Observing with the JCMT: Capabilities and our Operational model

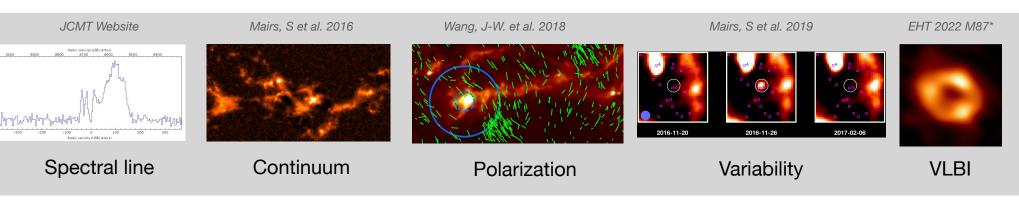


Harriet Parsons JCMT-LLAMA Community talk March 2023

JCMT

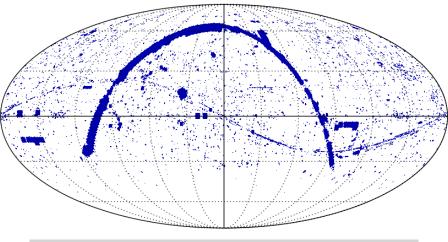
- 15m cassegrain telescope
- Maunakea, Hawai`i (19°49'22.2"N 155°28'37.0"W)
- Altitude 4,092m
- 24 micron surface accuracy
- Pointing accuracy ~2"
- Operate with GorTex Membrane
- Continuum, Spectral, Polarization
- Started operations in 1987
- Since 2019 operated remotely from Hilo base facility
- Single dish and VLBI observing



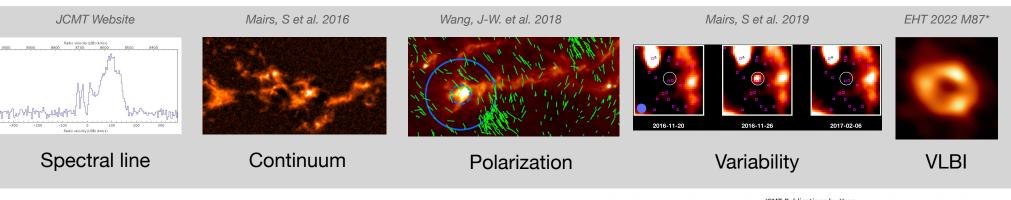


Science

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- Large Programs, PI lead programs, ToO, archive mining
- Individual users to global consortiums



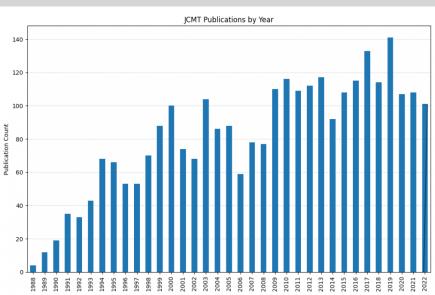
All areas of the sky observed by SCUBA-2 on the JCMT. This includes legacy survey fields as well as publicly available data (as of 2014). <u>https://www.eaobservatory.org/jcmt/science/archive/</u>



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- Average > 100 publications a year

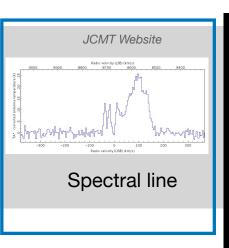
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Studying Infall in Infrared Dark Clouds with Multiple HCO⁺ Transitions

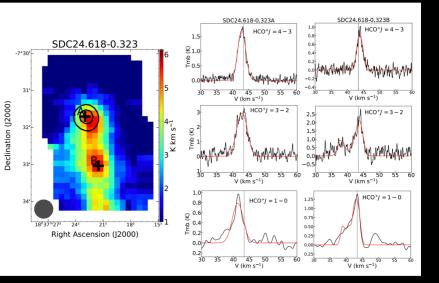
Xie, Jin-Jin et al. Research in Astronomy and Astrophysics, 2021

Goal: Use the JCMT to map 20+ clumps in 11 IRDCs in HCO+ J=4-3 and J=3-2 to study evolutionary stages and properties of protoclusters



HCO+J=4-3 with HARP HCO+J=3-2 with RxA

RxA: now replaced with the `Ū`ū 230GHz insert inside Nāmakanui

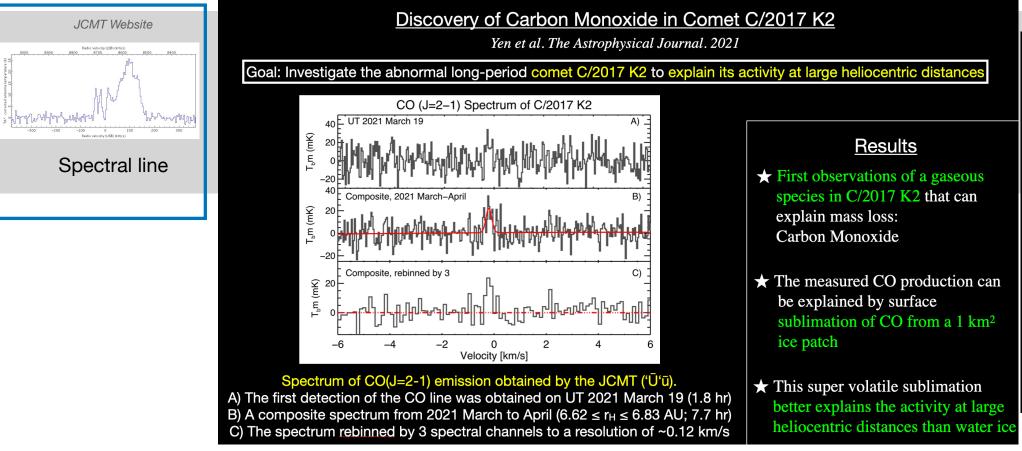


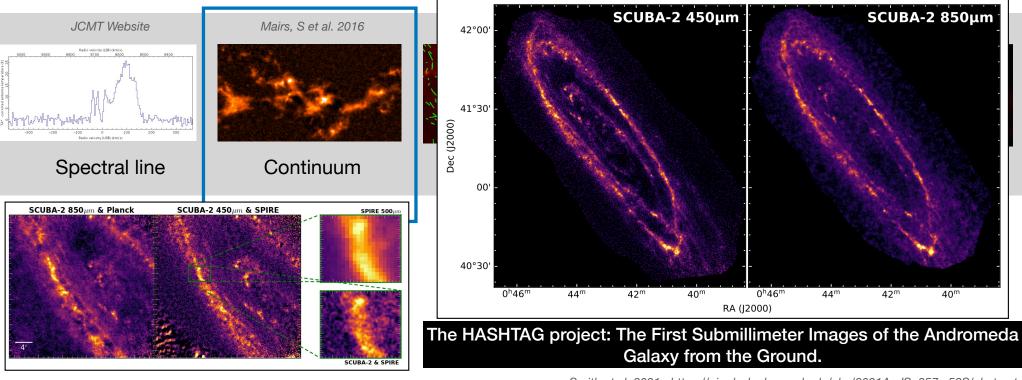
The integrated intensity map of HCO+J =1–0 (IRAM) overlaid with HCO+J =4–3 contours (JCMT). A and B are the observed positions of HCO+J =3–2 (JCMT). The grey dot at the corner of the emission map represents the IRAM beam size.

<u>Results</u>

- ★ Size and luminosity distributions were derived and compared across 11 IRDCs
- ★ HCO+(J=3-2) reliably traces the infall signature. The median velocity is 1.0 km/s with a maximum of 2.7 km/s
- ★ The values are comparable to known massive star-forming clumps in late evolutionary stages

https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1674-4527/21/8/208/meta

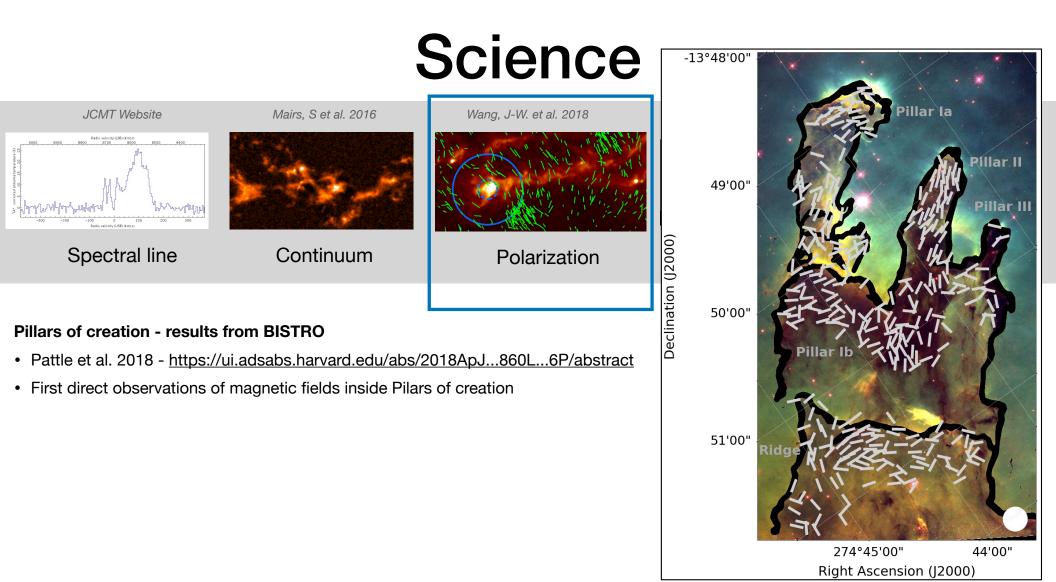


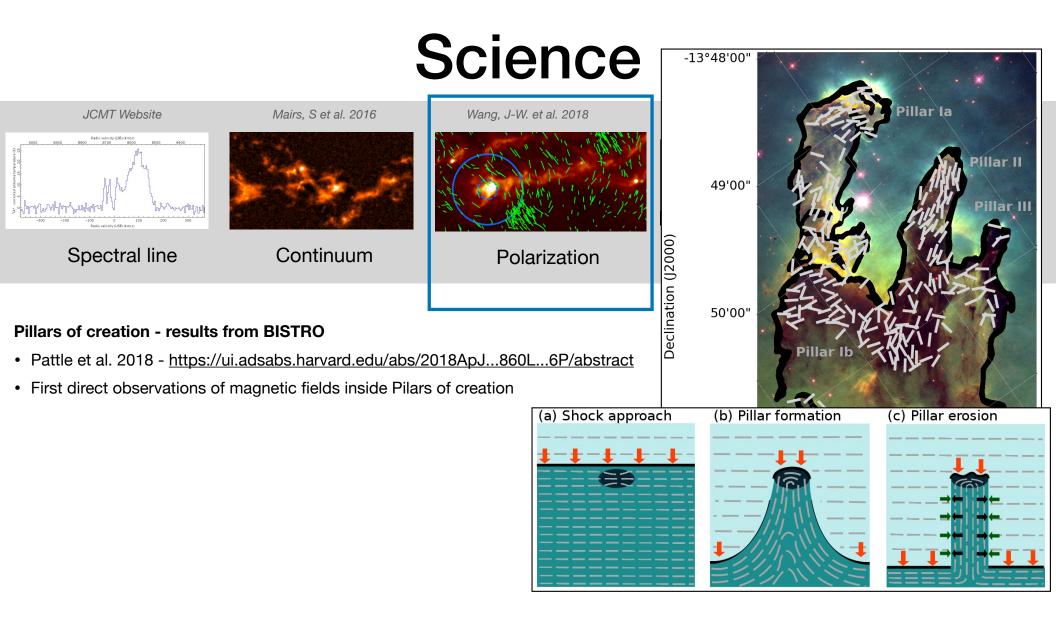


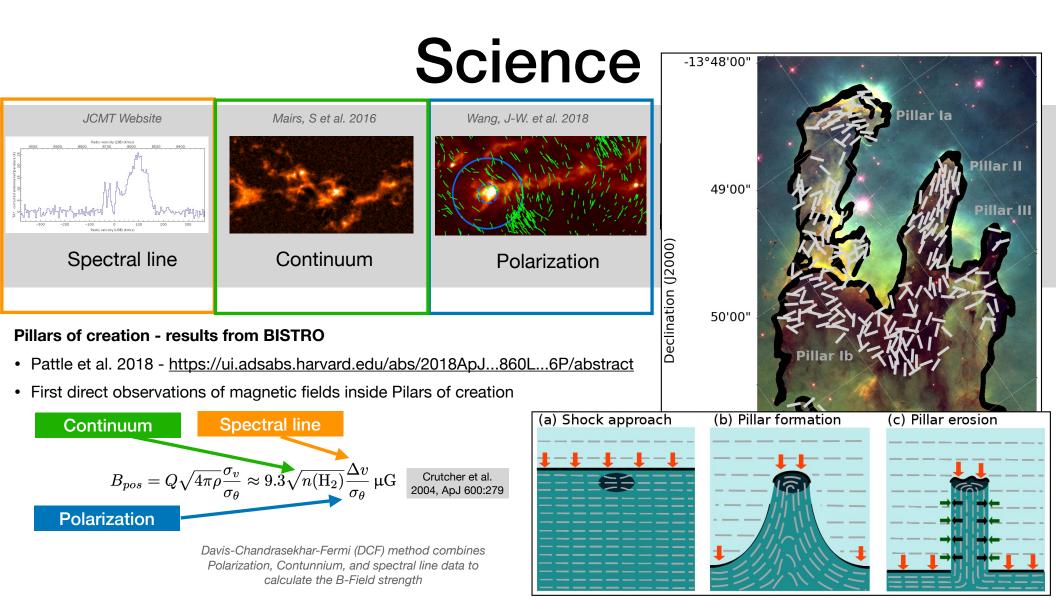
Smith et al. 2021: <u>https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2021ApJS..257...52S/abstract</u> <u>https://hashtag.astro.cf.ac.uk/index.html</u>

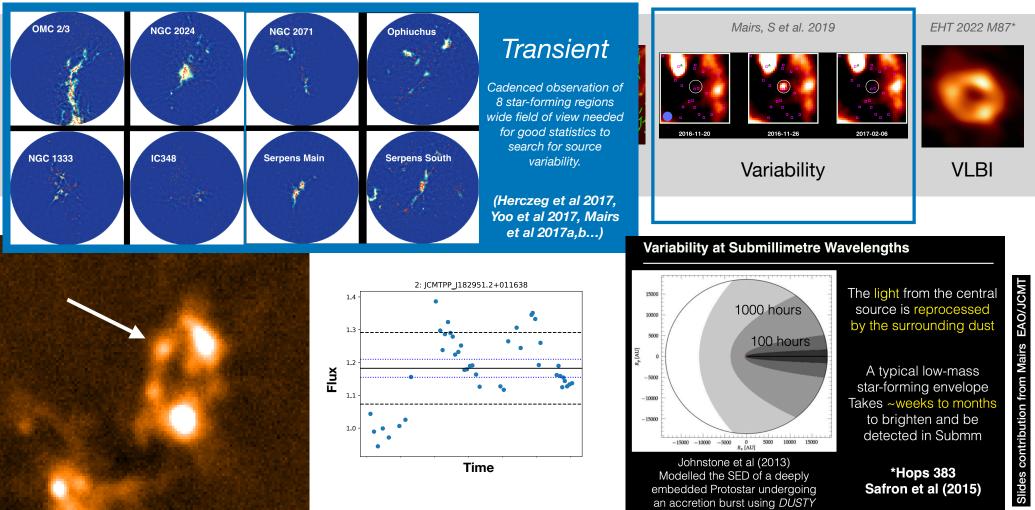
Challenges for nearby galaxy observations with ground based sub-mm telescopes

- 1) brightness is significantly reduced at long submillimeter wavelengths compared to the brightness at the peak of the dust emission.
- 2) Second, it is necessary to use a high-pass spatial filter to remove atmospheric noise on large angular scales, which has the unwelcome by-product of also removing the galaxy's large-scale structure.

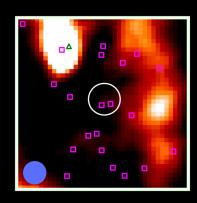




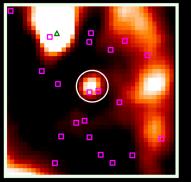




Science An Extraordinary Submillimetre Flare Event







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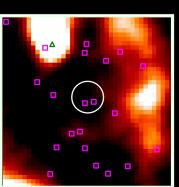
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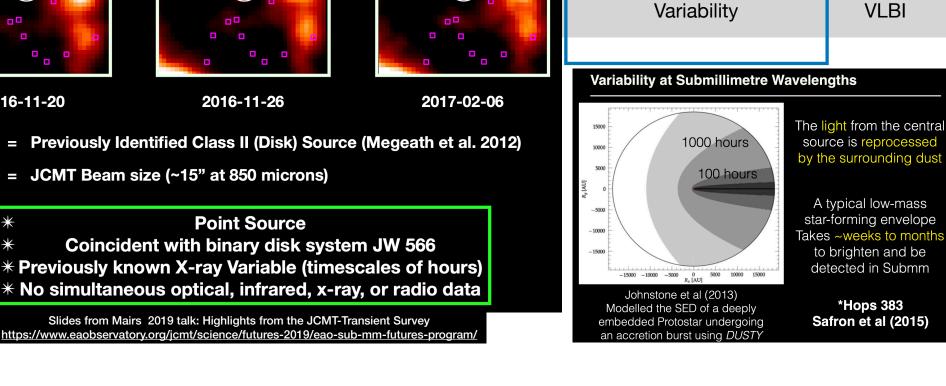
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Point Source

JCMT Beam size (~15" at 850 microns)

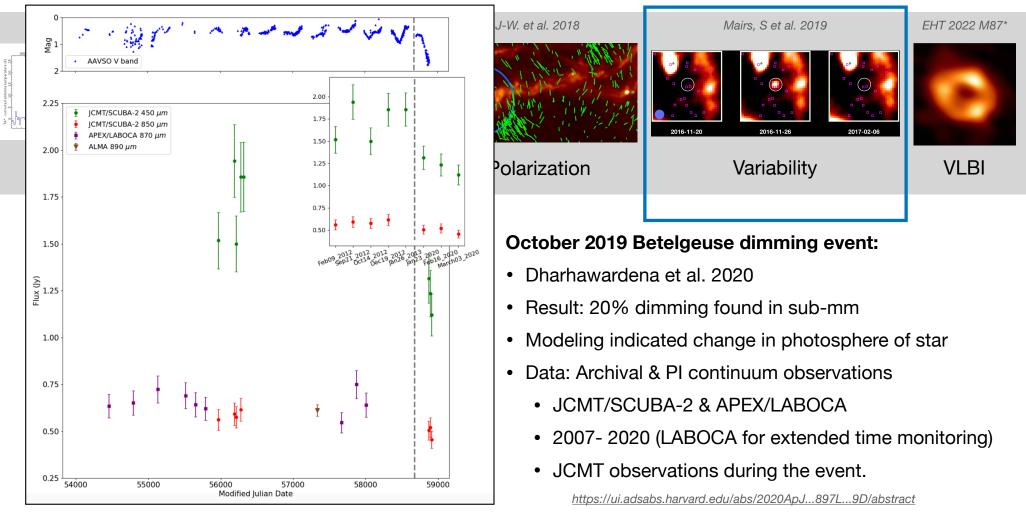




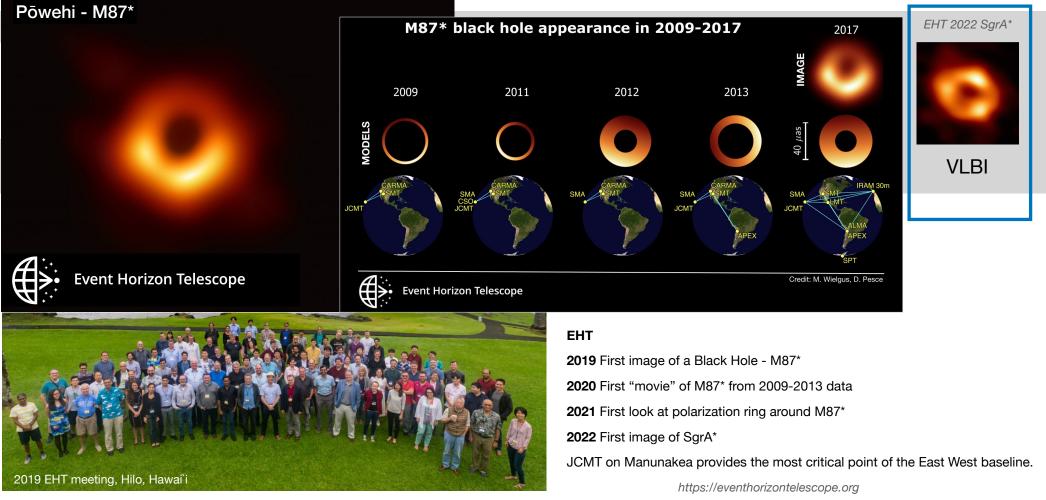
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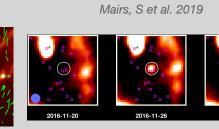
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Variability



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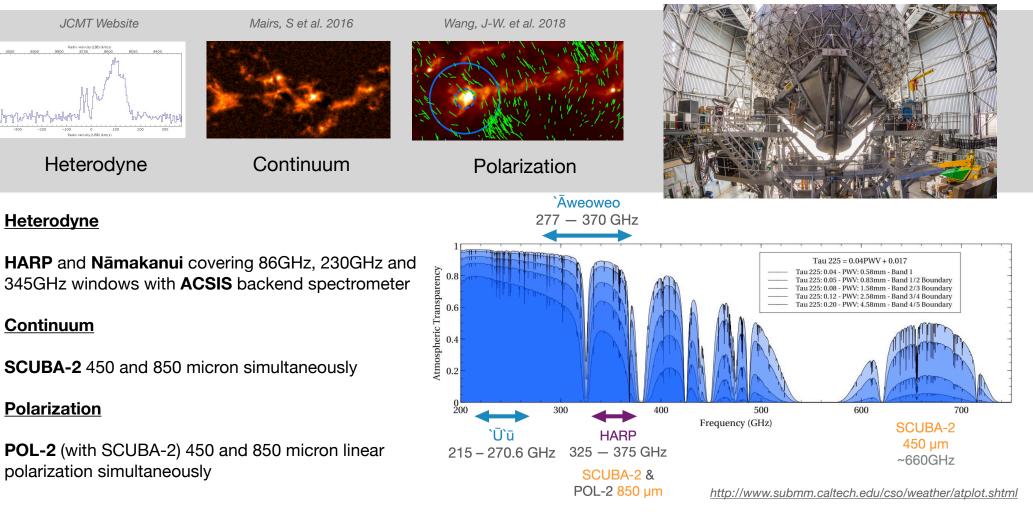
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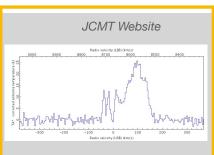
Nāmakanui brings new collaborations:

2022 JCMT joining - EAVN - <u>https://radio.kasi.re.kr/</u> <u>eavn/main.php</u>

2023 JCMT joining - GMVA - Global mm-VLBI Array - https://www3.mpifr-bonn.mpg.de/div/vlbi/ globalmm/



HARP

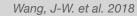


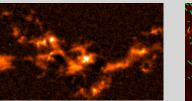
Heterodyne



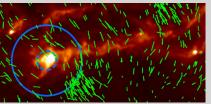
HARP (Heterodyne Array Receiver Programme)

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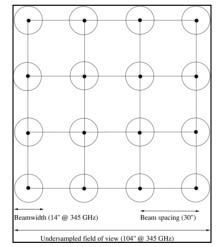
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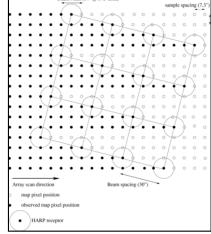


Polarization

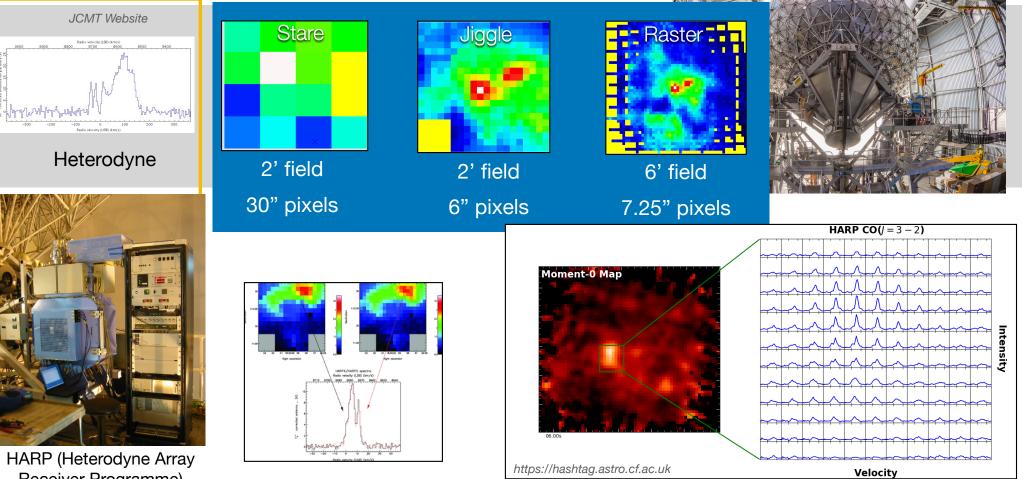


- Single Sideband (SSB) array receiver with 16 SIS mixers
- Tuned between 325 and 375 GHz
- Can be operated in stare, jiggle and scanning mode - great for mapping larger areas

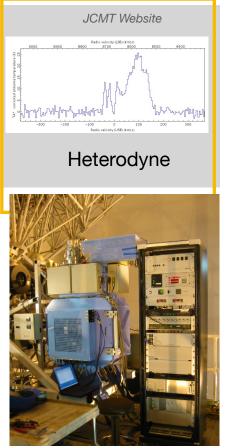




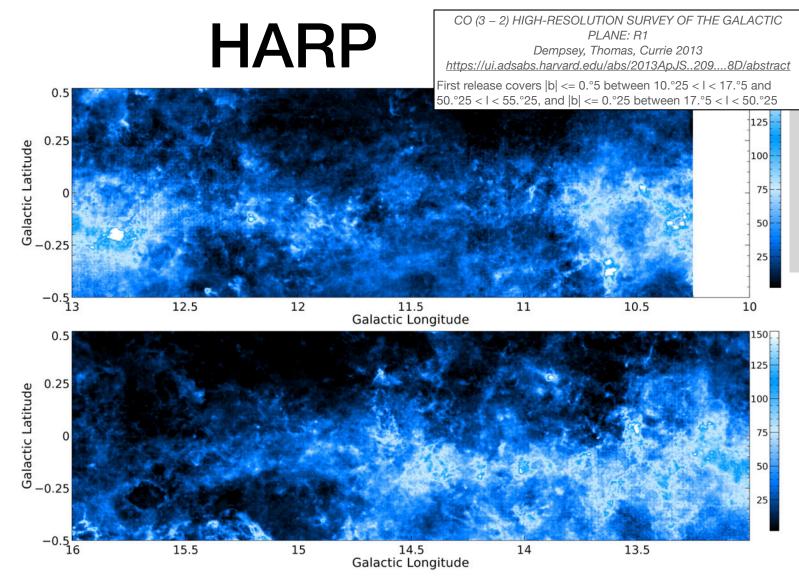
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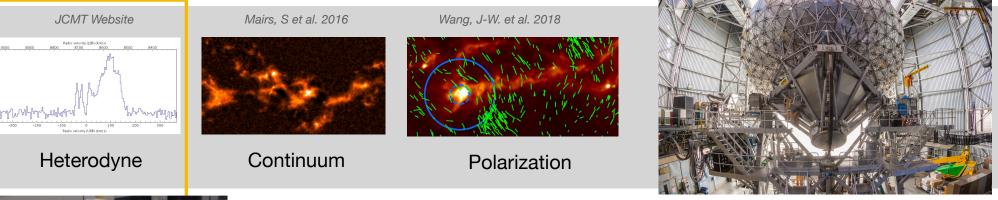
Receiver Programme)



HARP (Heterodyne Array Receiver Programme)



Nāmakanui



Nāmakanui was built by ASIAA, Taiwan, and is on loan the to the JCMT as a spare for the Greenland Telescope (GLT).

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- 215 270.6GHz (sideband separating, single pixel)
- commissioned 2023 (first light October 2019)

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- 277 370GHz (sideband separating, single pixel) Some overlap with HARP but greater sensitivity
- shared risk observing (first light October 2021)

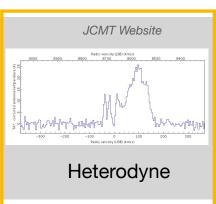
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• 77.0-88.5GHz (1-sideband, single pixel) - VLBI only - first light November 2022

Nāmakanui

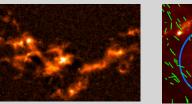


ACSIS

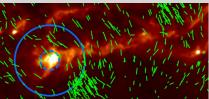


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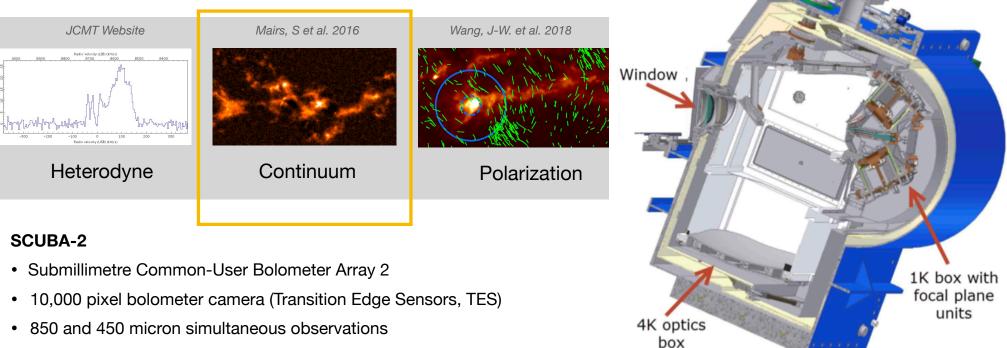
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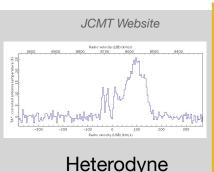


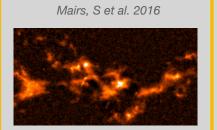
ACSIS (Auto Correlation Spectral Imaging System)

- 4 DCMs/correlators fed from the same IF
- HARP can be configured with up to two spectral windows
- Nāmakanui can be configured up to four spectral windows
- Supports a variety of bandwidth modes ranging from 250 to 3200 MHz
- Spectral resolution of ACSIS varies from 30 kHz to ~1 MHz, depending on the configuration used

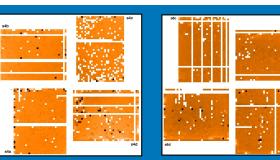


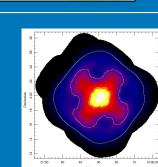
- Bolometers are temp controlled to 75mK
- Beam is 7.9 arcsec at 450 micron and 13.0 arcsec at 850 micron
- Derived confusion limit (depends on a number of factors including Galactic cirrus emission, the extra galactic background):
 - 850 microns = 0.7 mJy/beam
 - 450 microns = 0.5 mJy/beam





Continuum







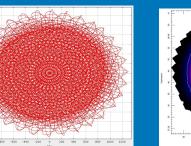
Focal Plane arrays

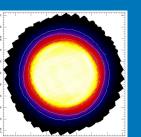
450 and 850 micron

Each wavelength has four

SCUBA-2

- Two observing modes: CV Daisy for point sources - compact sources, Rotating Pong pattern for larger scale mapping
- SCUBA-2 removes atmospheric noise in the data processing stage (not by chopping), making SCUBA-2 less sensitive to large scale structure.



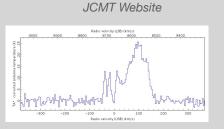


CV Daisy

Use: point sources/compact sources of order 3-arcmin or less, although there is significant exposure time in the map out to 12-arcmin

Rotating Pong pattern

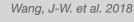
Use: larger scale mapping diameters 900", 1800", 2700", 3600" and 7200" available

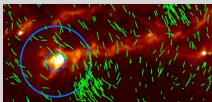


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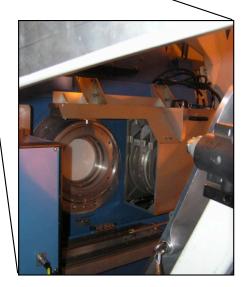


Polarization



POL-2

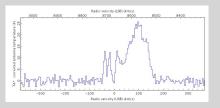
- linear polarimiter (obtaining stokes I, Q and U vectors)
- requires SCUBA-2 (not a detector in itself)
- 11' diameter maps
- scanning at 8"/second
- 3 optical components in "blades": Calibrator (~100% polarization), Half-wave plate (HWP). Continuous rotation of this modulates polarization, allowing removal of atmospheric effects. Transmission at 850µm ~ 86%, and Analyser
- Total effective 850µm transmission ~ 74%



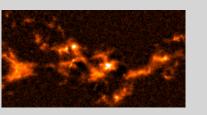
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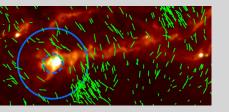
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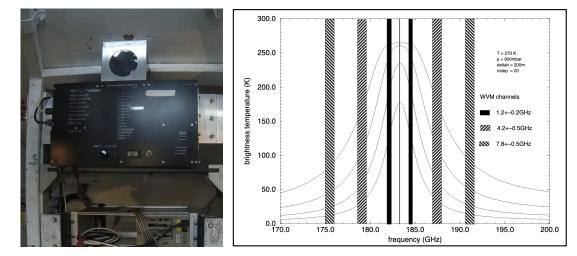
Polarization



Ancillary

Water Vapor Monitor

- In-cabin line-of-sight 183 GHz radiometer
- Critical for Nāmakanui and SCUBA-2
- Used for determining sky opacity for Flexible Observing
- The WVM works by obtaining measurements of the 183 GHz water line in three double side band frequency channels

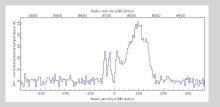


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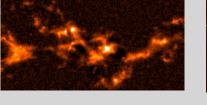
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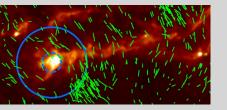
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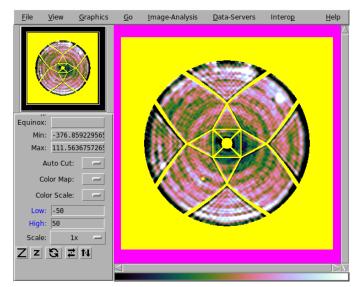


Continuum



Polarization





Ancillary

Holography system (RxH3)

- JCMT dish 276 panels moved by 3 motorized adjusters.
- A 2-channel source located inside the UKIRT dome and a 4-channel receiver (two frequencies at orthogonal polarizations) in the JCMT receiver cabin.
- Two frequency operation at 80 and 160GHz
- 80GHz for monitoring (50 mins per map)
- 160GHz for adjustments (110 minutes per map)

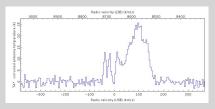
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Maunakea Weather

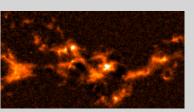
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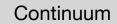
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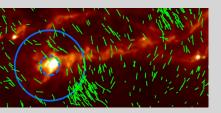
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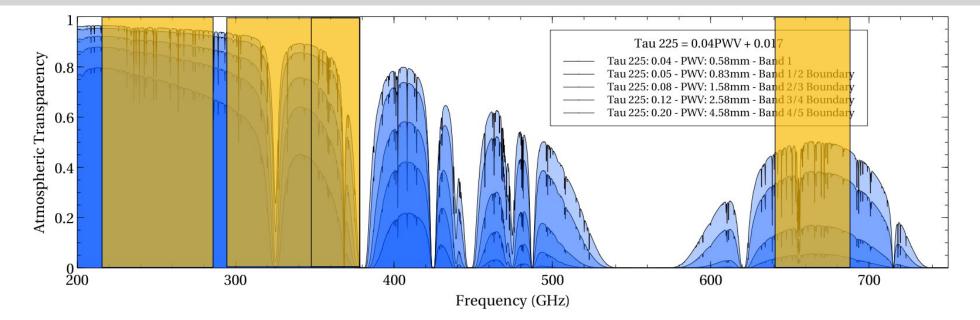






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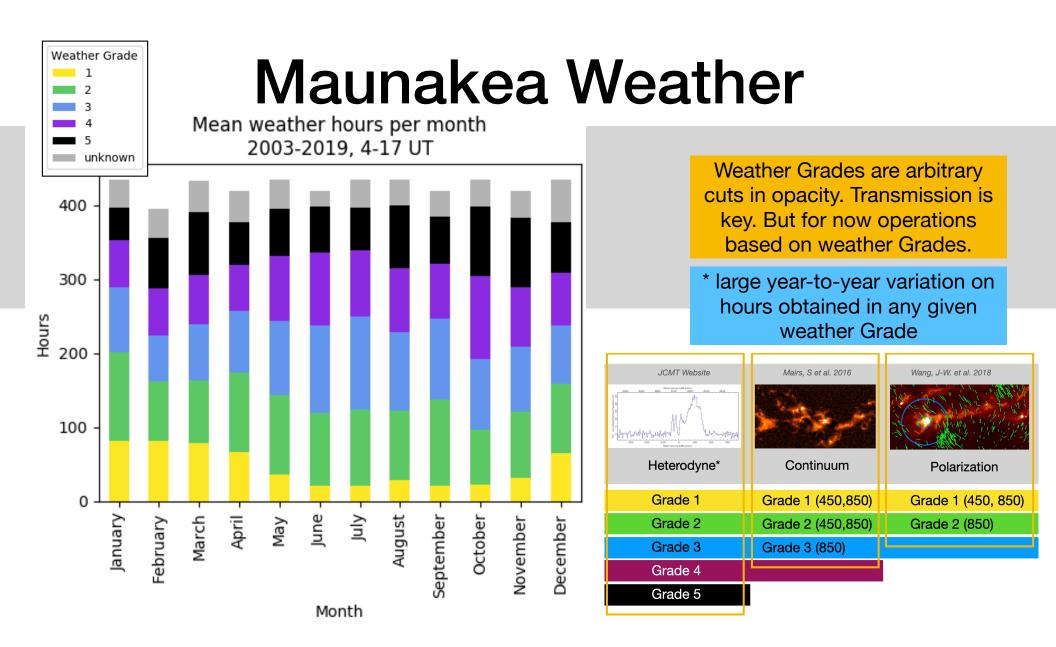
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Heterodyne*	Continuum	Polarization	
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Grade 2	Grade 2 (450,850)	Grade 2 (850)	
Grade 3	Grade 3 (850)		
Grade 4			
Grade 5			

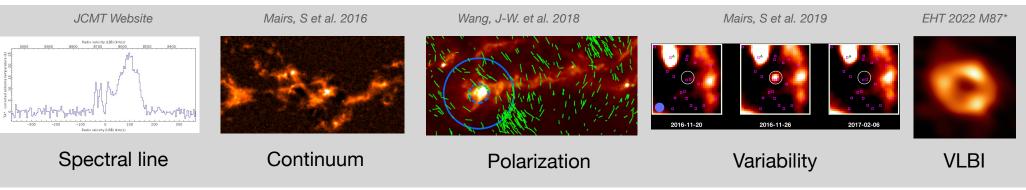
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13CO/C18O (3-2): Grade 1/2

 \tilde{U} = workhorse in Grades 4/5



Flexible Observing



Science programs observed based on weather, instrumentation and science raking

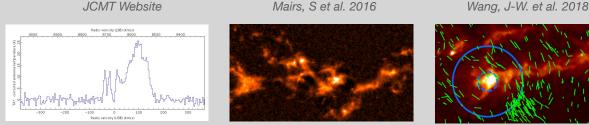
Aim: Maximizing science time since 2003

https://www.eaobservatory.org/jcmt/observing/guidelines-for-flexible-observing/ https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014SPIE.9149E..1FD/abstract

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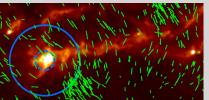
- · Automatically managed by telescope software
- Telescope operator makes final call (adjusting for trends in weather availability overrides etc)
- Single Time Allocation Committee (TAC) ranks programs
- Nights allocated to a queue: 50-50 split in time between Large Program and PI queue.
- Queue switching (between PI and LAP if holes exist at RAs) provides redundancy.

Flexible Observing



Spectral line

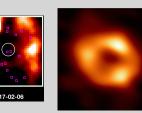
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Variability



VLBI

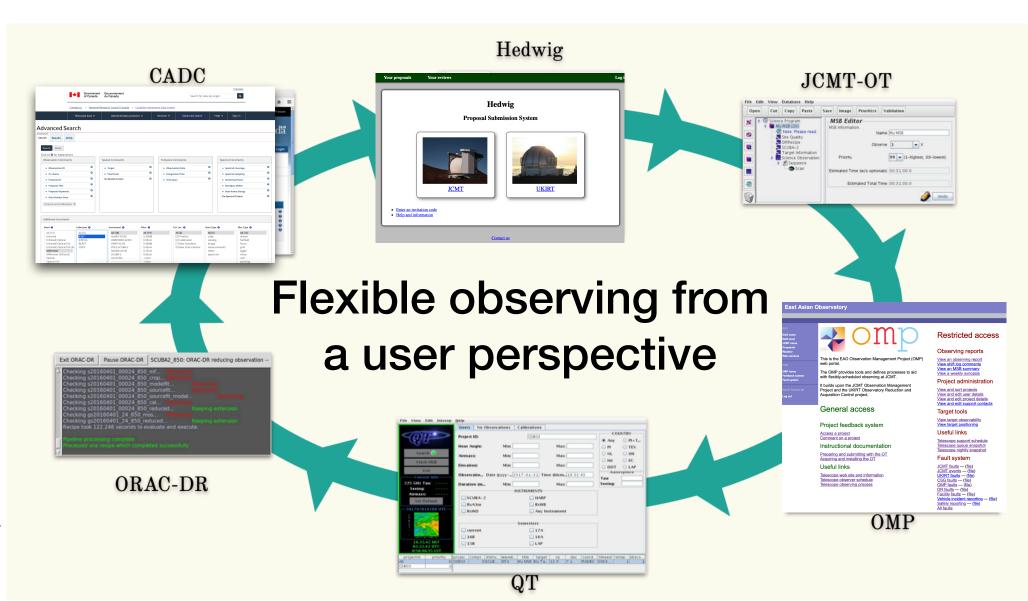
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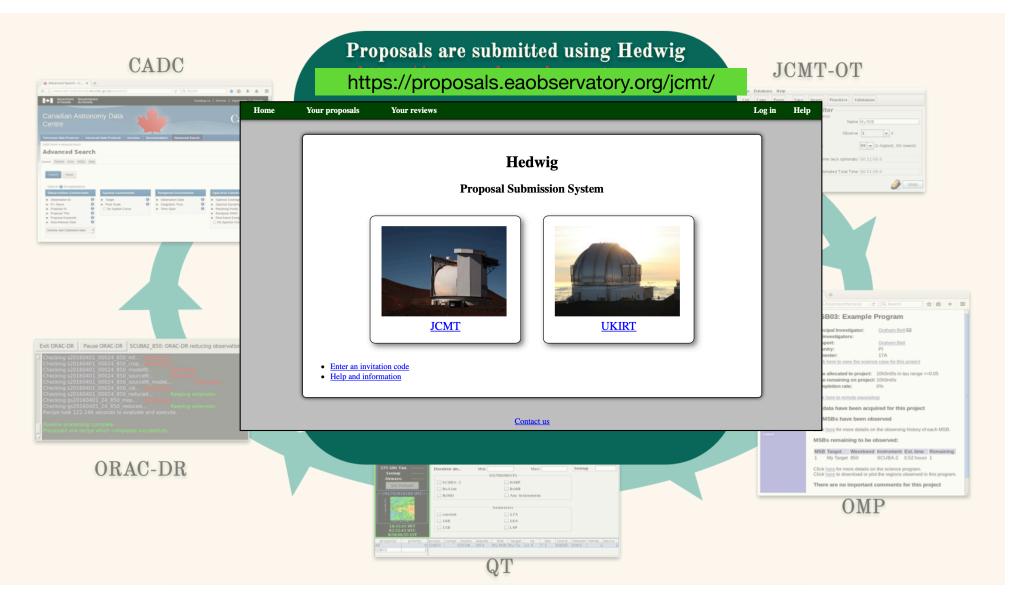
Benefits to observatory

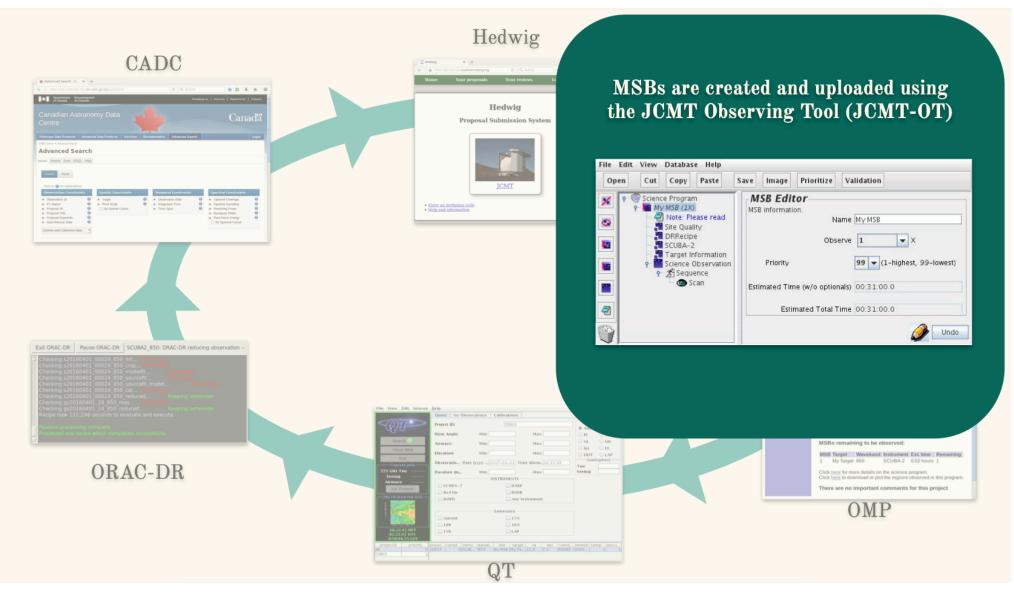
- No requirement for observes
- Flexibility with instrumentation (e.g. faults) ٠
- Flexibility with weather •
- Best science prioritized (along with • regional contributions)

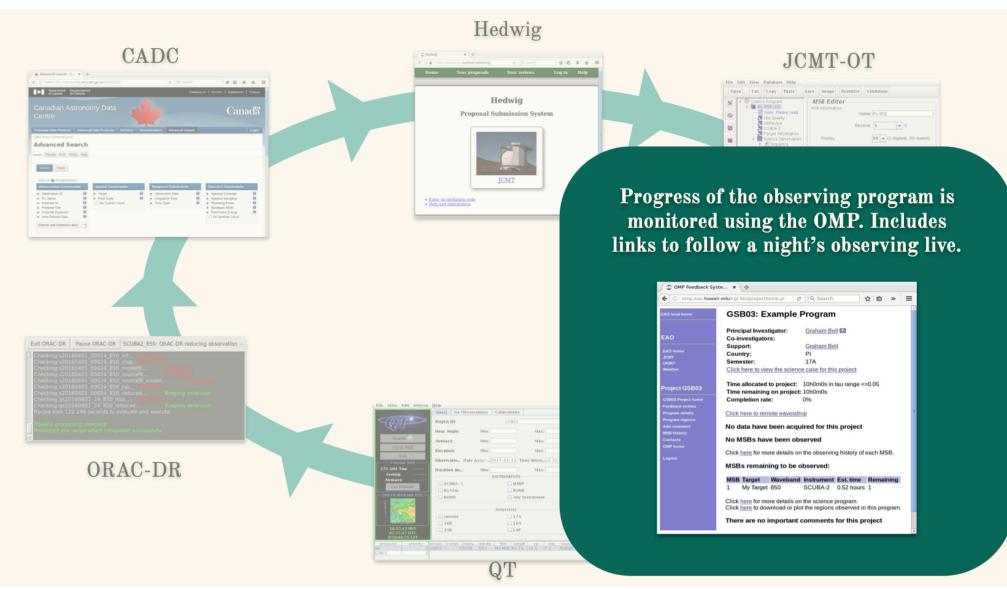
Benefits to community

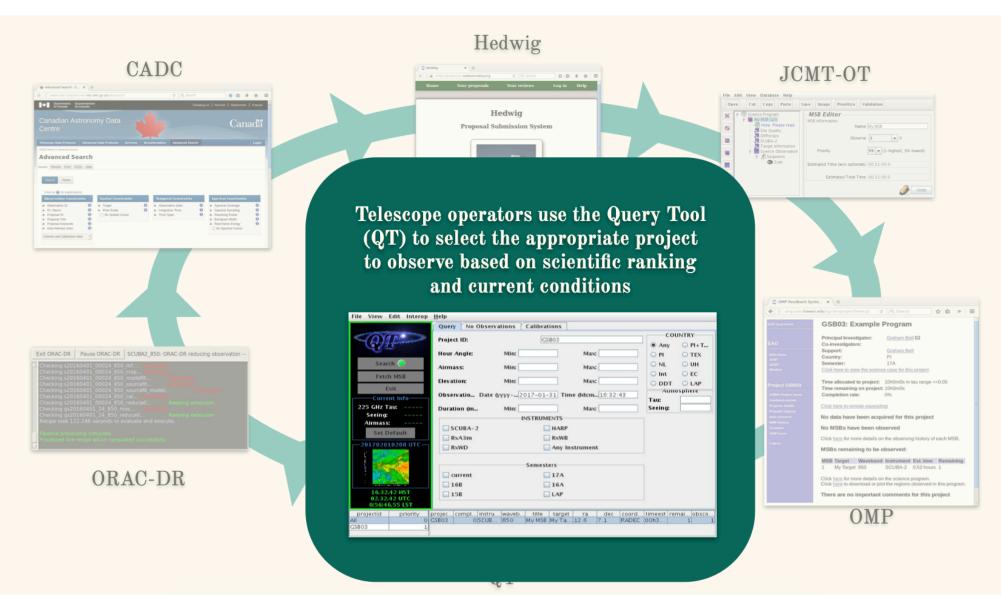
- No requirement to visit telescope
- Program automatically scheduled
- Program data automatically collected, **PI/COIs** notified
- Data available <24 hours via CADC
- Flexibility with program

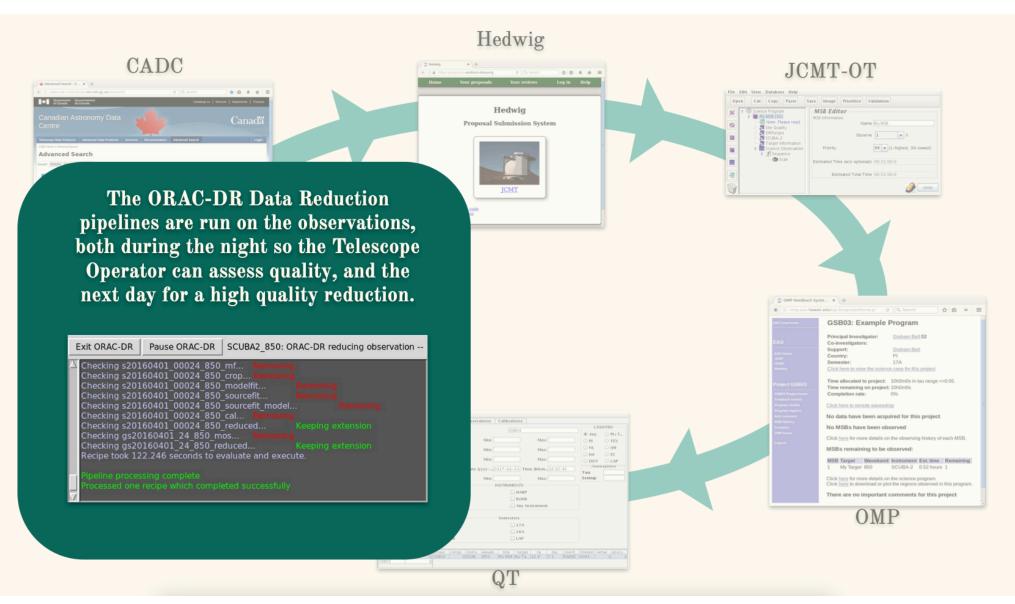


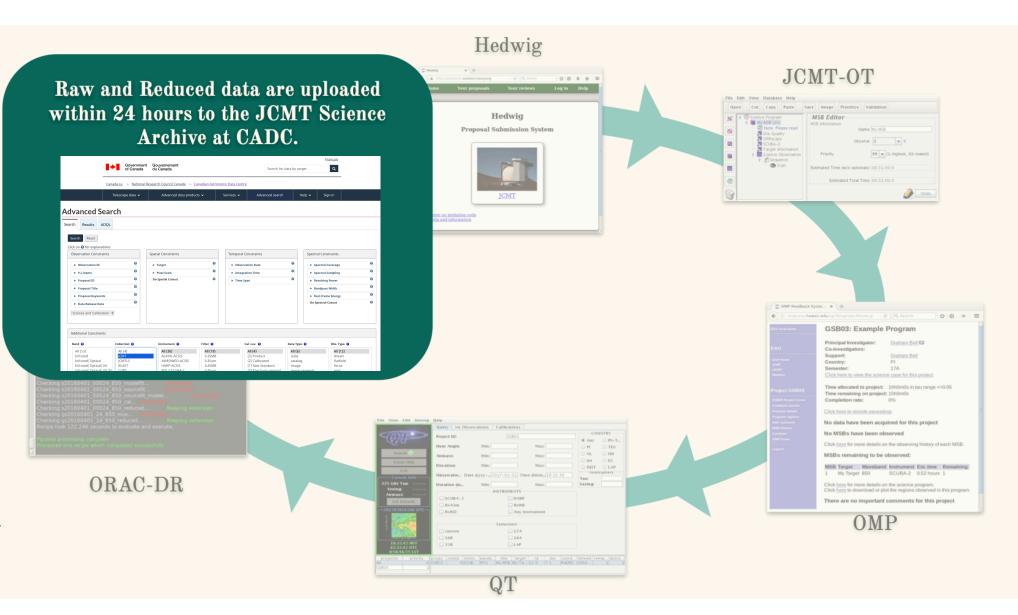


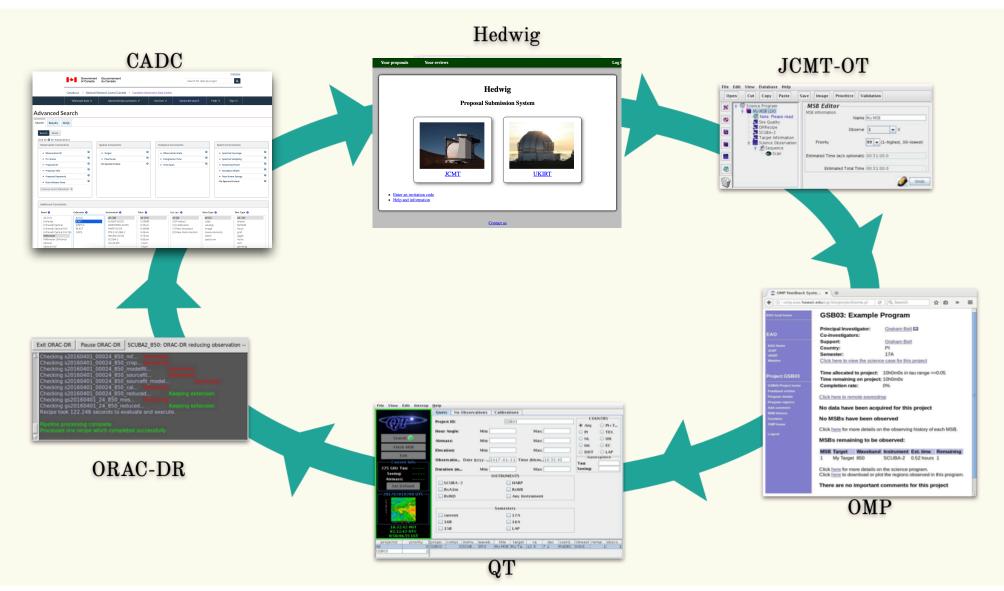




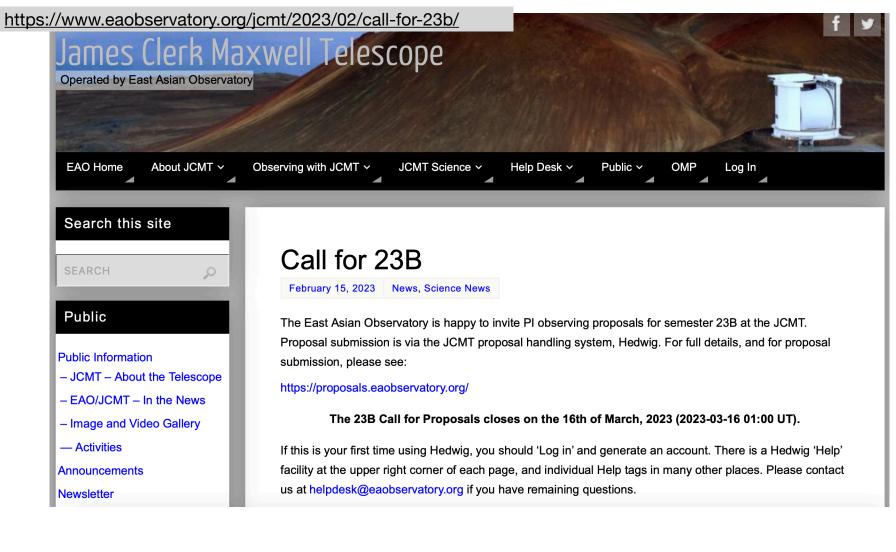








23A Call for Proposals



23B Call for Proposals

https://www.eaobservatory.org/jcmt/2023/02/call-for-23b/

The Expanding Partner Program

PIs from Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, India, **Brazil** and **Argentina** requesting <15 hours will be automatically approved*** for time under the "Expanding Partner Program" – a program to encourage astronomers from new JCMT partners to make use of the JCMT.

*** approval reliant upon the program being technically feasible, without clashing with existing proprietary data (as per observatory requirements), dependent on weather/instrument pressures and with adjustments in line with recommendations by the TAC. Under the "Expanding Partner Program" priority will be given to new users of the JCMT.



The East Asian Observatory is happy to invite Probserving proposals for semester 23B at the JCWT. Proposal submission is via the JCMT proposal handling system, Hedwig. For full details, and for proposal submission, please see:

https://proposals.eaobservatory.org/

The 23B Call for Proposals closes on the 16th of March, 2023 (2023-03-16 01:00 UT).

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Homework

- Start thinking about PI Science for 23B Decline March 15th - the LLAMA (Brazil/Argentina) community qualifies for JCMT time under Expanding partner Program (guaranteed time*).
- Sign up for Hedwig account: <u>https://</u> proposals.eaobservatory.org/jcmt/
- Sign up to JCMT_Users email list by sending an e-mail to jcmt_users+subscribe@eaobservatory.org
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JCMT Users Meeting



JCMT Meetings

- Users Meeting 2022

- Users Meeting 2019

We will make rooms available for teams that are carrying out current JCMT Large Programmes and for those who wish to discuss future Large Programmes. If you would like to use room for such discussions, please send your request to: JCMT_UM_2023@eaobservatory.org.

