Molecules with ALMA at Planet-forming Scales (MAPS). XVIII. Kinematic Substructures in the Disks of HD 163296 and MWC 480

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Abstract

We explore the dynamical structure of the protoplanetary disks surrounding HD 163296 and MWC 480 as part of the Molecules with ALMA at Planet-forming Scales (MAPS) large program. Using the J = 2−1 transitions of 12CO, 13CO, and C18O imaged at spatial resolutions of ~0″15 and with a channel spacing of 200 m s⁻¹, we find perturbations from Keplerian rotation in the projected velocity fields of both disks (~5% of the local Keplerian velocity), suggestive of large-scale (tens of astronomical units in size), coherent flows. By accounting for the azimuthal dependence on the projection of the velocity field, the velocity fields were decomposed into azimuthally averaged orthogonal components,  v₀, vᵣ, and vₜ. Using the optically thick 12CO emission as a probe of the gas temperature, local variations of ~3 K (~5% relative changes) were observed and found to be associated with the kinematic substructures. The MWC 480 disk hosts a suite of tightly wound spiral arms. The spiral arms, in conjunction with the highly localized perturbations in the gas velocity structure (kinematic planetary signatures), indicate a giant planet, ~1 M_Jup, at a radius of ~245 au. In the disk of HD 163296, the kinematic substructures were consistent with previous studies of Pinte et al. and Teague et al. advocating for multiple ~1 M_Jup planets embedded in the disk. These results demonstrate that molecular line observations that characterize the dynamical structure of disks can be used to search for the signatures of embedded planets. This paper is part of the MAPS special issue of the Astrophysical Journal Supplement.

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1. Introduction

It is clear that the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) has driven a revolution in our understanding of the physical and chemical structure of protoplanetary disks, the birthplaces of planets. Not only has it revealed a stunning variety and ubiquity of substructures in the millimeter continuum, such as gaps, rings, and vortices (e.g., ALMA Partnership et al. 2015; Andrews et al. 2018; Long et al. 2018), but also a similar level of complexity in the morphology of molecular line emission (e.g., Christiaens et al. 2014; Teague et al. 2017, 2019b; Huang et al. 2020). While the former is likely due to the grains being shepherded by changes in the global gas physical structure (Dullemond et al. 2018), identifying the cause of changes in molecular emission requires distinguishing between physical and chemical effects (Facchini et al. 2018; van der Marel et al. 2018).

The unparalleled sensitivity of ALMA has enabled an alternative approach to detailing the physical structure of the
gas: the gas dynamics. A significant advantage of a dynamical study of the planet formation environment is that it circumvents the need to account for the chemical effects when relating measured fluxes to column densities of H$_2$ gas. This is most clearly seen with the pressure modulation of the rotation velocity,

$$\frac{v_c^2}{r} = \frac{GM_\star r}{(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{\rho_{\text{gas}}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r},$$

(1)

where $r$ and $z$ are the cylindrical radius and vertical height above the midplane, respectively; $M_\star$ is the stellar mass; $\rho_{\text{gas}}$ is the gas density, dominated by H$_2$; and $P$ is the gas pressure. Changes in the local gas pressure, or gas surface density, will therefore manifest as changes in $v_c$, irrespective of the abundance of the observed molecule. The advantage of this approach is clear: variations in the total gas column can be inferred without the need for expensive astrochemical models. For example, Teague et al. (2018a, 2018b) detected subtle variations in $v_c$ for the disks around HD 163296 and AS 209, which were used to model the perturbed gas surface density profile.

It is well understood that giant planets will open up gaps in the gas distribution of their parental protoplanetary disks when they reach a sufficient mass (e.g., Papaloizou & Lin 1984). While this is an attractive, and frequently invoked, scenario to explain perturbations in the gas surface density, other dynamical processes, such as the magnetorotational instability (MRI; Flock et al. 2015) or the vertical shear instability (VSI; Flock et al. 2017), have been demonstrated to result in comparable perturbations. A way to distinguish between these scenarios is to leverage the fact that planets should only drive localized perturbations, as the shocks from their spirals are strongest in their immediate vicinity. Such localized perturbations (~10% of the background Keplerian rotation) in the velocity structure of HD 163296 and HD 97048 were reported by Pinte et al. (2018b, 2019), which the authors showed were consistent with giant, $\sim 2 M_{\text{Jup}}$ planets.

Embedded planets are also expected to drive large velocity perturbations in all three components of the gas velocity, $v_{\phi}$, $v_r$, and $v_z$, (e.g., Perez et al. 2015; Pérez et al. 2018; Pinte et al. 2019; Disk Dynamics Collaboration et al. 2020). These can be probed by decomposing the line-of-sight velocity $v_\ell$, which is the sum of the systemic velocity, $v_{\text{LSR}}$, and the projected disk velocity field, $v_{\text{disk}}$, into the three cardinal velocity components,

$$v_{\text{disk}} = v_0 \cos(\phi) \sin(i) + v_z \sin(\phi) \sin(i) + v_z \cos(i),$$

(2)

where $\phi$ is the azimuthal angle of the disk (measured such that $\phi = 0$ is the redshifted major axis) and $i$ is the inclination of the disk. Teague et al. (2019a, 2019b) demonstrated that these components can be disentangled if we know their geometric projection and assume azimuthal asymmetry. A similar approach is frequently used in studies of galactic dynamics (e.g., Krajinović et al. 2006).

There has been much recent success in using the high spatial and spectral observations from ALMA to probe the gas dynamics and infer the presence of unseen planets by the detection of kinematic planetary signatures (KPSs; Disk Dynamics Collaboration et al. 2020). This term encompasses all localized features in the gas dynamical structure that are driven by an unseen planetary perturber, such as “kinks” or “wiggles” in the emission morphology or “Doppler-flips” and spiral patterns in rotation map residuals. Pinte et al. (2018b) found localized velocity deviations in the outer disk of HD 163296, consistent with a $\sim 2 M_{\text{Jup}}$ planet at a radius of $\approx 260$ au. In the same source, Teague et al. (2019a) used $^{12}$CO emission to measure the azimuthally averaged 3D velocity structure, revealing a large gas pressure minimum at the orbital radius of the planet and evidence for meridional flows: the motion of gas from the atmosphere of the disk into (likely planet-opened) gaps (Morbidelli et al. 2014; Szulágyi et al. 2014). Other KPSs have been found in AB Aur (Tang et al. 2017), HD 97048 (Pinte et al. 2019), HD 100546 (Casassus and Pérez 2019; Pérez et al. 2020), and TW Hya (Teague et al. 2019b), along with several tentative features in sources targeted by the DSHARP survey (Pinte et al. 2020). These results demonstrate not only that we are on the verge of painting a six-dimensional view of the planet formation process but also that we have the potential to transform ALMA into a (sub) millimeter planet-hunting instrument. Observations of molecular line emission will enable a unique quantification of the planet–disk interactions in a less ambiguous way than with (sub)millimeter continuum alone.

The Molecules with ALMA at Planet-forming Scales (MAPS) large program (Öberg et al. 2021) produced some of the deepest and highest angular resolution observations of molecular line emission from protoplanetary disks to date with a view to characterize the chemical complexities associated with the planet formation process. These observations are ideal for also characterizing the dynamical structure of the planet-hosting disks. In this paper, we use these data to analyze the velocity structures of the disks around HD 163296 and MWC 480, the two Herbig Ae stars in the program. These two sources were selected because the other three MAPS sources contained complex $^{12}$CO emission morphologies: GM Aur was found to have highly complex extended emission, presented in Huang et al. (2021); AS 209 has substantial cloud contamination over a large region of the disk (e.g., Huang et al. 2016); and IM Lup has extensive diffuse $^{12}$CO emission, potentially associated with a photoevaporative wind (e.g., Cleaves et al. 2016). In Section 2 we describe the observations used and measure the line-of-sight velocities for the bright $^{12}$CO emission in Section 3. In Section 4 these are disentangled into azimuthally symmetric orthogonal components. Section 5 describes the local changes in the gas temperature that are associated with the perturbations in the gas dynamics. Finally, these perturbations are discussed in the context of embedded planets in Section 6, with the results summarized in Section 7.

2. Observations

As part of the MAPS program, both HD 163296 and MWC 480 were observed with the correlator tuned to cover the $J = 2$–1 rotational transitions of $^{12}$CO, $^{13}$CO, and C$^{18}$O so as to trace a range of vertical heights in the disk (Law et al. 2021b). We refer the reader to Öberg et al. (2021) for a full description of the observational setup and calibration process and Czekala et al. (2021) for a thorough description of the imaging process.

For this paper we use the robust = 0.5 weighted, $JvM$-corrected$^\text{25}$ images, as these produced the smallest synthesized beam. This resulted in beam sizes of approximately

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$^\text{25}$ A correction related to the mismatch in CLEAN beam and dirty beam sizes when combining a CLEAN image and the residuals (Jorsater & van Moorsel 1995; Czekala et al. 2021).
3. Rotation Maps

In this section, we collapse the image cubes along the spectral axis to study their projected velocity fields and search for any deviations relative to a background Keplerian model.

3.1. Method

We use the “quadratic” method implemented in better-moments to produce maps of the line center, $v_0$, maps, including a statistical uncertainty for the measured $v_0$ as described in Teague & Foreman-Mackey (2018). The maps are then masked to only include regions where the peak intensities are greater than 5 times the rms value measured in a line-free channel in order to remove noisy values at the outer edge of the disk. We explored whether an additional smoothing along the spectral axis prior to the collapse of the data cube would improve the fidelity of the rotation map (as advocated by Teague & Foreman-Mackey 2018 for low signal-to-noise ratio spectra); however, we found that this did not significantly improve the resulting $v_0$ maps. Appendix A discusses this in more detail.

To each of these maps we fit a Keplerian rotation model, $v_{\text{kep}}$, given by Equation (1) when assuming $\partial P/\partial r = 0$. To find the best-fit Keplerian velocity field, $v_{\text{kep}}$, we use the Python package eddy (Teague 2019a) to explore the posterior distributions of the model parameters. For these models there is a strong degeneracy between the disk inclination and the stellar mass that can usually be broken with high-resolution observations such as those from the MAPS project. However, if there are perturbations in the velocity structure, these will dominate the residuals and thus preclude a tight constraint on the inclination. As such, incorporating prior information on the disk inclination, from the continuum emission, for example, is preferable. We adopt the inclination and binned \( z(r) \) profiles from Huang et al. (2018a) and Law et al. (2021b), respectively, for HD 163296. For MWC 480, we found that the velocity structure in the outer disk is more consistent with an inclination of 33°, rather than the 37° based on continuum fitting (Liu et al. 2019) and that was adopted for other MAPS papers. As systematic residuals from a misspecified inclination dominate our residual map (see, e.g., Yen & Gu 2020), we choose to use the 33° inclination for the entire MWC 480 disk and recalculate the \( z(r) \) profiles following the method described in Law et al. (2021b). Appendix B provides more details on this. Other geometrical properties, including source center \((x_0, y_0)\), position angle PA, dynamical mass \(M_*\), and systemic velocity \(v_{\text{LSR}}\), are left free. Appendix C discusses the model-fitting procedure in more detail.

3.2. HD 163296

The $v_0$ maps of HD 163296 for all three CO isotopologues are shown in the left column of Figure 1, with each isotopologue on a separate row. The color scale has been saturated in the central regions to bring out the detail along the minor axes of the disk. Solid contour lines show isovelocity contours in steps of 500 m s$^{-1}$ in this region. The middle column shows the residual after subtracting a best-fit Keplerian mode, $v_{\text{kep}}$. To suppress the noise in the residual map, these are smoothed by convolution with a circular Gaussian kernel with an FWHM of 2 pixels (see Appendix A for a comparison of how the smoothing affects the residuals). Overlaid are contours of constant radius and azimuth in the disk frame of reference, in steps of 0°5 and 30°, respectively. In the inner \( \approx 0°.3 \) (\( \approx 30\) au), beam convolution effects preclude a good fit of the data and are therefore masked in the residual maps. In the right column, the residual map has been deprojected into a face-on view, taking account of the disk inclination, position angle, and emission surface. The north-facing minor axis is oriented along the positive $y$-axis. In all these panels, the disk is rotating in a clockwise fashion. Note that for HD 163296, continuum emission is only detected out to a radius of \( \sim 1°7 \) (Isella et al. 2016), such that the gas is over 3 times larger in radius.

We compare the rotation maps for $^{13}$CO emission made with MAPS data to those made with data from DSHARP (Andrews et al. 2018; Isella et al. 2018) in Figure 1 for HD 163296. The DSHARP data were taken at a slightly higher angular resolution (\( \approx 100\) mas vs. \( \approx 125\) mas for MAPS), but at a lower effective velocity resolution (640 m s$^{-1}$ vs. the binned down 200 m s$^{-1}$ of the MAPS data). There are two striking features in this comparison. First, there is the extraordinary similarity in the observed residuals, despite being entirely independent data sets. This strongly suggests that with ALMA we are hitting the “confusion limit” for rotation maps: that is, our residuals are now dominated by real variations in the gas kinematics rather than thermal noise. Second, there is considerable “feathering” (radial features that result in a beating pattern as a function of azimuth) observed in the DSHARP data that is due to the channelization of the data. This is exacerbated by the low effective velocity resolution of the data (640 m s$^{-1}$) and is mostly removed with the finer effective velocity resolution achieved by MAPS (Öberg et al. 2021).

We can identify several dominant features in the residual map of $^{12}$CO emission, as annotated in Figure 2. First, there are large positive and negative residuals along the blueshifted and redshifted major axes, respectively, labeled “pressure.” These can be attributed to the sub-Keplerian rotation of the outer disk, driven by the large pressure gradient as the gas density drops at the edge of the disk (Rosenfeld et al. 2013; Dullemond et al. 2020). There is also mild contamination from the rear side of the disk, along the top of the plot, spanning between 230° and 310°.

We also see three large perturbations, marked by the arc-shaped regions in Figure 2 centered at \((r, \phi) = (2°85, 305°), (1°65, 315°), \) and \((0°9, 220°)\), labeled A, B, and C, respectively. Feature A is the manifestation of the “kink” KPS in channel maps reported by Pinte et al. (2018b), which the authors attribute to a \( \approx 2M_{\text{Jup}} \) planet. The innermost perturbation, C, is coincident with the “kink” at 86 au reported by Pinte et al. (2020), while the extended arm closely traces the azimuthal asymmetry detected in the millimeter continuum (Isella et al. 2018) in azimuthal extent but appears to be radially
Figure 1. Gallery of $v_0$ maps for different $J = 2$–1 CO isotopologue emission from the disk around HD 163296 using both MAPS and DSHARP data (Andrews et al. 2018; Isella et al. 2018). The left column shows the raw $v_0$ map, the middle column shows the residuals after subtracting a best-fit Keplerian rotation model, and the right column shows the residuals deprojected into a face-on orientation accounting for the elevated emission surface. Solid colored contours in the left panel show isovelocity contours of $v_{\text{LSR}} \pm \{2, 2.5, 3, \ldots\}$ km s$^{-1}$. Dashed black contours in the middle and right columns show contours of constant radius and azimuth in the disk frame, with intervals of $0.5^\circ$ and $30^\circ$, respectively. The beam size is shown in the lower left corner of each panel. For the deprojected maps in the right column, the beam size is only representative, as the deprojection results in a nonuniform spatial resolution across the image. The disk rotates clockwise in all panels.
offset to larger orbital radii by $\sim 0\farcs1$. This is discussed more in Section 6.1. The middle perturbation, B, has no previous detection but lies at a radius that is broadly consistent with the 145 au ($1\farcs45$) gap in the millimeter continuum (Isella et al. 2016, 2018). Both these features appear to have a large azimuthal extent, traced by the dashed lines. In particular, this demonstrates that the previously detected “kink” KPS feature is far larger and more complex than previously thought from previous observations, the cause of which is discussed more in Section 6.1.

In addition to these larger deviations, we find evidence of three arc structures: two well-defined arcs in the inner disk at 115 and 181 au ($1\farcs15$ and $1\farcs8$), marked with solid lines labeled D and E, respectively, and one large spiral along the southwest edge of the disk at 414 au ($4\farcs1$), shown by the solid line with a faded end, labeled F. As the latter arc blends into the perturbation from the pressure gradient, we are unable to constrain its azimuthal extent.

The $^{13}$CO $v_0$ map, residual from a Keplerian rotation pattern, and deprojected residual map are shown in Figures 1(g), (h), and (i), respectively. Large systematic residuals are seen along the northwest of the disk, similar in morphology to those seen in $^{12}$CO emission, but with much larger velocities. The morphology of these residuals is similar to that proposed by Yen & Gu (2020) for a misspecified emission surface. As with the $^{12}$CO emission, this arises because the emission starts to become thin in the outer edge of the disk and thus traces both the front and rear side of the disk. The average height traced by the emission is then underestimated by the emission surface, giving rise to these residuals. The pressure gradient in the outer disk also introduces small perturbations along the major axis of the disk, as for $^{13}$CO.

Beyond these features, there is one notable residual: a localized perturbation at a radial offset of $\approx 157$ au ($1\farcs55$), coincident with the large velocity residual annotated as B in Figure 2. Tracing the feature in two isotopologues points toward a real velocity deviation rather than noise. The coincidence of this feature with the gap in the dust continuum, D145, is suggestive of a planetary origin. However, the similar azimuthal angle to the previously discovered planet at $\approx 260$ au raises the question of whether these features are related to the same origin, a scenario discussed more in Section 6.1.

Maps showing $v_0$, the residuals from Keplerian rotation, and spatially deprojected residuals from Keplerian rotation for $^{18}$O emission are plotted in Figures 1(j), (k), and (l), respectively. The residual maps are dominated by large systematic residuals, similar in morphology to those seen in the northern half of the disk traced by $^{12}$CO and $^{13}$CO emission, but also reflected in the southern half of the disk. Yen & Gu (2020) argue that residuals with this morphology indicate an incorrect inclination. However, for the $^{18}$O emission this is rather due to emission arising from very close to the midplane such that there is little difference in the brightness of emission arising from the underside of the molecular layer (i.e., from the backside of the disk), or the top side of the molecular layer (i.e., from the front side of the disk). For highly abundant species, such as $^{12}$CO, the difference in gas temperature at the top of the molecular layer (set by the dissociation of CO by UV radiation; $T \gtrsim 50$ K) and the bottom of the molecular layer (set by the freeze-out of CO; $T \approx 21$ K) is sufficiently large that separating emission from these two regions is simple. For less abundant species, such as $^{18}$O, the top of the molecular layer is much deeper in the disk and thus spans a much narrower temperature range, the result being that disentangling between near-side and far-side emission is much tougher, leading to the line emission tracing an average height much closer to the midplane. This is very similar to the optically thin emission argument made for $^{12}$CO and $^{13}$CO emission above; however, we stress that while the outcome is the same in terms of residuals, the reason for the bias in traced height is different.

### 3.3. MWC 480

The $v_0$ maps, residuals from Keplerian rotation, and spatially deprojected residual maps for CO isotopologue emission from the disk of MWC 480 are shown in Figure 3. In all panels, the disk rotation is anticlockwise. In this source, all velocity deviations are smaller in magnitude than those observed in HD 163296, both in terms of absolute value and relative to the local Keplerian rotation. As with HD 163296, continuum emission from the disk around MWC 480 has been detected out to $\approx 1\farcs7$, meaning that the gas disk, as traced by $^{12}$CO, is up to three times larger in radius. Note that the millimeter continuum edge reported in MAPS III (Law et al. 2021a) provides a more conservative estimate of the outer disk as the region that encompasses 90% of the continuum flux.

As MWC 480 was not a target of DSHARP, we only consider the MAPS data. An annotated version of Figure 3(c) is shown in Figure 4. Similar to HD 163296, there are systematic residuals that can be attributed to large negative pressure gradients; however, there is no obvious contamination from the backside of the disk, which would show up along the bottom of
Instead, a systematic residual with a positive value in the eastern quarter of the disk and a negative value in the northern quarter (i.e., either side of the minor axis in the NE half of the disk in Figure 3(b), or either side of 90° in the top of the disk in Figures 3(c) and 4) is seen. Yen & Gu (2020) demonstrate that such a morphology can be attributed to a misspecified emission surface. As discussed in Law et al. (2021b), the 12CO emission surface in MWC 480 is only well constrained inward of 2″, so a misspecified surface is the most likely the cause for this feature and annotated as such.

Aside from these systematic structures, the kinematic substructure in MWC 480 is dominated by annular structures, with the most striking ring of redshifted emission at 1″5, labeled as box A, and then two broad arcs slightly inside and outside this feature at 1″ and 2″2, labeled as B and C, respectively. There are noisy features observed at the same radius but extending further in azimuth, suggesting that these arcs may extend over a broader azimuth than annotated; however, deeper observations would be required to fully constrain their extent. The velocity perturbations appear to be strongest around $\phi \sim 5°$, as marked by the two boxed regions in Figure 4.

The kinematics traced by 13CO emission are shown in Figures 3(d)–(f). There is a substantial difference in the magnitude of the perturbations seen in the velocity traced by 13CO and those traced by 12CO emission. There appears to be a subtle positive-to-negative residual across the minor axis of the disk, suggesting a slightly sub-Keplerian rotation of the gas (as discussed with regard to the pressure modulation for 12CO).

Subtle deviations that appear to trace the same regions as those found in the 12CO emission are detected, most notably, three arc-like structures in the northwest of the disk at the

![Figure 3](image-url)
locations of the peak velocity perturbations in $^{12}$CO. The relationship between these structures and those seen in $^{13}$CO is discussed in Section 6.2.

The bottom row of Figure 3 shows the C$^{18}$O $v_0$ map, residuals from Keplerian rotation, and a deprojected map of the residuals, respectively. Little, if any, structure is observed in the residuals. A very low-level “three-spur” pattern is observed, suggesting a misspecified inclination (Yen & Gu 2020). As discussed above, and in more detail in Appendix B, the inclination of the MWC 480 disk is hard to constrain, and the lack of residuals seen for $^{12}$CO and $^{13}$CO, which predominantly trace the outer regions of the disk than C$^{18}$O, may suggest a radially varying inclination.

4. Velocity Profiles

While a $v_0$ map provides an excellent summary of the dominant velocity fields in a disk, the spectrally resolved nature of the observations provides a wealth of additional dynamical information that is lost when collapsing the data cube. In this section we use the full image cube to derive radial profiles for azimuthally averaged rotational, radial, and vertical motions.

4.1. Method

To extract the rotational and radial velocities, $v_\phi$ and $v_r$, respectively, we use the Python package GoFish (Teague 2019b). The method is fully described in Teague et al. (2018b) and extended to three dimensions in Teague et al. (2019a). Nonetheless, a brief overview of the method is provided below.

First, the disk is split into concentric annuli with a width of a quarter of the beam major FWHM, taking into account the emission surface for the $^{12}$CO as defined in Law et al. (2021b). For each annulus, a random sample of spatially independent pixels (i.e., those at least a beam major FWHM apart) are selected, which, under the assumption of an azimuthally symmetric disk, should all be identical in shape and only differ by their line center, which varies owing to the projected velocity component of the disk. The velocity axis for each spectrum is then corrected for the disk velocity structure using Equation (2), assuming $v_r = 0$. The reason for not including a $v_r$ component in this correction is that the projection of this term has no azimuthal dependence and thus only results in an overall shift of the spectral axis, making it degenerate with $v_\ell$$_{\text{LSR}}$. The correct $v_\phi$ and $v_r$ values are defined as those that best align the individual spectra, as quantified by fitting a Gaussian processes mean-model to the averaged spectra. In essence, this minimizes the standard deviation between the sample of shifted spectra without having to make assumptions about the underlying line profile, i.e., assuming an analytical profile. There will be some intrinsic variation in the line profile as a function of azimuth owing to projection effects; however, such variations are expected to be negligible compared to thermal noise of the data (see the discussion in Teague & Loomis 2020, for example).

This process is repeated 20 times for each annulus, each time taking a new, random selection of pixels in order to minimize features in the radial profiles that can be attributed to noisy pixels (e.g., Kepler et al. 2019). The posterior distributions from each sample are combined, and the results are shown in the top three rows of Figure 5. As $v_\phi$ is dominated by the Keplerian rotation, a background model is subtracted to highlight the small-scale structure, as in the second row of Figure 5. As discussed in Teague et al. (2019a), while the choice of background model does not strongly affect these residuals, different background models will lead to small changes in the overall gradient and thus the measured “peak-to-trough” values (to measure spatial properties of pressure perturbations, for example; Yun et al. 2019). Such an approach will only highlight the high spatial frequency (radially localized) perturbations, rather than larger-scale perturbations, such as the sub-Keplerian rotation identified in the outer disk of HD 163296. This is demonstrated by the inset axes in Figure 5 (a), which compares a purely Keplerian rotation with a black dotted line to the observed $v_\phi$ profile in red and the 10th-order polynomial fit used for Figure 5(c), shown by a gray dashed line. As such, these panels should only be used for a qualitative analysis, and any quantitative analysis must be done with the $v_\phi$ profiles directly.

To measure the vertical velocity component, an analytical Gaussian fit to the aligned and averaged spectra must be performed in order to recover the line center. The difference between the measured line center and the systemic velocity is subsequently attributed to any vertical velocity components. When aligning and averaging the spectra for each annulus, emission from the backside of the disk was found to contaminate the line wings, resulting in a broad, pedestal-like component. To remove this from the fitting, only velocities within 500 m s$^{-1}$ of the $v_\ell$$_{\text{LSR}}$ were considered in the fit, which was verified not to include any wing emission. To improve the precision of the fit, the averaged spectrum is binned onto a velocity axis with a channel spacing of 50 m s$^{-1}$, a factor of 4 finer than the native data. This is possible because the velocity shifts due to the rotation of the disk result in subchannel shifts, meaning that the average spectrum is sampled at a much higher rate than the channel spacing. As discussed in Teague & Loomis (2020), this approach does not remove any systematic
broadening effects, for example, due to the spectral response of the correlator, but does allow for the overall structure of the line to be more precisely characterized.

It is important to note that while both $v_f$ and $v_r$ are measured absolutely, $v_z$ is only a relative measurement and depends on the accuracy of the LSR measurement. For both sources, we estimate the uncertainty on $v_{LSR}$ by fitting $v_0$ maps made from $^{13}$CO and $^{18}$O emission described in Appendix C. In both cases, the best-fit $v_{LSR}$ values vary by $\sim 10$ m s$^{-1}$, and this scatter is used as the uncertainty on $v_{LSR}$. This uncertainty dominates the uncertainty plotted in Figures 5(g) and (h).

4.2. HD 163296

The azimuthally averaged velocity profiles traced by $^{12}$CO emission are shown in the left panel of Figure 5. We find that the HD 163296 velocity profiles are consistent with those previously published using the DSHARP data when adopting the same emission surfaces for $^{12}$CO (but noting the swap in
sign of $v_r$ to be consistent with the cylindrical coordinate definition; Teague et al. 2018a, 2019b).

There is a strong correspondence between variations in the gas velocity structure and the continuum gaps and rings. In particular, $v_\phi$ will be modulated by changes in the gas pressure gradient due to perturbations in the disk physical structure. Such velocity deviations have been previously used to measure the depth of the gaps (and hence the mass of planets required to open these gaps; Teague et al. 2018a) and the efficiency of grain trapping in the continuum rings (Rosotti et al. 2020). Beyond the edge of the millimeter continuum there are far fewer variations in $v_\phi$.

Both radial and vertical components of the velocity, $v_r$ and $v_z$, respectively, appear to have more structure in the outer disk. A radial outflow, previously reported by Teague et al. (2019b), is recovered and suggests that $^{12}$CO may be tracing the base of a wind in the outer disk. Intriguingly, HD 163296 hosts jets and a large-scale disk wind (Klaassen et al. 2013), which may be associated with these smaller-scale dynamical features. Booth et al. (2021) present a detailed analysis of the large-scale disk wind as seen with MAPS data. In that paper, Booth et al. suggest a wind launch point at $\sim 4$ au; in this case it is not clear as to the relationship between the large-scale wind and flow arising from the outer disk. The most striking kinematic feature in the outer disk is the large negative $v_r$ component at $r \approx 2.3^\prime$ (232 au) associated with meridional flows around an embedded planet (Pinte et al. 2018b; Teague et al. 2019b), believed to be driving the “kink” KPS discussed in Section 3.2.

4.3. MWC 480

Velocity profiles for the MWC 480 disk are shown in the right column of Figure 5 and show a different behavior from those for the HD 163296 disk. Despite the rich substructures observed in the dust continuum for this source (Long et al. 2018; Liu et al. 2019; Sierra et al. 2021), there appears to be a much weaker relation between where velocity perturbations are found in the disk and the continuum substructure; however, the large uncertainties preclude any definitive statement. In particular, the inner 1/2 $^\prime$ (194 au) appears to be dominated by azimuthally asymmetric features, very clearly seen in Figure 4, which result in a poor constraint of $v_\phi$ and the resulting large uncertainties on both $v_\phi$ and $v_r$. In the outer disk, however, there are significant deviations around $\sim 1.5''$, the same radius as the large arc shown in Figure 4, in addition to potentially related structure extending out to the edge of the disk, with the radial width of the features increasing with radius.

The disk of MWC 480 appears to have negligible $v_r$ components that are azimuthally symmetric, suggesting the absence of a disk wind like HD 163296. However, this does not rule out more localized radial flows, particularly in the inner disk, where the uncertainties are large. The largest velocity deviation is seen in the $v_r$ component, tracing a large vertical flow at $r \approx 1.5''$, seen clearly as the ring in Figure 4. Smaller vertical flows are also seen and correspond to the weak arcs observed in the $v_\phi$ map residuals.

5. Gas Temperature

For optically thick emission, such as $^{12}$CO, we can use the brightness temperature, $T_B$, of the emission as a proxy for the gas temperature. This has been previously suggested as a method to detect embedded planets via their heating of their immediate surroundings (Cleeves et al. 2015), with recent studies finding spiral structure likely associated with possible planets (e.g., Teague et al. 2019a; Wölfver et al. 2021). In this section, we look for variations in the temperature structures probed by CO isotopologue emission that correlate with the velocity structures we have detected in the disks of HD 163296 and MWC 480.

5.1. Method

To measure an azimuthally averaged $T_B$ profile for each disk, we use the $T_B$ maps produced by bettermoments when calculating the $v_\phi$ maps described in Section 3. Using GoFish, these maps were binned into annuli with a width of 1/4 of the beam major axis, taking into account the elevated emission surface of $^{12}$CO by using the analytical fits described in Law et al. (2021b) and then averaged. To estimate the uncertainty, the standard deviation of each annular bin was divided by the square root of the number of independent beams that fit in that bin. These were converted to units of kelvin using the full Planck law. The resulting profiles are shown in Figure 6, with the gaps in the continuum emission included. The inner 0''4 of all profiles are affected by beam dilution and continuum subtraction, resulting in a drop in $T_B$. Beam dilution will occur at radial separations larger than the beam, as the projected Keplerian rotation leads to a narrow azimuthal extent of the emission that remains unresolved (Horne & Marsh 1986).

The radial profiles show a level of substructure that is not as clearly seen in the radial profiles of the integrated intensities for strong lines (aside from HCO$^+$; see Law et al. 2021a). This is because while integrated intensity and peak brightness are related for a single emission source, the backside of the disk will contribute to the integrated intensity in a spatially dependent manner, while the peak brightness temperature should only be affected by the front-side emission (at least for optically thick lines).

These azimuthally averaged profiles are used to create a 2D background model, which can be subtracted from the $T_B$ maps to reveal subtle perturbations in the background temperature structure (e.g., Teague et al. 2019b). Figures 7 and 8 show, for HD 163296 and MWC 480, respectively, the $T_B$ map in panel (a), the residual after subtracting the azimuthally averaged model $T_{B,\text{avg}}$ in panel (b), and the residuals deprojected to account for the inclination and projection of the emission surface in panel (c). For both sources, an enhanced $T_B$ is found along the major axis of the disk extending $\sim 1''$ from the disk center. This arises owing to the Keplerian rotation pattern. Gas tracing smaller radii, which is therefore hotter and brighter, is detected primarily along the major axis at small radial offsets owing to the projection effects from the inclination of the disk (see, e.g., Figure 1 in Horne & Marsh 1986).

5.2. HD 163296

The radial $T_B$ profiles for HD 163296 are shown in the left column of Figure 6. Small deviations relative to the mean background are observed in all three isotopologues, likely associated with the continuum substructure in the inner 1.5''. However, the outer disk appears fairly featureless. The residuals of the $T_B$ profiles for the three CO isotopologues after subtracting a background model (a 10th-order polynomial fit, as done in Section 3.1) are shown in Figure 6(c). However, the radial variations appear to be associated with the ring and
gap structure and point toward variations in the thermal structure of the disk driven by changes in the dust opacity in gapped regions (e.g., Teague et al. 2017; Facchini et al. 2018; van der Marel et al. 2018; Alarcón et al. 2020; Rab et al. 2020). It is important to note that optically thick continuum emission has been shown to impact the emergent radiation, either through the absorption of emission arising from behind it or through continuum subtraction (e.g., Boehler et al. 2018; Weaver et al. 2018), potentially introducing spurious features in molecular line emission. This is unlikely the case here, as the same radial structure is seen when using data with and without continuum subtraction. Furthermore, with the molecular emission arising from an elevated surface, the continuum emission does not trace the same annuli when projected on the sky, limiting the impact of the absorption.

There are subtle substructures seen in the $T_B$ residual map, shown in Figure 7(b). A tentative arc is seen along the southwestern quadrant at a radius of $\sim 3''$. With the current sensitivity, it is hard to constrain its azimuthal extent; however, it appears to have an annular rather than a spiral morphology. There is only tentative structure observed around the location of the planet, at (0''0, 1''5) in the middle panel and (−1''5,
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2"5) in the projected panel. The “kink” KPS feature seen in Figure 1(b) is bounded to the east (thus trailing the hypothesized planet) by slightly hotter gas, while at the location of the planet we find a slightly lower gas temperature. Deeper observations, facilitating a comparable mapping of the 13CO and C18O emission, are required to fully map the temperature structure around the planet and thus quantify the significance of any localized heating from accretion onto the planet.

5.3. MWC 480

In contrast, MWC 480 displays a more complex range of temperature profiles with ringed features seen across the inner 3" of the disk, as shown in Figure 6(b). The substructures seen in the $T_B$ profiles, Figure 6(d), appear not to strongly correlate with the location of the continuum substructures, with the exception of the large dip in 12CO seen at 245 au. Of particular note is that the features traced by different isotopologues are not merely offset in radius, which could be explained by an incorrect emission surface used in the projection, but they appear to have different radial scale wavelengths such that their peak-to-peak distances increase with height traced in the disk. This phenomenon is discussed more in Section 6.2.

MWC 480 displays tentative substructure when looking at the full 2D map, characterized by multiple, tightly wound spirals. The top panel of Figure 9 shows an annotated version of Figure 8(c), with the spiral arms shown by colored dotted lines. The spirals are only identified by eye, with the quality of the data precluding a more quantitative fit. Deeper observations are required to more accurately map these subtle $T_B$ variations. Figure 8(b) shows a polar deprojection of this panel. These spiral features align with the two spirals observed in the gas velocity (see Figure 4), where the temperature perturbations are found to be both leading and trailing the velocity perturbations. We find no analogous perturbation in the velocity structure to the outer spirals. The pitch angles of the spirals, $\beta$, are defined as $\tan(\beta) = -dr/d\phi$ and plotted in the bottom panel of Figure 9, with the gaps in the millimeter continuum shown for reference. The significance of the radial dependence on $\beta$ is discussed in Section 6.2.2.

6. Discussion

We have shown that the disks around both HD 163926 and MWC 480 exhibit a substantial amount of substructure in the gas traced by 12CO emission, in both the gas velocity structure and temperature structure. These structures are predominantly at radii beyond the continuum edge of the disks, demonstrating either that the processes that are sculpting the large grains traced by (sub)millimeter continuum emission also influence the outer disk or that there are additional processes present in the outer disk. In this section, we interpret the observed substructure as the signatures of embedded planets.

6.1. HD 163296

With these data, we are able to confirm many of the previously detected kinematic signatures of embedded planets in HD 163296. In particular, we recover the “kink” reported by Pinte et al. (2018b) at the outer edge of the disk, finding that it is much more azimuthally extended than previously inferred. In addition, we find azimuthally averaged velocity profiles that agree with those previously reported (Teague et al. 2018a, 2019a), which showed pressure-modulated rotational velocities due to perturbations in the gas surface density (Rosotti et al. 2020) and localized radially converging flows, interpreted as the tops of meridional flows (Morbidelli et al. 2014; Szulágyi et al. 2014).

6.1.1. A Planet at 260 au

With observations at higher spectral resolution and achieving a higher sensitivity, the KPS previously detected (“kink” in the emission morphology) by Pinte et al. (2018b) is clearly seen in the rotation map residuals (Figure 2, feature A) and associated with a much more azimuthally extended structure. This is also reflected in the range of velocities (i.e., number of channels) the feature appears in channel maps, shown in Appendix D, where the perturbation is seen to change morphology as a function of velocity.

As these residuals extended over large azimuthal ranges, it is likely that at large azimuthal extents from the planet there is little azimuthal dependence on their projection and thus that the velocities in these regions are dominated by vertical flows (Equation 2), and see the discussion in Teague et al. 2019b).

Figure 8. Same as Figure 7, but for 12CO in the disk of MWC 480. In all frames, the disk rotation is in an anticlockwise direction.
Although Pinte et al. (2018b) only originally considered perturbations in \( v_\phi \) when modeling HD 163296, Pinte et al. (2019) reported more numerical simulations that showed that embedded planets drive perturbations in all three directions, with vertical motions starting to become present at higher altitudes, while radial and rotational perturbations are stronger in midplane regions. Bae et al. (2021) also showed that when using more realistic thermal structures for the background disk, planets will excite buoyancy resonances, driving tightly wound spirals with large vertical motions dominating the dynamics. A potential scenario is that perturbations traced by \(^{12}\)CO should be dominated by in-plane motions, \( v_\phi \) and \( v_r \), close to the planet, and predominantly in the vertical direction at larger azimuthal offsets from the planet.

However, Bae et al. (2021) also predict that for buoyancy resonances the velocity deviations relative to the background Keplerian rotation will be largest at the location of the planet. This is consistent with observed velocity deviations and the predicted location of the planet proposed by Pinte et al. (2018b). For HD 163296, unfortunately this location is also where the projected components of \( v_\phi \) and \( v_r \) can add coherently \((\sin(\phi) \approx \cos(\phi))\), so \( \phi \approx 45^\circ \) or 225\(^\circ\); see Equation (2)), meaning that we have the greatest sensitivity to these motions at this particular location. Detecting how the velocity perturbations vary as a function of height and comparing with numerical-simulation-based predictions may help distinguish between spiral launching scenarios. However, the only true way to distinguish scenarios will require the orbital rotation of the planet such that the projection of the velocity components changes significantly. At 230 au the orbital velocity around a 2 \( M_\odot \) star is \( \sim 5.8 \) mas yr\(^{-1}\), meaning that with current instrumentation it will be around a decade until a discernible difference can be detected (the limiting factor here being how well a peak or point of reference can be determined in each image).

A planet can readily account for the observed substructure in the disk of HD 163296, without the need for the fine-tuning of any of the disk properties (e.g., Pinte et al. 2018b; Teague et al. 2018a). A full comparison with numerical simulations of planet–disk interactions will be the focus of a future article. The inference of an embedded planet associated with meridional flows represents a unique opportunity to probe the delivery of volatile materials to the still-forming atmosphere. Future observations that achieve a much greater sensitivity are required if we are to compare the chemical complexity observed in the inner regions of the disk to that in the immediate vicinity of wide-separation, embedded planets.

6.1.2. Additional Localized Velocity Deviations

A Second Outer Planet?—In Section 3.2, we showed the presence of a localized velocity deviation broadly coincident in radius with the D145 gap in continuum emission (feature B in Figure 2). Applying the same method of \( v_0 \) map making and subtracting a Keplerian velocity model from the \(^{13}\)CO (2–1) data, we find a similar velocity deviation at the same location, as shown in Figure 1. The lower signal-to-noise ratios of the \(^{13}\)CO images result in a residual map that is far noisier, but the coincidence in location with the \(^{12}\)CO feature strongly suggests that this is a real perturbation and has a vertical extent that spans between the layers probed by \(^{12}\)CO and \(^{13}\)CO emission: \( z/r \approx 0.3 \) and 0.15, respectively (Law et al. 2021b). It is suspicious, however, that this feature shares the same azimuthal angle as that of the planet at 260 au, and it could suggest that a large planet can generate kinematic features across a large radial extent. Simulations of planet–disk interactions employing the most realistic thermal and density structures will be essential in distinguishing between a second planet, or perturbations from a single planet influencing a much more
at the kinematics around the vortices, particularly in HD 142527, have suggested that such a pressure maximum has observable effects on the local dynamical structure of the disk (Huang et al. 2018b). For the dust trap in HD 142527, this manifested as super-Keplerian rotation along the outer edge of the feature (a positive $v_0$ residual; Yen & Gu 2020; Boehler et al. 2021), consistent with the velocity residuals seen here.

The features in the $v_0$ map residuals support the hypothesis of localized velocity deviations. However, given the spatial resolution, it is hard to distinguish between the source of the velocity deviations and those potentially arising from radiative transfer effects due to the large intensity gradients associated with gaps in the continuum (e.g., Keppler et al. 2019; Rab et al. 2020; Boehler et al. 2021). Follow-up observations achieving spatial resolutions of $<0.1''$ are absolutely required if we are to probe the velocity structure of gas on spatial scales equivalent to the substructure observed in the dust continuum.

6.2. MWC 480

MWC 480 exhibits an extensive variety of substructures as traced by the $^{12}$CO emission, in both the velocity and the temperature. Within the inner $\sim 1/2$, there are substantial velocity perturbations with narrow azimuthal extents that preclude a reasonable inference of the $v_\phi$ and $v_r$ radial profiles, as evidenced by the large uncertainties for these profiles, shown in Figure 5. Outside this radius, there are significant deviations in $v_\phi$ and $v_r$, while perturbations in the radial velocity appear to be minimal. In turn, these velocity perturbations are associated with large-scale variations in the gas temperature, a combination of annular structures that have variations on the order of $\pm 3 \, \text{K}$ ($\pm 5\%$ relative to the background), with spiral perturbations detected on top of these, also with variations around $\pm 3 \, \text{K}$. As the disk rotates anticlockwise on the sky, these spirals are consistent with trailing spirals.

6.2.1. Ordered Substructure

What is particularly striking about the features in MWC 480 is how ordered the deviations are: features appear incredibly regular as a function of radius, particularly when compared to the structure observed in the disk of HD 163296 (see Figures 5 and 6). To measure the size of these features, we use a Savitzky–Golay filter (with a window size of $0''45$ and a third-order polynomial fit) to extract the second derivative of the $v_\phi$ and $T_B$ profiles. This approach was found to yield a good compromise between smoothing the data to suppress noise and obtaining an accurate measure of radial location of features in the profile. We identify peaks and troughs in the profiles as local minima and maxima in the second-derivative profiles, respectively. The radial width of these features, either the peak-to-peak or trough-to-trough distance, and their radial location are plotted in Figure 12. A linear fit to each of these is shown by the dashed lines, finding a radial dependence of $\sim 0.39r$ for the gas velocity and $\sim 0.15r$ for the gas temperature.

It is well known that hydrodynamical processes that create structure in disks will result in features that scale with the local pressure scale height, i.e., increasing with radius. This is routinely seen where the width of gaps and rings formed by a planet with a given mass scales with the local scale height (e.g., Kanagawa et al. 2015a; Zhang et al. 2018; Yun et al. 2019), which in turn increases with radius. The strong correlation shown in Figure 12 between the size of features detected in

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**Figure 10.** Channel maps of $^{12}$CO $J = 2 - 1$ emission from the disk around HD 163296, centered on the proposed kinematic planetary signature reported by Pinte et al. (2020). Panels (a) and (b) used DSHARP data (Andrews et al. 2018; Isella et al. 2018), while panels (c)–(f) use MAPS data. No clear “kink” is visible at the spatial resolution of the MAPS data. The dotted circle shows the region of interest.

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extended radial range than previously thought (e.g., Dong et al. 2017; Bae & Zhu 2018a, 2018b).

A Secondary KPS in the Inner Disk.—Pinte et al. (2020) identified a second “kink” KPS in the DSHARP set of images. The authors argued that if this feature was driven by an embedded planet, it would require the planet to sit within the D86 gap. Figure 10 shows zoomed-in channel maps of the $^{12}$CO emission at the same location as the proposed velocity deviation and in comparison with the DSHARP data (Andrews et al. 2018; Isella et al. 2018). As the spatial resolution of the MAPS data is slightly coarser than that achieved by the DSHARP observations, we are unable to verify the feature in the channel maps. However, residuals in the $^{12}$CO $v_0$ maps made with both the MAPS and DSHARP data are found at the proposed location of the planet at $\approx 86$ au, as seen in Figure 11(b), in addition to far more tentative features seen in the $^{13}$CO and C$^{18}$O $v_0$ maps, shown in Figures 11(c) and (d). A blue/red feature is seen around the proposed planet location, reminiscent of the “Doppler flip” found in HD 100546 (Casassus and Pérez 2019), but the orientation of the feature appears inconsistent with the clockwise rotation of the disk.

This “kink” KPS also lies very close to the azimuthal asymmetry detected in the continuum emission at $r \approx 0''54$ (55 au, Figure 11(a) and feature C in Figure 4; Isella et al. 2018). It is unknown what would cause such a feature; however, it would require a local pressure maximum to radially and azimuthally capture the large grains. Recent works looking...
both the gas temperature and velocity structure and their orbital radius suggests that there appears to be a dominant hydrodynamical process sculpting the structure of the disk.

This is counter to the scenario observed in HD 163296, where the gaseous substructures appear to be somewhat independent of one another. A possible cause could be the difference in the number of planets in each disk. HD 163296 is believed to host (at least) three Jupiter-mass planets (inferred through gas and dust surface density depletions, Isella et al. 2016; and through gas dynamics, Pinte et al. 2018b; Teague et al. 2018a), such that the influence of each planet will be felt most strongly in radial regions close to the perturber. If MWC 480 were to only host a single planet, a scenario explored in the next subsection, then the observed deviations would be characterized only by the single perturber.

6.2.2. A Possible Planet at 245 au

An embedded planet would provide an enticing mechanism to explain the observed substructures in the gas and dust. To summarize, the main observed features in the gas are as follows:

1. Two tightly wound spiral structures seen in the $v_0$ residuals at 162 au ($1^\circ$) and 245 au ($1.5^\circ$). See Figure 4.

2. Rings of large ($\approx 50 \text{ m s}^{-1}$) vertical velocities, with the most prominent at 245 au ($1.5^\circ$; feature A in Figure 4).

3. Tightly wound trailing spirals in the gas temperatures, with all pitch angles increasing with smaller radii. See Figure 9.

4. A series of temperature minima and maxima extending across the radius of the disk, with the radial width of the features increasing with radius. See Figure 12.

In addition to the complex structures in the gas, there are gaps detected in the millimeter continuum distribution (Law et al. 2021a; Sierra et al. 2021), as shown in Figure 8. Extending the list of features, we include the following:

1. Two gaps at 73 au (0.46") and 141 au (0.87"), with the latter being a broader structure (Long et al. 2018; Law et al. 2021a). See Figure 13.

2. Two rings at 95 au and 163 au, marked by orange circles. The locations of the two annular structures in $T_B$ are marked by $\delta T_B$ (see Figure 9), while the two dominant spirals in $v_0$ (see Figure 4) are marked as $\delta v_0$. 

In the following, we identify the most likely location for a planet able to account for these observed features. Without the use of numerical simulations and radiative transfer modeling,
we cannot say whether the planet can drive all the observed features, or only a subset of them; however, that is the focus of a future paper. The aim of this section is to qualitatively understand which features are consistent with a planet, and where that planet would need to be located.

**Gaps in the Continuum.**—Any planet of sufficient mass to drive the substructure observed in the gas would also be massive enough to open a gap in the continuum (e.g., Papaloizou & Lin 1984; Paardekooper & Mellema 2004). This suggests that the planet could sit within one of the two continuum gaps, 73 au or 143 au, or outside the millimeter continuum at ≥290 au. There is a tentative dip in the continuum at 243 au (1°5), as shown in Figure 13; however, deeper and higher angular resolution observations are needed to verify the presence of this feature. Note that this feature is not reported in MAPS III (Law et al. 2021a) owing to the feature lying outside the radius that encloses 90% of the disk flux, which was taken as the disk edge. To distinguish between these potential locations, we must look to the gaseous substructures.

**Spirals.**—There are two mechanisms that can launch spiral arms from an embedded planet: the traditional Lindblad spirals (Goldreich & Tremaine 1979; Ogilvie & Lubow 2002), and the more recently discussed spirals arising from buoyancy resonances (Zhu et al. 2012; Bae et al. 2021). The former drives spirals that have a maximum pitch angle at the location of the planet, that is, at larger radial separations from the planet, the spirals become more tightly wound. In addition, these are usually large pitch angles, reaching ≥20° at the location of the planet (Zhu et al. 2015; Bae & Zhu 2018a, 2018b). In contrast, spirals driven by buoyancy resonances are much more tightly wound, with pitch angles monotonically decreasing with orbital radius and no significant changes around the location of the planet (Bae et al. 2021). A second distinction between these two mechanisms is the location at which the perturbations peak. For the case of Lindblad spirals, the most significant deviations from a smooth background are found at a radial distance of a few scale heights from the planet, while for spirals driven by buoyancy resonances the strength of the deviations is peaking at the location of the planet (Zhu et al. 2015; Bae & Zhu 2018a, 2018b; Bae et al. 2021).

If we assume the spirals to be predominantly Lindblad spirals, then the embedded planet needs to be located inside the observed spirals in order to account for the radial trend in β. This places the planet within the millimeter continuum, and thus the two gaps at 73 and 141 au prove to be likely locations. Alternatively, if the spirals are dominated by buoyancy resonances, then the launching radius cannot be constrained by the radial dependence of β, but rather on the strength of the perturbations. As the spirals are only tentatively detected, it is hard to isolate the most significant perturbation; however, it seems that the inner edge of the spirals, ~220 au (1°36), displays the largest azimuthal deviations after the subtraction of an azimuthally averaged background model.  

We additionally observe two tightly wound spirals in the gas velocity structure at radii of 162 and 243 au (1°0 and 1°5), at a position angle that connects them to the large variations seen in the gas temperature. These two features have extremely small pitch angles, β ≤ 5°, and constitute the largest perturbations in the gas velocity. It is therefore more likely that these are associated with buoyancy resonances than Lindblad spirals. In this scenario, the planet responsible for driving these features would be in the immediate vicinity, ≤0°2, of the perturbations.

**Changes in Rotation Velocity.**—In addition to opening a gap in the distribution of large grains, a planet will perturb the local gas pressure profile, primarily by decreasing the total gas surface density, but also through changes in the local thermal structure (e.g., Teague et al. 2017; Rab et al. 2020). Pressure perturbations are detectable in the vφ profile, with pressure minima characterized by a slowing of the rotation inside of the pressure minimum and a hastening of the rotation outside (Kanagawa et al. 2015b; Teague et al. 2018a). Using Figure 5(d) as a guide, we see that pressure minima are qualitatively consistent with the deviations in the vφ profile at 143, 187, 245, and 339 au (0°88, 1°15, 1°52, and 2°10, respectively). We note that changes in emission height can also drive changes in vφ (see Equation (1)); however, Law et al. (2021b) found no significant sharp changes in the emission height of 12CO (2–1) in MWC 480, aside from a depression at 66 au (0°41). Law et al. (2021b) report a tentative wave-like structure in the emission surface between 100 and 180 au; however, the locations of the proposed peaks and troughs in the emission surface do not align with the features reported here.

**Substructure in Molecular Emission.**—At these locations of pressure minima, it is unclear whether either the integrated emission (as traced by zeroth-moment maps; Law et al. 2021a) or the local gas temperature (probed by the brightness temperature for optically thick lines) will increase or decrease. Extensive thermochemical modeling has shown that these changes are highly dependent on not only the magnitude of the perturbation in the gas surface density but also the level of depletion of small grains in the gap, which are the dominant coolant for the gas, and any shadowing effects from puffed-up rims of the gap (e.g., Teague et al. 2017; Facchini et al. 2018; van der Marel et al. 2018; Alarcón et al. 2020; Rab et al. 2020). In general, however, there is a growing consensus that for shallow perturbations in the gas surface density, for example, those opened by a Saturn-mass planet, the local gas temperature will increase owing to the drop in opacity toward UV photons, locally enhancing the CO abundance and thus boosting the CO emission (van der Marel et al. 2018; Alarcón et al. 2020). Conversely, for more significant gas gaps, for example, driven by a Jupiter-mass planet, the drop in total gas column will dominate all other effects and the CO emission will drop, due to the combination of lower CO abundances and the CO emission tracing a cooler region, closer to the disk midplane (Rab et al. 2020). Readers are referred to MAPS V (Zhang et al. 2021) for a thorough analysis of the radial profiles of CO column densities in these sources.

As such, we remain agnostic about the expected change in temperature and instead correlate the locations of pressure minima with the local maxima or minima in the Tp profile (Figure 6(d)). From these locations, it is only the 245 au (1°52) location that closely matches a pressure minimum and coincides with an extreme of the Tp profile—here a minimum. Furthermore, this location is the only location that broadly matches a feature in the integrated intensity, D246, a dip at 246 au (1°55). As both of these features are a depression, this would suggest that a higher-mass planet, ~1M Jup, would be needed to drive such a perturbation.

Although there is no definitive location for a planet, it appears that the observed features are all broadly consistent with being launched by a planet at ~245 au (1°52). Such a planet would open a gap in both the dust continuum, tentatively seen in Figure 13, and the gas, consistent with the pressure
minimum interpretation of the $v_{\text{los}}$ variations, and drop in both the $^{12}\text{CO}$ brightness temperature profile and integrated intensity at $\approx 245$ au (the integrated intensity map is presented in Law et al. 2021a, and shown to be azimuthally symmetric, with radial variations on the order a few percent relative to the background value being found, similar to the peak brightness profile). Based on the location and strength of the spiral perturbations, it is likely that a planet would be at a position angle between 270° and 0°, i.e., in the northwest quarter of the sky.

While there is no clear “kink” KPS detected in the CO isotopologue emission at this location (see, e.g., Figure 19), the channel maps are dominated by “spurs,” features that Bae et al. (2021) argued were spirals from buoyancy resonances, which may hide a KPS. It is unclear why these spur features dominate in MWC 480 and could be due either to the lower inclination of the disk relative to that of HD 163296, thus increasing the sensitivity of our observations to the vertical motions, or to a steeper vertical temperature gradient, more favorable for the generation of these resonances, as suggested by the thermal structured extracted from the data and described in MAPS IV (Law et al. 2021b). High angular resolution observations able to spatially resolve these features may facilitate the identification of a KPS within these spurs around the location of the proposed planet.

7. Summary

In this work, we have analyzed high spatial and spectral resolution observations of CO isotopologue emission from the disks of HD 163296 and MWC 480. Both disks exhibit a stunning variety of gaseous substructures, traced by local variations in the gas temperature and velocity structure, which we summarize below.

A previously detected “kink” KPS in the $^{12}\text{CO}$ channel maps of HD 163296 was shown to be much more azimuthally extended than originally thought, with velocity deviations observed to span at least half the disk in azimuth. These features tentatively extend the full azimuth of the disk, connecting to a spiral in the southern side of the disk. Unfortunately, deviations due to the large pressure gradient at the outer edge of the disk prevent a more definitive statement.

At smaller radii in the disk of HD 163296, substantial velocity deviations on the order of $\sim 200$ m s$^{-1}$ were observed in both $^{12}\text{CO}$ and $^{13}\text{CO}$ emission. With the magnitude of the perturbations peaking at a radius of 145 au, consistent with a gap in the continuum emission, a planetary origin is an enticing prospect. The coincidence in the azimuthal angle and that of the aforementioned planet at 260 au, however, may indicate that these deviations are related and will require follow-up observations to disentangle.

In addition to HD 163296, the gas disk of MWC 480 displays an exceptional level of substructure. $^{12}\text{CO}$, $^{13}\text{CO}$, and $^{18}\text{O}$ emission were found to show concentric radial variations in their $T_B$ profiles of $\approx 3$ K, with the radial size of the features growing with radius. On top of this complex background, subtle spiral perturbations were detected in the $^{12}\text{CO}$ emission at the level of $\approx 3$ K. Linear fits to the spirals suggested small pitch angles (between 2° and 6°), broadly consistent with predictions for spirals driven by buoyancy resonances. Two large arc-shaped perturbations in the gas velocity structure were found to connect to the spiral arms traced by $T_B$, in addition to a significant vertical velocity perturbation centered at 245 au. A planet at $\approx 245$ au could be responsible for driving the observed perturbations, in addition to a tentative gap at 245 au in the dust continuum.

These observations represent some of the deepest and most well-resolved images of CO emission from a protoplanetary disk to date and highlight the utility of deep, spectral line observations of protoplanetary disks. We would see significant benefits in an improved characterization of these features from future follow-up observations better suited to spatially and spectrally resolve them. These sources are also ideal targets for the upcoming James Webb Space Telescope, as the predicted planets lie at large separations from the central star, where contamination from the stellar point-spread function is minimized.

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Appendix A
Creation of Rotation Maps

Prior to collapsing the data into a rotation map, it is often useful to apply a smoothing kernel along the spectral axis to remove noisy peaks. This can remove high-frequency noise and allow for a more accurate determination of the desired statistic; however, it also can result in subtle deviations being washed out. The Python package bettermoments (Teague & Foreman-Mackey 2018) offers two ways to smooth the data prior to collapsing the cube: convolution with a top-hat kernel of a user-defined size, or the use of the Savitzky–Golay filter with a user-defined window size and polynomial order. The Savitzky–Golay filter is frequently used in spectroscopy, as it retains much of the shape of the profile, which can sometimes be lost with other forms of convolution.

In addition to spectrally smoothing the data when making the \(v_0\) map, a convolution in the spatial plane after subtracting the model velocity map will remove some noise, aiding in the identification of coherent structures. One major source of structure in these residuals is the feathering due to the channelization of the data.

In the main text, we chose to use no smoothing prior to the collapse of the data, as it was found to wash out some of the subtler deviations. Figure 14 demonstrates the impact of the smoothing on the \(v_0\) map of \(^{12}\)CO in HD 163296. The top left panel shows no spectral smoothing, the top right and bottom left panels show convolution with a top-hat kernel with a window size of two and three channels, respectively, while the bottom right panel shows the Savitzky–Golay filter with a window size of 5 and a second-order polynomial. All residual maps have been additionally smoothed with a 2D Gaussian convolution in the spatial plane to further suppress noise. This figure shows that the smoothing does not introduce any new features; however, it can highlight some of the more prominent features (e.g., the large red arc at a \(\sim 2''\) offset directly north of the disk center), while simultaneously washing out some of the subtler detail (e.g., the azimuthal extension both leading and following the aforementioned arc).
Appendix B

The Inclination of MWC 480

Within the MAPS collaboration, the inclination of MWC 480 was taken to be $i = 37^\circ$, based on the continuum fitting presented in Liu et al. (2019). However, when fitting the $v_0$ maps for MWC 480, as described in Appendix C, it was noticed that this fixed inclination resulted in a rotationally symmetric residual in the outer disk for all three CO isotopologues considered, as shown in the right panel of Figure 15. Such residuals are indicative of a misspecified inclination.

To test this hypothesis, the same $v_0$ fitting procedure was performed for all three CO isotopologues, but letting the inclination vary. Fitting the entire disk yielded a larger inclination of $\approx 35^\circ$; however, this still resulted in systematic residuals seen in the outer disk. As the inclination was likely...
Figure 15. Left: the $v_0$ map of $^{12}$CO (2–1) in MWC 480. The synthesized beam is shown by the ellipse in the lower left corner of the panel. Middle: residuals from a Keplerian model where the inclination was allowed to vary. The fit only considered emission outside a (projected) radius of 1$^\circ$8, shown by the dashed black line. Right: residuals from a Keplerian model where the inclination was fixed to 37\Deg.

The continuum features discussed in Law et al. (2021a) were also checked to make sure the updated inclination did not significantly change their locations. Features were found to vary only by a few au, as the change in projected radius is small compared to the observed size of the feature.

### Appendix C

#### Rotation Map Fitting

In this appendix, we describe the rotation map fitting procedure with eddy and provide the best-fit results. eddy (Teague 2019a) is a wrapper for emcee (Foreman-Mackey et al. 2019), a Python ensemble sampler for affine-invariant Markov Chain Monte Carlo. In the modeling, five free parameters were considered, the source offset from the phase center, the disk position angle, the host star mass, and the systemic velocity, $\{\delta x_0, \delta y_0, PA, M_*, v_{LSR}\}$, while the disk inclination, $i$, and emission surface profiles, $z(r)$, were held constant. For each run, the inner $\approx 0^\prime.3$ was masked, as beam dilution limited the precision at which $v_0$ could be calculated. The outer fitting radius was dictated by the contamination from the rear side of the disk, with the adopted values provided in

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**Table 1**

Best-fit $v_{kep}$ Models from MAPS Data

| Model Parameter | HD 163296 | MWC 480 |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|
|                 | $^{12}$CO (2–1) | $^{13}$CO (2–1) | $^{12}$CO (2–1) | $^{13}$CO (2–1) | $^{15}$O (2–1) |
| $\delta x_0$ (mas) | $-20 \pm 1$ | $-16 \pm 1$ | $-11 \pm 1$ | $-19 \pm 1$ | $-13 \pm 1$ | $-9 \pm 1$ |
| $\delta y_0$ (mas) | $9 \pm 1$ | $10 \pm 1$ | $16 \pm 1$ | $5 \pm 1$ | $6 \pm 1$ | $10 \pm 1$ |
| PA (deg) | $46.7 \pm 0.7$ | $46.7 \pm 0.7$ | $312.6 \pm 0.1$ | $-32.4 \pm 0.1$ | $-32.4 \pm 0.1$ | $-32.4 \pm 0.1$ |
| $M_*$ ($M_\odot$) | $2.01 \pm 0.01$ | $1.93 \pm 0.1$ | $1.92 \pm 0.1$ | $2.61 \pm 0.01$ | $2.57 \pm 0.01$ | $2.60 \pm 0.01$ |
| $v_{LSR}$ (km s$^{-1}$) | $5.76 \pm 0.01$ | $5.77 \pm 0.01$ | $5.75 \pm 0.01$ | $5.10 \pm 0.01$ | $5.10 \pm 0.01$ | $5.09 \pm 0.01$ |
| $z_0$ (arcsec) | $0.39 \pm 0.12$ | $0.17 \pm 0.09$ | $0.30 \pm 0.11$ | $0.34 \pm 0.10$ | $0.33 \pm 0.10$ | $0.34 \pm 0.10$ |
| $\phi$ | $1.85 \pm 0.50$ | $2.96 \pm 0.96$ | $1.32 \pm 1.17$ | $1.89 \pm 1.17$ | $1.89 \pm 1.17$ | $1.89 \pm 1.17$ |
| $r_{super}$ (arcsec) | $3.66 \pm 1.16$ | $1.04 \pm 0.04$ | $3.27 \pm 1.43$ | $3.27 \pm 1.43$ | $3.27 \pm 1.43$ | $3.27 \pm 1.43$ |
| $q_{super}$ | $1.18 \pm 5.00$ | $4.99 \pm 0.14$ | $2.73 \pm 4.11$ | $3.11 \pm 3.11$ | $3.11 \pm 3.11$ | $3.11 \pm 3.11$ |
| $d$ (pc) | $101.0 \pm 101.0$ | $101.0 \pm 101.0$ | $161.8 \pm 161.8$ | $161.8 \pm 161.8$ | $161.8 \pm 161.8$ | $161.8 \pm 161.8$ |
| $r_{fit,in}$ (arcsec) | $0.28 \pm 0.29$ | $0.29 \pm 0.29$ | $0.33 \pm 0.34$ | $0.34 \pm 0.34$ | $0.34 \pm 0.34$ | $0.34 \pm 0.34$ |
| $r_{fit,out}$ (arcsec) | $3.75 \pm 2.25$ | $2.25 \pm 2.25$ | $4.25 \pm 3.00$ | $3.00 \pm 3.00$ | $3.00 \pm 3.00$ | $3.00 \pm 3.00$ |

**Note.** Uncertainties represent the 16th–84th percentiles of the posterior distribution. Values in braces were held fixed during the fitting.
Table 1. The uncertainty maps produced by bettermoments were adopted as the uncertainties.

To explore the posterior distributions of the free parameters, 32 walkers were used. The walkers took 2000 steps to burn in (it was found that walkers only needed ≈500 steps to converge), and then an additional 2000 steps to sample the posterior distribution. The posterior distributions for all parameters were found to be Gaussian, with little to no covariance between other parameters. The 16th to 84th percentile ranges were therefore used to estimate the statistical uncertainties on each model parameter, which are provided in Table 1. The \( v_0 \) maps for the CO isotopologues for HD 163296 and MWC 480 are presented in Figures 1 and 3, respectively. These include the residuals after subtracting the best Keplerian rotation model. Excellent agreement is found between model parameters for different CO isotopologues. Larger differences found in the dynamical masses can be attributed to the large kinematical deviations found within these disks, which will bias the fitting procedure.

We note that this procedure was performed for all sources within the MAPS sample—IM Lup, GM Aur, AS 209, HD 163296, and MWC 480—in order to derive dynamical masses for the generation of Keplerian masks (used for imaging the data and extracted spectra). As all other MAPS papers adopted an inclination of 37° for MWC 480, the published literature value, the fit for MWC 480 was repeated with this larger inclination. This yielded a lower dynamical mass of \( M_* = 2.1 M_\odot \), consistent with the dynamical mass reported in Simon et al. (2019).

**Appendix D**

**Channel Maps**

Searching for coherent structures in the residuals when subtracting a rotation model from the line center maps is both quick and relatively straightforward to compare to maps of the dust continuum. As demonstrated in Disk Dynamics Collaboration et al. (2020), the same information is found in the channel maps,26 although presenting a harder challenge for interpretation. The reward to identifying the structures in a channel-map basis is that there is considerably more information compared to a rotation map, which has been first collapsed along the spectral axis. While this paper focused on the collapsed rotation maps, we provide the channel maps in this appendix. Figures 16–18 show the (2–1) transitions of \(^{12}\text{CO},^{13}\text{CO},\text{and C}^{18}\text{O}\) in HD 163296, respectively. Figures 19–21 show the same molecular lines but for MWC 480.

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26 Indeed, the proposed planet in the disk of HD 163296 was originally identified in the channel maps rather than in the rotation map residuals (Pinte et al. 2018b).
Figure 16. Channel maps of $^{12}$CO $J = 2 - 1$ emission in HD 163296. The color scaling has been chosen to highlight the morphology of the emission from the line wings. The velocity is given for each channel, as well as the synthesized beam shown in the lower left corner of each panel. Regions where the KPS and spiral are most visible are annotated.
Figure 17. Same as Figure 16, but for $^{13}$CO $J = 2 - 1$ emission.
Figure 18. Same as Figure 16, but for $^{18}$O $J = 2 - 1$ emission.
Figure 19. Channel maps of $^{12}$CO $J=2-1$ emission in MWC 480. The color scaling has been chosen to highlight the morphology of the emission from the line wings. The velocity is given for each channel, as well as the synthesized beam shown in the lower left corner of each panel.
Figure 20. Same as Figure 19, but for $^{13}$CO $J = 2 - 1$ emission.
Figure 21. Same as Figure 19, but for C$^{18}$O $J = 2 \rightarrow 1$ emission.
