An Introduction to the ALMA Observing Tool

How to turn that great idea into ALMA data..

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

Cycle 3 Capabilities

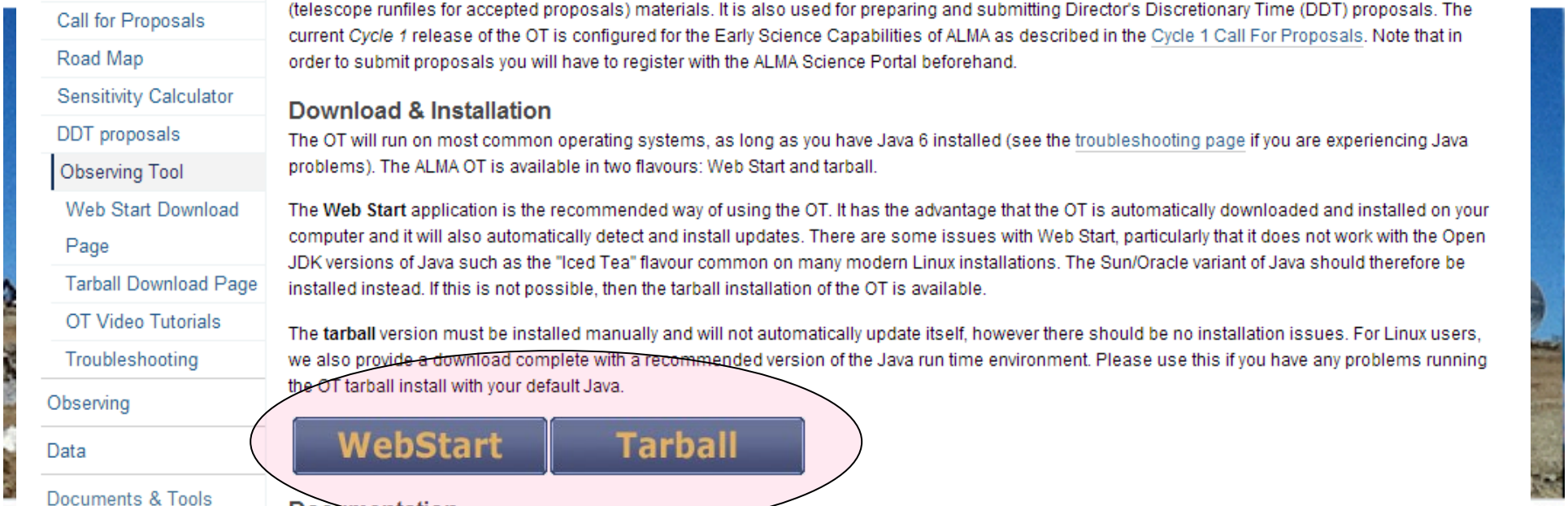
- At least **36 x 12-m** antennas, plus **10 x 7-m** antennas (for short baselines) and **2 x 12-m** antennas (for zero-spacing)
- Receiver bands 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 (wavelengths of about 3.1 to 0.35 mm)
- Baselines up to **2 km** for **Bands 8, 9 and 10**
    - up to **5 km** for **Band 7,** and
    - up to **10 km** for **Bands 3, 4, & 6**
- Both single field interferometry and **mosaics** of up to **150 pointings**
- Spectral-line observations with all arrays and continuum observations with the 12-m Array and the 7-m Array. Single dish use will be limited to spectral line observations in Bands 3 to 8.
- Polarization (on-axis, continuum in Band 3, 6 and 7, no ACA, no mosaics, no spectral line, no circular polarization)
- Mixed correlator modes and multiple spectral windows (both high and low frequency resolution in the same observation)
- The **maximum** observing **time** per proposal, as estimated by the OT, is **100 hrs**.

Be mindful of configuration schedule

Start Dates	Configuration	Night LST	Not recommended
2015 October 1	C36-8	~17h - 9h	High frequency projects especially during day time (LST ~10h-16h)
2015 November 10	C36-7	~19h - 11h	High frequency projects especially during day time (LST ~12h-18h)
2015 December 29 (Maintenance in February)	C36-1	~00h - 16h	High frequency projects any time , specially during day time (LST ~17h-23h)
2016 March 22	C36-2	~04h - 20h	High frequency projects day time (LST ~21h-03h)
2016 April 19	C36-3	~07h - 23h	High frequency projects day time (LST ~00h-06h)
2016 May 10	C36-4	~08h - 00h	High frequency projects day time (LST ~01h-07h)
2016 May 31	C36-5	~10h - 02h	High frequency projects day time (LST ~03h-09h)
2016 July 5	C36-6	~13h - 05h	High frequency projects especially during day time (LST ~06h-12h)
2016 August 30	C36-7	~16h - 08h	High frequency projects especially during day time (LST ~09h-15h)

Notes for Table 3: Dates include relocation time at the end of every configuration

Once you have done this…



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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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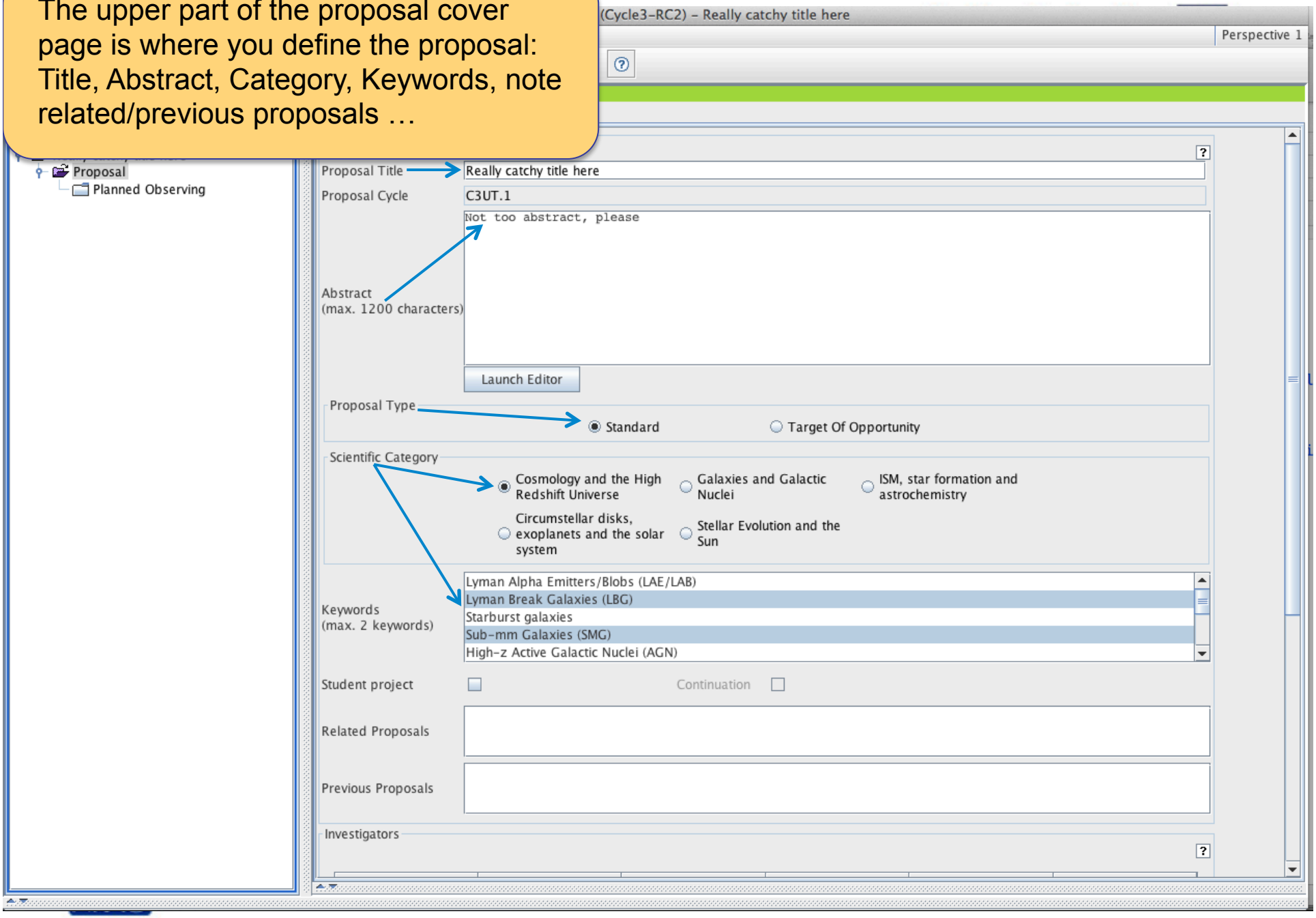
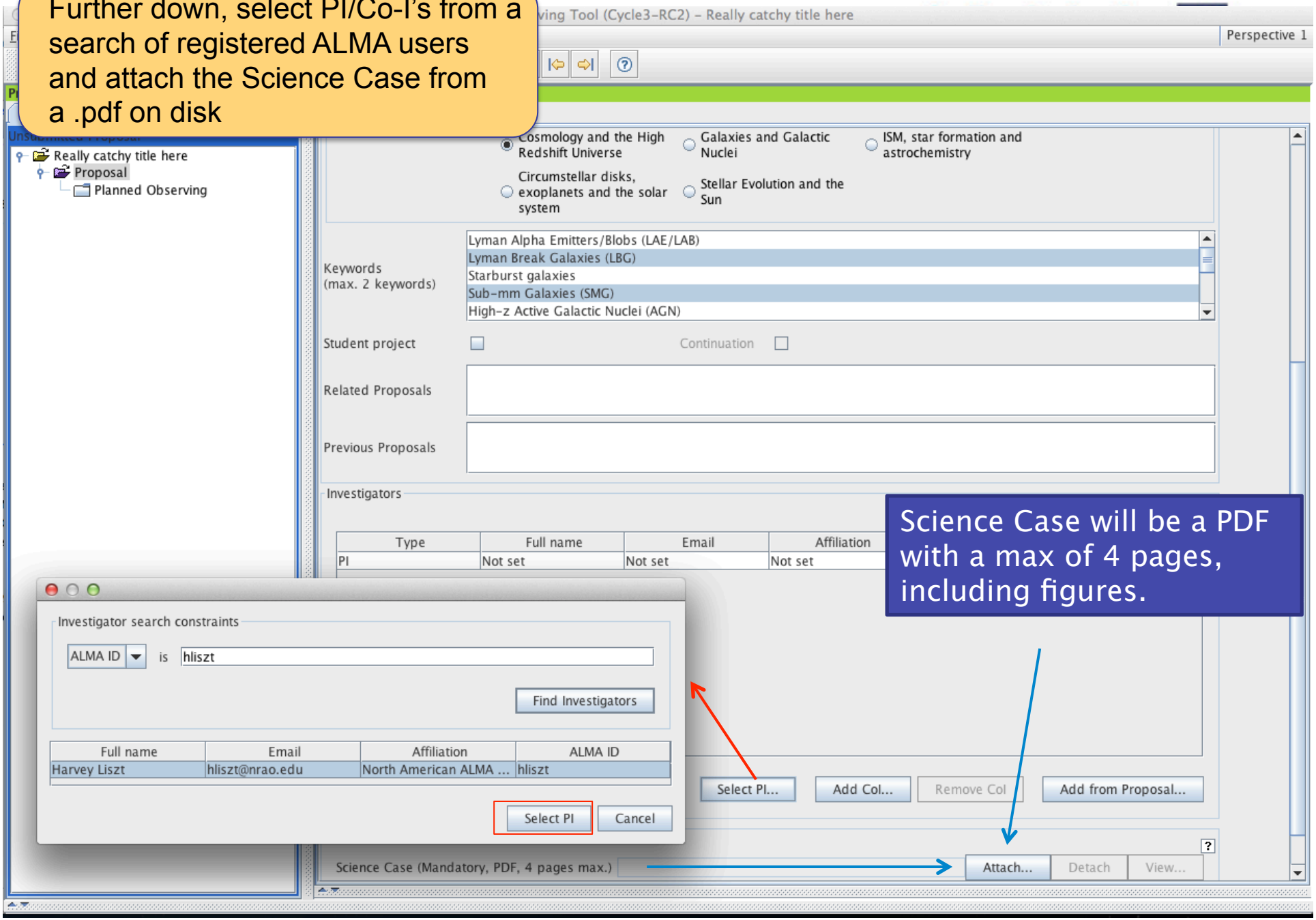
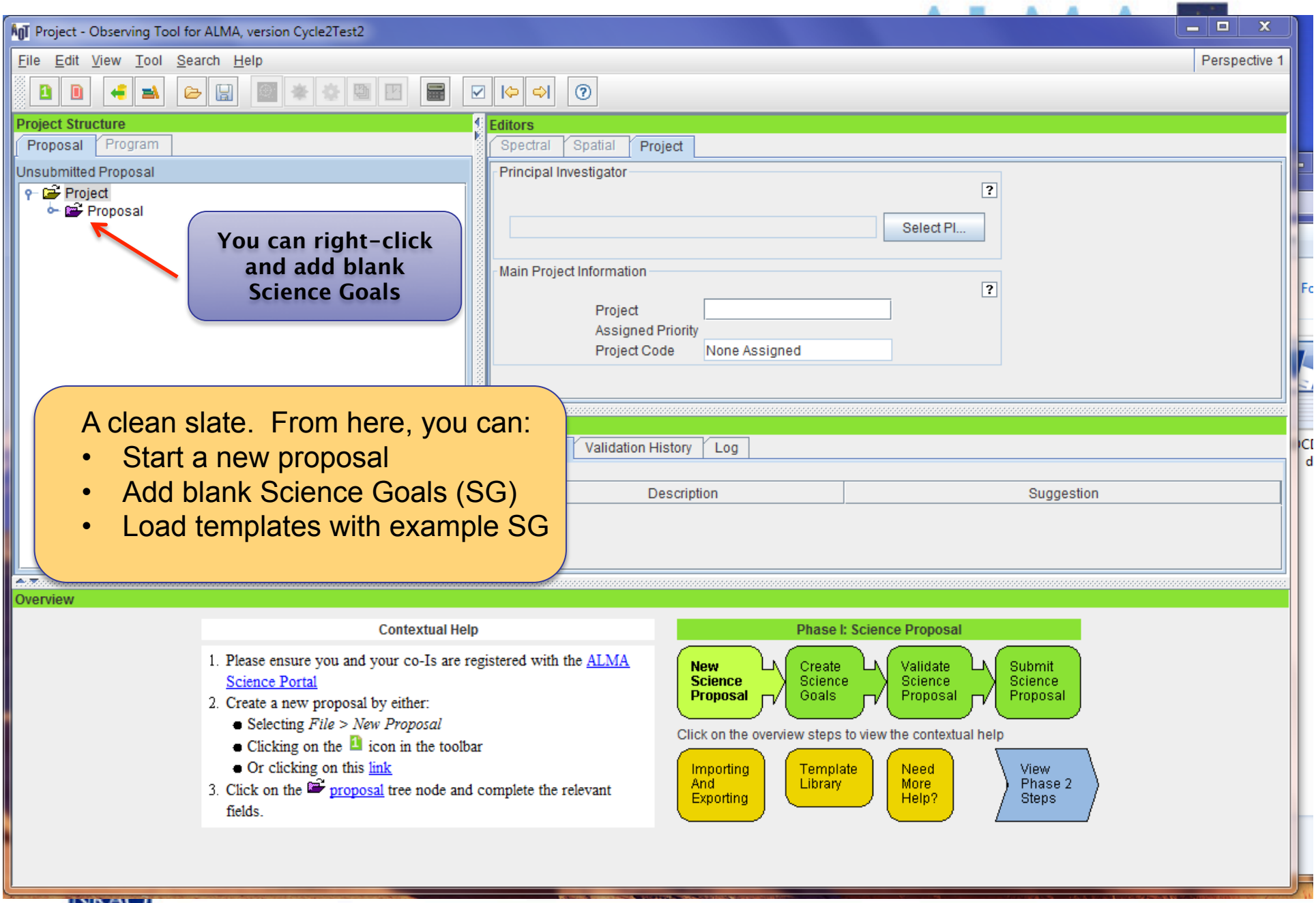


Further down, select PI/Co-I's from a search of registered ALMA users and attach the Science Case from a .pdf on disk

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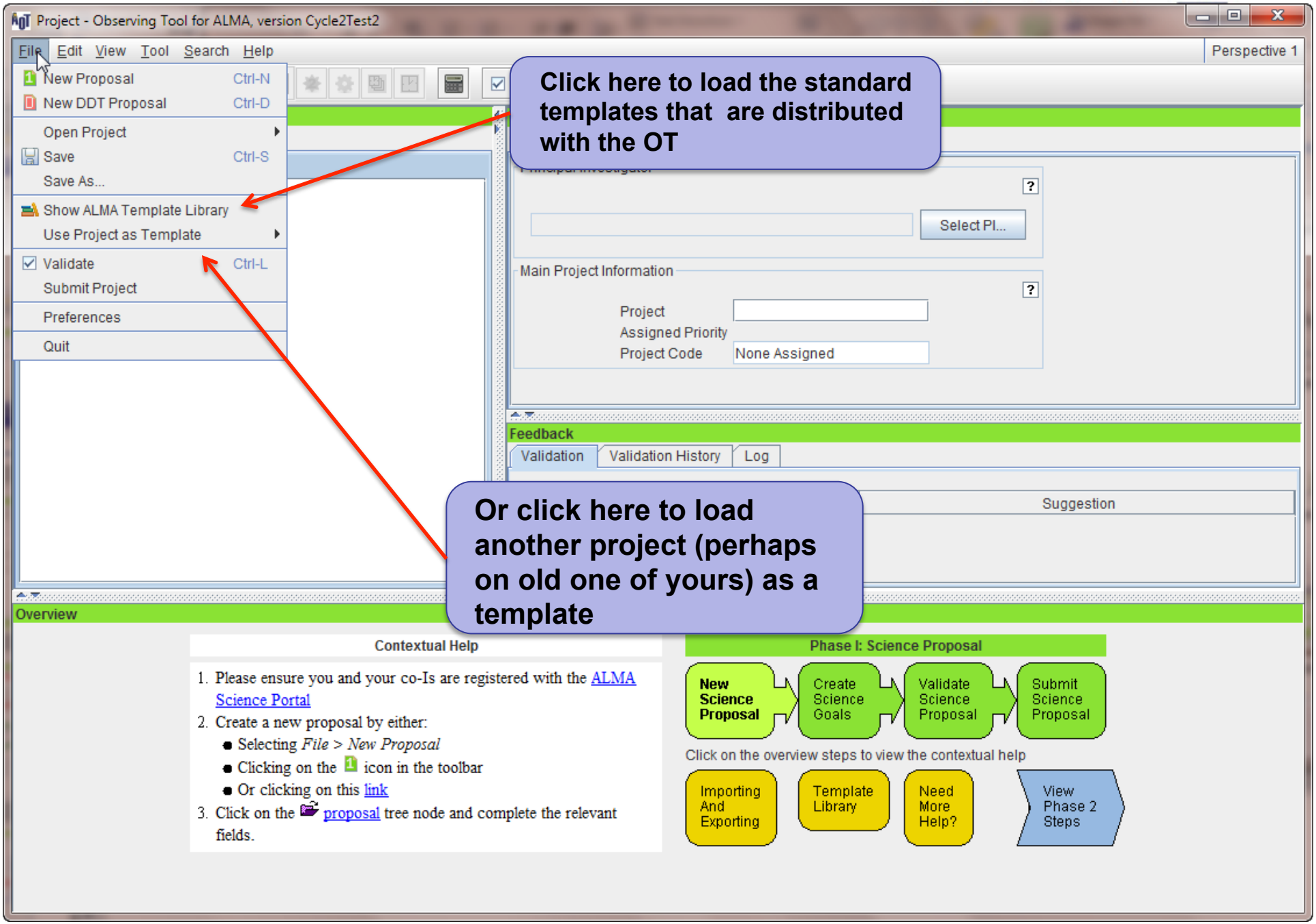
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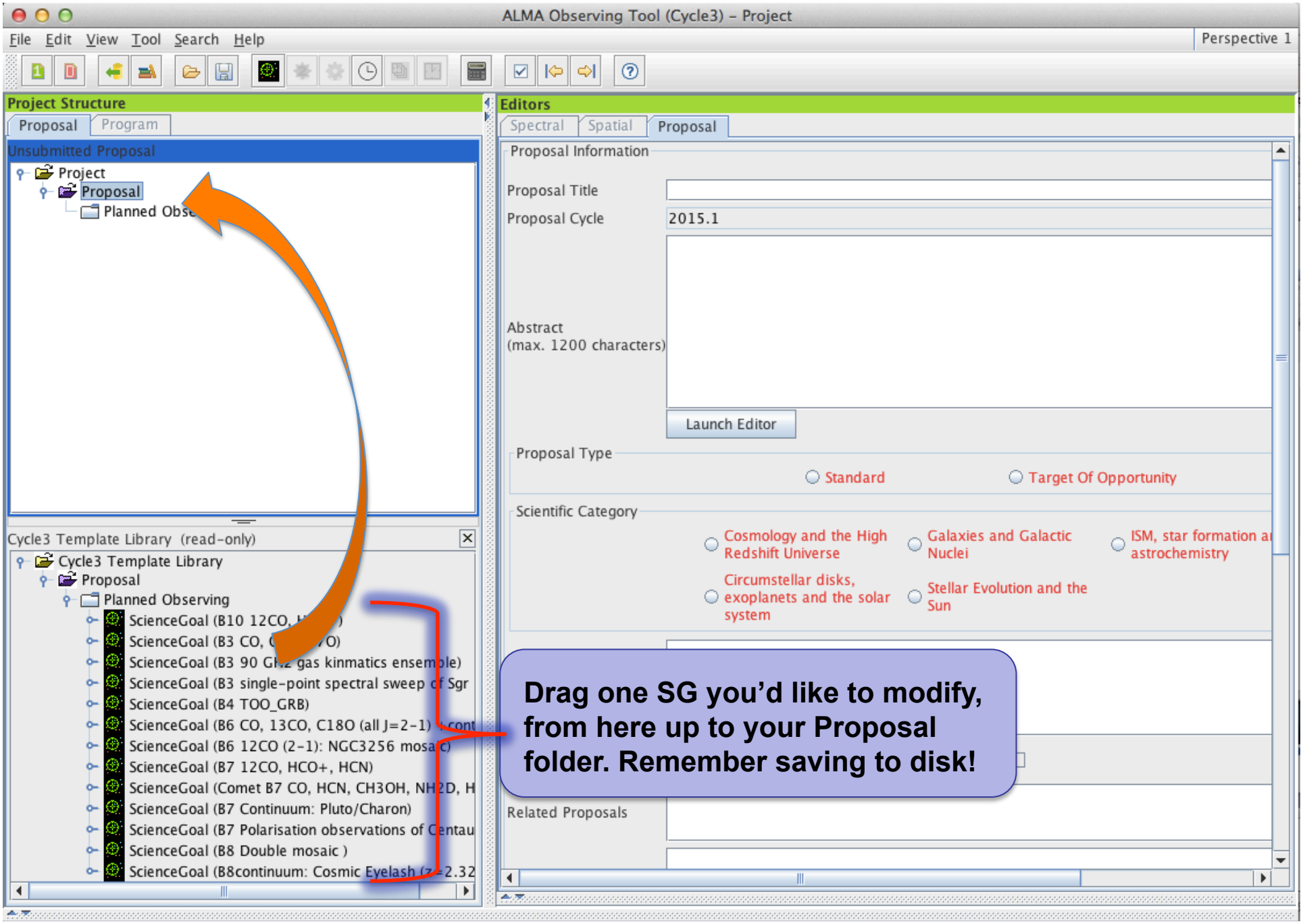
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2015.1
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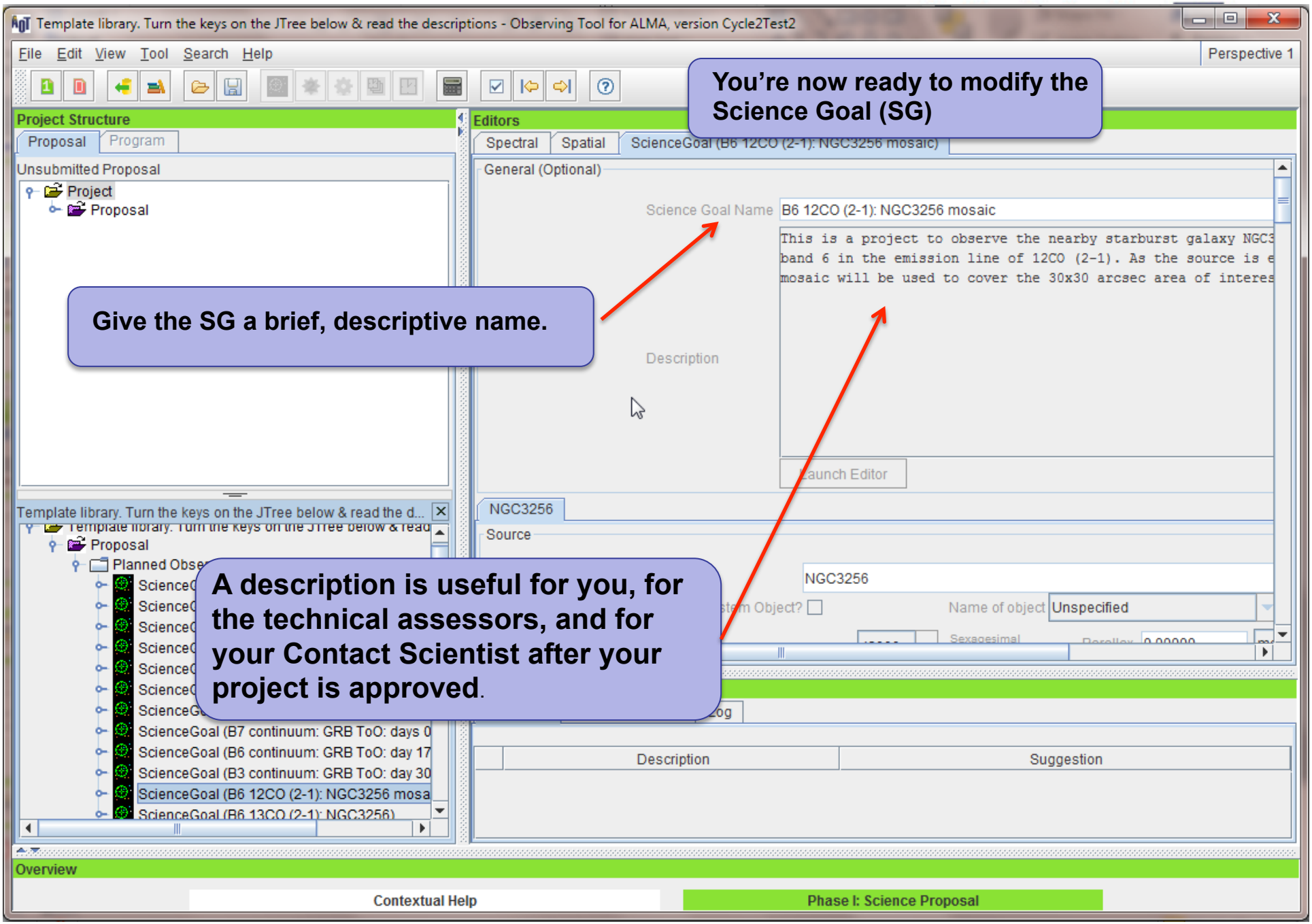
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Spectral Spatial ScienceGoal (B6 12CO (2-1): NGC3256 mosaic)
General (Optional)
Science Goal Name B6 12CO (2-1): NGC3256 mosaic
This is a project to observe the nearby starburst galaxy NGC3
band 6 in the emission line of 12CO (2-1). As the source is e
mosaic will be used to cover the 30x30 arcsec area of interes
Description
Launch Editor
Give the SG a brief, descriptive name.
NGC3256
Source
NGC3256
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A description is useful for you, for the technical assessors, and for your Contact Scientist after your project is approved.
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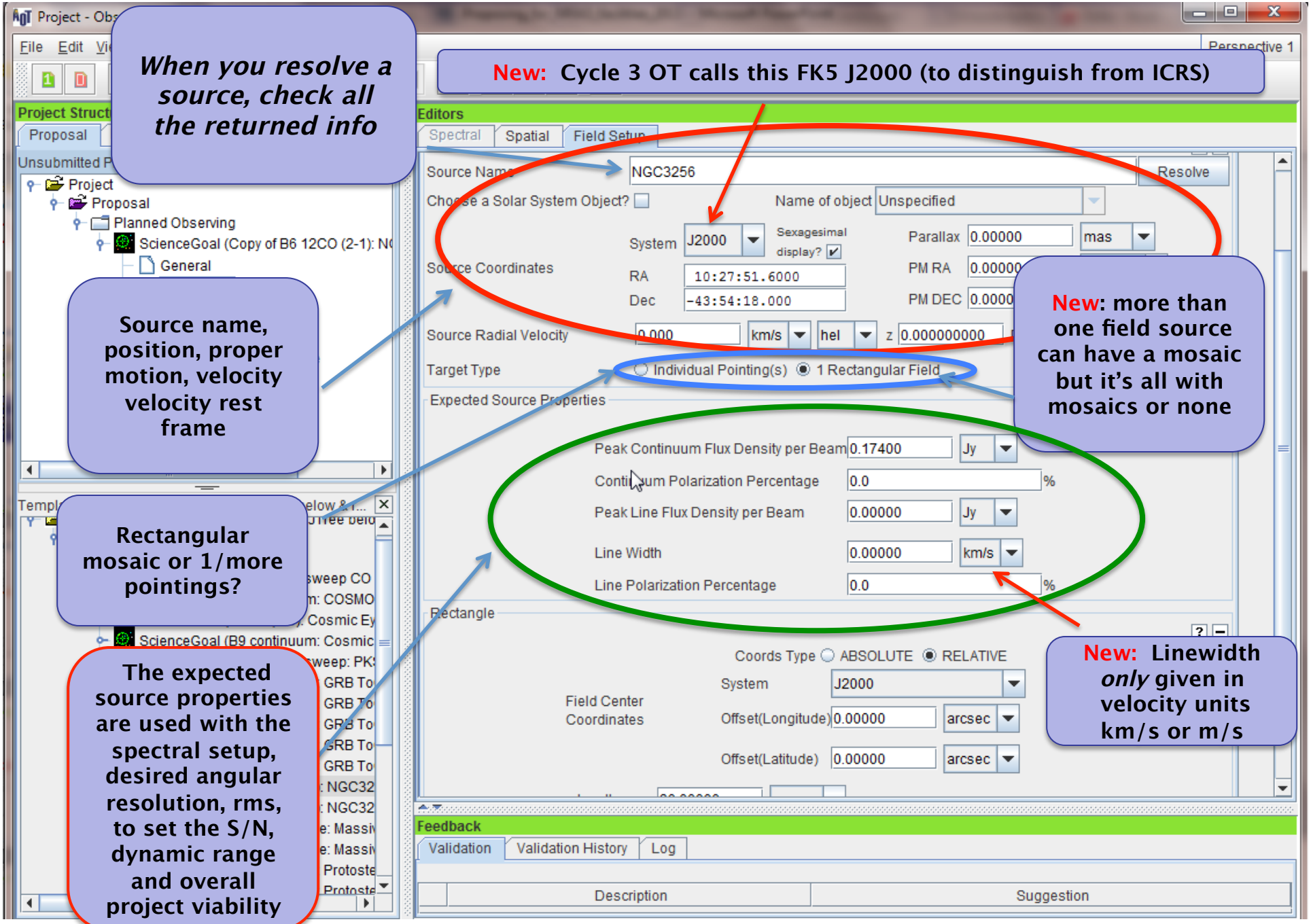
When you resolve a source, check all the returned info
New: Cycle 3 OT calls this FK5 J2000 (to distinguish from ICRS)
Source name, position, proper motion, velocity velocity rest frame
Rectangular mosaic or 1/more pointings?
The expected source properties are used with the spectral setup, desired angular resolution, rms, to set the S/N, dynamic range and overall project viability
New: more than one field source can have a mosaic but it's all with mosaics or none
New: Linewidth only given in velocity units km/s or m/s
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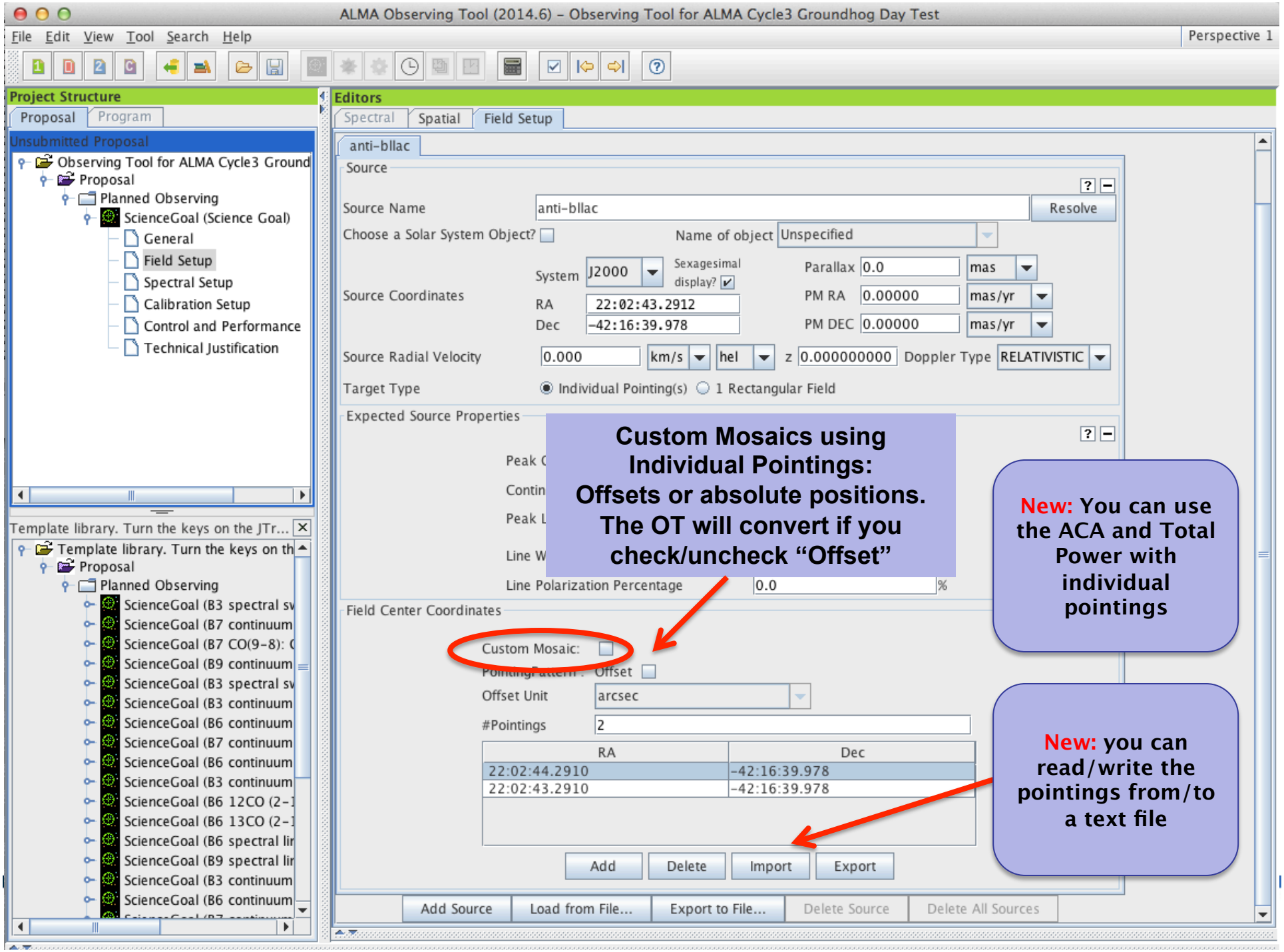
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Doppler Type RELATIVISTIC
Target Type
Individual Pointing(s)
1 Rectangular Field
Expected Source Properties
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Line W
Line Polarization Percentage 0.0 %
Field Center Coordinates
Custom Mosaic:
Offset
Offset Unit arcsec
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Custom Mosaics using Individual Pointings: Offsets or absolute positions. The OT will convert if you check/uncheck “Offset”
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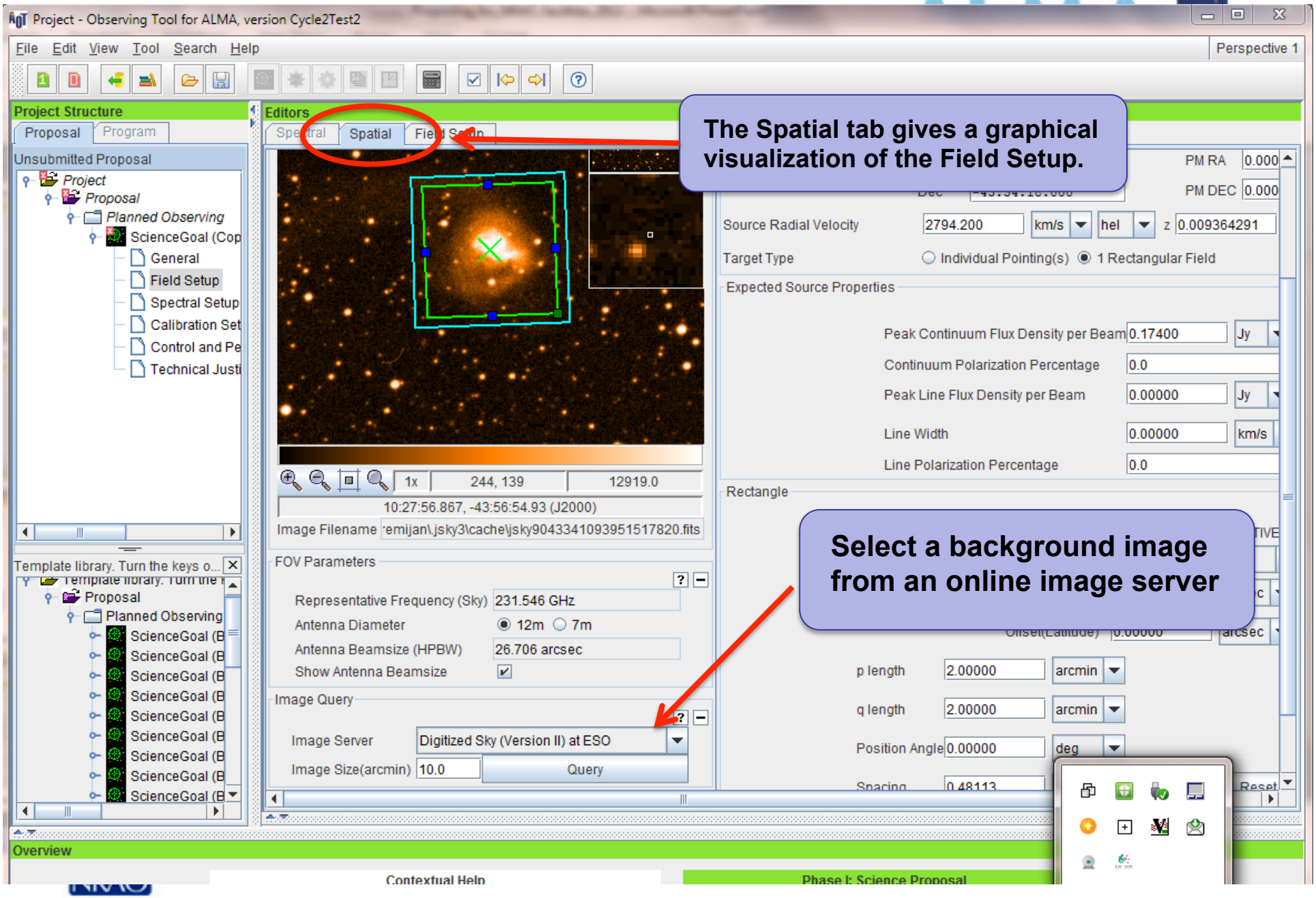
New: Put a mosaic around more than one field source



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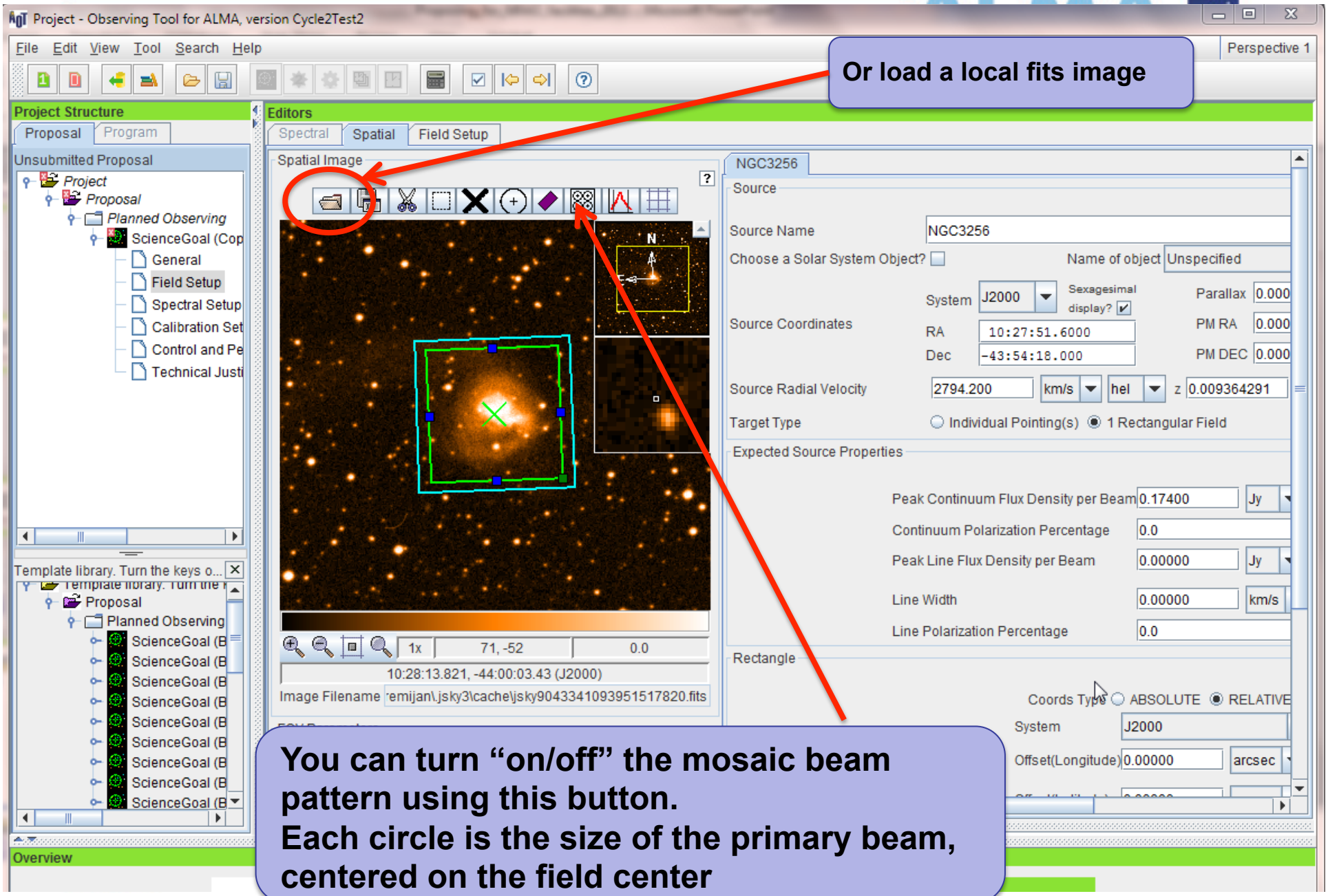

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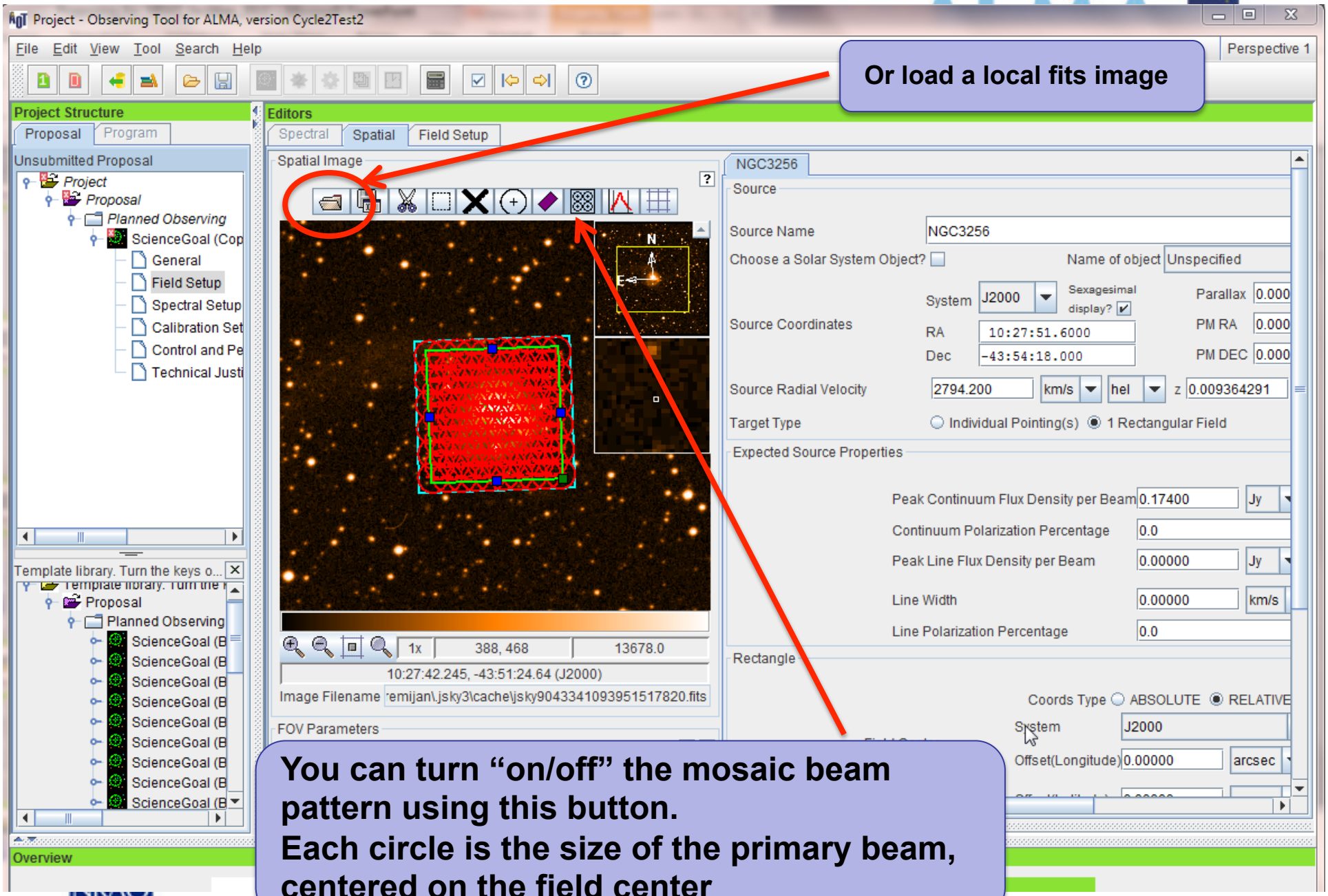

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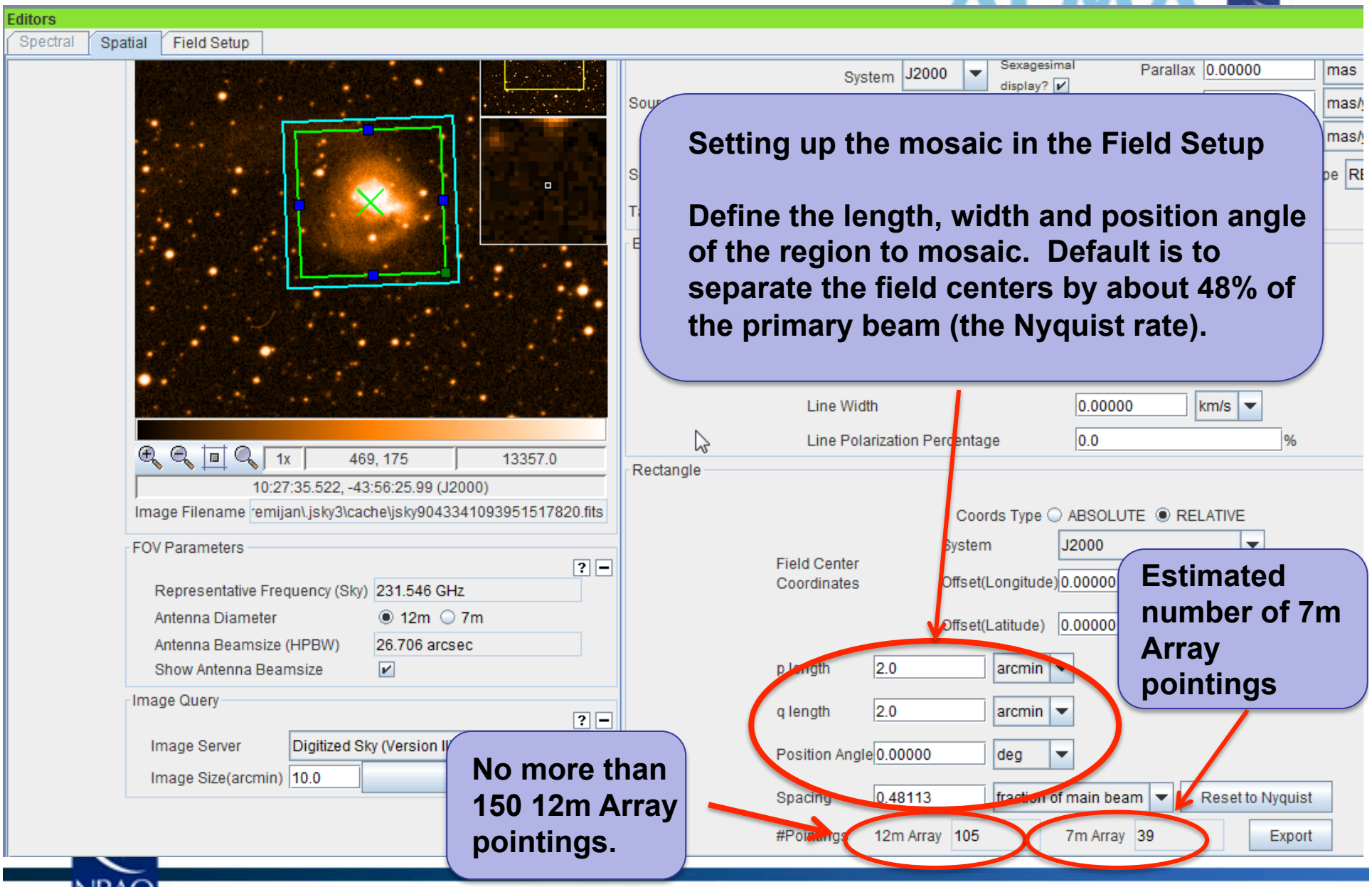

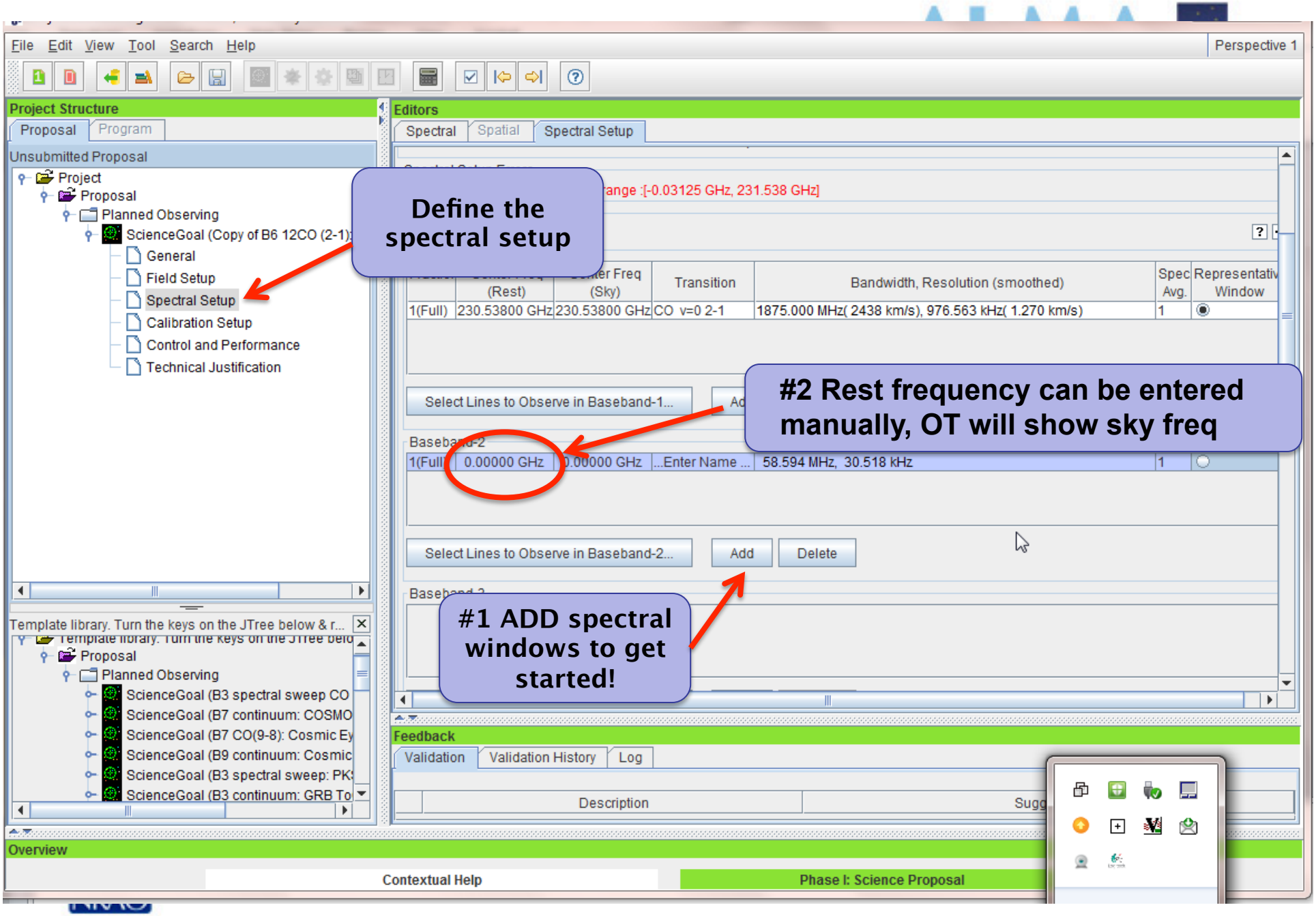
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Select Lines to Observe in Baseband-1...
#2 Rest frequency can be entered manually, OT will show sky freq
Baseband-2
1(Full 0.00000 GHz 0.00000 GHz ...Enter Name ... 58.594 MHz, 30.518 kHz 1
Select Lines to Observe in Baseband-2...
Add
Delete
#1 ADD spectral windows to get started!
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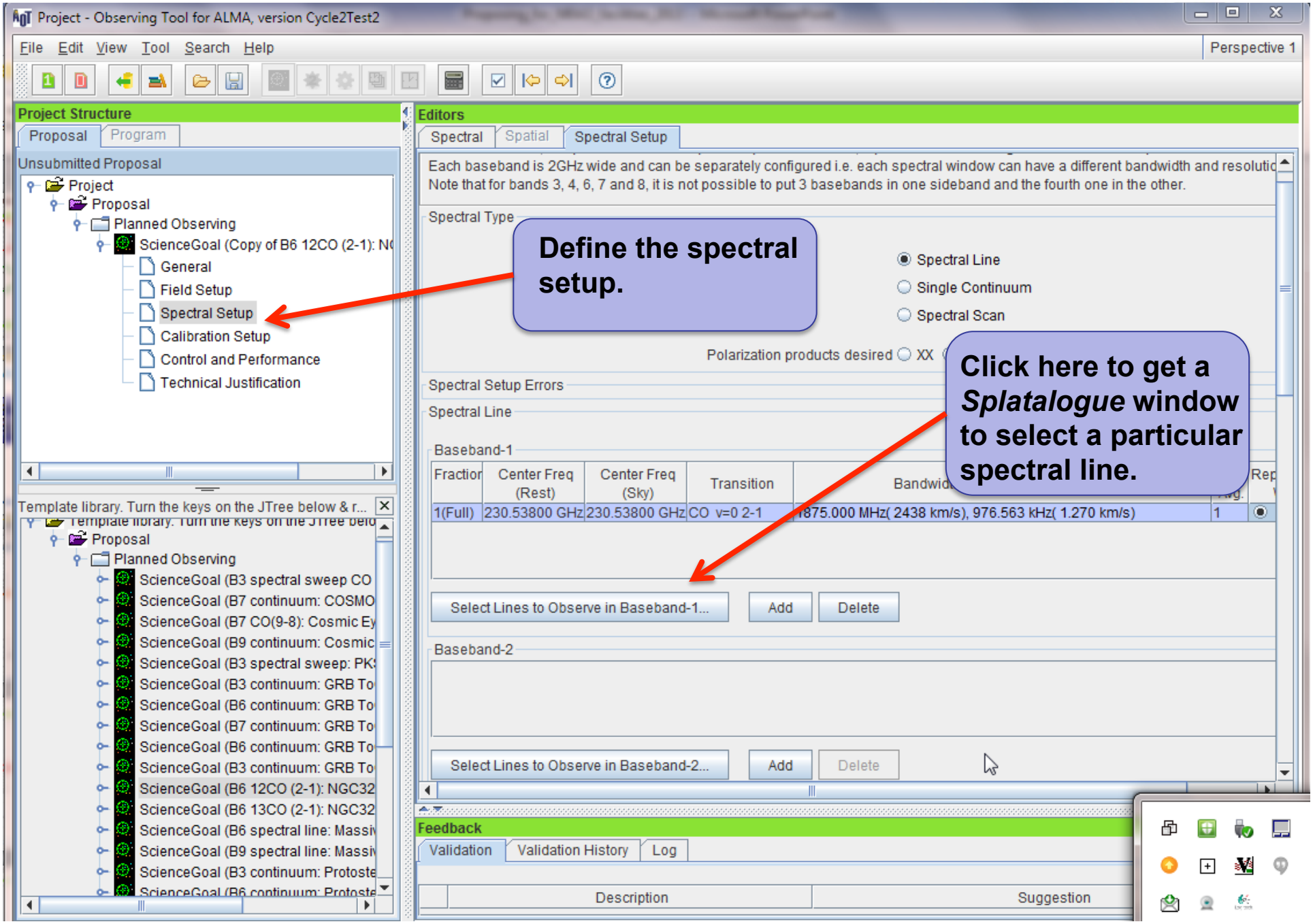
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Spectral Spatial Spectral Setup
Each baseband is 2GHz wide and can be separately configured i.e. each spectral window can have a different bandwidth and resolutio
Note that for bands 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8, it is not possible to put 3 basebands in one sideband and the fourth one in the other.
Spectral Type
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Single Continuum
Spectral Scan
Polarization products desired XX
Spectral Setup Errors
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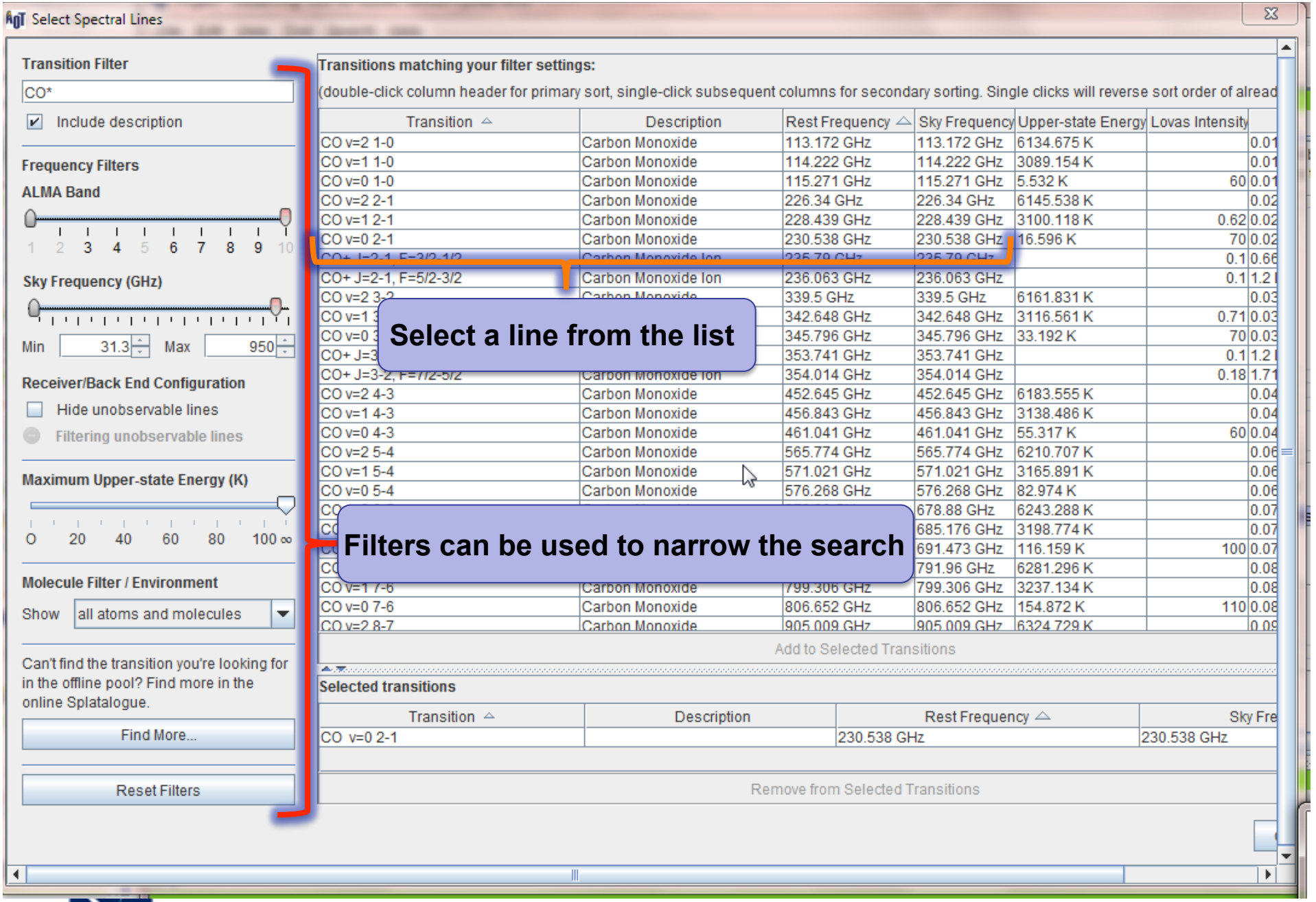
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Include description
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Sky Frequency (GHz)
Min 31.3 Max 950
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Filtering unobservable lines
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Find More...
Reset Filters
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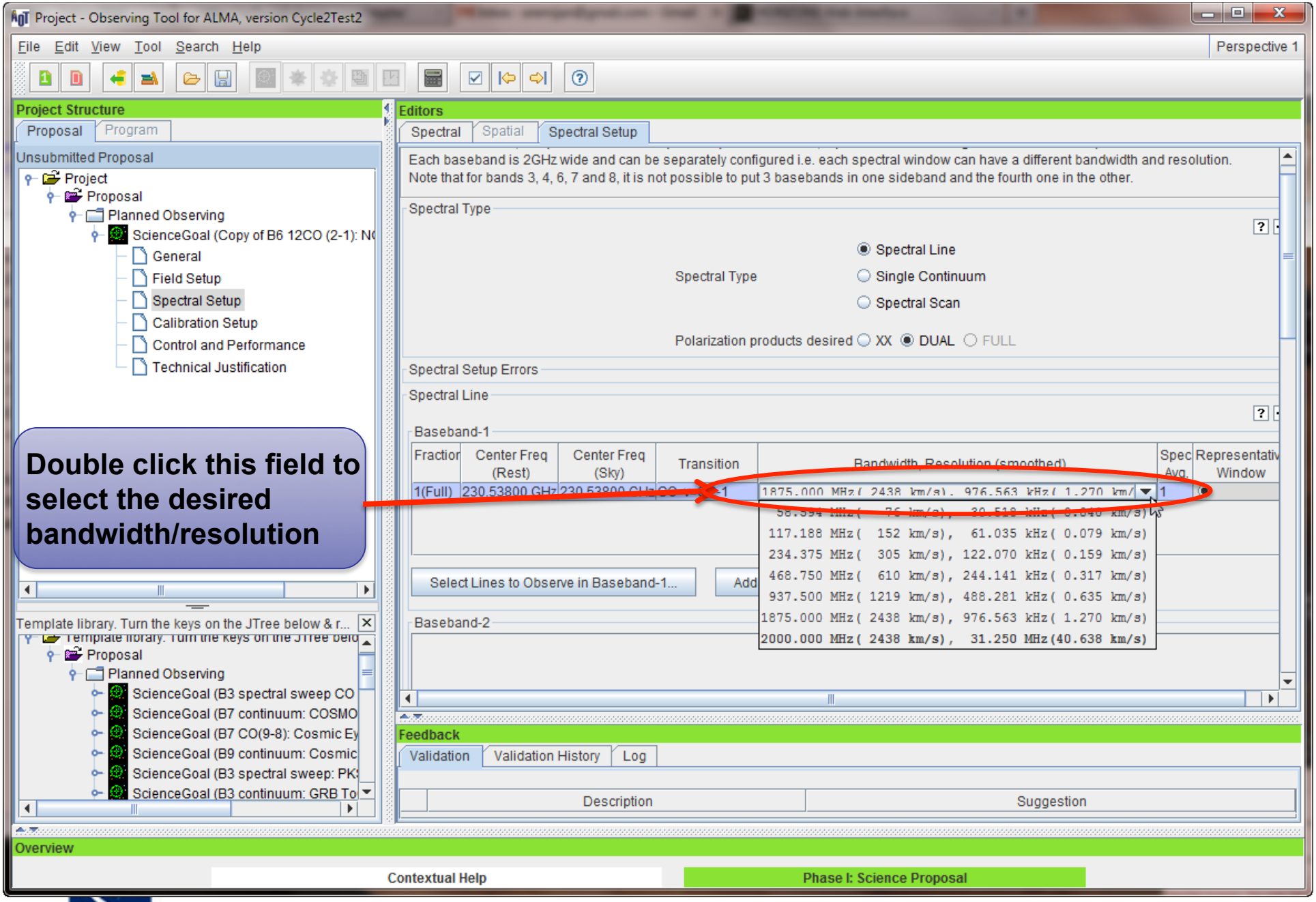
(double-click column header for primary sort, single-click subsequent columns for secondary sorting. Single clicks will reverse sort order of alread
Transition | Description | Rest Frequency | Sky Frequency | Upper-state Energy | Lovas Intensity
CO v=2 1-0 | Carbon Monoxide | 113.172 GHz | 113.172 GHz | 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
0.1 | 0.66
CO+ J=2-1, F=5/2-3/2 | Carbon Monoxide Ion | 236.063 GHz | 236.063 GHz | 0.1 | 1.2
CO v=2 3-2 | 339.5 GHz | 339.5 GHz | 6161.831 K | 0.03
CO v=1 3 | 342.648 GHz | 342.648 GHz | 3116.561 K | 0.71 | 0.03
CO v=0 3 | 345.796 GHz | 345.796 GHz | 33.192 K | 70 | 0.03
CO+ J=3 | 353.741 GHz | 353.741 GHz | 0.1 | 1.2
CO+ J=3-2, F=7/2-5/2 | 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
678.88 GHz | 6243.288 K | 0.07
685.176 GHz | 3198.774 K | 0.07
691.473 GHz | 116.159 K | 100 | 0.07
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 Fre
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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Double click this field to select the desired bandwidth/resolution
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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 Type
Spectral Line
Single Continuum
Spectral Scan
Polarization 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.
Representativ Window
1(Full)
230.53800 GHz
1
1875.000 MHz(2438 km/s), 976.563 kHz(1.270 km/
1
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...
Baseband-2
Feedback
Validation Validation History Log
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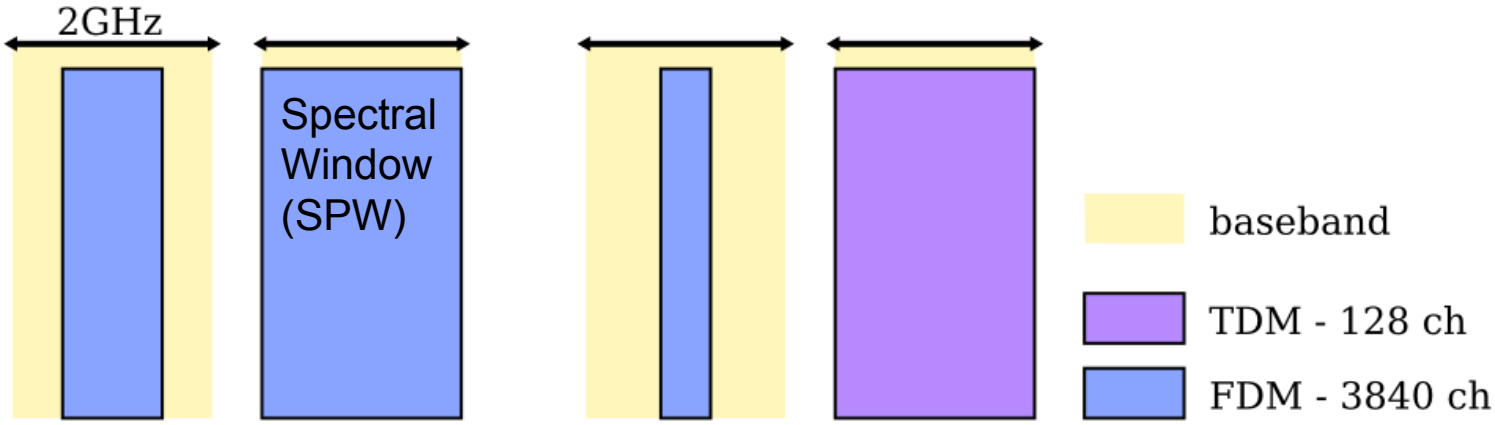
Correlator Versatility in Cycle 3

Cycle 1

Limit to 1 SPW per baseband on previous cycles



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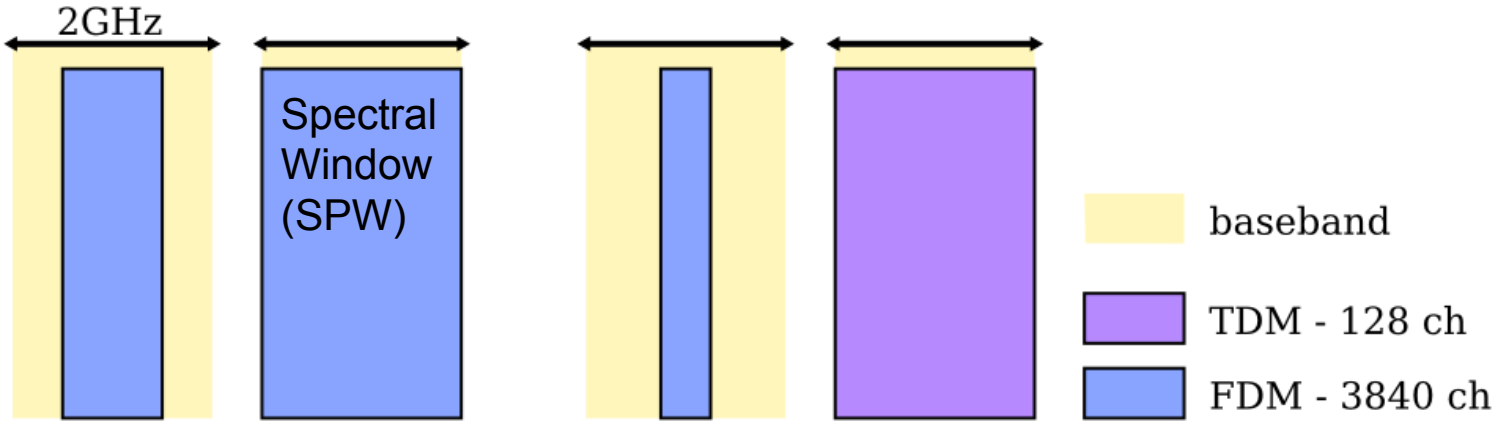

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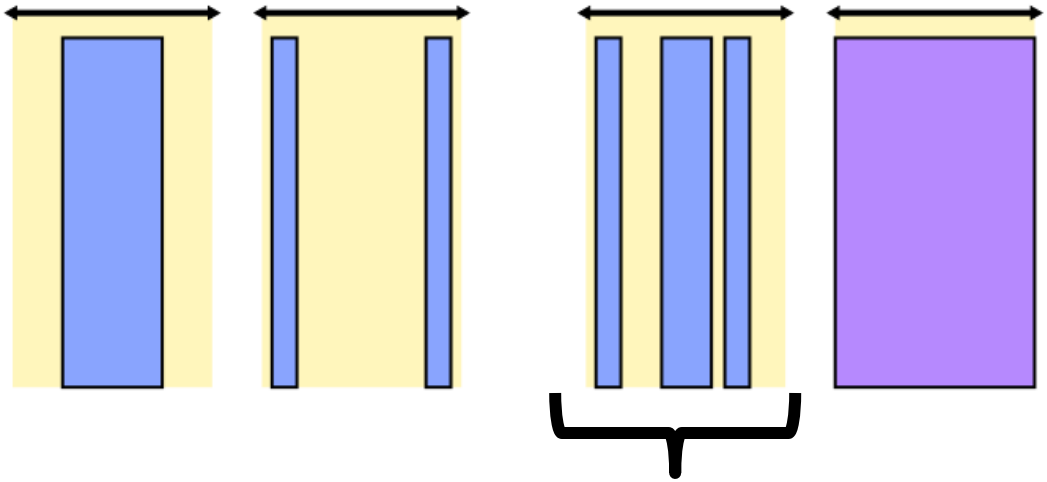
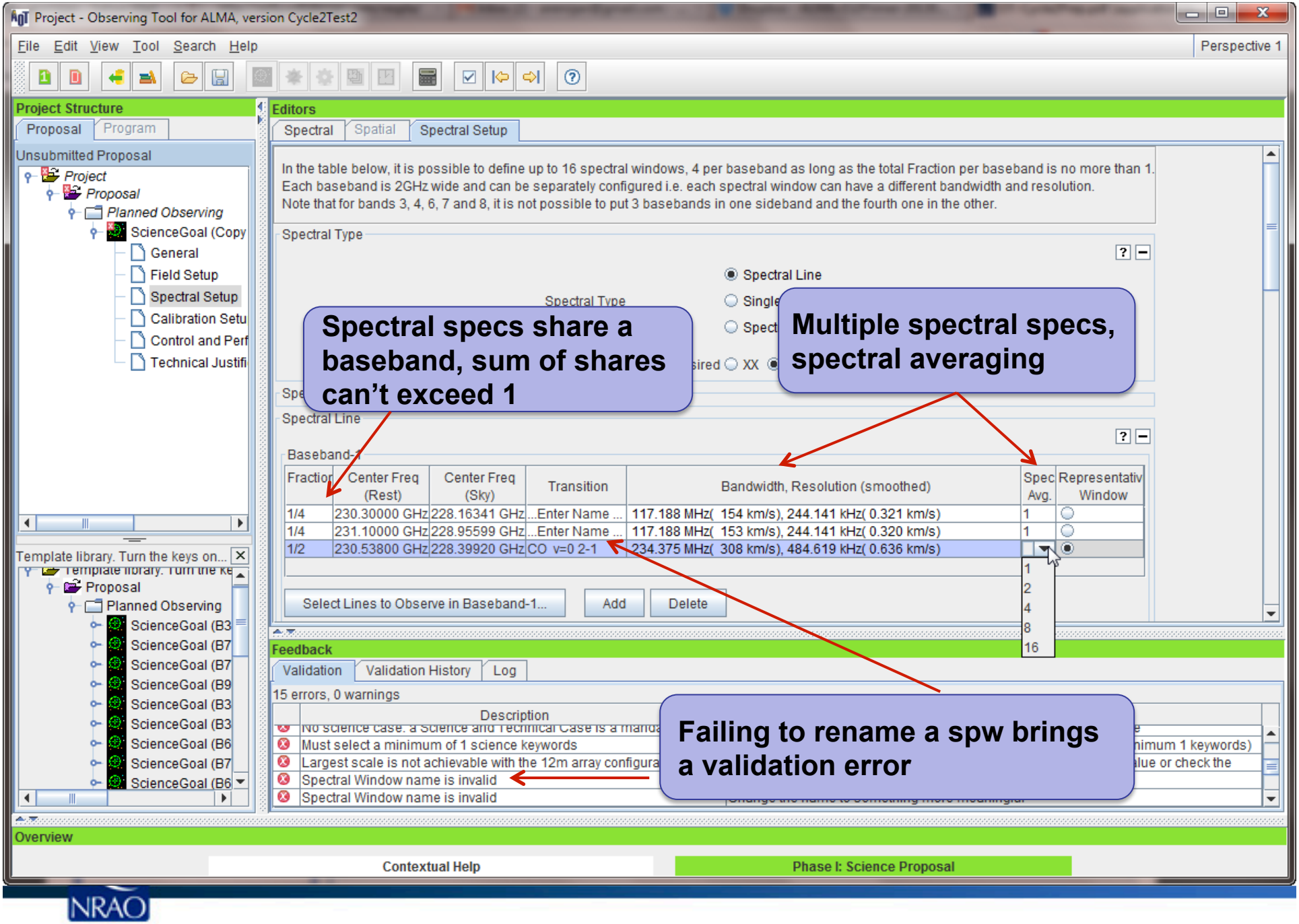


Split into 4 or less SPWS per baseband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Spectral Spatial Spectral Setup
In the table below, it is possible to define up to 16 spectral windows, 4 per baseband as long as the total Fraction per baseband is no more than 1.
Each baseband is 2GHz wide and can be separately configured i.e. each spectral window can have a different bandwidth and resolution.
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Spectral Type
Spectral Line
Spectral Line
Baseband-1
Fraction
Center Freq (Rest)
Center Freq (Sky)
Transition
Bandwidth, Resolution (smoothed)
Spec Avg.
Representativ 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
1/4 231.10000 GHz 228.95599 GHz ...Enter Name ... 117.188 MHz(153 km/s), 244.141 kHz(0.320 km/s) 1
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
2
4
8
16
Select Lines to Observe in Baseband-1...
Add
Delete
Spectral specs share a baseband, sum of shares can't exceed 1
Multiple spectral specs, spectral averaging
Feedback
Validation Validation History Log
15 errors, 0 warnings
Description
Must select a minimum of 1 science keywords
Largest scale is not achievable with the 12m array configura
Spectral Window name is invalid
Spectral Window name is invalid
Failing to rename a spw brings a validation error
Template library. Turn the keys on...
Proposal
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ScienceGoal (B7
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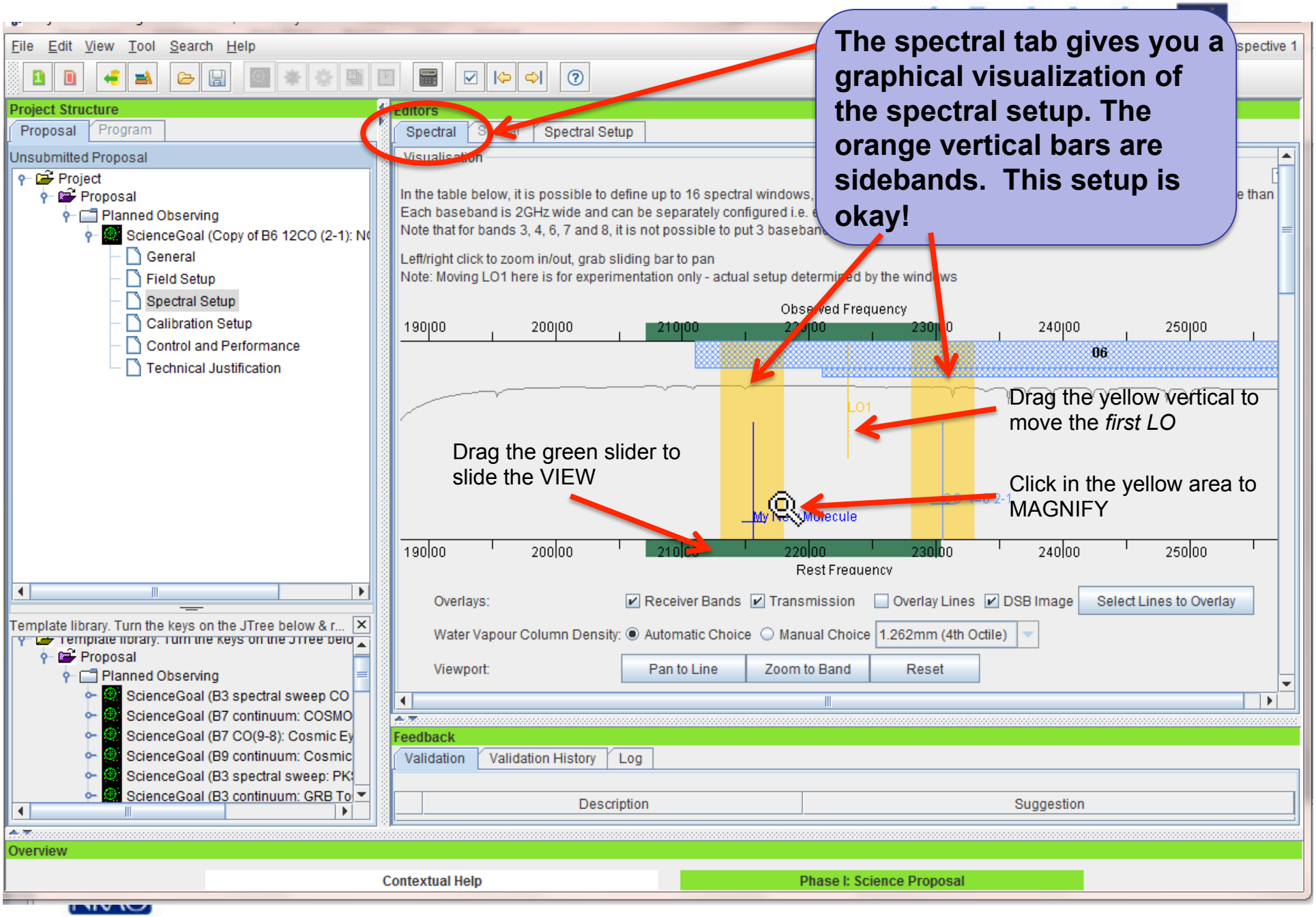
The spectral tab gives you a graphical visualization of the spectral setup. The orange vertical bars are sidebands. This setup is okay!
Drag the yellow vertical to move the first LO
Drag the green slider to slide the VIEW
Click in the yellow area to MAGNIFY
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Left/right click to zoom in/out, grab sliding bar to pan
Note: Moving LO1 here is for experimentation only - actual setup determined by the windows
Observed Frequency
190|00
200|00
210|00
230|00
240|00
250|00
06
LO1
My New Molecule
220|00
Rest Frequency
Overlays:
Receiver Bands
Transmission
Overlay Lines
DSB Image
Select Lines to Overlay
Water Vapour Column Density:
Automatic Choice
Manual Choice
1.262mm (4th Octile)
Viewport:
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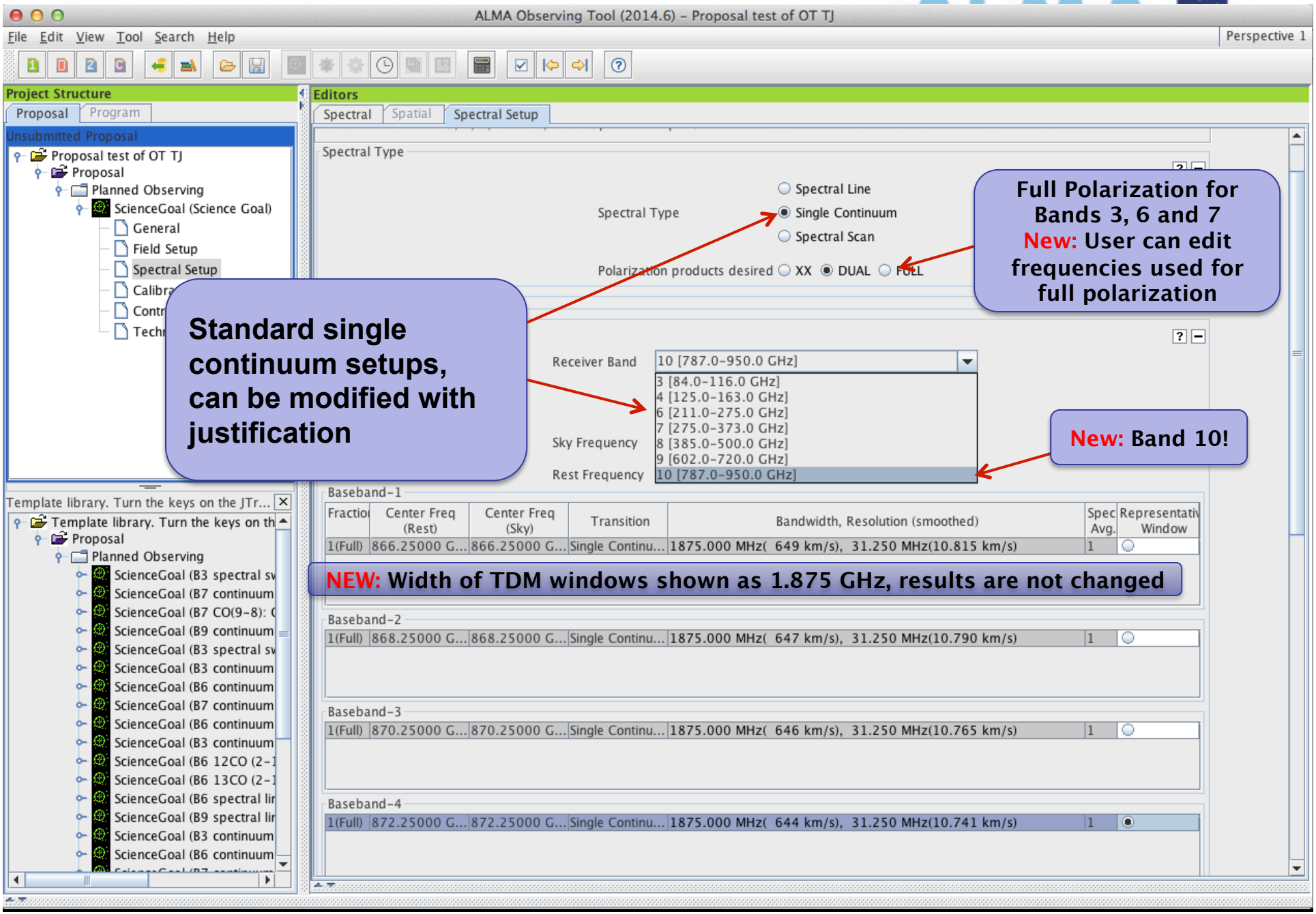
Full Continuum & Polarization



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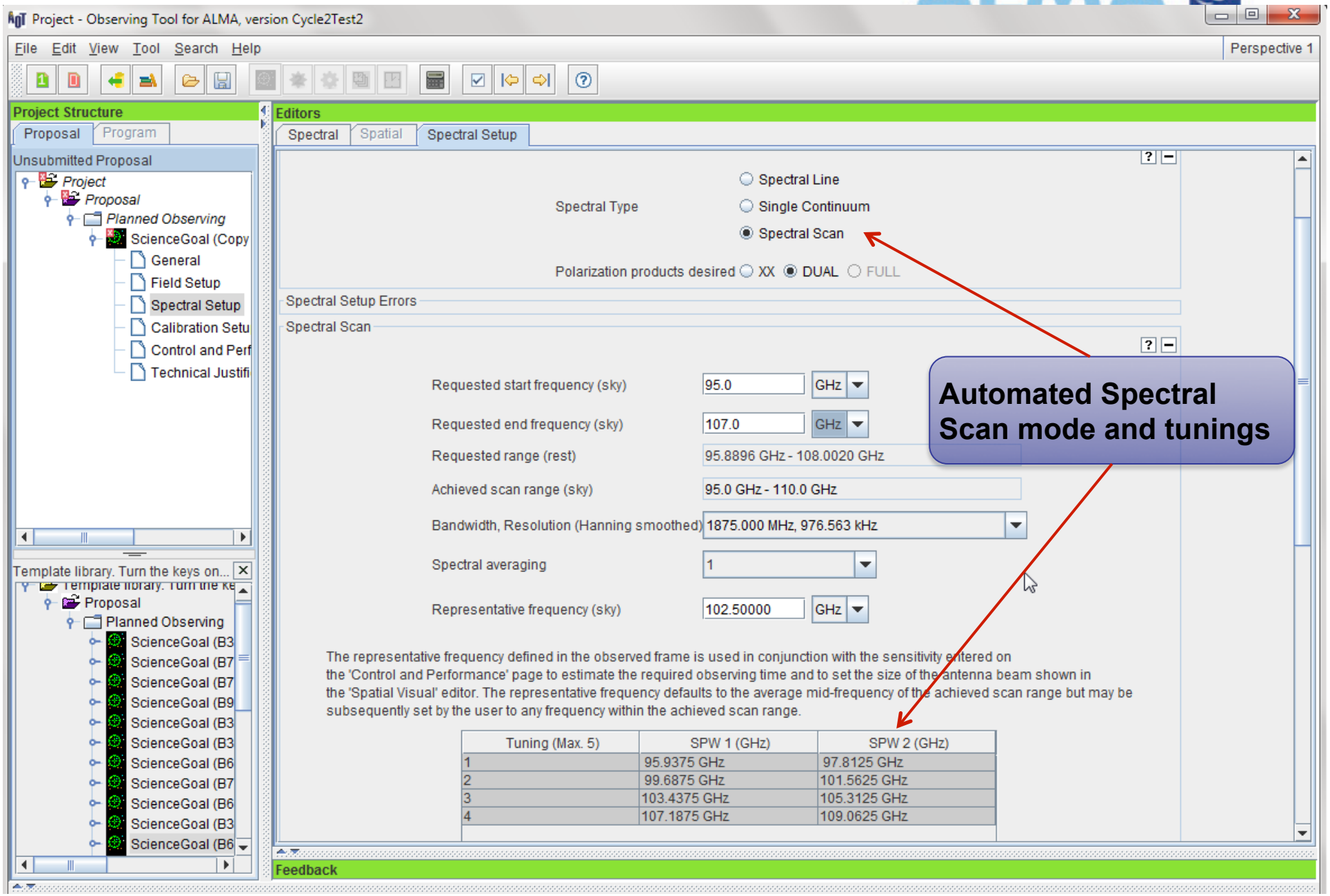

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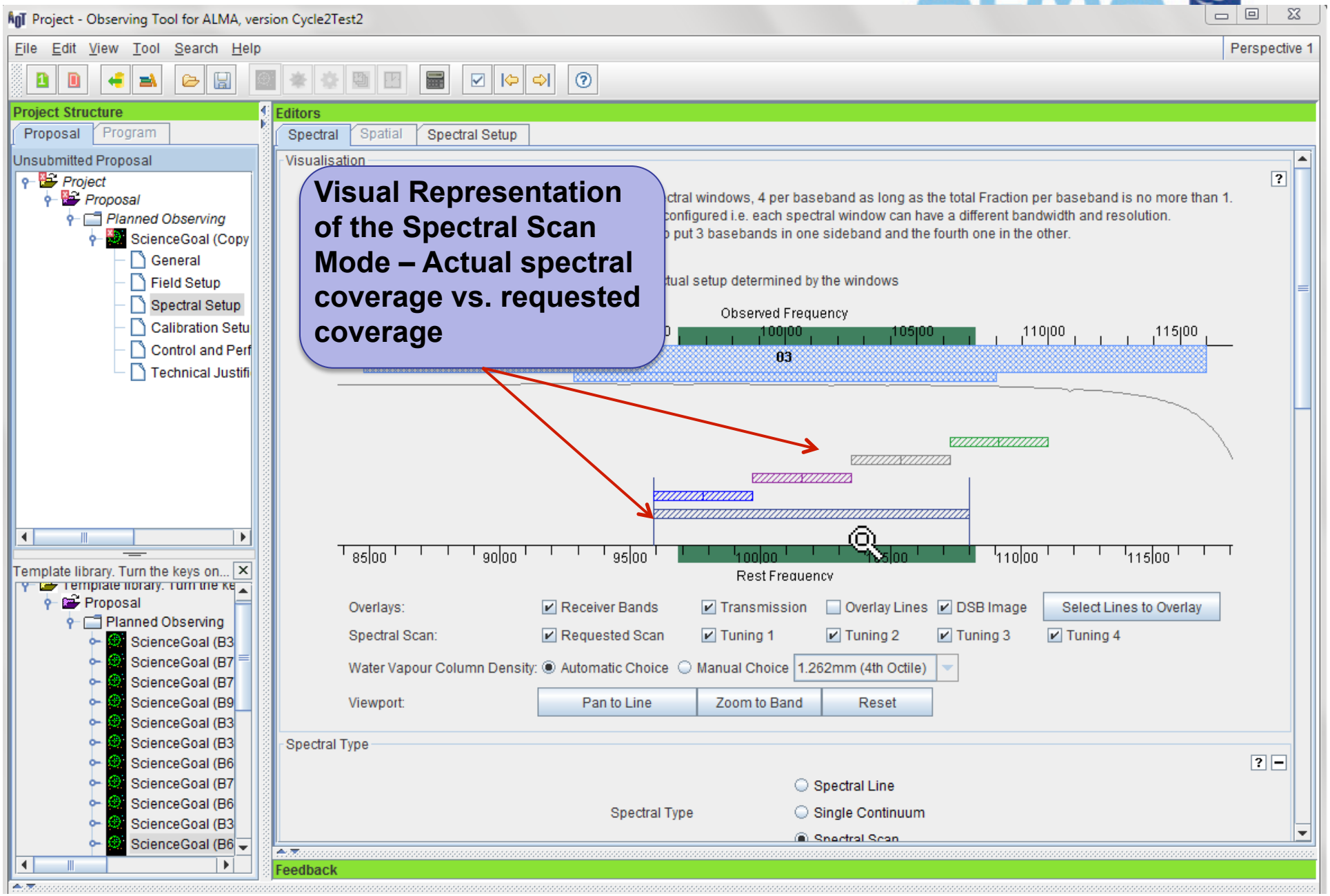

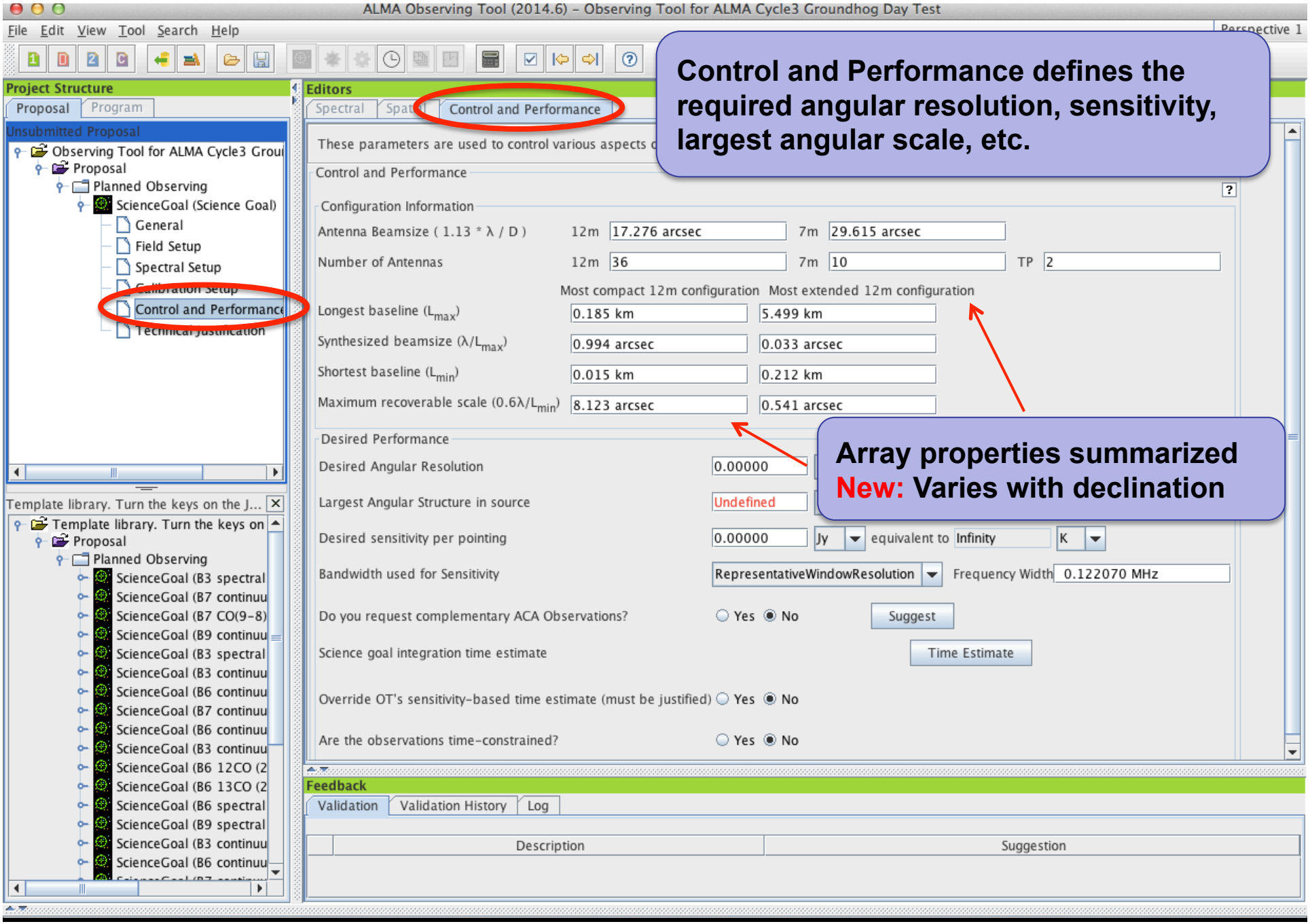
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These parameters are used to control various aspects
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Antenna Beamsize (1.13 * λ / D)
12m 17.276 arcsec
7m 29.615 arcsec
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12m 36
7m 10
TP 2
Most compact 12m configuration
Most extended 12m configuration
Longest baseline (Lmax)
0.185 km
5.499 km
Synthesized beamsize (λ/Lmax)
0.994 arcsec
0.033 arcsec
Shortest baseline (Lmin)
0.015 km
0.212 km
Maximum recoverable scale (0.6λ/Lmin)
8.123 arcsec
0.541 arcsec
Array properties summarized
New: Varies with declination
Desired Performance
Desired Angular Resolution
0.00000
Largest Angular Structure in source
Undefined
Desired sensitivity per pointing
0.00000
Jy
equivalent to
Infinity
K
Bandwidth used for Sensitivity
RepresentativeWindowResolution
Frequency Width
0.122070 MHz
Do you request complementary ACA Observations?
Yes No
Suggest
Science goal integration time estimate
Time Estimate
Override OT's sensitivity-based time estimate (must be justified)
Yes No
Are the observations time-constrained?
Yes No
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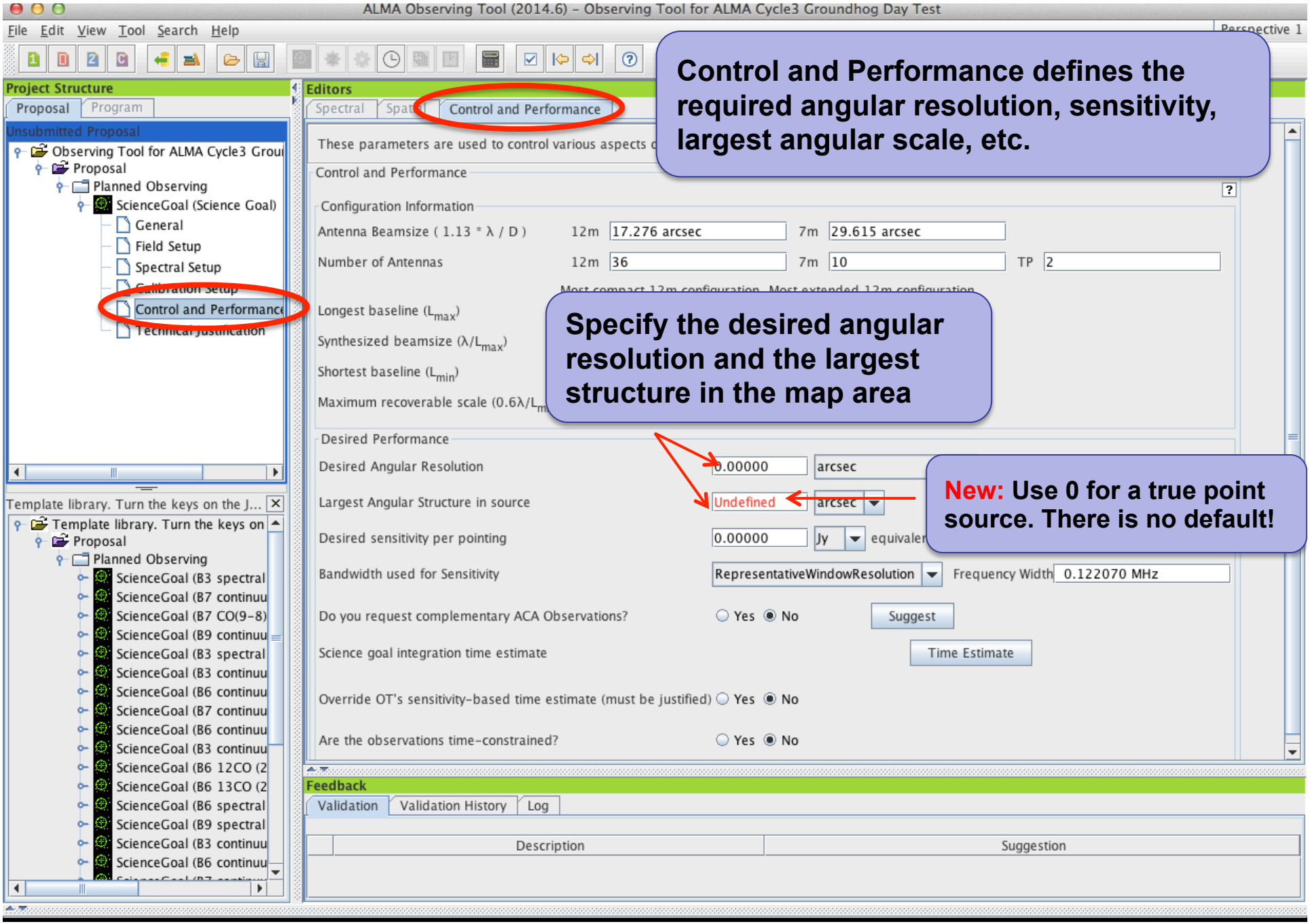
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Specify the desired angular resolution and the largest structure in the map area
Desired Performance
Desired Angular Resolution
0.00000
arcsec
Largest Angular Structure in source
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arcsec
New: Use 0 for a true point source. There is no default!
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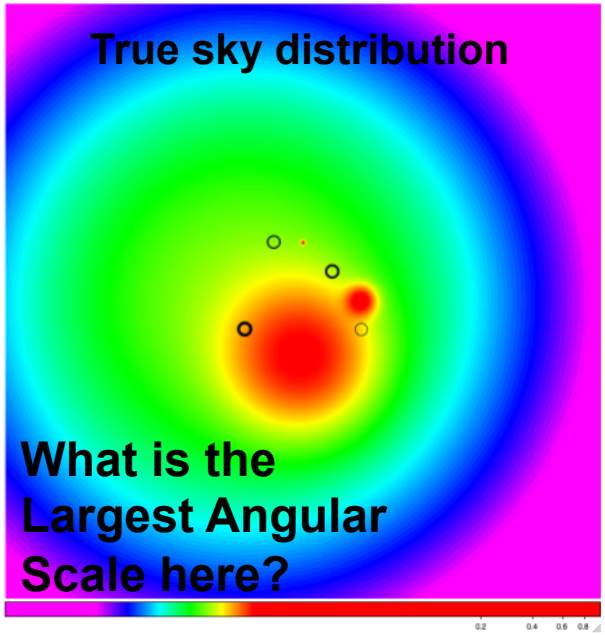
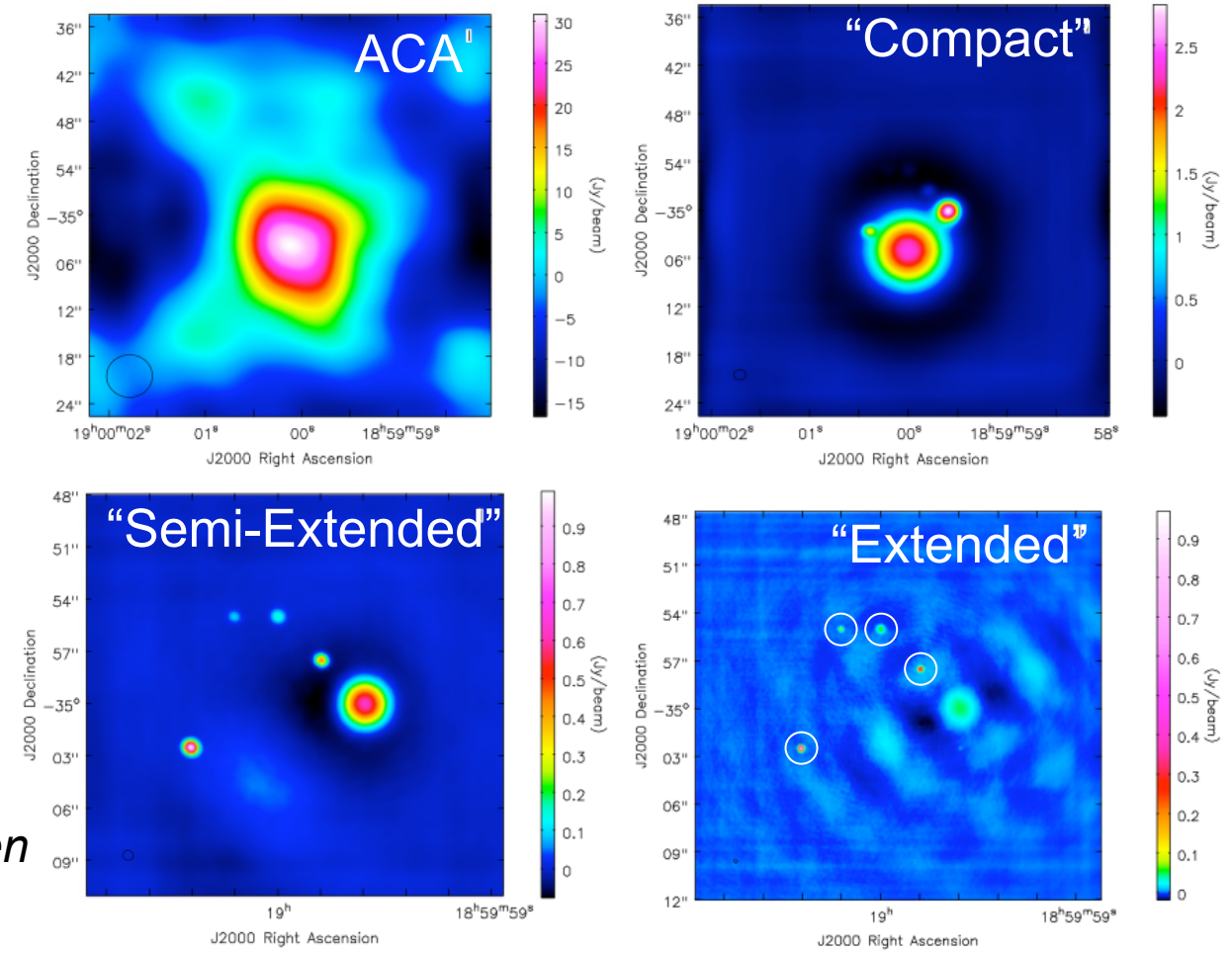
Think about your target…



→ **Observed with different ALMA configurations**



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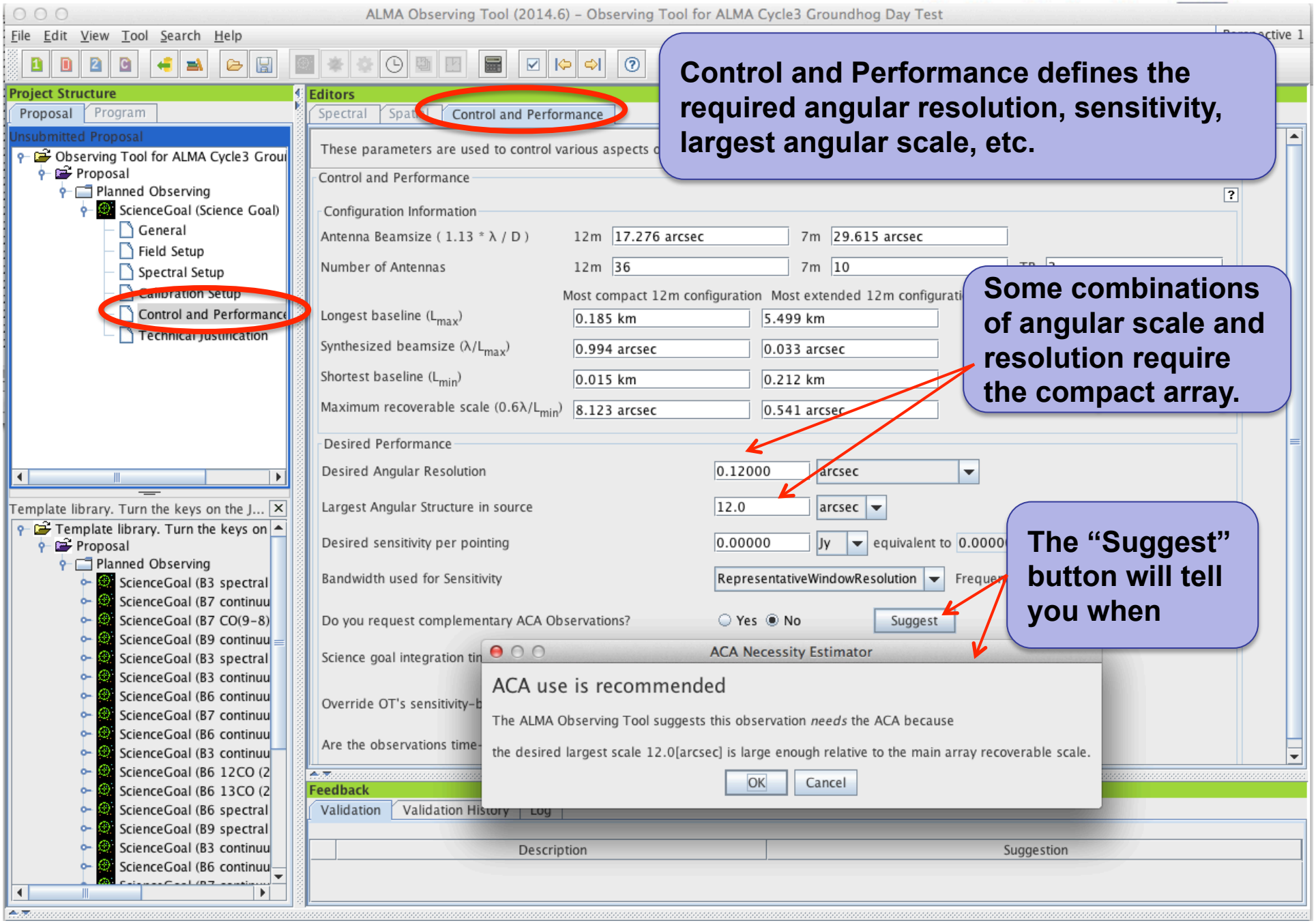
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arcsec
Largest Angular Structure in source
12.0
arcsec
Desired sensitivity per pointing
0.00000
Jy
equivalent to
Bandwidth used for Sensitivity
RepresentativeWindowResolution
Do you request complementary ACA Observations?
Yes
No
Suggest
Science goal integration tin
Override OT's sensitivity-b
Are the observations time-
Control and Performance defines the required angular resolution, sensitivity, largest angular scale, etc.
Some combinations of angular scale and resolution require the compact array.
The “Suggest” button will tell you when
ACA Necessity Estimator
ACA use is recommended
The ALMA Observing Tool suggests this observation needs the ACA because
the desired largest scale 12.0[arcsec] is large enough relative to the main array recoverable scale.
OK
Cancel
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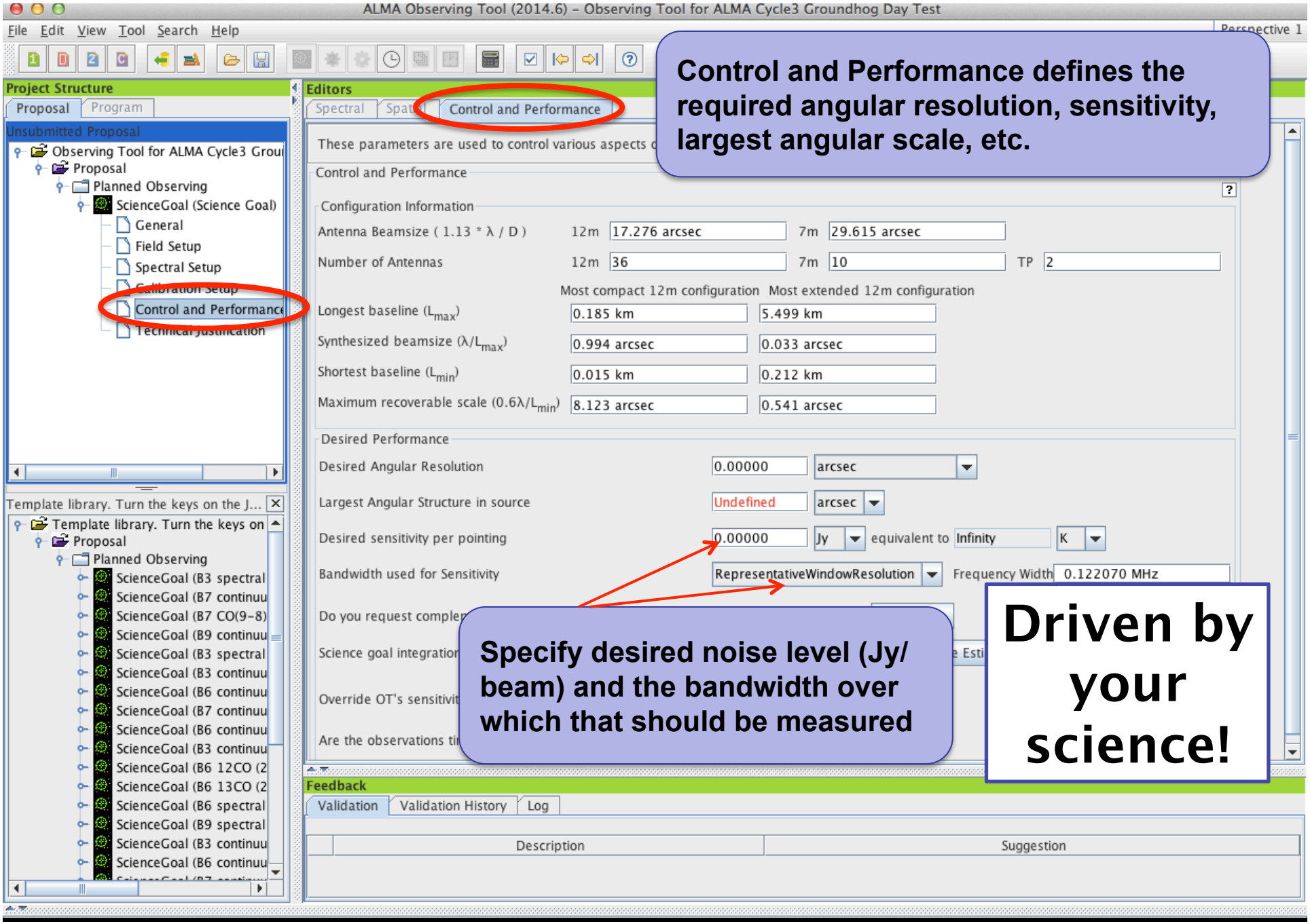
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Bandwidth used for Sensitivity
RepresentativeWindowResolution
Frequency Width
0.122070 MHz
Specify desired noise level (Jy/beam) and the bandwidth over which that should be measured
Driven by your science!
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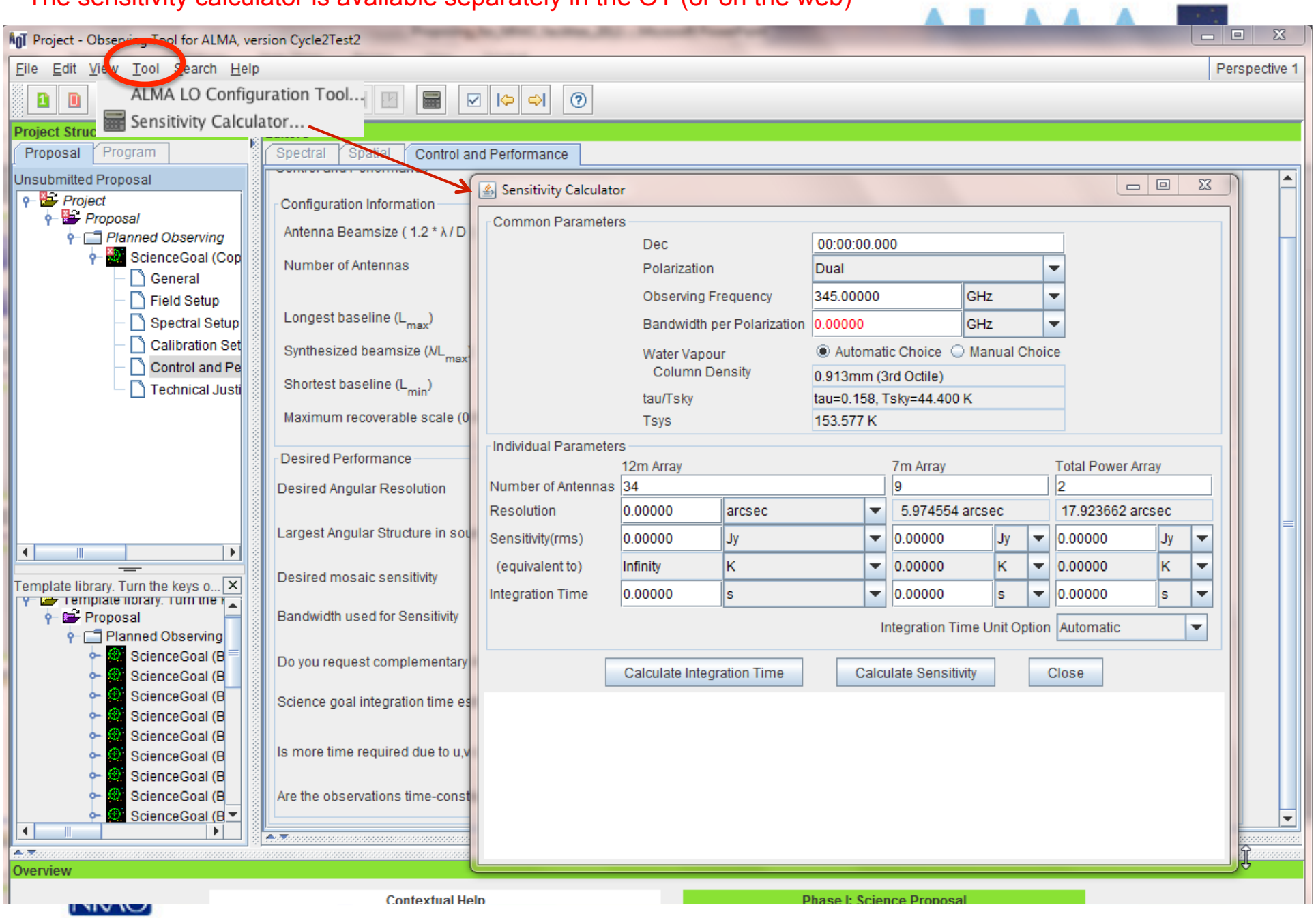
The sensitivity calculator is available separately in the OT (or on the web)



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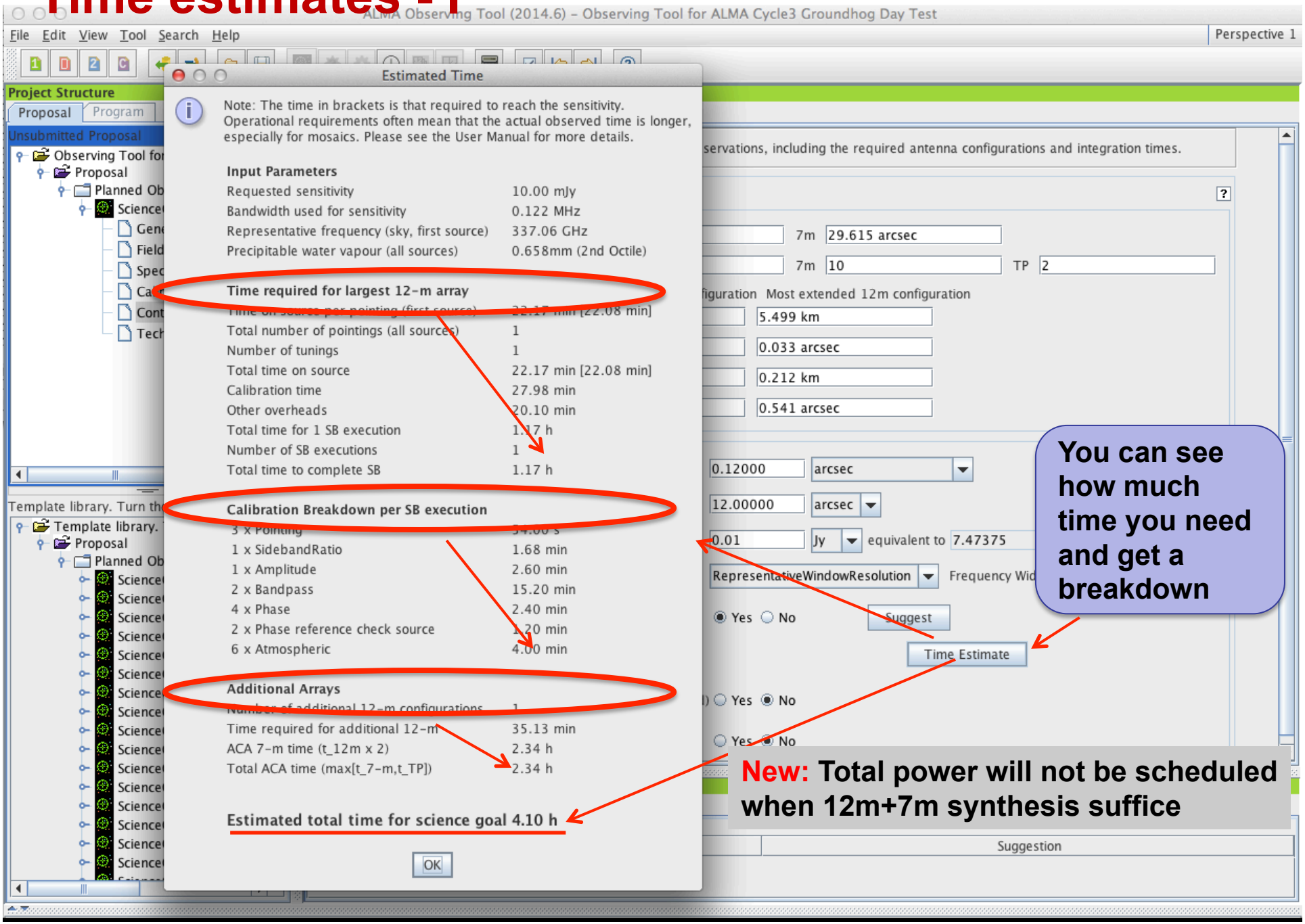

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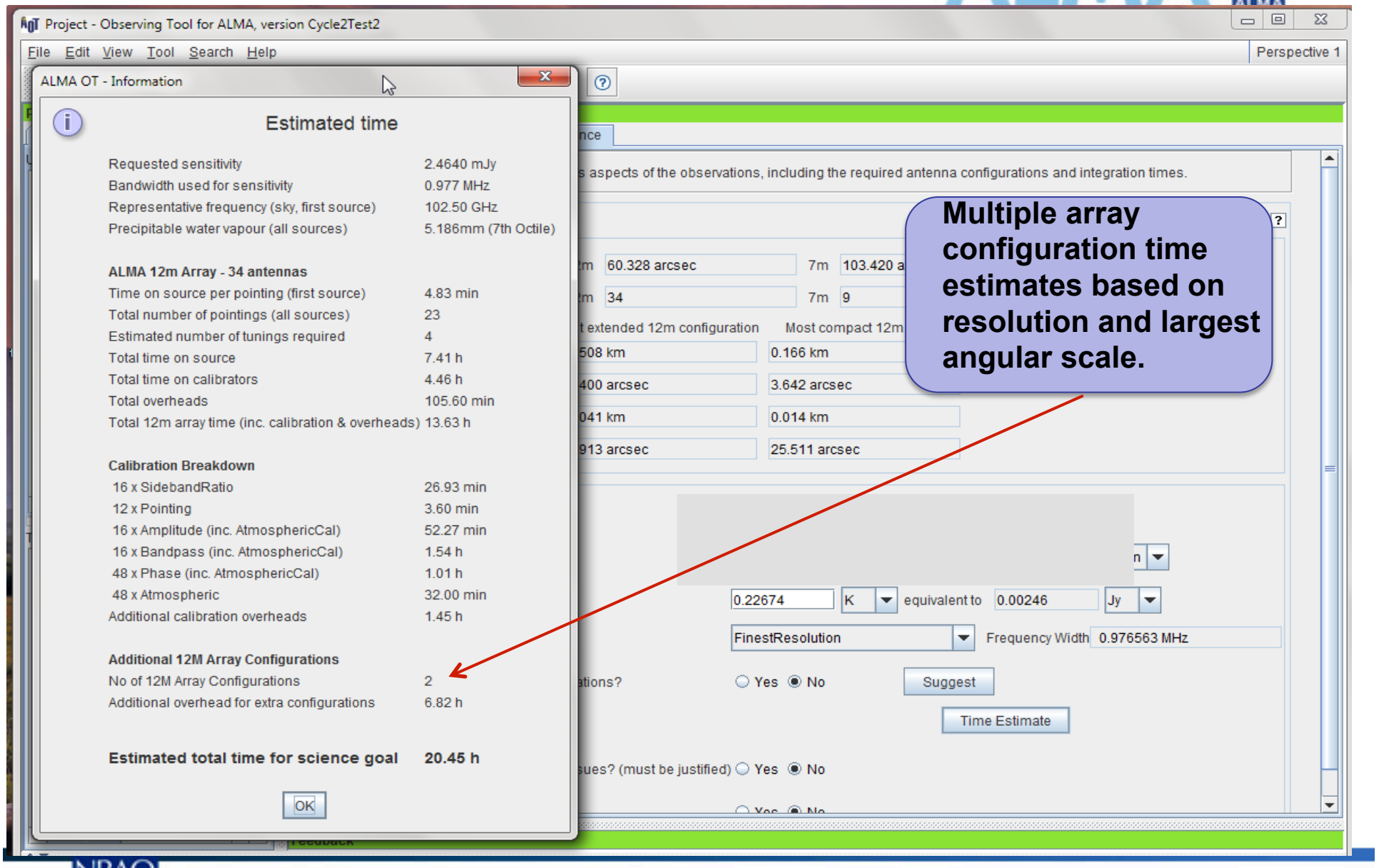
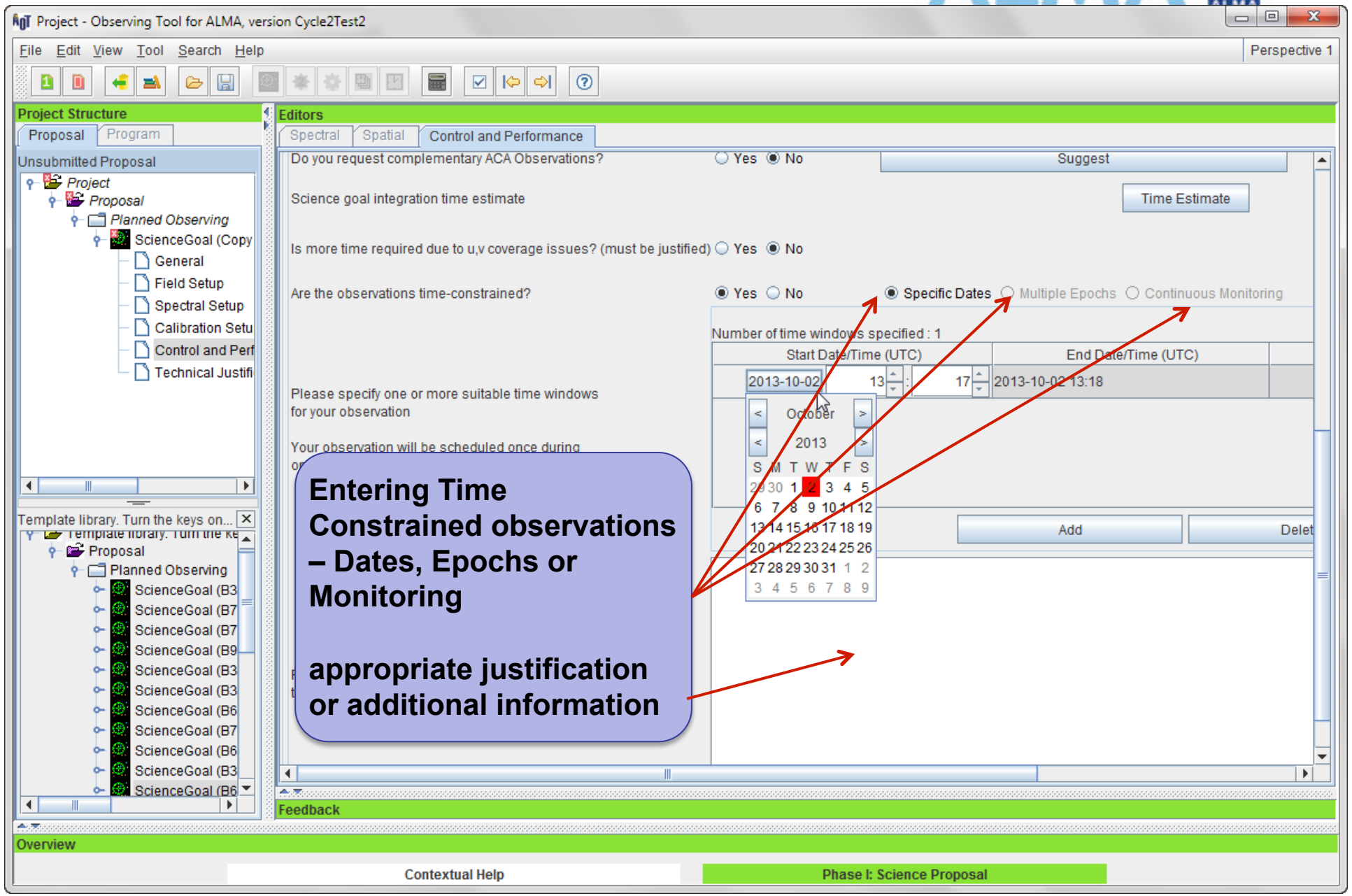
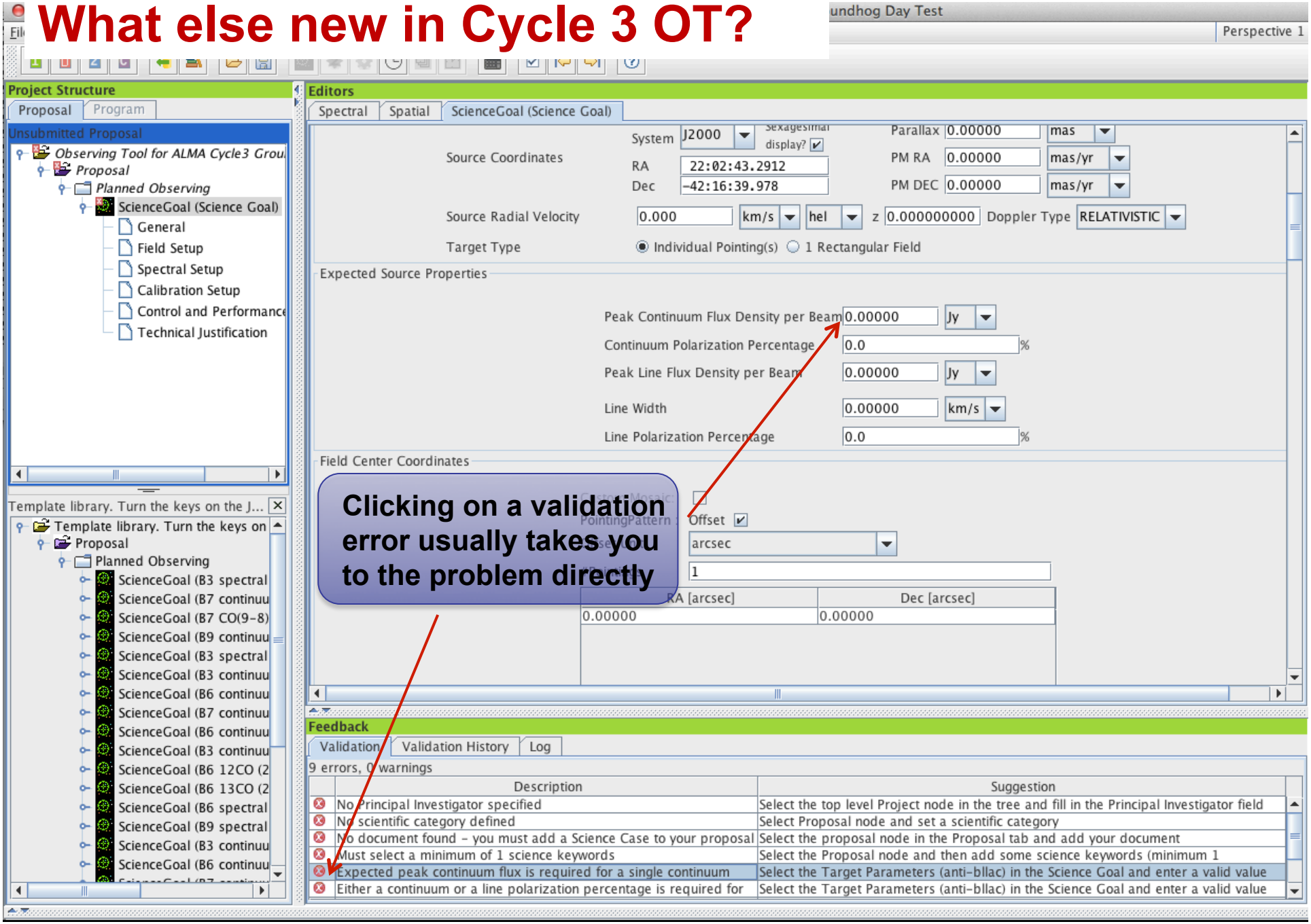


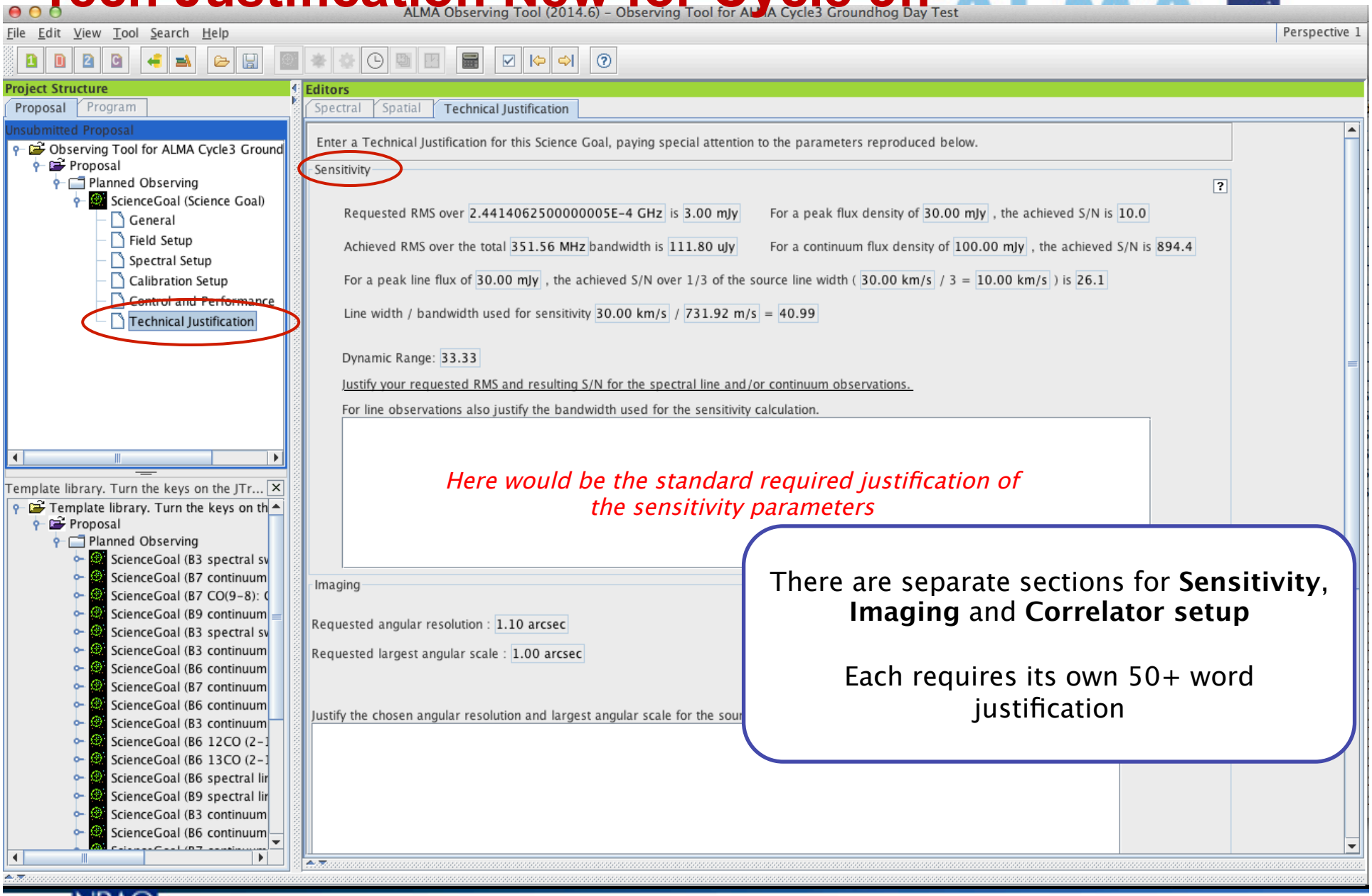
Time constrained observing



What else new in Cycle 3 OT?



Tech Justification New for Cycle 3!!



There are separate sections for **Sensitivity**, **Imaging** and **Correlator setup**

Each requires its own 50+ word justification

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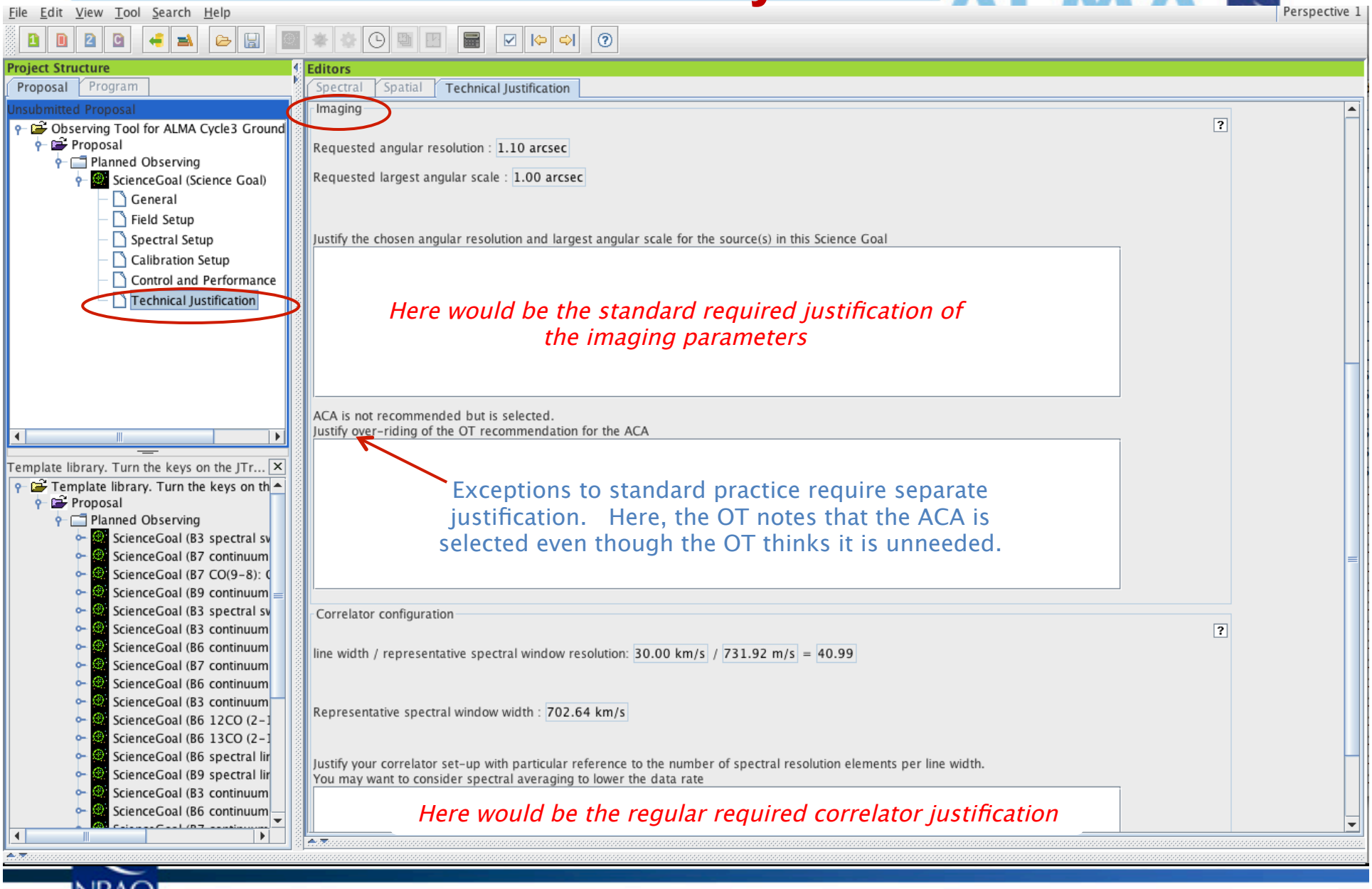

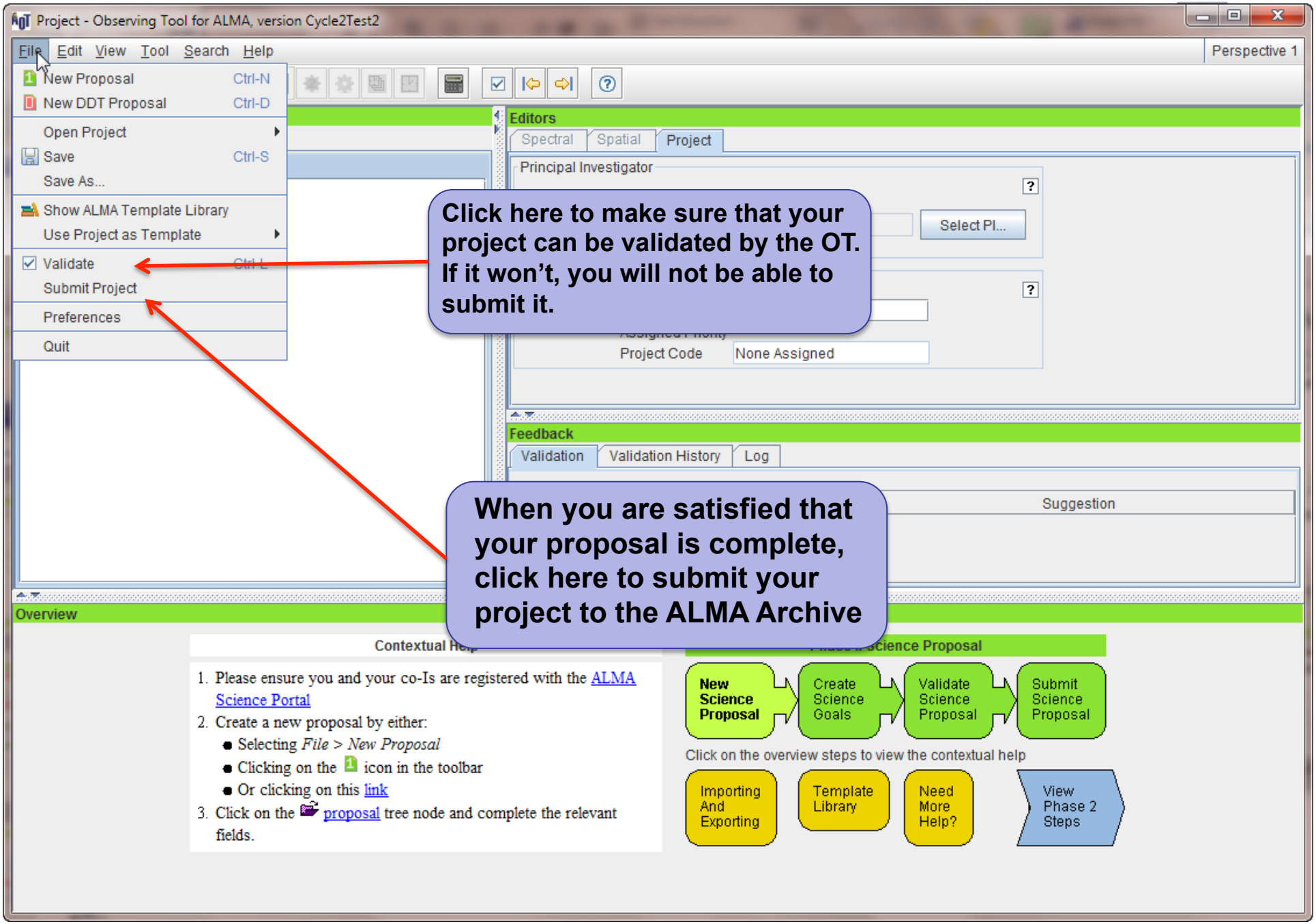
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Open Project
Save Ctrl-S
Save As...
Show ALMA Template Library
Use Project as Template
Validate Ctrl-L
Submit Project
Preferences
Quit
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Spectral Spatial Project
Principal Investigator
Select PI...
Project Code None Assigned
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Validation Validation History Log
Suggestion
Click here to make sure that your project can be validated by the OT. If it won't, you will not be able to submit it.
When you are satisfied that your proposal is complete, click here to submit your project to the ALMA Archive
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.
New Science Proposal
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Importing And Exporting
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Summary: New for Cycle 3 OT

For Cycle 3, there are a relatively small number of new "ALMA" features:

+ Band 10 (780 – 950 GHz)
+ Free choice of TDM frequency for full polarization observations (Bands 3, 6 and 7)
+ 36 12-m array, 10 7-m array, 2 TP

There are more new "OT" features:

+ *Sesame* is now used to query source information
+ A Science Goal can contain multiple sources with rectangular field definitions
+ The TP mapping area is automatically calculated for custom mosaics or single pointings
+ Import/export of pointing positions has been updated slightly
+ Absolute positions can be used for pointing centers
+ “Point source” button has been removed, use 0 for LAS, *there is no default*
+ TP will not be scheduled if 7-m array can achieve the requested LAS
+ Various improvements to time-constrained interface
+ Technical Justification node completely overhauled
+ Total time for a proposal can be displayed in the main OT GUI – Under “Tool” in menu bar

ALMA

For more info:

https://almascience.nrao.edu/

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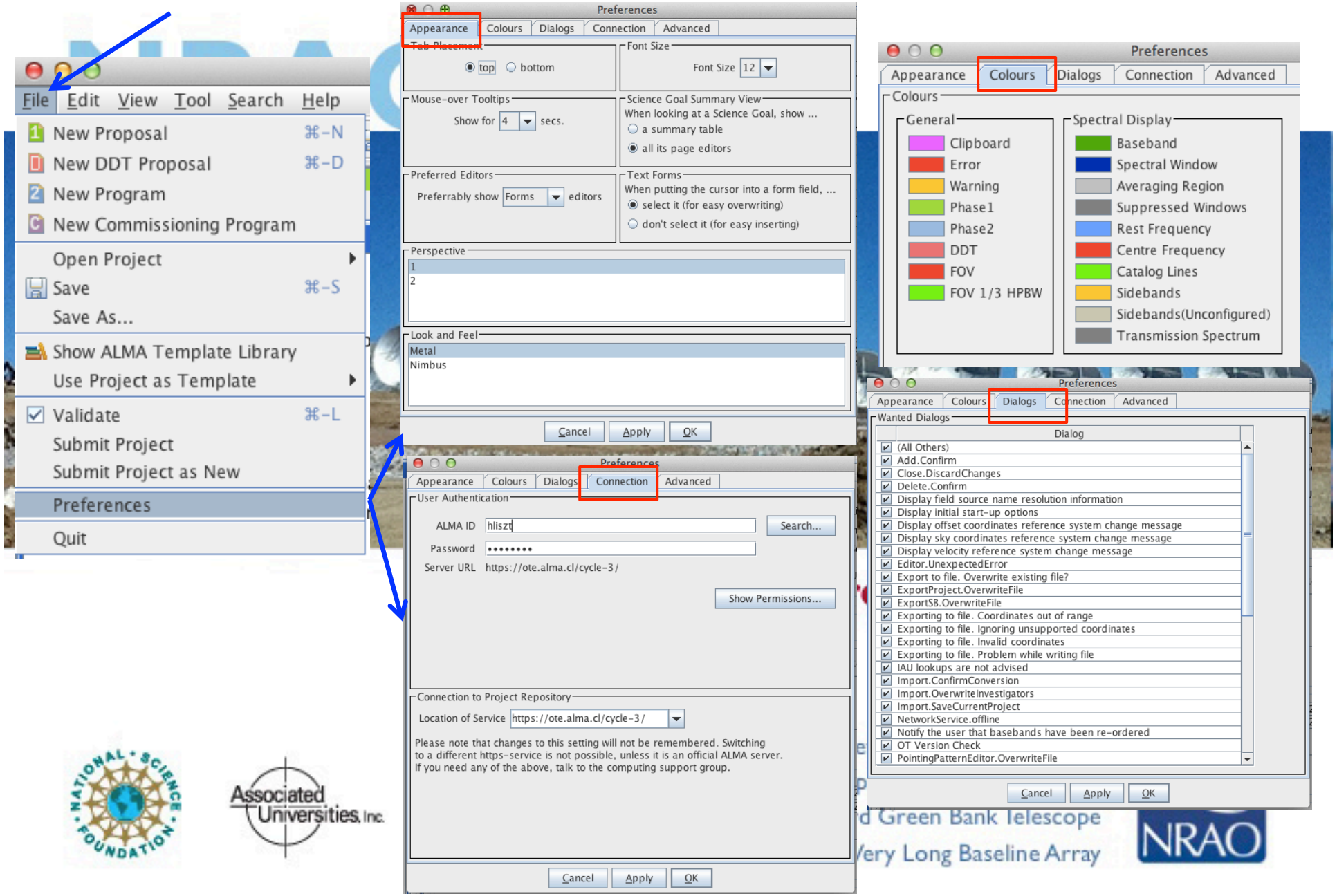

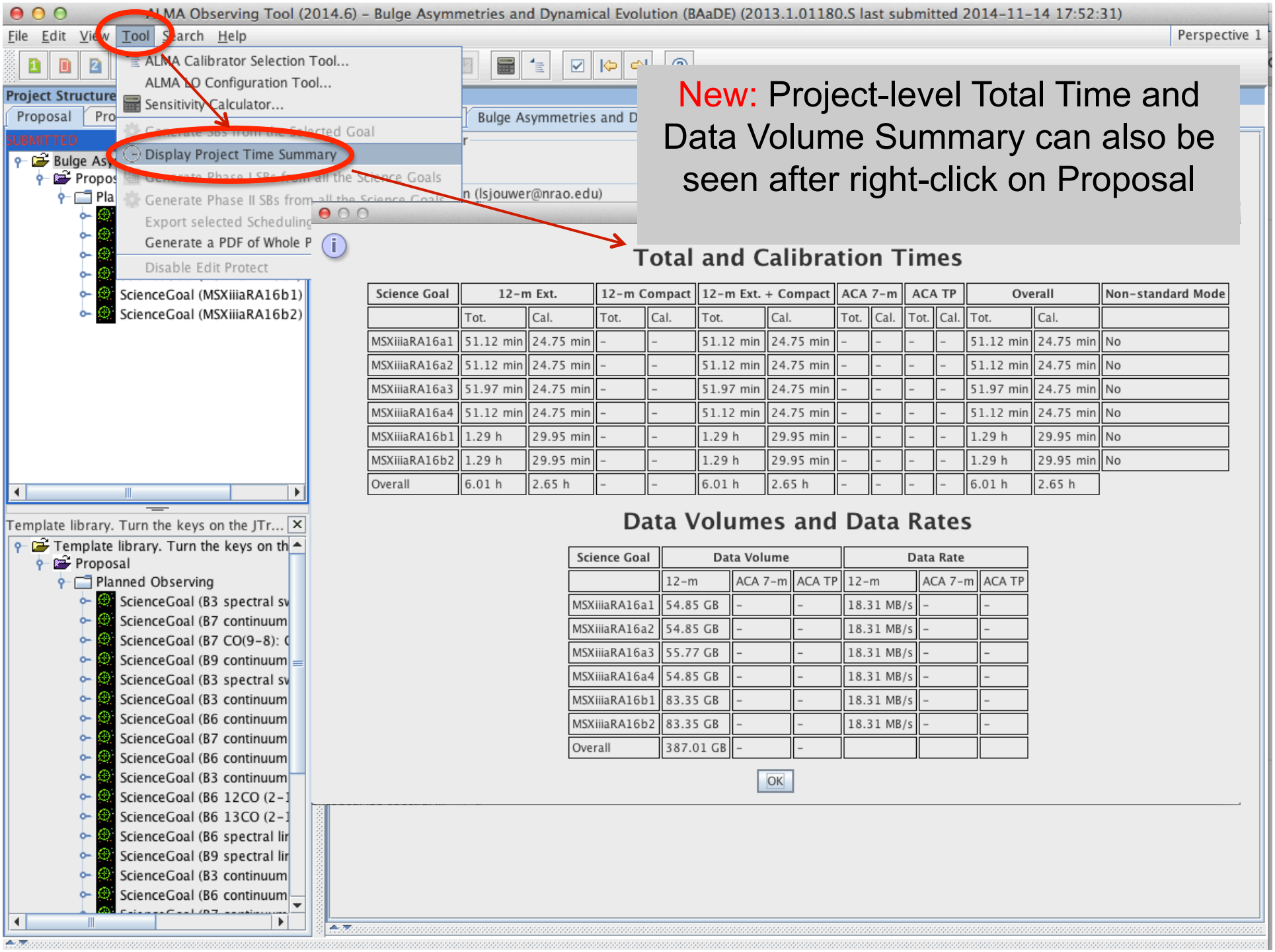

Science Goal	12-m Ext.		12-m Compact		12-m Ext. + Compact		ACA 7-m		ACA TP		Overall		Non-standard Mode
	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	
MSXiiiaRA16a1	51.12 min	24.75 min	-	-	51.12 min	24.75 min	-	-	-	-	51.12 min	24.75 min	No
MSXiiiaRA16a2	51.12 min	24.75 min	-	-	51.12 min	24.75 min	-	-	-	-	51.12 min	24.75 min	No
MSXiiiaRA16a3	51.97 min	24.75 min	-	-	51.97 min	24.75 min	-	-	-	-	51.97 min	24.75 min	No
MSXiiiaRA16a4	51.12 min	24.75 min	-	-	51.12 min	24.75 min	-	-	-	-	51.12 min	24.75 min	No
MSXiiiaRA16b1	1.29 h	29.95 min	-	-	1.29 h	29.95 min	-	-	-	-	1.29 h	29.95 min	No
MSXiiiaRA16b2	1.29 h	29.95 min	-	-	1.29 h	29.95 min	-	-	-	-	1.29 h	29.95 min	No
Overall	6.01 h	2.65 h	-	-	6.01 h	2.65 h	-	-	-	-	6.01 h	2.65 h	

Science Goal	Data Volume			Data Rate		
	12-m	ACA 7-m	ACA TP	12-m	ACA 7-m	ACA TP
MSXiiiaRA16a1	54.85 GB	-	-	18.31 MB/s	-	-
MSXiiiaRA16a2	54.85 GB	-	-	18.31 MB/s	-	-
MSXiiiaRA16a3	55.77 GB	-	-	18.31 MB/s	-	-
MSXiiiaRA16a4	54.85 GB	-	-	18.31 MB/s	-	-
MSXiiiaRA16b1	83.35 GB	-	-	18.31 MB/s	-	-
MSXiiiaRA16b2	83.35 GB	-	-	18.31 MB/s	-	-
Overall	387.01 GB	-	-			