

# **Probing the embedded phase of star formation with JWST spectroscopy**



#### NIRSPEC



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## **Embedded protostars**



IR probes dust with temperatures 100-1500 K

- Complete inventories of protostars exist out to few kpc thanks to Spitzer, Herschel, WISE, ground-based submm, ...  $\rightarrow$  large samples available

-Need NIRSPEC and MIRI IFU spectroscopy to characterize physics and chemistry on few 10 to few 1000 AU scales

## **Main questions**

- How does matter flow from core  $\rightarrow$  disk  $\rightarrow$  star? What are the characteristics of protostars? Measure (episodic) accretion rates

- What are the properties of young disks? Evidence for accretion shocks? Disk and core fragmentation
   (→ young planets, binaries/multiples coevality)?
- What is the origin and location of chemical complexity? Composition and processing of ices? Gas/ice ratios?
- What is feedback of protostar on surroundings?
   Physics of jet/wind envelope interaction?
   Importance shocks vs UV photons? Properties of youngest outflows?
- How do these characteristics change from low- to high-mass stars and with evolutionary stage?

# IR diagnostics (unique!)

- Protostar, disk: continuum
- Accretion: H I recombination
- Shock: [S I], [Fe I], [Fe II], [Ne II], H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, OH,...
- UV/PDR: H<sub>2</sub>, PAHs, ....
- X-rays/high energy photons: [Ne II], [Ne III]
- Warm env/hot core: H<sub>2</sub>O, HCN, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> gas
- Cold envelope: ices, silicates

**Combine with far-IR lines (Herschel and spectrally resolved mm data (ALMA) to answer above questions** 

Modeling tools and laboratory data crucial!

### Why JWST?

**Progress from Spitzer: spatial + spectral resolution and sensitivity** 

 Spatial resolution

 150pc 400pc 3kpc

 <5 μm</th>
 0.1"
 15AU 40 AU
 300AU

 5μm
 0.19"
 29AU
 76AU
 570AU

 15μm
 0.58"
 87AU
 232AU
 1740AU

 25μm
 0.96"
 144AU
 384AU
 2800AU

- Spatial resolution sufficient to resolve disks and envelopes

Sensitivity ~(sub)mJy for spectra
 High spectral resolution boosts line/continuum ratio

→ Spatially resolved characterization of protostars, envelopes, disks and outflows

**Optimal use of IFUs** 

See MIRI PASP papers

### 1. Protostars and their inner envelopes



#### Questions

- What is physical structure warm dust? Geometry?
- Earliest stages massive star formation?

Deeply embedded Class 0 sources are predicted to have very weak mid-IR fluxes, yet several were detected with Spitzer → information on geometry

# Stellar photospheric spectra

- NIRSPEC spectra of Class 0 / early Class I protostars themselves
  - Na, CO, H<sub>2</sub>O stellar features
  - Expect heavy veiling
- Determine stellar  $T_{eff}$  and masses, radii
- Compare accretion rates from different diagnostics
  - Origin luminosity problem of protostars?
  - Variability?

# Near-IR spectroscopy Class I



Connelley & Greene 2010

### High mass protostars at different stages



## 2. Young disks in the embedded phase



#### **Questions**

- Properties of disks in embedded phase? Where does most matter enter disk?

- Fragmentation of disks and cores?

#### MIRI provides physical and chemical characterization

# **Tracing the accretion shock**



Sakai et al. 2014, Ohashi et al. 2014 Hollenbach & Neufeld models

- Can we trace the accretion shock directly with [S II] and other shock tracers?
- JWST can spatially resolve accretion from outflow shocks

## 3. Protostellar jets and outflows



Lahuis et al. 2010



#### **Questions**

- How does protostar affect and disperse its surroundings: shocks vs UV? Evolution?
- Physics of shocks: dissociative vs non-dissociative shocks

Complete far-IR cooling budget observed with Herschel for ~100 low-mass protostars, but spatially unresolved in 9.4" spaxel

### Mapping the inner envelope + outflows



Image: SMA CO 3-2 outflow contours

Jørgensen et al. 2007

Small IFU maps well matched to size of interaction region

# **ALMA images of outflow**



Arce et al. 2013

### HH 211 outflow map



Tappe et al. 2008

## 4. Chemistry: organics and water



#### Questions

- Origin of chemical complexity: ice or gas? Thermal or UV processing?
- How is water transported from clouds to disks ( $\rightarrow$  planets): ice vs gas?
- Thermal history and evolutionary state sources (gas/ice ratio)?

### **Building complex organics in ices**



- MIRI can resolve weak ice features in critical fingerprint region of organics
- Spitzer lacked spectral resolution 5-10  $\mu m$





Öberg et al. 2011

## **Complex organic molecules with ALMA**





Small scale chemical diversity seen on 500 AU scales: due to ice variations?

Jørgensen et al. 12

# Summary

- Protostars well suited for IFU Nirspec, MIRI spectroscopy
- Single data set can address multiple questions
- 'Cluster observing' ('smart accounting') mode will greatly increase efficiency and scientific return



Harvey et al. 2007