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A *shocking* group! Turbulent dissipation and star formation in Stephan's Quintet

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Details* matter!

* gastrophysics: turbulence, shocks, mixing – exchange of momentum, mass and energy between gas phases–, conduction, chemistry, dust processing...



Outline

1. Stephan's Quintet: observational evidence for a multiphase, highly turbulent intergalactic medium.

2. What are the tracers of turbulent dissipation?

3. How (well) can models constrain gas heating/cooling rates and physical scales of dissipation?

4. What do we learn about feedback / regulation of star formation?



Stephan's Quintet: a galaxy collision shocking the IGM

NGC 7319 V=6700 km/s

Giant Shock T_x=5×10⁶ K V_{shock}=600 km/s

NGC 7320-

-NGC 7318a

40 kpc

NGC.7317

NGC 7318b

V=5700 km/s

X-rays (Chandra): blue Optical: CFHT

Stephan's Quintet: a galaxy collision shocking the IGM

NGC 7318b is crashing into the rest of the group at V ~ 800 km/s : interloper

(arcmin)

offset

Arc-N

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VLA Observations (20 cm)



 $H\alpha$ + Chandra contours

20 cm Radio emission from between galaxies suggested an intergalactic shock (Allen & Hartzuiker 1972)

Hot X-ray gas indicating a 600 km/s shock wave (Trinchieri et al. 2003)

Neutral hydrogen Observations show "gap" in HI where the shock is observed

Arc-S

 α offset (arcmin)

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VLA Observations (HI line)

Isolating the physics of turbulent dissipation against the dark sky!

Pure H₂ spectrum!



Image: Visible (Hubble)

BLUE=H₂ gas (Spitzer)

 $L(H_2) = 3 \times L(X-rays) M(H_2) = 5 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$

Appleton et al. 2006, Guillard et al. 2009; Guillard et al. 2012b; Cluver et al. 2013

SFR < $0.07 M_{\odot}/yr$

One example amongst other "SF-suppressed" HCGs (cf. Katey's talk + Ute's poster)



updated from Alatalo et al. Guillard et al. 2012b, Cluver et al. 2013; Alatalo et al. 2014b, 2015c

The energy of the galaxy collision is not thermalized



Guillard et al. 2009; Guillard et al. 2012b Appleton, Guillard et al. 2013

Large CO complexes along the ridge



Detection of Ly- α with COS/HST dynamically coupled gas phases at all scales!



Modelling H₂ formation and excitation



Paris-Durham MHD shock model

input conditions

- wave velocity
- magnetic field
- density
- irradiation
- abundances

Flower+03,+15, Guillard+09, Lesaffre+13



H₂ emission from shocks

 H_2 mid-IR lines are the main cooling lines of shocked molecular for $5 < V_s < 40$ km/s

Shocks trigger the formation of H₂ gas if the gas is initially atomic provided that there is dust (Bergin+2007, Guillard +2009)



Modeling of H_2 shows that mechanical energy is cascading from large (40 kpc) to small scales (<0.1pc)



Guillard et al. 2009, Appleton et al. 2017

Modelling the H₂ excitation diagram constrains the distribution of turbulence dissipation structures



b	$n_{ m H}$	1-Gauss	pow-law	\exp .	pw-exp.	2-Gauss		
0.1	10^{2}	371.8	2307.0	54.3	60.8	11.2	\leftarrow chi ² values (6 H ₂ lines a	are fitted
0.1	10^{3}	504.0	1650.4	152.4	61.1	105.6	simultaneously)	
0.1	10^{4}	416.1	2139.9	174.3	580.8	155.3		
1	10^{2}	1628.5	184.2	598.5	$\underline{2.6}$	$\underline{2.0}$		
1	10^{3}	139.3	175.1	35.9	5.0	13.8		15
1	10^{4}	130.3	1648.0	12.6	6.3	15.8	Lesaffre et al. 2013	

Probability Distribution Function (PDF) of shock velocities



Change of shocked gas properties across the IGM



Appleton et al. 2017

Riding the turbulent energy cascade





Let's shake a small box of ISM gas....

Dissipation in decaying MHD turbulence

Isothermal 3D MHD, (Mach 4, ABC)

 $n_{H} \sim 100 \text{cm}^{3}$ $<u^{2}>\sim <b^{2}/\rho>$ Re =LU/v ~ 2.10⁷ 10³ Re_m=LU/\eta ~ 2.10¹⁷ 10³

RAMSES simulations with careful treatment of viscous and resistive dissipation: DUMSES (Momferratos, PhD) Heating sources: Red = Ohmic Green = viscous shear **Blue - viscous compression**



CHEMSES = RAMSES + DUMSES

10¹⁶ cm

ACTUAL viscous dissipation

32 species, 7 H₂ levels

Uniform Irradiation: G₀=1, Av=0.1

n_H ~ 100/cm³

=> molecular, but without CO.



Production of molecules and H₂ excitation by dissipation of turbulence



Lessons learned

From line luminosities and energy balance arguments:

- Molecular cooling rate can be higher than X-ray cooling
- Gas cooling is controlled by the dissipation of turbulent energy
- Turbulent dissipation time >> dynamical time

From kinematics:

- Mechanical energy >> thermal energy
- The gas has to cool dynamically (not only thermally).
- The different gas phases are kinematically coupled

From shock models and simulations:

- Turbulence is supersonic in the dense phase
- Amplitude of turbulence is beyond what is explored in current models/simulations of star formation
- Large dynamical range of spatial scales: ~100 kpc 0.01pc

Merci !



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