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ALMA



EVLA



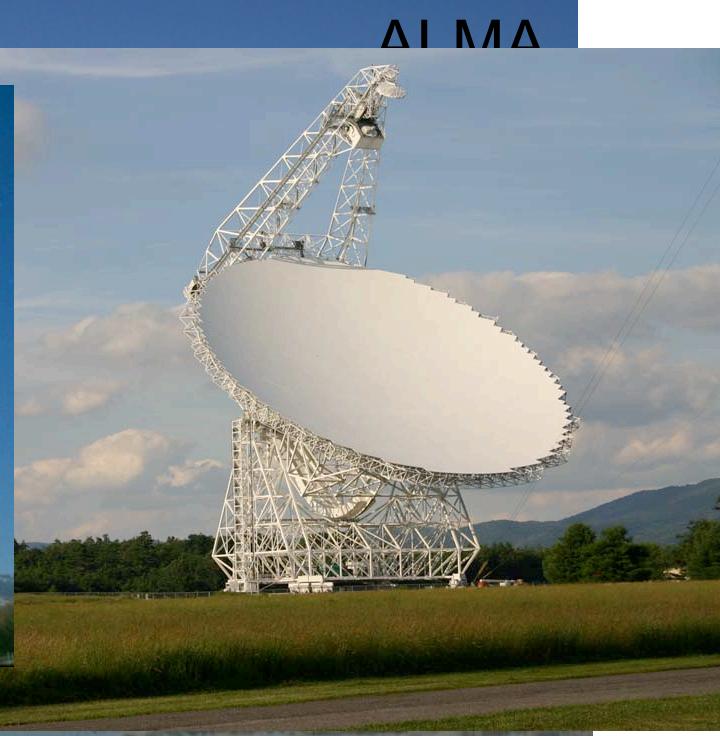
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CASA (Common Astronomy Software Applications)

- CASA is the offline data reduction package for ALMA and the EVLA (data from other telescopes usually work, too, but not primary goal of CASA)
- Import/export data, edit, calibrate, image, analyze
- Also supports single dish! (based on ASAP)
- CASA has many tasks and a LOT of tools
- It is very versatile on how you run it
- Easy to write scripts and we would like to build up repository for contributed scripts and tasks
- We have a lot of documentation, reduction tutorials, helpdesk
- CASA has some of the most sophisticated algorithms implemented (multi-scale clean, Taylor term expansion for wide bands, W-term projection, OTF mosaicing, etc.)
- We have an active Algorithm Research Group, so more coolness to come



CASA (Common Astronomy Software Applications)

Current version: 3.2.1

New releases about every 6 months.

For download: casa.nrao.edu Linux, Mac OS X

“release”, “test” and “stable” versions available at NRAO/ESO/ALMA

- > **casa** - latest release: underwent lots of testing, updated documentation
- > **casa-test** - cutting edge capabilities, no documentation, bugs
- > **casa-stable** - less bugs but also less features, could be a release



Outline

- IPython & Python
- CASA help
- CASA task interface
- MS and data selection
- Documentation



CASA Interface

- IPython
 - shell access
 - autoparenthesis (autocall)
 - command history
 - session logging
 - ipython.log – ipython command history
 - casapy.log – casa messages
 - numbered input/output
 - history/searching



Python Pointers

- to run a .py script:

```
execfile('<scriptname>')
```

example: execfile('ngc5921_demo.py')

- indentation matters!
 - be careful when doing cut-and-paste to Python
 - cut a few (4-6) lines at a time
- Python counts from 0 to n-1!
- variables are global when using task interface
- tasknames are objects (not variables)



Tasks and tools in CASA

- Tasks - high-level functionality
 - function call or parameter handling interface
 - these are what you should use in tutorial
- Tools - complete functionality
 - tool.method calls, used by tasks
 - sometimes shown in tutorial scripts



Key Tasks



To see list of tasks organized by type:

>tasklist

```
Default
New Info : Customize Bookmarks Close :
CASA <Z>: tasklist
-----> tasklist()
Available tasks, organized by category (experimental tasks in parenthesis):

Import/Export      Information     Data Editing    Display/Plotting
-----
importvla          imhead          concat         clearplot
importfits          imstat          fixvis        plotants
importuvfits       listcal         flagautocorr  plotcal
exportfits          listhistory    flagdata      plotms
exportuvfits       listobs         flagmanager   plotxy
(importasdm)       listvis         plotsms      viewer
(importgprt)       vishead        plotxy       (viewerconnection)
visstat

Data Manipulation  Calibration    Imaging        Modelling
-----
concat            accum          clean         setjy
cvel              applycal      deconvolve   uvcontsub
fixvis           bandpass      feather      uvmodelfit
hanningsmooth    blcal         ft           ubsub
split             calstat       makemask    (uvcontsub2)
uvcontsub        clearcal      (autoclean) (boxit)
uvsub             cvel          fluxscale
(msmoments)      fixvis        gaincal
                  gencal         listcal
                  polcal
                  setjy
                  smoothcal
                  (fringecal)
                  (peel)

Image Analysis    Simulation    Utilities      Single Dish
-----
imcontsub        simdata       browsetable
imhead           (simdata2)  casalogger
imfit            clearplot
immath           clearstat
immoments        csvclean
imregrid         filecatalog
imsMOOTH        find
imstat           help par.parameter
imval            help task
(specfit)        rmtables
                  startup
                  taskhelp
                  tasklist
                  toolhelp

Single Dish
(after running asap_init())
-----
sdaverage
sdbaseline
sdcal
sdcoadd
sdfit
sdflag
sdimaging
sdimprocess
sdlist
sdmath
sdplot
sdsave
sdscale
sdsmooth
sdstat
sdtpimaging
(sdsim)
(msmoments)

User defined tasks
-----
CASA <3>: [ ]
```



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Key Tasks



To see list of tasks
with short help:

>taskhelp

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "CASA <15>: taskhelp". The window lists numerous CASA tasks with their brief descriptions. The tasks are listed in alphabetical order, starting with "accum" and ending with "immoments". The descriptions provide a brief overview of each task's function.

Task	Description
accum	: Accumulate incremental calibration solutions into a calibration table
applycal	: Apply calibrations solutions(s) to data
autoclean	: CLEAN an image with automatically-chosen clean regions.
bandpass	: Calculates a bandpass calibration solution
blcal	: Calculate a baseline-based calibration solution (gain or bandpass)
boxit	: Box regions in image above given threshold value.
browsetable	: Browse a table (MS, calibration table, image)
calstat	: Displays statistical information on a calibration table
clean	: Invert and deconvolve images with selected algorithm
clearcal	: Re-initializes the calibration for a visibility data set
clearplot	: Clear the matplotlib plotter and all layers
clearstat	: Clear all autolock locks
concat	: Concatenate several visibility data sets.
conjugatevis	: Change the sign of the phases in all visibility columns.
csvclean	: This task does an invert of the visibilities and deconvolve in the image plane
cvel	: regrid an MS to a new spectral window / channel structure or frame
deconvolve	: Image based deconvolver
exportasdm	: Convert a CASA visibility file (MS) into an ALMA Science Data Model
exportfits	: Convert a CASA image to a FITS file
exportuvfits	: Convert a CASA visibility data set to a UVFITS file:
feather	: Combine two images using their Fourier transforms
find	: Find string in tasks, task names, parameter names:
fixvis	: Recalculates or converts (u, v, w)
flagautocorr	: Flag autocorrelations
flagcmd	: Flagging task based on flagging commands
flagdata	: All purpose flagging task based on selections
flagdata2	: All purpose flagging task based on selections. It allows the combination of se
flagmanager	: Enable list, save, restore, delete and rename flag version files.
fluxscale	: Bootstrap the flux density scale from standard calibrators
ft	: Insert a source model into the MODEL_DATA column of a visibility set:
gaincal	: Determine temporal gains from calibrator observations
gencal	: Specify Calibration Values of Various Types
hanningsmooth	: Hanning smooth frequency channel data to remove Gibbs ringing
imcollapse	: Collapse image along one axis, aggregating pixel values along that axis.
imcontsub	: Subtracts specified continuum channels from a spectral line data set
imfit	: Fit one or more elliptical Gaussian components on an image region(s)
imhead	: List, get and put image header parameters
immath	: Perform math operations on images
immoments	: Compute moments from an image



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Task Interface



examine task parameters with `inp` :

The screenshot shows a window titled "Default" containing the output of the `CASA <12>: inp` command. The output lists various parameters and their values, many of which are highlighted in red or blue. The parameters include `vis`, `imagename`, `outlierfile`, `field`, `spw`, `selectdata` (set to `False`), `mode` (set to `'channel'`), `nchan`, `start`, `width`, `interpolation` (set to `'linear'`), `chaniter` (set to `False`), `outframe`, `gridmode`, `niter`, `gain`, `threshold` (set to `'0.0mJy'`), `psfmode` (set to `'clark'`), `imagermode`, `multiscale` (set to `[]`), `interactive` (set to `False`), `mask`, `imsize` (set to `[256, 256]`), `cell` (set to `['1.0arcsec']`), `phasecenter`, `restfreq`, `stokes` (set to `'I'`), `weighting` (set to `'natural'`), `uv taper` (set to `False`), `modelimage`, `restoringbeam` (set to `[]`), `pbcor`, `minpb`, `calready`, and `async`. The `inp` command is also shown at the top of the list.

```
CASA <12>: inp
-----> inp()
# clean :: Invert and deconvolve images with selected algorithm
vis          =      ''          # Name of input visibility file
imagename    =      ''          # Pre-name of output images
outlierfile  =      ''          # Text file with image names, sizes, centers for outliers
field         =      ''          # Field Name or id
spw          =      ''          # Spectral windows e.g. '0~3', '' is all
selectdata    =      False       # Other data selection parameters
mode          =      'channel'   # Spectral gridding type (mfs, channel, velocity, frequency)
nchan         =      -1         # Number of channels (planes) in output image; -1 = all
start         =      0           # Begin the output cube at the frequency of this channel in the MS
width         =      1           # Width of output channel relative to MS channel (# to average)
interpolation =      'linear'   # Spectral interpolation (nearest, linear, cubic). Use nearest for
                                # mode=channel
chaniter     =      False       # Clean each channel to completion (True), or all channels each cycle (False)
                                # velocity frame of output image

gridmode      =      ''          # Gridding kernel for FFT-based transforms, default='' None
niter         =      500        # Maximum number of iterations
gain          =      0.1         # Loop gain for cleaning
threshold     =      '0.0mJy'   # Flux level to stop cleaning, must include units: '1.0mJy'
psfmode       =      'clark'    # Method of PSF calculation to use during minor cycles
imagermode    =      ''          # Options: 'csclclean' or 'mosaic', '', uses psfmode
multiscale    =      []          # Deconvolution scales (pixels); [] = standard clean
interactive   =      False       # Use interactive clean (with GUI viewer)
mask          =      []          # Cleanbox(es), mask image(s), region(s), or a level
imsize         =      [256, 256]  # x and y image size in pixels. Single value: same for both
cell          =      ['1.0arcsec'] # x and y cell size(s). Default unit arcsec.
phasecenter   =      ''          # Image center: direction or field index
restfreq      =      ''          # Rest frequency to assign to image (see help)
stokes         =      'I'         # Stokes params to image (eg I,IV,IQ,IQUV)
weighting     =      'natural'   # Weighting of uv (natural, uniform, briggs, ...)
uv taper      =      False       # Apply additional uv tapering of visibilities
modelimage    =      ''          # Name of model image(s) to initialize cleaning
restoringbeam =      []          # Output Gaussian restoring beam for CLEAN image
pbcor         =      False       # Output primary beam-corrected image
minpb         =      0.2         # Minimum PB level to use
calready      =      True        # True required for self-calibration
async         =      False       # If true the taskname must be started using clean(...)
```



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CASA <13>:

Default

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Default

Task Interface

- standard tasking interface

- use parameters set as global Python variables

(set) <param> = <value>

(e.g. vis = 'ngc5921.demo.ms')

- parameter manipulation command

using inp , default , saveinputs , tget, tput

- execute

<taskname> or go (e.g. clean())

- return values

some tasks return Python dictionaries, e.g. myval=imval()

Task Execution

- two ways to invoke:
 - call from Python as functions with arguments
`taskname(arg1=val1, arg2=val2, ...), like`
`Clean(vis='input.ms', imagename='galaxy',selectvis=T,`
`robust=0.5, imsize=[200,200])`
unspecified parameters will be defaulted (globals not used)
 - use standard tasking interface
 - use global variables for task parameters
 - see Chapter I.3 in Cookbook



Expandable Parameters

```
IPy:Jupyter
CASA <3>: tget('clean')
Restored parameters from file clean.last

CASA <4>: inp()
#  clean :: Deconvolve an image with selected algorithm
vis           = 'ngc5921.usecase.ms.consub' #  name of input visibility file
imagingname   = 'ngc5921.usecase.clean' #  Pre-name of output images
field          = '0'                      #  Field Name
spw            = ''                       #  Spectral windows;channels: '' is all
selectdata     = False                   #  Other data selection parameters
mode           = 'channel'               #  Type of selection (mfs, channel, velocity, frequency)
    nchan        = 46                     #  Number of channels (planes) in output image
    start         = 5                      #  first input channel to use
    width         = 1                      #  Number of input channels to average

niter          = 6000                   #  Maximum number of iterations
gain           = 0.1                    #  Loop gain for cleaning
threshold      = 8.0                   #  Flux level to stop cleaning. Must include units
psfmode        = 'clark'                #  method of PSF calculation to use during minor cycles
imagermode     = ''                     #  Use csclen or mosaic. If '', use psfmode
multiscale     = []                    #  set deconvolution scales (pixels), default: multiscale=[] (standard CLEAN)
interactive    = False                  #  use interactive clean (with GUI viewer)
mask           = [108, 108, 148, 148] #  cleanbox(es), mask image(s), and/or region(s) used in cleaning
imsize         = [256, 256]              #  x and y image size in pixels, symmetric for single value
cell            = [15.0, 15.0]             #  x and y cell size, default unit arcsec
phasecenter    = ''                     #  Image phase center: position or field index
restfreq       = ''                     #  rest frequency to assign to image (see help)
stokes          = 'I'                    #  Stokes params to image (eg I,IV, QU, IQUV)
weighting       = 'briggs'               #  Weighting to apply to visibilities
    robust        = 0.5                  #  Briggs robustness parameter
    npixels       = 0                      #  number of pixels to determine uv-cell size 0=> field of view

uvtaper        = False                 #  Apply additional uv tapering of visibilities.
modelimage     = ''                   #  Name of model image(s) to initialize cleaning
```

Parameter Checking

sanity checks of parameters in inp :

```
IPy:Jupyter
CASA <5>: psfmode='hogwarts'

CASA <6>: inp()
# clean :: Deconvolve an image with selected algorithm
vis = 'ngc5921.usecase.ms.cont' # visibility file
imagername = 'ngc5921.usecase.clean' # images
field = '0' # Field ID
spw = '' # Specifier, '' is all
selectdata = False # Other parameters
mode = 'channel' # Type of selection (ms, channel, velocity, frequency)
nchan = 46 # Number of channels (planes) in output image
start = 5 # First input channel to use
width = 1 # Number of input channels to average

niter = 6000 # Maximum number of iterations
gain = 0.1 # Loop gain for cleaning
threshold = 8.0 # Flux level to stop cleaning. Must include units
psfmode = 'hogwarts' # method of PSF calculation to use during minor cycles
imagermode = '' # Use csclean or mosaic. If '', use psfmode
multiscale = [] # set deconvolution scales (pixels), default: multiscale=[] (standard CLEAN)
interactive = False # use interactive clean (with GUI viewer)
mask = [108, 108, 148, 148] # cleanbox(es), mask image(s), and/or region(s) used in cleaning
imsize = [256, 256] # x and y image size in pixels, symmetric for single value
cell = [15.0, 15.0] # x and y cell size, default unit arcsec
phasecenter = '' # Image phase center; position or field index
restfreq = '' # rest frequency to assign to image (see help)
stokes = 'I' # Stokes params to image (eg I,IV, QU, IQUV)
weighting = 'briggs' # Weighting to apply to visibilities
robust = 0.5 # Briggs robustness parameter
npixels = 0 # number of pixels to determine uv-cell size 0=> field of view

uvtaper = False # Apply additional uv tapering of visibilities.
modelimage = '' # Name of model image(s) to initialize cleaning
restoringbeam = [''] # Output Gaussian restoring beam for CLEAN image
```

erroneous values in red



Help on Tasks



In-line help:

>help 'clean' OR >pdoc clean

```
IPy:Jupyter
CASA <7>: help('clean')
Help on module clean:

NAME
    clean

FILE
    /usr/lib/casapy/20.0.5444test-001/lib/python2.5/clean.py

DESCRIPTION
    # This file was generated using xsbt from its XML file
    #
    # Copyright 2007, Associated Universities Inc., Washington DC
    #

FUNCTIONS
    clean_imp(vis=None, imagename=None, field=None, spw=None, selectdata=
        gain=None, threshold=None, psfmode=None, imagermode=None, ftmachine=None
        one, mask=None, nchan=None, start=None, width=None, imsize=None, cell=None
        er=None, outertaper=None, innertaper=None, modelimage=None, restoringbeam
        r=None, cyclespeedup=None, async=None)
        Deconvolve an image with selected algorithm

        The main clean deconvolution task. It contains many functio
        1) Make 'dirty' image and 'dirty' beam (psf)
        2) Multi-frequency-continuum images or spectral channel im
        3) Full Stokes imaging
        4) Mosaicking of several pointings
        5) Multi-scale cleaning
        6) Interactive clean boxing
        7) Initial starting model

    vis -- Name of input visibility file
        default: none; example: vis='ngc5921.ms'
    imagename -- Pre-name of output images:
        default: none; example: imagename='m2'
        output images are:
            m2.image; cleaned and restored image
                With or without primary beam correction
            m2.psf; point-spread function (dirty beam)
            m2.flux; relative sky sensitivity over field
            m2.model; image of clean components
            m2.residual; image of residuals
```

Tools in CASA

- ⌚ What if there's no task?
 - use CASA tools! (tasks are built upon tools)

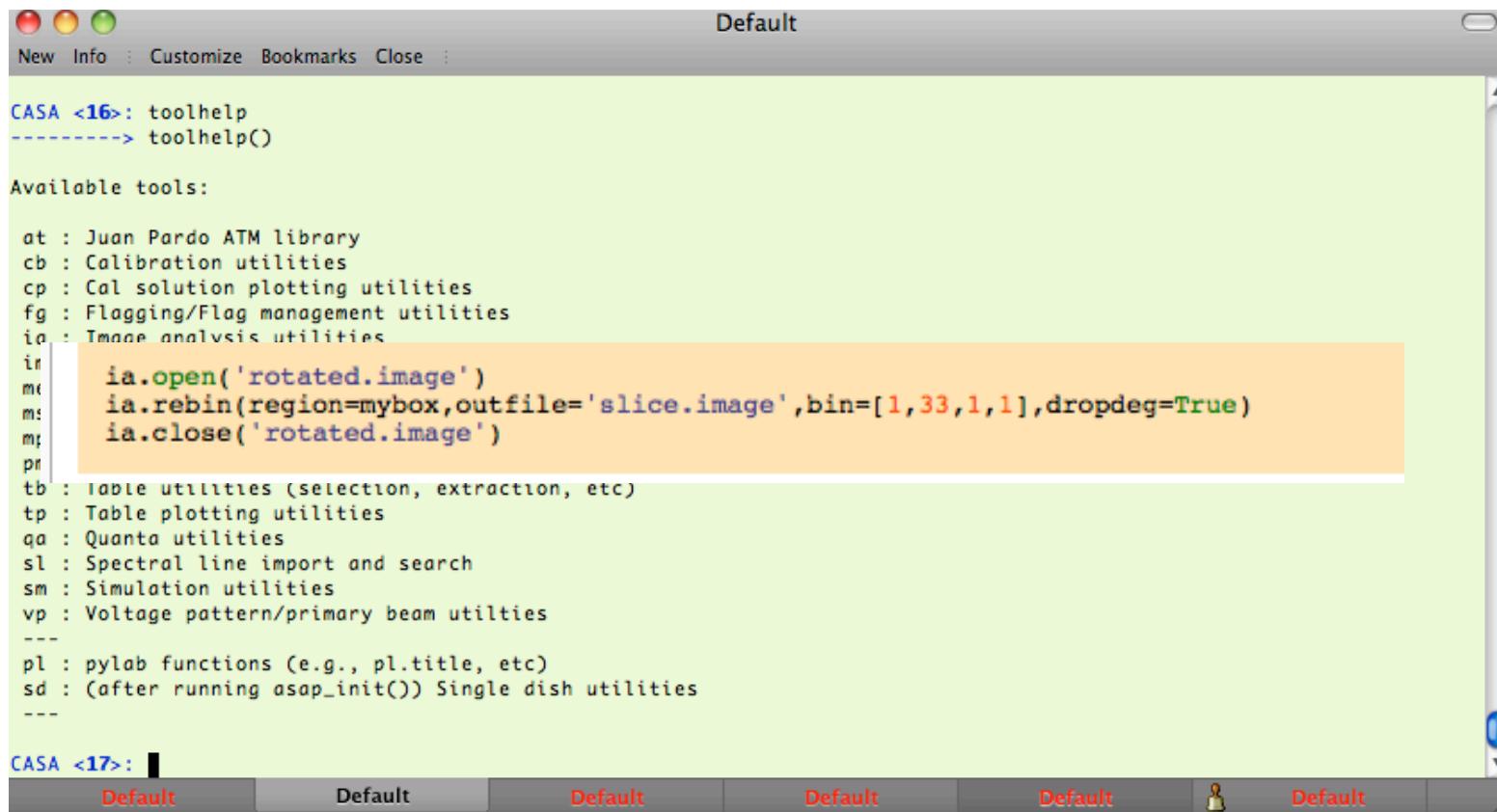
- ⌚ CASA Toolkit underneath tasks
 - ⌚ core AIPS++ code (mostly in C++)

- ⌚ tools are functions/methods
 - ⌚ call from casapy as <tool>. <method> ()
 - ⌚ default tool objects are pre-constructed
 - ⌚ e.g. imager (im) , calibrator (cb), ms (ms) , etc. (see toolhelp)



CASA Tool List

list of default tools from toolhelp :



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Default" with the title bar "New Info Customize Bookmarks Close". The window displays the output of the "toolhelp()" command. It starts with "CASA <16>: toolhelp" followed by "-----> toolhelp()". Below this, it lists "Available tools:" and their descriptions. A specific block of code is highlighted with an orange background:

```
ia.open('rotated.image')
ia.rebin(region=mybox,outfile='slice.image',bin=[1,33,1,1],dropdeg=True)
ia.close('rotated.image')
```

Other listed tools include: at, cb, cp, fg, ia, ir, mc, ms, mp, pr, tb, tp, qa, sl, sm, vp, pl, sd, and ---.

CASA <17>: [] Default Default Default Default Default Default

CASA Tool List

- ④ There's a good chance that your problem can be solved on the tool level, don't be afraid!
- ④ ~1000 tools available!

- ④ tools described in the CASA Toolkit Reference:
 - ④ <http://casa.nrao.edu/docs/CasaRef/CasaRef.html>

[What imager produces:](#)
[What imager does not do:](#)
[What improvement to imager are in the works:](#)
[Advanced use of imager:](#)
[Overview of imager tool functions:](#)

2.4.1 [imager - Tool](#)
[imager.imager - Function](#)
[imager.advise - Function](#)
[imager.approximatepsf - Function](#)
[imager.boxmask - Function](#)
[imager.calcuvw - Function](#)
[imager.clean - Function](#)
[imager.clipimage - Function](#)
[imager.clipvis - Function](#)
[imager.close - Function](#)
[imager.defineimage - Function](#)
[imager.done - Function](#)
[imager.drawmask - Function](#)
[imager.exprmask - Function](#)
[imager.feather - Function](#)
[imager.filter - Function](#)
[imager.fitspf - Function](#)
[imager.fixvis - Function](#)
[imager.ft - Function](#)
[imager.linearmosaic - Function](#)
[imager.make - Function](#)
[imager.makeimage - Function](#)
[imager.makemodelfromsd - Function](#)
[imager.mask - Function](#)
[imager.mem - Function](#)
[imager.nnls - Function](#)
[imager.open - Function](#)
[imager.pb - Function](#)
[imager.plotsummary - Function](#)
[imager.plotuv - Function](#)
[imager.plotvis - Function](#)
[imager.plotweights - Function](#)
[imager.regionmask - Function](#)
[imager.regiontoimagemask - Function](#)
[imager.residual - Function](#)
[imager.restore - Function](#)
[imager.sensitivity - Function](#)



The Measurement Set

- ⌚ the MS is a directory on disk
- ⌚ the MAIN table in `table.*` files
- ⌚ also contains sub-tables
 - ⌚ e.g. FIELD, SOURCE, ANTENNA, etc.
- ⌚ sub-tables are sub-directories
- ⌚ to copy must `cp -rf` to get contents
- ⌚ Best to remove ms with `rmtables('filename')`
 - ⌚ WARNING: moving a MS can break cal-table dependencies

Example MS

⌚ Example: ls ngc5921.usecase.ms

```
smyers@colorin ~/CASA/Test $ ls ngc5921.usecase.ms
ANTENNA          POLARIZATION      table.f1           table.f3_TSM1      table.f8
DATA_DESCRIPTION PROCESSOR        table.f10          table.f4           table.f8_TSM1
FEED             SORTED_TABLE    table.f10_TSM1    table.f5           table.f9
FIELD            SOURCE          table.f11          table.f5_TSM1    table.f9_TSM1
FLAG_CMD         SPECTRAL_WINDOW table.f11_TSM1   table.f6           table.info
HISTORY          STATE           table.f2           table.f6_TSM0    table.lock
OBSERVATION      table.dat       table.f2_TSM1    table.f7           table.lock
POINTING         table.f0        table.f3           table.f7_TSM1
```

```
smyers@colorin ~/CASA/Test $ ls ngc5921.usecase.ms/FIELD
table.dat      table.f0      -  table.f0i      table.info      table.lock
```



MAIN Table Contents



Example using task browsetable:

Table Browser

File Edit View Tools Export Help

ngc5921.usecase.ms

table data
table keywords
field keywords

	UVW	FLAG	LAG_CATEGOR	WEIGHT	SIGMA	ANTENNA1	ANTENNA2	ARRAY_ID	DATA_DESC_ID	EXPOSURE
0	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	1	1	0	0	30
1	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	27	27	0	0	30
2	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	7	7	0	0	30
3	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	2	2	0	0	30
4	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	11	11	0	0	30
5	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	17	17	0	0	30
6	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	9	9	0	0	30
7	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	19	19	0	0	30
8	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	20	20	0	0	30
9	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	18	18	0	0	30
10	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	3	3	0	0	30
11	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	15	15	0	0	30
12	[0, 0, 0]	[2, 63] Boolean	[0, 0, 0] Boolean	[23814, 23814]	[0.0514344, 0....]	21	21	0	0	30

Restore Columns Resize Headers

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Browsing table: ngc5921.usecase.ms

Visualization Tools

- Data needs to be displayed to understand it!
- Visibilities: plotms, msview
- Images: viewer, imview
- Calibration tables: plotcal (plotms)
- Any table values: browsetable
- Single dish: sdplot

- Plot anything: use python's matplotlib

PlotMS

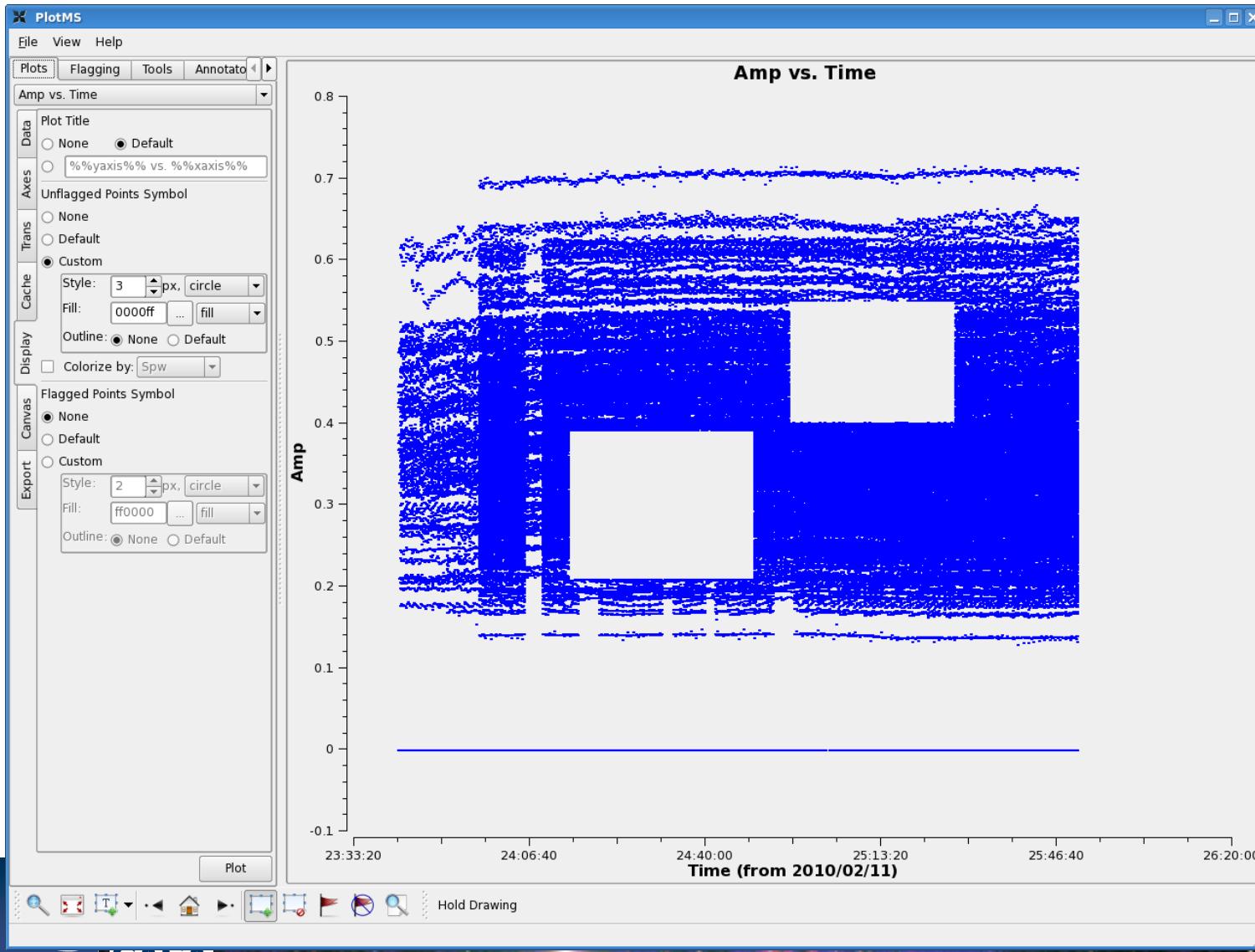


Image Viewer

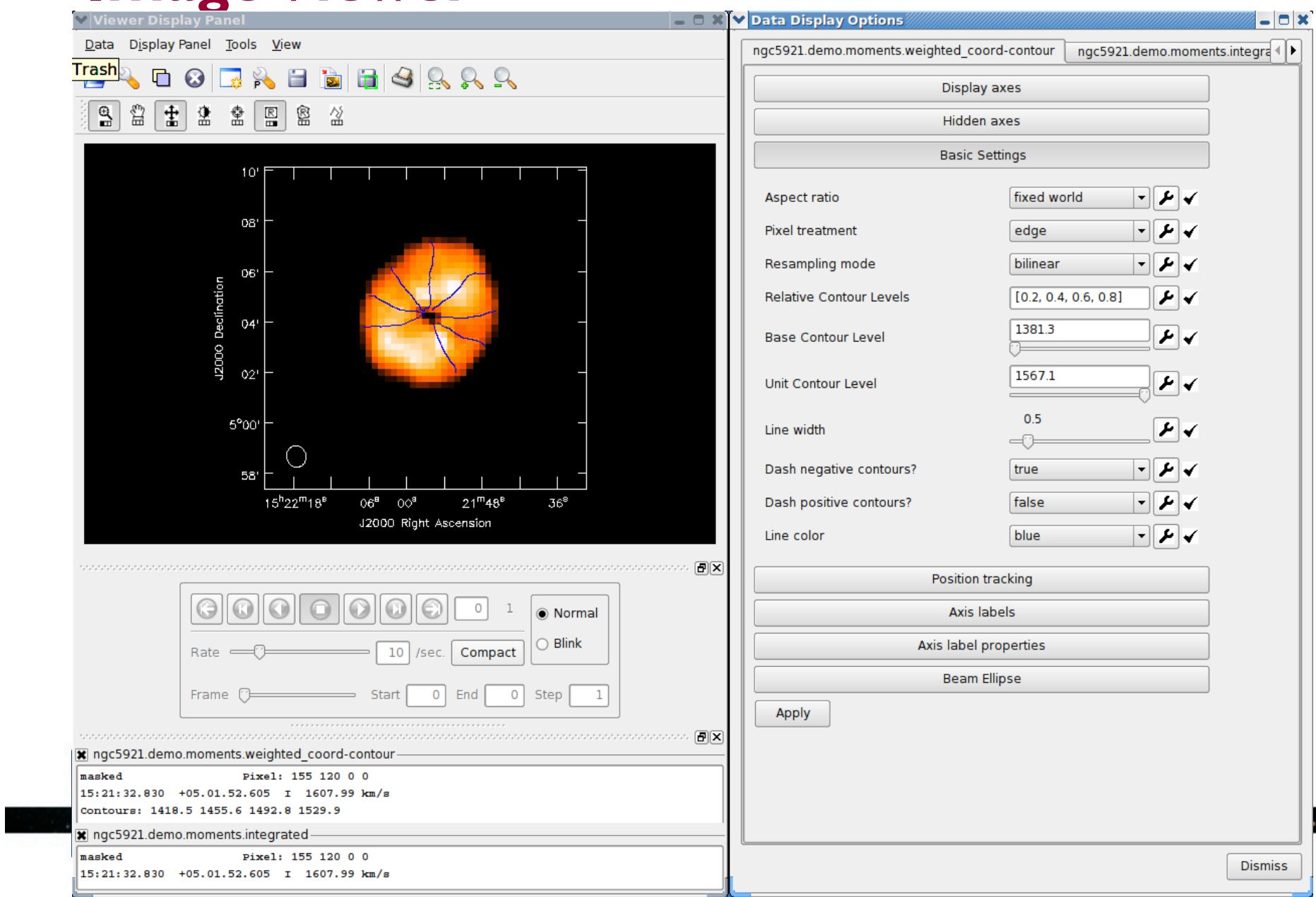
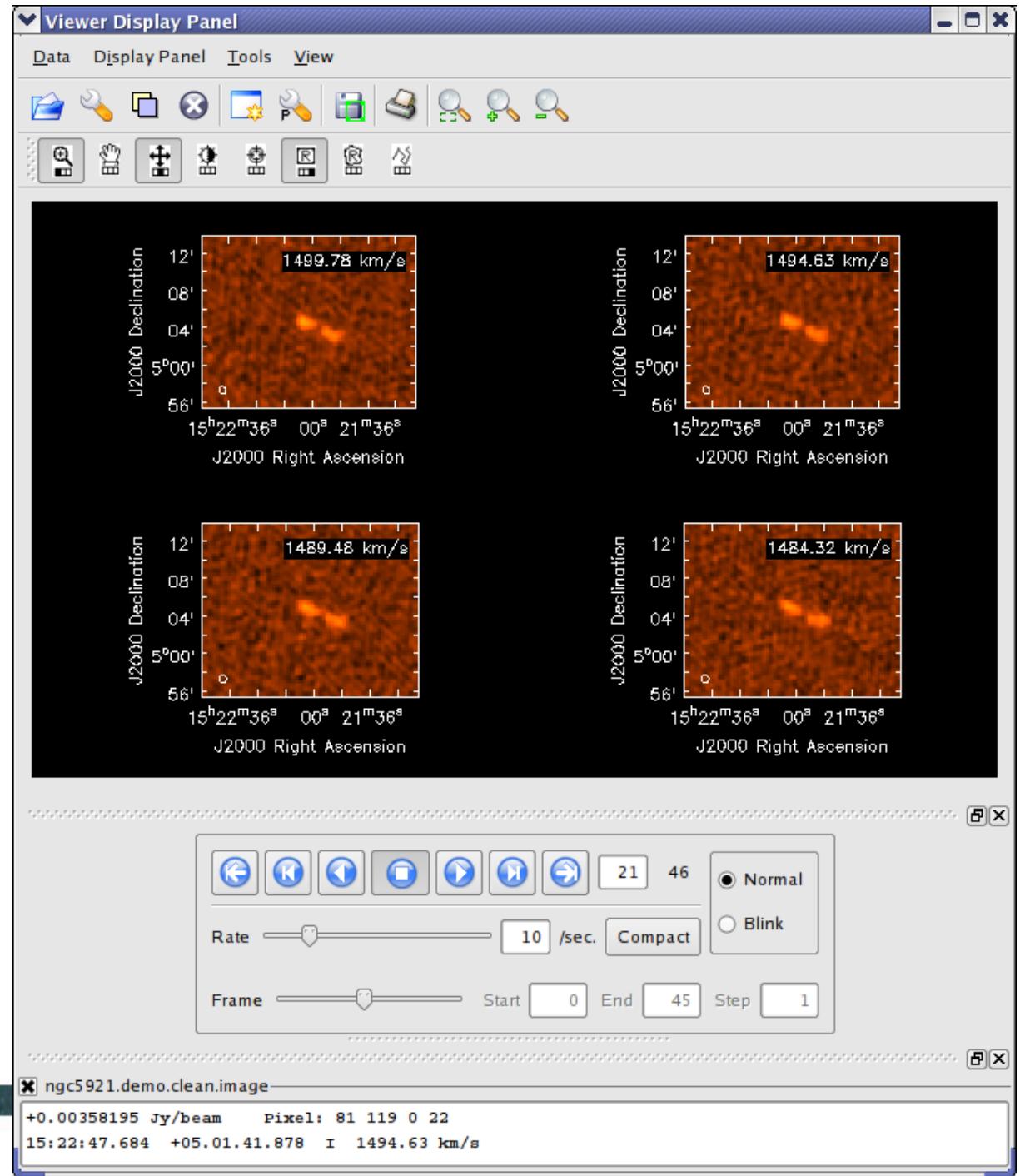
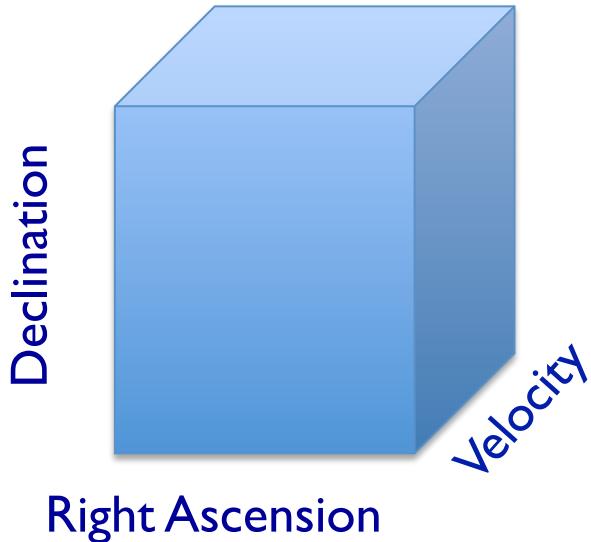
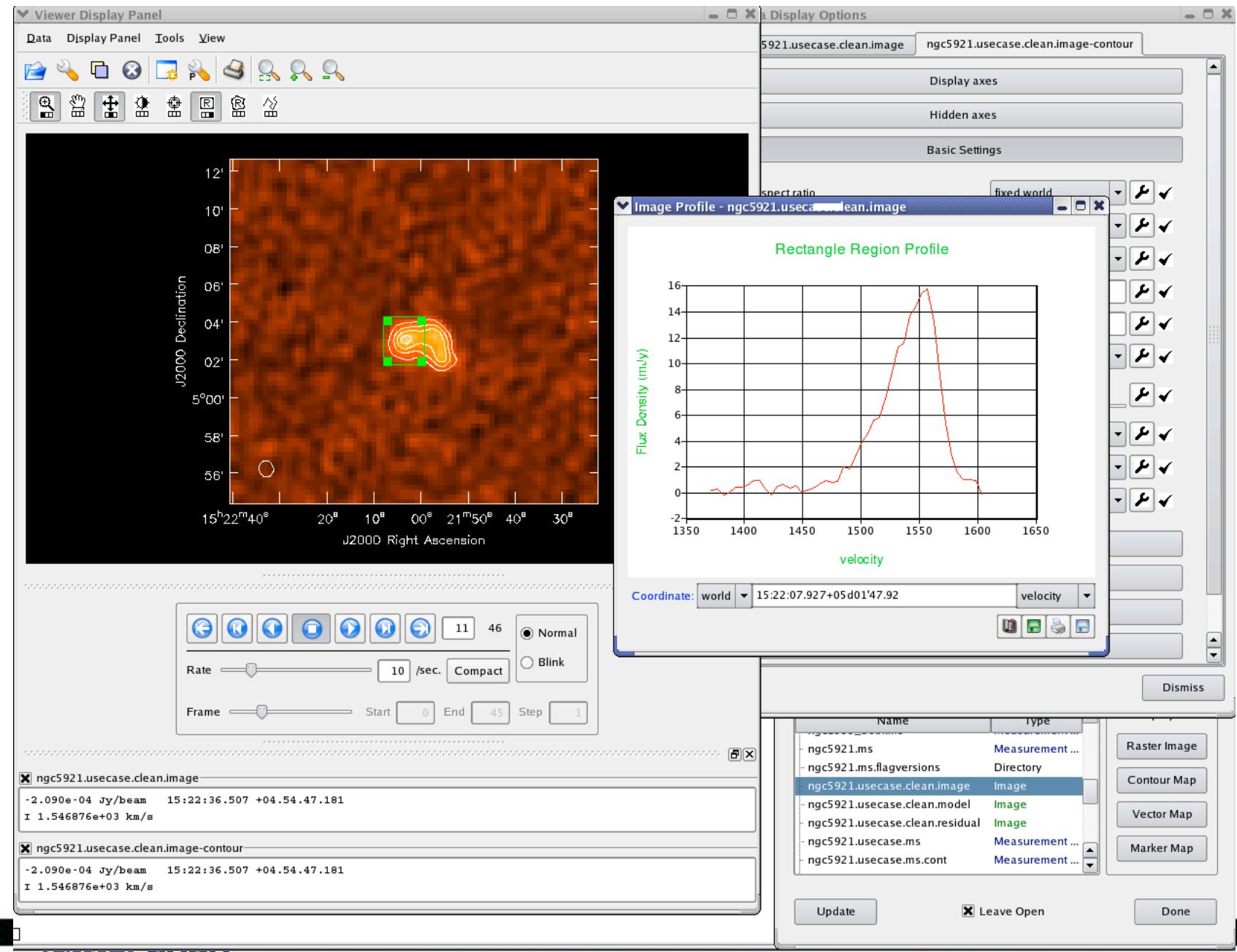


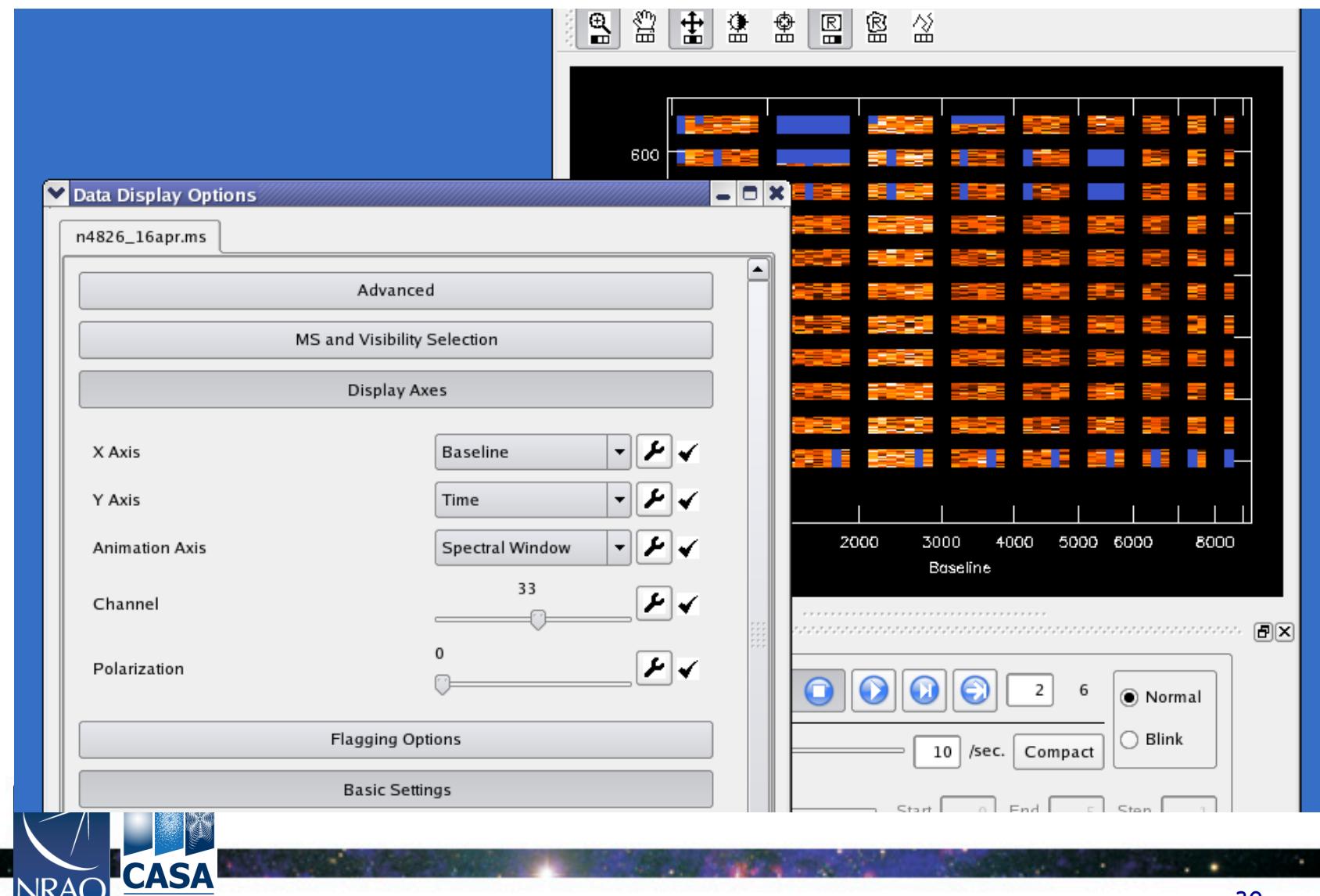
Image Viewer

- Displaying cubes
- Movies
- Channel maps

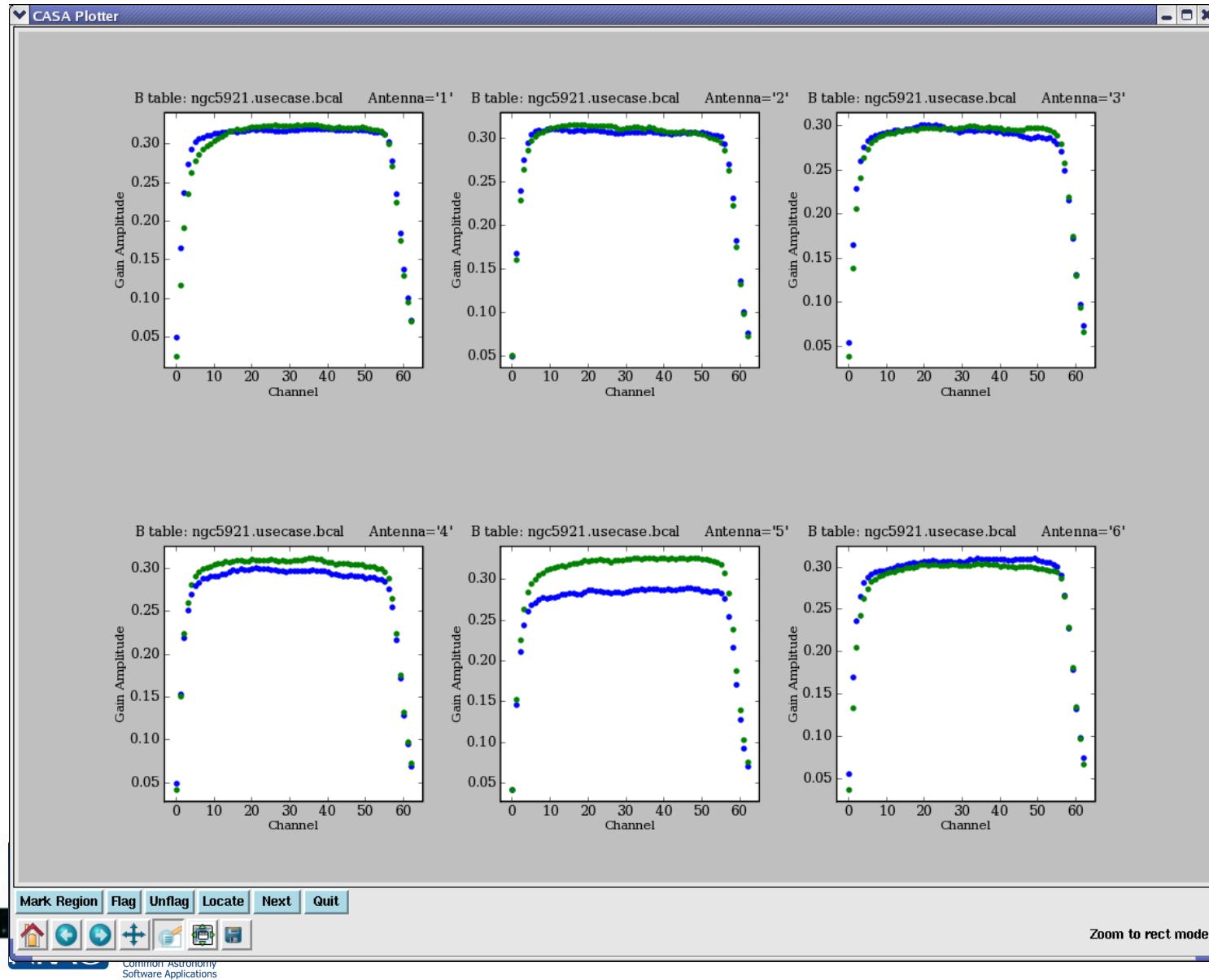




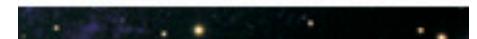
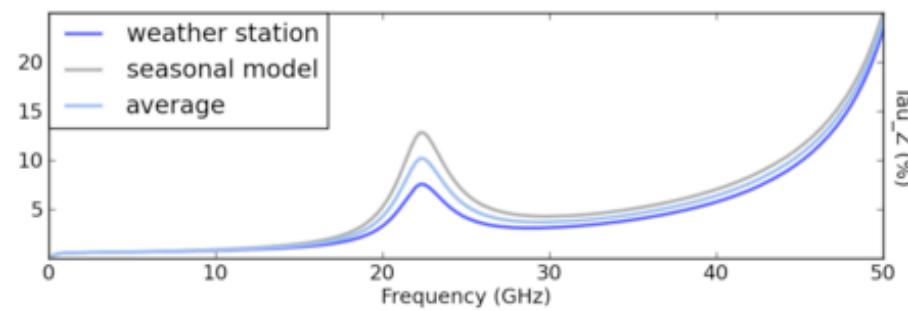
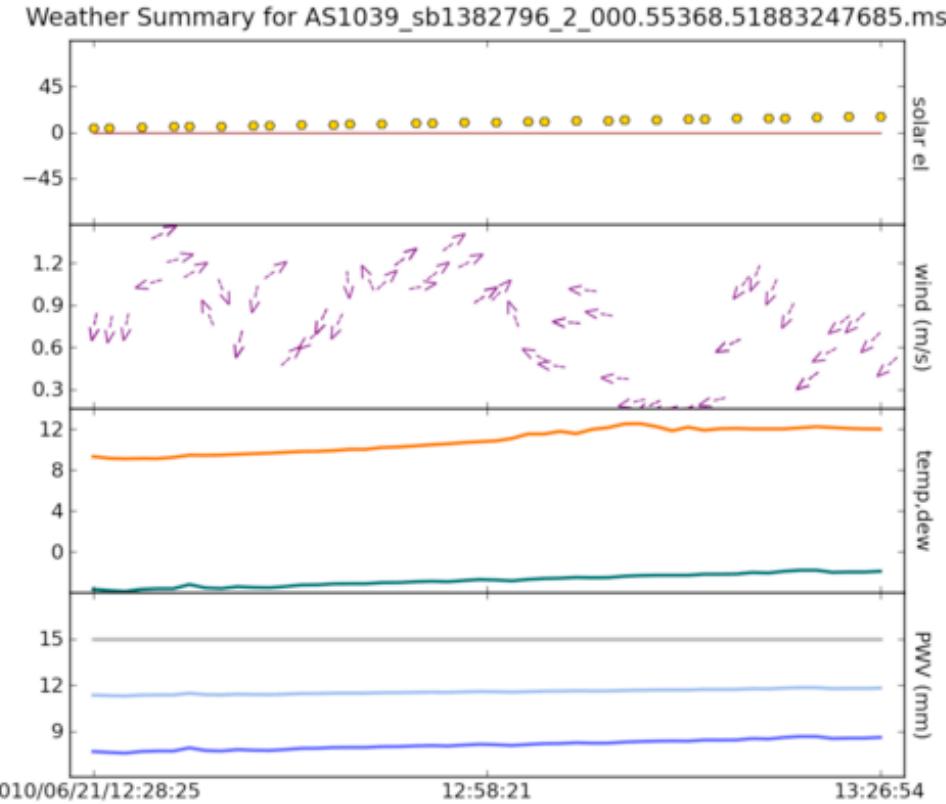
MSViewer



Plotcal



Anything - matplotlib



Data Selection Example

④ standard selection parameters

④ e.g. for task gaincal:

```
CASA <14>: inp
-----> inp()
# gaincal :: Determine temporal gains from calibrator observations:

vis           = 'ngc5921.ms'      # Name of input visibility file
caltable     = 'ngc5921.gcal'    # Name of output calibration table
field         = '0,1'            # field names or index of calibrators ''==>all
spw          = '0:2~56'         # spectral window:channels: ''==>all
selectdata   = True             # Other data selection parameters
timerange    = ''               # time range: ''==>all
uvrange      = ''               # uv range''=all
antenna       = ''               # antenna/baselines: ''==>all
scan          = ''               # scan numbers
msselect     = ''               # Optional data selection (Specialized, but see help)
```

Data Selection Syntax

- see Chapter 2.5 of Cookbook
 - field - string with source name or field ID
 - can use '*' as wildcard, first checks for name, then ID
 - example: field = '1331+305' ; field = '3C*' ; field = '0,1,4~5'
 - spw - string with specwindow ID plus channels
 - use ':' as separator of spw from optional channelization
 - use '^' as separator of channels from step/width
 - example: spw = '0~2' ; spw = '1:10~30' ; spw = '2~5:5~54^5'



Selection Syntax

- see Chapter 2.5 of Cookbook
 - antenna - string with antenna name or ID
 - first check for name, then ID (beware VLA name I-27, ID 0-26)
 - example: antenna = '1~5,11' ; antenna = 'EA*', '!VA'
 - Baselines: 'EA01&EA10'
 - timerange - string with date/time range
 - specify 'T0~T1' , missing parts of T1 default to T0, can give 'T0+dT'
 - example: timerange = '2007/10/16/01:00:00~06:30:00'

Calibration

- Data structure: 3 columns (scratch columns):
- DATA column (raw data)
- MODEL (source model, e.g. extended flux calibrators, selfcal model)
- CORRECTED_DATA calibrated data
- Columns are created when needed, this may take some time
- Calibration is with calibration tables, e.g. bandpass, gain, pol, antenna offset etc., and they are applied multiplicative (apply all previous calibration tables to create new one or to be applied to data)

Getting User Support

- CASA Home: <http://casa.nrao.edu>
 - Cookbook, online reference, download, example scripts
- CASAguides.nrao.edu
 - For data reduction tutorials, tips, tricks, ...
- “Helpdesk” at help.nrao.edu
 - Submit questions, suggestions, bugs (needs my.nrao.edu registration)
- CASA mailing lists: [casa-announce](mailto:casa-announce@casa.nrao.edu), [casa-users](mailto:casa-users@casa.nrao.edu)
- User’s forum in the future



CASA Documentation

④ CASA Analysis cookbook:

④ http://casa.nrao.edu/Doc/Cookbook/casa_cookbook.pdf

④ CASA User Reference Manual:

④ <http://casa.nrao.edu/docs/casaref/CasaRef.html>

④ CASAguides Wiki:

④ <http://casaguides.nrao.edu>

④ Python:

④ <http://python.org/doc> (e.g., see Tutorial for novices)

④ IPython:

④ <http://ipython.scipy.org/moin/Documentation>

④ matplotlib:

④ <http://matplotlib.sourceforge.net/>





Single Dish Data Reduction with CASA



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Give a first touch to CASA single dish data reduction package!

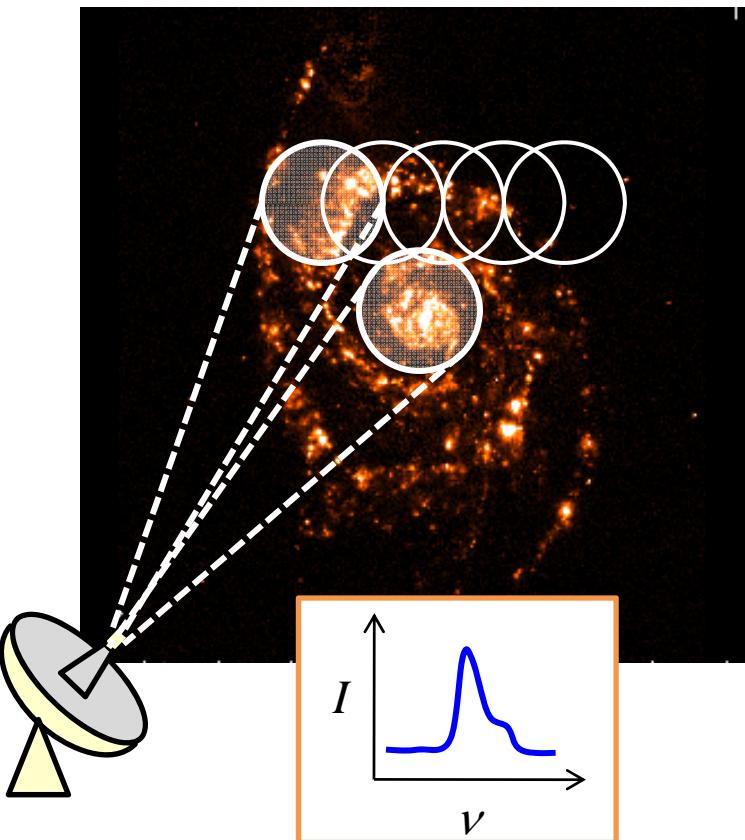
Contents

- ✓ Brief summary of single dish observation and data reduction
- ✓ Single dish data reduction with CASA



Brief summary of single dish observations

Single dish telescopes measure a total flux in their beam for each observation point of sky.



- continuum observation
- spectral observation
- polarization

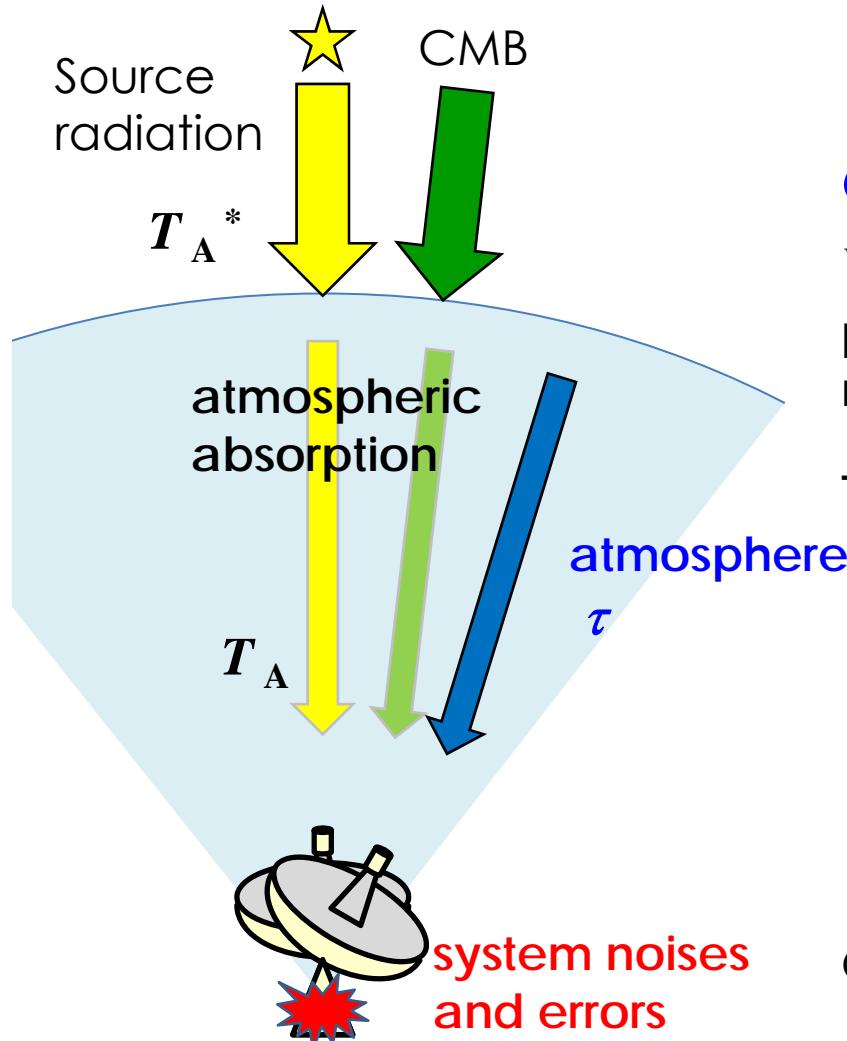
Imaging

change antenna directions over the map region and measure flux of each direction ... pointing observation, on-the-fly observation

Single dish Calibration Basics

Radiation don't come only from sources (atmosphere, CMB, system...) → need **calibration**

Example: position switching



ON source signal

$$V_{\text{ON}} = V_{\text{source}} e^{-\tau} + V_{\text{CMB}} e^{-\tau} + V_{\text{atm}} (1 - e^{-\tau}) + V_{\text{sys}}$$

OFF source signal

$$V_{\text{OFF}} = V_{\text{CMB}} e^{-\tau} + V_{\text{atm}} (1 - e^{-\tau}) + V_{\text{sys}}$$

position switching, frequency switching,
nutator switching, etc.

The brightness temperature of a source

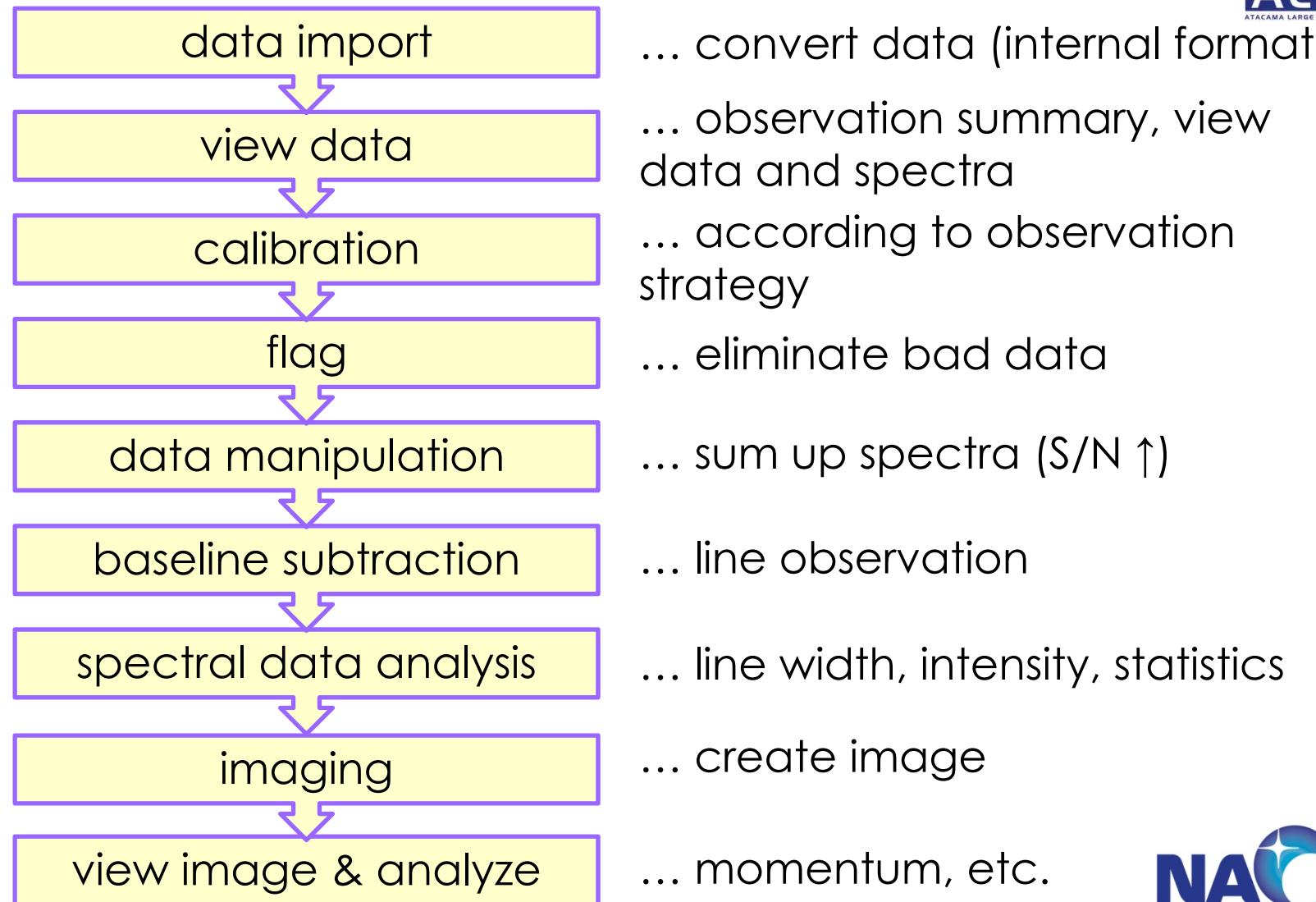
$$T_A = T_{\text{CAL}} \frac{V_{\text{ON}} - V_{\text{OFF}}}{V_{\text{CAL}}}$$

$$T_A^* = \frac{T_A}{\eta e^{-\tau}}$$

the conversion factor :
a signal strength → the
brightness temperature

GBT: $T_{\text{cal}} / V_{\text{cal}} = T_{\text{sys}} / V_{\text{OFF}}$

Single dish data reduction steps example



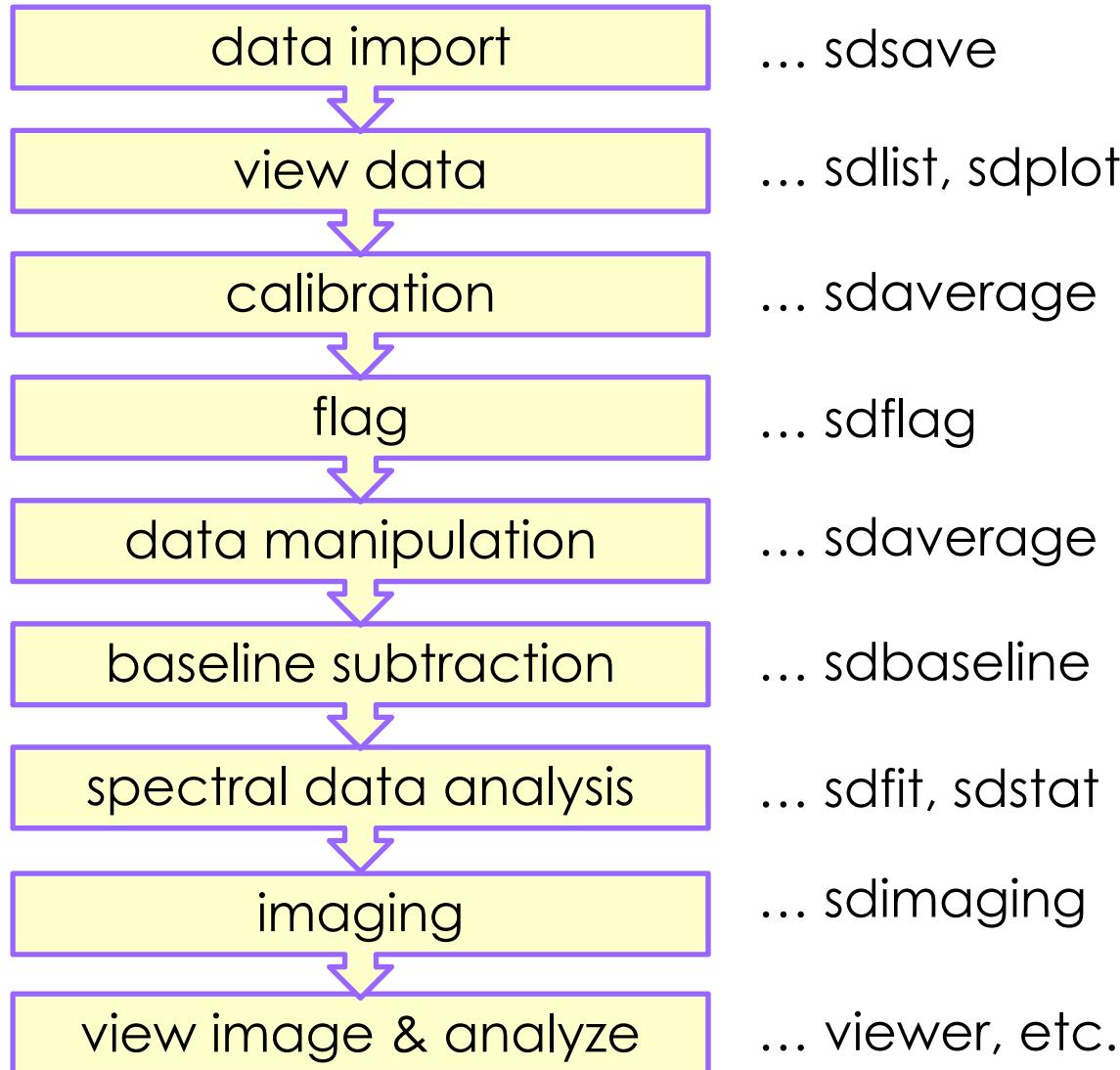


Single dish data reduction with CASA



Orion SiO
(reduction/)

FLS3a HI
(imaging/)



Tutorial data

Spectral line data reduction (reduction/)

- ✓ Data file: OrionS_rawACSmod
- ✓ Target: Orion S
- ✓ GBT: 45GHz (Spws=8, 8192channels, XX YY)
- ✓ Observation: position-switching (4 scans/spw: ON-OFF-ON-OFF)
- ✓ Analysis script: orion_SiO.py (reduce IF15 = SiO line)

Spectral Imaging (imaging/)

- ✓ Data file: fls3a_HI.asap (calibrated data)
- ✓ Field: FLS3a (Galactic HI mapping)
- ✓ GBT: HI line @1.4GHz (Spws=2, 1024channels, XX YY)
- ✓ Observation: 6 x 3deg (grid : 0.1x 0.05 deg) mapping
- ✓ Analysis script: fls3a.py (generate image of IF0)



Step 0! Import single dish package



First of all, import **ASAP**, the single dish reduction package in CASA

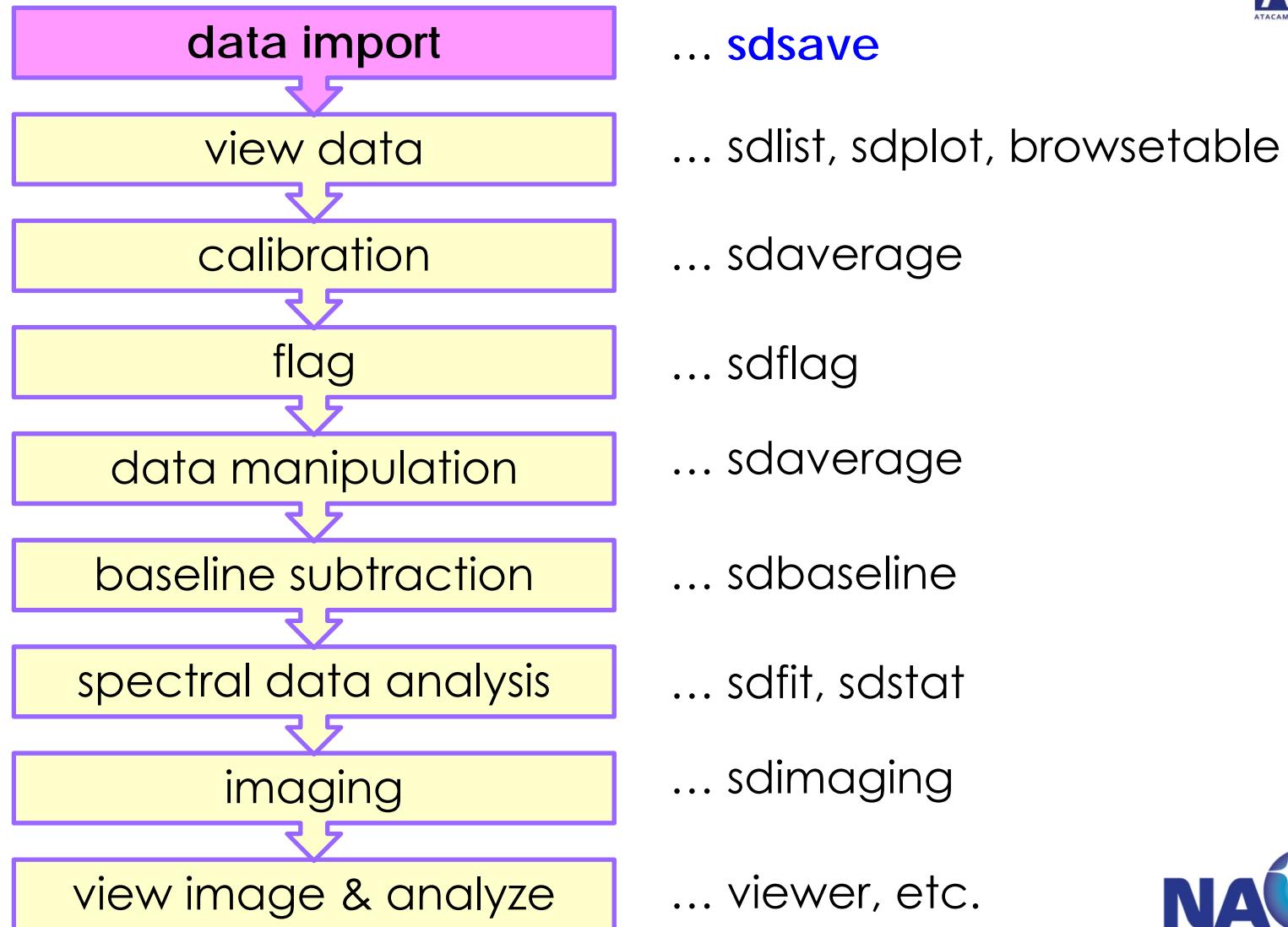
```
CASA<> : asap_init()
```

Single dish spectral analysis functions in CASA are based on ASAP (ATNF Spectral Analysis Package) originally developed in Australia Telescope National Facility.

+ Many enhancements to analyze data from **ALMA** and the other telescopes such as **NRO 45m**, **ASTE**, **GBT**, and **ATNF**.

So far, you should explicitly import the package to CASA.

Single dish data reduction with CASA



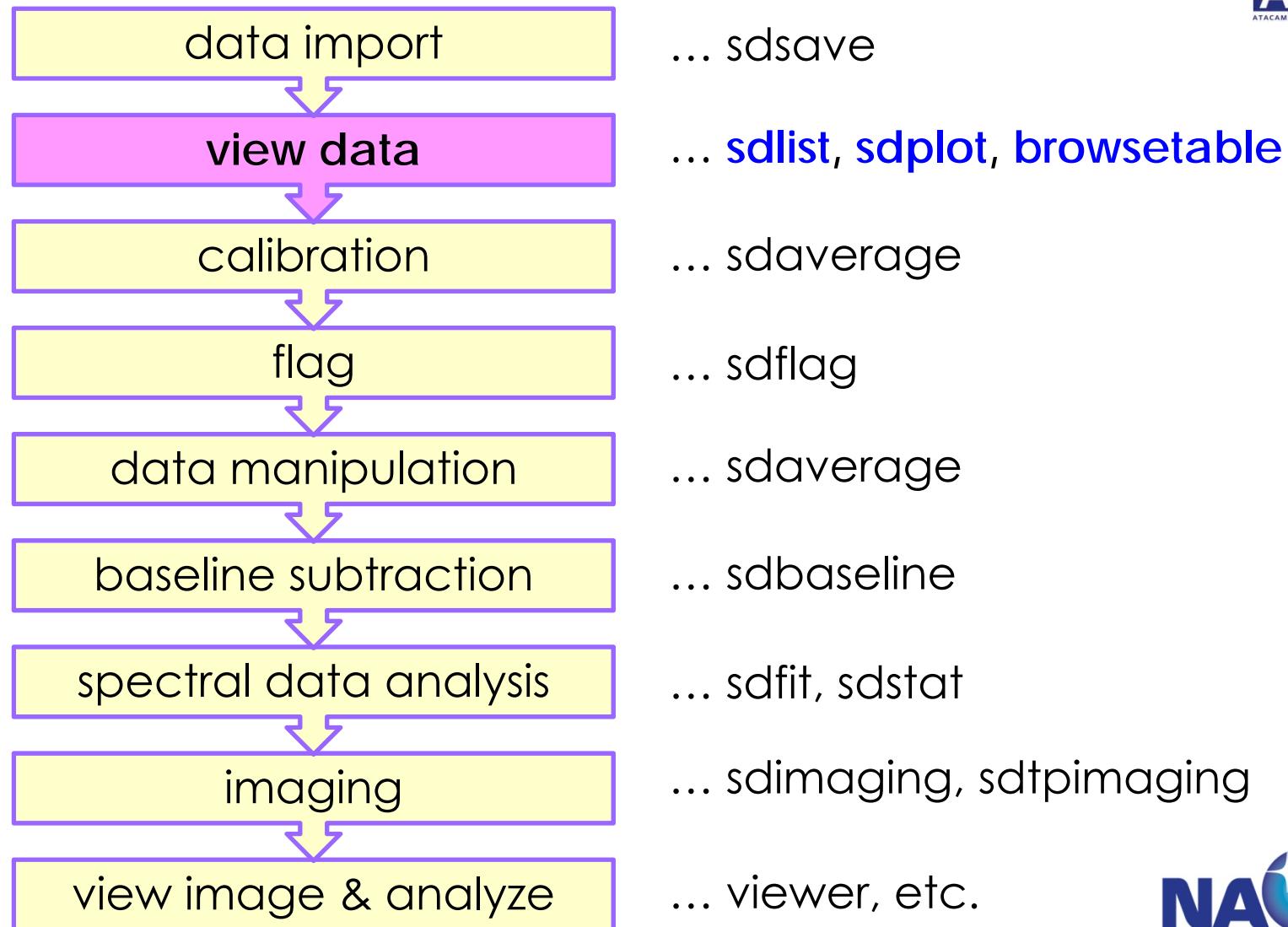
sdsave - import / export data

Transform data format

- input: SDFITS, rpfits, NOSTAR, NEWSTAR , MS, scantable
 - output: SDFITS, ASCII , MS, scantable
- scantable** ... internal data format of ASAP

```
ターミナル — ssh — 96x17
# sdsave :: ASAP SD task: save the sd spectra in various format
sdfile          = 'OrionS_rawACSmod' # name of input SD dataset
antenna        = 0                  # antenna name or id (only effective for MS
                                    #      input)
rowlist         = []                # list of row numbers to process (e.g. [0,2,4,6])
scanlist        = []                # list of scan to process (e.g. [20,21,22,23])
field           = ''                # string for selection by source name
iflist           = []                # list of IF ids to select (e.g. [0,1])
pollist          = []                # list of polarization ids to select (e.g. [0,1])
scanaverage     = False              # average integs within scans (True,False)
timeaverage     = False              # average scans over time (True,False)
polaverage      = False              # average over polarizations (True,False)
outfile          = 'orion_Si0.asap' # output file name
outform          = 'ASAP'             # output file format (ASCII,MS2,SDFITS,ASAP)
overwrite        = True               # overwrite the output file if already exists
async            = False              # If true the taskname must be started using
                                    #      sdsave(...)
```

Single dish data reduction with CASA





sdlist – list observation



View scantable summary

```
ターミナル — ssh — 96x9

# sdlist :: ASAP SD task: list summary of single dish data
sdfile          = 'orion_SiO.asap'      # name of input SD dataset
antenna         = 0                      # antenna name or id (only effective for MS input)
scanaverage     = False                 # average integs within scans (True,False)
listfile        = ''                    # Name of output file for summary list
overwrite       = False                 # overwrite the output file if already exists
async           = False                 # If true the taskname must be started using
                                         # sdlist(...)
```

Output → CASA logger



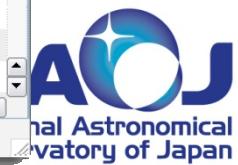
Log Messages (ana03:/home/sugimtkn/workcasa/singledish/reduction/casapy.log)

File Edit View

Search Message: Filter: Time

Priority	Origin	Message
INFO	sdlist...	-----
INFO	sdlist...	Scan Table Summary
INFO	sdlist...	-----
INFO	sdlist...	Beams: 1
INFO	sdlist...	IFs: 26
INFO	sdlist...	Polarisations: 2 (linear)
INFO	sdlist...	Channels: 8192
INFO	sdlist...	Observer: Joseph McMullin
INFO	sdlist...	Obs Date: 2006/01/19/01:45:58
INFO	sdlist...	Project: AGBT06A_018_01
INFO	sdlist...	Obs. Type: OffOn:PSWITCHOFF:TPWCAL
INFO	sdlist...	Antenna Name: GBT
INFO	sdlist...	Flux Unit:
INFO	sdlist...	Rest Freqs: [4.5490258e+10] [Hz]
INFO	sdlist...	Abcissa: Channel
INFO	sdlist...	Selection: none
INFO	sdlist:::casa+	
INFO	sdlist...	Scan Source Time Integration
INFO	sdlist...	Beam Position (J2000)
INFO	sdlist...	IF Frame RefVal RefPix Increment Channels
INFO	sdlist...	-----
INFO	sdlist...	20 OrionsS 01:45:58 4 x 30.0s
INFO	sdlist...	0 05:15:13.5 -05.24.08.2
INFO	sdlist...	0 LSRK 4.5489354e+10 4096 6104.233 8192
INFO	sdlist...	1 LSRK 4.5300785e+10 4096 6104.233 8192
INFO	sdlist...	2 LSRK 4.4074929e+10 4096 6104.233 8192
INFO	sdlist...	3 LSRK 4.4166215e+10 4096 6104.233 8192
INFO	sdlist...	21 OrionsS 01:48:38 4 x 30.0s
INFO	sdlist...	0 05:35:13.5 -05.24.08.2
INFO	sdlist...	0 LSRK 4.5489354e+10 4096 6104.233 8192
INFO	sdlist...	1 LSRK 4.5300785e+10 4096 6104.233 8192
INFO	sdlist...	2 LSRK 4.4074929e+10 4096 6104.233 8192
INFO	sdlist...	3 LSRK 4.4166215e+10 4096 6104.233 8192
INFO	sdlist...	22 OrionsS 01:51:21 4 x 30.0s
INFO	sdlist...	0 05:15:13.5 -05.24.08.2
INFO	sdlist...	0 LSRK 4.5489354e+10 4096 6104.233 8192
INFO	sdlist...	1 LSRK 4.5300785e+10 4096 6104.233 8192
INFO	sdlist...	2 LSRK 4.4074929e+10 4096 6104.233 8192

Insert Message: Lock scroll





browsetable – view scanable (table data)



Table Browser

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orion_SiO.asap

table data
table keywords

	SRCTYPE	FIELDNAME	SPECTRA	FLAGTRA	TSYS	DIRECTION	AZIM
0	1	OrionS	[28.1654, 0.185437, 0.185668, 0....	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0...	[1]	[1.37542, -0.0942875]	2.7994
1	1	OrionS	[6.16194, 0.30304, 0.302895, 0.3...	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0...	[1]	[1.37542, -0.0942875]	2.7994
2	1	OrionS	[31.302, 0.153334, 0.153913, 0.1...	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0...	[1]	[1.37542, -0.0942875]	2.7994
3	1	OrionS	[12.9472, 0.0422599, 0.0421586, 0...	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0...	[1]	[1.37542, -0.0942875]	2.7994
4	1	OrionS	[7.73297, 0.240423, 0.239547, 0....	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0...	[1]	[1.37542, -0.0942875]	2.7994
5	1	OrionS	[33.5171, 0.257387, 0.257224, 0....	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0...	[1]	[1.37542, -0.0942875]	2.7994
6	1	OrionS	[4.91839, 0.221327, 0.221545, 0....	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0...	[1]	[1.37542, -0.0942875]	2.7994
7	1	OrionS	[14.2414, 0.264974, 0.264911, 0....	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0...	[1]	[1.37542, -0.0942875]	2.7994
8	11	OrionS	[28.3547, 0.198971, 0.198763, 0....	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0...	[1]	[1.37542, -0.0942875]	2.7994
9	11	OrionS	[6.37802, 0.319975, 0.319337, 0....	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0...	[1]	[1.37542, -0.0942875]	2.7994

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browsetable – view scantable (table data)



Table Browser

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orion_SiO.asap

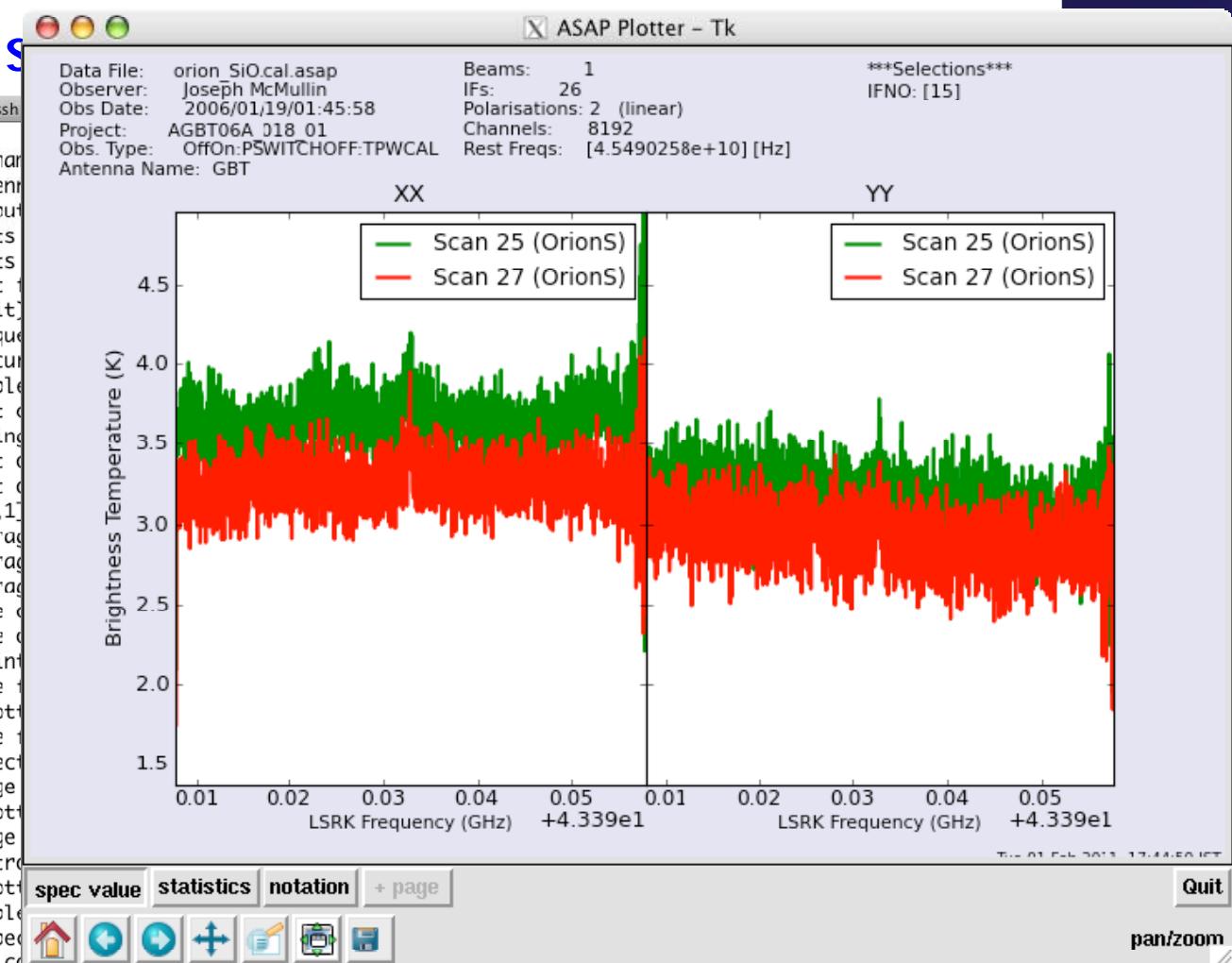
table keywords

	Keyword	Type	Value	Extra Information
1	VERSION	Unsigned Integer	3	
2	POLTYPE	String	linear	
3	DIRECTIONREF	String	J2000	
4				
5	FREQUENCIES	Table	/home/sugimtkn/workcasa/singledish/reduction/orion_SiO.asap/FREQUENC...	Subtable has 8 rows.
6	WEATHER	Table	/home/sugimtkn/workcasa/singledish/reduction/orion_SiO.asap/WEATHER	Subtable has 1 rows.
7	FOCUS	Table	/home/sugimtkn/workcasa/singledish/reduction/orion_SiO.asap/FOCUS	Subtable has 1 rows.
8	TCAL	Table	/home/sugimtkn/workcasa/singledish/reduction/orion_SiO.asap/TCAL	Subtable has 256 rows.
9	MOLECULES	Table	/home/sugimtkn/workcasa/singledish/reduction/orion_SiO.asap/MOLECULES	Subtable has 1 rows.
10	HISTORY	Table	/home/sugimtkn/workcasa/singledish/reduction/orion_SiO.asap/HISTORY	Subtable has 4 rows.
11	FIT	Table	/home/sugimtkn/workcasa/singledish/reduction/orion_SiO.asap/FIT	Subtable has no rows.
12	nIF	Integer	26	
13	nBeam	Integer	1	
14	nPol	Integer	2	
15	nChan	Integer	8192	

Browsing table: orion_SiO.asap

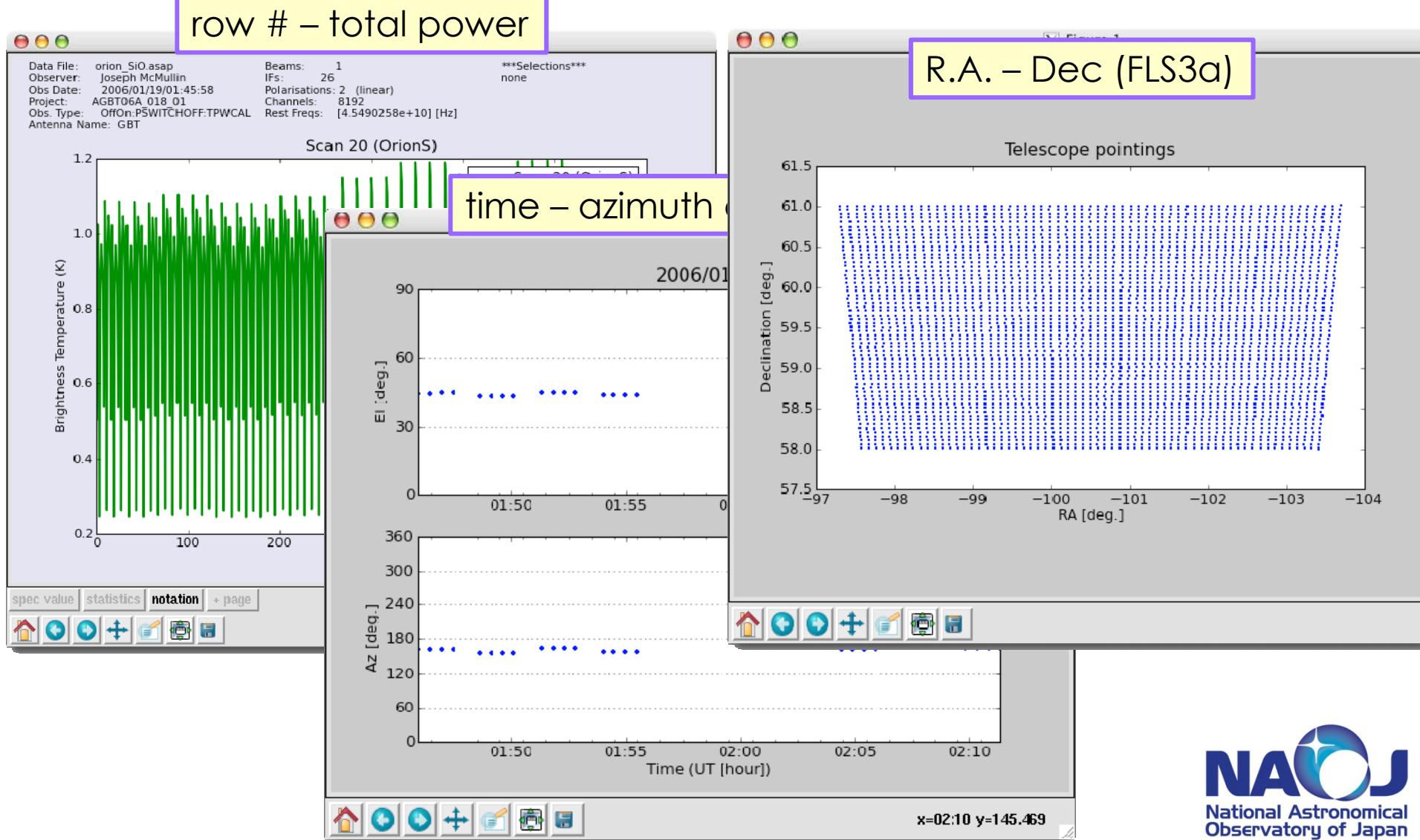


```
# sdplot :: ASAP SD plotting task
Cor Sdfile      = 'orion_SiO.cal.asap' # nar
Sof antenna     = 0                      # antenna
So fluxunit     = ''                     # units
So specunit     = 'GHz'                  # units
So restfreq     = ''                     # rest freq
frame          = ''                     # frame
doppler         = ''                     # doppler
scanlist        = []                    # list of scans
field           = ''                     # string
iflist          = [15]                  # list of IF numbers
pollist         = []                    # list of pols
So scanaverage  = True                  # average
timeaverage     = False                 # average
polaverage      = False                 # average
kernel          = 'none'                # type of kernel
plottype        = 'spectra'             # type of plot
stack           = 's'                   # code to stack
panel           = 'p'                   # code to panel
flrange         = []                    # range of plots
sprange         = []                    # range of plots
linecat          = 'none'                # control lines
linedop          = 0.0                  # doppler shift
colormap         = 'none'                # the colormap
linestyles       = 'none'                # the linestyles to be used for plot lines
linewidth         = 2                    # width of plotted lines
histogram        = False                 # plot histogram
header          = True                  # print header information on the plot
headsize         = 10                  # header fontsize
plotstyle        = False                 # customise plot settings
plotfile         = ''                  # file name for hardcopy output
overwrite        = False                 # overwrite the output file if already exists
async            = False                 # If true the taskname must be started using
So                         # sdplot(...)
```

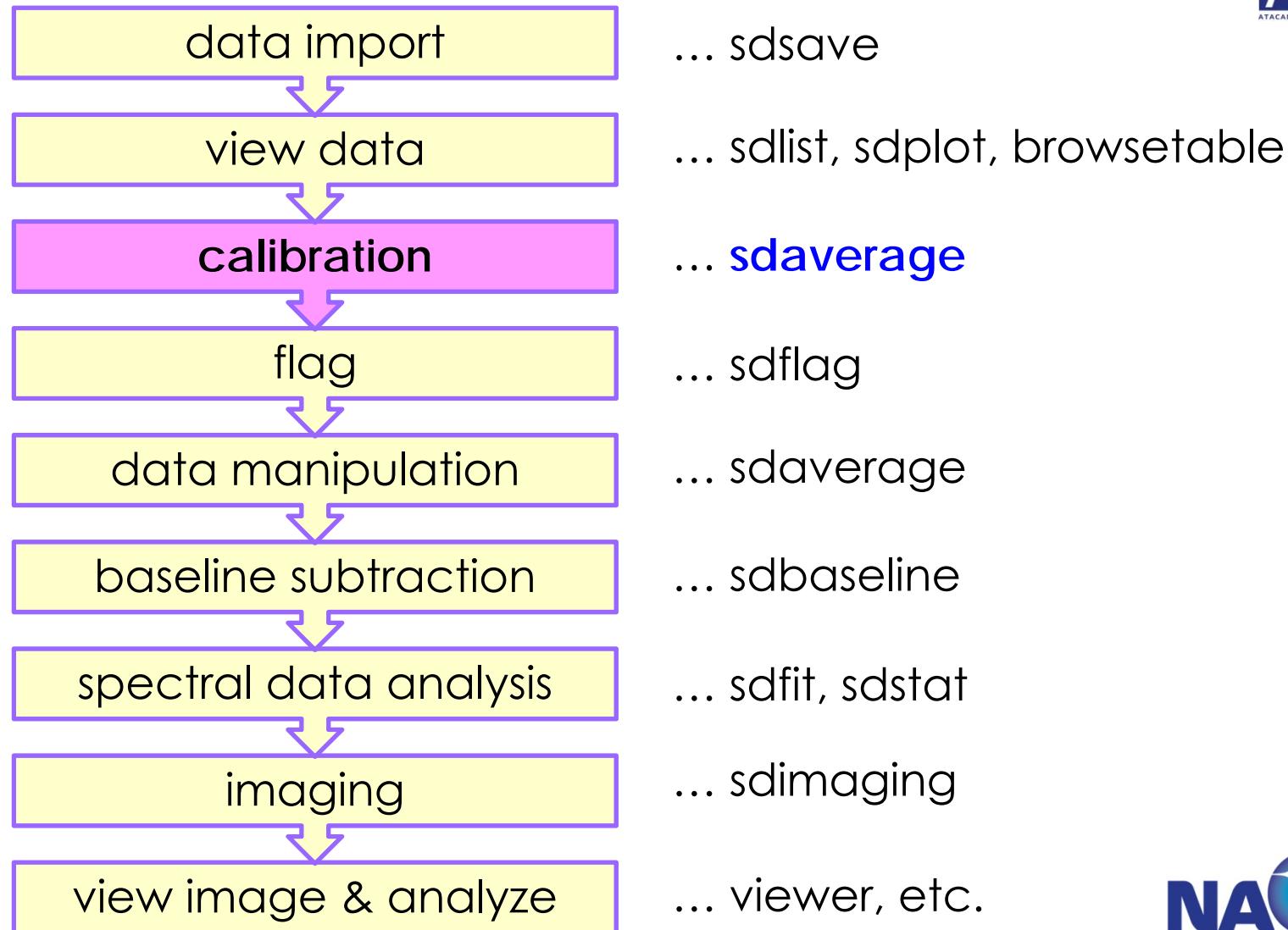


sdplot – plot scanable

plottype = ‘totalpower’, ‘azel’, ‘pointing’



Single dish data reduction with CASA





sdaverage – calibration



ターミナル — ssh — 94x27

```
# sdaverage :: ASAP SD task: do data selection, calibration, and averaging
sdfile          = 'orion_SiO.asap'      # name of input SD dataset
antenna         = 0                      # antenna name or id (only effective for MS input)
fluxunit        = 'K'                    # units for line flux (K,Jy) (=current)
telescopeparam = ''                     # param of telescope for flux conversion

specunit        = ''                     # units for spectral axis (channel,km/s,GHz,=current)
frame           = ''                     # frequency reference frame, e.g. LSRK (=current)
doppler         = ''                     # doppler convention, e.g. RADIO (=current)
calmode         = 'ps'                   # SD calibration mode (ps,nod,fs,fsotf,none)
scanlist        = [24, 25, 26, 27]       # list of scans to use (e.g. [1,2,3,4])
field           = ''                     # string for selection by source name
iflist           = [15]                  # list of IF ids to select (e.g. [0,1])
pollist          = []                    # list of polarization ids to select (e.g. [0,1])
channelrange    = []                    # channel range selection (e.g. [0,5000])
scanaverage     = False                 # average integs within scans (True,False)
timeaverage     = False                 # average scans over time (True,False)
polaverage      = False                 # average over polarizations (True,False)
tau              = 0.09                 # atmospheric optical depth for correction
verify           = False                 # verify the results of calibration
outfile          = 'orion_SiO.cal.asap'  # output file name
outform          = 'ASAP'                # output file format (ASCII,MS,SDFITS,ASAP)
overwrite         = True                  # overwrite the output file if already exists
plotlevel        = 0                     # plot results (0=none,1=some,<0=hardcopy)
async            = False                 # If true the taskname must be started using
                                         # sdaverage(...)
```



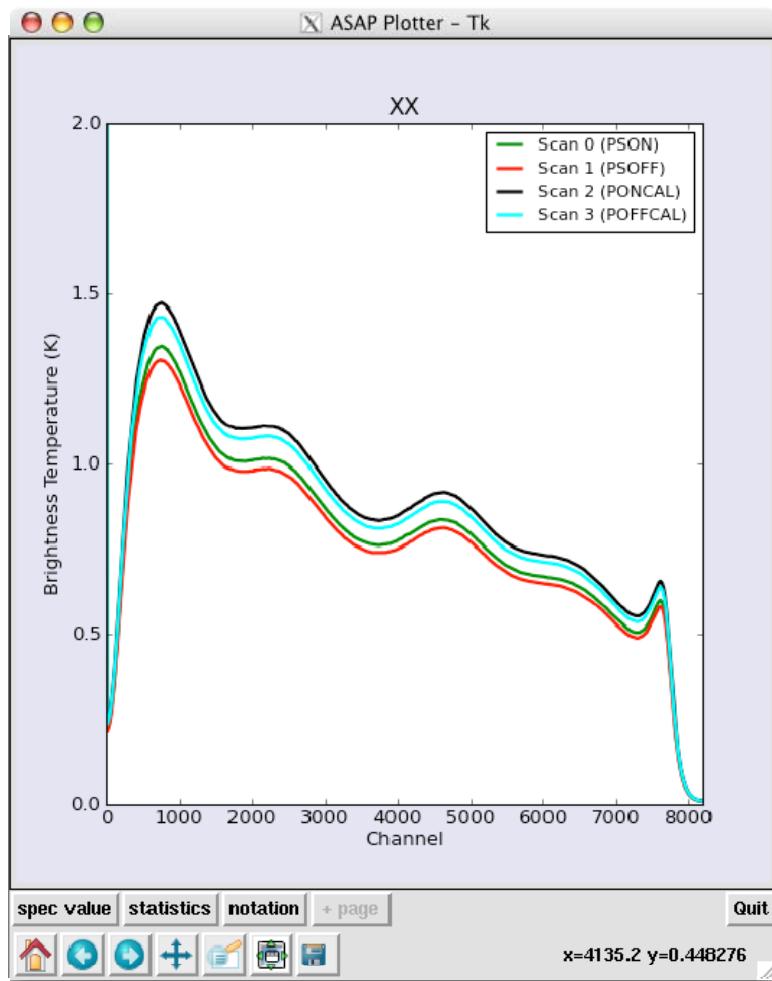
NASCAL
National
Observatory of Japan



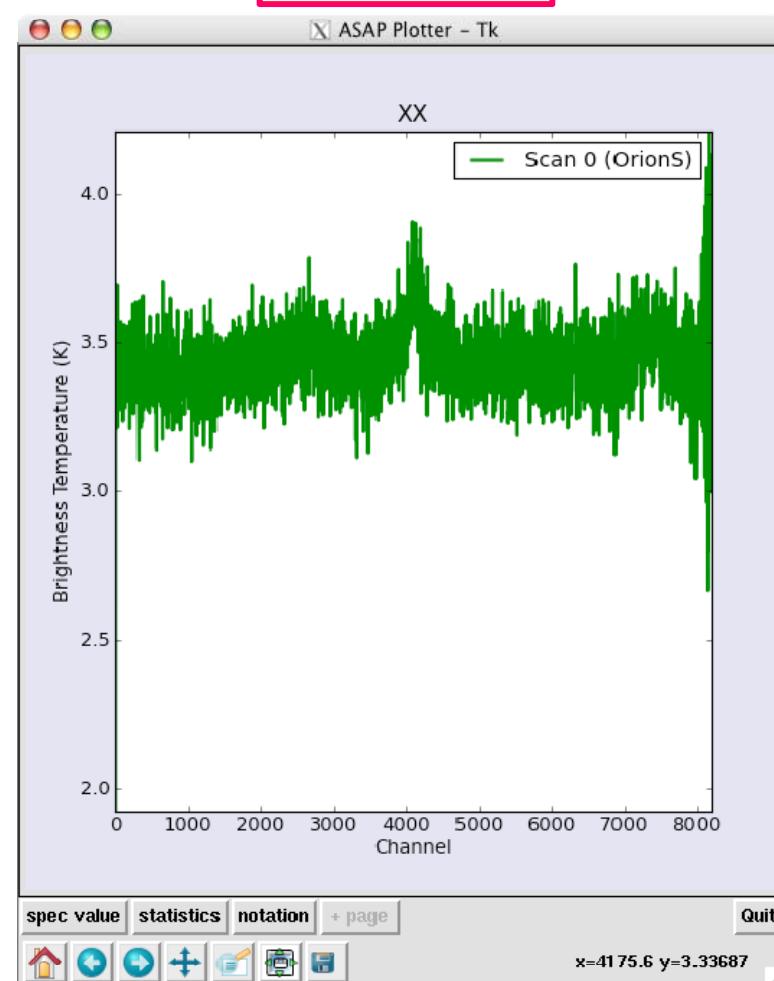
sdaverage – calibration



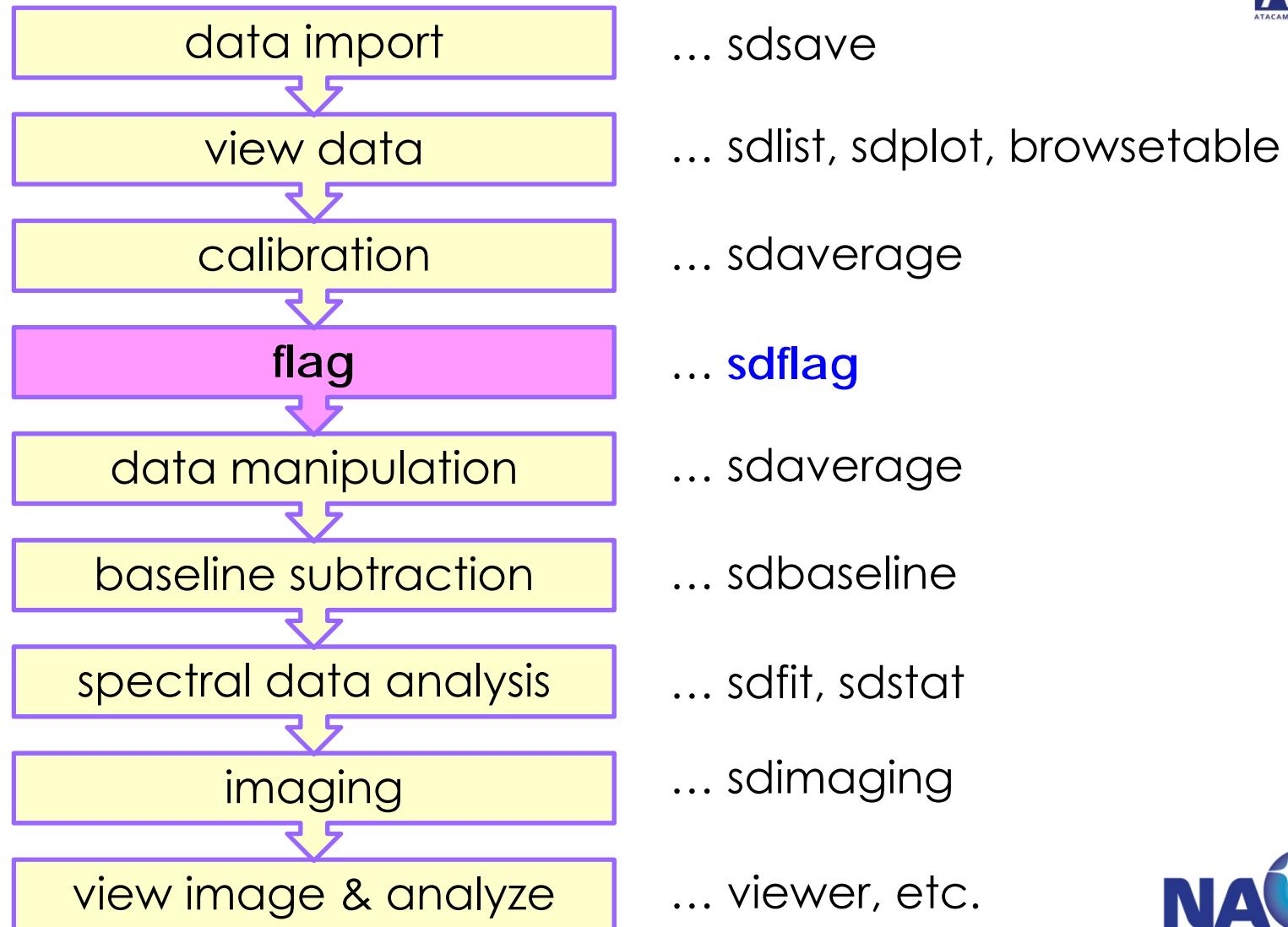
Observation



Calibrated



Single dish data reduction with CASA

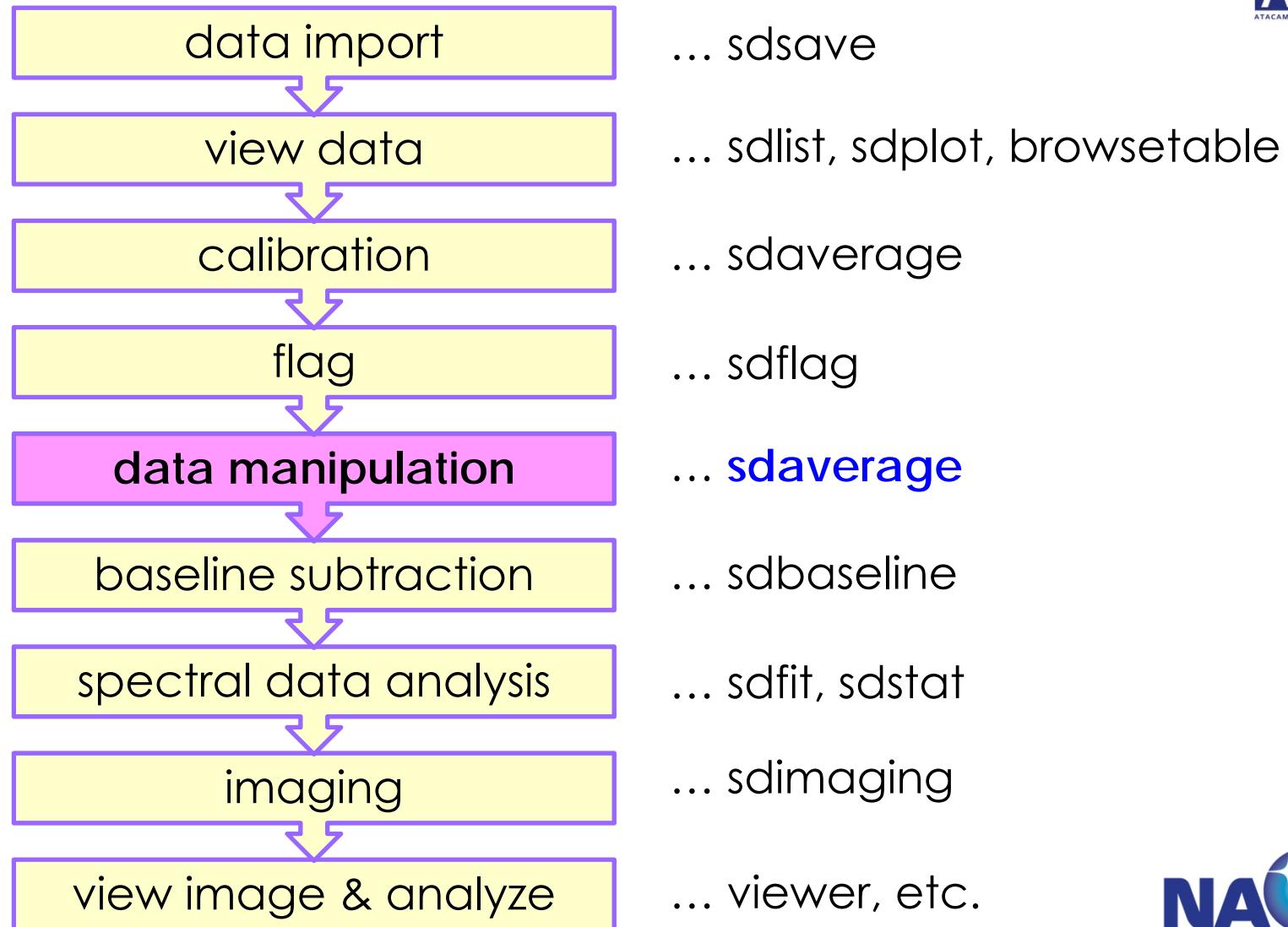


sdflag – flag out bad data

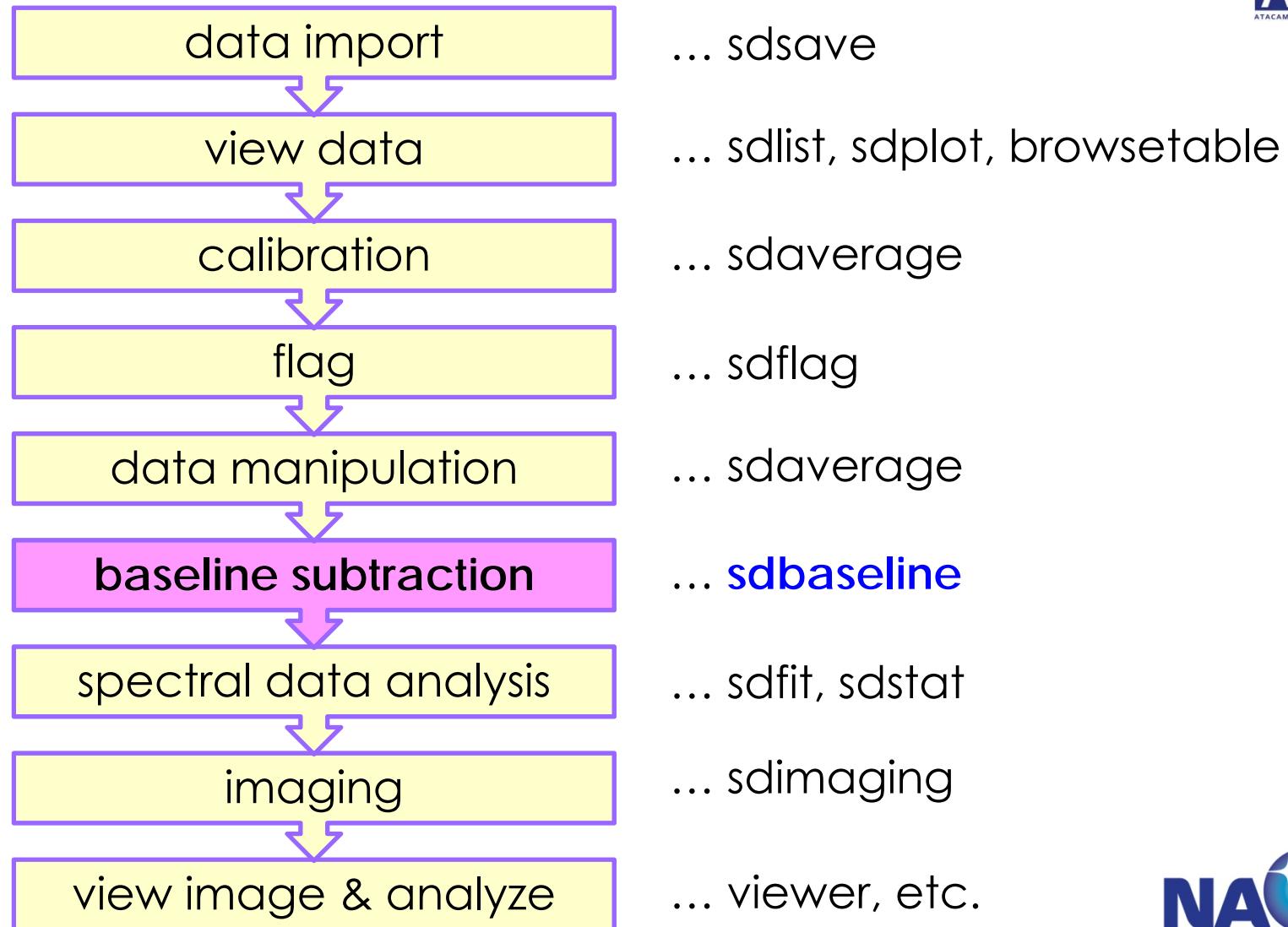
```
ターミナル — ssh — 94x20

# sdflag :: ASAP SD spectral flagging task
sdfile          = 'orion_SiO.cal.asap' # name of input SD dataset
antenna         = 0                  # antenna name or id (only effective for MS input)
scanlist        = []                # list of scans to use (e.g. [1,2,3,4])
field           = ''                # string for selection by source name
iflist          = []                # list of IF ids to select (e.g. [0,1])
pollist         = []                # list of IDs or names to select
# (e.g. [0,1])
maskflaa        = [[0, 10], [8000, 8191]] # list of mask regions to flag/unflag
flagrow         = []                # list of row IDs to apply row-based
# flagging
# clip           = False             # clip flagged values to specified range
# flagmode        = 'flag'            # flag mode (flag,unflag)
outfile         = 'orion_SiO.fl.asap' # name of output file
outform         = 'ASAP'             # output file format (ASCII,MS,SDFITS,ASAP)
overwrite        = True               # overwrite the output file if already exists
plotlevel       = 0                 # control for plotting of results
async           = False              # If true the taskname must be started using
# sdflag(...)
```

Single dish data reduction with CASA



Single dish data reduction with CASA



sdbaseline – baseline subtraction

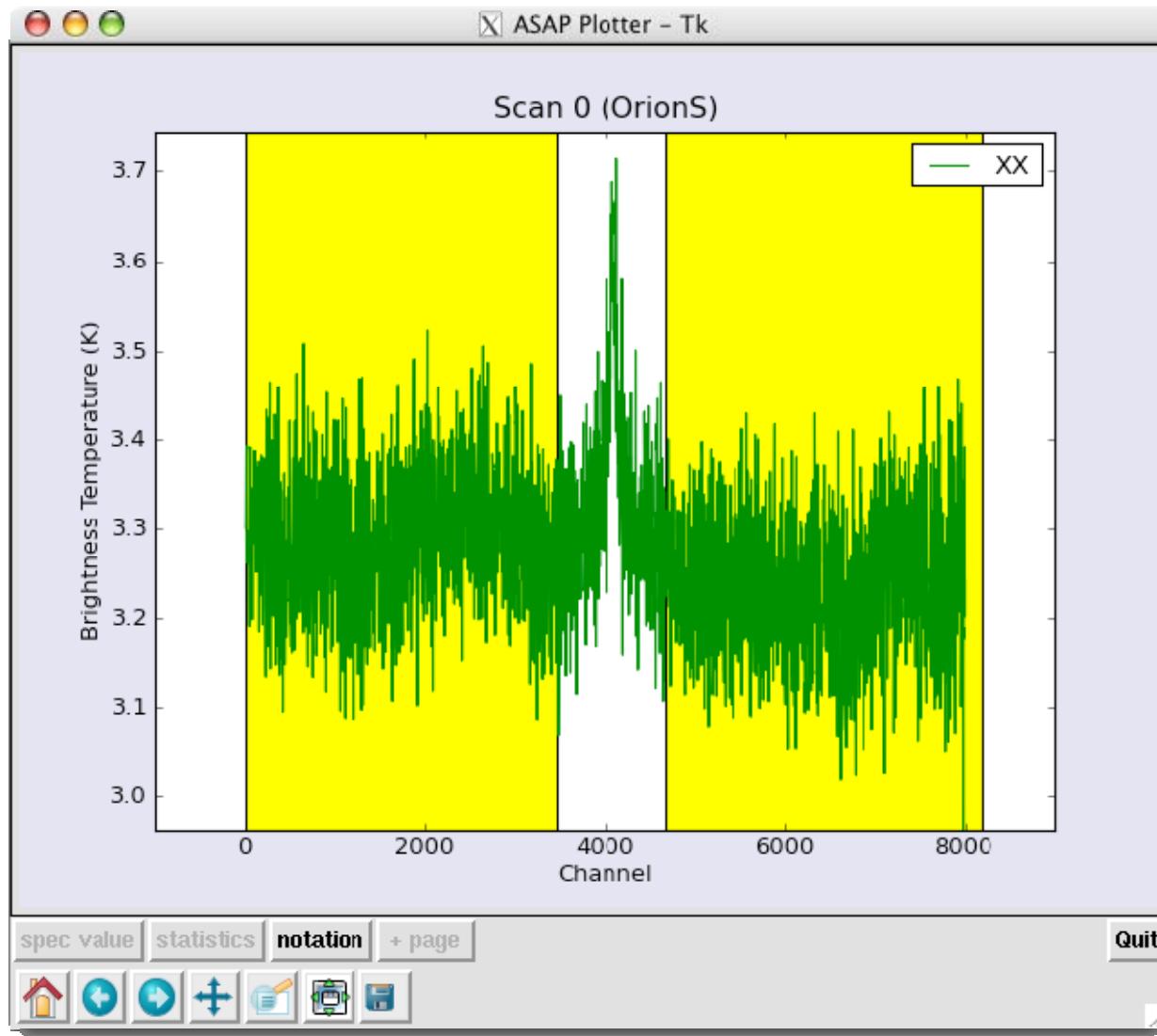
polynomial baseline fitting and subtraction

```
ターミナル — ssh — 85x27
# sdbaseline :: ASAP SD task: fit/remove a spectral baseline
sdfilename = 'orion_SiO.ave.asap' # name of input SD dataset
antenna = 0 # antenna name or id (only effective for MS
            # input)
fluxunit = '' # units for line flux (K,Jy) (=current)
specunit = '' # units for spectral axis (channel,km/s,GHz)
frame = '' # frequency reference frame, e.g. LSRK
            # (=current)
doppler = '' # doppler convention, e.g. RADIO (=current)
scanlist = [] # list of scans to use (e.g. [1,2,3,4])
field = '' # string for selection by source name
iflist = [] # F ids to select (e.g. [0,1])
pollist = [] # polarization ids to select (e.g.
              # [L,R])
tau = 0.0 # atmospheric optical depth for correction
blmode = 'interact' # mode for baseline fitting
blpoly = 5 # order of baseline polynomial
verify = False # verify the results of baseline fitting
masklist = [] # list of mask regions to INCLUDE in
               # BASELINE fit
outfile = 'orion_SiO.bl.asap' # output file name
outform = 'ASAP' # output file format (ASCII,MS,SDFITS,ASAP)
overwrite = True # overwrite the output file if already
                 # exists
plotlevel = 0 # plot results (0=none,1+=some,<0=hardcopy)
async = False # If true the taskname must be started using
              # sdbaseline(...)
```

A yellow callout box highlights the 'blmode' parameter, which is set to 'interact'. A blue arrow points from this box to a text block containing the options: 'auto', 'list', or 'interact'.

sdbaseline – baseline subtraction

interactive mask selection



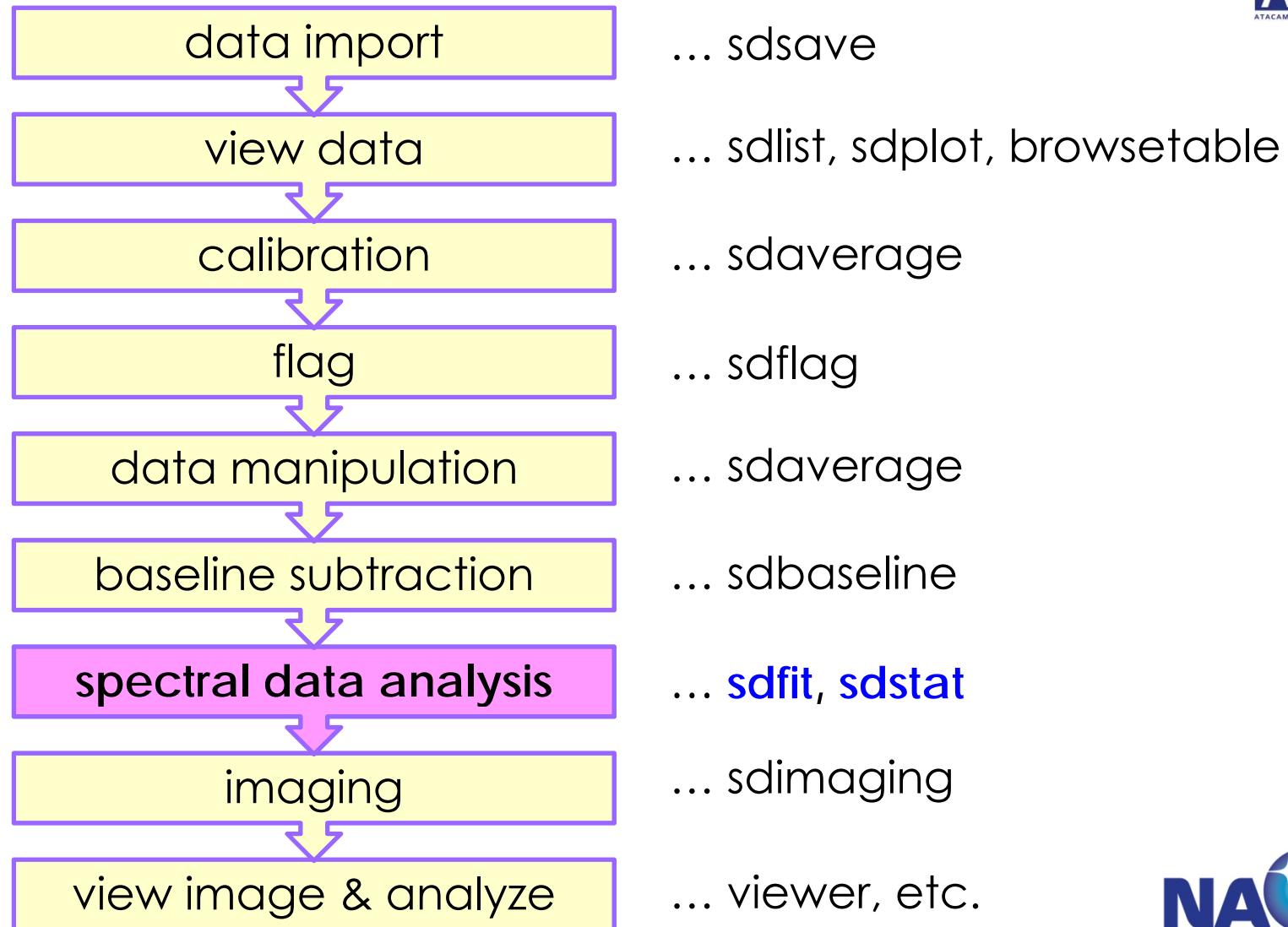
draw rectangle

- **add** mask chans:
LEFT-mouse
- **delete** mask chans:
RIGHT-mouse

current mask in
yellow

press “Enter” to finish
selection

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sdfit – fit spectral line

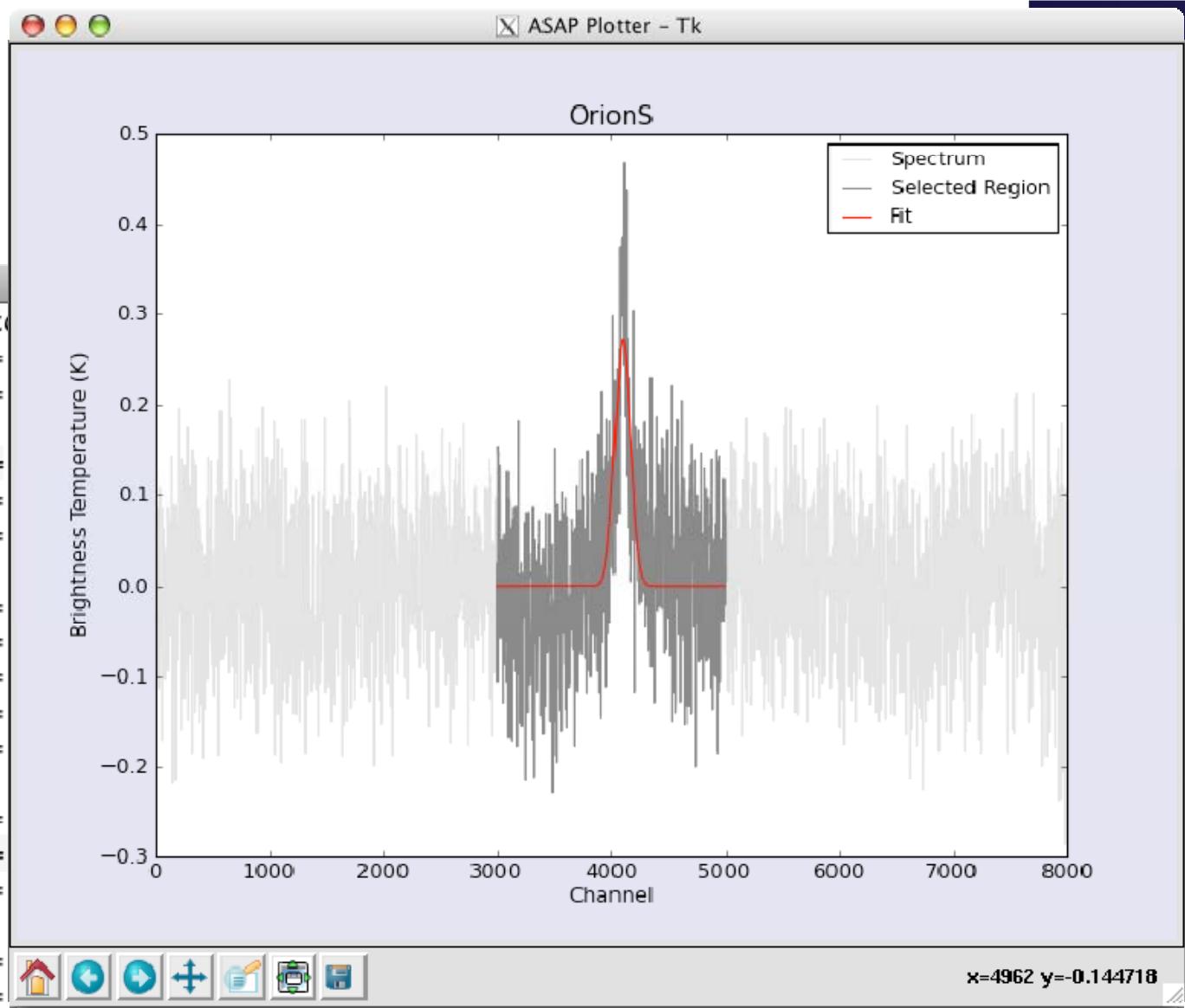
Gaussian or Lorentzian fitting

```
ターミナル - ssh - 85x27
# sdfit :: ASAP SD task: fit a spectral line
sdfile          = 'orion_SiO.bl.asap' # name of input SD dataset
antenna         = 0                 # antenna name or id (only effective for MS
                                    # input)
fluxunit        = ''               # units for line flux (K,Jy) (=current)
specunit        = ''               # units for spectral axis (channel,km/s,GHz)
frame           = ''               # frequency reference frame, e.g. LSRK
                                    # (=current)
doppler         = ''               # doppler convention, e.g. RADIO (=current)
scanlist        = []              # list of scans to use (e.g. [1,2,3,4])
field           = ''               # selection by source name
iflist           = []              # F ids to select (e.g. [0,1])
pollist          = []              # polarization ids to select (e.g.
                                    # [L,R])
fitfunc         = 'gauss'         # function for fitting
fitmode        = 'list'          # mode for fitting
maskline        = [3000, 5000]     # list of mask regions to INCLUDE in LINE
                                    # fitting
invertmask      = False           # invert mask (EXCLUDE masklist instead)
nfit            = [1]              # list of number of gaussian/lorentzian
                                    # lines to fit in in maskline region
fitfile         = 'orion_SiO.fit.txt' # name of output file for fit results
overwrite       = True             # overwrite the fitfile if already exists
plotlevel       = 1                # control for plotting of results
async           = False            # If true the taskname must be started using
                                    # sdfit(...)
```

A yellow callout box highlights the 'fitmode' parameter, which is set to 'list'. A blue arrow points from this box to a text block containing the options: 'auto', 'list', or 'interact'.



```
# sdfit :: ASAP SD task
sdfile =
antenna =
fluxunit =
specunit =
frame =
doppler =
scanlist =
field =
iflist =
pollist =
fitfunc =
fitmode =
maskline =
invertmask =
nfit =
# lines to fit in in maskline region
fitfile = 'orion_SiO.fit.txt' # name of output file for fit results
overwrite = True # overwrite the fitfile if already exists
plotlevel = 1 # control for plotting of results
# If true the taskname must be started using
# sdfit(...)
```





sdstat – calculate statistics

Min (channel), max (channel), mean, median, sum, rms, stddev, integrated intensity, and equivalent width



```
# sdstat :: ASAP SD task: list statistics of spectral region
sdfile          = 'orion_SiO.bl.asap' # name of input SD dataset
antenna         =      0           # antenna name or id (only effective for MS input)
fluxunit        =      ''          # units for line flux (K,Jy) (=current)
specunit        =      ''          # units for spectral axis (channel,km/s,GHz)
frame           =      ''          # frequency reference frame, e.g. LSRK (=current)
doppler          =      ''          # doppler convention, e.g. RADIO (=current)
scanlist        =      []          # list of scans to use (e.g. [1,2,3,4])
field            =      ''          # string for selection by source name
iflist           =      []          # list of IF ids to select (e.g. [0,1])
pollist          =      []          # list of polarization ids to select (e.g. [0,1])
masklist         =      []          # list of mask regions to INCLUDE in stats
invertmask       =    False        # invert mask (EXCLUDE masklist instead)
interactive      =    False        # determines interactive masking
statfile         = 'orion_SiO.stat.txt' # name of output file for line statistics
format           = '3.3f'        # format string to print statistic values
overwrite        =   True         # overwrite the statistics file if already exists
async            =    False        # If true the taskname must be started using
                                # sdstat(...)
```

Output → CASA logger





sdstat – calculate statistics



X Log Messages (ana03:/home/sugimtkn/workcasa/singledish/reduction/casapy.log)

File Edit View

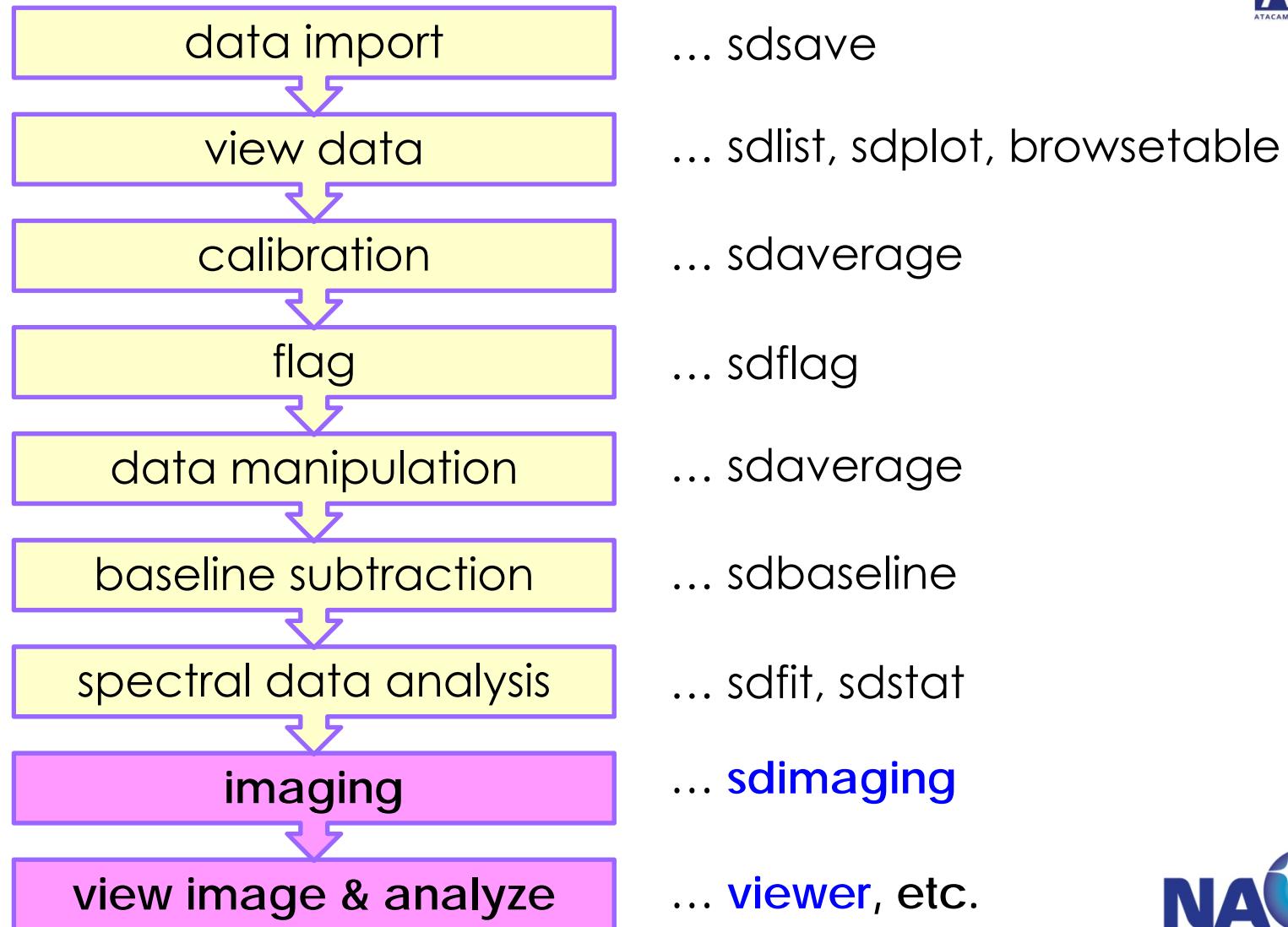
Search Message: Filter: Time

Priority	Origin	Message
INFO	sdstat...	#####
INFO	sdstat...	##### Begin Task: sdstat #####
INFO		sdstat::::casa
INFO	sdstat...	Current fluxunit = K
INFO	sdstat...	No need to convert fluxunits
INFO	sdstat...	Using current frequency frame
INFO	sdstat...	Using current doppler convention
INFO	sdstat...	Using full region
INFO	sdstat...	-----
INFO	sdstat...	max
INFO	sdstat...	-----
INFO	sdstat...	Scan[0] (OrionS) Time[2006/01/19/02:07:54]:
INFO	sdstat...	IF[15] = 0.469 (@ 4109.000 [channel])
INFO	sdstat...	-----
INFO	sdstat...	-----
INFO	sdstat...	min
INFO	sdstat...	-----
INFO	sdstat...	Scan[0] (OrionS) Time[2006/01/19/02:07:54]:
INFO	sdstat...	IF[15] = -0.286 (@ 7980.000 [channel])
INFO	sdstat...	-----

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sdsave (again) – convert data format

Important!

Convert data to **MeasurementSet** before imaging.

```
# sdsave :: ASAP SD task: save the sd spectra in various format
sdfile          = 'fls3a_HI.asap'      # name of input SD dataset
antenna         = 0                  # antenna name or id (only effective for MS input)
rowlist          = []                # list of row numbers to process (e.g. [0,2,4,6])
scanlist         = []                # list of scan to process (e.g. [20,21,22,23])
field            = ''                # string for selection by source name
iflist            = []                # list of IF ids to select (e.g. [0,1])
pollist          = []                # list of polarization ids to select (e.g. [0,1])
scanaverage     = False              # average integs within scans (True,False)
timeaverage      = False              # average scans over time (True,False)
polaverage       = False              # average over polarizations (True,False)
outfile          = 'fls3a_HI.ms'       # output file name
outform          = 'MS2'              # output file format (ASCII,MS2,SDFITS,ASAP)
overwrite        = True               # overwrite the output file if already exists
async            = False              # If true the taskname must be started using
#                                # sdsave(...)
```

single dish MS

Single dish data is stored in **FOAT_DATA** or **DATA** column

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fls3a_HI.ms

	OBSERVATION_ID	PROCESSOR_ID	SCAN_NUMBER	STATE_ID	TIME	TIME_CENTROID	CALFCTR	FLOAT_DATA
0	0	0	1	0	2003-11-12...	2003-11-12...	[0, 0]	[2, 1024] Float
1	0	0	1	0	2003-11-12...	2003-11-12...	[0, 0]	[2, 1024] Float
2	0	0	1	0	2003-11-12...	2003-11-12...	[0, 0]	[2, 1024] Float
3	0	0	1	0	2003-11-12...	2003-11-12...	[0, 0]	[2, 1024] Float
4	0	0	1	0	2003-11-12...	2003-11-12...	[0, 0]	[2, 1024] Float
5	0	0	1	0	2003-11-12...	2003-11-12...	[0, 0]	[2, 1024] Float
6	0	0	1	0	2003-11-12...	2003-11-12...	[0, 0]	[2, 1024] Float
7	0	0	1	0	2003-11-12...	2003-11-12...	[0, 0]	[2, 1024] Float
8	0	0	1	0	2003-11-12...	2003-11-12...	[0, 0]	[2, 1024] Float
9	0	0	1	0	2003-11-12...	2003-11-12...	[0, 0]	[2, 1024] Float

table data table keywords field keywords

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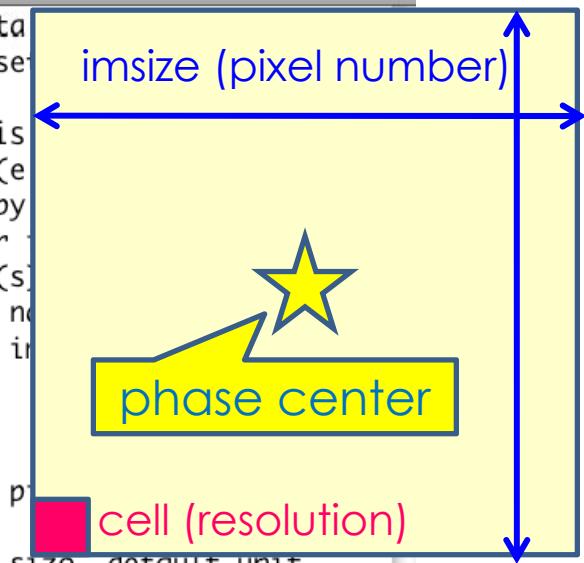
sdimaging – single dish imaging

Input: MeasurementSet Output: **CASA image**



```
# sdimaging :: SD task: imaging for total power and spectral data
sdfile          = 'fls3a_HI.ms'      # name of input SD database
                                         # for this task)
specunit        = 'channel'        # units for spectral axis
scanlist        = []               # list of scans to use (empty)
field           = '0'              # string for selection by field
spw             = '0'              # spectral window id for this task
antenna         = '0'              # antenna name(s) or id(s)
stokes          = 'I'              # stokes or correlation number
gridfunction    = 'PB'             # gridding function for imaging
                                         # ("BOX","SF","PB")
imagename       = 'fls3a_HI.full.im' # output image name
overwrite        = True             # overwrite option
imsize          = [150, 150]        # x and y image size in pixels
                                         # single value
cell            = ['1.5arcmin', '1.5arcmin'] # x and y cell size. default unit
                                         # arcmin
dochannelmap   = True             # True for channel map, False for total power
                                         # imaging
nchan           = 100             # number of spectral channel for created image
start           = 30               # reference value of start channel (in units
                                         # of specunit)
step             = 9                # width of each spectral channel (in units of
                                         # specunit)

phasecenter     = 'J2000 17:18:29 +59.31.23' # Image phase center: position or
                                         # field index
ephemsrccname   = ''               # ephemeris source name
pointingcolumn  = 'direction'     # pointing data column to use
async           = False            # If true the taskname must be started using
                                         # sdimaging(...)
```

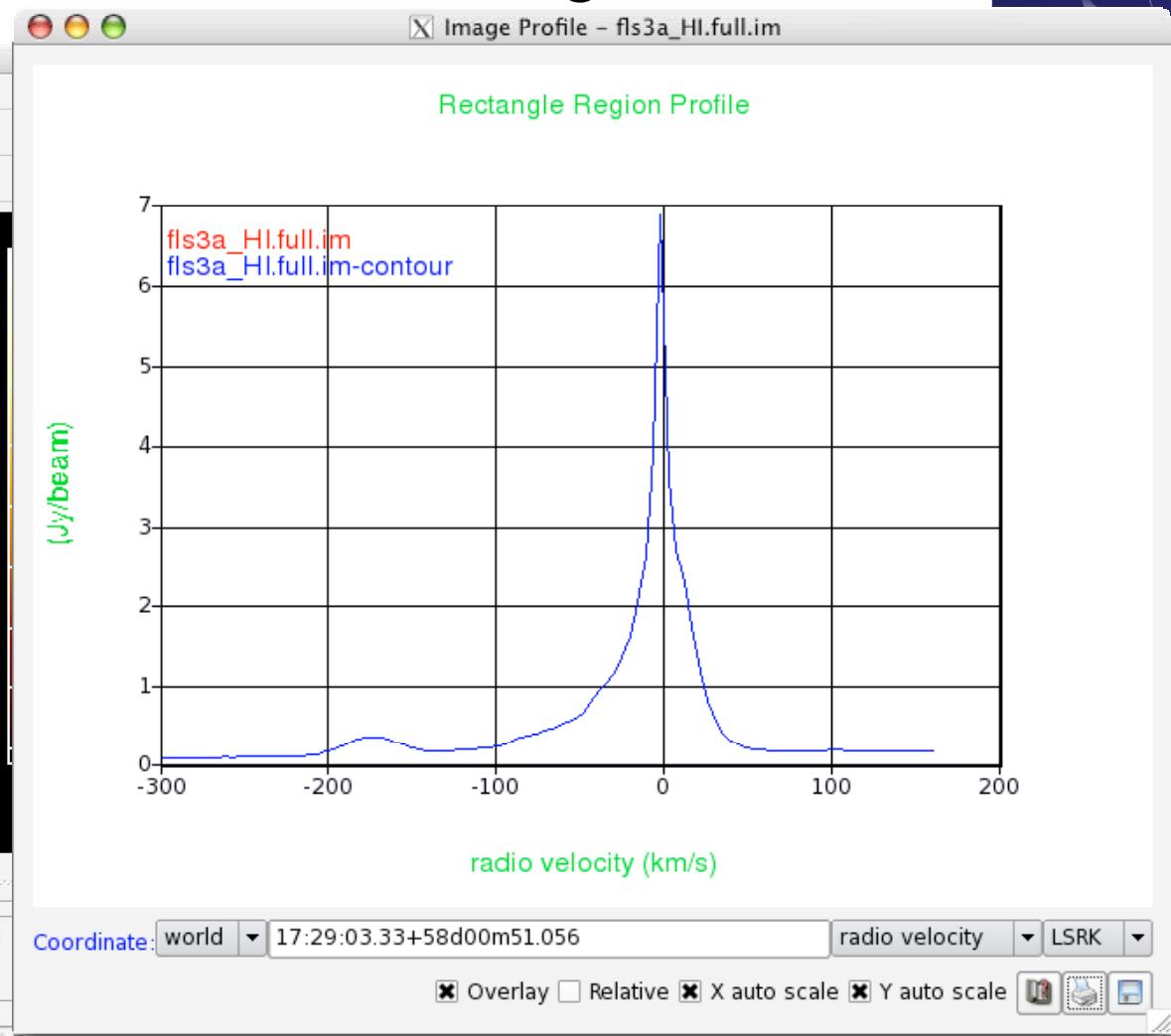
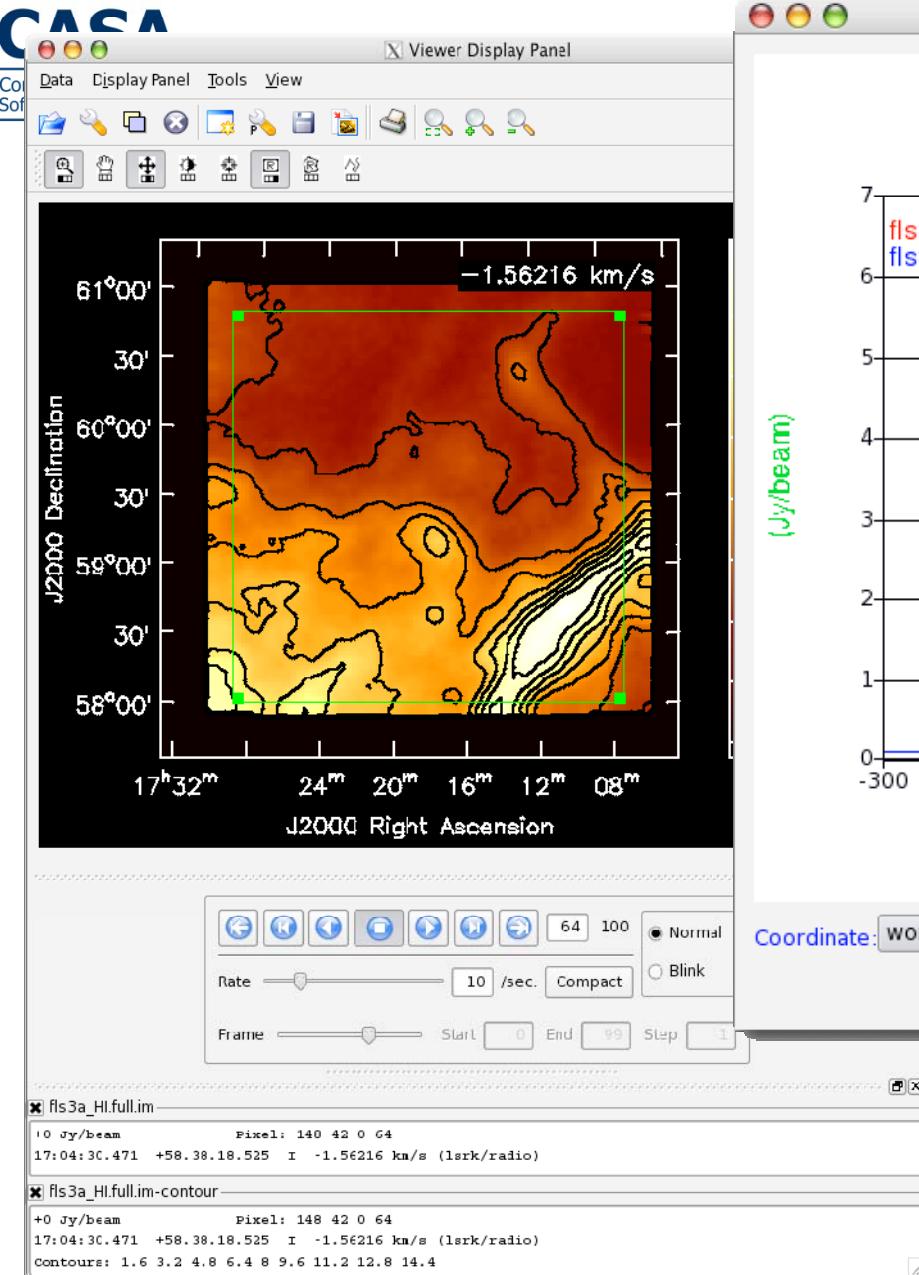




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viewer – view CASA image





The other single dish tasks



- ✓ **sdsMOOTH** ... channel average spectra
- ✓ **sdCAL** = **sdAVERAGE** + **sDBASELINE** + **sDSMOOTH**
- ✓ **sdFLAGMANAGER** ... save, restore, and list flag versions
- ✓ **sdTPIMAGING** ... total power imaging (incl. scan noise subtraction)
- ✓ **sdIMPROCESS** ... subtract scan noise
- ✓ **sdSCALE** ... scale spectra
- ✓ **sdMATH** ... various arithmetic (+, -, *, /)operations on spectra
- ✓ **sdCOADD** ... merge scantables

♪ Enjoy! ♪

Step 1: run the reduction scripts (orion_SiO.py & fls3a.py) by execfile , e.g.,

```
CASA<>: execfile('orion_SiO.py')
```

to understand single dish data reduction steps

Step 2: open the scripts to see how parameters are set. Copy and paste each line to set parameters and run tasks. You can also change parameters as you like to see the changes

✓ CASA task reference

<http://casa.nrao.edu/docs/TaskRef/TaskRef.html>

✓ CASA cookbook

<http://casa.nrao.edu/docs/UserMan/UserMan.html>