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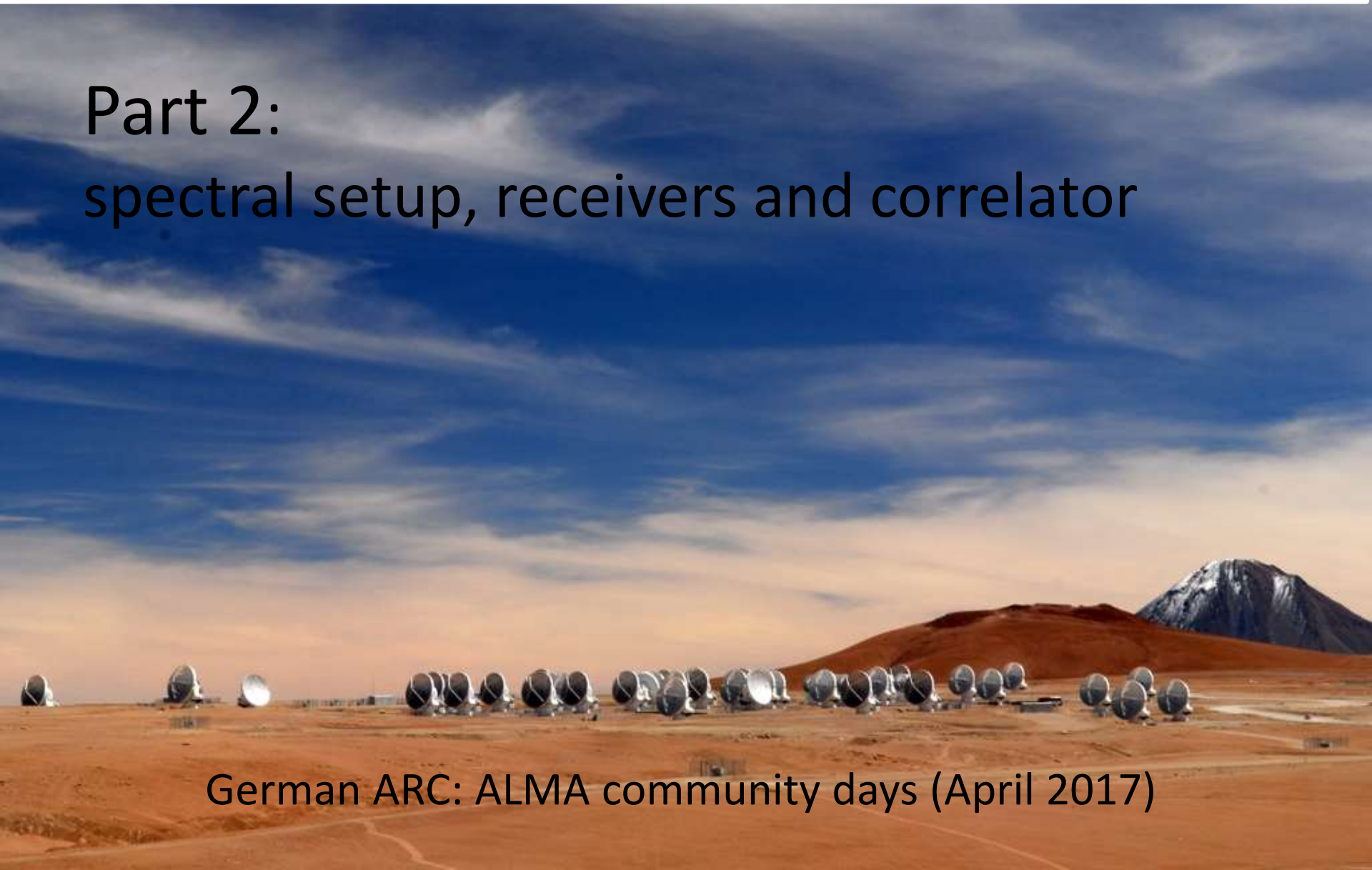

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Outline

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- Introduction to aperture synthesis
- Interferometers: spatial filters

Part 2: by S. Mühle

- Interferometers: spectral setup
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Part 3: by B. Magnelli

- The sensitivity of an interferometer

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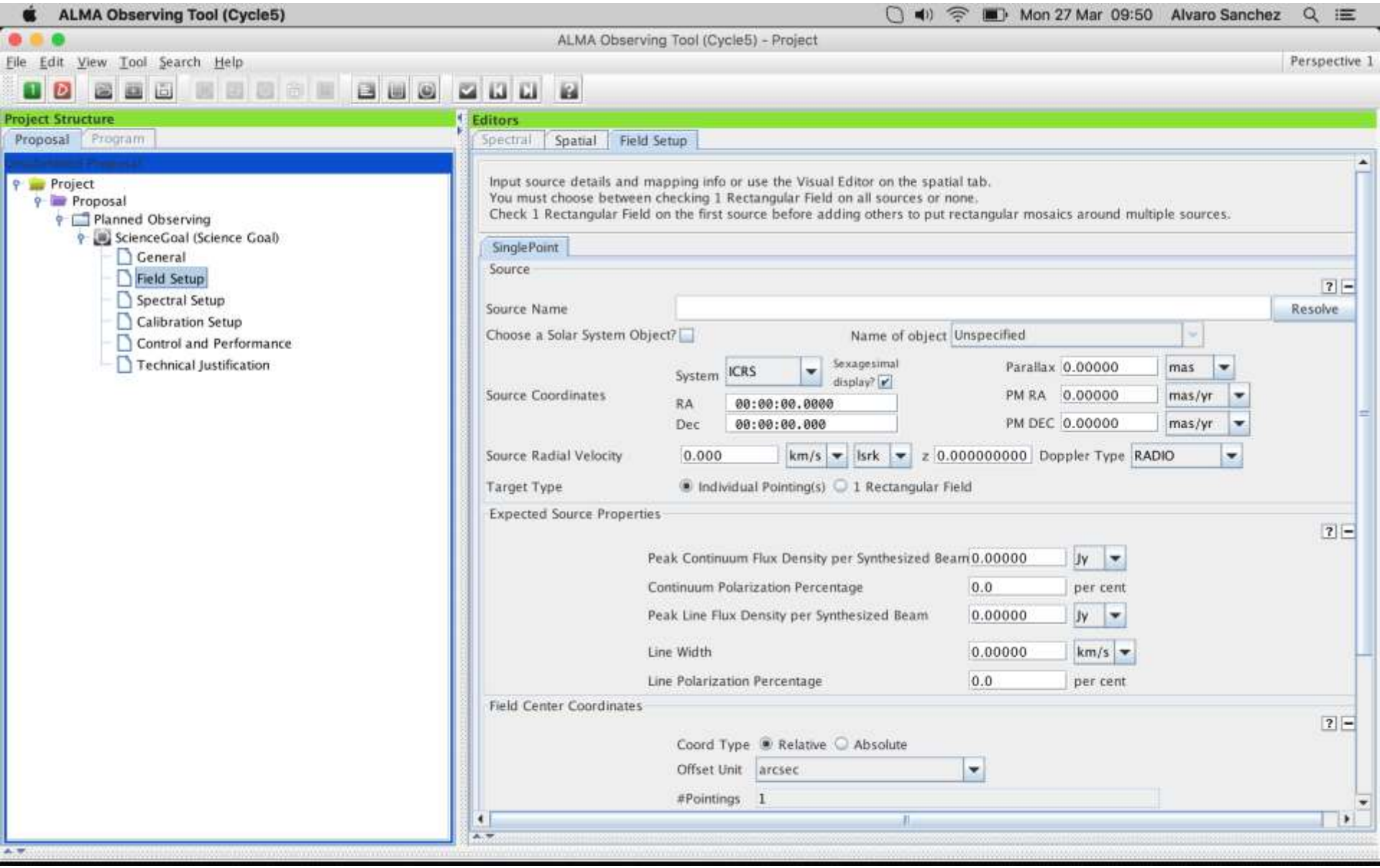

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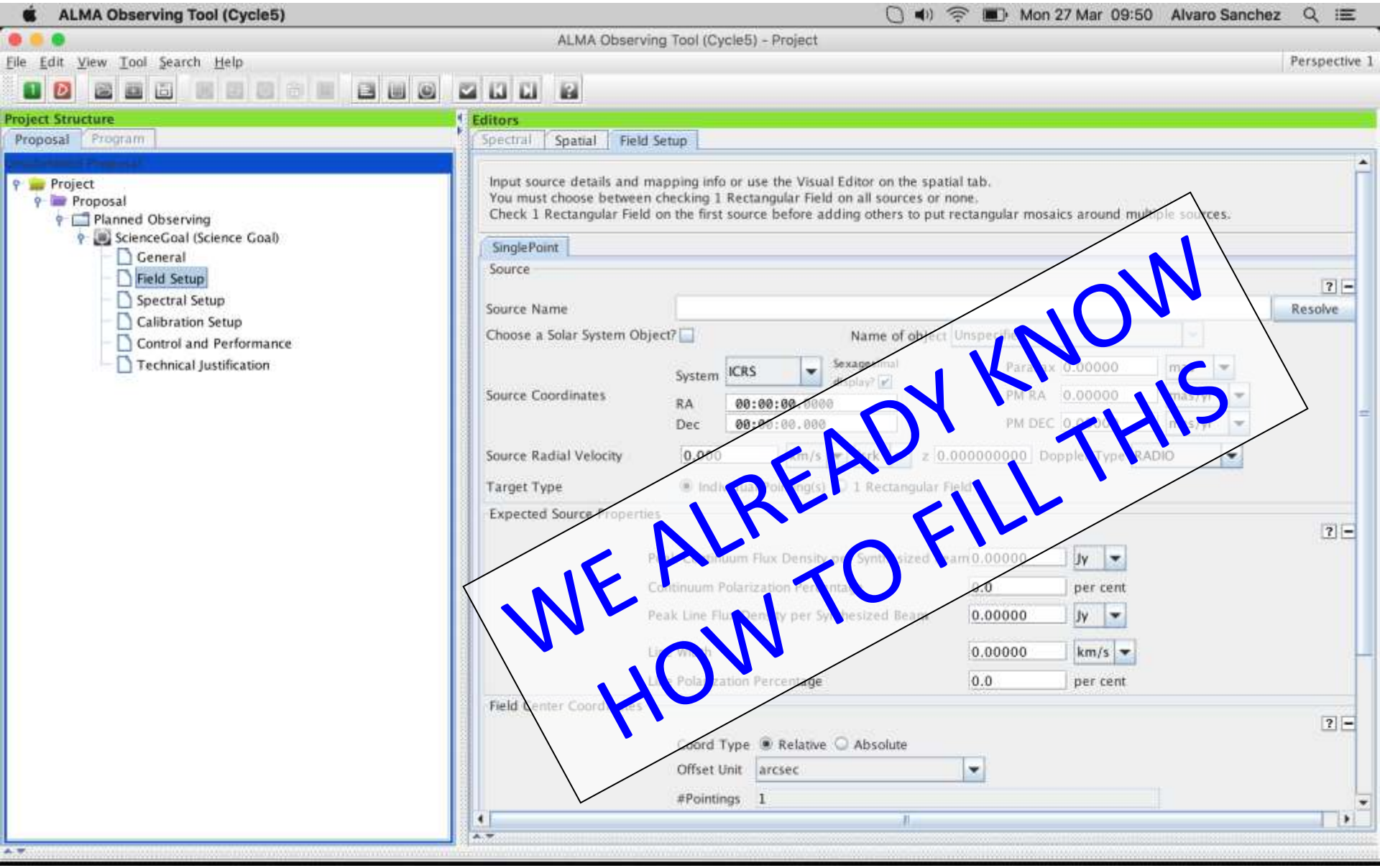

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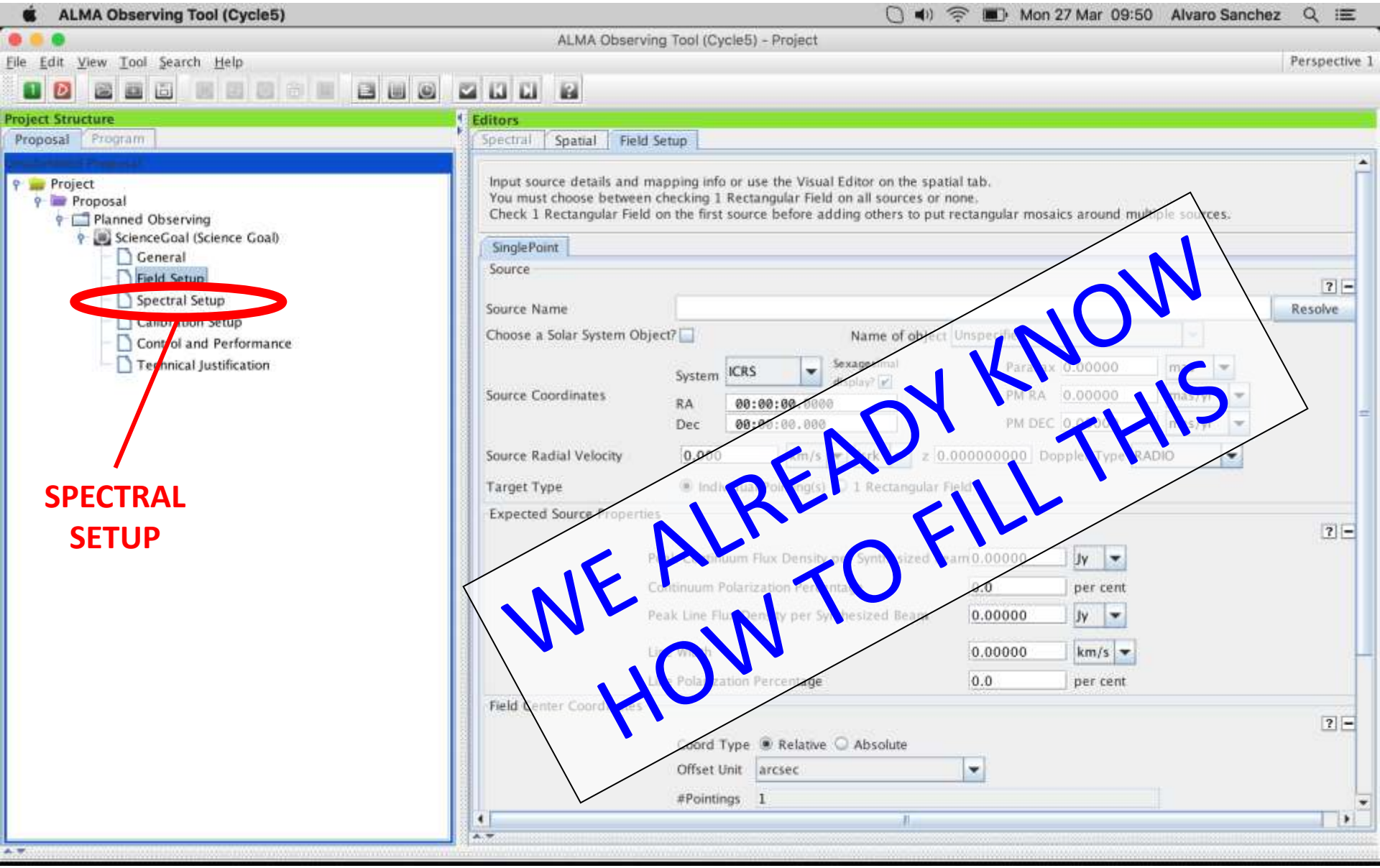

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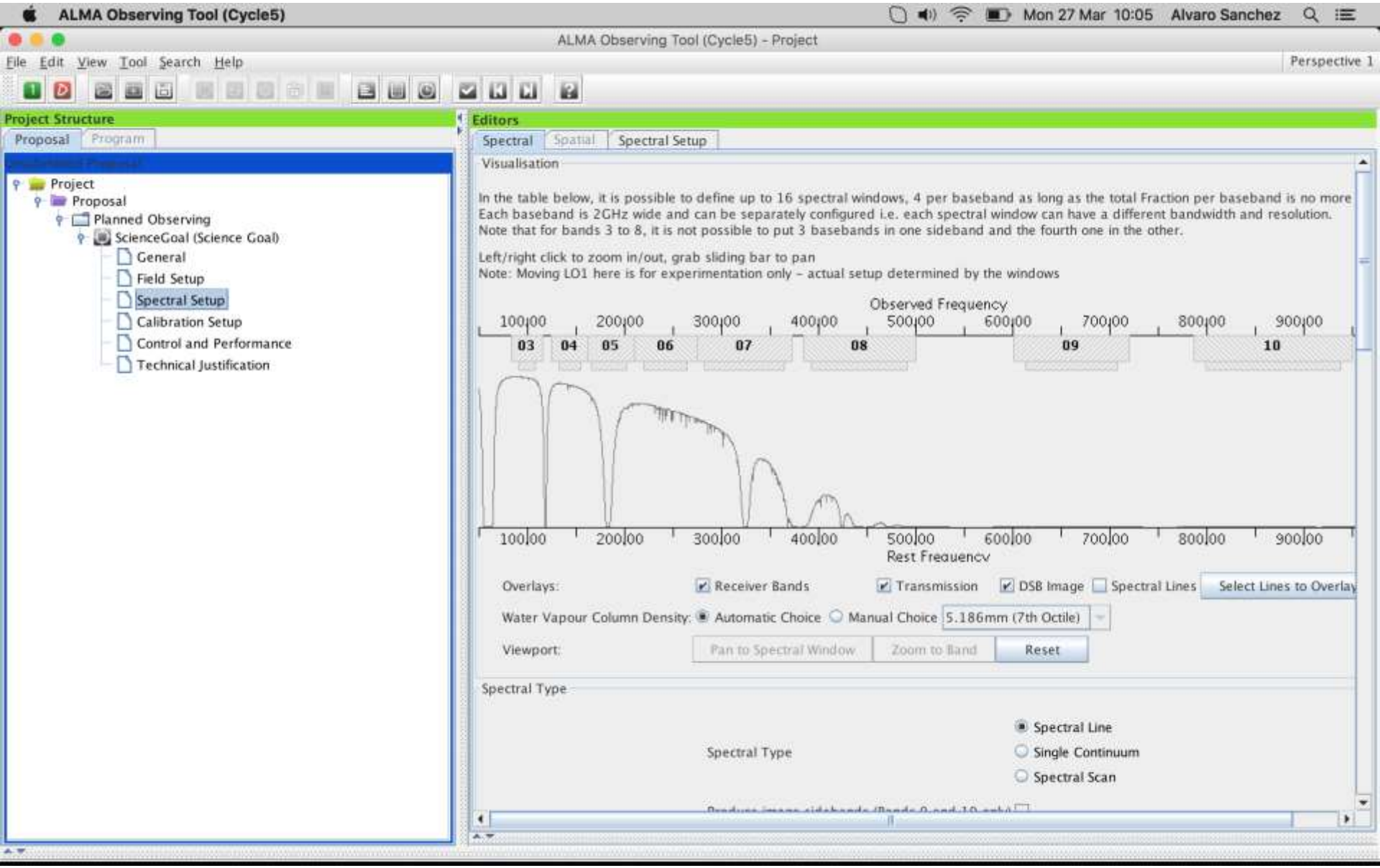

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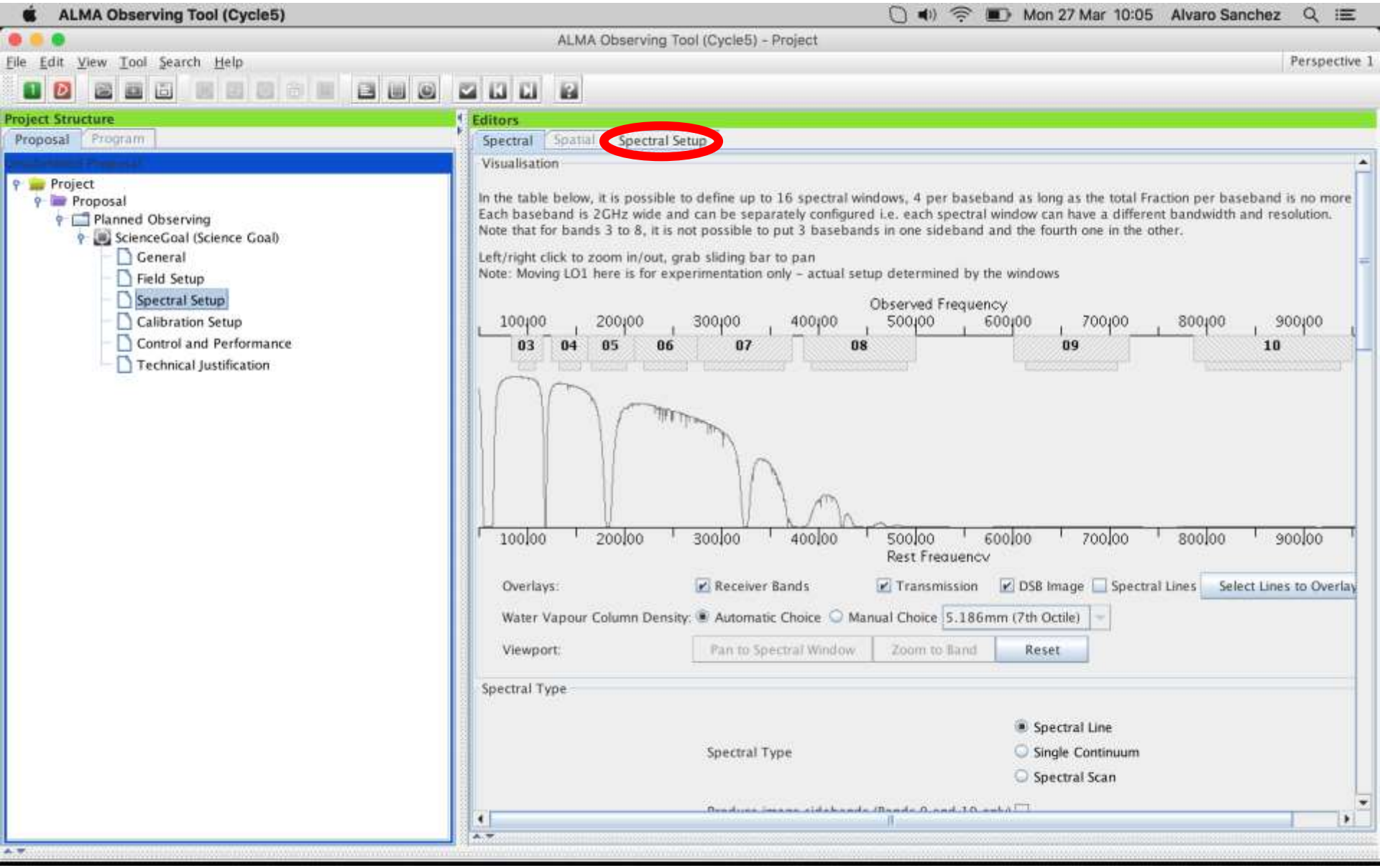

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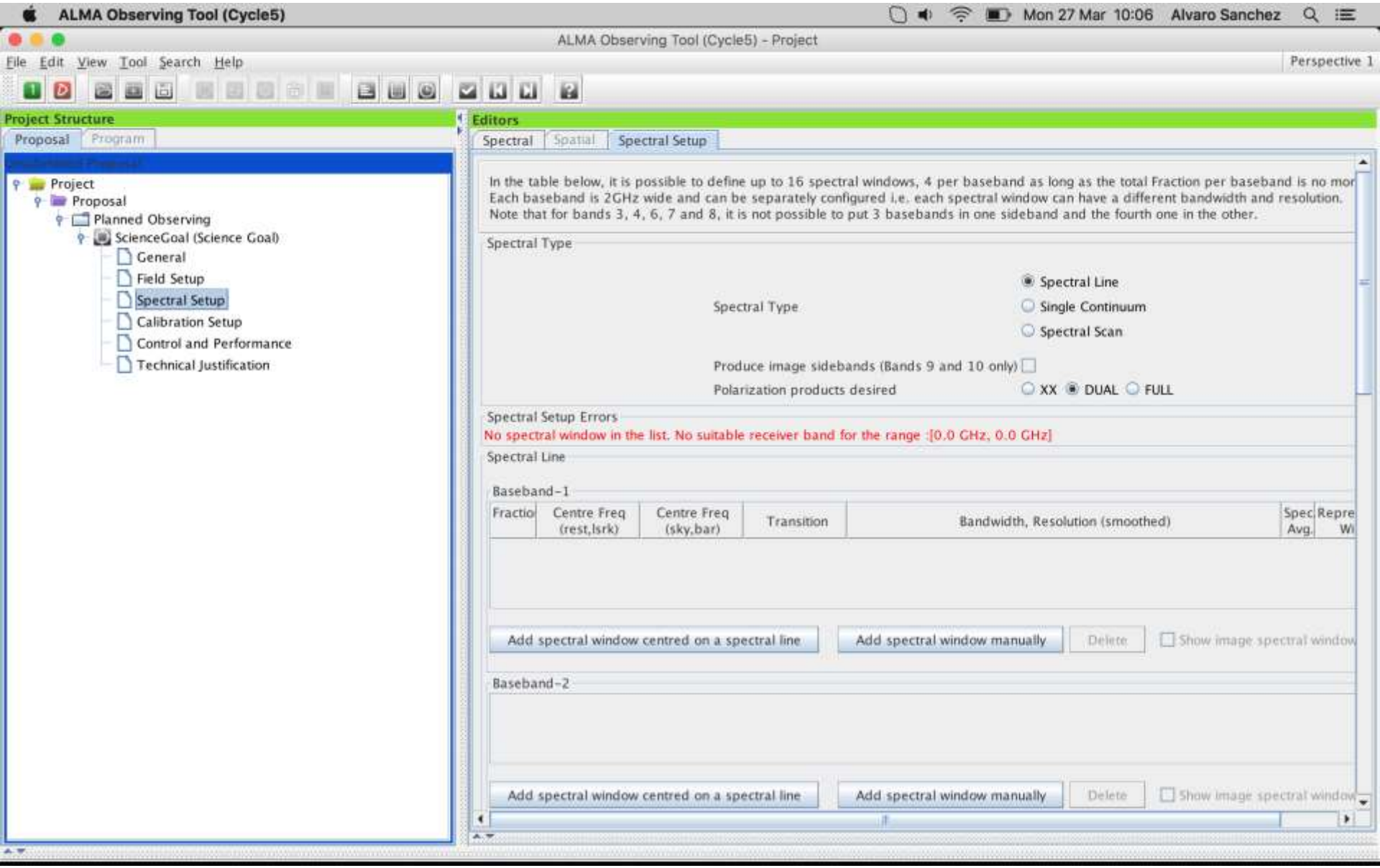

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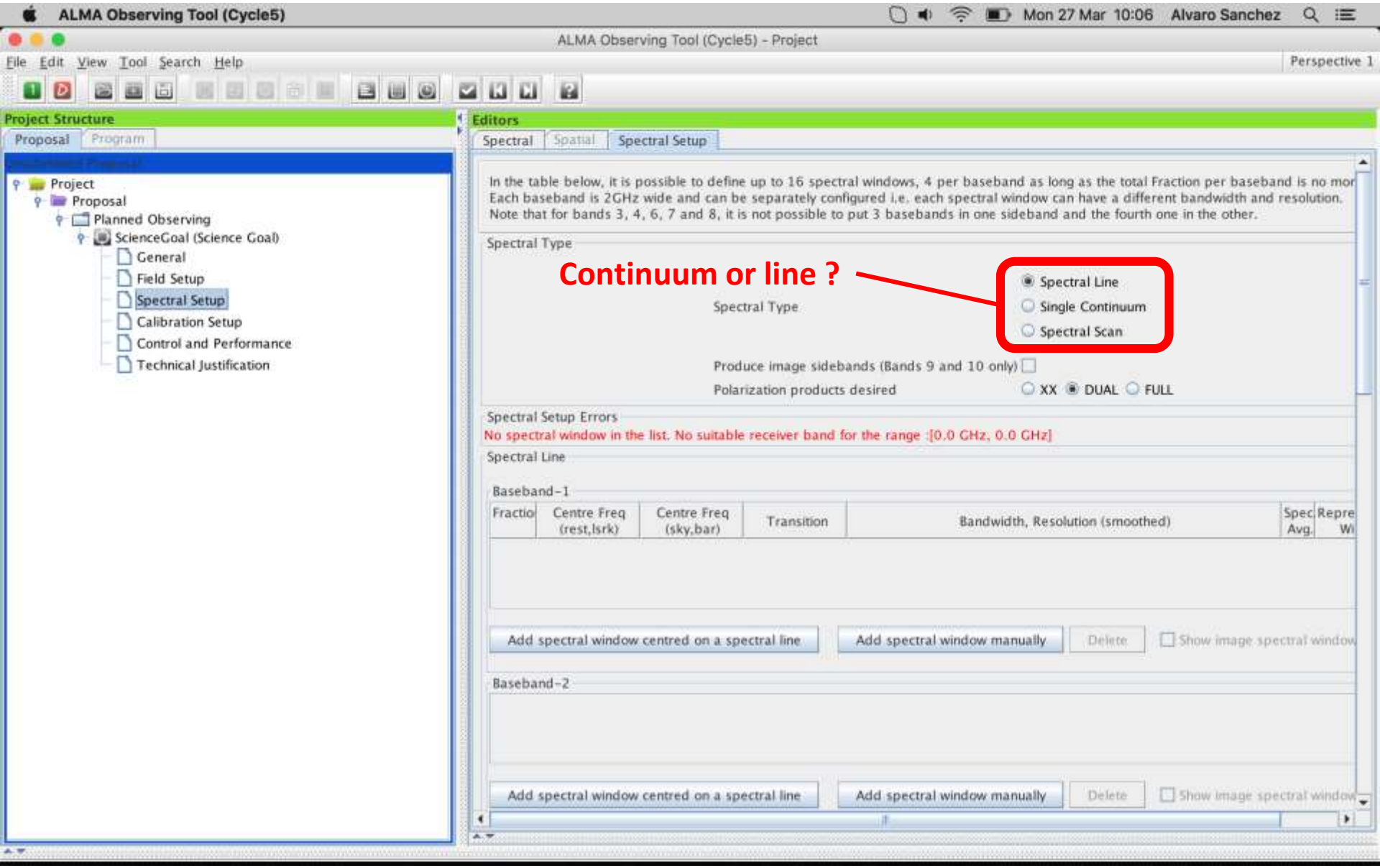

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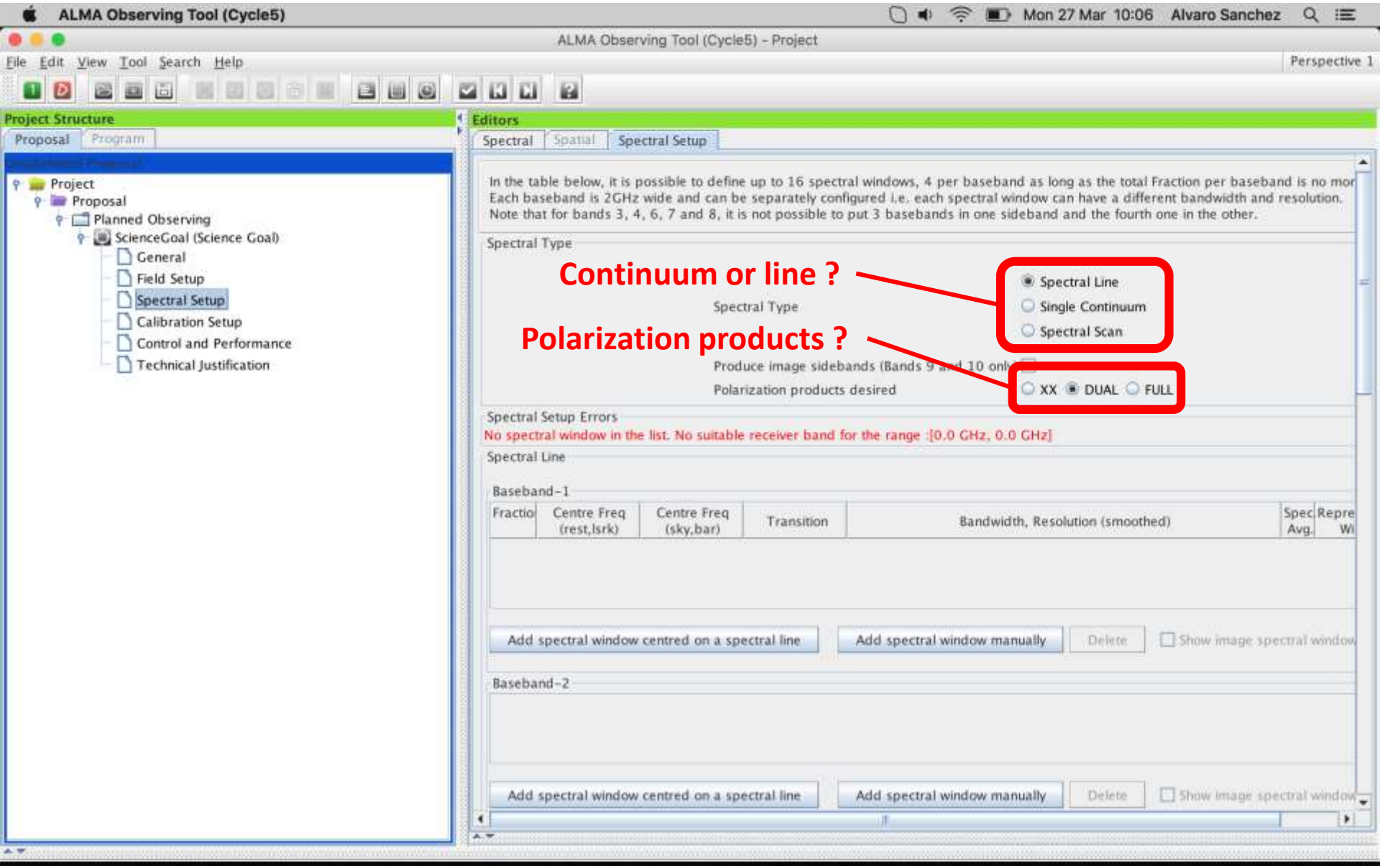

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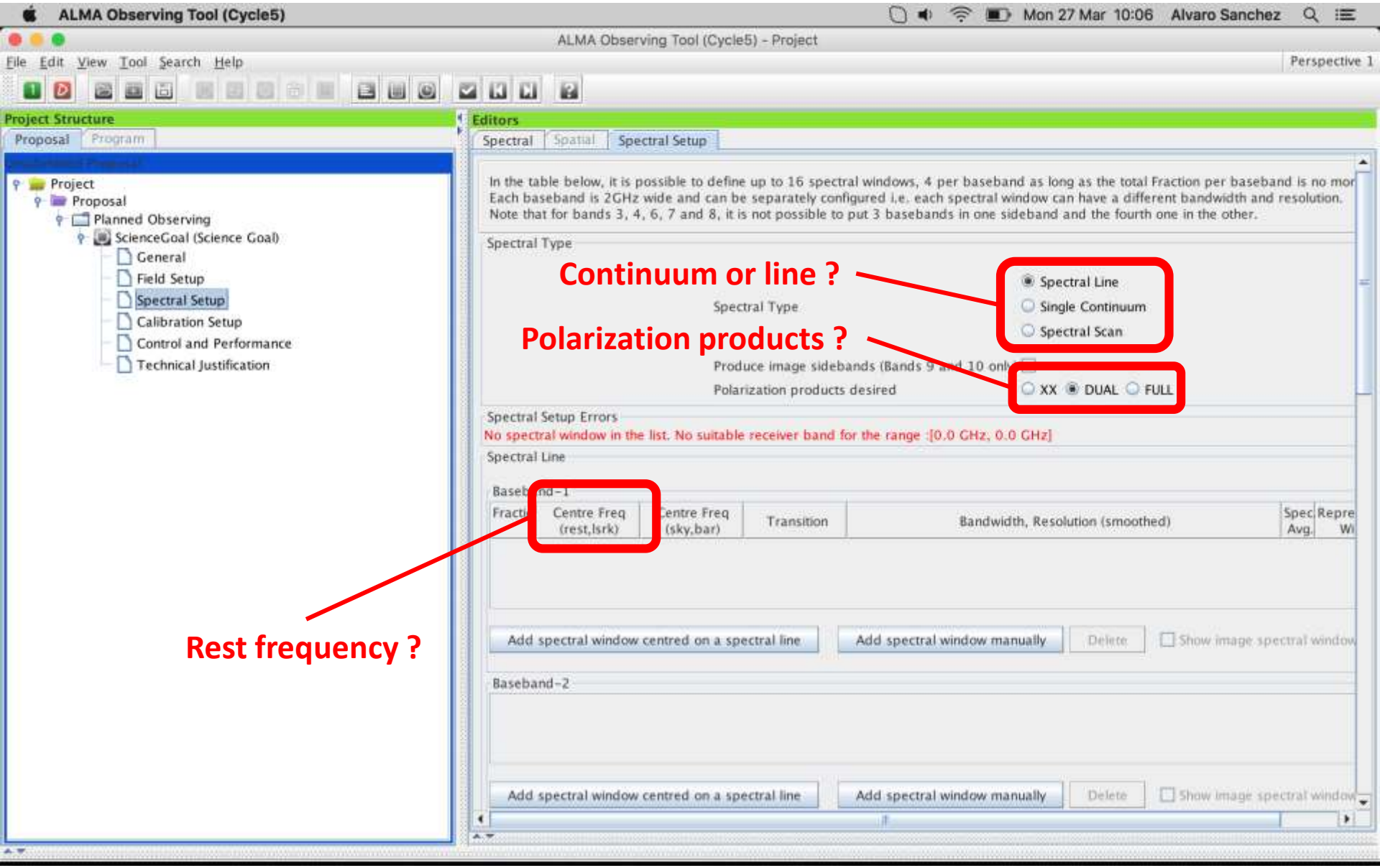

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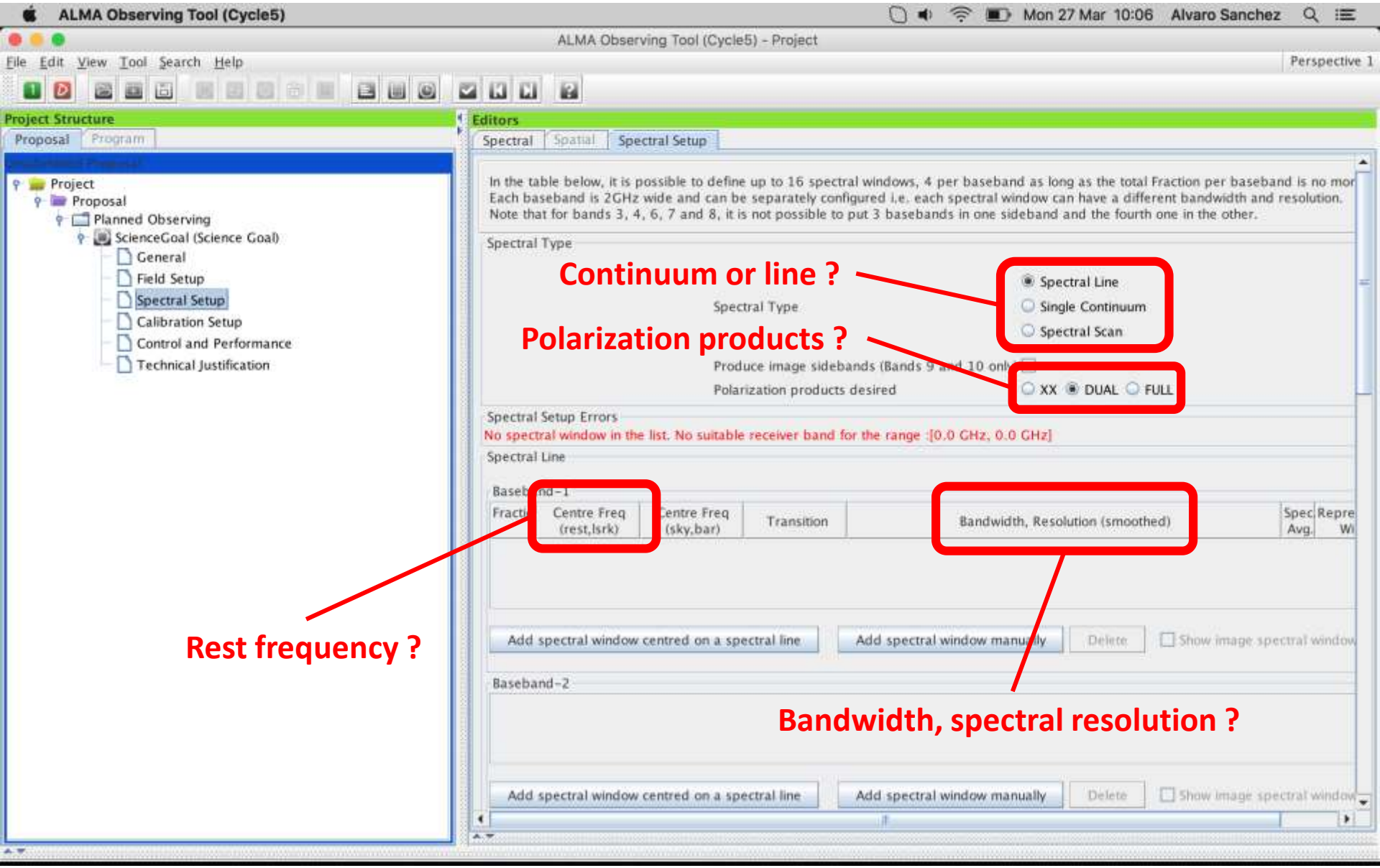

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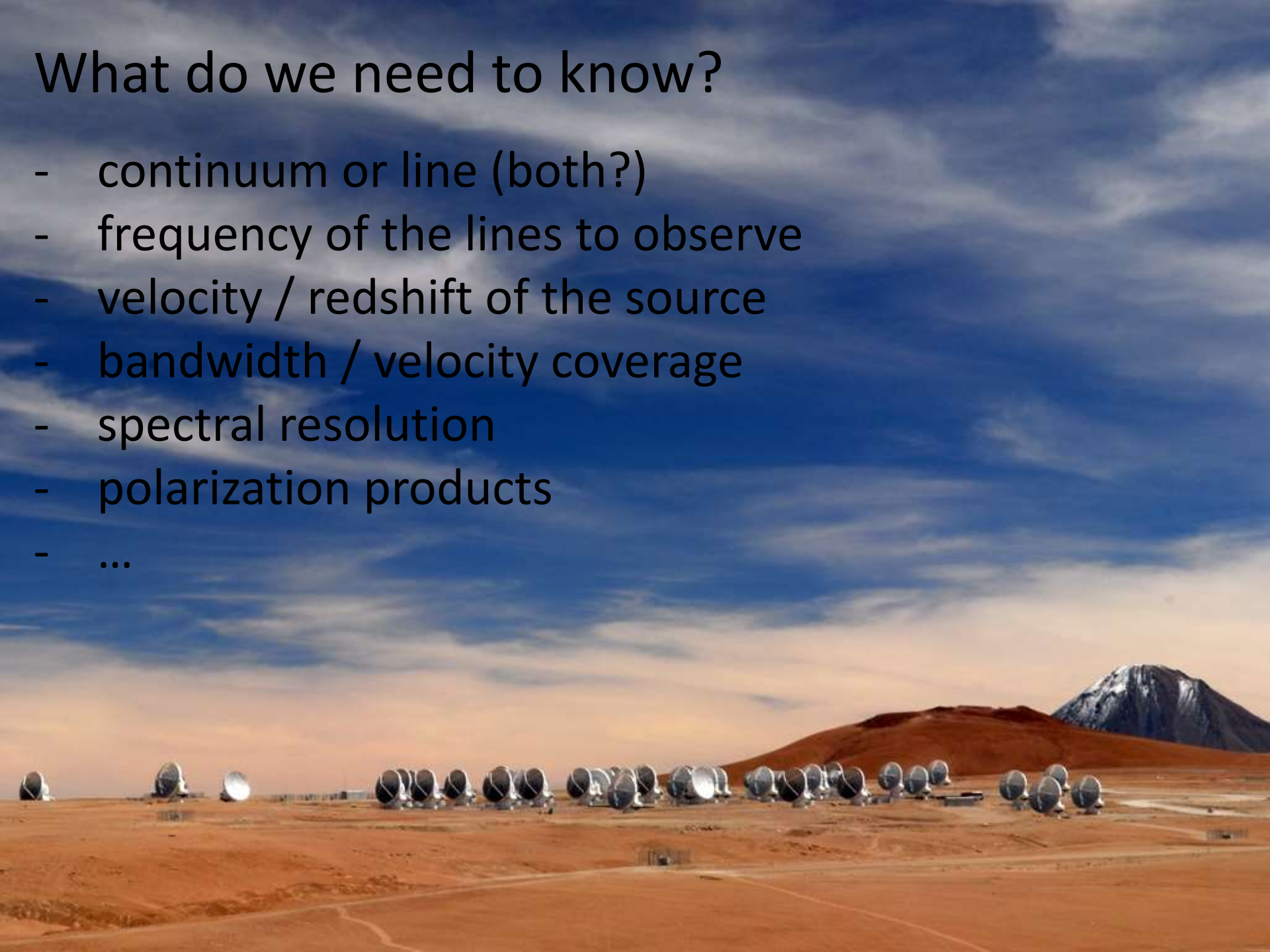

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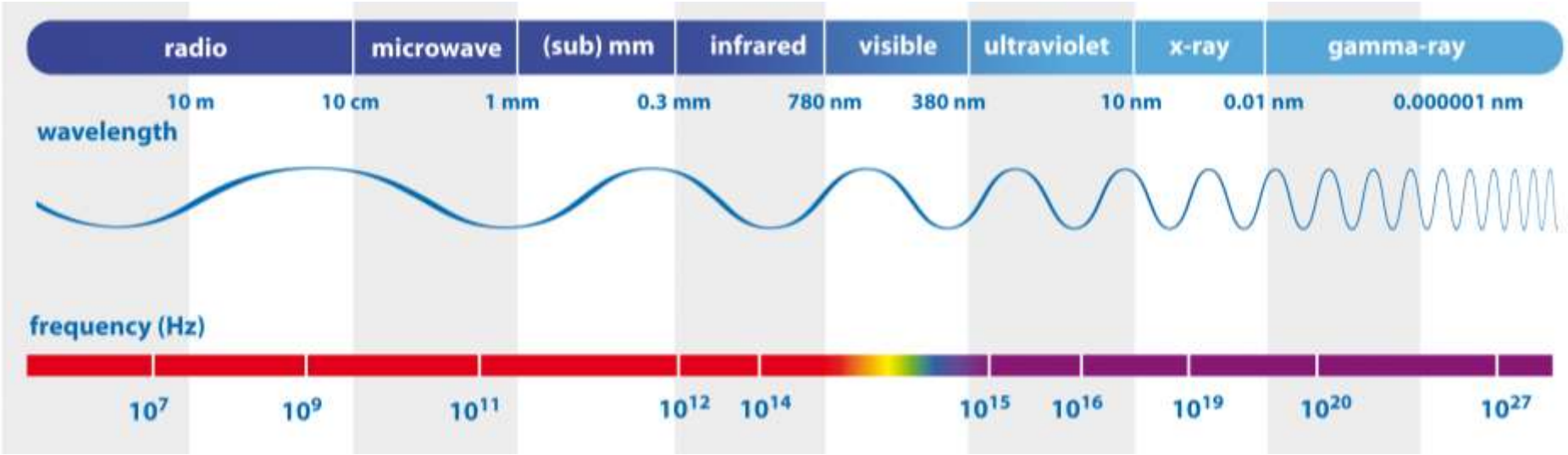
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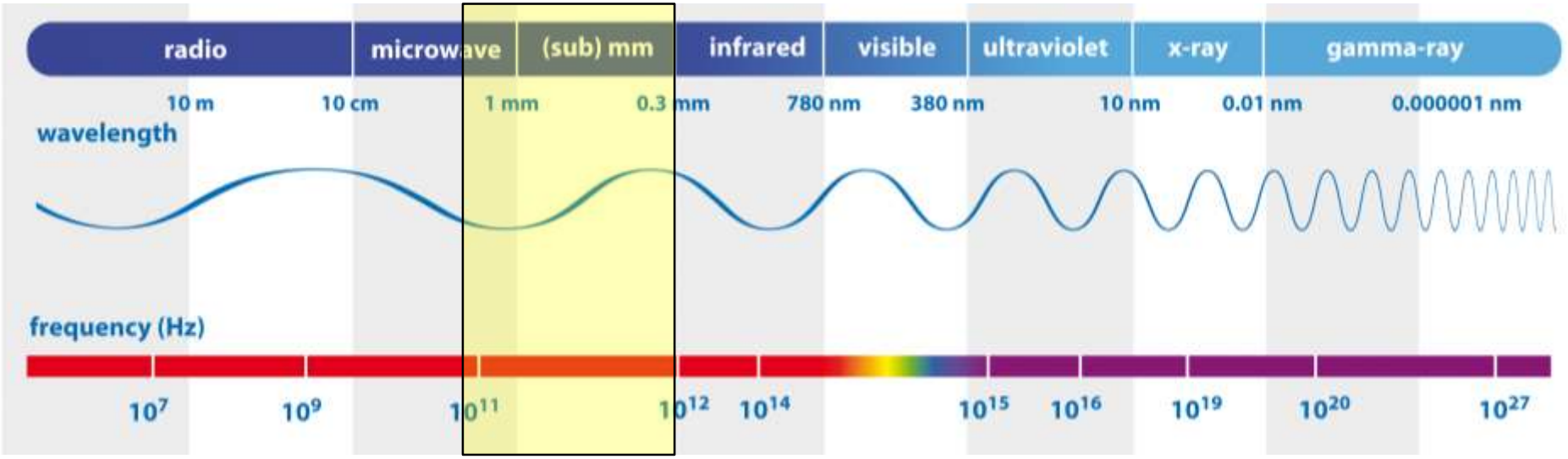

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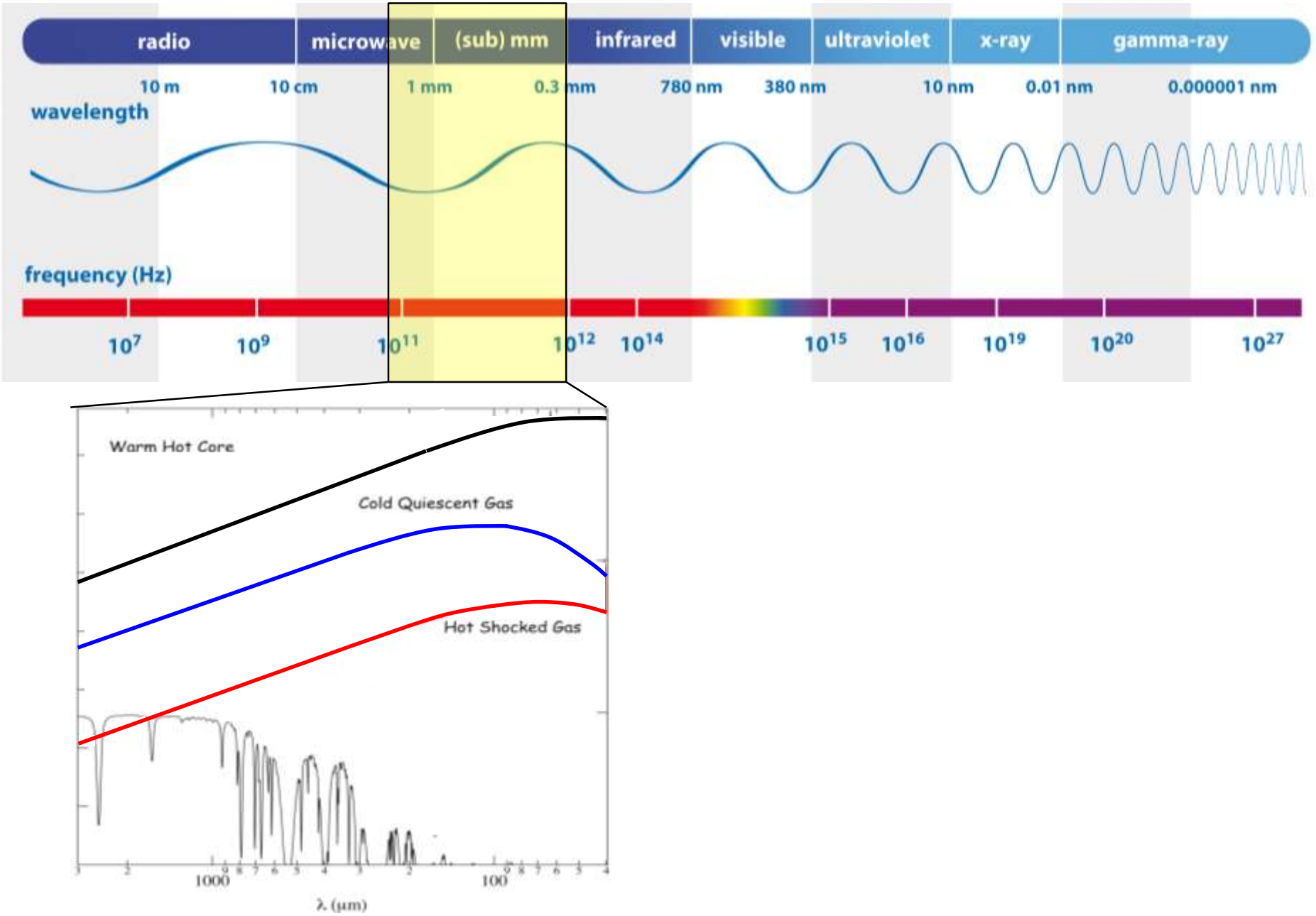

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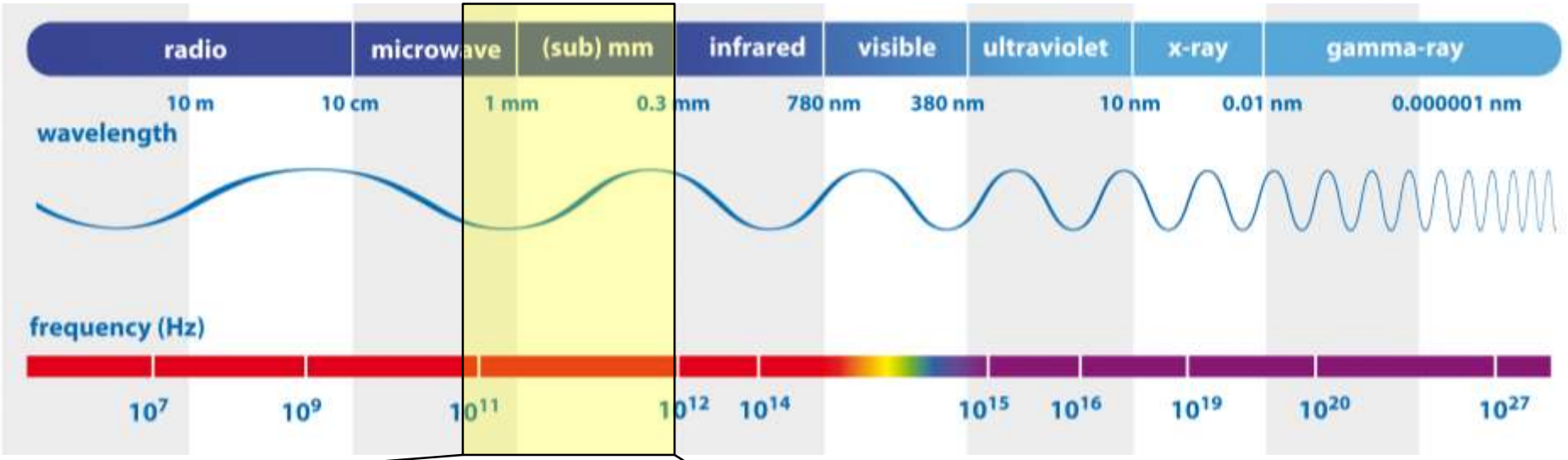

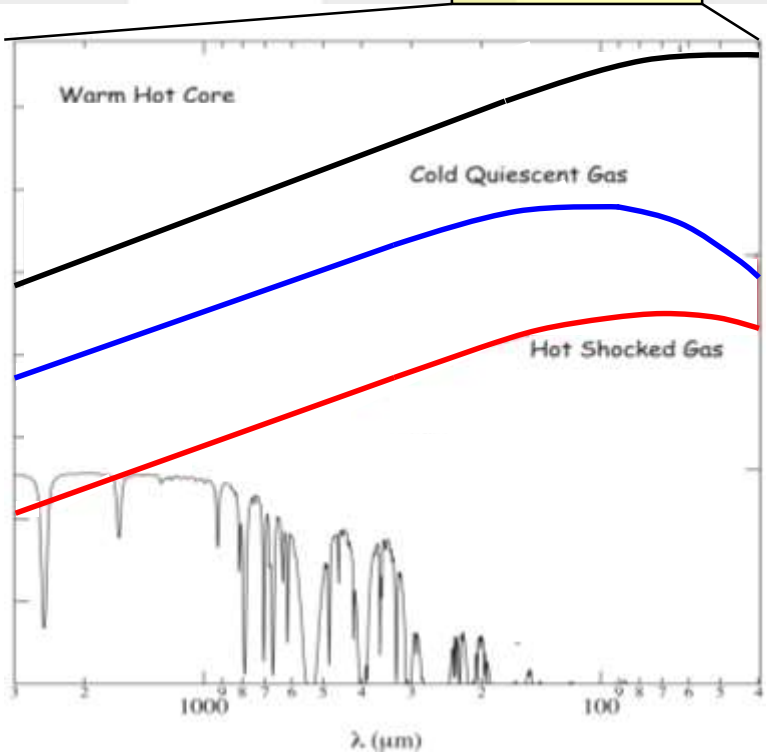

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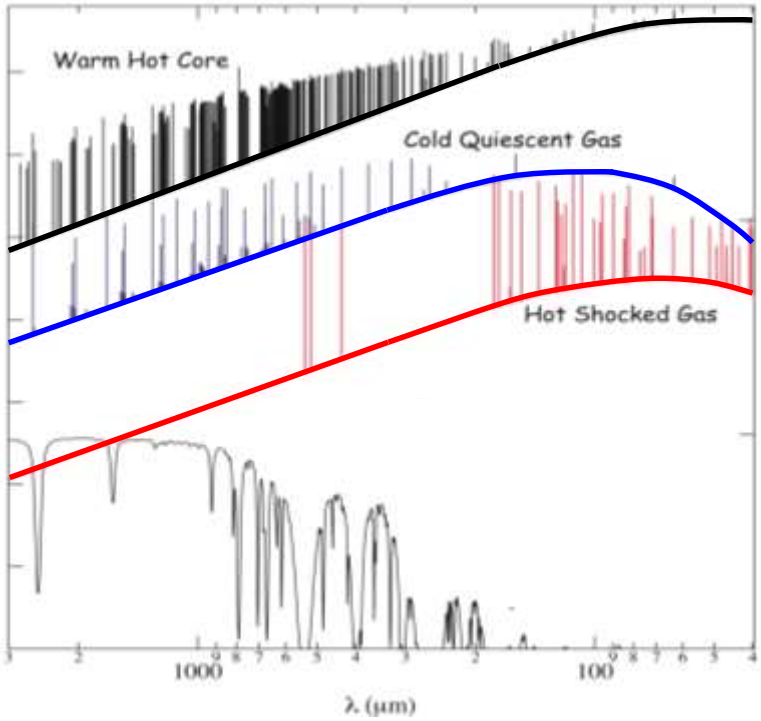

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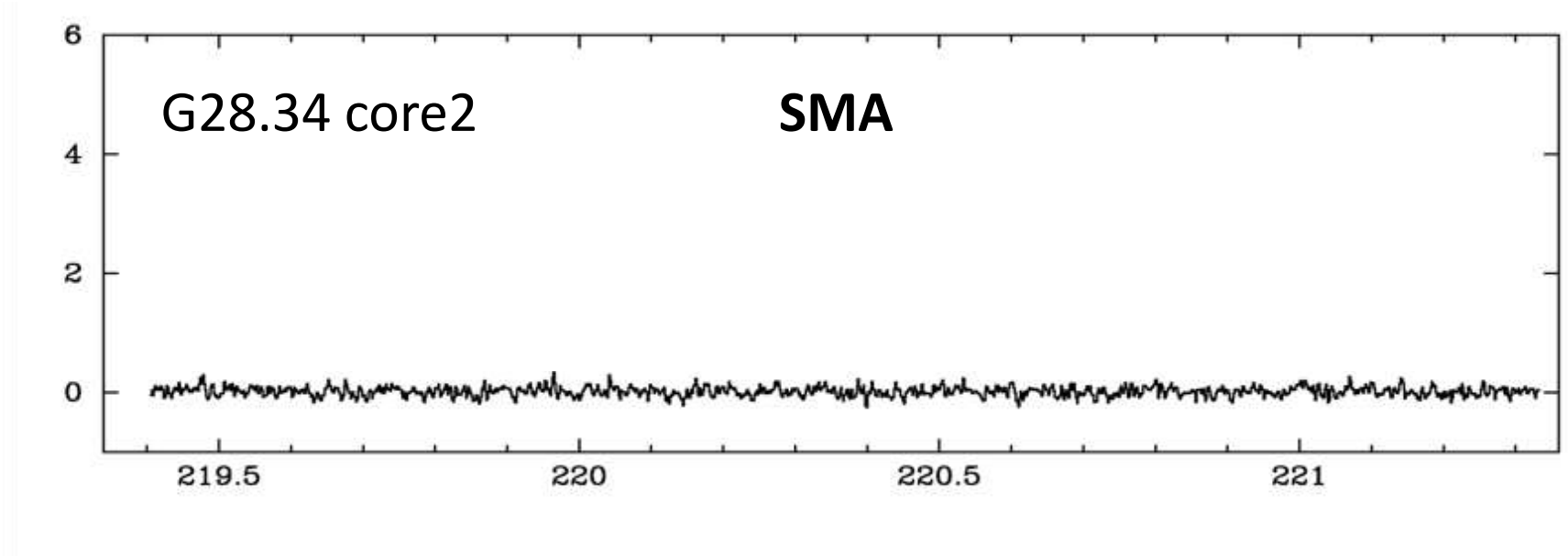

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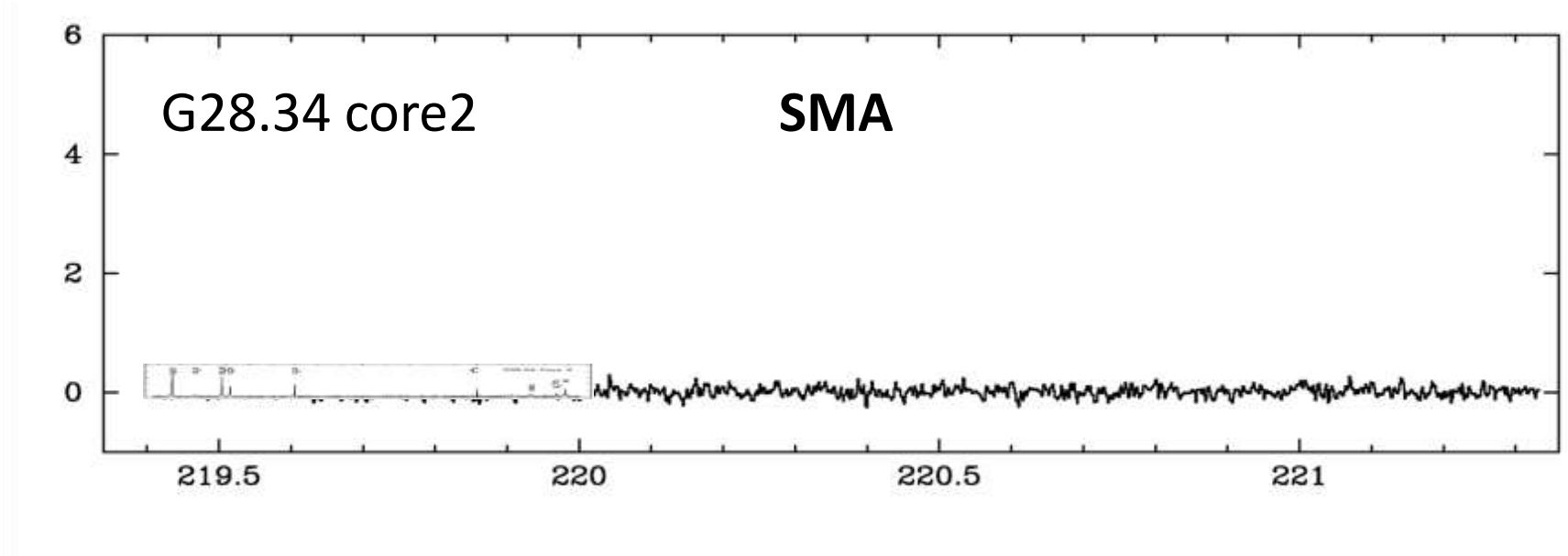

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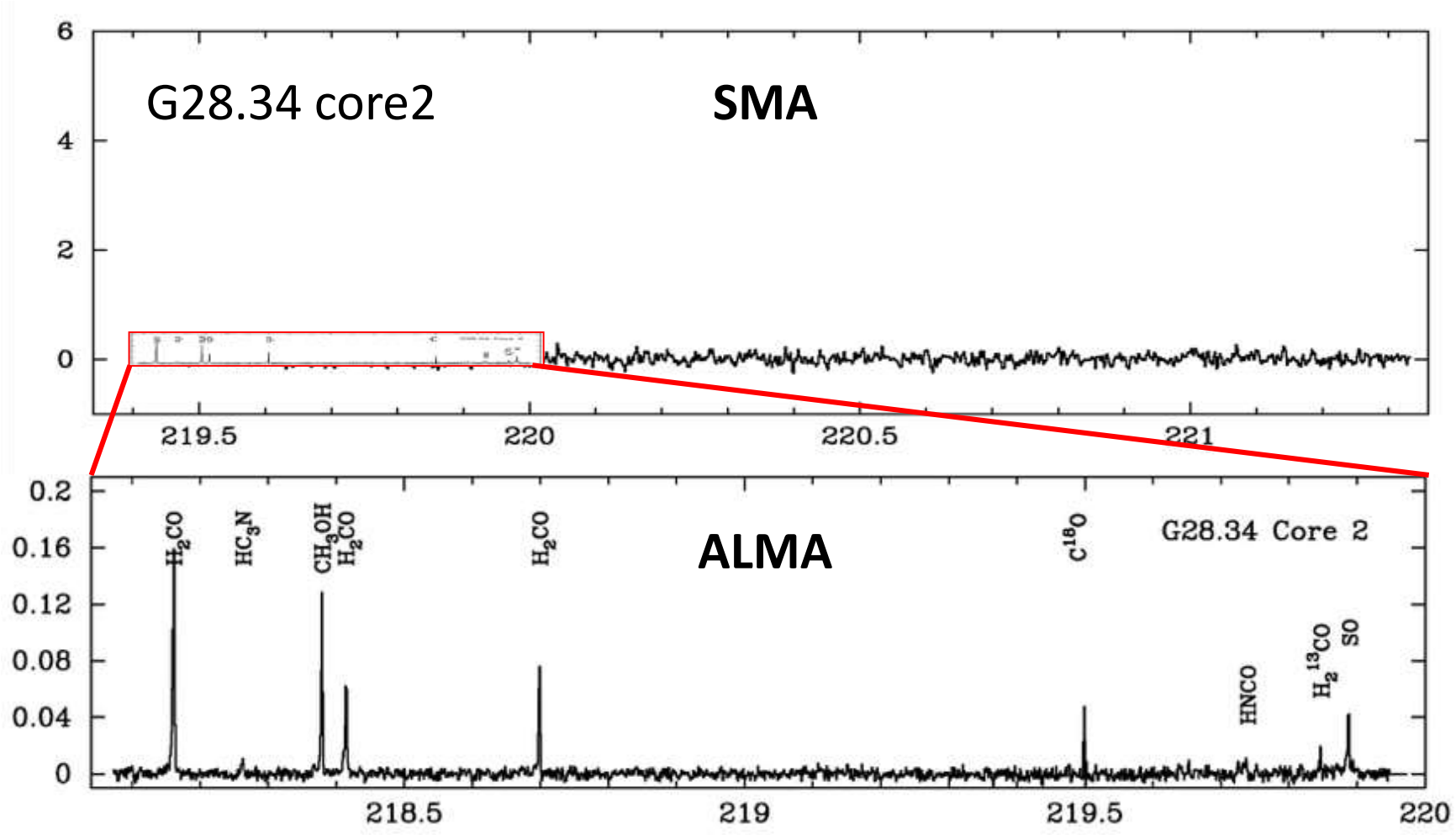

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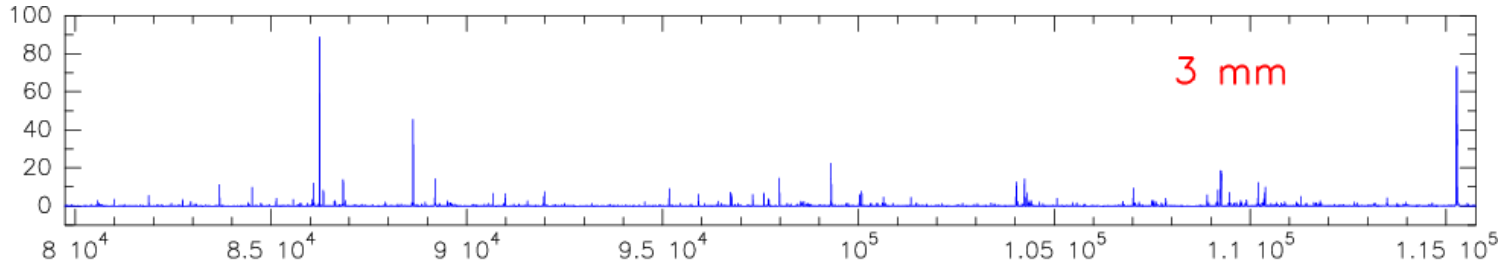

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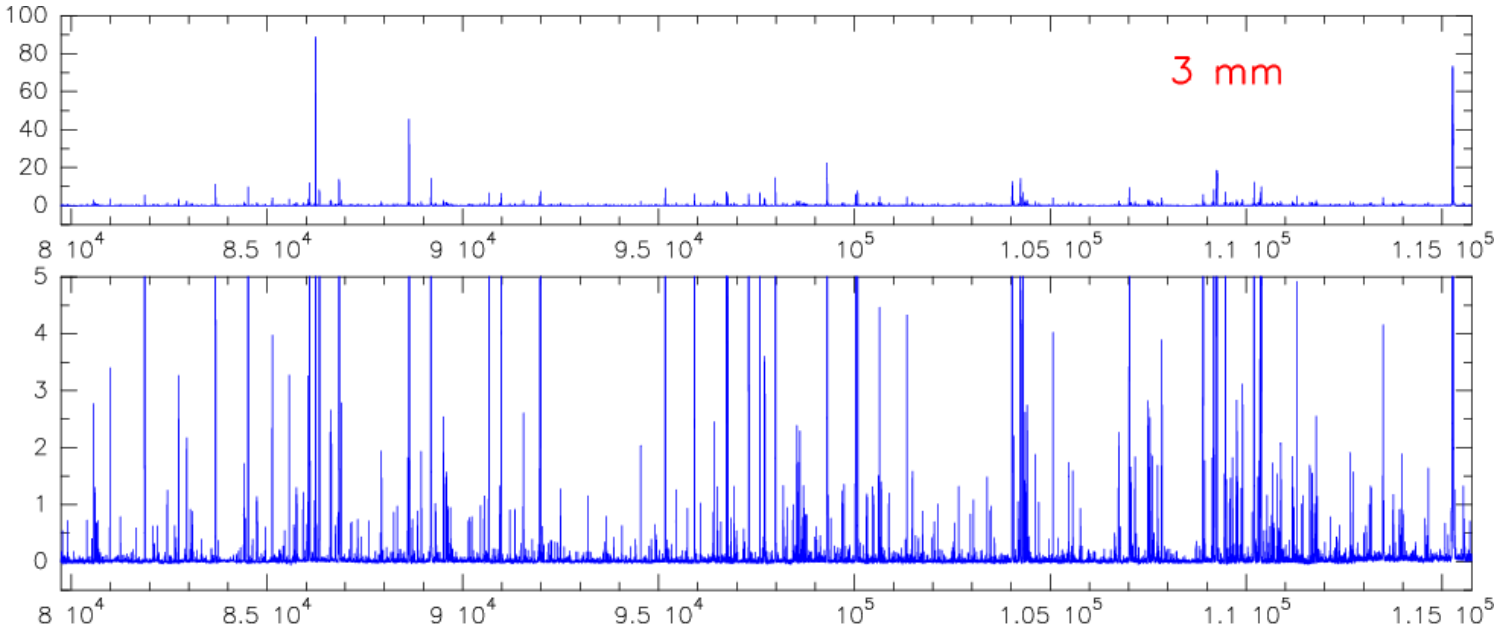

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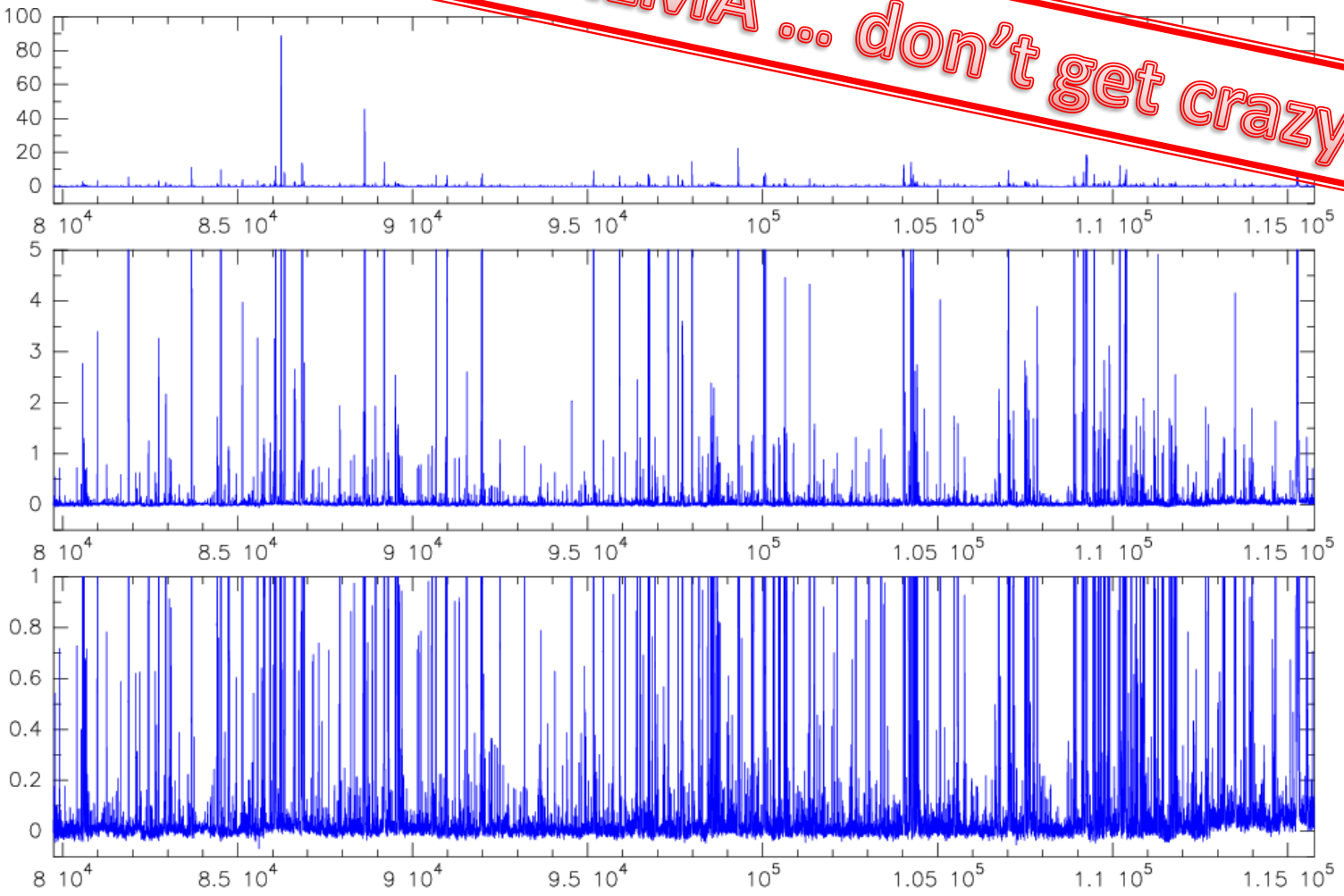

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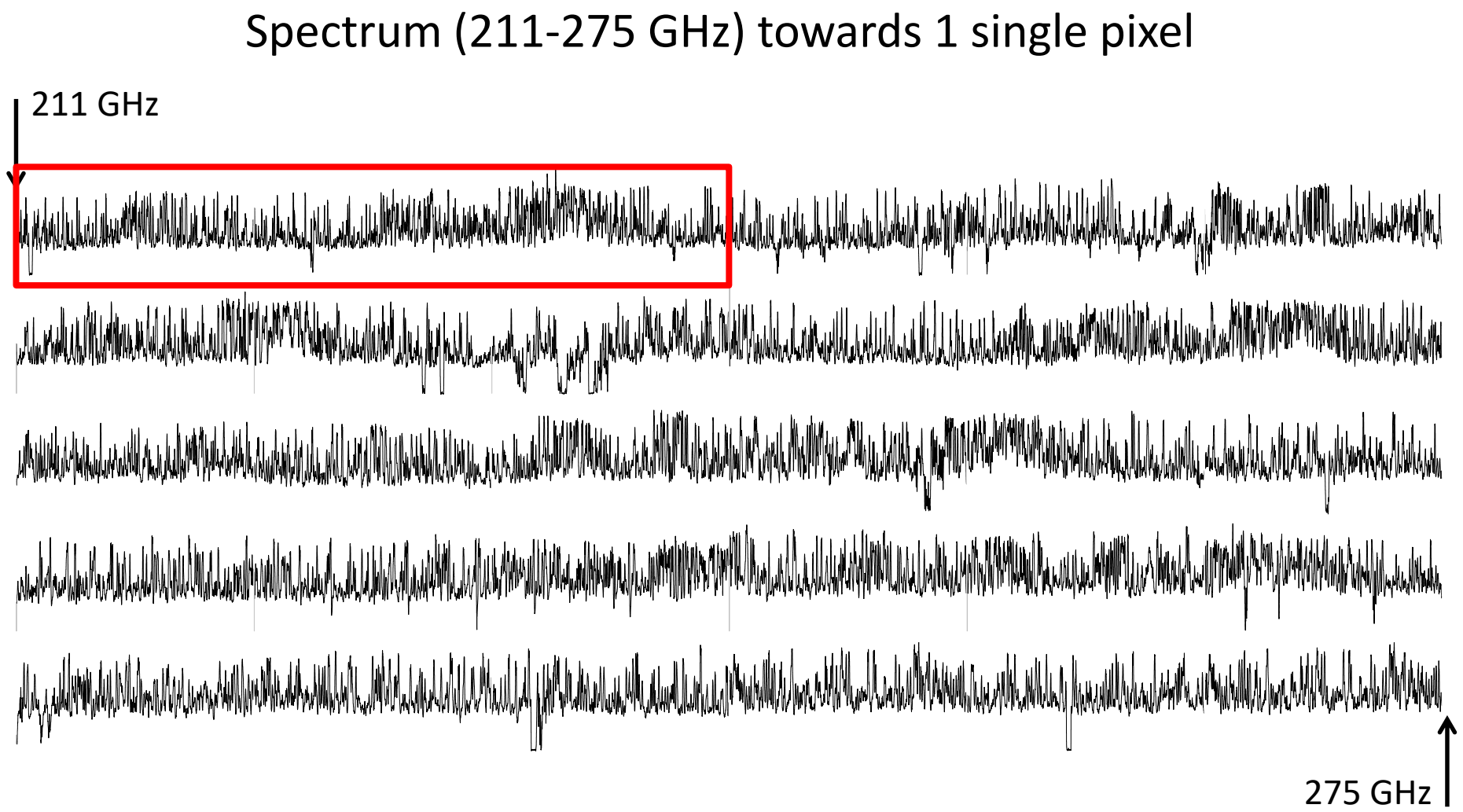

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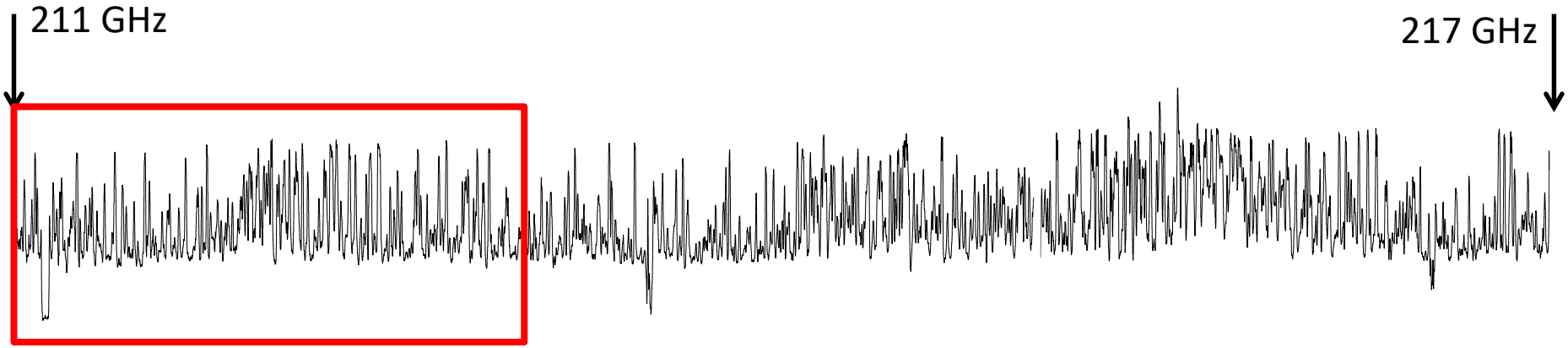

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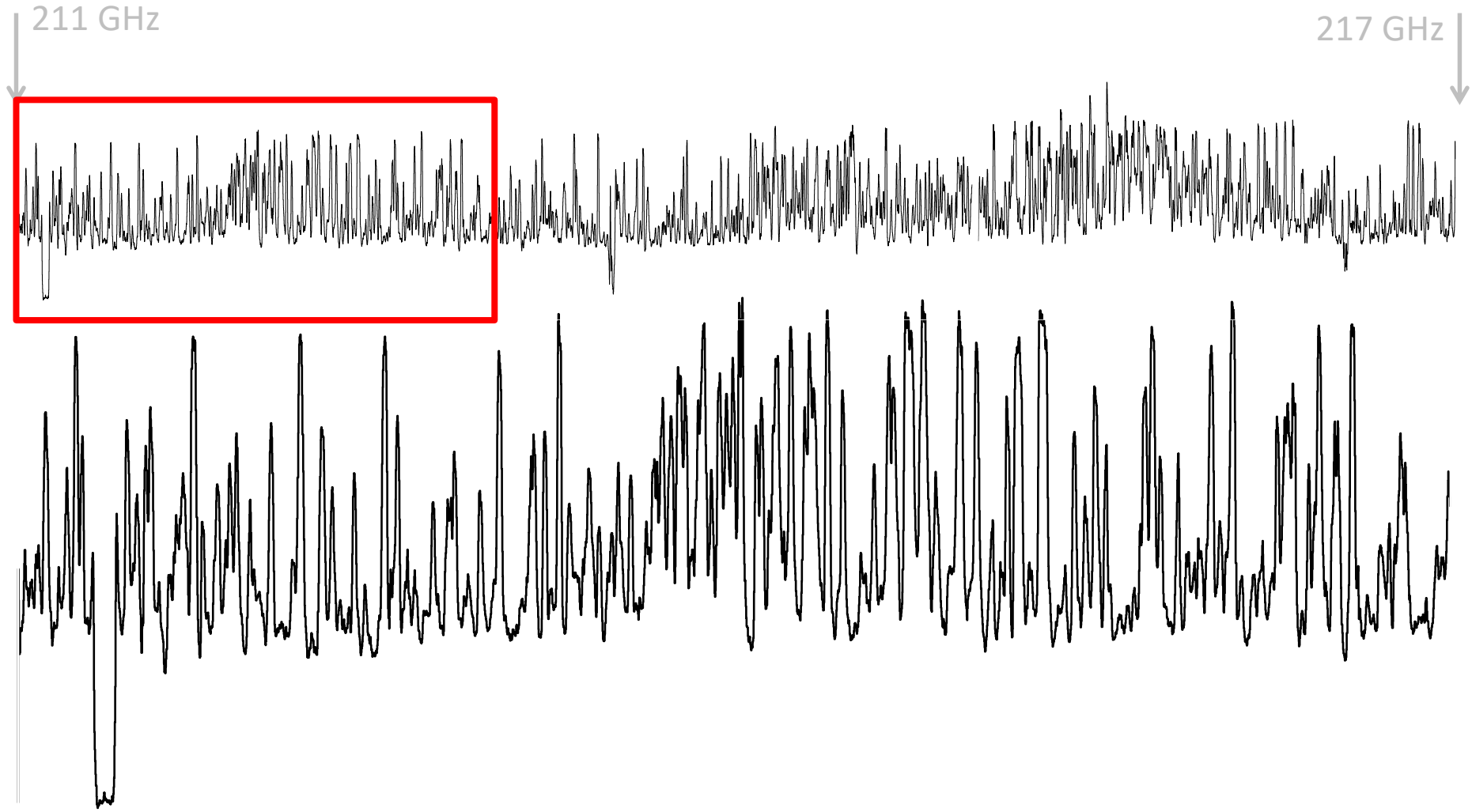

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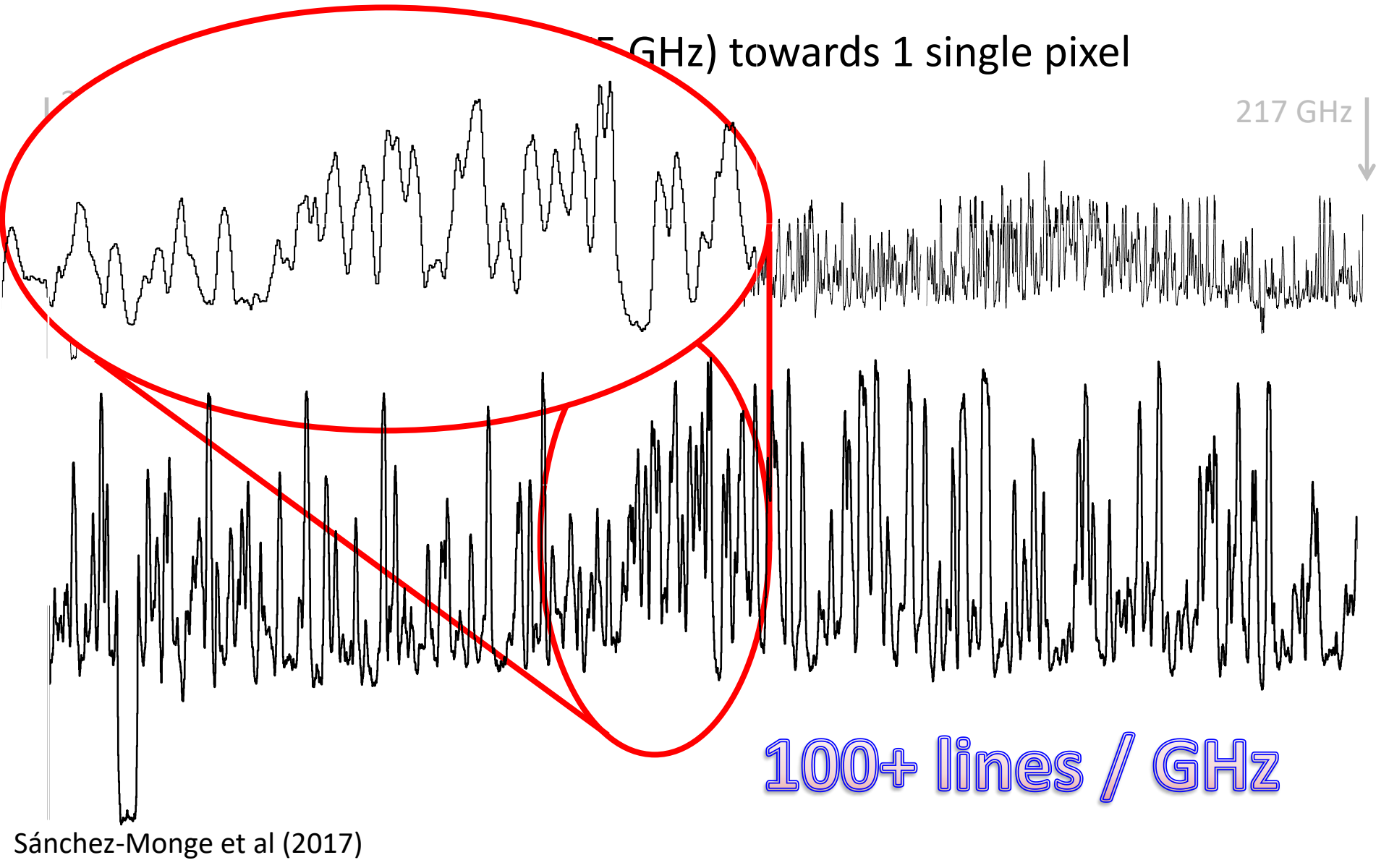

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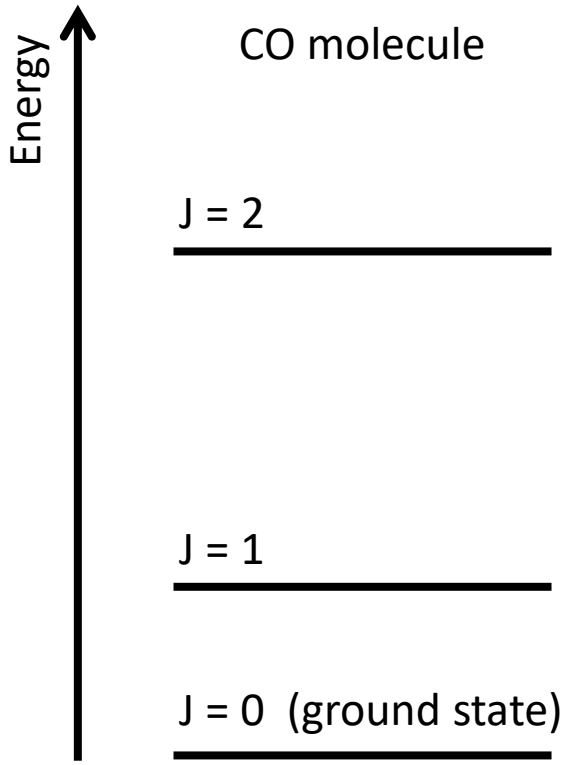

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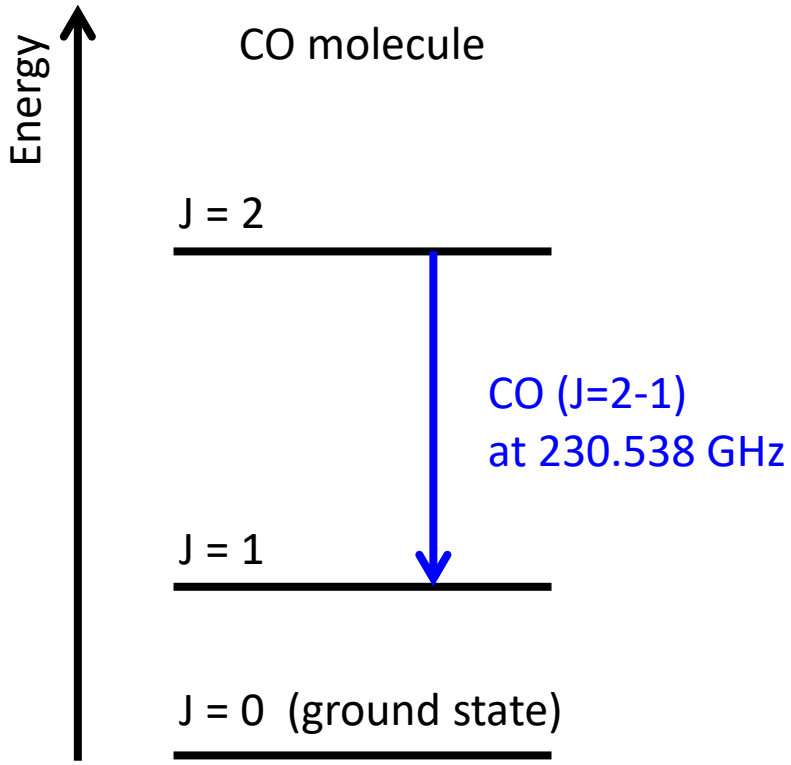

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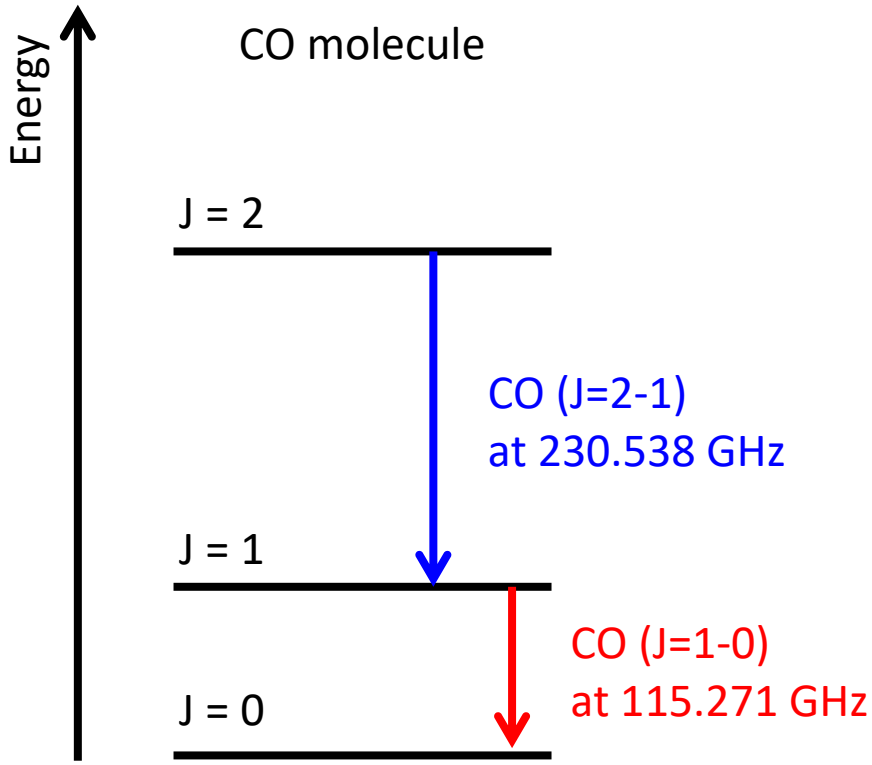

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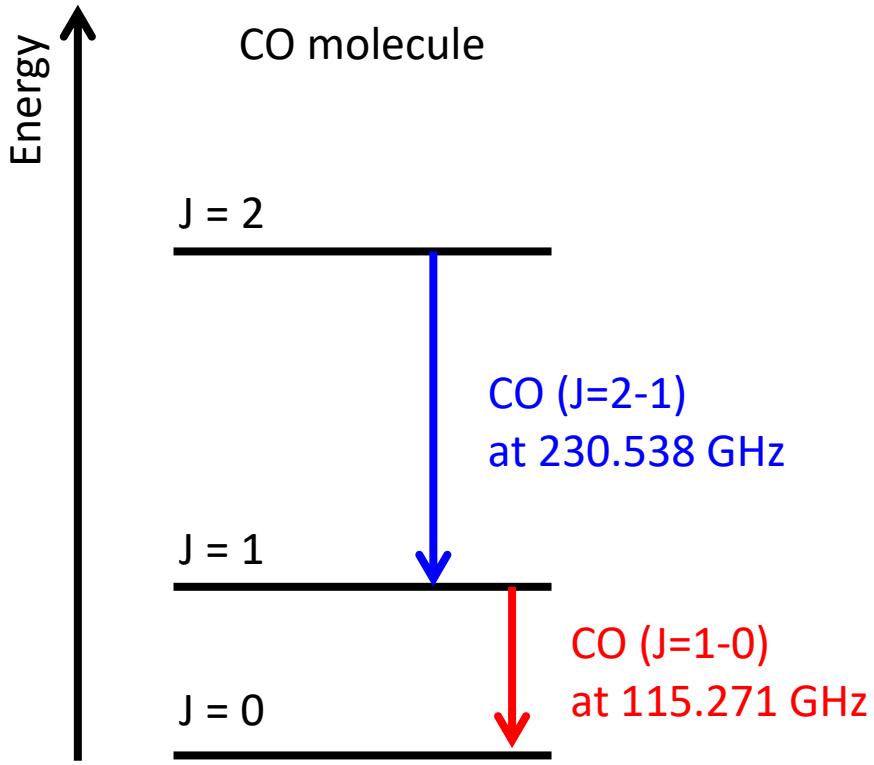

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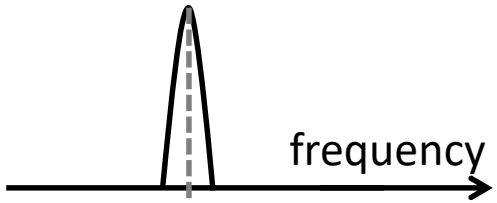

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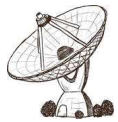

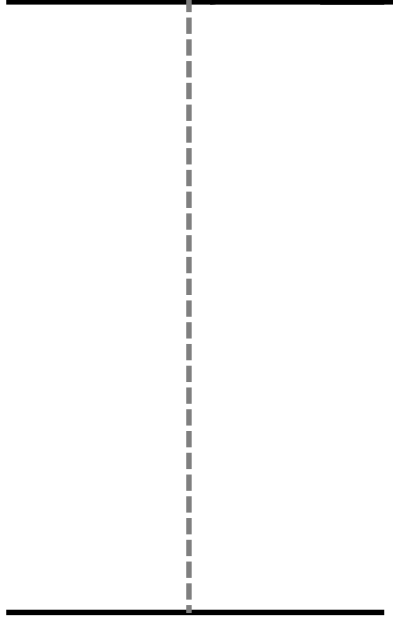

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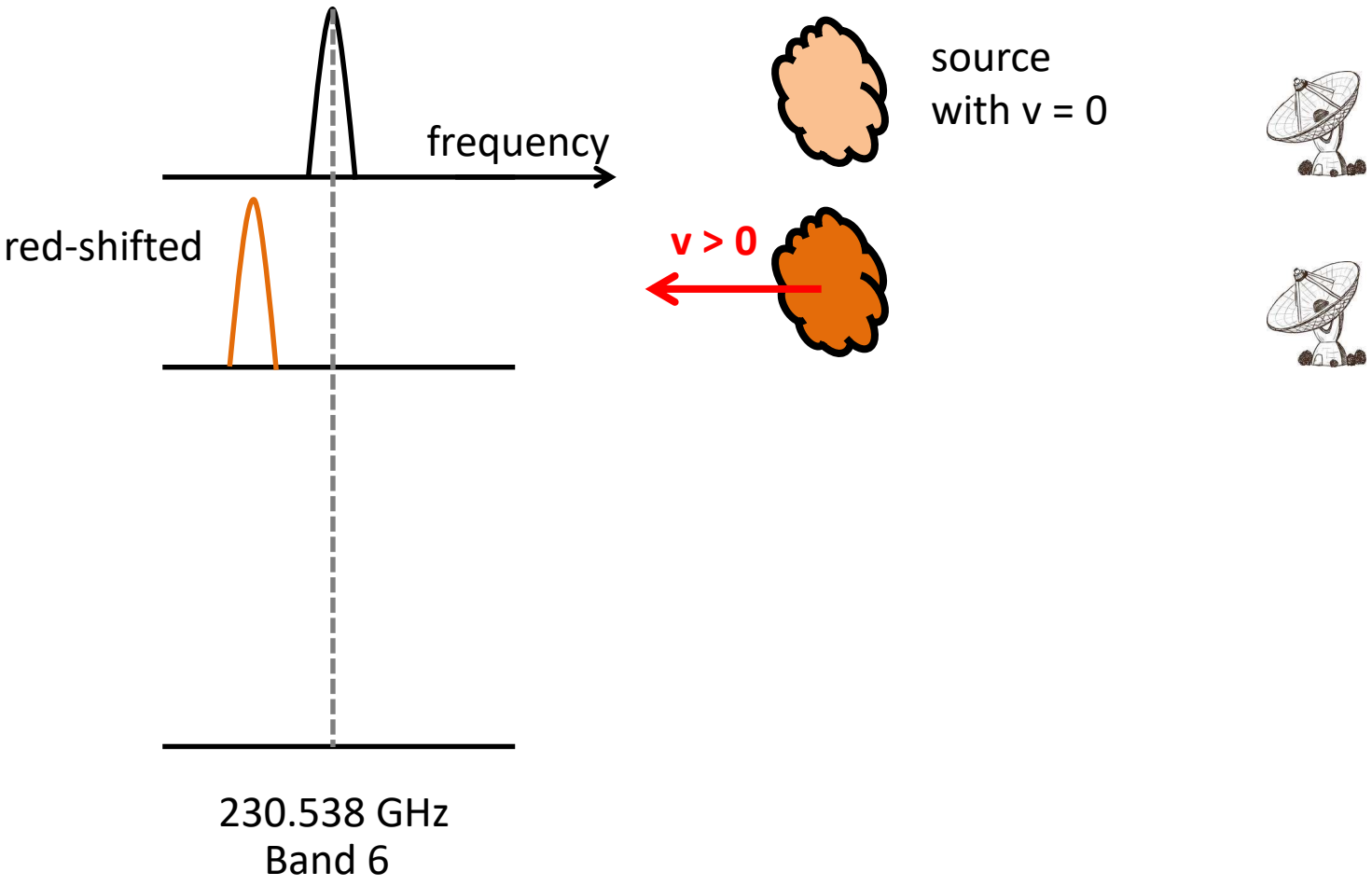

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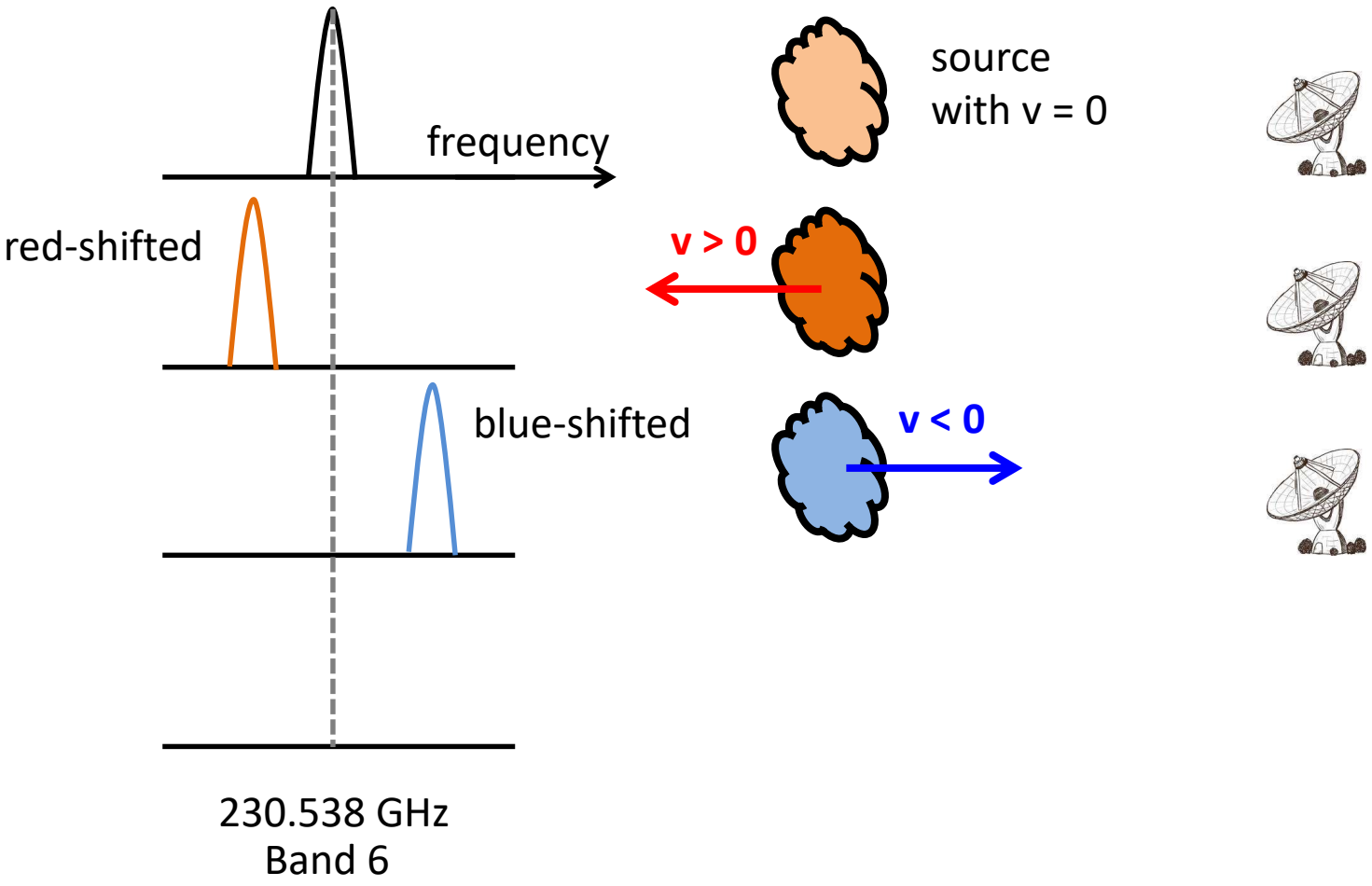

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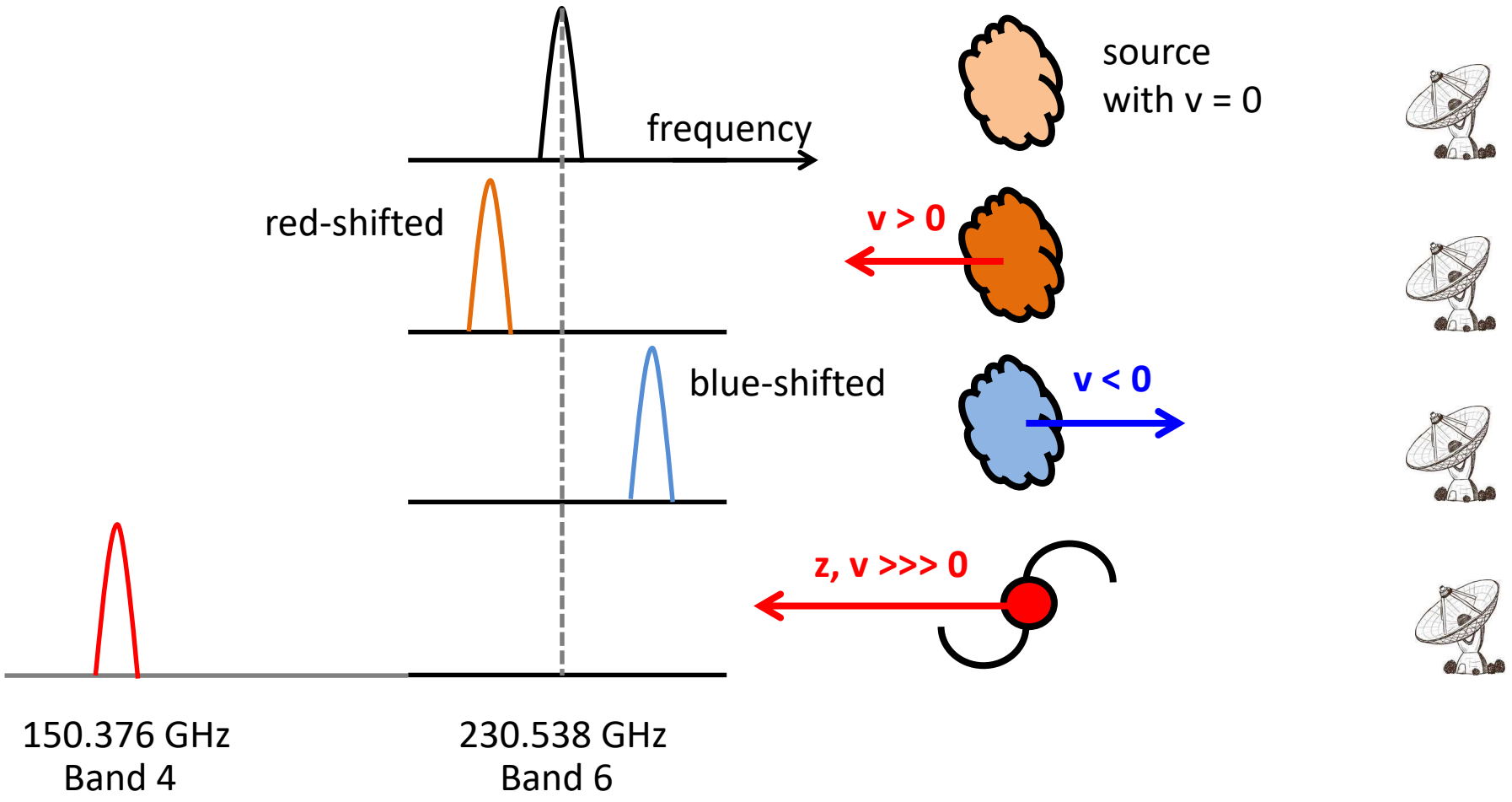

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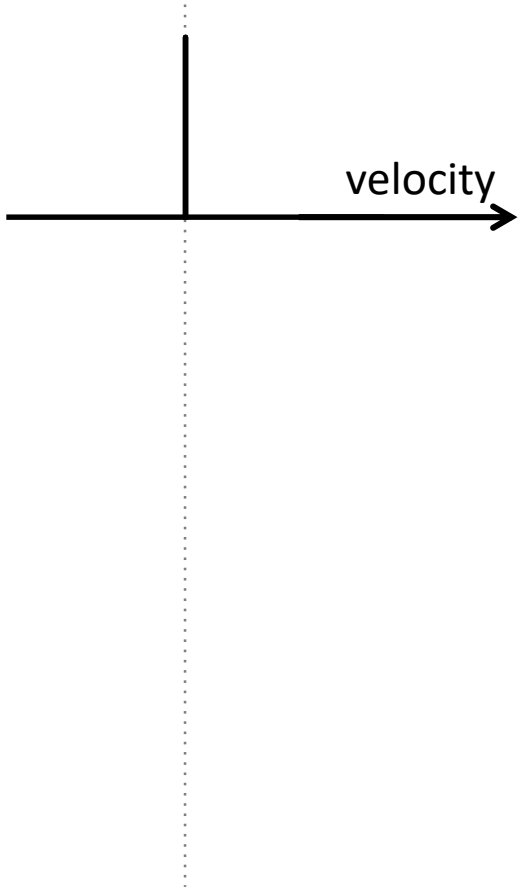

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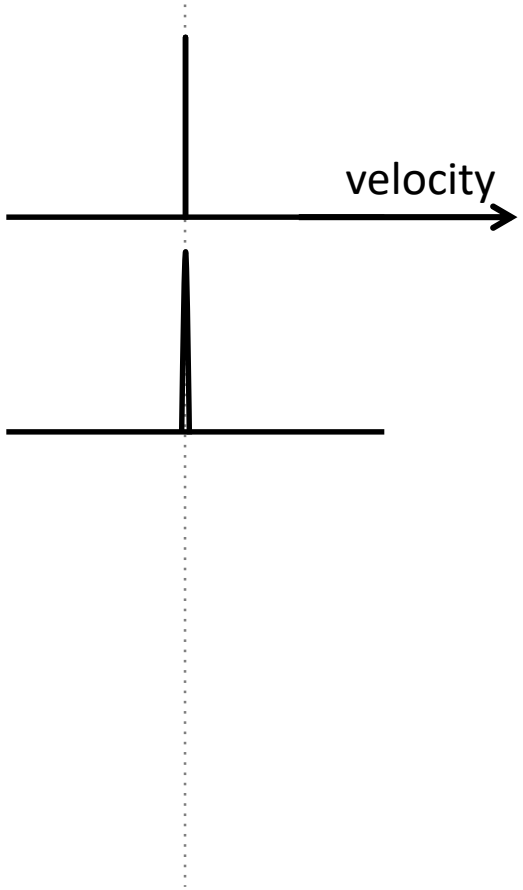

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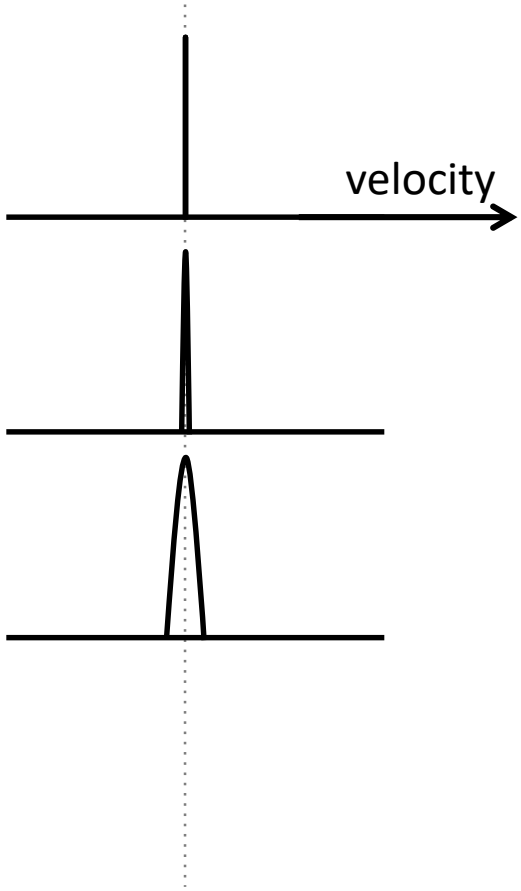

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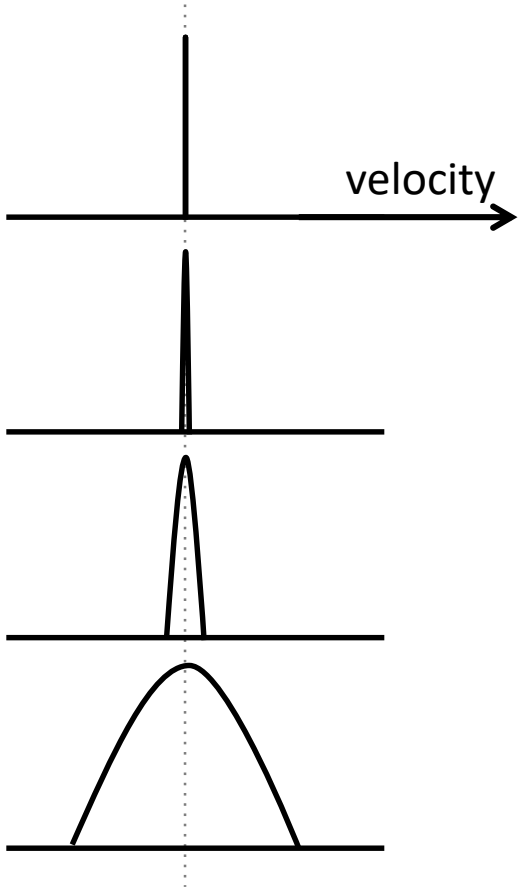

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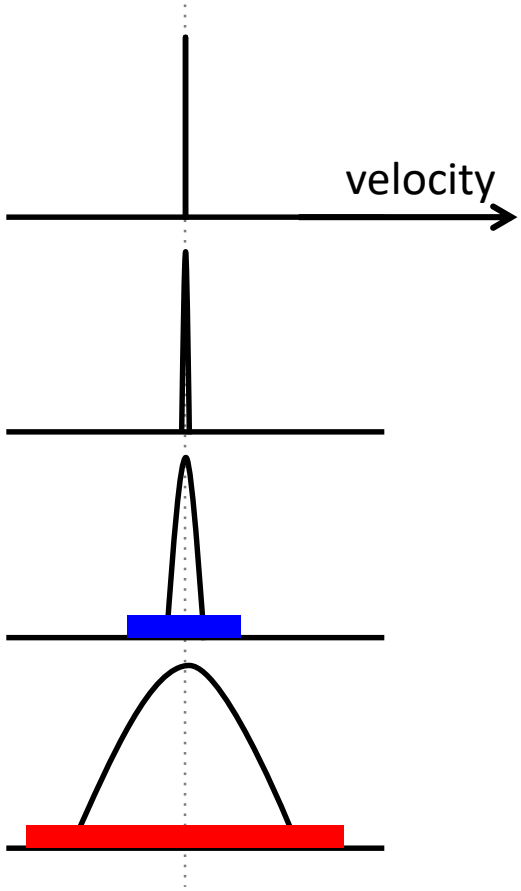

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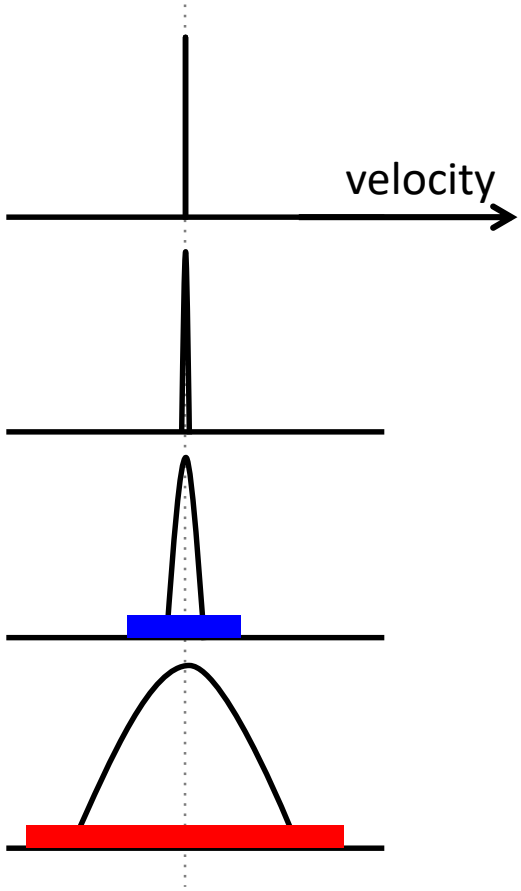

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frequency linewidth (Hz)

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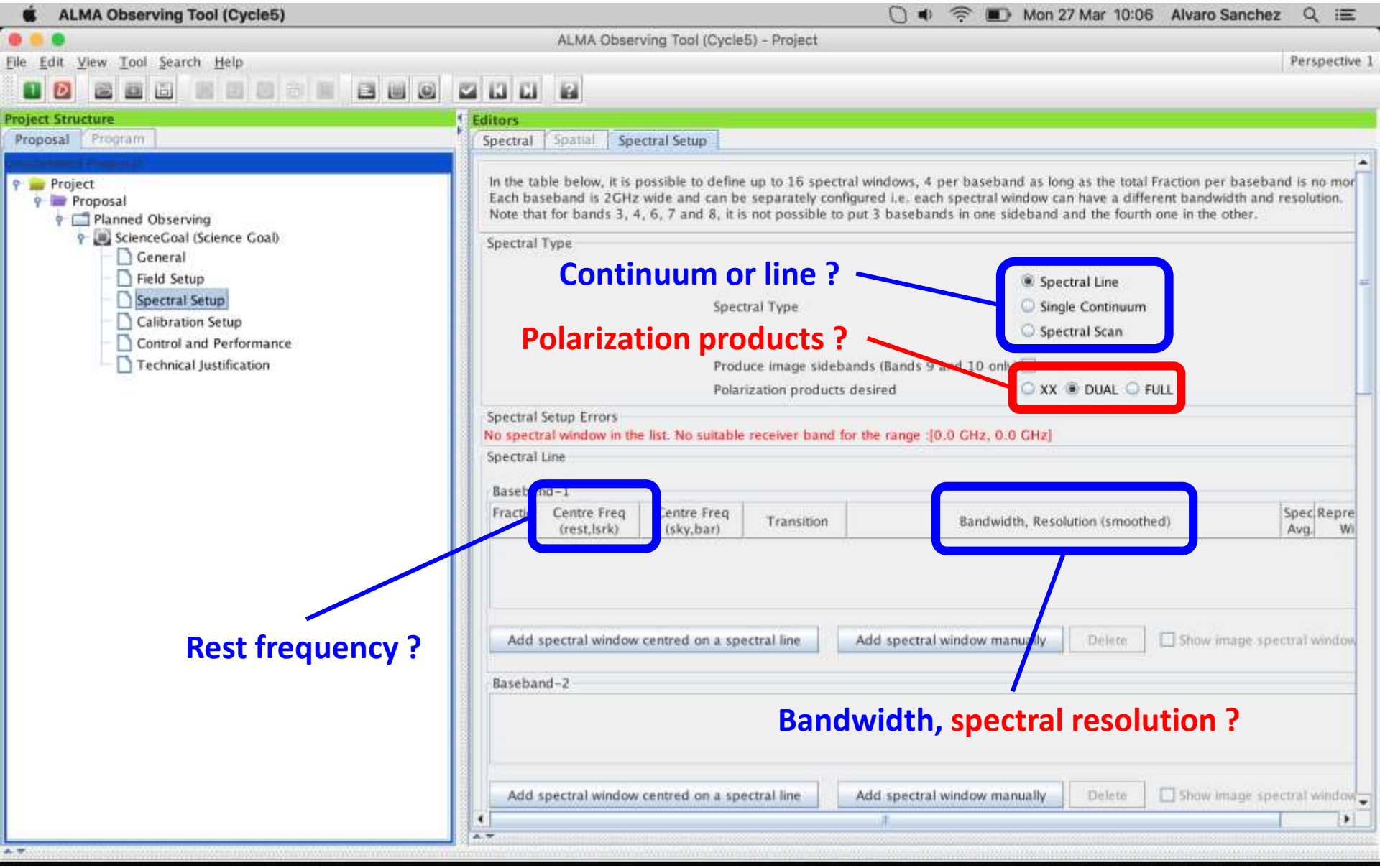

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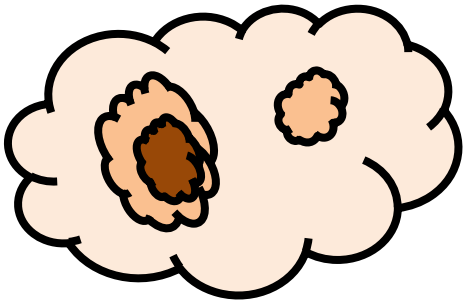

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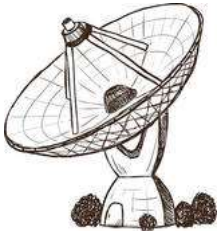

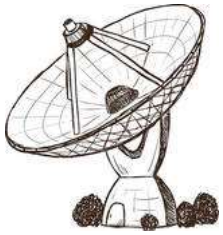

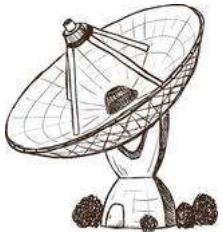

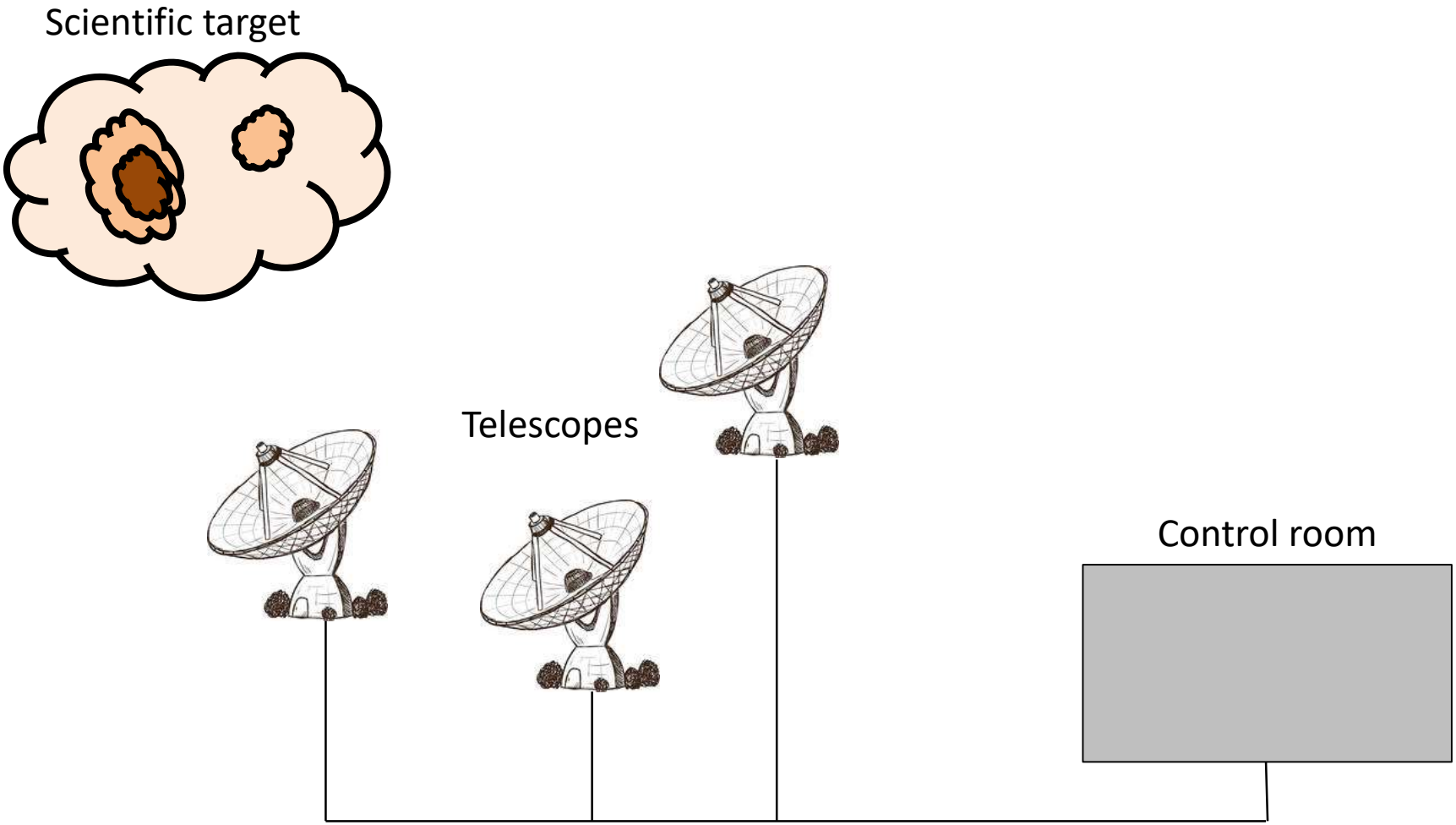
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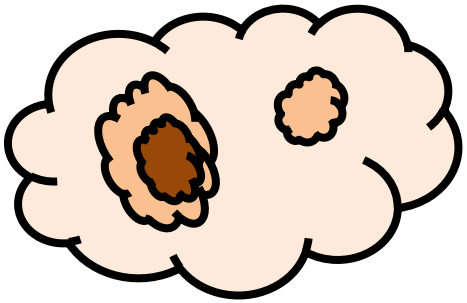

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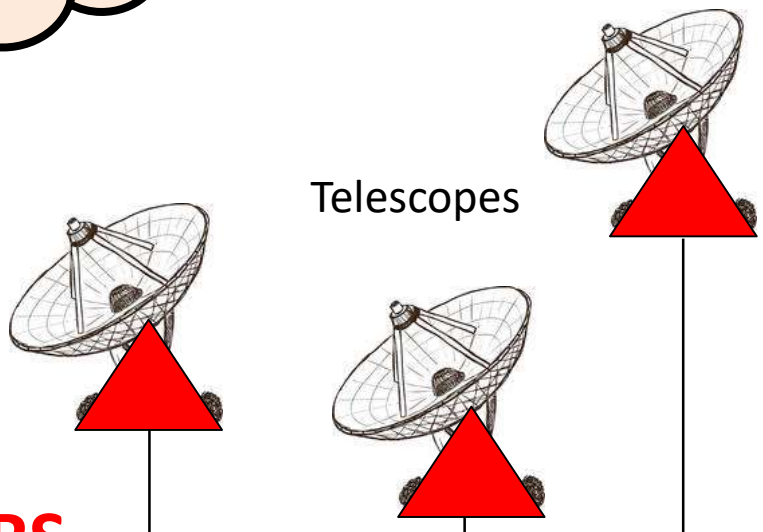

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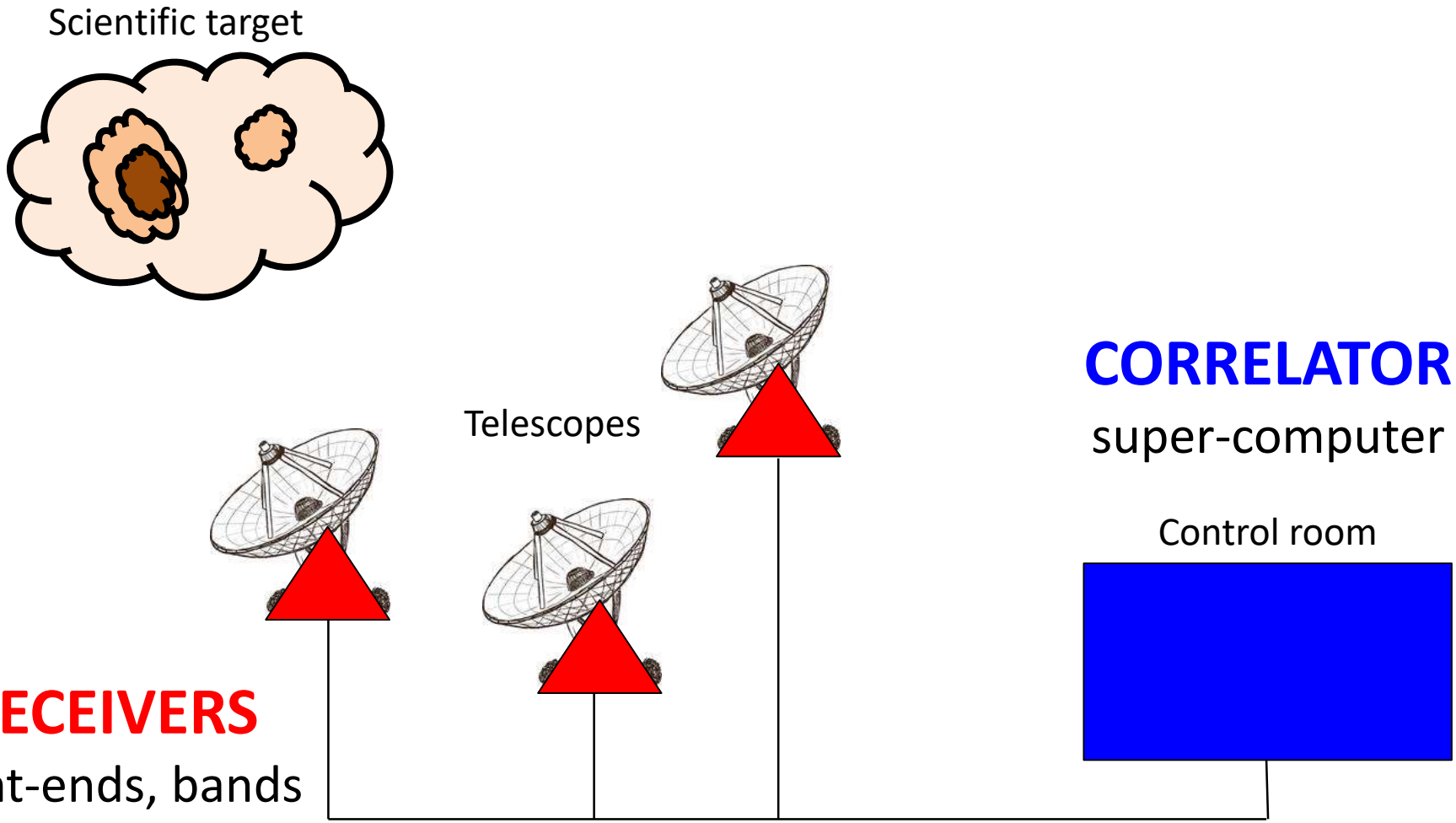
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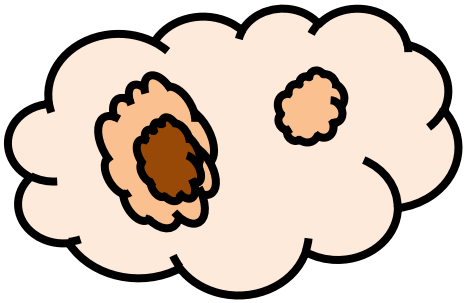

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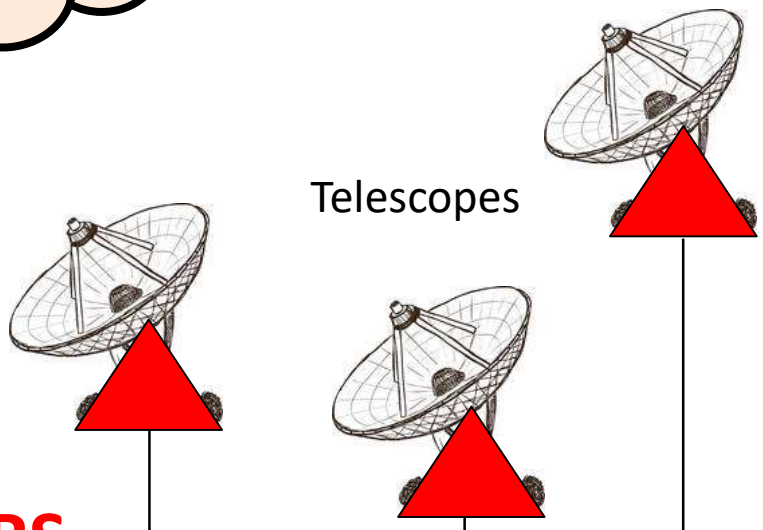

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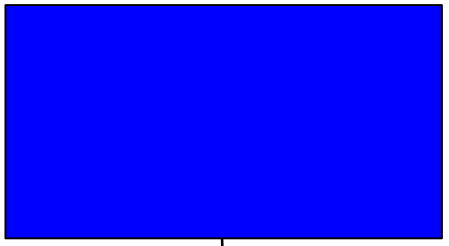

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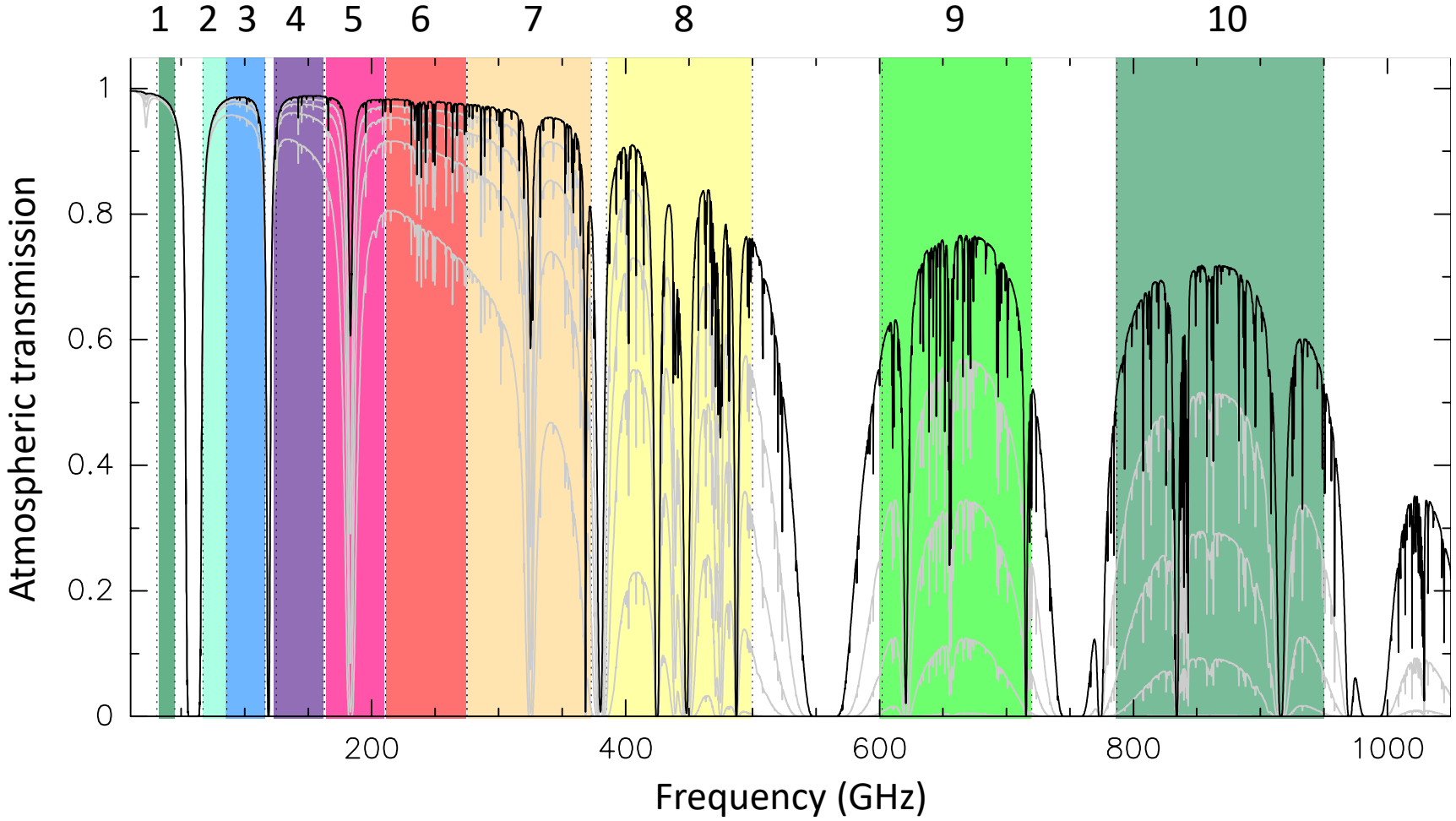

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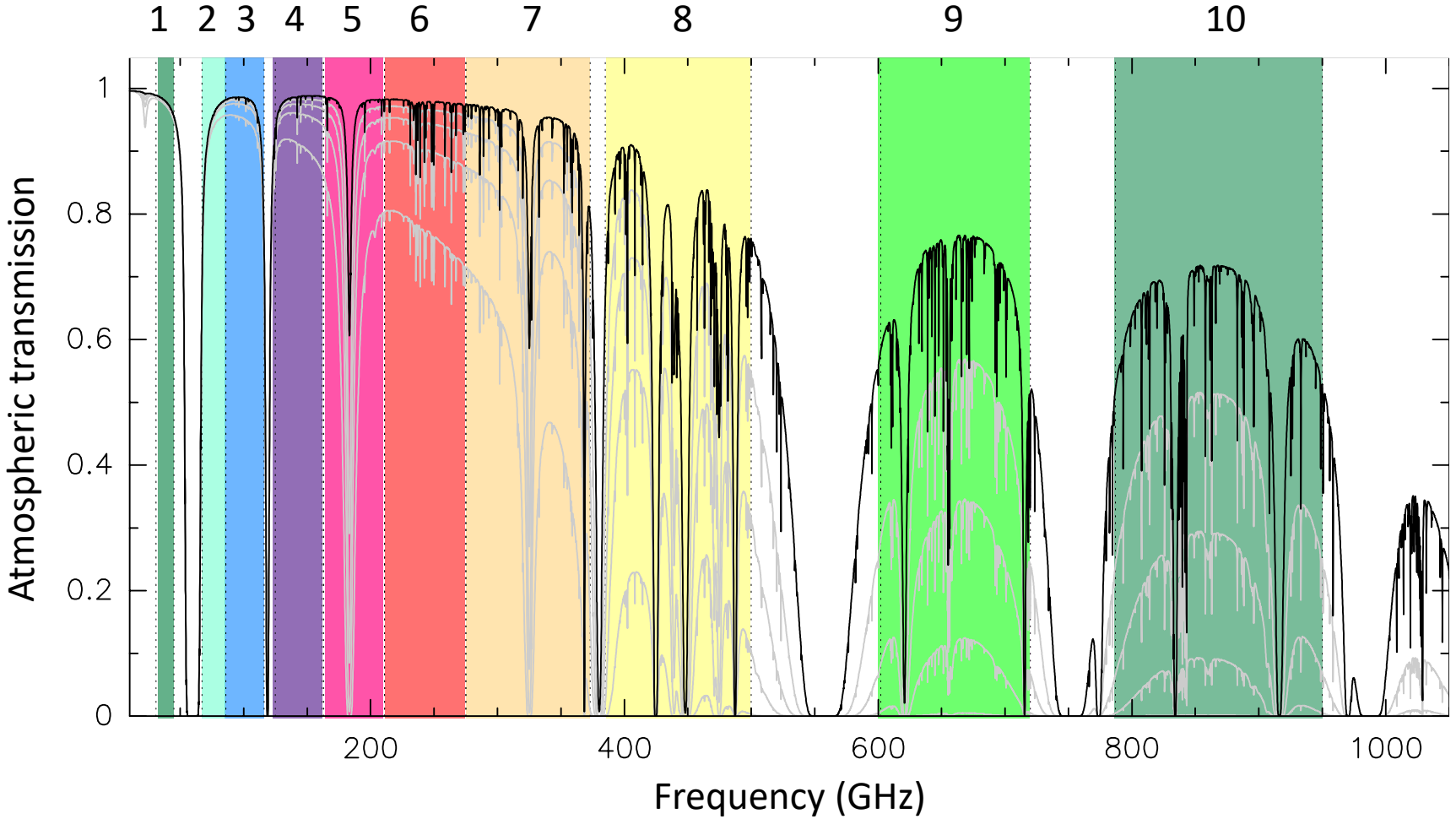

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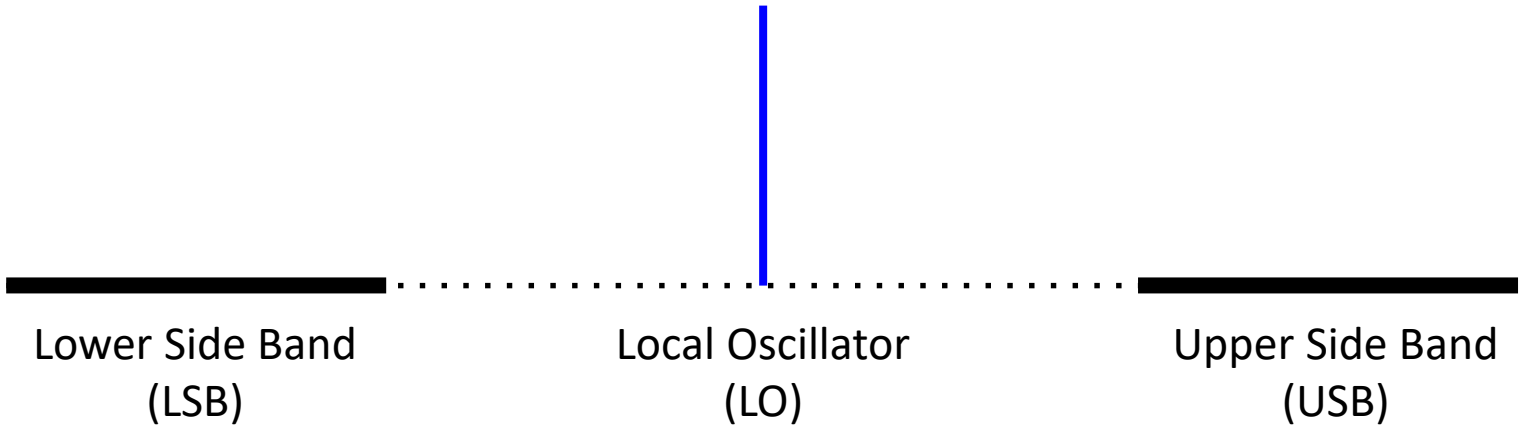

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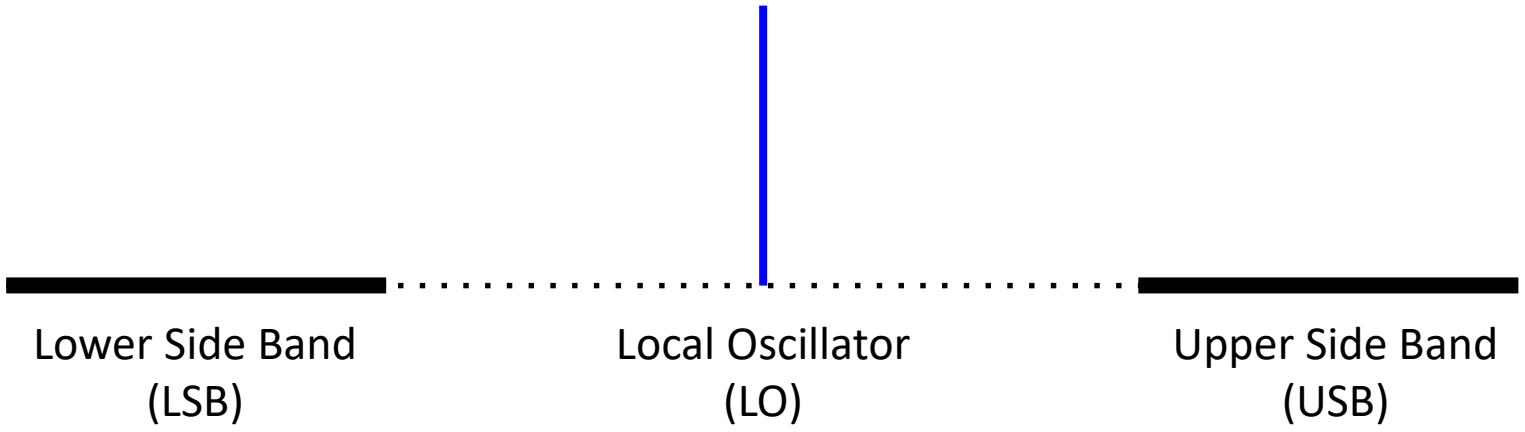

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SSB (single) outputs LSB **or** USB
DSB (double) outputs the sum LSB+USB (separated in correlator)
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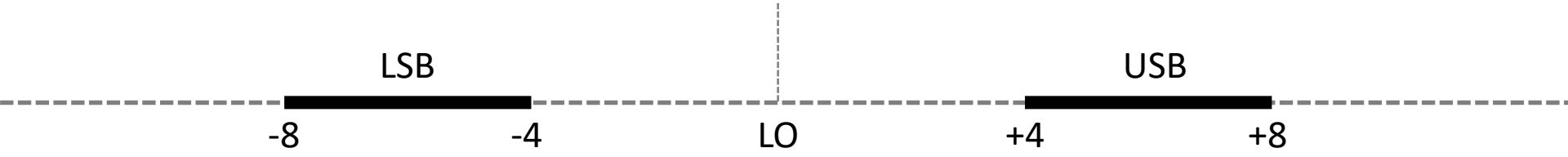

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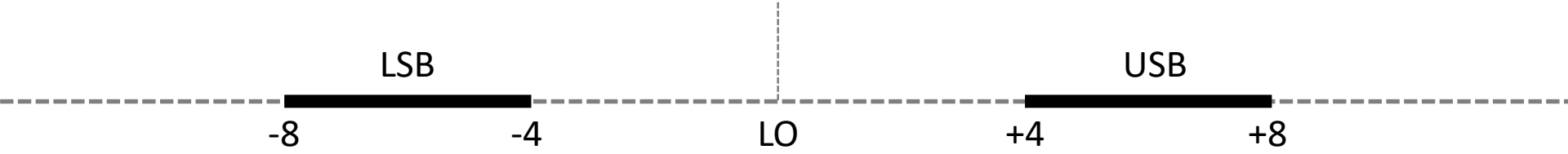

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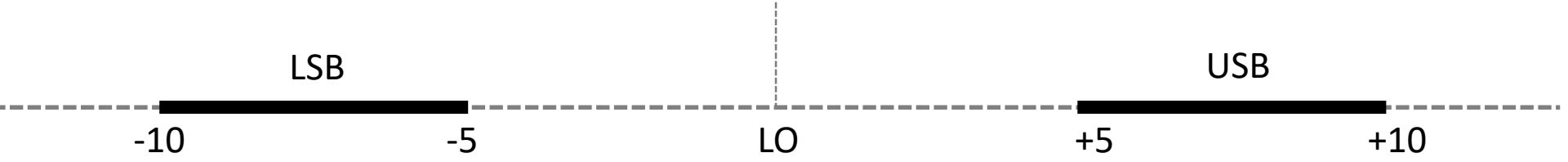

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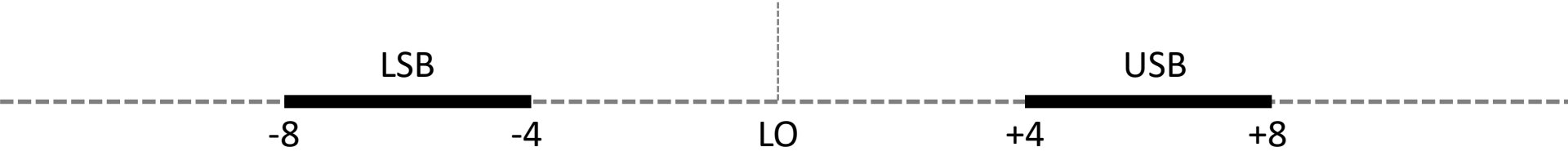

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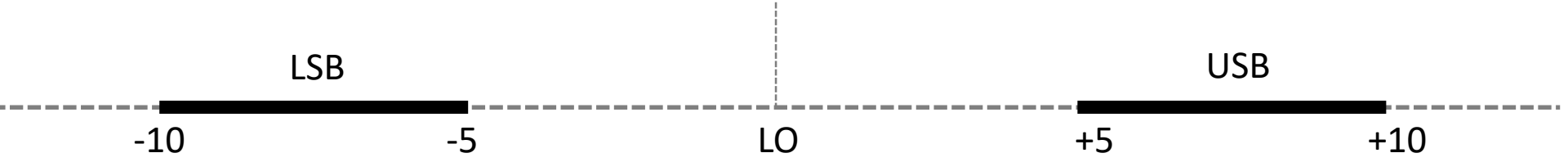

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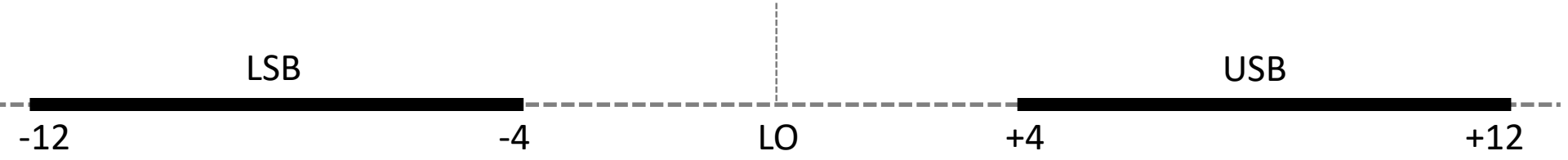

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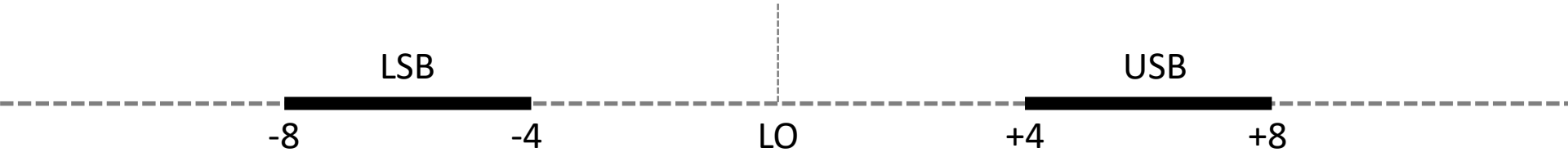

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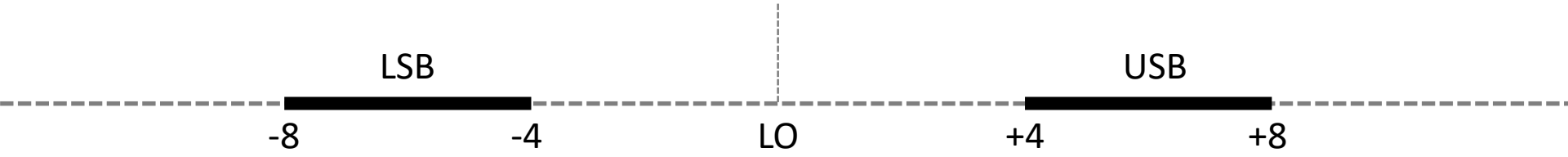

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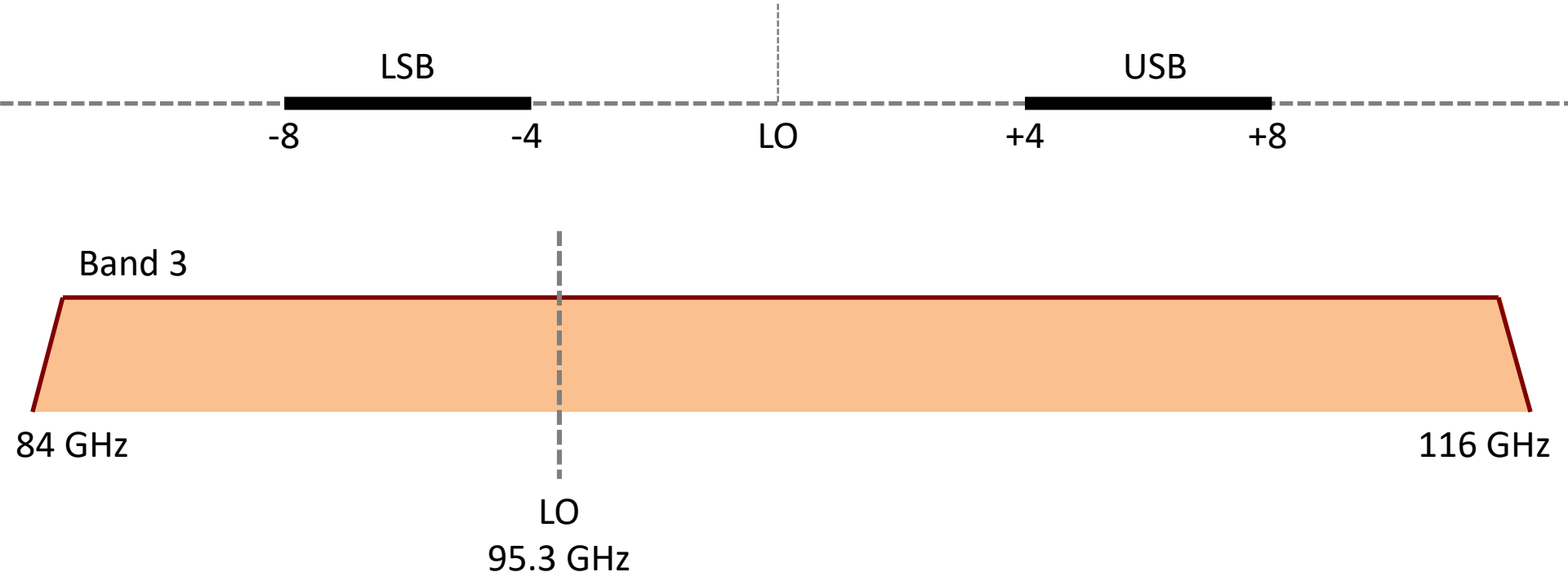

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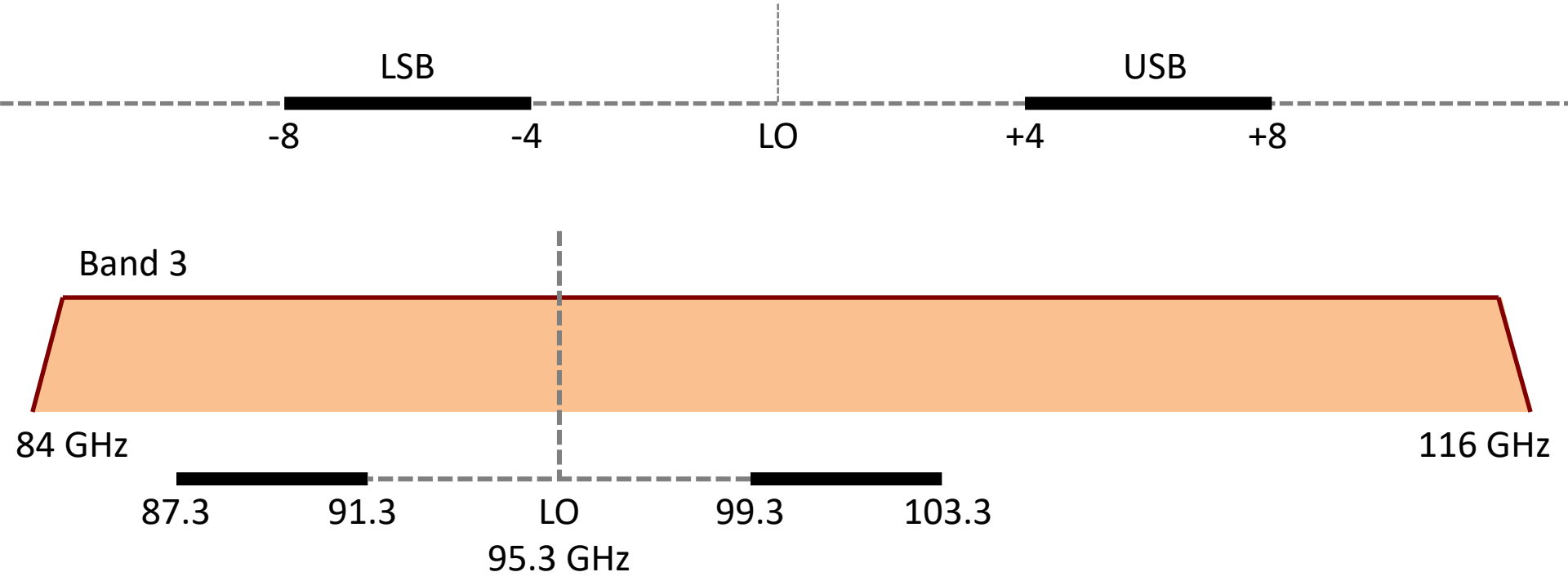

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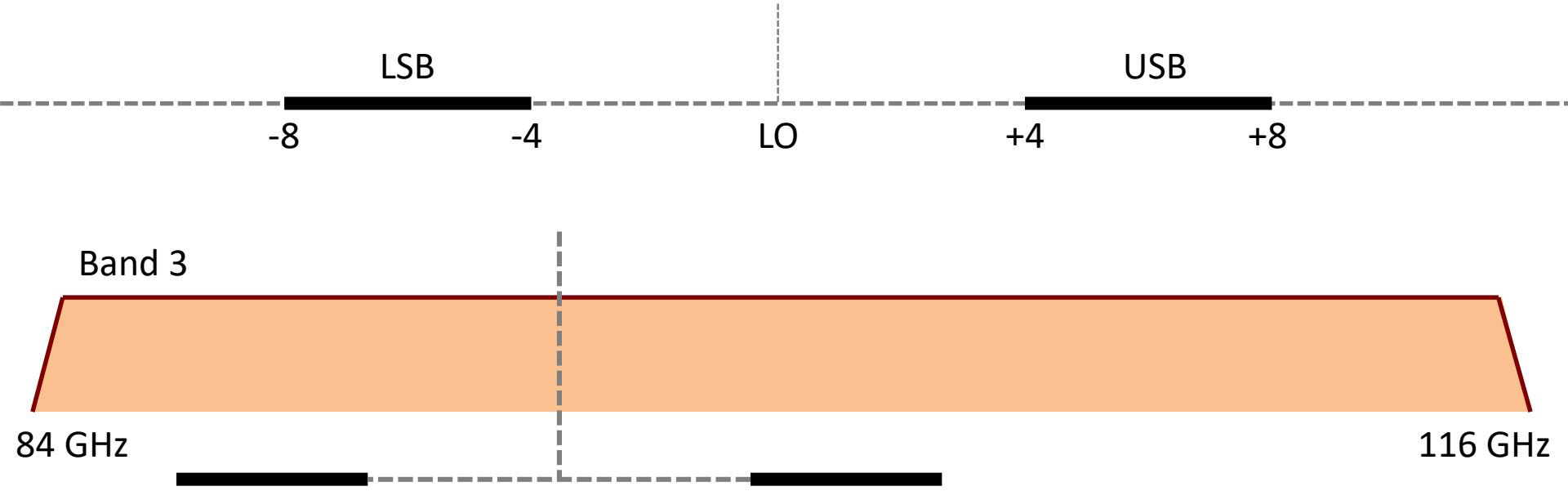

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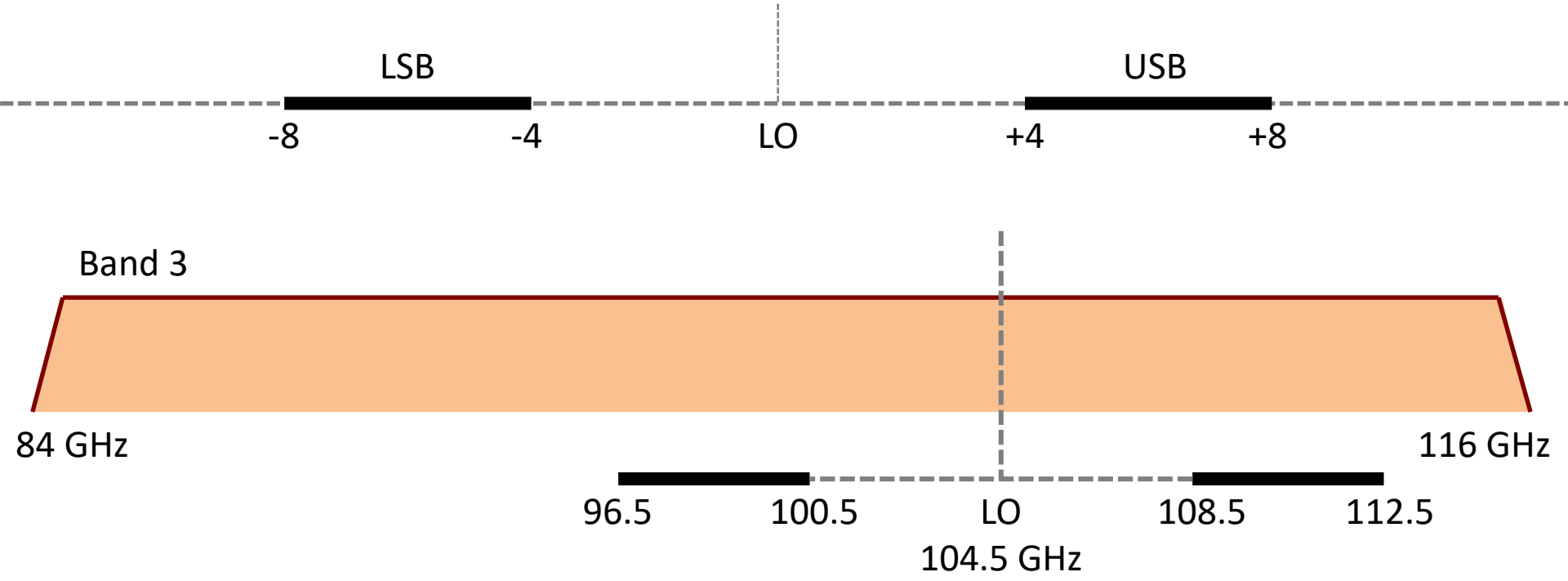

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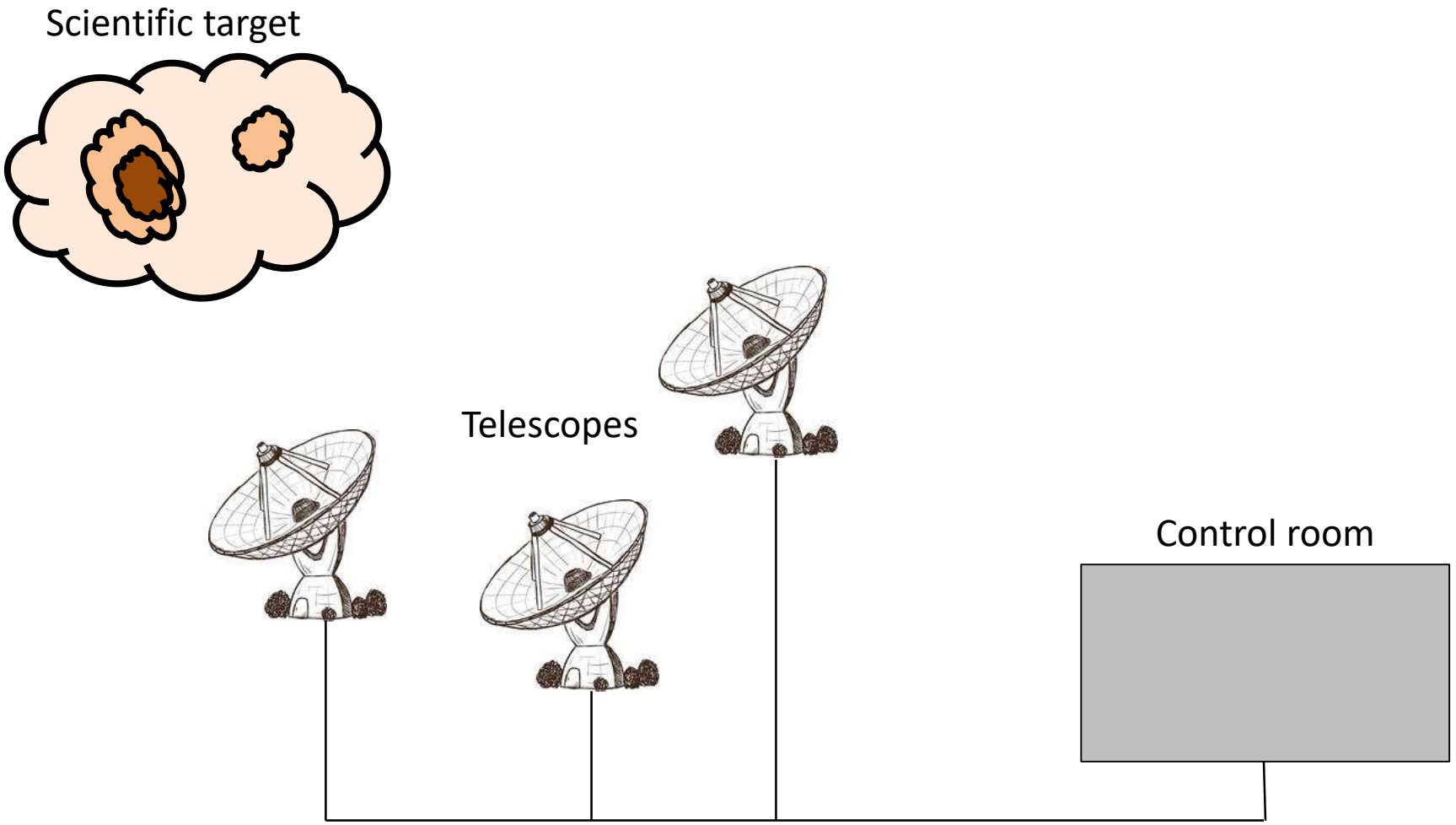

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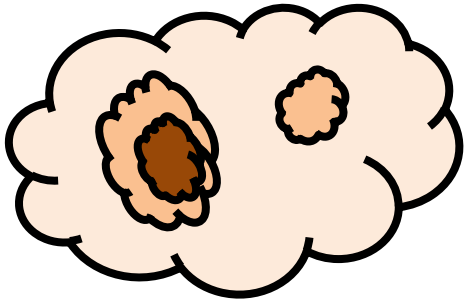

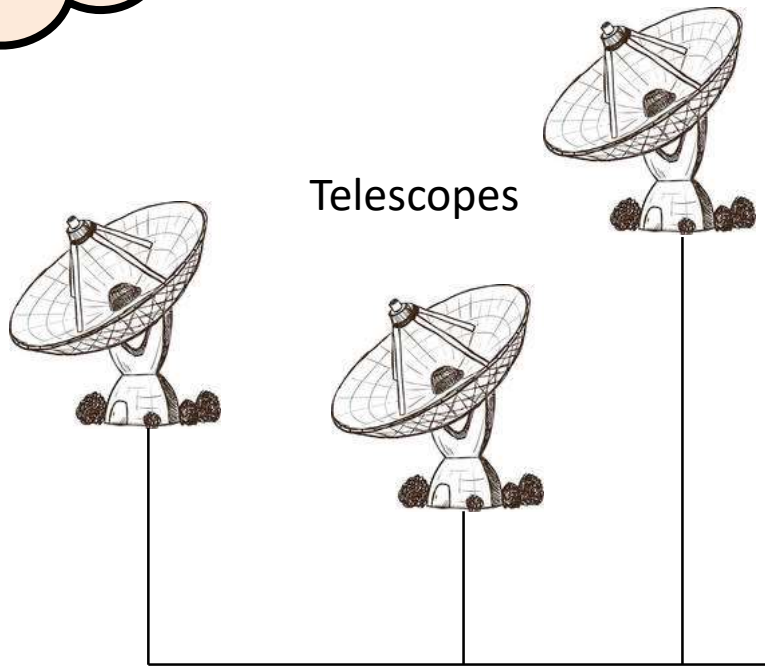

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-1 quadrant = 1 baseband

-**ALMA correlator = 4 basebands**

-**Each baseband** processes
- 64 antennas (2016 baselines)
- 2 polarizations
- **2 GHz** input

-Each baseband can be centered anywhere in the incoming 8 GHz

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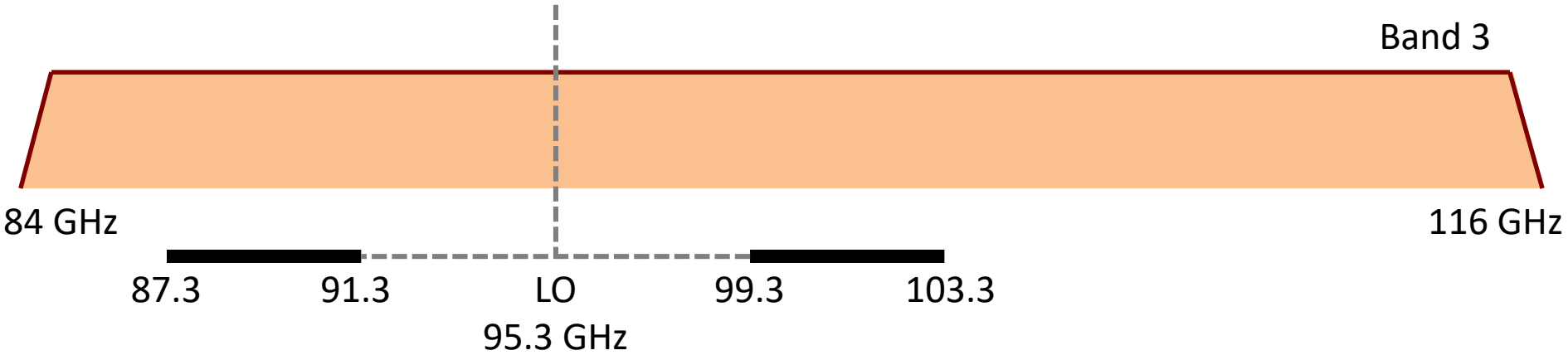

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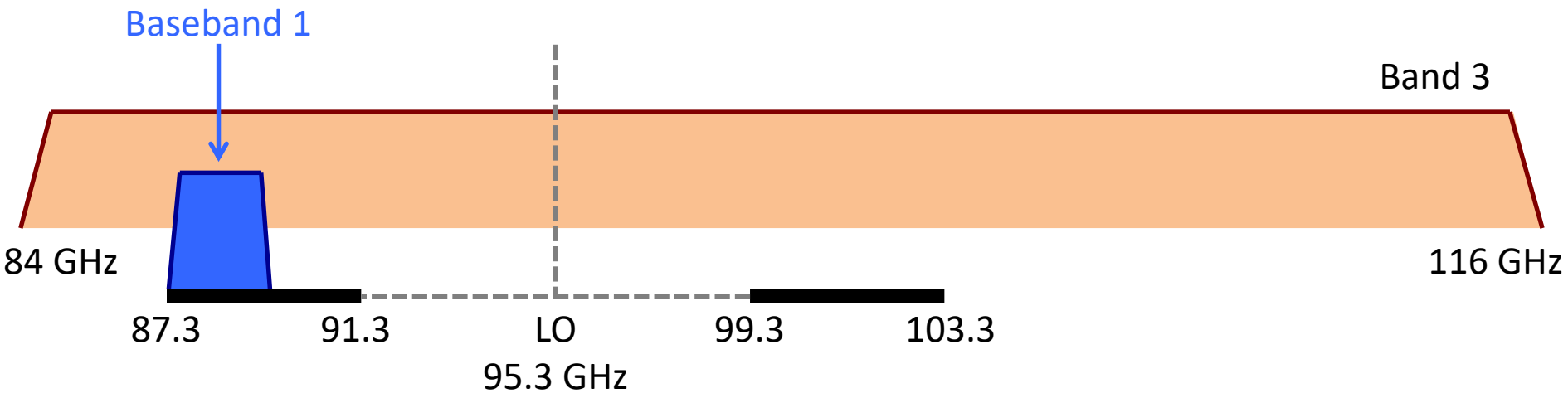

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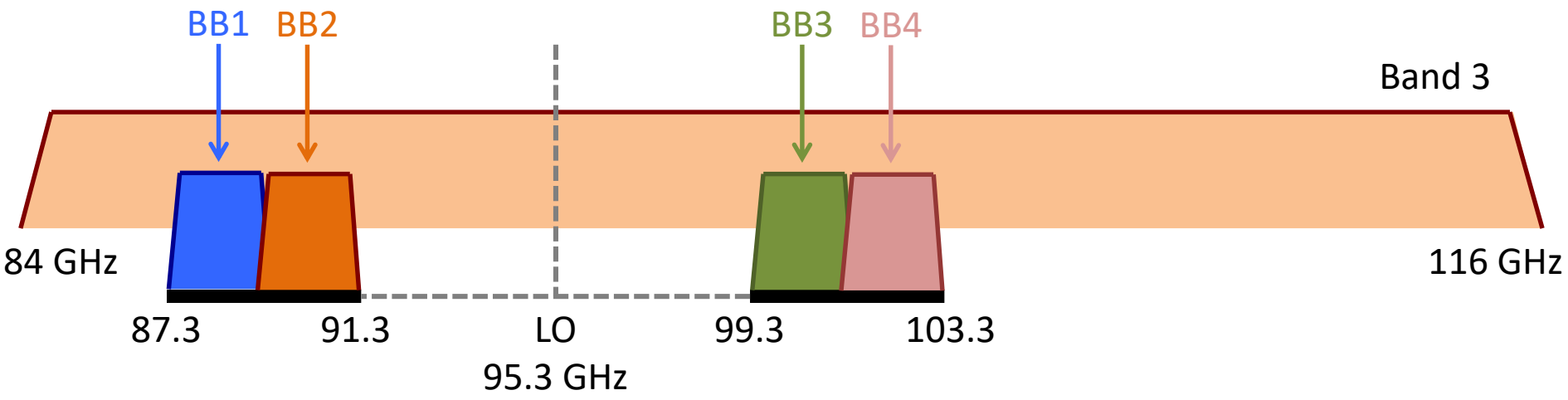

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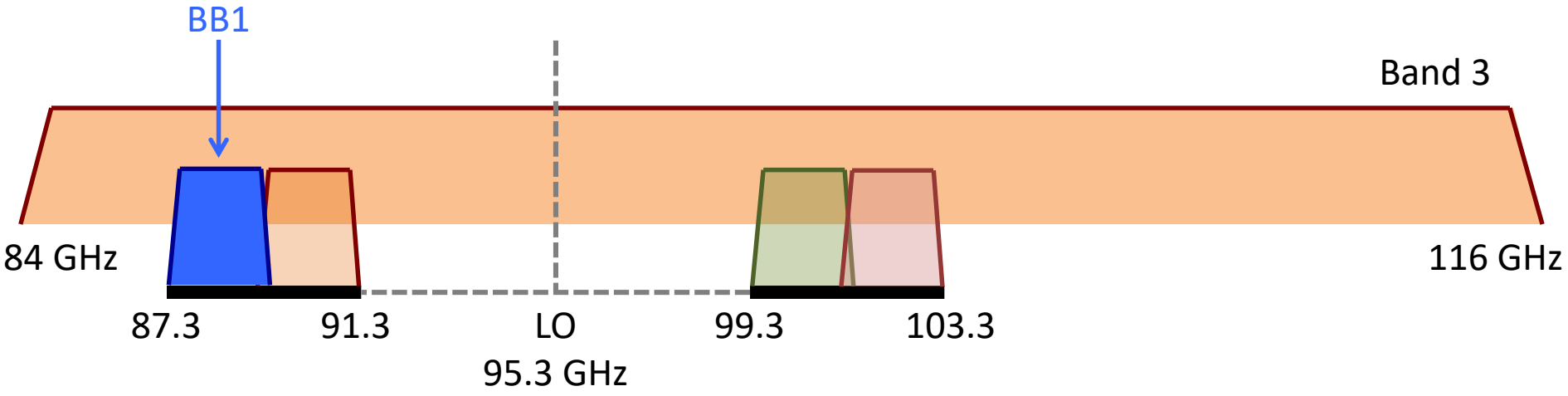

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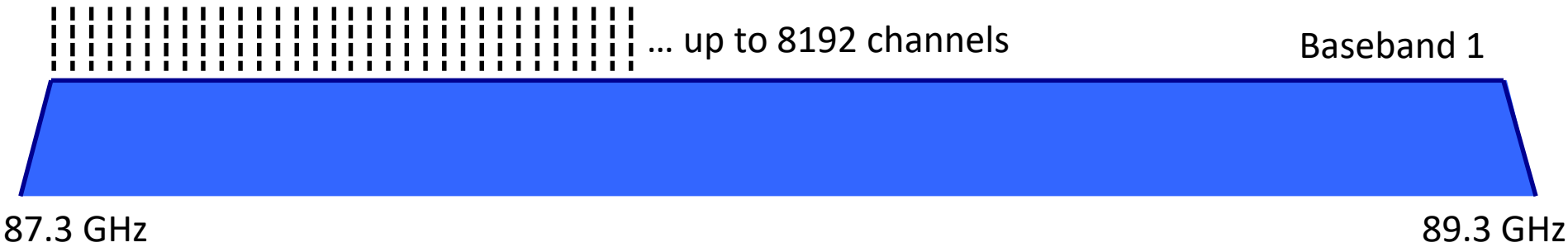

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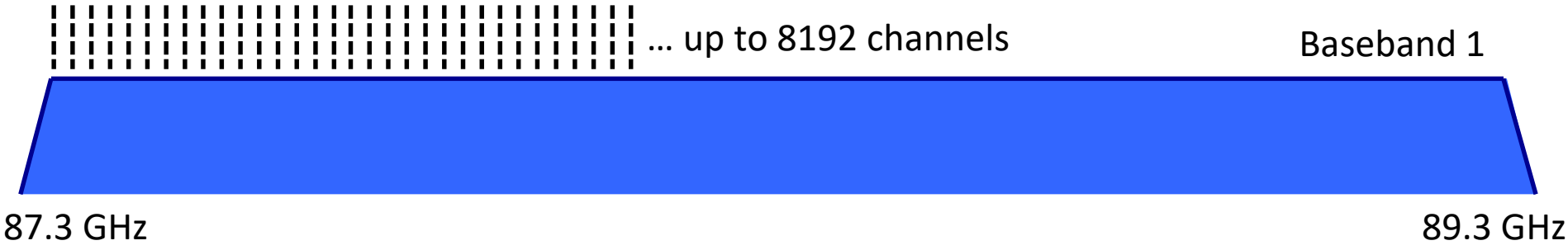

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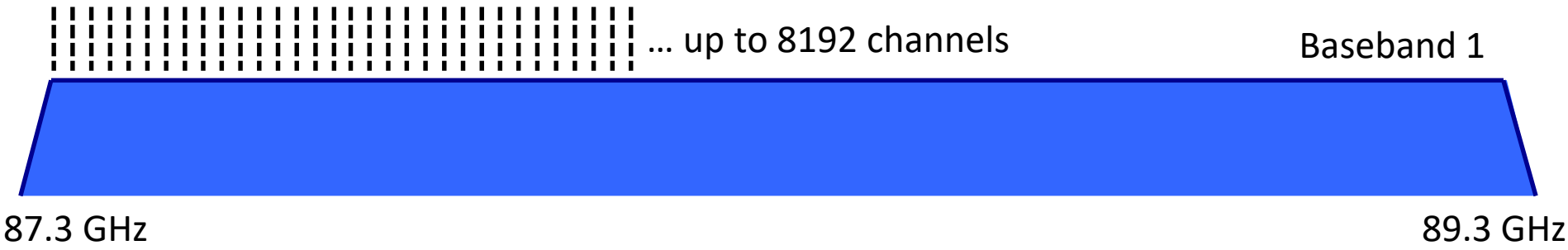

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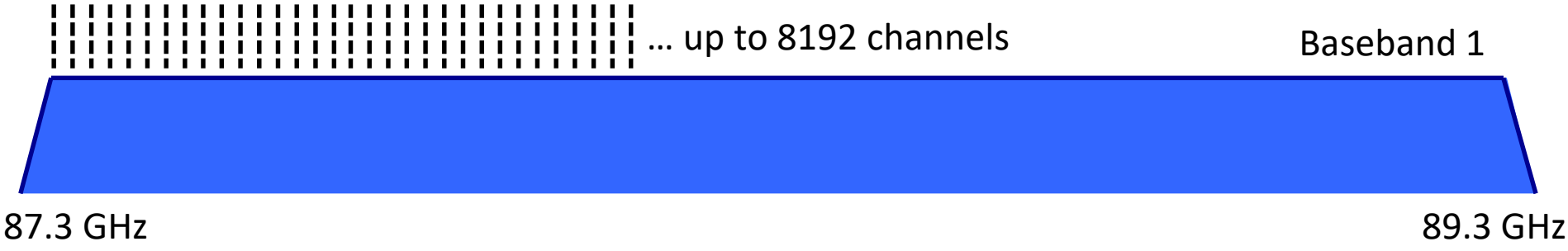

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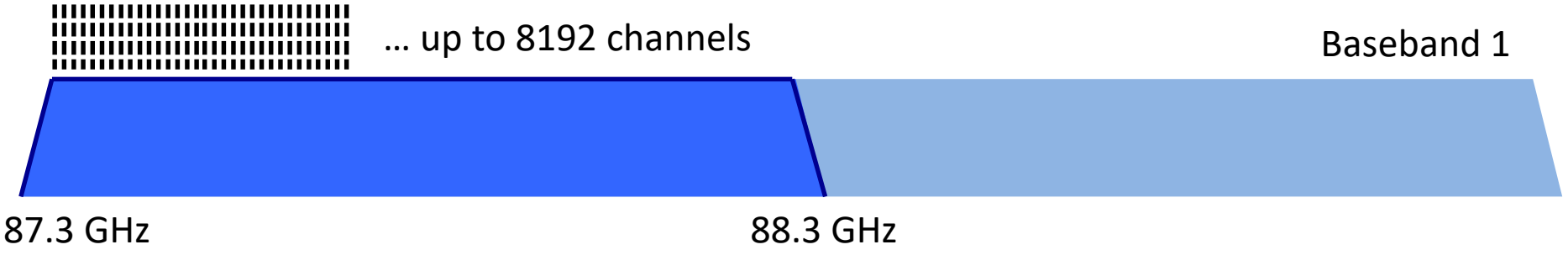

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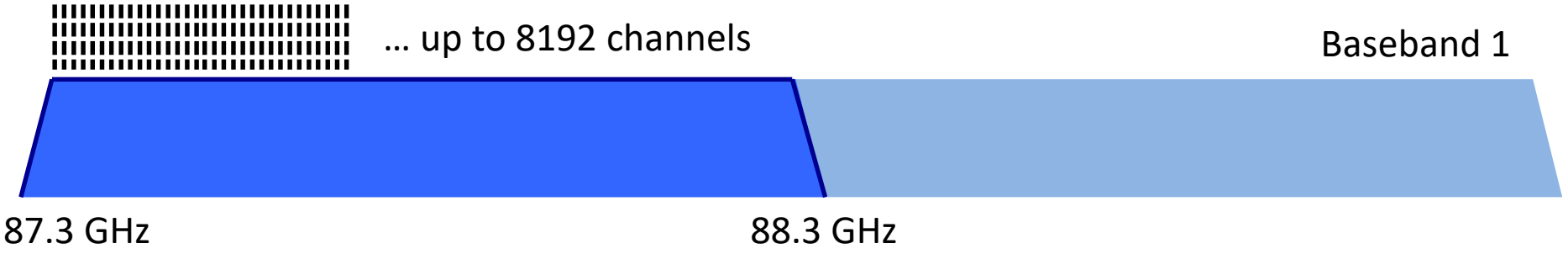

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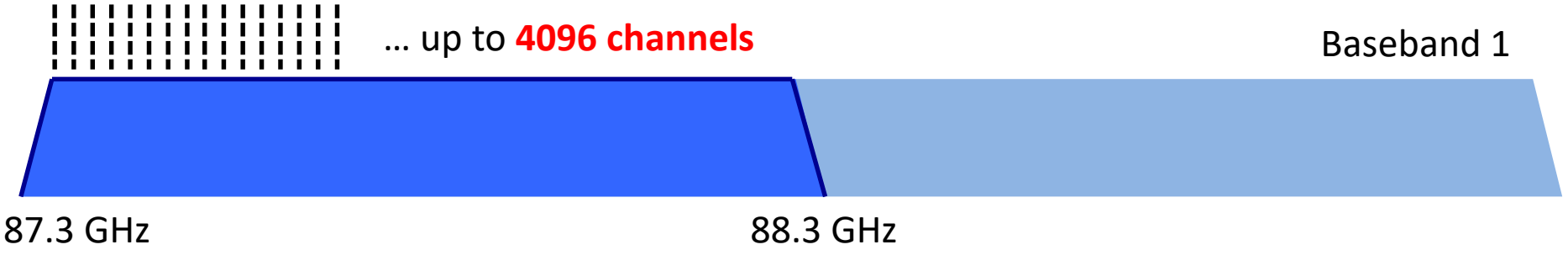
BW	2 GHz	4096 channels x 2 polz	488 kHz resol.
BW	1 GHz	4096 channels x 2 polz	244 kHz resol.
BW	500 MHz	4096 channels x 2 polz	122 kHz resol.
BW	250 MHz	4096 channels x 2 polz	61 kHz resol.
BW	125 MHz	4096 channels x 2 polz	30 kHz resol.
BW	64 MHz	4096 channels x 2 polz	15 kHz resol.
BW	32 MHz	4096 channels x 2 polz	7.5 kHz resol.
continuum mode		128 channels x 2 polz	15 MHz resol.



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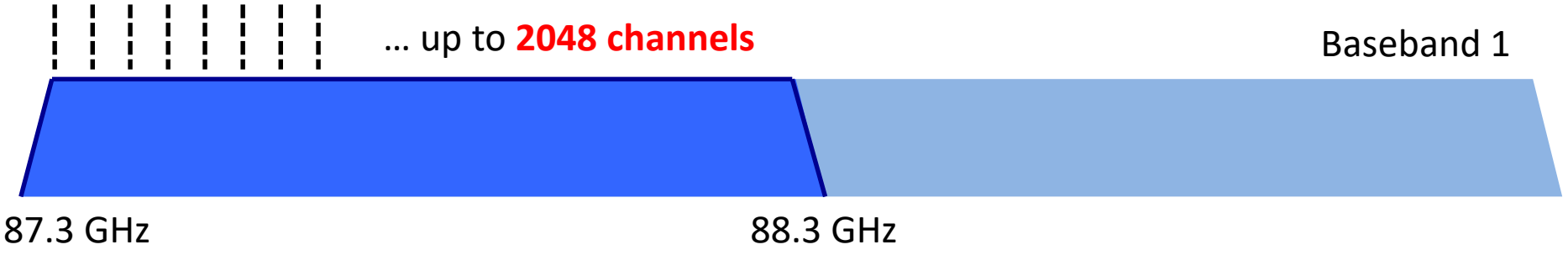
Bandwidth – Spectral resolution **4 polz (HH, VV, HV, VH)**

BW	2 GHz	2048 channels x 4 polz	976 kHz resol.
BW	1 GHz	2048 channels x 4 polz	488 kHz resol.
BW	500 MHz	2048 channels x 4 polz	244 kHz resol.
BW	250 MHz	2048 channels x 4 polz	122 kHz resol.
BW	125 MHz	2048 channels x 4 polz	61 kHz resol.
BW	64 MHz	2048 channels x 4 polz	30 kHz resol.
BW	32 MHz	2048 channels x 4 polz	15 kHz resol.
continuum mode		64 channels x 4 polz	31 MHz resol.



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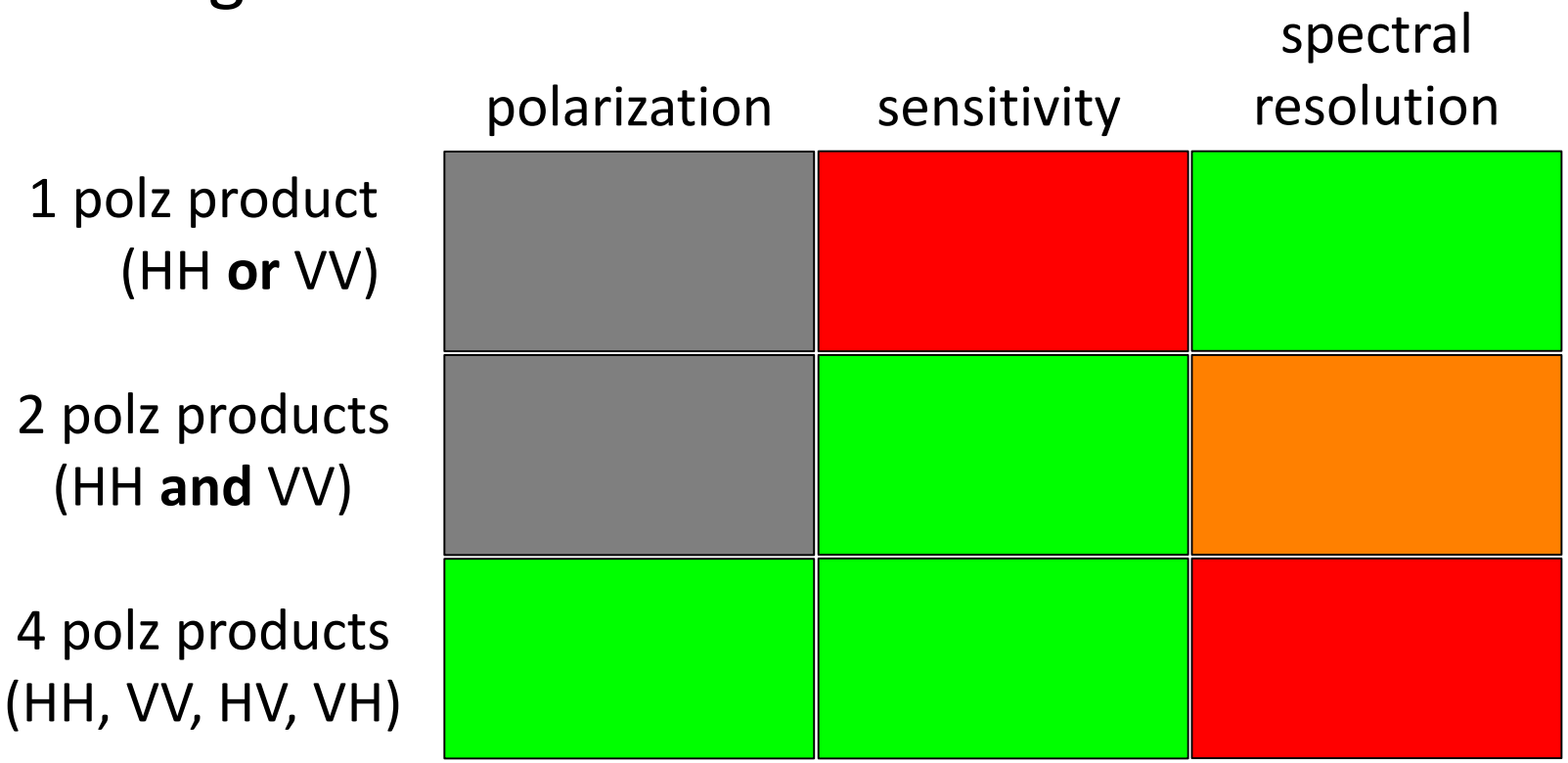

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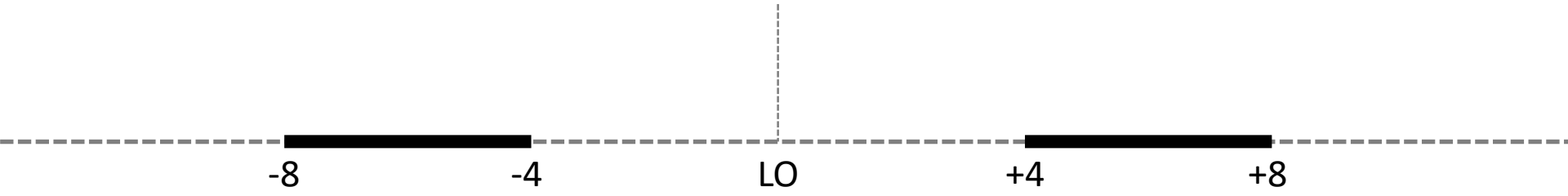

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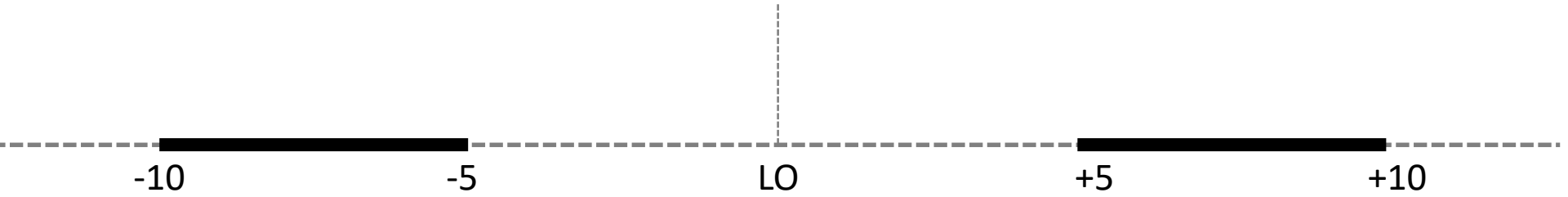

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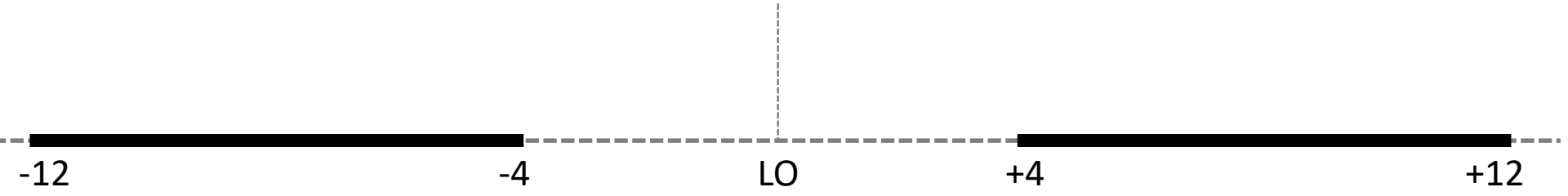

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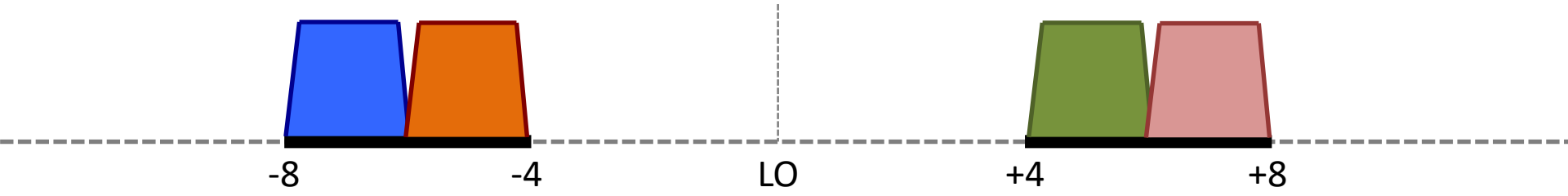

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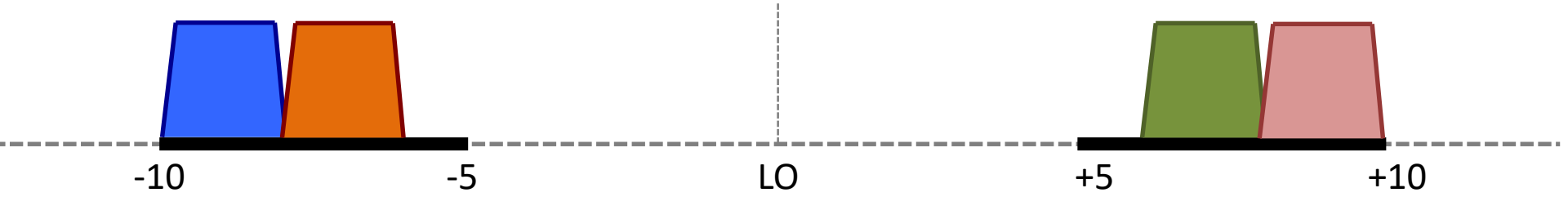

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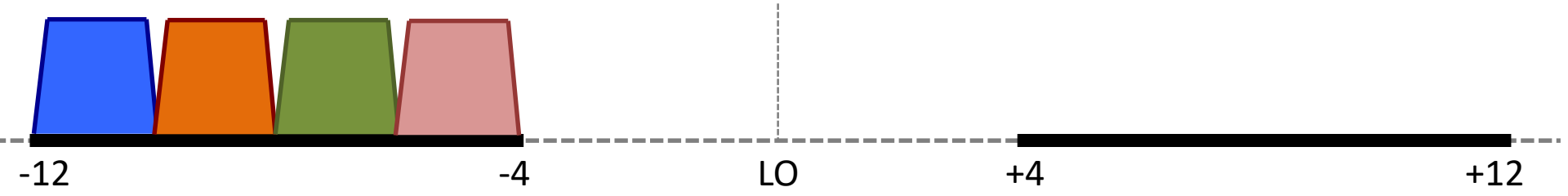

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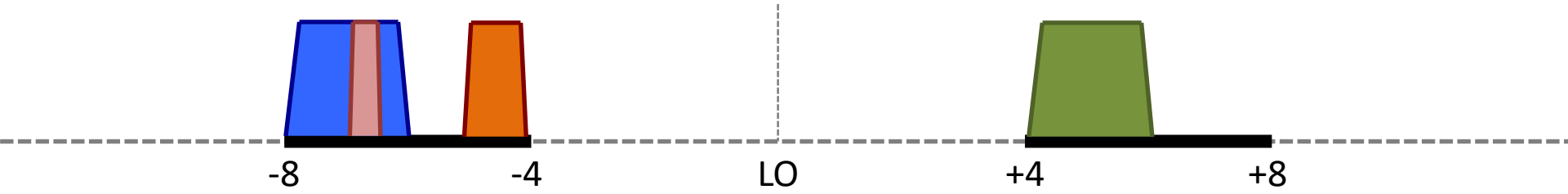

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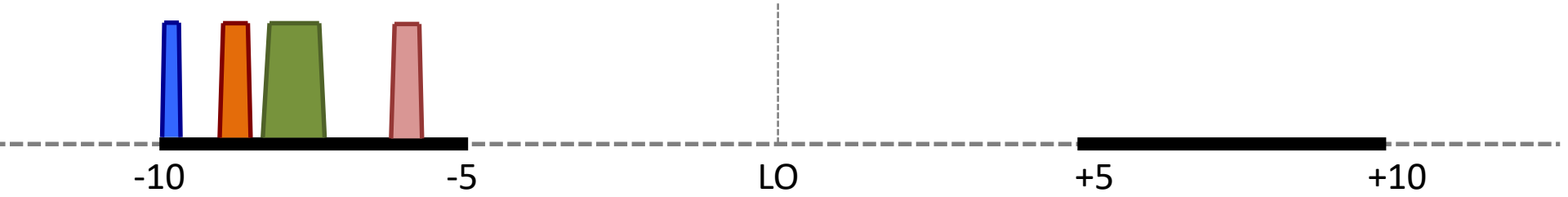

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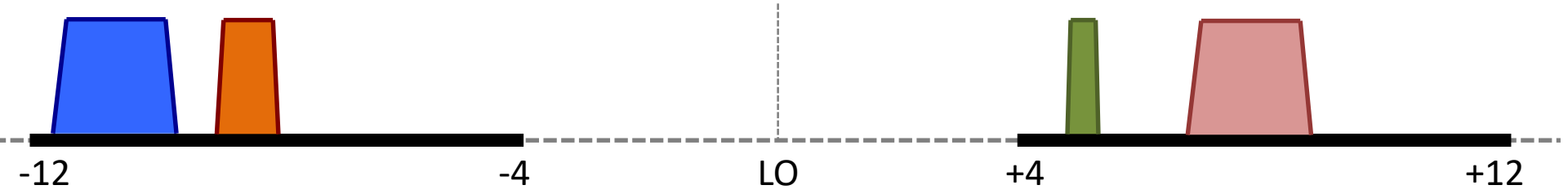

Spectral setup in the almaOT