VSOP PROPOSAL COVER SHEETS

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(2) Proposal title : Detailed proper motion observations of the superluminal jet in 3C120

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(5) Proposal Abstract :

We propose the datailed trajectory observations of superluminal jet in 3C120. 3C120 has a fastest proper motion speed among known superluminal objects. By the VSOP spatial resolution, we can resolve the broad line regions scale and possibly observe the jet acceleration and collimation by the detaled proper motion informations. And also observing of jet spectral index will show the energetics of the jet. And as the respect of the inspection of SSC model, we propose the simultaneous observation to the X-ray satellite, ASCA. This object will have a good observation season just after the VSOP science operation start. So it is good for our VSOP science operation group to check the VSOP observation performance.

(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: 3

	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3	Experiment 4
Source name	3C120	3C120	3C120	
RA (hh mm ss.s)	04 30 31.6	04 30 31.6	04 30 31.6	
Dec (dd mm ss)	05 15 00	05 15 00	05 15 00	
J2000 or B1950?	B1950	B1950	B1950	
Observing frequency band (GHz)	22	5	1.6	
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)	1	1	1	
Measured total flux density (Jy)	5.68	10.0	6.4	
Measured correlated flux density on > 5000 km baseline (Jy)	0.48	0.3	0.5	
Image RMS needed (mJy/beam)	1	1	1	
Ground Radio Telescopes:				
Preferred choice:				
Number of medium telescopes	8	8	9	
Number of large telescopes	2	1	0	
Suggested array given at Item (14)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Minimum acceptable:				
Number of medium telescopes	5	5	6	
Number of large telescopes	2	1	0	
Suggested array given at Item (14)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Length of observation:				
Preferred length (orbits)	3	3	3	
Minimum acceptable length (orbits)	2	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	3	4	2	
Mean interval (days)	60	40	120	
Acceptable variance from mean (days)	10	10	10	

(14) Additional notes to the scheduler :

We want the spectral index map with L/C/K band observations. So these observation should not be separated more than harf month.

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

Proposals must be received at ISAS by 17 November 1995