# Collaboration on SMA & Development of Submm SIS Mixers\*

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# OUTLINE

- Collaboration on SMA
- On-site Assembly & Testing
- Development of Submm SIS Mixers
- Future Work

### **Collaboration on SMA**

- What to Do in Submm at PMO
  - discussion about CSA around 1998

### Why Collaborate with ASIAA

- 2000.2-4, Yang & Shi invited to visit ASIAA
- extensive discussion with Prof. Fred Lo

*Consensus reached on the importance & feasibility of such a collaboration!* 

#### MOU on Collaboration in Mm/Submm Astronomy between PMO and ASIAA (2000.6)

Memorandum of Understanding on Collaboration in Millimeter- and Submillimeter-wave Astronomy between the Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy & Astrophysics and the Purple Mountain Observatory

The Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy & Astrophyscis (ASIAA) and the Purple Mountain Observatory (PMO) have reached a concensus on the importance and feasibility of a collaboration in millimeter- and submillimeter-wave astronomy.

The PMO will participate in the ASIAA efforts on the Sub-Millimeter-wave Array (SMA), which is a unique 8-element interferometer array operating between 176 GHz and 900 GHz, sited on Mauna Kea in Hawaii, being jointly constructed by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (SAO) and the ASIAA. The PMO participation in the ASIAA efforts on the SMA will include the joint R&D of submillimeter SIS receivers (450-, 660- and 850-GHz bands) with the ASIAA, the contribution of two 345-GHz SIS receiver modules to the specifications of the SMA, involvement in the system assembling of the two antennas being constructed by the ASIAA, in both Taipei and on Mouna Kea, and in the ASIAA share of the SMA operation in Hawaii. The PMO will also participate in the science use of the SMA via collaborative projects with the ASIAA, up to the equivalent of 15% of the ASIAA share of the SMA observing time.

The collaboration between the ASIAA and the PMO will also include exchange of personnel such as students, postdocs, technical and research staff. The local expenses will be paid by the host institute. The two institutes will exchange general information on millimeter-wave and submillimeter-wave astronomical research and development.

Through this collaboration, the two institutes will endeavor to participate jointly in the international project of the Atacama Large Millimeter-wave Array (ALMA.) The two institutes have recognized that the strengthening of the mm and submm scientific efforts and the joint R&D of submillimeter SIS receivers, and other related technical areas, at both institutes will be important to their future participation in ALMA.

The ASIAA is building the Array for Microwave Background Anisotropy (AMiBA) project in collaboration with the National Taiwan University. The PMO will explore the possibility to collaborate on the AMIBA project.

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### **Collaboration on SMA** (contd)

- Major Tasks
  - joint R&D of submm SIS receivers
  - contribution of two 345-GHz SIS receivers
  - joint on-site testing & operation
  - joint science use of SMA (~15% of ASIAA share)
- Team structure
  - J. Yang & S.C. Shi, R.Q. Mao, Y.X. Zuo, Q.J. Yao, C.H, Sun, S.P. Huang, W.L. Shan, W. Zhang
  - astronomers from other institutions

**On-Site Assembly** (ASIAA Team + Yingxi, Qijun)

Sub-ref & Chopper Assembly of Ant #8

Debug PMAC Software

### **On-Site Tesing (Ant#7)** (ASIAA, SMA Team+Ruiging & JY)

- Single-dish Pointing (Optical & Radio)
- Focusing, Tilt
- Radio Interferometric Pointing (iPoint)
- Beam Pattern, Antenna Efficiencies
- Holographic Measurement

## **Development of Submm SIS Rxs**

#### Team

SC, WenLei, Wen (PMO) & ChiChung, MingJye, HongWen (IAA)

### Frequency Bands

- 660-GHz band (600-720GHz)
- 850-GHz band (787-950GHz), & 345-GHz band

# A 600-720 GHz SIS Mixer

- Mixer mount: WG type (SAO design)
  - feed-point imped.: ~ 35 ?
- SIS Junction: twin-junction design
  - $J_c$ : 10 kA/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - Junction area: 1.2x1.2 mm<sup>2</sup>
  - $?R_nC_j$  product: ~6.9 @ 660 GHz
  - $R_n$ : 13.6 ohm



### **Measurement Setup for** 600-720GHz SIS Mixer





### **Measured Results for Twin Junctions-I**



### **Measured Results for Twin Junctions-II**



## **Future Work**

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- To continue to take part in on-site testing;
- Joint astronomical research with SMA;
- To improve the 660-GHz SIS receiver;
- To start the R&D for the 800-GHz band rx;