VSOP AO2 PROPOSAL COVER SHEETS

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(5) Proposal Abstract :

We propose VSOP plus VLBA observations at 5 GHz to make Phase 2, second-epoch maps of the relatively strong nuclei in the lobe-dominated quasars 3C207 and 3C245. As for the Phase 1, first-epoch observations (currently scheduled for 1998 November), the superior beam size and shape as compared to ground-based VLBI will enable us to probe details of the exceedingly compact (<0.5 mas) structures known to exist in these objects. Depending on the exact (u,v) coverage obtained during Phase 1, these Phase 2 maps may permit superior tests of jet alignment and bending. In addition, of course, we will be able to search for superluminal motion – which may be unusally large in the case of 3C207 – with second-epoch maps. These investigations of compact morphology, jet curvature, and parsec-scale jet speeds will be of great value in testing AGN unification scenarios.

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

Object type:

☑ AGN, ☐ Maser, ☐ Stellar, ☐ Pulsar, ☐ Other :

Observation type:

☑ Continuum, ☐ Spectral Line, ☐ Polarization, ☐ Time-critical, ☐ Other :

(7) Number of proposed experiments

An 'experiment' is one or more observations of one source at a fixed HALCA set-up. A request to observe the same source at 1.6 GHz and separately at 5 GHz requires two columns to be filled in in item (8) below. A request to observe the same source with HALCA simultaneously observing at 1.6 GHz and 5 GHz requires one column to be filled in. Multi-epoch observations of the same source at the same frequency – a 'monitoring experiment' – requires only one column to be filled in. Suggested observing dates, especially for for time-critical and monitoring experiments, should be specified in item (10).

The number of experiments in this proposal is: 2

(8) Details of proposed experiments

	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3	Experiment 4
Source name (J*hhmm*±*ddmm*)	J1042+1203	J0840+1312		
Alternative name	3C245	3C207		
RA(J2000) (hh mm ss.ssss)	10 42 44.618	08 40 47.589		
Dec(J2000) (dd mm ss.ssss)	12 03 31.07	13 12 23.59		
Observing frequency band (GHz)	5	5		
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)				
FWHM of field of view required (mas)				
Min. spectral channels per IF channel				
Correlator averaging time (sec)				
No. of correlating passes (if >1)				
Total flux density (Jy)	0.9	0.5		
Correlated flux (mJy)	0.5	0.5		
Ground Radio Telescopes:				
Suggested array given at Item (10)?	☑	☑	☐	☐
GRT observing mode:				
128Mbps LCP (standard)	☑	☑	☐	☐
128Mbps LCP/RCP	☐	☐	☐	☐
256Mbps LCP/RCP	☐	☐	☐	☐
Preferred correlator:				
No preference	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mitaka	☐	☐	☐	☐
Penticton	☐	☐	☐	☐
Socorro	☑	☑	☐	☐
Monitoring programs:				
Number of observations				
Mean interval (days)				
Related AO1 proposal code(s)	v013	v013		

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

- [x] 2 channel x 16 MHz, 2-bit (Standard mode),
- [ ] Other:

Phase calibration tones:

- [x] On (Standard continuum mode),
- [ ] Off (Standard spectral line mode)

(Include justification of any non-standard choice at (10) below)

(10) Additional notes to the scheduler :

Experiment 1: prefer GRT = VLBA
observing date - first choice 25-Nov-99 to 15-Dec-99
second choice 13-May-99 to 3-Jun-99
Experiment 2: prefer GRT = VLBA
observing date - first choice 15-Apr-99 to 5-May-99
second choice 1-Feb-99 to 28-Feb-99
third choice 28-Oct-99 to 16-Nov-99

(11) 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:

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In addition, e-mail the completed LaTeX file to submit@vsop.isas.ac.jp

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Proposals must be received at ISAS by 8 May 1998