A wide-angle photograph of the night sky, showing numerous stars as long, colorful streaks due to a long exposure time. In the lower foreground, several large, dark blue-grey dish antennas of the ALMA observatory are visible, their surfaces reflecting some light. The background is a deep black.

Planetary Science with ALMA

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Joint ALMA Observatory

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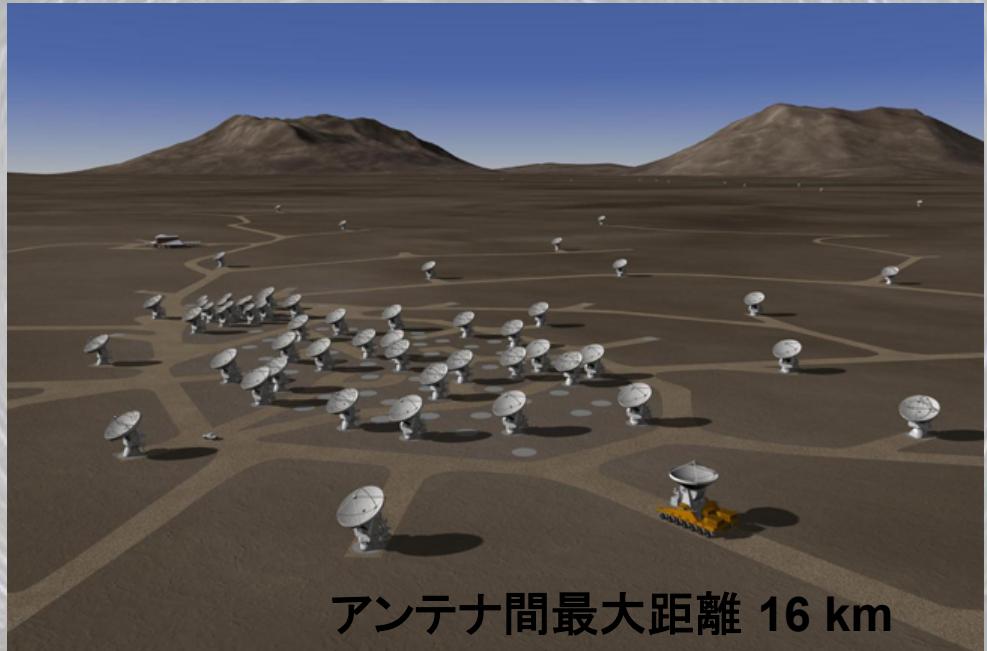
ALMA ITS CAPABILITY

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ALMA Overview

- ALMA is a large telescope array sub-mm interferometer
 - International Project by EA, EU, NA, Chile
 - At Atacama Desert at 5000m above sea level
 - 54 12-m antennas, 12 7-m antennas
 - Angular Resolution **0.01 arcsec**
 - Sensitivity : **30 – 100 times better** than existing telescopes
 - Started Early Science Operation in 2011



Credit: ALMA (ESO NAOJ NRAO)

It is not CG.



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ALMA Specifications

- Top Three Science Requirements to Design ALMA
 - Detect spectral line emission from CO or C II in a normal galaxy at a redshift of $z=3$
 - Image the gas kinematics in protostars and protoplanetary disks around young Sun-like stars at a distance of 150 pc
 - Provide precise images at an angular resolution of $0.^{\circ}1$.

ALMA Main Specifications

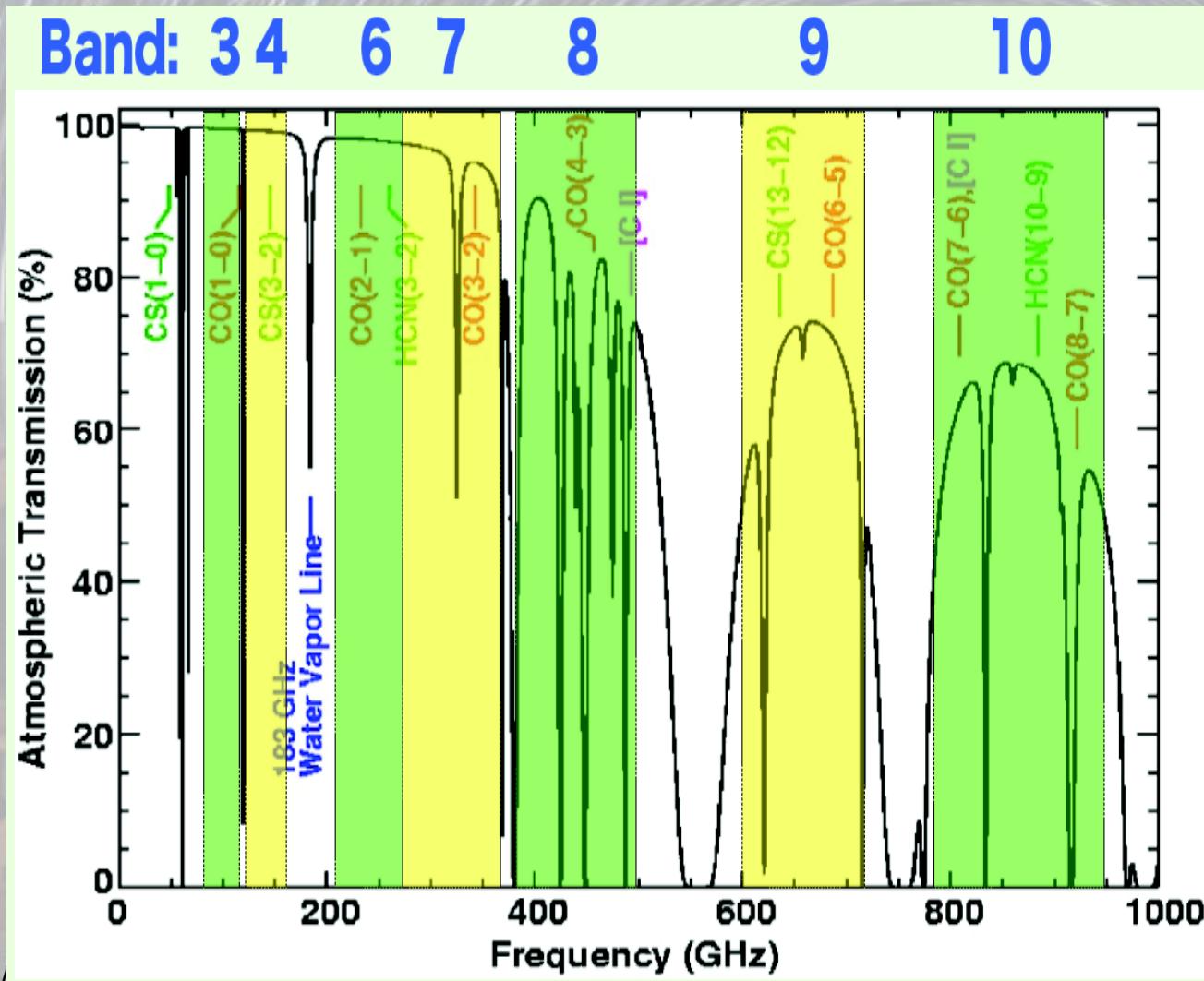
Antennas	12m x 50	12m x 4 + 7m x 12
	25/20 μm	0''.6 pointing
Resolution	0''.01 – 10''	
Receivers	See Table	
Correlator	Bandwidth	16 GHz/baseline (8IFx2GHz)
	Resolution	3.8 kHz (0.012 km/s at 100 GHz)
Dynamic Range	Image	50000:1 (with self-cal)
	Spectrum	10000:1 line-to-line
	Spectrum	1000:1 line-to-continuum
Flux Scale	Relative	< 1 % at mm, < 3 % at submm

ALMA Band Coverage

ALMA Bands			FOV
1	35-50*		140"
2	67-90		
3	84-116	2SB: 4-8 GHz	60"
4	125-163	2SB: 4-8 GHz	45"
5	163-211	2SB: 4-8 GHz	35"
6	211-275	2SB: 5-10 GHz	26"
7	275-373	2SB: 4-8 GHz	17"
8	385-500	2SB: 4-8 GHz	13"
9	602-720	DSB: 4-12 GHz	9"
10	787-950	DSB: 4-12 GHz	7"

Band 1 and 5 are under development.

Transmission at ALMA Site



ALMA Evolution

	Cycle 0	Cycle 1 Now	Full Oper.
12-m array	16	32	50
7-m array	0	9	12
TP array	0	2	4
Band	3,6,7,9	3,6,7,9	3,4,6,7,8,9 ,10

ALMA Sensitivity

- In general, the noise level of n-antenna array is written below.

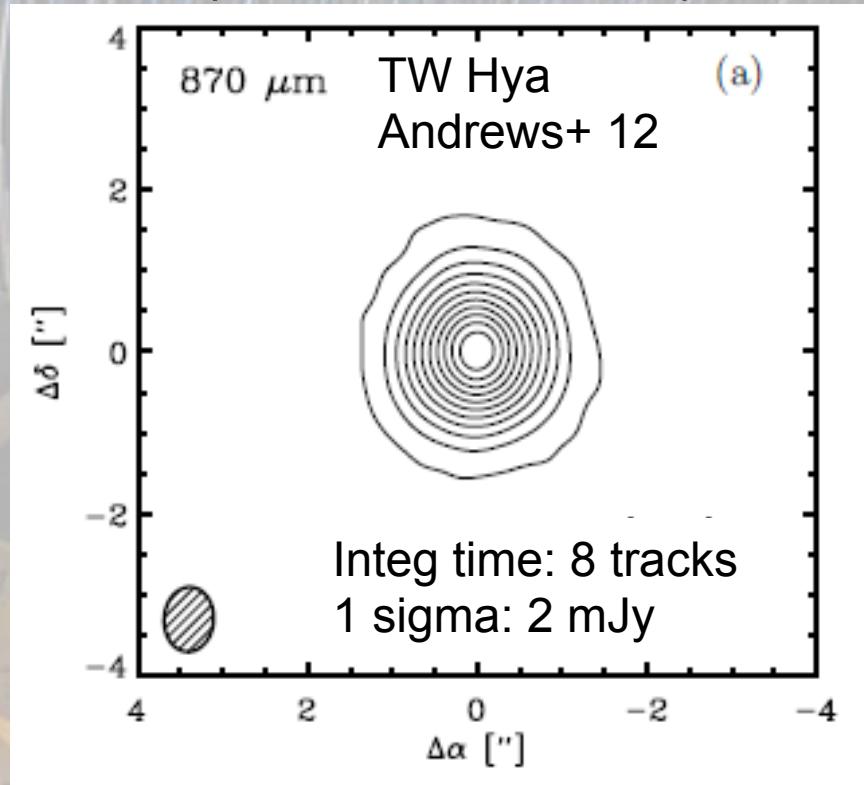
$$\Delta S = \frac{2kT_{sys}}{\eta_q [\eta_a \pi (D/2)^2] [n_p N(N-1) \Delta\nu \Delta t]^{0.5} \rho}$$

相関器効率 Effective aperture area # of polarization # of antenna Integ time Bandwidth Coherence

ALMA vs SMA

ALMA is a snapshot array compared to existing arrays.

SMA (8 x 6 m antenna)

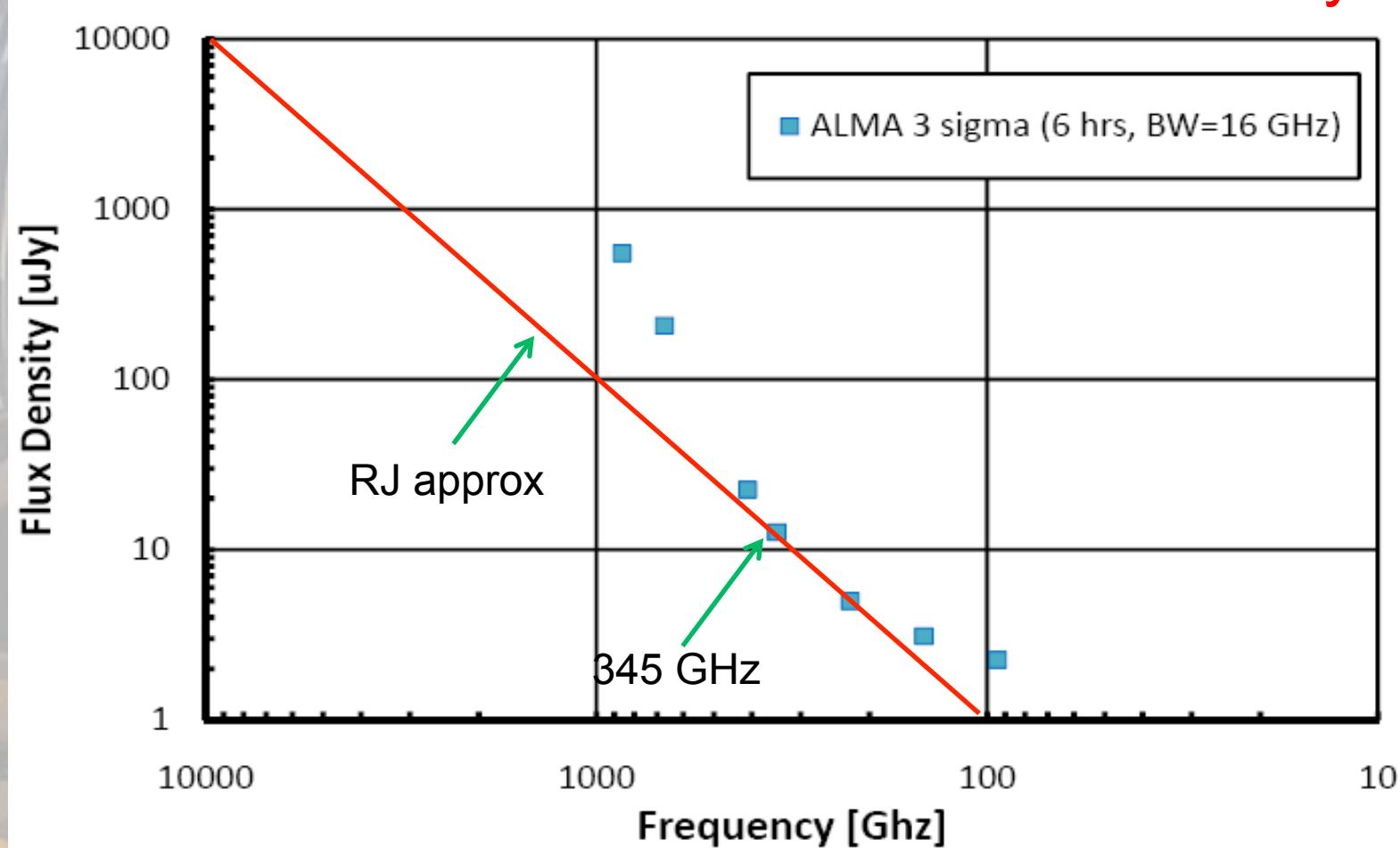


ALMA (32 x 12 m antenna)
Cycle 1 on-going

Required Integ Time is
3 seconds

Continuum Sensitivity

Band 6 or 7 is most sensitive to detect BlackBody objects



SOLAR SYSTEM OBJECTS

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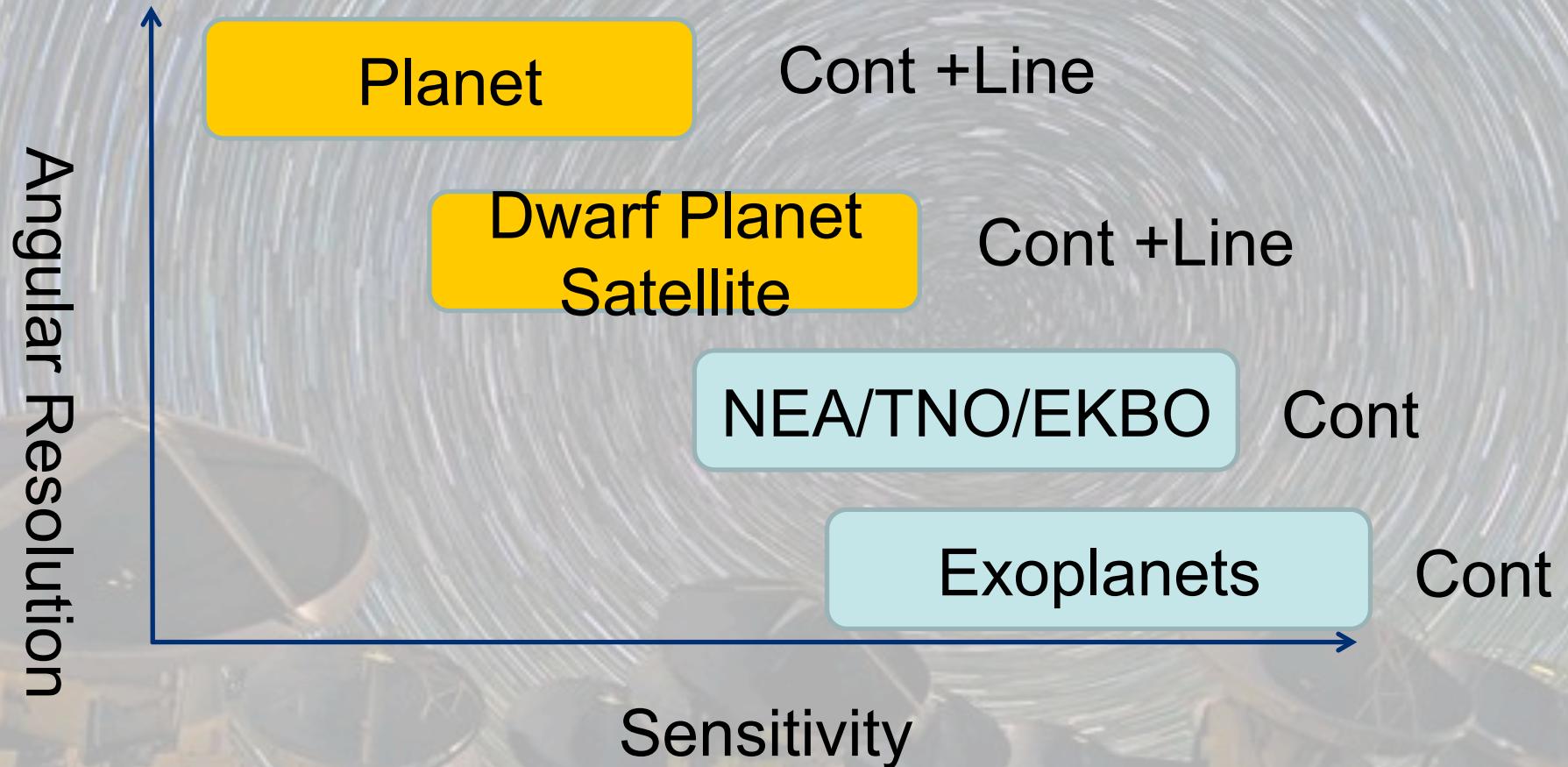
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Types of Observations

- Solar Planets
 - Line
 - Satellites/KB Objects
 - Continuum (flux calibration)
 - Line
 - Extra-Solar Giant Planets
 - Giant planets
 - Proto-Giant planets
- ALMA & Satellite Complementary**
- Monitor ⇔ Instantaneous
- Overview ⇔ Specific position

Type of Observations

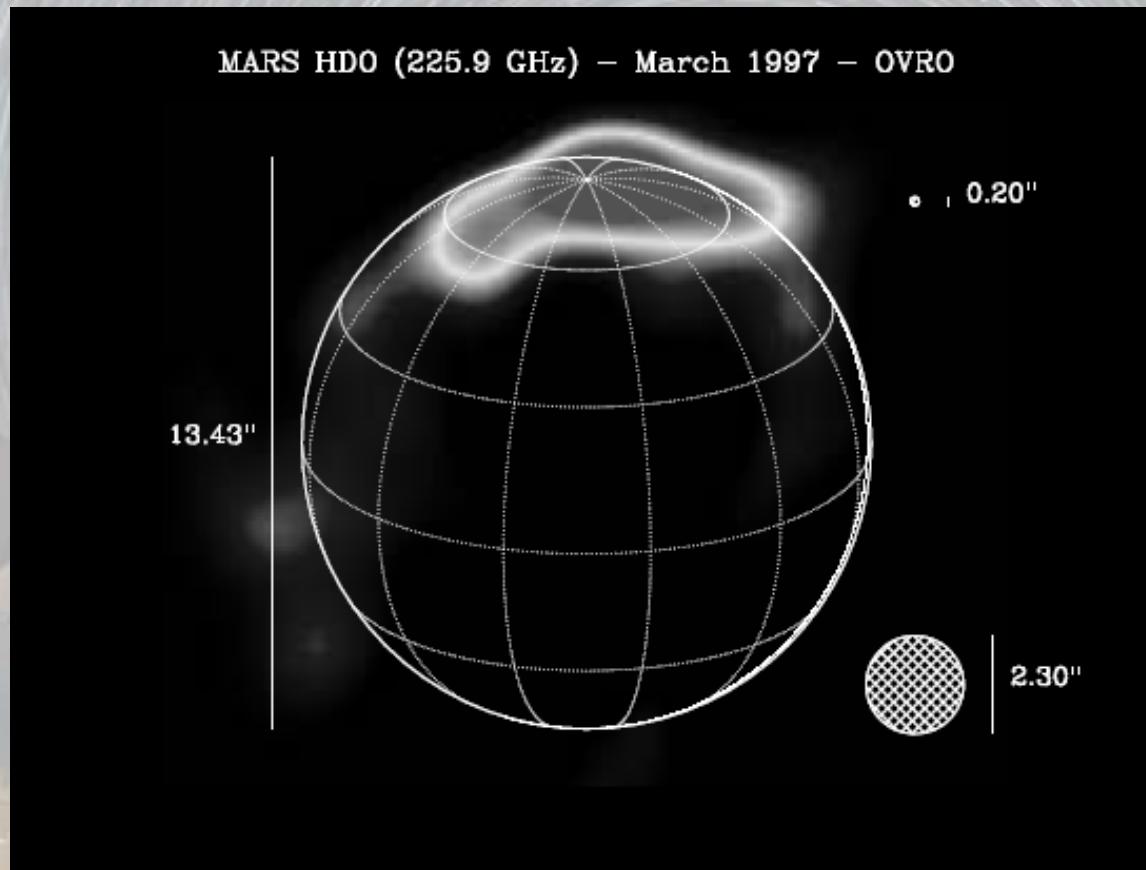


Various Observation Proposed

- 4.1 Planetary Atmospheres
 - 4.1.1 The dynamics of Mars' and Venus' middle atmospheres
 - 4.1.2 The three-dimensional water cycle of Mars
 - 4.1.3 Chemistry in the atmospheres of Venus and Mars
 - 4.1.4 Composition and dynamics of giant planet stratospheres
 - 4.1.5 Search for broad lines in the tropospheres of the giant planets
 - 4.1.6 Mapping the continuum emission from the giant planets
 - 4.1.7 Chemical-dynamical couplings in Titan's atmosphere
 - 4.1.8 Volcanism at Io
 - 4.1.9 The atmospheres of Triton, Pluto and other transneptunians (TNO) objects
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- 4.2 Planetary Surfaces and Dynamics
 - 4.2.1 Albedos, sizes and surface properties of transneptunian objects
 - 4.2.2 Mapping the surfaces of the Moon, Mercury and Mars
 - 4.2.3 Mapping the surfaces of large icy bodies
 - 4.2.4 Structure and composition of Saturn's rings
 - 4.2.5 Mapping the surfaces of larger asteroids
 - 4.2.6 Sizes and albedoes of NEAs
 - 4.2.7 Astrometry of NEAs and TNOs
 - 4.2.8 Radar observations of NEAs

Mars: water?

Atmospheric Composition, Kinematics, Variation



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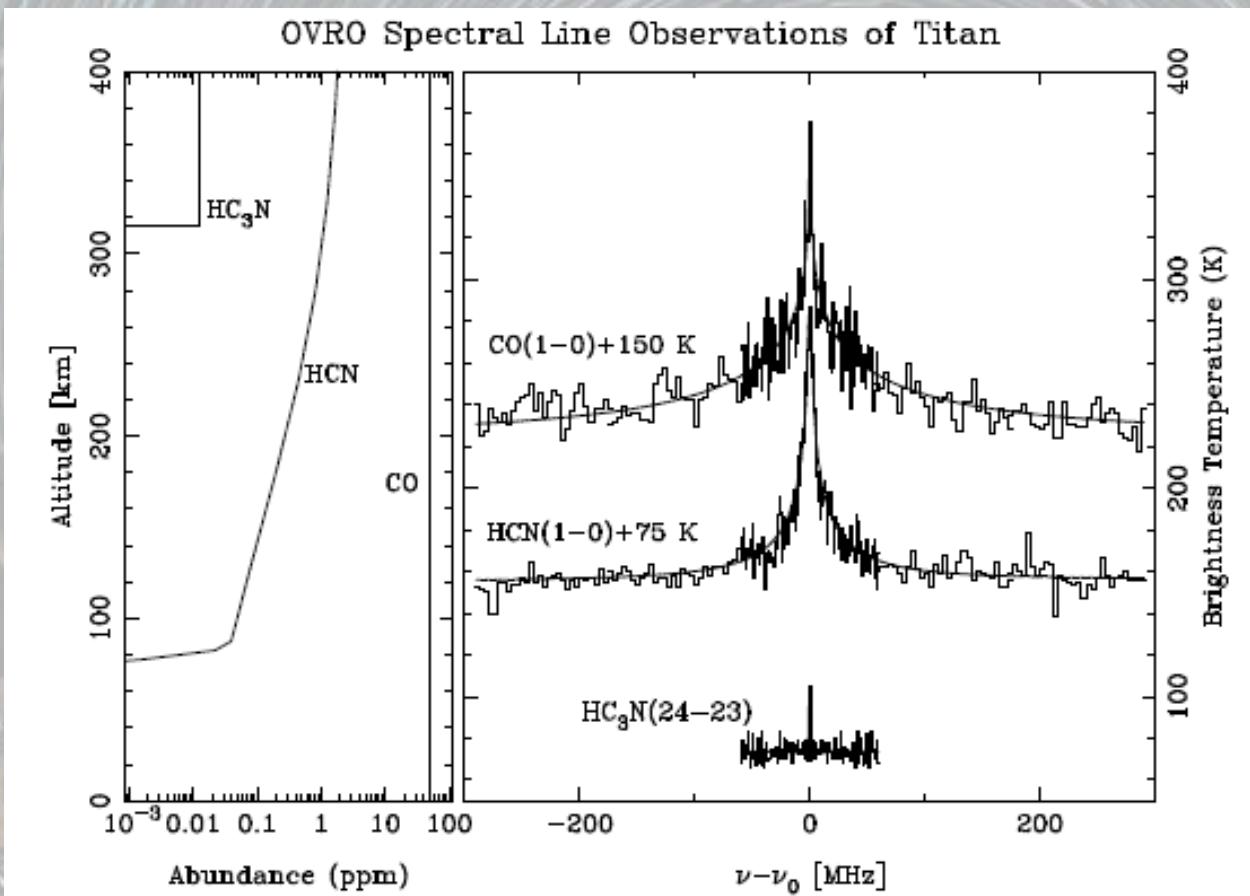
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Titan: CO/HCN

Vertical distribution of Atmosphere



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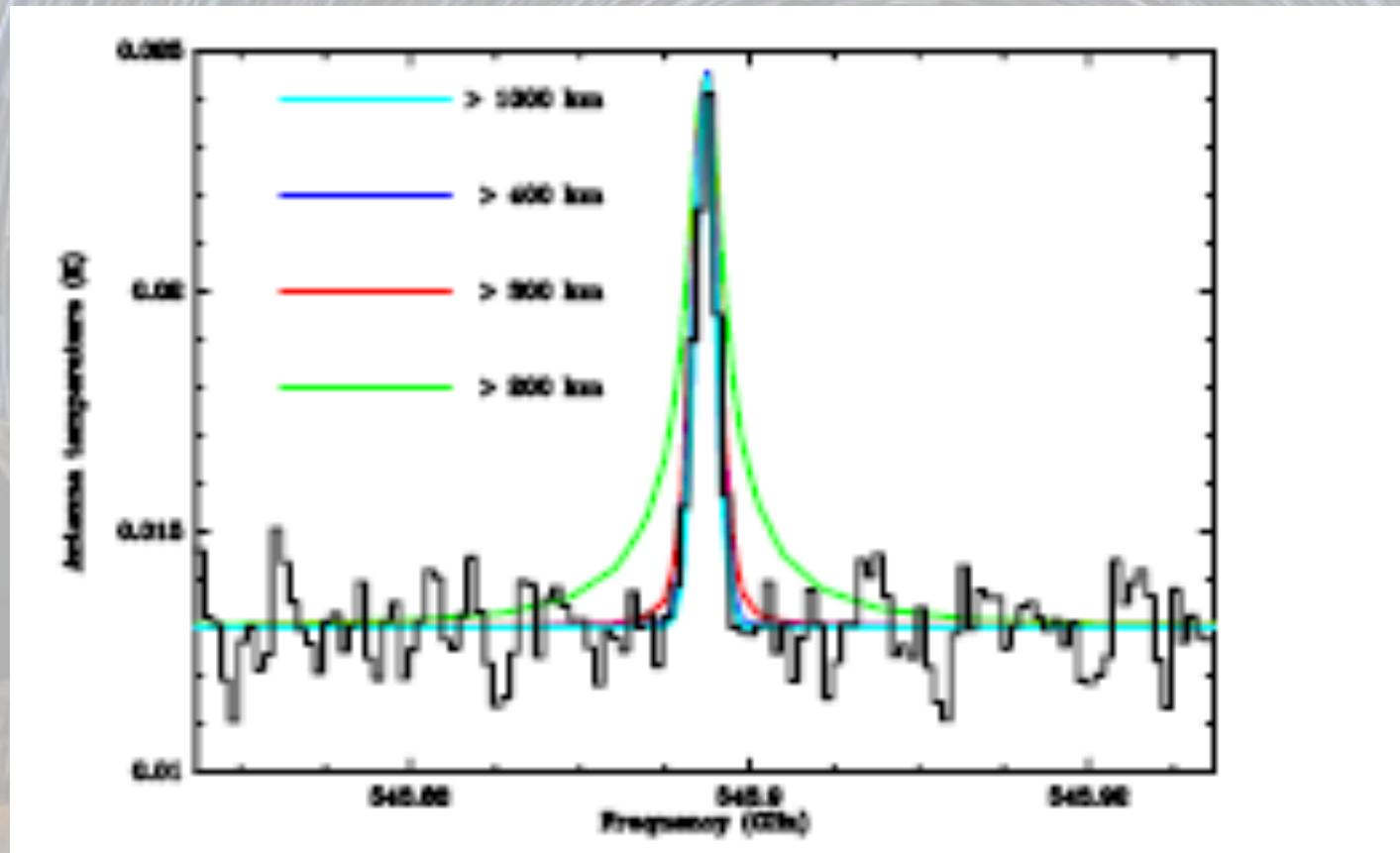
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Titan: HNC

Atmospheric Composition, Kinematics



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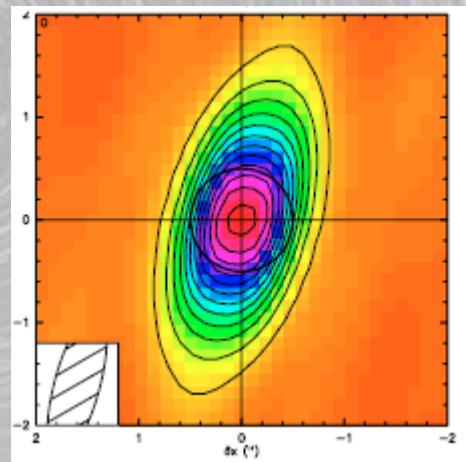
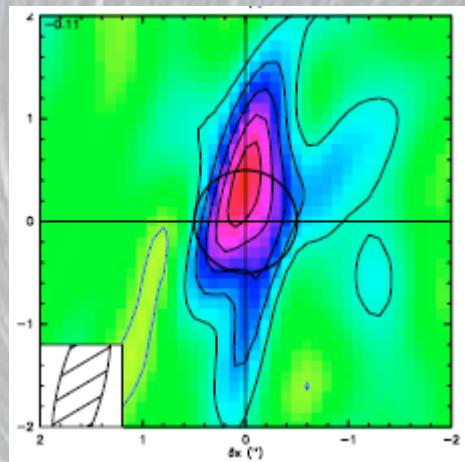
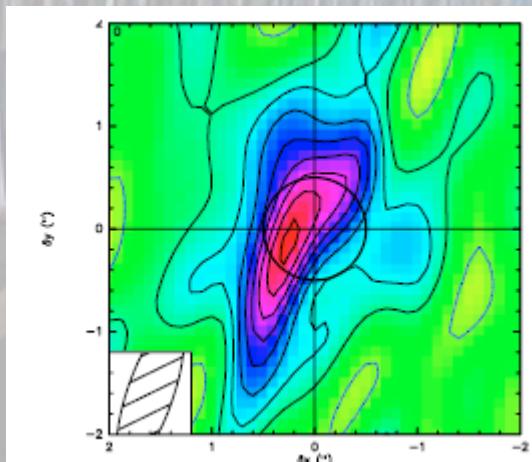
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Atmospheric Kinematics

Line shift of 330 ± 100 m/s > 75 m/s (solid rotation)

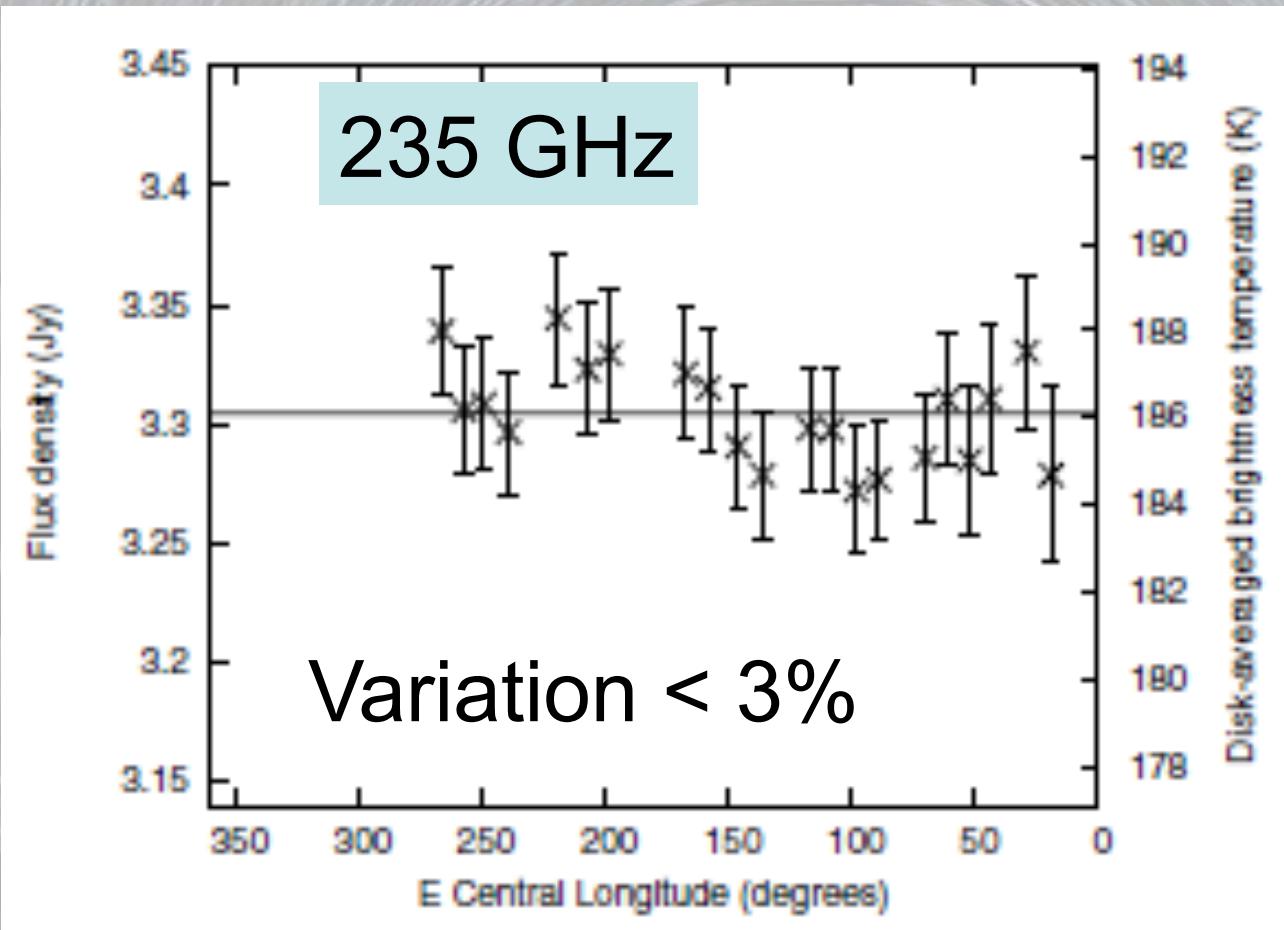


Left: leading side line emission. $1''.5 \times 0''.5$ beam
Right: trailing side line emission.

Continuum
217 GHz

Light Curve of Ceres

Study brightness temperature distribution

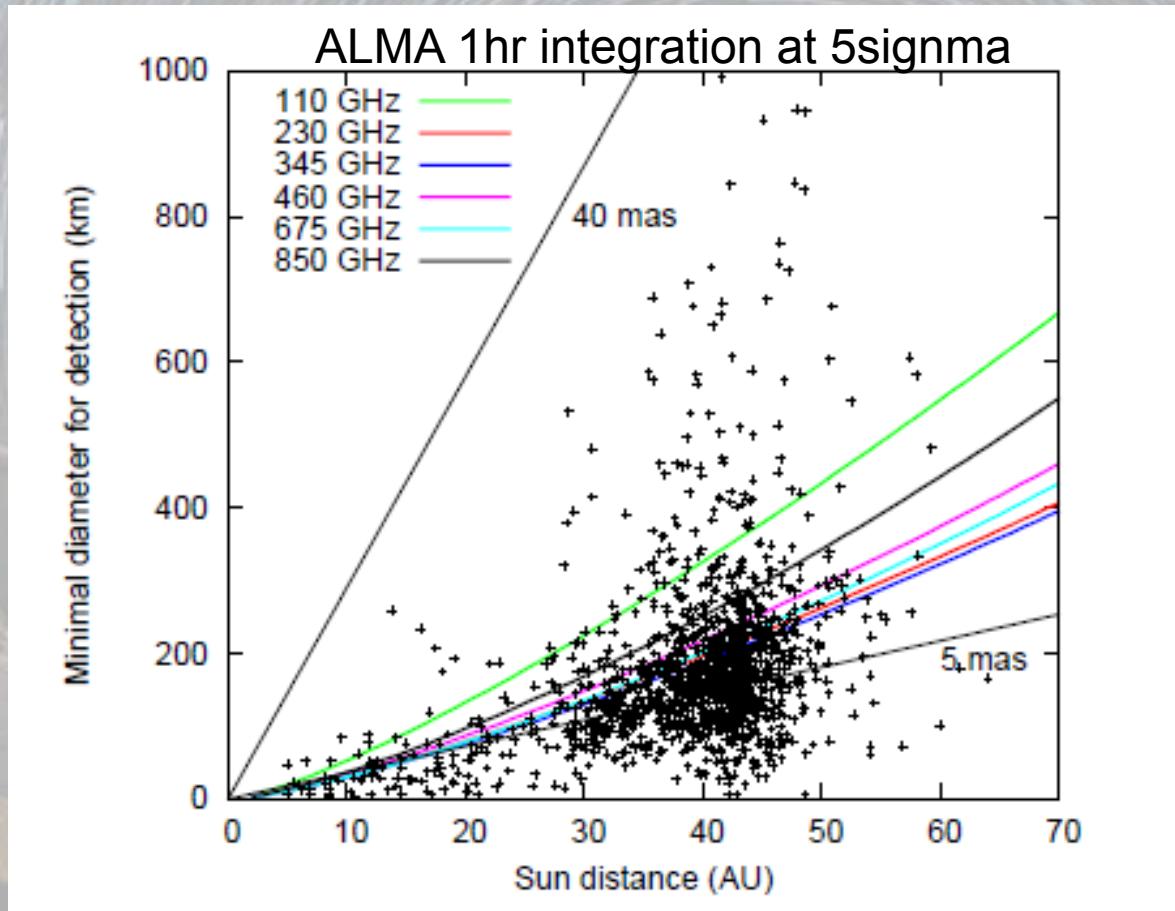


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Trans-Neptunian Objects: Size

Determine the equivalent size and albedo



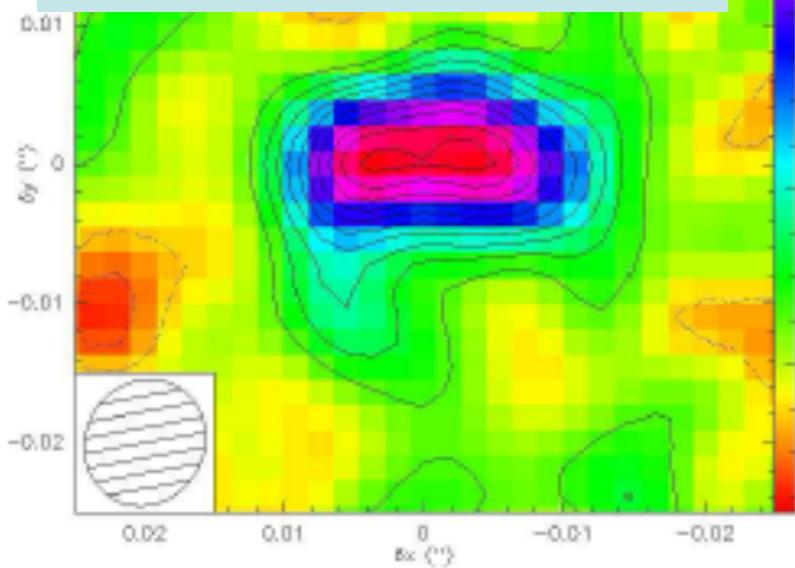
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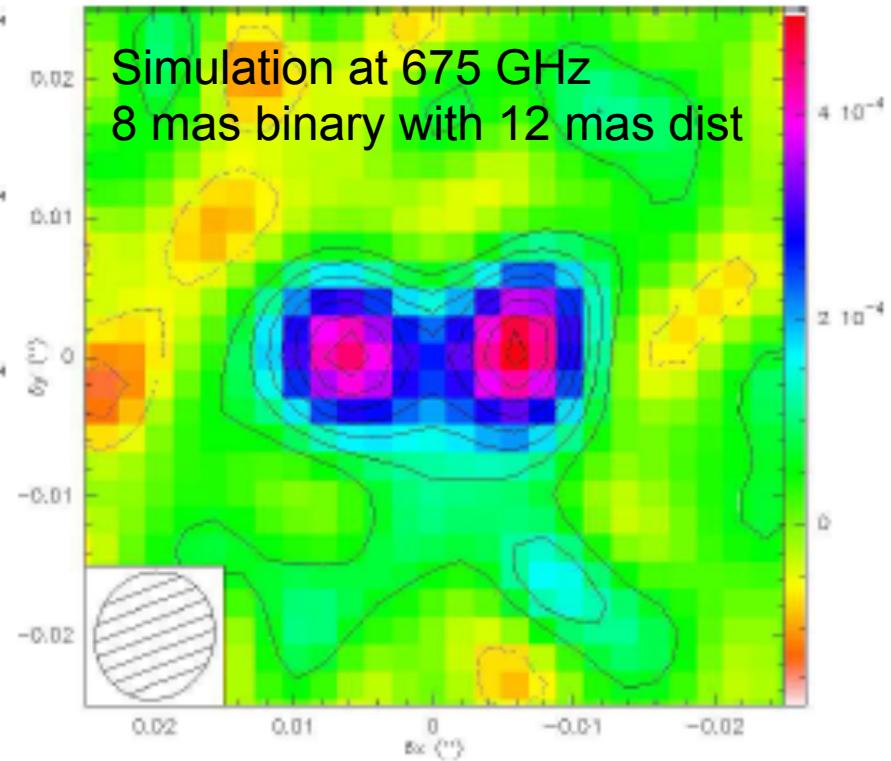
Trans-Neptunian Objects

Binary Fraction, Separation, Total Mass

675 GHz with 10 km baseline
8 mas binary with 10 mas dist
8 mas = 174 km at 30 AU



Simulation at 675 GHz
8 mas binary with 12 mas dist

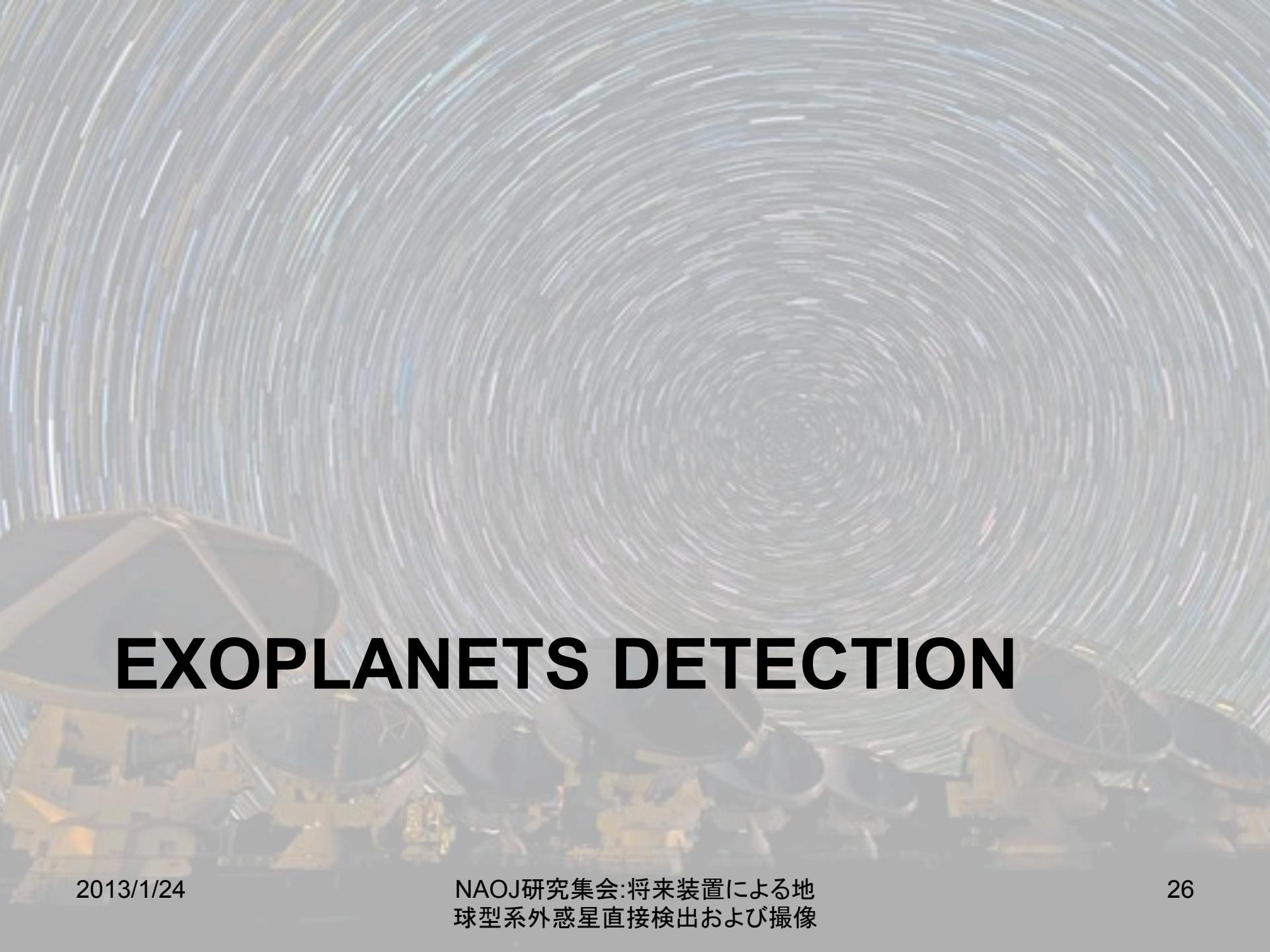


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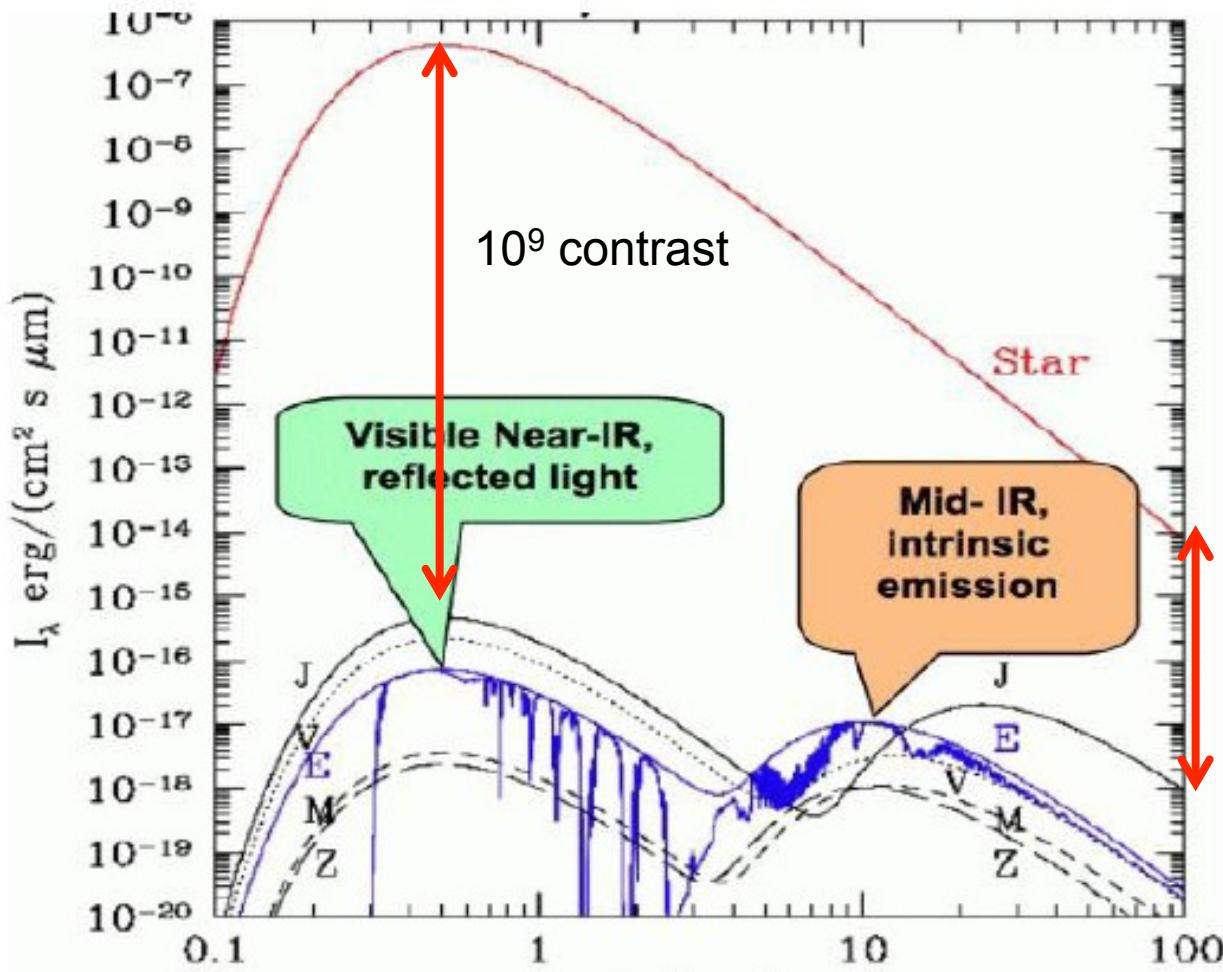
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Detection of Exoplanets

- Direct Imaging
- Light Curve of Transit Objects
- Astrometry <= not mentioned today

Direct Detection of Exoplanets

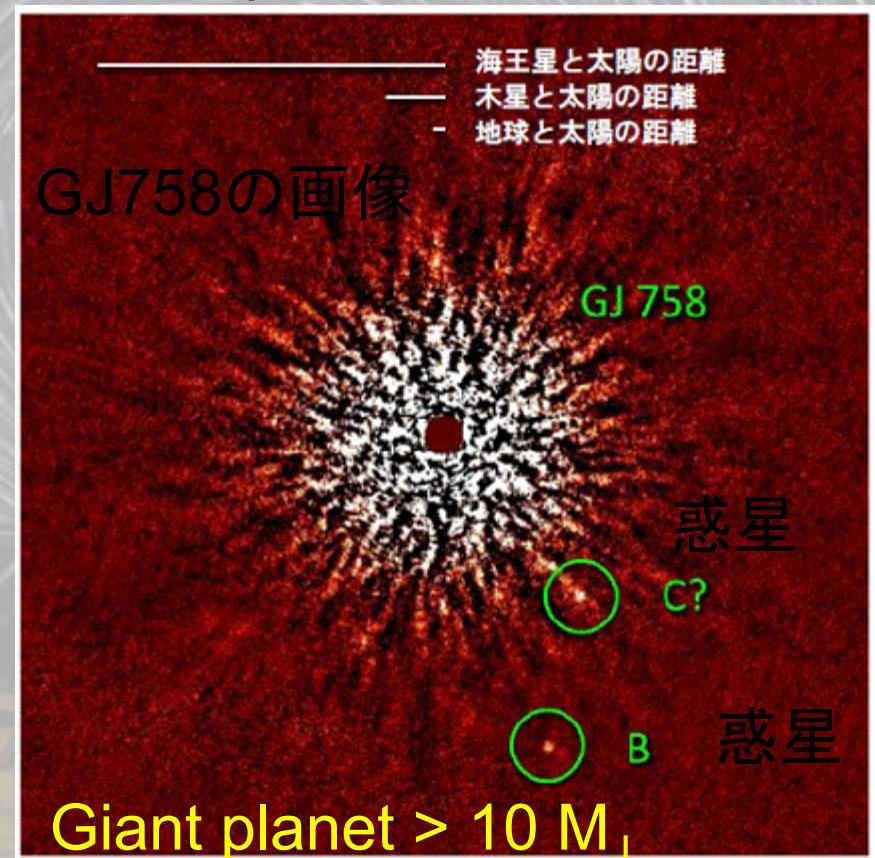
SED of Solar system objects at 10 pc distance



Extra Solar Giant Planets

Giant Planets are directly imaged.

> 850 planets since 1995



Dynamic Range

Overcome Dynamic Range Issue

- It is not trivial for ALMA to achieve a high dynamic range of 10^4 dependent distance from a bright object.
- Strategy
 - Late type stars (K, M) e.g. 0.1 Mo with 10^{-3} L_\odot
 - Known distant giant planets
 - Transit objects

Feasibility of Transit Targets

Jupiter/Super-Jupiter detectable with ALMA

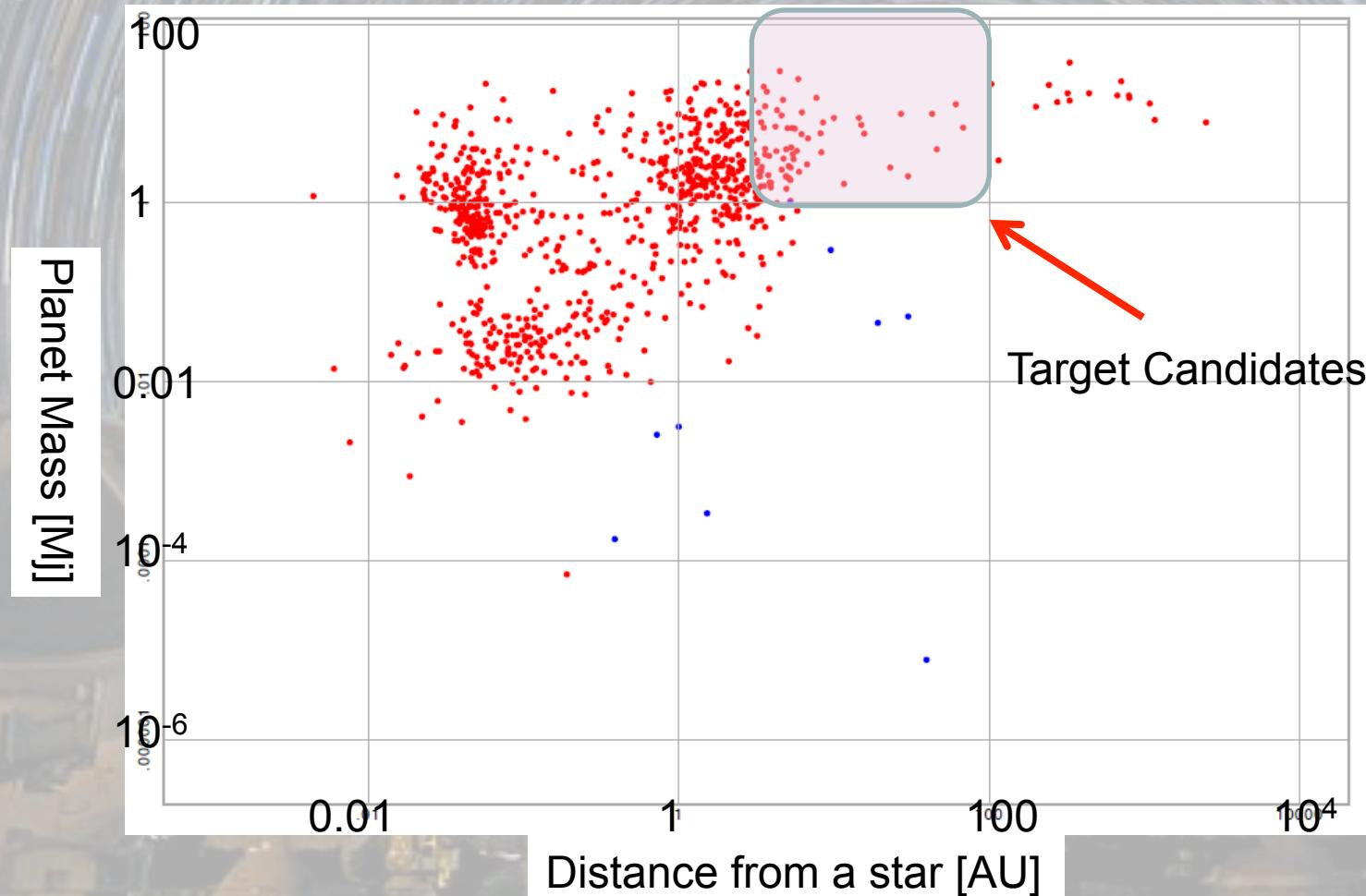
- Consider 2 cases
 - Jupiter ($T=200$ K, $R=1$ R_{Jup})
 - Super Jupiter ($T=200$ K, $R=2.5$ R_{Jup})
 - Flux densities at 345 GHz (uJy)

Distance (pc)	Jupiter	Super Jupiter
1	10.0	62.3
2	2.49	15.6
5	0.40	2.49
10	0.10	0.62

Yellow: detectable

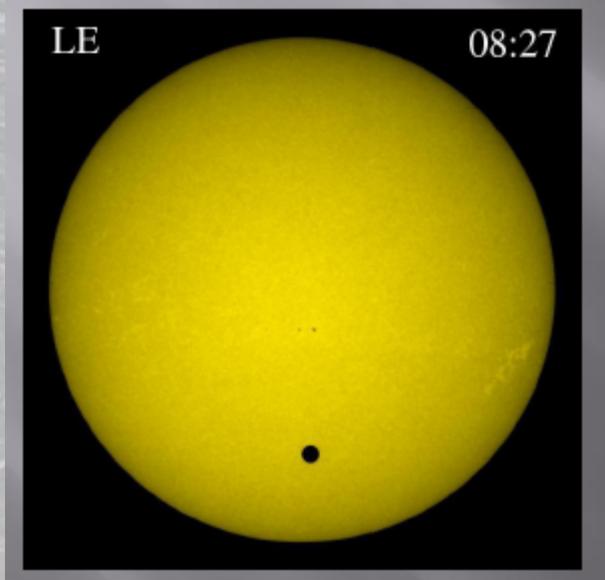
Target Candidates

Massive Planets exist at reasonable distance



Transiting Planets

- Orbits nearly edge-on
- A solar-like star
 - 1 % for Jupiter size planet
 - 0.01 % for Earth size planet
- Technically Feasible
 - Star itself is 2 mJy at 3.8 pc
 - $1 \% = 20 \mu\text{Jy}$ at 3.8 pc for a few hours
 - Advantage to OPT/IR?



Venus transit on 08-Jun-2006.



TOWARD FUTURE CAPABILITY

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Enhancement of ALMA

- Antenna
 - Increase Diameter
 - Increase Efficiency
- Receiver
 - Decrease Receiver Noise
 - Increase Bandwidth
- Backend
 - Increase Bandwidth
- Correlator
 - Increase Bandwidth
 - Increase quantum efficiency

Moreover

Decrease Coherence Loss

Improve calibration Technique

Improve Imaging Technique

Summary

- ALMA powerful capability opens various planetary science
- Solar System studies with ALMA
- Detection of Extra Solar Giant planets
- Toward Future
 - Lessons learned from ALMA should be reflected to a future array design.