

The Submillimeter Array From SMA to wSMA



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Call for SMA Science Observing Proposals from East Asia

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The Submillimeter Array (SMA) is an 8-element radio interferometer located atop Maunakea in Hawaii. Operating at frequencies from 180 GHz to 418 GHz, the 6m dishes may be arranged into configurations with baselines as long as 509m, producing a synthesized beam of sub-arcsecond width. Each element can observe with two receivers simultaneously, with up to 8 GHz bandwidth each per sideband. The digital correlator backend provides a uniform resolution as high as 140 kHz. The Submillimeter Array is a joint venture of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and the Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics.