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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Velocity and magnetic fields within 1000 AU from a massive YSO

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ABSTRACT

Aims. We want to study the velocity and magnetic field morphology in the vicinity (<1000 AU) of a massive young stellar object (YSO), at very high spatial resolution (10–100 AU).

Methods. We performed milli-arcsecond polarimetric observations of the strong CH₃OH maser emission observed in the vicinity of an O-type YSO, in G023.01–00.41. We have combined this information with the velocity field of the CH₃OH masing gas previously measured at the same angular resolution. We analyse the velocity and magnetic fields in the reference system defined by the direction of the molecular outflow and the equatorial plane of the hot molecular core at its base, as recently observed on sub-arcsecond scales.

Results. We provide a first detailed picture of the gas dynamics and magnetic field configuration within a radius of 2000 AU from a massive YSO. We have been able to reproduce the magnetic field lines for the outer regions (>600 AU) of the molecular envelope, where the magnetic field orientation shows a smooth change with the maser cloudlets position (0.2° AU⁻¹). Overall, the velocity field vectors well accommodate with the local, magnetic field direction, but still show an average misalignment of 30°. We interpret this finding as the contribution of a turbulent velocity field of about 3.5 km s⁻¹, responsible for braking up the alignment between the velocity and magnetic field vectors. We do resolve different gas flows which develop both along the outflow axis and across the disk plane, with an average speed of 7 km s⁻¹. In the direction of the outflow axis, we establish a collimation of the gas flow, at a distance of about 1000 AU from the disk plane. In the disk region, gas appears to stream outward along the disk plane for radii greater than 500–600 AU, and inward for shorter radii.

Key words. ISM: kinematics and dynamics – Masers – Stars: formation – Stars: individual: G023.01–00.41

1. Introduction

The role of magnetic fields in regulating the gas dynamics in the vicinity of growing, massive, young stellar objects (YSOs) is still a matter of debate (e.g., Crutcher et al. 2010; Zhang et al. 2014). Recent magneto-hydrodynamics (MHD) models, simulating the build-up of massive protostars in the inner few 1000 AU, have shown that magnetic fields may contribute significantly (1) to the degree of outflow collimation, and (2) to stabilizing both Keplerian and sub-Keplerian disks against fragmentation (e.g., Seifried et al. 2011, 2012). In this context, Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI) observations of maser emission, arising within a few 1000 AU from massive YSOs, allow us to determine both the velocity distribution and the magnetic field configuration close to the accreting protostar (e.g., Sanna et al. 2010a,b; Goddi et al. 2011; Moscadelli et al. 2011; Surcis et al. 2015). This gives us the unique chance to investigate, at a 10–100 AU scale, whether or not the magnetic field influences the gas kinematics.

G023.01–00.41 is a luminous star-forming region of about $4 \times 10^4 L_{\odot}$ (Sanna et al. 2014), located at a trigonometric distance of 4.6 kpc (Brunthaler et al. 2009). This star forming site harbors a flattened, hot molecular core (HMC) which is centered

on an active site of strong maser and radio continuum emission (Sanna et al. 2010b, their Fig. 4). The kinematics of warm (200 K) gas in the inner 3000 AU, as traced with CH₃CN and thermal CH₃OH lines, shows the composition of two, orthogonal, velocity fields (Sanna et al. 2014, their Fig. 3). The velocity component which dominates at larger scales is aligned with the axis of a collimated bipolar outflow, traced progressively away from the HMC center with SiO and CO gas emission. Since the outflow emission is almost perpendicular to the line of sight, any associated disk should be seen edge-on, which makes this object an excellent target to study the gas dynamics in the vicinity of an O-type YSO. Furthermore, the 3D gas kinematics revealed by the CH₃OH masers shows a funnel-like morphology (Sanna et al. 2010b, their Fig. 6), which was best interpreted as the base of the outflow cavity (or the surface of a flared disk) with a size between 1000 and 2000 AU.

With this in mind, we decided to use the synergy between maser proper motions and polarization measurements, targeting the rich CH₃OH maser spectrum observed in G023.01–00.41, to investigate whether magnetic fields may be actively driving the circumstellar gas motion around a massive YSO. That can be assessed by quantifying whether a correlation exists between the orientation of the velocity and polarization vectors locally, as

measured for individual CH₃OH masing cloudlets on scales of a few AU. In order to compare the magnetic field orientation with the velocity field previously measured by Sanna et al. (2010b), we conducted polarimetric observations of the 6.7 GHz CH₃OH masers towards G023.01–00.41 with the European VLBI Network (EVN¹).

2. Observations and Calibration

We employed the EVN to observe in full polarization mode the $5_1 - 6_0 A^+$ CH₃OH maser transition, at the rest frequency of 6668.519 MHz, toward G023.01–00.41. The observations were conducted under program ES067 on 2011 May 29. We made use of a single frequency setup to obtain both a high spectral sampling (0.98 kHz) of the maser lines, and a bandwidth large enough (2 MHz) to accurately measure the continuum emission of the calibrator, J2202+4216. This calibrator served both as a fringe finder and polarization calibrator, and was observed every 45 min to properly calibrate the polarization leakage. Since many maser features are expected to be linearly polarized at a level of about 1%, to reach a conservative detection above 5σ over half of the maser cloudlets previously detected (with peak intensities $>3 \text{ Jy beam}^{-1}$), we spent about 4.5 hours on-source. The EVN data were processed with the SFXC software correlator (Keimpema et al. 2015) at the Joint Institute for VLBI in Europe by using an averaging time of 2 s. The single-dish spectrum of the CH₃OH maser emission toward G023.01–00.41 is plotted in Fig. 1.

Data were reduced with the NRAO Astronomical Image Processing System (AIPS). We mapped the CH₃OH maser distribution with a (robust 0) beam size of $11 \text{ mas} \times 4 \text{ mas}$, achieving a thermal noise of 5 mJy beam^{-1} . To calibrate the systematic rotation of the linear polarization angle (χ_{pol}) in the EVN dataset, we compared the EVN measurement of χ_{pol} obtained on J2202+4216 with two, consecutive, VLA polarimetric observations of the same calibrator² bracketing our VLBI observations (on 2011 April 30, and 2012 February 3). The linear polarization angle of J2202+4216 estimated with the VLA remained nearly constant with an average value of $-31^\circ \pm 1^\circ$ (position angles, e.g., χ_{pol} , are measured east of north, unless otherwise stated). Therefore, the χ_{pol} measurements obtained with the EVN dataset are affected by a systematic uncertainty of no more than a few degrees. The uncertainty of χ_{pol} due to thermal noise was obtained from the relative error of the polarization intensity measurement, following Wardle & Kronberg (1974). Details about the polarization calibration can be found in Surcis et al. (2013).

3. Results

In the HMC center of G023.01–00.41, the milli-arcsecond distribution of the 6.7 GHz CH₃OH maser cloudlets has not changed over the five years spanned by our observations. Although at some maser velocities the overall flux density has smoothly changed in time (Fig. 1), this variation affects the flux density of individual cloudlets, whereas the overall maser distribution is preserved. Among the eighty maser cloudlets detected by Sanna et al. (2010b), only about one third shows linearly polarized emission, and their properties are listed in Tab. 1. Given that we know only the orientation of the linear polarization vectors

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² http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/smyers/evlapolcal/polcal_master.html

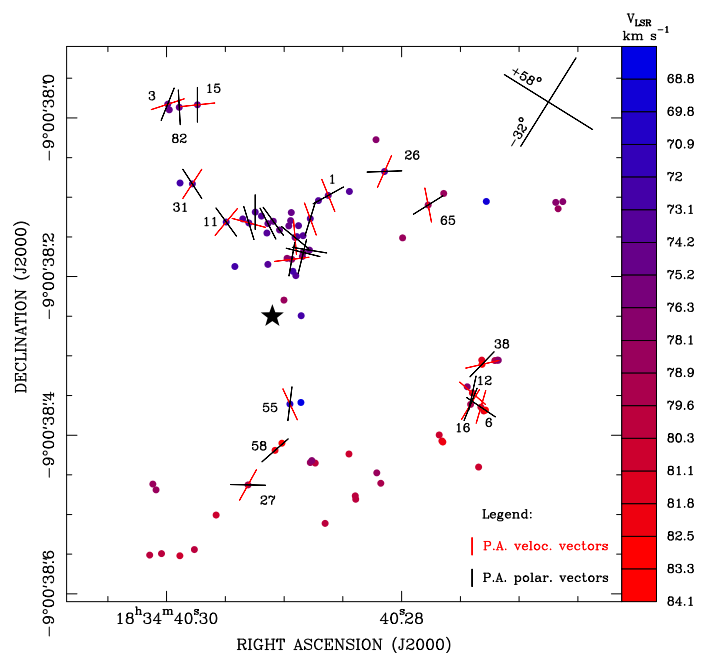


Fig. 2. Comparison of the velocity and polarization vectors across the CH₃OH maser distribution in G023.01–00.41. We show the distribution of the 6.7 GHz maser cloudlets (dots) within a field-of-view of about 2000 AU, following Sanna et al. (2010b, their Figure 6). Maser velocities along the line-of-sight are color coded according to the right-hand V_{LSR} scale. Lines drawn on individual maser cloudlets indicate the orientation of the velocity (red) and polarization (black) fields locally, as obtained from VLBI measurements. For clarity, velocity vectors are only shown for cloudlets with an associated polarization vector. For isolated maser cloudlets, numbers correspond to the maser labels given in Tab. 1. The star marks the peak position of the high-excitation, CH₃OH, thermal line detected by Sanna et al. (2014), which is the origin of the reference system (e.g., upper right corner) used in Fig. 3 and 4.

(χ_{pol}), while their direction is undefined, we folded these values in the range $-90^\circ < \chi_{\text{pol}} < 90^\circ$. The linear polarization fraction detected among the maser cloudlets ranges between 0.6% and 9.2%, with an average value of 2%. The orientation of the linear polarization vectors is superposed on the CH₃OH maser distribution in Fig. 2. For cloudlets with detected linear polarization, we also draw the direction (χ_{vel}) of the velocity vectors for comparison.

In Fig. 3, we study the distribution of the polarization vectors orientation with respect to the position of the CH₃OH maser cloudlets. In Fig. 3a, we plot the minimum difference ($\chi_{\text{pol}} - \chi_{\text{vel}}$) between the orientation of the polarization and velocity vectors as a function of the sky position angle of each cloudlet. This position angle is measured east of north with respect to the HMC center (star symbol in Fig. 2), which is defined as the peak position of the high-excitation, CH₃OH, thermal emission at the systemic velocity of the core (Sanna et al. 2014). This position represents the current best estimate of the YSO position. The $\chi_{\text{pol}} - \chi_{\text{vel}}$ distribution has a weighted average of 58° , and a weighted dispersion of $\pm 18^\circ$ (grey area in Fig 3a). In Fig. 3b and c, maser positions are projected along the two orthogonal axes defined by the direction of the molecular outflow ($+58^\circ$), and that of the elongated HMC (-32°), with the origin at the HMC center. Assuming a perfect symmetry of the gas dynamics with respect to these two axes, we produce a mirror image of the linear polarization vectors of each cloudlet on a single quadrant (χ'_{pol}). For the χ'_{pol} values, we also try to solve the ambiguity of $\pm 180^\circ$, assum-

ing that cloudlets close in space would show a smooth change of the polarization (and magnetic) field with position. A posteriori, this criterion is found to minimize the difference between the direction of the linear polarization vectors and that of the corresponding velocity vectors. In Fig. 3b and c, we identify two regions, labeled Reg. 1 and 2, where χ'_{pol} changes smoothly with the projected distance of the maser cloudlets. These regions are fitted by a linear slope of about $0.2^\circ \text{ AU}^{-1}$, and correspond to nearby cloudlets which also show a smooth variation of the velocity field (Fig 4). A third region labeled Reg. 3, shows a variation of χ'_{pol} by more than 100° over a small range of projected distances. This region corresponds to cloudlets with the shortest projected distances, and will be discussed further in Sect. 4.

4. Discussion

To infer the local magnetic field orientation, we ran the radiative transfer model by Vlemmings et al. (2010) for each cloudlet with detected linearly polarized emission (last columns of Tab. 1). According to the output parameters of this modeling ($\theta \gg 55^\circ$), the magnetic field orientation is perpendicular to the polarization vectors for all maser components. This information is used in Fig. 4 to plot the local, magnetic field orientation by rotating the χ'_{pol} values by 90° . More details about the radiative transfer modeling used, can be found in Surcis et al. (2013).

In Fig. 4, we make use of the outflow/disk geometry described in Sanna et al. (2014), to give a complete picture of the velocity and magnetic fields within 1000 AU from the HMC center. In this plot, we produce a mirror image of all the measurements of velocity and magnetic field vectors obtained from the 6.7 GHz, CH_3OH , maser cloudlets, as if they were sampling a single quadrant defined by the outflow direction and the disk plane. This picture holds under the assumption that the gas dynamics shows a symmetric behavior with respect to the outflow axis and the disk plane. Given the uncertainty of 30° on the disk inclination (Sanna et al. 2014), one should keep in mind that the maser cloudlets might be closer to the disk plane than they appear. The high-density molecular tracers observed toward G023.01–00.41 show a fairly constant ratio of ~ 2 between the major and minor axis of the HMC. In Fig. 4, this ratio is interpreted as if it was due to a flared disk with a semi opening angle of 30° (dark grey area). We also mark a central region along the outflow axis which is devoid of CH_3OH maser emission (light grey area).

In an attempt to derive a continuous, magnetic field morphology, which reproduces the local maser measurements, we considered those regions (Reg. 1 and 2) showing a smooth change of the polarization vectors (and magnetic field) orientation with the maser cloudlets position. At a first order, these slopes have been approximated by a linear fit as shown in Fig. 3 ($\chi'_{\text{pol}} = f(x)$). We can then integrate the tangent of $[f(x) + 90^\circ]$, in order to derive the families of curves which best fit the local, magnetic field orientation at the maser cloudlets position. These curves give a first order representation of the local morphology of the magnetic field lines (black dotted lines in Fig 4).

The velocity field traced by maser cloudlets belonging to Reg. 1 and 2, provides a consistent picture of gas outflowing from the HMC center along the magnetic field lines. In Reg. 1, for small heights over the disk plane ($< 400 \text{ AU}$), the velocity field well accommodates with the magnetic field lines, starting from projected distances of 600 AU up to about 1100 AU . Further away, the velocity field mainly expands parallel to the disk plane, and shows the highest maser velocities ($\sim 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$).

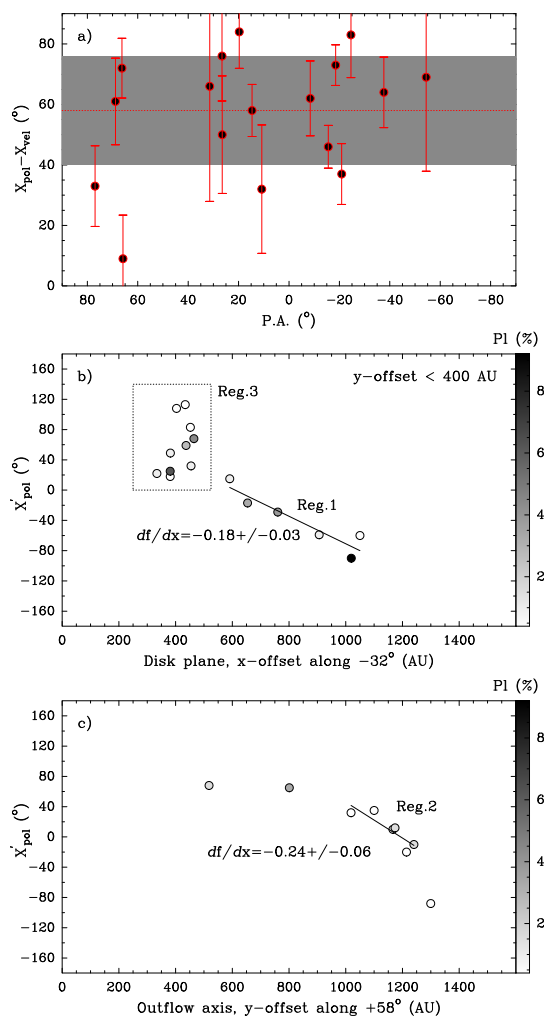


Fig. 3. Analysis of the polarization vectors orientation (χ_{pol}) as a function of the maser cloudlet position (see Sect. 3). **a)** plot of the difference (and uncertainty) between the orientations of the velocity (χ_{vel}) and polarization (χ_{pol}) vectors as a function of the sky position angle (P.A.) of each cloudlet (defined in Sect. 3). Cloudlets with P.A. in the range 90° – 270° have been folded in the range $-90^\circ < \text{P.A.} < 90^\circ$. The grey area marks the boundary of the weighted standard deviation ($\pm 1 \sigma$) for the $\chi_{\text{pol}} - \chi_{\text{vel}}$ values. **b)** plot of χ'_{pol} as a function of the projected distance along the equatorial plane of the HMC (-32°). χ'_{pol} gives the values of χ_{pol} as measured counterclockwise starting from a sky position angle of -32° . In this panel, only points with offsets less than 400 AU from the equatorial plane have been plotted. For each χ'_{pol} value, the polarization fraction is quantified according to the wedge on the right-hand side. The uncertainty of the χ'_{pol} measurements is of the same order as the marker size. The different regions identified in Sect. 3 are also indicated. **c)** similar to panel **b)** with projected distances along the outflow axis (58°). Data points plotted in panel **b)** are not drawn.

On the other hand, maser cloudlets belonging to Reg. 2 and upwards, expand and get collimated in the direction of the outflow axis. In particular, as one proceeds upwards along the magnetic field lines, and closer to the outflow axis, both the velocity and magnetic field vectors independently undergo a turn of 90° . This feature may be interpreted as a result of the complex gas dynamics where both a slow and fast velocity component exist (e.g., Seifried et al. 2012, their Fig. 12). Indeed, at about 2000 AU along the outflow axis (not shown in Fig. 4), a shock front of dense gas traced by H_2O masers shows gas velocities of

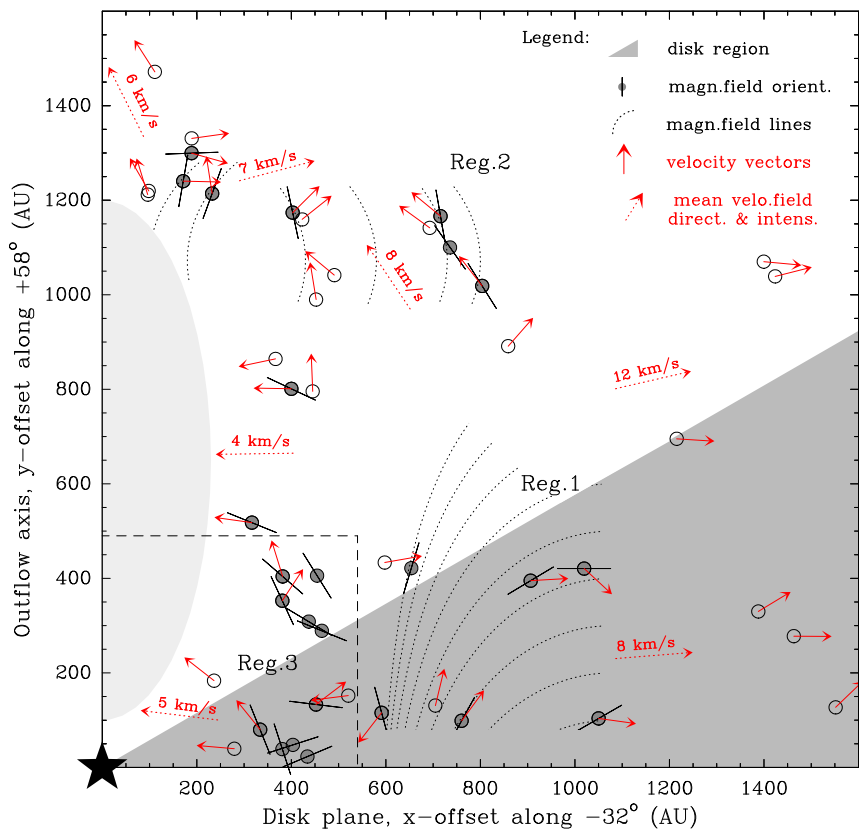


Fig. 4. Combined plot of the velocity and magnetic field measurements obtained from the 6.7 GHz, CH₃OH, maser cloudlets (dots) in G023.01–00.41. The axes are aligned with the outflow and disk directions, as defined by the sub-arcsecond SMA observations in the 1 mm band from Sanna et al. (2014). The origin is set at the HMC center, as defined in Sect. 3 (star symbol in Fig. 2). The dark grey area marks the region where emission from a flared disk with axes ratio of 1/2 is expected. The light grey area marks the region close to the outflow axis which is devoid of maser emission. For each maser cloudlet, the local directions of the velocity vector (red solid arrows) and/or that of the magnetic field vector (black solid lines) are reported where available. Empty dots are used for cloudlets which do not show polarized emission. The local average of both the magnitude and direction of the velocity field is indicated by red dotted arrows. These values were derived by grouping close by features with similar velocity directions. The different regions identified through the polarization vectors analysis (Fig. 3), and labeled from 1 to 3, are indicated. For regions showing a smooth variation of the polarization (and magnetic) field vectors with the maser cloudlets position, we plot the families of curves (black dotted lines) which best match the tangent to the local, magnetic field measurements (see Sect. 4). The pattern of these families of curves approximates the spatial morphology of the magnetic field lines locally. The direction of the velocity vectors is on average tilted by 30° with respect to the local, magnetic field direction.

20 km s⁻¹ (Sanna et al. 2010b, their Fig. 5b), three times higher than those traced by the CH₃OH gas in Reg. 2.

Methanol maser cloudlets belonging to Reg. 3 have projected distances of less than about 500 AU (dashed box in Fig. 4), both along the disk plane and the outflow axis. In this inner region, the velocity field is composed of (at least) two different motions, 1) an inflowing motion closer to the disk plane (y-offset < 200 AU), and 2) an upward motion for higher offsets. The magnetic field pattern of this region is more complex, and we did not attempt to reproduce the magnetic field lines. Still, nearby cloudlets show a similar orientation of the magnetic field vectors, and confirm the accuracy of our measurements.

Interestingly, Reg. 3 corresponds to a diffuse halo emission from strong CH₃OH masers (Sanna et al. 2010b, see their Fig. 6b), which are likely saturated due to the vicinity of the central IR source. This ridge of extended emission is significantly elongated in the direction of the outflow axis, in agreement with the average orientation of the magnetic field vectors between y-offset ~ 300 and 400 AU, and the upward motions detected there. This evidence makes us speculate that Reg. 3 may trace the outer launching region of the primary outflow, in agreement with recent MHD simulations by Seifried et al. (2012, their Fig. 5). Furthermore, we make use of the inward stream of gas close to the disk plane, to obtain an estimate of the mass inflow rate, $\dot{M}_{\text{in}} = (5.0 \times 10^{-5} M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}) R_{100}^2 v_{10} n_8$. In this formula, R_{100} , v_{10} , and n_8 are the mean radius of the inward stream in units of 100 AU, its velocity in units of 10 km s⁻¹, and the volume density of molecular hydrogen in units of 10⁸ cm⁻³, respectively. We take into account that the inward stream of gas is confined within an angle of 60° either side of the YSO, and allow for gas densities as high as 10⁸ cm⁻³, above which the Class II CH₃OH masers start to be quenched (Cragg et al. 2005). Noticeably, we find no maser detection at closer distances to the HMC center.

At an average distance of 300 AU, the inward stream of gas, flowing at a velocity of 5 km s⁻¹, brings a mass inflow rate of $2 \times 10^{-4} M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$.

We finally consider the average misalignment of 60° observed between the velocity and polarization vectors (Fig. 3a), which translates to 30° between the velocity and magnetic field vectors (Fig. 4). If gas and magnetic field were fully coupled, we would observe gas flowing along the magnetic field lines, and expect an average misalignment close to zero. Given that the observed misalignment appears randomly distributed ($1\sigma = \pm 18^\circ$) about 30°, we model this effect as it was due to a random (turbulent) velocity component, which adds to ordered velocity vectors aligned with the magnetic field lines. By considering a velocity vector of 7 km s⁻¹, as averaged across the whole region, we estimate this turbulent contribution to be of the order of 3.5 km s⁻¹. This value is very similar to the velocity dispersion (4–5 km s⁻¹) derived from the CH₃CN linewidth in the inner 3000 AU from the HMC center (Sanna et al. 2014), which fairly supports our estimate.

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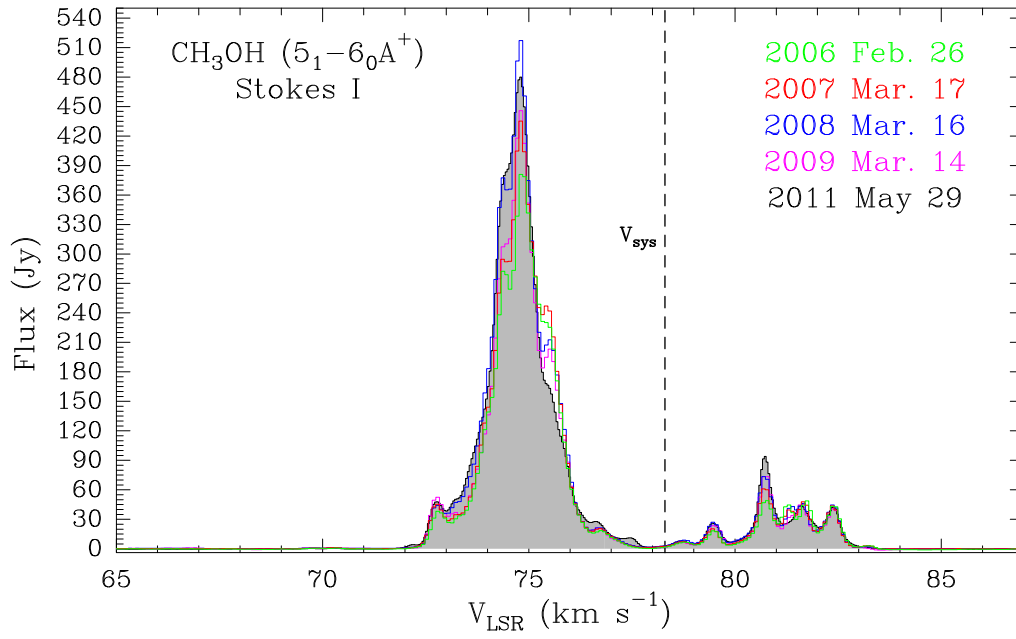


Fig. 1. Effelsberg total-power spectra toward G023.01–00.41, obtained from EVN observations at C-band, over 5 yr (from Sanna et al. 2010b, and current measurements). Observing dates are indicated on the top right of the plot. The dotted vertical line marks the systemic velocity (V_{sys}) of the HMC, as inferred from CH₃CN measurements.

Table 1. Parameters of 6.7 GHz methanol maser cloudlets with detected linear polarization.

Feature #	V_{LSR} (km s^{-1})	F_{peak} (Jy beam^{-1})	P_{ℓ} (%)	χ_{pol} ($^{\circ}$)	χ_{vel} ($^{\circ}$)	Radiative Transfer Model		
						ΔV_i (km s^{-1})	$T_b \Delta \Omega$ ($\log \text{K sr}$)	θ ($^{\circ}$)
Northern Region – Dec. (J2000) > –9:00:38.30								
1	74.76	105.50	4.0 ± 0.1	-61 ± 2	$+22 \pm 14$	$1.5^{+0.2}_{-0.5}$	$9.3^{+0.4}_{-0.1}$	88^{+2}_{-47}
2	75.55	34.52	1.1 ± 0.1	-14 ± 1	...	$2.6^{+0.1}_{-0.3}$	$8.6^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	89^{+1}_{-23}
3	74.32	44.47	2.2 ± 0.3	-22 ± 4	$+108 \pm 19$	$1.4^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	$9.0^{+0.5}_{-0.1}$	79^{+10}_{-41}
4	74.54	97.84	1.1 ± 0.1	$+51 \pm 1$	$+5 \pm 7$	$2.2^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	$8.6^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$	90^{+25}_{-25}
5	74.81	45.39	0.9 ± 0.2	$+81 \pm 2$	...	$2.1^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	$8.6^{+0.5}_{-0.2}$	78^{+12}_{-39}
7	75.86	38.56	1.1 ± 0.1	$+76 \pm 1$	...	$2.3^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	$8.6^{+0.3}_{-0.1}$	84^{+6}_{-40}
11	72.70	30.90	2.2 ± 0.1	$+36 \pm 5$	$+140 \pm 14$	$2.1^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	$9.0^{+0.3}_{-0.1}$	90^{+44}_{-44}
13	74.41	8.24	4.6 ± 0.8	$+36 \pm 2$	...	$1.1^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	$9.4^{+0.5}_{-0.3}$	79^{+11}_{-16}
14	74.32	19.42	3.3 ± 0.3	$+27 \pm 1$	...	$1.4^{+0.2}_{-0.5}$	$9.2^{+0.4}_{-0.1}$	82^{+7}_{-41}
15	74.67	11.37	0.9 ± 0.3	0 ± 9	$+96 \pm 8$	$1.4^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	$8.5^{+0.4}_{-0.6}$	74^{+15}_{-38}
18	73.75	9.48	1.7 ± 0.3	$+17 \pm 5$	$+75 \pm 7$	$1.4^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	$8.9^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	80^{+10}_{-39}
19	73.49	10.69	1.4 ± 0.1	-17 ± 1	-160 ± 10	$2.2^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	$8.7^{+0.3}_{-0.1}$	84^{+6}_{-41}
21	76.60	10.09	1.4 ± 0.3	-10 ± 3	$+97 \pm 6$	$2.4^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	$8.7^{+0.2}_{-0.9}$	90^{+23}_{-23}
24	73.93	4.03	1.5 ± 0.3	0 ± 12	...	< 0.5	$8.9^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	84^{+6}_{-19}
26	73.18	11.29	0.6 ± 0.2	-88 ± 6	-24 ± 10	$1.3^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	$8.4^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	75^{+13}_{-40}
31	73.27	4.32	3.8 ± 0.4	$+33 \pm 2$	$+147 \pm 38$	$1.6^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	$9.3^{+0.3}_{-0.1}$	84^{+6}_{-40}
65	78.71	0.82	9.2 ± 0.4	-58 ± 2	$+11 \pm 31$	< 0.5	$10.0^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	90^{+7}_{-7}
82 ^a	74.85	6.16	1.2 ± 0.2	$+3 \pm 9$	...	$1.4^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	$8.7^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	80^{+10}_{-37}
Southern Region– Dec. (J2000) < –9:00:38.30								
6	80.73	64.62	0.7 ± 0.1	$+56 \pm 7$	-16 ± 7	$1.5^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	$8.5^{+0.3}_{-0.1}$	81^{+9}_{-41}
12	81.26	8.45	0.4 ± 0.1	-12 ± 3	-131 ± 14	$2.0^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	$8.2^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$	90^{+46}_{-46}
16	79.50	17.14	2.1 ± 0.3	-22 ± 8	-31 ± 12	$1.6^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	$9.0^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	84^{+6}_{-22}
27	79.37	4.45	1.8 ± 0.2	$+89 \pm 3$	$+151 \pm 12$	< 0.5	$8.9^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	89^{+1}_{-15}
38	82.84	1.90	2.3 ± 0.2	-44 ± 3	-77 ± 13	< 0.5	$9.0^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	90^{+12}_{-12}
55	70.28	0.61	6.2 ± 0.8	-7 ± 3	-155 ± 21	< 0.5	$8.7^{+0.2}_{-0.5}$	90^{+8}_{-8}
58	82.49	1.77	3.5 ± 0.7	-49 ± 2	...	< 0.5	$8.7^{+0.2}_{-0.5}$	90^{+12}_{-12}

Notes. Labels in Col. 1 are used to associate the current measurements with cloudlets identified in Table 4 of Sanna et al. (2010b). Columns 2 and 3 report the LSR velocity and brightness of the brightest spot of each cloudlet on 2011 May 29. Columns 4 and 5 give the measured linear polarization fraction and the position angle (east of north) of the linear polarization vectors for each cloudlet, respectively. Column 6 gives the position angle of the velocity vectors as measured from Sanna et al. (2010b), for comparison with column 5. For each maser, Cols. 7, 8, and 9 give the model results for the emerging brightness temperature, the intrinsic thermal linewidth, and the angle between the magnetic field and the maser propagation direction, respectively.

^(a) New feature, see Fig. 2.