Synergy between JVN & HE-astrophysics

VERA-Ishigákijima

in the Era of Multi-Messenger Astronomy

The extreme Universe viewed in very-high-energy gamma rays 2021 (Feb 21-22, 2021 @ Zoom)

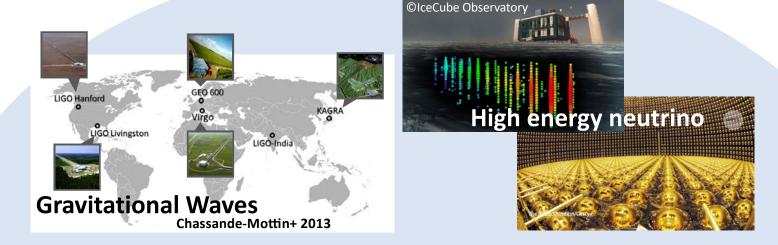
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Multi-Messenger Astronomy

Importance of time-domain: Time Domain Astronomy



Extreme object Extreme phenomena











EM observation → Counterpart / Emission mechanism





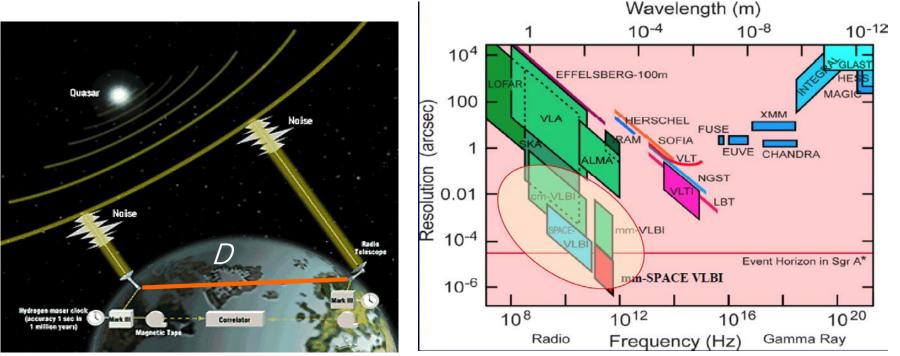
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Radio Interferometer

Very long baseline Interferometry (VLBI)



Angular resolution (typical):

- $\theta \sim 1$ milli-arcsec (mas)
- (= 1/3600000 degree or "視力~60000")
- $D \sim 2000 \text{ km}$
- $\lambda \sim 1 \text{cm} (\nu = 30 \text{GHz})$

* 1Jy = 10^{-26} Wm⁻²Hz⁻¹

VLBI is sensitive to compact object with "high brightness temperature"

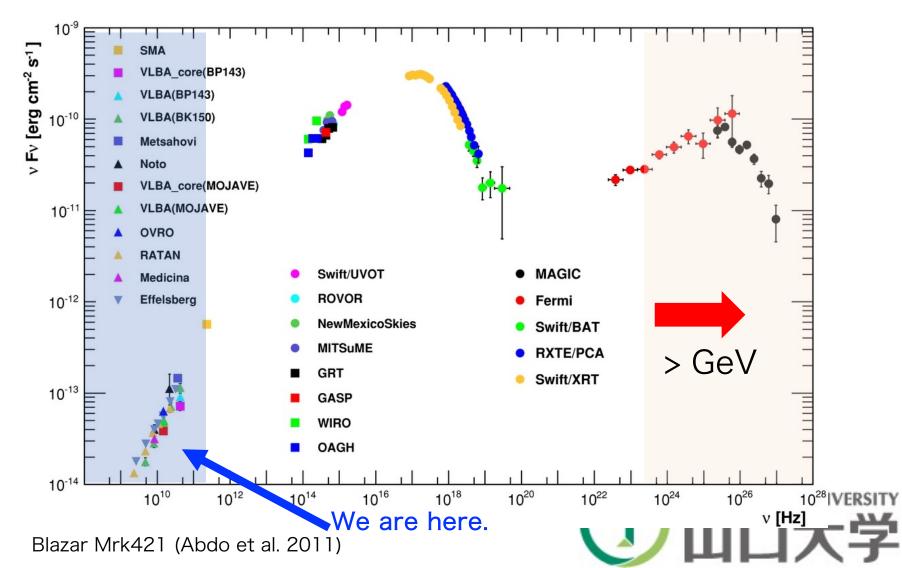
$$T_{\rm B} \propto S_{\nu} \theta^{-2} \nu^{-2} (1+z)$$

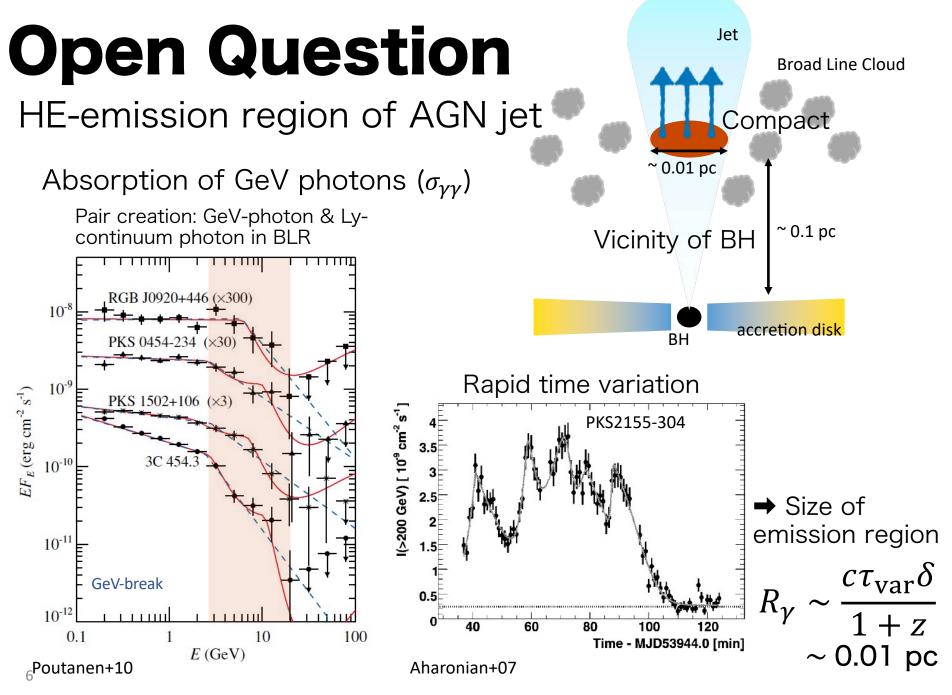
(e.g., 1mas, 0.1Jy, 10GHz -> $T_{\rm B} \sim 10^9$ K)

Synergy with future VHE γ **-ray astronomy**

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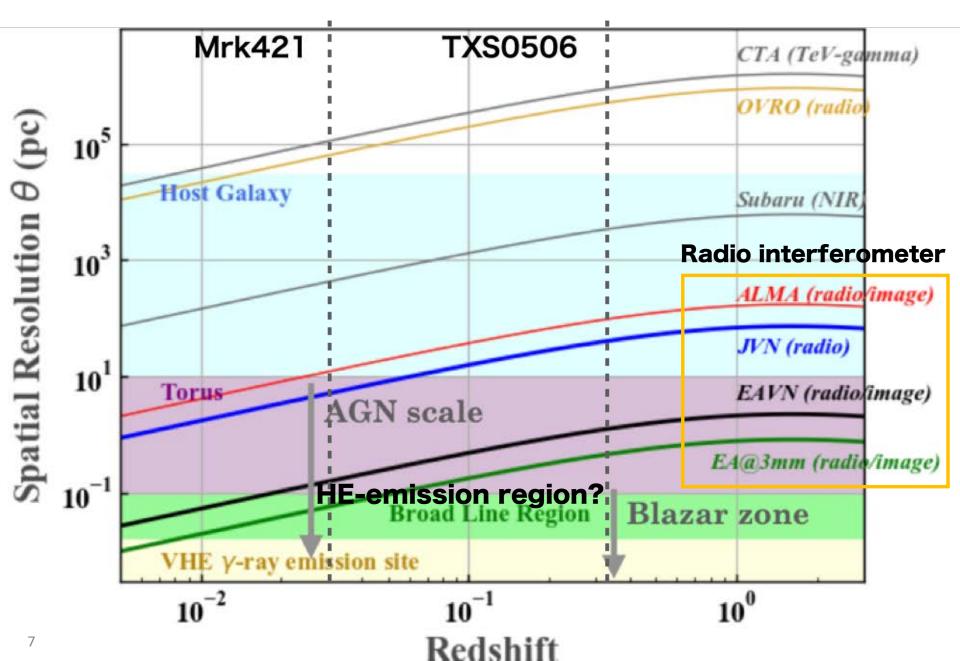
Collaboration between the LOWEST energy & the HIGHEST energy



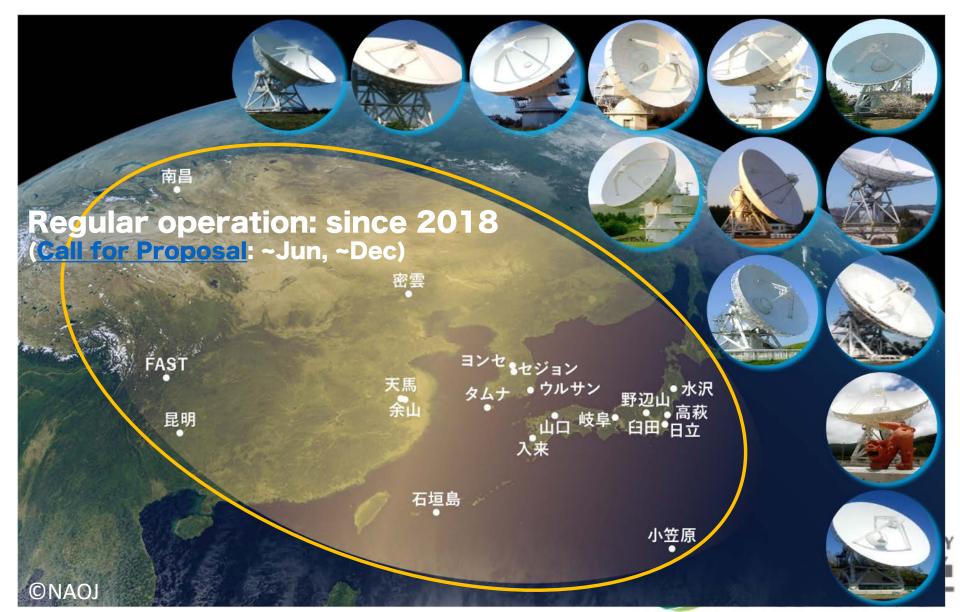


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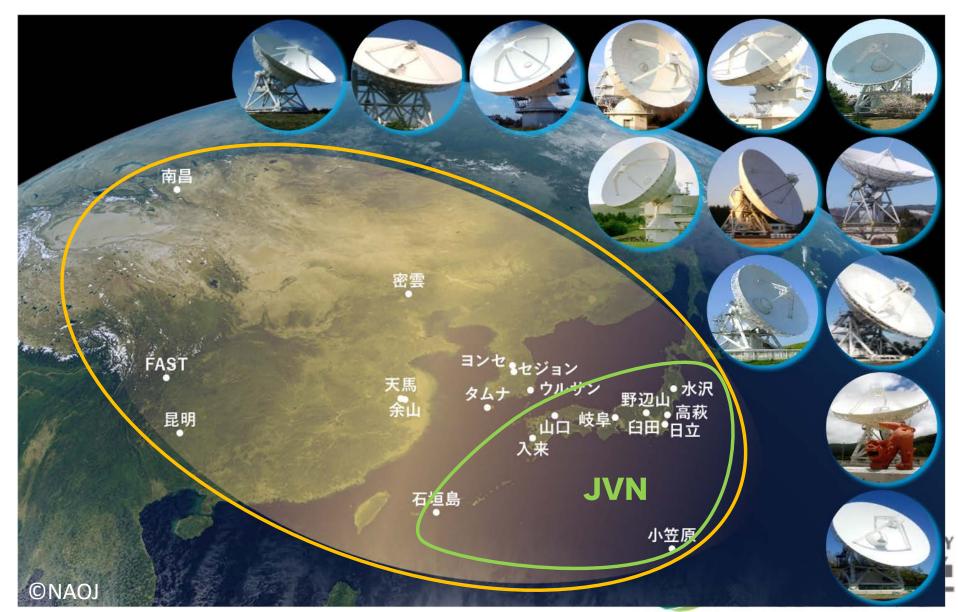
M_{BH}=10⁸M_●を仮定



East Asia VLBI Network: EAVN



Japanese VLBI Network: JVN



Japanese VLBI Network (current status)

- Collaboration Network of 6 Universities and Research Institutes
 - NAOJ (VERA)
 - Ibaraki, Tsukuba, Gifu, Osaka-pref., Yamaguchi, Kagoshima Universities
 - JAXA, NICT
- Network
 - 9 telescopes (11m ~ 64m)
 - Usually 6 telescopes for imaging observation
 - Baseline length: 200 2300 km
 - Frequency 6/8/22 GHz
 - Detection sensitivity: 3 mJy (6/8 GHz, Ibaraki-Yamaguchi) achieved in a few min
- Status
 - 200hr/yr, 30 observations/yr in 2020
 - Imaging observation (~6 telescopes)
 - Detection observation (Ibaraki-Yamaguchi)



Japanese VLBI Network (JVN)

Call-for-Proposal: Mar, Jul, Nov (Collaboration with at least one of the JVN

(Collaboration with at least one of the JVN members is required)

http://astro.sci.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/jvn/index.html

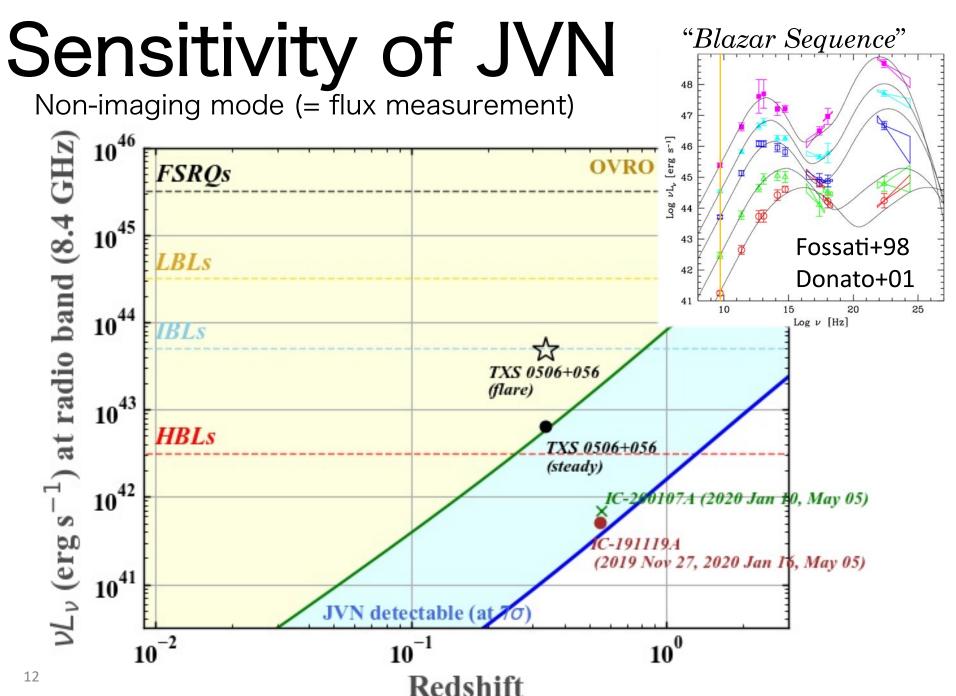


Recent Activities

- Participation to EAVN (Ibaraki & Yamaguchi)
 - Takahagi 32m (Ibaraki) @ 22 GHz (2020A~)
 - Hitachi 32m (Ibaraki) & Yamaguchi* 32m or 34m @ 6 GHz (2021A~)
- Ibaraki-Yamaguchi single baseline observation
 - High sensitivity (~3 mJy), fringe-detection observation (nonimaging)
 - Surveys of various categories of astronomical objects
 - First results to be published soon
- Future plan
 - Working group of future VLBI astronomy of Japan (in VLBI consortium of Japan)
 - White paper was published in 2021 Jun (written in Japanese, <u>here</u>)

* Serious system trouble was occurred in Yamaguchi station and cancelled the participation in EAVN session in FY2021





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850 km

VERA Iriki 20m

Ibaraki-Yamaguchi single baseline observation & Yamaguchi Interferometer (YI)

110 m

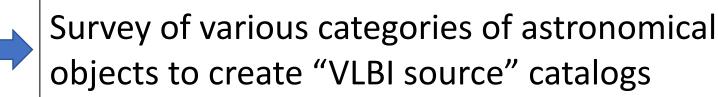
Yamaguchi

VERA Ishigaki 20n

- Ibaraki-Yamaguchi
 - Fringe detection oriented VLBI
 - Non-imaging, fringe detection
 - High sensitivity with 32/34m
 - ~3 mJy (7 σ) @ 6/8 GHz
 - $T_{bmin} \sim 10^7 \text{ K}$
- Yamaguchi Interferometer (YI)
 - Regular operation: 2019~
 - Total flux density observation
 - High sensitivity of ~3mJy (7 σ)
 - Long available time

(>1000 hr/yr in future)

Status: Steady Operation





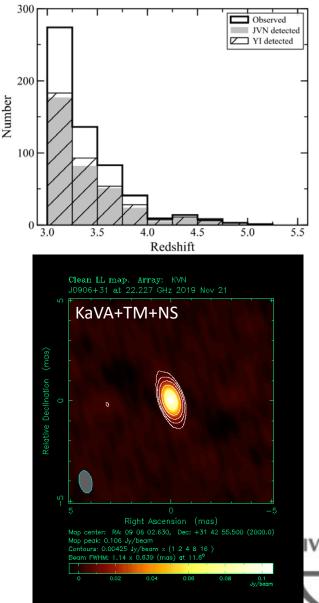
VERA Mizusawa 20n

VERA Ogasawara 20n

Ibaraki

Survey and Imaging The extreme Universe viewed in very-high-energy gamma rays 2021 Observation of High-z AGNs (Furuya)

- Radio properties of high-z AGN jets
 - Structure and spectrum
 - Blazar (Large Doppler)
 - CSS/GPS/HFP (Young jet)
 - Luminosity function
 - Evolution in the cosmological time
- JVN Survey
 - Large and uniform sample survey
 - Selected from SDSS/FIRST survey
 - 570 AGNs with z>3 were observed
 - 363 detected by JVN (Ibaraki-Yamaguchi)
 - ~80% of them show flat spectrum
- EAVN Imaging
 - Imaging by EAVN at 22 GHz for 8 sources
 - An example (J0906+31) ->



MWL/MM astronomy with JVN

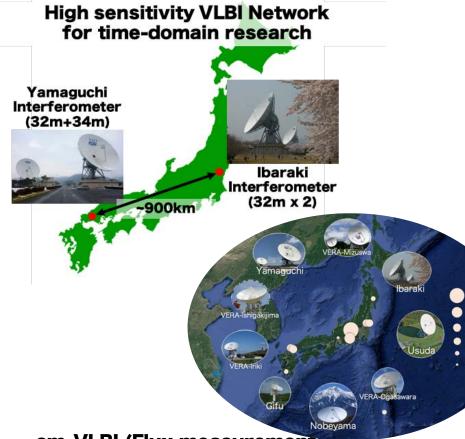
- Target
 - Extreme objects
 - Transients: e.g., EHE-neutrino blazar candidates
 - (very) faint blazars such as HBLs/UHBLs or extreme blazars
 - Targets from flare program / long term monitoring ("*Science with the Cherenkov Telescope Array*")
 - ➡ Taking advantage of the high sensitivity of JVN
- Combination of non-imaging and imaging
 - Non-imaging **BUT** high cadence (Ibaraki-Yamaguchi array)
 - Difficulty in discussion on "structure"
 - Monitor of radio flux extracted from very compact region
 - Imaging: pc-scale structure **BUT** time consuming
 - JVN, EAVN (high-quality image)



Multi-Messenger astronomy

with high temporal/spatial resolution observation

64m 45m 34m 32m 20m

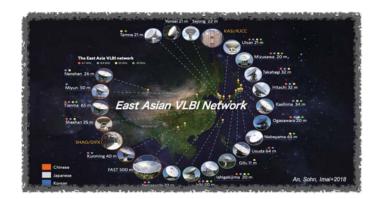


cm-VLBI (Flux measurement)

- Higher spatial resolution
- High sensitivity

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- snapshot -> High-cadence
- "my" telescope -> flexible operation





mm-VLBI (imaging)

- Higher spatial resolution
- Structural variation
- Transparent to sync. emission

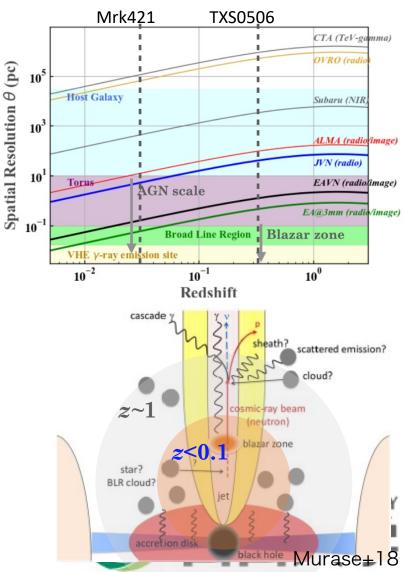
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Toward the era of Cherenkov Telescope Array

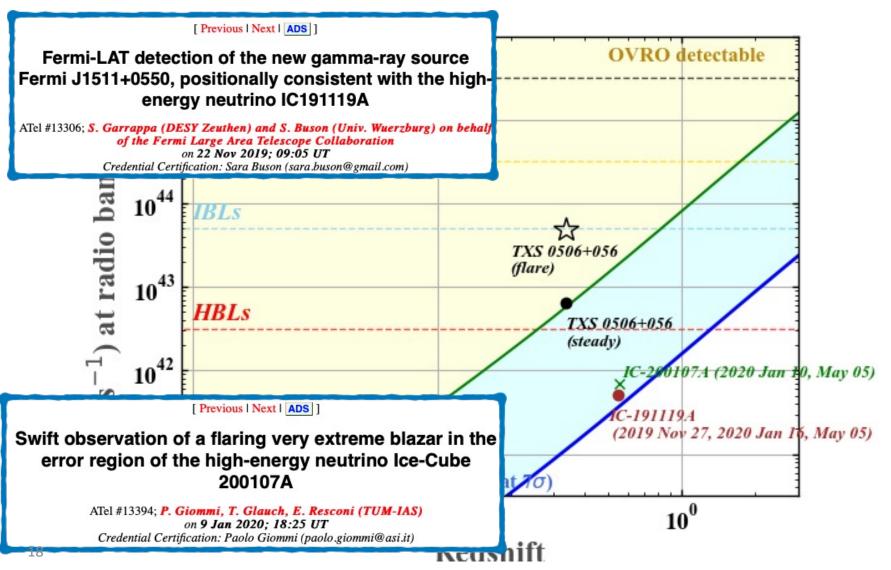
- Preparatory study with JVN
 - JVN survey to search for further (e)HBL candidates from unidentified gamma-ray sources

E.g., Snapshot of all radio sources located within the positional error of each gamma-ray object

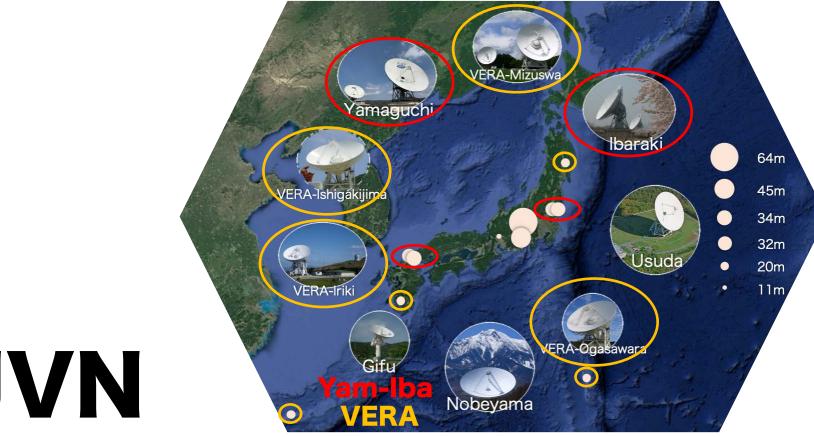
- Developing new EA-3mm-VLBI
 - Approaching to the size of HEemission region (For nearby TeV γray blazars, scale of BLR will be spatially resolved)



HE-v blazar Search for the 2nd, 3rd TXS 0506



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JVN

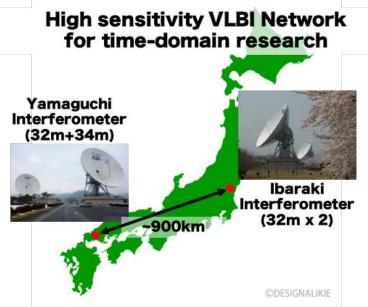
Capability of polarization observation

- Yamaguchi Ibaraki VLBI array •
- VERA array



Yamaguchi-Ibaraki array

- VLBI observation
 - 6GHz / 8GHz, ΔS_{min} ~0.5mJy in 5min
 - Circular polarizations (RHCP/LHCP)
- Polarization capability
 - Both RHCP/LHCP are available
 - **BUT** performance evaluation is yet to be done (especially as a VLBI)
 - Current status:
 - Total intensity (i.e., Stokes I) observation is available as a VLBI use
 - Stokes I / V observation are available as a single dish use for each telescope





VERA

- 2015: VERA has single polarization capability at 22/43GHz
- 2015: Start development of dual-pol. system at 22/43GHz

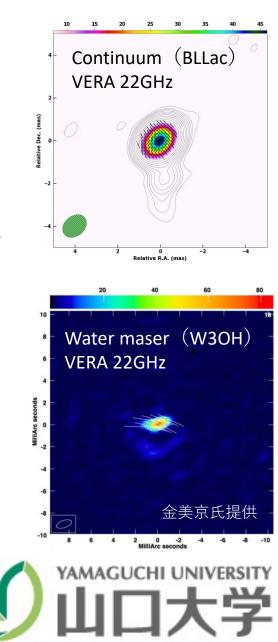
based on KAKENHI project (PI: Hagiwara (Toyo Univ.) and Hada (NAOJ))

- 2019: dual-pol system was installed onto all 4-VERA telescopes
- 2020: Dual-Pol commissioning observation together with EAVN
- **2021:** Dual-Pol wide-band (16Gbps/band) commissioning for only VERA
- Other VLBI networks in the world

VLBA 4Gbps, EVN 2Gbps KVN 16Gbps (4Gbps/frequency band) EHT 32-64Gbps (only one session per year)

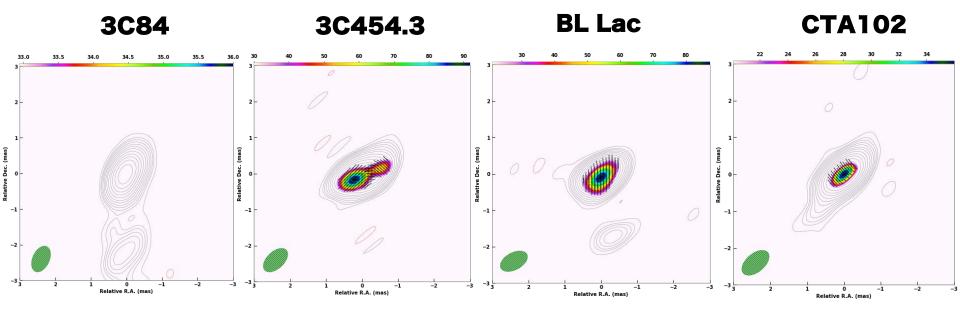
Hada-san's talk Japanese VLBI consortium symposium in 2021

²¹ 定常的に>10Gbps/バンド→ユニークなアレイ



VERA 43GHz polarization images

Contour:Stokes I (3ơ_l から表示) Color:sqrt(Q²+U²)(3ơ_pから表示) Bar:EVPA



- 3C84: No polarized emission was found (typical polarization calibrator)
- 3C454, BLLac, CTA102: A few % of of polarization fluxes are detected by VERA

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Summary

- VLBI possibly gives a clue to HE-emission site (location/size) in the AGN jet
 - Complementary to VHE-gamma-ray observation
 - High cadence observation with the high spatial resolution for MWL/MM astronomy
- Japanese VLBI Network
 - Unique VLBI array in the world (Universities' Collaboration VLBI)
 - High cadence flux measurement with the spatial resolution of ~10pc is available
 - Combination of non-imaging and imaging are important for MWL/MM
 - Accurate flux measurement by Ibaraki-Yamaguchi array will be available by redundant VLBI mode (uniqueness of JVN)
- Capability of VLBI polarization observation
 - Not established yet for Ibaraki-Yamaguchi baseline
 - VERA: under the wideband test observation (almost ready)

