

Meeting Held Yesterday, 2006 March 23

Summaries of Mark 5A status: EVN, JIVE, IVS, NRAO.
Overview & selected details of Mark 5B & Mark 5A+.
Discussion of Mark 5B & 5A+ plans.

Principal Conclusions

Mark 5A+ appears to provide adequate options for transition from Mark 5A -> 5B.

Detailed information needed on Mark 5A+ capabilities; 1:4 fan-out not included (?) but may be important.

Evaluation of Mark 5B planned by JIVE, with data from Effelsberg & Noto. Possible additional evaluations by others.

Deployment of Mark 5B to be decided at next TOG meeting.

First Mark 5B implementations may be at stations joining VLBI networks, then Mark 4 correlators replacing Station Units.