Recent progress in high-mass star-formation studies

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My talk

- Review broad context of high-mass star-formation studies
 - Mainly focus on recent progress of observational studies
 - Not well focus on cosmic cycle of dust and gas
- Contents
 - Introduction
 - Representative recent results, especially from ALMA
 - A few examples of our studies



What is HM star? Why important?

- How high mass (HM)?
 - Early B (B3 and earlier) and O stars
 - More massive than 8M_{Sun}
 - More luminous than $10^3 L_{Sun}$
- Significant impacts on astronomy, astrophysics, and astrochemistry
 - Influences on surroundings by strong UV, wind, explosion, ...

ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO). Visible light image: the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope





Scale of high-mass Star-forming regions

 From giant molecular cloud (GMC) complex to high-mass (HM) young stellar object (YSO)

Large-scale structures affected by YSO-scale events



In case of Orion (Hirota+2018)

Why so difficult?

- Intrinsic characteristics of HM-YSOs/SFRs
 - 100 times rarer probability than low-mass stars
 - 1000 times shorter lifetime than low-mass stars
 - >10 times larger distances than low-mass SFRs



Why so difficult?

- Observationally still challenging
 - Usually formed in clusters
 - Extremely high opacities unreachable at IR or shorter wavelengths
 - Only achievable by interferometers to resolve innermost structures





Fundamental questions

- How can HM-protostellar objects accrete their mass within short lifetime against strong feedback?
- What is initial condition for HM star-formation?
- How is stellar initial mass function determined?
- How to solve these problems?
 - Study dynamical properties from host clouds to HM-YSOs
 - Chemistry complementary to physical/dynamical properties
 - Theoretical works also essential to interpret observational results

Accretion at clump and core scale

- Two controversial theories
- Turbulent core accretion (e.g. McKee & Tan 2002)
 - Scale-up of low-mass case (monolithic collapse)
 - High mass single YSO (binary or small cluster) formed in a single massive turbulent core
 - Forming disk/outflow system
- Competitive accretion (e.g. Bonnel+1997)
 - High mass YSO formed in the center of low-mass cores/YSOs via global collapse
 - Fragmentation into small cores with thermal Jeans mass
 - More disturbed disk/outflow system

Infrared dark clouds (IRDCs)

- Good laboratory for investigating initial conditions
 - Characteristic filamentary structures sometimes with global inflow
 - e.g. SDC335; most massive core in the Galaxy (545 M_{sun} at MM1) at infalling rate of 2.5x10⁻³ M_{sun}yr ⁻¹; Peretto+2013, Avison+2015)



Spitzer image, intensity, and velocity maps of N₂H⁺ (1⁺0) line in SDC335.579-0.272 at 3.25 kpc (Peretto+2013, Avison+2015)

Infrared dark clouds (IRDCs)

- Search for massive starless (prestellar) cores/clumps
 - e.g. G011.92-0.61 MM2; massive (>30 M_{Sun}) core without any sign of star-formation activity (Cyganowski+2014, 2017)
 - e.g. G028.37+00.07; chemically evolved, massive (~60 M_{sun}), magnetically virialized starless cores (Tan+2013, 2016, Gong+2016)
 - Still rare cases (and still not convincing)



Accretion at YSO scale

- Well known feedback problem
 - Accretion suppressed by strong radiation pressure
 - Higher accretion rate than lowmass YSOs
 - Solved by non-isotropic accretion through disk ("flashlight effect"; Yorke & Bodenheimer 1999)



Possible stellar mass as functions of mass accretion rate (Wolfire & Cassinelli 1987)



Circumstellar disks before ALMA

Discovered by various tools, but mostly in B-type YSOs



Circumstellar disks seen by ALMA

- Even for distant O-stars
 - Keplerian rotation, infall
 - Accretion rate ~10⁻³M_{Sun} yr⁻¹
 - More complicated due to outflow, fragment, binary?





Case study of disk/outflow in Orion

- Radio source I in Orion KL
 - One of the well studied high-mass YSO
 - ALMA observations of high-energy lines at 0.1" resolution (~42 au at 420 pc distance; (Hirota+2007, Menten+2007, Kim+2008)
 - Velocity gradient perpendicular to outflow





Detailed structure of outflow

- Rotating and expanding structure
 - Enclosed mass of 8.7+/-0.6 M_{Sun}
 - Centrifugal radii of 21-47 au
 - Velocity of ~10 km s⁻¹ (no high velocity jet)
 - Rotating and radially expanding outflow





Evidence of rotating outflow/jet

- Consistent with magneto-centrifugal disk wind model
 - Possible Solution for angular momentum problem
 - Same as low-mass YSOs
 - Still challenging, need more data (see review by Belloche+2013)





Jet rotation in a low-mass Class 0 protostar HH212 (Lee+2017)

More recent studies

- High excited lines of H₂O, SiO, and their isotopologues
 - Recall Wong's talk (AGB)



Moment 0/1 maps SiO v=1 and v=4, J=11-10 line (Hirota+2018)

Keplerian rotation around 15+/-2 M_{sun} YSO(s)



Complex structure of outflows

- Bipolar and explosive outflows in Orion KL
 - Energy release of 10⁴⁸ erg via dynamical decay of multiple system (e.g. Rodriguez+2017, Orozco-Aguilera+2017, Bally+2017)
 - Formation of a binary with ~20M_{sun} (Ginsburg+2018)



Accretion burst in HM-YSOs

- Luminosity in S255 NIRS3 from 2.9x10⁴L_{sun} to 1.6x10⁵L_{sun}
 - First detected by methanol maser flare by single-dish monitoring (Fujisawa+2016, Moscadelli+2017)
 - Subsequent follow-up observations in continuum from IR to radio (Caratti o Garatti+2016, Cesaroni et al. 2018)
 - Suggesting accretion burst with mass accretion rate of 5x10⁻³ M_{Sun}



Infrared flare (Caratti o Garatti+2016) and methanol maser flare in S255 at 1.8 kpc (Moscadelli+2017)

Accretion burst in HM-YSOs

- Luminosity increase by 70 (4.2x10⁴L_{Sun}) in NGC6334I MM1
 - Both continuum and masers (Hunter+2017, MacLeod+2018)
 - Masers can be unique probes for episodic accretion burst



Millimeter and maser outburst in NGC6334I MM1 (Hunter+2017, 2018, MacLeod+2018)

Summary and future prospects

- Observational studies at high resolution/sensitivity reveal
 - Global structure of IRDC clumps/cores
 - Potential but not convincing candidates of massive prestellar cores
 - Disks around O- and B-type YSOs with possibly Keplerian rotation
 - Outflow rotation in Orion Source I similar to low-mass YSOs
 - Episodic accretion burst events also identified by maser variability
- Not discussed in my talk but here emphasize importance of
 - Theoretical works to cover large dynamic range of HM-SFRs
 - Further systematic survey at higher resolution/sensitivity
 - In particular chemistry and polarization (magnetic field)