THE SVOM ToO* PROGRAM

Target of Opportunity

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Transient/event detected by other facilities



Target of Opportunity program

=> send commands to the satellite
to trigger observations from the
ground



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SVOM TOO OBSERVATION PROGRAM

Target of Opportunity (ToO) program : alerts sent from the ground to the satellite. Initially 1 ToO per day focussed on time domain astrophysics including multimessengers. ToO program devoted time increases during extended mission.



Selection of the ToOs by the PIs and the two ToO scientists (Cyril Lachaud (APC) and Wang Jing (NAOC))

ToO-NOM

ToO-NOM is the nominal ToO which covers the basic needs for efficient transient follow-up.



Scientific target :

GRB revisit

Pre-planned observations through a GP proposal waiting for a known source to flare (AGN,...)

New transient (LSST, CTA, ...)

Main characteristics : Frequency : 1/day Standard delay : < 48hDuration : 1 orbit (or more) ToO-EX

ToO-EX is the exceptional ToO which covers the needs for a fast ToO-NOM in case of an exceptional astrophysical event we want to observe rapidly.



Main characteristics : Frequency : 1/month Standard delay : < 12h Duration : 7-14 orbits

ToO-MM

ToO-MM is the ToO dedicated to EM counterpart search in response to a multi-messenger alert. What differs from the ToO-NOM and ToO-EX is the unknown position of the source within a large error box...



TILES SEQUENCING SIMULATIONS: MXT

GW170814 Scenario 30° Nb. tiles 230 RA min (°) 34.4 RA max (°) 53.4 0° Dec min (°) -54.3 Dec max (°) -7.8 LH total (%) 90.0 -30 LH 75 (%) 66.0 First 100 (10°x10°) tiles Likelihood

Simulation of a ToO-MM request for GW170814

ToO : TRANSIENT SKY COMMUNITY

We are at the origin of the PNHE supported TS2020 initiative.

Its goal is to federate the Transient Sky French community (three workshops in 3 years).



We have already strong links with the major incoming observatories :



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ToO Data policy

There are three possibilities :

- ToO initiated by SVOM : the scientific products are private
- ToO triggered by external facilities/user : the scientific products are public immediately
- In case a MOU has been signed : refer to the specific policy

Conclusion

In the past years we have significantly increased the SVOM ToO capabilities, in particular to deal with the multi-messenger revolution.

Most of the French laboratories contribute to the ToO program either directly and/or through the links with external facilities.

