YSO Circumstellar disks

- There is a continuum of disk properties between primordial and debris disks
- Some open issues
 - What is the true disk mass (can ALMA measure this with spatially resolved gas rotation?)
 - When does the gas dissipate?
 - How do we constrain the disk properties in the areas we can't spatially resolve (~10 AU)?
 - What can we learn by comparisons to other disks? e.g. Be stars, post-AGB
 - Grain composition, growth and destruction
 - Effect of binarity on disks
 - How can we trace larger (> 1 cm) bodies in primordial disks?



Connections with stellar evolution

Pre-main sequence tracks

- Major disagreements, particularly at the low mass end
- Some new masses coming from dynamical measurements
- But how do we get high accuracy T_{eff} in the presence of veiling?
- Are there fundamental differences between disks around solar mass and larger stars?
 - Inner disks around Be stars follows a different L/size relation than those around lower mass stars
 - Some suggestions in the debris disk frequency
 - Location of the snow line?

Stellar properties and exoplanets

- Determination of the planet physical properties requires good knowledge of the stellar values
- Studying planet evolution requires good stellar age

	Kepler 7b	Kepler 8b
Spectral type	Late F/early G V	F8 IV
Stellar mass	4%	5%
Stellar radius	3%	5%
Stellar age	30% (1 Gyr)	45% (1.5 Gyr)
Planet mass	10%	25%
Planet radius	3%	5%

Stellar evolution and planets

- Need better census of debris disks around giant stars and white dwarfs
 - RV surveys have found planets around giants
- What happens to the planetary system when the star leaves the main sequence?
 - Can planets form in the post-MS disks?
- Planets around pulsars
 - How do they survive? Or were they formed after?



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