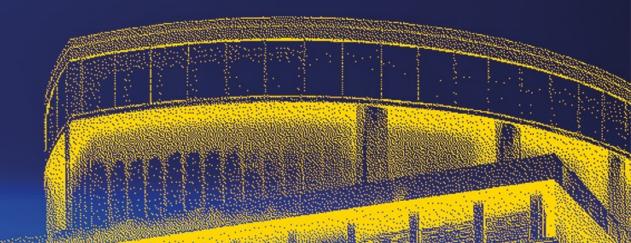


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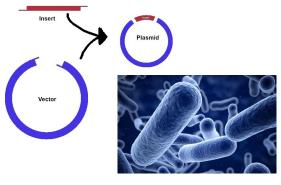
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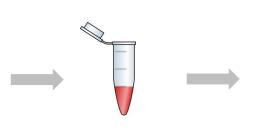
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What does MAX IV do?

One thing is: Macromolecular Crystallography

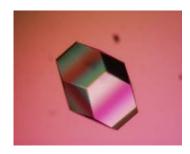


Heterologous expression in host cells (E. coli, insect cells, etc.)

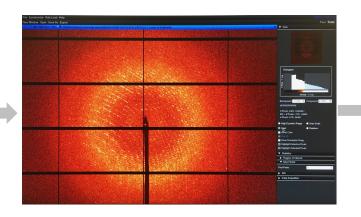


Highly <u>purified</u> protein in <u>mg</u> quantities

Protein crystallization

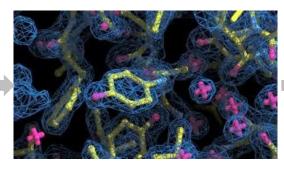


Single, diffracting protein crystal

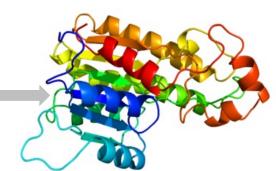


<u>Complete</u> diffraction experimental data-set at high resolution

Phase problem



Interpretable electron density



Final structure model



Wallenberg Initiative Materials Science for Sustainability (WISE)

https://wise-materials.org/

Three new beamlines to further broaden our support for materials science:



Diffraction beamline

A high-throughput, flexible diffraction beamline for fast and time-resolved structural characterization of surfaces, powders, and crystals.

Spectroscopy beamline

A tender-to-hard X-ray spectroscopy beamline for *in situ* and *operando* characterization of surfaces and buried interfaces under realistic conditions.

Imaging beamline

A hard X-ray tomography beamline dedicated to microstructure characterization and 4D imaging of materials.



Upcoming challenges, motion

- IcePAP collaboration, ESRF, ALBA, MAX IV
- Each cassis have 8 axis, cassis CAN Bus linked
- "IcePAP: An Advanced Motor Controller for Scientific Applications in Large User Facilities", in Proc. 14th Int. Conf. on Accelerator and Large Experimental Physics Control Systems (ICALEPCS'13)
- MAX IV approaching 2000 axis
 - But limited stock
- 3 x 150 hybrid stepper motor axes
 - Driver modules
 - Controller modules, master and slave
 - Chassis 19"



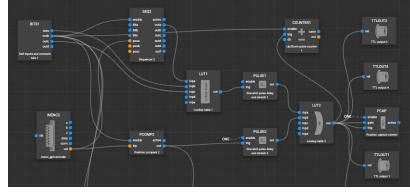
IcePAP stepper motor system



Upcoming challenges, PandABox 2.0

- PandABox 1.0 collaboration through open hardware, 40 units at MAX IV
 - Gerber available
 - Cad available
 - FW available
 - https://ohwr.org/project/pandabox/wikis/home
 - Production only in France and UK at the moment
 - "PandABox: A Multipurpose Platform for Multi-technique Scanning and Feedback Applications", in Proc. ICALEPCS'17, Barcelona, Spain, Oct. 2017.
- It has performed very well, recommend to use it.
- Next generation, PandABox 2.0 needs to be designed, and produced.







Trigger and acqusition system

Upcoming challenges, electrometers

- Collaboration between ALBA, MAX IV.
- 4 channel, fA resolution,
- "Em# Electrometer Comes to Light", in Proc. ICALEPCS'17, Barcelona, Spain, Oct. 2017.
- 5 electrometers on average x 3 beamlines + spares = 15+ units

EM# 4-CHANNEL ELECTROMETER SPECIFICATIONS	
Current Amplifier	Eight independent ranges (from 100pA to 1mA) and five 2nd order analog filters (from 0.1Hz to full bandwidth)
ADC	4x 400kS/s @18 bits SAR
Ground Voltage Bias	Up to 1kV
Analog Outputs	4x ±10V 100kS/s @16 bits
Trigger In	1 x CMOS/TTL compatible
High-Speed I/O	100MHz BW (can be used as independent channel triggers)
General I/O	(unipol/diff) + 4x 5V output max 500mA



Electrometer



Upcoming procurements

- Electronic components, Lund University, 2024
 - Las one was with ELFA and RS
- Test instruments. (?), Lund University, 2024
 - Last one was with R&S
- IcePAP motion
- Electrometers
- PandABox 2.0

Mercell, TendSign, https://info.mercell.com/sv-se/

39 open procurements as per Jan 2024 for Lund University



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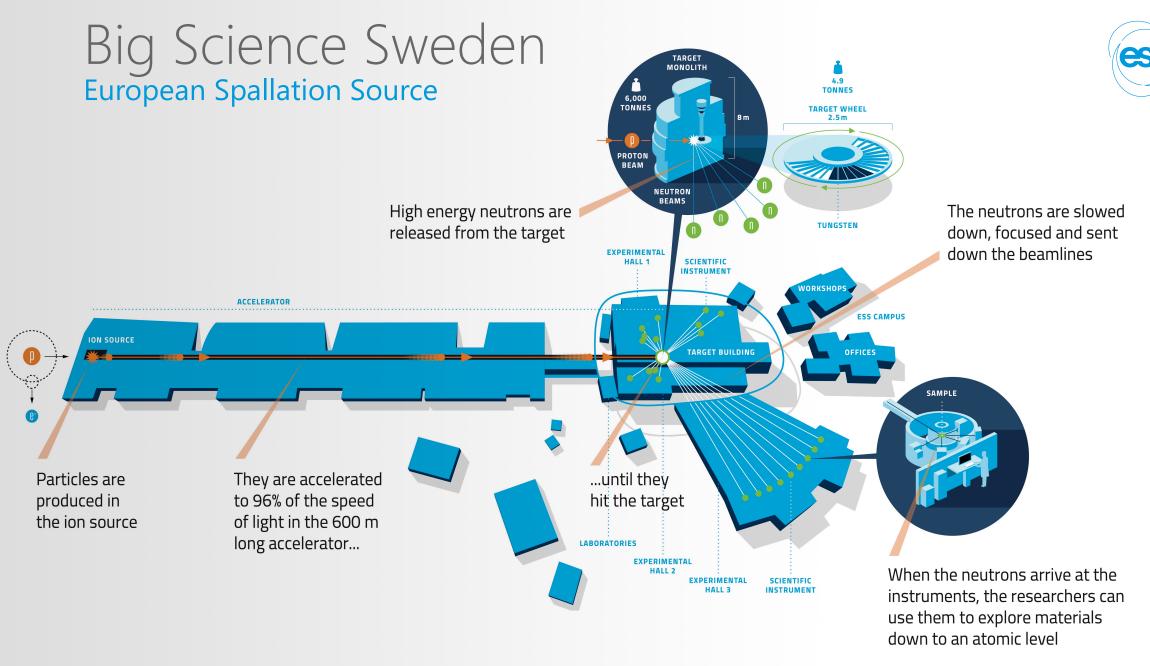
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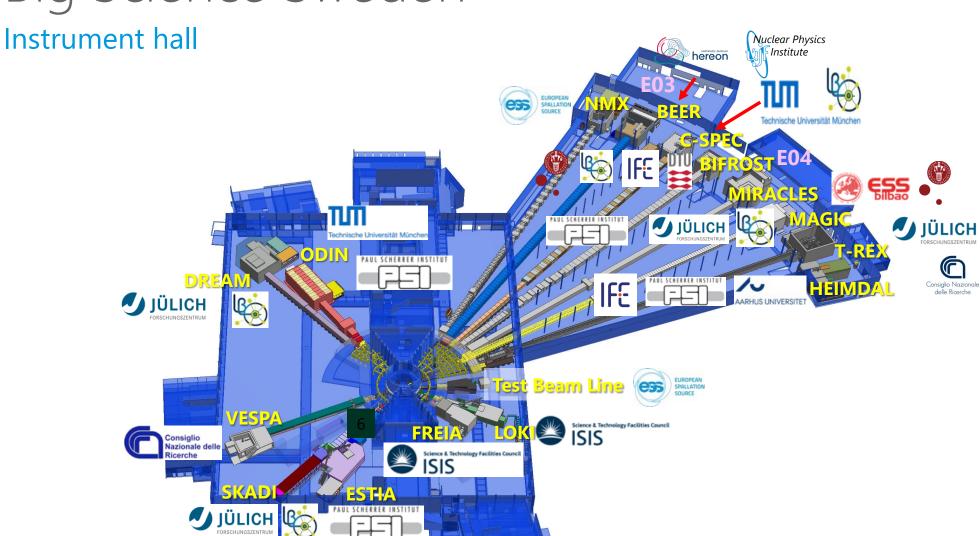
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European Spallation Source Detector Group Electronics

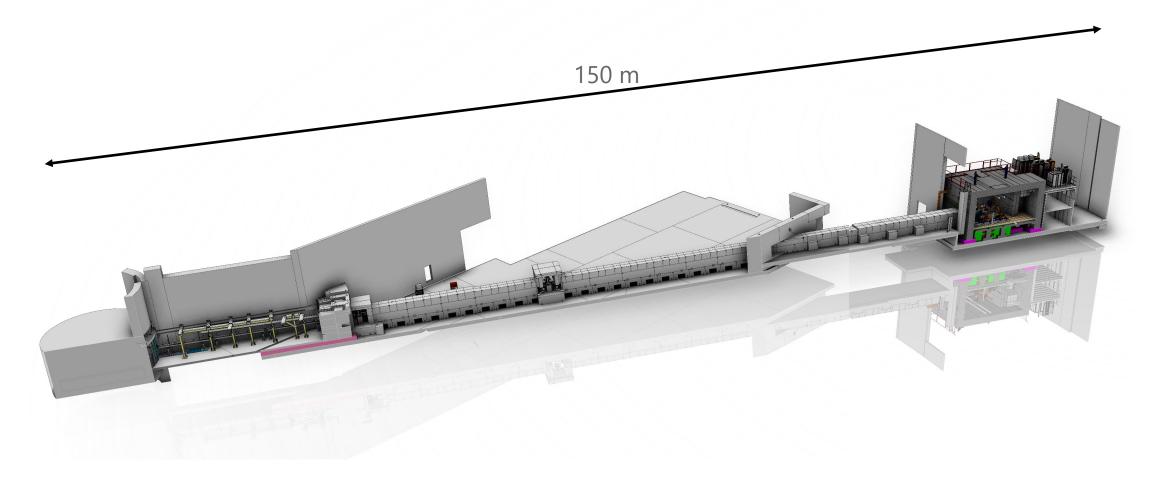






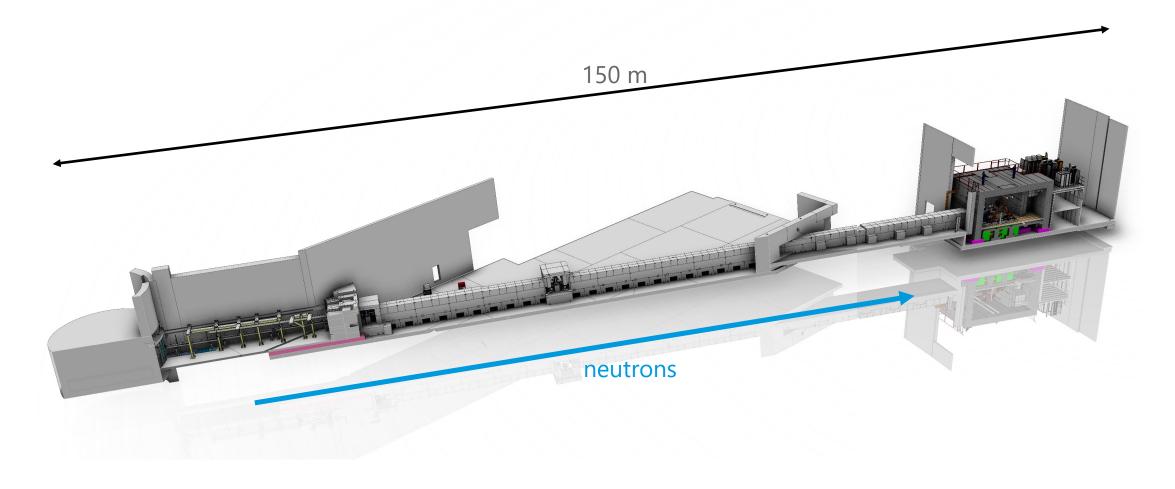
NMX Macromolecular neutron time-of-flight diffractometer





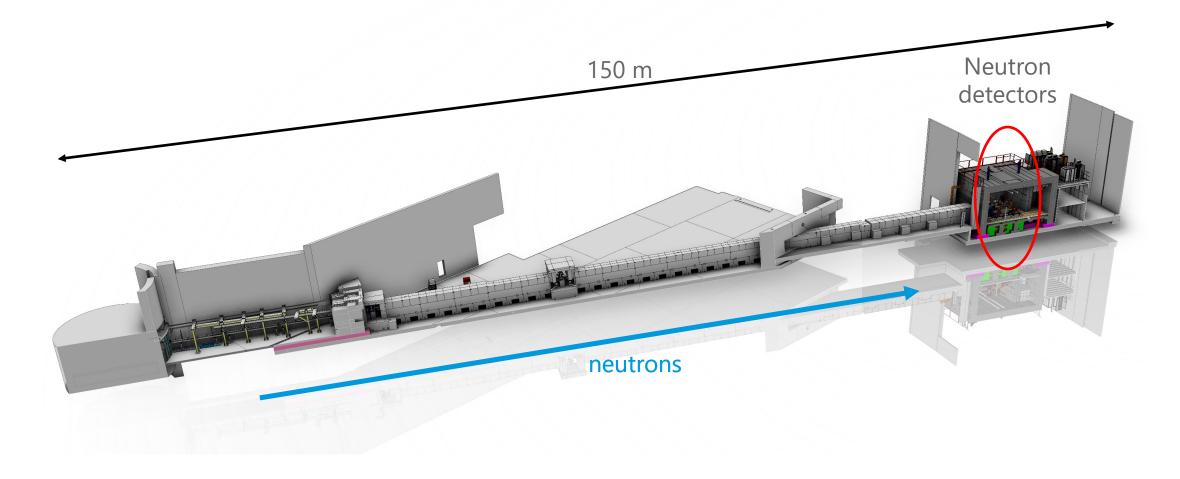
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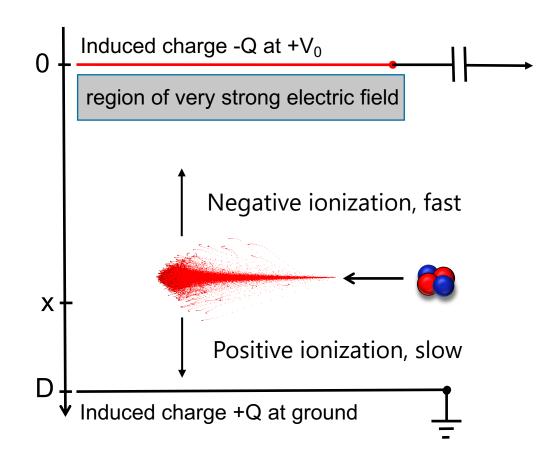




Neutron detectors

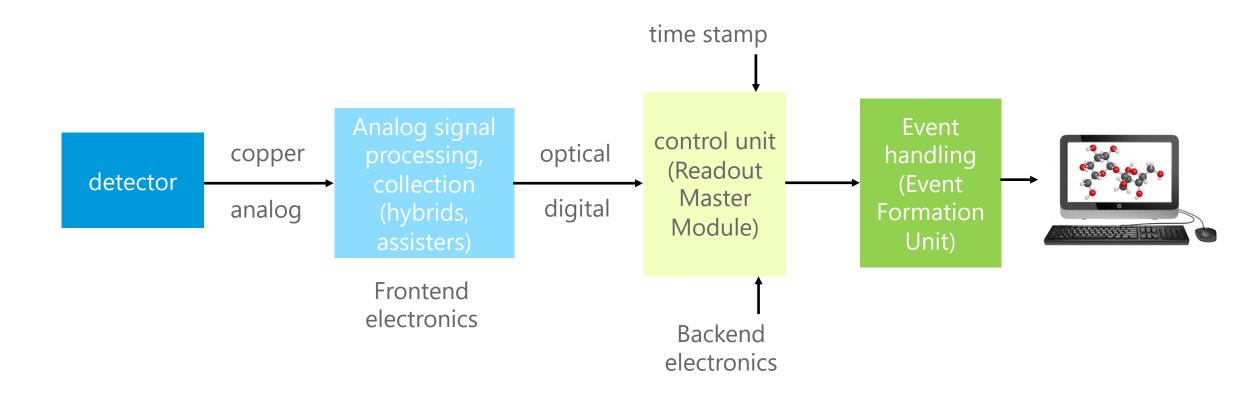


- neutrons are converted into charged particles via nuclear reactions
- these charged particles move through a gas
- the gas is ripped apart as the charged particles slow down resulting in clusters of + and – charges
- electric fields are used to channel this ionization towards wires (or strips)
- the motion of the ionization induces signals on the wires
- these analog signals are processed with highspeed electronics
- the original neutrons are inferred from analog signals with specific characteristics



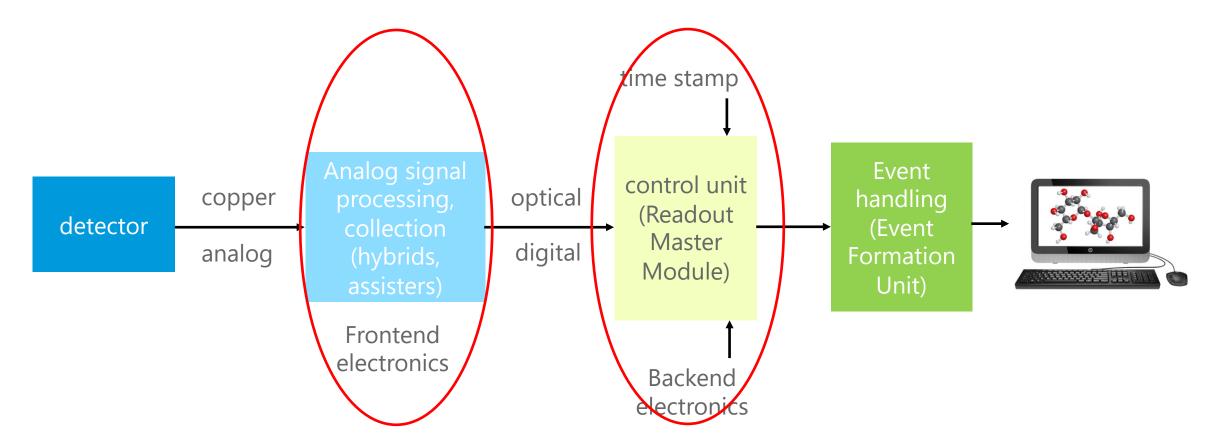
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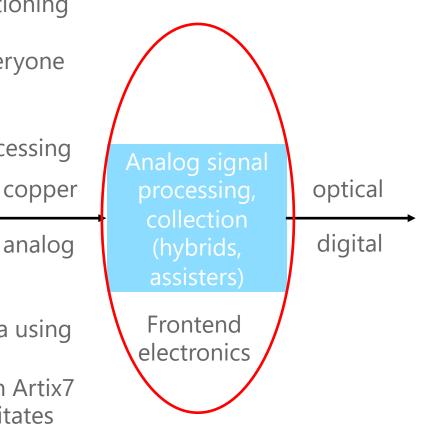


DetG electronics needs

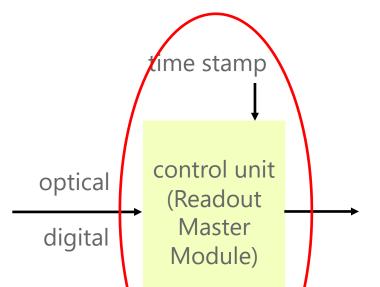
DetG needs: analog signal processing, collection



- analog-to-digital signal processing and copper-to-optical transitioning (frontend electronics) must be very close to the detector
 - crossing grounding zones with copper is a headache for everyone involved
 - attenuation, noise, crosstalk are all reduced
 - space near the detector is always an issue, so increased processing density is a must make it smaller, pack it tighter
- current DetG frontend electronics
 - VMM3a 64 ch ASICS, charge-sensitive amplifier, shaper, discriminator, 10 bit peak-sensing ADC
 - RD51 hybrid card (hybrid) which allows readout of 2 VMM3a using a Spartan7 FPGA, output is to HDMI
 - Frontend assister (FEA) card accepts multiple HDMI using an Artix7 200T FPGA, SFP+ to bi-directional optical fiber (greatly facilitates transitioning grounding zones and long-distance signal transmission)



- DetG needs: control unit, Readout Master Module (RMM)
- the RMM is a structural point of aggregation
 - located some distance from the detector/frontend electronics
 - accepts via fiber the digitized data due to a neutron event from the frontend electronics
 - accepts via fiber and attaches a time stamp (essentially the energy of the incident neutron) from the accelerator
 - passes the time-stamped event to the event handler (EFU) via ethernet
 - acts as a gateway to the detector for all monitoring and control software
- current DetG RMM
 - based on an off-the-shelf AMD Xilinix board
 - CE marked

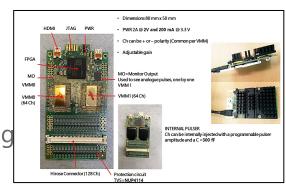


Backend

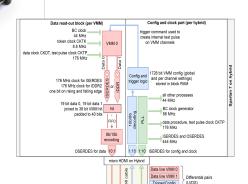


Summary - DetG needs: planned future efforts

- **Project Hybrid:** Core ASIC transition for higher density instrumentation, increased finesse
 - migrate from VMM3a to VMM4 (improved ADC, longer shaping time) or SALSA (complete waveform), new hybrid
 - 300ish cards, industrial partner?
- **Project FEA:** continued miniaturization of the frontend assisters
 - increase the number of HDMI, decrease the size
 - 300ish cards, industrial partner?
- Project RMMv2: replace existing AMD Xilinux RMM board
 - develop a DetG tailored acquisition board
 - 50ish modules, industrial partner?
- Project preCluster: reduce pressure on the event handler (EFU)
 - perform (pre)clustering on the hybrid using unutilized FPGA resources, perhaps Al driven
 - academic partner?

















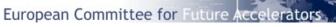
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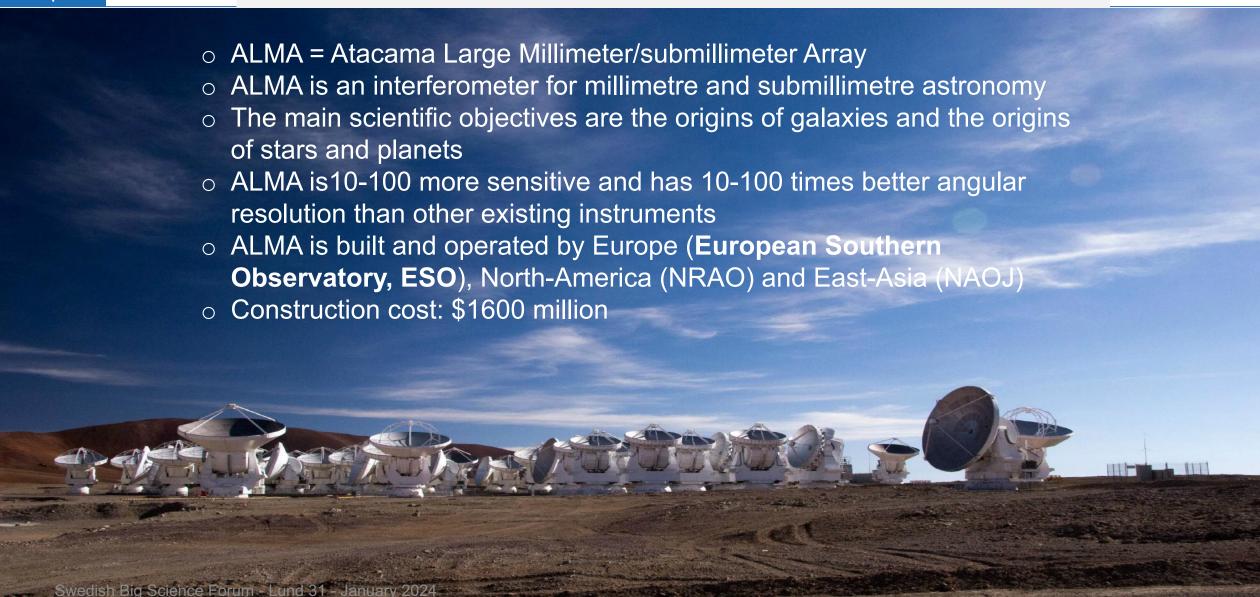


Atacama Large Millimeter Array and its Wideband Sensitivity Upgrade

Martin Zwaan ESO



What is ALMA?





What is ALMA?





- ALMA based in the Atacama desert in Northern Chile
- Chajnantor plain at 5000 m
- o Operations base at 2900 m
- ALMA has been in operations for more than 10 years
- Produced >3600 peer-reviewed publications
- Now embarking on a significant technological upgrade



Wideband Sensitivity Upgrade (WSU)

- WSU aims at implementing *highest-priority items of the ALMA2030* roadmap, approved by ALMA Board in 2017
- Keep ALMA at the forefront!
- Upgrade of the bandwidth and throughput of the ALMA system with improved sensitivity
 - receivers with increased bandwidth and improved receiver temperatures
 - new digitizers and data transmission system
 - correlator with improved efficiency
 - improved data processing and archive
- Major upgrade of virtually the entire ALMA system!
- White paper on the WSU scientific motivation has been released













Wideband Sensitivity Upgrade

- The three ALMA executives manage development activities in their respective regions, and ultimately bring forward development projects (and their funding) to the ALMA partnership
- All executives have assembled proposals to develop and the major subsystem components that will put ALMA on the path to WSU
- Total WSU cost ~150 MEUR
- Europe is preparing for Band 2, Digitizers, Fibre Optics, Band 7 and 9
 - All (apart from Band 2) contingent on full approval and funding
- WSU conceptual system design and project plan being prepared
- ESO's Guaranteed Time Observations (GTO) policy: access to ALMA observing time in exchange for contributions to ALMA development

Band 2: 67-116 GHz

Band 7: 275-373 GHz

Band 9: 602-720 GHz



ESO's current major WSU projects

Digitizers

- New antenna-based high speed system to digitize analogue receiver outputs, and to process and format the resulting data stream before it is transferred to the central correlator
- Contract with University of Bordeaux (F)

Band 2

- RF bandwidth: 67-116 GHz
- 2SB (Sideband separating), for total IF bandwidth of 24 GHz (up to 32 GHz)
- Cold cartridge assembly (CCA), with NOVA (NL), GARD (S), and INAF (IT)
- Low Noise Amplifiers (LNAs): MPIfR (D) and LNF (S)

Fibre Optics

 Currently assessing whether to build new fibres or use multiplexing on existing ones



ESO's future major WSU projects

- Most activity directed to wideband receiver technology
- Wideband: aiming for total 32 GHz IF bandwidth
- Technologies investigated: SIS junctions, MMIC-based cryogenic low noise amplifiers (LNAs), integrated and scalable approaches to building the LNAs and mixers
- ESO's priority bands:
 - ▶ Band 7 (~275-373 GHz)
 - ➢ Band 9 (~602-720 GHz)
 - ➤ Band 4(+5) (~125-211 GHz)
- Timeline to start new project: ~2026 onward
- Industrial and institutional collaboration between ESO member states (or executives) welcomed



Ongoing development studies

- 'Studies' funded at ~100 keuro, potentially leading to prototypes
- Studies looking into increasing receiver bandwidth by a factor of 3-4 Study website: https://www.eso.org/sci/facilities/alma/developmentstudies.html
 - Band 9 upgrade, mostly in NL (with collaborations)
 - Upgrade from DSB to 2SB
 - Feasibility to upgrade all Band 9 receivers
 - Band 7 upgrade, concentrated in Sweden, France
 - General wideband development, in UK, Spain, Sweden, NL
- Specifically, in Sweden:
 - B6+7 cartridge demonstrator (GARD)
 - Target 4-20 GHz, wideband optics, OMT
 - SIS process development (GARD)
 - Lower-capacitance junctions
 - Advanced waveguides (GARD)
 - Components technologies for 2SB
 - Prototype ALMA Spectral Line Pipeline (OSO)



WSU opportunities in Sweden

- Opportunities focussed on receiver component development for the higher ALMA frequencies
- Industrial procurement opportunities in ~3 years
- Sweden has excellent track record with large number of ongoing studies

Thank you!

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