

# *Unveiling the circumstellar physics of Young Stellar Objects with GIANO and GRAVITY*

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# Circumstellar environment of young stars

(courtesy M. Benisty)

Developed for low-mass stars  
Does this scenario apply to younger and /or more massive objects as well?

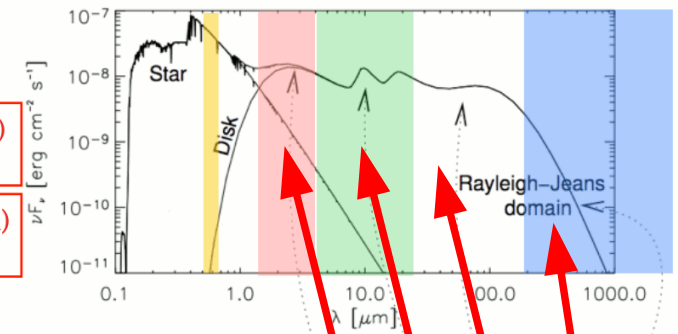
VEGA-CHARA (V)  
0.4-4 mas

MATISSE/VLTI (L,M,N,Q)  
5-20 mas

ALMA (mm)  
5-100+ mas

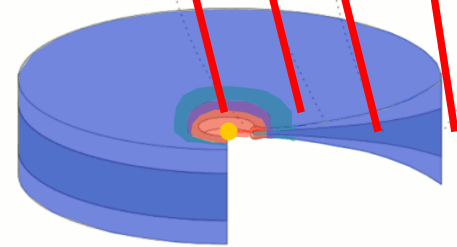
PIONIER/VLTI (H)  
2-5 mas

GRAVITY/VLTI (K)  
2-5 mas



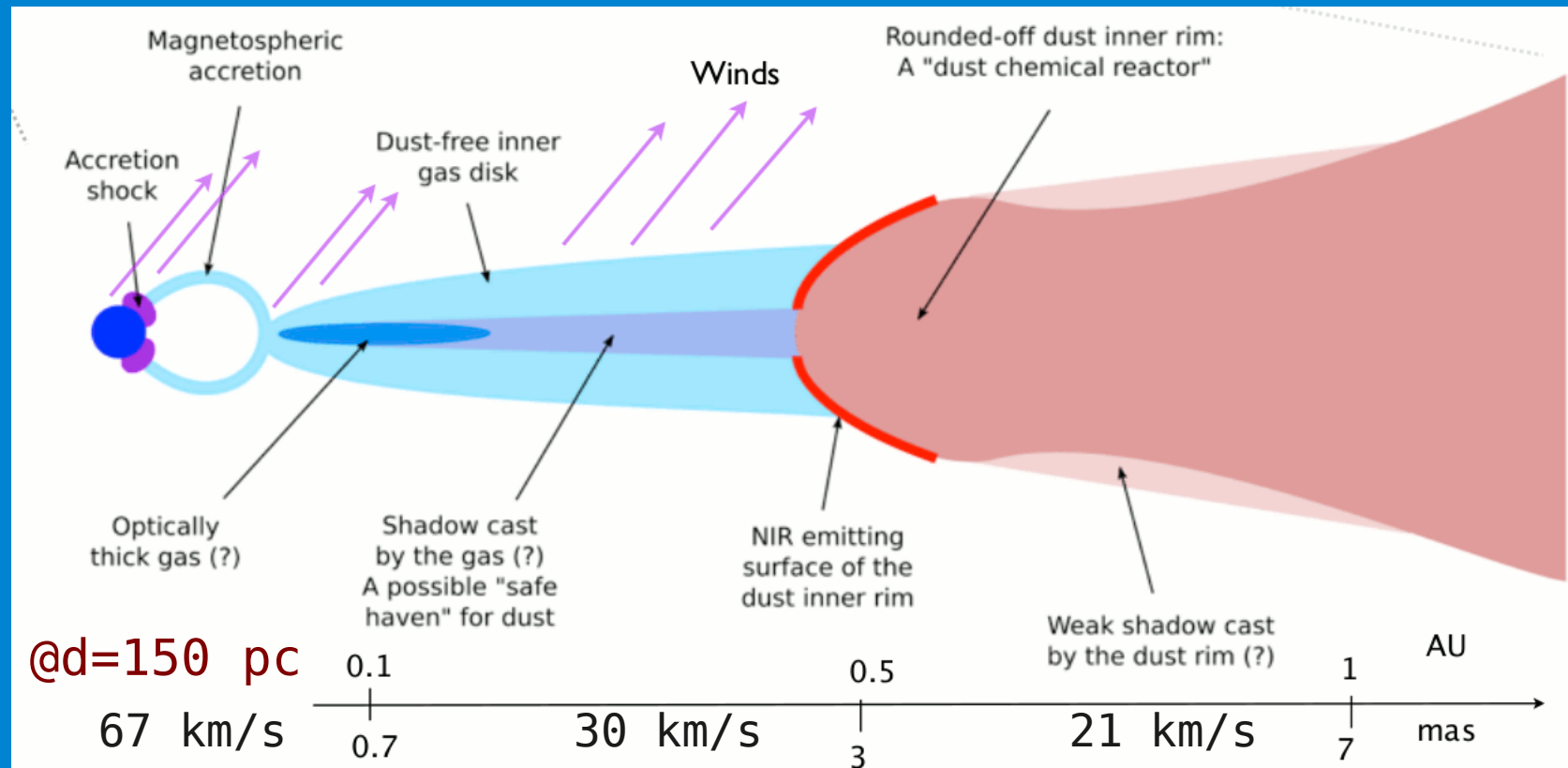
Planet forming region

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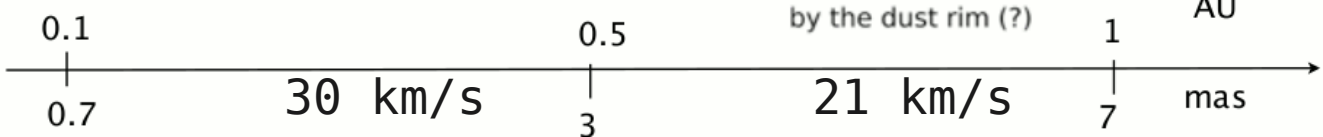


Jet launching

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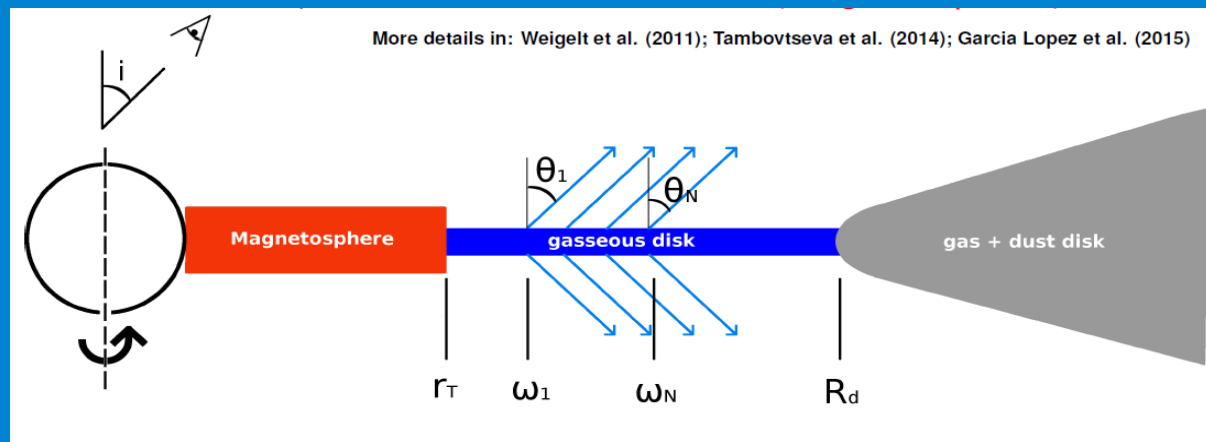
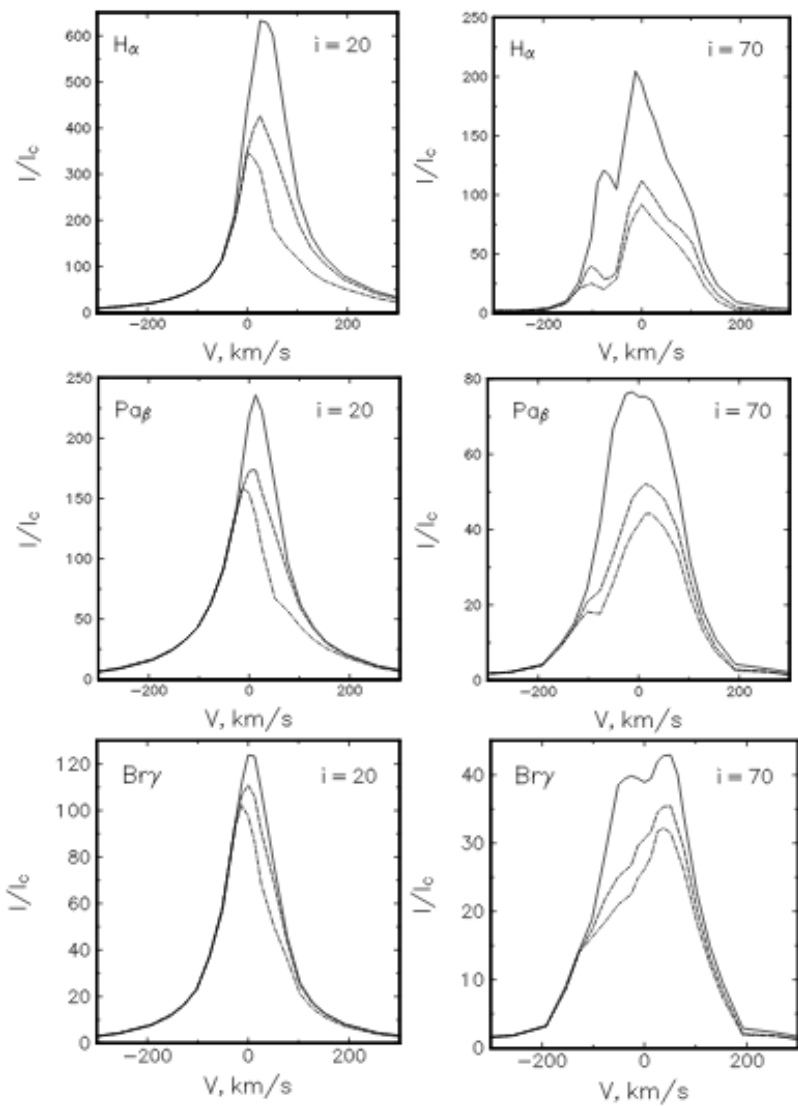


@d=150 pc  
67 km/s

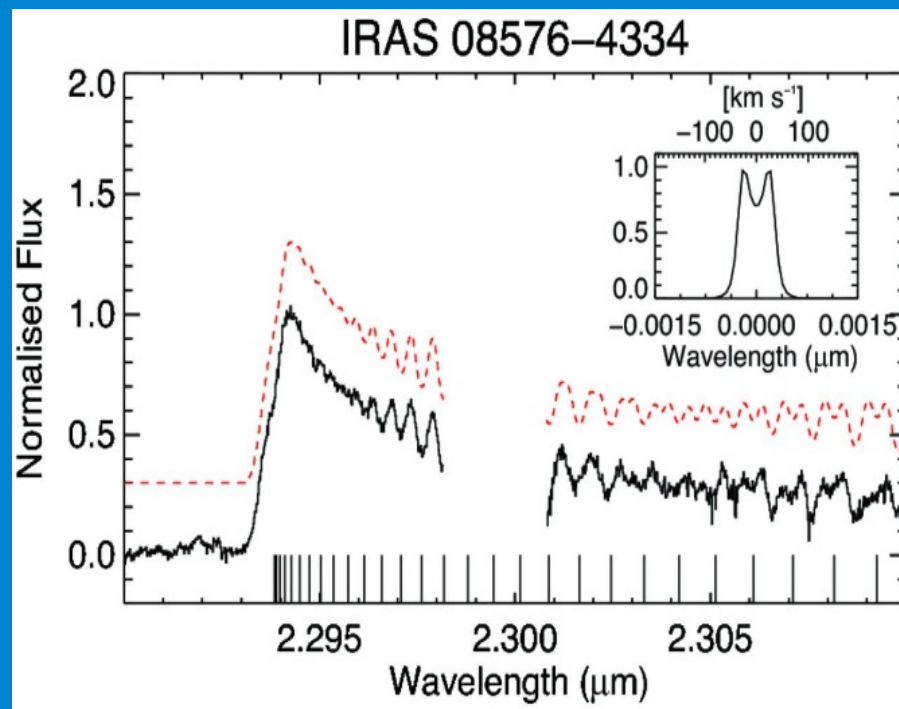


# Line modelling

## HI lines



## CO band-heads



Tambovtseva+ 2014

Ilee+ 2013

***Line modelling of high resolution spectra:  
Three young stars observed during GIANO/TNG  
commissioning night of July 30, 2013***

**Herbig Be star HD200775 (a.k.a. MWC 361)**

- B3 star,  $5-15 \times 10^3 L_{\odot}$
- Double system: primary  $10.7 M_{\odot}$ , secondary  $9.3 M_{\odot}$
- Distance 429 pc,  $A_v$  0 1.8 ( $R_v=3.1$ ) – 3,0 ( $R_v=5.0$ )

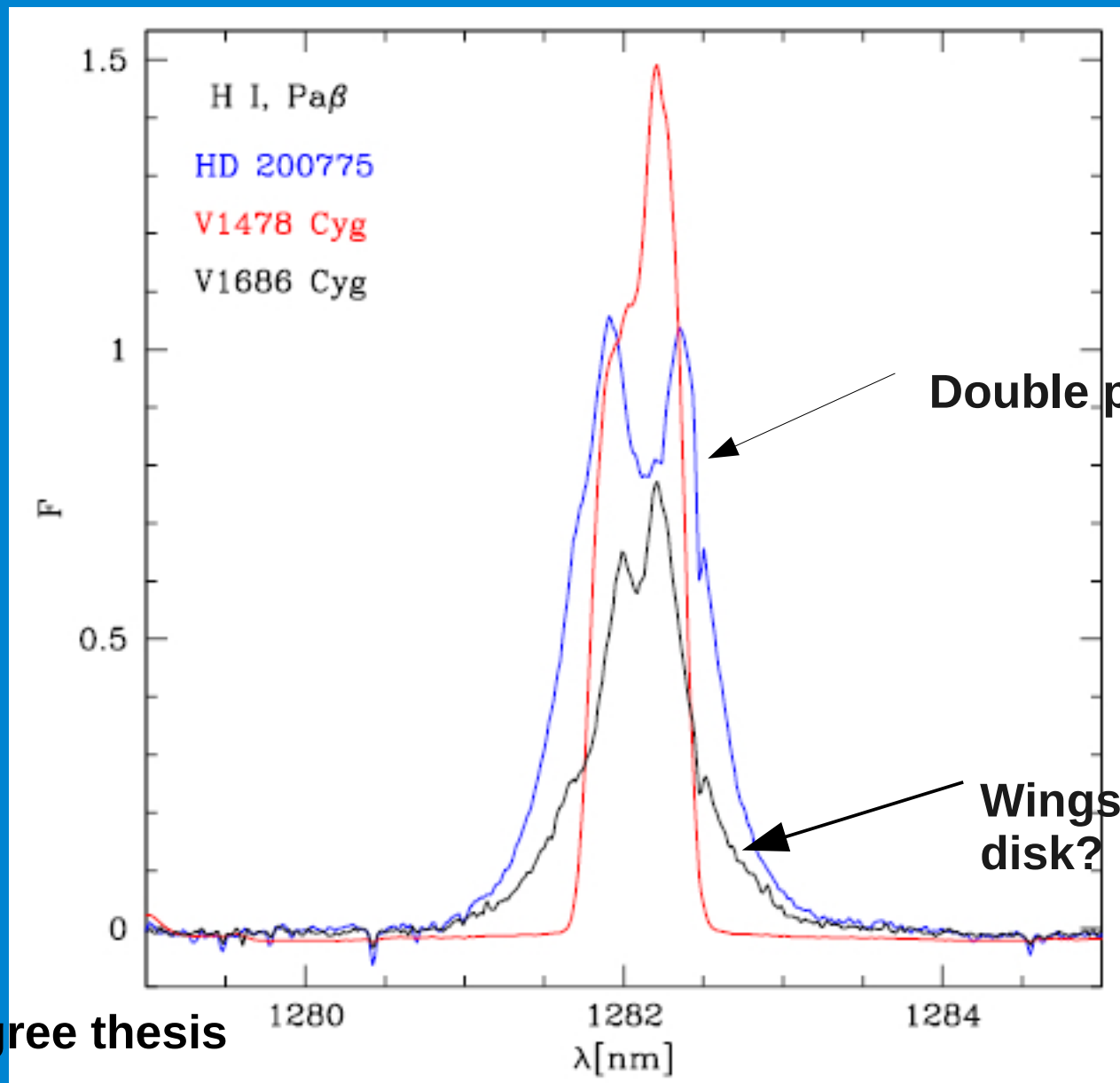
**Be star V1478 Cyg (a.k.a. MWC349A)**

- B star, possible LBV,  $3 \times 10^4 L_{\odot}$
- Mass  $20 M_{\odot}$
- Distance 1200 pc,  $A_v = 10-10.7$

**Herbig Ae star V1686 Cyg (a.k.a. LkH $\alpha$  224)**

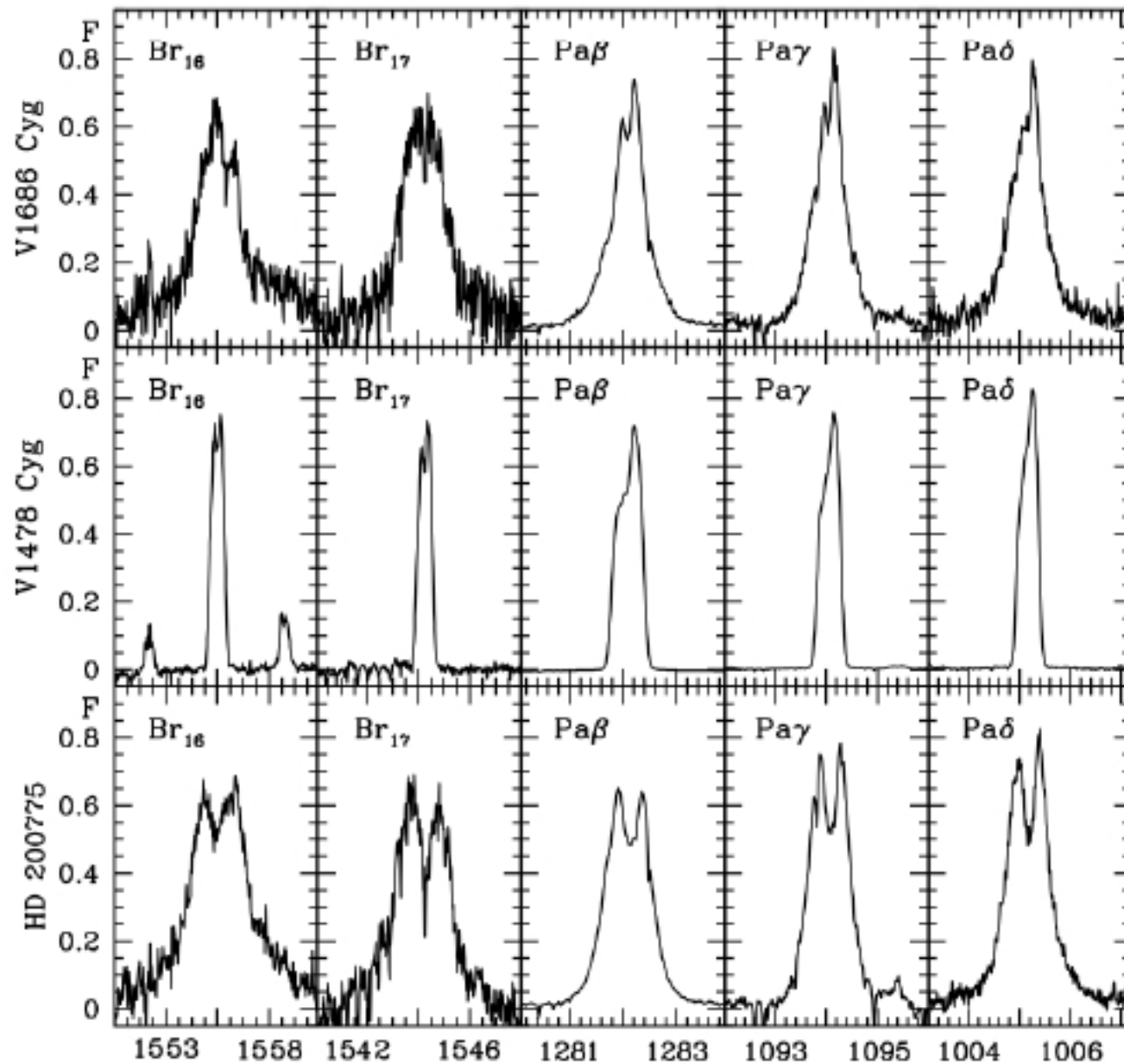
- B2-F9 star,  $257 L_{\odot}$
  - Mass  $> 3.5 M_{\odot}$
  - Distance 980 pc,  $A_v = 5.22$  ( $R_v = 6,1$ )
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# Line profile comparison: Pa $\beta$

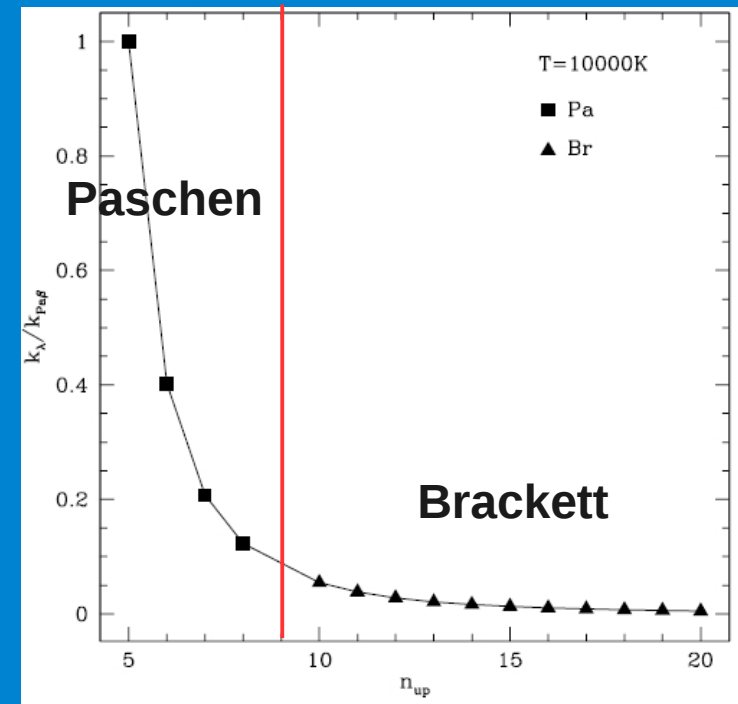
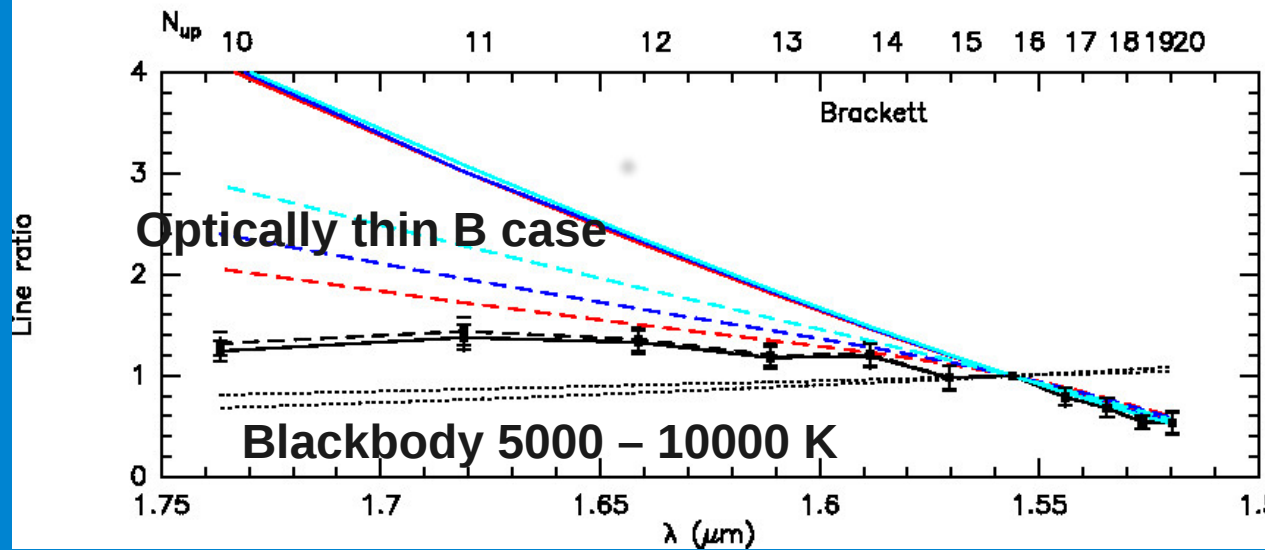
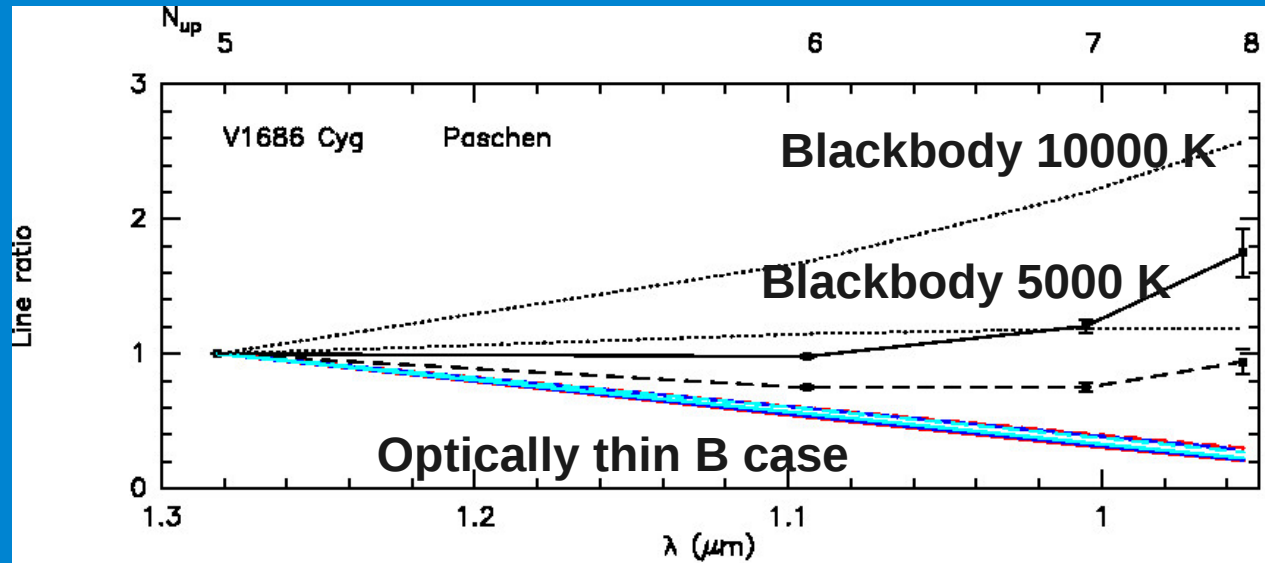


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# Line profile comparison: Brackett and Paschen lines



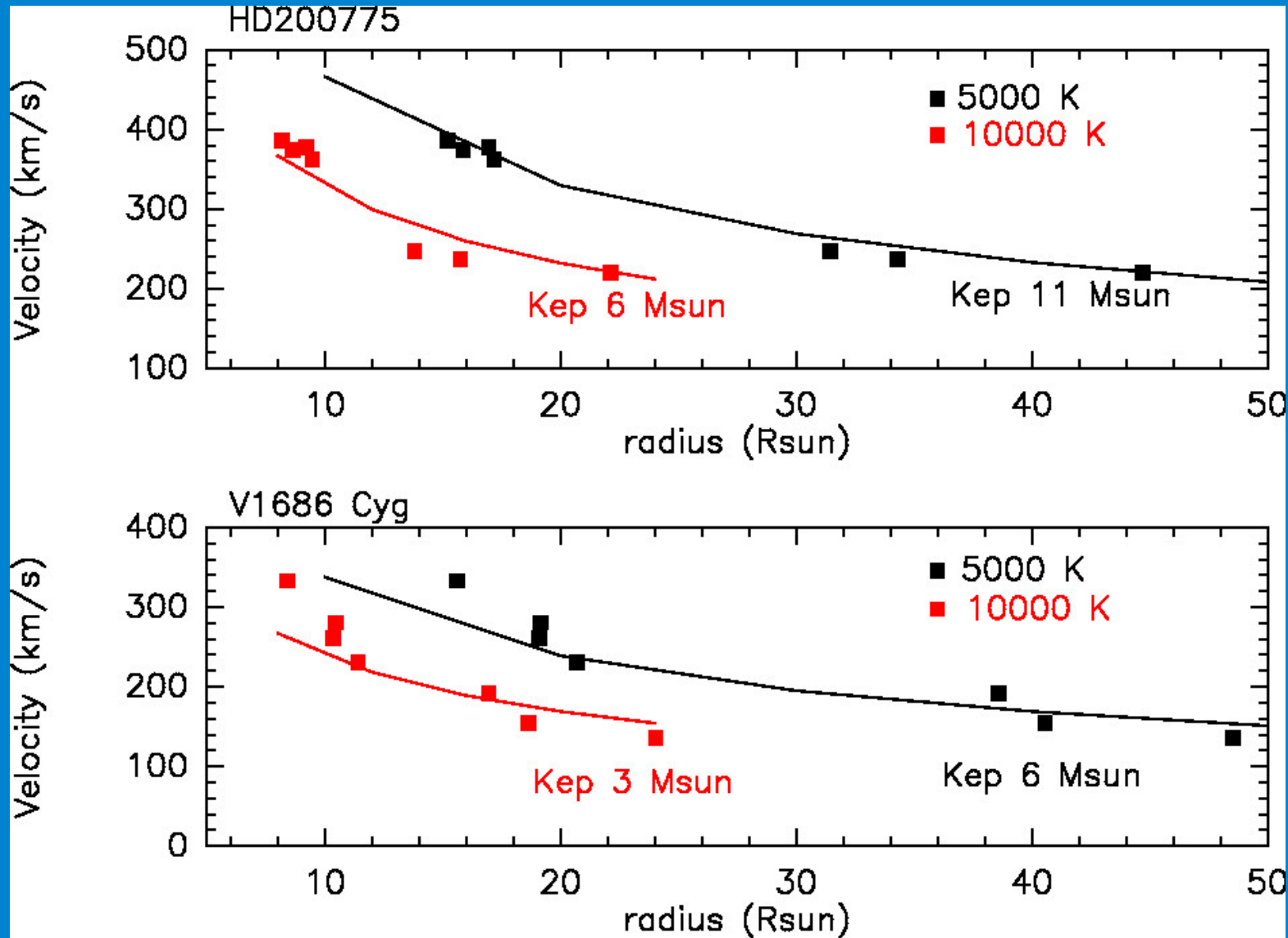
# V1686 line ratios



*Line opacity, LTE, 10000 K, normalized to Pa $\beta$*

# Distance to star vs. line widths

Assuming lines optically thick:  $F_\lambda = \pi(R/\text{dist})^2 B(\lambda, T) \Delta\lambda$



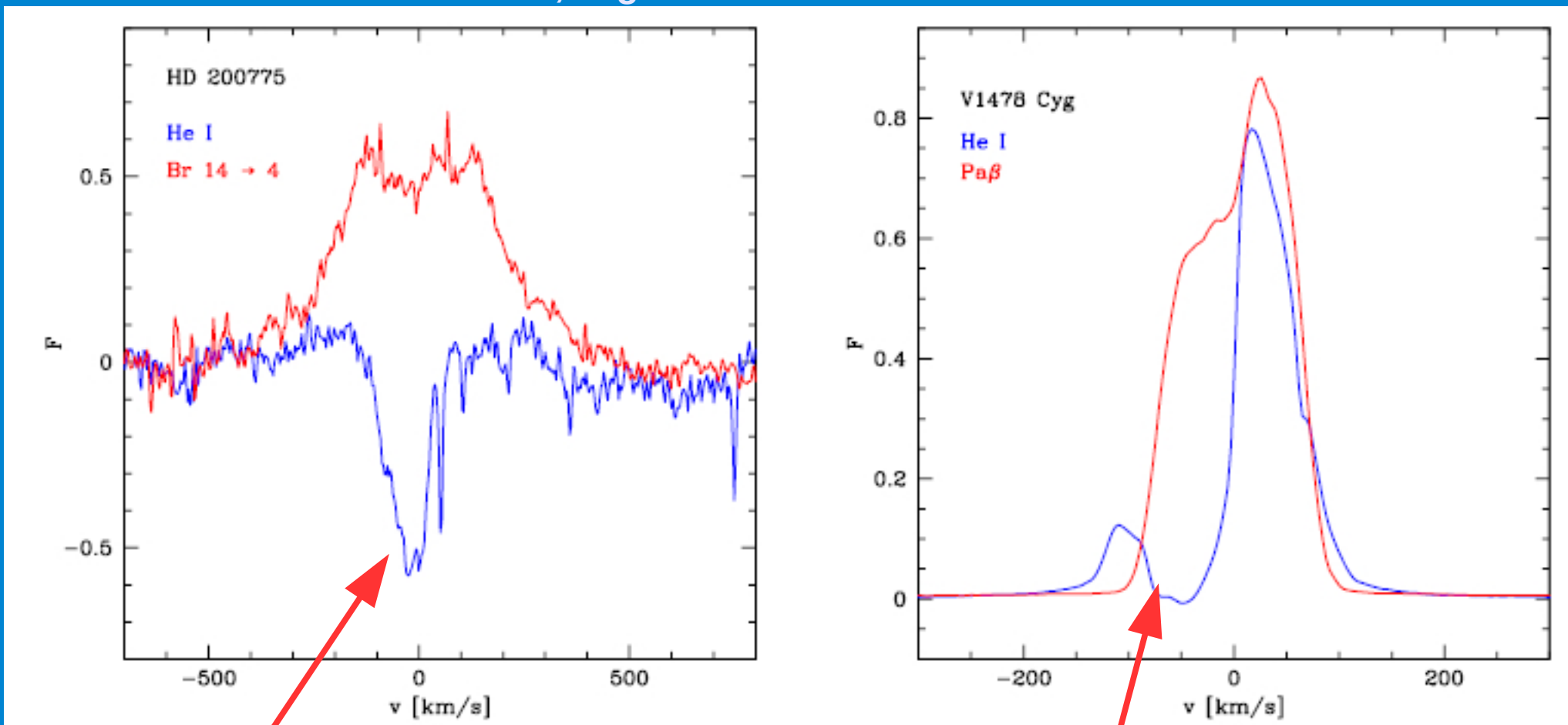
$M_\odot \sin^2 i$

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# He I 1.083 $\mu\text{m}$ : wind tracer (Edwards et al. 2006)

Other He I lines in the K band, e. g. 2.06 micron



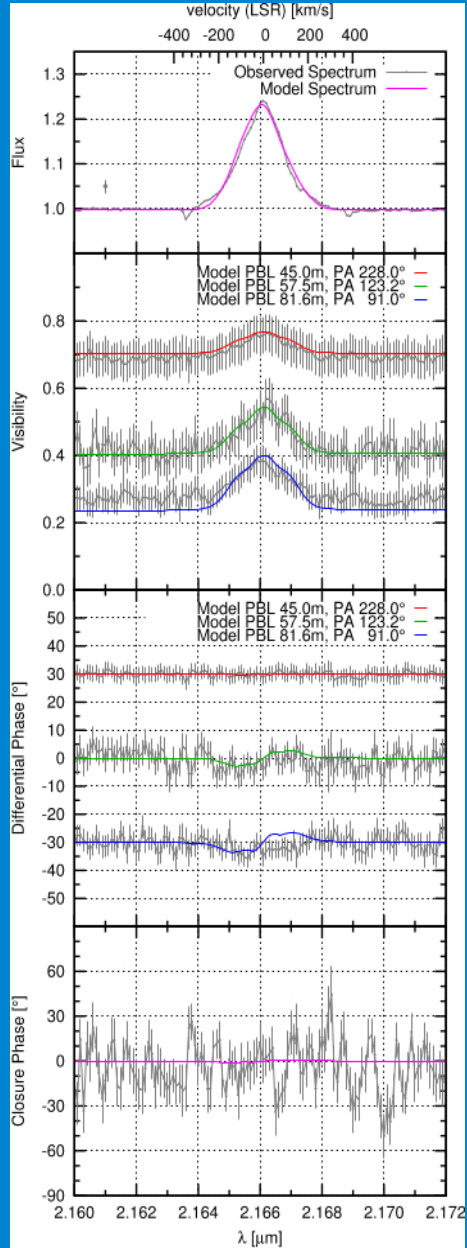
in absorption, blueshifted

Self-absorbed line blueshifted dip  
Consistent with disk wind 75 km/s

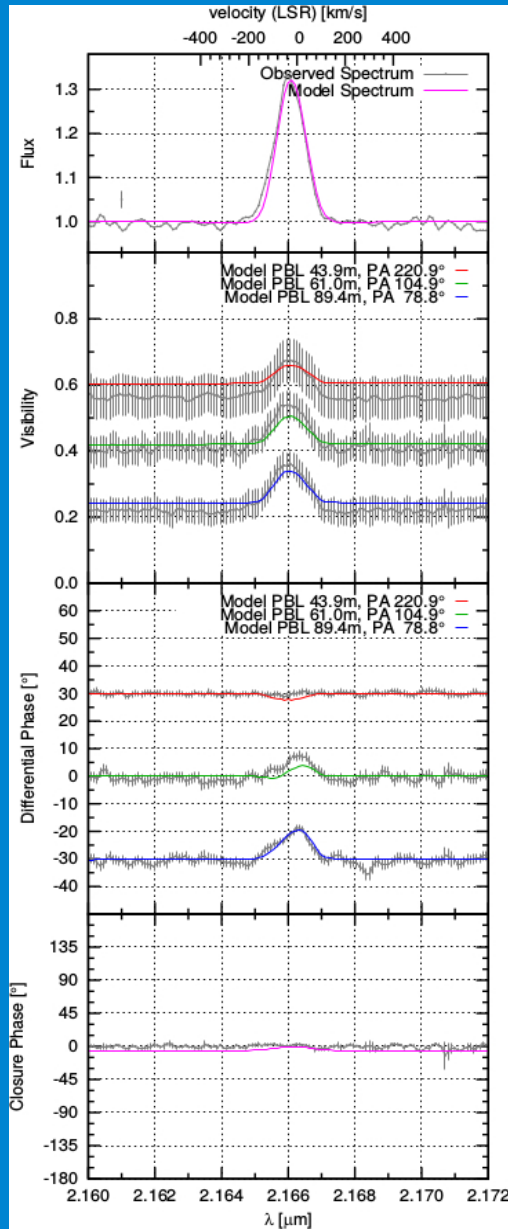
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# Line modelling+high spatial resolution data: Jet launching region with AMBER@VLT

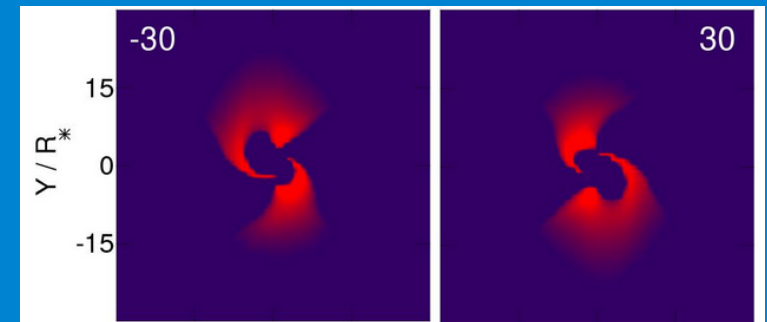
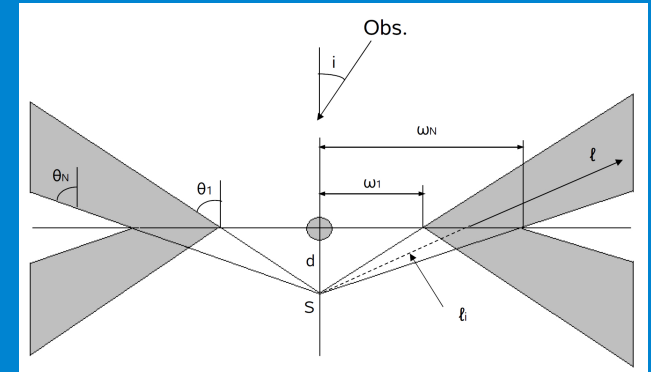
HD 163296



HD 98922



Magneto-centrifugally  
driven disk wind



model

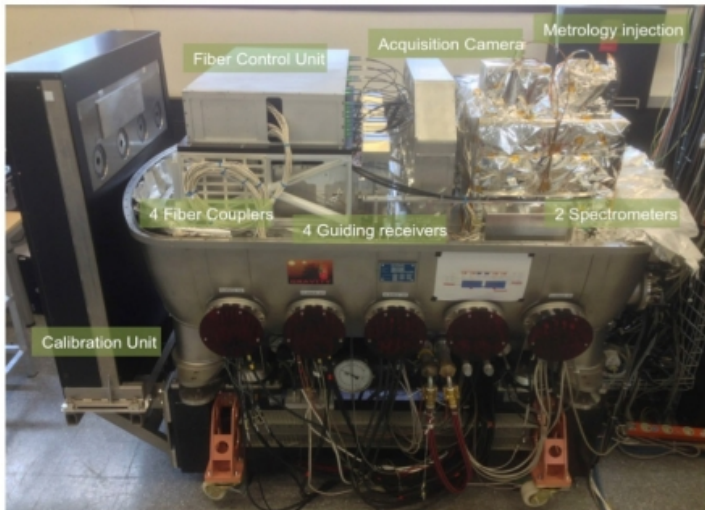
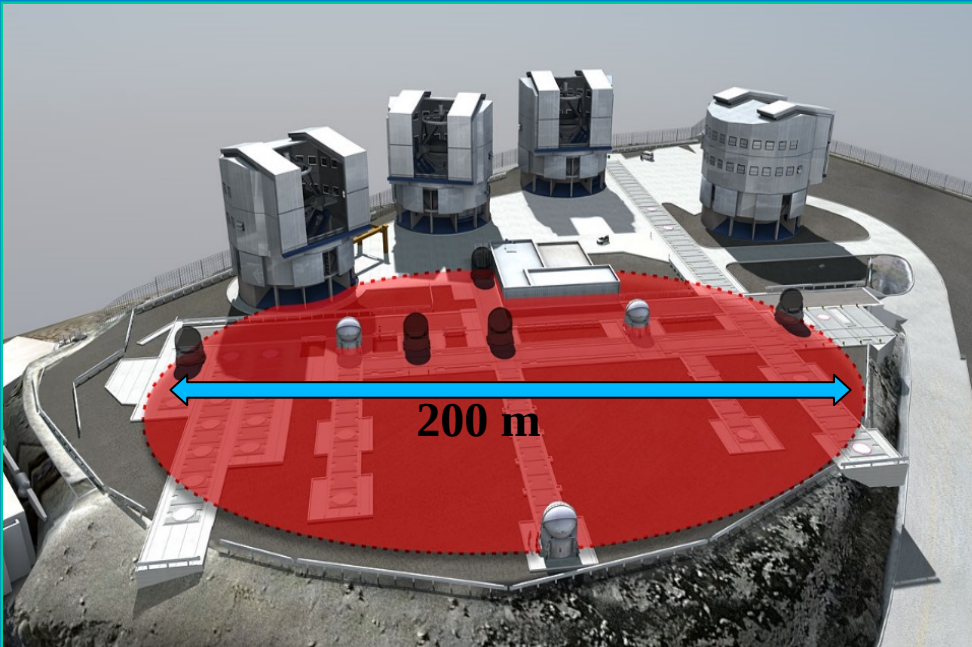
**GRAVITY: image  
reconstruction!**



# GRAVITY@VLT

2<sup>nd</sup> generation beam combiner for the VLT:

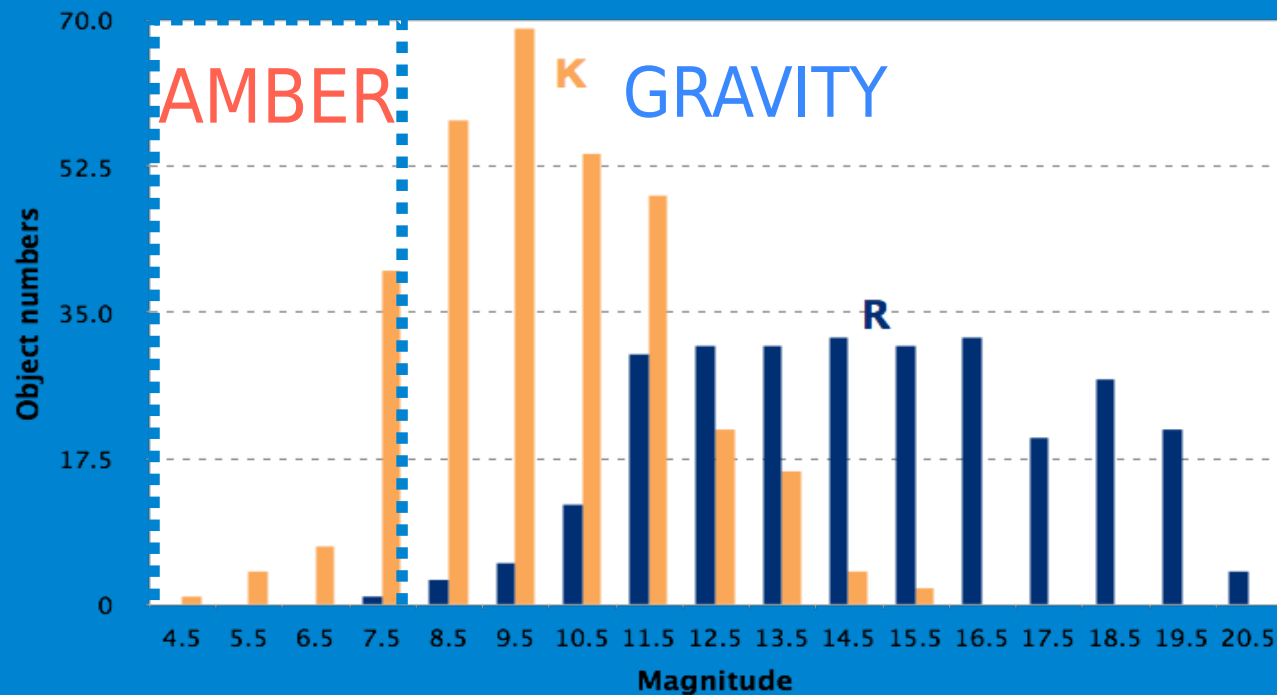
- Combines 4 UTs/ATs (baselines up to 200 m)
  - R~22, 500, 4000
  - Fully integrated with ATs/UTs
  - Phase referencing
  - Next year it will also operate with CIAO the new IR WFS --> embedded objects!
  - For now offered with MACAO
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- GRAVITY GTO for YSOs (MPIA, MPE, IPAG, Uni Cologne, Porto) has 20 UT and 120 AT nights.



# GRAVITY/VLTI GTO programme

- Aim: Statistical study of the gas content in YSO disks to spatially resolve the hot (Br) and warm (CO) gas in disks.  
Large sample of YSOs ( $\sim 100$ ) spanning a wide range of stellar masses ( $0.1-30 M_{\text{sun}}$ ), ages ( $10^4-10^7$  yr) and disk properties (full and Tds).
- Objectives:  
Probe the accretion/ejection region.  
Constrain disk dynamics and obtain accurate stellar masses.  
Constrain the morphology of the dust sublimation front.  
Correlate our results with the stellar-disk properties.

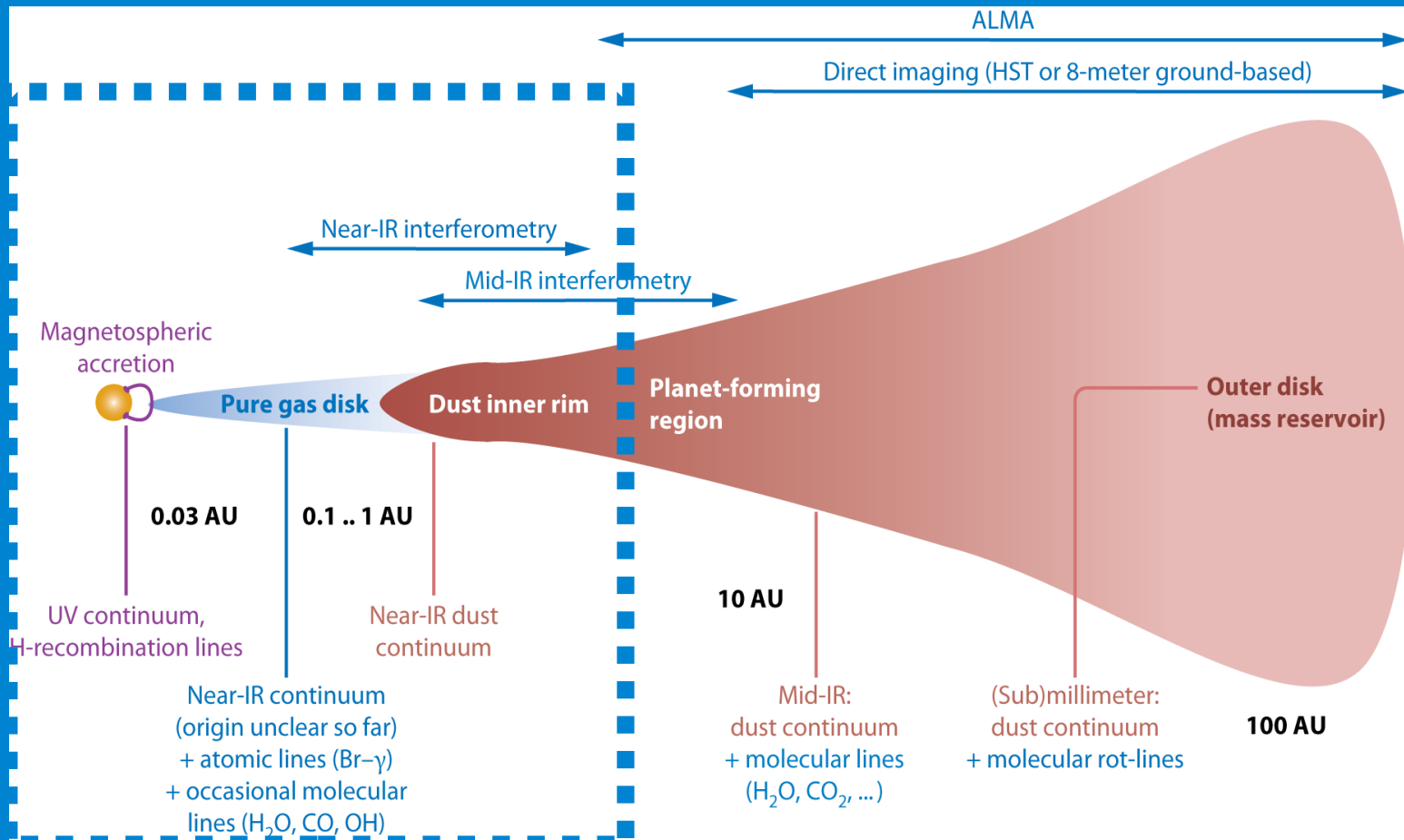
Pre-Main sequence stars in Taurus-Auriga



# Questions we would like to address

Line studies (e.g. Br $\gamma$ , CO, H $_2$ ): Jet origin, accretion/ejection connection, line variability, disk kinematics

Continuum/dust studies: rim morphology, disk structure (differentiate thermal emission from scattered light -Tds-, disk imaging)



[Dullemond et al. 2010]

# *A proposal to extend the circumstellar regions and phenomena probed by GRAVITY through high resolution spectroscopy with GIANO*

- More than 100 GTO targets can be observed with the TNG. The sample spans a large range of ages (from Class I to T-Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars) and masses (low-mass stars to High Mass Young Stellar Objects);
  - UV plane sampling sparse, interferometry misses information → high resolution spectroscopy+line modelling to recover information; reverse true for high-resolution emission lines with no other information, model degeneracy.
  - The broad-band and high-resolution capability of GIANO would allow using a large number of different lines (HI, HeI, CO,...) to probe circumstellar regions that will not be seen by GRAVITY;
  - More distant targets will be less resolved spatially, but still resolved spectroscopically with GIANO;
  - The programme would last 2 years (30 to 50 hrs/semester) and would allow studying the spectroscopic variability of YSOs on typical timescales of weeks to years (accretion/ejection variations, warped disk eclipsing, disk instabilities, interactions with close companions ...);
  - **High resolution broad-band spectroscopy and high spatial resolution observations complement each other!**
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# ***A proposal to extend the circumstellar regions and phenomena probed by GRAVITY through high resolution spectroscopy with GIANO***

Other points we intend to address:

- Where is the jet launching region located (disk wind, X wind ...)?
- What triggers accretion variations?
- Intermediate mass stars (Herbig Ae/Be) do not have an outer convection layer and are not expected to host surface magnetic fields. How does the circumstellar structure change, if it does?
- Does the accretion scenario applies to high-mass stars as well?

***The programme would largely exploit the experience gained through the Arcetri GTO on YSOs with AMBER/VLTI (218 AT hours in 2007/2010, limited to few bright objects) and the development of the spectrometer GIANO***

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