

The InterPlanetary Network

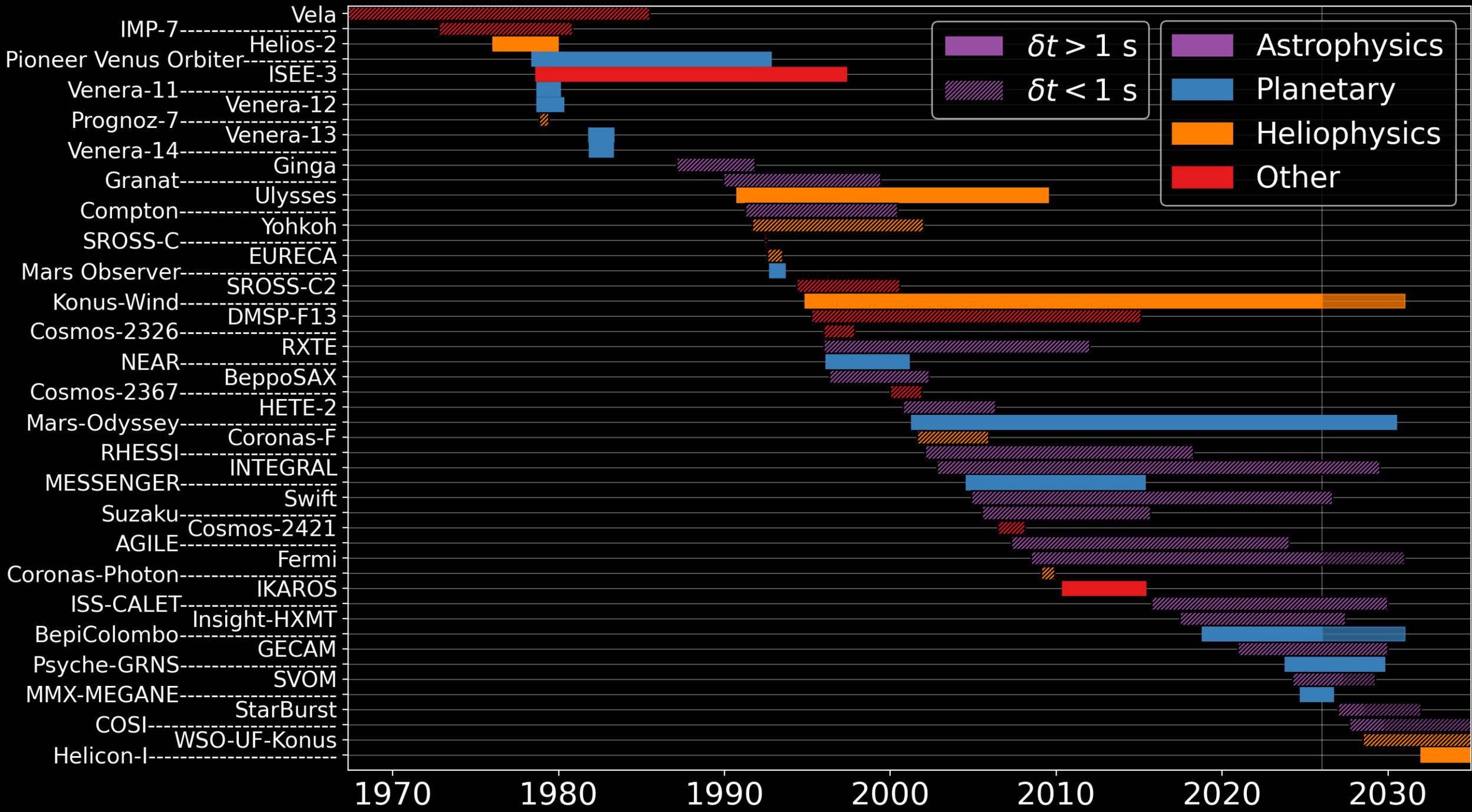
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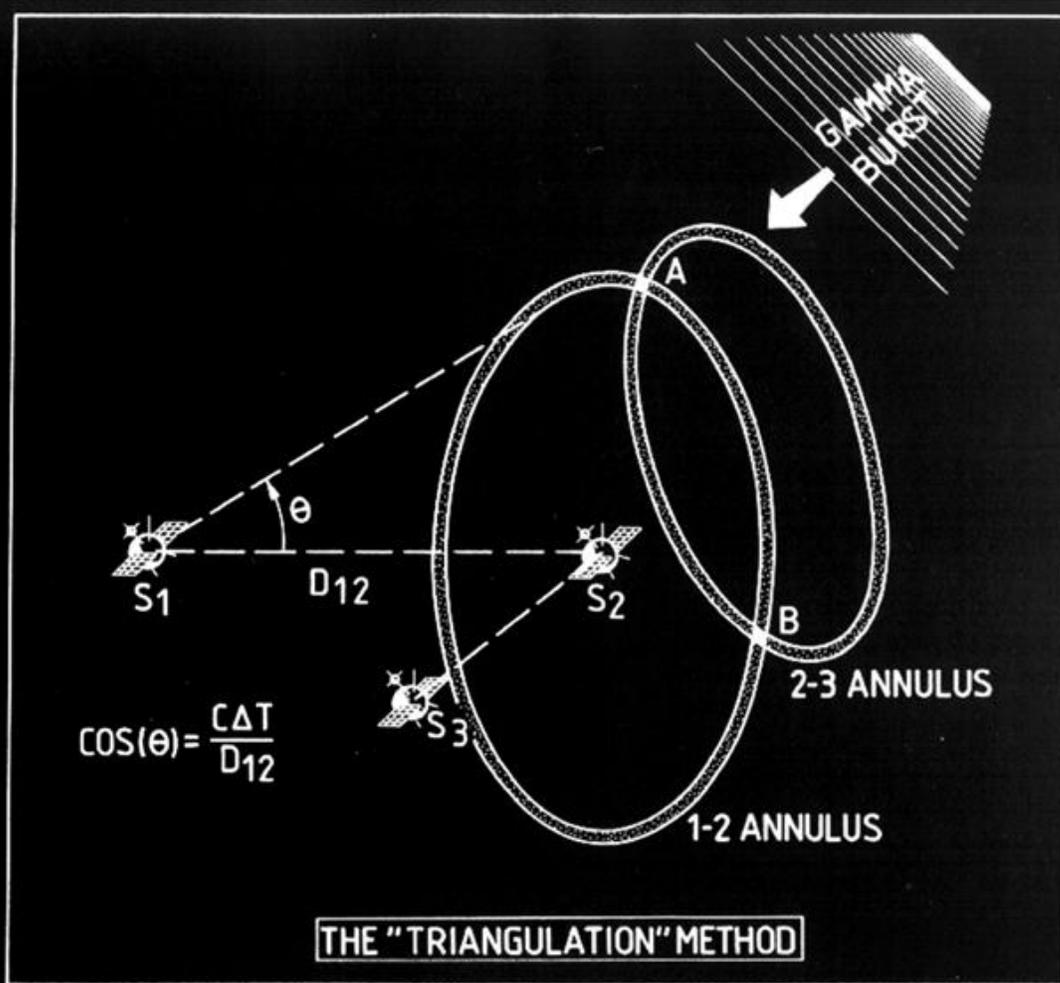
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Konus-Wind, Mars Odyssey-HEND, MMX-MEGANE, Psyche-GRNS, StarBurst, Swift-BAT

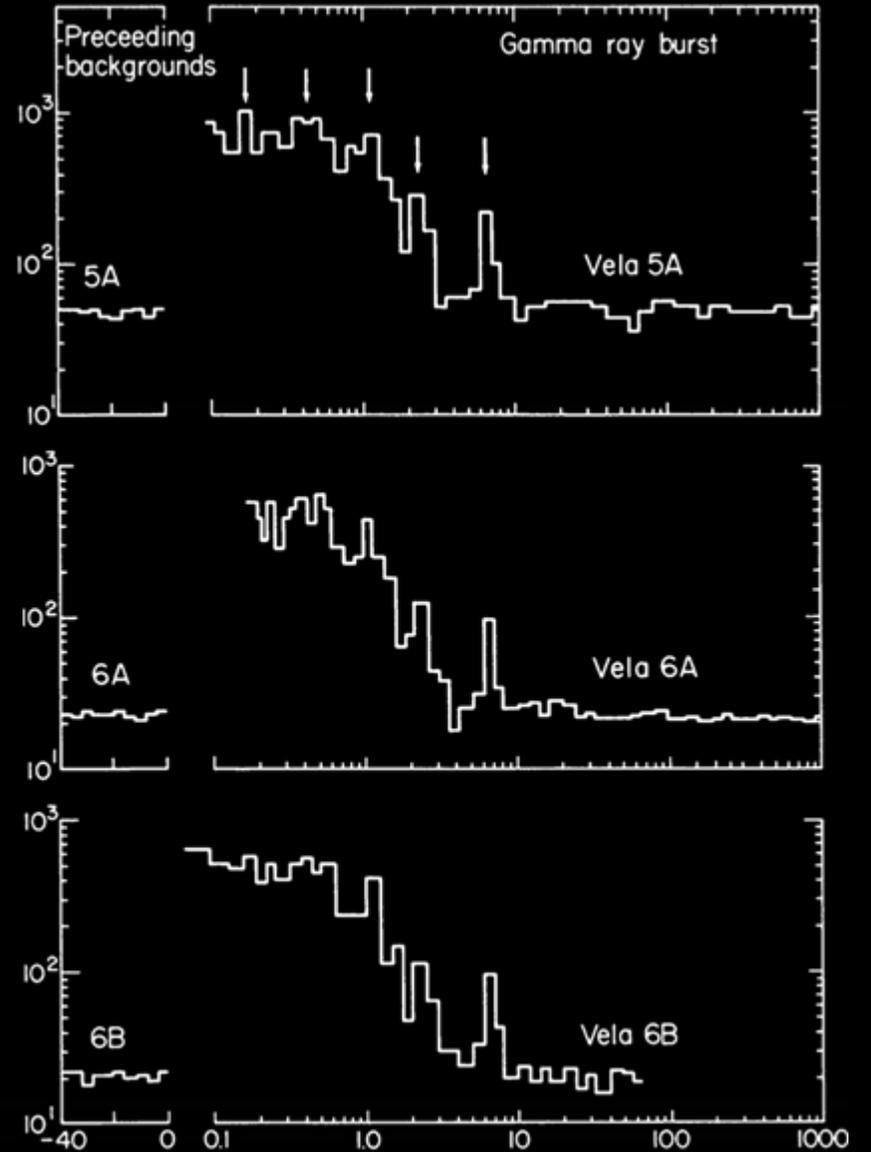


How IPN works

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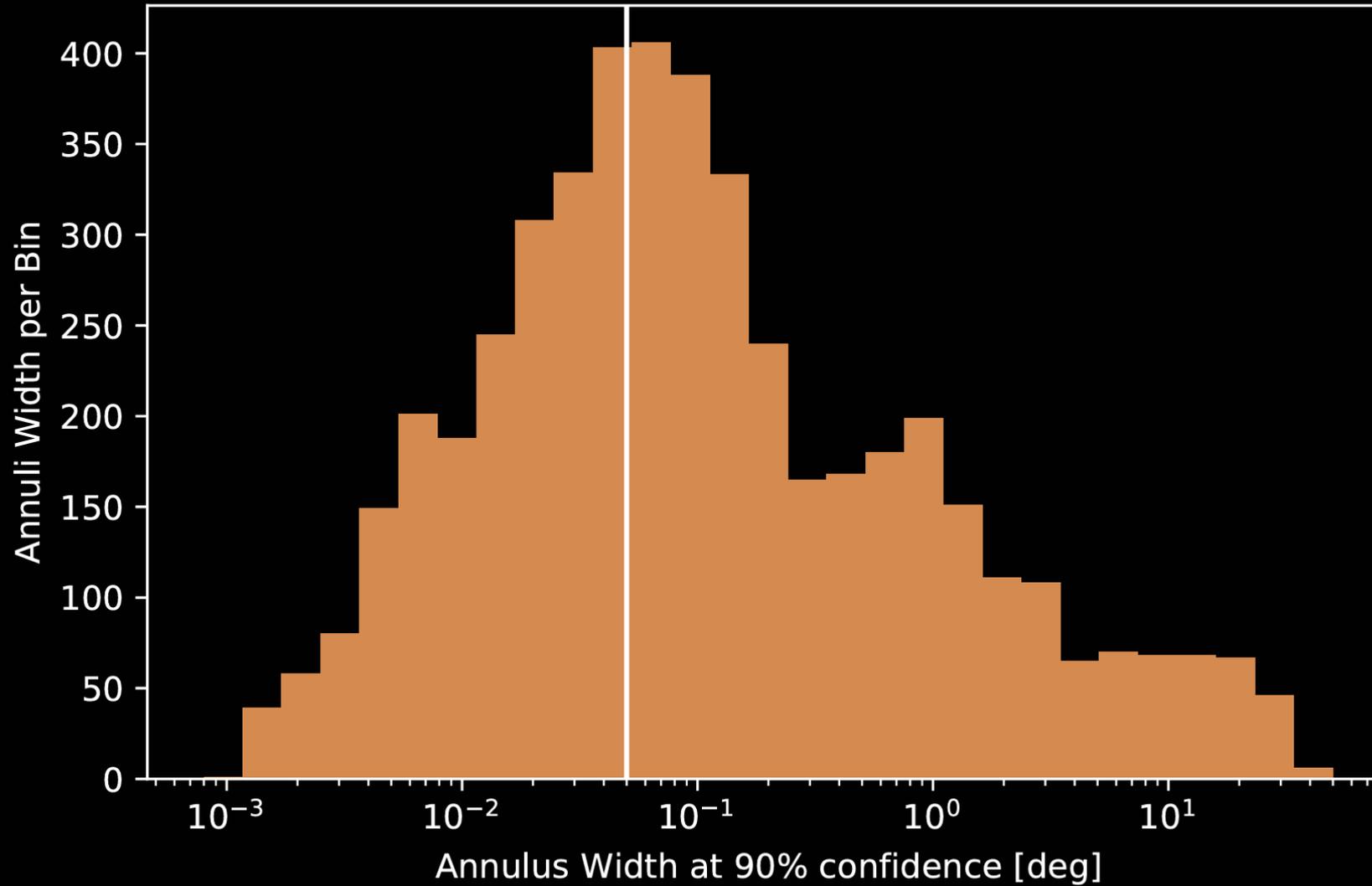


Log Count Rate



Log Time (s)

Localization Accuracy



IPN Discoveries

- Pre-BeppoSAX

- Discovery of gamma-ray bursts (pre IPN formalization)
- Astrophysical origin of gamma-ray bursts
- Isotropy of gamma-ray bursts, from no known objects
- Two origins of gamma-ray bursts
- Ultra-long gamma-ray bursts
- Discovery of giant flares
- Separation of soft gamma-ray repeater flares
- Discovery of magnetars

- Post-Swift

- Identified every Galactic magnetar giant flare
- Proof of extragalactic magnetar giant flares
- Localization for most direct proof of r-process nucleosynthesis
- Characterization of the most direct proof of r-process nucleosynthesis
- Ultra-long gamma-ray bursts require a new progenitor

Gamma-ray Transient Network Science Analysis Group Report

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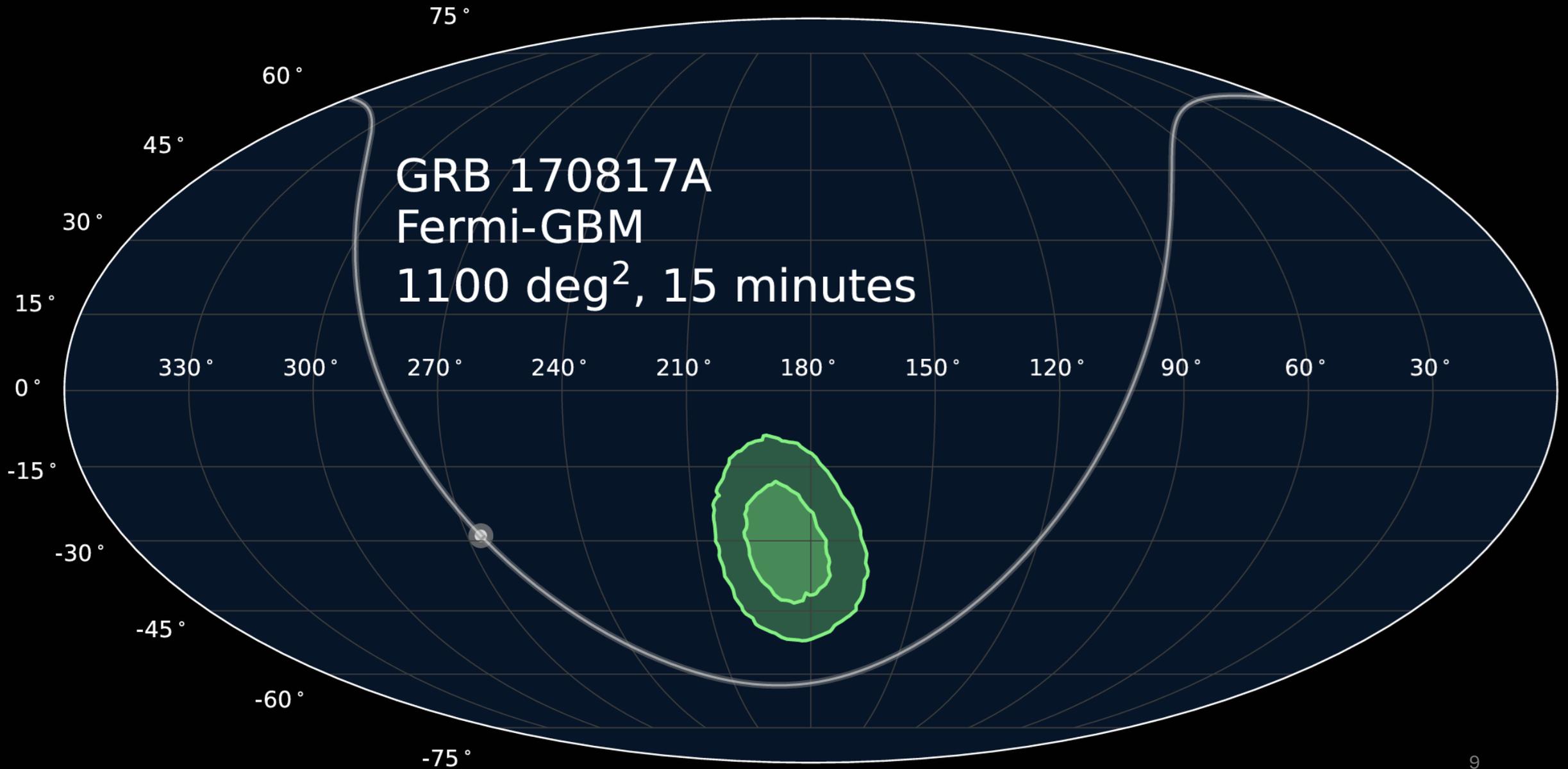


- Is the IPN still needed? If so, what needs to be done?
- Endorsements from CMB S-4, ngVLA, LSC and LIGO Lab, WVU FRB Group, Chime, CTAC, HAWC, IceCube, Fermi-GBM, Veritas, Rubin, Swift, COSI

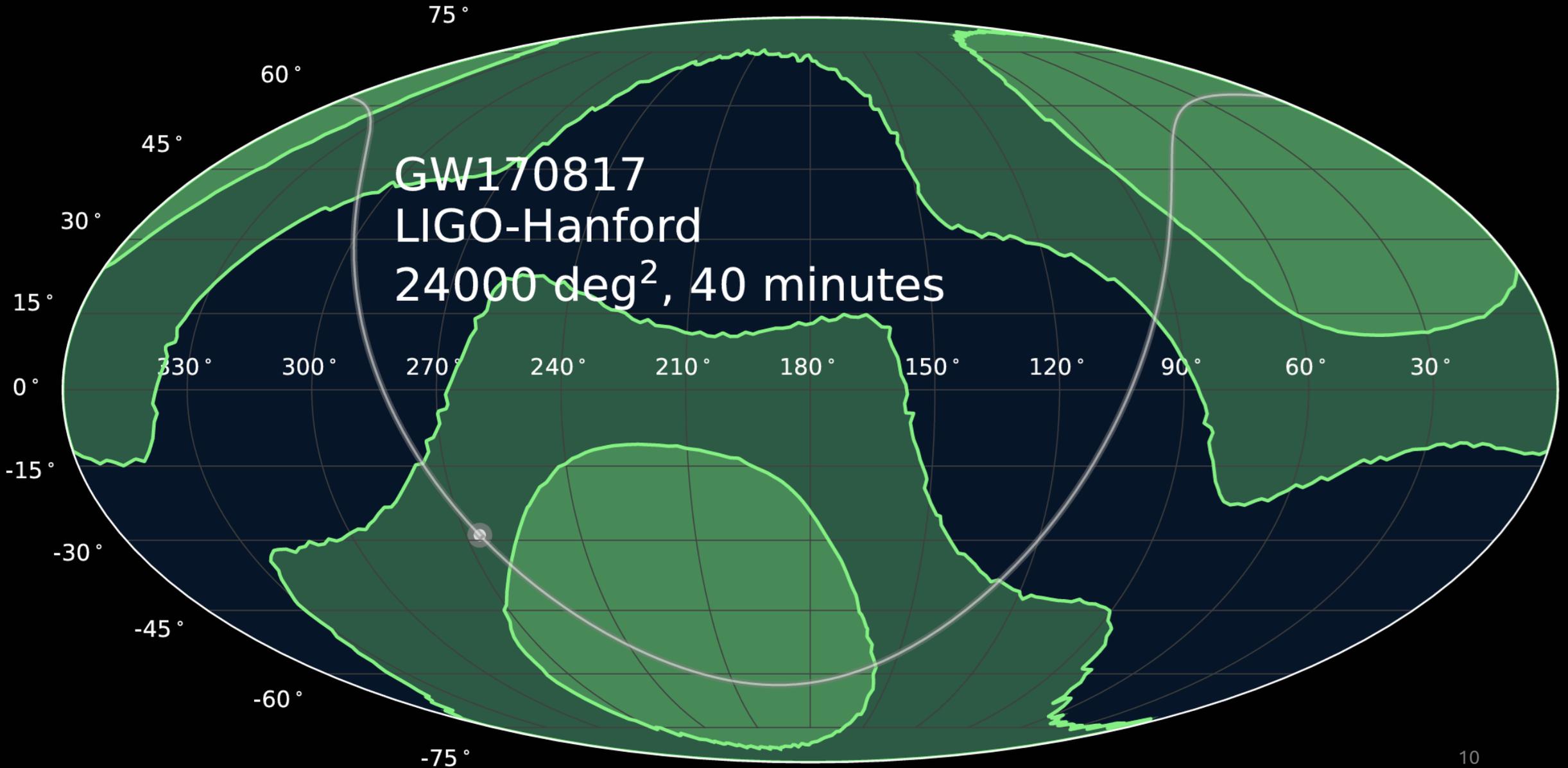
Why the IPN

- IPN and the 4th TDAMM Workshop
 - Crucial for gamma-ray bursts, compact mergers, magnetars
 - Useful tidal disruption events, neutrinos, rare supernovae
 - Not so helpful otherwise (sorry X-ray binary, nova people)
- The next decade
 - Possible end of Swift
 - Rare transients are best found with all-sky coverage
 - The continued advancement of other surveys

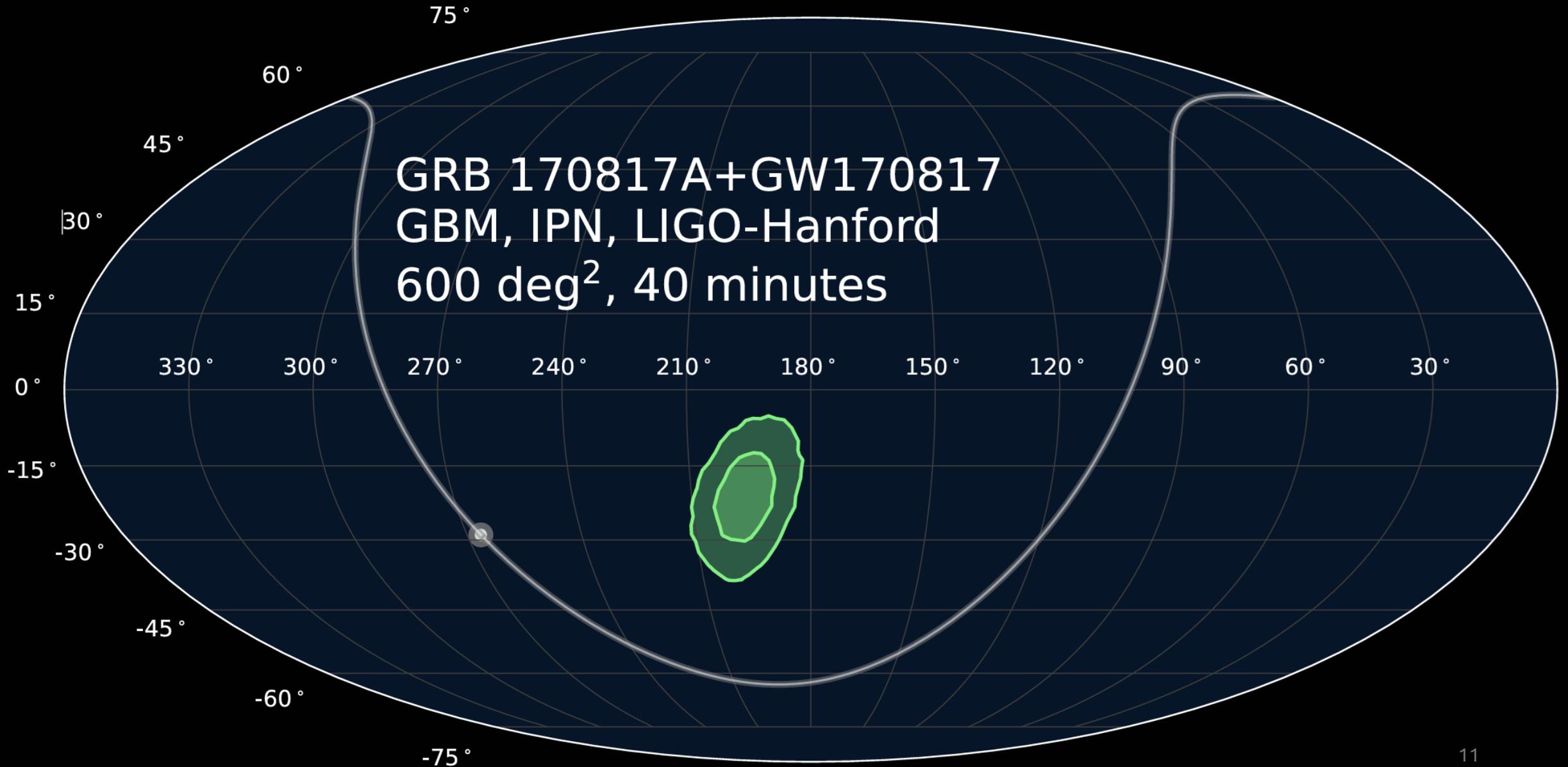
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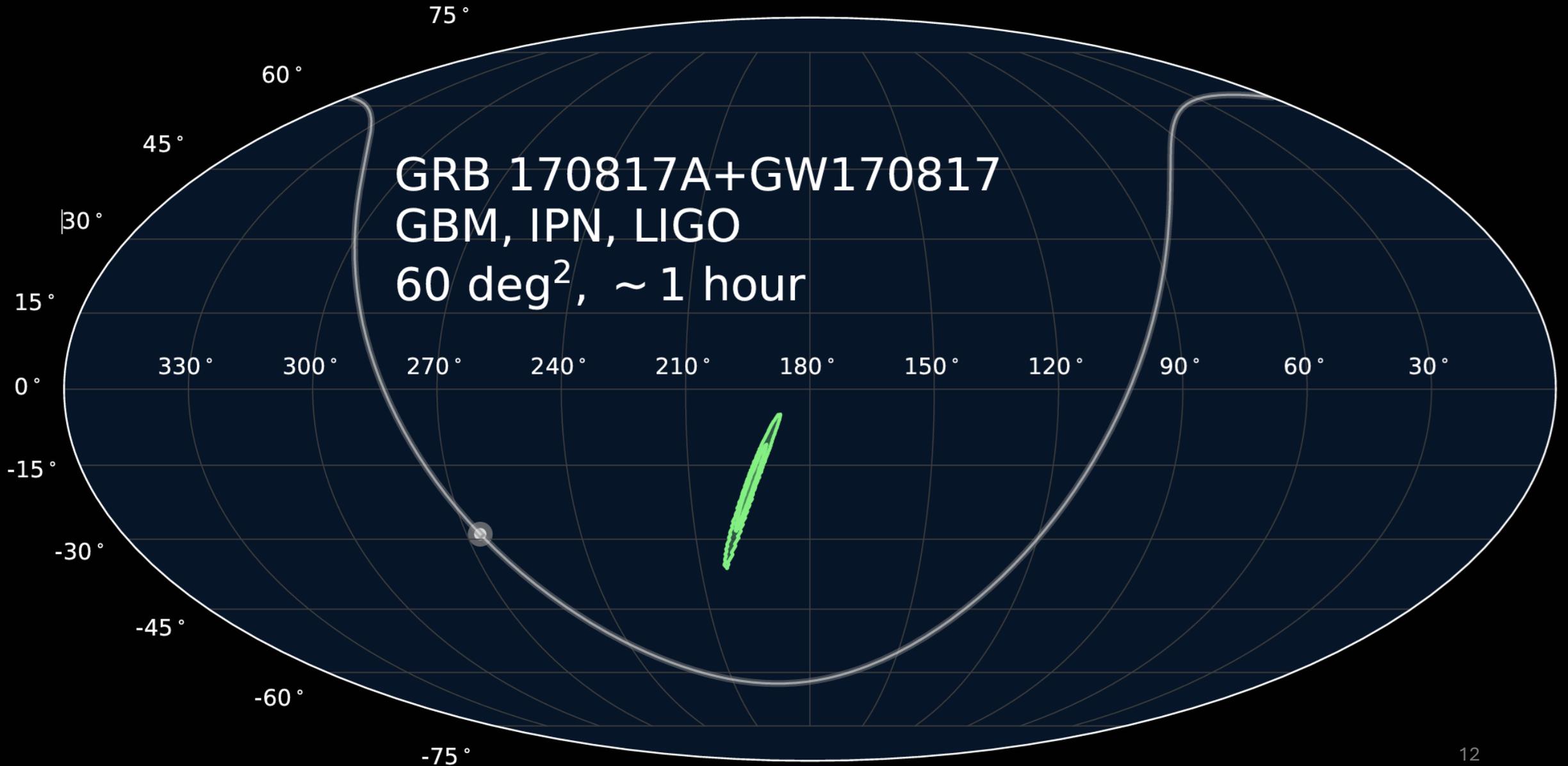
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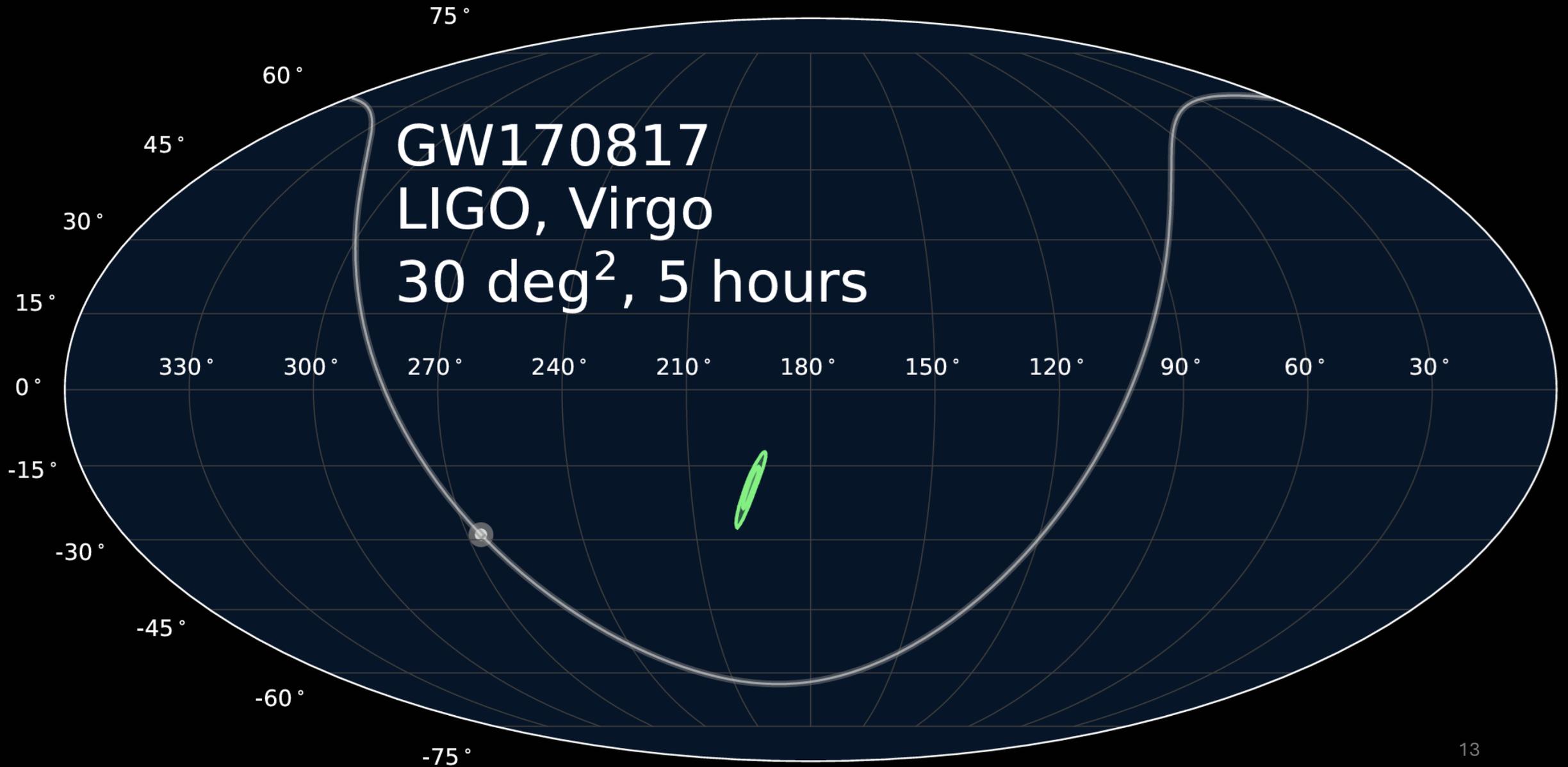
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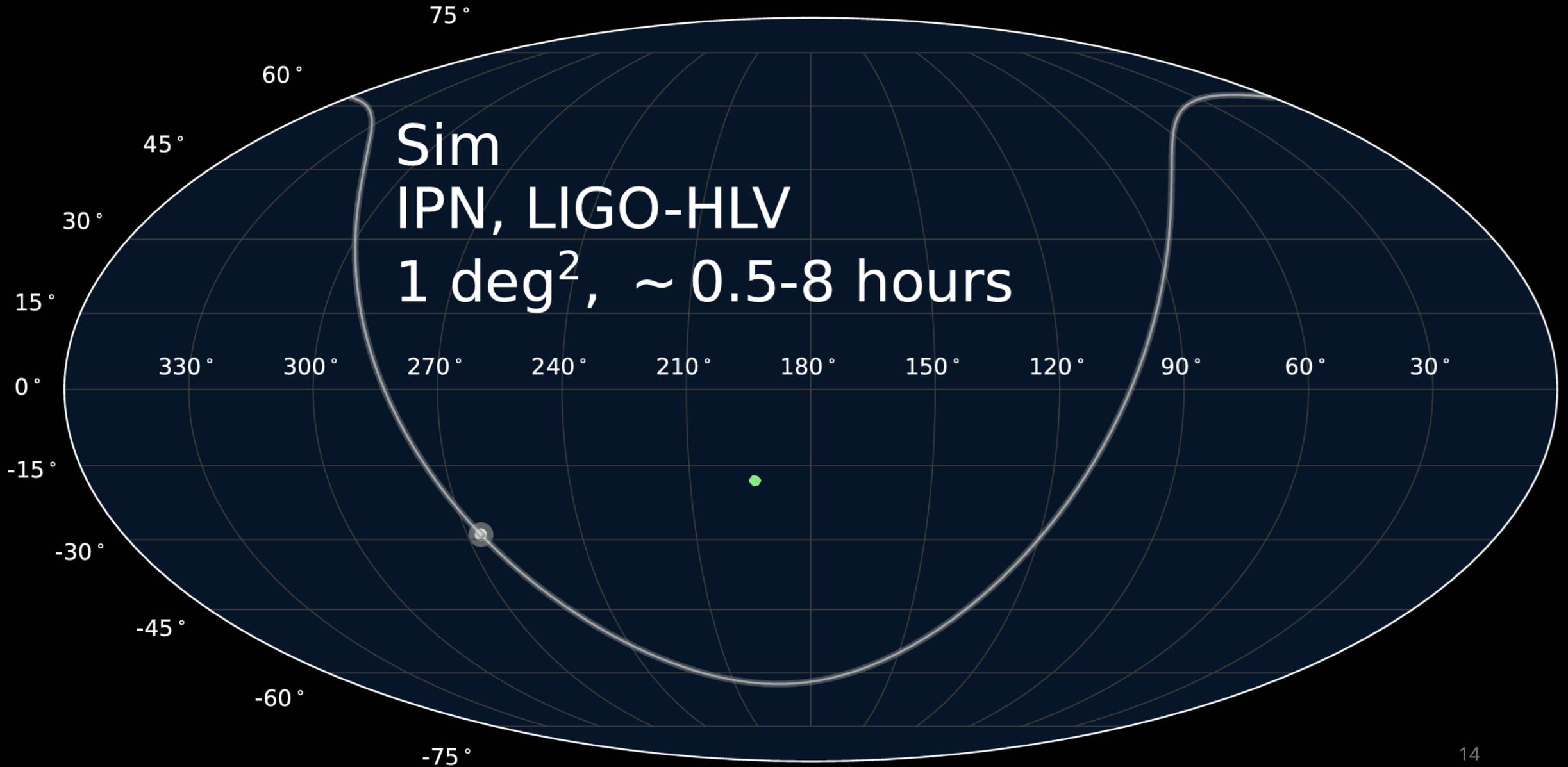
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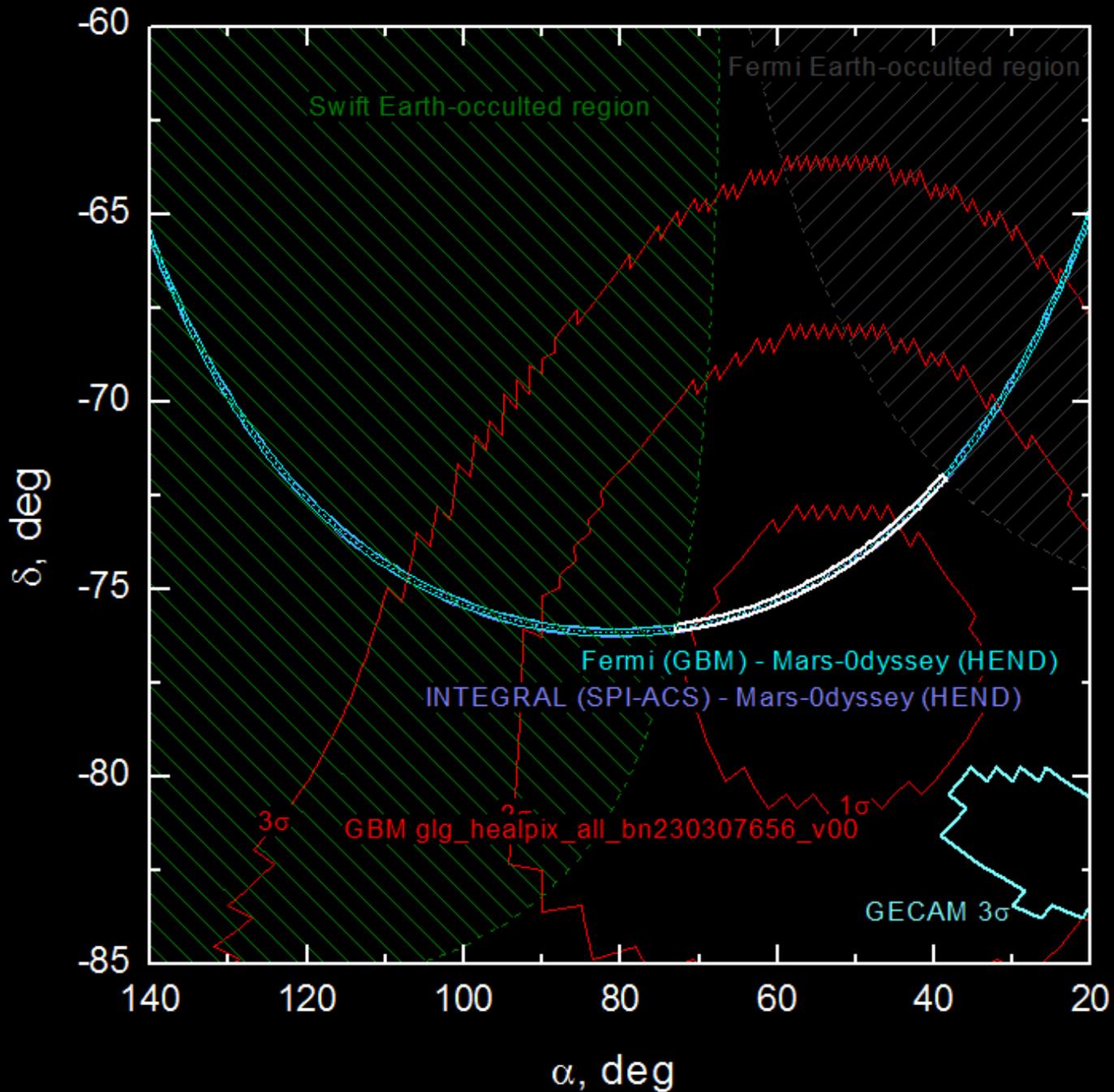


Localization of Transients



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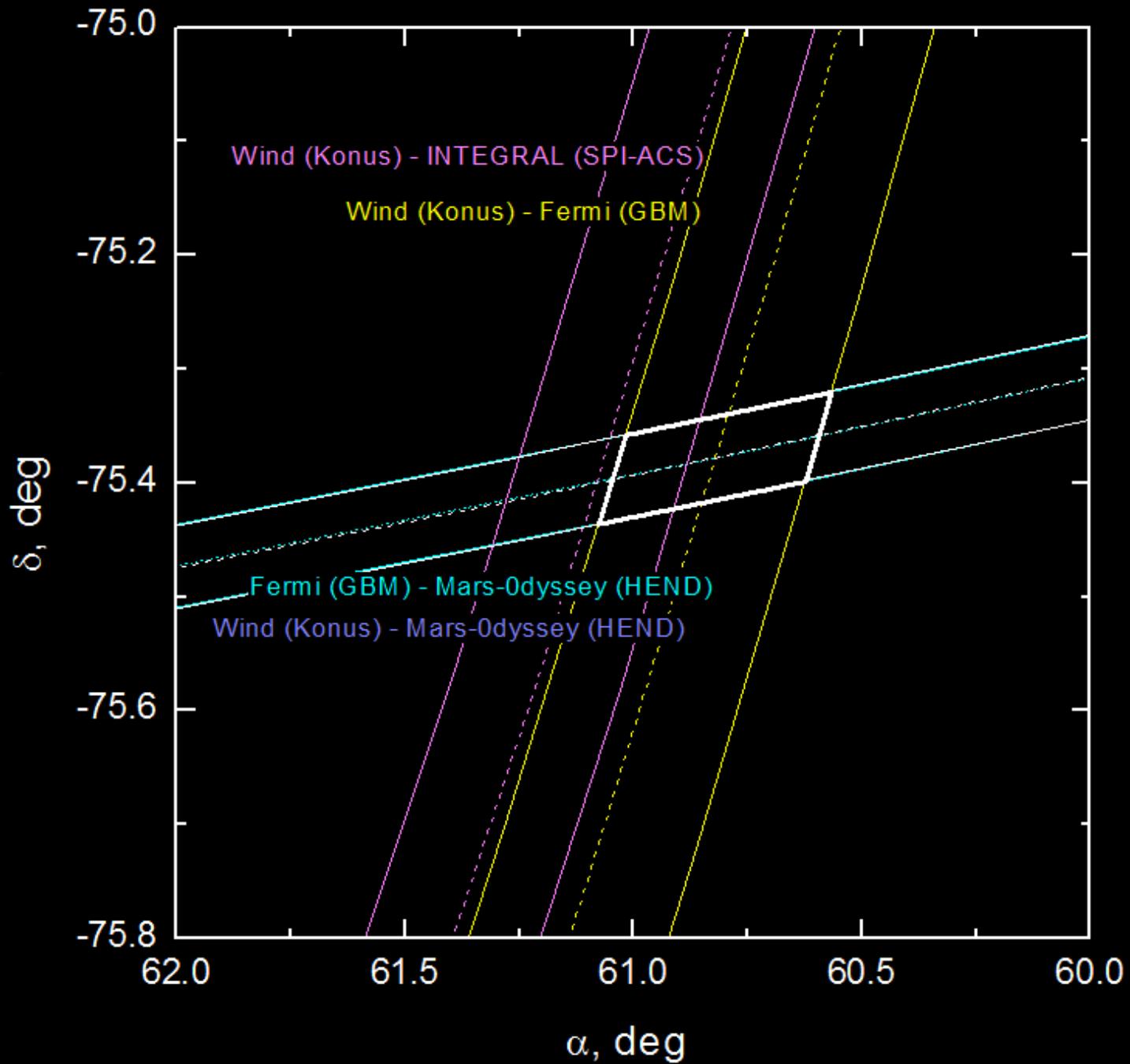
Localization of Transients



Swift begins tiling

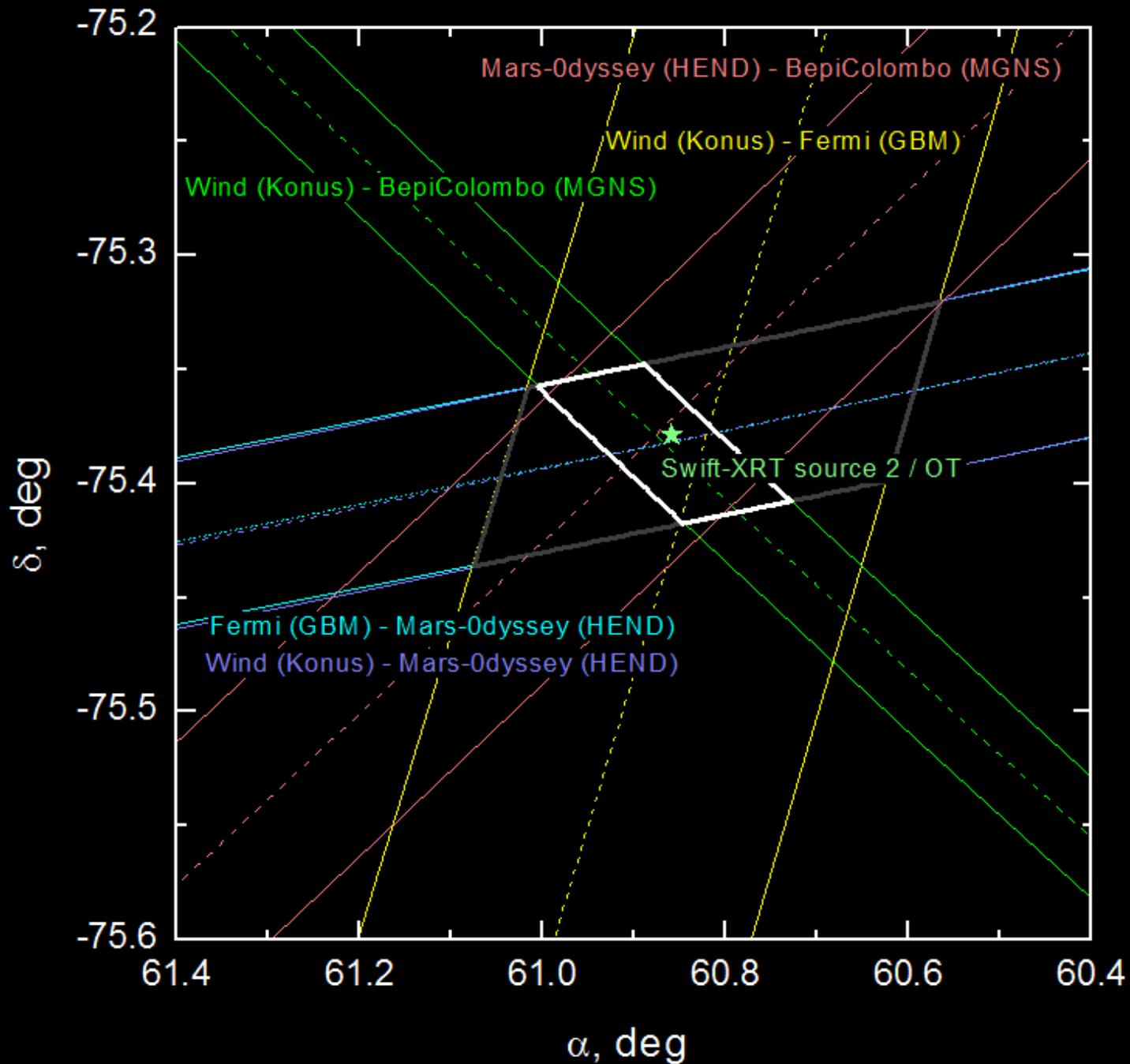
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Localization of Transients



Tiling with 3.6m New Technology Telescope

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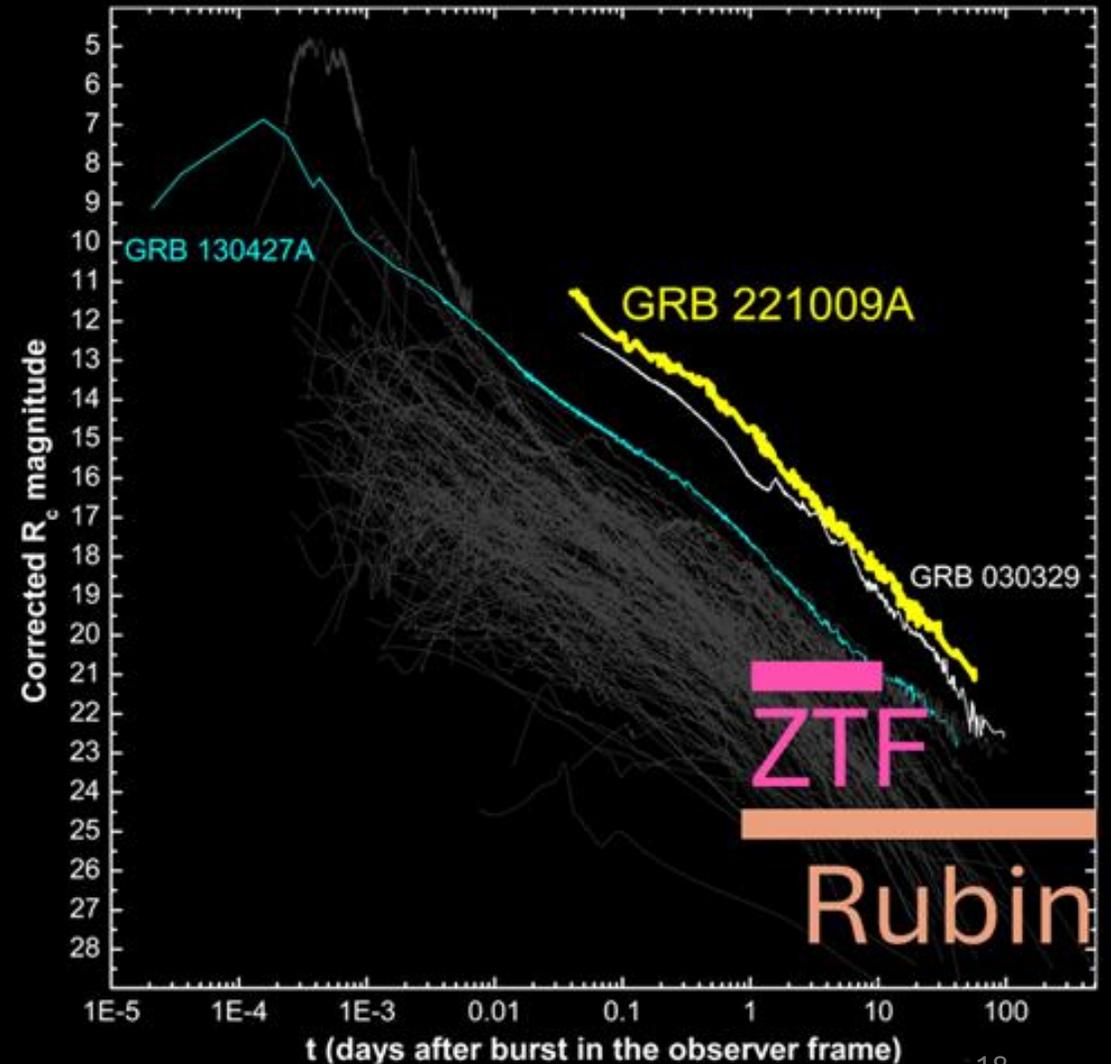
X-ray and optical recovery of afterglow

First late-time infrared spectrum of a kilonova

Localization of Transients

Total Coverage of All Transients

- IPN has complete coverage of all transients
- IPN and Rubin will detect and precisely localize numerous GRBs
- Detections or upper limits useful for classification, confirmation



Future of the IPN

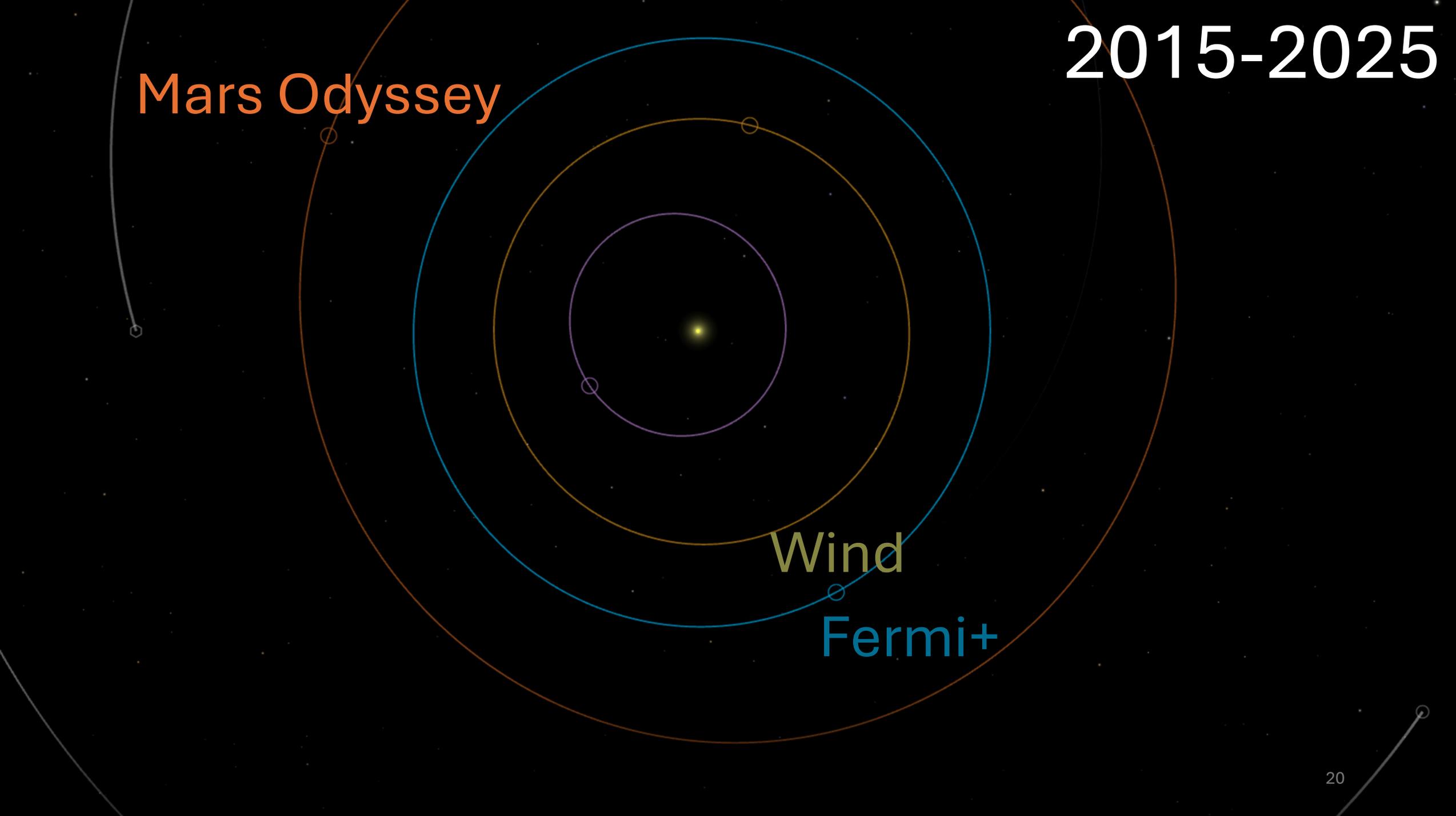
- Collated high-energy transient alert stream (2026)
 - Gamma-ray burst stream
 - Magnetar giant flare candidate stream
 - Stream for fast radio burst, magnetar flare associations
- High-energy transient name server (beta 2026)
- Complete prompt gamma-ray burst catalog (2026)
- Preservation of Vela, Pioneer Venus Orbiter, other data (2026)
- Generic high energy transient archive (2027+)
- IPN as a single effective instrument – coherent analysis (~2030)

2015-2025

Mars Odyssey

Wind

Fermi+



2026-?

Mars Odyssey?

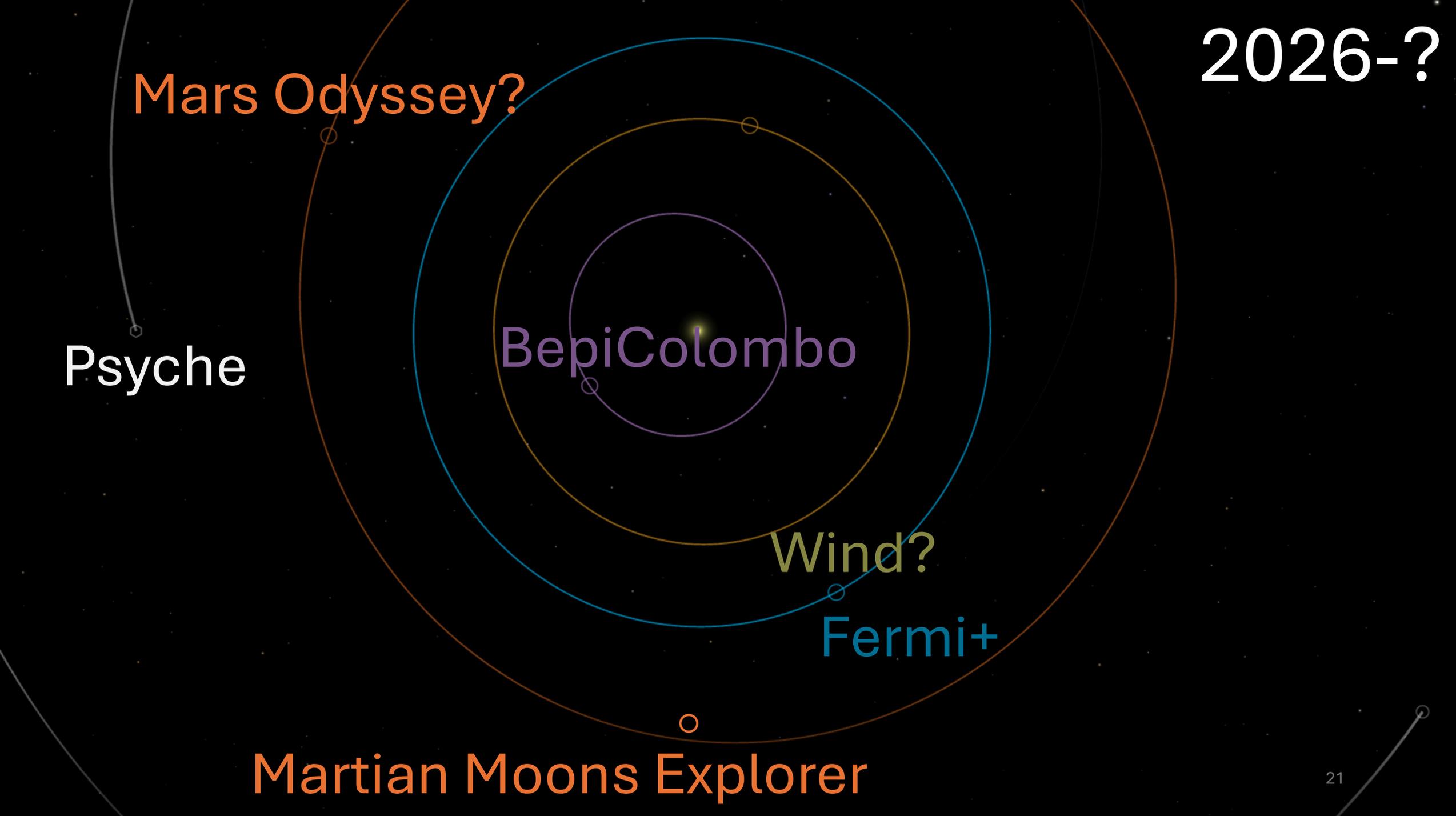
Psyche

BepiColombo

Wind?

Fermi+

Martian Moons Explorer



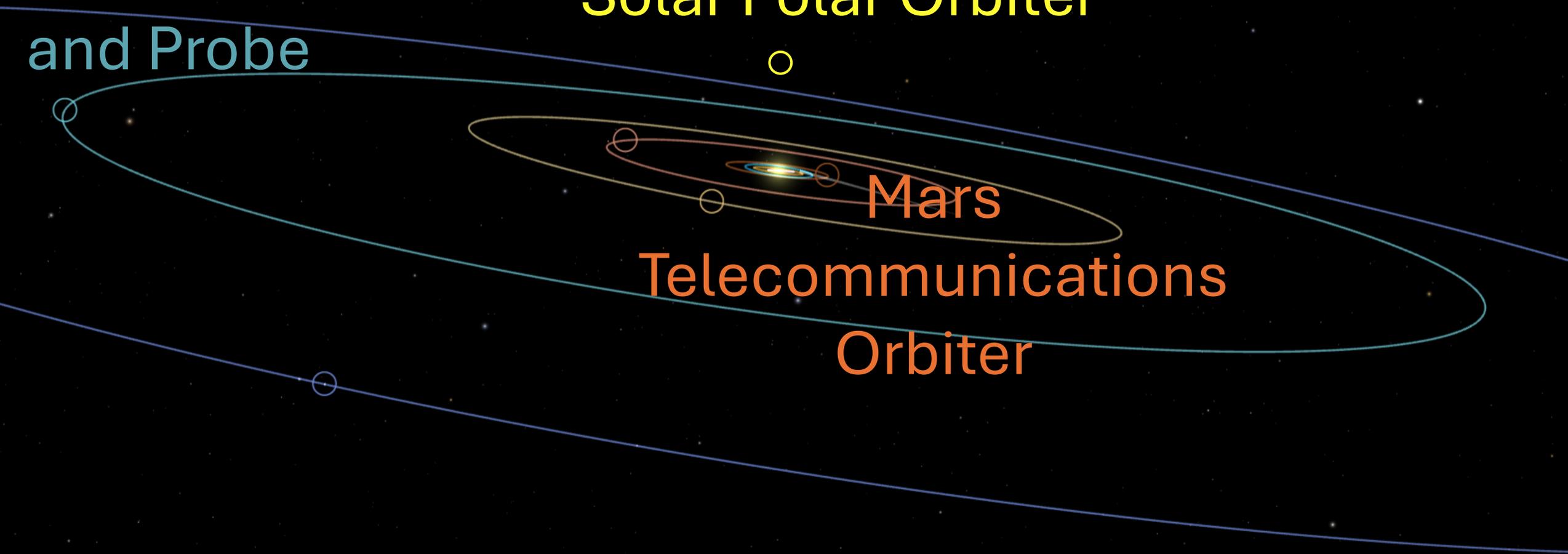
2040+

Uranus Orbiter
and Probe

Solar Polar Orbiter

Mars

Telecommunications
Orbiter



The IPN - Conclusions

- The IPN is modernizing. Let us know what you want from us
 - Happy to discuss future IPN instruments (no SiPMs!)
- **Must maintain sensitive, all-sky coverage**
 - Ensure Konus-Wind continues (crucial and cheap TDAMM investment)
 - Begin building a strategic replacement
- What could be done with arcsecond prompt localizations?
 - Cosmology and host galaxies at your leisure
 - Individual magnetars in other galaxies
 - What else?

Science return as a function of capability

Alert Latency	Corresponding Result	Sections	
>10,000,000 s	Origin of short GRBs, MGF candidate identification	2.1.1	
	Origin and physical mechanisms of FRBs	2.1.4	
	MGF QPOs and NS equation of state	2.1.2	
	Sources of GWs	2.1.3 2.3.8	
	Discovery of new magnetars	2.1.5	
	Magnetar formation channels, properties, and burst physics	2.1.6 2.1.7 2.1.8	
	Determination of SGRB progenitor fractions	2.2.6	
	GRB classification of GW sources	2.2.8	
	Speed of gravity measures	2.2.15	
	Determination of GRB counterpart to orphan afterglow, dirty fireballs	2.3.1 2.3.2	
	Origin of neutrinos, ultra-high energy cosmic rays	2.3.7	
	1,000,000 s	Guide fast radio burst searches of active Galactic magnetars	2.1.4
		Capture rise of supernova	2.3
	100,000 s	Follow-up classification of long GRBs from mergers	2.2.7 2.2.9
Latest reliable recovery of afterglow, potential redshift determination, cosmology		2.2.10 2.2.11 2.2.13	
Guide follow-up of externally-identified transients based on prompt GRB signal		2.3.1 2.3.2	
10,000	Capture rise of red kilonova	2.2.4	
	Key diagnostic information on relativistic jets	2.2.14	
	X-ray recovery of plateau emission in afterglow	2.2.1	
	Tests of gravity parity violation	2.2.15	
	Follow-up observations for VHE emission	2.3.6	
	Capture rise of blue kilonova	2.2.3	
	1000 s	X-ray observations of fading tail after Galactic MGFs	2.1
		Discrimination of origin of early UV emission in mergers	2.2.3
		Observation of prompt phase of ultra-long GRBs	2.3.4
		Blandford-Znajek test via afterglow polarization observations	2.3.9
100 s	Multiwavelength characterization of BNS merger classes and associated science	2.2.4	
	Critical early observations of EM-bright NSBH mergers	2.2.5	
	Prioritized follow-up based on GW merger classification	2.2.8	
	X-ray observations of fading tail after extragalactic MGFs	2.1	
	X-ray recovery of merger GRB extended emission	2.2.1	
10 s	Full tests of dense matter, origin of heavy elements	2.2.12	
	Recovery of higher radio frequency (low dimension measure) precursors	2.3.3	

Localization Accuracy	Corresponding Result	Sections
4π sr	Detection of gamma-ray transients by all-sky monitors	
~ 1000 deg ²	Chance joint detection of transients with other wide-field monitors	
	Follow-up tiling of GRBs by the widest field UV and optical telescopes	3.1
~ 100 deg ²	Robust association of GWs and GRBs	2.2
	Identification of MGF candidates and potential host galaxy	5.3.7
~ 30 deg ²	Follow-up tiling of GRBs by wide-field optical telescopes	2.2.3, 2.3.6
	Follow-up tiling of GRBs by wide-field radio, VHE, and IR facilities	3.1
~ 10 deg ²	Associate nearby extragalactic MGFs to ideal host galaxies	2.1.1
	Robust association of GRBs to neutrinos	2.3.7
~ 1 deg ²	Associate SGR flares to specific magnetars	2.1.3
	Robust association of UVOIR identified transients to GRB	
~ 100 arcminute ²	Extragalactic MGF host galaxy association	2.1.1
~ 30 arcminute ²	Follow-up observations by the majority of telescopes	
~ 1 arcminute ²	Follow-up observations by effectively all telescopes	
~ 100 arcsecond ²	Follow-up identification of Galactic magnetars	2.1.5
~ 10 arcsecond ²	Robust associations of cosmological GRBs to host galaxy and measurement of offset	2.3.12