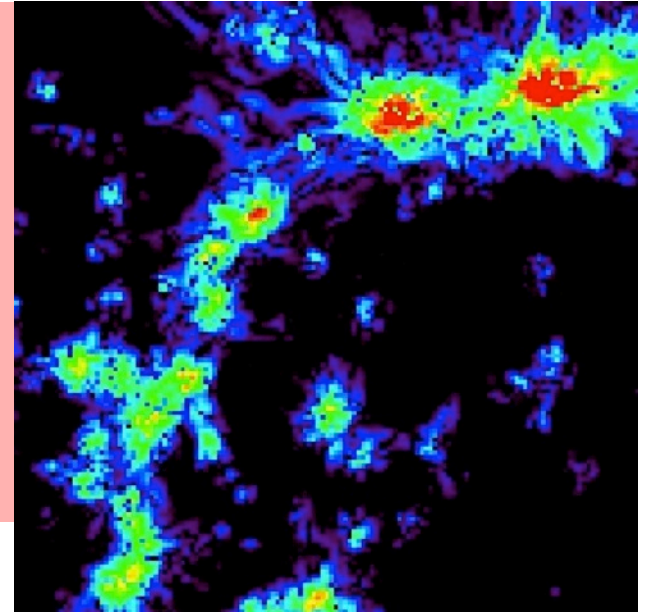


Probing RMs due to Magnetic Fields in the Cosmic Web



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Key Messages

- Magnetic fields in the cosmic web is a good science case for SKA1
- Better sensitivity & wide frequency coverage are key parameters

1. Science Overview

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1.1 Background
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1.1 Background (1/3): Inter-Galactic Medium (IGM)

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IGM Family

● Intra-Cluster Medium (ICM)

- Galaxy clusters, $T > 10^7$ [K]
- $n \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-1}$ [cm $^{-3}$]

● Warm-Hot IGM (WHIM)

- Galaxy filaments, $T \sim 10^{5-7}$ [K]
- $n \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-4}$ [cm $^{-3}$]

● Warm Ionized Medium

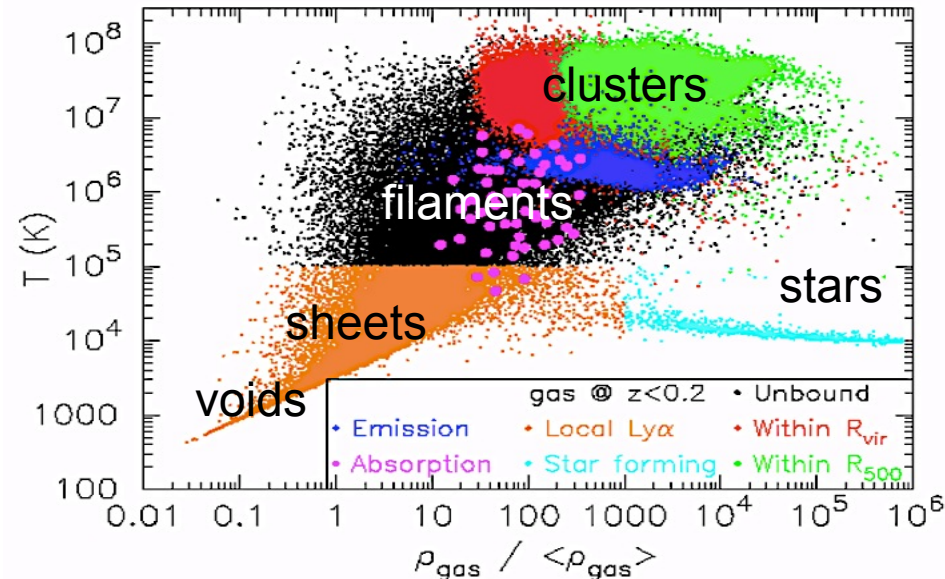
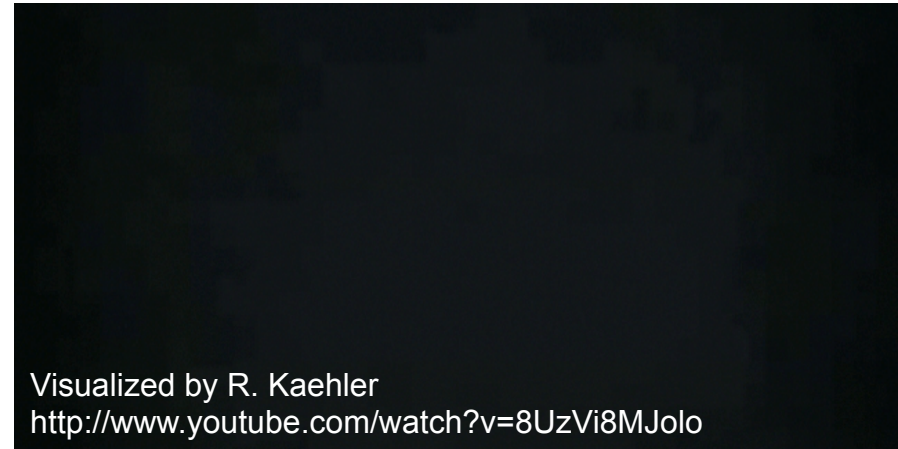
- Sheets and voids, $T < 10^5$ [K]
- $n \sim 10^{-7} - 10^{-5}$ [cm $^{-3}$]

Missing Baryons

Is IGM magnetized?

Can we probe the IGM with
SKA1?

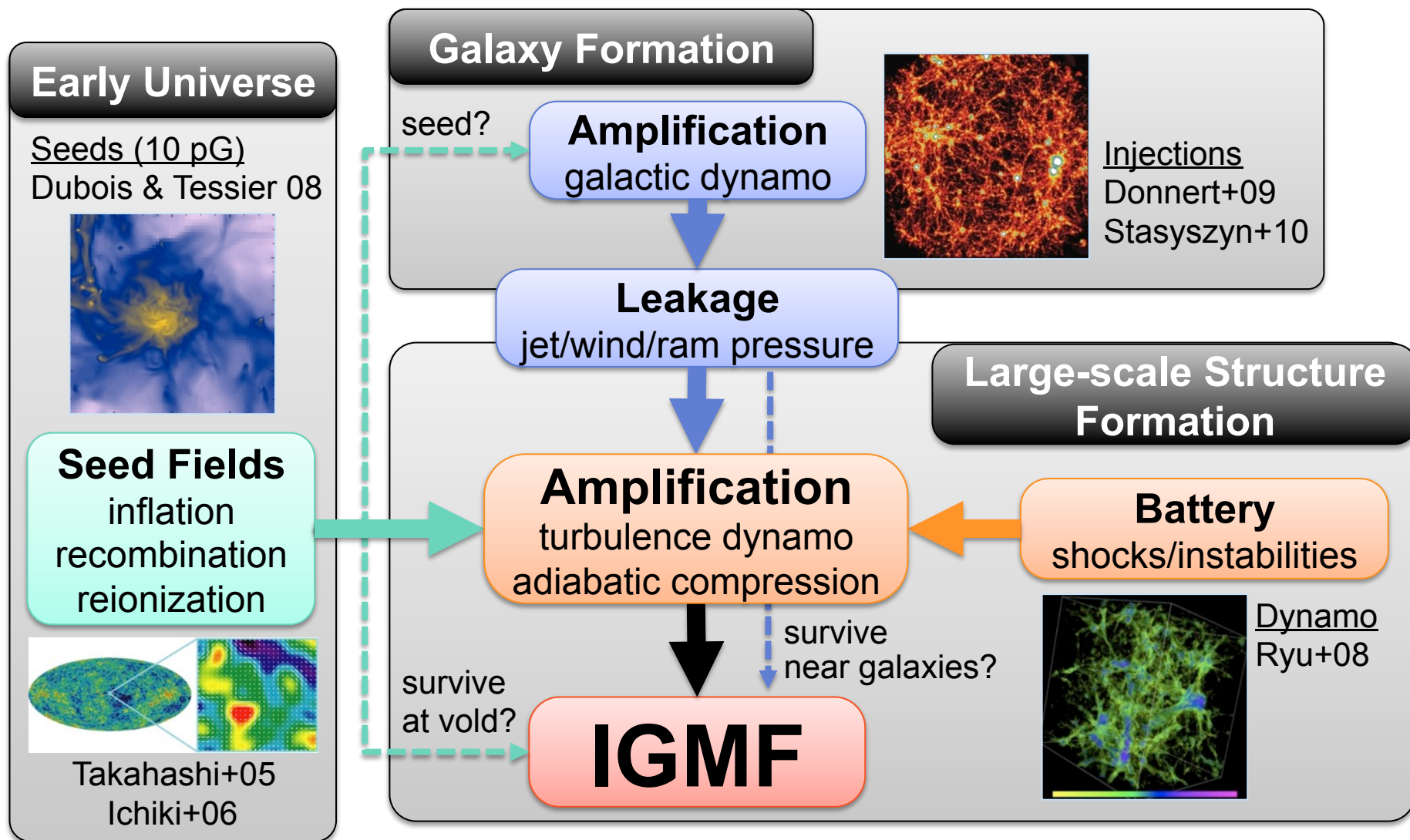
➔ **Yes!**



Baryon phase distribution (Piro+07)

1.1 Background (2/3): Inter-Galactic Magnetic Field (IGMF)

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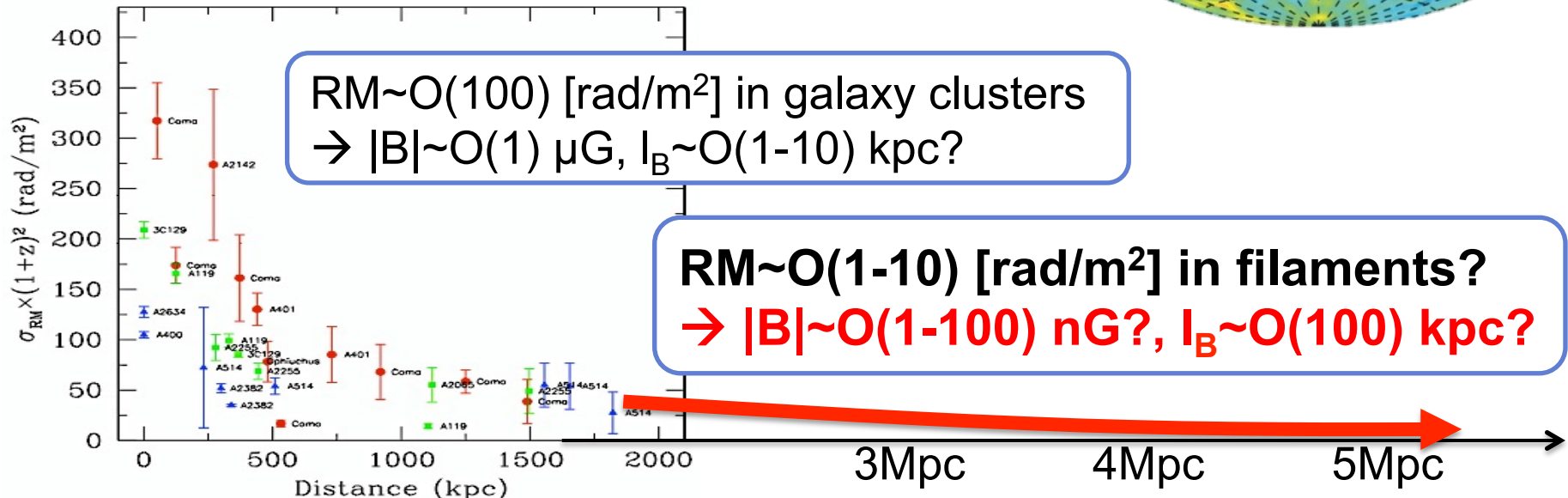
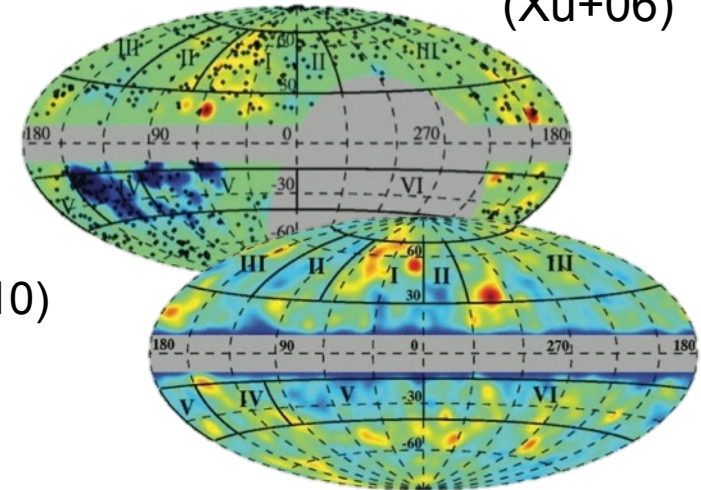


1.1 Background (3/3): Faraday Rotation Measure (RM)

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- ❖ **Local superclusters:** $RM \sim 9-60$ [rad/m²]
 - Hercules and Perseus-Pisces (Xu+06)
- ❖ **Residual RM:** $RRM \sim 7-15$ [rad/m²]
 - Between radio sources and the Galaxy (Hammond+12; See also Kronberg+08)
- ❖ **Latitude dependence:** $RM \sim 6-7$ [rad/m²]
 - Independent on Galactic latitude (Schnitzeler 10)
- ❖ **Cluster outskirts:** $RM < 50$ [rad/m²]
 - Radial profile (Clarke+01; Govoni+10)

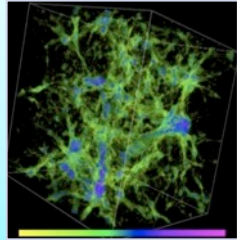
RM vs galaxies
(Xu+06)



Govoni+10

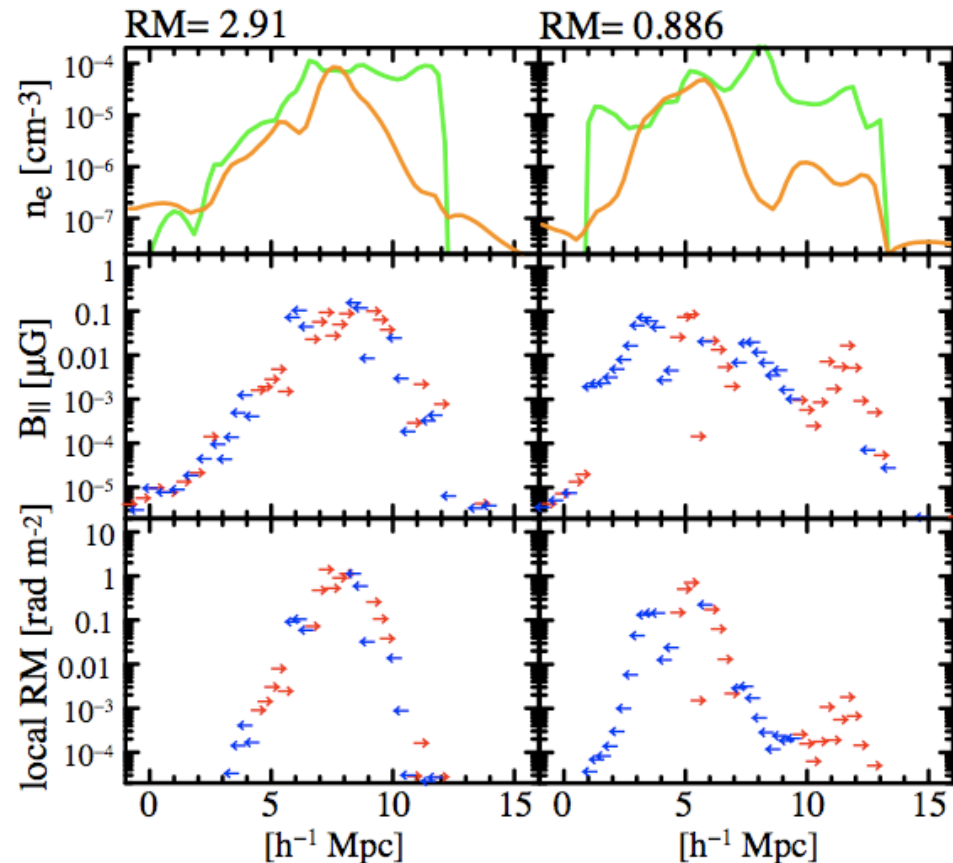
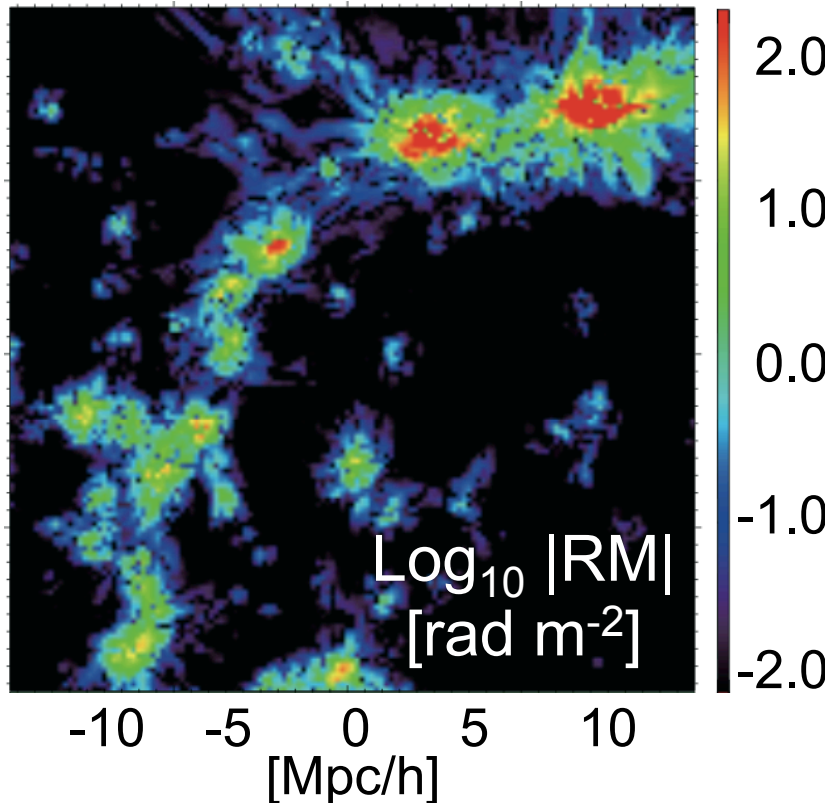
1.2 Prediction (1/3): IGMF-RM in the Local Universe ($100 h^{-1}$ Mpc)

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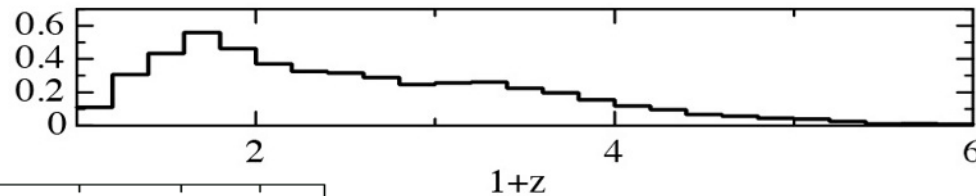
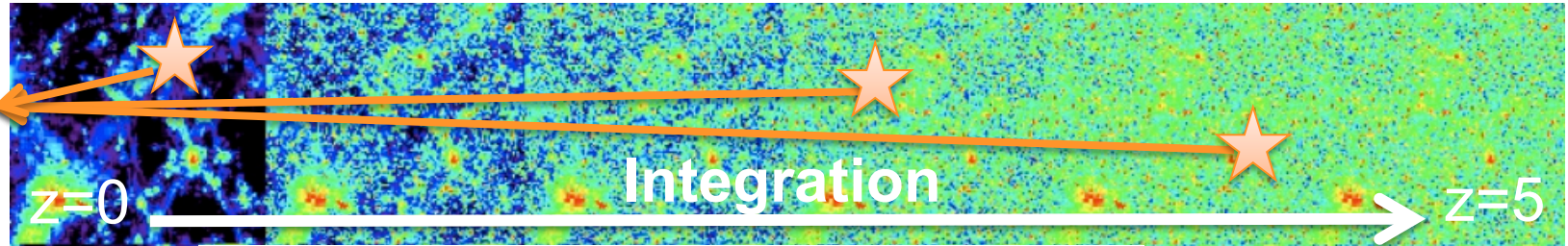
IGMF
model
Ryu+08

- ❖ $RM_{rms} \sim 1.4$ [rad/m²] ($T_x = 10^{5-7}$ K)
- ❖ $l_{RM} \sim \text{several} \times 100$ [h^{-1} kpc]

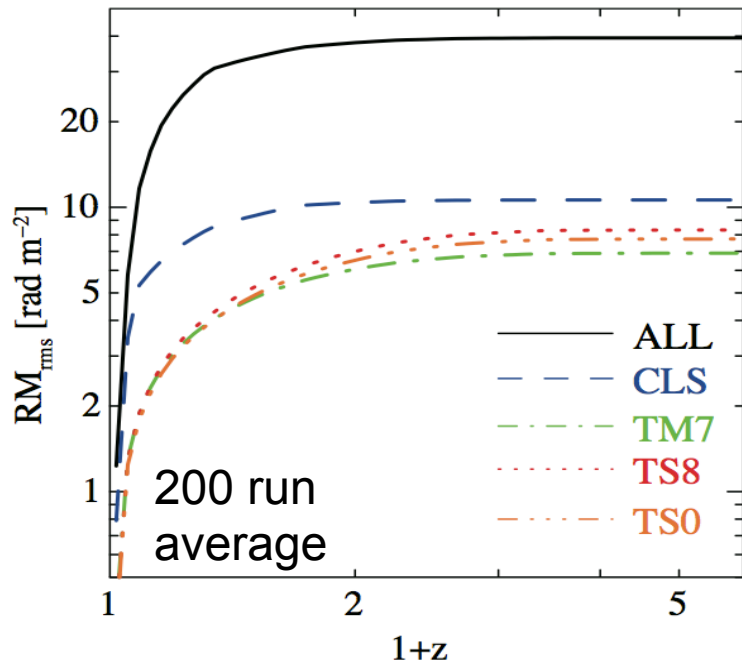


1.2 Prediction (2/3): IGMF-RM Integrated up to $z=5$

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Source distribution
(Wilman+08)



❖ Random walk & saturation

❖ $RM_{rms} \sim 7-10$ [rad/m²] ($T_x = 10^{5-7}$ K)

✱ Galaxy Cluster Subtraction

CLS: ALL – grids (<1 Mpc of $T_x > 2$ keV)

TM7: ALL – grids ($T > 10^7$)

TS8: ALL – pixels ($T_x^* > 10^7$ & $S_x^* > 10^{-8}$)

TS0: ALL – pixels ($T_x^* > 10^7$ & $S_x^* > 10^{-10}$)

T in [K], S in [erg/s/cm²/sr]

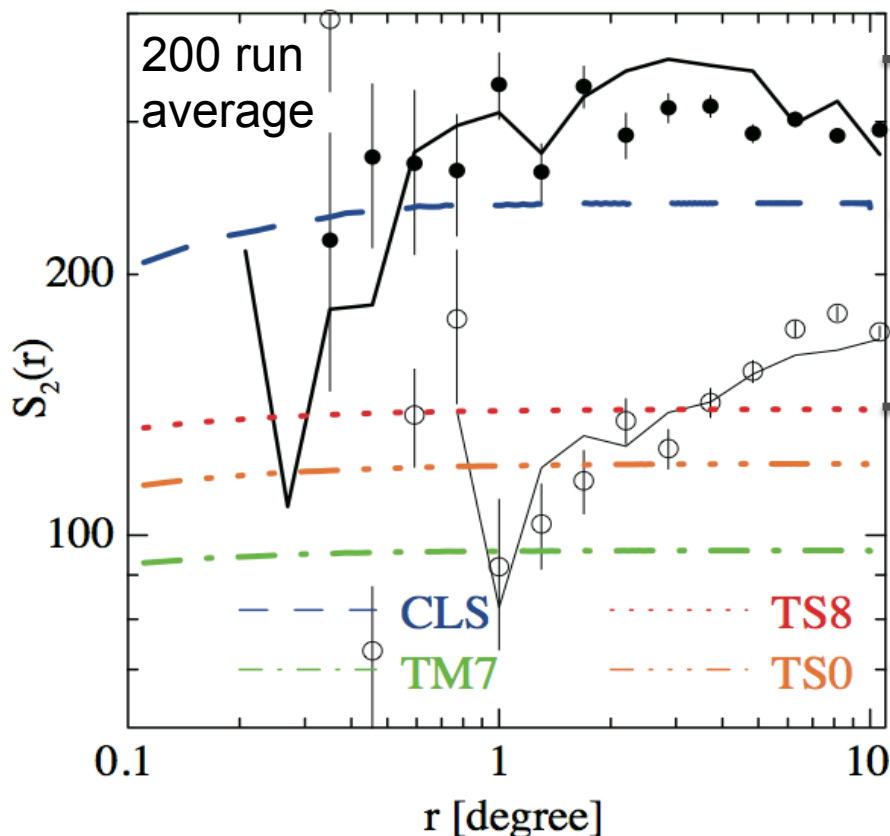
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n-th order
structure function (SF)

$$S_n(r) = \langle |RM(\vec{x} + \vec{r}) - RM(\vec{x})|^n \rangle_{\vec{x}} \propto r^\eta$$

❖ Flat S_2 at $>0.2^\circ$ with 100-200 [rad²/m⁴]



- 900 deg² FOV -

← South Galactic Pole

●: Mao+ (10) WSRT+ACTA
—: Stil+ (11) NVSS(VLA)

← North Galactic Pole

○: Mao+ (10) WSRT+ACTA
—: Stil+ (11) NVSS(VLA)

← Predictions

Color: Akahori, Ryu (2011)

Is RM_{IGMF} measurable?
→ Yes!

2. Cosmic Web Science Assessment

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- 2.1 Statistical Approach (Sensitivity)
- 2.2 Faraday RM Synthesis (Frequency)

2.1 Statistical Approach (1/4): Multiple RM Components

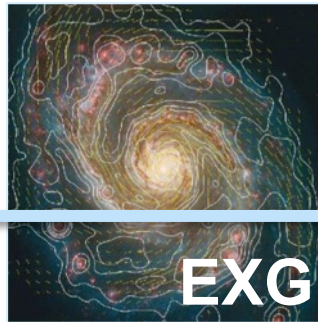
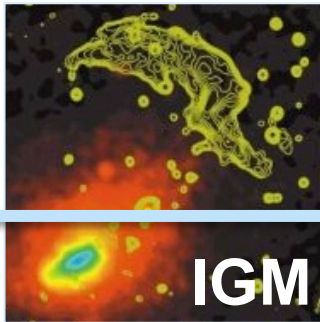
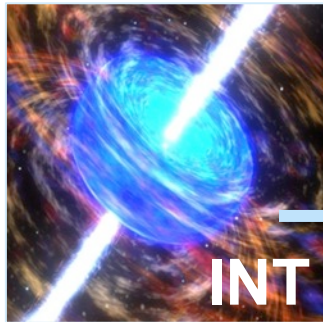
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❖ Observed RM contains multiple RM contributions

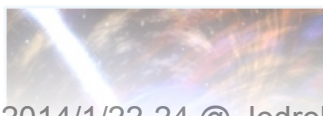
- **INT**: intrinsic RM associated with the polarized source
- **IGM**: RM due to the intergalactic magnetic field
- **EXG**: RM of intervening galaxies/clouds
- **ISM**: RM due to the Galactic magnetic field
- **ERR**: RM of ionospheric, instrumental, etc

❖ **COM: combined RM (observed RM)**

- $\mu_{\text{COM}} = \mu_{\text{INT}} + \mu_{\text{IGM}} + \mu_{\text{EXG}} + \mu_{\text{LGG}} + \mu_{\text{ISM}} + \mu_{\text{ERR}}$
- $\sigma_{\text{COM}}^2 = \sigma_{\text{INT}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{IGM}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{EXG}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{LGG}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{ISM}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{ERR}}^2$

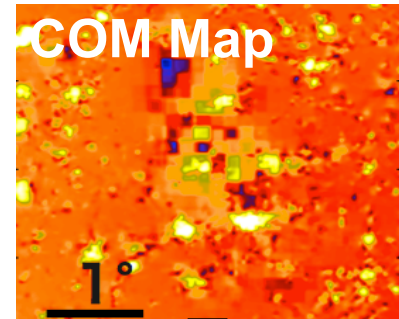


COM



2.1 Statistical Approach (2/4): Can we extract RM due to the IGMF?

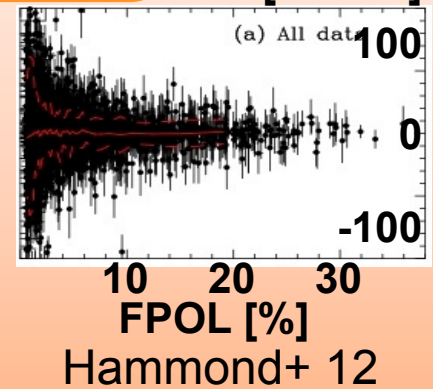
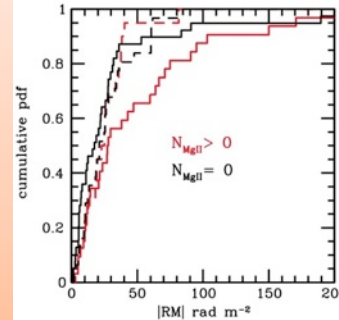
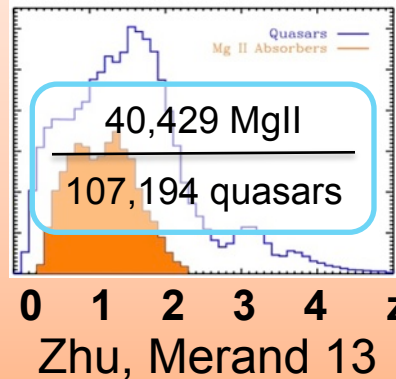
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Remove “obscured” sources
which indicate depolarization signals

Spatial resolution
& high frequency

Remove suspicious LOSs
MgII absorber system & depolarization

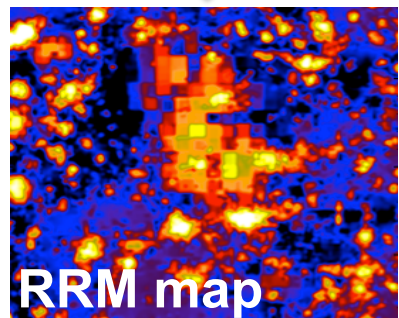


INT filter

EXG filter

ISM filter

ERR filter



**Look Galactic Pole &
Apply high-pass filter (~1°-2°)**

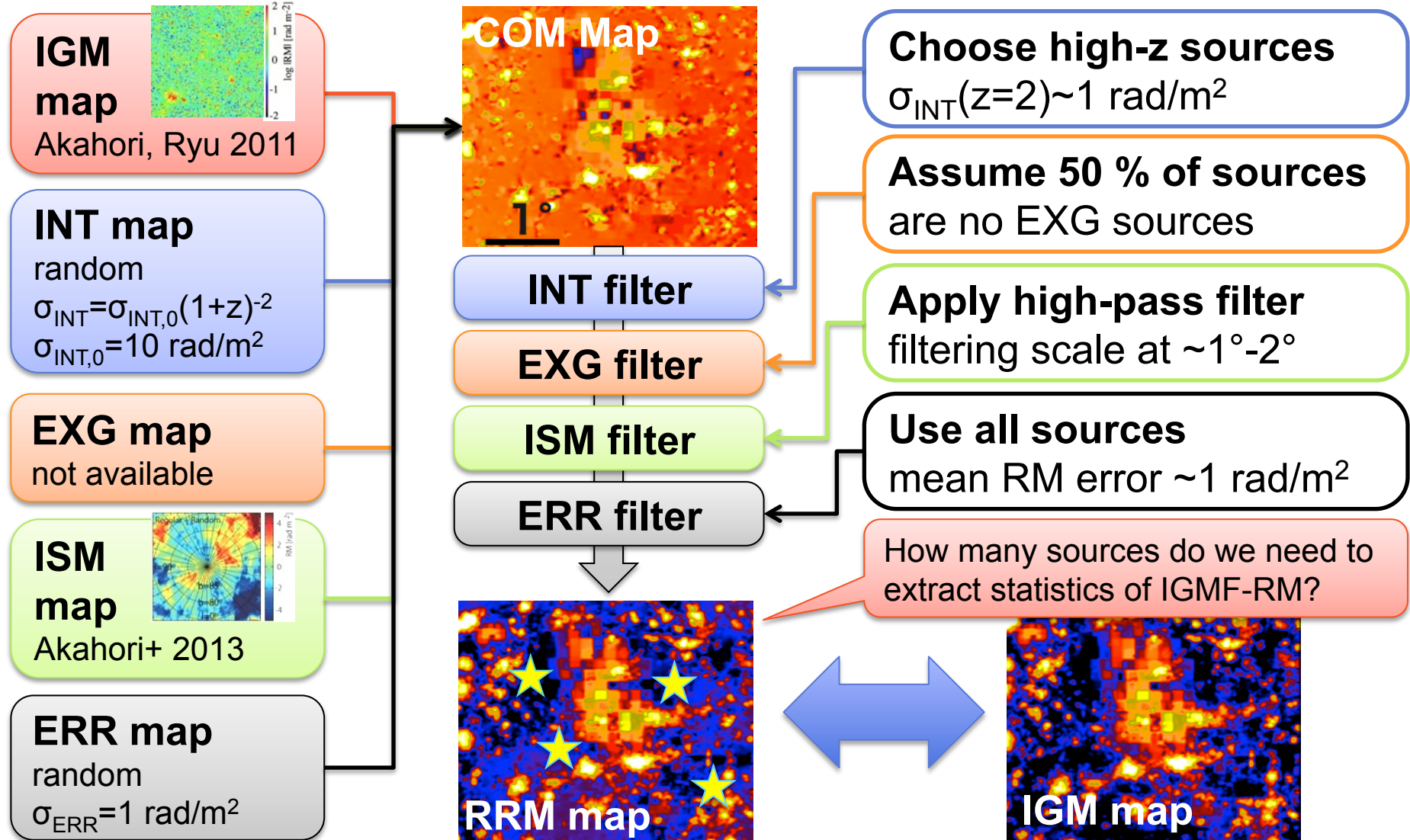
FOV at least a
couple of tens deg²

Remove low S/N sources
Need, say, 10 ± 0.1 rad/m² level

Polarization purity
& sensitivity

2.1 Statistical approach (3/4): Extraction Model/Assumption

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2.1 Statistical approach (4/4): Results

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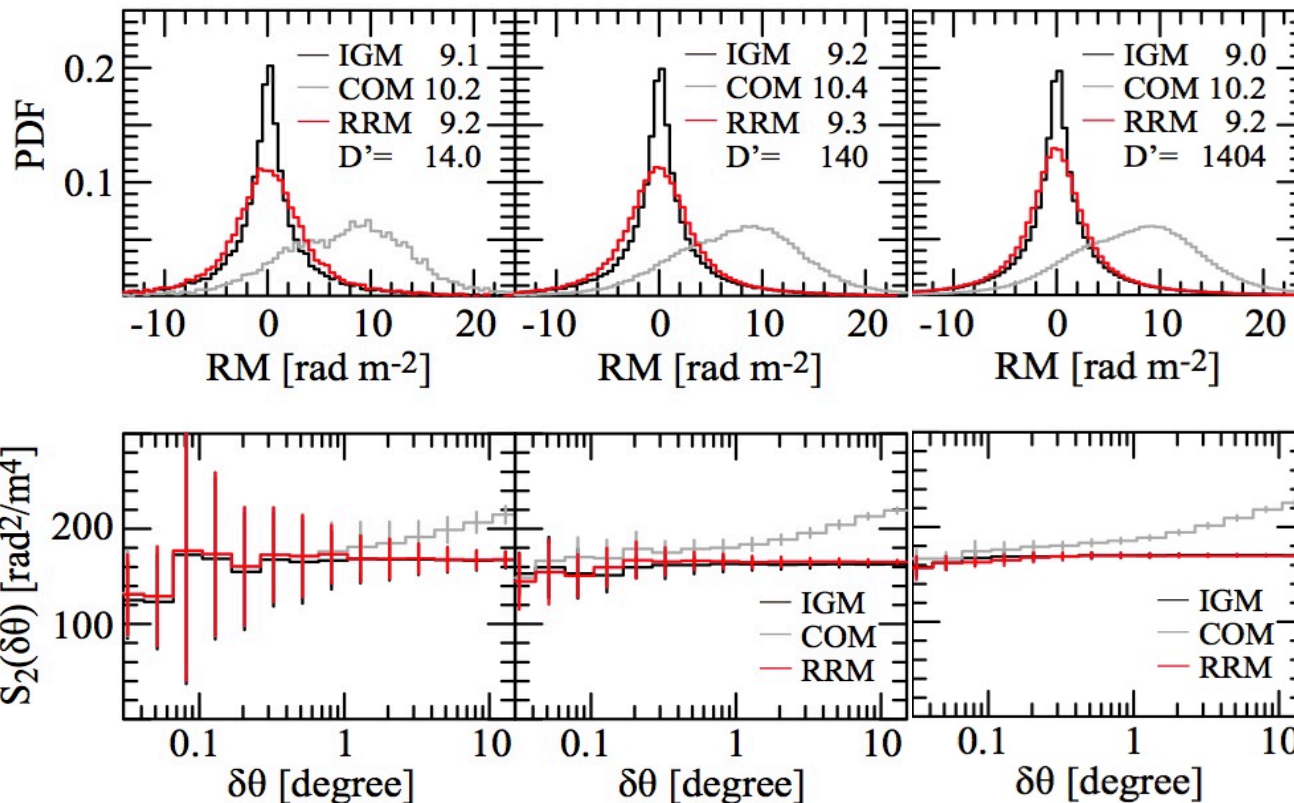
900 deg² FOV, south Galactic pole, $z > 2$ sources only
— IGM — COM — RRM

※Number under discussion (See Larry's talk & §3.1 of our memo)

SKA1-Sur
100 RM/deg²
3h, 2 μ Jy/bm, S/N=8

SKA1-Sur
1000 RM/deg²
300h, 0.2 μ Jy/bm, S/N=8

SKA2 Deep?
10000 RM/deg²

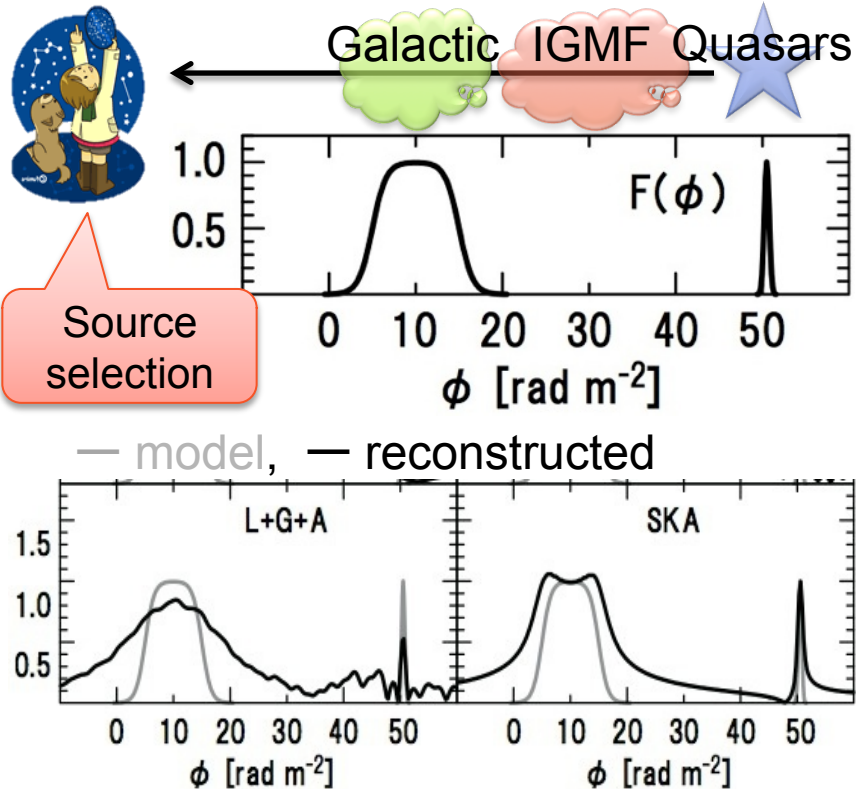


- ❖ Our selection criteria: **~14%** of sources are available
- ❖ **100 RM/deg²** data may allow to extract σ_{IGM}
- ❖ **1000 RM/deg²** data may allow to extract $S_{2,\text{IGM}}$ down to **~0.1°**

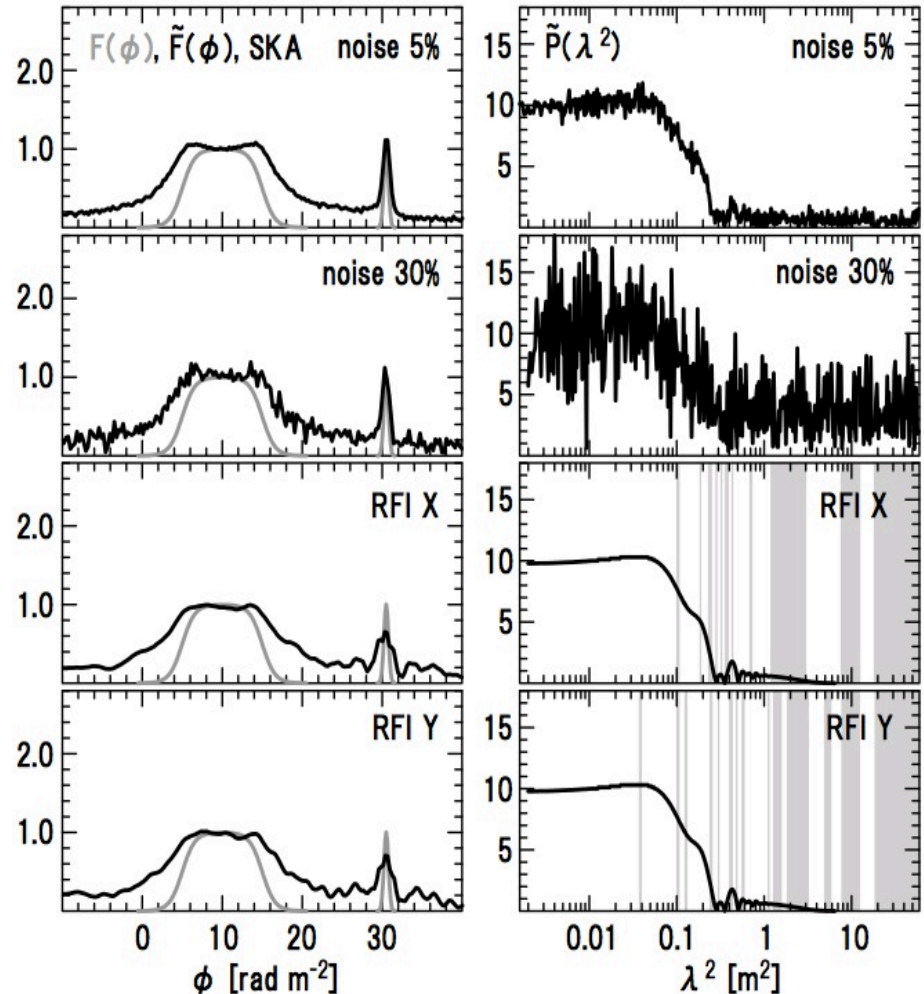
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Strategy A



Strategy A, SKA, $RM_{IGMF}=10$ rad/m²

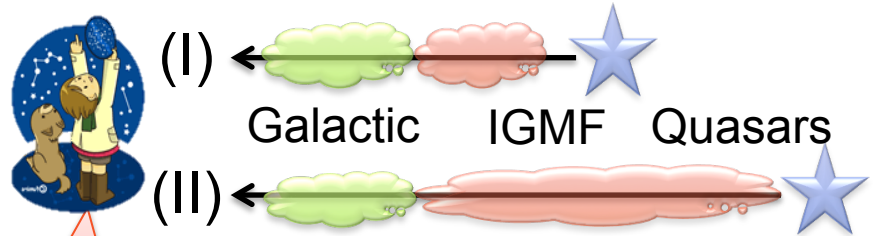


❖ SKA full band (0.07-10 GHz)
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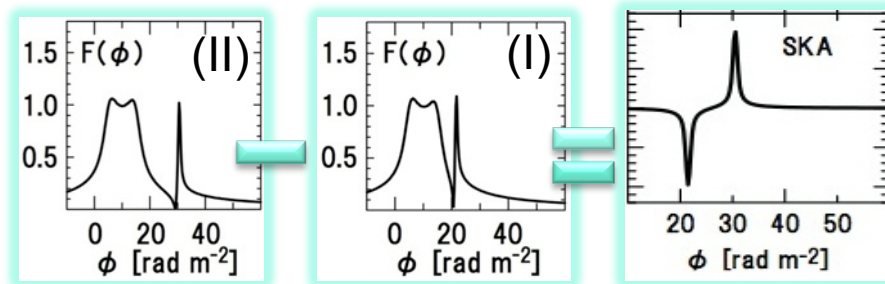
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Strategy B



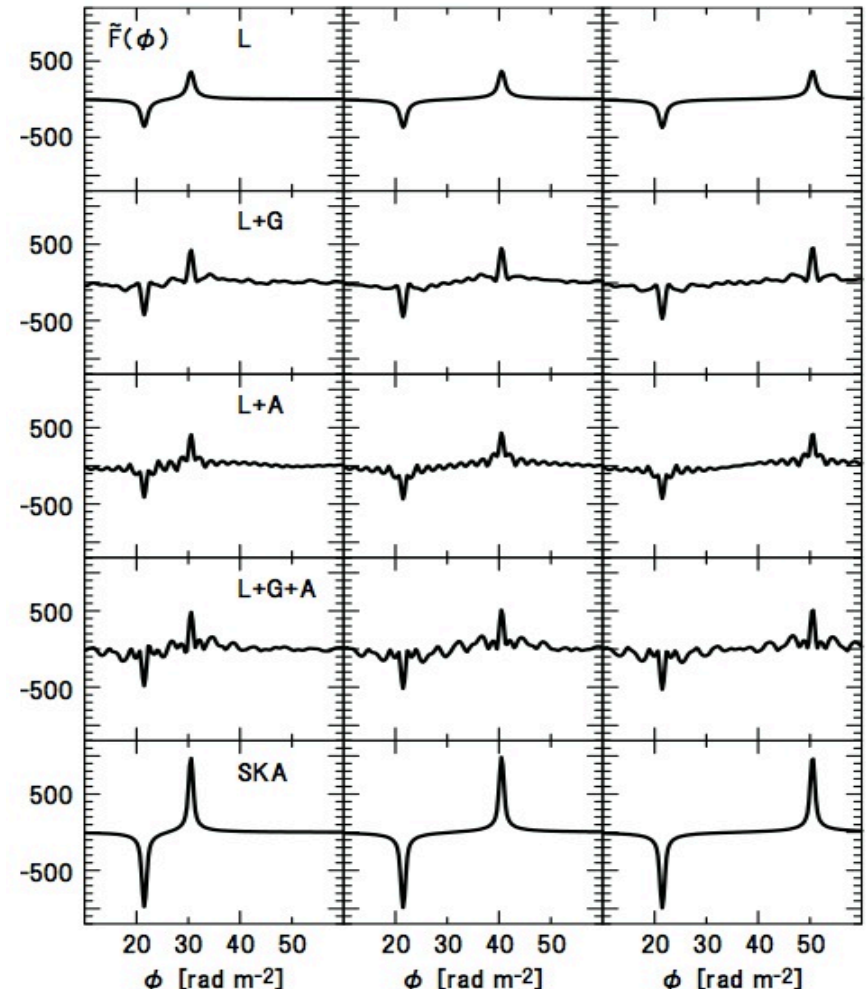
Source
selection

Sources should be as close
as possible ($<0.1^\circ$)



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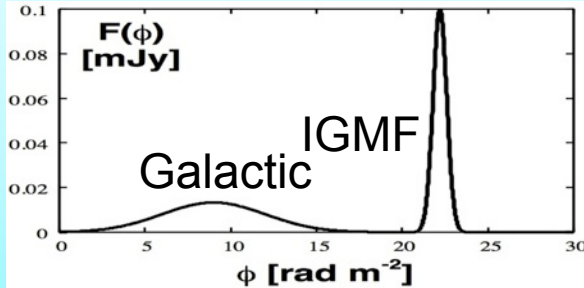
Strategy B, SKA, $RM_{IGMF}=10$ rad/m²



2.2 Faraday RM Synthesis (3/4): QU-fitting decomposition

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Model FDF Quasars



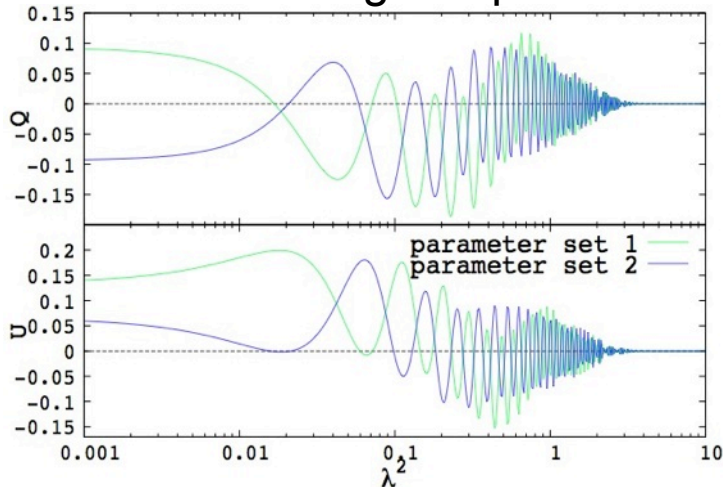
$$F(\phi) = \frac{f_d}{\sqrt{2\pi}\delta\phi_d} e^{2i\theta_d} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\phi - \phi_d)^2}{2\delta\phi_d^2}\right\} + \frac{f_c}{\sqrt{2\pi}\delta\phi_c} e^{2i\theta_c} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\phi - \phi_c)^2}{2\delta\phi_c^2}\right\}$$

Definitions of model parameters

$$RM_{IGMF} = (\phi_c - 3\delta\phi_c) - (\phi_d + 3\delta\phi_d)$$

Fourier transform

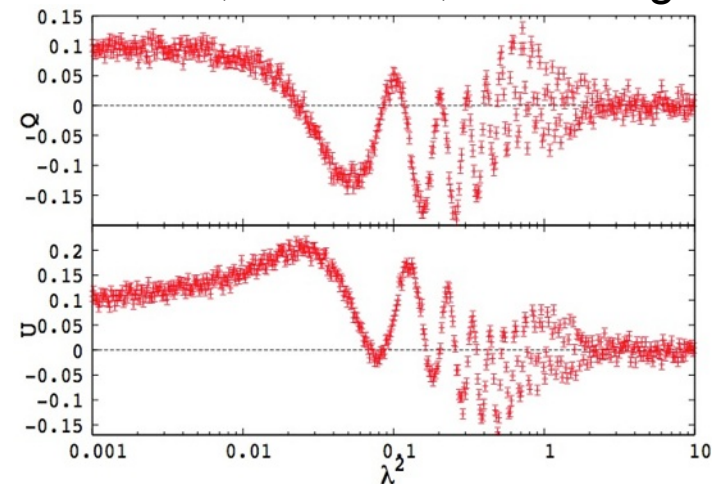
Model Q & U for given parameters



fit & seek the best parameters

Mock Q & U

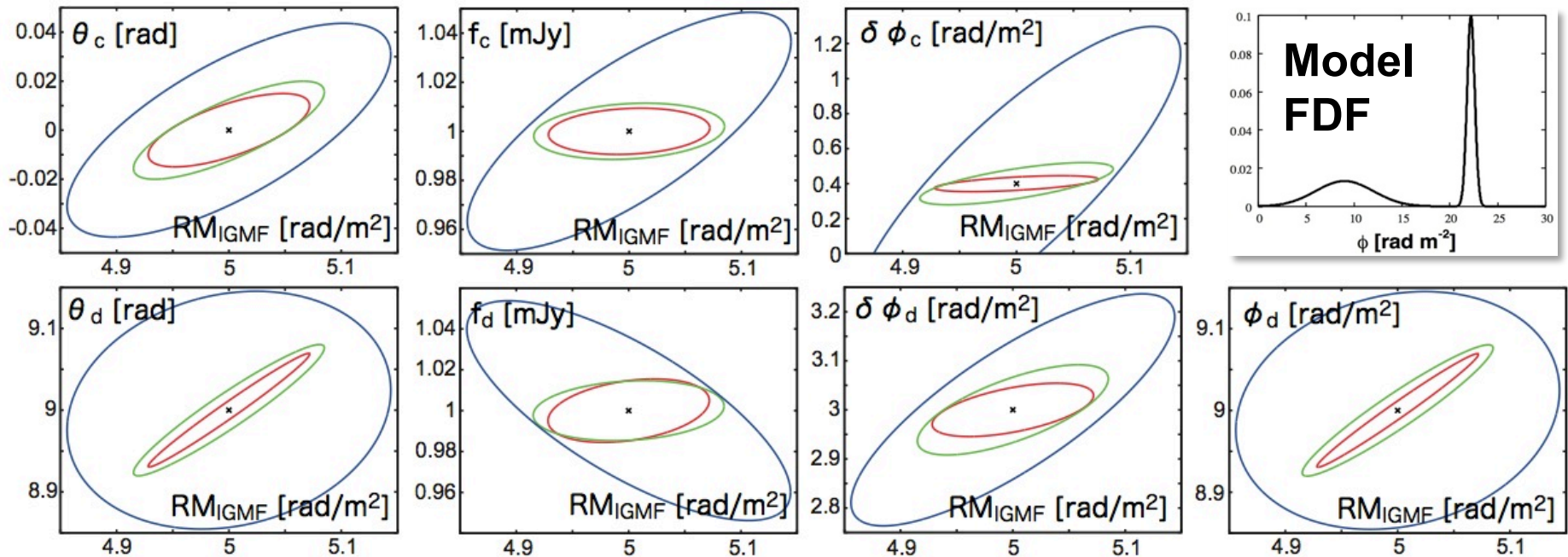
Noise, channels, λ-coverage



2.2 Faraday RM Synthesis (4/4): QU-fitting decomposition Results

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SKA1-Survey, 1 hr, 1 mJy source, $RM_{IGMF} = 5 \text{ rad/m}^2$, 3σ confidence
—650-1670 MHz —500-1500 MHz —350-1350 MHz



- ❖ Full frequency coverage is desirable. But if it is not initially feasible, going to lower frequencies would be better for SKA1-Survey PAF Band 2

❖ RM due to magnetic fields in the cosmic web

- $\sigma_{\text{RM}} \sim 1 \text{ rad/m}^2$ for a filament, $\sigma_{\text{RM}} \sim \text{several-10 rad/m}^2$ up to $z=5$

❖ Key specification (**major/minor**)

- **Sensitivity:** as better as possible. Proposing continuum sensitivities (Sur-3.72, Low-2.06, Mid-0.72 $\mu\text{Jy/hr}^{1/2}$) are essential
- **Frequency:** as wide as possible in λ^2 space. If we survey with Low + Sur, we should apply both PAF band1 (350-900 MHz) and band 2 (650-1670 MHz), or band 2 should go to e.g., 500-1500 MHz
- **Polarization purity:** $10 \pm 0.1 \text{ rad/m}^2$ (so $< 1\%$?) but 1 rad/m^2 error OK
- **FOV:** Toward the poles. $\sim 900 \text{ deg}^2$ is reasonable (prev. observations)
- **Spatial resolution:** need to diagnose depolarization effects
- **High Frequency:** need to diagnose depolarization effects
- **Largest angular scale:** proposing spec. ($\sim 1^\circ$) is satisfactory

❖ Remarks

- Need to develop source selection schemes/criteria
- How many sources will we obtain with SKA1?