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Imaging Planet Formation with Professor Steph Sallum

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Imaging Planet Formation UCI SoPS Virtual Lecture Series Prof. Steph Sallum

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Why study planet formation?







Total Number of Discovered Exoplanets



Discovery Year

21 Jan 2021 exoplanetarchive.ipac.caltech.edu



Exoplanet Diversity

x 1 1 1 1



-60 F

-330 F



3600 F

2700 F











Planet Formation





Bellatrix

Lambda Orionis (SH2 264)

Meissa

Betelgeuse

NASA APOD October 23, 2010

Rigel

Orion nebula (M42)

Alnilam

1

vdb62/63

Mintaka

Alnitak

Horsehead nebula

M78

Barnard's Loop





Protoplanetary Disks: The Sites of Planet Formation



Mark McCaughrean (Max-Planck-Institute for Astronomy), C. Robert O'Dell (Rice University), and NASA





Protoplanetary Disks: The Sites of Planet Formation



Distance (au)

Protoplanetary Disks: The Sites of Planet Formation



DSHARP; e.g. Andrews+2018



Planet Formation



mm - cm





10³ km

Planet Formation

mm - cm

10³ km

Planet Formation: Some Things We Know

Metal rich stars are more likely to host giant planets. "Bottomup" growth is important!

Stellar Metal Abundance

Planet Formation Some Things We Don't Know

• How fast does material fall onto a forming planet?

Image credits: Universe Today

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- How fast does material fall onto a forming planet?
- What path does the infalling material take?
- How steadily do planets accumulate mass?

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Imaging protoplanets: where to search

DSHARP; e.g. Andrews+2018

AS 205

Elias 20

HD 163296

Imaging protoplanets: what wavelengths to use

Wikipedia: H-alpha

Image credit: Leibniz Institute for Astrophysics

A bigger telescope means a better view...

...but stars twinkle.

Adaptive Optics

corrector

Microgate

Morzinski+2008

Without Adaptive Optics

With Adaptive Optics

The Galactic Center at 2.2 microns

Neptune at 2.2 microns

Directly Imaged Exoplanets

How faint is a fully-formed exoplanet?

Typical giant exoplanets are 1 MILLION times fainter than the stars they orbit!

How faint is a forming exoplanet?

Forming giant planets are 1 HUNDRED to 10 THOUSAND times fainter than the stars they orbit!

Young stars are really far away!

500 light ye

les'

What does that mean?

A-TRINITY Foresta

PALDING

San Francisco

590.6

Los Angele

PDS 70: State of the Art with "Traditional" Methods

Keppler+(2018); Haffert+(2019); Isella+(2019)

- We are now directly imaging protoplanets!
- Wide angular separations (> 20 AU)
- High masses (~ 5-10 Jupiter masses)
- Goals for the protoplanet census:
 - Tighter orbital separations
 - Lower masses
 - Detect and characterize at longer wavelengths (3 - 5 µm)

Aperture Masking: Super Resolution

W. M. Keck Observatory

Image

Aperture Masking: Super Resolution

Image

Highlights: planet candidates in protoplanetary disks

a

50 AU

Highlights: characterizing the innermost regions of protoplanetary disks

Spirals within a protoplanetary disk millimeter clearing possible disk-planet interaction!

$f_* = 0.68$ $10 \, \mathrm{AU}$ $d = 154, f_d = 0.25$

A Keck Masking Survey of Gapped Protoplanetary Disks

Christina Vides

A few big questions:

How common are giant forming planets in gapped protoplanetary disks?

How quickly do forming planets sweep up material?

What are the orbital architectures of the youngest planetary systems, and how do they compare to mature ones?

Upcoming Instruments

Holographic Aperture Masking (HAM) Adaptive Optics + Interferometry + Spectral Resolution

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Santa Cruz Array of Lenslets for Exoplanet Spectroscopy

Instrument Team: Andy Skemer (PI), Deno Stelter (IS), Nick MacDonald (PM), Dimitri Mawet, Mike Fitzgerald, Steph Sallum, Marc Kassis, Phil Hinz, Reni Kupke, Chris Ratliffe, Becky Jensen-Clem, Tim Brandt, Olivier Absil, Itsuki Sakon, Zack Briesemeister, Emily Martin, Brittany Miles, Evan Morris

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SCALES: Planet Formation Science

$\lambda = 2.8$

Looking Ahead

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