

URO and Future Plans

Greg Taylor (UNM) on behalf of the LWA Project



Current Support

- ONR extended through 9/30/2012
 - Power, communications, travel to site
 - System Engineer (Joe Craig)
 - User Programs (Ylva Pihlstrom)
 - Technical Assistance (Steve Tremblay & Ken Obenberger)
- DTRA program ends 1/20/2012
 - System Engineer (Joe Craig)
 - Research faculty (Lee Rickard)
 - Software (Jayce Dowell)
- LUNAR program ends 5/1/2013
 - Director (Greg Taylor) and Software (Jayce Dowell)

Pending Support

- LEDA (Large aperture Experiment to detect the Dark Ages/Greenhill)
 - System Engineer (Joe Craig)
 - Software (Jayce Dowell)
 - Technical Assistance (Ken Obenberger)
- AAG Proposal (Cosmic Dawn/Bowman)
 - System Engineer (Joe Craig)
 - Software (Jayce Dowell)
 - Contribution to power and communications
- AFRL Proposals (waiting on RFP)
- URO Proposal (due May 23) Taylor
- DOD Proposal (due May 25) Jenet

URO Budget - \$600K/year

LWA1 Operations Cost - URO



URO Details

- User Programs
 - Letters from LWA1 users
 - Letters from affiliates JPL, UC, NMT, PandA, ...
- Science Case (thanks!)
- Technical development
 - On-the-fly reduction
 - Polarimetry
 - LWA1 EVLA interface

Future

Science with LWA1 is underway

(Unfunded) goal for LWA is still 53 Stations

Some alternative funding obtained; additional proposals pending

- Development/preparation of sites for LWA-2 (NA) + LWA-3 (HM) with baselines 19 km, 35 km, and 43 km
- Leases and CatEx's for these sites already obtained



Thank You for your Support!



LWA-2 Site (NA)



For more information:

Henning et al. (2010), "The First Station of the LongWavelength Array" [LWA Memo 170]

Ellingson *et al.* (2009), "The Long Wavelength Array," *Proc. IEEE*, 97, 1421 [LWA Memo 157]

Ellingson (*in press*), "Sensitivity of Antenna Arrays for Long-Wavelength Radio Astronomy," *IEEE, Trans. Ant. & Prop.* [LWA Memo 166]

Navarro *et al.* (2010), "Implementation of a Digital Processing Subsystem for a Long Wavelength Array Station," *URSI 2010 NRSM* [available on LWA web site] Project Web Site: http://lwa.unm.edu

Memo Series: http://www.phys.unm.edu/~lwa/memos

The LWA is on Facebook

Backup Slides





Technical Specifications:

- Frequency Range:
- Angular resolution:
- LAS at [20,80] MHz
- Baseline range
- Sensitivity [20,80 MHz]: $\sigma \leq$ [1.0,
- Collecting Area (m²)
- Dynamic range
- Δv_{max} (per beam)
- Δv_{\min}
- Temporal Res
- Polarization:
- Sky Coverage:
- FoV [20,80] MHz
- # of beams:
- Configuration:

Required 20 MHz to 80 MHz θ ≤ [8,2]"≥ [8,2]° 100 m to 400 km

- $A_e = 1 \times 10^6$
- $DR \ge [1x10^3, 2x10^3]$
- $\Delta v \ge 4 \text{ MHz}$ $\Delta v \le 100 \text{ Hz}$ $\Delta \tau = 10 \text{ msec}$ 1 circular $z \ge 40^{\circ}$ [8,2]° 4 single pol. 2D array, N = 53 statio

Achieved 10 MHz to 88 MHz $\theta \leq [7, 1.4]$ " \geq [16,4]° $\Delta v = 20 \text{ MHz}$ $\Delta v \leq 10 \text{ Hz}$ $\Delta \tau < 0.1 \text{ msec}$ Full $z \ge 15^{\circ}$ ≤[16,4]° 4 single pol.