From gamma-ray to radio

Multi-wavelength follow-up within the first five minutes

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Aims of this talk

- Highlight recent work:
 - Fast radio follow-up
 - Transient classification
- Talk about transient screening and prioritisation, and how to start implementing it

Outline

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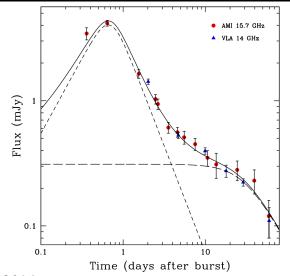
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ALARRM

AMI-LA Rapid Response Mode

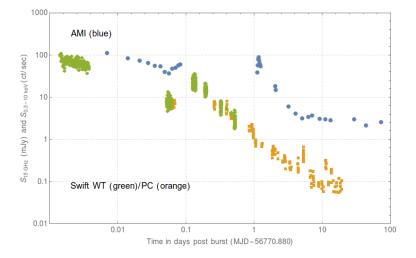


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Anderson 2014, http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014MNRAS.440.2059A van der Horst 2014, http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014MNRAS.444.3151V

DG CVn M-dwarf superflare



Fender 2014, http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014arXiv1410.1545F Osten et al (in prep)

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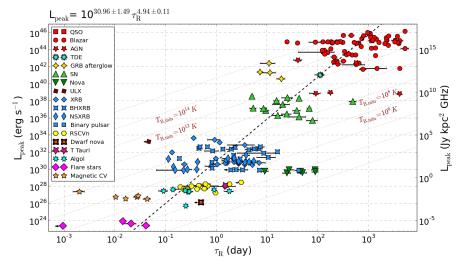
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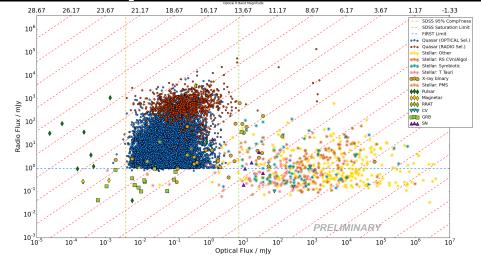
Radio timescales

Weak classification based on rise rate?



Pietka 2014, http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014arXiv1411.1067P

Radio-optical flux ratio



Stewart, Munoz-Darias (in prep)

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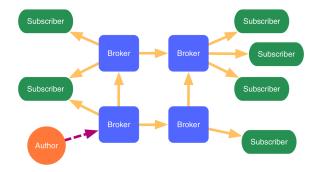
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Transient triage

- Want to make optimal use of both small and large facilities
- Perform crude classification and target prioritisation with small facilities first
 - Has to be fast
 - Has to be automated

Automating the spread of information



VOEvent provides a decentralised, machine-readable publication model.

Let's make this work

- We can provide the tools and infrastructure
- Running an open VOEvent server at voevent.4pisky.org
 - NASA-GCN
 - DESAlerts (soon)
 - OGLE / GAIA (possibly)
- A minimum working example to get you started:
 - github.com/timstaley/fourpiskytools

Summary

- There are rapidly evolving radio-band transients, too
- Radio information could be a powerful aid to classification
- We can help you get started with VOEvents
- More info: 4pisky.org