The observability of plasmoid-powered γ-ray flares with the *Fermi* Large Area Telescope

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What is it about?

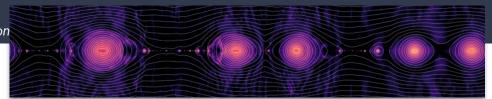
Fast γ -ray blazar flares from reconnection and their detectability with Fermi-LAT

Why is it interesting?

- Origin of fast γ-ray blazar variability is still a mystery!
- Magnetic reconnection models predict fast & luminous γ-ray flares.

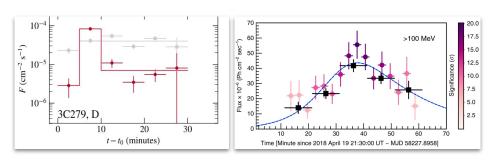
What did we do?

- We created for the first time artificial LAT light curves based on the magnetic reconnection model.
- We searched for detectability of model-predicted features with LAT.



What did we find?

- General features of real LAT light curves are recovered in the artificial LCs
- Minute-scale flares are detectable with LAT during GTIs



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