

# OVRO-LWA

## Science Results & Stage III Upgrade

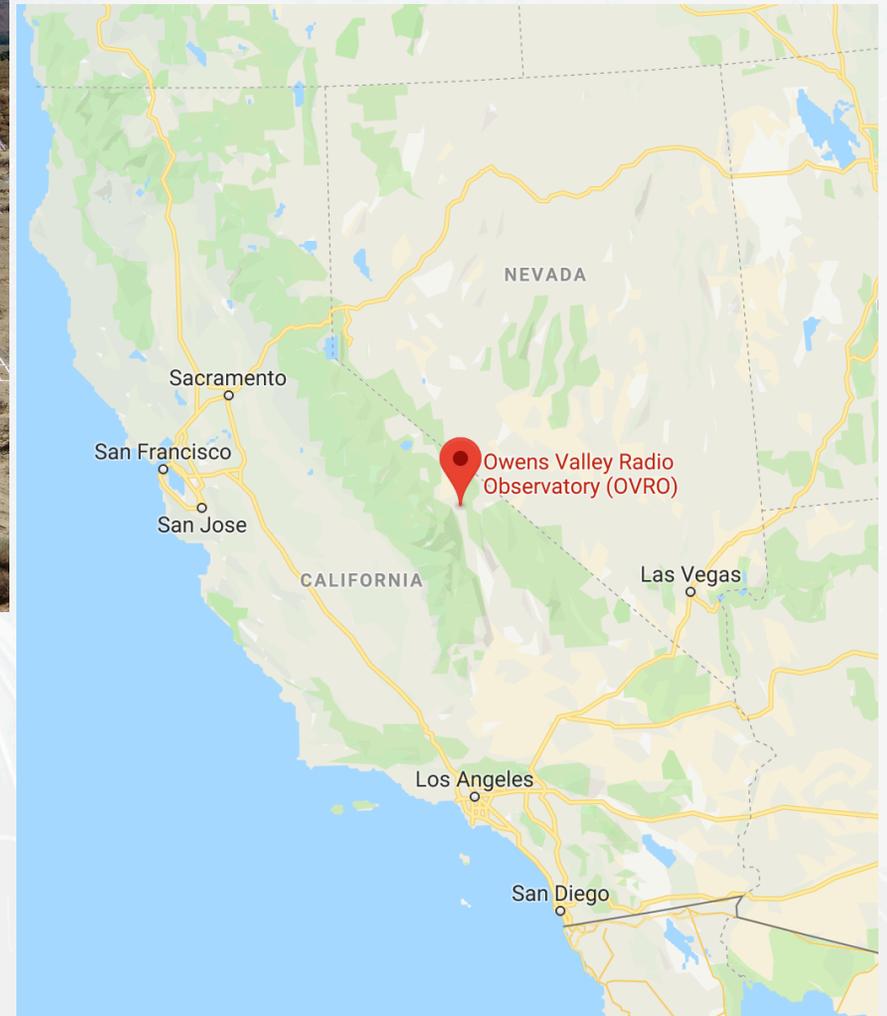
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# Owens Valley Radio Observatory Long Wavelength Array

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Stage I OVRO-LWA (2013-2014)

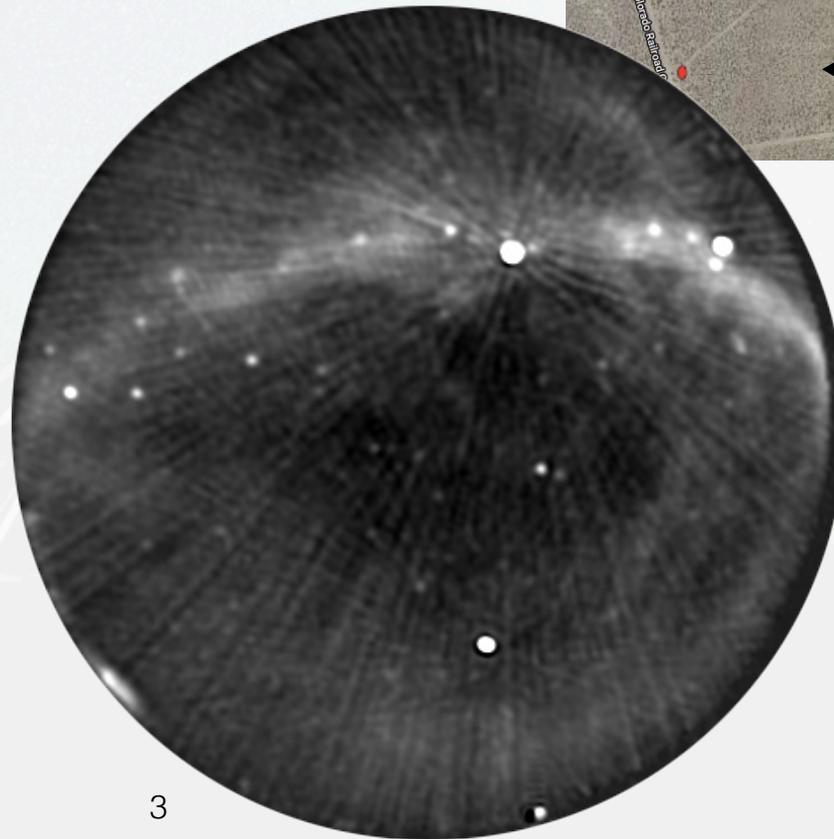
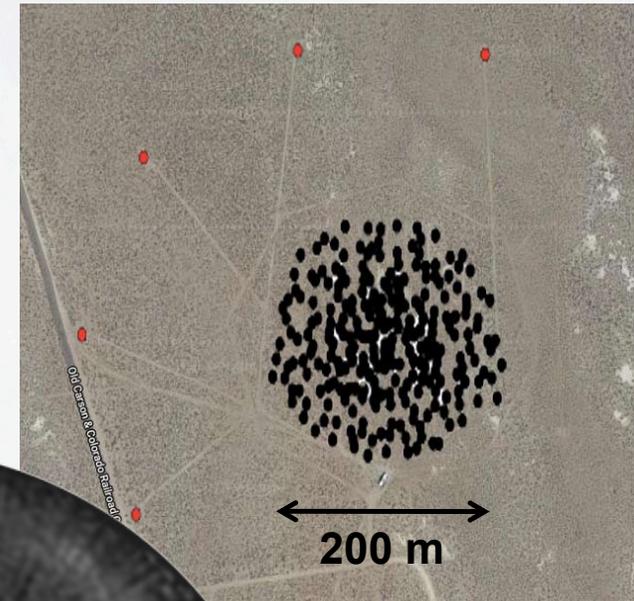
Stage II OVRO-LWA (2015-2016)

Stage III 352-OVRO-LWA (2019-)

# OVRO-LWA Stage I (2013-2014)

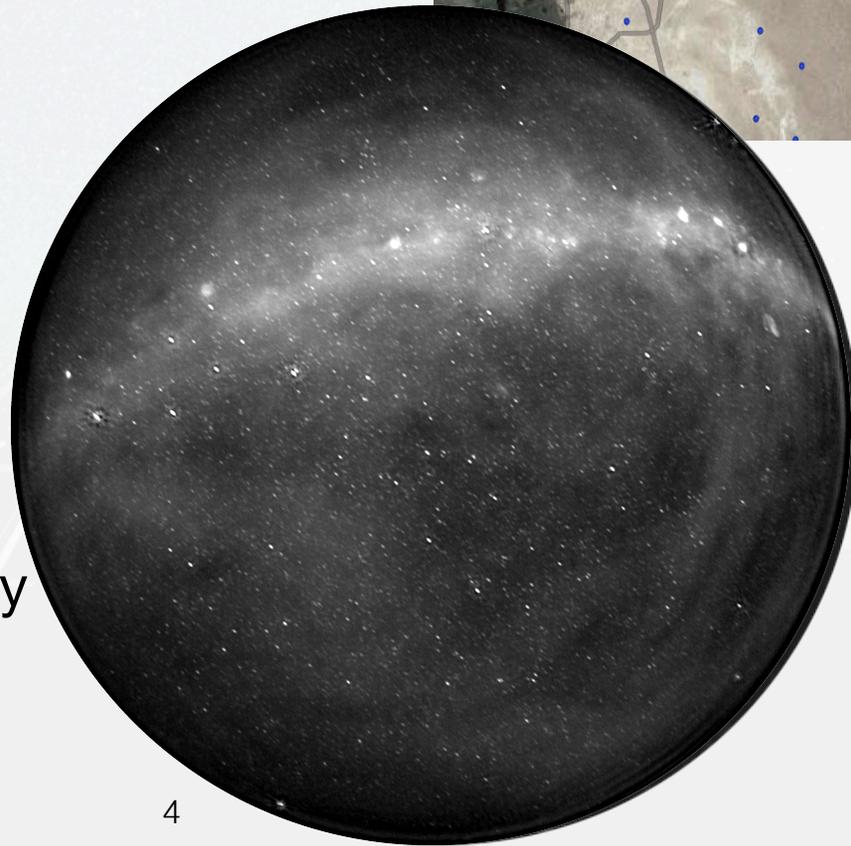
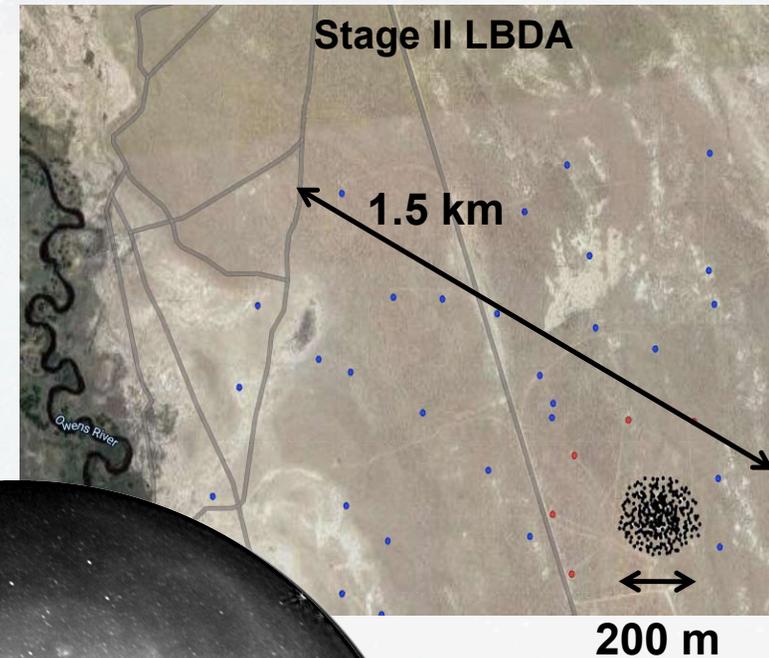
- 251 LWA crossed-dipole antennas, in 200 m diameter core
- 5 LEDA antennas — total power measurements (**Price+2018**)
- 28-84 MHz band, 24 kHz resolution
- full cross-correlation with 512-input LEDA correlator (**Kocz+2015**)
- 1 deg resolution

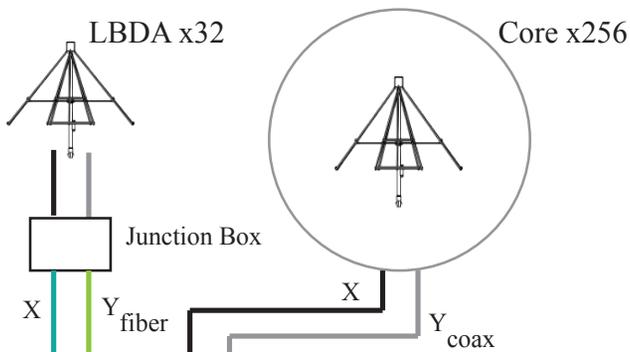
Stage I Core Array



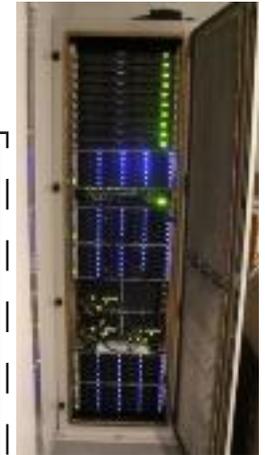
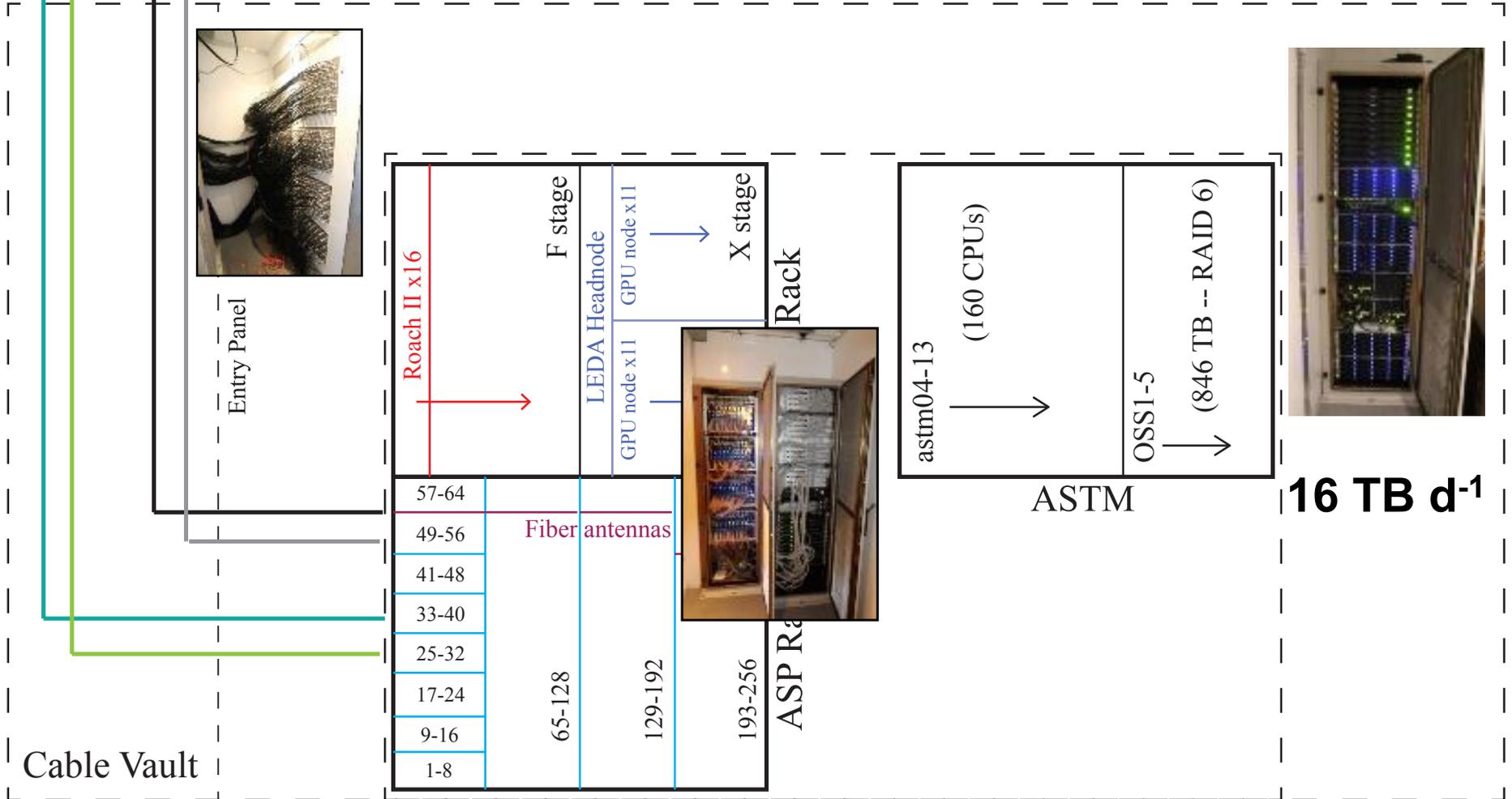
# OVRO-LWA Stage II (2015-present)

- 32 additional antennas out to 1.5 km (Long Baseline Demonstrator Array)
- RF signal transport over optical fiber
- 7 arcmin resolution at top of band
- >10,000 point sources in single 13 s snapshot
- ~800 mJy snapshot sensitivity





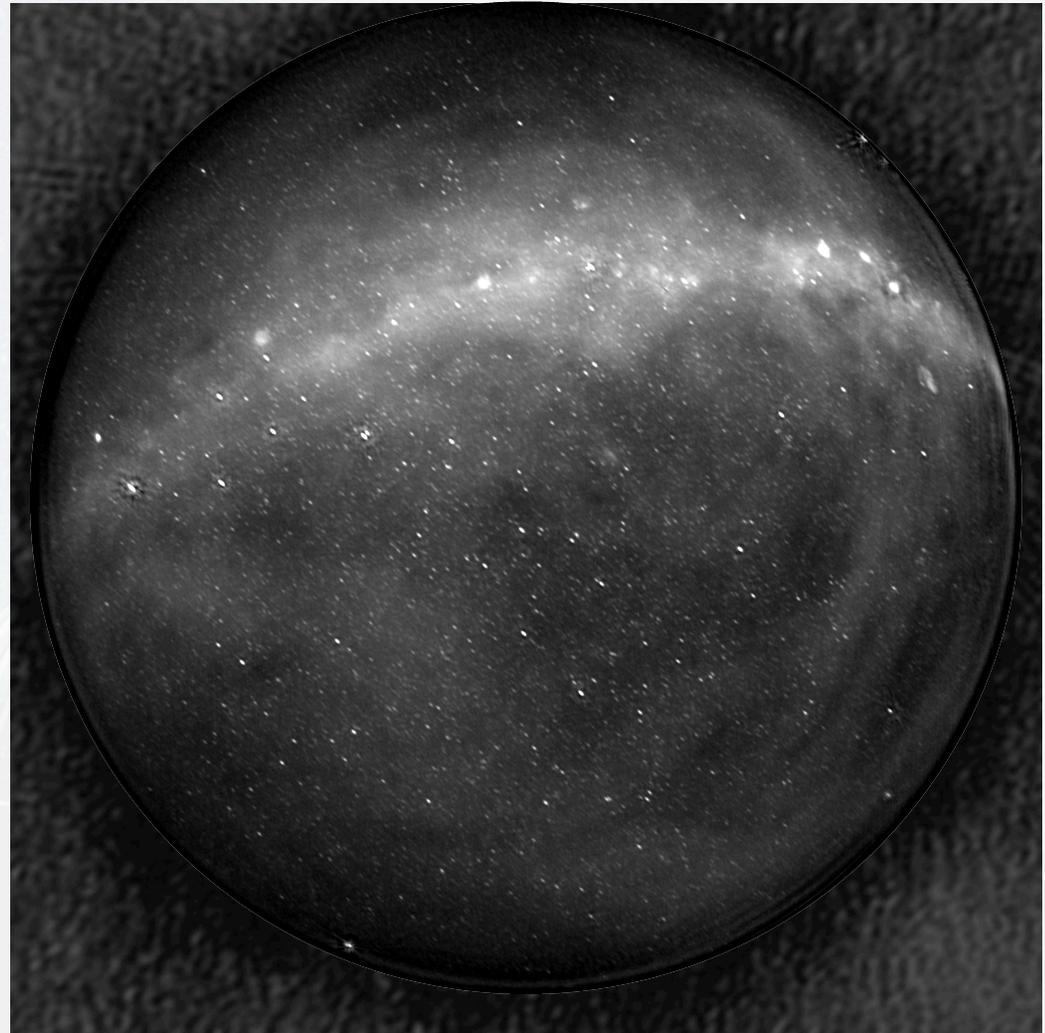
Electronics Shelter



# OVRO-LWA Stage II Operations

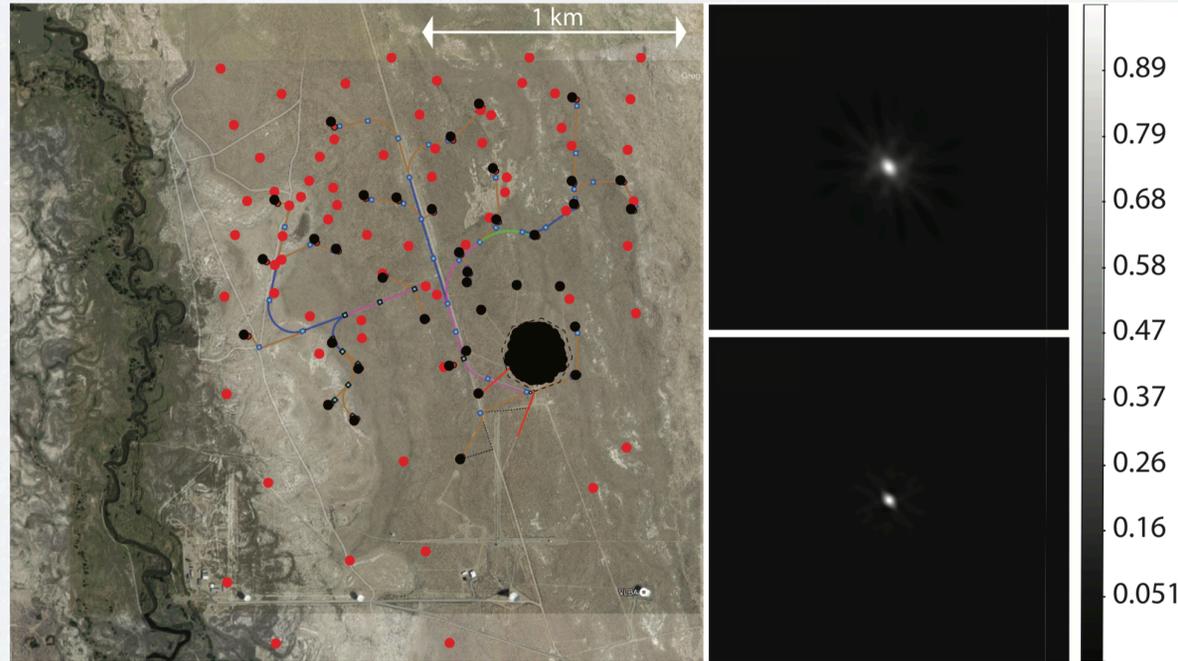
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1. **Science datasets**
  - 28 hour run (February 2017)
  - 120 hour run (March 2018)
2. **Triggered observations**
  - 24 hour buffer of visibilities
3. **Non-standard observing**
  - Cosmic ray observations



# OVRO-LWA Stage III (2019-)

- Additional 64 antennas **out to 2.6 km**, for a **total of 352**
- Complete redesign of the analog receiver boards
- Digital backend redesign, next-gen correlator (maintaining the FPGA/GPU architecture of the existing 512-input LEDA), with **704 inputs and 70 MHz BW**
- Upgraded calibration and imaging cluster, **3 PB usable storage and 4 TB RAM**

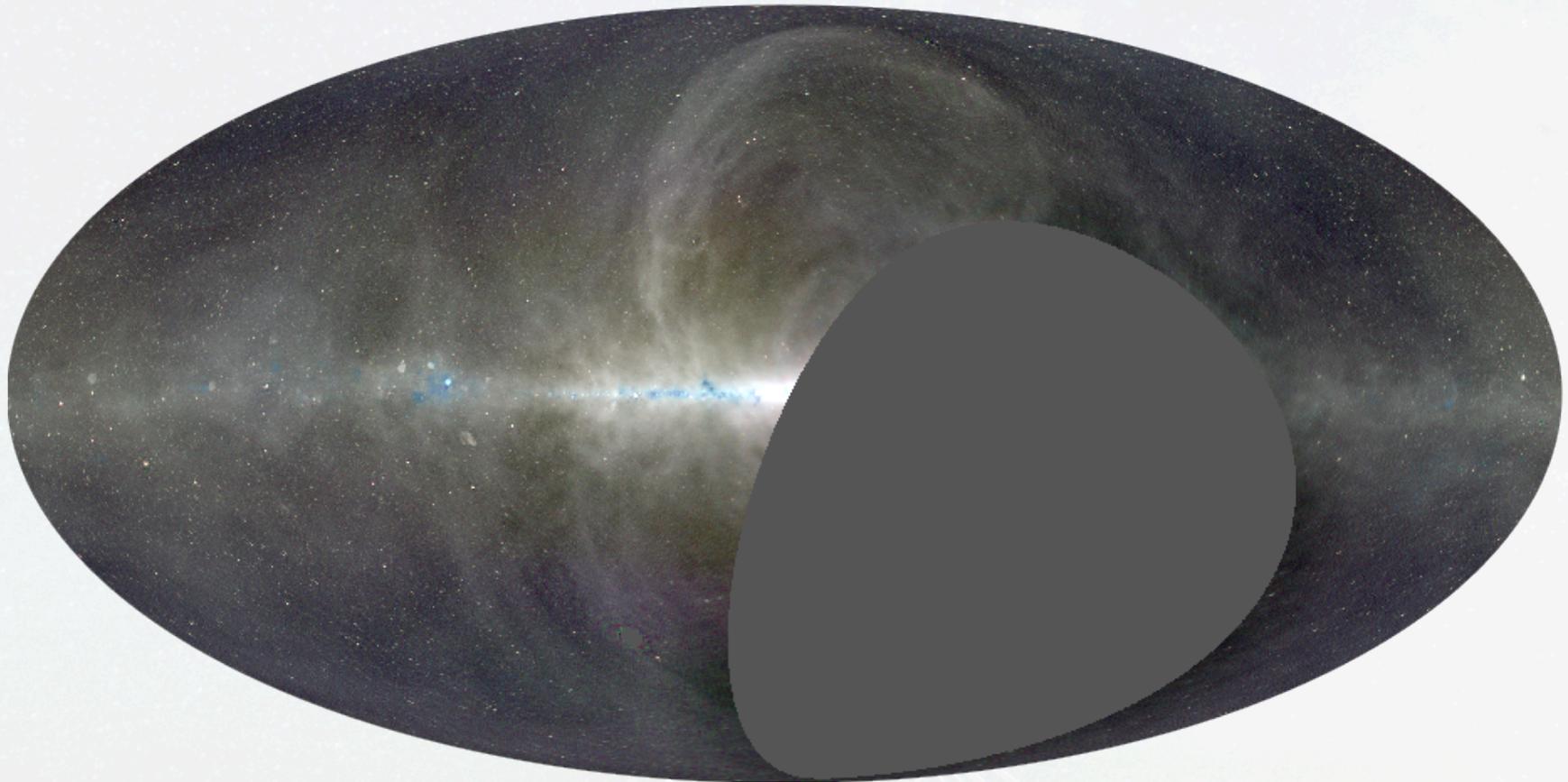


**Simultaneous!**

standard correlation mode  
beamforming mode (12 beams)  
cosmic ray detection

# Cosmic dawn and m-mode analysis

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**Eastwood+2018, 2019**

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- First power spectrum upper limit in the frequency range of the EDGES feature (**Bowman+2018**)

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Led by **Judd Bowman, Gregg Hallinan, Danny Jacobs, +**

**OVRO-LWA-352**

- Stokes I / V m-mode analysis maps across full 70 MHz BW, with 1000 hour dataset
- Observing band overlaps with EDGES signal

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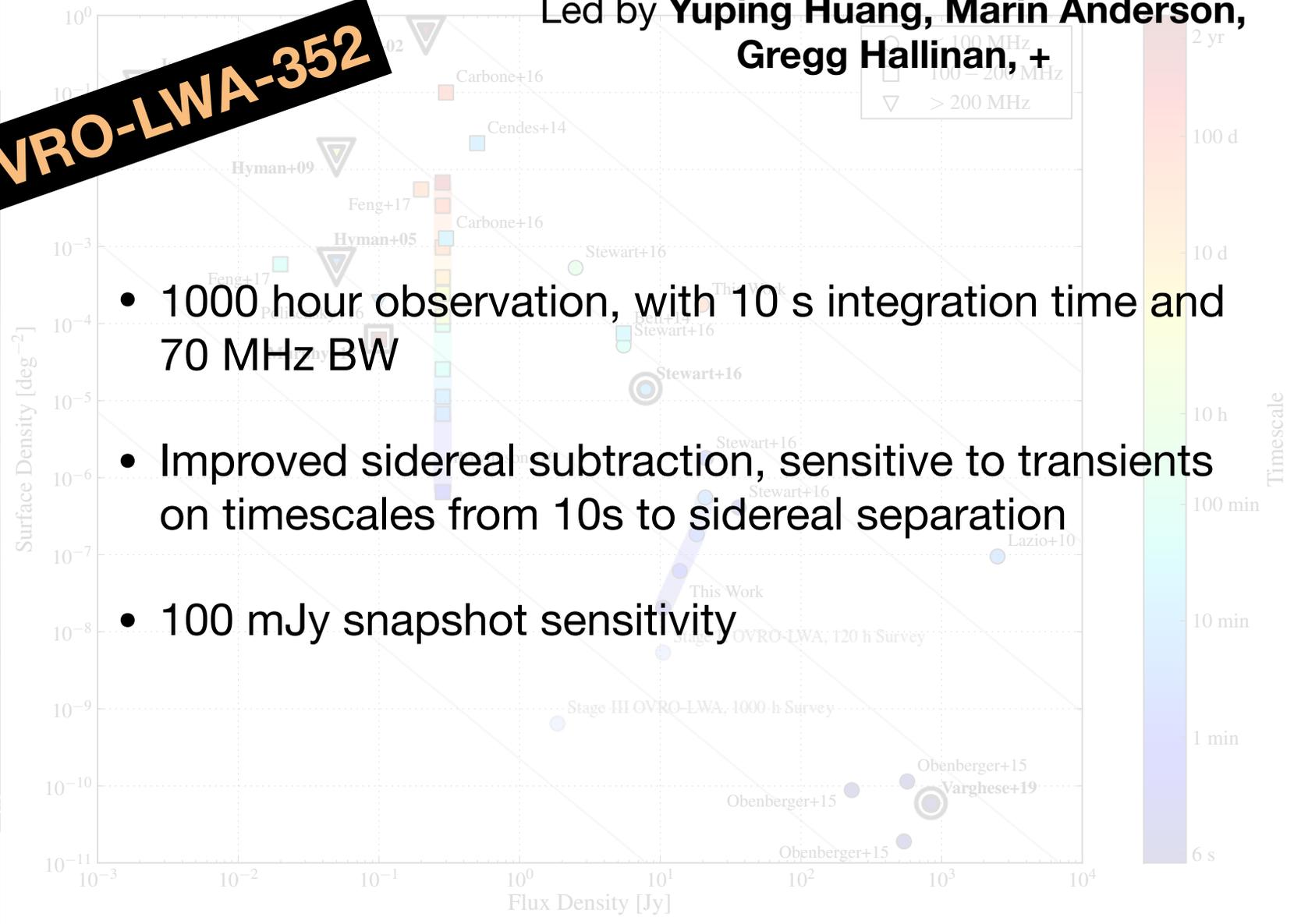
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# Blind transients survey

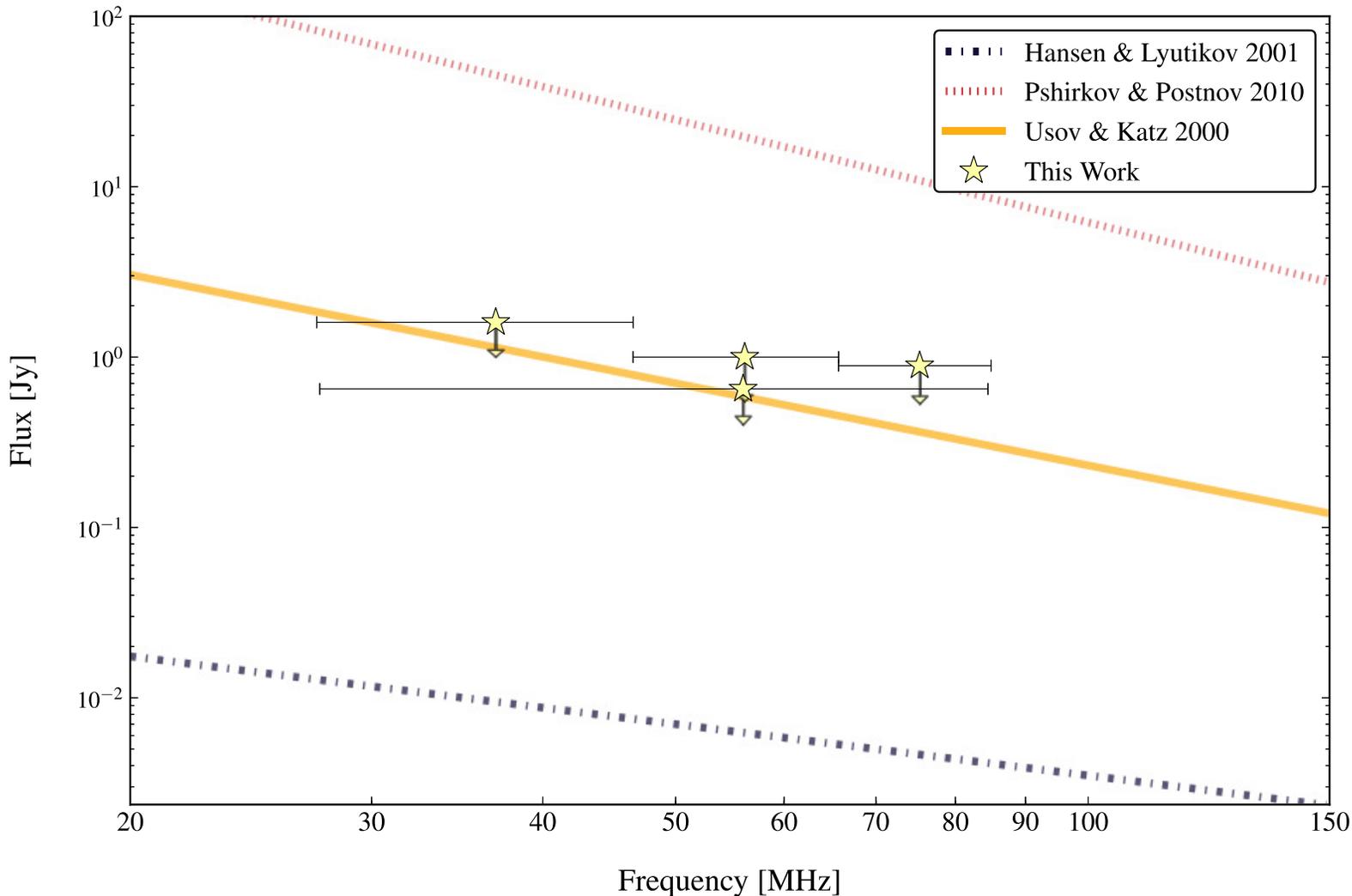
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**OVRO-LWA-352**



- 1000 hour observation, with 10 s integration time and 70 MHz BW
- Improved sidereal subtraction, sensitive to transients on timescales from 10s to sidereal separation
- 100 mJy snapshot sensitivity

# Prompt emission from compact object mergers



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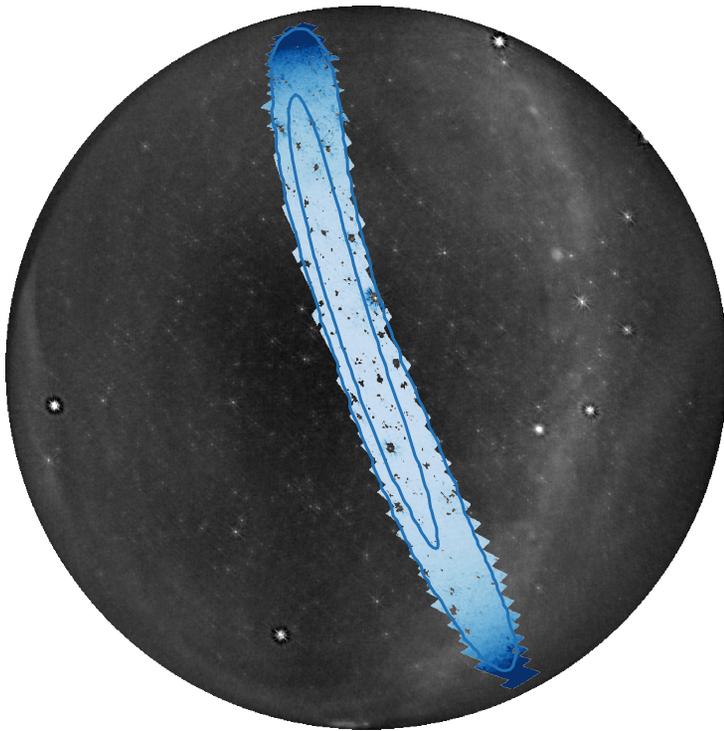
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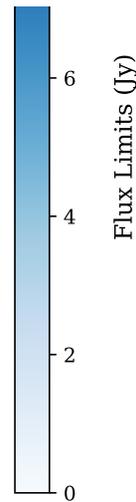
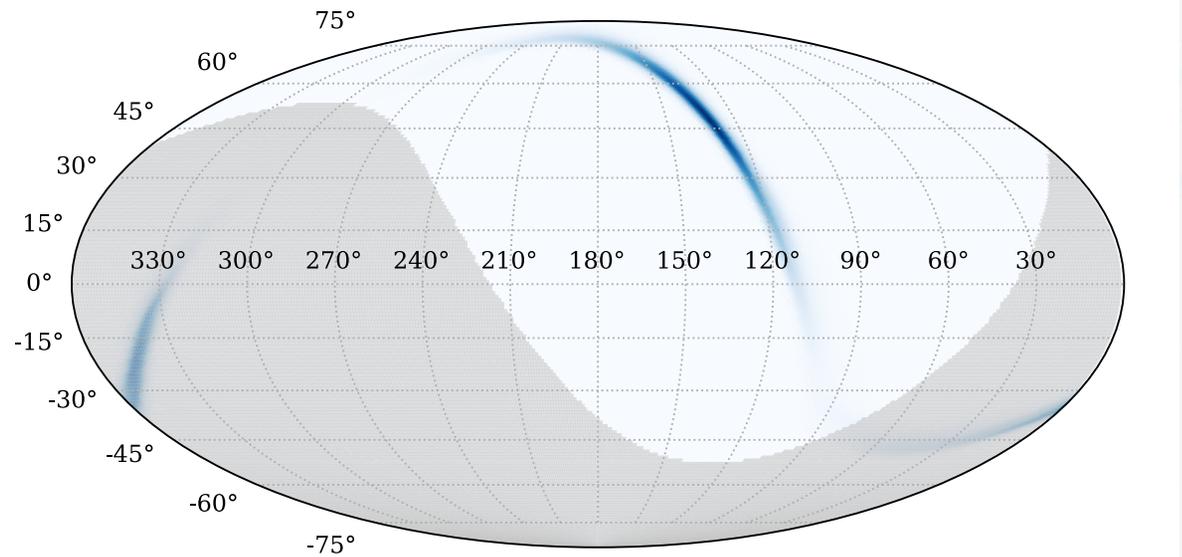
- Demonstration of follow-up capabilities with OVRO-LWA using observation of sGRB 170112A (**Anderson+2018**)

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Callister+2019



Localization region for GW 170104



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- 24-hour buffer observations ongoing, in preparation for O3 events

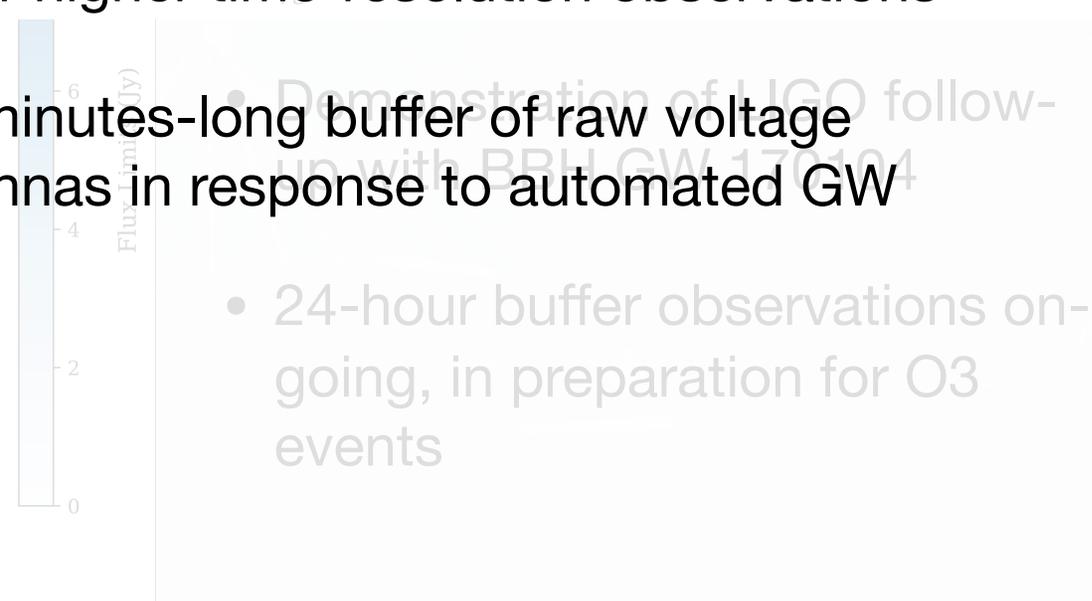
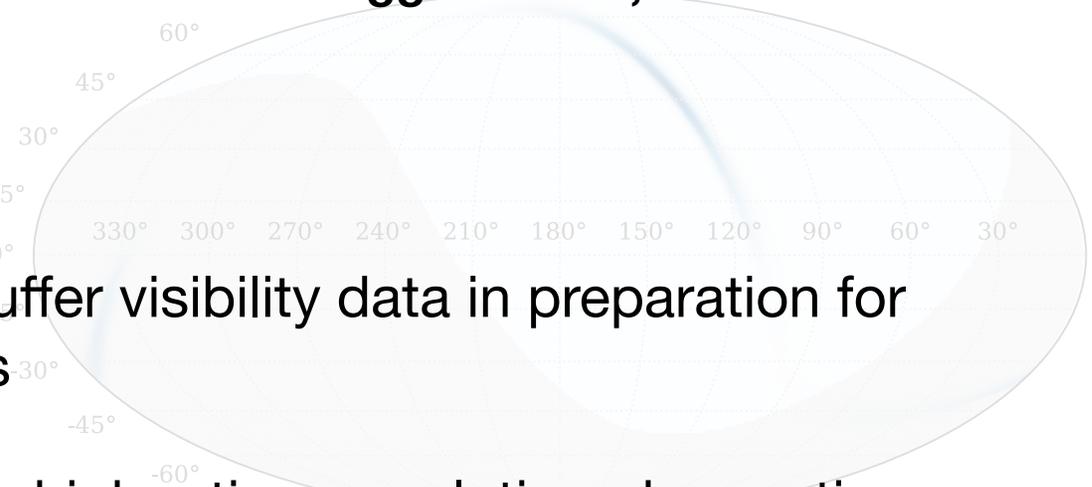
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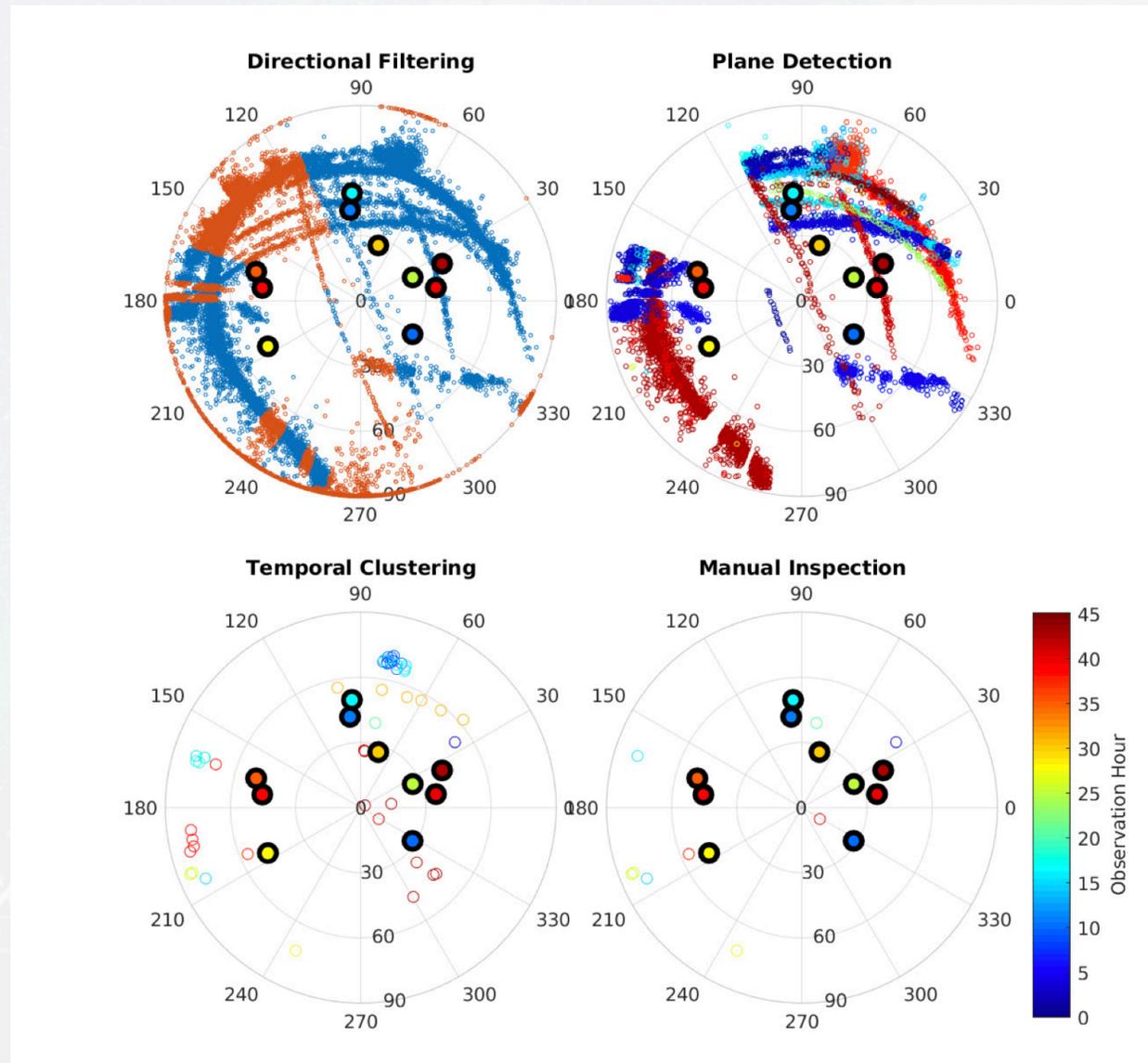
- Will continue to buffer visibility data in preparation for LIGO/Virgo events
- Beam available for higher time-resolution observations
- Plan in place for minutes-long buffer of raw voltage data from all antennas in response to automated GW trigger



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# Mass composition of high energy cosmic rays

- First demonstration of RF-only detection of cosmic rays.
- 10 events detected in 40 hour observation (out of 6 million triggers)
- Sensitive to airshowers from cosmic rays with  $E \sim 3 \times 10^{16} - 10^{18}$  eV (critical transition from Galactic to extragalactic CRs)



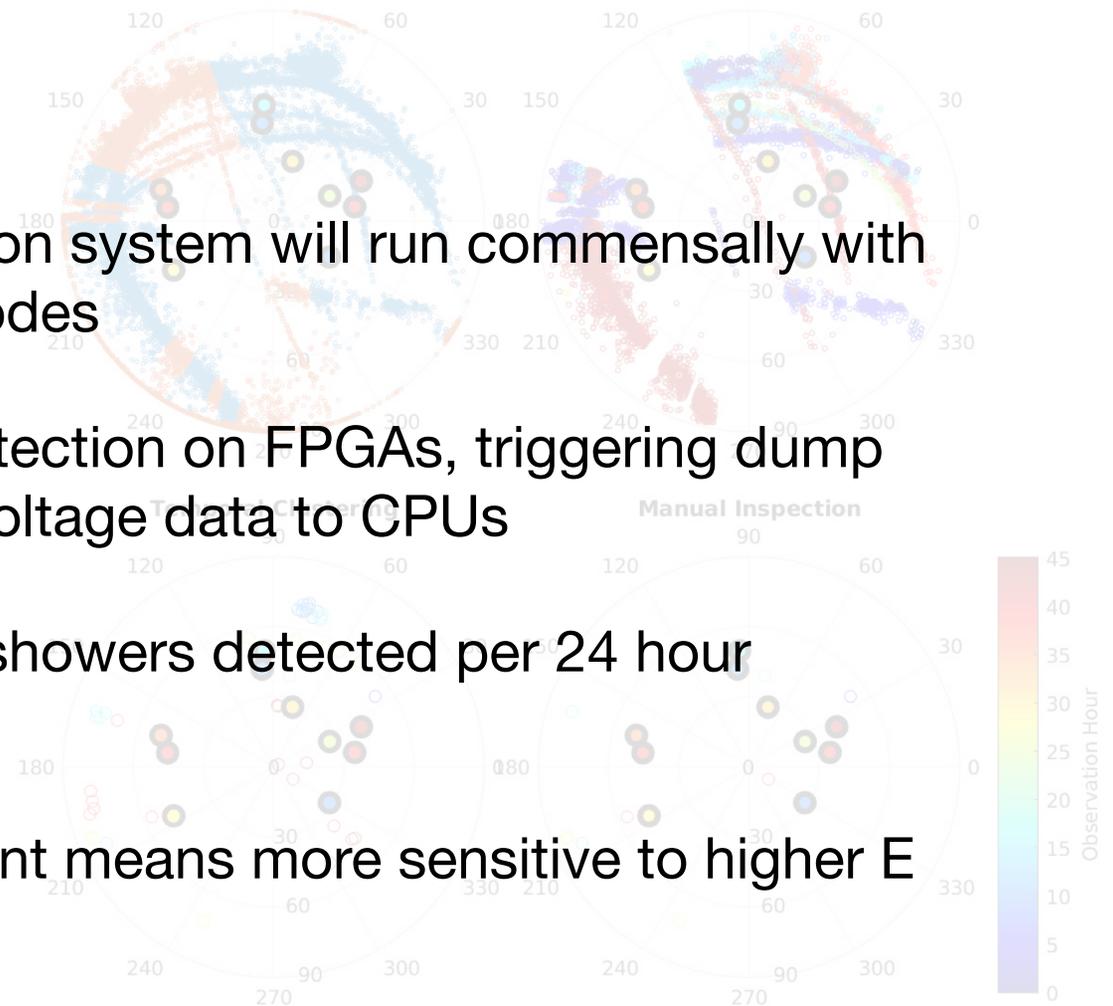
Monroe+2019

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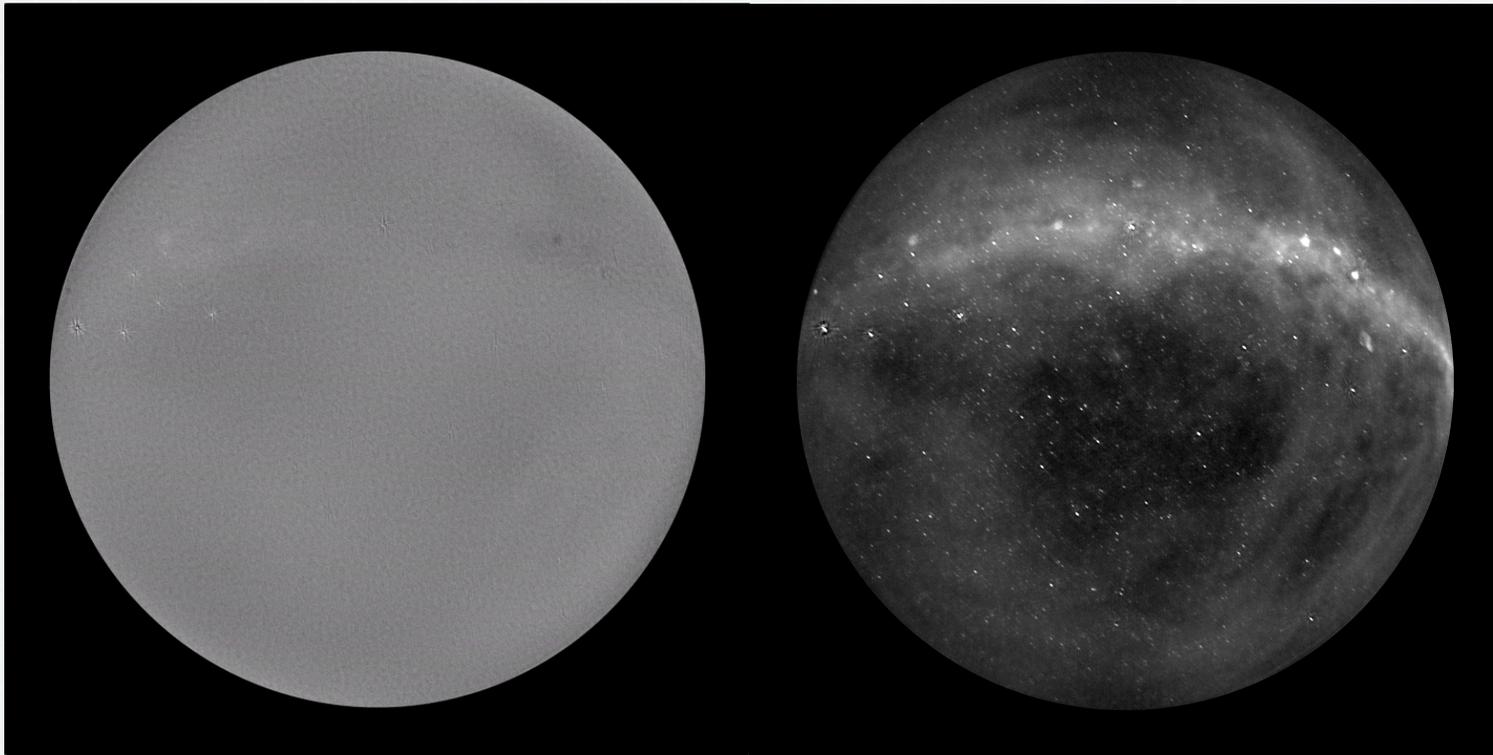
- First detection of cosmic rays.
- Cosmic ray detection system will run commensally with other observing modes
- 10 events detected in 40 hour observation (out of 6 million triggers)
- Real-time event detection on FPGAs, triggering dump of corresponding voltage data to CPUs
- Sensitive to airshowers from cosmic ray airshowers detected per 24 hour observation ( $E \sim 3 \times 10^{16} - 10^{18}$  eV) (critical transition from Galactic to extragalactic CRs)
- Larger array footprint means more sensitive to higher E CRs



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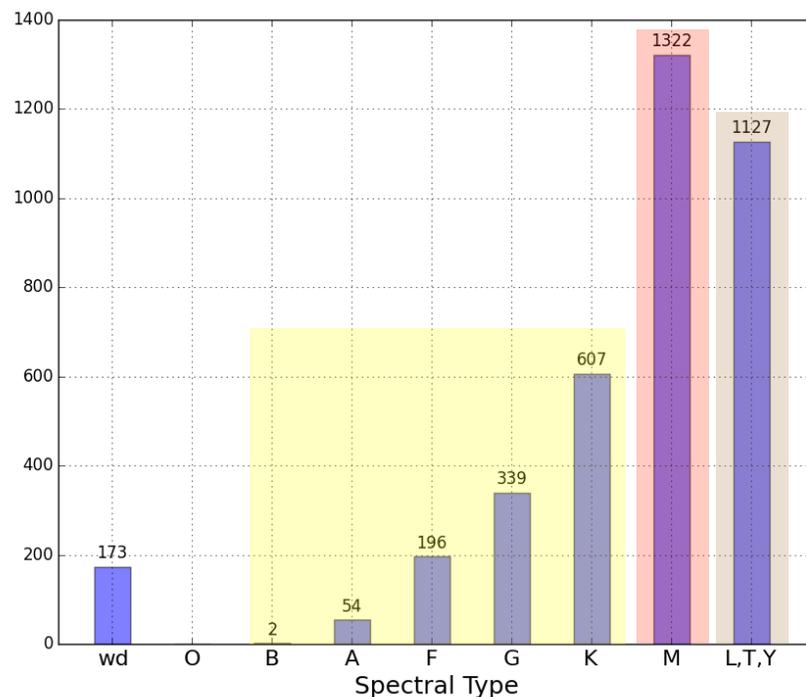
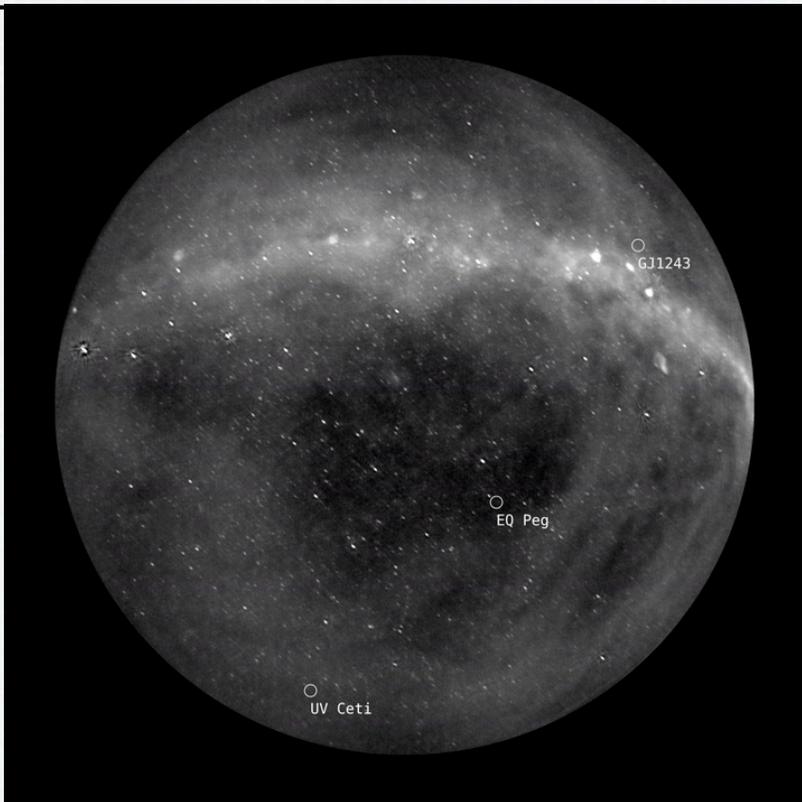
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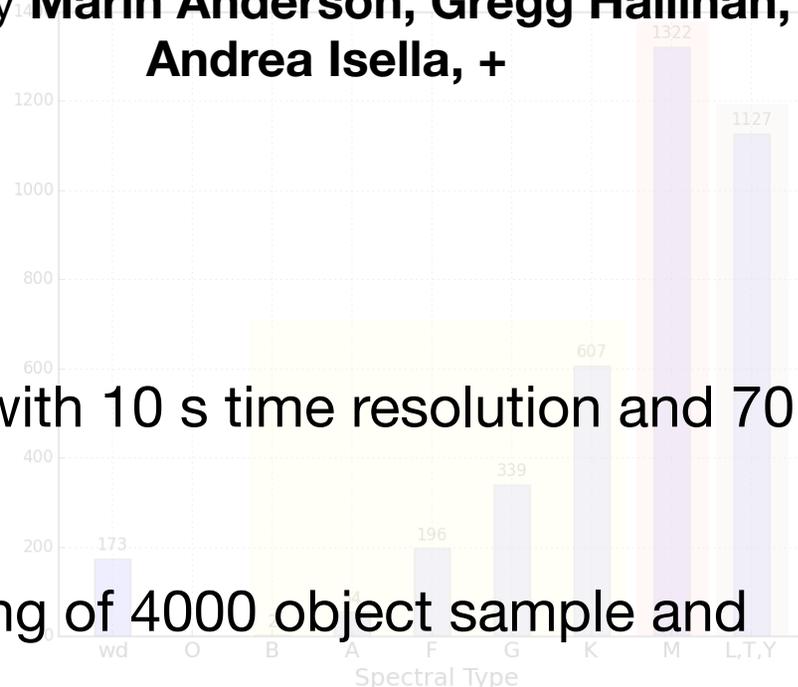
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**OVRO-LWA-352**

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- 1000 hour observation with 10 s time resolution and 70 MHz BW
- Stokes I and V monitoring of 4000 object sample and other targets of interest



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  - 100 mJy snapshot sensitivity in Stokes I
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  - 10 mJy sensitivity in 24-hour m-mode Stokes V maps
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# Summary of OVRO-LWA-352 capabilities

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## **Full cross-correlation, all-sky imaging (10 s, 24 kHz resolution)**

- m-mode analysis, cosmic dawn (1000 hours, Stokes I / V)
- transient surveys
- extrasolar spaceweather
- GW / compact object merger follow-up
- solar dynamic imaging spectroscopy

## **Beamforming observations (12 simultaneous; 1 ms, 24 kHz resolution)**

- solar monitoring (dedicated beam)
- passive sounding of Jovian icy moons (dedicated beam)
- high-time resolution science, RFI characterization, antenna beam holography

## **Raw voltage stream (5 ns)**

- cosmic ray air shower detection
- GW / compact object merger follow-up

## **Supplementary Slides**

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