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Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array
Expanded Very Large Array

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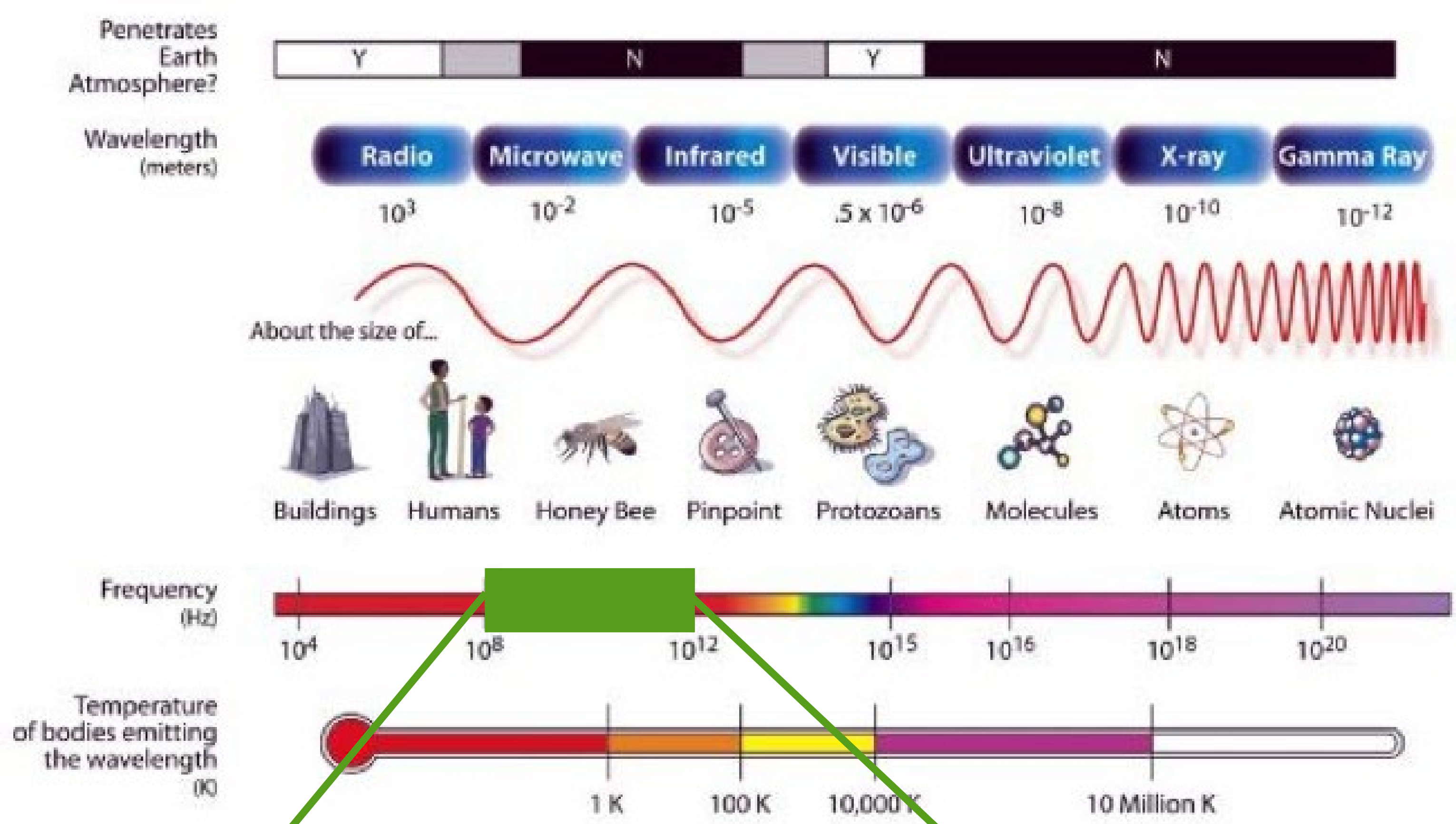
Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array: a 66-antenna array in Chile


Penetrates Earth Atmosphere?
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Wavelength (meters)
Radio
Microwave
Infrared
Visible
Ultraviolet
X-ray
Gamma Ray
10^3
10^{-2}
10^{-5}
$.5 \times 10^{-6}$
10^{-8}
10^{-10}
10^{-12}
About the size of...
Buildings
Humans
Honey Bee
Pinpoint
Protozoans
Molecules
Atoms
Atomic Nuclei
Frequency (Hz)
10^4
10^8
10^{12}
10^{15}
10^{16}
10^{18}
10^{20}
Temperature of bodies emitting the wavelength (K)
1 K
100 K
10,000 K
10 Million K


VLA
1 - 50 GHz
300 - 6 mm


ALMA
80 - 950 GHz
3 - 0.3 mm

What is ALMA?

A global partnership to deliver a revolutionary millimeter/submillimeter telescope array (in collaboration with Chile)

- North America
- Europe
- East Asia

66 reconfigurable, high precision antennas $\lambda \sim 0.3 - 8.6$mm. Array configurations between 150 meters and >16 kilometers: 192 possible antenna locations:

- Main Array: 50 x 12m antennas
- Total Power Array: 4 x 12m antennas
- Atacama Compact Array (ACA): 12 x 7m antennas

Array Operations Site is located at 5000m elevation in the Chilean Andes

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http://youtu.be/YMISe-C8GUs

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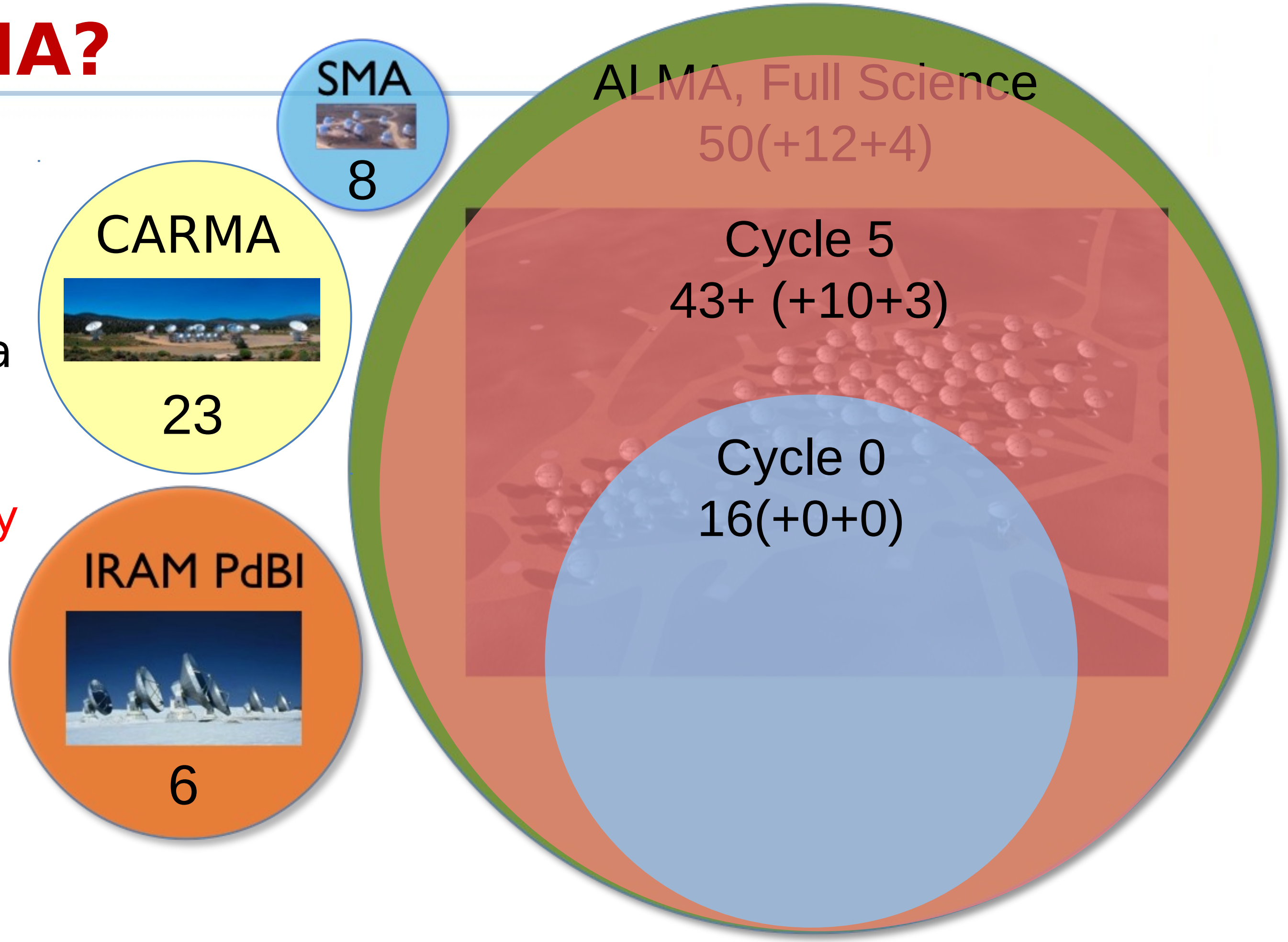
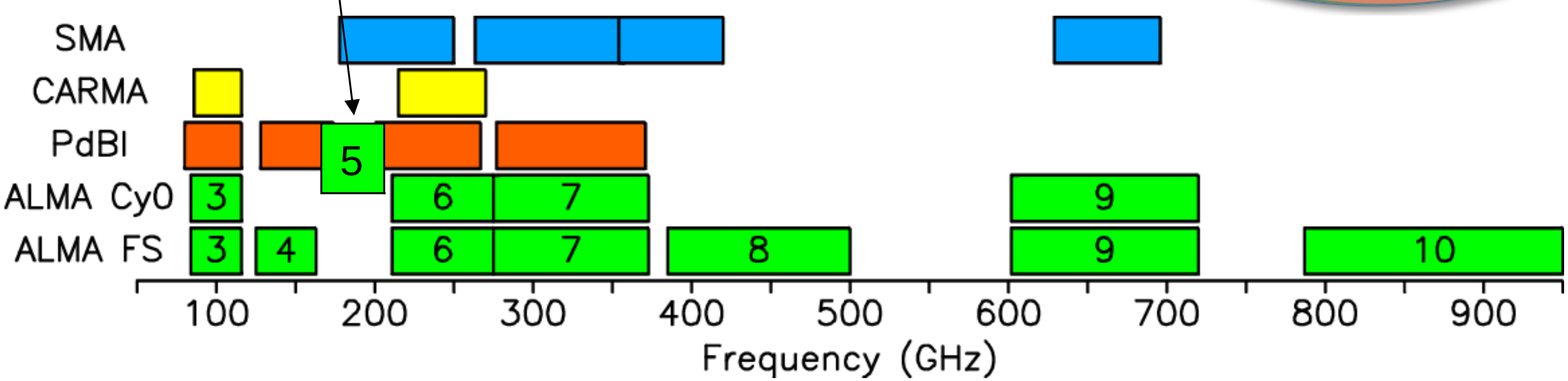
Collecting Area



Not only sensitivity but the collecting area (6600 m2) + huge number of baselines provides image fidelity

New for Cycle 5 – Band 5!



Spectral Coverage - 10 atmospheric windows

ALMA in a Nutshell...

- Angular resolution down to 0.015” (at 300 GHz)
- Sensitive, precision imaging 84 to 950 GHz (3 mm to 315 μm)
- wide-band receivers (8 GHz bandwidth)
- Continuum and high spectral resolution at wide bandwidth
- Full polarization capabilities

- All science data archived
- Pipeline processing

ALMA is 10-100 times more sensitive and have 10-100 times better angular resolution than current mm interferometers

Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array
In search of our Cosmic Origins

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Documentation

Call for Proposals

Documentation supporting the current ALMA Call for Proposals – **Cycle 4**. Documents from previous Cycles are provided here.

Document	Description
ALMA Proposer's Guide	Contains all pertinent information regarding the ALMA Call for Proposals
ALMA Technical Handbook	A comprehensive description of the ALMA observatory and its components
ALMA Users' Policies	The long-term core policies for use of the ALMA and ALMA data by the science community
Observing With ALMA - A Primer	Introduction to interferometry and how to use ALMA
ALMA Proposal Template	LaTeX format. Recommended but not mandatory
ALMA Proposal Review Process	An updated ALMA Principles of the ALMA Proposal Review Process

Contents

ALMA is a telescope for *all* astronomers

Broad Science Topics with NRAO Telescopes

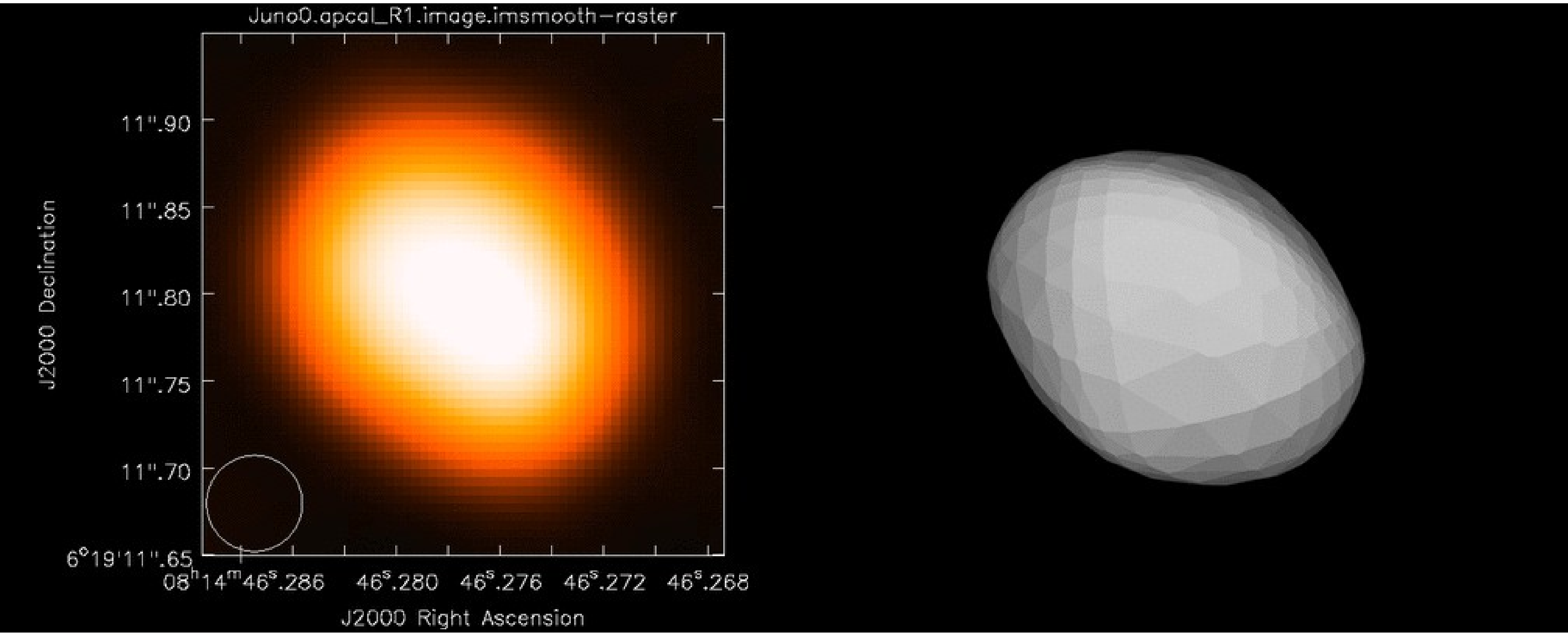
- Sun – coronal mass ejections, magnetic field activity
- Solar system, KBOs – atmospheres, astrometry, composition
- Star-forming regions – dust and gas environment, kinematics (infall, outflows, jets), proto-planetary disks, cores, chemistry, feedback, and natal cloud / star interactions
- Exoplanets – direct imaging, gaps in disks, kinematics
- Pulsars – neutron star physics, pulse morphology, gravity, ISM probe
- Galactic structure – spiral arms, bars, global atomic and molecular gas properties
- Nearby galaxies – molecular / atomic gas content and kinematics, dynamics of galaxies at high resolution, star formation, obscured SF, gas flow
- Galaxy groups and clusters – atomic and molecular gas across systems, star formation efficiency, kinematics, dynamical mass measurements
- Black holes – mass measurements, kinematics
- High redshift galaxies – extragalactic background light, source counts, star formation history and efficiency, evolution of gas content (atomic and molecular)
- Cosmology – H_0 measurement, SZE

ALMA Science Highlights: Solar System

Band 6 Observations of Juno: Frequency = 233 GHz (Science Verification)

Five consecutive executions over 4.4 hours

Beam size ~ 0.04”x0.03” (~60x45 km)



ALMA Image of Juno (ALMA Partnership, Hunter et al. 2015)

ALMA Science Highlights: Solar System

ALMA detects organics on Pluto

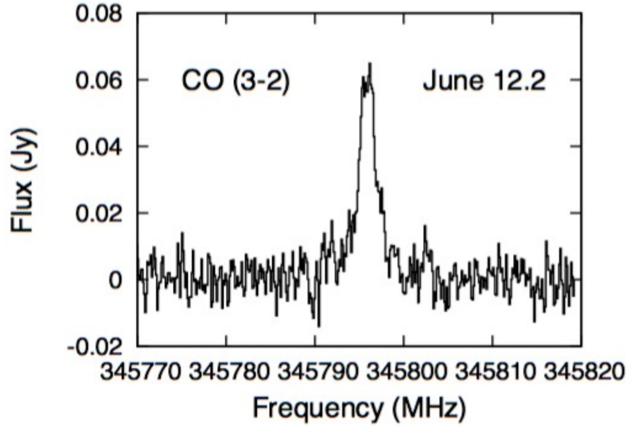
•ALMA has detected CO(3-2) and HCN (4-3) on Pluto (Lellouche et al. 2016)

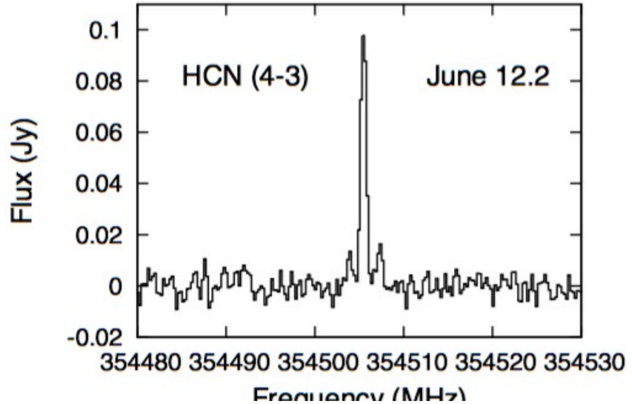
•The lines probe the abundances and temperature of Pluto's atmosphere up to ~450 km and ~900 km.

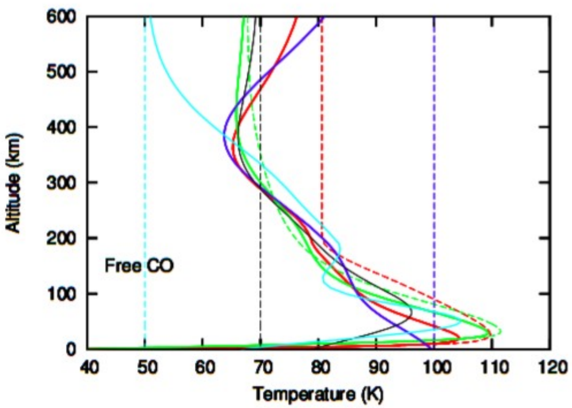
•The dayside temperature profile shows a well-marked temperature decrease (i.e., mesosphere) above the 30-50 km stratopause, with T= 70 K at 300 km.

•The HCN line shape implies a high abundance in the upper atmosphere (450 – 800 km)

Suggests a warm (>92 K) upper atmosphere







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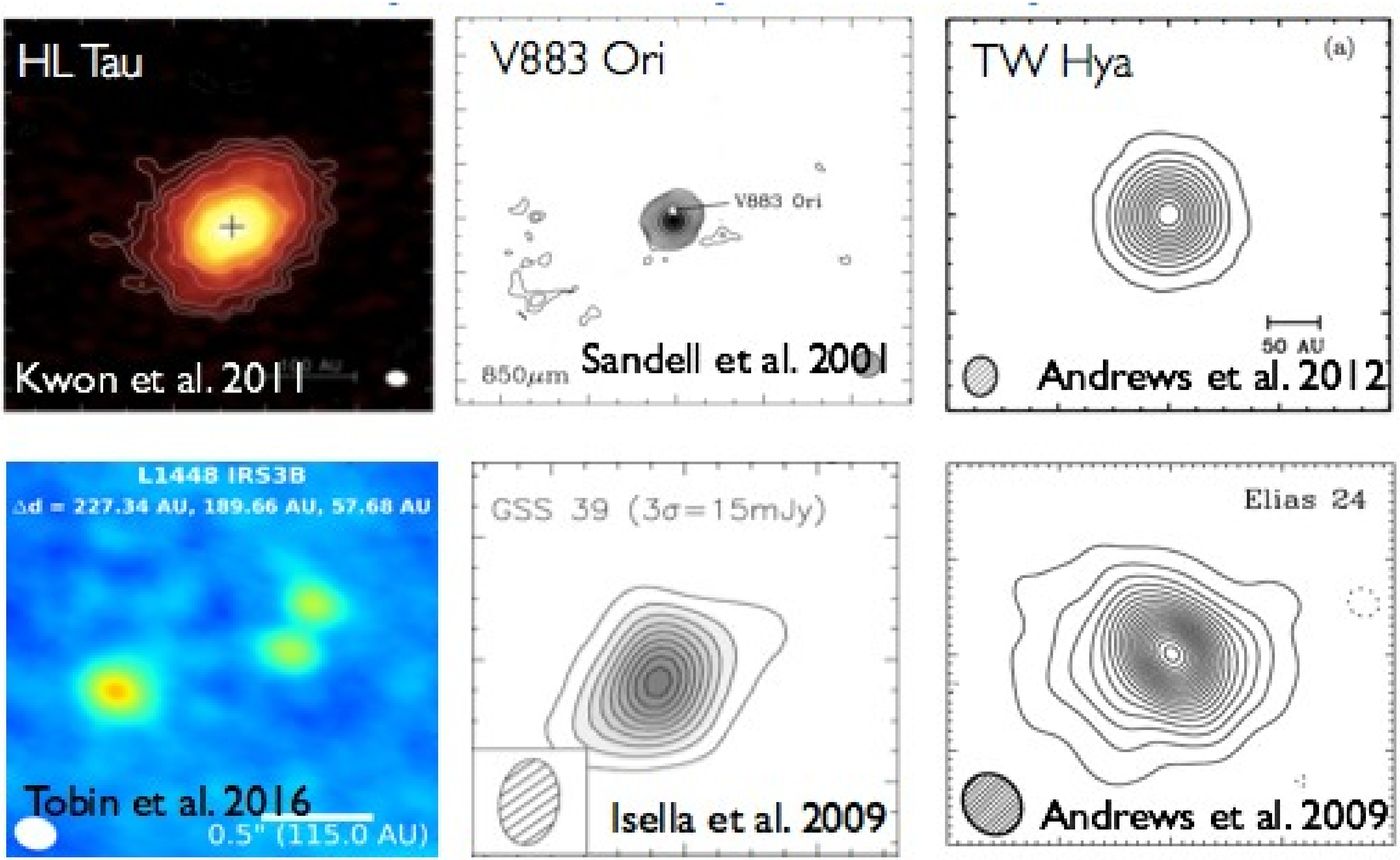
ALMA Science Highlights: Protoplanetary Disks

Protoplanetary Disks: Pre- ALMA



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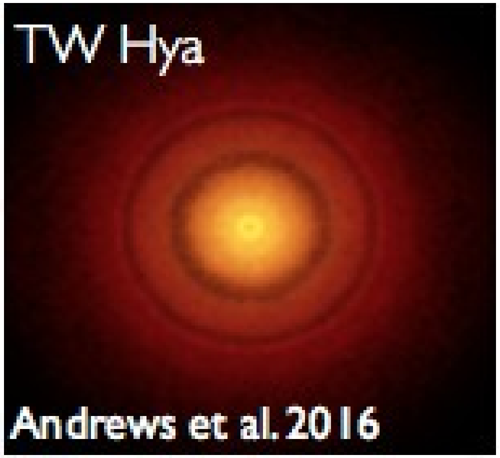
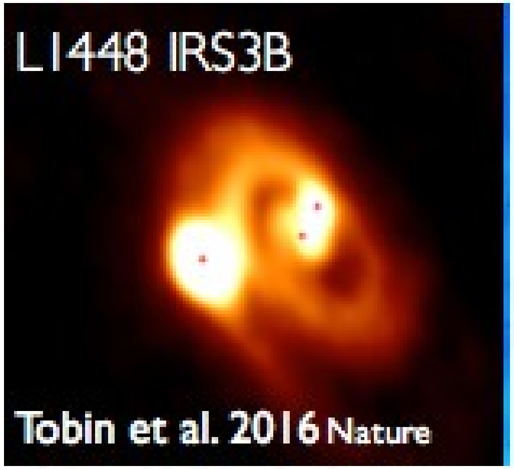
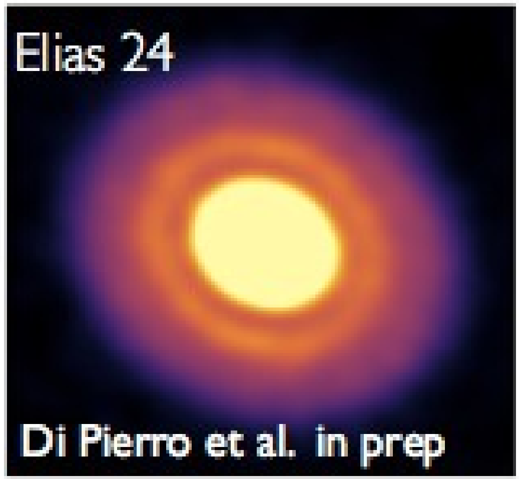
Protoplanetary Disks: With ALMA





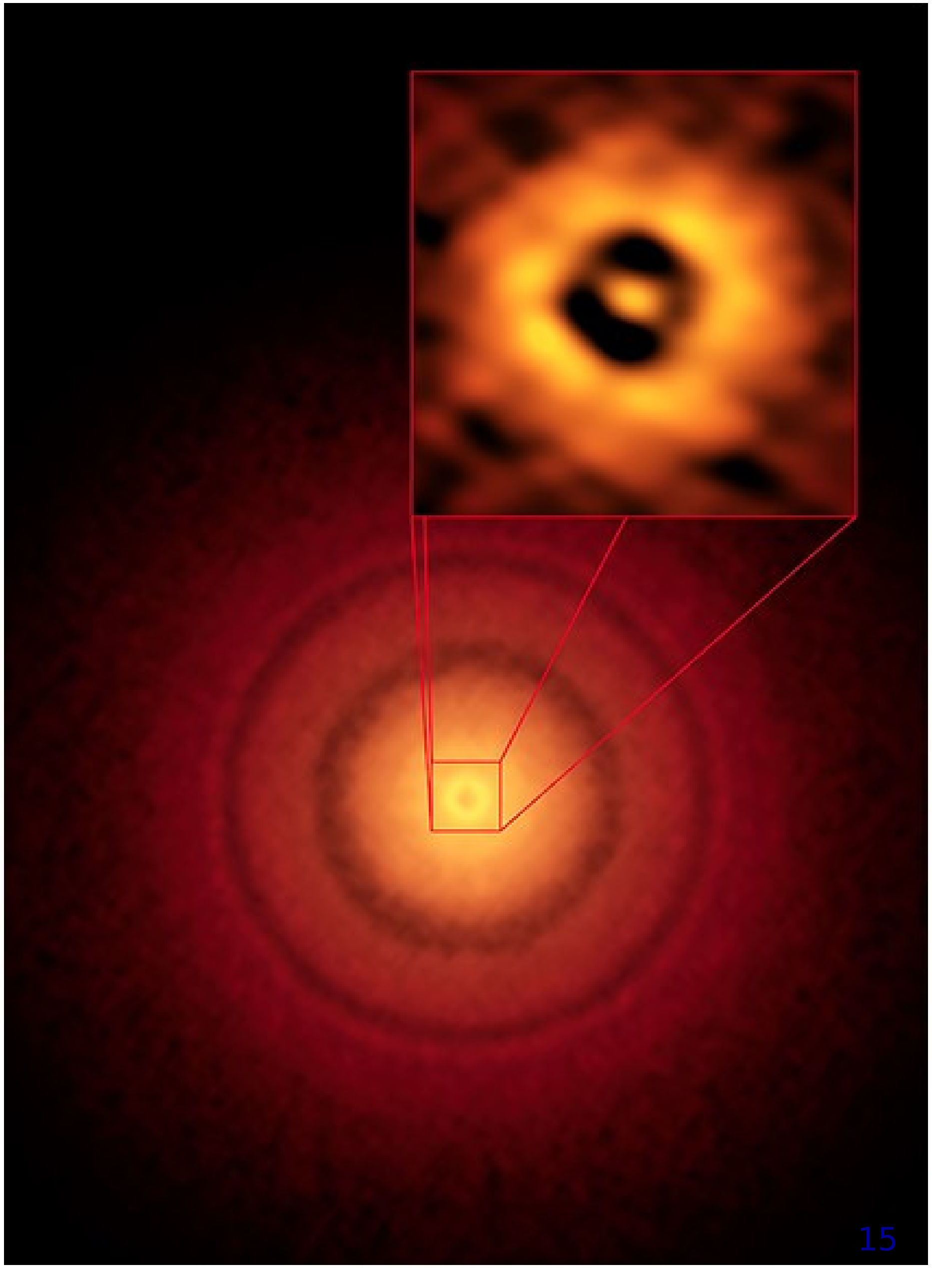


ALMA Science Highlights: Protoplanetary Disks

TW Hydrae

ALMA's better-than Hubble resolution details as small as the Earth's distance from the Sun may be discerned in this young (10Myr) nearby (175 light years) planet forming Sun-like star

Andrews et al. 2016

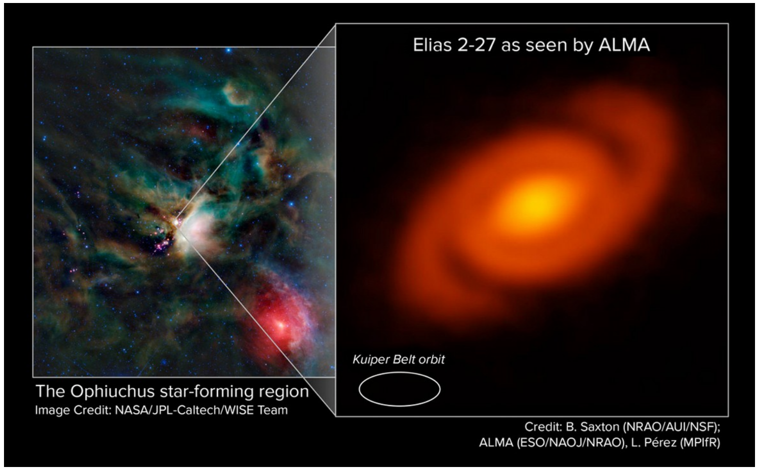


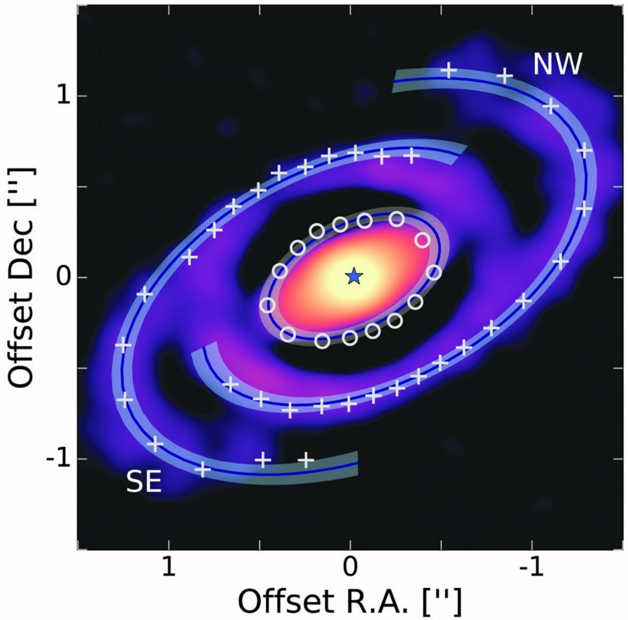
ALMA Science Highlights: Protoplanetary Disks

A Spiral Density Wave Observed in a Protoplanetary Disk

ALMA imaging (dust and CO, 33 AU resolution) reveals two symmetric spiral arms (r~150AU) emanating from an elliptical emission ring (r~71AU) in the disk Elias 2-27, in the nearby ρ Oph cloud,

A spiral density wave fits the observations well. Fragmentation of such spirals remains the only plausible formation mechanism for planets and companions at large disk radii, where core-accretion becomes inefficient.

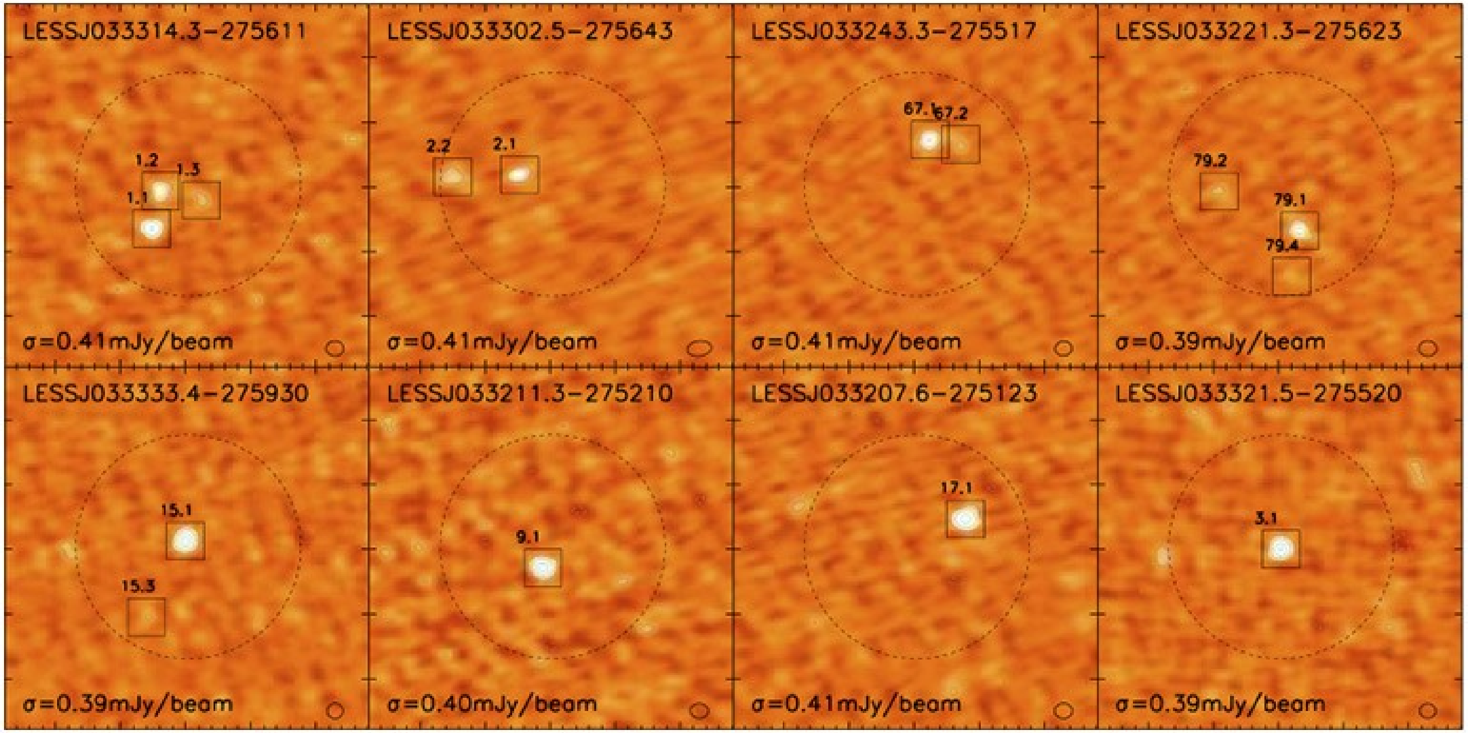




Perez et al. Science 353, 1519 (2016)

ALMA Science Highlights: the Distant Universe

Resolving High-z Submm Galaxies



Hodge et al. 2013

- 126 submm sources observed with ALMA at 870 μm
- 2x deeper, 10x higher angular resolution than previous surveys
- **99 sources detected in 88 fields, integration time ~120 sec (!!)**
- Significant multiplicity (35-50%) found at 0.2” resolution

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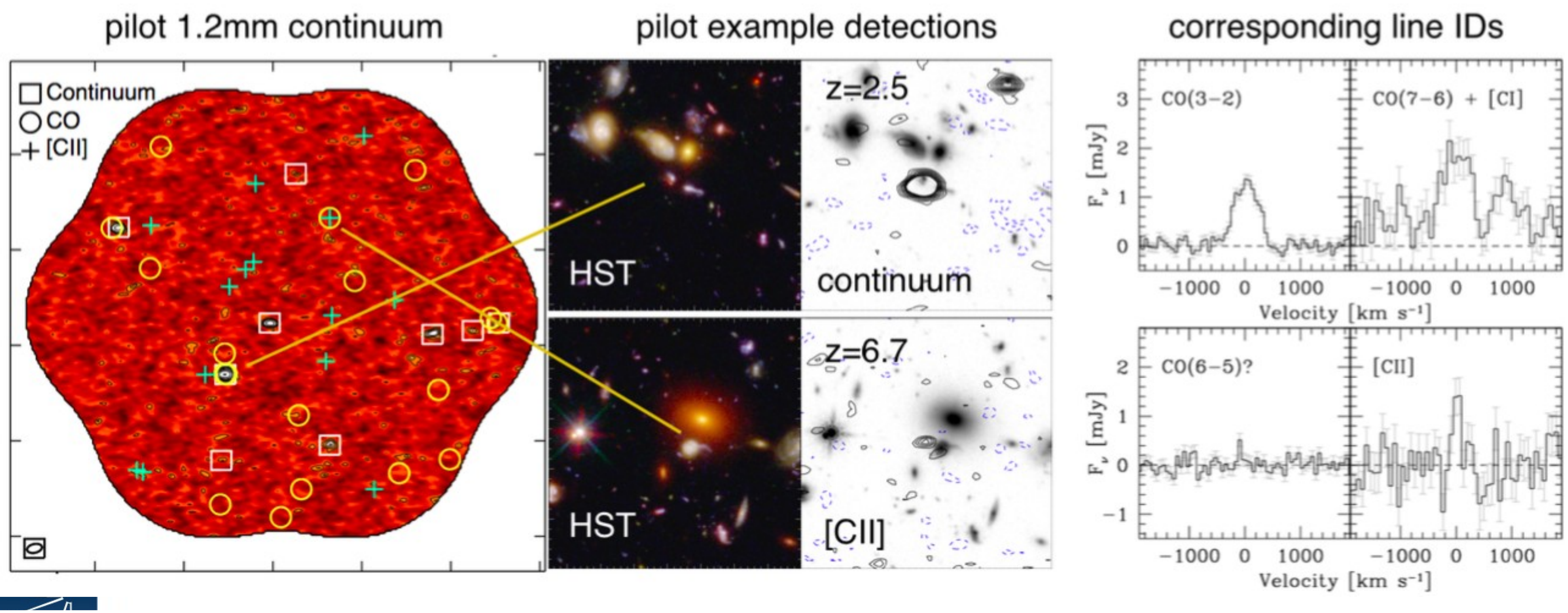
ALMA Science Highlights: the Distant Universe

ALMA Deep Fields: a new era of cosmological surveys

Large volume surveys for cold gas throughout the Universe = the fuel for star formation. ASPECS is the first line deep field, involving full frequency scans of Band 3 and 6 in the Hubble UDF.

21 candidate line galaxies were detected, including CO emission from galaxies at z=1 to 5, and [CII] at z > 6, plus 9 dust continuum sources at 1.2mm



Examples of line and continuum sources from the ASPECS program (see papers by Walter, Decarli, Aravena)

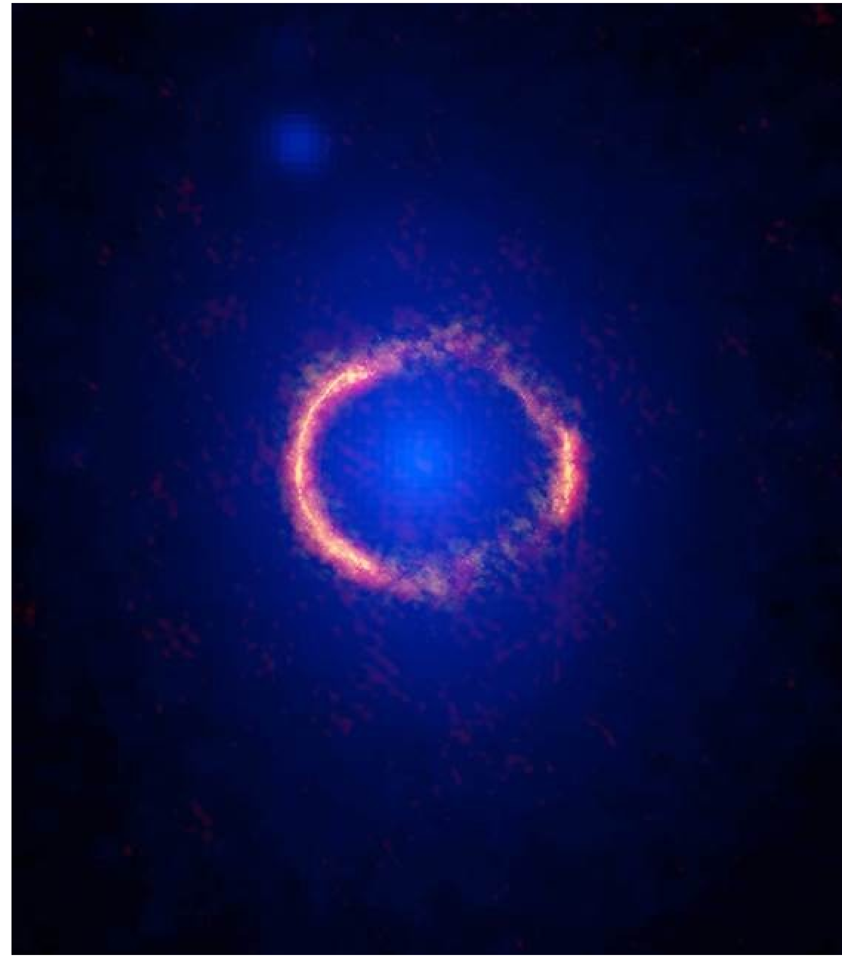
ALMA Science Highlights: the Distant Universe

Hezaveh et al (2016) show ALMA's potential to advance understanding of dark matter substructures

ALMA's SDP.81 observations are analyzed to detect a subhalo with a mass of $10^{8.96\pm0.12}$ M_{sun}

Consistent with theoretical expectations

The SDP.81 system



Blue: HST/WFC3 F160W data shows lensing elliptical at z~0.3

Red: ALMA Bands 4/6/7 combined emission.

ALMA Cycle 5 Capabilities

ALMA Performance

Towards Steady State (Cycle 5)

The Cycle 5 capabilities are fully described in Appendix A of the ALMA Proposers Guide available at:

(https://almascience.nrao.edu/documents-and-tools)

In summary:

Number of antennas

- At least forty-three (43) antennas in the 12-m Array
- At least ten (10) 7-m antennas (for short baselines) and three (3) 12-m antennas (for making single-dish maps) in the ACA

Receiver bands

- Receiver Bands 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 (wavelengths of about 3.1, 2.1, 1.6, 1.3, 0.87, 0.74, 0.44, and 0.35 mm, respectively)

12-m Array Configurations

- Maximum baselines for the antenna configurations between 0.15 km and 16 km
- Maximum baselines of 3.6 km for Bands 8, 9 and 10
- Maximum baselines of 8.5 km for Band 7
- Maximum baselines of 16 km for Bands 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Files containing representative antenna configurations for the 12-m and 7-m arrays suitable for Common Astronomy Software Applications (CASA) simulations are available from the ALMA Science portal (http://almascience.org/documents-and-tools/cycle5/alma-configuration-files)

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Spectral line, continuum, and mosaic observations

- Spectral line and continuum observations with the 12-m Array and the 7-m Array in all bands
- Single field interferometry (all bands) and mosaics (Bands 3 to 9) with the 12-m Array and the 7-m Array
- Single-dish spectral line observations in Bands 3 to 8

Polarization

- Single pointing, full (linear) polarization capabilities for continuum and full spectral resolution observations in Bands 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 on the 12-m Array.

Observing Time:

- 4000 hours for successful proposals of PI programs expected on the 12m Array (includes DDT, Cycle 4 Carryover and resubmissions)
- 3000 hours available on the ACA
- 3000 hours available on the Total Power Array

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Standard vs Non-Standard modes:

Cycle 5 should still be around 20% of the time going to non-standard modes.

This fraction will get smaller as we go into Full Operation and the amount of new capabilities decreases.

The fraction of time available for testing of new capabilities in Cycle 5 drops to ~15%

and continues to drop to a steady state of ~10% in Full Operations.

Non-Standard Observing Modes include:

Bands 8, 9 and 10 observations

Band 7 observations with maximum baselines > 5 km

All full polarization observations

Spectral scans

Solar observations

VLBI observations

Non-standard calibrations (user-defined calibrations selected in the OT)

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Towards Steady State (Cycle 5)

New Observing Modes for Cycle 5:

90 Degree Walsh switching at Band 9 and 10 for both the 12m and ACA

Solar Observations (Interferometry + Total Power continuum) at selected frequencies in Bands 3 and 6.

VLBI full polarization continuum observations at selected frequencies in Bands 3 and 6.

Improved spectral scan mode using differential gain calibration and more efficient calibration strategies including the use of sessions (sessions -> using already observed calibrators between science goals)

ALMA Timelines and Milestones

The ALMA Cycle 5 Timeline

Date	Milestone
21 March 2017 (15:00UT)	Release of Cycle 5 Call for Proposals, Observing Tool & supporting documents and Opening of the Archive for proposal submission
20 April 2017 (15:00 UT)	Proposal submission deadline
End of July 2017	Announcement of the outcome of the Proposal Review Process
15 September 2017	Submission of Phase 2 by PIs
October 2017	Start of ALMA Cycle 5 Science Observations
September 2018	End of ALMA Cycle 5

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ALMA Array Configuration Schedule (Cycle 5)

For Cycle 5, the compact array configurations will be in the southern hemisphere winter in order to accommodate more high frequency observations. The array configuration schedule will cycle every 3-5 years to accommodate the range of LST.

NOTE: No observing takes place in Feb!

Table 1: Cycle 5 Configuration Schedule

Start date	Configuration	Longest baseline	LST for best observing conditions
2017 October 1	C43-7	3.7 km	~ 21h - 10h
2017 October 5	C43-8	6.8 km	~ 22h - 11h
2017 October 25	C43-9	12.8 km	~ 23h - 12h
2017 November 10	C43-10	16.5 km	~ 1h - 13h
2017 December 1-18	No observations due to large antenna reconfiguration		
2017 December 19	C43-6	1.8 km	~ 4h - 15h
2018 January 10	C43-5	1.1 km	~ 5h - 17h
2018 February 1-28	No observations due to February shutdown		
2018 March 1	C43-4	0.7 km	~ 8h - 21h
2018 March 30	C43-3	0.46 km	~ 10h - 0h
2018 May 15	C43-2	0.27 km	~ 12h - 3h
2018 June 15	C43-1	0.15 km	~ 14h - 5h
2018 July 15	C43-2	0.27 km	~ 17h - 7h
2018 August 15	C43-3	0.46 km	~ 18h - 8h
2018 August 30	C43-4	0.7 km	~ 19h - 9h
2018 September 15	C43-5	1.1 km	~ 20h - 10h

Angular Resolutions and Maximum Recoverable Scales for the Cycle 5 Array configurations

Config	Lmax	Band	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 8	Band 9	Band 10
	Lmin	Freq	100 GHz	150 GHz	183 GHz	230 GHz	345 GHz	460 GHz	650 GHz	870 GHz
7-m Array	45 m	AR	12.5"	8.4"	6.8"	5.4"	3.6"	2.7"	1.9"	1.4"
	9 m	MRS	66.7"	44.5"	36.1"	29.0"	19.3"	14.5"	10.3"	7.7"
C43-1	161 m	AR	3.4"	2.3"	1.8"	1.5"	1.0"	0.74"	0.52"	0.39"
	15 m	MRS	29.0"	19.0"	15.4"	12.4"	8.3"	6.2"	4.4"	3.3"
C43-2	314 m	AR	2.3"	1.5"	1.2"	1.0"	0.67"	0.50"	0.35"	0.26"
	15 m	MRS	22.6"	15.0"	12.2"	9.8"	6.5"	4.9"	3.5"	2.6"
C43-3	500 m	AR	1.4"	0.94"	0.77"	0.62"	0.41"	0.31"	0.22"	0.16"
	15 m	MRS	16.2"	10.8"	8.7"	7.0"	4.7"	3.5"	2.5"	1.9"
C43-4	784 m	AR	0.92"	0.61"	0.50"	0.40"	0.27"	0.20"	0.14"	0.11"
	15 m	MRS	11.2"	7.5"	6.1"	4.9"	3.3"	2.4"	1.7"	1.3"
C43-5	1.4 km	AR	0.54"	0.36"	0.30"	0.24"	0.16"	0.12"	0.084"	0.063"
	15 m	MRS	6.7"	4.5"	3.6"	2.9"	1.9"	1.5"	1.0"	0.77"
C43-6	2.5 km	AR	0.31"	0.20"	N/A	0.13"	0.089"	0.067"	0.047"	0.035"
	15 m	MRS	4.1"	2.7"		1.8"	1.2"	0.89"	0.63"	0.47"
C43-7	3.6 km	AR	0.21"	0.14"	N/A	0.092"	0.061"	0.046"	0.033"	0.024"
	64 m	MRS	2.6"	1.7"		1.1"	0.75"	0.56"	0.40"	0.30"
C43-8	8.5 km	AR	0.096"	0.064"	N/A	0.042"	0.028"	N/A	N/A	N/A
	110 m	MRS	1.4"	0.95"		0.62"	0.41"			
C43-9	13.9	AR	0.057"	0.038"	N/A	0.025"	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	368 m	MRS	0.81"	0.54"		0.35"				
C43-10	16.2	AR	0.042"	0.028"	N/A	0.018"	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	244 m	MRS	0.50"	0.33"		0.22"				

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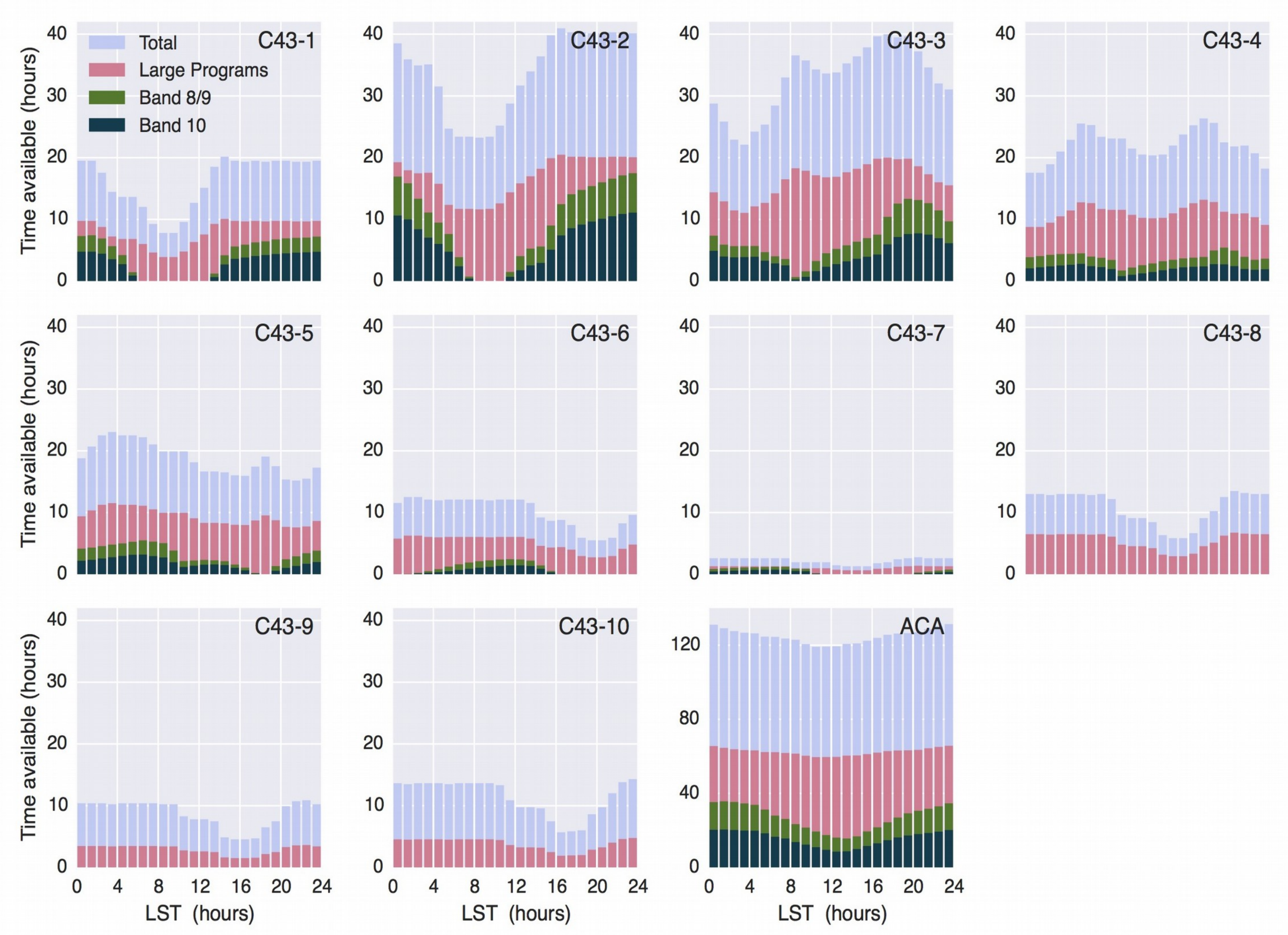
ALMA Observing Strategies (Cycle 5)



Histograms of the anticipated amount of observing time available versus LST for the antenna configurations in Cycle 5. Also shown are histograms of the time available for Large Programs, as well as high frequency observations (Bands 8, 9, and 10) based on historical PWV data

ALMA Sources of Support

- **ALMA Helpdesk:** User support is a priority so questions are usually answered within 48 hours (with around the clock staffing in the week leading up to the proposal deadline)

  https://help.almascience.org

- **Student Observing Support:** Successful ALMA proposals will be invited to apply for up to $35k to support undergraduate or graduate student involvement

  https://science.nrao.edu/opportunities/student-programs/sos

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