

Searching for Accreting Protoplanets with Kernel Phase Interferometry



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Direct imaging targets a unique population of planets



Direct imaging is a powerful technique for the detection and characterisation of exoplanets:

- It provides access to planets at larger orbital separations (vs. transits and RV)

- Medium/high-resolution spectroscopy of directly imaged planets provides direct evidence of composition and formation history

- Imaging is the most likely way we will determine habitability of other worlds

HR 8799 - Jason Wang (Caltech)/Christian Marois (NRC Herzberg)

Most exoplanets do not *directly* inform us of the planet formation process



Accreting protoplanets allow us to observe planet formation in situ



The H-alpha detection map for PDS 70 b and PDS 70 c. (Haffert et. al. 2019 Nat Astro)

Fernandes et al. (2019)

10yr

Direct imaging searches are often limited by quasi-static speckles at inner working angles of \sim 1-3 λ /D...



GPI discovery image of 51 Eridani b (~30 pc)

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Improvement in resolution offered by KPI vs 'traditional imaging' at 150 parsec









A simpler view of kernel phases









Kernel phase works for sub- λ /D!

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Mid-infrared photometry of the T Tauri triple system with kernel phase interferometry $\!\!\!\!\!\!^\star$

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The Palomar kernel-phase experiment: testing kernel phase interferometry for ground-based astronomical observations @

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ARTICLES DANCING IN THE DARK: NEW BROWN DWARF BINARIES FROM KERNEL PHASE INTERFEROMETRY

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IFS' allow spectral calibration strategies and line-emission searches



R = 77.1 with 17 output channels



Results: Demonstrating Kernel Phase with SCExAO/CHARIS



The spectrum of HD 44927 B with respect to HD 44927 A recovered with kernel phase.

Chaushev et al. (2023), JATIS Chaushev et al. (2022), Proceedings of the SPIE



Characterisation of a spectral differential imaging (SDI) calibration for a simulated $Br-\gamma$ search

Results: New limits for MWC 758 and MWC 480



Setting upper limits on planet formation around MWC 758 and MWC 480 using a Br- γ accretion search and spectral differential KPI

Results: Application to a known planet candidate... ** <u>extremely tentative</u> detection at ~45mas **



Prior observations



Single companion fit (star + 1 point source)

Three companions iterative fit (star + 3 point sources) 150 Binary 1 Binary 2 Binary 3 100 50 0 . . -50 -100-150100 -150 -100 -50 Ó 50 150 300 200



Image reconstruction using gradient descent

Chaushev et al. (2024?), in prep pending Subaru...

Results: Pipeline Development for CHARIS and JWST kernel phase



Kernel phase image reconstruction using automatic differentiation and gradient descent for SCExAO/CHARIS, JWST/NIRISS and JWST/NIRCAM



CHARIS-KP: A public kernel phase pipeline for SCExAO/CHARIS

Chaushev et al. in prep for SPIE 2024

Future Work: A KPI Survey of Taurus?





A new near infrared wavefront sensor (PI: J. Lozi) is available on Subaru as of 2024A!

Limiting angular resolution and wavefront sensor magnitudes for KPI when observing young stars in Taurus

Future Work: JWST/NIRSPEC



JWST/NIRSPEC Kernel Phase



Can we do extremely high-angular resolution spectroscopy with KPI and JWST/NIRSPEC?

- Future direct imaging surveys such as GPI 2.0 and SPHERE+ will be detecting planets in the 5-10 AU range



 10^{-15}

Image from ERS Program 1328; Spectrum of brown dwarf VHS 1256b, Miles et. al.



Future Work: KPI Reconstruction



What is the sensitivity limit of KPI? Can we boost this with machine learning?

Automatic differentiation for better kernel phases



Deriving kernel phases from a numerical model of the telescope. Pope et al. (2019)

Deep neural networks for kernel phase systematic reconstruction



https://docs.hcipy.org/0.5.1/tutorials/ShackHartmannWFS/ShackHartmannWFS.html ²⁰

<u>Summary:</u> We can use interferometric data processing to search for 'close-in' protoplanets at 5-10 AU, where they are more abundant!

Thank you for listening!