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Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array

At the operations site of the ALMA antenna array, located on the Chajnantor Plateau (which in the original Atacameño language —Kunza— means “place of departure”), the 66 ALMA antennas function as a single, enormous radio telescope for observing the “invisible” Universe. The Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) is the largest astronomical project in existence. It is an international partnership of Europe, North America and East Asia in cooperation with the Republic of Chile.