



Observing Application

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Are Symbiotic-Star Outflows Really Jets?

Abstract:

We aim to determine whether the bipolar outflows ejected from symbiotic stars are fundamentally the same kind of structures that are found in X-ray binaries, protostars, and young stellar objects (YSOs). In early March, the symbiotic star Hen 3-1341 (V2523 Oph) was observed to be undergoing a bright optical outburst, with the spectroscopic signatures of a collimated, symmetric, bipolar outflow. We request a series of four, one hour sessions of JVL time in C band to determine when Hen 3-1341 becomes radio bright and to watch the rise and fall of the radio emission, a total time of four hours over the course of four months. Because we expect any jet in Hen 3-1341 to rise in radio on a timescale of months, we require the first epoch of radio observations within the next month. If the presence of radio emission is confirmed by these observations, then we will propose to image and monitor the developing radio jet with e-MERLIN; these exploratory JVL observations have the sensitivity to determine whether radio imaging will be feasible, and will thereby allow us to plan future observations.

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Related proposals:

Joint:

Not a Joint Proposal

Observing type(s):

Continuum, Monitoring

VLA Resources

Name	Conf.	Frontend & Backend	Setup
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EVLA	B	C Band 6 cm 4000-8000 MHz WIDAR OSRO, Full Polarization	Rest frequencies: 4500.0,7500.0 MHz Subband Bandwidth: 128.0 MHz No. of Channels: 64 Poln. products: 4.0 Channel Width: 2000.0 kHz Total Bandwidth: 2,048.00 MHz

Sources:

Name	Position		Velocity		Group
Hen3-1341	Coordinate System	Equatorial	Convention	Radio	Sym
	Equinox	J2000			
	Right Ascension	17:08:36.58 00:00:00.0	Ref. Frame	LSRK	
	Declination	-17:26:30.5 00:00:00.0	Velocity	0.00	

Sessions:

Name	Session Time (hours)	Repeat	Separation	LST minimum	LST maximum	Elevation Minimum
1	1.00	4	30 day	00:00:00	00:00:00	17

Session Constraints:

Name	Constraints	Comments

Session Source/Resource Pairs:

Session Name	Source	Resource	Time	Figure of Merit	Subarray
1	Hen3-1341	EVLA	1.0 hour	0.007 mJy/bm	

Present for observation: no

Staff support: None

Plan of Dissertation: yes