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Implementation of the VGOS Trials

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In February 2014, the VGOS Project Executive Group (VPEG) presented the so-called VGOS Observing Plan, which outlined possible steps on how to go from initial VGOS broadband tests to intermediate observing scenarios to the fully operational VGOS system. The document introduced VGOS trial campaigns as the initial means to accustom the VGOS stations as well as the subsequent component types to the VGOS processing load: scheduling, data taking, data transport, correlation, and analysis. Three different trial campaigns of 6-8 weeks each were envisioned. The Coordinating Center in conjunction with the Observing Program Committee (OPC) was tasked with their implementation. In this presentation we will discuss the progress made on implementing the trial campaigns.

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