# High-Contrast Imaging Of Protoplanetary Disks: Probing The Formation Sites Of (some) Gas Giant Planets

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### Gas giant planets do exist at wide orbital separations...



Marois et al, 2008, 2010; Lagrange et al. 2010; Rameau et al. 2013a,b; Kuzuhara et al. 2013

#### Period [days]

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### ...and their peak occurrence rate is somewhere >4 AU

### From RV planet searches:

- # of gas giant planets strongly increases with period
- Early-type stars have higher frequency of giant planets within 3 AU (~26<sup>+9</sup>-8% vs. ~10% for solartype stars) and also increasing for longer periods



Mayor et al. 2011 (arxiv:1109.2497); Bowler et al. 2010; also Johnson et al. 2007a,b, 2010

### Polarimetric Differential Imaging (PDI) probes relevant disk regions



Image credit: H. Avenhaus

### PDI is not a new technique...



Kuhn et al. 2001; Apai et al. 2004; Hales et al. 2006; Oppenheimer et al. 2008; Perrin et al. 2009

## ...but in the last 3 years a lot of new results came out



Hashimoto et al. 2011; Quanz et al. 2011,2012; Kusakabe et al, 2012; Grady et al. 2013; Folette et al. 2013; Garufi et al. 2014

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Muto et al. 2013; Garufi et al. 2013; Avenhaus et al. 2014; Canovas et al. 2013; Tsukagoshi et al. 2014; Mayama et al 2012; Hashimoto et a;. 2012

### Have learned anything about planet formation?

4 case studies:



Different cavity sizes for different observing wavelengths (i.e., grain sizes)

### PDI images in the NIR



• Inner cavity <28 AU

• Strong spiral arm structure

Muto et al. 2013; Garufi et al. 2013

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### PDI images in the NIR

ALMA / SMA image



Dust filtration due to the presence of a planet might explain different cavity sizes



See also poster from Ke Zhang

Garufi et al. 2013; e.g., Pinilla et al. 2012; Zhu et al. 2012; de Juan Ovelar et al. 2013

### NACO PDI image scaled to ALMA resolution

#### ALMA / SMA image



## The planet candidate in the LkCa 15 disk



- •Inner cavity <40-50 AU
- Eccentric cavity?
- Strong forward scattering

Thalmann et al. 2011,2014

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### SMA 850 micron + Keck aperture masking



- Cavity with comparable radius
- Companion candidate in the cavity

See also poster from Andrea Isella

Thalmann et al. 2011,2014; Kraus & Ireland 2012; Andrews et al. 2011

### HD169142 - sequential planet formation?

### H band PDI image



- Inner cavity <25 AU
- •Annular gap ~40-70 AU

Quanz et al. 2013

### HD169142 - sequential planet formation?

7 mm VLA

#### H band PDI image Distance (AU) 0.8 VLA 7 mm VLA CnB+B+A 50 -150 -100 -50 0 100 150 VLT H-Band mm 150 1' 0.4 inner gap 100 (cavity) 0.5' Distance (arcsec) 0 02<sup>-</sup> Distance (AU) 0 ring 0' 29 AU outer gap -0.4 -0.5 -100 AO feature (C) -150 6 -0.8 -0.8 0.8 -0.4 -0.8 0.4 -0.4 0 0.8 0.4 0 -0.5" 0" 0.5" 1" -1" **RA offset (arcsec)** Distance (arcsec)

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• ~5 sigma 'overdensity' - planet?

# HD169142 - sequential planet formation?

### H band PDI image

### L band high-contrast image



• Not detected with MagAO

Quanz et al. 2013; Reggiani et al. 2014; also Biller et al. 2014

### H band PDI image



Inner cavity <14 AU</li>Brightness asymmetry

Avenhaus et al. 2014; Quanz et al. 2011



Avenhaus et al. 2014; Quanz et al. 2011; Brittain et al. 2013,2014



Inner cavity <14 AU</li>Brightness asymmetry

Point source + plus extended emission at 0.48"
Very red: L=13.9 mag; M=13.3 mag; K>15.4 mag
T<sub>eff</sub> ~ 1030 K; R = 6 R<sub>Jupiter</sub>; L = 2.3\*10<sup>-4</sup> L<sub>Sun</sub>

Avenhaus et al. 2014; Quanz et al. 2011, 2013, under review



Inner cavity <14 AU</li>Brightness asymmetry

- Large grains are confined to within 50-60 au
- Gas extends out to >350 au

Avenhaus et al. 2014; Quanz et al. 2011; Pineda et al. 2014

### H band PDI image

### ALMA dust continuum data for HD100546



Avenhaus et al. 2014; Quanz et al. 2011; Walsh et al. 2014

### Take home messages

- Polarimetric Differential Imaging (PDI) allows us to spatially resolve regions in protoplanetary disks as close as 0.1" (~10 au) and with a resolution of 10 au; ideal to study potential formation sites of gas giant planets
- In a number of disks, PDI revealed unexpected variety of disk structures (gaps, cavities, spiral arms) part of which could be immediately related to recent / ongoing planet formation
- In a few targets we have growing observational evidence that planet(s) may (have) form(ed) in particular where various datasets (e.g., PDI, (sub-)mm imaging, high-contrast imaging) are combined

### What's next?

- Increase the sample of resolved disks with PDI using Gemini/GPI and VLT/SPHERE
- Combine PDI images with ALMA data with same spatial resolution to get 3D picture of protoplanetary disks
- Derive the "big picture" messages from PDI results; a lot of in depth studies of individual objects so far, but more overarching results need to be synthesized
- Use spatially resolved information at multiple wavelengths to determine dust properties on disk surface as a function of wavelength

# Thank you

