

# PREFRBLE: Predict Fast Radio Bursts to Learn about Extragalactic magnetic fields

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# Overview

Magnetic Fields in the Universe

Fast Radio Bursts

PreFRBLE

Source

Galaxies

Intergalactic Magnetic Fields

# Outline

Magnetic Fields in the Universe

# The Universe is magnetized!

Earth 0.5 G

Sun 1 G

Planets  $10^{-2} - 10^3$  G

Stars  $10 - 10^4$  G

LHC  $10^5$  G

Neutron Stars  $10^8 - 10^{12}$  G

Magnetars  $10^{12} - 10^{14}$  G

Galaxies  $\sim 5-15 \mu\text{G}$

Galaxy Clusters  $\sim \mu\text{G}$



# Extra-Galactic Magnetic Fields

well known:

LSS ( $\approx 20\%$  of volume)

galaxies     $\sim 5 - 15 \text{ } \mu\text{G}$

clusters     $\sim \mu\text{G}$

filaments  $\lesssim 0.1 \mu\text{G}$

e. g. *Beck+ 2016,*

*Feretti+ 2012, Brown+ 2017*

huge uncertainty:

Voids ( $\approx 80\%$  of volume)

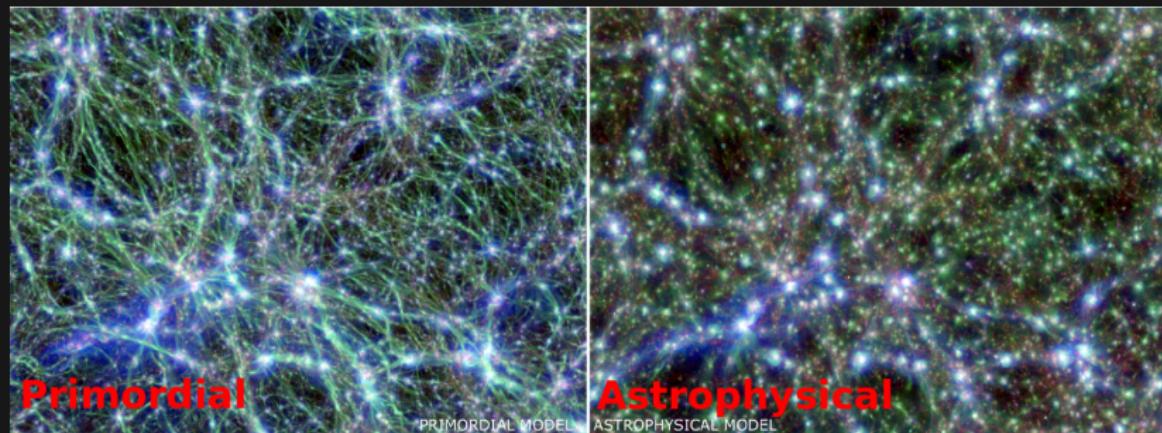
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*Planck 2015*

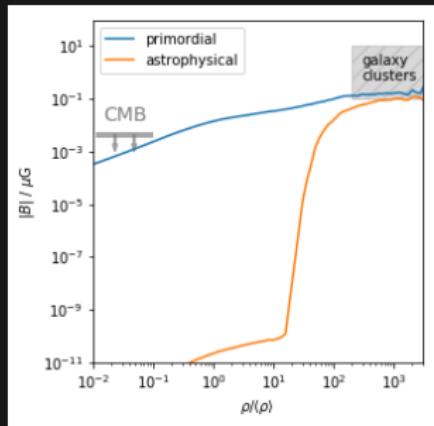
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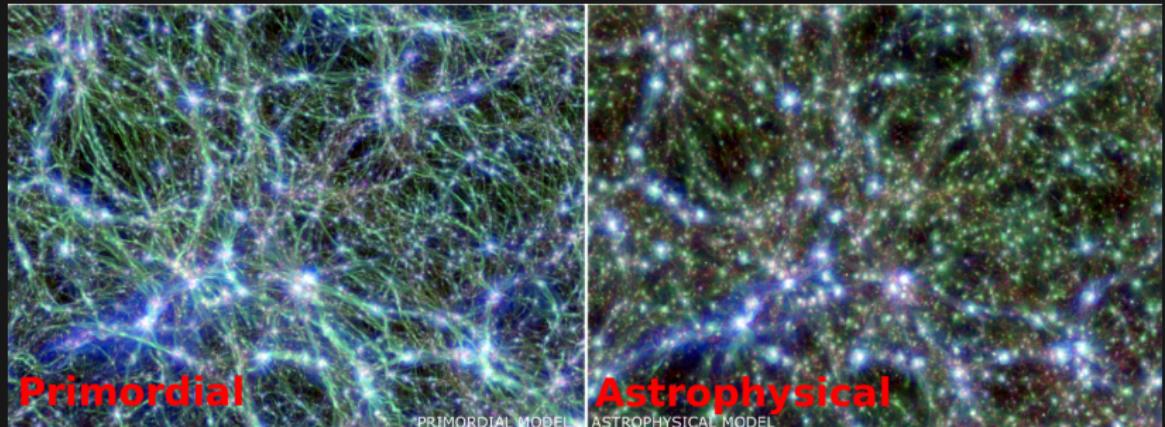
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# Motivation

## Intergalactic Magnetic Fields:

- ▶ how strong are they?
- ▶ what is their origin?

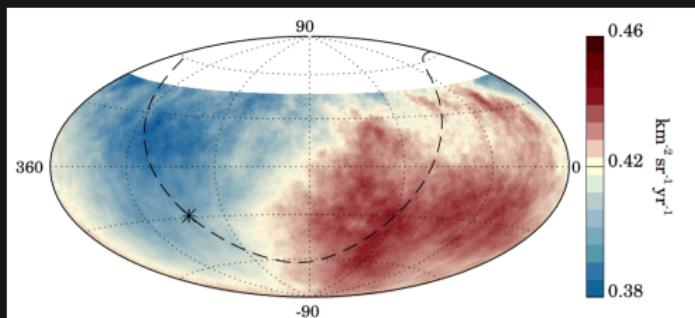
# Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays

fully ionized nuclei are deflected by magnetic fields

measure IGMFs with UHECRs?

Hackstein et al. 2016 & 2018

constrained IGMF models freely available at [CRPropa.desy.de](http://CRPropa.desy.de)



PAO 2017

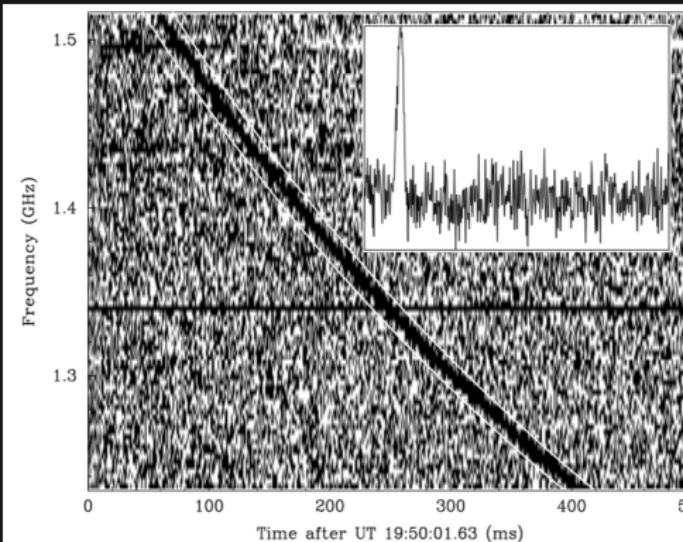
- ▶ heavy nuclei required to recreate observed anisotropy
- ▶ didn't find fitting source model  
(see Eichmann ICRC2019, Rachen & Eichmann in Prep.)
- ▶ no info on IGMF without known sources ...

# Outline

## Fast Radio Bursts

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- ▶ bright ms bursts  $\approx 10^{40}$  erg
- ▶ short frequency band  
 $\sim 1$  GHz
- ▶ Very short duration  
 $\Rightarrow$  small source  $\sim 10$  km  
 $\Rightarrow$  **brilliant probes for traversed medium**
- ▶ dispersion consistent with plasma propagation  $v_\gamma \propto \nu^2$
- ▶  $DM_{\text{FRBs}} > DM_{\text{MilkyWay}}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  **extragalactic**
- ▶ **linear polarized**  
 $\Rightarrow$  Faraday rotation  $\propto B_{\parallel}$
- ▶ events collected in [frbcat.org](http://frbcat.org) (Petroff+16)



First FRB by Lorimer+07

$$DM = \int \frac{n_e}{1+z} dl$$
$$RM = \int B_{\parallel} \frac{n_e}{1+z} dl$$

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(Predict Fast Radio Bursts to obtain model Likelihood Estimates)

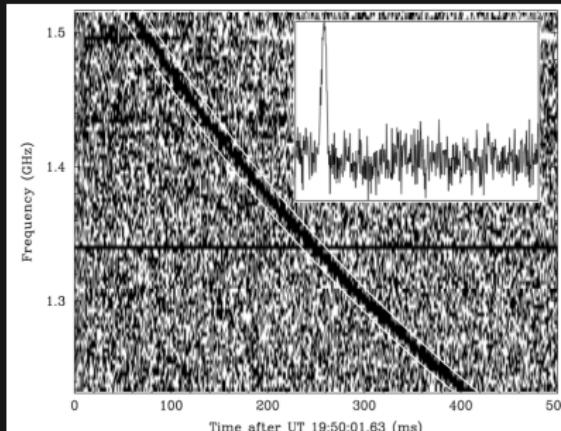
# Fast Radio Bursts

- ▶ brilliant probes for traversed medium
- ▶ extragalactic origin
- ▶ measure of magnetic field
- ▶ ⇒probe EGMFs?

- ▶ source unknown
- $$N_{\text{models}} \approx N_{\text{FRBs}} \gtrsim 200$$
- $$\frac{d}{dt} N_{\text{models}} \approx \frac{d}{dt} N_{\text{FRBs}}$$

unless repeating (10 FRBs) or persistent companion  
(Spitler Burst, Chatterjee+17)

- ▶ hard to localize
- ▶ host galaxy unknown



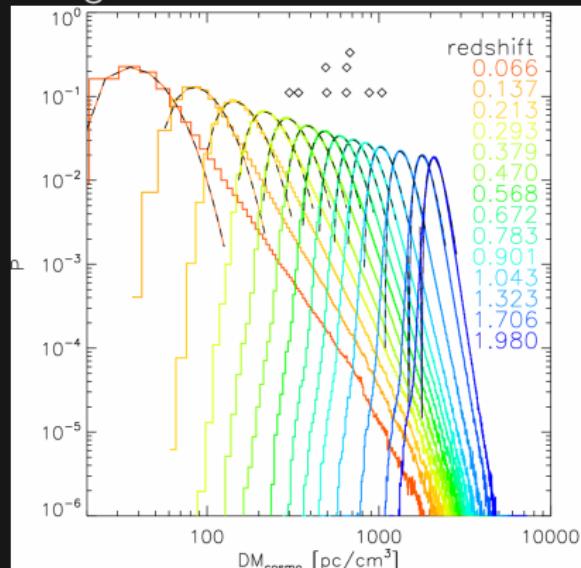
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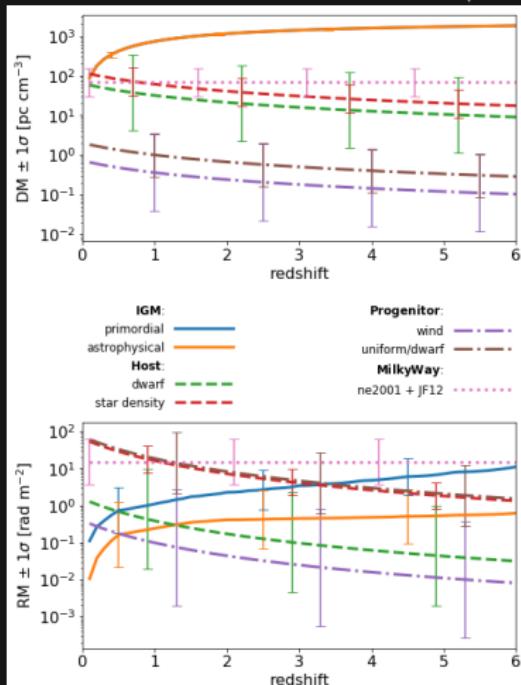
# Redshift Estimate

Dolag+15



IGM dominates DM, small  $\sigma$   
⇒ **redshift(DM)**  
only upper limits  
(high DM from density peaks,  
local environment)

Hackstein+19

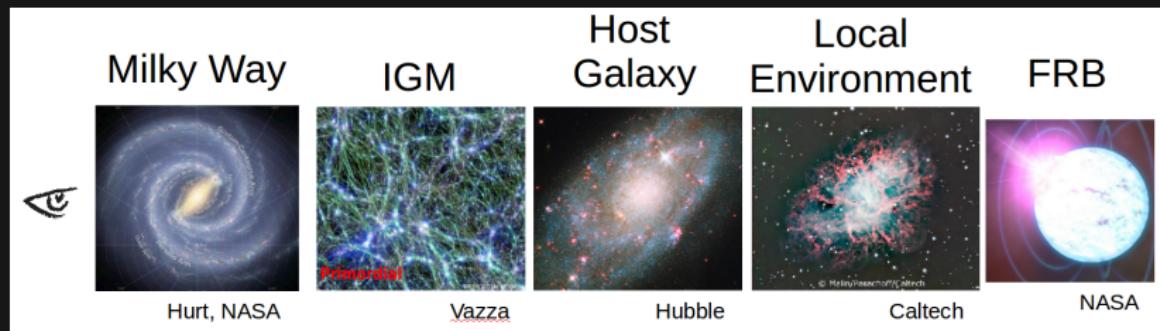


RM: all regions comparable  
high model variation

# Key Question

Can Fast Radio Bursts tell us about Intergalactic Magnetic Fields?  
(see also Akahori+ 2016, Vazza+ 2018)

- ▶ Consider **all regions** along line-of-sight
- ▶ Consider different possible **models**
- ▶ Compare **prediction & observation**



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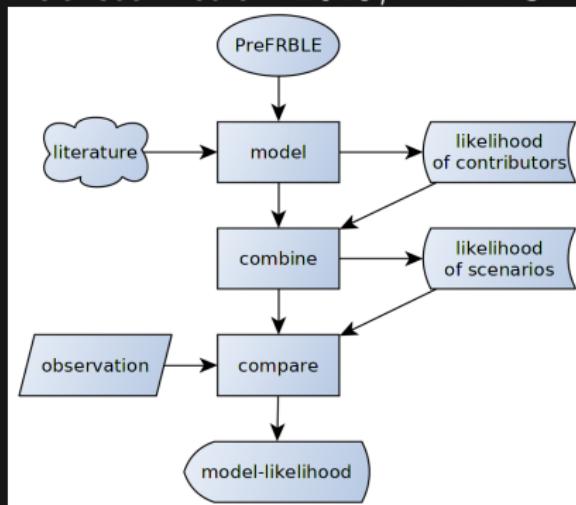
(soon) publicly available easy-to-use Python package  
to interpret FRB observations

[github.com/shackste/PreFRBLE](https://github.com/shackste/PreFRBLE)

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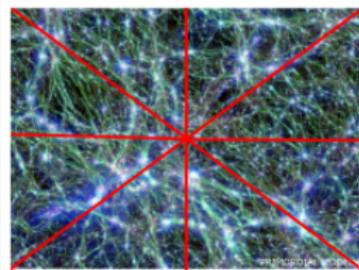


- ▶ models from literature  
→ contribution of regions
- ▶ combine regions  
→ realistic scenarios
- ▶ compare to observations  
→ model likelihood

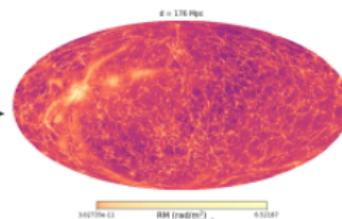
- ▶ **measure Intergalactic Magnetic Fields**
- ▶ find sources of FRBS
- ▶ find host galaxies of FRBs
- ▶ identify FRB population  $n_{\text{FRB}}(z)$
- ▶ ...

# PreFRBLE: likelihood functions by Monte Carlo method

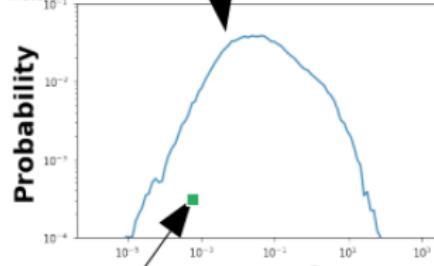
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LoS-Path  
Integral

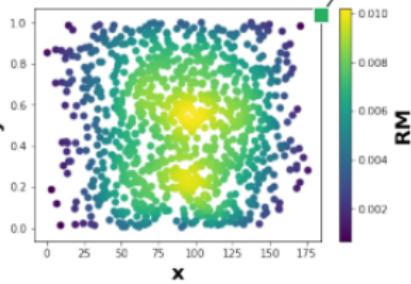


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## Analytic Prediction

$RM(x,y)$  Sample



# PreFRBLE: Bayesian inference

Full likelihood = convolution of contributions

$$P_{\text{EG}} = P_{\text{IGM}} * P_{\text{Host}} * P_{\text{Progenitor}}$$

Bayes factor ( $\text{Model}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{corroboration}} \text{Model}_1$ )

$$\mathcal{B}(\text{Model}_1, \text{Model}_2 | \text{observation}) = \frac{P(\text{observation} | \text{Model}_1)}{P(\text{observation} | \text{Model}_2)}$$

$\mathcal{B} > 100$  ( $\equiv 99\%$  C. L.) is considered decisive

(e. g. Jeffreys & Jeffreys 1961)

Model Likelihood ( $\equiv$  how likely is the measurement observed in model)

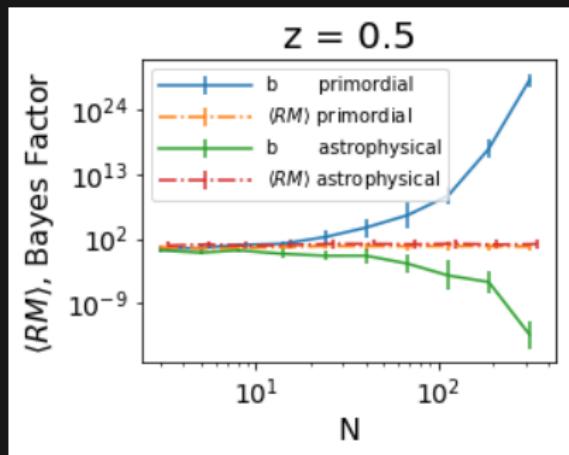
$$\begin{aligned} P(DM, RM | M) &\propto \int P(RM|z, M) \underbrace{P(DM|z, M) \pi(z, M)}_{\propto P(z_{\text{FRB}} | DM, M)} dz \\ &\Rightarrow \text{redshift(DM)} \end{aligned}$$

# Results

Hackstein et al. 2019, MNRAS

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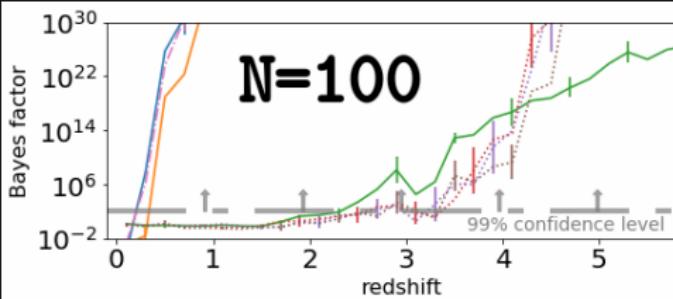
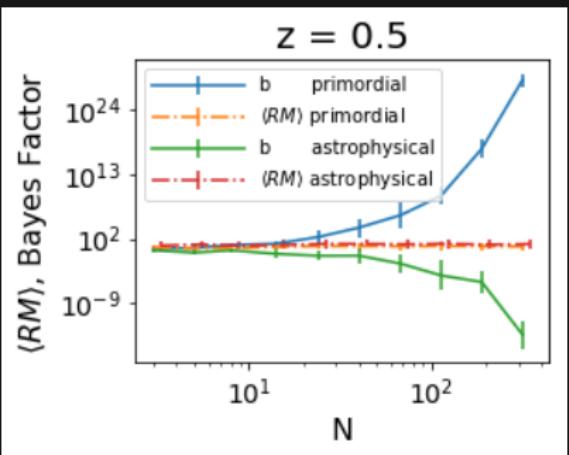
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different host galaxy  
(dwarf & MW-like spiral)  
and source models  
might overshadow IGM



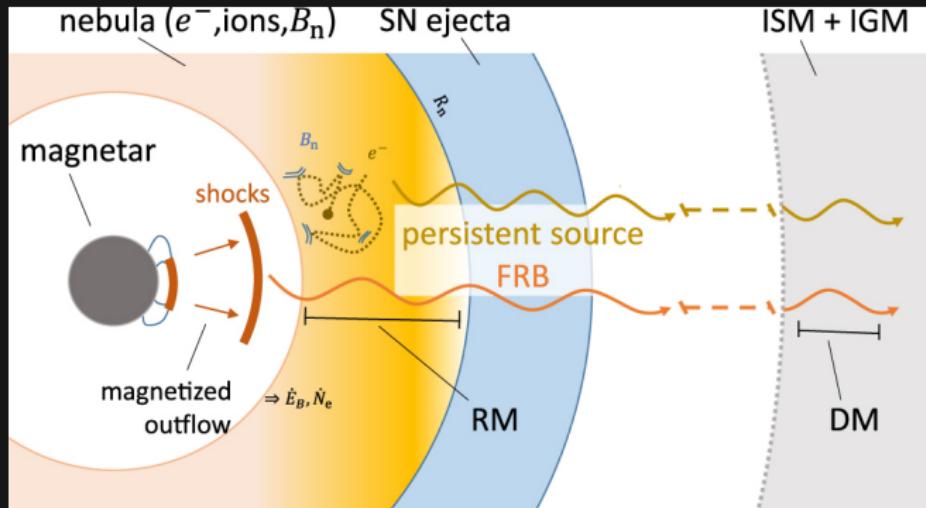
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Source

# Source models

isolated magnetar (young neutron star,  $B = 10^{14} - 10^{16}$  G )

(Popov+10, Beloborodov'17, Murase+17, Metzger+19, Wadiasingh+19)



Margalit & Metzger'18

DM & RM from environment described by Piro & Gaensler '18

for more source models, visit [frbtheorycat.org](http://frbtheorycat.org) (Platts+19)

# More source models?

So far only consider  
FRBs from isolated magnetars

including more models,  
e. g. mergers, collapses, AGN,  
axion stars  
and source specific observables  
⇒ identify source of FRBs

However, . . .  
100s of models . . .  
 $\approx \frac{1}{2}$  yr before end of PhD . . .

open-source is preferable,  
PREFRBLE is open source!  
provide your model!  
let's find FRB sources together!  
(or hire me to do that!)



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Galaxies

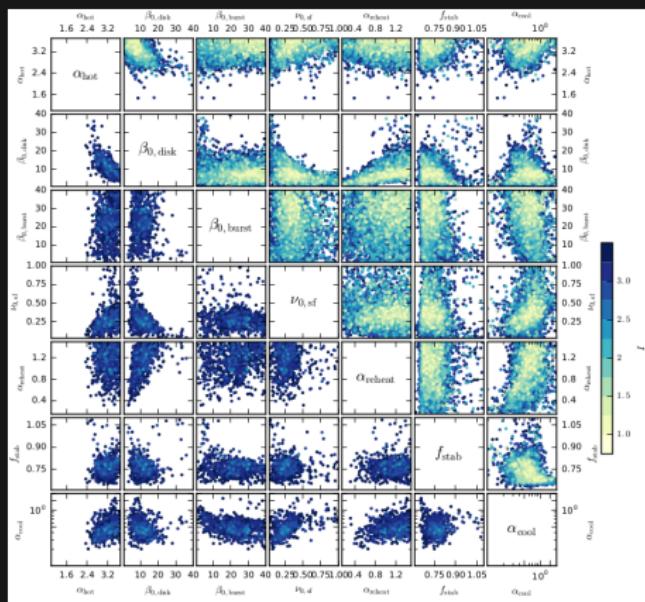
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So far consider single type of Host galaxy,  
allows to identify host of individual FRBs

Surveys entail all possible types of galaxies!

Problem vast parameter space

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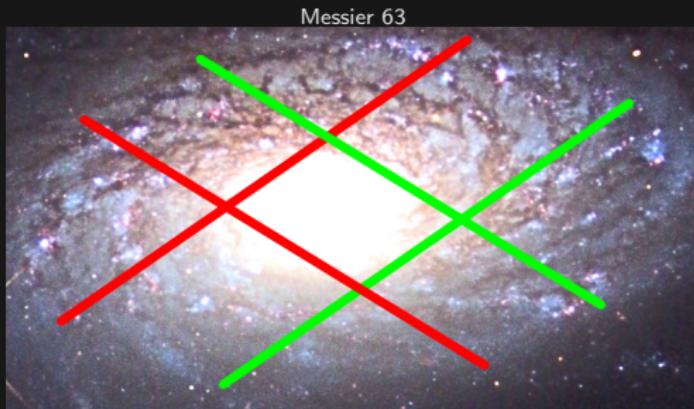


Rodrigues et al. 2016:

use GALFORM,  
constrain galaxy  
formation parameters  
with GSMF  $\Phi(M|z)$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow$ samples of possible  
galaxy populations

Rodrigues et al. 2018: add magnetic fields  
 $\Rightarrow$ numerous models of galaxies,  
span plausible parameter space,  
suitable to **model entirety of galaxies**

# Model Host Galaxy

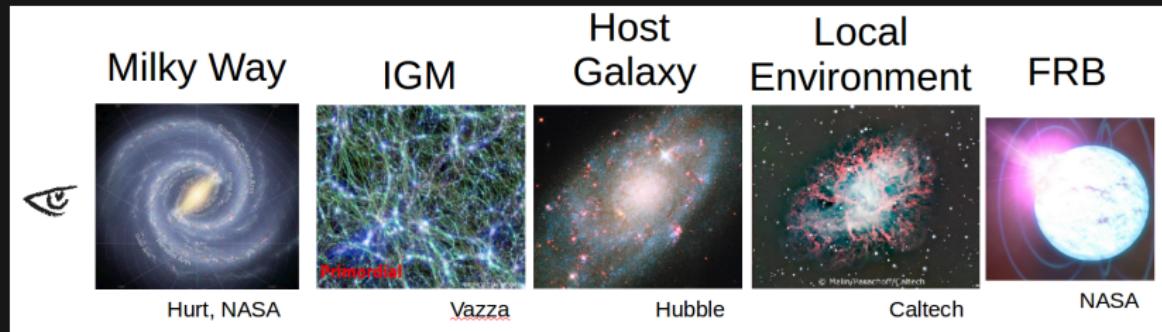


$$P(RM_{\text{Host}}|z) = \int P(RM_{\text{gal}}|\epsilon, z)\pi(\epsilon|z)d\epsilon$$

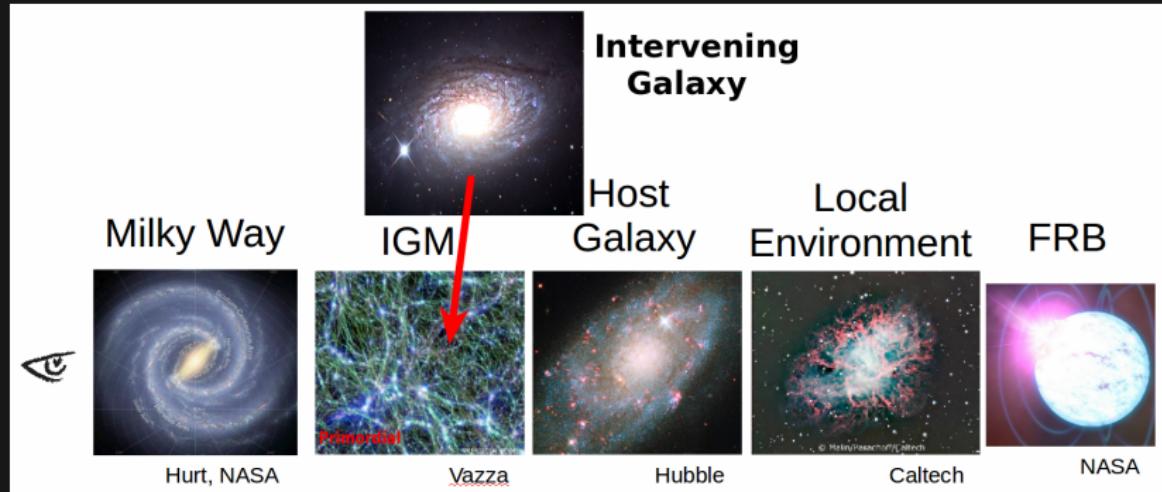
$\pi(\epsilon|z)$  from Rodrigues et al. 2016  $\equiv$  all galaxies may host FRBs,

**Different choices of  $\pi(\epsilon|z)$**  (e. g. threshold on SFR)  
allow to **compare host scenarios**.

# Did we miss something?



# Intervening Galaxies



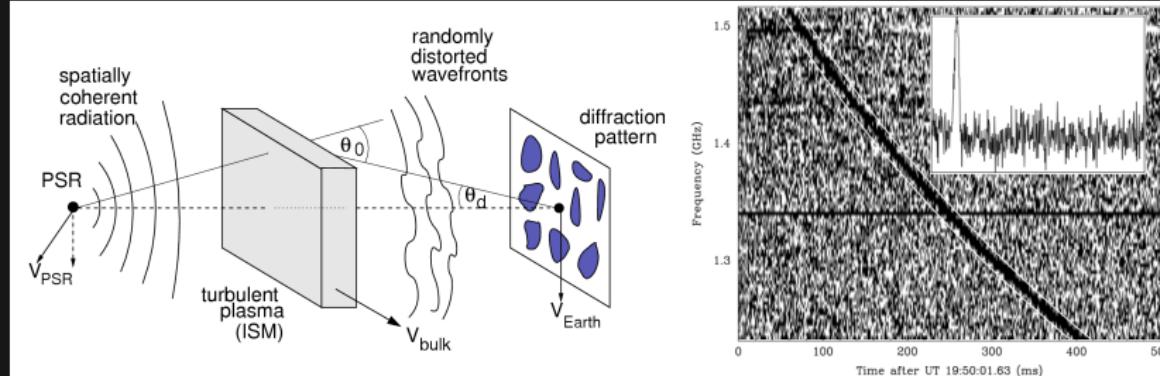
intervening galaxies  $\text{RM}_{\text{inter}}$  likely to overshadow  $\text{RM}_{\text{IGM}}$ ,

dominate Scattering time  $\tau \propto \int n_e^2 \, dl$  (Macquart & Koay 2013)

⇒ use high  $\tau$  to **identify LoS with intervening galaxies**

# Scattering

Lorimer & Kramer '04



interaction with plasma → radio waves scatter off LoS  
some waves scatter back on LoS

⇒ angular broadening

⇒ temporal broadening  $\propto \lambda^\gamma$ ,  $\gamma \geq 4$

depends on lense position, ideally half-way to source  
→ dominated by dense plasma in intervening galaxies

# Model Intervening Galaxies



Number and redshift uncertain, do statistical modelling

$$N_{\text{inter}}(z_{\text{FRB}}) = \int \pi(r_{\text{gal}}^2 n_{\text{gal}}) dl = \int \pi(z_{\text{inter}}) dz_{\text{inter}}$$

$$P(\tau|z_{\text{FRB}}) = \int_0^{z_{\text{FRB}}} P(\tau|z_{\text{inter}}) \pi(z_{\text{inter}}) dz_{\text{inter}}$$

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account for intersection likelihood

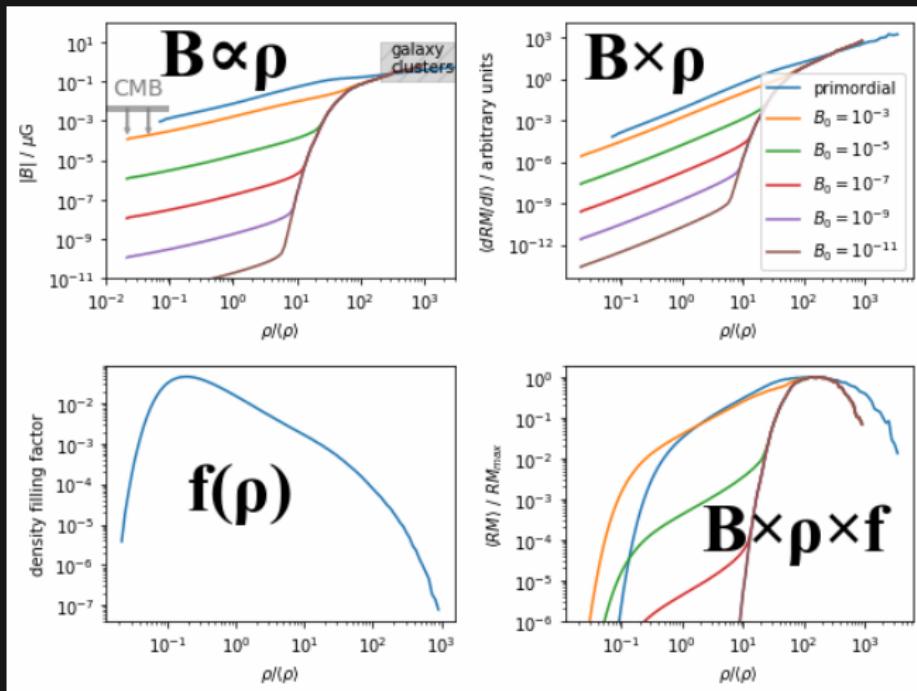
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# Intergalactic Magnetic Fields: significant contribution

estimate  $\langle dRM \rangle(\rho)$

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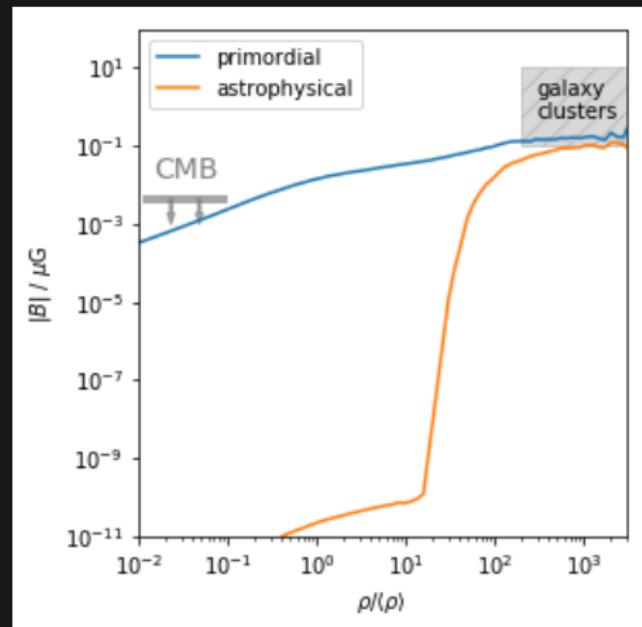


RM from overdensities  $< 1$  are negligible  
⇒ FRBs cannot measure IGMFs in voids

# IGMFs: Constrain $|B| \sim \rho$

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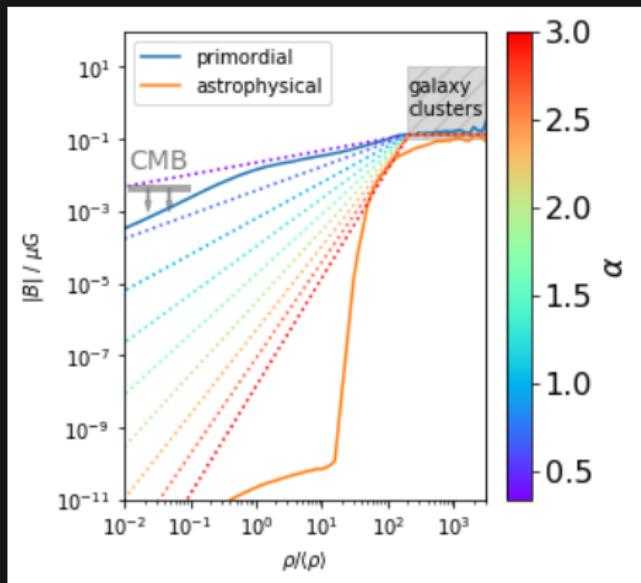


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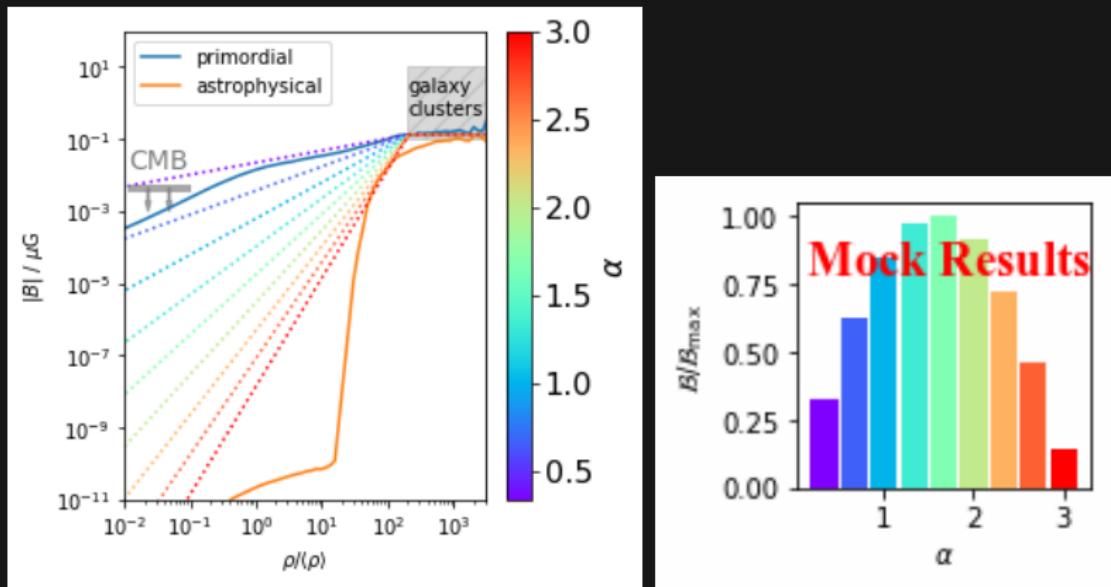


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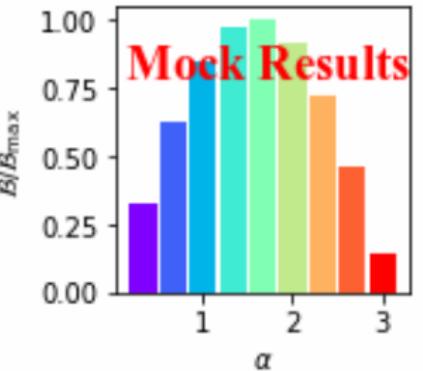
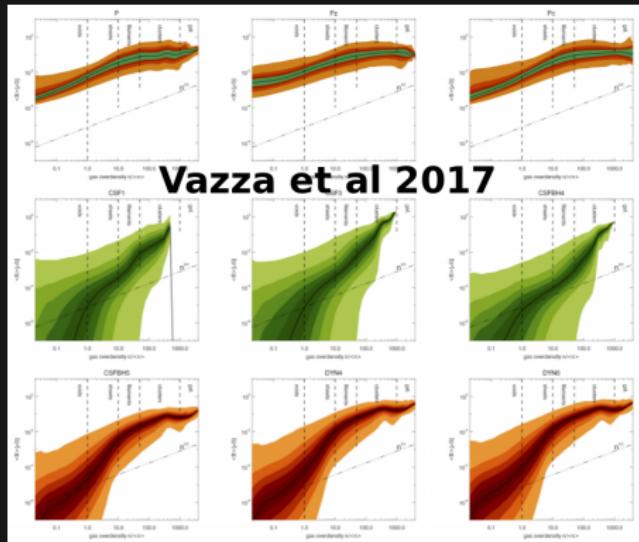


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# Conclusions

- ▶ Fast Radio Bursts can tell us about IGMFs  
 $1 - 10 \lesssim \rho/\langle\rho\rangle \lesssim 200$  (filaments, sheets)
- ▶ PREFRBLE: statistical tools (Bayesian) and careful consideration of all contributing regions along LoS  
⇒ evaluate prior assumptions and models
- ▶ PREFRBLE: way to connect theory & observations:  
(soon) open-source, easy-to-use python package for observers (interpret data) and theorists (test models).

soon available at

[github.com/shackste/PreFRBLE](https://github.com/shackste/PreFRBLE)

download this talk at

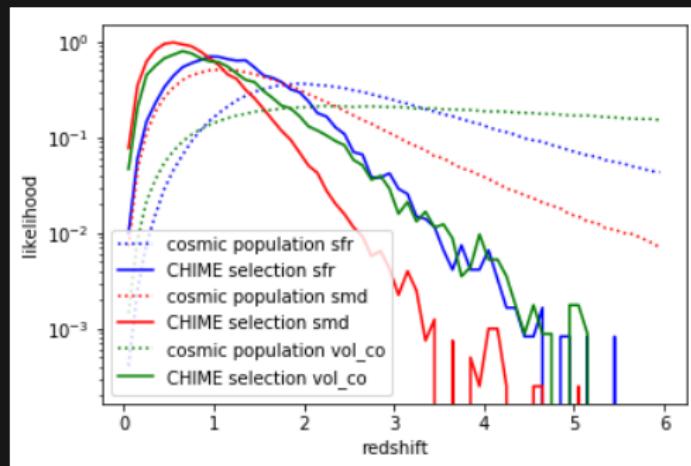
[github.com/shackste/publications](https://github.com/shackste/publications)

## More to come

- ▶ Since late 2018, CHIME operates,  $N_{\text{FRB}}$  grows fast.  
50 RM of FRBs, public by spring 2020  
⇒ **First glimpse on IGMFs through FRBs early next year!!**  
soon many more interesting cosmological results
- ▶ distinguish galactic & extragalactic RM using Wiener Filter  
Oppermann et al. 2015, Hutschenreuter et al. 2019
- ▶ remove RM of ionosphere, e. g. Jehle et al. 2008
- ▶ **provide predictions taylored to individual telescope**  
assume cosmic population and consider selection effects to  
expected distribution of source redshifts  
⇒ **identify population of FRBs**
- ▶ include more models to **find sources of FRBs**

# FRB population

FRBPOPPY, (Gardenier et al. in subm. 1910.08365)  
assume cosmic population of FRBs (dotted)  
consider telescope selection effects (solid)



- ⇒ prior on source redshift  $\pi(z_{\text{FRB}})$
- more reasonable & improved redshift estimates
- required to predict observations of individual telescope
- required to reasonably compute  $\mathcal{B}$

## Redshift estimate

$DM = \int n_e \, dl$  dominated by IGM (e. g. Pol et al. 2019)

$\langle DM \rangle$  increases with redshift

$\tau \propto \int n_e^2 \, dl$  dominated by overdensities (Macquardt & Koay 2013)

$\langle \tau \rangle$  decreases with redshift

Combine information of both, DM and  $\tau$

$$P(z_{\text{FRB}} | DM, \tau) \propto P(DM | z_{\text{FRB}}) \, P(\tau | z_{\text{FRB}}) \, \pi(z_{\text{FRB}})$$

provide improved redshift estimates with reasonable lower limits