Application of Pipeline Calibration

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What are we talking about?

- What to do after a Pipeline Processing Complete email or job completes.
- Extra flagging, re-derive & apply calibration.
- Rerun for known issues that cause problems.
- Apply existing pipeline calibration to raw data.
- Things to consider when running on your own.
- Remote access to NRAO computing.

The pipeline may not flag everything needed ...

Antenna hardware issues – RFI – may flag good data – Alien signals*





*Theoretical only at this time

ea21 bandpass, bad data (DTS issue)





ea10 bandpass, bad data (DTS issue); ea11, ea12 OK





ea18 bandpass, bad data (DTS issue for 37-39GHz)





ea18 bandpass and phase affected, bad data (DTS issue)



ea07 bandpass, bad data (DTS issue); ea08, ea09 OK





ea02 phase jumps for some spws



- your data required: flag the targets and move on.
- should re-derive the calibration with your additional flagging included.
- are two good starting points:
 - Pipeline calibrated MS
 - Raw data (SDM-BDF)



- Carefully check your data and the calibration from the pipeline.

- If extra flagging **ONLY** on your science target(s), no recalibration of

- If any of your **calibrator sources** require additional flagging, you

- To recalibrate your data using the VLA Calibration Pipeline, there

Additional flagging: Cal'd MS

- 1. Create a pipeline script **without** Hanning smoothing:
 - previous run) and comment out the call to hify_hanning.
 - Make sure the SDM name matches.
- 2. Inspect the calibrated MS and flag as needed in CASA.
- flagged MS to this new directory and your edited casa_pipescript.py file. **No** other files should be copied.
- 4. CD to this new directory and start CASA.

- Use the casa_pipescript.py file (pipeline web page or from a

3. Create a **new directory** and copy **ONLY** the calibrated and fully

Additional flagging: Cal'd MS

- *See the pipeline web page for details.
- 6. Next, run the **clearstat** task in CASA.
- 5. execfile('casa_pipescript.py')
- 5. Wait again while the pipeline runs.

5. Clear the calibration using **clearcal** with addmodel=False.

Additional flagging: SDM-BDF

- 1. Create file: mySDM.flagtemplate.txt (default name)
 - Add flagging commands, line by line, as needed
 - mode='manual' spw='3:42~56' reason='UFO_over_array'
 - Must have mode flagging reason.
 - NO space in text used for reason
 - Format help, use CASA task flagdata, save your edits!
- 2. Flagging template will be picked up automatically and applied in the hifv_flagdata stage.
- 3. In CASA, execfile('casa_pipescript.py')

Rerun for known issues

- The pipeline may choose the worst possible option ... Bad reference antenna or setup issues _
- Problems during the flux or delay calibration scan(s) -
- If all fails, try Scripted Pipeline (see Scripted Pipeline webpage) -



Rerun for known issues | bad refant

- 1. Make a copy of the casa_pipescript.py file.
- 2. Add task parameter "refantignore" to the following stages:
 - hifv_testBPdcals(refantignore='ea24')
- hifv_semiFinalBPdcals(refantignore='ea24')
- hifv_semiFinalBPdcals(refantignore='ea24')
- hifv_solint(refantignore='ea24')
- hifv_fluxboot(refantignore='ea24')
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Rerun for known issues

instructions, see the pipeline web page.

Other flagging abilities ... see pipeline web page.

- Issues with scan intents? Edit the scan intents in the SDM-BDF. For
- Modifications for spectral line observations ... see pipeline web page.
- Known issues with pipeline release versions ... pipeline web page.
 - https://science.nrao.edu/facilities/vla/data-processing/pipeline - CASA Integrated Pipeline & Scripted Pipeline available

- Calibrated MS held by NRAO for only 15 days:
- Local storage limitations:





May only have pipeline calibration & flag tables, no MS

Calibration tables, flag tables, weblog archived!

Reduced storage needs by only keeping the tables.

- 1. Download the correct CASA version with the pipeline.
- - SDM-BDF
 - unknown.session_1.caltables.tgz
 - mySDM.ms.flagversions.tgz
 - mySDM.ms.calapply.txt
 - casa_piperestorescript.py
 - unknown.hifv_cal.pipeline_manifest.xml
- 2. Make a directory called "restore".
- 3. cd to restore, and create three more directories inside:

rawdata, working, products < names must be exact!



1. You will need the following, bold items in cal. tar file in archive

- 5. Put your SDM-BDF into the "rawdata" directory.

- - call to hifv_restoredata.
 - Save your changes.



6. Put all the *.tgz, *.xml and *.txt files into the "products" directory.

7. Put casa_piperestorescript.py into the "working" directory.

8. Go to the "working" directory and edit casa_piperestorescript.py:

Insert "../rawdata/" before the SDM-BDF name (mySDM) in the

9. From the "working" directory, start CASA with the pipeline

casa --pipeline

10. Execute the casa_piperestorescript.py file:

execfile('casa_piperestorescript.py')

11. Enjoy calibrated data once the process completes.



We archive pipeline calibration tar files at <u>https://data.nrao.edu/</u>

Can get just the tar file or a fully calibrated MS in place of manual restore

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Computing time?

Disk space – 3-4X raw size(!)

PL version differences.

CASA version differences.

NRAO cluster available for remote Access



Remote Access: Accounts

Use your **visitor account** (what you're using now)

- Remote processing
- Data staging for download •
- Short term work, **NOT** long term storage.

Use your account's "data" directory:

- Archive deliveries directly to your account
- Pipeline data requests •
- **DO NOT** change permissions of this directory! •

Remote Access: Node Request

Login with your account username

ssh nm-####@login.aoc.nrao.edu

Go to nmpost-master and request a node

- ssh nm-####@nmpost-master
- nodescheduler --request 14 1 •

If you get no email, you are probably **queued** ...

Don't keep requesting more nodes •

Exit nmpost-master, then ssh to your assigned node

ssh nm-####@nmpost###

Remote Access

Interact with your data for reduction and analysis

• SSH and VNC available for working with your data.

Download your data:

RSYNC, SFTP, SCP, LFTP available. •

Need help?

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https://info.nrao.edu/computing/guide/cluster-processing

Questions?

- VLA CASA Calibration Pipeline information at:

https://science.nrao.edu/facilities/vla/data-processing/pipeline - CASA Integrated Pipeline & Scripted Pipeline available

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