



New ALMA Archive Tools: AKF & ASQ

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AKF: ALMA Keyword Filler

This Python code is developed in the framework of the **ALMA Archive development plan**. Each method generates a **new keyword to be added to the input image FITS header**. **Keywords are officially defined in a dedicated ALMA document**

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product requirements and
recommendations.
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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-? (XYZ) must be correct at the time given by MJD-AVG.
Does not exist in CASA FITS products.

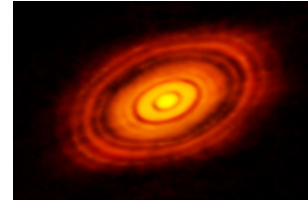
EQUINOX *(Reserved kwd FS3.0)*
Description: Epoch of the mean equator and equinox in years. This keyword is the standard replacement for "EPOCH".
Type: Fbat
Required value: 2.0000000000E+03
Currently exists in CASA FITS products.

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If run at the end of the imaging process it will **complement the information** provided by the previous analysis steps and **allow more advanced archive searching criteria**.

The Inputs

Inputs are a **FITS image** generated as a result of an ALMA data reduction process and the **measurement sets that were used to generate it**



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uid__A002_1*.ms  
uid__A002_2*.ms  
uid__A002_3*.ms  
uid__A002_4*.ms  
...
```



The Python methods

Each Python method extracts from the image or the ms list the value of a **new keyword not generated by the FITS standard 3.0 or by the pipeline/CASA processing**.

AKF is a standalone library that relies only on CASA toolkits and tasks.

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RA, DEC  
DATE_OBS, MJD_OBS  
DATAMAX, DATAMIN  
DYNRANGE  
STOKES  
BNDCTR, BNDWID, BNDRES  
MAXANGSC  
CHANRMS  
SPATRES, UVRANGE  
MINEL, EXPTIME  
CALIBR, OBSMODE  
NANT, PADLIST ...
```



The Output

The header of the input image is updated and the **new keywords are added to the existing ones**.

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'), 'MJD-AVG': 57090.394494444437, 'DATE-END': '2015-03-09T10:17:53.32', 'SPATRE  
S': '1.15', 'MAXANGSC': '11.01', 'MJD-OBS': 57090.35989944444, 'STOKES': 'I', 'D  
ATAMIN': -0.009337911382317543, 'NANT7M': {'uid__A002_X9bb7a8_Xed0.ms': [0], 'u  
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52.718391141051477}, 'MINEL7': {'uid__A002_X9bb7a8_Xed0.ms': None, 'uid__A002_  
X9bb7a8_X10f6.ms': None}, 'DATAMAX': 0.036412525922060013, 'UVRANGE': {'THIRD_QU  
ART': 139.01702500566142, 'FIRST_QUART': 52.478969399053966, 'MEDIAN': 88.565402  
729637071}, 'BNDRES': 31253000.0, 'MINPRBL': 15.053542848555974, 'PADLIST': ['A1  
37', 'A040', 'A068', 'A030', 'A058', 'A070', 'A043', 'A071', 'A013', 'A035', 'A0  
19', 'A017', 'A036', 'A075', 'A046', 'A018', 'A066', 'A072', 'A010', 'A016', 'A0  
62', 'A031', 'A024', 'A037', 'A027', 'A044', 'A002', 'A033', 'A011', 'A004', 'A0  
05'], 'NANT12M': {'uid__A002_X9bb7a8_Xed0.ms': [31], 'uid__A002_X9bb7a8_X10f6  
.ms': [31]}, 'MAXPRBL': 327.79104921295027}
```

I-ASQ: Italian ALMA Sky Query

This GUI is **currently under development** in response to PI requests during Cycle 4 proposal preparation. For a given position/source ID it will **query the archive** (exploiting the Astroquery engine), to extract some basic information, and **display the frequency coverage of data and images available**, allowing several options for downloads.

The screenshot displays the I-ASQ GUI interface, which is divided into several sections:

- 1. Archive query selection parameters:** Includes fields for source file, RA (11:40:43.96), DEC (22:25:49.1), selection radius (10.0), frequency start/stop, and band selection (B3-B10). A "Query criteria browser" callout points to these fields.
- 2. Archive search results:** Lists project code (2011.0.test.5), spatial resolution (0.488584069427), RA, DEC, band (7.3), frequency resolution (976.5625), integration (90.72), velocity resolution (855.843667931), observation date (2012-10-21 11:01:26), PNV (0.496916), and project title (test). A callout "Image details from FITS header" points to this section.
- 3. Show frequency setup:** A bar chart titled "Frequency coverage" showing coverage vs. frequency (freq). A callout "Interactive band setup inspection" points to the chart.
- 4. Field with individual pointings:** A sky region view showing ALMA data pointings and FOV. A callout "Interactive continuum image display" points to a zoomed-in image, and another callout "Interactive sky region view including ALMA data pointings and FOV" points to the main view.
- 5.1 Pointing selection:** Shows a "Selected pointing list" with "B3 (example)".
- 5.2 Freq markers:** A list of frequency markers (B3, B4, B6, B7, B9, B10) with "Download" buttons. A callout "Filters for different download choices" points to this section.
- 5.3 Pointing filter:** Includes "RESET", "INSPECT IMAGE ONLY", and "KEEP DOWNLOAD + IMAGE" buttons.

The framework and future plans

This tool is intended to be **a support to users while the archive interface development is on-going** in the framework of the ALMA Archive development plan. **Soon to be released**, new features and tools will be added later to maximize its usability.