An Introduction to the Cycle 5 ALMA Observing Tool

How to turn that great idea into an ALMA proposal...

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Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array

Expanded Very Large Array

Very Long Baseline Array

Downloading the ALMA OT

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Observing Tool

The ALMA Observing Tool (OT) is a Java application used for the preparation and submission of ALMA Phase 1 (observing proposal) and Phase 2 (telescope runfiles for accepted proposals) materials. It is also used for preparing and submitting Director's Discretionary Time (DDT) proposals. The current *Cycle 4* release of the OT is configured for the present capabilities of ALMA as described in the Cycle 4 Call For Proposals. Note that in order to submit proposals you will have to register with the ALMA Science Portal beforehand.

Note that preparation of Cycle 3 Phase 1 and DDT proposals needs to be done using the Cycle 3 version of the Observing Tool. This version of the OT can be found in the DDT page, or the Phase 2 menu.

Download & Installation

The OT will run on most common operating systems, as long as you have **Java 8** 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 Runtime Environment. Please use this if you have any problems running the OT tarball install with your default Java.

Webstart Tarball

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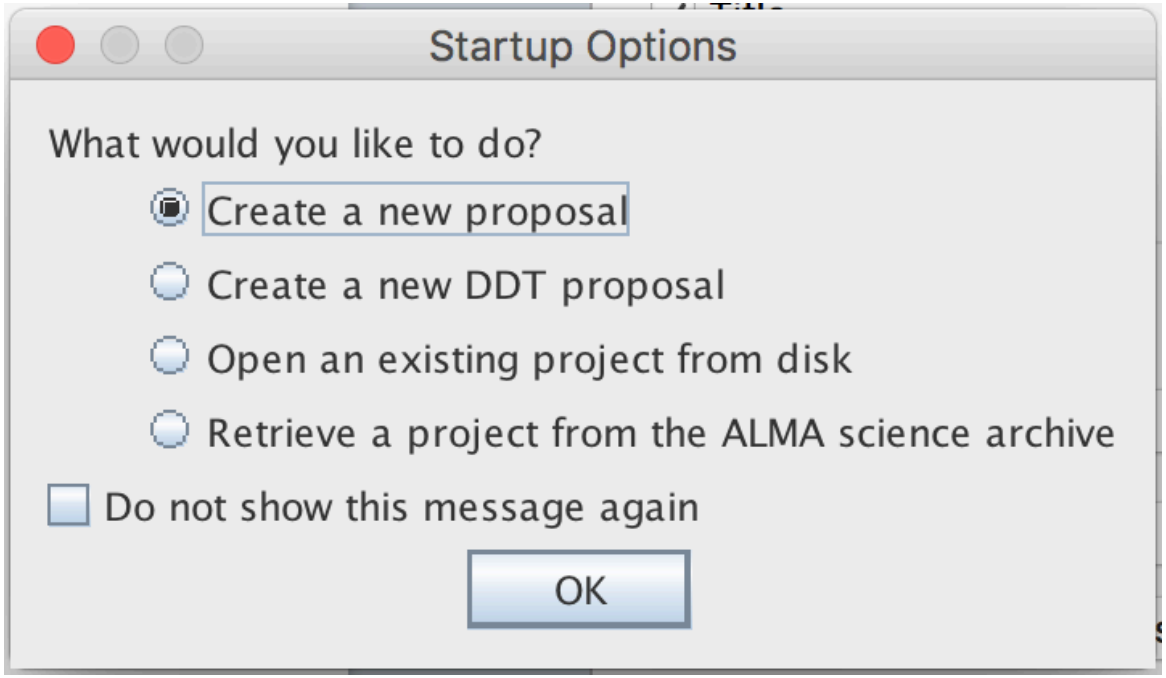
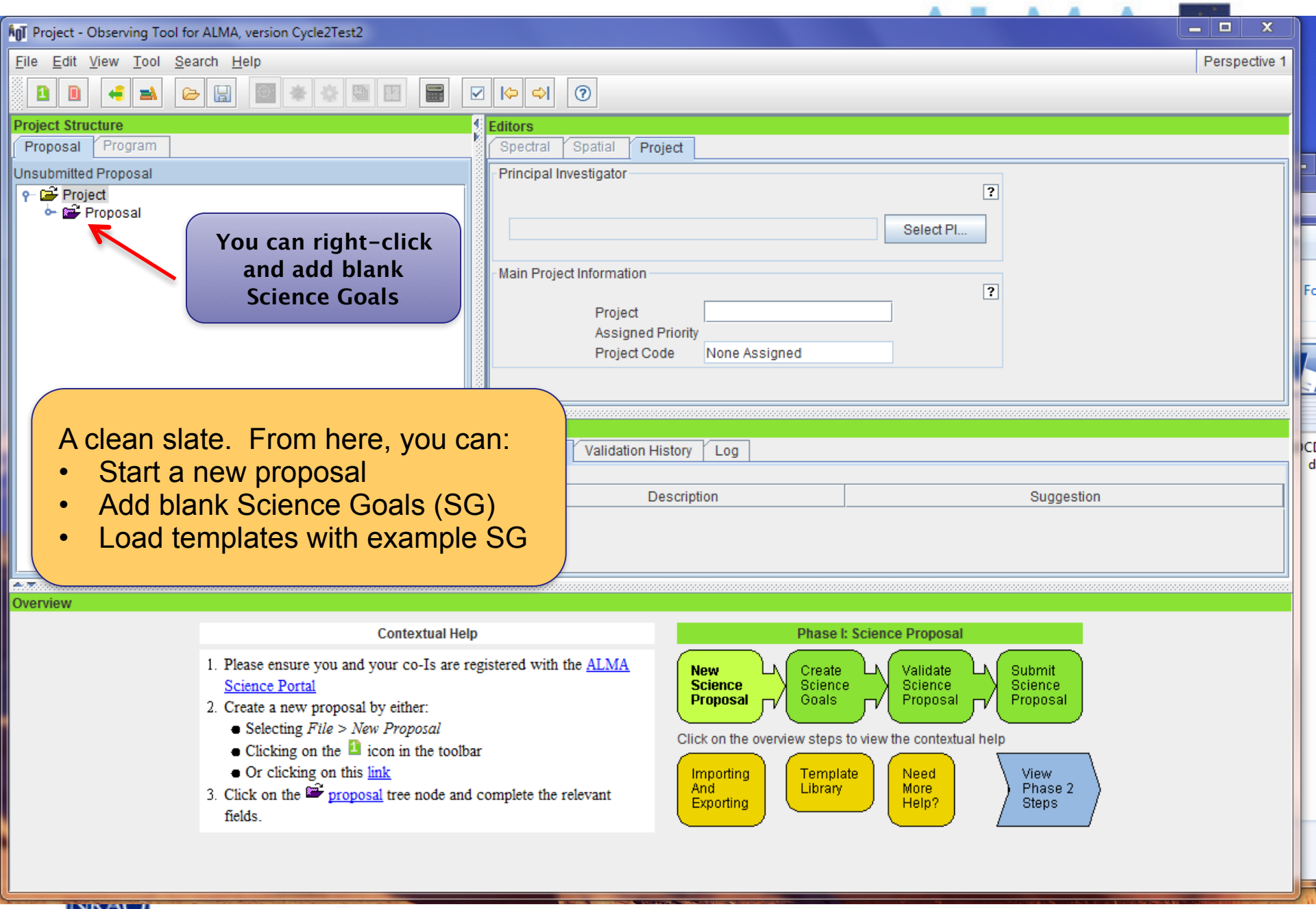
Starting the OT

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Spectral Spatial Project
Principal Investigator
Select PI...
Main Project Information
Project
Assigned Priority
Project Code
None Assigned
A clean slate. From here, you can:
• Start a new proposal
• Add blank Science Goals (SG)
• Load templates with example SG
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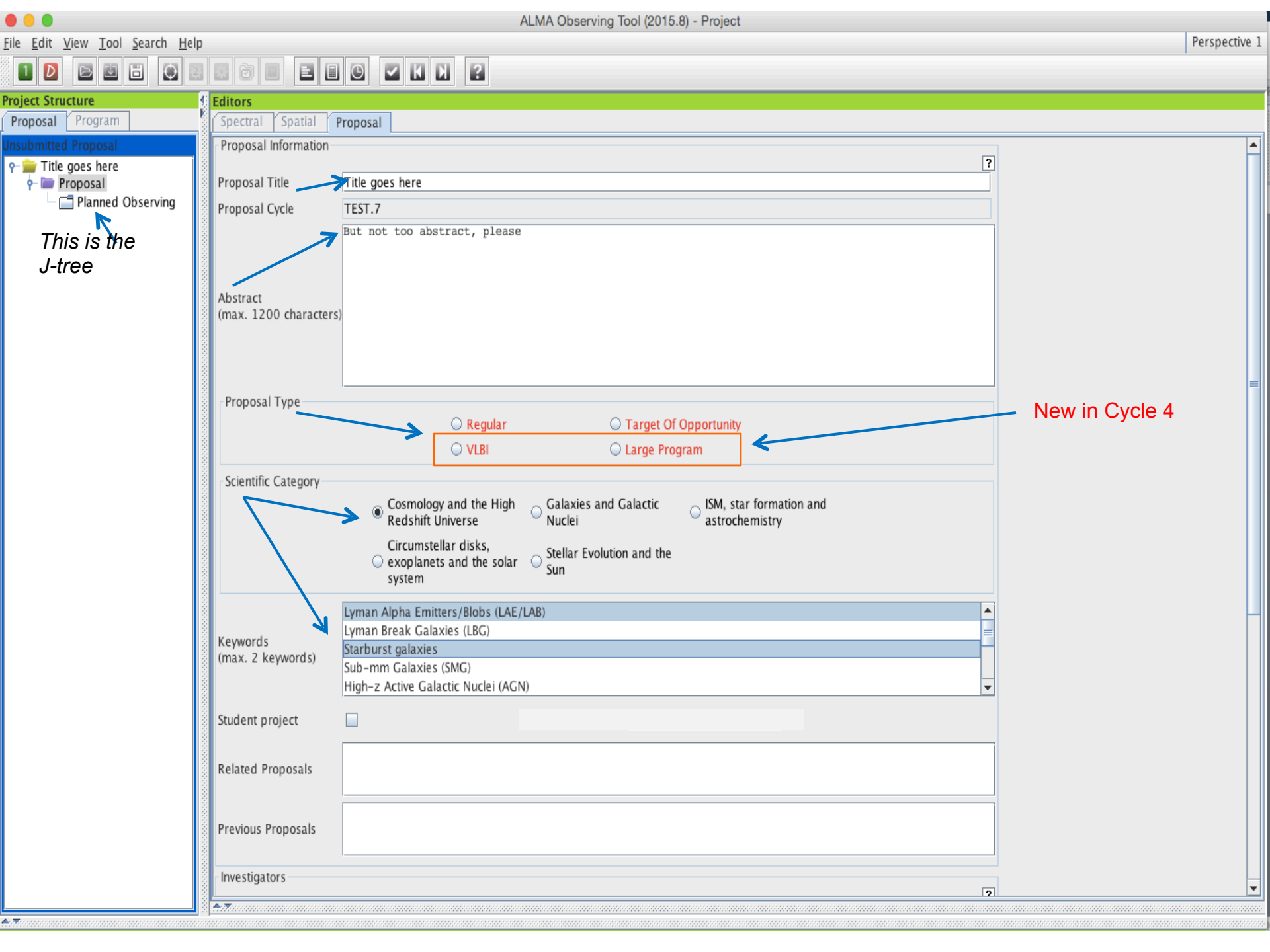
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Proposal Cycle
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Abstract (max. 1200 characters)
But not too abstract, please
Proposal Type
Regular
Target Of Opportunity
VLBI
Large Program
New in Cycle 4
Scientific Category
Cosmology and the High Redshift Universe
Galaxies and Galactic Nuclei
ISM, star formation and astrochemistry
Circumstellar disks, exoplanets and the solar system
Stellar Evolution and the Sun
Keywords (max. 2 keywords)
Lyman Alpha Emitters/Blobs (LAE/LAB)
Lyman Break Galaxies (LBG)
Starburst galaxies
Sub-mm Galaxies (SMG)
High-z Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)
Student project
Related Proposals
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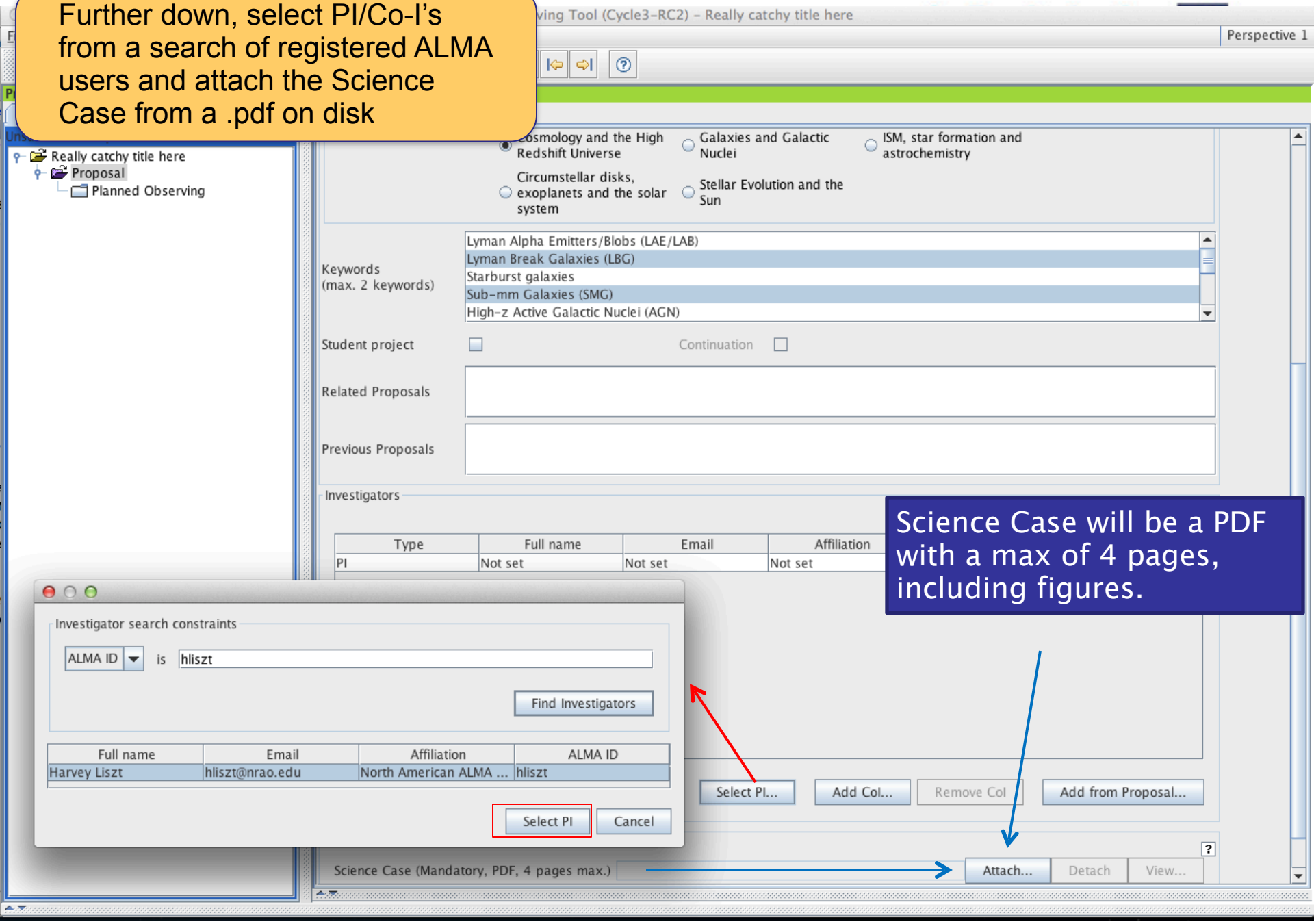
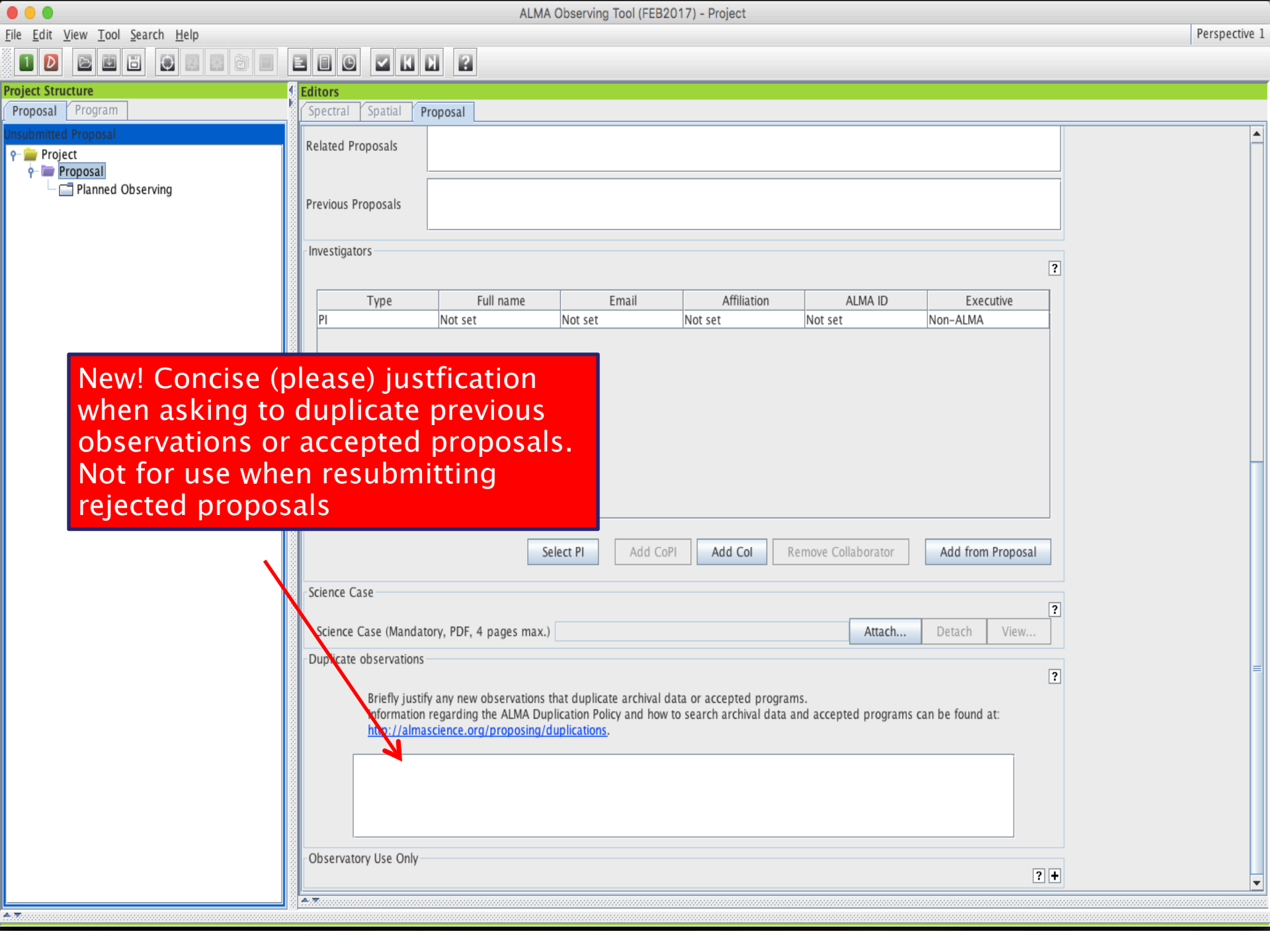
Further down, select PI/Co-I's from a search of registered ALMA users and attach the Science Case from a .pdf on disk



Science Case will be a PDF with a max of 4 pages, including figures.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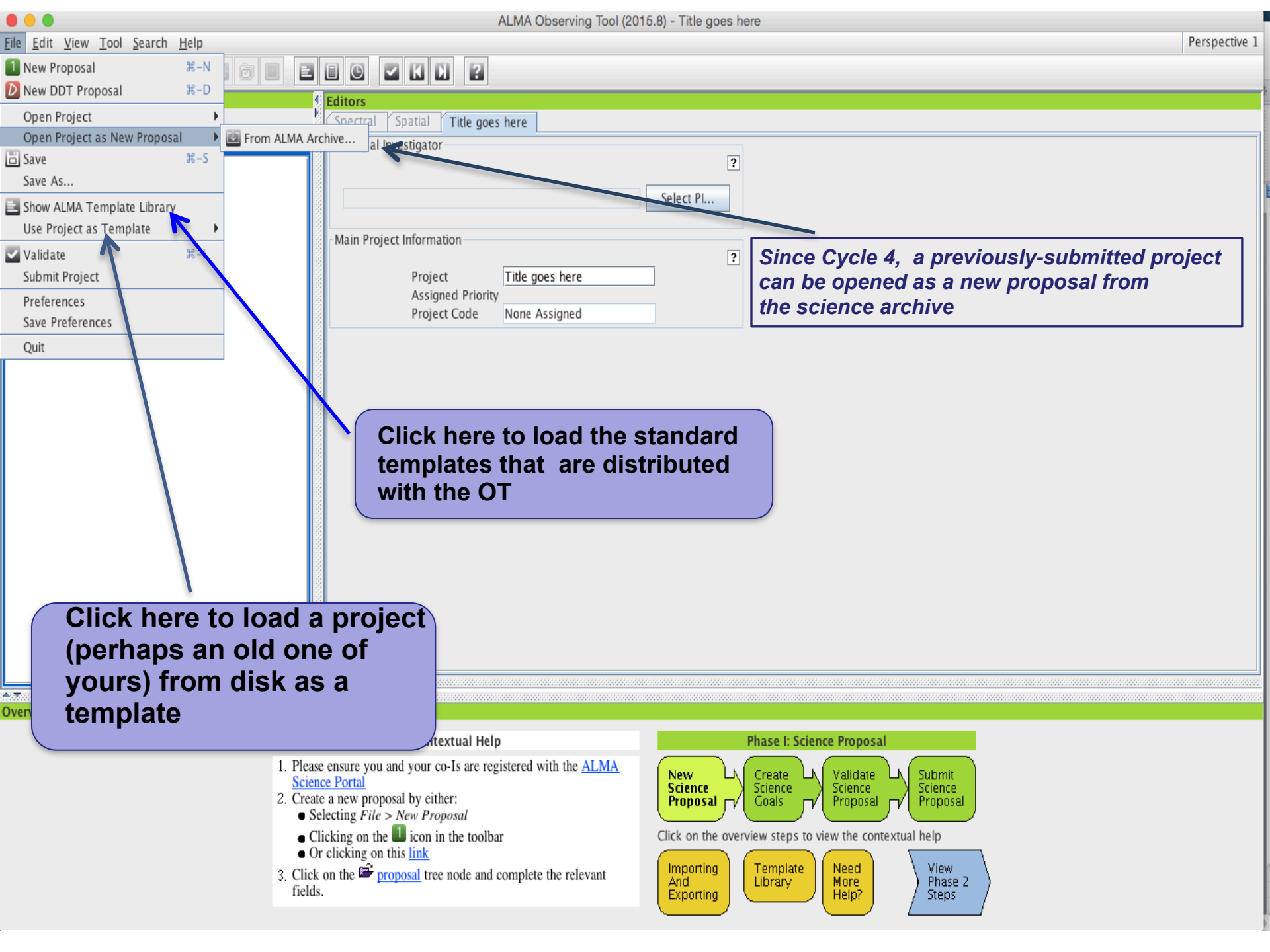
Select PI
Add CoPI
Add CoI
Remove Collaborator
Add from Proposal
Science Case
Science Case (Mandatory, PDF, 4 pages max.)
Attach...
Detach
View...
Duplicate observations
Briefly justify any new observations that duplicate archival data or accepted programs.
Information regarding the ALMA Duplication Policy and how to search archival data and accepted programs can be found at:
http://almascience.org/proposing/duplications.
Observatory Use Only
New! Concise (please) justfication when asking to duplicate previous observations or accepted proposals. Not for use when resubmitting rejected proposals

Science Case

- Free-form PDF document
  - 12+ font, English only
  - 20 MB file size
  - 4 pages (6 for Large Projects)
- Must include:
  - Astronomical Importance
  - Estimated intensity, S/N
- May include:
  - Figures
  - Tables
  - References

Table 1: Cycle 5 Configuration Schedule

Start date	Configuration	Longest baseline	LST for best observing conditions
2017 October 1	C43-7	3.7 km	~ 21h - 10h
2017 October 5	C43-8	6.8 km	~ 22h - 11h
2017 October 25	C43-9	12.8 km	~ 23h - 12h
2017 November 10	C43-10	16.5 km	~ 1h - 13h
2017 December 1-18	No observations due to large antenna reconfiguration		
2017 December 19	C43-6	1.8 km	~ 4h - 15h
2018 January 10	C43-5	1.1 km	~ 5h - 17h
2018 February 1-28	No observations due to February shutdown		
2018 March 1	C43-4	0.7 km	~ 8h - 21h
2018 March 30	C43-3	0.46 km	~ 10h - 0h
2018 May 15	C43-2	0.27 km	~ 12h - 3h
2018 June 15	C43-1	0.15 km	~ 14h - 5h
2018 July 15	C43-2	0.27 km	~ 17h - 7h
2018 August 15	C43-3	0.46 km	~ 18h - 8h
2018 August 30	C43-4	0.7 km	~ 19h - 9h
2018 September 15	C43-5	1.1 km	~ 20h - 10h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Show ALMA Template Library
Use Project as Template
Validate
Submit Project
Preferences
Save Preferences
Quit
Editors
Spectral
Spatial
Title goes here
Select PI...
Main Project Information
Project
Title goes here
Assigned Priority
Project Code
None Assigned
Since Cycle 4, a previously-submitted project can be opened as a new proposal from the science archive
Click here to load the standard templates that are distributed with the OT
Click here to load a project (perhaps an old one of yours) from disk as a template
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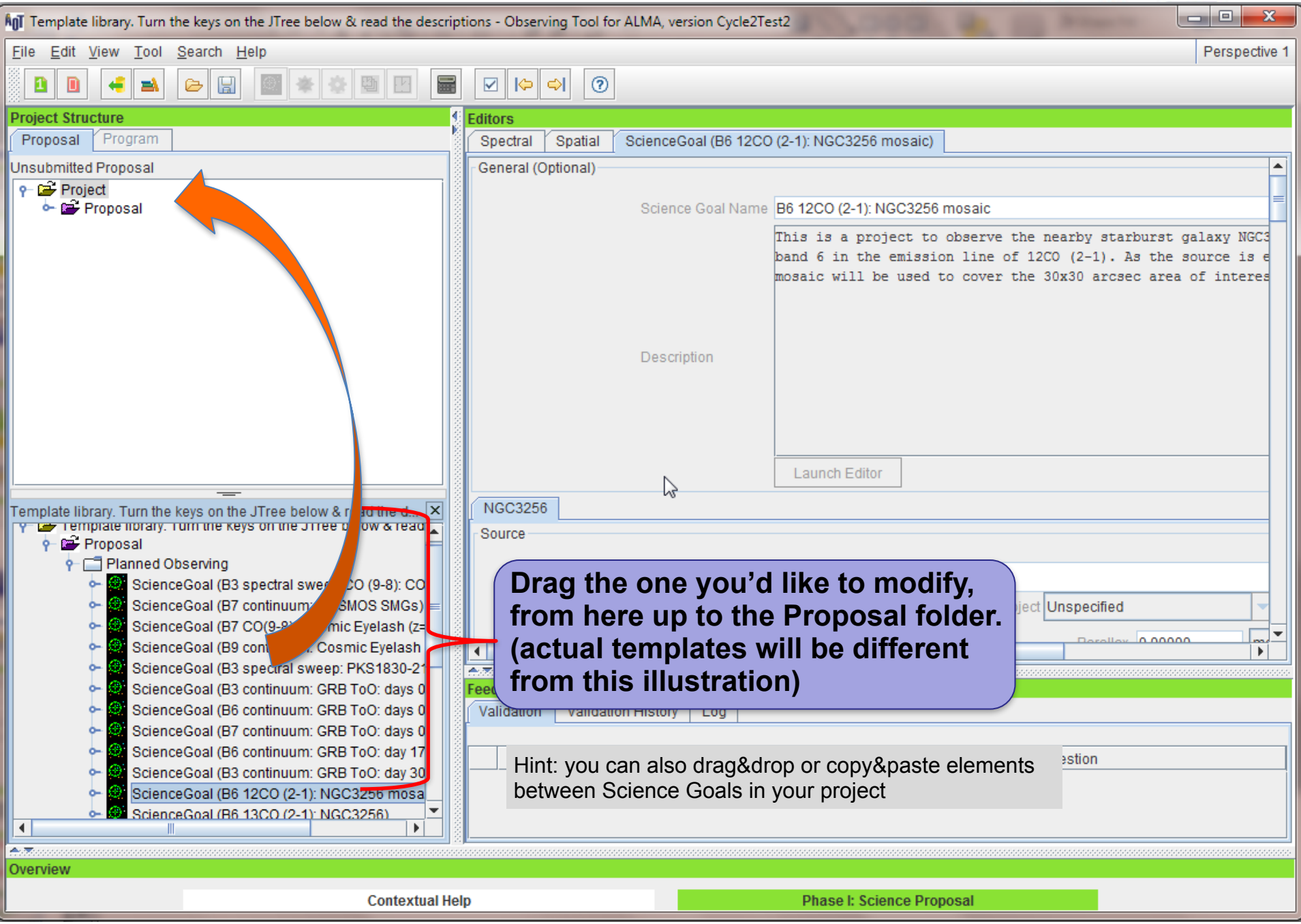
Template library. Turn the keys on the JTree below & read the descriptions - Observing Tool for ALMA, version Cycle2Test2
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Spectral Spatial ScienceGoal (B6 12CO (2-1): NGC3256 mosaic)
General (Optional)
Science Goal Name
B6 12CO (2-1): NGC3256 mosaic
Description
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
Launch Editor
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ScienceGoal (B7 continuum: GRB ToO: days 0
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ScienceGoal (B6 13CO (2-1): NGC3256)
NGC3256
Source
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Drag the one you'd like to modify, from here up to the Proposal folder. (actual templates will be different from this illustration)
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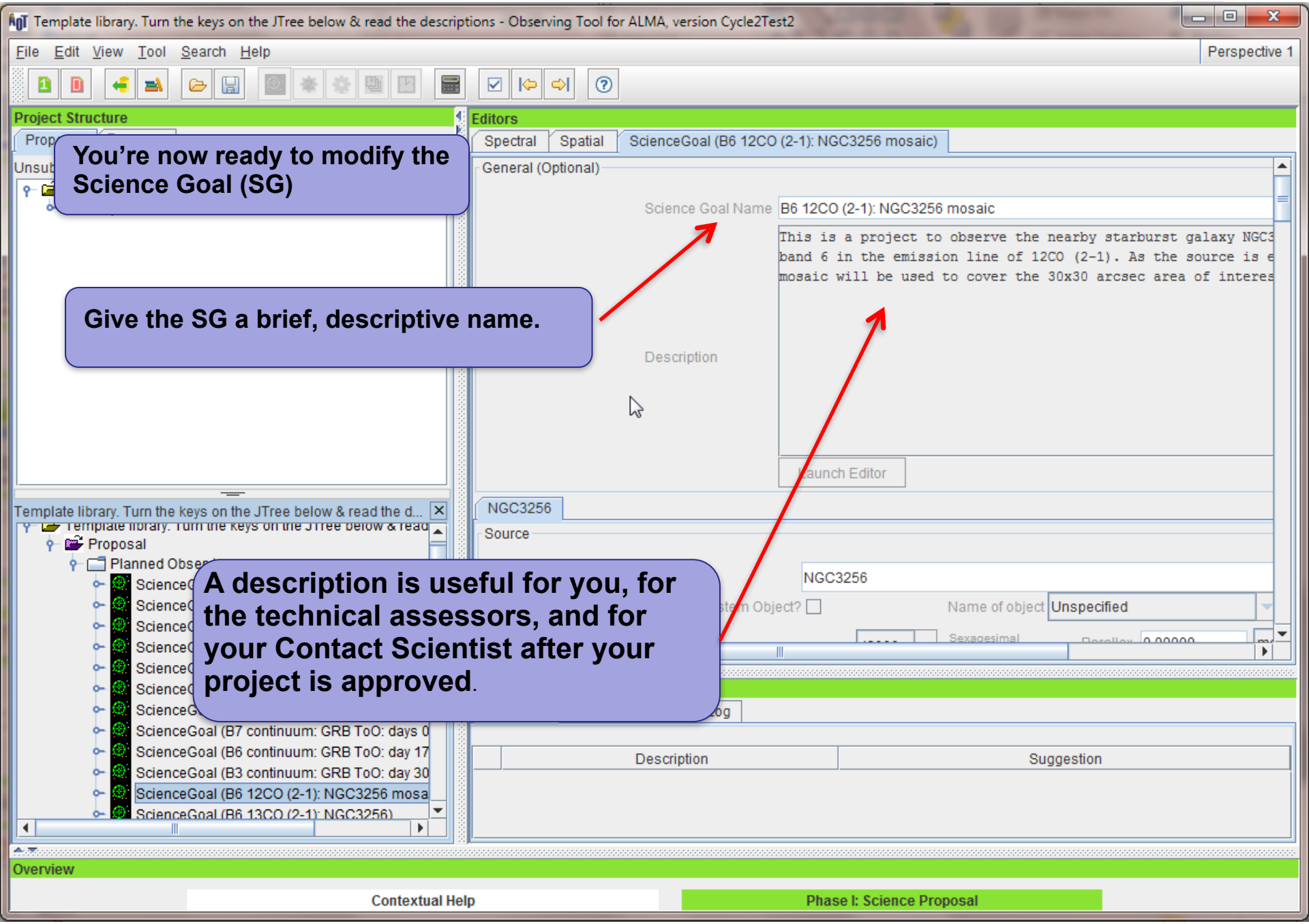
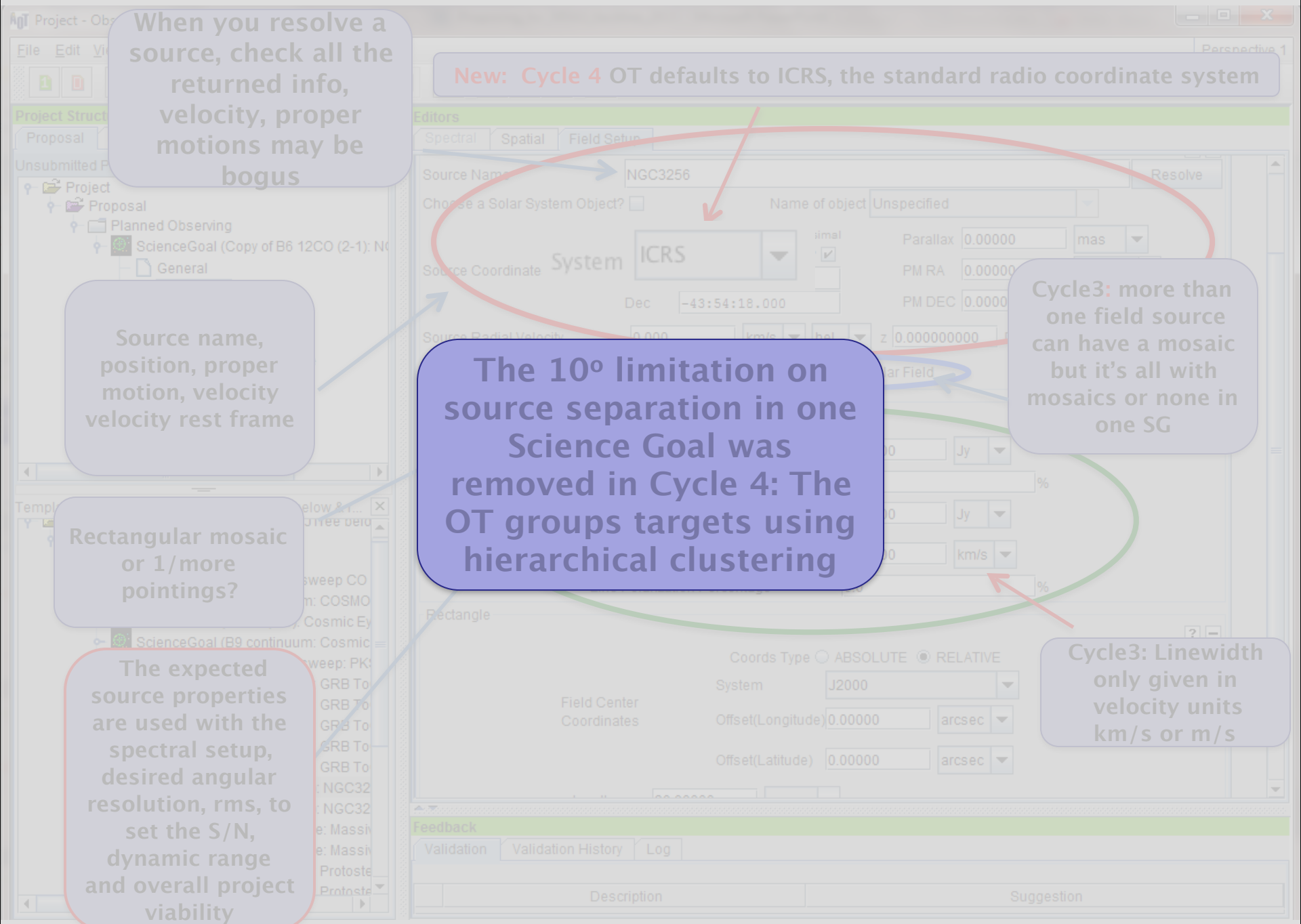
Hint: you can also drag&drop or copy&paste elements between Science Goals in your project
Overview
Contextual Help
Phase I: Science Proposal



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

Give the SG a brief, descriptive name.

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


When you resolve a source, check all the returned info, velocity, proper motions may be bogus
New: Cycle 4 OT defaults to ICRS, the standard radio coordinate system
Source name, position, proper motion, velocity velocity rest frame
Cycle3: more than one field source can have a mosaic but it's all with mosaics or none in one SG
The 10º limitation on source separation in one Science Goal was removed in Cycle 4: The OT groups targets using hierarchical clustering
Rectangular mosaic or 1/more pointings?
Cycle3: Linewidth only given in velocity units km/s or m/s
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
Editors
Spectral
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Field Setup
Source Name
NGC3256
Resolve
Name of object
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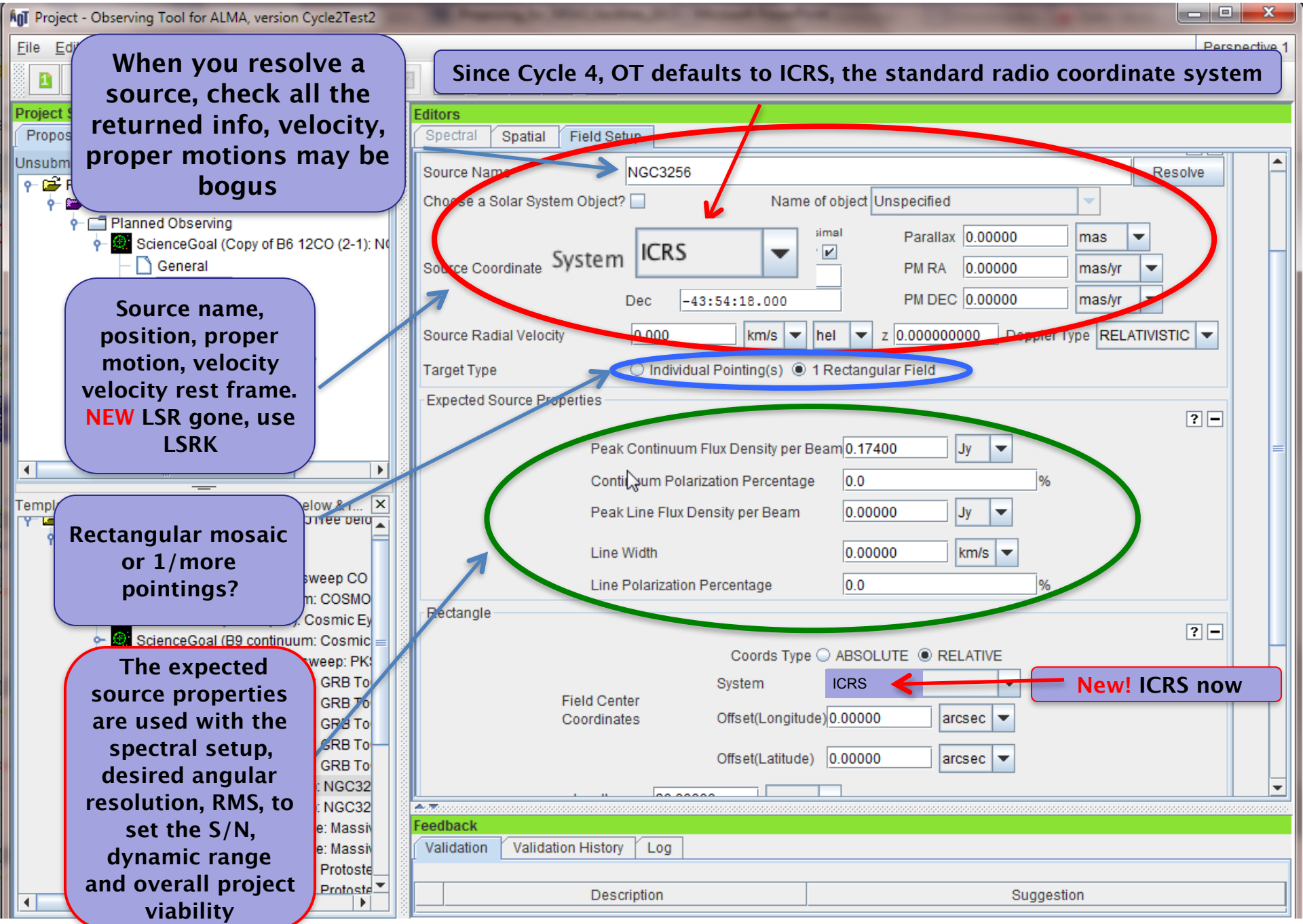
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Target Type
Individual Pointing(s)
1 Rectangular Field
Expected Source Properties
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Peak Line Flux Density per Beam
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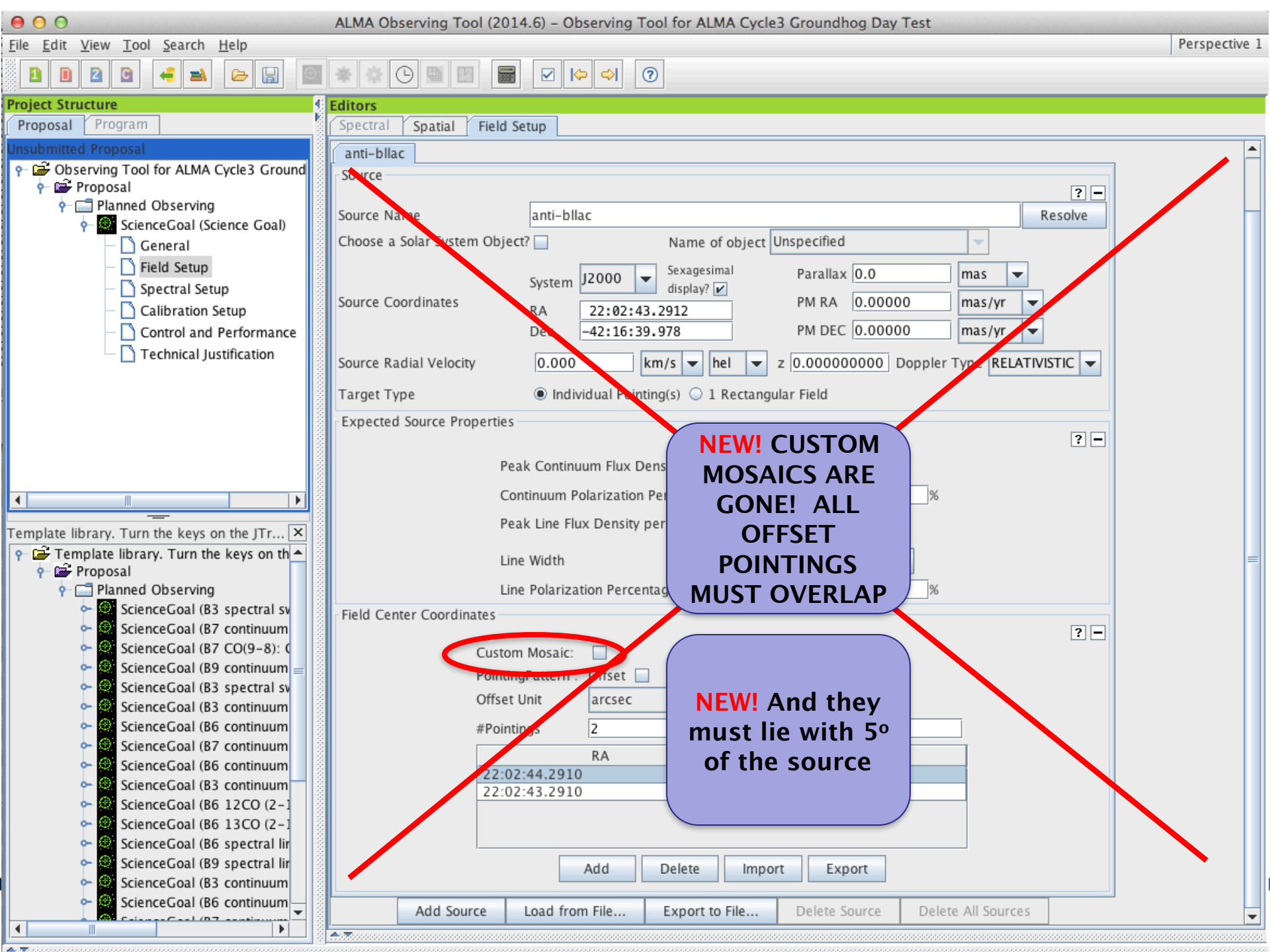
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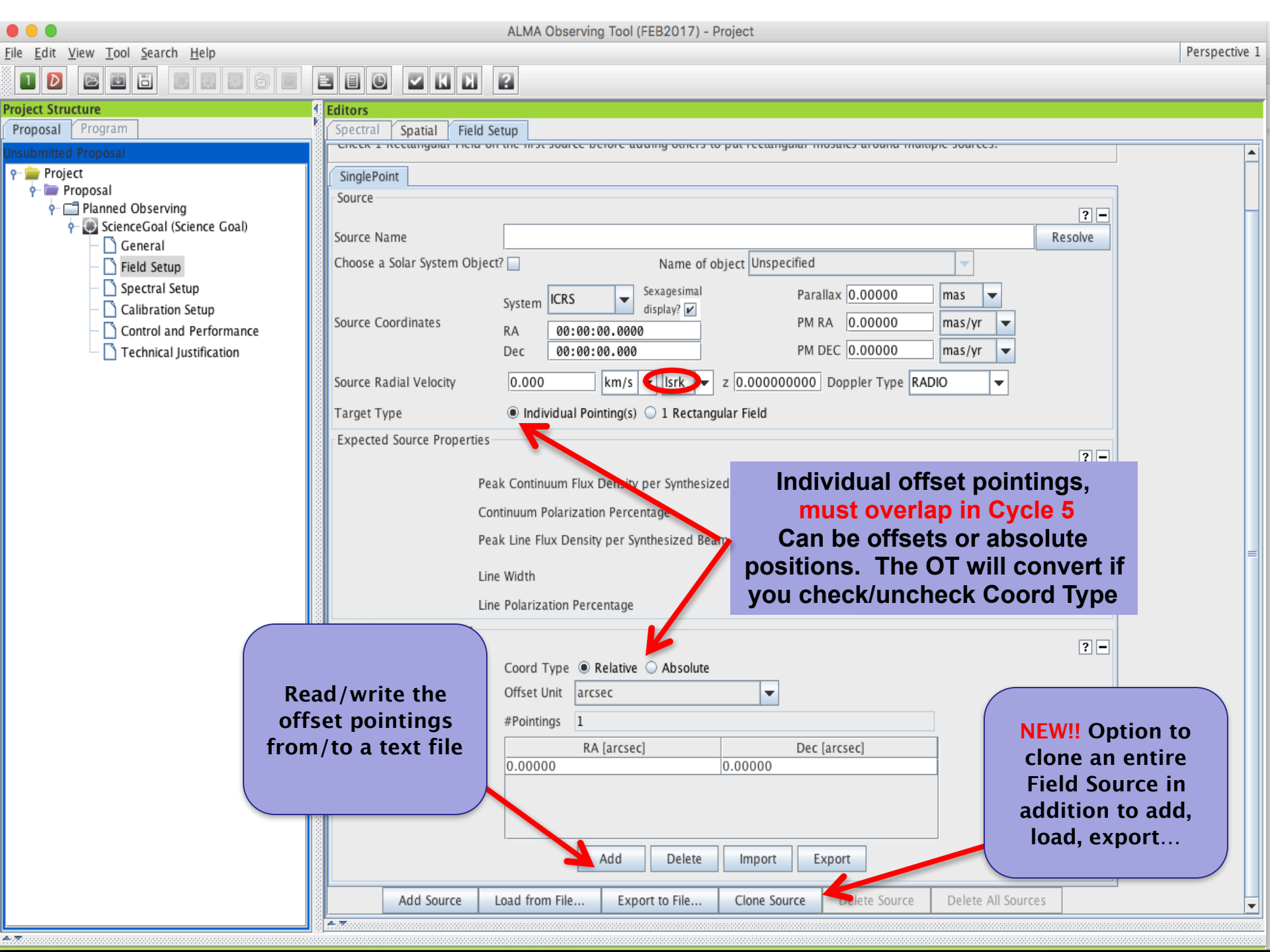
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Expected Source Properties
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Individual offset pointings, must overlap in Cycle 5
Can be offsets or absolute positions. The OT will convert if you check/uncheck Coord Type
Coord Type
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Export
Read/write the offset pointings from/to a text file
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Export to File...
Clone Source
Delete Source
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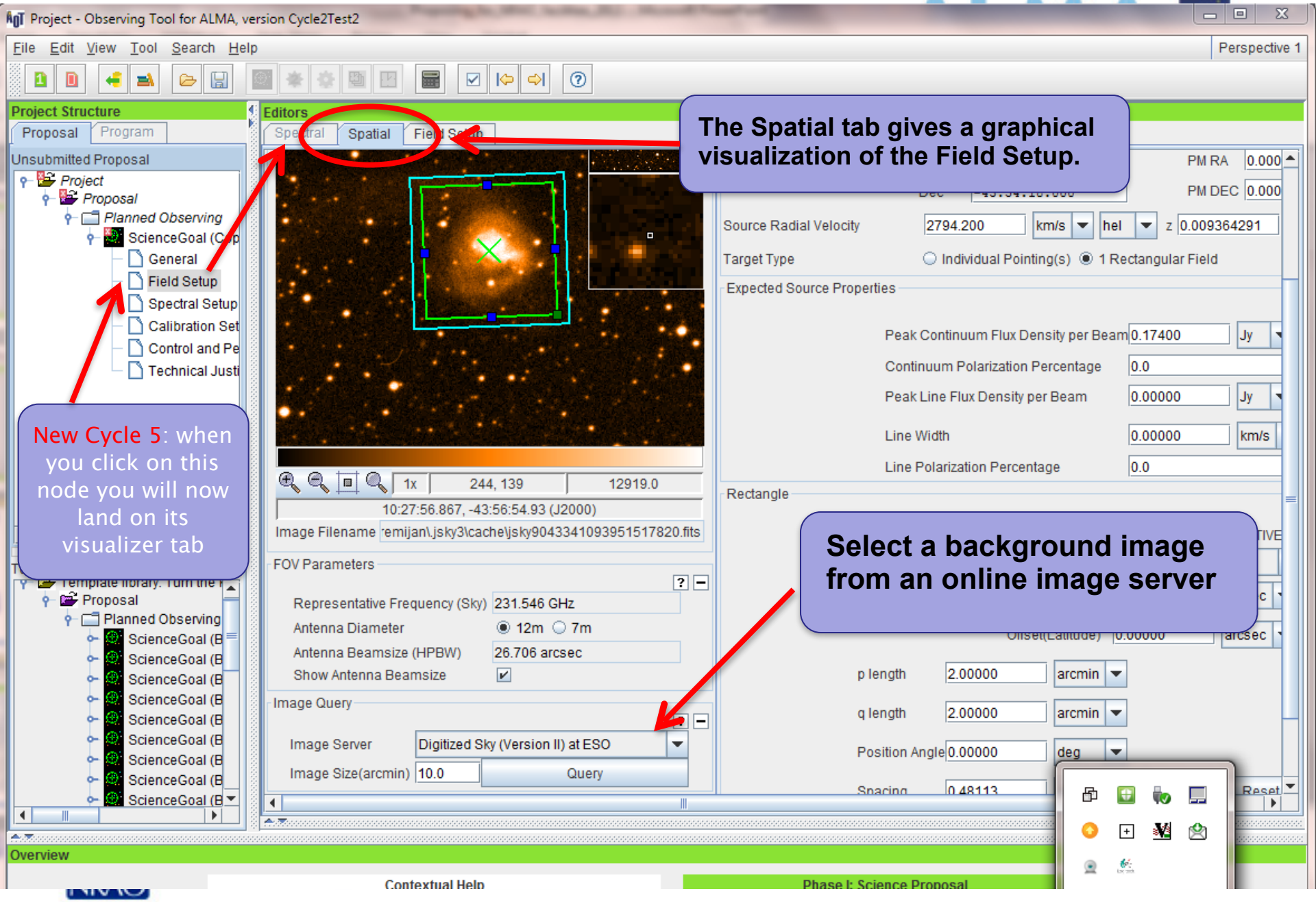
Crafting mosaics



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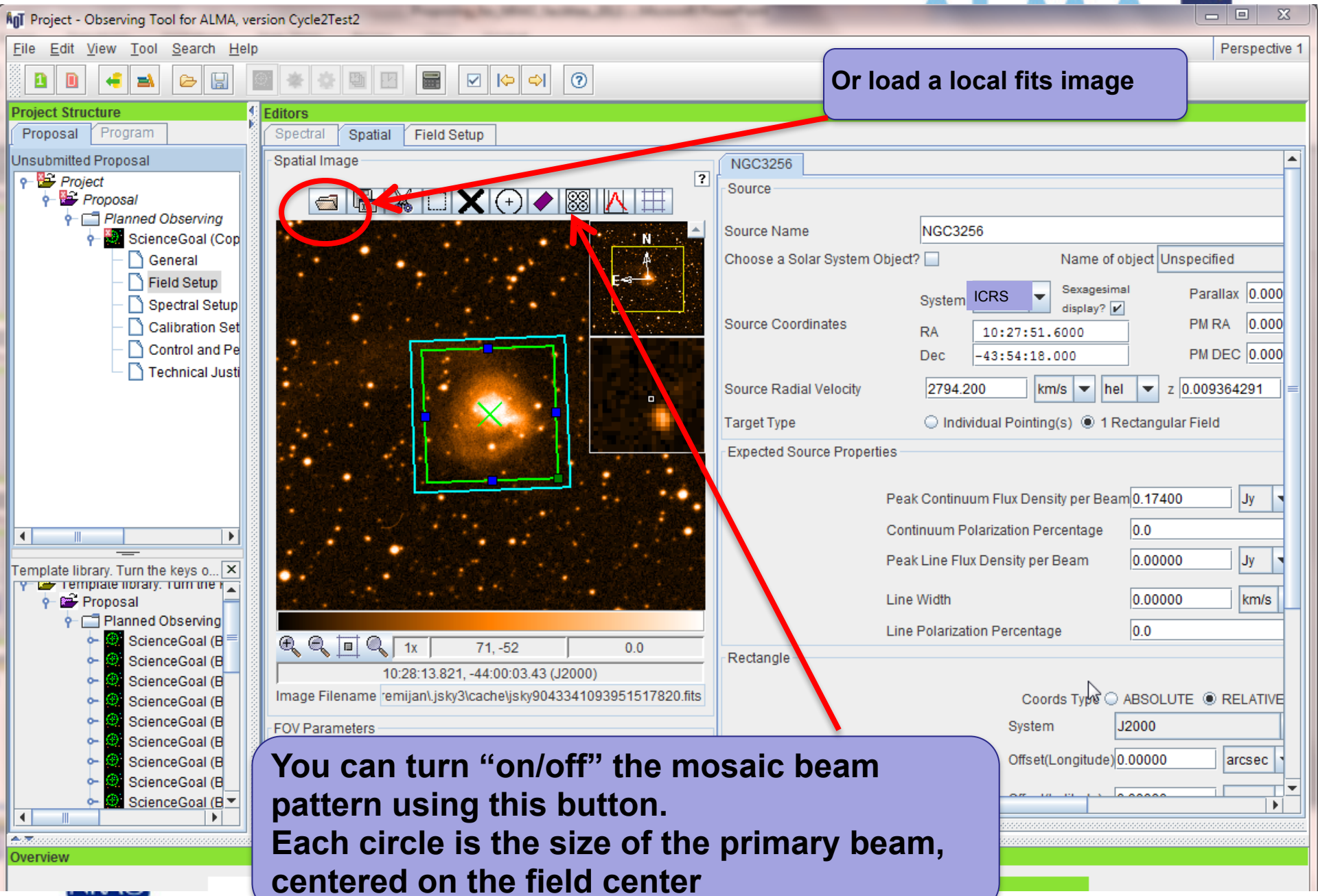

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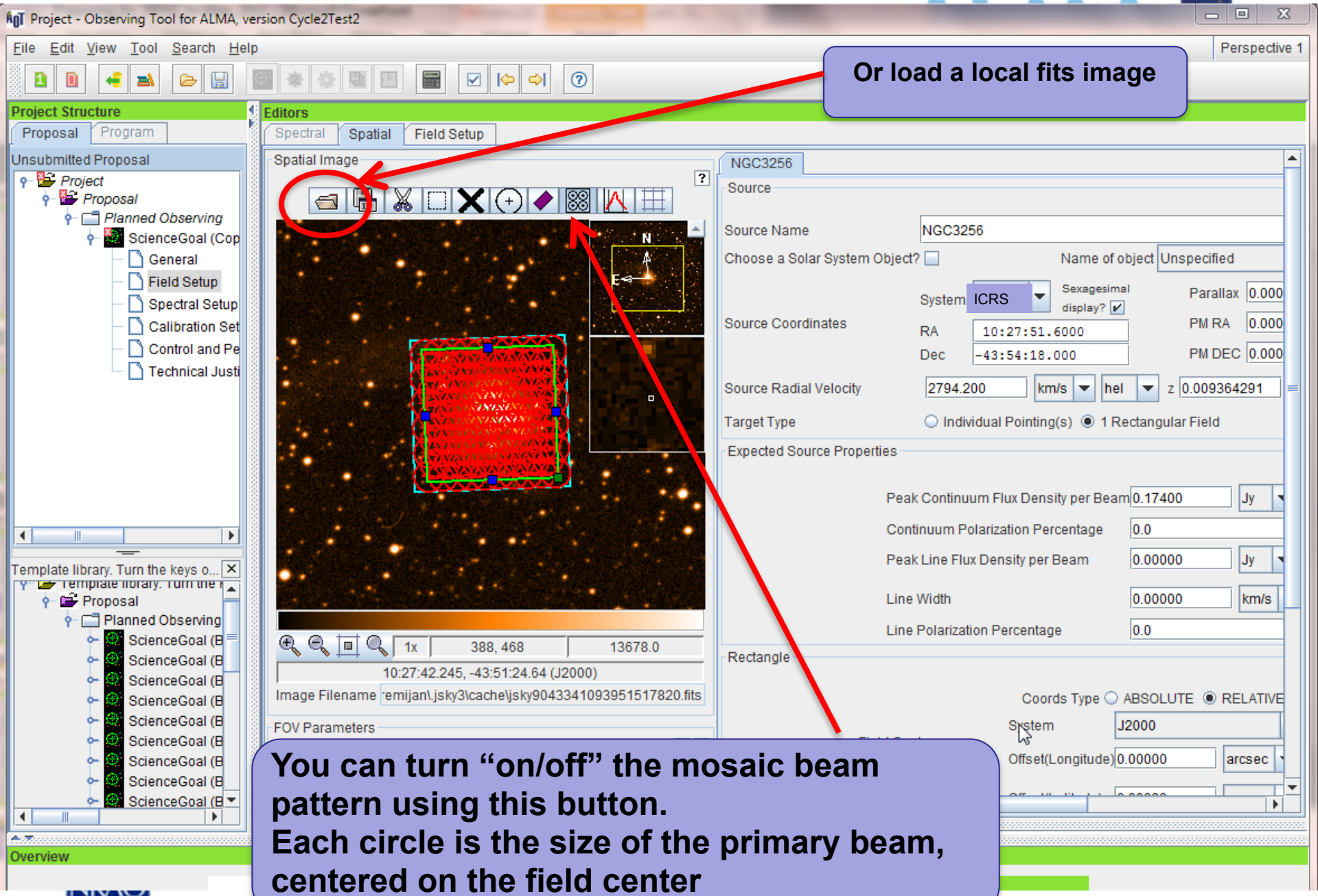

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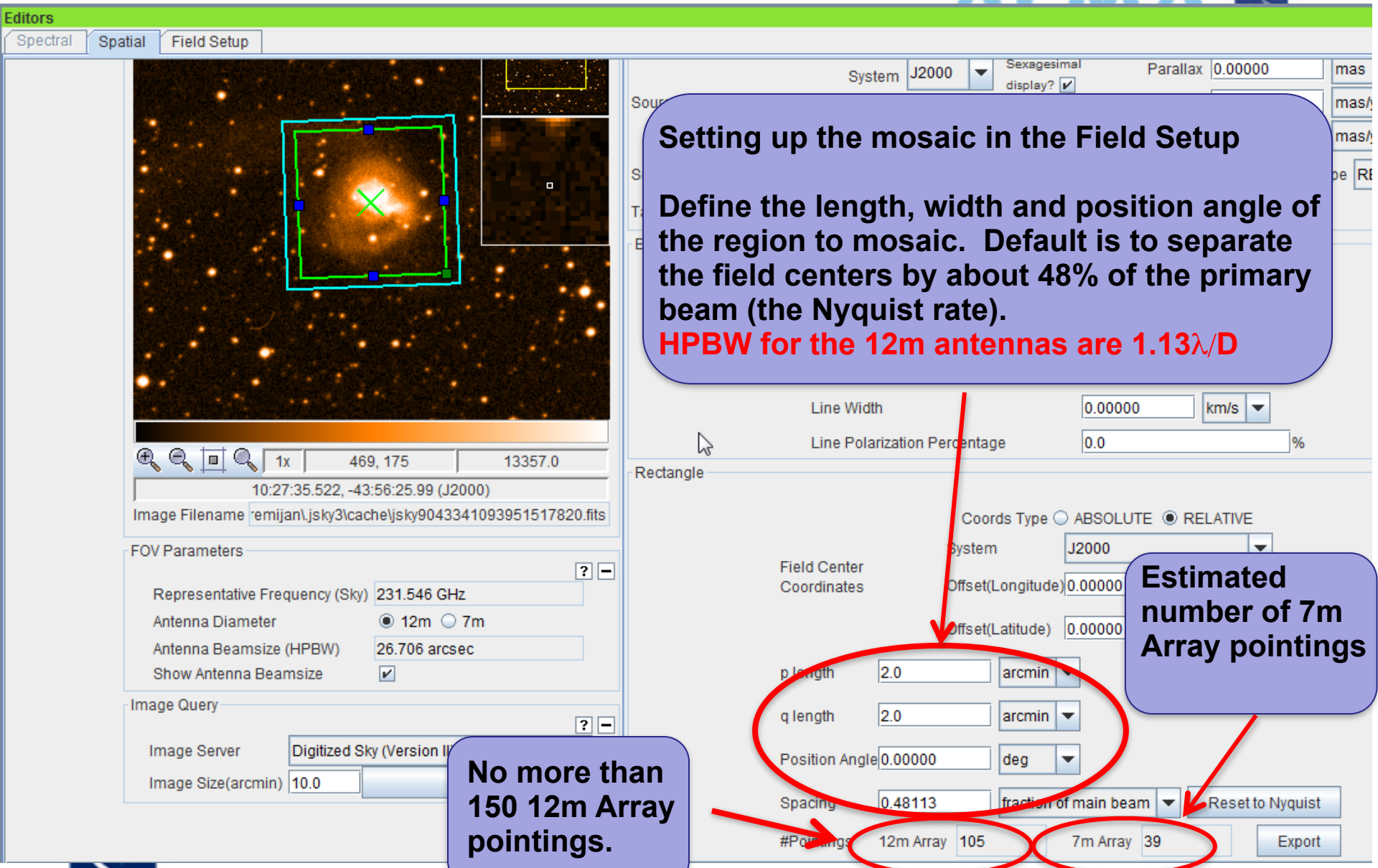

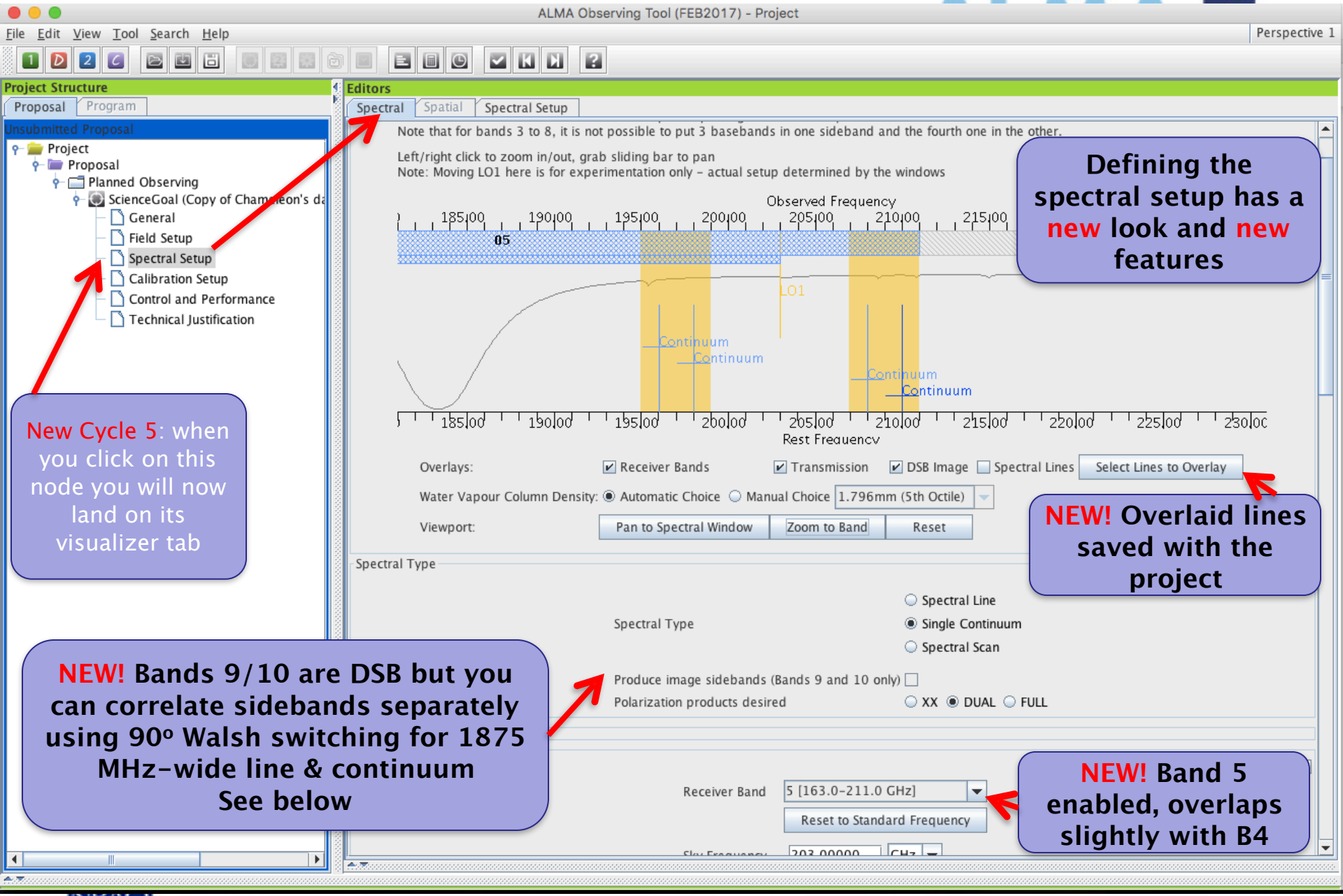
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Note that for bands 3 to 8, it is not possible to put 3 basebands in one sideband and the fourth one in the other.
Left/right click to zoom in/out, grab sliding bar to pan
Note: Moving LO1 here is for experimentation only – actual setup determined by the windows
Observed Frequency
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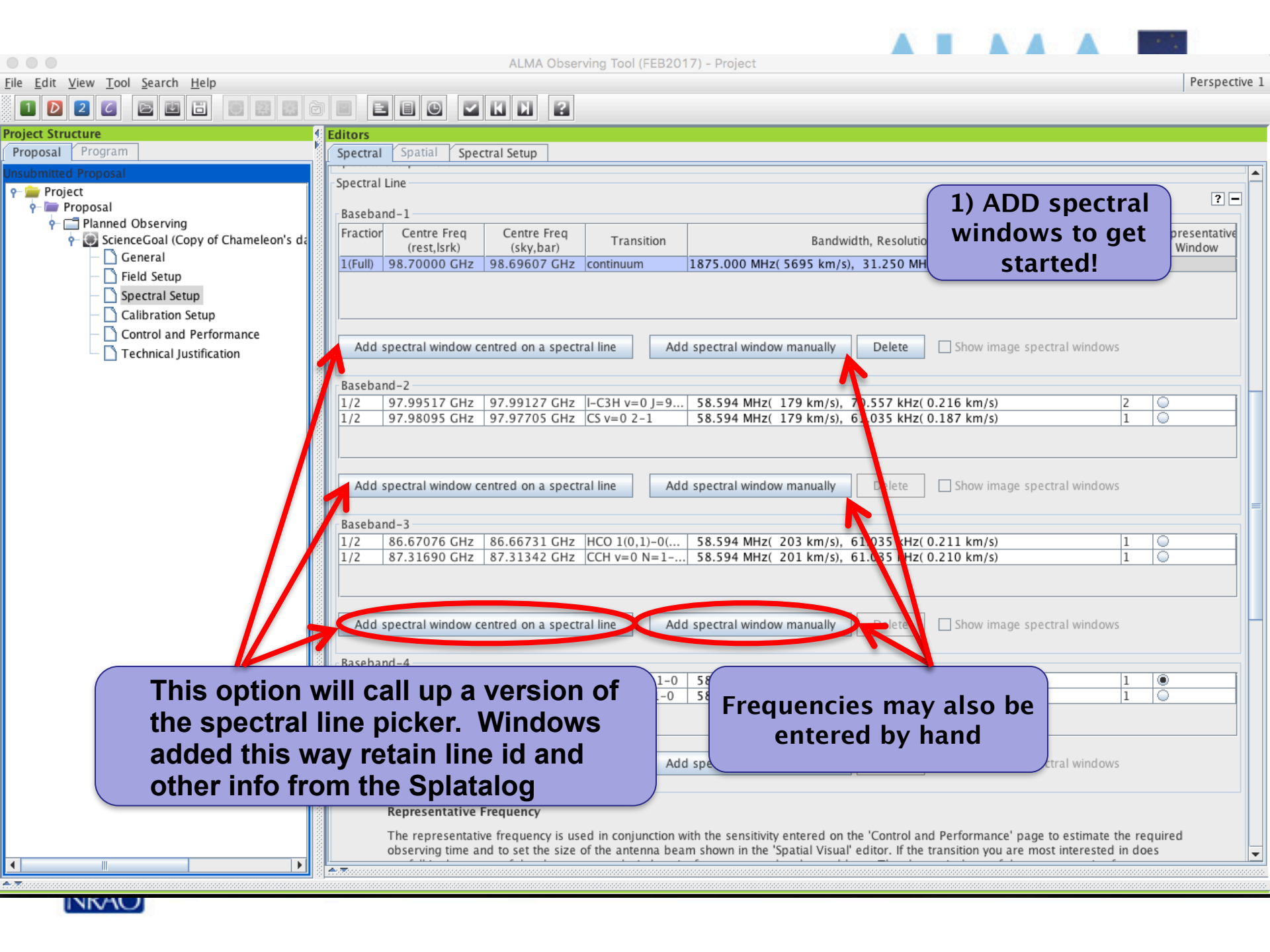
Continuum
Continuum
Continuum
185.00 190.00 195.00 200.00 205.00 210.00 215.00 220.00 225.00 230.00
Rest Frequency
Overlays: Receiver Bands Transmission DSB Image Spectral Lines Select Lines to Overlay
Water Vapour Column Density: Automatic Choice Manual Choice 1.796mm (5th Octile)
Viewport: Pan to Spectral Window Zoom to Band Reset
Spectral Type
Spectral Type
Spectral Line
Single Continuum
Spectral Scan
Produce image sidebands (Bands 9 and 10 only)
Polarization products desired XX DUAL FULL
Receiver Band 5 [163.0–211.0 GHz]
Reset to Standard Frequency
Defining the spectral setup has a new look and new features
New Cycle 5: when you click on this node you will now land on its visualizer tab
NEW! Overlaid lines saved with the project
NEW! Bands 9/10 are DSB but you can correlate sidebands separately using 90° Walsh switching for 1875 MHz-wide line & continuum See below
NEW! Band 5 enabled, overlaps slightly with B4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Centre Freq (sky,bar)
Transition
Bandwidth, Resolutio
Representative Window
1(Full) 98.70000 GHz 98.69607 GHz continuum 1875.000 MHz(5695 km/s), 31.250 MH
Add spectral window centred on a spectral line
Add spectral window manually
Delete
Show image spectral windows
Baseband-2
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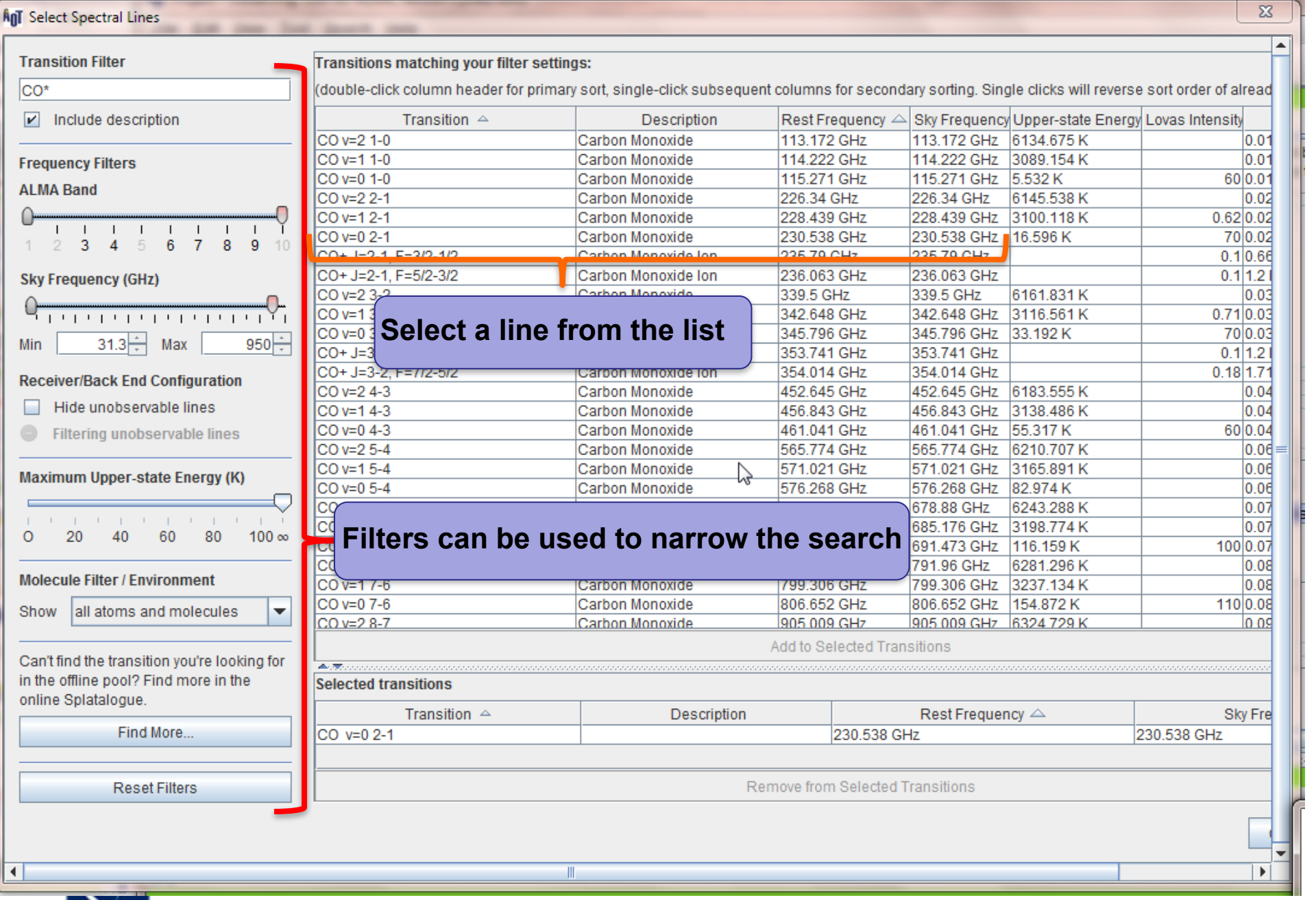
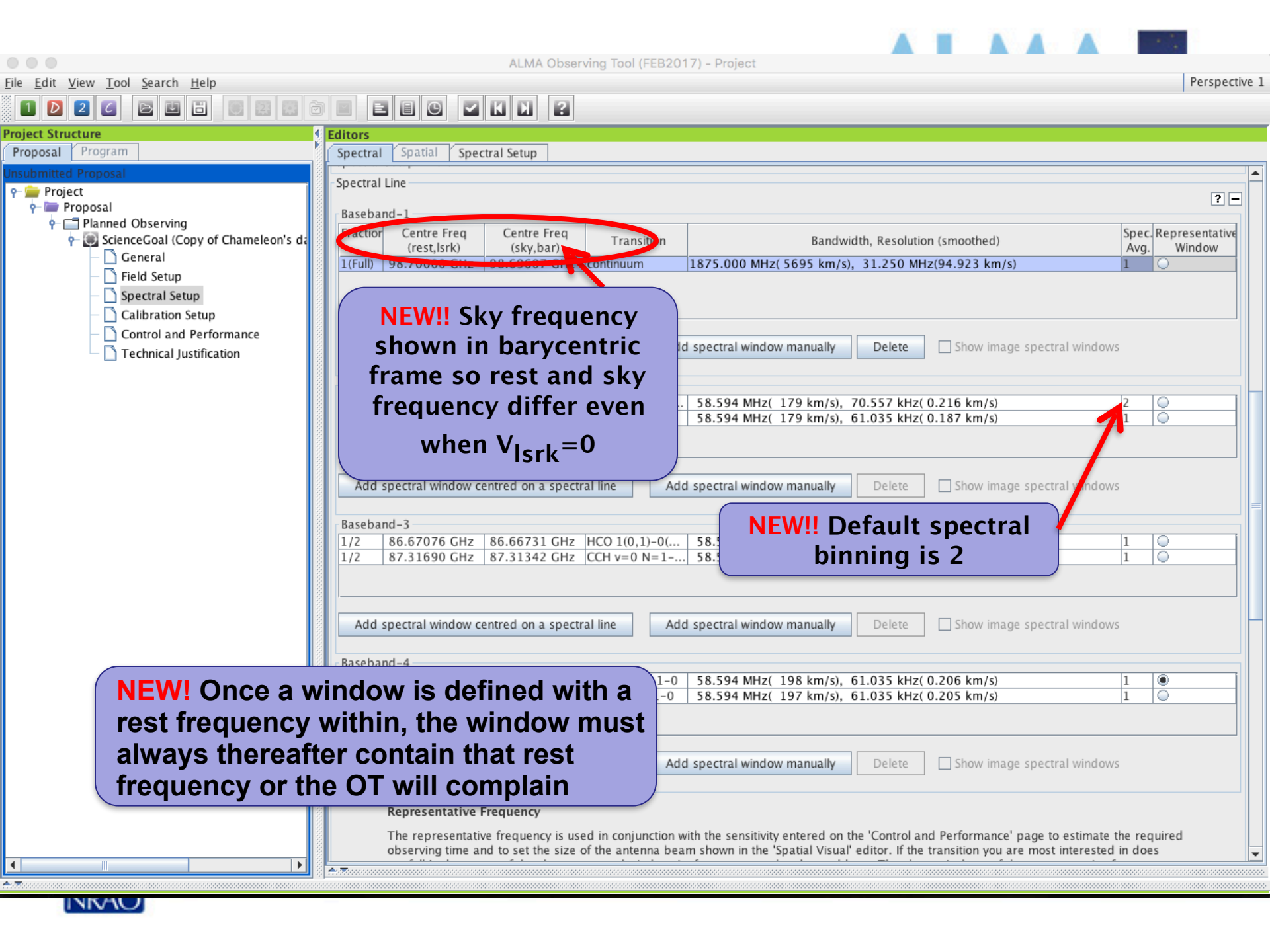
Baseband-3
1/2 86.67076 GHz 86.66731 GHz HCO 1(0,1)-0(... 58.594 MHz(203 km/s), 61.035 kHz(0.211 km/s) 1
1/2 87.31690 GHz 87.31342 GHz CCH v=0 N=1-... 58.594 MHz(201 km/s), 61.035 kHz(0.210 km/s) 1
Add spectral window centred on a spectral line
Add spectral window manually
Delete
Show image spectral windows
Baseband-4
Representative Frequency
The representative frequency is used in conjunction with the sensitivity entered on the 'Control and Performance' page to estimate the required observing time and to set the size of the antenna beam shown in the 'Spatial Visual' editor. If the transition you are most interested in does
1) ADD spectral windows to get started!
This option will call up a version of the spectral line picker. Windows added this way retain line id and other info from the Splatalog
Frequencies may also be entered by hand

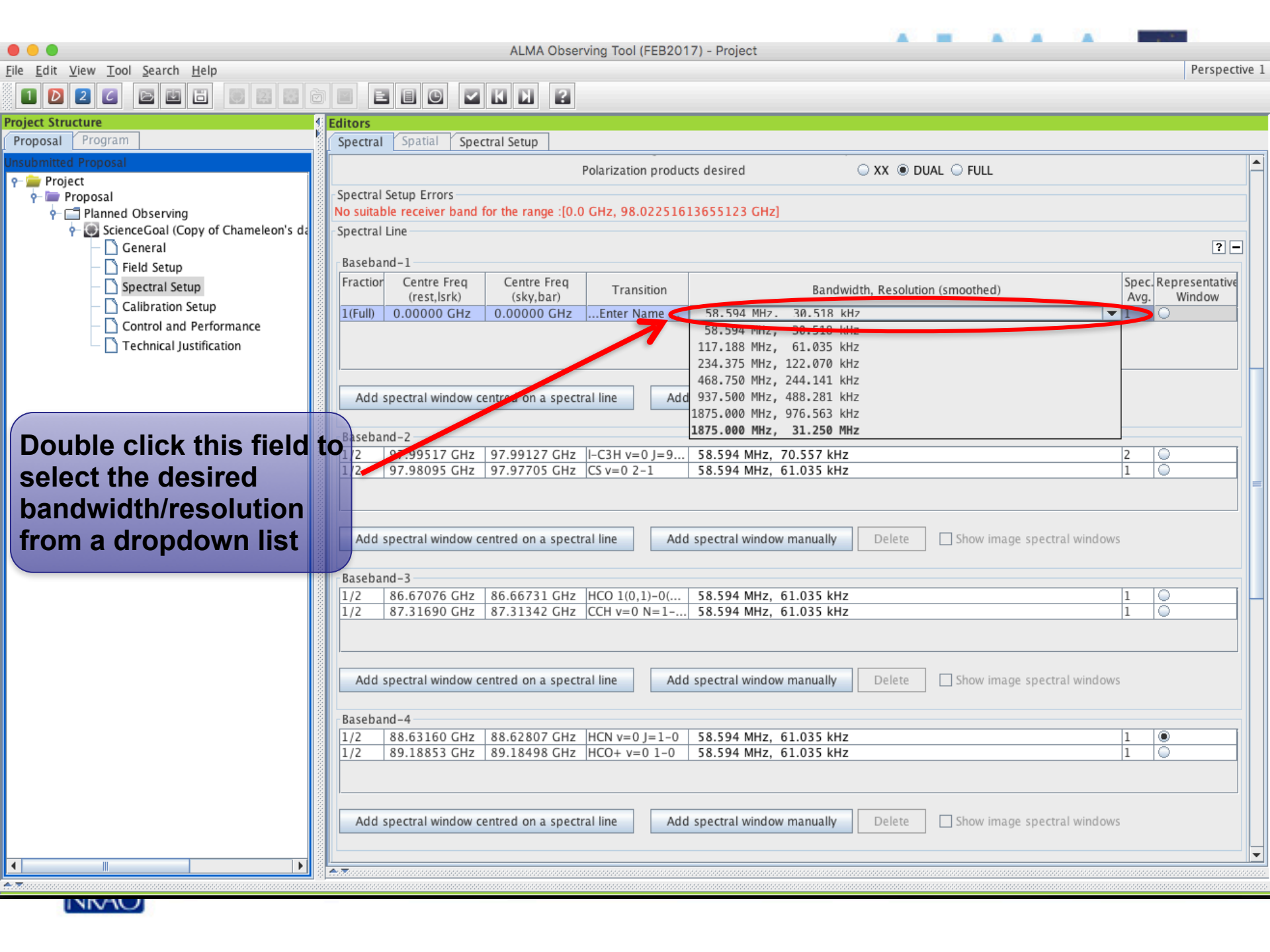

Select Spectral Lines
Transition Filter
CO*
Include description
Frequency Filters
ALMA Band
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Sky Frequency (GHz)
Min 31.3 Max 950
Receiver/Back End Configuration
Hide unobservable lines
Filtering unobservable lines
Maximum Upper-state Energy (K)
0 20 40 60 80 100 ∞
Molecule Filter / Environment
Show all atoms and molecules
Can't find the transition you're looking for in the offline pool? Find more in the online Splatalogue.
Find More...
Reset Filters
Transitions matching your filter settings:
(double-click column header for primary sort, single-click subsequent columns for secondary sorting. Single clicks will reverse sort order of 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
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 | Carbon Monoxide | 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 | Carbon Monoxide Ion | 354.014 GHz | 354.014 GHz | | 0.18 | 1.71
CO v=2 4-3 | Carbon Monoxide | 452.645 GHz | 452.645 GHz | 6183.555 K | 0.04
CO v=1 4-3 | Carbon Monoxide | 456.843 GHz | 456.843 GHz | 3138.486 K | 0.04
CO v=0 4-3 | Carbon Monoxide | 461.041 GHz | 461.041 GHz | 55.317 K | 60 | 0.04
CO v=2 5-4 | Carbon Monoxide | 565.774 GHz | 565.774 GHz | 6210.707 K | 0.06
CO v=1 5-4 | Carbon Monoxide | 571.021 GHz | 571.021 GHz | 3165.891 K | 0.06
CO v=0 5-4 | Carbon Monoxide | 576.268 GHz | 576.268 GHz | 82.974 K | 0.06
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
Select a line from the list
Filters can be used to narrow the search
Selected transitions
Transition | Description | Rest Frequency | Sky Fre
CO v=0 2-1 | | 230.538 GHz | 230.538 GHz
Remove from Selected Transitions



NEW!! Sky frequency shown in barycentric frame so rest and sky frequency differ even when $V_{lsrk}=0$

NEW!! Default spectral binning is 2

NEW! Once a window is defined with a rest frequency within, the window must always thereafter contain that rest frequency or the OT will complain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No suitable receiver band for the range :[0.0 GHz, 98.02251613655123 GHz]
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Centre Freq (sky,bar)
Transition
Bandwidth, Resolution (smoothed)
Spec. Avg.
Representative Window
1(Full)
0.00000 GHz
0.00000 GHz
...Enter Name
58.594 MHz, 30.518 kHz
117.188 MHz, 61.035 kHz
234.375 MHz, 122.070 kHz
468.750 MHz, 244.141 kHz
937.500 MHz, 488.281 kHz
1875.000 MHz, 976.563 kHz
1875.000 MHz, 31.250 MHz
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Baseband-2
1/2 97.99517 GHz 97.99127 GHz l-C3H v=0 J=9... 58.594 MHz, 70.557 kHz 2
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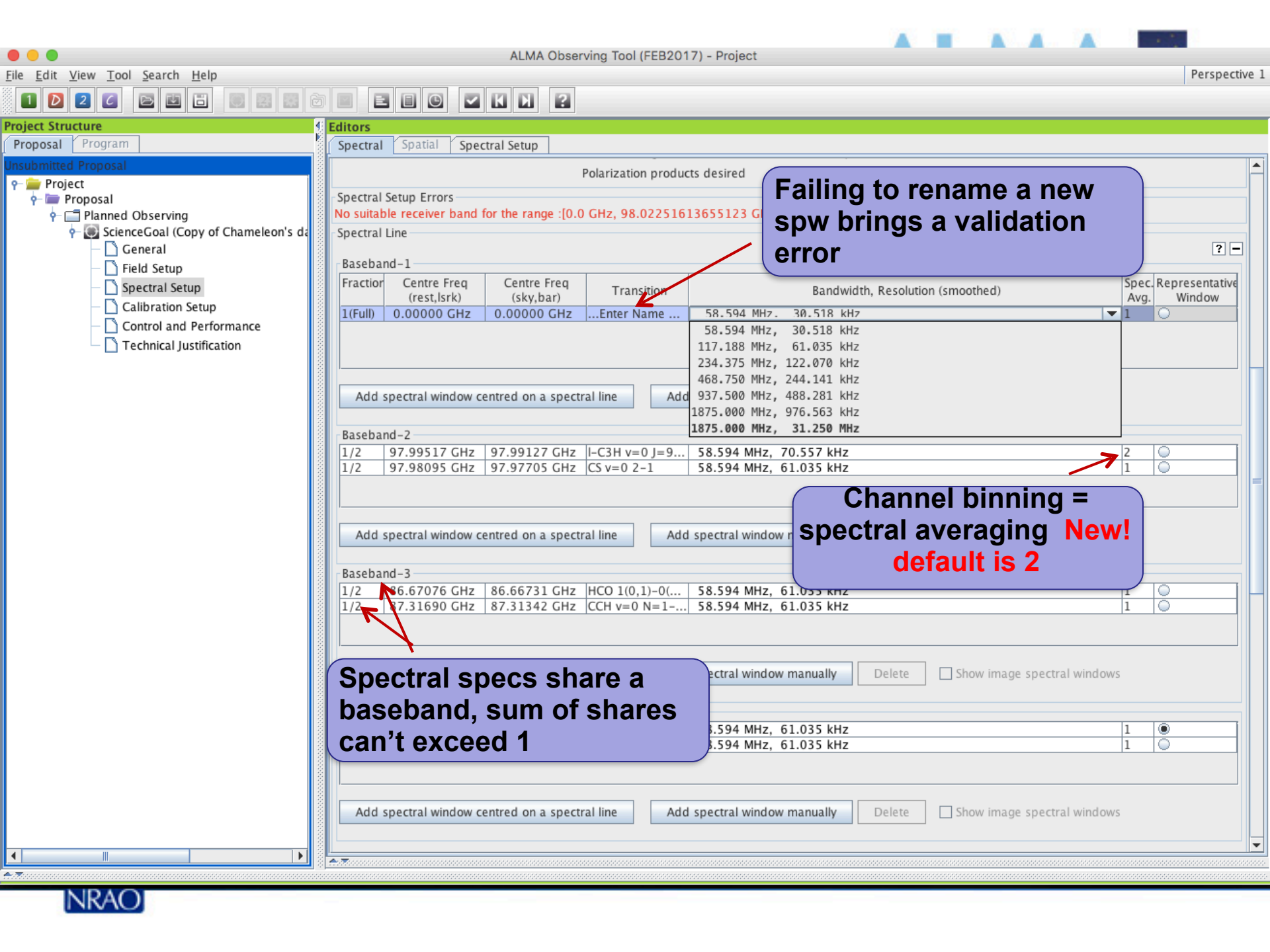
Baseband-4
1/2 88.63160 GHz 88.62807 GHz HCN v=0 J=1-0 58.594 MHz, 61.035 kHz 1
1/2 89.18853 GHz 89.18498 GHz HCO+ v=0 1-0 58.594 MHz, 61.035 kHz 1
Double click this field to select the desired bandwidth/resolution from a dropdown list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Add spectral window centred on a spectral line
Add spectral window manually
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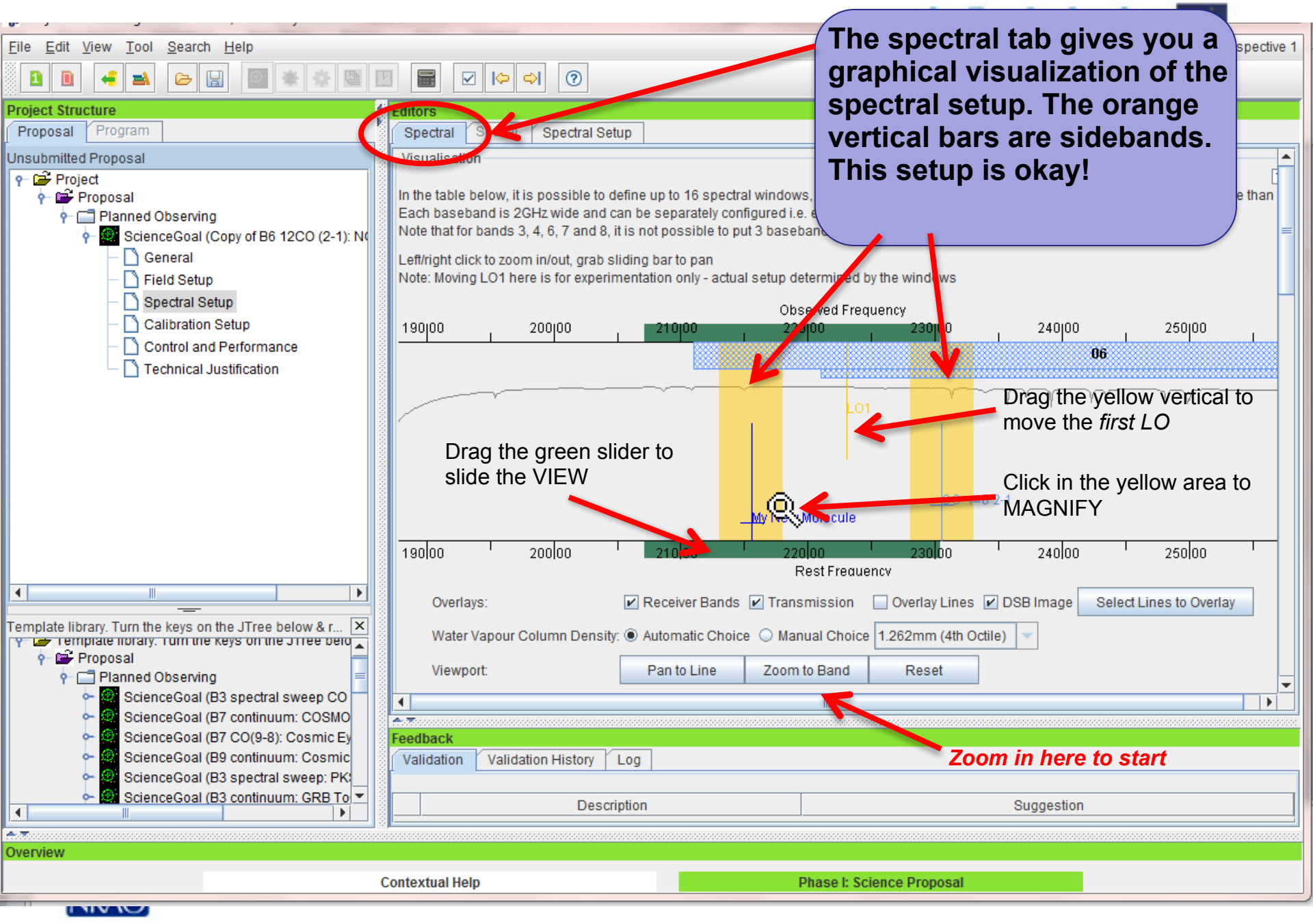
Failing to rename a new spw brings a validation error
Channel binning = spectral averaging New! default is 2
Spectral specs share a baseband, sum of shares can't exceed 1
NRAO


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
Zoom in here to start
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In the table below, it is possible to define up to 16 spectral windows,
Each baseband is 2GHz wide and can be separately configured i.e.
Note that for bands 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8, it is not possible to put 3 basebands
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
220|00
230|00
240|00
250|00
06
LO1
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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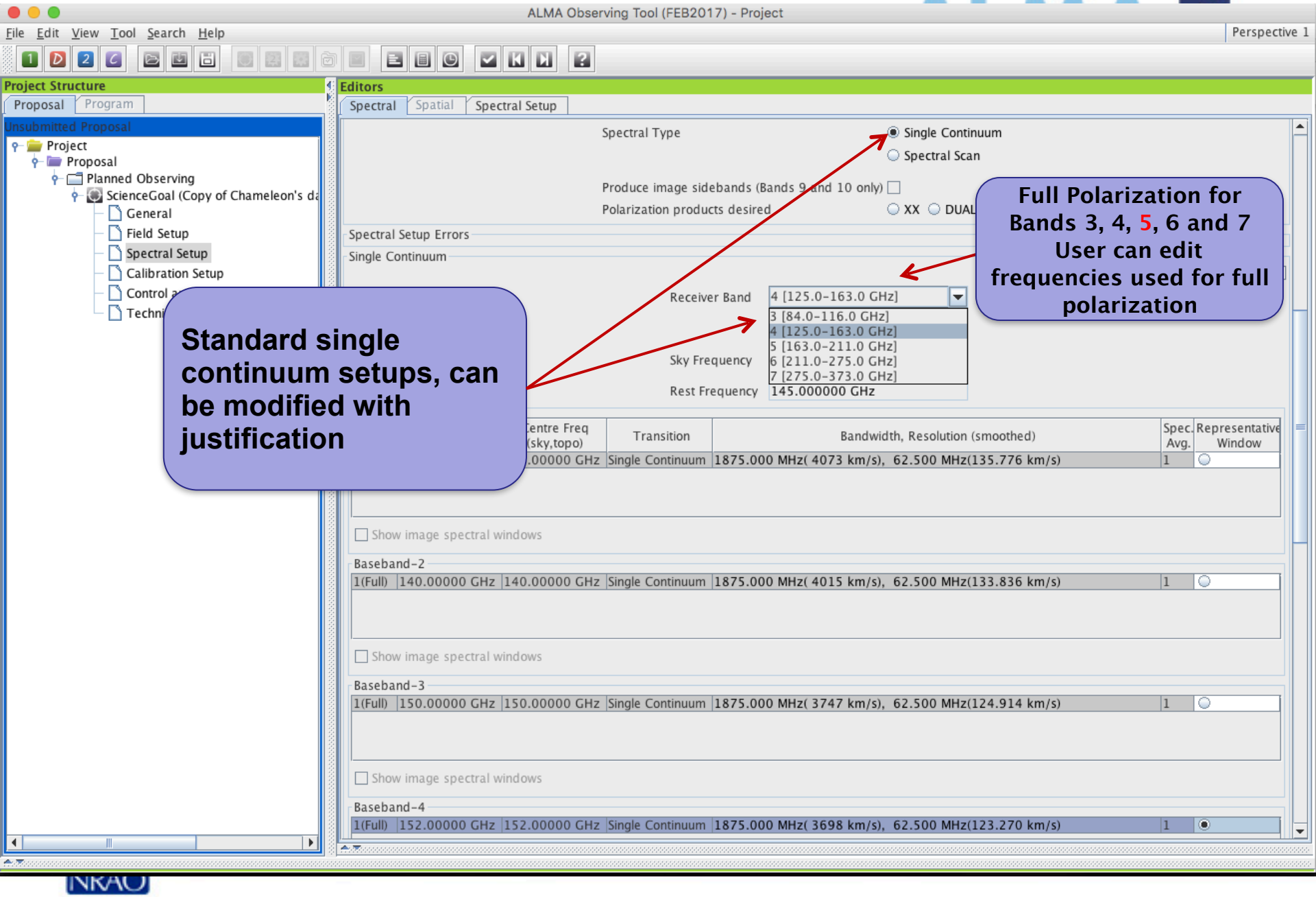
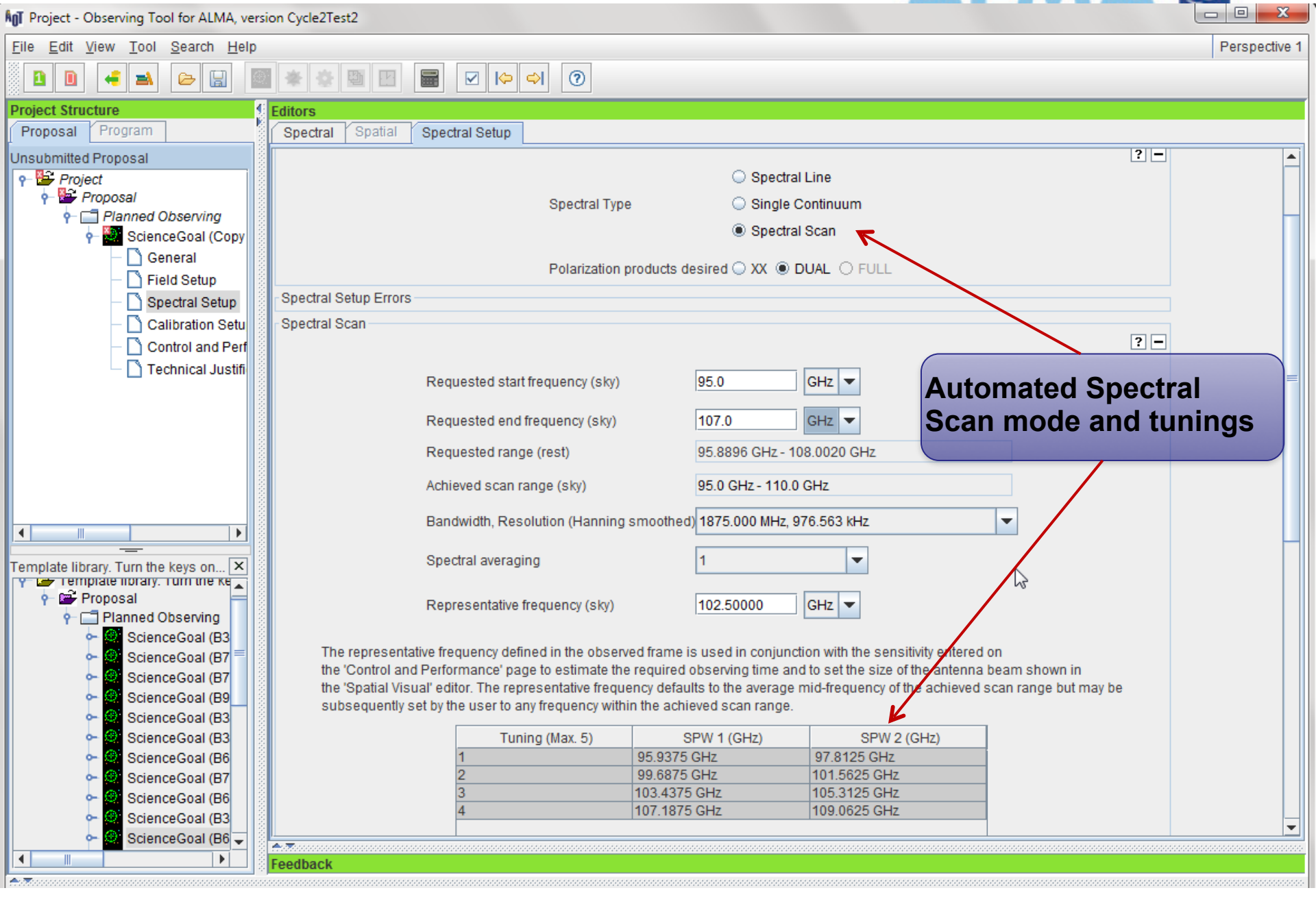
Full Continuum & Polarization



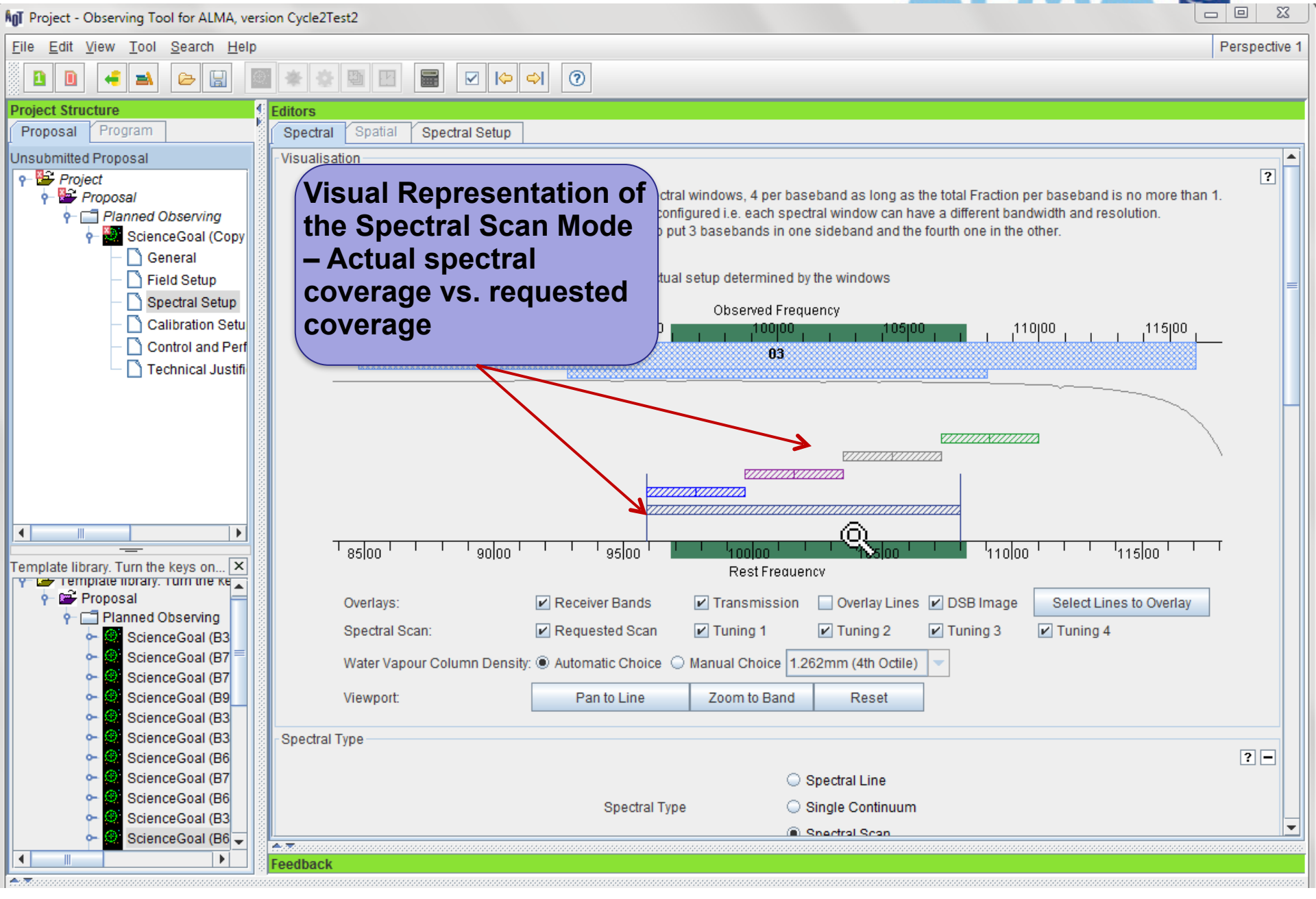
Standard single continuum setups, can be modified with justification

Full Polarization for Bands 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 User can edit frequencies used for full polarization

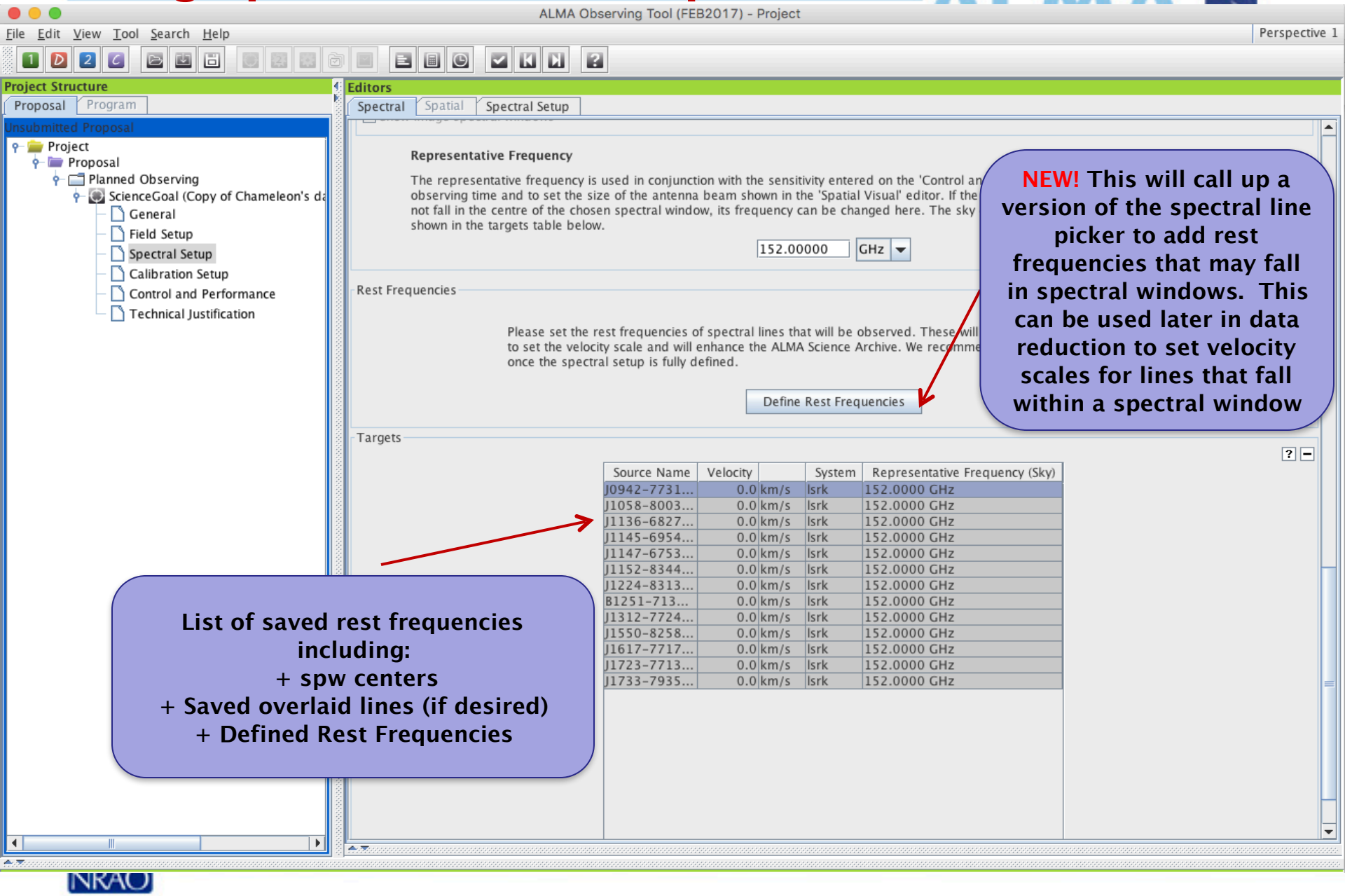
Automated spectral scan - I



Automated spectral scan - II



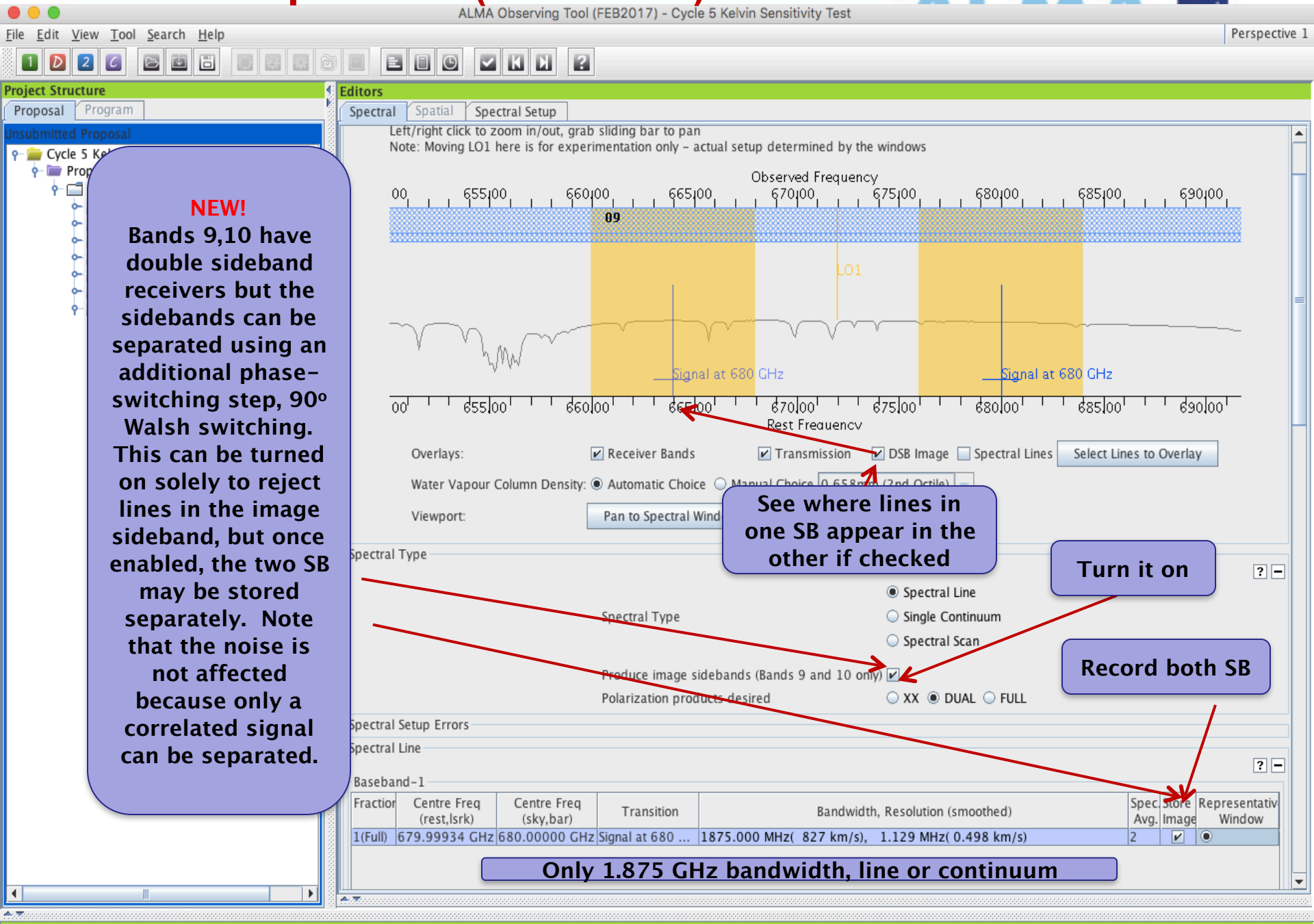
Saving spw & line rest frequencies



NEW! This will call up a version of the spectral line picker to add rest frequencies that may fall in spectral windows. This can be used later in data reduction to set velocity scales for lines that fall within a spectral window

List of saved rest frequencies including:
+ spw centers
+ Saved overlaid lines (if desired)
+ Defined Rest Frequencies

Sideband separation (90º Walsh)



NEW!

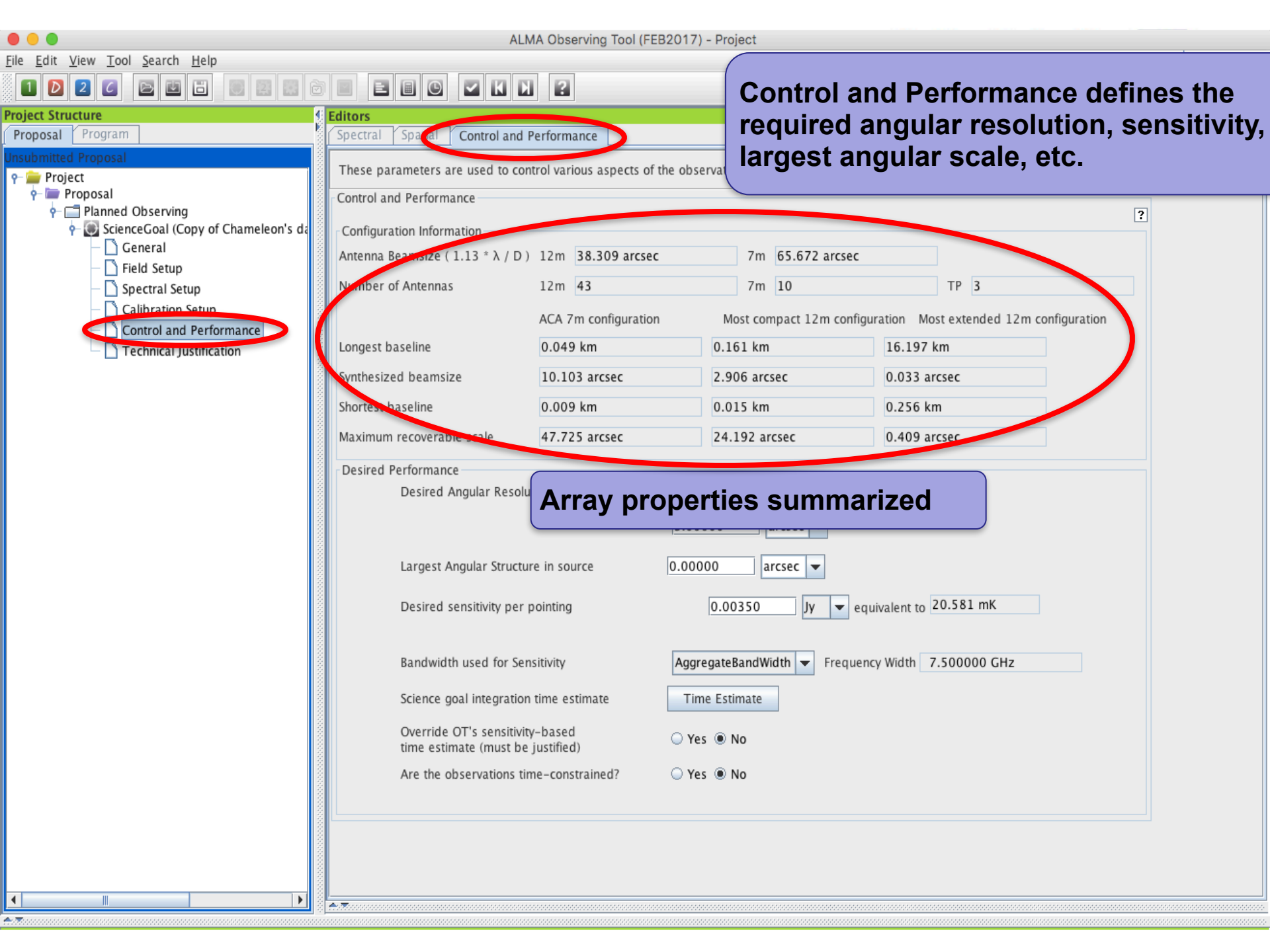
Bands 9,10 have double sideband receivers but the sidebands can be separated using an additional phase-switching step, 90º Walsh switching. This can be turned on solely to reject lines in the image sideband, but once enabled, the two SB may be stored separately. Note that the noise is not affected because only a correlated signal can be separated.

See where lines in one SB appear in the other if checked

Turn it on

Record both SB

Only 1.875 GHz bandwidth, line or continuum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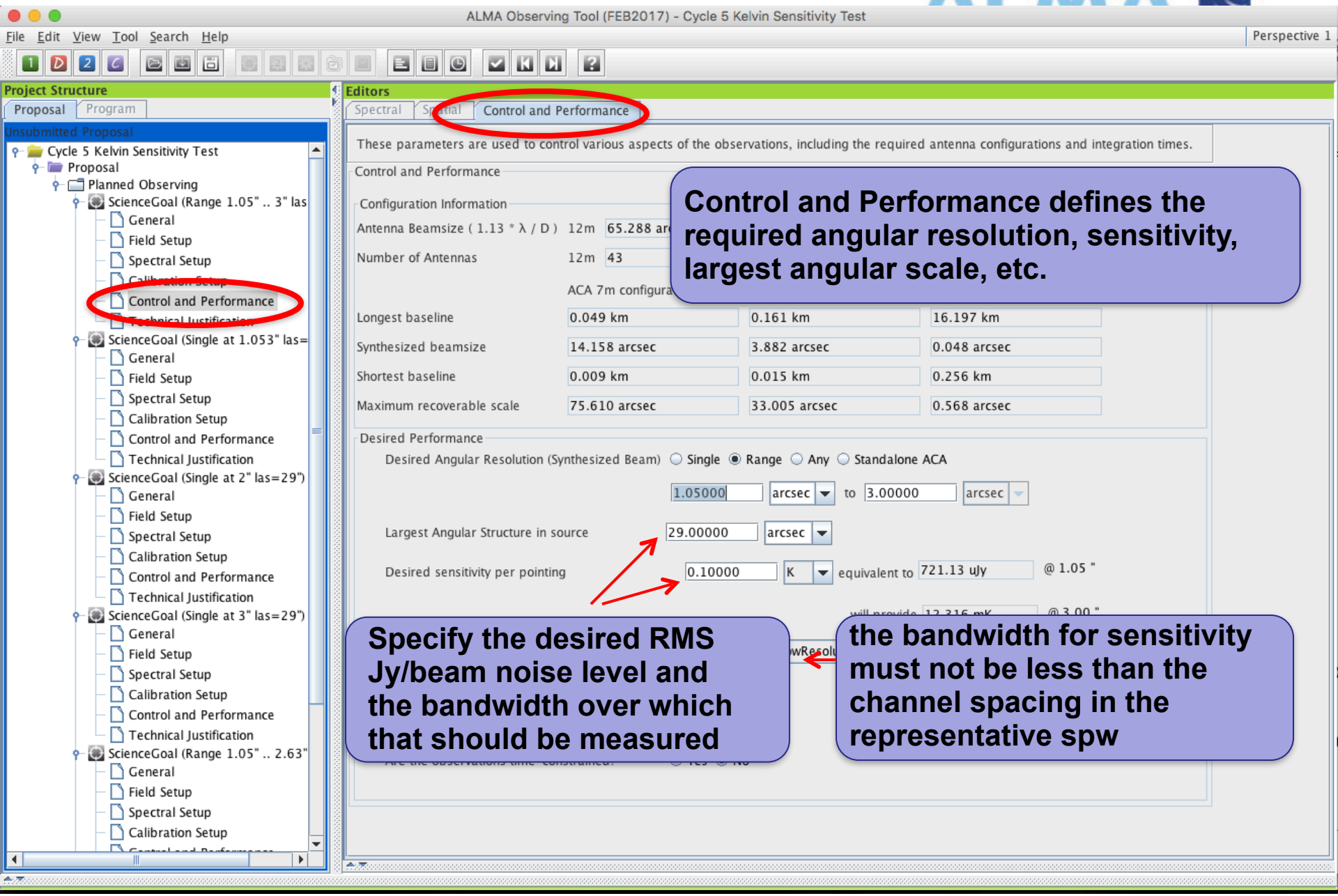
ACA 7m configuration
Most compact 12m configuration
Most extended 12m configuration
Longest baseline 0.049 km 0.161 km 16.197 km
Synthesized beamsize 10.103 arcsec 2.906 arcsec 0.033 arcsec
Shortest baseline 0.009 km 0.015 km 0.256 km
Maximum recoverable scale 47.725 arcsec 24.192 arcsec 0.409 arcsec
Desired Performance
Desired Angular Resolu
Largest Angular Structure in source 0.00000 arcsec
Desired sensitivity per pointing 0.00350 Jy equivalent to 20.581 mK
Bandwidth used for Sensitivity AggregateBandWidth Frequency Width 7.500000 GHz
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
Control and Performance defines the required angular resolution, sensitivity, largest angular scale, etc.
Array properties summarized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Control and Performance
Configuration Information
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Number of Antennas 12m 43
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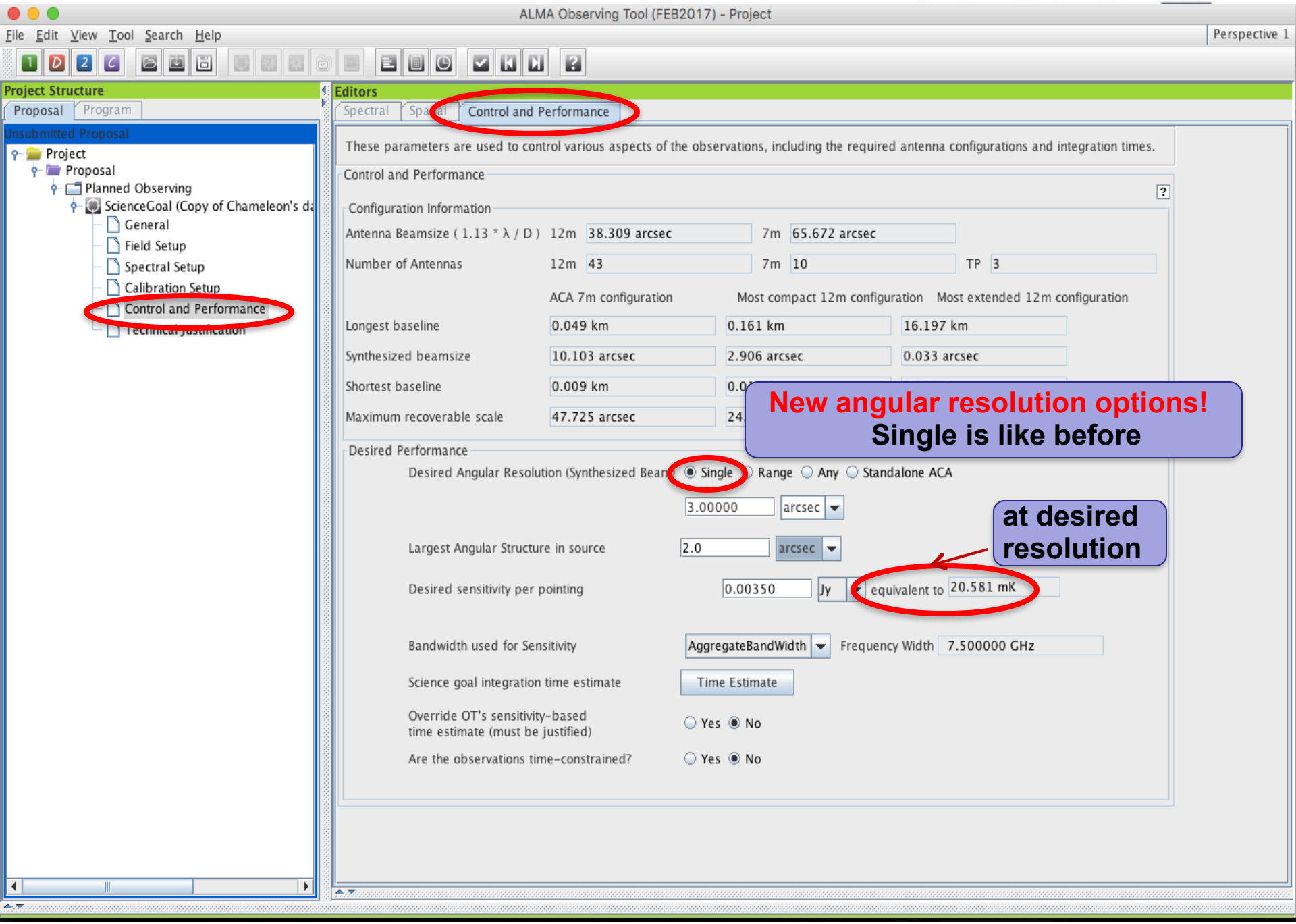
Longest baseline 0.049 km 0.161 km 16.197 km
Synthesized beamsize 14.158 arcsec 3.882 arcsec 0.048 arcsec
Shortest baseline 0.009 km 0.015 km 0.256 km
Maximum recoverable scale 75.610 arcsec 33.005 arcsec 0.568 arcsec
Desired Performance
Desired Angular Resolution (Synthesized Beam) Single Range Any Standalone ACA
1.05000 arcsec to 3.00000 arcsec
Largest Angular Structure in source 29.00000 arcsec
Desired sensitivity per pointing 0.10000 K equivalent to 721.13 uJy @ 1.05 "
Control and Performance defines the required angular resolution, sensitivity, largest angular scale, etc.
Specify the desired RMS Jy/beam noise level and the bandwidth over which that should be measured
the bandwidth for sensitivity must not be less than the channel spacing in the representative spw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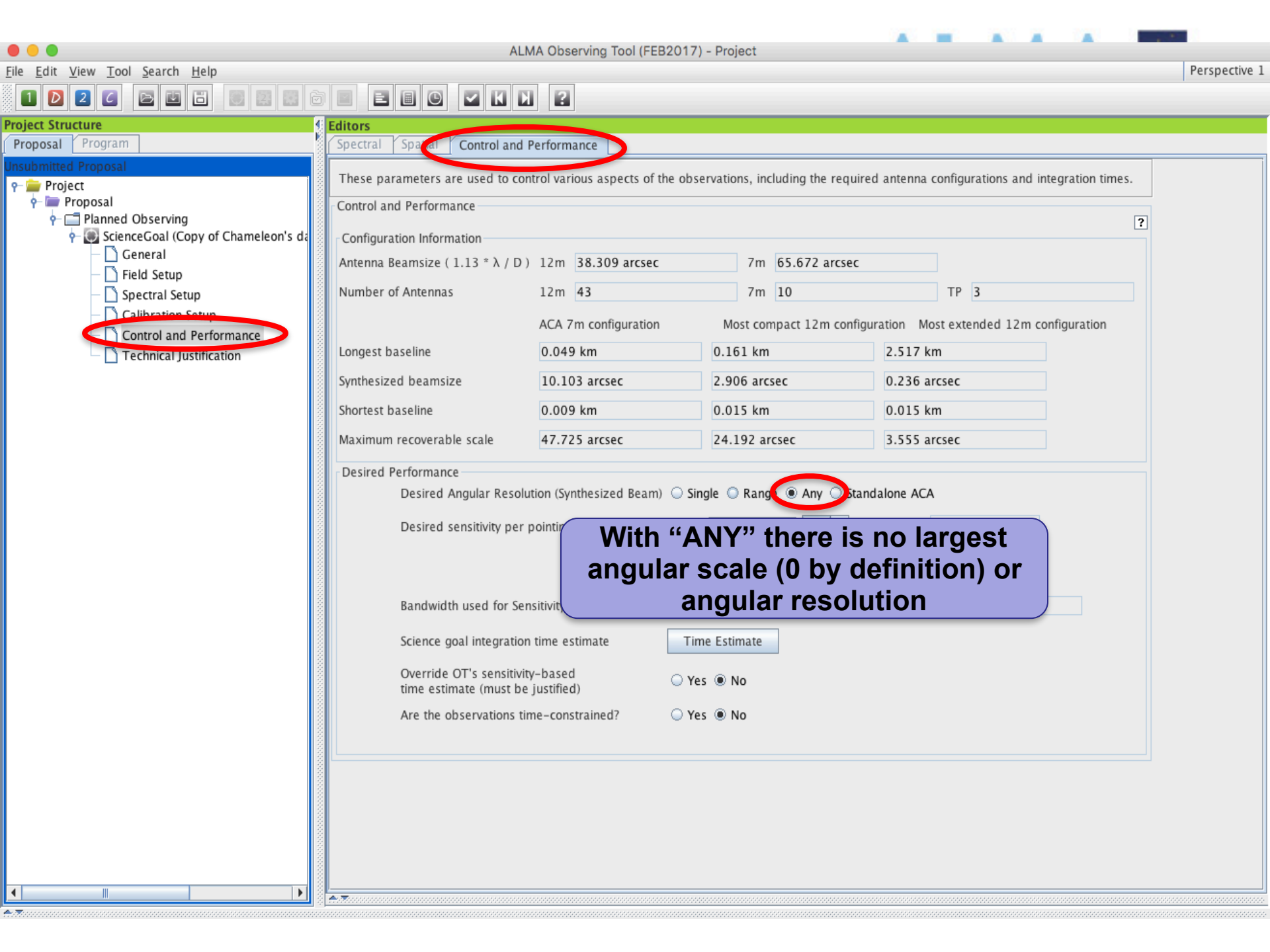
Number of Antennas 12m 43 7m 10 TP 3
ACA 7m configuration
Most compact 12m configuration
Most extended 12m configuration
Longest baseline 0.049 km 0.161 km 16.197 km
Synthesized beamsize 10.103 arcsec 2.906 arcsec 0.033 arcsec
Shortest baseline 0.009 km
Maximum recoverable scale 47.725 arcsec
New angular resolution options!
Single is like before
Desired Performance
Desired Angular Resolution (Synthesized Beam) Single Range Any Standalone ACA
3.00000 arcsec
at desired resolution
Largest Angular Structure in source 2.0 arcsec
Desired sensitivity per pointing 0.00350 Jy equivalent to 20.581 mK
Bandwidth used for Sensitivity AggregateBandWidth Frequency Width 7.500000 GHz
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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Maximum recoverable scale 47.725 arcsec 24.192 arcsec 3.555 arcsec
Desired Performance
Desired Angular Resolution (Synthesized Beam) Single Rang Any Standalone ACA
Desired sensitivity per pointi
With “ANY” there is no largest angular scale (0 by definition) or angular resolution
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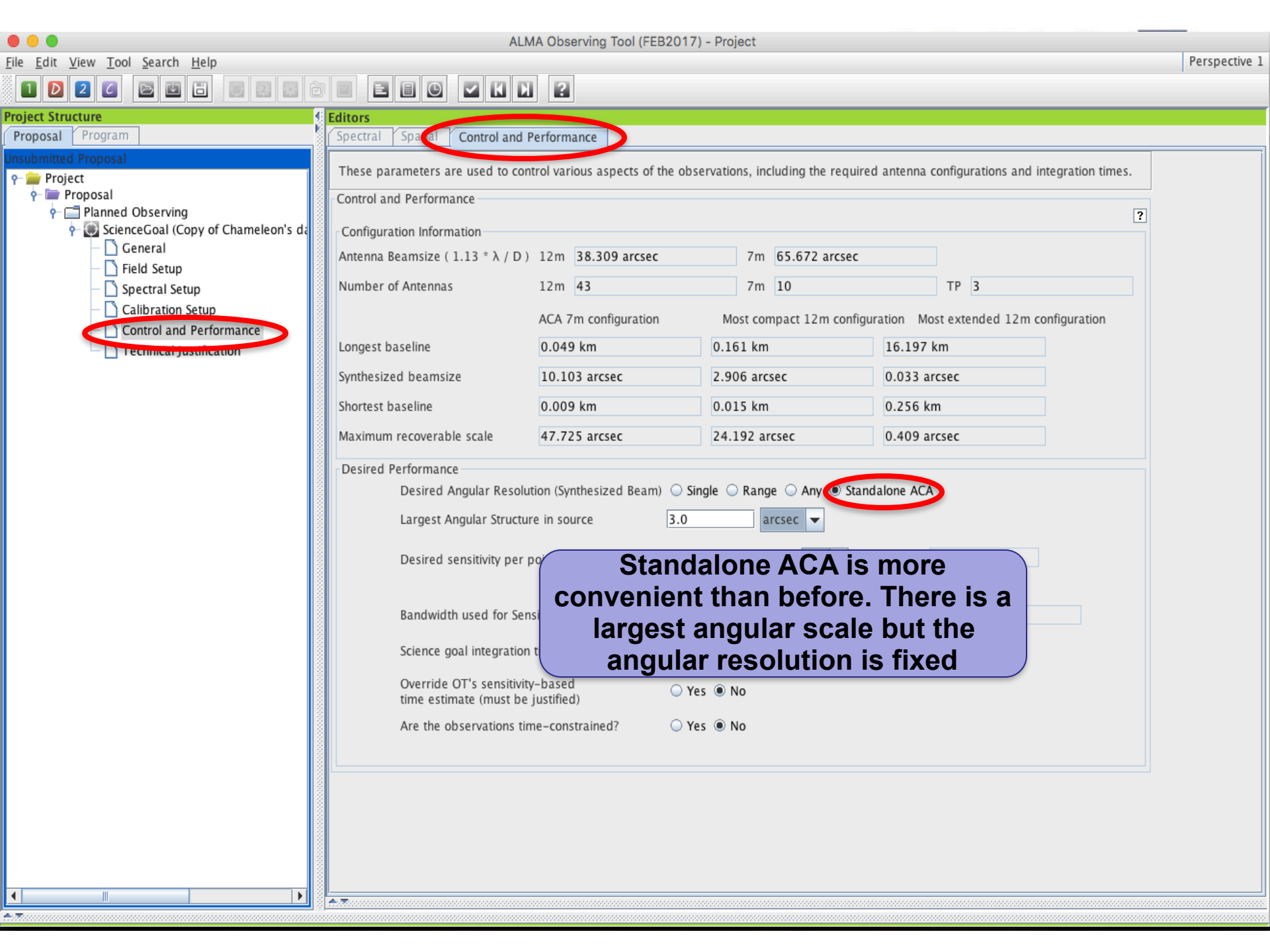
Override OT's sensitivity-based time estimate (must be justified) Yes No
Are the observations time-constrained? Yes No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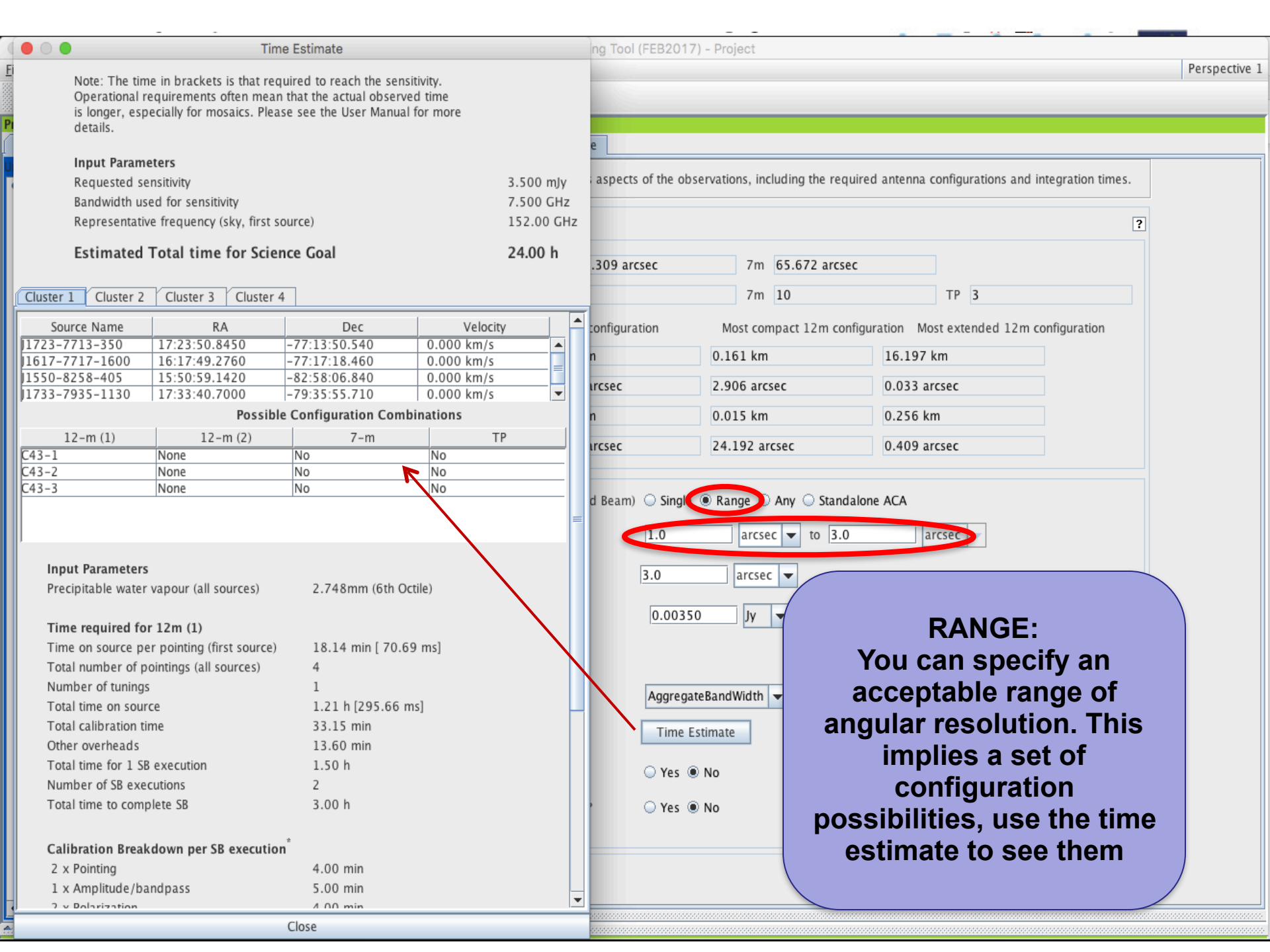
Desired Angular Resolution (Synthesized Beam) Single Range Any Standalone ACA
Largest Angular Structure in source 3.0 arcsec
Desired sensitivity per po
Bandwidth used for Sensi
Science goal integration t
Override OT's sensitivity-based time estimate (must be justified) Yes No
Are the observations time-constrained? Yes No
Standalone ACA is more convenient than before. There is a largest angular scale but the angular resolution is fixed


Time Estimate
Note: The time in brackets is that required to reach the sensitivity. Operational requirements often mean that the actual observed time is longer, especially for mosaics. Please see the User Manual for more details.
Input Parameters
Requested sensitivity 3.500 mJy
Bandwidth used for sensitivity 7.500 GHz
Representative frequency (sky, first source) 152.00 GHz
Estimated Total time for Science Goal 24.00 h
Cluster 1
Cluster 2
Cluster 3
Cluster 4
Source Name | RA | Dec | Velocity
J1723-7713-350 | 17:23:50.8450 | -77:13:50.540 | 0.000 km/s
J1617-7717-1600 | 16:17:49.2760 | -77:17:18.460 | 0.000 km/s
J1550-8258-405 | 15:50:59.1420 | -82:58:06.840 | 0.000 km/s
J1733-7935-1130 | 17:33:40.7000 | -79:35:55.710 | 0.000 km/s
Possible Configuration Combinations
12-m (1) | 12-m (2) | 7-m | TP
C43-1 | None | No | No
C43-2 | None | No | No
C43-3 | None | No | No
Input Parameters
Precipitable water vapour (all sources) 2.748mm (6th Octile)
Time required for 12m (1)
Time on source per pointing (first source) 18.14 min [70.69 ms]
Total number of pointings (all sources) 4
Number of tunings 1
Total time on source 1.21 h [295.66 ms]
Total calibration time 33.15 min
Other overheads 13.60 min
Total time for 1 SB execution 1.50 h
Number of SB executions 2
Total time to complete SB 3.00 h
Calibration Breakdown per SB execution
2 x Pointing 4.00 min
1 x Amplitude/bandpass 5.00 min
Close
Perspective 1
aspects of the observations, including the required antenna configurations and integration times.
7m 65.672 arcsec
7m 10
TP 3
Most compact 12m configuration
Most extended 12m configuration
0.161 km
16.197 km
2.906 arcsec
0.033 arcsec
0.015 km
0.256 km
24.192 arcsec
0.409 arcsec
Range
Any
Standalone ACA
1.0 arcsec to 3.0 arcsec
3.0 arcsec
0.00350 Jy
AggregateBandWidth
Time Estimate
Yes No
Yes No
RANGE:
You can specify an acceptable range of angular resolution. This implies a set of configuration possibilities, use the time estimate to see them

Project Summary

Total and Calibration Times

Science Goal	12-m (1)		12-m (2)		12-m (1+2)		ACA 7-m		ACA TP		Overall		Non-standard Mode
	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	
At ar 1"	1.03 d	8.21 h	9.92 h	2.48 h	1.45 d	8.70 h	-	-	-	-	1.45 d	8.70 h	No
Overall	1.03 d	8.21 h	9.92 h	2.48 h	1.45 d	8.70 h	-	-	-	-	1.45 d	8.70 h	

Project Summary

Total and Calibration Times

Science Goal	12-m (1)		12-m (2)		12-m (1+2)		ACA 7-m		ACA TP		Overall		Non-standard Mode
	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	Tot.	Cal.	
At ar 3"	31.53 min	13.83 min	-	-	31.53 min	13.83 min	2.63 h	1.15 h	-	-	3.15 h	1.38 h	No
Overall	31.53 min	13.83 min	-	-	31.53 min	13.83 min	2.63 h	1.15 h	-	-	3.15 h	1.38 h	

Use Tool->display project time summary to see these

When using RANGE:
Rules are operating under the hood to choose among the possible configuration choices and they may be biased toward the low resolution end of a range because less 12m time is needed. See above for an example where is a factor 50 difference in 12m time for ar = 1" vs. ar = 3"

Be careful that the OT is not making choices for you that you would not make for yourself. Before submitting with a range, narrow it and use the project time summary to examine the choices the OT is making

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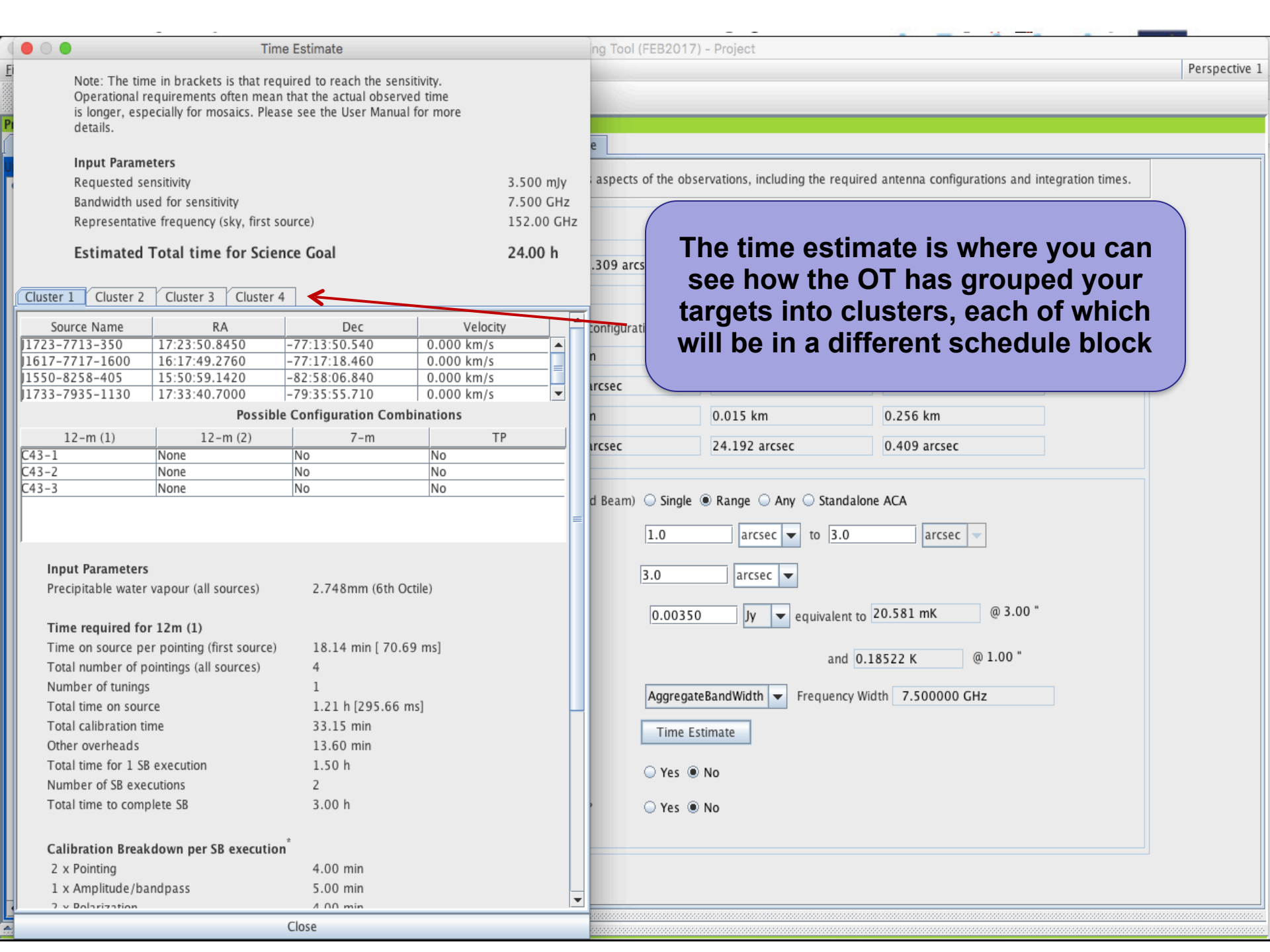
Time Estimate
Note: The time in brackets is that required to reach the sensitivity. Operational requirements often mean that the actual observed time is longer, especially for mosaics. Please see the User Manual for more details.
Input Parameters
Requested sensitivity 3.500 mJy
Bandwidth used for sensitivity 7.500 GHz
Representative frequency (sky, first source) 152.00 GHz
Estimated Total time for Science Goal 24.00 h
Cluster 1
Cluster 2
Cluster 3
Cluster 4
Source Name | RA | Dec | Velocity
J1723-7713-350 | 17:23:50.8450 | -77:13:50.540 | 0.000 km/s
J1617-7717-1600 | 16:17:49.2760 | -77:17:18.460 | 0.000 km/s
J1550-8258-405 | 15:50:59.1420 | -82:58:06.840 | 0.000 km/s
J1733-7935-1130 | 17:33:40.7000 | -79:35:55.710 | 0.000 km/s
Possible Configuration Combinations
12-m (1) | 12-m (2) | 7-m | TP
C43-1 | None | No | No
C43-2 | None | No | No
C43-3 | None | No | No
Input Parameters
Precipitable water vapour (all sources) 2.748mm (6th Octile)
Time required for 12m (1)
Time on source per pointing (first source) 18.14 min [70.69 ms]
Total number of pointings (all sources) 4
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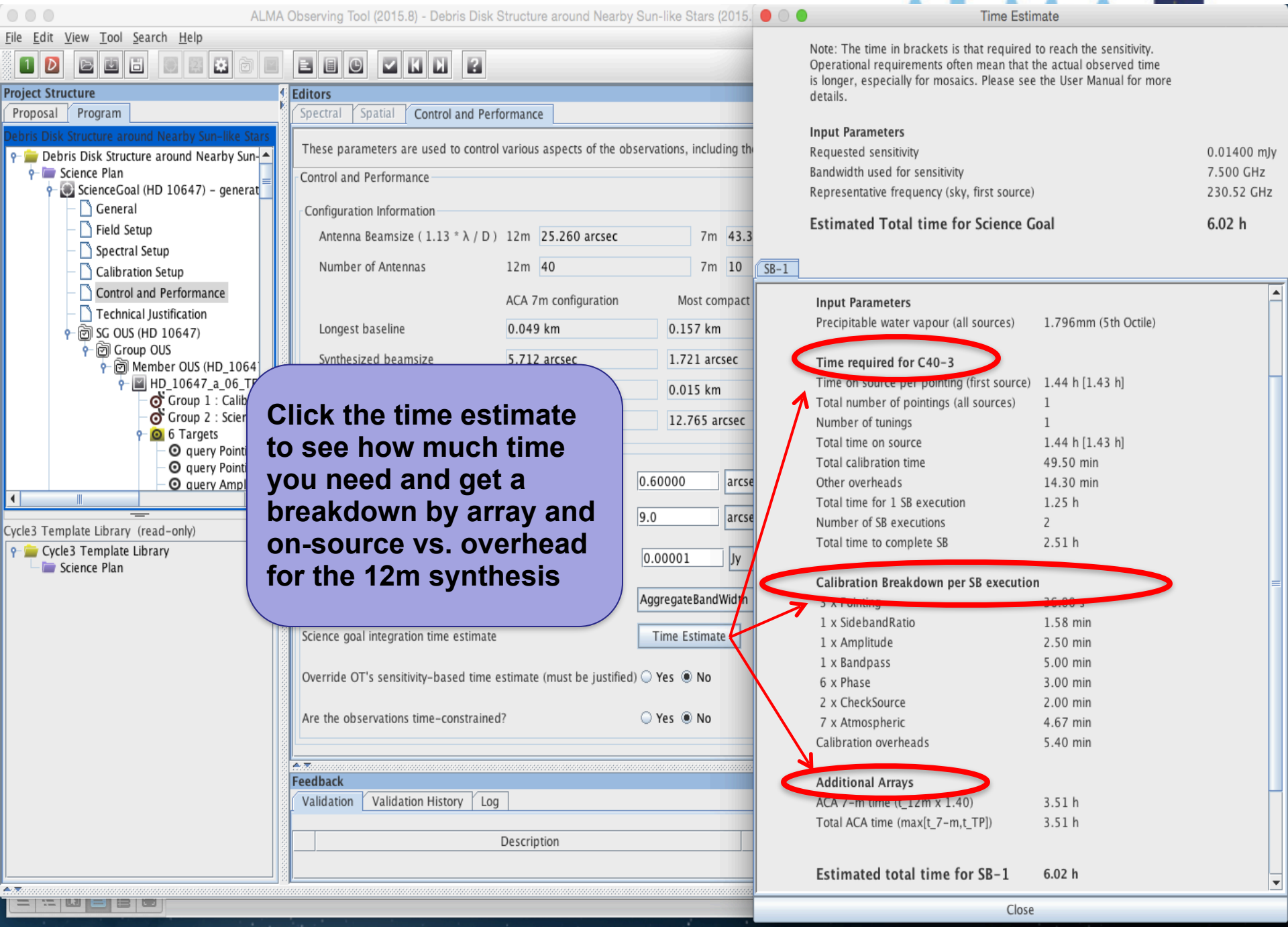
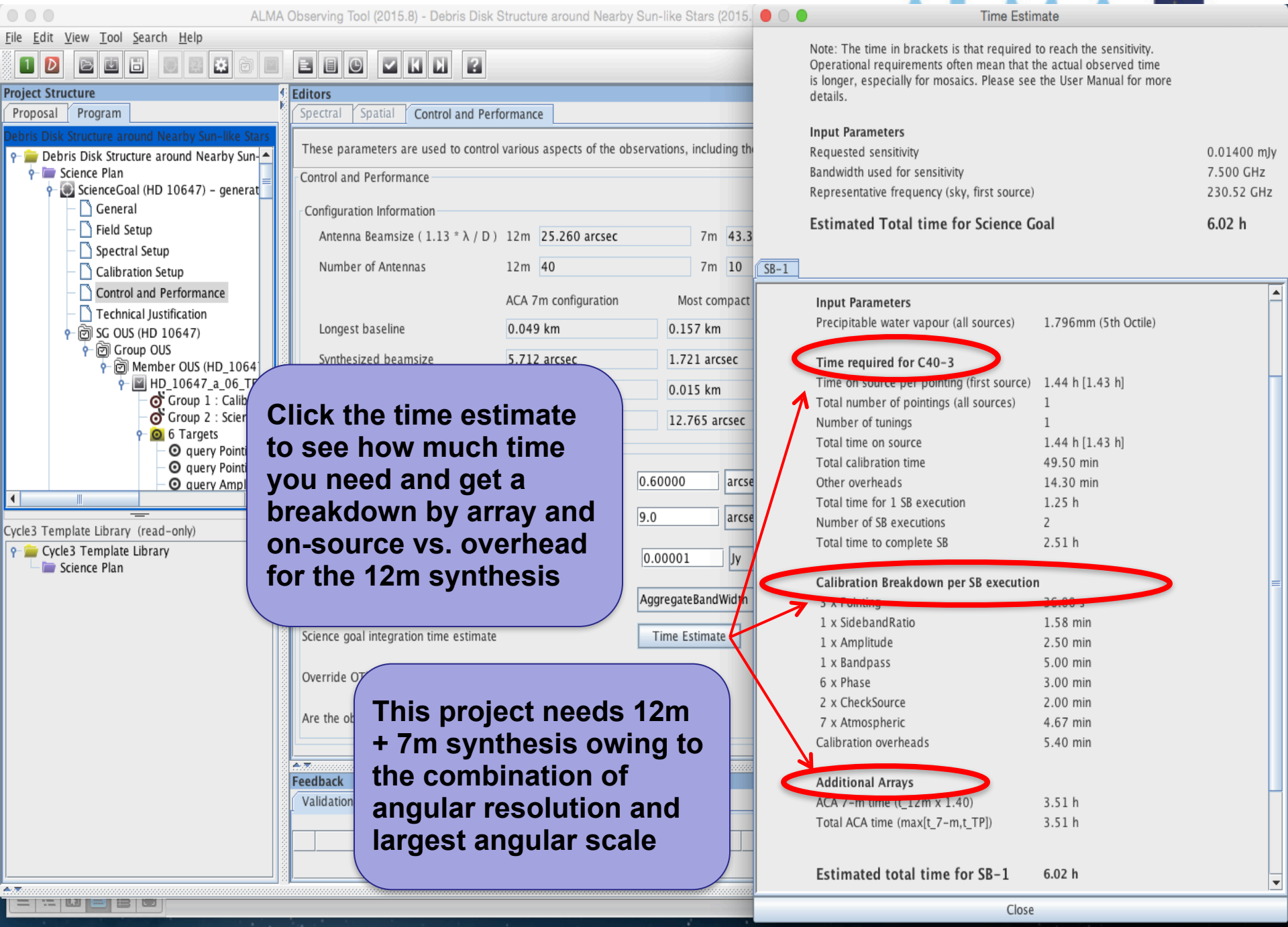
Calibration Breakdown per SB execution*
2 x Pointing 4.00 min
1 x Amplitude/bandpass 5.00 min
Close
The time estimate is where you can see how the OT has grouped your targets into clusters, each of which will be in a different schedule block
Perspective 1
aspects of the observations, including the required antenna configurations and integration times.
0.015 km
0.256 km
24.192 arcsec
0.409 arcsec
Single
Range
Any
Standalone ACA
1.0
arcsec
to
3.0
arcsec
3.0
arcsec
0.00350
Jy
equivalent to
20.581 mK
@ 3.00 "
and
0.18522 K
@ 1.00 "
AggregateBandWidth
Frequency Width
7.500000 GHz
Time Estimate
Yes
No
Yes
No

SG Time Estimates

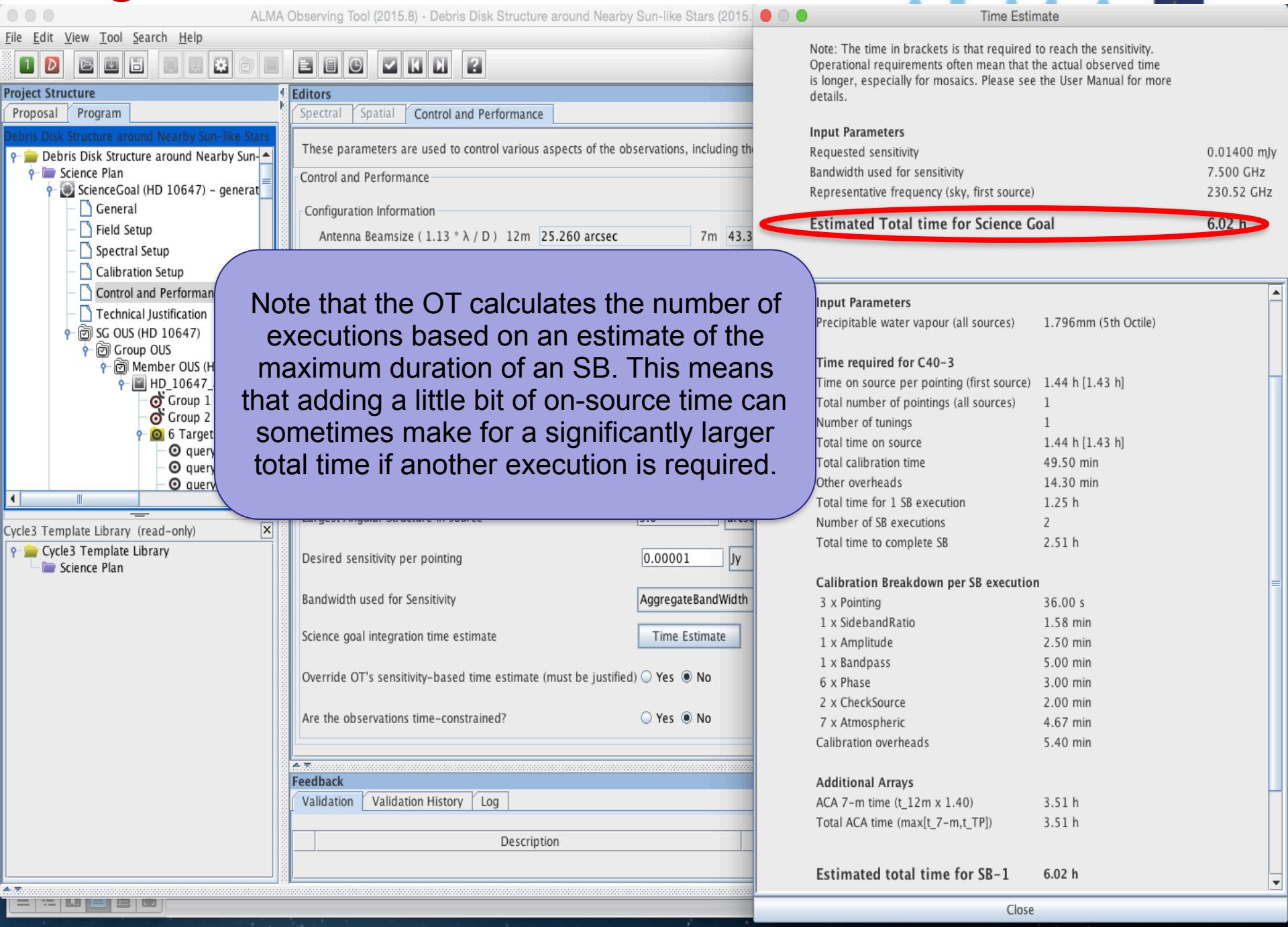


Click the time estimate to see how much time you need and get a breakdown by array and on-source vs. overhead for the 12m synthesis

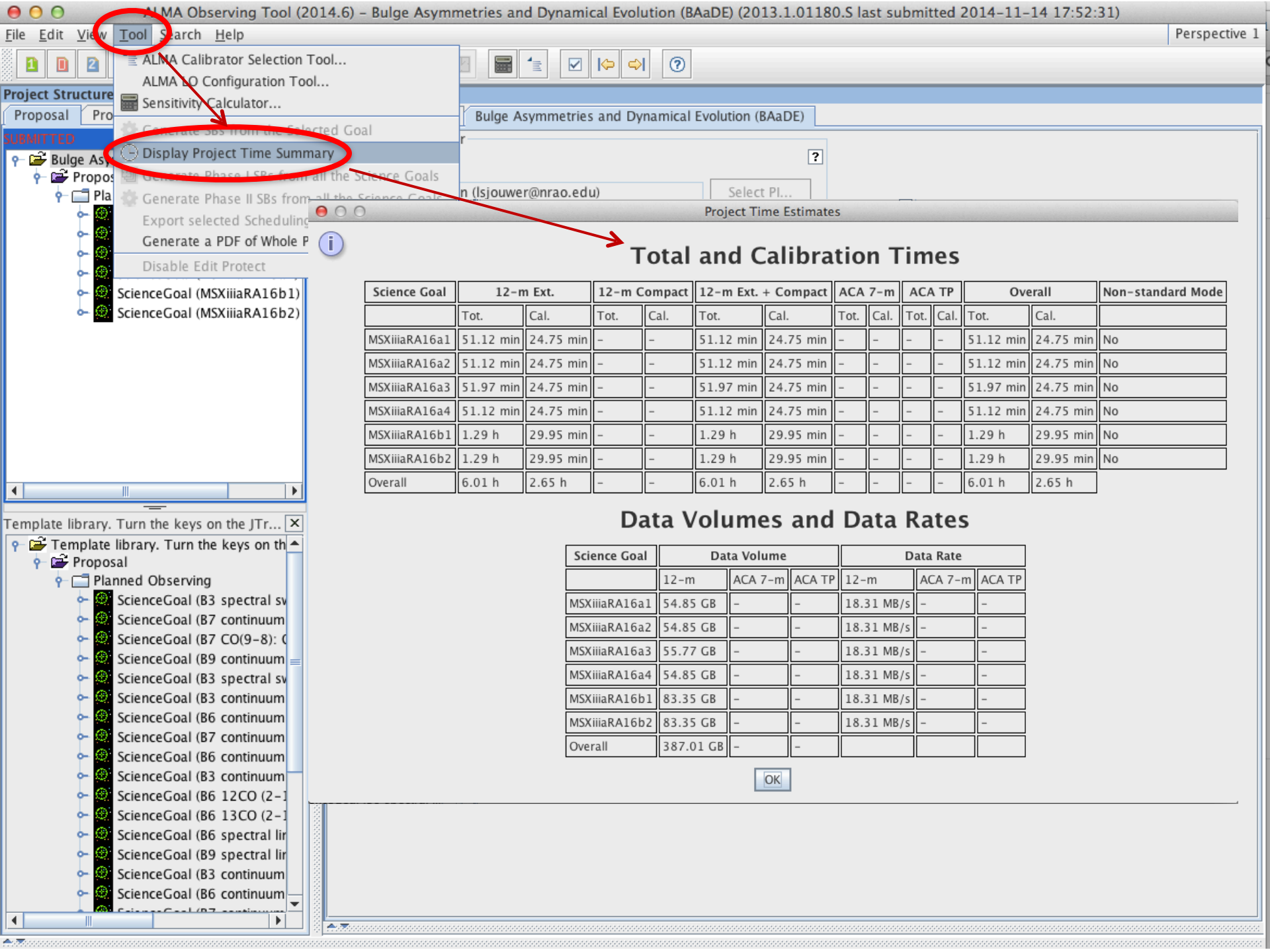
SG Time Estimates



Single source time estimates



Note that the OT calculates the number of executions based on an estimate of the maximum duration of an SB. This means that adding a little bit of on-source time can sometimes make for a significantly larger total time if another execution is required.



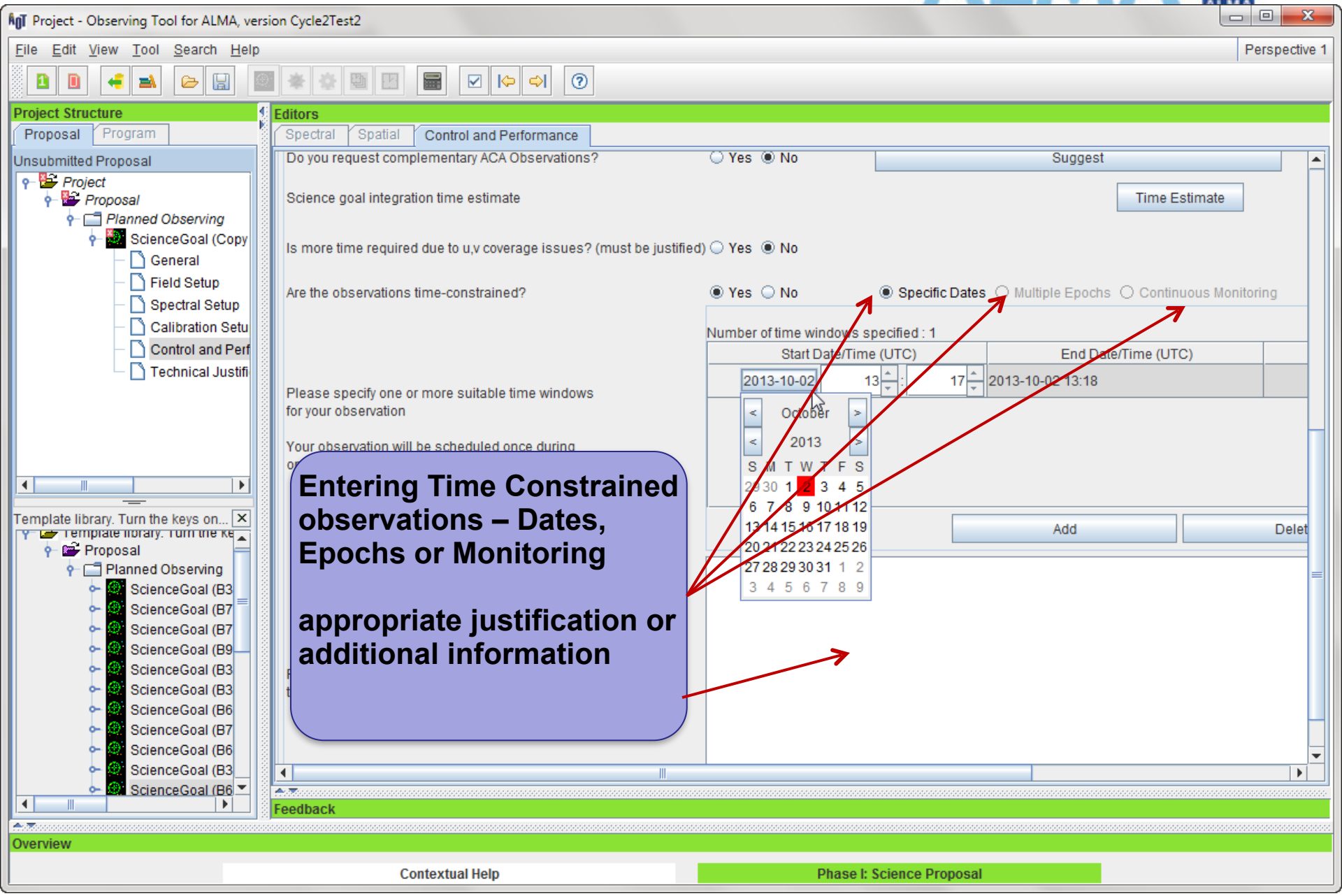
Total and Calibration Times

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	

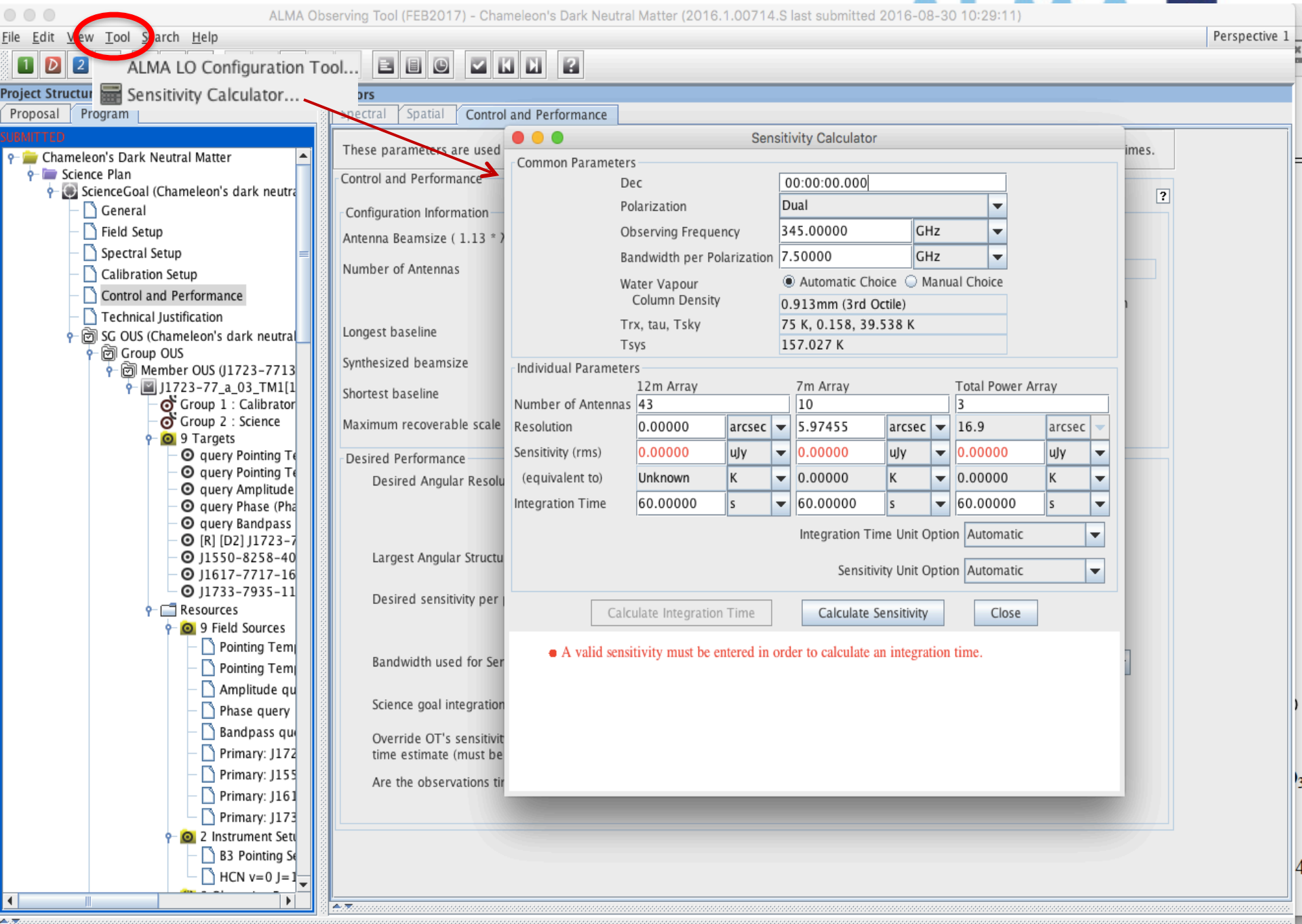
Data Volumes and Data Rates

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	-	-			

Time constrained observing



The sensitivity calculator is available separately in the OT (or on the web)



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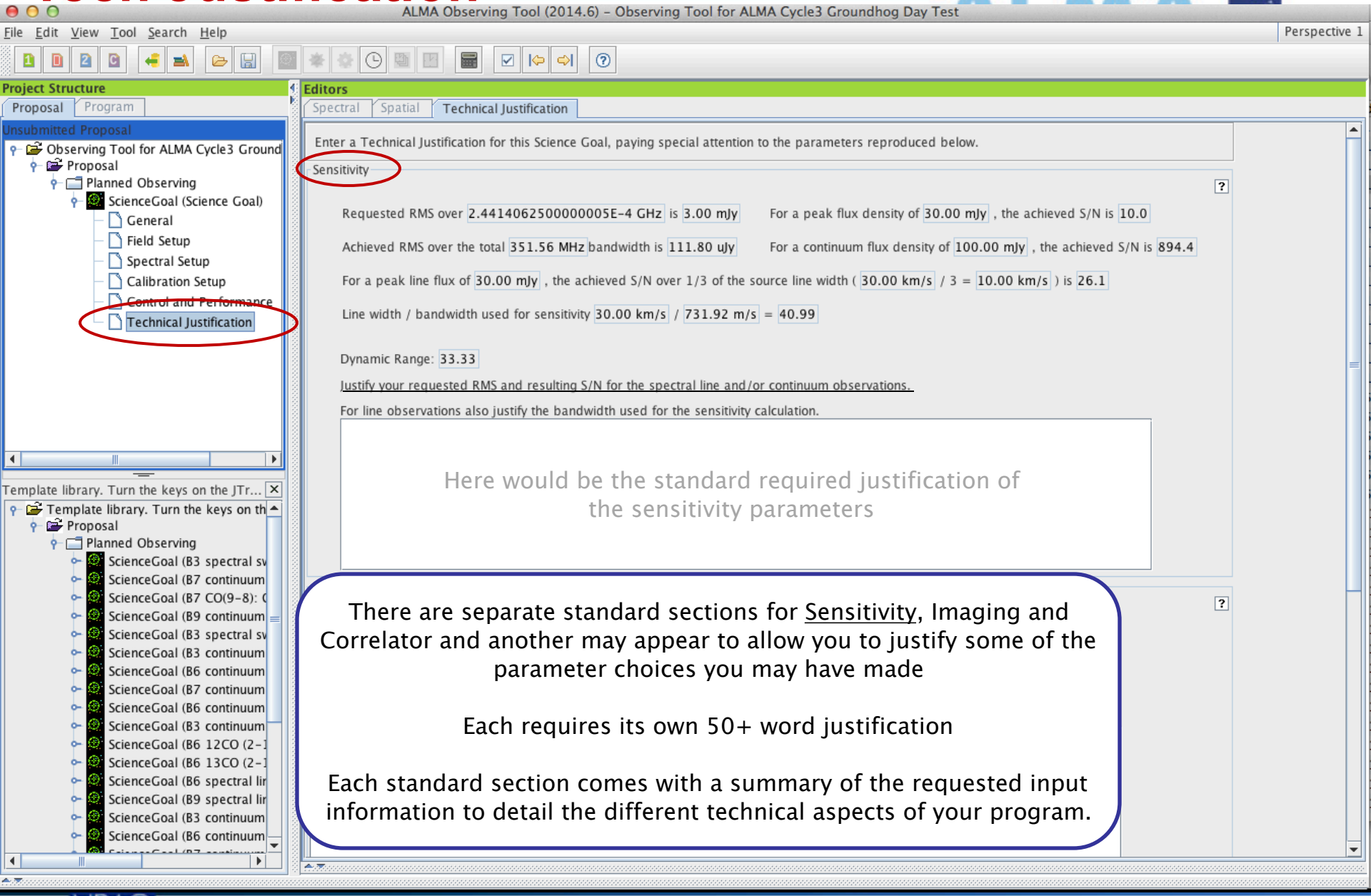

There are separate standard sections for Sensitivity, Imaging and Correlator and another may appear to allow you to justify some of the parameter choices you may have made

Each requires its own 50+ word justification

Each standard section comes with a summary of the requested input information to detail the different technical aspects of your program.

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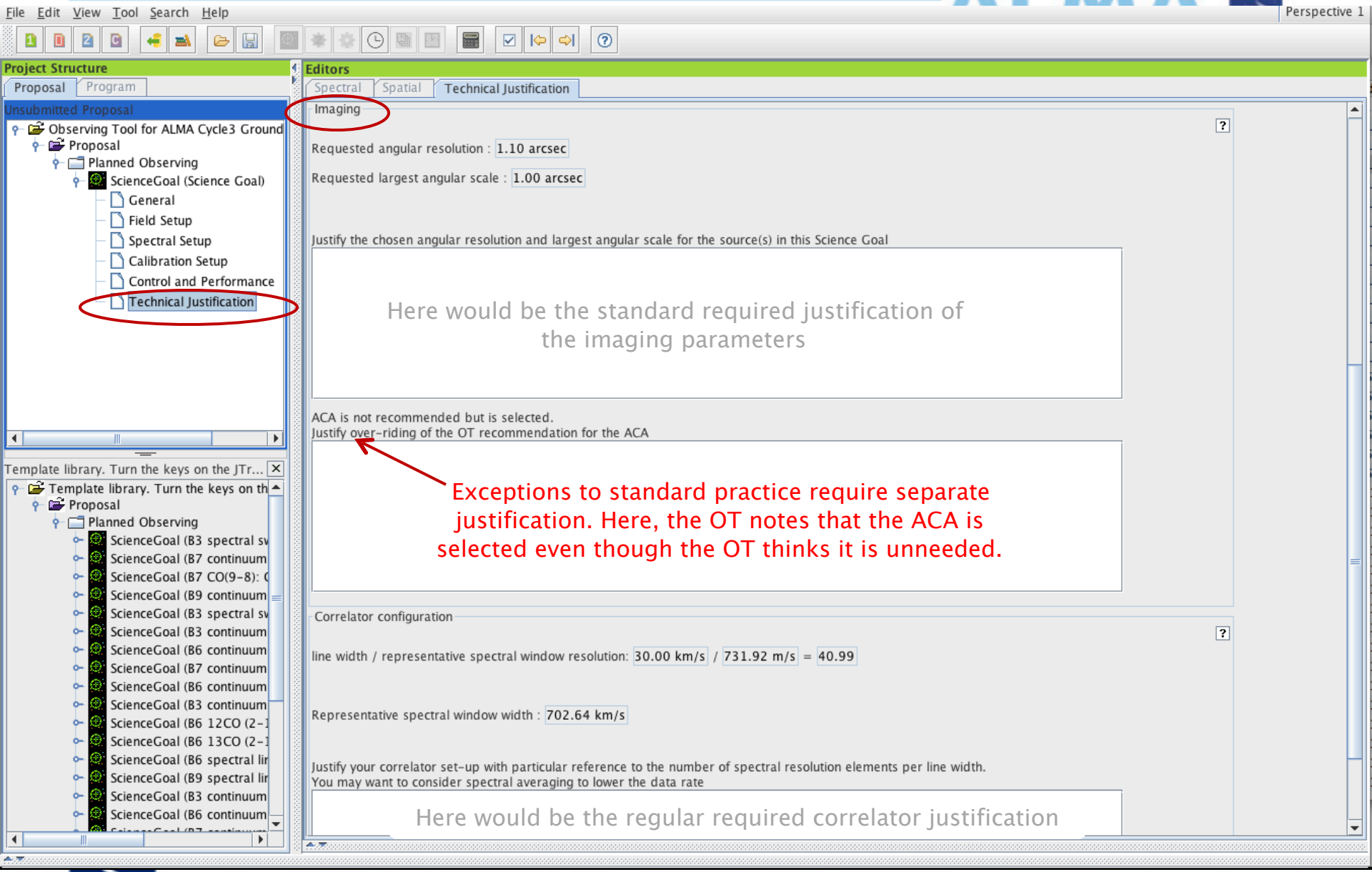

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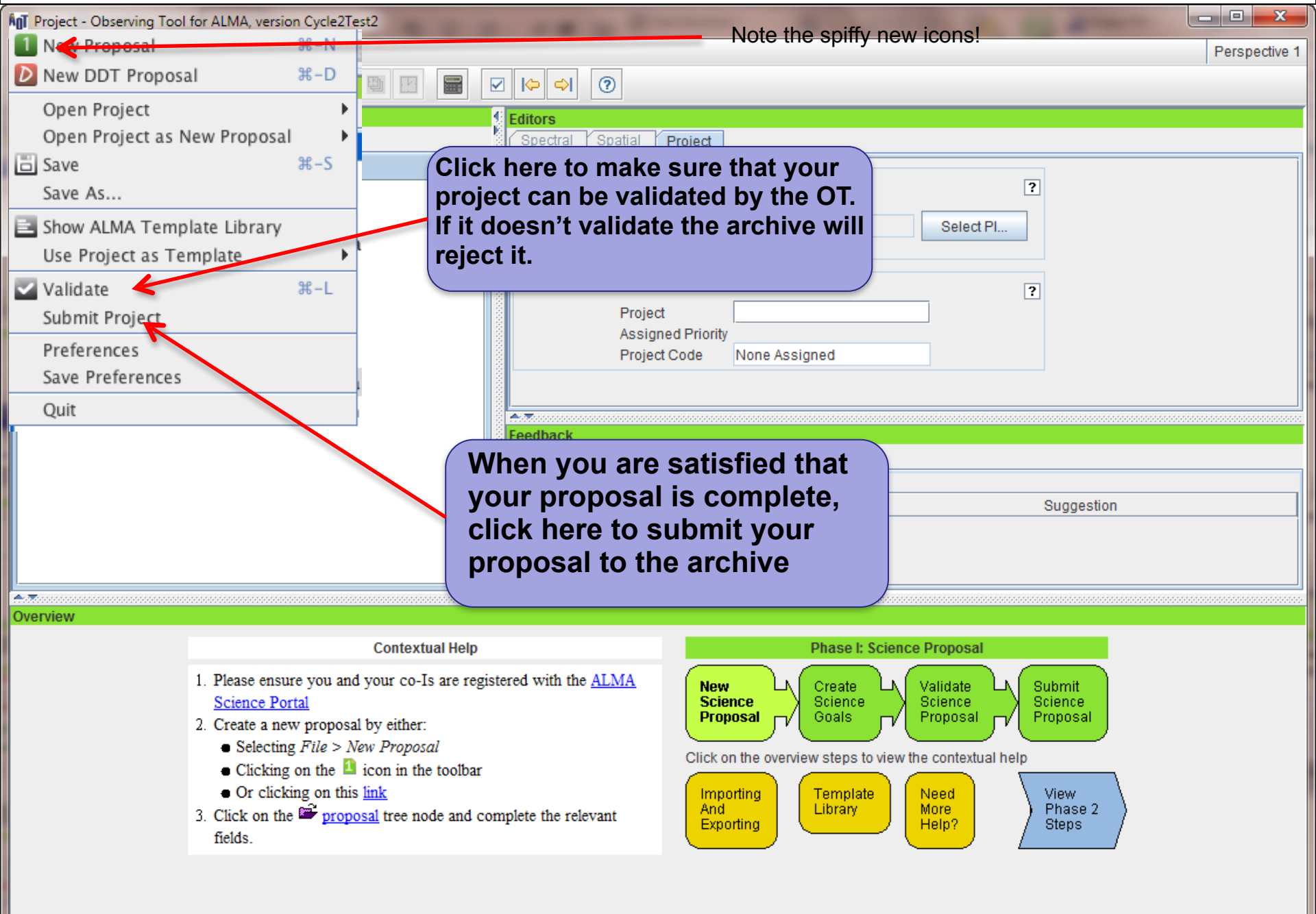

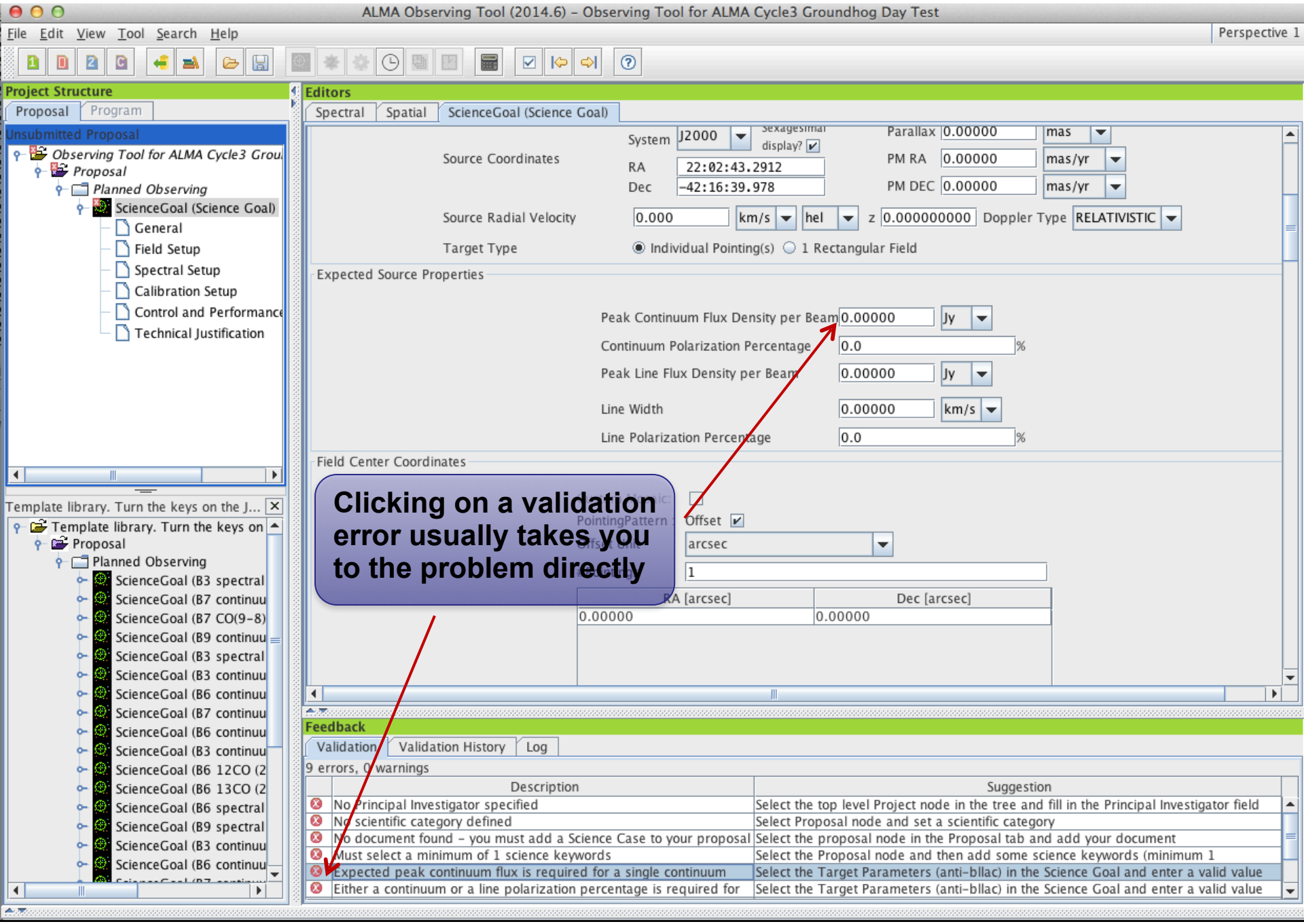
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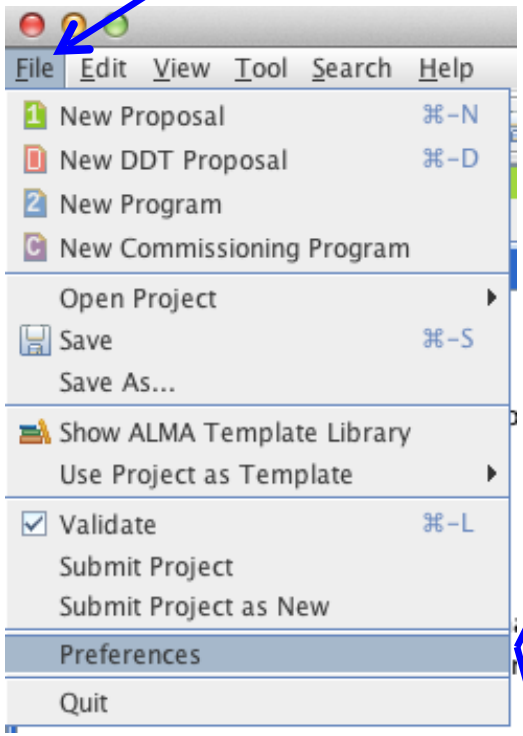

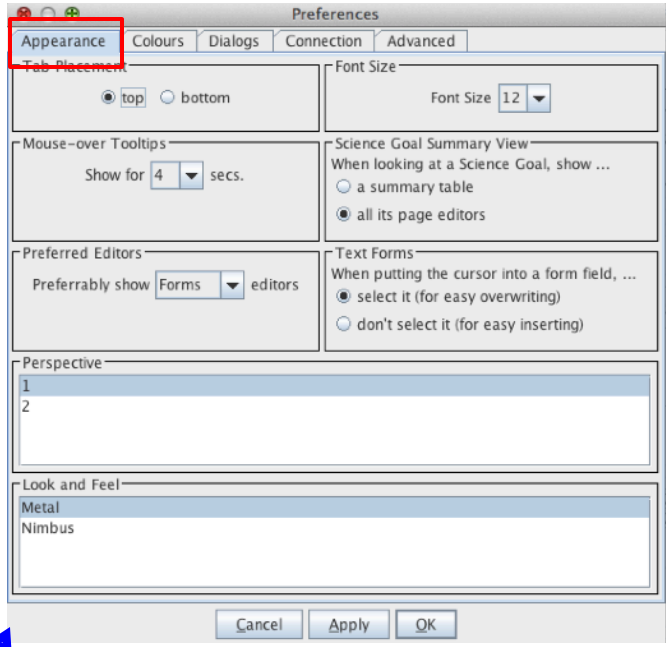

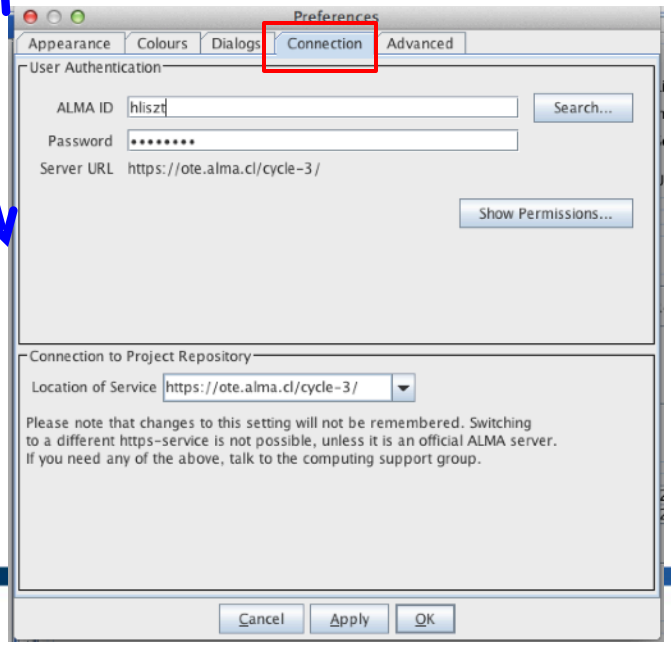

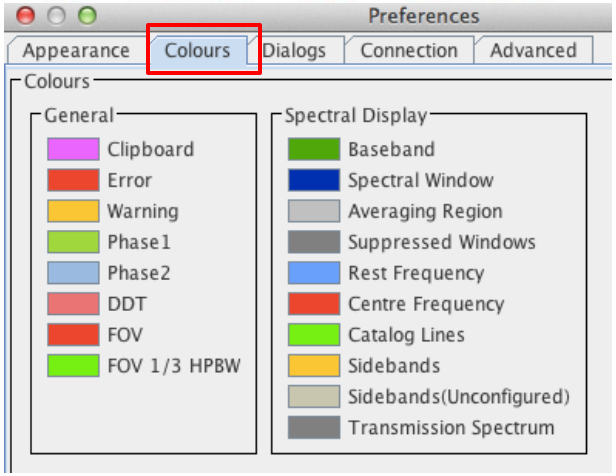

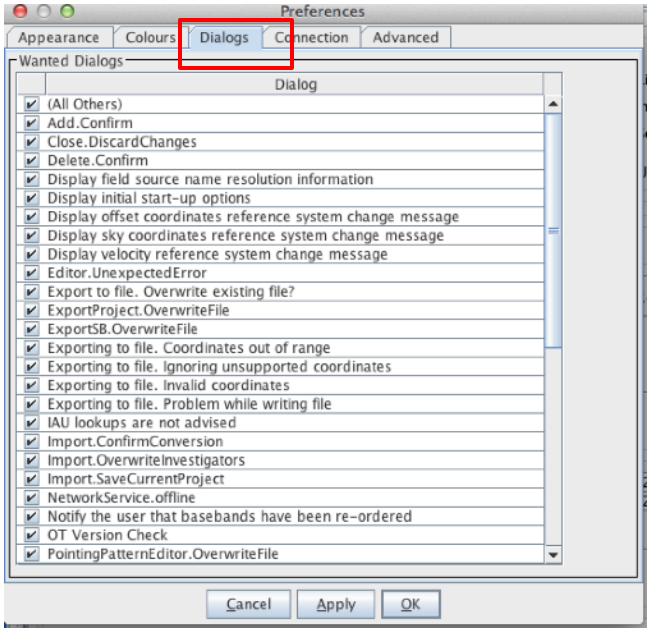

A Few OT Tips…

- New: The same cut and paste commands you use outside the OT for text also now work inside it
- Ctrl-Z global shortcut will expand out succeeding items in the J-tree (try it, you'll see what we mean)
- Holding down ALT when making choices in dropdown lists will convert to the unit or type of the new choice
  - Otherwise, only the description changes, not value
- OT does galactic-celestial conversion automatically
  - Cannot convert in other ways (e.g., not FK5 J2000 to ICRS).
  - FK5 J2000 now deprecated.

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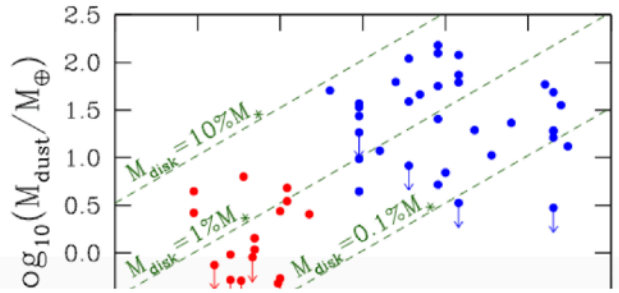

The sensitivity, resolution and the wavelength coverage of ALMA makes it an ideal tool for studying the properties of the cold outer disks of young stars and low mass objects. Such observations can aid us in understanding the formation of their central objects and their likelihood of ultimately hosting planets. In a recent Astronomy & Astrophysics paper, Dr. Testi and his collaborators made use of ALMA Band 7 to observe an unbiased sample of spectroscopically confirmed Ophiuchus brown dwarfs with infrared excesses.

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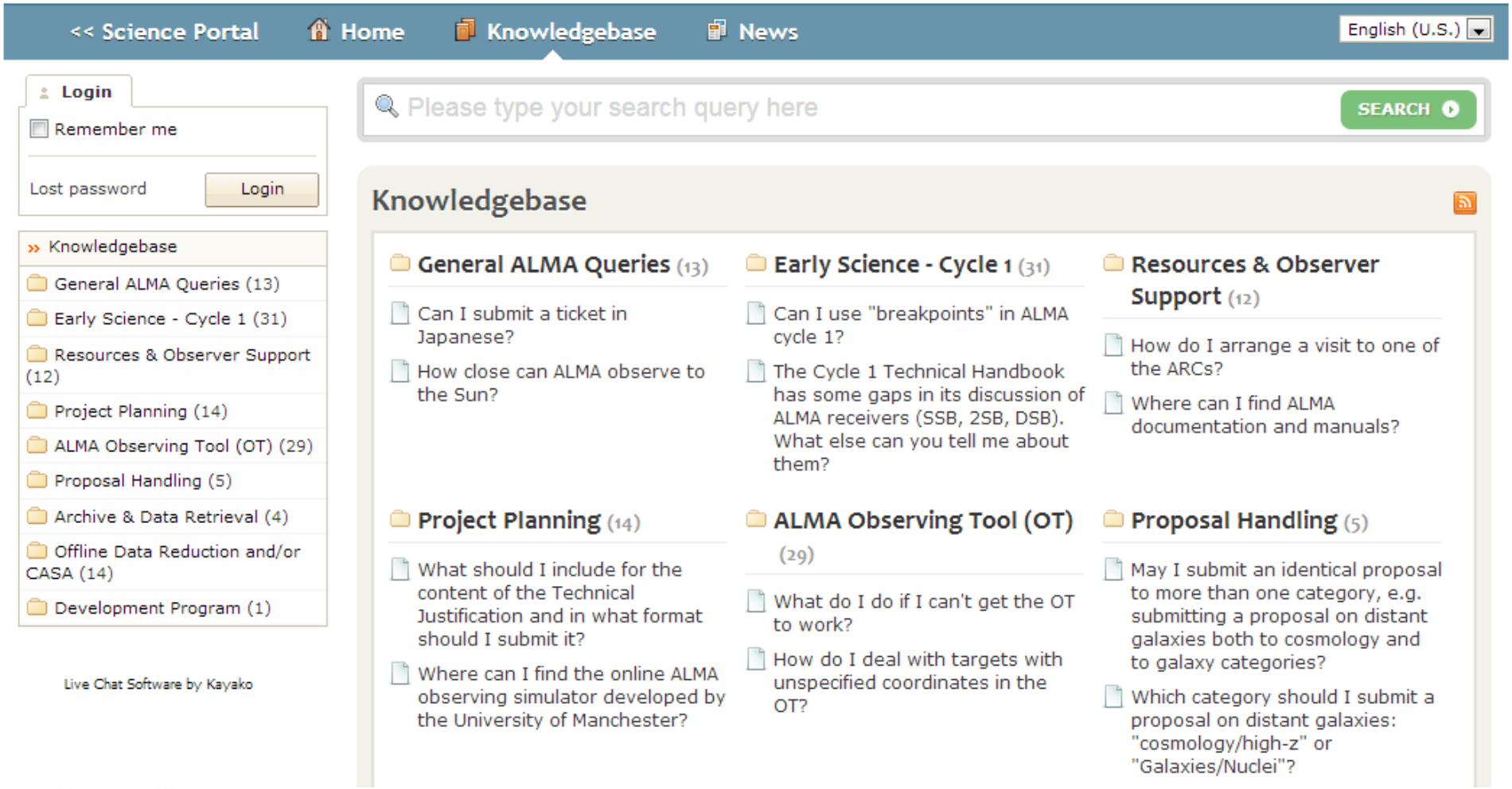

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