# Short GRBs in the multi-messenger era: situation and perspectives

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### **Gamma-ray bursts (GRBs)**





### **Short GRBs: prompt emission**





Amati et al. 2002; Younetoku et al. 2004; Ghirlanda et al. 2009, Zhang et al. 2012, D'Avanzo et al. 2014

### Short GRBs: prompt (extended) emission



T<sub>90</sub> >> 2 s

Short/hard spike Long/soft tail

**Short GRBs: afterglow emission** 



of *E*<sub>iso</sub> for both long and short GRBs

**GRBs** 

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# Swift & Short GRBs



Since 2005, with the advent of the *Swift* satellite, the discovery of short GRB afterglows and the identification of their host galaxies made possible to measure their distances and study their energy scales and environments.

To date, *Swift* detected ~160 short GRBs (~10/yr):

- ~15% with an extended emission
- ~75% with a X-ray afterglow detected
- ~15% with no X-ray afterglow detection in spite of prompt XRT slew
- ~35% with an optical afterglow detected
- ~5% with a radio afterglow detected

 ~25% with a redshift measurement (mainly from host galaxy spectroscopy -> importance of precise, arcsec, position for host galaxy association)

A lot of science cases related to short GRBs Main issue: the quest for progenitors



### Compact object mergers: what we do expect



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**Emission geometry (jet?)** 

Kilonova association

**Gravitational waves** 



The Neutron Stars Merging Scenario

ESO PR Photo 32c/05 (October 6, 2005)



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Barthelmy+05 Malesani+07 Stratta+07 PDA+09 Fong+13 Berger14



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Short GRBs Long GRBs C C SNo

Type la SNe

Asquini+19

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#### **Kilonova** $M = 10^{-2} M_{\odot}, v_0 = 0.1 c$ $M = 10^{-2} M_{\odot}, v_0 = 0.1 c$ 20 Lanthanide "Red" Kilonova Lanthanide-Free "Blue" Kilonova 22 22 arnes+16 200 Mpc 200 Mpc 24 0 0 26 26 M<sub>AB</sub> M<sub>AB</sub> 28 28 30 0.1 0.1 10 10 1 Time (Days) Time (Days)

A key signature of an NS–NS/NS–BH binary merger is the production of a so-called "kilonova" (aka "macronova") due to the decay of heavy radioactive species produced by the *r*-process and ejected during the merger that is expected to provide a source of heating and radiation (Li and Paczynski 1998; Rosswog, 2005; Metzger et al., 2010).









Abbott+17; Goldstein+17; Savchenko+17

### GW 170817 / GRB 170817A / AT2017gfo 🧲

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(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration) (Received 26 September 2017; revised manuscript received 2 October 2017; published 16 October 2017)

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Soares-Santos+17; Tanvir+17; Valenti+17 and many others)

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Covino et al., 2017

#### Full characterization of the KN properties













detection of the afterglow at the peak



















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C Successful jet of of simulated image + real nois -23°22'53.38' G 53.39" 53,40' D Choked jet cocoon E Choked jet cocoon nulated image + real nois -23°22'53 38 G 53.39" 53.40" 48.0685s 48.0685s 48.0680 13h09m48.0695s 48.0690s RA Ghirlanda+17<sup>™</sup>

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These findings, together with the afterglow light curve modelling, support the structured jet model. Fit to the data and numerical simulations are in agreement with the scenario of a structured jet with a relativistic core with  $\theta_{iet} < 5 \text{ deg and } \theta_{view} \sim 20 \text{ deg.}$ 

Alexander+17,18; PDA+18; Dobie+18; Fong+19; Haggard+17; Hallinan+17; Hajela+19; Margutti+17,18; Mooley+18a,b; Reasmi+18; Ruan+18; Troja+18a,b, 19,20; Ghirlanda+19; Piro+19; Margutti & Chornock 21 and many others

# GRB 170817A: a puzzling late time emission 🔎 INAF



**KN afterglow?** 

Accretion on compact remnant?

Magnetar?

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# Waiting for O4 (Spring 2023)



Observation run	Network	Expected BNS detections	Expected NSBH detections	Expected BBH detections	
03	HLV	$1^{+12}_{-1}$	$0^{+19}_{-0}$	$17^{+22}_{-11}$	
•O4	HLVK	$10^{+52}_{-10}$	$1^{+91}_{-1}$	$79^{+89}_{-44}$	
		Area (deg <sup>2</sup> ) 90% c.r.	Area (deg <sup>2</sup> ) 90% c.r.	Area (deg <sup>2</sup> ) 90% c.r.	
03	HLV	$270_{-20}^{+34}$	$330_{-31}^{+24}$	$280^{+30}_{-23}$	
•O4	HLVK	$33^{+5}_{-5}$	$50^{+8}_{-8}$	$41^{+7}_{-6}$	
		Comoving volume $(10^3 \text{ Mpc}^3)$ 90% c.r.	Comoving volume $(10^3 \text{ Mpc}^3)$ 90% c.r.	Comoving volume $(10^3 \text{ Mpc}^3)$ 90% c.r.	
03	HLV	$120^{+19}_{-24}$	$860^{+150}_{-150}$	$16000^{+2200}_{-2500}$	
►O4	HLVK	$52^{+10}_{-9}$	$430\substack{+100 \\ -78}$	$7700\substack{+1500\\-920}$	

#### Abbott+20 (LRR)

#### Prospects for joint GW – e.m. detection of BNS in O4



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# Prospects for multimessenger detection of binary neutron star mergers in the fourth LIGO–Virgo–KAGRA observing run

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Model			GW+EM (prompt)								
			Swift/BAT		<i>Fermi/</i> GBM		INTEGRAL/IBIS		SVOM/ECLAIRs		
	$\mathcal{R}(0)$	GW	Uniform	Structured	Uniform	Structured	Uniform	Structured	Uniform	Structured	
	$(\mathrm{Gpc}^{-3} \mathrm{yr}^{-1})$	$(yr^{-1})$	$(yr^{-1})$	$(yr^{-1})$	$(yr^{-1})$	$(yr^{-1})$	$(yr^{-1})$	$(\mathrm{yr}^{-1})$	$(yr^{-1})$	$(yr^{-1})$	
A1	31	5	0.002 (0.01)	0.05-0.08	0.014 (0.06)	0.27-0.46	0.0005 (0.002)	0.009–0.014	0.002 (0.008)	0.05-0.07	
A3	258	22	0.01 (0.04)	0.24-0.37	0.06 (0.26)	1.17 - 2.00	0.002 (0.008)	0.04-0.06	0.009 (0.04)	0.22-0.32	
A7	765	61	0.03 (0.12)	0.67 - 1.05	0.18 (0.74)	3.28-5.65	0.006 (0.02)	0.11-0.18	0.02 (0.10)	0.63-0.90	



### In the meanwhile: many SGRBs/KNe







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#### The Peculiar Short-duration GRB 200826A and Its Supernova<sup>\*</sup>

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see also Ahumada+21



#### The First Short GRB Millimeter Afterglow: The Wide-Angled Jet of the Extremely Energetic SGRB 211106A

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GRB 211106A: VLT host galaxy detection and early-time afterglow & KN limits (Ferro et al., in preparation)

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ESO-VLT faint host galaxy detection;  $R_{HG} \sim 26.5 \text{ mag}$  (d)









ESO-VLT:  $T-T_0 \sim 2.9$ , 5.9, 27.9 d limits on afterglow / KN: R > 26.8 mag



A Kilonova Following a Long-Duration Gamma-Ray Burst at 350 Mpc

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### GeV emission from a compact binary merger

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#### GRB 211227A as a Peculiar Long Gamma-Ray Burst from a Compact Star Merger

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#### GRB 220831A

- detected by Fermi/GBM e Swift/BAT-GUANO

- T<sub>90</sub> ~ 1.7 s

- close to NGC 625 ( $D_L \sim 4$  Mpc; 30 kpc offset in projection)

 possible color evolution of the optical/ NIR counterpart (r – J > 2 mag at late time)



# The SBAT4 sample



A sub-sample of Swift SGRBS with:

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(Nov 2004 – Jun 2013)

16 SGRBs, 11 with redshift (~70%)

### **The SBAT4 sample**





### **The extended SBAT4 sample**





The sample almost doubled its size w.r.t. the one presented in 2014 A useful and powerful tool to study SGRB properties

# **Conclusions & Future**



• The knowledge of SGRBs experienced an impressive boost in the past two decades. After the recent major breakthroughs, we now have direct evidence for:

- the NS-NS / SGRB association
- the existence of NS-BH systems (from GWs)
- SGRB outflows shaped as structured jets
- off-axis afterglow emission
- the existence of r-process kilonovae and their association with SGRBs
- The search for SGRB/KN events (old and new events) looks promising
- No good events in O3, waiting for O4
- Still a number of open issues:
  - can NS-BH power SGRBs?
  - what is the origin of the blue KN component?
  - are KNe associated to every short GRB?
  - how to unveil the nature of the NS-NS remnant?
  - GeV emission from GRB 211211A?
  - how to identify genuine short (i.e. merger-driven) GRBs?
  - (...)

We are at the dawn of a new, exciting, promising, era for (multi-messenger) studies of SGRBs. No doubt that there is a lot of attention, efforts, planning, expectations from the community.

