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Measuring extragalactic magnetic fields

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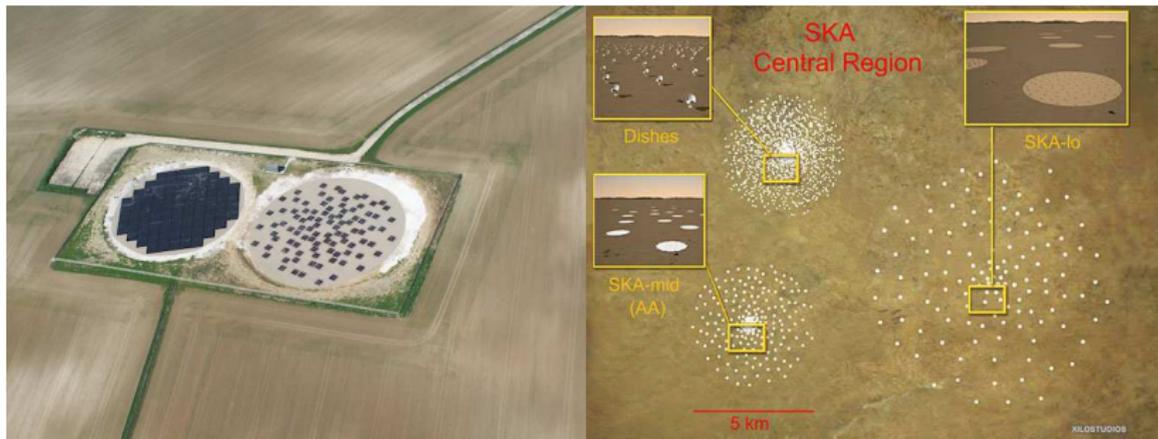
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- 2 Magnetic fields from diffuse radio emission
- 3 Magnetic fields from radio galaxies
- 4 Larger scales and statistical approaches
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Context

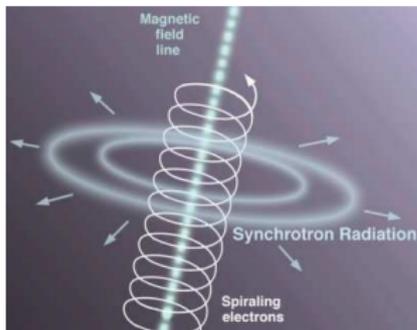
Key Science Project: Origin and evolution of cosmic magnetism



LOFAR-UK station

SKA

Galaxy clusters

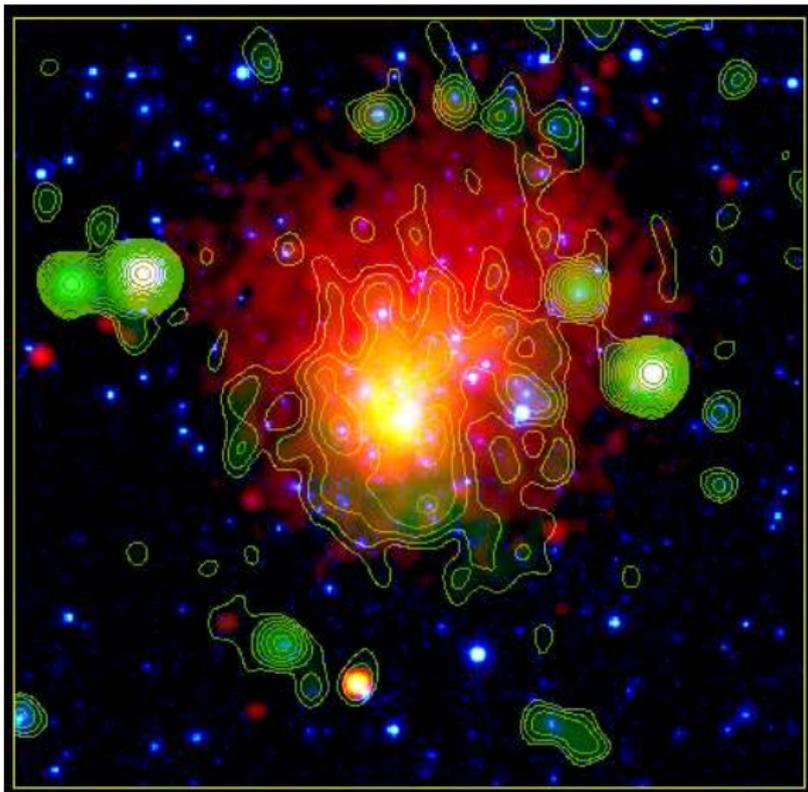


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Optical emission

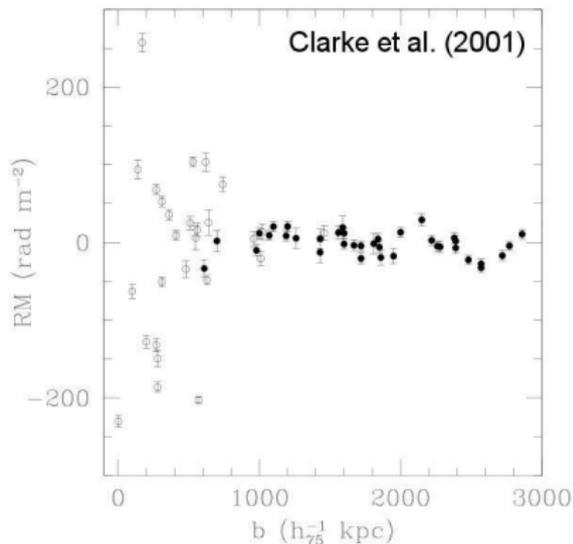
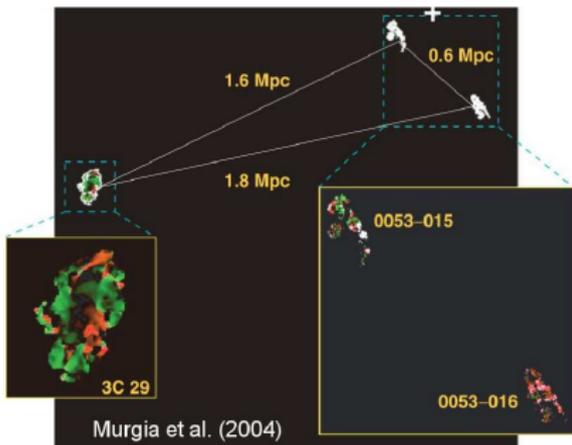
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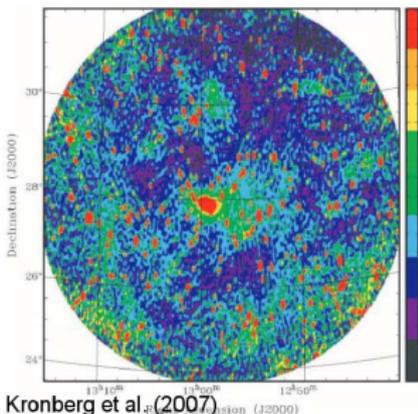


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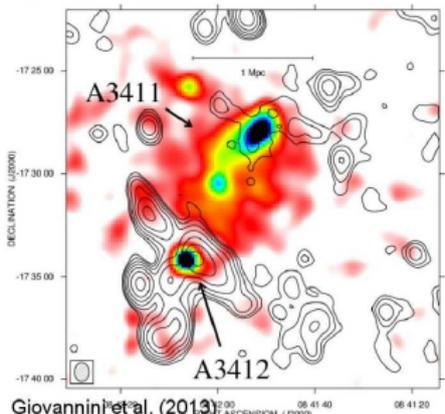
$$\phi \propto \int n_e B dl$$



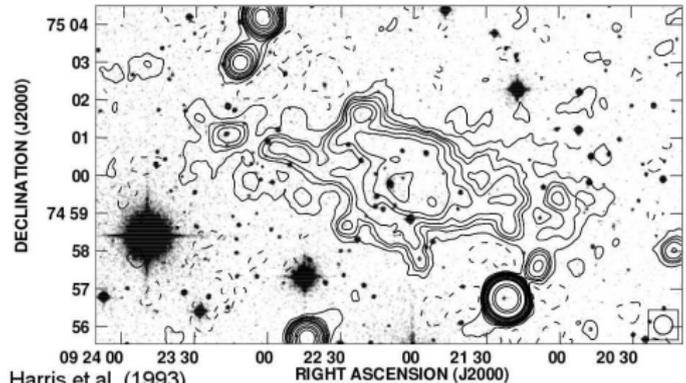
Bridges and Filaments



Kronberg et al. (2007)



Giovannini et al. (2013)



Harris et al. (1993)

PART I

Intracluster magnetic fields from diffuse radio emission

MAGNETIC FIELD INVESTIGATION

Observed Luminosity:

$$L_\nu = J_\nu V$$

Synchrotron emissivity:

$$J_\nu \propto E_{\text{el}} B^2 \quad \alpha = 1$$

Under equipartition

$$E_{\text{el}} \approx \frac{B^2}{8\pi}$$

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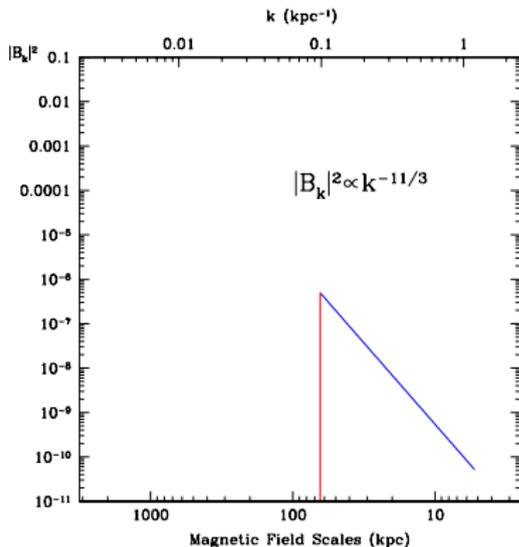
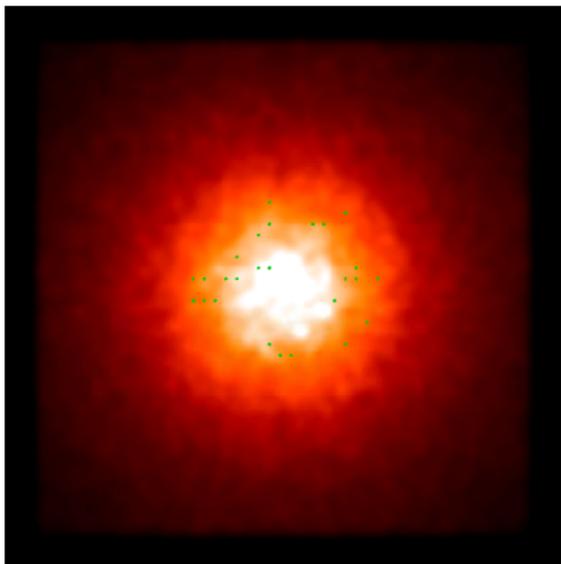
$$L_\nu \propto B^4 V$$

Synthetic images and polarized vectors

for a turbulent Kolmogorov index magnetic field

$$\Lambda_{\max} = 64 \text{ kpc}$$

Murgia et al. (2004)

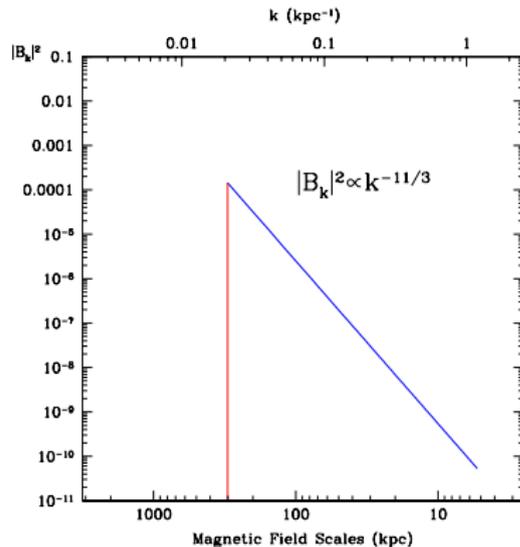
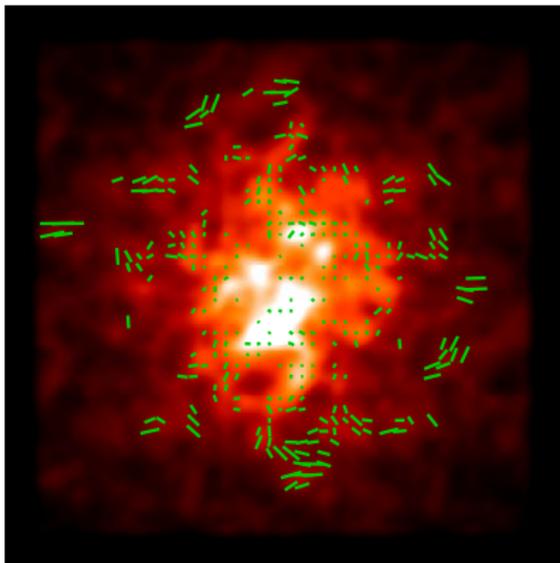


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$$\Lambda_{\max} = 300 \text{ kpc}$$

Murgia et al. (2004)

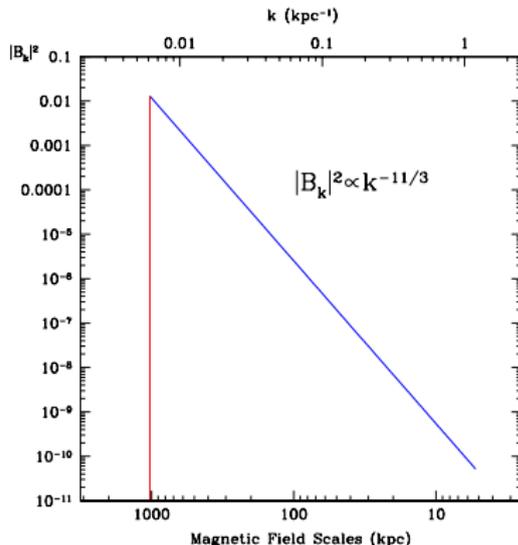
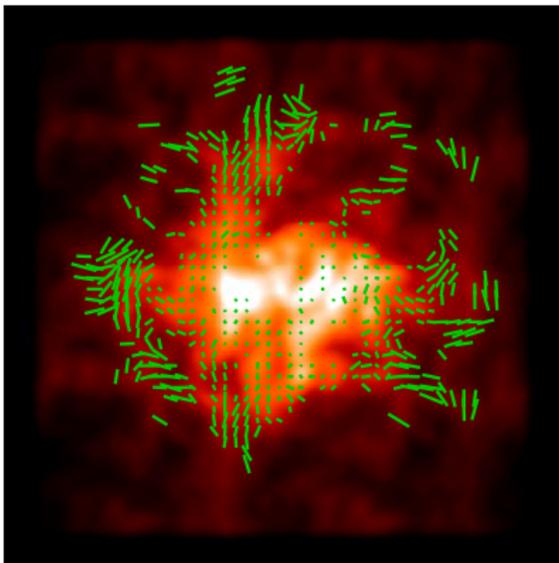


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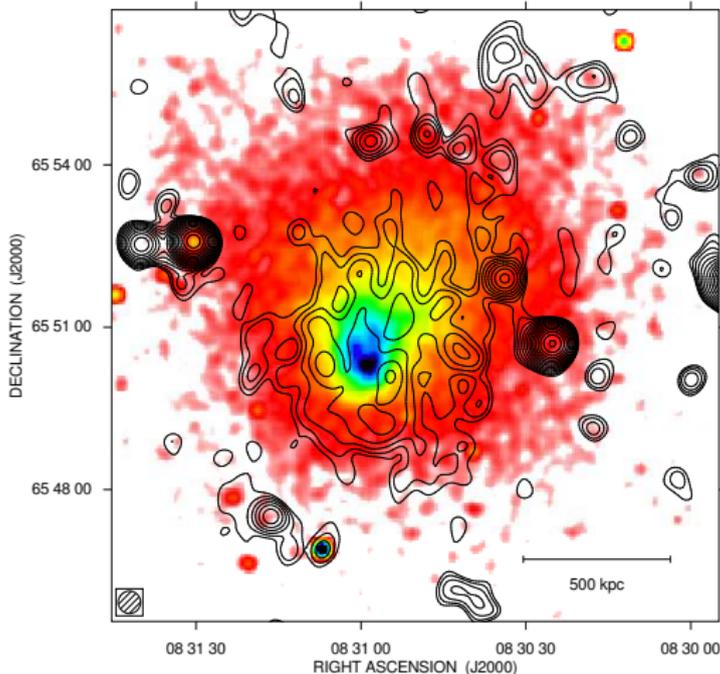
$$\Lambda_{\max} = 1024 \text{ kpc}$$

Murgia et al. (2004)



Merging clusters: A665

$\langle B \rangle \simeq 0.75 \mu\text{G}$, Vacca et al. (2010)



resolution
 $25'' \simeq 75 \text{ kpc}$
(1 kpc = $3.09 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}$)

sensitivity
 $6.35 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Jy/arcsec}^2$
(1 Jy = $10^{-26} \text{ W Hz}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$)

distance
880 Mpc

**POLARIZED
EMISSION UNDER
NOISE LEVEL**

Simulations

FARADAY (Murgia et al. 2004)

- Gaussian random field magnetic field

$$|B_k|^2 \propto k^{-n}, \quad \langle B(r) \rangle = \langle B_0 \rangle \left(\frac{n_e(r)}{n_{e0}} \right)^\eta$$

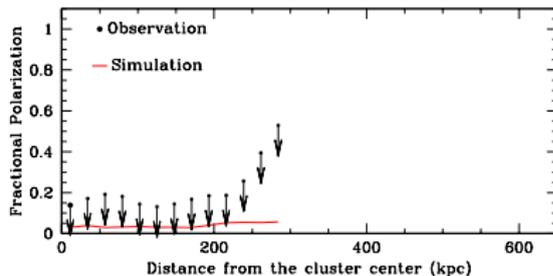
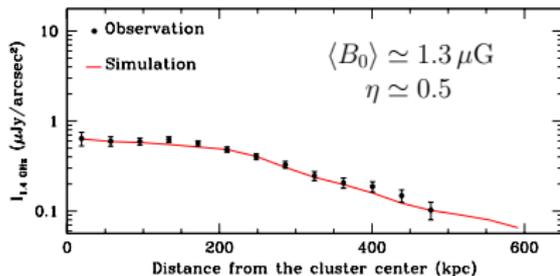
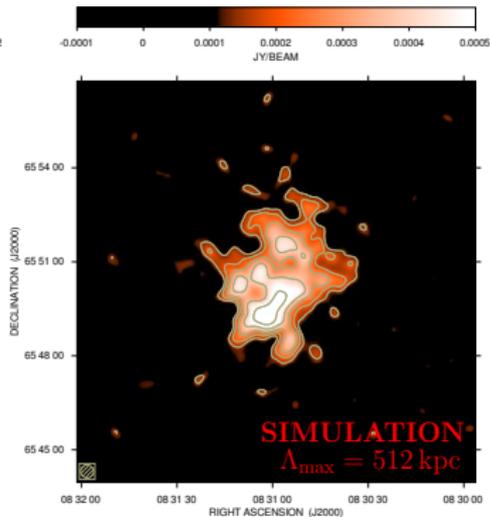
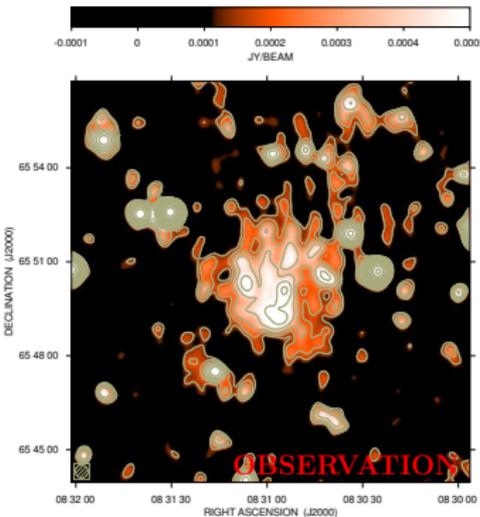
- Relativistic electrons

$$N(\gamma)d\gamma = N_0\gamma^{-\delta}d\gamma$$

- Thermal gas β -model (Cavaliere & Fusco-Femiano 1976)

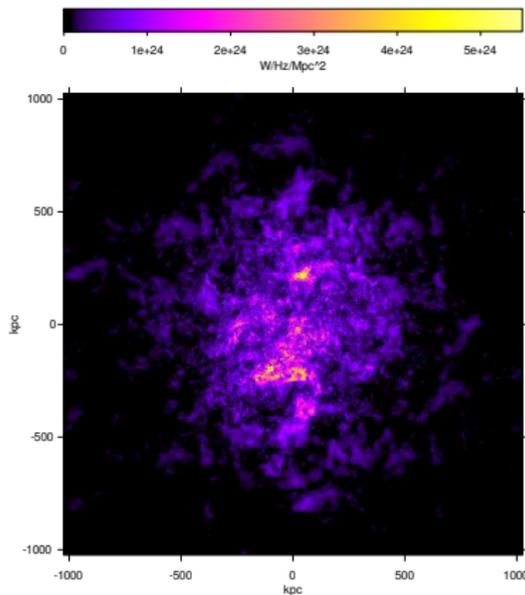
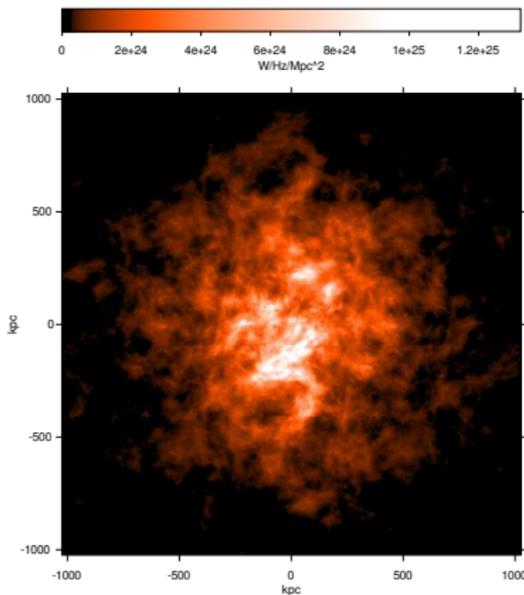
$$n_e(r) = n_0 \left[1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_c} \right)^2 \right]^{-\frac{3}{2}\beta}$$

Observations vs simulations



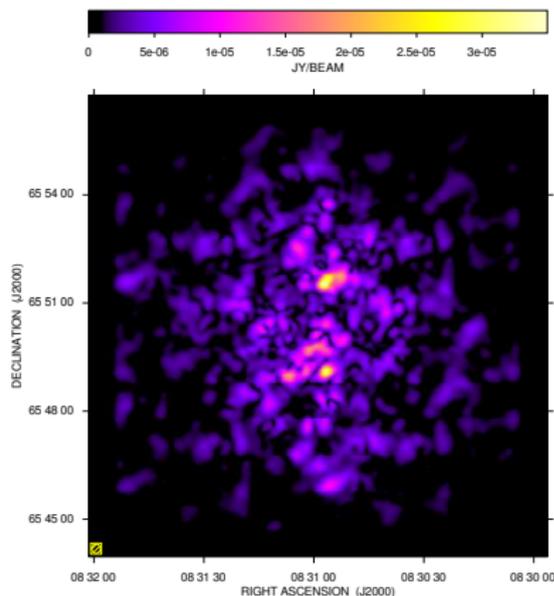
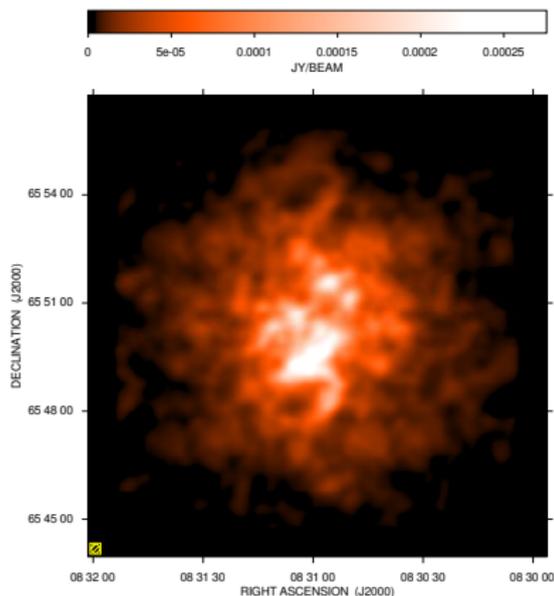
Polarization of radio halos: instrumental limits

FULL RESOLUTION



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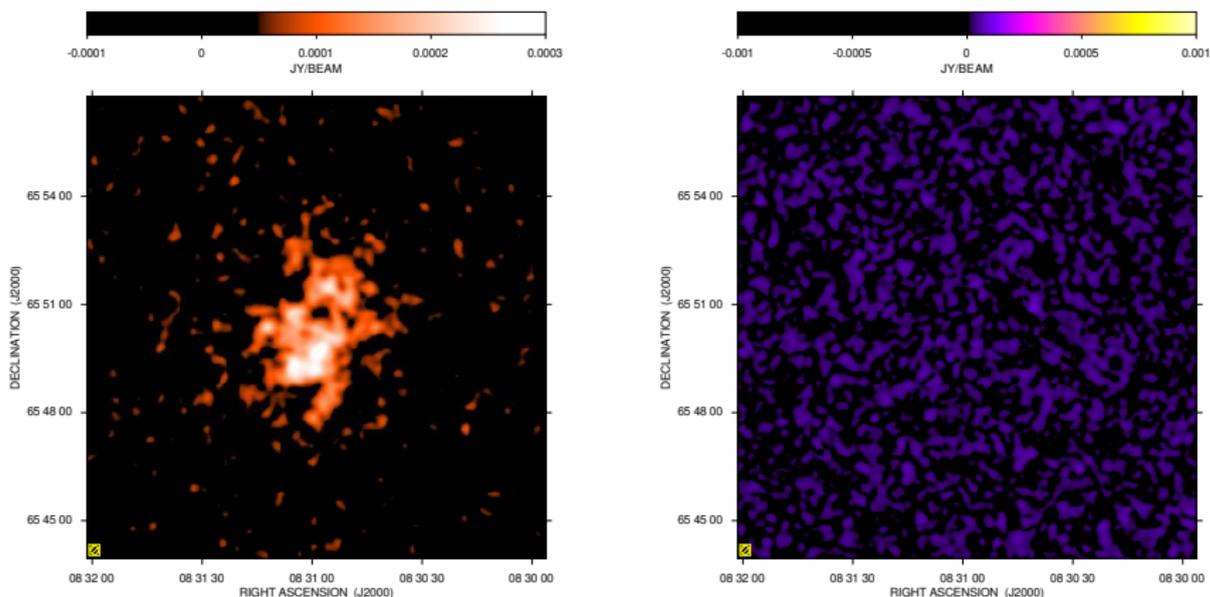
Polarization of radio halos: instrumental limits BEAM



FPOL=7%

Polarization of radio halos: instrumental limits

NOISE

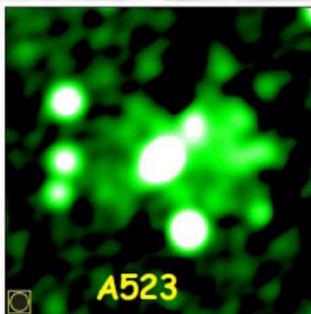
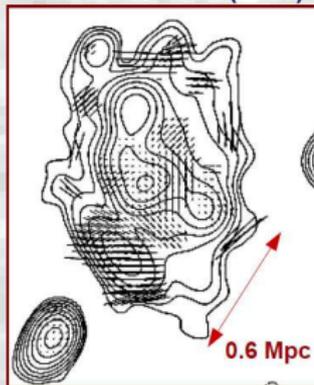
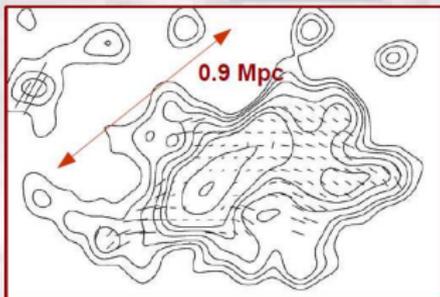


$\text{FPOL} < \text{noise level}$

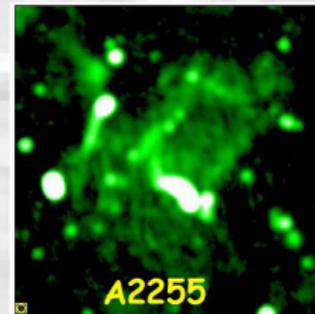
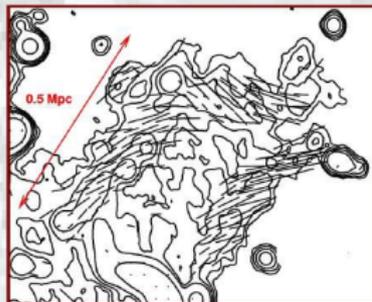
Polarization of radio halos: observations

Bonafede et al. (2009)

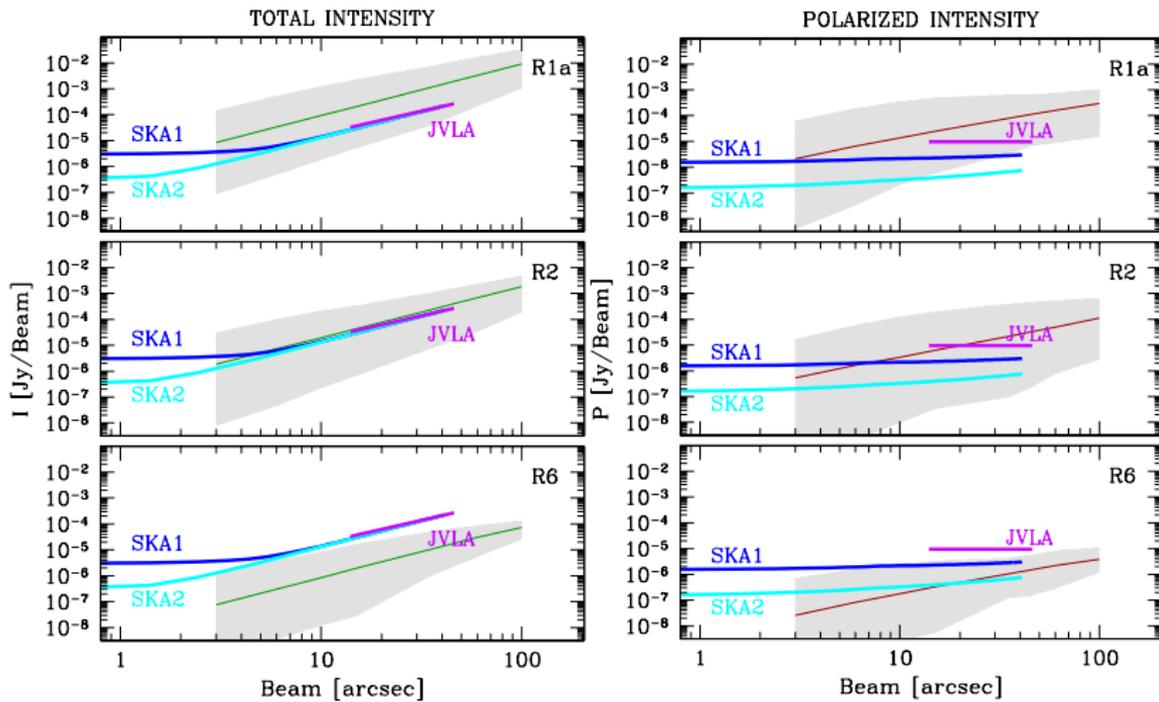
Girardi et al., (2016)



Govoni et al. (2005), see also Pizzo et al. (2011)



Polarization of radio halos: simulations



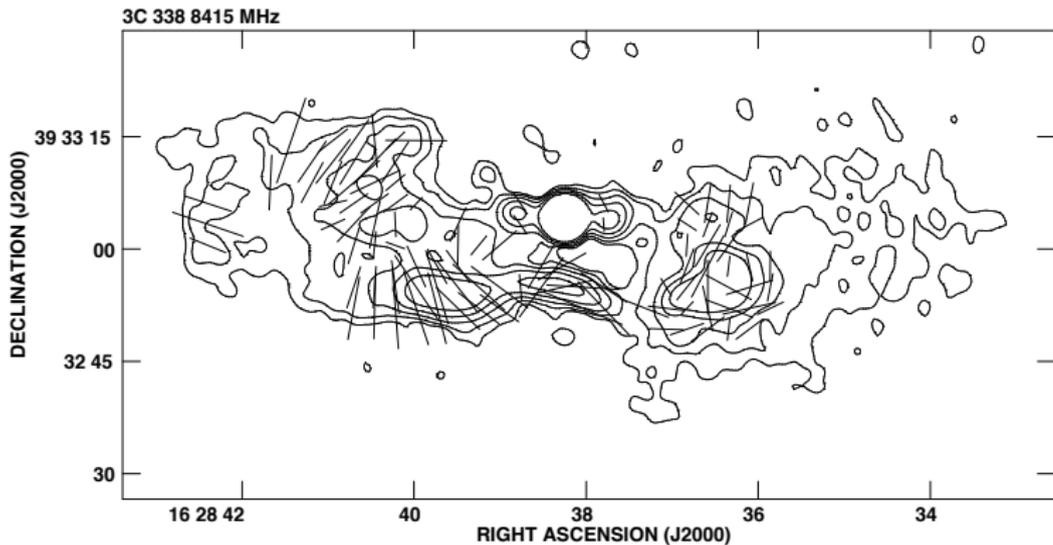
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PART II

Intracluster magnetic fields from radio galaxies

Polarization angle vs frequency

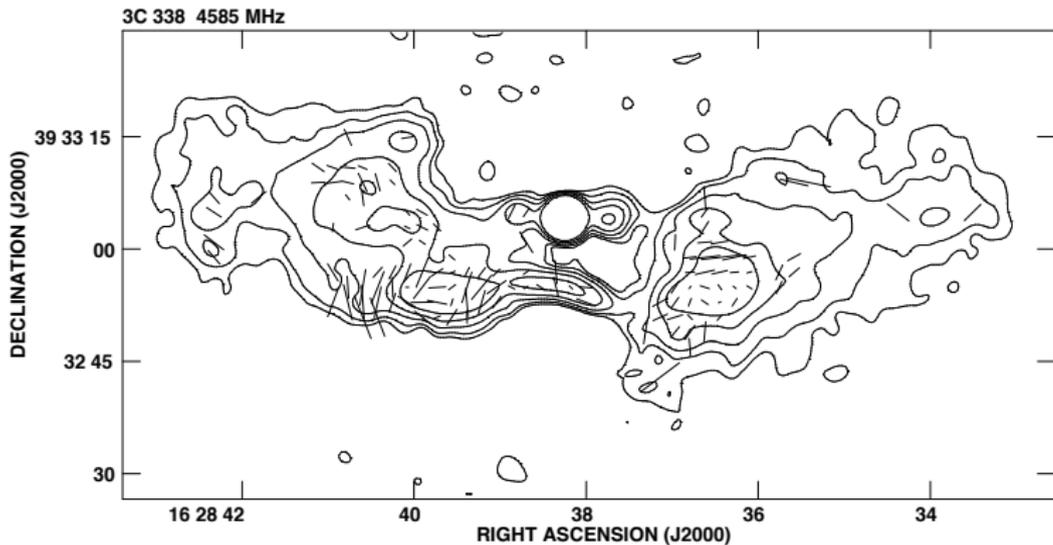
$$\Psi_{\text{obs}} = \Psi_{\text{int}} + \lambda^2 RM$$



$$FPOL = (41.7 \pm 0.6)\%$$

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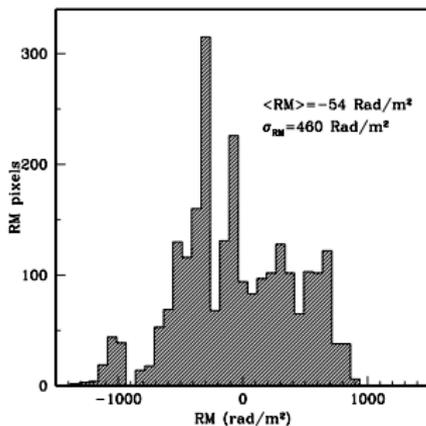
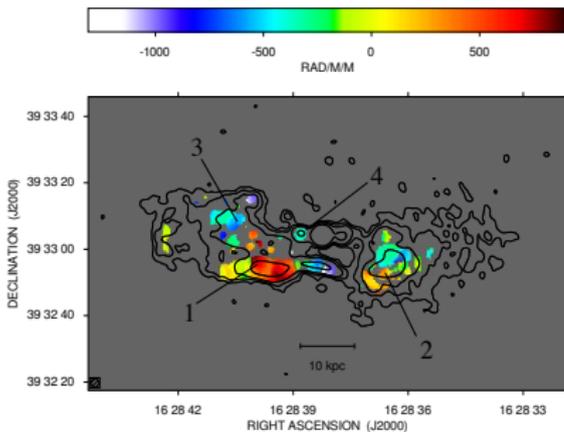


$$FPOL = (13.6 \pm 0.3)\%$$

Rotation measure image

$$RM \propto \int_{\text{los}} n_e(l) B_{\parallel} dl$$

RESOLUTION = 2.5'' = 1.5 kpc



$$\sigma_{\text{RM}}^2(r_{\perp}) = \frac{K^2 B^2 \Lambda_C n_0^2 r_c \Gamma(3\beta - \frac{1}{2})}{\left(1 + \frac{r_{\perp}^2}{r_c^2}\right)^{\frac{6\beta-1}{2}} \Gamma(3\beta)}$$

Felten (1996)

$$\Lambda_C = \frac{3\pi}{2} \frac{\int_0^{\infty} |B_k|^2 k dk}{\int_0^{\infty} |B_k|^2 k^2 dk}$$

Enßlin & Vogt (2003)

Simulations

FARADAY (Murgia et al. 2004)

- Gaussian random field magnetic field

$$|B_k|^2 \propto k^{-n}, \quad \langle B(r) \rangle = \langle B_0 \rangle \left(\frac{n_e(r)}{n_{e0}} \right)^\eta$$

- Thermal gas double β -model

$$n_e(r) = n_{0,int} \left[1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_{c,int}} \right)^2 \right]^{-\frac{3}{2}\beta_{int}} + n_{0,ext} \left[1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_{c,ext}} \right)^2 \right]^{-\frac{3}{2}\beta_{ext}}$$

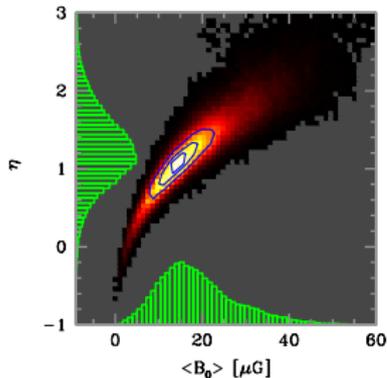
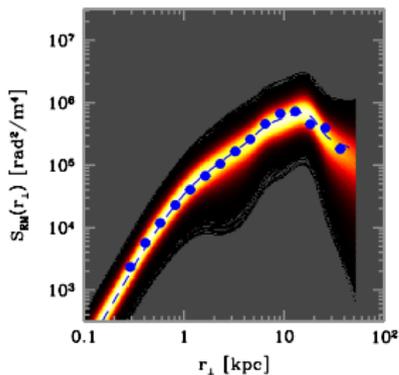
Bayes' Theorem

$$P(s|d) = \frac{P(d|s)P(s)}{P(d)}$$

where:

- $P(s|d)$ *posterior*
- $P(d|s)$ *likelihood*
- $P(s)$ *prior*
- $P(d) = \int \mathcal{D}s P(d|s)P(s)$ *evidence*

Observations vs simulations



$$|B_k|^2 \propto k^{-n}, \quad \langle B(r) \rangle = \langle B_0 \rangle \left(\frac{n_e(r)}{n_{e0}} \right)^\eta$$

$$S_{\text{RM}} = \left\langle |RM(r'_\perp) - RM(r'_\perp + r_\perp)|^2 \right\rangle_{r'_\perp} =$$

$$= 2(\sigma_{\text{RM}}^2 + \langle RM \rangle^2) - A_n \int_0^\infty J_0(kr_\perp) |B_k|^2 k dk$$

$$n = (2.8 \pm 1.3)$$

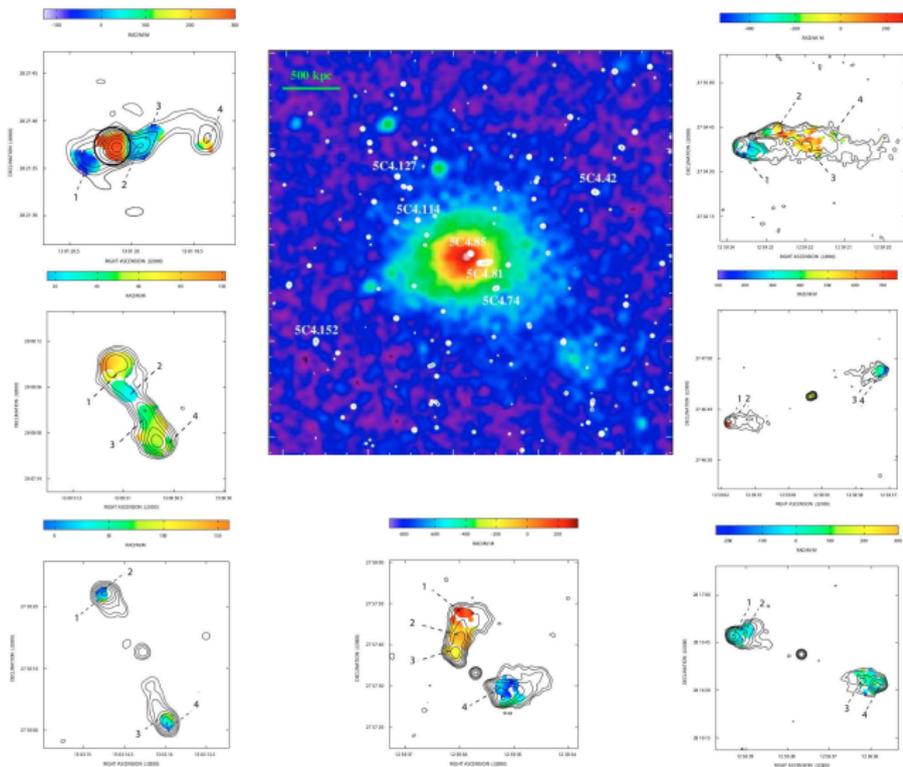
$$\Lambda_{\text{min}} = (0.7 \pm 0.1) \text{ kpc}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{max}} = (35 \pm 18) \text{ kpc}$$

$$\eta = (0.9 \pm 0.5)$$

$$\langle B_0 \rangle = (11.7 \pm 9.0) \mu\text{G}$$

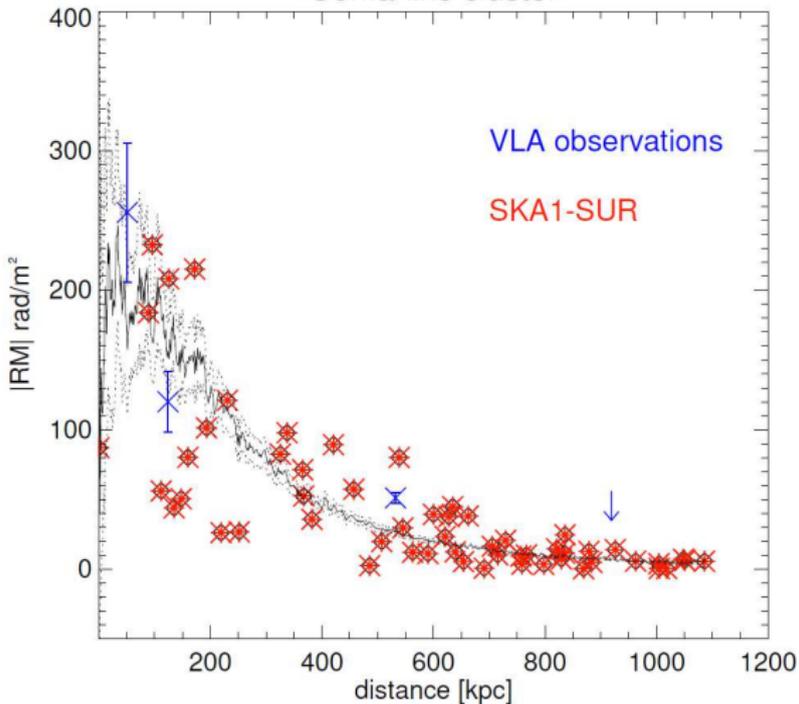
A1656-Coma



Bonafede et al. (2010), $n=11/3$, $\langle B_0 \rangle \simeq 4.7 \mu\text{G}$, $\eta = 0.5$

A1656-Coma

Coma-like cluster

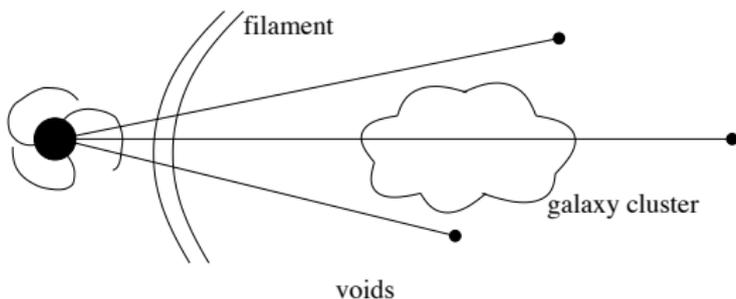


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PART III

Larger scales and statistical approaches

Faraday Depth

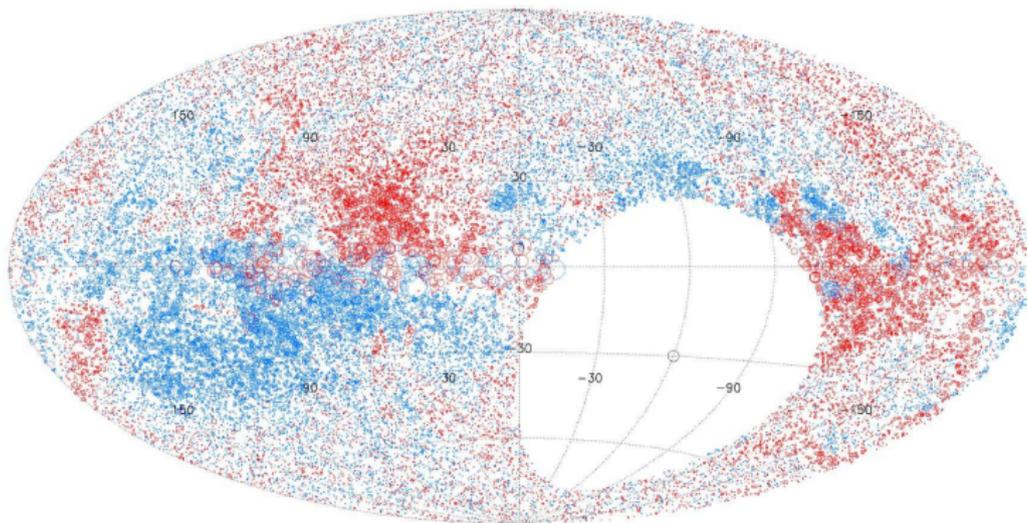


$$\phi_i = a_0 \int_0^{D_i} dl \frac{n_e B_l}{(1+z)^2}$$

$$\phi_i = \phi_{g,i} + \phi_{e,i} + n_i$$

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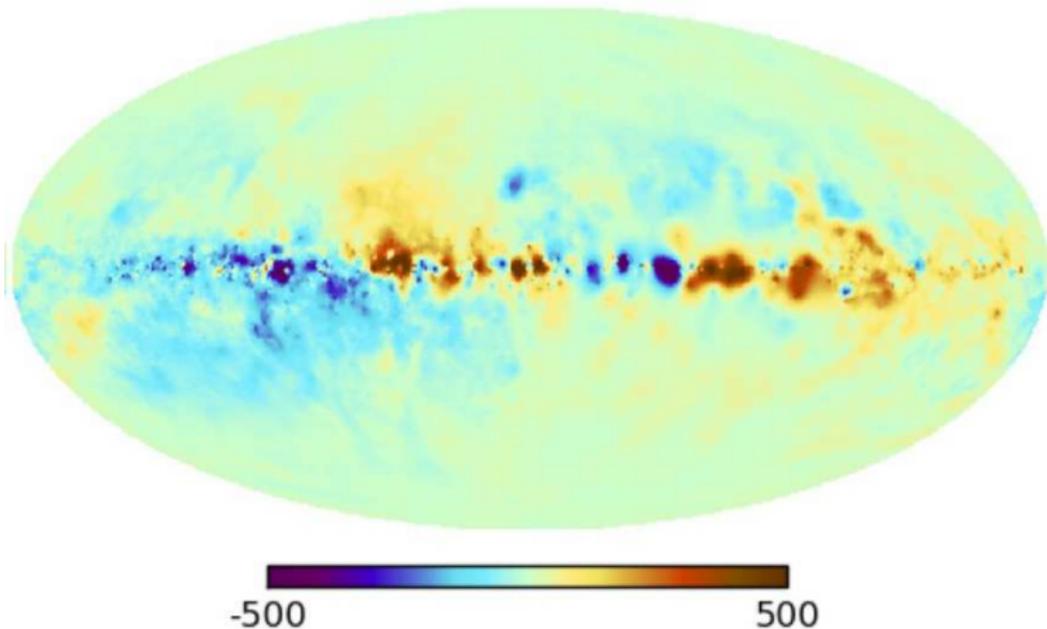
Observations



Taylor et al. (2009)

(+ Mao et al. 2008, Schnitzeler 2010, Fean et al. 2011, van Eck et al. 2011, etc...)

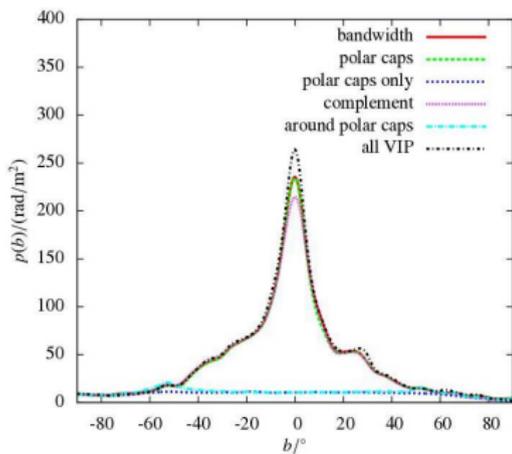
Galactic Foreground



Oppermann et al. (2015)

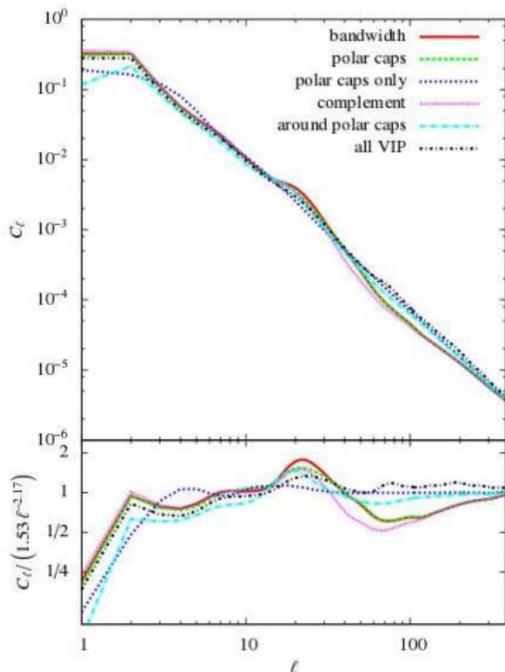
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Latitude Profile



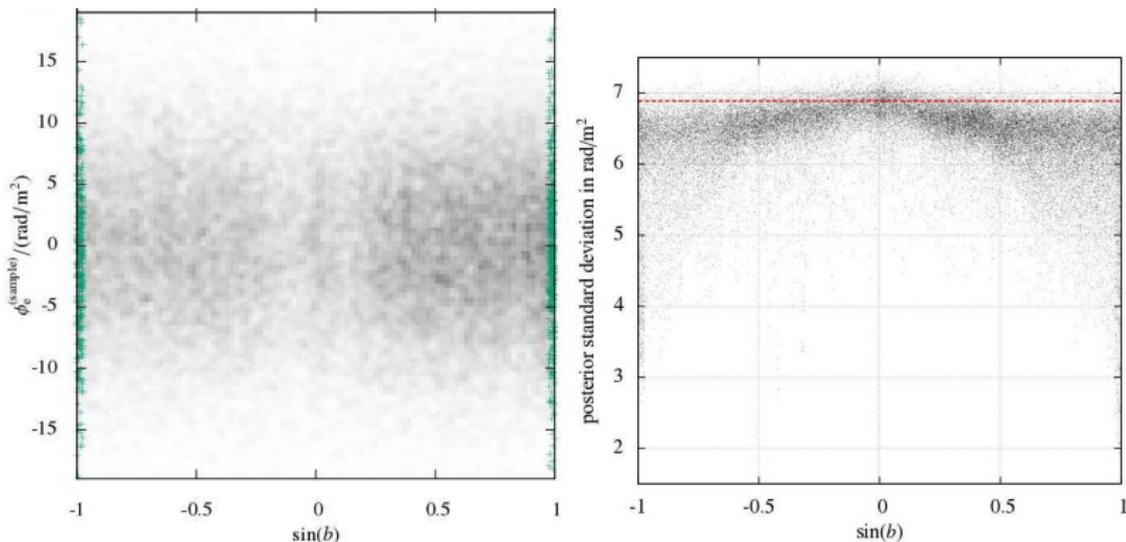
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Power Spectrum



Extragalactic Faraday depth

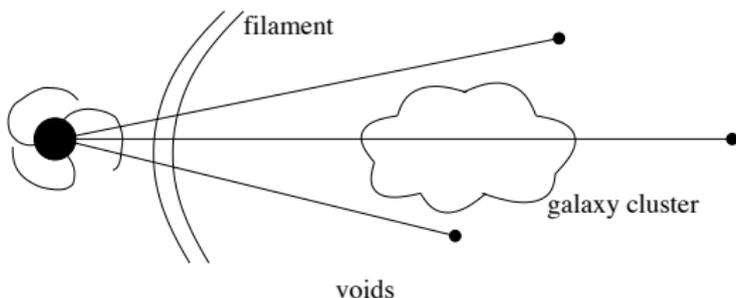
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$$\sigma_e \approx 7 \text{ rad}/\text{m}^2$$

See also Schnitzeler (2010), Dolag et al. (1999)

Approach

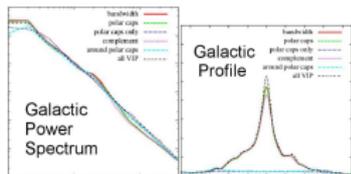


$$\phi_i = \phi_{g,i} + \phi_{e,i} + n_i$$

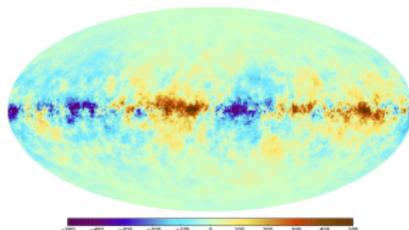
$$\langle \phi_{e,i}^2 \rangle \approx \sigma_{\text{int},i}^2 + \sigma_{\text{env},i}^2$$

$$\approx \left(\frac{L_i}{L_0} \right)^{\chi_{\text{lum}}} \frac{\sigma_{\text{int},0}^2}{(1+z_i)^4} + \frac{D(z_i, \chi_{\text{red}})}{D_0} \sigma_{\text{env},0}^2$$

Algorithm: Gibbs sampling



Faraday depth catalog



Oppermann et al.

$$d_i = \phi_{g,i} + \phi_{e,i} + n_i$$

redshift z_i , luminosity L_i

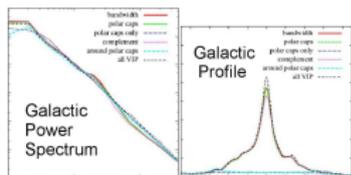
new prior $\sigma_e(z_i, L_i, \sigma_k, \chi_j)$

$\sigma_{\text{int},0}, \sigma_{\text{env},0}, \chi_{\text{lum}}, \chi_{\text{red}}$

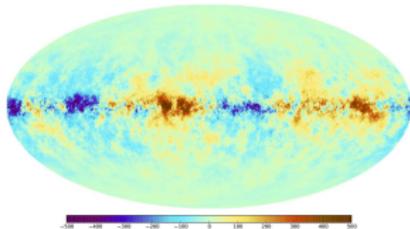
$\phi_{e,i}$ sample

Metropolis-Hasting sampling

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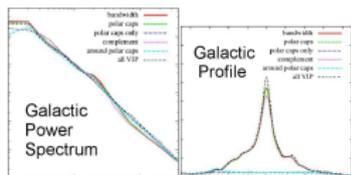
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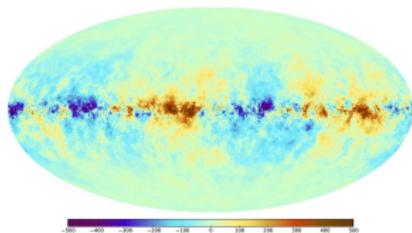
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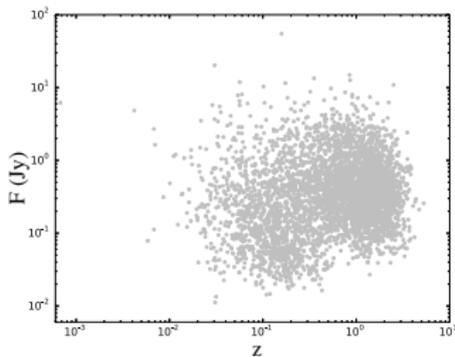
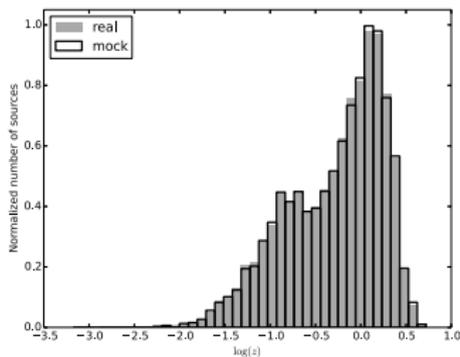
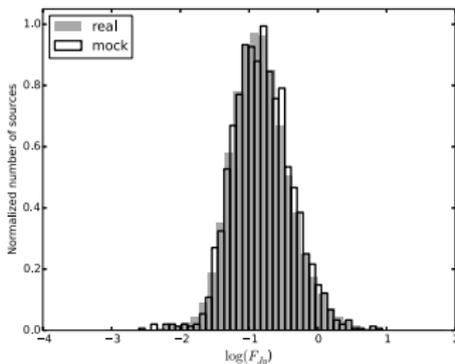
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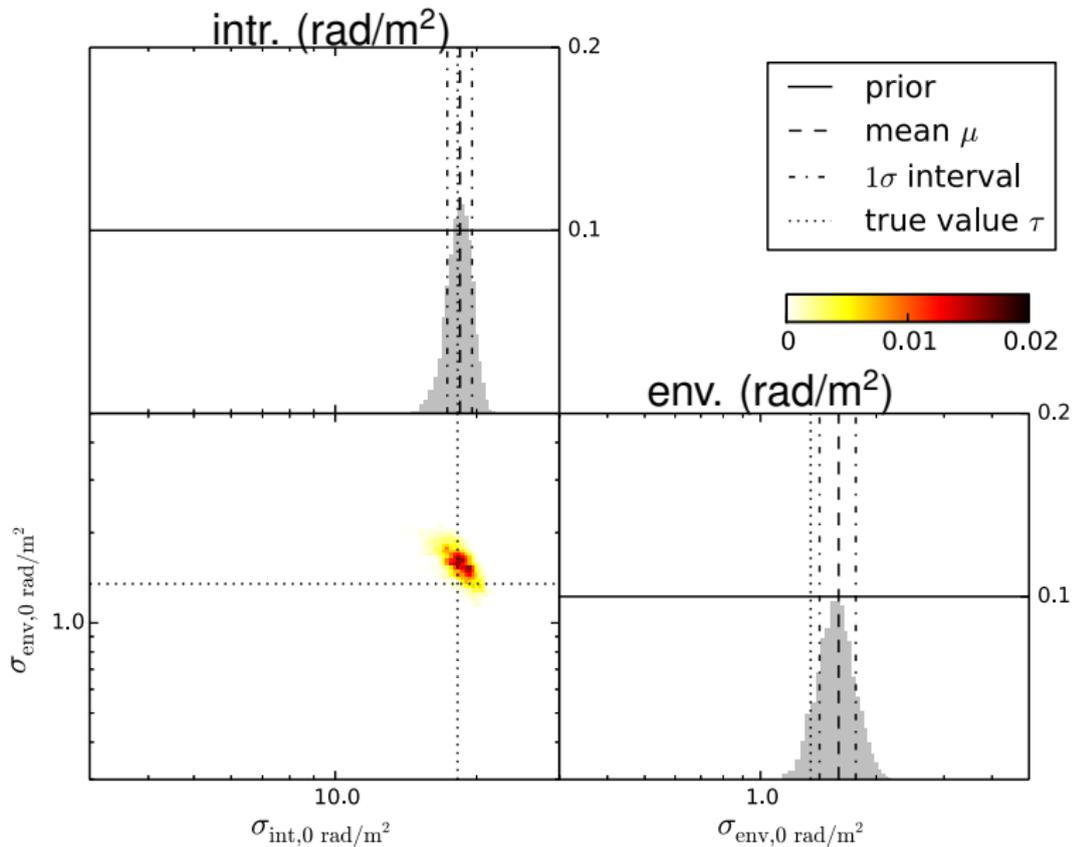
Metropolis-Hasting sampling

Tests

$$\langle \phi_{e,i}^2 \rangle = \left(\frac{L_i}{L_0} \right)^{\chi_{lum}} \frac{\sigma_{int,0}^2}{(1+z_i)^4} + \frac{D_i(z_i, \chi_{red})}{D_0} \sigma_{env,0}^2 \approx (7 \text{ rad/m}^2)^2$$

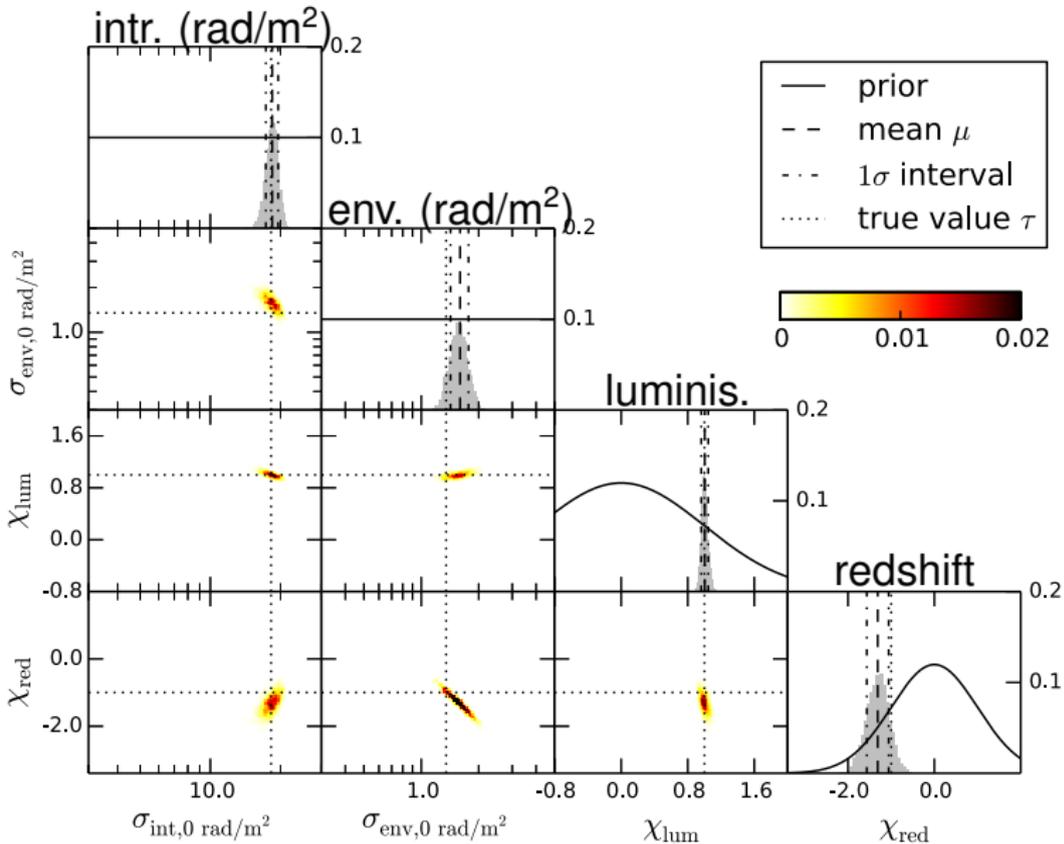


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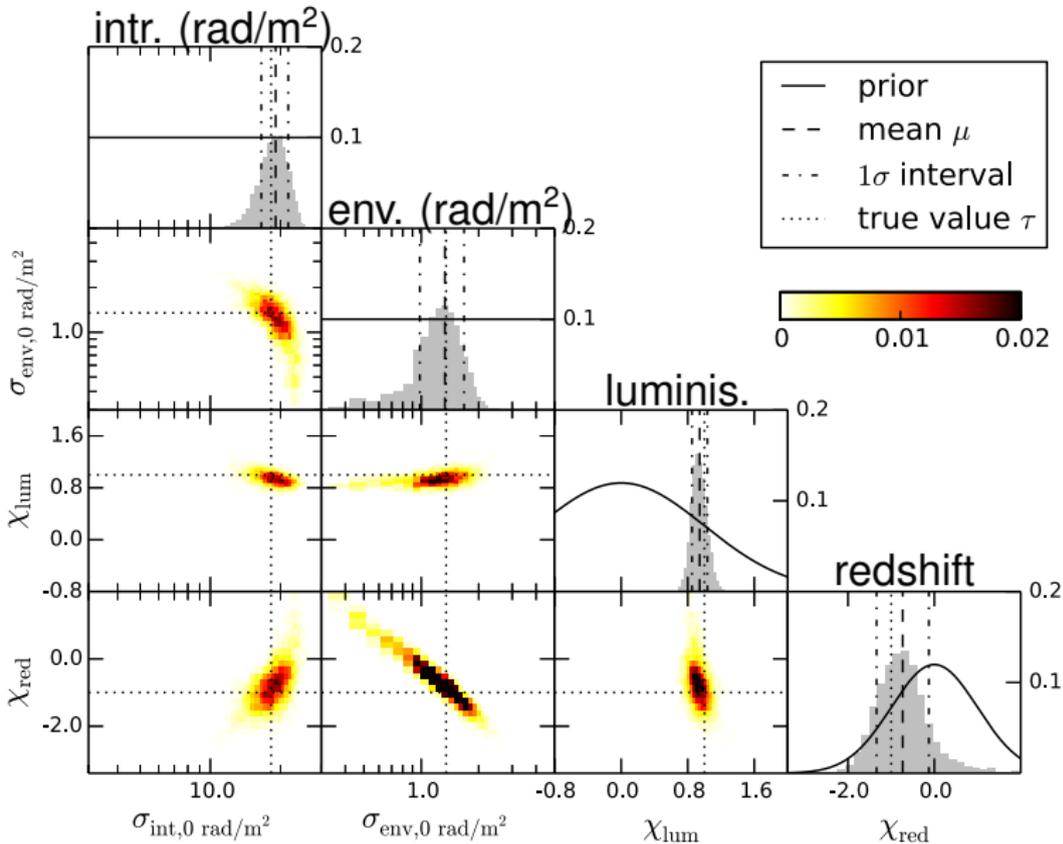
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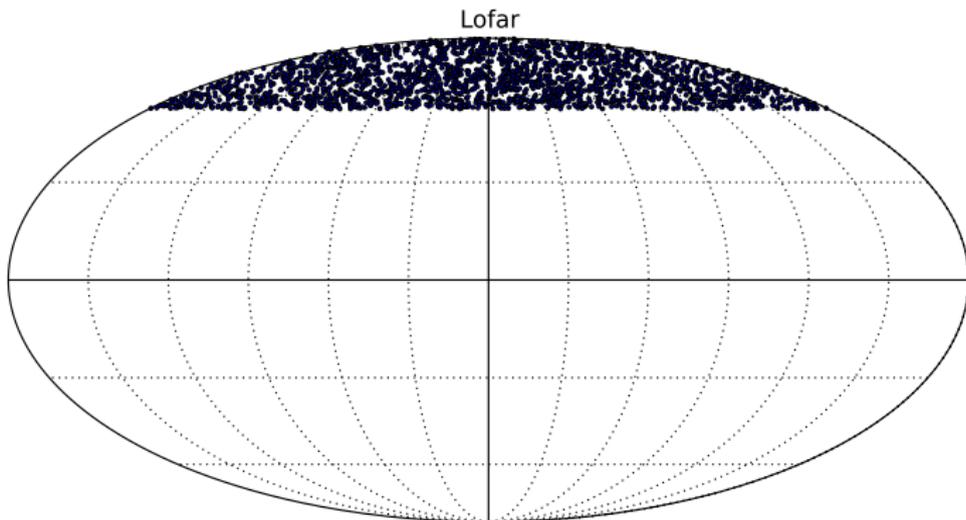
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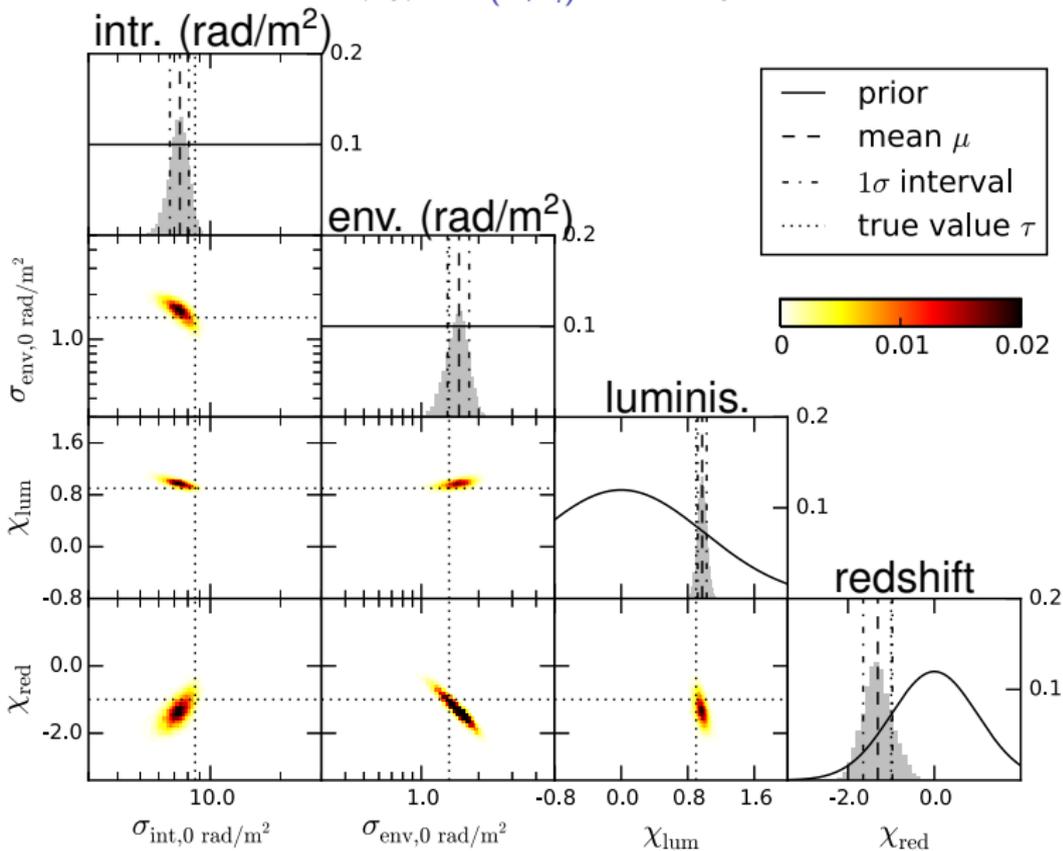
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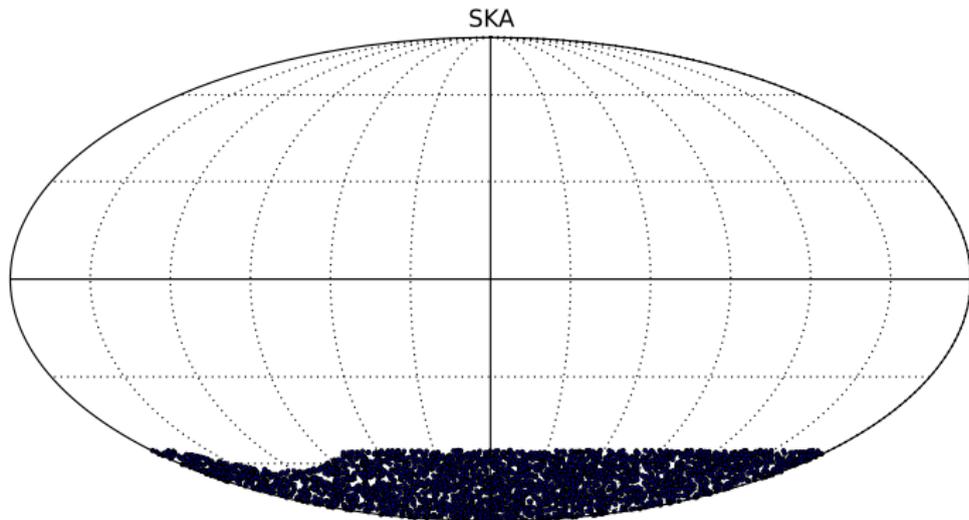
1 p. s. / 1.7 deg^2 , 8 h (Mulcahy et al. 2014), $b > 55 \text{ deg}$
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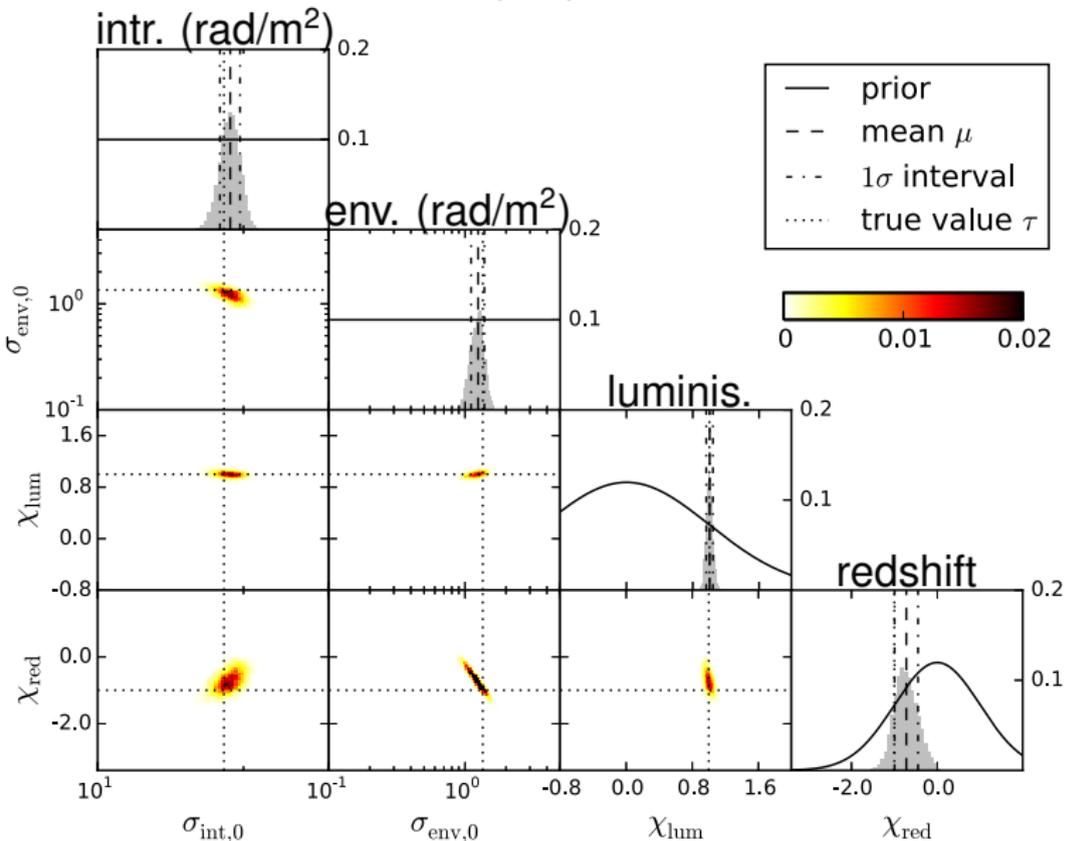
SKA MID 0.95–1.76 GHz



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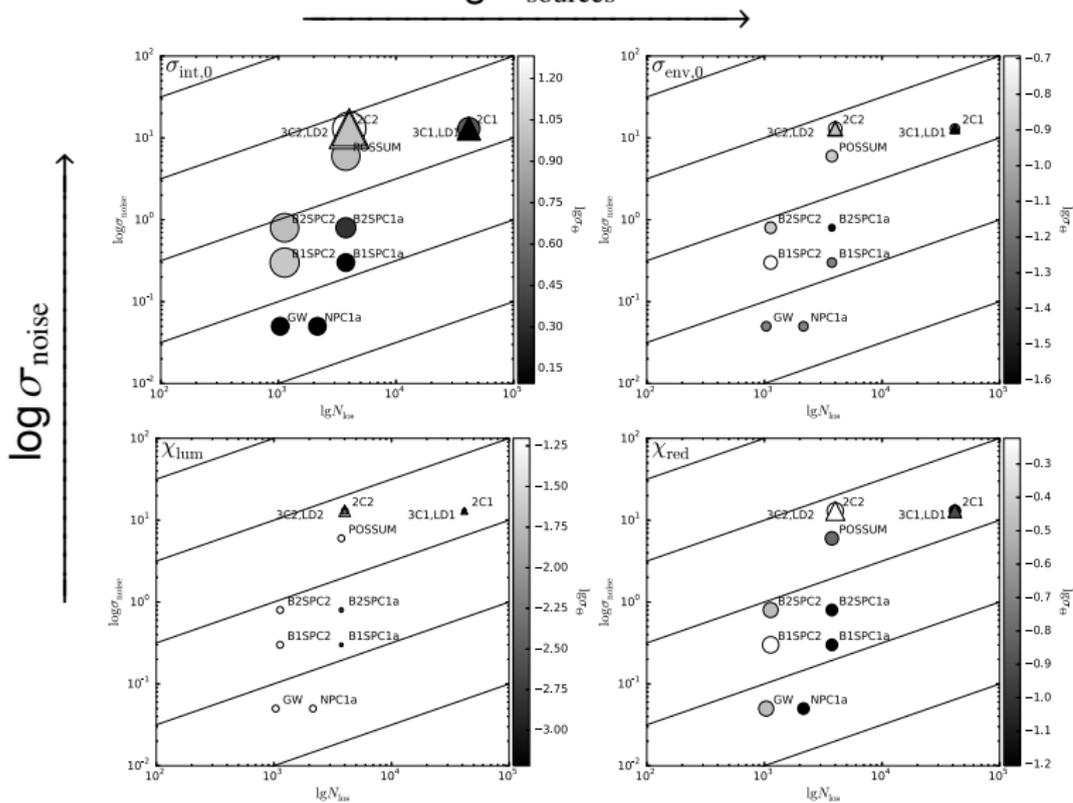
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Noise vs # Sources, 7 rad/m²

$\log N_{\text{sources}}$



Strengths

$$\sigma_e \sim 7 \text{ rad/m}^2$$

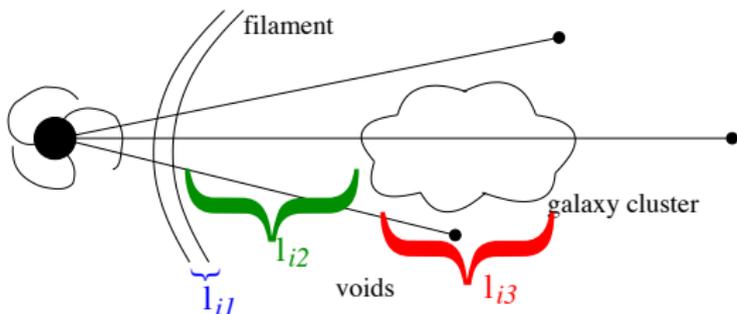
- Radio emitting source (L size of the source)

$$\frac{\sqrt{\langle B_{ox}^2 \rangle}}{\mu\text{G}} \sim 0.5 \div 1 \left(\frac{n_0}{10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\Lambda_{0x}}{5 \text{ kpc}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{L}{100 \text{ kpc}} \right)^{-1}$$

- Large scale structure

$$\frac{\sqrt{\langle B_{ox}^2 \rangle}}{\text{nG}} \sim 2 \left(\frac{n_0}{10^{-5} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\Lambda_{0x}}{5 \text{ Mpc}} \right)^{-1}$$

Further disentangling

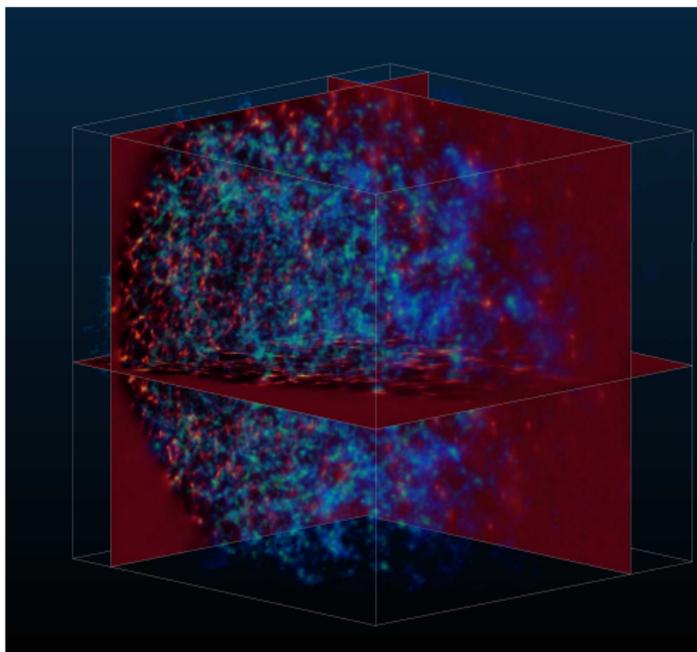


$$\langle \phi_{e,i}^2 \rangle \approx \left[\left(\frac{L_i}{L_0} \right)^{\chi_{\text{lum}}} \frac{\sigma_{\text{int},0}^2}{(1+z_i)^4} + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{env}}} l_{ij} \sigma_j^2 \right]$$

$$\approx \left[\left(\frac{L_i}{L_0} \right)^{\chi_{\text{lum}}} \frac{\sigma_{\text{int},0}^2}{(1+z_i)^4} + l_{i1} \sigma_1^2 + l_{i2} \sigma_2^2 + l_{i3} \sigma_3^2 + l_{i4} \sigma_4^2 + l_{i5} \sigma_5^2 \right]$$

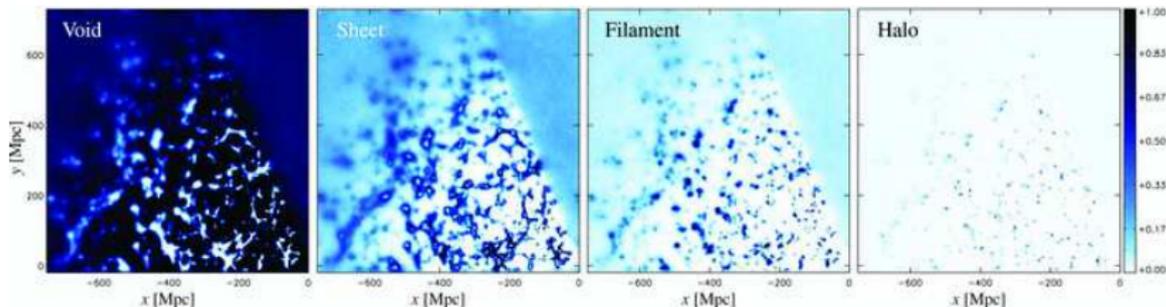
Vacca et al. (2015)

Cosmic web reconstruction



Jasche et al. (2010), see also Leclercq et al. (2015)

Cosmic web classification



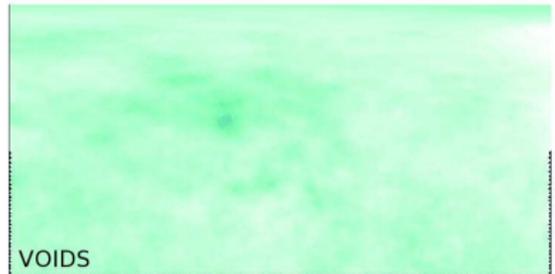
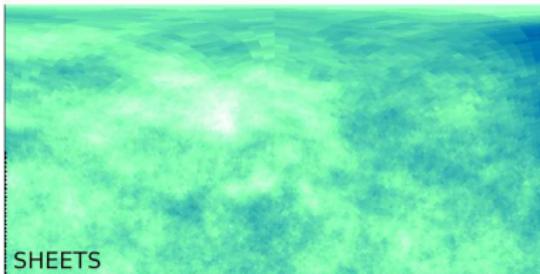
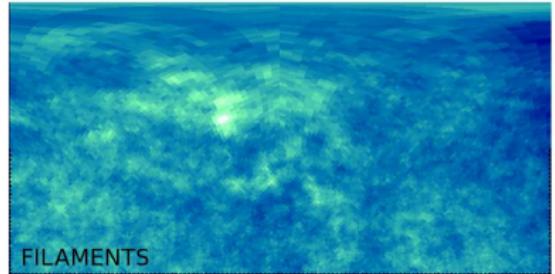
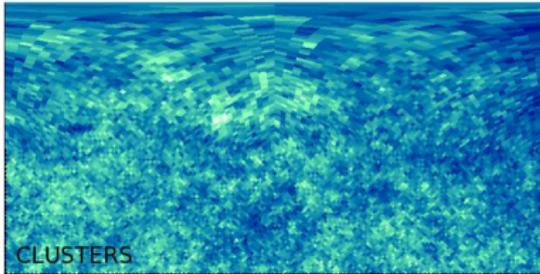
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Cosmic web structure, redshift catalog \rightarrow length matrix l_{ij}

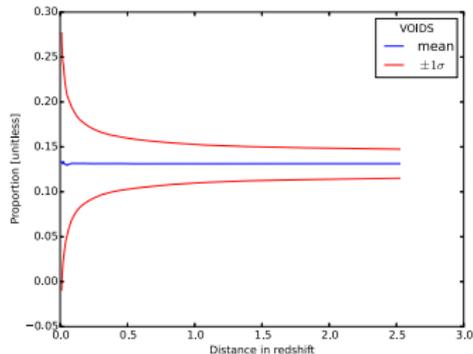
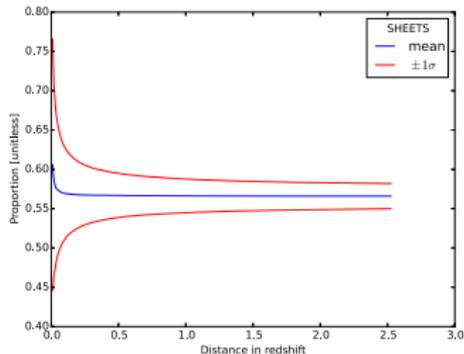
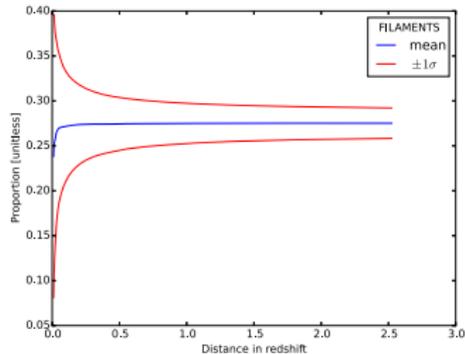
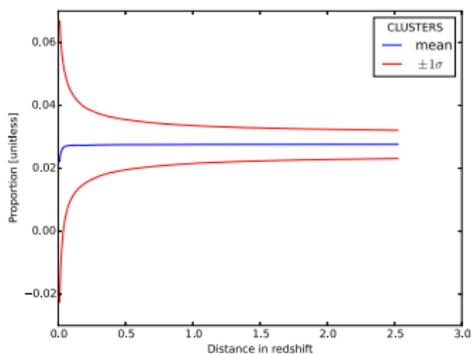
Cosmic web classification

Dupont et al. in preparation



High redshift sources

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Summary and conclusions

- ICM magnetic fields can be studied through diffuse radio halo emission and Faraday effect on the signal from radio galaxies;
- Statistically disentangling eg magnetic fields requires: good knowledge of redshift, low observational uncertainty, high number of sources;
- Deriving magnetic fields in different extragalactic environments requires the analysis of a sample of sources from the local Universe.

THANK YOU!