

Young stellar objects Kinematics study and imaging

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Scenario of stellar formation



[Bouvier & Malbet 2001]

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Formation scenario for T Tauri stars

T Tauri stars (TTS):

- Solar mass objects ($^{\sim}M_{\odot}$)
- Spectral types G-M
- Optically thick disks
- Obscuration the central star according to geometry
- Detailed vertical structure of the disk, physics of grain formation
- Jets and nebular structure (accretion, shocks)



HH30 seen almost edge-on by the HST (optical + NIR)



Formation scenario for HAeBe stars

- HAEBE = PMS stars of intermediate mass $(1.5 10 M_{\odot})$
- Spectral types: B to F8
- Surrounded by a protoplanetary disk of gas and dust (complex environment)
- Like T Tauri stars, a large fraction of HAEBE lies in multiple systems (68 ± 11% – Baines et al. 2006).
- BUT contrary to the less massive T Tauri stars, formation scenario is very uncertain.



Structure of a protoplanetary disk



Accretion-ejection phenomena

- Accretion via the accretion columns (T Tau) or the inner disk
 - \Rightarrow Veiling, IR excess

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- Connections star/inner disk, inner disk/dust disk ?
- Morphology of the inner rim of the dust disk ?
- Processus of dissipation and evolution of the disk ?
- Law of temperature, velocity, density in the disk
- **Ejection** via a wind (star, disk, ...) and jets
 - Launching point and morphology of jets ?
 - Mechanisms that favor jet collimation ?
 - Mass-loss rate wrt mass-accretion rate ?
- Formation of the Hydrogen emission lines
 - \Rightarrow Connection between accretion and ejection
 - Line forming regions ?
 - Mechanisms that could explain the temporal variability ?





The complex innermost regions

- Near-infrared (spectro-)interferometry directly probes the emission within the innermost astronomical unit (AU), where key quantities for the star-disk-protoplanet(s) interactions are set. The regions probed by this technique are much more complex than expected.
- 3D MHD simulations of accretion (driven by magneto-rotational instability) on to a rotating magnetized star with a tilted dipole magnetic field produce complex maps.
- All these complicated inner disk structures are strongly time variable on a timescale of weeks to years ...





Simultaneous spectroscopy and photometry studies [Bouvier et al. 1999, 2003, 2007]



Light curve shows periodical (~ 8.2 days) eclipses of the photosphere that occur without much color variation.

The linear polarization increases as the system fades.

Periodical occultation of the photosphere by an optically thick, magnetically-warped inner disk region





Disk warp, accretion column, accretion shock : all spatially associated





Spectro-polarimetric studies:

2-3 kG dipolar magnetic field, tilted at ~20 deg onto the rotation axis





[Donati et al. 2010]

Magnetospheric accretion and spin-down of AA Tau

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The magnetic pole is located at about the same azimuth as the disk warp that produces the eclipse

Both a cold (magnetic) spot and a hot (accretion) spot are found close to the magnetic pole



Short term (weeks) variability supports the idea of "magnetospheric accretion cycles" on a timescale of a few rotation periods in accreting T Tauri stars.

Magnetic configurations of the star-disk interaction can also vary on a much longer timescale (~a few years).







Accretion in close binaries

- Stars orbit in a gap opened by tidal interactions inside a circumbinary disk.
- Young short period binaries (P < a few 10 days, sep~ a few 0.1 AU) cannot support large circumstellar disks.
 ⇒ They are surrounded by a circumbinary disk.
- Evidence of enhanced emission line activity close to periastron passages (DQ Tau (Basri et al.1997), UZ Tau E (Martyn et al. 2005)
 ⇒non-axisymmetric accretion perturbed by the orbital interaction with the inner disk



How does accretion proceed from the circumbinary disk onto the components of the system?

How do the components evolve if preferential accretion ? 12

Circumbinary disc



Figure 3. Surface density map in logarithmic scale for a simulation of the system V4046 Sgr after five orbits including accretion on to the stars. The initial surface density of the circumbinary disc is unity. The secondary is located at $(x, y) = (-4.72, 0) R_{\odot}$, and the primary at $(x, y) = (4.52, 0) R_{\odot}$. The system rotates in counterclockwise direction.



Strong interest to access to imaging capabilities of these objects in the visible (+ IR) ranges



Requirements: angular resolution





Requirements: limiting magnitudes

Pre-Main sequence stars in Taurus-Auriga



From Kenyon et al. 2008



Requirements: spectral resolution

Kinematics studies are of strong importance for:

- Wind and jets:
 - \circ Several spectral channels in H $\!\alpha$



- Accretion flows:
 - Small radial velocity of the funnel flow close to the inner rim of the disk
 - Free fall velocity (~ 300 km/s) close to the star

Spectral resolution of several thousands and up to 20000



Requirements: temporal sampling

All phenomena are timely variable on timescales of days or even hours.



Snapshot imaging



Fig. 21. Dynamic spectrum of the H α line. The height of each spectrum does not correspond to the actual duration of the corresponding exposure, but has been increased for display purposes.



How to go further?

- Interest to have a **limiting magnitude** high enough to allow to study a few numbers of typical objects.
 - TODO: identify these typical objects
- Spectral Resolution: structure and morphology can be studied with H α considered as a whole Snapshot image:
 - See Pionier YSO survey
- Interest of different spectral lines (Hα but also OI for instance)

