GPI 2.0: Revealing Exoplanets through High-Contrast Imaging

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Exoplanet Discoveries





Credit: D. Savransky



Radial Velocity & Transit Methods





T Barclay et al. Nature

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Extrasolar Planets via Direct Imaging

- Contrast Ratio:
 - Reflected Light (Optical):
 >10⁹ in our solar system
 - Thermal emission from young Jovians can be ~10⁴ times brighter at early times.





What Makes Imaging Exoplanets Hard



- Separation & Photons are not the fundamental limit
- The contrast ratio of Earth is 1x10⁻¹⁰
- Detection at 1x10⁻⁵ contrast levels is already challenging at low inner working angle



Detecting an Earth-analog, at 1 AU, Orbiting a star 10pc away requires a 2km circular aperture



Development of techniques: recognition of quasistatic speckle aberrations



- Rapidly recognized that sensitivity did not reach atmospheric limits
- Speckle artifacts due to non-common-path, high-frequency, other errors
- Temporal variations on minute-long timescales





Luminosity depends on initial conditions





Bottom-up: Core Accretion





Alan Brandon/Nature





Step 1: Accrete 10 Earth masses of solids

Step 2: Pull 300 Earth masses of gas from disk





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Top-down: Gravitational Instability (Hot Start)

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G. Lufkin et al.

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Gemini Planet Imager





Scientific Horizons at the Gemini Observatory: Exploring A Universe of Matter, Energy and Life



Slide courtesy of Stephen Goodsell

Aspen Process (2003) Key Question: How common are extrasolar planets, including earth-like planets?

The Universe of Life

- The Generation of Planets
- Gas Giant Planets



New Capabilities Required:

Extreme Adaptive Optics Coronagraph

- Wavelength range: 0.9 2.5 µm
- Spatial resolution: 0.02 arcseconds
- Spectral resolution: 30 300 (IFU mode) or J, H, K (imaging mode)
- Field of view: 3 arcseconds
- Multiplex: 1 object
- Other: 10⁷ contrast ratio in 0.1 1.5 arcsecond radius; includes polarimetry



The Gemini Planet Imager (GPI)

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- GPI is an advanced high contrast imager with a high-order adaptive optics system, coronagraph and interferometric calibration unit, all feeding a 1-2.4 µm integral field spectrograph
- Components built by 7 institutions in the US and Canada
- GPI achieved first light on Gemini South November 11, 2013
 - Routine operations 2014B



Assembly at HAA, Victoria, BC



Mounting on Gemini South



GPI 1st Light







GPI 1st Light







GPI 1.0





- Operations from 2014B 2020A
- 58 unique principal investigators
- ~1700 hours of queued time
- 83 Refereed Publications
- Cited 4001 times (~48 citations per paper published)
- Instrument h-index 34 (37 including instrument papers)
- 14 PhDs (from science data)
- Delivered with robust IDL data reduction pipeline



GPI 1.0 Key features



- BMM 4096-actuator MEMS deformable mirror + piezo woofer (5 bad actuators)
- Spatially-filtered Shack-Hartmann WFS with 160x160 pixel Lincoln Labs CCD
- 1 kHz update rate with approximately 1.4 ms delay
- I<9-10 mag limit
- Superpolished (1nm RMS) optics
- 1 2.4 micron 2.7" x 2.7" FOV IFS







Important GPI Results















Sensitivity to hot-start vs cold-start planets



Lesson from GPI 1.0 and other surveys: get closer and fainter to see more planets.





Nielsen et al. 2019

The GPIES Data Infrastructure



Empirical Contrast Models (Vanessa Bailey)



- Empirical multiparameter fit to contrast vs telemetry
- 25,000 raw images
- 500 combined datasets
- Extension of work in Bailey et al 2016



Strongest predictor of contrast: tau₀ from MASS





Dome seeing also degrades performance





Primary - Outside air [C°]



GPI Migration













Developing science cases relevant to 2020-2030

- 1. Emphasize GPIs strengths: reliable, efficient operation
- 2. Quantify science requirements -> practical design
- 3. Don't try to compete head-to-head with Keck or Subaru



GPI 2.0 – Science Cases



Science Cases	WFS I Mag Limit	Inner Working Angle	Contrast Improvement	
Large scale survey / cold-start planets	10	0.15″	2+ mag	
Very young stars + transitional disks	13 (or IR WFS)	0.1″	0	
Asteriods & solar system objects	13-14	-	0	
Debris Disks	9	0.2″	0	
Planet Variability & abundance charcterisation	6	0.2″	1% photometry, high-res	
Evolved Stars	9	0.1″	0	
Nearby AGN	14	-	Only modest contrast required	

GPI 2.0 – A Facility-Class High Contrast Imaging System in the North for the 2020s





 ~\$8 Million upgrade project funded by NSF MRI, Heising-Simons Foundation, NRC

- PIs Jeff Chilcote (Notre Dame) and Quinn Konopacky (UCSD, also Project Scientist)
- Co-Is Bruce Macintosh (Stanford) and Dmitry Savransky (Cornell)
- CAL 2.0 upgrade on a different schedule, led by Christian Marois (NRC-HAA)



Hot-Start Planets





Monte Carlo Simulations

Cold-start planets require +2 mag contrast







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Very young planets in Taurus + others







Closest active planet formation? 140 pc, 1-2 Myr Requires: I~13 mag close inner working angle

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Additional sensitivity will provide access to new sources, such as nearby AGN



NGC 1068



Gratadour et al. 2015 (SPHERE Polarimetry)

- AO-assisted near-IR polarimetry is a potentially powerful tool for resolving dusty torus, outflow structures
- Ability to perform this measurement on an R-mag 14 (or Hmag 12) source will open up 10s of potential candidates





- Asteroids & Solar System Objects
 - limiting magnitude of V=14 ~1300 objects available for study



Perrin et. al, 2014















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AO System - PYWFS



- Institutes: HAA (design), Stanford University (simulations) & UCSD (build)
- Replacing the current Shack-Hartmann WFS with a pyramid WFS
- Based on TMT NIFRAOS
- Narrow space envelope
- Operate at 2 kHz









• PWFS:

- Double four sided pyramid
- Mirrors: Coastline Optics
- Machined parts: Opto-Mécanique de Précision (OMP)
- Stages: Physik Instrumente (PI)
- EMCCD:
 - Nüvü Cameras
 - Near-zero-noise, high QE
 - Fast readout (less lag-better performance)
 - Operate at 2 kHz
- Integration with GPI by early 2024











- Assumed PWFS throughput: 0.32
- GPI2 will be able to operate on stars between I=0 and I=14







New apodized pupil lyot coronagraphs based on design work done in the last 10 years for space-based platforms





N'Diaye et al. 2015

Apodized-pupil Lyot coronagraph



Figure code credit M. Perrin

Apodized-pupil Lyot coronagraph



Apodized-pupil Lyot coronagraph





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Coronagraph



- Retain focal plane masks but pair these with new pupil & Lyot plane masks
- Design based on work for space-based platforms from the last 10 years [e.g. N'Diaye et al. 2016]
- Reach deeper raw contrast at small separations
- Manufactured by λ Consulting









Integral Field Spectrograph



- After the advanced AO system, coronagraph and interferometer, a dominant background source arises from speckles
 - many from the instruments own optics.
- Speckles are a diffractive effect with predictable wavelength behavior.



Stepping though wavelength channels



Adding Low-Res mode for Increased Sensitivity





Broadband

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GPI Operations





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Operations / Software Improvements



rget:			Acq Seq ID: Sci Seq	ID:			
	Step	With	Task				
	0		GPIES Only: check previous target has been flagged correctly in the database				
	1	SOS	Ask SOS to slew to ID of Science seq., and tell you when done. Continue steps 2-5 during slew.				
	2	Seqexec	Load Sequence from OCS and select Acquisition sequence ID. (#)				
	3	Seqexec	Expand Step 2 in the sequence (Acq), then middle click on Observe to add a pause. (hand)				
	4	Seqexec	Press Configure from current TCS setup.				
	5	Seqexec	In System Configuration section, press ALL button.				
	6		Wait for telescope in position from SOS *and* config complete ("paused after co	nfigure" at to	p).		
	7	Seqexec	Press green RUN button to run arc.				
	8		Wait for arc to complete. Watch countdown on GPI ISD. Align & Cal will start auto	omatically.			
	9	GPI Cal Tool	Wait for Align & Cal to perform Artificial Source Deploy (check box for that step	turns green)			
	10	SOS	Ask SOS to center star on acquisition camera				
	11	GPI Cal Tool	Wait for Align & Cal to complete. If it fails, go to Troubleshooting on Gemini internal GPI page.				
	12	Seqexec	Load Sequence from OCS and select Science sequence ID. (#)				
	13	Seqexec	Middle click on step 2 observation to add a pause (hand).				
	14	Seqexec	In System Configuration section, press INST button.				
	15		Wait for configuration to complete. ("paused after configure" at top)	Band	+TIP offset		
	16	GPI ISD	With loops open, click Clear Health in GPI ISD (or GPI Engineering Tool)	Y			
	17	GPI Cal Tool	Using GPI Cal Tool, apply offset in +TIP direction. See table:	H	+7		
	18	SOS	Ask SOS to acquire and close the loops. Wait for loops to be closed.	K1	+15		
	19	Seqexec	Press Configure from current TCS setup	K2	+20		
	20	GPI Cal Tool	Wait for LOWFS to converge to T/T errors < 6 mas (< 8 mas if I>7). can take a few mins. Note the GPI Cal Tool display lags behind by several seconds. wish to look at the Cal Show tool on vnc:17 if they're comfortable in using that display.	this This This aral seconds. Observers may that display.			
	21	cpogpi IDL	Optional but recommended: close down spatial filter to 3.5: TLC_COMMAND_SF	, 3.5			
	22	Seqexec	Press green RUN button to start science sequence				
	23		Examine first image and coronagraph alignment in gpitv; if needed apply addition	nal offsets.			
	24	Seqexec	Press CONTINUE button to continue science sequence (or Run also works).				
	25		Monitor sequence and data until the hour is up. offsets if needed (preferntially between rather than during exposures). Adjust spatial filter if desire to run less than the entire sequence. Be on the lookout for AO Loop loss or Sequece e (seeing, wind level, wind direction, clouds).	A appropriate. Ad prrors. Monitor v	Apply additional Id a pause if you veather conditio		
	26	cpogpi IDL	Every ~10 minutes, save a set of AO telemetry and RMS WFE: IDL> ult_telem and IDL> ult_ao_status				
	27	SOS	When complete tell SOS to open loops. Move on to the next target				

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10	SOS	Ask SOS to center star on acquisition camera

- Reduce the number of steps required to operate instrument
- GPI's high-level control library translate to Python
- Improve Queue operations
- Improve time-domain science



Current Status





- GPI Arrived at Notre Dame in June 2022 (24 month ship delay)
- Pre-shipping tests last year
- Procurement of major components done
- Ship to Gemini North 2024

Safe and sound in the lab







- Upgrades to the Gemini Planet Imager (GPI) will enable it to study fainter, closer exoplanet populations
- New adaptive optics system will be capable of locking onto stars four magnitudes fainter
- Upgrades will allow us to find lower-mass planets closer to their parent star than the current system.
- It will be able to obtain full spectra across the entire nearinfrared (near-IR) simultaneously
- Goal to be at Gemini North in 2024, on sky early 2025





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