

Figure 1: Combined MERLIN/VLA map of B0218+357 at 5 GHz showing the main features of the system i.e. the two bright flat-spectrum cores and the Einstein ring.

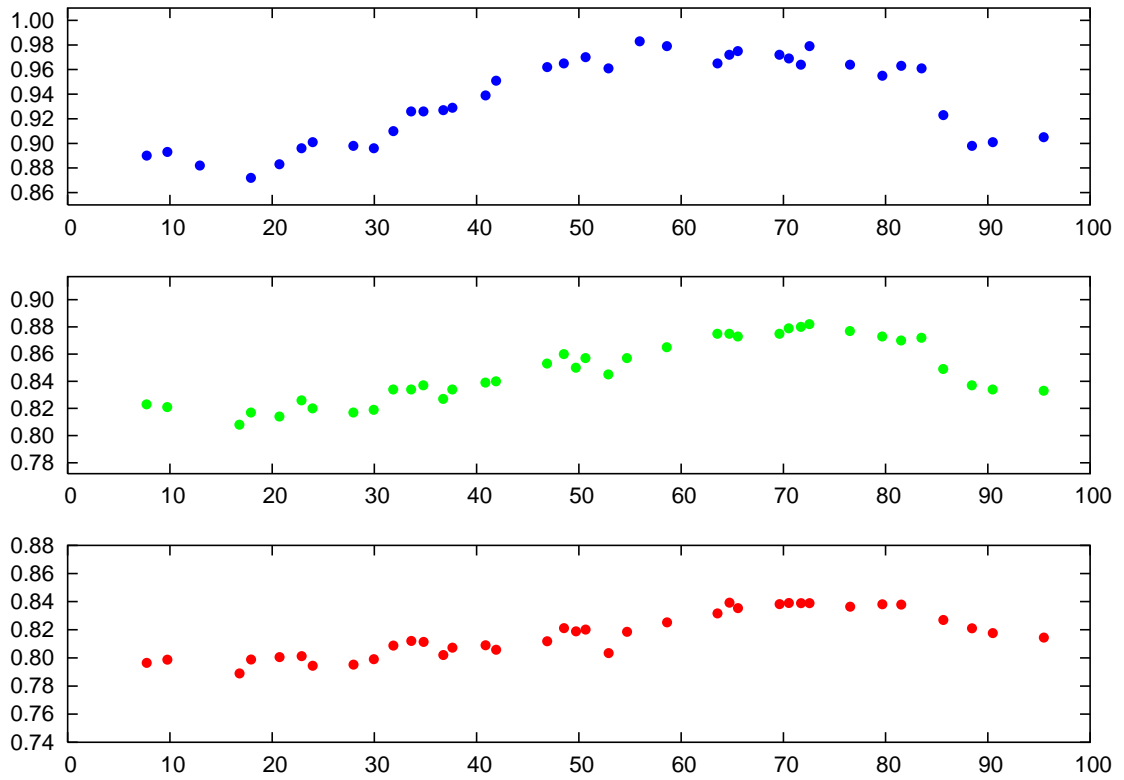


Figure 2: VLA total flux density of image A at three different frequencies, showing the increase in variability from 5 GHz (red), through 8.4 GHz (green) to 15 GHz (blue). Each plot is on the same fractional scale. The x axis shows time in days and the y axis flux in Jy.