



Elusive short and energetic multi-messenger transients

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Overview

- Gamma-Ray Bursts:
 - From the discovery to 2019: half a century journey
- GW:
 - Unique instrumentation, recent discoveries, future
- Fast Optical transients:
 - AT2018cow
- Interoperability and automation

Gamma-ray bursts



- First discovered in 1967 with military satellites searching for nuclear explosions
- Flashes of MeV gamma-rays outshining any other source in the sky in this energy range.
- Observed almost daily, they are a very active and rapidly advancing field of research
- Completely unpredictable, rapidly fading, and difficult to characterize

INTErnational Gamma-Ray Astrophysics Laboratory:

INTEGRAL



Elongated orbit allows no Earth shadow and stable conditions: **always on watch!**







INTEGRAL consists mostly of soft gamma-ray detectors, sensitive to 100 keV - ~100 MeV signal from all sky

Immediate access to all data allows to react fast

Challenges of INTEGRAL GRB detection

 Restricted data taking makes background rejection is very challenging, and calls for extensive studies of **background features** (VS 2012)

 Understanding the all-sky response model and using it for all-sky signal decoding coding requires verified model of the whole satellite structure (VS 2016),

• Transient research requires especially **rapid and efficient analysis methods**: immediate reaction at any time is a must.



Short and long

All GRBs share a number of key spectral and timing properties, and yet the population composition is probably quite complex



Conventional duration threshold is at 2 s, quite arbitrarily

Locating the GRBs: from BATSE to the afterglow: 1997





- Source localization in soft gamma-rays is notably difficult
- Gamma-ray X-ray cooperation allowed to find rapidly decaying afterglow, confirming extragalactic origin



Rare events but so powerful to be seen at least up to redshift 9.

GRBs Engine: fraction of solar mass rest energy in seconds

High-luminosity non-thermal emission from a small region requires relativistic jet, $\Gamma \sim 1000$

Short: duration<2s

Long: duration>2s



Supernovae and long GRBs

• The afterglow of several GRBs evolved into a Supernova Type II/b,c signal in optical for several cases of relatively nearby events.



Emergence of SN 2003dh from the glare of the afterglow of GRB 030329.

Shown is the observed spectra, a combination of afterglow and supernova.

It's still not entirely clear what makes some SNe produce a GRB



Woosley & Bloom (ARAA, 2006)

Short gamma-ray bursts

Indirect evidence pointed towards origin in old stellar population and no supernova



Simulation showing that merging of NS creates ordered magnetic field structure, possibly leading to a jet

Kilonovae: BNS signature



- Combination of faster ejecta from polar regions and slower outflow from the equatorial belt
- Late bumps in afterglow curves of some GRBs were interpreted as kilonova, low-confidence

Fernandez & Metzger (2016)



Binary evolution track(s)



The Hulse-Taylor pulsar

Earth

Neutrov



Gravitational waves

Detection of GW: interferometers

$$h \sim \frac{GM}{c^2} \times \frac{1}{r} \times \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2$$



Only changes in quadrupole momentum in relativistic compact objects produce strong GW



Sensitivity

This is the sensitivity at the time of GW170814, lines are resonances of noise



Fundamental limits on noise in non-cryogenic ground-based detectors are approaching



- Two black holes of 30 and 25 M_{sol} at 540 Mpc

LVC 2017a

Localization



 With two GW detectors, only poor localization: only tens of square degrees with three detectors

Watching out for the counterparts with INTEGRAL



Immediate reaction

No signal from binary black holes

- Black-holes are pure curvature, no baryonic mass is present and thus no EM signal is expected.
- 10⁻⁶ ratio of energy in 75-2000 keV to GW energy
- GW150914: a milestone observation, also establishing an example of INTEGRAL capabilities, SPI-ACS in this case, similar limits were obtained for LVT151012, GW170104, GW170814, etc.



GW170817: NS+NS merger

	Low-spin priors $(\chi \le 0.05)$	High-spin priors $(\chi \le 0.89)$
Primary mass m_1	$1.36-1.60~M_{\odot}$	$1.36-2.26~M_{\odot}$
Secondary mass m_2	1.17 – $1.36~M_{\odot}$	$0.86-1.36~M_{\odot}$
Chirf $\mathcal{M} = (m_1 m_2)^{3/5} (m_1 + m_2)^{-1/5}$	$1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002}~M_{\odot}$	$1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002}M_{\odot}$
Mass ratio m_2/m_1	0.7 - 1.0	0.4 - 1.0
Total mass $m_{\rm tot}$	$2.74^{+0.04}_{-0.01}M_{\odot}$	$2.82^{+0.47}_{-0.09}M_{\odot}$
Radiated energy $E_{\rm rad}$	$> 0.025~M_{\odot}c^2$	$> 0.025M_\odotc^2$
Luminosity distance $D_{\rm L}$	$40^{+8}_{-14}{\rm Mpc}$	$40^{+8}_{-14}{\rm Mpc}$
Viewing angle Θ	$\leq 55^{\circ}$	$\leq 56^{\circ}$
using counterpart location	$\leq 31^{\circ}$	$\leq 31^{\circ}$
Combined dimensionless tidal deformability $\tilde{\Lambda}$	≤ 800	≤ 700
Dimensionless tidal deformability $\Lambda(1.4M_{\odot})$	≤ 800	≤ 1400

- Identified by matched filtering
- A long signal of ~100 s gives a precise chirp mass
- The loudest signal in GW ever detected





GW170817: GW signal



- No merging signal due to limited band width
- Loose limits on equation of state



GW170817 – GRB170817A



Binary Neutron Star merger GRB, despite an **unfavorable soft spectrum, low fluence** and unfavorable orientation, INTEGRAL confidently detected

By comparing time of burst arrival to INTEGRAL, **improved joint GRB localization** can be produced, **hours before improved LIGO/Virgo location**



INTEGRAL and Fermi data available at < T₀ + 60 seconds

Astrophysics



Distance of **40 Mpc** is much less than ever measured for any GRB (short or long). This implies low luminosity, and Gamma-to-GW ratio of **<10**⁻⁶ is much less than that measured for other sGRB with known distances.

To establishing the true luminosity function we need more off-axis GRBs

Optical transient: kilonova, just as predicted



• Twelve hours after the joint GRB-GW detection, an optical counterpart has been detected in NGC 4993, at distance and redshift perfectly consistent, consistent with the **kilonova** origin.

Structured outflow of BNS merger

Several outflow components are required to explain the multitude of the EM observations

More observations from different directions will allow to disentangle the degeneracies

The outflow is a major source of heavy elements





Future ground-based GW detectors

LIGO/Virgo O3 will start 2019 with improved sensitivity

Still searching for:

- NS-BH merger
- "Burst" GW: e.g. supernova
- Persistent kHz GW: pulsars

Ground-based interferometers will keep improving beyond LIGO/Virgo (squeezed light, cryogenic detectors): e.g. Einstein Telescope (ET)



AT2018cow A very aspherical supernova (?)

Discovery of AT2018cow

Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS) is a twin 0.5m telescope, each covering **28.9 square degree field of view** and is robotically surveying the sky every night. 2018-06-16, 14.76 o, **60 Mpc**.

Located in a faint spiral arm of the dwarf star-forming galaxy

Due to unusual properties thought to be a foreground CV at first.



AT2018cow: a Fast Blue Optical Transient

Recently, high-cadence surveys uncovered diverse rapidly-evolving transients, likely: **shock-breakout flashes of supernovae** (e.g., Ofek et al. 2010), early emission from **relativistic supernovae** (Whitesides et al. 2017), or the **afterglows of GRB**.

Many were found in **retro-analysis of archives**, but AT2018cow is the **first real-time detection** of a nearby FBOT



Optical and Radio

Evolution from a **hot**, **blue**, **and featureless continuum** around the optical peak

To **very broad features** with v ~ 0.1 c at δt ~ 4 – 15 days

To **redshifted H and He features** at δt > 20 days.

Radio reveals self-absorbe synchrotron, in **dense CSI**



X-ray

 L_{X} ~10⁴³ erg/s, much larger than normal SNe, close to GRB afterglow

Erratic inter-day variability. Broad Fe K-shell line?..

Variability (and its evolution) and spectrum (in expectation of fast-cooling) **disfavor external shock origin of soft X-ray**.

Hard X-ray is too hard for synchrotron origin.

Taken together, we are led to invoke an additional source of X-ray emission: **the central engine of the event**



X-ray from central source?

Asphericity might be the key

Powerlar < 10 keV = directly from the source though transparent region

Hard X-ray hump = Compton down-scattering from >100 keV





No GRB seen: INTEGRAL, Fermi, IPN

Some SNe are accompanied by GRB. Which ones exactly is not clear. Asymmetry likely plays a major role in GRB formation.

No GRB in AT2018cow might suggest lack of relativistic jet.

INTEGRAL all-sky GRBs monitors from all sky, **99%** coverage during the AT2018cow search period.

Will we see off-axis long GRB like GRB170817A?

Very aspherical SNe may produce GW!



Nature of the object

Model	Ejecta Mass/Velocity	Engine Timescale	CSM?	He?	H?
NS-NS Merger Magnetar	Х	\checkmark	Х	Х	Х
WD-NS Merger	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х	Х	Х
IMBH TDE	\checkmark	Maybe†	Х	\checkmark	\checkmark
Stripped-Envelope SN + Magnetar/BH	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Maybe	Х
Electron Capture SN + Magnetar	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Blue Supergiant Failed SN + BH	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
SN + Embedded CSM Interaction	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Astrophysical Neutrinos: many sources

- Connected with hadronic processes, origin of cosmic rays and GeV emission
- One confirmed source flaring GeV blazar



Recent first TeV detection of GRB190114C may point towards CR and neutrino in some GRB

Fast Radio Bursts

- Discovered in the old data (legacy archive analysis)
- Cosmological distances, 2 found to repeat
- Variable to microsecond
- A report of Hard X-ray counterpart
- Sources unknown





Interoperability knowledge transfer and automation

From GRB to multi-messenger transients

Multi-team, Multi-messenger and Multi-disciplinary collaborations expose **differences in research practices** making **explaining and transferring methods and results challenging**





GCN automated GRB alert network is extended to neutrino and GW, currently largely in VOEvent format Services "mining" the transient alert flow emerge (AMON)

however, simply sharing some in-house technical specifications (e.g. code) is not often not enough, and adopting of open by the communities

Obstacles to sharing and reuse

- Preparing data and software for sharing by making it sufficiently understandable takes a lot of effort
- Rewarding creators of open knowledge is not guaranteed
- **Misuse and manipulation** of open knowledge can not be mitigated
- Abundance of information comes with **flood of misinformation**; simplifying access to analysis methods amplifies **noise which needs to be managed**

Tools for organizing and sharing knowledge address these issues by dramatically simplifying creation, sharing, organization, and responsible reuse of data and software, and **should go along with open science**

Accessible analysis blocks as microservices

IPN format SPI-ACS light curve	2008-03-19T06:12:46 200	Submit
IPN format INTEGRAL ephemeris	2008-03-19T06:12:46	Submit
Plot SPI-ACS light curve	2008-03-19T06:12:46 200	Submit
INTEGRAL Attitude	2008-03-19T06:12:46	Submit
INTEGRAL HK light curves	SPI_VETOGATE 2008-03-1	Submit
Try using the script to access the light	curves	

INTEGRAL real-time transient analysis is performed with a **distributed network of microservices**, reflecting **simple functions**, **responsive**, **scalable**, **maintainable (also by community)**, **and traceable**

Some microservices are public and **routinely used by different teams in follow-up of multi-messenger transients**.

Will become progressively more public



Online Analysis for INTEGRAL/ISGRI and JEM-X

The platform processes **declarative data analysis workflow definitions**, (as directed acyclic graph)

Storage is a hierarchical immutable cache **indexed with data provenance**

The workflows and **can be also** executed offline (no black-box services)



Online Analysis: frontend UI

Frontend for easy data presentation and exploration. Based on Drupal/AJAX

The results or their dependencies are reused when already available.



https://www.astro.unige.ch/cdci/astrooda

Online Data Analysis (ODA)



- Exchange scientific methods between domains (Multi-Messenger, Model testing)
 - Proliferate synergistic research
 - Facilitate adoption and conversion of of **standards**: FITS/OGIP, root, HDF5, CSV
 - Off-load routine scientific tasks to automation

- Core software open and free, can be:
 - Run locally
 - Deployed for shared use on-premises
 - Deployed in the cloud
- Federation instead of centralization, delegated responsibility and credits. (and less sensitive to government shutdown)
- Multiple reusable integrated tools (the unix way) instead of a monolith
- Develop tools to **supporting contributions for adoption** in ODA, containerization, easy massive deployment

Summary

- Multi-messenger transient astronomy has emerged and very rapidly evolving
- INTEGRAL combines features critical in this domain:
 - very natural energy range for compact object multi-messenger studies
 - high sensitivity
 - \circ all-sky view
 - rapid reaction
- Next steps:
 - further develop interoperability with all parties: rapid and automated, understandable
 - more BNS, NS-BH mergers
 - First SNe GW sources
 - Neutrino counterparts
 - FRB counterparts
 - High-cadence optical surveys
 - o archive searches for retroactively reported events