GW170817: FIRST COSMIC EVENT OBSERVED IN GRAVITATIONAL WAVES AND LIGHT



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Global Relay of Observatories Watching Transients Happen





Multi-Messenger Astrophysics Discovery Engines

Gravitational Waves: LIGO, Virgo, LIGO-India, Kagra, LISA, PTA

Neutrinos and UHECRs: Icecube, Pierre Auger, Antares, SuperK

Optical: Evryscope, ASASSN, HATPI, ZTF, CSS-II, PS2, Blackgem, ATLAS, DECAM, HSC (and soon, LSST) Gamma-Rays Fermi, Swift, Integral Radio: LOFAR, MWA, LWA, Apertif, Meerkat, Askap, VLASS

MISSING: Wide-field Infrared, Ultraviolet, X-rays

August 17, 2017, 12:41:04 UTC



LVC, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 161101 (2017)





SIMULATING EXTREME SPACETIMES

Black holes, neutron stars, and beyond

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GW170104

GW170817

0 t	ime observable (seconds)	2
	Low-spin priors $(\chi \le 0.05)$	High-spin priors $(\chi \le 0.89)$
Primary mass m_1	1.36–1.60 M _☉	1.36–2.26 M _☉
Secondary mass m_2	1.17–1.36 M _o	0.86–1.36 M _o
Chirp mass \mathcal{M}	$1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002}M_{\odot}$	$1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002}M_{\odot}$
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 $E_{\rm rad}$	$> 0.025 M_{\odot} c^2$	$> 0.025 M_{\odot}c^{2}$
Luminosity distance $D_{\rm L}$	40^{+8}_{-14} Mpc	40^{+8}_{-14} Mpc
Viewing angle Θ	≤ 55°	≤ 56°
Using NGC 4993 location	≤ 28°	≤ 28°
Combined dimensionless tidal deformability $\tilde{\Lambda}$	≤ 800	≤ 700
Dimensionless tidal deformability $\Lambda(1.4M_{\odot})$	≤ 800	≤ 1400

Just 1.7 seconds later: a burst of gamma-rays!



LVC, Fermi, Integral Astrophys. J. Lett., 2017; Goldstein et al. 2017

Localization



Credit: R. Hurt

A Panchromatic Hunt



NuSTAR
Hard X-rayNeil Gehrels Swift Obs.
Soft X-ray & Ultraviolet
Evans et al. 2017Gemini-South & VISTA
InfraredVery Large Array
RadioTanvir et al. 2017
Kasliwal et al. 2017Tanvir et al. 2017
Mooley et al. 2017Hallinan et al. 2017

8 Independent Searches in Chile

Optical:

- 1. Swope 40" Las Campanas Telescope (Coulter et al. 2017)
- 2. MASTER (Lipunov et al. 2017)
- 3. DLT40 (Valenti et al. 2017)
- 4. DECam on Blanco Telescope (Soares-Santos et al. 2017)
- 5. Las Cumbres Observatory (Arcavi et al. 2017)
- 6. REM (Pian et al. 2017)

Infrared:

- 1. ESO VISTA (Tanvir et al. 2017)
- 2. Gemini-South (Kasliwal et al. 2017)

Role of Galaxy Catalogs



3rd highest priority galaxy in the Census of the Local Universe (CLU) list! Read more about CLU galaxy catalog in Cook et al. 2017; Read about search strategy in Nissanke et al. 2013, Gehrels et al. 2016

Is ZTF Unique?

- 1. ZTF can respond instantly given the location of Palomar Observatory and GW quadrupolar antenna pattern
- 2. ZTF mapping speed allows us to follow-up all events, including the majority which will be coarse two-detector events
- 3. ZTF 600s depth allows us to be sensitive to events fainter than GW170817 by factor of 10 (at 120 Mpc in O3).
- 4. ZTF sequence sensitive to both the fast-blue and slow-red (e.g., if we do ggg_0, gr_1, ri_2, ri_4, ri_6, gri_15)
- 5. GROWTH's panchromatic approach complements ZTF to paint a complete astrophysical picture

ZTF is a powerful discovery engine.

Why 600s?



Future events could be less luminous than GW170817 if:

Kasen et al. 2017

Ejecta Mass is Lower or

Ejecta Velocity is Lower or

Mass ratio is larger or

Remnant Lifetime is shorter or

Viewing angle is more equatorial

GW170817: A Global Effort



Movie Credit: V. Bhalerao

Total 70 ground-based telescopes + 7 space telescopes (The GROWTH Team: 18 telescopes, 6 continents, 100+ people)







Students and Postdocs





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Celebrating a trio of papers in journal Science: Evans et al. 2017, Kasliwal et al. 2017, Hallinan et al. 2017 Gottlieb et al. 2017, Rosswog et al. 2017, Mooley et al. 2017

I. Nucleosynthesis

Are neutron star mergers the long-sought sites of heavy element production?

Lattimer & Schramm 1974

Kilonovae: Heavy Element Thumbprint



Kasliwal et al. 2017c See also Chornock et al. 2017, Troja et al. 2017

Spectroscopic Evolution



Pian et al. 2017, Nature

Additional spectroscopic evolution datasets: Shappee et al . 2017, Chornock et al. 2017, Smartt et al. 2017, Nicholl et al. 2017 McCullly et al. 2017, Buckley et al. 2017, Kasliwal et al. 2017

Solar abundance of Heavy Elements



A Site or The Site? e.g. Hotokezaka et al. 2018 Rate / 500 Gpc^-3 yr^-1 X Ejecta / 0.05 Msun = Observed Solar Abundance

LIGO lower limit: > 320 / Gpc^3 / yr PTF upper limit: < 800 / Gpc^3 / yr





Reddest detection with Spitzer



Infrared Image (3.6–4.5 µm)

Filtered Image (3.6–4.5 µm)

Galaxy-Subtracted Image (4.5 µm)

Afterglow of Neutron Star Merger in galaxy NGC 4993 NASA / JPL-Caltech / R. Lau, M. Kasliwal (Caltech), E. Ofek (Weizmann)

Spitzer Space Telescope • IRAC

II. Jet Physics Are neutron star mergers progenitors of short hard gamma-ray bursts?

Eichler et al. 1989, Paczynski 1989

What it is not



Surprise # 1: Weaker than a sGRB by 10,000x Surprise # 2: Delayed onset of Radio/X-rays

UVOIR Light Curve



See also: Andreoni et al. 2017 Arcavi et al. 2017 Cowperthwaite et a. Coulter et al. 2017 Drout et al. 2017 Lipunov et al. 2017 Lyman et al. 2017 Pian et al. 2017 Soares-Santos et al. 2 Smartt et al. 2017 Tanvir et al. 2017 Utsumi et al. 2017 Villar et al. 2017

Evans et al. 2017, Kasliwal et al. 2017c

Surprise # 3: Too Bright and Blue at Early Time

A New Model: The Cocoon Breakout



Cocoon for NS mergers: Lazzati et al. 2017a,b, Gottlieb et al. 2017a, Hotokezaka et al. 2015 Simulations: Aloy et al. 2005, Nagakura et al. 2014, Murguia-Berthier et al. 2014, Duffell et al. 201

Cocoon Explains Gamma-Rays



Smooth Profile
Two Spectral
Components
Low luminosity
Time lag

Radio Prediction on Oct 16



Prediction: Gottlieb et al. 2017b, Data: Hallinan et al. 2017

Cocoon Explains Radio



Cocoon Explains X-ray and Optical



Ruan et al. 2017, Pooley et al. 2017 Troja et al. 2017, Haggard et al. 2017, Margutti et al. 2017

Lyman et al. 2018 Margutti et al. 2018

Cocoon Explains Early Blue Emission



Kasliwal et al. 2017c

Alternate: Geometry and Ye?



See also Kasen et al. 2017, Metzger 2017, Cowperthwaite et al. 2017, Villar et al. 2017

Alternate: A single-component model?







Arcavi 2018

The fate of the jet is not yet clear





Kasliwal et al. 2017c

Patience



Nakar et al., submitted

We have learned so much...

but this is just the beginning!

What is the rate of neutron star mergers?

Is this *the* source of heavy elements?

How bright, blue and ubiquitous is the early emission?

Does a cocoon accompany every neutron star merger? What is the fate of the jet? Is there a connection to sGRB?

Can we directly infer the nature of the remnant?

What does a neutron star + black hole merger look like?

Best is that ZTF may find a kilonova even without a trigger from GW detectors...

2015 - 20162016 - 20172018 - 2019Epoch 2020+ 2024+ Planned run duration 4 months 9 months 12 months (per year) (per year) 75 - 90LIGO 40 - 6060 - 75105 105 Expected burst range/Mpc Virgo 20 - 4040 - 7080 40 - 50KAGRA 100 LIGO 40 - 8080 - 120120 - 170190 190 Expected BNS range/Mpc 20 - 6565-85 65 - 115125 Virgo KAGRA 140 60 - 8060 - 100LIGO Achieved BNS range/Mpc 25 - 30Virgo KAGRA Estimated BNS detections 0.007 - 300.1 - 2000.002 - 20.04 - 1000.4 - 400Actual BNS detections 0 5 deg² < 11 - 51 - 43 - 723 - 30% within 90% CR 20 deg^2 <1 7 - 1412 - 2114 - 2265 - 73median/deg2 460 - 530230 - 320120 - 180110 - 1809 - 125 deg² 4 - 615 - 2120 - 2623 - 2962 - 67Searched area % within 20 deg² 14 - 1733 - 4142 - 5044 - 5287 - 90

LVC Living Review