

Revealing the structure and dust content of debris disks on solar system scales with GPI

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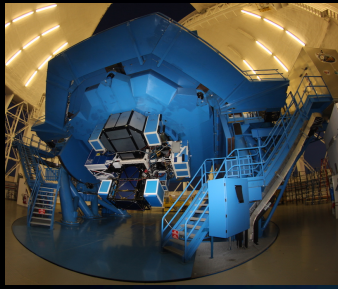


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GPIES: GPI Exoplanet Survey

- **890h campaign** for a direct imaging planet survey (2015 – 2017) [*see B. Macintosh's talk – 321.04*]
 - 600 young nearby stars
 - PI: Bruce Macintosh (Stanford)
 - Project Scientist: James Graham (UC Berkeley)
- **Subset of 57 targets for debris disk characterization**
 - Selected as previously resolved and/or large IR excess
 - GPI *H*-band “spectroscopy” + “polarimetry” modes
 - Group Lead: Mike Fitzgerald (UCLA) & Paul Kalas (UC Berkeley)

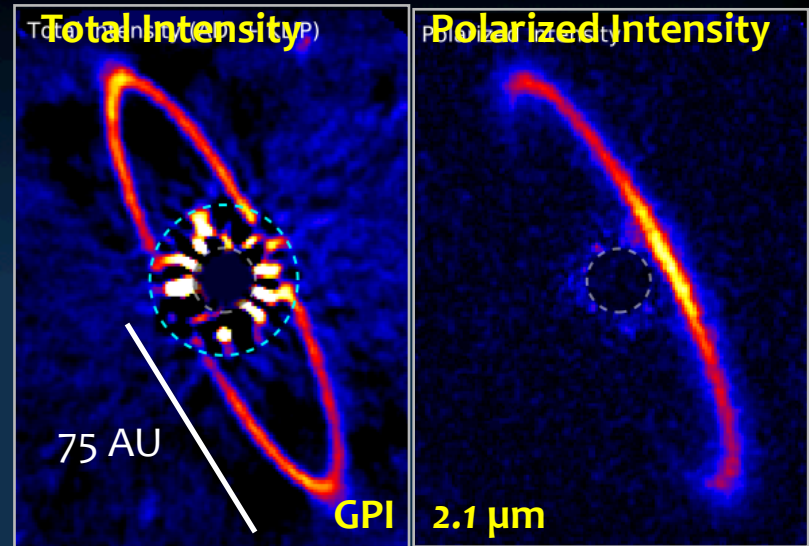
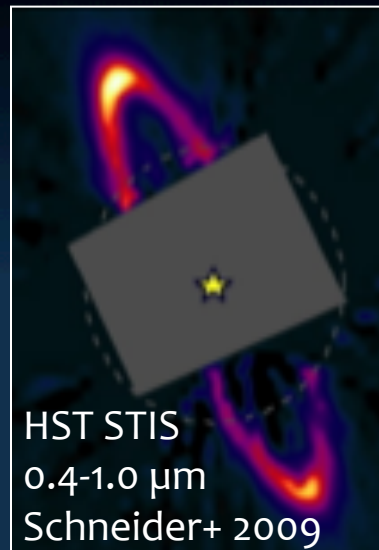
Key Science Goals

- **Image disks much closer to their parent star**
 - Inner working angle several times smaller than previous studies (HST, ground-based “regular” AO)
- **Precisely assess the disk morphology**
 - Substructures, offset from central star, ...
 - Search for evidence of dynamical interaction with planet
- **Characterize the dust content of disks (total mass, composition, grain size, ...)**
 - Scattering phase function
 - Polarization fraction

HR 4796A

A0V, 73 pc, 8 ± 2 Myr

Perrin+ 2015

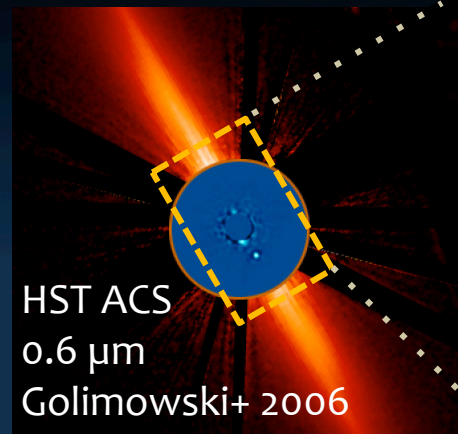


- Much more complete view of the ring than previous images
 - Very smooth azimuthally
 - Ring center is slightly offset from the star (corresponding to $e = 0.02$)
- Extreme asymmetry in polarized intensity revealed for the first time
 - West side is out of the plane of the sky
 - Dust grains scatter in the Fresnel regime ($a_{min} \geq 5 \mu\text{m}$)
 - Ring may be moderately optically thick

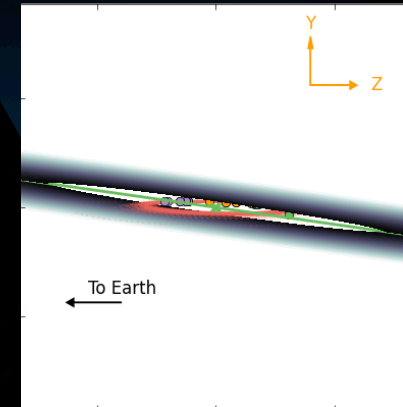
β Pic

A5V, 19 pc, 23 Myr

Millar-Blanchaer+ 2015

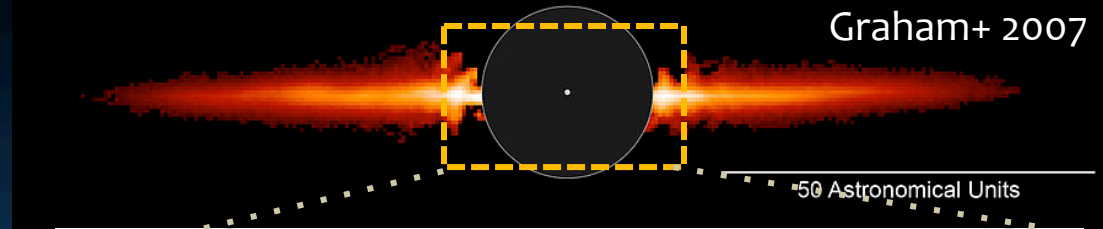


Polarized intensity
GPI 1.6 μm



- GPI reveals disk structure as close as 0.3" from star
 - Inner radius of 24 AU, or ≈ 2.5 times planet's semi-major axis
 - Significant vertical height ($H/r \approx 0.14$)
 - Strong forward scattering *in polarized intensity* dust (large grains?)
- The planet's orbit and the inner disk are misaligned by $\approx 4^\circ$
 - Astrophysical effect (same instrument!)
- Is a second planet sculpting and warping the disk?

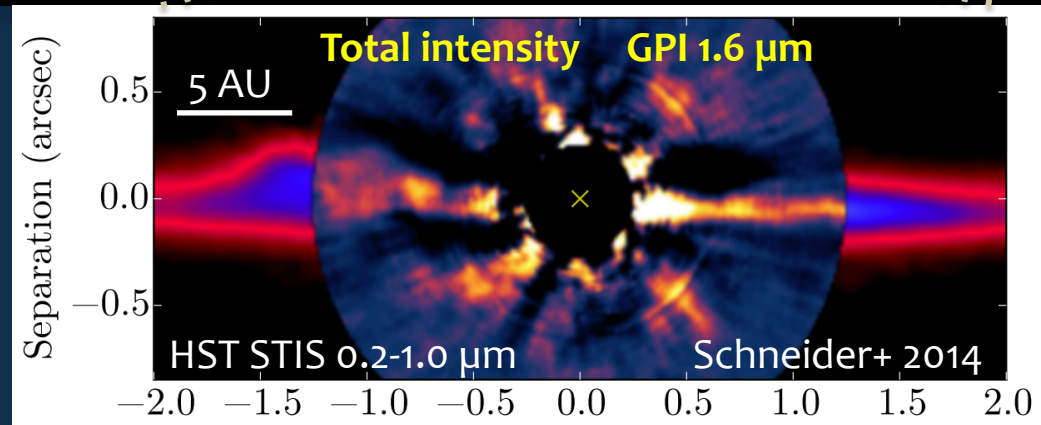
HST ACS 0.6 μm
Graham+ 2007



AU Mic

M1Ve, 9.9 pc, 23 Myr

Wang+ 2015

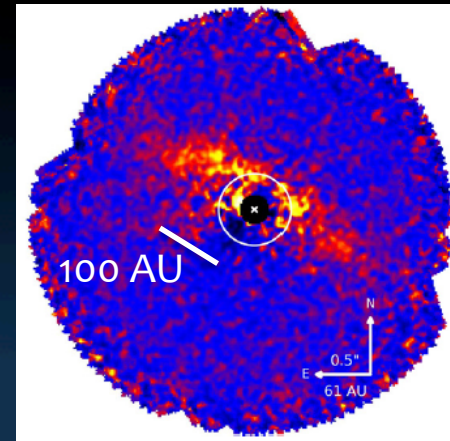
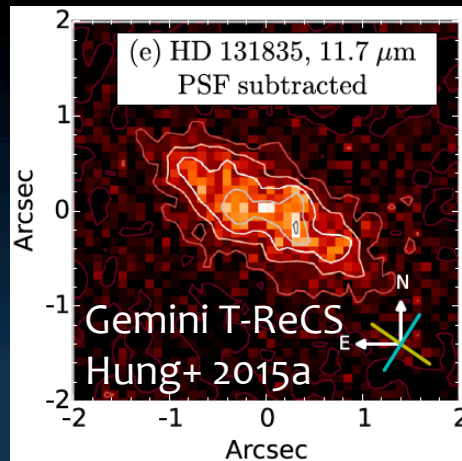


- GPI image reveals marked asymmetry between two sides
 - Also seen in ALMA data, HST and VLT/SPHERE (Boccaletti+ 2015)
 - Back side? Disk warp? Fast moving (high-eccentricity) particles?
- Undetected in polarized intensity (despite deep integration)
 - Disk too faint in the first place?
 - Low polarization fraction (small grains)?

HD 131835

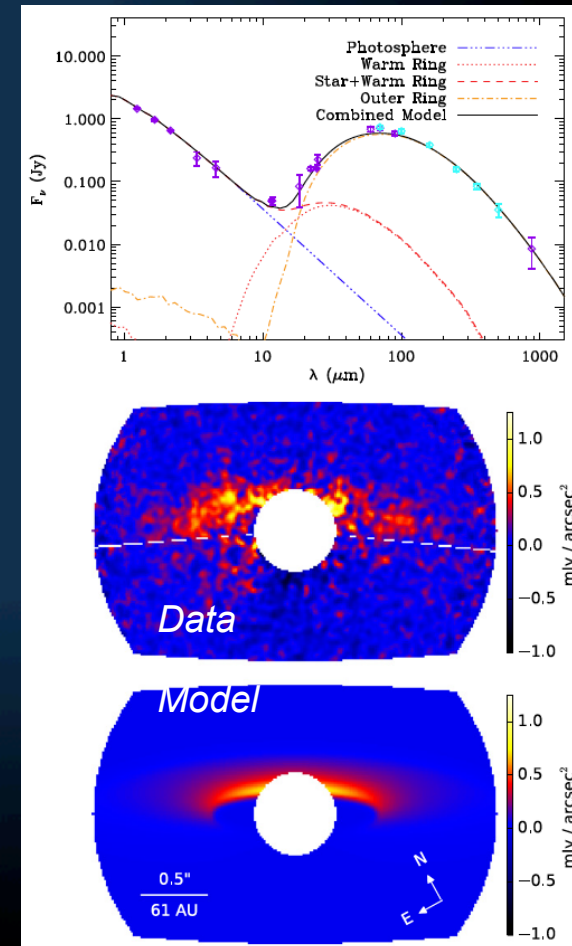
A2IV, 120 pc, 15 Myr

Hung+ 2015b

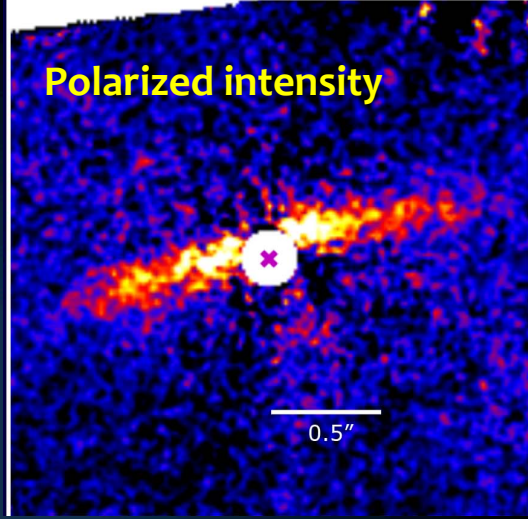
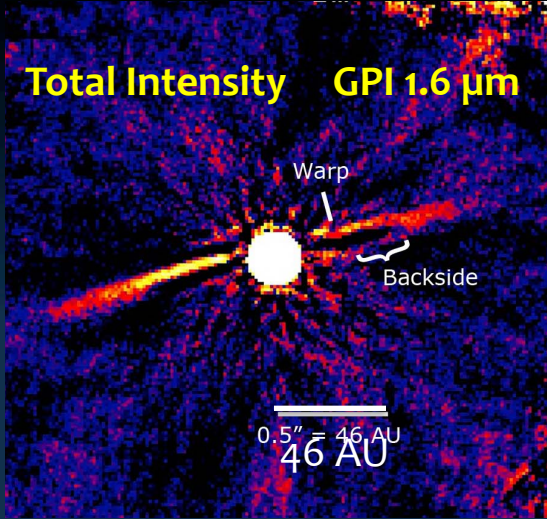


Polarized
Intensity
GPI 1.6 μm

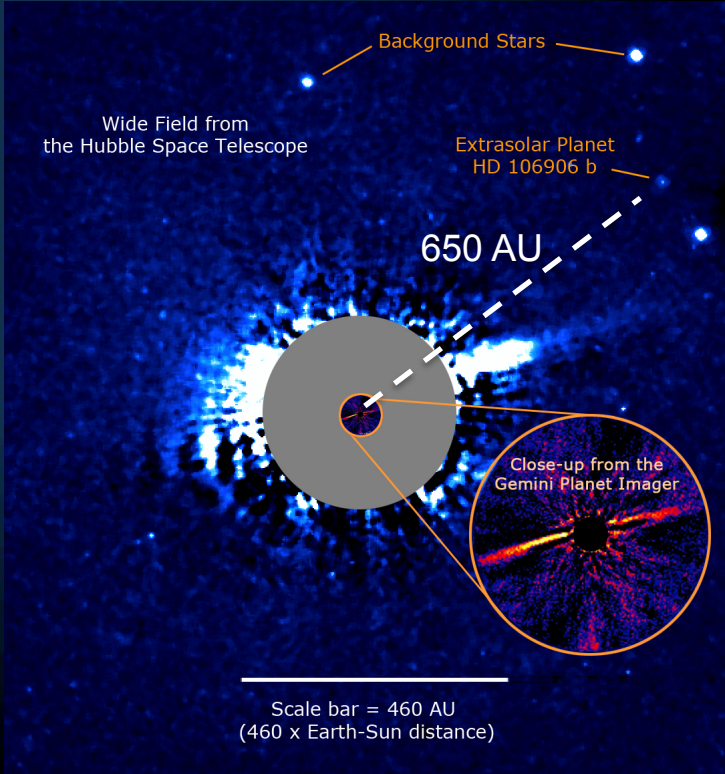
- A rare CO-rich disk (Moór+ 2015)
- First scattered light detection of the disk
 - Broad parent body belt ($\approx 75 - 210$ AU)
 - Nearly flat surface density profile ($\Sigma(r) \approx r^{-0.3}$)
 - Possible lateral asymmetry ($\approx 3\sigma$)
- Radiative transfer modeling constrains dust properties
 - Medium-sized grains ($a_{min} \approx 1.5 \mu\text{m}$)
 - 50/50 silicates/carbon mixture



HD 106906
F5V, 92 pc, 13 Myr
Kalas+ 2015



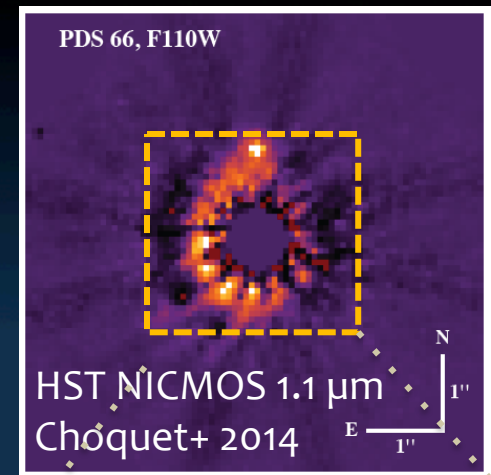
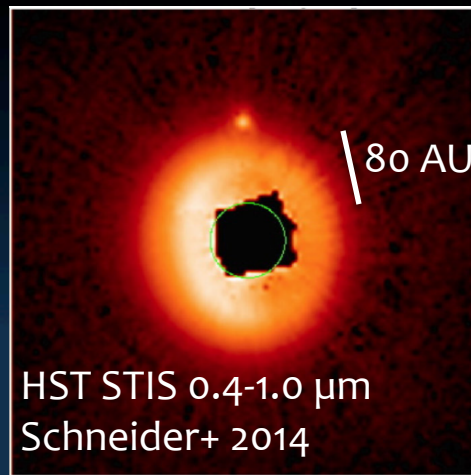
- GPI imaging resolves the disk for the first time
 - Nearly edge-on ring, possibly warped
 - Significant asymmetry between sides
- HST image reveals complex outer disk structure
 - Highly asymmetric (“fan” + “needle”)
- The planet is misaligned with the disk by $\approx 23^\circ$
 - Recent upheaval? (Jilkova+ 2015)
- Planet may host circumstellar material



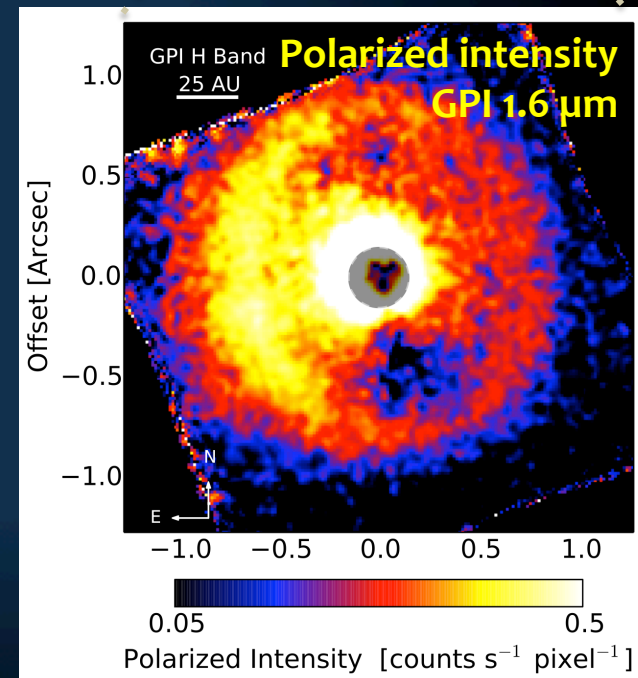
PDS 66 (MP Mus)

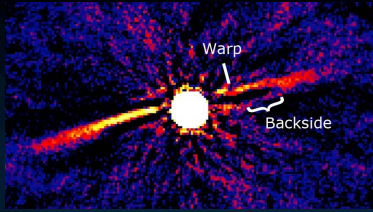
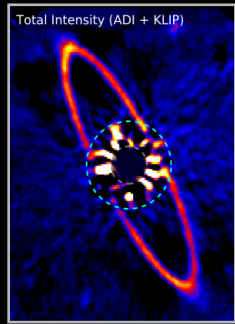
K1V, 101 pc, 5-7 Myr

Wolff+ 2016 (in prep.)

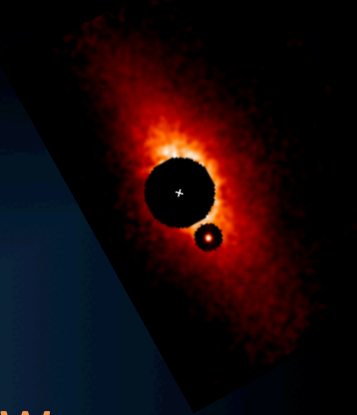
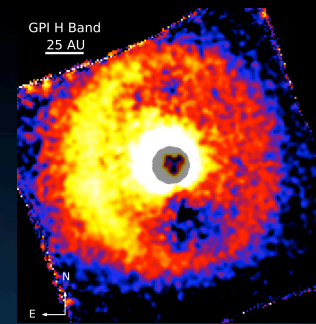


- A nearly face-on, evolved protoplanetary disk with a prominent 80 AU ring imaged with HST
- GPI imaging detects the region interior of the ring for the first time all the way down to ≈ 20 AU
 - Confirms the pre-transition disk categorization
- Small/negligible offset between ring and star
 - Small surface height \rightarrow dust settling?
- Deficit at Southern azimuths
 - Shadowing due to structure in inner disk?





Summary



- GPI's high contrast and resolution enables new breakthroughs in imaging circumstellar disks
 - 10 papers published since the instrument came online
- Its polarization mode offers a double advantage
 - Naturally suppresses (unpolarized) starlight
 - Provides unprecedented insights on dust properties
- The GPIES survey has been very successful in Year 1
 - Stay tuned for Year 2 & 3, as well as for a multi-wavelength follow-up LLP program (PI: C. Chen, 87h, 2015B-2018A)!