High Mass Star Formation & Maser VLB

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Low-mass (~1 M_o) Star Formation: Disk+Jet system Magnetocentrifugally accelerated wind



HH30 1000 AU

False-color (V, R, I) deconvoled HST WFPC2: Emission line jet, continuum reflection nebulae, dark lane. (Burrows et al. 1996)

Adapted from Blandford & Payne 1982

High-mass stars "switch on" still accreting

Impact of radiation pressure and photoionization (thermal pressure from HII regions) on the accretion of circumstellar gas

- Do accretion disks exists ?
- 1) photoevaporated by the intense stellar UV Radiation
- 2) if massive, fragmented by gravitational instabilities
- 3) destroyed by tidal interactions with (stellar cluster) members
- From Observations:
- A few B-type YSOs with disks, but no disks towards O-type YSOs A few thermal jets towards high-mass YSOs (VLA, rms ~ 0.3 mJy)
- Are outflows driven by radiation pressure and/or stellar winds ?
- Does outflow collimation decrease with protostellar mass or age?



Adapted from Beuther & Shepherd 05

Maser VLBI: 3-D Kinematics @ $10 - 10^3$ AU from the YSO

Several Molecular Masers commonly observed nearby high-mass YSOs Maser V $_{\rm LSR}$ + Proper Motions $~\rightarrow~$ 3-D kinematics



Are More Massive Stars forming following the same path (disk/jet) as Low-Mass Stars ?

Highlights from Maser VLBI towards High-Mass YSOs in order of increasing YSO Mass/Luminosity.

Source I in Orion BN/KL : > 8 - 10 M

Integrated Intensity epoch-by-epoch (0th Moments)

- Time-series over 2 yrs
 SiO v=1,2
- T=21 months, $\Delta T \sim 1$ month
- R<100 AU, Δθ=0.2 AU

Physical flow of ~ 1000 independent clumps

Radial flow (four arms)Transverse flow(bridge)

Model

- wide-angle flow (limbs)
- disk rotation

Matthews, Greenhill, Goddi, et al. 2010







Greenhill, Goddi, et al., 2013



RIGHT ASCENSION (J2000)

Spatial Distribution of Molecular Masers in G23.01-0.41



Rotation and Expansion @ a few 10³ AU from the YSO



What drives the Expansion ? 1) A Disk-Wind ? (~10 X scaled-up version of that in Source I !)



Sanna et al. 2010, A&A, 517, A78 Sanna et al. 2014, A&A, 565, A34

2) A Stellar Wind ? (powerful enough from a late O-type star)







Water Maser Shell

Kinematic Status: $R_0 \approx 500 \text{ AU}$, $V_0 \approx 40 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

Maser Action \rightarrow pre-shock n_H > 10⁶ cm⁻³

Wind-driven shell

For a ZAMS 09.5 type:

 $M_{w} \sim 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, $V_{w} \sim 2000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, $L_{w} \sim 1-5 10^{36} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

pressure and momentum-driven solutions require:

$$t_{n} \approx 40 \text{ yr}$$
 , $n_{\mu} \sim 10^{7} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

radio appearance similar to an UCHII region

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2) Next, Maser VLBI 3-D velocity fields can be optimally combined with sensitive, $\delta\theta \le 100$ mas, maps in thermal tracers





Peculiarity of High-Mass (> 6-8 M_o) Star Formation





Greenhill, Goddi, et al., 2013

V_{los} gradient~5 km/s across minor axis: rotation?





dM/dt=10⁻⁵ M_o/yr







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