VSOP AO2 PROPOSAL COVER SHEETS

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(2) Proposal title : Compact, beamed emission from the hotspots in blazars.

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(5) Proposal Abstract :

We propose to perform 1.6 GHz VSOP observations of the hotspots in 4 blazar–type AGN, using their compact VLBI cores as phase–reference sources. The selected hotspots are all situated within a few arcseconds from the respective VLBI cores. The proposed observations will allow to place tighter limits on compactness of the hotspot emission, and help understanding the role of ultra–relativistic plasma in formation and evolution of large–scale extragalactic jets.

(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: 4

(8) Details of proposed experiments

	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3	Experiment 4
Source name (J*hhmm*±*ddmm*)	J0958+6533	J1642+6856	J1806+6949	J1824+5651
Alternative name	0954+658	1642+690	1807+698 (3C371)	1823+568
RA(J2000) (hh mm ss.ssss)	09 58 47.2451	16 42 07.8485	18 06 50.6806	18 24 07.0683
Dec(J2000) (dd mm ss.ssss)	+65 33 54.818	+68 56 39.756	+69 49 28.108	+56 51 01.490
Observing frequency band (GHz)	1.6	1.6	1.6	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)				
FWHM of field of view required (mas)				
Min. spectral channels per IF channel				
Correlator averaging time (sec)				
No. of correlating passes (if >1)	2	2	2	2
Total flux density (Jy)	0.8	1.5	2.3	1.5
Correlated flux (mJy)	500	500	600	500
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)				

(9) 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),

☐ Other:

Phase calibration tones:

☐ 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 :

(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