# Las Cumbres Observatory Global Telescope Network Andy Howell



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### Network Scheduler

All telescopes scheduled by automated scheduler that solves an optimized whole-network schedule in minutes.

#### Las Cumbres Observatory Global Telescope Network Past 24 hours 5:00 16:00 17:00 18:00 19:00 20:00 21:00 22:00 23:00 00:00 01:00 02:00 03:00 04:00 05:00 06:00 07:00 08:00 09:00 10:00 11:00 Siding Spring 2m0 1m0A 1m0B Sutherland 1m0A 1m0B 1m0C McDonald 1m0A Cerro Tololo 1m0A 1m0B 1m0C Haleakalä 2m0 Next 24 hours 5:00 16:00 17:00 18:00 19:00 20:00 21:00 22:00 23:00 00:00 01:00 02:00 03:00 04:00 05:00 06:00 07:00 08:00 09:00 10:00 11:00 Siding Spring 2m0 1m0A 1m0B Sutherland



| Molecule id:   | 50807369            | Type:           | EXPOSE              | Priority:     | 3                   | Block id:    | 19984361   | Tag id:    | SCICOLLAR |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| User id:       | andy.howell         | Proposal:       | KEY2014A-003        | Group:        | PSN103448           | Instrument:  | kb75       | Filters:   | ip        |
| Exposure time: | 300                 | Exposure count: | 2                   | Status:       | completed           | Tracking #:  | 0000045952 | Request #: | 000011839 |
| Block start:   | 2014-06-03T17:05:00 | Block end:      | 2014-06-03T17:38:48 | Site:         | cpt                 | Observatory: | domo       | Telescope: | 1m0a      |
| Airmass:       | 2                   | Molecule start: | 2014-06-03T17:26:52 | Molecule end: | 2014-06-03T17:37:33 |              |            |            |           |

# New archive, pipeline, software

| LCOGT Science Archive Documentation Api LCOGT.net ahowell@lcogt.net Logout |   |  |                                     |                        |                  |           | Logout   |          |           |           |
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| All   Reduction Level  | + |  | coj2m002-en05-20160520-<br>0010-w00 | 2016-05-20<br>11:59:54 | KEY2014A-<br>003 | SN2016zb  | air      | LAMPFLAT | 20.000    | Raw       |
| All •  | + |  | coj2m002-en05-20160520-<br>0009-a00 | 2016-05-20<br>11:57:49 | KEY2014A-<br>003 | SN2016zb  | air      | ARC      | 80.000    | Raw       |
| Telescope  | + |  | ogg2m001-en06-20160519-<br>0025-e00 | 2016-05-20<br>11:32:56 | KEY2014A-<br>003 | SN2016ccj | air      | SPECTRUM | 1800.000  | Raw       |
| Instrument   | + |  | coj2m002-en05-20160520-             | 2016-05-20             | KEY2014A-        | SN2016bas | air      | LAMPFLAT | 20.000    | Raw       |

### Archive

Replaced IPAC Archive with inhouse software.

Data stored in Amazon cloud Can also get SN data via SNEx

### **Pipeline**

Written by Curtis McCully All in Python Quick reduction in real time Better reduction at end of night

### Scheduling

Intraproposal priority being introduced. Better tools for monitoring observations.

## New partners



Major time sales: PESSTO TESS Satellite tracking

**Israel** Wise Observatory. NRES spectrograph to be installed on existing 1m.

**NAOC** Ali Observatory, Tibet. Two LCOGT 1m telescopes in 2017



# 1m Imaging



Sinistro: 26.4' x 26.4', 0.389"/pixel. Fairchild CCD486, backside illuminated. 21 position filter wheel, photometric shutter. 16 Mpix; 4 Mpix/s readout at ~10 e-/pix

**Camera distribution:** 5/9 1m telescopes have Sinistro cameras. The rest have SBIGs. Hope to deploy the rest by end of 2016.



# 1m Spectroscopy





Coming later this year: Network Robotic Echelle Spectrographs (NRES)

High-resolution ( $R \sim 53,000$ ), precise ( $\leq 3 \text{ m/s}$ ), optical (380-860 nm) echelle spectrographs.

One at each 1m site (6 total), can be fiber-fed (2.58" per fiber width) by two 1m telescopes and ThAr calibration source

Will double the radial velocity planet-vetting capacity in the US and achieve accuracy better than 3 m/s to V = 12

NSF funded. Prototype is on Sedgwick 0.8m

# 2m FLOYDS robotic low resolution spectrographs

Designed for supernovae

N=10 in 1 hour

R~400 covering 325nm -- 1000nm in one pointing (cross dispersed).

Can go down to V~18.5 mag with S/





 One on each 2m: Faulkes North and South



# 0.4m telescopes

For commercial satellite tracking, science, and educational use.

Up to 24 total, deployed in clusters of 2-4 at each site, contingent on funding





### **Currently 7 deployed**

Tenerife CTIO Haleakala Siding Spring

### LCOGT Supernova Key Project

Allocation LCOGT time over 3 years: **1m time:** 2200 hours / year **2m time:** 700 hours / year

Goals Build a sample of 500 supernovae of all types.



Globally, more than 100 members Africa: SAAO Antartica: CSTAR Asia: China (NAOC) Australia: Australian National University **Europe:** PESSTO South America: Chile North America: LCOGT, University of Texas, UC Davis, Texas Tech, UC Berkeley, iPTF

### At LCOGT

Andy Howell Iair Arcavi Curtis McCully Griffin Hosseinzadeh

### First 2yrs

51,770 photometric points from 325 SNe

1160 spectra of 254 objects

Public
SURVEYS
ASAS-SN
Catalina Sky Survey
MASTER
OGLE
Gaia

![](_page_10_Figure_4.jpeg)

### A sample of Type II SNe from LCOGT Valenti et al. 2015b, Valenti et al. 2016

![](_page_11_Figure_1.jpeg)

12 new SNe II with well-sampled UV +optical light curves compared to the literature

If you follow SNe IIL long enough, they also fall off a "plateau"

SNe IIL are on average more luminous than SNe IIP

### **However:**

They don't produce more <sup>56</sup>Ni. They don't have more luminous progenitors. Nebular spectra of SNe IIL are consistent with them having 12-16 M₀ progenitors.

### Data synching with iPTF

LCOGT photometry and

automatically appears.

OVERVIEW PHOTOMETRY SPECTROSCOPY FOLLOWUP OBSERVABILITY FINDING CHART # EXAMINE PAGE

![](_page_12_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### ADDITIONAL INFO

ED SNEX SIMBAD VizieR HEASARC SkyView PyMP MPChecker Extinction

| IPAC DSS WISE Subaru VLT FIRST CRTS | Variable Marshal<br>(Search) | ADS |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|
|                                     |                              | ,   |

#### FOLLOW UP

#### PROGRAMS

| Date        | Program                          | Priority | Туре |    |
|-------------|----------------------------------|----------|------|----|
| 2014 May 05 | P60 Transient Vetting            | 3        | phot | Q, |
| 2014 May 05 | Transients in the Local Universe | 1        | phot | Q  |
| 2014 May 06 | Core-collapse SN Photometry      | 4        | all  | 0  |
| 2014 May 09 | Transients in the Local Universe | 5        | all  | 0  |

#### GROUPS

| Name                | Cadence | Maximum Age |    |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|----|
| CC 2day Bgriz       | 2 days  | 30 days     | 0  |
| gri single snapshot | 1 day   | 10 days     | Q, |
| group 1 day gri     | 1 day   | 150 days    | Q  |
| r snapshot          | 1 day   | 5 days      | Q  |

#### ADD FOLLOWUP

| Program:   | < Sel    | ect Program>      | \$                  |
|------------|----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Observing  | Group:   | No Follow Up      | \$                  |
| Observatio | on type: | all 🛊 Priority: 🗍 | 1 🛊 (1=low, 5=high) |

#### ASSIGNMENTS

| Date Instrument Priority Comment Status                 | ÷ A        |
|---|------------|
| 2014-05- Lick 3-m+KAST 4.0 Classification   pending 🤍 🗙 | <u>8</u> S |
| 05 (ieaniy)   | <u>a</u> 8 |

#### CROSS REFERENCES

ATel 6168: ASAS-SN Discoveries of a Probable Supernova in IC 0831 and a Possible Extreme (delta V > 6.6 mag) M-dwarf Flare T. W.-S. Holoien et al., 2014 May 24

View another

#### COMMENTS

2014 Aug 09 yeao [comment]: According to Dan, the absorption at 6630 is a weak telluric line. 2014 Aug 04 iair [type]: Transient 2014 Aug 04 lair [type]: Transient 2014 Aug 04 iair [type]: Transient 2014 Aug 04 iair [type]: Transient 2014 Jul 30 penugent [phase]: -2 days 2014 Jun 12 ycao [comment]: fine reduction 2014 Jun 12 ycao [comment]: fine reduction 2014 Jun 12 ycao [comment]: fine reduction 2014 Jun 11 ycao [info]: Spectral comparison between 14atg and 91bg around max [view attachment] 2014 Jun 11 ycao [info]: Swift UVOT light curve (view attachment) 2014 May 16 joeljo [info]: Looks like a 91bg (but with shallower abs. features á la 91T) (view attachment) 2014 May 11 joeljo [classification]: SN la 2014 May 10 ftadd [info]: NOT triggered for spectroscopy 2014 May 09 avishay [comment]: Similar to the early spectrum of iPTF13ab, which we classified as SN Ic. Given host properties, may instead prompt reclassifying both objects (13ab and 14atg) as some sort of peculiar SN I from an old progenitor, akin to SNe Ia. [view attachment] 2014 May 06 ycao [info]: Swift triggered 2014 May 06 ftadd [redshift]: 0.021405 2014 May 05 isagiv [SDSS\_specz]: 0.02129 2014 May 05 mansi [nearpgc]: PGC43708 2014 May 05 mansi [distmod]: 34.86 2014 May 05 isagiv [type]: Transient Add a Comment: Attach File: info \$ Save Comment SEND AN ALERT Soft Alert (email iptftransient) Hard Alert (email + SMS) 4 Request immediate LCOGT ph Request immediate LCOGT sr

#### PERSONALIZE

Add to Favorites Subscribe to this Target (daily digest) Subscribe to this Target (immediate alerts)

### Link to SNEx

spectroscopy

My Profile Scheduling Floyds Inbox Pending Users TWiki

welcome to

# **SNEX** the SupernovaExchange

insert object name or coordinates

### iPTF14hls

Monitoring every 2/4 days over ~500d, few gaps

1119 photometry points and counting

### 48 spectra

![](_page_14_Figure_4.jpeg)

Home | Object List | Scheduling | Dataflow | Network Status | Users | Floyds Inbox | View object:

09:20:34.30 +50:41:46.8 140.142917 +50.696333

10

Hours From Now

2m Usage:

15

2016-05-12 (ELP V 200s)

2016-05-12 (ELP | 200s)

1m Usage:

Current Visibility at LCOGT

COJ (Australia)

LSC (Chile)

ELP (Texas)

OGG (Hawaii)

CPT (South Africa)

5

1.0

1.5

2.0

2.5

3.0

Å.

![](_page_14_Picture_6.jpeg)

20

2016-05-12 (ELP g 300s)

2016-05-12 (ELP B 300s)

Logged in as dat

[reset]

#### **Object Comments**

![](_page_14_Figure_8.jpeg)

Stefano soon we should increase the cadence to get the end of the plateau

- lair This is a peculiar Type II, which has been going on for at least 220 days, it is not clear when or if a fall from plateau is expcted
- 2015-05-04 04:25:14 lair Now rising again, unbelievable..! Soon will need to split photometric sequence to two blocks due to deminishing observability
- 2015-05-16 23:32:11 Stefano not visible any more 2015-07-04 15:05:07

)15-04-26 18:53:47

- lair It's back! Latest PTF spectrum is still IIP with only slighty lower velocities 2015-09-20 19:50:02
- lair Rising again! On the way to peak number >=5. 015-10-22 06:23:14

#### lair Now declining fast. May need to increase exposure times soon. 015-12-25 07:24:15

![](_page_14_Picture_16.jpeg)

20"

Photometry

16.5

17.0

17.5

18.0

18.5

19.0

19.5

20.0

500

400

300

200

SDSS

Latest LCOGT Images

![](_page_14_Picture_18.jpeg)

2016-05-12 (ELP r 200s)

100

#### 2016-05-12 (ELP g 300s)

-19.4

-18.9

-18.4

-17.9

-17.4

[reset]

ELP ip

0

2016-05-12 (ELP r 200s)

Spectroscopy (binned) Rest (z = 0.0344) Wavelength (Å) 8701 3867 4834 5800 6767 7734 [Auto Zoom] [Full Zoom Å-1) 2.5 2.0 1.5 Magnitude: 18.64 Absolute Magnitude: -17.28 8.58 days ago (2016-05-12 UT) elp1m008-fl05-20160511-0088-e91.fits **TIT I I** 

2016-05-12 (ELP V 200s)

2016-05-12 (ELP | 200s)

4000 5000 6000 7000 8000 9000

Known as: CSS141118:092034+50414... iPTF14hls AT 2016bse

Known to:

AMNH

ASASSN

Boulder

ANU

CfA

Chase

China

ex-LCOGT

CSP

Gaia

**iPTF** 

**KMTNet** 

OGLE OKC

Padova PESSTO

PS1

PTF Public QUB SAAO SDSU

Skymapper TAU

UCB-Kasen

Grant to all sharing groups

I'm not interestedin this object

Interested Persons:

Science Interests:

SN II Plateau Lengths

Peculiar SNe

Stefano Valenti

Andy Howell

lair Arcavi

UT

### SN2014ad SN IC-BL z= 0.005

Grant

![](_page_15_Picture_2.jpeg)

Submit

| Known as:<br>PSN1157444   | Submitted Sequences  | Current Visibility at LCOGT   |
|---|--|---|
| PSN1157   | Photometry: 3-day cadence of B (2y200s) V/2y120s) (2y200s) (2y120s) (2y120s)   |   |
| SN2014ad  | starting 2014-05-08, ending 2014-06-03, using Sbig<br>iair: Lowering cadence   | 1.0 [reset]   |
| Known to:<br>ANU<br>ASASSN<br>Boulder<br>CfA  | Spectroscopy: Single observation of 1800s starting 2014-05-08, ending 2014-05-09, using<br>Floyds<br>Photometry: 7-day cadence of B (2x300s), V (2x200s), g (2x300s), r (2x200s), i (2x200s)<br>starting 2014-06-03, ending 2014-08-05, using Sbig<br>SV: change airmass from 2 to 3   | 1.5<br>2.0<br>COJ (Australia)<br>CPT (South Africa)   |
| Chase<br>China<br>CSP<br>ex-LCOGT<br>iPTF<br>LBNL<br>LCOGT  | Spectroscopy: 7-day cadence of 3600s starting 2014-07-16 using Floyds (Tags: Well Sampled<br>SNe Ic-BL)<br>Stop this sequence<br>Photometry: 7-day cadence of B (2x300s), V (2x200s), g (2x300s), r (2x200s), i (2x200s)<br>starting 2014-08-05 using Sbig (Tags: Well Sampled SNe Ic-BL)<br>Stop this sequence  | d<br>BLP (Texas)<br>OGG (Hawaii)<br>3.0<br>-5<br>0<br>Hours From Now  |
| LSQ<br>OKC<br>Padova<br>PESSTO  | Add a Photometric Sequence   | Add a Spectroscopic Sequence  |
| PS1<br>PTF<br>Public<br>QUB<br>SAAO<br>Skymapper<br>UCB<br>UT<br>rant to all sharing groups<br>Science Interests:<br>Well Sampled SNe Ic-BL | Exposure       No. of       Block       Repeating every       3       days       4         Image: Display to the system       2       1       Airmass Limit       2       2       1       Airmass Limit       2       2       1       Airmass Limit       2       2       1       Program       SN Key Project       \$       \$       Program       SN Key Project       \$       \$       Program       \$ </th <th>Once in the next \$ 1       days \$         Exposure Time       1800         Airmass limit       2         Site       Any \$         Program       SN Key Project \$         Priority       Normal \$         Reminder in       2         Science Tags       No tags selected +         Data granted to       ANU         ASASSN       LBNL       Public         Boulder       LCOGT       QUB         CfA       LSQ       SAAO         Chase       OKC       Skymapper         China       Padova       UCB         CSP       PESSTO       UT         Ø ex-LCOGT       PS1</th> | Once in the next \$ 1       days \$         Exposure Time       1800         Airmass limit       2         Site       Any \$         Program       SN Key Project \$         Priority       Normal \$         Reminder in       2         Science Tags       No tags selected +         Data granted to       ANU         ASASSN       LBNL       Public         Boulder       LCOGT       QUB         CfA       LSQ       SAAO         Chase       OKC       Skymapper         China       Padova       UCB         CSP       PESSTO       UT         Ø ex-LCOGT       PS1 |
|   | Submit   | <ul> <li>Grant to all sharing groups</li> <li>Pre-approved / urgent observations</li> </ul>   |
|   |  | Comments  |

# SEATIDE

Searching E+A galaxies for Tidal Disruption Events

TDEs enhanced by a factor of 200 in E+A galaxies)

### SEATIDE

![](_page_16_Figure_4.jpeg)

French, Arcavi, & Zabludoff 2016

![](_page_16_Figure_6.jpeg)

Using LCOGT: Searching 100 galaxies for a year. Expect 1ish TDEs

Soon will use KAIT to search 3000 galaxies per year.

# LIGO

![](_page_17_Figure_1.jpeg)

In collaboration with Leo Singer, Dovi Poznanski, Tsvi Piran, et al.

Find galaxies in LIGO error region, cut at 50% of mass.

Robotically observe 20-30 galaxies with 2m imagers for several days.

Astrophysical Multimessenger Observatory Network

![](_page_18_Picture_1.jpeg)

We are members of the LIGO/VIRGO electromagnetic follow-up collaboration, and have recently joined AMON.

Working on parsing VOEvents to trigger LCOGT without human intervention

| Observatory   | Contact                | Letter of<br>Collaboration | MoU in<br>Review | MoU<br>Signed   |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| ANTARES   | Juergen<br>Brunner     | ~                          | ~                | <b>√</b><br>MOU |
| Auger   | Miguel<br>Mostafa      | ~                          | ~                | <b>√</b><br>MOU |
| FACT  | Adrian Biland          |                            |                  | <b>√</b><br>MOU |
| Fermi   | Julie McEnery          | ~                          |                  |                 |
| НАЖС  | Ignacio<br>Taboada     | ~                          | ~                | <b>√</b><br>MOU |
| IceCube   | Doug Cowen             | ~                          | ~                | <b>√</b><br>MOU |
| Las Cumbres Observatory<br>Global Telescope (LCOGT) | Todd<br>Boroson        | ~                          | ~                | <b>√</b><br>MOU |
| LIGO  | Gabriela<br>Gonzalez   | ~                          |                  |                 |
| Large Millimeter Telescope                          | Alberto<br>Carramiñana | ~                          | ~                | ~               |
| MASTER  | Vladimir<br>Lipunov    |                            |                  | <b>√</b><br>MOU |
| Palomar Transient Factory                           | Tom Prince             | ~                          |                  |                 |
| Swift   | Scott<br>Barthelmy     | ~                          | ~                | ~               |
| VERITAS   | Abe Falcone            | ~                          | ✓                | ✓               |

# For the future

Trigger LCOGT yourself — don't just send an email.

Make alerts more reliable (e.g. early colors, host galaxy priors, better asteroid screening, better machine learning) so we can trigger robotic follow-up without humans.

Browse SNEx — tons of SN data is sitting there waiting to be used.

![](_page_19_Picture_4.jpeg)

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