ALMA Introduction



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Atacama Large Millimeter Array



- At least 50x12m Antennas
- Frequency range 30-1000 GHz (0.3-10mm)
- 16km max baseline (<10mas)
- ALMA Compact Array (4x12m and 12x7m)

- Detect and map CO and [C II] in a Milky Way galaxy at z=3 in less than 24 hours of observation
- 2. Map dust emission and gas kinematics in protoplanetary disks
- 3. Provide high fidelity imaging in the (sub)millimeter at 0.1 arcsec resolution



Angular resolution

- Diffraction limit: ~1.22*lambda/D => 1mm/30m~8"
- ◆ 8" > 1000 AU @ 140pc (Sun-Neptune ~ 30AU)
- Sun-Jupiter ~ 5AU => 0.035" => >~7km @1mm
- Sun-Earth = 1AU => 0.007" => ~17km @0.5mm





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Chajnantor - 5000m, 0.25mm pwv



Small digression on interferometry

- Interference pattern of the signal from two antennas separated by a baseline b
- After correction for the optical path delay each pair of antennas measure the fringe visibility corresponding to the baseline b (as seen from the source)



$$V(u,v) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P(x,y) I(x,y) \exp(-2i\pi (ux + vy)) dx dy$$

(x,y)=Sky (u,v)=baselines plane P(x,y)=Antenna power pattern V(u,v)=Measured visibility I(x,y)=Brightness distribution on Sky

Convolved source models	Early Science		Full Science	
	10 minutes	4 hours	10 minutes	1 hour
	(0.47 IIIJy IIII3)	(0.001 III)	(0.14 IIIJy 11113)	
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ALMA Early Science



ALMA Early Science C0, C1 & C2
 > 30-70% of the total number of antennas
 > Maximum separation 3km
 > Already the most powerful submm observatory
 Enormous pressure to use ALMA worldwide
 > Requests for 9 times the available time
 > Top 8% science projects selected (ESO)





ALMA Frequency Bands Usage



- ALMA is a Sub-millimeter Observatory
- Thanks to the Site and the Water Vapour Radiometers





Disks and star formation: evolution, planet formation, chemistry, surveys coming



(Belloche et al. 2014)

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Complex molecules in protoplanetary disks





- First detection of complex molecules in disks ≻CH₃CN
- >(also HCN and HC₃N)
- Abundance similar to comets in SS
- COMs accompany simpler volatiles in protoplanetary disks
- The rich chemistry of the primordial SS is not unique

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The first ALMA redshift survey

SPT submillimetre galaxies; B3 spectral survey Vieira et al. 2013; Weiss et al. 2013; …





Galaxies, high redshift Universe





⁽Bolatto et al. 2013)



Enrichment of the ISM

Late stages of stellar evolution, supernovae, GRBs





SN1987A









schel (far-infrared)

erschel Finds Enormous Stores of Dust in Supernova 1987A /NASA-JPL/Caltech/UCL

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Science Priorities for the Future

Resolve planet formation in protoplanetary disks
 Full sensitivity (antennas) and angular resolution (baselines)
 Statistical census of Star Formation at high-z
 Full sensitivity, efficient spectral scans
 Chemistry of Complex Organic Molecules and Water
 Full sensitivity, full frequency coverage, spectral flexibility
 Resolve Event Horizon of Supermassive Black Holes
 Full sensitivity, mmVLBI





A glimpse of ALMA future capabilities





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Long Baselines Campaign - Sep-Nov 2014 - Data Public Today MIRA - AGB star

ALMA SV - Mira - SiO(5-4) - 1.3mm continuum



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A glimpse of ALMA future capabilities



Timeline and near-/mid-term strategy



- Top priority: complete commissioning of the baseline ALMA-trilateral program
 - Full polarization, reach the target overall efficiency, full zero spacing capabilities, solar modes
- Recovery as part of the early development plan of science-critical capabilities descoped before 2005, revisit and develop key technologies
 - Bands 5, 1 and 2, mmVLBI, subarrays, data analysis software, data rates
 - > Where possible deploy more advanced technologies/capabilities
 - > Develop new ideas/technologies for future developments

Develop a scientific vision for ALMA in 2030

Science questions, complementary facilities, pathways for development



Options for 2020s and beyond



Larger bandwidths and better receivers

- Datarate/data volume increase
- Aim to cover full bands instantaneously
- Longer baselines

Brightness sensitivity issues, ideally linked to sensitivity increase

Increased wide field mapping speed

- Panoramic detectors for interferometry (!)
- Datarate/datavolume

The role of Archive will be more prominent than today Code to data => results to users





Outlook on Cycle 4



N.B.: These are all goals (some low risk, some somewhat higher)

- Improved Spectral ScansSpectral line I,U,Q Stokes
- mmVLBI
- Solar Observing
- **OTF** Interferometry (mapping speed, better uv reconstruction)
- Several technical improvements: correlator linearity and modes, 90deg switching, single dish continuum, B9/10 sideband separation, V-stokes, full baselines length, subarrays

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Summary



- ALMA is ramping up from Early Science towards Full Science Operations. The results from Science Verification and ALMA Cycle 0, 1 & 2 are transformational
- Key improvements for Cycle 3 will be long baselines, Band 10 and better stability/efficiency. Large Programmes and mmVLBI on track for Cycle 4, Solar observing may also make it. Band 5 on track for Cycle 5.
- Short-medium term upgrades being developed consistently with science priorities
- Science driven R&D relevant for long term upgrades
- Option for a large single dish to be developed