

Using the NOEMA Interferometer



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Why should you use NOEMA?

Because the signal is weak...
... and NOEMA is sensitive!

Well,..... Yes.
But now there's ALMA!

NOEMA is on the northern hemisphere...
and
the pressure factor is only about 3!

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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 ²)
η_a	aperture efficiency (0.80 @ 3mm, 0.75 @ 2mm, 0.65 @ 1mm)
η_j	instrumental decorrelation $\eta_j = e^{-\sigma_j^2/2}$ (0.90 to 0.98)
η_C	correlator efficiency ($\eta_C = 0.88$ now, but $\eta_C \approx 1$ for Polyfix)
k	Boltzmann constant
$\langle T_{sys} \rangle$	average system temperature [K]
η_p	atmospheric decorrelation $\eta_p = e^{-\sigma_p^2/2}$ (0.6 to 0.98)
N	Number of antennas (currently 8)
$\delta\nu$	Spectral Bandwidth [Hz] (62.5 kHz to 15.6 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 Will have to be adjusted (reduced) for Polyfix

Sensitivity (II)

Expected **point source continuum sensitivities** in one hour with **Polyfix**:
8 antennas

- @ 100 GHz in a FOV of 50''

$$\approx 22 \cdot \frac{90}{0.90 \cdot \sqrt{56 \cdot 15.6 \cdot 10^9 \cdot 3600}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.03 \text{ mJy/beam}$$

- @ 150 GHz in a FOV of 33''

$$\approx 26 \cdot \frac{130}{0.85 \cdot \sqrt{56 \cdot 15.6 \cdot 10^9 \cdot 3600}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.05 \text{ mJy/beam}$$

- @ 230 GHz in a FOV of 21''

$$\approx 35 \cdot \frac{200}{0.80 \cdot \sqrt{56 \cdot 15.6 \cdot 10^9 \cdot 3600}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.11 \text{ mJy/beam}$$

Brightness sensitivity (I)

The brightness sensitivity is related to the point source sensitivity by

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

δT	brightness sensitivity [K]
λ	observing wavelength [mm]
k	Boltzmann constant
Ω	synthesized beam solid angle [sr]
ρ	$\approx 15 \text{ [K Jy}^{-1} (\text{arcsec/mm})^{-2}]$ for untapered maps and natural weighting
Θ_1, Θ_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 $1'' \times 1''$: $\delta T \approx 318 \text{ mK}$
 $5'' \times 5''$: $\delta T \approx 13 \text{ mK}$
- @ 150 GHz in a beam of $0.6'' \times 0.6''$: $\delta T \approx 581 \text{ mK}$
 $3.3'' \times 3.3''$: $\delta T \approx 19 \text{ mK}$
- @ 230 GHz in a beam of $0.3'' \times 0.3''$: $\delta T \approx 1600 \text{ mK}$
 $2.2'' \times 2.2''$: $\delta T \approx 29 \text{ mK}$

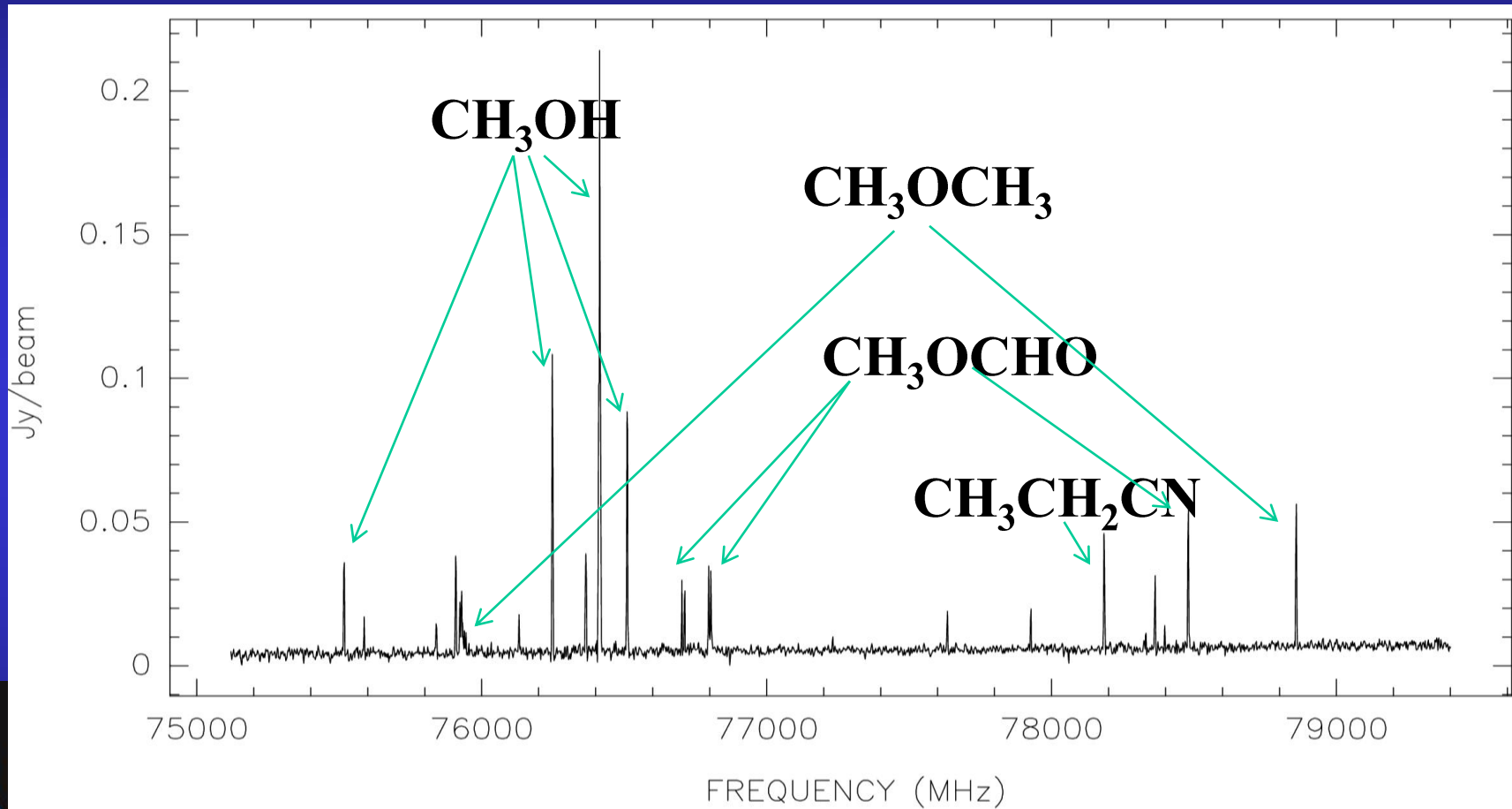
Receivers

	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4
RF range [GHz]	76.5 - 116	130 - 178	202 - 274	277 - 371
Trec/[K] LSB	25 - 35	25 - 50	25 - 60	30 - 50
Trec/[K] USB	25 - 35	25 - 50	30 - 60	30 - 50
G _{im} [dB]	< -15	< -15	< -15	-20
RF LSB [GHz]	76.5 - 104	130 - 166	202 - 262	277 - 359
RF USB [GHz]	88.5 - 116	142 - 178	214 - 274	289 - 371

Band 4 suspended
for the time being

Extended tuning range: 76GHz

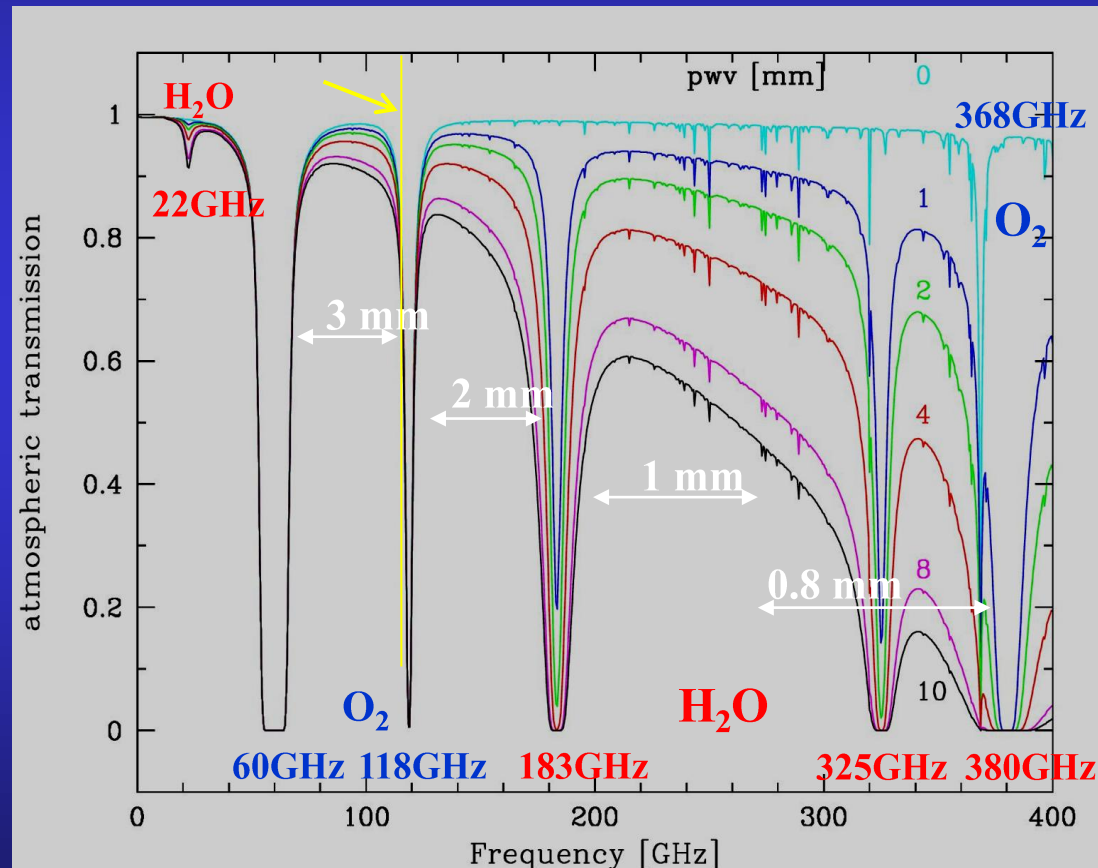
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Sensitivity considerations (I)

- **Caution:**

At 115GHz the atmospheric O_2 line degrades sensitivity by about 40% already in good observing conditions!



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Sensitivity considerations (II)

- **Request a configuration for mapping**
e.g. CD 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!

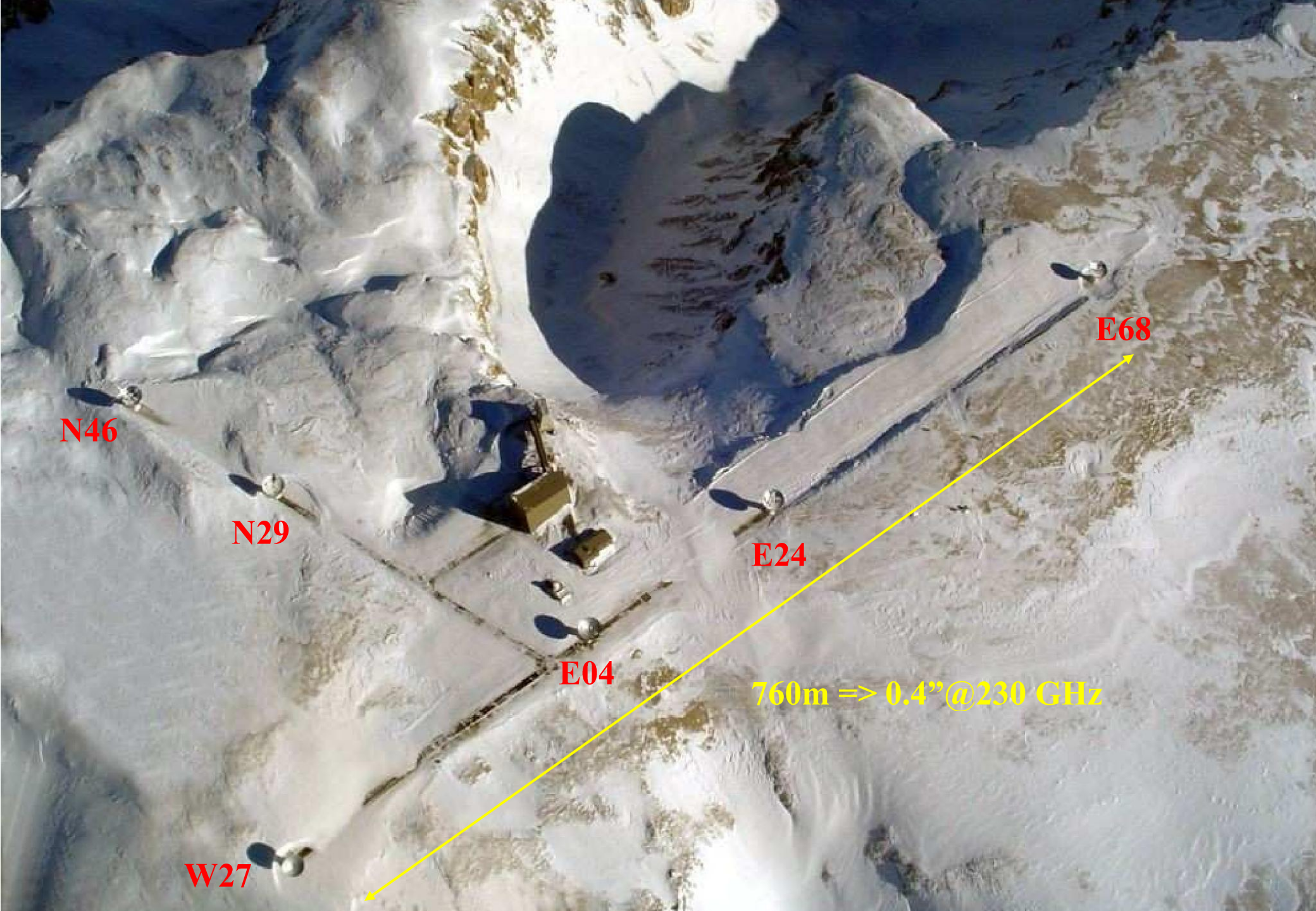


Configurations

- **Three configurations are needed to take properly into account baseline range and operation with > 8 antennas**

Configuration	Stations
8D	W12 W08 W05 E04 E10 N02 N09 N13
8C	W23 W20 W05 E04 E16 E23 N13 N20
8A	W27 W09 E12 E23 E68 N20 N29 N46

- **The A configuration is scheduled during the winter period only**



N46

N29

E04

E24

E68

W27

760m => 0.4'' @ 230 GHz

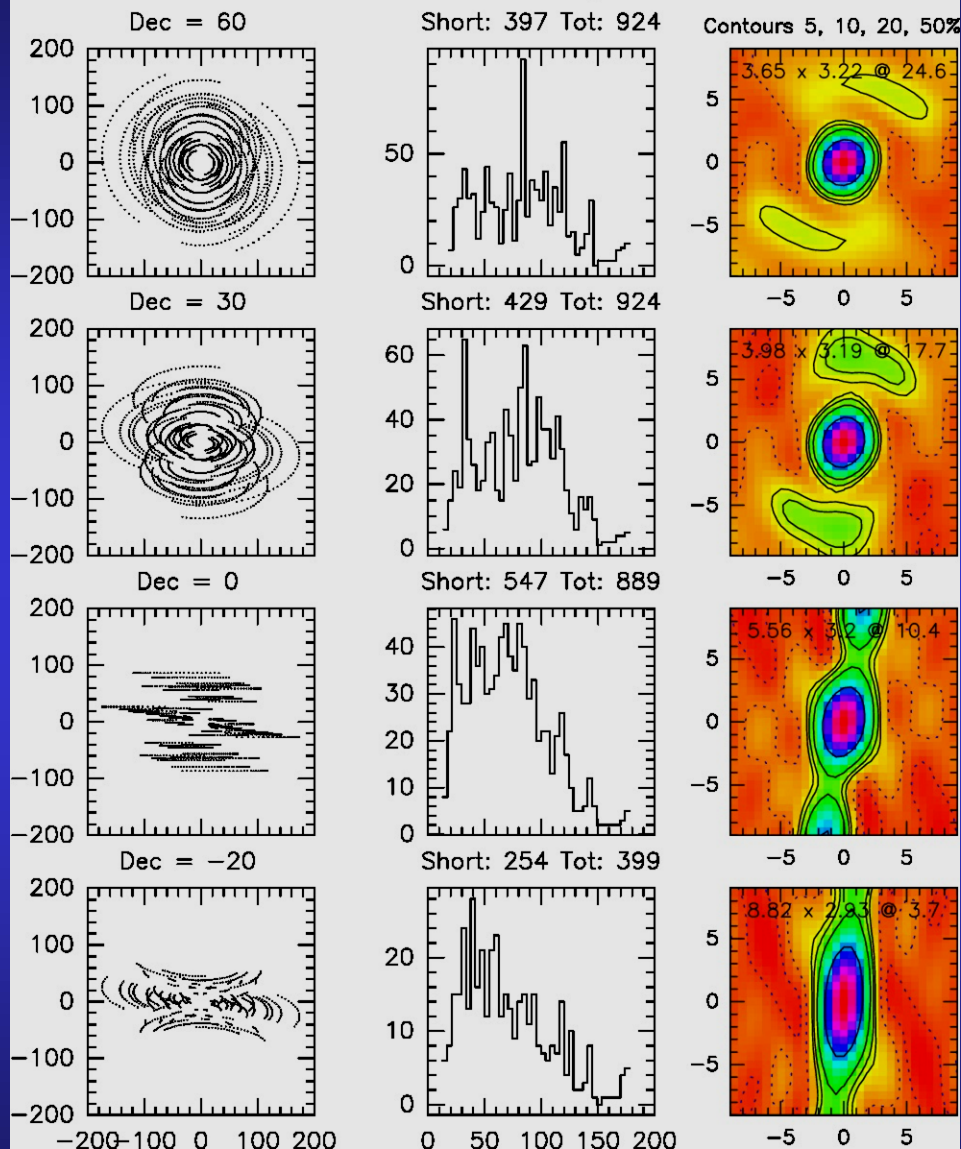
Which configuration is appropriate?

Standard sets of configurations are:

Set	Purpose
D	3.7'' @ 100 GHz detection/lowest resolution
CD	2.6'' @ 100 GHz low resolution mapping
C	1.9'' @ 100 GHz detection at low declination
ACD	2.0'' @ 100 GHz mapping
AC	1.4'' @ 100 GHz mapping
A	0.9'' @ 100 GHz high resolution mapping

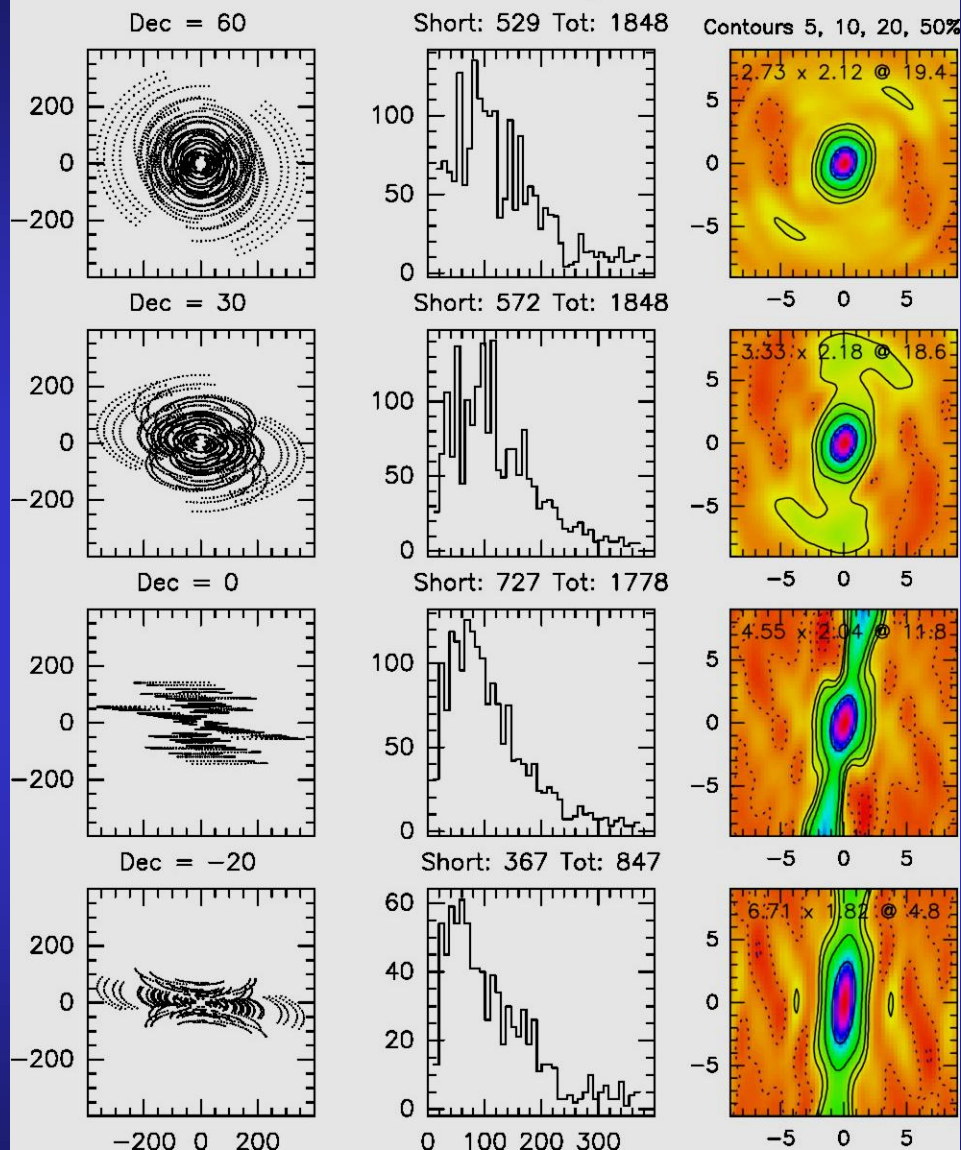
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@100 GHz, HA = -4 to 4 weight NA



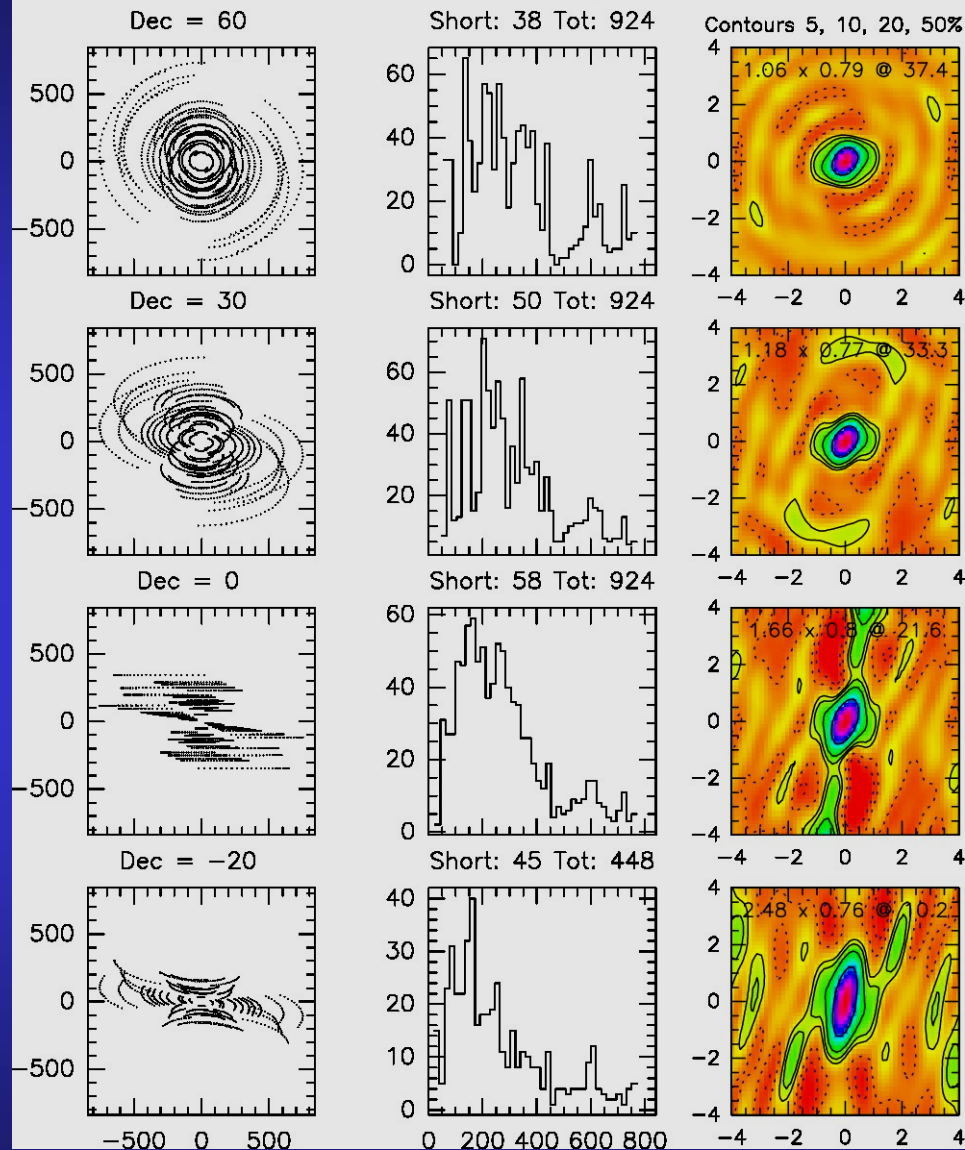
CD configuration

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



A configuration

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



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Spectral settings (II)

Select high resolution windows (up to 16 chunks of 64MHz per baseband)

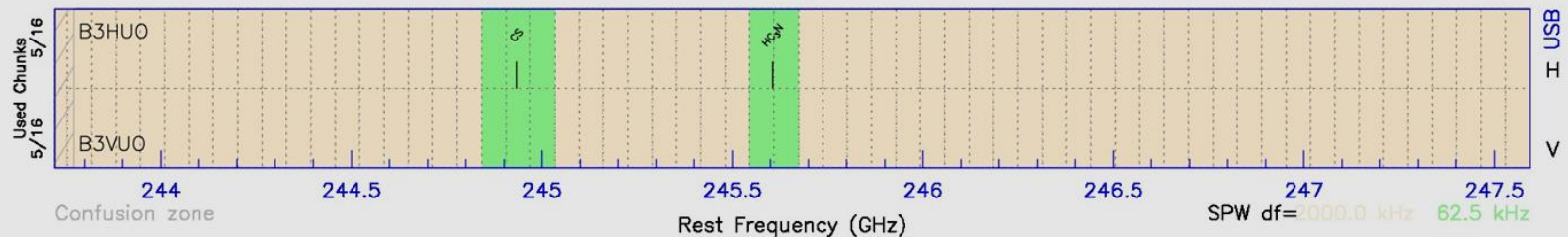
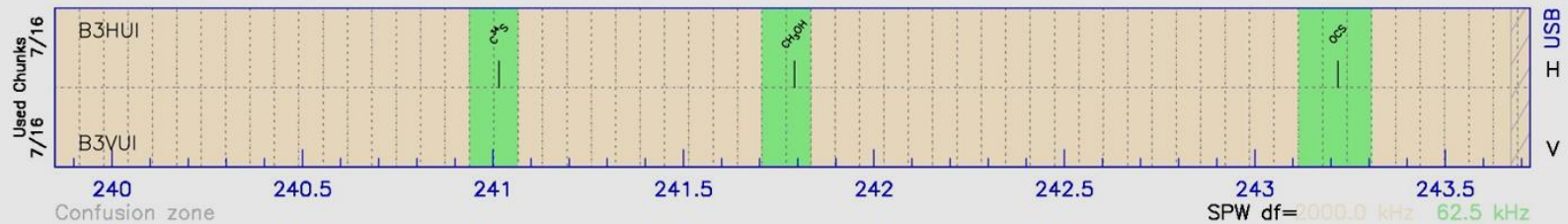
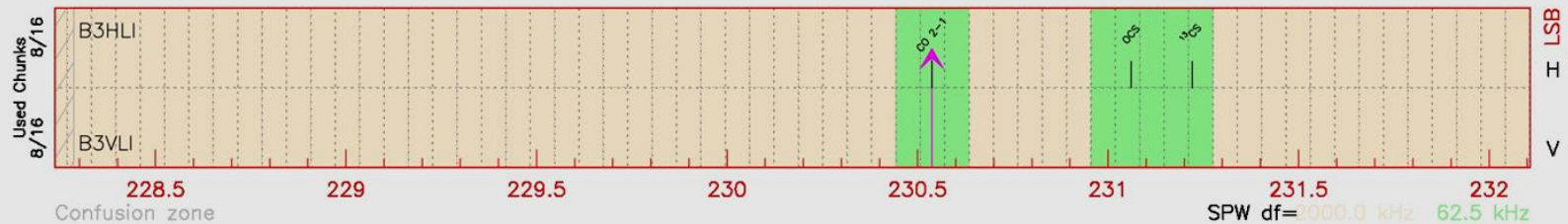
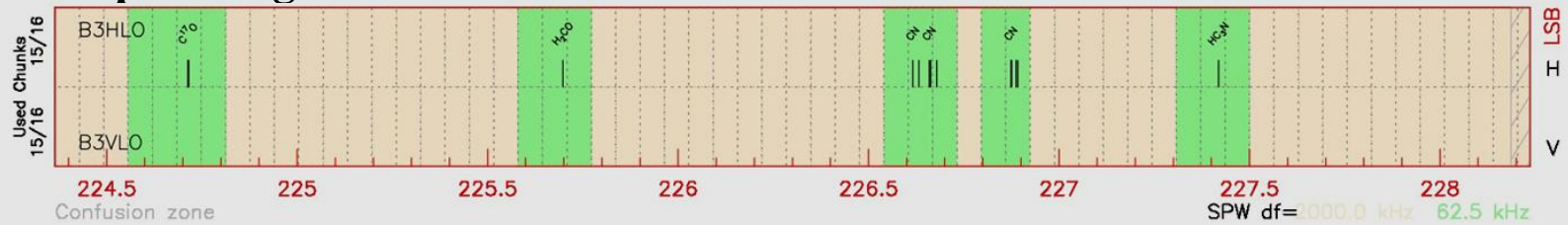
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ASTRO> spw /range 231.0 231.25

Band 3 REST: 230.538 GHz (LSR: 230.558, RF: 230.569) IF1: 5441.622 MHz LSB

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 $V_{\text{LSR}} = -26.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
 $V_{\text{Dop}} = -40.9 \text{ km s}^{-1}$



Rest Frequency (GHz)

Has my object already been observed?

- Consult the CDS (Strasbourg)
- Consult the Science Operation Group (SOG; sog@iram.fr)
- The raw data can be requested starting in December 2016
(for details see Science users -> *Proposals* -> *Data policy* on the IRAM web)



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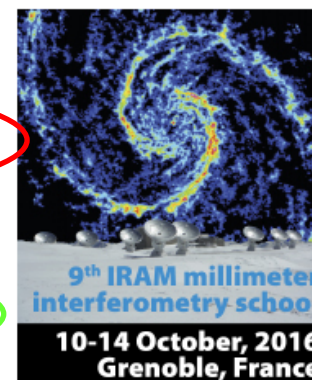
Events

The IRAM data policy is as follows:

- IRAM organizes storage of raw and online calibrated data for the 30m telescope and storage of raw data for NOEMA/PdB on unlimited time scales.
- Header information of PdB/NOEMA observations later than 1991 can be found at the CDS (*Centre de Données astronomiques de Strasbourg*):
<http://vizier.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/VizieR-3?-source=B/iram/pdbi>
- Header information of 30m observations later than 2009 can be found at the CDS:
<http://vizier.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/VizieR-3?-source=B/iram/30m>
- Observing programs are distinguished between normal programs and large programs. Data from large programs are public in reduced format after an 18 month proprietary period (counting from the end of the last semester of observations) and are accessible through the [IRAM Large Program archive](#).
- Data from normal programs so far had indefinite proprietary time. Following a decision of the IRAM partners in June 2015 the following changes are introduced:
Raw data from NOEMA/PdB or online calibrated data from the 30m telescope of individual normal programs may be provided by IRAM after a three year proprietary period (again counting from the end of the last semester of observations) and depending on directors decision. Multiple large scale requests are excluded.
This policy applies to future programs and to programs terminated during the winter semester 2013/14 or later. Data from programs finished before this date can be requested after December 2016.

IRAM does not provide support for data reduction of such retrieved data. Referencing of these data should follow the standard IRAM reference (see the [Data publication policies](#)) and in addition include at least one reference to publications of the PI team, or the program number in case the data have not yet been published.

Further practical details will be made available in the course of the summer semester.



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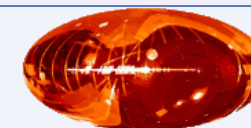
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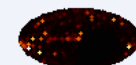
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When?

- **Summer:**
compact configurations (C and D)
=> Low resolution studies, detection experiments
at 3mm and 2mm,
only N-1 antennas available in D-configuration from
May to September/October
- **Winter offers best observing conditions:**
Best atmosphere (transparency, phase stability)
All three configurations (compact to extended)
All antennas available
- **Observations at 1.3mm:** only possible from September to April
- **[Observations at 0.8mm:** 2-4 weeks, most likely in Jan/Feb]

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

- Check the IRAM Web for the submission deadlines
 - March deadline: June 1 to November 30
Committee meets 2nd half of April
 - September deadline: December 1 to May 31
Committee meets 2nd half of October
 - Big? Submit a Large Program
(>100h, up to 6 semesters)
 - Urgent? Submit ToO/DDT proposal



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

- Watch out for sun avoidance period (32° sun distance)

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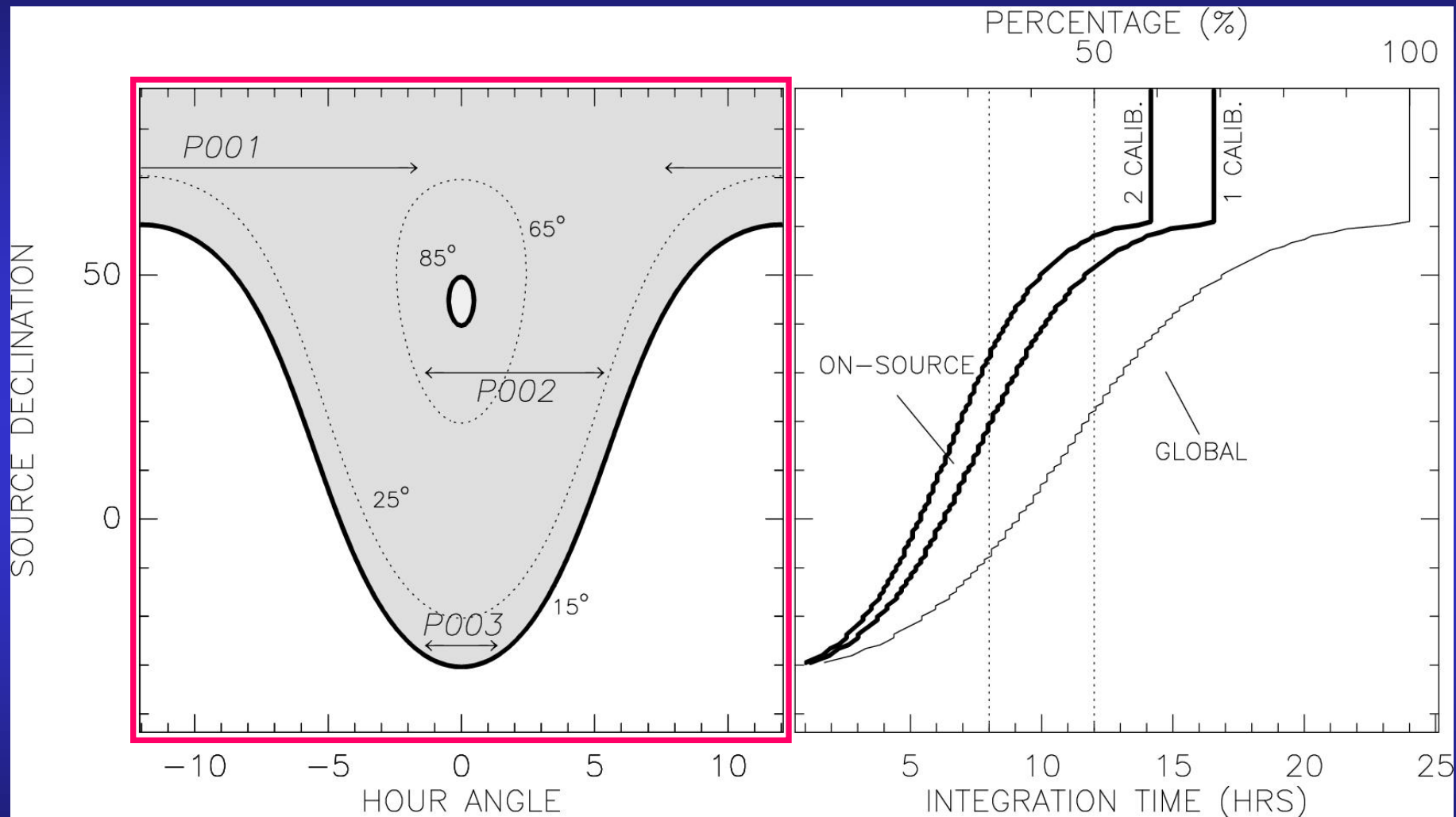
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IRC+10216 Sun distance 54.2 Avoidance 14-JUL-2016 to 20-SEP-2016

- Auto-calibration on strong ($\sim 150\text{mJy}$ and more) continuum feasible? **Ideal time filler for periods where the atmospheric phase stability is poor!**
- Self-calibration feasible? (continuum $> \sim 20\text{-}50\text{mJy}$): **Can gain a lot if observed with mediocre phase stability**
- Check declination of the object:
Galactic center is at the very limit
Take into account increased T_{sys} at low declination \Rightarrow increased t_{on} for given sensitivity



Observing time



(standard) Observing sequence

Calibrator 1

Bandpass	2x5sec	} ~3min	} ~5min
Auto	1x4sec		
Cali	2(3)x5sec		
Corr	3x45sec		
Focus	5x5sec		
Point	2x30sec		

Calibrator 2

Bandpass	2x5sec	} ~3min
Auto	1x4sec	
Cali	2x5sec	
Corr	3x45sec	

Source 1

Bandpass	2x5sec	} ~23min
Auto	1x4sec	
Cali	2x5sec	
Corr	30x45sec	

Track sharing:
Sources share the same calibrators
=>

- reduce overheads
- improve uv coverage
- identify artifacts

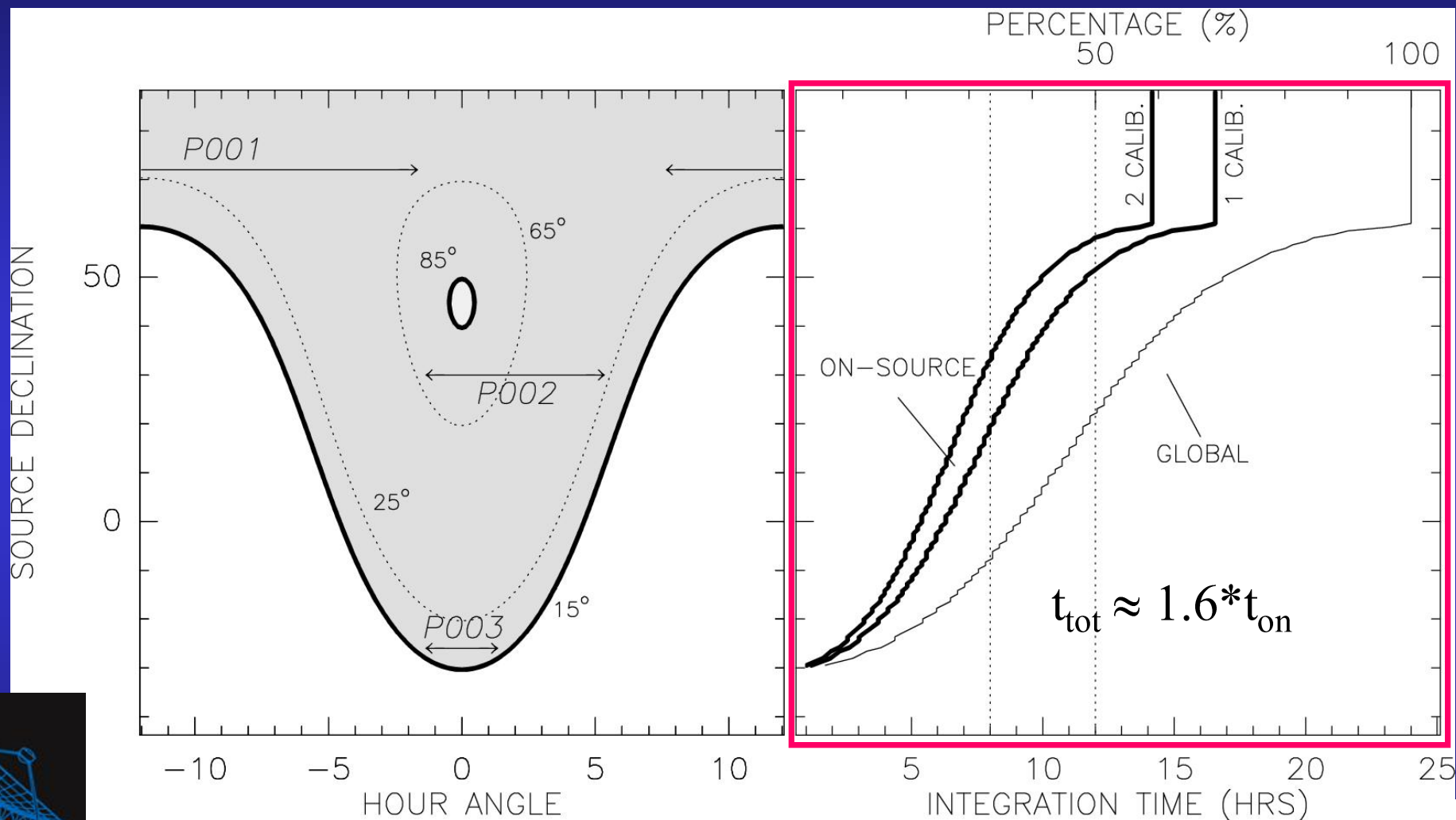
Requirements:

- same tuning
- same correlator setup
- sources closer than $\sim 20^{\text{deg}}$ on the sky

Track sharing:

Source 1: $\sim (30/N_{\text{sources}}) \times 45 \text{sec}$
 Source 2: $\sim (30/N_{\text{sources}}) \times 45 \text{sec}$
 Source 3: $\sim (30/N_{\text{sources}}) \times 45 \text{sec}$
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 Source N: $\sim (30/N_{\text{sources}}) \times 45 \text{sec}$

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 5σ detection is not a map; CLEANing is not helpful
 - weak line on a strong continuum: request an excellent RF bandpass calibration!

Limitation with previous receivers was

line/continuum $> 3\%$ (for a 5σ detection)

Will be better now, but has to be assessed



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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 about twice the field mapped by the interferometer**

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

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Other observations

- **Size measurements:**
 - Requires good SNR, not a 5σ detection
 - Compare to point source (calibrator)
- **Position measurements:**
 - absolute astrometric precision $< 0.3''$ in D configuration, but can be much better in C and A config



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July 28, 2016

IRAM Call for Proposals - Winter 2016/2017

The new call for proposals for the winter 2016/2017 is available. A detailed description of the observing capabilities of the 30m telescope and the current status of the NOEMA interferometer are given...

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July 21, 2016

Expanding molecular bubble unveiling the mysterious origin of Tycho's supernova remnant

An international team of astronomers from China, UK, and Canada has discovered an expanding molecular gas bubble surrounding the remnant of Tycho's supernova with the IRAM 30-meter telescope. This is the very first unambiguous detection of an expanding bubble driven by the progenitor star of a Type Ia supernova, and an important clue to understanding the mysterious origin of this historical supernova and its remnant.

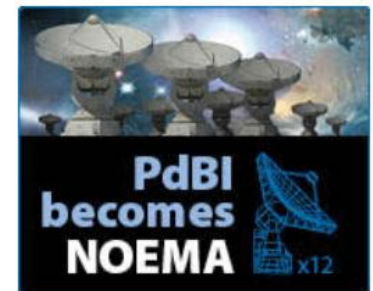
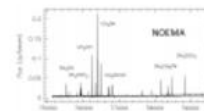
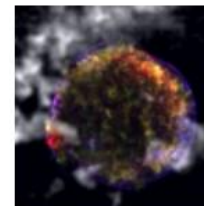
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June 21, 2016

IRAM opens a new spectral window on the Universe

The spectral range from 71 to 80 GHz is of fundamental importance for a number of questions in the extragalactic and galactic research areas but, despite of this, is one of the few spectral windows that remained inaccessible to interferometers. While the IRAM 30m telescope started in the winter semester 2015/2016, after the EMIR upgrade offering the possibility to observe in this spectral window,

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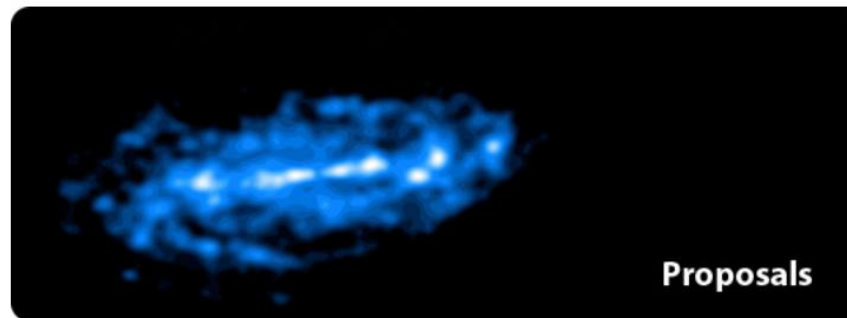
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Proposals for observations with the IRAM telescopes may be submitted twice per year through the [Proposal Management System PMS](#). The submission period starts about three weeks before a deadline. Submission deadlines are currently around mid-March and mid-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 by mid-February for the summer deadline and by mid-August for the winter deadline. In case of problems, please contact the IRAM scientific secretary [Cathy Berjaud](#). Additional detailed technical information can be found on the web pages for the [NOEMA interferometer](#) and for the [30m telescope](#).



Calendar

Semester: 01 December 2016 - 31 May 2017

Submission deadline	15 September 2016 17:00 CET (UT+2h)
Opening of proposal submission period	25 August 2016
Program committee meeting	19/20 October 2016
Publication of PC grades	end October 2016

Proposal Management System (PMS)

pms.iram.fr

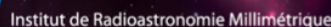
WEB based tool to
submit (interaction with PI) and **rate** (interaction with PC)
proposals for IRAM telescopes

See presentation by C. Lefevre for more details

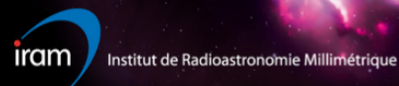


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PROPOSAL NOT SUBMITTED

Session: DDT 2016 - NO

Title: Testing the current statu

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Who can apply for observing time?

- **Everyone!**

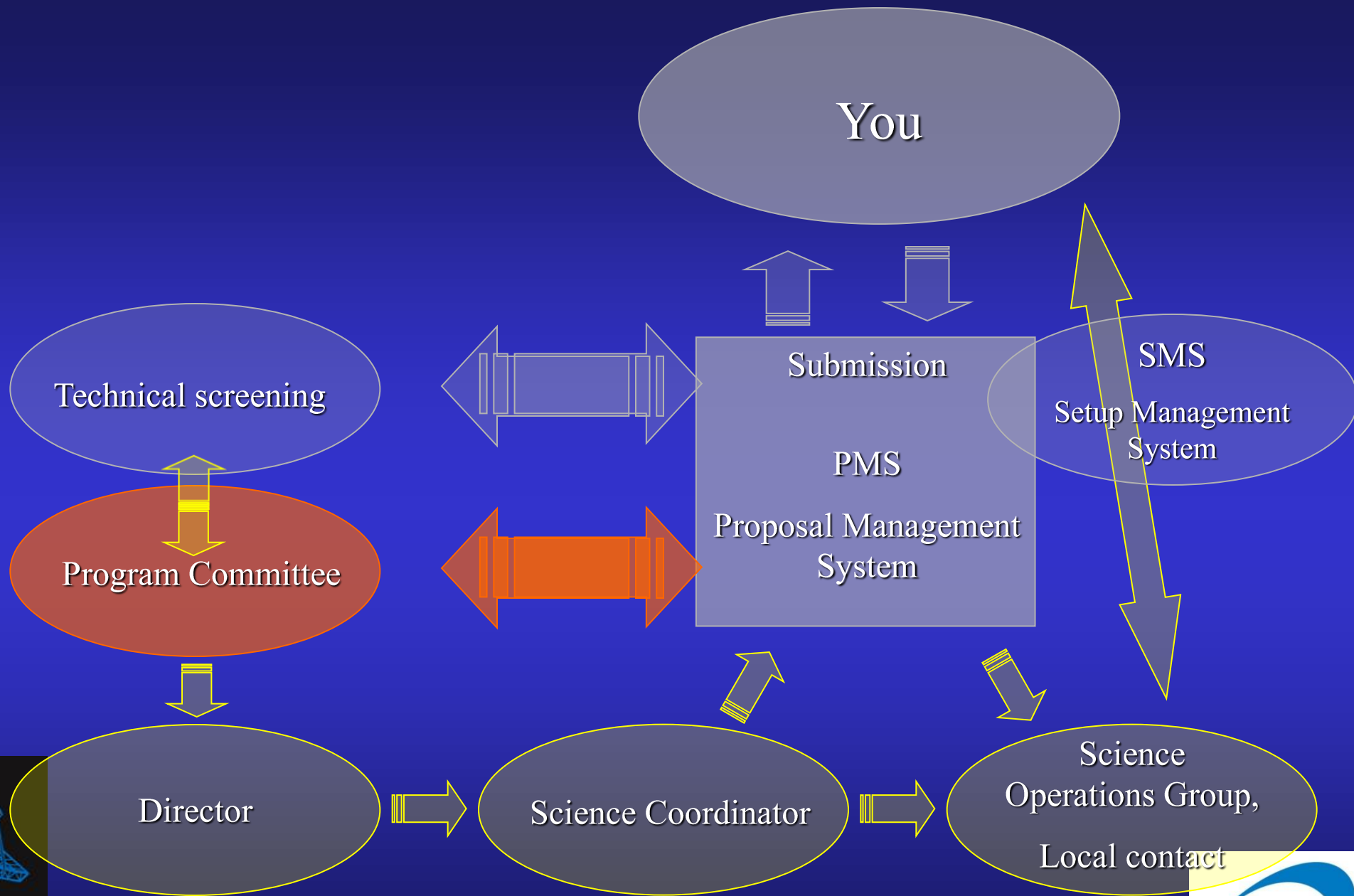
Independent of country of affiliation

Up to 15% of the observing time may be invested into projects requested from non-IRAM partner countries

RadioNet4: travel support for European users from non-IRAM countries (2017)

=> data calibration in Grenoble







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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/her 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 mosaics, 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/she will keep an eye on the data reduction and verify

the data quality. His/her and your feedback are very important to improve on the system.

Note also, that NOEMA 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 2016 - November 2016

December 2015 - May 2016

June 2015 - November 2015

December 2014 - May 2015

June 2014 - November 2014

December 2013 - May 2014

June 2013 - November 2013

December 2012 - May 2013

June 2012 - November 2012



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Program committee recommendations:

- **Grade A:**
will be observed
- **Grade B: “Backup”**
will be observed, if further time becomes available,
taking into account scientific merit, crowding in certain
right ascension ranges and general aspects of balance
(typically, about 50% of the B-rated programs get observed)
once started, a B-rated (sub)project will be finished

Grade C:
rejected



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Project	PI	LOC/co-I	Completed	Planned	Sun-Avoidance	Priority	Status
S16AA001	Gerin	Pety	D		16-may / 13-jun	A	Completed
S16AA002	Gerin	Pety	D		14-nov / 15-jan	A	Completed
S16AA003	Gerin	Pety	D			A	Completed
S16AA004	Gerin	Pety	D			A	Completed
S16AA005	Gerin	Pety	D		14-feb / 06-apr	A	Completed
S16AC001	Sadavoy	Lefevre	CD		16-apr / 21-jun	A	Completed
S16AC002	Sadavoy	Lefevre	D	C	25-apr / 01-jul	B	Started
S16AD001	Schwarz	Lefevre	C	C	16-apr / 20-jun	A	Started
S16AE001	Coutens	Boissier		C	26-apr / 03-jul	B	
S16AE002	Coutens	Boissier	D		26-apr / 03-jul	A	Completed
S16AG001	Andre	Montarges	D	D	25-may / 08-jul	B	Started
S16AI001	Tan	Lefevre	D		27-nov / 27-jan	A	Completed
S16AI002	Tan	Lefevre	C	C	27-nov / 27-jan	B	Started
S16AK001	Fontani	Bremer	D	C	16-may / 19-jul	B	Started
S16AK002	Fontani	Bremer		CD	16-may / 19-jul	B	
S16AM001	Ladjelate	Montarges		C	29-oct / 02-jan	B	
S16AM002	Ladjelate	Montarges		C	29-oct / 02-jan	B	
S16AM003	Ladjelate	Montarges		C	29-oct / 02-jan	B	
S16AM004	Ladjelate	Montarges		C	29-oct / 02-jan	B	
S16AQ001	Kospal	Winters	D	Any		B	Started
S16AQ002	Kospal	Winters	D		12-may / 16-jul	A	Completed
S16AR001	Fuente	Neri	C		04-may / 10-jul	A	Completed
S16AS001	Zhang	Lefevre	CD		26-apr / 03-jul	A	Completed
S16AT001	Agurto Gangas	Herrera		C	17-apr / 20-jun	B	
S16AU001	Blomme	Lefevre	D			A	Reduced
S16AV001	Kaminski	Winters	C			A	Reduced
S16AV002	Kaminski	Winters	D			A	Reduced
S16AW001	Tetarenko			Any		B	No



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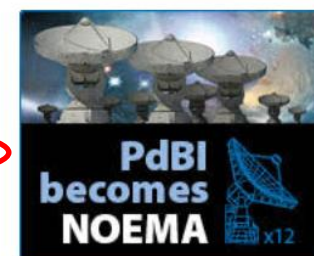
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Any questions on how to request time for the Northern Extended Millimeter Array?

- Check the IRAM Web pages
- Ask the Science Operations Group (sog@iram.fr)



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Looking forward to YOUR proposals next March!



Credit: C. Lefevre

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