2018-19年のひさき-NICER-X線望遠鏡協調観測で発見された近接連星系における 恒星フレア

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Stellar flare of a close binary system monitored by the Hisaki satellite during the NICER-Hisaki Observing Campaign 2018-2019

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Dynamics of stellar flare is still not well understood compared to that of the sun because of lack of continuous monitoring of distant stars at multiple wavelengths. Here we present a flare event at a close binary system, UX Arietis, monitored with the planetary extreme ultraviolet (EUV) space telescope Hisaki during the coordinated observing campaign with the NICER X-ray Telescope from late 2018 to early 2019. Time variability in the EUV spectrum of the binary was successfully monitored from the begging to the end of flare. Emission power at the EUV wavelengths peaked at 6e+24 W, which is comparable with that measured in the previous X-ray observations by e.g., the Advanced Satellite for Cosmology and Astrophysics (ASCA) (Gudel et al., 1999). The EUV spectrum showed emission lines of carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and silicon ions. Electron temperature and density, emission measure, and ion balance were reduced from the emission lines by EUV spectral diagnostics. The spectral diagnostic indicates that EUV emission region with density and temperature comparable to the solar chromosphere expanded to spatial scale of a stellar radius (1-4e+6 km) during the flare. We interpret the EUV emission region is a flare ribbon expanding in the chromosphere. The flare's spatial scale of a stellar radius clearly contradicts the previous implication that the flare loop bridges between the two stars of binary system separated by 1.6 AU (2.4e+8 km) (Simon et al., 1980).