

HOT-WIRING^{the} TRANSIENT UNIVERSE

A Joint VOEvent & HTN Workshop

The Heterogeneous Telescope Networks Consortium and the VOEvent Working Group of the International Virtual Observatory Alliance announce a joint workshop, the third of each series. A strong interdisciplinary agenda will cover technology, methods and experimental design for the detection and rapid follow-up observation of celestial transients, as well as data fusion to create knowledge about the underlying astrophysical phenomena. Refereed proceedings will be published as an issue of *Astronomische Nachrichten*.

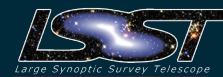
The astronomical time domain ranges from solar physics and solar system objects to objects and processes at galactic and cosmological distances. Transients arrive as electromagnetic radiation, gravitational waves, neutrinos and other particles. Discoveries are made with spacecraft, by ground-based surveys, and through automatic detection pipelines. Follow-up characterization occurs using Virtual Observatory web services, via robotic telescopes, and as human mediated targets of opportunity on space and ground-based telescopes of all classes. Meeting the challenges of time domain and transient astronomy demands a new logistical framework for carrying out the art and practice of astronomy.

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June 4 — June 7, 2007

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