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ABSTRACT

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1 Scientific rationale

We propose to test planet formation and disc evolution theory by investigating whether very young protoplanetary discs have asymmetric structure that would be consistent with global disc instabilities. ALMA observations of IRAS16293-2422 A and B (hereafter IRAS1629A and IRAS1629B) in band 7 will provide high-resolution spatial and kinematic data for direct comparison with state-of-the-art hydrodynamic, chemical and radiative transfer models of protoplanetary discs. The presence or absence of gravitational instabilities has tremendous implications for planet and brown dwarf formation by disc instability.

Background. ALMA early science provides an excellent opportunity to test models of the first stages of planet formation and the early evolution of protoplanetary discs. Collapse models for star formation suggest that discs can be born massive, and are susceptible to gravitational instabilities (GIs, e.g., Boss 1984; Laughlin & Bodenheimer 1994; Pickett et alb. 1996; Voroybov & Basu 2006). Viscous spreading can cause even older discs to develop GIs at large disc radii (e.g., Clarke 2009), where the stability of gas that is moving outward drops due to increasing orbital times and decreasing gas temperatures. These instabilities create large-scale spiral structure, which in turn creates asymmetries, produces shocks, and under certain circumstances, leads to fragmentation. Heating along the spiral arms affects gas-phase chemistry (Ilee et al. 2011), and can form high abundances of molecules that would otherwise be frozen onto grains (see Figure 1), giving a diagnostic for spiral structure. At large disc radii, GIs can lead to disc fragmentation and the formation of transient and/or permanent clumps (e.g., Stamatellos et al. 2007; Rafikov 2009; Boley 2009; Clarke 2009). If clumps survive being tidally destroyed during pericenter passages, they will develop large circumplanetary discs, which may regulate the mass growth and keep the sub-stellar companion within the gas-giant/low-mass brown dwarf regime (Boley et al. 2010). However, if discs are inefficient as regulators, mass growth may continue unabated until the object reaches brown dwarf or stellar masses (e.g., Kratter et al. 2010). Observations are required to test whether GIs and large-scale spiral structure are ever present during the early stages of disc evolution and whether fragmentation can lead to the in situ formation of wide-orbit, low-mass sub-stellar companions, such as the planets around HR8799 (Marois et al. 2008, 2010) and Fomalhaut b (Kalas et al. 2008).

The need for ALMA. Observing large-scale spiral structure in young protoplanetary discs is problematic with other instruments. Discs may be most likely to host GIs during and shortly after the embedded phase, where they will likely be obscured at optical wavelengths. Observations at millimetre wavelength can detect emission from embedded discs (e.g., Boogert et al. 2002; Andrews et al. 2010), but the necessary sensitivity at high spatial resolution has so far been insufficient at resolving spiral structure, even at very large radii. In contrast, ALMA, even in early science mode, will be able to resolve spiral structure at large disc radii, providing an immediate opportunity to constrain disc evolution and planet formation models. To illustrate this further, consider the Wentzel-Kramers-Brillouin approximation for spiral waves. A typical pitch angle i for GI-driven spiral arms in radiation hydrodynamics simulations of discs is $\sim 10^{\circ}$ (e.g., Boley & Durisen 2008). The inter-arm spacing is then given by $\Delta r = r_0(\tan(i))2\pi/m$, where m is the number of arms. Global, low-m modes are often dominant in GI-active discs (e.g., Lodato & Rice 2004; Mejia et al. 2005; Boley et al. 2006). A

typical inter-arm spacing of an m=3 spiral at $r_0=100\,\mathrm{AU}$ is $\sim 37\,\mathrm{AU}$. At the distance of Ophiuchus ($\sim 120\,\mathrm{pc}$), the resolution of band 7 in the most extended configuration is $\sim 21\,\mathrm{AU}$, so the three-arm spiral can just be resolved. Two or even one-arm spirals will be easier to distinguish, where the latter may be common in discs that have fragmented.

Proposed observations. We propose to observe selected molecular transitions and continuum emission toward IRAS1629A and IRAS1629B, to investigate whether spiral structure is present early on in the evolution of protoplanetary discs. We found that combined constraints of spatial resolution and kinematics provide a powerful way to test disc evolution. IRAS16293-2422 is unique amongst class 0 sources in that it is both bright and favourably inclined to best detect spiral structure morphologically and kinematically. Observations with ALMA cycle 0 (Pineda et al. 2012) reveal a velocity gradient in IRAS1629A (Figure 2) consistent with an inclination angle of 30-40° as inferred earlier in a study of outflow from the source (Rao et al. 2009). IRAS1629A and B were previously considered "hot corinos" showing complex organic chemistry and infall (Kaun et al. 2004, Chandler et al. 2005, Bisschop et al. 2008). Figure 3 shows a synthetic ALMA observation in Band 7 of a $\sim 200 \,\mathrm{AU}$ disc at the distance of Ophiuchus (where IRAS1629A and B are embedded), using sensitivities and velocity resolution necessary to detect the selected molecular lines (see below). The right panel shows that some spiral structure is marginally resolvable even at 30° inclination. If closer to face-on, this would become clearer. In fact, although IRAS1629A and B show similar line features (Bisschop et al. 2008), IRAS129A shows a velocity gradient whereas B does not, which can simply be understood with IRAS1629B having a face-on disc. Continuum observations would then be able to resolve spiral arms if they exist and estimate the mass of the disc, providing a test for theoretical models of gravitational instabilities.

Radiative transfer calculations of a gravitationally unstable $0.4 M_{\odot}$ disc, embedded within a prestellar core, were performed with the 3D radiative transfer code LIME (Brinch & Hogerheijde 2010). The code used as input the physical structure of a hydrodynamic disc model from Boley (2009) and the chemical composition from Ilee et al. (2011). To simulate the fact that young stellar objects are still embedded in the parent cloud core, the disc model was put in the center of a pre-stellar core, with physical structure derived by the comprehensive study of Keto & Caselli (2010), based on the comparison between detailed observations and coupled hydrodynamic/radiative transfer simulations. The combined disc/pre-stellar core model was used to check a wide variety of potential molecular lines for shock tracers and good kinematic probes. We found that: (1) OCS lines in band 7 are good tracers of the spiral structure. These were shown to be excited in models with spiral density and temperature waves but to be undetectable in smooth discs. (2) H₂CO lines are well tracing the disc kinematics and also have enough observeable lines to put constraints on the temperature structure across the disc. Lines from both these species are predicted to be in absorption and completely unaffected by the pre-stellar envelope material. Figure 4 shows an example of this modelling and of how it would look through ALMA in the cycle 1 most extended configuration. The figure shows the image of the line absorption and the position velocity diagrams that will be able to unveil the rotation curve predicted by our models.

2 Technical Justification

IRAS16293-2422 is a bright source with a continuum measured by SMA of $\sim 60 \text{mJy beam}^{-1}$ channel⁻¹ (Bisschop 2008). The 938 MHz FDM correlator mode with dual polarisation will provide the capability to observe spectral features with sufficient resolution (0.49 km s⁻¹) to detect kinematic features.

Table 1: A summery of observing requirements.

	FDM Bandwidth 938 MHz
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	364.15 GHz
Window centre	$354.50~\mathrm{GHz}$
	$352.28~\mathrm{GHz}$
	365.60 GHz
Total integration time	4.27h
Synthesised beam size	0.17 arcsec

These include a sequence of H_2CO lines which will allow us to put constraints on the temperature of the disc, and OCS lines only excited by spiral shocks. A TDM correlator mode can detect spiral structure with an expected contrast of $\sim 2 \text{mJy beam}^{-1}$ over the background core to be resolved in IRAS1629B, if it is a face-on disc. The bandpasses are centred at 364.31, 352.29 and 354.50 GHz for the FDM correlator windows and 365.6GHz for the TDM correlator window. Some of the possible molecular lines which could be seen in these windows are HCN, OCS, SO₂, and H_2CO all of which have been modelled with radiative transfer codes to show up in absorption. Sensitivity of 1K in the narrowest channel will allow a 5σ detection of the weakest line expected to be seen. The time required to get this sensitivity ($\sim 4.3 \text{h}$) will give $\sim 0.37 \text{mJy}$ of sensitivity in the continuum window. This will be sufficient to detect spiral structure in IRAS1629B if it is a face-on disc.

Potential for Publicity

Successful detection of spiral arms in protoplanetary discs will provide images of disc evolution and possibly planet formation in action. Such observations would give dramatic pictures of the birth-places of exoplanets.

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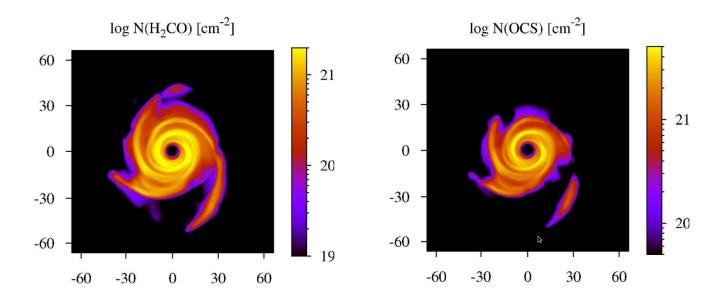


Figure 1: Column density maps of H_2CO and OCS in a gravitationally unstable protoplanetary disc (adapted from Ilee et al. 2011). The heating in spiral arms in the central $\sim 100\,\mathrm{AUs}$, allows molecules originally frozen onto dust grains to return in the gas phase and reach abundances large enough to be detected with ALMA. The abscissa and ordinate are in AU, and the colourbar gives the log of the column density of molecules.

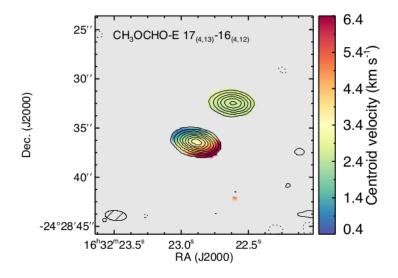


Figure 2: Intensity-weighted velocity for CH₃OCHO-E (adapted from Pineda et al. 2012). IRAS1629A is in the lower left, IRAS1629B in the upper right. IRAS1629A has been found to be a young protoplanetary disc inclined by about 30-40°, whereas IRAS1629B could be a face-on disc (see text). These are the brightest regions where to test models of gravitationally unstable discs in their early phases of evolution.

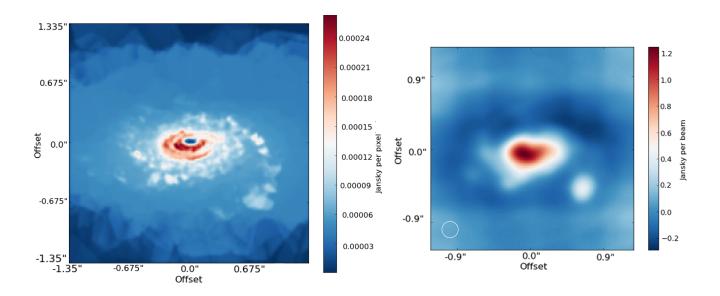


Figure 3: Our simulated continuum emission of a gravitationally unstable protoplanetary disc inclined at 30° and embedded in a collapsing pre-stellar core (see text for details). Left panel: output image from the radiative transfer (LIME) simulation. Right panel: predicted uncleaned ALMA observations in band 7 (beam size is shown in lower left).

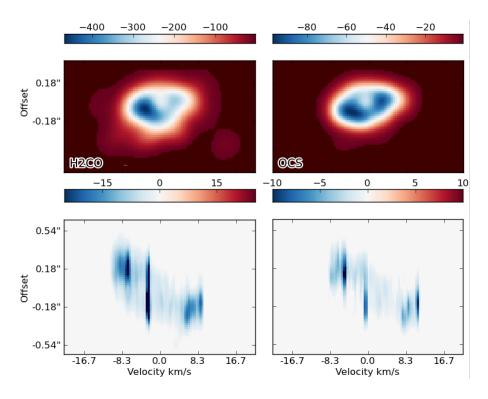


Figure 4: CASA simulations of continuum-subtracted line absorption, integrated intensity and position-velocity diagrams of $H_2CO(5_{4,2} \rightarrow 4_{4,1})$ and $OCS(28 \rightarrow 29)$ in a disc with spiral density and temperature waves inclined at 30°. The scales are in $Kkm \, s^{-1}$ for the integrated intensity maps and K for the PV diagram.

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