



## MOLECULAR OUTFLOWS TOWARDS O-TYPE YOUNG STELLAR OBJECTS

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## High-mass Star Formation: Problems & Solutions

### **Observational problems**

Rare; high distances (~ 5 kpc), Fast evolution towards ZAMS, cluster (confusion)

### Theoretical problem (Palla & Stahler 1993)

Stars with  $M \ge 8M_{sun}$  reach the ZAMS while still accreting: radiation pressure should halt the accretion process  $\Rightarrow$  Stars with  $M > 8M_{sun}$  cannot form (?!)



#### Proposed scenarios

1. Merging of low-mass stars

Disks/outflows associated with the lowmass stars should be destroyed during merging

2. Accretion through disks and/or with larger accretion rates than those for low-mass stars

Well-defined disk/outflow system

So far, evidence supports accretion... General case???

### The sample and observations



### **Observations**

#### IRAM 30-m radio telescope (Spain)

On-The-Fly mapping with HERA (9beam array working at 1.3 mm)

September 2006

<sup>13</sup>CO(2-1) Outflow tracer
(220.4 GHz, HPBW = 11")
C<sup>18</sup>O(2-1) Ambient tracer
(219.6 GHz, HPBW = 11")

## The method



### **Results: outflow maps**



(López-Sepulcre et al. 2009)

High-velocity wings in all the <sup>13</sup>CO(2-1) spectra Outflow maps for 9 out of 11 sources

Outflows common in high-mass star forming regions: accretion

# Outflow parameters against luminosity

Outflow parameters determined from the <sup>13</sup>CO(2-1) emission in the high-velocity wings

Values corrected for optical depth (from <sup>13</sup>CO(2-1) to C<sup>18</sup>O(2-1) ratio)

Continuity with data by Beuther et al. (2002); agreement with fits by Wu et al. (2004, 2005)

Our data complement those by Beuther et al. (2002), adding the highest luminosity sources, covering for the first time the O-type range

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- : Our sample (corrected for  $\tau$ )
- $\blacktriangle$  : Our sample ( $\tau << 1$ )
- --: Correlations by Wu et al. (2004, 2005)



### Outflow mechanical force against Lyman photon rate

 $N_{Ly} \neq$  whole cluster  $N_{Ly} =$  massive YSOs

For sources associated with UC HII regions:

similar correlation to that found for  $L_{bol}$ 

(López-Sepulcre et al. 2009)



High angular resolution (<~ 1") imaging needed to disentangle outflow multiplicity and associate them with individual sources within the clump

## Conclusions

(López-Sepulcre et al. 2009)

- 1. <sup>13</sup>CO(2-1) single-dish survey towards 11 high-mass SFRs in search for molecular outflows: FOUND in the whole sample
- 2. Molecular outflows are as common in high-mass SFRs as in low-mass SFRs, supporting the accretion scenario
- 3. Outflow parameters determined and compared to those derived for the sample of Beuther et al. (2002, mostly B-type): continuity with their results, covering for the first time the O-type range
- 4. Higher luminosity sources are associated with more energetic outflows
- 5. Correlation between outflow mechanical force,  $F_{out}$ , and rate of ionising photons,  $N_{Ly}$ , of the associated UC HII regions (supporting the association of the outflows with the ionising sources)

## Future

Complementary sub-arcsec CO imaging + use of jet tracers (e.g. SiO)



### The case of G35.20-0.74



Velocity gradient perpendicular to outflow axis (rotation?)

Bipolar outflow detected

### Outflow parameters against clump mass



Best fit to Beuther et al. (2002) data:

$$M_{out} = 0.3 M_{dust}^{0.8}$$

Reasonable fit to our data

M<sub>dust</sub> > M<sub>clump</sub> Hofner et al. 2000 (ApJ 536, 393)

### Ionising photon rate against bolometric luminosity



### Under-luminous clumps



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