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From the Director

Dear SMA Newsletter readers,

The scientific output and technical capability of the SMA continue on an upward path. The first half of 2012 saw fifty published papers on SMA research. Highlighting the relevance and interest in SMA science, the cover story of the August 2012 issue of *Sky and Telescope,* "Pictures of a Baby Solar System" showcases several years of SMA research on proto-planetary disks led by SAO staff Astrophysicist Sean Andrews. Recent observations demonstrate new technical capabilities. The SMA joined forces with the Submillimeter Telescope Observatory in Arizona and the Atacama Pathfinder Experiment in Chile to make the highest resolution astronomical observations to date with Very Long Baseline Interferometry [\(http://phys.org/news/2012-07-apex-telescope-sharpest.html\)](http://phys.org/news/2012-07-apex-telescope-sharpest.html). These observations are a milestone toward the challenging goal of imaging the shadow of a black hole. Work continues to further increase the sensitivity and flexibility of observing modes by increasing the bandwidth by another factor of two following a similar increase obtained over the last two years. Much of the necessary hardware for the 1.3 mm waveband is in place (*[see article, page 10](#page-9-0)*). In addition to wider bandwidth, the new receivers also have 20% lower noise and increased flexibility in tuning allowing simultaneous observation of spectral lines separated by up to 24 GHz, twice the previous 12 GHz maximum. Work on doubling the correlator capacity to process the increased data flow continues. We expect to make on-sky tests with our new correlator hardware by the end of 2012. With our new capabilities, we look forward to an even more productive and scientifically exciting second half of the year.

Ray Blundell

CHEMICAL SEGREGATION TOWARD MASSIVE HOT CORES: THE AFGL2591 STAR-FORMING REGION

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At the early stages of massive star formation, massive stars – stars with masses larger than 8 M_☉ - are found to be deeply embedded behind large interstellar dust extinction in molecular clouds. The progressive heating of the surrounding gas by the central protostar leads to the release of significant amounts of molecular material from interstellar dust grains (in particular, from their icy mantles mainly formed by H_2O , CO_2 , CH_4 and NH_3), enriching the molecular content of the massive envelopes. These envelopes are called *hot molecular cores*, and appear as hot $(\geq 100 \text{ K})$, compact (0.1 pc or 20000 AU), and dense condensations ($>10^6$ cm⁻³; Garay & Lizano 1999) with a very rich chemistry in complex molecular species such as methanol (CH₃OH) or sulfur-dioxide (SO₂). Since these molecules are bound to the surface of dust grains with different binding energies, the temperature gradient across hot cores (i.e. hotter regions closer in, cooler regions further out) is expected to naturally generate a chemical segregation due to the selective evaporation of molecular species with increasing temperature and therefore, with smaller distance to the central star (see van Dishoeck & Blake 1998; Nomura & Millar 2004). Consequently, the study of the spatial distribution of complex molecules in hot cores has the potential to provide key information about the internal physical structure, dynamics, and physical processes taking place in hot cores.

Due to the high dust extinction in hot cores, observations at millimeter wavelengths are highly desirable since they can penetrate in the densest and innermost regions of hot cores. In addition, the millimeter wavelength domain is filled with rotational line transitions of complex molecular species such as CH₃OH, making millimeter observations one of the best ways to study the early evolution of massive stars and their impact on the surrounding environment.

In Jiménez-Serra et al. (2012), we have used the eight element Submillimeter Array (SMA) located on Mauna Kea, Hawaii, to observe the rotational line transitions at a wavelength of 1.3 mm from a collection of complex molecular species toward one of the most

massive and luminous hot cores in the Galaxy: the AFGL2591 hot core (van der Tak et al. 1999; Sanna et al. 2012), which is located in the direction of the Cygnus X star forming complex at a distance

Figure 1: SMA image of the 1.3 mm continuum emission (green contours) observed toward the massive hot core AFGL2591. This image is superimposed on the velocity integrated emission of methanol (CH₃OH; green color scale), sulfur dioxide (SO₂; in red), and hydrogen sulfide (H₂S; in magenta). The measured size of the envelope is ~3000 AU. The ellipse in the lower left corner represents the SMA beam of 0.5 x 0.35 arcseconds. The star and cross show the location of the VLA 3 and NE sources detected by Trinidad et al. (2003) and Sanna et al. (2012) toward AFGL2591.

of ~3 kpc, with the mass and luminosity of the central protostar of 40 M_{\odot} and 2×10^5 L $_{\odot}$, respectively.

The SMA observations toward the AFGL2591 hot core reveal that the molecular gas in this object is distributed in concentric shells probed by different molecular species, showing a clear chemical segregation (Fig. 1). This is the first time that such a chemical segregation is ever reported toward hot cores. While $CH₃OH$ (green color scale in Fig. 1) traces the cooler and outer gas of the hot core, $SO₂$ (in red) is found at an intermediate shell circumventing the position of the massive protostar (this position is provided by the peak of the 1.3 mm continuum emission shown in green contours in Fig. 1). Hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) , the precursor of the sulfur chemistry in hot cores (magenta color scale in Fig. 1), peaks toward the position of the massive protostar, tracing the inner and hotter regions closer to the star. We note that the chemical structure in AFGL2591 is also observed in other lines with a wide range of excitation conditions. This implies that the chemical segregation in the AFGL2591 hot core cannot be attributed to excitation or optical depth effects.

Figure 2: Scheme of the two-point model (Regions A and B) assumed for the AFGL2591 hot core. The physical parameters used for every region are shown.

In order to understand the origin of the chemical segregation detected toward AFGL2591, we have used a simple two-point chemical model where the molecular envelope can be divided into a hotter (temperature of T~1000 K) and inner core (radius of 600 AU; Region A in Fig. 2), with a cooler $(T \sim 200 \text{ K})$ and outer envelope (radius of 1100 AU; Region B in Fig. 2). In addition, we consider the existence of an inner cavity in the AFGL2591 hot core (radius of 120 AU), as proposed by Preibisch et al. (2003) and de Wit et al. (2009).

Figure 3: Abundances of several molecular species, including H_2S , $SO₂$, and CH₃OH, predicted by the two-point chemical model of the AFGL2591 hot core (Regions A and B). Vertical dotted lines show the dynamical age of the AFGL2591 source $(-2 \times 10^4 \text{ yr})$ derived by Doty et al. (2002).

The results from the chemical model of the AFGL2591 hot core shows that the chemical segregation is produced by a severe molecular UV photo-dissociation within the inner and hotter core (where dust extinction is relatively low due to the presence of the cavity; $A_v < 21^m$), combined with a high-temperature gas-phase chemistry (Fig. 3). Indeed, once all molecules are evaporated from the mantles of dust grains, these species are destroyed by UV photo-dissociation in time-scales <100 yr. However, the high temperatures of the gas $(T~1000 \text{ K})$ allow the re-formation of few species such as H_2S via endothermic reactions, making the H_2S abundance in the inner core high. Unlike H₂S, CH₃OH cannot be re-formed in the gas-phase (Garrod et al. 2008), completely vanishing from the inner core (Region A; Fig. 3), consistent with what is observed in AFGL2591. The presence of an inner cavity in the AFGL2591 hot core is therefore required to explain the chemical segregation in this object, since it leads to lower dust extinction in the inner regions of the core, allowing molecular photo-dissociation to occur.

For the outer and cooler envelope (Region B; Fig. 3), molecular photo-dissociation is less severe thanks to the higher extinction of the envelope $(A_v<29m)$, allowing species such as CH₃OH to survive. Since the temperature in the outer envelope is lower $(T~200K)$, the energy barrier of endothermic reactions such as that of H_2S cannot be overcome, and the subsequent gas-phase chemistry of sulfur takes over. This leads to large abundances of sulfur-bearing products such as SO_2 , which peak at distances further away from the central source, as observed in AFGL2591.

 The SMA results show that high-angular resolution imaging with interferometers such as the SMA and ALMA, combined with detailed chemical modeling of hot cores, provide crucial information about the internal physical structure of these objects, with the potential to unveil structures such as cavities, holes, disks, or less massive companions in massive hot cores.

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Mapping Linearly Polarized Thermal Molecular Line Emission in Evolved Stars

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One of the outstanding questions in the study of evolved stars is the cause of the asymmetry in the structure of planetary nebulae. While they evolve from mass-losing nearly spherical Asymptotic Giant Branch (AGB) stars, the majority of planetary nebulae display mild to extreme deviations from spherical symmetry. The origin of the aspherical morphology is attributed to be either an influence on the AGB mass-loss of a binary companion, or magnetic fields, or a combination of these. High angular resolution observations of molecular lines in the circumstellar envelopes of AGB stars are important to directly detect the potential asymmetries and determine the role of magnetic fields via observations of polarization.

Very intense maser lines of SiO, H2O and OH have been used in several studies to indicate that magnetic field appears well ordered and the Zeeman splitting suggests field strengths ranging from several Gauss close to the stellar surface, to several mG at a few

thousand AU [1,2,3]. Unfortunately, the maser phenomenon, being highly selective in velocity coherence, gives a very under-sampled picture of the magnetic field morphology throughout the envelope. This can be remedied by observing thermal line emission, which is also predicted to be linearly polarized in the presence of magnetic fields and asymmetry in radiation field, via the so-called Goldreich-Kylafis effect [4,5].

Accurate linear polarization observations are now possible with the SMA, as demonstrated in polarized dust continuum emission toward both low and high-mass star-forming regions [6,7,8,9] and molecular line emission toward a high-mass star-forming region [10]. However, the application of such techniques for AGB stars is difficult due to the requirement of extremely high angular resolution (better than half arcsecond) and high sensitivity.

Figure 1: The polarization of the CO(2-1) line at 230.538 GHz in the circumstellar envelope of IK Tau. Channels are averaged across intervals of 5 km/s width and are labeled according to the velocity at the lower end of the spectral bin. The color indicates the CO emission and the contours are the linearly polarized intensity. Contours are drawn at a significance of 3 and 4**σ**. The line segments indicate the electric vector polarization angle. The beam size is indicated in the lower left corner of each panel.

Figure 2: Same as Figure 1, for the $SiO(5-4) \sigma = 0$ line at 217.105 GHz. In this case, channels are averaged over intervals of 2.5 km/s and contours are drawn at debiased polarized intensity levels of 3, 4, 5, and 6**σ**.

Here we report detection of linearly polarized emission in the CO 2−1, SiO 5−4 (in ground vibrational state) lines in the envelope of the oxygen rich AGB star IK Tau [11] and the CO 3−2, SiS 19−18 and CS 7−6 lines in the envelope of the extreme carbon rich AGB star IRC+10216 [12]. These are the first maps of linearly polarized thermal molecular line emission in AGB stars.

Figures 1 & 2 show maps of polarized emission in CO 2−1 and SiO 5−4 lines (respectively) toward IK Tau [11]. The linear polarization in the IK Tau envelope is neither tangential nor purely radial, so it is unlikely that the anisotropic stellar radiation field contributes significantly. The circumstellar magnetic field strength has been shown to be sufficient to determine the molecular alignment axis, as SiO and H2O maser measurements indicate a magnetic field of several Gauss on the surface of the star [13,14]. This implies that the polarization vectors are either parallel or perpendicular to the magnetic field direction [15]. In that case, the overall field geometry is predominantly either east-west or north-south. As the thermal CO (at ~800 AU) and SiO (at <250 AU) probe different regions of the circumstellar envelope, the SMA observations indicate a largescale magnetic field morphology. The slight east-west elongation of the CO [16] and the previously observed dust asymmetry [17] could be related to the observed large-scale magnetic field morphology, as magneto-hydrodynamical simulations indicate that, for example, a dipole magnetic field in a circumstellar envelope would result in equatorially enhanced density profiles [18]. The fractional linear polarization of the CO 2−1 line (~13%) is however significantly larger than predicted in the standard Goldreich-Kylafis interpretation. This likely requires additional anisotropies in the circumstellar envelope, but could also be an indication that the polarized emission arises from more compact regions. As the SMA observations, lacking the shortest baselines and total power information, spatially filter out a significant amount of extended emission, the fractional polarization can be increased if the linear polarized emission has more small scale structure.

Figure 3 shows the Stokes I, Q and U obtained at the positions of maximum polarized intensity for the lines of CO 3−2, CS 7−6 and SiS 19−18 toward IRC+10216. Figure 4 shows the polarization maps for the emission of these lines averaged over the velocity range that maximizes the polarized emission (which is different for each line). The polarization is expected to be highest at densities close to the critical density of the observed transition [18], so the polarization detected in the CO 3−2 line should arise at volume densities of ~10⁴ cm⁻³, whereas the SiS 19–18 and CS 7–6 polarization is expected to trace inner regions, at densities of $\sim 10^7$ cm⁻³. One of the interesting features is that in the three lines the linear polarization is blueshifted with respect to the total emission (this effect is more significant in the SiS line). Considering that the envelope is expanding, this suggests that the polarized emission is being detected at the side of a shell facing us and with the aforementioned volume densities. In addition, most of the polarized emission arises about 3'' offset (~450 AU in projection) of the envelopes center. Thus the optical depth is probably playing an important role. Indeed, subarcsecond resolution maps in the IR [20,21] and HCN 3−2 emission [22] show that the molecular distribution is asymmetrical. This suggests the anisotropy in the radiation field to be a cause for the polarization pattern to be not distributed spherically. This is also in agreement with the single-dish detection of the CS 2−1 line

Figure 3: Spectra of the Stokes I (top, black line), U (center, blue line) and Q (bottom, red line) emission of the CO $J = 3-2$ (left panel), SiS $J = 19-18$ (central panel) and CS $J = 7-6$ lines (right panel) toward IRC+10216. For each line the spectra were taken at the position where the maximum polarized emission is detected, after convolving the maps with a Gaussian having a FWHM of 4″x 3″.

Figure 4: Color image of the linearly polarized intensity of the CO 3–2 (left panel), SiS 19–18 (central panel) and CS 7–6 lines (right panel), overlapped with the contour maps of the I emission for the respective lines from IRC+10216. The orange bars represent the polarization vectors. The CS and CO may are sented, imposed in standard the Visit entertainment of the College of the SiS map shows the emission at Visit = 31.5 km/s averaged over 16 km s = 1. The SiS map shows the emission at Visit = 31.5 km/s averaged niaps show the emission at the visi velocity or -23 km/s averaged over 10 km s–1. The SiS map shows the emission at visi =-31.5 km/s averaged
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polarization towards the center of IRC+10216, which suggests that there is a non-radial polarization pattern [23].

The SiS polarization vectors pattern suggest a radial distribution, i.e., they form a nearly perfect concentric arc−like pattern with respect to the envelopes center. We find that this polarization pattern

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SMA plays key role in the highest resolution astronomical interferometric observation ever made

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Astronomers connected three telescopes in Hawaii, Arizona, and Chile to make the highest angular resolution interferometric observation ever made in astronomy. This globe-spanning interferometer, called the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT), consists of a growing number of participating observatories. The latest observations made with the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory's (SAO) Submillimeter Array (SMA) in Hawaii, the APEX Telescope in Chile, and the Submillimeter Telescope (SMT) in Arizona achieved an angular resolution of 28 micro arcseconds or about 8 billionths of a degree, the equivalent of 2 inches at the distance of the moon. The observations were directed toward a bright quasar,

3C 279, powered by a supermassive black hole in the center of that galaxy. 3C 279 has a redshift of 0.536 meaning that it is receding from us at about half the speed of light owing to the expansion of the universe. Since the distance is proportional to redshift according to the relation established by Edwin Hubble, the distance to 3C 279 is about 15 billion pc or 5 billion light years. The light from 3C 279 just now reaching us was emitted about the same time as our Sun and solar system first formed.

The EHT uses a technique known as very long baseline interferometry (VLBI) to achieve its exquisite resolution. Since the angular

resolution of a telescope scales with its diameter, the highest resolution is achieved by the largest telescope, or with VLBI, by combining the signals from two or more individual telescopes separated by a very large distance. The three telescopes of the EHT are separated by 4,500 miles (7,200km) from Chile to Arizona, 2,900 miles (4,600km) from Arizona to Hawaii, and the longest, 5,900 miles (9,400 kilometers), from the Apex Telescope in Chile to the Smithsonian's SMA in Hawaii. Astronomers routinely use intercontinental VLBI, but the observations of the EHT achieve higher angular resolution by observing at a higher radio frequency than other VLBI arrays.

The ultimate goal of the EHT is to image a black hole, or more properly the shadow of a black hole that is seen against the bright background created as the black hole's intense gravitational field bends the light from behind the black hole and focuses it toward the observer. The shadow is about the size of the black hole's event horizon, or more properly the innermost stable circular orbit Being relatively nearby, about 8330 parsec away or only 25,000 light years, our own supermassive black hole is a promising target because it is easier to resolve details in a nearby object. The angular resolution just demonstrated by the EHT is comparable to the size of our own black hole's event horizon. However, our own supermassive black hole is relatively small, about one million times the mass of the sun, and too faint for the sensitivity of the current EHT. Very soon, the capability of the EHT will be significantly improved by the completion of the ALMA telescope, currently under construction in Chile. ALMA consists of 54 radio dishes each equivalent to the single dish of the APEX telescope. The EHT may also include another two Smithsonian radio telescopes in addition to the SMA. SAO is a partner in the South Pole Telescope currently operating in Antarctica and also a partner with ASIAA and other institutions in the development of a new radio telescope to be located on the Greenland ice sheet. Both these telescopes can be linked into the EHT network to improve the angular resolution.

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(ISCO) which is the radius at which the gravitational field bends the light rays so much that they orbit the black hole. Imaging the event horizon would provide a definitive test of Einstein's theory of general relativity in the strong field limit. This theory has been tested before in weaker gravitational fields around neutron stars and our Earth and found in agreement with observations. In fact, the global positioning system now commonly in our cars to provide driving directions would not be accurate without the predictions of general relativity. The EHT will test general relativity in the limit of extremely large gravitational fields around supermassive black holes, a million times more massive than neutron stars and a trillion times more massive than the earth.

The most promising targets for the EHT are the black hole in the center of own Galaxy and the one in the galaxy known as M87. The quasar 3C 279 was chosen for the current observations even though it is too far away to resolve its event horizon. It is about 6 times brighter than the black hole in our Galaxy and 15 times brighter than M87. The observations of 3C 279 are important as a demonstration of the technology in the EHT, the technique of high angular resolution VLBI, and a step along the way toward the goal of imaging a black hole.

New Observing Mode for the 2012B **SEMESTER**

Ken Young

Our 230 GHz band receivers have been upgraded to provide higher bandwidth. Working in the 230 band, we now have a usable IF from 4 to 12 GHz, double the bandwidth of 4 to 8 GHz that our older receivers provided. We do not yet have the correlator resources necessary to process the full 8 GHz IF, but we can already make some use of this new capability. When operating in one receiver, 4 GHz bandwidth mode, the IF is processed in two 2 GHz wide bands which are usually separated by 2 GHz. Starting this semester we will support changing that band separation to any value between 2 and 6 GHz. If, for example, the separation is set to 4 GHz, then the lower band will cover the IF range from 4 to 6 GHz, and the upper IF will cover the range from 8 to 10 GHz. So while we can still cover no more than 8 GHz of sky frequency at one time, this new flexibility will allow us to simultaneously observe any two spectral lines whose frequencies differ by less than 24 GHz.

The figure below shows how we can now target two lines that we could not previously observe simultaneously. The plots show the H30 and H31 alpha hydrogen recombination lines in the peculiar star MWC 349. These lines differ in frequency by 21.4 GHz. By changing the spacing between the two IF halves to 4.88 GHz, we introduce a large, unprocessed gap between the two IF halves, but

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increase the sky frequency difference between the upper and lower sidebands of the upper IF half to accommodate both of the recombination lines.

Call for SMA Science Observing Proposals

The joint CfA-ASIAA SMA Time Allocation Committee (TAC) solicits proposals for observations for the period 2012 Nov 16 - 2013 May 15. The deadline for submitting proposals is 2012 September 13 (20:00 GMT = 16:00 EDT = 10:00 HST). For more information please see link below.

<http://sma1.sma.hawaii.edu/proposing.html>

The deadlines for the following semesters (2013A and 2013B) are expected to be on February 7, 2013 and August 8, 2013.

Postdoctoral opportunities at the SMA

Applications are now being accepted for employment starting in the Summer/Fall of 2013. These positions are aimed chiefly at research in submillimeter astronomy, and successful candidates will participate either in observations with the SMA or in their interpretation. For more information please see the link below. Closing date: 10/01/2012.

<http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/opportunities/fellowships/sma>/

Proposal Statistics 2012A (16 May 2012 – 15 Nov 2012)

The SMA received a total of 105 proposals (SAO & ASIAA: 99 and UH: 6) requesting observing time in the 2012A semester. The proposals received by the joint SAO and ASIAA Time Allocation Committee are divided among science categories as follows:

Track allocations by weather requirement (all partners):

(1) Precipitable water vapor required for the observations.

(2) UH does not list As and Bs.

Top-Ranked SAO and ASIAA Proposals - 2012A Semester

The following is the listing of all SAO and ASIAA proposals with at least partial A ranking with the names and affiliations of the principal investigators.

EVOLVED STARS, AGB, PPN

Joanna Brown, Cfa *CO J=2-1 Imaging of M Supergiant Winds - Antares and Rasalgethi*

Nimesh Patel, CfA, SMA *Imaging Cold Dust around Wolf-Rayet Stars*

Wouter Vlemmings, Chalmers University of Technology *CO polarization probing the large scale magnetic field in circumstellar envelopes*

GALACTIC CENTER

Dan Marrone, University of Arizona *Flaring in Sagittarius A*: Coordinated Monitoring from 1mm to <1nm*

Jens Kauffmann, Jet Propulsion Lab *High Mass Cold GMCs in the Galactic Center*

Katharine Johnston, Max Planck Institute for Astronomy *The Cradle of an Arches-like cluster?*

Paul Ho, SAO/ASIAA *Kinematic Processes of the Extremely Turbulent ISM around the Supermassive Blackholes*

GRB, SN, HIGH ENERGY

Laura Chomiuk, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics/ National Radio Astronomy Observatory *Exploring the Millimeter Behavior of Novae*

Sayan Chakraborti, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research *The SMA Rapid Transient (SMART) Legacy Program*

Sergio Martin Ruiz, European Southern Observatory

Observing the peak emission of gamma-ray bursts afterglows in submillimeter frequencies

HIGH MASS (OB) STAR FORMATION, CORES

Hau-Yu Baobab Lu, Harvard-Smithonian CfA *Structures and Kinematics of the Hub-Filament System: The High Mass Case*

Izaskun Jimenez-Serra, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

Deuteration toward AFGL2591: Impact of Warm Gas-phase Reactions and UV Photochemistry on Deuterium Fractionation in Hot Cores

Izaskun Jimenez-Serra, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

Unveiling the hot-core cluster population toward the massive star formation ridge in SgrB2

Patrick Koch, ASIAA *Magnetic Field Strength Profiles*

Roberto Galvan-Madrid, ESO (Germany) *Disentangling the Accretion Flow around the Massive Protostar W33A*

LOCAL GALAXIES, STARBURSTS, AGN

Lisa H. Wei, SAO/CfA *Circumnuclear Starbursts: Put a Ring On It*

LOW/INTERMEDIATE MASS STAR FORMATION, CORES

Howard Smith, CfA *From cold cores to hot cores (2b): The early evolution of massive star formation, an SMA followup of Herschel FIR maps*

John Tobin, National Radio Astronomy Observatory *The Inner Envelope Kinematics of a Class 0 Protostar: Observationally Constraining Disk Formation*

Ramprasad Rao, ASIAA SMA *Magnetic Fields through Polarization Observations of the Serpens Main Core*

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Michael McCollough, Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory *Monitoring Cygnus X-3 Flare*

PROTOPLANETARY, TRANSITION, DEBRIS DISKS

Charlie Qi, CfA *Resolving the Distribution N2H+ in the Disk of HD 163296*

Meredith Hughes, UC Berkeley *The Structure of Debris Disks around Solar-Type Stars*

Sean Andrews, CfA *A Disk-Based Dynamical Mass Estimate for the Young Binary Star AK Sco*

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Mark Gurwell, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics *SUN: Structure of Uranus and Neptune*

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Giovanni G. Fazio, Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics *SMA Observations of an Exceptionally Bright Gravitationally-Lensed Submillimeter Galaxy at z = 2.4*

Shane Bussmann, CfA *SMA Observations of Candidate z >4 SMGs Discovered By Herschel*

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Henrik Beuther, Max-Planck-Institute for Astronomy *Fragmentation of a star-forming filamentary cloud*

Tyler Bourke, SAO *Disk Structure around Class I Protostars*

Joanna Brown, Cfa *Unravelling the wind outflows of Betelgeuse*

Shane Bussmann, CfA *Compact imaging of Gravitationally Lensed ULIRGs*

Shane Bussmann, CfA *SMA Imaging of F880um ~ 60 mJy Strongly-lensed z >2 Galaxies Discovered By Herschel*

Shane Bussmann, CfA *Short-baseline Imaging of G12v2.30*

Rosie Chen, Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy *Probing Birth Environments of Super-Star Clusters at Low-Metallicity*

Laura Chomiuk, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics/ National Radio Astronomy Observatory *Exploring the Millimeter Behavior of Novae*

Lauren Cleeves, University of Michigan *Searching for an Extrasolar Heliopause*

David Clements, Imperial College London *Completing Detailed Imaging of Herschel Candidate High z Galaxies*

David Clements, Imperial College London *Herschel Selected High z Dusty Galaxies*

Claudia Cyganowski, SAO/CfA *An Isolated Accreting Massive Protostar?: G19.01-0.03*

Sheperd Doeleman, MIT Haystack Observatory *230 GHz VLBI Observations of SgrA* and M87*

Michael Dunham, Yale University *Outflow and Disk Properties of a Candidate First Core*

Catherine Espaillat, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics *Constraining Planet Formation in Dusty Disks Around Young Stars*

Giovanni G. Fazio, Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics *SMA Observations of an Exceptionally Bright Gravitationally-Lensed Submillimeter Galaxy at z~4.6*

Jan Forbrich, CfA *A Star Formation Survey of the Nearby Southern Galaxy NGC 300*

Michel GUELIN, IRAM *Small scale structure of the outer CO shells of IRC+10216*

Mark Gurwell, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics *Detection and Characterization of Vibrationally Excited HC3N From Titan's Stratosphere*

Mark Gurwell, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics *Vertically Resolved Stratospheric Winds on Titan and Mapping of Nitrile Species*

Robert Harris, Harvard-Smithsonian CfA *A Protoplanetary Disk Census in Taurus Multiple Star Systems*

Hiroyuki Hirashita, Academia Sinica, Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics

Free-free-dominated 850 micron emission from young active star formation

Paul Ho, SAO/ASIAA *Kinematic Processes of the Extremely Turbulent ISM around the Supermassive Blackholes (duplicate of 2011B-A019)*

Paul Ho, SAO/ASIAA *Kinematic Processes of the Extremely Turbulent ISM around the Supermassive Blackholes (duplicate of 2011B-S040)*

Pei-Ying Hsieh, Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy & Astrophysics *Warm Central Molecular Zone of IC 342 Associated with the*

Nuclear Spiral

Meredith Hughes, UC Berkeley *Molecular Gas in Debris Disks: HD 141569*

Meredith Hughes, UC Berkeley *Resolving Structure in the Debris Disk around HD 61005*

Izaskun Jimenez-Serra, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

Fragmentation of a quiescent massive core in a Spitzer IRDC?

Izaskun Jimenez-Serra, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

Unveiling the Origin of the Radio Recombination Maser Emission toward the eta Carinae Massive Star

Ryohei Kawabe, NAOJ *Sub-mm continuum and CO high-resolution observations toward the candidates* モ*Source A*ヤ *in rho Oph-A*

Eric Keto, CFA *The building blocks of the starburst in M82*

Chin-Fei Lee, ASIAA *B-field structure in the disk of the protostellar system HH 111*

Hua-bai Li, MPIA *Fragmentation and Ambipolar Diffusion in Filamentary Molecular Clouds II*

Hau-Yu Baobab Lu, Harvard-Smithonian CfA *Evolutionary Processes in High-Mass Star Formation Region: The Very Luminous Region G10.3-0.1*

Meredith MacGregor, Harvard University *Compact Configuration Observations of the HR4796A Debris Disk*

Rita Mann, Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics - National Research Council *Disk Masses and Lifetimes in Rich Clusters*

Dan Marrone, University of Arizona *Disentangling the Polarization of Sagittarius A* with SMA and CARMA*

Arielle Moullet, NRAO *Investigating Iapetus' surface dichotomy at 1.3mm*

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Charlie Qi, CfA *Search for N2H+ in TW Hya*

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Giuseppe Sacco, Rochester Institute of Technology *Gas and Dust in the multiple system HBC 515*

Raghvendra Sahai, Jet Propulsion Laboratory *Investigating the High-Velocity Outflows in, and Environment of, an Interstellar Bullet Engine*

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Shigehisa Takakuwa, ASIAA *The Protobinary System L1551 NE: From Envelope to Circumbinary Disk to Accretion Streams onto Circumstellar Disks*

Mark Thompson, University of Hertfordshire *A candidate isolated proto-brown dwarf discovered in the Herschel ATLAS*

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