

ALMA Data – what to expect after your observations are made



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Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array
Expanded Very Large Array
Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope
Very Long Baseline Array



The Condensed Version



- Data are delivered after passing Quality Assurance (QA) testing.
- Download data from *Archive Query* and *Request Handler* tools in ALMA Science Portal
- Delivered data include:
 - Calibration tables and diagnostics
 - Preliminary images, *PI should plan to re-image*.

Goals of Quality Assurance (QA) Process



- Ensure reliable final data product
 - Desired sensitivity
 - Desired resolution
- Ensure data is free of calibration and imaging artifacts
- Errors in PI-supplied parameters are outside scope
 - Incorrect source coordinates
 - Inadequate frequency specification
 - Inadequate sensitivity limits

See [ALMA Technical Handbook](#) for details.



During Observations – QA0

- Monitoring of calibrations and overall performance
- Rapidly-varying parameters
 - Scheduling block timescales or shorter
 - Atmospheric effects
 - Antenna issues
 - Front-end issues (sideband ratios, antenna temp.)
 - Connectivity issues (System temp., delay measurements...)
 - Back-end issues (total power levels, delays...)
- Tolerances for each are explicitly laid out
 - Fewer than 26 antennas in 12-m array
 - Bandpass calibrator too weak

See [ALMA Technical Handbook](#) for details.

Between Observations – QA I

- Regularly Measured Array Performance
- Slowly Varying Parameters
 - Timescales of a week or longer
- Array Calibrations
 - Baseline measurements
 - Delays
- Antenna Calibrations
 - All-sky pointing
 - Focus curves
 - Beam patterns etc.
- Source Calibrations
 - Solar-system and quasar flux monitoring

After Observations – QA2

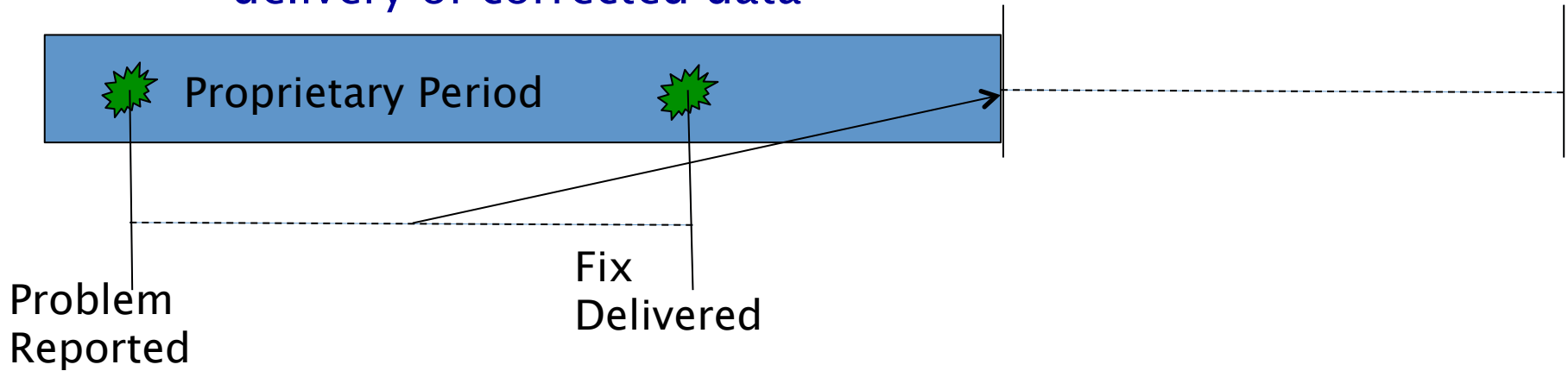
- Calibration by pipeline or analyst
 - Extreme T_{sys}
 - Water vapor measurements and corrections
 - Absolute flux scale certainty
 - Noisy or extreme bandpass corrections
 - Proper phase transfer cadence followed
 - Noisy phase and amplitude corrections
- Image data and compare with requested science goals
 - Signal-to-noise (within ~10% of goal)
 - Resolution
 - Artifacts (e.g. sidelobe levels or striping)

After Observations – QA3

- Post-reduction evaluation of **delivered** data products
- Triggered by PI reporting possible underlying problems with:
 - Data
 - Observing procedure
 - Calibration
- Likely results in fix being implemented and products re-ingested into ALMA archive
- May include extension of proprietary period

QA3

- May Affect Proprietary Period
 - *If reported within 2 months of delivery:*
 - Period extended by interval from original delivery to delivery of corrected data



- Else:
 - Period extended until delivery of corrected data

Monitor Project Status: *Project Tracker*



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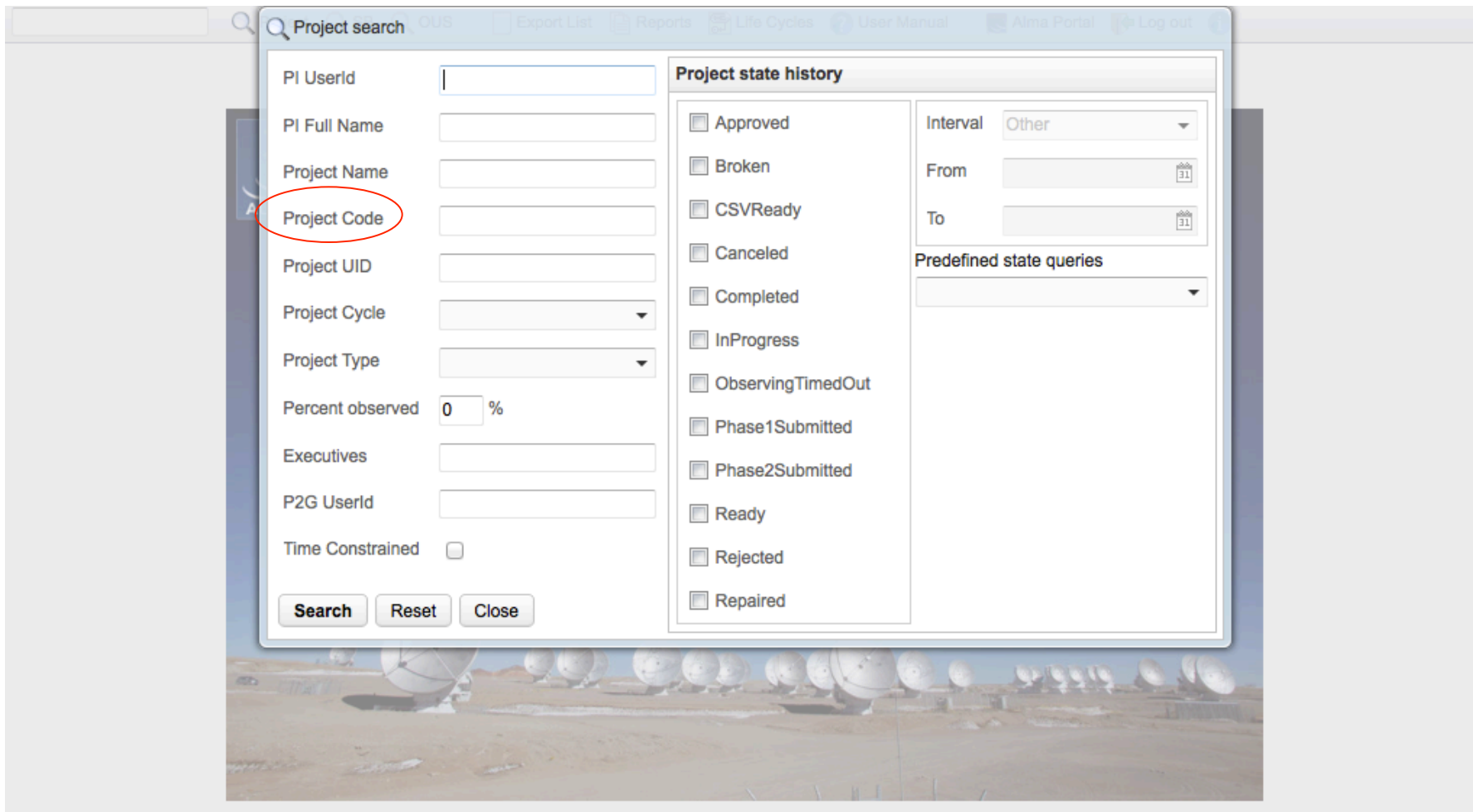


User: nbrunett

Roles: arca, master_user, omc_astronomer_on_duty, user



Project Tracker



Project search

PI Userid

PI Full Name

Project Name

Project Code

Project UID

Project Cycle

Project Type

Percent observed %

Executives

P2G UserId

Time Constrained ☐

Search **Reset** **Close**

Project state history

☐ Approved

☐ Broken

☐ CSVReady

☐ Canceled

☐ Completed

☐ InProgress

☐ ObservingTimedOut

☐ Phase1Submitted

☐ Phase2Submitted

☐ Ready

☐ Rejected

☐ Repaired

Interval

From

To

Predefined state queries

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Log out

1 Projects found

Code	PI UserId	Executives	Project Name	Progress	State	Time Co	Grade	Rank	Version	Time of Creation	Timed Out	Project UID
00090.S	irs	EU	The bright end of the submm galaxy c	<div> <div></div> <div>100 %</div> </div>	Completed				2.3	2012-07-09 12:38:14		uid://A001/Xa0/Xa8

2.1.00090.S - The bright end of the submm galaxy counts: real or not? v1

	Status
2012.1.00090.S	Completed
Proposal	
Observing Program	PartiallyObserved
SG OUS (Subsample 1)	Delivered
Group OUS	Delivered
Member OUS (S2CLS_UD	Delivered
S2CLS_UDS_Subsam	FullyObserved
SG OUS (Subsample 2)	Delivered
Group OUS	Delivered
Member OUS (S2CLS_UD	Delivered
S2CLS_UDS_Subsam	FullyObserved

Project Details

Code	2012.1.00090.S	Cycle	2012.1
PI			
Creation date	2012-07-09 12:38:14	Version	2.3
Executives	EU	Project UID	uid://A001/Xa0/Xa8
Ph1m Priority Flag		Grade	
Rank		Score	
Project completion	<div><div></div></div> 100.0%	Project Report PDF HTML	
P2G			
Contact Scientist			
State	Completed	Project Status UID	uid://A001/Xa0/Xac

APRC Consensus report

Proposal to study HyLIRG SMGs to investigate possibility that sources identified by single-dish bolometer surveys are, in fact, blends of several, fainter, SMGs

Project Tracker

ALMA Project Tracker 2012.1.00090.S [Project](#) [SB](#) [OUS](#) [Export List](#) [Reports](#) [Life Cycles](#) [User Manual](#) [Alma Portal](#) [Log out](#) **1 Projects found**

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Entity	Status
2012.1.00090.S	Completed
Proposal	
Observing Program	PartiallyObserved
SG OUS (Subsample 1)	Delivered
Group OUS	Delivered
Member OUS (S2CLS_UDS79)	Delivered
S2CLS_UDS_Subsample1	FullyObserved
SG OUS (Subsample 2)	Delivered
Group OUS	Delivered
Member OUS (S2CLS_UDS298)	Delivered
S2CLS_UDS_Subsample2	FullyObserved

SchedBlock: S2CLS_UDS_Subsample2

Requested Array	TWELVE-M	SchedBlock UID	uid://A002/X5eed86/X24
Description			
Time observed	5018 seconds (vs 5400 estimated)	Progress	100%
Maximum exec time	5400 seconds	Delay (sec.)	0.0
Expected Exec count	1	Mode	Standard Interferometry
Current executions	1.0	Standard mode	true
State	FullyObserved	SchedBlock Status UID	uid://A002/X5eed86/X2c

Executions	QA0 Status	Exec. Fraction	Time on Source	Start Time (UTC)	End Time (UTC)	Start Time (LST)	End Time (LST)	Weather Report	Array
FullyObserved	Pass	1	0s	2013-11-01 05:00:42	2013-11-01 06:24:20	2013-11-01 03:12:15	2013-11-01 04:36:07		Array

Field Source List	Source	RA (h:m:s)	Dec (d:m:s)	Bands	Comments
Pointing Template (Cal Group)	query	02:17:19.900	-05:09:36.400	6	Search radius: 15.0 ("), Integration time: 10 (s)
Pointing Template (Science Group)	query	02:17:19.900	-05:09:36.400	6	Search radius: 15.0 ("), Integration time: 10 (s)
Amplitude	query	02:17:19.900	-05:09:36.400	7	Integration time: 150 (s)
Phase	J0217+014	02:17:48.954	01:44:49.699	7	Integration time: 90 (s)
Bandpass	query	02:17:19.900	-05:09:36.400	7	Search radius: 120.0 ("), Integration time: 300 (s)
Primary:	S2CLS_UDS298	02:17:19.900	-05:09:36.400	7	Integration time: 84 (s)

Monitor Project Status:

Optional emails




- Subscribe to email notification for updates on changes to project status
 - ...
 - Phase2Submitted
 - Running
 - Partially Observed
 - Fully Observed
 - Pipeline Processing
 - ...
- With or without optional emails, PIs always receive notification when new data are available




Optional emails





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General News

Announcement of intent to release a new installment of Science Verification data

Feb 02, 2015

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Local News

One or two postdoctoral
positions at the Allegro node

Dec 18, 2014

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ALMA Central Authentication Service (CAS)

ALMA
username
and password



Enter your NetID and Password

NetID:

Password:

☐ Warn me before logging me into other sites.

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For security reasons, please Log Out and Exit your web browser when you are done accessing services that require authentication!

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NRAO Events


AAAS 2015 Science Symposium
Feb 15, 2015
San Jose, CA

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Account info Project delegation Account linking

Edit Profile

(Fields marked with a red dot are mandatory)

First name			Nathan (ALMA)
Middle initials			
Surname			Brunetti
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Receive optional emails			
Account name			nbrunett
Password			
Re-type password			
Institution			<div>United States</div> <div>VA</div> <div>National Radio Astronomy Observatory; North American ALMA Science</div>

In case of problems with the registration, please use [this Web form](#) to contact us
You may find a solution to your problem in the [Support Center/Knowledgebase](#)

← Click Checkbox

Data Delivery Email

- Sent when Member Observation Unit Set (MOUS) passes QA2 and data is copied to PI's Regional Center
- Triggers Start of Proprietary Period
 - Usually 12 months
- Only Sent to PI

Data Delivery Email

- Included Metadata:
 - MOUS ID, Scheduling Block (SB) name, project title
- Included Instructions:
 - Downloading data
 - Delegating access for registered ALMA users
- Included Descriptions:
 - Proprietary period
- Included Links:
 - Archive query for MOUS package
 - Fully-calibrated MSs (NA ARC only)
 - CASA download and mailing lists

Data Delivery Email

- Included Warnings:
 - Early science data cannot be guaranteed to meet expectations of full scientific operations
- Publication Requirements:
 - ALMA acknowledgement
 - ARC specific acknowledgement
- Additional Support:
 - Funded face-to-face reduction visits to your home ARC
 - Contact info for ARC PR personnel

Find data in archive: Archive Query



ALMA Science Archive Query

Query Form

Results Table

Search

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Position

Source name (Sesame)
Source name (ALMA)
RA Dec

Energy

Frequency
Bandwidth
Spectral resolution
Band

Time

Observation date
Integration time

Polarisation

Polarisation type

Observation

Water vapour

Project

Project code

Project title
PI name

Options

View: ☒ raw data ☐ project
☒ public data only
☒ science observations only

Project code
Project code.

Description

Project code, in the form
YYYY.NNNNN.C.AAA, where:

Example

2010.2.00010.N
2010.*
2010.?.*.CSV
*.CSV
!(*.CSV | *.SIM)



Archive Query

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[Results Table](#)
[Submit download request](#)
[Results Bookmark](#) [Export Table](#) [Results Help](#)

Showing 30 rows (30 before filtering).

[More columns](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Project code	Source name	RA	Dec	Band	Integration	Release date ▲	Velocity resolution	Frequency support
Filter:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="m/s"/> <input type="button" value="÷"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2012.1.00090.S	S2CLS_UDS110	02:18:48.44	-05:18:05.0	7	9.326	2014-11-07T09:35:00.000	27236.96	336.00..351.99GHz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2012.1.00090.S	S2CLS_UDS156	02:18:24.23	-05:22:53.4	7	8.836	2014-11-07T09:35:00.000	27236.96	336.00..351.99GHz
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<input type="checkbox"/>	2012.1.00090.S	S2CLS_UDS168	02:18:20.34	-05:31:41.6	7	8.843	2014-11-07T09:35:00.000	27236.96	336.00..351.99GHz
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<input type="checkbox"/>	2012.1.00090.S	S2CLS_UDS204	02:18:03.01	-05:28:39.8	7	8.873	2014-11-07T09:35:00.000	27236.96	336.00..351.99GHz
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<input type="checkbox"/>	2012.1.00090.S	S2CLS_UDS286	02:17:25.76	-05:25:36.5	7	9.657	2014-11-07T09:35:00.000	27236.96	336.00..351.99GHz
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<input type="checkbox"/>	2012.1.00090.S	S2CLS_UDS298	02:17:19.90	-05:09:36.4	7	9.55	2014-11-07T09:35:00.000	27236.96	336.00..351.99GHz
<input type="checkbox"/>	2012.1.00090.S	S2CLS_UDS334	02:17:02.81	-04:57:24.9	7	8.856	2014-11-07T09:35:00.000	27236.96	336.00..351.99GHz
<input type="checkbox"/>	2012.1.00090.S	S2CLS_UDS408	02:16:22.59	-05:11:06.0	7	8.819	2014-11-07T09:35:00.000	27236.96	336.00..351.99GHz
<input type="checkbox"/>	2012.1.00090.S	S2CLS_UDS421	02:16:17.62	-05:09:02.0	7	8.803	2014-11-07T09:35:00.000	27236.96	336.00..351.99GHz
<input type="checkbox"/>	2012.1.00090.S	S2CLS_UDS47	02:19:24.97	-05:09:19.9	7	8.785	2014-11-07T09:35:00.000	27236.96	336.00..351.99GHz

Archive Query: more columns

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Downloading the data:

Request Handler



- All data downloaded as tar files
- Large data sets may be broken into several pieces
 - Name is [project_code]_[OUS_ID]_m_of_n.tar
 - Raw data packaged as one tar file per execution block (EB)
 - name is [project_code]_[EB_ID].asdm.sdm.tar
- Cannot directly download individual data products yet...
 - FITS images
 - Diagnostic plots, etc.



Request Handler

ALMA Request Handler

[Login](#)

Anonymous User: Request #436233140 ✓

Request Title: [Click to edit](#)

Download Selected

☐ Include Raw

Project / OUSet / Executionblock	File	Size	Accessible
▼ Request 436233140			
▼ Project 2012.1.00090.S			
▼ Science Goal OUS uid://A002/X5eed86/X25			
▼ Group OUS uid://A002/X5eed86/X26			
▼ Member OUS uid://A002/X5eed86/X27			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> product	2012.1.00090.S uid A002 X5eed86 X27 001 of 001.tar	374.9MB	✓
<input type="checkbox"/> raw	2012.1.00090.S uid A002 X7143f6 Xca4.asdm.sdm.tar	4.0GB	✓
▼ Science Goal OUS uid://A002/X5eed86/X29			
▼ Group OUS uid://A002/X5eed86/X2a			
▼ Member OUS uid://A002/X5eed86/X2b			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> product	2012.1.00090.S uid A002 X5eed86 X2b 001 of 001.tar	377.8MB	✓
<input type="checkbox"/> raw	2012.1.00090.S uid A002 X7143f6 Xf9b.asdm.sdm.tar	4.0GB	✓
		Total: 8.7GB	

Request Handler



From do-not-reply@nrao.edu ☆
Subject ALMA Archive at NRAO: Request 223292105

Reply Reply All Forward Archive Junk Delete

1:24 PM

Reply to
To

Other Actions

Dear ,

Thank you for using the ALMA archive.

Your data selection (4.3GB) is available from this link

<https://almascience.nrao.edu/rh/requests/nbrunett/223292105>

We hope they meet your expectations and will lead to a successful completion of your scientific program.

Publications making use of these data must include the following statement in the acknowledgment:

"This paper makes use of the following ALMA data: ADS/JAO.ALMA#2012.1.00090.S. ALMA is a partnership of ESO (representing its member states), NSF (USA) and NINS (Japan), together with NRC (Canada) and NSC and ASIAA (Taiwan), in cooperation with the Republic of Chile. The Joint ALMA Observatory is operated by ESO, AUI/NRAO and NAOJ."

Please submit your requests for help, for a visit to the ARC, or to report any problems discovered in your data through the ALMA Helpdesk at <https://help.almascience.org>.

Best regards,

The North American ALMA Archive at the NAASC

Summary:

Files available: 2 (4.3GB)

Files under proprietary period: 0 (-)

Files not available: 0 (-)

Details:

Files available:

- 2012.1.00090.S_uid__A002_XSeed86_X2b_001_of_001.tar : AUTHORIZED
- 2012.1.00090.S_uid__A002_X7143f6_Xf9b.asdm.sdm.tar : AUTHORIZED

Files under proprietary period:




Request Handler: Download options

Choose one of the following download methods:

Download Script	The downloads are scripted for you. You just need to execute the script from the command line.
Download Manager	ALMA's download manager is launched as a browser applet. This is a simpler, more user-friendly way to download files in parallel, allowing you to pause and resume.
Web Start Download Manager	ALMA's download manager is launched as a desktop application via Java Web Start. It will not stop if you close your browser.
File List	View a text file containing a list of URLs. This is useful for using third-party download manager's such as <i>DownThemAll</i> .

Request Handler: Download Manager



Astronomy Picture of the Day

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Request Handler

Archive Requests

Request #22329

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Requested Project

UNIX/Linux Shell script

Project / OUSet / Execute

☐ Project 2012.1.00090

☐ Science Goal C

☐ Group OUS

☐ Me

Filename	Status	Progress
2012.1.00090.S_uid__A002_X5eed86_X2b_001_of_001.tar	Downloading	13% - 49.2MB of 377.8MB
2012.1.00090.S_uid__A002_X7143f6_Xf9b.asdm.sdm.tar	Downloading	0% - 303.7KB of 4.0GB

Logout

Download Selected

Access

4.3GB

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Using JAVA browser-based GUI

13:36:54 2012.1.00090.S_uid__A002_X5eed86_X2b_001_of_001.tar Queued --> 13:36:54 Downloading

13:36:54 2012.1.00090.S_uid__A002_X7143f6_Xf9b.asdm.sdm.tar Queued --> 13:36:54 Downloading





Retry failed

Pause all

Speed: 1.3MB/s | Completed 0 of 2 files, failed 0 | 87.9MB of 4.3GB

Conc. Downloads 1..5




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Request Handler: Web start

[Click to edit](#)

ALMA Download Manager v2015.04.2

Filename	Status	Progress
2012.1.00090.S_uid__A002_X5eed86_X2b_001_of_001.tar	QUEUED	0%

Concurrent Downloads: 5

Request Handler: script

Using auto-generated shell script (wget)

```
#!/bin/bash
#Please use the current script to download the whole content of request
223732763

echo "Please provide a password"
read -s PASSWORD

wget --auth-no-challenge --no-check-certificate --http-user="nbrunett" --
http-password=$PASSWORD https://almascience.nrao.edu/dataPortal/api/requests/
nbrunett/223732763/ALMA/2012.1.00090.S_uid___A002_X5eed86_X2b_001_of_001.tar/
2012.1.00090.S_uid___A002_X5eed86_X2b_001_of_001.tar
.
.
.
```

QA2 Data Products Package: the processed data



After un-tarring the processed data we have a directory tree:

Science
goal

Project code

```
2012.1.00437.S  
├── science_goal.uid___A002_X5ce05d_X126/  
│   ├── group.uid___A002_X5ce05d_X127/  
│   │   └── member.uid___A002_X5ce05d_X128/
```

Group OUS:
combination of
member OUS's

```
├── README  
├── calibration/  
├── log/  
├── product/  
├── qa/  
└── script/
```

Member OUS: may contain
12-m array, ALMA Compact
Array (ACA), or Total Power
observation

Data delivery products...

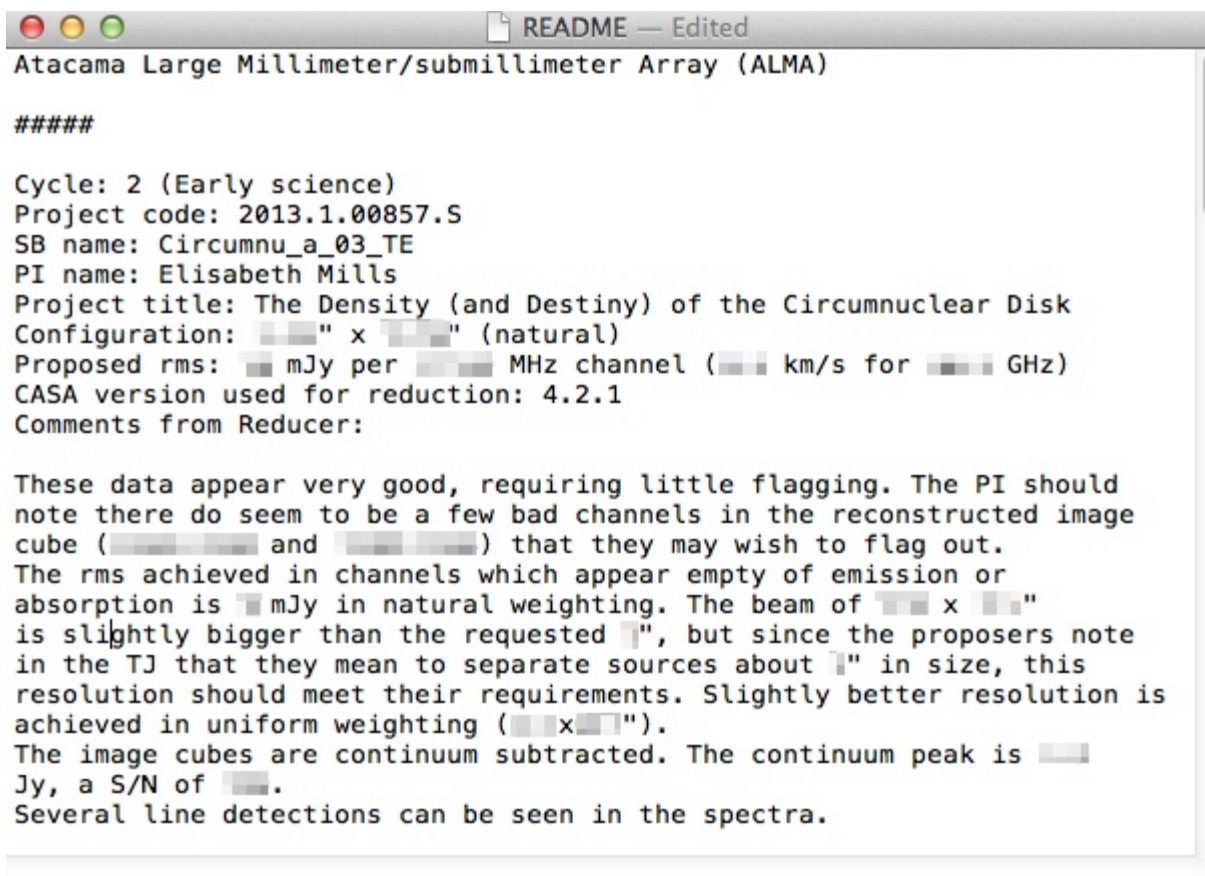


QA2 Data Products Package: the README file



Contains a summary of
the QA2 results:
achieved resolution
and image noise RMS.

Shown here is an
example README for a
Cycle 2 project.
(Blurred information
protected by
proprietary period.)

A screenshot of a text editor window titled "README — Edited". The window displays the content of a README file for the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA). The text includes project details such as Cycle, Project code, SB name, PI name, Project title, Configuration, Proposed rms, CASA version, and Comments from the Reducer. The comments section provides a detailed summary of the data quality, resolution, and signal-to-noise ratio.

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Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA)

#####

Cycle: 2 (Early science)
Project code: 2013.1.00857.S
SB name: Circumnu_a_03_TE
PI name: Elisabeth Mills
Project title: The Density (and Destiny) of the Circumnuclear Disk
Configuration: " x " (natural)
Proposed rms: mJy per MHz channel ( km/s for GHz)
CASA version used for reduction: 4.2.1
Comments from Reducer:

These data appear very good, requiring little flagging. The PI should
note there do seem to be a few bad channels in the reconstructed image
cube ( and ) that they may wish to flag out.
The rms achieved in channels which appear empty of emission or
absorption is mJy in natural weighting. The beam of " x "
is slightly bigger than the requested ", but since the proposers note
in the TJ that they mean to separate sources about " in size, this
resolution should meet their requirements. Slightly better resolution is
achieved in uniform weighting ( "x ").
The image cubes are continuum subtracted. The continuum peak is 
Jy, a S/N of .
Several line detections can be seen in the spectra.
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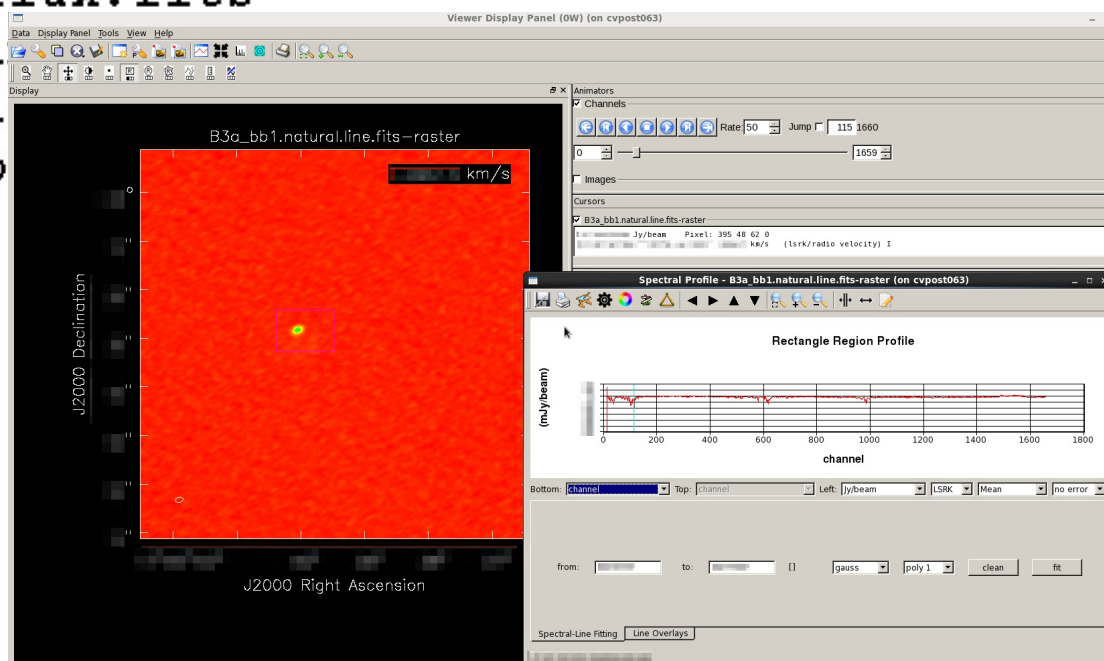
QA2 Data Products Package: product directory



- Contains “best efforts” images of science target
 - used to confirm PI requirements for sensitivity and resolution.
 - PI should re-image target prior to publication.

product

```
└-- B3a_bb1.natural.cont.fits
└-- B3a_bb1.natural.flux.fits
└-- B3a_bb1.natural.i
└-- B3a_bb1.natural.l
└-- B3a_bb1.natural.p
```

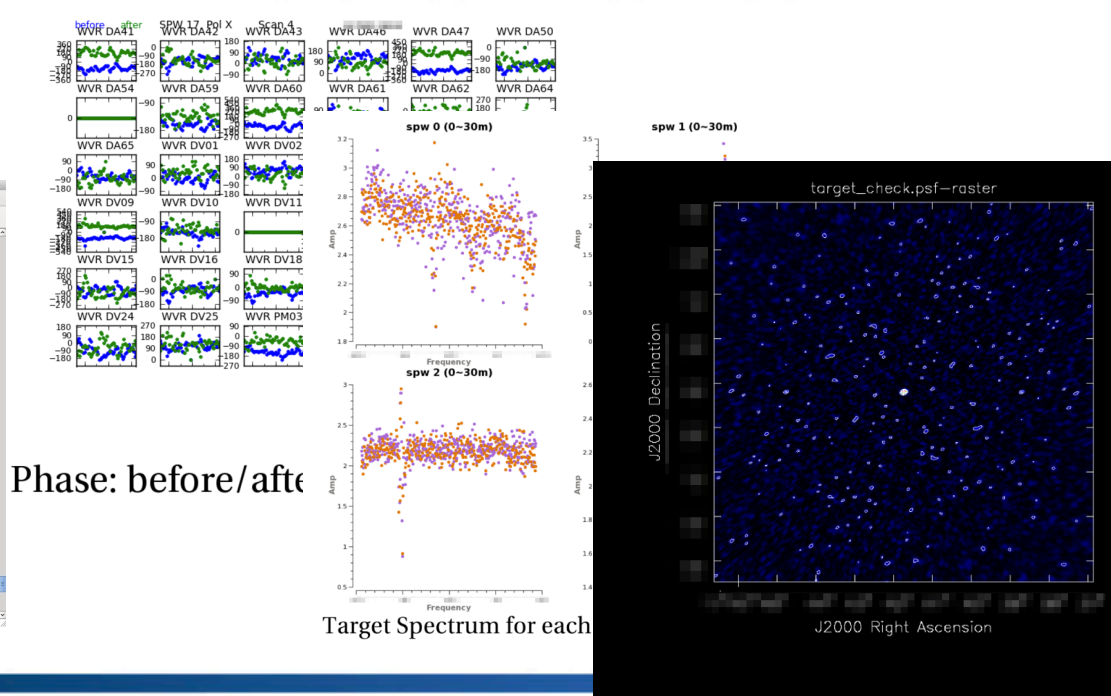


ALMA

Pipeline calibration

Manual calibration

```
qa
|-- uid_____A002_X87544a_X22d1__qa2_part1.png
|-- uid_____A002_X87544a_X22d1__qa2_part2.png
|-- uid_____A002_X87544a_X22d1__qa2_part3.png
└-- uid_____A002_X87544a_X22d1__textfile.txt
```



Phase: before/after

Frequency

Target Spectrum for each

Target psf



QA2 Data Products Package: Log Directory – *Pipeline Calib.*



Contains CASA log files from QA2 processing

```
log
|-- casapy-20141129-145932.log
|-- casapy-20141129-150412.log
|-- casapy-20141129-150456.log
|-- casapy-20141223-170951.log
|-- casapy-20141229-164757.log
|-- uid___A001_X121_X2e5.casa_commands.log
```

- casapy log files contain pipeline logs for data import, applying calibration, flagging, and imaging
- casa_commands log file:
 - Record of all CASA commands run
 - Does not include heuristic and flagging calculations
 - Cannot be executed
 - Shows which CASA tasks are run by each pipeline task



QA2 Data Products Package: Log Directory – *Manual Calib.*



Contains CASA log files from QA2 processing

```
log
|-- casapy-20140918-205633.log
|-- uid___A002_X87544a_X22d1.log.tgz
```

Contains some or all CASA logs for data reduction process. Number of files varies, depending on the approach taken by the manual reducer.



QA2 Data Products Package: Calibration directory



Contains CASA calibration tables, flagging inputs, diagnostic plots (manual calibration only)

Pipeline calibration

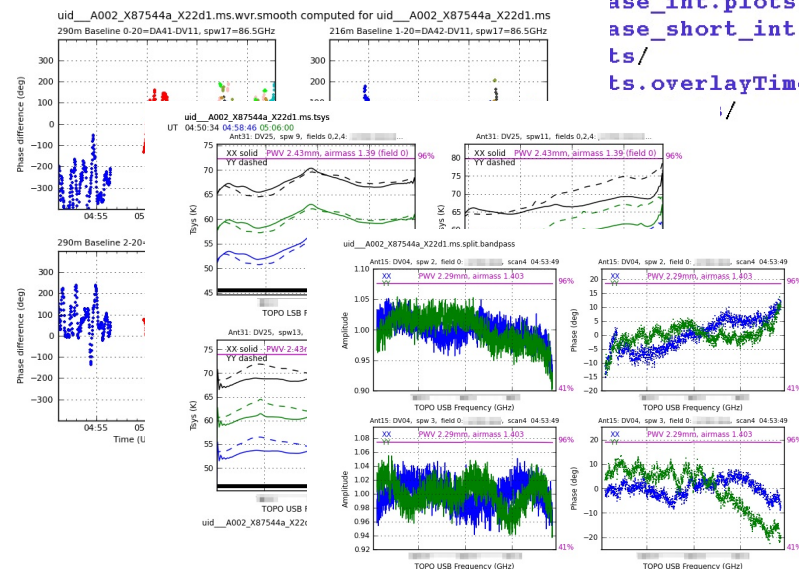
calibration/

```
└─ flux.csv
└─ uid__A001_X121_X2f5.session_1.caltables.tar.gz
└─ uid__A002_X87f18c_X116b_flagtemplate.txt
└─ uid__A002_X87f18c_X116b_flagtemplate.txt~
└─ uid__A002_X87f18c_X116b.ms.calapply.txt
└─ uid__A002_X87f18c_X116b.ms.flagversions.tar.gz
└─ uid__A002_X87f18c_Xed9_flagtemplate.txt
└─ uid__A002_X87f18c_Xed9_flagtemplate.txt~
└─ uid__A002_X87f18c_Xed9.ms.calapply.txt
└─ uid__A002_X87f18c_Xed9.ms.flagversions.tar.gz
└─ uid__A002_X88063e_X694_flagtemplate.txt
└─ uid__A002_X88063e_X694_flagtemplate.txt~
└─ uid__A002_X88063e_X694.ms.calapply.txt
└─ uid__A002_X88063e_X694.ms.flagversions.tar.gz
└─ uid__A002_X88ceel_X4d0_flagtemplate.txt
└─ uid__A002_X88ceel_X4d0_flagtemplate.txt~
└─ uid__A002_X88ceel_X4d0.ms.calapply.txt
└─ uid__A002_X88ceel_X4d0.ms.flagversions.tar.gz
```

Manual calibration

calibration/

```
└─ uid__A002_X87544a_X22d1.calibration.plots/
└─ uid__A002_X87544a_X22d1.ms.split.ampli_short_inf.plots/
└─ uid__A002_X87544a_X22d1.ms.split.ap_pre_bandpass.plots/
└─ uid__A002_X87544a_X22d1.ms.split.bandpass.plots/
└─ uid__A002_X87544a_X22d1.ms.split.bandpass_smooth20ch.plot
└─ uid__A002_X87544a_X22d1.ms.split.flux_inf.plots/
└─ uid__A002_X87544a_X22d1.ms.split.phase_inf.plots/
└─ ase_int.plots/
└─ ase_short_int.plots/
└─ ts/
└─ ts.overlayTime/
└─ /
```



QA2 Data Products Package: Script Directory - *Pipeline Calib.*



Contains scripts for calibration, imaging and (optionally) flux equalization

```
script
4 |-- casa_piperestorescript.py
3 |-- casa_pipescript.py
5 |-- PPR_uid___A001_X121_X2e6.xml
2 |-- scriptForImaging.py
1 |-- scriptForPI.py
```

1. top-level wrapper restores calibrated MS(s)
2. regenerates imaging products
3. calibrates data from scratch using pipeline tasks
4. Restores calibrated MS – called by scriptForPI.py
5. pipeline input parameters



QA2 Data Products Package: Script Directory - *Manual Calib.*



Contains scripts for calibration, imaging and (optionally) flux equalization

```
script
2 { |-- scriptForImaging_22d1_natural.py
  |-- scriptForImaging_22d1_uniform.py
1 |-- scriptForPI.py
3 |-- uid__A002_X87544a_X22d1.ms.scriptForCalibration.py
```

1. top-level wrapper restores calibrated MS(s)
2. regenerates imaging products
3. calibrates single Execution Block

`scriptForFluxCalibration.py` – combines calibrated MSs and sometimes sets all data to same absolute flux scale



Raw Data

- Downloaded through the Request Handler.
- Format: ALMA Science Data Model (ASDM)
 - Directory tree containing binary and XML files
 - Converted to Measurement Set by CASA
- Must be placed in “raw” directory when re-running calibration scripts.

```
|-- calibration/
|-- log/
|-- product/
|-- qa/
|-- raw/
|-- script/
```

→

```
raw
|-- uid____A002_X87f18c_X116b.asdm.sdm/
|-- uid____A002_X87f18c_Xed9.asdm.sdm/
|-- uid____A002_X88063e_X694.asdm.sdm/
|-- uid____A002_X88cee1_X4d0.asdm.sdm/
```

Calibration Process

- Remove affects of atmospheric water vapor
- Correct frequency-dependent
- Correct time-varying phases and amplitudes
- Set absolute flux scale
- Remove problematic data (flagging)

Example pipeline calibration

```
from recipes.almahelpers import fixsyscaltimes
__rethrow_casa_exceptions = True
h_init()
try:
    hifa_importdata(vis=['uid___A002_X88e746_X735'], sess
    fixsyscaltimes(vis = 'uid___A002_X88e746_X735.ms')
    fixplanets(vis = 'uid___A002_X88e746_X735.ms', field
    hifa_flagdata(pipeline="automatic")
    hifa_fluxcalflag(pipeline="automatic")
    hif_refant(pipeline="automatic")
    hifa_tsyscal(pipeline="automatic")
    hifa_tsysflag(pipeline="automatic")
    hifa_wvrgcalflag(pipeline="automatic")
    hif_lowgainflag(pipeline="automatic")
    hif_setjy(pipeline="automatic")
    hif_bandpass(pipeline="automatic")
    hif_bpflagchans(pipeline="automatic")
    hifa_gfluxscale(pipeline="automatic")
    hifa_timegaincal(pipeline="automatic")
    hif_applycal(pipeline="automatic")
    hif_makecleanlist(intent='PHASE,BANDPASS,CHECK')
    hif_cleanlist(pipeline="automatic")
finally:
    h_save()
```


Obtaining CASA

http://casa.nrao.edu/casa_obtaining.shtml



- Supported OS's
 - Linux – RedHat 5 and 6
 - Mac OS (10.8)
- Binary distribution for each OS, *with and without pipeline*
- Source distribution

A screenshot of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) website. The header features the NRAO logo and the text "National Radio Astronomy Observatory Enabling forefront research into the Universe at radio wavelengths". Navigation links include "Home", "About NRAO", "Science", "Research Facilities", "Observing", and "Opportunities". A search bar is present with the text "Search NRAO..." and a "Go" button. The main content area is titled "Obtaining the CASA Release" and includes a "Supported Operating Systems" section. This section lists the latest CASA release 4.5.1 and provides a list of supported operating systems: Linux (Red Hat 6 and 5 (64-bit)) and Mac OS X (OS X 10.10 (Yosemite; 64-bit) and OS X 10.9 (Mavericks; 64-bit)). A sidebar on the left contains links to "About CASA", "CASA Releases", "Obtaining CASA", "Hardware Requirements", "Using CASA", "Getting Help", "Tutorials and Training", and "CASA at NRAO". A "Search CASA" box is also located in the sidebar.



Calibration Process

- Initial Calibration
 - Water vapor radiometer (WVR)
 - System temperature (T_{sys})
 - Antenna positions

Calibration Process

- WVR
 - 183 GHz radiometers
 - Mounted on each antenna
 - Estimates corrections for path fluctuations
 - See CASA Cookbook section 4.3.7 for more info
- T_{sys}
 - ALMA records raw correlation coefficients
 - Multiply by T_{sys} to convert to Kelvins
 - Later multiply by antenna gain (Jy/K) to convert to correlated flux density
 - CASA Cookbook 4.3.1 for more info
- Antenna Positions
 - Small corrections to antenna positions included in raw data

Calibration Process

- Next Correct Time and Frequency Dependent Fluctuations
 - Bandpass
 - Temporal phase and amplitude (gain)
- Types of Calibrator Sources
 - Point sources offer simple phase and amplitude behavior (constant w/ UV distance)
 - Bandpass calibrator should be bright for adequate S/N
 - Phase calibrator should be close to science target to minimize differences in atmospheric effects
 - Flux calibrator needs well understood flux densities

Calibration Process

- Bandpass
 - First solve for (additive) temporal phase corrections
 - Usually fine solution interval (integration)
 - Then derive phase and (multiplicative) amplitude corrections as function of frequency
 - Corrects antenna-based frequency responses
 - All derived from bandpass calibrator target
- Gain
 - Solve for short interval temporal phase corrections on all calibrators
 - Then long interval (scan) amplitude corrections
 - Derive flux scaling relation
 - Long interval phase corrections (for transfer to science)

Calibration Process

- A Bit More on Flux Scaling
 - After applying short interval gain corrections data is now in units of flux density
 - Flux calibrator has known flux density (model)
 - Compare observed flux density to model
 - Derive solutions that scale observed flux density to match the model
 - Assume antenna gain does not change between targets
 - Apply same scaling corrections to other target flux densities

Calibration Process

- Once All Calibration Applied, Inspect Bandpass, Flux and Phase Calibrators
 - Look at visibility amplitude and phase vs. time and frequency
 - Amplitudes should be centered around flux scaled values
 - Phase should be centered around zero (calibrator at center of field of view)
- Flag Any Misbehaving Antennas, Scans, Integrations etc.
- Re-Derive and Re-Apply Calibration Solutions
- Inspect Data
- Rinse, Repeat Until Satisfied