

# Cadaveri stellari

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*raggi gamma, onde gravitazionali  
& morti stellari “violente”*

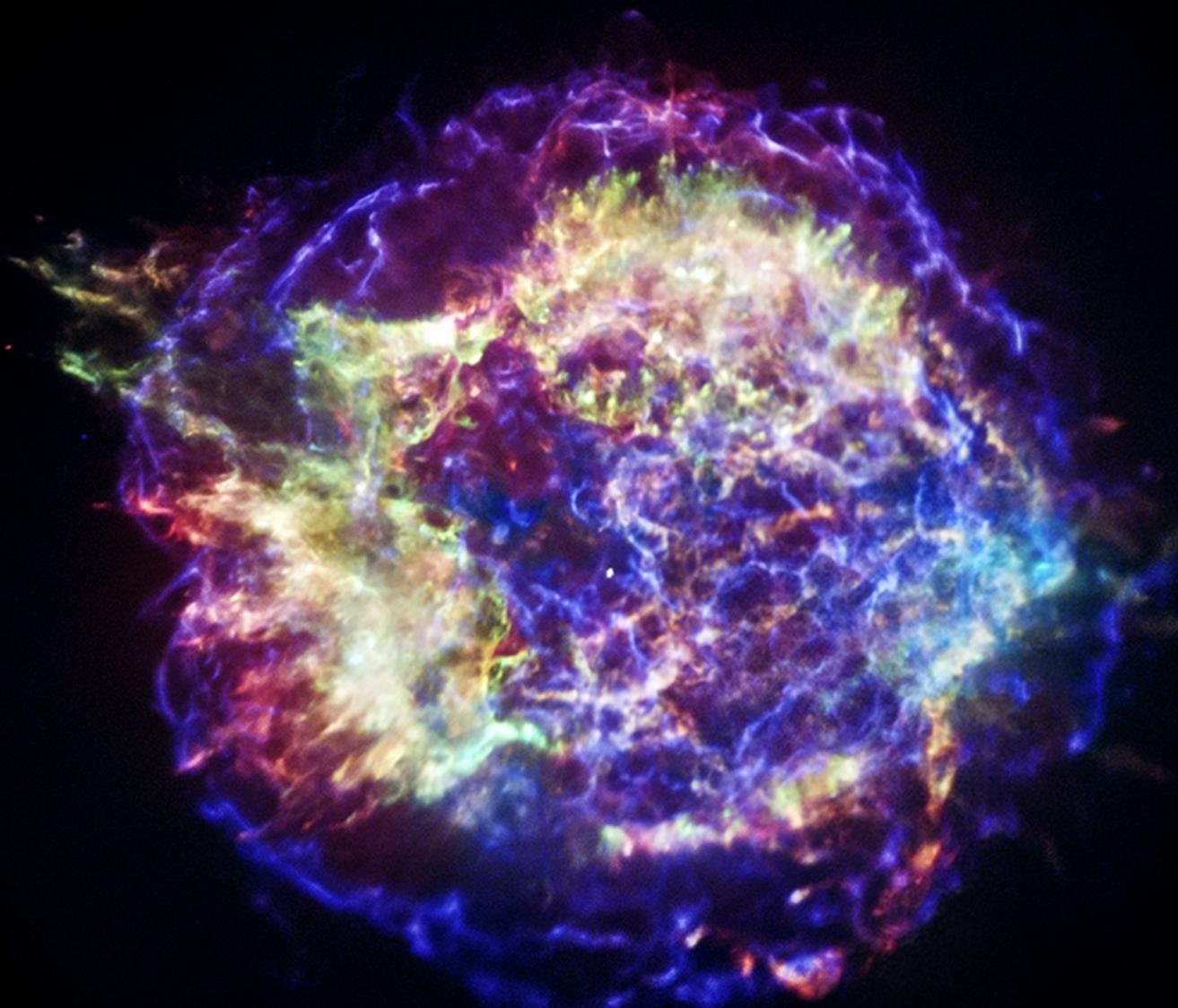
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# CSI Cassiopea

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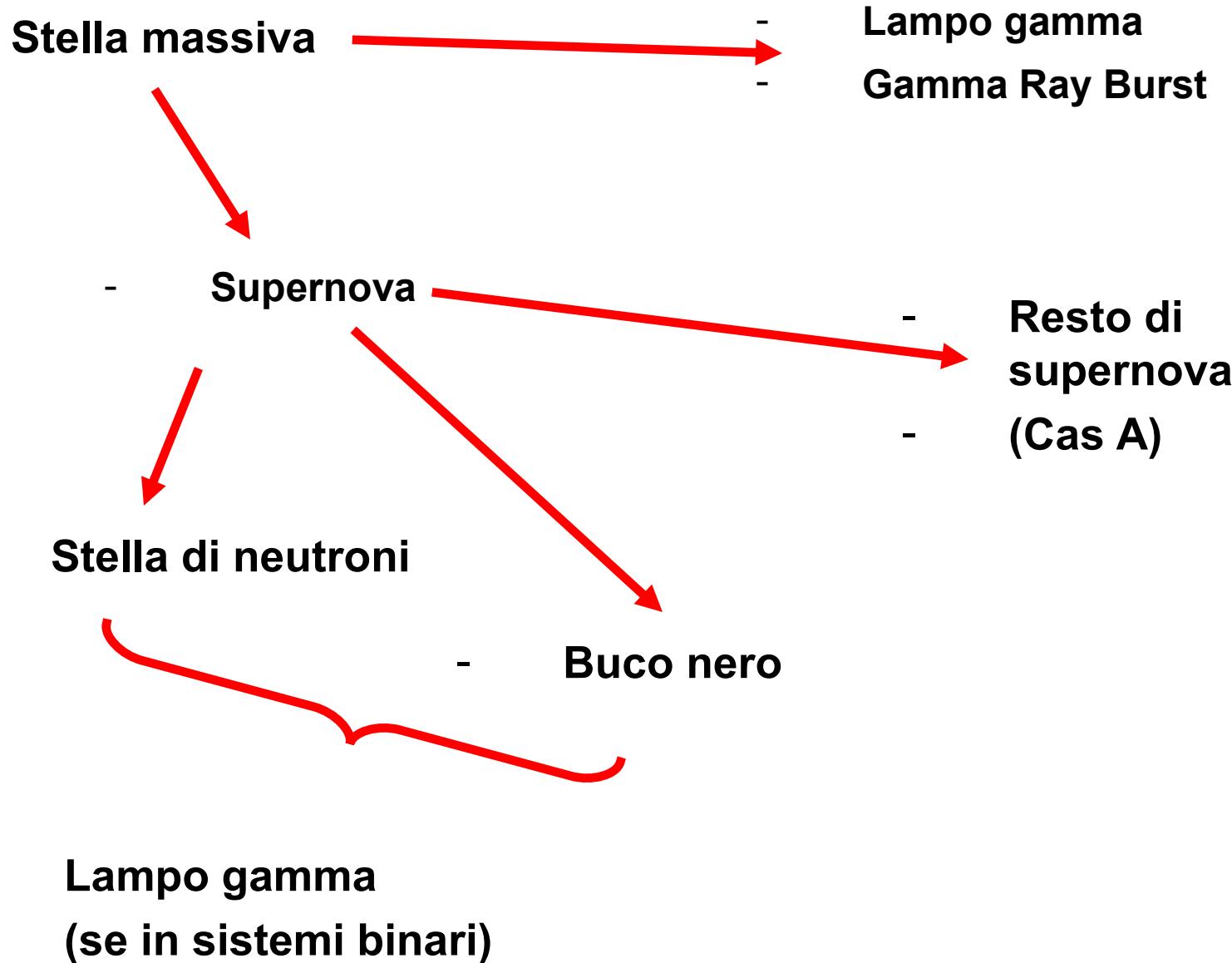
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Raggi X

11 mila anni luce 2

# **“Morti” violente**

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# Perchè studiare i “cadaveri stellari”?

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## Fenomeni energetici

Enormi quantità di energie (es.  $10^{50}$  erg)

Astrofisica delle alte energie

## Laboratori naturali

Condizioni estreme di gravità, campi em, densità, ecc

Fisica fondamentale (gravitazione, eq di stato, etc)

## Non solo fotoni!

Emissione di neutrini e raggi cosmici

Onde gravitazionali

Astronomia “multi-messaggero”

...e a Pisa?

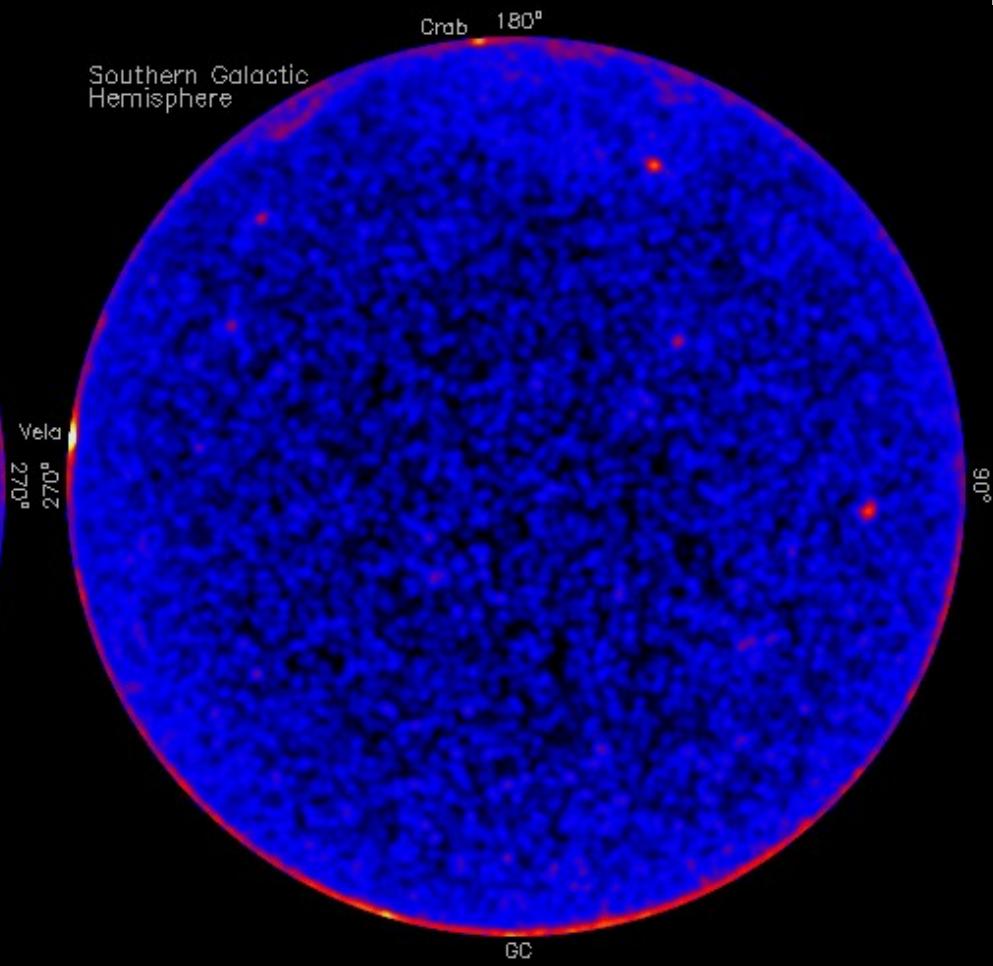
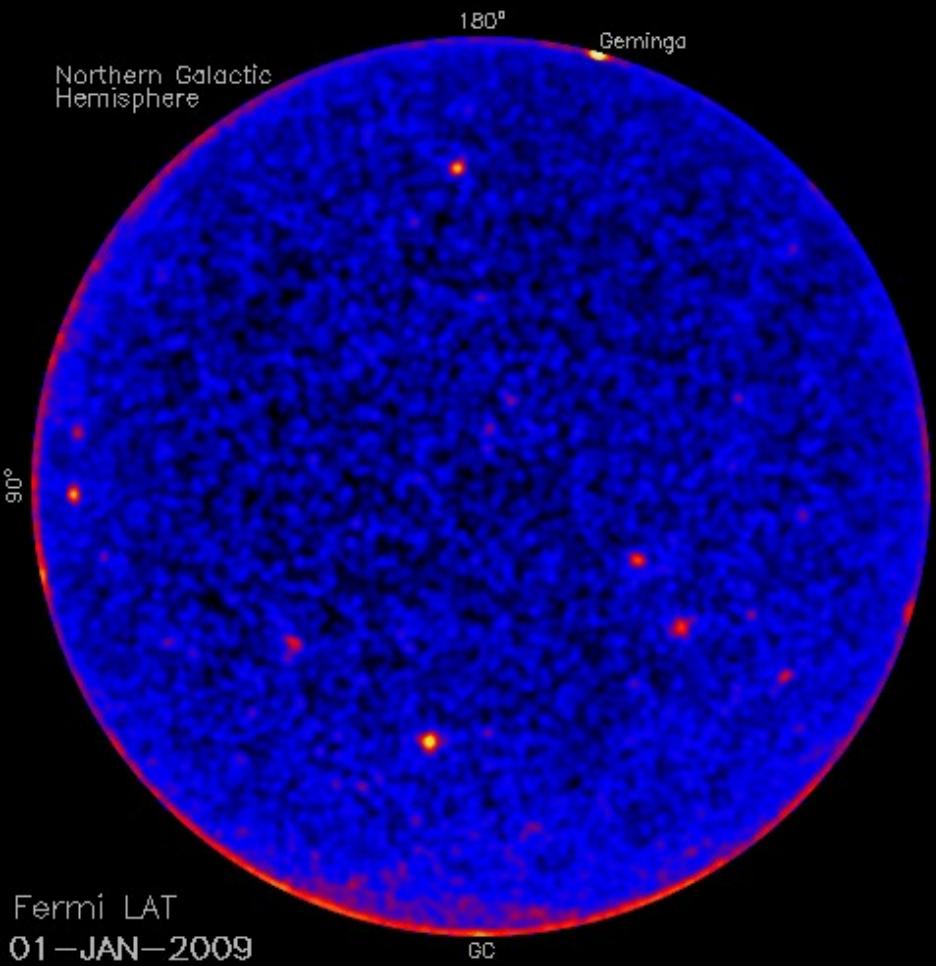
Fisica spaziale con raggi gamma (Fermi)

Fisica delle onde gravitazionali (Virgo)

Neutrini, raggi cosmici, e fisica gamma da terra  
(Antares, AMS, MAGIC/CTA)

# Gamma-ray sky: the movie

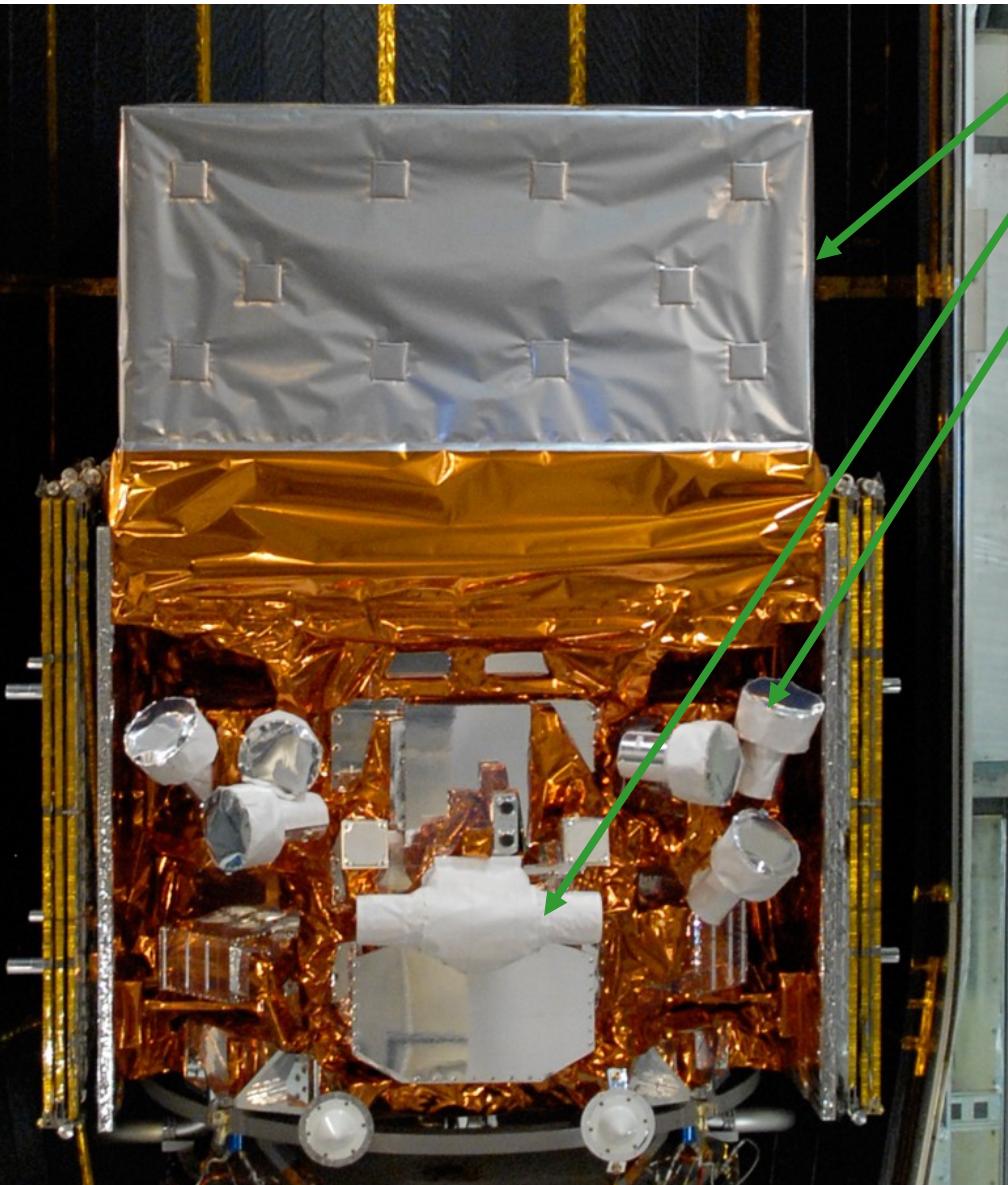
Watch Off the Plane



Fermi LAT  
01–JAN–2009

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# The Fermi Observatory



Large Area Telescope (LAT)  
20 MeV - >300 GeV

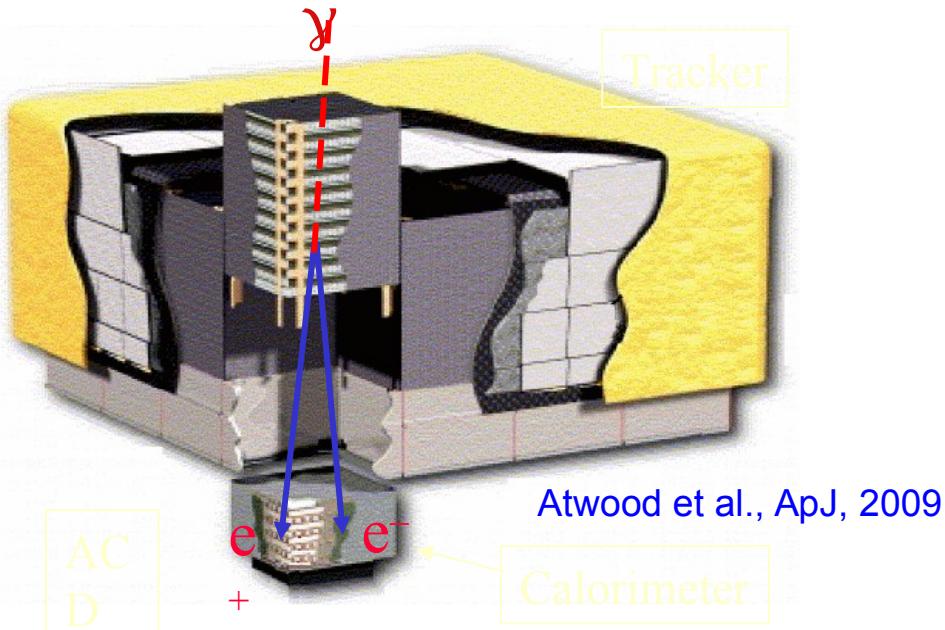
Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GBM)  
NaI and BGO Detectors  
8 keV - 30 MeV

## KEY FEATURES

- Huge field of view
  - LAT: 20% of the sky at any instant; in sky survey mode, expose all parts of sky for ~30 minutes every 3 hours.
  - GBM: whole unocculted sky at any time.
- Huge energy range, including largely unexplored band 10 GeV - 100 GeV. Total of >7 energy decades!
- Large effective area
- Large leap in all key capabilities. Great discovery potential.

# The Large Area Telescope (LAT)

- International collaboration: USA, Italy, France, Germany, Sweden, Japan
- PI: Peter Michelson (Stanford University)
- Italy involvement through ASI, INFN, INAF and many Universities

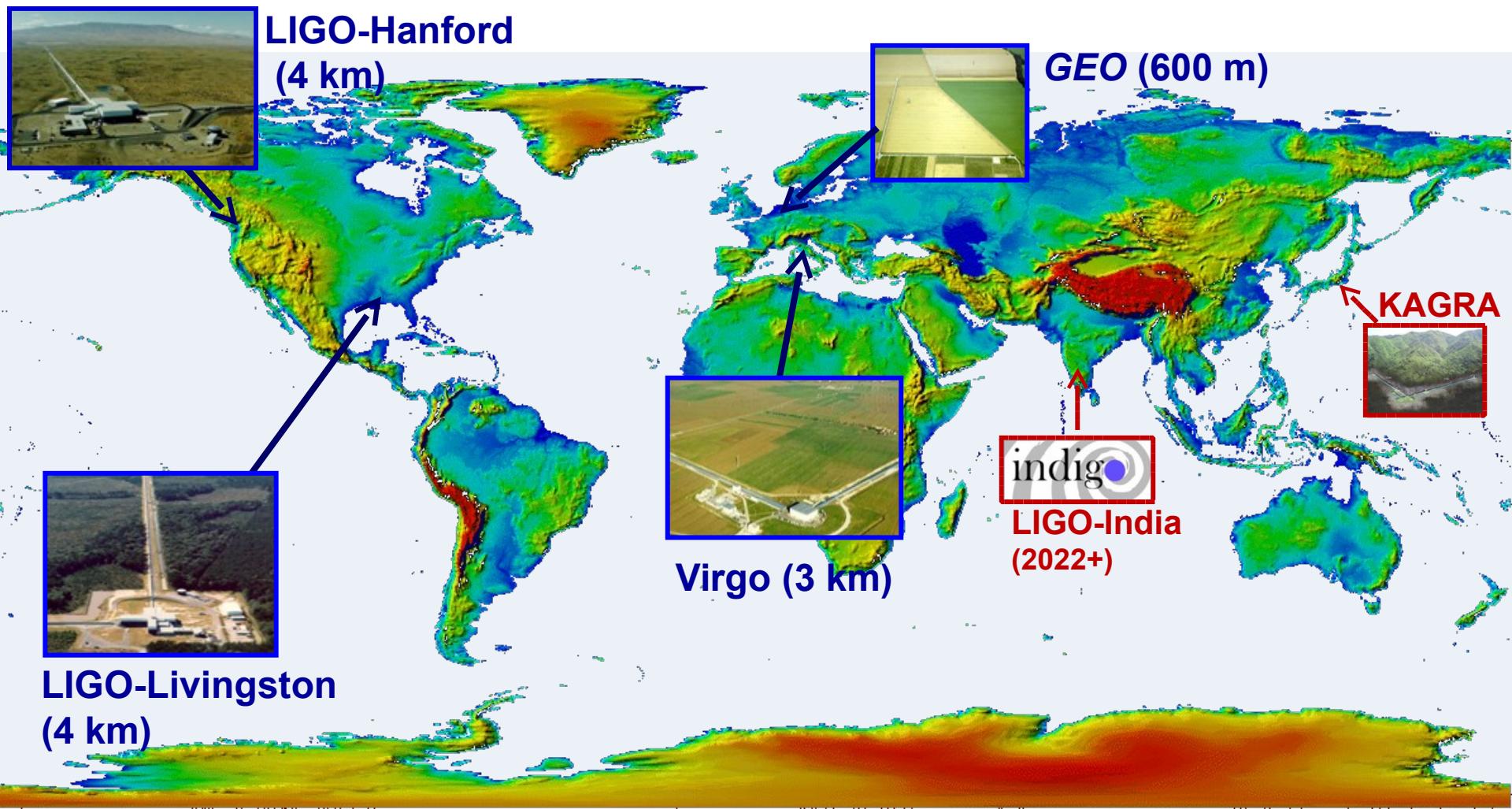


- Main LAT subsystems
  - Silicon microstrip tracker
  - CsI hodoscopic calorimeter
  - Anticoincidence detector

- Electron-positron pair conversion
- 4x4 modularity
- Redundancy
- Weight 3000 kg, Power 650 W



# 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**

# The Virgo interferometer

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- Advanced gravitational interferometers coming online in the next years (Virgo/LIGO)
- Mergers are the most promising GW sources, but also continuous signal from pulsars
- Gravitational-electromagnetic synergy is crucial

**Virgo**

1 x 3km (Cascina, Pisa, Italy)

[www.virgo.infn.it](http://www.virgo.infn.it)



**LIGO**

2 x 4 km (Richland, WA + Livingston, LA)

[www.ligo.caltech.edu](http://www.ligo.caltech.edu)

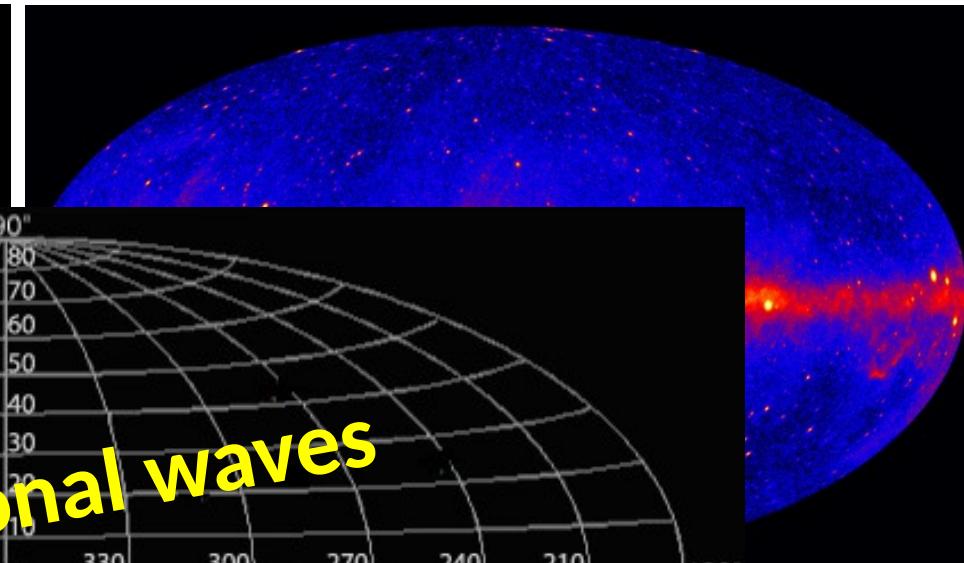


# A multi-messenger sky

Optical (APOD)

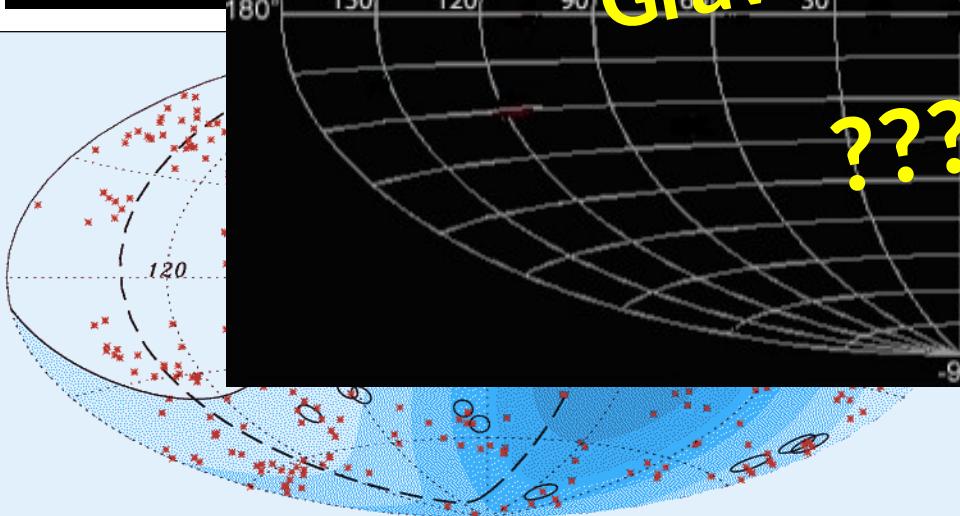


Gamma rays > 0.1 GeV (Fermi-LAT, 2013)

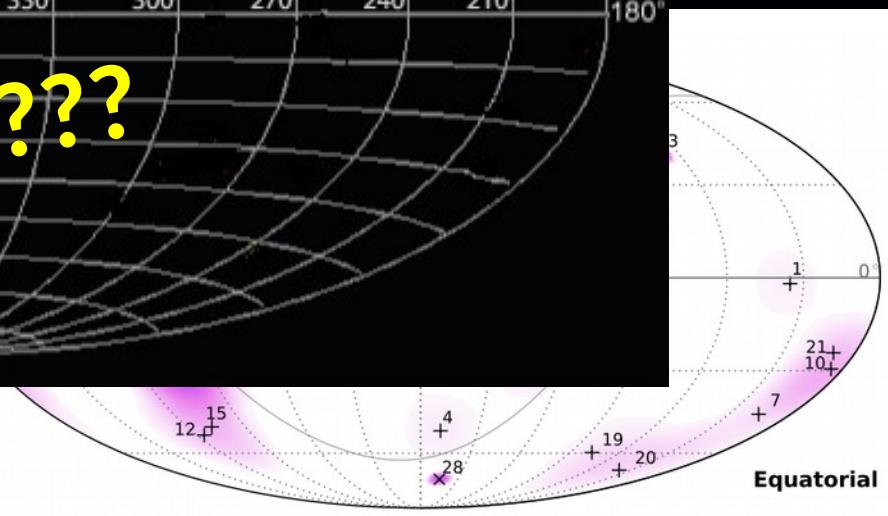


Gravitational waves

???????



Cosmic rays > 57 Eev (Auger, 2007)



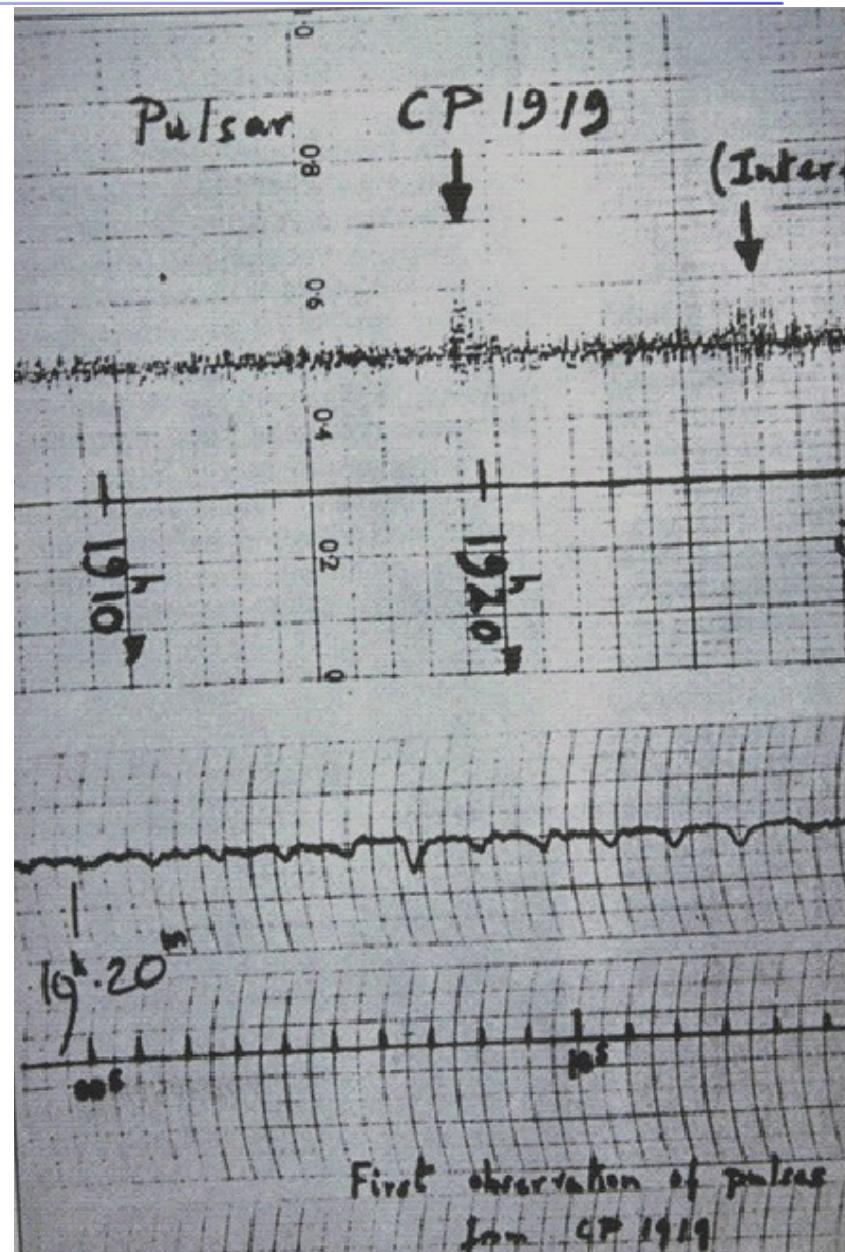
Neutrinos > 30 Tev (Icecube, 2013)

# Stelle di neutroni e pulsar



Jocelyn Bell  
&  
Anthony Hewish  
(1967)

Premio Nobel 1974



# What is a pulsar?

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*Pulsars are rotating, highly-magnetized neutron stars, emitting radiation that is pulsed due to rotation and powered by rotational energy*

## **Some numbers...**

**Mass:**  $\sim 1.4 M_{\text{sol}}$  (from X-rays binaries, e.g. see Stairs 2004)

**Radius**  $\sim 10$  Km;

**Periods:**  $\sim 0.0015$  s –  $\sim 8.5$  s;

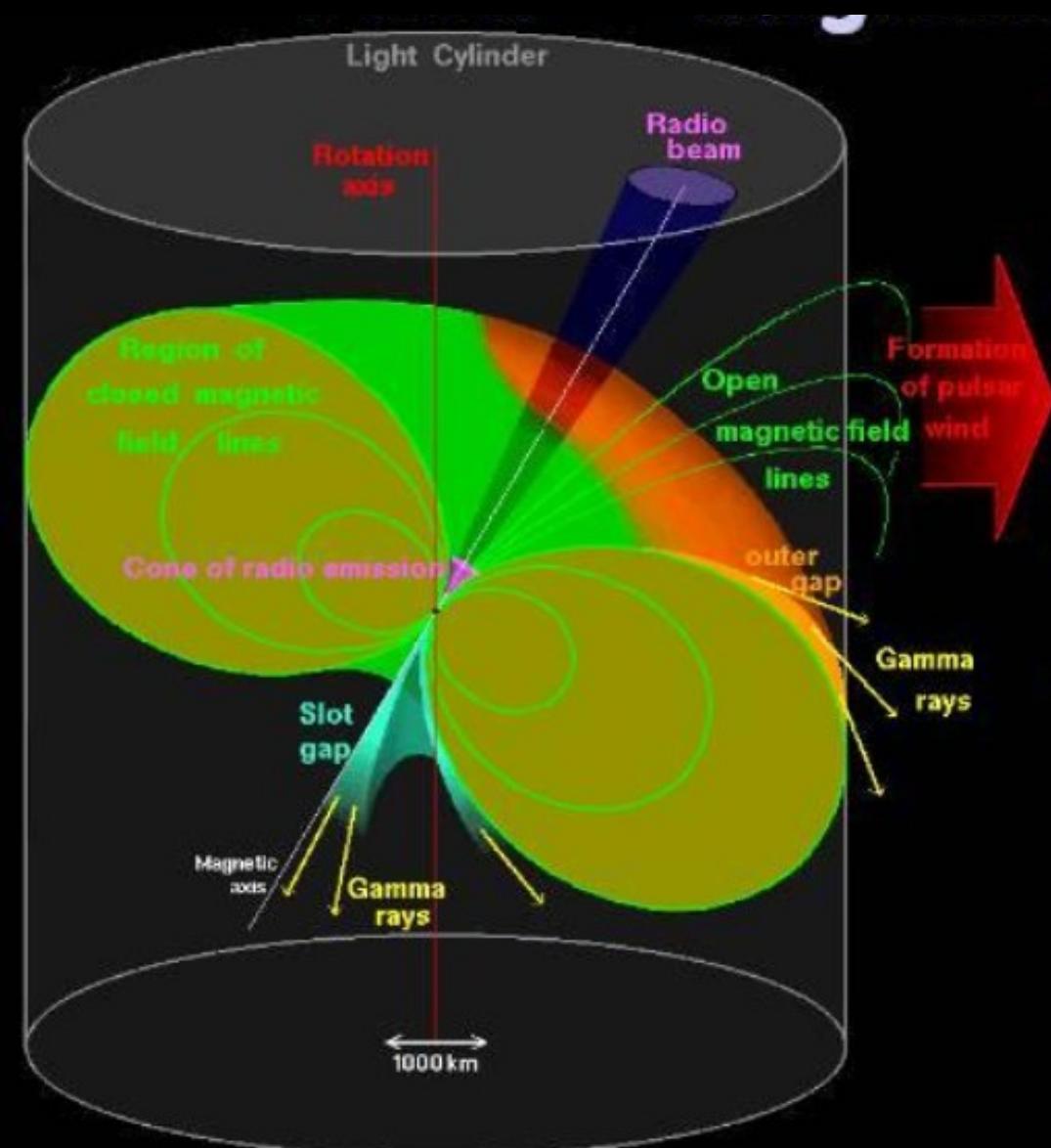
**Moment of inertia:**  $10^{45}$  g cm<sup>2</sup>;

**Density:**  $10^{15}$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> at the center;

**Magnetic field:**  $\sim 10^8$ G- $10^{14}$ G

**Spin down luminosity:**  $\sim 10^{30}$ - $10^{38}$  erg/s

# The “basic” picture



High-E particles + B-fields  
→ gamma rays

*Where is the acceleration zone?*

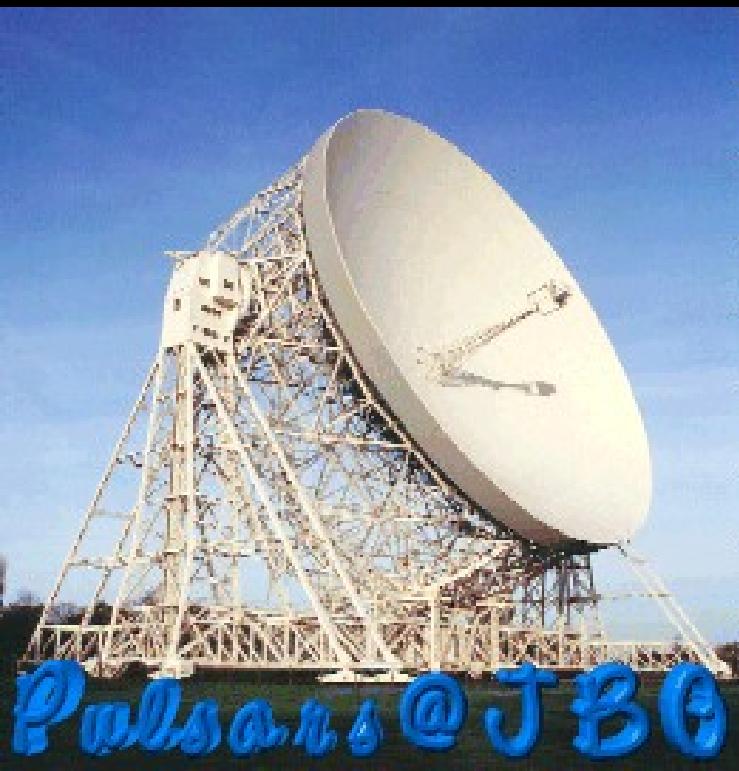
**Polar Cap models:**  
above the magnetic poles;

**Outer Gap models:**  
between the last closed lines and  
the null surface (i.e.  $\Omega \cdot B = 0$ )

**Slot Gap models:**  
along the last closed field lines

**Wind models:**  
external regions

# Il “suono” delle pulsar

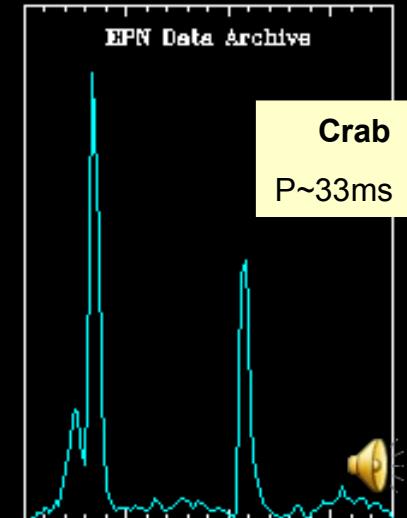
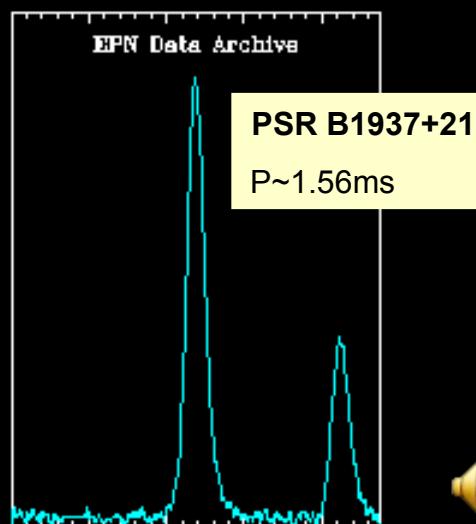


Jodrell bank:

[http://www.jb.man.ac.uk/~pulsar/Education  
/Sounds/sounds.html](http://www.jb.man.ac.uk/~pulsar/Education/Sounds/sounds.html)

Princeton group:

<http://pulsar.princeton.edu/pulsar/multimedia.shtml>



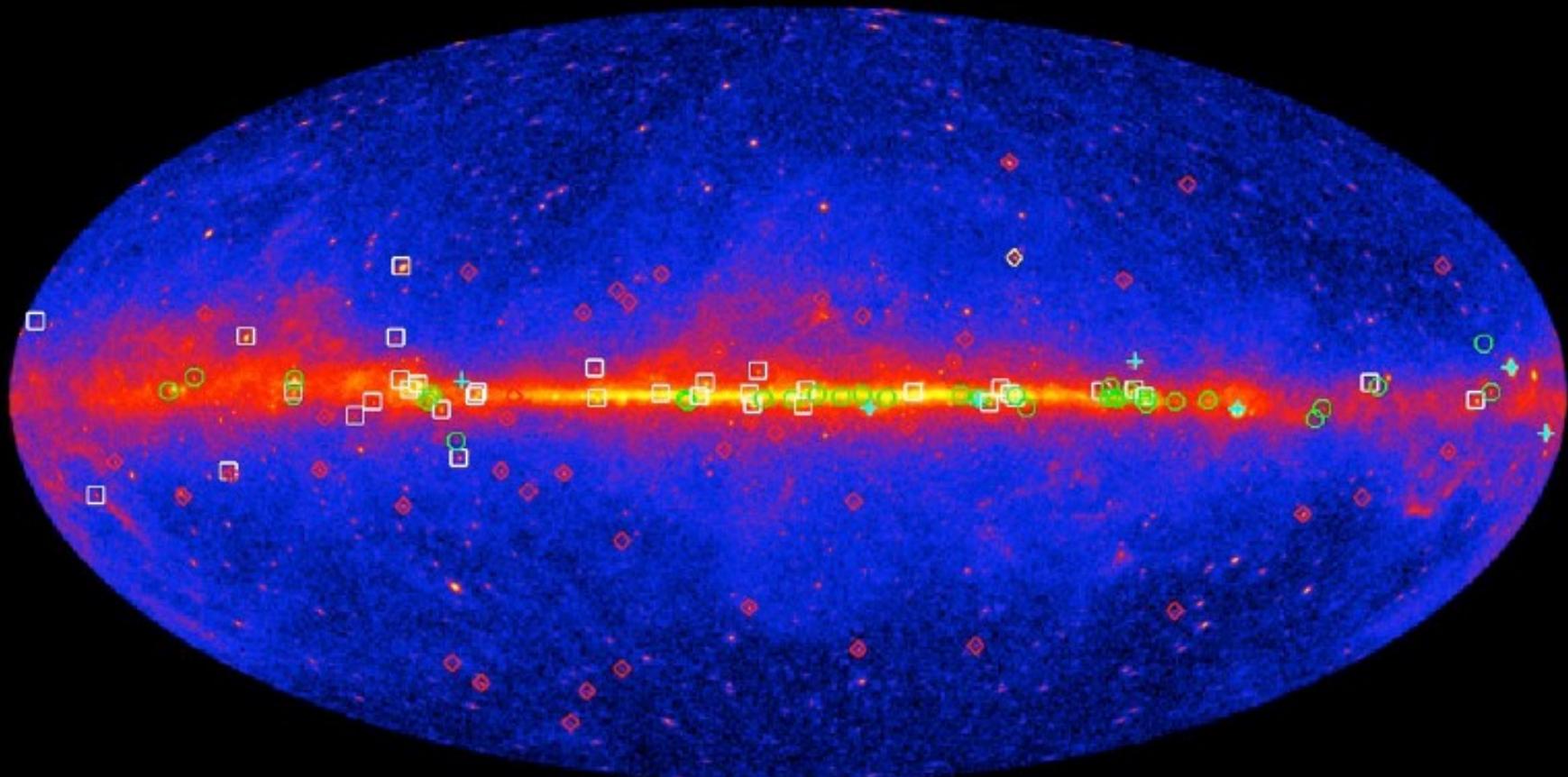
# Pulsar e raggi gamma

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- Efficiency
  - Radio emission is a negligible fraction of the energy budget
  - Gamma ray efficiency can be as high as 10%
  - → Probes of primary acceleration processes in the magnetosphere
- “Magnetic” science
  - Gamma rays are beamed along B field lines with small pitch angles
  - → Can track magnetic field structure
- Beam structure
  - Very different from radio
  - → Gamma rays can track different pulsar populations

# 160 pulsar a raggi gamma

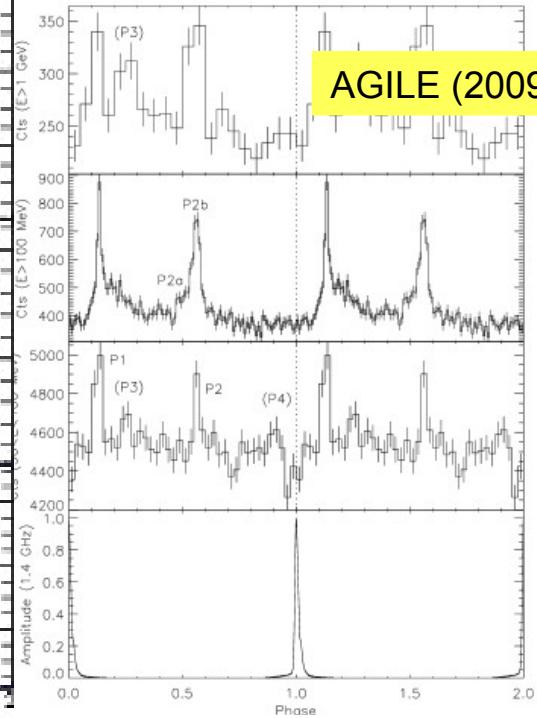
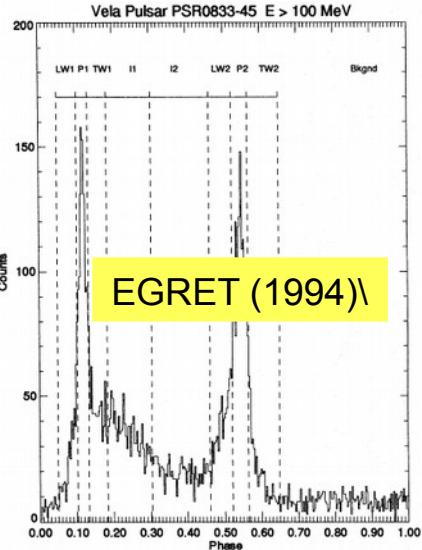
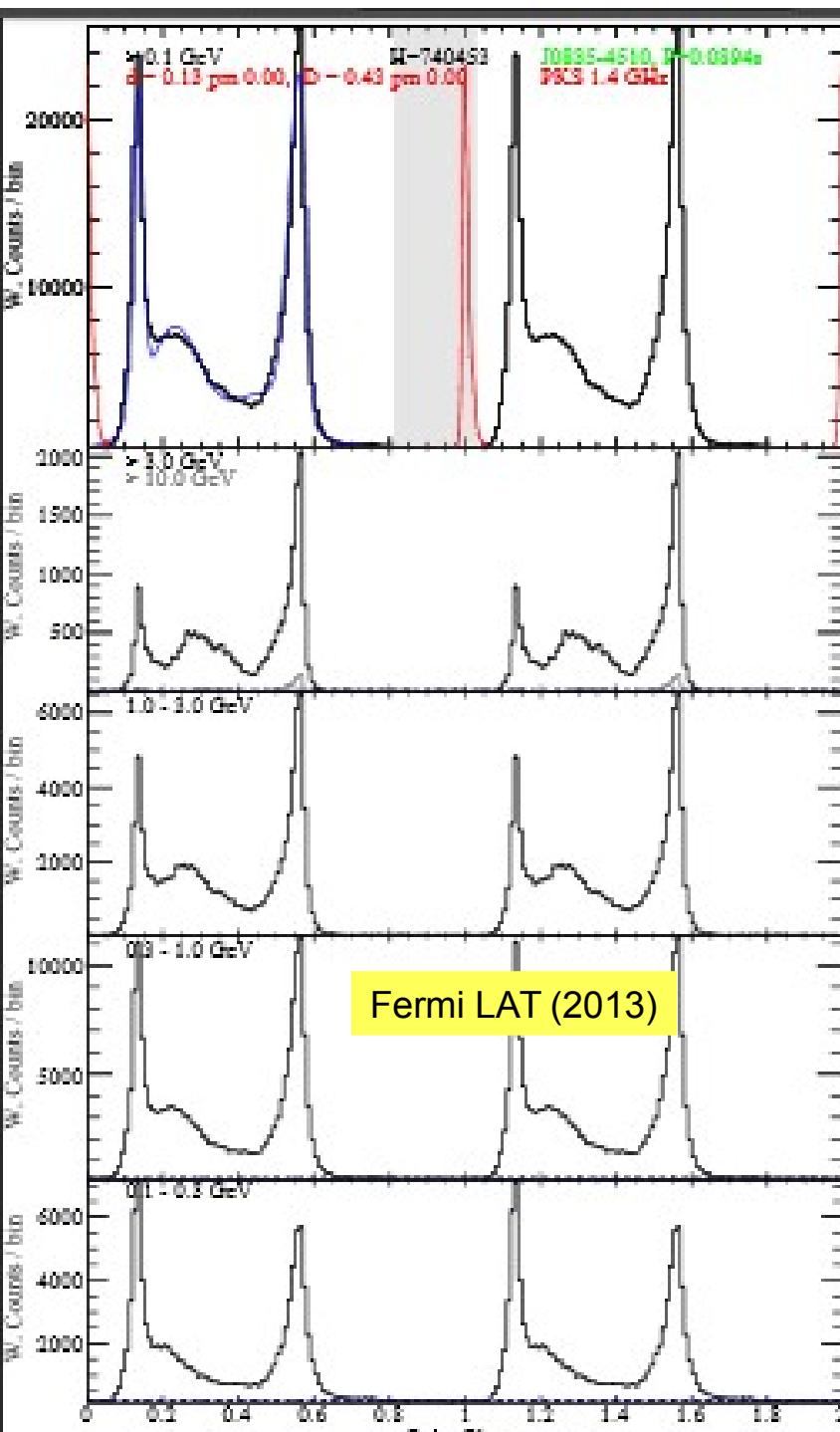
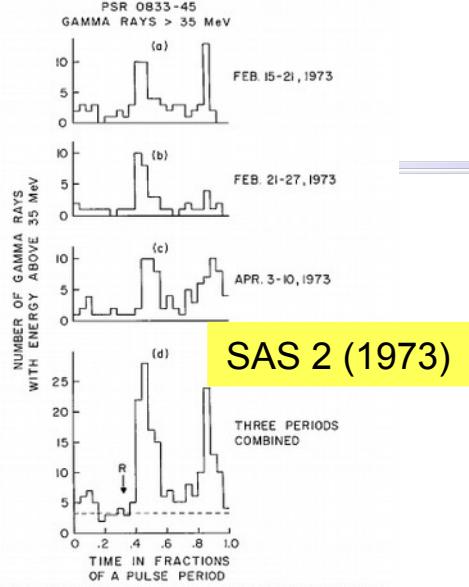
<https://confluence.slac.stanford.edu/display/GLAMCOG/Public+List+of+LAT-Detected+Gamma-Ray+Pulsars>



42 young radio- and X-ray-selected (green circles, cyan crosses)

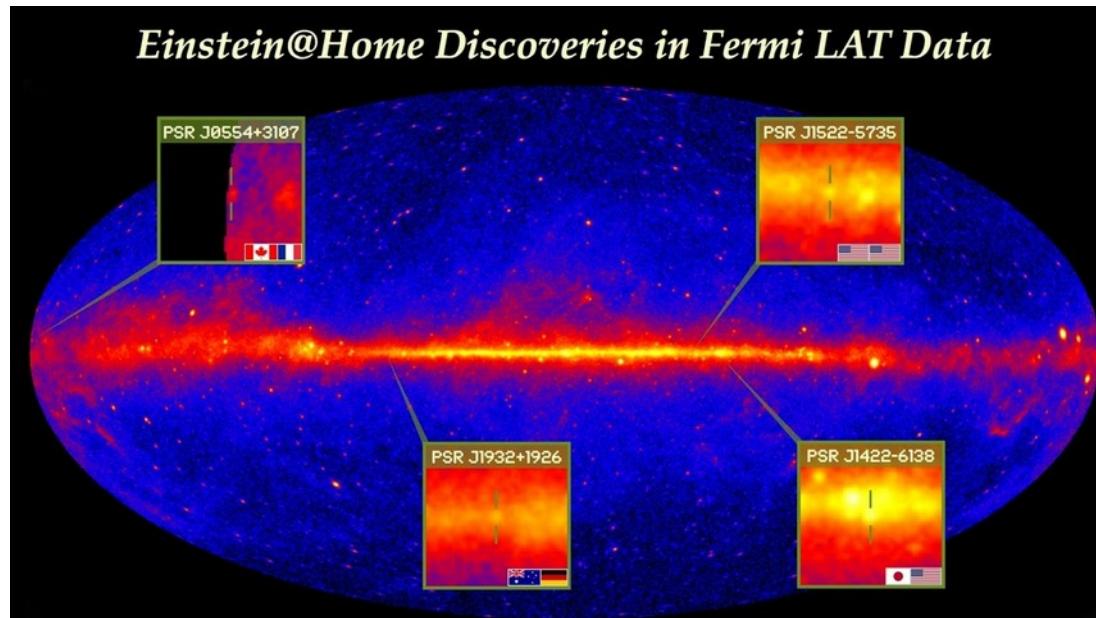
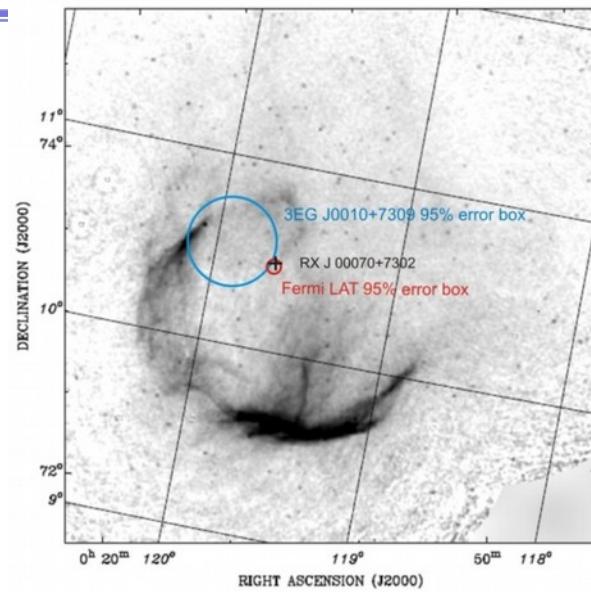
36 young γ-ray-selected (white squares)

46 radio-selected MSPs (red diamonds) + 1 γ-ray-selected MSP (yellow diamond)  
(+20 to be published!)



# Pulsar blind searches

- Why “blind”
  - We don’t know frequency, etc..
  - We don’t know position
  - Is it binary?
- Search is difficult
  - Gamma rays are sparse (1 ph/100 periods)
  - $N_{\text{trials}}$  huge ( $>>10^{10}$ )
  - CPU intensive
- So?
  - Time-differencing technique
  - (Atwood+06, Ziegler+08)



<http://einstein.phys.uwm.edu/>

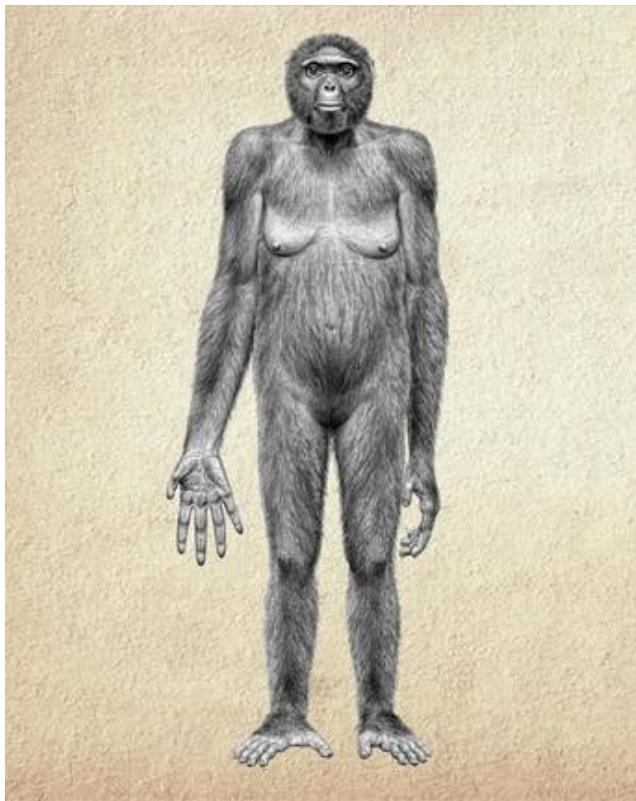
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# Science

«2nd most relevant  
discovery in 2009»  
(*Science*)

And the winner is...



(*Ardipithecus*)

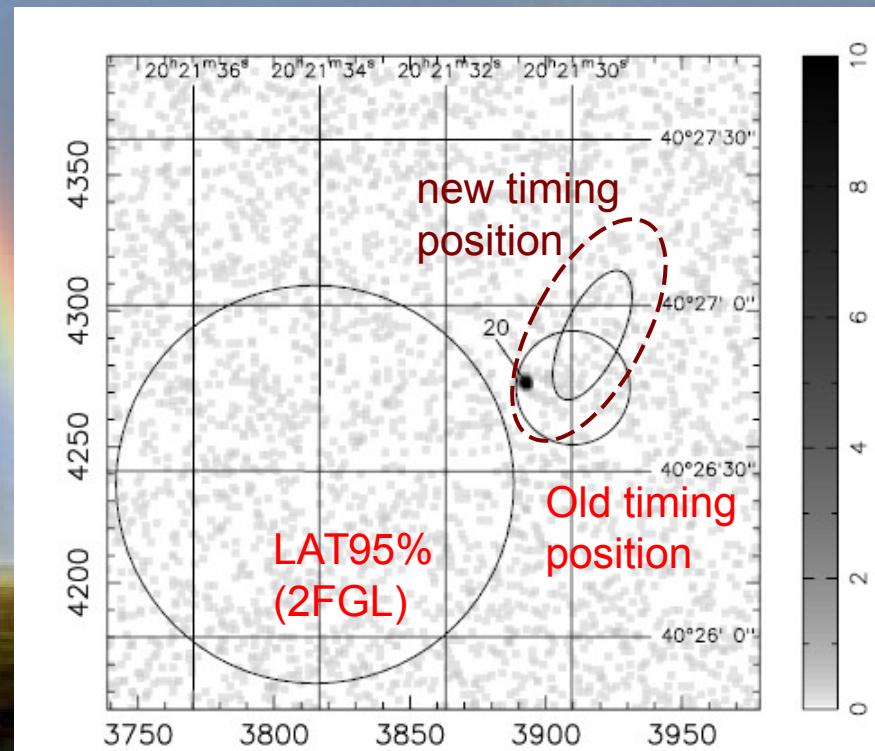


# Pulsars in multicolor

- Multiwavelength follow ups are extremely important for pulsars:
- To discover new pulsars
  - Detect modulation at other energies (e.g. radio)
  - Find point sources for blind searches (e.g. X-rays)
  - Unveil orbital modulation of a companion (e.g. optical)
- To investigate known pulsars
  - Build spectrum
  - Multi- $\lambda$  light curves
  - Detect proper motion

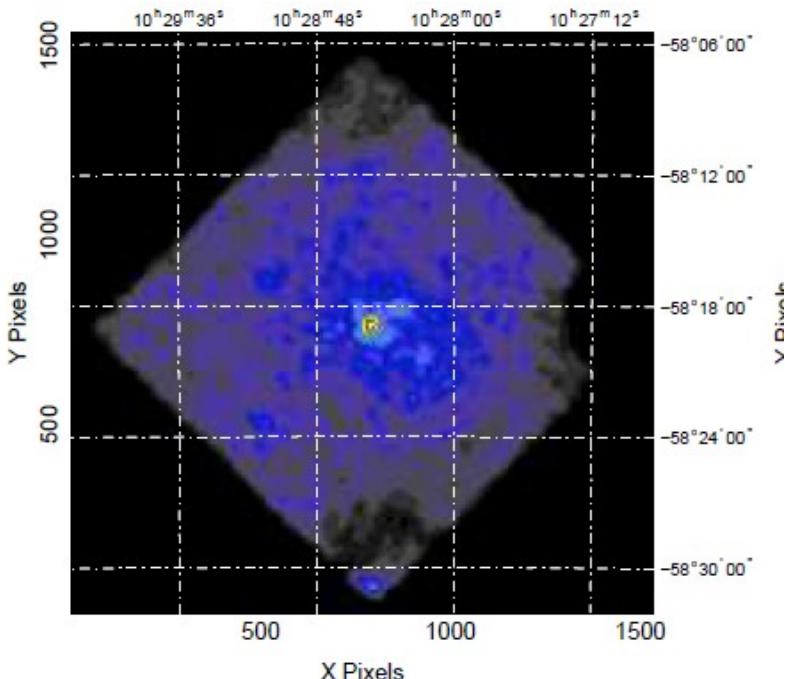
Example: Identification of the long-debated X-ray counterpart of Gamma Cyg PSR with Chandra

(Weisskopf, Romani, Razzano et al., ApJ, 2011)



# Optical observations of pulsars

- < 10 pulsars have been identified in optical (4 with pulsations)
- Optical emission is very faint ( $mv > 26$ ). 8-m telescopes are required
- Upper limits and spectra to constrain emission models (e.g. synchrotron)



VLT + Suzaku observations of PSR J1028-5819  
(Mignani, Razzano et al. 2012, A&A 543)

New VLT observations of PSR J1048-5932  
(Razzano et al. 2012, MNRAS submitted)

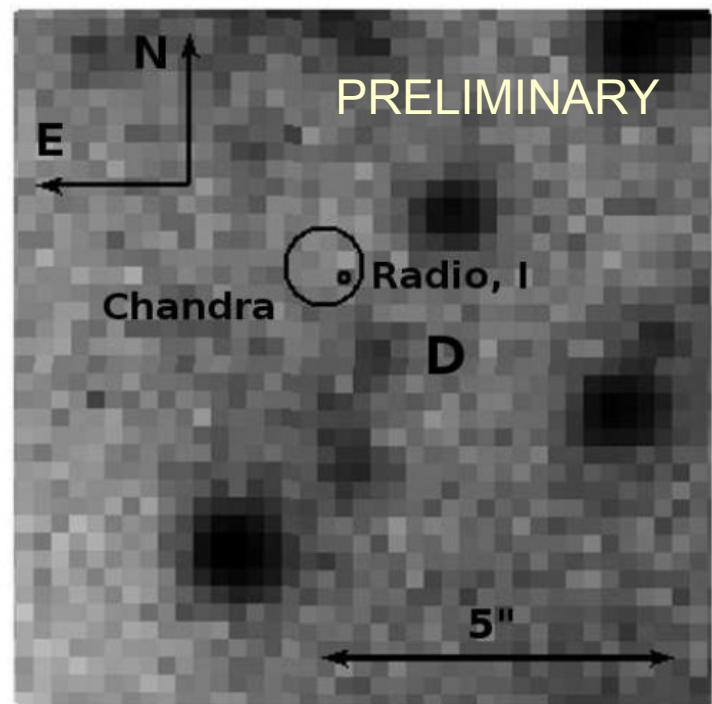
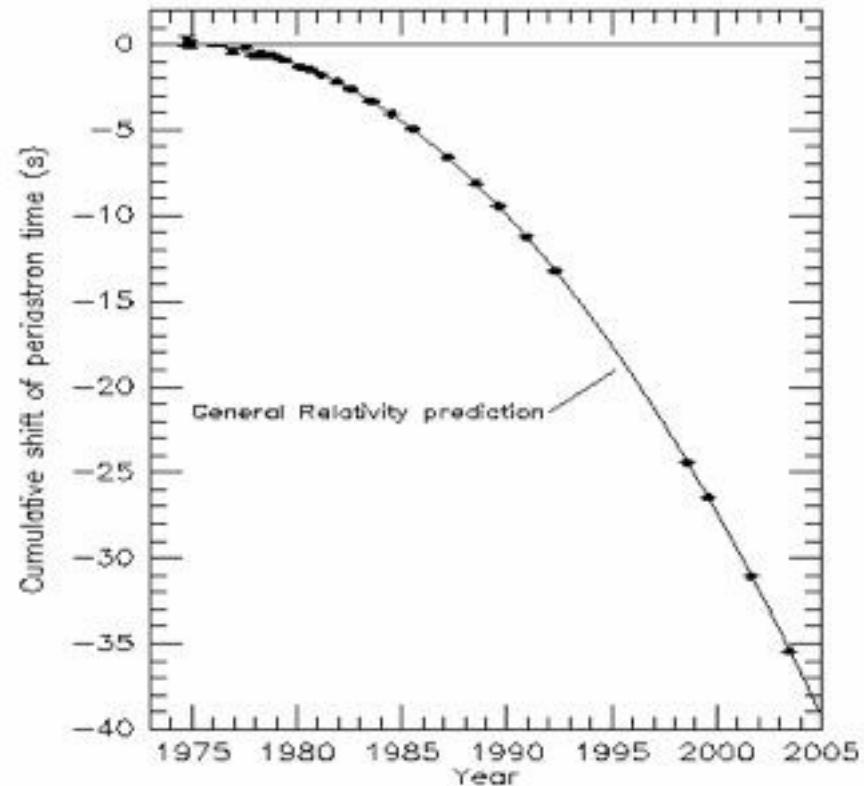


Figure 1. VLT/FORS2 image of the PSR J1048–5832 field (R band;  $13797.7$  s). The Chandra (Gonzalez et al. 2006) and radio interferometry (Stappers et al. 1999) positions are shown as circles. The star closest to the Chandra position is Star D of Mignani et al. (2011).

# Pulsar e onde gravitazionali

*...between pulsars and gravitational waves*

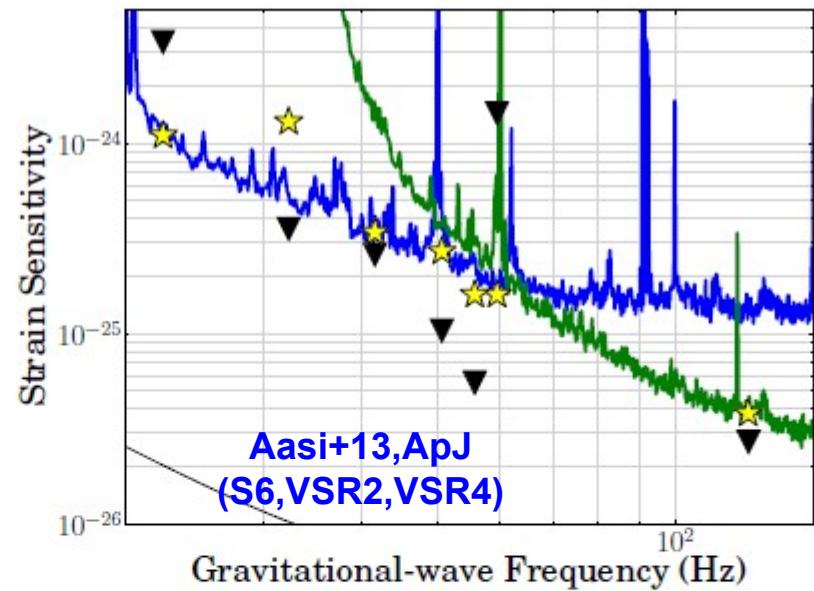
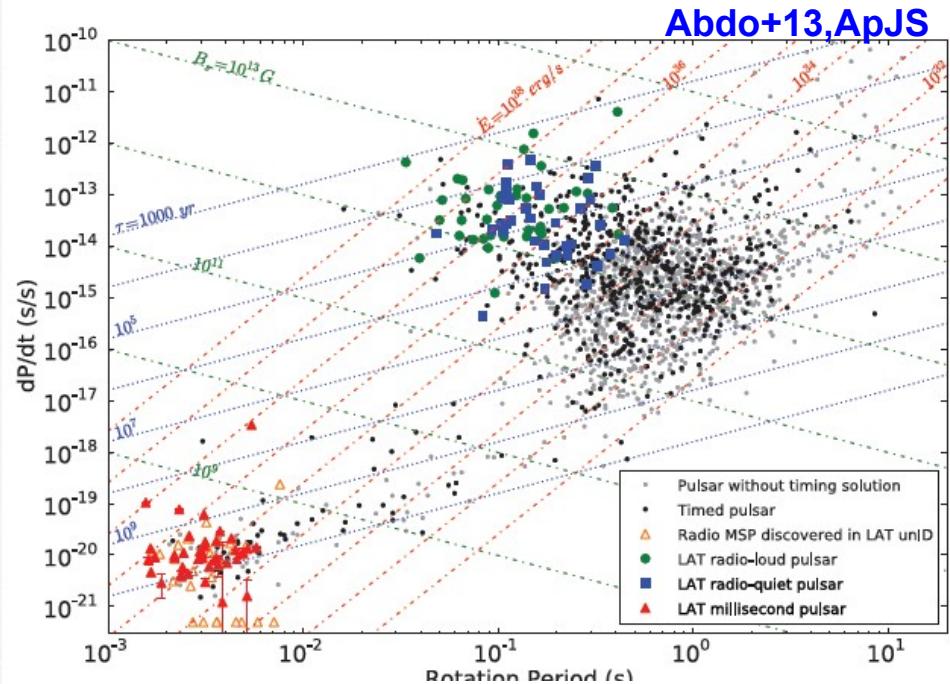
- PSR B1913+16 (1974)
- Discovered by Russel Hulse and Joseph Taylor
- Binary ! 59-ms pulsar + neutron star, orbit of 77 hrs
- Orbital decay consistent with GW emission
- $L_{\text{GW}} = 7 \times 10^{24} \text{ W}$  (1.4%  $L_{\text{sun}}$ )
- (Nobel prize in 1993)



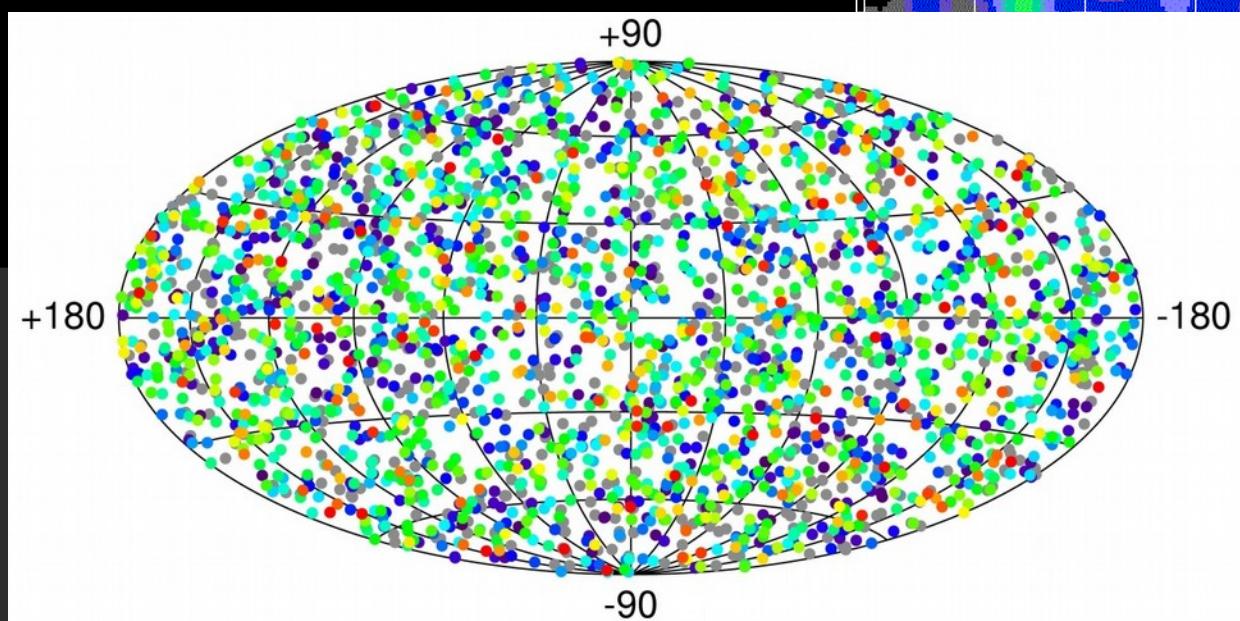
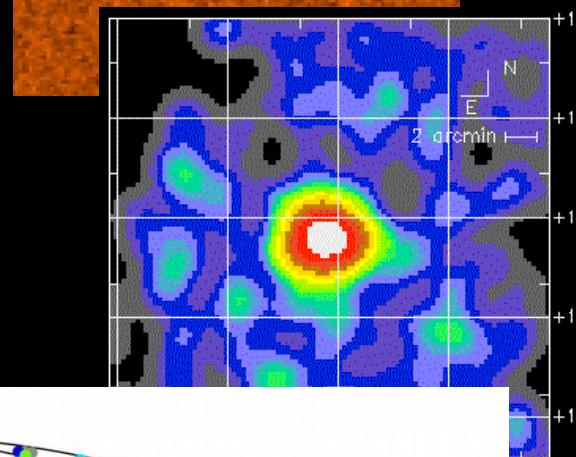
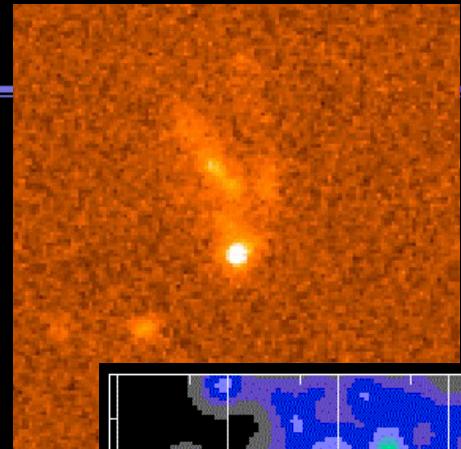
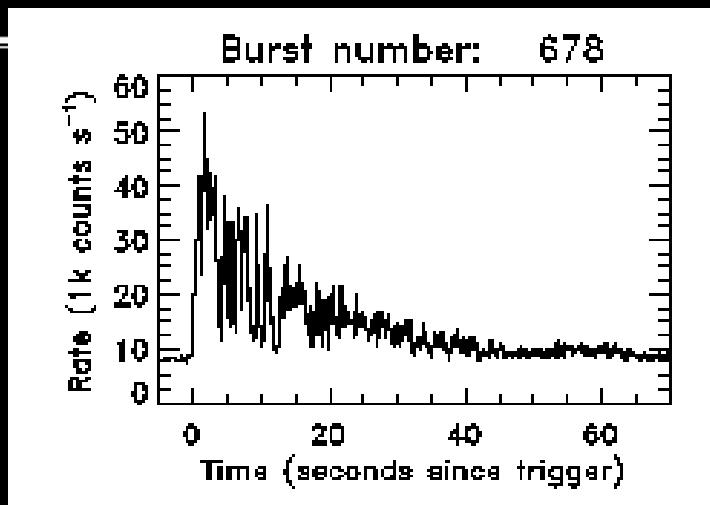
*However, this was  
an indirect observation  
of GWs...*

# 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 most radio-quiet pulsars



# Gamma Ray Bursts

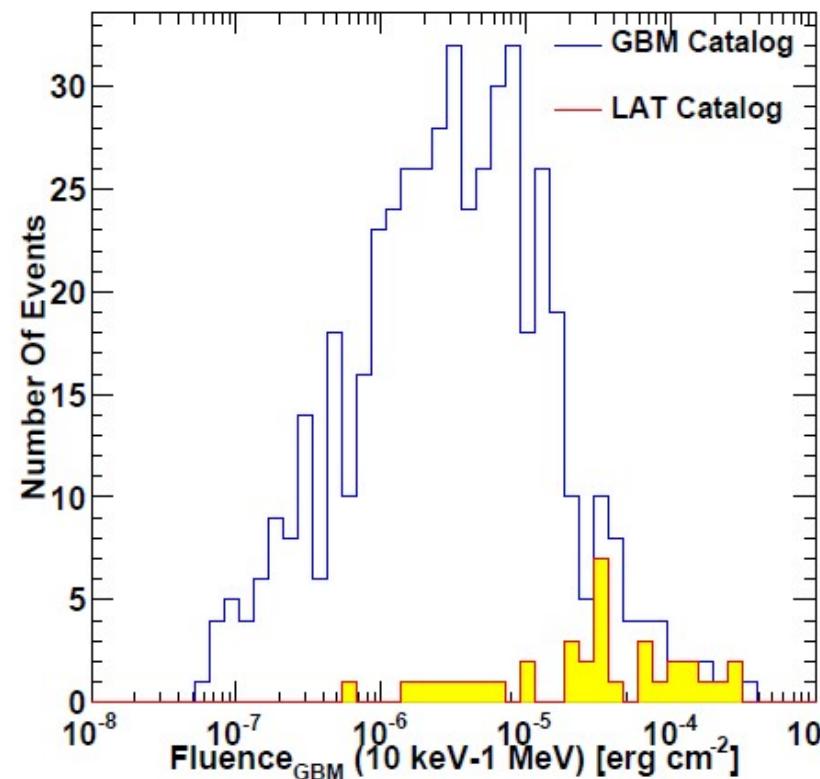


# GRBs in the Fermi era

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

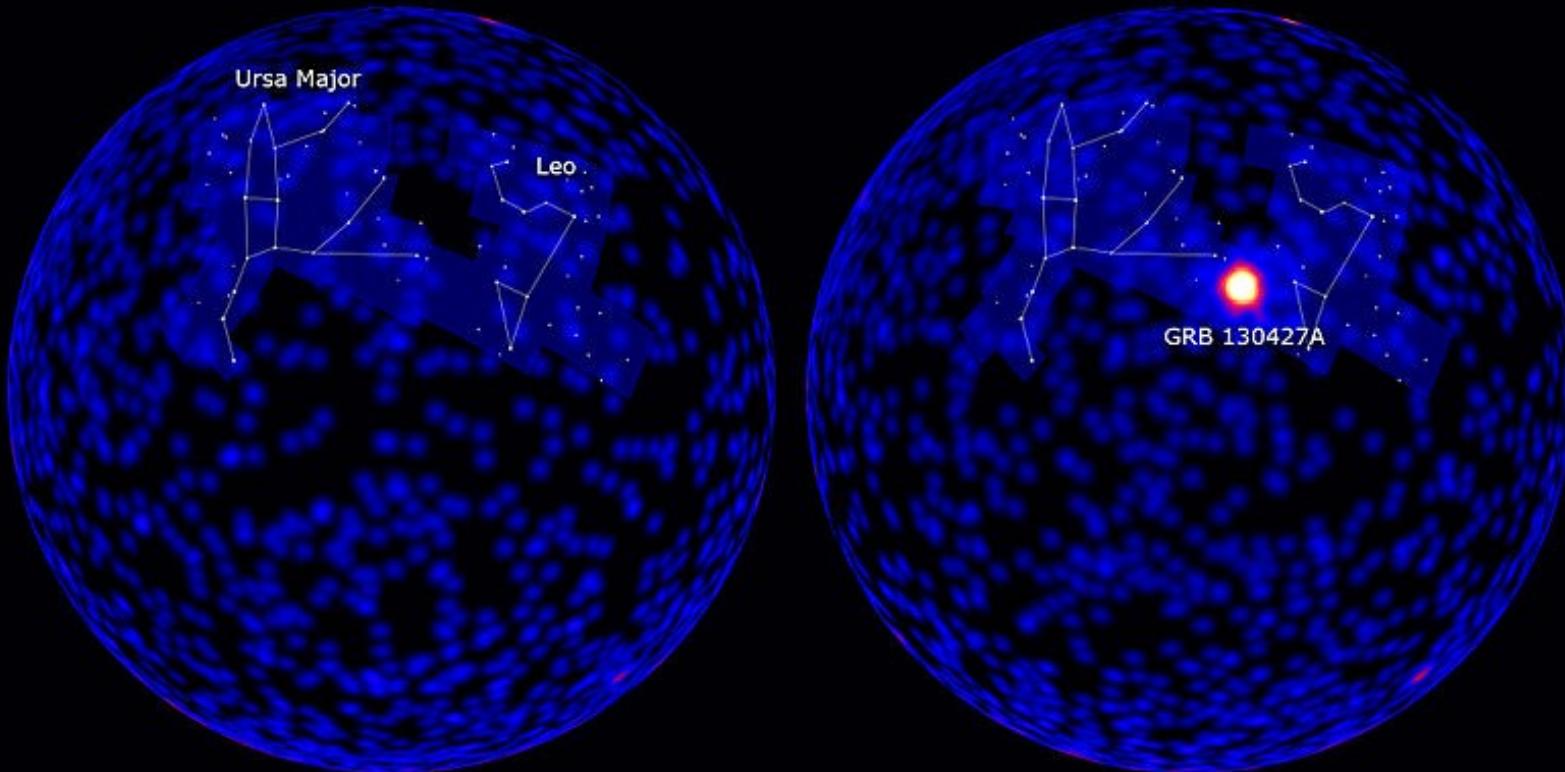
## Main results:

- 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)

# 13 aprile: un GRB "spaventoso"



Before and after Fermi LAT views of GRB 130427A, centered on the north galactic pole

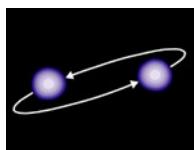
3.6 miliardi di anni luce

94 GeV

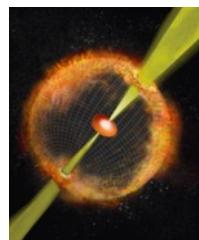
# GRBs emission - Fireball Model

## Cataclysmic event

NS-NS NS-BH  
merger



Core Collapse

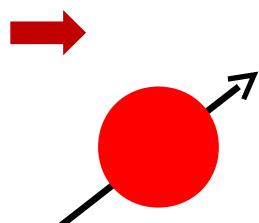


## Central engine

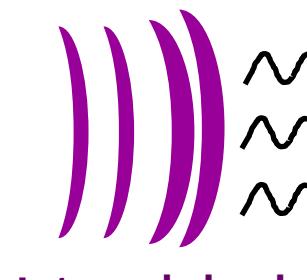
Black Hole  
+  
accretion disk

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

Neutron Star



Relativistic  
Outflow



Internal shocks

Surroundin  
g medium



External Shocks

Prompt emission

$\gamma$ -ray - within seconds

Afterglow emission

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

# Transient sources: Gamma Ray Bursts

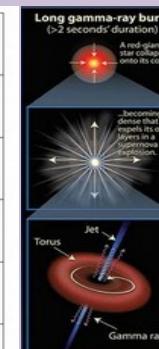
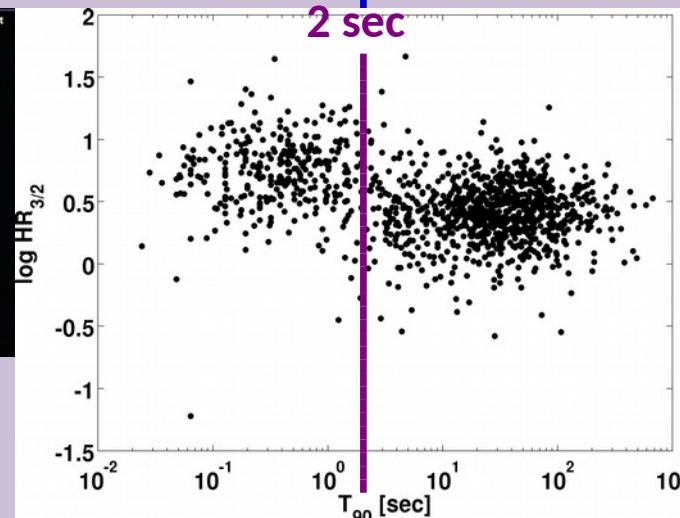
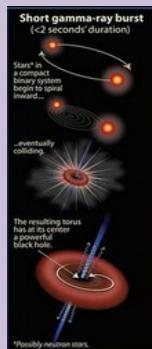
Merger of NS-NS / NS-BH



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 (~ 5-10 kpc)

## Long Soft GRB

Progenitor strong evidence: observed Type Ic SN spectrum

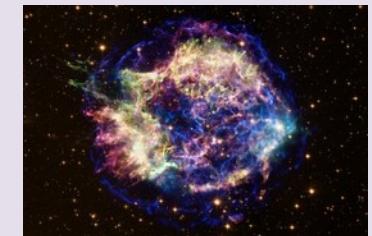
## Kilonovae

(Optical/IR, radio remnant)



## Supernovae

Type II, Ib/c



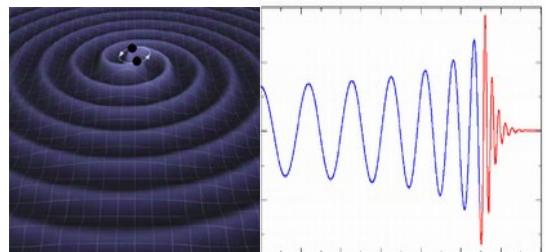


Known GRB event time and sky position:

- reduction in search parameter space
- gain in search sensitivity



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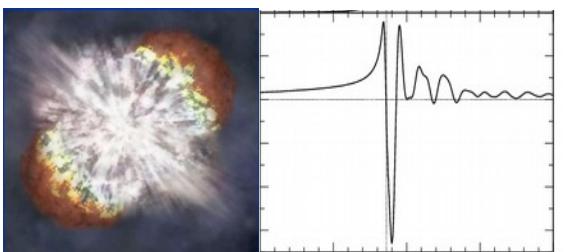


### Unmodeled GW burst

(< 1 sec duration)

#### Arbitrary waveform

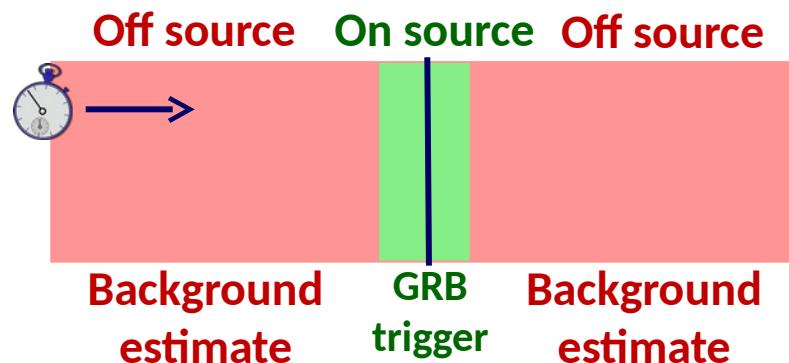
- Excess power



### Compact Binary Coalescence

#### Known waveform

- Matched filter



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

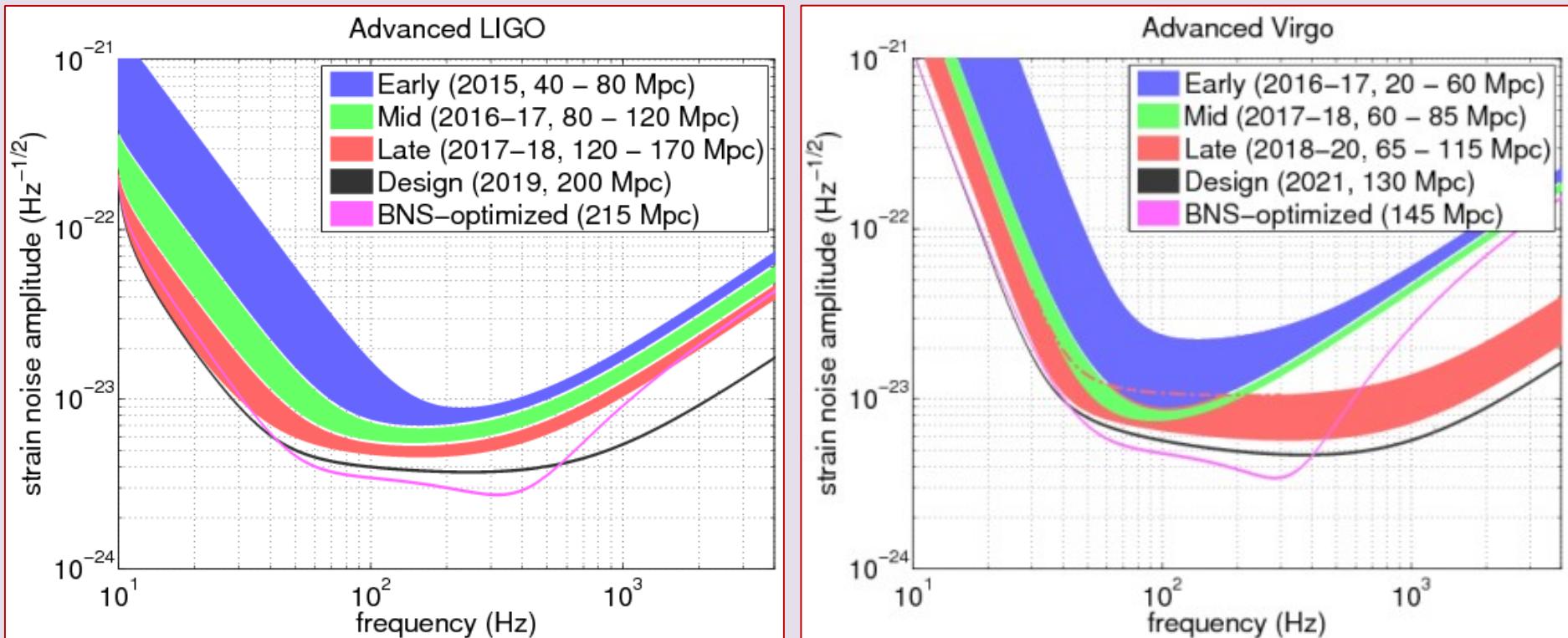
while 2 or 3 LIGO/Virgo detectors were taken good data

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

# Advanced GW Detectors: Observing scenario

LSC & Virgo Collaborations, arXiv:1304.0670

## Progression of sensitivity and range for Binary Neutron Stars



Larger GW-detectable Universe

# Una nuova finestra sul cosmo

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- 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)
  - Also, other sources (e.g. neutron stars)
- Virgo and LIGO are undergoing major upgrades
  - Increased sensitivity → Larger volumes to probe
  - Joint observations planned for 2016
- Fermi still in orbit and working smoothly (NASA extension)
  - High-energy telescope
  - Continuous monitoring of the sky

# Per maggiori informazioni

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- Finanziamento da progetto MIUR (@Pisa M.R. )
- Gruppo di ricercatori Dipartimento & INFN
- Collaborazione internazionale (Europa, USA)
- Lavoro su dati astrofisici (gamma, X, ottico) e onde gravitazionali
- **Nuovo corso Laurea Specialistica “Fisica delle Onde Gravitazionali”**
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