

Disk Evolution Study Through Imaging of Nearby Young Stars (DESTINYs): The SPHERE view of the Orion star-forming region [★]

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ABSTRACT

Context. Resolved observations at near-infrared and millimetre wavelengths have revealed a diverse population of planet-forming disks. In particular near-infrared scattered light observations usually target close-by, low-mass, star forming regions. However disk evolution in high mass star-forming regions is likely affected by the different environment. Orion is the closest high mass star-forming region, allowing resolved observations in the near-infrared.

Aims. We seek to examine planet-forming disks, in scattered light, within the high mass star-forming region of Orion in order to study the impact of the environment in a higher mass star-forming region on disk evolution.

Methods. We present SPHERE/IRDIS H-band data for a sample of 23 stars in the Orion Star forming region observed within the DESTINYs (Disk Evolution Study Through Imaging of Nearby Young Stars) program. We use polarization differential imaging in order to detect scattered light from circumstellar dust. From the scattered light observations we characterize the disk orientation, radius and contrast. We analyse the disks in context of the stellar parameters and the environment of the Orion star-forming region. We use ancillary X-shooter spectroscopic observations to characterize the central stars in the systems. We furthermore use a combination of new and archival ALMA mm-continuum observations to characterize the dust masses present in the circumstellar disks.

Results. Within our sample we detect extended circumstellar disks in 10 of 23 systems. Of these, three are exceptionally extended (V351 Ori, V599 Ori and V1012 Ori) and show scattered light asymmetries which may indicate perturbations by embedded planets or (in the case of V599 Ori) by an outer stellar companion. Our high resolution imaging observations are also sensitive to close (sub)stellar companions and we detect 9 such objects in our sample of which 6 were previously unknown. We find in particular a possible sub-stellar companion (either a very low mass star or a high mass brown dwarf) 137 au from the star RY Ori.

We find a strong anti-correlation between disk detection and multiplicity, with only 2 of our 10 disk detections located in stellar multiple systems. We also find a correlation between scattered light contrast and the millimetre flux. This trend is not captured by previous studies of a more diversified sample and is due to the absence of extended, self-shadowed disks in our Orion sample. Conversely we do not find significant correlations between scattered light contrast of the disks and the stellar mass or age. We investigate the radial extent of the disks and compare this to the estimated far ultra-violet field strength at the system location. While we do not find a direct correlation we notice that no extended disks were detected above a FUV field strength of $\sim 300G_0$.

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1. Introduction

The structure and evolution of circumstellar disks around young pre-main-sequence (PMS) stars holds important keys to the understanding of planet formation and the origin of the architecture of planetary systems. Over the last decade spatially resolved imaging of disks around PMS stars, from (sub-)millimetre wavelengths with ALMA to optical and near-infrared wavelengths with Subaru, GPI and VLT/SPHERE, show that disks come in a variety of sizes and shapes. Substructures in the form of cavities, gaps, rings, arcs and spiral arms are routinely observed (Andrews et al. 2018; Garufi et al. 2020; Andrews 2020; Pérez 2020; Benisty et al. 2022).

The study of protoplanetary disks and disk evolution using spatially resolved observations is, because of the resolution limit of current instrumentation, mostly constrained to the solar neighbourhood. At larger distances, ≥ 500 pc, only the largest disk

features such as gaps and rings on scales of 10 au or larger can be resolved with the resolution currently available. Observations have therefore predominantly focused on the closest star forming regions where high contrast and resolution is easier to achieve. These near by star forming regions (Taurus, Auriga, Lupus, Chameleon and Ophiuchus) are all low mass star forming regions (LM-SFR) with relatively low stellar density. Out to a distance of 500 pc from the Sun, the Orion star forming region is the only high mass star forming region (HM-SFR). The initial mass function tells us that in the HM-SFR we can find, not only more stars, but also stars that start out with higher masses. Protoplanetary disk masses scale with stellar mass (Andrews et al. 2013; Mohanty et al. 2013; Pascucci et al. 2016; Ansdell et al. 2016; Manara et al. 2022), and thus, one can also expect that the most massive disks, at least initially, are more massive in HM-SFR than those in LM-SFR. This makes disk observations especially interesting to study since Orion's higher stellar density provide a different environment for the evolution of protoplanetary disks (Winter et al. 2018; Winter & Haworth 2022).

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The most luminous and massive stars in the Orion star forming region locally dominate their environment, for example θ_1 Ori C (O6Vp+B0V), σ Ori (O9.5V+B0.5V) and NU Ori (O9.5), by their strong ultraviolet radiation fields (UV-fields). In the LM-SFR, the most massive stars are Herbig- and intermediate mass T-Tauri stars which, in contrast to more luminous and more massive O-stars, have less impact on their immediate surroundings due to a much weaker UV-field. Observations show that the impact of external irradiation, and therefore external photo-evaporation, drops off quickly as a function of distance (Mann et al. 2014; Ansdell et al. 2017; Winter et al. 2018; Winter & Haworth 2022). Proplyds in the environment close to θ_1 Ori, albeit small, still exists even though they are expected to dissipate quickly. Their existence can be explained with an extended period of star formation (Winter et al. 2019). Millimetre surveys of the σ Ori cluster show a trend that the smallest disks are also the disks closest to the OB system at its centre (≤ 0.5 pc) (Ansdell et al. 2017). This is also true for the Orion Nebula Cluster (ONC) (Churchwell et al. 1987; O'Dell & Wen 1994; Bally et al. 1998; Ricci et al. 2008; Kim et al. 2016; Eisner et al. 2018) and for NGC 2244 (Balog et al. 2007, 2008). At larger distances from the cluster centre, ≥ 4 pc, there seems to be little difference in disk dust masses between HM-SFR and LM-SFR (Ricci et al. 2011; van Terwisga et al. 2022); therefore the initial disk mass, if no external irradiation is assumed, is expected to be the similar to the currently measured one. In that case, stellar age has a larger impact on the disk dust mass than external irradiation (van Terwisga et al. 2019).

Another important factor for disk evolution is stellar multiplicity. A companion can truncate the young disk. For close binaries the disk can form around both stars, a so called circumbinary disk (Akeson et al. 2019; Manara et al. 2019; Rota et al. 2022; Zurlo et al. 2021). Studies of stellar multiplicity as a function of mass suggest that multiplicity increases with the stellar mass of the primary component (see Duchêne & Kraus 2013 or Offner et al. 2022). In the formation of close binaries, the binary frequency does not vary much in the mass range below $1.5 M_{\odot}$, while for the intermediate- and high-mass stars there is a higher frequency (Duchêne & Kraus 2013).

Because of the distance to the Orion star forming region, there are only few spatially resolved observation of discs in scattered light in this region such as e.g., HD34282 (de Boer et al. 2021) and V1247 Ori (Ohta et al. 2016). In this paper, we present near-IR observations of 23 stars in Orion with no prior SPHERE data. The majority of these were observed within the Disk Evolution Study Through Imaging of Nearby Young Stars (DESTINYs) large program (Ginski et al. 2020, 2021), in which 85 targets from 6 different star-forming regions were probed to characterize the scattered light from the circumstellar material, and to constrain its evolution throughout the various stages of the planet formation. Companion papers to this study on the low-mass Taurus and Chamaeleon I star forming regions are presented in Garufi et al. (submitted) and Ginski et al. (submitted).

The paper is structured in the following way. The observations and data reduction are described in Sect. 2 while the sample is presented in Sect. 3. Using the SPHERE images, we report on the detection of stellar companions and circumstellar disks as well as on the correlation between the disk brightness with any stellar and disk properties in Sect. 4. We then discuss the implication of the data as a whole and conclude in Sects. 5 and 6, respectively.

2. Observations and data reduction

2.1. SPHERE polarimetric imaging

The SPHERE (Beuzit et al. 2019) observations of our Orion sample were carried out between January 2020 and November 2021. Sixteen of these stars were observed as a part of the Disk Evolution Study Through Imaging of Nearby Young Stars (DESTINYs) program (Ginski et al. 2020, 2021). The remaining 7 stars are from the program 0104.C-0195(A) which targeted young intermediate mass stars in Orion. We used SPHERE in the dual-polarization imaging (DPI, de Boer et al. 2020; van Holstein et al. 2020) mode with pupil tracking enabled. All observations were conducted in the broad H-band filter (BB_H, $\lambda_c = 1.625\mu\text{m}$). For the majority of the sample, the science images were taken with a coronagraphic mask in place, with an inner working angle of 92.5 mas^1 . The exceptions are the observations of RY Ori, V 1044 Ori and V 2149 Ori, which were instead taken with short individual frame exposure times (DIT) of 0.84 s in order to prevent saturation of the primary star. We give a summary of the observation dates, setups and observing conditions in Table 1.

The data were reduced using the IRDIS Data reduction for Accurate Polarimetry² (IRDAP, van Holstein et al. 2020) with default settings. The pipeline applied flat-field, sky and bad-pixel corrections. It then used dedicated centre calibration frames (for the coronagraphic images) to re-centre all images. In the centre calibration frames a waffle pattern was introduced to the adaptive optics deformable mirror which in turn produced equidistant calibration satellite spots around the primary star position. For the non-coronagraphic images, frames were re-centred by directly fitting a Moffat function to the central star point spread function. IRDAP then performed polarization differential imaging (PDI, Kuhn et al. 2001) in order to remove the (mostly) unpolarized stellar light and retain the linearly polarized, scattered light from circumstellar dust. Additionally, IRDAP also stacked all individual exposures to create a total intensity image, sensitive to (sub)stellar companions to our target stars. Finally, since the data were taken in pupil tracking mode, i.e. with the telescope pupil stabilized, it was possible to also perform angular differential imaging (ADI, Marois et al. 2006) in order to obtain high contrast total intensity observations. We note however that our observations were not optimized for this mode, i.e. the range of parallactic angles sampled during the observations (and thus the amount of field rotation in pupil stabilized mode) was limited (the range is between 3.6° for RY Ori and 54.6° for V 351 Ori.).

The final products of our reduction are the azimuthal Stokes Q_ϕ parameters (van Holstein et al. 2020). The Q_ϕ image probes the centro-symmetric pattern of the polarized light, containing all the linearly polarized signal with azimuthal (positive signal) and radial (negative signal) oriented angles of linear polarization. For single scattering of dust particles illuminated by a central source, we expect all linear polarized light to be contained as positive Q_ϕ signal. Q_ϕ is thus typically nearly identical to the corresponding polarized intensity images (created by adding the measured Stokes Q and U frames in quadrature), but with more favourable noise properties. For a recent definition of the Q_ϕ formalism in the context of circumstellar disk observations, we refer to Monnier et al. (2019).

¹ The inner working angle in this case refers to the radius at which the signal suppression of the coronagraph drops below 50%.

² <https://irdap.readthedocs.io>

2.2. ALMA Band 6 observations

Millimeter photometry toward the sources in our sample were obtained with ALMA in Cycle 8 program 2021.1.01705.S (PI: C. Ginski). The Band 6 observations were carried out between June and September 2022 with a median precipitable water vapor level of 0.5 mm. The correlator was configured with a spectral windows centered on the $J = 2 - 1$ transition of CO though here we concentrate only on the continuum data at a mean frequency of 241 GHz (1.24 mm). Baseline lengths varied from $\sim 40 - 300$ m corresponding to a beam size $\sim 0''.35 - 0''.4$. The integration times on each source for this snapshot program ranged from 90 to 300 seconds and the median sensitivity was $70 \mu\text{Jy/beam}$. Most sources were unresolved and fluxes were measured from the pipeline reduced data products using a $1''$ aperture. For larger sources, we used a custom aperture that encompassed all the emission above three times the rms noise level. The flux measurements are reported in table B.1. A more detailed analysis will be performed in future papers.

2.3. X-shooter spectroscopy

Mid-resolution spectroscopic observations have been taken with the X-shooter spectrograph (Vernet et al. 2011) mounted on the VLT (Very Large Telescope) at Paranal. X-shooter ranges from 300-2480 nm and the observations are taken with three spectroscopic arms; UVB (300-559.5 nm), VIS (559.5-1024 nm), NIR (1024-2480 nm). The chosen slit widths of $1.0''$, $0.4''$ and $0.4''$ resulted in a resolving power of $R = 5,400$ in the UVB, $R = 18,400$, in the VIS and $R = 11,600$, respectively, in the NIR. The observations are taken in nodding mode and have been reduced with the X-shooter pipeline build 3.3.5 (Modigliani et al. 2010). They are flat field and bias corrected, and wavelength calibrated in this routine. Spectrophotometric standards from the ESO data base are used for flux calibration.

3. Sample and stellar properties

In this section, we present the sample and determine the stellar properties. As is clear from Table 2, our stars span from early-A (V1788 Ori) to late-K (V578 Ori) spectral types. Based on *Gaia* DR3, their distances cover most of the Orion depth spanning the range from 320 pc (V351 Ori) to 415 Ori (TX Ori). Their spatial distribution within Orion is described in Sect. 4.

In the following, we describe the characterization of the stellar parameters. We used X-shooter spectra to determine temperature and luminosity as described in section 3.1. For stars without X-shooter spectra or the 2 cases where non-physical values were obtained with the method we used, we instead adopted stellar parameters from the literature. This can for example occur due to stellar variability and photometry taken at different dates or to unusually high local reddening where the assumed $R_V=3.1$ is too low leading to a low luminosity estimate that puts the star under the main sequence.

3.1. Stellar temperature and luminosity

The temperatures of the stars are determined by spectrally classifying the stars with the use of the PyHammer code (Roulston et al. 2020) and a spectrum comparison with Gray's spectral classification atlas (Gray 2000). The first guess of spectral classes is done with the PyHammer code, a tool to automatically classify stars. The first guess from PyHammer is used as a

pre-selection before comparing the spectral features of the spectra with the spectral classification atlas from Gray. Comparing ranges of spectral classes and luminosity classes, and comparing the stars amongst each other results in a spectral classification for each star. The temperatures corresponding to the derived spectral class are taken from Tables 5 and 6 of Pecaut & Mamajek (2013). For the stars where we lacked X-shooter spectra we did the following: for Brun 252, V1650 Ori and V2149 Ori we adopted the stellar parameters from Valegård et al. (2021), for Kiso A-0904 60 and V543 Ori we adopted the spectral class from Briceño et al. (2005) and Brun 216 we adopted the stellar parameters from Vioque et al. (2018). In the cases of, V599 Ori, and V1012 Ori, where our method gave spurious locations in the HR-diagram, we took the stellar parameters from Vioque et al. (2018).

The luminosity was determined by first estimating the extinction, A_V , by the method described in Valegård et al. (2021) (section 2.3) using the effective temperature table for standard stars in Pecaut & Mamajek (2013) and B and V-band photometry from the NOMAD (Zacharias et al. 2004) and UCAC4 photometric catalogs (Zacharias et al. 2013). To obtain the uncertainty in luminosity we repeated this process but varied the temperature within its obtained uncertainty range. We give the results in Table 2.

3.2. Stellar masses and ages

The stellar mass and the stellar age were derived using Siess et al. (2000) PMS evolution models. Uncertainties on the age and mass are obtained by propagating the uncertainty in temperature and luminosity. This means that for low mass stars, where the evolutionary tracks are close to one another in the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram, small changes in temperature and luminosity can have a relatively large effect on both mass and age. For high mass stars, isochrones have more spacing and lead to smaller error bars on these quantities. This is a well known issue when determining stellar parameters for low-mass stars, independently of the specific evolutionary models that are being used (Pecaut & Mamajek 2016). We list the final results along with the stellar temperature and luminosity in Table 2.

4. Results from SPHERE

Figure 1 shows the spatial distribution within Orion of our sample, and we show the images revealing disk detections (from the Q_ϕ images in the blue panels) as well as those revealing the presence of any companion candidates (from the intensity images in the orange panels). Interestingly, the two categories appears to be mutually exclusive in our sample. In other words, no companions are detected then the disk is resolved, and vice versa. In this section, we first describe the detection of stellar companions from the SPHERE image, and then move to the characterization of the disk signal.

4.1. Multiplicity

Using the total intensity H-band observations obtained with SPHERE, we detected close (sub)stellar companions³ in 9 of

³ We refer to the detected sources as companions, but note that strictly these are companion *candidates* since in principle it is possible that these are background objects in chance-alignment. However, given their small projected separation ($<1''$) to the primary star in all cases and the

Table 1: Observing dates, conditions and setup. All observations were taken in the BB_H filter.

Object	Date	DIT (s)	NDIT	N _{cycle}	total integration time (min)
Kiso A-0904 60	2021-02-01	12	2	32	51.2
Brun 216	2020-01-13	64	1	7	29.9
Brun 252	2020-02-22	64	1	4	17.1
Haro 5-38	2020-12-17	32	1	26	55.5
HD 294260	2020-02-18	64	1	7	29.9
HD 294268	2021-01-28	32	1	26	55.5
PDS 110	2020-12-10	32	1	26	55.5
PDS 113	2021-11-03	32	1	26	55.5
RV Ori	2021-02-06	32	1	26	55.5
RY Ori	2020-02-24	0.84	12	8	5.4
TX Ori	2020-11-13	32	1	26	55.5
V 351 Ori	2021-01-21	32	1	36	76.8
V 499 Ori	2020-12-18	32	1	26	55.5
V 543 Ori	2020-11-15	32	1	26	55.5
V 578 Ori	2021-10-29	32	1	26	55.5
V 599 Ori	2021-02-07	32	1	26	55.5
V 606 Ori	2021-02-05	32	1	26	55.5
V 1012 Ori	2021-02-04	32	1	27	57.6
V 1044 Ori	2020-02-19	0.84	12	8	5.4
V 1650 Ori	2020-02-07	64	1	8	34.1
V 1787 Ori	2021-11-03	32	1	26	55.5
V 1788 Ori	2021-09-27	32	1	27	57.6
V 2149 Ori	2020-02-16	0.84	12	8	5.4

the 23 systems in our sample. Of these 9 systems, 3 were previously known in the literature, namely the triple system V1788 Ori (Thomas et al. 2007) and the two double systems V2149 Ori (Köhler et al. 2006; Tobin et al. 2009) and Kiso A-090460 (Tokovinin et al. 2020). The remaining 6 systems with companions are new detections. In the following we first describe the astrometric and photometric extraction and then briefly report on the individual systems.

4.1.1. Astrometric and photometric extraction

Since the majority of the detected companions does not show a high contrast relative to the central star, we used the non-coronagraphic flux calibration frames when possible to extract the primary and companion positions from the same frame. Flux calibration images were taken for the entire target sample and consist of short exposures, in some cases with a neutral density filter inserted to avoid saturation of the primary star.

The astrometric extraction was then performed by simultaneously fitting two Gaussian point-spread-functions (psf) to the total intensity image. The fitted Gaussians were then subtracted from the data and the residuals were examined to confirm that a good fit had been obtained. The location of the peak of the Gaussians was taken as the centre of the stellar psf. For two targets (TX Ori and V1787 Ori) an accurate determination of the location of the companion was hindered by the strong glare of the primary component. For these two cases, we fitted the primary and secondary positions separately in the following way. We first determined the primary position by fitting a single Gaussian. We then rotated the frame by 180° around this position and subtracted the rotated frame from the original. In this way the radially symmetric component of the primary star psf is removed without affecting the signal of faint nearby companions. We then

fitted a second Gaussian to the companion position in the subtracted frame to obtain its position. All results can be found in table 3.

To extract the photometric data from the total intensity frames, we used a circular aperture with a radius of 4 pixels. The apertures were centered on the locations obtained from the astrometric extraction. To accurately measure the fainter companion star we modelled the background flux at the companion positions, which was in all cases dominated by the wings of the psf of the bright stellar primary.

Assuming that the diffuse emission of the psf wings is to first order point-symmetric, we measured the flux 180° from the P.A. of the secondary and with the same separation. To capture the local background close to the companion position, we then took eight additional measurements at the same separation, four in clockwise and four in counterclockwise direction in increments of 20° from the companion. From these nine measurements, the local average intensity was calculated and also removed from the measurement of the companion. The uncertainty in the measurement was estimated using the standard deviation of these nine background measurements. From these measurements, the contrast between the primary and the companion was calculated.

4.1.2. Description of the systems

The masses and spectral classes of the stellar companions were derived using the Siess et al. (2000) pre-main sequence stellar evolution models, assuming that the age and distance of the companion is the same as the age and distance of the primary. We used 2MASS H-band magnitudes (Cutri et al. 2003) for the primary component and our measured H-band contrast to calculate the absolute magnitude in the H-band for the companions via the distance modulus. Since the 2MASS H-band measurement is a combination of the components in the system, we adopt the magnitude adjustment of the primary described in Bohn et al. (2020) to account for this. The H-band reddening was obtained

fact that these observed fields are not crowded, the probability for this scenario is low.

Table 2: Stellar properties of the sample. The method used to obtain the stellar parameters is described in Sect. 3, unless differently indicated in the footnotes. Columns are: source name, distance, effective temperature, stellar luminosity, mass, and age.

Name	d [pc]	SpT	T_{eff}	L_{\odot}	M_{\odot}	t [Myr]
Kiso A-0904 06 A ¹	339.78 ^{+1.74} _{-1.84}	K6	4205 ⁺²³⁵ ₋₁₀₅	0.45 ^{+0.08} _{-0.02}	0.82 ^{+0.18} _{-0.13}	6.66 ^{+5.55} _{-3.14}
Kiso A-0904 06 B ¹	339.78 ^{+1.74} _{-1.84}	K6	4205 ⁺²³⁵ ₋₁₀₅	0.45 ^{+0.08} _{-0.02}	0.82 ^{+0.18} _{-0.13}	6.66 ^{+5.55} _{-3.14}
Brun 216 ²	383.52 ^{+3.36} _{-2.52}	F8	6170 ⁺⁸⁰ ₋₁₆₀	9.55 ^{+2.20} _{-1.04}	1.80 ^{+0.25} _{-0.09}	4.46 ^{+0.25} _{-1.47}
Brun 252 ³	383.64 ^{+6.66} _{-6.43}	G1	5890 ⁺¹²⁰ ₋₁₂₀	7.16 ^{+2.51} _{-0.38}	1.68 ^{+0.25} _{-0.09}	6.30 ^{+1.24} _{-2.18}
Haro 5-38	400.35 ^{+2.92} _{-2.58}	K7	4050 ⁺²⁵⁰ ₋₆₀	1.19 ^{+0.01} _{-0.06}	0.58 ^{+0.31} _{-0.05}	1.01 ^{+0.91} _{-0.11}
HD 294260	387.44 ^{+3.03} _{-2.42}	G1	5880 ⁺⁵⁰ ₋₁₁₀	5.59 ^{+0.40} _{-0.37}	1.53 ^{+0.13} _{-0.03}	7.93 ^{+0.80} _{-1.70}
HD 294268	361.98 ^{+1.98} _{-1.48}	G0	5970 ⁺⁸⁰ ₋₄₀	5.67 ^{+1.29} _{-0.27}	1.49 ^{+0.15} _{-0.02}	8.84 ^{+0.51} _{-2.21}
PDS 110	343.66 ^{+2.82} _{-2.75}	F6	6340 ⁺²¹⁰ ₋₆₀	6.70 ^{+0.87} _{-0.18}	1.46 ^{+0.10} _{-0.04}	9.82 ^{+0.73} _{-1.47}
PDS 113 ⁴	352.25 ^{+2.33} _{-2.27}	F3+F4	6750 ⁺⁷⁰ ₋₈₀	3.75 ^{+0.82} _{-0.38}	1.32 ^{+0.05} _{-0.06}	16.67 ^{+0.54} _{-1.41}
RV Ori	397.54 ^{+2.44} _{-2.41}	K5	4450 ⁺¹⁵⁰ ₋₁₅₀	0.57 ^{+0.03} _{-0.11}	0.95 ^{+0.06} _{-0.04}	8.29 ^{+8.40} _{-2.82}
RY Ori	346.82 ^{+2.29} _{-2.44}	F5	6510 ⁺¹⁶⁰ ₋₁₆₀	7.17 ^{+0.61} _{-0.82}	1.45 ^{+0.11} _{-0.03}	10.12 ^{+0.90} _{-1.65}
TX Ori	415.53 ^{+37.91} _{-33.04}	K4	4620 ⁺²¹⁰ ₋₂₂₀	3.57 ^{+0.02} _{-0.45}	1.30 ^{+0.35} _{-0.36}	0.98 ^{+1.06} _{-0.40}
V351 Ori	323.82 ^{+3.14} _{-3.09}	A9	7440 ⁺¹⁵⁰ ₋₂₂₀	25.49 ^{+1.50} _{-1.54}	2.08 ^{+0.05} _{-0.02}	4.20 ^{+0.49} _{-0.25}
V499 Ori	331.61 ^{+1.59} _{-1.48}	K6	4200 ⁺²⁴⁰ ₋₁₀₀	0.36 ^{+0.06} _{-0.05}	0.81 ^{+0.19} _{-0.11}	9.84 ^{+3.90} _{-4.65}
V543 Ori ¹	338.39 ^{+1.84} _{-2.09}	K4	4590 ⁺²⁴⁰ ₋₁₅₀	0.36 ^{+0.36} _{-0.14}	0.82 ^{+0.23} _{-0.10}	22.90 ^{+22.18} _{-16.38}
V578 Ori	375.21 ^{+2.02} _{-1.97}	K7	4050 ⁺²⁵⁰ ₋₆₀	1.08 ^{+0.32} _{-0.08}	0.59 ^{+0.31} _{-0.07}	1.16 ^{+1.11} _{-0.43}
V599 Ori ²	401.07 ^{+4.06} _{-3.27}	A5	8000 ⁺²⁵⁰ ₋₂₅₀	27.54 ^{+1.15} _{-1.15}	2.03 ^{+0.10} _{-0.10}	4.29 ^{+0.42} _{-0.54}
V606 Ori	400.14 ^{+3.66} _{-2.86}	K5	4450 ⁺¹⁵⁰ ₋₁₅₀	0.67 ^{+0.03} _{-0.13}	1.03 ^{+0.06} _{-0.13}	6.47 ^{+6.98} _{-2.33}
V1012 Ori ²	376.23 ^{+6.60} _{-5.79}	A3	8500 ⁺²⁵⁰ ₋₂₅₀	5.89 ^{+0.72} _{-0.64}	1.30 ^{+0.07} _{-0.07}	8.47 ^{+1.06} _{-0.89}
V1044 Ori	384.31 ^{+2.70} _{-2.77}	G6	5590 ⁺⁷⁰ ₋₄₀	4.64 ^{+0.23} _{-0.09}	1.64 ^{+0.06} _{-0.02}	6.00 ^{+0.36} _{-0.59}
V1650 Ori ³	342.41 ^{+5.63} _{-5.46}	F8	6160 ⁺¹⁰⁰ ₋₁₀₀	9.53 ^{+0.25} _{-0.78}	1.71 ^{+0.05} _{-0.07}	6.20 ^{+0.96} _{-0.41}
V1787 Ori	393.08 ^{+2.86} _{-2.73}	A5	8150 ⁺¹⁸⁵ ₋₁₆₀	14.13 ^{+4.07} _{-2.64}	1.66 ^{+0.09} _{-0.08}	7.43 ^{+0.59} _{-1.05}
V1788 Ori	347.65 ^{+4.98} _{-5.95}	A0	9700 ⁺¹⁰⁰⁰ ₋₄₀₀	19.06 ^{+9.19} _{-2.89}	2.20 ^{+0.08} _{-0.20}	5.08 ^{+3.17} _{-0.11}
V2149 Ori A ³	388 ⁺⁵ ₋₅	F8	6180 ⁺¹¹⁰ ₋₁₁₀	17.9 ^{+2.80} _{-0.45}	2.1 ^{+0.16} _{-0.07}	3.57 ^{+0.14} _{-0.99}
V2149 Ori B ³	388 ⁺⁵ ₋₅	F8	6180 ⁺¹¹⁰ ₋₁₁₀	17.9 ^{+2.80} _{-0.45}	2.1 ^{+0.16} _{-0.07}	3.57 ^{+0.14} _{-0.99}

¹ T_{eff} is taken from Briceño et al. (2019) ² All values from Vioque et al. (2018)

³ Values from Valegård et al. (2021).

⁴ Spectroscopic binary (SB2) Klochko & Chentsov (2008), we detect both components in the X-shooter spectra. Stellar parameters are given for one component assuming the stars have roughly equal luminosity.

by converting the A_V into A_H using the conversion described by Cardelli et al. (1989). Here, we briefly discuss the individual cases.

Kiso A-090460. The wide binary companion at P.A.=128.95° has a separation of 1.96'' which agrees with previous measurements for the separation (Tokovinin et al. 2020). The H-band magnitude contrast is 0.75 mag and corresponds to an absolute magnitude of 3.75 mag. This classifies as an K6 star of mass 0.8 M_{\odot} . Considering the low H-band contrast and the mass of the companion this is most likely an equal mass binary.

Brun 252. In this observation we detect a companion at P.A.=82.42° and with a separation of 0.22''(84 au). The magnitude contrast in the H-band to the primary is 2.69 mag which corresponds to an absolute magnitude in H-band of 4.01 mag and a M0 star of mass 0.6 M_{\odot} .

TX Ori. A close companion is visible in the west at P.A.=248.84° with a separation of 0.11''. The companion star has a magnitude contrast in H-band of 2.14 mag which corresponds to an absolute H-band magnitude of 3.31 mag and a M5 star of 0.2 M_{\odot} .

V599 Ori. A wide companion is detected in the frame of V599 Ori. It is located at P.A. = 40.14° with a separation of 2.04''. The contrast is measured to 5.59 mag corresponding to an absolute H-band magnitude of 5.71 mag. This corresponds to

a M6 star with a mass around 0.1 M_{\odot} . In Sect. 5 we evaluate the probability of the companion being bound.

V1650 Ori. We detect a new stellar companion in the system of V1650 Ori. It is located at P.A.= 144.09° with a separation of 0.32'' to the primary. The contrast is 2.83 mag corresponding to an absolute H-band magnitude of 3.51 mag. Using Siess stellar isochrones this corresponds to a K7 star with a mass of around 0.8 M_{\odot} at the same age.

V1787 Ori. In the case of V 1787 Ori a new companion is located at a separation of 0.22'' (87 au) and has a magnitude contrast of 5.2 mag. This corresponds to an absolute magnitude of 5.61 mag in the H-band considering a distance of 393.1 pc. This corresponds to an M3 red dwarf of mass 0.2 M_{\odot} . We also detect the possible companion V1787 Ori B (Arun et al. 2021) just at the very edge of our frame. The separation is estimated to 6.6'' and at P.A.~ 18° but the closeness to the edge of the frame makes it difficult to use our method for astrometric extraction.

V1788 Ori. We detect both previously known companions in V1788 Ori. The secondary at P.A.=358.35° with a separation of 0.43'' and the tertiary at P.A.=359.51° with a separation of 0.56''. The H-band magnitude contrast we measured to 2.47 mag and 2.84 mag respectively. This corresponds to spectral class K6 and a mass of 0.9 M_{\odot} for the secondary and a spectral class K7 and a mass of 0.7 M_{\odot} for the tertiary component.

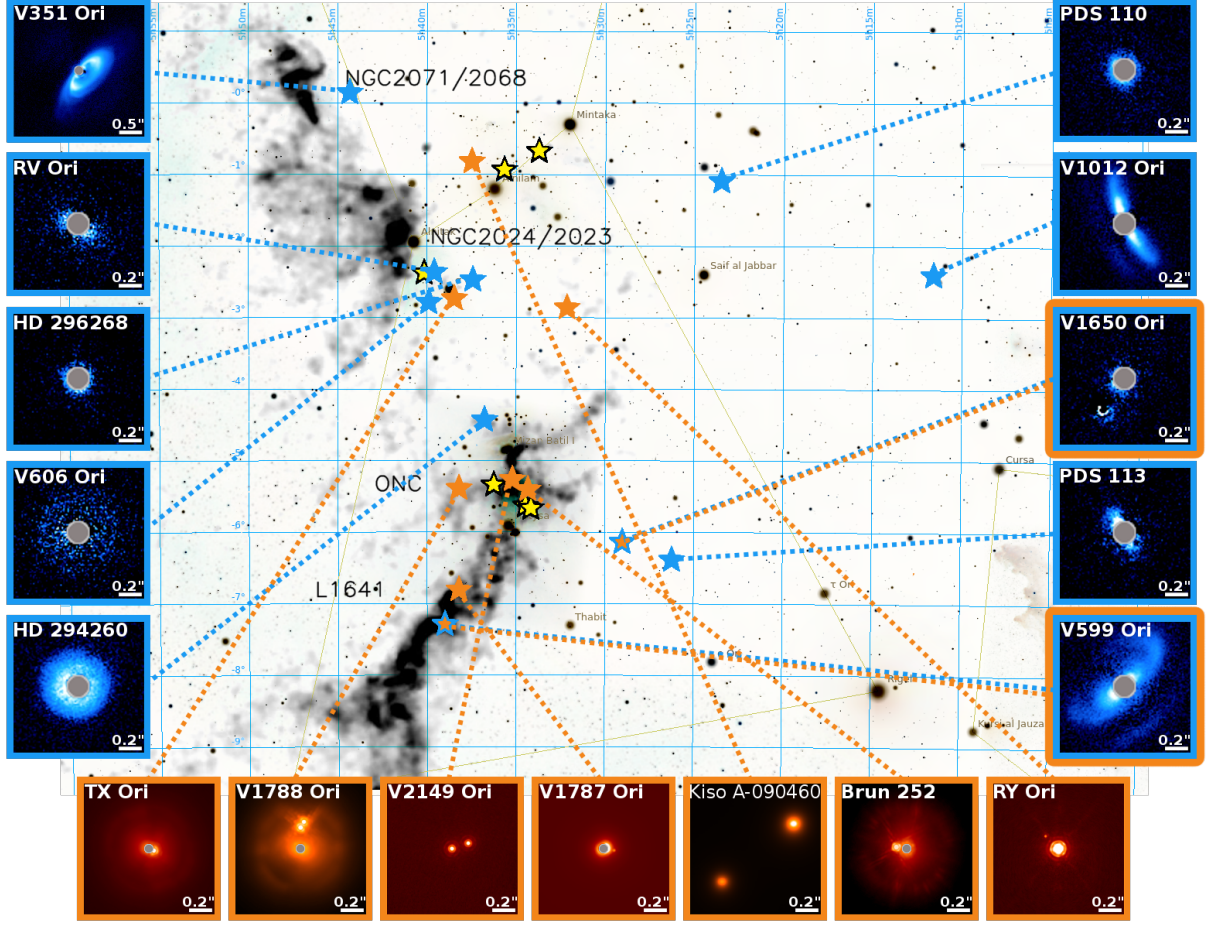


Fig. 1: Imagery of the sample. The figure shows a stellar map with the location of the sources in this paper. Thumbnails show disk detections (blue), detected companions (orange) and non-disk detections (yellow). The extent of the coronagraph is displayed as a grey circle in each thumbnail when used. The stellar map is generated with Stellarium (open source software <https://stellarium.org/>) and the infrared extinction map (dark grey clouds) is adapted from [Megeath et al. \(2012\)](#) based on [Gutermuth et al. \(2011\)](#).

Table 3: Values from the photometric and astrometric extraction together with the estimated spectral class and mass for companions.

Object	Derived SpC	Mass M_{\odot}	Sep (arcsec)	PA ($^{\circ}$)	Δ mag
			± 0.01	± 0.48	
Kiso A-090460	K6	0.8	1.96	128.95	0.75
Brun 252	M0	0.6	0.22	82.42	2.69
RY Ori		0.076	0.39	45.57	6.26
TX Ori	M5	0.2	0.11	248.84	2.14
V 599 Ori	M6	0.1	2.05	40.40	5.59
V 1650 Ori	K7	0.8	0.32	144.09	2.83
V 1787 Ori	M3	0.2	0.22	189.93	5.22
V 1788 Ori (b)	K6	0.9	0.43	1.65	2.47
V 1788 Ori (c)	K7	0.7	0.56	0.49	2.84
V 2149 Ori	F8	2.1	0.37	288.34	0.58

V2149 Ori. The separation of the known binary V2149 Ori was measured to 0.33 ± 0.01 arcsec in December 2001 by Köhler et al. (2006). We find a measurable motion of the secondary with the new measurement of the separation is $0.365 \pm 0.016''$. This corresponds to a relative velocity of $\sim 3.6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ at the distance of 388 pc. This velocity is not large enough to exclude a bound orbit. The secondary is located at P.A. = 288.39° and has an H-band magnitude contrast of 0.58 mag corresponding to an absolute H-band magnitude of -0.29 mag. Using the Siess evolutionary tracks we find that the companion is an F8 star of approximately $2.1\text{--}2.2 M_\odot$. Considering the low H-band contrast and the mass of the companion this is most likely an equal mass binary.

4.1.3. Possible substellar companion to RY Ori

Around one of the systems in this study, RY Ori, we detected a close companion which is particularly faint. It is located at a projected separation of 0.39 mas, corresponding to 137 au at a distance of 350.5 pc. Using aperture photometry as previously described, we find a magnitude contrast of 6.14 mag between the primary star and the companion in the H-band. This corresponds to an absolute magnitude of 7.34 mag. Since this is faint for a stellar companion, we used in this case DUSTY evolutionary tracks (Chabrier et al. 2000) to derive the mass of the object. We adopt an age of 10.1 Myr, and find a mass of $80 M_{\text{Jup}}$ for this object, i.e. the low end of the stellar mass regime. If we instead assume the lower end of the age uncertainty we derive for the system (8.4 Myr), then we rather find a mass of $\sim 72 M_{\text{Jup}}$ i.e. this would place the object at the boundary of the stellar/sub-stellar regime. Spectroscopic observations of the object are required for a detailed characterization.

4.2. Circumstellar disks

Using the Q_ϕ images, we determined the presence of circumstellar disks in ten sources. These are all shown in Fig. 2. For all disks, we measure the inclination, position angle and extent of detectable emission like described in Appendix A. All the measured disk parameters are listed in Table 4.

To evaluate the actual disk brightness, we use the polarized-to-stellar light contrast δ_{pol} (Garufi et al. 2017; Benisty et al. 2022). This contrast is a measurement of the fraction of photons released by the star that are effectively scattered toward the observed, and depends on several factors but primarily on the presence of shadows from the disk inner regions, the disk flaring angle, and the dust properties. We classify disks with $\delta_{\text{pol}} \leq 3$ as faint, similar to Garufi et al. (2022) and disks with $\delta_{\text{pol}} > 3$ as bright. By doing so, our sample contains three bright disks (V351 Ori, V599 Ori, and V1012 Ori), seven faint disks and thirteen non-detections that are all discussed in the following. To highlight the asymmetries in the bright disks we create contrast images (Fig. 3) by flipping the original frame along the major axis of the disk and dividing the original frame with the flipped frame. In this way we highlight the relative intensities in the asymmetries.

4.2.1. Bright disk of V351 Ori

The disk surrounding V 351 Ori is the most extended disk in our sample, with an outer radius of $1.12''$ (361 au) along the major axis. This system was first observed by Wagner et al. (2020) who detected the disk in total intensity L-band observations us-

ing angular differential imaging. In their observation, they found a bright and possibly asymmetric ring at $0.4''$ (130 au⁴). Our new polarized light observations in the H-band show a wealth of additional sub-structures. We also detect the bright ring seen by Wagner et al. (2020) and can trace the polarized scattered light signal all the way down to the coronagraphic mask (92.5 mas, 30 au).

Outside of this ring, we find that the disk is asymmetric between the South-East and the North-West. We highlight this in Fig. 3, where we show that the received scattered light signal differs by up to a factor 5 along the disk major axis. The structures outside of the bright inner ring may either be ring-like in nature or may trace a large spiral arm seen under an inclination. The structure visible at $0.332''$ (~ 107 au) appears at first glance to trace a ring, best visible in the South-West (in the direction of the minor axis) and the North-West (along the major axis). If this is true, then this ring shows a clear offset from the stellar position along the major axis, indicating that it is either eccentric or that the disk is warped and thus the position angle of the major axis of the outer ring (and possibly its inclination) are misaligned relative to the inner ring.

On the other hand, two faint arc-like structures are visible from $0.700''$ to $1.120''$ in the South-East, outside the outer ring structure. These might be interpreted as the trailing ends of an extended spiral structure. If this is the case, then they may well connect to the previously mentioned ring-like structure interior to their position, extending the spiral closer to the star. Both the warp and the spiral interpretation may explain the asymmetry along the major axis seen shown in figure 3. As the detailed modelling of individual systems is beyond the scope of this study, we refer to Ginski et al. (in prep.), in which we discuss the V351 Ori system in detail. Further ALMA CO emission line observations will also be presented by Stapper et al. (in prep.). Since the scattered light disk structure is complex and the disk is resolved in our ancillary ALMA dust continuum observations, we retrieved the inclination and position angle of the systems from the ALMA data by using FrankFitter class from frank (Jennings et al. 2020). We obtain the inclination 63.2° and position angle 325.8° .

4.2.2. Bright disk of V599 Ori

The disk is observed at an inclination of 57° , and a P.A. of 137° . The signal extends 551 mas (~ 220 au). The forward scattering edge of the bottom side of the disk is faint but clearly detected. Using the bottom side signal, an estimate of the disk thickness can be made. This suggests a scattering surface height of ~ 140 au at the outer radius of the disk. The inner disk is brighter in the south-east while the outer disk is brighter in the north-west. At that location, a possible spiral arm extends from the north-west towards the north with a brightening of intensity at the base where it attaches to the rim of the scattered light disk (see figure 3).

In the direction of the spiral arm (P.A. $\sim 47^\circ$) at a distance of $2''$ a fainter star can be seen. It is not clear if this is a field star or whether it is dynamically connected to the V599 Ori system. The projected distance would be about 800 au. If star and disk are at the same distance from us, the star could be interacting dynamically with the disk. The star is detected by *Gaia*, but unfortunately does not have a measured parallax in the *Gaia* DR3 database. In Sect. 5 we evaluate the possibility of the star being

⁴ This value is based on the distance of 323.8 pc that we adopt for this source. In Wagner et al. (2020) this corresponds to 140 au.

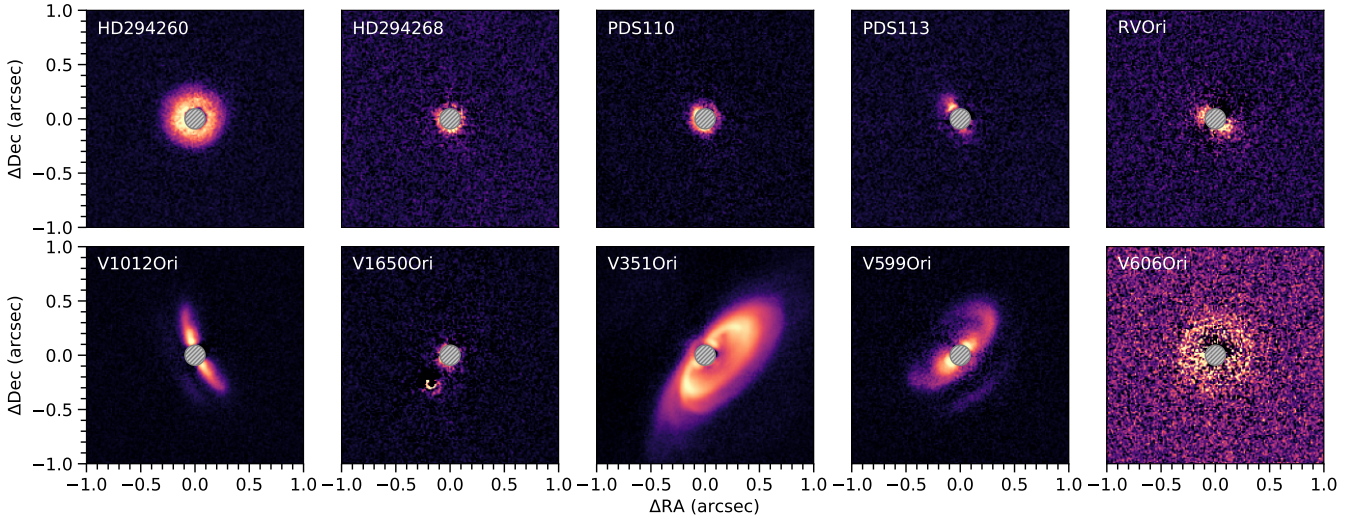


Fig. 2: All disks detected in our SPHERE H-band data. We show the Q_ϕ (azimuthally) polarized light images in all cases. All systems are shown on a logarithmic color map, individually adjusted to highlight the disk morphology. The grey, hashed circle in the center of the images indicates the position and size of the coronagraphic mask (centered on the systems primary star).

Table 4: Results of geometric fit to detected scattered light disks.

Object	i (°)	PA (°)	r (mas)	r (au)	offset RA/Dec (mas)	offset angle (°)	δ_{pol}
HD 294260	21.68 ± 3.09	118.64 ± 11.22	389.01 ± 5.01	151 ± 2	-13.94/18.23	37.41	0.86 ± 0.13
HD 294268	35.93 ± 8.02	204.22 ± 18.87	174.23 ± 14.12	63 ± 5	-8.64/-25.23	161.09	0.19 ± 0.09
PDS 110	21.36 ± 3.31	203.50 ± 13.09	187.91 ± 2.63	65 ± 1	-13.75/-2.47	100.21	0.26 ± 0.09
PDS 113	60.31 ± 7.31	214.60 ± 9.60	252.39 ± 18.37	89 ± 6	-38.21/24.44	57.40	0.64 ± 0.14
RV Ori	56.08 ± 10.29	244.23 ± 27.28	183.84 ± 29.35	73 ± 12	-3.32/-19.26	170.23	1.97 ± 0.87
V 351 Ori ¹	63.2	320.16	1120 ± 60	361 ± 20	-	-	5.65 ± 0.80
V 599 Ori	56.86 ± 4.02	137.10 ± 4.29	551.16 ± 21.07	221 ± 9	-53.67/85.18	32.22	3.51 ± 0.53
V 606 Ori ²	25 ± 5	240 ± 10	380 ± 20	152 ± 8	-	-	1.03 ± 1.00
V 1012 Ori	70.05 ± 5.55	204.61 ± 4.31	473.63 ± 37.71	178 ± 15	63.24/44.63	305.21	3.92 ± 0.82
V 1650 Ori	30.47 ± 8.03	224.75 ± 27.73	161.81 ± 11.66	55 ± 4	-16.03/-27.30	149.59	0.1 ± 0.1

¹ For V351 Ori we report the inclination and position angle retrieved from the ALMA millimetre observations. Radius is estimated from the Q_ϕ image. ² Note that for weak disk V606 Ori the radius and position angle is estimated by eye. See section 4

companion and thus the possibility of it as a perturber. Another interpretation of the spiral arm feature could be that a misaligned inner disk or a warp in the disk is creating an asymmetry in a ring. In that case, the shadow of the inner disc is falling on the upper, outer disk in the south-east creating the appearance of a spiral arm.

4.2.3. Bright disk of V1012 Ori

This disk has the highest inclination in the sample, 70° , which means we see it close to edge on, with a P.A. of $\sim 205^\circ$. The upper scattering surface is clearly visible. There is an asymmetry in the disk, with an increase of intensity in the north-east part of the disk. The lower scattering surface is faint but detectable. It is brighter in the south-west than in the north-east (see figure 3). The asymmetry in surface brightness of the upper and lower scat-

tering surfaces could indicate a miss-alignment or warp of the inner disk, which can give rise to shadows and intensity asymmetries in the disk (Kluska et al. 2020; Laws et al. 2020; Bohn et al. 2022). The scattered light radius is 474 mas which corresponds ~ 178 au. There are no resolved structure in the disk. An estimate of the thickness of the disk can be done in the same way as in V559 Ori above and gives a scattering surface height of ~ 115 au at a radius of ~ 178 au.

4.2.4. Faint disks

The observed extent of the faint disks ranges from the smallest disk, V1650 Ori with radius ~ 162 mas (55 au, only a marginal detection), to HD 294260 with a radius of ~ 389 mas (151 au). All disks are small with only three of them, HD 294260, PDS 113 and V606 Ori, extending further out than $0.2''$ beyond the

coronagraph. All faint disks look smooth and have no visible substructure. RV Ori and PDS 113 have disks with high inclinations ($i > 55^\circ$). The disk of PDS 113 is slightly brighter towards the north-east close to the coronagraph than towards the south-west. The disk of RV Ori, though well detected, does not have a well-defined edge and seems to be somewhat more extended to the south-west than to the north-east. The smallest disk, V1650 Ori, is only marginally detected around the coronagraph.

The disk of HD 294260 is the largest of the faint disks with a radius of ~ 389 mas (~ 151 au). The disk is smooth and featureless. A brightening can be seen at the eastern edge of the coronagraph, which could come from a not perfectly aligned coronagraph. We might see the inner disk at a slightly smaller radius in the east than in the west. The shape of the disk is seen nearly face-on, at a low inclination $\sim 22^\circ$. The disk has an asymmetry that extends a bit further to the north-east than to the south-west and cannot be fully matched to the ellipse expected for a circular disk seen at low inclination. This could thus be an effect of the disk being eccentric.

A small disk of PDS 110 is visible around the coronagraph in scattered light. An ellipse fitted to the disk extends over the major axis to 187.91 mas (~ 65 au). The disk seems to be brighter in the south-east than in the north-west, suggesting the south-eastern part to be the near side (forward scattering side). A companion brown dwarf or a planet has been inferred from periodic eclipses where the light intensity dropped with 30 percent (as presented in Osborn et al. (2017) measured in observations from 2008 and 2011). The unseen companion would be located in a ~ 2 au orbit with a mass in the range of $1.8\text{--}70M_{\text{Jup}}$ and with a circumsecondary disk of ~ 0.3 au. If additional observations can confirm these eclipses, it would be remarkable, since the planet would be on an orbit that is inclined relative to the measured disk.

The low surface brightness disk, V606 Ori, is viewed face on, and is possibly the largest (~ 380 mas corresponding to ~ 152 au) of the faint disks. No features in the disk can be identified at this low surface brightness. It is also not possible to use our automatic routine, described in appendix C, to measure the disk inclination, P.A., and radius. We have therefore estimated the radius of the disk and can conclude that it is oriented at a low inclination ($\leq 25^\circ$). The low brightness in scattered light could together with the disk's high millimetre-flux, if the disk is not particularly flared, indicate that the bulk of the dust is located in the inner disk so that the dust can effectively shadow the disk.

4.2.5. Non-detections

In the remaining 13 targets we do not detect any scattered light signal that can be interpreted as coming from a disk. The coronagraph covers 92.5 mas (~ 30 to ~ 37 au depending on distance to the targets), which gives an upper limit to the size of any small disks present in these systems. Nine of the 13 targets are systems in which we detect a stellar companion where dynamical interaction could have led to a truncated small disk. In contrast, among the disk detections, only V1650 Ori has a companion. A number of targets, Kiso-A-90460, Brun 252, RY Ori, V499 Ori and V2149 Ori have SEDs reminiscent of debris disks.

4.3. Disk brightness vs stellar and disk properties

In this section we compare δ_{pol} with the SED, age, mass and 1.3mm flux ($F_{1.3}$) of our target systems to identify correlations

of these parameters with the disk brightness (and thus the disk illumination) in scattered light.

Garufi et al. (2018) studied a sample of 58 young planet-forming disks in scattered light and found that systems with large mid- and far-infrared excess but low near-infrared excess are brighter in scattered light than systems with a strong near-infrared excess. This may indicate that disks with large inner cavities are well illuminated, while in disks with high near-infrared excess the inner disk material blocks the light to the outer disk region, i.e. these disks are effectively self-shadowed. The lack of near-infrared excess radiation (with a minimum typically close to $10\mu\text{m}$) combined with the presence of strong mid- and far-infrared excess is the typical SED signature of so-called transition disks (Strom et al. 1989; Calvet et al. 2005; Espaillat et al. 2007, 2010). To compare the δ_{pol} with how "transitional" the disks are, we measured the spectral slope between the K-band and $5\mu\text{m}$ (α_{K-5}) and between $5\mu\text{m}$ and $22\mu\text{m}$ (α_{5-22}). We used 2MASS photometry for K-band (Cutri et al. 2003) and WISE photometry for $5\mu\text{m}$ and $22\mu\text{m}$ (WISE band W1 and W4) (Cutri et al. 2021). We calculated the slope by:

$$\alpha_\lambda = \frac{\Delta \log(F_\lambda)}{\Delta \log(\lambda)} \quad (1)$$

Transitional disks, with a central cavity, have falling spectral slope between K band and $5\mu\text{m}$ ($\alpha_{K-5} \leq 0$) and a rising slope between $5\mu\text{m}$ and $22\mu\text{m}$ ($\alpha_{5-22} \geq 0$) (Strom et al. 1989; Skrutskie et al. 1990). Continuous disks on the other hand, with small or no cavities have constant or falling spectral slope in both ranges. This means that in figure 4 we expect that the more transitional a disk is, the higher and to the left it is located in the diagram.

In the lower left corner we find RV Ori and V606 Ori which are both low brightness disks. These disks have a steep near-infrared slope due to low $5\mu\text{m}$ flux.

The large bright disks in our sample (V 1012 Ori, V 599 Ori and V 351 Ori) are all located at the right hand end of the diagram, indicating that some near-infrared excess, and thus inner disk material close to the star, is present. However, they all show either a positive, flat or only slightly negative SED slope between $5\mu\text{m}$ and $22\mu\text{m}$, indicating that a large central cavity between the inner disk and the outer (resolved) disk is present. In the case of large disks with moderate to high flaring slopes could also arise from near-IR self-absorption. Only in the case of V 351 Ori can such a cavity be confirmed from the scattered light observation (see section 5.2.1). This large cavity also explains the position of V351 Ori in figure 4. The rise in the SED toward the mid- and far-infrared (figure B.1) of V 351 Ori starts at longer wavelengths than the spectral slope α_{5-22} measures.

Of the remaining disks HD 294260 is of interest, since it extends well beyond the coronagraph in the observations ($0.389''$, 151 au). It shows only a slightly negative α_{K-5} and a flat α_{5-22} slope, qualitatively similar to V 351 Ori. However, as can be seen in figure B.1, it lacks the rise in excess flux toward longer wavelengths, seen in V 351 Ori. HD 294260 indeed shows no clear indication of a significant local minimum in excess flux. In combination with the lack of excess flux toward longer wavelengths this may indicate either that no large central cavity is present and the outer disk is (partially) self-shadowed by inner disk material, or that the outer disk is dust depleted. Both scenarios fit well with the fact that we measure a low δ_{pol} for the system.

Comparing δ_{pol} with the stellar properties age and mass, we see that the brightest disks happen to be around the most massive and youngest stars of the sample (figure 5). However, the uncertainties in the age are large and the sample, out of a PMS per-

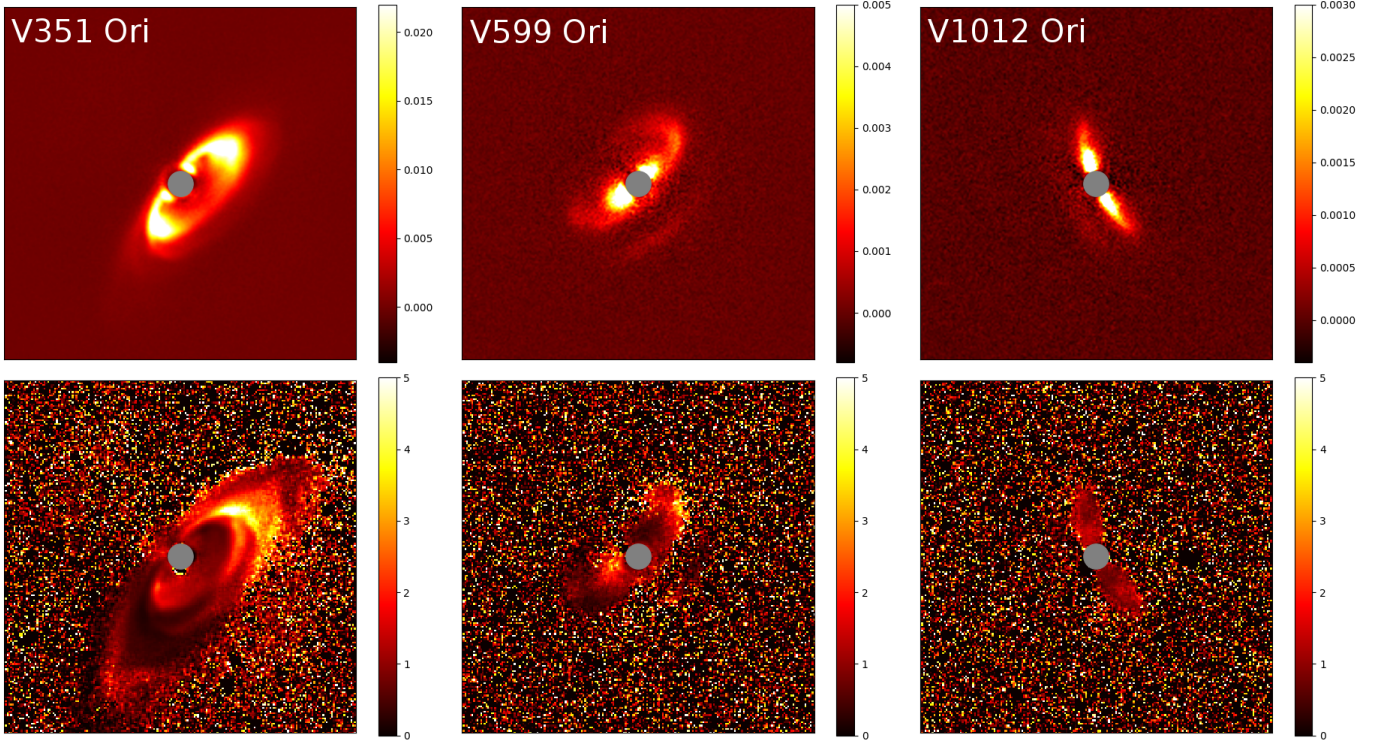


Fig. 3: Images showing the asymmetry of the three bright ($\delta_{\text{pol}} > 3$) large disks in the sample. **Top row:** From left to right the H-band observations of V351 Ori, V599 Ori and V1012 Ori. **Bottom row:** Images showing the asymmetry in the disk. These are created by dividing the original frame by a frame with the inverted disk along its minor axis. From left to right, V351 Ori, V599 Ori and V1012 Ori.

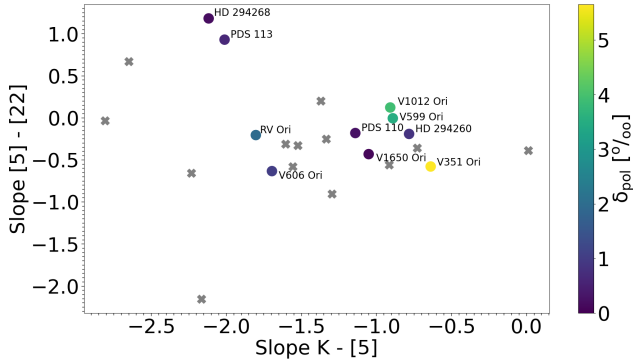


Fig. 4: A comparison between spectral slopes of the SED and the brightness of the disk, δ_{pol} , is given by the colorbar. Sources without detection of a disk in scattered light are marked with a cross.

spective, does not contain very young stars making a correlation with age uncertain. Looking at the brighter portion of the sample one can see a possible correlation between stellar mass and δ_{pol} . The less bright disk however ($\delta_{\text{pol}} \leq 1$) are found around the mid part of the sample mass range. In the sample as a whole there is therefore no visible correlation between these quantities.

More interesting is the correlation we see between brightness and millimetre flux (figure 5 right most panel). Bright disks also have a high millimetre flux, i.e. they are more massive in dust. To test the correlation we calculate the Kendall τ -coefficient (Kendall 1938). We find a correlation between millimetre flux and δ_{pol} , $\tau_K = 0.23$ with a probability, $\sim 20\%$, that the two quan-

ties are independent of each other. This finding is further discussed in Sect. 5.2.

5. Discussion

5.1. Disk asymmetries

We observed 23 systems with infrared excess in Orion. In our H-band observations we resolved an extended dusty disk in scattered light in 10 of these 23. Five of these disks have radii over 150 au, three of them are bright, with V351 Ori being the most extended (360 ± 20 au), and the brightest. All three of these extended and bright disks in the sample show strong asymmetries in scattered light (see figure 3). These asymmetries could arise from shadows cast by warps in the disk or a misaligned inner disk, as suggested for HD 139614 (Muro-Arena et al. 2020), HD 142527 (Marino et al. 2015), TW Hya (Debes et al. 2017) or HD 143006 (Benisty et al. 2018). If the observed asymmetries in our disk sample are indeed caused by shadowing, then the shadows should be azimuthally broad, which would be indicative of a mild warp or small misalignment (Muro-Arena et al. 2020; Benisty et al. 2018). These could be caused by gravitational instability (Kratter & Lodato 2016), dynamic interactions with stellar companions (Bae & Zhu 2018) or interaction between an embedded planet and the disk (Zhang et al. 2018).

Of the three systems in question, V 1012 Ori does not show a visible stellar companion within the field of view of our SPHERE observations (radius of 6", see appendix C for detection limits). We detect a faint point source 1.7" to the East of V 351 Ori. This object was already detected by Wagner et al. (2020), who disregarded it as a companion and classified it as

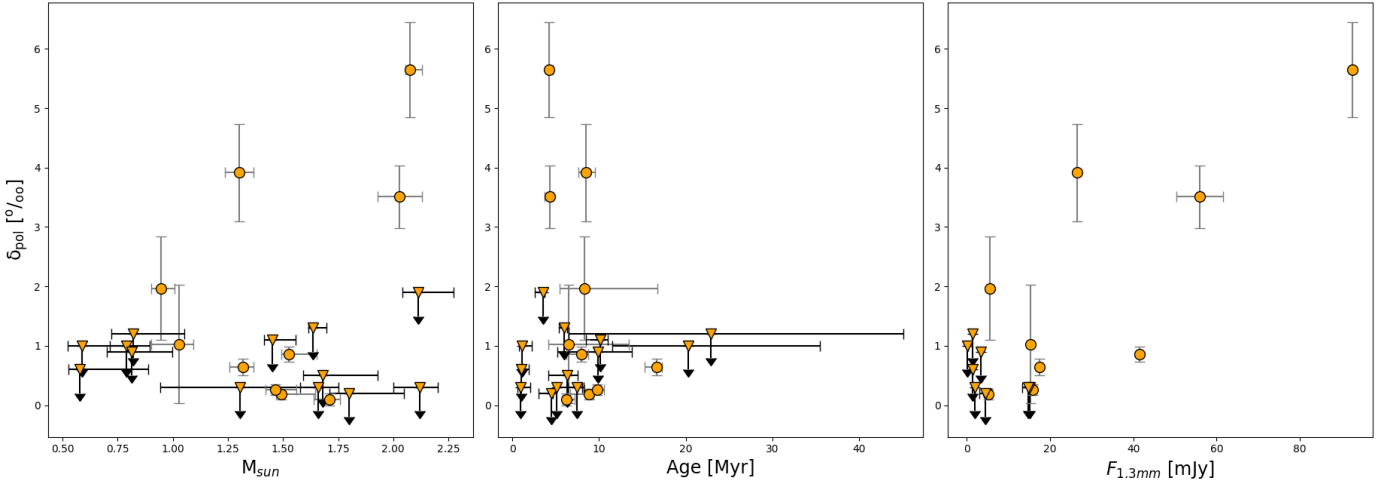


Fig. 5: Polarized-to-stellar light contrast compared to **a)** Stellar mass, **b)** Age and **c)** 1.3mm Flux.

a background field star due to its rather neutral color using Ks and L' photometry. We see no further stellar companion candidates within the SPHERE field of view (see appendix C for detection limits). In the case of V599 Ori we detect a faint companion 2.04'' to the North-East of the primary star. By comparison with VLT/NACO data, taken in 2008, we find that the companion proper motion is consistent with being bound with V599 Ori. To try to evaluate the probability that the observed companion is a field star we use the approach of Lillo-Box et al. (2014). The probability P to observe at physically unrelated star in the field at a specific location in the sky is given by:

$$P(r, b, m_{\odot}, \Delta m_{\max}) = \pi r^2 \rho(b, m_{\odot}, \Delta m_{\max}) \quad (2)$$

where r is the separation from the star, b the galactic longitude, m_{\odot} the apparent magnitude of the star in the observed filter, Δm_{\max} the maximum achieved contrast at the separation r , and ρ the stellar density. In this case, the possible companion has a separation of 2.05'' and an H-band magnitude of 14.19 mag. To find the stellar density, the amount of stars possibly observed within 1 deg² of V599 Ori, we utilize TRILEGAL⁵ population synthesis code (Girardi et al. 2005) with default parameters for different parts of the Galaxy and Chabrier (2001) log-normal initial mass function. We find 1303 stars corresponding to a probability of 1.3×10^{-3} that the star by chance could be a field star. Considering the object being co-moving with V599 Ori and the low probability of a field star we find it very likely that this is a physical companion. Assuming that the orbit lies in the disk plane this corresponds to a separation of 977 ± 68 au. If indeed this is a bound companion, then it may be responsible for the disk asymmetry in V599 Ori by driving a spiral arm in the disk. However, dedicated hydrodynamic simulations are needed to determine if an orbit configuration consistent with the current projected position brings the companion close enough to the disk to drive a large scale spiral arm.

The lack of an outer companion in V 1012 Ori and V 351 Ori suggests that disk gravitational instability or embedded planets may be responsible for the observed asymmetries. If the M_{disk}/M_* are larger than $\sim 10^{-2}$ then gravitational instability could be the reason (Kratter & Lodato 2016). We therefore estimate dust disk mass, assuming we have optically thin conditions

at $\lambda = 1.3$ mm ($\nu = 230$ GHz) and that the dust is isothermal, by:

$$M_{\text{dust}} = \frac{F_{\nu} D^2}{\kappa_{\nu} B_{\nu}(T_{\text{dust}})} \quad (3)$$

D is the distance and $B_{\nu}(T_{\text{dust}})$ is the Planck function at the dust temperature. We use the dust temperature $T_d = 20$ K and $\kappa_{\nu} = 2.3$ cm² g⁻¹ for the absorption coefficient. To obtain the total disk mass we then assume a gas-to-dust ratio of 100. The M_{disk}/M_* then comes out as 0.039 and 0.024 for V351 Ori and V1012 Ori respectively. Not taking temperature effects into account, this crude approximation shows that gravitational instability could be a plausible explanation.

Asymmetry could also arise from the presence of an embedded planet that warps or misaligns the disk (Bitsch et al. 2013; Xiang-Gruess & Papaloizou 2013; Nealon et al. 2018), subsequently casting a shadow over the disk. Sub-stellar mass bodies and planets, embedded in the disk, have also been shown to drive vortices and density waves that induce spiral arms in the disk (Ogilvie & Lubow 2002; Muto et al. 2012; Zhu et al. 2015). Embedded planets open gaps in the disk, trapping dust grains in the pressure bump of outer edge of the gap (Paardekooper & Mellema 2004; Zhu et al. 2014; Pinilla et al. 2016). These processes slow down dust migration and effectively increase the lifetime of the outer disk, resulting in the disk being large and extended for a longer period. Embedded planets in the disks of V351 Ori, V599 Ori and V1012 Ori could thus explain, not only the asymmetries observed in scattered light, but also the exceptional radial extent of the disks in these systems.

5.2. Faint and non-detections

Faint disks do not show any obvious asymmetries. This is possibly due to our limited sensitivity that does not enable to detect low-contrast features. The observed correlation between the amount of scattered light and the dust mass probed by the millimeter flux (see Fig. 5) may in principle suggest that all massive disks are properly illuminated. This is however not always seen in larger, diversified sample (see e.g., Garufi et al. 2022) because of the existence of several extended, self-shadowed disks such as those of HD163296 or HK Lup (Garufi et al. 2014, 2020). The absence of such objects in our Orion sample is at the origin of the observed trend and could indicate a more advanced evolutionary

⁵ <http://stev.oapd.inaf.it/cgi-bin/trilegal>

stage for the Orion sources where any large disk that is possibly capable of creating large cavities have done it.

On the lower end of the dust mass distribution, the absence of any bright disk is partly due to the finite resolution of our observations. In fact, a bright disk of less than 10 mJy may not be resolved by our observations (or may be hidden by the physical coronagraph), and would therefore result in a non-detection. Furthermore, the Orion region is further away than the other regions that are probed by high-contrast imaging (such as Chamaeleon or Taurus), and the fraction of disks that cannot be resolved with 8-m telescopes is larger.

Inspecting the SEDs (see figure B.1) we can see that many disks have the characteristic shape of the presence of a central cavity. But we only directly image one such cavities in the observations (in the exceptional disk V351 Ori, figure 3) and we see substructure in just 2 of the 10 disks. Here we are limited by both the resolution (12.25 mas per pixel) of the telescope and the size of the coronagraph (92.5 mas). Cavities that are readily resolved in nearby star forming regions (in Garufi et al. (2016) for example 10 au, HD100456) would be impossible to detect through imaging at a four times greater distance, where the coronagraph size corresponds to 30-37 au. Because of this, we start to lose a direct connection between SED type and an imaged disk gap. Interferometric observations, with instruments such as MATISSE or GRAVITY, could in the future confirm the presence of central cavities in these targets.

We also see a strong anti-correlation between disk detections and the presence of companions. In nine of the 23 targets, we detect close (candidate) companions. Five of these are first detected in the present study. Out of the nine systems with companions, only two system also have disks visible in scattered light (V1650 Ori with a relatively small disk and V599 Ori with a large separation to the companion. That disk are small and faint in close binary systems is expected from theoretical predictions of the effects of binaries on disk radii, radial drift and dispersion (Lin & Papaloizou 1993; Artymowicz & Lubow 1994; Zurlo et al. 2021) and earlier observational evidence at millimetre wavelengths of close binaries (≤ 140 au) (Harris et al. 2012; Akeson et al. 2019). Only 2 of the binaries have a separation of several ~ 100 au, Kiso A-0904 60 and V599 Ori, where the latter as mentioned before harbours a well-defined extended disk.

In the system V2149 Ori we measure an increase in separation between the components compared to measurements from Köhler et al. (2006). This increase in separation corresponds to projected velocity of $\sim 3.6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The velocity is such that, given the uncertainties in orbital inclination and eccentricity, one can not exclude a bound orbital configuration. Further observations of this system in years to come would provide better evidence and may determine if the companion is indeed in a bound orbit.

5.3. UV-radiation

Finally, we investigated if there is a correlation between the local FUV-field and the measured disk radius in scattered light. Using the distances from Bailer-Jones et al. (2021), we calculate the geometric distances of each sample star from the three O-stars, θ_1 Ori, σ Ori and NU Ori, which can be assumed to be the main contributors to the FUV-field in the region. Using a standard black body and stellar models for massive stars (Martins et al. 2005), we integrate between 91-200 nm to obtain an estimate of the L_{FUV} for each of the O-stars. We then calculate the total FUV-field for each location of our sample by adding the contributions from all O-stars. We do not take local extinc-

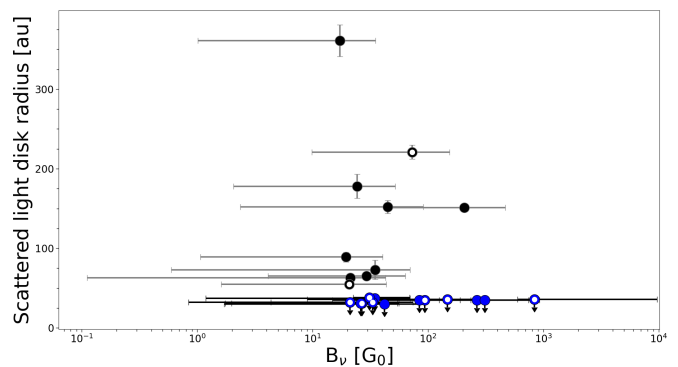


Fig. 6: Graph showing disk radius for each source in the FUV-field of the three O-stars, θ_1 Ori, σ Ori and NU Ori. Local extinction has not been taken into account. Systems with detected disk are black and systems without a detected disk are blue. Upper limits for non detections are derived using the angular size of the coronagraph. Binary systems are indicated with a white marker. No disks are detected at FUV-fields higher than $\sim 300 G_0$.

tion into account when doing this, since we are only interested to see if there is a general influence from the FUV-field. As we see in figure 6 the detected disks are found at FUV-fields lower than $\sim 300 G_0$, with the most extended disk (around V351 Ori) being exposed to the lowest FUV field. Whereas van Terwisga et al. (2022) finds a weak trend between disk radius and UV-field strength for young objects in L1641 and L1647, we see no clear trend between the scattered light disk radius and external FUV field. In this case the disks resemble the one in close by, LM-SFR (for example Taurus and Lupus) where in the absence of massive O and B stars it is unlikely that the FUV field is very strong.

6. Summary

We have presented the first comprehensive study of bright disks in Orion with extreme adaptive optics high contrast imaging. 23 systems were observed with VLT/SPHERE at H-band ($1.6 \mu\text{m}$) in polarized light. In the following we summarize the main results of this survey:

1. We detect 10 protoplanetary disks out of which three are bright and extended (V351 Ori, V599 Ori, V1012 Ori).
2. The bright disks are asymmetric and two of these (V351 Ori and V599 Ori) show substructure.
3. We find a correlation ($\tau_K = 0.23$) between the 1.3 mm flux and the scattered light brightness (δ_{pol}) of the detected disks. This correlation is due to the absence of large, self-shadowed disks.
4. We detect nine systems harbouring close stellar companions, of which five were previously unknown.
5. We additionally detect a possible sub-stellar companion to RY Ori located at 137 au from the primary star.
6. We find a strong correlation between multiplicity and the absence of a disk detection. We detect only two disks among the nine detected multiple systems.
7. We lose the direct connection between inner SED-inferred disk cavities and bright scattered light disks, likely as a consequence of the limited angular resolution at the distance of the Orion SFR.
8. We see no direct environmental effects on disk radii as a result of a more intense external FUV-field. In this sense, the sampled disks resemble those in LM-SFR.

Our study demonstrates the value of high-resolution near-infrared observations in regions up to 400 pc distance with current instrumentation. Once 30 m class telescopes such as the ESO-ELT become available it would be most interesting to follow up on the many angular compact disks discovered in our sample to study the presence of sub-structures and compare these to the exceptionally extended disks in the same region.

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Appendix A: Measuring inclination, P.A. and radius

For all disk detections within our sample (with the exception of the complex sub-structured disk surrounding V351 Ori) we used ellipse fitting to the outer disk edge to determine the basic disk geometry. The fitting procedure is described in detail in the companion paper to this study on the Cha I star forming region (Ginski et al., submitted). Here we give a brief summary.

To determine the radial location of the disk edge we extracted radial profiles using a sliding aperture with a diameter of 4 pixels, i.e. roughly corresponding to the size of the resolution element in the H-band. For each radial profile we determined at which point the disk flux drops below 3σ of the noise background of the image and use this as the edge position. In order to estimate the uncertainty of this edge location we use a sub-array centered around the disk edge and fit the linear slope of the profile. We then scale the uncertainties with the inverse of the slope. The general idea is that the edge location will be very clear for sharply truncated disk with a steep slope in signal across the edge, while it is more diffuse for extended disks that slowly fade below the background noise due to the, e.g. the drop in illumination at larger distances from the star.

Once the data points are extracted we use the least squares algorithm developed by Halř & Flusser (1998) to obtain the ellipse solution that best fits the data points. To explore the uncertainties of this solution we repeat this process 10^5 times, each time we draw the data points individually from a normal distribution centered on their original position and with a width based on their uncertainties.

In figure A.1 we show the disk images on a saturated color map to highlight the location of the disk edge. We overplot the extracted locations of the disk edge with their associated uncertainties as well as the best fitting ellipse solution. We note that we excluded regions from the extraction and fit in which the disk signal is very weak, either because it is obscured by the coronagraphic mask (e.g. PDS 113 and RV Ori), or because of the intrinsic scattering phase function or shadowing (e.g. V599 Ori and V1012 Ori).

Appendix B: Spectral energy distributions for targets

Here we present the SED for all targets figure B.1. We list references to all photometry in table 2 per target.

Appendix C: Mass detection limits on V351 Ori and V1012 Ori from the SPHERE imaging data

Using the SPHERE imaging data we produced mass detection limits for the V351 Ori and V1012 Ori systems analogous to what was done in Zhang et al. (2023). We show the results in figure C.1.

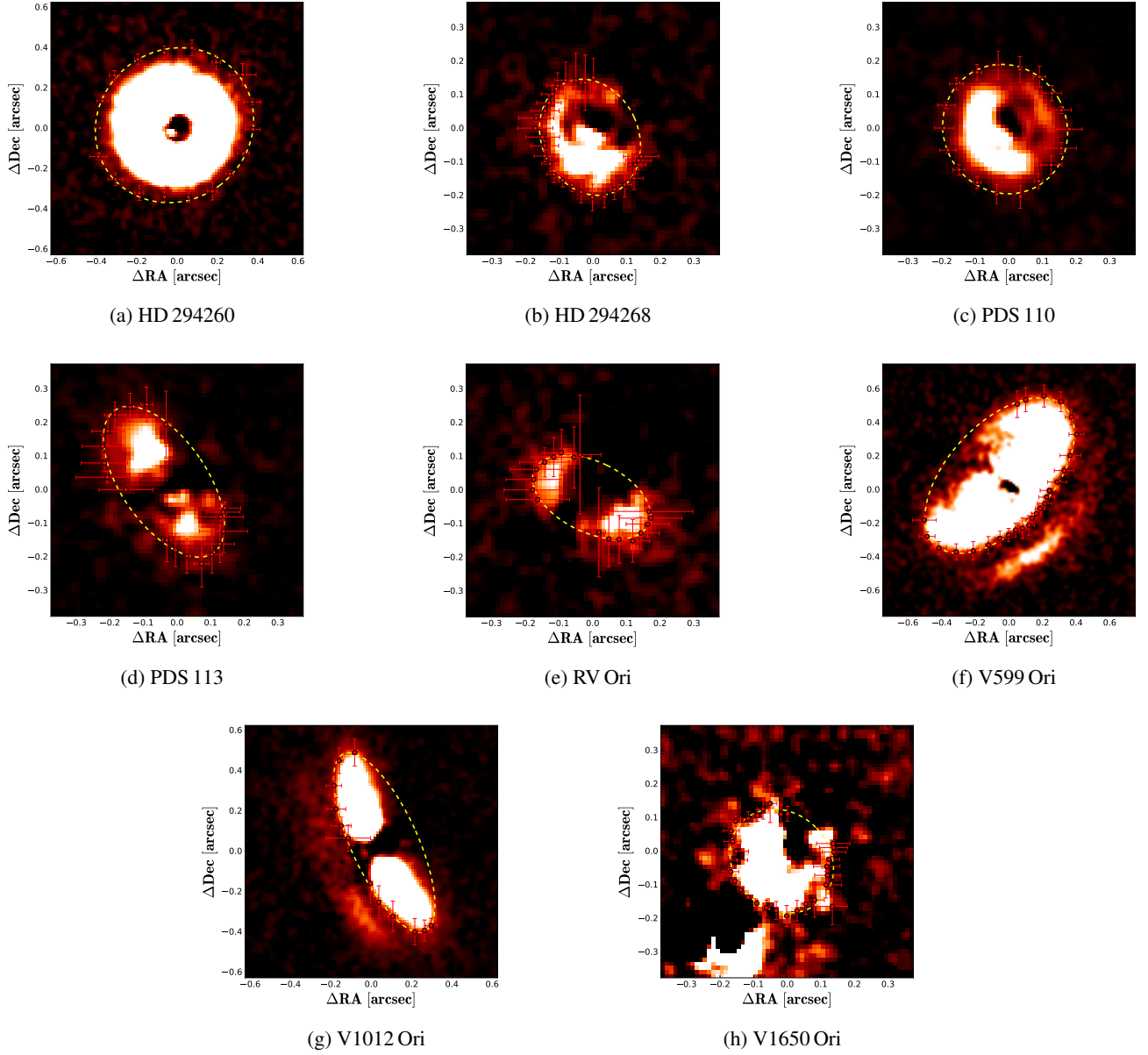


Fig. A.1: Ellipse fit to the outer disk edge in 8 systems in this study. Disk images are shown on a saturated color map to highlight the edge, i.e. the region where disk signal drops below 3σ above the sky background. Yellow, dashed lines show the final fitted ellipse.

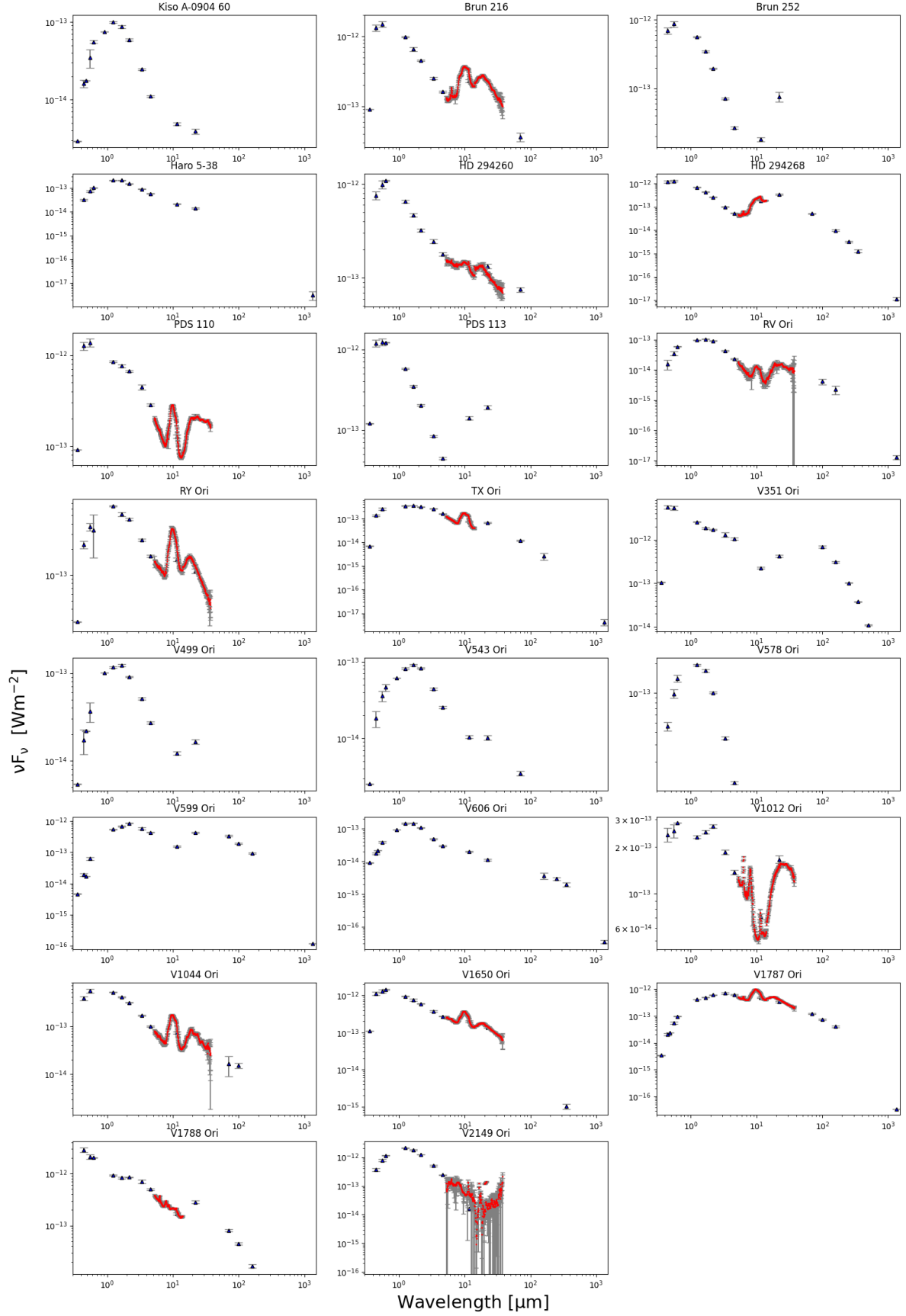
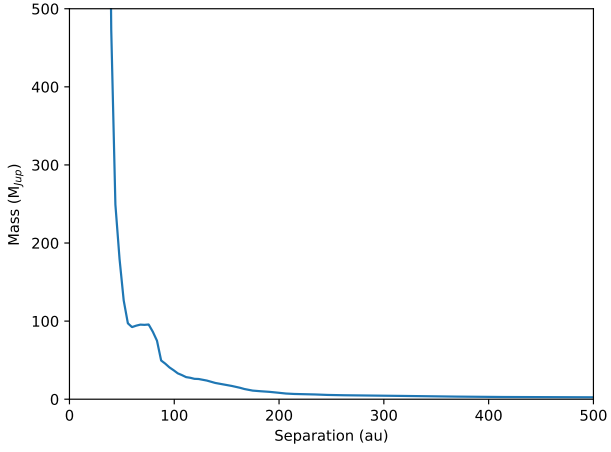


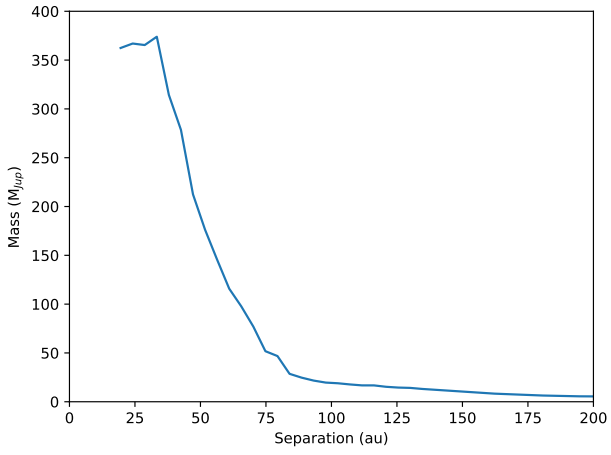
Fig. B.1: The spectral energy distributions for the sources in the sample. The photometry and AOR-keys for the CASSIS Spitzer database are available in table B.1.

Table B.1: This table contains the catalogs from Vizier with the photometry used to create the SEDs as well as the B and V band fluxes used to derive the luminosity for the sources. 1.3 mm fluxes are referenced directly in the table and references all other catalogs can be found below the table. **References:** 1)II/336 (Henden et al. 2015), 2)V/139 (Ahn et al. 2012), 3)I/327 (Carlsberg Meridian Catalog Number 15 2011), 4)I/322A (Zacharias et al. 2013), 5)II/246 (Cutri et al. 2003), 6)II/328 (Cutri et al. 2021), 7)VIII/106 (Herschel Point Source Catalogue Working Group et al. 2020)

Name	Optical	2MASS	WISE	Herchel PSC	AOR-Key	$F_{1.3mm}$ [mJy]	Ref. 1.3mm	Ref. photometry
Kiso A-0904 06	II/336, V/139, I/327	II/246	II/328			≤ 0.25	This work	1,2,3,5,6
Brun 216	I/322A, V/139	II/246	II/328	VIII/106	18832640	4.44 ± 1.47	This work	2,4,5,6,7
Brun 252	I/322A	II/246	II/328					4,5,6
Haro 5-38	I/322A, I/327	II/246	II/328			1.4 ± 0.15	Ansdell et al. 2017	3,4,5,6
HD 294260	I/322A, I/327	II/246	II/328	VIII/106	21878528	41.51 ± 0.12	This work	3,4,5,6,7
HD 294268	I/322A	II/246	II/328	VIII/106	18147328	5.16 ± 0.13	Ansdell et al. 2017	4,5,6,7
PDS 110	I/322A, V/139	II/246	II/328		21889024	15.94 ± 0.08	This work	2,4,5,6
PDS 113	I/322, V/139, I/327	II/246	II/328			17.54 ± 0.08	This work	2,3,4,5,6
RV Ori	II/336, I/327	II/246	II/328	VIII/106	26309888	5.66 ± 0.15	Ansdell et al. 2017	1,4,5,6,7
RY Ori	II/336, V/139, I/327	II/246	II/328		21871616			1,2,3,5,6
TX Ori	I/322A, V/139	II/246	II/328	VIII/106	18146560	1.9 ± 0.13	Ansdell et al. 2017	2,4,5,6,7
V351 Ori	I/322A, V/139	II/246	II/328	VIII/106		92.59 ± 0.26	This work	2,4,5,6,7
V499 Ori	II/336, V/139	II/246	II/328			3.33 ± 0.09	This work	1,2,5,6
V543 Ori	II/336, V/139, I/327	II/246	II/328	VIII/106		1.34 ± 0.08	This work	1,2,3,5,6,7
V578 Ori	I/322A, I/327	II/246	II/328					3,4,5,6
V599 Ori	I/322A, V/139	II/246	II/328	VIII/106		55.9 ± 5.6	Ansdell et al. 2017	2,4,5,6,7
V606 Ori	I/322A, V/139	II/246	II/328	VIII/106		15.38 ± 0.25	Ansdell et al. 2017	2,4,5,6,7
V1012 Ori	I/322A, I/327	II/246	II/328		25731584	26.48 ± 0.10	This work	3,4,5,6
V1044 Ori	I/322	II/246	II/328	VIII/106	21872640			4,5,6,7
V1650 Ori	I/322, V/139, I/327	II/246	II/328	VIII/106	21870848			2,3,4,5,6,7
V1787 Ori	I/322, V/139, I/327	II/246	II/328	VIII/106	18834176	14.8 ± 1.48	van Terwisga et al. 2022	2,3,4,5,6,7
V1788 Ori	I/322A, I/327	II/246	II/328	VIII/106	11002112	15.13 ± 0.09	This work	3,4,5,6,7
V2149 Ori	I/322A, I/327	II/246	II/328		18802176			3,4,5,6



(a) V351 Ori



(b) V1012 Ori

Fig. C.1: Mass limits computed from the SPHERE H-band data using angular differential imaging to detect total intensity sources around the two exceptionally extended disks in the V351 Ori and V1012 Ori system.