



The Inner Astronomical units of Herbig AeBe stars as seen by PIONIER/VLTI.

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Disks as planet cradles



A variety of exoplanetary systems

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Disk structure



Dullemond & Monnier 2010



Planets form (rapidly) in disks





Hernandez et al. 2007

Competing mechanisms shape the disk structure

- Accretion/Mass loss
- Dust evolution (growth, crystallinisation, settling)
- Photoévaporation
- Presence of planets forming within the disk.
- Presence of (sub) stellar companions



Spatially resolved signposts of planet formation (1)







Spatially resolved signposts of planet formation (2)





Quanz et al. 2013

SEEDS collaboration

Signposts of planet formation Thermal infrared(3)



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Meeus et al. 2001, Acke et al. 2009, Juhasz et al. 2010 8





The inner astronomical units









The inner astronomical units



This talk: focusing on the near infrared



The importance of of the inner disk

 Disk "rim" height determines outer disk irradiation (global energy balance);

Dust processing factory;

 Sets the inner boundary to planetary formation (?);





A not so simple inner structure

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A survey of Herbig AeBe stars ESO Large Program 090C-0963(PI: Berger)



Aperture synthesis at VLTI is now operational







The SAMPLE



- PIONIER: 4 telescopes H band combiner small spectral resolution (3), no spectral R in faintest case
- Sample: Hillenbrand et al. (1992), Thé et al. (1994), Malfait et al. (1998) from B0 to G
- VLTI: 3 configurations small-medium-large
- 30 nights awarded and used
 - dec (small) jan (large) feb (medium)
 - ⌀ jun–jul
 - 55 targets surveyed (with additional OI)





"Structured" non zero closure mase signal























Data analysis strategy

- Model fitting of all visibility and closure phase curves.
 - Underlying model: a smooth sublimation transition with azimutal modulation
- Image reconstruction of the best uv coverage data.
- Detailed radiative transfer modelling of best observed targets











Preliminary analysis





Outliers ...





Dust/Star differential spectral index







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At least two near infrared emitters





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Chromatic response explained (?)







The inner disk of HD 100546



Fig. 7: Schematic view of the disk model with the three different regions : an inner tenuous disk, a gap, a massive outer disk witl small grains in an upper layer. Adapted from Benisty et al. (2010b).

















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The crucial problem of photometry





Using archival photometry but variability forces photometry program (REM and SAAO)



Image reconstructions







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Image reconstructions







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Where to go now?



Survey first results



- A large fraction of the sample is spatially resolved
- 7 candidate binaries out of 52
- Inner rim smooth except for some high massive stars (wind?)
- Image reconstruction is possible but requires good photometric knowledge. Same for visibility fitting.
- Reconstruction reveals inner rim but also the absence of it ?
- Evidence for unresolved non-stellar component
- Evidence for extended flux. Relation with inner rim of outer disk component (group I vs group II)
- Are we seeing symmetric component (i.e inclination independent)





The physics of the inner rim











Thi 2011





The physics of the inner rim



Turner et al. 2013

Fig. 5.— Synthetic images of the central region of the dusty Herbig disk with (left to right) no magnetic support, magnetic support throughout, and a magnetically-supported bump. The field of view is 2.5 AU wide and the system is inclined 60° from face-on. The star is shown to scale at the center of each panel's left edge. The blue, green and red channels in each image correspond to wavelengths 1.25, 1.6 and 2.2 μ m or J, H and K bands, respectively. A shared logarithmic intensity scale is used in all three panels.



Directions



- Do we see a dependance of parameters with spectral type ?
- Can we constraint physical mechanisms controlling disk evolution;
- Can we link inner rim emission with accretion/ wind activity?
- What is the origin of inner disk emission ?
- Can we relate inner properties with outer (e.g the group category and flaring)
- Tight integration with ALMA disk studies