

# Linearly-Polarized FRB as a tool of exploring cosmic magnetism



1. Prediction of the IGMF
2. Observing Strategy
3. Observations

Thank Alvina for an excellent talk!  
I can skip some background.



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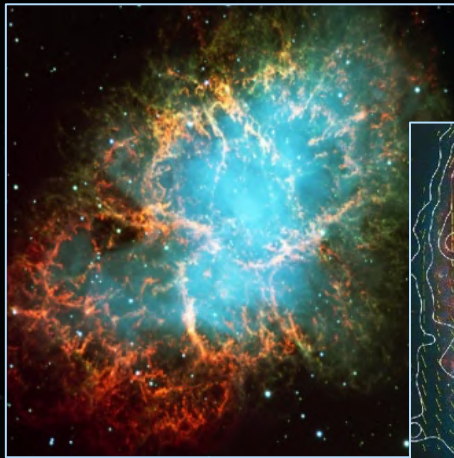
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# 1. Prediction of Inter-Galactic Magnetic Field (IGMF)

# 1. Prediction of IGMF

# Magnetic Field (B) is Ubiquitous

✓ Make **diversity** and **universality** of the Universe



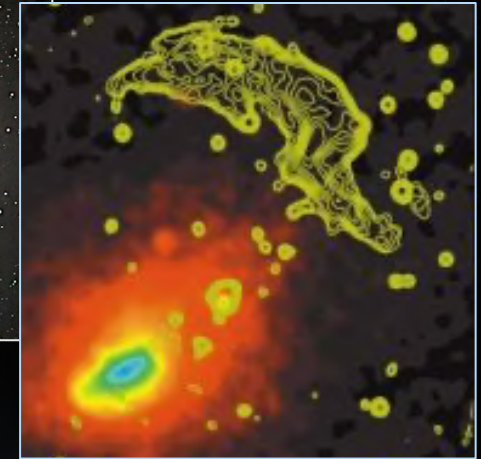
Star Formation,  
Supernova

Instability,  
Morphology



Accretion disk,  
Jet, Feedback

Particle acceleration  
Missing baryon



TA+ (2018a)

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**Cosmic magnetism in centimeter- and  
meter-wavelength radio astronomy**

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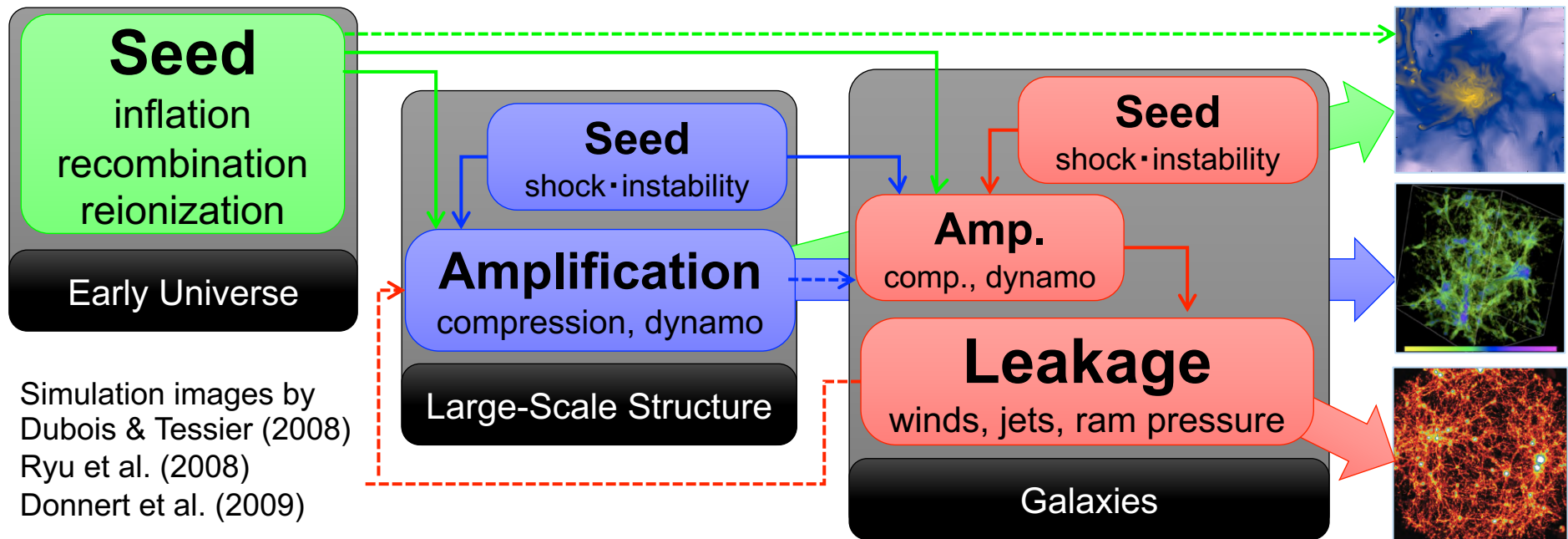
## What is the origin of B?

## When did B emerge in our Universe?

## How does B evolve in redshift?

## How does B work in matter evolution?

# 1. Prediction of IGMF The IGMF in the WHIM



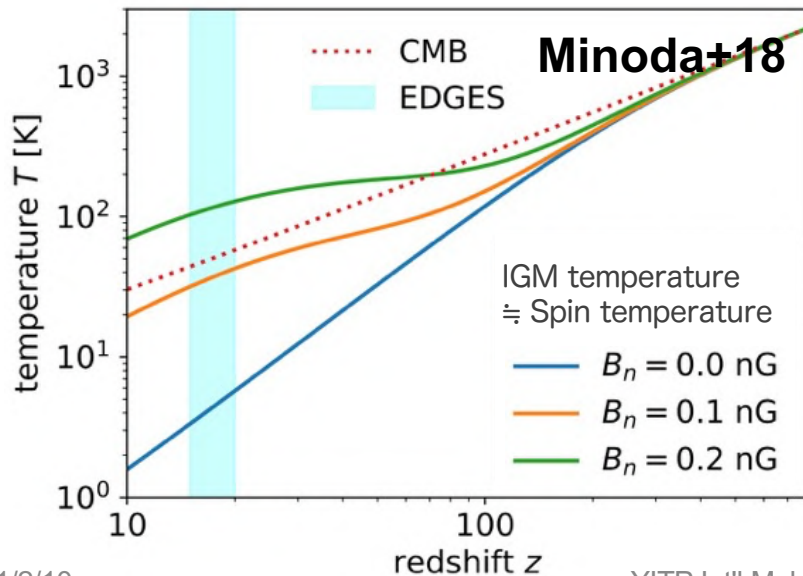
Reviews – Ryu+12; Widrow+12 & Recent works - Vazza+17; Gheller & Vazza 19

- There are various possibilities of field generation & amplification → the **Warm-Hot Intergalactic Medium (WHIM)** most likely magnetized
- If  $\mu\text{G}$  in clusters of galaxies → ***1-100 nG in filaments***

# 1. Prediction of IGMF Importance of the IGMF

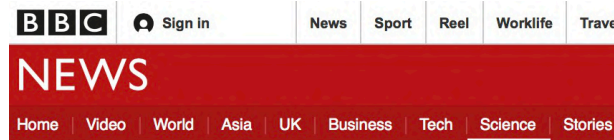
## ■ Epoch of Reionization?

- B can heat the IGM through ambipolar diffusion and turbulent dissipation (e.g., Minoda+18, MNRAS)

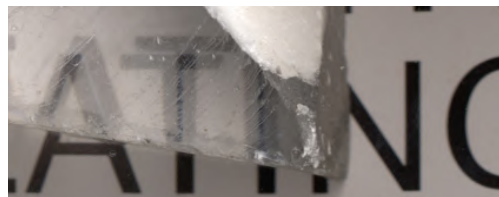


## ■ Axion Dark Matter?

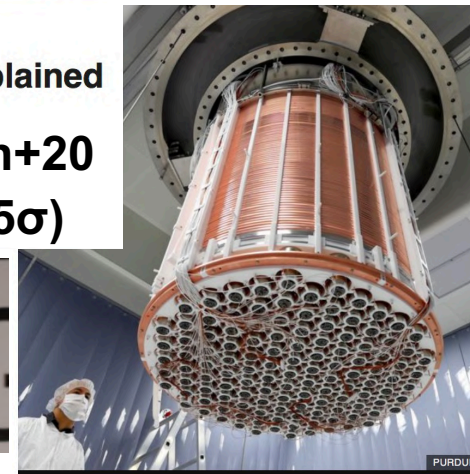
- Axion dark matter in B induces  $\lambda$ -independent rotation of the polarization angle by the effect of vacuum birefringence (e.g., Fujita+2019, PRL)



Rincon+20  
(yet  $3.5\sigma$ )



Wikipedia: birefringence

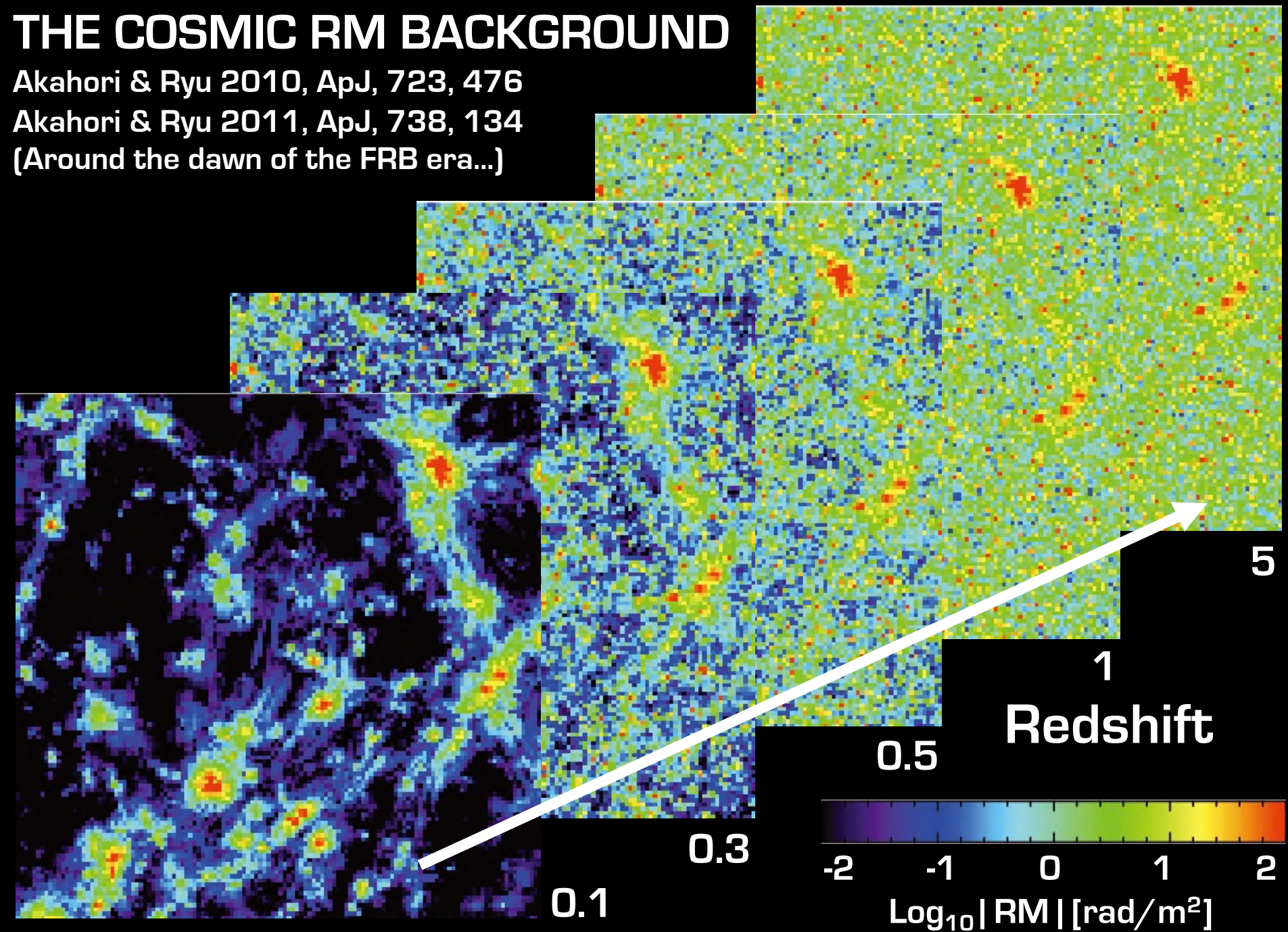


# THE COSMIC RM BACKGROUND

Akahori & Ryu 2010, ApJ, 723, 476

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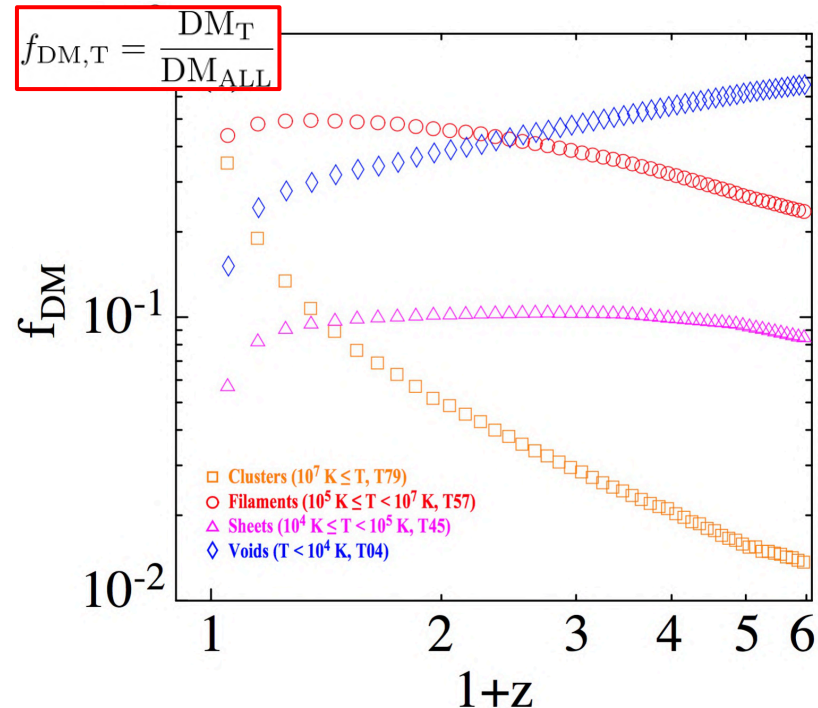
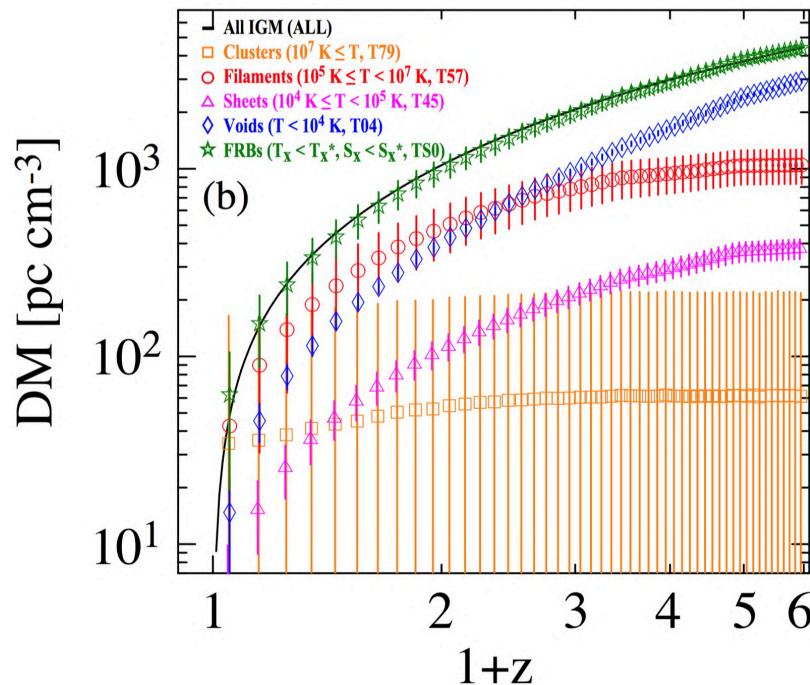
(Around the dawn of the FRB era...)



# 1. Prediction of IGMF DM and DM fraction

The average (mark) and standard deviation (error bar) for simulated FRBs

— ALL IGM — ICM ( $T_x > 10^7$  K) — WHIM ( $10^5$  K  $< T_x < 10^7$  K)  
— Sheet gas ( $10^4$  K  $< T_x < 10^5$  K) — Void gas ( $T_x < 10^4$  K) — Selected FRBs



■ WHIM ( $z < 1$ ) and the void gas ( $z > 1$ ) dominate DM

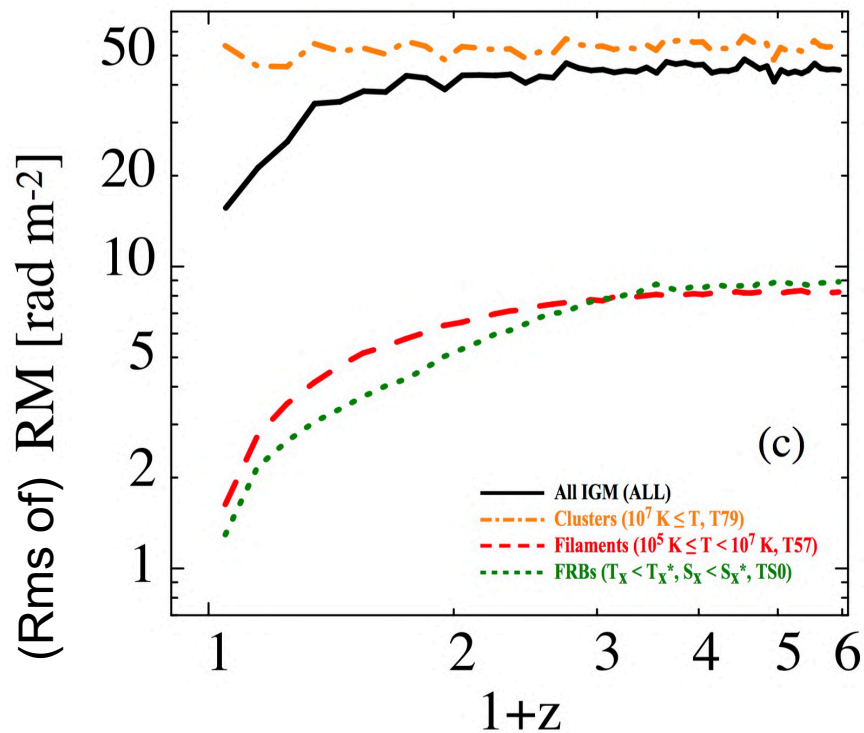
- Note: Voids dominate  $>90\%$  of the path length

■ DM fraction  $f_{DM,WHIM} \sim 0.5$  in  $z < 1$  for the std. cosmology

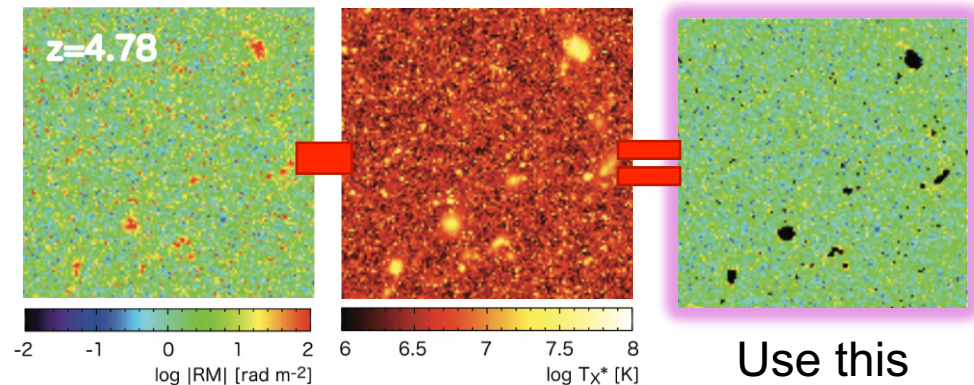
# 1. Prediction of IGMF RM and Cluster Subtraction

The average (mark) and standard deviation (error bar) for simulated FRBs

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- ICM dominates RM
- Referring  $S_x$  &  $T_x$ , we can safely remove clusters. Then, WHIM dominates RM



Akahori, Ryu, Gaensler (2016)

See also a similar work by Hackstein et al. (2020)



# 1. Prediction of IGMF Estimation of the IGMF

## Galactic context

$$B_{\parallel}^{\dagger} = \frac{C_D RM}{C_R DM} = 12.3 \left( \frac{RM}{10 \text{ rad m}^{-2}} \right) \left( \frac{DM}{10^3 \text{ pc cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1} \text{ nG}$$

## Cosmological context

$$DM = C_D \int_0^{z_i} \frac{n_e(z)}{(1+z)} \frac{dl(z)}{dz} dz \text{ pc cm}^{-3}$$

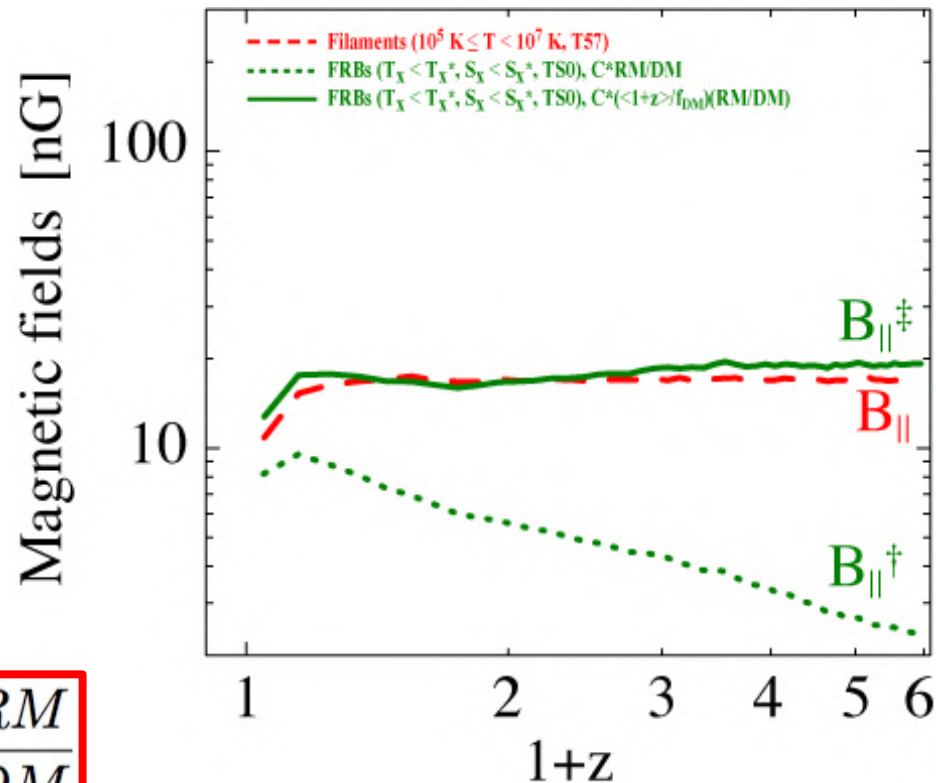
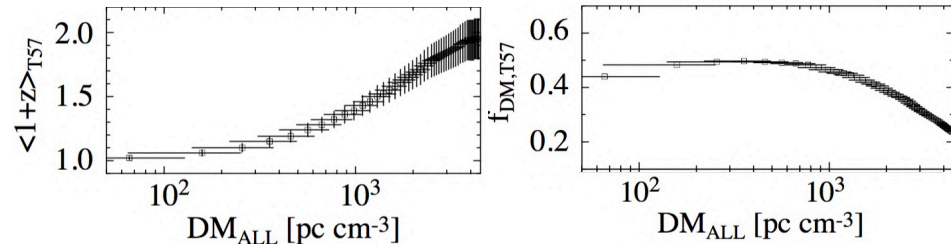
$$RM = C_R \int_{z_i}^0 \frac{n_e(z) B_{\parallel}(z)}{(1+z)^2} \frac{dl(z)}{dz} dz \text{ rad m}^{-2}$$

$$\langle 1+z \rangle = \int_0^{z_i} \frac{n_e(z)}{(1+z)} \frac{dl(z)}{dz} dz / \int_0^{z_i} \frac{n_e(z)}{(1+z)^2} \frac{dl(z)}{dz} dz$$

$$\langle B_{\parallel} \rangle \sim RM \langle 1+z \rangle / DM$$

+ Remember DM  $\rightarrow f_{DM,WHIM} * DM$

$$B_{\parallel}^{\ddagger} = \frac{\langle 1+z \rangle}{f_{DM}} B_{\parallel}^{\dagger} = \frac{\langle 1+z \rangle C_D RM}{f_{DM} C_R DM}$$





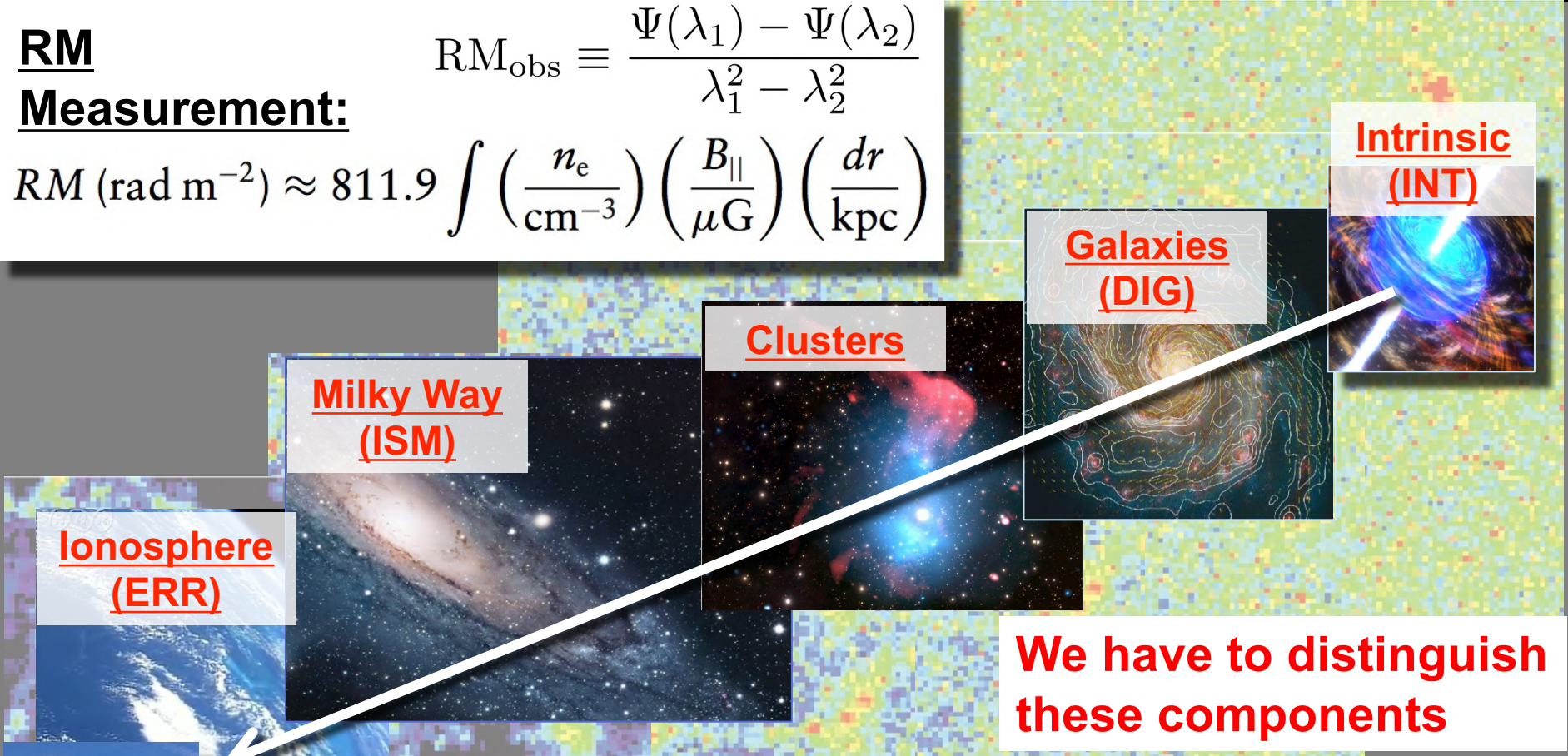
# 2. Observing Strategy

# RM

## Measurement:

$$RM_{\text{obs}} \equiv \frac{\Psi(\lambda_1) - \Psi(\lambda_2)}{\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2}$$

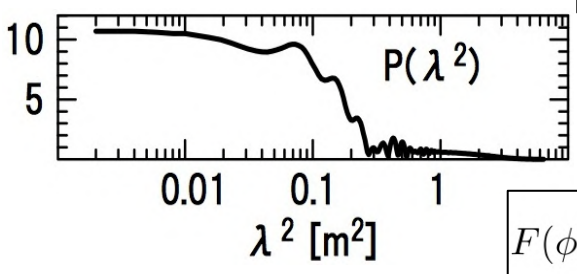
$$RM \text{ (rad m}^{-2}\text{)} \approx 811.9 \int \left( \frac{n_e}{\text{cm}^{-3}} \right) \left( \frac{B_{\parallel}}{\mu\text{G}} \right) \left( \frac{dr}{\text{kpc}} \right)$$



**We have to distinguish these components**



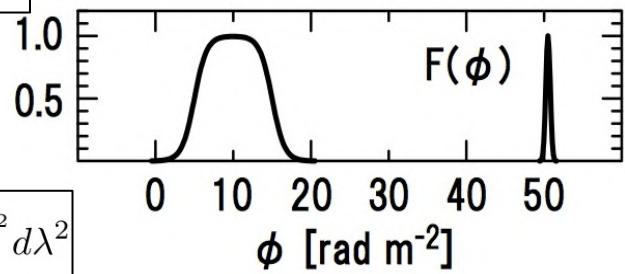
**Pol. Int.  $P(\lambda^2) = Q(\lambda^2) + iU(\lambda^2)$**



**Faraday Tomography**

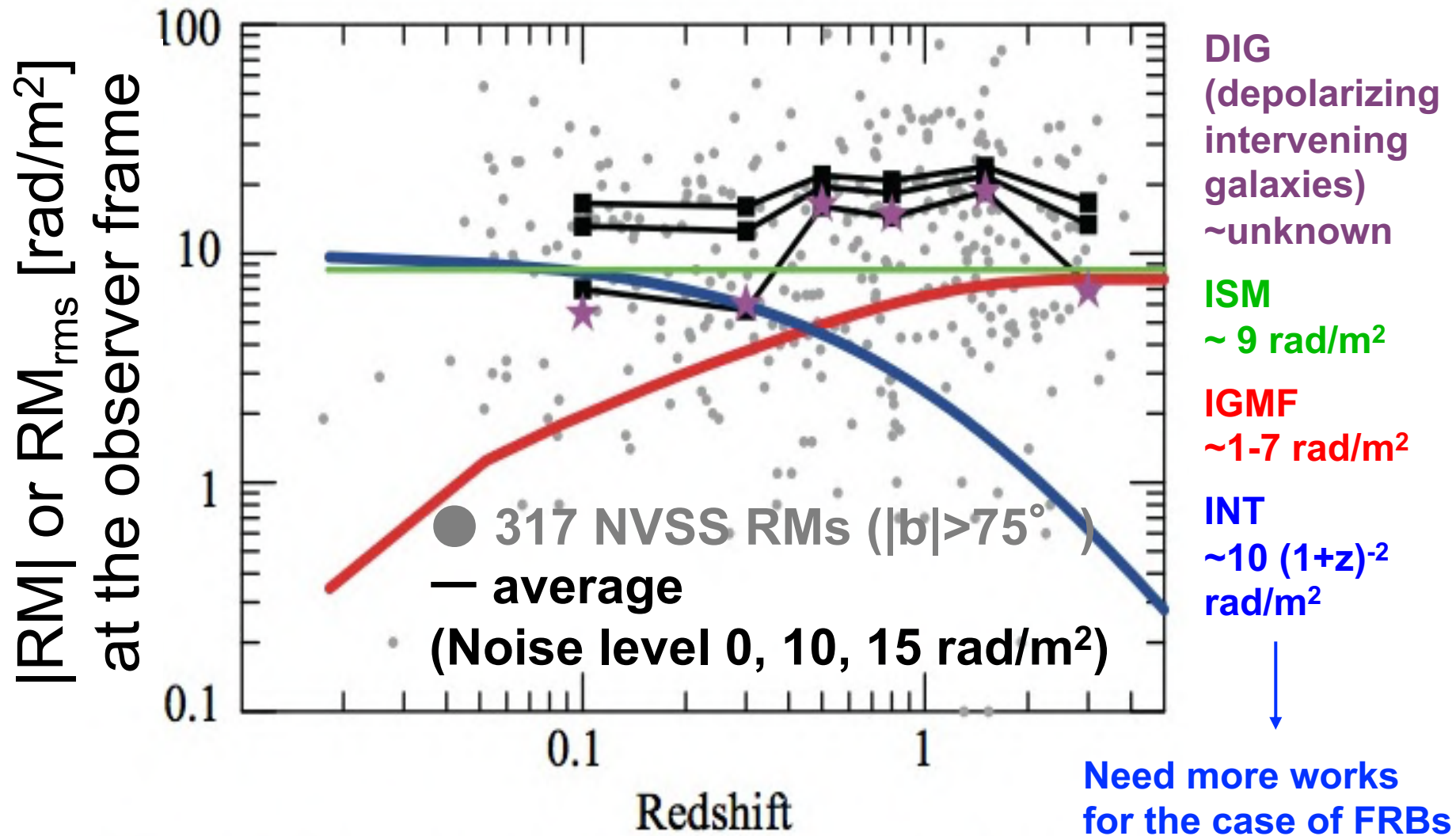
$$F(\phi) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P(\lambda^2) e^{-2i\phi\lambda^2} d\lambda^2$$

**Faraday Spectrum  $F(\phi)$**



## 2. Observing Strategy

# INT Cut: Use high-z sources

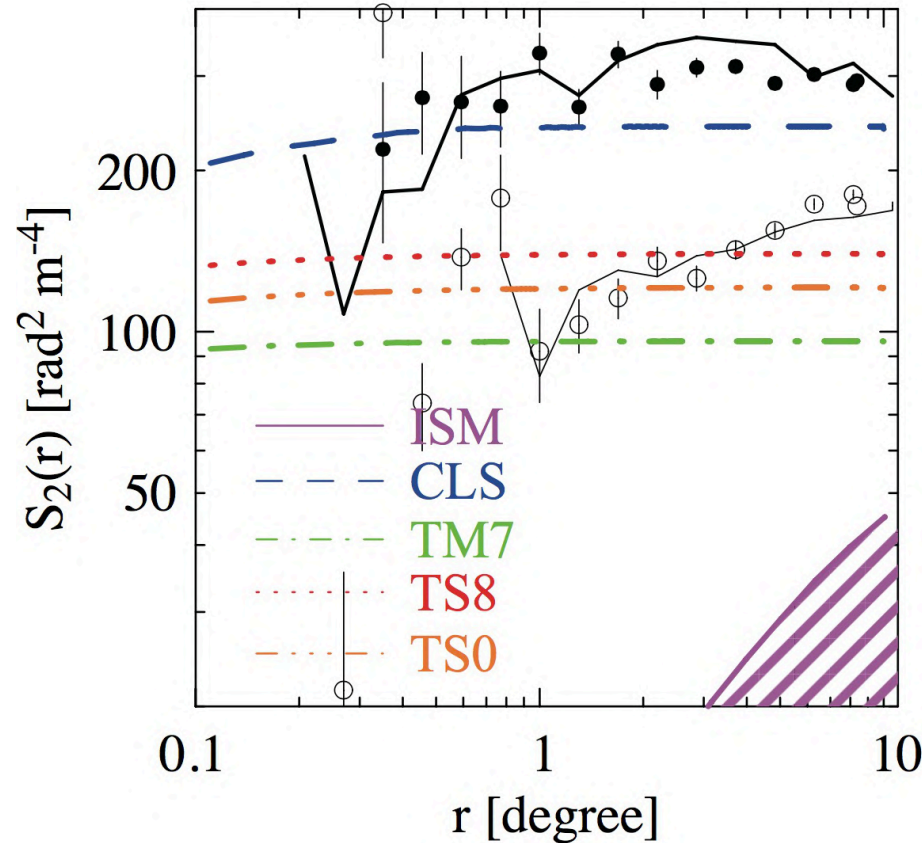


## 2. Observing Strategy

# ISM Cut: Use spatial filter

n-th order  
structure function (SF)

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



← **South Galactic Pole**

● : Mao+ (2010), — : Stil+ (2011)

← **North Galactic Pole**

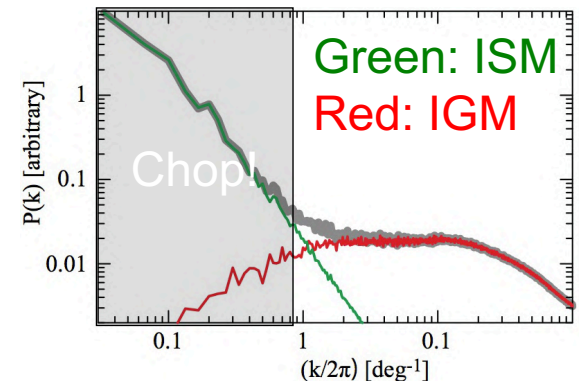
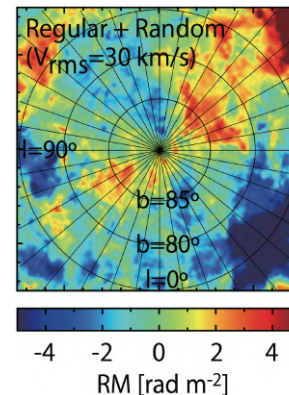
○ : Mao+ (2010), — : Stil+ (2011)

← **IGMF**

— : flat  $S_2$  at  $>0.2^\circ$  with  $\sim 100$  [rad<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>4</sup>]

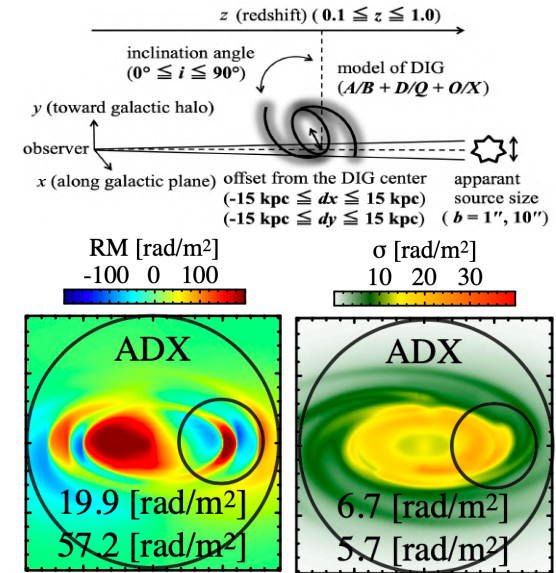
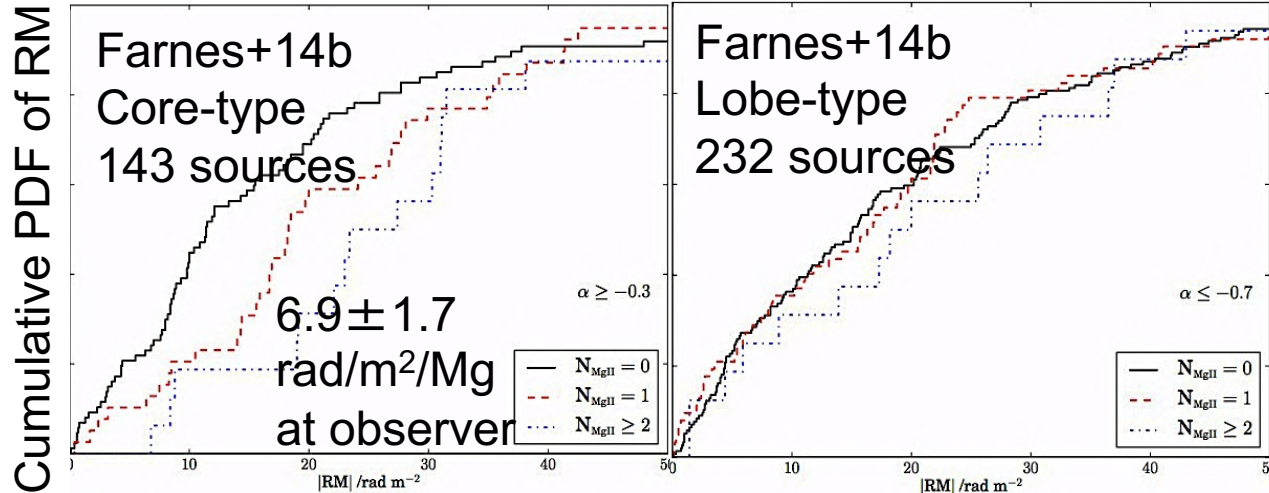
← **ISM is small & steep!**

— : steep  $S_2$  with  $< 50$  [rad<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>4</sup>]



# 2. Observing Strategy

## DIG Cut: Use un-DP sources

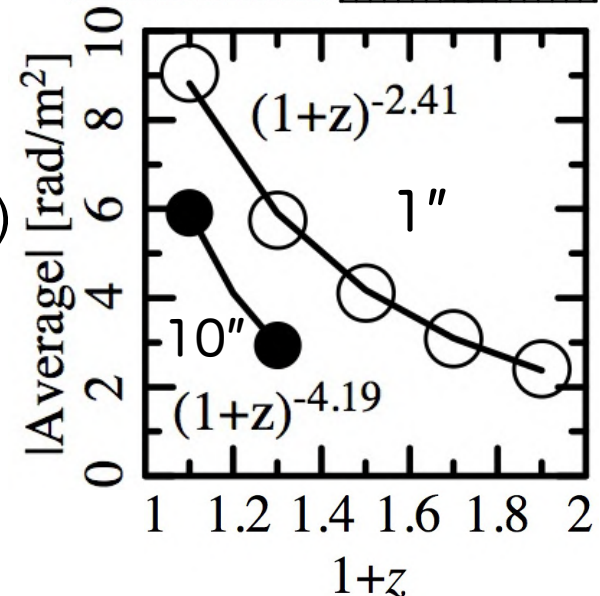


### ■ ~1/2 of SDSS galaxies exhibit MgII absorber systems (DIG)

- 40429/107194 QSOs (Zhu&Merald13)
- Foreground galaxies (Adam's talk: Simha+20)

### ■ Monte-Carlo simulation of DIG (Omae, TA+ in prep.)

- 1" (Core)  $|RM_{DIG}| < 2 \text{ rad/m}^2$  if  $z_{DIG} > 1$
- 10" (Lobe)  $|RM_{DIG}| < 2 \text{ rad/m}^2$  if  $z_{DIG} > 0.4$



## 2. Observing Strategy

# Can we find the IGMF?

900 deg<sup>2</sup> FOV, South Galactic Pole,  $z > 2$ ,  $\theta = 2^\circ$   
 — IGM — COM(ALL) — RRM

❖ Our selection criteria discard ~86% of sources

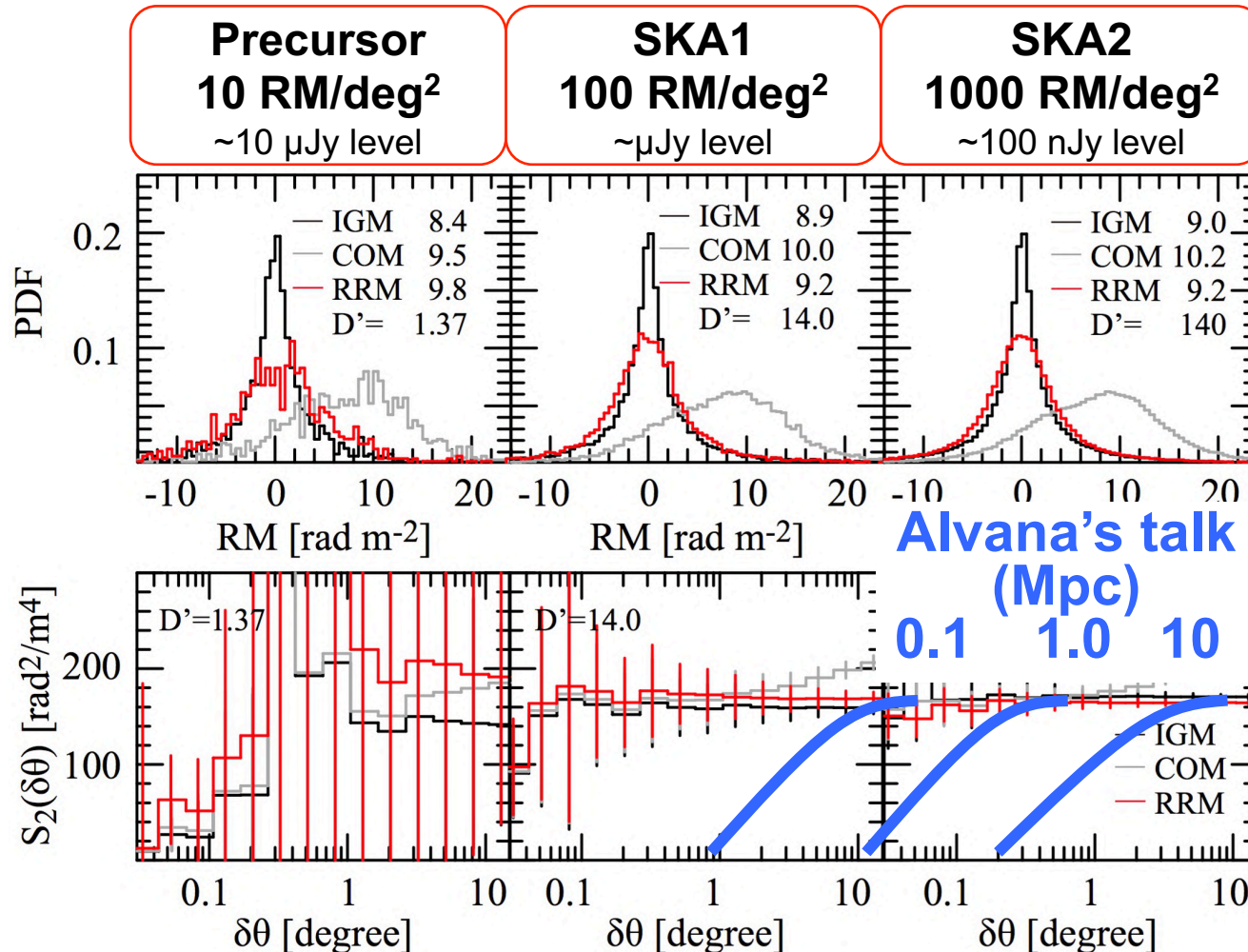
❖ 100 RM/deg<sup>2</sup> → we can study

$\sigma_{RM,WHIM}$

❖ 1000 RM/deg<sup>2</sup> → we can study

$S_{2,RM,WHIM}$

❖ Need to select ideal sources from a large population







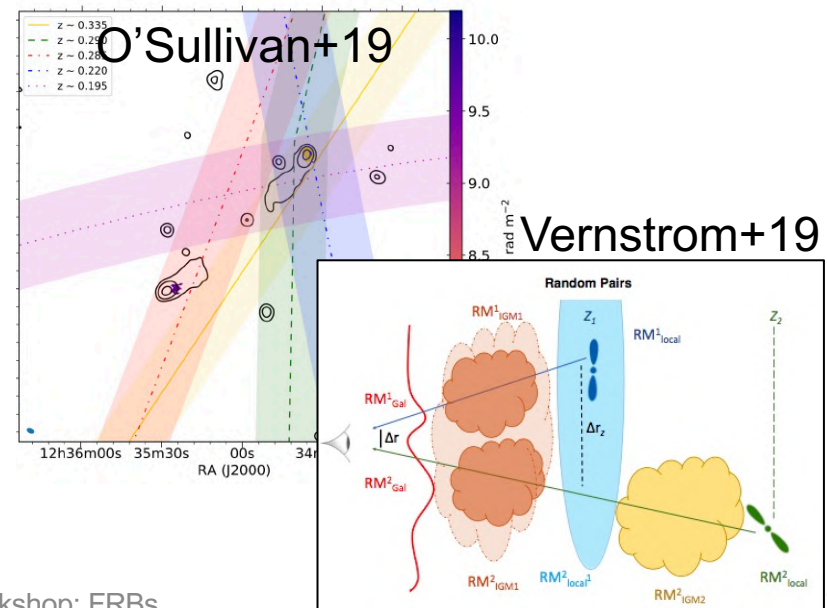
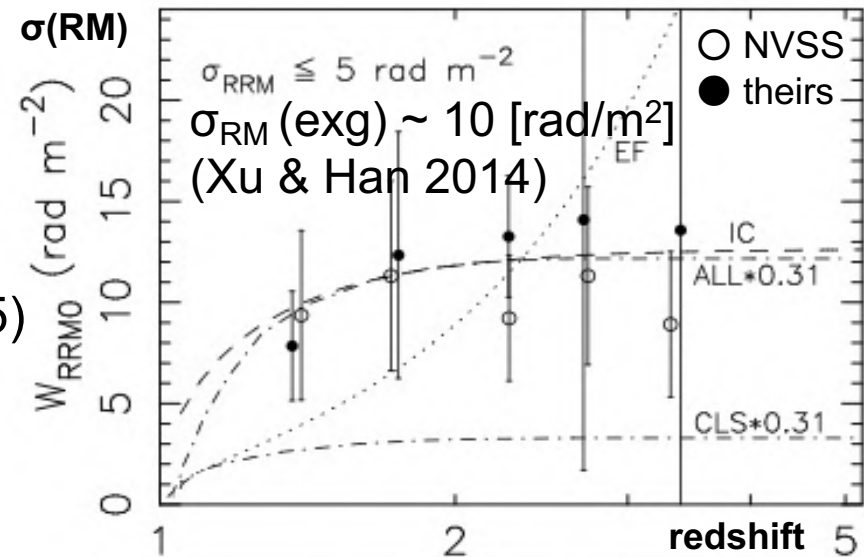
# 3. Observations Constraints on IGMF

## ■ RM < 2-15 rad/m<sup>2</sup> → B < 4-100 nG

- Superclusters (Xu+06); cluster outskirts (Govoni+10, Bonafede+10); Galactic poles (Mao+10, Stil+11)
  - ✓ RM fluctuation analysis (On+19)
- All-sky RM grids (Oppermann, TA+15)
- RM(latitude) (Schnitzeler 10)
- RM(z) (Hammond+12; Xu & Han 14)
- RM(MgII) (Farnes+ 14ab)
- The differential RM ~2.5 rad/m<sup>2</sup> for radio lobes, 10-50 nG (O'Sullivan+18); < 4 nG (<1.9 rad/m<sup>2</sup>, O'Sullivan+20)
- The differential RM ~ 10 rad/m<sup>2</sup> for physical/random pairs, 40 nG (Vernstrom+19)

## ■ Synchrotron emission

- <30nG?? (Vernstrom+17; Brown+17)
- <200 nG (LOFAR, Locatelli+21)
- 30-60 nG (Vernstrom+21)



### 3. Observations

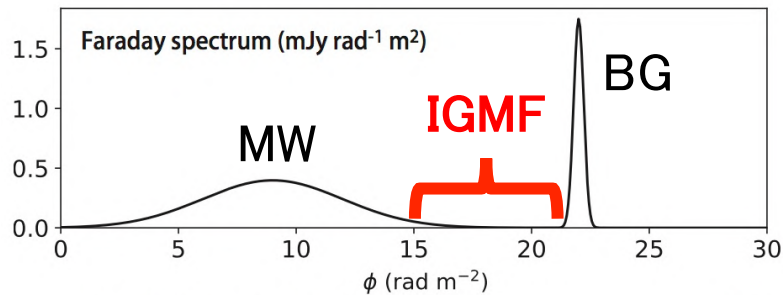
# Linearly-Polarized FRBs

ID	Facility	P (%)	RM (rad/m <sup>2</sup> )	Reference	
1	110523	Parkes	44 ± 3	-186.1 ± 1.4	Masui+15
2	150807	Parkes	80 ± 1	12.0 ± 7	Ravi+16
3	150215	Parkes	43 ± 5	1.6 ± 10	Petroff+17
4	150418	Parkes	9 ± 2	36 ± 52	Keane+16
5	151230	Parkes	35 ± 13	0	Caleb+18
6	160102	Parkes	84 ± 15	-221 ± 6	Caleb+18
7	121102	Arecibo/GBT	~100	1 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	Michilli+18
8	180924	ASKAP	80	14 ± 1	Bannistar+19
9	181226	CHIME	~100	-114.6 ± 0.6	CHIME/FRB+19

## ■ Upper limit of extragalactic magnetic field:

- **B < 21 nG (Ravi+16), B < 30 nG (Bannistar+19)**
- Faraday tomography is a key to derive the RMs

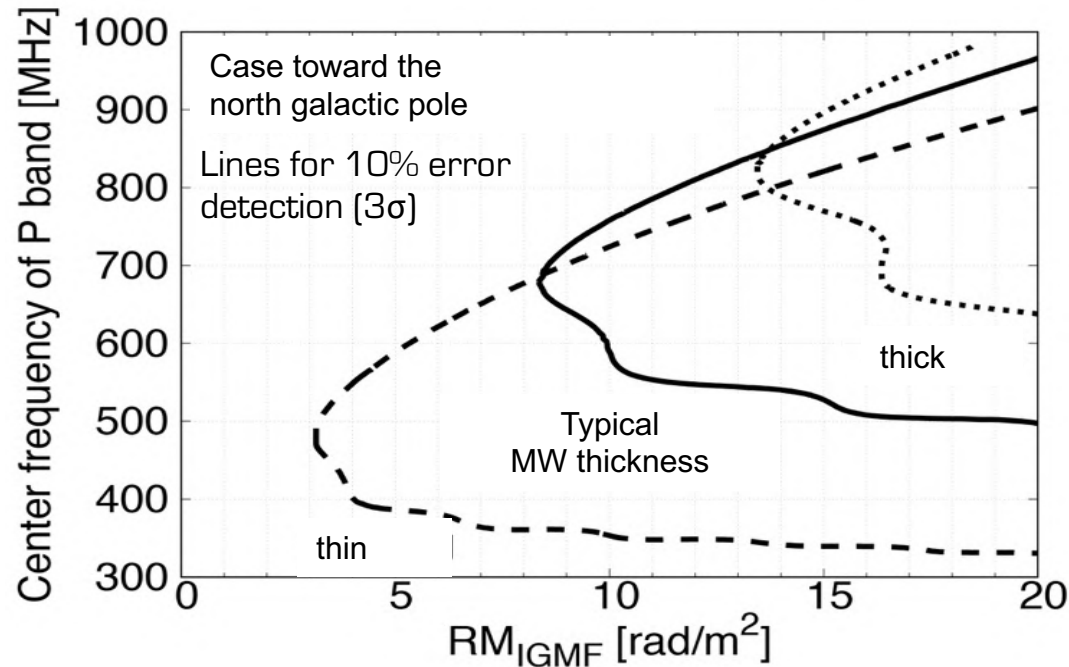
# 3. Observations Optimum Frequency for FT



$$F(\phi) = \sum_{i=\text{MW,BG}} \frac{f_i e^{2i\theta_i}}{\sqrt{2\pi\delta\phi_i}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\phi - \phi'_i)^2}{2\delta\phi_i^2}\right\}$$

## ■ Given the data at

- 1.4 GHz (20MHz BW),
- 1.6 GHz (100MHz BW),



we explored the optimum frequency at **P band**

## ■ Is there the optimum frequency at P band?

- Yes. **It depends on the thickness of MW foreground**
- To detect RM<sub>IGMF</sub>, try to observe linearly-polarized FRB at 0.7 GHz + 1.4 GHz + 1.6 GHz simultaneously

## ■ Exploring magnetized cosmic web

- Various possibilities of field generation/amplification
- 1-100 nG for the IGMF in filaments of galaxies
- Not RM/DM, but  $\langle 1+z \rangle \text{RM} / f_{\text{DM,WHIM}} * \text{DM}$

## ■ How can we explore the IGMF?

- Source selection (w/ redshift, broadband, MgII)
- Sufficient statistics available in the SKA era
- The differential RM grids
- Linearly-polarized FRBs with Faraday tomography
  - ✓ Where 0.7/1.4/1.6 GHz simultaneous observation is a key

Not only **FRB Cosmology with DM**

but also **FRB Magnetism with RM**