Filament and sheet-like-cloud interaction: Hint to understand the history of star formation

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Herschel composite image Blue: 160μm Green: 250μm Red: 350μm

Palmeirim et al. 2013

2 pc at 140 pc

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Molecular cloud formation from multiple shock compressions

- Results from observations and simulations: Molecular clouds are filamentary
- Formation of filamentary molecular cloud: From compression of dense and cold atomic clouds by propagating shock waves (e.g., Hennebelle et al. 2008, Vaidya et al. 2013, Ntormousi et al. 2017).
- MHD nature of the ISM: multiple episodes of compressing flows are needed (e.g., Inoue & Inutsuka 2008, 2009, Heitsch et al. 2009, Valdivia et al. 2016, Iwasaki et al. 2019).
- The typical formation and lifetime of molecular clouds (>10 Myr) >> the typical timescale of each shock compressions on average \sim 1 Myr (e.g., McKee & Ostriker 1977).
- Reorganization of the (density, velocity, magnetic field) structures during each wave passage.



1. Formation of filaments induced by shock compression

Formation of filaments induced by shock compression

MHD numerical simulation by Inoue et al. 2018



Formation of filaments by accumulation of matter along a curved magnetised sheet-like-structure induced by a shock compression

- Filaments are formed by the postshock focusing flow.
- Filaments are formed perpendicular to the magnetic field lines.
- Filaments are not formed by self-gravity.



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Velocity structure of a simulated filament formed by shock compression



Inoue et al. 2018, Arzoumanian et al. 2018

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This baby filament formed by shock compression would evolve and become star forming

8.5

PV map perpendicular

to the filament axis

 $^{13}CO(1-0)$

T_{mb} (K)

6

Filament



- In ~ 0.3 Myr, the filament may reach $M_{line} \sim M_{line,crit} \sim 16 M_{\odot}/pc$, become gravitationally unstable, and fragment into star forming cores.



Fate of subcritical low column density filaments

Those perpendicular to the magnetic field lines (e.g., the baby filament) may evolve and become star forming in the future
Those parallel to the magnetic field lines (e.g., striations) may have a different future





Relative orientation between magnetic
field and filaments:
Dense filaments → perpendicular
Faint filaments → Parallel
(e.g., Planck polarization results, Pattle &
Fissel 2019, also cf. talk Dana Alina)

Herschel column density map, Palmeirim et al. 2013, also, Shimajiri et al. 2019

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2. Interaction between propagating shock waves and filamentary structures

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Nobeyama 45m Telescope observations



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Declination (J2000)

Velocity pattern along the crest of the star-forming filament derived from the C¹⁸O(1-0) data



Velocity along the filament crest

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Multiple velocity components are observed towards the filament



Different spatial distributions of the extended structures with different velocities

Velocity channel maps



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Signature of interaction between the filament and

propagating shock waves?



Velocity channel maps

Summary

• The propagation of interstellar shock waves

 \rightarrow key role in the formation and evolution of filaments

• These shock waves may

→ trigger the formation of filaments perpendicular to the magnetic field lines. These filaments increase in M_{line} accreting matter from the surrounding sheet, become gravitationally unstable ($M_{\text{line}} \sim M_{\text{line,crit}}$), and fragment into star forming cores.

- \rightarrow interact with already formed filaments
- resulting in accretion of matter onto the filaments
- or the removal/disruption of low column density parts

• The present density, velocity, and magnetic field configurations may not be representative of the ones at the formation stage of the molecular cloud

 Such interactions may play an important role in the lifetime of filaments and their star formation activity (implication in the star formation efficiency)

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