

# GLAST

*The Gamma Ray Large Area Space Telescope*



## Blazar Multiwavelength Activities: Current Status

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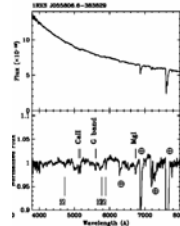


GLAST AGN/Blazar WG “Face-to-face” meeting  
SLAC-Stanford, California, USA – March 4, 2006

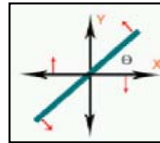


## Summary

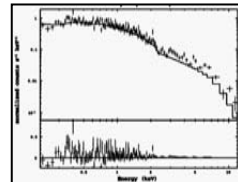
### ☐ Spectroscopy



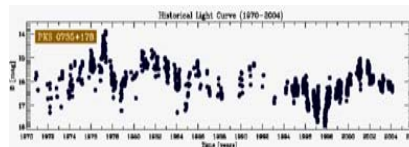
### ☐ Polarization



### ☐ MW campaign



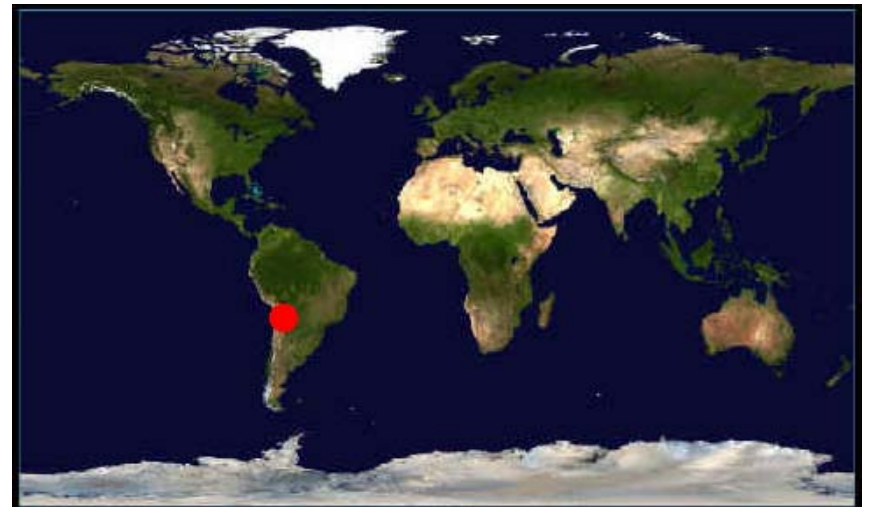
### ☐ Variability Monitoring





## ESO VLT high S/N spectroscopy of blazars with unknown redshift

- ❑ Redshift  $z$  (i.e. distance) of blazars is a fundamental parameter to understand and constraint the physics of relativistic jets, multiwavelength (MW) emission models and the bolometric power emitted in gamma-rays.
- ❑ Spectral cutoffs due to gamma-ray absorption produced by the IR-opt-UV extragalactic background light (EBL), can be well studied using blazar-probes at different redshifts.







## ESO VLT high S/N spectroscopy of blazars with unknown redshift

□ A first observing program is accepted at the Very Large Telescope (VLT) of the European Southern Observatory (ESO, Cerro Paranal, Chile):

High S/N spectroscopy of 16 sources, (Period 77A, PI: S. Ciprini, COIs: J. Kotilainen & B. Sbarufatti).

□ Times: observations (service mode) to be performed in the next southern winter; data release: end of 2006. Expected (prudent) success rate in new redshift determinations: 50%





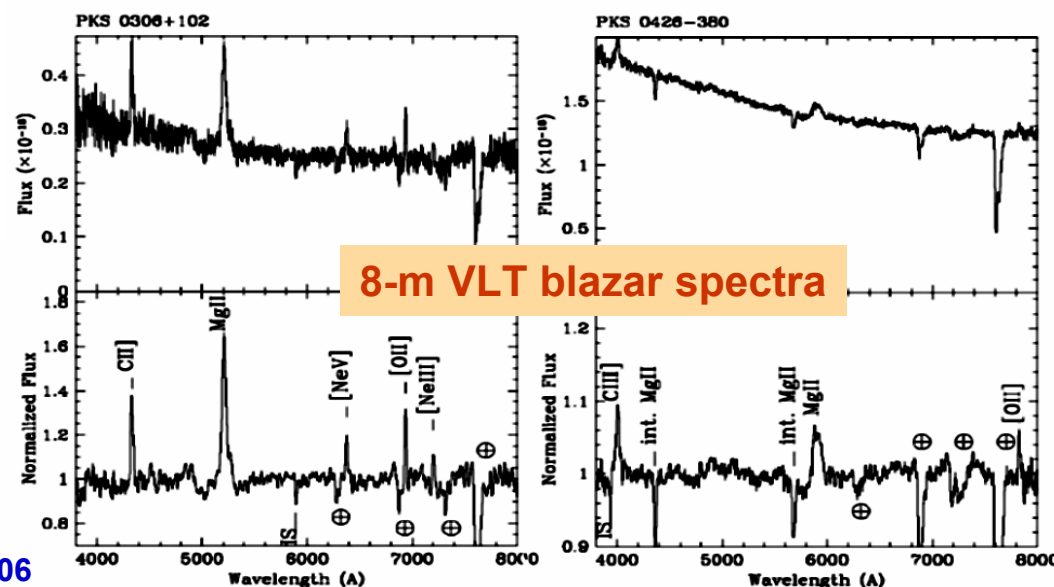
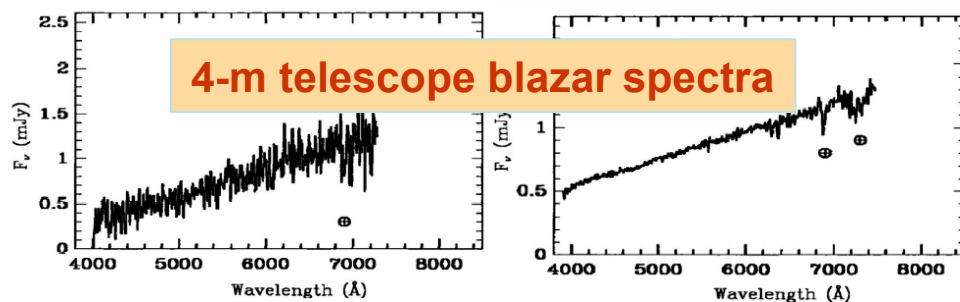
## ESO VLT high S/N spectroscopy of blazars with unknown redshift

Why the VLT 8-meter (315 inch) “monster” telescopes ?

❑ Especially in pure BL Lacs, the quasi-featureless optical spectra hinders the determination of  $z$ , while new catalogues of fainter blazars are being assembled. Moreover currently a squad of well known and monitored blazars have still unknown redshift.

❑ The 4m-telescope class has achieved its limit regarding to such “hard-to-show-features” blazars, and to the new (and fainter) blazar candidates.

❑ High S/N needed in reasonable integration observing times.





## ESO VLT high S/N spectroscopy of blazars with unknown redshift

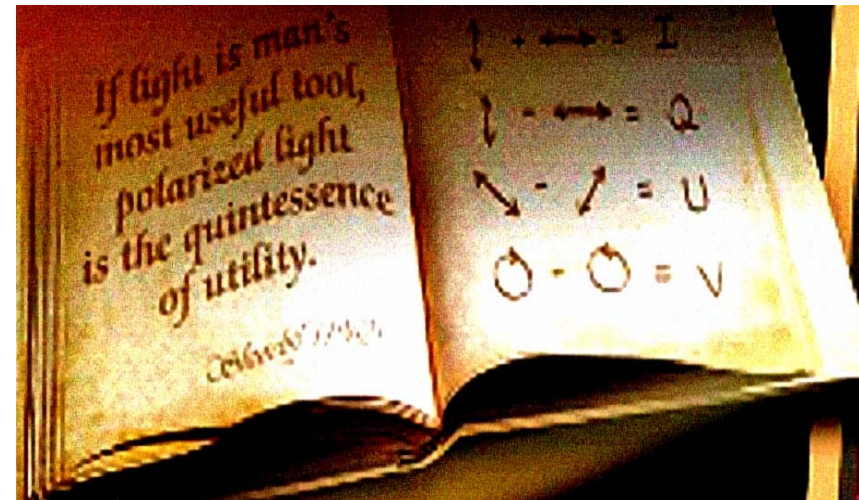
- ❑ Critical parameters for detection of spectral features are: (a) luminosity ratio between the nuclear and galaxy components; (b) the S/N of the observed spectrum; (c) redshift value and the observed wavelength range.
- ❑ Criteria adopted in the sample selection: (a) sources classified as blazars (especially BL Lacs) with unknown redshift in the main surveys/catalogs/databases; (b) sources with  $\text{DEC} < +20^\circ$ ,  $\text{mag(V)} < 21$ ; (c) sources with featureless spectra observed in 4-m telescopes; (d) new gamma-ray blazar candidates.
- ❑ **Previous VLT program results** (P71-P73, PI: A. Treves): high S/N level reached (up to 500) and features detected down to line EW = 1 Å. A total of 42 targets observed: new  $z$  determinations for 18 BL Lac objects (12 through emission lines, 5 through host galaxy absorption features, 1 through both), lower limit to  $z$  for 2 objects (through MgII intervening systems), 6 misclassifications, and 18 blazars were found still featureless. Results published in Sbarufatti et al. (2005a,b).





## Optical polarization snapshots of new blazar candidates

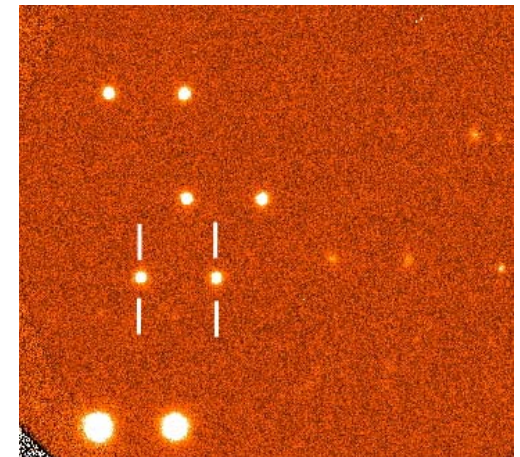
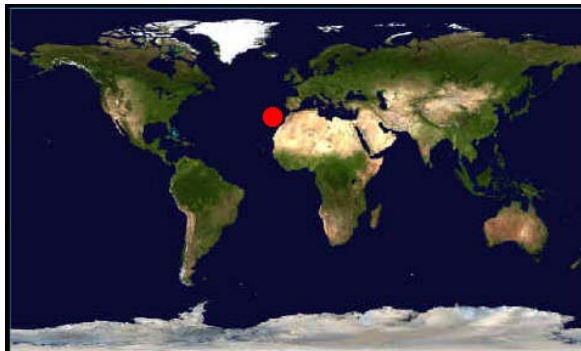
- ❑ High degree (up to 30%) and variability of the optical polarization (OP) is one of the defining properties of blazars (especially the classical BL Lac objects and high-pol quasars HPQ). This means that OP observations are an important element in **confirmation of new blazar candidates**.
- ❑ High degree of OP is an evidence of strong non-thermal (synchrotron) and beamed radiation, and the signature of a population of high-energy (HE) emitting particles (possibly producing also gamma-ray photons).
- ❑ Optical telescopes are biased to select optically bright blazars, hence possibly intermediate-energy peaked blazars (the best candidates to produce HE emission in the GLAST energy bands, i.e. GeV regime following the SSC scenario). The maximum level of information in the optical band is therefore desirable during LAT observations of blazars.
- ❑ Optical polarization could be an useful piece of information (both physical and geometrical) in GLAST multiwavelength (MW) analysis of blazars.





## Optical polarization snapshots of new blazar candidates

- ❑ Optical polarization observations of a sample of new blazar candidates is planned.
- ❑ Aims: 1) to confirm or not their BL Lac or HPQ status (useful for the GLAST pre-launch catalogs) 2) to have the first (or almost) measures of the optical polarization in such targets.
- ❑ Sample: possible, probable, new blazar candidates, and blazar with few or no optical polarization measures. Mag(V): 17-20
- ❑ A first run (2 nights at the 2.5m Nordic Optical Telescope, NOT, La Palma, Canary Islands) was performed in Sept.2005 (P31, PI: S. Ciprini, COIs: K. Nilsson & L.O. Takalo).
- ❑ About 65% of the granted time lost due to bad weather. Preliminary results: 6 objects can be confirmed as blazars (pol. Degree > 5%).
- ❑ Other observing applications are planned for 2-m class telescopes.





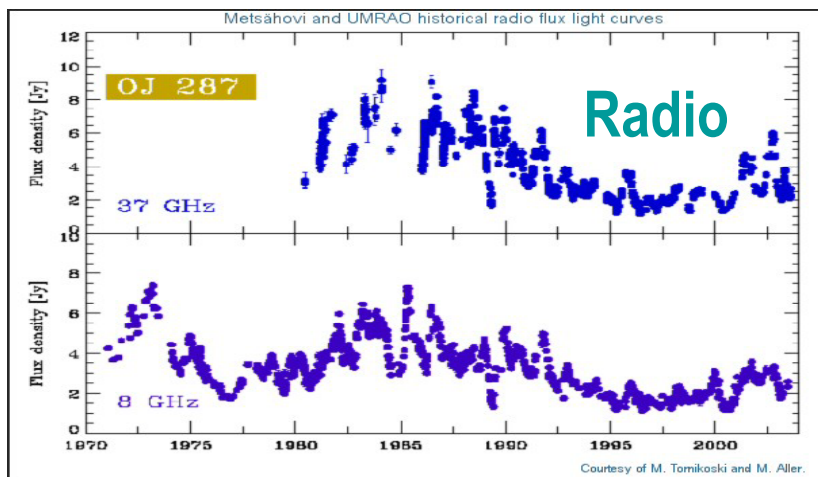


## MW Campaign on OJ 287

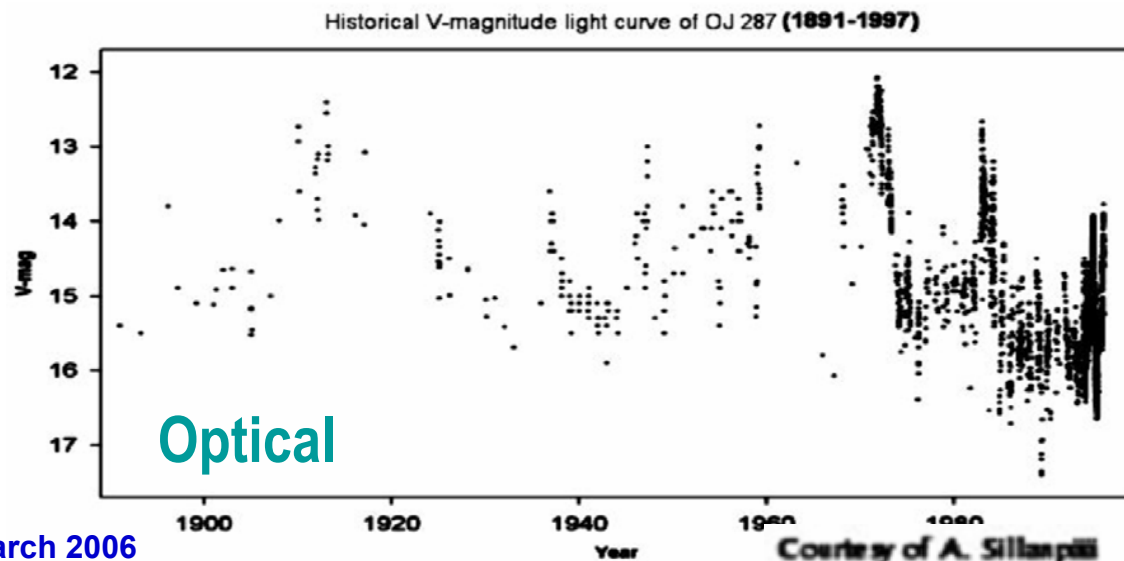
**Motivation:** the peculiar blazar OJ 287 (PKS 0851+202, 3EG J0853+1941,  $z=0.306$ ) is the only extragalactic source showing a convincing evidence of a major periodical activity in the historical optical light curve, with outbursts occurring every 11-12 years (the last one was monitored by the OJ94 project, period 1993-1997). The next outburst is expected to occur in period 2005-2007. The origin of the supposed periodicity (or pseudo-periodicity, or intermittence, or...?) is unknown, but likely is to hold important clues to blazar variability in general.

OJ 287 2005-2008 Project web-page:

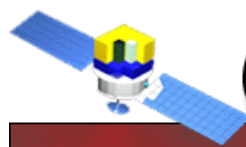
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## MW Campaign on OJ 287

Some of the ongoing MW programs on OJ 287:

- ☐ **Long-term monitoring** (OJ 287 2005-2008 Project and ENIGMA Campaign) begun in late 2004 (PM/CM: L. Takalo, A. Sillanpää ).
- ☐ **VLBA** radio structure/polarization observations in 5 bands: 6 times, 8h for the period 2005-2006 (more obs. planned in 2007-08) (PI: T. Savolainen).
- ☐ **VLBA** and **Global 3mm-VLBI** radio-mm structure/polarization observations (as a calibrator, April 4 and 17, 2005, PI: I. Agudo).
- ☐ **ESO VLT** spectroscopic optical observations (4 epochs, PI: K. Nilsson).
- ☐ **XMM-Newton** X-ray observations: 2 pointings of about 40 ksec each in cycle AO-4 (April 12, and November 3-4, 2005, PI: S. Ciprini). Another pointing scheduled in November 2006 (AO-5, PI: S. Ciprini).
- ☐ **WEBC** intensive ground-based MW campaign around the 2 XMM pointing epochs (CM: S. Ciprini) .
- ☐ ToO **Effelsberg 100m** radiotelescope flux/polarization observations on April 12 and Nov. 8-9-10 (ToO PI: L. Fuhrmann).
- ☐ 4 sessions of **Global 3mm-VLBI** observations in period Oct.2005-Apr.2007 (PI: E. Rastorgueva, K. Wiik).
- ☐ **MAGIC** gamma-ray Cherenkov telescope observations in January (10h) and November 2005 (>5h, this last in ToO mode, PI: E. Lindfors).
- ☐ Optical polarization monitoring at **NOT** (PI: K. Nilsson) and **CalarAlto** (2006-2008, PI: J. Heidt).



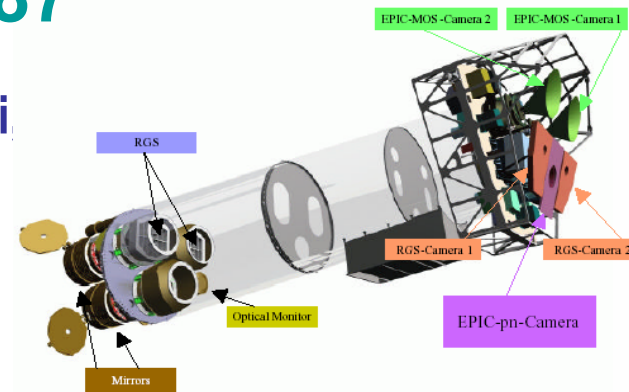
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OJ 287 observed by XMM-Newton twice (April 12, and November 3-4, 2005). Another observation accepted in Nov. 2006 (AO-5, PI: S. Ciprini, COIs: C.M. Raiteri, G. Tosti, L.O. Takalo).

WEBT consortium radio-optical and coordinated campaign in April 2005 and October-November 2005 (part 1-2). (CM: S. Ciprini)



OJ 287 - XMM-Newton Multiwavelength WEBT (ENIGMA) Campaign Page - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://www.astro.utu.fi/OJ287MMVI/XMMcampaign.html

OJ 287 - Short and Intensive Multiwavelength Campaign Page

**WEBT Multiwavelength Short Campaign:  
OJ 287 during two XMM observations in 2005**

**Part 2: Oct.19 - Nov.10<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

\* the end date could be extended depending by the source brightness.

A first XMM-Newton ESA satellite (here a XMM-Newton fold-out picture) observation of OJ 287 was performed in April 12, 2005. A multiwavelength (mainly radio-optical-IR) intensive and short observing campaign composed of two parts (around the satellite observation dates) was proposed to the WEBT international collaboration by Stefano Ciprini (Turku Obs. & ENIGMA Network). About 4-days of intensive observations by the WEBT and ENIGMA member institutes were already performed in April during the first XMM-Newton pointing. The teams of the ENIGMA Network are contributing to both this short-term/intensive campaign and to the long-term monitoring of the source in the framework of the "OJ 287 2005-2008 Project".

The second XMM-Newton observation of about 51 ksec is scheduled during **November 3-4, 2005**. Intra-night observations by the WEBT (WEBT = ENIGMA members and who is interested in) are requested during the days Nov. 2-4-5, 2005 (prior to the satellite pointing: Nov. 3-4), and during the Effelsberg radio telescope pointings: Nov. 8-9-10, 2005. Daily (one point per night) observations during the October-November months by the ENIGMA network teams are welcome. Now **OJ 287 is optically bright** (mag. R=12.6/12.4), therefore the intensive campaign is **already started**.

Target - PI	RA	Dec	Position Angle
OJ 287 - S. Ciprini	08:54:48.87	+20:06:30.6	104:13:22.6

XMM Obs. Duration	XMM Obs. Start Time	XMM Obs. End Time	Satellite Revolution
51000 sec	2005-11-03 at 20:59 UT	2005-11-04 at 11:09 UT	1081

These XMM-Newton observations are requested to study the spectral and temporal behaviour of OJ 287, on both short and long time scales, before and during the next probable outburst. Our goal is to clarify the basic physics, and the relevance of geometrical and energetic (SSC) models in the interpretation of long/short-term variability, during both the quiescent and outburst phases. We aim at comparing data and results on this probably quiescent phase of OJ 287 during 2005, with observations that we will propose also during the expected outburst phase, in order to search for correlations and precursory events. Dedicated bi-monthly VLBA observations of the blazar in 5 bands from 2005 to 2008 are performing and scheduled. X-ray data will provide information on the high-energy spectral component (likely inverse Compton emission), while radio-to-optical observations will map the behaviour of the synchrotron emission component. These data will be compared also with the long term observations, to span a large range of variability timescales at different electromagnetic frequencies. Intra-day optical-radio observations will be very useful around the satellite pointing, in particular high-precision and high-sampling observations by Effelsberg 100m radio-observatory are recommended during the day of the XMM pointing (and possibly during the 4 days of the core campaign). OJ 287 was pointed in January also by the MAGIC gamma-ray Cherenkov telescope (total time 10h). One global 3mm-VLBA session will be performed after October 2005. MAGIC TeV observations are

<http://www.astro.utu.fi/OJ287MMVI/XMMcampaign.html>

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## MW Campaign on OJ 287

### Institutes/Observatories (and contact persons) participating in the MW ground-based coordinated campaign (part-1 only list):

#### Optical Observatories:

- ☐ Osaka Kyoiku University Observatory - Kashiwara, Osaka, Japan (K. Sadakane)
- ☐ Lulin Observatory - Lulin, Taiwan (W. P. Chen)
- ☐ Xinglong Station of NAOC - Yanshan Mountains, China, (J.-H. Wu)
- ☐ ARIES Sampurnanand Telescope - Naini Tal, Uttaranchal, India (R. Sagar, G. Krishna)
- ☐ Abastumani Astrophysical Observatory - Mt. Kanobil, Georgia, (O. Kurtanidze)
- ☐ Crimean Astrophysical Observatory - Nauchny, Crimea, Ukraine (Y. Efimov, V. Larionov)
- ☐ Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University Observatory - Çanakkale, Turkey (A. Erdem)
- ☐ Jakokoski Observatory - Jakokoski, Finland (P. Pääkkönen)
- ☐ Nyrölä Observatory - Nyrölä, Finland (A. Oksanen, K. Nilsson)
- ☐ Tuorla Observatory - Piikkio, Finland (L. Takalo, A. Sillanpää)
- ☐ Catania Observatory - Catania, Italy (A. Frasca)
- ☐ Campo Imperatore Observatory - L'Aquila, Italy (V. Larionov)
- ☐ Armenzano Observatory - Armenzano, Assisi, Italy (D. Carosati)
- ☐ Perugia Observatory - Perugia, Italy (G. Tosti, S. Ciprini)
- ☐ Torino Observatory - Torino, Italy (C. Raiteri, M. Villata)

#### Optical (cont.):

- ☐ Heidelberg Observatory - Heidelberg, Germany (J. Heidt)
- ☐ Michael Adrian Observatory - Trebur, Germany (J. Ohlert)
- ☐ Agrupacio Astronomica de Sabadell - Sabadell, Spain (J. A. Ros)
- ☐ KVA Telescope - La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain (L. Takalo, A. Sillanpää)
- ☐ Nordic Optical Telescope - La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain (T. Pursimo)
- ☐ Mt. Lemmon KASI Observatory - Mount Lemmon, Arizona, USA (L. Chung-Uk)
- ☐ Kitt Peak SARA Observatory - Kitt Peak, Arizona, USA (J. Webb)
- ☐ Tenagra Observatories - Sonoran desert, Arizona, USA (A. Sadun)
- ☐ Coyote Hill Observatory - Wilton, California, USA (C. Pullen)

#### Radio-mm:

- ☐ RATAN-600 (Special Astrophys. Obs.) (576 m) - Zelenchukskaya, Russia (Y. Kovalev)
- ☐ Metsähovi Radio Telescope (14 m) - Metsähovi, Finland (M. Tornikoski, A. Lahteenmaki)
- ☐ Noto Radio Observatory - Noto, Siracusa, Italy (C. Raiteri, P. Leto)
- ☐ Effelsberg Radio Telescope (100 m) - Effelsberg, Germany (T. Krichbaum, L. Fuhrmann)
- ☐ IRAM Millimeter Telescope (30 m) - Pico Veleta, Spain (T. Krichbaum, H. Ungerechts)
- ☐ Univ. of Michigan Radio Astron. Obs. (UMRAO) (26 m) - Dexter, Michigan, USA (M. Aller)



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Aims of the X-ray and coordinated MW observations:

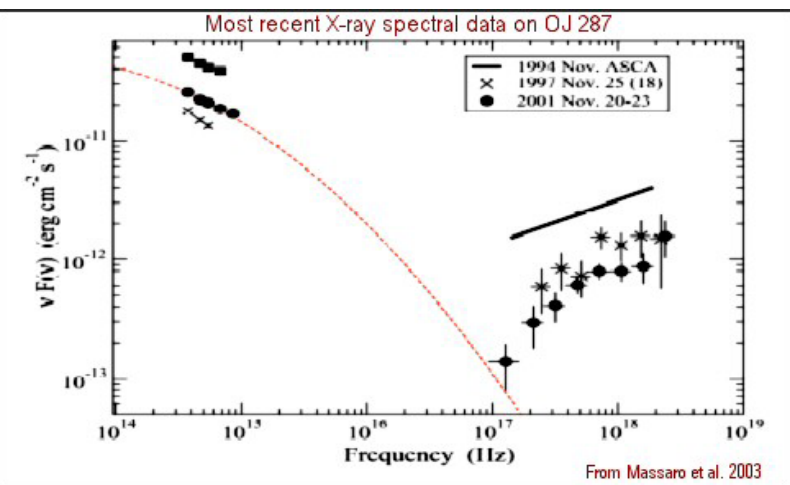
- ☐ Study the spectral-temporal behaviour of OJ 287 on both short and long time scales, and in different brightness states (before and during the cyclic outburst).
- ☐ X-ray data likely provide information on the high-energy (inverse Compton, IC) spectral component, while radio-to-optical observations map the behaviour of the synchrotron bump.
- ☐ Possibly to clarify underlying physics, and relevance of geometrical and energetic models.
- ☐ Search for multifrequency correlations.
- ☐ To try out and to challenge a satellite-triggered coordinated MW campaign (in view of the future GLAST MW campaigns).

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40000 sec	2005-04-12 at 12:55 UT	2005-04-13 at 00:03 UT	0978	E3	

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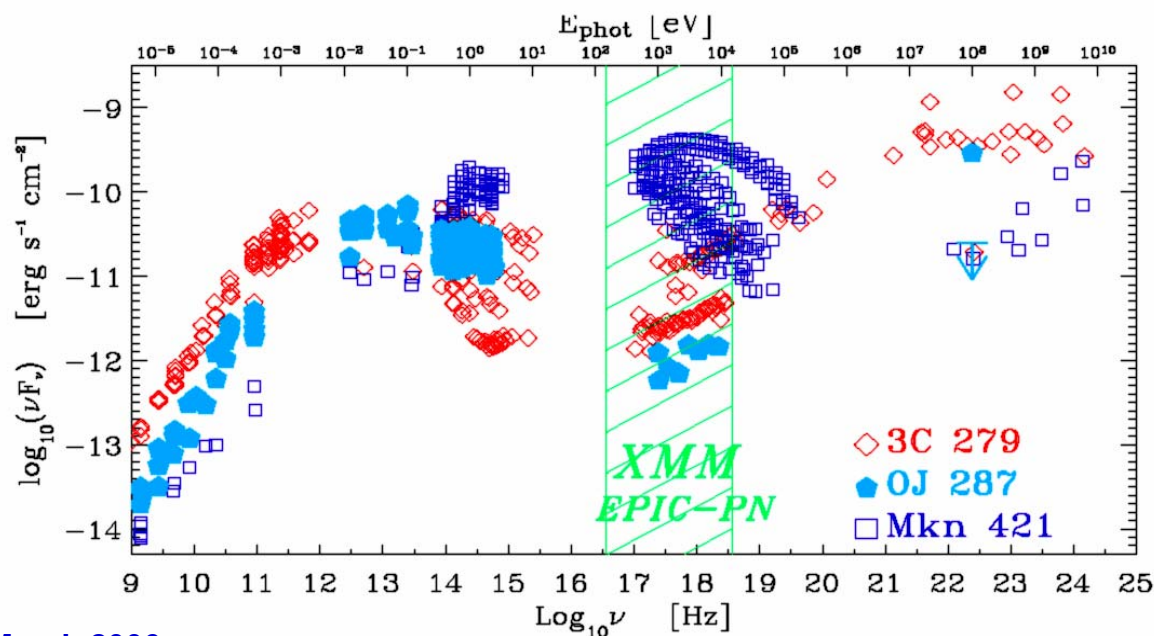


Source name	Other names	EGRET detection	X-rays past observations	X-rays integral flux [erg cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]
OJ 287	PKS 0851+202	YES	Einstein, EXOSAT, ROSAT	1.35-5.0 × 10 <sup>-12</sup> (2-10 keV)
$z = 0.306$	PG 0851+202		ASCA, BeppoSAX	(ASCA, SAX)

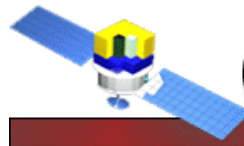
The most recent X-ray spectral energy distributions of OJ 287.

XMM AO-4 source visibility periods	Optical visibility window <sup>†</sup>
2005.Apr.12 - 2005.May.05	Oct-May
2005.Oct.16 - 2005.Nov.18	

The broad-band spectral energy distribution of OJ 287 in comparison with the SED of a typical FSRQ (3C 279) and typical TeV-HBL (Mkn 421).





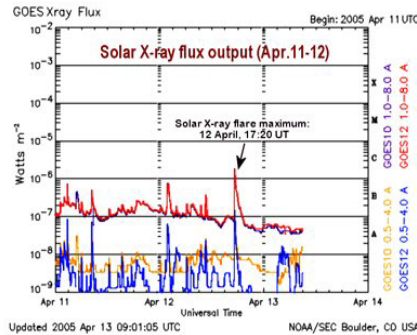
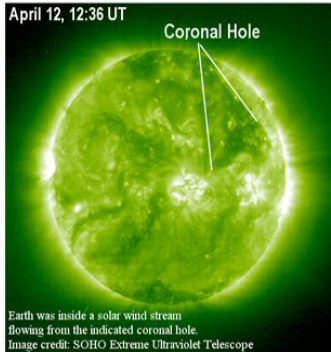


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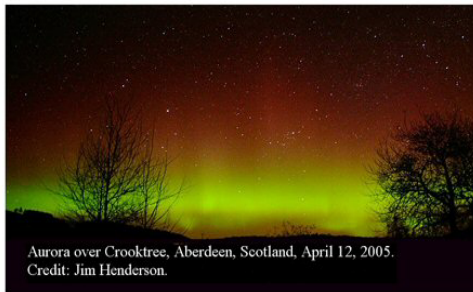
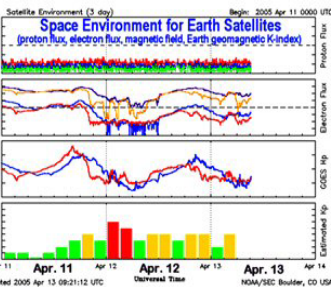
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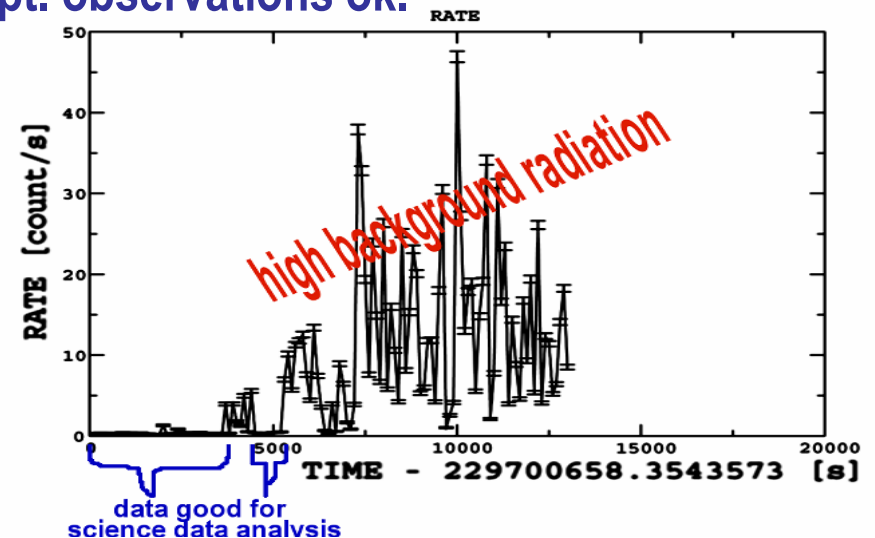
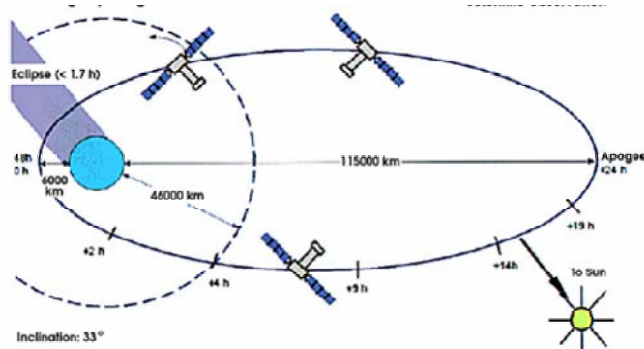
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□ April 2005 observations heavily affected by high background radiation (due to solar wind and earth proton belt) and stopped. Original 40 ksec granted (with overheads) only about 11 ksec performed and **only about 5 ksec useful for science analysis!**. Data screening needed. But November 2005 observation better.



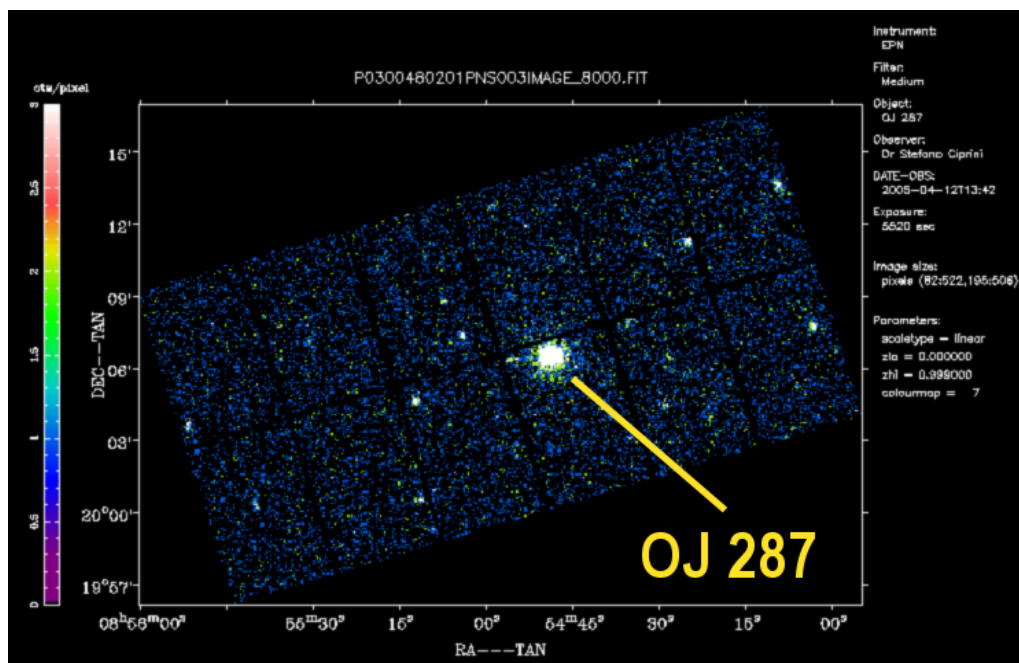
□ April observation instruments outcome: **EPIC pn & MOS** detection ok. **RGS**: no detection. **OM**: UV-opt. observations ok.



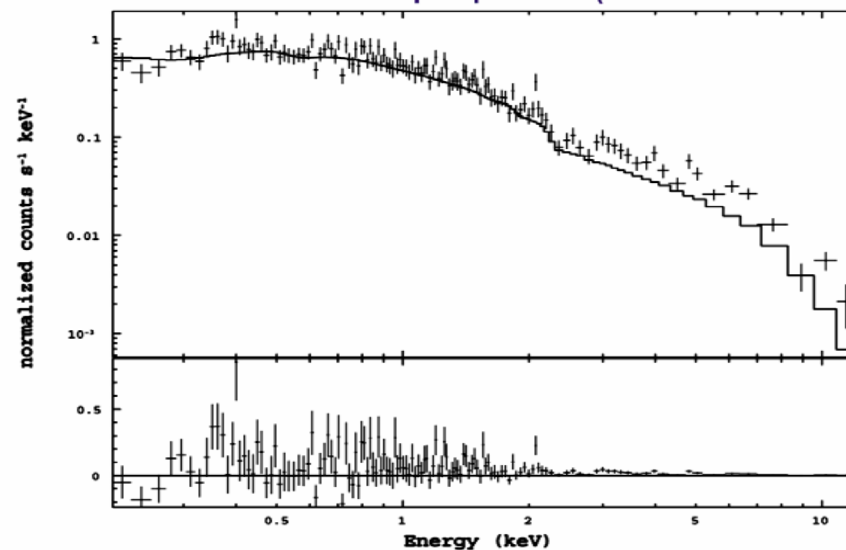


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OJ 287 ( $z=0.306$ ) - Date: April 12, 2005, about 5 ksec data. XMM EPIC pn spectrum:  
Model: single power law + absorption (galactic) in the 0.3-10 KeV range (preliminary).



OJ 287 XMM-Newton EPIC-pn spectrum (data and folded model)



Fit example:

$$N_H = 2.53 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

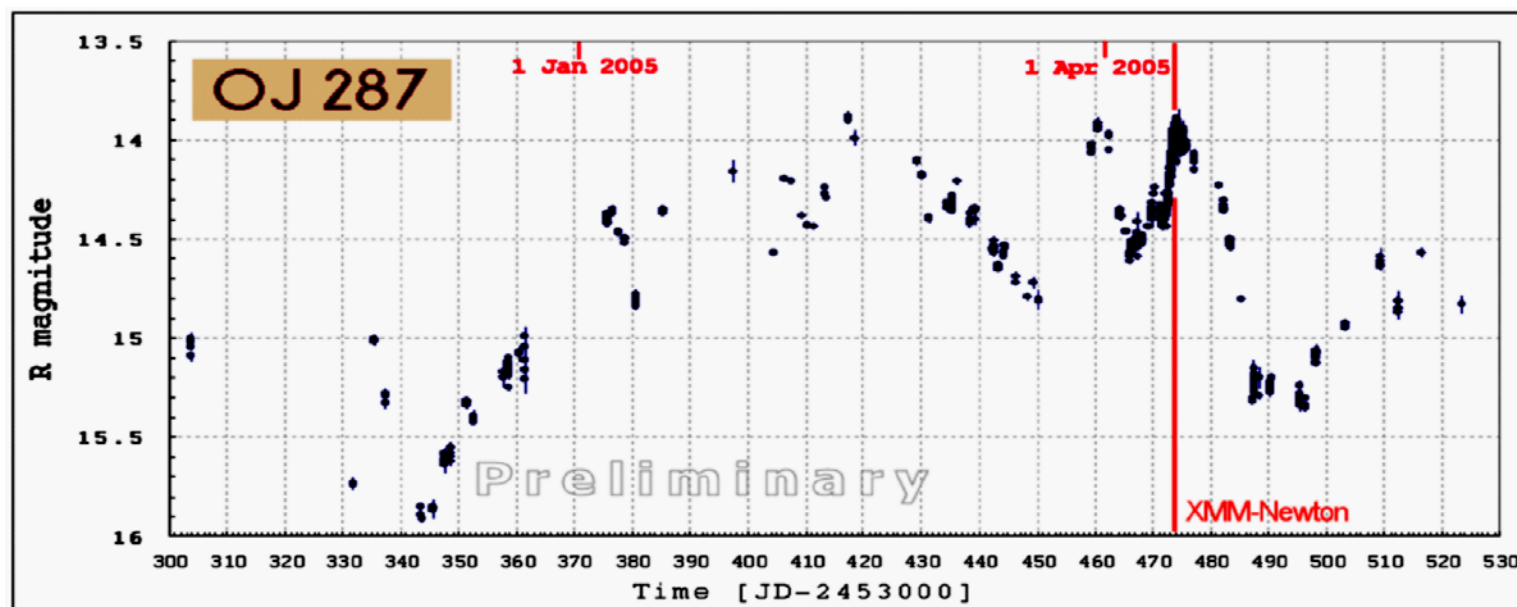
$$\Gamma = 1.734 \pm 0.010$$



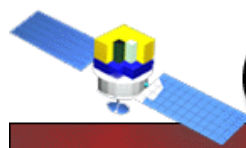
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OJ 287 preliminary optical light curves in the previous observing season  
(Oct. 2004 - May 2005)

- Intermediate brightness level (no faint). Brightness increase of 2 mag in about 2.5 months.
- Mild-level flaring during the XMM-Newton pointing (April 12): increase of  $\sim 0.8$  mag in 8 days, decrease of  $\sim 1.4$  mag in 13 days.
- A more active and flaring state during the XMM-Newton observation of Nov.2005 (preliminary).





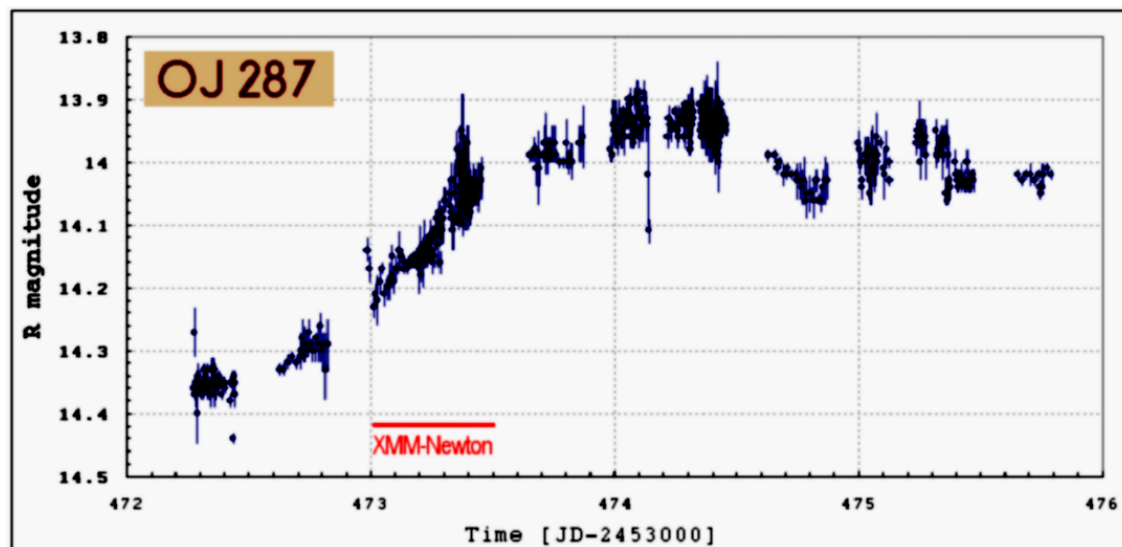
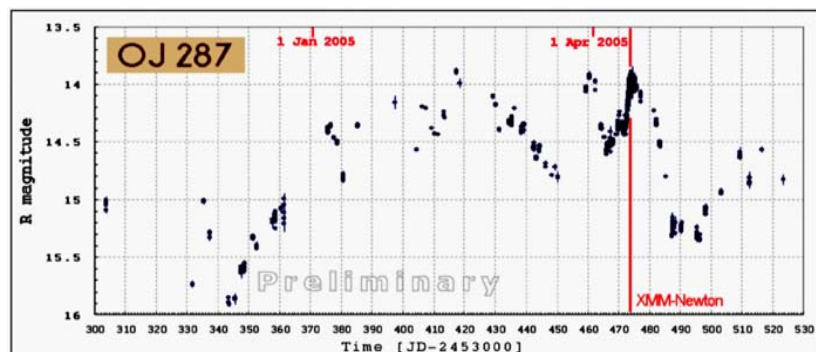


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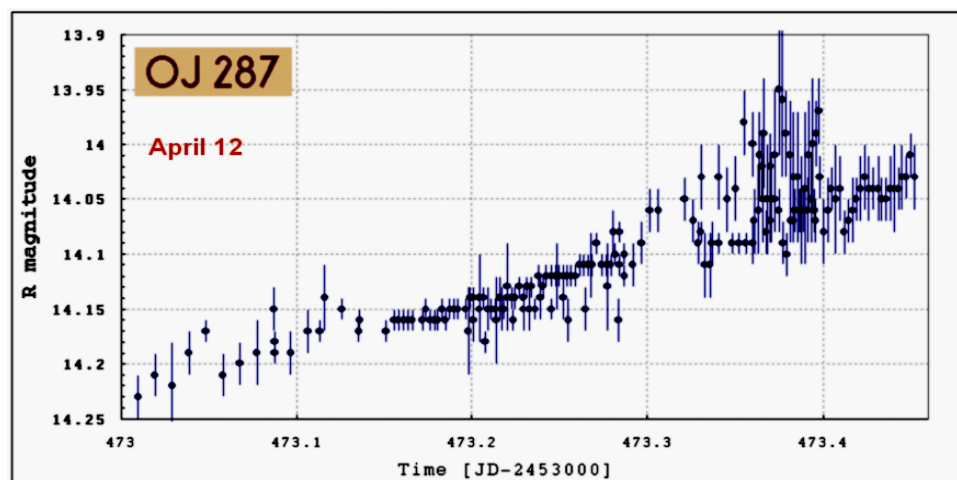


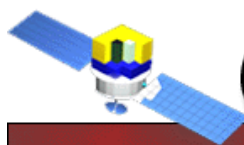
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Optical light curves around April 12, 2005 (XMM-Newton 1st pointing):

- About 0.3 mag brightness increase in less than 9 hours
- Possible optical Intra-Day Variability (IDV)



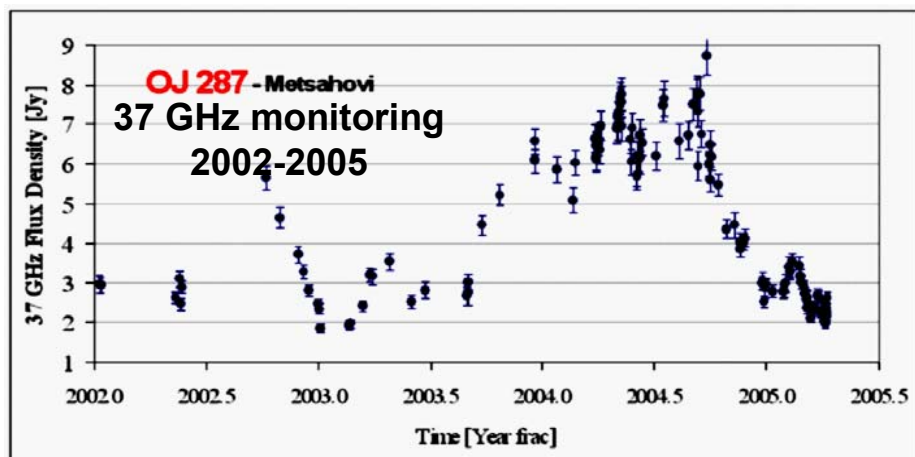


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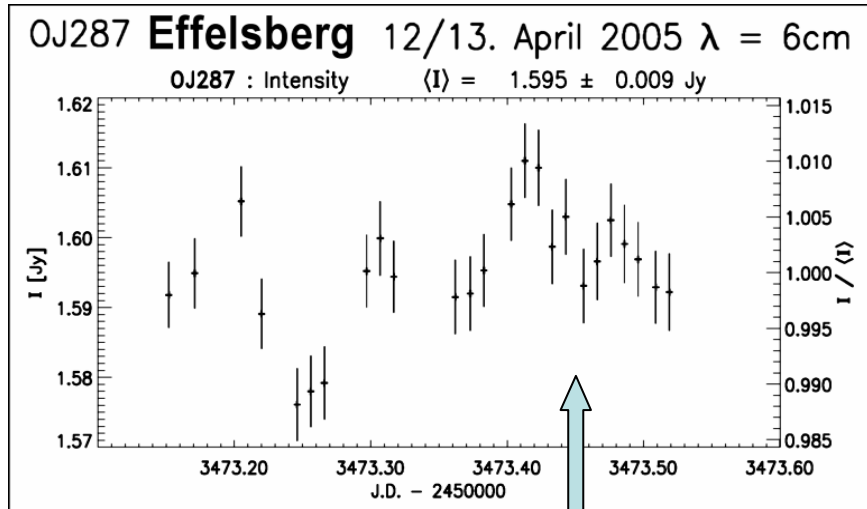


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OJ 287: April 2005, radio flux and structure:

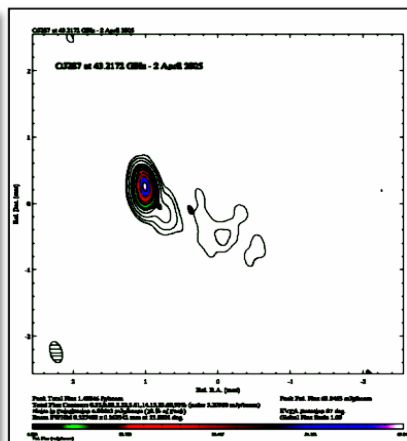
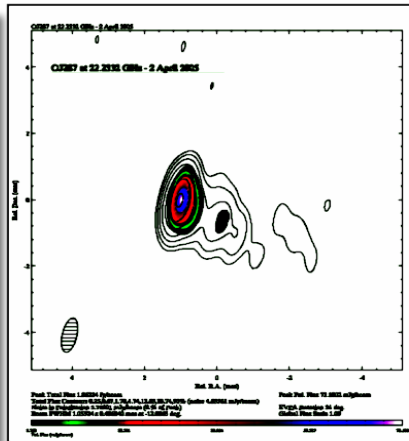
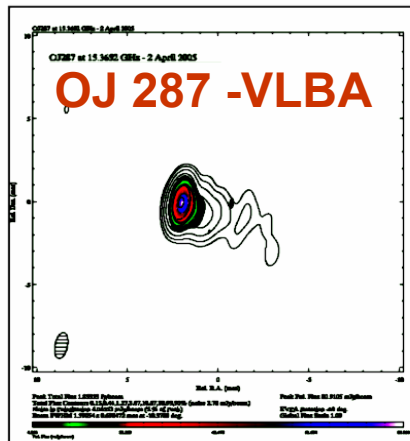


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IDV ~ 3%

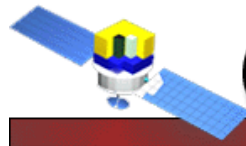


VLBA radio structure/polarization observations in 3 bands (April 2, 2005).









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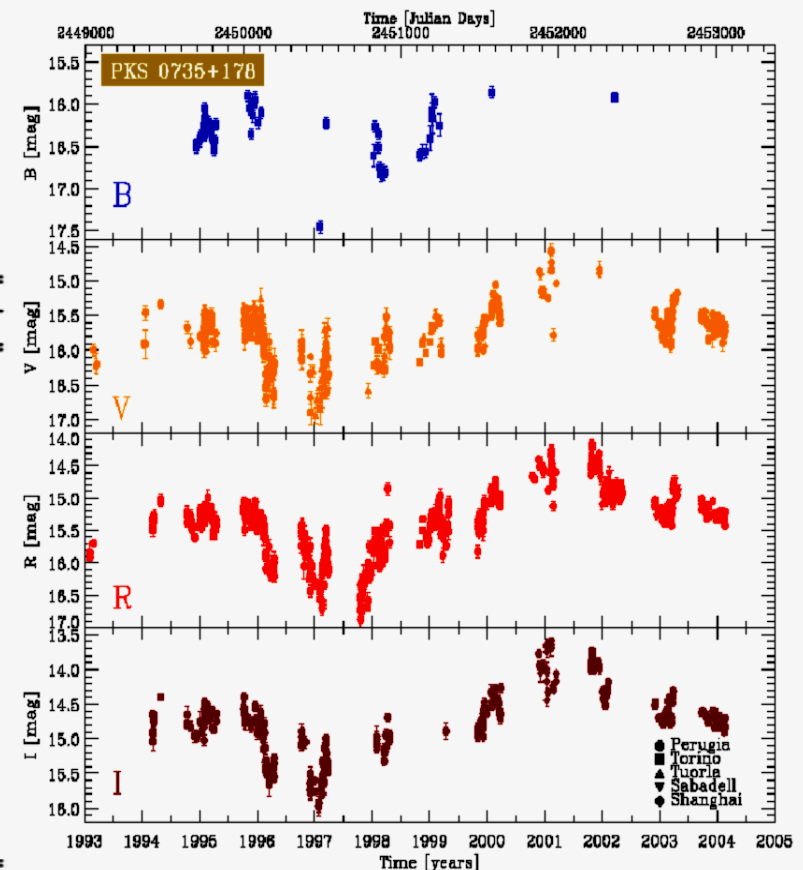
□ 10 years (1994-2004) of unpublished optical monitoring data (*BVR* bands) on PKS 0735+178  
Data from Perugia Univ. Obs. (the bulk of data), INAF-Torino Obs., Tuorla Obs., Sabadell Obs.

□ 11 observing seasons, 10 years light curves, 1637 photometric data points, almost 500 nights of observations.

□ Rapid optical variations connected to slower variations.  
General intermediate or low level of activity.

DATA POINTS PER OBSERVATORY						
Obs.	<i>B</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	Tot.	Period
Perugia	0	226	490	281	997	Feb1993-Feb2004
Torino	75	38	150	0	263	Dec1994-Apr2002
Tuorla	0	55	0	0	55	Oct1995-Feb2001
Sabadell	0	0	17	0	17	Dec2001-Feb2004
Shanghai	0	115	52	138	305	Jan1995-Dec2001
Total	75	434	709	419	1637	

STATISTICS				
	<i>B</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>
Total data points	75	434	709	419
Start date [JD-2449000]	698	45	21	420
End date [JD-2449000]	3354	4053	4053	4053
Total period $N_{tot}$ [days]	2657	4001	4032	3633
Nights with data $N_{on}$	52	297	459	259
$N_{on}/N_{tot}$ fraction	0.019	0.074	0.171	0.071
Mean num. points $\times$ night	1.44	1.46	1.51	1.62
Total mean gap $\Delta t$ [days]	35.9	9.3	5.8	8.7
Longest gap [days]	780	352	375	356
Average brightness [mag]	16.319	15.760	15.301	14.693
Max brightness [mag]	15.863	14.544	14.16	13.59
Min brightness [mag]	17.453	16.94	16.87	15.97
Variab. range $\Delta m$ [mag]	1.59	2.39	2.71	2.38
Absorption coeff. $^{\dagger}$ [mag]	0.152	0.117	0.094	0.068
Data standard deviation	0.256	0.368	0.515	0.453
Data skewness	1.23	0.386	0.329	0.155
Data kurtosis	3.791	1.087	0.019	0.400
Max flux [mJy]	2.21	6.1	7.3	9.9
Min flux [mJy]	0.51	0.67	0.60	1.1

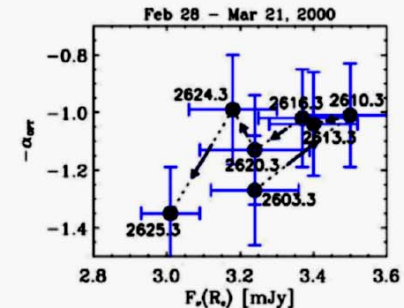
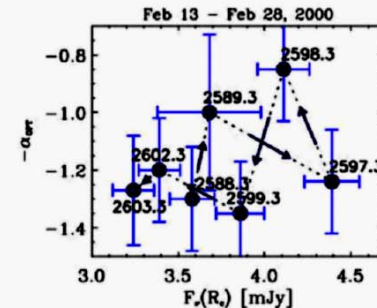
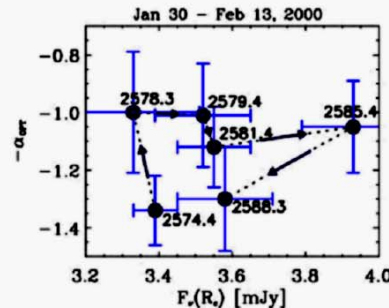
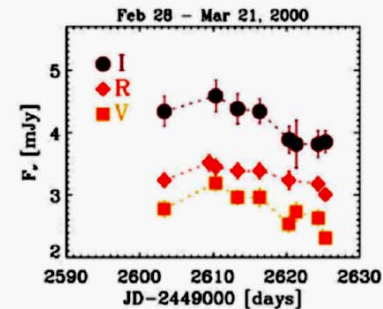
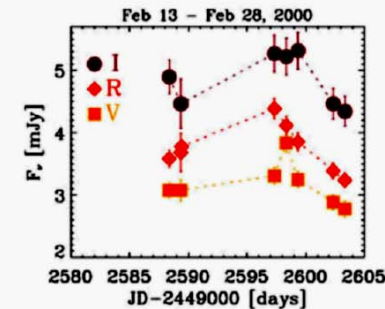
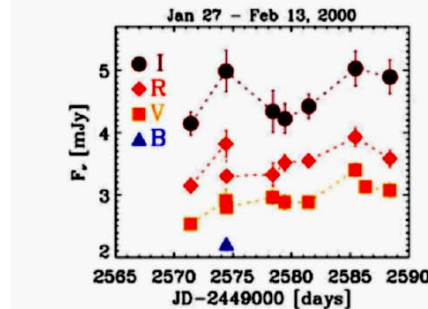
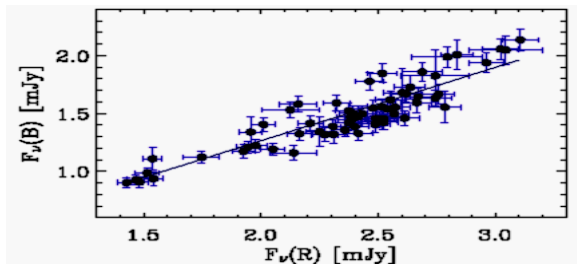
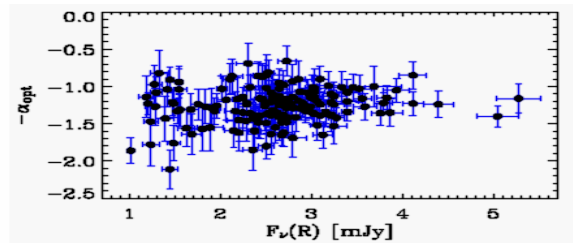
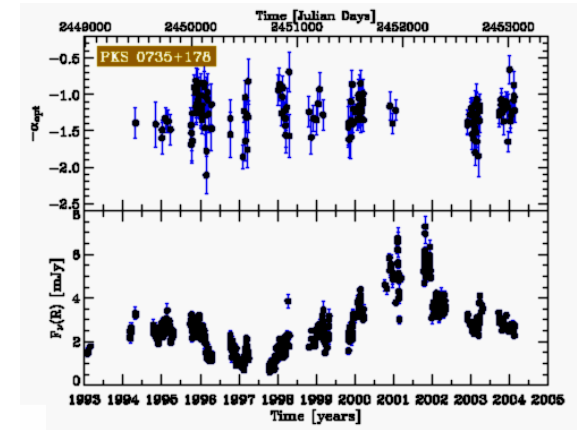


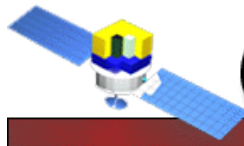


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❑ **Multiband behaviour:** Optical spectral indexes calculated and studied on years timescales. Long-term variability is essentially achromatic, whereas flares imply spectral changes.

❑ Evolution of the continuum optical spectrum as a function of the flux during epochs of flickering and moderate flaring activity does not show clear hysteresis loops.





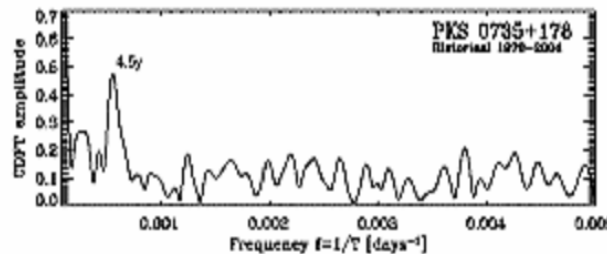
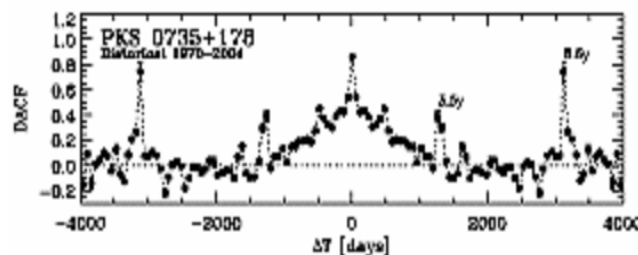
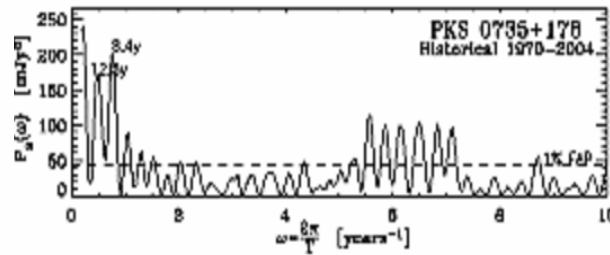
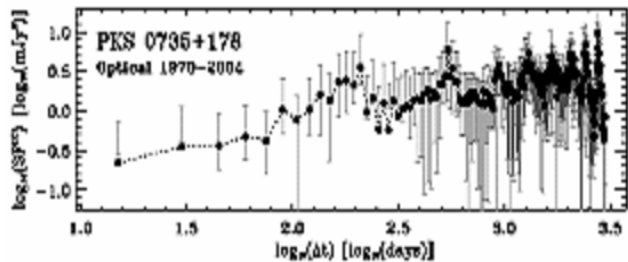
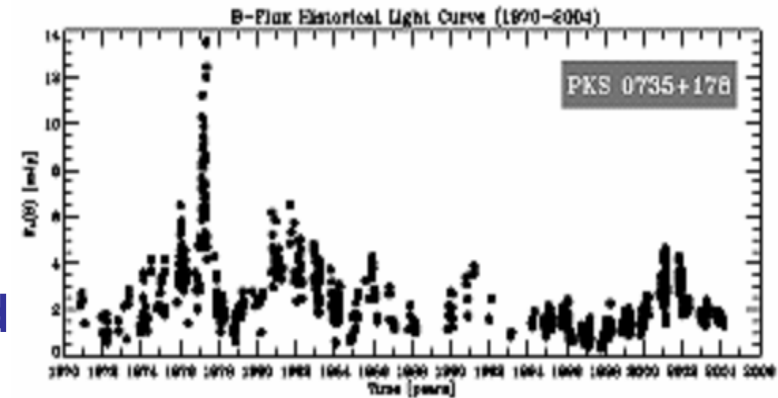
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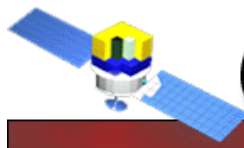
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- **Temporal behaviour:** Temporal analysis of the optical variability. To search for coherent structures in the time domain, characteristic timescales and to identify duty-cycles and variability modes .
- Several methods applied to the historical light curve and to each single observing season. Long-term (years) and intermediate-term (weeks) timescales investigated.



- Discrete Correlation Function.
- Structure Function SF.
- Lomb-Scargle Periodogram.
- Clean Discrete Fourier Transform.



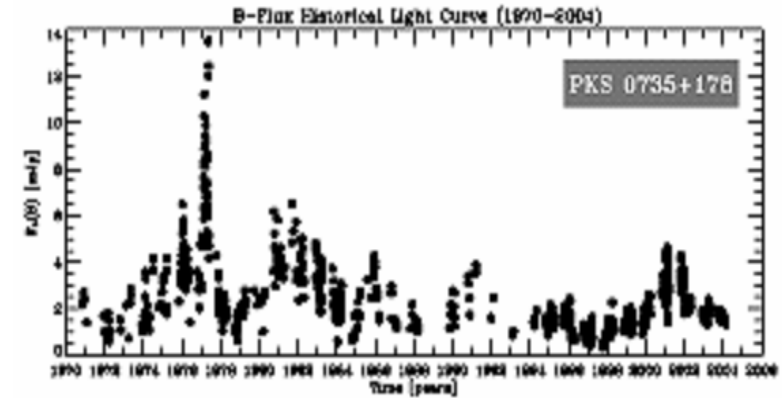
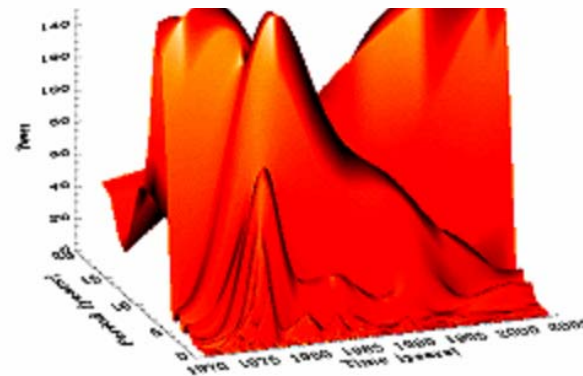
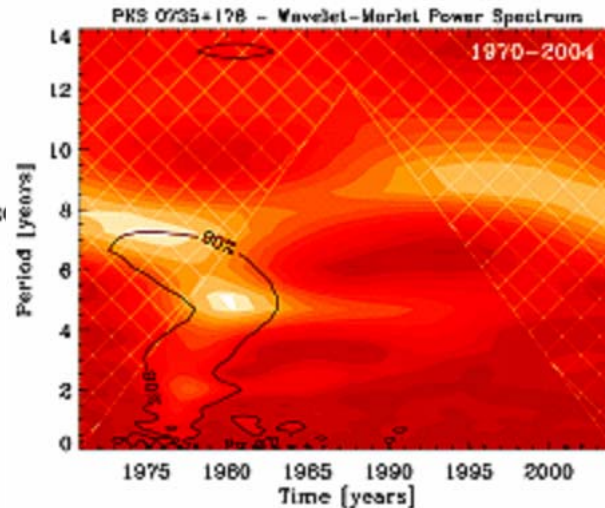
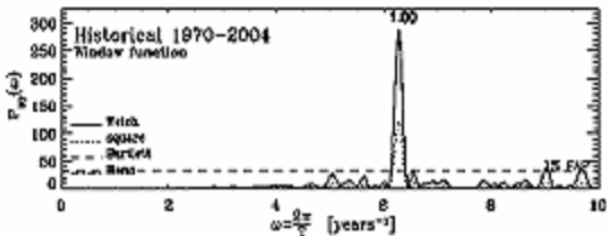
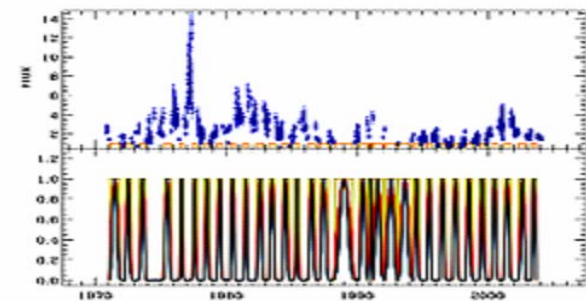
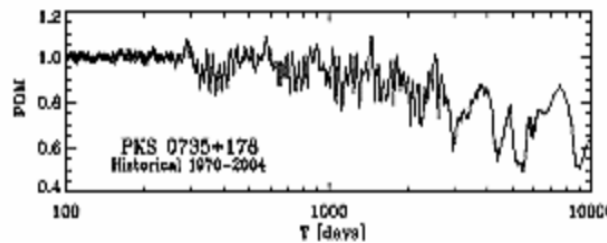


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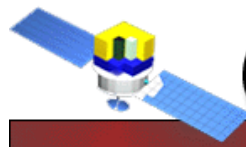


- Phase Dispersion Minimization.
- Gaps Window Function.
- periodogram GWFP.
- Discrete Wavelet Transform scalogram\*.

Such methods could be applied to LAT lightcurves.

\*: the two-dimensional energy density function  $DWT(t,T)^2$ , where DWT is the Discrete Wavelet Transform computed using a Morlet mother waveform,  $t$  and  $T$  the time and period scale respectively.

Stefano Ciprini - AGN/Blazar WG "F2F Meeting", SLAC, March 2006



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Summary of the characteristic timescales\* revealed by the timeseries analysis (when possible) performed with the methods cited above. On long timescales some major temporal components, possibly modulating the long term trend are found. On intervals shorter than 200 days (monitored by our seasonal observations), there are not hints of typical recurrent timescales, but signatures of several intermediate (weeks) timescales. Data and results in Ciprini et al. (2006, submitted).

Observing season	Duration [days]	$N_{on}$	$\langle n \rangle$	$\langle \Delta t \rangle$ [days]	$\Delta t_{max}$ [days]	$SF T_{dr}$ [days]	$PSD$ slope $\alpha$	$SF T_{to}$ [days]	$DACF T_{pe}$ [days]	$LSP T_{pe}$ [days]	$CDFT T_{pe}$ [days]	$PDM T_{dr}$ [days]	$DWT T_{pe}$ [days]
<i>B</i> 1906-2004 <sup>†</sup>	98.1y	989	1.7	20.7	12.78y	11.6y, 25y,	...	...	8.6y, 24.7y	8.6y, 13.2y, 33.7y	34y	8.2, 12.6y, 15.2y	13.7y
<i>B</i> 1906-1958 <sup>†</sup>	52y	122	1.4	114	8.95y	12.3y, 18.5	...	...	11.4y	5.7y, 10.8y	...	11.6y	10.9y
<i>B</i> 1970-2004 <sup>†</sup>	33.3y	867	1.8	7.8	1.63y	4.4y, 8.1y, 11.8y	1.5, 2.0	0.6y, 1.5y	3.5y, 4.5y, 8.6y	8.4y, 12.5y	4.5y	8.2y, 12.6y, 15y	4.8y, 7.4y
<i>R</i> III Oct.94-Apr96	191	43	1.8	2.5	20.8	79	...	...	18	...	...	18, 78	25
<i>R</i> IV Sep95-Apr96	203	62	1.4	2.3	12.9	39	$1.97 \pm 0.25$	...	28	...	...	...	34
<i>R</i> V Oct96-Apr97	178	53	1.6	2.1	17.9	50, 79	$1.77 \pm 0.2$	36	...	50, 77	...	77	...
<i>R</i> VI Oct97-Apr98	189	52	1.3	2.8	15.9	32, 66	...	...	68	...	...	33, 66, 97	95
<i>R</i> VII Oct98-May99	189	51	1.2	3.0	21.0	96	$1.64 \pm 0.09$	31	54, 96	53, 102	...	30, 54	48, 96
<i>R</i> VIII Nov99-Mar00	144	36	1.4	2.7	22.2	83	$1.84 \pm 0.12$	78	...	...	...	25	...
<i>R</i> IX Oct00-Mar01	153	20	1.4	5.6	31.2	27, 56	...	...	33	28	28	...	40, 76
<i>R</i> X Oct01-May02	201	62	2.3	1.4	24.8	69	$1.46 \pm 0.17$	65	41	41, 54	52	55, 81	...
<i>R</i> XI Nov02-Apr03	144	42	1.1	3.3	24.9	24, 60	$2.34 \pm 0.12$	...	28	28	27	55	40
<i>R</i> XII Sep03-Feb04	148	33	1.0	4.6	21.0	18, 55	...	...	20, 42	...	...	56	52

<sup>†</sup> Time scales followed by "y" are expressed in years.

\*: characteristic timescale: "the major scale of variability", i.e. where there is more energy in the power spectral density of the signal.