VSOP PROPOSAL COVER SHEETS

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(2) Proposal title : Superluminal motion in the BL Lac object OT081

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(5) Proposal Abstract :

Many BL Lac objects have been observed highty variable radio flux. There are some objects observed superluminal motion. OJ287 and BL LAC itself in such objects are known that the advent of a new knot component coincides with a burst. Other objects except them are hardly known such phenomenon because almost BL Lac objects are unresolvable at the Globall VLBI Array. The resolution of VSOP has better than of VLBI, so that we consider that if VSOP observations are carried out, some BL Lac objects are detected the structure like OJ287 and BL LAC. Therefore we select OT081 as BL Lac object which has been observed highty variable radio flux, and is resolvable at VSOP observation. There is also a possibility that the structure of OT081 differes from the structure like OJ287 and BL LAC.

(6) Proposal Category (indicate all that apply):

Object type:

☑ AGN, ☐ Masers, ☐ Stellar, ☐ Other :

Experiment type:

☑ Single-observation, ☐ Monitoring, ☐ Polarization,
☐ Time-critical, ☐ Target of Opportunity, ☐ Other :

(7) VSOP spacecraft observing mode (see Section 3 and Table 5 of the VSOP Proposer's Guide):

☑ 2 channel x 16 MHz, 2-bit (Standard mode),
☐ 2 channel x 32 MHz, 1-bit,
☐ 1 channel x 32 MHz, 2-bit

Phase calibration tones:

☑ On (Standard continuum mode),
☐ Off (Standard spectral line mode)

(Include justification of any non-standard choice at (14) below)

(8) Ground radio telescope setup

Polarization :

☑ VSOP Standard (IEEE LCP), ☐ Non-standard :

Recording mode :

☑ As for VSOP spacecraft (Standard), ☐ Other :

(9) Investigator participation in scheduling

☐ PI (or co-I) wishes to participate in scheduling ground radio telescopes
☐ PI (or co-I) wishes to participate in scheduling the space radio telescope

(10) Preferred correlator (see Sections 9.11 and 12 of VSOP Proposer's Guide):

☐ No preference, ☑ Mitaka, ☐ Socorro, ☐ Other :

(11) Preferred post-correlation data analysis location:

☐ Home Institution, ☑ Mitaka, ☐ NRAO AOC, ☐ JIVE, ☐ Other

(12) Post-correlation data analysis assistance required:

☑ None, ☐ Consultation, ☐ Extensive help

(13) Details of proposed experiments

An 'experiment' is one or more observations of one source in one wavelength band.
A request to observe the same source in all 3 wavelength bands requires 3 columns to be filled in.
To observe the same source at the same frequency multiple times – a 'monitoring experiment' – requires only one column to be filled in.
Number of experiments in this proposal:

	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3	Experiment 4
Source name	OT081	OT081		
RA (hh mm ss.s)	17 49 10.38	17 49 10.38		
Dec (dd mm ss)	09 39 42.8	09 39 42.8		
J2000 or B1950?	B1950	B1950		
Observing frequency band (GHz)	5	22		
Continuum observations:				
Standard VSOP freq. channels?	☑	☑	☐	☐
Channel A range (MHz)				
Channel B range (MHz)				
Spectral line observations:				
Ch.A spectral line rest freq. (MHz)				
Ch.A LSR velocity (km/s)				
Ch.B spectral line rest freq. (MHz)				
Ch.B LSR velocity (km/s)				
Min. spectral channels per IF channel				
Correlator averaging time (sec)				
FWHM of field of view required (mas)				
No. of correlating passes (if >1)				
Measured total flux density (Jy)	1.88	3.51		
Measured correlated flux density on > 5000 km baseline (Jy)	1.76	2.5		
Image RMS needed (mJy/beam)	3	4		
Ground Radio Telescopes:				
Preferred choice:				
Number of medium telescopes	6	6		
Number of large telescopes	0	0		
Suggested array given at Item (14)	☑	☑	☐	☐
Minimum acceptable:				
Number of medium telescopes	4	4		
Number of large telescopes	0	0		
Suggested array given at Item (14)	☑	☑	☐	☐
Length of observation:				
Preferred length (orbits)	3	3		
Minimum acceptable length (orbits)	2	2		
Scheduling constraints:				
Preferred P.A. of beam *major* axis (deg)				
'No holes' (u,v) coverage?	☐	☐	☐	☐
Or maximum resolution (u,v) coverage?	☑	☑	☐	☐
Preferred range of dates for scheduling (for monitoring experiments give range for 1st observation only)	to	to	to	to
For monitoring programs:				
Number of observations				
Mean interval (days)				
Acceptable variance from mean (days)				

(14) Additional notes to the scheduler :

If none of telescopes in the Southern Hemisphere join, we are not able to obtain scientific results because it is poor (u,v) coverage, so that it is necessary to two telescopes in the Southern Hemisphere.

(15) Attach a scientific and technical justification, not in excess of 2 pages of text and 2 pages of figures. Up to one page of (u,v) plots per source may optionally be included.
(Refer to the VSOP Announcement of Opportunity for detailed instructions.)
Preprints and reprints will not be forwarded to the Scientific Review Committee.

Send two paper copies of the complete proposal to:

VSOP Observing Proposals
VSOP Science Operations Group
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In addition, e-mail the completed LaTeX file to submit@vsopgw.isaslan1.isas.ac.jp

Cover Sheets of accepted proposals will be made available to the astronomical community.

Proposals must be received at ISAS by 17 November 1995