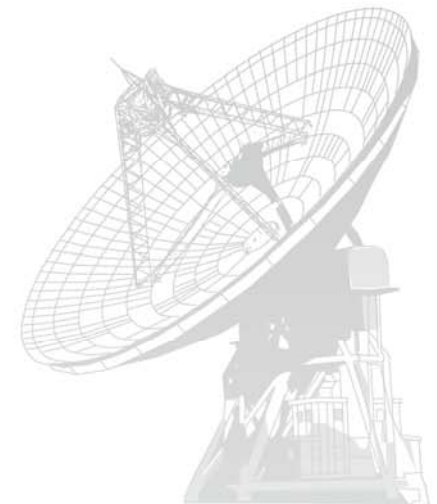


Role of NRO 45m telescope in future VLBI

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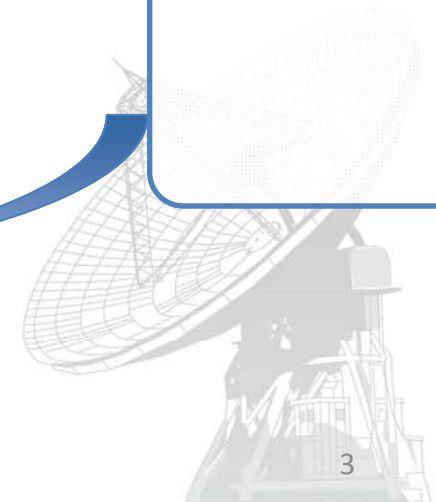
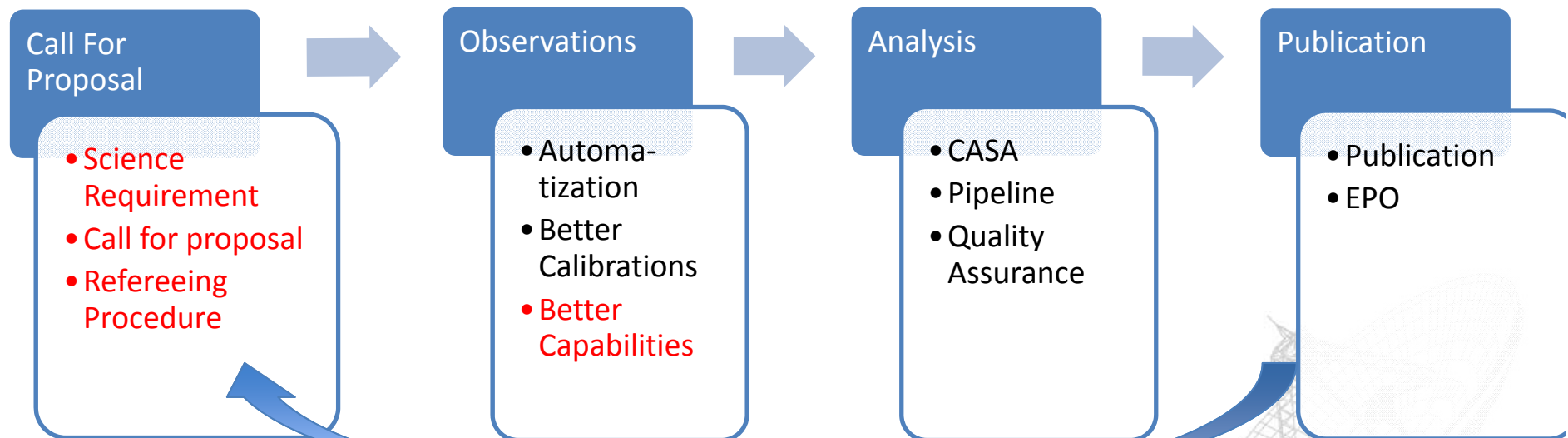
NRO 45m telescope
(Open Use > 2000 hr/yr)



Radio Polarimeters
(data acquisition > 95 %)

NRO Operation

- Observations Cycle



Concept of NRO Future Operations

- **Be Scientifically Competitive**
 - Collecting Area, Sensitivity, Capability, Operation Cost
 - Best in 3 mm mapping in the next few years
 - **Simplify routine operations**
 - **Develop new instrument with outsourcing**
- = > Call for instrumental proposal (Review, Rank, Support (infrastructure and interface info)) Proposers commission instrument.



Improvement of Operation

- Helpdesk, Web submission
- Better Efficiency (FOREST, Surface, Optics)
- Remote Observations, Toward CASA, Pipeline, Automatic Observations, Quality Assurance
- Large Open-use Program, ToO, DDT



Current and Future Role of NRO in VLBI Observations

- **NRO 45m Current Status – mostly manual**
 - < 100 hr /yr for VERA open-use
 - VERA team commissions the system
 - Not trivial to conduct monitoring projects
 - Not significant contribution at VERA frequencies
- **NRO 45m Issues in future VLBI Observations**
 - Increase VLBI time if scientifically strong
 - Simplify VLBI operation
 - Do remote observations from Mizusawa?
 - Implement new VLBI instrument (Rx, Backend)?
 - Identify single point failures (H maser etc.)



Scientifically Strong Proposals
are welcome if not much load
is expected on NRO.

