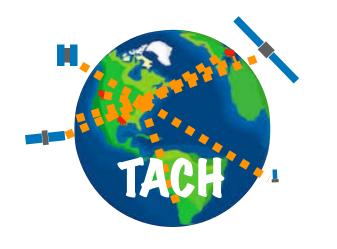


# Time-domain Astronomy Coordination Hub (TACH)

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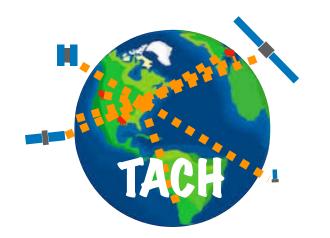
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- NASA project to build upon existing NASA resources to enable time-domain astronomy (especially GW-EM) in an era of multi-messenger astrophysics and upcoming large optical and radio surveys
- Components:
  - GCN Enhancements (GCN)
  - Multimission Transient Database (MTD)
  - Transient Localization Initiative (TLI)
- Timeline:
  - Begun in 2019, 3 year initial project



## GCN Enhancements

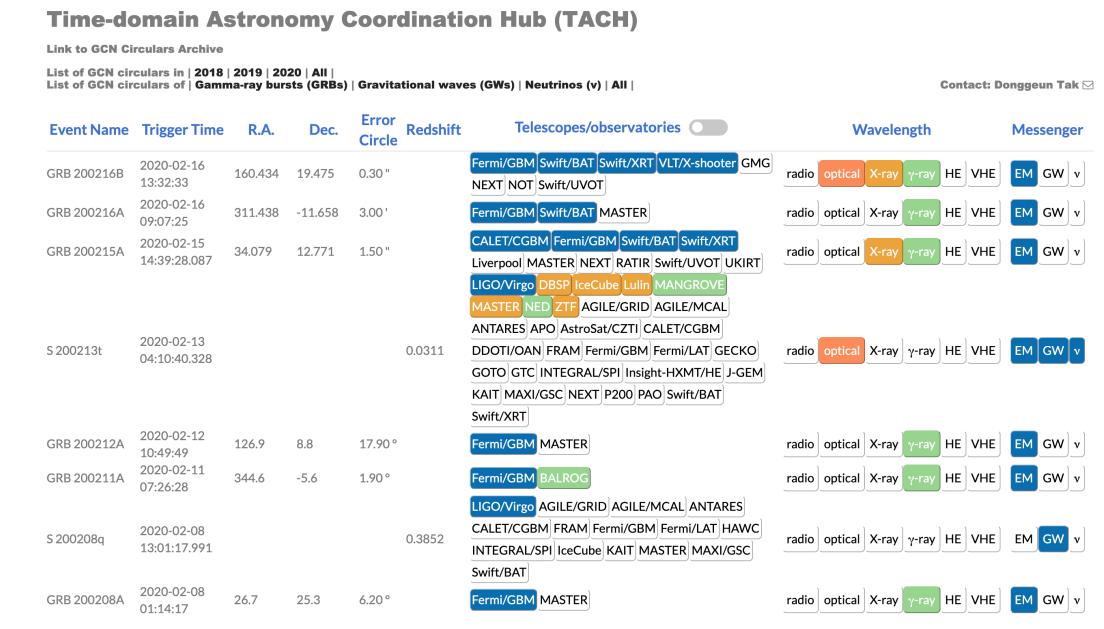
- GCN has been the backbone of the GRB community for decades, and now the GW follow-up community
- It hasn't changed dramatically over the last ~years, and could use modernization, redundancy, new capabilities, better user interface
- Plans/Goals
  - modern protocols (already does email, socket, VOevent), add KAFKA (LSST)
  - automatically correlate transient notifications from ZTF, LSST, etc. with highenergy triggers
  - provide tool to help coordinate follow-up observations work with other groups already doing this (e.g. TreasureMap)
  - modern user interface be able to edit your settings without Scott implementing manually, more options and flexibility



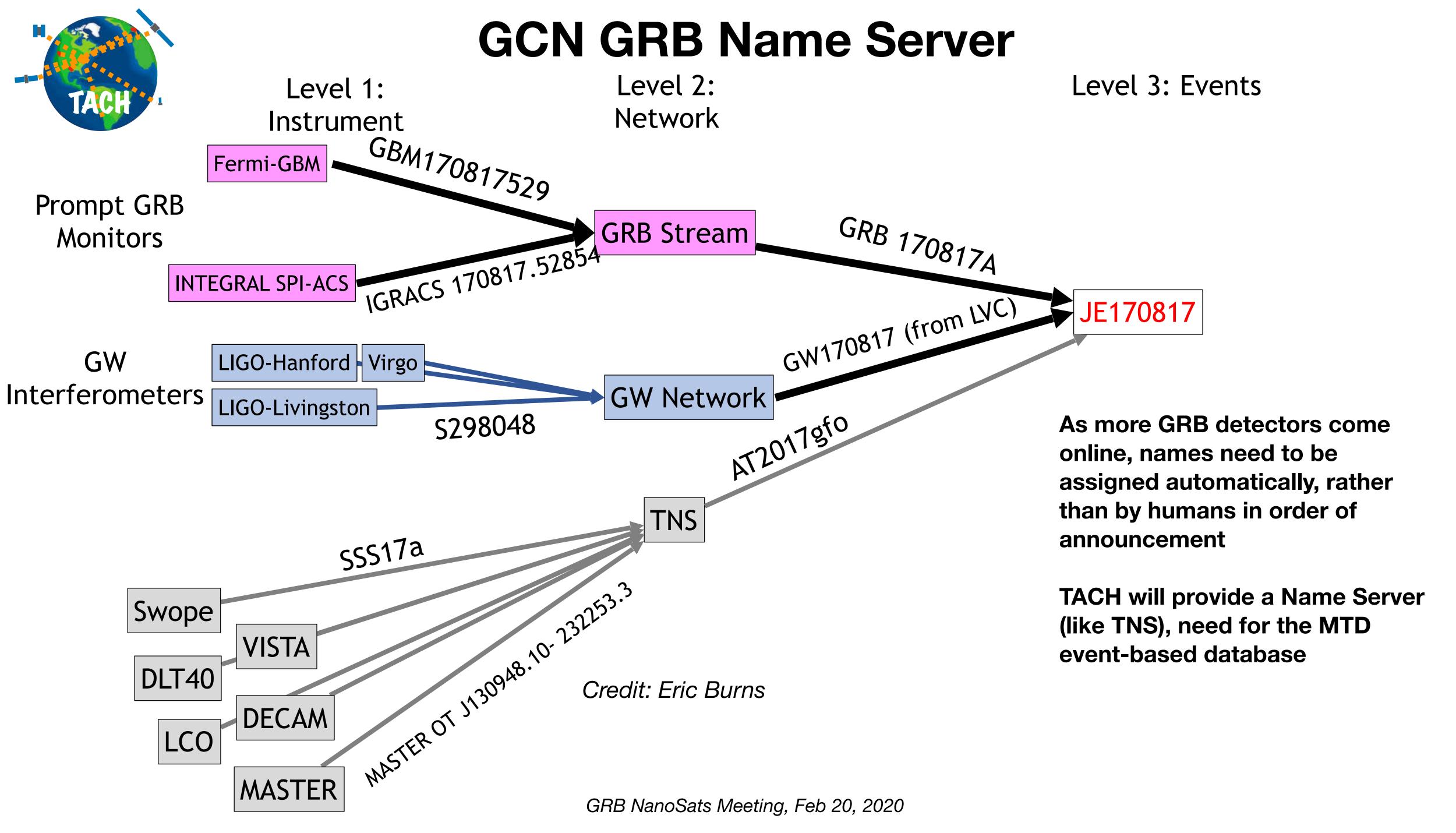
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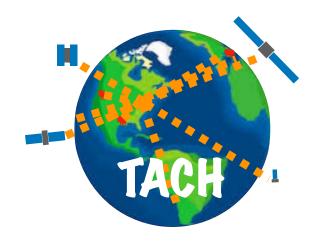
- GCN Circulars Viewer
  - Makes human-written circulars somewhat machine readable
  - Sortable and searchable and archive
  - Flags best localization and redshift
  - Backfilling archive
  - To be released by mid-2020

#### **GCN Circular Viewer**



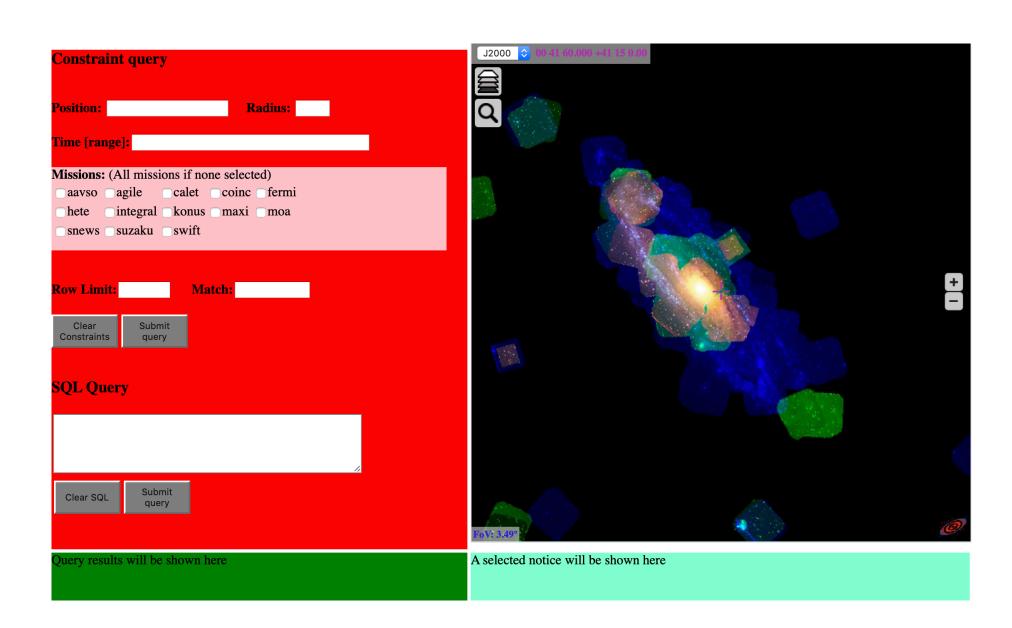
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### Multi-mission Transient Database

- New realtime HEASARC database that ingests GCN & other public data streams and catalogs to easily cross-correlate and be queryable by community
- Prototype database that has ingested all (~300k)
  GCN notices and is receiving new ones
- Event-based system, allowing you to view all information on a specific GRB or GW event in one place and search on criteria
- Provide user facilities to browse, explore and query the transient universe both in real-time and historically
- Will crossmatch GCN Circulars information



Credit: Tom McGlynn



## Transient Localization Initiative

- Lots of new GRB detectors coming or proposed (many on CubeSats/ SmallSats) - missions are short, and more powerful as a network
- Provide open-source infrastructure to do joint relative-rates localizations with multiple GRB-detecting satellites (typically scintillator type detectors)
- Collect low-latency automated triggers from current and future wide-field gamma-ray transient detectors (e.g. SmallSats)
- Perform joint localizations in real time as data is collected, feeding alerts into GCN and MTD



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