



# VLA Pipeline(s) & SRDP

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# VLA Calibration Pipeline – Overview

- With the start of (Jansky) VLA Full Operations (January 2013), pipeline automatically run on all Scheduling Blocks as soon as the data are ingested into the archive (over 24,700 to date):
  - Deliver flagged and calibrated visibility data
  - You will self-calibrate and image visibility data to meet science goals, using resources at home institution or NRAO computing resources
- Automated pipeline should run correctly on all “standard” Stokes I science SBs; “standard” means:
  - 128 MHz spws, but may work on other set-ups as well
    - Some constraints on strength of calibrators needed
  - Contains correctly labeled and complete scan intents
    - at the minimum: flux density calibrator, complex gain calibrator

# VLA Calibration Pipeline – Overview

- The pipeline successfully completes on ~96% of all science SBs observed on the VLA; whether the output can be used for science depends on the science goal, and whether the observations were correctly set up

Caveats:  
spectral line projects,  
& polarisation observations

- Current versions available:
  - CASA integrated pipeline: compatible with ALMA pipeline infrastructure, and used as real-time pipeline since Sep 2015
  - “scripted” pipeline: collection of python scripts that use CASA tasks wherever possible, but also uses toolkit calls; readable and easy to modify. It was the original VLA pipeline and in use in real-time pipeline operations from early 2013 and until Sep 2015.

# VLA Calibration Pipeline – Overview

- Real-time pipeline at NRAO:
  - Minimal human intervention: Pipeline is run automatically on *every* science SB as it completes (not just “continuum”)
  - Pipeline output undergoes basic quality assurance checks by NRAO staff, and detailed checks are made for most C-band and higher continuum; reports generated are archived as pipeline products
- At your home institution:
  - Instructions for installation and operation of the VLA CASA Calibration Pipeline are available at <http://go.nrao.edu/vla-pipe>
    - Uses CASA 6.2.1, similar to current real-time pipeline
    - See the VLA CASA pipeline guide at <http://go.nrao.edu/vla-casa-tut>

# Pipeline Heuristics

- Assuming requirements are met, the pipeline:
  - Loads the data (SDM-BDF → MS)
  - Hanning smoothing\*
  - Retrieves information about the observing set-up from the data
  - Applies deterministic flags (online flags, shadowed data, end channels of spectral windows, etc.)
  - Identifies primary calibrators and loads models

\*May want to modify inputs and/or omit entirely for spectral line reductions, unless heavily impacted by RFI or dealing with a very strong spectral line feature.

# Pipeline Heuristics

- Derives all prior calibrations (antenna position corrections, gain curves, atmospheric opacity, requantizer gains)
- Iteratively determines initial delay and bandpass solutions, including running RFLAG, and identifying system problems
- Derives initial gain solutions, does flux density bootstrapping and derives spectral index of all calibrators, sets models.
- Derives final delay, bandpass, and complex gain calibrations
- Applies all calibrations to the MS
- Runs RFLAG algorithm on all fields, including target\*
- Runs statwt to derive proper relative weights per antenna/spw\*



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## Observation Overview

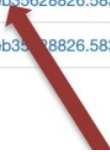
Project	uid://evla/pdb/35621723
Principal Investigator	Dr. Emmanuel Momjian
Observation Start	2018-10-04 05:41:35 UTC
Observation End	2018-10-04 08:32:45 UTC

## Pipeline Summary

Pipeline Version	2021.2.0.128
CASA Version	6.2.1.7 ( <a href="#">environment</a> )
IERSeop2000 Version	0001.0151 (last date: 2021-08-01 00:00:00)
IERSpredict Version	0623.0600 (last date: 2022-01-01 00:00:00)
Pipeline Start	2021-11-16 15:08:01 UTC
Execution Duration	4:31:14

## Observation Summary

Measurement Set	Receivers	Num Antennas	Time (UTC)			Baseline Length			Size
			Start	End	On Target	Min	Max	RMS	
Scheduling Block ID: uid://evla/pdbsb/35624494									
Session: default									
TDRW0001.sb35624494.eb35628826.58395.23719237269.ms	13cm (S)	27	2018-10-04 05:41:35	2018-10-04 08:32:45	2:13:55	40.0 m	1.0 km	441.9 m	11.7 GB
TDRW0001.sb35624494.eb35628826.58395.23719237269_target.ms	13cm (S)	27	2018-10-04 06:04:00	2018-10-04 08:30:00	2:13:55	40.0 m	1.0 km	441.9 m	9.2 GB



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Session: default  
TDRW0001.sb35624494.eb35628826  
TDRW0001.sb35624494.eb35628826

## Overview of 'TDRW0001.sb35624494.eb35628826.58395.23719237269.ms'

### Observation Execution Time

Start Time	2018-10-04 05:41:35
End Time	2018-10-04 08:32:45
Total Time on Source	2:49:14
Total Time on Science Target	2:13:55

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### Spatial Setup

Science Targets	'3C75'
Calibrators	'0137+331=3C48', 'J0259+0747' and 'J2355+4950'

### Antenna Setup

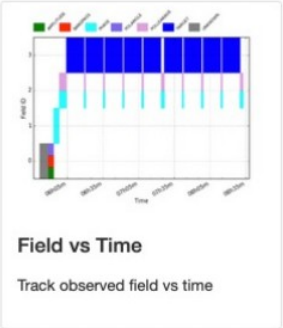

Min Baseline	40.0 m
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### Spectral Setup

All Bands	'13cm (S)' and '6cm (C)'
Science Bands	'13cm (S)'
VLA Bands: Basebands: Freq range: [spws]	S: A0C0: 2.487 GHz to 3.511 GHz: [2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]

### Sky Setup

Min Elevation	36.89 degrees
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Session: default

TDRW0001.sb35624494.eb35628826

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MeasurementSet Name: /lustre/aoc/projects/srdp/pipeline-validation/6.2/shortSB-and-multiband/S-guide-621v7_tarball_1116/working/TDRW0001.sb35624494.
eb35628826.58395.23719237269.ms MS Version 2
=====
Observer: Dr. Emmanuel Momjian Project: uid://evla/pdb/35621723
Observation: EVLA
Data records: 5752188 Total elapsed time = 10270 seconds
Observed from 04-Oct-2018/05:41:35.0 to 04-Oct-2018/08:32:45.0 (UTC)

ObservationID = 0 ArrayID = 0
Date Timerange (UTC) Scan FldId FieldName nRows SpwIds Average Interval(s) ScanIntent
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05:42:32.0 - 05:47:30.0 2 0 0137+331=3C48 209196 [0,1] [1, 1] [SYSTEM_CONFIGURATION#UNSPECIFIED]
05:47:35.0 - 05:48:30.0 3 0 0137+331=3C48 30888 [2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9] [5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5] [SYSTEM_CONFIGURATION#UNSPECIFIE
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ALIBRATE_FLUX#UNSPECIFIED,CALIBRATE_POL_ANGLE#UNSPECIFIED]
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BRATE_PHASE#UNSPECIFIED]
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BRATE_PHASE#UNSPECIFIED,CALIBRATE_POL_LEAKAGE#UNSPECIFIED]
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## Task Summaries

Task	QA Score	Duration
1. hifv_importdata: Register VLA measurement sets with the pipeline	1.00	0:08:34
2. hifv_hanning: VLA Hanning Smoothing	No QA	0:03:42
3. hifv_flagdata: VLA Deterministic flagging	1.00	0:06:18
4. hifv_vlasetty: Set calibrator model visibilities	1.00	0:01:35
5. hifv_priorcal: Priorcal (gaincurves, opacities, antenna positions corrections, rq gains, and switched power)	No QA	0:27:51
6. hifv_testBPDcal: Initial test calibrations	1.00	0:05:35
7. hifv_checkflag: Checkflag summary	0.97	0:02:02
8. hifv_semiFinalBPDcal: Semi-final delay and bandpass calibrations	1.00	0:05:23
9. hifv_checkflag: Checkflag summary	1.00	0:06:41
10. hifv_solint: Determine solint and Test gain calibrations	1.00	0:03:01
11. hifv_fluxboot: Gain table for flux density bootstrapping	0.98	0:03:40
12. hifv_finalcal: Final Calibration Tables	1.00	0:09:42
13. hifv_applycal: Apply calibrations from context	1.00	0:05:20
14. hifv_checkflag: Checkflag summary	1.00	0:36:18
15. hifv_targetflag: Targetflag	1.00	0:06:40
16. hifv_statwt: Reweight visibilities	1.00	0:13:01
17. hifv_plotsummary: VLA Plot Summary	1.00	0:09:17
18. hif_makeimlist: Set-up parameters for phase calibrator & bandpass calibrator imaging	1.00	0:00:35
19. hif_makeimages: Make calibrator images	1.00	0:08:05
20. hifv_exportdata: Prepare pipeline data products for export	1.00	0:02:27
21. hif_mstransform: Create science target MS	1.00	0:05:30
22. hif_checkproductsizes: Check product size	1.00	0:01:45
23. hif_makeimlist: Set-up parameters for target aggregate continuum imaging	1.00	0:01:26
24. hif_makeimages: Make target aggregate continuum images	1.00	1:33:50
25. hifv_pbcor: Pbcor	No QA	0:00:04
26. hifv_exportdata: Prepare pipeline data products for export	1.00	0:02:40



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- The following pipeline steps provide key checks for calibration quality:

– hifv_flagdata	<i>deterministic flagged data fraction</i>
– hifv_testBPdcals	<i>hardware problems and other obs. issues</i>
– hifv_solint	<i>solution intervals for phase cals, input gain tables</i>
– hifv_fluxboot	<i>fitted calibrator flux densities and spectral indices</i>
– hifv_finalcals	<i>final calibration tables applied to the data</i>
– hifv_plotsummary	<i>useful diagnostic plots of calibrated data</i>

# Deterministic Flagging (hifv\_flagdata)



Tasks in execution order

1. hifv\_importdata
2. hifv\_hanning
3. hifv\_flagdata
4. hifv\_vlasejy
5. hifv\_priorcals
6. hifv\_testBPDcals
7. hifv\_checkflag
8. hifv\_semiFinalBPDcals
9. hifv\_checkflag
10. hifv\_solint
11. hifv\_fluxboot
12. hifv\_finalcals
13. hifv\_applycals
14. hifv\_checkflag
15. hifv\_targetflag
16. hifv\_statwt
17. hifv\_plotssummary
18. hif\_makeimlist (cals)
19. hif\_makeimages (cals)
20. hifv\_expordata
21. hif\_mstransform
22. hif\_checkproductsizes
23. hif\_makeimlist (cont)
24. hif\_makeimages (cont)
25. hifv\_pboor
26. hifv\_expordata

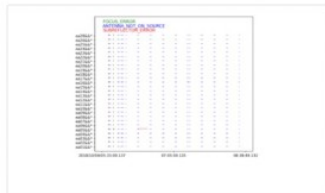
Data Selection (by intent)	Before Task	Flagging Agent (Total Vis)			Flagging Agent (Science Vis)							Total Science	Measurement Set	
		ANOS	Shadowed Antennas	Unwanted Intents	Other Online Flags	Flagging Template	Autocorr	Edge Channels	Clipping	Quack	Baseband			
All Data	3.125%	7.358%	0.000%	2.892%	0.850%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	3.598%	4.448%	4.448%
Science Spectral Windows	3.125%	5.831%	0.000%	0.595%	0.755%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	3.602%	4.357%	4.357%
Bandpass	3.125%	1.863%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	3.629%	3.629%	3.629%
Flux	3.125%	1.863%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	3.629%	3.629%	3.629%
Phase	3.125%	28.775%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	3.629%	3.629%	3.629%
Target	3.125%	1.948%	0.000%	0.000%	0.626%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	3.606%	4.232%	4.232%
TDRW0001.sb35624494.eb35628826.58395.23719237269.ms	3.125%	7.358%	0.000%	2.892%	0.850%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	3.598%	4.448%	4.448%

Summary of flagged data. Each cell states the amount of data flagged as a fraction of the specified data selection, with the Flagging Agent columns giving this information per flagging agent.

## Flagging reason vs time

Plots of flagging reason vs time. The reasons for flagging the data are defined in the plot legend.

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Pipeline QA

Input Parameters

Tasks Execution Statistics

CASA logs for stage 3

- [View or download stage3/casapy.log \(123.0 KB\)](#)

# Hardware issues (hifv\_testBPdcals)



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## Tasks in execution order

1. hifv\_importdata
2. hifv\_hanning
3. hifv\_flagdata
4. hifv\_vlasety
5. hifv\_priorcals
6. hifv\_testBPdcals
7. hifv\_checkflag
8. hifv\_semiFinalBPdcals
9. hifv\_checkflag
10. hifv\_solint
11. hifv\_fluxboot
12. hifv\_finalcals
13. hifv\_applycals
14. hifv\_checkflag
15. hifv\_targetflag
16. hifv\_statwt
17. hifv\_plotssummary
18. hif\_makeimlist (cals)
19. hif\_makeimages (cals)
20. hifv\_exportdata
21. hif\_mstransform
22. hif\_checkproductsize
23. hif\_makeimlist (cont)
24. hif\_makeimages (cont)
25. hifv\_pbcor
26. hifv\_exportdata

## 6. Initial test calibrations

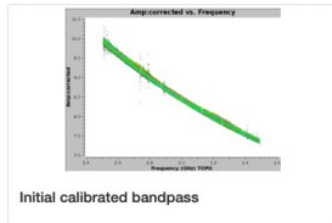
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Initial test calibrations using bandpass and delay calibrators

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### testBPdcals summary plot

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### Flag bad deformatters

Identify and flag basebands with bad deformatters or RFI based on bandpass (BP) table amps and phases.

### BP Table Amps

Antenna	SPWs	Band / Basebands
None	None	S

### BP Table Phases

Antenna	SPWs	Band / Basebands
None	None	S

Pipeline QA

Input Parameters

Tasks Execution Statistics

# Hardware issues (hifv\_testBPdcal)

Tasks in execution order

- 1. hifv\_importdata
- 2. hifv\_hanning
- 3. hifv\_flagdata
- 4. hifv\_vlasetjy
- 5. hifv\_priors
- 6. hifv\_testBPdcal
- 7. hifv\_checkflag
- 8. hifv\_semiFinalBPdcal
- 9. hifv\_checkflag
- 10. hifv\_solint
- 11. hifv\_fluxboot
- 12. hifv\_finalcal
- 13. hifv\_applycal
- 14. hifv\_checkflag
- 15. hifv\_targetflag
- 16. hifv\_statwt
- 17. hifv\_plotssummary
- 18. hif\_makeimlist
- 19. hif\_makeimages (cals)
- 20. hifv\_exportdata
- 21. hif\_mstransform
- 22. hif\_checkproductsizes
- 23. hif\_makeimlist (cont)
- 24. hif\_makeimages (cont)
- 25. hifv\_pbcor
- 26. hifv\_exportdata

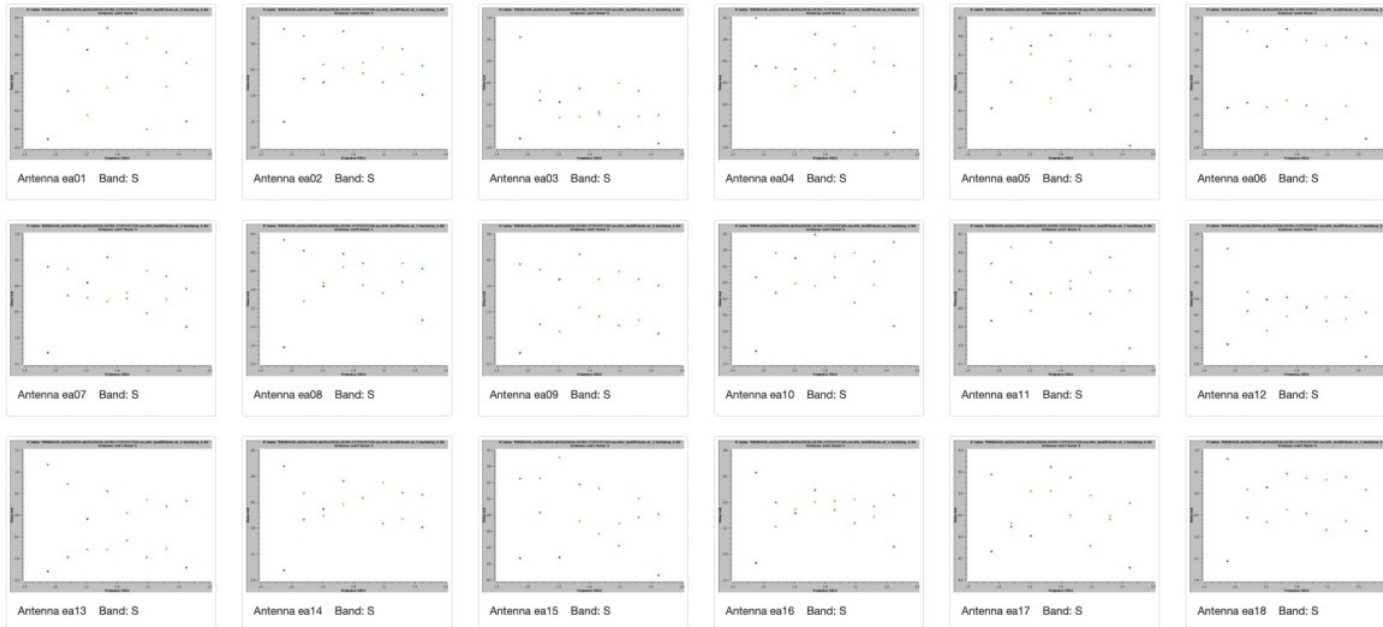
## Test Delay Plots

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Plots: Test delay plots | Gain Amplitude | Gain Phase | BP Amp solution | BP Phase solution

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# Hardware issues (hifv\_testBPdcal)

Tasks in execution order

- 1. hifv\_importdata
- 2. hifv\_hanning
- 3. hifv\_flagdata
- 4. hifv\_vlasetj
- 5. hifv\_priorcals
- 6. hifv\_testBPdcal**
- 7. hifv\_checkflag
- 8. hifv\_semiFinalBPdcal
- 9. hifv\_checkflag
- 10. hifv\_solint
- 11. hifv\_fluxboot
- 12. hifv\_finalcals
- 13. hifv\_applycals
- 14. hifv\_checkflag
- 15. hifv\_targetflag
- 16. hifv\_statwt
- 17. hifv\_plotssummary
- 18. hif\_makeimlist (cals)
- 19. hif\_makeimages (cals)
- 20. hifv\_exportdata
- 21. hif\_mstransform
- 22. hif\_checkproductsizes
- 23. hif\_makeimlist (cont)
- 24. hif\_makeimages (cont)
- 25. hifv\_pbcor
- 26. hifv\_exportdata

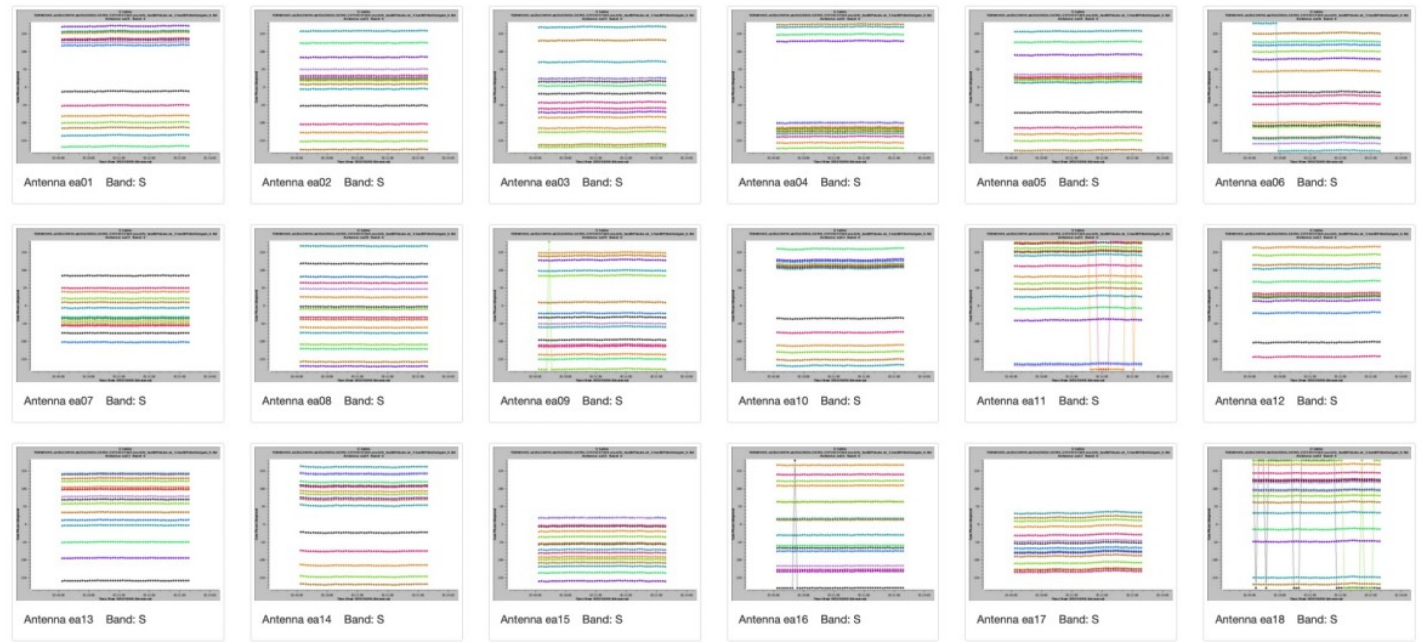
## Phase Gain Plots

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# Hardware issues (hifv\_testBPdcal)

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Tasks in execution order

1. hifv\_importdata
2. hifv\_hanning
3. hifv\_flagdata
4. hifv\_vlasetj
5. hifv\_priorcals
- 6. hifv\_testBPdcal**
7. hifv\_checkflag
8. hifv\_semiFinalBPdcal
9. hifv\_checkflag
10. hifv\_solint
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12. hifv\_finalcals
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17. hifv\_plotssummary
18. hif\_makeimlist (cals)
19. hif\_makeimages (cals)
20. hifv\_exportdata
21. hif\_mstransform
22. hif\_checkproductsizes
23. hif\_makeimlist (cont)
24. hif\_makeimages (cont)
25. hifv\_pbcor
26. hifv\_exportdata

## Bandpass Amp Solution Plots

Plots: Test delay plots | Gain Amplitude | Gain Phase | **BP Amp solution** | BP Phase solution

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S-band

Antenna ea01 Band: S

Antenna ea02 Band: S

Antenna ea03 Band: S

Antenna ea04 Band: S

Antenna ea05 Band: S

Antenna ea06 Band: S

Antenna ea07 Band: S

Antenna ea08 Band: S

Antenna ea09 Band: S

Antenna ea10 Band: S

Antenna ea11 Band: S

Antenna ea12 Band: S

Antenna ea13 Band: S

Antenna ea14 Band: S

Antenna ea15 Band: S

Antenna ea16 Band: S

Antenna ea17 Band: S

Antenna ea18 Band: S

# Flux density bootstrapping (hifv\_fluxboot)

Tasks in execution order

1. hifv\_importdata
2. hifv\_hanning
3. hifv\_flagdata
4. hifv\_vlasetj
5. hifv\_priorscls
6. hifv\_testBPdcals
7. hifv\_checkflag
8. hifv\_semiFinalBPdcals
9. hifv\_checkflag
10. hifv\_solint
11. hifv\_fluxboot
12. hifv\_finalcals
13. hifv\_applycals
14. hifv\_checkflag
15. hifv\_targetflag
16. hifv\_statwt
17. hifv\_plotsummary
18. hif\_makeimlist (cals)
19. hif\_makeimages (cals)
20. hifv\_exportdata
21. hif\_mstransform
22. hif\_checkproductsize
23. hif\_makeimlist (cont)
24. hif\_makeimages (cont)
25. hifv\_pbcor
26. hifv\_exportdata

## 11. Flux density bootstrapping and spectral index fitting

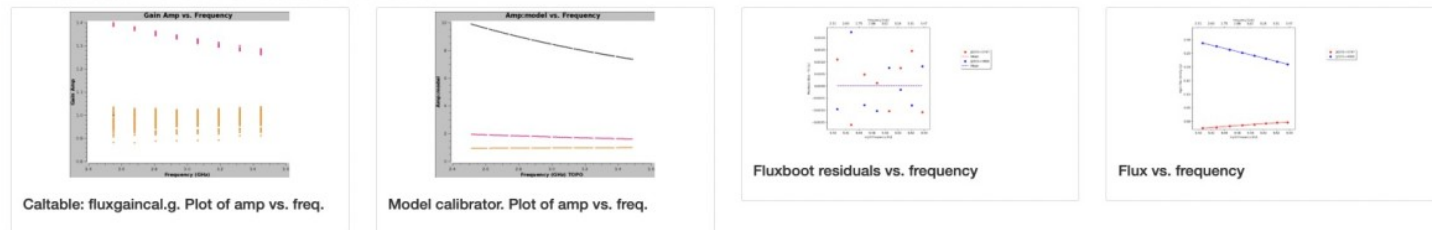
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Make a gain table that includes gain and opacity corrections for final amp cal and for flux density bootstrapping.

Fit the spectral index of calibrators with a power-law and put the fit in the model column.

### Fluxboot summary plots

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Source	Fit Order	Band	Band Center [GHz]	Flux density [Jy] (at Band Center)	Spectral index	2nd order coeff	3rd order coeff	4th order coeff
J0259+0747	2	S	3.00000	0.97152 +/- 0.00072	0.16942 +/- 0.00518	-0.14589 +/- 0.13172	----	----
J2355+4950				1.76341 +/- 0.00077	-0.59833 +/- 0.00333	-0.19761 +/- 0.08241		

Table showing the flux density and spectral properties computed at each band center, based on the global coefficients of the fit across all bands.

Source	Frequency [GHz]	Data	Error	Fitted Data	Residual: Data-Fitted Data
J0259+0747	2.551	0.9447	0.002792	0.9436	0.001099
	2.679	0.9507	0.002612	0.9523	-0.001609
	2.807	0.9609	0.002617	0.9604	0.000483
	2.935	0.9680	0.002372	0.9679	0.000118
	3.063	0.9739	0.002462	0.9749	-0.001040
	3.191	0.9822	0.002410	0.9815	0.000744
	3.319	0.9891	0.002444	0.9877	0.001460
	3.447	0.9924	0.002332	0.9934	-0.001086
J2355+4950	2.551	1.9377	0.000822	1.9387	-0.000961
	2.679	1.8871	0.000859	1.8849	0.002237

# Final calibration tables (hifv\_finalcals)



## Tasks in execution order

1. hifv\_importdata
2. hifv\_hanning
3. hifv\_flagdata
4. hifv\_vlasety
5. hifv\_priorscals
6. hifv\_testBPDcals
7. hifv\_checkflag
8. hifv\_semiFinalBPDcals
9. hifv\_checkflag
10. hifv\_solint
11. hifv\_fluxboot
- 12. hifv\_finalcals**
13. hifv\_applycals
14. hifv\_checkflag
15. hifv\_targetlag
16. hifv\_statwt
17. hifv\_plotssummary
18. hif\_makeimlist (cals)
19. hif\_makeimages (cals)
20. hifv\_exportdata
21. hifv\_mstransform
22. hifv\_checkproductsizes
23. hifv\_makeimlist (cont)
24. hifv\_makeimages (cont)
25. hifv\_pboot
26. hifv\_exportdata

## Bp Phase Solution plots

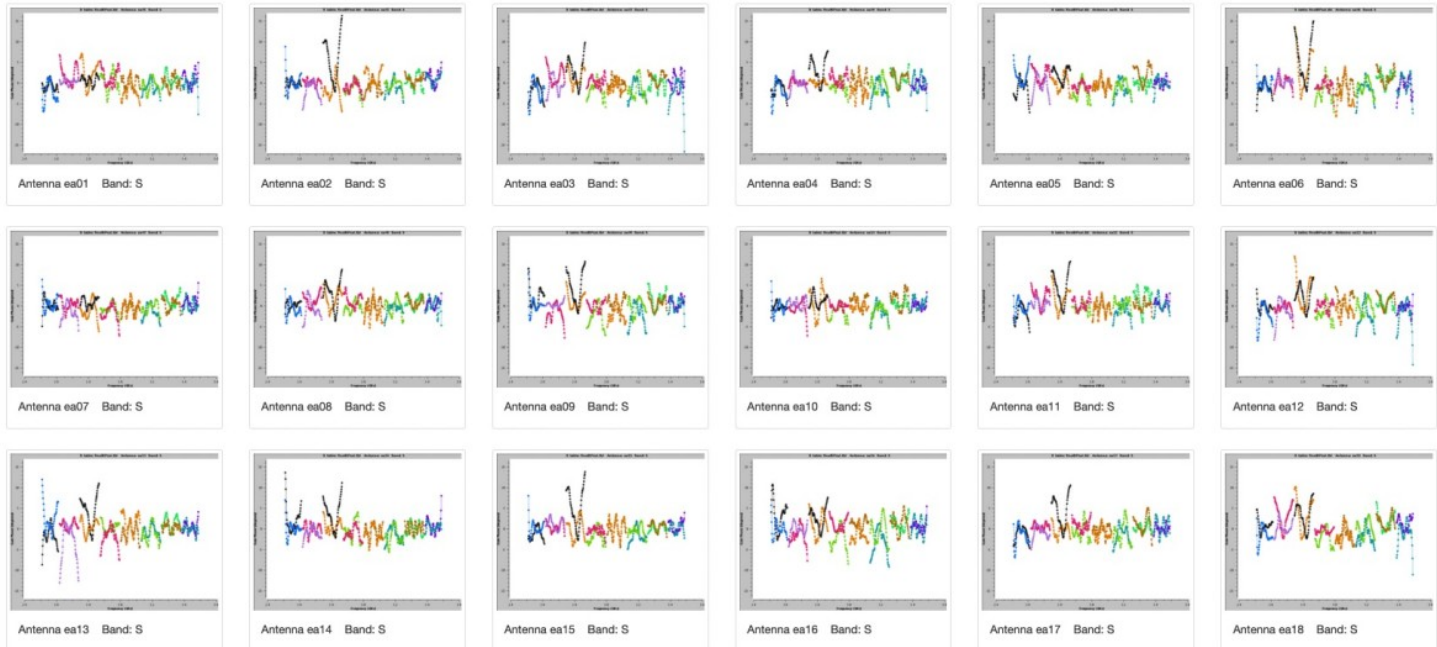
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### Plots:

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# Final calibration tables (hifv\_finalcals)



## Tasks in execution order

1. hifv\_importdata
2. hifv\_hanning
3. hifv\_flagdata
4. hifv\_vlasety
5. hifv\_priorcals
6. hifv\_testBPdcals
7. hifv\_checkflag
8. hifv\_semiFinalBPdcals
9. hifv\_checkflag
10. hifv\_solint
11. hifv\_fluxboot
- 12. hifv\_finalcals**
13. hifv\_applycals
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17. hifv\_plotssummary
18. hif\_makeimlist (cals)
19. hif\_makeimages (cals)
20. hifv\_exportdata
21. hif\_mstransform
22. hif\_checkproductsizes
23. hif\_makeimlist (cont)
24. hif\_makeimages (cont)
25. hifv\_pbcor
26. hifv\_exportdata

## Final Amp Time Cal plots

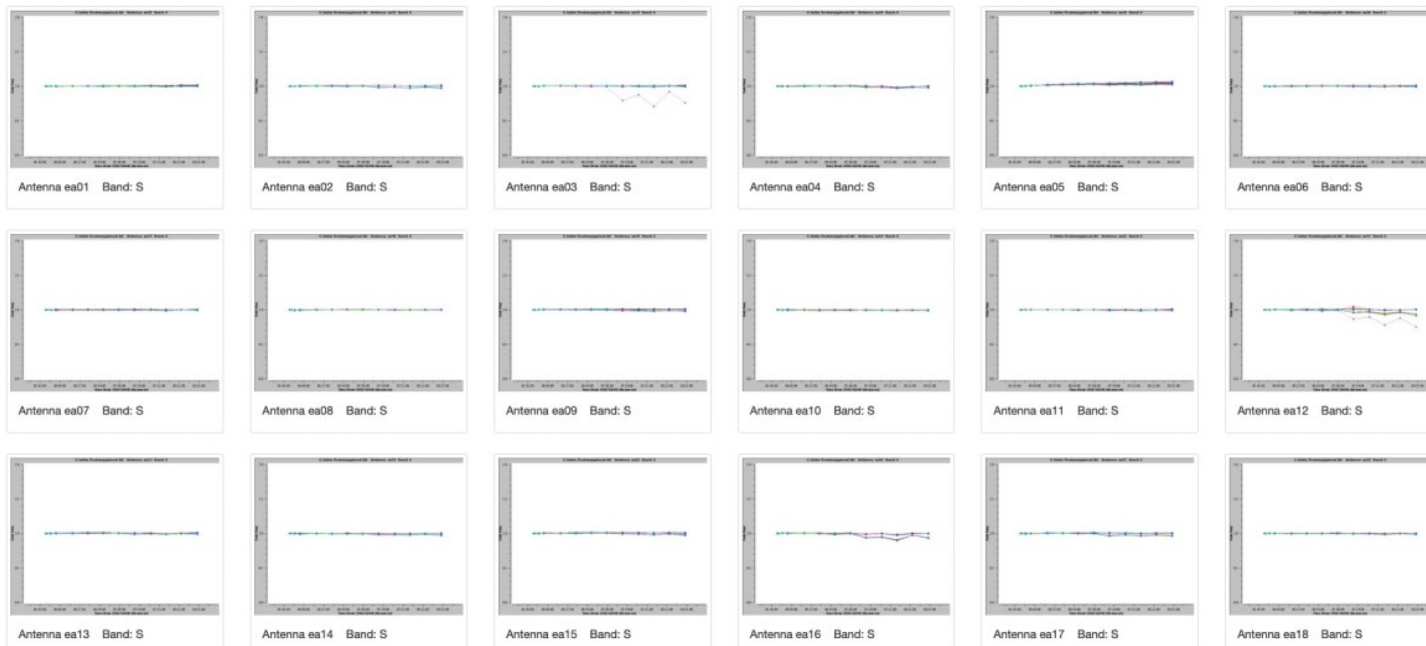
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### Plots:

[Final delay plots](#) | [BP initial gain phase](#) | [BP Amp solution](#) | [BP Phase solution](#) | [Phase \(short\) gain solution](#) | **Final amp time cal** | [Final amp freq cal](#) | [Final phase gain cal](#)

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# Final calibration tables (hifv\_finalcals)



## Tasks in execution order

1. hifv\_importdata
2. hifv\_hanning
3. hifv\_flagdata
4. hifv\_vlasety
5. hifv\_priorcals
6. hifv\_testBPdcals
7. hifv\_checkflag
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19. hif\_makeimages (cals)
20. hifv\_exportdata
21. hif\_mstransform
22. hif\_checkproductsizes
23. hif\_makeimlist (cont)
24. hif\_makeimages (cont)
25. hifv\_pbcor
26. hifv\_exportdata

## Final Amp Freq Cal plots

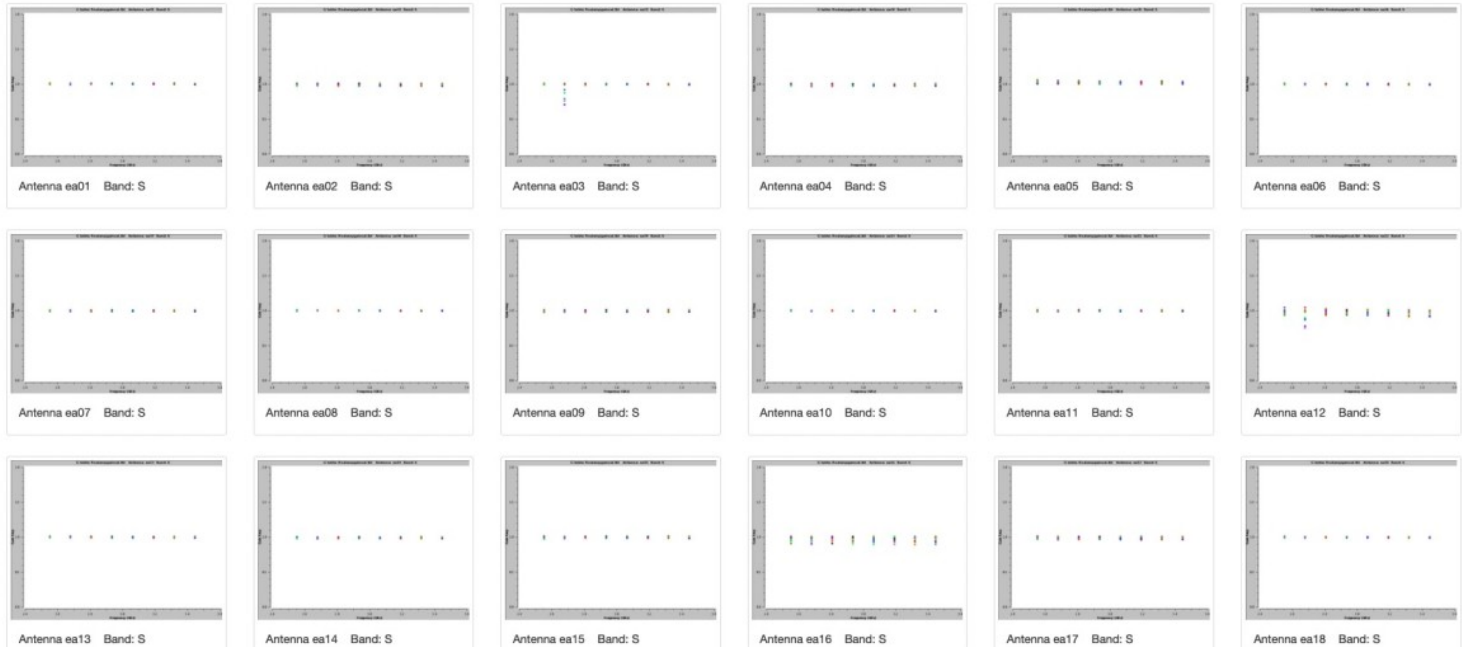
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### Plots:

[Final delay plots](#) | [BP initial gain phase](#) | [BP Amp solution](#) | [BP Phase solution](#) | [Phase \(short\) gain solution](#) | [Final amp time cal](#) | **[Final amp freq cal](#)** | [Final phase gain cal](#)

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# Summary plots (hifv\_plotsummary)



## Tasks in execution order

1. hifv\_importdata
2. hifv\_hanning
3. hifv\_flagdata
4. hifv\_vlasetly
5. hifv\_priorcals
6. hifv\_testBPDcals
7. hifv\_checkflag
8. hifv\_semiFinalBPDcals
9. hifv\_checkflag
10. hifv\_solint
11. hifv\_fluxboot
12. hifv\_finalcals
13. hifv\_applycals
14. hifv\_checkflag
15. hifv\_targetflag
16. hifv\_statwt
- 17. hifv\_plotsummary**
18. hif\_makeimlist (cals)
19. hif\_makeimages (cals)
20. hifv\_exportdata
21. hif\_mstransform
22. hif\_checkproductsizes
23. hif\_makeimlist (cont)
24. hif\_makeimages (cont)
25. hifv\_pboor
26. hifv\_exportdata

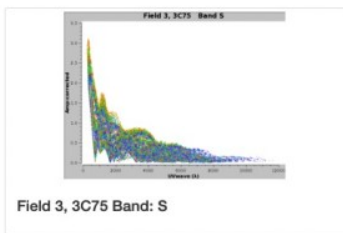
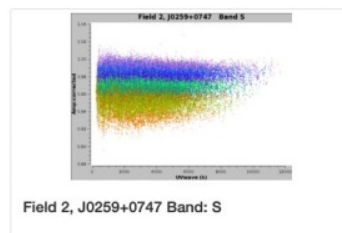
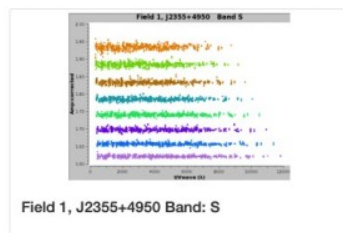
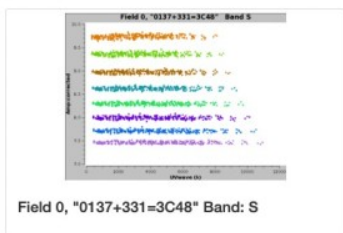
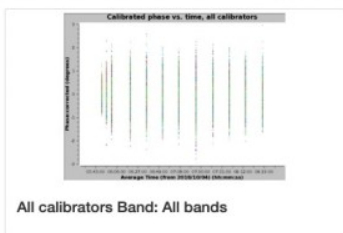
## 17. Plot Summary

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### VLA Pipeline Summary Plots

Phase vs. time for all calibrators, Amp vs. UVwave for all calibrators, as well as a representative selection of fields with intent="TARGET" with Amp vs. UVwave plots.

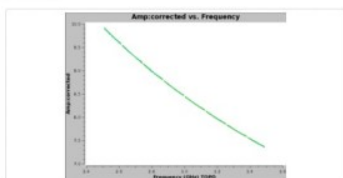
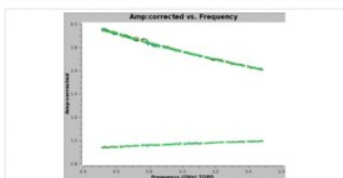
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### Calibrated amplitude vs frequency

Plots of calibrated amplitude vs frequency for all antennas and correlations, coloured by antenna.

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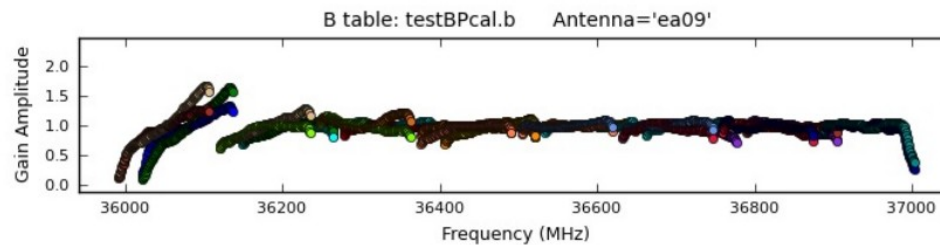
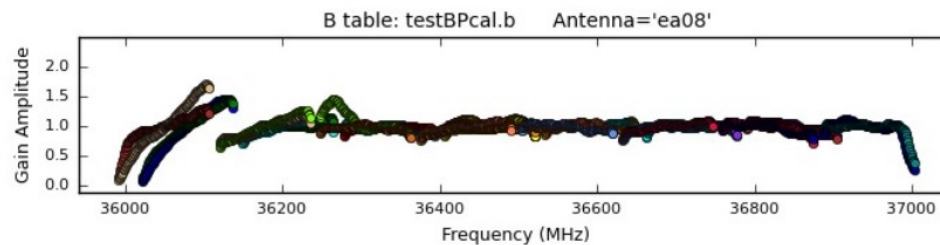
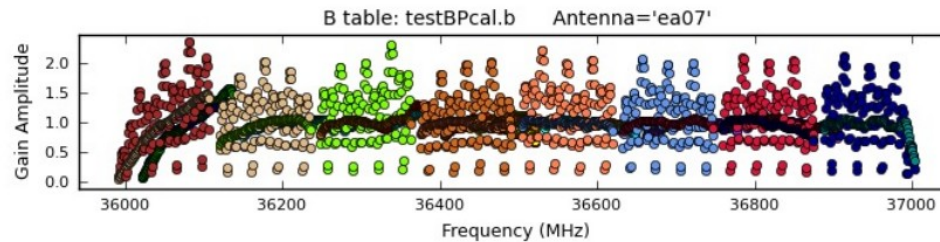
# Known failure modes

- In general the pipeline does very well, but there are possible failure modes:
  - No flux density or gain calibrator intents defined, or flux density calibrator not one for which we have models
    - *work around in scripted pipeline*
  - Wrong scan intents
    - *modify Scan.xml in SDM; see <https://science.nrao.edu/facilities/vla/data-processing/pipeline#section-28>*
  - Does not always identify deformatter problems (but does NOT usually have false positives – L-band an exception)
    - *flag remaining bad spws*
  - Calibrators are too weak for given spw bandwidth
    - *heuristics have been developed and are being tested*

# Examples of some issues

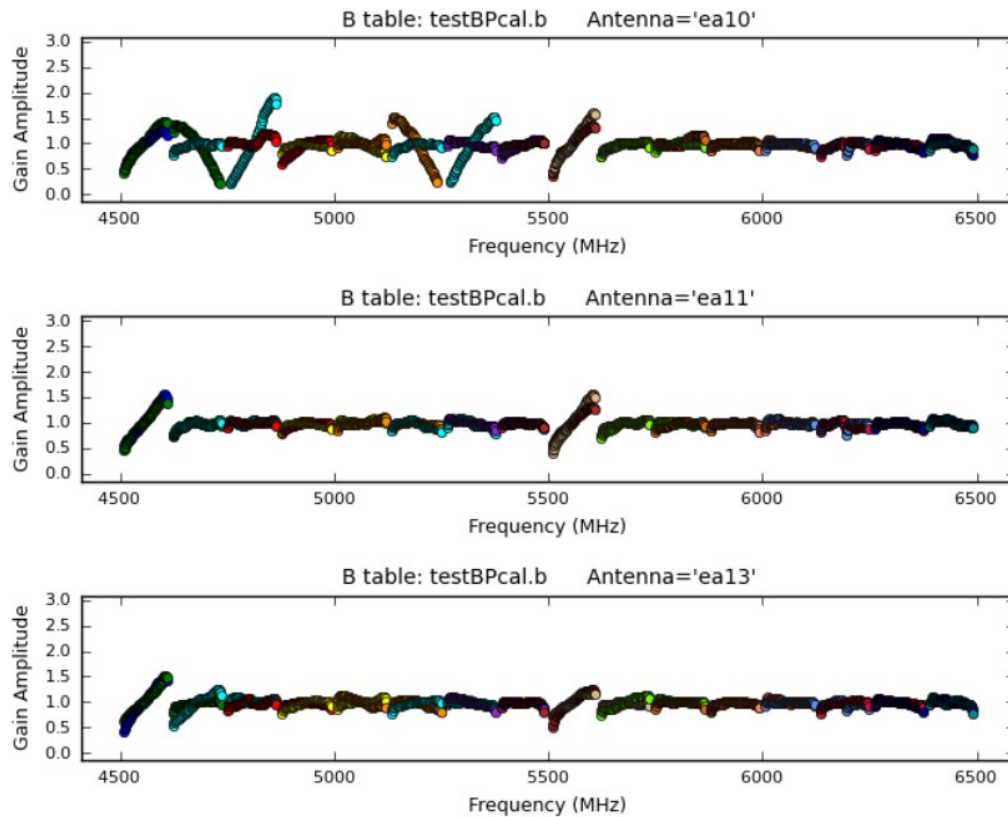
ea07 bandpass, bad data (DTS issue); ea08, ea09 OK

↖ Digital transmission system



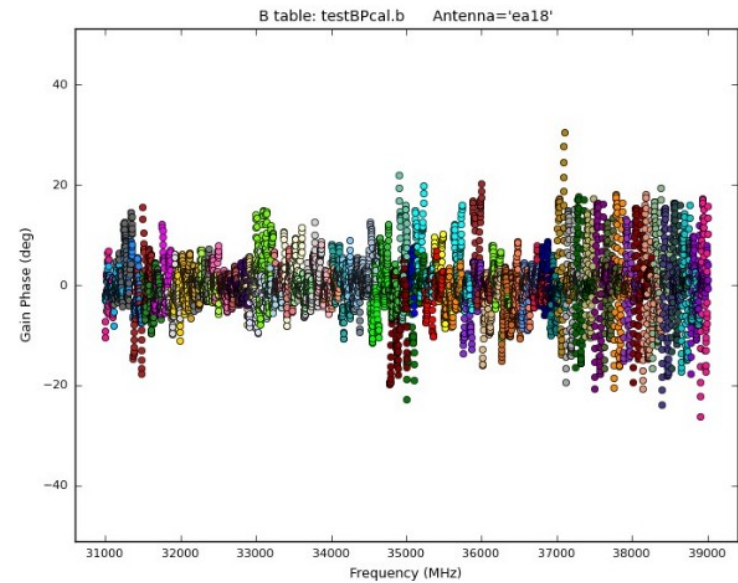
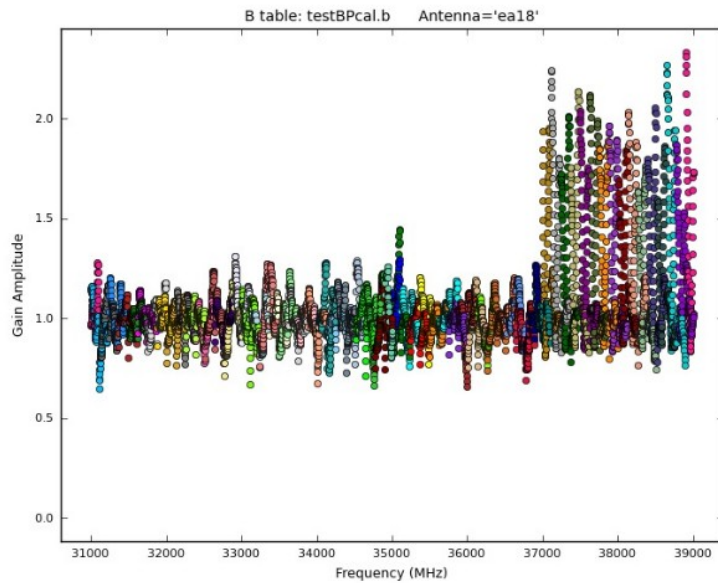
# Examples of some issues

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



# Examples of some issues

ea18 Amp **and** Phase affected (DTS issue for 37-39GHz)



# Pipeline products and outputs

- (1) Flagged and Calibrated MS
  - (2) Final flag version and calibration tables (archived)
  - (3) Logs, incl. weblog used by quality assurance (QA) staff and QA report (archived)
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The real-time pipeline produces a calibrated and flagged MS

- Calibrated MS may be requested through the archive  
<https://data.nrao.edu>
- You may request a more detailed QA2 report from the Data Analysts  
(<https://help.nrao.edu/>, Pipeline Department)
- If you are happy with the pipeline calibration, then:
  - Do further flagging if necessary
  - Split out your target and image (imaging pipeline now available)

If you have the SDM or uncalibrated MS and the calibration and flag tables, then the pipeline calibration can be restored, see details at  
<http://go.nrao.edu/vla-pipe/>



# Science Ready Data Products (SRDP)

- calibrated & imaged science ready data
- initiative started in June 2019

<https://science.nrao.edu/srdp/home>

In early stages, at the moment supporting only:

- Continuum (Stokes I)
- C-band or higher frequency
- if SB setup and scan intents set correctly for pipeline
- only observations using 3C286 or 3C147 as flux density calibrators

Quality Assurance: NRAO Staff will check quality in detail, add extra flagging and rerun if necessary.

# SRDP: VLA Imaging Pipeline



## Tasks in execution order

1. hifv\_importdata
2. hifv\_hanning
3. hifv\_flagdata
4. hifv\_vlasetjy
5. hifv\_priorcals
6. hifv\_testBPdcals
7. hifv\_checkflag
8. hifv\_semiFinalBPdcals
9. hifv\_checkflag
10. hifv\_solint
11. hifv\_fluxboot
12. hifv\_finalcals
13. hifv\_applycals
14. hifv\_checkflag
15. hifv\_targetflag
16. hifv\_statwt
17. hifv\_plotsummary
18. hif\_makeimlist (cals)
19. hif\_makeimages (cals)
20. hifv\_exportdata
21. hif\_mstransform
22. hif\_checkproductsizes
23. hif\_makeimlist (cont)
24. hif\_makeimages (cont)
- 25. hifv\_pbcor**
26. hifv\_exportdata

## 25. Primary beam corrected images

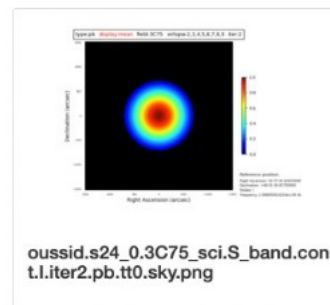
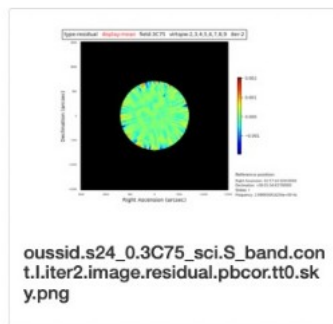
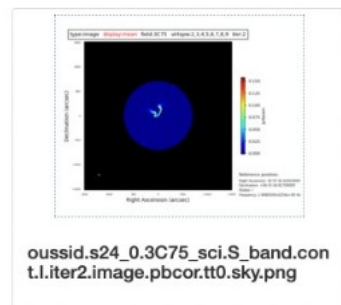
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	restored	residual
<b>maximum</b>	1.5799e-01 Jy/beam	2.0434e-03 Jy/beam
<b>minimum</b>	-2.1028e-03 Jy/beam	-1.9549e-03 Jy/beam
<b>sigma</b>	8.3015e-03 Jy/beam	3.0272e-04 Jy/beam
<b>MAD rms</b>	2.6704e-04 Jy/beam	2.2466e-04 Jy/beam



# Final notes

## Viewing weblogs

The default security preferences in Firefox block weblogs on disk from being viewed directly

→ Need to change `about:config: security.fileuri.strict_origin_policy` to **False**

## Starting the pipeline

Start with SDM-BDF raw data (MS possible, but online flags needed before)

Edit `casa_pipescript.py` file (standard one/template:

<https://science.nrao.edu/facilities/vla/data-processing/pipeline#the-casa-pipescript-py-file>)

And to run it:

1. `> /path/to/casa/bin/casa --pipeline`
2. On NRAO machines: `> casa-pipe`
3. Or within CASA: `> execfile('casa_pipescript.py')`

# Final notes

## Considerations before running pipeline

- Disk space needed 3-4x raw data size, even more if imaging
- Compute time: 30min to ... a few days (weeks)
- If the default pipeline is appropriate for your science (e.g. spectral lines, rerunning pipeline, etc)

VLA CASA Calibration Pipeline information at: <http://go.nrao.edu/vla-pipe>

→ CASA Integrated Pipeline & Scripted Pipeline available

NRAO HelpDesk: <https://help.nrao.edu/>

Submit your ticket under the Pipeline Department.



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