GW170817: FIRST COSMIC EVENT OBSERVED IN GRAVITATIONAL WAVES AND LIGHT



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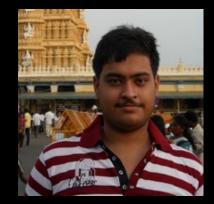
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Multi-Messenger Astrophysics Discovery Engines

Gravitational Waves: LIGO, Virgo, LIGO-India, Kagra, LISA, PTA

Neutrinos and UHECRs: Icecube, Pierre Auger, Antares, SuperK

Optical: Evryscope, ASASSN, HATPI, ZTF, KMTNet, CSS-II, PS2, Blackgem, ATLAS, DECAM, HSC (and soon, LSST) Gamma-Rays Fermi, Swift, Integral X-ray: MAXI, eROSITA Radio: LOFAR, MWA, LWA, Apertif, Meerkat, Askap, CHIME, VLASS

MISSING: Wide-field Infrared and Ultraviolet

Why Infrared Fireworks?

- I. Nuclear Physics
 - Heavy Element Opacity cf Kilonovae & Gravitational Waves
 - Line Blanketing cf He-shell detonations cf LISA GW

II. Enshrouded Stellar Fates

- Milky Way Dust cf Galactic Supernova & Neutrinos
- Mass-loss self-obscuration cf core-collapse supernovae

III. Cool Explosions

- Birth of Stellar Black Holes
- Stellar Mergers
- Shocks in Classical Novae

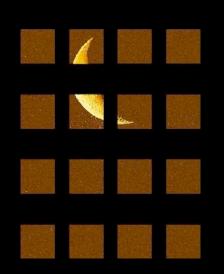
IV. The Unexpected

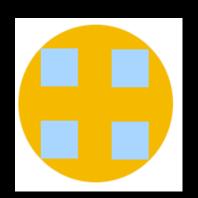
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The Dynamic Infrared Sky is Relatively Pristine

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No Wide-Field IR cameras?

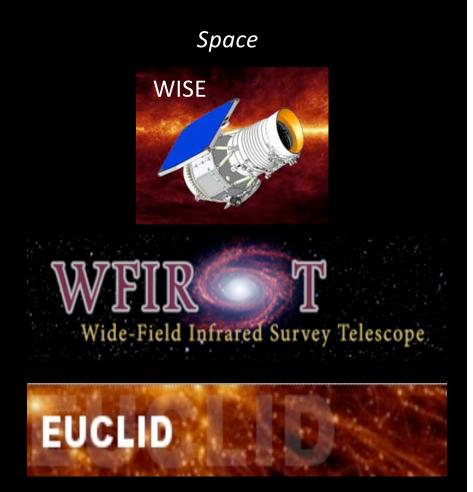




WFCAM on UKIRT 0.2 deg² on 4m

VIRCAM on VISTA 0.6 deg² on 4m

WIRCAM on CFH 0.13 deg² on 4m



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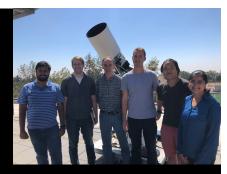
IR TDA Roadmap

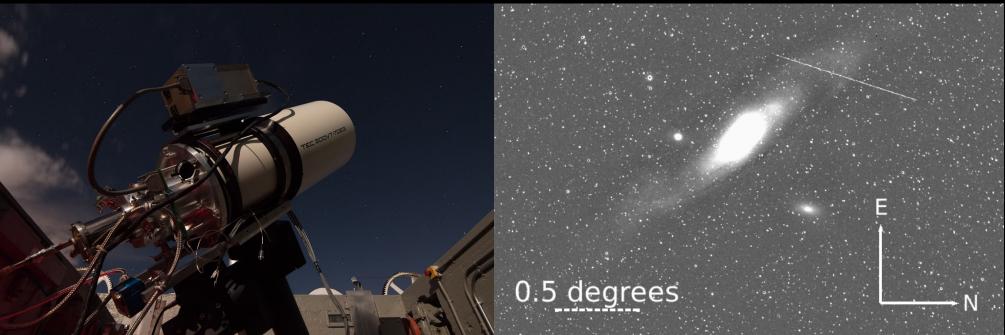
| | Project | Description | Status |
|-----------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Phase I | SPIRITS | Target 200 galaxies with the Spitzer Space Telescope | 2014-2019 Ongoing |
| Phase II | ZTF | Classify the reddest optical transients | 2018-2020 Ongoing |
| Phase III | Palomar Gattini-IR | 15,000 sq deg every night in J-band to 16.4 mag | Sep 11, 2018 First Light |
| Phase IV | WINTER | 1 sq deg yJH camera on a 1 meter telescope | Summer 2020 Just Funded |

And then perhaps, go to a Polar Location or Space...

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Palomar Gattini-IR: Opening up the dynamic infrared sky



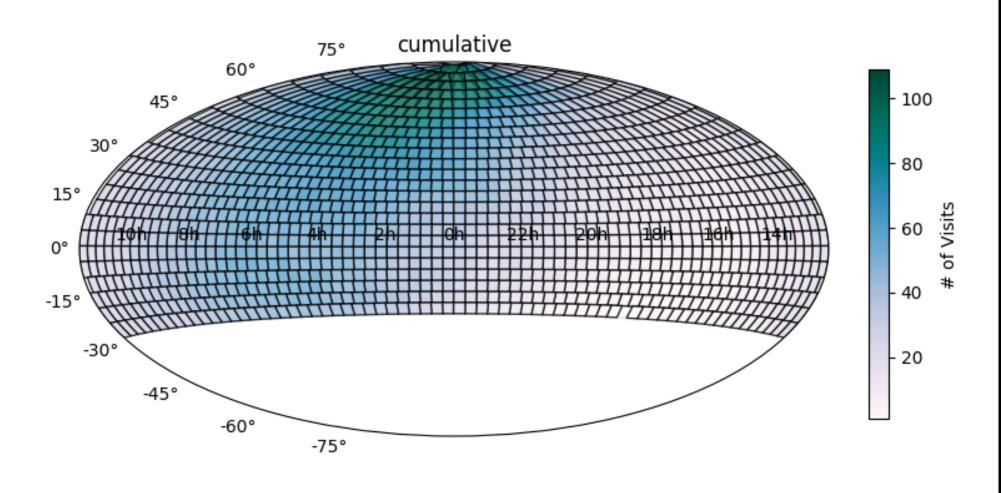


A robotic 30cm telescope with a 25 sq deg FoV camera Surveys 9,000 sq deg to J < 15.4 mag every single night! In partnership with Anna Moore (ANU)

First light: September 11, 2018

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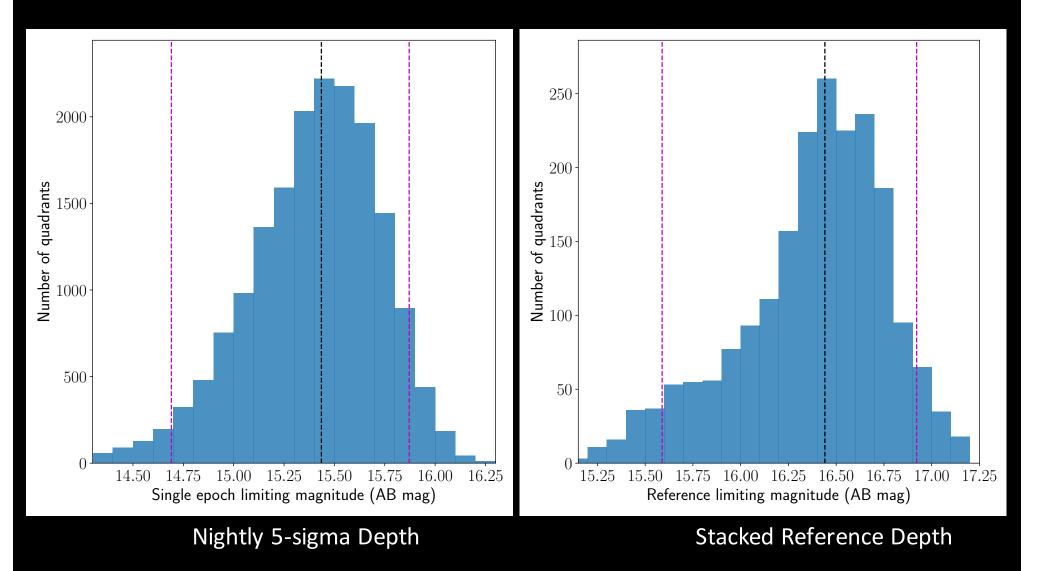
Sky Coverage to date



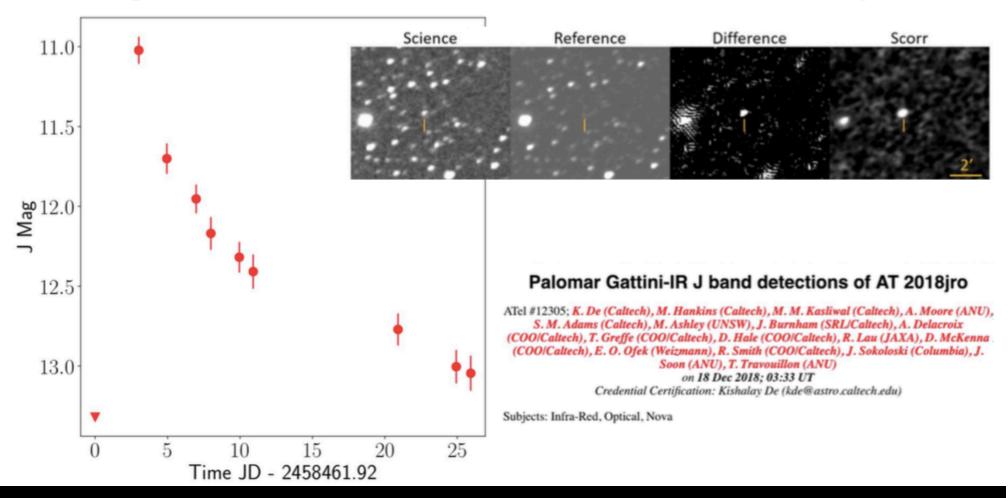
~9000 square degrees mapped every night!

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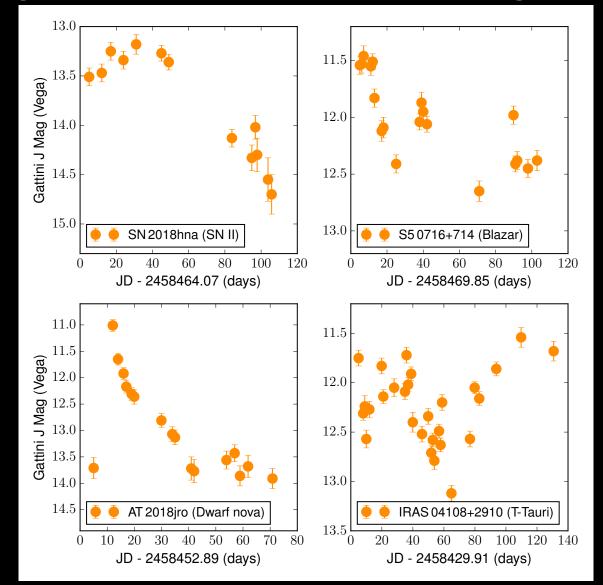


Light curve of dwarf nova AT 2018jro



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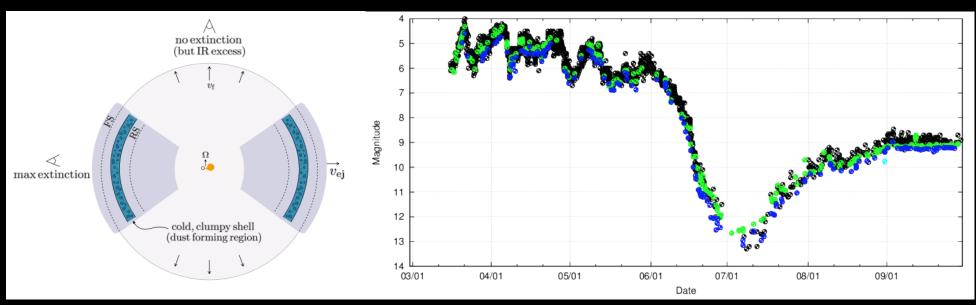
Collage of Palomar Gattini-IR light curves



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Classical Novae: Shock-Dust Connection?



Derdzinski et al. 2016

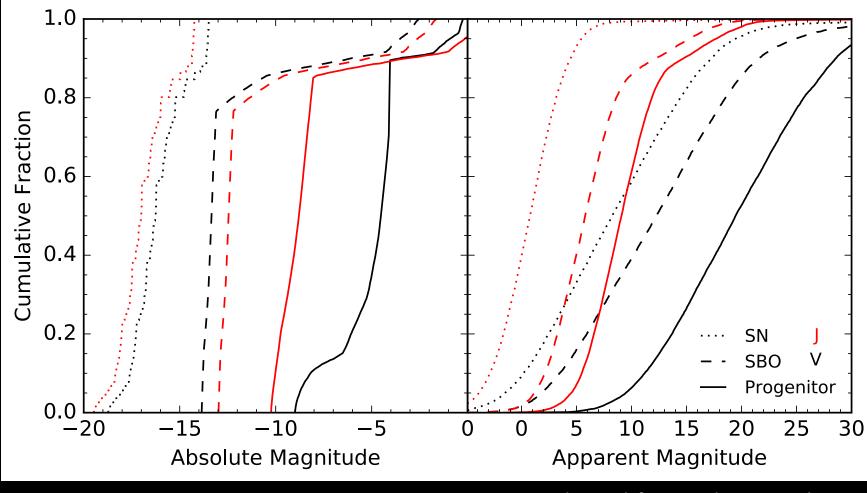
Dust Dip from V5668 Sgr/AAVSO

In partnership with Jeno Sokoloski.



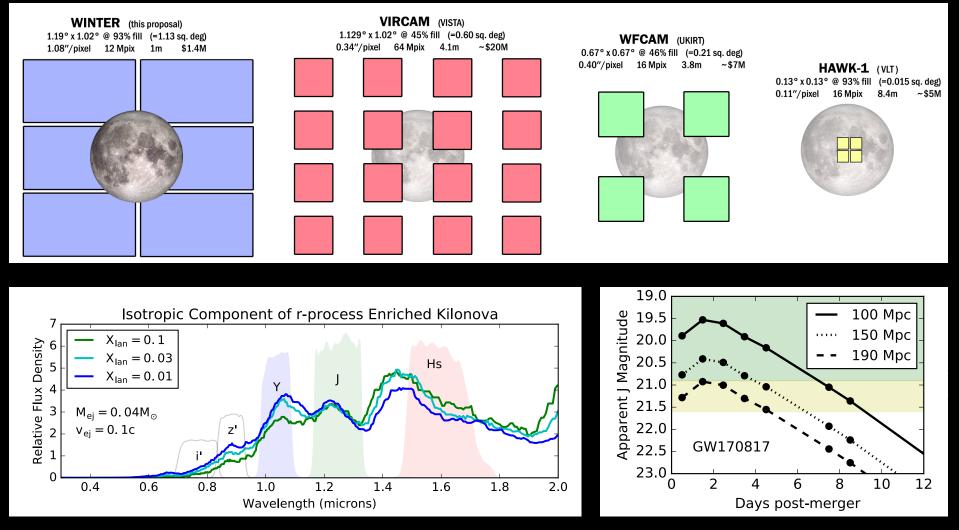
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Supernova in the Milky Way



Adapted from Adams et al. 2013

WINTER @ Palomar Alternative Semiconductor Technology



In Partnership with Rob Simcoe (MIT)

Now funded by NSF MRI + Packard; First light: Summer 2020 Mansi M. Kasliwal / University of Chicago Colloquium Febr

SPIRITS is discovering a wide range of IR transient sources.

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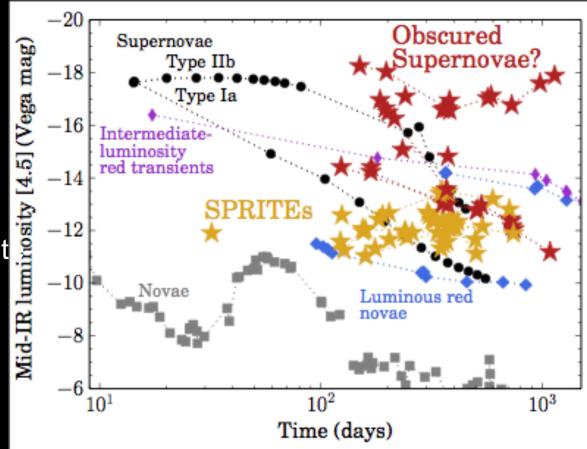
Identified 131+ transients

49 known supernovae

10 candidate obscured supernovae

8 likely classical novae

64 eSPecially Red Intermediat Luminosity Transient Events (SPRITEs)



The Dynamic Infrared Sky is Ripe for Exploration

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