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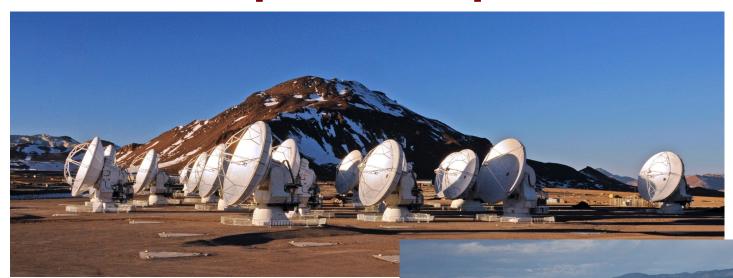
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## **NRAO Overview & ALMA Proposal Preparation**







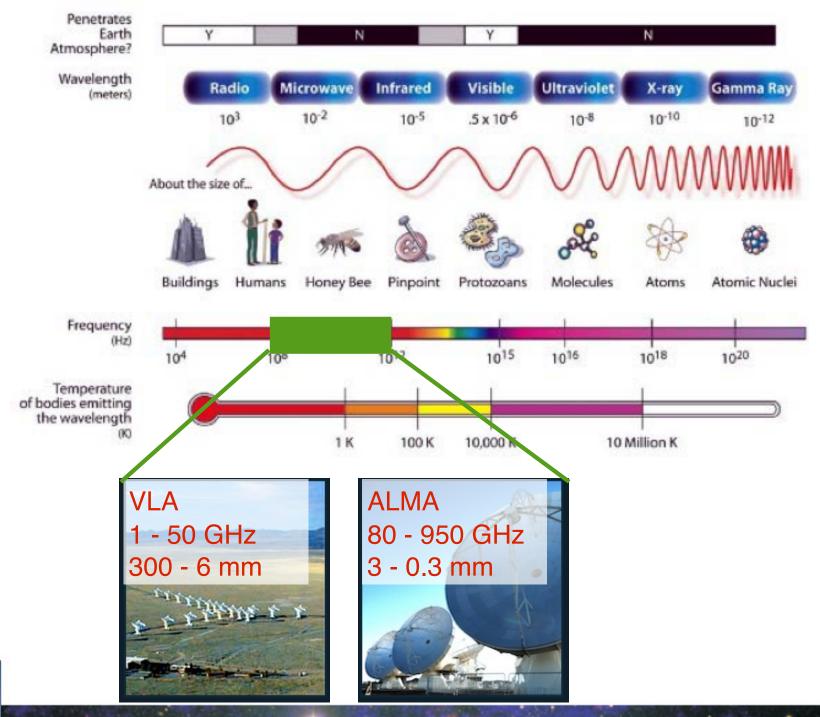


## NRAO: One Observatory, Two World Class Facilities





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





#### 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

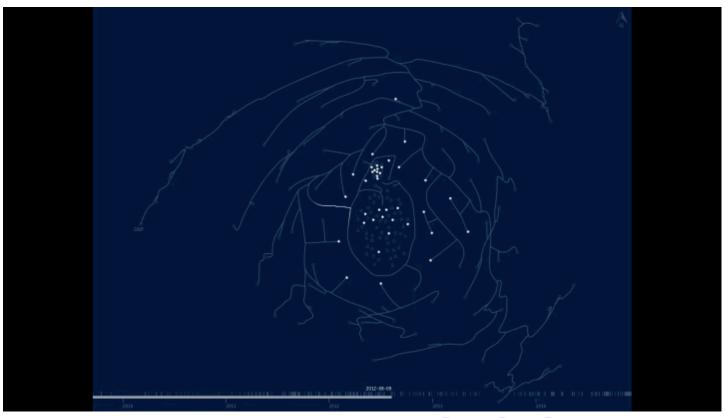
Provides unprecedented imaging & spectroscopic capabilities at mm/submm  $\lambda$ 





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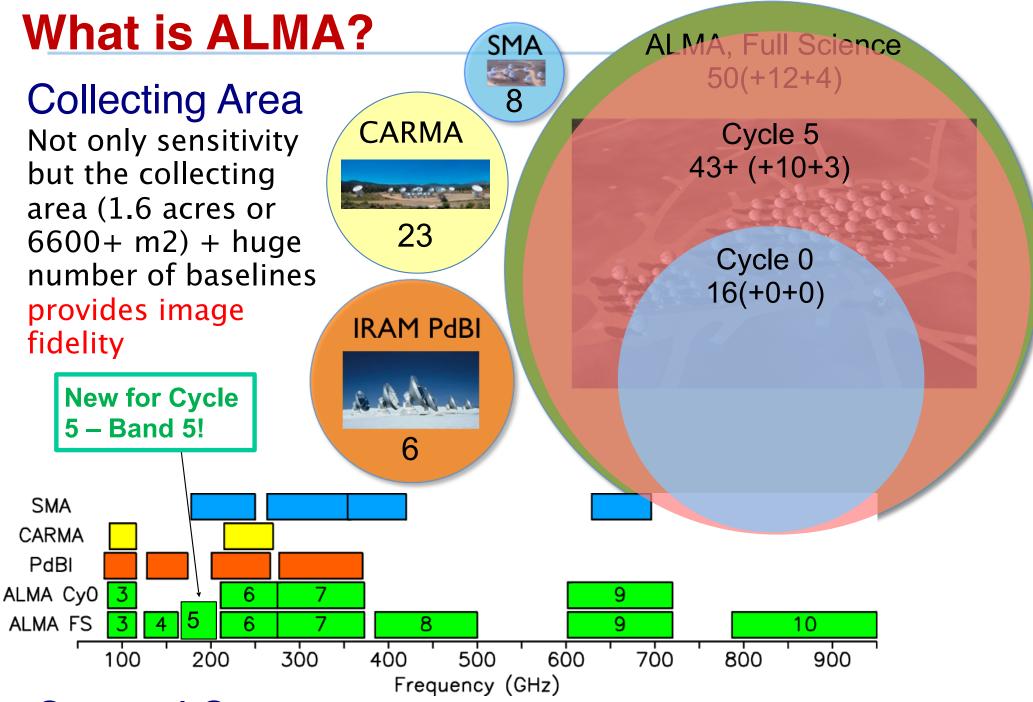


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Spectral Coverage - Covers ten atmospheric windows with 50% or more transmission above 35 GHz



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- All science data archived
- Pipeline processing
- Lots of user support!!

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### **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

 Page Charges: Upon request NRAO covers page charges for authors at US institutions when reporting results from ALMA/VLA

https://library.nrao.edu/pubsup.shtml





## **ALMA Science Highlight**







#### **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<sub>0</sub> measurement, SZE



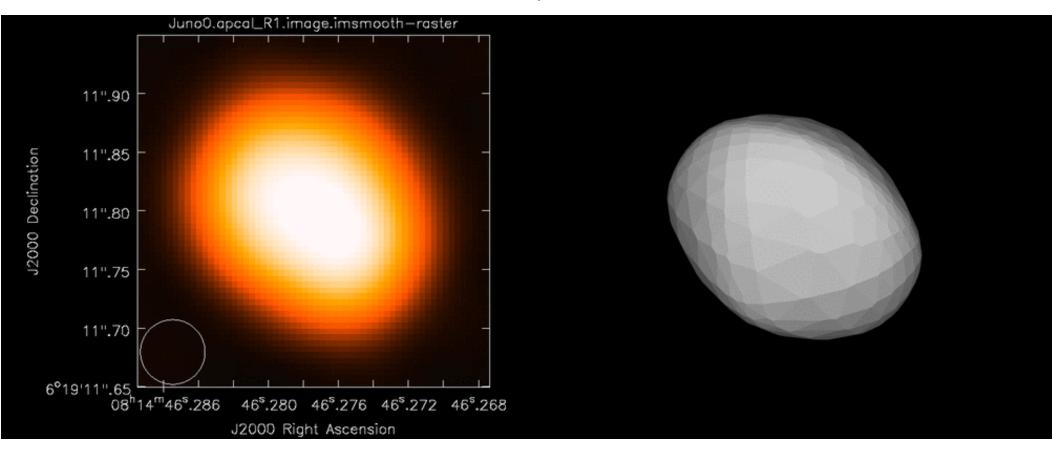
## **ALMA Science Highlights: Solar System**

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

Five consecutive executions over 4.4 hours

Beamsize ~ 0.04"x0.03" (~60x45 km)

Model: Durech et al. 2010: Database of Asteroid Models from Inversion Techniques



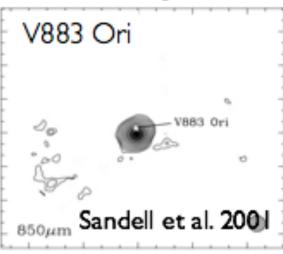


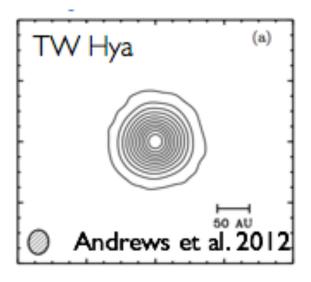
ALMA Image of Juno (ALMA Partnership, Hunter et al. 2015)

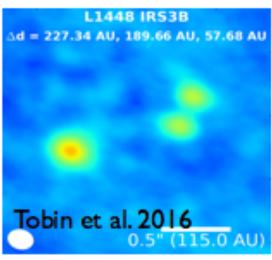
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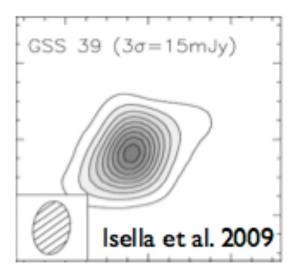
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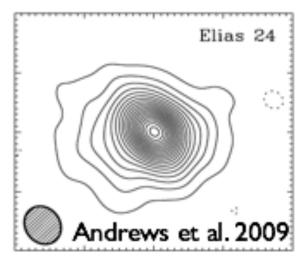








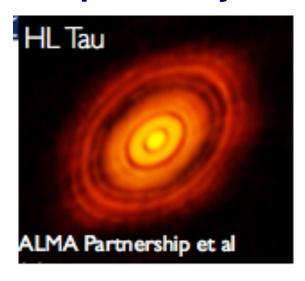




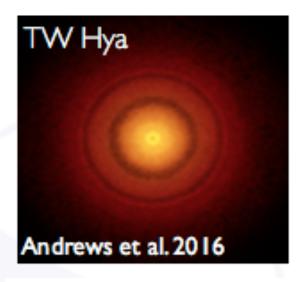


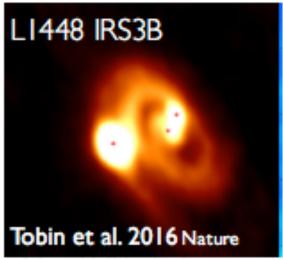
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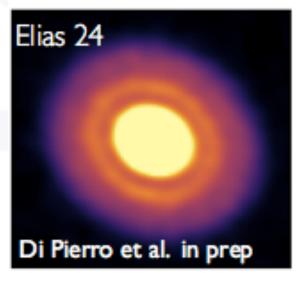














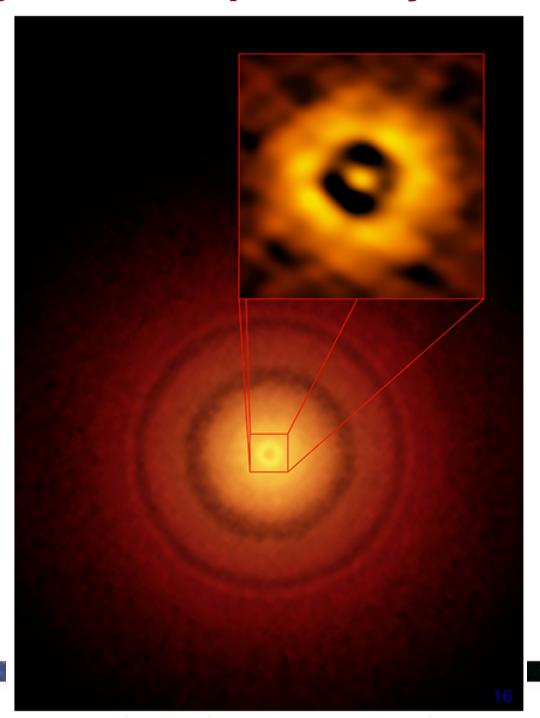
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#### **TW Hydrae**

ALMA's better-than
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details as small as the
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(10Myr) nearby (175
light years) planet
forming Sun-like star

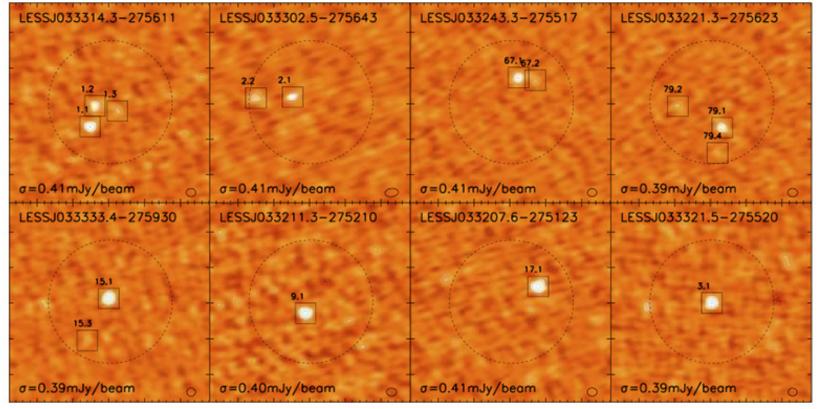
Andrews et al. 2016





### **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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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<sup>8.96±0.12</sup> M<sub>sun</sub>

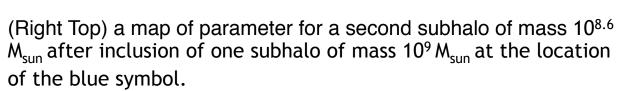
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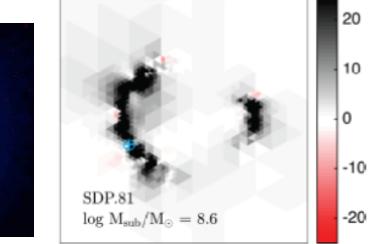
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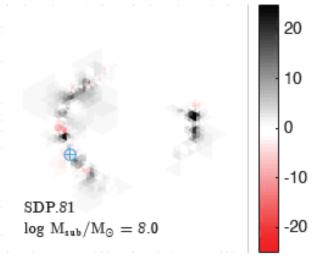
Blue: HST/WFC3 F160W data shows lensing elliptical at z~0.3

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



(Bottom) results from similar analysis for a lower mass subhalo, showing marginal improvement at another point near the first detection.









# Proposal Preparation & ALMA Cycle 5 Capabilities







## **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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#### **Cycle 5 Documentation**

- Call for Proposals
- Proposer's Guide
- ALMA Primer
- OT Guide
- ALMA Tech Handbook



Observing with ALMA

A Primer for Early Science





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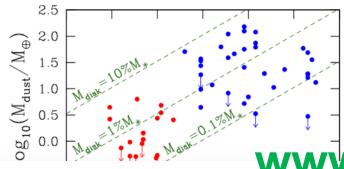
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#### **Downloading the ALMA OT**





#### **Observing Tool**

The ALMA Observing Tool (OT) is a Java application used for the preparation and submission of ALMA Phase 1 (observing proposal) and Phase 2 (telescope runfiles for accepted proposals) materials. It is also used for preparing and submitting Director's Discretionary Time (DDT) proposals. The current *Cycle 4* release of the OT is configured for the present capabilities of ALMA as described in the Cycle 4 Call For Proposals. Note that in order to submit proposals you will have to register with the ALMA Science Portal beforehand.

Note that preparation of Cycle 3 Phase 1 and DDT proposals needs to be done using the Cycle 3 version of the Observing Tool. This version of the OT can be found in the DDT page, or the Phase 2 menu.

#### **Download & Installation**

The OT will run on most common operating systems, as long as you have **Java 8** installed (see the troubleshooting page if you are experiencing Java problems). The ALMA OT is available in two flavours: Web Start and tarball.

The **Web Start** application is the recommended way of using the OT. It has the advantage that the OT is automatically downloaded and installed on your computer and it will also automatically detect and install updates. There are some issues with Web Start, particularly that it does not work with the Open JDK versions of Java such as the "Iced Tea" flavour common on many modern Linux installations. The Sun/Oracle variant of Java should therefore be installed instead. If this is not possible, then the tarball installation of the OT is available.

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#### **OT Video Tutorials**





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#### **Science Case**

- Must include:
  - Astronomical Importance
  - Estimated intensity, S/N
- May include:
  - Figures
  - Tables
  - References
- Free-form PDF document
  - 12+ font, English only
  - 20 MB file size
  - 4 pages (6 for Large Projects)



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### **ALMA Array Configuration Schedule (Cycle 5)**

Table 1: Cycle 5 Configuration Schedule

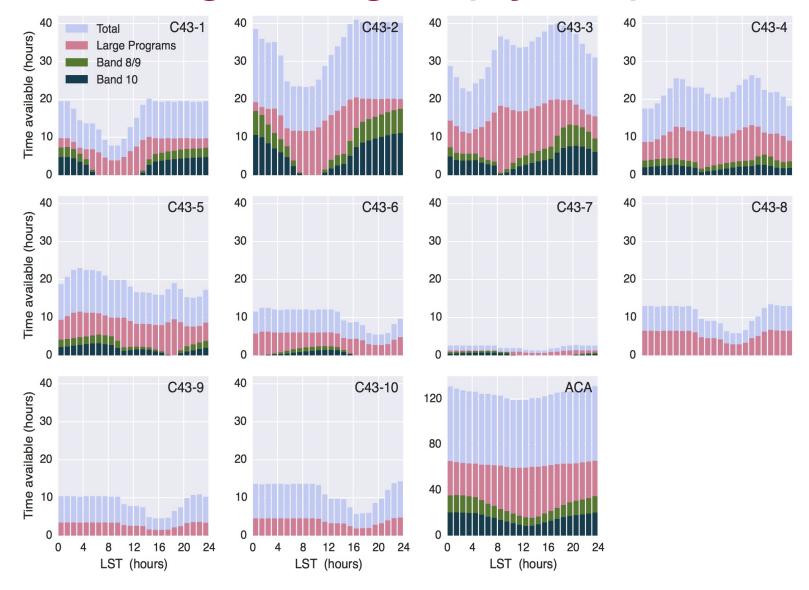
For Cycle 5, the compact array configurations will be in the southern hemisphere winter in order to accommodate more high frequency observations. The array configuration schedule will cycle every 3-5 years to accommodate the range of LST.

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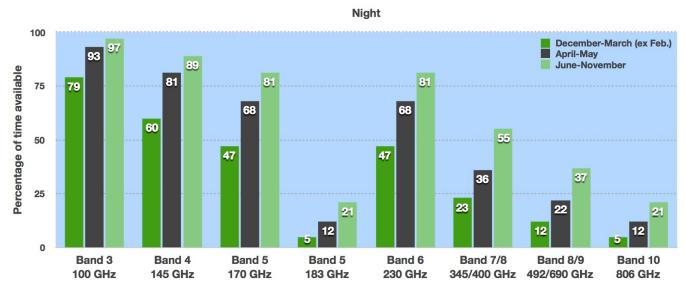


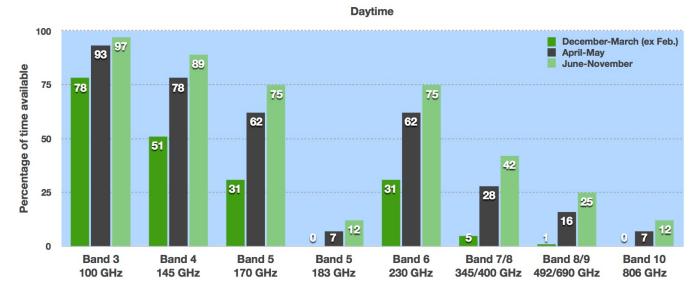
### **ALMA Observing Strategies (Cycle 5)**



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

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Histograms of the percentage of time when the precipitable water vapor is below the observing thresholds adopted for the various ALMA bands. The PWV measurements were obtained by the APEX weather station between 2007 and 2016. Results are shown for nighttime (top) and daytime (bottom) observations assuming a source elevation of 60 deg.



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#### **New Capabilities**

- Band 5
- Improved spectral scan mode
- 90 Degree Walsh switching at Band 9 and 10
- Solar Observations (Bands 3 + 6)
- VLBI full polarization continuum (Bands 3, 6 + 7)

#### **Large Program (started in Cycle 4)**

- Any project >50 hours
- Standard observing modes
- Automatic 'A' grade
- +2 pages for Science Case
  - Data/Project Mgmt. Plans
  - Enhanced Data Products



#### **ALMA Performance**

Towards Steady State (Cycle 5) and Full Operations (Cycle 7)

#### **Antennas:**

At least 43,12-m antennas in the main array

Full operations will target 45

ten 7-m antennas and three12-m antennas (for single-dish maps) in the ACA.

#### Receiver bands:

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 (wavelengths of about 3.1, 2.1, 1.5, 1.3, 0.87, 0.74, 0.44, and 0.35 mm, respectively).

Full operations will include Band 1 and 2 (Cy 7+).

#### **Baselines:**

up to 3.7 km for Bands 8, 9 and 10 / up to 6.8 km for Band 7 / and >15 km for Bands 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Full operations will have all baselines available for all observing bands. Some long baseline observations may never be considered "standard" observing modes.



#### **ALMA Performance**

Towards Steady State (Cycle 5)

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



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#### **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

#### **Observing Modes (All Cycle 4 Modes plus...):**

Band 5

Full Operations include Bands 1 and 2

Wide field polarization capabilities (12m + 7m arrays) including Band 5

Full operations include full Stoke plus circular polarization at all observing bands including mosaics and Total Power

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)



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#### **New Observing Modes for Cycle 5:**

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

Full operations including Total Power observations at all observing bands including continuum with either fast scanning techniques or nutator

Mixed correlator modes (both high and low frequency resolution in the same observation).

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

Full operations include full spectral line and continuum, full polarization observations at all frequency bands

VLBI full polarization continuum observations at selected frequencies in Bands 3, 6 and 7.

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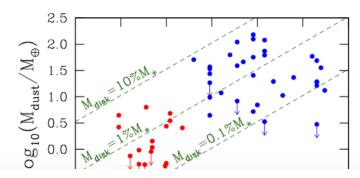
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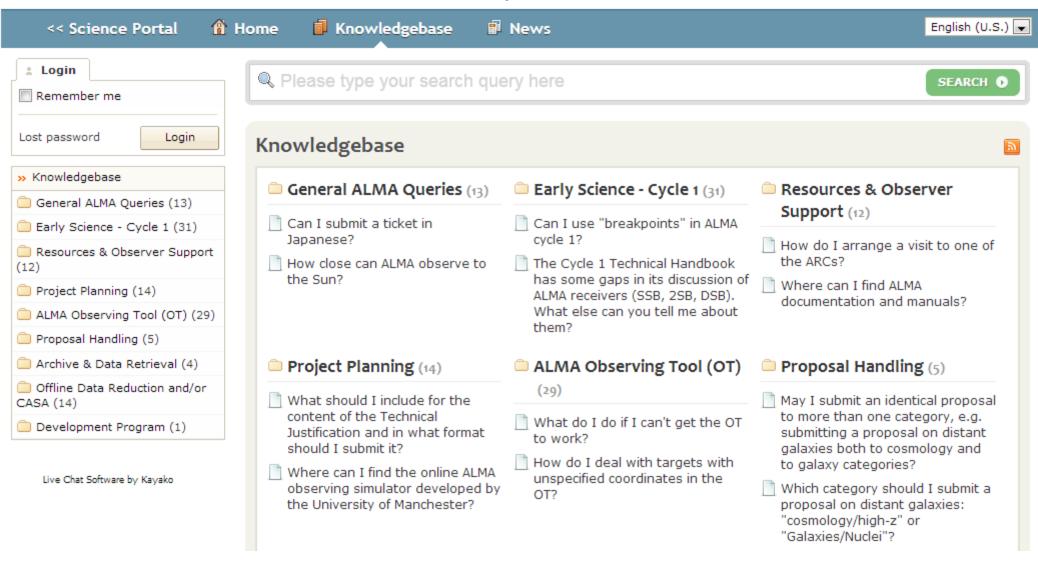
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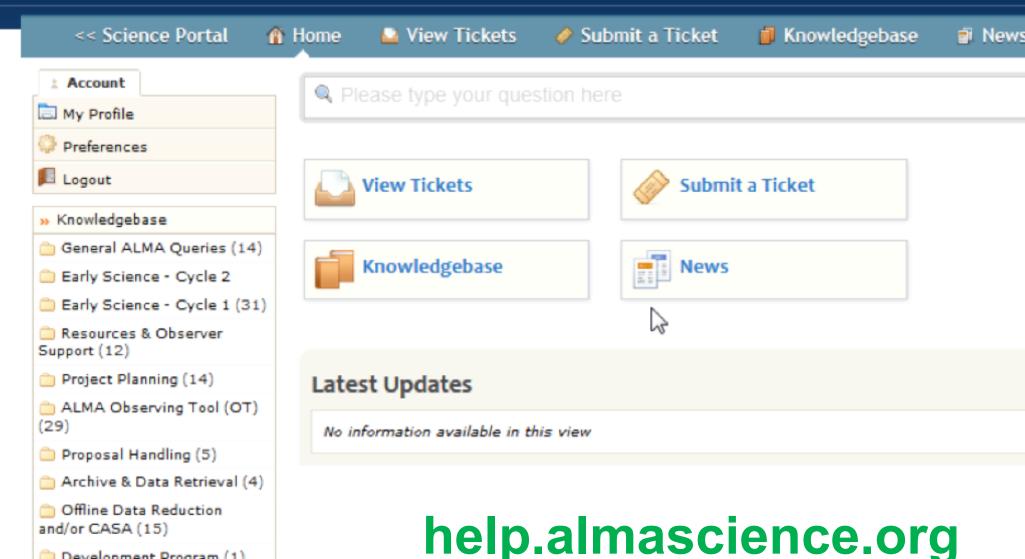




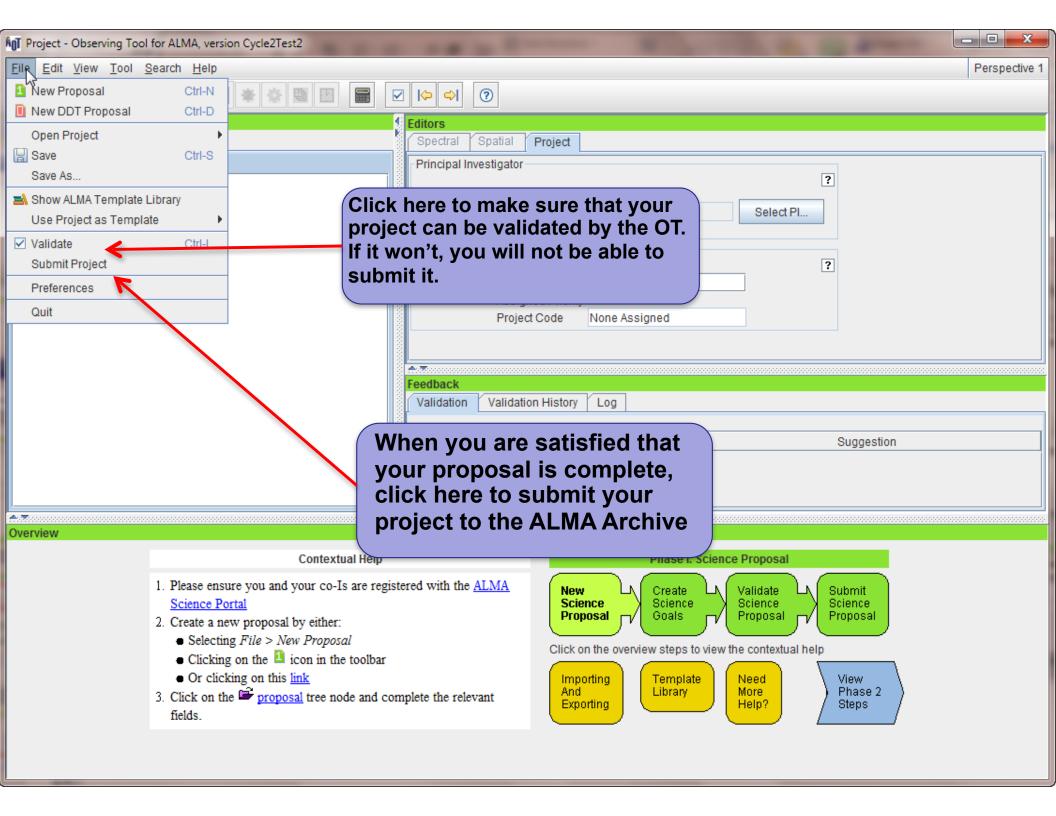
Development Program (1)

#### Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array

In search of our Cosmic Origins



ALMA Helpdesk @ NRAO (logged in view)





## **After submission**

- Remember, you can resubmit as often as needed, but keep in mind that the server is quite busy right before the deadline
- Standard and ToO proposals will be reviewed by the ALMA Proposal Review Committee (APRC) and the ALMA Review Panels (ARP).
- All proposals will be subject to Technical Assessment by a selected group of JAO and ARC experts.
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## **After submission**

- Phase II (Creating and Queuing Scheduling Blocks)
  - PIs create their own scheduling blocks (with guidance from NAASC staff)
  - Being prompt helps ensure your project can be observed!
- Then wait dynamic scheduling means your Contact Scientist doesn't know when your project will run. As observations are made, updates are shown in the SnooPI tool on the Science Portal:

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