

Identification of γ -ray emission from 3C 345 and NRAO 512

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ABSTRACT

For more than 15 years, since the days of the Energetic Gamma-Ray Experiment Telescope (EGRET) on board the *Compton* Gamma-Ray Observatory (CGRO; 1991–2000), it has remained an open question why the prominent blazar 3C 345 was not reliably detected at γ -ray energies ≥ 20 MeV. Recently a bright γ -ray source (0FGL J1641.4+3939/1FGL J1642.5+3947), potentially associated with 3C 345, was detected by the Large Area Telescope (LAT) on *Fermi*. Multiwavelength observations from radio bands to X-rays (mainly GASP-WEBT and Swift) of possible counterparts (3C 345, NRAO 512, B3 1640+396) were combined with 20 months of *Fermi*-LAT monitoring data (August 2008–April 2010) to associate and identify the dominating γ -ray emitting counterpart of 1FGL J1642.5+3947. The source 3C 345 is identified as the main contributor for this γ -ray emitting region. However, after November 2009 (15 months), a significant excess of photons from the nearby quasar NRAO 512 started to contribute and thereafter was detected with increasing γ -ray activity, possibly adding flux to 1FGL J1642.5+3947. For the same time period and during the summer of 2010, an increase of radio, optical and X-ray activity of NRAO 512 was observed. No γ -ray emission from B3 1640+396 was detected.

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1. Introduction

The quasar 3C 345 is known as a prominent variable source from radio- to X-ray bands (≤ 10 keV). It is particularly bright at radio wavelengths and has an extended radio structure that is observable from sub-pc to kpc scales, which is archetypical for a relativistic blazar jet (e.g. [Lobanov & Zensus 1999](#); [Kollgaard et al. 1989](#)). Its jet has an apparent opening angle of $\sim 13^\circ$ ([Pushkarev et al. 2009](#)). [Unwin et al. \(1994\)](#) concluded that the observed high-energy emission of this source is caused by inverse Compton up-scattering of lower energy photons by relativistic electrons of the pc-scale radio jet. However, it remained a puzzle why 3C 345 was not detected at energies above 20 MeV, while 3C 279 with similar apparent properties is a prominent source at γ -ray energies.

The high-redshift quasar NRAO 512, 0.5° west of 3C 345, is known as a compact radio source with a two-sided jet morphology on kpc scales and with a flat radio spectrum ([Kovalev et al. 1999](#)). The observed VLBI radio structure revealed a wide apparent jet opening angle of $\sim 50^\circ$ ([Pushkarev et al. 2009](#)), which implies a small viewing angle to the line of sight, with its emission directly beamed at us.

The Energetic Gamma-Ray Experiment Telescope (EGRET; [Thompson et al. 1993](#)) on board the *Compton* Gamma Ray Observatory (CGRO) spacecraft did not observe a significant excess of γ -ray photons consistent with 3C 345 (3EG; [Hartman et al. 1999](#)), covering the first four phases of the CGRO mission (1991–1995). This lack of detectable flux of γ -rays above 20 MeV from 3C 345 was attributed to the high detection threshold of EGRET. A source consistent with the position of 3C 345, labeled as EGR J1642+3940, was found by [Casandjian & Grenier \(2008\)](#). This source was seen almost entirely in a single two-week viewing period with an excess of $\sim 5.8\sigma$, from April 23rd–May 7th, 1996 (vp5190), which was after the data used for the 3EG. Unfortunately, the angular resolution of EGRET was too poor to distinguish contributions from the other two nearby candidates NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396, see [Table 1](#). Between October 1st and October 4th, 1993, a similar source was marginally detected by EGRET ($\sim 2.1\sigma$), but its centroid was localized closer to Mrk 501. In exactly the same viewing period, [Kataoka et al. \(1999\)](#) claimed EGRET detected a flare from Mrk 501, which lies 2.5° east of 3C 345. This would then be the only time that either of those sources was seen by EGRET – a strange coincidence that led [Casandjian & Grenier](#) to note that the EGR J1642+3940 source association with 3C 345 is “not clear”.

On June 11th, 2008, the *Fermi* Gamma-ray Space Telescope (short *Fermi*) was launched, equipped with the Large Area Telescope (LAT) instrument ([Atwood et al. 2009](#)) providing continuous all-sky monitoring of γ -ray emission as a default mode of operation. The LAT, compared with EGRET, has an improved sensitivity by a factor of ~ 25 and an improved point-source localization. After 20 months of LAT operation within the region of interest, a localization improvement (comparing radii of 95% error circles) of a factor of ~ 14 was reached compared to EGRET. These improvements provided a new opportunity to probe 3C 345 for γ -ray emission above 100 MeV.

The three-month bright *Fermi* source list (0FGL) for the dataset collected between August and October 2008 reported a γ -ray source (0FGL J1641.4+3939) near the position of 3C 345. It was then associated with the quasar B3 1640+396 (CLASS J1641+3935) at low confidence ([Abdo et al. 2009b](#)). The bright 0FGL source was listed in the first *Fermi*-LAT source catalog (1FGL) as 1FGL J1642.5+3947 ([Abdo et al. 2010a](#)),

Table 1. Radio positions and redshifts of candidate γ -ray counterparts.

Name(s)	3C 345	NRAO 512	B3 1640+396 CLASS J1641+3935
RA	16 ^h 42 ^m 58 ^s .810	16 ^h 40 ^m 29 ^s .633	16 ^h 41 ^m 47 ^s .540
Dec	+39°48′36″.99	+39°46′46″.03	+39°35′03″.33
z	0.5928	1.666	0.540
Refs.	(1, 3)	(1, 4)	(2, 5)

Notes. Name(s) – common source names. RA/Dec – right ascension/declination (J2000) of the radio source localization. z – source redshift.

References. The numerals in the references row translate to: (1) [Fey et al. \(2004\)](#); (2) [Myers et al. \(2003\)](#); (3) [Marziani et al. \(1996\)](#); (4) [Stickel et al. \(1989\)](#); (5) [Brinkmann et al. \(1995\)](#).

further constraining its localization. An association with 3C 345 was still not possible with high confidence based on *Fermi*-LAT data alone, nevertheless, 1FGL J1642.5+3947 was listed in the catalog as being affiliated with its most likely counterpart 3C 345 ([Abdo et al. 2010b](#)).

In October 2009 a GeV flare was detected from the vicinity of 0FGL J1641.4+3939 ([Reyes & Cheung 2009](#)). Simultaneously, the GASP-WEBT collaboration reported on increased optical and radio activity of 3C 345 ([Larionov et al. 2009](#)). This event triggered additional observations at different frequencies, which made it possible to establish an identification through correlated multiwavelength activity.

Here we present 20 months of monitoring observations by *Fermi*-LAT of the region around 3C 345, NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396, as well as radio, optical, UV, and X-ray observations of these sources. Section 2 discusses the observations and data reduction methods applied to obtain calibrated datasets for the subsequent analysis. Section 3 discusses the results of *Fermi*-LAT observations and identification through multiwavelength counterparts of events in the light curve. Section 4 discusses and summarizes the findings of this paper.

2. Observations and data reduction methods

2.1. γ -ray monitoring

The *Fermi*-LAT ([Atwood et al. 2009](#)) is a pair-conversion telescope designed to cover the energy range from 20 MeV to greater than 300 GeV. The 1FGL catalog, based on 11 months of monitoring data, lists the γ -ray source 1FGL J1642.5+3947 (RA 16^h42^m33.55^s, Dec +39°47′38.8″, 95% position error radius $r_{95} = 0.056^\circ$; [Abdo et al. 2010a](#)), which lies in close vicinity of the three quasars 3C 345, NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396, listed in [Table 1](#).

The *Fermi*-LAT data on the field in which 1FGL J1642.5+3947 is located were processed and analyzed using the *Fermi* science tools software package (version: v9r15p2¹; [Abdo et al. 2010a](#)). The photons were extracted from a region of interest (ROI) centered on the radio position of 3C 345 within a radius of 15° and a time range of 20 months, August 4th, 2008, to April 4th, 2010 (in MET² 239 557 417–292 088 627 s). The general data processing procedures applied were similar to those described in [Abdo et al. \(2009b\)](#) and [Abdo et al. \(2010a\)](#).

¹ <http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/analysis/documentation/Cicerone/>

² Mission Elapsed Time (MET) is measured in seconds from 2001.0 UT, including leap seconds.

To ensure that the collected events considered in this analysis have a high probability of being photons, the “diffuse class” selection was applied. Furthermore, events above the zenith angle 105° were removed to avoid a significant contamination by γ rays produced from cosmic-ray interactions in Earth’s atmosphere³ (Abdo et al. 2009c). The P6_V3_DIFFUSE instrument response functions (IRF) were used (see Rando et al. 2009).

The remaining γ -ray-like events were analyzed using a maximum-likelihood approach (Mattox et al. 1996) to localize γ -ray sources and extract their spectra. As in the analysis of 1FGL, two sets of standard LAT analysis tools were used, and their results compared for consistency. The first set, based on `gtfindsrc` and `gtlike` tools, employs an unbinned likelihood analysis in which the expected response of the LAT is evaluated separately for each photon, given its energy and direction with respect to the detector axes. The second toolset, `pointlike`, uses a simpler, binned analysis methodology, where photons are binned spatially and in energy, and an averaged set of response functions is applied. The two packages give very similar results, with the `pointlike` package running much more quickly.

In both likelihood methodologies the γ -ray emission in the ROI is assumed to arise from two diffuse components and a number of point sources. Each point source is modeled spatially as a delta function and spectrally as a power law. The statistical significance of a potential source is estimated by forming a “test statistic” (TS),

$$TS = 2(\ln L_1 - \ln L_0), \quad (1)$$

where L_1 is the value of the likelihood obtained in the “source” hypothesis, with the source present in the model of the ROI and L_0 is the value in the alternate, “null” hypothesis, that the source is not real (and hence not included in the ROI model). If the null hypothesis is true, and assuming certain applicability conditions are met, Wilks’ theorem (Wilks 1938) states that TS is distributed as $\chi^2(N)$, where N is the number of additional parameters optimized in the source model leading to L_1 . Because each point source has four free parameters (two for its position and two for its spectrum), we expect that $TS \sim \chi^2(4)$, from which its significance can be evaluated. A source-detection threshold of $TS = 25$ was adopted in 1FGL, which corresponds to a false detection probability of 5×10^{-5} if $TS \sim \chi^2(4)$.

The `gtlike` model used for localization in this paper includes the 1FGL J1642.5+3947 point-source component and all other point sources from the 1FGL catalog (Abdo et al. 2010b) within a 20° radius around the radio position of 3C 345. Further analysis was performed using two point-source components instead of one to fit the observed data. The model parameters for sources outside the 15° ROI were fixed to their respective 1FGL values. The model included 20 or 21 point sources with free parameters (flux and spectral index), depending on whether a single point source was fitted for 1FGL J1642.5+3947 (20 point sources) or whether two source components were added to take into account the separate contributions of 3C 345 and NRAO 512 (21 point sources). The background component of Galactic diffuse emission (`gll_iem_v02.fit`) and an isotropic component (`isotropic_iem_v02.txt`), both of which are the standard models available from the *Fermi* Science Support Center (FSSC)⁴, were added as well. The isotropic

component includes both the contribution from the extragalactic diffuse emission and from the residual, charged particle backgrounds.

To produce light curves, the standard tool `gtlike` was used, applying an unbinned spectral likelihood analysis as described above. A `gtlike` input source model was constructed based on the improved 20-month spectral fits obtained from the localization analysis. Only sources that were detected with a $TS > 25$ in the 20-month integration were included in the final `gtlike` input source model to construct a light curve. The data were split into regular time intervals, each integrating over periods of 2, 5 and 30 days. Then an unbinned spectral likelihood analysis was performed on each integrated dataset with photon indices fixed to the 20-month average values. For time periods with a significance of the detection of $TS < 5$ on 5- and 30-day scales, 2σ upper limits were calculated following the likelihood profile (Rolke et al. 2005), where the upper limit is determined by increasing the flux from the maximum likelihood value until the log likelihood decreases by 2.0 (for the particular implementation in case of LAT data see Abdo et al. 2010a). All light curves make use of the collected data in the energy range of 0.1–300 GeV. Different time binnings were chosen to study different aspects of the time evolution of the source flux. To study the longer term behavior, 30-day bins were used (Sect. 3.2.1), monthly bins being relatively standard for *Fermi* analysis. To assess faster flaring behavior, and in particular to estimate when the peak flaring occurs, a two-day time binning was selected (Sect. 3.2.2). Finally, the best compromise between short and long time bins is the light curve with five-day integration periods (Sect. 3.3).

2.2. X-ray observations

Triggered by the reported γ -ray flare of 0FGL J1641.4+3939 in October 2009 (Reyes & Cheung 2009), X-ray observations of all three candidate counterpart sources were performed by the X-ray Telescope (XRT, 0.2–10 keV; Burrows et al. 2005) on board the Swift satellite (Gehrels et al. 2004). The list of Swift-XRT observations together with the spectral fit results is reported in Table 2.

The XRT data were processed with standard procedures (`xrtpipeline` v0.12.4) to calibrate the observations. The filtering and screening criteria were applied by means of the FTOOLS in the *Heasoft* package version 6.8⁵. Given the low fluxes of the sources during observations (< 0.5 counts s^{-1} in the 0.2–10 keV range), only photon counting (PC) data were considered for our analysis with XRT grades 0–12 selected (according to Swift nomenclature, see Burrows et al. 2005). The source events were extracted in a circle of radius 15–20 pixels (covering 85–90% of the XRT point spread function, PSF, at 1.5 keV) around the source, depending on its intensity. The background was estimated from a nearby source-free circular region of 40-pixel radius. Ancillary response files were generated with `xrtmkarf` to account for different extraction regions, vignetting and PSF corrections. The spectral redistribution matrices v011 in the calibration database maintained by HEASARC were used.

The adopted energy range for spectral fitting is 0.3–10 keV. All data were rebinned with a minimum of 20 counts per energy bin to use the χ^2 minimization fitting technique, except when the statistics were poor (< 200 counts), in which case the

³ The Earth’s limb lies at a zenith angle of $\sim 113^\circ$ at the 565 km nearly circular orbit of *Fermi*. The zenith angle is defined as the angle of a photon’s apparent origin to the Earth-spacecraft vector.

⁴ <http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/BackgroundModels.html>

⁵ `xrtpipeline` and FTOOLS are part of the *Heasoft* software package: <http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/lheasoft/>; a detailed discussion on XRT data analysis can be found in the XRT User’s Guide: http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/swift/analysis/xrt_swguide_v1_2.pdf

Table 2. Swift-XRT observations after the reported flare in October 2009 of the three candidate sources (3C 345, NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396).

Source	Obs. date (*)	Exp.	Flux	Index
3C 345:	2009-10-04 (5109)	4.2	6.8 ± 0.5	1.68 ± 0.11
	2009-10-06 ^a (5111)	1.9	4.7 ± 0.7	1.66 ± 0.17
	2009-10-08 (5113)	2.1	7.1 ± 0.8	1.75 ± 0.16
	2009-10-09 (5114)	2.2	6.4 ± 0.7	1.62 ± 0.15
	2009-10-18 (5123)	3.9	6.2 ± 0.5	1.67 ± 0.12
	2009-11-01 (5137)	4.1	5.5 ± 0.5	1.77 ± 0.11
	2009-11-15 (5151)	4.0	5.9 ± 0.5	1.88 ± 0.11
	2009-11-29 (5165)	4.1	5.7 ± 0.5	1.71 ± 0.12
	2010-03-06/07 (5262/3)	2.6	5.6 ± 0.6	1.84 ± 0.15
	2010-03-09 ^a (5265)	1.4	5.6 ± 0.8	1.78 ± 0.18
NRAO 512:	2010-04-09 ^a (5296)	2.0	5.5 ± 0.7	1.88 ± 0.16
	2010-08-18 (5427)	4.3	5.4 ± 0.5	1.54 ± 0.11
	2009-10-08 ^a (5113)	2.1	$0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	1.5 ± 0.5
	2009-10-15 ^a (5120)	2.1	0.5 ± 0.2	2.2 ± 0.6
	2010-08-06/07 ^a (5415/6)	5.5	0.7 ± 0.1	2.0 ± 0.3
B3 1640+396:	2009-12-01 ^a (5167)	1.1	$0.7^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	1.8 ± 0.7

Notes. Obs. date (*) – date of Swift-XRT observation (*=JD-2450000). Exp. – Swift-XRT effective exposure time in ks. Flux – integrated unabsorbed photon flux 0.3–10 keV in units of 10^{-12} erg cm^{-2} s^{-1} . ^(a) Cash statistic used for observations with less than 200 photons.

Cash statistic (Cash 1979) was used and the data were binned to 1 counts bin⁻¹. The Cash statistic is based on a likelihood ratio test and is widely used for parameter estimation in photon counting experiments. Swift-XRT uncertainties are given at 90% confidence level for each parameter, unless stated otherwise.

Spectral fitting was performed using *XSPEC* version 12.5.1 with an absorbed power law model. For the Galactic absorption a fixed H I column density n_{H} of 1.14×10^{20} cm^{-2} was used for 3C 345, 1.17×10^{20} cm^{-2} for B3 1640+396 and 1.07×10^{20} cm^{-2} for NRAO 512, obtained from the Leiden/Argentine/Bonn Galactic H I survey (Kalberla et al. 2005).

2.3. UV, optical and mm observations

In the case of 3C 345 a dense optical monitoring was performed by the GLAST-AGILE Support Program (GASP) of the Whole Earth Blazar Telescope (WEBT) collaboration. The GASP-WEBT is performing long-term monitoring of 28 γ -ray loud blazars in the optical, near-infrared, mm and radio bands (Villata et al. 2008, 2009). The GASP has been closely following a strong optical outburst in 3C 345 reported during the second half of 2009 (Larionov et al. 2009). The optical GASP data for this paper were acquired at the following observatories: Abastumani (Georgia), Calar Alto (Spain, within the MAPCAT program), Crimean (Ukraine), Lowell (Perkins, USA), Lu-lin (SLT, Taiwan), Sabadell (Spain), St. Petersburg (Russia), and Tjarafe (Spain).

Magnitude calibration was performed with respect to a common choice of reference stars in the field of the source obtained from the photometric sequence by González-Pérez et al. (2001). In addition to the GASP monitoring data, optical observations

performed by the Special Astrophysical Observatory (SAO) of the Russian Academy of Sciences, using the SAO Zeiss 1-m telescope in *BVR* bands were included. The observational strategy and calibration procedures applied were described in detail by Bychkova et al. (2004). In Sect. 3.3 the *R* band magnitudes were converted to the linear flux density scale to compare light curves between wavelengths. The magnitudes were corrected for a Galactic extinction of 0.036 mag, for the magnitude to flux conversion the zero magnitude fluxes of Bessell et al. (1998) were used.

Two *R*-band observations of 3C 345 and B3 1640+396 were conducted on January 26th, 2009 (14×180 s exposure), and on February 13th, 2009 (13×180 s exposure), using a robotic 200-mm telescope of the Tzec Maun observatory (Mayhill, NM, USA). Magnitude calibration was performed in a manner similar to the GASP observations.

Observations of 3C 345 and NRAO 512 were performed with the UltraViolet/Optical Telescope (UVOT) on board the Swift spacecraft (Romig et al. 2005). Optical photometry of 3C 345 was calibrated using comparison stars from Smith et al. (1985). Calibration of the UV data was performed following the method of Poole et al. (2008). Comparison stars in the vicinity of 3C 345 could not be used to calibrate optical photometry of NRAO 512 with Swift UVOT because of its narrow field of view. Instead, the magnitude scale was calibrated using Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS; Abazajian et al. 2009) stars in the field and transformations between the SDSS and Johnson photometric systems from Smith et al. (2002).

Table 3 lists the relevant results of mainly quasi-simultaneous optical/UV observations of 3C 345, NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396 performed at Tzec Maun observatory and Swift UVOT. The Galactic extinction in the direction of these sources is between $E(B - V) = 0.010$ mag and 0.014 mag according to the tables of Schlegel et al. (1998). Using the extinction law by Cardelli et al. (1989) and coefficients describing the UVOT filters (Romig et al. 2009), the following extinctions (in magnitudes) were obtained for the individual bands: 0.03–0.04 (*V*), 0.04–0.06 (*B*), 0.05–0.07 (*U*), 0.07–0.09 (*W1*), 0.09–0.13 (*M2*) and 0.08–0.12 (*W2*).

The source 3C 345 was monitored also at mm wavelengths (230 GHz) by the Sub-millimeter Array (SMA) on Mauna Kea for the GASP. Additionally, a program conducted by Ann Wehrle (priv. comm.) provided the data collected by the SMA for NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396.

3. Results

3.1. Localization of γ -ray emission

An unbinned spectral likelihood analysis was performed using integrated 20-month *Fermi*-LAT monitoring data in the energy range of 0.1–100 GeV. This energy range was chosen after a series of different energy cuts were compared, to minimize the error on the localization. In the 1FGL catalog γ -ray sources are typically localized with a 95% position error radius of 0.02° – 0.07° for sources with $TS \approx 1000$, but 0.06° – 0.5° for $TS \approx 30$ (Abdo et al. 2010a). In cases of faint γ -ray emitters it is difficult to obtain well-constrained localizations to make statistically significant associations, even more so for two faint γ -ray emitters in close vicinity of each other.

A single point-source, 1FGLJ1642.5+3947, is listed in the 1FGL catalog around the analyzed region. Assuming a single point-source, the best-fit position using the 20-month LAT dataset is RA $16^{\text{h}}42^{\text{m}}24^{\text{s}}$, Dec $+39^\circ48'27''$, with

Table 3. Quasi-simultaneous optical observations of 3C 345, NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396 conducted by Swift UVOT and the 200-mm telescope of Tzec Maun observatory.

Source	Obs. date (*)	Band	Magnitude
3C 345:	2009-01-26 (4858)	<i>R</i>	16.48 ± 0.02
	2009-02-13 (4876)	<i>R</i>	16.92 ± 0.03
	2009-10-08 (5113)	<i>U</i>	16.44 ± 0.06
	2009-10-08 (5113)	<i>UVWI</i>	16.28 ± 0.03
	2010-08-18 (5427)	<i>UVWI</i>	16.47 ± 0.02
NRAO 512:	2009-10-08 (5113)	<i>U</i>	18.61 ± 0.04
	2010-08-06 (5415)	<i>U</i>	17.71 ± 0.05
	2010-08-06 (5415)	<i>UVWI</i>	18.07 ± 0.02
B3 1640+396:	2009-01-26 (4858)	<i>R</i>	18.57 ± 0.13
	2009-02-13 (4876)	<i>R</i>	$>18.6^\dagger$

Notes. Obs. date (*) – date of Swift-XRT observation (*=JD-2450000). Band – optical filter used for photometric observations. Magnitude – observed optical magnitude in given filter band. The magnitudes are not corrected for Galactic extinction. ^(†) No detection.

a 95% error circle radius of 0.037° . This procedure also provided the following characteristic source parameters: photon index⁶: $\Gamma = 2.44 \pm 0.03$, integrated flux: $(1.78 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-7}$ ph cm⁻² s⁻¹, *TS* value of 2825. The estimated systematic uncertainty of the integrated flux is 10% at 100 MeV, 5% at 500 MeV and 20% at 10 GeV. After 20 months of data the localized position is shifted by 0.042° from its 1FGL position toward NRAO 512, separated by 0.13° (east) from 3C 345 and by 0.48° (west) from NRAO 512. This suggested a significant contribution of excess photons from the direction west of 3C 345.

The unbinned spectral likelihood analysis was complemented by a `pointlike` analysis, similar to the method applied to determine positions and error ellipses for the 1FGL catalog. The approach of `pointlike` is described in Sect. 4.2 of [Abdo et al. \(2010a\)](#). This analysis revealed that a significant number of excess γ -ray photons were detected from the vicinity of NRAO 512 after November 2009 (15 month). A fit with two point-source models in which source positions were not fixed, representing contributions by 3C 345 and NRAO 512, yielded significant detections for the 20-month period (see Table 4). Figure 1 shows the radio positions of the three candidate sources together with the EGRET and 1FGL localizations, as well as the improved localizations for the two γ -ray sources found in the 20-month dataset. B3 1640+396 is $19.3'$ and $16.5'$ separated from the respective localizations of 3C 345 and NRAO 512. Both γ -ray counterparts of 3C 345 and NRAO 512 now coincide with their respective radio positions (within the 95% error ellipse). This suggests that both sources may be γ -ray emitters. This is firmly established in Sect. 3.3 using the broadband temporal characteristics of the sources. There is no evidence for significant γ -ray emission from the third candidate source, B3 1640+396. The results of `pointlike` were cross-checked with an iterative use of `gtlike` and `gtfindsrc`, which confirm the `pointlike` results within errors, see Table 4. A 2σ upper limit was calculated for B3 1640+396 by fixing each of the three candidate sources to their radio positions and assuming a $\Gamma = 2.3$ spectral shape for B3 1640+396 and using the previously fitted Γ for 3C 345 and NRAO 512. This resulted in a 20-month upper limit for the integrated flux of 7.4×10^{-9} ph cm⁻² s⁻¹. Figure 2 shows the observed binned spectra of the two sources together with their respective power-law fits. The `pointlike`

⁶ The photon spectral index Γ is defined as $N(E) \propto E^{-\Gamma}$, where $N(E)$ is the γ -ray photon flux as a function of energy E .

Table 4. The unbinned spectral likelihood results for the point-source localizations and spectra of 3C 345 and NRAO 512.

	3C 345	NRAO 512
RA (J2000)	$16^{\text{h}}43^{\text{m}}0.24^{\text{s}}$	$16^{\text{h}}40^{\text{m}}44.4^{\text{s}}$
Dec (J2000)	$+39^\circ48'22.7''$	$+39^\circ46'12.0''$
Δr	$0.35'$	$2.9'$
a (95%)	0.0490°	0.0735°
b (95%)	0.0442°	0.0626°
Φ	41.6	-33.2
Γ (pl)	2.49 ± 0.02	2.37 ± 0.04
Γ (gt)	2.45 ± 0.05	2.41 ± 0.08
Flux (pl)	1.22 ± 0.10	0.51 ± 0.23
Flux (gt)	1.13 ± 0.13	0.67 ± 0.13
Pivot Energy	949	1598
<i>TS</i>	1076	246

Notes. RA/Dec – right ascension/declination of the γ -ray localization; Δr – distance to respective radio source position; a (95%) – major axis of 95% localization error ellipse; b (95%) – minor axis of 95% localization error ellipse; Φ – rotation angle of the error ellipse East of North (degrees); Γ – spectral index of power-law fit, (pl) are the values obtained from the `pointlike` fit and (gt) are values from the `gtlike` fit; Flux – 20-month average flux (0.1–100 GeV) determined from the power-law spectral fit in units of 10^{-7} ph cm⁻² s⁻¹; Pivot Energy – in MeV, this is the energy for which there is no correlation between the flux or normalization and spectral index uncertainties; *TS* – likelihood test statistic value.

best-fit parameters are listed in Table 4. In Fig. 3 the respective 30-day binned γ -ray light curves of the two localized sources are shown and are discussed below in more detail.

3.2. 20-month of γ -ray monitoring

3.2.1. Long-term variability of 3C 345 and NRAO 512

To study the long-term variability, light curves were produced for the γ -ray counterparts associated with 3C 345 and NRAO 512 with 30-day binning. The 30-day binned light curve is shown in Fig. 3. For most of the data points NRAO 512 did not reach above a *TS* of 25, except for the last five months of the 20-month period. This led to the conclusion that NRAO 512 did not produce a significant excess of γ -ray emission over the local background during the first 15 months of LAT operation; thus it did not appear in the 1FGL catalog. After 15 months the amount of excess photons from the vicinity of NRAO 512 slowly increased, making a detection over the integrated 20-month period possible. The average *Fermi*-LAT flux for the first 15-months of the monitoring period was $(0.42 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-7}$ ph cm⁻² s⁻¹ compared to $(1.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7}$ ph cm⁻² s⁻¹ for the last quarter of the monitoring period (months 15–20).

The observed γ -ray flux values reveal variability on timescales from days to months. To quantify this variability, the variability index (*V*) as defined through the χ^2 distribution (see [Abdo et al. 2010a](#)) was determined. It is computed from the 30-day integrated light curve data shown in Fig. 3. Whenever *TS* < 5 the 2σ upper limit was computed and its error estimate for that interval was replaced with half the difference between that upper limit and its value determined through the unbinned spectral likelihood analysis. In the absence of variability *V* is expected to follow a χ^2 distribution with 19 ($=N_{\text{int}} - 1$) degrees of freedom. At the 99% confidence level the light curve is significantly different from a flat one if $V > 36.2$. For 3C 345 a *V* of 115.3 was obtained, for NRAO 512 it was 37.7. Both

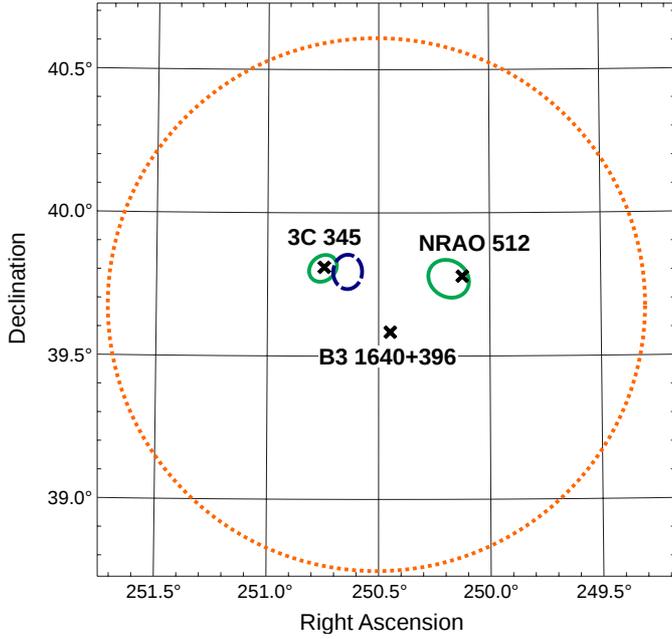


Fig. 1. γ -ray counterpart localizations together with the positions of the radio counterparts of the three candidate sources. Crosses mark the radio positions of 3C 345, NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396. The large dotted orange circle denotes the 95% confidence error localization of EGR J1642+3940 (Casandjian & Grenier 2008). The dashed blue ellipse denotes the 95% confidence error localization of 1FGL J1642.5+3947 (Abdo et al. 2010a). The two solid green ellipses denote the 95% confidence error localization of 3C 345 and NRAO 512 presented in this paper. The confusing source Mrk 501 is 2.5° east (left) and 4C +38.41 is 2.1° southwest of the field center.

sources are variable according to the 99% confidence interval with higher variability observed from 3C 345.

In the shorter binned light curve of NRAO 512, $\sim 63\%$ of the derived values had a $TS < 5$ (i.e. non-detections) compared to $\sim 48\%$ for 3C 345. Because NRAO 512 did not show a significant flux for most of the time on integrations of five days or less and with the observation that the flux of 3C 345 dominates, the model component of NRAO 512 was removed and light curves were produced with a single component fixed at the position of the γ -ray localization of 3C 345 listed in Table 4. This reduced the amount of noise in the light curve of 3C 345 and the number of values with a $TS < 5$ was only 14%.

3.2.2. Short-term variability of 3C 345

For the remainder of this paper the discussion is based on light curves produced with a single point-source model component. The five-day binned light curve of 3C 345 is shown in Fig. 4 for comparison with observations at other wavelengths.

To investigate shorter term variability in the observed γ -ray emission of 3C 345, several prominent light-curve “flare events” were identified and parameters such as rise time, fall time and time of the peak were extracted using the five-day and two-day integrated light curves. These parameters can be used to constrain the size of emission regions and cooling-times. Table 5 summarizes these results, listing characteristic parameters for all γ -ray flare events for which the peak had a significance of $TS > 25$ in the two-day light curve. This corresponded to a flux greater than 3.0×10^{-7} ph cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$. The time of onset and end

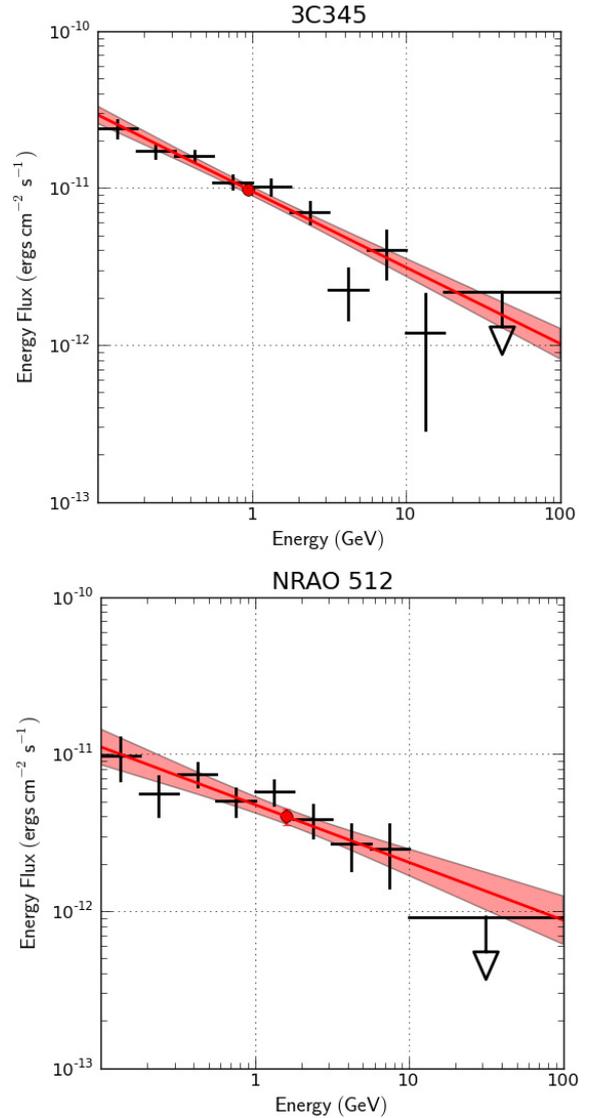


Fig. 2. Twenty-month γ -ray spectra of 3C 345 and NRAO 512. The red curve represents the obtained respective average power-law fits. The red dots correspond to the pivot energies listed in Table 4.

of an individual flare event was determined through a change in the sign of the gradient at the rising and declining slope of the light curve around the peak of a flare event.

Three dominant flare events of at least 5.0×10^{-7} ph cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ and a significance of above 7σ were observed on two-day time scales, one during 2008 and two during 2009. They were labeled with I–III in Fig. 4. Several weaker flares were identified and labeled with numbers from 1 to 6. On average, the flares had a duration of 38 days a slightly faster rise than fall time and an average peak flux of $(5.0 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-7}$ ph cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ (two-day integrations centered on the peak).

3.3. Identification of γ -ray counterparts

Following the γ -ray outburst on October 2nd, 2009, Swift observations were triggered on the candidate sources 3C 345, NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396. X-ray spectra and optical magnitudes were obtained from these observations. A summary of relevant measurements is listed in Tables 2 and 3.

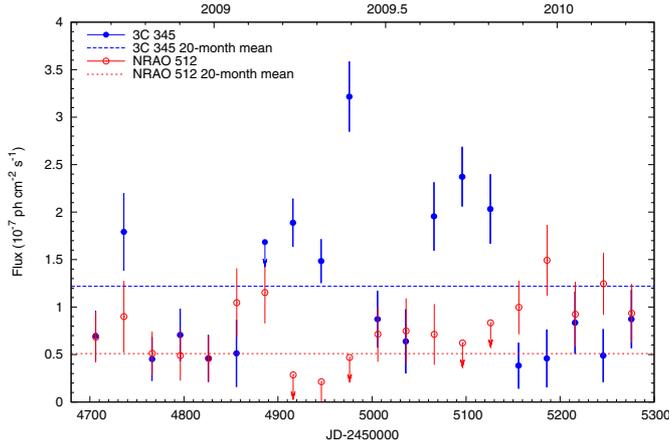


Fig. 3. γ -ray light curves of 3C 345 and NRAO 512 for the first 20 months of *Fermi*-LAT monitoring, obtained through fitting two point-source model components with power-law spectra to the region of interest placed at the respective counterpart positions. Values were determined from integrating observations over 30 days within an energy range of 0.1–300 GeV. Blue filled circles are values obtained for 3C 345, red open circles are values for NRAO 512. Values with downward arrows represent 2σ upper limits shown in place of detections with low significance ($TS < 5$). The dashed lines plot the respective 20-month average γ -ray source flux. Errors are statistical only.

The brightest source of the three candidates in X-ray as well as in optical is 3C 345. On January 26th, 2009, 3C 345 and B3 1640+396 were detected in the optical *R*-band at respective magnitudes of 16.48 ± 0.02 and 18.6 ± 0.1 . On October 8th, 2009, observations of 3C 345 and NRAO 512 showed respective optical *U*-band magnitudes of 16.45 ± 0.08 and 18.64 ± 0.04 . Both NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396 were a factor of 7–8 fainter than 3C 345 at optical wavelengths. At X-ray energies, as seen from Table 2, NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396 had similar fluxes, which were a factor of 8–9 fainter than 3C 345. Archival Swift-UVOT and XRT data from observations of NRAO 512 made in January 2007 have an average optical *U* magnitude of 18.0 ± 0.1 and an X-ray flux of $(8.3 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-13} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$, which are consistent with the recently observed values. Quasi-simultaneous mm observations between October and December 2009 determined the fluxes of 3C 345, NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396 to be ~ 3.0 , ~ 0.4 and ~ 0.1 – 0.3 Jy. The respective flux ratios are consistent with the ones in the optical/UV and X-rays. The mm radio flux density of 3C 345 was at least a factor of 7 higher than for NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396.

No significant excess of γ -ray emission from NRAO 512 was observed during the first 15-months of the *Fermi*-LAT operation. At the end of 2009, NRAO 512 showed an increasing trend in its 15 GHz VLBI radio flux observed by the MOJAVE team (Lister et al. 2009)⁷. Indeed, the radio flux reached a low activity level around May 2009 and more than doubled until about July 2010 with the mm-radio flux density reaching a peak value of over 0.6 Jy in August 2010. A similar trend was observed in optical emission. Within one year, the optical flux increased by a factor of ~ 2.2 (see Table 3). In X-rays a flux increase of at least 20–30% was observed, but because of the low statistics (less than 200 photons) it is difficult to compare the observations. An increased number of γ -ray photons

⁷ <http://www.physics.purdue.edu/MOJAVE/sourcepages/1638+398.shtm1>

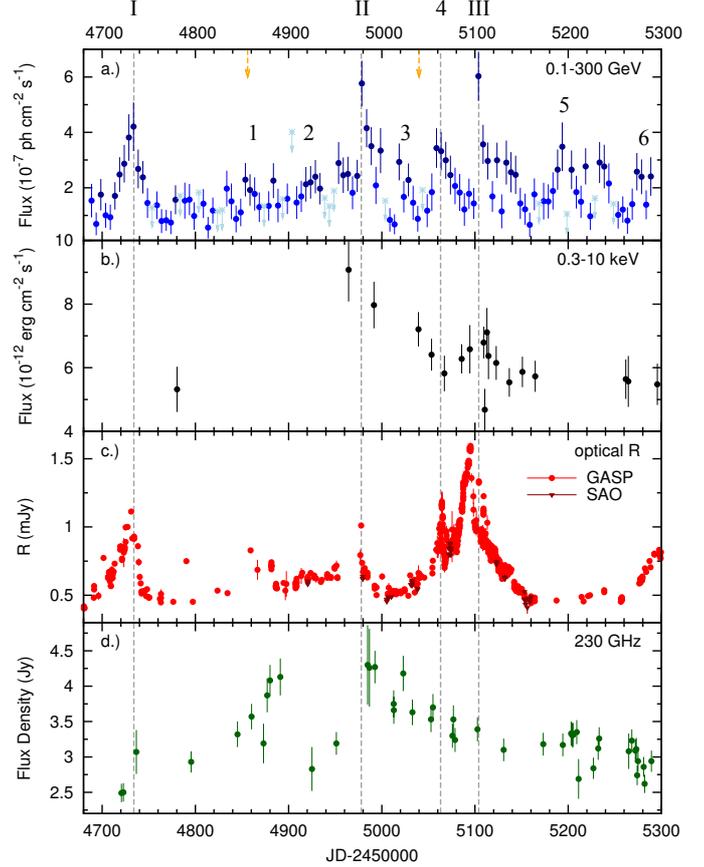


Fig. 4. Multiwavelength light curves of 3C 345 for the 20-month period discussed in this paper, from top to bottom for: **a)** γ rays observed by *Fermi*-LAT between 0.1 and 300 GeV, values (filled circles) are five-day integrated, 2σ upper limits for five-day integrations are shown as light-blue crosses with downward arrows where $TS < 5$. Dark-blue filled circles have a $TS > 25$, the others are in the range $5 < TS \leq 25$. In contrast to Fig. 3, the γ -ray emission was fitted by a single power-law component placed at the position of 3C 345. **b)** X-rays observed by Swift XRT between 0.3 and 10 keV. **c)** Optical (*R*-band) observations performed by GASP and SAO. **d)** Millimeter radio observations by the SMA at 230 GHz. The two orange downward arrows on top indicate the observation epoch for which a new feature was detected in the pc-scale radio jet of 3C 345, see Sect. 3.4 and Schinzel et al. (2010). Three dominant flare events of high significance observed on two-day time scales were labeled with I–III. Several weaker events were identified and labeled with numbers from 1–6.

was detected spatially consistent with NRAO 512 during the last quarter of the 20-month period. The excess is not high enough to affect the short-term bins of the light curve of 3C 345 significantly, however, as was shown in Sect. 3.1, the integrated 20-month dataset made it possible to detect a second point source west of 1FGL J1642.5+3947, which is consistent with the radio position of NRAO 512 (see Fig. 1). Altogether this identifies NRAO 512 as a γ -ray source.

3.4. Multi-wavelength analysis of γ -ray emission from 3C 345

During 2009 nine optical observatories, listed in Sect. 2.3, regularly monitored 3C 345, mainly as part of the GASP-WEBT program. This provided a densely sampled optical *R*-band light curve (Fig. 4). Visual comparison of the γ -ray and optical light curves indicates a likely correspondence between at least

Table 5. Characteristics of prominent γ -ray events during the first 20 months of the *Fermi*-LAT observations.

t_{peak} JD(\dagger)	t_{start} JD(\dagger)	t_{stop} JD(\dagger)	Δt days	Δt_{rise} days	Δt_{fall} days	S_{γ}^{max} $10^{-7} \frac{\text{ph}}{\text{cm}^2 \text{s}}$	(*)
4734	4709	4754	45	25	20	5.5 ± 1.5	I
4856	4844	4874	30	12	18	3.6 ± 1.1	1
4916	4904	4944	40	12	28	4.0 ± 1.2	2
4978/4998	4969	5014	45	9	16	$5.7 \pm 1.3/5.4 \pm 1.5$	II
5020	5014	5044	30	6	24	4.5 ± 1.2	3
5056/5070	5044	5089	45	12	19	$4.4 \pm 1.4/4.5 \pm 1.2$	4
5104	5099	5119	20	5	15	9.1 ± 1.6	III
5194	5169	5214	45	25	20	4.7 ± 1.4	5
5278	5264			14		3.6 ± 1.1	6
Average values:			38	13	20	5.0 ± 0.5	

Notes. t_{peak} – in units of JD(\dagger) = JD-2 450 000, peak value was obtained from the two-day integrated light curve, all values have an error of ± 1 day; t_{start} , t_{stop} – in units of JD(\dagger) = JD-2 450 000, all values have an error of ± 3 days; Δt , Δt_{rise} , Δt_{fall} – in units of days, all values with error of ± 4 days; S_{γ}^{max} – two-day integrated flux value of the γ -ray event peak value; (*) labels are split into two sub-categories according to their peak flux and significance of detection, denoted by Roman and Arab numbers, see Fig. 4 for details.

four γ -ray/optical flare events: Flare I, II, 4 and III. With the addition of X-ray and mm-radio monitoring data, the following aspects are of particular interest:

1. A possible fast optical brightening of at least 0.3 mag with a duration of only a few days (Fig. 4) was observed (JD 2 454 978), coincident with the peak of Flare II. Unfortunately, the optical monitoring had a gap between JD 2 454 953 and JD 2 454 977. At the same time the mm radio light curve showed a maximum of around 4.3 Jy. Moreover, a high X-ray flux was observed in the same period of the Flare II, followed by a decrease similar to what was observed in γ and radio bands. Even if the maximum X-ray flux was observed two weeks before Flare II, the γ -ray event lacks strictly simultaneous X-ray observations, thus we cannot exclude that a simultaneous X-ray flare was missed.
2. The broad optical flaring episode observed around September/October 2009 had a total duration of about five months, with shorter timescale sub-structures that correspond to activity variations observed also at γ - and X-rays. The peak in the optical was observed on September 19th, 2009 (JD 2 455 094), and had no similarity in profile with events at other wavelengths (see Fig. 4).
3. Ten days after the peak of the optical light curve, the strong γ -ray Flare III was observed. The optical peak was followed by fast optical variability at a significant amplitude of 0.3–0.5 mag, with an elevated magnitude observed on September 29th on the same day as γ -ray Flare III.
4. Flares 1 and 3 can be related to the appearance of new features in the pc-scale radio jet of 3C 345 at 43 GHz (see Schinzel et al. 2010).
5. All but Flares 5 and 6 occur before the significant excess of γ -ray emission was observed near NRAO 512. However, for at least Flare 6, a correspondence in optical variability was found for 3C 345; unfortunately, a lack of multiwavelength data around Flare 5 makes it impossible to identify it with either 3C 345 or NRAO 512.

To quantify the cross-correlation between light curves, a discrete correlation was calculated (DCF; Edelson & Krolik 1988) using the 20-month *Fermi*-LAT light curve and the optical *R*-band light curve between JD 2 454 680 (August 1st, 2008) and 2 455 299 (April 12th, 2010), as well as the radio SMA light curve between JD 2 454 721 (September 11th, 2008) and 2 455 289 (April 2nd, 2010). Figure 5 (top) plots the resulting

DCF comparing optical and γ -ray light curves using a five-day γ -ray integration and a ten-day timelag binning. This yields a number of distinct correlation peaks, of which the two most significant are discussed. In the first peak the optical leads the γ -ray flux by (15 ± 10) days with a correlation coefficient of 0.44 ± 0.05 . The second peak corresponds to the optical flux lagging the γ -rays by 110 ± 5 days with a correlation coefficient of 0.77 ± 0.06 . To test the robustness of these peaks in the DCF, we artificially removed the points corresponding to the peak γ -ray flux from Flares II and III and recalculated the DCF. The same behavior was observed, with the γ -ray flux leading the optical by 20 days and lagging by 110 days. This shows that the results obtained do not solely depend on these two events. Finally, the DCF between the γ -ray and the SMA light curve of 3C 345 was calculated, which yielded a noisy distribution of correlation peaks (also see Fig. 5). The strongest peak indicates that the radio emission leads the γ rays by 120 ± 5 days with a correlation coefficient of 0.83 ± 0.30 .

The statistical significance of the cross-correlation peaks was investigated using Monte Carlo simulations, following Chatterjee et al. (2008) and Max-Moerbeck et al. (2010) and assuming that the noise properties of the light curves can be described by a power-law power spectral density (PSD; $\propto 1/f^{-\beta}$) with an exponent that depends on the particular energy band of the emission.

In order to estimate the significance of the γ -ray/optical cross correlation, an attempt was made to calculate and characterize the PSD shape from the presented data directly, despite the limited length (20 months) and sampling (>1 day) of the light curves. For the optical and γ -ray data, the light curves available support a range of time scales corresponding to about one decade in the frequency domain. The respective range is even smaller for the more sparsely sampled radio data. The PSDs were calculated following Sect. 3.1 in Uttley et al. (2002). The resulting power-law slopes, β , are in the range of 1.2–0.7. Values of $\beta \gg 2.0$ are not consistent with the calculated PSD shapes and can be ruled out. However, Uttley et al. (2002) demonstrated that aliasing effects add to the power spectral slopes and could potentially flatten the observed power spectrum. The relatively high noise and short time span of the data makes this range of β rather unreliable. Monte Carlo simulations for these values of β yield extremely high cross-correlation significances of $>99.999\%$ for the γ -ray/optical light curves and $>99.98\%$ for the γ -ray/radio case. It should be noted that a reliable determination of the PSD from

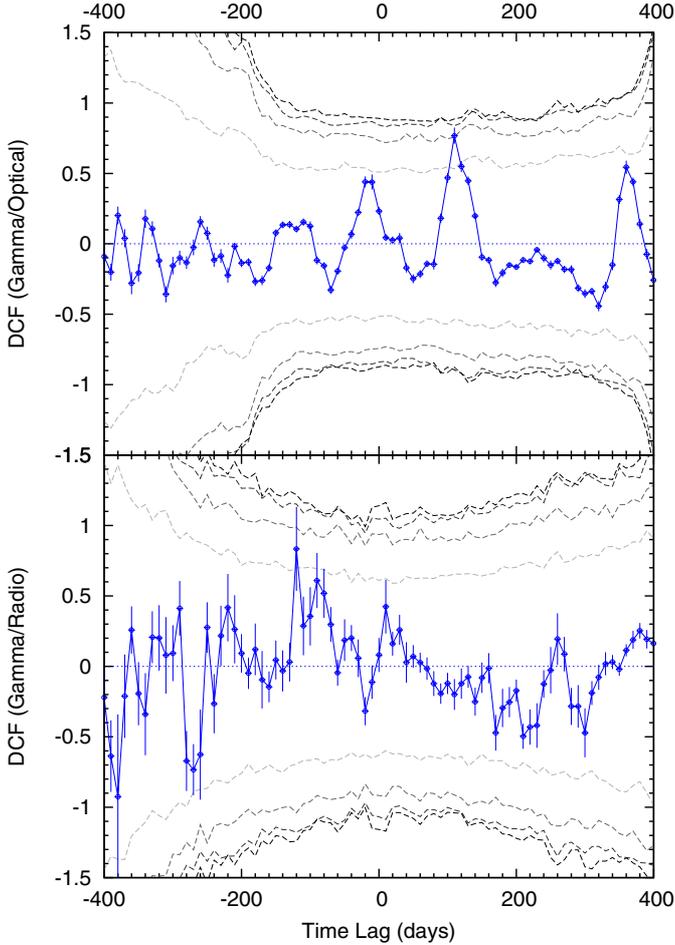


Fig. 5. Correlation between the five-day integrated γ -ray light curve and the optical (*top*) and radio (*bottom*) light curves of 3C 345. The correlation is obtained by calculating the discrete correlation function (DCF) with ten-day binning. A positive time-lag corresponds to the γ -ray variations preceding the variations in the other two bands. The significance of the correlation is illustrated by 3σ (99.7%) significance contours calculated from simulated, uncorrelated data with different slopes, β , of the power spectral density (PSD). The contours are drawn for the PSD slopes $\beta = 1.0, 1.5, 2.0,$ and 2.5 (indicated by progression of colors, from light gray to black). For the simulated data, values of the correlation coefficient exceeding ± 1 are an inherent feature of the method, resulting from differences in overlap of the time series at different time lags (cf. Edelson & Krolik 1988; Timmer & Koenig 1995, and the description of the applied method in Sect. 3.4).

observational data is usually done with a much larger dynamic range (e.g. covering 4–5 orders of magnitude in the frequency scale), which is also the case in Uttley et al. (2002). The radio, optical and γ -ray data discussed in our paper do not provide such an extended coverage in the frequency space. We adopt therefore a more cautious approach, exploring a range of power-law indices based on published values.

In the γ -ray regime $\beta_\gamma = 1.7 \pm 0.3$ for BL Lacs and $\beta_\gamma = 1.4 \pm 0.1$ for flat spectrum radio quasars (Abdo et al. 2010c). Instead, for 3C 279, it has been found that $\beta_{\text{radio}} = 2.3 \pm 0.5$ at 14.5 GHz and $\beta_{\text{optical}} = 1.7 \pm 0.3$ in the R -band (Chatterjee et al. 2008). More recently Chatterjee et al. (2011) found an average optical power-law index of $\beta_{\text{optical}} = 1.6 \pm 0.3$ for a sample of six blazars in the R -band. Simulated light curves with PSD power-law indices in these ranges can provide reliable estimates on the significance of the cross-correlations.

The simulations use light curves of the same length as the data and simulated up to a maximum frequency of 1 day^{-1} using the method described by Timmer & Koenig (1995). Each case uses 10 000 pairs of light curves, which are sampled and cross-correlated in the same fashion as the observed light curves. From these simulated data the distribution of correlation coefficients for each time bin can be obtained for the case of non correlated time series. Figure 5 presents the 3σ (99.7%) significance levels for all tested PSD shape combinations.

The γ -ray/optical correlation has a significance of higher than 3σ (99.7%) for the peak at a timelag of 110 days in most of the tested cases. It is the most significant peak in the DCF and it has a moderately high confidence level ($>98.5\%$) even for the least significant case ($\beta_\gamma = 2.5$ and $\beta_{\text{optical}} = 2.5$; highest dashed line in the top panel of Fig. 5) among the β values considered. The γ -ray/optical peak at a timelag of about -20 days has a much lower confidence level ($>67.6\%$) in the least significant case and it remains below the 3σ level at all times. The γ -ray/radio cross-correlation at timelag -120 days has a confidence level of $>90.7\%$ in the least significant case ($\beta_\gamma = 2.5$ and $\beta_{\text{radio}} = 3.0$).

The source 3C 345 is by far the brightest of the three quasars in the γ -ray region studied during the presented time period. In all bands it was consistently brighter than NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396. The improved *Fermi* position combined with multi-wavelength activity and a moderate significance of correlated optical/ γ -ray variability, using a plausible range of β in the γ -ray and optical PSDs, strongly suggest an identification of 3C 345 as γ -ray source and the main contributor to the observed γ -ray flux in 1FGL J1642.5+3947.

4. Discussion and summary

Properties of the γ -ray emitting region reported in the first three-month bright source list (Abdo et al. 2009a) as well as in the first 11-month *Fermi*-LAT source catalog (Abdo et al. 2010a,b) were compared to the 20-month dataset presented here. Localizations of the sources in this region were improved over the previously reported values, leading to the detection of two γ -ray point sources, one consistent with 1FGL J1642.5+3947 and a new γ -ray source $\sim 0.4^\circ$ west of it. 3C 345 and NRAO 512 were identified as the counterparts for these γ -ray sources. Their γ -ray spectra have a spectral slope of $\Gamma = 2.4\text{--}2.5$ typical for that of flat spectrum radio quasars (Abdo et al. 2010b). No significant spectral break was observed in the spectrum of either source, unlike in the case of 3C 454.3 (Ackermann et al. 2010), however, the statistics at the highest energies are poor, and the presence of a spectral break at $E > 10 \text{ GeV}$ is not ruled out.

The γ -ray emission from 3C 345 was identified based on an improved γ -ray counterpart localization and multi-wavelength activity including correlations of moderate significance found between the optical and radio variability, using a plausible range of β in the γ -ray and optical PSDs, and major γ -ray events observed by *Fermi*-LAT during its first 20 months of operation. EGRET observed 3C 345 between 1991 and 1994 during a time of enhanced radio activity. An upper limit of $2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for the viewing period September 12th–19th, 1991, was reported (Fichtel et al. 1994). However, Casandjian & Grenier (2008) report the detection of a γ -ray source that could be consistent with 3C 345 in the period April 23rd–May 7th, 1996 with a γ -ray flux of $(3.5 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-7} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$, but it was noted that the association with 3C 345 remains unclear because of a possible

confusion with Mrk 501. In the *Fermi*-era, with an increased sensitivity and the possibility of long-term integrations, 3C 345 was already detected during the first three months of operation at a level of $\sim 18\sigma$ and after 20 months it reached over 30σ . However, owing to the unclear association of 3C 345 with EGR J1642+3940, the three-month data were falsely associated with CLASS J1641+3035 (B3 1640+396), which, as shown in this paper, did not produce a significant excess of γ -ray emission above the detection threshold of *Fermi*-LAT. Thus the simplest explanation for the previous non-detection of 3C 345 is that its emission was just below or at the detection limit of EGRET.

These findings end the decade-long debate whether 3C 345 is γ -ray loud (Unwin et al. 1997). The identification of 1FGL J1642.5+3947 with 3C 345 is further supported by the connection of radio-emission of the parsec-scale jet with the observed γ -ray emission (Schinzel et al. 2010). Here not only individual flares were correlated with radio events, but an unambiguous long-term trend in γ -ray emission was observed, which matched the trend of the radio flux density light curve of the inner jet at 43 GHz. The trend and correlated radio events relate to a distance of ~ 10 pc in the source frame and questions existing scenarios that place the γ -ray emission at sub-pc distances from the central engine (e.g., Tavecchio et al. 2010). This supports the arguments given by Unwin et al. (1997) that the observed γ -ray emission is related to the relativistic jet on pc scales.

The cross-correlation found between γ -ray and optical light curves at 110 days had a moderate confidence level of $>98.5\%$, whereas the lag at -20 days had a confidence level of only $>67.6\%$ using a plausible range of β in the γ -ray and optical PSDs. If typical values for the power spectral density (PSD) shapes are assumed ($\beta_\gamma = 1.5$ and $\beta_{\text{optical}} = 1.5$; second to lowest dashed line in the top panel of Fig. 5), the confidence level remains low at $>89.3\%$. The weak correlation found between the γ -ray and 230 GHz radio light curves had a worst-case confidence level of $>89.3\%$. Assuming a possibly more typical combination of PSD shapes ($\beta_\gamma = 1.5$ and $\beta_{\text{radio}} = 2.0$), a confidence level of $>96.1\%$ is obtained. If this weak correlation holds, it could suggest a connection between the radio emission and production of γ -rays. A timelag of ~ 120 days suggests the mm-radio emission precedes the γ -rays. Pushkarev et al. (2010) showed for a larger sample of radio-loud quasars that on average the 15 GHz radio emission lags ~ 1.2 months behind γ -rays. The result presented here indicates that between 15 GHz and 230 GHz it is possible to directly observe the γ -ray emitting region, as already implied by Unwin et al. (1997), which supports the argument of γ -ray production in the relativistic jet on pc scales. However, in contrast to these, a more confident cross-correlation result of γ -rays leading by ~ 80 and ~ 50 days was recently obtained for two prominent BL Lac type objects, OJ 287 (Agudo et al. 2011a) and AO 0235+164 (Agudo et al. 2011b), respectively. Doubts on the indicated radio/ γ -ray correlation of 3C 345 remain in this problem and should be investigated more thoroughly with a longer and denser sampled lightcurve at mm wavelengths.

The γ -ray emission from NRAO 512, a high-redshift quasar, was identified based on a correlated increase in multiwavelength emission from radio up to GeV energies between 2009 and 2010. At monthly timescales the source started to be significant around November 2009. This increase of γ -ray flux led to the first detection of the now identified new γ -ray counterpart west of 3C 345. The LAT flux quoted in this paper for the first 15 months was below the EGRET detection threshold, offering a plausible explanation of why EGRET did not see emission from NRAO 512, except possibly during a γ -ray flare event.

The radio, optical and X-ray flux ratios between 3C 345, NRAO 512 and B3 1640+396 could be used to gauge their individual γ -ray photon contributions and might be able to provide an indication of false associations for γ -ray photons from this part of the sky. Multiwavelength monitoring, in addition to the continuous all-sky monitoring by *Fermi*-LAT, will help to improve the localization of γ -ray emission from this region and is necessary for a deeper variability study for any of these sources in the future. Ultimately this might lead to the detection of γ -ray emission from B3 1640+396 as well.

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