

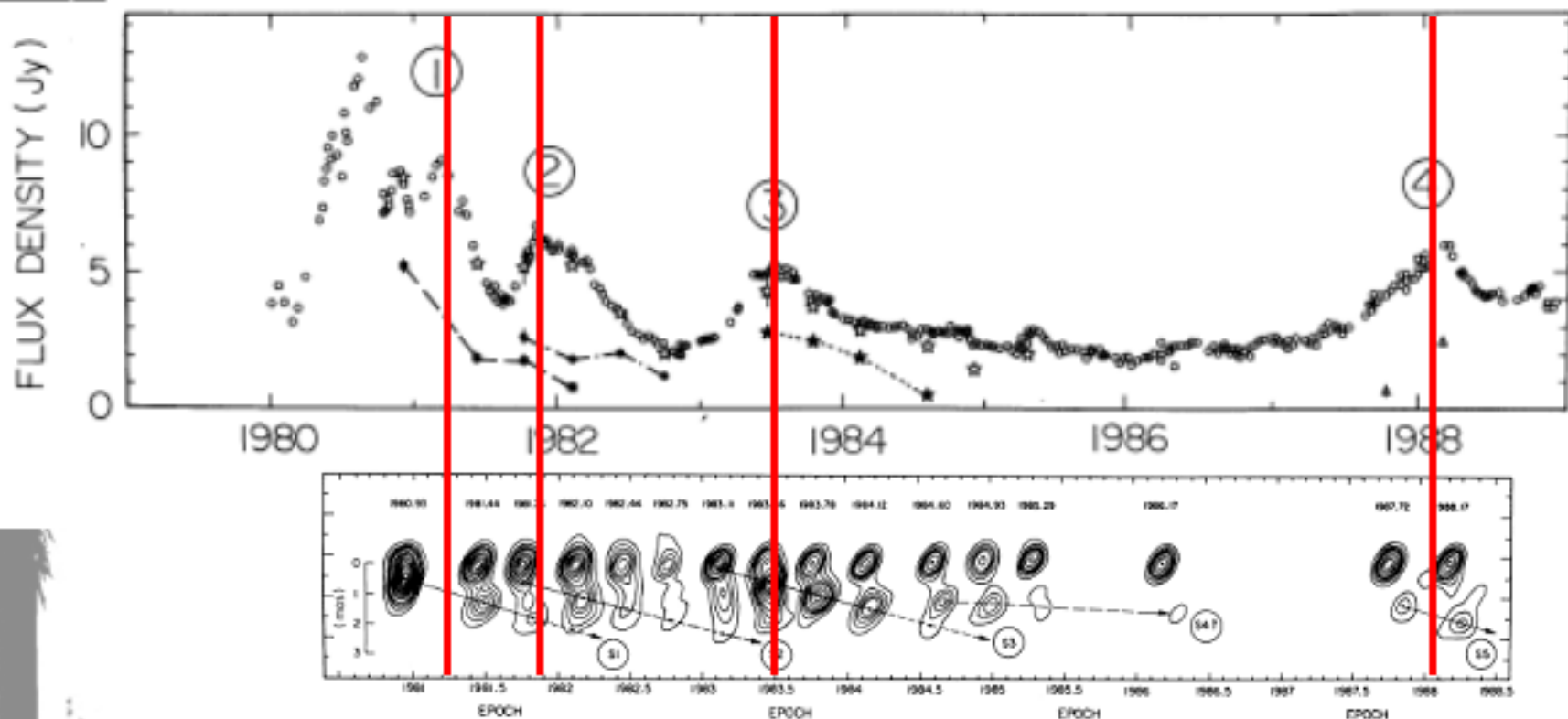


# Application of Geodetic-VLBI Data to Obtaining Long-Term Light-Curves for Astrophysics

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VLBI-images reveal the origins of flux-variation.



BL Lac, Mutel+90 ApJ 352 82

Close correlation between flux-variation and structure-variation.

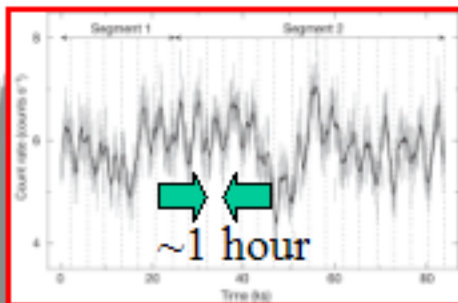
This is one of the good case to be explained with simple scenario.

However, many other cases are complex.

Further investigations are needed.

# Phenomenon $\Rightarrow$ Mechanisms and Time-Scales

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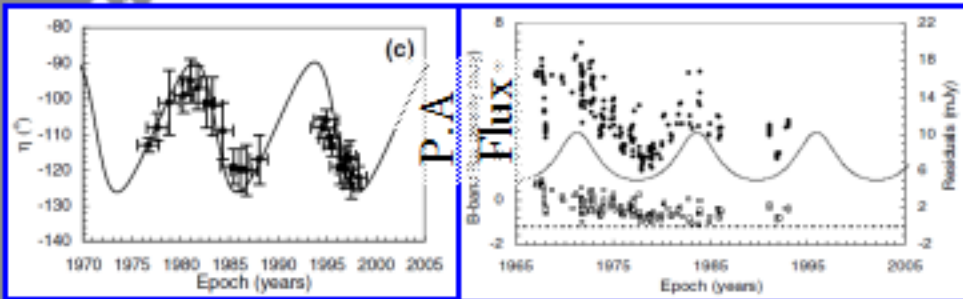


$$O(\text{kHz})@10M_{\odot} \Rightarrow O(1 \text{ hour})@10^{6-8}M_{\odot}$$

This is first observational evidence

RE J1034+396: Gierlinski+08 (Nature), XMM-Newton

Precession



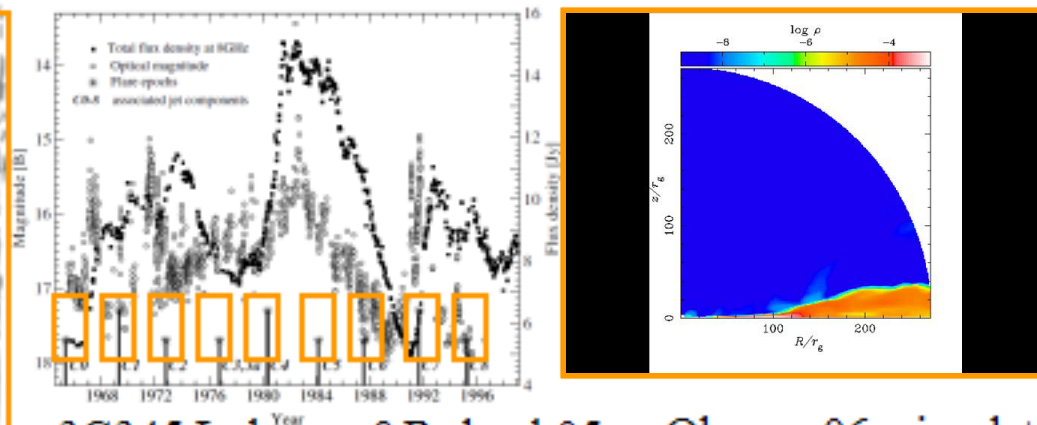
$$O(10^?, 10^3?) \text{ yr} @ 10^{6-8} M_{\odot}$$

Binary BH? Kerr BH? Magnetic?

At most 10 sources.

3C120: Caproni & Abraham 04b, VLBI+light curve

Disk instability



$$O(10^2) \text{ sec} @ 10M_{\odot} \\ \Rightarrow 3-300 \text{ yr} @ 10^{6-8} M_{\odot}$$

No one mentioned in detail for AGNs

3C345: Lobanov & Roland 05 Ohsuga 06, simulation, disk-instability  
Periodic knot ejection, VLBI+light curve

# Debated Precession Mechanism

## • Binary Black Hole

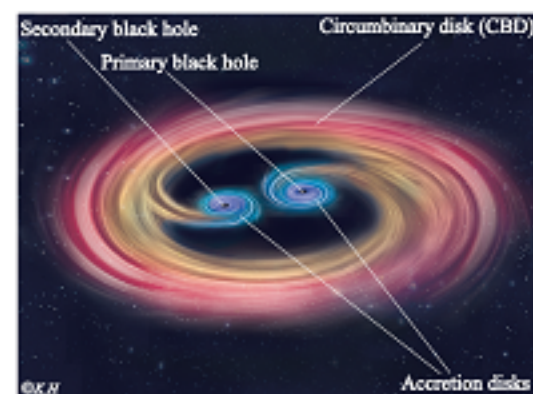
- P $\sim 10^1$  yr : Caproni+04ab, Abraham+99, etc
- P $\sim 10^3$  yr : Lobanov+05

## • KerrBH-disk misalignment

- P $\sim 10^1$  yr : Caproni+04c
- P $\sim 10^{3-6}$ yr : Lu+05

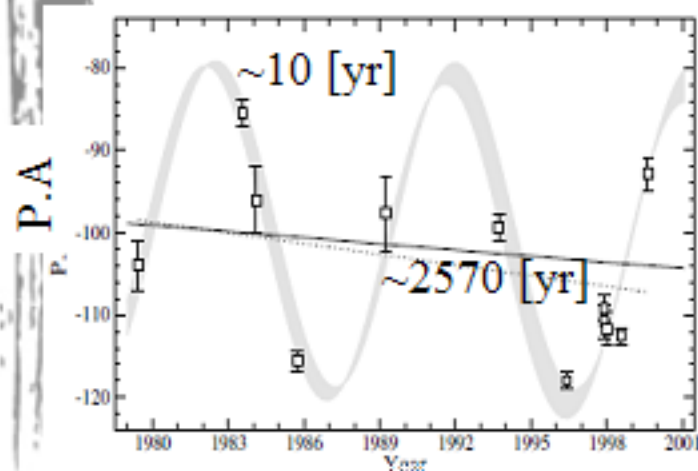
## • Helical trajectory? Instability in the jet?

## • Time-scale & mechanism are still unclear



Hayasaki 09

Triple disk? (simulation)



Epoch [yr] Lobanov+ 05 3C345

Source	BBH time-scale ref	KerrBH ref
3C345	10 Caproni+04a	Caproni+04c
	2570 Lobanov+05	Lu+05

Light-curves and VLBI-images are still important.

We need more target sources!!

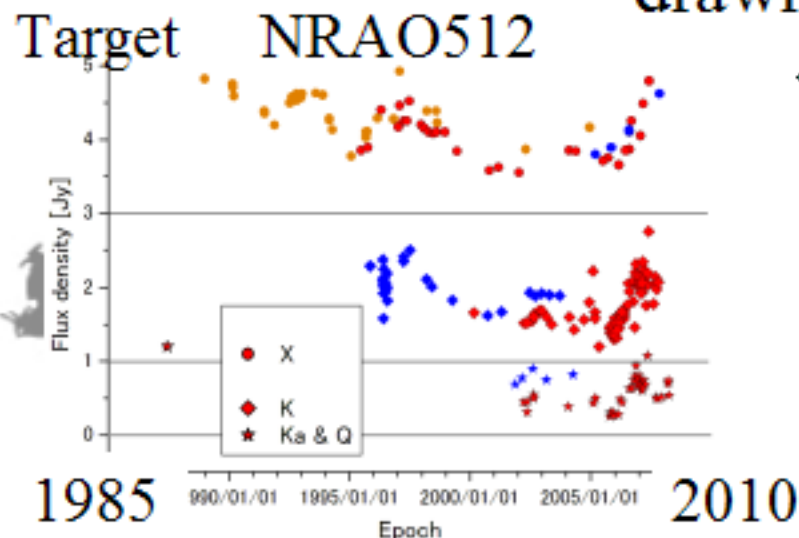
# VLBI-data is TREASURE for long-term light-curves

Wavelength		Observatory	Sources	duration	
X		RXTE		1995-	14
		MAXI	all-sky	2009-	0
OPT		MAGNUM(Japan)	60		8
		Wise Observatory	42	1991-1998	7
		Shajn		1960?-	
IR		KANATA(Japan)	40	2006-	3
Radio	C,X,U	UMRAO	200	1964-	45
	K,Ka,W	MRO	157	1985-	24
	L,Ka	Effelsberg	53	1991-1995	4
	S,X	GreenBank	33	1979-1985	6
Radio-X		WEBT-campaign			
Radio(VLBI)	P,L,S,C,X,Ku,K	VLBA		1993-	16
	I,P,L,C,X,U,K,Q,V,W	VLA		1980-	29
	S,X,K,Q	VERA(Japan)		2005-	4
	S,X,C,K,Q	JVN/OCTAVE(Japan)		2005-	4
	S,X	Geodetic VLBI		1979-	30

- Opt/IR observations have inevitable lack due to LST changing.
  - Radio observations can be conducted at daytime and nighttime.
- Radio observations have been conducted by UMRAO and MRO.
- Geodetic-VLBI provide us the long-term light-curves.
- Radio/Opt(or IR,X,  $\gamma$ ) correlation is noted lately. (ex. WEBT campaign)

## Tentative Results of the Light-curves

drawn with VLBI-data



← Kijima(PASJ) will be submitted.

Blue: SingleDish

Red&Orange :interferometer  
(VERA,OCTAVE,VLA,VLBA)

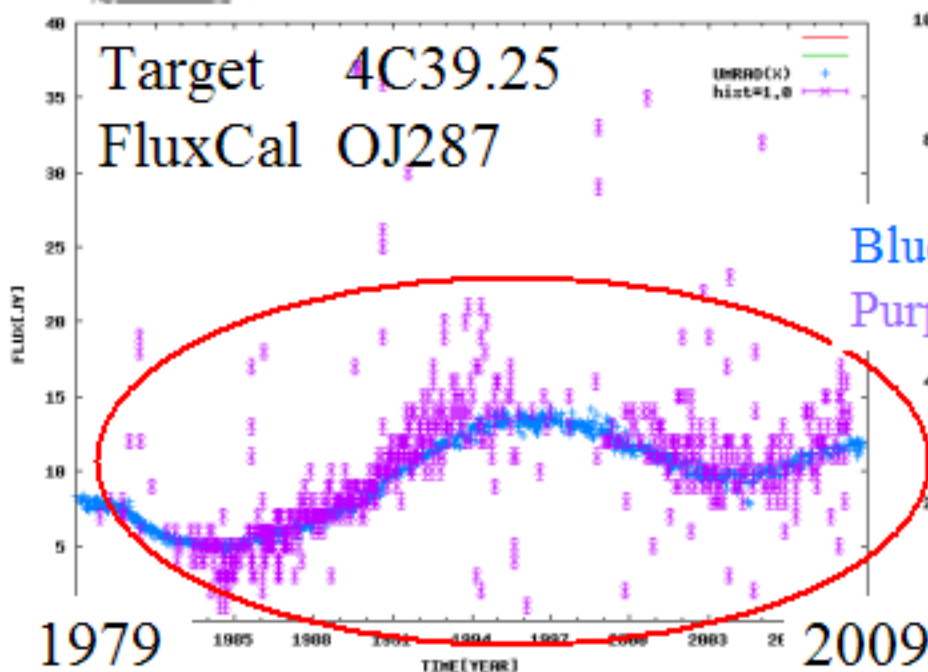
↓ Geodetic-VLBI (example)

$$S_{target} = \frac{\rho_{calibrator}}{S_{Michigan\_univ.}} \rho_{target}$$

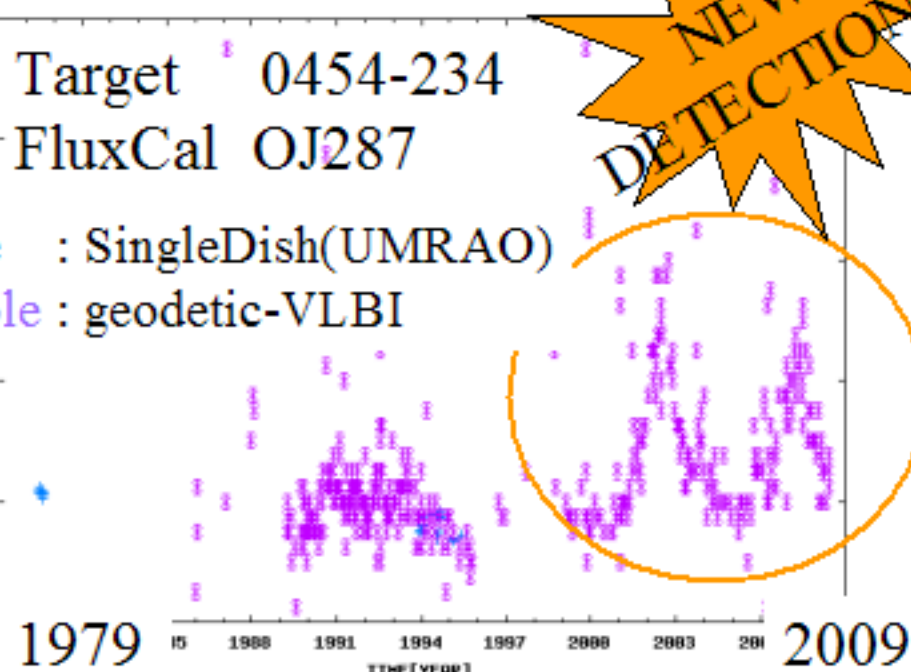
0454-234 (cal=OJ287)

Target 4C39.25  
FluxCal OJ287

Blue : SingleDish(UMRAO)  
Purple : geodetic-VLBI



Target 0454-234  
FluxCal OJ287



NEW  
DETECTION!!

# Summary: Thank you geodetic-VLBI community

Flux-variation is investigated with VLBI-images.

=>Correlation: Flux-variation – structure-variation

yr-order variability and mechanism.  
but highly debated.

VLBI-data ,especially **geodetic-VLBI**, are treasure for drawing light-curves as well as Single-Dish.

I **analyzed all IVS-data automatically**, but roughly yet.  
I showed my tentative results so far.

Future: establish this method, astrophysical analysis.

p.s. My program includes Hobiger(NICT)-program for translation data-format(MK3binary to NetCDF). Thank you.



I'm Eru. (・ω・▼)ノシ

Please speak very slowly with short sentence.

My brother want to discuss anytime. (ω < ▼)ノシ

Thank you very much for your kind attention







# Calibration-methods

- Use fixed-SEFD for each station
  - $\text{Flux} = (\text{SEFD}_i \times \text{SEFD}_j)^{0.5} \times \rho_{ij}$
  - Plan-A : IVS-opened SEFD (1999~)
    - Can not use data observed by old-stations
  - Plan-B : Estimated SEFD from  $\phi, \eta, T_{\text{sys}}$ 
    - Suppose  $\eta$  (Aperture efficiency) &  $T_{\text{sys}}$ (system temperature)
    - Can not deal with  $\phi$  (diameter)-change, c.f. DSN, moving-station.

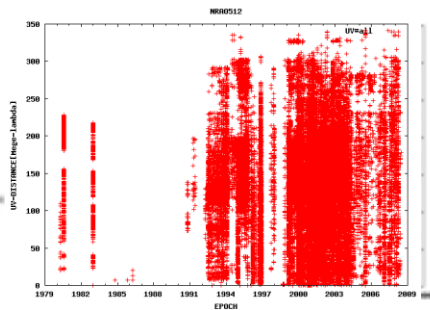
- Use flux-calibrator sources
  - $\text{Flux}_{\text{calibrator}} = \text{Flux observed by Single-Dish(Michigan univ.)}$
  - $\text{Flux}_{\text{calibrator}} = (\text{SEFD}_i \times \text{SEFD}_j)^{0.5} \times \rho_{ij,\text{calibrator}}$
  - $\text{Flux}_{\text{target}} = (\text{SEFD}_i \times \text{SEFD}_j)^{0.5} \times \rho_{ij,\text{target}}$ 
    - Can trace sensitivity-variation( $\phi, \eta, T_{\text{sys}}$ ) with time
    - Have to consider source-structure
      - => restrict UV-distance

# Parameter (definition)

- UV\_range [  $\lambda$  ] : Range of UV-distance
- Polate\_range [day] : Range for interpolating flux of calibration-source
  - re-sampling : 1 [day]
- Calib\_range [day] : Range for averaging SEFD
- Estim\_range [day] : Range for estimating target-flux

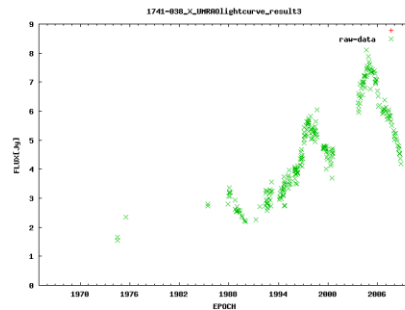
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UV-distance



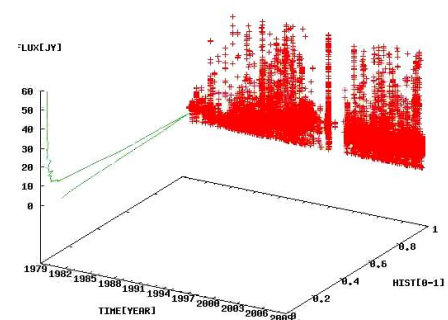
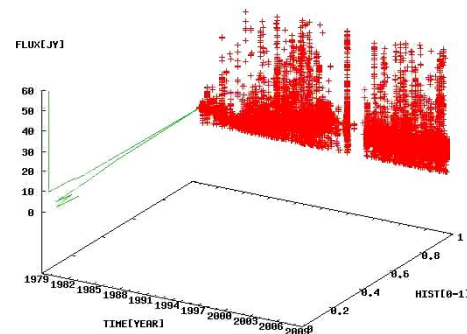
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FLUX<sub>UMRAO</sub>



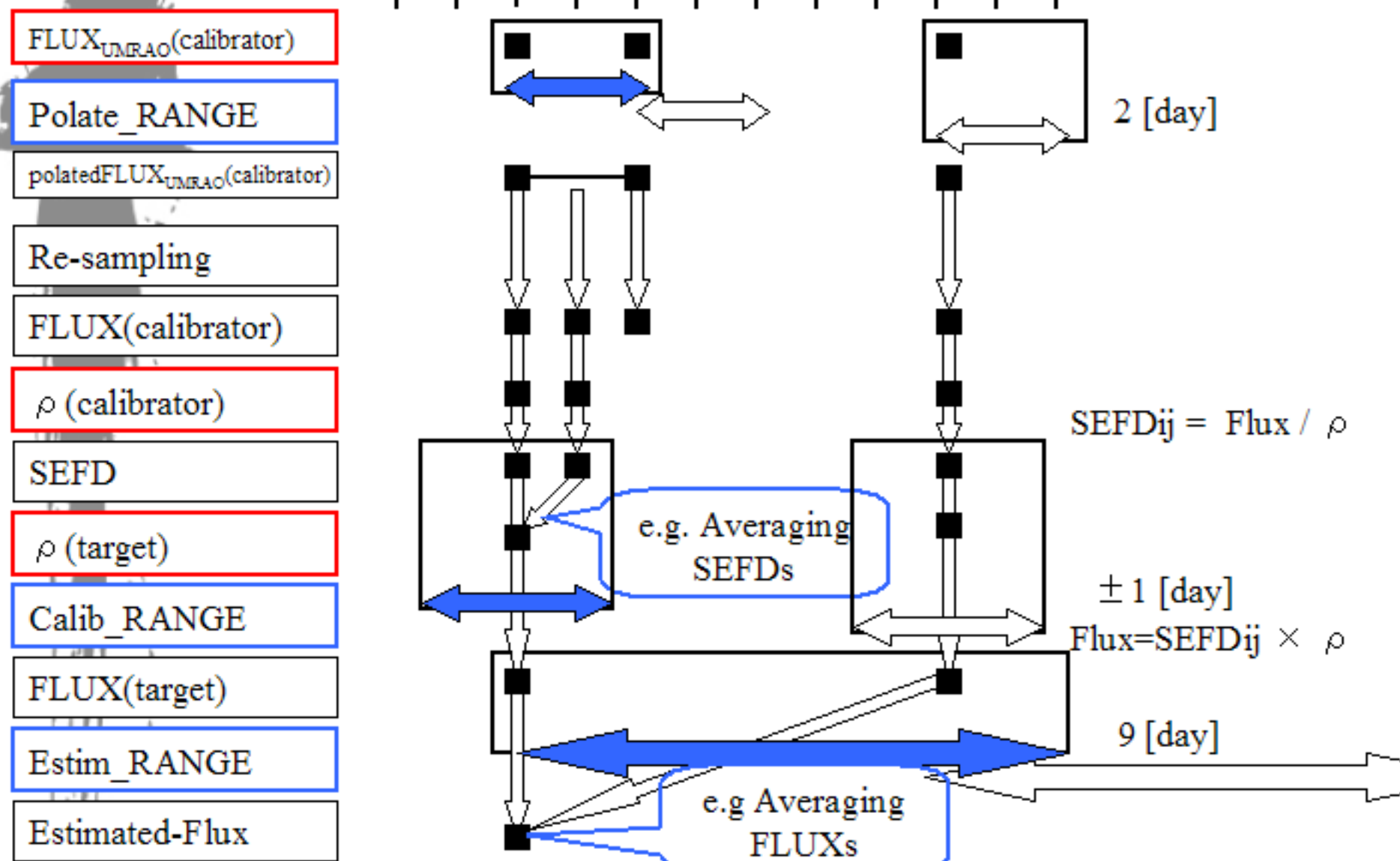
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FLUX<sub>IVS</sub>



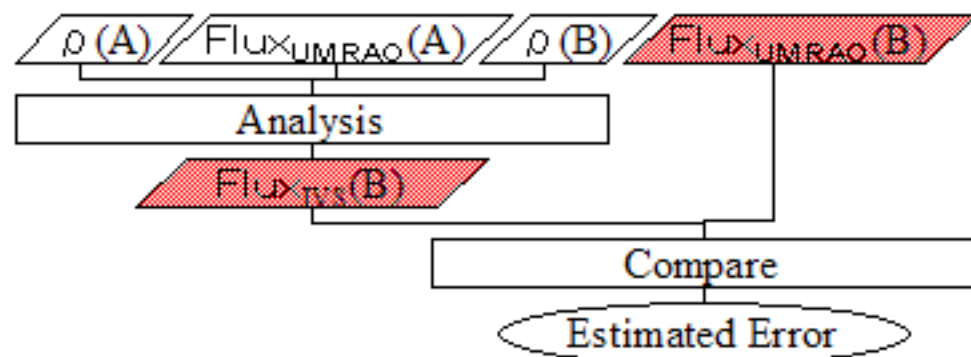
# Parameter (schematic view)

Time



# Diagnosis of analysis

- Calibrator-A, Calibrator-B
  - DATA:  $\rho(A)$ ,  $\text{Flux}_{\text{UMRAO}}(A)$ ,  $\rho(B)$ ,  $\text{Flux}_{\text{UMRAO}}(B)$
- ⇒ Calibrator-B as **target-source**
  - $\rho(A)$ ,  $\text{Flux}_{\text{UMRAO}}(A)$ ,  $\rho(B)$  ⇒  $\text{Flux}_{\text{IVS}}(B)$
  - Compare  $\text{Flux}_{\text{IVS}}(B)$  with  $\text{Flux}_{\text{UMRAO}}(B)$



# Tentative result so far

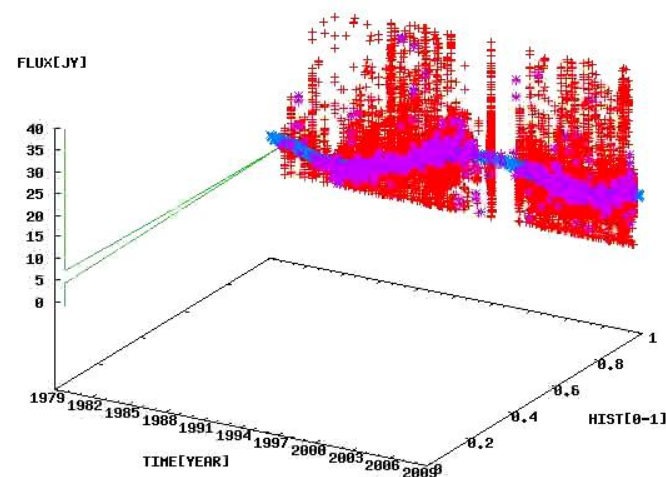
- Target = 4C39.25
- Calibrator = OJ287
- UV\_range = 0~50 [M $\lambda$ ]
- Polate\_range = 300000 [day]
- Calib\_range =  $\pm 1$  [day]
- Estim\_range = 10 [day]

Red : Visibility

Green : Histogram of visibility

Purple : Maximum of histogram

Blue : Flux (Michigan univ.)



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