

Observing Application

Date : Dec, 02 2011 Proposal ID : VLA/11B-237 Legacy ID : AL803 PI : Cornelia Lang Type : Director's Discretionary Time - Target of Opportunity Category : Energetic Transients and Pulsars Total Time : 6.5

EVLA Monitoring of HESS J0632+057 During Current Gamma-ray Outburst

Abstract:

We propose a radio monitoring campaign of HESS J0632+057, the fourth VHE (E>100 GeV) gamma-ray binary to be discovered, which has recently undergone a gamma-ray flare (ATEL #3791). Contemporaneously probing the broad band spectral energy distribution down

to radio wavelengths as the source transitions in activity in both gamma rays and X-rays will allow for more accurate modeling of the environment in HESS J0632+057 that leads to

the observed broad band emission. We propose to use the EVLA at 5 GHz to make a series of 10 observations of HESS J0632+057 (monitoring would be every five days over the course of 50 days). We request that the observations begin as soon as possible (hopefully during the week of 5-9 Dec 2011). In addition, we request 3 fixed date observations corresponding to the anticipated peak in VHE emission, the high X-ray state and the low X-ray state. The total requested observing time is 6.5 hours. Contemporaneous X-ray and VHE gamma-ray observations will be carried out as part of this monitoring campaign.

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Related proposals:

Joint:

Not a Joint Proposal

Observing type(s):

Continuum, Single Pointing(s)

VLA Resources

Name	Conf.	Frontend & Backend	Setup

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5 GHz Monitor	D	C Band 6 cm 4000-8000 MHz WIDAR OSRO1: 2 Subbands/Full polz	Rest frequencies: 5000.0,6000.0 MHz Subband Bandwidth: 128.0 MHz No. of Channels: 64 Poln. products: 4.0 Channel Width: 2000.0 kHz

Sources:

Name	Position		Velocity		Group
J0632	Coordinate System	Equatorial	Convention	Radio	HESS J0632+057
	Equinox	J2000			
	Right Ascension	06:32:59.26	Ref. Frame	LSRK	
		00:00:00.0			
	Declination	+05:48:01.16	Velocity	0.00	
		00:00:00.0			

Sessions:

Name	Session Time (hours)	Repeat	Separation	LST minimum	LST maximum	Elevation Minimum
Monitor	0.50	10	5 day	04:00:00	08:00:00	0
Fixed: 11 Dec 11	0.50	1	0 day	04:00:00	08:00:00	0
Fixed: 25 Dec 11	0.50	1	0 day	04:00:00	08:00:00	0
Fixed: 23 Jan 2012	0.50	1	0 day	04:00:00	08:00:00	0

Session Constraints:

Name	Constraints	Comments		

Session Source/Resource Pairs:

Session Name	Source	Resource	Time	Figure of Merit	Subarray
Monitor	J0632	5 GHz Monitor	0.5 hour	0.015 mJy/bm	
Fixed: 11 Dec 11	J0632	5 GHz Monitor	0.5 hour	0.015 mJy/bm	
Fixed: 25 Dec 11	J0632	5 GHz Monitor	0.5 hour	0.015 mJy/bm	
Fixed: 23 Jan 2012	J0632	5 GHz Monitor	0.5 hour	0.015 mJy/bm	

Present for observation: no

Staff support: None

Plan of Dissertation: no