Submillimeter Imaging of Disks

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Relevance of Millimeter Regime



- avoid high dust opacities (dust) mass tracer
- sensitive to cold dust including mid-plane
- sensitive to large dust grain growth
- contrast with star planet-forming zone
- spectral lines, R>10⁷ kinematics, chemistry
- low T (and τ) need high sensitivity

Examples of Millimeter Telescopes



Disk Masses from Dust Emission? Really?



$$dI = B(T)(1-e^{-\tau})dΩ$$

$$\tau = \kappa \Sigma$$

$$\kappa_{mm} \approx \lambda^{-\beta}$$

$$F_{mm} = B(T) \kappa \Sigma A / D^{2}$$

$$\approx (2kT/\lambda^{2}) \kappa M / D^{2}$$

- κ depends on dust properties and gas-to-dust ratio (both evolving!)
- dust masses → factor of few
- total disk masses highly uncertain

Protoplanetary Disk Masses at 1 Myr



"typical" $M_{disk} \approx 0.005 \text{ M}_{\odot}$

- planet forming potential
- F_{850 μm} ≈ 80 mJy at 140 pc (current facilities ~ 1 mJy)

at Orion and beyond, still hard to detect disks << MMSN

Andrews & Williams 2005 Andrews & Williams 2007 Mann & Williams 2010

(cf. Beckwith et al. 1990 Andre & Montmerle 1994)

Orion "Proplyds" in Submillimeter



see also Williams, Andrews, Wilner 2005, Eisner et al. 2008

Protoplanetary Disk Structure at 1 Myr

AS 205

AS 209

- many 10's of disks resolved by mid 2000's
- systematic 0.3 0.7 arcsec surveys of ~ 20 disks
 - SMA 870 μm Ophiucus Andrews et al. 2009/10
 - CARMA 1.3 mm Taurus Isella et al. 2009



Disk Structure Modeling



$$\left[\mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{mm}} \sim \kappa \Sigma \mathsf{T}\right]$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{density: parameterized, axisymmetric,} \\ \textit{radial structure, e.g.} \\ \Sigma(r) \thicksim (r/R_c)^{-\gamma} \exp[-(r/R_c)^{2-\gamma}] \\ \textit{or } (r/R_{out})^{-p} \end{array}$

temperature: varying sophistication accurate stellar properties proper radiative transfer full SED information

opacity: $\kappa(r) = constant$ max grain size mm \rightarrow min Σ if multiple λ 's, then fit for $\beta(r)$











Protoplanetary Disk Structure Results

disks ď

b

10

100

R. [AU]

1000

- fundamental assumption: dust traces gas
- Σ < 20 AU compatible with MMSN ٠
- range of disk sizes: $R_c \sim 10 200 \text{ AU}$ • (fainter disks are smaller)
- range of density gradients: $<\gamma> \sim 0.9$ ٠
- Toomre stable at all radii



1000

HL Tau

Kwon et al. 2011



Figure 1. HL Tau in the $\lambda = 1.3$ mm continuum. The image is the combined of CARMA A, B, and C configurations, and the synthesized beam is $0''.17 \times 0''.13$ (P.A. = 85°) corresponding to 18 AU. The contour levels are 2.5, 4.0, 6.3, 10, 16, 25, and 40 times $\sigma = \pm 0.8$ mJy beam⁻¹.

no significant asymmetries/clumps



Radial Dependence of Grain Properties?



Evolution of Millimeter Emission



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Evolution of Disk Structure

- millimeter images reveal central cavities of "transition" disks
 - LkCa 15 (Pietu et al. 2006), TW Hya (Hughes et al. 2007), LkHα 330 (Brown et al. 2008), GM Aur (Hughes et al. 2009), SR21N, HD135344B (Brown et al. 2009), MWC 758 (Isella et al. 2010), …













Large Cavities are Common



at least 20% of bright half of millimeter luminosity (= disk mass) distribution!

Large Cavities = Signposts of Planets?



Bewildering signs

Boston's Charles Circle is an example of the many confusing signs in the city.

A driver entering Charles Circle from the Longfellow Bridge will come across this sign with four arrows and four lines of directions.



SOURCE: Globe reporting

Option C

Storrow Drive,

Charles Street

go back to the

to Cambridge.

return to the

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Stellar Companions?

 circumbinary disk truncation at R = 2-3a, implies a = 4-40 AU



 stellar companions ruled out in many (but not all) systems by direct optical/infrared searches disks in binary systems generally less massive than transition disks



Substellar/Planetary Companions?



- LkCa 15: substellar companion detected directly *within* the disk (Krauss and Ireland 2011)
- 870 µm data from SMA augmented by new PdBI A configuration data → enhance resolution 50%

 constrain M_s/M_∗ with gap? (Crida et al. 2006)

⁻ emission inside cavity

Debris Disk Analogs with Planets



Were these giant planets formed at 1 Myr?

Atacama Large Millimeter Array





- 10 100x better sensitivity, resolution, image quality
- global partnership to fund \$1.3B construction
- best antennas, best rx's, best site, 5000 m in Chile
- "Cycle 0" early science underway with 16 antennas
 - 20% protoplanetary/debris disk projects
- full operation with 50 antennas + ACA, 2013+
- → *much deeper* individual spectro-imaging studies *and* statistical views



TW Hya HCO+ 4-3, science verification

TW Hya, c. 2011



(challenging to reconcile dust and gas structure with simple models)

TW Hya at the Limits of ALMA, c. 2013?



simulated ALMA image of 333 μm dust continuum emission, 8 hours



Summary







