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Rapid Variability in Microquasar Cyg X-3 with Water Maser W75N as a Calibrator [2]:

Search for Variabilities in BL Lac and Black Hole Microquasar Cyg X-3 (中間報告)

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[1] BL Lac: Calibrator



 (LEFT) calibrated phase & amplitude:

Phase is flat and near-zero

 \rightarrow no structure

 (ABOVE) BL Lac image appears with no structure (~ 2 mas)



BL Lac

•We measured flux density at each snap-shot, every 10 minute or more, depending on on-/off-center for image to distinguish a real one from side lobes.

•Due to short UV coverage for only 10 min, we only were able to get a surelevel with 20 min or more (I.e., oncenter image), which results in >2.2 Jy

•No appreciable variability over a few % detected for our 10 hour observation (so, no IDV), as expected from the flat, near-zero phase.

•At the time of our observation, X-ray in its near-minimum, while previous 22 GHz WEB campaign indicates, our 2.2 Jy is also close to its typical minimum in the radio.





Rapid hour-scale small flares (2-3 hours)

- Wolf-Rayet-BH Binary Candidate (~7M_°+~13M_°) with P_{orb}~4.8hr !
- Highly variable Mass Transfer !
- Giant flares (10-20 Jy) irregularly recur every ~ a half to a few years: ToO necessary ! [see the next talk]
- Numerous, chaotic, rapid small flares (from a few × 10mJy to a few hundred mJy) with hours: the main goal of our observation



Cyg X-3: Possible flare(s) at NRO 45m-Kashima 34m



Tim

With DIR1000, the only NRO-Kashima baseline detected (a) possible small flare(s), though the Kashima was turned out to be something wrong at the time of our observation. No image for VERA with DIR1000 due to the low flux.

Now the AIPS analysis is on-going with DIR2000 (128 channels \times 15 IFs for Cyg X-3) for VERA only.



Flares in Low Flux States of Cyg X-3

Brightness Temperature of Flares:

$$T_{b} = 9.66 \times 10^{10} \frac{\Delta S_{mJy} D_{Kpc}^{2}}{v_{GHz}^{2} \Delta t^{2}} K$$

~ 9.9×10⁹ (ΔS_{mJy})
~ (2-3)×10¹⁰ K

D = 9 kpc, v ~ 22.228 GHz, $\Delta t \leq$ 4min.,

$$\Delta S \sim 20 - 30 \text{ mJy} (S_{min} = 10 \text{ mJy})$$

[e.g., Radio Astrophysics, 1970, Pacholczyk; Tools of Radio Astronomy, 2000, Rohlfs & Wilson]

This is non-thermal. If Δt goes a few times faster, the flare can exceed the inverse Compton limit (» 10^{11} K) !





Rapid Flares in Microquasars: Optically Thick to Thin Transition, Disk Oscillation & Evaporation

<Inner accretion rate>

$$(M_{dot})_{tr} = (1.4 \times 10^{17}) \left(\frac{\xi}{\eta}\right) \alpha^2 M_{BH}$$

<transition radius>

$$R_{tr} \sim (3 \times 10^2) \alpha^4 \left(\frac{1.4 \times 10^{18}}{M_{dot}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{M_{BH}}{M_{Sun}}\right)^2$$

i.e.,

 $\begin{array}{l} 10^3 \; R_g \leq R_{out} \; in \; quiescence, \; and \\ a \; few \; R_g \geq 3 R_g \; at \; outburst \; max. \end{array}$

<viscosity parameter>

$$\alpha \sim \alpha_0 \left(\frac{H}{R}\right)^n \propto (T_c)_{DI}^{n/2}$$

 $R_{tr} \rightarrow 100$ times as $M_{dot} \rightarrow 10$ times !

END

THANK YOU !