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- 1. SVOM: what to expect within a few months
- 2. GRB Prompt emission: recent results, open issues and perspectives with SVOM and other instruments

### **THE SVOM COLLABORATION**

#### China (P.I. J. Wei)

SECM Shangai NSSC Beijing NAOC Beijing IHEP Beijing GuangXi University Nanning Weihai Observatory

France (PI B. Cordier) **CNES** Toulouse APC Paris CEA Saclay **CPPM** Marseille **GEPI** Meudon IAP Paris IJCLab Orsay **IRAP** Toulouse LAM Marseille LUPM Montpellier **ObAS** Strasbourg **OCA** Nice Mexico, UNAM (Colibri)

UK, University of Leceister (MXT)

> Germany, MPE Garching & IAAT Tübingen (MXT)

- SVOM: "Space-based multi-band astronomical Variable Objects Monitor", a Chinese-French mission dedicated to Gamma-Ray Bursts, and HE/MM astronomy.
- Sucessfully launched on June 22, 2024! From Xichang, Sichuan
- Commissionning phase until at least mid September
- Then: 3+2 years (+possible extensions)



- A spacecraft with four instruments  $\mathcal{N}O\mathcal{M}$  ing capabilities
- Two wide-field instruments (X/ $\gamma$ ): ECLAIRs & GRM



- Effective area 190 cm<sup>2</sup> at peak
- FoV 2.6 sr per detector

- A spacecraft with four instruments + rapid slewing capabilities
- Two wide-field instruments (X/γ): ECLAIRs & GRM
- Two narrow-field instruments (X/V): MXT & VT



- A VHF network for near real-time alerts (GCN: notices & circulars)
- A nearly anti-solar pointing for optimizing the follow-up of GRBs and other transients



C-GFT

#### A ground segr

#### GWAC Ground-based Wide Angle Camera Visible

- ~6000 deg<sup>2</sup>
- V = 16 (10 s)

#### GFTs

**G**round **F**ollow-up **T**elescopes Visible (+NIR for F-GFT)

- C-GFT @ Weihai Obs.
   (120 cm, 90x90 arcmin<sup>2</sup>, 400-900 nm)
- F-GFT @ OAN San Pedro Mártir (130 cm, 26x26 arcmin<sup>2</sup>, 400-1700 nm)



### **SVOM GRB SEQUENCE: TRIGGER**

- Trigger: ECLAIRs (4 -150 keV ; ~ 2 sr ; Loc. < 12')</p>
- Expected rate: 42-80 GRB/yr
- GRM (15 keV-5 MeV; ~ 5.6 sr; Loc.: 5-10° if 3 detectors): ~90 GRB/yr

(but poor localization: no slew for GRM-only triggers)



### **SVOM GRB SEQUENCE: PROMPT GRB EMISSION**

- Prompt emission from 4 keV to 5 MeV with ECLAIRs and GRM
- Visible detection/upper limit in ~10-15% of cases with GWAC



### **SVOM GRB SEQUENCE: EARLY AFTERGLOW (1) X-RAYS**

- Slew: ~36-72 GRB/yr
- Follow-up: detection and localization by MXT in >90% of cases (0.2-10 keV)



### **SVOM GRB SEQUENCE: EARLY AFTERGLOW (2) V/NIR**

- Visible/NIR early follow-up : VT/GWAC/C-GFT/F-GFT (lightcurve/photo-z)
- Pointing strategy favors a rapid follow-up by ground-based instruments (long-term afterglow, spectro-z, SN/KN association, host galaxy, ...)
- Objective: redshift in ~2/3 of cases



- MXT+VT: at least 5 min of visibility in ~66% of cases
- · CONTINETS CONTINENT OF ALL OF AND CHARGE CONTINUES OF A CONTINUE
- C-NIR afterglows (lightcurveand) (tolk) w-up possible in ~75% of cases

Early observation by low and the favored by pointing strategy

### A GRB SAMPLE WITH A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION

#### An expected sample of ~30-40 GRB/yr with

- prompt GRB over 3 decades (4-5000 keV) + V flux/limit in ~10-15 % of cases
- X/V/NIR early afterglow
- redshift

#### Physical mechanisms at work in GRBs

Nature of GRB progenitors and central engines Acceleration, composition, dissipation & radiation process of the relativistic ejecta

#### Diversity of GRBs: event continuum following the collapse of a massive star

Low-luminosity GRBs / X-ray rich GRBs / X-ray Flashes and their afterglow GRB/SN connection

#### Short GRBs and the merger model

GW association / Short GRBs with extended soft emission

#### GRBs as a tool to study the distant Universe

Host galaxies Rate of very high-z GRBs similar to Swift, better fraction of redshift measurements expected

### **SVOM STATUS**

- Commissioning phase until at least mid-September
- The community will be informed when SVOM will start to send alerts (end of commissioning phase? earlier?)
- A first GCN with the three first bursts detected by SVOM/GRM!

#### GCN Circular 36805

Subject The first three GRBs detected by SVOM: GRB 240627B, GRB 240629A and GRB 240702ADate2024-07-03T03:46:41Z (6 days ago)FromShaolin Xiong at IHEP <xiongsl@ihep.ac.cn>

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#### report on behalf of the SVOM team:

During the commissioning phase of SVOM which was launched on June 22, 2024 from the Xichang Satellite Launching Center, China, the Gamma-Ray burst Monitor (GRM), as one of the four multi-wavelength telescopes on-board SVOM, detected three long gamma-ray bursts (GRBs), GRB 240627B at 2024-06-27T20:08:11.750 UTC (TO), GRB 240629A at 2024-06-29T16:53:53.000 UTC (TO) and GRB 240702A at 2024-07-02T21:14:50.700 UTC (TO), with on-ground blind search using event-by-event data downloaded through the X-band ground station. The light curves of GRB 240627B were also successfully downloaded through the VHF system with low latency owing to an in-flight trigger just about 50 s after this burst. Although the calibration is ongoing, the preliminary GRM light curves are well consistent with the Fermi/GBM and GECAM-C observations. The automatic in-flight trigger strategy of GRM is under commissioning.

The GRB 240627B light curves can be found here: http://www.bursthub.cn//admin/static/svgrb240627B.png The GRB 240629A light curves can be found here: http://www.bursthub.cn//admin/static/svgrb240629A.png The GRB 240702A light curves can be found here: http://www.bursthub.cn//admin/static/svgrb240702A.png We note that these are the first three GRBs detected by SVOM. More GRBs are expected to be detected by SVOM as other instruments are gradually turned on according to the operation plans.

The Space Variable Objects Monitor (SVOM) is a China-France joint mission led by the Chinese National Space Administration (CNSA, China), National Center for Space Studies (CNES, France) and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS, China), which is dedicated to observing gamma-ray bursts and other transient phenomena in the energetic universe. GRM is developed by the Institute of High Energy Physics (IHEP) of CAS. The SVOM point of contact for these bursts is: Shao-Lin Xiong (IHEP) (xiongsl@ihep.ac.cn)

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Progenitor





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Fluence (2-30 keV)

The soft tail of the GRB population?



#### **Other classes of events?**

#### **HETE2** sample

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#### EP240315a/GRB230315C



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#### Additional contribution of the Reverse Shock?

(possible if microphysics parameters similar as in internal shocks)



BeppoSAX observation of GRB960720 (Piro et al. 97)

#### See also Swift/BAT+XRT observations



#### **Observations needed:**

- Characterization (afterglow, host, ...) & classification
- SVOM can explore the diversity of these transients and their afterglows (low-energy threshold of ECLAIRs: 4 keV)
- Strong synergy with Einstein Probe

#### **Physics:**

- Progenitors: understanding the diversity of transients expected following the collapse of a massive star - role of the viewing angle

## - Prompt emission: among these transients, some will appear as the soft tail of the classical GRB population: constraints on the prompt emission mechanism.

Soft events: which conditions to produce them in photospheric/shock/reconnection scenarios? (not always intuitive: e.g. in internal shocks  $\rightarrow$  high Lorentz factor, see Barraud et al. (FD) 2005)

Origin of the X-ray prompt emission in classical long GRBs?

- **Diversity to explore**
- Nature (and diversity ?) of the "soft extended emission"?
- Transition to the early afterglow?

### **GRB PROMPT EMISSION PHYSICS: GRBS ASSOCIATED TO MERGERS**

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SVOM can bring new observations:
ECLAIRs+GRM: spectral coverage adapted to a short hard spike + soft ext. Emission
transition to X-ray afterglow?
(ECLAIRs: 4-150 keV ; MXT: 0.2-10 keV)
fast localization + anti-solar pointing:

improves the probability to catch the early optical afterglow (VT/GWAC/GFTs)



Simulation of a short GRB with a soft tail in ECLAIRs+GRM: GRB 990712A. (arXiv: 1610.06892)



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#### **GRB Prompt Emission Physics:**

#### - short hard spike: same mechanism as in long GRBs?

If yes, which conditions explain the hardness in photospheric/shock/reconnection scenarios?

#### - origin of the soft extended emission? (emission site, mechanism, constraints on the central engine, etc.)



Origin of the hardness-duration relation in internal shocks (Bosnjak & Daigne 14)

### **GRB DIVERSITY:** « LOCAL » GRBS

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- best targets for the search of associated SN/KN
- best targets for VHE counterparts



### HIGH-REDSHIFT GRBS WITH SVOM?

#### **Detection:**

Low-energy threshold of ECLAIRs: favors the detection of high-z GRBs at z>6.

#### Identification:

Pointing strategy: favors a rapid follow-up (GRB is in the night hemisphere). -VT/GFTs: rapid identification of high z candidates? -A challenge: rapid spectroscopic follow-up with very large telescopes



See also Ghirlanda & Salvaterra 22

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Both a data analysis and a theoretical challenge.



Impact of the assumed spectral shape? Burgess et al. 2011, 2014

#### Which spectral shape to fit data?

Doubly broken power-laws? (Oganesyan et al. 17, 18 ; Ravasio et al. 18, 19 ; Toffano et al. 21)

Synchrotron marginally fast-cooling? (Daigne et al. 11, Beniamini & Piran 13)





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ISSM: a new 4-parameters function with a smoothly evolving slope (Yassine et al. (FD) 20, Scotton et al. (FD) in preparation)



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#### A data analysis challenge.

#### SVOM will improve the spectral coverage of the prompt emission at low-energy.

(ECLAIRs low-energy threshold: 4 keV)



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#### A theoretical challenge

Interesting tests to come: spectral index in X-rays/soft gamma-rays? Optical? HE emission?





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### **EFFECT OF B DECAY ON THE SYNCHROTRON SPECTRUM**



Daigne & Bosnjak submitted



### **GRB PROMPT OPTICAL EMISSION ?**

- Observations are rare
- Flux can be very different from the extrapolation of the soft gamma-ray spectrum (great diversity)
- Effect of synchrotron self-absorption? Constraint on radius.
- Reverse shock? Internal origin? (variability ?)



### **GRB PROMPT OPTICAL EMISSION ?**

#### SVOM/GWAC should provide a constraint (flux/upper limit) in ~15% of cases

GWAC observation of GRB 201223A (Xin et al. 23)



#### **GRB PROMPT EMISSION PHYSICS: PROMPT-TO-AG TRANSITION**

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An example of a physical model with implications for the jet structure rather than the central engine activity: slightly off-axis structured jets



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SVOM will explore this transition: X-rays: ECLAIRs+MXT (+synergy with EP) VT/GWAC/GFT+anti-solar pointing: increase the rate of early optical detection?

### **GRB PROMPT EMISSION PHYSICS: CONSTRAINTS FROM THE AFTERGLOW**

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- Afterglow observations can bring important constraints on the prompt emission physics, especially if they include the early afterglow:
- energetics/prompt efficiency
- Lorentz factor at the end of the prompt phase (AG onset)
- Magnetization at the end of the prompt phase (reverse shock)

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Prompt efficiency: an interesting constraint provided by recent detections of on-axis orphan afterglows by PTF/ZTF (Ho, Perley et al. 22,24)



#### **Prompt GRB emission physics: many remaining open issues**

SVOM will bring soon new observations: let's wait for the first detections with all SVOM instruments!





- First detections at very high-energy (MAGIC, HESS, LHAASO)



Salafia et al. 202

HESS collab. 2021

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GRB 221009A @ z=0.15: difficult modelling 10<sup>1</sup> 10<sup>2</sup> Flux density (mJy)  $10^{-1}$ Flux density (Jy) 10<sup>-4</sup> 10<sup>-7</sup> 10<sup>-10</sup>  $10^{0}$ 3.46 d 6.44 d 12.44 d 17.48 d  $10^{-13}$ 5.9 d (×10<sup>-2.3</sup>) 0.05 d (×10<sup>4.3</sup> 28.33 d 24 d (×10<sup>-3.3</sup>) 52.48 d 41 d (×10<sup>-4.7</sup>) 76.42 d  $10^{-16}$ 80 d (×10<sup>-6</sup>) 1010 1011 10<sup>9</sup> 1018 Frequency (Hz)  $10^{10}$  $10^{12}$  $10^{14}$ 1016  $10^{7}$ Laskar et al. 2023 Frequency (Hz) O' Connor et al. 2023 Need to include the contribution of the RS Need to include the lateral structure of the relativistic jet.

TeV emission (e.g. : Zheng et al. 23, Derishev & Piran 23) Need to have a vary narrow core jet? Contribution from the reverse shock?

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 $E_{k,iso}(\theta)$   $\Gamma(\theta)$ GRB 221009A @ z=0.15: difficult modelling



#### Gill & Granot 2023

#### Microphysics: FS & RS

- -Satisfactory fit from radio to X-rays (FS+RS; structured jet)
- -Consistent with the TeV emission? Still to be checked

- First detections at very high-energy
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- These VHE detections bring new constraints on GRB models:
  - Obviously the **particle acceleration** & **radiation mechanisms** (e.g. SSC)
  - But also the **structure** and **dynamics** of the jet (e.g. potential RS contribution)
  - Potentially the efficiency of the prompt emission (e.g. low-L GRB 190829A detected by HESS, or no clear evidence for a prompt TeV emission in GRB221009A)
  - And potentially the density of the **external medium**, as SSC is favored by a higher density.
    - = this is of interest of short GRBs associated to mergers



### How to detect the VHE afterglow of 170817-like event?

- The VHE afterglow of 170817 (D=40 Mpc, very offaxis) is predicted to peak well below the upper limit obtained by H.E.S.S.
  10<sup>-39</sup>
- The VHE flux can be increased by
  - External conditions: lower viewing angle (but on-axis observation is very unlikely for GW-triggered events)
  - Intrinsic conditions: higher external density (high external density are expected for fast mergers, if they exist: potential constraint on the physics of compact binaries)

Moderate (resp. Optimistic) case with a slightly less offaxis observation and a denser environment  $\frac{1}{2}$  10<sup>-14</sup>

 $n_{ext} = 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  (instead of  $10^{-3}$ - $10^{-2} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) and  $\theta_v/\theta_c = 6$  (instead of 12-18)

would be detectable with CTA up to 90 Mpc (resp 400 Mpc)





Pellouin & Daigne 2024