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The Pipe Nebula

A turbulent strongly magnetized young molecular cloud

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Outline of the talk

- 1. Presentation of the Pipe Nebula region
- 2. Objectives and presentation of the observations
- 3. The gas dynamic and filamentary structures characterization
- 4. Magnetic field intensity estimation
- 5. A study of the dense cores



Filamentary clouds which do not form stars everywhere

- In the Ophiucus region, ~ 4° latitude,
 - \succ 145 \pm 16 pc (*Alves+07*, *Hipparcos*)
 - \succ 163 \pm 5 pc (*Dzib*+18, Gaia DR2)
- Filamentary shape, length ~ 15-20pc
- Well studied cloud: multiple observations of gas, dust, and magnetic fields
- The Pipe is separated in 3 regions (Alves+08)
 - B59 : Forming stars
 - Stem : Tenuous filaments, few dense cores
 - Bowl : Tenuous or dense filaments, young dense cores
- What makes star formation efficiency so different across the Pipe ?
- Similarities with the Polaris molecular cloud
 - No star formation, a handful of dense cores (*Wagle+15*); network of tenuous or dense filaments
 - BUT less ordered magnetic fields
- Interplay between gas dynamics and magnetic fields





Image B,V,R S. Guisard (ESO)

Herschel-SPIRE view at 250μm

A well ordered magnetic field

• A highly ordered B on parsec scale at the Bowl/Stem limit

$$\succ \delta \varphi = 2.54^{\circ}$$

Davis-Chandrasekhar-Fermi:

$$\|B\| \approx 9.3 \sqrt{n(H_2)} \frac{\Delta v}{\delta \varphi}$$

- High magnetic field intensity ?
- Alves+08 ~ $65\mu G$





<u>Top</u>: Polarization angle from Franco+10 on a star density map from Lombardi+06 <u>Bottom</u>: Franco+10, Polarization angle across the Pipe

Large-scale structures shocking

- Superposition of 2 velocity structures on large scales
- Polaris: two components separated by 3.5 km/s, almost no overlap (Falgarone+09)
- Pipe nebula
 - two components separated by 2.5 km/s, overlapping over a broad area ~ 5.7pc
 - Collision of filamentary molecular clouds (Frau+15)





Muench+07 Star density map (Lombardi+06)

Our observations with the IRAM-30m

- In the region of overlapping velocity components, at the Bowl/Stem limit
- The largest ¹²CO(1-0) map (~ 17.5deg²) at this resolution (~ 32" ~ 5000 au) of the Pipe Nebula
 - Dynamical analysis
 - Physical conditions
 - Tracers of turbulence
 - Quantitative constraints on the interplay between B and kinematics
- Multi-line observations of 8 dense cores + 16 others positions (¹²CO(1-0), ¹²CO(2-1), ¹³CO(1-0), C¹⁸O(1-0),...)
 - Physical conditions
- Objective: Studying the role of turbulence in filament and dense core formation



A rich ¹²CO(1-0) dynamic with numerous filamentary structures



Dynamic of ¹²CO(1-0) emission linked to large scale structure



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Filamentary structures well aligned with B

- High number ~314 of structures at small scales, with ~ 284 filaments
- Filaments mainly parallel to **B**, others perpendicular.
- One of the smallest transverse size: (0.06 ± 0.02) pc (dist=163pc)



Parallel to **B**

Perpendicular to **B**

Orientation(°)

Distributions of the filaments characteristics

Magnetic field intensity estimation



Polarization angle from Franco+10

Average of the ¹²CO(1-0) emission at the same coordinates as polarimetric measurement from Franco+10



Large scale structure < 4km/s $\Delta v \sim 1 km/s$ $I_{co} \sim 6.92$ K.km/s

Large scale structure > 5 km/s $\Delta v \sim 0.5 km/s$ $I_{co} \sim 3.64$ K.km/s

- $||B|| \approx 9.3 \sqrt{n(H_2)} \frac{\Delta v}{\delta \varphi}$ (Ostriker+01) > 89 \le ||B|| (µG) \le 245
- High magnetic field intensity



• $\mathcal{M} = \frac{\sigma_{v}}{c_{s}} : \mathcal{M} \sim \mathbf{14}$ (Ostriker+01) • $\beta = \left(\frac{B_{0}}{1.4\mu G}\right)^{-2} \left(\frac{T}{10K}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{n_{H2}}{100cm^{-3}}\right)^{1/2} : \beta \sim \mathbf{3E}(-4) \mid \mathbf{2E}(-3)$ > $\beta <<\mathbf{1}: Strong field$

Projection effects or dense cores ?

- Detection of ¹²CO(1-0), ¹²CO(2-1), ¹³CO(1-0), C¹⁸O(1-0), some HCO+
- Not detected
 - HCN ($\sigma = 0.025 K$)
 - $N_2 H^+ (\sigma = 0.019 K)$
 - 13 CN(1-0) ($\sigma = 0.03$ K)
 - ${}^{13}CS(2-1)$ ($\sigma = 0.021 K$)
- Usually associated to highdensity tracers BUT need **more transitions** to be compared with
- Multi-components fitting : 4 to 5 gaussian components
- Gaussian fitting for each velocity component and using radiative transfert equations:

 $1E20 \le N(H) [cm^{-2}] \le 1E21$ $0.31 \le A_v [mag] \le 2.18$

From Rathborne+09, based on infrared measurements of dust extinction automatic core identification:

$$1E21 \le N(H_2) [cm^{-2}] \le 1E22$$

 $2.0 \le A_v [mag] \le 7.4$

- A_v of a dense core ~ 2.8 mag
- Rat51, a false positive dense core
- > Dense cores, or **projected superposition**?



Spectra of core #51 (numbered from Rathborne+09)

Summary, and more results to come...

- Large-scale map at 32"-resolution of highly dynamic, non star-forming region in the Pipe molecular cloud
- A test case for strongly magnetized turbulence
 - > Colliding clouds caught in the act? Turbulent energy injection at the Bowl/Stem limit ?
 - > Two ¹²CO(1-0) velocity components consistent with large scale filamentary structures in ¹³CO(1-0)
 - > A Mach number of 14, and beta plasma of 3E-4, 2E-3
- Formation of filaments and dense core in such conditions
 - > Network of tenuous filaments in the vicinity of a dense core: Projection effects? False positivie ? General in this higly dynamic region!
 - > Work in Progress: Further studies of dense cores in the vicinity

> A case study to compare with numerical simulations !

Probe the role of turbulence in filament and dense core formation !

Thank you for your attention

Dissecting a Position-Position-Velocity cube

- Cube with 187x149 pixels, with one spectrum per pixel
 - 3 dimensions: 2 in spatial and 1 in velocity space



Position-Velocity cut

Spectra of one row/column stacked
Velocity gradient



Annexe: Representing the observations

Spectra averaged

Spectra of a region, averaged by proximity
Spectra evolution in 2D



Annexe: Representing the observations

Velocity channel map

Velocity channel plotted one by one
Velocity structure



Filamentary structures characterization

- 314 filaments detected
 - High number of filaments
- Two to three distributions in orientation
 - Parallel and perpendicular to B
- Longitudinal size mainly lower than 0.4 pc
- One of the smallest transverse size: (0.06 ± 0.02) pc (dist=163pc)





Distributions of the filaments characteristics

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Our observations with the IRAM-30m

- In the region of overlapping velocity components, at the Bowl/stem limit
- The largest ¹²CO(1-0) map at this resolution of the Pipe Nebula (Onishi+99 observations)
 - 42 fields of 5'x5' \leq 17.5 deg² | 27 deg²
 - HPBW 32" = 22 mpc = 4538 au | 4' = 35065 au
 - Spectral resolution: 0.1 km/s | 0.1 km/s
 - Number of spectra: 27863
 - Typical rms: 0.5 K | 0.08 K
- Multi-line observations of 8 dense cores + 16 others positions
 - ¹²CO(1-0), ¹²CO(2-1), ¹³CO(1-0), C¹⁸O(1-0)
 - bonus lines: HCN, HCO⁺, N₂H⁺
- Total of 113hr (August 2021, January 2022) + 16hr planned 18 to 21 of June 2022



Herschel-SPIRE view at 500μm





- Gradient of CV values ~3 km/s
- Spatial correlation with high velocity structure ?



Centroid Velocity map





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- Spatial correlation with high velocity structure ?



Centroid Velocity map

Annexe: Gradient of the centroid velocity

• Centroid velocity gradient trace intense velocity shear in a turbulent gas (*Hily-Blant+2009*)

> Differences pixel per pixel of the centroid velocity at a given distance



Annexe: Gradient of the centroid velocity

- Centroid velocity gradient trace intense velocity shear in a turbulent gas
- Structure with high velocity gradient
 - > Velocity shear from small (0.1pc) to large scale (1pc)



Centroid Velocity Increment map. Lag is given by I in parsec.

Annexe: One of the smallest filament



Annexe: Spectra overview of the ¹²CO(1-0) map





Annexe: Column density calculations

Two unknowns are opacity profile and excitation temperature, but can be estimated with multi-line analysis. Need to assume that the excitation temperature is identical for the three CO isotopologs. For every emission T_{mb}:

$$T_{mb} = [J_{\nu}(T_{ex}) - J_{\nu}(T_{bg})](1 - e^{-\tau_{\nu}})$$

where T_{bg} is the temperature of background emission assumed to be a black-body, τ_{ν} the line center optical depth at frequency ν .

• For an optically thick transition ($\tau_{\nu} \gg 1$), we have $J_{\nu}(T_{ex}) = T_{mb} + J_{\nu}(T_{bg})$, then

$$T_{ex} = \frac{h\nu}{k} \left[\ln \left(1 + \frac{h\nu}{k} \frac{1}{T_{mb} + J_{\nu}(T_{bg})} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

• Using T_{ex} we can calculate $J_{\nu}(T_{ex})$:

$$J_{\nu}(T_{ex}) = \frac{h\nu}{k_{B}} \frac{1}{\exp(h\nu/k_{B}T_{ex}) - 1}$$

• The opacity can be calculated with:

$$\tau_{18} = -\ln\left[1 - \frac{T_{18}}{J_{\nu}(T_{ex}) - J_{\nu}(T_{bg})}\right]$$

• Or using :

$$\frac{T_{12}}{T_{18}} = \frac{1 - e^{-\tau_{12}}}{1 - e^{-\tau_{18}}} = \frac{1 - e^{-\tau_{12}}}{1 - e^{-\tau_{12}/500}}$$

• Then, using the opacity profile of an optically thin transition (which will be better approximated by a Gaussian), we can use :

$$N_{18} = \frac{8\pi\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{Q}{A_{ul}g_{u}} \frac{e^{E_l/kT_{ex}^{ul}}}{1 - e^{-h\nu_{ul}/kT_{ex}^{ul}}} \int \tau_{\nu}^{ul} dv \approx \frac{8\pi\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{Q}{A_{ul}g_{u}} \frac{e^{E_l/kT_{ex}^{ul}}}{1 - e^{-h\nu_{ul}/kT_{ex}^{ul}}} 1.064 \Delta v \tau_0$$

with Q the particition function, A_{ul} the Einstein coefficient for spontaneous radiative decay, g_u the upper level multiplicity and Δv the FWHM.

Annexe: Orientation of filamentary structures

- Filamentary structures in channel maps
 - Parallel to B
 - Others neither parallel nor perpendicular to B
 - Green: B from dust extinction (Franco+2010)
 - Yellow: **B** from thermal dust emission (*Planck Collaboration+ 2015*)
- Theoretical predictions from ideal MHD
 - Low density: mostly parallel
 - High-density: mostly perpendicular
 - Consistent with Planck (Planck Coll. XXXV 2016)
 - In a transition from tenuous to dense filaments ?



Annexe: ¹²CO(1-0) velocity channel map



Annexe: RMS of the integrated positions



Annexe - Data reduction: The complexity of reducing a 17.5 deg² PPV cube

- A technical problem during winter observation run
 - ➢ Ghosts at 1 km/s from the signal
 - > Need to be very careful in the window definition



Annexe - Data reduction: The complexity of reducing a 17.5 deg² PPV cube

- Main concerns are about baseline reduction
 - Consequences at submap borders



RMS map of our ¹²CO(1-0) cube, before baseline reduction. Colorscale in K. First observing run is easily seen as the almost centered red rectangle.

How to deal with spectra so differents ?



Annexe - Data reduction: Resolving the data reduction problem

- Working on a first cube with all the spectra not reduced
 - > Do not distinguish data between the two observing run
- Took around 10 weeks to conclude on the data reduction



RMS map of our ¹²CO(1-0) cube, before baseline reduction. Colorscale in K. First observing run is easily seen as the almost centered red rectangle.



RMS map of our ¹²CO(1-0) cube, after baseline reduction. Colorscale in K. First observing run is easily seen as the almost centered red rectangle.





What we want to do...

- Determine the physical conditions in both structures, and dense cores
 - > Temperature, column density, extinction...
- Provide quantitative constraints on the interplay between kinematics and magnetic fields
 - Magnetic to turbulent energy ratio
 - Gaz structures orientations with B
- Examine the dynamic repercussion of the colliding filaments
 - Markers of intermittency?
 - > Constraints on the evolutionary state of dense cores?









Annexe PV-cut: oscillation visible in velocity space

- Sinewave velocity profiles, with phase shifting
 - > Helical flows aligned with **B**?



Comparisons with the Polaris flare molecular cloud



- Network of tenuous and dense filaments
- Located in a low star formation rate
- Superposition of 2 velocity structures coherent on parsec scale
- Vicinity of dense cores located at the velocity overlap
- BUT a magnetic field less ordonate
- Nearby cloud ~ 150 *pc*