

Multi-Messenger Astrophysics

(ICHEP2018 Highlights, and More)

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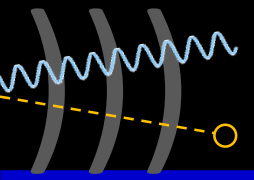


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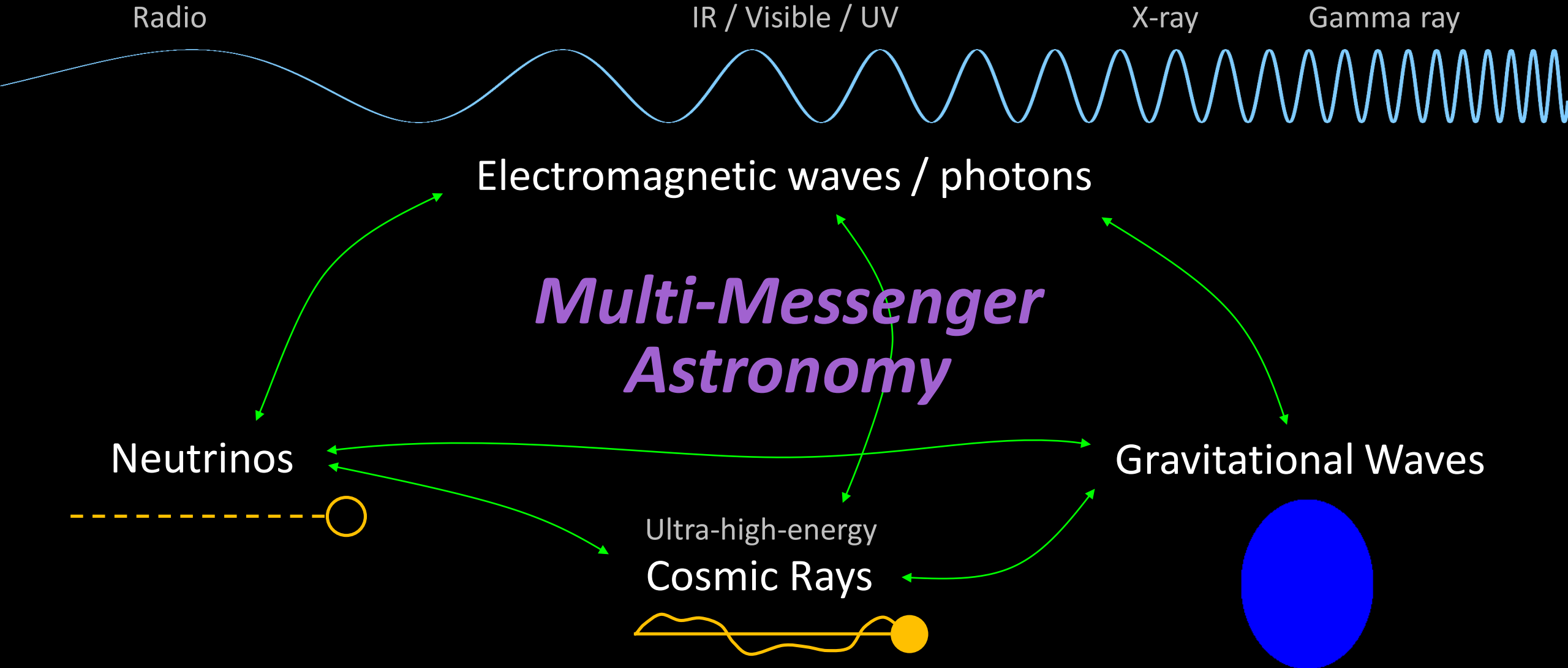
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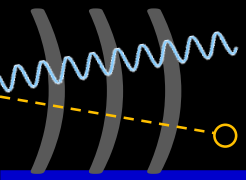
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D. Chesters (NASA/Goddard) and T. Nielsen (Univ. of Hawaii)





Astrophysical Messengers





Connection with Fundamental Forces



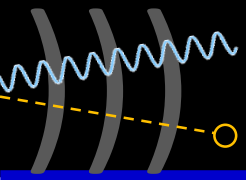
We detect these “messengers” through their different interactions with detectors or material (e.g. atmosphere, water, Earth)...

Electromagnetic waves / photons
→ Electromagnetic

Neutrinos
→ Weak

Ultra-high-energy
Cosmic Rays
→ Strong

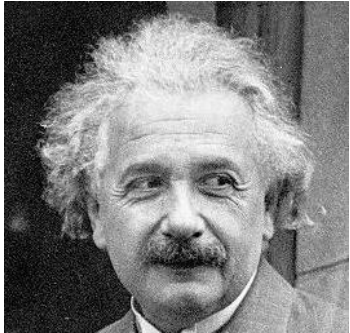
Gravitational Waves
→ Gravity (?)



Gravitational Waves Primer



A consequence of Einstein's general theory of relativity (GR)



... which says that gravity is really an effect of “curvature” in the geometry of space-time, caused by the presence of any object with mass

- ▶ It's not actually a force!
- ▶ Things naturally move along “straight” paths in the curved spacetime

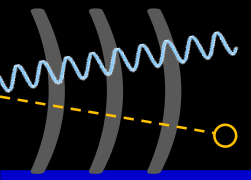
The Einstein field equations have static solutions describing the regular gravitational field, but also **wave solutions** which travel at the speed of light

These waves are **perturbations of the spacetime metric** — the effective distance between points in space and time

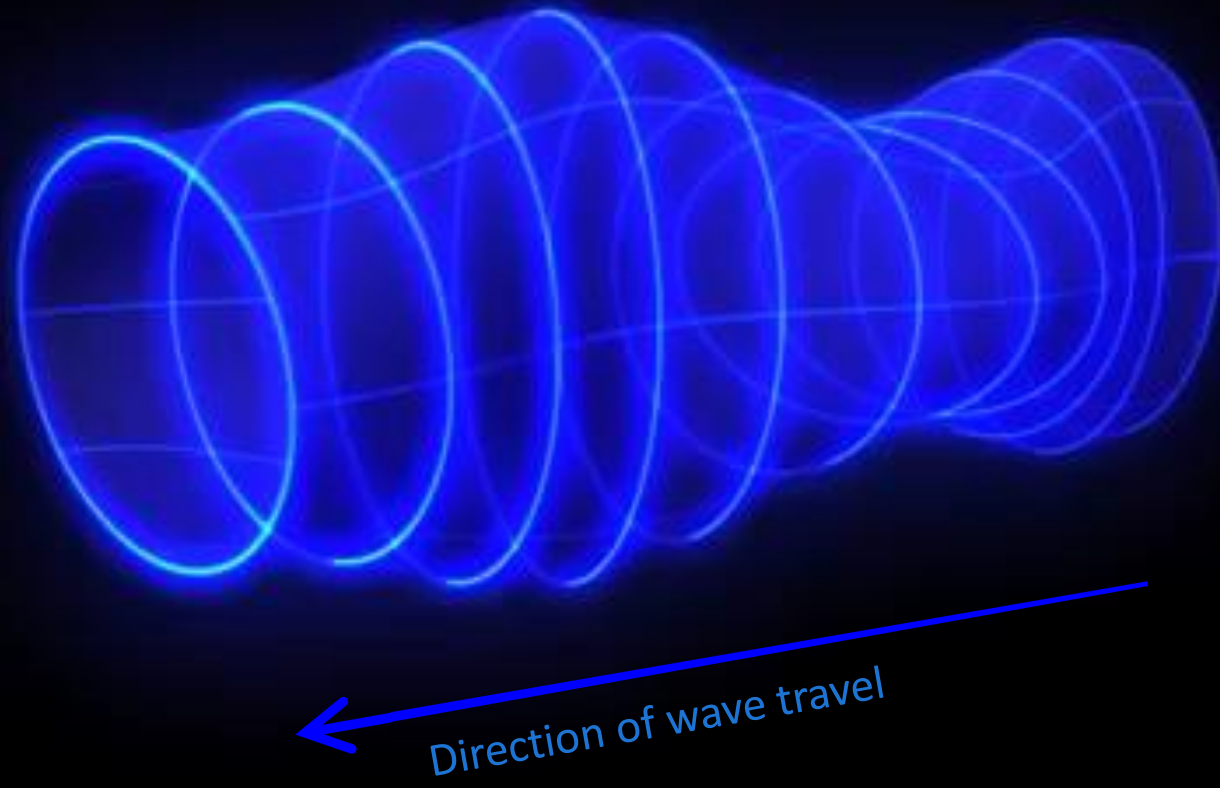
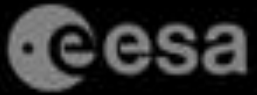
$$g_{\mu\nu}$$

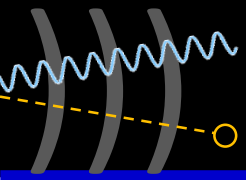
Looking at a fixed place in space while a gravitational wave travels past, the waves alternately **stretch** and **shrink** space and anything in it

→ **The geometry of space-time is dynamic, not fixed!**



A Gravitational Wave in Motion





Different Emissions from the Same Sources



Can look at individual sources, or populations

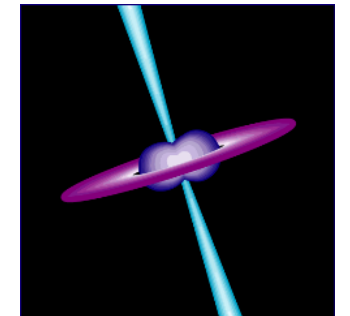
Stellar core collapse → gravitational waves? (if non-axisymmetric collapse)
[supernova] → low-energy neutrinos (from nuclear reactions)
→ UV/visible/IR light (from expanding envelope)
→ cosmic rays (shock acceleration in SN remnant)



Bill Saxton,
NRAO/AUI/NSF

High-energy cosmic rays interacting with ambient photons
→ high-energy neutrinos (Waxman & Bahcall 1998)

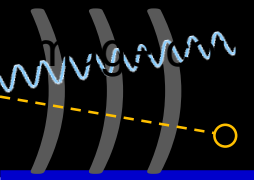
Relativistic jets — *generated by accretion around black hole or neutron star*
[AGN, GRB] → high-energy neutrinos (from hadronic interactions and decays)
→ EM emissions at a wide range of wavelengths
(synchrotron emission from particles in turbulent magnetic fields; inverse Compton scattering)



P.J.T. Leonard,
NASA/GSFC

Neutron star binary merger → gravitational waves
→ relativistic jets (see above)
→ UV/visible/IR light (from heated ejecta)

And other sources...



Different Messengers Give Complementary Information



We have a large variety of wide-field and pointed instruments

Different observational strengths:

Gamma ray: timing, spectrum, **particle acceleration signature**

X-ray: timing, good localization, low background

Visible/IR: precise localization, spectroscopy (& redshift), **thermal signature**

Radio: late-time synchrotron afterglow, precise localization

Neutrino: timing, **particle acceleration signature**

Gravitational waves: timing, distance, mass parameters

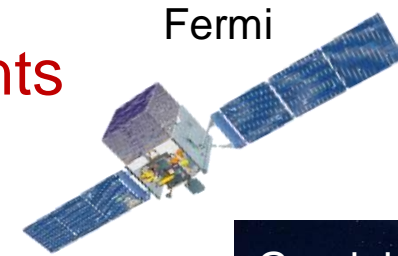
Different views of the event:

Core engine: low-energy neutrinos, gravitational waves

Outflows: high-energy neutrinos, gamma rays, X-rays, visible/IR, radio

Environment: X-ray and radio afterglow

➔ *Multi-Messenger Astrophysics*



Fermi



Swift



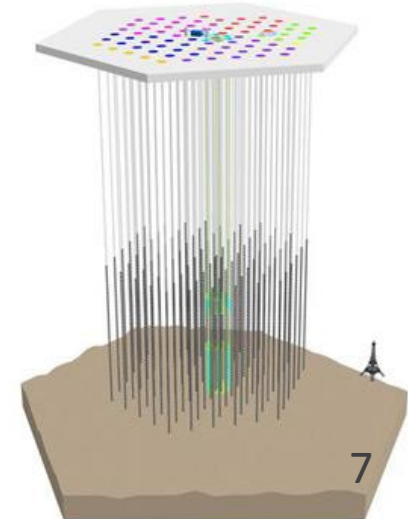
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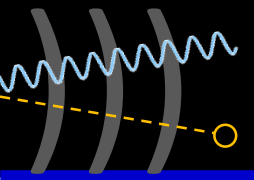
Stéphane Courteau/Queen's U



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Image courtesy of NRAO/AUI





Challenges for Multi-Messenger Astronomy



Comparable detectability?

Will a source be detectable with more than one messenger, given instrument sensitivities?

Coordination — observing a transient source at compatible times

GW and neutrino detectors normally store all useful data, but most EM instruments *point*

Wide-field EM instruments are more likely to have the source in view, but the most sensitive telescopes tend to be narrow-field and must be pointed in the right direction

Motivates real-time analysis and rapid sharing of information about candidate events
(i.e., [cross-facility triggering](#))

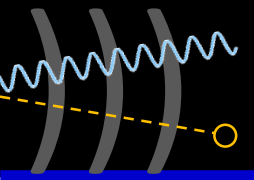
Follow-through

Rapid assessment of candidate events

Strategies for additional observations, such as spectroscopy, to fully characterize the event before it fades completely

Interpretation of combined signals

May require sophisticated modeling of astrophysical processes

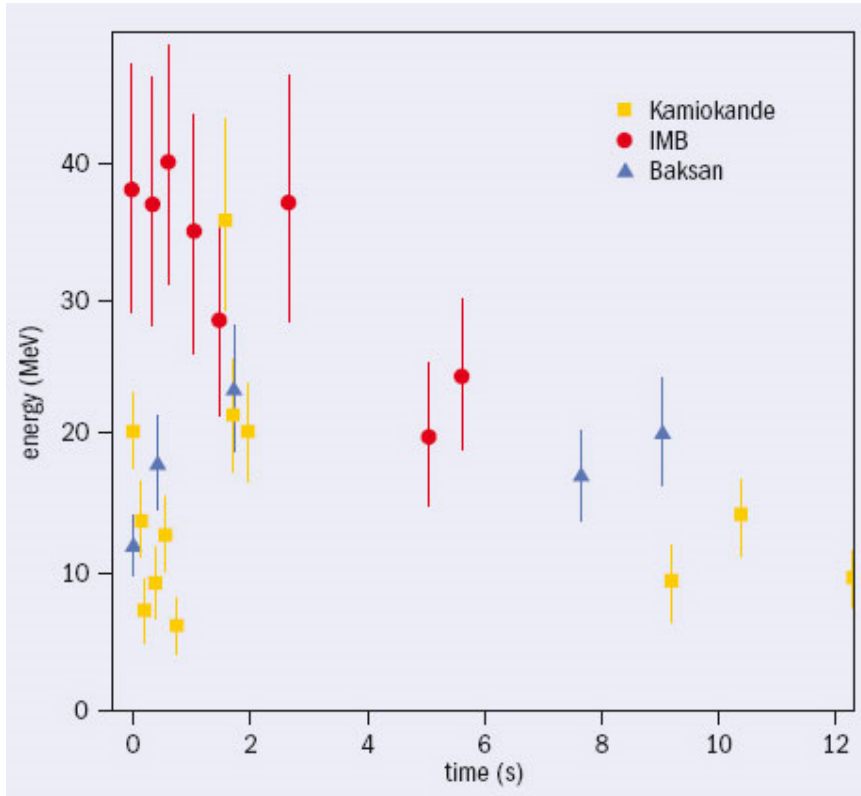


The First Multi-Messenger Astrophysics Event



Supernova 1987A !

Neutrino burst preceded appearance of the supernova light by a few hours



Credit: M. Nakahata (ICRR) / CERN Courier



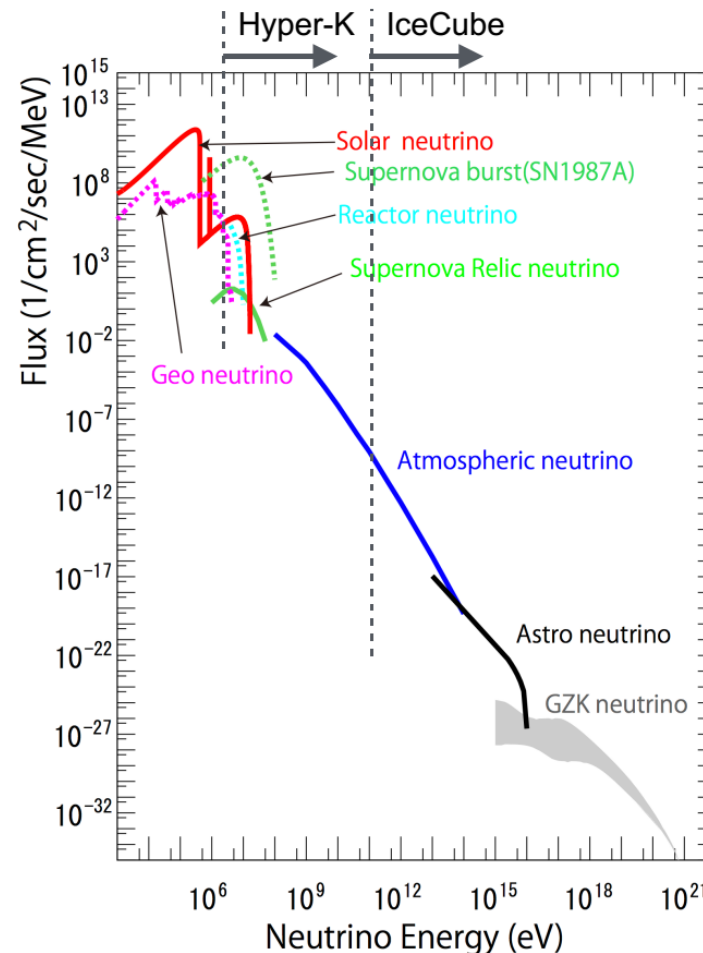
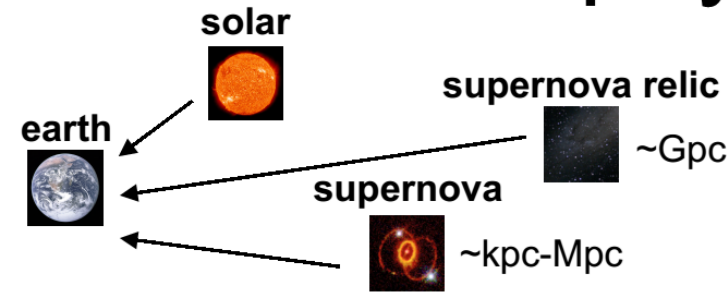
Credit: ESA/Hubble, NASA

Astrophysical Neutrinos

From Thursday:

I. Shimizu

“Astrophysical
Neutrinos at
Hyper-
Kamiokande”



Hyper-K (187 kton H_2O)

^8B solar neutrino 130 events / day
Supernova neutrino ~50,000 events / burst
Supernova relic neutrino ~18 events / year
highest statistics / directional information

DUNE (40 kton Ar)

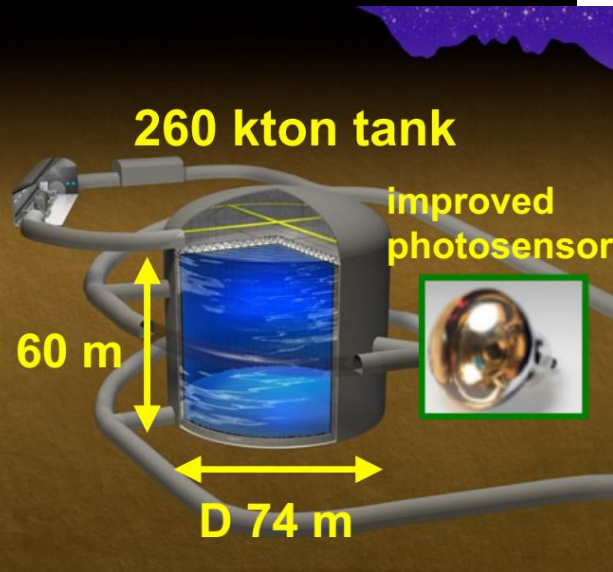
Supernova neutrino ~3,000 events / burst
complementary with different mode
no directional information

JUNO (17 kton LS)

Supernova neutrino ~5,000 events / burst
Supernova relic neutrino ~3 events / year
no directional information

IceCube (2,400 kton H_2O)

Supernova neutrino ~300,000 events / burst
no energy / directional information



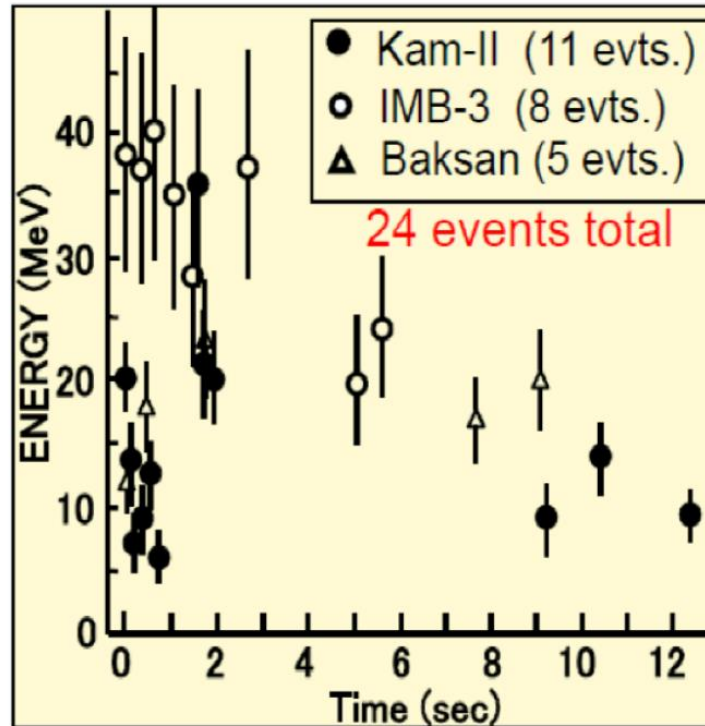
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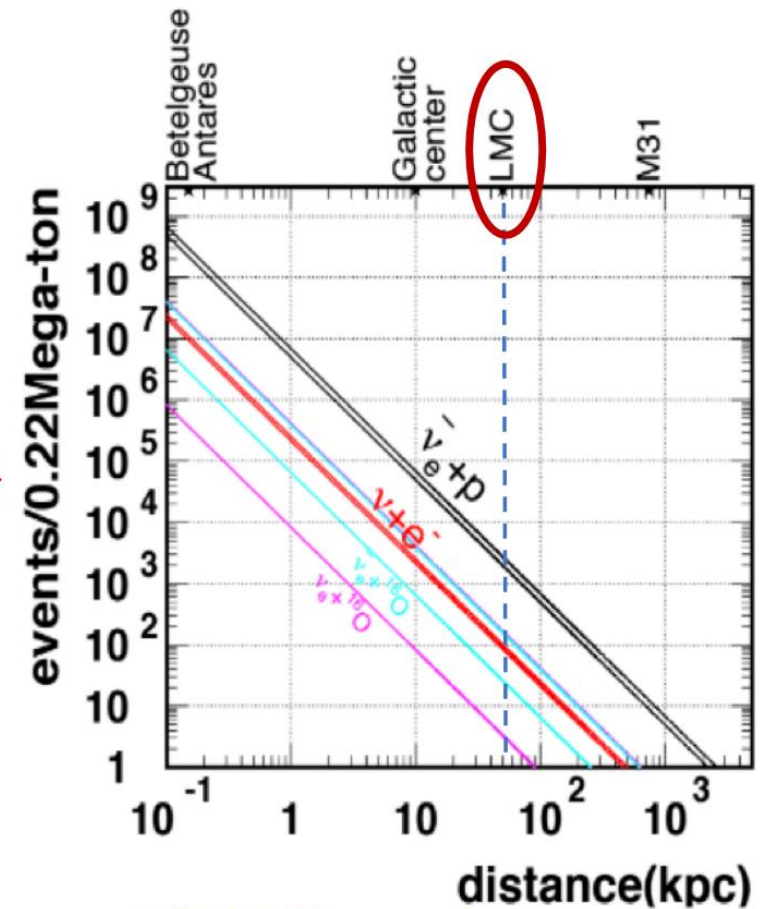
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“Physics
Potentials of
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2nd Detector
in Korea”

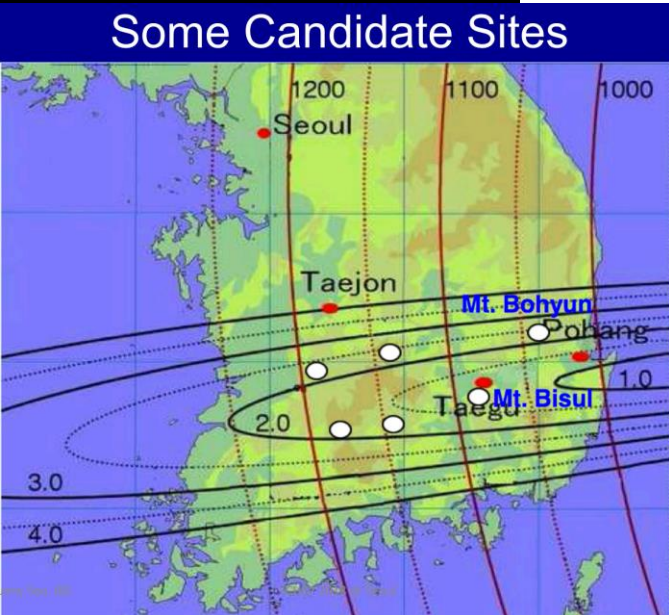
SN1987A @LMC



11 events
@Kamiokande



O(1000) events
@Hyper-K/KNO





Can be produced in relativistic jets or by shocks

IceCube has observed a diffuse flux of astrophysical neutrinos [Aartsen et al. 2013, *Science* 342; 2014, *PRL* 113]

Above background of atmospheric neutrinos

Have measured flavor ratio [Aartsen et al. 2015, *PRL* 114]

What are the sources?

Figure from *Multimessenger Astronomy* by I. Bartos and M. Kowalski, a free-to-read eBook at <http://iopscience.iop.org/book/978-0-7503-1369-8>

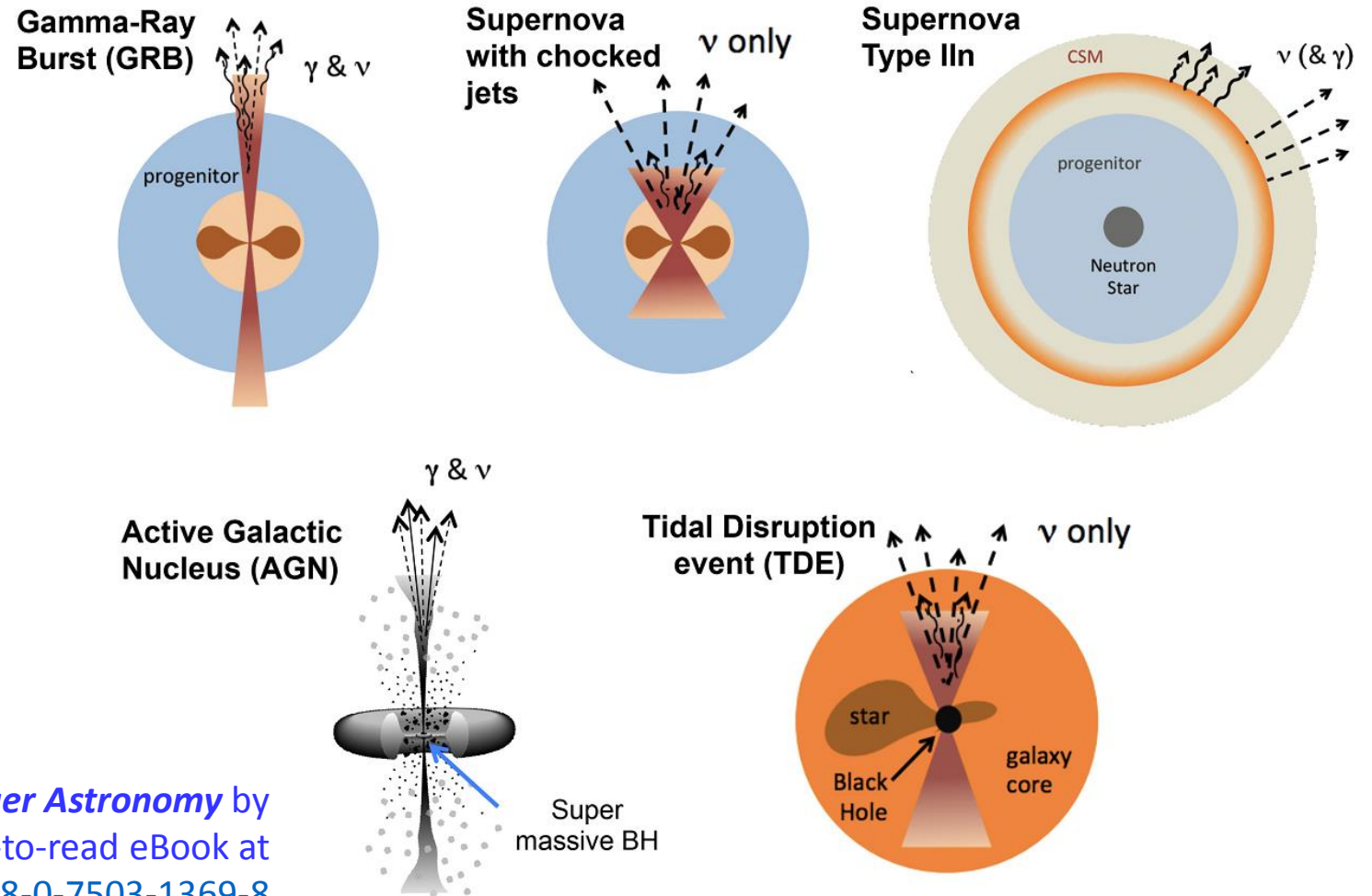


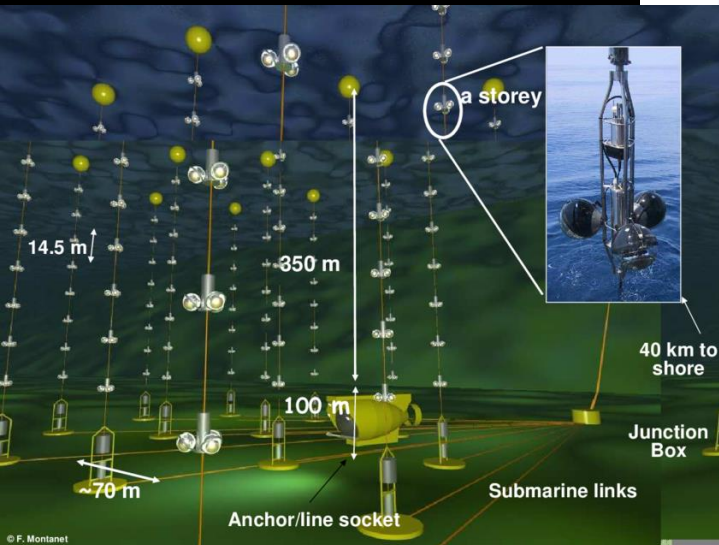
Figure 2. Scenarios for sources of neutrinos, with varying degrees of jet formation.

From Friday:

A. Creusot

“Latest results
of the ANTARES
detector and
perspectives for
KM3NeT/ARCA”

In the Mediterranean Sea



- space/time correlation
- alerts and follow-up



- radio: MWA, Parkes
- visible: TAROT, ZADKO, MASTER, SVOM-GWAC
- X-ray: Swift
- γ -ray: Integral
- GeV-ray: Fermi-LAT
- TeV-ray: HESS, HAWC
- GW: Ligo, VIRGO
- neutrino: IceCube

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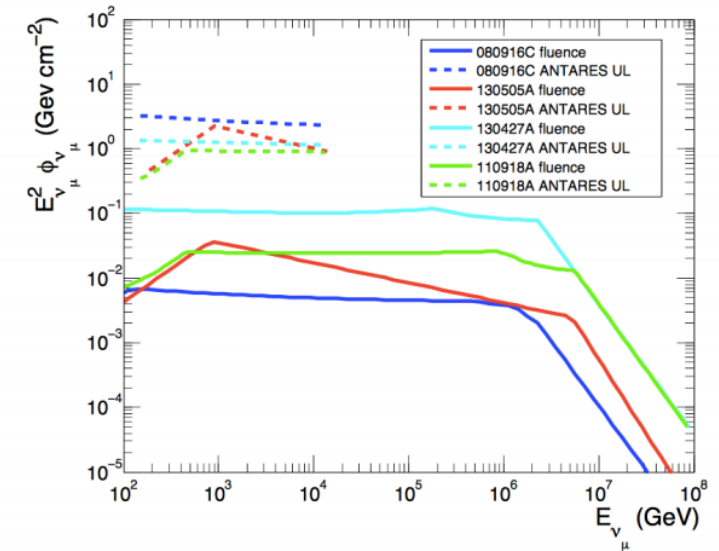
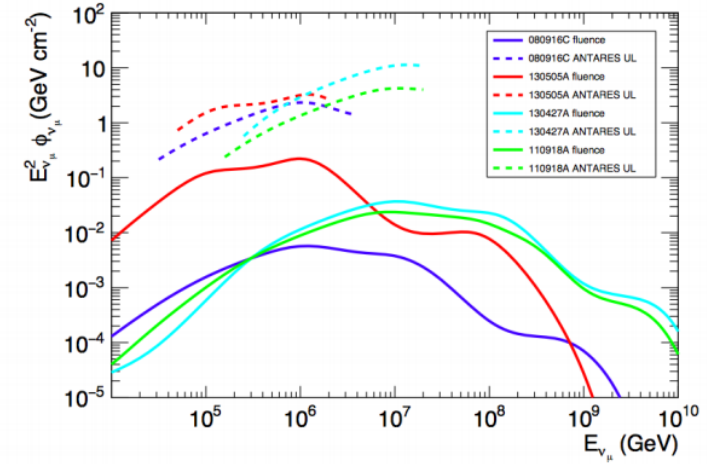
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No neutrino events
found coincident in
time & space
→ limits on emission

IceCube, too, has
looked for neutrinos
coincident with GRBs,
with no statistically
significant correlation
[Aartsen et al., ApJ 824]

- neutrino events in coincidence with observed GRB
- data 200 s after GRB trigger
- GRB 080916C, 110918A, 130427A and 130505A
- internal shock model (up)
- photospheric model (down)

MNRAS 469, 906-915 (2017)



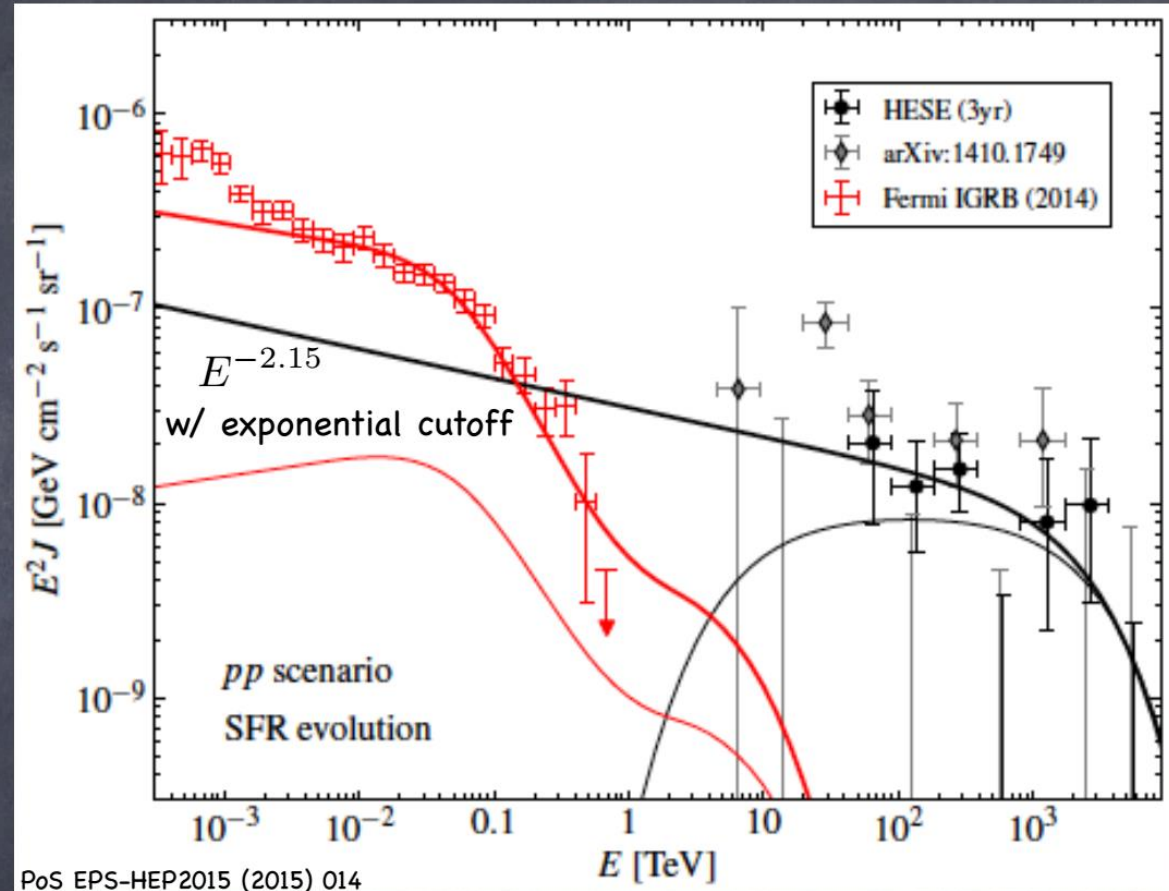
Connection with gamma rays

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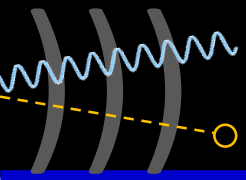
D. Marfatia

“IceCube’s
astrophysical
neutrino
spectrum from
CPT violation”

Compare energy
spectra for high-
energy neutrinos
and gamma rays to
probe new physics
models



- Neutrino spectra softer than shown are inconsistent with Fermi data
- Connection for $p\gamma$ sources weaker because target photons prevent gamma rays from leaving source



What about Active Galactic Nuclei?



An AGN contains a supermassive black hole with an accretion disk which produces a relativistic jet

By the Blandford-Znajek process (extracts energy from black hole spin via magnetic fields)

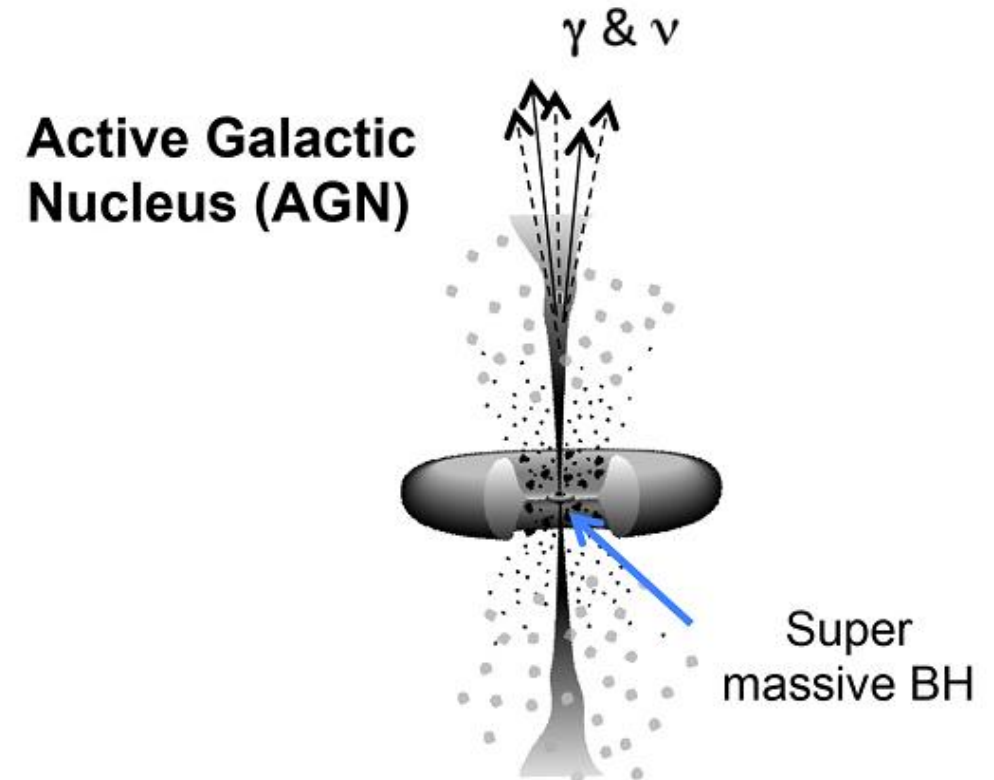
Or possibly by the Penrose mechanism (extracts energy from frame dragging)

There are many classes of AGN depending on viewing angle, etc.

A **blazar** is an AGN oriented so that the jet points toward Earth

Can see emissions over the whole EM spectrum, up to gamma rays

Emissions may exhibit variability due to variations in accretion rate or other disk/jet changes



[Figure from Bartos & Kowalski]

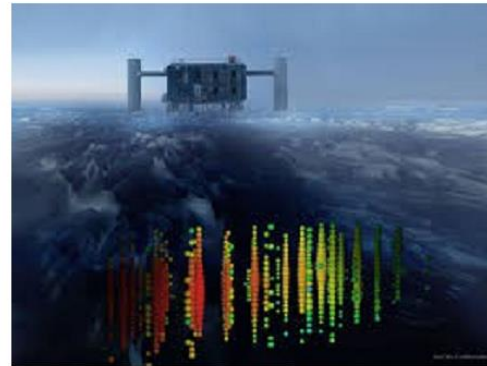
In September, IceCube detected an “extremely high energy” muon track pointing back near a known blazar

The blazar’s gamma-ray emission increased significantly around the same time!

Awaiting paper with final analysis results...

Slide made by
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Alerts: IC-170922A



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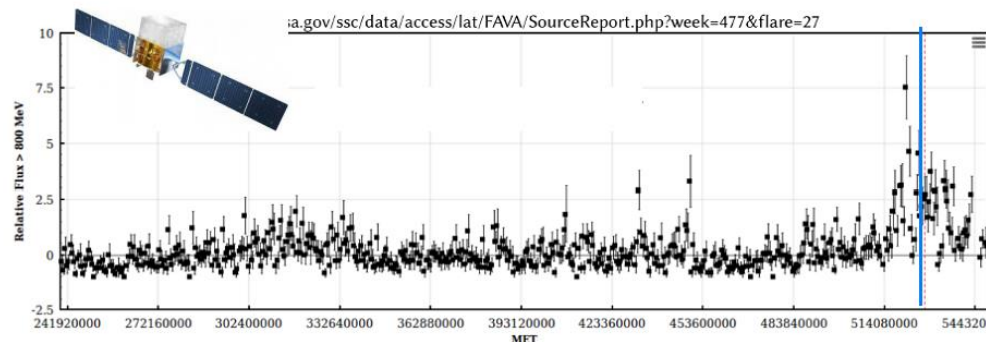
Sep 22nd, 2017 @20:54:30.43 UTC

IceCube detects a high-energy muon track with a high probability of being of astrophysical origin (EHE)

RA: 77.43 deg (-0.80 deg/+1.30 deg, 90% PSF)

Dec: 5.72 deg (-0.40 deg/+0.70 deg, 90% PSF)

14 arcmin away from blazar TXS 0506+056!



ATel #10791

Sep 27th, 2017

Fermi/LAT detection of an **increased gamma-ray activity of TXS 0506+056**



ATel #10817

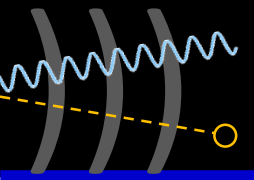
Oct 4th, 2017

MAGIC: 12h of observations Sep 28th-Oct 3rd

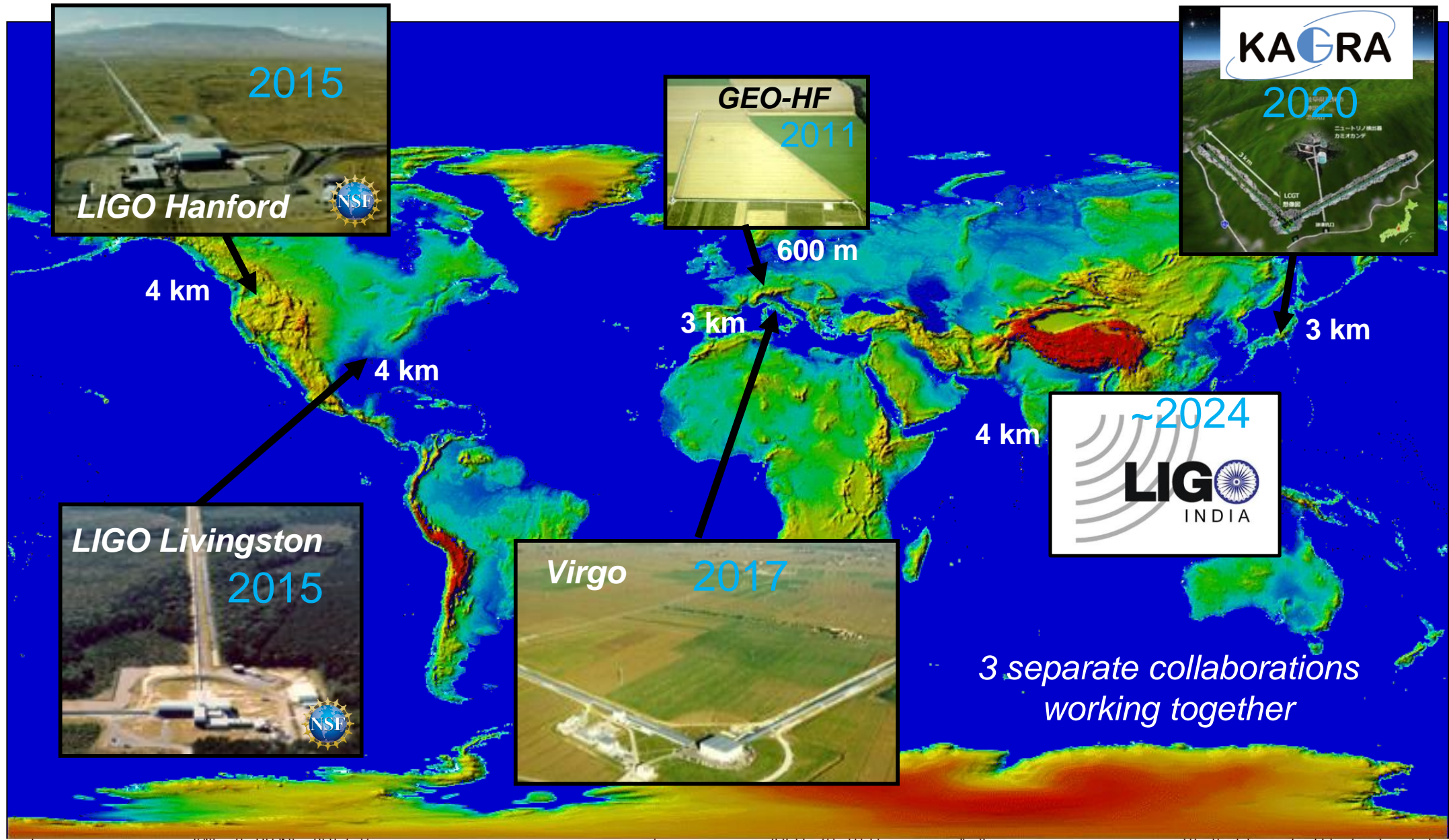
Detection > 5 sigma > 100 GeV

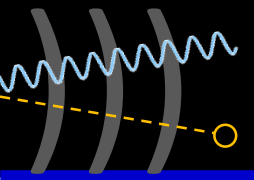
First time detection of TXS 0506+056 in VHE gamma-rays

Related	
10845	Joint Swift XRT and NuSTAR Observations of TXS 0506+056
10844	Kanata optical imaging and polarimetric follow-ups for possible IceCube counterpart TXS 0506+056
10840	VLT/X-Shooter spectrum of the blazar TXS 0506+056 (located inside the IceCube-170922A error box)
10838	MAX/GSC observations of IceCube-170922A and TXS 0506+056
10833	VERITAS follow-up observations of IceCube neutrino event 170922A
10831	Optical photometry of TXS 0506+056
10830	SALT-HRS observation of the blazar TXS 0506+056 associated with IceCube-170922A
10817	First-time detection of VHE gamma rays by MAGIC from a direction consistent with the recent EHE neutrino event IceCube-170922A
10802	HAWC gamma ray data prior to IceCube-170922A
10801	AGILE confirmation of gamma-ray activity from the IceCube-170922A error region
10799	Optical Spectrum of TXS 0506+056 (possible counterpart to IceCube-170922A)
10794	ASAS-SN optical light-curve of blazar TXS 0506+056, located inside the IceCube-170922A error region, shows increased optical activity
10792	Further Swift-XRT observations of IceCube 170922A
10791	Fermi-LAT detection of increased gamma-ray activity of TXS 0506+056, located inside the IceCube-170922A error region.
10787	H.E.S.S. follow-up of IceCube-170922A
10773	Search for counterpart to IceCube-170922A with ANTARES



The Expanding Network of *Advanced* GW Detectors





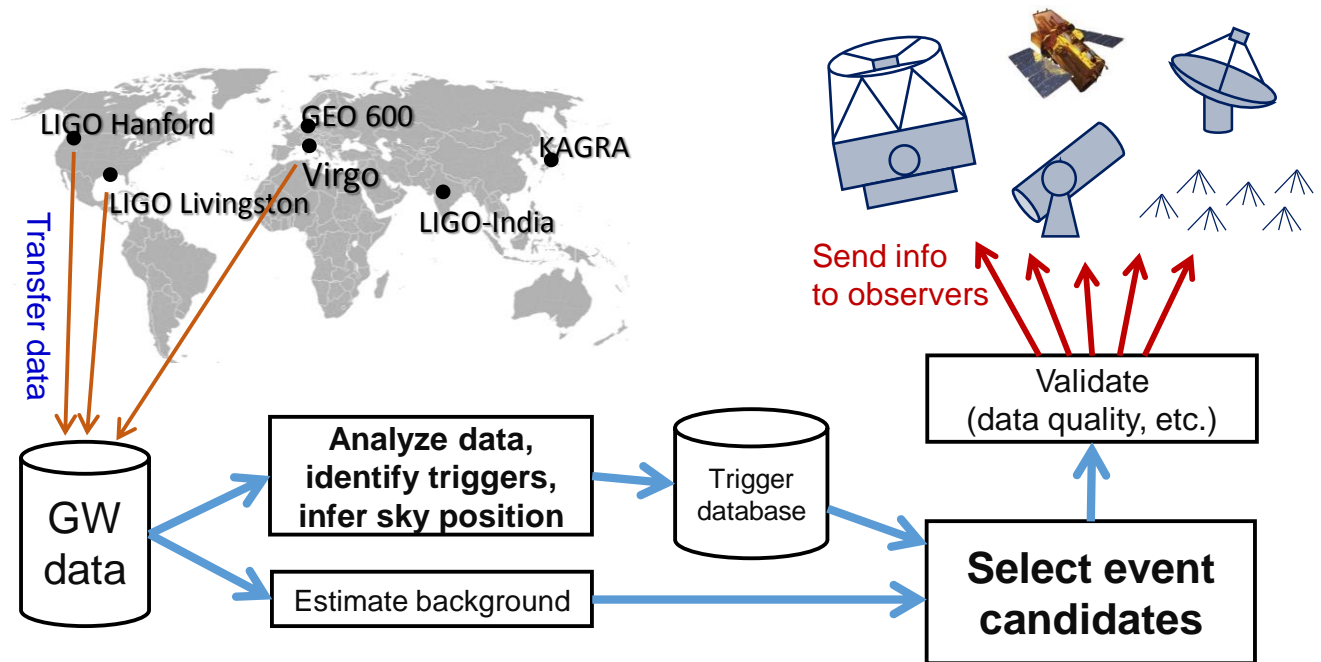
Multi-Messenger Searches with Gravitational Waves



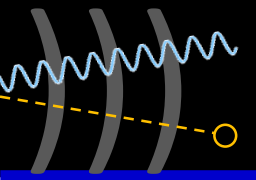
LIGO/Virgo have done many *externally triggered* GW searches
(deep analysis of GW data around the time and/or sky position of reported EM event)
and have collaborated on *joint* searches (compare sets of candidate events)

Many types of objects:

- GRBs
- Known pulsars (CW signal)
- SGR/magnetar flares
- Pulsar glitch (Vela)
- High-energy neutrinos
- Radio transients
- Supernovae



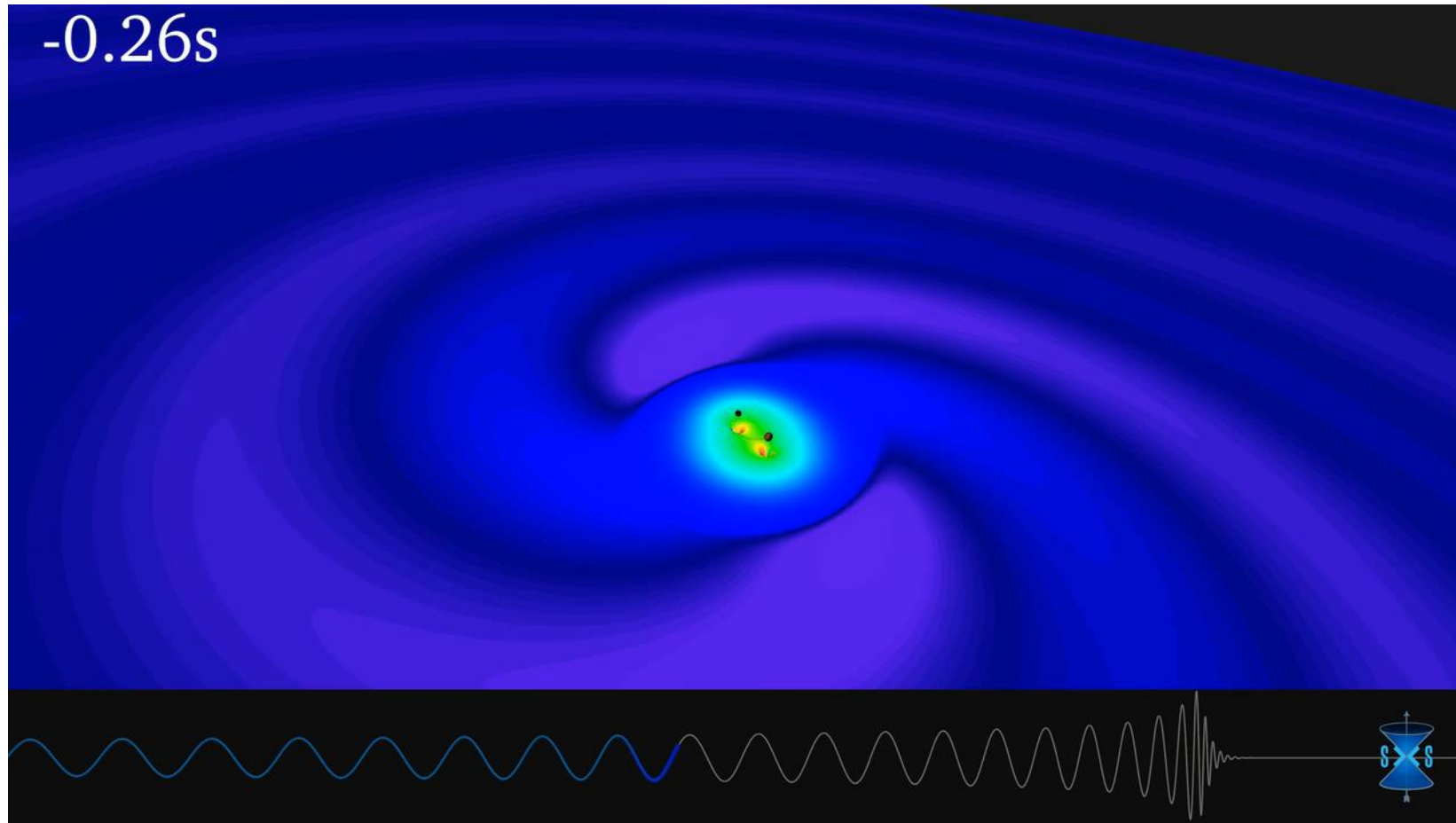
Also initiated an *EM follow-up program*, distributing GW event candidate alerts to observers to enable them to search for counterparts



Low-Latency Searches



Search data from the gravitational-wave detectors for signals expected from **compact binary coalescence**, as well as generic GW transient signals



GW170817: first binary neutron star merger

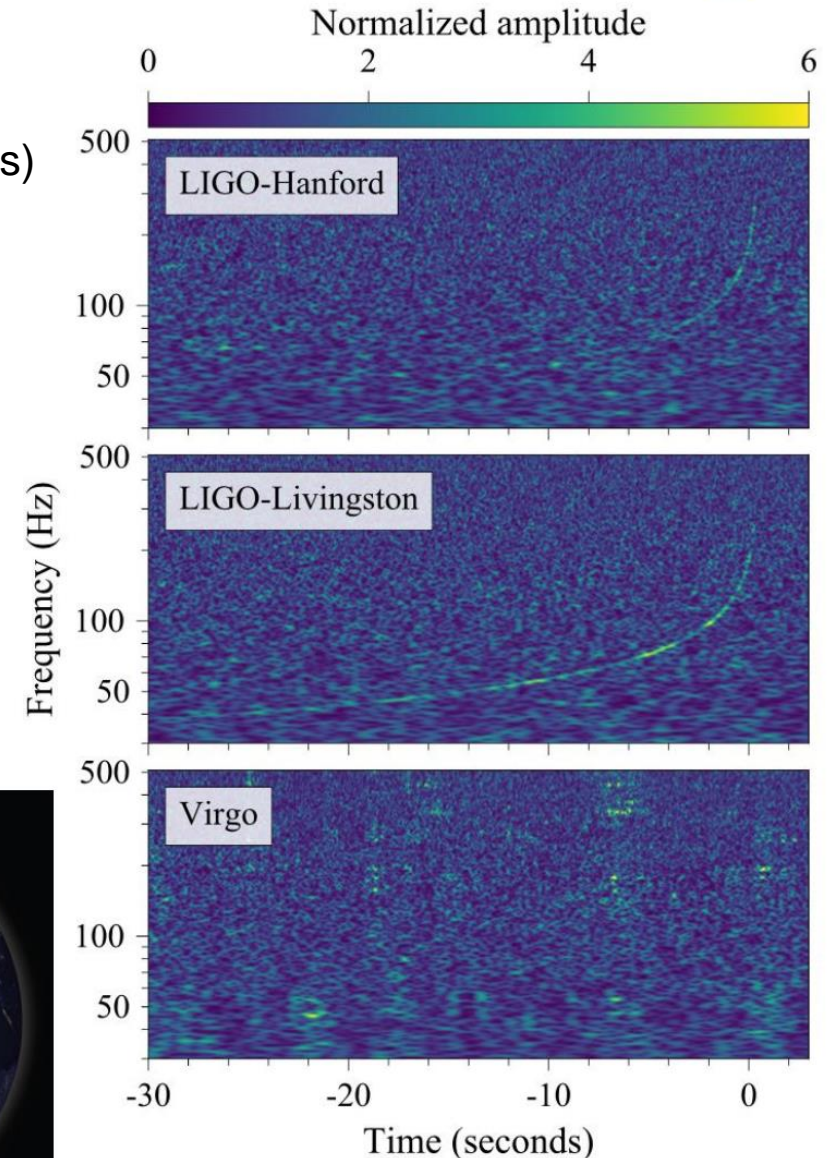
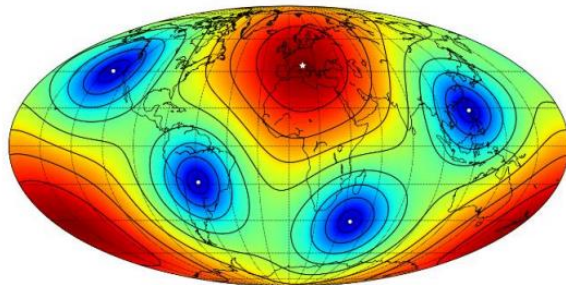
From Thursday:

N. Arnaud

“In between the Observation Runs 2 and 3, a status report on the Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo GW detectors”

Normally the sky localization would be available within minutes, but had to work around a glitch in the LIGO-Livingston data

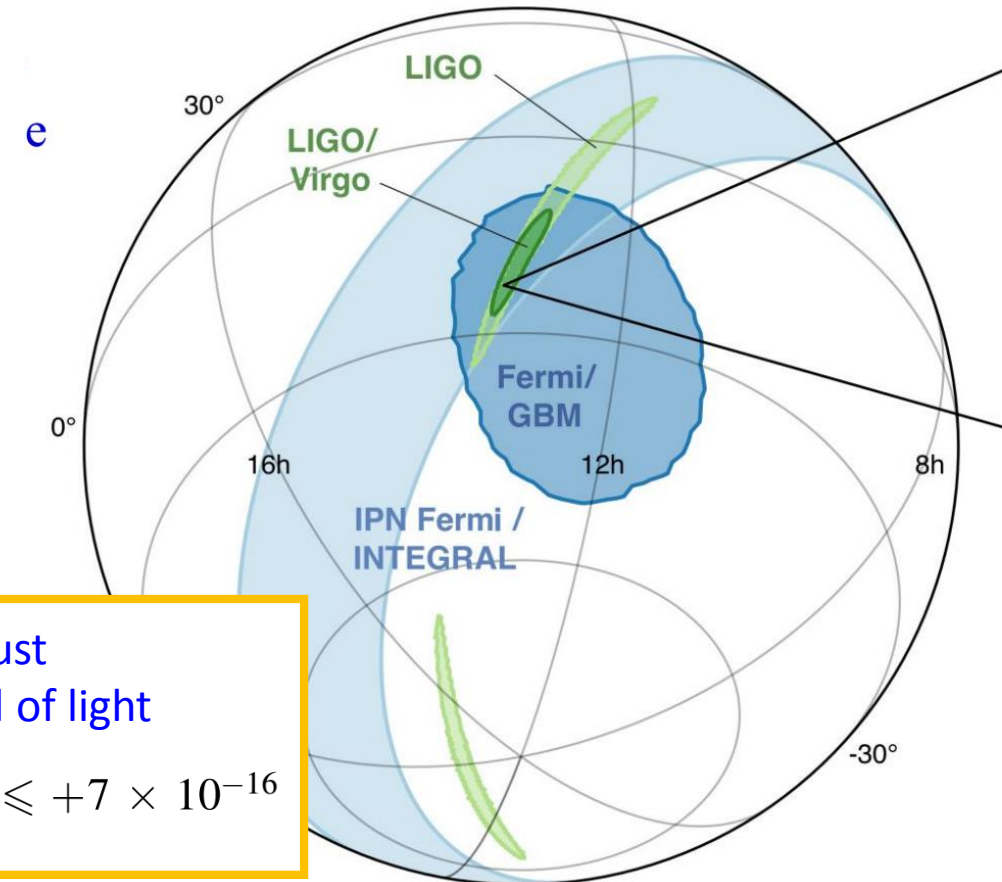
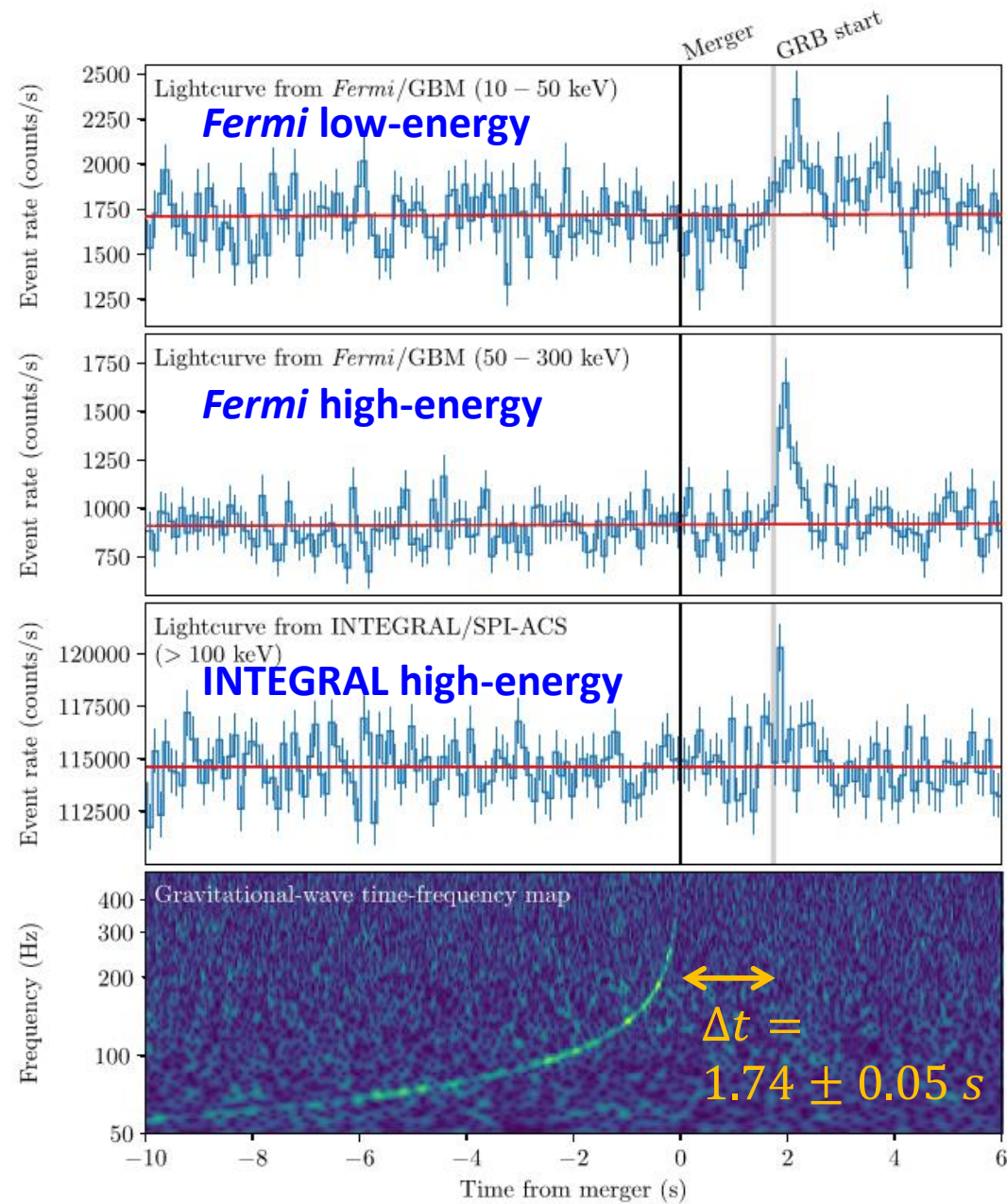
- **Strong signal in both LIGO detectors**
(consistent with masses of known neutron stars)
- **No signal in Virgo**
 - Worse sensitivity
 - Source location close to a blind spot
→ Antenna pattern effect
- **Accurate sky localization** (30 square deg.)
 - Latency of about 5 hours
 - Consistent with Fermi and Fermi-Integral localizations



GW170817 sky localizations

Adapted from slide by N. Arnaud

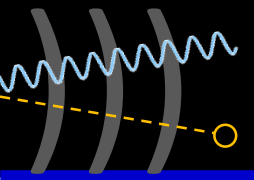
- **Green:** LIGO and **LIGO + Virgo**
- **Blue :** information from **gamma ray burst satellites**



→ Speed of GWs is just about equal to speed of light

$$-3 \times 10^{-15} \leq \frac{\Delta v}{v_{\text{EM}}} \leq +7 \times 10^{-16}$$

[LIGO, Virgo, Fermi-GBM and INTEGRAL 2017, ApJL 848, L13]



Astronomers found the optical counterpart!



Independently found by 6 teams within a span of 45 minutes, in the galaxy

NGC 4993

GRB 170817A

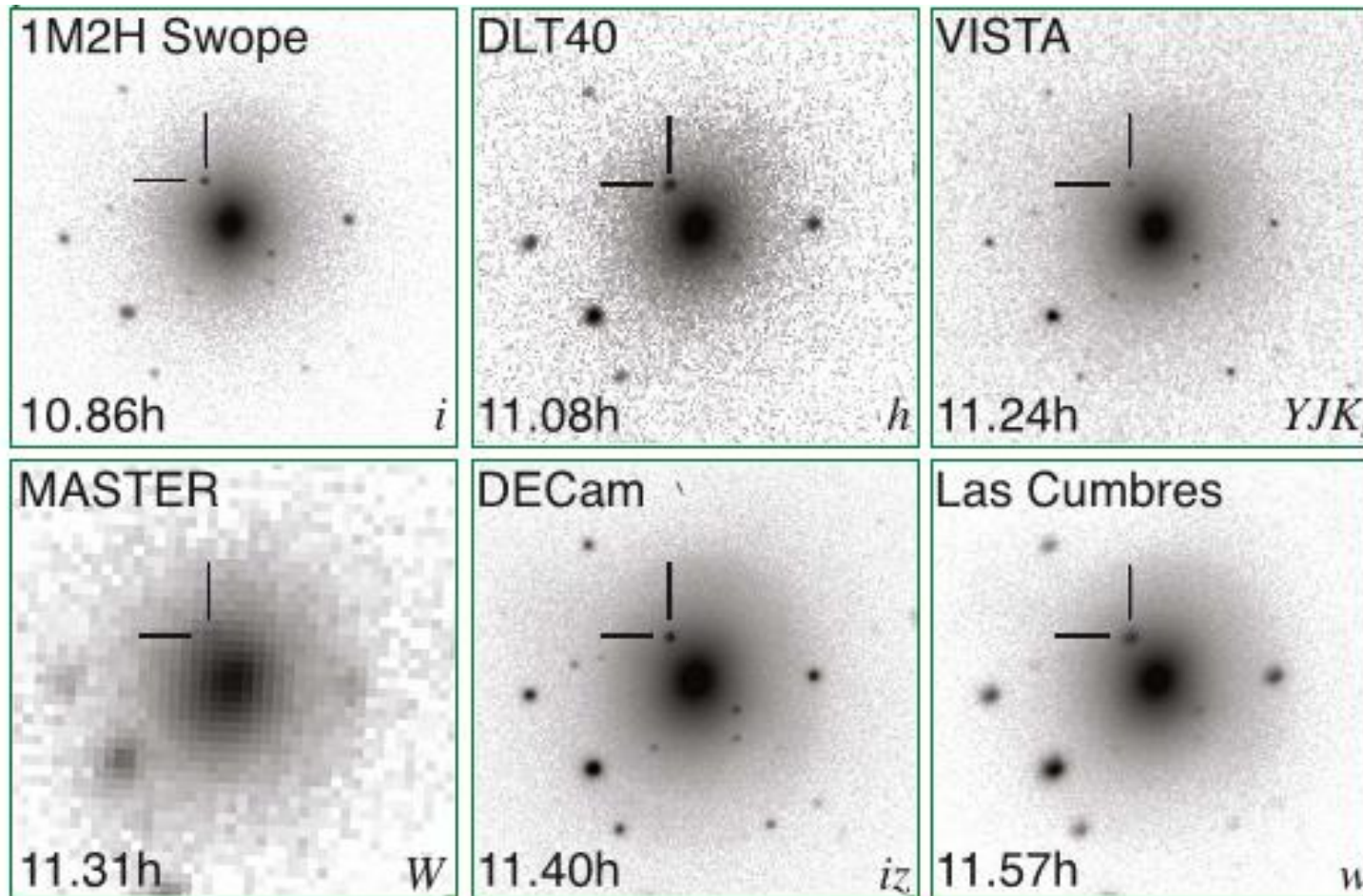
GW170817

SSS17a

DLT17ck

MASTER J130948.10-232253.3

→ AT 2017gfo



[Abbott and many others 2017, ApJL 848, L12]

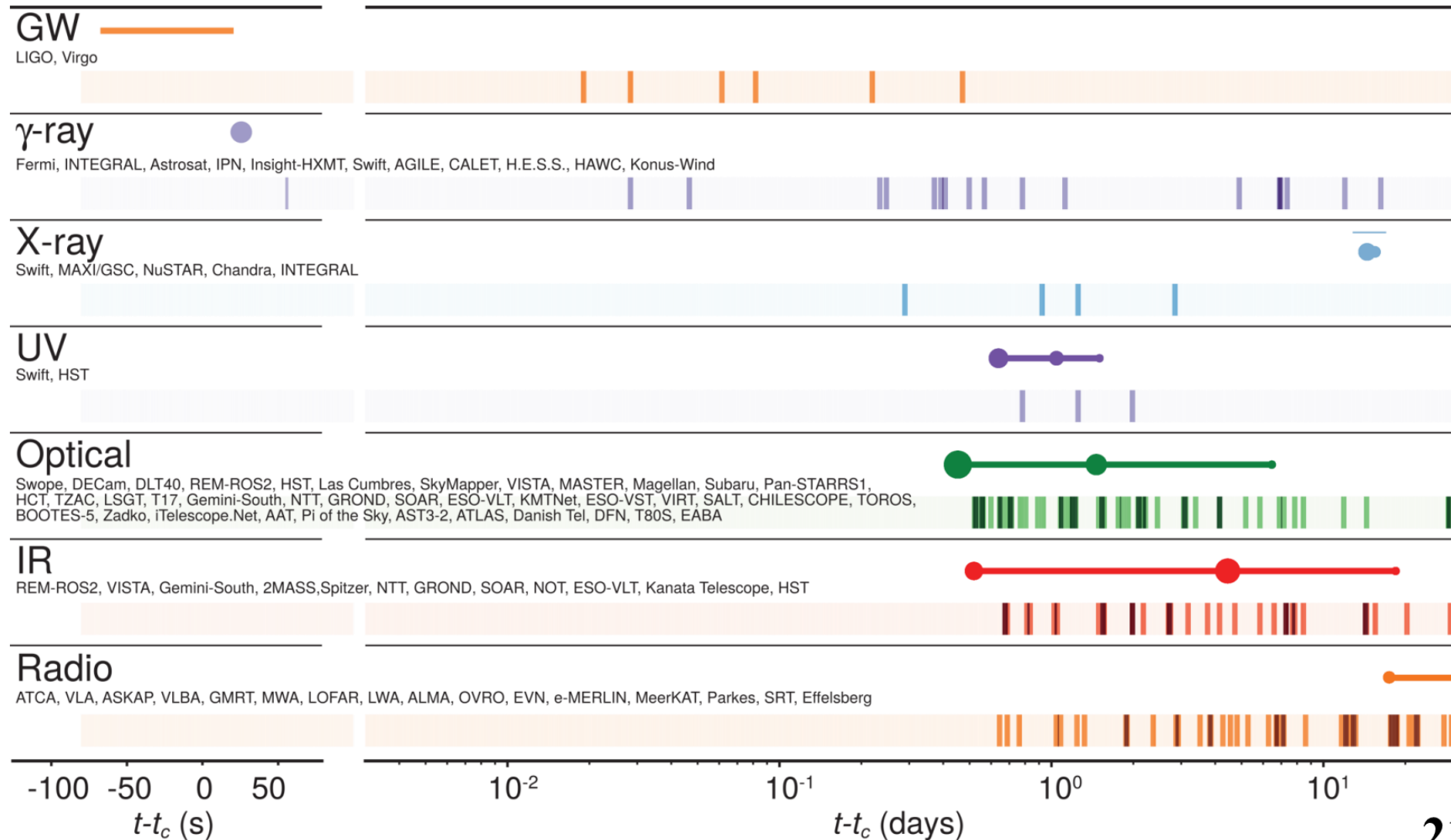
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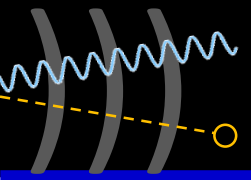
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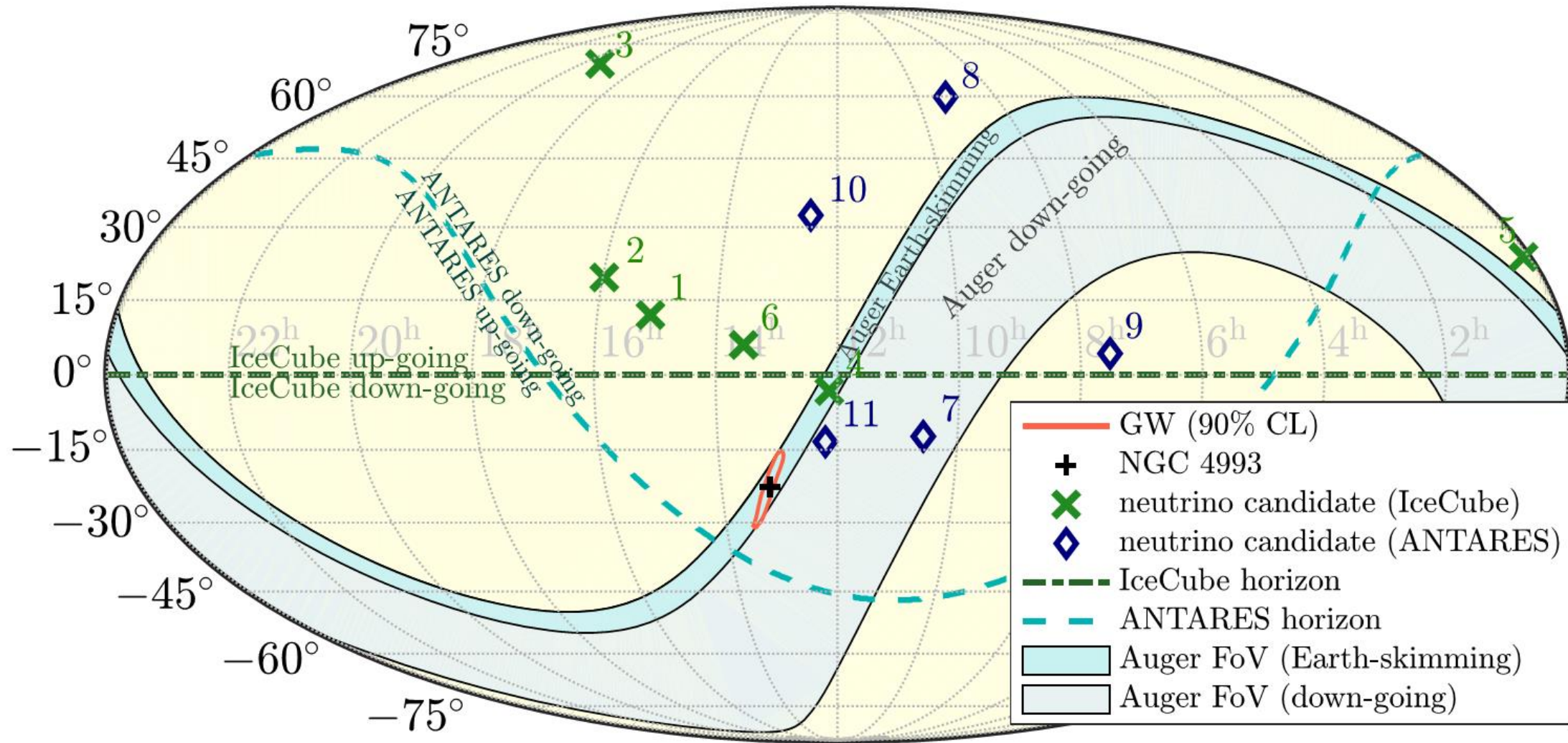
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- **Gravitational waves** + gamma ray burst + whole electromagnetic spectrum

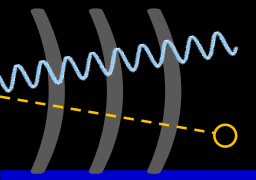




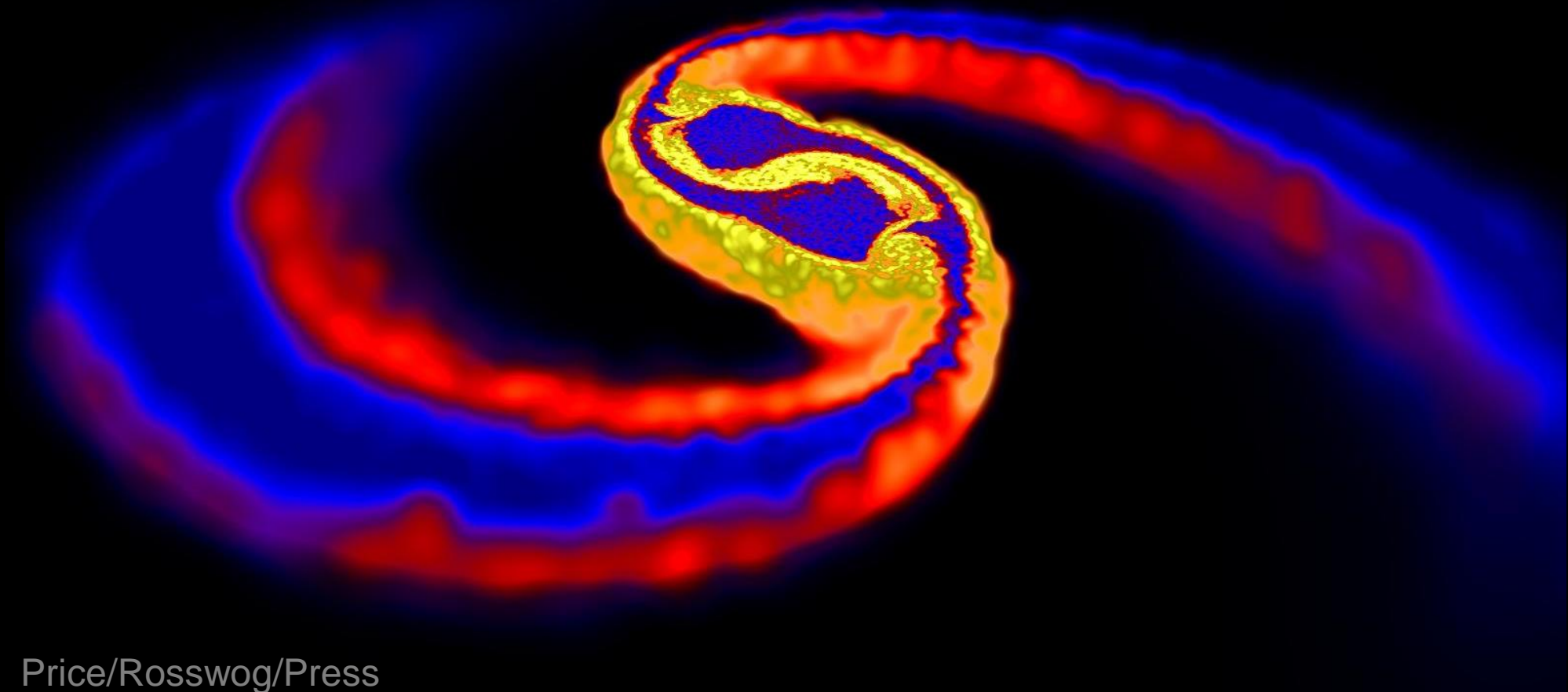
No Neutrino Counterpart to GW170817



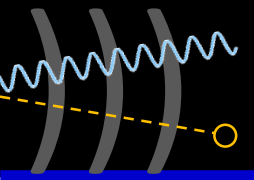
[Albert et al. (ANTARES, IceCube, Pierre Auger, LIGO and Virgo) 2017, ApJL 850, L35]



Tidal Disruption of Neutron Stars



Price/Rosswog/Press

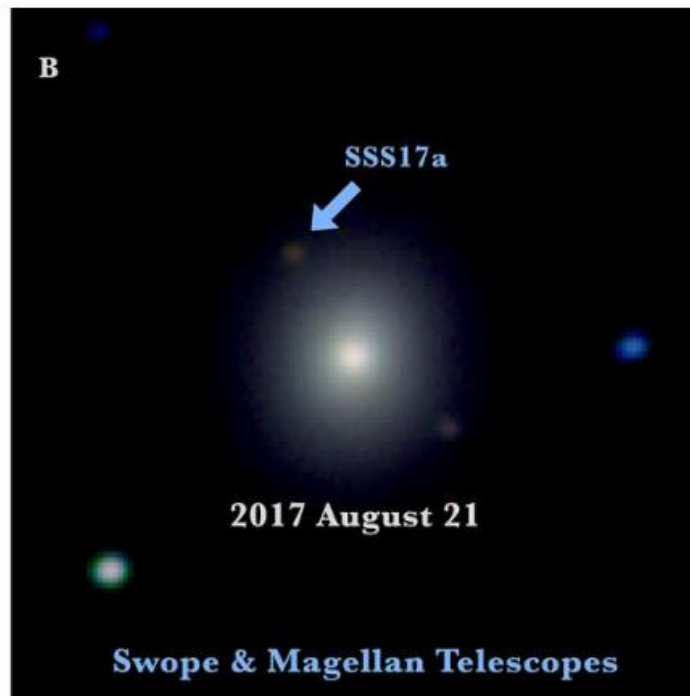


Saw the GW170817 counterpart fade – and change color

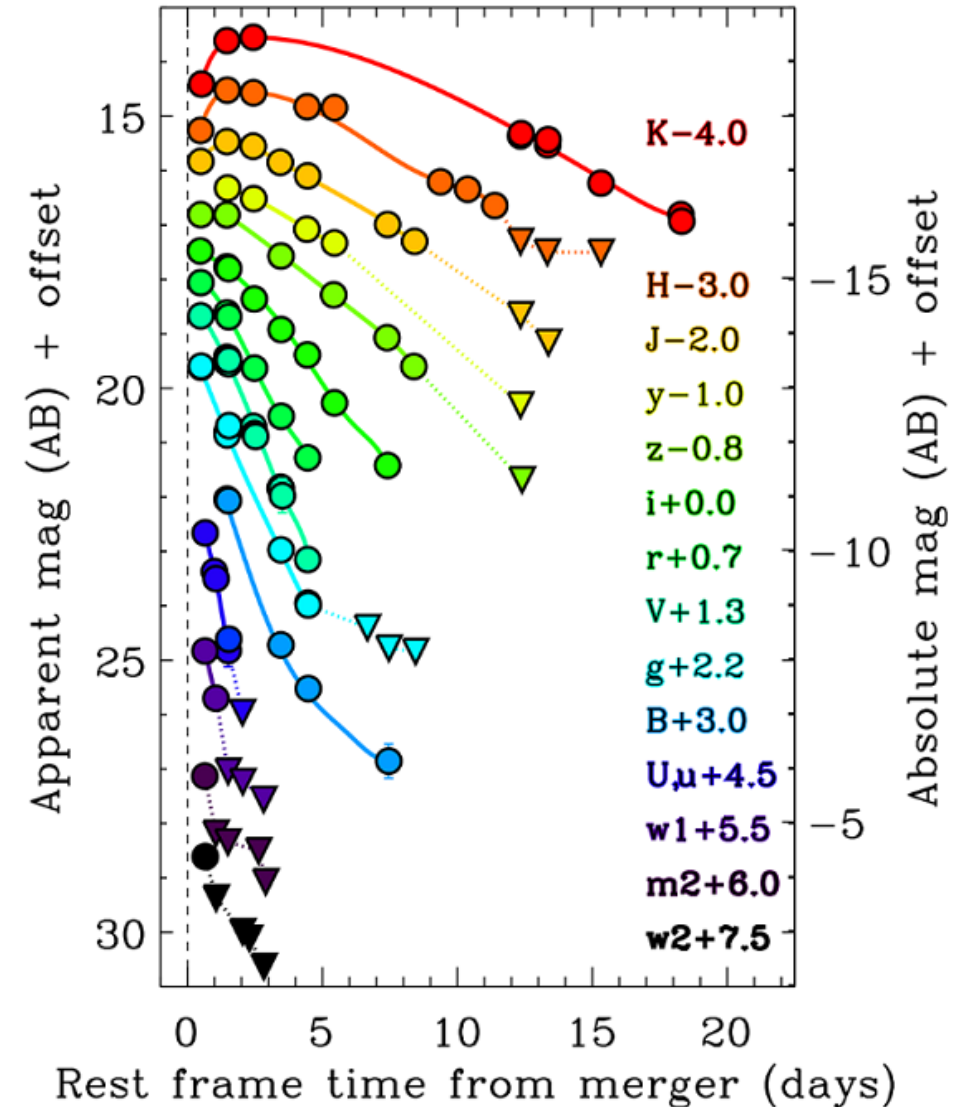


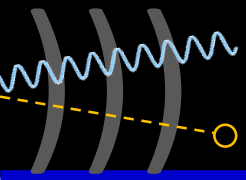
Initially visible in ultraviolet and blue –
but those faded quickly

Infrared peaked after 2-3 days, then
remained visible for weeks

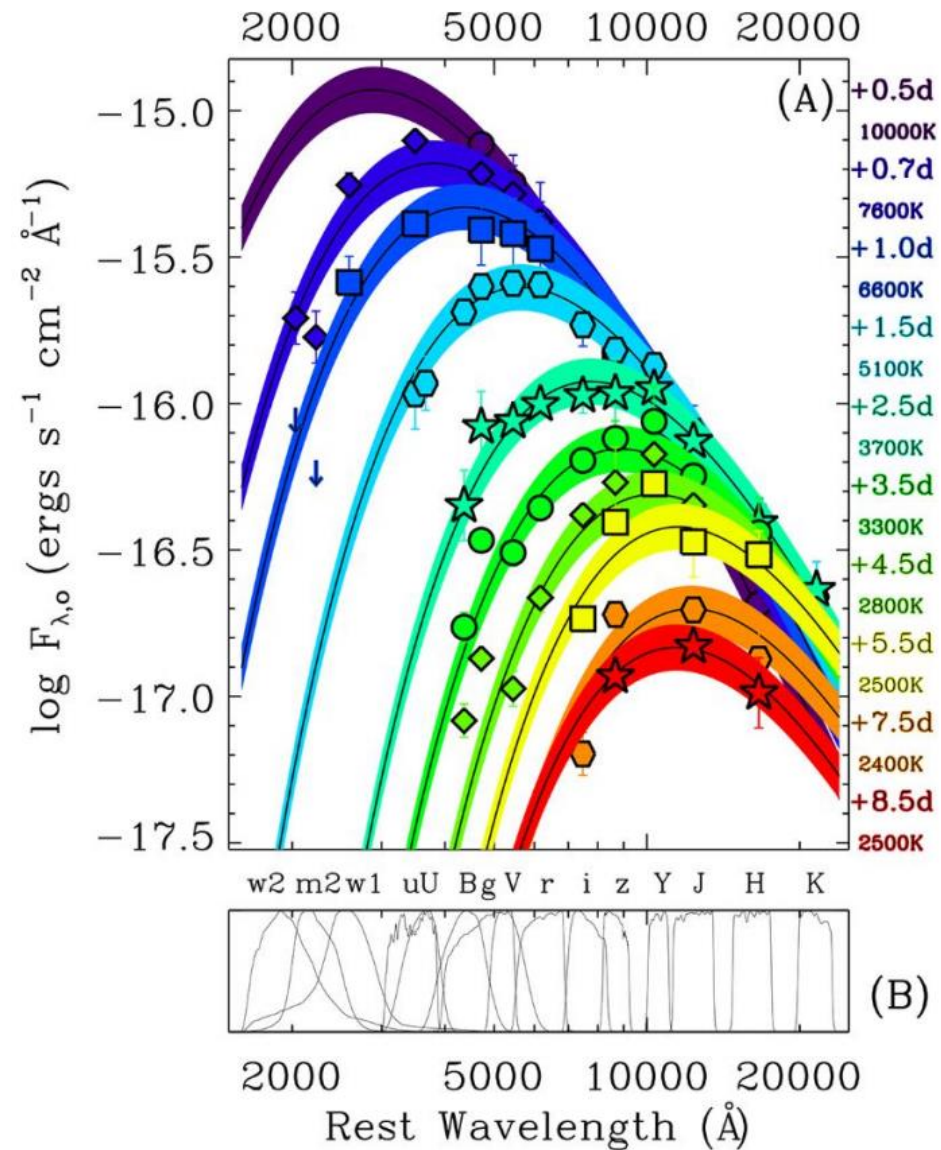


[Drout et al. 2017, *Science* 10.1126/science.aag0049]



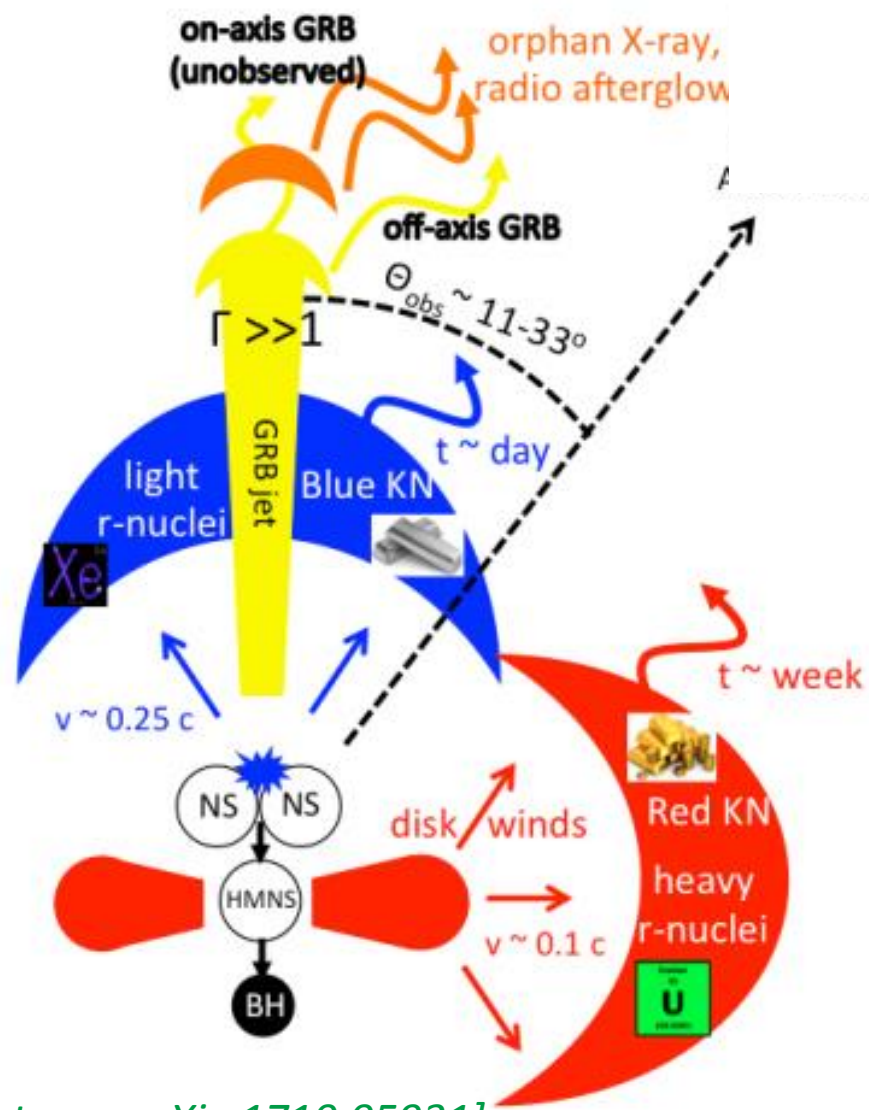


... as it cooled



[Drout et al. 2017, *Science*
10.1126/science.aag0049]

Optical emission matches “kilonova” model



[Metzger, arXiv:1710.05931]

r-process nucleosynthesis takes place in ejected material

Then radioactive decays drive thermal emission

Evidence for two components:

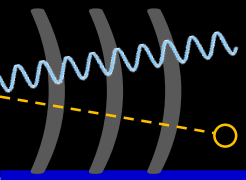
“blue” (lanthanide-poor) and
“red” (lanthanide-rich)

Different r-process elements produced →
different opacities

Hypermassive neutron star may irradiate central ejecta with neutrinos, converting some neutrons to protons

e.g., Cowperthwaite et al. estimate
 $0.01 M_\odot$ of “blue” ejecta moving at $\sim 0.3 c$ plus
 $0.04 M_\odot$ of “red” ejecta moving at $\sim 0.1 c$

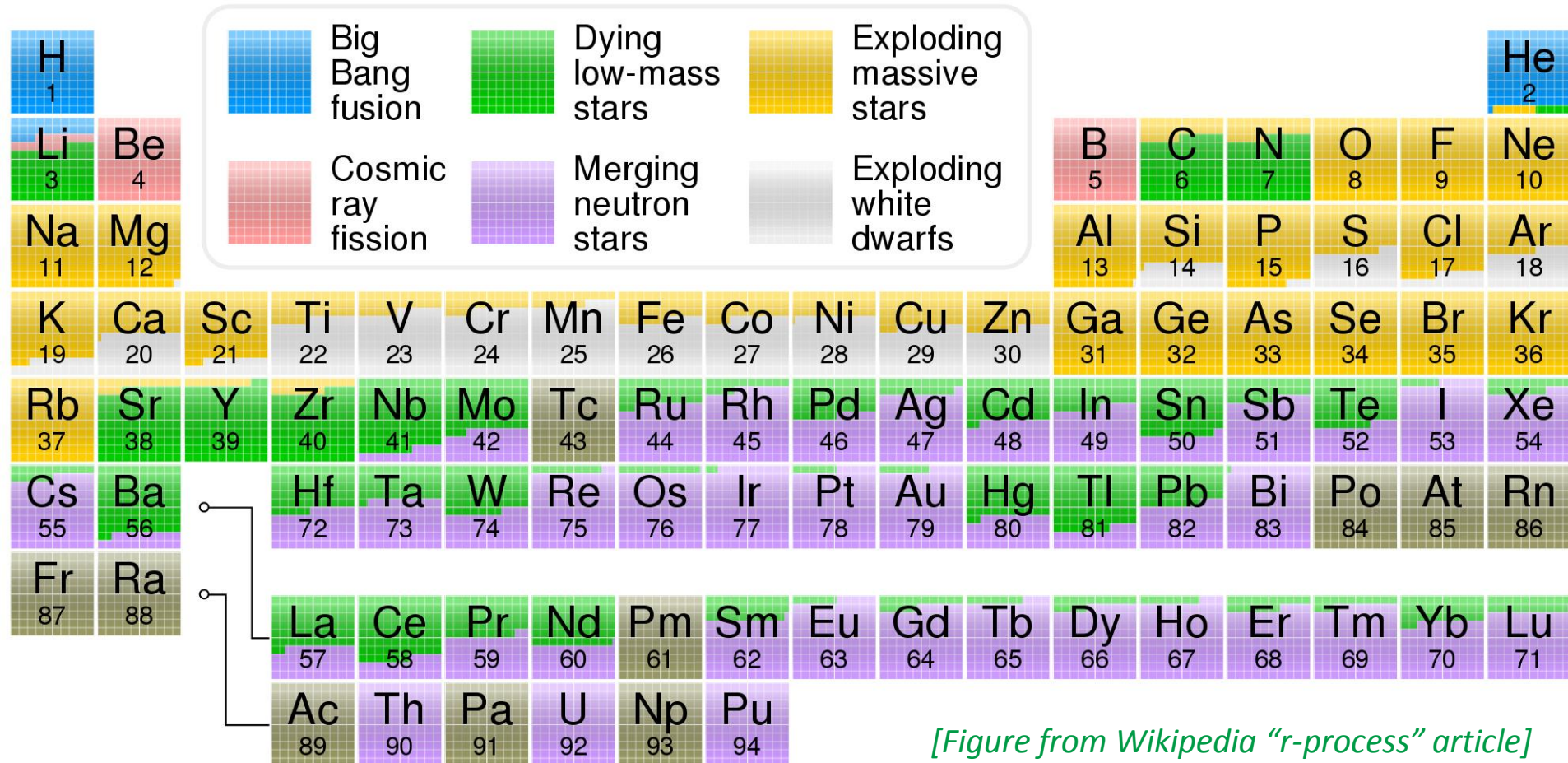
Also late-time X-ray and radio afterglows



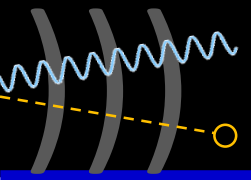
Implication for heavy elements



Strengthens the picture that neutron star mergers produce most of the heaviest elements



[Figure from Wikipedia "r-process" article]



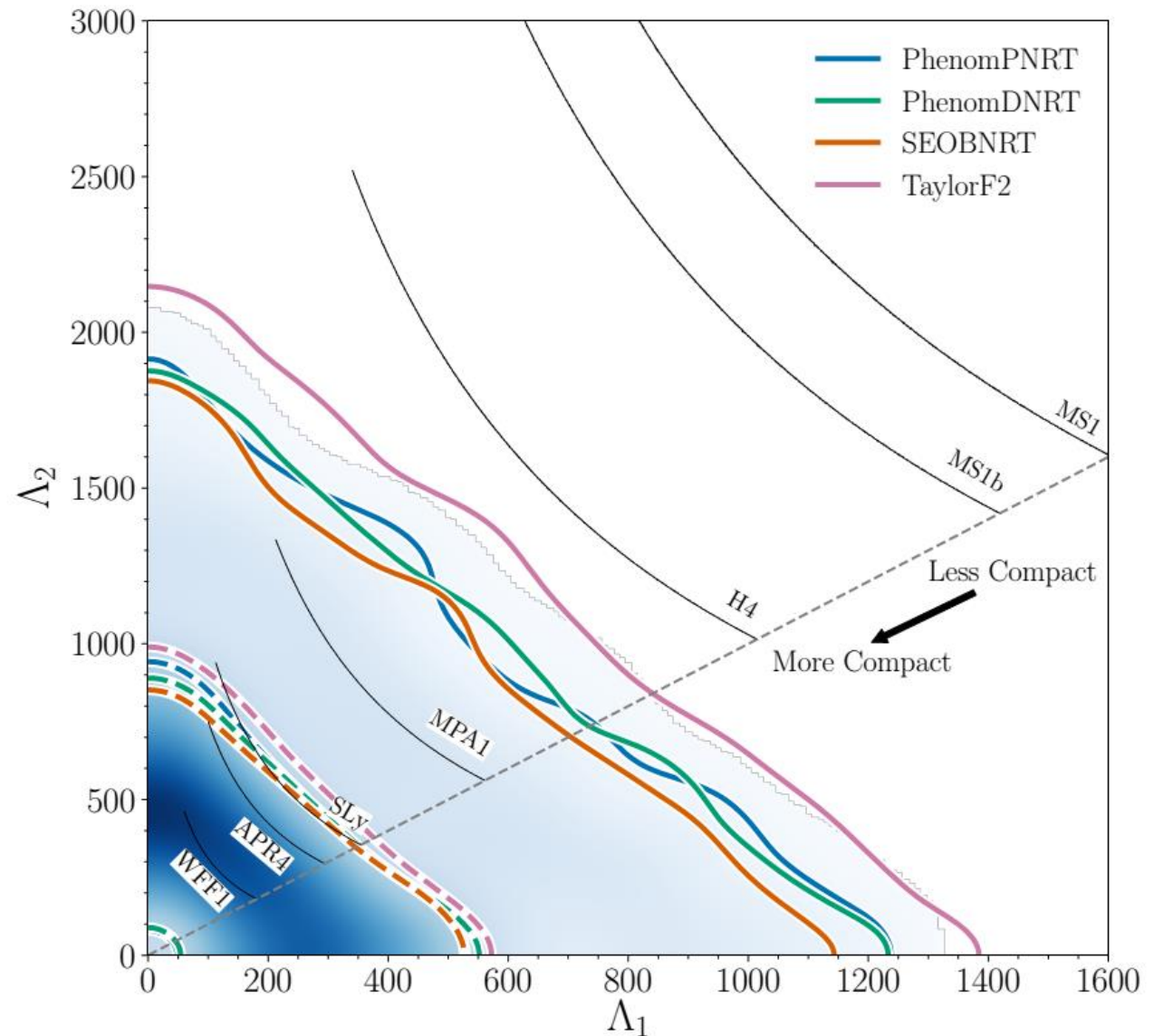
Constraints on tidal deformability

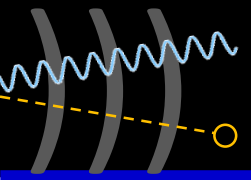


GW data waveform matching rules out some “stiff” equations of state (EOS) which correspond to particularly un-compact neutron stars

Improved measurements of neutron star EOS can test nuclear physics at extreme densities, where exotic particles or fields could play a role

[Abbott et al. 2018, PRX submitted, arXiv:1805.11579]





Using binary mergers to probe cosmology



GR relates absolute GW signal amplitude to luminosity distance

... assuming that other source parameters are known: masses, orbit inclination angle, etc.

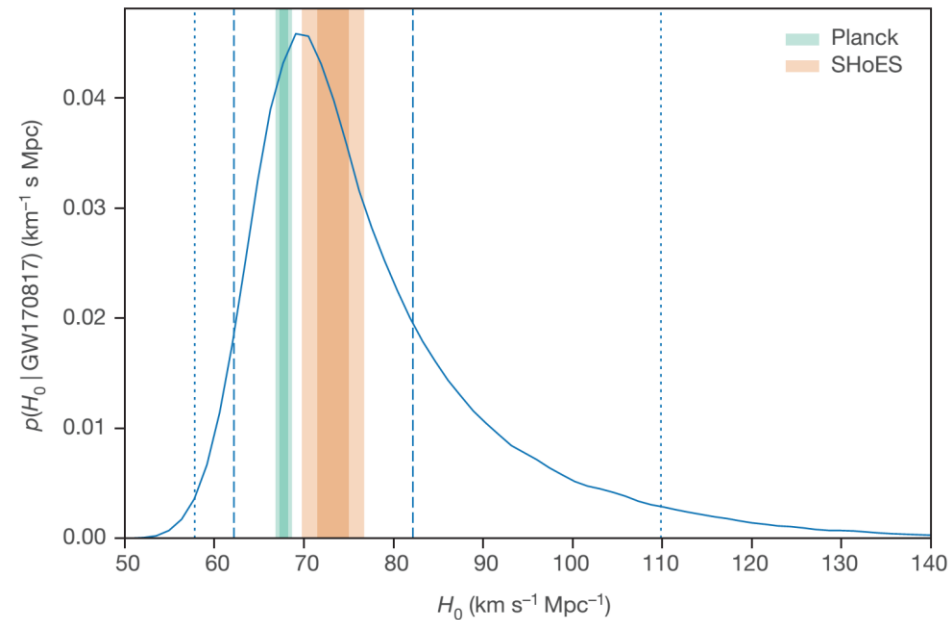
→ A binary merger is a “standard siren”, measuring distance
(but with uncertainty if other source parameter aren’t known precisely)

For GW170817, combined GW distance estimate with measured redshift of its host (NGC 4993)

$$\rightarrow H_0 = 70^{+12}_{-8} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

[Abbott et al. 2017, Nature doi:10.1038/nature24471]

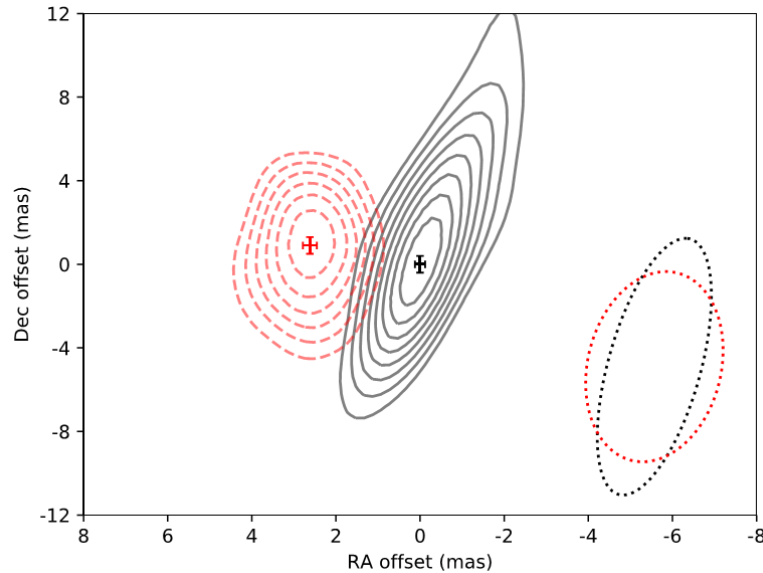
There are also a couple of tricks to enable measuring H_0 from GW events without EM counterparts



New Information About Orbit Inclination

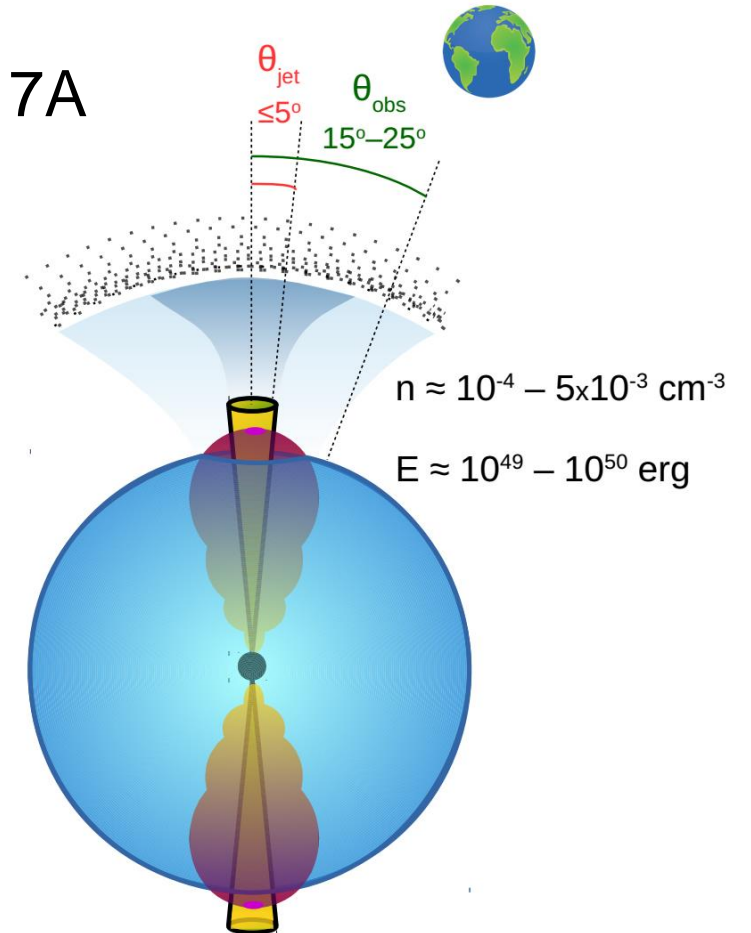


VLBI imaging of the remnant of GW170817 / GRB 170817A sees the expanding jet! [Mooley et al., arXiv:1806.09693]



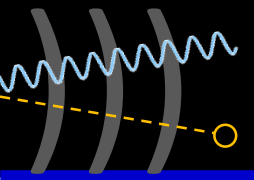
75 and 230 days after merger

$$\rightarrow \theta_{obs} = 20 \pm 5 \text{ deg}$$



Knowing the inclination angle better improves the distance determination from the GW signal amplitude

\rightarrow New Hubble constant measurement: $H_0 = 68.9^{+4.7}_{-4.6} \text{ km/s/Mpc}$
[Hotokezaka et al., arXiv:1806.10596]

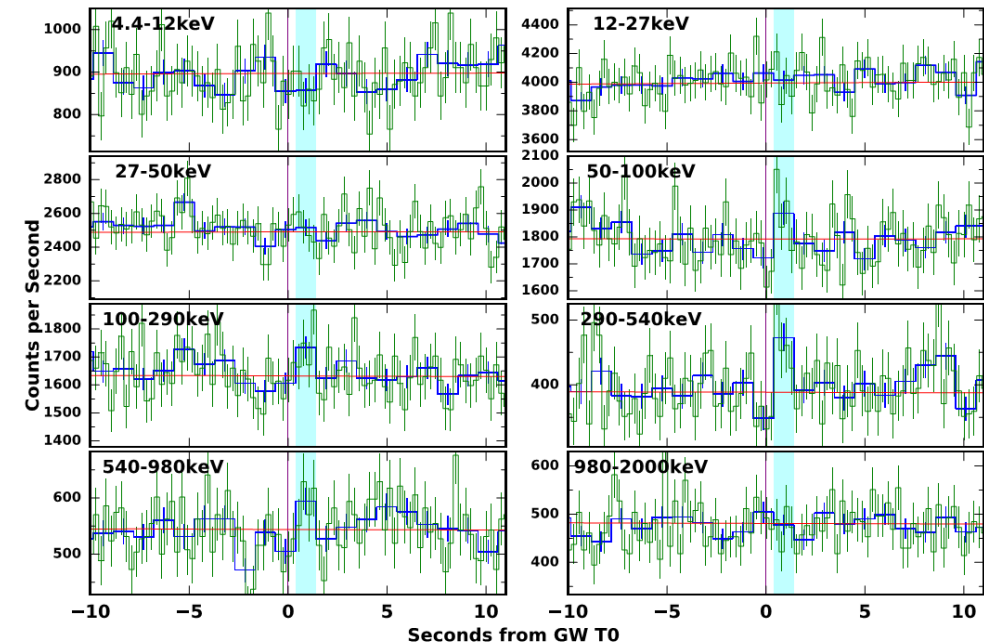
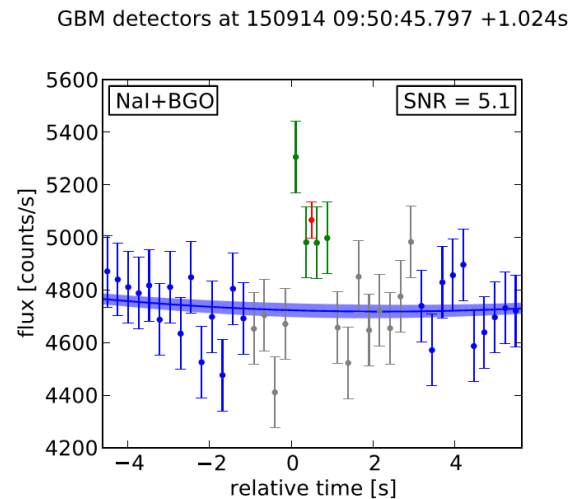


GRBs from Binary Black Hole Mergers??



A weak signal was detected by the Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GBM) on board the Fermi satellite about 0.4 second after the time of LIGO's first event, GW150914

*[Connaughton et al.,
ApJL 826, L13]*



Post-trials false alarm prob ~ 0.0022

Would be surprising – a possible window for new physics or new astrophysics

No similar signal seen for the 5 other binary black hole events so far

➔ This remains an intriguing hint to be checked with additional events

O3: GW alerts and telescope follow-up

From Thursday:

N. Arnaud

“In between the Observation Runs 2 and 3, a status report on the Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo GW detectors”

KAGRA is aiming to be online before the end of the O3 run (e.g. early 2020)

- <https://gw-astronomy.org/wiki/OpenLVEM/TownHallMeetings2018>, Amsterdam
 - LIGO-Virgo alerts during O3 will all be **public**
 - **False alarm rate** \leftrightarrow **Purity**
 - **Compact binary coalescence** candidates / **bursts**
 - Information provided through GCN^(*) notices and circulars
 - **Lowest possible latency** – O(10 minutes), maybe less!?
 - **Automated checks** (**detector status**, **data quality**, **environment**) followed by **human vetting**
 - **Possible retraction notices** after a few hours at most
 - **Data public after 18 months**
 - Work in progress to define the LIGO-Virgo core science program
 - 1 hour of data already public around the event when discovery published
- **Communication expected both ways: LIGO-Virgo \leftrightarrow Astronomers**

^(*) GCN: gamma-ray burst coordinates network

Summary and Outlook

We are entering a new era for Multi-Messenger Astronomy and Astrophysics

Neutrino and gravitational-wave observatories are fulfilling their promises – e.g. GW170817

Time-domain astronomy community has highly capable instruments and techniques

Complementary observations enable tests of astrophysical models and fundamental physics

Including theories of gravity, nucleosynthesis, and properties of matter at extreme densities (in neutron stars), which could be influenced by exotic particles and fields

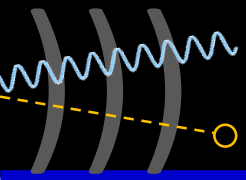
Need to maintain and improve our suite of facilities and instruments

Some major upgrades on the horizon, including LSST (Large Synoptic Survey Telescope) and bigger neutrino detectors

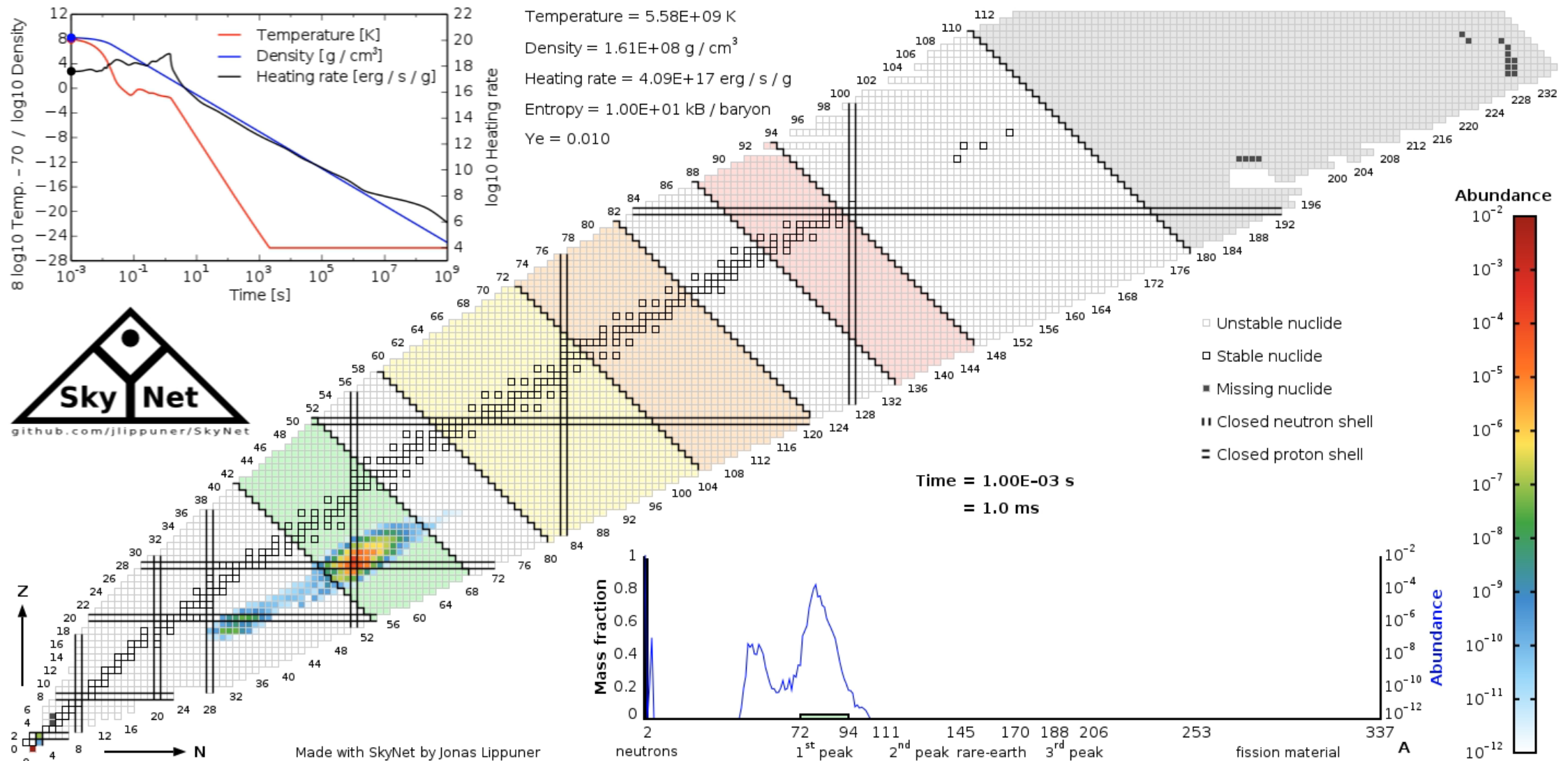
Also need to keep excellent gamma-ray and X-ray instruments in orbit

Low-frequency GW detection with LISA space mission will open new frontiers

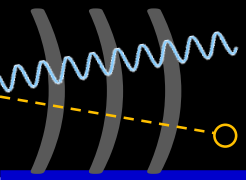




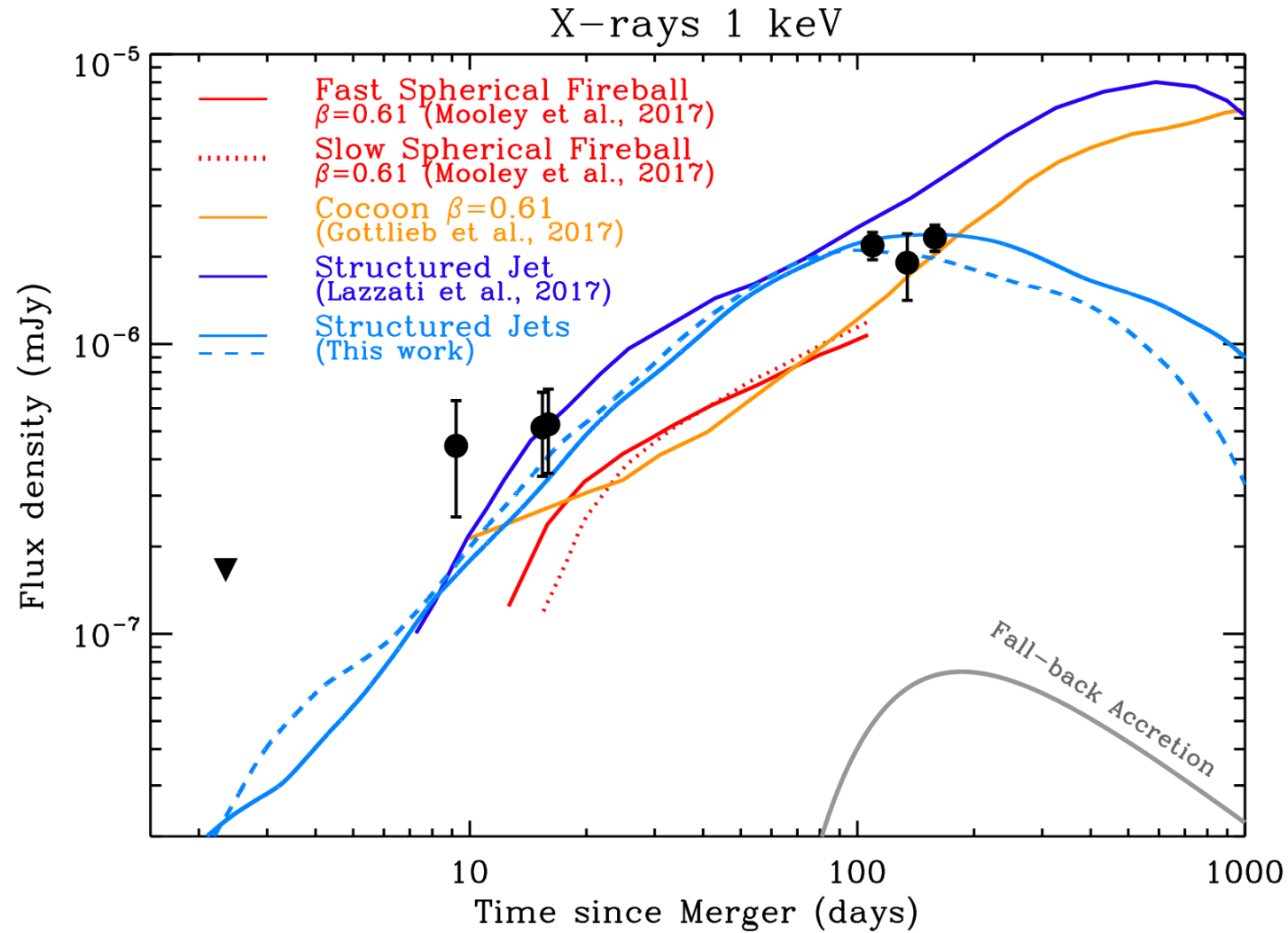
r-process nucleosynthesis in action



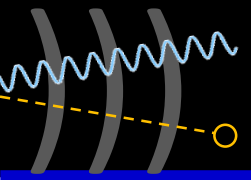
Credit: J. Lippuner, author of SkyNet simulation software



Understanding outflows: X-ray data



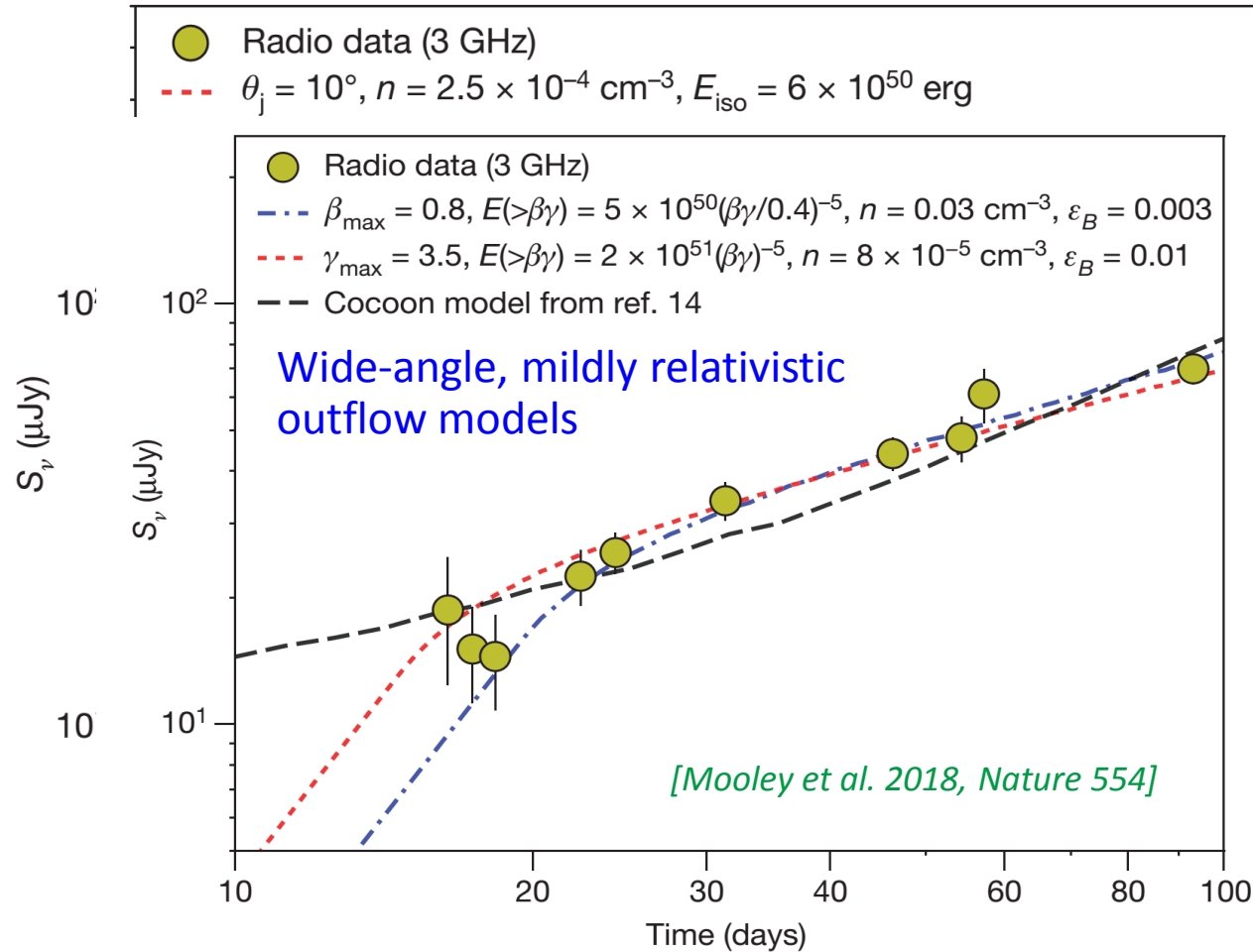
[Margutti et al. 2018, ApJL 856, L18]



Understanding outflows: radio data



Consistent with X-ray flux, with constant spectral index



O3: Expected rates

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