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# **Star Formation**

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## **Motivation**



#### Star formation:

evolution of ordinary matter from its primordial composition to the physical and chemical diversity necessary for the birth of life

interplay of many factors Gravitation – thermal evolution - angular momentum transport – magnetic effects – turbulence – chemistry ....

..which makes the subject so fascinating !!!

The accretion disk, generated by the conservation of angular momentum is where planets have their origin.

It is crucial to define the disk structure, chemistry and dynamics to correctly set-up the initial conditions of planet formation.



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## **Key Questions**

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## **Global properties of SF in our Galaxy**

#### The last generation of Galactic infrared-millimeter dust and molecular gas surveys:

- Dust: Herschel (Hi-GAL), Spitzer (GLIMPSE & MIPSGAL), APEX (ATLASGAL)
- Gas: GRS, FCRAO-OGS, NANTEN2, SEDIGISM, Mopra-GPS, JCMT-JPS

#### The Milky Way as a star formation engine:

- Census, properties and distribution of Galactic stellar nurseries
- Ubiquity of filamentary structures
- Role of spiral patterns as ISM collectors





## Setting the Milky Way in the extra-galactic context



## **Global properties of SF in our Galaxy**

#### Massive Clumps on Filamentary Structures: Properties and Evolution



Ubiquitous

Massive and evolved clumps found on massive filaments: co-evolution?

More than 30,000 Filamentary structures extracted: Mass & Size

CO cross-match Kinematics underway







150,000 clumps catalogued with physical properties: size, mass, luminosity, temperature

115,000 clumps have distance determined: CO, HI, dust ext.

Evolutionary classification  $\rightarrow$  Star Formation Rate



## **Global properties of SF in our Galaxy**



Map of the Galactic Star Formation Rate (Elia et al. in prep.)

#### Challenge for the next decade:

Create a fundamental theory for star formation in the Milky Way as a z=0 template for external galaxies.

#### Tools:

- Spectroscopic follow-up of thousands SF sites: chemistry, kinematics, physical conditions → IRAM, GBT, APEX, SRT...
- Dust Polarization: magnetic field distribution in Filaments and Clumps → SPICA
- Very high angular resolution imaging: resolve clustered SF in Clumps → ALMA, NOEMA, SMA, JWST
- 3D tomography of ISM vs Spiral arms  $\rightarrow$  GAIA
- Radio Galactic Plane surveys: HII regions & triggered SF → ASKAP, MeerKAT, SKA

Imperative to attack science analysis in Galaxy-scale Star Formation within new data science frameworks → Machine-learning, fuzzy logic etc.

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## Physics of single object formation





#### Aim :

Create a unifying picture for the formation of a young system from the pre-stellar to the pre-planetary phase.

- → Chemical properties from dark cores to protostellar disks at all masses
- → Physics of the collapse: magnetic braking, ambipolar diffusion
- → Evolution of angular momentum: accretion signatures jets and winds

 $\rightarrow$  properties of the central protostar

## 2. Physics and chemistry go hand in hand

**astrochemistry:** search of key molecules in the early phases in high and low mass SF regions/objects



#### **Future directions:**

- FIR, sub-mm radio investigations with JWST, ALMA, NOEMA, SKA
- Projects as PRIN-SKA, EU-ACO ..
- Large programmes as Calypso, Solis, ASAI, FAUST
- Chemistry from local cosmic ray production in jet shocks (analytical models + SKA, CTA)

### **AIM: define the impact of Magnetic effects**

collapse time scales (ambipolar diffusion - magnetic catastrophe) effective disk viscosity from Magneto-rotational instabilities (MRI) acceleration of outflows and disk braking



#### **Future directions:**

- Polarimetry of cores and disks with ALMA, SMA, NOEMA, SPICA
- Numerical tools to produce synthetic maps (ARTIST, DUSTPOL)
- Line polarimetry in jets with ALMA

### AIM: Probe inner disk evolution due to accretion and ejection of matter

- Observations of large samples of YSOs in different environments (e.g. ages, metallicity, masses, T and OB associations, accretion signatures, jet frequency)

#### **Ongoing Projects of the JEDI (Jets & Disks @ INAF) community:**

- The X-shooter spectral surveys of YSOs (GTO+GO programs)
- The TNG-GHOST project (High-res ObservationS of T Tauri star







#### **Future directions:**

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- ULLYSES HST Legacy survey: 500 orbits next 3 cycles (Library of UV young star templates)
- VLT/MOONS surveys of young clusters (P.I. Sofia Randich)
- LBT/SHARK search for young accreting planets in YSOs
- VLT/MAVIS ELT/MAORY: low-metallicity YSOs, jets occurrence (P.I.s: Alcala', Antoniucci, Podio)
- ELT/HIRES: gas kinematics in the inner disk structure (participation to the relevant WG)

## **Role of jets and slow winds**



#### Jets imaged with AO (SPHERE)

(shocks, source properties) Antoniucci+2016, Garufi+ subm.



#### **Future directions:**

- ALMA, NOEMA: surveys at combined high spectral and spatial resolution
- *LBT/SHARK* : high contrast AO imaging in the NIR and VIS
- HST JWST SPICA : UV, VIS and MIR/FIR studies of jets from embedded protostars
- **ELT/HIRES**: diagnostics of physical quantities and rotation kinematics in the VIS/NIR at high res

Jets: extraction of angular momentum disk/envelope clearing feedback on planet formation

#### HIGH SPATIAL RESOLUTION needed Goal : 1 au

#### HH 212, ALMA



#### Jet rotation

HST and ALMA (acceleration and origin) Bacciotti+ 2002, Coffey+ 2012, Lee+ 2017, Tabone Codella+ 2018, Louvet 2018, Erkal+ in prep ..

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#### **Planet – forming** disks

JWST/MIR



Understand disk dynamics and chemistry to set the conditions for planet formation and emergence of life

> Dust and gas evolution Rings, gaps, spirals Magnetic fields **Chemical properties** Disk – planet interaction Jet feedback **Disk dispersal** Young planet detection

Testi+ 2014

## disks imaged in the NIR with AO



During the last years, more than 100 'protoplanetary' disks (1-10 Myr) have been imaged with high resolution (ALMA and NIR scattered-light).



SEEDS from Subaru/HiCiao, Hashimoto et al., <u>www.nao.ac.jp</u>; DISK GTO from VLT/SPHERE, Garufi et al. 2017b +references therein; DARTTS-S from VLT/SPHERE, Avenhaus et al. 2018

## 3. disks imaged in the mm domain with ALMA



50 AU

50 AI

## 3.

## disks in high mass stars



- Statistical occurrence of discs in large samples of YSOs : ALMA, NOEMA, JWST
- Robust determination of disk gas/mass ratio : ALMA, NOEMA
- Dynamics : fragmentation, migration of large grains, formation of dust traps
- Effective viscosity : MRI instabilities, dead zoned, role of cosmic rays
- Origin of disk substructures ALMA VLT/SPHERE, LBT/LUCI, LBT/SHARK, VLTI
- Imaging of inner disk at high res, jet acceleration LBT/SHARK, ALMA, ELT/MAORY
- Detection of forming planets LBT/SHARK, ALMA, SPHERE, ELT/ HIRES
- Detection of the magnetic configuration ALMA, SMA, VLA
- Astrochemistry, detection of complex molecules **ALMA, NOEMA, SKA**



Molecular gas (H<sub>2</sub>CO) e.g. Podio et al. 2019



Grain size (polarization) e.g. Bacciotti et al. 2018





6 –0.4 –0.2 0.0 0.2 0.4 ( Relative Right Ascension (arcsec

Instabilites and substructures (Obs. + num. simulations) e.g. Fedele+ 2018, DiPierro et al. 2015

	Key Question	Method	Project
1.	Global star formation properties in the MilkyWay Galaxy : Molecular clouds & dense gas.	Star formation rate, star formation efficiency. Physical mechanism responsible for the onset of star formation in very different places of the Galaxy. Creation of a 'fundamental theory' of a galaxy-scale predictive model for star formation that can serve as a "z=0 template" for external galaxies.	IRAM, APEX, SRT, GBT, ARO, LOFAR, EVLA, ASKAP SKA, ALMA + ACA, NOEMA, SMA, JWST, MeerKAT
2.	Physics of individual star formation events and stellar clusters.	Fragmentation of dense clumps and evolution to dense cores. Monolithic collapse vs dynamic competitive accretion and potential mergers. Core migration in clumps. Origin of the IMF, also in low metallicity environments, and of the stellar binary fraction. From the core to the protostar and formation of the circumstellar disk. Theory of dissipative processes tested with polarimetric studies of dust thermal emission. Morphology and excitation conditions in the disk gas phase and its role in protostellar evolution. Modelling of the jet launching mechanisms and link with the angular momentum evolution. Feedback of jets and outflows on the properties of the disk. Chemistry of the disk material and formation of complex molecules. Determine IMF in low-metallicity environments.	ALMA, IRAM, GIANO, GIARPS , CRIRES+, HIRES, HST, JWST, SPHERE, LUCI, LBTI, GAIA, GES SHARK- NIR, V-SHARK, MICADO, MAORY
3.	Proto-planetary discs: initial conditions for the formation of planets	Robust determination of dust-to-gas mass ratio in disks. The mechanisms to counteract the fragmentation and the migration toward the star of mm/cm-sized dust grains. The measurement of the fraction of discs actively accreting matter on the star. The identification of the mechanisms generating the rich disc structures observed (gaps, rings, spirals, etc.), and their relation with the presence of newly formed planets. Mass accretion and ejection as a function of stellar parameters, in solar and low-metallicity environments.	IRAM, ALMA, SPHERE, LBTI, LUCI GIANO, GIARPS, CRIRES+, SHARK, ERIS, AMBER, GRAVITY, MATISSE, JWST, MAORY, HIGHRES,