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It has been an exciting few years for the study of nuclear transients!

First ZTF TDE

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The First Tidal Disruption Flare in ZTF: From Photometric Selection to **Multi-wavelength Characterization**

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Possible EM counterparts to BH-BH mergers





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A Light in the Dark: Searching for Electromagnetic Counterparts to Black Hole–Black Hole Mergers in LIGO/Virgo O3 with the Zwicky Transient Facility

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Abstract

detected by gravitational wave (GW) observatories. Embedded within a baryon-rich, high-density environment, mergers within AGNs are the only GW channel where an electromagnetic (EM) counterpart must occur (whether detectable or not). Considering AGNs with unusual flaring activity observed by the Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF), we describe a search for candidate EM counterparts to binary black hole (BBH) mergers detected by LIGO/

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- Filtered by host distance, PS1 stargalaxy score, max. brightness and
- Obtained forced photometry with **fpbot**,



Vast majority has a WISE counterpart



Image credit: NASA



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Image credit: NASA

Analyzed with a Bayesian block framework to find flares





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15% have a prominent IR flare 2% flare **after** the optical peak





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5315 of them classified (brighter than 18.5 mag)

 $\frac{\mathrm{SN \ Ia}}{45.4\%}$



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Problem: Brighter than nuclear selection, high class imbalance

SN Ia 45.4%



Noisification: Physically motivated remedy

Magnitude (AB)

Noisification: Physically motivated remedy

- → redshift
- \rightarrow noisify
- → K-correct



Noisification: Physically



Evaluation with test sample

Not including noisified lightcurves in the test sample

AGN -

 $SN (\neq Ia)$

True Type

SN Ia

Star

TDE

preliminary





Identified some strong TDE candidates previously missed










Classification results



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III) What does this tell us about GW follow up?

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BBH counterparts (slowly evolving!)





stellar mass BH tidally disrupting a star



SMBH





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SMBH

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stellar mass BH tidally disrupting a star

EM signature: Similar to TDEs, but SMBH mass above Hills mass for **bright** μ TDEs

Faint μ TDEs: unusual flaring in the AGN light curve

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SMBH

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Event type possibly observable as EM transients

SMBH

Event type possibly observable as EM transients

WD

BH





Other μ **TDE** channels

Event type possibly observable as EM transients



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Other μ **TDE** channels

Accretion induced collapse

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Event type possibly observable as EM transients

There should be some of these IS contained in the nuclear sample GW signals unlikely to be accessible to LVK luced But one can potentially learn about BH evolution and binary formation in AGN disks

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SMBH

Nuclear sample: Created with AMPEL



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Userspecified pipeline

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Nuclear sample: Created with AMPEL





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Userspecified pipeline



Science

There is so much more data to be combined











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IV) Current ZTF 04 status









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We are here!

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	160-190 Mpc	240-325 Mpc			
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2021 2022 2	023 2024 2025 2026	2027 2028 2029			



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Localization: Comparable to O3

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Recap: O3 with ZTF

Or: How to go from 2.1 Million to zero





O4 Trigger Strategy

Parameter	Go-deep	Go-wide	Deliberate		No Go		
Strategy	300 sec Push distance	30 sec Push localization		Action Item):		
Frequency of triggers	1 per month 3 night	2 per month 5 nights		human inte	eraction		
FAR min(FAR) - 'Best'	< 1 per century Any pipeline	< 1 per decade Any pipeline	1 per year - century		> 1 per year All pipelines		
max(p-astro)	> 0.9	> 0.9	0.1-0.9		<0.1		
HasNS	>0.9	>0.9	0.1-0.9		<0.1		

Redundant machinery for ZTF scanning



fritz.science (Fritz database)

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nuztf + AMPEL

emgwcave (Kowalski DB)
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Photometry SQL database (although it is HEALPix indexed in several resolutions) - can output ~500 alerts/ second





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PS1



ZTF19acccywb

RA: 92.66445720 Dec: 4.92502550 drb: 1.000

sgscore: 0.988 distpsnr: 4.428 srmag: 20.406

Kilonova score: 15 photo z: 0.066





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Crossmatch



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Metrics

See On Fritz



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Redundant machinery for scanning

Weekly shifts Always 5 people (US, Europe, India) Already had a few GW alerts Stay tuned! 👳



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Bonus

To ponder

Wealth of data should increase the likelihood of serendipitous discovery

- But only if we have the right tools for it!
- Rapid follow up is great! But maybe there is something to be gained from archival studies
- How about automatic coincidence searches for all O4 alerts?



Background studies using the normal survey ("blind")

IR transients: Filtered by IR **Blazar candidates**



TDE candidate



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slow rise, simultaneous IR rise



Tywin-like







Feature extraction: TDE Fit

ZTF19aapreis - TDE-fit



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Fit parameters:

risetime decaytime **BB** temp **BB** d_temp t_evo time



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Fitted twice (stability) **Problem: T** runaway (no UV)



Feature extraction: SALT Fit (SN Ia)

ZTF19aaafvzy salt2 None chisq 87.77 ndof 90

z = 0.21352750 $t_0 = 2458493.3$ $x_0 = 2.6827823 \times 10^{-4}$ $x_1 = 8.3501711$



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c = 0.17711280 mw*ebv* = 0.068765168 $mwr_v = 3.1000000$

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all bands

g-band

r-band



all bands

g-band

r-band



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Features used (20 in total)

- peak apparent mag
- sgscore
- WISE colors (with scatter for noisified child lightcurves)
- SALT fit results (*c*, x_0 , x_1)
- TDE fit results (rise, decay, temp, d_temp)
- distnr (core distance, scaled for noisified child lightcurves)
- Bayesian block analysis: overlapping regions
- no z (only indirectly for some of the SALT fits)



Noisification

K-correct (bandpasses see different flux depending on object redshift)

Redshift

Random dropout

Wiggle time a bit

Generate child lightcurves:

Children per object SN la: 4 **TDE**: 155

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SN Ia: 12683 **TDE**: 10231 **SN** \neq **I**a: 10852 **AGN**: 8220 **star**: 505 **SN** \neq **Ia**: 10 **AGN**: 94 star: 0

Train XGBoost

train-validation fraction = 0.7

test fraction = 0.3

iterations

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hyper parameter search (9 parameters) with 50

XGBoost feature importance



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SN Ia

True Type

Star

TDE





Evaluation with test sample

Not including noisified lightcurves in the test sample

AGN -

 $SN (\neq Ia)$

True Type

SN Ia

Star

TDE





Evaluation with test sample

Not including noisifiedAGNlightcurves in the test4sample $5N \ (\neq Ia)$

absolute numbers

True Type

SN Ia

Star

TDE




Evaluation with test sample

Not including noisified AGN lightcurves in the test sample $SN (\neq Ia)$

absolute numbers

True Type

SN Ia

Star

TDE





No we apply the classifier to the nuclear sample

after all cuts







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cut stage: exactly 1 flare



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Compare to unsecure classifications pulled from the internet

Mag: 16.0-16.5



Marshal/Fritz/TNS vs. XGBoost Magnitudes: 16.0 - 16.5

Mag: 16.5-17.0



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Marshal/Fritz/TNS vs. XGBoost Magnitudes: 17.0 - 17.5

Mag: 12 AGN 17.5-18.0 0 SN Ia True Type 3 SN (≠Ia) 0 Star 0 TDE AGN

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Marshal/Fritz/TNS vs. XGBoost Magnitudes: 17.5 - 18.0



Mag: 21 AGN 18.0-18.5 2 SN Ia True Type 0 SN (≠Ia) 0 Star 0 TDE AGN

Marshal/Fritz/TNS vs. XGBoost Magnitudes: 18.0 - 18.5

3	0	1	0	- 140
148	5	0	1	- 100
8	24	0	2	Objects
0	1	5	0	- 40
0	0	0	7	- 20
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Mag: 17 AGN 18.5-19.0 0 SN Ia True Type 2 SN (≠Ia) 0 Star 1 TDE AGN

Marshal/Fritz/TNS vs. XGBoost Magnitudes: 18.5 - 19.0

3	6	0	4	- 120			
139	9	0	2	- 100			
17	33	0	1	- 60 - 60 - Objects			
0	0	2	0	- 40			
1	2	0	17	- 20			
SN Ia	SN (≠Ia)	Star	TDE	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Predicted Type							

Mag: 19.0-19.5



Marshal/Fritz/TNS vs. XGBoost Magnitudes: 19.0 - 19.5

Mag: 19.5-20.0



Marshal/Fritz/TNS vs. XGBoost Magnitudes: 19.5 - 20.0

Mag: 20.0-20.5



Marshal/Fritz/TNS vs. XGBoost Magnitudes: 20.0 - 20.5

Mag: 20.5-21.0



Marshal/Fritz/TNS vs. XGBoost Magnitudes: 20.5 - 21.0



Questions

How to address uncertain classifications? Way to discard "bad" predictions? Waterfall plots?

Suggestions to improve on the training? E.g. normalization of features (numerical values)?

Anomaly detection?

No cut (6012 transients) Purity: 0.8% / Efficiency: 100.0 %



WISE colors (3191 transients) Purity: 1.5% / Efficiency: 95.9 %





Diagonal cut (1465 transients) Purity: 3.0% / Efficiency: 89.8 %

Temperature cut (583 transients) Purity: 7.4% / Efficiency: 87.8 %



Rise-decay cut (424 transients) Purity: 9.7% / Efficiency: 83.7 %



Chisquare cut (259 transients) Purity: 15.1% / Efficiency: 79.6 %



Bayesian block cut (189 transients) Purity: 18.0% / Efficiency: 69.4 %



Redshift distribution (including photoz, n=4883)



sgscore distribution

all objects



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Gaia stars



Tachibana & Miller, 2018 (PASP)



rb distribution



0.7% FNR 4% FPR

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Duev et al., 2019 (MNRAS)