

Infall and Outflow



Infall and Outflow Early History: pre-1990*

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*an incomplete, selective review

Dense Cores in Dark Clouds LXV: A Symposium in Honor of the 65th Birthday of Phi Myers

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Historical Perspective

Red Sox

Star Formation

Slipher's "Space Lines" Champions (5x) 1900 Barnard's Dark Clouds Babe Ruth sold... -1918 Pesky hesitates Bok globules, T Tauri's 1940s Impossible Dream Radio Molecular Lines 1960s Molecular Cloud Maps Fall Classic 1970s **Skewed CO Lines Bucky Dent** Infall and Outflow **Bill Buckner** 1980s Myers Cores: next talks **Curse Reversed!** modern era

Radio Molecular Lines

- 1960s: discoveries of OH, H₂O, NH₃, H₂CO
- early 1970s: CO and more, but not much star formation
 - high mass regions too confused, dark clouds too faint
- highly supersonic linewidths
- L44 R. W. WILSON, K. B. JEFFERTS, AND A. A. PENZIAS



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Maps of Linewidths

OBSERVATIONS OF OH AND H₂CO TOWARD GALACTIC DUST CLOUDS

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b) Purpose of the Observations

3. Does the line width of either molecule vary systematically with angular position ? Such a variation might point to the presence of a shock wave passing through the cloud. Local maxima of line width as a function of angular position are also of interest. They may indicate an increase in thermal or turbulent energy due to physical association with a continuum source.



ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR OBSERVATIONS OF THE ρ OPHIUCHI DARK CLOUD

also TMC2, Ho et al. 1977

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1981: "Larson's Laws" = turbulence



Skewed CO Profiles: Infall?

SELF-REVERSED CO PROFILES IN COLLAPSING MOLECULAR CLOUDS



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ASYMMETRICAL ¹³CO LINES IN DARK CLOUDS: EVIDENCE FOR CONTRACTION

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ABSTRACT

Four ¹³CO spectra having similar and asymmetrical shapes (blueshifted peaks) were observed with 30 kHz resolution toward TMC2 and L134N. A radiative transfer model of a symmetric cloud indicates that each cloud is contracting along the two observed lines of sight. Contraction onto a static core fits the observed ¹³CO and C¹⁸O lines slightly better than contraction with $v \propto r$. The contraction speed ~0.7 kms⁻¹ and velocity dispersion ~0.3 kms⁻¹ are consistent with a 15 K cloud having a free-fall envelope and sonic turbulence.



ON THE INTERPRETATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE SELF-ABSORPTION PROFILES SEEN TOWARD EMBEDDED STARS IN DENSE INTERSTELLAR CLOUDS Leung & Brown 1977



Bipolar Outflows



Snell, Loren & Plambeck 1980

Dense Cores: NH₃



These indicate that most dense cores are in the early stages of collapse or in near-critical equilibrium; if in equilibrium, they are probably supported by a combination of thermal and subsonic turbulent motions.

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Dense Cores: Outflows

DENSE CORES IN DARK CLOUDS. V. CO OUTFLOW

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0/10 "starless" 7/16 w/IRAS

Outflows and Star Formation

- not predicted: form a star by losing mass?
 - angular momentum removal
 - magneto-centifugal winds
- outflow statistics
 - effectively ubiquitous
 - timescale = embedded phase
- outflow impact
 - $P_{outflow} > (M\Delta v)_{core}$
 - disperses dense core
 - plays role in defining star mass



Inside-Out Collapse

- semi-analytic model
 - self-gravitating isothermal sphere with most unstable equilibrium
 - unphysical but reasonable initial condition for dense core collapse
 - many important extensions







Stage Set for 1990s

- deeply embedded protostellar candidates identified, e.g. B335, and starless cores
- "predictive" theory
- recognition of bipolar outflows (though evolution not clear)
- improving chemical understanding of dense gas tracers
- bigger, more sensitive, mm-wave telescopes, esp. IRAM 30 meter
- Phil's systematic approach





END

Implications for Infall Obs

- kinematic evidence for inside-out collapse is difficult to detect!
- emerges from random motions only within few x 0.01 pc for 1 M_☉ star
- tiny mass with high v
- infall *simultaneous* with much faster outflow
- short-lived phenomenon



Schematic Star Formation





Figure 7 The four stages of star formation. (a) Cores form within molecular clouds as magnetic and turbulent support is lost through ambipolar diffusion. (b) A protostar with a surrounding nebular disk forms at the center of a cloud core collapsing from inside-out. (c) A stellar wind breaks out along the rotational axis of the system, creating a bipolar flow. (d) The infall terminates, revealing a newly formed star with a circumstellar disk.

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