ALMA 0.88 mm Survey of Disks around Planetary-mass Companions

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Abstract

Characterizing the physical properties and compositions of circumplanetary disks can provide important insights into the formation of giant planets and satellites. We report Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array 0.88 mm (Band 7) continuum observations of six planetary-mass (10–20 M\textsubscript{Jup}) companions: CT Cha b, 1RXS 1609 b, ROXs 12 b, ROXs 42B b, DH Tau b, and FU Tau b. No continuum sources are detected at the locations of the companions down to 3\sigma limits of 120–210 \mu Jy. Given these nondetections, it is not clear whether disks around planetary-mass companions indeed follow the disk-flux–host-mass trend in the stellar regime. The faint radio brightness of these companion disks may result from a combination of fast radial drift and a lack of dust traps. Alternatively, as disks in binary systems are known to have significantly lower millimeter fluxes due to tidal interactions, these companion disks may instead follow the relationship of moderate-separation binary stars. This scenario can be tested with sensitive continuum imaging at rms levels of \lesssim 10 \mu Jy.

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1. Introduction

Analogous to circumstellar disks, circumplanetary disks regulate mass accretion and angular momentum transport as giant planets form, thereby determining the formation timescale, temperature, luminosity, and terminal spin velocity of giant planets (e.g., Eisner 2015; Zhu 2015; Szulágyi & Mordasini 2017; Batygin 2018; Bryan et al. 2018). Characterizing circumplanetary disks helps reveal the physical mechanisms involved in giant planet formation as well as the initial conditions and bulk composition of exomoons, providing insight into similar processes that occurred for giant planets in the early solar system (e.g., Stamatellos & Herczeg 2015; Szulágyi et al. 2017, 2018a; Drążkowska & Szulágyi 2018). Circumplanetary disks inside gapped protoplanetary disks are expected to be detectable with the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) across a range of millimeter and submillimeter wavelengths (e.g., Zhu et al. 2016, 2018; Szulágyi et al. 2018b), and recently the first such tentative detections have been reported around PDS 70 (Isella et al. 2019).

Disks around longer-period planetary-mass companions (PMCs) are promising targets to study the structure and evolution of circumplanetary disks. Discovered in direct imaging surveys, long-period PMCs have masses of \lesssim 20 M\textsubscript{Jup} and very wide orbits of \gtrsim 100 au. The formation of PMCs remains poorly constrained. While binary-like formation, such as prestellar core collapse (Low & Lynden-Bell 1976) or disk fragmentation (e.g., Kratter et al. 2010), is often invoked to explain their existence, the bottom-heavy mass distribution of PMCs may imply that they are predominantly formed via core or pebble accretion (Nielsen et al. 2019; Wagner et al. 2019).

PMCs disks are likely to be easier to detect than circumplanetary disks around close-in giant planets because PMCs are widely separated from their hosts and their Hill radii are accordingly larger. Resolved dust and gas observations of PMC disks may reveal substructures that could be linked to exomoons, and allow direct dynamical mass measurements which would enable tests of evolutionary models in the planet-mass regime. Recent photometric, spectroscopic, and polarimetric observations have shown that many young PMCs show signs of active, ongoing accretion (e.g., Bowler et al. 2011, 2014, 2017; Zhou et al. 2014; Wu et al. 2015b, 2017b; Ginski et al. 2018; Santamaría-Miranda et al. 2018). However, PMC disks have so far remained undetected in radio observations (e.g., Bowler et al. 2015; MacGregor et al. 2017; Ricci et al. 2017; Wolff et al. 2017; Wu et al. 2017a; Pérez et al. 2019).

Here we present ALMA 0.88 mm (Band 7) observations of six PMCs (CT Cha b, 1RXS J160929.1–210524 b, ROXs 12 b, ROXs 42B b, DH Tau b, and FU Tau b) and discuss the implications.

2. Observations and Data Reduction

To maximize continuum sensitivity, we performed the survey in Band 7 instead of Band 6 (1.3 mm) as disks emit stronger dust continuum at shorter wavelengths. Our resolution of 0″6–1″2 was sufficient to separate the companions from the primaries, yet not spatially resolve the companion disks (assuming sizes less than the Hill radius) to maximize the sensitivity. Similar strategies have been adopted in previous studies of PMC disks (Bowler et al. 2015; MacGregor et al. 2017; Ricci et al. 2017).
We observed these systems with three wideband 1.875 GHz windows centered at 333.80, 335.75, and 347.75 GHz to image dust continuum, and one 0.938 GHz window centered at 345.796 GHz, with a resolution of 0.488 MHz (0.423 km s⁻¹; Hanning smoothed) to search for CO₁₂(3–2) emission (ALMA Cycle 4 program #2016.1.01018.S; PI: B. Bowler). The phase centers for all the observations except FU Tau are at the J2000.0 positions of the primary stars. For FU Tau, the phase center corresponds to the J2000.0 position of the companion because the binary separation is 5.7. We retrieved raw data sets from the ALMA archive and executed the calibration scripts with Common Astronomy Software Applications (CASA; McMullin et al. 2007) versions 4.7.0 (for the data of CT Cha and 1RXS 1609), 4.7.2 (for ROXs 12 and ROXs 42B), and 5.1.1 (for DH Tau and FU Tau) to generate calibrated visibilities. We then applied phase and amplitude self-calibrations to the visibilities of CT Cha and DH Tau since they had bright enough emission to improve upon the pipeline reduction. We first flagged CO emission and then employed five rounds of phase calibration, starting from a solution interval of 400 s and gradually decreasing to 30 s in subsequent iterations. We then carried out one round of amplitude calibration with a solution interval of 30 s. Self-calibration reduced the background rms by a factor of ∼9 for CT Cha and by a factor of ∼6 for DH Tau, while the flux densities of both stars only changed by ≤5%. Finally, we applied these phase and amplitude solutions to the original data sets in which CO was not flagged. We next used the CASA routine tclean with the multifrequency synthesis mode and natural weighting to create the primary-beam-corrected continuum maps shown in Figure 1. For undetected sources (some primary stars and companions), the fluxes and rms uncertainties in Table 3 were first measured in the non-primary-beam-corrected images using apertures of the same areas as the beams, and then the values were divided by the primary beam response at the positions of the sources. We detect the disks of CT Cha A and DH Tau A in

Figure 1. ALMA Band 7 images of our six targets. No convincing detection of a PMC disk is seen with our 0.88 mm continuum imaging. The host stars and PMCs are labeled as A and b. Unknown sources, which could be background galaxies, are labeled by their coordinates. CT Cha and DH Tau are shown in a logarithmic scale. North is up and east is to the left.
CO (3–2). A joint analysis with the CO (2–1) data in Sheehan et al. (2019) will be presented in a forthcoming paper. Table 1 summarizes the observations.

3. Targets

In this section we briefly describe each system. To reduce systematics between literature values and incorporate the precise Gaia DR2 distances into the mass estimates, we calculated the companion mass by applying the bolometric correction in Filippazzo et al. (2015) to the dereddened K-band absolute magnitude. Then the estimated bolometric luminosity was compared with the interpolated age–luminosity–mass grids from the models of Baraffe et al. (2015) in a Monte Carlo fashion. Table 2 lists the physical parameters and evidence of disks or mass accretion of these PMCs.

CT Cha is a late-K star in the 1–3 Myr Chamaeleon I star-forming region (Henize & Mendoza 1973; Lopez Martí et al. 2013). Its accretion disk was recently resolved in CO (2–1), enabling a dynamical mass measurement of $0.796^{+0.012}_{-0.014} M_\odot$ (Sheehan et al. 2019). The 17 ± 5 $M_{\text{Jup}}$ companion CT Cha b at a separation of 2″68 (projected separation of ~511 au) was discovered by Schmidt et al. (2008), and was found to harbor a disk based on the presence of the Paβ and Brγ lines as well as significant dust extinction (Schmidt et al. 2008; Lachapelle et al. 2015; Wu et al. 2015a), but the disk was undetected with ALMA at 1.3 mm (Wu et al. 2017a).

1RXS 1609 is a member of the Upper Scorpius star-forming region (Preibisch et al. 1998). The 12 ± 2 $M_{\text{Jup}}$ companion 1RXS 1609 b at a separation of 2″22 (~309 au) was discovered by Lafrenière et al. (2008). It may harbor a disk as inferred from the unresolved Spitzer 24 μm emission (Bailey et al. 2013), redder $K' - L'$ than young field dwarfs (Kraus et al. 2014), and some optical extinction (Wu et al. 2015b). However, the disk was also not detected with ALMA at 1.3 mm (Wu et al. 2017a).

ROXs 12 lies between the Ophiuchus and Upper Scorpius star-forming regions, with an estimated age of ~6 Myr (Bowler et al. 2017). The companion ROXs 12 b at a separation of 1″78 (~243 au) was first identified as a candidate companion by Ratzka et al. (2005), and its common proper motion was later confirmed by Kraus et al. (2014). The red $K' - L'$ color of ROXs 12 b may result from a disk (Kraus et al. 2014; Bryan et al. 2016) that the orbital motion of ROXs 12 b is consistent with low to moderate eccentricity. Bowler et al. (2017) recently identified a tertiary companion with a mass of ~0.5 $M_\odot$ at a separation of ~5100 au. They also found that the spin axes of A and the tertiary, as well as the orbital axis of b, are likely misaligned. Sheehan et al. (2019) recently observed the tertiary with ALMA and derived a disk-based dynamical mass in good agreement with the model-dependent mass estimates.

ROXs 42B is a likely member of the ρ Ophiuchus star-forming region (Bouvier & Appenzeller 1992). The central star ROXs 42B AB is a close binary separated by a few astronomical units (Simon et al. 1995; Ratzka et al. 2005). The substellar companion ROXs 42B b at 1″17 (~168 au) from the binary was identified by Ratzka et al. (2005) and confirmed by Kraus et al. (2014). Its orbital motion was also detected by Bryan et al. (2016). Recently, Bryan et al. (2018) found that the spin rate of ROXs 42B b is well below the break-up velocity, possibly due to strong magnetic braking from the undetected accretion disks. The 3–5 μm photometry of the companion, however, did not reveal significant thermal excess from a disk (Daemgen et al. 2017).
Table 3
Coordinates and 0.88 mm Flux Densities of the Host Stars, PMCs, and Unknown Sources

| Object         | α           | δ            | \(F_\nu\) (mJy) |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| CT Cha         | 1°04′09″30′00″ | −76°27′19″30′ | 94.0 ± 9.4      |
| CT Cha b       | 1°04′08″34″  | −76°27′18″30″ | 0.019 ± 0.052   |
| IRXS 1609      | 16°09′30″30″ | −21°04′59″30″ | 0.007 ± 0.001   |
| IRXS 1609 b    | 16°09′30″37″ | −21°04′57″40″ | 0.011 ± 0.045   |
| ROXs 12        | 16°26′28″03″ | −25°26′48″25″ | 0.078 ± 0.070   |
| ROXs 12 b      | 16°26′28″05″ | −25°26′46″42″ | 0.098 ± 0.071   |
| ROXs 42B       | 16°31′15″01″ | −24°32′44″10″ | −0.001 ± 0.043  |
| ROXs 42B b     | 16°31′14″93″ | −24°32′44″10″ | −0.002 ± 0.043  |
| DH Tau         | 04°29′41″56″ | +26°32′57″71″ | 52.3 ± 5.2      |
| DH Tau b       | 04°29′41″68″ | +26°32′56″00″ | 0.017 ± 0.041   |
| FU Tau         | 04°23′35″40″ | +25°03′02″40″ | 0.03 ± 0.09     |
| FU Tau b       | 04°23′35″75″ | +25°02′59″25″ | 0.033 ± 0.039   |
| SMM J042335.9+250255 | 04°23′35″91″ | +25°02′55″25″ | 0.40 ± 0.09     |
| SMM J160929.9−210457 | 16°09′29″89″ | −21°04′57″70″ | 1.86 ± 0.21     |
| SMM J163115.2−243247 | 16°31′15″18″ | −24°32′46″71″ | 0.42 ± 0.10     |

Note. The coordinates are derived for the epochs of the ALMA observations (Table 1). Flux uncertainties of the detected sources include a 10% absolute flux calibration error.

DH Tau is an early-M star in the Taurus star-forming region (Herbig 1977). The 14 ± 3 \(M_{\odot}\) companion DH Tau b at a separation of 2′355 (∼317 au), discovered by Itoh et al. (2005), has \(\text{H}_\alpha\), Pa\(\beta\), and optical continuum excess indicative of an accretion rate of \(\sim 10^{-12} M_{\odot}\) yr\(^{-1}\) (Bonnefoy et al. 2014; Zhou et al. 2014). However, the companion disk was not detected with either ALMA and NOEMA at 1.3 mm (Wolff et al. 2017; Wu et al. 2017a).

FU Tau is a young binary system likely in front of the Barnard 215 dark cloud (Barnard 1927). The primary FU Tau A could be a low-mass star or a high-mass brown dwarf as its mass was estimated as \(\sim 80 \text{ \(M_{\text{Jup}}\)}\) (Stelzer et al. 2013). Multiwavelength tracers ranging from X-ray, optical spectroscopy, to 3 cm free–free emission have indicated that FU Tau A is actively accreting and may also have outflows (Stelzer et al. 2010, 2013; Rodríguez et al. 2017). The companion FU Tau b, 5′69 (∼747 au) southeast of FU Tau A, was discovered by Luhan et al. (2009). It has strong infrared excess indicating the presence of a circum-substellar disk (Luhan et al. 2009). With the revised K-band magnitude in Luhan et al. (2010), we estimate a mass of 20 ± 4 \(M_{\text{Jup}}\) for FU Tau b.

### 4. Results

#### 4.1. Continuum Emission: PMCs and Host Stars

As shown in Figure 1, we do not convincingly detect any PMC disks in the 0.88 mm dust continuum (dashed circles labeled as “b”). Table 3 lists the measured flux levels of PMCs. The 3σ upper limits for the 0.88 mm flux density span 120–210 \(\mu\) Jy assuming they are point sources. On the other hand, disks around the three host stars CT Cha A, DH Tau A, and FU Tau A are clearly seen. To our knowledge, this is the first millimeter detection of FU Tau A.

We use the software package psdpy (Sheehan et al. 2019) to fit an elliptical Gaussian to the visibilities and derive 0.88 mm continuum fluxes of 94.0 ± 9.4, 52.3 ± 5.2, and 0.53 ± 0.09 mJy for CT Cha A, DH Tau A, and FU Tau A, respectively. Similar values were also obtained using the CASA task uvmodel.fit when the primary beam response is accounted for. Flux errors are generally dominated by a 10% uncertainty in the ALMA absolute flux calibration. Our results are consistent with previous 0.88 mm flux measurements of CT Cha A (104.78 ± 0.60 mJy; Pascucci et al. 2016) and DH Tau A (47 ± 4 mJy; Harris et al. 2012) at about a 1σ level. This discrepancy might simply arise from absolute flux calibration; free–free emission from ionized disk material is usually minor at 0.88 mm (e.g., Eisner et al. 2018).

Table 3 also lists the coordinates of the host stars and PMCs at the time of the ALMA observations as calculated from the Gaia DR2 coordinates, proper motions, position angles, and separations.

#### 4.2. Continuum Emission: Background Objects

Several continuum sources in our maps seem to have no optical or infrared counterparts. Some of them could be dusty star-forming galaxies at high redshift, similar to the object spatially coincident with the debris disk of HD 95086 (Su et al. 2017). The object SMM J042335.9+250255 at \(\alpha = 04°23′35″59′′\) and \(\delta = +25°02′55″25″\), \(\sim 10°\) south of FU Tau A, has a 0.88 mm flux of 0.40 ± 0.09 mJy. The source SMM J163115.2−243247 at \(\alpha = 16°31′15″18″\) and \(\delta = −24°32′46″71″\), 3′5 southeast of ROXs 42B, has a flux of 0.42 ± 0.10 mJy. It shares a similar P.A. of about 138° to the background near-infrared source identified by Bryan et al. (2016) but with a wider separation from ROXs 42B (3′5 versus 3′; see Figure 1 of Bryan et al. 2016), an offset that cannot be accounted for by the star’s proper motion (\(\mu_\alpha\cos \delta = −6.5\pm0.2\) mas yr\(^{-1}\) and \(\mu_\delta = −23.2\pm0.1\) mas yr\(^{-1}\); Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018).
suggests that typical assumptions used to make the conversion may be two interacting galaxies or two star-forming regions in a galaxy. Contours are $[3, 8, 20] \times 51 \, \mu\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$ in the left panel and $[3, 5] \times 35 \, \mu\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$ in the right panel.

∼25 arcmin$^{-2}$ at 0.4 mJy, we would expect to detect ∼1 and ∼10 galaxies, respectively, for six ALMA pointings (assuming an 18$''$ primary beam).

4.3. CO Emission: Outflow from FU Tau A?

Figure 3 shows the channel maps of the FU Tau system in the LSRK velocity frame. CO emission is seen from 6 to 10 km s$^{-1}$, however, it does not spatially coincide with either A or B. This suggests that it is probably not associated with both components, but is instead diffuse emission from the surrounding Barnard 215 dark cloud (Barnard et al. 1927). Although FU Tau A has active accretion, we do not find concrete evidence of gas emission from the disk in our data. The CO (2–1) emission detected by the IRAM-30 m telescope (Monin et al. 2013) is probably from this cloud emission as well, rather than a molecular outflow from FU Tau A.

5. Discussion

5.1. Disk-flux–Host-mass Relationship

The dominant physical processes regulating the co-evolution of planets and their environments may leave observable imprints on the bulk properties of disks. Disk–host scaling relationships, along with their age and stellar-mass dependences, therefore have important implications for the observed exoplanet population (e.g., Andrews et al. 2013, 2018; Barenfeld et al. 2016; Pascucci et al. 2016; Ansdell et al. 2017). The behaviors of scaling relationships in the planet-mass regime provide clues about the physical properties of circumplanetary disks as well as the formation of satellites. Any deviations from the stellar relationships may imply that circumplanetary disks have different mass distributions, sizes, substructures, or evolutionary timescales. It may also imply that the co-evolution of satellites and circumplanetary disks are not self-similar to that of planets and protoplanetary disks.

Here we investigate the behavior of the disk-flux–host-mass ($F_{\text{disk}}$–$M_*$) relation toward the planetary-mass regime. We opt not to convert continuum emission to dust mass, as the observed millimeter spectral index of $F_{\text{disk}} \propto \lambda^{-2.2}$ (e.g., Ribas et al. 2017) suggests that typical assumptions used to make the conversion (optically thin, opacity $\propto \lambda^{-1}$; e.g., Beckwith et al. 1990) may be incorrect. Recent radiative transfer disk modeling also finds that dust emission is generally optically thick for circum(sub)stellar disks (e.g., Ballering & Eisner 2019; Rab et al. 2019). In addition, small disks are likely warmer and optically thicker than large disks; as a result, dust masses derived from the optically thin assumption may be underestimated by a factor of 1–5 (e.g., Ballering & Eisner 2019). Finally, Liu (2019) and Zhu et al. (2019) demonstrated that an optically thick disk may look optically thin due to dust scattering.

Figure 4 shows the $F_{\text{disk}}$–$M_*$ relationship at 0.88 mm for young (<5 Myr; left panel) and older (5–20 Myr; right panel) systems. All the fluxes and upper limits in the figure have been scaled to a common distance of 140 pc via $F_{\text{disk}} = F_{\text{disk}} \times (\text{distance}/140 \, \text{pc})^2$. PMC 3$\sigma$ limits at 0.88 mm are either from this survey or previous ALMA observations (<200 $\mu$Jy for GSC 6214-210 b, Bowler et al. 2015; <150 $\mu$Jy for GQ Lup b, MacGregor et al. 2017; <78 $\mu$Jy for 2M1207 b, Ricci et al. 2017). We also include the recent tentative detections of circumplanetary disks around PDS 70 b and c, and 2Myr; only the primordial disks were included in our analysis.

To explore if PMC disks largely follow the overall trend for protoplanetary disks, we perform Bayesian linear regression to the stellar and brown dwarf disks (including nondetections) using the limix package (Kelly 2007) and extrapolate the $F_{\text{disk}}$–$M_*$ relationship from the stellar to planetary regime. The best-fit relations with and without the Gaussian-distributed intrinsic scatter terms are plotted as the dark and light shaded regions. In the left panel, the slope, intercept, and scatter of $\log(F_{\text{disk}})$ are 1.54$^{+0.21}_{-0.21}$, 1.88$^{+0.14}_{-0.13}$, and 0.74$^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$ dex, respectively, where the uncertainties represent the 95% confidence intervals. We note that as shown in the Appendix in Figure A1, Taurus disks seem to have a shallower $F_{\text{disk}}$–$M_*$ relation than that of the Chamaeleon I and Lupus disks. However, it is not clear whether this is of astrophysical origin or simply because few disks with $M_* < 0.1 M_\odot$ have been detected in Chamaeleon I and Lupus. The inhomogeneity of stellar-mass determinations could also potentially affect our linear regression analysis (e.g., Ward-Duong et al. 2018), but we do not expect this to have a strong impact on our results. For the Upper Sco disks in the right panel, the slope, intercept, and scatter are $2.37^{+0.73}_{-0.71}$, 1.58$^{+0.42}_{-0.43}$, and 0.67$^{+0.19}_{-0.13}$ dex, consistent with Ansdell et al. (2017).

Figure 4 shows that young PMCs have distance-scaled 3$\sigma$ limits of 100–300 $\mu$Jy at 0.88 mm. Given that the majority of these PMCs have evidence of disks or mass accretion, yet appear absent between the best-fit relation and the upper envelope in the stellar regime (represented by the 95% confidence interval of the intrinsic scatter), it remains possible that the (presumably)
brightest PMC disks are in fact underluminous and may have different bulk properties from their stellar counterparts. More sensitive observations are needed to test this hypothesis. Alternatively, as individual disks in young binary systems of $\lesssim 300$ au separations have on average $\sim$5 times lower millimeter fluxes than that of single stars (e.g., Harris et al. 2012; Akeson et al. 2019), young PMC disks may instead be in agreement with the $F_{\text{disk}}$–$M_*$ relationship of binary stars. Deep ALMA continuum imaging with rms $\lesssim 10$ $\mu$Jy ($\gtrsim 5$ hr on-source at 0.88 mm) will be needed to definitively test whether young PMC disks indeed deviate from the scaling relation of single stars.

In contrast, Barenfeld et al. (2019) recently showed that in the more evolved Upper Scorpius star-forming region (age $\sim$10 Myr; Pecaut et al. 2012), the millimeter fluxes of disks around single and binary stars are statistically indistinguishable. This implies that binarity unlikely plays an important role in subsequent disk evolution, and single and binary stars may follow the same $F_{\text{disk}}$–$M_*$ relationship at ages of $>5$ Myr. Current ALMA observations, however, are not able to

Figure 3. The distribution of CO emission around FU Tau is more consistent with diffuse emission from the Barnard 215 dark cloud rather than a molecular outflow from FU Tau A, as suggested by previous low-resolution observations. The radial velocity is shown at the upper left corner of each panel. The positions of FU Tau A and b are marked with + and ×, respectively. The synthesized beam ($1''17 \times 0''91$, P.A. = $63.3^\circ$) is plotted at the bottom left corner of the first panel. Contours are plotted in $-10$, $-3$, 3, 10, 20, and 40σ, with $1\sigma = 2.3$ mJy beam$^{-1}$ measured at the image center. The maximum recoverable scale is calculated as $0.6 \lambda/b_{\text{min}} \text{baseline} \sim 7''3$. The edge of each image corresponds to a primary beam gain level of 0.2. North is up and east is left.

Figure 4. Disk fluxes as a function of host mass at 0.88 mm. All fluxes and $3\sigma$ upper limits (triangles) are scaled to a common distance of 140 pc. We perform Bayesian linear regression following Kelly (2007) to the stellar and brown dwarf disks (including nondetections). The dark shaded regions are the 95% confidence intervals for the best-fit relations, and the light shaded regions mark the same relations but adding the intrinsic scatter terms. In the left panel we compare young companions (FU Tau b, DH Tau b, CT Cha b, ROXs 42B b, and GQ Lup b) with the $F_{\text{disk}}$–$M_*$ relation of young star-forming regions (Taurus, Chamaeleon I, and Lupus). In the right panel we compare older companions (2M1207 b, ROXs 12 b, 1RXS 1609 b, and GSC 6214-210 b), as well as the tentative ALMA detections of PDS 70 b, c (Isella et al. 2019), with the relation of Upper Scorpius. Our observations tentatively suggest that young PMC disks are systematically fainter, as no disks are seen between the mean relation and the upper boundary of the intrinsic scatter. For more evolved systems, our PMC limits are not sensitive enough to draw any meaningful inferences. However, the disks around the PDS 70 giant planets appear more overluminous than the mean relationship.
determine if older PMC disks are discrepant from the Upper Sco correlation (right panel of Figure 4). A sensitivity of \( \lesssim 1 \mu Jy \) will be required, but this will be very challenging to achieve given the current capabilities of ALMA.

5.2. Implications

Nondetections from this survey as well as other programs have demonstrated that PMC disks appear faint in dust continuum emission. As the radial drift of dust grains around substellar objects can be much faster than around stars (e.g., Pinilla et al. 2013; Zhu et al. 2018), the dust disks of these companions are likely very compact and optically thick (e.g., Wu et al. 2017a; Rab et al. 2019). As optically thick emission scales with disk area, our 0.88 and 1.3 mm surveys imply that these dust disks have radii \( < 0.5 \) au (see Wu et al. 2017a). It is also possible that dust grains in PMC disks have been highly depleted due to this rapid inward drift. This could potentially hinder satellite formation unless there is a dust trap in the disk to form satellite seeds (e.g., Drążkowska & Szulágyi 2018).

While a compact and/or dust-depleted disk is faint in radio continuum, Rab et al. (2019) find that the gas disk may still extend to a one-third Hill radius, which is the characteristic scale of companion disks under dynamical interaction (e.g., Ayliffe & Bate 2009) and is typically \( \gtrsim 10 \) au for wide-orbit PMCs at hundreds of astronomical units from their hosts. The synthetic observations in Rab et al. (2019) further show that such a large gas-rich disk can be detected by ALMA with \( \gtrsim 5 \) hr on-source time in Bands 6 and 7. PMC disks may therefore exhibit both extremely high gas-to-dust mass and size ratios due to a combination of tidal truncation, fast radial drift, and/or a lack of dust traps. As a comparison, for the Lupus circumstellar disks the mass ratio is mostly 1–10 (Miotello et al. 2017), and the size ratio is \( \sim 2 \) on average (Ansdell et al. 2018).

Interestingly, free-floating planetary-mass objects, which might have formed like single stars, may be able to retain larger and brighter dust disks. For instance, the isolated \( M_{\text{Jup}} \) object OTS 44 has a 1.3 mm flux of \( \sim 100 \) \( \mu Jy \) (Bayo et al. 2017), which translates to \( \sim 230 \) \( \mu Jy \) at 0.88 mm with a spectral index of 2.2. This implies that the radial drift timescale is intrinsically longer than that of PMC disks, or there are disk substructures to trap dust grains at a wider radius. Future sensitive ALMA observations can examine if free-floating planets, as a population, also follow the stellar \( F_{\text{disk}}-M_* \) relationship.

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Facility: ALMA.

Software: CASA (McMullin et al. 2007), pdspy (Sheehan et al. 2019), linmix (Kelly 2007).

Appendix

The slope of the \( F_{\text{disk}}-M_* \) relation may be sensitive to the adopted distances and stellar masses, or it may even vary between star-forming regions of similar ages. It is also not clear if the relation would change in the substellar regime. In Figure A1 we show the individual relationships in Taurus, Chamaeleon I, and Lupus. Our fitted slopes are similar to that of the \( M_{\text{dust}}-M_* \) relation in previous studies (e.g., Ansdell et al. 2017; Long et al. 2018). We note that the Taurus slope becomes steeper, from 1.26\( ^{+0.26}_{-0.24} \) to 1.50\( ^{+0.45}_{-0.43} \), when excluding objects with masses less than 0.1 \( M_\odot \). Future brown-dwarf studies in Chamaeleon I and Lupus can help determine whether the mean \( F_{\text{disk}}-M_* \) relation flattens out at substellar masses, or if Taurus has an intrinsically distinct relation.

Figure A1. \( F_{\text{disk}}-M_* \) relationship for individual young star-forming regions. The black triangles are the PMC upper limits. The dark shaded regions mark the 95% confidence intervals of the best-fit relations, and the light shaded regions show the same relations but including the additional scatter terms from the linear regression analysis. For Taurus, the best-fit values and the 95% confidence intervals for the slope, intercept, and scatter are 1.26\( ^{+0.26}_{-0.24} \), 1.87\( ^{+0.17}_{-0.17} \), and 0.66\( ^{+0.10}_{-0.08} \) dex, respectively. For Chamaeleon I, the values are 1.86\( ^{+0.32}_{-0.30} \), 1.82\( ^{+0.30}_{-0.30} \), and 0.38\( ^{+0.18}_{-0.15} \) dex. For Lupus, the values are 1.91\( ^{+0.47}_{-0.46} \), 2.08\( ^{+0.30}_{-0.31} \), and 0.73\( ^{+0.16}_{-0.12} \) dex.
