The RXTE, ROSAT, IUE, EUVE, Optical Campaign Covering the 45-Day Supercycle of V1159 Orionis (Abstract)

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Abstract A comprehensive data set covering the superoutburst and 8 outbursts of the 45-day supercycle of the dwarf nova V1159 Ori was obtained in February–March 1996. The use of RXTE, ROSAT, IUE, and EUVE satellites, combined with ground-based optical photometry and spectroscopy, provided a broad picture of the accretion disk at different states. Results include an inverse correlation of the X-ray with the UV/optical fluxes, an outflowing wind during all outbursts, and large changes in the disk spectrum on time scales of less than a day. These results are compared to other dwarf novae and general theories of dwarf nova outbursts.

High Resolution Time-resolved UCLES Spectroscopy of AE Aqr: I. The Secondary Star Revealed (Abstract)

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Abstract High-dispersion time-resolved spectroscopy of the cataclysmic variable AE Agr has been obtained. The emission lines have a complex structure that make it difficult to measure the motion of the white dwarf. The cross-correlation for the absorption lines shows a clear asymmetric profile, as expected from a heated side of the red star. The spectral type for the secondary star varies from K2 to K5; there are clear indications that the temperature varies as a function of star longitude. The radial velocity analysis yields $K_{ab} = 165.2 \pm 0.6 \ Km \ s^{-1}$ for the cross-correlated secondary star. The rotational velocity of the red star has been measured as a function of orbital period. It shows ellipsoidal variations with a period half the orbital period. The rotational velocities vary within the range $V_{rot} \sin i = 105 \pm 3$ $Km \ s^{-1}$ and $V_{rot} \sin i = 130 \pm 3 \ Km \ s^{-1}$. The former can be used to constrain the white dwarf semi-amplitude value to yield $K_{em} = 139 \pm 4 \text{ Km s}^{-1}$, consistent with derived values from published radial velocity measurements. From a variation in the absorption line strength of 30%, we constrain the inclination angle to $i = 58^{\circ} \pm$ 3. The estimated masses of the binary are: $M_w = 1.07 \pm 0.07 M_{\odot}$ and $M_r = 0.90 \pm$ $0.05 M_{\odot}$. If this is correct we should expect a spectral type of G5 if the secondary star is a main sequence star. We suggest that the discrepancy is explained if the star has a radius 40% greater than a main sequence star for a mass of 0.90 M_{\odot} .