

Some thoughts on... eROSITA + ZTF: Exciting Opportunities for TDE Science

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Surprise: Dichotomy of T_{BB}



Two Populations?



Two Components?



New Landscape of Optical+X-ray TDEs

Before ZTF



van Velzen, Gezari, et al. 2018

AT2018zr, the first TDE detected by ZTF, was one of only 5 TDEs with an optical **and** X-ray detection!





van Velzen, Gezari+ 2020

In the first 1.5yr of ZTF survey operations, we now have detected 4 more TDEs in the soft X-rays, and with dramatic variability!



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Jaime: Late-time Brightening



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Bran: Early-time Fading

This is the neutrino TDE candidate!



What is driving dramatic soft X-ray evolution?

Dai et al. 2018

Circularization Delay?

Patchy Obscuration?

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eROSITA on Spectrum-Roentgen-Gamma (SRG)

Energy range: 0.5-10 keV
Russian and German mission
FOV: 0.83 deg²
Survey the whole sky in multiple epochs
Launched on July 13, 2019
First light on October 22, 2019
6-month halo orbit around L2
4 year survey
20 times deeper than ROSAT All-Sky Survey
Excellent spatial and temporal overlap of ZTF II and
Russian eROSITA Northern half of data rights

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150

1.5

300 ksec

eROSITA+ZTF TDE Candidates

With a complementary X-ray selection of TDEs from eROSITA, we can:

- determine the true rate of TDEs
- determine the efficiency of the formation of the TDE accretion disk
- find out what physical properties determine their optical brightness

eROSITA+ZTF TDE Candidates

eROSITA+ZTF: Geralt

ZTF Target ZTF19acymzwg

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eROSITA+ZTF: Yennefer

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Optical spectroscopy is encouraged to characterize the nature of this X-ray and optical transient.

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ZTF detected a faint optical counterpart with ZUDS with g =21.2 mag, but no UV emission detected by Swift (uvw2 > 21.62 mag).

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ASSIGNMENTS

Science Program (optional): Request Type: Classification Comment ToO Assignments

Add to: 2020-03-22 Keck1+LRIS (Mansi Kasliwal)

Priority: 1 📋 (1=low, 5=high)

Items for Discussion

So far we have been responding to ATels...

- Can we form a direct relationship with the eROSITA team to optimize our follow-up observations?
- How can we improve their X-ray TDE candidate criteria?
- With sparsely sampled X-ray light curves, how does one differentiate AGN variability from true, transient TDE outbursts?
- What archival ZTF+eROSITA projects should we plan for?