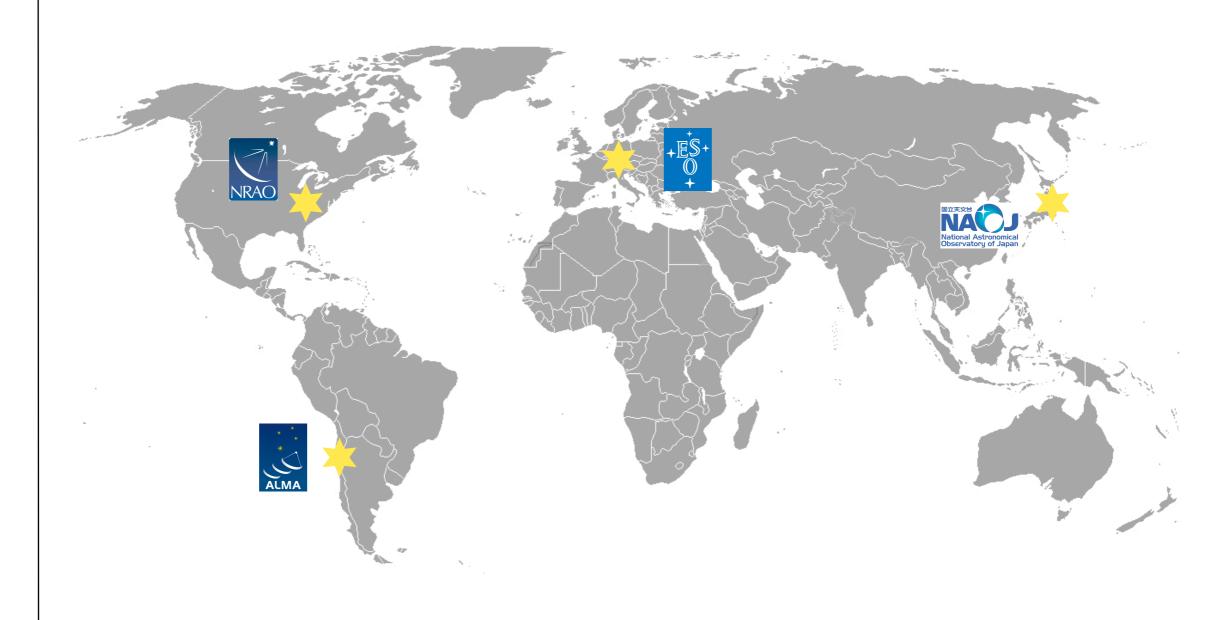
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The interface between ALMA and the astronomy community is provided by the three ALMA Regional Centres (ARCs), in Europe, North America and East Asia.



ALMA Regional Centres

The European ARC has the responsibility of providing scientific user support to the European astronomical community.



European ARC Nodes

Tasks of the ARC nodes

- * Face-to-face user support with proposal preparation;
- * face-to-face help with data reduction, including also expert support in data processing for specialized observing techniques;
- * help in archival research, including assistance to users of the ALMA archive in identifying and using the data products suitable for their scientific projects;
- * community development and outreach.

Each node has its own area(s) of expertise:

- * Array combination: IRAM, UK
- * Spectral line surveys/identification: **German, Allegro**
- * High dynamic range imaging & simulations: UK, Nordic
- * High frequency observing & application of WVRs: Allegro
- * Variable and moving sources: Nordic, Bologna
- * Solar observations: Czech

The Czech ARC node should provide regional support to applicants from countries of the Central and Eastern European region.

It will provide especially the following services:

- * scientific and technical support to ALMA users, especially:
 - * Solar, galactic, extra-galactic and relativistic astrophysics;
 - * laboratory measurements of molecular spectral lines;
- * observation planning, data quality check;
- * data storage and processing, data reduction using CASA.

Our node (present status)

- * We have office for up to 3 ALMA visitors.
- * We arranged cheap accommodation for visitors in guest rooms of Astronomical Institute at Ondrejov.

Hardware

* Three PC, Linux, Intel, memory 8GB, disks 1TB, 24'' screen.



Czech ALMA Node

Our Node is new – starting in January 2010 (10 people)

- * Miroslav Barta: head, CASA, AOT, integrated tests, Imaging Group EACIG, solar research
- * Marian Karlicky: solar research
- * Bartosz Dabrowski: CASA, AOT, integrated tests, Imaging Group EACIG, solar research
- * Roman Brajsa: solar radio astronomy, solar ALMA test observations
- * Pavel Jachym: AOT, integrated tests, galactic research
- * Devaky Kunneriath: galactic centre science, radio astronomy
- * Stanislav Stefl: stay at ALMA, Chile, stellar research
- * Michaela Kraus: stellar radio astronomy
- * Stepan Urban: molecular spectroscopy
- * Jiri Polach: computers, Internet



- * First CASA tests using solar radio data;
- * presentation about Czech ARC node and solar research at international conferences;
- * contact support scientist for one project of Cycle 0 and Cycle 1;
- * local Czech ESO-ALMA node meetings;
- * local school about preparation of ALMA proposals;
- * wikipedia ALMA webpages to Czech and Polish languages;
- * papers about ALMA in Czech and Polish journal;
- * lectures about ALMA (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland);
- * building of new room for ALMA visitors;
- * the paper titled "Solar research with ALMA", Solar Physics, 2011;
- * participation in several official tests of CASA, Imaging Group EACIG and OT, Single Dish Group;
- * participation in ALMA Community Days 2011 and 2012 at Garching, OT Tutor.

Recent Activities





ALMA Winter School 28 – 29 February 2012, Prague

> 2nd Solar ALMA Workshop 24 June 2013, Prague

CESRA 2013 Workshop 24 – 29 June 2013, Prague





Recent Activities

February 28, 2012

- * ALMA and Czech ARC node (M. Karlický, Czech ARC)
- * Introduction to radio interferometry (D. Kunneriath, Czech ARC)
- * Introduction to CASA, part I (D. Petry, ESO ARC)
- * Introduction to Observing Tool (A. Biggs, ESO ARC)
- * Molecular spectroscopy (Š. Urban, Czech ARC)
- * Observing Tool: practical exercises (A. Biggs, ESO ARC and M. Bárta, B. Dabrowski, P. Jáchym, all from Czech ARC)

February 29, 2012

- * Examples of proposals: science and submission process (P. Jáchym, Czech ARC)
- * Solar research with ALMA (M. Bárta, Czech ARC)
- * Introduction to CASA, part II calibration and imagining with CASA (D. Petry, ESO ARC)
- * CASA: pratctical exercises (D. Petry, ESO ARC)
- * Discussion and closing

ALMA Winter School in Prague



Czech ARC Node Website:

www.asu.cas.cz/alma

News from Czech Node:

A mailing list is maintained to keep the Central and Eastern European region community informed about ALMA related meetings and training sessions organised by the Czech ARC Node.

http://www.asu.cas.cz/alma-newsletter-registration

Twitter:

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