

An Introduction to ALMA and the ALMA Proposal Process

Where to get all the relevant information but were afraid to ask...



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Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array

Expanded Very Large Array

Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope

Very Long Baseline Array



Going to assume the following...

- You are new to ALMA and have not yet had experience with the relevant documentation...
- Have not downloaded the ALMA Observing Tool (OT) or even know where to get it.
- Have an absolute *killer* science case that will be essential to follow-up with ALMA facilities...
- Several examples are available for science cases with ALMA since Cycle 0...
- Many of the capabilities presented here were for Cycle 2. Cycle 3 capabilities are still undergoing commissioning – defined by end of October.

This presentation will (hopefully) just highlight sections of the proposal submission processes for ALMA which you can then practice during the “hands on” section...

ALMA Overview

- ◆ A global partnership to deliver a revolutionary millimeter/submillimeter telescope array
 - ◆ North America (US, Canada, Taiwan)
 - ◆ Europe (ESO)
 - ◆ East Asia (Japan, Taiwan)
 - ◆ In collaboration with Chile
- ◆ 5000 m (16,500 ft) site in Chilean Atacama desert
- ◆ 66 telescopes when complete
 - ◆ Main Array: 50 x 12m antennas
 - ◆ Total Power Array: 4 x 12m antennas
 - ◆ Atacama Compact Array (ACA): 12 x 7m antennas



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ALMA in a Nutshell...

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ALMA will be 10-100 times more sensitive and have 10-100 times better angular resolution compared to current millimeter interferometers

- All science data archived
- Pipeline processing

ALMA is a telescope for *all* astronomers



Collecting Area ~ sensitivity

SMA



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CARMA



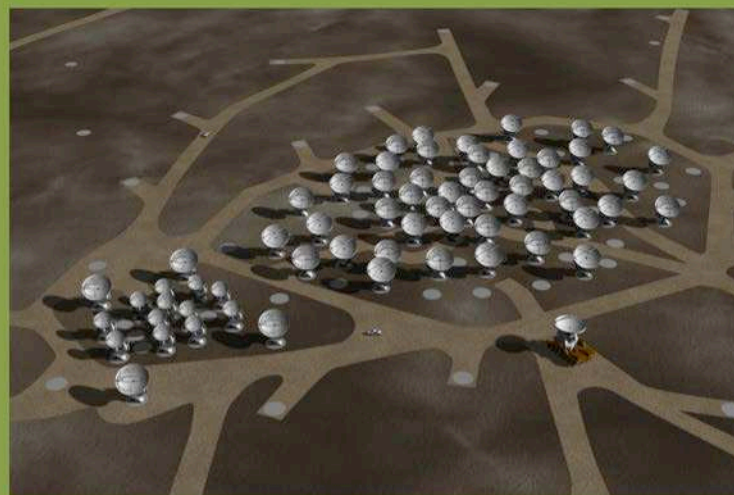
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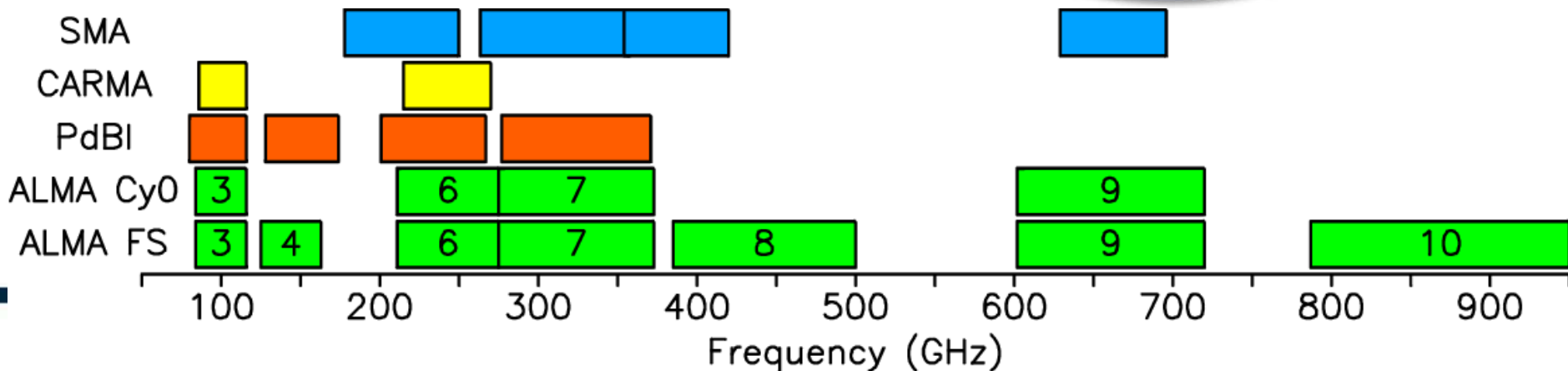


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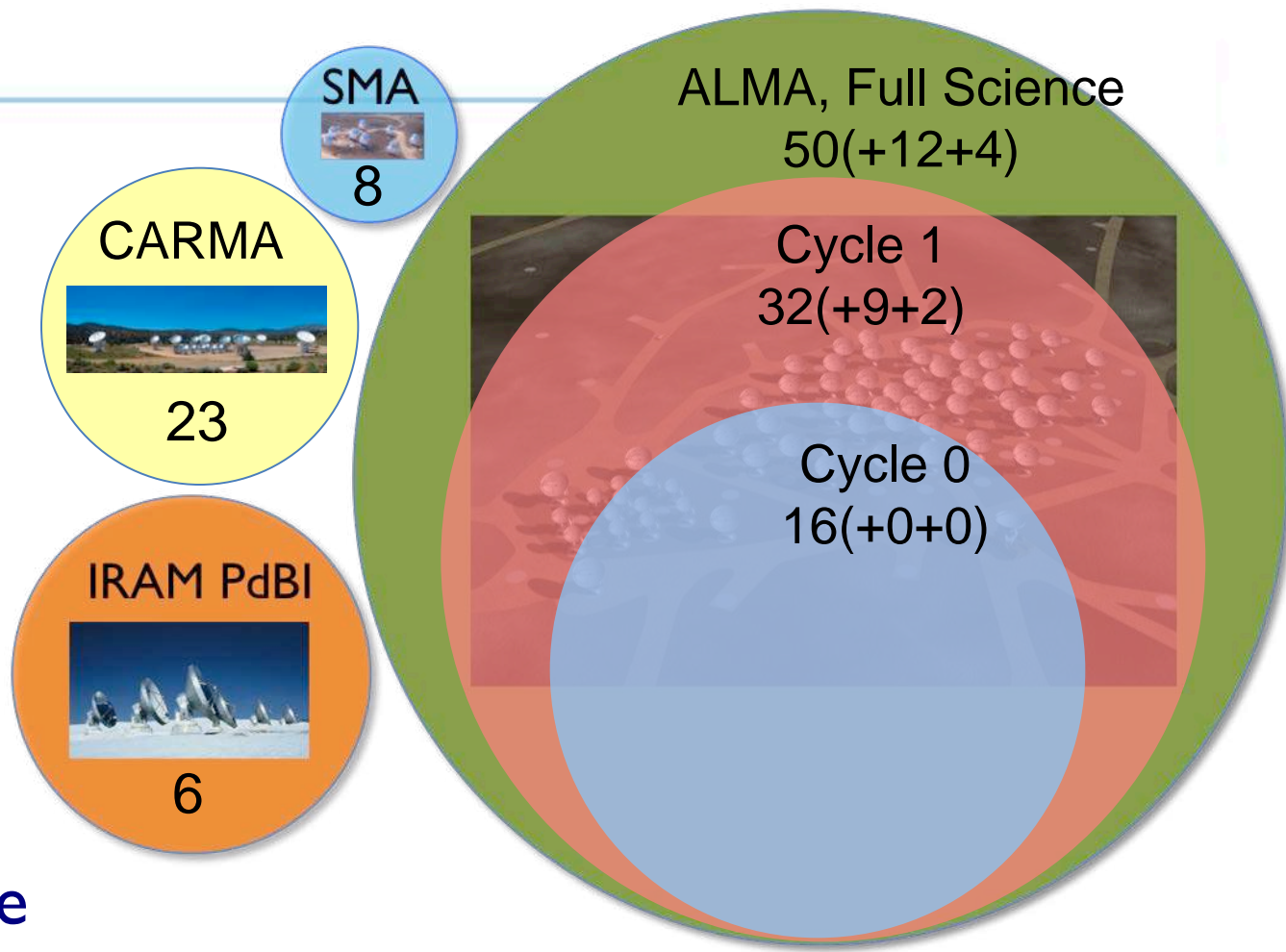
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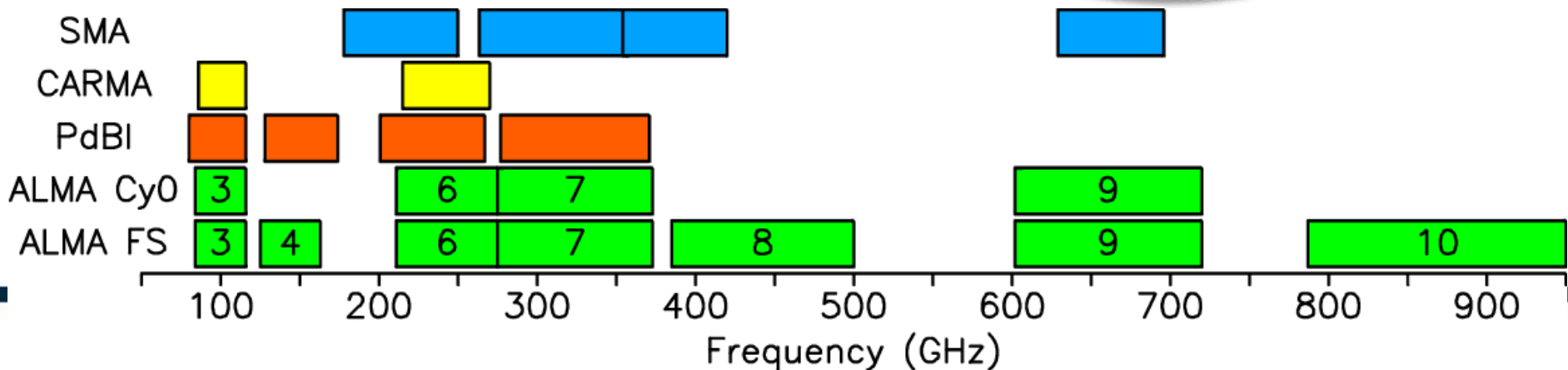
Spectral Coverage



Collecting Area ~ sensitivity




Spectral Coverage



Cycle 2 Capabilities

- ◆ 34 12m, 9 ACA, 2 TP antennas
- ◆ Bands 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 available
- ◆ Baselines out to 1.5 km (0.15" resolution at 300 GHz) for Bands 3 – 7 (1.0 km for Bands 8 and 9)



Band	Frequency range1	Wavelength range
	(GHz)	(mm)
3	84 – 116	3.6 – 2.6
4	125 – 163	2.4 – 1.8
6	211 – 275	1.4 – 1.1
7	275 – 373	1.1 – 0.8
8	385 – 500	0.78 – 0.60
9	602 – 720	0.50 – 0.42

Cycle 2 Capabilities

- ◆ 12m array – 7 configurations with maximum baselines ranging from 160 m to 1.5 km
- ◆ Angular resolutions for most compact and most expected configurations and maximum recoverable scale without the ACA:

Frequency	Maximum Recoverable Scale without ACA ^{2,3,4}	Coarsest allowed angular resolution ^{2,3,5}	Finest achievable angular resolution ^{2,3,6}
(GHz)	(arcsec)	(arcsec)	(arcsec)
100	25	7.5	0.41
150	17	5.0	0.27
230	11	3.3	0.18
345	7.2	2.2	0.12
460	5.4	1.6	0.12
650	3.8	1.2	0.09

Cycle 2 Capabilities

Maximum recoverable scale including 7m array:

Frequency (GHz)	Maximum Recoverable Scale ^{1,2,3} (arcsec)
100	42
150	28
230	18
345	12
460	9.1
650	6.4

*ACA not offered as stand-alone array

*TP only for spectral line observations in Bands 3

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Cycle 2 Capabilities

Spectral Capabilities:

- ◆ Up to four basebands can be placed within the two receiver sidebands
- ◆ Different correlator modes can be specified for each baseband
- ◆ Up to four spectral windows per baseband are allowed
- ◆ Can smooth data to reduce the data rate (max = 60 MB/s)

Bandwidth(3)	Channel spacing(4)	Spectral resolution	Number of channels	Correlator mode
(MHz)	(MHz)	(MHz)		
20003	15.6	31.2	1283	TDM
1875	0.488	0.976	3840	FDM
938	0.244	0.488	3840	FDM
469	0.122	0.244	3840	FDM
234	0.061	0.122	3840	FDM
117	0.0305	0.061	3840	FDM
58.6	0.0153	0.0305	3840	FDM

Cycle 2 Capabilities

Mapping modes:

- ◆ Mosaic – one rectangular field consisting of up to 150 pointings per Science Goal
- ◆ Individual pointings – a mixture of sources and offsets that
 - ◆ are not separated by more than 10 degrees on the sky
 - ◆ can be observed with one spectral setup
 - ◆ can be observed with no more than five separate frequency settings that all fall within the same receiver band

*The sum over all sources, offsets, and frequency settings must be less than or equal to 150 per Science Goal

Cycle 2 Capabilities

Other:

- ◆ Full polarization continuum measurements for 12-m Array observations in Bands 3, 6 and 7 (offered only for specific frequency settings)
- ◆ “Spectral Scan” option for spectral surveys or redshift searches
- ◆ Target of Opportunity observations (e.g. monitoring and time-constrained projects) in one 12m Array configuration *with restrictions*

Go to the **ALMA Science Portal** for links to Proposer's Guide and ALMA Cycle 2 Capabilities: <https://almascience.nrao.edu/>

Proposal Checklist - ALMA

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Cycle 3 Documentation & Timeline

- CfP Guide
- ALMA Primer
- OT Guide
- ALMA Tech Handbook
- Timeline for Cycle 3
 - Spring 2015 - CfP
 - Summer 2015 – Proposal Deadline
 - Fall 2015 – Start of Cycle 3 Observing



Observing with *ALMA*
A Primer for Early Science



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In search of our Cosmic Origins



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Welcome to the Science Portal at NRAO



This is the website for **The ALMA Science Portal**, served from one of the **ALMA Regional Centers (ARCs)** of the ALMA partner organizations: ESO, NRAO, or NAOJ. You may switch between the different instances of the portal through the links to the appropriate ALMA partner at the top banner. Through this portal you can find details about the technical capabilities of ALMA, how to propose for observing time, and how to access ALMA data. It includes links to all official ALMA documents and tools, including those for preparing and submitting proposals and processing ALMA data. In order to access some of the tools, users must register with the project and login to the portal via the links at the top banner.

Each of the three ARCs provides additional **User Services**, including a **Helpdesk** for all user queries. Each ARC maintains additional web pages with information on region-specific user services, such as visitor and student programs, schools, workshops, financial programs and public outreach activities. These are accessed via the links under the **User Services at the ARCs** area in the left menu.

ALMA Newsletter

Newsletter No. 9

May 23, 2012

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General News

ALMA Cycle 1 and Cycle 2
Timelines

May 31, 2013

Cycle 1 Progress Update

Apr 08, 2013

ALMA Cycle 1 Proposal
Review: Detailed Report

Apr 03, 2013

ALMA Director's
Discretionary Time and Target
of Opportunity activation

Feb 28, 2013

Access to ALMA Science
data

Feb 04, 2013

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NRAO User Support

Helpdesk

Call for Proposal

Login



ALMA Science Portal @ NRAO

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Downloading the ALMA OT



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Observing Tool

The ALMA Observing Tool (OT) is a Java application used for the preparation and submission of ALMA Phase I (observing proposal) and Phase II (telescope runfiles for accepted proposals) materials. It is also used for preparing and submitting Director's Discretionary Time (DDT) proposals. The current Cycle 1 release of the OT is configured for the Early Science Capabilities of ALMA as described in the [Cycle 1 Call For Proposals](#). Note that in order to submit proposals you will have to register with the ALMA Science Portal beforehand.

Download & Installation

The OT will run on most common operating systems, as long as you have Java 6 installed (see the [troubleshooting page](#) if you are experiencing Java problems). The ALMA OT is available in two flavours: Web Start and tarball.

The **Web Start** application is the recommended way of using the OT. It has the advantage that the OT is automatically downloaded and installed on your computer and it will also automatically detect and install updates. There are some issues with Web Start, particularly that it does not work with the Open JDK versions of Java such as the "Iced Tea" flavour common on many modern Linux installations. The Sun/Oracle variant of Java should therefore be installed instead. If this is not possible, then the tarball installation of the OT is available.

The **tarball** version must be installed manually and will not automatically update itself, however there should be no installation issues. For Linux users, we also provide a download complete with a recommended version of the Java run time environment. Please use this if you have any problems running the OT tarball install with your default Java.

WebStart

Tarball

Documentation

Extensive documentation is available to help you work with the OT and optimally prepare your proposal:

- If you are a novice OT user you should start with the [OT Quickstart Guide](#), which takes you through the basic steps of ALMA proposal preparation.
- Audio-visual illustrations of different aspects of the OT can be found in the [OT video tutorials](#). These are recommended for novices and advanced users alike.
- More in-depth information on the OT can be found in the [User Manual](#), while concise explanations of all fields and menu items in the OT are given in the [Reference Manual](#). These two documents are also available within the OT under the Help menu.

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The Proposal Cover sheet will be the place where you include the Proposal Title, Abstract, Category, etc...

Perspective 1

Proposal Program

Unsubmitted Proposal

- Project
 - Proposal
 - Planned Observing
 - ScienceGoal (Copy of B6 12CO (2-1) line)
 - General
 - Field Setup
 - Spectral Setup
 - Calibration Setup
 - Control and Performance
 - Technical Justification

Template library. Turn the keys on the JTree below

- Proposal
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 - ScienceGoal (B3 spectral sweep)
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 - ScienceGoal (B6 continuum: G
 - ScienceGoal (B7 continuum: G
 - ScienceGoal (B6 continuum: G
 - ScienceGoal (B3 continuum: G
 - ScienceGoal (B6 12CO (2-1): N
 - ScienceGoal (B6 13CO (2-1): N
 - ScienceGoal (B6 spectral line

Proposal Information

Proposal Title

Proposal Cycle

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Abstract (max. 1200 characters)

Launch Editor

Proposal Type

☐ Standard ☐ Target Of Opportunity

Scientific Category

☐ Cosmology and the High Redshift Universe ☐ Galaxies and Galactic Nuclei ☐ ISM, star formation and astrochemistry

☐ Circumstellar disks, exoplanets and the solar system ☐ Stellar Evolution and the Sun

Keywords (max. 2 keywords)

Student project ☐ Continuation ☐ (Not Applicable)

Related Proposals

Overview

...entering related other proposals, a student project and PIs and Co-Is...

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 - ScienceGoal (B6 13CO (2-1): Continuum)
 - ScienceGoal (B6 spectral line)

Spectral Spatial Proposal

Student project ☐ Continuation ☐ (Not Applicable)

Related Proposals

Previous Proposals

Investigators

Type	Full name	Email	Affiliation	ALMA ID	Executive
PI	Not set	Not set	Not set	Not set	Non-ALMA

Science Case will be be a PDF with a max of 4 pages...

Select PI... Add Col... Remove Col Add from Proposal

Science Case will be be a PDF with a max of 4 pages...

Attach... Detach...

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Project - Observing Tool for ALMA, version Cycle2Test2

File Edit View Tool Search Help

Perspective 1

Project Structure

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Editors

Spectral Spatial Project

Principal Investigator ?

Select PI...

Main Project Information ?



Project
Assigned Priority
Project Code None Assigned

Validation Validation History Log

Description	Suggestion
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Overview

Contextual Help

1. Please ensure you and your co-Is are registered with the [ALMA Science Portal](#)
2. Create a new proposal by either:
 - Selecting *File > New Proposal*
 - Clicking on the  icon in the toolbar
 - Or clicking on this [link](#)
3. Click on the  [proposal](#) tree node and complete the relevant fields.

Phase I: Science Proposal

New Science Proposal → Create Science Goals → Validate Science Proposal → Submit Science Proposal

Click on the overview steps to view the contextual help

Importing And Exporting Template Library Need More Help? View Phase 2 Steps

A clean slate. From here, you can:

- start a new proposal
- load templates.

Project - Observing Tool for ALMA, version Cycle2Test2

File Edit View Tool Search Help

File menu options:

- New Proposal (Ctrl-N)
- New DDT Proposal (Ctrl-D)
- Open Project
- Save (Ctrl-S)
- Save As...
- Show ALMA Template Library
- Use Project as Template
- Validate (Ctrl-L)
- Submit Project
- Preferences
- Quit

Click here to load the available Primer Templates

Principal Investigator

Select PI...

Main Project Information

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Project Code None Assigned

Feedback



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Suggestion

Or click here to load another project (like a Cycle 0 or Cycle 1 proposal) as a template

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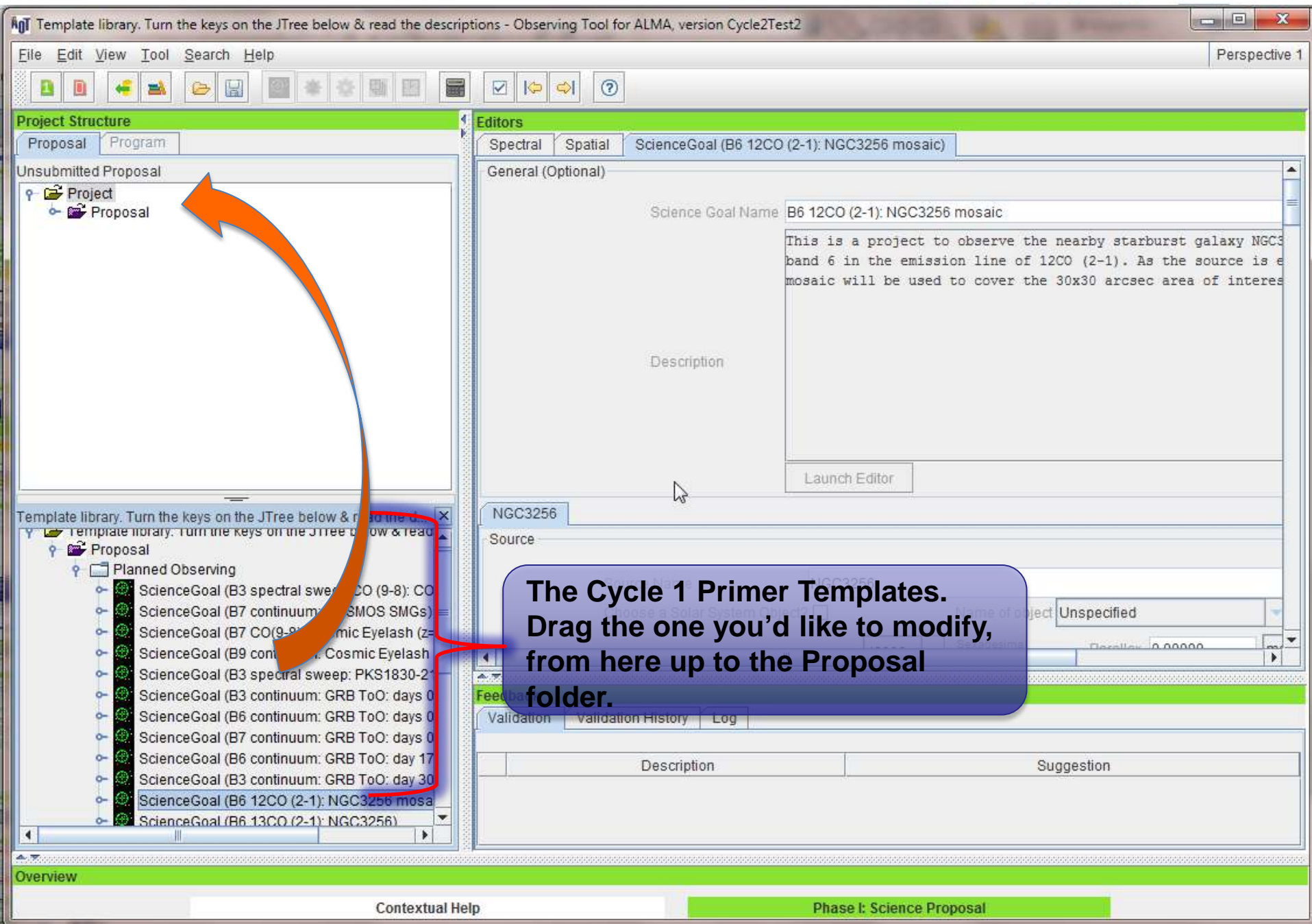
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Spectral Spatial ScienceGoal (B6 12CO (2-1): NGC3256 mosaic)

General (Optional)

Science Goal Name B6 12CO (2-1): NGC3256 mosaic

This is a project to observe the nearby starburst galaxy NGC3256 in the emission line of 12CO (2-1). As the source is a mosaic will be used to cover the 30x30 arcsec area of interest

Launch Editor

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 - ScienceGoal (B9 continuum: Cosmic EyeLash)
 - ScienceGoal (B9 spectral sweep: CO(2-1) CO(2-1))
 - ScienceGoal (B3 continuum: GRB ToO: days 0)
 - ScienceGoal (B6 continuum: GRB ToO: days 0)
 - ScienceGoal (B7 continuum: GRB ToO: days 0)
 - ScienceGoal (B6 continuum: GRB ToO: day 17)
 - ScienceGoal (B3 continuum: GRB ToO: day 30)
 - ScienceGoal (B6 12CO (2-1): NGC3256 mosaic)
 - ScienceGoal (B6 13CO (2-1): NGC3256)

You're now ready to modify the Science Goal (SG)!

Give the SG a brief, descriptive name.

A description is useful for you, for the technical assessors, and for your Contact Scientist should your project be approved.

Source NGC3256

Source Name NGC3256

Choose a Solar System Object? ☐

Name of object Unspecified

Sexagesimal Description 0.00000

Validation Validation History Log

Description	Suggestion

Overview

Contextual Help Phase I: Science Proposal

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 - Spectral Setup

Source name, position, velocity, etc.

Let's make a mosaic!

Expected source properties (for tech assessors)

Set up the mosaic. But first...

Editors

Spectral Spatial Field Setup

Source Name

Choose a Solar System Object? ☐ Name of object

System Sexagesimal display? ☒

Parallax

PM RA

PM DEC

Source Coordinates RA Dec

Source Radial Velocity z Doppler type

Target Type ☐ Individual Pointing(s) ☒ 1 Rectangular Field

Expected Source Properties

Peak Continuum Flux Density per Beam

Continuum Polarization Percentage %

Peak Line Flux Density per Beam

Line Width

Line Polarization Percentage %

Rectangle

Coords Type ☐ ABSOLUTE ☒ RELATIVE

System

Offset(Longitude)

Offset(Latitude)

Field Center Coordinates

Feedback

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 - ScienceGoal (Copy of B6 12CO (2-1): NGC325) (Spectral Setup selected)
 - General
 - Field Setup
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 - Calibration Setup
 - Control and Performance
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Editors

Spectral Spatial Spectral Setup

Each baseband is 2GHz wide and can be separately configured i.e. each spectral window can have a different bandwidth and resolution. Note that for bands 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8, it is not possible to put 3 basebands in one sideband and the fourth one in the other.

Spectral Type

☒ Spectral Line
☐ Single Continuum
☐ Spectral Scan

Polarization products desired ☐ XX ☒ YY ☐ ZZ

Spectral Setup Errors

Spectral Line

Baseband-1

Fraction	Center Freq (Rest)	Center Freq (Sky)	Transition	Bandwidth, Resolution (smoothed)	Spec Rep Avg.
1(Full)	230.53800 GHz	230.53800 GHz	CO v=0 2-1	1875.000 MHz(2438 km/s), 976.563 kHz(1.270 km/s)	1

Select Lines to Observe in Baseband-1... Add Delete

Baseband-2

Select Lines to Observe in Baseband-2... Add Delete

Feedback

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Description Suggestion

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 - ScienceGoal (B6 continuum: Protoste

First need to define the spectral setup.

Click here to get a *splatalogue* window to select a particular spectral line.

Transition Filter

CO*

☒ Include description

Frequency Filters

ALMA Band

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Sky Frequency (GHz)

Min 31.3 Max 950

Receiver/Back End Configuration

☐ Hide unobservable lines

☒ Filtering unobservable lines

Maximum Upper-state Energy (K)

0 20 40 60 80 100 ∞

Molecule Filter / Environment

Show all atoms and molecules

Can't find the transition you're looking for in the offline pool? Find more in the online Splatalogue.

Find More...

Reset Filters

Transitions matching your filter settings:

(double-click column header for primary sort, single-click subsequent columns for secondary sorting. Single clicks will reverse sort order of already sorted columns.)

Transition ▲	Description	Rest Frequency ▲	Sky Frequency	Upper-state Energy	Line Intensity
CO v=2 1-0	Carbon Monoxide	113.172 GHz	113.172 GHz	6134.675 K	0.01
CO v=1 1-0	Carbon Monoxide	114.222 GHz	114.222 GHz	3089.154 K	0.01
CO v=0 1-0	Carbon Monoxide	115.271 GHz	115.271 GHz	5.532 K	60 0.01
CO v=2 2-1	Carbon Monoxide	226.34 GHz	226.34 GHz	6145.538 K	0.02
CO v=1 2-1	Carbon Monoxide	228.439 GHz	228.439 GHz	3100.118 K	0.62 0.02
CO v=0 2-1	Carbon Monoxide	230.538 GHz	230.538 GHz	16.596 K	70 0.02
CO+ J=2-1, F=3/2-1/2	Carbon Monoxide Ion	235.70 GHz	235.70 GHz		0.1 0.66
CO+ J=2-1, F=5/2-3/2	Carbon Monoxide Ion	236.063 GHz	236.063 GHz		0.1 1.21
CO v=2 3-2	Carbon Monoxide	339.5 GHz	339.5 GHz	6161.831 K	0.03
CO v=1 3-2	Carbon Monoxide	342.648 GHz	342.648 GHz	3116.561 K	0.71 0.03
CO v=0 3-2	Carbon Monoxide	345.796 GHz	345.796 GHz	33.192 K	70 0.03
CO+ J=3-2, F=5/2-3/2	Carbon Monoxide Ion	353.741 GHz	353.741 GHz		0.1 1.21
CO+ J=3-2, F=7/2-5/2	Carbon Monoxide Ion	354.014 GHz	354.014 GHz		0.18 1.71
CO v=2 4-3	Carbon Monoxide	452.645 GHz	452.645 GHz	6183.555 K	0.04
CO v=1 4-3	Carbon Monoxide	456.843 GHz	456.843 GHz	3138.486 K	0.04
CO v=0 4-3	Carbon Monoxide	461.041 GHz	461.041 GHz	55.317 K	60 0.04
CO v=2 5-4	Carbon Monoxide	565.774 GHz	565.774 GHz	6210.707 K	0.06
CO v=1 5-4	Carbon Monoxide	571.021 GHz	571.021 GHz	3165.891 K	0.06
CO v=0 5-4	Carbon Monoxide	576.268 GHz	576.268 GHz	82.974 K	0.06
CO v=2 6-5	Carbon Monoxide	678.88 GHz	678.88 GHz	6243.288 K	0.07
CO v=1 6-5	Carbon Monoxide	685.176 GHz	685.176 GHz	3198.774 K	0.07
CO v=0 6-5	Carbon Monoxide	691.473 GHz	691.473 GHz	116.159 K	100 0.07
CO v=2 7-6	Carbon Monoxide	791.96 GHz	791.96 GHz	6281.296 K	0.08
CO v=1 7-6	Carbon Monoxide	799.306 GHz	799.306 GHz	3237.134 K	0.08
CO v=0 7-6	Carbon Monoxide	806.652 GHz	806.652 GHz	154.872 K	110 0.08
CO v=2 8-7	Carbon Monoxide	905.009 GHz	905.009 GHz	6324.729 K	0.09

Add to Selected Transitions

Selected transitions

Transition ▲	Description	Rest Frequency ▲	Sky Frequency
CO v=0 2-1		230.538 GHz	230.538 GHz

Remove from Selected Transitions

Select a line from the list

Filters can be used to narrow the search

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Each baseband is 2GHz wide and can be separately configured i.e. each spectral window can have a different bandwidth and resolution. Note that for bands 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8, it is not possible to put 3 basebands in one sideband and the fourth one in the other.

Spectral Type

☒ Spectral Line

Spectral Type

☐ Single Continuum☐ Spectral ScanPolarization products desired ☐ XX ☒ DUAL ☐ FULL

Spectral Setup Errors

Spectral Line

Baseband-1

Fraction	Center Freq (Rest)	Center Freq (Sky)	Transition	Bandwidth Resolution (smoothed)	Spec Avg	Representative Window
1(Full)	230.53800 GHz	230.53800 GHz	CO v=1-0	1875.000 MHz (2438 km/s), 976.563 kHz (1.270 km/s)	1	
				58.594 MHz (76 km/s), 29.518 kHz (0.040 km/s)		
				117.188 MHz (152 km/s), 61.035 kHz (0.079 km/s)		
				234.375 MHz (305 km/s), 122.070 kHz (0.159 km/s)		
				468.750 MHz (610 km/s), 244.141 kHz (0.317 km/s)		
				937.500 MHz (1219 km/s), 488.281 kHz (0.635 km/s)		
				1875.000 MHz (2438 km/s), 976.563 kHz (1.270 km/s)		
				2000.000 MHz (2438 km/s), 31.250 MHz (40.638 km/s)		

Select Lines to Observe in Baseband-1...

Add

Double click this field to select the desired bandwidth/resolution

Template library

Template library. Turn the keys on the JTree field

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 - ScienceGoal (B9 continuum: Cosmic
 - ScienceGoal (B3 spectral sweep: PK
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Spectral Setup Errors

No suitable receiver band for the range [-0.03125 GHz, 231.538 GHz]

Spectral Line

Baseband-1

Fraction	Center Freq (Rest)	Center Freq (Sky)	Transition	Bandwidth, Resolution (smoothed)	Spec Avg.	Representative Window
1(Full)	230.53800 GHz	230.53800 GHz	CO v=0 2-1	1875.000 MHz(2438 km/s), 976.563 kHz(1.270 km/s)	1	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Select Lines to Observe in Baseband-1...

Baseband-2

1(Full)	0.00000 GHz	0.00000 GHz	...Enter Name ...	58.594 MHz, 30.518 kHz	1	<input type="radio"/>
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Select Lines to Observe in Baseband-2... Add Delete

Baseband-3

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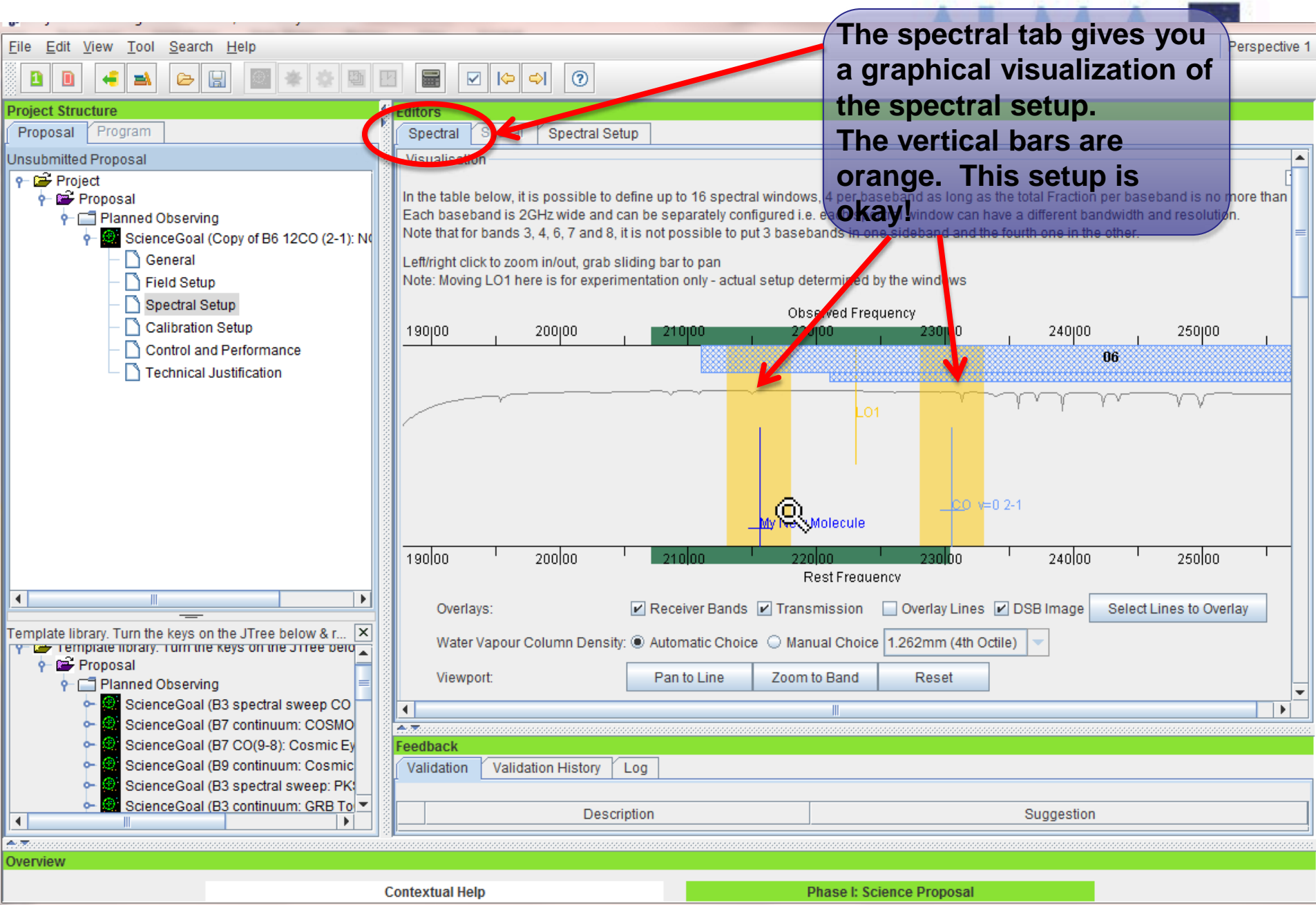
Validation Validation History Log

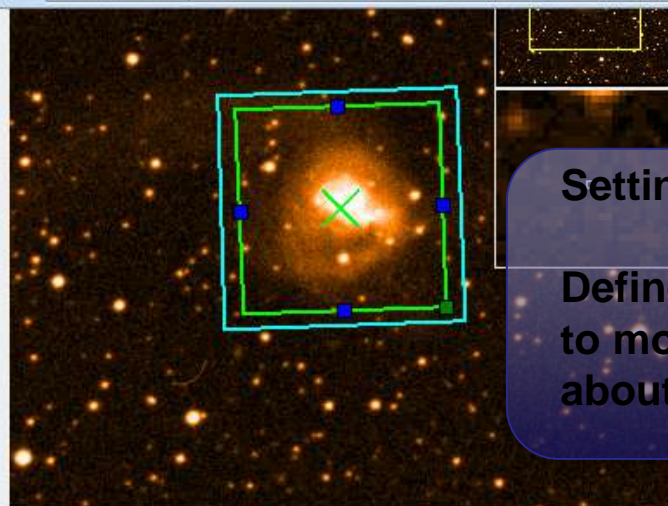
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A rest frequency can be entered manually into this field.





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10:27:35.522, -43:56:25.99 (J2000)

Image Filename remijan\jsky3\cache\jsky9043341093951517820.fits

FOV Parameters

Representative Frequency (Sky) 231.546 GHz

Antenna Diameter ☒ 12m ☐ 7m

Antenna Beamsize (HPBW) 26.706 arcsec

Show Antenna Beamsize ☒

Image Query

Image Server Digitized Sky (Version II) at ESO

Image Size(arcmin) 10.0

Setting up the mosaic in the Field Setup

Define the length, width and position angle of the region to mosaic. Default is to separate the field centers by about 48% of the primary beam (the Nyquist rate).

System J2000 Sexagesimal display? ☒ Parallax 0.00000 mas
RA 10:27:51.6000 PM RA 0.00000 mas
Dec -43:54:18.000 PM DEC 0.00000 mas

Source Radial Velocity 2794.200 km/s hel z 0.009364291 Doppler Type
Target Type ☐ Individual Pointing(s) ☒ 1 Rectangular Field

Expected Source Properties
Peak Line Flux Density per Beam 0.00000 Jy

Line Width 0.00000 km/s

Line Polarization Percentage 0.0 %

Rectangle

Coords Type ☐ ABSOLUTE ☒ RELATIVE

System J2000

Offset(Longitude) 0.00000

Offset(Latitude) 0.00000

p length 2.0 arcmin

q length 2.0 arcmin

Position Angle 0.00000 deg

Spacing 0.48113 fraction of main beam

#Pointings 12m Array 105 7m Array 39

Estimated
number of 7m
Array
pointings

No more than
150 12m Array
pointings in
Cycle 2.

Control and Performance defines the required angular resolution, sensitivity, largest angular scale, etc.

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Configuration Information

Antenna Beamsize ($1.2 * \lambda / D$) 12m 26.706 arcsec 7m 45.782 arcsec

Number of Antennas 12m 34 7m 9 TP 2

Most extended 12m configuration Most compact 12m configuration

Longest baseline (L_{max}) 1.508 km 0.166 km

Synthesized beamsize (λL_{max}) 0.177 arcsec 1.612 arcsec

Shortest baseline (L_{min}) 0.041 km 0.014 km

Maximum acceptable scale (θ_{max}) 3.940 arcsec 11.293 arcsec

Desired Performance

Desired Angular Resolution

1.10000 arcsec

☐ Point Source ☒ Extended Source 3.00000 arcmin

Largest Angular Structure in source

0.22674 K equivalent to 0.01193 Jy

Desired minimum sensitivity

Bandwidth 0.22674 K equivalent to 0.01193 Jy Frequency Width 0.976563 MHz

Do you request complementary ACA observations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Suggest

Science goal integration time estimate

Time Estimate

Is more time required due to u,v coverage issues? (must be justified) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are the observations time-constrained? ☐ Yes ☒ No

With the desired angular resolution, maximum scale, and sensitivity (see pages 13-15 of the Cycle 2 Primer), ACA observations are recommended for this project.

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Spectral Spatial **Control and Performance**

Configuration Information

Antenna Beamsize ($1.2 * \lambda / D$)	12m 26.706 arcsec	7m 45.782 arcsec
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Synthesized beamsize (λL_{max})	0.177 arcsec	1.612 arcsec
Shortest baseline (L_{min})	0.041 km	0.014 km
Maximum recoverable scale ($0.6 \lambda L_{min}$)	3.946 arcsec	11.293 arcsec

Desired Performance

Desired Angular Resolution 1.10000 arcsec

Largest Angular Structure in source ☐ Point Source ☒ Extended Source 3.00000 arcmin

Desired mosaic sensitivity 0.22674 K equivalent to 0.01193 Jy

Bandwidth used for Sensitivity FinestResolution Frequency Width 0.976563 MHz

Do you request complementary ACA Observations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Science goal integration time estimate

Is more time required due to uv coverage? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are the observations time-constrained? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Click Time Estimate to see how long these observations will take. Must be less than 100 hours in Cycle 2.

Suggest Time Estimate

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Estimated time

Requested sensitivity	11.9255 mJy
Bandwidth used for sensitivity	0.977 MHz
Representative frequency (sky, first source)	231.55 GHz
Precipitable water vapour (all sources)	1.262mm (4th Octile)

ALMA 12m Array - 34 antennas

Time on source per pointing (first source)	19.56 s
Total number of pointings (all sources)	105
Estimated number of tunings required	1
Total time on source	34.23 min
Total time on calibrators	34.83 min
Total overheads	20.05 min
Total 12m array time (inc. calibration & overheads)	1.49 h

Calibration Breakdown

2 x SidebandRatio	3.37 min
6 x Pointing	1.80 min
2 x Amplitude (inc. AtmosphericCal)	6.53 min
2 x Bandpass (inc. AtmosphericCal)	11.53 min
6 x Phase (inc. AtmosphericCal)	7.60 min
6 x Atmospheric	4.00 min
Additional calibration overheads	14.80 min

Atacama Compact Array

ACA 7m time estimate coefficient	2.0
Total ACA 7m time	2.97 h
ACA TP time estimate coefficient	4.0
Total ACA TP time	5.94 h

Estimated total time for science goal 7.43 h

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Configuration Information

Antenna Beamsize ($1.2 * \lambda / D$)
 Number of Antennas
 Longest baseline (L_{max})
 Synthesized beamsize (λL_{max})
 Shortest baseline (L_{min})
 Maximum recoverable scale (0

Desired Performance

Desired Angular Resolution
 Largest Angular Structure in sou
 Desired mosaic sensitivity
 Bandwidth used for Sensitivity
 Do you request complementary
 Science goal integration time es
 Is more time required due to u.v
 Are the observations time-const

Sensitivity Calculator

Common Parameters

Dec 00:00:00.000
 Polarization Dual
 Observing Frequency 345.00000 GHz
 Bandwidth per Polarization 0.00000 GHz
 Water Vapour ☒ Automatic Choice ☐ Manual Choice
 Column Density 0.913mm (3rd Octile)
 tau/Tsky tau=0.158, Tsky=44.400 K
 Tsys 153.577 K

Individual Parameters

	12m Array		7m Array		Total Power Array	
Number of Antennas	34		9		2	
Resolution	0.00000	arcsec	5.974554 arcsec		17.923662 arcsec	
Sensitivity(rms)	0.00000	Jy	0.00000	Jy	0.00000	Jy
(equivalent to)	Infinity	K	0.00000	K	0.00000	K
Integration Time	0.00000	s	0.00000	s	0.00000	s

Integration Time Unit Option Automatic

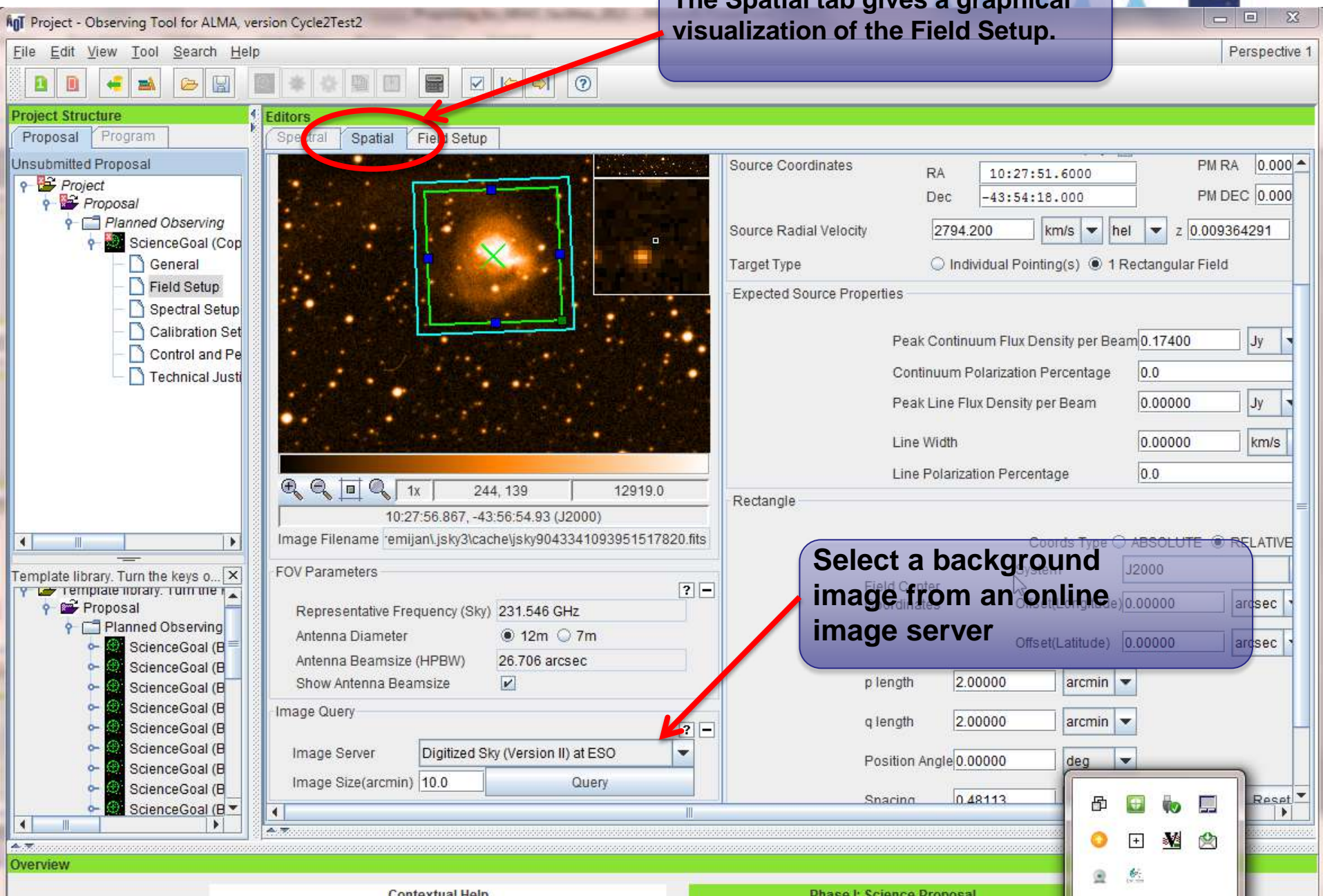
Calculate Integration Time

Calculate Sensitivity

Close

The Spatial tab gives a graphical visualization of the Field Setup.

Select a background image from an online image server



Or load a local fits image

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Spatial Image

NGC3256

Source

Source Name

NGC3256

Choose a Solar System Object?

Name of object Unspecified

System J2000

Sexagesimal display? ☒

Parallax 0.000

Source Coordinates

RA 10:27:51.6000

PM RA 0.000

Dec -43:54:18.000

PM DEC 0.000

Source Radial Velocity

2794.200 km/s hel z 0.009364291

Target Type

☐ Individual Pointing(s) ☒ 1 Rectangular Field

Expected Source Properties

Peak Continuum Flux Density per Beam 0.17400 Jy

Continuum Polarization Percentage 0.0

Peak Line Flux Density per Beam 0.00000 Jy

Line Width 0.00000 km/s

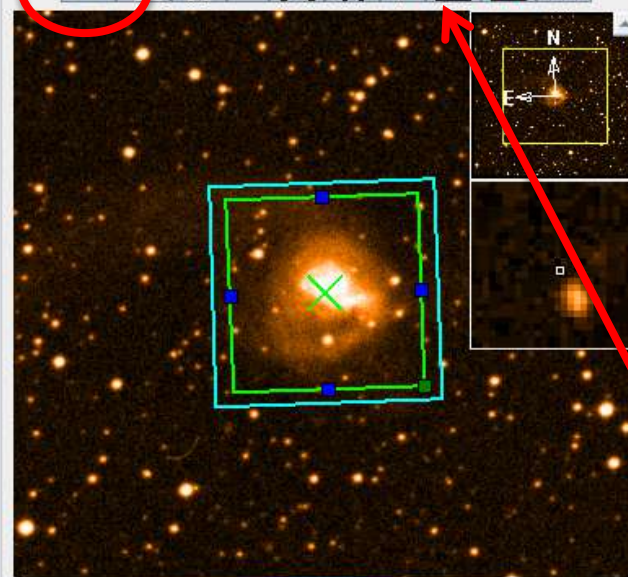
Line Polarization Percentage 0.0

Rectangle

Coords Type ☐ ABSOLUTE ☒ RELATIVE

System J2000

Offset(Longitude) 0.00000 arcsec



1x 71, -52 0.0

10:28:13.821, -44:00:03.43 (J2000)

Image Filename emijan\jsky3\cache\jsky9043341093951517820.fits

FOV Parameters

Antenna Diameter 12m 7m

You can turn "on/off" the mosaic beam pattern using this button.

Each circle is the size of the primary beam, centered on the field center

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Or load a local fits image

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Spatial Image

NGC3256

Source

Source Name

NGC3256

Choose a Solar System Object?

Name of object Unspecified

System J2000

Sexagesimal display?

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Source Coordinates

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PM RA 0.000

Dec -43:54:18.000

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Line Width 0.00000 km/s

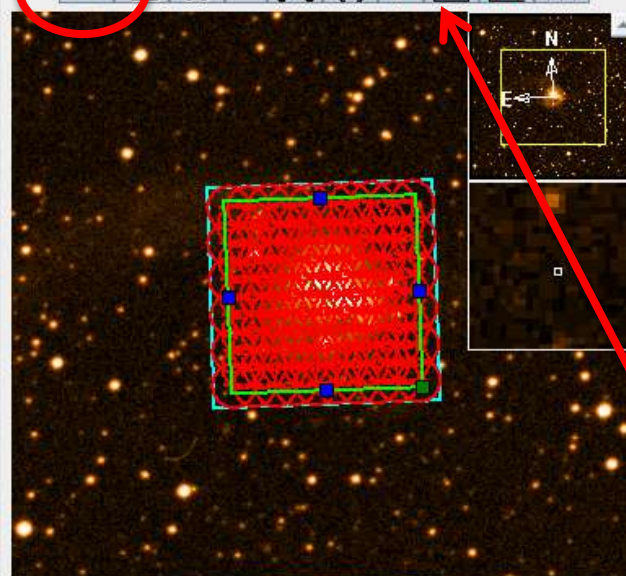
Line Polarization Percentage 0.0

Rectangle

Coords Type ☐ ABSOLUTE ☒ RELATIVE

System J2000

Offset(Longitude) 0.00000 arcsec



1x 388,468 13678.0

10:27:42.245, -43:51:24.64 (J2000)

Image Filename emijan\jsky3\cache\jsky9043341093951517820.fits

FOV Parameters

Antenna Diameter 12m 7m

You can turn "on/off" the mosaic beam pattern using this button.

Each circle is the size of the primary beam, centered on the field center

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Source Coordinates

RA 10:27:51.6000 PMRA 0.00000 mas/yr
Dec -43:54:18.000 PM DEC 0.00000 mas/yr

Source Radial Velocity 2794.200 km/s hel z 0.009364291 Doppler Type RELATIVISTIC

Target Type ☒ Individual Pointing(s) ☐ 1 Rectangular Field

Expected Source Properties

Peak Continuum Flux Density per Beam 0.17400 Jy
Continuum Polarization Percentage 0.0 %
Peak Line Flux Density per Beam 0.00000 Jy
Line Width 0.00000 km/s
Line Polarization Percentage 0.0 %

Field Center Coordinates

Custom Mosaic: ☒ **Custom Mosaics using Individual Pointings**

Offset Unit arcsec
#Pointings 2

RA [arcsec]	Dec [arcsec]
0.00000	0.00000
0.00000	0.00000

Add Delete

Add Source Load from File... Export to File... Delete Source Delete All Sources

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Spectral Spatial Spectral Setup

In the table below, it is possible to define up to 16 spectral windows, 4 per baseband as long as the total Fraction per baseband is no more than 1. Each baseband is 2GHz wide and can be separately configured i.e. each spectral window can have a different bandwidth and resolution. Note that for bands 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8, it is not possible to put 3 basebands in one sideband and the fourth one in the other.

Spectral Type

☐ Spectral Line
☒ Single Continuum
☐ Spectral Scan

Polarization products desired ☐ XX ☒ DUAL ☐ FULL

Templates for standard single continuum

Receiver Band 5 [211.0-275.0 GHz]
3 [14.0-116.0 GHz]
4 [125.0-163.0 GHz]
6 [211.0-275.0 GHz]
7 [275.0-373.0 GHz]
8 [385.0-500.0 GHz]
9 [602.0-720.0 GHz]

Sky Frequency

Rest Frequency 232.153787 GHz

Baseband-1

Fraction	Center Freq (Rest)	Center Freq (Sky)	Transition	Bandwidth, Resolution (smoothed)	Spec Avg.	Representative Window
1(Full)	223.06951 GHz	221.00000 GHz	Single Contin...	2000.000 MHz(2543 km/s), 31.250 MHz(42.391 km/s)	1	<input type="radio"/>

Baseband-2

1(Full)	225.08824 GHz	223.00000 GHz	Single Contin...	2000.000 MHz(2521 km/s), 31.250 MHz(42.011 km/s)	1	<input type="radio"/>
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Spectral Type

☐ Spectral Line
☒ Single Continuum
☐ Spectral Scan

Polarization products desired ☐ XX ☒ DUAL ☐ FULL

Full Polarization for Bands 3, 6 and 7

Spectral Setup Errors

Receiver Band

6 [211.0-275.0 GHz]
3 [84.0-116.0 GHz]
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☐ Spectral Line

Spectral Type

Polarization products desired ☐ XX ☒

Multiple spectral specs, spectral averaging

Spectral Setup Errors

Spectral Line

Baseband-1

Fraction	Center Freq (Rest)	Center Freq (Sky)	Transition	Bandwidth, Resolution (smoothed)	Spec Avg.	Representative Window
1/4	230.30000 GHz	228.16341 GHz	...Enter Name ...	117.188 MHz(154 km/s), 244.141 kHz(0.321 km/s)	1	<input type="radio"/>
1/4	231.10000 GHz	228.95599 GHz	...Enter Name ...	117.188 MHz(153 km/s), 244.141 kHz(0.320 km/s)	1	<input type="radio"/>
1/2	230.53800 GHz	228.39920 GHz	CO v=0 2-1	234.375 MHz(308 km/s), 484.619 kHz(0.636 km/s)	1	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Select Lines to Observe in Baseband-1... Add Delete

1 2 4 8 16

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15 errors, 0 warnings

Description	Suggestion
no science case: a science and technical case is a mandatory	Select the proposal node in the Proposal tab and add a science case
Must select a minimum of 1 science keywords	Select the Proposal node and then add some science keywords (minimum 1 keywords)
Largest scale is not achievable with the 12m array configurations	Select the Control Parameters in the Science Goal and reduce the value or check the
Spectral Window name is invalid	Change the name to something more meaningful
Spectral Window name is invalid	Change the name to something more meaningful

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1/4	231.10000 GHz	228.95599 GHz	...Enter Name ...	117.188 MHz(153 km/s), 244.141 kHz(0.320 km/s)	1	<input type="radio"/>
1/2	230.53800 GHz	228.39920 GHz	CO v=0 2-1	234.375 MHz(308 km/s), 484.619 kHz(0.636 km/s)	1	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Select Lines to Observe in Baseband-1... Add Delete

1 2 4 8 16

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Validation Validation History Log

15 errors, 0 warnings

Description	Suggestion
no science case: a science and technical case is a mandatory	Select the proposal node in the Proposal tab and add a science case
Must select a minimum of 1 science keywords	Select the Proposal node and then add some science keywords (minimum 1 keywords)
Largest scale is not achievable with the 12m array configurations	Select the Control Parameters in the Science Goal and reduce the value or check the
Spectral Window name is invalid	Change the name to something more meaningful
Spectral Window name is invalid	Change the name to something more meaningful

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Spectral Spatial **Spectral Setup**

Spectral Type

- ☐ Spectral Line
- ☐ Single Continuum
- ☒ Spectral Scan

Polarization products desired ☐ XX ☒ DUAL ☐ FULL

Spectral Setup Errors

Spectral Scan

Requested start frequency (sky) 95.0 GHz

Requested end frequency (sky) 107.0 GHz

Requested range (rest) 95.8896 GHz - 108.0020 GHz

Achieved scan range (sky) 95.0 GHz - 110.0 GHz

Bandwidth, Resolution (Hanning smoothed) 1875.000 MHz, 976.563 kHz

Spectral averaging 1

Representative frequency (sky) 102.50000 GHz

Automated Spectral Scan mode and tunings

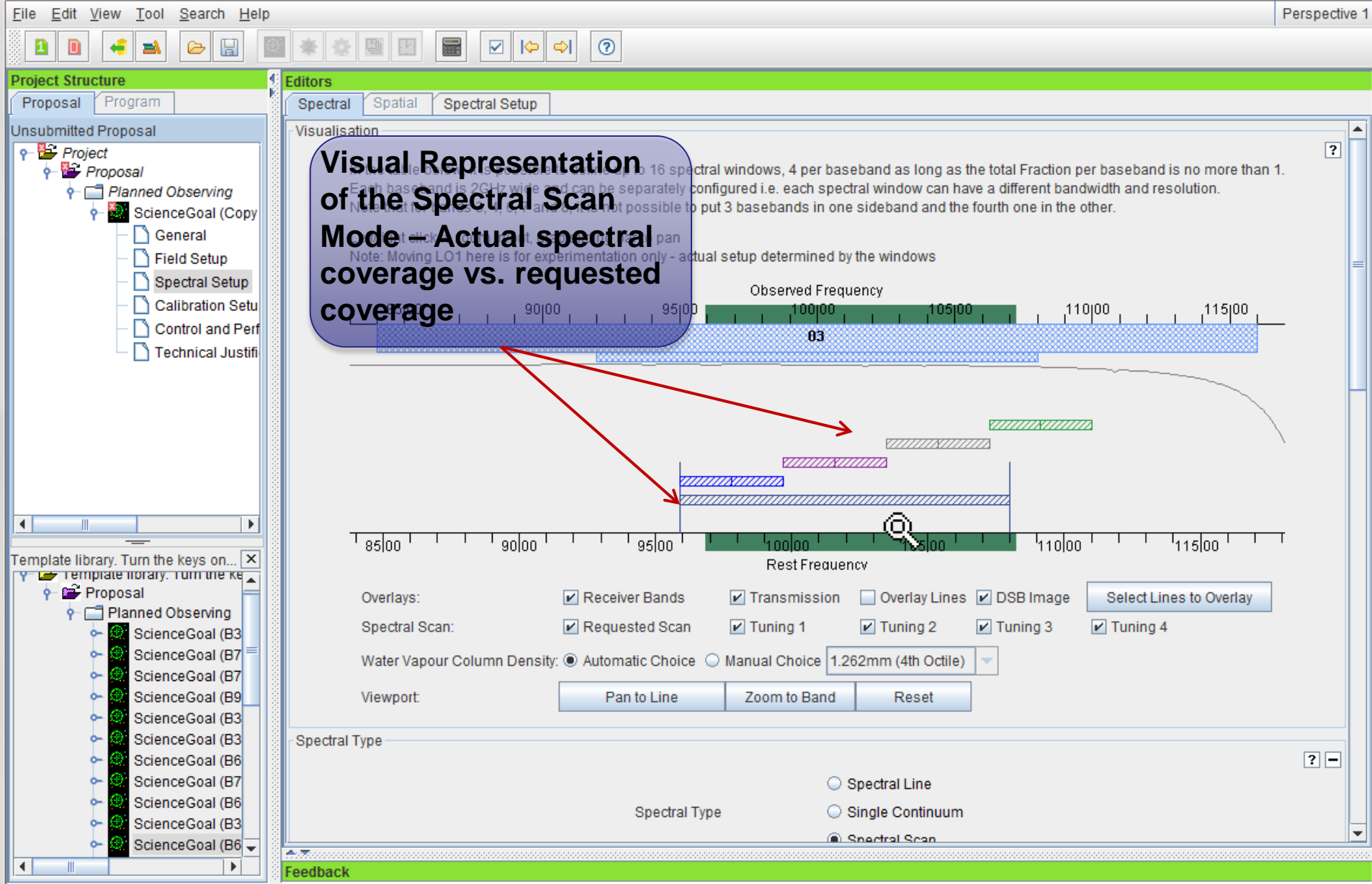
The representative frequency defined in the observed frame is used in conjunction with the sensitivity entered on the 'Control and Performance' page to estimate the required observing time and to set the size of the antenna beam shown in the 'Spatial Visual' editor. The representative frequency defaults to the average mid-frequency of the achieved scan range but may be subsequently set by the user to any frequency within the achieved scan range.

Tuning (Max. 5)	SPW 1 (GHz)	SPW 2 (GHz)
1	95.9375 GHz	97.8125 GHz
2	99.6875 GHz	101.5625 GHz
3	103.4375 GHz	105.3125 GHz
4	107.1875 GHz	109.0625 GHz

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ALMA OT - Information

Estimated time

Requested sensitivity	2.4640 mJy
Bandwidth used for sensitivity	0.977 MHz
Representative frequency (sky, first source)	102.50 GHz
Precipitable water vapour (all sources)	5.186mm (7th Octile)

ALMA 12m Array - 34 antennas

Time on source per pointing (first source)	4.83 min
Total number of pointings (all sources)	23
Estimated number of tunings required	4
Total time on source	7.41 h
Total time on calibrators	4.46 h
Total overheads	105.60 min
Total 12m array time (inc. calibration & overheads)	13.63 h

Calibration Breakdown

16 x SidebandRatio	26.93 min
12 x Pointing	3.60 min
16 x Amplitude (inc. AtmosphericCal)	52.27 min
16 x Bandpass (inc. AtmosphericCal)	1.54 h
48 x Phase (inc. AtmosphericCal)	1.01 h
48 x Atmospheric	32.00 min
Additional calibration overheads	1.45 h

Additional 12M Array Configurations

No of 12M Array Configurations	2
Additional overhead for extra configurations	6.82 h

Estimated total time for science goal 20.45 h

OK

aspects of the observations, including the required antenna configurations and integration times.

60.328 arcsec 7m 103.420 arcsec

34 7m 9

extended 12m configuration Most compact 12m configuration

508 km 0.166 km

400 arcsec 3.642 arcsec

041 km 0.014 km

913 arcsec 25.511 arcsec

0.5 arcsec

☐ Point Source ☒ Extended Source 3.00000 arcmin

0.22674 K equivalent to 0.00246 Jy

FinestResolution Frequency Width 0.976563 MHz

☐ Yes ☒ No

Suggest

Time Estimate

ues? (must be justified) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Yes No

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Multiple array configuration time estimates based on resolution and largest angular scale.

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Spectral Spatial **Control and Performance**

Do you request complementary ACA Observations? ☐ Yes ☒ No Suggest

Science goal integration time estimate Time Estimate

Is more time required due to u,v coverage issues? (must be justified) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are the observations time-constrained? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ Specific Dates ☐ Multiple Epochs ☐ Continuous Monitoring

Number of time windows specified : 1

Start Date/Time (UTC)	End Date/Time (UTC)
2013-10-02 13:17	2013-10-02 13:18

Please specify one or more suitable time windows for your observation

Your observation will be scheduled once during these times.

Entering Time
Constrained observations
– Dates, Epochs or Monitoring
appropriate justification or additional information

Template library. Turn the keys on...
Template library. Turn the keys on...

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Spectral Spatial Technical Justification

Enter a Technical Justification for this Science Goal, paying special attention to the parameters reproduced below.

Relevant science parameters

Sensitivity 2.46 mJy Angular Resolution 0.50 arcsec

Bandwidth for sensitivity 976.56 kHz Largest angular scale 3.00 arcmin

Representative frequency 102.50 GHz ACA No

Expected source properties

Continuum:

Aggregate bandwidth 3.75 GHz Sensitivity 0.00 mJy

Peak flux density 0.17 Jy SNR 83947.23

Dynamic Range (cont. peak/line rms) 70.62

Non-standard choices

Field setup:

Spectral Setup:

Calibration:

Control and Performance:

ACA suggestion overridden

Time Constrained

Justification text (max 4000 characters)

NEW Technical Justification

Must be entered separately for each Science Goal...

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Each of the three ARCs provides additional **User Services**, including a **Helpdesk** for all user queries. Each ARC maintains additional web pages with information on region-specific user services, such as visitor and student programs, schools, workshops, financial programs and public outreach activities. These are accessed via the links under the **User Services at the ARCs** area in the left menu.

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General ALMA Queries (13)

- Can I submit a ticket in Japanese?
- How close can ALMA observe to the Sun?

Project Planning (14)

- What should I include for the content of the Technical Justification and in what format should I submit it?
- Where can I find the online ALMA observing simulator developed by the University of Manchester?

Early Science - Cycle 1 (31)

- Can I use "breakpoints" in ALMA cycle 1?
- The Cycle 1 Technical Handbook has some gaps in its discussion of ALMA receivers (SSB, 2SB, DSB). What else can you tell me about them?

ALMA Observing Tool (OT) (29)

- What do I do if I can't get the OT to work?
- How do I deal with targets with unspecified coordinates in the OT?

Resources & Observer Support (12)

- How do I arrange a visit to one of the ARCs?
- Where can I find ALMA documentation and manuals?

Proposal Handling (5)

- May I submit an identical proposal to more than one category, e.g. submitting a proposal on distant galaxies both to cosmology and to galaxy categories?
- Which category should I submit a proposal on distant galaxies: "cosmology/high-z" or "Galaxies/Nuclei"?



Now its your turn...



We have prepared a “playbook” for setting up an ALMA Proposal. You can follow the playbook from here:

http://casaguides.nrao.edu/index.php?title=OT_tutorial_SISS

If you want to try and set up an ALMA OT Phase 1 Proposal based on your science, try looking up the “Did you Know?” document prepared here:

<https://science.nrao.edu/facilities/alma/facilities/alma/didyouknow>

There are specifications on sensitivity, largest angular scale, angular resolution, spectral set-ups, etc...that will help guide you through the proposal preparation process.

