The future of FLUOR

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FLUOR to JouFLU















- Stellar astrophysics Angular diameters (Perrin et al. 2004), Teff (Perrin et al. 1998), limb darkening (Aufdenberg et al. 2008), hydrodynamical modeling (Chiavassa et al. 2010)
- **Rapid rotators** (Aufdenberg et al. 2006) rotation geometry, gravity darkening (Aufdenberg et al. 2007)
- **Asteroseismology** (Kervella et al. 2008; Mazumdar et al. 2009; Bruntt et al. 2010) P-mode oscillations
- Circumstellar environment extended envelopes (Mérand et al. 2007)
- **Binaries** Masses, orbital parallax, tidal effects, mass transfer, low mass or faint companions (Aufdenberg et al. 2009)
- Be stars (Touhami et al. 2007)
- Debris disks and exozodiacal dust (Absil et al. 2006, di Folco et al. 2007)

- Young star circumstellar environments (Akeson et al. 2005)
- Cepheid variables P-L calibration (Kervella et al. 2004a) and Baade-Wesselink distance measures (Kervella et al. 1999), diameters and distance (Kervella et al. 2001) and pulsation modes (Gallenne et al. 2012)
- **Mira variables** pulsation properties (Mennesson et al. 2002)
- High precision measurement of extended sources (di Folco et al. 2007)
- High dynamic range sources (Absil et al. 2008a; Berger et al. 2008) Contrast ratios of 5-15 magnitudes.

Science Case: Exozodis

Exozodiacal Disks

- Not to be confused with debris disks
- Require interferometry to detect
- High levels (100-1000 zodi) even in >100 Myr systems
- Confound the detection of exoEarths
- Probe the structure of inner system



1 AU	terrestrial planet v	with gap
0.5 – 1.5 AU	warm dust disk	500K
0.1 – 0.5 AU	hot dust disk	> 1000K
Center	A0 star @ 10 pc	

Our disk is the most luminous object in SS after the Sun.

Zodi levels of dust affect Earth detection

Earth would be a clump in the zodi at visible and IR [1]

10-20 zodi would compromise exoEarth detection [2,3] Interferometric, astrometric, direct, photometric, ...



exoEarth detection becomes challenging if exozodi level is ~20 zodis and clumpy [4]

exoEarth detection is divided by factor of 2 for exozodi level increase of 10 [5]

 \geq 10% of Gyr old MS stars may have enough exozodi dust to complicate exoEarth imaging [6]

Resonant structures could indicate planets indirectly [7]

Correlation with spectral type or outer reservoir?

Nuñez et al. 2017



Nuñez et al. 2017

6/33 new circumstellar excesses at $\geq 1\%$ level

- 2 of these detections can be attributed to uniform CSE
- 4 are known or suspected binaries.



The difference of between the instrumental noise and the JouFLU significance distribution yields an estimate of 9 undetected excesses.

NIR

- Interferometric detections found ~20% systems have exozodis [15]
- Collisional cascade (Kupier belt-like) is insufficient to produce the dust [12]

VLTI - PIONIER

- Rate decreases across spectral type
 - Matches cold disk trend. Common origin?
- No correlation b/t hot dust and cold dust.*
 - Different origin for hot and cold discs?
- Slight increase in exozodi detection with stellar age
 - Stochastic rather than steady-state process [46,33,34,35]?
- No correlation b/t exoplanets and exozodi.

HD 7788 shows variability

• excess disappeared for a year

Ertel et al 2014 merged FLUOR+PIONIER samples (n~125) reaching 0.25% precision



Near Infrared Exozodi Variability Study

Dust production mechanism poorly understood

Close-in dust extremely short lived

- ≈ few yrs [42]
- $\approx 10^{-9} M_{\oplus}$ /yr to replenish
 - (10 Hale-Bopps per day) [23]
- Keplerian time scale ~weeks/months)

Destruction factors:

- Sublimation
- Radiation Pressure
- Poynting-Robertson (P-R) drag

Models:

- Steady state/continuous replenishment
- Steady state/trapped nano-grains
- LHB & outgassing



exozodi monitoring (link)



New Exozodi Monitoring targets

HD 98058

• Φ Leo spectra shows signs of exocomet infall and evaporation [45]

HD 210418

• A-type with 1.7 ± 0.5% excess from 2013

HD 222368

• F-type with 1.3 ± 0.3% excess from 2013

Tet Boo

- From LBTItau ceti10700exoplanet host13 Uma78154LBTI excesskap01 ceti20630exoplanet host1 Ori30652tau Bootau Boo120136
- Solar type star with no previously known dust excess
- Significant excess at 10 micron with the LBTI nuller.
- Potentially huge implications on our understanding of exozodi level upper limits, and dust generation mechanisms around such stars.

The Problem

Signs of problems

differential polarization rotation



differential polarization phase delay



Added Lithium Niobate plates to correct polarization, but decreases throughput.

Limiting Kmag ~4.5-5.2 from 2015-2016 is now ~3

MONA analysis (link)

Final status of injection stages on 2018 Nov. 21. (jzaber.cfg written) Used raster steps of 40, fiber bundle connected the normal way through MONA



Final status of injection stages on 2018 Nov. 21. Fiber bundle connected the normal way through MONA

This was the "PICTURE" while the above rasters were taken.

Note: The dewar was sitting warm for several weeks. After pumping it was first filled 3 hours ago with LN2.

I adjusted the rotation before all the screenshots shown here, but especially the "both open" picture suggests that a slight rotation of the bundle-end in front of the camera (just a touch of the screw) could improve the centering in each pixel. However, comparing count ratios observed at the previous position of the rotation stage today, making a small rotation adjustment will not make a significant difference in the ratios.



IRE

IRB E1W

E2W

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1. Connect Beam 5 fiber to input A and Beam 6 fiber to input B. (default arrangement)

2. Close the beam 6 shutter and measure the four outputs.

3. Open the beam 6 shutter, close the beam 5 shutter, and measure the four outputs.

4. Open both shutters and measure the four outputs.

5. Move the beam 5 fiber to input B, move the beam 6 fiber to input A, and repeat all 3 measurements. 6. Swap beam 5 and beam 6 on the beam sampler and repeat the complete set of 6 measurments.

TR. 98

determined beam ratio and coupling efficiency for each input

- no sig difference in coupling efficiency of the two stages.
- no sig difference in light in beam 5 and beam 6
- Most significant difference:
 - input A 80% to photometric output
 - input B 13% to the photometric output

- Each branch of the fiber bundle transmits basically the same (max counts well w/i +/-8%)
 - Bundle still seems fine
- Confirms that the two stages have essentially the same efficiency.
- MONA seems to be the problematic part.



I2 interferometric channel does not see anything from beam A. Could be a broken fiber in MONA?



This shows the total amount of light getting through normalize for Kmag, ie Count / 10 (mag/-2.5). Decline in 2016 after we put the polarization corrector plates in.

"The conclusion we seem to converge upon is that the problem is in the MONA box. Not enough light coming from Input A to the inteferometric channels."



Percentage of light from input A(top) and B(bottom) reaching it's photometric output and the two inteferometeric outputs. There is a clear change after the unit was sent back to France. It seems much more light is going to the photometric channel and much less to the interferometric outputs.



The ratio of light reaching the interferometric output from input A and Input B.



MONA IOTA TO JOUFLU 1991 - 2018

Possible Solutions

JouFLU upgrade paths

- Replace MONA
 - IO (GRAVITY/GLINT)
 - Increase spectral dispersion
- Replace NICMOS
 - Selex SAPHIRA? PICNIC?
- Add Fringe-tracker
 - Make a nuller

Getting to 5th mag could more than double the number of targets observable

CHARA AO is now coming online \rightarrow greatly improved obs efficiency



Goal is 1% excess detection at 5σ to mK < 5.

combiner requirements (link)

transmission	<0.01	db/m
bandpass	2 - 2.3	μ m
NA/lambda_c	0.089	μ m

20-30% to photom, 70-80% to Interferometric. I1 & I2 balanced

NA	0.17 ± 0.01
cutoff	< 1.95 μ m
bandpass	2.0 - 2.4 μ m

budget estimate (link)

- ZBLAN IO chip
 - Iosses ~0.4 db/cm
 - get H band IO chip as "bonus"
- v-groove and coupling optics (Ozoptics)
- input and output mounts
- option: 4 beam H+K simultaneous

Saphira Selex detector

- will enable drastically better spectrally dispersed results
- +350k



Takeaway

- Explore the apparent variability of known exozodis
 - long-term monitoring
 - clues to source and formation of the dust
- Expand strong exozodi sample
 - leveraging LBTI and prior surveys
 - from ~100 \rightarrow ~1000 objects
- Use spectral dispersion to resolve the thermal/scattered dilemma
- Risk mitigation for coronagraphy/starshade missions
- Target selection and characterization for mid/large missions (TESS, LUVOIR, HabEx, etc)
 - exozodis likely to be dominant noise source
- Precision diameters and fundamental astrophysics

ExEP Science Overview (link)

Science gaps on Exoplanet program office list

- Science gap Number 4
 - Planetary System Architecture
- Science gap Number 6
 - Yield estimation for exoplanet direct imaging missions
- Science gap number 7
 - Improve target lists and compilations of stellar parameters for exoplanet missions in operation or under study
- Science gap number 10
 - Precursor surveys of direct image targets
- Science gap Number 11
 - Understanding the abundance and distribution of exozodiacal dust

NN-Explore/NASA ExoZodiacal Monitoring Observatory



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