An overview on BISTRO and Polarization measurements in Oph-B (I Gen.)

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Current scenario of star formation



Star-formation is a complicated process of converting almost some vacuum ISM to high density prestellar to protostellar core

Magnetic fields are important





- $_{\odot}$ Magnetic field found parallel to the minor axis of the cloud.
- $_{\bigodot}$ Magnetic field lines are found pinched and smoothly distributed
- $_{\odot}$ With the advent of ALMA, several observational evidences of pinched morphology are available now



Q. How to interpret interstellar magnetic fields?

A. Polarization of starlight

Anisotropic radiation field with $\lambda < 2a$ can help aligning asymmetric dust grains via radiative torque alignment (RAT; Dolginov & Mitrofanov in 1976, Draine & Weingartner 1996, Lazarian & Hoang 2007).



For details see, Andersson, Lazarian, Vaillancourt, 2015, ARAA

We estimate Stokes parameters Q, and U from observed fluxes and P and theta are estimated from Q and U

Q, U =
$$\frac{\frac{I_{e}(\alpha)}{I_{o}(\alpha)} - 1}{\frac{I_{e}(\alpha)}{I_{o}(\alpha)} + 1} \qquad P = \frac{1}{I}\sqrt{Q^{2} + U^{2}} \quad \theta = \frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{U}{Q}\right)$$

BISTRO

B-field In STar-forming Region Observations

"Taking the challenge of understanding magnetic personality of the Universe"

The BISTRO Survey: Overview



- A James Clerk Maxwell Telescope (JCMT) Large Program mapping Galactic starforming regions in 850µm and 450µm polarized light with the POL-2 polarimeter
- ~180 survey members across 7 partner regions and the East Asian Observatory
- P.I.s: Derek Ward-Thompson (UK & Ireland), Pierre Bastien (Canada), Keping Qiu (China), Tetsuo Hasegawa (Japan), Woojin Kwon (Korea), Shih-Ping Lai (Taiwan)
- BISTRO-1, -2 and -3 awarded 672 hours of observing time to map:
 - Ophiuchus, Orion A & B, Perseus, Serpens, Taurus L1495/B211, Auriga, IC5146, M16, DR15, DR21, NGC 2264, NGC 6334, Mon R2, Rosette, various IRDCs, nearby prestellar cores and the Galactic Centre

Beauty of BISTRO





22 refereed papers published to date...

Survey paper: Ward-Thompson et al. 2017, ApJ 842 66

Orion A: Pattle et al. 2017, ApJ 846 122 M16: Pattle et al. 2018, ApJL 860 L6 Ophiuchus A: J. Kwon et al. 2018, ApJ 859 4

Ophiuchus B: Soam et al. 2018, ApJ 861 65

Ophiuchus C: Liu et al. 2019, ApJ 877 43 IC5146: Wang et al. 2019, ApJ 876 42 Perseus B1: Coudé et al. 2019, ApJ 877 88 Oph polarisation fracs.: Pattle et al. 2019, ApJ 880 27 Perseus NGC 1333: Doi et al. 2020, ApJ 899 28 Outflow/field comparison: Yen et al. 2020, ApJ 907 33 Ophiuchus L1689: Pattle et al. 2021, ApJ 907 88 Auriga: Ngoc et al. 2021, ApJ 908 10 NGC 6334: Arzoumanian et al. 2021, A&A 647 A78 Taurus B213: Eswaraiah et al. 2021, ApJ 912 L27 Rosette: Könyves et al. 2021, ApJ 913 57 More Orion A: Hwang et al. 2021, ApJ 913 85 Orion B: Lyo et al. 2021, 918 85 NGC 1333 filament widths: Doi et al. 2021, ApJL 923 I Serpens Main: W. Kwon et al. 2022, ApJ 926 163 Fanciullo et al. MNRAS in press





Ophiuchus-B (Oph-B; BISTRO-1 IstG.)

- This is one of the BISTRO regions considered for JCMT/POL-2 observations
- Distance 120 pc (Loinard et al. 2008; Lombardi, Lada & Alves 2008)
- Closest active star forming region
- Harbors numerous kind of YSOs such as class 0,1,11 and 111
- Consists of various filamentary structures known as streamers

Structure of kinematics of Ophiuchus

●CO, 13CO and C18O are mostly bright in Oph-A region.

 The CO emission shows some clumps well correlated to 850 um emission map



850um map: Johnstone et al. 2010, CO, ¹³CO & C¹⁸O emission; White et al. 2015

B-fields in Ophiuchus

 The B-fields inferred from optical polarization from Heiles+2000 data shows the major component from NE to SW.

 B-fields are following the cloud structure



Pol data from Heiles 2000 Av 1~2 mag

B-fields in further smaller scales mapped in NIR from SIRPOL

•The large scale B-fields are nicely connected to the smaller scale fields structure obtained from NIR polarization observations.

•This suggest the inherent ambient field orientation is largely from NE to SW



J. Kwon + 2015 Av 10~50 mag

What do Planck and SOFIA see in Ophiuchus?



Lee et al. 2021

B-fields from NIR and submm observation Seems to be connected and large scale B-fields appear to be curved



Right Ascension (J2000)

BISTRO-1 region: Oph-B (Cloud structure in SCUBA-2 850 um emission)

Intensity (mJy/arcsec^2) 0.0 0.5 2.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 3.0 3.5 -24°24'00.0" Oph-B2 26'00.0" Dec (J2000) 28'00.0" Oph-B1 30'00.0" 32'00.0" 40.00s 30.00s 20.00s 16h27m10.00s RA (J2000)

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Oph-B1 (south) and Oph-B2 (north) can be identified.

Two sub-clumps are oriented with major axes orthogonal to each other.

Star-formation activity in Oph-B

 Distribution of YSOs in Oph-B is shown as crosses in the figure.

 IRS 47 is identified with prominent outflows shown in blue and red lobes

 Ellipses are dense condensations identified by Gaussclump using N₂H⁺(1-0) data from Andre et al. 2007.



YSOs information from White et al. 2015 $_{16}^{16}$

B-field geometry in Oph-B (White:POL-2, red: NIR)



Distribution of B-field position angles



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Smoothed B-fields in Oph-B

 POL-2 data smoothed by using 2X2 binning

- Polarization fraction is higher on edges as seen by blue segments with P>5% and lower in high density part as seen by white vectors with P<5%.
- B-fields in Oph-B2 is relatively ordered and roughly parallel to the clump major axis.



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Position angle and polarization fraction distribution from SCUPOL and POL-2 data



- 1. Position angles are almost linearly correlated (left panel)
- 2. Lower SNR of SCUPOL detections may possibly be causing higher polarization fraction (right panel)

Polarization and intensity



- 1. Pol. fraction decreases towards denser core regions (left panel)
- Power-law slope measured using a least square fit is ~ -0.9 (right panel)

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B-field strength and core stability calculation

Using Chandrasekhar Fermi relation

Davis 1951; Chandrasekhar & Fermi 1953

$$B_{\rm pos} = 9.3\sqrt{nH_2}\frac{\Delta V}{\delta\theta} \quad \mu \, G$$

$$nH_2$$
: Volume density
 ΔV : los velocity dispersion
 $\delta \theta$: Angular dispersion

$$\lambda = 7.6 \times 10^{-21} \frac{N(\mathrm{H}_2)}{B_{\mathrm{pos}}},$$

Angular dispersion estimation using unsharp masking (Detailed method introduced by Pattle et al. 2017)



Residual: used to estimate dispersion

Summary

- 1. Polarization fractions and angles of SCUPOL and POL-2 are found to be consistent but POL-2 map is more sensitive and covers a larger area of the Oph-B.
- Distance field morphologies are found in two clumps with B1 bearing more random component whereas B2 shows underlying ordered magnetic fields with roughly parallel (~18°) to the long axis of the clump.
- 3. The Oph-B2 fields on low density peripheries are well connected to the large scale structure identified in NIR observations.
- 4. The decrease in the polarization fraction is observed in the densest regions of both Oph-B1 and B2.
- 5. The field strength is measured in Oph-B2 with DCF method and found to be $630 \pm 410 \mu G$ with a mass-to-flux ratio of 1.6 ± 1.1 suggesting it to be slightly magnetically supercritical.
- The angular offset between the large-scale magnetic field in Oph-B2 and the IRS47 outflow orientation is ~60°, suggesting consistency with models which predict a misalignment between B-fields and outflows.

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First Sub-pc Sale Mapping of Magnetic Fields in the Vicinity of a Very Low Luminosity Object, L1521F-IRS



Soam A. et al. 2019a, ApJ, 883,9S

Magnetic fields in the infrared dark cloud G34.43+0.24





Soam A. et al. 2019b, ApJ, 883,95S