Protoplanetary Disks (the dirty job part I)

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- Most of the focus will be on Class II disks
- How we determine the key properties of these systems
- Stellar masses and ages
- Disk physical parameters
- Evolution of the disk and its constituents





From Cores to Planetary Systems



Debris Disk

YSO SED classification



Protoplanetary disks



Flared disks: which observations probe what?



Spectral Energy Distributions (SEDs)

The SED shows the energy emitted per logarithmic wavelength interval. Plotting just the flux may be misleading:



Spectral Energy Distribution



"flared" disk emission



IR SED slope



Statistics and timescales



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In nearby star forming regions, we can estimate:

very roughly t_{ll} ~ 5-10 t_l ~ 5-10 t₀ or ~10⁶ yr : ~10⁵ yr : ~10⁴ yr

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Allende meteorite





Mexico 8 Feb 1969



Calcium-Aluminum Inclusions (CAI)

Oldest, high-T (>~1700K) processing, short formation phase (<~3×10⁵ yr)

Chondrules

Formed after CAI, high-T (~2000K) few Myr age dispersion

Matrix

sub-um particles, glue together the material





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- Direct measurement of accretion: energy released in the collision
- Indirect measurement: emission lines from accretion columns









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Festi+2022, see also Manara et al. 2023

Early accretion



Accretion highly variable in the early phases of disk evolution

Hard to measure directly: hope from infrared lines

Young stars ages



- Uncertainty from stellar accretion history
- Do we know "relative" ages?
- Early accretion history very uncertain, but potentially critical

SED for a locally isothermal disk



Consequence: SED signature for Transition Disks



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Viscous heating provides a poor fit of protoplanetary disc temperature: real disks are warmer than expected in the outer regions!

"flat" passive disk

Irradiation flux:

$$F_{\rm irr} = \alpha \frac{L_*}{4\pi r^2}$$

The flaring angle:

 $\alpha \cong \frac{0.4 \, r_*}{r}$

$$T = \left(\frac{0.4 r_* L_*}{4\pi\sigma r^3}\right)^{1/4}$$



Coincidentally, same profile as an viscously heated disk : not good!



"flared" passive disk



 $\tau_{v} \propto \Sigma(\mathbf{r}) \kappa_{v} \qquad \Sigma(\mathbf{r}) \propto \mathbf{r}^{-p} \qquad \kappa_{v} \propto \kappa_{o} v^{\beta}$

 $T_d \sim r^{-q}$

Flared disks: detailed models







[K. Dullemond]

Including viscous heating



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 $(M_{acc} \sim 10^{-8} M_{sun}/yr @ 1 Myr)$

Resolving disk structure

- 10AU@140pc=0.14 arcsec
- Diffraction: 0.14arcsec@1mm => 1.5km
- Need to use interferometry







Small digression on interferometry

- Interference pattern of the signal from two antennas separated by a baseline b
- After correction for the optical path delay each pair of antennas measure the fringe visibility corresponding to the baseline b (as seen from the source)



$$V(u,v) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P(x,y) I(x,y) \exp(-2i\pi (ux + vy)) dx dy$$

(x,y)=Sky (u,v)=baselines plane P(x,y)=Antenna power pattern V(u,v)=Measured visibility I(x,y)=Brightness distribution on Sky

Analysis of interferometric data



Models solve for the self consistent structure, given Sigma (and star)

See also Isella+2007;2009



GALARIO: a GPU Accelerated Library for Analysing Radio Interferometry Observations





https://github.com/mtazzari/galario



Examples of pre-ALMA results



Data generally well described, note limited angular resolution

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 Extract N random samples from "Taurus" applying the same selection biases as expected in the other region. Method first applied by Andrew+2013

Surface density distribution



Powered by Galario (Tazzari+2018)

First systematic/complete analysis of surface density distribution of solids in disks

Compact disks (R<50AU) are up to ~30-40% of the population



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Full fit not always possible: order of magnitude estimates technique



Ansdell+2016

(see also Pascucci+2016, Ansdell+2017, Barenfeld+2016, Cazzoletti+2019, Williams+2019, Testi+2022)

- Initial surveys revealed a gradual decay (factor ~4 in ~5Myr)
- Dust content is relatively low
- Estimates rely on simple assumption on temperature structure and dust opacity



Solids in planets and disks



I-2Myr old disks do not contain enough solids

Consistent with the latest suggestions of Jupiter core growth (Kruijer+2017)

Deficit of solids in BD disks



 Estimated solids mass in BD disks is too low to form the known exoplanets around BDs



HDI63296 as seen by ALMA



Direct measurement of disk flaring and CO depletion on the mid plane



CO-based gas masses



Based on disk thermochemical modelling

Truly low gas masses or "chemical" model deficit?

Gas kinematics



Potentially a direct
measurement of the disk self-gravity

Not exactly Keplerian

• Largest effect is the pressure term 5%, self gravity 0.1-0.5%

Dust mass and disk mass

- Dust emission traces approx 0.01 of the H₂ mass
 - (by comparison, gas-phase CO emission traces <<<<1e-5, depending on how much of the CO mass is in solids and on the details of chemistry and photodissociation)
- Carefully estimated dust masses are within a factor 2-3 of "robust" disk mass estimates



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Extent of the CO disk is much larger than that of the mmgrains disk

Qualitative behaviour as expected from viscous spreading and migration of the larger grains

