



Observations of proto-planetary disks with the JWST/ MIRI and the E-ELT/METIS instruments; witnessing the birth of planetary systems.

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Compared performances



ELT/METIS

(see M.Kissler-Patig presentation, B.Brandl poster)

> good sensitivity to point sources and peaky structures (~25 μJy at 10 μm)

> excellent angular resolution (0.05"/ 10 μm), direct imaging of planetary regions (r<30 AU) in closest disks (d<150 pc) will be achievable</p>

> very limited sensitivity (~10 mJy/"², nul in some cases !) to extended emission

JWST/MIRI

(see A.Glasse presentation)

> very good sensitivity to point sources (~1 μJy at 10 μm)

 > angular resolution (0.3" at 10 μm) comparable to that of current 8mclass telescopes instruments (e.g. VISIR)

> awesome sensitivity to extended emission (~1 μJy/"² at 10 μm)

Same wavelength coverage, high level of complementary between extended source sensitivity/angular resolution

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(Some) open questions



- Does observed exoplanets diversity reflects different initial conditions in the disks ?
 - physical sizes of disks (formation, truncation) ?
 - vertical structure, dust settling
 - dust composition vs distance
 - gaps created by forming protoplanets, sizes ?
 - Disks evolution process ? Gas dissipation:how, when ? Dustâ planetesimals timescale ?
 - exoplanets formation mechanism(s) :
 - > core-accretion (inner regions) vs
 - > gravitational collapse (outer regions, minimum surface density)

Necessary/favorable physical conditions for planet formation ?



Why making imaging in the mid-IR ?



- The contrast between the star and the disk is largely reduced (~1 vs several 10³ in NIR).
- As disks evolves in time, gas photoevaporates, flaring \, dust coagulates and settles. Mid-infrared imaging traces the dusty disk structure.
- Direct imaging allows to break degeneracies of SEDs-based interpretations.
- Direct signatures (solid state features) of different materials : spectroimaging can trace the radial distribution of dust species (amorphous vs crystalline silicates, ices, clays, calcium carbonates, ...





What do we observe in the mid-IR range ?



- Mainly the thermal emission from heated dust grains
- Mainly the inner rim (1500 K) that produces
 >90% of the total 10 μm flux (continuum)
- Once, the inner rim masked/subtracted, the thermal emission produced at the disks' surface (τ=1), on intermediate distance scales (3-100 AU)
- PAH emission (7.7, 8.6, 11.3 µm) on larger scales (→ R_{out})







How do we observe the disks in the mid-IR ?



- Ground-based 8m telescopes (VLT/VISIR) :
 - direct imaging +
 - PSF subtraction (strong limitations if PSF variable !)
- > JWST/MIRI :
 - coronagraphic mode is compulsory to avoid detector saturation (F<20 mJy) and decrease photon noise

> ELT/METIS :

- photon noise is irrelevant, detector artifacts (~saturation) are !
- contrast performances strongly enhanced in coronagraphic mode
- pathfinder VISIR upgrade project (proposed implementation of a MIRI-like 4QPM coronagraph)

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THE MIRI GTO imaging proposal/program







study:

Iarge-scale geometry of the disks:

- MIRI tremendous sensitivity allows to observe the disks up to very large distances from the star
- for the first time, a large sample of T-Tauri disks are observable/resolvable in the mid-IR

b disks (dust) <u>vertical structure</u> (complementarity with spectroscopic program, (I.Kamp pres.)):

- dust settling
- dust coagulation
- disks stratification

search for forming/formed planets signature:

- direct detection of forming protoplanet is highly unlikely (brightness peak@accreting phase ?)
- embedded massive bodies produce structures in disks:
 - o gaps
 - o bright rims
 - o asymmetries





MIRI study of Large Scale Structure of Protoplanetary Disks



Continuum profiles





In the case of Herbig disks, the PAH emission (8.6, 11.3 μ m) is brighter and more extended than continuum emission

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Scattered mid-IR emission







Large Scale Parameters





- scale height at a given distance
- flaring parameter
 - indicators of disks evolutionary state







MIRI study of Disks Vertical Structure



Dust evolution







Disks appareance







Disks appareance





PAH dominated spectrum

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Signatures of planets and planetary formation





Why "long-wavelength" data (λ >20 μ m) are also very important ?



HD142527 SiC PSF subtracted





Why long-wavelength data are also very important?







No structures detected at shorter wavelengths !

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The MIRI disks imaging GTO sample



- 10 Herbig * / 14 T-Tauri * / 2 brown dwarves
- A large sample of moderately inclined disks
- A handful of almost edge-on disks ("disk tomography")
- Selection of "transition disks" (last stages of planet formation ???)
- Several star forming regions represented (Chameleon, Taurus-Aurigae, Scorpus, Ophiuchi
- Good overlap/complementarity with the spectroscopic program (see I.Kamp's presentation)



Conclusions



- Sm-class intruments have probed so far only the emerged part of the iceberg:
 - mostly 11.3 μ m emission PAH-rich disks
 - only Herbig disks
- > JWST/MIRI (2014-) will allow to:
 - the underlying continuum disks emission
 - push the stellar mass limit down to the T-Tauri regime (BD in some favorable cases ?)
 - make the first steps to infer the presence of gaps/planets by direct imaging
- > ELT/METIS (2018-) will:
 - angularly resolve the "planetary regions" of closests disks (d<150 pc)
 - allow to study the fine structure of the disks : gaps, spirals, walls, ...
 produced by forming protoplanets

















