

The Dawn of Multi-Messenger Astronomy

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GW170814: A Three-Detector Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Coalescence

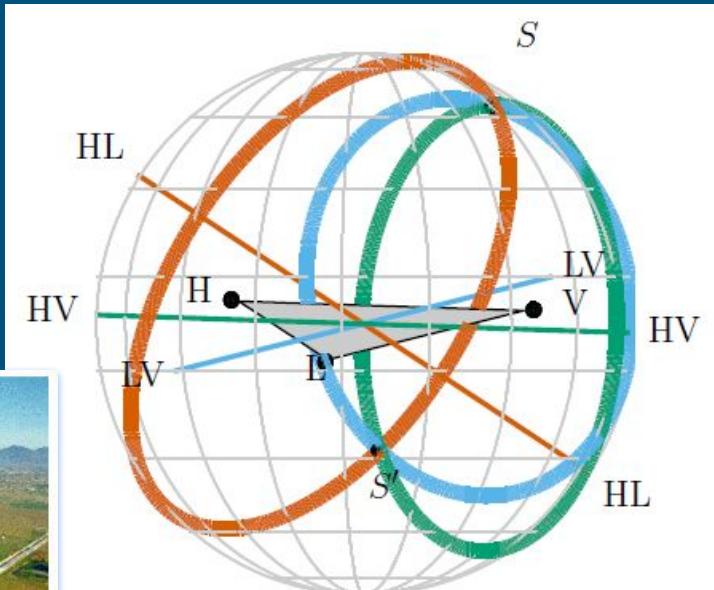
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Physics See Focus story: Three-Way Detection of Gravitational Waves



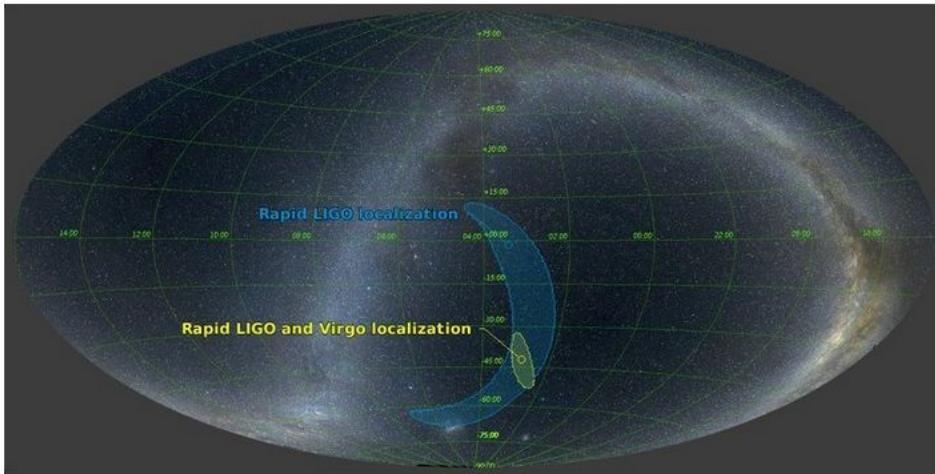
- Source localization using only timing for a two-site network yields an annulus on the sky (signal amplitude, spin, and precession effects resolve this to only parts of the annulus).
- For three detectors, the time delays restrict the source to two sky regions which are mirror images with respect to the plane passing through the three sites.



SCIENCE

New Gravitational Wave Detection From Colliding Black Holes

By DENNIS OVERBYE SEPT. 27, 2017



The LIGO and Virgo detectors in the United States and Europe identified gravitational waves emitted by the two black holes 1.8 billion light years away. The location of the black holes in the night skies is

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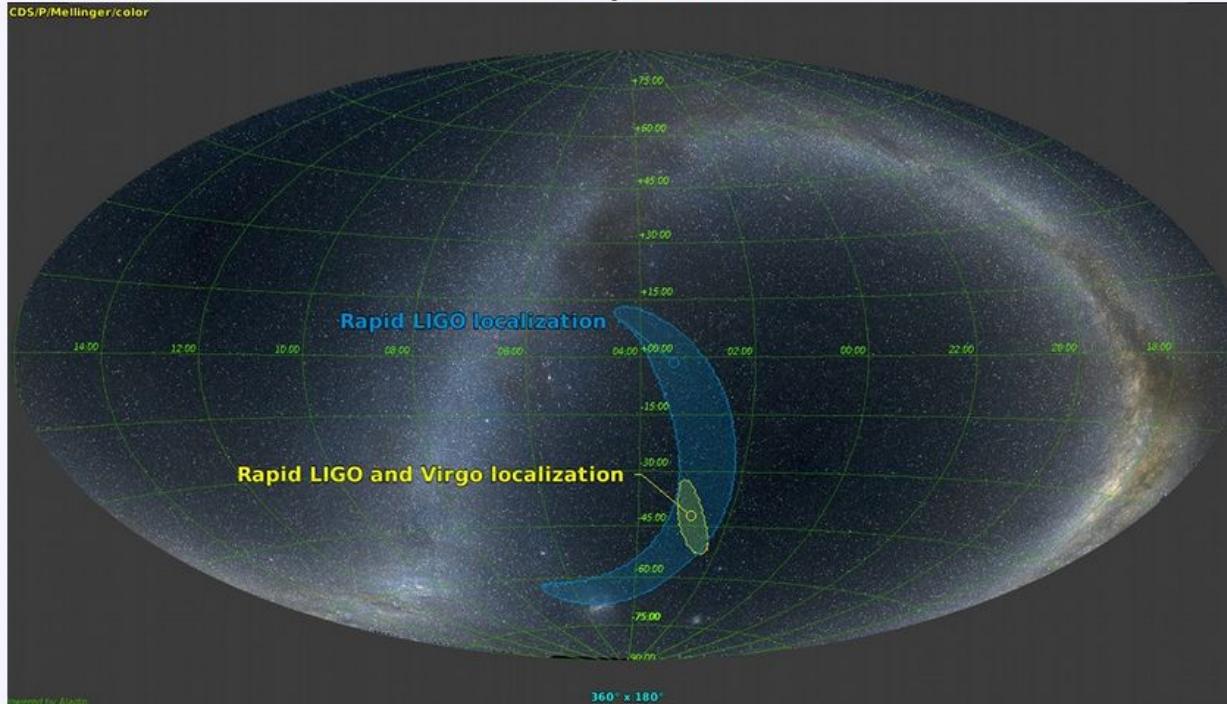
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LIGO-Virgo GW170814 Skymap
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Welcome to the era of multimessenger astronomy with a network of advanced interferometers!

<http://www.virgo-gw.eu/skymap.html>

The screenshot shows a web-based interactive skymap for the GW170814 event. On the left is a circular map of the sky with a dark blue background. A large, elongated blue region represents the LIGO localization, and a smaller orange region represents the LIGO AND VIRGO LOCALIZATION. The map includes a coordinate grid and a 'FoV: 180°' indicator. On the right is a sidebar with the title 'Using the skymap' and instructions: 'Click on the various options below to display information relating to each detection.' It contains a table with six rows, each corresponding to a different gravitational-wave detection:

Detection	Sky localisation	Label	Pop-up info
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GW170814 - refined skymap	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GW150914	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GW151226	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GW170104	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Below the table are sections for 'Backgrounds' and 'Constellations'. The 'Backgrounds' section allows users to select from various astronomical images: Mellinger (default), WISE, 2MASS, DSS color, XMM, and Fermi. The 'Constellations' section is currently empty.



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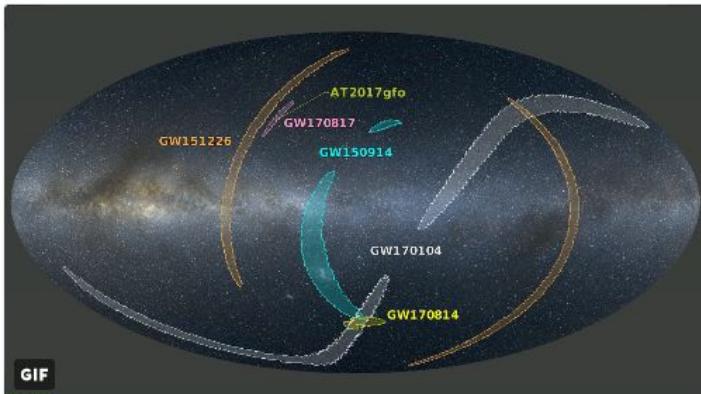
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@LIGO

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Watch how GW astronomy improves sky location of sources. @LIGO & @ego_virgo together point very well! #GW170814
#GW170817

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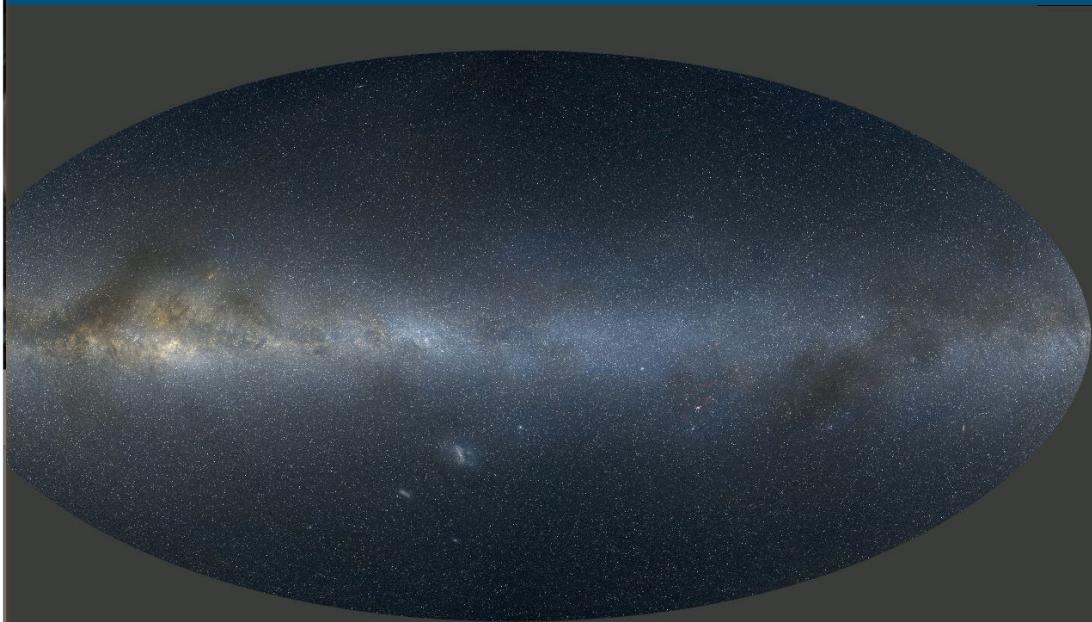
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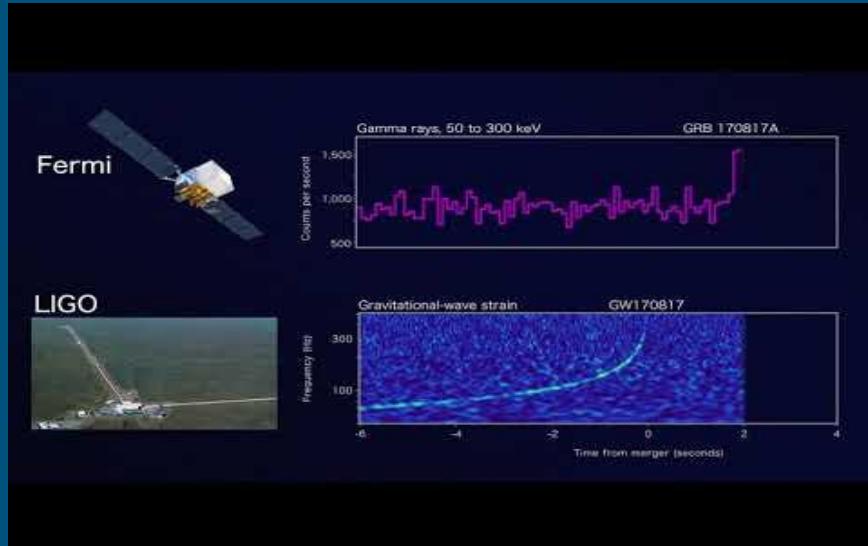
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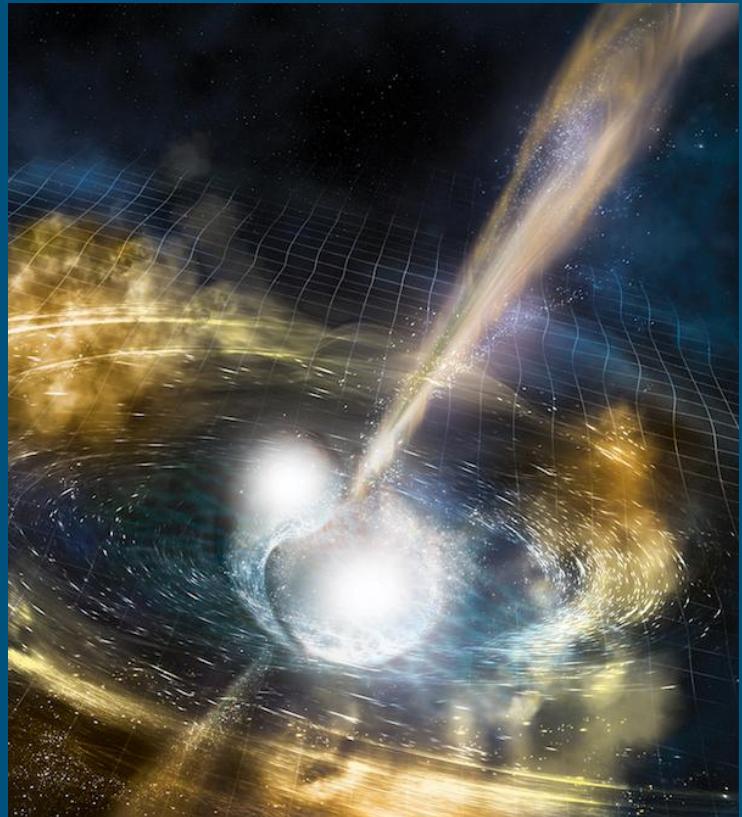


GW170817 - The first observation of gravitational-waves from a binary neutron star inspiral

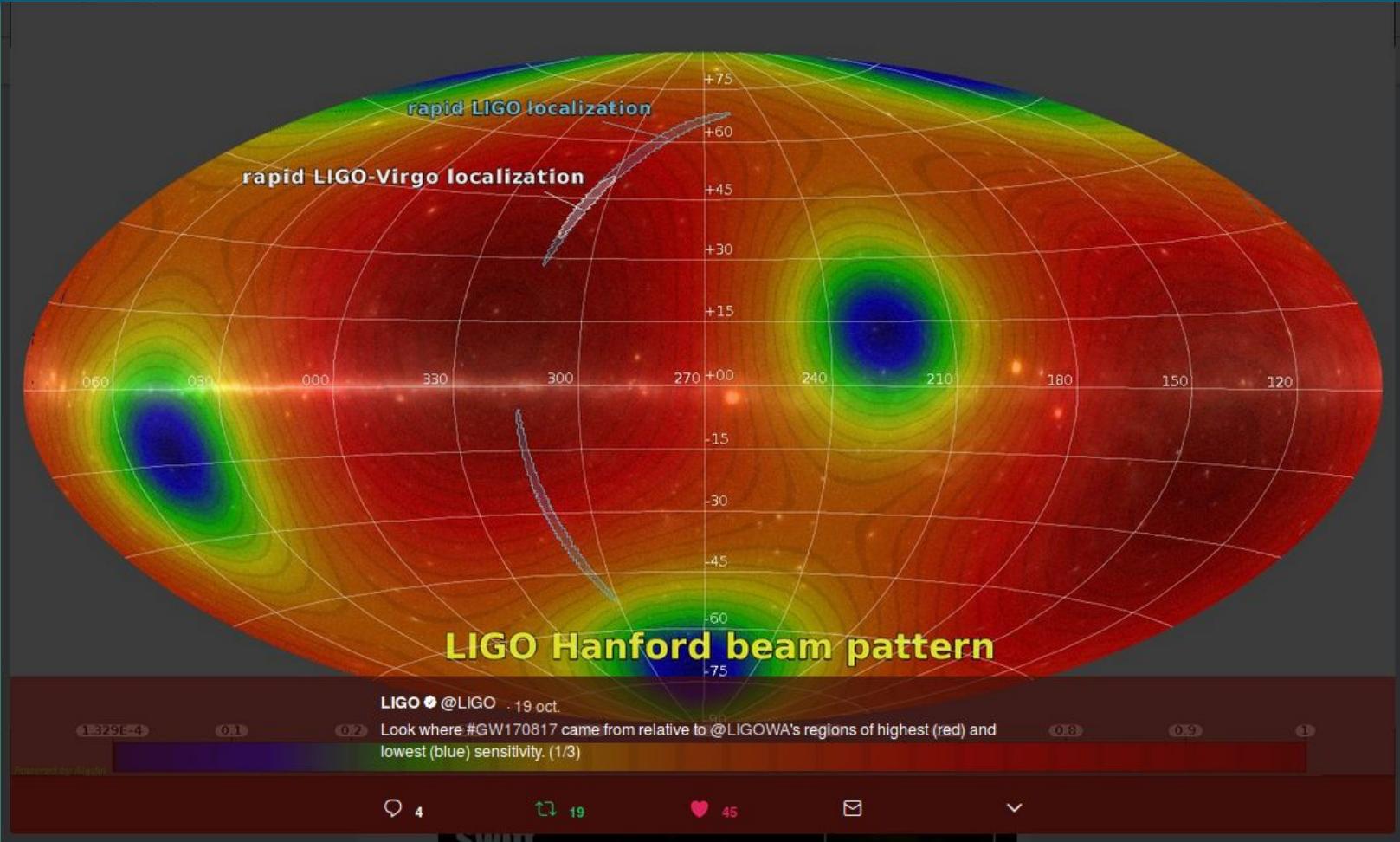
GW170817 marks a new era of multi-messenger astronomy, where the same event is observed by both gravitational waves and electromagnetic waves.

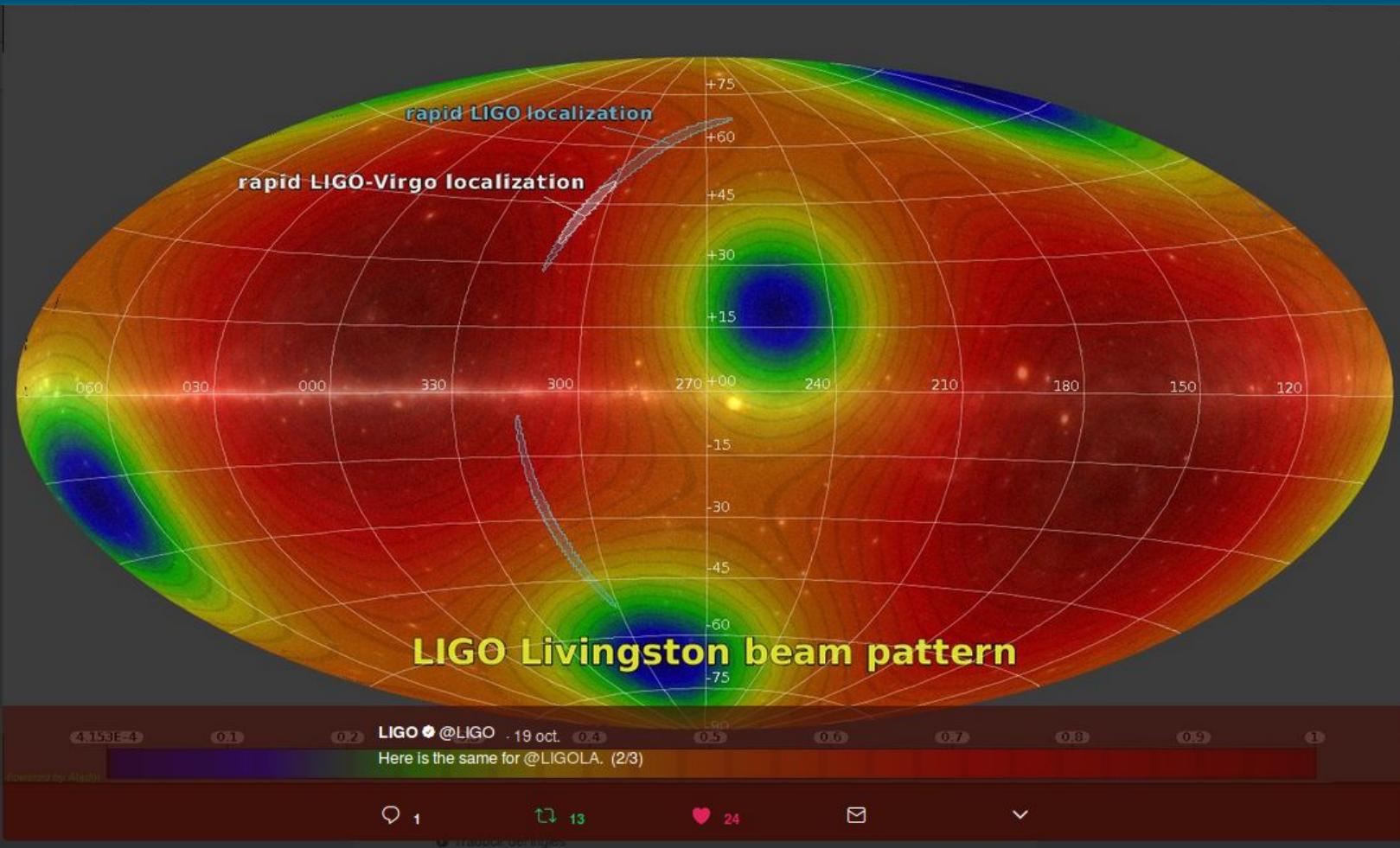


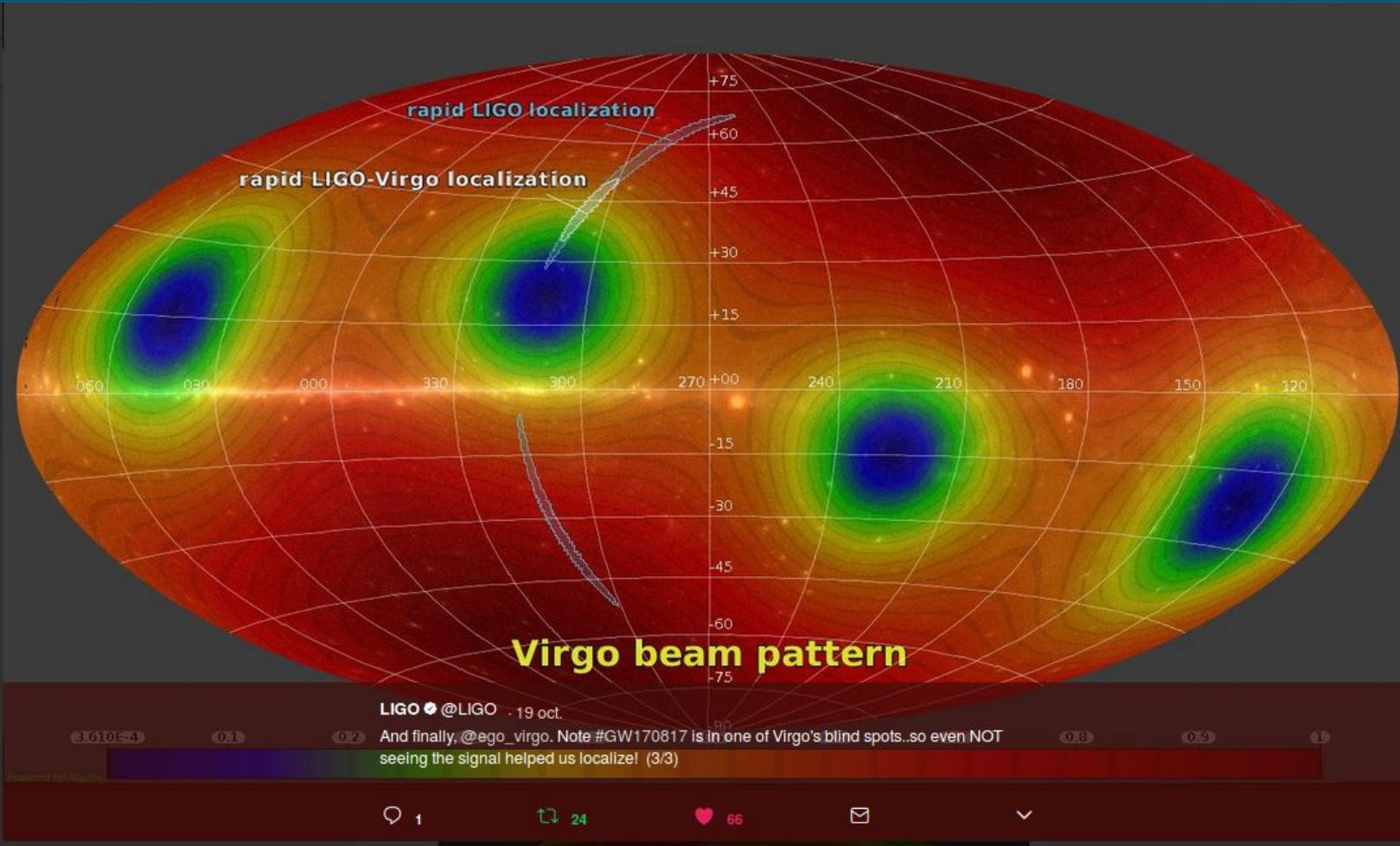
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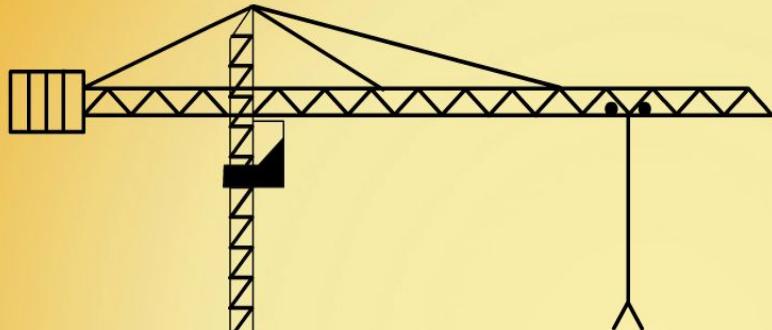
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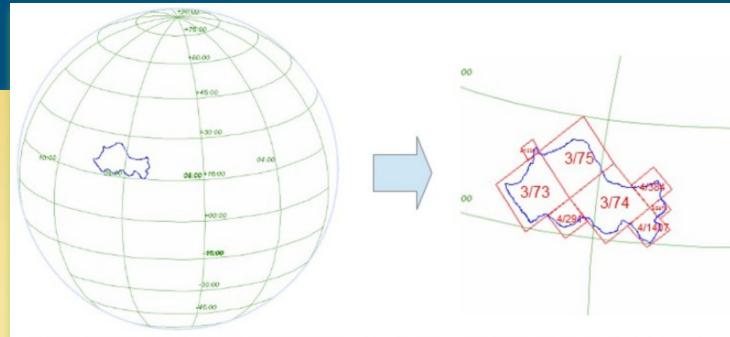


GWsky: basic algorithms

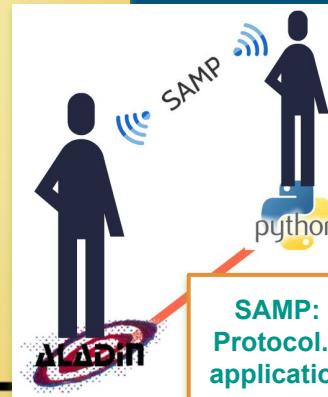


GWsky based on the external modules **astropy**, **astroquery**, **numpy**, **matplotlib**, **healpy**, **scipy**, and various Virtual Observatory (VO) tools such as **Aladin Sky Atlas**, **MOC**, **SAMP** and **Instrument Footprint Editor**.

The GUI has been completely written using the TKinter module that is the standard Python interface to the Tk GUI.



To map irregular and complex sky regions into hierarchically grouped predefined cells.
Based on the HEALPix tessellation algorithm
Gorski et. al 2005, ApJ 622, 759.



MOC, SAMP and HiPS are approved by IVOA standards.

SAMP: Simple Application Messaging Protocol. It is a protocol for astronomical applications to collaborate (DS9, TopCat).

GWsky: basic architecture

GWsky - User Values

1. Enter skymap information:
healpix skymap: Load in Aladin
json contour file: Show in Aladin
2. MOC contour plot - alternative to json file:
from: 10 to: 90 step: 10 MOC contour .
3. Insert the Geodetic coordinates of the Observatory:
latitude [deg]: 34.2247 longitude [deg]: -118.0572 altitude [m]: 1742
4. Insert the observation time (UTC):
yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss: 2017-07-13 15:13:55.888429
5. FoV shape:
 box => width [deg]: 3 height [deg]: 3
 circle => radius [deg]:
6. Query:
Vizier catalog VII/275/glade1 column & filter Dist >100&<200
hist a new column Bmag
7. Statistic window/Transparency
 Active Deactive; alpha [0-1]: 1
8. Initialize tiling coverage
Launch tiling coverage



UserValues generates the initialization files getting inputs from an user.

Coverage opens a small window placed on top of the Aladin Sky Atlas.

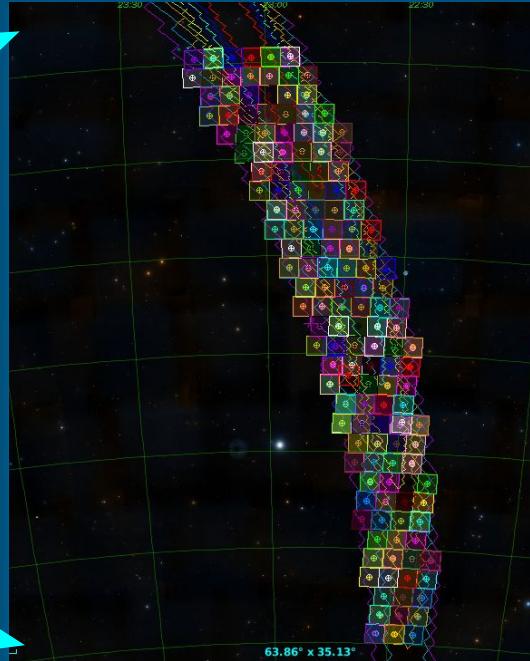
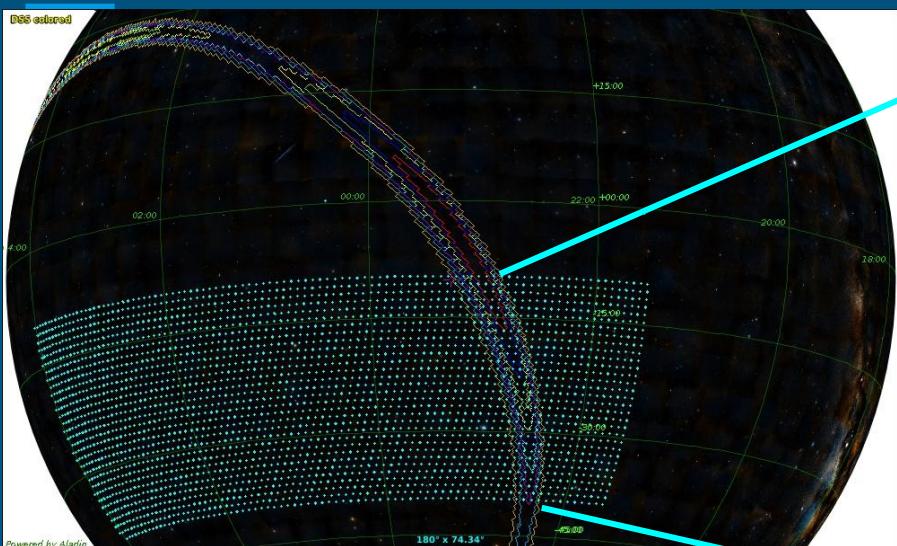
The Aladin plans are collected in specific **Folders**.

GWsky@work

- Contour plot generation
- Skymap Tiling
- Source localization
- Observability
- Reference image

GWsky: *intersection with VST surveys*

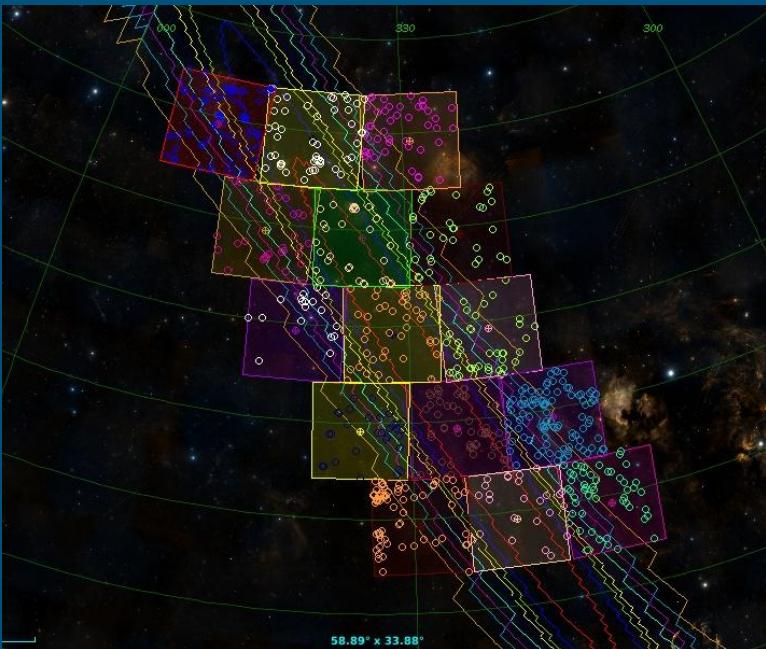
Filtering reference images for image subtraction



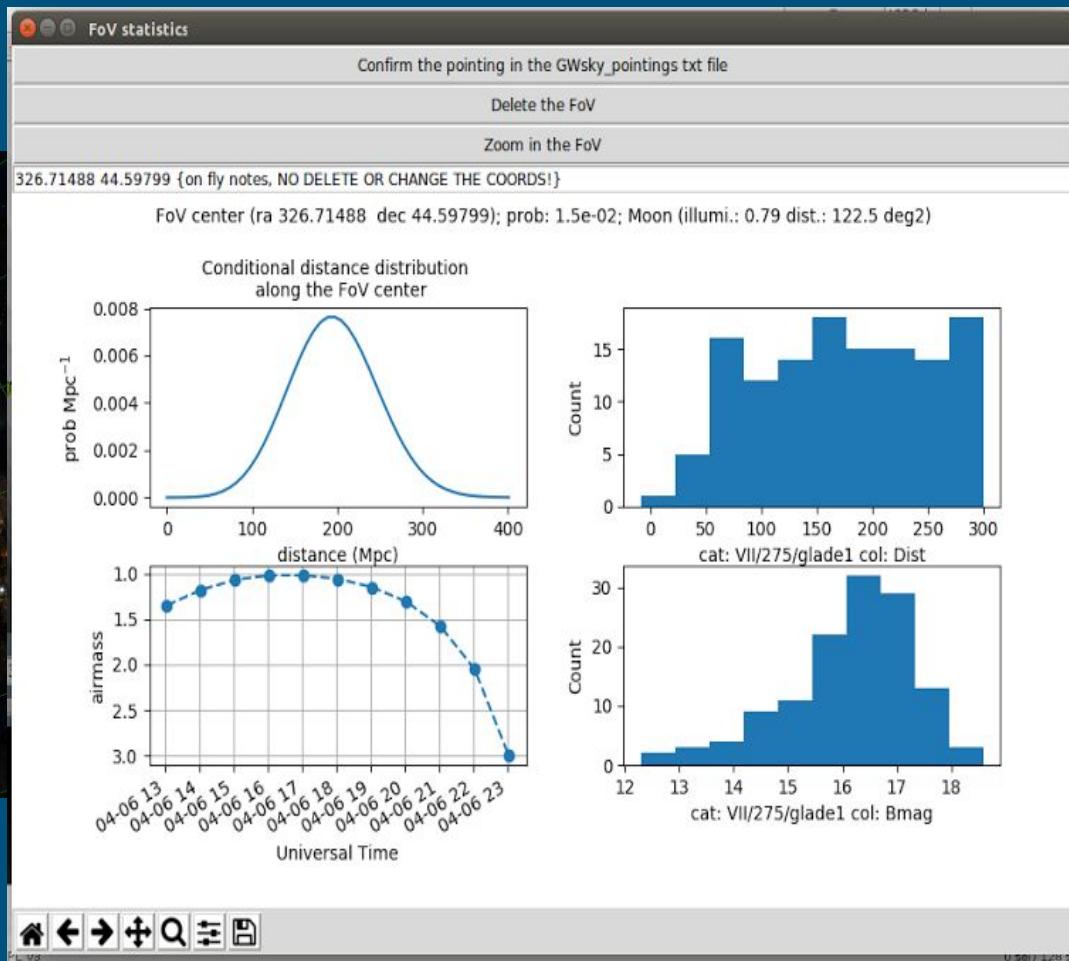
MOC intersection

It shows the footprints of the archival VST data over the
MOC contours of a probability skymap.

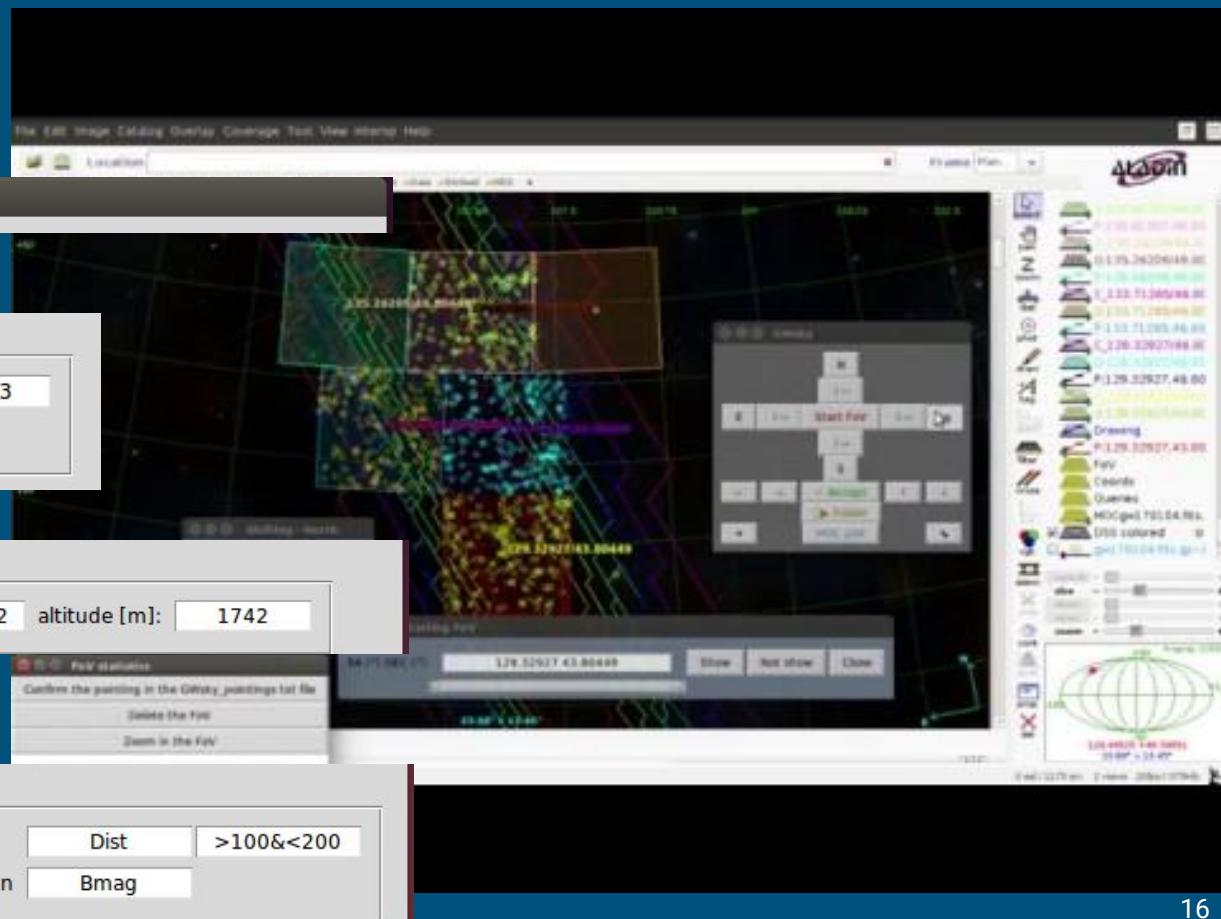
GWsky: tiling



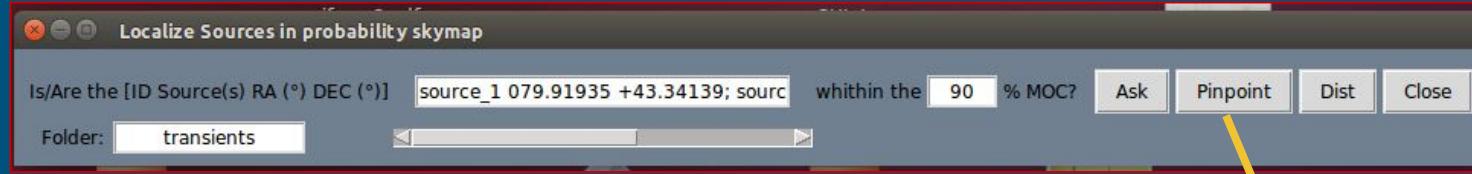
Each Field of View is accompanied by descriptive statistics to manage the sequence of pointings.



Tiling@work

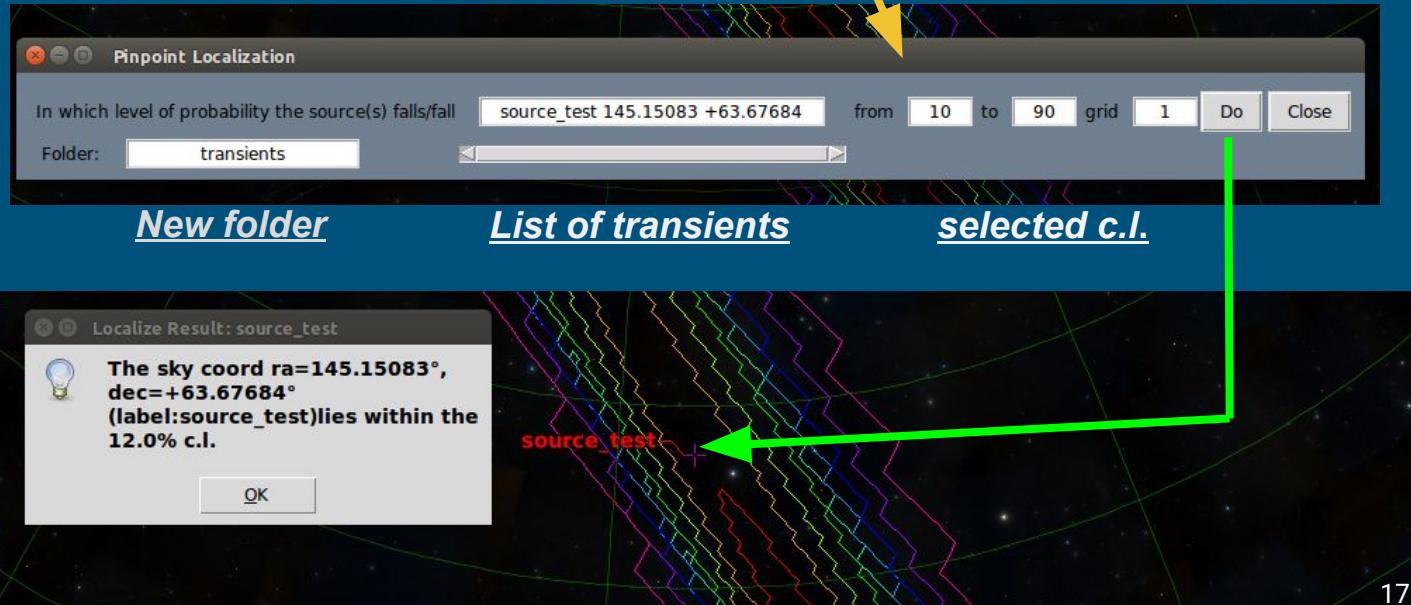


Determining in which level of probability the source falls



LocalizeSource is designed to determine in which level of probability a source is localized.

The localization accuracy is improved with increasing the resolution (grid label).

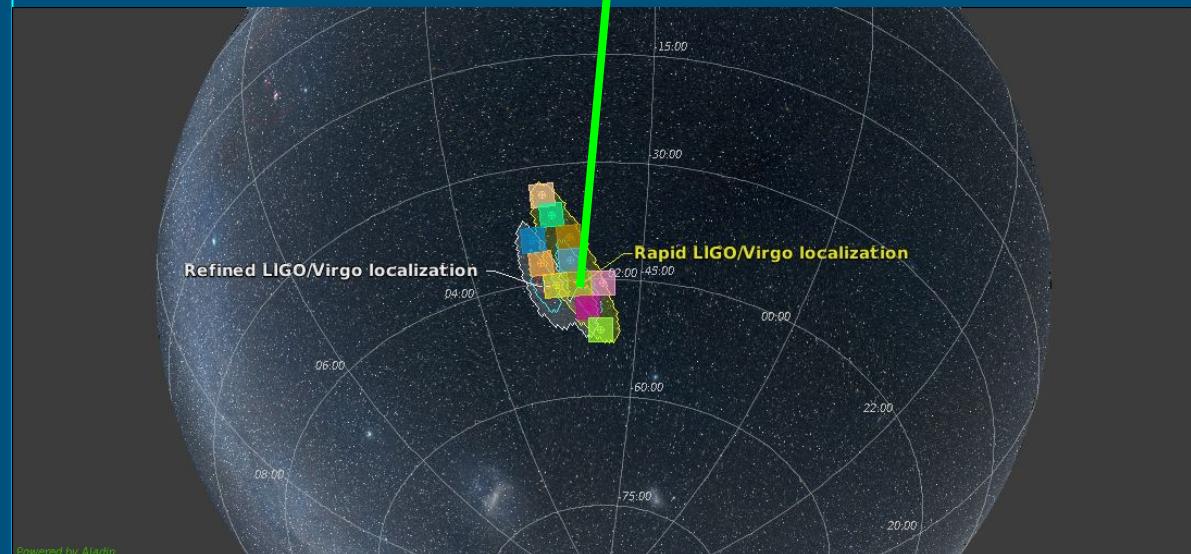


Future developments (I)

A function to convert a XML FoV in a MOC

- **fast computation of the integrated probability even in overlapping observations**

From FoV footprints to MOC



The pointing sequence is taken from GCN 21498 and GRAWITA paper in preparation

Future developments (II)

GWsky on line

- A dedicated web page to communicate with a local Aladin/TOPCAT application incorporating the main features of GWsky.

sampjs application

GWSky Web

GWsky on line beta version do not use for publication - Send comments, questions ideas to ...

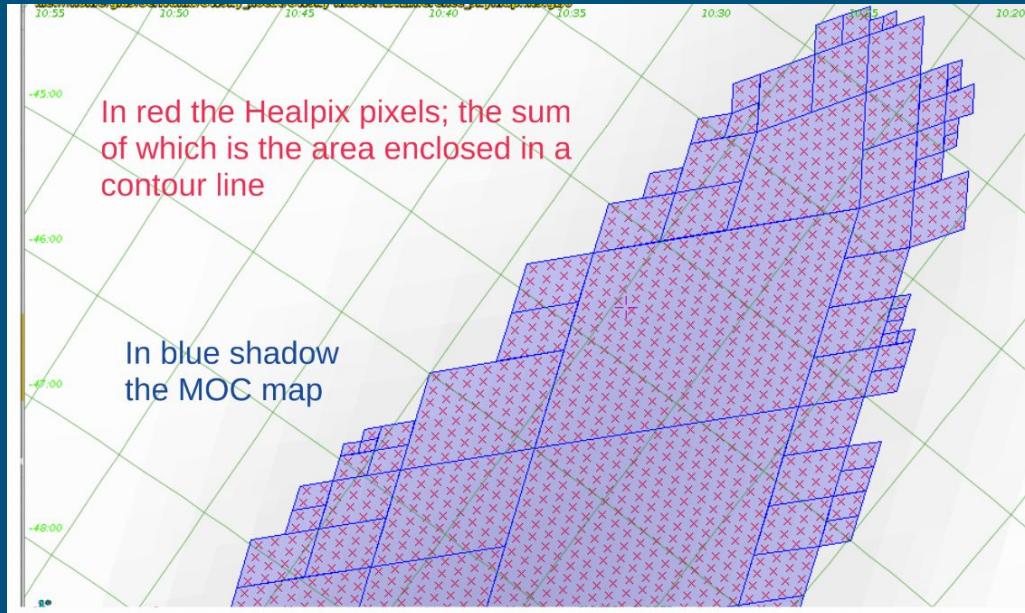
The screenshot shows a web-based interface for GWsky. At the top left is a URL input field containing <https://losc.ligo.org/s/events>. To its right are two buttons: "List events" (highlighted in blue) and "Load & MOC". Further to the right are "Load & MOC" and "Load FoV" buttons. Below this is a list of event IDs: GW150914, LVT151012, GW151226, GW170104, GW170608, GW170814, and GW170817, each followed by a small blue arrow icon. At the bottom is a red "Delete all planes" button.

Preliminary

- ❖ sampjs is a small JavaScript library for using the SAMP Web Profile from within web pages - <http://astrojs.github.io/sampjs/>

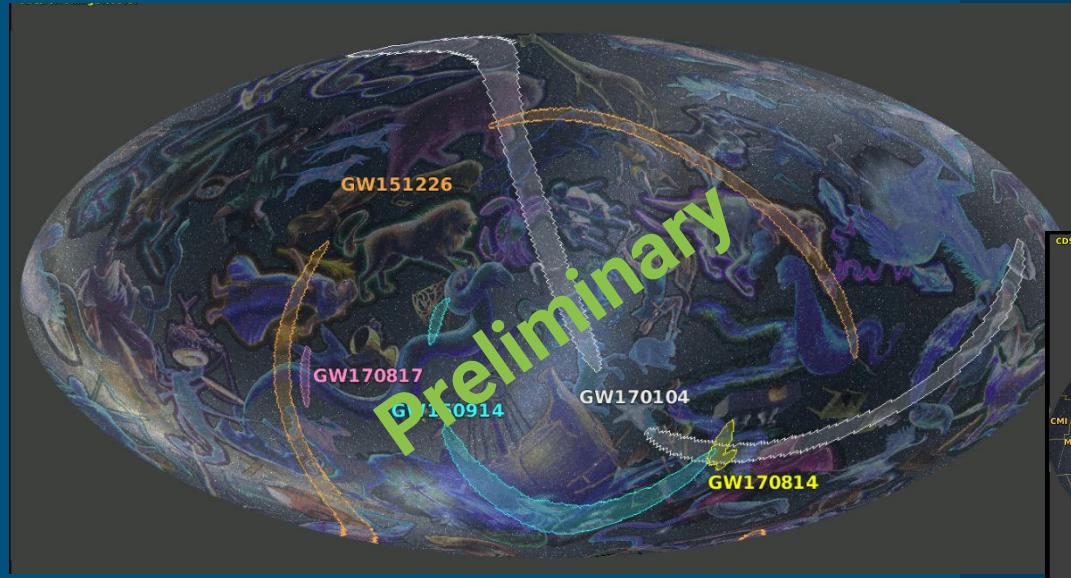
ISSUE

- I. The actual resolution of a sky localization map is too large (NSIDE=2048) for running the MOC in a normal pc!
 - A. You need to sort the values in order to scan the higher elements. If your memory cannot contain all your values, the sort can not be done easily and the time of computation explodes.

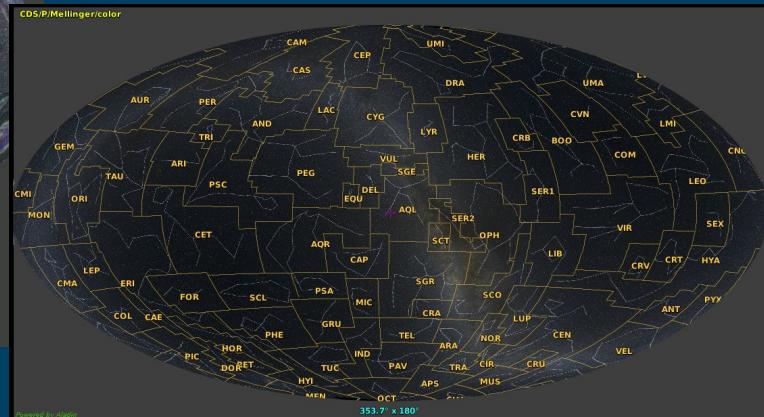


Need to develop a new algorithm!

An interactive game: which constellations a GW skymap crosses?



- Users should choose from a set of constellations which are crossed by a selected skymap.
- Using Aladin Lite and EXELEARNING application.
- Extraction of the boundary constellation as MOC/polygon plane to show interactively the answer.



Thanks