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X-ray and γ-ray Observations of Blazars; Recent Progress and Future Perspectives

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Unified View of Blazars



High energy end of emission components;
 LE.... X-ray (HBL)
 HE.... TeV γ (HBL)
 GeV γ (QHB)

Variability of HBLs (Mrk 421)

1995



- Rapid "shots" + long-term trend

- X-ray/ TeV γ ray variabilities >> optical, EUVE

Optical & GeV γ Variability of LBL (BL Lac)

Bloom et al. 1998



Variability of factor 2 on time scale of ~ 1 day
Optical & GeV fluxes are well correlated

Similar to the X-ray and TeV correlation of HBLs

"Long-term" Monitoring of Blazars

- Blazars are *always* active regardless of their flux states
- Long-term variabilities are observed in radio/optical bands

actually, no quiescent state in the true sence

Mrk 501 (X-ray: Kataoka et al. 2001)

Mrk 421 (optical: Tosti et al. 1998)





- Central black-hole mass: 10⁹ M•
- D_0 : initial separation : ~ ~ 10 R_g
- Central engine intermittently expels shells of material with various Lorentz factors ($\Gamma_{\rm BLK} \sim 10$), which collides at

 $D \sim \Gamma_{BLK}^2 D_0 \sim 10^{17} \text{ [cm]}$

Flare Profiles

- Time-scale of the flare : $t_{crs} = \frac{2}{c\Gamma_m^2} \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma_{rs}^2} \frac{1}{\Gamma_2^2} \right|$
- Energy Dissipation:
- Maximum energy

 $\mathbf{E}_{\mathrm{m}} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{c}^{2} (\Gamma_{1} - \Gamma_{\mathrm{m}}) + \mathbf{M}\mathbf{c}^{2} (\Gamma_{2} - \Gamma_{\mathrm{m}})$

if $\Gamma_2 \sim \Gamma_1$

$$\gamma_{\max} \propto \frac{v_s}{c} \propto D^{-1}$$

if $\Gamma_2 >> \Gamma_1$

- Small distance & short flare
- Large variations in flux
- -γ_{max} increases significantly



- Small variations in flux
- Only little changes in γ_{max}



Simulation Study

- $\Gamma_{\rm m} = 10$, $\sigma_{\Gamma} = 0.005$, $D_0 = 3 \times 10^{13}$ [cm]
- Shells mainly collide at $D \sim 10^{3-4} D_0 = 10^{17-20}$ [cm]
- Only the flares due to collisions at the smallest distance will be appeared as **"shots (daily flares)**"





Short-term (daily flares)

- Acceleration, cooling, and/or shock-crossing time in the jet
- Only visible at the high energy end of *e*-population

Long-term (quasi-steady)

- Changes in mass accretion rate to the B.H
- Commonly observed from radio to γ-ray

Spectral Evolution of Mrk 421



 Synchrotron peak shifts to higher *E* in the brightening phase, indicating that γ_{max} increased during the flares. - Wide-band X-ray data from 0.1 keV to 30 keV (Beppo-SAX+ASCA+RXTE)

- Two components are visibile in the synchrotron emission?



Spectral Evolution of Mrk 501



- X-ray/TeV correlation
- Variability amplitude becomes maximum at keV and TeV energies

-Quasi steady
(accumulation of small flares at large distance)
+ flaring component
(collision takes place at smallest distance)



Science with GLAST: variability monitoring

Credit: Mattox, Bertsch, & Dermer



- Monitoring both intra-day and long-term variabilities



Probing the activity of central engine and dynamics in the jet at the same time

Kinematics from Upstream to Downstream



Science with GLAST: Spectra



 GLAST can monitor the spectral evolution of "inverse-Compton" component, as for the "synchrotron" peak!
 SSC or ERC?, absorption by DIRB, K-N effect ...

Collaboration with Other Missions



-Monitor of All-sky X-ray Image (MAXI)



MAXI

- To be placed on the International Space Station in 2007
- Energy range is 0.5 30 keV for combined CCD camera and Gas Slit Camera (effective area of GSC is 5350 cm²)



MAXI simulation of 5-month observation



> 1000 sources

Sensitivity of MAXI





Conclusion

- Recent simultaneous campaigns have confirmed that continuous monitorings of blazars in various energy bands are important to understand jet physics
- Monitoring the long-term variability would be a key to understand jet B.H. connection
- Future collaboration with GLAST and other missions will open a "NEW ERA" for blazar study

X-ray long-look of HBLs (ASCA)

X-ray Light Curves



Power Spectrum Density



- Daily flares are commonly obseved
- Steep PSD for t < 1 day
 R ~ ct_{var}δ~ 10¹⁶ [cm]
- *NO "quiescent"* period in any of the light curves
- Longer time scale variability (>> 1 day) is also present

Unified Picture of Blazars



Fossatto et al. 1997; Ghisellini et al. 1998, Kubo et al. 1998

- Low energy;synchrotron, high energy; inverse Compton
- Fainter sources have higher peak frequencies
- However, most of data are obtained non-simultaneously