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## **Content report**

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### Models of active galactic core





#### Analysis 40-years long-term monitoring in Radioobservatory of Michigan University (collaboration with M.Aller)



- 26 meter radiotelescope
- Frequence 4.8, 8 and 14.5 GHz





<u>Source</u>	<u>Fr., GHz</u>	<u>Time int.</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Mean, Jy</u>	<u>Min, Jy</u>	<u>Max, Jy</u>	<u>Err, Jy</u>	Std.Dev.
<u>3C 273</u>	<u>14,5</u>	1974.4 - 2011.1	1429	31,28	18,33	53,95	0,36	7,88
	<u>8</u>	1965.6 - 2011.1	1738	37,54	24,71	51,95	0,43	5,95
	<u>4,8</u>	1978.4 - 2011.0	1025	37,24	32,78	44,56	0,30	2,55
<u>3C 120</u>	<u>14,5</u>	1974.6 - 2011.0	1096	3,21	1,60	11,77	0,06	1,27
	<u>8</u>	1966.7 - 2011.1	1182	4,57	1,84	15,30	0,08	2,48
	<u>4,8</u>	1980.3 - 2009.7	629	3,74	2,21	5,55	0,08	0,70
<u>3C 345</u>	<u>14,5</u>	1974.4 - 2011.1	1289	8,68	4,50	17,48	0,13	2,71
	<u>8</u>	1965.7 - 2011.1	1196	9,50	4,62	16,05	0,12	2,61
	<u>4,8</u>	1978.4 - 2011.0	1094	8,51	5,11	13,12	0,10	2,03
<u>3C 446</u>	<u>14,5</u>	1979.9 - 2011.1	949	6,33	2,90	10,37	0,08	1,66
	<u>8</u>	1979.0 - 2011.1	752	5,86	3,04	8,95	0,08	1,45
	<u>4,8</u>	1980.4 - 2011.1	603	5,36	3,53	8,20	0,09	1,07
<u>3C 454.3</u>	<u>14,5</u>	1974.2 - 2011.1	1558	10,05	5,11	28,04	0,13	3,86
	<u>8</u>	1966.6 - 2011.1	1529	12,30	6,51	26,91	0,14	3,73
	<u>4,8</u>	1978.5 - 2011.1	885	11,70	7,61	17,16	0,13	2,06
<u>OJ 287</u>	<u>14,5</u>	1974.5 - 2011.1	1121	3,81	1,25	9,97	0,08	1,72
	<u>8</u>	1971.1 - 2011.1	936	3,47	1,15	7,67	0,07	1,37
	<u>4,8</u>	1979.3 - 2011.0	766	2,44	1,05	4,57	0,07	0,80
<u>BL LAC</u>	<u>14,5</u>	1974.2 - 2011.1	1441	3,56	1,50	15,46	0,06	1,60
	<u>8</u>	1968.1 - 2011.1	1138	4,18	1,67	13,33	0,08	2,01
	<u>4,8</u>	1979.3 - 2011.1	1010	3,41	1,70	10,22	0,06	1,23
<u>OT 081</u>	<u>14,5</u>	1999.1 - 2011.1	707	4,10	0,90	8,36	0,06	1,42
	<u>8</u>	1999.1 - 2011.1	364	3,46	1,20	5,93	0,07	0,11
	<u>4,8</u>	1999.1 - 2011.0	409	2,72	0,64	5,31	0,07	0,82

#### Wavelet time-frequency spectra for 3C273 and OT081

#### <u>Wavelet-спектры для трендовой и О – С компонент потока</u> радиоизлучения источника 3С 273.

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### DAILY AND INTRADAY MONITORING OF THE VARIABLE FLUXES OF ACTIVE GALAXIES NUCLEI AT RT-32 AND RT-16 VENTSPILS INTERNATIONAL RADIOASTRONOMICAL CENTRE.



Ventspils International Radio Astronomy Center in Latvia now operating with two parabolic radio telescopes (32-m and 16-m dish diameters). Observations are carried out at frequencies 1.6, 5, 6.1, 6.7, 8.4 GHz.





interferometric network (EVN).

# Scheme for obtaining flux density points at the 16-m and 32-m VIRAC radio telescopes



Calibration sources 3C 196, 3C 286, 3C 123 are used to check stability of receiving equipment and compare with variable radio sources. Observations are performed in two modes, hi-speed and normal (with internal averaging and using multiple calibration sources), this allows to get from 100 to several thousand flux points per day.

<sup>9</sup> Two circular polarizations are used, left (LCP) and right (RCP).

Joint observations (2019) radio source OJ 287 in radio (VIRAC telescopes) and optical range (Odessa observation station Mayaki, Ukraine ; Baldone, Latvia ; Vihorlat, Slovakia)





#### Fast variability of OJ 287 at frequencies of 6.1, 6.7 GHz.



Examples of trigonometric polynomials based on maxima of Least-Squares periodogram, with refinement by Levenberg-Marquardt iterative method. For frequency 6.1 GHz, 6 sine waves were used, for frequency 6.7 GHz - 12 sine waves. Strong diurnal modulation of flux density is clearly visible (probably due to quasiperiodic repeat of gaps in data).



#### Day-to-day variability of OJ 287 at frequency 6.7 GHz.



At frequency 6.7 GHz, it is possible that longterm trend is observed, which is close to sinusoidal wave, with characteristic time about 1.4 months. On examples of periodograms, series of diurnal harmonics is visible. The longest quasiperiods are 15 and **3.8 days.** 



#### OJ 287, observations at the Baldone Observatory (Latvia), filter R

## Subtracted average value 14.867 mag





#### MRK 501 BL-Lac object Intra-Day Variability probe



MRK 501 - most powerful source above 0.1 TeV gamma ray energies.



Gopal Bhatta 2019, found strong quasiperiodic variations with decrease in amplitude of harmonic oscillation with time, in long-term light curve in gamma-range (Fermi/LAT data).

Markarian 501 active galaxy.





#### VIRAC, MRK 501, 1.6GHz, 27 May 2019, RCP

According VIRAC data MRK 501, at frequency 1.6 GHz on different days values of quasiperiods from about 1 hour to several minutes are obtained. Since environmental effects appear significantly at 1.6 GHz, these flux variations are most likely external in nature. On right is example of spectrogram for flux recording in May 27, 2019.

#### 27.05.2019 1.6GHz MRK 501 RCP MA8.

Short-Time Fourier Transform Spectrum Win=Hamming, Win.N=128, Overlap=87%, FFT N=1024, Seg.N=55 Plot type dB Norm 0, dB Lim=34, Contour mode



### "Cygnus A" classic FRII radio galaxy

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#### Distance to "Cyg A" is 232 Mpc, and radio flux at 5 GHz is 373 Jy



Composite image shows "Cygnus A" in X-rays (blue), radio (red), and opitical light (yellow). Two jets from galaxy's supermassive black hole generate hotspots, which are located about 300.000 light-years from galaxy's center.



#### VIRAC observations of "Cyg A" at 32-m dish, freq. 5 GHz



The "Cygnus A" radio source is stable over long observation times, and it often used as calibration source (it can be seen from graphs at frequency 5 GHz after subtracting the constant part).

During observations, new observation technique was used, which allows obtaining up to 3 samples of flux density per second, but at cost of increasing noise level.



#### VIRAC observations of "Cyg A" at 32-m dish, freq. 6.7 GHz



"Cyg A" examples of periodograms (for non-uniform time series) for observations on July 31 and 29-30, 2019, at 6.7 GHz, RCP. It can be seen that quasi-period about 1.7 hours is present for two days.



Thus, as previously assumed, "Cyg A" can have fast variability with characteristic time about several hours (with good long-term stability) which appears only on certain days. Perhaps this is "external" variability associated with environment. Further thorough verification is required.



#### 3C 371 BL-Lac object VIRAC observations at 5 and 6.1 GHz



Example of smoothed observational data for radio source 3C 371 at frequencies 5 and 6.1 GHz (left circular polarization) during September 2 - 10, 2019.

In September 2019, program for joint observation of 3C 371 BL-Lac object in radio (VIRAC, Latvia) and optical (Odessa National University observatory, Ukraine; Baldone, Latvia; Vihorlat, Slovakia) bands was launched. This radio source is in Draco constellation and very convenient for almost continuous observations.

Mean flux: 2.25 Jy (RCP), 2.20 Jy (LCP) at 5 GHz and 2.10 (RCP), 2.23 Jy (LCP) at 6.1 GHz.

#### 3C 371, 5 GHz, 02.09-10.09.2019, LCP, Spline interpolation. 3C 371, 6.1 GHz, 02.09-10.09.2019, LCP, Spline interpolation. Short-Time Fourier Transform Spectrum Short-Time Fourier Transform Spectrum Win=Bartlett, Win N=128, Overlap=87%, FFT N=1024, Spec in dB0, dB lim=32 Win=Bartlett, Win N=128, Overlap=87%, FFT N=1024, Spec in dB0, dB lim=34 In this case, time-frequency spectra show presence irregular intra-day variability 70 63 6.1 GHz 5 GHz 63 -56.7 LCP LCP 50.4 56



Short-Time-FFT spectra show that in observation session at September 2–10 there were only irregular (nonharmonic) variations in flux density, with characteristic time 14.6, 2.6 hours (5 GHz) and 12.3, 2.3 hours (6.1 GHz).



#### 3C 371 BL-Lac object, optical variability

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16.0



IDV of 3C 371 in optical range is considered in detail at Michael T. Carini, John C. Noble 1998 and has since been repeatedly confirmed.

**Optical flare** 

at beginning

2019

Long-term light curve of 3C 371 (1966 -1973) in B filter, showed flare-like variability (this is typical for BL-Lac objects). Picture from article *M.K. Babadzanjanz, E.T. Belokon 1975.* 

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#### 3C 273, VIRAC observations at 6.7 GHz 5 – 8 Apr 2019, 6.7 GHz, LCP



Approximation of smoothed data (April 5 - 8) with three sinusoids, periods of 12.3, 9.3, 5.5 hours. Plot of stabilized normal probability for residuals (on right) shows normal distribution of residuals (line inside confidence intervals).





In July 2019, there were problems giving parabolic trends in observations. However, for testing purposes, estimate of presence Intra-Day Variability indicates rapid flux variations on July 25 with main period ≈ 1 hour (at 5 and 6.1 Ghz). This is close to result obtained by Xiang Liu 2003 also at 5 GHz. Only on this day (in July session) is quasiperiodic IDV recorded. 7.7 hours quasiperiod is close to 8 hours of daily 24-h harmonic.



# Example July 26, 6.1 GHz, when quasi-harmonic appearance of IDV was not presented in quasar 3C 273.



Cubic smooth spline (deBoor's SMOOTH (P. 235-243), P.Craven, G.Wahba 1979) is good IDV detector in radio flux, with significant red noise, as can be seen in example shown, spline shows practically no rapid variations, only slow, trendy variations with low amplitude.



The results of more 30-th years monitoring of fluxes of powerful space radio sources at RT "URAN-4" of the **Odessa Observatory RI NASU and space** weather.



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### Radio-telescope URAN-4 (Odessa, Ukraine)





# Our research team in Radio-astronomical Institute and cooperation



#### **Program of monitoring**

#### 3C144 (Crab Nebula – SNR)



3C 274 – VirgoA- Radiogalaxy 3C 405-CygA-Radiogalaxy

#### 3C 461 – CasA - SNR







### Super nova remnant Cas A (3C461)



### Secular decrease flux Cas A (927 MHz and 38 MHz)







### Secular decrease flux Cas A (25 MHz and 20 MHz)



#### $d_{v}$ [%years<sup>-1</sup>] = -(0.63±0.02)+(0.04±0.01)lnv[GHz]+(1.51±0.16)x10<sup>-5</sup>(v[GHz])<sup>-2.1</sup>



- *d<sub>(81MHz)</sub>* = -0.71 ± 0.06 % год<sup>-1</sup> (1949–2008.9)
- *d*<sub>(151MHz)</sub> = -0.78 ± 0.04% год<sup>-1</sup>
- (1966.5-2006.6)
- *d<sub>(290MHz)</sub>* = -0.61 ± 0.03% год<sup>-1</sup> (1978.8–2011.7)



Space weather and its influence on an atmosphere of the Earth in a north-west part of Black Sea.

- The upper ionized layer of the Earth's atmosphere ionosphere responds most sensitatively to the state of space.
  - The ionosphere is "conductor" and active participant of all space and geophysical effects on biological systems.
  - Radiotelescope "URAN-4" is located in a zone of magnetic anomaly.
- This zone promotes formation of the raised reaction to change conditions of space weather.



# Space weather on the Earth – what is it ?

- Interaction of the Sun, the Moon and Earth form conditions of "space weather" on the Earth.
- Structure of system: Solar activity- Solar wind-Moon tides- Solar tides- Magnetosphere-Ionosphere- Atmosphere- Ocean- Litosphere.





#### Magnetic anomaly zone around of Odessa



#### 23 solar cycle and variation fluxes 3C 144 and 3C 274





#### 23 solar cycle and variation fluxes 3C 405 and 3C 461

3C405A25

3C461CorrA25





### Nov 2003 year – extremely period solar activity





### **Moon tides in the Earth ionosphere**



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#### **Ordinary and unusual recordings of radio sources**







### **Registration Moon tides**





## Conclusions

- Experimentally confirmed the possibility of studying the passage of tidal wave in the earth's ionosphere using the method of "shining" its cosmic radio sources in the decameter wavelength.
- Observed effects of strong flickers of radio sources are associated with the passage of lunar tidal perturbation in the Earth's ionosphere, containing direct and reverse tidal waves. They act like a plasma lens, distorting the shape of the radio source recording.
- Observational data show that the size of tidal perturbation is approximately 30-60 degrees in direct ascent and decline according to different sources.



Perspectives of monitoring research on radio telescopes from millimeter to decameter wavelengths to solve fundamental and applied problems.

- The organization monitoring program of radio source from millimetre to decameter wavelengths allows for complex research.
- At the same time, the processes of evolution of radio sources themselves are detected at high frequencies.
- In the area of low frequencies, it is possible to study the state of the space environment by data from variations fluxes in radio sources and their scintillations.
- There is a transitional area of frequencies where processes of its own variability in the radio source and the influence of the cosmic environment are manifested.



# <u>! Conclusions !</u>

- 1. An initiative program of quasi-simultaneous observations of intraday variability OJ 287 lacertide in radio and optical ranges was carried out.
- 2. In radio range, main quasiperiods have values ≈ 15, 3-4 days, and possibly ≈ 1.4 months. Possible periods of intraday variability in radio range ≈ 5 and 2-3 hours with minimum characteristic variability times 1.4 hours (6.7 GHz) and 0.6 (6.1 GHz) hours.
- 3. In optical range, IDV was irregular. Long-term possible quasiperiods ≈ 60, 36-37, 13 days.
- 4. The optical flare on April 2 corresponds to minimum flux density at frequency 6.7 GHz. Increased brightness in optical range on April 6 may correspond to small and sharp increase in flux density at 6.7 GHz on April 7.
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### <u>! Conclusions !</u>

- 5. Approximation by sinusoids observation fragment of 3C 273 quasar from April 5 to 8 (where there are most points of flux density), showed best coincidence with sinusoids periods 12.4, 9.3, 5.5 hours. It should be noted that close to regular (≈ 3 - 4 - 5 hours) 3C 273 brightness variations were sometimes observed in optical range.
- 6. Observations from March 28 to April 8 for 3C 273 quasar showed density drop to ≈ 2 Jan, with recovery from April 4.
- 7. Observations on July 23–26 at frequencies 5 and 6.1 GHz showed presence quasiharmonic IDV appearance only on July 25, with characteristic times flux density variations about 7 hours and 1 hour. Hourly quasiperiod was also observed from observations in Urumqi radio observatory (China) at frequency 5 GHz.



# Joint observations on the Rt-32 radio telescopes in Ventspils and Zolochev.







#### Joint research programs on the radio telescopes UTR-2, GURT, URAN systems (Ukraine) and Lofar systems.

Important area of cooperation between RI NAS Ukraine and VIRAC, Latvia is joint study remnants of supernova explosions (Crab Nebula, Cassiopeia A), radio galaxies (Virgo A, Cyg A), ionospheric and interplanetary scintillations depending on appearance of solar and geomagnetic activity.

Using capabilities one of the most advanced low-frequency radio telescope networks in Europe - "URAN" and "GURT" (Ukraine) and "LOFAR" section located in Irbene, Latvia, overlaps wide frequency range, 10 - 80 MHz (URAN, GURT) and 10 -240 MHz (LOFAR).

Joint observations, as well as their comparison with extensive database archival observations on phased arrays "URAN", "UTR-2", will provide new information on evolution supernova remnants, structure of solar wind, especially in region the Sun Supercorona, and ionospheric response to solar activity.





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