

V120b DESHIMA: A New Baseline Subtraction Method for Ultra-wideband Spectra

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We are developing an ultra-wideband imaging spectrometer in the sub/mm, DESHIMA (DEep Spectroscopic HIgh-redshift Mapper), employing an on-chip filter bank and microwave kinetic inductance detectors (MKIDs). In ASTE/DESHIMA commissioning in 2017, we have already achieved an instantaneous bandwidth of 45 GHz (Endo; ASJ meeting 2018 spring). In the reduction of such ultra-wideband time-series data, however, we find that the time variation of opacity, $\tau(t)$, is no longer constant over the waveband but has a frequency dependency like $\tau(\nu, t)$, from both observation and model. This makes spectral baseline strongly non-linear, which should fail the conventional baseline subtraction by a constant or polynomial function.

In this poster, we introduce a new spectral baseline subtraction method for such data. Using the ALMA atmospheric model, we express the frequency-dependent $\tau(\nu, t)$ by frequency-independent precipitable water vapor, $PWV(t)$, and fit baseline of each spectrum by estimating $PWV(t)$ and constant value, $C(t)$, instead of coefficients of a polynomial function. We demonstrate that this method clearly subtracts scanning effect compared to conventional method in a map cube of a Orion OTF observation. We also find that this method keeps continuum emission as $C(t)$, which may offer a new way of “spectral cleaning” for continuum observations.