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# **simlightcurve Documentation**

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Example notebooks:

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## Powerlaw curves

```
In [1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import seaborn
```

```
In [2]: %matplotlib inline
seaborn.set_context('poster')
seaborn.set_style("dark")
```

```
In [3]: from simlightcurve import curves
```

```
hr = 60*60
decay_tau=1.*24*hr
rise_tau=decay_tau*0.3
t_min = 0.1
break_one_t_offset = 0.2*decay_tau

unbroken_pl = curves.Powerlaw(init_amp=1,
                              alpha_one=-0.5,
                              t_offset_min=t_min,
                              t0=None)

offset_pl = curves.Powerlaw(init_amp=1,
                             alpha_one=-0.5,
                             t_offset_min=t_min+1.0,
                             t0=-10
                             )

broken_pl = curves.SingleBreakPowerlaw(init_amp=.1,
                                       alpha_one=-0.2,
                                       break_one_t_offset=break_one_t_offset,
                                       alpha_two=-0.8,
```

```
t_offset_min=t_min,  
t0=None  
)
```

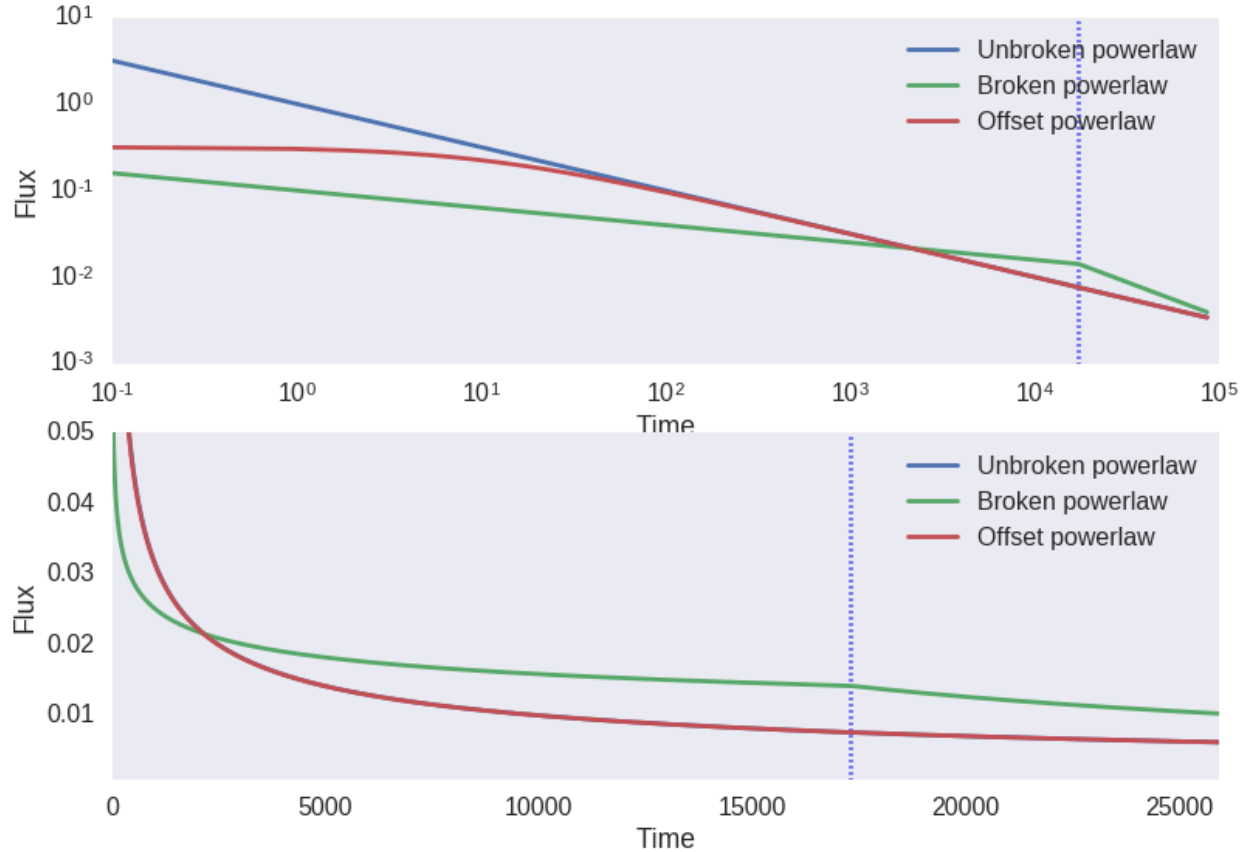
```
tsteps = np.linspace(t_min, decay_tau, 1e5, dtype=np.float)
```

```
In [4]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(2,1)  
fig.suptitle('Powerlaws', fontsize=36)  
ax=axes[0]  
# ax.axvline(0, ls='--')  
ax.axvline(break_one_t_offset, ls=':')  
ax.set_xlabel('Time')  
ax.set_ylabel('Flux')  
ax.plot(tsteps, unbroken_pl(tsteps), label='Unbroken powerlaw')  
ax.plot(tsteps, broken_pl(tsteps), label='Broken powerlaw')  
ax.plot(tsteps, offset_pl(tsteps), label='Offset powerlaw')  
ax.set_yscale('log')  
ax.set_xscale('log')  
# ax.set_ylim(0.001, .1)  
# ax.set_xlim(t_min, 0.8*decay_tau)  
ax.legend()  
  
ax=axes[1]  
# ax.axvline(0, ls='--')  
ax.axvline(break_one_t_offset, ls=':')  
ax.set_xlabel('Time')  
ax.set_ylabel('Flux')  
ax.plot(tsteps, unbroken_pl(tsteps), label='Unbroken powerlaw')  
ax.plot(tsteps, broken_pl(tsteps), label='Broken powerlaw')  
ax.plot(tsteps, offset_pl(tsteps), label='Offset powerlaw')  
# ax.set_yscale('log')  
# ax.set_xscale('log')  
ax.set_ylim(0.001, .05)  
ax.legend()  
ax.set_xlim(t_min, 0.3*decay_tau)  
  
# plt.gcf().tight_layout()
```

```
Out[4]: (0.1, 25920.0)
```



## Powerlaws



## Supernovae

### Optical

Make use of the quadratically-modulated sigmoidal rise / exponential decay, cf Karpenka 2012 and references therein:

Class: `simlightcurve.curves.modsigmoidexp.ModSigmoidExp`

```
In [1]: from __future__ import absolute_import
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import seaborn
```

```
In [2]: %matplotlib inline
seaborn.set_context('poster')
seaborn.set_style("darkgrid")
```

```
In [3]: from simlightcurve.curves import ModSigmoidExp as Hump
```

```
hr = 60*60
decay_tau=1.*24*hr
rise_tau=decay_tau*0.3
t1_offset = decay_tau
```

```

sn0 = Hump(a=3, b=0,
           t1_minus_t0=t1_offset,
           rise_tau=rise_tau, decay_tau = decay_tau,
           t0=None
          )
sn1 = Hump( a=1, b=3e-10,
           t1_minus_t0=t1_offset,
           rise_tau=rise_tau, decay_tau = decay_tau,
           # t0 = 0.7*decay_tau
           t0=None
          )

tsteps = np.arange(-8*rise_tau, 8*decay_tau, 30)

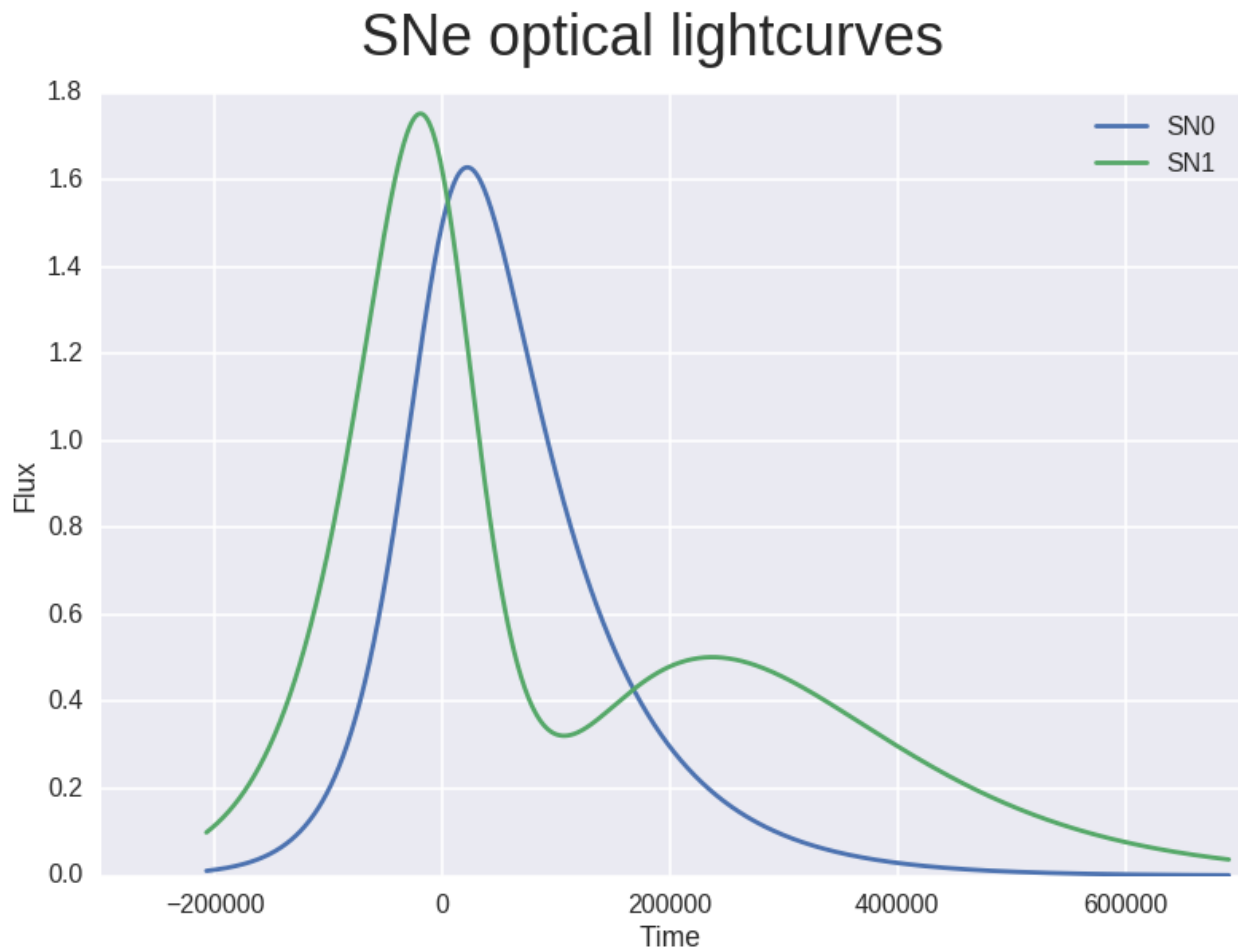
```

```

In [4]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,1)
fig.suptitle('SNe optical lightcurves', fontsize=36)
ax=axes
# ax.axvline(0, ls='--')
# ax.axvline(t1_offset, ls='--')
ax.set_xlabel('Time')
ax.set_ylabel('Flux')
ax.plot(tsteps, sn0(tsteps), label='SN0')
ax.plot(tsteps, sn1(tsteps), label='SN1')
ax.legend()

```

```
Out [4]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f87c30d9908>
```



## Radio

Make use of the ‘minishell’ model, a product of factors including exponential decay and power law, following VAST memo #3, (Ryder 2010)

```
In [5]: from simlightcurve.curves import Minishell

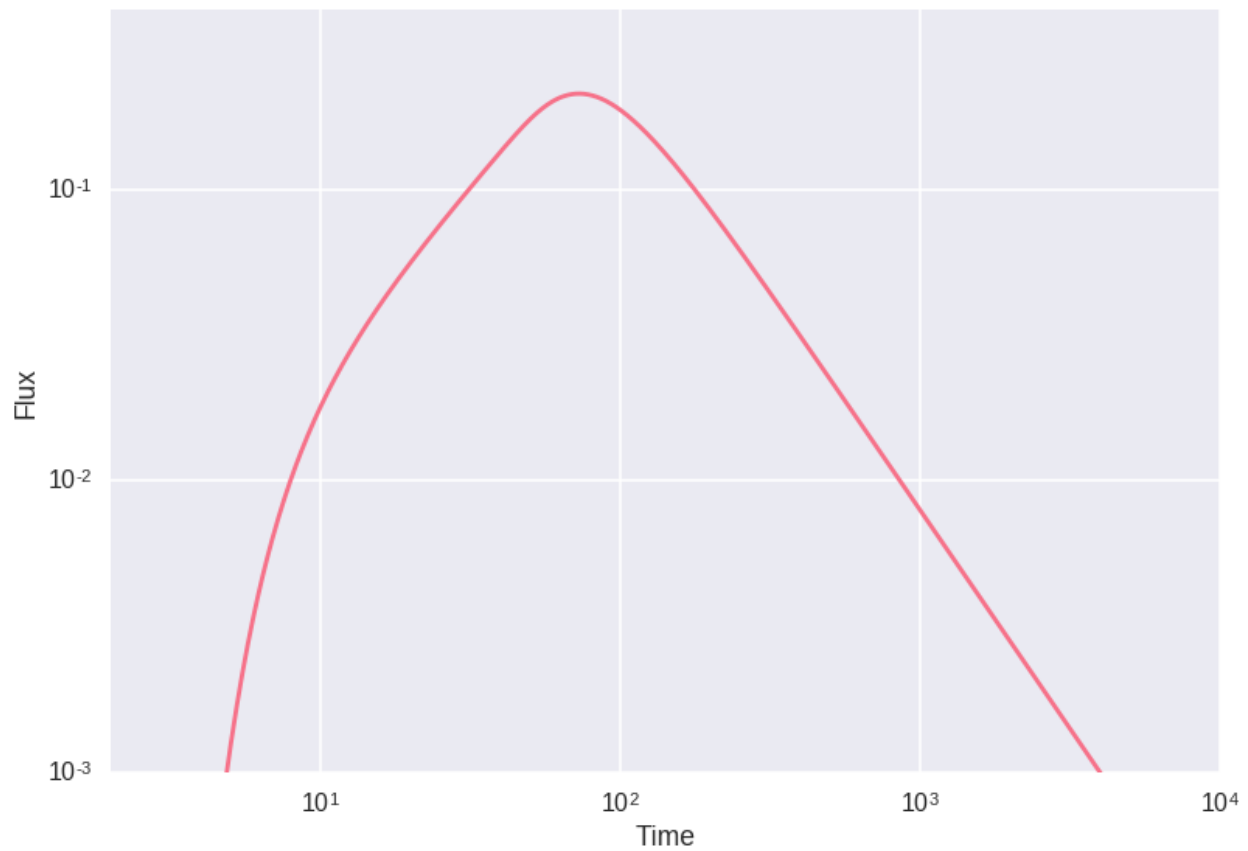
        hr=3600.0
        timespan = 10000.
        tsteps = np.linspace(-1,timespan,24*hr)

        afterglow = Minishell(k1=2.5e2, k2=1.38e2, k3=1.47e5,
                              beta=-1.5, delta1=-2.56, delta2=-2.69,
                              t0=None)

In [6]: seaborn.set_palette('husl')
        fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,1)
        fig.suptitle('SNe radio lightcurve', fontsize=36)
        lc = afterglow(tsteps)
        axes.plot(tsteps, lc)
        axes.set_xlabel('Time')
        axes.set_ylabel('Flux')
        axes.set_xscale('log')
        axes.set_yscale('log')
        axes.set_ylim(0.001,np.max(lc)+0.2)
        axes.set_xlim(2,timespan)

Out[6]: (2, 10000.0)
```

## SNe radio lightcurve



## General rise and decay curves

Various curves named after their rise and decay functions.

```
In [1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import seaborn

In [2]: %matplotlib inline
seaborn.set_context('poster')
seaborn.set_style("darkgrid")

In [3]: from simlightcurve import curves

hr = 60*60
decay_tau=1.*24*hr
rise_tau=decay_tau*0.3
t1_offset = decay_tau

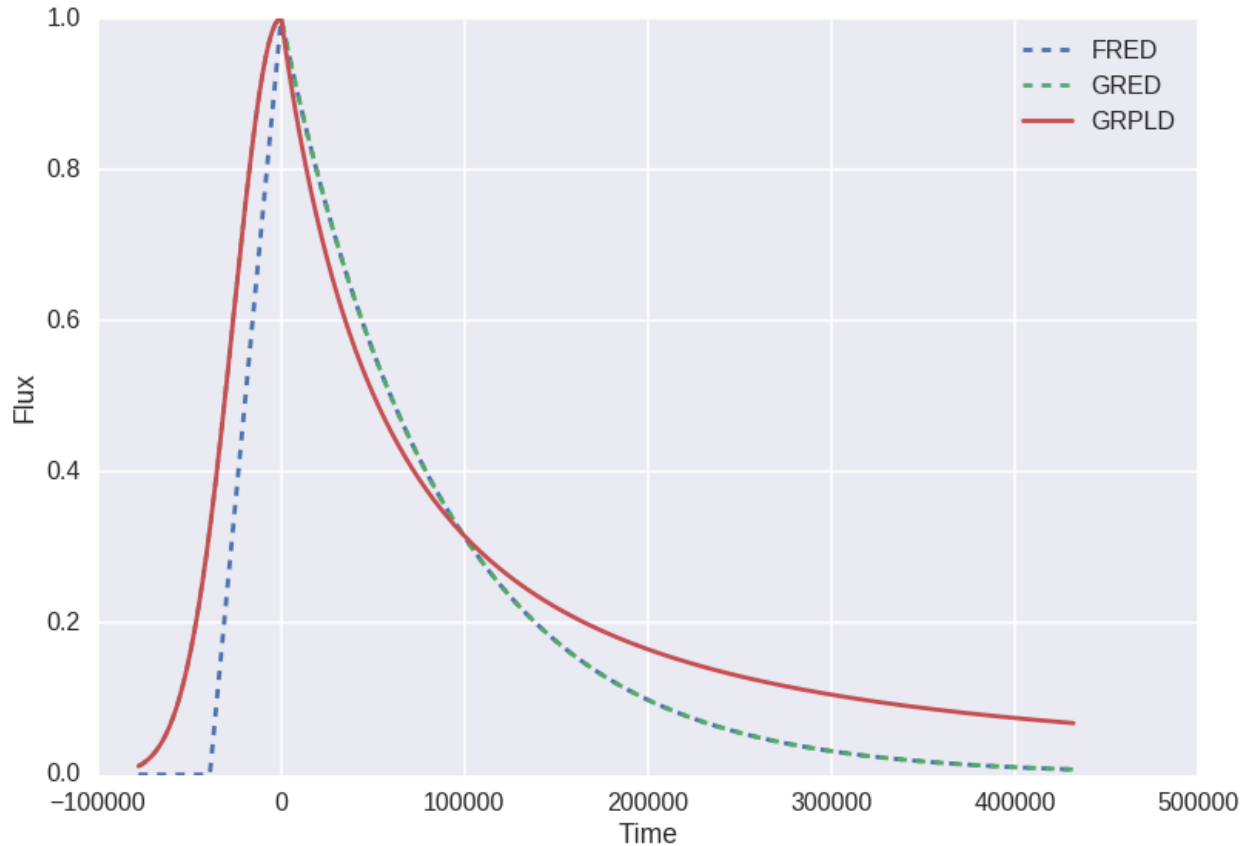
fred = curves.LinearExp(
    amplitude=1.0,
    rise_time=rise_tau*1.5,
    decay_tau=decay_tau,
    t0=None
)
```

```
gred = curves.GaussExp(  
    amplitude=1.0,  
    rise_tau=rise_tau,  
    decay_tau=decay_tau,  
    t0=None  
)  
  
grp1d = curves.GaussPowerlaw(  
    amplitude = 1.0,  
    rise_tau=rise_tau,  
    decay_alpha=-1.5,  
    decay_offset=decay_tau,  
    t0=None  
)  
  
tsteps = np.arange(-rise_tau*3, decay_tau*5, 30)
```

```
In [4]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,1)  
fig.suptitle('Various rise and decay models', fontsize=36)  
ax=axes  
# ax.axvline(0, ls='--')  
# ax.axvline(t1_offset, ls='--')  
ax.set_xlabel('Time')  
ax.set_ylabel('Flux')  
ax.plot(tsteps, fred(tsteps), label='FRED', ls='--')  
ax.plot(tsteps, gred(tsteps), label='GRED', ls='--')  
ax.plot(tsteps, grp1d(tsteps), label='GRPLD')  
# ax.set_xscale('log')  
# ax.set_yscale('log')  
ax.set_ylim(1e-5,1.001)  
ax.legend()
```

```
Out[4]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f0258d2ee48>
```

## Various rise and decay models



In [5]:

## Van Der Laan

From A Model for Variable Extragalactic Radio Sources, (Van Der Laan 1969).

See class documentation for more details: [simlightcurve.curves.vanderlaan.VanDerLaan](#)

```
In [1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import seaborn
```

```
In [2]: %matplotlib inline
seaborn.set_context('poster')
seaborn.set_style("darkgrid")
```

```
In [3]: from simlightcurve import curves
```

```
energy_index_1 = 1.
energy_index_2 = 2.5
energy_index_3 = 5.
maximum_flux = 1.
maximum_time = 60. * 60.
```

```
vd11 = curves.VanDerLaan(amplitude=maximum_flux,
                        energy_index=energy_index_1,
```

```
        t0=maximum_time
    )

    vd12 = curves.VanDerLaan(amplitude=maximum_flux,
                             energy_index=energy_index_2,
                             t0=maximum_time
    )

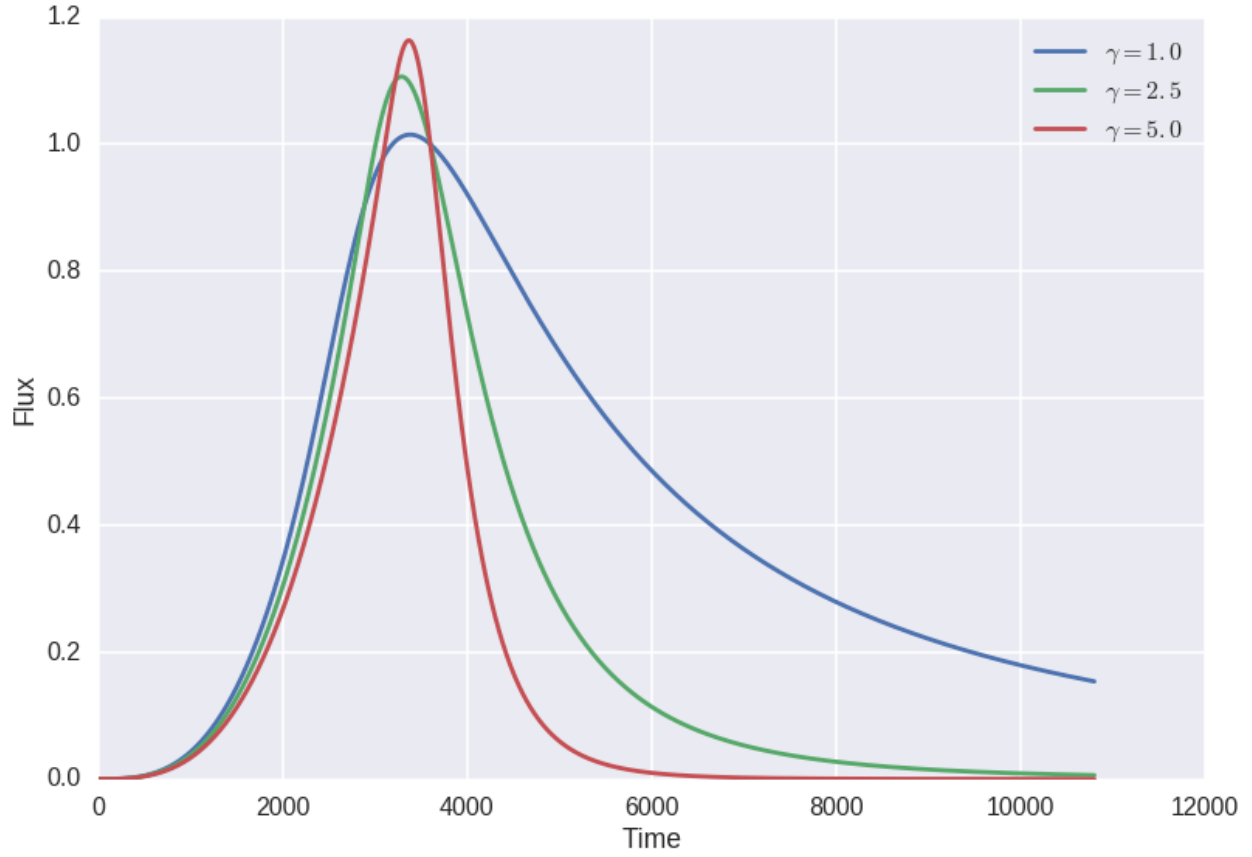
    vd13 = curves.VanDerLaan(amplitude=maximum_flux,
                             energy_index=energy_index_3,
                             t0=maximum_time
    )

    time_steps = np.arange(0., 3. * maximum_time, 1.)

In [4]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,1)
fig.suptitle('van der Laan light curve', fontsize=36)
ax=axes
ax.set_xlabel('Time')
ax.set_ylabel('Flux')
for model in (vd11, vd12, vd13):
    ax.plot(time_steps, model(time_steps),
            label='$\gamma={}$'.format(model.energy_index.value),
            ls='--',
            )
plt.legend()

Out [4]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7fd0fc8405c0>
```

## van der Laan light curve





## simlightcurve base modules

### simlightcurve.solvers

`simlightcurve.solvers.find_peak` (*curve*, *t\_init=0.0*)

Use `scipy.optimize.fmin` to locate a (possible local) maxima

**Returns** `peak_t_offset`, `peak_flux`

**Return type** `tuple`

`simlightcurve.solvers.find_rise_t` (*curve*, *threshold*, *t\_min*, *t\_max*)

### simlightcurve.curves

#### simlightcurve.curves.minishell

**class** `simlightcurve.curves.minishell.Minishell` (*k1*, *k2*, *k3*, *beta*, *delta1*, *delta2*, *t0*,  
*\*\*kwargs*)

Supernova radio-lightcurve model (Type-II).

CF K. Weiler et al, 2002: <http://www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev.astro.40.060401.093744>

and VAST memo #3, Ryder 2010: [http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/sifa/vast/uploads/Main/vast\\_memo3.pdf](http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/sifa/vast/uploads/Main/vast_memo3.pdf)

See Weiler et al for some typical parameter values.

**static evaluate** (*t*, *k1*, *k2*, *k3*, *beta*, *delta1*, *delta2*, *t0*)

Wraps `_curve` function to only process values at  $t > 0$

### `simlightcurve.curves.modsigmoidexp`

**class** `simlightcurve.curves.modsigmoidexp.ModSigmoidExp` (*a, b, t1\_minus\_t0, rise\_tau, decay\_tau, t0, \*\*kwargs*)

Sigmoidal rise / exponential decay modulated by a quadratic polynomial.

Typically applied as a supernova optical-lightcurve model, applicable to all SNe types.

Following Karpenka et al 2012; Eq 1. ( <http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2013MNRAS.429.1278K> )

### `simlightcurve.curves.misc`

**class** `simlightcurve.curves.misc.NegativeQuadratic` (*amplitude, t0, \*\*kwargs*)

Very simple example, used for testing purposes.

### `simlightcurve.curves.powerlaw`

**class** `simlightcurve.curves.powerlaw.Powerlaw` (*init\_amp, alpha\_one, t\_offset\_min, t0, \*\*kwargs*)

Represents a simple power-law curve

The curve is defined as

$\text{amplitude} * (\text{t\_offset})^{\alpha}$

Be wary of using an `init_alpha < 0`, since this results in an asymptote at `t=0`.

NB The curve will always begin at the origin, because maths. (Cannot raise a negative number to a fractional power unless you deal with complex numbers. Also `0.**Y == 0.` )

**class** `simlightcurve.curves.powerlaw.SingleBreakPowerlaw` (*init\_amp, alpha\_one, break\_one\_t\_offset, alpha\_two, t\_offset\_min, t0, \*\*kwargs*)

Represents an power-law curve with a single index-break

The curve is defined as

$\text{init\_amplitude} * (\text{t\_offset})^{\alpha_{\text{one}}}$

**until the location of the first index-break, then**  $\text{matched\_amplitude} * (\text{t\_offset})^{\alpha_{\text{two}}}$

where `matched_amplitude` is calculated to ensure the curves meet at the power-break location.

We wary of using an `init_alpha < 0`, since this results in an asymptote at `t=0`.

NB The curve will always begin at the origin, because maths. (Cannot raise a negative number to a fractional power unless you deal with complex numbers. Also `0.**Y == 0.` )

### `simlightcurve.curves.composite`

**class** `simlightcurve.curves.composite.gaussexp.GaussExp` (*amplitude, rise\_tau, decay\_tau, t0, \*\*kwargs*)

**amplitude**

**decay\_tau**

**static evaluate** (*t, amplitude, rise\_tau, decay\_tau, t0*)

```
inputs = ('t',)
outputs = ('flux',)
param_names = ('amplitude', 'rise_tau', 'decay_tau', 't0')
rise_tau
t0
```

```
class simlightcurve.curves.composite.gausspowerlaw.GaussPowerlaw(amplitude,
                                                                rise_tau,    de-
                                                                decay_alpha,
                                                                decay_offset, t0,
                                                                **kwargs)
```

```
amplitude
decay_alpha
decay_offset
static evaluate(t, amplitude, rise_tau, decay_alpha, decay_offset, t0)
inputs = ('t',)
outputs = ('flux',)
param_names = ('amplitude', 'rise_tau', 'decay_alpha', 'decay_offset', 't0')
rise_tau
t0
```

```
class simlightcurve.curves.composite.linearexp.LinearExp(amplitude, rise_time, de-
                                                         decay_tau, t0, **kwargs)
```

```
amplitude
decay_tau
static evaluate(t, amplitude, rise_time, decay_tau, t0)
inputs = ('t',)
outputs = ('flux',)
param_names = ('amplitude', 'rise_time', 'decay_tau', 't0')
rise_time
t0
```



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