VSOP AO2 PROPOSAL COVER SHEETS

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(2) Proposal title : The Parsec-Scale Jet in Superluminal Quasar 3C 273

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(5) Proposal Abstract :

The archetypical quasar 3C 273 is an excellent candidate for studies with VSOP. We propose to continue to monitor this source at 5 GHz with VSOP to study the parsec-scale structural changes with extreme angular resolution. Our scientific objectives are (1) measuring component variations closer to the core than possible from the ground (where mm-VLBI imaging has not yet been able to produce detailed and reliable images); (2) high-dynamic range imaging of the jet structure and polarization properties; (3) measuring the transverse jet profile; and (4) measuring velocity gradients across the jet.

(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: 1

(8) Details of proposed experiments

	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3	Experiment 4
Source name (J*hhmm*±*ddmm*)	J1229+0203			
Alternative name	3C273			
RA(J2000) (hh mm ss.ssss)	12 29 06.6997			
Dec(J2000) (dd mm ss.ssss)	+02 03 08.598			
Observing frequency band (GHz)	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)	32.4			
Correlated flux (mJy)	7000			
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	4			
Mean interval (days)	90			
Related AO1 proposal code(s)	V067			

(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 :

(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