Variability due to accretion episodes in Herbig Ae/Be Stars

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Historical Revision

Group's research on HAeBes started after PDS

Pico dos Dias Survey, a search for young stars based on IRAS colors (Gregorio-Hetem et al. 1992; Torres et al. 1995; Torres 1999).

 PDS revealed several new TT stars, as well as other very interesting objects: 108 of them were classified as Herbig Ae/Be (HAeBe) candidate stars.

(*) The criteria used by the PDS group to classify HAeBe stars are described in Vieira et al. (2003).

Main topics on Herbig Ae/Be research

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variability & pulsation

classification & SED

polarimetry

chemical composition



The main goal is to better understand the variation due to interaction with circumstellar matter.
This talk is dedicated to show some of the results of our study ⇒ the base of the projects we intend to develop with CoRoT.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE PICO DOS DIAS SURVEY Herbig Ae/Be stars

Sartori, Gregorio-Hetem & Hetem (2003)

Analysis of the circumstellar matter distribution of 99 PDS stars (80 candidates and 19 well-known HAeBe stars).

1a. Results from Sartori, Gregorio-Hetem & Hetem Jr. (2003)

- A disk model was adopted to fit the spectral energy distribution (SED).
- Circumstellar contribution (dust disk and/or envelope) compared with the total emitted flux:

$$S_{C} = \frac{F_{circumstellar}}{F_{Total}}$$

- The sample was classified into three groups, according the shape of their SEDs. Their relation to Sc and other stellar properties were analyzed.
- Classification based on the spectral index* given by

$$B_1 = 0.75 \log(F_{12}/F_V) - 1$$

(*) Torres 1999

1c. Results from Sartori, Gregorio-Hetem & Hetem Jr. (2003)





 $\beta_1 > 0$



 $\beta_1 < -1$

 $-1 < \beta_1 < 0$

1d. Results from Sartori, Gregorio-Hetem & Hetem Jr. (2003)

Group	β ₁	Sc	% of the sample	known HAeBe
1	> 0	> 70 %	44.4 %	3 stars
2	-1 to 0	10 to 70 %	49.5 %	15 stars
3	< -1	≤ 10 %	6.1 %	1 star
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CIRCUMSTELLAR STRUCTURE OF HERBIG Ae/Be STARS Accretion episodes in PDS76 and PDS80 Guimarães, Corradi, Vieira, Alencar (2003, 2004)

- Spectral synthesis* is used to fit observed stellar spectra ⇒ extract circumstellar components ⇒ give evidences about accretion and/or ejection of disk material.
- 20 HAeBe were observed during 3 nights ⇒
 1.5m ESO telescope & FEROS (May 7-9, 2002).

*SME: Spectroscopy Made Easy (Valenti & Piskunov 1996)

2a. Results from Guimarães, Vieira, Alencar & Corradi (2003, 2004)



(a) observed and synthetic spectra; (b) detected circumstellar components. Each night the absorption features of H β , H γ and H δ lines show redshift.

• two of the candidates: PDS76 (HD142666) and PDS80 (HD145718) ⇒ redshift of the absorption features in the circumstellar components. Kinematical analysis of the detected events ⇒ indicates accretion episodes.

2c. Results from Guimarães, Vieira, Alencar & Corradi (2003, 2004)

Time evolution of the circumstellar absorption depth (Natta et al. 2000):

defined by



- τ ~ 1 circumstellar line is saturated
- τ ~ 0 no circumstellar contribution

2e. Results from Guimarães, Vieira, Alencar & Corradi (2003)



Time evolution of velocity and depth of the circumstellar absorption for PDS80.

The depth of the circumstellar absorption component of all lines decrease \Rightarrow concentration of material has also decreased in the line of sight \Rightarrow magneto-accretion model ($\uparrow T \land H^+$).

2f. Results from Guimarães, Vieira, Alencar & Corradi (2003)



PDS76 has increasing velocities and depths of the RACs, which can be explained by a free-fall model ($\rho \uparrow v \uparrow \tau \uparrow$).

Young A7e Herbig HD144432 (PDS78)

Vieira, Pogodin & Guimarães (2003)

 Report of the typical and unusual characteristics of the spectral behaviour of PDS78.

The PCyg Hα profile displayed remarkable variations during 3 observing nights (ESO1.5m+FEROS).

3a. Results from Vieira, Pogodin & Guimarães (2003)



The absorption blue position changed from -135 to -90km/s.

 The residuals from the nightly mean spectra show monotonous changes of intensity resembling "standing waves" ⇒ explained by an envelope containing a jet-like inhomogeneity (Pogodin 1990).

 PDS078 also shows a complex structure of D NaI lines, including emission component and a number of local absorptions variable in time. Time series observations of HeI 5876 line, showing unusual variations in the blue wing of the P Cyg profile.

This behaviour is explained by the presence of a hot wind detected in TTs (e.g. Beristain et al. 2001 - DG Tau).

Not previously reported for HAes.



Polarization of Herbig Ae/Be candidates and their environment Rodrigues, Sartori, Gregorio-Hetem, Magalhães, Batalha (2003)

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- V polarization of 81 HAeBe (PDS candidates)
- A large number of objects shows intrinsic polarization ⇒ presence of an envelope showing non-spherical symmetry.
- 12 stars ⇒ high polarization (P > 3%)
- 47 stars ⇒ low (P >0.5%)
- 22 stars ⇒ none

4a. Results from Rodrigues, Sartori & Gregorio-Hetem et. al (2003)

Polarization of some PDS stars CoRoT fields

Prime target	PDS	Comments
HD171834	530	Very high polarization (12%), asymmetric envelope
HD 55265	241	high polarization (3.5%), asymmetric envelope

Distance from the center	PDS	Comments	
4.0 °	520	high polarization (3.5%), asymmetric envelope	
5.6 °	518	Low polarization	
5.0 °	543	Low polarization	

Other ongoing projects

Pulsation in Herbig Ae/Be stars PDS76 and PDS78 (Mendes , Vieira, Corradi, Alencar, & Haddad 2004)

Selection of PDS HAeBes candidates to present non-linear pulsations

comparison with the instability strip for intermediate mass PMS stars (Marconi & Palla 1998).

PDS76 & 78 were observed at OPD during 4 nights ⇒ preliminary results ⇒ Corradi et al.'s poster.



HR Diagram showing the position of PDS HAeBe candidates compared with the instability strip.

Ground based observations of PMS candidates to CoRot Additional Programme

(Vieira, Corradi, Gregorio-Hetem, Rojas, Lépine, Alencar, Santos)

See posters: Rojas et al. ⇒ candidate selection & Vieira et al. ⇒ BVRI photometry

		Data / observing run			
file		June	June	July	July
name	Object	<i>0</i> 9-13	22-26	1 4-18	22-26
tt1	PDS090, PDS091	2	4	10	2
tt2	PDS498		4	10	3
pms1	NGC6633	8	12	7	3
pms2	IC4756a		11	7	2
pms3	IC4756b		11	7	1
pms4	PDS530	4	11	4	1
pms5	Berkeley 81	12	11	7	1
pms6	J190418.9+000		11	7	1
pms7	J190534.6-003		11	7	1
pms8	HBC684		4	7	1
pms9	J191329.9+022		3	7	1
pms10	IC4756c		1		1

BVRI photometry: Preliminary Results



Comparison between light curves of a field star and PDS91 (classical T Tauri)

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