

# Using the Plateau de Bure Interferometer

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# **Why should you use the Plateau de Bure Interferometer?**

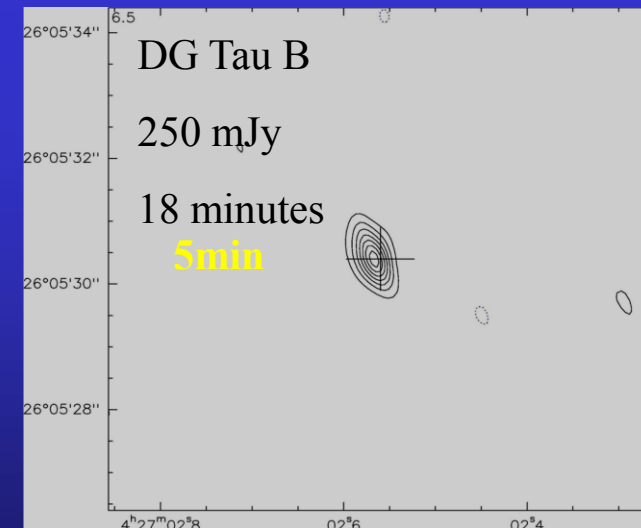
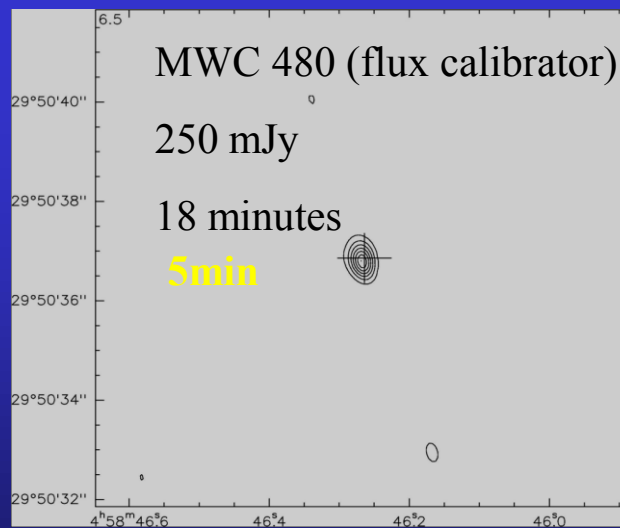
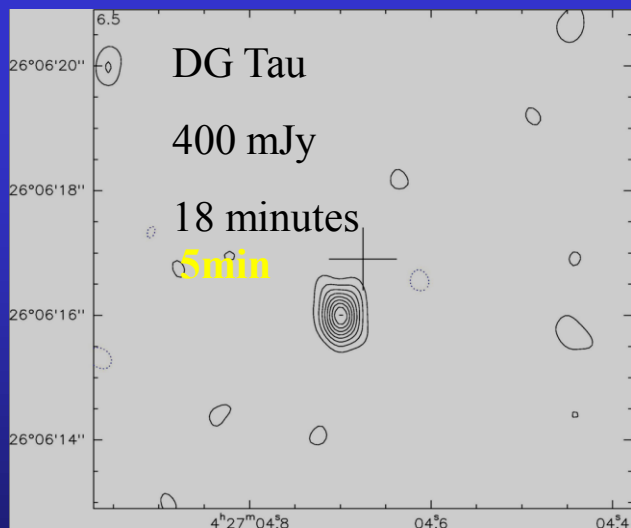
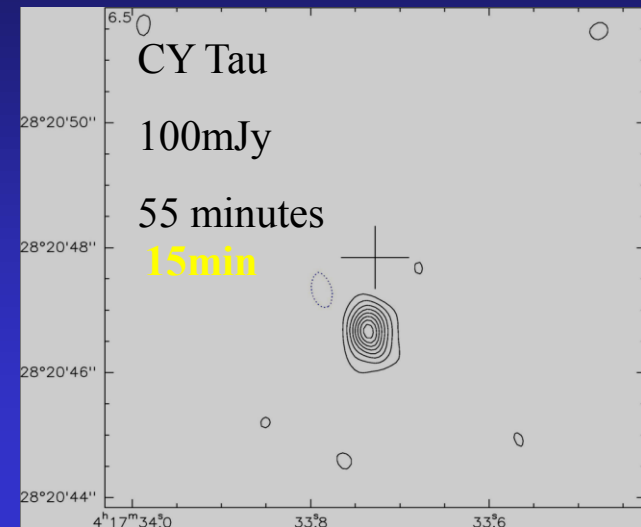
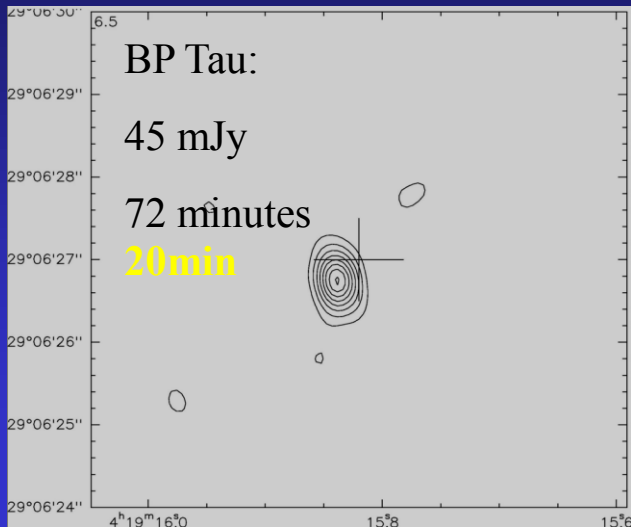
**Because the signal is weak...  
... and PdBI is sensitive!**

# 1 shared track in A configuration @ 230GHz

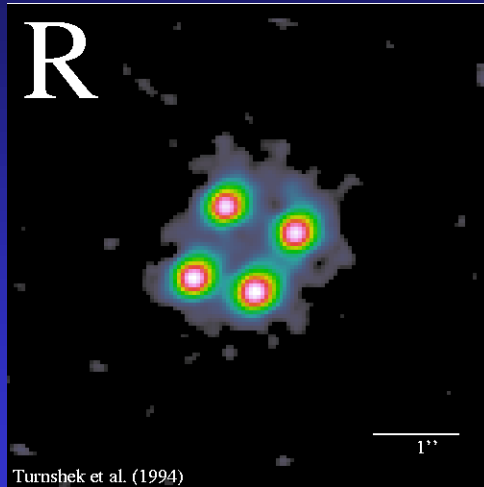
**Beam: 0.5" x 0.3"**

**Only ~1/4 of the times  
would be needed now  
with WideX**

Guilloteau et al. (2010)



# HCN(4-3) and HCO<sup>+</sup>(4-3) in the Cloverleaf quasar

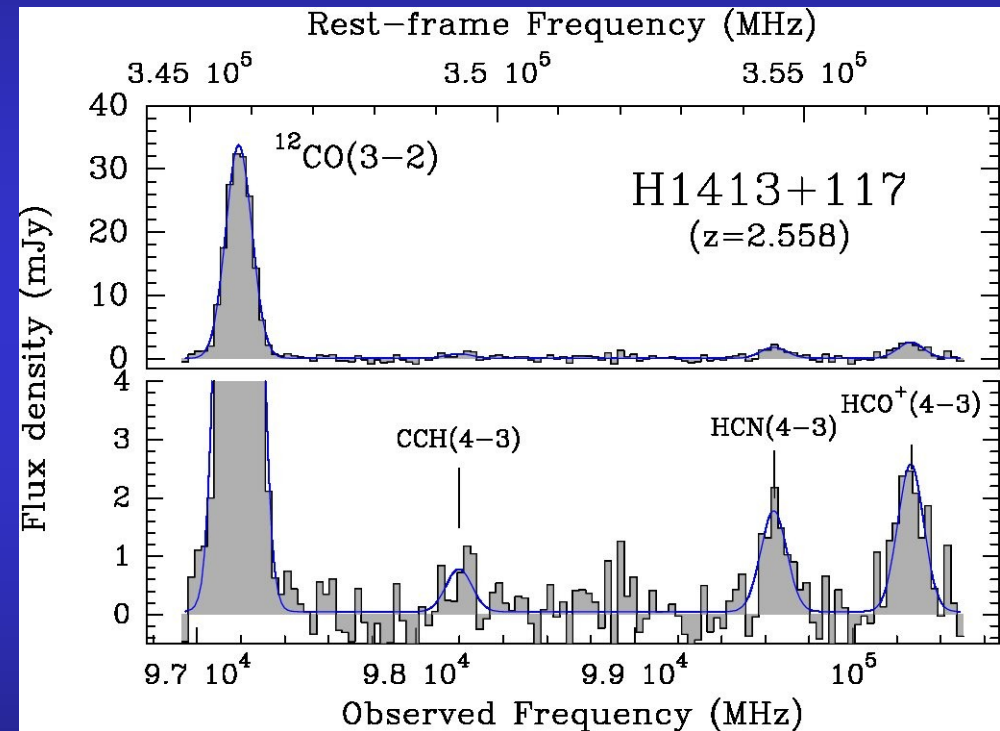


Hubble image (Turnshek et al. 1994)

Searches for HCN started  
some 17 years ago...

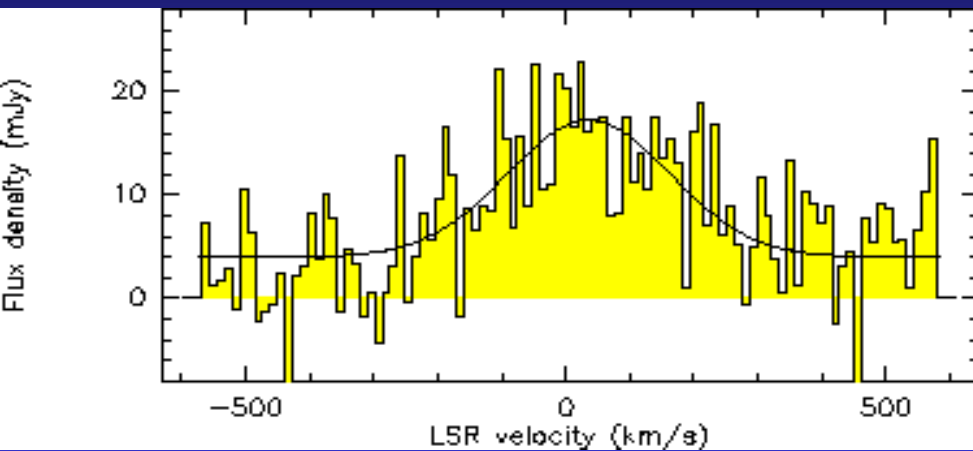
Large bandwidth needed  
to simultaneously measure  
the weak continuum!

Spectrum obtained with WideX 2010  
(compact configuration, beam 4.8" x 5.7")  
8h integration



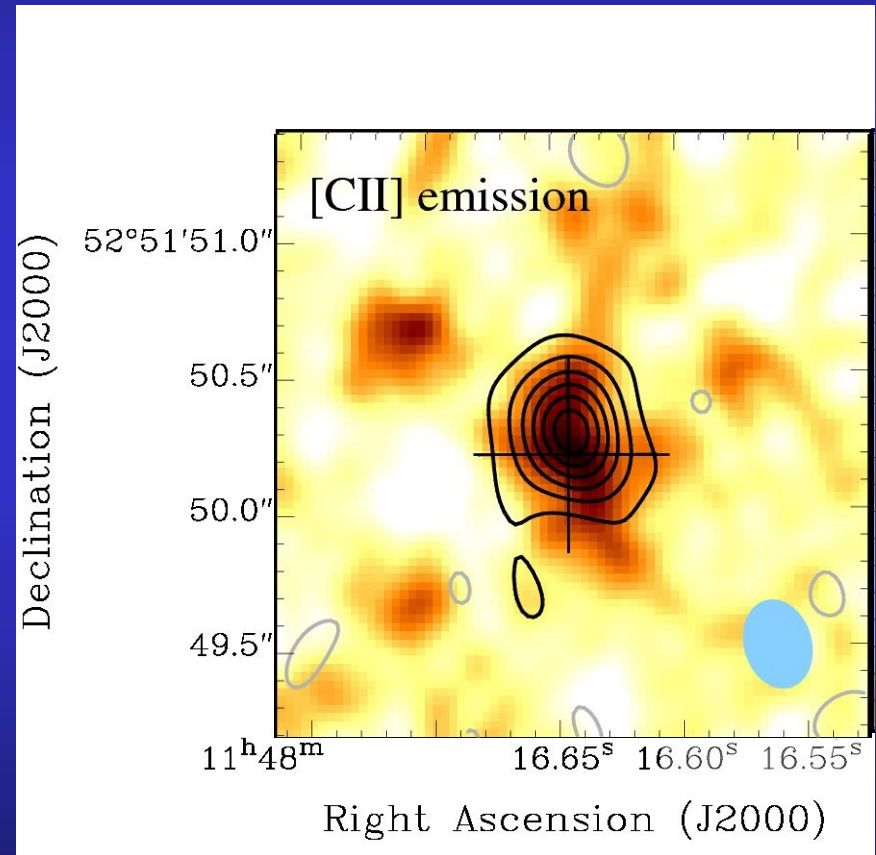
Guélin et al. (2010)

# $C^+$ at 256.17GHz in J1148+5251 @ $z = 6.42$



Spectrum: 3.5hrs in D-configuration

A-configuration: beam  $0.26'' \times 0.21''$



Walter et al. 2009 (Nature 457, 699)

# Proposal tech-sheet

## IRAM Plateau de Bure Interferometer: Proposal Technical Summary

*Please fill one sheet per frequency setup*

- **Category and Project type:** 3-mm lines detection

- **Source position and velocity:**

Source	RA (J2000.0)	DEC (J2000.0)	LSR Velocity / Redshift (km/s)
0221+375	02:27:30.813	37:49:32.624	+0

- **For all projects (detection, mapping, mosaic, and snapshot):**

- *Configuration required:* A B C D Any
- *No. of tracks requested:* 0 0 0 0 0
- *Observing time requested:*  $1.6 \times \text{on-source time} = 0\text{h}$
- *Sensitivity:*

Resolution	on-source time	$1\sigma$ -sensitivity
0 MHz	0 hrs	0 mJy

- **For Mosaic projects:**

- *offset positions:* (,) (,) (,) (,)

- **Size of largest structure (in arcseconds):** unresolved

- **Continuum part:**

- *Expected continuum flux:* mJy
- *Expected continuum source size:* unresolved
- *Preferred observing frequency (pure continuum projects):*

- **For line projects:** (*add sketch of frequency setup, e.g. as separate .eps file in your .tar archive*)

- *Expected width of spectral line (to zero power)* km/s
- *Line rest frequencies:* 109.252 GHz

# Point source sensitivity

$$\delta S = \frac{2k}{\eta_a A \cdot \eta_j \eta_C} \cdot \frac{\langle T_{sys} \rangle}{\eta_p \sqrt{N(N-1)} \sqrt{\delta\nu t_{on}}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{pol}}}$$

$A$	collecting area of a single antenna (176.7m <sup>2</sup> )
$\eta_a$	aperture efficiency (0.80 @ 3mm, 0.75 @ 2mm, 0.65 @ 1mm)
$\eta_j$	instrumental decorrelation $\eta_j = e^{-\sigma_j^2/2}$ (0.90 to 0.98)
$\eta_C$	correlator efficiency ( $\eta_C = 0.88$ )
$k$	Boltzmann constant
$\langle T_{sys} \rangle$	average system temperature [K]
$\eta_p$	atmospheric decorrelation $\eta_p = e^{-\sigma_p^2/2}$ (0.6 to 0.98)
$N$	Number of antennas (6) <span style="margin-left: 2em;">NB</span> <span style="margin-left: 2em;">WideX</span>
$\delta\nu$	Spectral Bandwidth [Hz] (39 kHz to 2 GHz, 2 MHz to 3.6 GHz)
$t_{on}$	On-source integration time [s], $t_{obs} = 1.6 t_{on}$
$N_{pol}$	Number of polarizations (1 or 2)
$\frac{2k}{\eta_a A \cdot \eta_j \eta_C}$	$= J_{pk}$ : Conversion factor Kelvin to Jansky 22 Jy/K @ 3mm, 26 Jy/K @ 2mm, 35 Jy/K @ 1mm

# Brightness sensitivity (I)

The brightness sensitivity is related to the point source sensitivity by

$$\delta T = \frac{\lambda^2}{2k\Omega} \cdot \delta S = \rho \frac{\lambda^2}{\Theta_1 \Theta_2} \cdot \delta S$$

$\delta T$	brightness sensitivity [K]
$\lambda$	observing wavelength [mm]
$k$	Boltzmann constant
$\Omega$	synthesized beam solid angle [sr]
$\rho$	$\approx 15 \text{ [K Jy}^{-1} (\text{arcsec/mm})^{-2}]$ for untapered maps and natural weighting
$\Theta_1, \Theta_2$	axes of synthesized beam [arcsec]

Brightness sensitivity depends on angular resolution!



# Brightness sensitivity (II)

Expected **line brightness sensitivities** in 8 hours (12h track)

1km/s bandwidth, dual polarization:


- @ 100 GHz in a beam of  $1'' \times 1''$ :  $\delta T \approx 434$  mK  
 $5'' \times 5''$ :  $\delta T \approx 17$  mK
- @ 150 GHz in a beam of  $0.6'' \times 0.6''$ :  $\delta T \approx 916$  mK  
 $3.3'' \times 3.3''$ :  $\delta T \approx 30$  mK
- @ 230 GHz in a beam of  $0.3'' \times 0.3''$ :  $\delta T \approx 2000$  mK  
 $2.2'' \times 2.2''$ :  $\delta T \approx 40$  mK

# When?

- **Summer:**  
compact configurations (C and D)  
=> Low resolution studies, detection experiments  
at 3mm and 2mm,  
only 5 antennas available in D-configuration from  
May to September/October
- **Winter offer best observing conditions:**  
Best atmosphere (transparency, phase stability)  
All four configurations (compact to extended)  
All 6 antennas available
- **Observations at 1.3mm:**  
only possible from September to April

# Sensitivity considerations

- **Caution:**

At 115GHz the atmospheric O<sub>2</sub> line degrades sensitivity by about 40% already in good observing conditions 

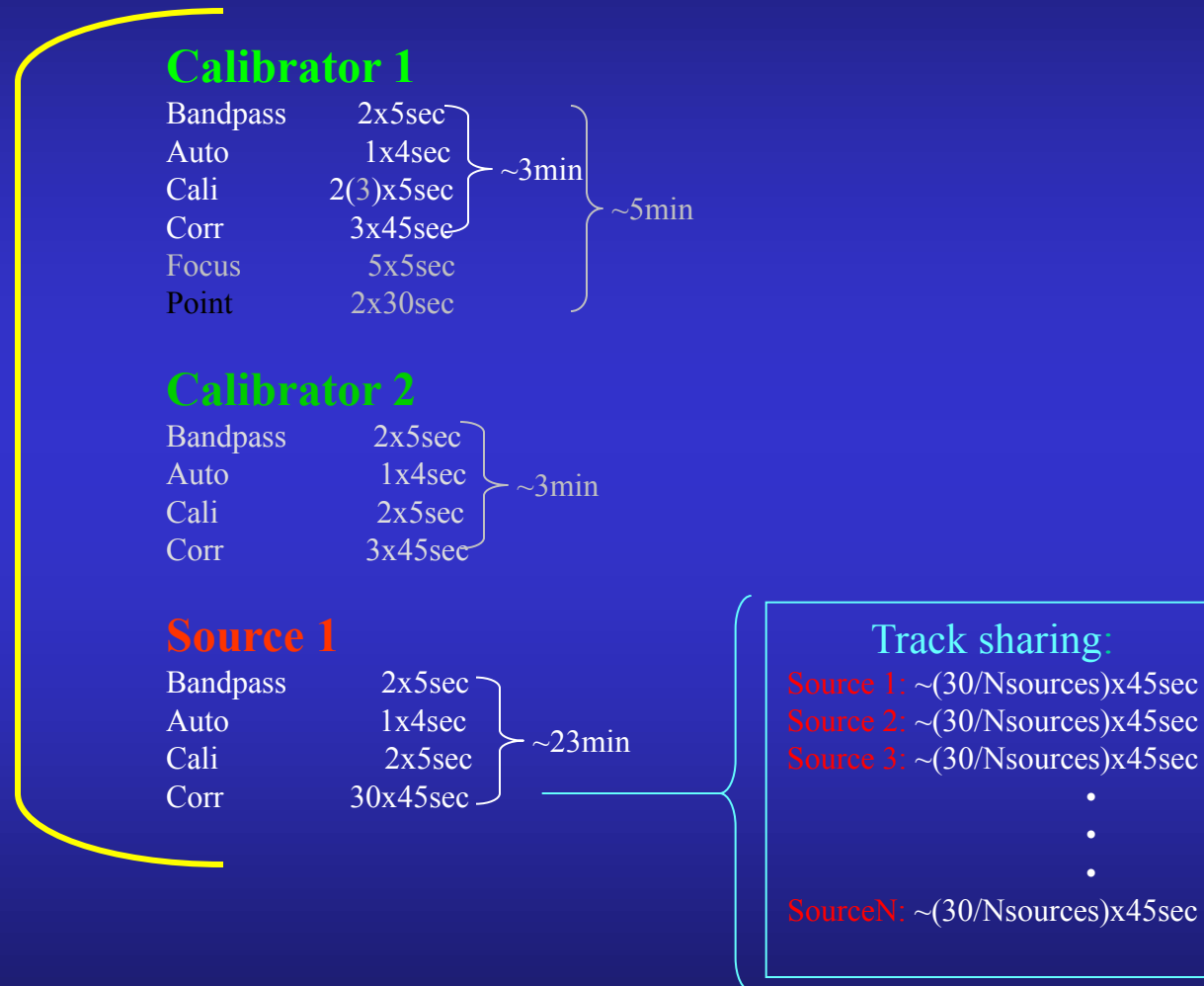
- **Request a configuration for mapping**

e.g. AB configuration = 2 tracks (8hrs each)  
... but evaluate the sensitivity as well!

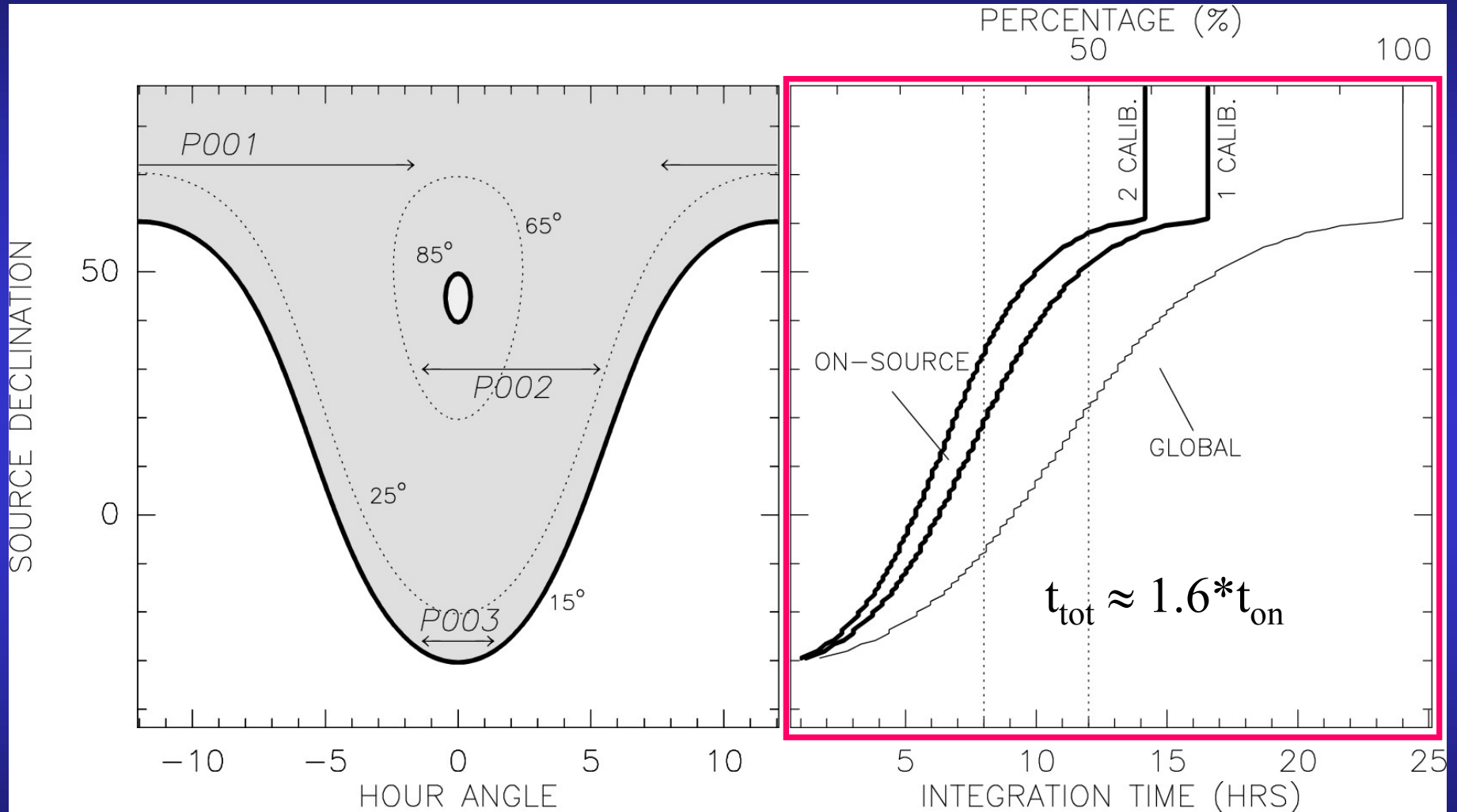
- **Request a point source sensitivity for detection**

... but evaluate the integration time as well!

# (standard) Observing sequence



# Observing time



# Has my object already been observed?

- **Consult the CDS (Strasbourg)**
- **Consult the Science Operation Group (SOG; [sog@iram.fr](mailto:sog@iram.fr))**
- **The raw data archive is not (yet) public**

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Result of VizieR Search within 2' of **EP Aqr** (J2000=21:46:31.8-02:12:46)  
 ordered by increasing **r**

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# Configurations

- **Four configurations are needed to take properly into account baseline range and operation with 6 antennas**

Configuration	Stations
D	W08 W05 E03 <b>N02</b> N07 N11
C	W12 W09 E04 E10 N11 N17
B	W27 W12 E12 E23 N20 N46
A	W27 E04 E24 E68 N29 N46

- **The A and B configurations are scheduled during the winter period only**



N46

N29

E04

E24

E68

W27

768m => 0.3'' @230 GHz

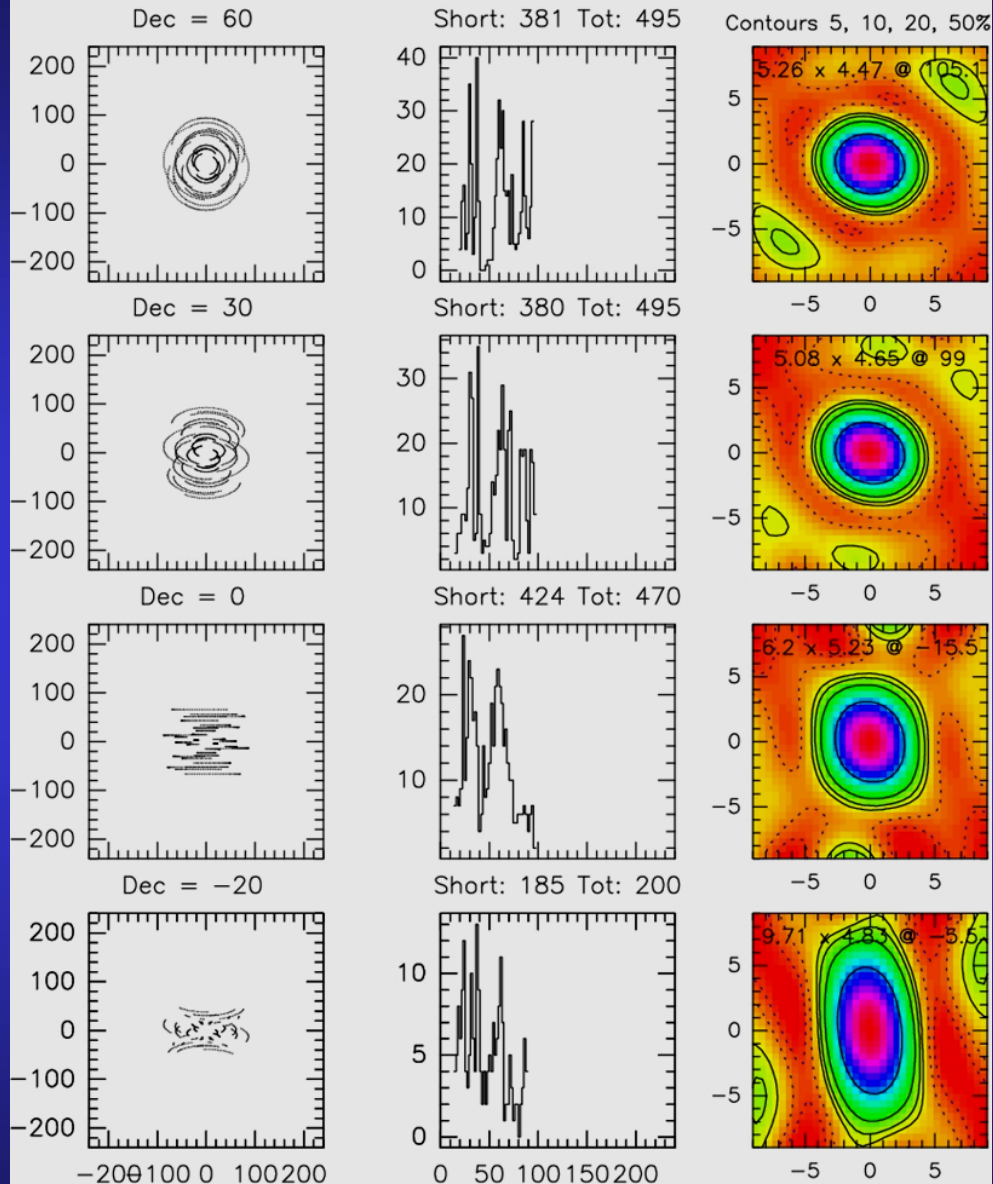
# Which configuration is appropriate?

Standard sets of configurations are:

Set	Purpose
D	detection/lowest resolution
CD	3.5" @ 100 GHz
BC	1.7" @ 100 GHz
AB	0.95" @ 100 GHz
A	0.82" @ 100 GHz

# D configuration

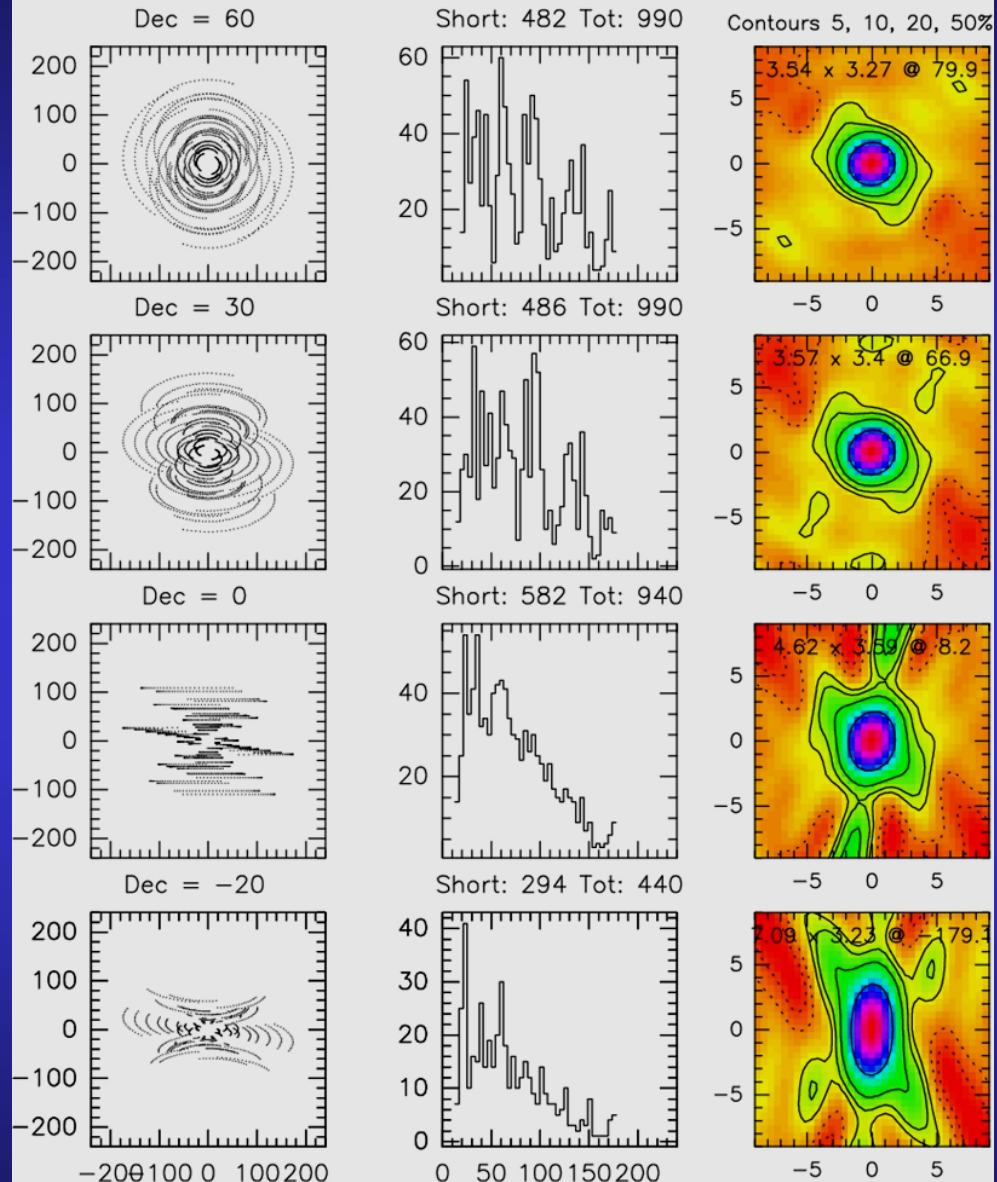
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# CD configuration

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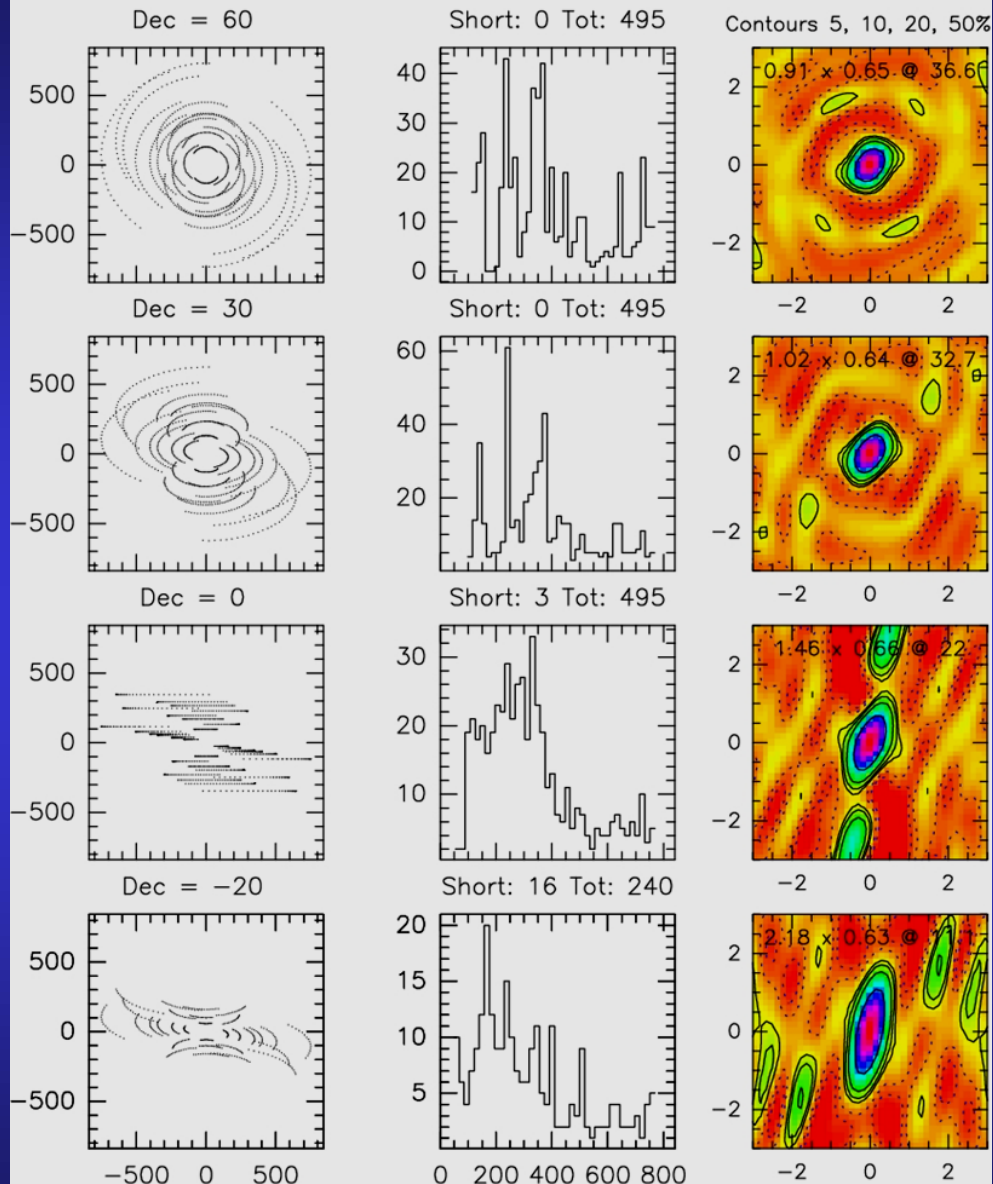


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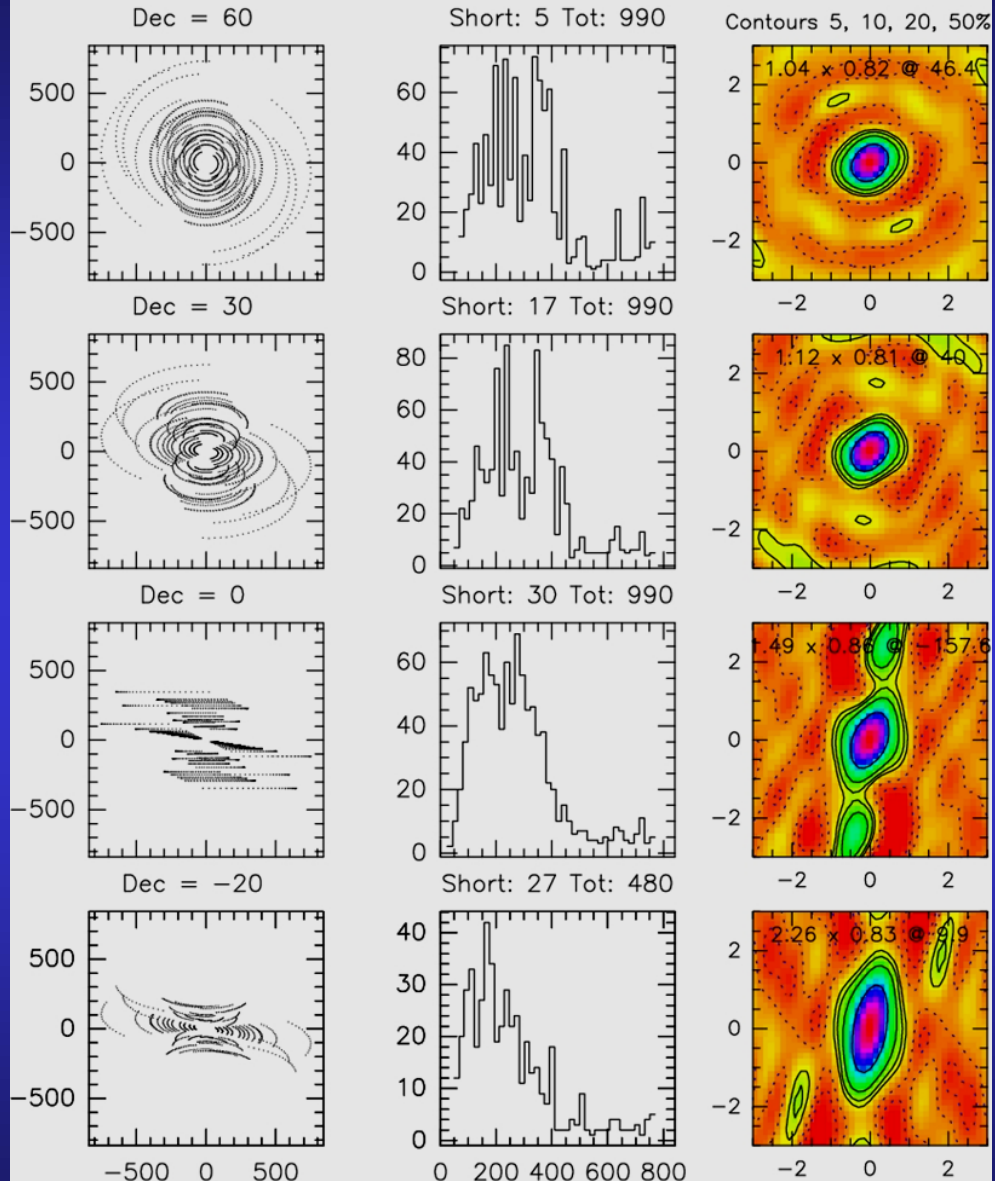
@100 GHz, HA = -4 to 4 weight NA



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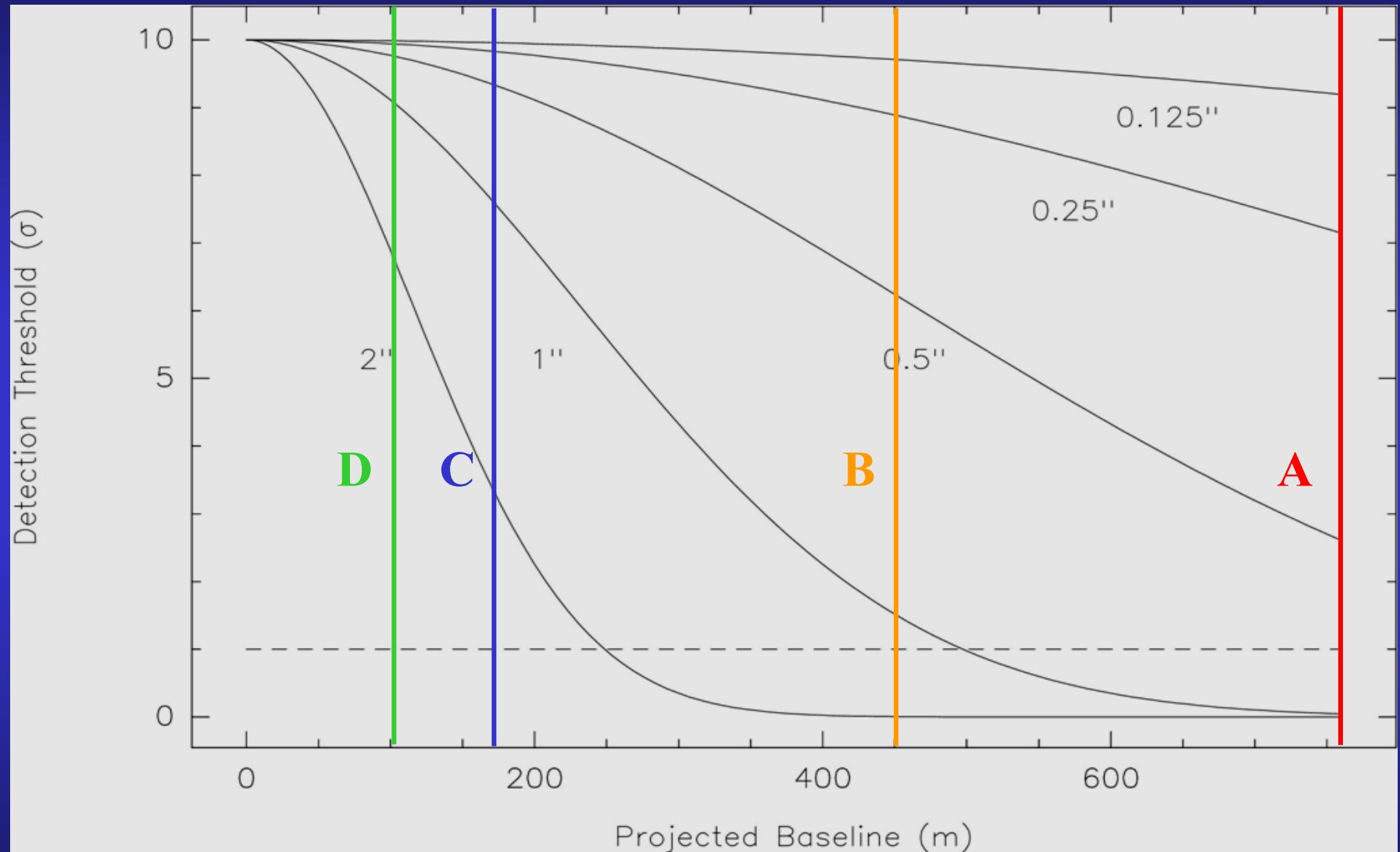
# AB configuration

@100 GHz, HA = -4 to 4 weight NA



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# Resolution effect



# Correlators (I)

Narrow-Band correlator: 8 units, 2x1GHz, spectral resolution 39kHz-2.5MHz



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# Correlators (II)

WideX: 4 units, 2x3.6 GHz (dual polar, fixed spectral resolution 2 MHz)

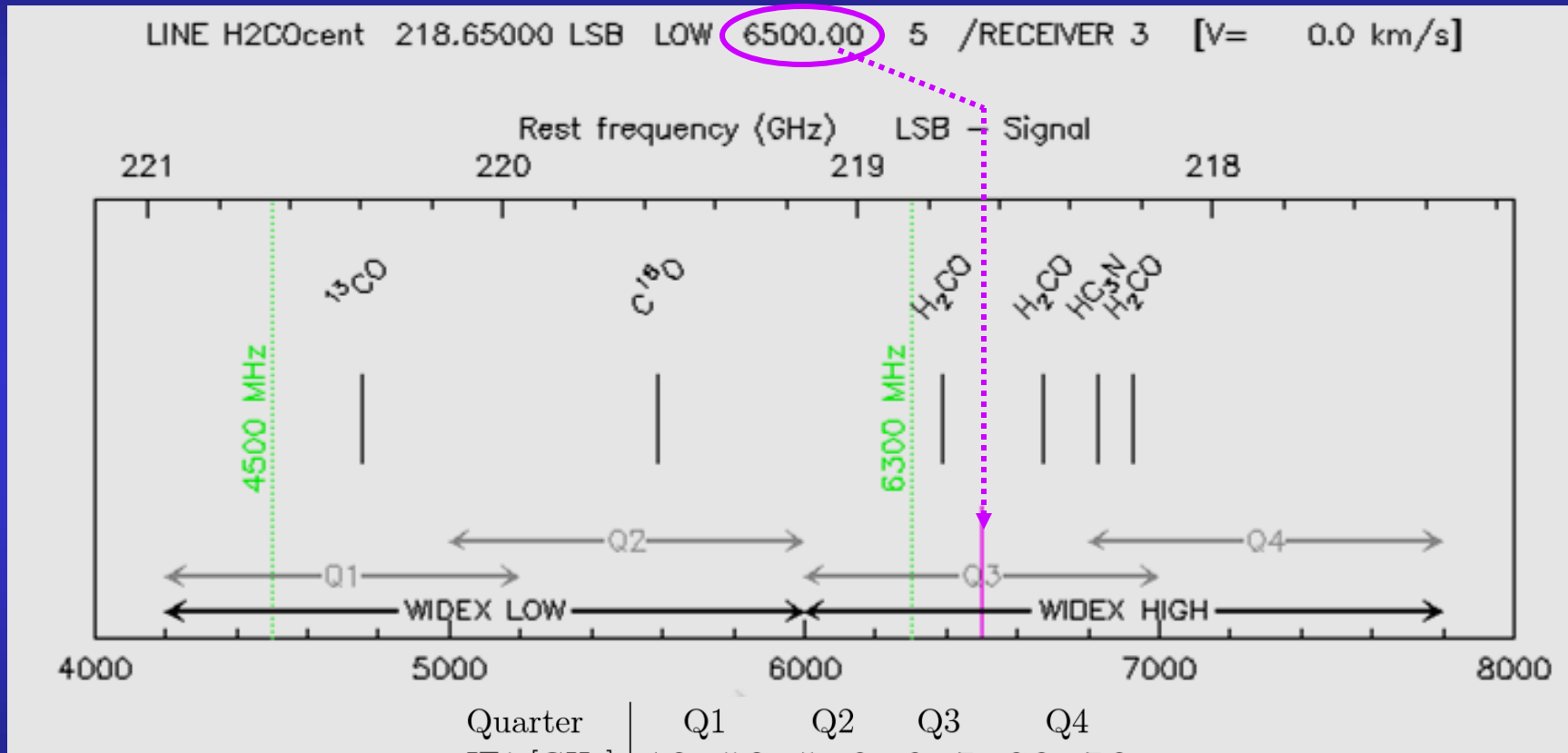


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# Spectral settings (I)

•Use the ASTRO command LINE:

ASTRO> LINE H2COcent 218.65 LSB



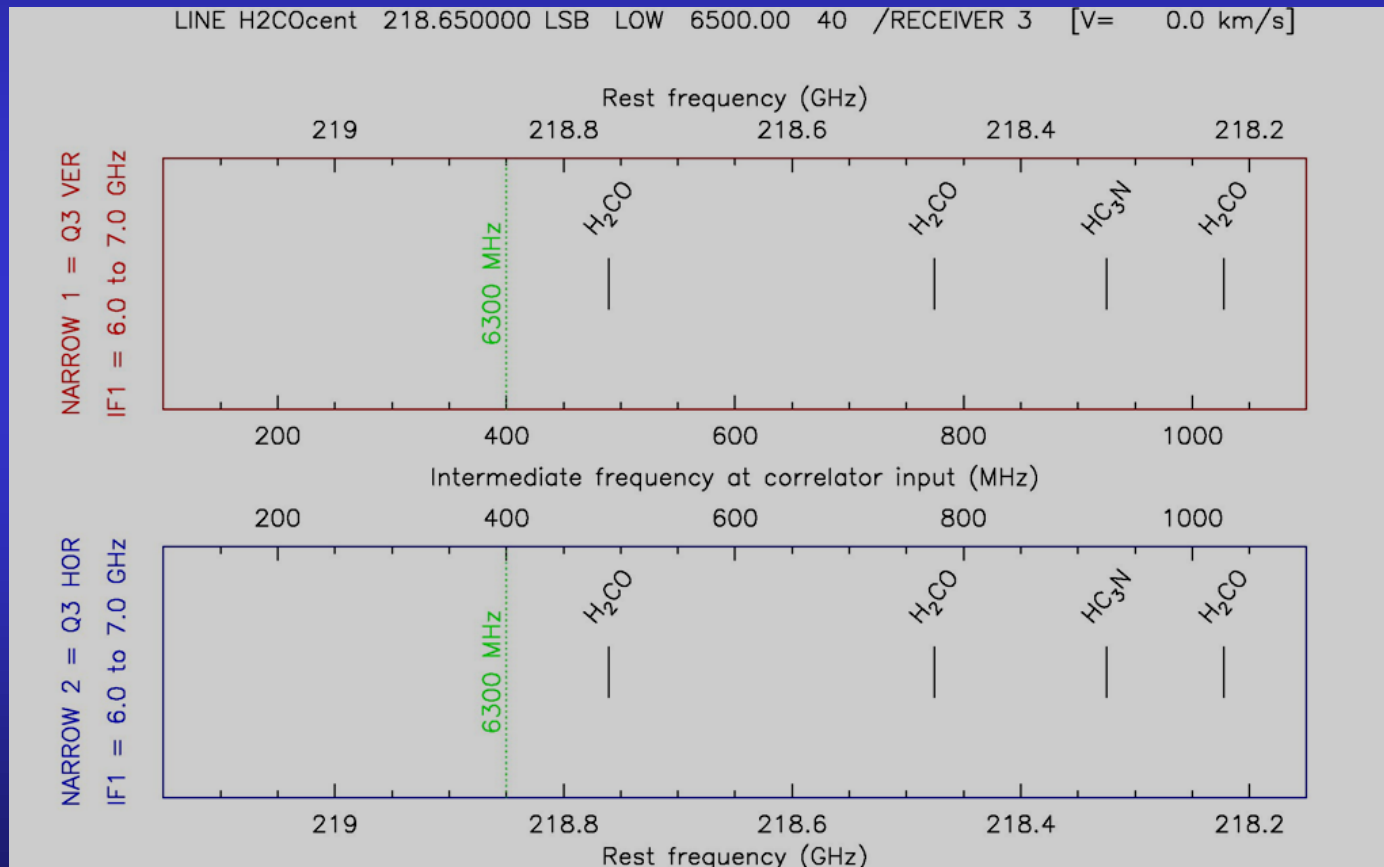
**NB:**

Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
IF1 [GHz]	4.2 - 5.2	5 - 6	6 - 7	6.8 - 7.8
input 1	HOR	HOR	VER	VER
input 2	VER	VER	HOR	HOR

# Spectral settings (II)

- Make use of IF processor and NB correlator flexibility
- NB correlator can process 2 x 1GHz (100MHz to 1100MHz)

ASTRO> NARROW Q3 Q3



# NB Correlator Modes

<http://www.iram.fr/IRAMFR/TA/backend/cor6A/index.html>

•Beware of Gibbs

Phenomenon:

(perturbs the central

channels in DSB mode)

Avoid line in

subband center

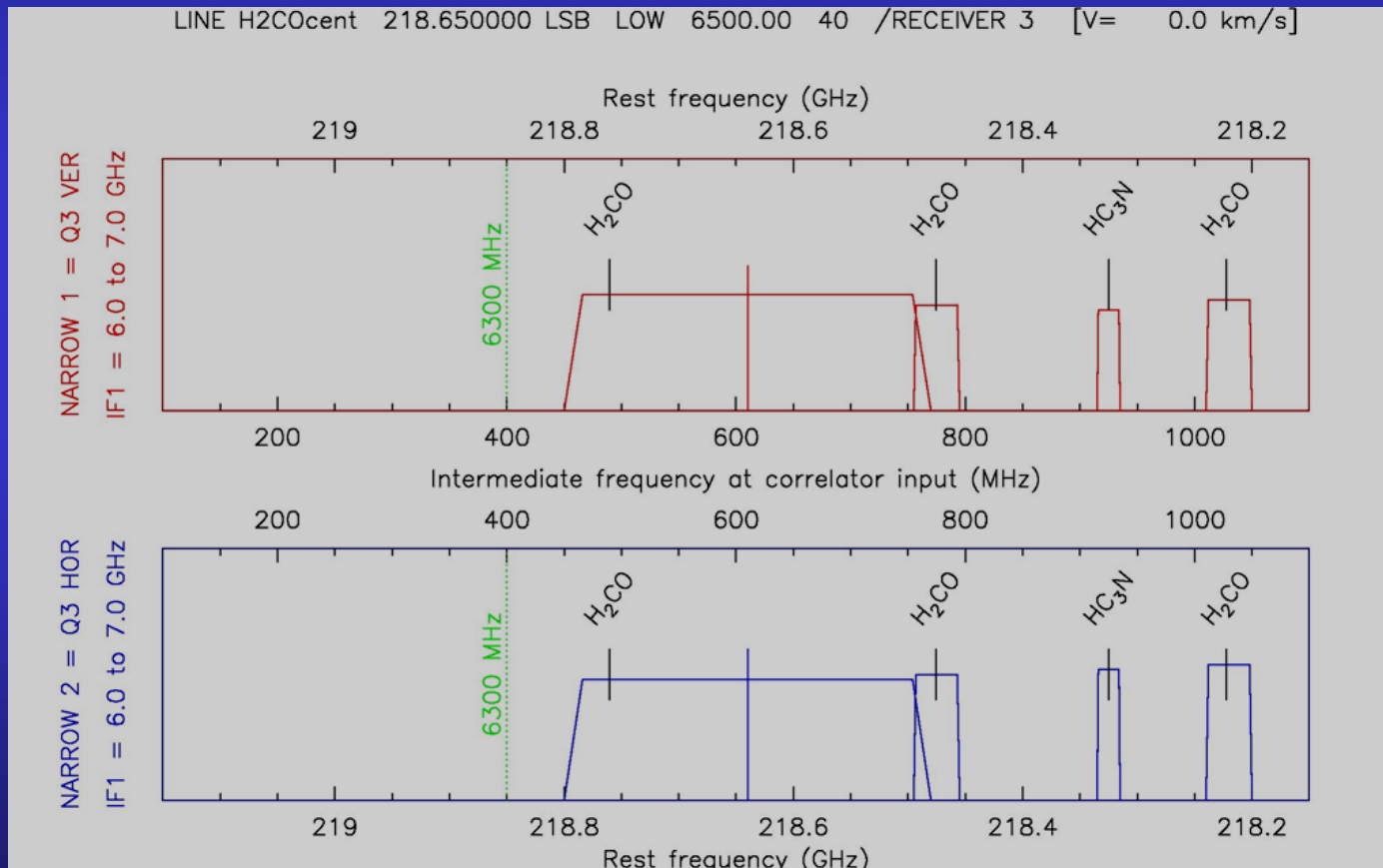
(320, 160, 80)

Bandwidth	Subband	Channels	Spacing
320 MHz	DSB	2 x 64	2.5 MHz
160 MHz	SSB	1 x 128	1.25 MHz
160 MHz	DSB	2 x 128	0.625 MHz
80 MHz	SSB	1 x 256	0.312 MHz
80 MHz	DSB	2 x 256	0.156 MHz
40 MHz	SSB	1 x 512	0.078 MHz
20 MHz	SSB	1 x 512	0.039 MHz



# Spectral settings (III)

	unit	BW	cent_IF	correlator input
Astro> SPECTRAL 1	320	610	/NARROW 1	
Astro> SPECTRAL 2	40	775	/NARROW 1	
Astro> SPECTRAL 3	20	925	/NARROW 1	
Astro> SPECTRAL 4	40	1030	/NARROW 1	



# Can my object be observed at any time? (I)

- Watch the IRAM Web or Newsletter for the submission deadlines
  - March deadline: June 1 to November 30  
Committee meets 2<sup>nd</sup> half of April
  - September deadline: December 1 to May 31  
Committee meets 2<sup>nd</sup> half of October
  - Urgent? Submit ToO/DDT proposal (email to [ddt@iram.fr](mailto:ddt@iram.fr))
  - Interested in global 3mm-VLBI observations?  
Two sessions per year:  
5 days May, 5 days in October  
deadlines: October 1<sup>st</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>

# Can my object be observed at any time? (II)

- Watch out for sun avoidance period ( $35^\circ$ )

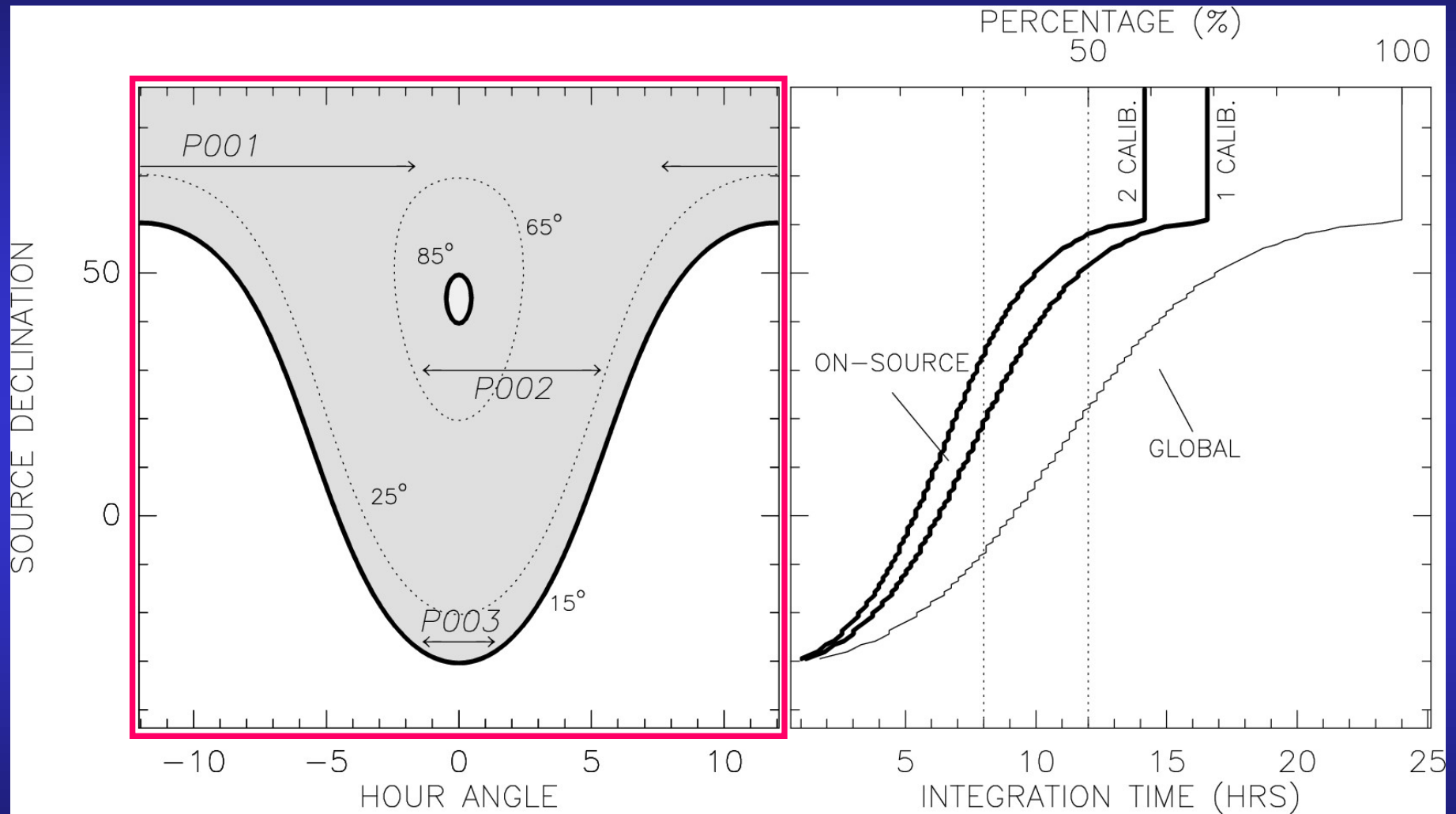
ASTRO> catalogue mysource.sou

ASTRO> horizon /sou

IRC+10216 : Sun distance 49.8 ; avoidance 11-JUL-2011 to 24-SEP-2011

- Self-calibration on strong (300mJy and more) continuum feasible? **Ideal time filler for periods where the atmospheric phase stability is poor!**
- Check declination of the object:  
**Galactic center is at the very limit**

# Observing time



# Detection

- **Choose compact configuration**
  - **lower phase noise**
  - **source is unresolved: no flux is lost, all baselines are used**
  - **if you have a detection, do not over-interpret it. A  $5\sigma$  detection is not a map; CLEANing is not helpful**

# Mapping/Imaging

- **Single field:**
  - **Do not forget to correct for primary beam attenuation when comparing maps**
- **Mosaics:**
  - **Fully sample the mosaic to be sensitive to large scales**
- **Adding short spacings:**
  - **good calibration required at single dish**
  - **good sensitivity**
  - **should cover at least the field mapped by the interferometer**

(see IRAM Memo 2008-2 by Rodríguez-Fernández, Pety & Gueth)

# Other observations

- **Size measurements:**
  - Requires good SNR, not a  $5\sigma$  detection
  - Compare to point source (calibrator)
- **Position measurements:**
  - absolute astrometric precision  $< 0.3''$



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Plateau de Bure interferometer

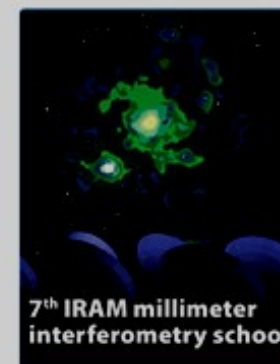
The Plateau de Bure Interferometer (PdBI) is currently the most advanced millimeter array in the world. Situated on the Plateau de Bure at 2550m altitude in the French Alps, the geographical position of its phase center is

Longitude: 05 54 28.5 East, Latitude: 44 38 02.0

During its history, the PdBI underwent several track extensions, received additional antennas (all of 15m diameter and similar construction as the first ones) and technical upgrades. From a three antenna interferometer with a maximum baseline of 288 meters in 1988, it has evolved to a six-antenna array with baselines up to 760 meters in 2005. A new generation of powerful dual-polarisation receivers for the 3mm and 1mm observing bands was installed in 2006, and extended to the 2mm observing band in late 2007.

The antennas of the IRAM interferometer can move on rail tracks up to a maximum separation of 760 m in the E-W direction and 368 m in the N-S direction, corresponding to a resolution of 0.5 arcsecs at an observing wavelength of 1.3 mm (230 GHz).

Since 1990, the interferometer is open to the world-wide scientific community, and issues twice a year a call for observing proposals. Because of its complexity and to make it attractive to the wide community, observations at the PdBI are not performed by the astronomers who propose them, but by the telescope operators and IRAM staff astronomers, who also provide assistance at various stages of the data



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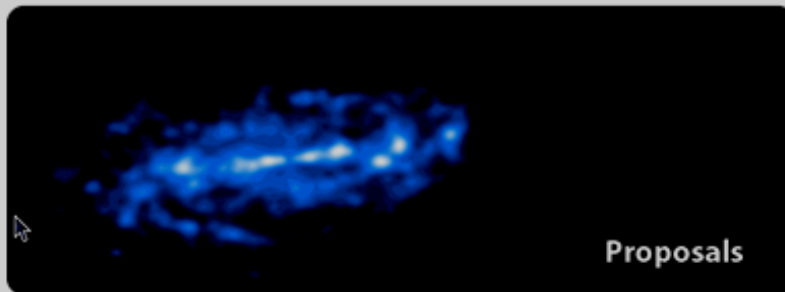




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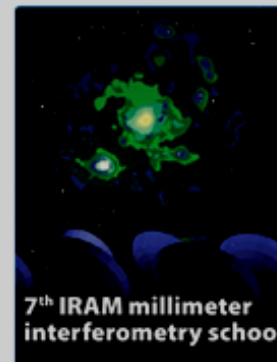
- Call for proposals
- Director's discretionary time proposals
- Proposal templates
- Preparing proposal submission
- Submitting proposals
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300, rue de la Piscine  
F-38406 St. Martin d'Hères, France

Submission can be made through letter, fax (+33-476-425469), or electronically through the [Electronic proposal submission facility](#). The facility is opened about three weeks before a deadline. Submission deadlines are currently around mid of March and mid of September each year for the summer (01 June - 30 November) and winter (01 December - 31 May) scheduling periods. Exact dates and all other relevant information are given in a separate [Call for proposals](#) published on the web and in the [IRAM Newsletter](#) usually about a month ahead of the deadline. Additional detailed technical information can be found on the web pages for the [interferometer](#) and for the [30m telescope](#).



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## Calendar

Semester: 01 December 2010 - 31 May 2011

Submission deadline	14 September 2010 at 17:00 CET (UT+2 hour)
Opening of proposal submission facility	CLOSED NOW
Program committee meeting	14 /15 October 2010
Publication of PC grades	early November 2010

Submission by ordinary mail or by fax is still possible under certain circumstances, but generally non-electronic submission is discouraged. Submission by Email is not possible. Shortly after a submission deadline the scientific secretariat sends acknowledgements of receipt to the principal investigators of all proposals received. These receipts are sent by Email and contain the official registration number of the proposal.

Proposals are evaluated at the next meeting of the IRAM program committee and recommendations are made to the IRAM Direction. Proposals are rated A (accepted), B (backup, scheduled under certain favourable conditions), or C (rejected). The program committee has twelve [non-IRAM members](#) plus the ex-officio members: IRAM direction, 30m station manager and 30m scheduler and the coordinator of the interferometer.

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Astronomers who wish to submit a proposal for one of the IRAM telescopes should read the following general information:

- [Preparation of proposal submission](#)
- [Read our response and check your submission](#)
- [Modify a proposal already submitted](#)

Should the electronic submission facility not be available because of poor network connections or other difficulties, please submit your proposal either by postal mail or fax. In case of malfunction, please contact [berjaud@iram.fr](mailto:berjaud@iram.fr). Proposals submitted by electronic mail will not be accepted.

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### Submission Form

- Title of the proposal  (max 50 char or you get an Internal Server Error message)
- Full name of the PI  E-mail of the sender
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or

The title of the proposal has to be identical to the one in the cover page of a submitted LaTeX proposal (plain ascii format, no TeX symbols). The full name of the PI is the last name followed by the first name of the principal investigator. The E-mail address refers to the person who submits the proposal.

### Preparation of proposal submission

Proposals must be written on the standard IRAM LaTeX [proposal template](#). No other format, in particular no PostScript version of your proposal will be accepted. At the stage of submission authors will have to be provide one compressed archive file.

This archive file needs to contain the following individual files:

## Proposal Forms

A LaTeX style file, [proposal.sty](#), is provided in this directory for preparing IRAM proposals, both for the 30m telescope and the interferometer. To get and save this file, first click on the link, then click "File" and "Save As..." on your browser. Two template files, [prop-30m.tex](#) and [prop-pdb.tex](#) are available as starting points for writing your 30m or interferometer proposals. For the preparation of your proposal, we ask you to follow the [guidelines](#) for the electronic proposal submission.

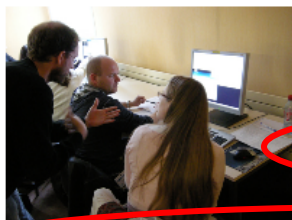
NOTE: These files have been updated for the next deadline (September 14, 2010 at 17:00 CET (UT+2 hours) for the observing period December 01, 2010 - May 31, 2011); please use the new versions of proposal.sty AND prop-30m.tex or prop-pdb.tex. **Do not mix them with older versions.**



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## Local Contacts



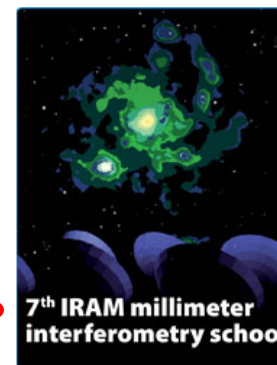
An IRAM staff astronomer is appointed as Local Contact to every A and B rated project without IRAM internal collaborator. He/she will assist you from the beginning to the end of your project should no IRAM astronomer be collaborating with you. Feel free to contact him after you get the project report with the recommendations of the program committee.

The role of the local contact is to help you set up the observing procedures. You should check the source coordinates and offsets for sources, the source velocity, the spectral configuration of the correlator and the observing frequencies. The local contact also helps you to arrange your stay in Grenoble and get started with data reduction. He will keep an eye on the data reduction and verify the data quality. His and your feedback are very important to improve on the system.

Note also, that the IRAM Interferometer is operated as a service instrument by the IRAM staff. Observations are in general carried out without your presence on the site (in absentee).

Local contacts for the current and previous periods are:

- June 2010 - November 2010
- December 2009 - May 2010
- June 2009 - November 2009
- December 2008 - May 2009
- June 2008 - November 2008
- December 2007 - May 2008
- June 2007 - November 2007





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## Observing schedule

List of recently [scheduled](#) projects with links to all previous observations, and a complete [overview](#) of the status of ongoing projects.



U01E	Lisenfeld	Castro-Carrizo	D	C	27-aug / 02-nov	A	Started
U020	Guillard	Libert	D			A	<u>Completed</u>
UA21	Walter	Krips	D			A	Completed
UB21	Walter	Krips		D	04-jul / 28-aug		Withdrawn
UA26	Feruglio	Neri		C		A	
UB26	Feruglio	Neri	D	C		B	Started
U027	Nesvadba			C	05-mar / 15-may	B	
UB2A	Maiolino		D		02-mar / 14-may	A	<u>Completed</u>
UC2A	Maiolino		D			A	<u>Completed</u>
UF2A	Maiolino		D		04-feb / 15-apr	A	<u>Completed</u>
U02D	Schinnerer	Winters		C	19-jul / 29-sep	B	
UA30	Riechers	Krips	D			A	Reduced





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## Data publication policies

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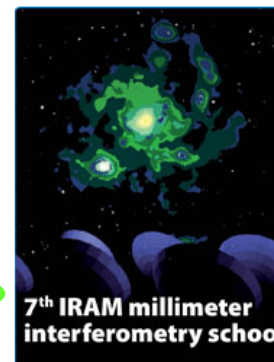
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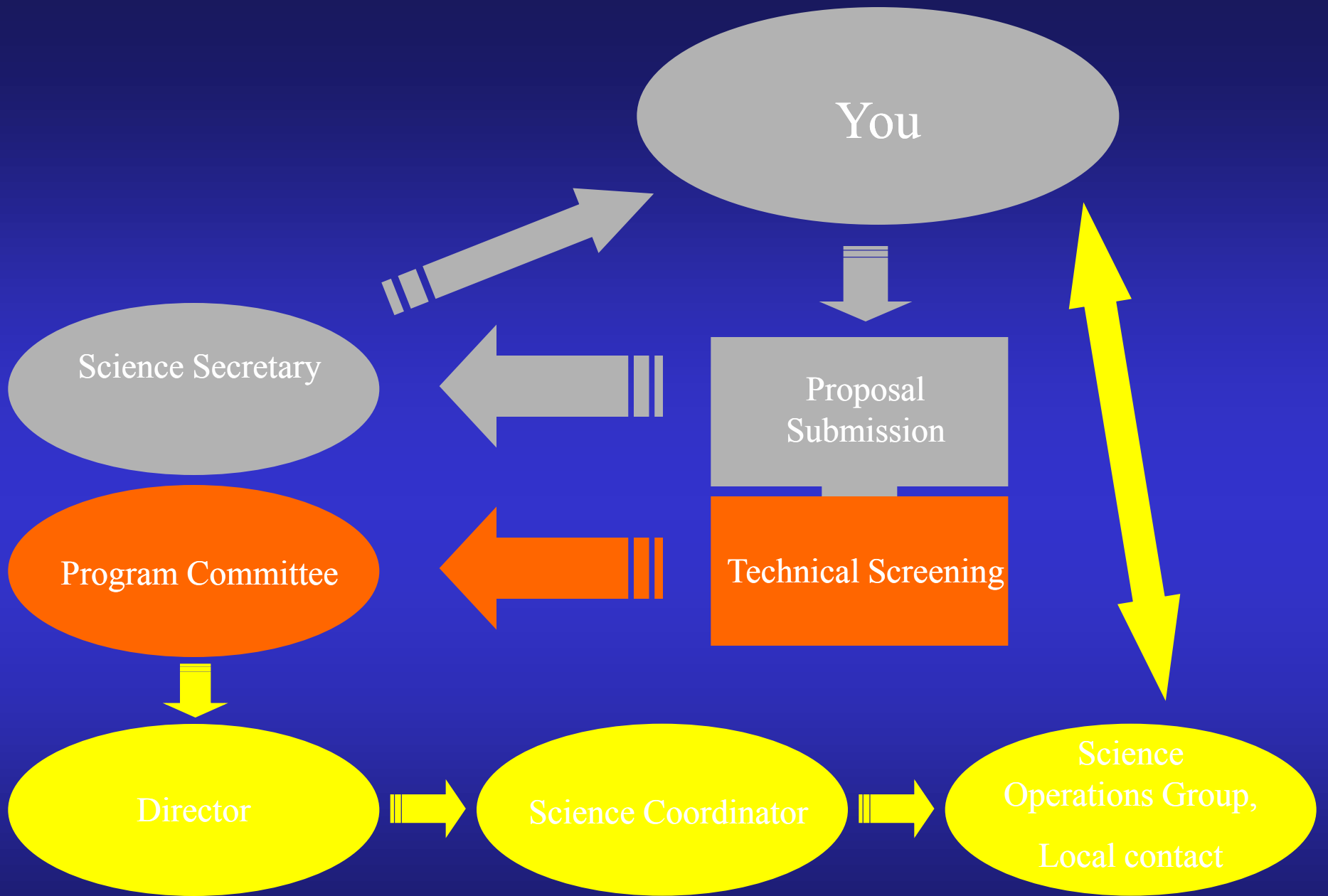
In addition, publications that arise from work supported by the European Community funded RadioNet project should include the following acknowledgement:

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IRAM welcomes an acknowledgement to the IRAM staff for help provided during the observations and for data reduction.

IRAM provides preprints free of charge for publication based on IRAM observations. Papers which are accepted in refereed journals and addressed to the IRAM librarian will be published as IRAM preprints.





# **Any questions on how to request time for the Plateau de Bure array?**

- **Check the IRAM Web pages**
- **Ask the Science Operations Group  
([sog@iram.fr](mailto:sog@iram.fr))**

Looking forward to **YOUR** proposals next March!

