Origins and probes of cosmic magnetic fields – an introduction

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Magnetic fields beyond the bounds of individual galaxies and clusters. Overview

- This talk mostly <u>excludes</u> B within galaxies and within galaxy clusters
- Local universe, filaments, voids, recombination era. ( $z \approx 0$  to  $\gtrsim$  1500).
- opportunities for next-generation observations
- Some guiding theory: modelling: energy, physics
- Synergies *e.g.* with high energy- & astroparticle phyics.

## Comments on seed fields

#### **Possibilties**:

#### 1. Primordial B

- i.e. before the epoch of last scattering.
- 2. B seeded in baryonic plasmas, post-recombination, in stars/ galaxies/ IGM

#### **Comments**:

- <u>Possibility 1</u> difficult to verify <u>but</u>
  - important connections to physics, particle cosmology, and possibly string theory.
  - Possibilities start at the Planck scale
  - Important test:  $\langle B \rangle$  in voids
  - (reviews: e.g. Kronberg 1994, Widrow 2002, Grasso & Rubenstein 2004)
- <u>Possibility 2</u> is certain: Mechanisms experimentally verified
  - star + SN-driven outflow
  - Supermassive BH produced fields
  - Subsequent regeneration mechanisms.



## B in the vicinity of galaxies

Model of the Galactic |B| vs. *r*. from all-sky, 0.4 GHz synchrotron emissivity (Haslam et al.) supported by  $\gamma$ - ray observations (Strong et al.)



E.M. Berkhuijsen, R, Wielebinski (MPIfR Bonn)

How galactic winds <u>driven by stellar processes</u> inject magnetic fields into the IGM

- A. "quiescent", Milky Way like galaxies
- B. Starburst and dwarf galaxies

#### Outflow to IGM from the M82 starburst galaxy (3 Mpc distant)



Reuter, H.-P., et al.. <u>A&A</u>, **282**, 724, 1994, [A&A **293**, 287, 1995 - Figs. with corrected <u>orientation</u>].







## <u>Collective</u> dwarf galaxy seeding of the IGM MODEL INPUTS

- Outflow halo parameters at low z
- Dwarf galaxy counts, merging models
- Heirarchical merging scenarios since z ~15
- Embed in Hubble flow

## RESULTS

• Volume of intergalactic filaments at z ~0 is easily filled with magnetic fields at  $B_0 \sim 10^{-9}$ *before* any post-amplification --see below  $V_{A}$  = i.g. volume ``available'' to be filled with outflow  $V_{F}(t)$  = volume filled with stellar/SN halo outflow

**f** (t), [or f(z)] =  $V_F/V_A$  fraction of <u>available</u> IGM (*i.e.* within galaxy filaments) that gets filled from  $z \sim 10$  to z = 0

An analytical model for early starburst dwarf galaxy seeding of the IGM with magnetic fields

P.P. Kronberg, H. Lesch, and U. Hopp, ApJ , 511, 56-64, 1999



#### FILLING OF INTERGALACTIC SPACE BY EARLY STARBURST GALAXY OUTFLOWS



I.G.M. MAGNETIC FIELD VOLUME FILLING FACTOR



## **RESULTS & CONCLUSIONS**

IGM MAG FIELD SEEDED by <u>STARBURSTING</u> PRIMEVAL GALAXIES

*Figure from: P. Kronberg, H. Lesch & U. Hopp ApJ*, **511**, 56-64, 1999

A starting template for full simulations Subsequent B - amplification of early galactic wind fields?

- B<sub>i.g</sub>. Subsequently amplified in vortices of shearing flows in LSS formation?
- up to ~  $10^{-7}$ G in LSS filaments?

D. Ryu, H. Kang, & P. L. Biermann, A&A, **335**, 19, 1998, H. Kang, S. Das, D. Ryu, J. Cho, ICRC 2007, D. Ryu, Kang, H, Cho, J., Das, S. Science, **320**, 909 2008:

## H. Kang, S. Das, D. Ryu, J. Cho ICRC 2007 Proceedings, and Science, 2008

earlier work: Ryu, Kang & Biermann ApJ 1998



Figure 1: (a) Volume fraction in the gas density-EGMF strength plane with our model EGMF at z = 0. (b) Volume fraction,  $df/d\log(B)$ , (solid line) and its cumulative distribution, f(>B), (dotted) as a function of EGMF strength.

## <u>3.</u>

# <u>Central galactic black holes</u> as a source of IGM magnetic energy

- 1. Energetics
- 2. Global consequences for IGM fields
- 3. Connections to fundamental plasma processes

IGM magnetic energy supplied by <u>central galactic</u> <u>black holes</u>

Can be globally quantified

A global, observation-based calculation:

Average BH density (M<sub>BH</sub>≳10<sup>6</sup>M<sub>☉</sub>)

Gravitational energy reservoir <u>per BH</u> (scaled for infall to R<sub>G</sub>)

$$< \rho_{BH} \ge 2 \times 10^5 M_{\odot} / Mpc^3$$

 $M_{BH}c^2 = 1.8 \times 10^{62} \frac{M_{BH}}{10^8 M_{\odot}} ergs$ 

## This leads to an average magnetic energy density, $\epsilon_B$ supplied to the IGM from supermassive black holes .

if no B-dissipation over ~ a Hubble time

Smoothed out SMBH magnetic energy reservoir

$$\varepsilon_{\rm B} = 1.36 \times 10^{-15} \left(\frac{\eta_{\rm B}}{0.1}\right) \times \left(\frac{f_{\rm RG}}{0.1}\right) \times \left(\frac{f^{\rm VOL}_{\rm FILAMENTS}}{0.1}\right)^{-1} \times \left(\frac{M_{\rm BH}}{10^8 M_{\odot}}\right) \text{ erg cm}^{-2}$$
  
Gives  $B_{\rm IG}^{\rm BH} = \sqrt{8\pi\varepsilon_{\rm B}} = 1.8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ G}$ 

Initially captured within galaxy filaments
 <u>Conclusion</u>:

IGM near galaxies should contain magnetic energy  $\approx \mathcal{E}_{B}$ 



**Observational tests for** *E*<sub>B</sub> **in the IGM** 

4.

Two recent probes for magnetic fields in <u>local</u> <u>cosmological LSS</u>, *beyond* galaxy clusters

- 1. First Faraday RM probe for  $\langle B \rangle$  in local universe LSS filaments of galaxies defined from (1) CfA2 and (2) 2MASS surveys
  - *Xu, Kronberg, Habib & Dufton ApJ* <u>637</u>, 19, 2006
- 2. Search for unprecedented, faint, synchrotron radiation combining the 305m Arecibo telescope and the 1000m DRAO interferometer. Capable of ~ 0.1  $\mu$ G level B<sub>IGM</sub> detection.

Kronberg, Kothes, Salter, Perillat ApJ <u>659</u>, 267, 2007

#### New smoothed Galactic RM sky from 2250 egrs RM's



Galactic Longitude

#### Kronberg & Newton-McGee 2009



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 $<sup>(\</sup>propto \text{ column density})$ 

<u>Optical galaxy counts</u> vs. <u>Rivi</u> plots for the Perseus-Pisces supercluster chain Two types of investigation

Xu et al. ApJ 2006

#### **(b)**

**(a)** 

Galaxy <u>column density</u> vs <u>RM</u> from 7°-smoothed data <u>Weighted path length</u> vs <u>RM</u> from 3-D Voronoi-tessilated IGM filament volumes (: 3-D spectroscopic z's are measured).

also from 7°-smoothed data



## Result (Xu et al. ApJ 637, 19, 2006)

- Attempted 3 local superclusters Virgo, Hercules, Perseus-Pisces. 2 independent galaxy survey analyses + RM's
- 1. CfA2 survey -spectroscopic z's 3D
- 2MASS survey spectral z's column densities
- Tentative result for B in Perseus-Pisces supercluster filament zones.

~ 10<sup>-7</sup>G using both CfA2 and 2MASS

Probe No. 2 **B<sub>IGM</sub>** from diffuse synchrotron radiation detection A novel combination of : The Arecibo radio telescope (largest single radio reflector) with The DRAO interferometer (Wide-angle, precision-imaging interferometer)

## Astrophysical aims of Arecibo-DRAO radio images

Detect <u>weak magnetic fields in intergalactic space</u> via diffuse synchrotron emission (at < 1GHz)

Search possible radio foregrounds to the cosmic microwave background (CMB) on the scale of arcminutes (multipole scales, l, up to ~ 3000)

Test for energy exchange from central black holes of galaxies to the intergalactic medium

Can we detect a radio counterpart to the "Warm-hot intergalactic medium" (seen in soft X-rays)?

Explore connections between the radio, and the X- and gamma-ray Universe)

## Arecibo 305m Telescope, PR

2 mm rms optics illuminated area  $\approx$  200m uv overlap with DRAO  $\approx$  200m

## Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory Penticton BC, Canada



Max. separation = 617m  $\Rightarrow$  1000m equiv. single dish resolution Min. projected separation  $\approx$  18m

In 12 days, 1 full image within 9° circle at 408 MHz



8° dia. Arecibo + DRAO image, at a resolution of 2.5' x 6.5' 0.4 GHz

2.7K CMB background and galactic foregrounds (≈ 18K) are included



## Summary of signal detection

- In the hole zones, we have reached the absolute discrete source confusion limit.
- "diffuse" emission ≥ 400 mK is detected at many locations over the 70 sq deg field <u>This is composed of</u>:
- 1. <u>Diffuse intergalactic emission</u> (*e.g.* Regions A and B)
- 2. <u>Galactic foreground</u> (+ other extragalactic?), previously undetected on arcmin scales
- 3. <u>Blends of faint discrete sources</u>

# Energetics of intergalactic fields deriving from central BH's

Giant radio galaxies are the best calibrators of BH energy input to the IGM (magnetic + CR)





*Kronberg, Dufton, Li, & Colgate, ApJ* **560**, 178, 2001

A. G. Willis and R. G. Strom: Multifrequency Observations of 3C 326

#### Example of a GRG



Fig. 8. The distribution of rotation measure over 3C 326 as computed from the 49 cm and 21 cm convolved data superposed upon photograph" of the 49 cm total intensity. Note that to produce a simple grid of single digit numbers we have subtracted integrated measures, whose derivation is described in the text, of +25 rad m<sup>-2</sup> and +20 rad m<sup>-2</sup> from the values measured at individual sample the east and west components respectively. For reference, these integrated values are displayed under each component

#### distributed particle acceleration on 100kpc-Mpc scales

A.H. Bridle et al. NRAO

#### 10 GHz

#### 1.4 GHz

#### Faraday RM(radians/m<sup>2</sup>)





Kronberg, Wielebinski & Graham A&A 169, 63, 1986



## General properties of BH – fed radio lobes

- Thermal gas density is < that of ambient IGM
- Easy to demonstrate within clusters,
- Appears also true of large radio lobes outside of clusters.
- Nicely demonstrated in WSRT GRG images of Strom & Willis 3C326, 3C236 A&A 1978, 1980, and others since

Opportunities for extending GRG observations with LOFAR and GMRT, incl. Faraday RM synthesis, at  $1GHz \ge f \ge 150$  MHz

## 6.

# Evidence for dominance of magnetic structures in lobes and jets

- simulation of jet-lobe transition points in clusters
- jet/lobe systems as UHECR acceleration sites?
- cluster environment provide a ``controlled'' probe of lobe physics

## Magnetic tower jet/lobe in a cluster environment

M. Nakamura, I.A. Tregillis, H. Li, S. Li ApJ 686 843, 2008

Shock front

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A recent galaxy cluster-environment test for the for the relative dominance of magnetic BH/jet – energized lobes Diehl, S., Li, H., Fryer, C., Rafferty, D ApJ 2008



FIG. 6.— Left: The multi-cavity system in Hydra A, reproduced from Wise et al. (2007) with permission from the authors. The black area is excess X-ray emission left-over after an elliptical surface brightness model has been subtracted. Right: Data Points: Bubble sizes for Hydra A as a function of distance to the center, taken from Wise et al. (2007); Lines show predictions from the AD53 (triple-dot dashed line), AD43 (dotted line), FML (also dotted line), CIH (dashed line), as well as the CDJ model (solid line). The cavity labels are the same in both plots.



FIG. 7.— Bubble sizes for Perseus as a function of distance to the center. Lines as in Figure 6. The red data point shows the upper limit for the new bubble size estimate, the green data shows a lower limit. The correct answer will likely lie somewhere in between these two extremes.

limits to the true location of the bubbles. This will not only affect the radii themselves, but also the point at which other quantities are evaluated at, like density, temperature and pressure. In general the temperature rises outward in these systems, thus the temperature at the location of the bubble is likely to be systematically underestimated. The density and ambient pressure on the other hand will always be overestimated. This also means that any rise times derived from using the projected radius rather than the true distance to the center will result in estimates for the rise times that are systematically too low. We also note that the smaller the observed radius is, the higher the probability that it is due to an effect caused by projection.

But there are more subtle effects that projection has on our data. As we do not have an automated tool to detect bubbles, one has to rely on human experience in finding and identifying these systems. This task is much more difficult, if the cavities overlap with the bright cluster center or the bubble on the opposite side of the cluster. In fact, our sample does not contain *any* cavity system in which the bubble size exceeds the projected distance to the center, the slope of which is shown by the black solid line in Figure 8, even though this is statistically very improbable. This suggests that our sample is affected by what we will refer to as a "geometric" selection effect, introduced by our manual detection process. Effects of Sig/Noise and projection effects; *Enßlin & Heinz* A&A **384**, L27, 2002

## kpc jets as potential sites for UHECR acceleration

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• The 3C303 jet

#### Jets as UHECR acccelerators?

![](_page_42_Figure_1.jpeg)

$$E = \frac{B}{3 \text{ mG}} \times \frac{L}{1 \text{ kpc}} \implies 10^{19} \text{ eV}$$

Plasma Diagnostics of the 3C303 jet Lapenta & Kronberg ApJ 625, 37-50, 2005 (1) <(Energy flow rate)>  $\in E^{T}_{min}/\tau = 2.8 \times 10^{43} \tau_{7}^{-1} \text{ erg/s}$ (2) Total radio  $\rightarrow$  X-ray luminosity of the jet  $\in 1.7 \times 10^{42}$  erg s<sup>-1</sup> (2)Radiative dissipation from the jet  $\approx 10\%$  of  $\rightarrow$ energy flow rate along jet! (3) Measure knots' synchrotron <u>luminosity</u> & <u>size ( $D_{knot}$ )</u>  $\rightarrow$  (B<sup>knot</sup> = 10<sup>-3</sup>G (4) From the Faraday rotation images of the knots (RM  $\propto n_{th} \times E^{knot}_{lnt} \times D_{knot}$ )  $\rightarrow$  n<sub>th</sub> in knots (*upper limit* for 3C303)  $\leftrightarrow n_{th} \leq 1.4 \times 10^{-5}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> (3) & (4)  $\rightarrow$  lower limit to  $V_A$  within knots :  $V_A^{knot} \propto B^{knot}_{int} / (n_{th})^{1/2}$ RESULT:  $V_k^{\text{knot}} \approx 1.9c$  i.e. close to c

- For knot "C", the RM image of 3C303 enables a measurement of the transverse ⊽RM (radians/m<sup>-2</sup>/m) over a knot. i.e. ⊽RM is perpendicular to jet!
- B (RM) reverses sign on the jet axis. |B| is estimated from measured synchrotron emissivity (  $\gtrsim$  1mG)
- a galaxy-scale, current-carrying "wire"
- result for 3C303: *I* = 7.5 x 10<sup>17</sup> (*B*<sup>G</sup><sub>-3</sub>) [*r*= 0.5kpc] ampères
- I is directed AWAY from the galaxy AGN nucleus in this knot

H. Ji, P.P. Kronberg, S.C. Prager, D. Uzdensky, *Physics of Plasmas* 15, 058302-8, 2008

## 8.

## Background RM probes of magnetic fields in galaxy systems to high $z \ (\leq 6)$

- Striking correlations exist between RM & high column
  - density absorption systems in quasars,-- to large z.
    - Spectral resolution must be high enough to estimate  $W_{eq}$ . Need 8+ meter
    - optical telescopes to explore spectra to large z! These now exist!
    - Strong magnetic fields have been detected out to z  $\gtrsim$
    - 3.5! Slow (10<sup>9</sup>yr) galactic dynamos are not the explanation of |B| amplification in galaxy systems.
- RM due to a <u>widespread, co-expanding</u> B<sub>igm</sub>? No detections yet with current instruments

#### Faraday rotation at a distant EGRS, and at an intervenor

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

$$RM = \frac{\Delta \chi}{\Delta \lambda^2} = 8.12 \times 10^5 \int_0^{z_s} (1+z)^{-2} n_e(z) B_{\parallel}(z) dl(z) \quad \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{m}^2}$$

*B* in Gauss,  $n_e$  in cm<sup>-3</sup>, l in pc

#### New smoothed Galactic RM sky from 2250 egrs RM's

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

Galactic Longitude

Kronberg & Newton-McGee ArXiv 0909.4753 2009

#### **Detections of magnetized optical absorption line systems**

P.P.Kronberg & J.J. Perry, ApJ <u>263</u>, 518, 1982 (37 RM + Abs. spectrum QSO's) G.L. Welter, J.J. Perry, & P.P. Kronberg ApJ <u>279</u>, 19, 1984 119 RM sample, 40 had spectra with strong optical absorption lines

![](_page_48_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_48_Figure_4.jpeg)

## Effect of MgII absorption ( $\lambda\lambda$ 2796.35, 2803.53 Å) on the RM's of quasars $2.0 \ge z \ge 0.6 m_V < 19$ , and $|b| > 30^\circ$ *M.L. Bernet, F. Miniati, S.J. Lilly, P.P. Kronberg, M. Dessauges-Zavadsky*

Nature 454, 302-4, 2008 Jul18

From new VLT observations in 2006-7. UVES spectrograph

![](_page_49_Figure_3.jpeg)

## Cumulative plots of RM for 3 different MgII absorption line groups M.L. Bernet, F. Miniati, S.J. Lilly, P.P. Kronberg, M. Dessauges-Zavadsky Nature 454, 302-4, 2008

Method: G.L. Welter, J.J. Perry & P.P. Kronberg ApJ 279, 19, 1984

![](_page_50_Figure_2.jpeg)

## 2-D magnetic probes of intervenors at high z High-z jets make promising probes of

- High-z jets make promising probes of intervening galaxy systems.
- 2 systems described below
- (1) an intervening spiral-like galaxy (z = 0.38) in front of a z = 1 quasar jet
- (2) -- an ``associated'' absorbing gas cloud at  $z_{abs} \approx z_{emission}$  for 3C191 (z ~ 1.9)
- Future: 3-D using RM synthesis techniques

# PKS 1229-021 a jet quasar at z = 1.03 behind a spiral galaxy at z = 0.4

Kronberg, Perry & Zukowski ApJ 387, 528-535, 1992

![](_page_52_Figure_2.jpeg)

## 3C191 a quasar jet (z = 1.95) with an ``associated'' intervenor with rich absorption lines

P.P Kronberg, J.J.Perry & E.L.H. Zukowski ApJL **355**, L31, 1990

![](_page_53_Figure_2.jpeg)

RM measured between 5GHz and 15 GHz Principle conclusion from both analyses of (1) all sources, and (2) MgII absorbers

- Magnetic field strengths in galaxy <u>systems</u>  $(N_e \gtrsim 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2})$  up to  $\gtrsim 80\%$  of a Hubble time ago are at least comparable to those at z = 0.
- *i.e.* confirms lack of evidence for a slow galactic dynamo field amplification over cosmic time

## 10.

## Can we detect $|B| \neq 0$ before the epoch of recombination?

Currently, few possibilities to detect B at  $\tau < \tau_{\text{RECOMB}}$ .

<u>Best(?) one</u>: look for a Faraday RM signal in the polarized CMB over the a appropriate range of multipole scales (*l*). (Kosowsky & Loeb ApJ 469, 1 1996)

 $RM = \Delta \chi / (\Delta \lambda)^2 (radians/m^2) = k \ln B_{\parallel} dl$ 

- • $\Delta \chi$  must be a detectable angle rotation
- •Longest  $\lambda$  in  $\Delta\lambda$  range must be <u>short enough</u> to be free of all polarized foregrounds at  $z \lesssim 1000$

Need to evolve n<sub>e</sub> profile as scattering τ increases through the recombination redshift.
 (W. Hu, D. Scott, N. Sugiyama & M. White, Phys Rev. D 52, 5498, 1995)

## Illustrative result

$$\langle \Delta \chi_{\nu_1,\nu_2}^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 1.1^{\circ} \left( 1 - \frac{\nu_1^2}{\nu_2^2} \right) \left( \frac{B_0}{10^{-9} G} \right) \left( \frac{30 G H z}{\nu_1} \right)$$

#### Kosowsky & Loeb ApJ 469, 1 1996

#### i.e. 1.1° rotation at 30 GHz ( $\lambda$ 1cm) $\Rightarrow$ RM 195 rad m<sup>-2</sup> at z = 0

v must be <u>high</u> enough to be beyond all foreground polarized rad'n (e.g. synchrotron, polarized dust, etc. at any  $z \lesssim 1000$ ) v must be <u>low</u> enough to detect rotation

 $v_1 \sim 30$  GHz is ~ the only possible window, and even there  $\Delta \chi$  is only ~ 1°

A direct, but difficult measurement. May be possible in future

## 11.

## How to detect Magnetic fields in cosmic voids?

- Diffusion out of the walls and filaments?
- Relic of a pre-galactic field?

(these two need to be independently verified)

- Propagation of both high energy particles & photons
- Time of arrival, deflection, energy and composition

# Energy dependent cascade of a broadband $\gamma$ -ray burst might probe a very weak IGM field

High energy  $h\nu$  - e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> cascades in the intergalactic medium

![](_page_58_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_59_Figure_0.jpeg)

Stanev T., Engel, R., Mücke, A., Protheroe, R. J., Rachen, J. Phys Rev. D, 62, 0930052000

#### (left)

The <u>received CR energy distribution</u> on Earth for a monoenergetically injected proton energy of  $10^{21.5}$  eV for a randomly orientated  $B_{IG} = 10^{-9}$  G at progessively larger distances, up to 512 Mpc. The energy is reduced by the GZK effect (most severe), B-H pair production losses, and adiabatic losses.

#### (right)

The <u>relative time delay for protons</u> injected at the same distance, when propagated through a randomly oriented magnetic field of  $10^{-9}$  G, where  $I_0 = 1$  Mpc.

## Limitations in current observational diagnostics = opportunities!

- Need better <u>resolution</u> and frequency coverage for AGN jet and lobe RM images – for synergy w. simulations
- Deeper X-ray observations of jets ( $\lesssim$  1" res.)
- X-ray and EUV observations in the IGM
- γ- ray obervations
- Milky Way foregrounds in more deep synchrotron surveys
- More discrete source Faraday rotation observations needed

![](_page_61_Picture_0.jpeg)

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