### Part 2: spectral setup, receivers and correlator

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#### Outline

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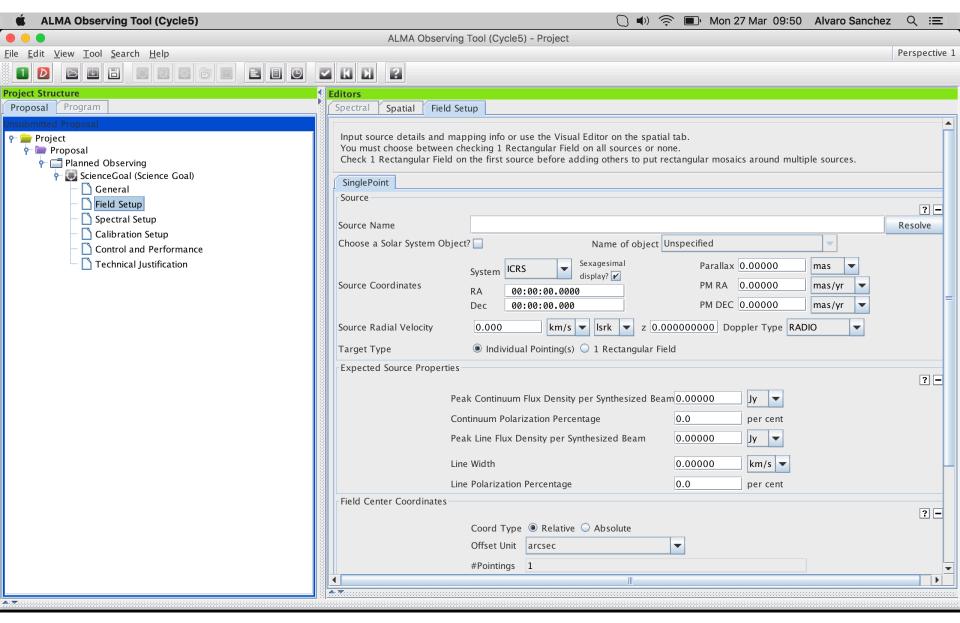
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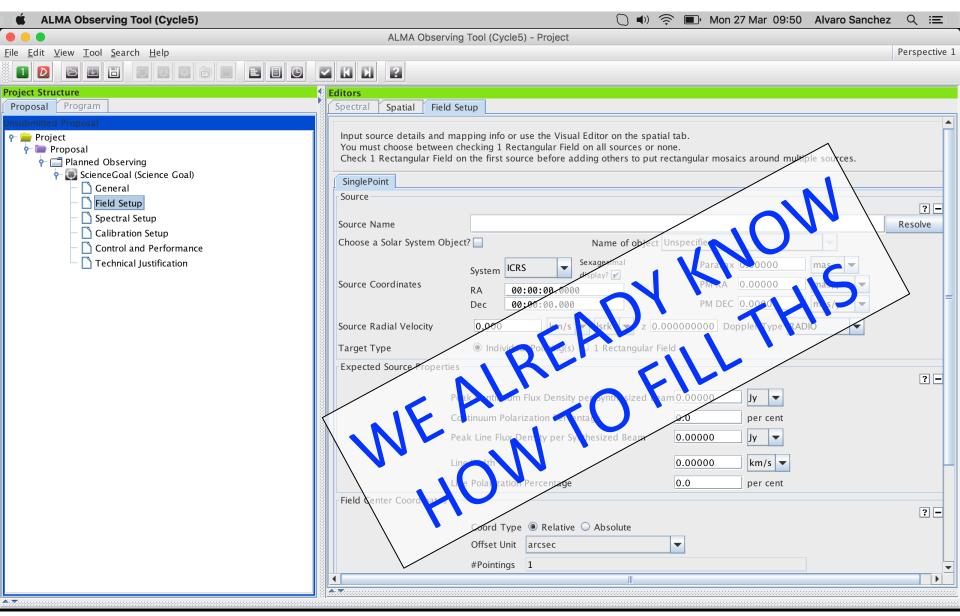
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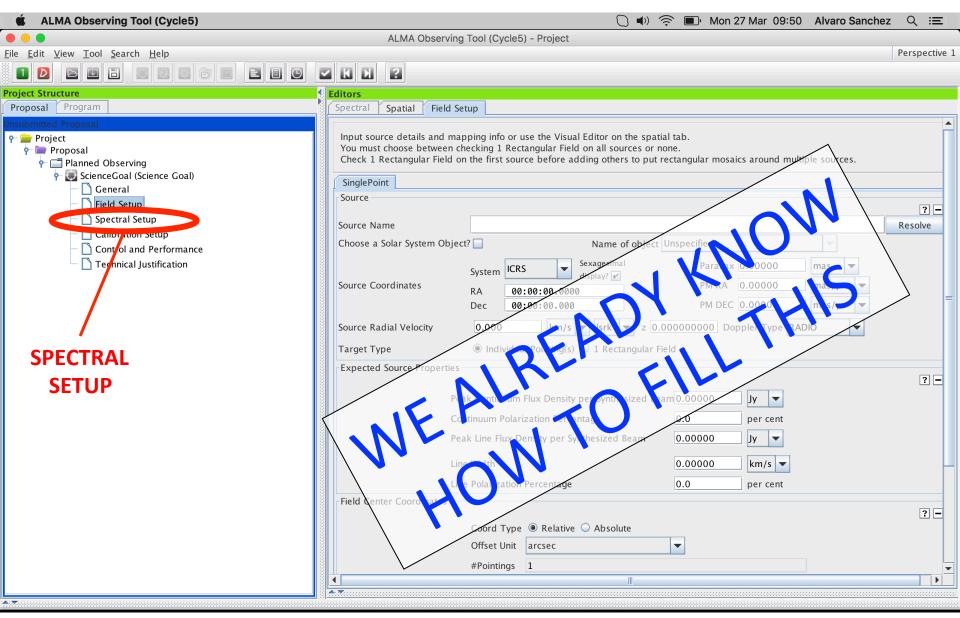
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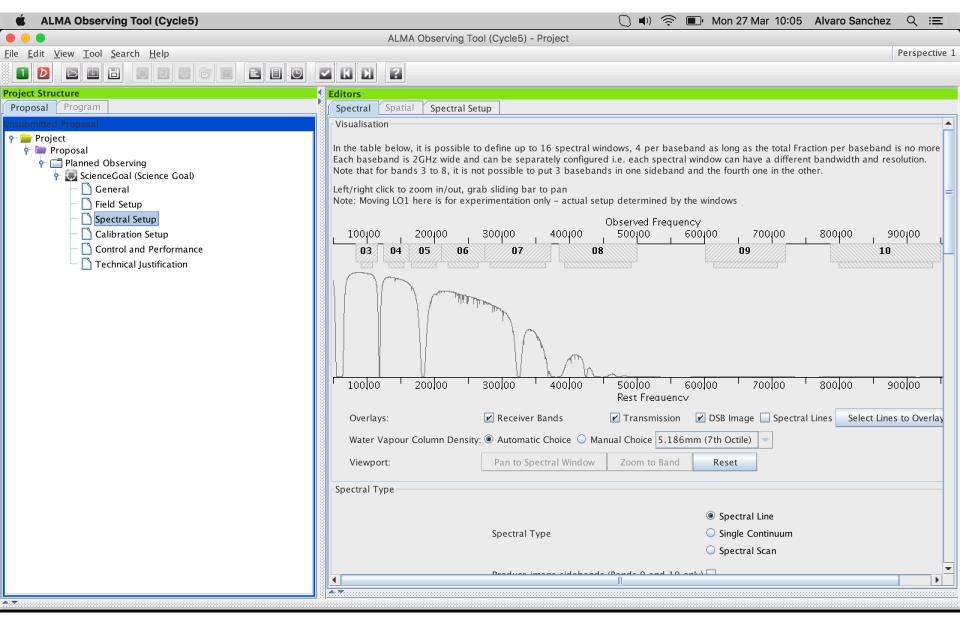
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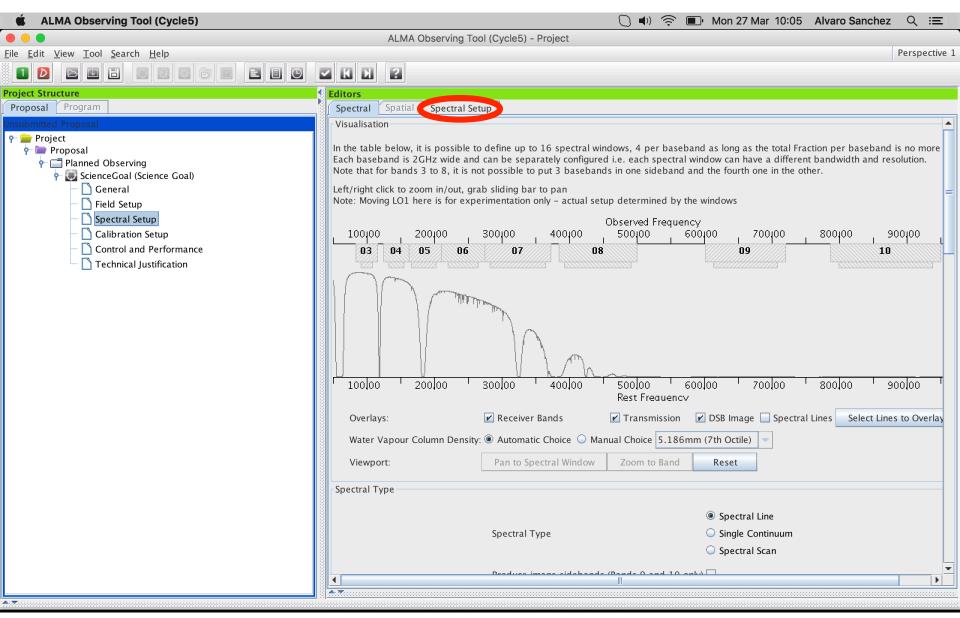
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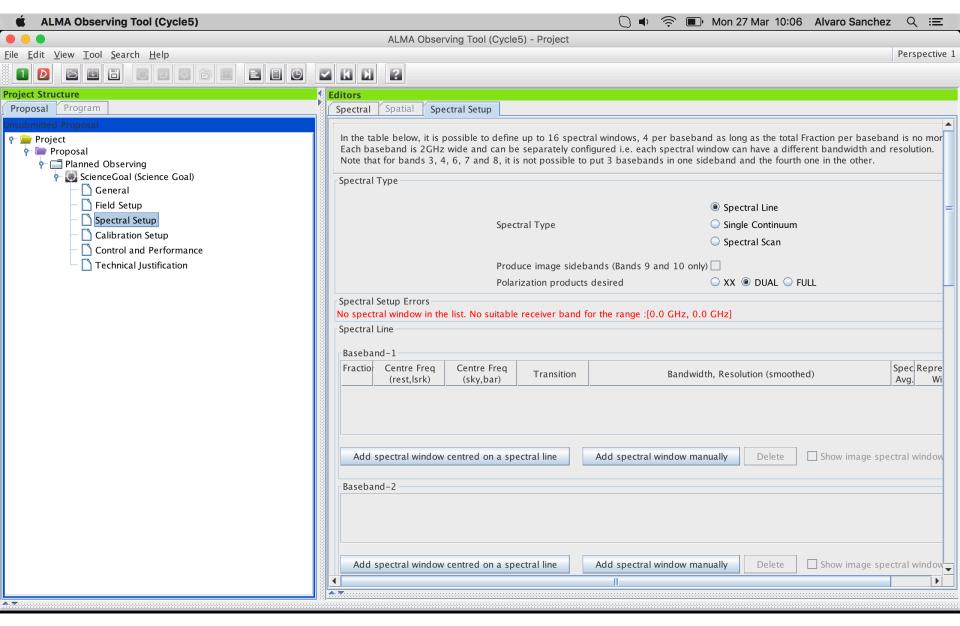


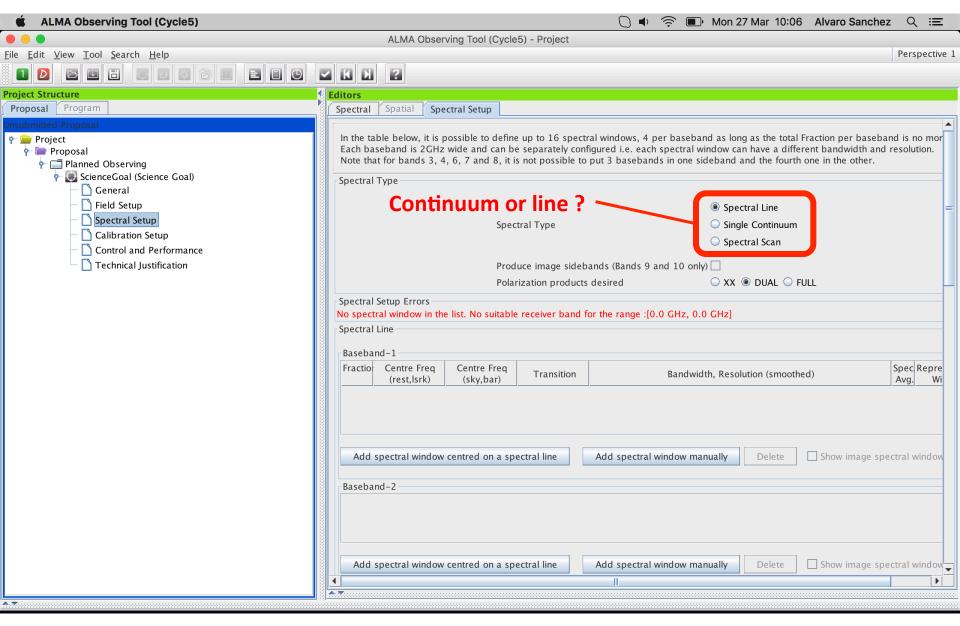


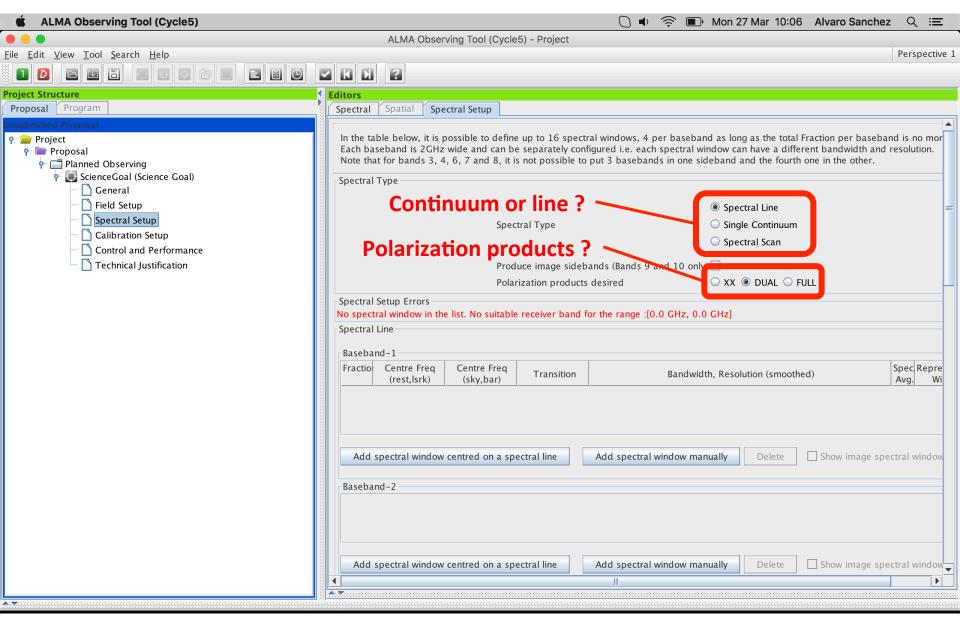


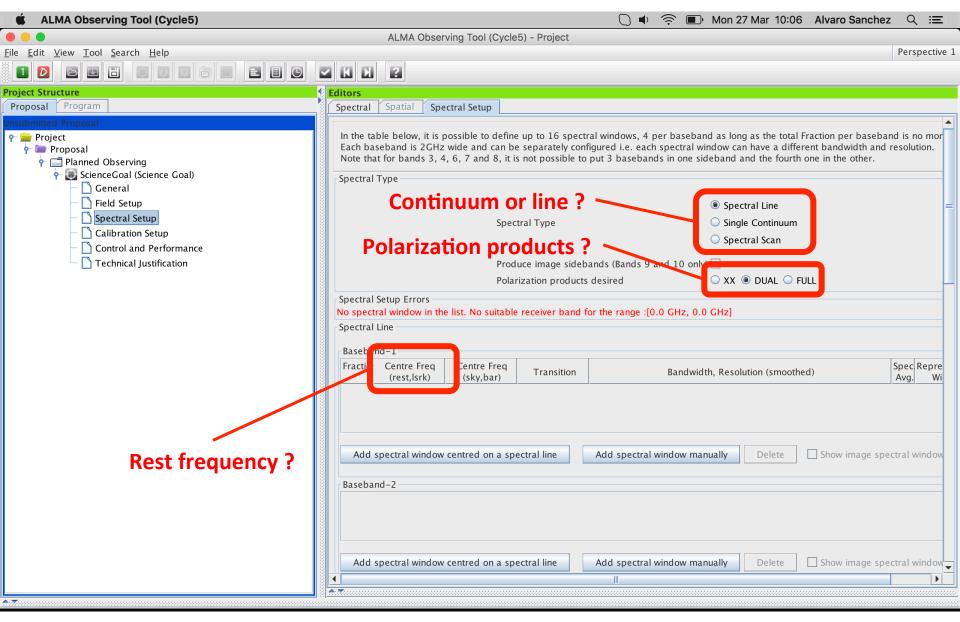


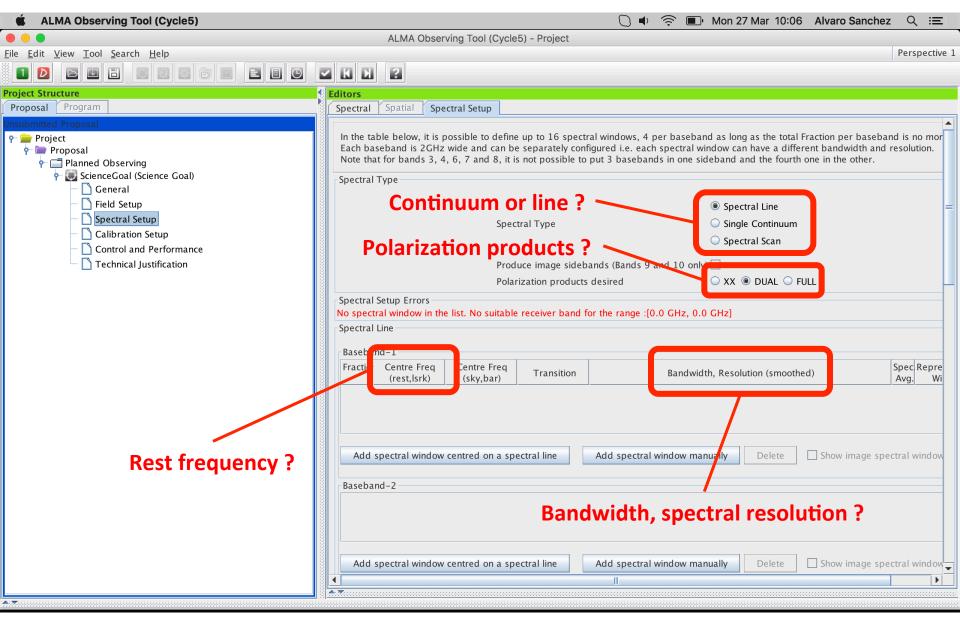










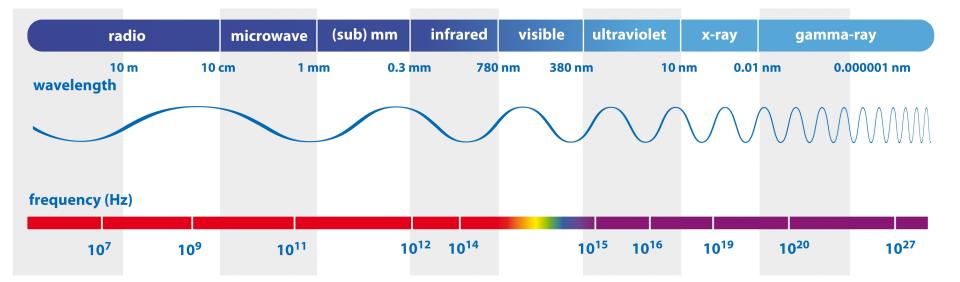


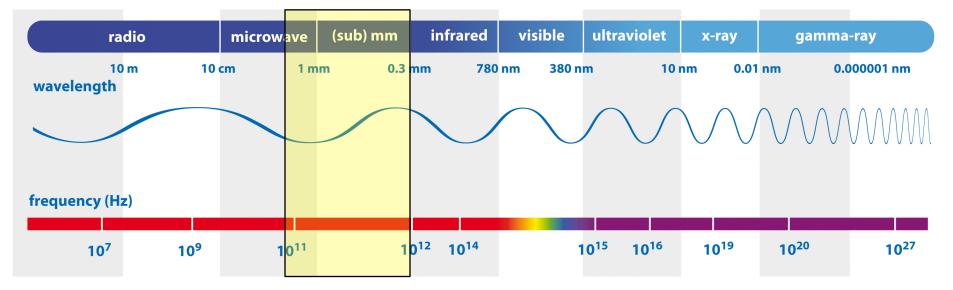
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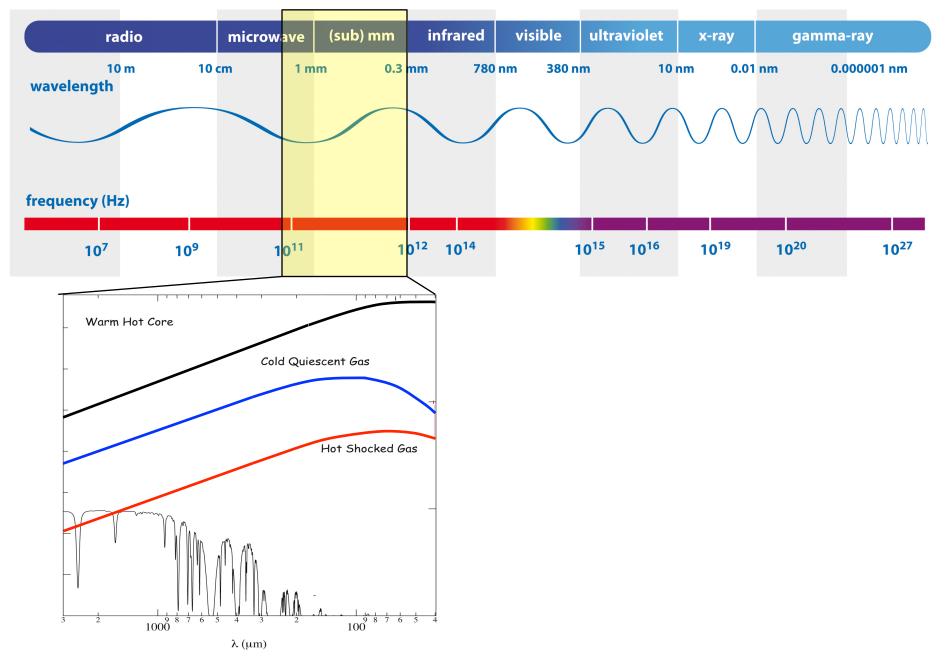
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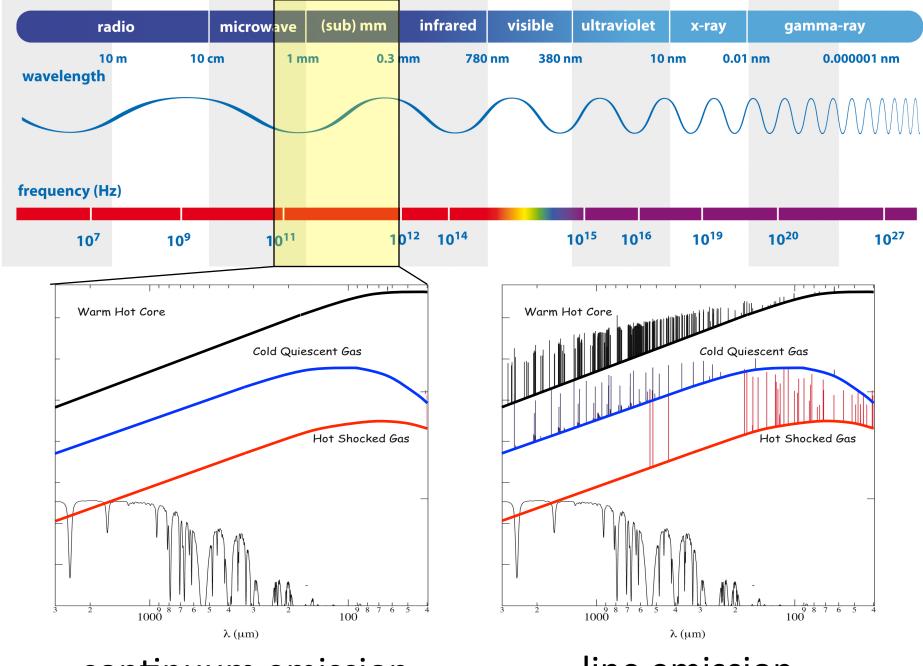


ALMA observable range

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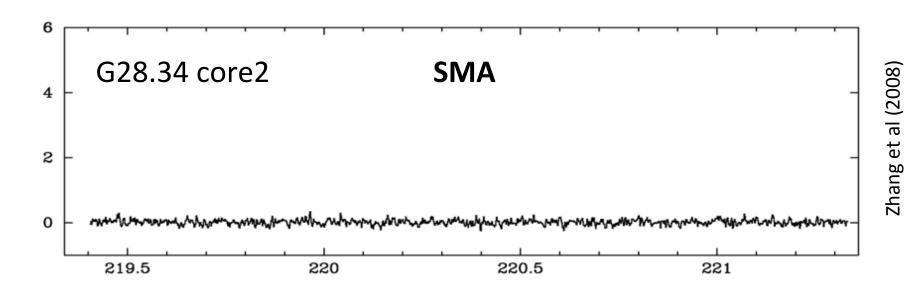


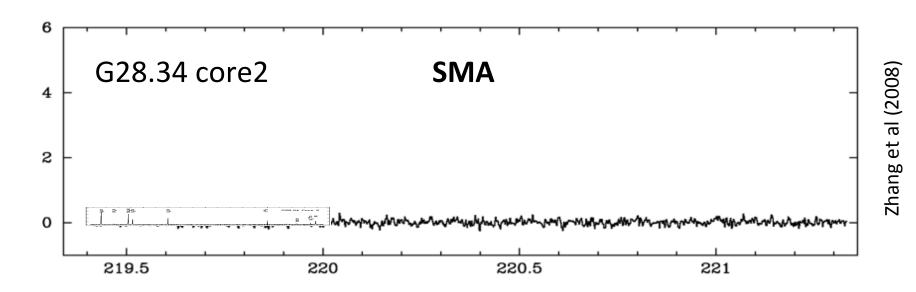
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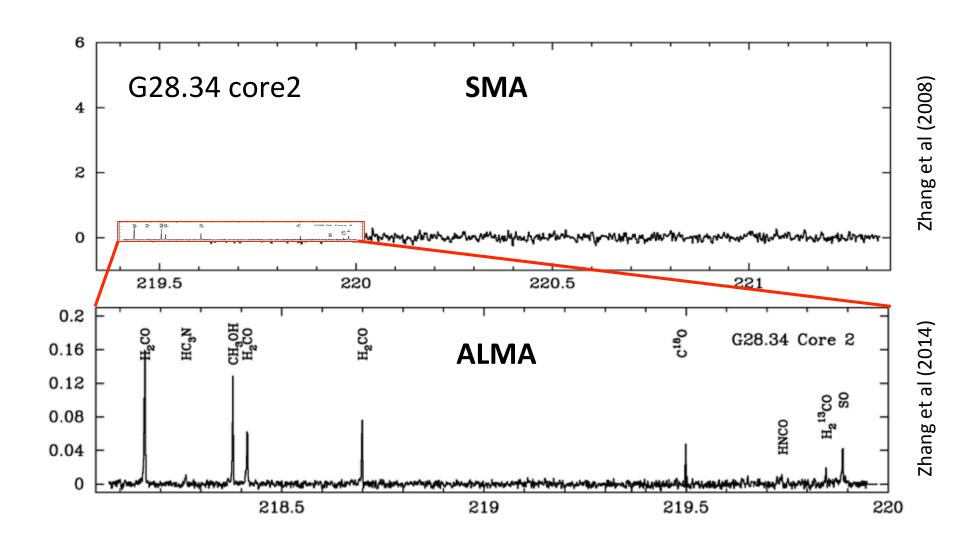


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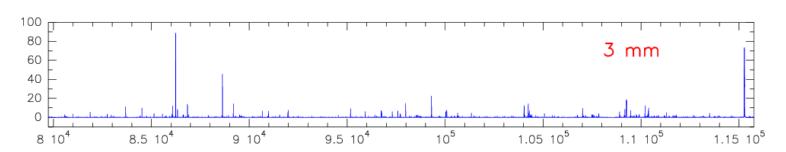
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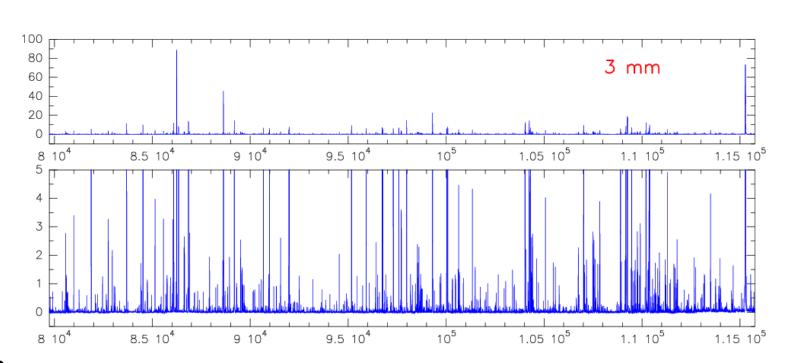


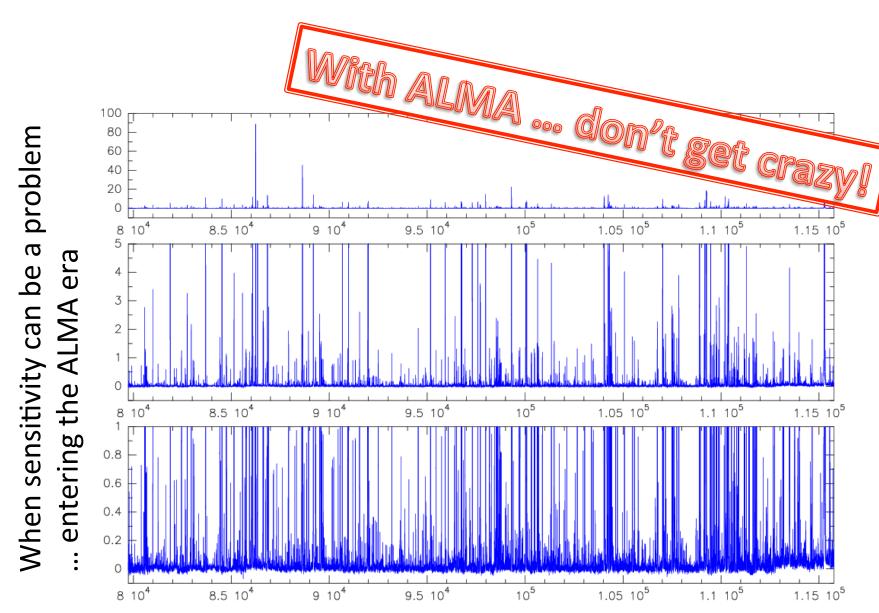


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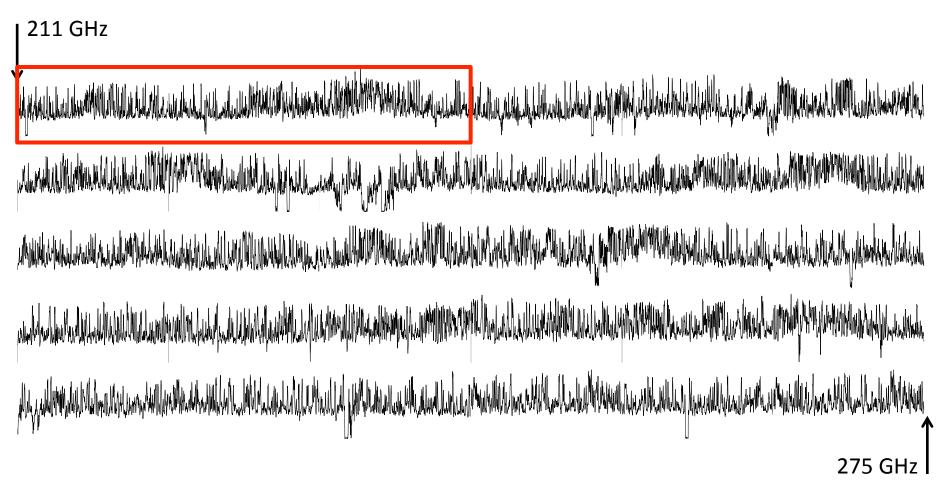
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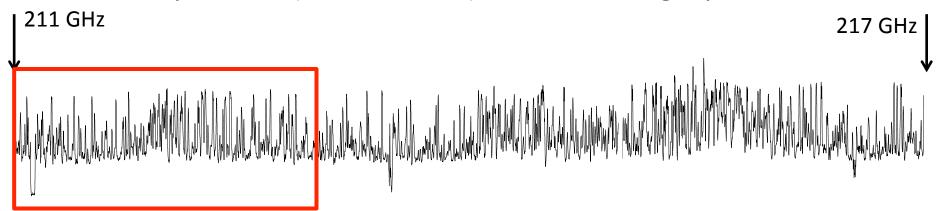


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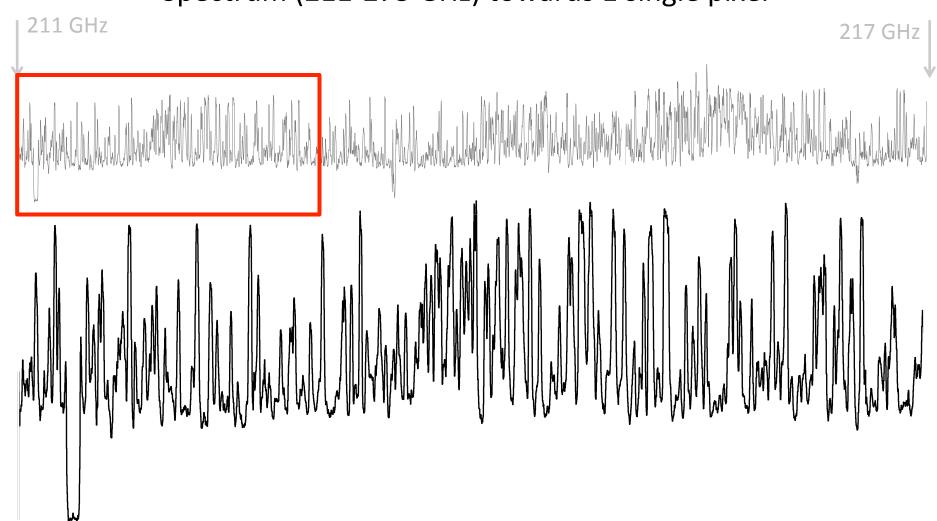
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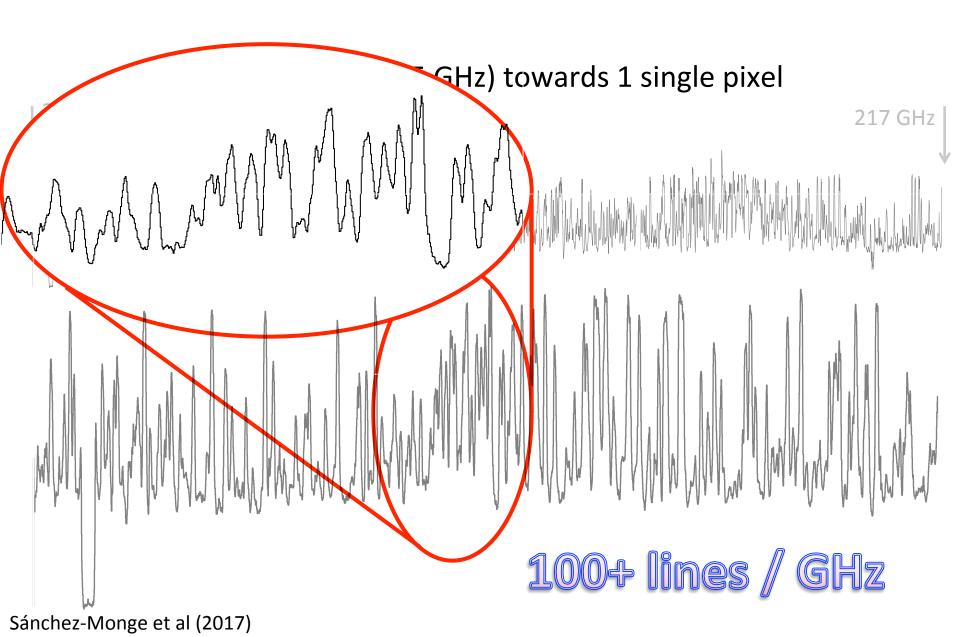
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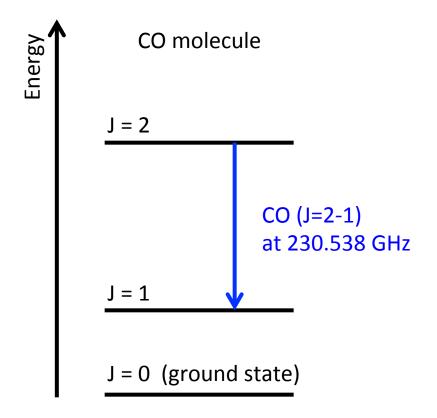
CO molecule

J = 0 (ground state)

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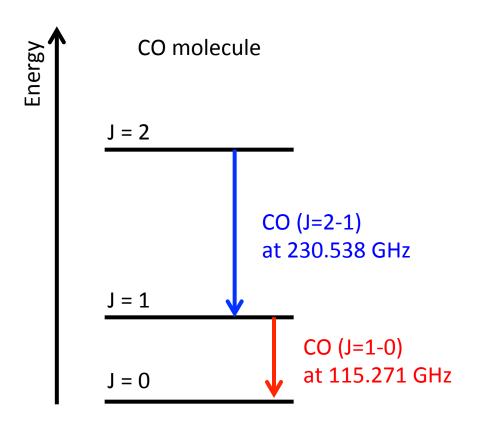
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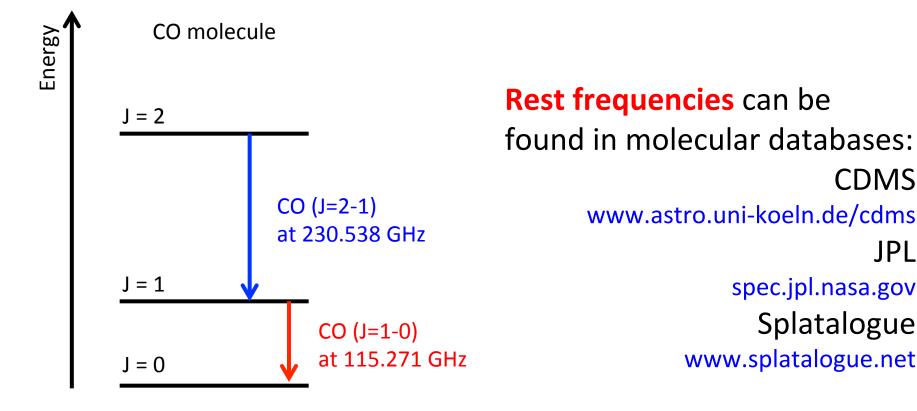


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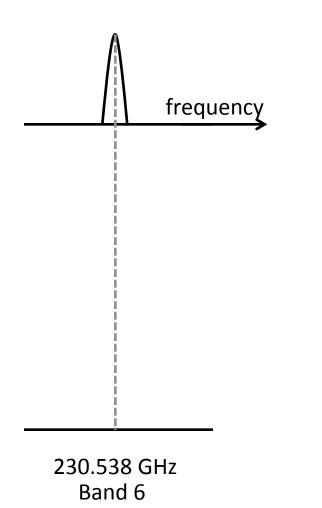
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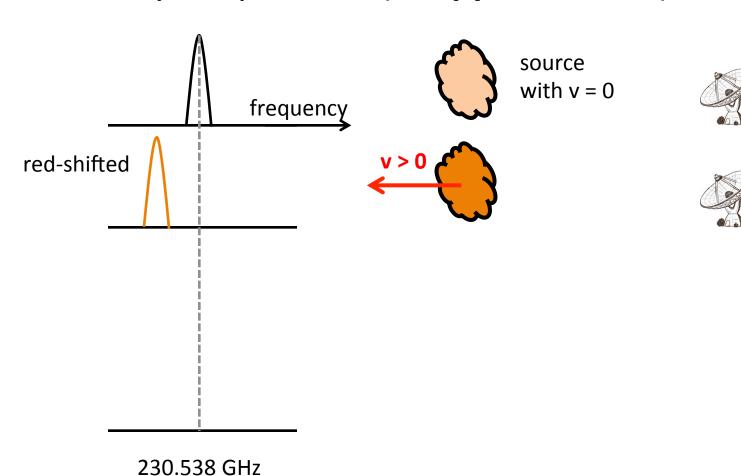




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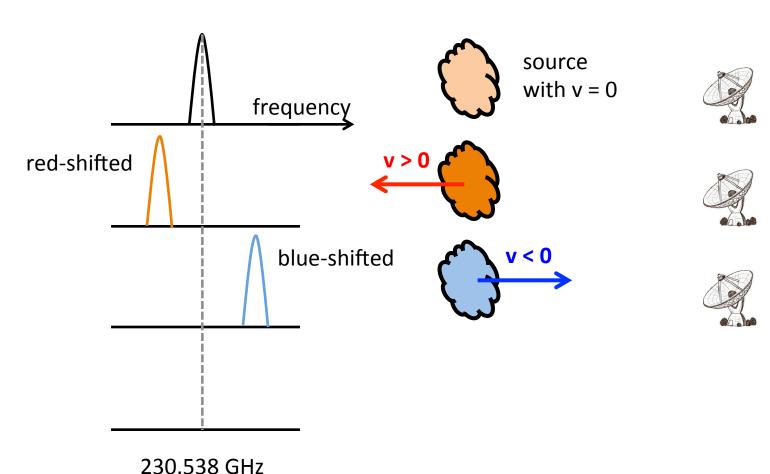
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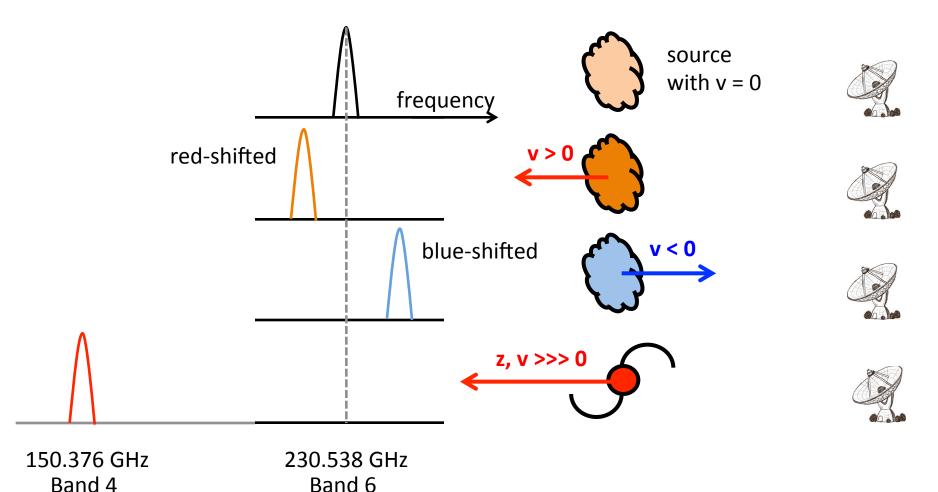
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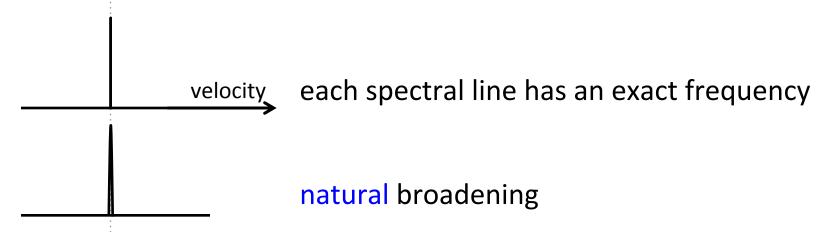
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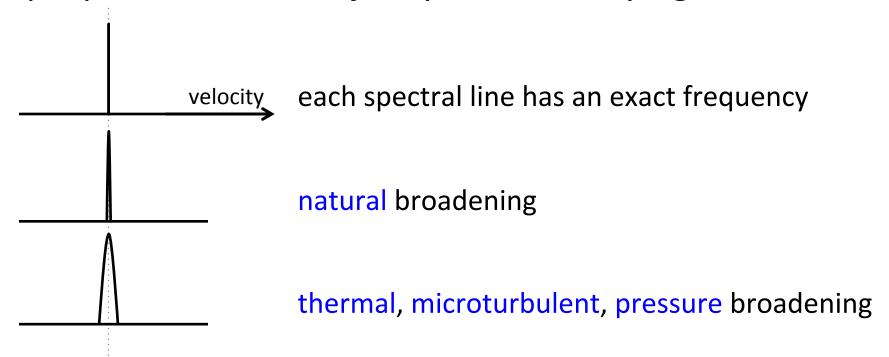
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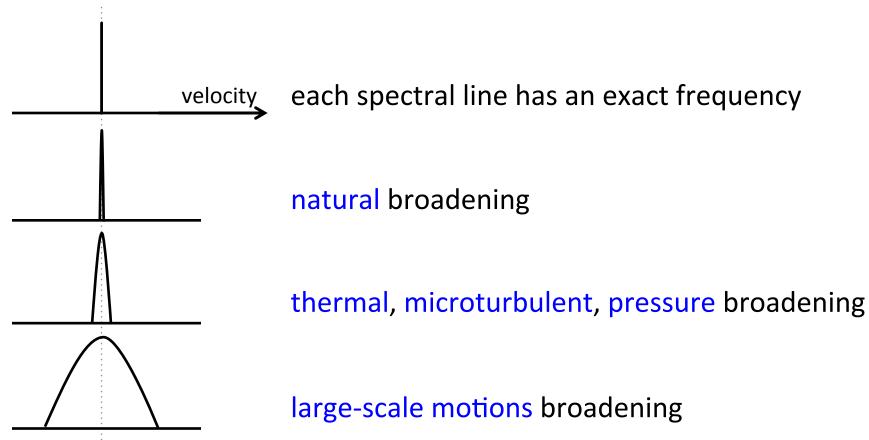
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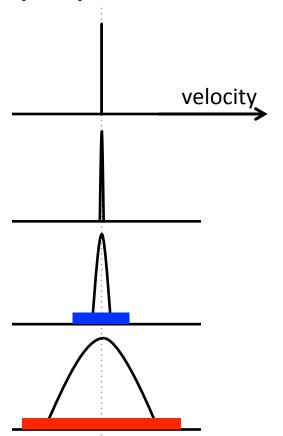


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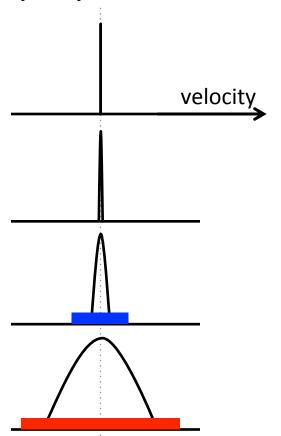
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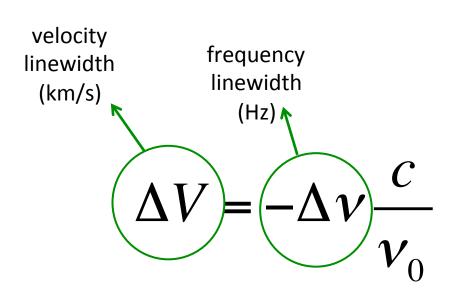


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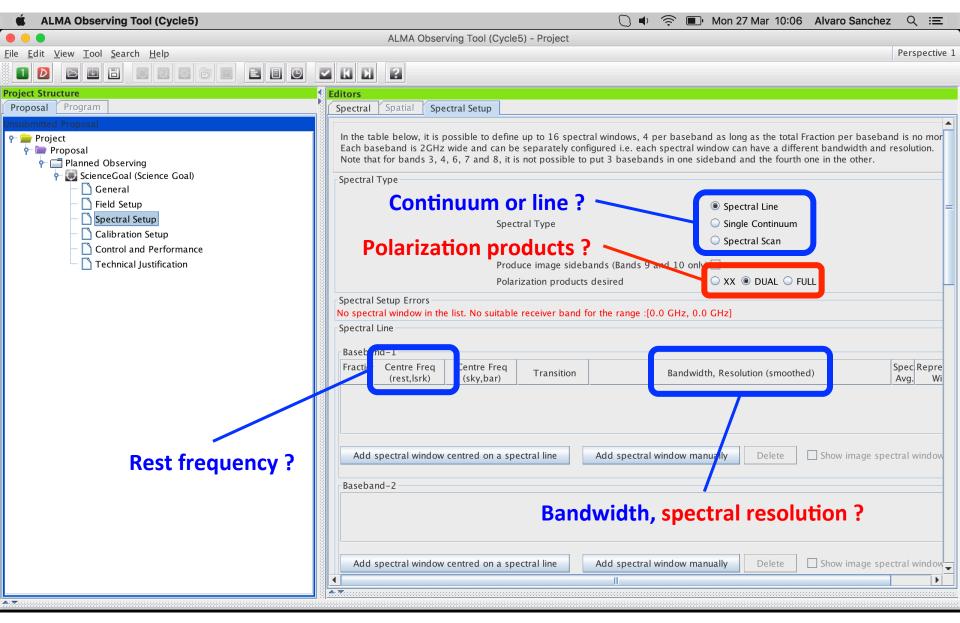
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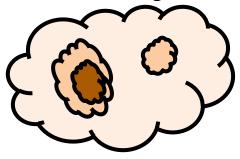
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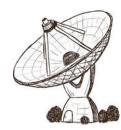
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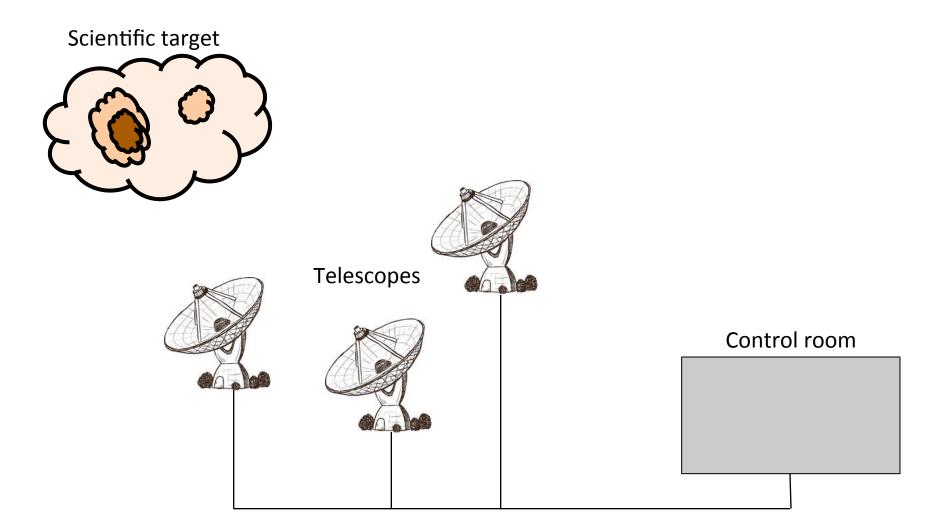


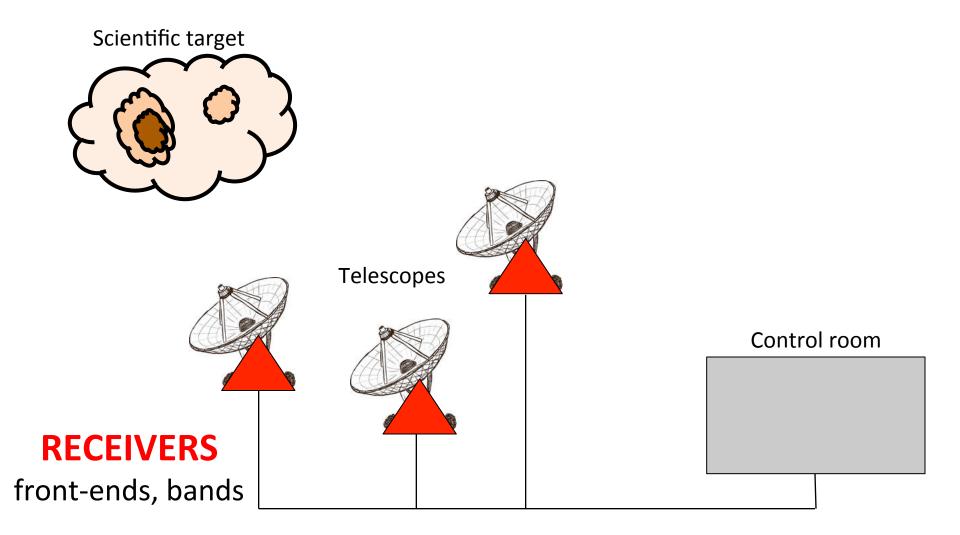


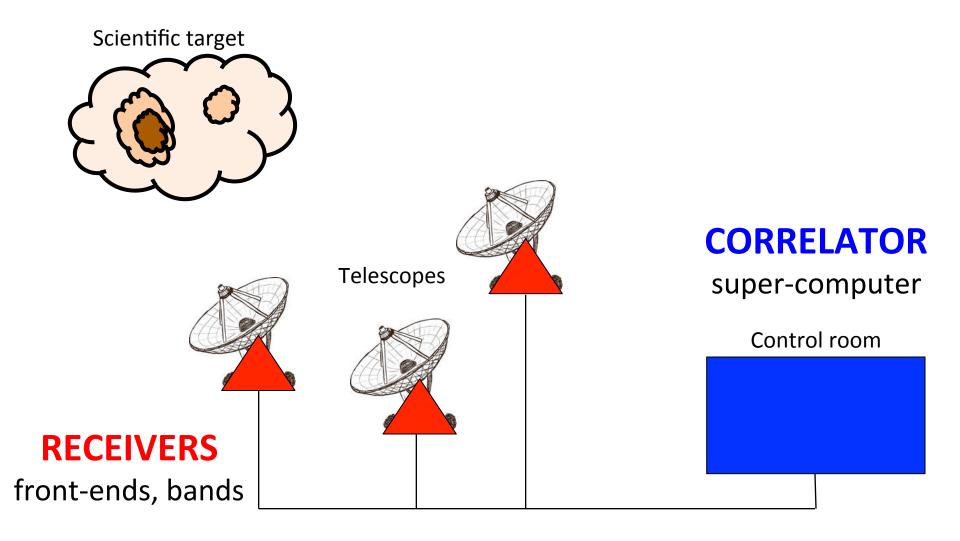


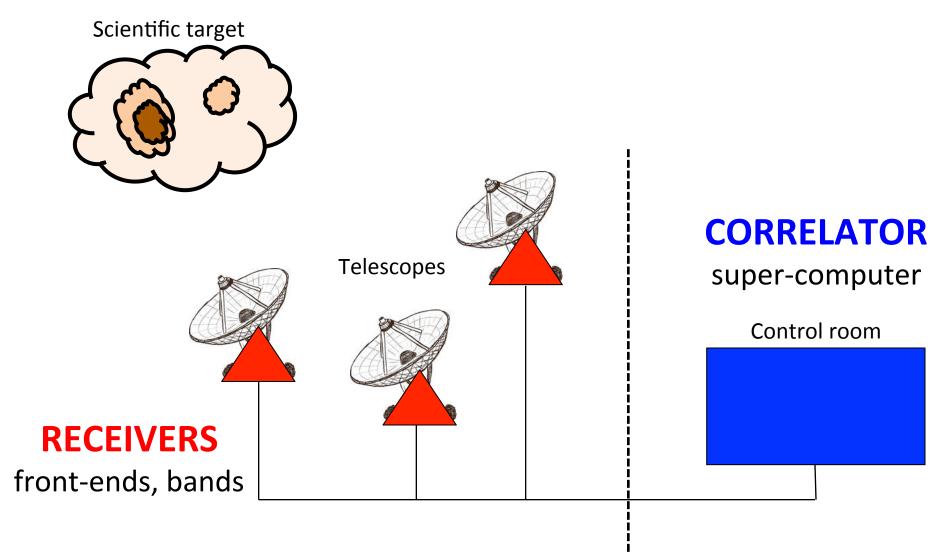












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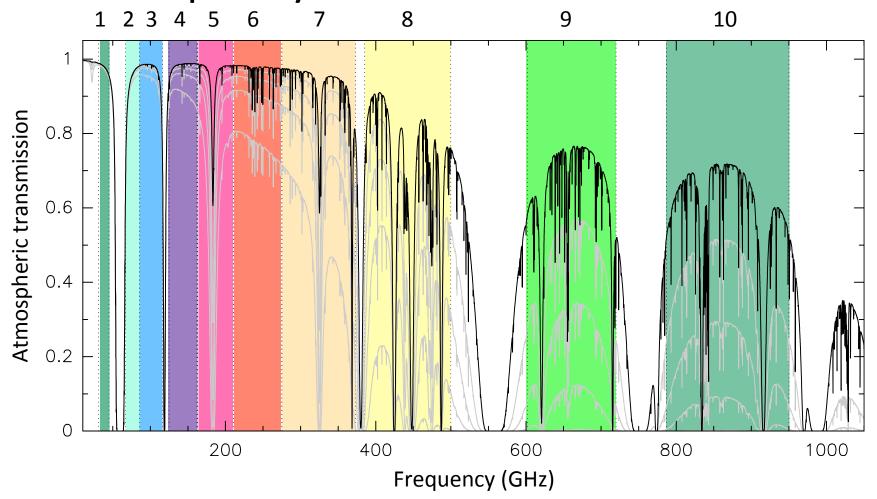
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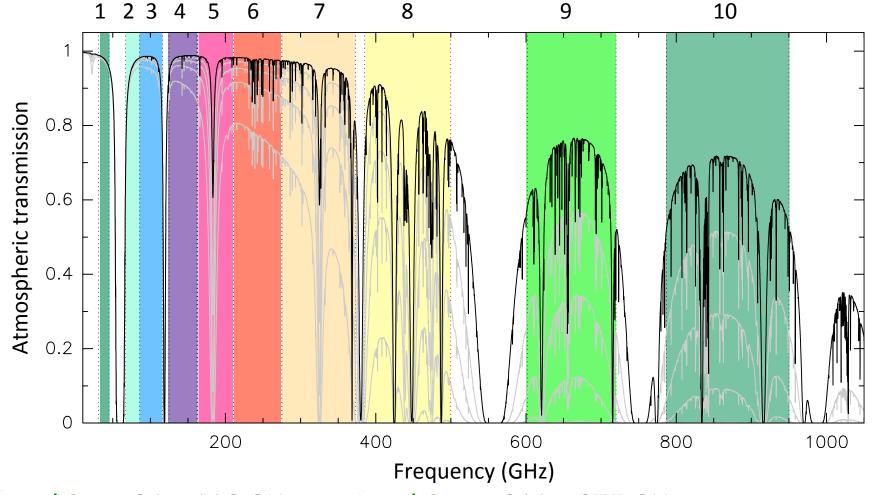
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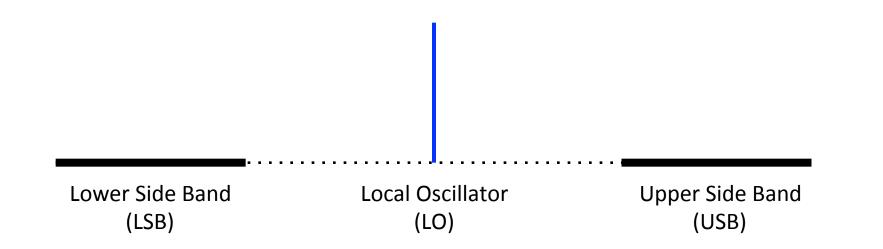
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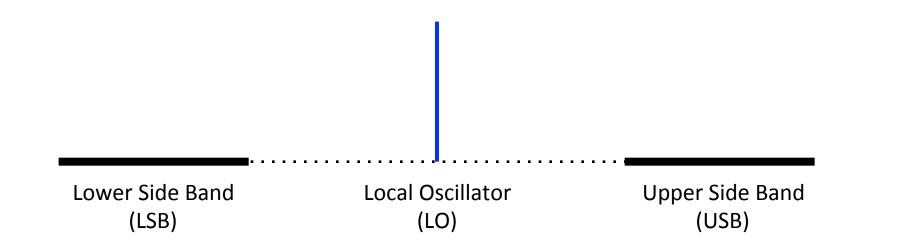
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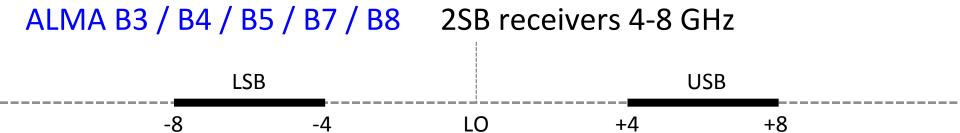


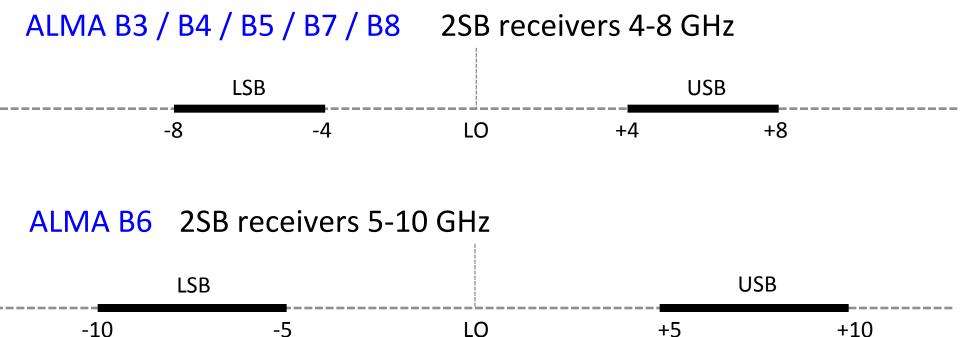
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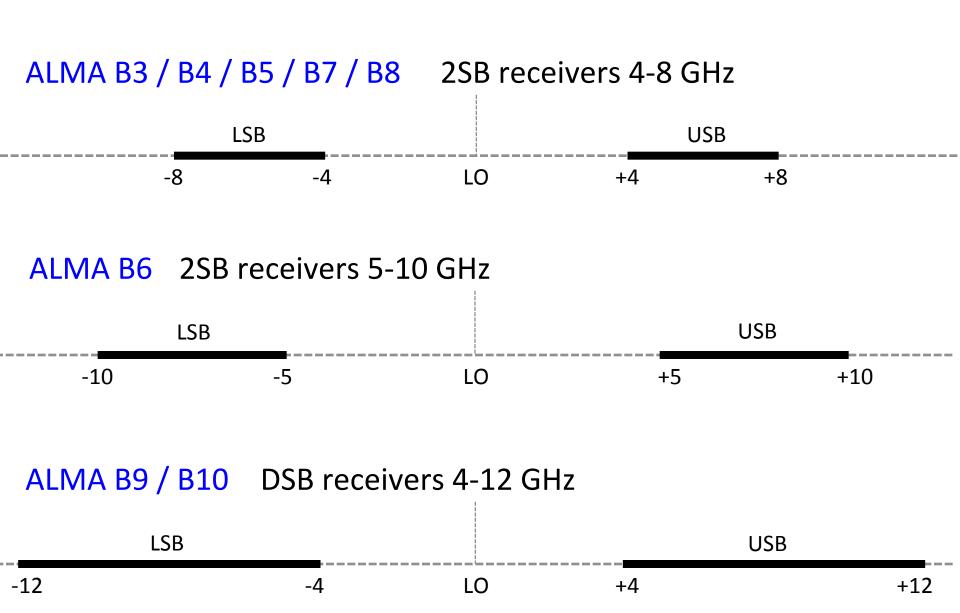


Heterodyne receivers can be:

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    SSB (single) outputs LSB or USB
    DSB (double) outputs the sum LSB+USB (separated in correlator)
    2SB (two) outputs LSB and USB (separately)
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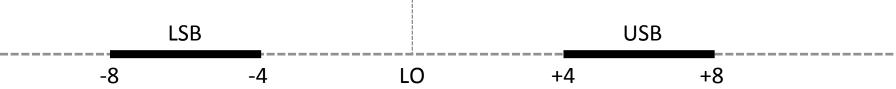
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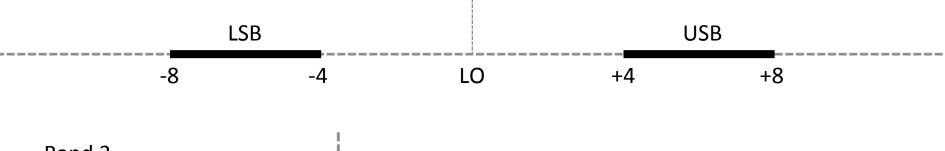
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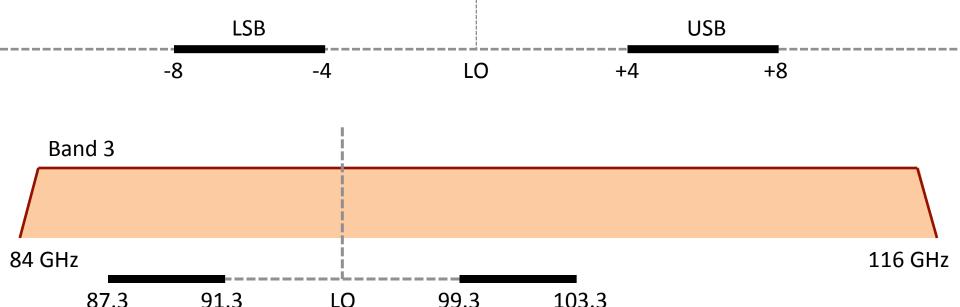


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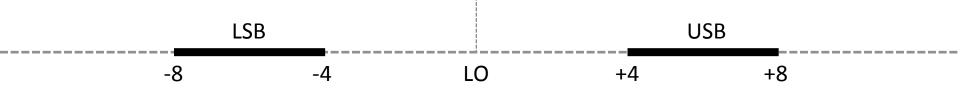


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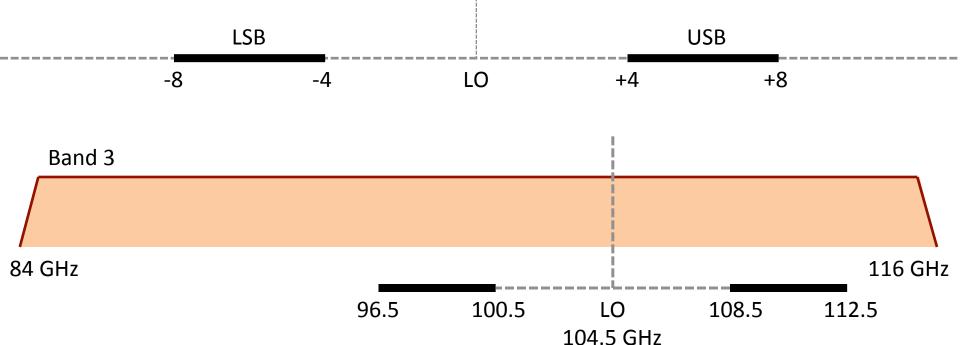


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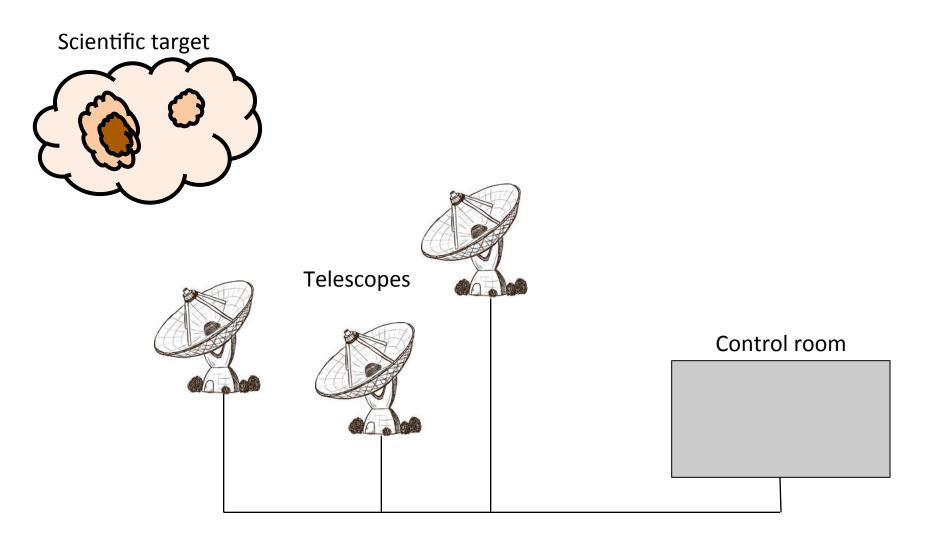


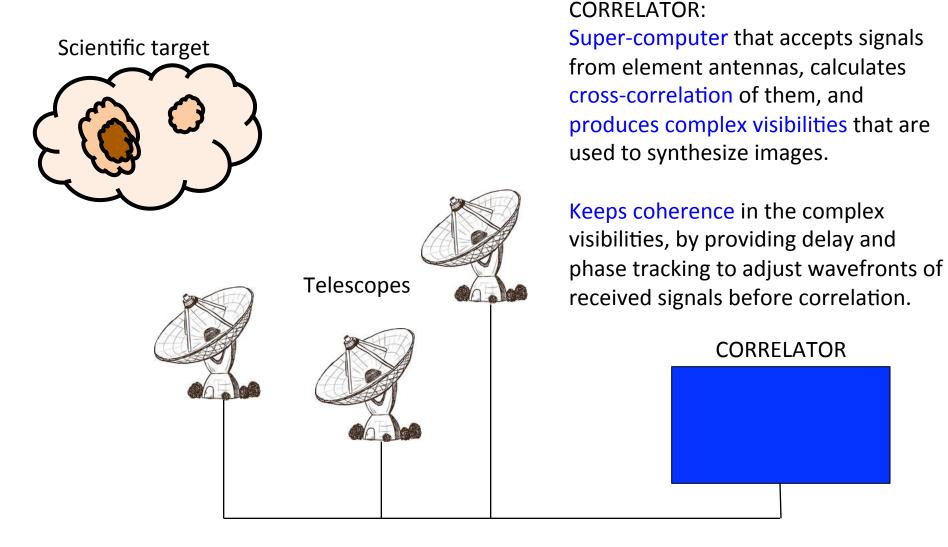
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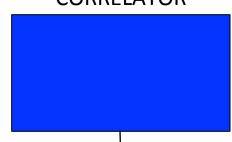
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#### **CORRELATOR:**

Super-computer that accepts signals from element antennas, calculates cross-correlation of them, and produces complex visibilities that are used to synthesize images.

Keeps coherence in the complex visibilities, by providing delay and phase tracking to adjust wavefronts of received signals before correlation.

#### **CORRELATOR**





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#### Physically:

- 1 correlator = 4 quadrants
- 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

#### <u>basebands</u>

information from 64 antennas 2 GHz input

up to 8192 channels

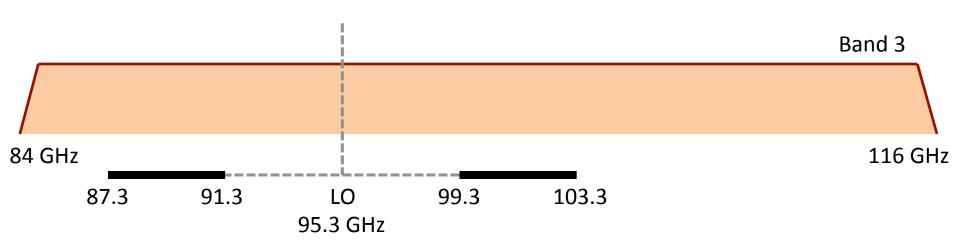
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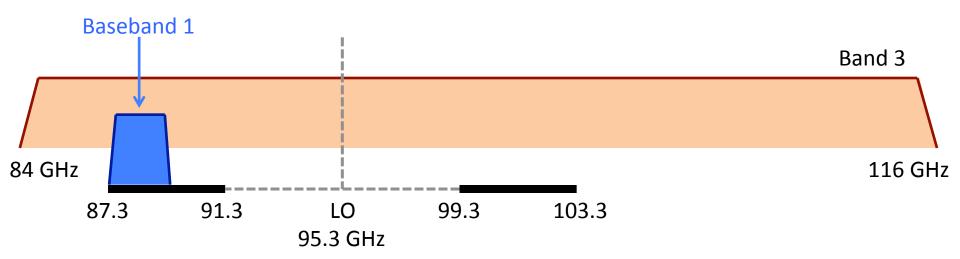
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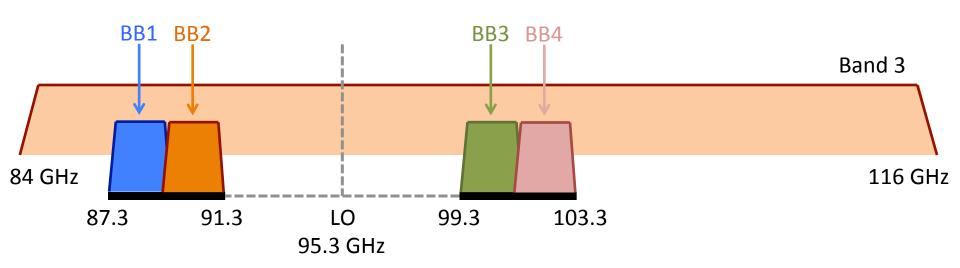
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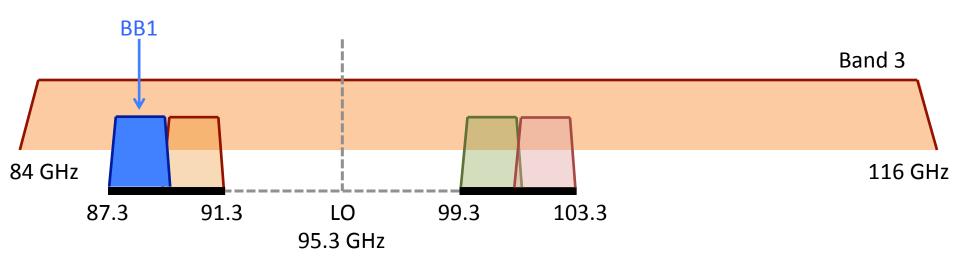
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#### <u>Bandwidth – Spectral resolution</u>

BW	2 GHz	8192 channels x 1 polz	244 kHz resol.
BW	1 GHz	8192 channels x 1 polz	122 kHz resol.
BW	500 MHz	8192 channels x 1 polz	61 kHz resol.
BW	250 MHz	8192 channels x 1 polz	30 kHz resol.
BW	125 MHz	8192 channels x 1 polz	15 kHz resol.
BW	64 MHz	8192 channels x 1 polz	7.5 kHz resol.
BW	32 MHz	8192 channels x 1 polz	3.8 kHz resol.
continuum mode		256 channels x 1 polz	7.5 MHz resol.

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Baseband 1

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BW	250 MHz	8192 channels x 1 polz	30 kHz resol.
BW	125 MHz	8192 channels x 1 polz	15 kHz resol.
BW	64 MHz	8192 channels x 1 polz	7.5 kHz resol.
BW	32 MHz	8192 channels x 1 polz	3.8 kHz resol.
continuum mode		256 channels x 1 polz	7.5 MHz resol.

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Baseband 1

87.3 GHz

# Bandwidth - Spectral resolution 1 polz (H or V)

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continuum mode		256 channels	x 1 polz	7.5 MHz resol.

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Baseband 1

87.3 GHz

# Bandwidth - Spectral resolution 2 polz (H and V)

BW	2 GHz	4096 channels	x 2 polz	488 kHz resol.
BW	1 GHz	4096 channels	x 2 polz	244 kHz resol.
BW 50	OO MHz	4096 channels	x 2 polz	122 kHz resol.
BW 25	50 MHz	4096 channel	x 2 polz	61 kHz resol.
BW 12	25 MHz	4096 channel	x 2 polz	30 kHz resol.
BW 6	64 MHz	4096 channels	x 2 polz	15 kHz resol.
BW 3	32 MHz	4096 channels		7.5 kHz resol.
continuum mode		128 channels	x 2 polz	15 MHz resol.

... up to 4096 channels

Baseband 1

## 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 channel	x 4 polz	122 kHz resol.
BW	125 MHz	2048 channel	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	4 polz	31 MHz resol.

... up to 2048 channels

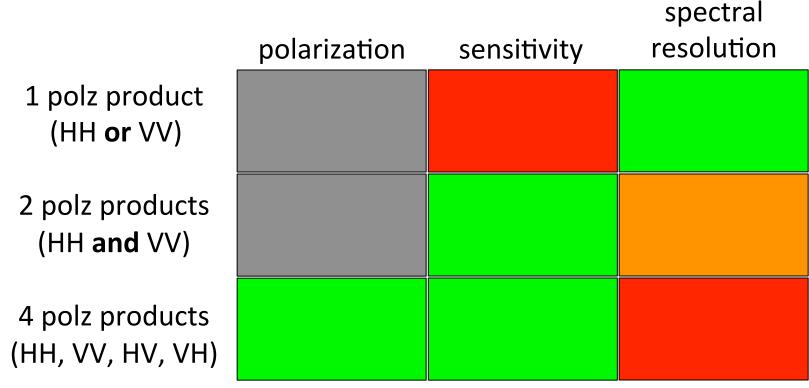
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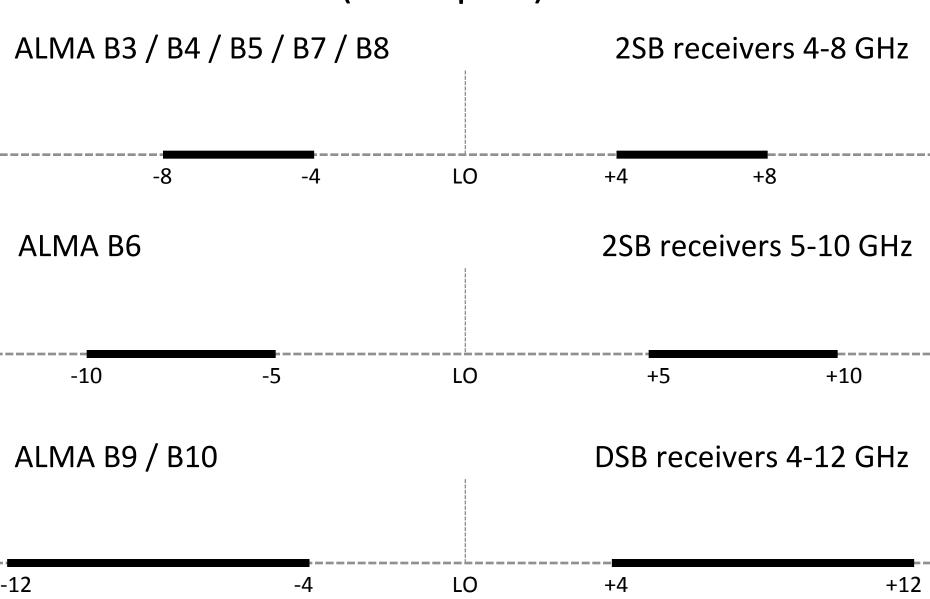
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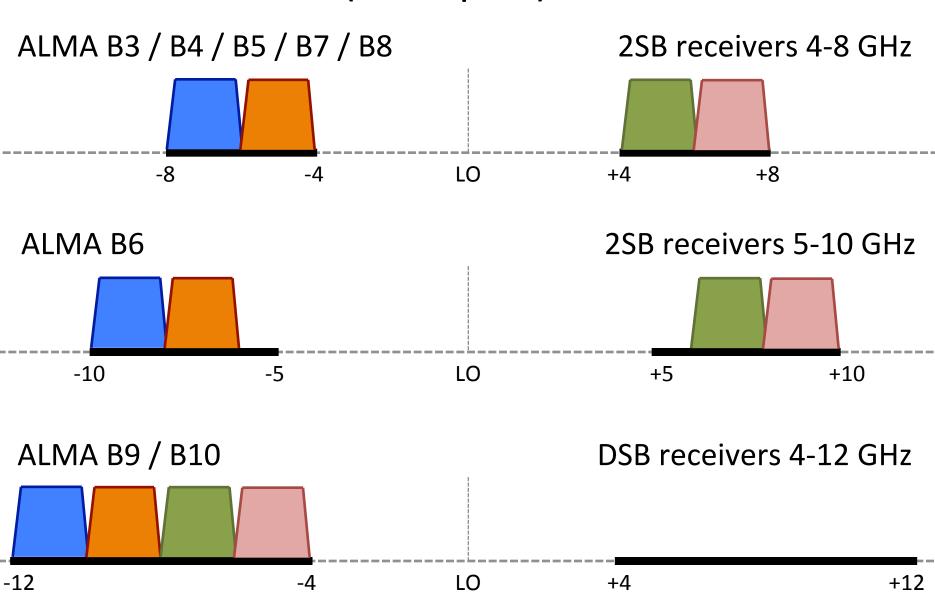
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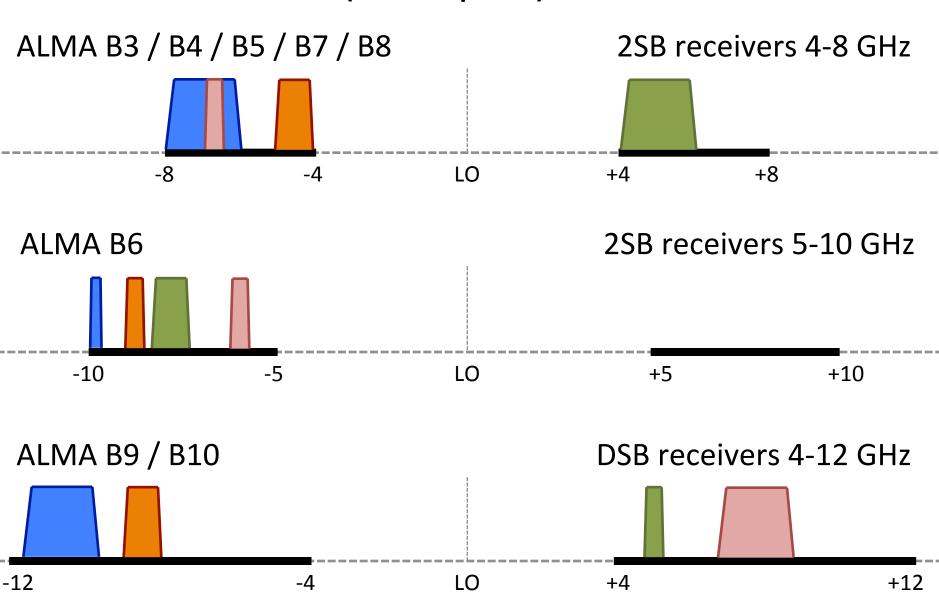
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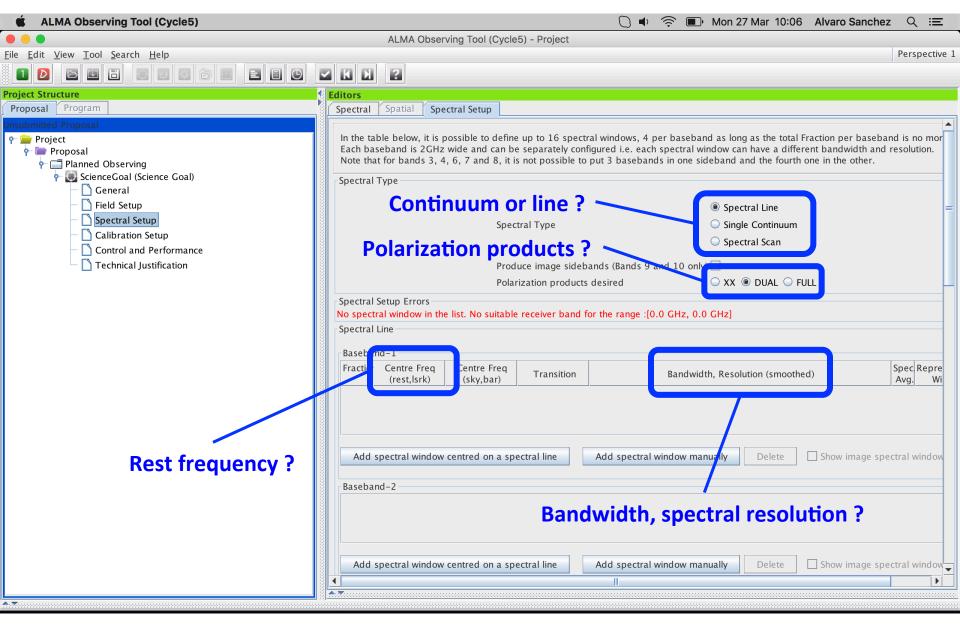
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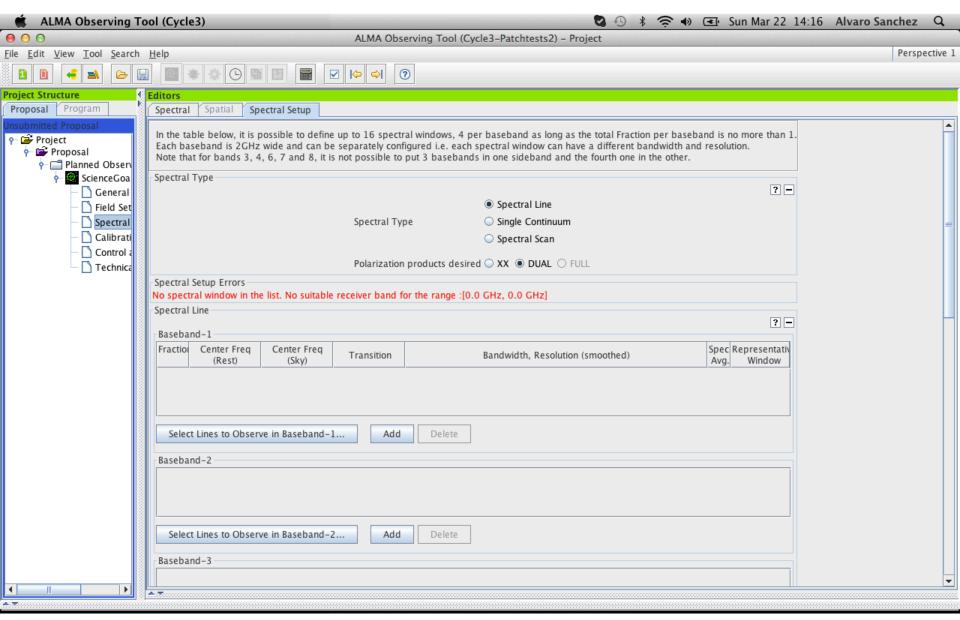
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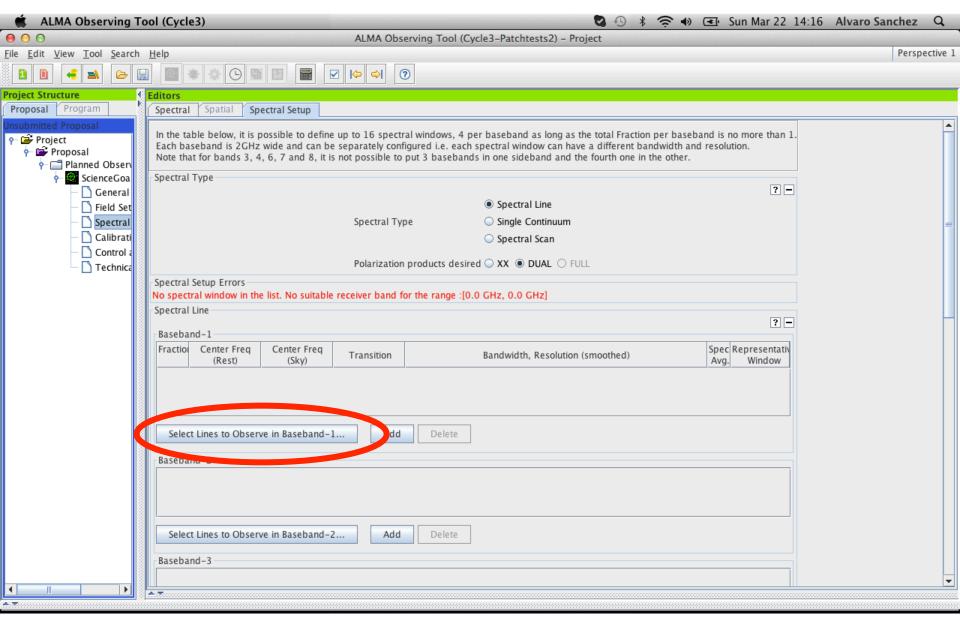
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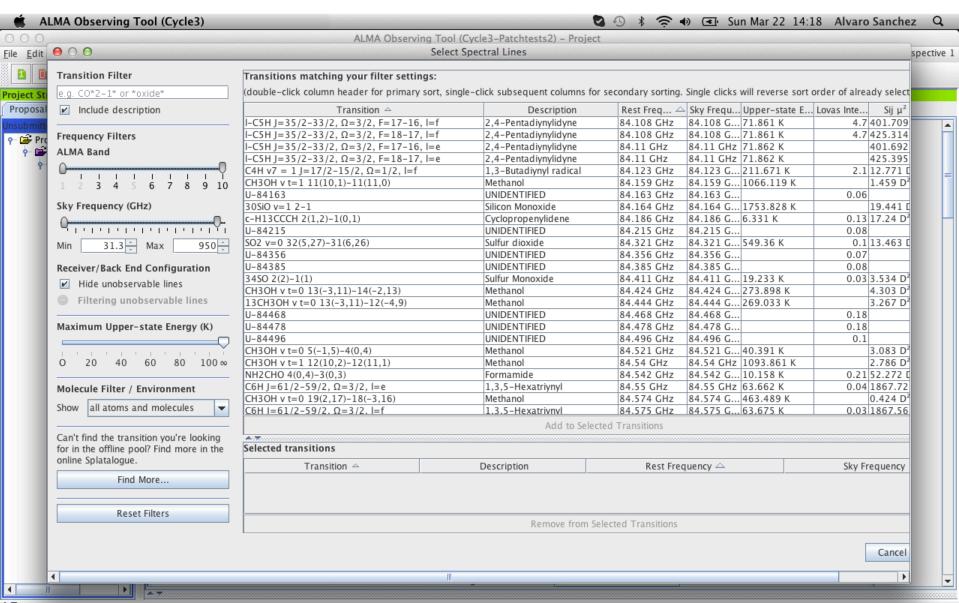
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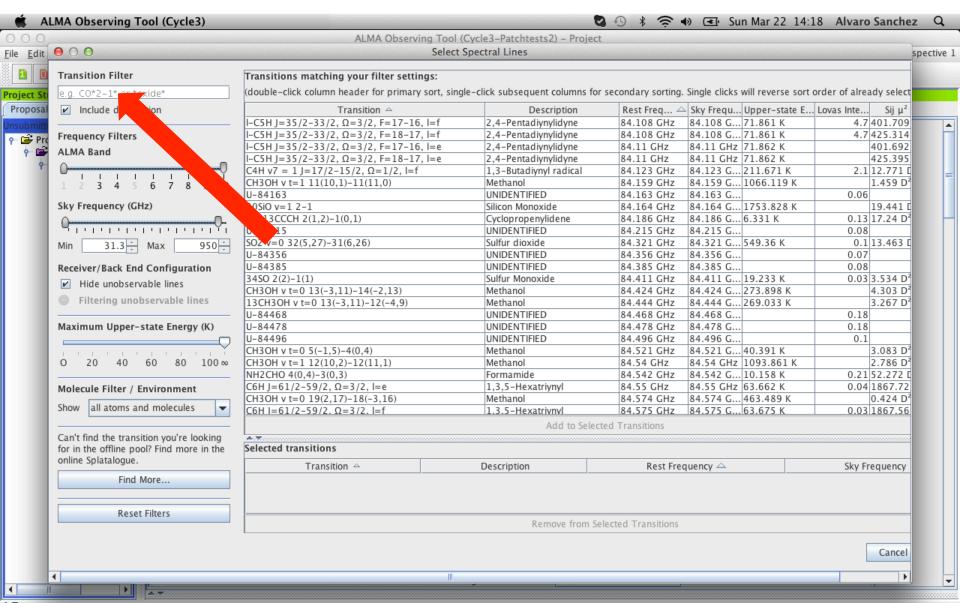
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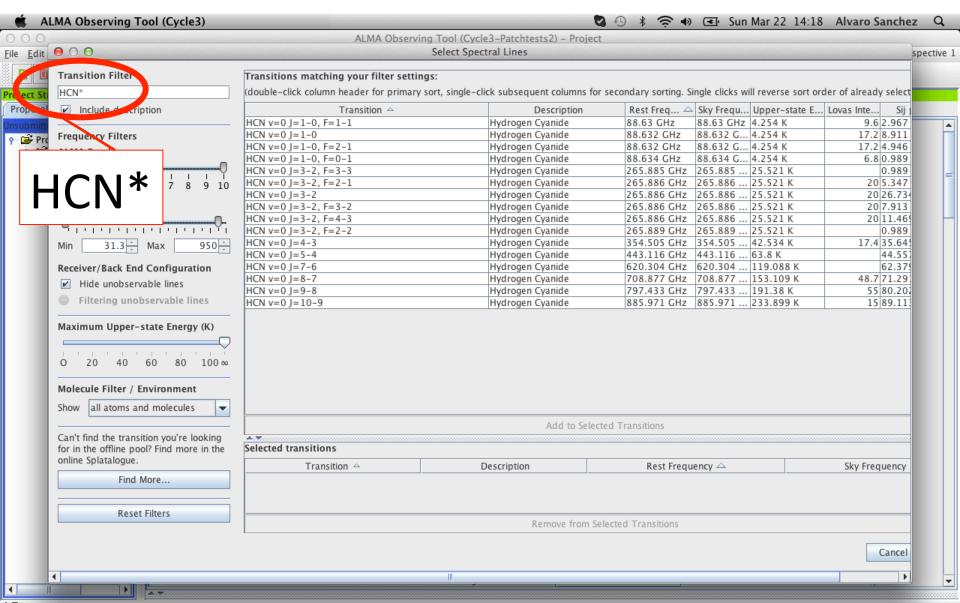
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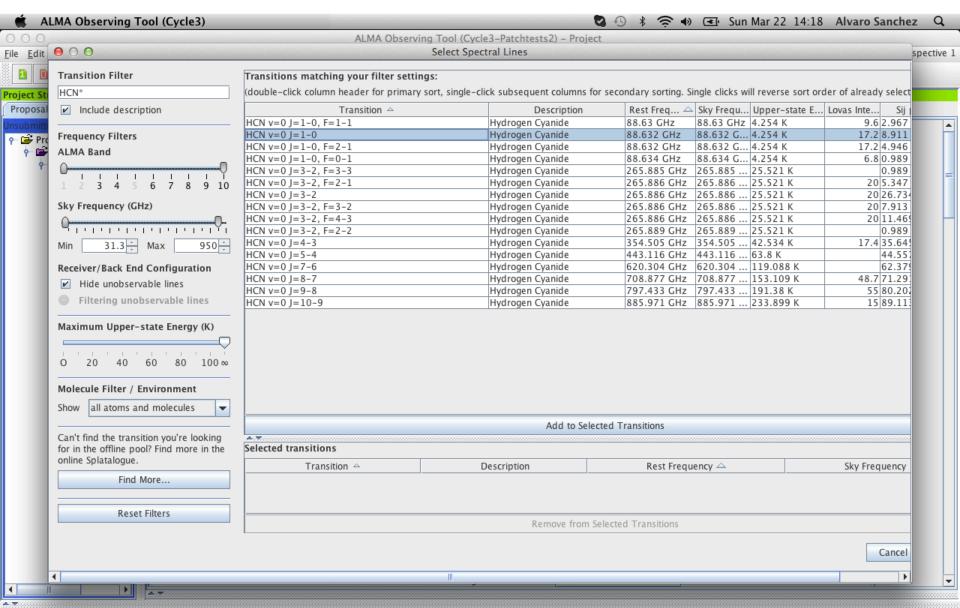


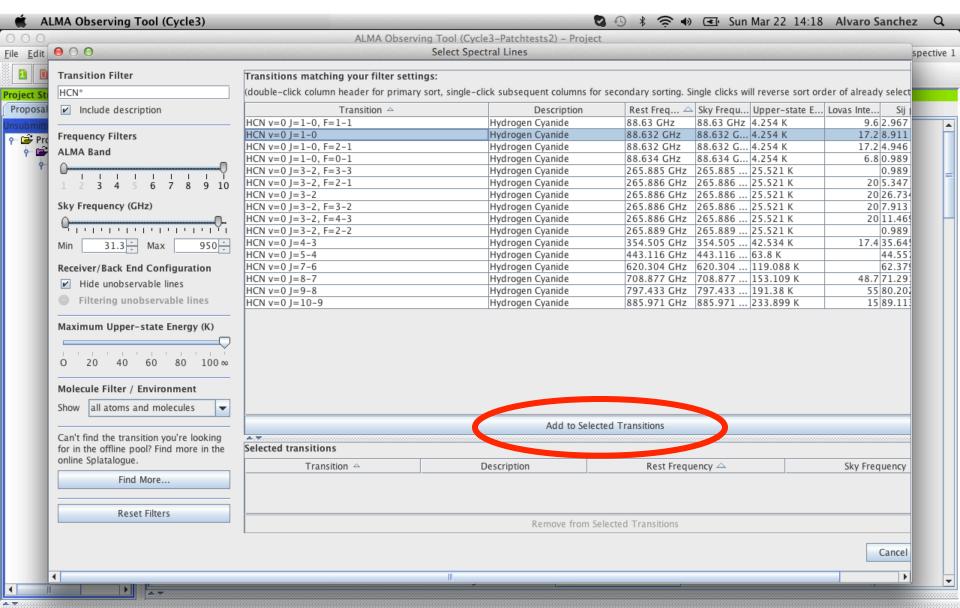


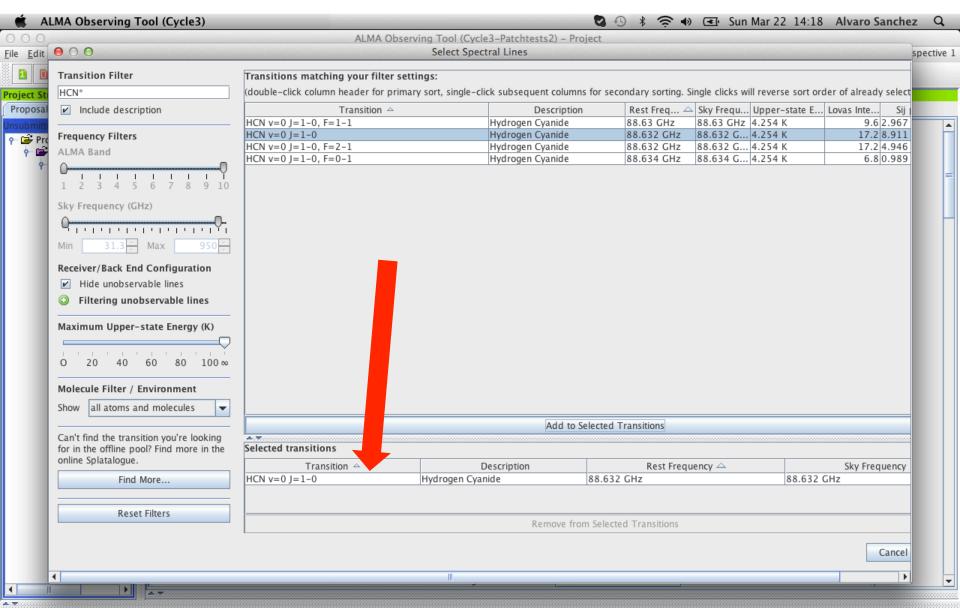


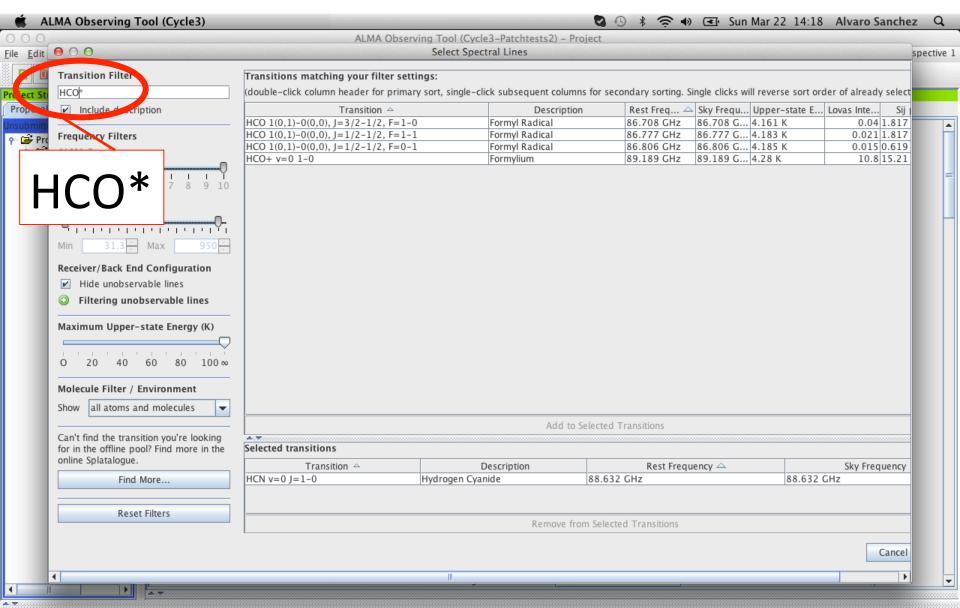


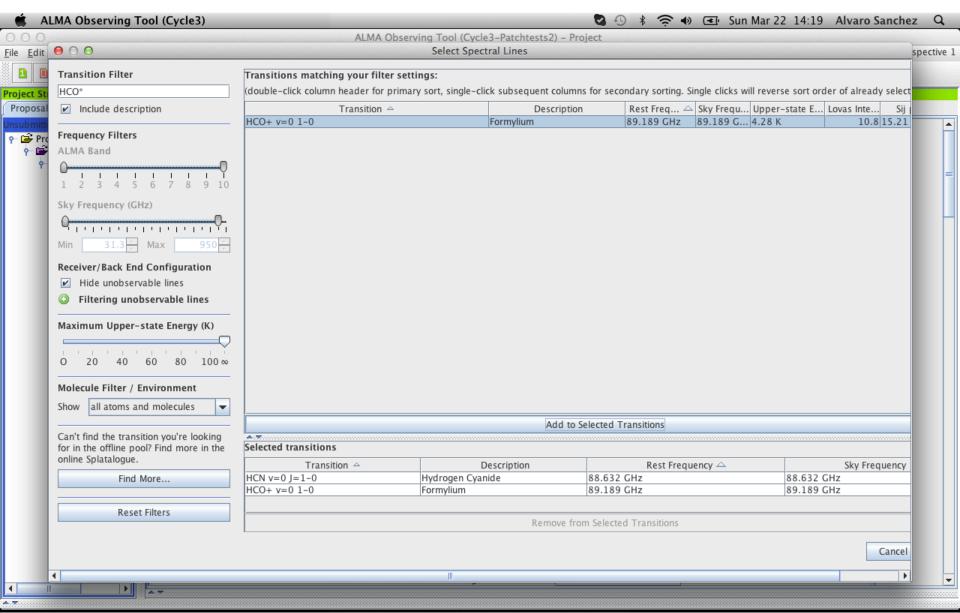


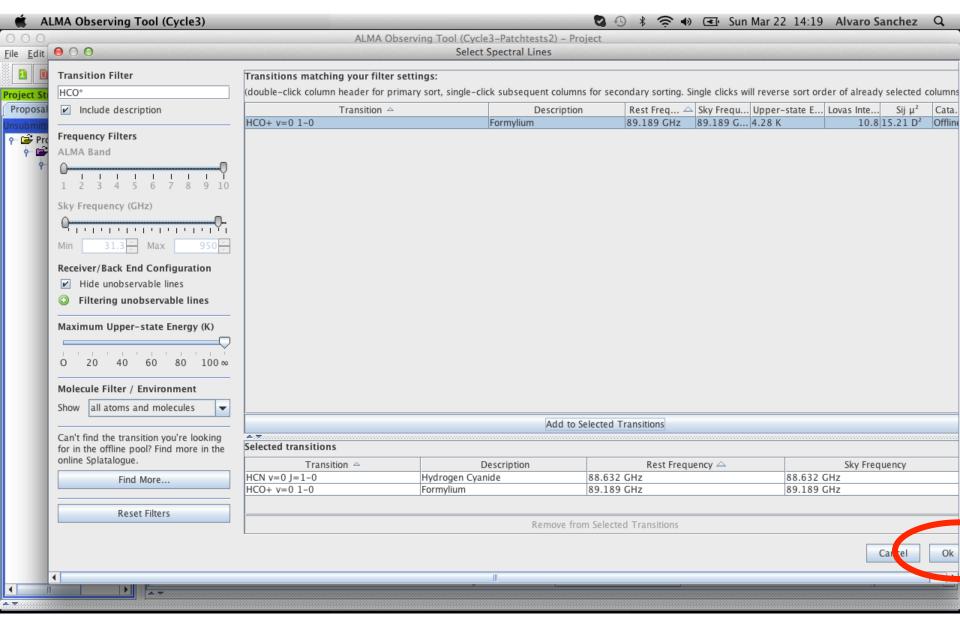


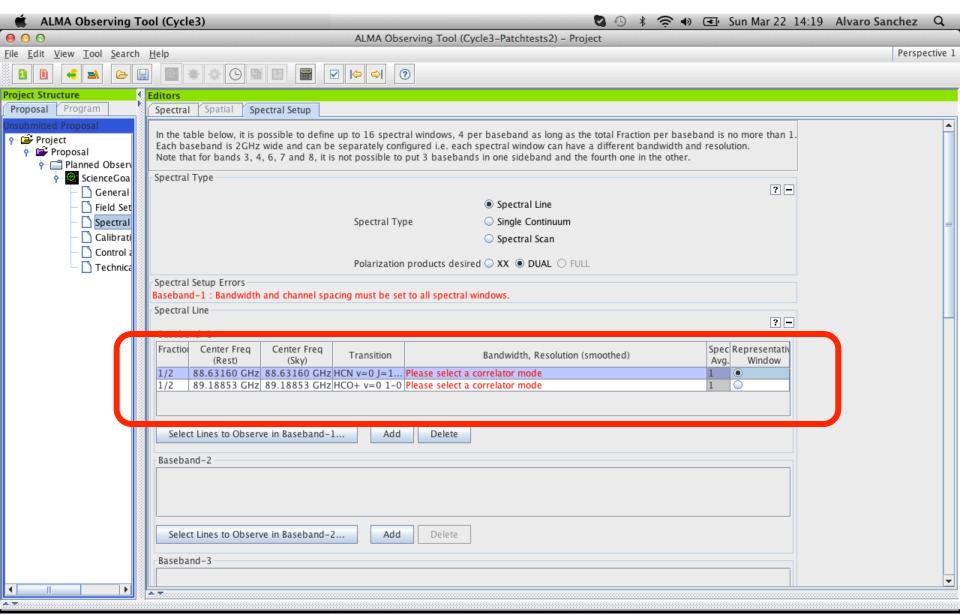


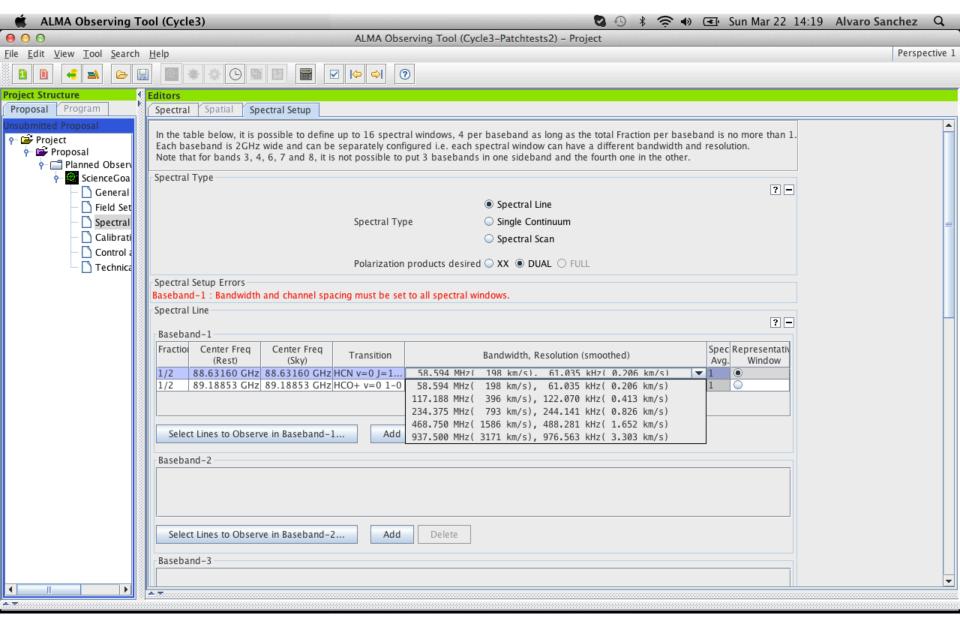


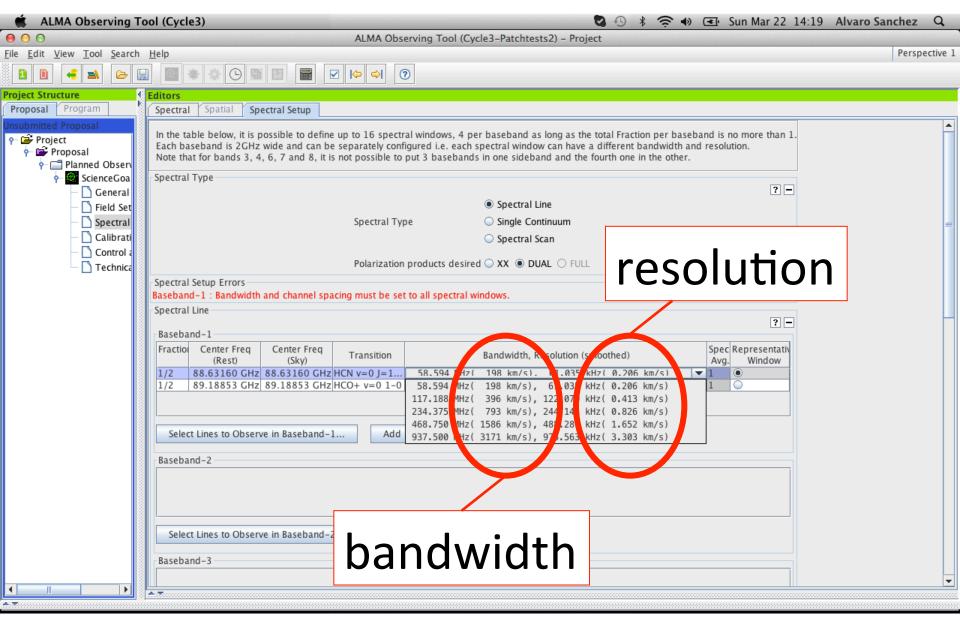


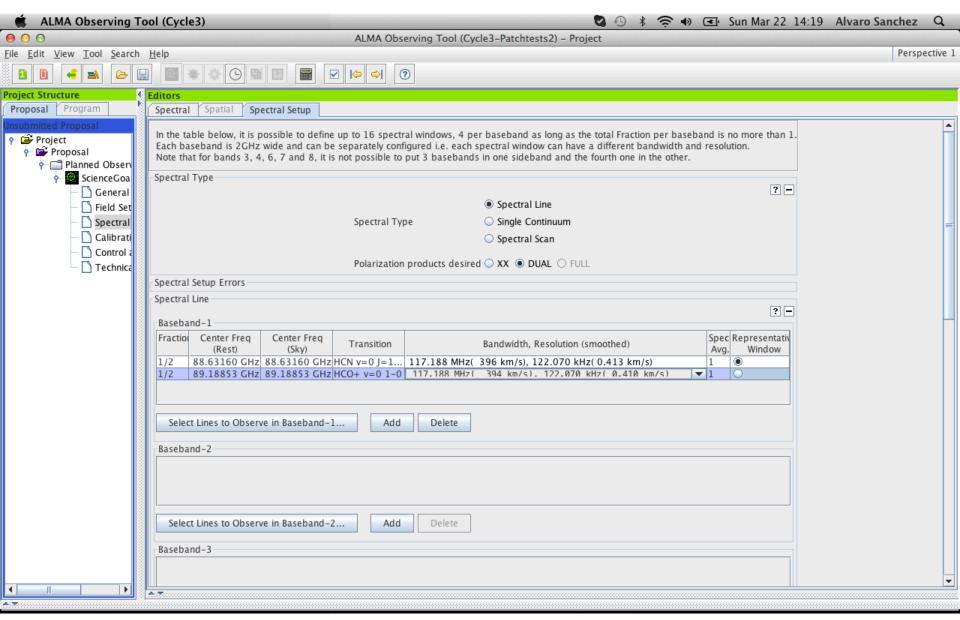


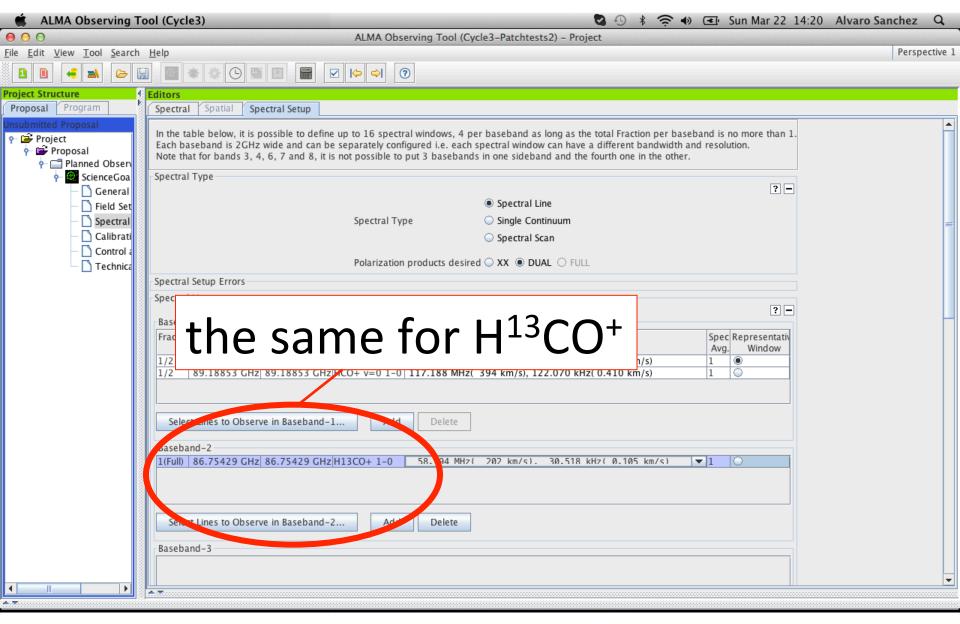


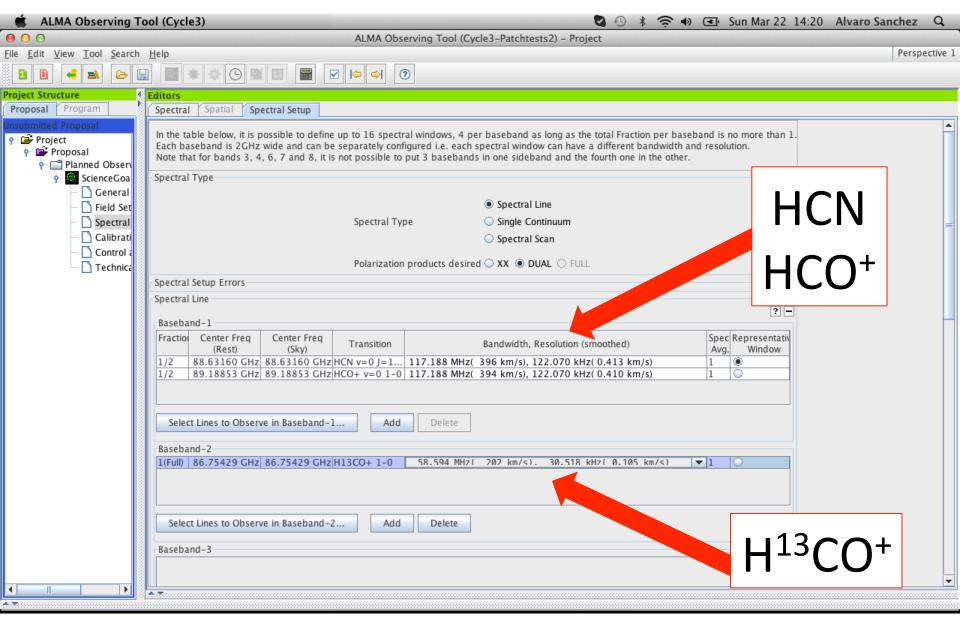


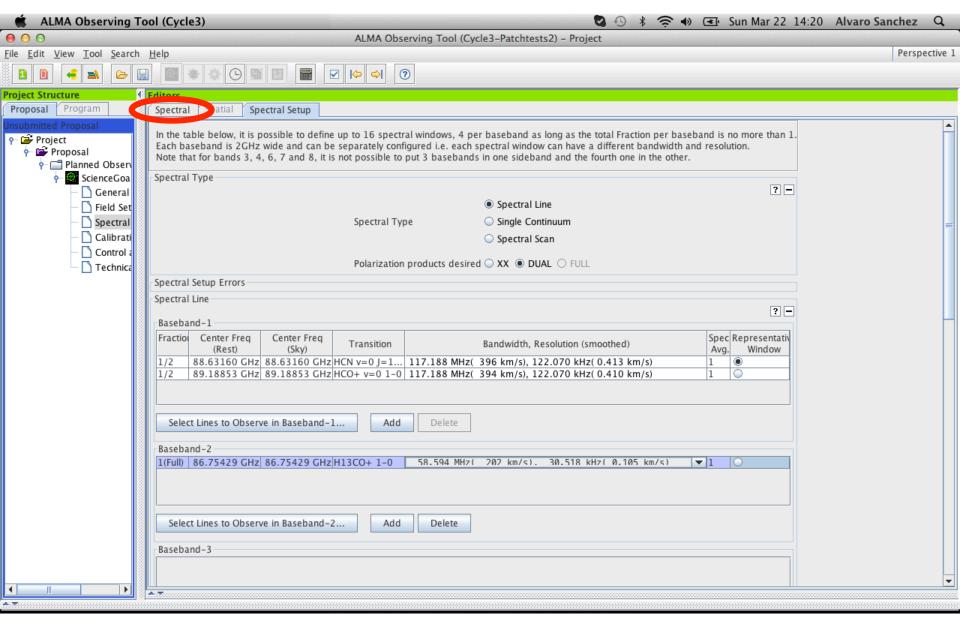


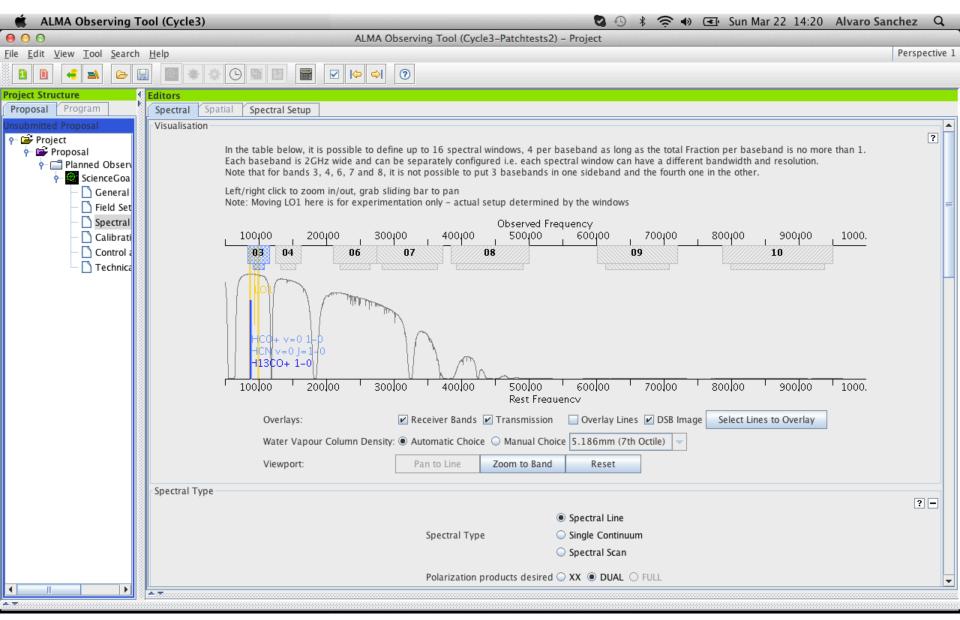


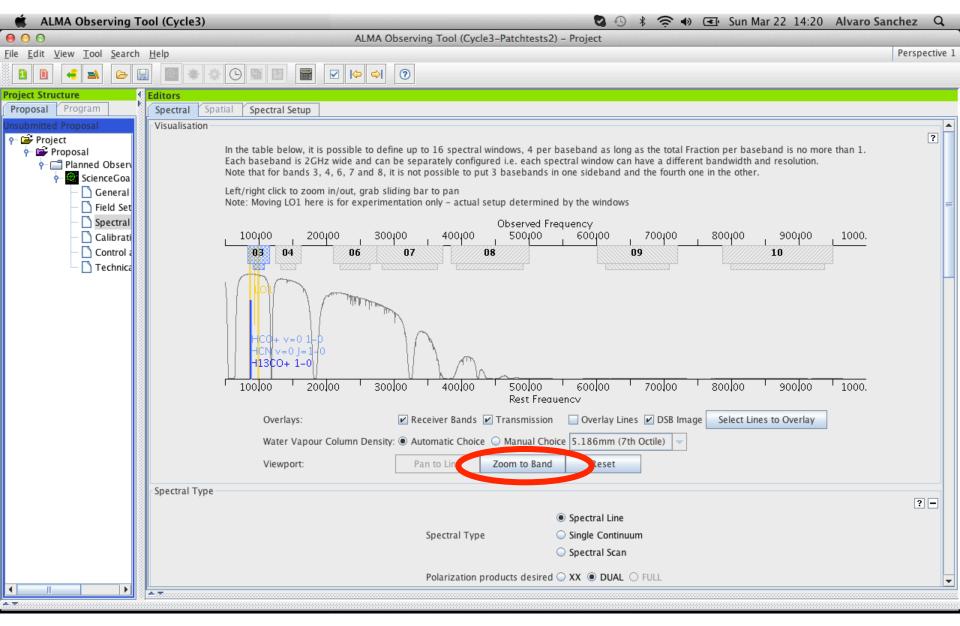


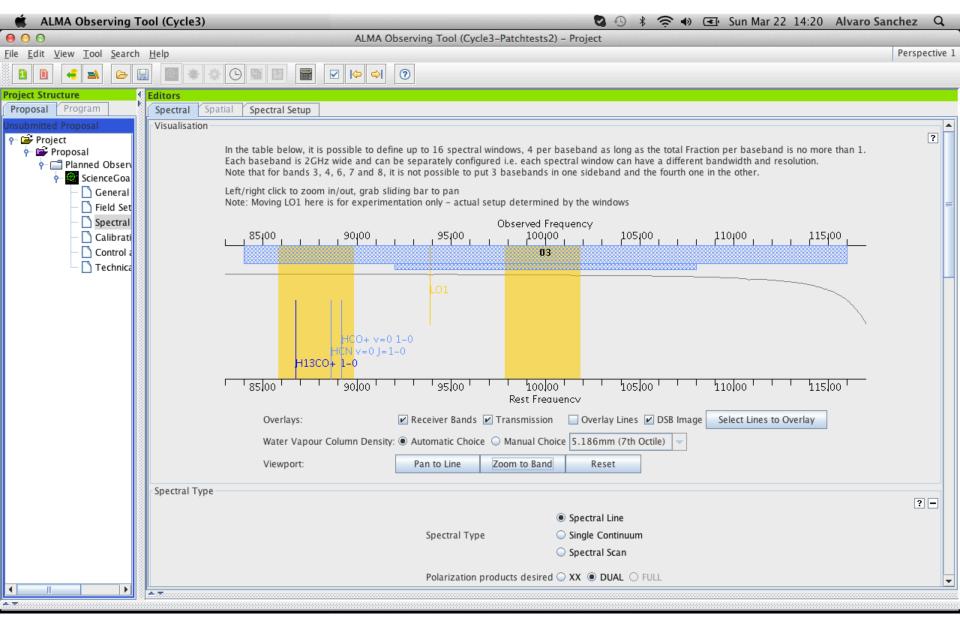












Break #2

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