OPTIMIZATION & COORDINATION OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FOLLOWUP



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http://www.jb.man.ac.uk/news/2011/LOFAR-pulsars/

There is an growing need for **coordinated** optical followup of a deluge of transients in expanding field of **time domain astronomy**.

http://touro.ligo-la.caltech.edu/%7Ebonnie/publish/aerials/ aerials-Pages/Image5.html







http://www18.i2u2.org/elab/ligo/home/project.jsp

Motivation: gravitational waves, GRBs, and compact binary coalescence



Gravitational waves: start
 before γ ray burst

arXiv.org > astro-ph > arXiv:1108.6056

Astrophysics > High Energy Astrophysical Phenomena

What is the Most Promising Electromagnetic Counterpart of a Neutron Star Binary Merger?

Brian D. Metzger, Edo Berger (Submitted on 30 Aug 2011)

Multimessenger astronomy



GW skymaps



- multimodal
- dispersed over 4π
- spread over blobs or rings that are 10 — 100 deg² across

Triangulation from time delay on arrival with ≥ 2 detectors



- 2 detectors: source location constrained to a ring on the sky
- With 3+ detectors, source location is constrained to two blobs in mirroring locations
- Accuracy highly dependent on elevation plane of detectors, antenna patterns

Area of 95% localization confidence: ≥10-100 deg²

- At high SNR, confidence level contours are ellipses
- At low SNR, confidence region is irregularly shaped, spans hundreds of deg²





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Telescopes: deep, or wide, but not* both

		limiting	slew	
site	field of view	magnitude	time (s)	geographic location
Liverpool ^{ab}	$0.077^{\circ} \times 0.077^{\circ}$	22 in 120 s	30	$28^{\circ}45'44.8''N, 17^{\circ}52'45.2''W$
$Zadko^{c}$	$1.4^{\circ} \times 1.4^{\circ}$	21 in 180 s	20	$31^{\circ}21'24''S, 155^{\circ}42'49''E$
ROTSE III-a ^d	$1.85^{\circ} \times 1.85^{\circ}$	17.5 in 20 s	4	$31^{\circ}16'24.1''S, 149^{\circ}3'40.3''E$
ROTSE III-b ^d	$1.85^{\circ} \times 1.85^{\circ}$	17.5 in 20 s	4	$23^{\circ}16'18''S, 16^{\circ}30'00''E$
ROTSE III-c ^d	$1.85^{\circ} \times 1.85^{\circ}$	17.5 in 20 s	4	$36^{\circ}49'30''N, 30^{\circ}20'0''E$
ROTSE III-d ^d	$1.85^{\circ} \times 1.85^{\circ}$	17.5 in 20 s	4	$30^{\circ}40'17.7''N, 104^{\circ}1'20.1''W$
$TAROT^{e}$	$1.86^\circ \times 1.86^\circ$	17 in 10 s	1.5	$43.7522^{\circ}N, 6.9238^{\circ}E$
$TAROT-S^{e}$	$1.86^\circ \times 1.86^\circ$	17 in 10 s	1.5	$29.2608^{\circ}S, 70.7322^{\circ}W$
$\rm Skymapper^{f}$	$2.373^{\circ} \times 2.395^{\circ}$	21.6 in 110 s		$31^{\circ}16'24''S, 149^{\circ}3'52''E$
PTF ^g	$3.5^{\circ} \times 2.31^{\circ}$	20.6 in 60 s		$33^{\circ}21'21''N, 116^{\circ}51'50''W$
$\star_{ m LSST^h}$	$3.5^{\circ} \times 3.5^{\circ}$	24.5 in 2×15 s		$30^{\circ}14'39''S, 70^{\circ}44'57.8''W$
$ m QUEST^i$	$3.6^{\circ} \times 4.6^{\circ}$	20.0 in 60 s		$33^{\circ}21'21''N, 116^{\circ}51'50''W$
Pi of the Sky South ^{jk}	$20^{\circ} \times 20^{\circ}$	12.5 in 10 s	60	$22^{\circ}57'12''S, 68^{\circ}10'48''W$
Pi of the Sky North ^{jk}	$40^{\circ} \times 40^{\circ}$	12.5 in 10 s	40	$37^{\circ}6'14''N, 6^{\circ}44'3''W$

Telescopes: rich variety of instruments

Telescopes have:

- different limiting magnitudes
- different slew times
- different filters
- gaps between CCDs
- dead CCDs

CCD 00		CCD 01		CCD 02				CCD 04		CCD 05
σ=19.1e ⁻	37"	σ=6.6e ⁻	35"	σ=13.9e ⁻		0003		σ=10.6e ⁻	42"	σ=5.9e ⁻
1.7e ⁻ /DN		1.6e ⁻ /DN		1.8e ⁻ /DN				1.9e ⁻ /DN		1.8e ⁻ /DN
39"	1	34"	1 1	34"				33"		45"
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CCD 06		CCD 07		CCD 08		CCD 09		CCD 10		CCD 11
CCD 06 σ=15.7e ⁻	38"	CCD 07 σ=12.3e ⁻	35"	CCD 08 σ=7.1e ⁻	36"	CCD 09 σ=9.1e ⁻	46"	CCD 10 σ=15.4e ⁻	34"	CCD 11 σ=15.5e ⁻

from "The Palomar Transient Factory: system overview, performance, and first results," PASP 121:1395—1408, December 2009.

vignetted or clipped image planes

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Single telescope problem

• Rotate FOV to γ_i , multiply by sky map, and integrate \rightarrow probability of imaging source if telescope is pointed at γ_i



• Analogous to a convolution integral



• Maximum of this integral is optimal pointing:

$$\gamma_i^* \triangleq \arg \max_{\gamma_i} p(\mathrm{EM}_i | \gamma_i, \mathrm{GW})$$

Fast convolution in HEALPix

- Hierarchical Equal Area isoLatitude PIXelization
- Well-suited for harmonic analysis (isoLatitude)
- Existing tools for C/C++, Fortran, Python, IDL, MATLAB, Java, ...
- Part of the official FITS World Coordinate System (since 2006), so it's readable by many freely available astronomy software packages



WMAP 7-year survey from http://map.gsfc.nasa.gov/ media/101080/index.html



from Górski et al. ApJ, 622:759 – 771, 2005 April I Digging Faster and Deeper — 13 Dec 2011, Caltech — LIGO-G1101288-v3



Checked convergence and runtime of both **spatial** and **multipole** algorithms. On a single core machine, at a resolution of $\approx 0.05 \text{ deg}^2$, **spatial** took about $\approx 1000 \text{ s}$ while **multipole** took only $\approx 25 \text{ s}$.

Parallelization with OpenMP

```
arr2<xcomplex<double> > Tmm(2 * lmax + 1,
```

```
#pragma omp parallel for
for (int l = 0; l <= lmax; l ++)
{
    for (int m = 0; m <= l; m++)
    {
        xcomplex-double> val(0., 0.);
        for (int M = -l: M <= l: M ++)
        {
        OpenMPP.
    }
}</pre>
```

Both implementations are accelerated with **OpenMP**, the standard multiprocessing API that is built into modern C/C++/ Fortran compilers.

Designed so that convolution calculation scales up to multicore machines for very rapid, near real-time operation if needed.

On CIT cluster head node, *multipole* has achieved execution times as short as 5 s.

Multiple telescope problem

- With N telescopes, optimization problem in 2N dimensions.
- Exhaustive search is intractible: cost goes as (pixel area)^{-N}
- Need efficient numerical approach

Noncooperative planner

Every astronomer for him/herself!



Each telescope points where it is most likely to image the source, regardless of what others are doing.

Not very efficient if there are many telescopes, but works reasonably well if coverage is poor.

http://contentedlymaladaptive.com/2009/12/the-inmate-fightingmating-dance/



Anneal planner

Randomly perturb pointings of all telescope simultaneously



http://calexis.com/blog/2010/05/24/infinite-monkeys-spell-gazortenflap/

Plug prob. of imaging source into good old scipy.optimize.anneal!

Use modified "fast annealing" schedule of L. Ingber (1989).



Case study

- Low mass inspiral injections into simulated initial LIGO noise
- Sky maps generated with Larry Price's localization code
- Generate observing plans using *noncooperative*, *greedy*, and *anneal* planners
- Use PyNOVAS for checking sun and horizon interference

Coordination may be important for EM followup!



If we want to image an EM counterpart **as soon as possible** after the GW trigger, **coordinating** observations by many telescopes **drastically increases our odds** as compared to deciding where to point each telescope independent of all of the others.

Conclusion

What we did:

- applied spherical harmonic analysis to planning EM followup
- developed code for planning observations that is:
 - **fast** enough to use for extensive injection campaigns
 - **flexible** enough to handle any telescope network
 - **simple** enough to add sophistication to telescope models
 - scalable so that it can be used for very low latency operation on multicore machines

Future work:

- incorporate light curve model, slew time, limiting magnitude
- handle multiple observations (mosaic) spread through time
- explore detectability of CBC+GRB+optical events in aLIGO with GW injections combined with light curves and telescope model

