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High-energy transients in the local universe seen by SVOM/ECLAIRs

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Overview

. The SVOM mission and the ECLAIRs instrument

II. SVOM/ECLAIRs performances assessment via simulations

III. Detection of short high-energy transients in the local universe

IV. Are binary black hole mergers and long γ -ray bursts drawn from the same BH population?

I. The SVOM mission and the ECLAIRs instrument









Space-based multi-band astronomical Variable Objects Monitor



ECLAIRs X-/γ-ray codedmask camera
GRM Gamma-Ray bursts
Monitor

Slew of the satellite within 10 minutes

MXT Microchannel X-Ray Telescope VT Visible Telescope

Ground Telescopes: Colibri, C-GFT, GWAC





Characteristics:

- <mark>4 –</mark> 120 keV
- $90 \times 90 \text{ deg}^2$ FoV
- 6400 CdTe detectors
- 400 cm² @ 20 keV
 - < 1.6 keV energy resolution
 - 3 10 arcmin localisation



X-Band Events



Offline Trigger

- More time to analyze the data
- More calculation power
- Data when on-board triggers are shutdown (SAA, Earth in FoV, ...)
 - False alert rate more important

Arcier et al. in prep ...

Offline Analysis



PFM ECLAIRs detection plane assembled Source: www.svom.eu



ECLAIRs, its coded mask and shielding Source: www.svom.eu



II. SVOM/ECLAIRs performances assessment via simulations

Astrophysics background simulation from CNES attitude files: PIRA



Illustration of ECLAIRs FoV for its orbits around Earth Source: CEA, H. Triou

PIRA – Mate et al. 2019



- Generate list of simulated photons from GEANT4 photons
- Simulation of CXB, Albedo, Reflection, Particles



ECLAIRs background lightcurve synchronized with left image Source: Mate et al. 2019 High-energy transients simulation: grbsimulator

SPECTRUM

LIGHTCURVE

grbsimulator v5 – S. Antier, F. Daigne, M. Bocquier, D. Corre

- Translate lightcurve and spectrum in SVOM/ECLAIRs bands
- Generate list of simulated photons
- Can simulate at several redshifts





Example of simulated lightcurves with grbsimulator Source: Arcier et al. 2020 Ray-tracing of photons from bkg attitude files: ecl_data_simulator

GRB photons

Sky X-Ray sources

(Dagoneau et al. 2021)

Background

ecl_data_simulator – S. Mate



- Gather all photons with ray-tracing from the orbit attitude information
- Add X-ray catalog sources from Dagoneau et al. 2021



Example of simulated orbit with a GRB on top of an orbit with the Crabe rising Source: Arcier et al. 2020 14

III. Detection of short high-energy transients in the local universe

Arcier et al. 2020, published in December 2020 in Astrophysics and Space Science

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Detection of short high-energy transients in the local universe with SVOM/ECLAIRs

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Local sample: 41 objects with z < 0.3

24 Long	10 Short	7 SGR
GRBs	GRBs	Giant-Flares
17 LGRBs	7 SGRBs	
3 ulGRBs	2 eeSGRBs	
2 XRFs	1 IISGRBs	
2 IILGRBs		





Detection of transients from the event files: count_trigger

count_trigger – ECLAIRs



 Calculate the count SNR (count trigger) and the resulting image SNR



35 / 41 GRBs will be detectable !

Multi-messenger astronomy with LIGO/Virgo:



Expected on-axis count SNR of ECLAIRs for local short high-energy transients Source: Arcier et al. 2020

- GRB 111005A (SN-less supernova) and possibility to detect or not GW counterparts (ECLAIRs)
- 170817A detectable up to O4 NS-NS (ECLAIRs + GRM) + SVOM ground telescopes
- Off-axis, limited by gamma-ray telescopes. On-axis, limited by GWs detectors (ECLAIRs + GRM) → O5 will be sensitive up to first sGRBs detected

Using the VT, GWAC, C-GFT and COLIBRI for a dedicated follow-up of long & short GRBs



Estimation of the VT SN/KN detection horizon Source: Arcier et al. 2020

- Systematic follow-up of the long GRBs with SVOM instruments
- Possibility to get observations with the VT

Detection of SGR-Giant Flares in the Virgo cluster

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{M31-IC328:} & \mbox{Virgo Cluster:} \\ \mbox{SFR} \sim 0.7 \ \mbox{M}_{\odot} \ \mbox{yr}^{-1} & \mbox{SFR} \sim 50 \ -100 \ \mbox{M}_{\odot} \ \mbox{yr}^{-1} \end{array}$



strategy following the B1 attitude law Source: Wei et al. 2016

IV. Are binary black hole mergers and long γ -ray bursts drawn from the same BH population?

Binary Black-Holes mergers observed by advanced LIGO and advanced VIRGO:

O1, O2, O3a&b runs: GWTC-1, GWTC-2, GWTC-2.1 & GWTC-3

Characterization of population possible !

74 BBH mergers with:

- Redshift z
- SNR
- Masses m_1 and m_2 and M_f



Binary Black Hole merger Source: LVC

Long Gamma-Ray Bursts originate from collapsars

Common mechanism of formation:

- Massive stars evolve in binarity
- Low metallicity
- Rotational speed

The population might be linked ?



Collapsar artistic view Source: INAF

Long Gamma-Ray Bursts Density Rate (based on Swift/BAT & Fermi/GBM observations):

GRB population models:

- Palmerio et Daigne 2020
- Lien et al. 2014
- Salvaterra et al. 2012

SFH models:

• Li et al. 2008



Delayed models to get a $\rho(z_0)$:

$$\rho(\mathbf{z}_0) \propto \int_{z_0}^{\infty} \mathcal{R}_{\text{GRB}}(z) f(T_c(z) - T_c(z_0)) \frac{\mathrm{d}T_c}{\mathrm{d}z} \,\mathrm{d}z$$

• Log-Normal $f(\tau) = \frac{1}{\tau \sigma_{\rm t} \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\ln(\tau/t_{\rm d})^2}{2\sigma_{\rm t}^2}\right)$

• Power-law $f(\tau) = \begin{cases} 0 & \tau \le dT_{\min} \\ \tau^{\alpha} & \tau > dT_{\min} \end{cases}$

Cst Delay

29 models in total !

Delayed models to get a $\rho(z_0)$:



Density rate evolution for delayed GRB and SFH models Source: Arcier et Atteia 2021

METHOD: The N/N_{max} test

$$N_i = \int_0^{z_i} \rho(z) \frac{dV(z)}{dz} \frac{1}{1+z} dz$$

Selection effects mitigated → testing the observed objects against there own detection limit



METHOD: $N/N_{\rm max}$ test using $\rho(z)$

for i in 74 BBHs mergers:

- Compute horizon redshift z_{h,i}
- Compute N_i and N_{max,i} using a model

With N/N_{max} distribution:

- Perform a KS-test vs $\mathcal{U}(0,1)$
- Reject based on p-value (1% - 10%)



Cumulative distribution for different tested models Source: Arcier et Atteia 2021 31

METHOD: Computation of $z_{h,i}$

LALSimulation

 m_1, m_2, z with IMRPhenomD

SNR_{Ch21} =
$$\sqrt{4 \int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} \frac{|h^+(f)|^2}{S_h(f)} df}$$

Horizon redshift computation Source: Chen et al. 2021



Source: Arcier et Atteia 2021

METHOD: Computation of $z_{h,i}$

Orientation of the BBH merger + sky localization \rightarrow Antennae pattern

$$\mathrm{SNR}_{\mathrm{Ch21}} = \sqrt{4 \int_{f_{\mathrm{min}}}^{f_{\mathrm{max}}} \frac{|h^+(f)|^2}{S_h(f)} \mathrm{d}f}$$

MAXIMUM redshift possible ≠ Horizon redshift for a given antennae pattern

$$SNR(z, m_1, m_2) = \frac{SNR_{Ch21}(z, m_1, m_2)}{SNR_{Ch21}(z_0, m_1, m_2)} \times SNR_0$$

METHOD: Computation of $z_{h,i}$



RESULTS

7 favored GRB models (p-value > 10%)
8 marginally accepted GRB models (1% < p-value < 10%)</pre>

- Without delay → not-favored
- Minimum delay ~ 6 Gyr
- Dearth of BBHs mergers after z ~ 1 ?

To be taken with a grain of salt → hypothesis made



Density rate evolution for accepted models Source: Arcier et Atteia 2021

RESULTS

7 favored GRB models (p-value > 10%)

- $\rho(z = 0.2) = 19 41 \,\mathrm{Gpc^{-3}yr^{-1}}$ from GWTC-3
- η₀ is the ratio of BHs created during long GRBs that will eventually merge into a BBH
- $\eta_0 \sim 10\%$
- Assuming here all BBHs are LGRBs descendants, maybe only a fraction



ASTROPHYSICAL DISCUSSION

Are BBH mergers and LGRBs from the same BH parent population?

- Favored models have delay ~ 5 − 6 Gyr between formation and merger → A bit higher than simulations
- Lack of BBHs mergers after z ~ 0.6 → Stochastic background analysis (*Callister et al. 2020*)
- Maybe only a subsample ? High χ_{eff} ? Given mass range ? Same for GRBs with XRFs, uLGRBs, low-luminosity GRBs

ASTROPHYSICAL DISCUSSION

Consequences on the GRB phenomenology

- Similar mechanism for BBHs mergers and LGRBs formation: binarity
- Precessing BHs and GRB jets, with imprint on prompt emission and/or afterglow (*Fargion & Grossi 2006, Huang & Liu 2021*)
- Environment for first GRB: massive star occultation, possible occultation of the jet, afterglow in very dense environment (*Zou et al. 2021*)

→ **SVOM** (Wei et al. 2016, Arcier et al. 2020)



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THANK YOU ! QUESTIONS ?