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Scientific achievements: properties of binary systems

"GWTC-1: A Gravitational-Wave Transient Catalog of Compact Binary Mergers Observed by LIGO and Virgo during the First and Second Observing Runs", LIGO Virgo Collaboration, <u>arXiv:1811.12907</u>



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Already 33 (= 41 - 8) public alerts in the 3rd science run: more candidates than O1 and O2 combined

Latest — as of 10 October 2019 17:29:34 UTC

Query:

Test and MDC events and superevents are not included in the search results by default; see the query help for information on how to search for events and superevents in those categories.

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Already 41 public alerts in the 3rd science run: more candidate events than O1 and O2 combined

Event ID	Possible Source (Probability)	UTC	GCN	Location	FAR	Comments	<u>5190521r</u>	BBH (>99%)	May 21, 2019 07:43:59 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>	A)	1 per 100.04 years	
<u>5190822c</u>	BNS (>99%)	Aug. 22, 2019 01:29:59 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices VOE	(1 per 5.1566e+09 years	RETRACTED	<u>5190521g</u>	BBH (97%), Terrestrial (3%)	May 21, 2019 03:02:29 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices YOE		1 per 8.3367 years	
<u>5190816i</u>	NSBH (83%), Terrestrial (17%)	Aug. 16, 2019 13:04:31 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		1 per 2.2067 years	RETRACTED	<u>5190519bj</u>	88H (96%), Terrestrial (4%)	May 19, 2019 15:35:44 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> Notices <u>VOE</u>		1 per 5.5578 years	
<u>5190814bv</u>	N5BH (>99%)	Aug. 14, 2019 21:10:39 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		1 per 1.559e+25 years		<u>5190518bb</u>	BNS (75%), Terrestrial (25%)	May 18, 2019 19:19:19 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		1 per 3.1557 years	RETRACTED
<u>5190808ae</u>	Terrestrial (57%), BNS (43%)	Aug. 8, 2019 22:21:21 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		1.0622 per year	RETRACTED	<u>5190517h</u>	BBH (98%), MassGap (2%)	May 17, 2019 05:51:01 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		1 per 13.354 years	
<u>5190728g</u>	88H (95%), MassGap (5%)	July 28, 2019 05:45:10 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		1 per 1.2541e+15 years		<u>5190513bm</u>	BBH (94%), MassGap (5%)	May 13, 2019 20:54:28 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>	(/1.1))	1 per 84864 years	
<u>5190727h</u>	88H (92%), Terrestrial (5%), MassGap (3%)	July 27, 2019 06:03:33 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices VOE		1 per 229.92 years		<u>5190512at</u>	BBH (99%), Terrestrial (1%)	May 12, 2019 18:07:14 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices YOE		1 per 16.673 years	
<u>5190720a</u>	88H (99%), Terrestrial (1%)	July 20, 2019 00:08:36 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices VOE		1 per 8.3367 years		<u>5190510g</u>	Terrestrial (58%), BNS (42%)	May 10, 2019 02:59:39 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices YOE	()))	1 per 3.5872 years	
<u>5190718v</u>	Terrestrial (98%), BNS (2%)	July 18, 2019 14:35:12 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		1.1514 per year		<u>5190503bf</u>	BBH (96%), MassCap (3%)	May 3, 2019 18:54:04 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		1 per 19.368 years	
<u>5190707q</u>	88H (>99%)	July 7, 2019 09:33:26 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		1 per 6018.9 years		<u>5190426c</u>	BNS (49%), MassCap (24%), Terrestrial (14%), NSBH (13%)	April 26, 2019 15:21:55 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		1 per 1.6276 years	
<u>5190706ai</u>	BBH (99%), Terrestrial (1%)	July 6, 2019 22:26:41 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		1 per 16.673 years		<u>5190425z</u>	BNS (>99%)	April 25, 2019 08:18:05 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> Notices <u>VOE</u>		1 per 69834 years	
<u>5190701ah</u>	BBH (93%), Terrestrial (7%)	July 1, 2019 20:33:06 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices VOE		1 per 1.6543 years		<u>5190421ar</u>	BBH (97%), Terrestrial (3%)	April 21, 2019 21:38:56 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices YOE		1 per 2.1285 years	
<u>5190630ag</u>	BBH (94%), MassGap (5%)	June 30, 2019 18:52:05 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices</u> <u>VOE</u>		l per 2.2077e+05 years		<u>5190412m</u>	BBH (>99%)	April 12, 2019 05:30:44 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices YOE		1 per 1.883e+19 years	
<u>5190602aq</u>	88H (99%)	June 2, 2019 17:59:27 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> <u>Notices VOE</u>		1 per 16.673 years		<u>5190408an</u>	88H (>99%)	April 8, 2019 18:18:02 UTC	<u>GCN Circulars</u> Notices <u>VOE</u>		1 per 1.1273e+10 years	
<u>5190524g</u>	Terrestrial (71%), BNS (29%)	May 24, 2019 04:52:06 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices VOE		l per 4.5458 years	RETRACTED	<u>5190405ar</u>	Terrestrial (>99%)	April 5, 2019 16:01:30 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices VOE		6756.4 per year	IMPORTANT: this trigger (\$190405ar) is not considered to be astrophysical in o issued but the event ID was truncated to \$190405a due to a bug. RETRACTED

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Black holes are now seen at distances up to 3.9 - 6.7 Gpc (redshift 0.9 - 1.6)



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LIGO/Virgo O3 Public Alerts

Detection candidates: 56

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SORT: EVENT ID (A-Z)

Event ID	Possible Source (Probability)	UTC	GCN	Location	FAR	Comments
S200316bj	MassGap (>99%)	March 16, 2020 21:57:56 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices I VOE		1 per 446.44 years	
S200311bg	BBH (>99%)	March 11, 2020 11:58:53 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices I VOE		1 per 3.5448e+17 years	
S200308e	NSBH (83%), Terrestrial (17%)	March 8, 2020 01:19:27 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices I VOE		1 per 8.757 years	RETRACTED







https://www.ligo.org/science/Publication-O3aCatalog/







https://www.ligo.org/science/Publication-GW190521/

https://www.ligo.org/science/Publication-GW190425/



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LIGO-Virgo analyses for sources of gravitational waves

Sources can be transient or of continuous nature, and can be modeled or unmodeled



Continuous Waves

Astrophysics

More than 2500 observed NSs (mostly pulsars) and $O(10^8 - 10^9)$ expected to exist in our galaxy Sources must have some degree of non-axisymmetry originating from

- deformation due to elastic stresses or magnetic field not aligned to the rotation axis $(f_{GW} = 2f_r)$
- free precession around rotation axis $(f_{GW} \sim f_{rot} + f_{prec}; f_{GW} \sim 2f_{rot} + 2f_{prec})$
- excitation of long-lasting oscillations (e.g. *r*-modes; $f_{GW} \sim 4f_r/3$)
- deformation due to matter accretion (e.g. LMXB; $f_{GW} \sim 2f_r$)

Source characteristics

Emission of quasi-monochromatic waves with a slowly decreasing intrinsic frequency Constant amplitude, but weak, and persistent over years of data taking









Continuous Waves analysis

Types of Continuous Waves searches

- <u>Targeted searches</u>: observed NSs with known source parameters as sky location, frequency & frequency derivatives (e.g. the Crab and Vela pulsars)
- <u>Narrowband searches</u>: observed NSs with uncertainties in rotational parameters. A small mismatch between the GW frequency (spindown) and the rotational star frequency (spindown) inferred from EM observations needs to be taken into account
- <u>Directed searches</u>: sky location is known while frequency and frequency derivatives are unknown (e.g. Cassiopeia A, SN1987A, Scorpius X-1, galactic center, globular clusters)
- <u>All-sky searches</u>: unknown pulsars => computing challenge (Einstein@Home Cloud Grid)

Papers

- First search for gravitational waves from known pulsars (LVC, ApJ 839, 12, 2017)
 - Analyzed 200 known pulsars (119 out of 200 are in binary systems)
 - Spindown limit beaten for 8 pulsars, including both Crab & Vela: For the Crab and Vela pulsars less than 2x10-3 and 10-2 of the spindown luminosity is being lost via GWs, respectively
- Narrowband search: LVC, PRD 96, 122006 (2017)
- Directed searches from Scorpius-X1 (LVC 2017: PRD 95, 122003; ApJ 847, 47, PRL 118, 121102)
- All-sky searches up to high frequencies (LVC, PRD 97, 102003, 2018)
- All-sky searches at low frequencies LVC, PRD 96, 122004, 2018)
- Search for non-tensorial polarizations (LVC, PRL 120, 031104, 2018)

Still to come: O2 results from targeted, narrowband, directed and all-sky searches

See <u>https://galaxy.ligo.caltech.edu/svn/cw/public/index.html</u>



Stochastic GW Background

A stochastic background of gravitational waves has resulted from the superposition of a large number of independent unresolved sources from different stages in the evolution of the Universe

Astrophysical SGWB

All the sources since the beginning of stellar activity Dominated by compact binary coalescences: BBHs, BNSs, BH-NSs

LIGO and Virgo have already published 10 BBHs and 1 BNS Events are individual sources at z~0.07-0.2 for BBHs, 0.01 for BNS

Many individual sources at larger distances that contribute to SGWB This could be the next milestone for LIGO/Virgo



Abbott et al. PRL120.091101, 2017

Cosmological SGWB

Signatures of the early Universe Inflation, cosmic strings, no phase transition in LIGO/Virgo





Observing run timeline and BNS sensitivity evolution





Branchesi 2021 (Theseus conference)



Einstein Telescope and Cosmic Explorer

Realizing the next gravitational wave observatories is a coordinated effort with US to create a worldwide 3G network









Einstein Telescope and Cosmic Explorer

Einstein Telescope will feature excellent low-frequency sensitivity and have great discovery potential



For science case, see https://www.dropbox.com/s/gihpzcue4qd92dt/science-case.pdf?dl=0



Einstein Telescope

Einstein Telescope can observe BBH mergers to red shifts of about 100. This allows a new approach to cosmography. Study primordial black holes, BH from population III stars (first metal producers), *etc*.



Einstein Telescope: an infrastructure for 50 to 100 years

ET will study events from the entire Universe. Gravitational waves will become a common tool just like conventional astronomy has been for the last four centuries





Einstein Telescope: cosmography

What is this mysterious dark energy that is tearing the Universe apart? Use BNS and BBH as standard "candles" (so-called "sirens")



Einstein Telescope: fundamental physics

What happened at the edge of a black hole?

Is Einstein's theory correct in conditions of extreme gravitation? Of does new physics await?



Observe intermediate-mass black holes

Globular clusters may host intermediate-mass black holes (IMBHs) with masses in the range 100 to 1000 solar masses

IMBH will be the most massive object in the cluster and will readily sink to the center

Binary with a compact-object companion will form. The binary will then harden through three-body interactions

Binary will eventually merge via an intermediate-mass-ratio inspiral (IMRI)

The number of detectable mergers depends on the unknown distribution of IMBH masses and their typical companions. Detect 300 events per year out to z = 1.5 for 100M (redshifted) primaries and 10M secondaries



NGC 2276-3c: NASA's Chandra Finds Intriguing Member of Black Hole Family Tree http://chandra.harvard.edu/photo/2015/ngc2276/

Provide early warning alerts hours in advance

A BNS system will stay in ET's sensitivity band for nearly 20 hours starting from 2 Hz, and a little less than 2 hours starting from 5 Hz. For the same lower frequency limits the duration of a BBH signal from a pair of 10 M BHs is 45 minutes and 4 minutes

It is of great importance to study spin-precession effects. Modulations encode the parameters of sources such as their masses, spins, and inclination of the orbit



Physics of supernovae

Study progenitor mass, proto neutron star (NS) core oscillations, core rotation rate, mass accretion rate from shock, geometry of core collapse, effects of NS Equation of State, fate of collapse: NS or BH



Physics of neutron stars

Deformation due to elastic stresses or magnetic field not aligned to the rotation axis, free precession around rotation axis, excitation of long-lasting oscillations (e.g. *r*-modes), deformation due to matter accretion (e.g. LMXB)



Physics from the early Universe

A stochastic background of gravitational waves may be observed from the earliest stages of the Universe



Einstein Telescope

The next gravitational wave observatory Coordinated effort with US Worldwide for 3G network ...

Conceptual Design Study

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Bright future for gravitational wave research

LIGO and Virgo are operational. KAGRA in Japan joins this year, LIGO-India under construction. ESA launches LISA in 2034. Einstein Telescope and CE CDRs financed. Strong support by APPEC

Gravitational wave research

- LIGO and Virgo operational
- KAGRA to join this year
- LIGO-India under construction (2025)
- ESA selects LISA, NASA rejoins
- Pulsar Timing Arrays, such as EPTA and SKA
- Cosmic Microwave Background radiation

Einstein Telescope and Cosmic Explorer

- CDR ET financed by EU in FP7, CE by NSF
- APPEC gives GW a prominent place in the new Roadmap and especially the realization of ET

Next steps for 3G

- Organize the community and prepare a credible plan for EU funding agencies
- ESFRI Roadmap (2020)
- Support 3G: <u>http://www.et-gw.eu/index.php/letter-of-intent</u>


Astrofisica Nucleare e Subnucleare Nuclear Astrophysics – I

Heavy element nucleosynthesis: the r process

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Hydrostatic Burning Phases

Core-collapse supernova Nucleosynthesis heavy elements

Nucleosynthesis beyond iron



The stable nuclei beyond iron can be classified in three categories depending of their origin:

- s-process
- r-process
- p-process (γ -process)

Nucleosynthesis beyond iron

Three processes contribute to the nucleosynthesis beyond iron: s-process, r-process and p-process (γ -process).



- s-process: relatively low neutron densities, $n_n = 10^{10-12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $\tau_n > \tau_\beta$
- r-process: large neutron densities, $n_n > 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $\tau_n < \tau_{\beta}$.
- p-process: photodissociation of s-process material.

Signatures of heavy element nucleosynthesis Basic concepts Astrophysical reaction rates 00000000

General working of the r process r process in mergers

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Time evolution: metalicity



Astronomers use the metalicity:

$$[Fe/H] = \log_{10} \left(\frac{N_{Fe}}{N_{H}}\right)_{*} - \log_{10} \left(\frac{N_{Fe}}{N_{H}}\right)_{\odot}$$

as a proxy for age.

Introduction: Summary

- The r process is a primary process operating in a site that produces both neutrons and seeds. Large neutron densities imply a site with extreme conditions of temperature and/or density.
- There is strong evidence that the bulk of r-process content in the Galaxy originates from a high yield/low frequency events.
- Neutron star mergers may account for most of the r-process material in the galaxy. However, due to the coalescent delay time they may not contribute efficiently at low metalicities. Magneto-rotational supernova may contribute at low metalicities.



- Red dots: 10^8 yr coalescence time
- Green dots: 10^6 yr coalescence time
- Blue dots: larger merger probability.



Including MHD-jet supernovae

Wehmeyer, B., M. Pignatari, and F.-K. Thielemann , Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. 452, 1970 (2015) ~~ .

Types of reactions

In order to dissentangle changes in the density (hydrodynamics) from changes in the composition (nuclear dynamics), the abundance is introduced:

$$Y_a = \frac{n_a}{n}, \quad n \approx \frac{\rho}{m_u} =$$
 Number density of nucleons (constant)

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$$\sum_{i} Y_i Z_i = Y_e$$
 (charge neutrality)

R-process sites

- Any r-process site should be able to produce both the "seed" nuclei where neutrons are captured and the neutrons that drive the r-process. The main parameter describing the feasibility of a site to produce r-process nuclei is the neutron-to-seed ratio: n_n/n_{seed}.
- If the seed nuclei have mass number A_{seed} and we have n_n/n_{seed} neutrons per seed, the final mass number of the nuclei produced will be $A = A_{seed} + n_n/n_{seed}$.
- For example, taking $A_{seed} = 90$ we need $n_n/n_{seed} = 100$ if we want to produce the 3rd r-process peak ($A \sim 195$) and $n_n/n_{seed} = 150$ to produce U and Th.

R-process sites

In an astrophysical site there are only two possible ways to achieve large neutron-to-seeds:

- Let us consider high temperature neutron-rich matter with high entropy that it is ejected at high velocities. As the material expands α particles will be formed. However, the build up of heavy nuclei by 3-body reactions becomes very unefficient by two reasons: 1) Too many photons per nucleon due to the high entropy, 2) Too litle time to produce heavy nuclei due to the fast expansion. It means that we will have an α -rich freeze out with a few heavy nuclei produced and many neutrons left ($Y_{\alpha} \approx Y_e/2$, $Y_n \approx 1 - 2Y_e$). This is commonly denoted as "high entropy" r-process
- 2 Let us consider matter very high density matter with low entropies. Due to the high densities electrons have large fermi energies and will drive the composition very neutron rich. At some point the neutron drip line is reached and nuclei start to "drip" neutrons. This is the situation in the crust of neutron stars where densities are 10^{12-13} g cm⁻³ and $Y_e \sim 0.05$: $Y_n = 1 - \langle A \rangle Y_e / \langle Z \rangle$, $Y_s = Y_e / \langle Z \rangle$; $Y_n / Y_s = \langle Z \rangle / Y_e - \langle A \rangle$; $Y_n / Y_s \sim 500 - 2000$. This is commonly denoted as "low entropy" r-process.

r-process nucleosynthesis relevant parameters

Independently of the astrophysical site the nucleosynthesis is sensitive to a few parameters that determine the neutron-to-seed ratio and the heavier elements that can be produced:

$$A_f = A_i + n_s, \quad n_s = n_n/n_{\text{seed}} \sim s^3/(Y_e^3 \tau_{\text{dyn}})$$

- Y_e The lower the value of Y_e more neutrons are available and the larger n_s
- entropy Large entropy $s \sim T^3/\rho$, means low density and high temperature (large amount of photons). Both are detrimental to the build up of seeds by 3-body reactions.

expansiton time scale The faster the matter expands, smaller τ_{dyn} , the less time one has to build up seeds

Neutron star mergers: Short gamma-ray bursts and r-process





- Mergers are associated with short-gamma ray bursts.
- They are also promising sources of gravitational waves.
- Observational signatures of the r-process?

Merger channels and ejection mechanism

In mergers we deal with a variety of initial configurations (netron-star neutron-star vs neutron-star black-hole) with additional variations in the mass-ratio. The evolution after the merger also allows for further variations.



Dependence nucleosynthesis on Y_e

Nucleosynthesis depends on neutron richness of ejecta



The relevant nuclear physics depends on the particular conditions.

Post-merger Nucleosynthesis (NS remnant)

An Hypermassive neutron star produces large neutrino fluxes that drive the composition to moderate neutron rich ejecta.





Only nuclei with A < 120 are produced (no lanthanides, blue kilonova).

See also Lippuner et al, MNRAS **472**, 904 (2017)

AT 2017 gfo: electromagnetic signature from r process

In-situ signature of r process nucleosynthesis



NASA and ESA. N. Tanvir (U. Leicester), A. Levan (U. Warwick), and A. Fruchter and O. Fox (STScI)

- Novel fastly evolving transitent
- Signature of statistical decay of fresly synthesized r process nuclei

AT 2017 gfo: interpretation



- Time evolution determined by the radioactive decay of r-process nuclei
- Two components:
 - blue dominated by light elements (Z < 50)
 - Red due to presence of Lanthanides (Z = 57-71) and/or Actinides (Z = 89-103)
- Likely source of heavy elements including Gold, Platinum and Uranium

Two components model



Kasen et al, Nature 551, 80 (2017)



• Blue component from polar ejecta subject to strong neutrino fluxes (light r process)

$$M = 0.025 M_{\odot}, v = 0.3c, X_{\text{lan}} = 10^{-4}$$

 Red component disk ejecta after NS collapse to a black hole (includes both light and heavy r process)

$$M = 0.04 M_{\odot}, v = 0.15c, X_{\text{lan}} = 10^{-1.5}$$



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Summary

- Heavy elements are observed at very early times in Galactic history.
 Produced by a primary process that creates both neutrons and seeds.
- Neutron star mergers are likely the site where the "main r process" takes place.
- Radioactive decay of r-process ejecta produces an electromagnetic transient observed for the first time after GW170817.
- Observations of Blue and Red kilonova components show that both light $(A \leq 120)$ and heavy $(A \geq 120)$ elements are produced. No direct evidence of individual elements.
 - How can we determine composition?
 - What were the heavier elements produced in the merger?
 - How does the nucleosynthesis depends on merging system?
 - What is the contribution of mergers to light r process elements?

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Astrofisica Nucleare e Subnucleare "MeV" Astrophysics

Coded Mask Imaging

The Coded Mask Technique is the worst possible way of making a telescope

Except when you can 't do anything better !

- Wide fields of view
- Energies too high for focussing, or too low for Compton/Tracking detector techniques
- Very good angular resolution
- The best energy resolution



Mask of IBIS (15 keV – 10 MeV) onboard *INTEGRAL*



Coded Mask Imaging



IBIS

Energy: 15-10000 keV 1064 mm square 16 mm Tungsten 11.2 mm pitch Resolution 12 arc min



The Coded Masks for Integral

JEM-X

Energy: 3-100 keV 535mm dia 0.5mm Tungsten 3.3 mm pitch Resolution 3 arc min



Energy: 20-8000 keV SPI 770 mm dia 3 cm thick Tungsten 60 mm pitch Resolution ~ 2.5°

INTEGRAL, the International Gamma-Ray Astrophysics Laboratory Fine spectroscopy (E/dE=500) and fine imaging (angular resolution of 12' FWHM) Energy range 15 keV to 10 MeV

plus simultaneous X-ray (3-35 keV) and optical (550 nm) monitoring capability Two main g-ray instruments: SPI (spectroscopy) and IBIS (imager)



http://integral.esa.int



Imager IBIS

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Spectrometer SPI

IBIS



The Imager IBIS (Imager on Board the Integral Satellite) provides diagnostic capabilities of fine imaging (12 arcmin FWHM), source identification and spectral sensitivity to both continuum and broad lines over a broad (15 keV - 10 MeV) energy range. The Imager will exploit simultanesously with the other instruments on Integral celestial objects of all classes ranging from the most compact galactic systems to extragalactic objects. A tungsten coded-aperture mask (located at 3.2 m above the detection plane) is optimised for high angular resolution. As diffraction is negligible at gamma-ray wavelengths, the angular resolution obtainable with a coded mask telescope is limited by the spatial resolution of the detector array. The Imager design takes advantage of this by utilising a detector with a large number of spatially resolved pixels, implemented as physically distinct elements. The detector uses two planes, one 2600 cm^2 front layer of CdTe pixels, each (4x4x2) mm (width x depth x height), and a 3000 cm^2 layer of CsI pixels, each (9x9x30) mm. The CdTe array (ISGRI) and the CsI array (PICsIT) are separated by 90 mm. The detector provides the wide energy range and high sensitivity continuum spectroscopy required for Integral. The division into two layers allows the paths of the photons to be tracked in 3D, as they scatter and interact with more than one element. Events can be categorised and the signal to noise ratio improved by rejecting those which are unlikely to correspond to real (celestial) photons, e.g. towards the high end of the energy range.

SPI



The spectrometer SPI (SPectrometer on INTEGRAL) will perform spectral analysis of gamma-ray point sources and extended regions in the 18 keV - 8 MeV energy range with an energy resolution of 2.2 keV (FWHM) at 1.33 MeV. This will be accomplished using an array of 19 hexagonal high purity Germanium detectors cooled by a Stirling cooler system to an operating temperature of 85 K. A hexagonal coded aperture mask is located 1.7 m above the detection plane in order to image large regions of the sky (fully coded field of view = 16 degrees) with an angular resolution of 2.5 degrees. In order to reduce background radiation, the detector assembly is shielded by a veto (anticoincidence) system which extends around the bottom and side of the detector almost completely up to the coded mask. The aperture (and hence contribution by cosmic diffuse radiation) is limited to ~ 30 degr. A plastic veto is provided below the mask to further reduce the 511 keV background.

Gamma Spectroscopy



Gamma Spectroscopy



Rivelatori al Germanio

Good response to high-energy photons

 Germanium is the best choice for high-energy (E > 100 keV - 10 MeV) spectroscopy

Very thin surface dead layers may give Ge an advantage where response from 1 keV - 100's of keV is desired

Disadvantages (compared to compound semiconductors or scintillation detectors)

- Requires cooling (complexity and cost)
- Surfaces sensitive to contamination (handling/packaging more difficult)
- For fine (Dx < 1 mm) position-sensitive detectors, segmented contact technology not well developed.

Examples CdTe: Integral/IBIS (SPI)

Rivelatori a stato solido a temperatura ambiente: Cd(Zn)Te – Cadmium Zinc Telluride (CZT)

- Energy gap (1.4-2.2 eV)
 - Non necessaria criogenia (a differenza del Ge)
- Alta ρ (~6 g cm⁻³) per massimizzare l'efficienza
- Alto Z (48, 52) per effetto fotoelettrico:
 - 10 volte il μ_{Compt} fino a 110 keV (60 il Ge, 25 il Si);
 - Single site ok per imaging
- Facilmente segmentabile a piccole dimensioni:
 - → risoluzione spaziale

Examples CdTe: Integral/IBIS (ISGRI) - Swift/BAT







INTEGRAL Science Objectives

Outline INTEGRAL Science Objectives

The scientific goals of Integral are addressed through the use of high resolution spectroscopy with fine imaging and accurate positioning of celestial sources in the gamma-ray domain. The following list of topics will be addressed by Integral:

- Compact Objects (White Dwarfs, Neutron Stars, Black Hole Candidates, High Energy Transients and Gamma-Ray Bursts)
- Extragalactic Astronomy (Galaxies, Clusters, AGN, Seyferts, Blazars, Cosmic Diffuse Background)
- Stellar Nucleosynthesis (Hydrostatic Nucleosynthesis (AGB, WR Stars), Explosive Nucleosynthesis (Supernovae, Novae))
- Galactic Structure (Cloud Complex Regions, Mapping of continuum and line emission, ISM, CR distribution)
- The Galactic Centre
- Particle Processes and Acceleration (Transrelativistic Pair Plasmas, Beams, Jets)
- Identification of High Energy Sources (Unidentified Gamma-Ray Objects as a Class)
- PLUS: Unexpected Discoveries

Gamma-Ray Astrophysics before INTEGRAL





The image is an IBIS/ISGRI image of the Galactic Centre in the 20-40 keV band. The analysis of IBIS/ISGRI data is based on GCDE (Galactic Center Deep Exposure) and GPS (Galactic Plane Scan) data from revolution 30 to 64 i.e. January 11th to April 22nd, 2003 for a total of one thousand pointings (about 2 Msec exposure) 72



INTEGRAL views a Compton mirror at the Galactic Centre. M. Revnivtsev et al. report on the association of IGR J17475-2822, recently discovered by INTEGRAL, with the giant molecular cloud Sgr B2 in the Galactic Center region. Data from different observatories strongly support the idea that the hard X-ray emission of Sgr B2 is Compton scattered and reprocessed radiation emitted in the past by the Sgr A* source, the supermassive black-hole candidate in the center of our Galaxy. The IBIS/ISGRI image (18-60 keV) shows the inner 3.5 degree by 2.5 degree region of the center of the Galaxy. Contours represent signal-to-noise levels starting at S/N = 5 and increasing with a factor 1.4. The image has a total effective exposure time of 2.3 Ms.


The SPI instrument onboard INTEGRAL has performed a search for 511 keV emission (resulting from positron-electron annihilation) all over the sky. The figure represents the results of this search: the all-sky map in galactic co-ordinates shows that 511 keV emission is - so far - only seen towards the center of our Galaxy. The SPI data are equally compatible with galactic bulge or halo distributions, the combination of a bulge and a disk component, or a combination of a number of point sources. Such distributions are expected if positrons originate either from low-mass X-ray binaries, novae, Type Ia supernovae, or possibly light dark matter.



The blazar PKS 1830-211 is one of the most distant objects observed so far by INTEGRAL, it was reported as an ISGRI source in the galactic centre region. The source is clearly detected in 20-100 keV band. The image from IBIS/ISGRI is shown in the left panel. Notwithstanding its high redshift (z=2.507) it is a bright X-ray source, due to gravitational lensing by an intervening galaxy at z=0.89. Radio observations show two compact components separated by about 1 arcsecond; this effect (just at the limit of the angular resolution of Chandra), is clearly visible in the elliptically shaped Chandra images (central and right panels). By assuming a magnification factor due to the lensing of the order of 10, the bolometric luminosity of PKS 1830-211 is huge: about 10^48 erg/s! The spectrum can be modelled adding an external source of low energy photons scattered up to gamma-ray energies

by relativistic electrons. As observed in some high redshift quasars, Chandra spectra of PKS 1830-211 show evidence of absorption below 5 keV (rest frame). This effect could be due either to the lens galaxy at z=0.89

or to an intrinsic warm (ionized) gas at redshift of the source.



SGR 1806-20 which belongs to the class of soft gamma-ray repeaters (SGR) is believed to be a rotating neutron star with a super-strong magnetic field (10^15 Gauss); a so-called magnetar. The tremendous outburst of SGR 1806-20 on December 27, 2004 as seen by the large anticoincidence shield (ACS) of the INTEGRAL-spectrometer SPI is shown in the figure. The mean veto count rate of the ACS (~88000 counts/s) is interrupted at 21:30:26.539 UTC (T=0) by a steep count-rate increase (about a factor 25) for about 0.7 s. This outburst is thought to be caused by a large-scale rearrangement to a state of lower energy of a magnetar's super-strong magnetic field (10^{15} Gauss), which is the current model for soft gamma-ray repeaters. The ~300 s long pulsating tail with a period of 7.56 s is clearly seen and can be explained by a trapped fireball which is co-rotating with the neutron star (magnetar). The initial peak is proceeded at T= -143 s by a small precursor, which could be shown via triangulation to originate from the position of SGR 1806-20.



The SPI instrument on board INTEGRAL has observed the 60 Fe lines (at 1173 and 1333 keV) from the inner galaxy. The picture shows the combined 60 Fe signal from the two lines. The line flux is 3.7 ± 1.1 x 10^5 cm^{-2} s^{-1} per line.

The origin of the iron line is believed to be core-collapse supernovae which seed the interstellar medium with isotopes such as 60 Fe. From other SPI measurements of the 26 Al line the ratio 60 Fe/ 26 Al = 0.11 ±0.03 is derived, which is substantially smaller than predictions (0.40) for massive stars. This ratio supports the idea that there is an extra source of 26 Al in addition to the core-collapse supernovae.



INTEGRAL has discovered, using the IBIS instrument, a new gamma-ray source (IGR J18135-1751). This source is remarkable, since it coincides spatially with one of the ten objects which have been seen during the first survey at TeV energies of the inner part of the galaxy: HESS J1813-178. This source is a powerful ultra-high energy emitter in the 0.2-10 TeV range. The X-ray counterpart (AGPS273.4-17.8) of the INTEGRAL source has an absorbed spectrum and is thought to be either a pulsar wind nebula or a supernova remnant. This picture shows the IBIS/ISGRI 20-100 keV image of IGR J18135-1751 as well as the position of HESS J1813-178 (green circle) and AGPS273.4-17.8 (white cross). The white spot on the left is the saturated image of the bright LMXB GX 13+1.



The central regions of our Galaxy, the Milky Way, as seen by INTEGRAL in gamma rays. With its superior ability to see faint details, INTEGRAL reveals the individual sources that comprised the foggy, soft gamma-ray background seen by previous observatories. The brightest 91 objects seen in this image were classified by INTEGRAL as individual sources, while the others appear too faint to be properly characterized at this stage.



INTEGRAL for the first time, confirms by direct measurement of the primary gamma-ray lines the ⁵⁶Ni origins of SN light. The INTEGRAL measurements of this sufficiently-nearby SN provide a unique opportunity to compare the direct gamma-rays from the SN's energy source with the more-indirect other radiation. This will help astrophysicists to refine their models on how in fact these explosions do occur, because the explosion details affect how much new nuclei are created, and how they move and interact with the remainder of the exploding star. These observations constitute a reference in SNIa science, and thus an important scientific legacy for years to come.



On the left, this HST image shows the inner part of the Crab nebula with the Crab pulsar and its near-by knot located 0.65" (1300 AU) south-east of the pulsar inside the red box. On the right, a zoomed view of the image is shown. The arrows indicate at different periods in time the polarization angle in the optical (HST in 2005 and GASP in 2012) and in hard X-rays (Integral in the period 2003-2007 and 2012-2014). Also indicated are the directions of the proper motion (PM) and spin axis (SA) of the pulsar.



Cygnus X-3 is one of the first discovered X-ray binaries and the only bright compact binary system known to host a Wolf-Rayet star as a companion. The intense stellar wind created by this companion is one of the reasons why Cygnus X-3 exhibits a very peculiar spectral behavior. Indeed, it shows a wider variety of states than the two canonical ones usually observed in other standard X-ray binaries. Despite the fact that the source is well known since many years, very little is known about its spectral behavior beyond 50 keV. This lack of knowledge is especially due to the source being very faint at these energies. Thanks to INTEGRAL, it is possible to explore more than 16 years of observations, and so to probe the sky region of Cygnus X-3 with the best sensitivity ever. As shown at the top of the figure, one can detect the source up to 200 keV. Moreover, one can create six X-ray spectra from 3 to 200 keV, one for each observed spectral state of the source.



²⁶Al is uniquely produced by massive stars. These stars eject ²⁶Al through their winds and supernova explosions, which have a huge impact on the surrounding interstellar medium. Due to its short, in astronomical terms, decay time of a million years, ²⁶Al serves as evidence of very recent massive star activity. The detection of ²⁶Al towards the Scorpius-Centaurus region, therefore, provides a key piece of evidence in the reconstruction of the history of this massive star forming region.

Groups of stars first start to form in the densest part of a cloud, which in general may have a filamentary/elongated structure. The massive star activity forms a bubble of hot gas, which would be ²⁶Al enriched from massive-star ejecta. Gas may be compressed locally, leading to more star formation, but may also quickly escape along the minor axis of the cloud. In the tenuous medium around the cloud, the overpressured bubble could progress much more quickly than through the dense cloud, and thus reach and compress far-away regions of the cloud. The details of cloud compression and fragmentation of such a superbubble have been simulated and are shown in the bottom left part of the image. The ²⁶Al signal detected by INTEGRAL/SPI is independent proof for massive-star activity within approximately the last million years, and a key part of the study of how massive-star feedback works.



Galactic Sources



Galactic Sources



Credit: Jerome A. Orosz

Accretion onto a compact object

- Principal mechanism for producing highenergy radiation
- Most efficient of energy production known in the Universe.

$$E_{acc} = G \frac{Mm}{R}$$

Gravitational potential energy released for body mass M and radius R when mass m accreted

• m

R

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Example - neutron star

Accreting mass m=1kg onto a neutron star:

neutron star mass = 1 solar mass

R = 10 km

 $\Rightarrow \sim 10^{16} \text{ m Joules},$

ie approx 10¹⁶ Joules per kg of

accreted matter - as electromagnetic radiation

Efficiency of accretion

 Compare this to nuclear fusion H => He releases ~ 0.007 mc² ~ 6 x 10¹⁴ m Joules - <u>20x smaller</u> (for ns)

$$E_{acc} = G \frac{Mm}{R}$$

So energy released proportional to M/R ie the more compact a body is, the more efficient accretion will be.

Origin of accreted matter

• Given M/R, luminosity produced depends on accretion rate, m.

$$L_{acc} = \frac{dE_{acc}}{dt} = \frac{GM}{R}\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{GM\dot{m}}{R}$$

• Where does accreted matter come from? ISM? No - too small. Companion? Yes.

Accretion

Types of X-ray Binaries	
Group I	Group II
Luminous (early,	Optically faint (blue)
massive opt countpart)	opt counterpart
(high-mass systems)	(low-mass systems)
hard X-ray spectra	soft X-ray spectra
(T>100 million K)	(T~30-80 million K)
often pulsating	non-pulsating
X-ray eclipses	no X-ray eclipses
Galactic plane	Gal. Centre + bulge
Population I	older, population II

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The Eddington Luminosity

- There is a limit to which luminosity can be produced by a given object, known as the Eddington luminosity.
- Effectively this is when the inward gravitational force on matter is balanced by the outward transfer of momentum by radiation.