

Infrared light polarization as a tool to study circumstellar disks
dust properties

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Light polarization is a powerful tool to investigate the nature, the shape of dust grains and their interactions with local physical conditions such as the presence of a magnetic field in circumstellar disks.

Very recently, it has been possible, thanks to polarimeters on mid-infrared instruments mounted on large ground-based telescopes, to investigate both the B-field content and some dust properties in the AB Aur protoplanetary disk.

In this talk, I will discuss recent observational results obtained using polarimetric observations, also as their limits and potential degeneracies.