Jets and Outflows From Star to Cloud: Observations Confront Theory


In this review we focus on the role jets and outflows play in the star and planet formation process. Our essential question can be posed as follows: are jets/outflows merely an epiphenomenon associated with star formation or do they play an important role in mediating the physics of assembling stars both individually and globally? We address this question by reviewing the current state of observations and their key points of contact with theory. Our review of jet/outflow phenomena is organized into three length-scale domains: Source and Disk Scales (0.1 – 10^2 au) where the connection with protostellar and disk evolution theories is paramount; Envelope Scales (10^2 – 10^5 au) where the chemistry and propagation shed further light on the jet launching process, its variability and its impact on the infalling envelope; Parent Cloud Scales (10^5 – 10^9 au) where global momentum injection into cluster/cloud environments become relevant. Issues of feedback are of particular importance on the smallest scales where planet formation regions in a disk may be impacted by the presence of disk winds, irradiation by jet shocks or shielding by the winds. Feedback on envelope scales may determine the final stellar mass (core-to-star efficiency) and envelope dissipation. Feedback also plays an important role on the larger scales with outflows contributing to turbulent support within clusters including alteration of cluster star formation efficiencies (feedback on larger scales currently appears unlikely). In describing these observations we also look to the future and consider the questions that new facilities such as ALMA and the Jansky Array can address. A particularly novel dimension of our review is that we consider results on jet dynamics from the emerging field of High Energy Density Laboratory Astrophysics (HEDLA). HEDLA is now providing direct insights into the 3-D dynamics of fully magnetized, hypersonic, radiative outflows.

1. INTRODUCTION

In many ways the discovery that star formation involves outflow as well as inflow from gravitational collapse marked the beginning of modern studies of the assembly of stars. Jets and outflows were the first and most easily observed recognition that the narrative of star formation would in-
stellar medium within a cluster and, perhaps, the cloud as a whole. The important elements and processes on each scale from star to cloud are illustrated in Fig. 1.

Given their ubiquity and broad range of scales, a central question is whether jets and outflows constitute a mere epiphenomenon of star formation, or whether they are an essential component in the regulation of that process. In particular, winds/outflows are currently invoked to solve several major outstanding issues in star formation: (1) the low star formation efficiency in turbulent clouds (see e.g. chapters by Padoan et al., Krumholtz et al.), (2) the systematic shift between the core mass function and the stellar initial mass function, suggesting a core-to-star efficiency of only 30% (see e.g. chapters by Offner et al., Padoan et al.), (3) the need to efficiently remove angular momentum from the young star and its disk. The former is important to avoid excessive spin-up by accretion and contraction, (cf chapter by Bouvier et al.) while the latter is required to maintain accretion at observed rates, in particular across the “dead-zone” where MHD turbulence is inefficient (cf. chapter by Turner et al.). Last but not least, protostellar winds may also affect disk evolution and planet formation through disk irradiation or shielding, and enhanced radial mixing of both gas and solids.

In this chapter we address this central question of outflow feedback on star and planet formation while also reviewing the current state of jet/outflow science. From the description above, it is clear that the degree of feedback will differ according to outflow properties on different spatial scales. The impact on the star and disk will depend on the physics of jet launching and angular momentum extraction (small scales). The impact on core-to-star efficiencies will depend both on the intrinsic jet structure and the jet propagation/interaction with surrounding gas. Finally, the impact on global star formation efficiency will depend on the overall momentum injection and on the efficacy of its coupling to cloud turbulence.

Thus in what follows we review the current state of understanding of protostellar jets and outflows by breaking the chapter into 3 sections through the following division of scales: Star and Disk (1-10^2 au); Envelope and Parent Clump (10^2 au - 0.5 pc); Clusters and Molecular Clouds (0.5 - 10^2 pc). In each section we review the field and present new results obtained since the last Protostars and Planets meeting. Where appropriate we also address how new results speak to issues of feedback on star and planet formation. We also attempt to point to ways in which new observing platforms such as ALMA can be expected to influence the field in the near future. We note that we will focus on outflows from nearby low-mass stars (< 500 pc), which offer the best resolution into the relevant processes. An excellent review of outflows from high-mass sources was presented in Arce et al. (2007), which showed that some (but not all) appear as scaled-up versions of the low-mass case (see also e.g. Codella et al. 2013, Zhang et al. 2013). ALMA will revolutionize our view of these distant and tightly clustered objects so much that our current understanding will greatly evolve in the next few years. Finally we note that our review includes, for the first time, results on jet dynamics from the emerging field of High Energy Density Laboratory Astrophysics (HEDLA). These experiments and their theoretical interpretation provide direct insights into the 3-D dynamics of fully magnetized, hypersonic, radiative outflows.

2. SOURCE AND DISK SCALES (1-10^2 au)

2.1. The Accretion-Ejection Link

While the precise origin of jets from young stars is still hotly debated, there is general consensus that the launching process involves the dynamical interaction of accreted matter with the stellar and/or disk magnetic field. However, launch distances depend on the model: a few \( R_\odot \) for stellar winds, \( \approx 0.05\text{au} \) for those launched at the stellar magnetosphere-disc interface (see chapter by Bouvier et al. and Shang et al. 2007), and possibly as far as several au for magneto-centrifugal Disk (D)-winds (see chapter by Turner et al., and Pudritz et al. 2007). Unfortunately the projected dimensions on the sky for even the largest proposed launch regions are tens of milliarcseconds. We do not, however, have to spatially resolve the launch zone to at least begin to test various models. Jet properties such as the ejection to accretion ratio, collimation, and velocity structure can be measured on larger scales which then allow mechanisms working on smaller scales to be inferred. That said, we note however that interferometric studies are beginning to resolve the smaller scales directly (see § 2.5).

We first consider the ratio of jet mass-flux to accretion rate. Measuring the mass outflow rate in an atomic jet can be achieved since in principle we know all the necessary quantities from observation. For example through spectroscopy and multi-epoch imaging, we can determine both the radial and tangential velocity of a jet and hence its true velocity. In addition the jet radius, ionisation fraction, electron density and hence total density can be found from a combination of imaging and consideration of various line ratios (Podio et al. 2011). One can then calculate \( M_{\text{jet}} \approx \pi r_{\text{jet}} \rho_{\text{jet}} V_{\text{jet}} \). Typical outflow rates are found to be \( 10^{-7} \) to \( 10^{-9} \) \( M_\odot \text{yr}^{-1} \) for jets from low-mass classical T Tauri stars (CTTSs). As one might suspect, higher rates are found for more embedded sources of comparable mass (Caratti o Garatti et al. 2012). We caution that what we see as a jet in fact consists of a string of shocks with a wide range of conditions. The measurements described above represent a bulk average over the shocked gas, unless the knots are well-resolved spatially. Moreover there are a number of methods of measuring the mass-loss rate that give somewhat different values (within a factor 3-10). For a more detailed examination of this problem the reader is referred to Dougados et al. (2010).

Measuring the accretion rate, \( M_{\text{acc}} \), is also challenging. Assuming material is accreted onto the star through magnetospheric accretion (Bouvier et al. 2007) from the vicinity of the disk’s inner radius \( R_{\text{in}} \) yields the accretion luminosity
Fig. 1.— A schematic view of jets and outflows across seven orders of magnitude in scale. Note the presence of the scale bar in each figure as one moves from the physics of launching near the star out to the physics of feedback on cluster and cloud scales. See text for reference to specific processes and classes of objects.

\[ L_{\text{acc}} \approx GM_\star \dot{M}_{\text{acc}} \left(1 - R_*/R_{\text{in}}\right)/R_* \]. Note that the disk inner radius is often considered to be its co-rotation radius with the star. In the case of CTTSs, this energy is mainly observed in the UV-band (Gullbring et al. 2000), but direct observation of this UV excess can be difficult as it may be highly extincted, particularly in more embedded sources. Fortunately the strength of the UV excess has been found to be related to the luminosity of a number of optical and infrared emission lines such as H\textalpha, CaII, Pa\beta, and Br\gamma (e.g. Natta et al. 2006), which are thought to be mainly produced in the (magnetospheric) accretion funnel flow. The relationships between the various line luminosities and the UV excess has been tested for objects from young brown dwarfs up to intermediate mass young stars and has been found to be robust (e.g. Rigliaco et al. 2012).

These emission line “proxies” can be used to determine the accretion luminosity, and hence accretion rates, with a good degree of certainty. The large instantaneous spectral coverage made possible by new instruments such as XSHOOTER on the VLT is particularly well suited to simultaneously cover both accretion and jet line indicators and thus to constrain the ejection/accretion ratio (Ellerbroek et al. 2013).

A number of important caveats must however be raised in considering these methods. First, spectro-astrometric or interferometric studies of certain lines show that some portion of their emission must arise from the outflow, i.e. not all of the line’s luminosity can be from magnetospheric accretion close to the star (Whelan et al. 2009a and § 2.5). In such cases, the good correlation with UV excess would trace in part the underlying ejection-accretion connection.

Moreover as the accretion does not seem to be uniform, i.e. there may be an unevenly spaced number of accretion columns (see Fig. 1), individual line strengths can vary over periods of days with the rotation phase of the star (Costigan et al. 2012). Accretion can also be intrinsically time-variable on shorter timescales than those probed by forbidden lines in jets (several yrs). Thus time-averaged accretion values should be used when comparisons are made with mass-flux rates derived from such jet tracers.

Studies of accretion onto YSOs suggest a number of findings that are directly relevant to outflow studies. In particular it is found that:

- Once the dependence on stellar mass (\( \propto M_\star^2 \)) is taken into account, the accretion rate seems to fall off with time \( t \) with an approximate \( t^{-1} \) law (Caratti o Garatti et al. 2012). This also seems to be reflected in outflow proxies, with similar ejection/accretion ratios in Class I and Class II sources (e.g. Antonucci et al. 2008).

- Many embedded sources appear to be accreting at instantaneous rates that are far too low to acquire final masses consistent with the initial mass function (Evans et al. 2009, Caratti o Garatti et al. 2012). This suggests accretion and associated outflows may be episodic.

- Typical ratios of jet mass flux to accretion rate for low-mass CTTS are \( \approx 10\% \) (e.g. Cabrit 2007). Similar ratios are obtained for jets from intermediate-mass T
Tauri stars (Agra-Amboage et al. 2009) and Herbig Ae/Be stars (e.g. Ellerbroek et al. 2013). In contrast, the lowest mass Class II objects (e.g., young brown dwarfs) show larger ratios (Whelan et al. 2009b). This begs the obvious question: do very low mass objects have jets because of their magnetic ejection configuration?

If the jet is responsible for extracting excessive angular momentum from the accretion disk, then the angular momentum flux in the wind/jet, $J_W$, should equal that to be removed from the accreting flow, $J_{acc}$. Since $J_W \approx M_W_ΩA^2$ and $J_{acc} \approx Ωr^2M_{acc}$ (where $Ω$ is the angular velocity at the launch radius $r_l$, and $r_A$ is the Alfvén radius) it follows that $M_W/M_{acc} \approx (r_l/r_A)^2 = 1/λ$, with $λ$ defined as the magnetic lever arm parameter of the disk wind (Blandford and Payne 1982). The observed ejection/accretion ratio of 10% in CTTS is then consistent with a moderate $λ \approx 10$, while the higher ratio in brown dwarfs would indicate that the Alfvén radius is much closer to the launch point.

2.2. The Collimation Zone

Since PPV, great strides have been made in our understanding of how jets are collimated from both theoretical and observational perspectives. In particular recent images of jets within 100 au of their source give us clues as to how the flows are focused. These observations involve both high spatial resolution instrumentation in space, e.g. HST, as well as ground based studies, (e.g. various optical/IR AO facilities and mm/radio interferometers). At PPV it was already known that optically visible jets from classical T Tauri stars, (i.e. Class II sources), begin with wide (10-30 degree) opening angles close to the source and are rapidly collimated to within a few degrees in the innermost 50–100 au (Ray et al. 2007).

Perhaps the most interesting finding since PPV is that rapid focusing of jets occurs not only in the case of Class II sources but also in embedded protostars as well, i.e. Class 0 and Class I sources. Jets from these early phases are difficult to observe optically, due to the large amount of dust present, and certainly one cannot trace them optically back to their source as in the case of classical T Tauri stars. Nevertheless, their inner regions can be probed through molecular tracers such as SiO in the millimeter range, or [Fe II] and H$_2$ lines in the near and mid-infrared (see Section 3.1). Using for example the IRAM Plateau de Bure Interferometer (PdBI) with 0′/3 resolution, Cabrit et al. (2007) has shown that the SiO jet from the Class 0 source HH 212 is collimated on scales similar to jets from Class II sources. This suggests that the infalling envelope does not play a major role in focusing the jet. Thus a more universal collimation mechanism must be at work at all stages of star formation to produce a directed beam of radius about 15 au on 50 au scales (see Fig 2). The same applies to Class I jets, where both the ionized and molecular jet components show similar opening angles at their base as Class II jets (Davis et al. 2011). Observations of this type rule out collimation by the ambient thermal pressure (Cabrit 2009) and instead favour the idea, first proposed by Kwan & Iademarco (1988), that magnetic fields anchored in the disk force the jet to converge. The required poloidal disk field would be $B_P \approx 10mG(M_wV_w/10^{-6}M_⊙\text{km s}^{-1}\text{yr}^{-1})^{0.5}$ where the scaling is for typical CTTS jet parameters.

Thanks to the additional toroidal field that develops in the centrifugal launch process, MHD disk winds could provide the required collimation with an even smaller poloidal disk field (Meliani et al. 2006). In this case, we expect distortion of the magnetic field, from a largely poloidal to a largely toroidal geometry, to begin in the vicinity of the Alfvén radius ($r_A = \sqrt{λr_l}$). The jet however may have to traverse many Alfvén radii before effectively focused, since its collimation depends not simply on the magnetic lever arm but also on the poloidal field strength at the disk surface. Several models of truncated MHD disk winds reproduce the PSF-convolved widths of atomic Class II jets with launch radii in the range 0.1–1 au, despite widely differing magnetic lever arms (Stute et al. 2010; Shang et al. 2010).

In the future, ALMA and then JWST will be able to carry out even more detailed high spatial resolution studies of outflows that should better distinguish between these models. In the interim, the new class of high sensitivity radio interferometers, such as the JVLA and e-MERLIN, are already on stream and show potential for measuring the collimation of jets within 10 au of the source (Ainsworth et al. 2013; Lynch et al. 2013).

2.3. Angular Momentum Transport in Jets

Irrespective of the precise nature of the central engine, a basic requirement of any complete model is that angular momentum must be removed from the accreted material before it can find its final ‘resting place’ on the star. As
matter rains down on the disk from the surrounding envelope before being accreted, this process must involve the disk. As reviewed in the chapter by Turner et al. in this volume, ordinary particle viscosity is too small to make the horizontal transport of angular momentum from inner to outer regions of the disk efficient, and additional mechanisms have to be considered. A promising mechanism appeared to be the generation of a “turbulent viscosity” by magneto-rotational instabilities, the so-called MRI (Balbus and Hawley 2006). Recent studies, however, demonstrate that in an initially MRI-unstable disk, the inclusion of a significant vertical magnetic flux, and of ambipolar diffusion coupled with Ohmic dissipation, suppress MRI turbulence and instead a powerful magneto-centrifugal wind is generated (Bai and Stone 2013; Lesur et al. 2013). Indeed, MHD centrifugal models for jet launching (Blandford and Payne 1982; Pudritz and Norman 1983) indicate that protostellar jets can provide a valid solution to the angular momentum problem via vertical transport along the ordered component of the strong magnetic field threading the disk. In D-wind models this occurs in an extended region where the foot-points of the flow are located (see e.g., Ferreira et al. 2007), while in the X-wind model it is assumed that the wind only extracts the angular momentum from the inner boundary of the disk (Comencini 1990; Shu et al. 1994; Fendt 2009; Čemeljić et al. 2013). Note that in this case the angular momentum “problem” is only partially resolved as material still has to be transported within the disk to its inner truncation radius. Finally, MHD stellar winds flowing along open field lines attached to the star’s surface (e.g., Sauty et al. 1999; Matt and Pudritz 2005), and episodic plasmoid ejections by magnetospheric field lines linking the star and the disk (Ferreira et al. 2000; Zanni & Ferreira 2013), contribute to the braking of the star (see chapter by Bouvier et al.). In fact such stellar and/or magnetospheric winds must be active, at some level, to explain the low observed spin rates of young stars. Thus several MHD ejection sites probably coexist in young stars, and the difficulty is to determine the relative contribution of each to the observed jets.

A key observational diagnostic to discriminate between these theories is the detection of possible signatures of rotation in protostellar jets. The review by Ray et al. (2007) in PPV describes the detection, in 5 objects, of asymmetric Doppler shifts in emission lines from opposite borders of the flow (Davis et al. 2000; Bacciotti et al. 2002; Woitas et al. 2005; Coffey et al. 2004; 2007). Since PPV, Doppler shifts have been searched for in many other outflows, in atomic and molecular lines. These studies are very demanding, as they require both high angular and spectral resolution, pushing the instrumentation, even on HST, to its limits. Possible signatures of rotation, with toroidal and poloidal velocities \(v_\phi, v_p\), consistent with magneto-centrifugal acceleration appear in many of the cases studied (HL Tau: Movsessian et al. 2007; HH 26, HH 72: Chrysostomou et al. 2008; HH 211: Lee et al. 2007, 2009; HH212: Lee et al. 2008; Coffey et al. 2011; CB 26: Launhardt et al. 2009, Ori-S6: Zapata et al. 2010; NGC 1333 IRAS 4A2: Choi et al. 2011).

The collection of the rotation data allowed for the determination of the specific angular momentum \(r v_\phi\). Assum ing an axisymmetric, stationary magneto-centrifugal wind, the ratio \(r v_\phi/v_p^2\) gives the location \(r_1\) of the foot-point in the disk of the sampled streamline, while the product \(r v_\phi v_p\) gives the magnetic lever arm parameter \(\lambda\) (e.g., Anderson et al. 2003; Ferreira et al. 2006). Hence this is a powerful tool to discriminate between proposed jet spatial origins and launch models. As shown in Fig. 5 of Cabrit (2009), the observed signatures when interpreted as steady jet rotation are only consistent with an origin in an extended, warm D-wind, launched from between 0.1 to 3-5 au. The significant implication is that jets and the associated magnetic fields may strongly affect the disk structure in the region where terrestrial planet form. The inferred magnetic lever arm parameter is moderate, \(\lambda < 10\), in line with the mean observed ejection to accretion ratio (see § 2.1).

Note however, that due to limited angular resolution, only the external streamlines of the flow are sampled (Perenin et al. 2004), and the current measurements cannot exclude the existence of inner stellar or X-winds. In addition, all the measurements are based on emission lines produced in shocks, that can also self-generate rotational motions (Fendt 2011). Finally, if the jet is observed far from the star, the interaction with the environment can hide and confuse rotation signatures. The primary hypothesis to be tested, however, is the veracity or otherwise of the rotation interpretation. Simulations including an imposed rotation motion were successful in reproducing the observed spectra (e.g. Staff et al. 2010). In contrast, other studies claim that rotation can be mimicked by e.g. asymmetric shocking against a warped disk (Soker 2005), jet precession (Cerqueira et al. 2006), and internal shocks (Fendt 2011). Although it is unlikely that these processes apply in all cases, they may contribute to the Doppler shift, confusing the real rotation signature.

From an observational perspective it was found that out of examined disks associated with rotating jets, one, the RW Aur disk, clearly appeared to counter-rotate with respect to the jet (Cabrit et al. 2006). Since this result potentially undermined the rotation hypothesis the bipolar jet from RW Aur was observed again after the SM4 repair, twice with STIS in UV lines, at an interval of six months (Coffey et al. 2012). The result was again puzzling: the rotation sense for one lobe was in agreement with the disk, and hence opposite to that measured in the optical years before. Moreover no signature was detected at that time from the other lobe and, after six months, it had disappeared from both lobes. Despite these findings, Sauty et al. (2012) has recently demonstrated that disagreement with the disk rotation can be accommodated within the classical magneto-centrifugal theory, as toroidal velocity reversals can occur occasionally without violating the total (kinetic plus magnetic) angular momentum conservation. Their simulations also show that the rotation sense can change in time, thereby
accounting for the detected variability. Thus it appears that observations are still compatible with the jets being a robust mechanism for the extraction of angular momentum from the inner disk. The gain in resolution offered by ALMA and JWST will be crucial to test and confirm this interpretation.

2.4. Wide-angle structure and blue/red asymmetries

Other constraints for jet launching models come from the overall kinematics in the inner few 100 au (where internal shocks and interaction with ambient gas are still limited). Obtaining such information is very demanding as it requires spectro-imaging at sub-arcsecond resolution, either with HST or with powerful Adaptive Optics (AO) systems from the ground, coupled with a long-slit or IFU. It is therefore only available for a handful of bright jets. A useful result of such studies is that while jet acceleration scales and terminal velocities seem equally compatible with stellar wind, X-wind or D-wind models (Cabrit, 2009), there is a clear drop in velocity towards the jet edges (as illustrated e.g. in Fig. 5). This “onion-like” velocity structure, first discovered in the DG Tau jet, has been seen whenever the jet base is resolved laterally and thus may be quite general (Beck et al., 2007; Coffey et al., 2008; Pyo et al., 2009; Agra-Amboage et al., 2011). It argues against the “classical” X-wind model where the ejection speed is similar at all angles (Shang et al., 2007), and instead requires that the optically bright jet beam is closely surrounded by a slower wide-angle “wind”. A natural explanation for such transverse velocity decrease is a range of launch radii in an MHD disk wind (Agra-Amboage et al., 2011), or a magnetospheric wind surrounded by a disk wind (Pyo et al., 2009). Turbulent mixing layers and material ejected sideways from internal working surfaces may also contribute to this low-velocity “sheath” (see Fig. 1 and Garcia Lopez et al., 2008)). Studies combining high spectral and spatial resolution will be essential to shed further light on this issue.

Asymmetries in jet velocity, density and opening angle between the blue and red lobes are seen in many jets (Hillenbrand et al., 1994; Podio et al., 2011; see also Fig. 5). They hold another fundamental clue to the jet launch process, because they remove ill-known variables like stellar mass, disk truncation radius, etc. which are the same for both sides of the flow. Recent studies of RW Aur show that the velocity asymmetry varies over time, while the velocity dispersion remains the same fraction of jet speed in both lobes (Melnikov et al., 2009; Hartigan and Hillenbrand, 2009). Such asymmetries could be modelled by MHD disk winds where the launch radii or magnetic lever arms differ on either side (Ferreira et al., 2006; Shang et al., 2010). Possible physical reasons for this are e.g. different ionization or magnetic diffusivities on the two faces of the disk (Bai and Stone, 2013; Pendi & Sheikhnezami, 2013). Investigating if and how strong blue/red asymmetries can be produced in magnetospheric or stellar winds, along with testable differences compared with D-winds, should be a priority for future theoretical studies.

2.5. Resolving the Central Engine

At the time of PPV, near-infrared (NIR) interferometric measurements in young stars were only possible in the dust continuum, revealing sizes and fluxes compatible with puffed-up rims at the dust sublimation radius (see Fig. 1 and Millan-Gabet et al., 2007). MHD disk-winds capable of lifting dust particles have recently been suggested as an alternative means for producing the interferometric sizes and NIR excess in Herbig Ae/Be stars (Bans and Königl, 2012). The ability to spatially/spectrally resolve Hydrogen lines has also recently been achieved by the VLTI, the Keck Interferometer and the CHARA array. These studies now enable in-depth studies of the spatial distribution and kinematics of the gas on sub-au scales and bring new constraints on the connection between accretion and ejection.

Strong Hydrogen emission lines are among the most prominent manifestation of an actively accreting young star. In T Tauri and Herbig Ae stars, they are considered as good proxies of mass accretion onto the star, as their luminosity correlates with the accretion rate measured from the UV excess (see Calvet et al., 2004 and § 2.1). Yet, their precise origin is still unclear. Interferometric observations at low spectral resolution (R~1500-2000) with the Keck Interferometer and the AMBER instrument at VLTI provided the first average size measurements in Brying about 20 young stars. Gaseous emission is generally more compact than
connection seen in T Tauri stars extends well into the Herbig Ae/Be mass regime. Finally, spectrally resolved interferometric observations of the Herbig Ae star AB Aur in Hα (Rousselet-Perraut et al. 2010) and of the Herbig Be star MWC 297 in Brγ (Weigelt et al. 2011) have been modelled using radiative transfer codes simulating stellar and/or disk winds. These studies show that HI line emission is enhanced towards the equator, lending support to the scenario of magneto-centrifugal launching of jets through disk-winds, rather than through stellar winds. In the near future, spatially resolved multi-wavelength observations of lines emitted at different optical depths (combining e.g., Hα and Brγ) will bring additional constraints. The next generation VLTI imaging instrument GRAVITY is expected to bring the first model-independent images of the central engine in NIR, and to enable statistical studies of solar-mass young stars.

### 2.6. Jets on Small Scales: A High-Energy Perspective

At the time of PPV, observations of jets and outflows from young stars were largely confined to optical or longer wavelength regimes with the occasional foray into the UV. Since then, however, jets from protostars and T Tauri stars have been found to contain plasma at temperatures of several million K. While this discovery came as a surprise, it was not completely unpredictable. Indeed jet flow velocities of 300–400 km s⁻¹ can, when flowing against a stationary obstacle, easily shock-heat gas up to ≈1 MK. The ensuing X-ray emission would then serve as a valuable jet diagnostic (Raga et al. 2002c). However, optical observations of jets within 100 au of their source typically indicate low shock velocities ≤30–100 km s⁻¹ (e.g. Lavalle-Fouquet et al. 2000; Hartigan and Morse 2007). The detection of strong X-rays in jets on small scales was therefore still not fully anticipated.

The Taurus jets of L1551 IRS-5, DG Tau, and RY Tau show luminous (L_X ≈ 10^{28}–10^{29} erg s⁻¹) X-ray sources at distances corresponding to 30–140 au from the driving star (Favata et al. 2002; Bally et al. 2003; Güdel et al. 2008; Schneider et al. 2011; Skinner et al. 2011). A compact X-ray jet was also detected in the eruptive variable Z CMa (Stelzer et al. 2009). The X-ray spectra of these jet sources are soft, but still require electron temperatures of ≈3–7 MK. Further spatially unresolved jets have been discovered based on Two-Absorber X-ray (TAX) spectra. These composite spectra reveal a hard, strongly absorbed spectral component (the star) on top of a soft, little absorbed component (the X-ray jet) (Güdel et al. 2007), an identification explicitly demonstrated for DG Tau (see Fig. 5). The strongly differing absorption column densities between the two components (by a factor of ~ten) indicate that the jet X-ray source is located far outside the immediate stellar environment, where hard coronal X-rays are subject to strong absorption. So far, objects like GV Tau, CW Tau, HN Tau, DP Tau and Sz 102 belong to this class (Güdel et al. 2009); the Beehive proplyd in the Orion Nebula cluster is another
obvious example (Kastner et al. 2005).

The best-studied bright, central X-ray jet of DG Tau has been found to be stationary on timescales of several years on spatial scales of about 30 au from the central star (Schneider and Schmitt 2008; G"udel et al., 2013 in preparation). Its extent along the jet axis seems to be solely determined by plasma cooling. An assessment of the relevant cooling mechanisms (G"udel et al. 2008; Schneider and Schmitt 2008) suggests that radiative cooling dominates for \( n_e > 10^6 - 10^7 \) cm\(^{-3}\), which may be appropriate for these central sources. For example, an electron density of \( n_e \approx 10^6 \) cm\(^{-3}\) and a flow speed of 300 km s\(^{-1}\) are in agreement with the observed extension of DG Tau’s inner X-ray source of \( \approx 0''.3 - 0''.5\) as a result of radiative cooling (Schneider and Schmitt 2008). The location of the X-ray source relative to emission sources at lower temperatures may also be revealing. Schneider et al. (2013a) obtained high-resolution HST observations in optical and ultraviolet lines and found a high-velocity (\( \approx 200 \) km s\(^{-1}\)) C IV-emitting cloud slightly downwind from the X-ray source, but its luminosity is too high to be explained by cooling plasma previously emitting in X-rays. This observation suggests local heating even beyond the X-ray source.

How is the plasma heated to several MK within tens of au of the central star? Shocks that produce X-rays require very high jet velocities \( v_s = 370 - 525 \) km s\(^{-1}\) (for \( T = 4 \) MK) depending on the ionisation degree of the pre-shock material (Bally et al. 2003). The fixed nature of the inner sources suggests they are associated with a stationary heating process in the launching or collimation region (G"udel et al. 2008; Schneider and Schmitt 2008). Viable models include: i) Shocks that form when an initially wide wind is deflected and collimated into a jet, perhaps by magnetic fields that act as a nozzle for the heated plasma. X-ray luminosity and plasma cooling indicate pre-shock densities of order \( 10^3 - 10^4 \) cm\(^{-3}\) (Bally et al. 2003). Specifically, a diamond shock forming at the opening of a (magnetic?) nozzle and producing a hot, standing shock was modeled by Bonito et al. (2011). ii) Randomly accelerated and ejected clouds of gas at different velocities produce, through collisions, chains of moving but also stationary knots along the jet with X-ray emission characteristics similar to what is observed (Bonito et al. 2010). One potential drawback of this model is that very high initial velocities are required to reproduce moderate-velocity X-ray knots.

A major problem with all these shock models is that the high velocities required to reach the observed temperatures are not observed in any jet spectral lines so far. However the X-ray emitting plasma component contributes only a minor fraction to the total mass loss rate of the associated atomic jet: \( \approx 10^{-3} \) in DG Tau (Schneider and Schmitt 2008). It is therefore conceivable that the X-rays are produced in a super-fast but rather minor jet component not detected at other wavelengths, e.g. a stellar or magnetospheric wind (G"unther et al. 2009). In this context, it may be relevant that X-ray jet models based on radiative cooling times indicate very small filling factors \( f \) of order \( 10^{-6} \) but high electron densities \( n_e \), e.g., \( n_e > 10^5 \) cm\(^{-3}\) (G"udel et al. 2008); the resulting pressure would then far exceed that in the cooler \( 10^4 \) K atomic jet, and might contribute to transverse jet expansion.

It is also conceivable that the standing X-ray structures are not actually marking the location of a stationary heating process, but only the exit points from denser gaseous environments within which X-rays are absorbed and which obscure our view to the initial high-energy source. This is an attractive explanation for L1551 IRS-5 with its deeply embedded protostellar binary (Bally et al. 2003); it could also hold for the soft emission in DG Tau which is seen to be produced near the base of a converging cone of H\(_2\) emitting material that may block the view to the source closer than \( 0''.15 \) of the star (Schneider et al. 2013b; G"udel et al. 2013, in preparation). With these ideas in mind, an alternative model could involve the production of hot plasma in the im-

Fig. 5.— The X-ray jet of DG Tau. Upper left: Larger-scale structure of the jet (SW) and counter-jet (NE) observed by Chandra in the 0.6-1.7 keV range (G"udel et al. 2008). - Upper right: Innermost region of the soft forward jet (extended gray contours) peaking 30 AU to the SW from DG Tau itself (compact hard source); from G"udel et al. 2013, in prep. - Lower panel: Three Two-Absorber X-ray (TAX) spectra of DG Tau observed a few days apart. The thick gray histograms show model fits to the soft (below 1 keV) and the hard (above 1.5 keV) spectral domains, respectively. The strongly absorbed, variable hard spectrum originates in the stellar corona; the constant, little absorbed soft spectrum comes from the jet base in the upper right figure (G"udel et al. 2013, in prep.).
mediate stellar environment through magnetic reconnection of star-disk magnetic fields, ejecting high-velocity plasma clouds analogous to solar coronal mass ejections (Hayashi et al. 1996). If these cool, they may eventually collide with the (slower) jet gas and therefore shock-heat gas further out (Skinner et al. 2011).

2.7. Connection with Laboratory Experiments: Magnetic Tower Jets

A key development since PPV, and of direct relevance to the launching mechanism, has been the first successful production of laboratory jets driven by the pressure gradient of a toroidal magnetic field (Lebedev et al. 2005a; Ciardi et al. 2007), in a topology similar to the “magnetic tower” model of astrophysical jets (Lynden-Bell 1996, 2006). The generated outflow consists of a current-carrying central jet, collimated by strong toroidal fields in a surrounding magnetically-dominated expanding cavity, which in turn is confined by the pressure of the ambient medium. The most recent configurations even allow for the generation of several eruptions within one experimental run (Ciardi et al. 2009; Suzuki-Vidal et al. 2010). The experiments are scalable to astrophysical flows because critical dimensionless numbers such as the plasma collisional/radiative cooling parameter ($\chi \approx 0.1$), and ratio of thermal to magnetic pressure ($\beta \approx 1$), are all in the appropriate ranges. Furthermore, the viscous Reynolds number ($Re \approx 10^6$) and magnetic Reynolds number ($Re_M \approx 200 - 500$) are much greater than unity, ensuring that transport arises predominantly by advection with the flow.

The main findings from these magnetic tower experiments are the following: an efficient conversion of magnetic energy into flow kinetic energy; a high degree of jet collimation ($<10^\circ$) for sufficiently strong radiative cooling; an enhanced collimation for episodic jets, as magnetic fields trapped in the previously ejected plasma add to the collimation of the later episodes; the generation of an X-ray pulse at each new eruption, as the central jet is compressed on-axis by the magnetic field; the development of current-driven MHD instabilities leading to variability in density ($\lesssim 100\%$) and velocity ($\lesssim 30\%$); In particular, these experiments show that kink-mode instabilities disrupt but do not destroy the MHD jet, despite a dominant toroidal field. Instead, the non-linear saturation of the unstable modes fragments the beam into chains of dense knots that propagate at a range of velocities around the average beam speed. Compelling similarities of the episodic jet behaviour in laboratory experiments with observations of transient bubble-like structures in the XZ Tau and DG Tau jets are discussed by [Ciardi et al. 2009] and [Agra-Amboage et al. 2011]. The stability and possible observational signatures from different configurations of magnetic tower jets were recently studied using numerical simulations with the AstroBEAR code (Huarte-Espinosa et al. 2012).

2.8. Impact on Planet Formation

About 25% of the CTTS in Taurus with known jets show detectable X-ray emission from the jet base (Güdel, private communication). This could be relevant for the processing of circumstellar material in their protoplanetary disks. Apart from driving chemical processing, direct heating of the disk surface by X-ray jets may induce photo-evaporation (see Fig. 1) that competes with that induced by stellar X-rays and UV photons, because of the more favorable illumination geometry. Simple estimates for DG Tau suggest that photo-evaporation outside about 20 au would be dominated by X-rays from the jet (Güdel et al. 2013, in preparation).

At the same time, dusty MHD disk winds if present could effectively screen the disk against the stellar FUV and X-ray photons. For an accretion rate $\approx 10^{-7}M_\odot$ yr$^{-1}$, an MHD disk wind launched out to 1 au would attenuate stellar photons reaching the disk surface by $A_V \approx 10$ mag and a factor $\approx 500$ in coronal Xrays, while the star would remain visible to an outside observer with $A_V \leq 1$ mag for inclinations up to 70$^\circ$ from pole-on (Panoglou et al. 2012).

Another important dynamical feedback of MHD disk winds on the planet formation zone would be to induce fast radial accretion at sonic speeds due to efficient angular momentum removal by the wind torque (see the chapter by Turner et al. and references therein), and to modify planet migration through the associated strong magnetic disk fields (see the chapter by Baruteau et al. and references therein). The thermal processing, coagulation and fall-back of dust grains ejected in an MHD disk wind from 1–3 au was also recently invoked as a means to form and radially redistribute chondrules in our solar system (Salmeron and Ireland 2012).
3. ENVELOPE AND PROPAGATION SCALES (10^2 au - 0.5 pc)

3.1. Jet Physical Conditions Across Star Formation Phases

Since PPV, the Spitzer, Herschel and Chandra missions along with improved ground-based facilities have allowed to study jets on intermediate scales in younger sources, and in temperature/chemical regimes unexplored in the past. Such studies reveal a frequent coexistence of molecular gas at 500–2000 K with atomic gas at 10^4 K, and in a few cases with hot plasma at several MK. This broad range of conditions was unanticipated and may arise from several factors: 1) the intrinsic spread of physical and chemical conditions present in the cooling zones behind radiative shocks, 2) the interaction of the jet with its environment (e.g. entrainment of molecules along the jet beam), 3) the simultaneous contributions of (possibly molecular) disk winds, stellar winds, and magnetospheric ejections. Disentangling these 3 factors is essential to obtain accurate jet properties and to understand its interaction with the natal core. The evolution of jet composition as the source evolves from Class 0 to Class II holds important clues to this issue.

Molecular jets from the youngest protostars (class 0 sources) have benefited most from recent progress in the sub/mm and IR ranges. Interferometric maps in CO and SiO show that they reach de-projected velocities of several hundred km/s, as expected for the “primary wind” from the central source (Arce et al. 2007) Codella et al. 2007 [Hirano et al. 2010]. This is further supported by chemical abundances that are clearly distinct from those in swept-up ambient gas (Tafalla et al. 2010). Multi-line SiO observations show that they are warm (T_{kin} in the range 100-500 K) and dense (n(H_2) \geq 10^5-10^6 cm^{-3}) (Nisini et al. 2007 Cabrit et al. 2007). This result was confirmed via H_2 mid-IR observations of the class 0 jets L1448 and HH211 (Dionatos et al. 2009 2010) and Herschel observations of water lines in L1448 Kristensen et al. 2011 Nisini et al. 2013. ALMA observations will soon provide an unprecedented view of these warm, dense molecular jets, as already illustrated by first results in the CO (6-5) line (e.g. Kristensen et al. 2013a Loinard et al. 2013). In particular they should clarify the corresponding ejection/accretion ratio (currently subject to significant uncertainties, eg. Lee et al. 2010).

Spitzer also revealed for the first time an embedded atomic component associated with these molecular Class 0 jets, via mid-IR lines of [Fe II], [S I] and [Si II] (Dionatos et al. 2009 2010). It is characterized by a low electron density (\sim 100-400 cm^{-3}), moderate ionization fractions of <10^{-3} and T<3000 K. However, its contribution to the overall jet dynamics and its relationship to the molecular jet are still very uncertain. This issue will be likely revised thanks to Herschel PACS observations that resolve strong collimated [OI] 63\mu m emission in several Class 0 jets (see Fig. 7), this line being a better tracer of mass-flux.

On larger scales, the shocks caused by the interaction of Class 0 jets with the ambient medium have been probed with much better resolution and sensitivity than possible in the 1990s with the ISO satellite. Spitzer line maps demonstrate a smooth H_2 temperature stratification between 100 K and 4000 K (Neufeld et al. 2009) where H_2 pure rotational lines are the main cooling agent (Nisini et al. 2010b). The other two main molecular shock coolants, CO and H_2O, were studied in detail with Herschel. The H_2O and far-IR CO lines (at J \geq 13) are strictly correlated with H_2 v = 0 and trace high pressure post-shock gas (Santangelo et al. 2012 Tafalla et al. 2013). Contrary to simple expectations, the contribution of water to total cooling is never larger than \sim 20-30% (Nisini et al. 2010a) (see chapter by van Dishoeck et al. for a more general discussion of water). Detailed analysis of CO and H_2O line profiles and maps reveals multiple shock components within 30'', with different temperatures, sizes, and water abundances that further complicate the analysis (e.g. Lefloch et al. 2012 Santangelo et al. 2013). As to more complex organic molecules, their abundances and deuterium levels in outflow shocks have proven to offer a useful “fossil” record of ice mantles formed in the cold preshock ambient cloud (Arce et al. 2008 Codella et al. 2012).

The dissociative “reverse shock” (or “Mach disk”) where the jet currently impacts on the leading bowshock (see Fig. 1) was also unambiguously identified for the first time in Class 0 jets, in [Ne II], [Si II] and [Fe II] lines with Spitzer (Neufeld et al. 2006 Tappe et al. 2008 2012), and in OH and [O I] with Herschel/PACS (Benedettini et al. 2012). In the latter case, the momentum flux in the reverse shock seems sufficient to drive the whole swept-up CO cavity.

The abundance, excitation, and collimation of molecules in jets clearly evolve in time. In contrast to Class 0 sources, older Class I jets are undetectable (or barely so) in low-J CO and SiO emission. Hot molecular gas at \geq 1000-2000 K
is still seen, in the form of ro-vibrational H$_2$ emission and more rarely $v = 0$ - 1 CO absorption (see [Davis et al. 2011] and refs. therein). While some H$_2$ may be associated with the fast atomic jet, it mainly traces a slower “intermediate velocity component” (IVC) $\approx 10 - 50$ km/s near the jet base, and in all cases carries a $\approx 10$-1000 times smaller mass flux than the atomic jet ([Nisini et al. 2005]; [Podio et al. 2006]; [Garcia Lopez et al. 2008]; [Davis et al. 2011]). In the later Class II stage, hot H$_2$ generally peaks at even smaller velocities $\leq 15$ km/s and traces a wider flow around the atomic jet (see e.g. [Herczeg et al. 2006]; [Takami et al. 2007]; [Beck et al. 2008]; [Schneider et al. 2013b]).

Concerning the atomic jet component in Class I jets, optical and near-IR line ratios indicate similar temperatures $\approx 10^4$ K and ionisation fraction $x_e \approx 0.05$-0.9 as in Class II jets, indicating moderate shock speeds $\approx 30$-70 km/s, but with higher electron and total density ([Nisini et al. 2005]; [Podio et al. 2006]; [Antoniucci et al. 2008]; [Garcia Lopez et al. 2008]). This implies a higher mass flux rate (although the ejection to accretion ratio remains similar, see $\S2.1$). A more complete view of the different excitation components present in jet beams can be obtained by combining emission lines in a wide wavelength range of 0.3–2μm. The first such studies in Class II jets reveal a broader range of ionization states (including [S III] and [O III]) than seen in optical lines, probing faster shocks $\geq 100$ km/s must be accounted for in mass-flux rate derivations ([Bacciotti et al. 2011]).

Finally, extended X-ray emission has been resolved with Chandra along the L1551-IRS5 (Class I) and DG Tau (Class II) jets out to distances of 1000 au, revealing hot plasma at several MK that was totally unanticipated from optical data on similar scales. X-rays have been detected as far as 0.1pc to 2.5pc from the driving source, associated with high-excitation Herbig-Haro (HH) objects. The relationship between X-ray and optical emission, however, is not always clear. HH 80/81 shows X-rays, radio continuum, and optical lines all coinciding at arcsecond resolution. The X-rays, however, point to a factor of 10 lower density and 2–5 times lower speed than the jet ([Pravdo et al. 2004]).

An inverse situation is encountered in the Cepheus A East/West region ([Pravdo and Tsuboi 2005]). Here, the required shock speeds are comparable to flow speeds, and the head of the expanding region is detected in H$x$ and not in X-rays. Hence the hot plasma appears to be heated significantly upstream of the leading working surface, possibly in a reverse shock ([Schneider et al. 2009]) or in a collision with another jet ([Cunningham and Morse 2007]). Clearly, further work is needed to fully understand the link between optical and X-ray emission from jets and HH objects on intermediate scales.

3.2. Magnetic and chemical diagnostics on intermediate scales

Modern models of jet launching all invoke magnetic fields to achieve the desired terminal velocities and narrow collimation angles of $\sim 5$ degrees. However, measuring field strengths within bright optical jets has proved very difficult because Zeeman splitting is undetectable in optical lines. ([Carrasco-González et al. 2010]) were able to measure polarized synchrotron radio emission in the shocked jet of HH 80/81 and inferred an average field of $\sim 200 \mu$G at 0.5 pc, with a helical structure about the jet axis. But this jet, driven by a massive protostar, is quite exceptional by its speed (1000 km/s) and brightness in the radio range.

In optical jets, it is still possible to estimate B-fields through the effect they have on post-shock compression and the resulting emission line ratios. ([Morse et al. 1992]; [1993]) inferred a preshock field of $\sim 20 - 30 \mu$G in distant bow shocks of two Class I jets with a density of 100–200 cm$^{-3}$. More recently, ([Tešleau et al. 2009]; [2012]) estimated B $\approx 500 \mu$G at $n_H \approx 1 - 5 \times 10^4$ cm$^{-3}$ in two Class II microjets within 500 au of the source. All these yield transverse Alfvén speeds $V_{A,0} \approx 4$ km/s, typically 1/50th of the jet speed. This value is a lower limit, as the B-field could have been partly dissipated by reconnection or ambipolar diffusion, between the point where the jet is launched to where shock waves are observed, and further lowered by “velocity stretching” between internal working surfaces ([Hartigan et al. 2007]).

Hence these results provide interesting constraints for MHD jet launching models. Resolved spatial maps of the ionization fraction, temperature, and density obtained with HST for the HH 30 jet in two epochs ([Hartigan and Morse 2007]) also reveal an unexplained new phenomenon where the highest ionization lies upstream from the emission knots and does not show a correlated density increase (such behavior was also observed by HST in RW Aur ([Melnikov et al. 2009]). Models of line emission from magnetized jet shocks have yet to fully confront these observational constraints.

The magnetic field in molecular jets from Class 0 sources could also, in principle, be constrained by shock modeling. Such efforts are complicated by the fact that two kinds of shocks may exist: the sudden “J-type” shock fronts and the broader C-type shocks where the magnetic field is strong enough to decouple ions and neutrals and energy is dissipated by ambipolar diffusion. Given uncertainties in beam filling factor, H$_2$ data alone are often insufficient to constrain the B value, unless it is large enough to make C-shock cooling regions spatially resolvable (e.g. as in Orion BN-KL ([Kristensen et al. 2008]; [Gustafsson et al. 2010]) or when the transition from C to J-type shock can be located along a large bowshock surface (e.g. [Giannini et al. 2008]). However, B values in bowshocks may be more relevant to the external medium than to the jet itself. Shock chemistry offers additional clues (see the excellent review of this topic in [Arce et al. 2007]) but requires complex modeling. For example, SIO was long believed to offer an unambiguous tracer of C-shocks, but recent models now also predict substantial SIO in dense J-shocks, from grain-grain scattering ([Guillet et al. 2009]). One must also account for the fact that young C-shocks in jets will contain an embedded J-type front. [Herschel] observations bring additional
C/J-shock diagnostics such as [O I], OH, and NH$_3$ (Flower & Pineau des Forêts 2013) so that our understanding of B-field in class 0 jets should greatly progress in the coming years.

Another indirect clue to the launch region is whether the jet is depleted in refractory elements, as one would expect if it originates from beyond the dust sublimation radius ($\sim 0.1$–1 au) where these elements would be mainly locked up in grains. Refractory gas-phase abundances have been measured in bright HH objects for decades (e.g. Brugel et al. 1981). Only recently however have such studies been extended to the much fainter jet beams. Assuming solar abundances, measurements indicate significant gas-phase depletions of Fe, Si and/or Ca (Nisini et al. 2005; Podio et al. 2006; 2009, 2011; Dionatos et al. 2009, 2010; Agra-Amboage et al. 2011). While the data are not extensive and the measurements difficult, the general consensus indicates dust exists in atomic jets at all evolutionary stages (from Class 0 to Class II), in larger amounts at lower velocities, and gets progressively destroyed along the jet in strong shocks. The dust could be entrained from the surrounding cloud, or may be carried along with gas ejected from the circumstellar disk (see Fig. 1). In any case, a large fraction of the dust should survive the acceleration process. Such measurements also argue against the lower velocity gas tracing sideways ejections from internal jet working surfaces; if this were the case, it should be more shock-processed and less depleted in refractories than high-velocity gas, whereas the opposite is observed (Agra-Amboage et al. 2011).

The dust content is more difficult to constrain in the molecular component of Class 0 jets. SiO is the only detected molecular involving a refractory species, and unfortunately it is optically thick in the inner 500 au’s of Class 0 jets (Cabrit et al. 2007). The lower limit on SiO gas-phase abundance is $\sim 10\%$ of elemental silicon, still compatible with an initially dusty jet (Cabrit et al. 2012). One possible indirect indication that molecular jets might arise from dusty MHD disk winds are the predicted chemical and temperature structures (Panoglou et al. 2012). When ionisation by coronal Xrays is included, ion-neutral coupling is sufficient to lift molecules from the disk without destroying them, while efficient dust shielding enables high abundances of H$_2$, CO and H$_2$O. As the wind density drops in the Class I and II phases, dust-shielding is less efficient. The molecular region moves to larger launch radii $\sim 0.5$–1 au, while heating by ion-neutral drag increases. This trend would agree with observations of decreasing speed, mass-flux, and collimation of H$_2$ and increasing temperatures in Class 0 to Class II jets (see Sect. 3.1). The broad H$_2$O line wings recently discovered towards Class 0 and Class I sources with Herschel/HIFI (Kristensen et al. 2012) can also be reproduced by this model as well as the correlation with envelope density (Yvart et al. 2013, in prep.). ALMA and infrared IFUs with laser guide stars will bring key constraints on this scenario and on the origin of molecular jets, in particular through more detailed characterization of their peculiar chemical abundances (c.f. Tafalla et al. 2010) and the confrontation with model predictions.

3.3. Ejection variability and implications for source and disk properties

Since jets are accretion-driven, outflow properties that change with distance from the source provide important constraints on past temporal variations in the ejection/accretion system, over a huge range of timescales from $<5$ to $10^5$ yrs that cannot be probed by any other means.

Optical, infrared, and millimeter observations show that both atomic and molecular jet beams exhibit a series of closely spaced inner “knots” within 0.1pc of the source (see Fig 1), together with more distant, well separated larger bows or “bullets” which in most cases have a clear correspondence in the opposite lobe, HH212 being the most spectacular example to date (Zinnecker et al. 1998). Atomic jet knots and bows have line ratios characteristic of internal shock waves. Therefore, they cannot just trace episodes of enhanced jet density, which alone would not produce shocks. Significant variations in speed or ejection angles are also required. Several lines of evidence imply that these shocks are caused by supersonic velocity jumps where fast material catches up with slower ejecta (e.g. Raga et al. 2002b; Hartigan and Morse 2005). The same was recently demonstrated for their CO “bullet” counterparts (Santiago-García et al. 2009; Hirano et al. 2010).

The most natural origin for such velocity jumps is initial variability in the ejection speed (Raga et al. 1990). This is supported eg. by numerical simulations of the resulting jet structure, and by HST proper motions at the base of the HH34 jet clearly showing a velocity increase of 50 km/s over the last 400 yrs (Raga et al. 2012). The knot/bow spacing and velocity patterns in Class I atomic jets then suggest that up to 3 modes of velocity variability are present in parallel, with typical periods of a few 10, a few 100, and a few 1000 yrs respectively and velocity amplitudes of 20-140 km/s (Raga et al. 2002a). A strikingly similar hierarchy of knot/bullet spacings is seen in Class 0 jets, suggesting a similar variability behavior (see e.g. Cabrit 2002). Timeseries of Taurus Class II jets at 0'15 resolution show new knots that emerge from within 50-100 au of the source with an even shorter interval of 2.5–5 yrs (Hartigan and Morse 2007; Agra-Amboage et al. 2011). Spitzer observations further reveal that the 27yr period knots in HH34 are synchronized to within 5 years between the two jet lobes, implying that the initial perturbation is less than 3 au across at the jet base (Raga et al. 2011).

These results set interesting constraints for jet launching and variable accretion models. Proposed physical origins for quasi-periodic jet variability include: stellar magnetic cycles or global magnetospheric relaxations of the star-disk system (3-30yrs), perturbations by unresolved (possibly eccentric) binary companions, and EXOr-FUOr outbursts (see chapter by Audard et al.). Dedicated monitoring of at least a few prototypical sources should be a priority to clarify the link between these phenomena and jet variability. We note...
that care must be taken in interpreting such result, however, as jet are likely to be inherently clumpy on sub-radial scale. The internal dynamics of clumps of different size and velocity represents an essentially different form of dynamics than pure velocity pulsing across the jet cross-section (Yirak et al. 2012). In particular as clumps collide and potentially merge they can mimic the appearance of periodic pulsing (Yirak et al. 2009).

Internal shocks may also be produced without velocity pulsing if the jet axis wanders sufficiently that dense packets of gas can shock against ambient or slow cocoon material (e.g. Lim and Steffen 2001). Jet axis wandering with time is indeed a common characteristic among sources of various masses and evolutionary stages. Mass ejected from a young stellar object should follow, approximately, a linear trajectory once it leaves the star-disk system, unless it is deflected by a dense clump or a side-wind. And indeed, most knot proper motions are radial to within the errors (e.g. Hartigan et al. 2005). Hence, jet wiggles or misaligned sections, commonly seen in the optical, IR and millimeter, most likely indicate a variation in ejection angle. Jet precession produces point-symmetric (S-shaped) wiggles between the jet and counterjet, while orbital motion of the jet source in a binary system will produce mirror-symmetric wiggles. Precession by a few degrees has long been known in Class 0/I jets (see e.g. Fig. 8c), the HH111 Class I jet, and the HH30 Class II jet, identified more recently eg. in the HH211 Class 0 jet (see Section 2.2). Observations of jet orbital motions also provide unique constraints on the mass and separation of close companions which would be otherwise difficult to resolve. Interestingly, the inferred binary separation of 18 au in HH30 is consistent with the size of its inner disk hole (Estallela et al. 2012). The jet from the Herbig Be member of ZCMa shows wiggles with a 4-8 yr period similar to the timescale of its EXOr outbursts, suggesting that such outbursts may be driven by a yet undetected companion (Whelan et al. 2010).

3.4 Jet propagation and shock structure: connection with laboratory experiments

Another major development in the time-domain has been the acquisition of multiple-epoch emission-line images from HST, which now span enough time (10 years) to reveal not only proper motions of individual knots, but also to begin to show how the shock waves evolve and interact. Images of the classic large-scale bowshocks in HH1&2, HH 34, and HH 47 (Hartigan et al. 2011) show evidence for a variety of phenomena related to jet propagation (see Fig 1), including standing deflection shocks where the precessing jet beam encounters the edges of a cavity, and where a strong bow shock encounters a dense obstacle on one side. Knots along the jet may brighten suddenly as denser material flows into the shock front, and fade on the cooling timescale of decades. Multiple bow shocks along working surfaces sometimes overlap to generate bright spots where they intersect, and the morphologies of Mach disks range from well-defined almost planar shocks to small reverse bow shocks as the jet wraps around a denser clump. The bow shocks themselves exhibit strong shear on the side where they encounter slower material, and show evidence for Kelvin-Helmholtz instabilities along the wings of the bows.

In support to the interpretation of observations, innovative laboratory experiments on jet propagation have been carried out, where magnetic fields are not present or not dynamically significant. Experiments on pulsed-power facilities investigated the gradual deflection (bending) of supersonic jets by the ram pressure of a side-wind (Lebedev et al. 2009b). The experimental results were used to benchmark numerical simulations and the same computer code was used to simulate astrophysical systems with scaled-up initial conditions (Ciardi et al. 2008). Both the experiments and the astrophysical simulations show that the jet can be deflected by a significant angle (~30°) without being destroyed. The interaction between the jet and the side-wind also leads to variability in the initially laminar flow, driven by the onset of Kelvin-Helmholtz instabilities.

Experiments with laser-driven jets (Foster 2010, Hansen et al. 2011) have been primarily devoted to studies of hydrodynamical instabilities in a jet interacting with, and deflected by, localised dense obstacles (Hartigan et al. 2009), in a geometry similar to the HH110 jet. The experimental results have been compared in detail with numerical simulations and show good agreement. Another recent experiment (Yirak et al. 2012) investigated the formation of Mach stems in collisions between bow-shocks, which is relevant to observations of similar structures in HH objects with HST. Such collisions are expected in the interaction of clumpy jets with ambient gas, and could lead to the formation of shocks normal to the flow and a localised increase in emission (Hartigan et al. 2011).

Finally, several experiments (Nicolai et al. 2008, Suzuki Vidal et al. 2012) investigated the jet-ambient interaction in conditions where radiative cooling is very strong (\(\chi \ll 1\)).
Fig. 8.—Examples of S-shaped (precession) and mirror-symmetric (orbital) wiggling in protostellar jets: (a) Three-color Spitzer IRAC image of the L1157 outflow (blue, green, and red for 3.6, 4.5, and 8.0 \( \mu \text{m} \), respectively); (b) Difference image of L1157 where warm/dense H\(_2\) knots show up in black and are connected by arrows to the central protostar (green cross). (c) Jet orbital motion model (curve) superposed onto the CO and SiO knots in the HH211 jet (contours). Adapted from Takami et al. (2011) and Lee et al. (2010).

It was found that small-scale clumps, attributed to cooling instabilities, rapidly develop in the bow-shock region and that the clump size decreases for increasing radiative cooling (Suzuki-Vidal et al. 2013). These experiments represent the first investigation of cooling instabilities evolving into their highly non-linear stages, which may have observable consequences e.g. on line ratios of high vs. low ionization stages.

### 3.5. Core-to-star efficiency and envelope dissipation

A comparison of the prestellar core mass function with the initial mass function suggests that only 1/3 of the core mass ends up into the star (see eg. chapters by Offner et al. and Padoan et al. in this volume). Since circumstellar disks are seen to contain only a small fraction of the final stellar mass, protostellar jets / winds are prime candidates to explain this low “core-to-star” efficiency (eg. Myers 2008).

An attractive possibility is that a substantial fraction of infalling core gas is re-ejected during early Class 0 collapse via magnetically driven outflows. 3-D MHD simulations of rotating collapse over \( 3 \times 10^4 \) yrs suggest that MHD ejection results in a final accreted mass of only \( \approx 20\%/\cos \alpha \) of the initial core mass, where \( \alpha \) is the initial angle between the B-field and the core rotation axis (Ciardi and Hennebelle 2010). Longer simulations extending to \( \approx 10^5 \) yrs with \( \alpha = 0 \) suggest that mass accretion during the Class I phase brings the final core-to-star efficiency closer to 50% (Machida and Hosokawa 2013). Although slightly larger than the observed 30%, this result indicates that early protostellar MHD ejections could play a key role in determining the core-to-star efficiencies. The ejected mass in this early phase is at relatively low velocity and may constitute part of the low-velocity V-shaped cavities later observed around Class 0 jets (see chapter by Li et al.). Slow outflows recently attributed to very young first or second hydrostatic cores should provide a test of this scenario.

Another complementary scenario is that swept-up outflow cavities driven by wide angle winds halt infall by dispersing the infalling envelope (Myers 2008); Early evidence suggestive of envelope dispersion by outflows was presented in PPV (Arce et al. 2007). Here we discuss new elements relevant to this issue, and their resulting implications. Interferometric CO observations in a sample of nearby protostars have demonstrated an increasing opening angle of the outflow cavity with age (Arce and Sargent 2006). Class 0 cavities show opening angles of 20° – 50°, Class I outflows show 80° – 120°, and Class II outflows show cavities of about 100° to 160°. A similar trend is seen in scattered light (Seale and Looney 2008). These results may be understood if protostellar winds are wide-angled with a denser inner part along the outflow axis. At early times, only the fastest and densest axial component of the wind punctures the circumstellar environment. As the protostar evolves, entrainment by the outflow decreases the
density in the envelope, allowing material at larger angles from the outflow axis to be swept up and widening the outflow cavity (Arce et al. 2007). 3D simulations and synthetic CO observations of protostellar outflows in a turbulent core do show a gradual increase of the cavity opening angle, up to 50° at $5 \times 10^4$ yrs, even though the angular distribution of injected momentum remains constant over time (Offner et al. 2011).

A caveat to this interpretation comes from recent studies claiming mass-flux rates in CO outflows are too low to disperse, alone, the surrounding envelopes with their disappearance timescale of $\sim 2 - 3 \times 10^5$ yrs (Hatchell et al. 2007; Curtis et al. 2010). If this were indeed the case, the observed broadening of outflow cavities with age would then be a consequence, rather than the cause, of envelope dispersal. Efforts are needed to reduce uncertainties in line opacity, gas temperature, and hidden gas at low-velocity or in atomic form (e.g., Downes and Cabrit 2007) to obtain accurate estimates of outflow rates on the relevant scales. It is also noteworthy that the envelope mass typically drops by an order of magnitude between the Class 0 and Class I phases (Bontemps et al. 1996), while the cavity full opening angle $\theta \leq 100°$ encompasses a fraction $1 - \cos(\theta/2) \leq 36\%$ of the total envelope solid angle, and an even smaller fraction of the envelope mass (concentrated near the equator by rotational and magnetic flattening). This seems to indicate that outflow cavities will be too narrow during the early phase where stellar mass is assembled to affect the core-to-star efficiency, although they could still be essential for dissipating the residual envelope at later stages.

Another open question that bears more on the issue of the launching mechanism is the nature of the wide-angle component responsible for the observed opening of outflow cavities. While a fast $\sim 100$ km/s wide-angle wind has often been invoked (Shang et al. 2006; Arce et al. 2007), this now appears ruled out by recent observations indicating a fast drop in velocity away from the jet axis (see Section 3.2). On the other hand, a slow wide-angle wind may still be present. In particular, an MHD disk wind launched out to several au naturally produces a slow wide-angle flow around a much faster and denser axial jet (see e.g. Pudritz et al. 2007; Panoglou et al. 2012), with an angular distribution of momentum similar to that used in Offner et al. (2011). Sideways splashing by major working surfaces (see Section 3.3) could also contribute to gradually broaden the cavity base. Herschel studies of warm $> 300$ K molecular gas have started to reveal the current shock interaction between the jet/wind and the envelope (Kristensen et al. 2013b). ALMA maps of outflow cavities promise to shed new light on this issue, thanks to their superb dynamic range and sensitivity to faint features (Arce et al. 2013).

4. PARENT CLOUD SCALES (0.5 - $10^2$ pc)

4.1. Parsec-scale Jets, Outflows and Large Scale Shells

Optical and near-infrared wide-field camera surveys in the late 1990’s and early 2000’s revealed that atomic and H$_2$ jets with projected extensions on the plane of the sky larger than one parsec (so-called parsec-scale jets) are a common phenomenon (e.g. Eisloffel and Mundt 1997; Reipurth et al. 1997; Mader et al. 1999; Eisloffel 2000; Stanke et al. 2000; McGroarty et al. 2004; McGroarty and Ray 2004). More recent cloud-wide surveys continue to find new giant jets, indicating that young stars of all masses can power flows that interact with their surroundings at parsec-scale distances (e.g. Davis et al. 2008; Dally et al. 2012). In many cases these wide-field observations reveal that jets originally thought to extend less than about 0.5 pc, in reality extend 2 to 3 pc (or even more) on the sky.

The fact that parsec-scale protostellar jets are a common phenomenon should not have come as a surprise since, assuming (constant) jet velocities of 100 to 300 km s$^{-1}$ and timescales of at least $2 \times 10^3$ yr (the approximate lifetime of the Class I stage), their expected size would be (at least) 20 to 60 pc. Even when deceleration of the ejecta is considered, they are expected to reach sizes of a few pc at an age of $\sim 10^4 - 10^5$ yr (Cabrit and Raga 2000; Goodman and Arce 2004). Hence, parsec-scale protostellar flows should be a common phenomenon (if not the norm).

In many cases, however, these giant jets have been hard to detect in the optical and NIR as very wide-field images are needed to cover their entire extent. Moreover, jet time variability leads to gas accumulation in knots (working surfaces) with low density between them. Thus giant HH flows do not show a continuous bright emission, (unlike, for example, microjets or HH jets within a few 0.1 pc of their powering source which exhibit closely spaced bright knots arising from shorter modes of variability; see Sect. 3.3). Instead, giant jets appear as a sparse chain of diffuse and fragmented HH or H$_2$ knots separated by distances of 0.1 pc to 2 pc. Without proper motion studies, it is sometimes hard to distinguish between knots from different jets and to properly identify their source.

Millimeter CO observations have shown that giant jets can entrain the ambient molecular gas and produce large (>$1$ pc), massive (a few solar masses or more) bipolar shells of swept-up gas at medium velocity ($\sim 10$ km/s), often referred to as “(giant) molecular outflows” (e.g. Tafalla and Myers 1997; Arce and Goodman 2001; 2002; Stojimirovic et al. 2006). These observations show that even when they are too narrow to fully disperse the dense envelope around their source, jets can impact the density and kinematic distribution of their (less dense) parent clump and cloud, out to distances greater than a parsec away from the source.

Recent cloud-wide CO maps, like optical and IR surveys, have shown that molecular outflows can be much larger than previously thought (see Fig. 9), and have helped increase the number of known giant flows (Stojimirovic et al. 2007; Arce et al. 2010; Narayanan et al. 2012). For example, in an unbiased search using a cloud-wide CO map of Taurus, Narayanan et al. (2012) found that 40% of the twenty detected outflows have sizes larger than one parsec. Given the difficulty in detecting the entirety of giant out-
stellar feedback, or externally via turbulence in the general ISM if clouds are long-lived. How this “driving” takes place and (self-)regulates the SFE is the second critical issue.

Thus a fundamental question facing studies of both turbulence and star formation efficiency is the role of stellar feedback, via both radiation and outflows. The various feedback mechanisms in star formation are reviewed in the chapter by Krumholz et al. and in Vázquez-Semadeni (2011). Here we focus on outflow-driven feedback, and the circumstances under which it could substantially change conditions in a star-forming cloud. With respect to turbulence, the question becomes: (a) do protostellar outflows inject enough momentum to counteract turbulence decay in clouds; (b) can outflows couple to cloud gas on the correct scales to drive turbulent (rather than organized) motions.

Answering question (a) requires that a steady state can be established between the dissipation rate of the turbulent momentum in a cloud \( \langle dP_{\text{turb}}/dt \rangle \) and the momentum injection rate by protostellar outflows, \( \langle dP_{\text{out}}/dt \rangle \). When such a steady state is achieved the cloud is close to virial equilibrium (Fig. 1). Note that the dissipation rate of turbulent momentum can be written as a function of the cloud mass \( M_{\text{cl}} \), its turbulent velocity dispersion \( V_{\text{vir}} \), and the dissipation time \( t_{\text{diss}} \) as \( \langle dP_{\text{turb}}/dt \rangle = \alpha M_{\text{cl}} V_{\text{vir}} / t_{\text{diss}} \) (1)

where \( \alpha \) is a factor close to unity. The outflow momentum injection rate can be written as

\[
\frac{dP_{\text{out}}}{dt} = \varepsilon_{\text{SFR}} \times f_w V_w \ ,
\]

where \( \varepsilon_{\text{SFR}} \) is the star formation rate in solar masses per year, \( f_w \) is fraction of stellar mass injected as wind and \( V_w \) is the wind velocity. As we will see, both observations and simulations suggest that on cluster scales a balance between these terms can be achieved. Thus the implication is that outflow momentum deposition is sufficient to lead to the observed values of \( \varepsilon_{\text{SFR}} \).

It is worth noting that essential elements of the problem can be captured via dimensional analysis (Matzner 2007). By considering a cloud of mean density \( \rho_0 \), with outflows occurring at a rate per volume \( S \) and with momentum \( I \) one can define characteristic outflow scales of mass, length, and time:

\[
\mathcal{M} = \frac{\rho_0^{4/7} I^{3/7}}{S^{3/7}} , \quad L = \frac{I^{1/7}}{\rho_0^{1/7} S^{7/7}} , \quad T = \frac{\rho_0^{3/7}}{I^{3/7} S^{4/7}} \ .
\]

Combining these gives other characteristic quantities. Of particular interest is the characteristic velocity:

\[
\mathcal{V} = \frac{L}{T} = \frac{I^{4/7} S^{3/7}}{\rho_0^{4/7}} = \frac{I}{\rho_0 L^3} \ .
\]

Assuming typical values for \( \rho_0 \), \( I \), and \( S \) in cluster environments yields a supersonic characteristic mach number of

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flows (see above), it would not be surprising if most outflows from late Class 0 sources (and older) have scales of a parsec or more.

We note that many giant HH jets extend beyond the confines of their parent molecular cloud. Thus an observed molecular outflow only traces the swept-up gas lying within the molecular cloud: see for example, HH 111 (Cernicharo and Reipurth 1996; Lefloch et al. 2007), HH 300 (Arce and Goodman 2001), HH 46/47 (van Kempen et al. 2009; Arce et al. 2010). This implies that giant HH jets most likely drive atomic hydrogen outflows in the intercloud medium as well, and may also be a source of turbulence in the low density (atomic) ISM. Future galactic HI interferometric surveys should help assess the impact of giant outflows on the atomic medium.

4.2. Fundamental Issues In Jet/Outflow Feedback on Clouds

Outflow feedback touches on two critical issues facing modern theories of star formation: the relative inefficiency of star formation, and the origin of turbulence in clouds (McKee and Ostriker 2007; Elmegreen and Scalo 2004). The first issue relates to the fact that observations find surprisingly low values of the star formation efficiency (SFE) in clouds, with typical values ranging from 0.01 to 0.1. Theoretical accounts for the low values of SFE rely on some form of support such as supersonic turbulence within the cloud to keep it from collapsing. But while turbulence can provide an isotropic pressure support, both hydrodynamic and MHD turbulence decay quickly (Mac Low 1999; Stone et al. 1998). Thus turbulent motions must be continually driven, either internally via gravitational contraction and
This suggests that outflows contain enough momentum to drive supersonic turbulence. Note however that these relations are for spherical outflows and an open question relates to how more narrow bipolar outflows will couple to the cluster/cloud gas. Jet wandering may play a key role here. One must also be careful when measuring the typical momentum in outflows to account for non-emitting molecular gas (due to dissociation) and to very low velocity gas representing decelerating fossil cavities just before they are subsumed by background turbulence. We will discuss this issue in Section 4.4.

The question of outflow feedback altering the star forming properties of a cluster/cloud is a more complex issue as there are a number of ways to characterize the problem. Outflows can directly alter SFE by providing turbulent support against gravity as discussed above, or they may help unbind gas from either individual cores or the cluster environment as a whole. In addition, outflows could change the global properties of star formation by starving still-forming higher mass stars of their reservoirs of gas and therefore shifting the mean stellar mass of a cluster to lower values.

Note that we have been careful to distinguish between feedback on clump/cluster scales and that on scales of the larger parent clouds. Outflows likely represent the lowest rung of a “feedback-ladder”; a sequence of ever-more-powerful momentum and energy injection mechanisms that operate as more massive stars form. Thus collimated outflow are likely to be most effective in driving feedback on cluster rather than full GMC scales. We note however that magnetic fields may provide more effective coupling between outflows and larger cloud scales (De Colle and Raga 2005).

### 4.3. Observations of jet-cloud interactions: Momentum Budget and Turbulence Driving Scale

Numerous attempts have been made to investigate observationally how much feedback protostellar outflows are providing to their surrounding cloud (Fig 10). We note that in the line of virial analyses, many such studies have focussed on comparing the kinetic energy in outflows to that in cloud turbulence or gravitational binding; but since energy is not conserved (because of strong radiative losses) as the outflow sweeps up mass and eventually slows down to merge with the background cloud, it is very important to put more emphasis on the measurement of the outflow momentum, a conserved quantity, to come to meaningful conclusions. We will still quote the energy budgets here for completeness, but will focus on the relevant momentum estimates to reach our conclusion. (Graves et al. 2010) present various CO line maps of the Serpens molecular cloud obtained in the course of the JCMT Gould Belt Legacy Survey. Because of the complexity of spatially overlapping outflows in this crowded star forming region the analysis of outflow properties is based on the blue/red-shift deviation of the $^{12}$CO velocity with respect to $^{13}$CO. The latter is optically thin across the cloud, does not trace outflows, and thus defines a kind of local rest velocity. After correction for a random inclination distribution of the flows, this study finds the total outflow energy to be approximately 70% of the total turbulent energy of the region. Similar conclusions have come from studies of other regions such as p Ophiuchi (Nakamura et al. 2007), Serpens South (Nakamura et al. 2011b), L1641-N (Nakamura et al. 2012) and NGC2264C (Maury et al. 2009). (Arce et al. 2010, 2011) analyzed the COMPLETE CO datasets of the entire Perseus star forming complex to find new outflows, and wind-driven shells around more evolved Class II stars resulting from the interaction of wide-angle winds with the cloud material. This study more than doubled the amount of outflowing mass, momentum, and kinetic energy of protostellar outflows in Perseus. They calculate that the total outflow kinetic energy in the various star forming regions within the Perseus cloud complex (e.g. B1, B5, IC348, L1448, NGC1333) amounts to about 14-80% of the local turbulent energy, and to 4 to 40% of the total gravitational binding energy in these regions. In the same regions, the total outflow momentum is typically 10% of the cloud turbulent momentum (up to 35% in B5). If one takes into account that these outflows most likely have ages of only 0.2 Myrs or less, while molecular clouds have lifetimes of about 3 – 6 Myrs (e.g. Evans et al. (2009)) it becomes clear that a few generations of outflows will suffice to provide a very significant source of momentum input to each cloud. With the flow timescales and turbulence dissipation timescales estimated by (Arce et al. 2010), the mean rate of momentum injection by outflows is only a factor 2.5 less than the rate of turbulent momentum dissipation. We note that a comparable fraction of outflow momentum could be hidden in the form of atomic gas, swept-up and dissociated in shocks faster than 25 km/s (Downes and Cabrit 2007). Taken together, these observations indicate that directed momentum injection by outflows could significantly contribute to sustaining observed levels of turbulence. Similar detailed studies of other regions are certainly necessary in the future to quantify the impact of jets and outflows on their surrounding clouds.

This raises the question of whether outflows are also able to ultimately disrupt their cloud by dispersing and unbinding cloud material. (Arce et al. 2010) find that outflows in Perseus currently carry momentum enough to accelerate only 4 to 23 per cent of the mass of their respective clouds to the local escape velocity. But multiple generations of outflows will again increase their impact. Hence it is clear that outflows are within range of unbinding some fraction of their parent clusters. A plausible scenario proposed by (Arce et al. 2010) would be that outflows help disperse a fraction of their surrounding gas and other mechanisms, such as dispersion by stellar winds and erosion by radiation, help dissipate the rest of the gas that does not end up forming stars.

Observational studies have also been used to estimate the role played by outflows in the injection of cloud turbulence. These efforts consist in attempts to constrain the scale at which turbulence is driven into molecular clouds. (Brunt et
Prompt Entrainment is the incorporation of material through two (not totally unrelated) processes. First, Propagating jets can, in principle, entrain environmental material through line-driven feedback do lend support to this interpretation (Carroll et al. 2010), and we come back to this crucial issue in Section 4.6.

4.4 Physical Processes in Jet-Cloud Feedback

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Prompt Entrainment which is the incorporation of material in shocks such as the leading head of a jet, or internal working surfaces produced by a time-dependent ejection (see Masson and Chernin 1993, Raga and Cabrit 1993). A second mechanism is Side Entrainment which is the incorporation of material through a turbulent mixing layer at the outer edge of the jet beam (Raga et al. 1993). While both processes are likely to shape the interaction of jets with their environments, prompt entrainment is likely to be more important for feedback on cluster and cloud scales since it will often be the fossil swept-up shells (bounded by shocks) which couple outflow momenta to the cloud.

The jet-to-cloud momentum transfer efficiency varies inversely with the jet-to-cloud density ratio (Masson and Chernin 1993). An overdense jet will “punch” fast through the cloud without depositing much momentum into the swept-up shell. The efficiency will increase when a jet impacts a denser region of the molecular cloud (e.g., a molecular cloud core). In such an interaction, the jet will initially be deflected along the surface of the dense core, but at later times the jet will slowly burrow a hole into the core (Raga and Mardan 2002). During this burrowing process, most of the momentum of the jet is transferred to the cloud core material.

Efficient momentum deposition also occurs if the jet ejection direction is time-dependent (due to precession of the jet axis or orbital motion of the source, see Section 3 and Raga et al. 2009). This will be particularly true when a variable jet direction is combined with a variable ejection velocity modulus (Fig 11). These effects break the jet into a series of “bullets” travelling in different directions (Raga and Biro 1993). Alternatively, the ejection itself might be in the form of discrete “plasmoids” ejected along different paths (Yirak et al. 2008). These bullets differ from the leading head of a well aligned jet in that they are not re-supplied by material ejected at later times. Therefore, they slow down as they move through the molecular cloud due to ram pressure braking as seen in the giant HH34 jet complex (Cabrit and Raga 2000, Masciadri et al. 2002). Most of the jet momentum could then be deposited within the molecular cloud, instead of escaping into the atomic ISM.

When such “bullets” eventually become subalfvénic and/or subsonic (depending on the cloud magnetization) their momentum can be efficiently converted into MHD wave-like motions of the molecular cloud (De Colle and Raga 2005). This is true for any form of decaying jet flow (mass-loss decreasing over time). Thus “fossil” swept-up shells that expand and slow down after the brief Class 0 phase should be the main agents coupling outflow momentum to cloud turbulence. Numerous such “fossil cavities” have been discovered in regions such as NGC 1333 (Quillen et al. 2005), and across the Perseus cloud (Arce et al. 2010, Arce 2011). Observationally derived scaling properties for momentum injection in such flows (Quillen et al. 2005) have been recovered in simulations of shells driven by “decaying” outflows (Cunningham et al. 2009a).

The direct turbulent driving and/or coupling of individual outflows to the cloud has been investigated numeri-
Fig. 11.— Column density time-sequence computed from a model of a jet with a variable ejection velocity and a precession of the outflow axis. The initial jet radius is resolved with 10 grid points at the highest resolution of a 5 level adaptive grid.

cally by a number of authors. While Banerjee et al. (2007) showed that a single active outflow (i.e. a Class 0 source) in a quiescent medium would not drive turbulent motions, Cunningham et al. (2009a) demonstrated that a fossil outflow in an already turbulent cloud will fragment, and re-energize those turbulent motions. This speaks to the complex issue of “detrainment” (i.e., the eventual merging of material from the outflow into the surrounding environment). While it is clear that jets can re-energize turbulence, the end states of detrainment remains an important issue needing resolution in order to calculate the full “feedback” of the momentum provided by jets into the turbulent motions of the placental molecular cloud.

Most importantly, large-scale simulations (discussed in the next section) show that interactions (collisions) between multiple outflows on scale $L$ (from equ. 3) may be the principle mechanism for converting directed outflow momentum into random turbulent motions. Conversely, the role of cloud turbulence in altering outflow properties was explored in Offner et al. (2011). In that study, turbulent motions associated with collapse produced asymmetries between the red and blue swept-up outflow lobes. This study also showed that some caution must be used in converting observations of outflows into measurements of injected momentum, as low-velocity outflow material can be misidentified as belonging to turbulent cores.

4.5. Large-scale simulations of outflow feedback

Analytic models such as those of Matzner & McKee (2000) and Matzner (2007) have articulated basic features of outflow driven feedback such as the scaling laws discussed in section 4.3. The inherently three-dimensional and time-dependent nature of outflow feedback, however, requires study through detailed numerical simulations (see also the review by Vázquez-Semadeni 2011).

The ability of multiple outflows to generate turbulent support within a self-gravitating clump was first addressed in the simulations of Li and Nakamura (2006) and Nakamura and Li (2007), which started with a centrally condensed turbulent clump containing many Jean’s masses. The initial turbulence generated overdense regions which quickly became Jeans unstable, initiating local regions of gravitational collapse. Once a density threshold was crossed, these collapsing regions were identified as protostars. Mass and momentum was then driven back into the grid in the form of outflows.

The most important conclusion of these studies was that once star formation and its outflows commenced, the young cluster achieved a dynamic equilibrium between momentum input and turbulent dissipation. It is noteworthy that these studies found bipolar outflows more effective than spherical winds for turbulent support, as the former could propagate across longer distances. Star formation efficiencies of just a few percent were achieved in simulations with outflow feedback.

Another key point to emerge from simulations of outflow-feedback is the nature of the turbulence it produces. In Nakamura and Li (2007) a break in the velocity power spectra $E(k)$ was identified, below which (i.e. longer scale-lengths) the spectrum flattened. This issue was addressed again in Carroll et al. (2009a) who ran simulations of the interaction of randomly oriented interacting bipolar outflows. In this work, the outflow momentum injection rate was made time-dependent to explore the role of fossil shells in coupling to the cloud turbulence. Carroll et al. (2009b) also
found a well defined “knee” in the spectrum at $k \propto 1/L$, the interaction scale defined via dimensional analysis (see eq. 3). Thus, the collision of fossil outflows cavities and the subsequent randomization of directed momenta was responsible for generating the observed turbulence. Carroll et al. (2009) also found that outflow-driven turbulence produced a power spectrum that steepened above the knee as $E(k) \propto k^{-3}$ (see Fig. 12). In contrast, standard turbulence simulations using forcing in Fourier space typically find “Burger’s” values of $k^{-2}$. The steeper slope was caused by outflow shells sweeping up eddies with wavenumbers higher than $K$. The presence of both a knee and a steeper slope in the spectrum of outflow-driven turbulence offers the possibility for observation of these, and perhaps other, signatures of outflow feedback. Note that changes to the turbulent spectra via outflows remained even in the presence of driving at scales larger than $1/K$ (Carroll et al. 2010). Modifications of density probability distribution functions (PDFs) of the ambient medium via outflow-driven turbulence were also reported in Moraghan et al. (2013).

PCA methods applied to datacubes from simulations of outflow-driven turbulence demonstrate that the discreet, small scale sources can artificially appear overwhelmed by larger scale flows, even if those flows have far less power Carroll et al. (2010). From these results it is likely that the issue of observational determination of the correct driving scale(s) of turbulence remains an open question. Note that the issue is not just the largest scales at which driving occurs, but which process dominates on the scales where star formation occurs. Thus even if turbulence cascades down from GMC scales, outflow feedback on cluster scales may still be important in determining local star formation efficiencies and related properties.

Because magnetic fields are closely tied to the origin of protostellar outflows, exploring the combined role of magnetic field and outflows feedback has been an important issue. Using AMR methods, Wang et al. (2010) began with a turbulent, moderately condensed clump of $\sim 1600M_\odot$ and found that in the absence of regulation by magnetic fields and outflow feedback, massive stars would readily form within a cluster of hundreds of lower mass stars. These simulations showed that the massive stars were fed by material infalling from large scales (i.e. clump-fed rather than core-fed accretion). The importance of large scale accretion modes made high mass star formation particularly susceptible to disruption by outflows. Once mass loss was initiated by lower mass stars, their outflows eroded the dense filaments feeding massive star formation. In addition, at later times the induced turbulent motions of interacting outflows slowed down the global collapse modes that had continued to fuel the young massive stars. Thus Wang et al. (2010) found global accretion rates were reduced, leading to fewer high-mass stars by the simulations end. Wang et al. (2010) and Nakamura and Li (2011a) also found strong links between outflow feedback and magnetic fields. Even an initially weak field could retard star formation as the field was amplified to equipartition strength by the outflow-driven turbulence, with the “turbulent” field component dominating the uniform one.

Using AMR methods, Hansen et al. (2012) studied low-mass star formation in the presence of outflow and radiation feedback. These simulations found that outflows reduce protostellar masses and accretion rates by a factor of three each. In this way, outflows also led to a reduction in protostellar luminosities by an order of magnitude. This reduced the radiation feedback, and enhanced fragmentation. In contrast with previous results, Hansen et al. (2012) found that the outflows did not change the global dynamics of the cloud because they were narrow and did not couple well to the dense gas. Krumholz et al. (2012) studied the role of outflow (and radiation) feedback in high-mass star forming regions. Their results also indicated a smaller impact from outflows. Note that both these these simulations did not include magnetic fields.

Finally we note that almost all simulations of outflow-feedback rely on common parametrizations of the individual outflows. In particular the total outflow momentum is expressed as $P_\nu = f_\nu V_\nu M_\star$, making the combination $f_\nu V_\nu$ the outflow momentum per unit stellar mass. In their analytic description of outflow feedback and star formation, Matzner & McKee (2000) assumed a value of $f_\nu V_\nu = 40$ km/s. A review of the literature yields an observational range for this parameter of $10 < f_\nu V_\nu < 25$ km/s (Henriksen et al. 1997; Bontemps et al. 1996; Richer et al. 2000; Plunkett et al. 2013). Assuming $V_\nu = 100$ km/s yields $0.01 < f_\nu < 0.25$. The presence of a wide-angle wind relative to a collimated flow component is another key parameter used in simulations, sometimes expressed as the ratio of momentum in a fully collimated component to a spherical one, $\varepsilon = P_0/P_{\nu}$. To the extent that observations provide a guide for this parameter, it would appear that $\varepsilon \gg 1$ is favored, since wide-angle winds do not appear to carry as much momentum as the jets (at least in the class 0 phase, where most of the momentum is injected). Finally we note that care should be taken in how “outflow” momentum is added to the grid in feedback simulations. Given that the large speeds associated with the winds can slow down simulations (via CFL conditions) momentum is sometimes added via lower-speed higher-mass flows, or given directly to ambient material in the vicinity of the source. Further work should be done to test the effect these assumptions have on turbulence injection and outflow feedback on star formation.

5. Explosive Outflows

Finally we note another class of mass-loss may play an important role in delivering momentum back into the parent cloud, i.e. explosive though non-terminal (i.e. supernova) outflows. An archetype of this phenomena is the BN/KL region in Orion which produced a powerful ($\sim 10^{44}$ to $10^{46}$ erg) wide-angle explosion approximately 500-1000 yrs ago (Allen et al. 1993; Doi et al. 2002; Bally et al. 2011).
The origin of the outflow appears to lay in a non-hierarchical multiple star system that experienced a dynamical interaction leading to the ejection of 2 members and the formation of a tight binary or possibly a merger (Rodríguez et al. 2005; Bally and Zinnecker 2005; Gómez et al. 2005, 2008; Zapata et al. 2009; Bally 2011). Proposed scenarios for powering the outflow involve the release of energy from envelope orbital motions, gravitational binding of the tight pair, or magnetic shear. The rapid release of energy leads to the fastest ejecta emerging from deep within the gravitational potential of the decaying cluster. Rayleigh-Taylor instabilities are then triggered as this material plows through a slower-moving, previously ejected envelope. The fragmented ejecta which are created will be effective at driving turbulence in their surroundings, like the "bullets" in precessing jets.

If such a mechanism operates in other massive star forming regions, it may be an important source of outflow feedback. The Spitzer Space Telescope detected at 4.5 μm a wide-angle outflow similar to BN/KL in the 10⁶L☉ hot core G34.25+0.16 (located at 5kpc in the inner Galaxy, Cyganowski et al. 2008). Source G in W49, the most luminous water maser outflow in the Milky Way, may be yet another example (Smith et al. 2009). Finally Saha et al. (2008) found evidence for interstellar bullets having a similar structure to the BN/KL "fingers" in the outflow from the massive young protostar IRAS 05506+2414.

6. Conclusions and Future Directions

In this chapter we have attempted to demonstrate that protostellar jets and outflows are not only visually beautiful and important on their own as examples of astrophysical magneto-fluid dynamical processes, but they are also an essential player in the assembly of stars across a remarkable range of size-scales. We find that issues of feedback from jets/outflows back to the star formation process is apparent on three scales: those associated with planet formation, those associated with the natal core, and those associated with clustered star formation.

On scales associated with planet-forming disks, jets can impact planet assembly through disk irradiation/shielding and MHD effects associated with outflow launching. These processes can alter disk properties in those regions where planets will be forming. Future work should focus on articulating the feedback between jet driving and the disk mechanisms associated with creating planets.

On the scales of the natal cores, jets and outflows seem capable of explaining the low observed 30% core-to-star efficiency, through a combination of powerful MHD ejection during the earliest collapse phase, and envelope clearing by wide-angle winds during the later phases.

On scales associated with clusters (or perhaps clouds) multiple jets/outflows can drive turbulence, alter star formation efficiencies and affect the mean stellar mass. It is also possible that outflows may help unbind cluster gas. Future work should focus on providing simulations with the best parametrizations of jet properties (such as momentum injection history and distributions), characterization of physical mechanisms for feedback, and exploration of feedback observational signatures. The full range of scales over which both collimated and uncollimated outflows from young stars impact the star-formation process must also be articulated. Observational signatures of such feedback must also be explored.

With regard to the physics of jets themselves, new results make it clear that they are collimated magnetically on inner disk scales, and include multiple thermal and chemical components surrounded by a slower wide-angle wind. The emerging picture is that of a powerful MHD disk wind, collimating the inner stellar wind and magnetospheric ejections responsible for braking down the star. Detailed analysis and modeling is needed to confirm this picture and articulate the properties of these different components as a function of source age.

We have also shown how High Energy Density Laboratory Astrophysics (HEDLA) experiments have already contributed new and fundamental insights into the hydrodynamic and MHD evolution of jets. We expect HEDLA studies to grow beyond jet research in the future as they hold the promise of touching on many issues relevant to star and planet formation (i.e. cometary globules and hot Jupiters).

Observationally we expect new platforms to hold great promise for jet and outflow studies. In particular ALMA and NIR IFUs should prove crucial to resolving jet rotation profiles, shocks and chemical stratification in statistically relevant jet samples, and to better understand their interaction with the surrounding envelope. Such data will provide definitive tests of disk wind models. NIR interferometry of CTTS (eg. with GRAVITY on VLTI) promises to be a powerful test of atomic jet models. Synchrotron studies with eVLA, LOFAR should allow jet magnetic fields to finally come into view. Finally, long baseline monitoring of the short quasi-periodic knot modulation in jets (∼3 – 15 yrs) should allow to clarify the origin of these features and their link with stellar and disk physics (magnetic cycles, accretion outbursts) and source binarity.

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