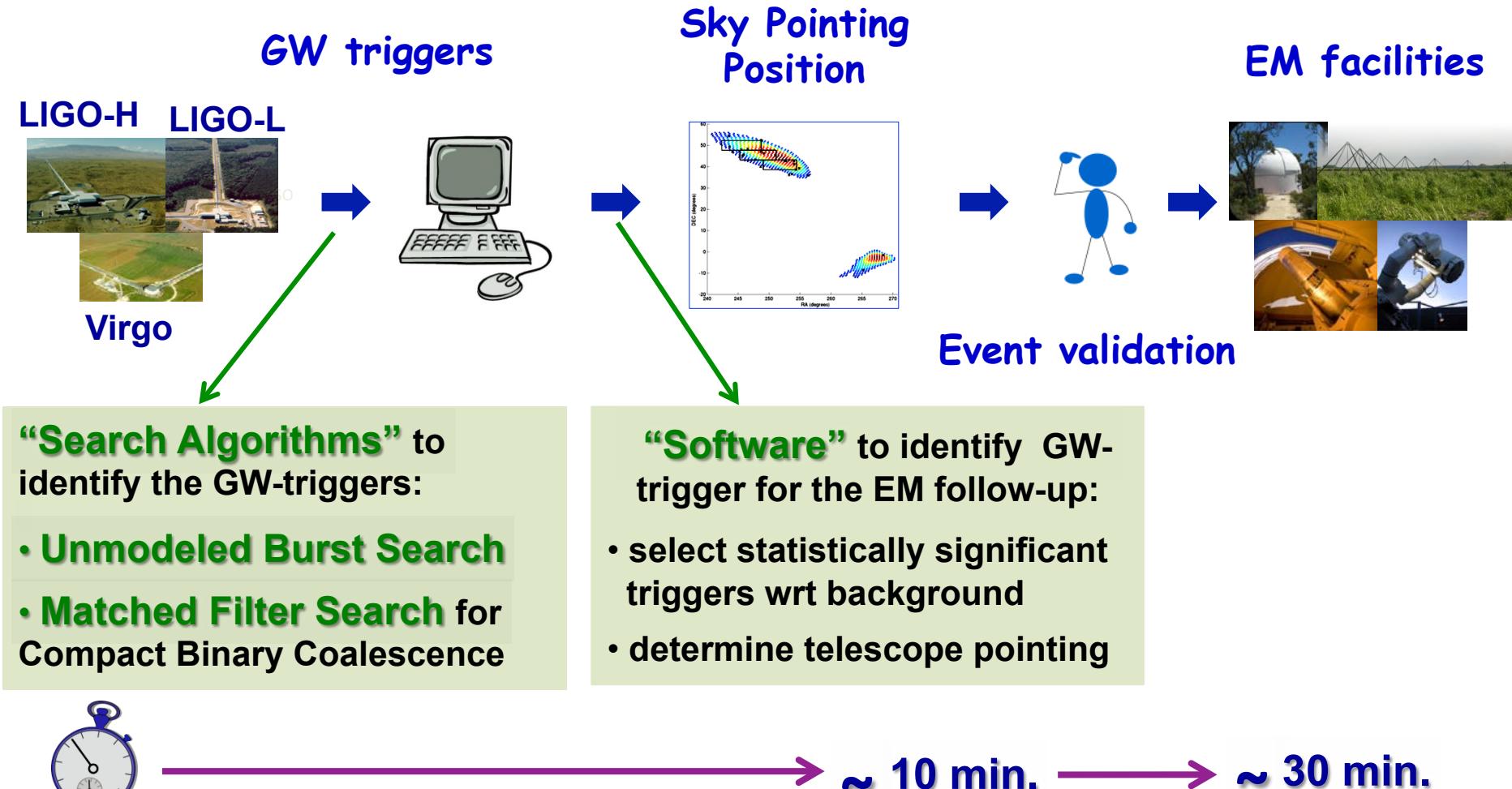


**Necessity of wide field of view  
EM telescopes**



Abadie et al. 2012, A&A 539

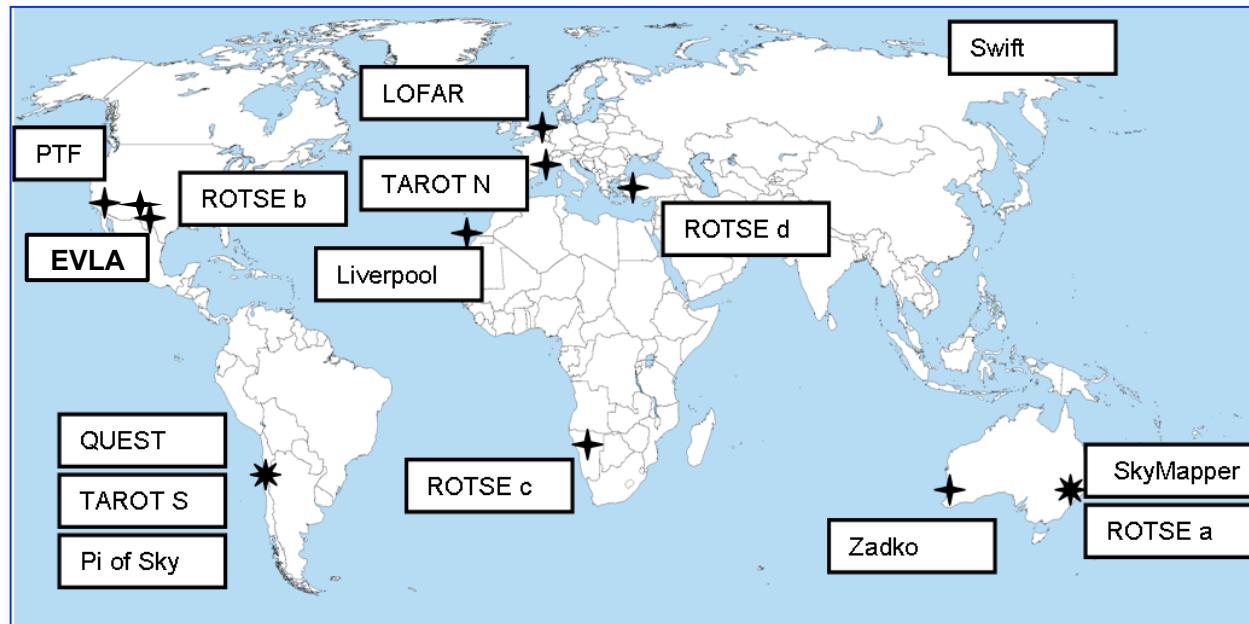
**2009-2010 first EM follow-up of candidate GW events**  
**Low-latency GW data analysis pipelines enabled us to: 1) identify GW candidates in "real time" and 2) obtain prompt EM observations**



*Abadie et al. 2012, A&A 539*  
*Abadie et al. 2012, A&A 541*  
*Evans et al. 2012, ApJS 203*  
*Aasi et al. 2014, ApJS, 211*

**ADE latency expected to be improved!**

# Ground-based and space EM facilities involved in 2009-2010 follow-up program



## Optical Telescopes

(FOV, limiting magnitude)

### TAROT SOUTH/NORTH

**3.4 deg<sup>2</sup>, 17.5 mag**

### Zadko

**0.17 deg<sup>2</sup>, 20.5 mag**



### ROTSE

**3.4 deg<sup>2</sup>, 17.5 mag**

### QUEST

**9.4 deg<sup>2</sup>, 20.5 mag**



### SkyMapper

**5.7 deg<sup>2</sup>, 21 mag**

### Pi of the Sky

**400 deg<sup>2</sup>, 11.5 mag**



### Palomar Transient Factory

**7.8 deg<sup>2</sup>, 20.5 mag**

### Liverpool telescope

**21 arcmin<sup>2</sup>, 21 mag**

## X-ray and UV/Optical Telescope

### Swift Satellite

**XRT-FOV 0.16 deg<sup>2</sup>**



**Flux 10<sup>-13</sup> ergs/cm<sup>2</sup>/s**

### Radio Interferometer

#### LOFAR

**30 - 80 MHz**

**110 - 240 MHz**



**Maximum 25 deg<sup>2</sup>**

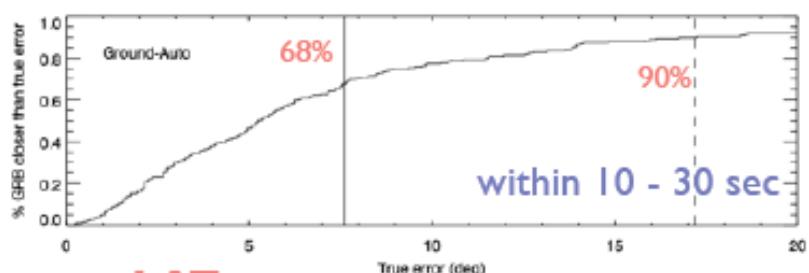
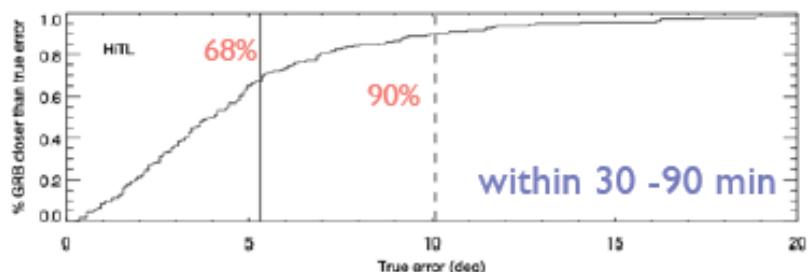
#### EVLA

**5 GHz - 7 arcmin<sup>2</sup>**

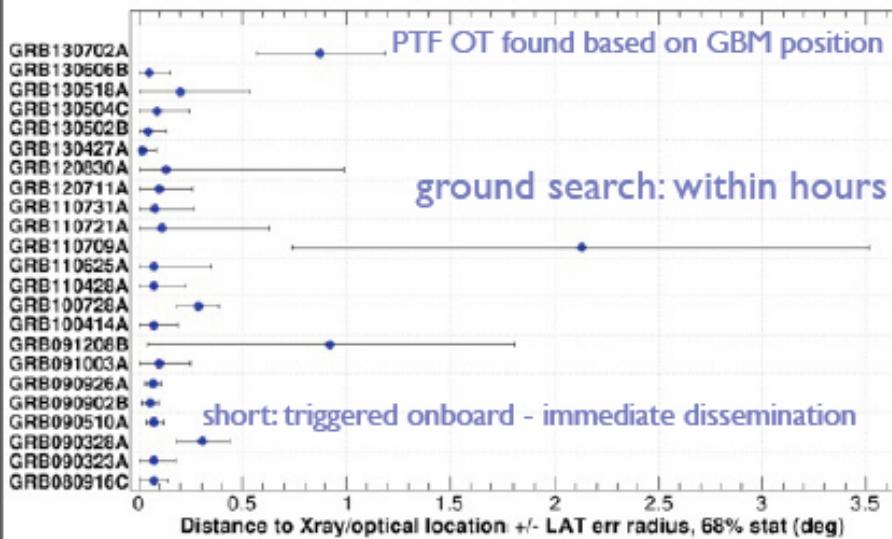


# Fermi Gamma-Ray Space Telescope: Detecting GRBs with GBM and LAT between 8 keV and 30+ GeV since 2008. Until... 2018 + ??

## GBM:

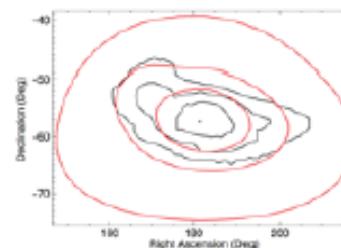


## LAT:



**GBM: 240 GRBs per year, 45 short**  
50% duty cycle on any sky position

**Localization:** Improved Ground-Auto.  
New data product: contours on sky that include systematic error.



**New offline search:** TTE data for weaker short transients. Will search for any LIGO GW candidate

**LAT: Fewer GRBs (~12 per year) but well-localized.**

Followed up successfully with XRT/OT.  
Afterglows are bright

**New event selections:** Expect 20-50% more GRBs using new searches.

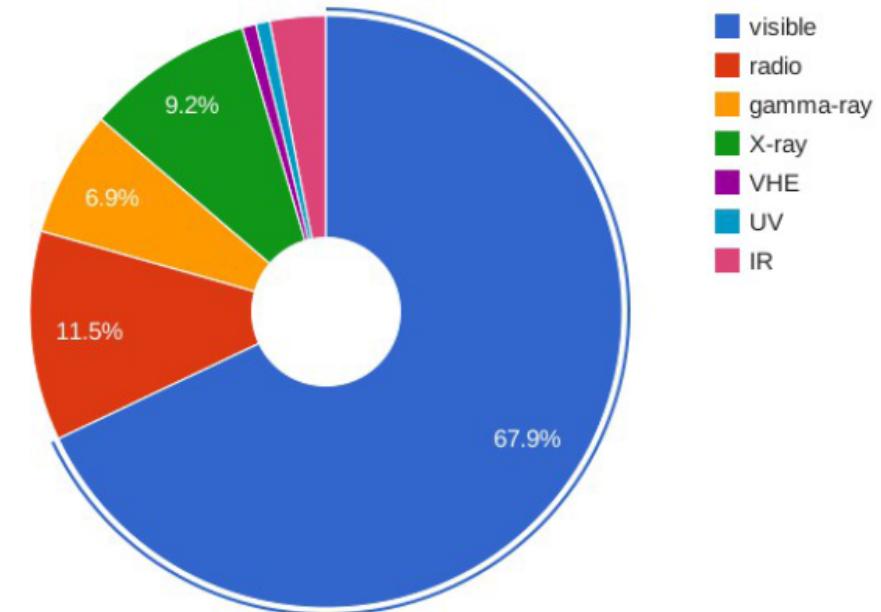
➤ Agreed LVC Policy for releasing GW triggers ([dcc.ligo.org/M1200055](http://dcc.ligo.org/M1200055), VIR-0173A-12)

“Until first four GW events have been published, triggers will be shared promptly only with astronomy partners who have signed an MoU with LVC”



➤ Opened call to sign MoU for the identification of EM counterparts to GW triggers found in the next science runs of aLIGO/Virgo, which will start in 2015 **Deadline 16 Feb, 2014**

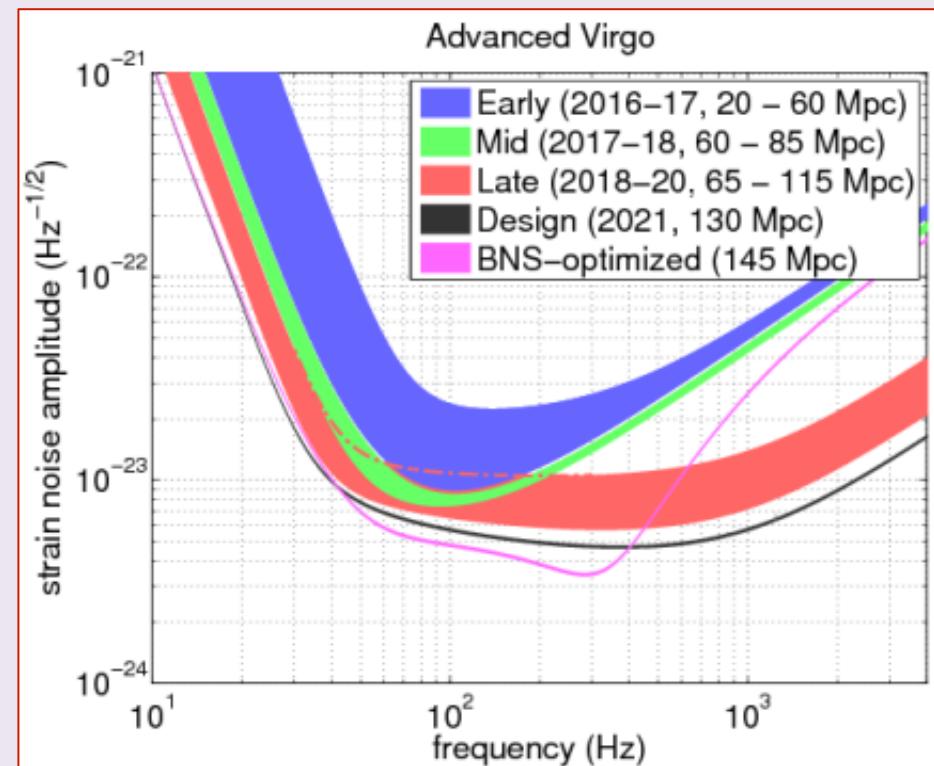
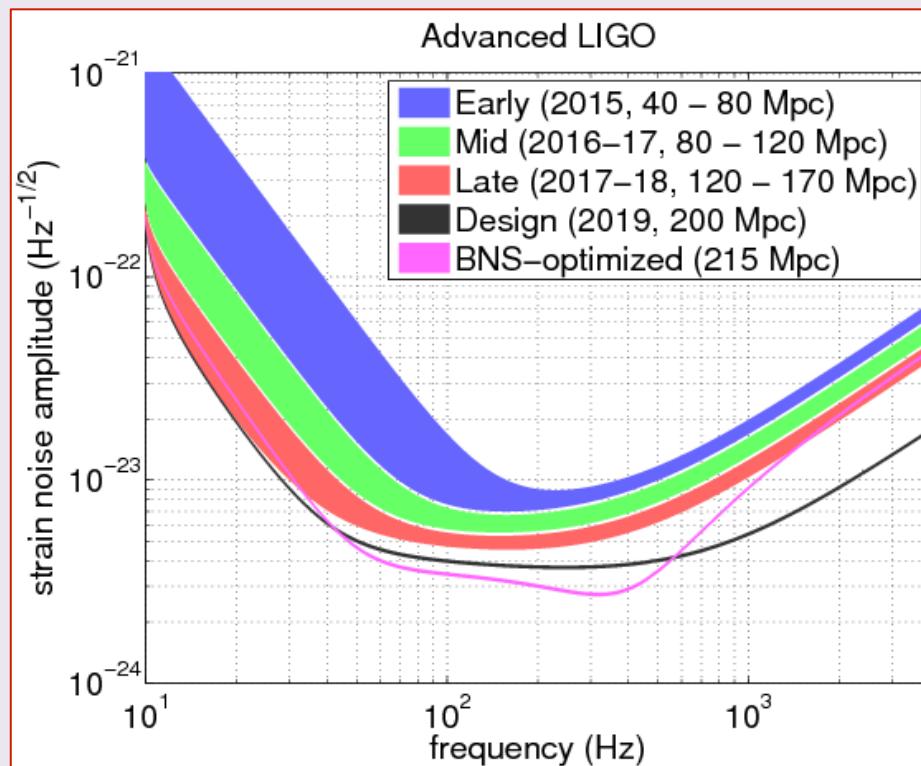
➤ More than  
**sixty MoU applications**  
from **19 countries**  
about **150 instruments**  
covering the full spectrum  
from radio to  
very high-energy gamma-rays!



# Advanced GW Detectors: Observing scenario

LSC & Virgo Collaborations, arXiv:1304.0670

## Progression of sensitivity and range for Binary Neutron Stars

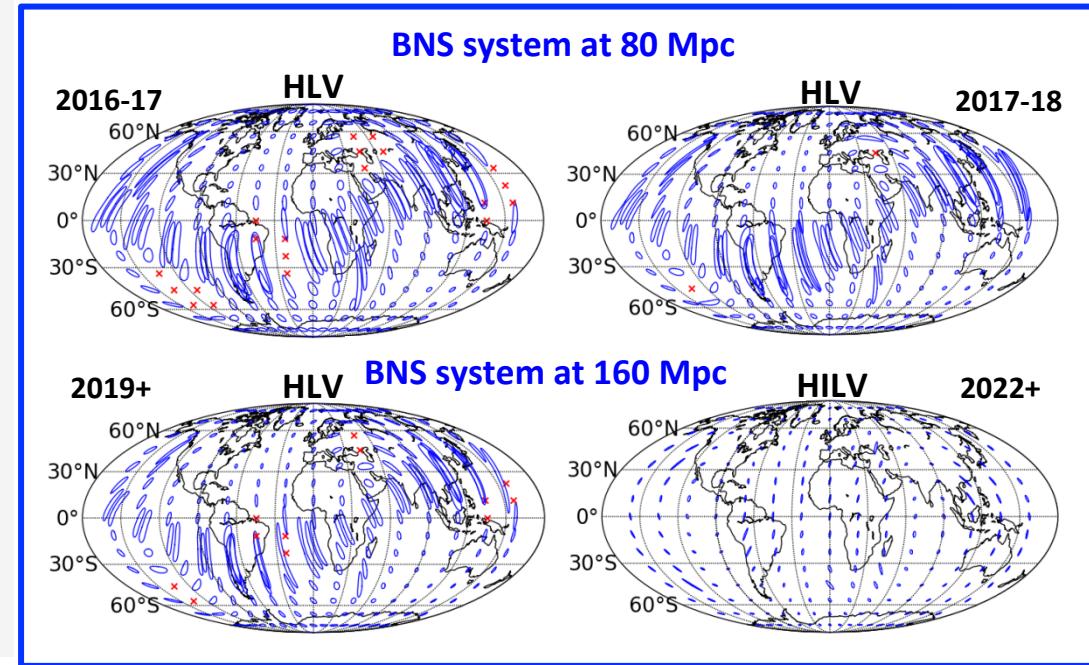


Larger GW-detectable Universe

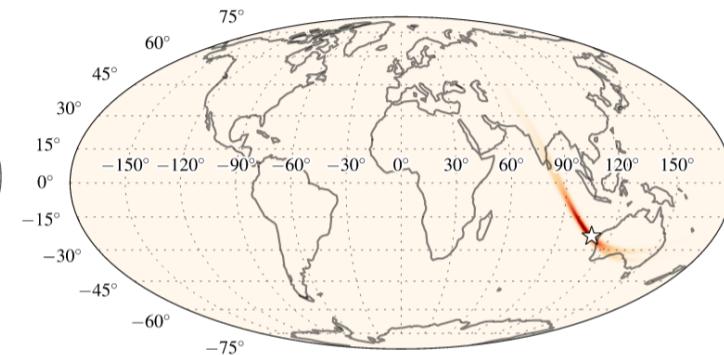
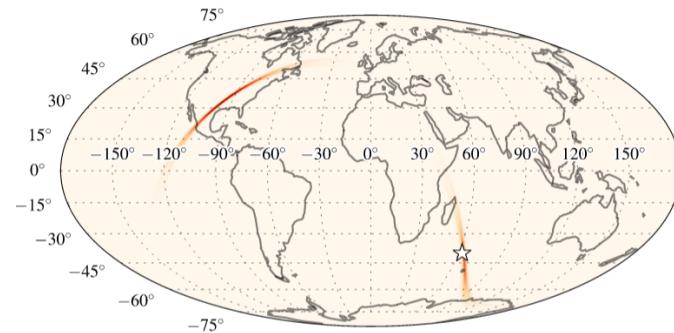
# Sky Localization of Gravitational-Wave Transients

Position uncertainties  
with areas of **tens to  
hundreds of sq. degrees**

- → 90% confidence localization areas
- ✗ → signal not confidently detected



Example of skymaps for the first two years  
of operation, 2015 through 2016

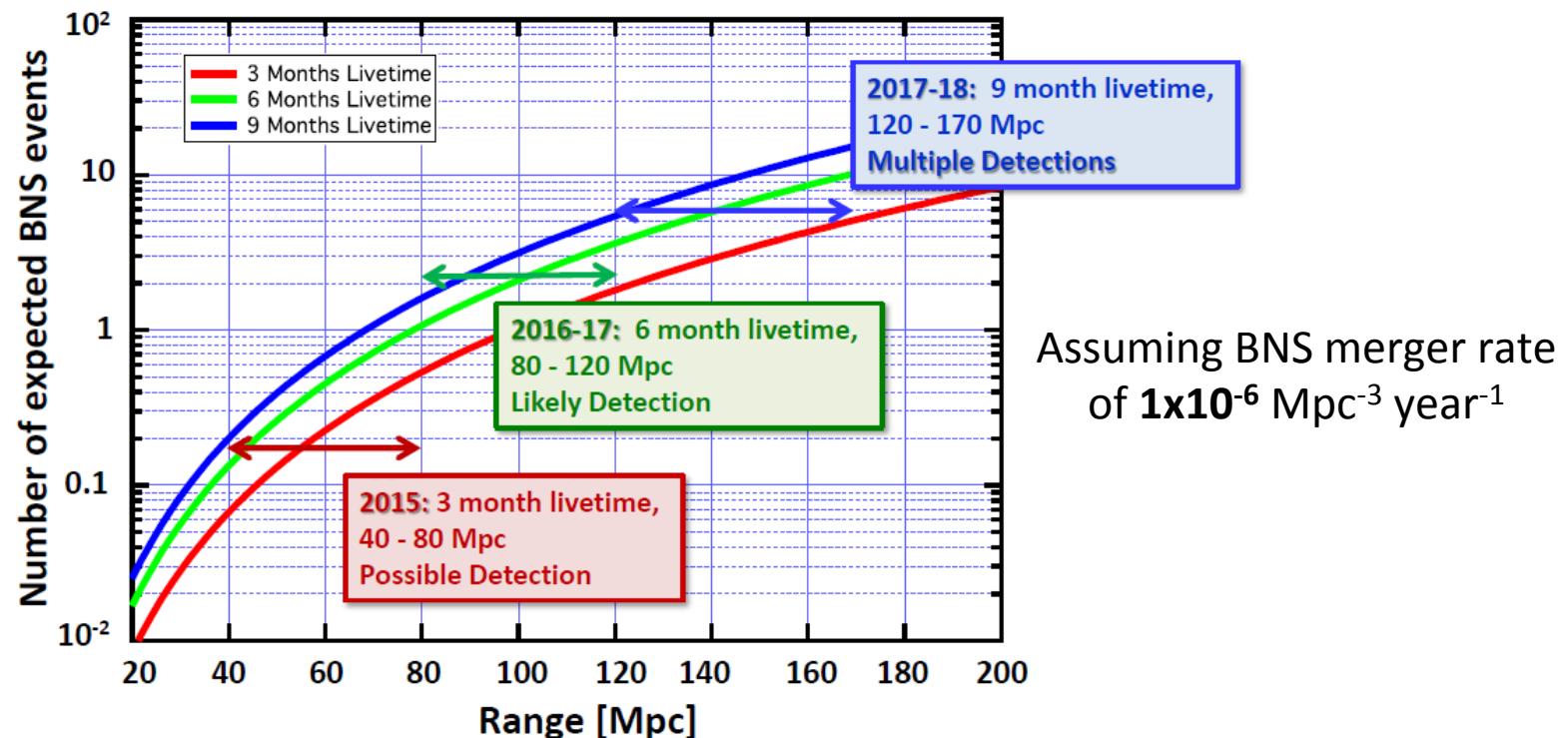


Median 90% CR of:  
about **500 deg<sup>2</sup>** in 2015  
about **200 deg<sup>2</sup>** in 2016

# A plausible scenario

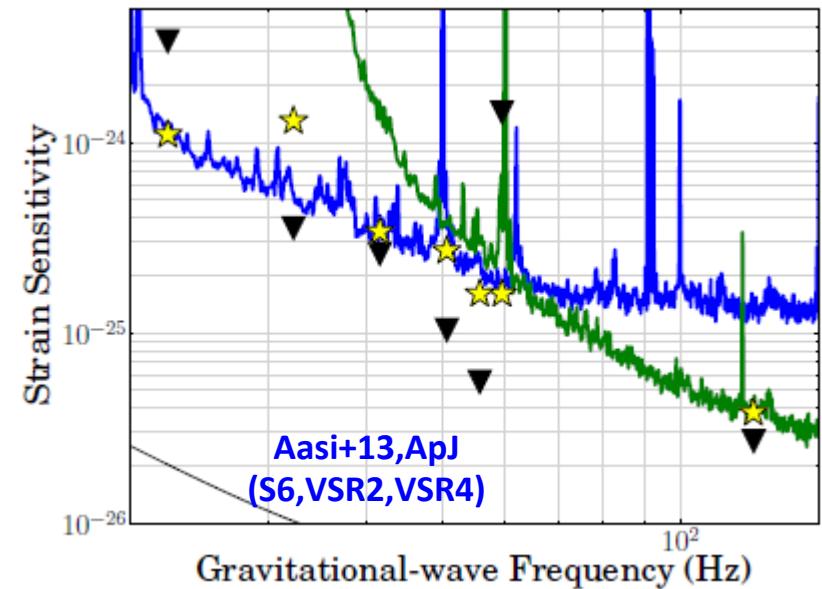
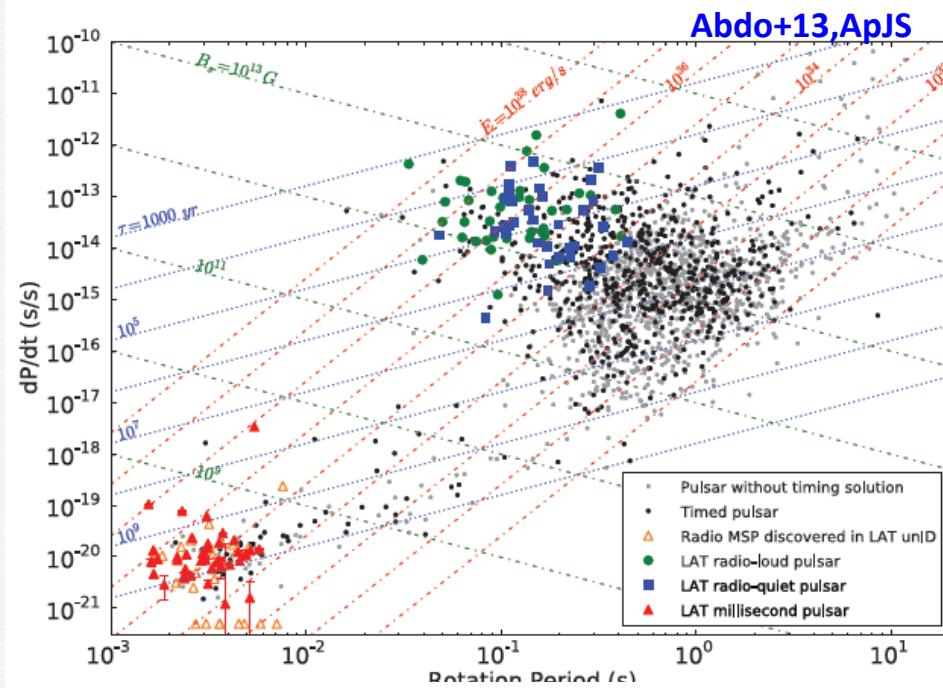
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Epoch	Estimated Run Duration	$E_{\text{GW}} = 10^{-2} M_{\odot} c^2$	Burst Range (Mpc) LIGO	BNS Range (Mpc) LIGO	BNS Range (Mpc) Virgo	Number of BNS Detections	% BNS Localized within 5 deg <sup>2</sup>	% BNS Localized within 20 deg <sup>2</sup>
2015	3 months	$40 - 60$	—	$40 - 80$	—	$0.0004 - 3$	—	—
2016–17	6 months	$60 - 75$	$20 - 40$	$80 - 120$	$20 - 60$	$0.006 - 20$	2	$5 - 12$
2017–18	9 months	$75 - 90$	$40 - 50$	$120 - 170$	$60 - 85$	$0.04 - 100$	$1 - 2$	$10 - 12$
2019+	(per year)	105	$40 - 80$	200	$65 - 130$	$0.2 - 200$	$3 - 8$	$8 - 28$
2022+ (India)	(per year)	105	80	200	130	$0.4 - 400$	17	48

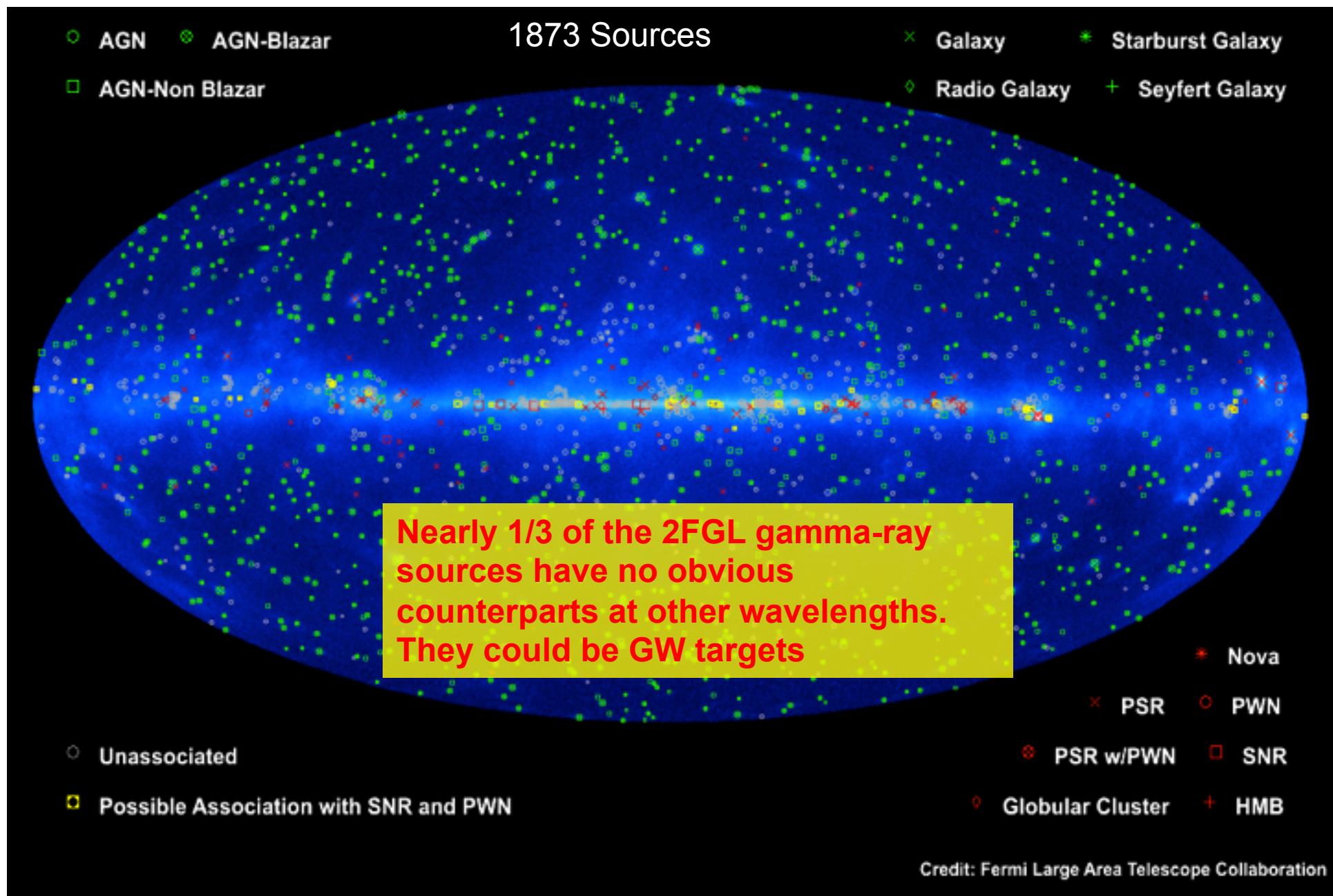


# The pulsar connection

- Quadrupole momentum from oblate neutron stars
- Periodic continuous GW signal
- Complementary information
  - GWs from neutron star
  - Gamma rays from magnetosphere
- EM → GW
  - Many Fermi pulsars are young, energetic, and relatively nearby, i.e. good GW candidates
  - Fermi continuously monitors pulsars, providing timing solutions
  - Fermi is the only instrument capable of timing radio-quiet pulsars



# ...and a lot of unidentified sources



# Many GW/gamma rays connections

- 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)
  - Neutron stars
  - Unidentified sources?
- Virgo and LIGO are undergoing major upgrades
  - Increased sensitivity → Larger volumes to probe
  - Joint observations planned for 2016
- Good availability of instruments
  - Many optical/radio telescopes in EM-followup program
  - From space, Swift & Fermi mission extended (Senior Review 2014)

*A new, big community is growing,  
to be ready for the challenges of the multimessenger era !*

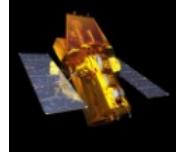
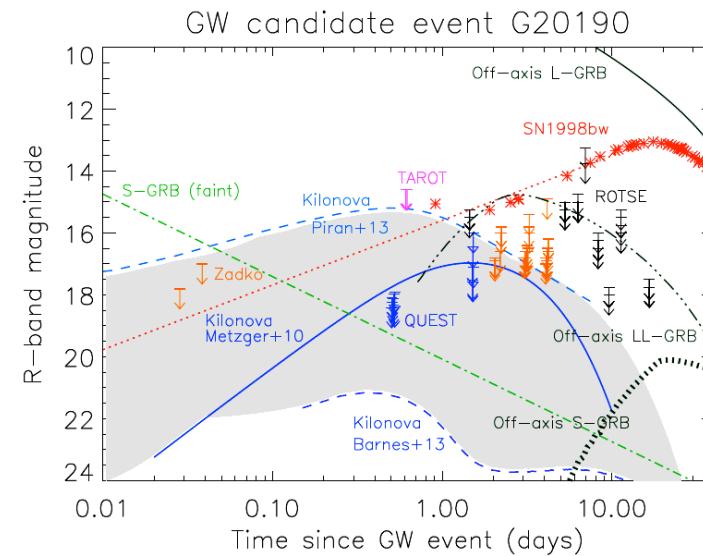
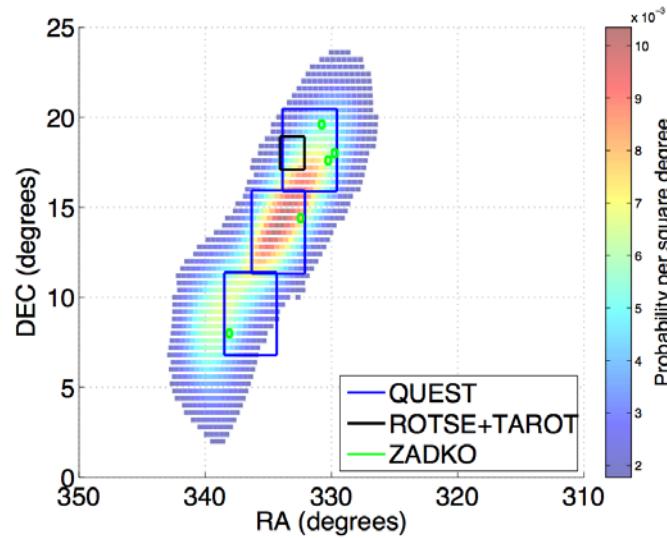


# Backup



## Optical telescope 8 GW alerts

Aasi et al. 2014, ApJS, 211



## Swift Satellite: XRT-UVOT 2 GW alerts

Evans et al. 2012, ApJS, 203



## Radio Interferometers LOFAR



5 GW alerts

E-VLA

Lazio et al. , 2012 IAUS, 285

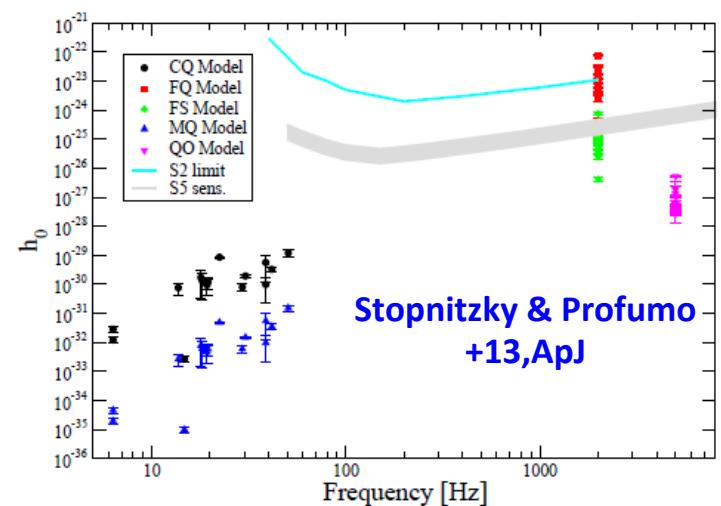
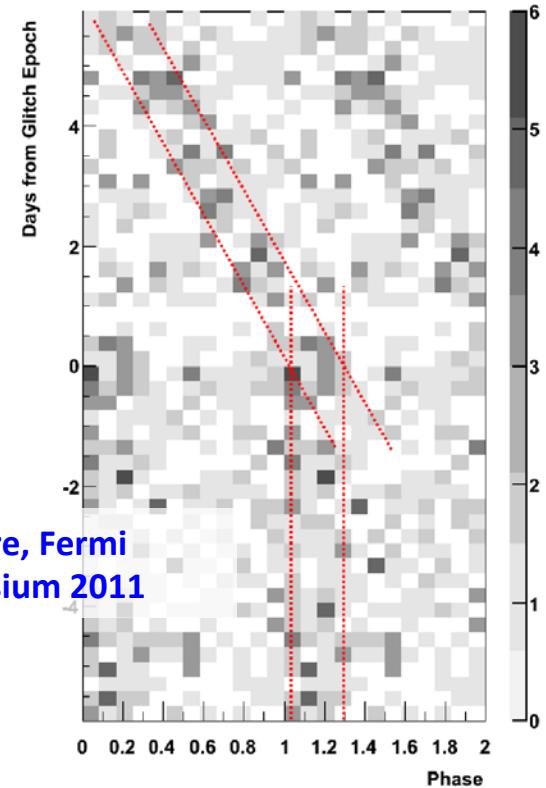
## GW/EM transient data analysis results:

- Off-line analysis of the GW data alone → GW candidates show no evidence of an astrophysical origin
- EM transients detected in the images consistent with the EM background

# GWs & pulsar glitches

- Burst-like signal from pulsar glitches
- Loss of coherence
- GW Upper limits for some pulsars (e.g. Vela)
- Complementary information
  - GWs from neutron star
  - Gamma rays from magnetosphere
- EM → GW
  - Fermi continuously monitors the sky, detects glitches “on the fly”
  - Extract glitch parameters from gamma-ray data, crucial for addressing GW searches
  - Unique instrument for radio-quiet pulsars

PSR J0007+7303 - 2009-05-01



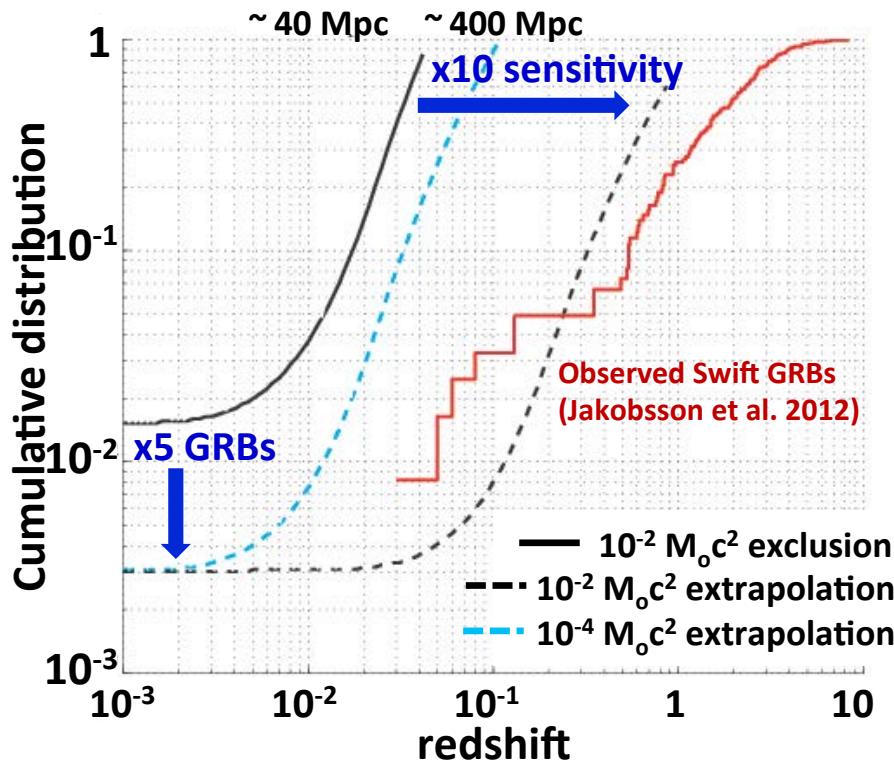
# GRB prompt emission - TRIGGERED SEARCH

## Population exclusion on cumulative redshift distribution

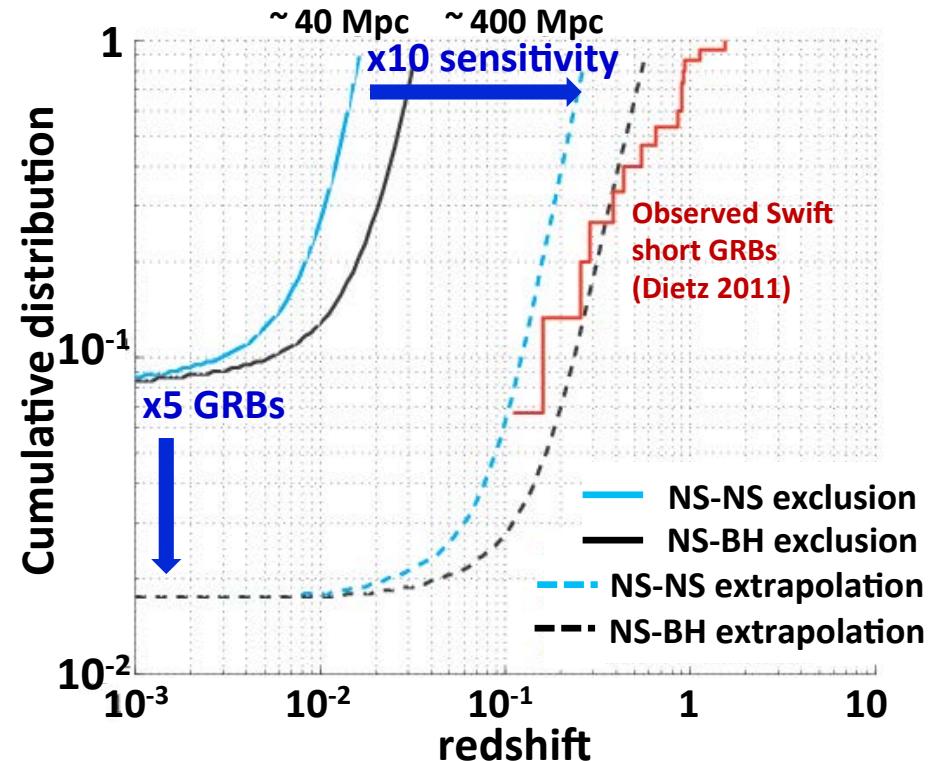
Results 2009-2010 & prospects for Advanced LIGO/Virgo

Abadie et al. 2012, ApJ, 760

### Unmodeled GW burst (150 GRBs)



### Binary system coalescence (26 GRBs)



- Detection is quite possible in the advanced detector era
- No detection will place relevant constraints on GRB population models