Estimation of B-field Strength in the WIM based on RM histograms

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Hatchell+ 2005



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Gutermuth+ 2008 Spitzer 3.6,4.5, 8.0 micron blue, green, red

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Reynolds number

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v}\right) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{f} \qquad \text{Re} = \frac{\rho v L}{\mu} = \frac{v L}{\nu} = \frac{v L}{v_T l}$$

 $\sigma nl = 1$



Figure 1.1 Schematic picture of a fluid around a cylinder at different Reynolds numbers.

Kolmogorov and Burgers Velocity Power Spectra



P(k)

k

Density Power Spectra



-5/3(-11/3) : the 3D (1D) slope of Kolmogorov PS

Electron density PS (M~1)
Composite PS from observations of ISM velocity, RM, DM, ISS fluctuations, etc.
A dotted line represents the Kolmogorov PS
A dash-dotted line does the PS with a -4 slope

Armstrong et al. 1995 ApJ, Nature 1981

Crovisier and Dickey 1983



•PS of HI 21cm observations
•Observed with WSRT, Nancay and Arecibo
•1=52.5, b=0.0
•Easy to find PS from the visibility of interferometric observations
•The slopes of PS are -2(-3) for WSRT observations and -1 for single dish observations

-3: Westerbork(+)

Stenholm 1984



•B5, a molecular cloud

•Power spectra of peak line temperatures along N-S scans

•The mean spectral slope is around -1.67

- (Komogorov type spectra)
- density PS vs column-density PS.

Green 1993



- PS of HI channel mapsDRAO Galactic Plane Survey
- 1=140 deg, b=0 deg
- Slope: -1.2~-2.0 (-2.2~-3.0)

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Stanimirovic et al. 1999

HI 2D PS of SMC (ATCA+Parkes)



-71



Slope: -2.04 (-3.04)

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Deshpande et al. 2000 HI optical depth image

•CAS A
•VLA obs.
•angular resol.: 7 arcsec
•sampling interval: 1.6 arcsec
•velocity reol.: 0.6km/sec



Density PS of cold HI gas (M~2-3 from Heiles and Troland 03)

-A dash line represents a dirty PS obtained after averaging the PW of 11 channels.

-A solid line represents a true PS obtained after CLEANing.

Summary of observations

- Spectral slopes of most of observations are measured from density or column-density fields (compressible turbulence).
- The range of density spectral indexes are $-0.4 \sim -2.0$.

Density PS of isothermal flows

Isothermal Hydrodynamic equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\rho \vec{v}\right) = 0; \qquad \rho \left(\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v}\right) = -\nabla \left(\rho a^2\right) + \vec{f}$$

- We adjust the amplitude of the velocity field in such a way that root-mean-square Mach number, Mrms, has a certain value.

$$M_{\rm rms} = \frac{v_{\rm rms}}{a} = 1 - 12;$$

Initial Condition: uniform density Periodic Boundary Condition Isothermal TVD Code (Kim, et al. 99)

Comparison of sliced density images from 3D simulations

Mrms=1.2

Mrms=12



Large-scale driving in a wavenumber ranges 1<k<2
Resolution: 512³

•Filaments and sheets with high density are formed in a flow with Mrms=12.

Kim & Ryu 2005

Density power spectra from 3D HD simulations



•Statistical error bars of time-averaged density PS

•Large scale driving in a wavenumber ranges 1<k<2

•Resolution: 512³

•Spectral slopes are obtained with least-square fits over the ranges 4<k<14

•As Mrms increases, the slope becomes flat in the inertial range.

Density PS of thermally bi-stable flows

HD equations with cooling and heating terms

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0 \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \vec{v}) + \nabla \cdot [\rho \vec{v} \vec{v} + p] = \vec{f}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left[\left(E + p \right) \vec{v} \right] = \Gamma - \Lambda$$

where

$$E = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{1}{2}\rho \vec{v}^2$$

Gazol & Kim 2010

Density PS in thermally bi-stable flows

Gazol & Kim 2010



M=4.5

M=0.2

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Density PS



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	M	$P_{ ho}$
	0.2	-0.84
	0.6	-0.60
	1.3	-0.20
	4.0	-0.15
	4.5	-0.10

Faraday Rotation

linearly polarized EM wave = left-handed CP wave + right-handed CP wave

Electron gyrates with the gyrofrequency.

$$\varphi = \varphi_0 + RM \lambda^2;$$

$$RM = K \int_0^r n_e B_{\parallel} ds$$

$$K = 0.81 radm^{-2} pc^{-1} cm^3 \mu G^{-1}$$

$$\left\langle B_{\parallel} \right\rangle = \frac{\mathrm{RM}}{\mathrm{DM}}$$

Spectropolarimetry



RM Image of the Sky

Taylor+ 2009



- NRAO VLA Sky Survey, two bands around1.4GHz, 37543 radio sources(1 deg resolution), delta>-40,
- LOFAR, ASKAP, SKA (30 arcsec resolution)

Motivation (I)



$$\left\langle B_{\parallel} \right\rangle = \frac{\mathrm{RM}}{\mathrm{DM}} = \frac{\int_{0}^{r} n_{e} B_{\parallel} ds}{\int_{0}^{r} n_{e} ds}$$

Basic assumption: no correlation between Bpara and ne

Motivation (I)

• Beck et al.(2003) : there may be anticorrelation between B and ne because total pressure of the WIM tents to be constant.

$$P_{\text{tot}} = P_{\text{gas}} + P_{\text{mag}} = \rho c_s^2 + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} = \text{const.}$$

- So the measured field strengths based on the RM/DM may be underestimated.
- Is there any correlation between B and ne in the WIM?

Motivation (II)

Haverkorn et al. 2003



- WSRT, multi-frequency (341, 349, 355, 360
 375MHz) pol. Obs. in the region of the Auriga constellation with diffuse synchrotron background
- Polarized Int. Map (349MHz)+ RMs

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Motivation (II)



- Histograms of RMs
- Solid, dashed lines are from observations; dotted lines are from the Gaussian fitting
- Can we measure Bpara strength using the width of the Gaussian?

Numerical Simulations



$$B_0 = 1.3 \left(\frac{1}{\beta_0}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{T}{8000 \text{K}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{n_e}{0.03 \text{cm}^{-3}}\right)^{1/2} \mu \text{G},$$
$$RM_0 = 0.81 \int_0^L n_e B_0 ds = 0.81 \ n_e B_0 L \text{ radians m}^{-2}$$

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2D histogram on (rho, B) plane



Contour levels: from 10% to 90% of the peak value with 10% interval Almost no correlation between density and field strength

Correlation Coefficients

$$C(\rho, B = \left| \vec{B} \right|) = \frac{\sum_{i,j,k} (\rho_{i,j,k} - \overline{\rho}) (B_{i,j,k} - \overline{B})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i,j,k} (\rho_{i,j,k} - \overline{\rho})^2 \sum_{i,j,k} (B_{i,j,k} - \overline{B})^2}}$$

- C=1(-1); strong positive (negative) correlation
- C=0; no correlation
- $C(\beta_0=0.1,1,10,100) = 0.01,-0.12,-0.06,0.16$
- There is almost no correlation between density and B fields.

Histograms of total pressure



- blue $\beta_0 = 0.1$, red $\beta_0 = 1$, green $\beta_0 = 10$, black $\beta_0 = 100$
- Total (gas+magnetic) pressure is not a constant but distributes quite broadly.

Intrinsic B-field strength vs. B-field strength from the ratio of RM to DM



- blue $\beta_0=0.1$, red $\beta_0=1$, green $\beta_0=10$, black $\beta_0=100$
- Solid lines from Intrinsic B; dotted lines from the ratio
- They match very well.

RM distributions



Notice that the change of scales in color bars. • As β_0 (B₀) increases (decreases), the dispersion of RMs increases (decreases).

dispersion RM vs. B-field strength



Histograms of normalized RMs



B-field strength vs. width of RM distribution



black: 0deg, red: 27deg, blue: 45deg, green; 63deg, pink: 83deg

• good correlation between the width and field strength.

$$B_{0\parallel} = (2.45 \pm 0.3) \times W_{\text{FWHM}}^{-1.41 \pm 0.1} \mu \text{G}$$

Applications



(~0.42 µG by Haverkorn+ 2003)

μG

Summary

- As the Mrms of compressible turbulent flow increases, the density power spectrum gradually becomes flat. This is due to density peaks (filaments and sheets) formed by shock interactions.
- The histogram of simulated RMs can be well fitted by the Gaussian function, which is consistent with observations.
- The width of the RM histogram is sensitive to the field strength, which provides a possible way to estimate the magnetic field strength in the WIM.