

TRANSFORMATIONAL SCIENCE WITH ALMA:

The Birth and Feedback of Massive Stars, Within and Beyond the Galaxy



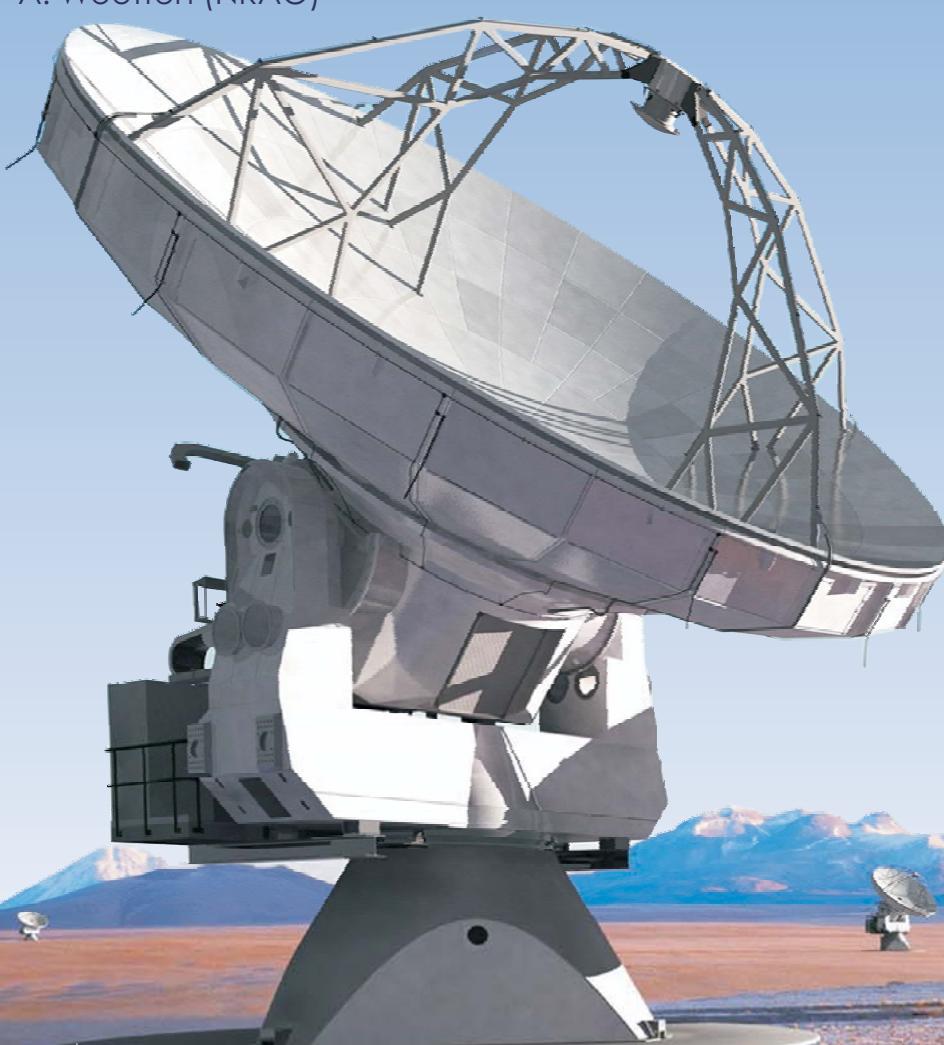
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Key Science Questions:

- What physics determines star formation scaling relations in galaxies?
- What molecular cloud properties influence massive star formation?
- What are optimal probes of the physical conditions in massive star forming regions?
- How does massive star formation differ in the most extreme environments (Galactic center, super star clusters, starburst galaxies)?
- What are the best observational discriminators between theories of massive star/cluster formation?
- How do forming massive stars affect their parent molecular clouds (e.g. turbulence, triggering)?
- What effects do young massive clusters have on their parent galaxies (e.g. galactic winds, triggering)?
- How can ALMA best address these questions?

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HST image of the Orion Nebula
Credit: Treasury Project Team

Optical through
MIR view of the
LMC
*Credit: SAGE
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Subaru B, V, and H image of M82
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HST image of the Antennae Galaxies with
OVRO CO(1-0) contours
Credit: C. Wilson

