BeSS report – August 2015

Data compiled by Valérie Desnoux Be projects section by Ernst Pollmann <u>here</u>

Observateur	Nb spec
TERRY	29
Sawicki	24
GARDE	17
Lester	16
Favaro	15
MONTIER	12
Leonardi	10
Pollmann	8
Thizy	7
Fosanelli	4
Bohlsen	4
de Bruin	4
DUBREUIL	3
MAUCLAIRE	3
Graham	2
Schwarz	1
Luckas	1

•	160	H-alpha	spectra	acquired

- 82 objects observed
- 17 observers contributed

The most observed objects were Gam Cas, del Sco, pi Aqr



Objects observed

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gam Cas	V986 Oph	20 Vul	25 Peg	31 Peg	2 Cet	V2144 Cyg	V568 Cyg	51 Oph		HD 163296
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66 Oph	HD 171780	lam Cyg	HD 195554	HD 192445	HD 203374	HD 150288				
chi Oph	V2113 Cyg	EW Lac	ELECTRA	V408 Lac	V750 Ara	V2136 Cyg				
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Emission increase since last observations







Moderate evolutions of H-alpha line



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Emission decrease of H-alpha line



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ARAS Campaign Radial Velocity y Cas

Dear colleagues, dear Anatoly and Myron!

What's going on within the rising radial velocity branch of gamma Cas? Our common monitoring shows around JD 2457220 to 2457240 (approx.) a "bump", which is not in harmony with the professional statement of a strict circuit orbit and a sine-curve RV (zero-eccentricity) of the companion. What means that? A further companion? What our professional colleagues are saying (a copy goes to A. Mirosnichenko and Myron Smith). At the OHP meeting we would have a great opportunity to continue this monitoring.

Ernst Pollmann

Comment Prof. Dr. Myron Smith

This is most interesting. And as I recall your RV measurements are taken by the Halpha emission profile. I have to think that this kind of change is caused by changes in the morphology of a no longer perfectly axisymmetric disk. As you know in the 1980-1990s Halpha emission showed a double peak (V, R components) that were probably cause by a precessing 1-armed structure (see Okazaki's work in the 1980s) for the instability that causes this. These features disappeared around the year 2000. I wonder if they are coming back. If so, they would be restarting at a random phase. The important point probably is to capture the timescale for this growth - and keep following it.

Comment Prof. Dr. Anatoly Miroshnichenko

I agree with Myron. We have noticed earlier that the Halpha line in the spectrum of Gamma Cas shows additional variations to those due to the orbital motion. This trend does not seem to be regular. Both Peter Harmanec and I removed it before determining the orbital solution. It definitely deserves a further study. I think we need to follow Gamma Cas for a longer period of time to determine the radial velocity trend. This phenomenon, as I pointed out earlier, has been described specifically for Gamma Cas. Perhaps other lines need monitoring as well to suggest a better explanation for the observed variations. A short summary with a figure showing recent changes in the radial velocity could be added to the monthly report that the BeSS users publish to alert other observers.

Comment Prof. Dr. Myron Smith

To add to Anatoly's comment, it just occurred to me to say that learned yesterday that another astronomer has observed gamma Cas with the X-ray satellite XMM. The data will be archived in the satellite's public site soon and one of my colleagues may be able to see what the status of the local column density is. If it is again high, it may tell us that the star is in outburst again. It would be good to confirm this, if this is the case. The confirmation will come in the photometry (like Greg Henry's APT data) and perhaps in changes in the spectral lines - particularly those that show emission (like Halpha).

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