

Protoplanetary disks in the Auriga-California Molecular Cloud

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### The power of radio interferometry

- Longer wavelengths with better resolution
- isolating sources from each other and surrounding cloud emission



YSO	SMA 1.3 mm (measured)	SMA 0.88 mm (expected)	SCUBA-2 0.85 mm (peak)
108 - blended with YSOs and cloud	20 mJy	55 mJy	240 mJy
128 - more isolated	36 mJy	100 mJy	120 mJy

### Jansky VLA observations

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- Trace cm-sized grains
- Constrain the level of contamination from free-free emission to the thermal dust emission
- Comparison to Disks@EVLA (PI Claire Chandler) program that targets disks in nearby clouds



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### Conclusions/Summary

- ACMC is a nearby GMC similar in mass, extent, and distance to the Orion A MC, however, with a startling contrast in environment.
- Detections at both submm and<sup>2</sup> wavelengths used to investigate grain<sup>2</sup>s<sup>12</sup>e<sup>-</sup>distribution.
- Next step is to comple catalogues and sets and SED's for individual HD169142 various data sets and SED's for individual HD169142 objects

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• Follow-up high resolution detected disks by the disk and dust properties further, such as disk sizes and dust grain size distribution within the disk.



Thank you!

### EXTRA SLIDES





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# Class breakdowns for different clouds



# Class breakdowns for groups within AMC and Perseus



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# Signatures of grain growth



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## **Case study: ONC**



Image credit: Space Telescope Science Institute



Mann & Williams 2009

### Identify disk host candidates

