



# SOFIA Proposal Development: Demonstration using SOFIA tools to make a SOFIA Proposal

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# Sample Proposal Development

- This is a worked example illustrating usage of SOFIA proposal development tools
- Proposal concept: Measuring magnetic fields and [C II] structure of galaxies using HAWC+ and FIFI-LS









# Practical steps to Prepare for Proposal

- Select concept and determine what has already been done to identify what could be new within SOFIA's general bounds
- Tools = ADS abstracts, astro-ph, SOFIA publications
- https://dcs.sofia.usra.edu/dataRetrieval/SofiaPublications.jsp
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### **SOFIA Publications**

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Publication Number	Author	Title	Date	Publication	Science Topic	Keywords	Instruments	Program	Image	Links
9999	Matsuura, M	SOFIA observations of Supernova 1987A in 2016 ? possible dust re-formation after passage of shocks?	2018-03	submitted to MNRAS	Stars and stellar evolution		FORCAST	04_0016		
9999	Ma, J.	SOFIA/HAWC Detection of a Gravitationally Lensed Starburst Galaxy at Z=1.03	2018-01	submitted to ApJL	Extragalactic and galactic center		HAWC	05_0087		
9999	Bosh, A.	Haze in Pluto's atmosphere: Results from SOFIA and ground-based observationsof the 2015 June 29 Pluto occultation	2018-99	submitted to Icarus and under review	Solar System		FLITECAM, HIPO	03_0028		
9999	Langer, W.	The nature of molecular cloud boundary layers from SOFIA [OI] observations	2018-99	A&A	Interstellar medium		GREAT	05_0015		
9999	Iserlohe, C	FIFI-LS Observations of the Circumnuclear Ring: Probing the high-density phase of the PDR	2018-99	submitted to A&A	Extragalactic and galactic center		FIFI-LS	70_0408		
9999	Schneider, N	Anatomy of the massive star-forming region S106	2018-99	submitted to A&A	Star formation		GREAT	03_0095 83_0008		
9999	Sandell, G	Velocity resolved [OI] 63 microns emission in the HD 50138 circumstellar disk	2018-99	submitted to A&A	Interstellar medium		GREAT	83_0431		
9999	Xu, D	The distribution of carbon in rho ophiuchus A	2018-99	submitted to ApJ	Interstellar medium		GREAT			
9999	Perez- Beaupuits, JP	A Thorough view of the nuclear region of	2018-99	submitted	Extragalactic and galactic		GREAT	83_0008		

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106	Wiesemeyer, H	Unveiling the chemistry of interstellar CH: Spectroscopy of the 2 THz N=2-1 ground state line	2018-04	accepted to A&A [DOI]	Interstellar medium	GREAT	83_0435		[astro-ph]
105	Goldsmith, P	Velocity Resolved [C II] Emission from Cold Diffuse Clouds in the Interstellar Medium	2018-03	2018ApJ85696G [DOI]	Interstellar medium	GREAT	03_0012		[ADS]
104	Jameson, K	First Results from the Herschel and ALMA Spectroscopic Surveys of the SMC: The Relationship between [C ii]-bright Gas and CO-bright Gas at Low Metallicity	2018-03	2018ApJ853111J [DOI]	Extragalactic and galactic center	GREAT	03_0120		[ADS]
103	Rangwala, N	High Spectral Resolution SOFIA/EXES Observations of C2H2 Towards Orion Irc2	2018-03	2018ApJ8569R [DOI]	Interstellar medium	EXES	03_0126		[ADS] [astro-ph] [teletalk]
102	Bisbas, T.	The Inception of Star Cluster Formation Revealed by [CII] Emission Around an Infrared Dark Cloud	2018-03	2018MNRAS.tmpL40B [DOI]	Star formation	GREAT	04_0169		[astro-ph] [ADS]
101	Aoki, S.	Stringent Upper Limit of CH4 on Mars Based on SOFIA/EXES Observations		2018A&A610A78A [DOI]	Solar System	EXES	04_0087		[ADS]
100	Bally, J	Kinematics of the Horsehead Nebula and IC 434 Ionization Front in CO and C	2018-02	2018, AJ vol 155, No. 2 [DOI]	Interstellar medium	GREAT	75_0015	3	[ADS]
99	Hankins, M	An Infrared Study of the Circumstellar Material Associated with the Carbon Star R Sculptoris		2018ApJ85227H [DOI]	Stars and stellar evolution	FORCAST	70_0400	Canada and a second	[ADS] [teletalk]



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# Building the potential target list

- After checking "obvious" targets and doing literature search, there appears to be remaining discovery space for the project
- Study the relevant Science Instrument website and scan Observers Handbook to get a better idea of what are the critical drivers of sensitivity
- Now, further elaborate a potential target list and begin numerical feasibility estimate based on the sensitivity metrics









# Feasibility metric: far-IR polarization

- Signal-to-noise depends primarily on the surface brightness
- Herschel and Spitzer covered almost the exact same wavelengths
  - Herschel: get quick-look products, units Jy/pix, scale from Herschel to SOFIA pixel size
  - Spitzer: get PBCD products, units MJy/sr, multiply SOFIA pixel size



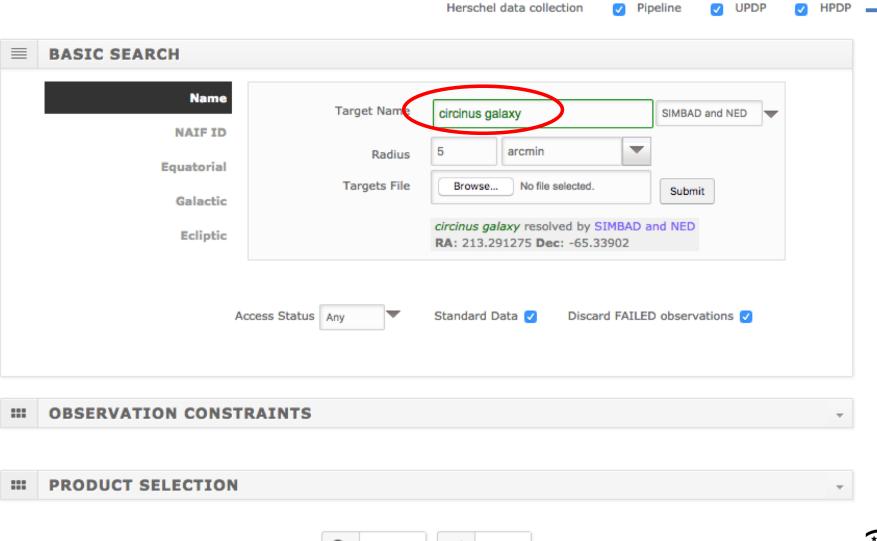






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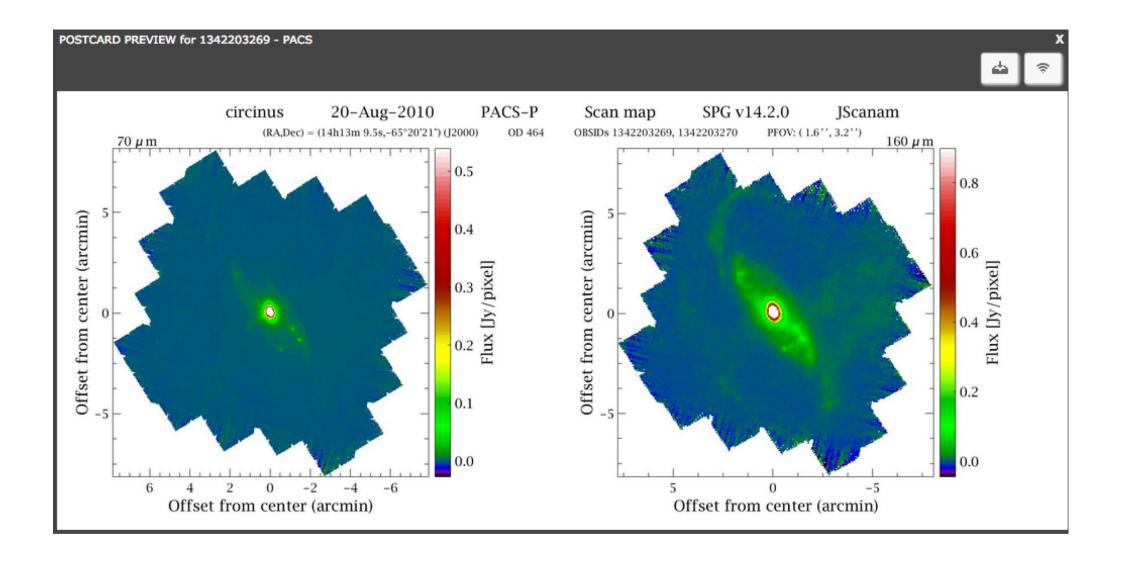




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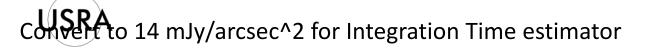






Read from plot or download FITS of "Postcard" to get approximate 0.03 Jy/pix at 70μm

Multiply by (PixSizeHAWC/PixSizeHerschel)^2 and interpolate to get 230 mJy/pix for HAWC, comp











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### **SOFIA Instrument Time Estimator (SITE)**

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### SOFIA Instrument Time Estimator (SITE)





### **HAWC\_Plus**

### Outputs

Relative atmospheric transmission	0.99779	
Signal to noise per pixel	26.3	

### User Inputs

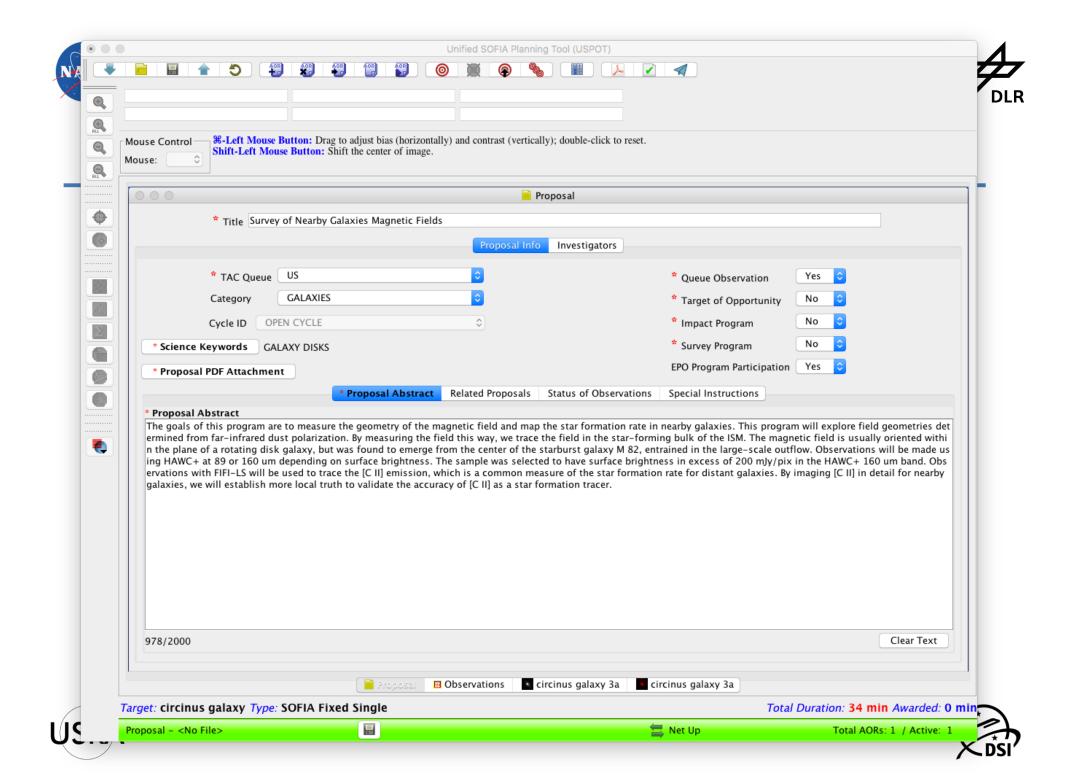
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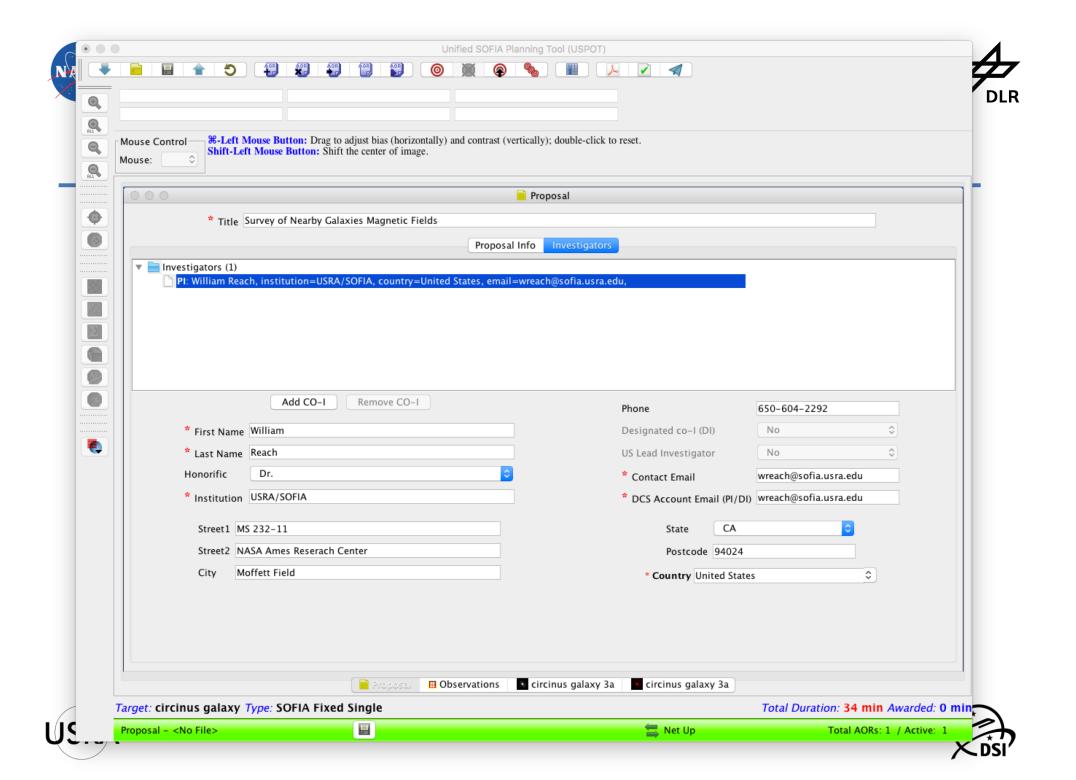
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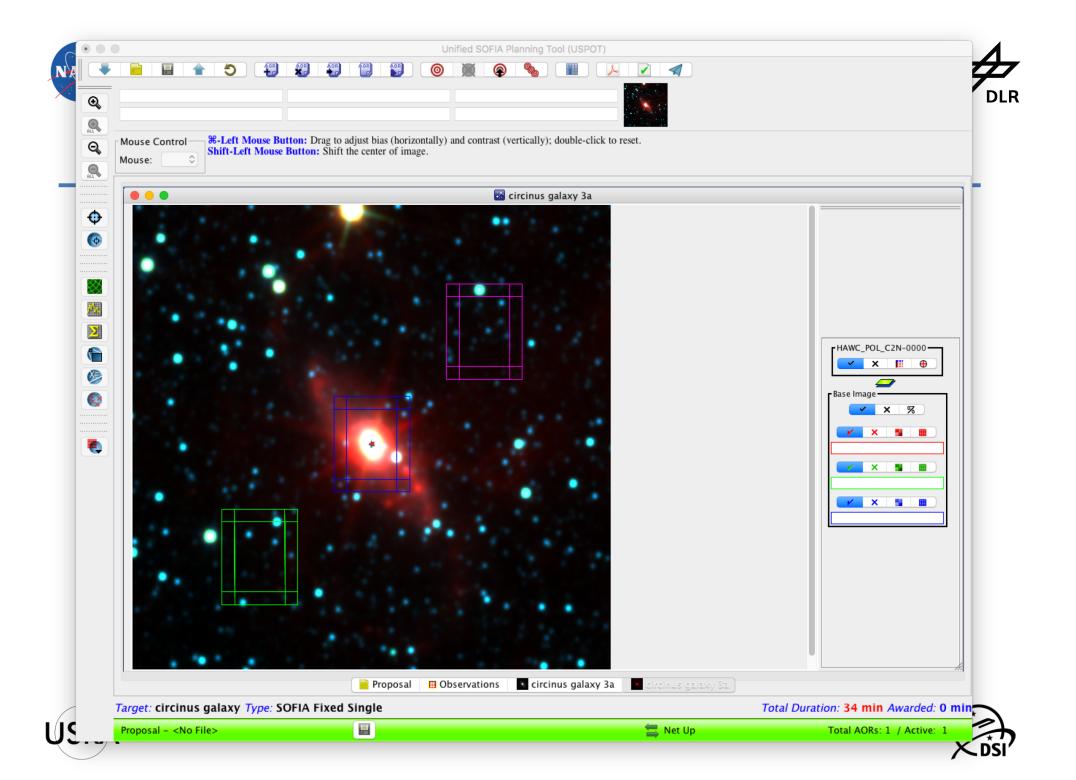
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#### Target: circinus galaxy Type: SOFIA Fixed Single

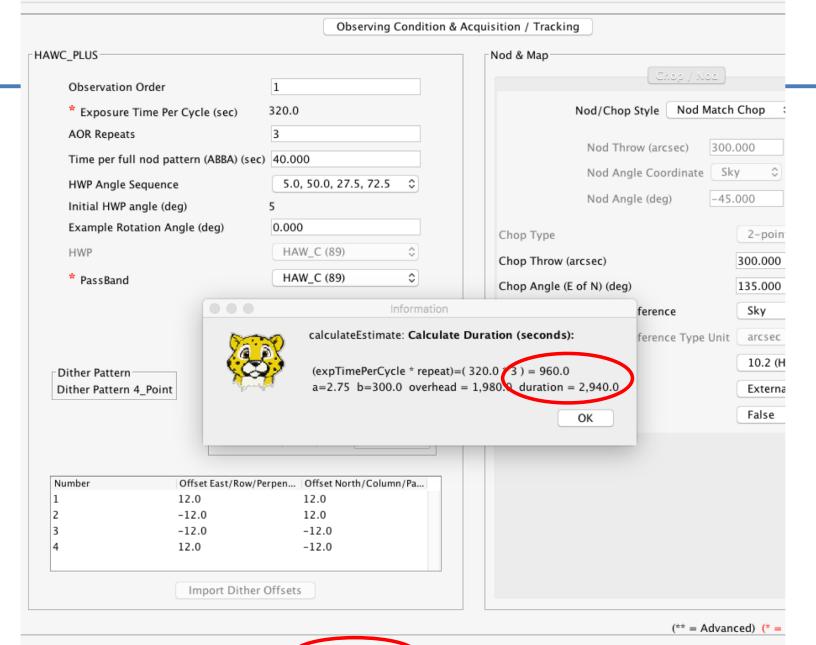
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New Target

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Target List...





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# CII spectroscopy with FIFI-LS

- Checking feasibility using source flux estimate
- For this proposal, we use a scaling between star formation rate surface density and CII: <*CII/SFRSB*>
- Find the Star Formation Rate from Kingfish or other work: SFR = 5 Msun/yr for Circinus
- Divide SFR by square of galaxy size to get average
   <SFRSB>= 0.18 Msun/yr/kpc^2
- Multiply <*CII/SFRSB*> and scale to FIFI-LS 12" pixels to find: <*CII*>=7.8e-16 W/m2/pix





## Web-based input form for FIFI-LS time estimator



This form can be used to estimate the integration time needed to reach a requested signal-to-noise for an input source fluxLR

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**V\_LSR**: 434 km/s

Velocity corrected wavelength: 157.969 microns

Plotted wavelength range: 157.167 - 158.771 microns

Interpolated values from data table:

Bandwidth = 0.802 microns

 $MDLF = 2.084e-17 \text{ W/m}^2$ 

MDCF = 0.571 Jy

Atmospheric Transmission: 0.848 0.873

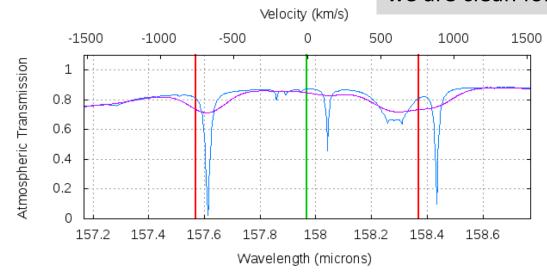
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Integration time (t\_on): 0.023 0.022 minutes

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#### Plot of Atmospheric Transmi

Look carefully to see what atmospheric lines are your target's predicted wavelength. It looks like we are clean for this one.



The blue curve is the ATRAN model for the atmospheric transmission. Radiation from an astronomical source will be attenuated by the atmospheric transmission before detection by FIFI-LS.

The purple curve is the transmission spectrum smoothed to the resolution of the instrument. The spectrum of a continuum source will appear similar to that of the purple curve.

The green line is the observing wavelength (rest wavelength plus Doppler correction).

The red lines depict the FIFI-LS instantaneous bandwidth or the user entered bandwidth, whichever is greater.

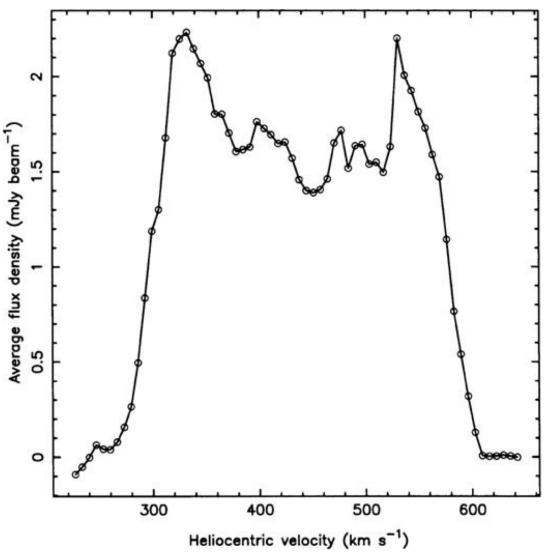








# 21-cm line profile of Circinus



When possible, predict the line profile of your source and compare in detail to the telluric absorption

In this case, we assume the [C II] will be similar to HI 21-cm

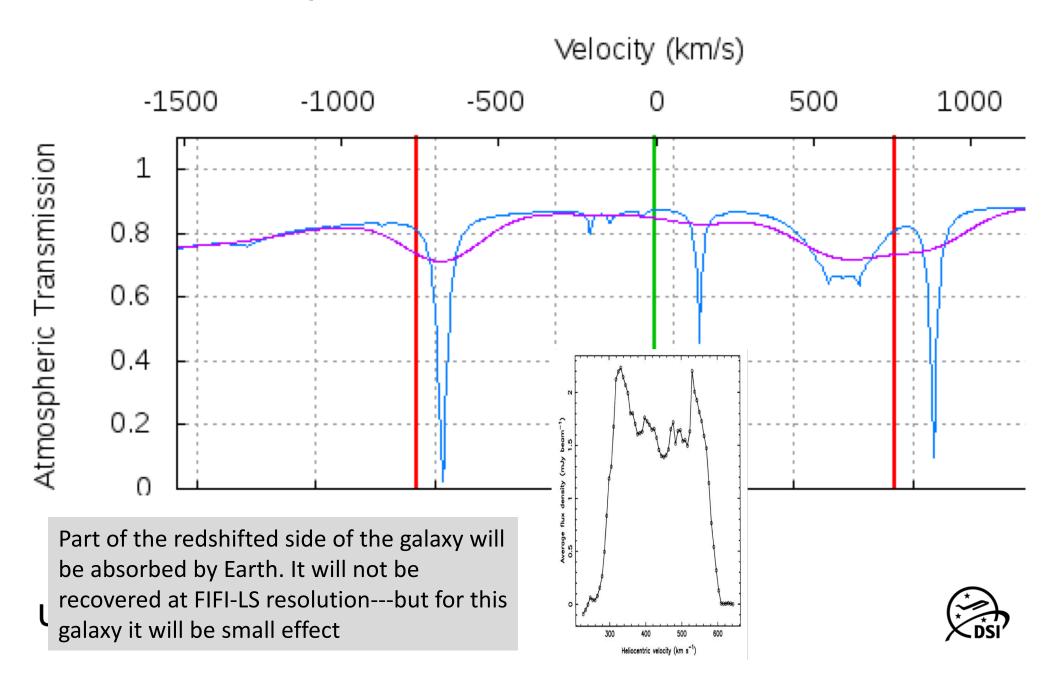
**USKA**Jones et al 1999, MNRAS 302, 649







## Compare Line Profile to Telluric



Unique AOR Label: cii\_circinus

Target: circinus galaxy Type: SOFIA Fixed Single 213.291275, -65.339019 Equ J2000 or 14h13m09.9060s, -65d20m20.468s Equ J2000

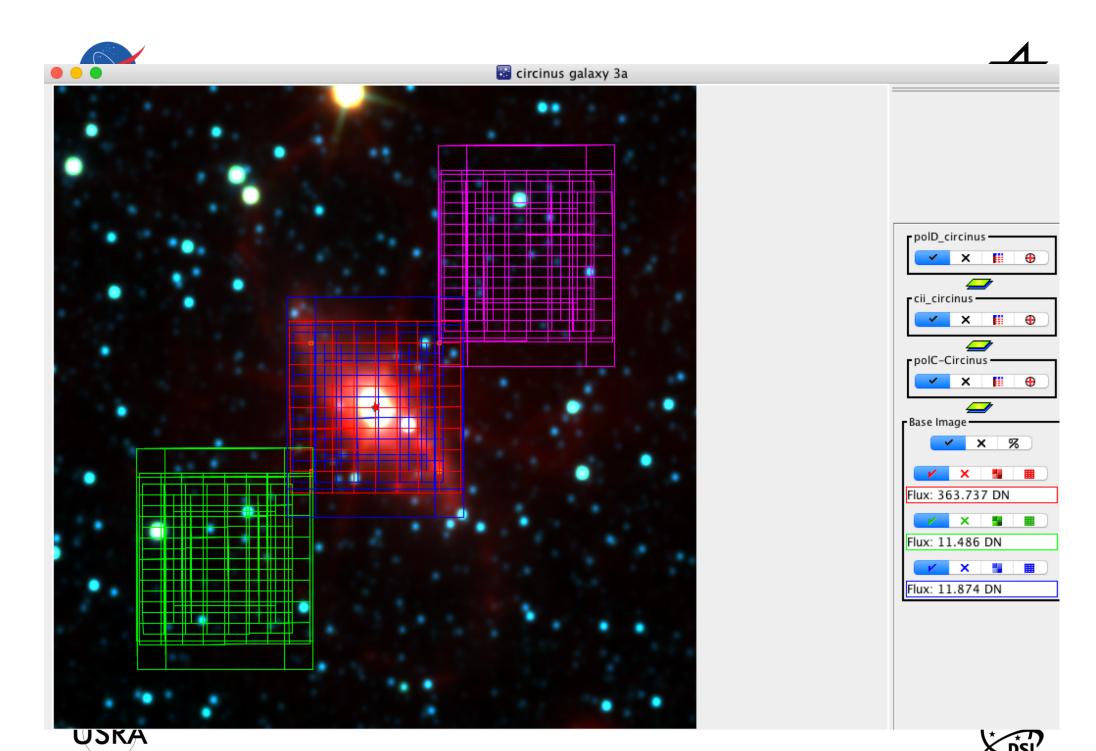
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servation Order	0	* On source exp. time per cycle (sec)	30.000			
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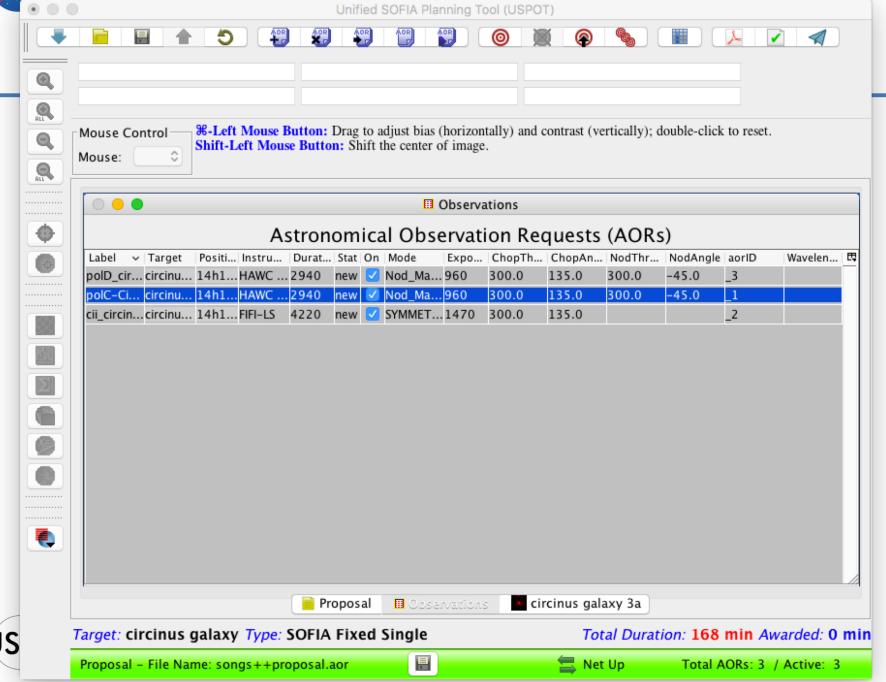
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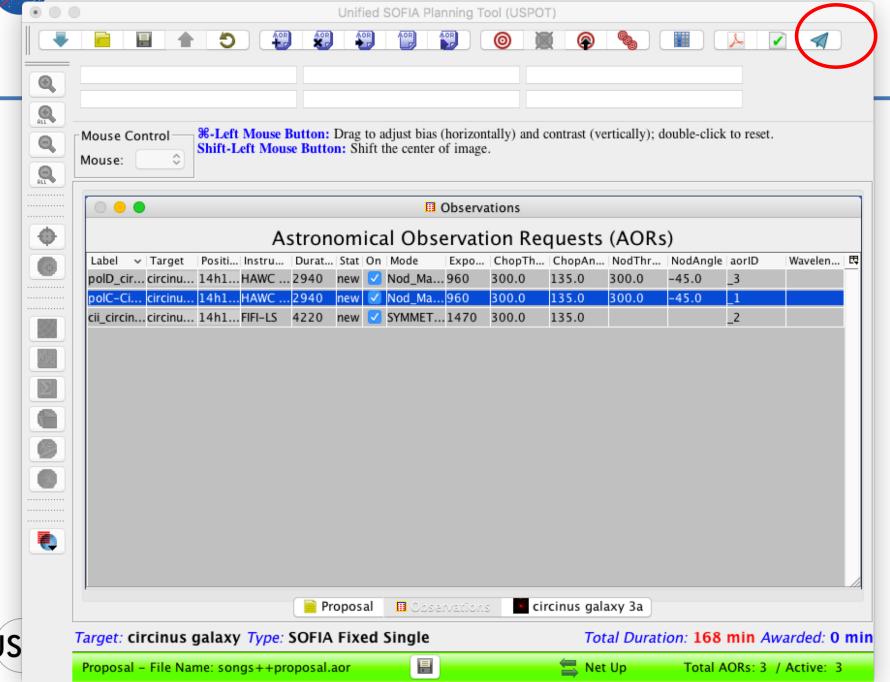






Submit the proposal and cross fingers











# Updating your proposal

- Updating submissions is possible
  - In Uspot, File-> "Download from DCS"
  - Work on your Observations or the Scientific Justification
  - When you press "Submit" again, your proposal is resubmitted to the same PlanID (07\_xxxx)
  - Saving your program to a file is recommended for safety
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