

ALMA Science Archive FITS Data product requirements and recommendations.

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1. Scope

This document contains the recommendations and requirements for ALMA FITS products of the Inter-ARC ALMA Science Archive Working Group (ASAWG) with the view to including a metadata set that is complete and easily accessible by the ALMA Science Archive (ASA). The recommendations made here are formulated by the Science Archive Working Group after consultation throughout the members' respective ARCs, with the considered and assumed preferences of the ALMA user-base in mind.

2. Motivation

The recommendations made here are made considering both the minimum and anticipated benefit for archive researchers. The focus is towards enabling access to a dataset whereby archive researchers can easily and efficiently access and filter through the ALMA science archive, to locate data relevant for analysis and publication. Additional priorities include accurate archiving of associated publications, minimizing effort of the Pipeline and Archive group, and to provide a reference document for the pipeline and archive groups.

The recommendations made here are in the context of standardizing the ALMA-archived science data structure, not to redefine the operation of CASA. They pertain only to the products held in ALMA science Archive.

3. FITS keywords

FITS keywords following are sorted into categories, based on their role and the source of the standard (if any). Some keywords may appear redundant and accessible from other existing keywords (e.g. BND-CNT, the band centre, can be computed from CRVAL, CDELT and CRPIX values) - in these cases, providing the computation-less value is more useful for the the Archive and general archive users.

For simplicity, Archive FITS products will have a single primary header, without extensions.

3.1.Required keywords: Primary HDU

This section is more simply a requirement by FITS standard 3.0, and is included for completeness. The primary head must contain at least the five keywords with the order shown on the right.

Note that ALMA will not have extensions in the FITS products, and the primary header will contain all FITS keywords.

Required HDU keyword order.

1. SIMPLE
2. BITPIX
3. NAXIS
4. NAXISn
5. END

SIMPLE

(Mandatory FS3.0)

Description: Signifies FITS file structure conforms to FITS 3.0 standard.

Type: logical

Required value: T

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

BITPIX

(Mandatory FS3.0)

Description: Indicates bits per data value. Exact Value for ALMA use is not mandated

Type: integer

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

NAXIS

(Mandatory FS3.0)

Description: Number of axes in the associated data array.

Type: Integer (limited 4 in ASA).

Required values: ALMA science archive will provide only:

1. Continuum/integrated (velocity/frequency collapsed) images with two celestial axes and one polarization axis) (on degenerate axis)

2. Spectral line cubes, with two celestial axes, one frequency or velocity axis, and one polarization axes.

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

NAXISn

(Mandatory FS3.0)

Description: Number of elements along axis n of a data array (n = 1-NAXIS). ASA data *must* have four NAXIS terms.

Type: integer.

Required value: n=1 to 4

Currently exists in CASA FITS products

END

(Mandatory FS3.0)

Description: Required keyword to bracket end of primary header (and any other headers). No associated value.

3.2. WCS & Coordinate information

PC##i##j *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Linear transformation matrix between pixel axes j and intermediate coordinate axes i.

Type: Float

Required value: $N(N-1)/2$ of these terms will exist, i.e. for four dimensions (two spatial, one frequency and one polarization axis, 6 PC terms must be incorporated into the header.

Pipeline produced data PC terms will = 0 when $i=j$, and 0 otherwise (i.e. the trivial case).

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

PVi_m *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Numeric parameter values for intermediate world coordinate axis i, (m is parameter number).

Type: Float

Required value: No restrictions.

CTYPEn *(Standard FS3.0)*

Description: FITS WCS keywords, describing type of axis n (where n is a value between 1 and NAXIS). The format of this keyword implicitly describes the linearity.

Type: String

Required values: Numbering of CTYPE axes will be hierarchically arranged i.e. the highest to lowest CTYPE number will describe the axes; polarization - velocity/frequency - celestial dimension. The fourth axis *must* exist, but may be degenerate.

Currently exists in CASA FITS products

- Permitted celestial axis types :
 - RA--SIN/DEC-SIN
- Permitted frequency axis types :
 - 'FREQ' (linear CUNIT='Hz'),
- Permitted velocity axis types :
 - 'VELO-LSRK' (nonlinear, CUNIT='Hz'),
- Permitted Polarisation axis types :
 - 'STOKES' (no unit)
 - CRVALn = 1, -5 or -6 for unpolarized, XX linear or YY linear, respectively)

CTYPE1 *must be* Celestial

CTYPE2 *must be* Celestial

CTYPE3 *must be* Freq,

CTYPE 4 *must be* Stokes

CRVALn *Reserved kwd FS3.0*

Description: Coordinate value of position in degrees, specified in CRPIX.

Type: Float

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

Permitted values for CRVALn for polarisation axes for ALMA science archive are limited to:

CRVAL	Polarization	Stokes
1	Unpolarised	I
2	Linear	Q
3	Linear	U
4	Circular	V
-5	Linear	XX
-6	Linear	YY

CDELTn *Reserved kwd FS3.0*

Description: Increment-per-pixel of axis n, in degrees

Type: Float

Required Values: Cannot be zero.

Currently exists in CASA FITS products

CRPIXn *Reserved kwd FS3.0*

Description: Reference pixel (or fraction thereof), dimensionless, for data axis n.

Type: Float.

Required values. ALMA will deliver data with CRPIXn set to = Round(NPIXEL/2.)

Currently exists in CASA FITS products

CUNITn *Reserved kwd FS3.0*

Description: Units of axis n

Type: Character

Required value:

Permitted units for celestial axes:

'degrees'

Permitted units for polarisation axes:

''

Permitted units for frequency axes:

'Hz'

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

RA *new ALMA keyword*

Description: The Right Ascension coordinate of image center, in the system specified in EQUINOX and RADESYS.

Type: Float

Required units: Degrees

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

DEC *new ALMA keyword*

Description: The Declination coordinate of image center, in the system specified in EQUINOX and RADESYS.

Type: Float

Required units: Degrees

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

RA_TARG *new ALMA keyword*

Description: The Right Ascension coordinate of target (computed or specified from user and OT), in in the system specified in EQUINOX and RADESYS.

Type: Float

Required value: Degrees

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

DEC_TARG *new ALMA keyword*

Description: The Declination coordinate of target (computed or specified from user and OT), in in the system specified in EQUINOX and RADESYS.

Type: Float

Required value: Degrees

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

RADESYS *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Name of the reference frame of equatorial or ecliptic coordinates.

Type: Character

Required value: 'ICRS'

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

RESTFRQ *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Contingent on the type of measurements being made:

For transition line measurements: the rest frequency of the of the spectral feature of interest in Hz.

For continuum measurements: the centre of the band of the spectral window.

Type: Float

Required units: Hz

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

SPECSYS *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Reference frame for freq axis.

Type: Character

Required value: 'LSRK'

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

3.3. Observations Time information

TIMESYS

(Suggested. kwd FS3.0)

Description: The principal time system for time-related keywords and data.

Type: Character

Required value: 'UTC'

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

DATE

Reserved kwd FS3.0

Description: FITS file creation date (specifically, the date the HDU was created).

Type: String

Required format: Date string of format: YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss[.sss. . .].

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

DATE-OBS

(Reserved kwd FS3.0)

Description: Observation start time.

Type: Character

Required format: Date string with a format of YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss[.sss. . .].

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

DATE-END

(new ALMA keyword)

Description: Time of end observation

Type: Character

Required format: Date string with a format of YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss[.sss. . .].

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

MJD-OBS

(Reserved kwd FS3.0)

Description: Modified Julian Date (JD – 2,400,000.5) of start of observation,

Type: Character

Required format: Date string with a format of YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss[.sss. . .].

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

MJD-AVG

(Reserved kwd FS3.0)

Description: Modified Julian Date (JD – 2,400,000.5) of the mid-point of the observation.

Type: Character

Required format: Date string with a format of YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss[.sss. . .].

OBSGEO-? [X/Y/Z] must be correct at the time given by MJD-AVG.

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

EQUINOX

(Reserved kwd FS3.0)

Description: Epoch of the mean equator and equinox in years, This keyword is the standard replacement for "EPOCH".

Type: Float

Required value: 2.000000000000E+03

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

3.4. Image and Beam properties

BMAJ *(AIPS memo #117, 2012)*

Description: Restoring beam FWHM major axis
Type: Float
Required units: Degrees
Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

BMIN *(AIPS memo #117, 2012)*

Description: Restoring beam FWHM minor axis
Type: Float
Required units: Degrees
Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

BPA *(AIPS memo #117, 2012)*

Description: Restoring beam position angle
Type: Float
Required units: Degrees
Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

BSCALE *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Value used to linearly scale pixel values
Type: Float
Required value: 1.0
Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

BZERO *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Value used to numerically offset pixel values
Type: Float
Required value: 0.0
Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

BTYPE *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: FITS flux scale type
Type: Character
Required value: 'Intensity'
Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

Included for backwards compatibility with AIPS

BUNIT *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: FITS flux scale unit
Type: Character
Required value: 'JY/BYEM'
Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

DATAMAX *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: maximum valid physical value represented by the array
Type: Float
Required units: Jy/Beam
Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

DATAMIN *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: minimum valid physical value represented by the array.
Type: Float
Required units: Jy/Beam
Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

DYNRANGE *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Estimation of Dynamic range of interferometer data. Equal to DATAMAX/CHANRMS
Type: Float
Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

NPOL *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Number of orthogonal polarizations observed and contributing to the data
Type: integer
Required value: This will only ever be = 1 (only linear XX) or =2 (linear XX and linear YY observed).
Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

STOKES *new ALMA keyword*

Description: List of data Stokes parameters
Type: Character
Required value: some, or all of 'I', 'Q', 'U' or 'V'
Note some overlap WITH CTYPEn='STOKES' and CRVALn
Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

BNDCTR *new ALMA keyword*

Description: The center frequency of data in the FITS array
Type: Float
Required units: Hz
Note, there is some overlap in scope of this keyword with CTYPE='FREQ'.
Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

BNDWID *new ALMA keyword*

Description: The effective bandwidth of data in the FITS array
Type: Float
Required units: Hz
Note, there is some overlap in scope of this keyword with CTYPE='FREQ'.
Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

BNDRES *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Effective frequency resolution of data in the FITS array

Type: Float

Required units: Hz

Note: overlap with CDELTA (CTYPE='FREQ')

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

MAXANGSC *new ALMA keyword*

Description: The maximum angular scale resolved by the 12m array

Type: Float

Required units: arcseconds

Computed with: $(0.6 \times \lambda \text{ [m]}) / (\text{minimum projected baseline [m]})$

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

CHANRMS *(AIPS memo #117, 2012)*

Description: Computed RMS of calibrated dataset

Type: Float

Required units: Jy/Beam

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

SPATRES *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Geometric average of the min and the max beam axes.

Type: Float

Required units: arcseconds

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

Note: some overlap with BMAJ and BMIN

UVRANGE *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Median, first and third quartile of the UV length distribution.

Type: Float

Required units: kilowavelengths

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

Note: some overlap with MAXANGSC

SIDLOB *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Ratio of intensity PSF peak to first sidelobe, Computed from the dirty beam (12m, ACA, TP combined).

Type: Float

Required units: dimensionless, expressed a percentage.

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

UVNOISE *new ALMA keyword*

Description: RMS of all visibilities (12m, ACA, TP) combined

Type: Float

Required units: Jy/Beam

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

FOV *new ALMA keyword*

Description: The total field of view of the image

Type: Float

Required value: Degrees^2

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

Note: populating keyword is the jurisdiction of ASA

EFFDIAM *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Effective Diameter of field of view.

Type: Float

Required value: Degrees

Computed with: $2 \times \sqrt{\text{AREA}/\pi}$

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

Note: populating keyword is the jurisdiction of ASA

FOOTPRINT *new ALMA keyword*

Description: String list of RA and DEC coordinates defining the 50% FWHP of the observed area (12m and ACA combined if necessary).

Type: Long string

Required value: Character (with values as RA & Dec coordinates in J2000)

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

Note: populating keyword is the jurisdiction of ASA

SPW *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Identification numbers (may be list), of spectral window, from ASDM

Type: Integer list

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

3.5. Telescope & Data acquisition information.

OBSGEO-X *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: X–coordinate in cartesian geocentric terrestrial reference frame, specifying the location the observation took place at time given in MJD-AVG.

Type: Float

Required units: m

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

OBSGEO-Y *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Y–coordinate in cartesian geocentric terrestrial reference frame, specifying the location the observation took place at time given in MJD-AVG.

Type: Float

Required units: m

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

OBSGEO-Z *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Z–coordinate in cartesian geocentric terrestrial reference frame, specifying the location the observation took place at time given in MJD-AVG.

Type: Float

Required units: m

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

LONPOLE *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Longitude in the coordinate system of celestial system’s north pole.

Type: Float

Required units: Degrees

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

LATPOLE *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Latitude in the coordinate system of celestial system’s north pole.

Type: Float

Required units: Degrees

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

TELESCOP *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Observatory name

Type:

Required value: “ALMA”

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

MINELTP *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Minimum Elevation range achieved during observations of target data, of total power ants

Type: Float

Required units: Degrees , NaN for no data

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

MINEL12 *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Minimum Elevation range achieved during observations of target data of 12m ants

Type: Float

Required units: Degrees.

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

MINEL7 *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Minimum Elevation range achieved during observations of target data, of 7m ants

Type: Float

Required units: Degrees. NaN for no data

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

EPHEMERI *TBC*

Description: Telescope tracking

Type: TBD

Required value: TBD

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

OBSMODE *new ALMA keyword*

Description: List of observing modes contributing data to the image

Type:

Permitted values:

“MOSAIC” (For mosaic pointings)

“SINGLEP” (for single pointings)

“OTF” (For On the Fly maps)

“NUTATED” (For nutator obs, TBD)

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

EXPTIMTP *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Integration time of Total power ants.

Type: Float

Required units: Seconds, 0 for no data

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

EXPTIM12 *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Integration time of 12m ants

Type: Float

Required units: Seconds, 0 for no data

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

EXPTIM7 *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Integration time of 7m ants

Type: Float

Required units: Seconds, 0 for no data

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

INSTRUME (Reserved kwd FS3.0)

Description: The receiver band used for the image observations

Type: Character

Required values: 'BX', where X= integer 3-9.

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

OBSTYPE new ALMA keyword

Description: Intent of observation as described in the OT (regardless of actual role in dataset - e.g. the bandpass source is still "bpcal", even if for some reason, it was not used to calibrate the data). Values can be combined as necessary.

Type: Character

Required values:

"bcal" (bandpass cal observations),

"pcal" (Phase cal observations)

"gcal" (amplitude cal observations)

"target" (Observations of science target)

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

CALIBR new ALMA keyword

Description: Calibrator observing strategy

Type: Comma-separated string with: *intent calname*

e.g. "phaseTP 3c249, bpass c234"

Required value: Sanitized to remove characters likely to interfere with normal linux operations.

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

ALMASW new ALMA keyword

Description: ALMA Software version

Type: Character

Required Format: consistent with ALMA software version format rules

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

MINPRBL new ALMA keyword

Description: Minimum projected baseline

Type: Float

Required units: m

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

MAXPRBL new ALMA keyword

Description: Maximum projected baseline

Type: Float

Required units: m

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

NANTTP new ALMA keyword

Description: Number of ALMA ACA total power antennas contributing to data

Type: Integer

Required format: 0 for no data.

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

NANT12M new ALMA keyword

Description: Number of ALMA 12 m main-array antennas contributing to data.

Type: Integer

Required format: No limitations.

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

NANT7M new ALMA keyword

Description: Number of ALMA ACA 7 m antennas contributing to data

Type: Integer

Required format: 0 for no data.

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

PADLIST new ALMA keyword

Description: List of ALMA pad names contributing to data

Type: Character

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

3.6. PI & Proposal and PI information.

PROPCODE *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Proposal code

Type: Character

Required format: WWWX.YYYYY.Z

WWW = four digit year

X = one digit Cycle number

Y = four digit proposal number

Z = one character proposal type

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

OBSERVER *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Name of Primary investigator

Type: Character

Required value: name will be of format:

lastname,fnitcal, firstname

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

COILIST *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Names of coinvestigators

Type: Character

Required format: Names for each CO-I will be in the format of *lastname, initial, firstname*.

The name list will be semi-colon separated.

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

TITLE *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Parent project name

Type: Character

Required format: No limitations

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

3.7. Pipeline, Archive and Request information.

OBJECT *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Name for source observed

Type: Character

Required format: (Sanitized) character string

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

PIPVER *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Pipeline processing version

Type: Character string

Required value: No limitations

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

PPRNAME *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Proposal request

Type: String

Required value: Value will be sanitized to remove characters likely to interfere with normal UNIX operations

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

CASAVAR *new ALMA keyword*

Description: CASA version

Type: Character

Required value: No limitations

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

ORIGIN *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Organization responsible for dataset

Type: Character

Required value: "JAO"

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

ASDMLIST *new ALMA keyword*

Description: ASDMs contributing to the data

Type: Character

Required values: No limits. Value will be sanitized to remove characters likely to interfere with normal UNIX operations

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

COMBLEVL *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Level of combination of data in FITS

Type: String

Required value: "GROUP" or "MEMBER"

GROUP *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Group observing unit set status uid

Type: String

Required value: Value will be sanitized to remove characters likely to interfere with normal UNIX operations

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

MEMBER *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Member observing unit set status uid

Type:

Required value:

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

SGOALNME *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Group observing unit set name

Type:

Required value:

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

SGOAL *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Group observing unit set status uid

Type:

Required value:

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

SBNAMES *new ALMA keyword*

Description: List of scheduling block names

contributing to dataset

Type: Character

Required value: Value will be sanitized to remove characters likely to interfere with normal UNIX operations

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

SBUIDS *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Scheduling block UIDs contributing to dataset.

Type: Character

Required value: TBD

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

DATATAG *new ALMA keyword*

Description: Data tag

Type: Long String

Required value: "This paper makes use of the following ALMA data: ADS/JAO.ALMA# [Project code]. ALMA is a partnership of ESO (representing its member states), NSF (USA) and NINS (Japan), together with NRC (Canada) and NSC and ASIAA (Taiwan), in cooperation with the Republic of Chile. The Joint ALMA Observatory is operated by ESO, AUI/ NRAO and NAOJ."

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

LINTRN*new ALMA keyword*

Description: List of line transitions in pipeline-produced data.

Type: Character

Required format: Line transition names will be formatted consistently with the convention outlined in XXXXXX. i.e. 12CO(1-0).

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

QA2FLAG*new ALMA keyword*

Description: QA2 status

Type: String

Required value: "PASS", "SEMIPASS" or FAIL"

Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

Note: populating keyword is the jurisdiction of ASA

HISTORY*(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*

Description: Processing history

Type: Character

Required format: "HISTORY ddd mmm hh:mm:ss yyyy process name and process parameters"

History list will follow all other keywords except "END".

Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

4. Appendix II- Keywords altered from version 1.1

SPATRES - returned keyword
UVRANGE - added keyword
SIDELOB - added keyword
UVNOISE - added keyword
CTYPEn - modified to accept only RA/DEC: LSRK, and CTYPE4 is only polarization. CYPE4 must be Stokes.
OBSRA and OBSDEC removed
RATARG, DECTARG -> RA_TARG, DEC_TARG
RADECSYS - required type now ICRS
SPECSYS - required value now LSRK
RESTFREQ - now defined for line transition and continuum measurements.
BUNIT - required value now 'JY/BREAM'
DATAMIN, DATAMAX - added required units: Jy/Beam
DYNRANGE - modified to specify "Equal to DATAMAX/CHANRMS"
Added MAXANGSC - maximum angular scale.
CHANNELRMS - changed to "CHANRMS"
CHANRMS - added required units Jy/beam
FOOTPRINT - added keyword
OBSERVAT - removed keyword
MINBL, MAXBL - changed to MINPRBL and MAXPRBL & modified so they are the max/min projected baselines.
PAD### - changed to PADLIST
COI### - changed to COILIST
OUSID, GOUSID, MOUSID, POUSID, SGOUSID - removed keyword
OUSSID, OUSNME - removed keyword
POUSNAME PRJSTUID, POUSSID- removed keyword
MOUSNME GOUSNME- removed keyword
PPRNAME - type changed to "String" and Required value to explain it will be sanitized.
ORIGIN - defined as "organisation responsible for dataset " - we now require this to be "JAO"
GOUSSID/MOUSSID/SGOUSSID - change to GROUP/MEMBER/SGOAL
SGOUSNME - changed to SGOALNAME
COMBLEVL - keyword added, to hold string for level of combination of data in FITS ("GROUP" or "MEMBER")
DATATAG - modified : "string" type, and required value is publications' acknowledgment text
LINTRN - Modified to remove reference to continuum parameter (non-existent parameter)
QA2REPOR - keyword removed
QA2FLAG - type specified (string), and required value is "pass", "semipass" or "fail".
PLPAR### - keyword removed.

5. Appendix III- Keywords altered from version 1.0

BND-CTR -> BNDCTR
BND-WID -> BNDWID
BND-RES -> BNDRES
RA_TARG -> RATARG
DEC_TARG -> DECTARG
RA_NOM -> RA
DEC_NOM -> DEC
COI### -> COI

Other changes:

1. EXPTIM, NANT and MINEL are now =0 when no data exists (for TP and 7m ants)
2. OBSERVER now has *lastname,initial,firstname*
3. COI field no has *lastname,initial,firstname; lastname, initial, firstname... ..*
4. CALIBR -> description and type updated.
5. Sundry modifications/additions to section 5.

Previous changes:

OBSID	The observing project uid.
PROCR###	The list of processors contributing data to the observation.
IMAGEUID	The image uid
OBJ-TYPE	The source type
CATALOG	The source catalog
SPATRES	Angular resolution
IM-COSYS	The right ascension and declination of the coordinate system
MIN-AZ, MAX-AZ	Azimuth range
BLPA-RMS	Rms of baseline position angle

PIPEUID	The pipeline results entity uid
BL-MAJ	Rms of baseline major axis
BL-MAJ	Rms of baseline minor axis
BLPA-RMS	Rms of baseline position angle

6. Appendix IV - Annotated example FITS header

REQUIRED KEYWORDS:

SIMPLE = T	/ Standard FITS
BITPIX = -32	/ Floating point (32 bit)
NAXIS = 4	/ Number of axes in the associated data array.
NAXIS1 = 240	/ NAXIS 1 dimension
NAXIS2 = 240	/ NAXIS 2 dimension
NAXIS3 = 1	/ NAXIS 3 dimension
NAXIS4 = 1	/ NAXIS 4 dimension

WCS & COORDINATE INFORMATION

PC001001 = 1.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC002001 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC003001 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC004001 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC001002 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC002002 = 1.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC003002 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC004002 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC001003 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC002003 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC003003 = 1.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC004003 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC001004 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC002004 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC003004 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PC004004 = 1.000000000000E+00	/ Transformation matrix terms
PV2_1 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Parameter value #1 for world coordinate axis #2,
PV2_2 = 0.000000000000E+00	/ Parameter value #2 for world coordinate axis #2,
CTYPE1 = 'RA---SIN'	/ WCS term: type of Axis 1
CRVAL1 = 2.853708750000E+02	/ WCS term: Reference pixel value, axis 1
CDELTA1 = -4.444444444444E-05	/ WCS term: Increment per pixel, axis1
CRPIX1 = 1.210000000000E+02	/ WCS term: Reference pixel number, axis 1
CUNIT1 = 'deg '	/ WCS term: Unit of axis 1
CTYPE2 = 'DEC--SIN'	/ WCS term: type of Axis 2
CRVAL2 = -3.703011111111E+01	/ WCS term: Reference pixel value, axis 2
CDELTA2 = 4.444444444444E-05	/ WCS term: Increment per pixel, axis 2
CRPIX2 = 1.210000000000E+02	/ WCS term: Reference pixel number, axis 2
CUNIT2 = 'deg '	/ WCS term: Unit of axis 2
CTYPE3 = 'FREQ '	/ WCS term: type of Axis 3
CRVAL3 = 2.315424966698E+11	/ WCS term: Reference pixel value, axis 3
CDELTA3 = 3.870856771975E+09	/ WCS term: Increment per pixel, axis 3
CRPIX3 = 1.000000000000E+00	/ WCS term: Reference pixel number, axis 3
CUNIT3 = 'Hz '	/ WCS term: Unit of axis 3
CTYPE4 = 'STOKES '	/ WCS term: type of Axis 4
CRVAL4 = 1.000000000000E+00	/ WCS term: Reference pixel value, axis 4
CDELTA4 = 1.000000000000E+00	/ WCS term: Increment per pixel, axis 4
CRPIX4 = 1.000000000000E+00	/ WCS term: Reference pixel number, axis 4
CUNIT4 = ''	/ WCS term: Unit of axis 4
RA = 2.853708750000E+02	/ [deg] Image centre RA
DEC = -3.703011111111E+01	/ [deg] Image centre Dec
RA_TARG = 2.853708750000E+02	/ PI-defined target RA
DEC_TARG = -3.703011111111E+01	/ PI-defined target Dec
RADESYS = 'ICRS '	/ Reference system for equatorial coordinates
RESTFRQ = 2.315424966698E+11	/ Rest Frequency (Hz)
SPECSYS = 'LSRK'	/ Spectral reference frame

OBSERVATIONS TIME INFORMATION

TIMESYS = 'UTC '	/ Time system for time-related keywords and data in the HDU
DATE = '2012-10-11T09:27:32.760000'	/ Date FITS HDU file was written
DATE-OBS = '2012-06-17T05:56:15.792000'	/ Date and time of start of observations comprising data in array
MJD-OBS = 55927.50000	/ Modified Julian Date of start of the observation,
MJD-AVG = 55928.54321	/ Modified Julian Date of the mid-point of the entire observation.
DATE-END = '2012-06-18T05:56:15.792000'	/ Date and time of last observations comprising data in array
EQUINOX = 2.000000000000E+03	/ Equinox of source coordinates and uvw

IMAGE & BEAM PROPERTIES

BMAJ = 2.228875623809E-04	/ [deg] Restoring beam FWHM major axis
BMIN = 1.697528362274E-04	/ [deg] Restoring beam FWHM minor axis
BPA = 5.713778686523E+01	/ [deg] Restoring beam position
BSCALE = 1.000000000000E+00	/ PHYSICAL = PIXEL*BSCALE + BZERO
BZERO = 0.000000000000E+00	/ PHYSICAL = PIXEL*BSCALE + BZERO
BTYPE = 'Intensity'	/ Brightness (pixel) unit (may be depreciated)
BUNIT = 'JY/BEAM '	/ Physical units in which the quantities in array
DATAMAX = 1.5	/ Maximum valid physical value represented by the array
DATAMIN = -.05	/ Minimum valid physical value represented by the array
DYNRANGE = 5.0	/ Actual achieved Dynamic range in dataset.
NPOL = 2	/ Number of orthogonal polarizations observed
STOKES = 'I '	/ List of data Stokes parameters
BNDCTR = 2.315424966698E+11	/ [Hz] Center frequency of data in the FITS array
BNDWID = 1.875E+9	/ [Hz] Effective bandwidth of data in the FITS array
BNDRES = 0.488281E+6	/ [Hz] Effective frequency resolution of data in the FITS array
MAXANGSC = 2000.0	/ Maximum angular scale of data in FITS
CHANRMS = 0.0003	/ RMS per channel of FITS in Jy/Beam
SPATRES = 0.7	/ Geometric average of the min and the max beam axes in arcsec
UVRANGE = 202345 123456 345677	/ Median, 1st and 3rd quartile of the UV length distribution in klambda.
SIDLOB = 0.003	/ Ratio of dirty beam peak to first sidelobe
UVNOISE = 0.34	/ Visibility noise in Jy/Beam
FOV = 0.1234	/ [deg^2] Total field of view of the image
EFFDIAM = 0.1	/ [Deg] Effective diameter of the field of view
FOOTPRINT = " Union ICRS (Polygon 213.915594 19.180544 213.915557 19.180542 213.915518 19.180655 213.915189 19.181873 213.915225 19.181853 213.915225 19.181882 213.914501 19.180928 213.914424 19.180931 213.914391 19.180994 213.914396 19.181031 213.914428 19.181054 213.914428 19.181025 213.914450 19.181030 213.914469 19.181071 213.914469 19.181042 213.914505 19.181051 213.914500 19.181014 213.914535 19.181023)"	/ Footprint outlining region as polygon with vertices in RA/Dec J2000
SPW = 23 45 67 89	/ Spectral window identification number, derived from ASDM

TELESCOPE & DATA ACQUISITION INFORMATION

OBSGEO-X = 2.225142180269E+06	/ [m] X-coordinate of observation position wrt Geocentric reference
OBSGEO-Y = -5.440307370349E+06	/ [m] Y-coordinate of observation position wrt Geocentric reference
OBSGEO-Z = -2.481029851874E+06	/ [m] Z-coordinate of observation position wrt Geocentric reference
LONPOLE = 1.800000000000E+02	/ [deg] Long. in native coordinate system of celestial system's north pole.
LATPOLE = -3.703011111111E+01	/ [deg] Lat in native coordinate system of celestial system's north pole,
TELESCOP = 'ALMA '	/ Telescope name
MINELTP = 65.0	/ [deg] Minimum elevation of ALMA total power antennas (0 for no data)
MINEL12 = 25.0	/ [deg] Minimum elevation of ALMA 12 m main array antennas
MINEL7 = 65.0	/ [deg] Minimum elevation of ALMA 7 m ACA antennas (0 for no data)
EPHEMERI = ' '	/ Ephemeris details, if any
OBSMODE = 'std interferometry, RSTR'	/ List of observing modes contributing data
EXPTIMTP = 720	/ [s] On-source obs time of ALMA ACA total power antennas (0 for no data)
EXPTIM12 = 300	/ [s] On-source obs time of ALMA 12 m main array antennas
EXPTIM7 = 1440	/ [s] On-source obs time of ALMA ACA 7 m antennas (0 for no data)
INSTRUME = 'BAND6 '	/ ALMA name for observations Band
OBSTYPE = 'science'	/ Intent of observation
CALIBR = 'phaseTP 3c249, phase12 c234'	/ Calibrator observing strategy
ALMASW = 'R.1.10 '	/ ALMA Software version
MINPRBL = 7	/ [m] Minimum baseline
MAXPRBL = 6000	/ [m] Maximum baseline
NANTTP = 4	/ Number of ALMA ACA total power antennas used in data (0 for no data)
NANT12M = 55	/ Number of ALMA 12 m main-array antennas used in data
NANT7M = 7	/ Number of ALMA ACA 7 m ACA antennas used in data (0 for no data)
PADLIST = 'J501, J503, J503'	/ List of ALMA pad names contributing to data

PROPOSAL & PI INFORMATION

PROPCODE = '2011.0.00101.S'	/ ALMA proposal ID
OBSERVER = 'feynman,p, richard'	/ ALMA ident of PI
COILIST = 'sagan, e, carl; hawking, w, stephen'	/ ALMA ident of COIs
TITLE = 'An astronomy project with ALMA'	/ ALMA proposal title

PIPELINE, ARCHIVE & REQUEST INFORMATION

OBJECT = 'Lup_25 '	/ PI name for the object observed.
PIPVER = '1.0'	/ Pipeline version used to produce FITS data
PPRNAME = 'uid://A005/X006/X007 '	/ Pipeline processing request name
CASAVAR = 'CASA 3.4.0 (release r19988)'	/ Version of CASA used by pipeline to produce FITS data
ORIGIN = 'JAO'	/ Organisation responsible for producing dataset.
ASDMLIST = 'uid____A002_X433c46_X4d2'	/ uid names of executionblocks contributing to data
COMBLEVL = "GROUP"	/ Level at which data is combined in this FITS
GROUP = 'uid://A005/X006/X007'	/ Group observing unit set status ID
MEMBER = 'uid://A008/X009/X010'	/ Member observing unit set status ID
SGOAL = 'uid://A009/X010/X011'	/ Science Goal Observing unit set ID
SGOALNME = 'ExampleSGOUSname'	/ Science Goal Observing unit set name
SBNAMES = 'exampleSB1 '	/ Names of scheduling blocks contributing to data in array
SBUIDS = 'uid://A017/X018/X019'	/ IDs of scheduling blocks contributing to data in array
DATATAG = 'This paper makes use of the following ALMA data: ADS/JAO.ALMA# [Project code]. ALMA is a partnership of ESO (representing its member states), NSF (USA) and NINS (Japan), together with NRC (Canada) and NSC and ASIAA (Taiwan), in cooperation with the Republic of Chile. The Joint ALMA Observatory is operated by ESO, AUI/NRAO and NAOJ '	
LINTRN = '12CO(1-0)'	/ List of line transitions in pipeline-produced data
QA2FLAG = 'PASS'	/ QA2 flag description

HISTORY AND END

HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:45:18 2012 Dummy history data
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:45:18 2012 More dummy history data
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:45:18 2012 Still more dummy history data
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:45:18 2012 and yet more dummy history data
END / End of HDU

7. Appendix V- Current Example FITS header

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SIMPLE =          T /Standard FITS
BITPIX =         -32 /Floating point (32 bit)
NAXIS =           4
NAXIS1 =          240
NAXIS2 =          240
NAXIS3 =           1
NAXIS4 =           1
BSCALE = 1.000000000000E+00 /PHYSICAL =
PIXEL*BSCALE + BZERO
BZERO = 0.000000000000E+00
BMAJ = 2.228875623809E-04
BMIN = 1.697528362274E-04
BPA = 5.713778686523E+01
BTYPE = 'Intensity'
OBJECT = 'Lup_25 '
BUNIT = 'JY/BEAM ' /Brightness (pixel) unit
EQUINOX = 2.000000000000E+03
RAESYS = 'FK5 '
LONPOLE = 1.800000000000E+02
LATPOLE = -3.703011111111E+01
PC001001= 1.000000000000E+00
PC002001= 0.000000000000E+00
PC003001= 0.000000000000E+00
PC004001= 0.000000000000E+00
PC001002= 0.000000000000E+00
PC002002= 1.000000000000E+00
PC003002= 0.000000000000E+00
PC004002= 0.000000000000E+00
PC001003= 0.000000000000E+00
PC002003= 0.000000000000E+00
PC003003= 1.000000000000E+00
PC004003= 0.000000000000E+00
PC001004= 0.000000000000E+00
PC002004= 0.000000000000E+00
PC003004= 0.000000000000E+00
PC004004= 1.000000000000E+00
CTYPE1 = 'RA---SIN'
CRVAL1 = 2.853708750000E+02
CDEL1 = -4.444444444444E-05
CRPIX1 = 1.210000000000E+02
CUNIT1 = 'deg '
CTYPE2 = 'DEC--SIN'
CRVAL2 = -3.703011111111E+01
CDEL2 = 4.444444444444E-05
CRPIX2 = 1.210000000000E+02
CUNIT2 = 'deg '
CTYPE3 = 'FREQ '
CRVAL3 = 2.315424966698E+11
CDEL3 = 3.870856771975E+09
CRPIX3 = 1.000000000000E+00
CUNIT3 = 'Hz '
CTYPE4 = 'STOKES '
CRVAL4 = 1.000000000000E+00
CDEL4 = 1.000000000000E+00
CRPIX4 = 1.000000000000E+00
CUNIT4 = ' '
PV2_1 = 0.000000000000E+00
PV2_2 = 0.000000000000E+00
RESTFRQ = 2.315424966698E+11 /Rest Frequency (Hz)
SPECSYS = 'TOPOCENT' /Spectral reference frame
ALTRVAL = -0.000000000000E+00 /Alternate frequency
reference value
ALTRPIX = 1.000000000000E+00 /Alternate frequency
reference pixel
VELREF = 259 /1 LSR, 2 HEL, 3 OBS, +256
Radio

COMMENT casacore non-standard usage: 4 LSD, 5 GEO, 6
SOU, 7 GAL
TELESCOP= 'ALMA '
OBSERVER= 'mschreiber'
DATE-OBS= '2012-06-17T05:56:15.792000'
TIMESYS = 'UTC '
OBSRA = 2.853708750000E+02
OBSDEC = -3.703011111111E+01
OBSGEO-X= 2.225142180269E+06
OBSGEO-Y= -5.440307370349E+06
OBSGEO-Z= -2.481029851874E+06
DATE = '2012-10-11T09:27:32.760000' /Date FITS file was
written
ORIGIN = 'CASA 3.4.0 (release r19988)'
HISTORY CASA START LOGTABLE
HISTORY 2012-10-11T07:39:32 INFO
SRCCODE='imager::clean()'
HISTORY 2012-10-11T07:39:32 INFO
SRCCODE='imager::clean()'
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:45:18 2012 HISTORY
im::calcuwv() [fields = [1], refcode =
HISTORY > J2000, reuse = 0] UVW and visibilities changed
with calcuwv
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:45:45 2012 HISTORY flagcmd []
taskname = flagcmd
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:45:45 2012 HISTORY flagcmd []
vis = "uid___A002_X433
HISTORY >c46_X4d2.ms"
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:45:45 2012 HISTORY flagcmd []
inpmode = "table"
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:46:46 2012 HISTORY flagcmd []
taskname = flagcmd
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:46:46 2012 HISTORY flagcmd []
vis = "uid___A002_X433
HISTORY >c46_X4d2.ms"
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:46:46 2012 HISTORY flagcmd []
inpmode = "table"
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:12 2012 HISTORY
calibrator::setdata [Beginning selectv
HISTORY >is--(MSSelection version)-----, chanmode=none
nchan=1 start=0 step=1
HISTORY >Start='0km/s' mStep='0km/s' msSelect="]
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:24 2012 HISTORY
calibrator::correct [] Beginning corre
HISTORY >ct-----
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
taskname=applycal
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
version: 3.4.0 3.4.0 rev.
HISTORY > 1998 Sat 2012/06/09 04:50:50 UTC
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
vis = "uid___A002_
HISTORY >X433c46_X4d2.ms"
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
field = "0"
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
spw = "17,19"
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
intent = ""
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
selectdata = True
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
timerange = ""
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
uvrange = ""
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
antenna = ""
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HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
scan      = ""
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
observation = ""
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
msselect  = ""
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
gaintable = ['uid____A002
HISTORY >_X433c46_X4d2.ms.tsys',
'uid____A002_X433c46_X4d2.ms.wvr.smooth', 'uid____
HISTORY >A002_X433c46_X4d2.ms.antpos']
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
gainfield = ['0', "", "
HISTORY >]
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
interp    = ['linear,lin
HISTORY >ear']
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
spwmap     = [[0, 1, 2, 3
HISTORY >, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 11, 11, 13, 13, 15, 15, 9, 9,
11, 11], [], []]
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
gaincurve  = False
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
opacity    = []
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
parang     = False
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
calwt      = True
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:37 2012 HISTORY applycal []
flagbackup = False
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:38 2012 HISTORY
calibrator::setdata [Beginning selectv
HISTORY >is--(MSSelection version)-----, chanmode=none
nchan=1 start=0 step=1
HISTORY >Start='0km/s' mStep='0km/s' msSelect=""]
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:50 2012 HISTORY
calibrator::correct [] Beginning corre
HISTORY >ct-----
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:58 2012 HISTORY applycal []
taskname=applycal
HISTORY Thu Oct 11 02:50:58 2012 HISTORY
.
.
<snip 7 pages of history>
.
.
HISTORY CASA END LOGTABLE
END

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