SMA in the mm/submm Landscape

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SMA Science

- High resolution imaging and spectroscopy at millimeter and submillimeter wavelengths are essential tools to advance understanding of a broad range of astrophysical phenomena
- SMAstrasetreansformedatields from planet+formation/to/high-z



mm/submm Telescopes



SMA Development Vision

Committee on Future of SMA (2010)

- increase bandwidth
 - priority: 345 GHz band
- initiate multi-beam program
- add 2 more antennas



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Maximize SMA power for a diversity of science drivers, capitalizing on Maunkea site, affordable advances in technology, rapid upgrade timescale, and expertise.

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ALMA Development Working Group (2018)

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 - priority: Bands 6 and 7
- longer baselines
- focal plane arrays
- add 12m antennas
- large single dish antenna



SMA wideband upgrade concept

	receiver	bands \times	total	continuum rms (μJy)			
year	bandwidth	pols	bandwidth	230 GHz	$345~\mathrm{GHz}$		
2004	$2 \text{ GHz} \times 2 \text{ sb}$	2	8 GHz	600	1250		
2017	$8 \text{ GHz} \times 2 \text{ sb}$	2	$32~\mathrm{GHz}$	230	520		
2019	$12 \text{ GHz} \times 2 \text{ sb}$	2	$48 \mathrm{~GHz}$	190	425		
2022	$16 \text{ GHz} \times 2 \text{ sb}$	4	$128 \mathrm{~GHz}$	140	330		

- Science: unique combination of wide bandwidth for spectral coverage and uniform high resolution, $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \approx 2.5 \times 10^6$
 - core 230 and 345 GHz bands (matched to Maunakea site)
 - Continuum: 16x faster or 4x deeper, and + higher fidelity imaging
 - Spectral lines: 16x grasp = more spectrum simultaneously
- Practical: better calibration, homogeneous data archive
- Dedicated open space to exploit new opportunities

Astronomer's view of wSMA spectral coverage



SMA Science Workshop



→ wSMA Science White Paper





wSMA Science White Paper

SMA Memo #165

Science with the wideband Submillimeter Array: A Strategy for the Decade 2017–2027

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Figure 1: The eight 6-meter antennas of the Submillimeter Array on Maunakea, Hawaii (photo by N. Patel).

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wSMA Science Opportunities

Spectral line surveys

in effect, every observation is an imaging spectral line survey Solar System, star-forming regions, evolved stars, galaxies

Time Domain / Transients

Increased instantaneous sensitivity and/or wide spectral coverage very advantageous for time variable phenomena *comets, AGN activity, gamma-ray bursts*

Everything the SMA does now, better and faster including efficient wide-field mapping observations

Spectral Line Surveys

- **Galactic Star Forming Regions**
- Comprehensive multi-line studies that exploit chemical complexity and gas motions to probe the early evolution of young stellar objects
- Galaxies Near and Far
- Cold gas inventories for star formation physics, chemical fingerprints of starburst and nuclear activity, high-z [CII] intensity Papping Stars
- Large samples of systems for unbiased views of chemical processes, mass-loss and wind physics, ISM enrichment



Time Doman / Transients

HCN (jets)



Simultaneous multi-freq Faraday rotation measures for time variability of black hole accretion rate (context for EHT)

Comets

Separate time variable coma and jet, spatially and spectrally, in many species



GRB afterglows

Reverse shock synchrotron properties: B-field, Γ Requires rapid ToO response (minutes) Potentially detectable to z=10 or higher

More Science Modes

Key station in global Event Horizon Telescope

- Imaging supermassive black holes at event horizen scales
- SWARM designed for VLBI
- One of the few sites with reliable 345 GHz conditions
- Non-imaging observations? with >bandwidth than ALMA?

Opportunities for new instrumentation

- upgrade concept explicitly incorporates open space
- modest scale allows SMA to drive/adapt to innovation
- potential path for new collaborations
- examples: multi-beam? higher freq band? lower freq band?

wSMA Special Session at 2018 January AAS meeting



125. Science with the Wideband Submillimeter Array Organizer(s): David Wilner (Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory) 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM; National Harbor 3 (Gaylord at National Harbor)







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Expert Education and Training

- hands-on, all aspects, in the CfA and Maunakea environments
- former SMA postdocs and students \rightarrow



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RESOLVING GIANT MOLECULAR CLOUDS IN NGC 300: A FIRST LOOK WITH THE SUBMILLIMETER ARRAY

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A millimeter Continuum Size–Luminosity Relationship for Protoplanetary Disks

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Polarization Properties and Magnetic Field Structures in the High-mass Star-forming Region W51 Observed with ALMA

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Resolved Millimeter Observations of the HR 8799 Debris Disk

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Disk inner edge location puts dynamical constraint on mass of planet b

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30

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 $[CII]^{2}P_{3/2}^{-2}P_{1/2}^{-1/2}$

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A dusty star-forming galaxy at z = 6 revealed by strong gravitational lensing

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