Spatially Resolved Mid-IR Spectra of Binaries with Adaptive Optics



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Binaries at 10 μm



~1.5"



8 um Spitzer image of T Tau 10.55 um MMTAO image of T Tau

~5'



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Next Steps

- Complete our survey of resolved 10-micron binaries (12-16 binaries)
- Determine how the 10-micron silicate feature varies between binary components and investigate what parameters might be important for grain-growth/planet formation
- Study variability of silicate features

Other MIRAC/AO results

- (409.19) A Direct Measurement of Atmospheric Dispersion in N-band AO Spectra: Implications for Mid-IR Systems on ELTs
- (428.09) Diffraction Limited Narrowband Mid-IR Imaging of the Carbon Rich Star IRC +10216 at the MMT