

CHARGE TO THE SAGE: DECEMBER 19-20, 2008

1. Based on the baseline capabilities described to the SAGE in the presentations that began its present meeting, the Committee is asked to recommend a set of possible early science experiments for the EVLA that would highlight and exploit the instrument's new capabilities.
2. Based on scientific potential, the SAGE is requested to provide NRAO with suggestions as to priorities in the development of post-baseline capabilities to be delivered to the community (such as pulsar gating, phased-array operation, etc.).
3. The SAGE is asked to propose ways to increase the scientific visibility of the EVLA to the broader astronomy community. Accordingly, the SAGE is asked to propose possible topics for an EVLA-related science workshop in 2009.
4. NRAO is establishing a Resident Shared Risk Observing program for EVLA commissioning. Please comment on the program in terms of: (i) its utility to NRAO in facilitating accelerated commissioning of the EVLA and in (ii) its ability to provide early, exciting scientific returns during the commissioning process.

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