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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Large-scale structure and kinematics of molecular clouds
- Star formation in molecular clouds
- Astrochemistry
- Astronomical masers
- Circumstellar envelopes of late-type stars

EDUCATION

- 09/2009–07/2016 Ph.D. in Astrophysics, [Purple Mountain Observatory](#)
Thesis: "A search for triggered star formation and a 1.3 cm spectral line survey"
Advisors: Prof. Dr. Rui-qing Mao & Dr. Christian Henkel
- 09/2005–07/2009 B.Sc. in physics, [Central China Normal University](#)

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

4. [Gong, Y.](#); Mao, R. Q.; Fang, M.; Zhang, S. B.; Su, Y.; Yang, J.; Jiang, Z. B.; Xu, Y.; Wang, M.; Wang, Y.; Lu, D. R.; Sun, J. X., 2016, [A&A](#), **588**, [A104](#), "Molecular clouds and star formation toward the Galactic plane within $216.25^\circ \leq l \leq 218.75^\circ$ and $0.75^\circ \leq b \leq 1.25^\circ$ "
3. Zhang, C. P.; Li, G. X.; Wyrowski, F.; Wang, J. J.; Yuan, J. H.; Xu, J. L.; [Gong, Y.](#); Yeh, Cosmos C.; Menten, K. M., 2016, [A&A](#), **585**, [A117](#), "N₁₃₁: A dust bubble born from the disruption of a gas filament"
2. [Gong, Y.](#); Henkel, C.; Thorwirth, S.; Spezzano, S.; Menten, K. M.; Walmsley, C. M.; Wyrowski, F.; Mao, R. Q.; Klein, B., 2015, [A&A](#), **581**, [A48](#), "A 1.3 cm line survey toward Orion KL"
1. [Gong, Y.](#); Henkel, C.; Spezzano, S.; Thorwirth, S.; Menten, K. M.; Wyrowski, F.; Mao, R. Q.; Klein, B., 2015, [A&A](#), **574**, [A56](#), "A 1.3 cm line survey toward IRC +10216"

PROCEEDINGS

2. **Gong, Y.**, Mao, R. Q.; Henkel, C.; Urquhart, J.; Wang, Y.; Zhang, Z. Y.; Wyrowski, F., 2013b, in *Protostars and Planets VI Posters*, **11**, “Triggered Star Formation at the End of the Galactic Bar?”
1. **Gong, Y.**, Mao, R., Fang, M., Sun, J., & Lu, D. 2013a, in IAU Symposium, Vol. 292, *IAU Symposium*, ed. T. Wong & J. Ott, 43–43, “Molecular gas around infrared dust bubbles”

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2011-2012 Merit Student, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences
 2012-2015 MPG-CAS Joint Doctoral Promotion Program
 2016 The Zhu-Li Yuehua outstanding doctoral award of Chinese Academy of Sciences

ACCEPTED OBSERVING PROPOSALS (PI)

Date	Facility	Time	Goals and Status
2016B	JCMT-15 m	23 hours	<i>Star formation triggered by a cloud-cloud collision in L1188 project (M17AP002) approved.</i>
2016B	IRAM-30 m	16.9 hours	<i>Star formation triggered by a cloud-cloud collision in L1188 Observations scheduled.</i>
2016B	JCMT-15 m	10 hours	<i>Multi-J CO transitions toward the bubble N36 Observations finished.</i>
2016B	JVLA	9.24 hours	<i>Studying the SiS masers in IRC +10216 rating results: C</i>
2015A	IRAM-30 m	21.5 hours	<i>On the thermal state of a dense layer enclosing a bubble HII region Observations partly finished.</i>
2015B	Effelsberg-100 m	22 hours	<i>The driving sources of molecular supershells: new supernova remnants? Observations scheduled.</i>
2015A	Effelsberg-100 m	24 hours	<i>A 1.3 cm line survey toward L1157-B1 Observations scheduled.</i>
2014A	IRAM-30 m	23 hours	<i>On the thermal state of a dense layer enclosing a bubble HII region Observations partly finished.</i>
2013A	IRAM-30 m	18 hours	<i>Triggered star formation at the end of the Galactic bar? Observations finished.</i>
2013A	APEX-12 m	8 hours	<i>Interstellar bubbles: how do they trigger massive star formation? Observations finished.</i>
2012	PMO-13.7 m	66 hours	<i>Studying the interaction between HII regions and ambient molecular clouds Observations finished.</i>
2012	PMO-13.7 m	6 hours	<i>The large-scale molecular gas structure of the high-mass star-forming region S76E Observations finished.</i>

PRESENTATIONS

- 04/2016: **JCMT PI Science**, Mitaka, Japan, (talk)
"Studying the thermal state of dense gas with JCMT"
- 08/2015: **Zhangheng academic seminar**, Delingha, (talk)
"Molecular clouds and star formation toward the Galactic plane within $216.25^\circ \leq l \leq 218.75^\circ$ and $0.75^\circ \leq b \leq 1.25^\circ$ "
- 08/2015: **Scientific talk at XAO**, Urumqi, (talk)
"A 1.3 cm line survey toward Orion KL"
- 08/2014: MPIFR group meeting, Bonn, (talk)
"A 1.3 cm line survey toward IRC +10216"
- 07/2013: **Protostars & Planets VI**, Heidelberg, (poster)
"Triggered Star Formation at the End of the Galactic Bar?"
- 08/2012: **The 28th IAU**, Beijing, (poster)
"Molecular gas around infrared dust bubbles"

SKILLS OF NOTE

- Advanced: GILDAS, IDL
- Experienced: CASA, DS9, PYTHON, L^AT_EX, KARMA, MONTAGE
- Operating systems: Linux, Mac OS, Windows
- Observing experience: two weeks, IRAM-30 m (on site); several months, PMO-13.7 m (on site); two weeks, Effelsberg-100 m (on site); 2 hours, SMT-10 m (remote)
- Speaking languages: Chinese (mother tongue), English (fluent), and German (only greeting)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

09/2009 – present

*Graduate studies***Purple Mountain Observatory, CAS**

- Conducted CO line mapping toward a sample of infrared bubbles which are candidates for triggered massive star formation. The purpose is to search for kinematic features of triggered star formation. We found that associated molecular clouds were likely to expand, which is a clue of the interaction between HII regions and their surrounding molecular clouds.
- Conducted a new large-scale survey toward molecular clouds within $216.25^\circ \leq l \leq 218.75^\circ$ and $0.75^\circ \leq b \leq 1.25^\circ$ (a region of 3.75 square degrees) in the $J = 1 - 0$ transitions of three main CO isotopologues (^{12}CO , ^{13}CO , and C^{18}O). This is in an attempt to study large-scale properties and kinematics of molecular clouds and their associated star-forming activities in this region.
- Participate in the **Milky Way Imaging Scroll Painting (MWISP)** project which is led by Prof. Dr. Ji Yang, the director of PMO. MWISP is a new large-scale survey of molecular gas in $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$, $^{13}\text{CO}(1-0)$, and $\text{C}^{18}\text{O}(1-0)$, and the goal is to develop our knowledge on the precise content and distribution of molecular gas in Milky Way, the physical and chemical processes involved in the conversion from tenuous interstellar gas to dense molecular gas, and the rules governing the formation of stars from molecular clouds.
- Participate in the project led by Prof. Dr. Rui-qing Mao with the aim to study the large-scale properties of molecular clouds around S76E. With the CO line maps, the molecular shell around S76E is well constrained.

12/2012 – 03/2015 *Joint Doctoral Promotion Programme***Max-Planck Institut für Radioastronomie**

- Conducted high- J CO line mapping toward molecular clouds around selected infrared bubbles with APEX-12 m and IRAM-30 m. This is in an attempt to study physical properties of molecular clouds around HII regions with non-LTE codes (e.g., **RADEX**).
- Participate in the project led by Dr. Sven Thorwirth and Dr. Christian Henkel with the aim to study the molecular spectroscopic spectra of prototypical astronomical sources at the $\lambda \sim 1.3$ cm band with the Effelsberg-100 m telescope. This project will provide unbiased spectroscopic information on the selected targets including IRC +10216, Orion KL, Sgr B2(N), Orion Bar, CRL 618, and NGC 7027.
- Participate in the project led by Dr. Christian Henkel with the aim to study the SiS maser in the circumstellar envelope of IRC +10216 with ATCA, JVL A, and Effelsberg-100 m.
- Participate in the project led by Dr. Christian Henkel with the aim to study molecular line emission in one of the nearest and most prominent starburst galaxies NGC 4945 imaged with ALMA.
- Participate in the project led by Dr. Christian Henkel with the aim to study the excitation conditions of ammonia masers in high-mass star-forming regions.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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