Variable jet sources in the LOFAR band recent results on SS433

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- * Several commissioning observations with the HBA and LBA from August 2010 - January 2012.
- * Cycle 0 observations (LC0_039; PI Miller-Jones):
 - 1 x 4h HBA, 1 x 3.5h LBA to get a good sky model
 - 5 x 30 min HBA, 5 x 30 min LBA to monitor SS433 ~monthly
 - All observations complete apart from 1 x 30 min LBA



- * VLA 1465 MHz map (Dubner et al., 1998)
- * Resolution 56 arcsec x 54 arcsec
- * rms 0.5 mJy/beam



* VLA 74 MHz map (Miller-Jones et al., 2007)

* Resolution 108 arcsec x 93 arcsec, rms 192 mJy/beam

SS433/W50 HBA



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Declination

* Preliminary HBA map from Cycle 0

- * 4h run on 2013 Feb. 18
- * 48 MHz bandwidth; 115-163 MHz.
- * Observations of a calibrator every ~15 min
- * Baselines < 12 km for imaging

* Robust=0

* Resolution 62 arcsec x 42 arcsec (PA 33 deg)

- * Noise ~8 mJy/beam
- * SS433 peak flux 1.8 Jy/beam
- * SS433 integrated flux 2.5 Jy





LOFAR HBA

* Resolution
62 arcsec x
42 arcsec



VLA 20 cm

* Resolution
56 arcsec x
54 arcsec



* February - May 2013. Calibration uncertainty ~10%.
* Each run convolved to a common resolution (75 x 50 arcsec).





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3C380 calibrator data from 4h HBA Feb. observation



* Very preliminary 43-74 MHz averaged map from Cycle 0 (LBA_OUTER)

* 3.5h run 2013 February 13

* Simultaneous observations of target and calibrator

* Baselines < 12 km for imaging

* Robust=0

* Resolution 70 arcsec x 61 arcsec (PA 35 deg)

* Noise 35 mJy/beam

* SS433 peak flux 0.6 Jy/beam (?)

Summary and future work

- * High quality SS433/W50 data from Cycle 0.
- * Variability detected for SS433 in the high band.
- * Some monitoring observations still to be processed.
- * Spectral index map between HBA and LBA.
- * Higher-resolution, deep HBA map using more of the remote stations.
- * International station data for one HBA monitoring run.
- * Cycle 1 proposal.