Constraining Magnetic Fields at Galactic Scales

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Outline

- 1. What we're trying to do, why, and how.
- 2. What's wrong with the last ten years worth of work (including my own).
- 3. How we are going to do better and how the work being presented at this conference fits in.

External galaxies: one example



- First order: magnetic fields aligned with matter spiral structure. Can't be coincidental.
- But not always.
- Unfortunately, we cannot see our own galaxy like this.

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External galaxies: other examples



NGC6946 6cm PI over Ha (Copyright R. Beck, MPIfR)

(Soida et al. 2002)

A variety of morphologies observed, and we cannot assume a relationship with other matter tracers.

External galaxies: halo transition(s)?



Figure 1. Observed degree of polarization of M51 at different frequencies. All images have the same color scale and are smoothed to the same resolution of 15 arcsec (which corresponds to about 550 pc at the distance of M51). Note that the total intensity images used to calculate the degree of polarization were not corrected for thermal emission.

Kierdorf et al. (2018)

Particularly the axi- versus bi-symmetric spirals seen at different heights (Fletcher et al. 2011)

External galaxies: vertical field



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See also Ralf-Jürgen Dettmar's contribution on Magnetic field structure in halos of star-forming disk galaxies





Our view of the Milky Way: optical



Courtesy of 2MASS/UMass/IPAC-Caltech/NASA/NSF





Polarized synchrotron emission: radio to microwave



30 GHz polarized synchrotron (ESA, Planck Collaboration)



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Polarized dust emission: submm



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Starlight polarization: optical

Starlight Polarization Angle (5513 Stars)



Faraday rotation: radio



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Problem II: Spectral distribution of CRs

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Milky Way

- So where are we in the Milky Way?
- We have all these potential morphological complexities in *B*.
- Challenges:
 - We are in the disk and looking through it.
 - Unique challenge of projection onto full-sky.
 - Dependencies on other uncertain astrophysical processes.
- Advantages:
 - More 3D info.
 - Better spatial resolution.









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- Very different models all roughly match the same(ish) observables.
 - (degeneracies all over the place)
- None is very connected to physics.
 - (this can be done better now)
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 - (this is hard but do-able now)
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 - (this is annoying and needs thought)

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0.00

7.50

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-1500

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x [kpc]

7.50

15.00

CR spatial distribution?



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Galactic (low-energy) CR spectral distribution?

GMF <=> $N_{CRE}(\gamma) \propto \gamma^p$ where $p \propto f(\gamma) \propto f'(\nu)$ (each has the potential to constrain the other)



Galactic CR tracers: spectra





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CR transport

See many talks on CR propagation



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Ferrière and Terral (2014) and Shukurov et al. (2018) have made a good start:





Figure 11. Three-dimensional rendering of a symmetric (quadrupolar) halo field solution combined with a quadrupolar disc field with two reversals at s = 7 kpc and 12 kpc. The domain is a $(17 \text{ kpc})^3$ box. The field lines were seeded uniformly along a diagonal through the box. The arrows show the magnetic field at points randomly sampled within the slice of thickness 2.5 kpc around the galactic mid-plane (which is indicated by the semitransparent surface) and are scaled according to the magnitude of the magnetic field.

Shukurov et al. (2018)

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Estimates of how much a random realization drawn from the same distribution (i.e., our best-fit model) would differ from what we observe in the Milky Way:



(PIPXLII)

How do local features affect fitting?



NGC 4217, CHANG-ES XXI., Stein et al. (2020)

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Planck Planck Intermediate Results XLII (2016, PIPXLII) showed why all previous fits (including mine) are wrong.

Enough with the problems. How about some new tools!

- New ways of using traditional observables.
- New observables/tracers.
- New theoretical work.
- New numerical work.
- New collaborations.

3D Faraday rotation measures (RMs)



Galactic pulsars and extragalactic radio sources and their RMs. (Han et al. 2017)

Simulated Galactic pulsar population discovered in a SKA survey of the entire sky. The ~20,000 pulsars are shown together with the spiral arms structure. The Galactic Centre is located at the origin while the Sun is at (0.0, 8.5) kpc.

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Gaia 3D dust mapping + Planck polarization + GPIPS



353 GHz polarized dust (ESA, Planck Collaboration)

2MASS (Lallemont et al. 2019)

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Starlight polarization from GPIPS (Clemens et al. 2020)

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Galactic Longitude [deg]

CR vs B spatial distribution?

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Faraday rotation constraints on large scale Halo model

Thomas Fitoussi

Figure 3: Parameters space of the halo field versus the reduced χ^2 . Colored areas give the fluctuation of the χ^2 compare to the best fit with only the disk field.

Galactic CR tracers: spectra

All-Sky Anisotropy of Cosmic Rays at 10 TeV

For more details, see:

Yoann Génolini's contribution 532, discussion 06 (and 01) on local turbulence and the dipole anisotropy

→ At low energies particles stream along the local magnetic field

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Theoretical work: real magnetized turbulence?

- Define "mean" versus "fluctuating" magnetic field
 - How to model both?

Field lines of "mean" field (a,b) or "fluctuating"/"random" (c,d) magnetic fields in MHD simulations of SNR-driven turbulence (Evirgen et al. 2017)

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Isosurfaces of the strength of a random magnetic field *B* (*left*) and CR number density (*right*) produced by the fluctuation dynamo (Seta et al. 2018)

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Figure 8. Sky map in galactic coordinates showing the cosmic ray flux as measured by the Pierre Auger Observatory for E > 8 EeV smoothed with a 45° top-hat function. The Galactic centre is at the origin. The cross indicates the measured dipole direction; the contours denote the 68% and 95% confidence level regions. The dipole in the 2MRS galaxy distribution is indicated. Arrows show the deflections expected for the JF12 GMF model on particles with E/Z = 2 or 5 EeV. Image credit: Pierre Auger Collaboration [149].

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Rafael Alves Batista's contribution 289, discussion 01, on CRpropa, and

Arjen van Vliet's contribution 671, discussion 01, on correlations with neutrinos and extragalactic sources, and

Lots of talks about UHECR anisotropies, cross-correlations, etc., all of which relate to the magnetic field. 1470, 233, 902, 1230, 1415, ...

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