

The role of the magnetic field in the formation of structure in molecular clouds

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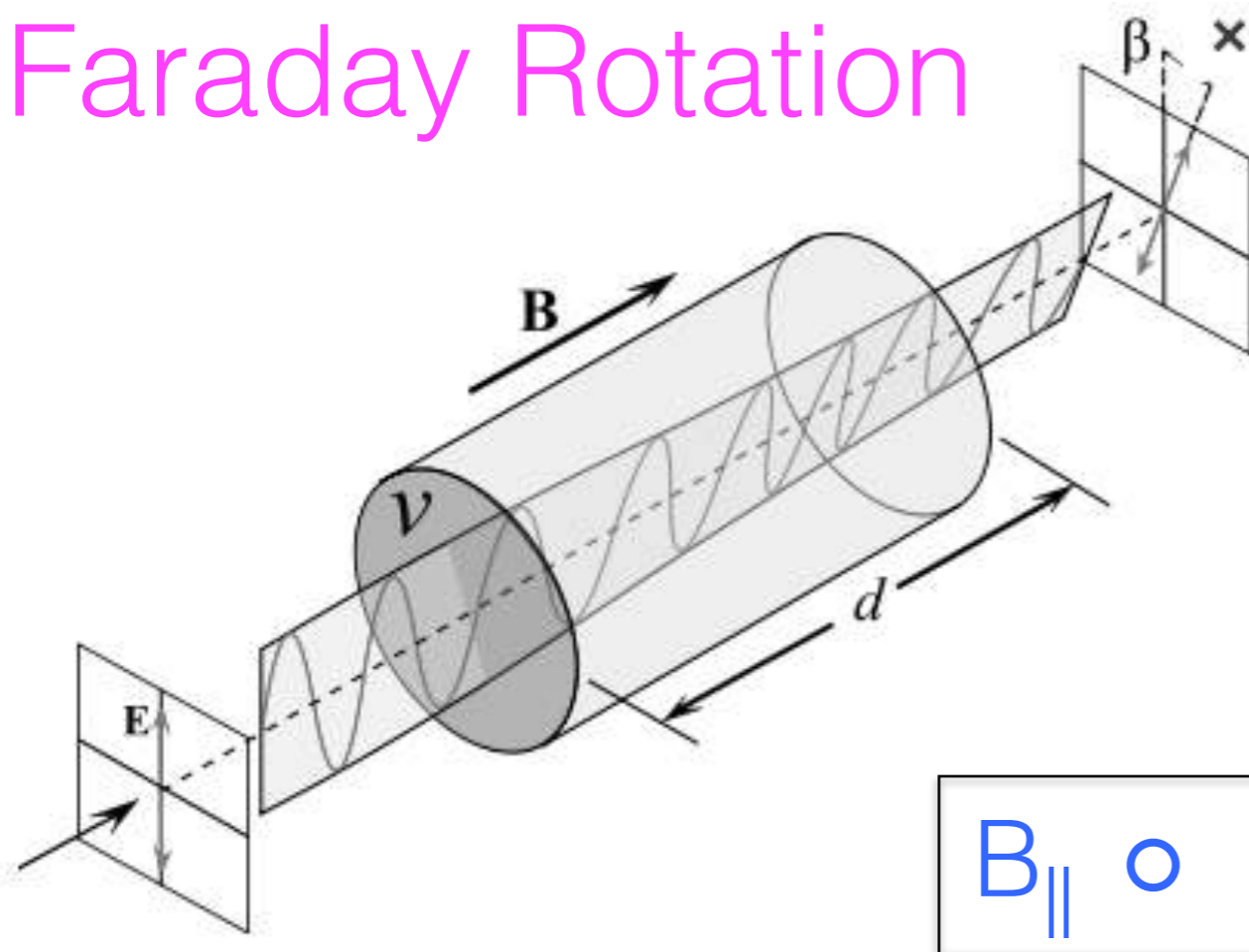
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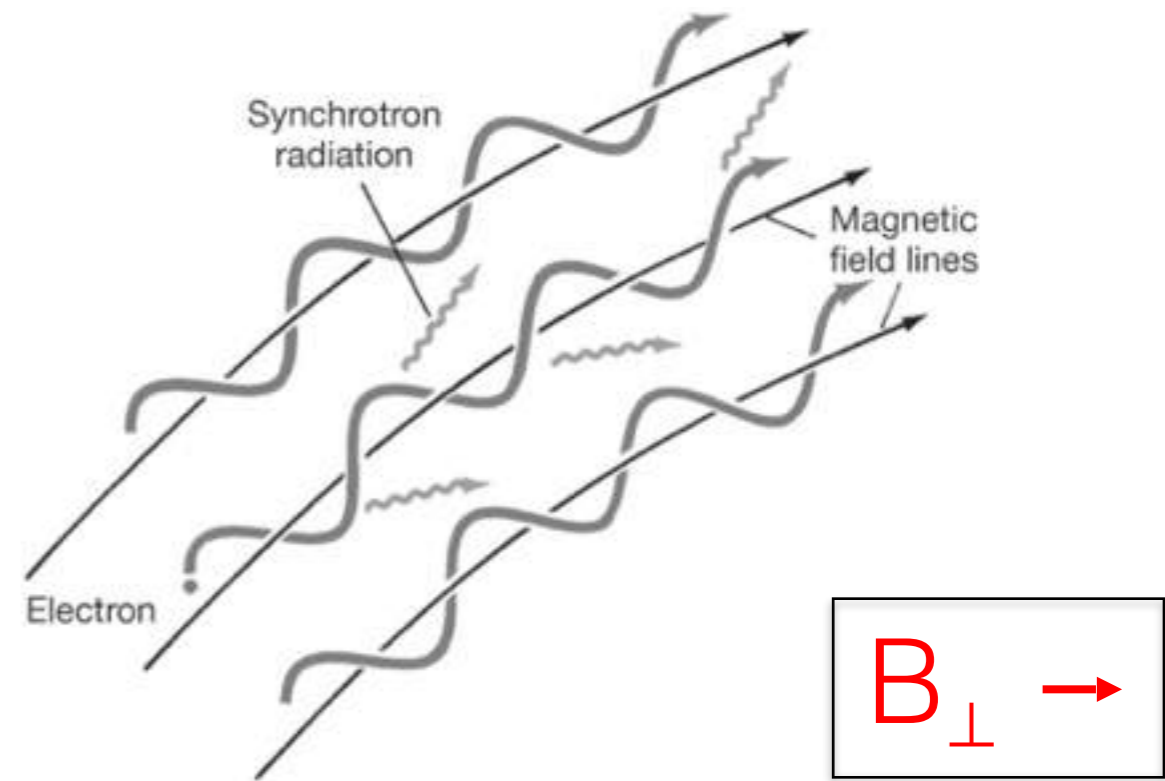
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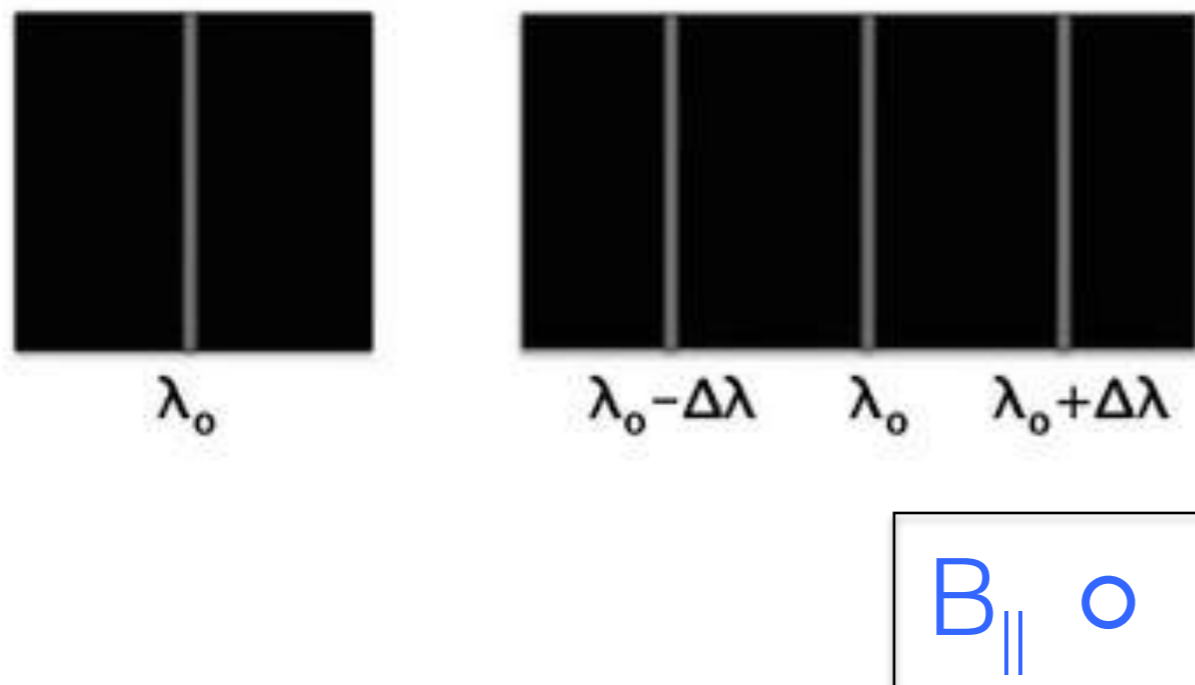
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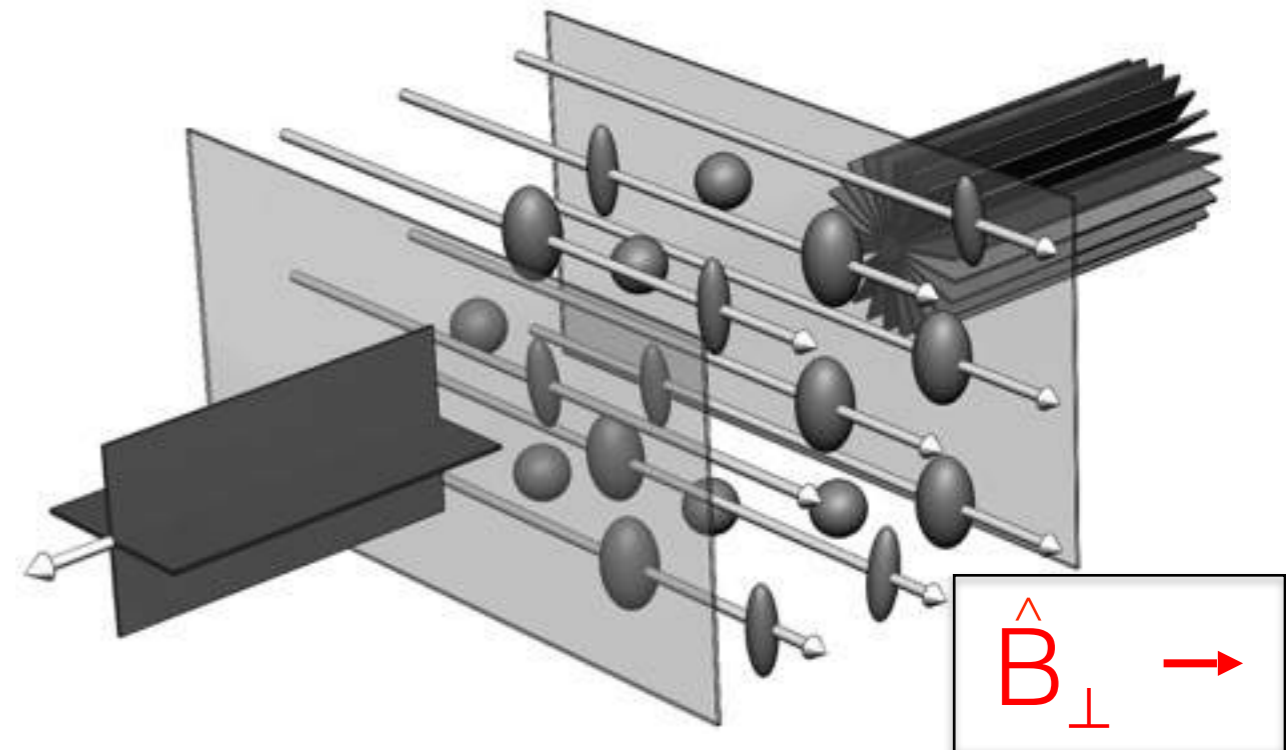
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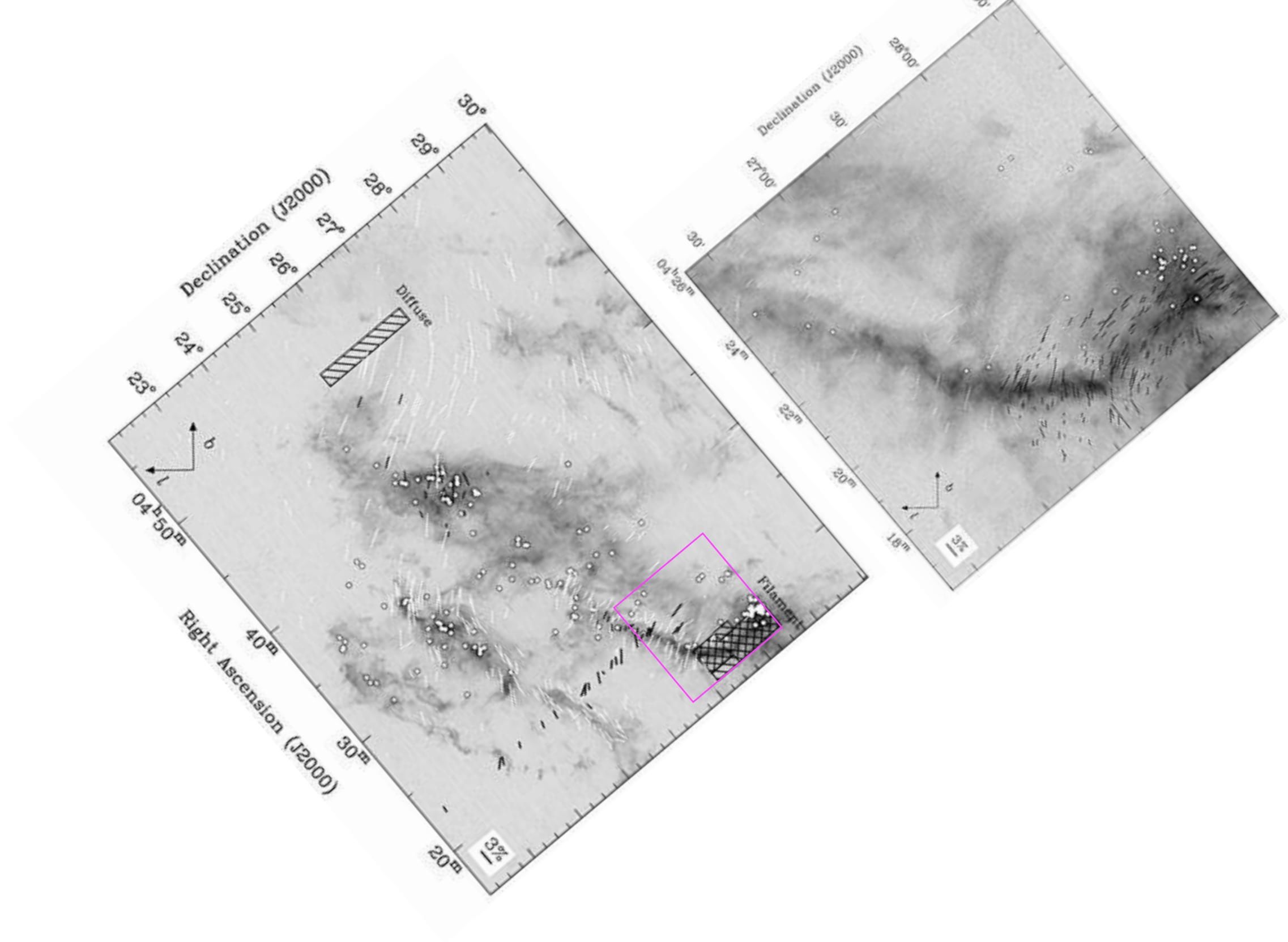


Zeeman Splitting

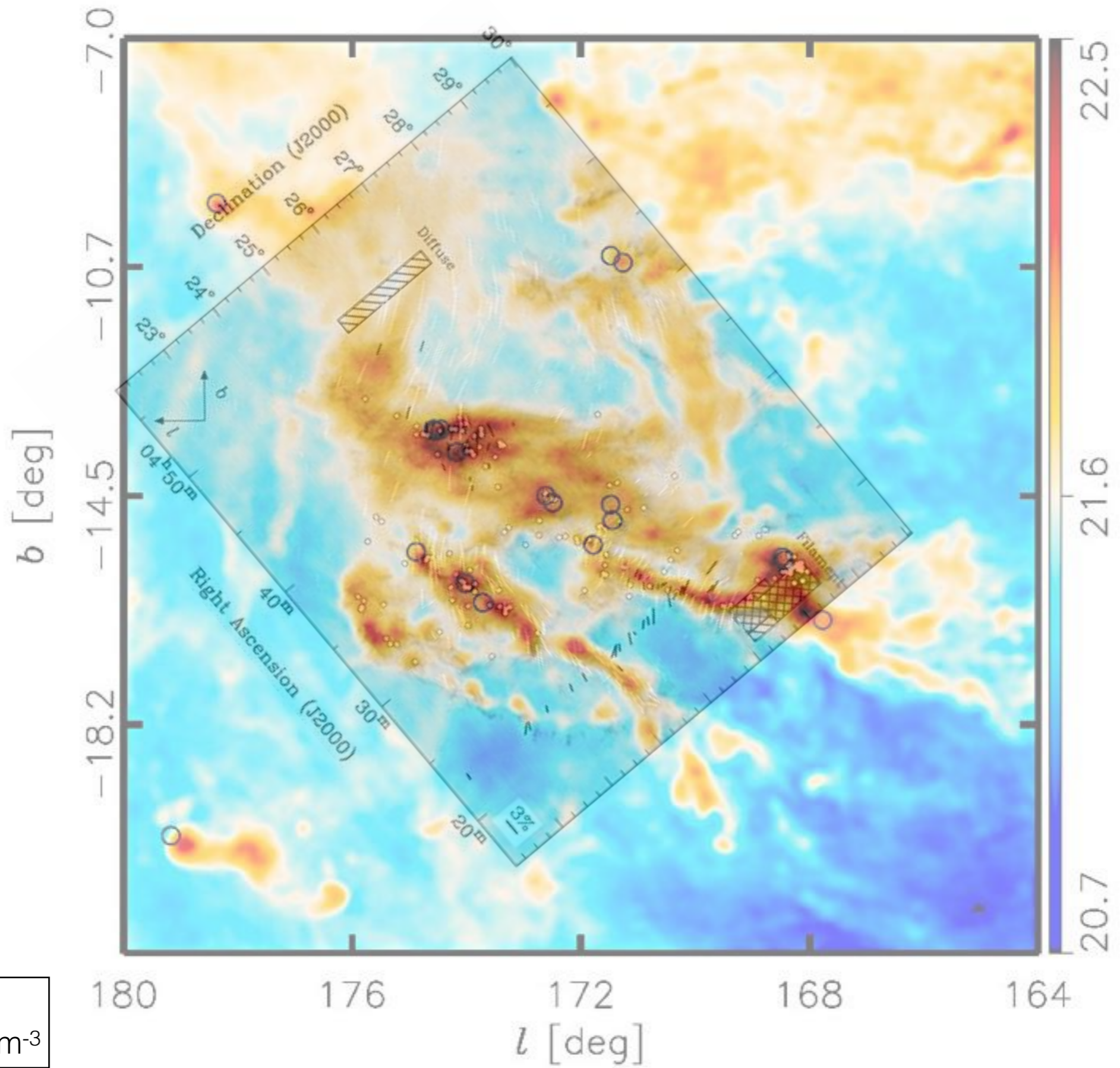


Dust polarization



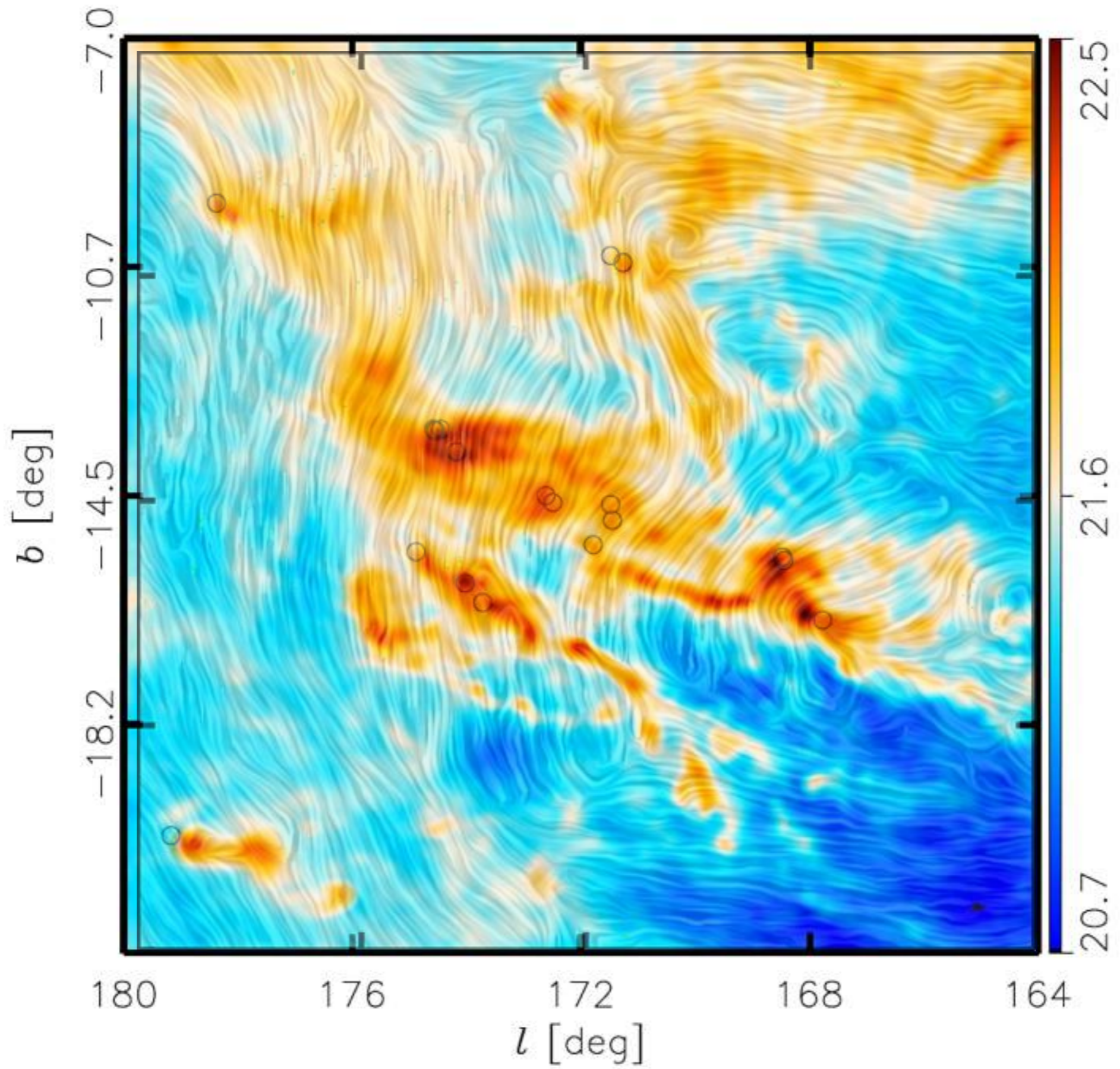


Optical and near-infrared polarization
 Chapman et al., ApJ, 2011

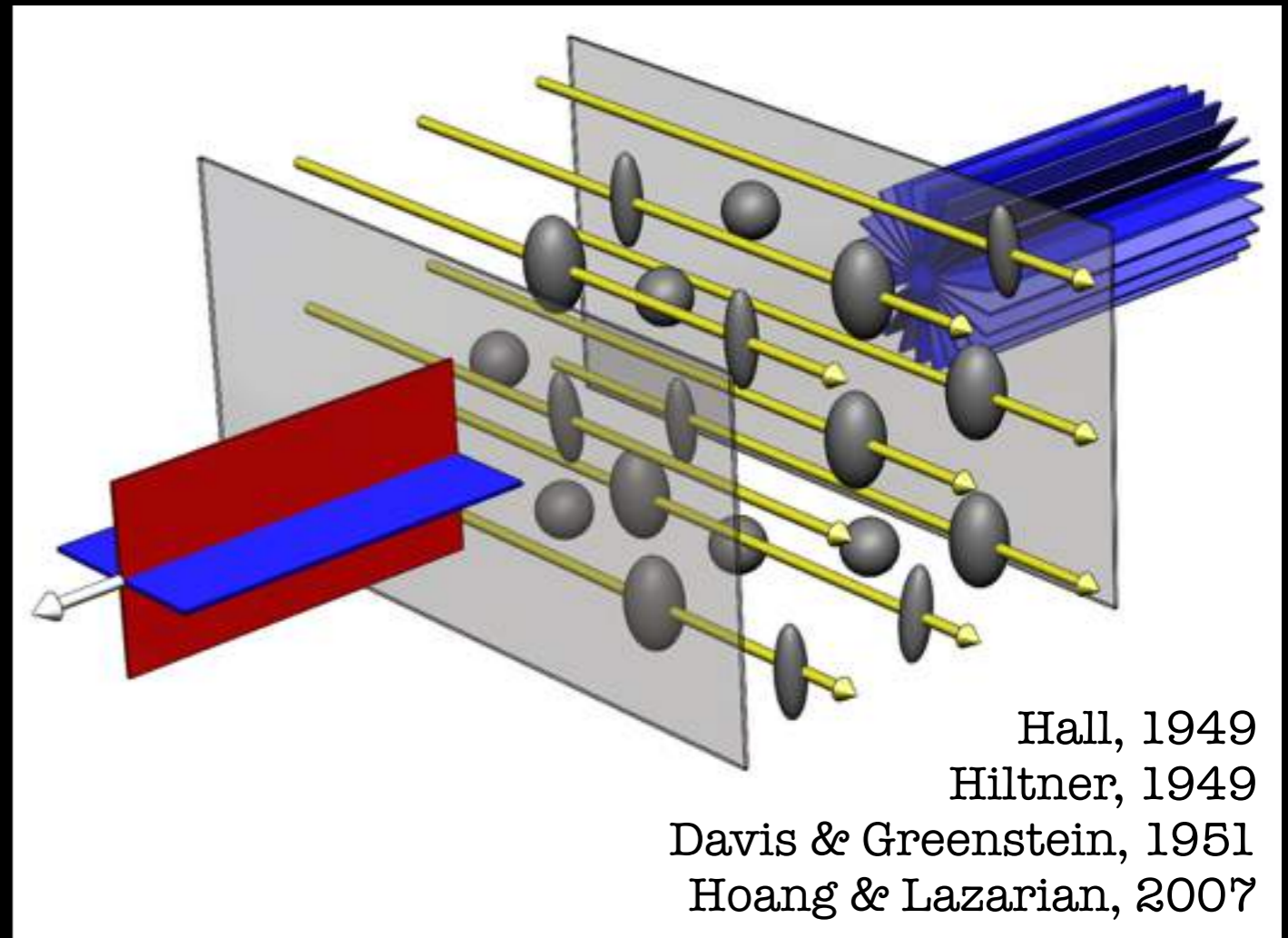
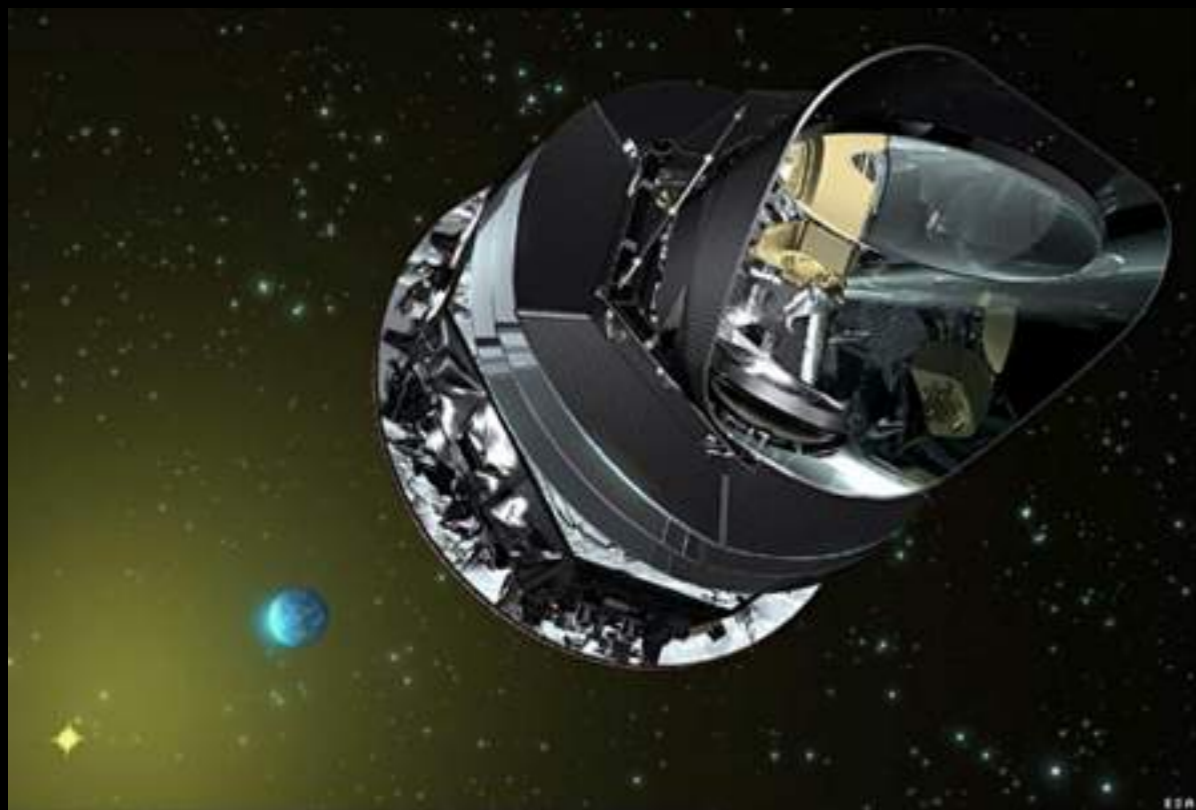


OH
 10^3 to 10^4 cm⁻³

Zeeman OH observations courtesy of T. Troland



Dust polarized emission and the magnetic field



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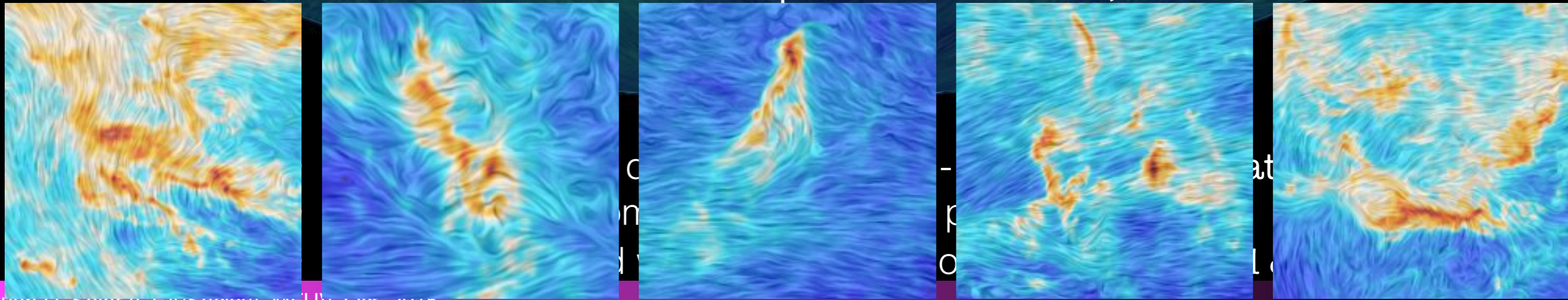
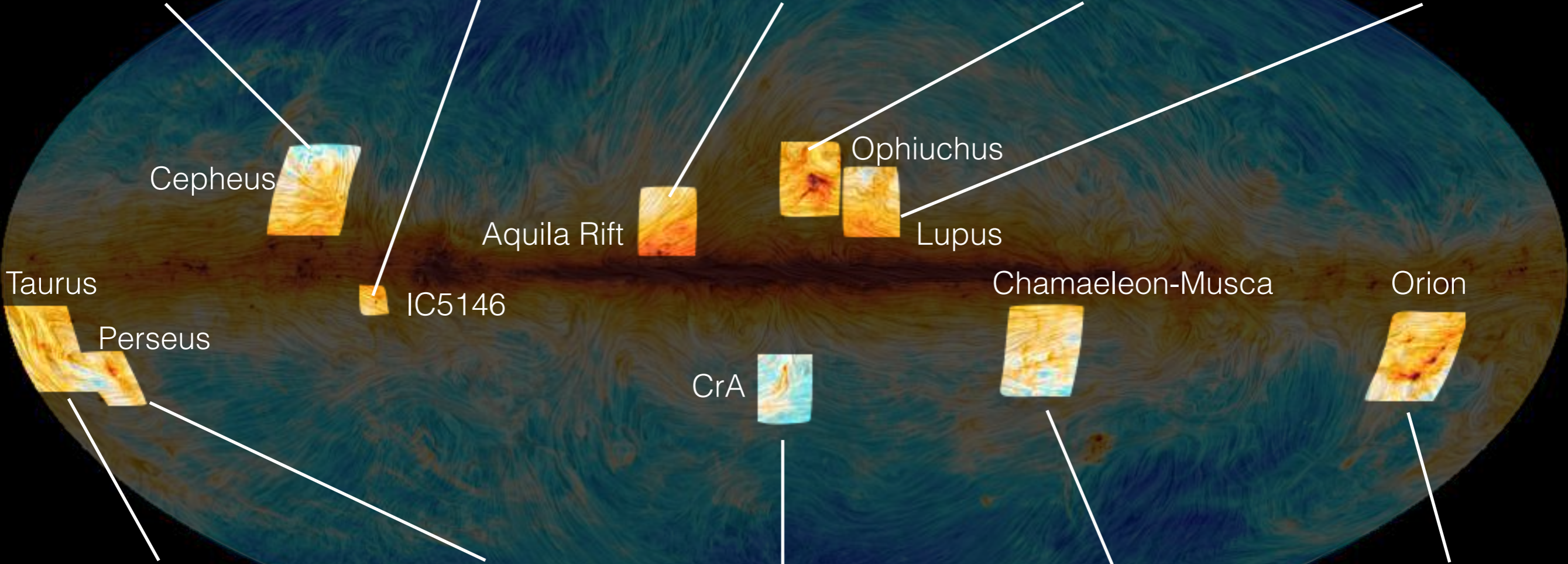
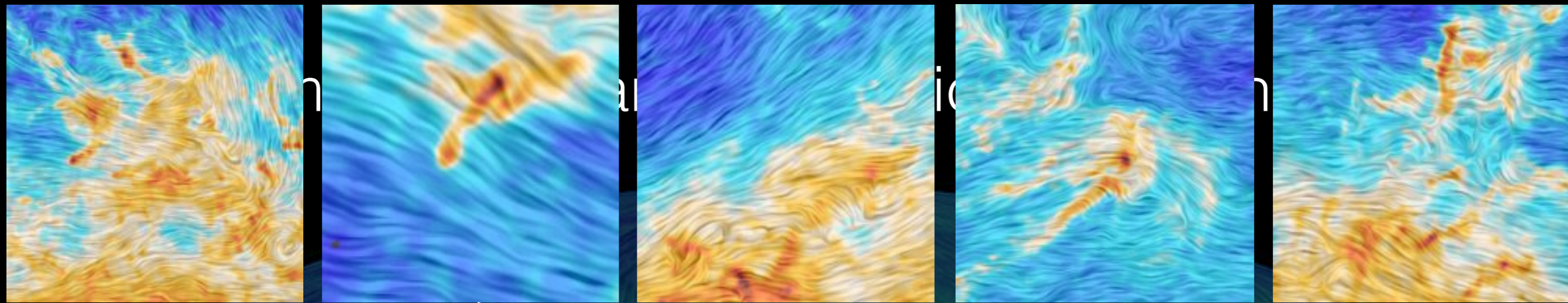


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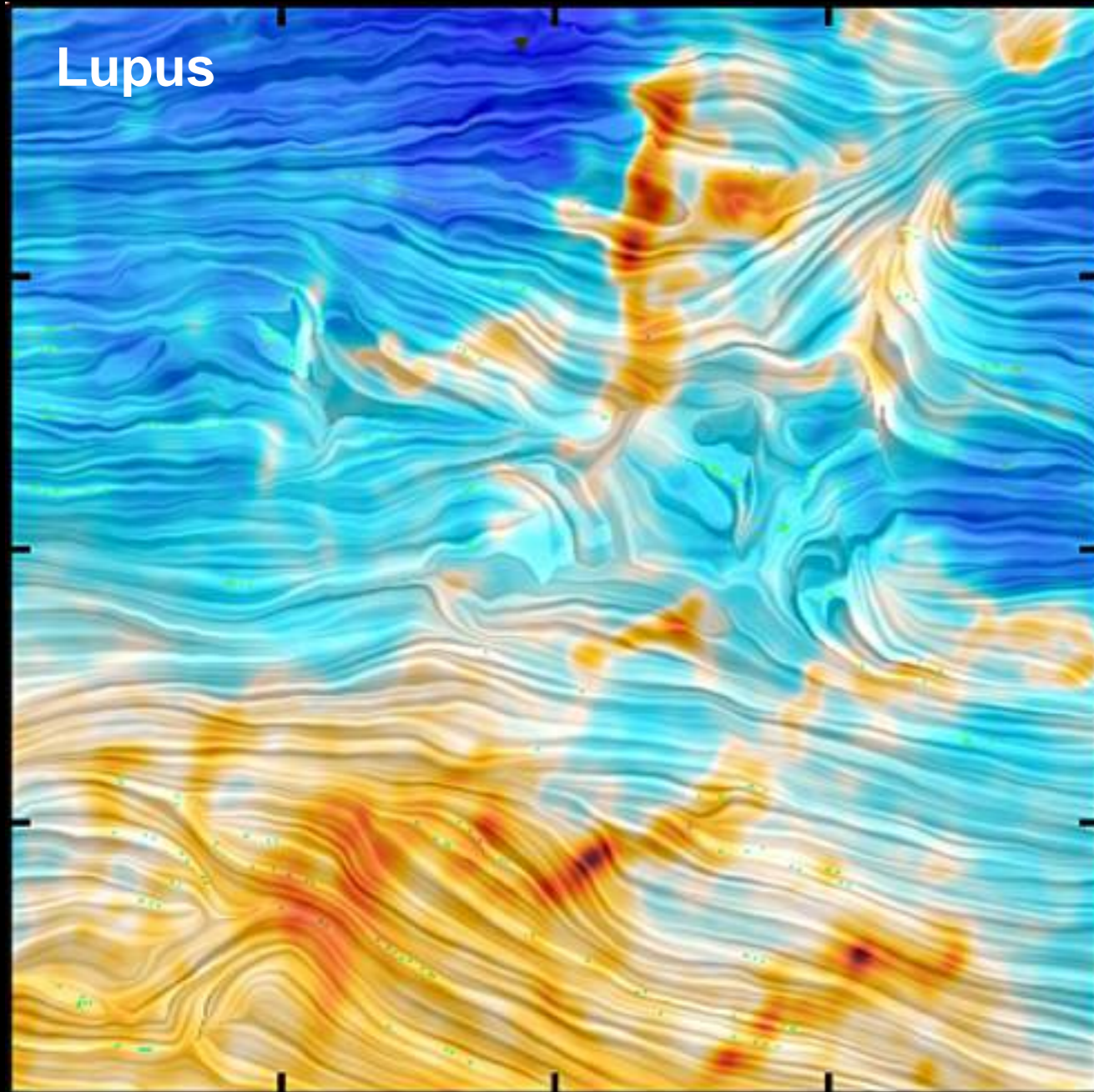




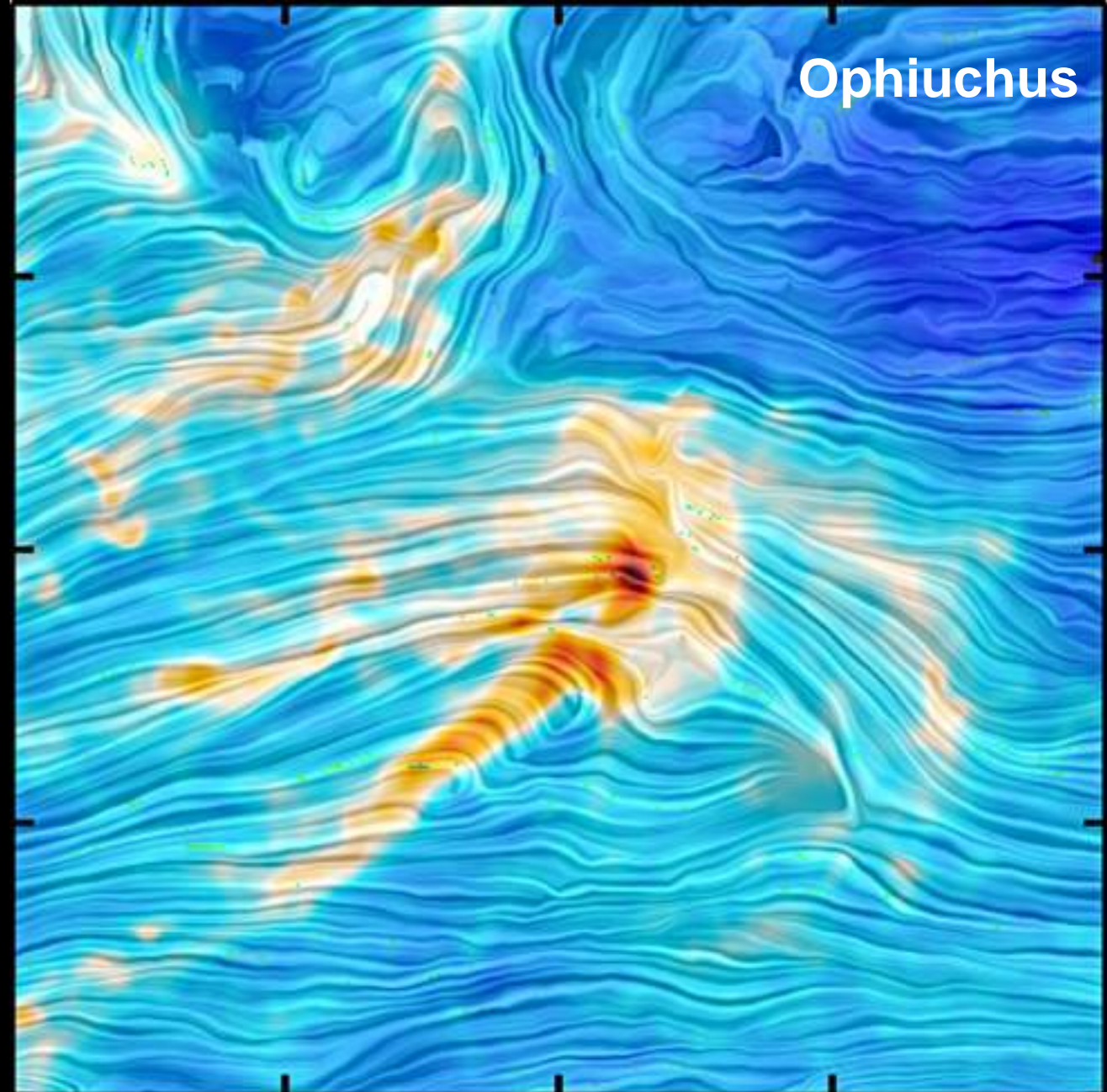
Lupus



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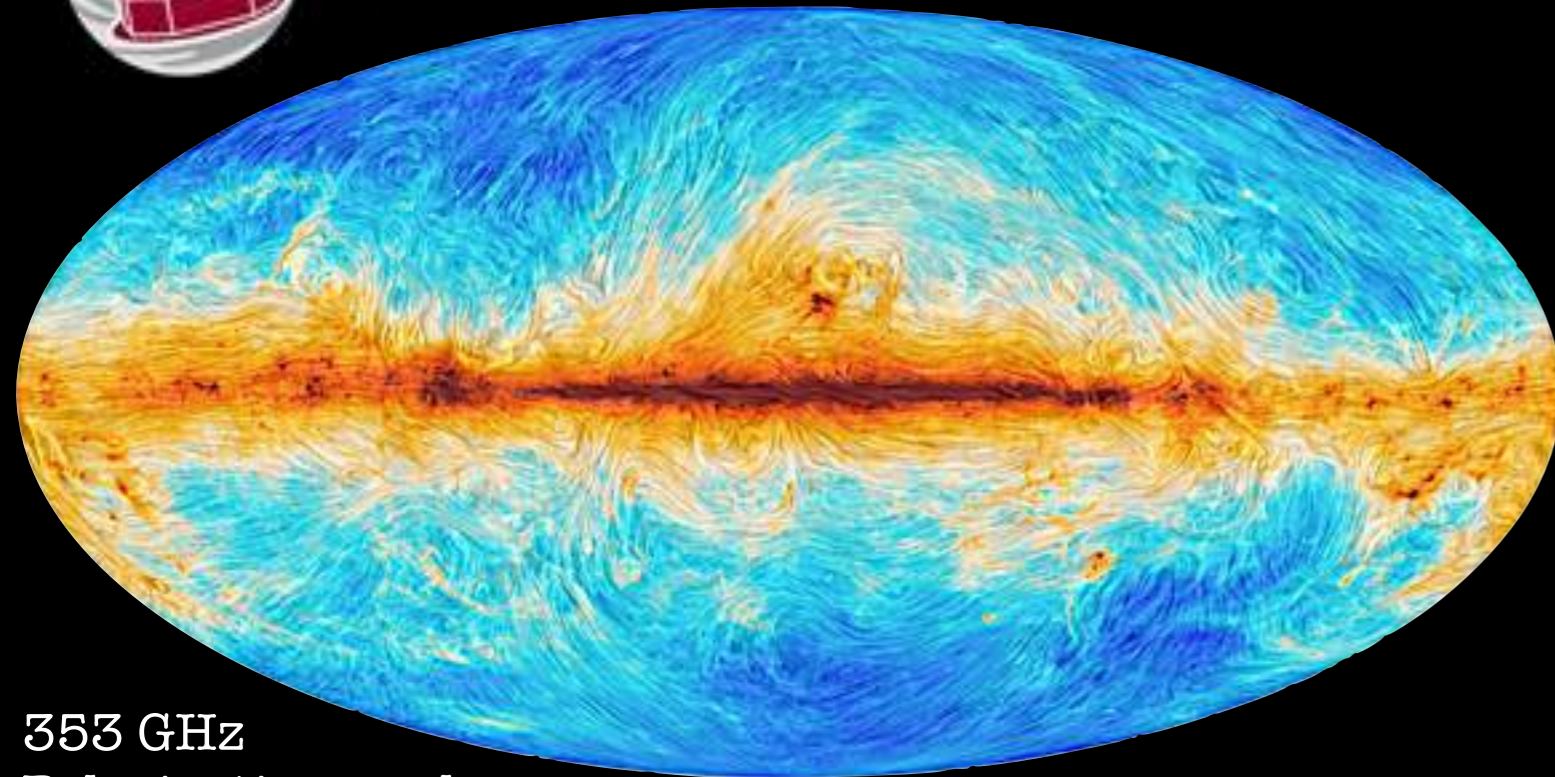
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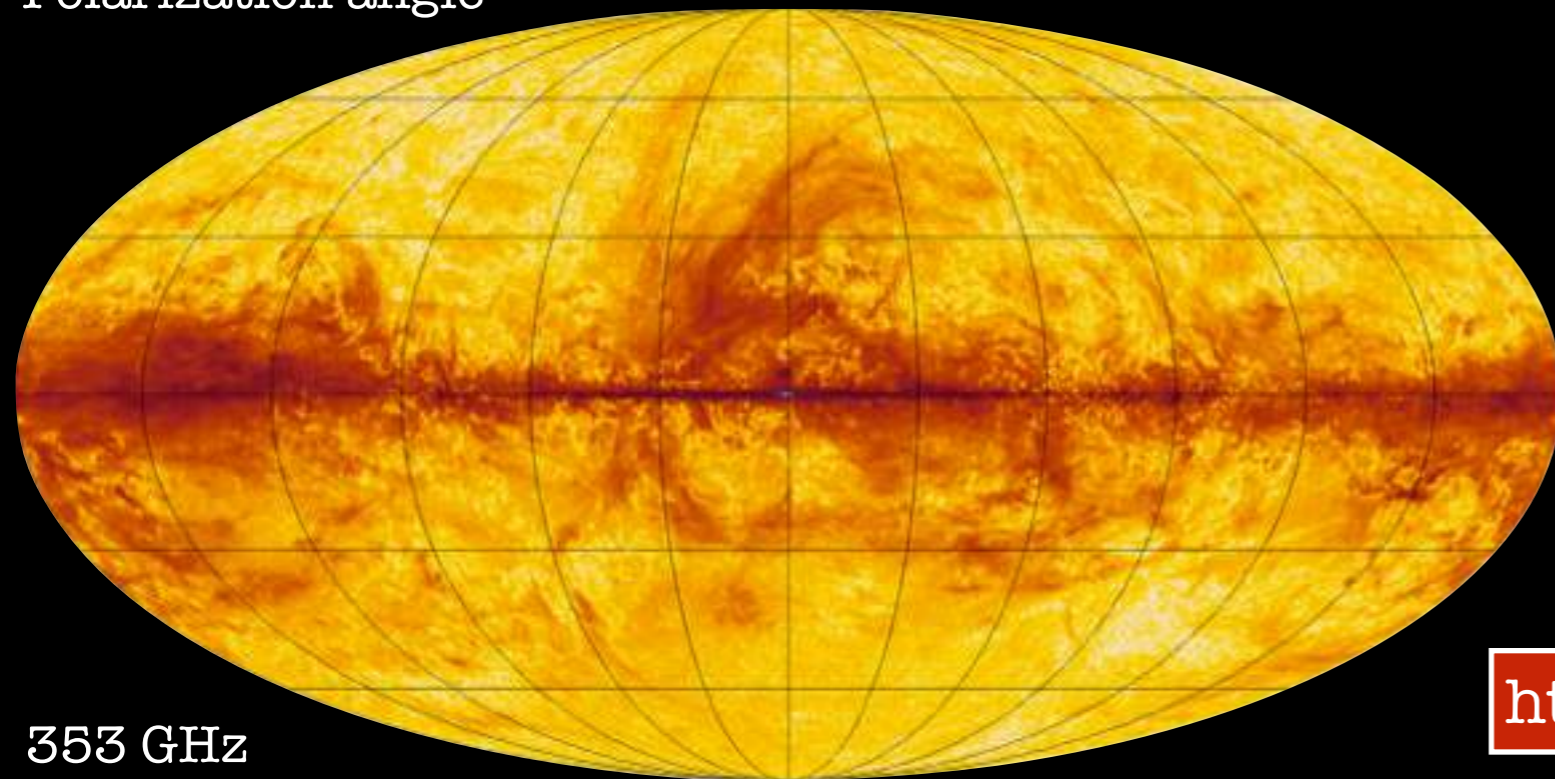
Magnetic field and polarization statistics



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353 GHz
Polarization angle



353 GHz
Polarized flux

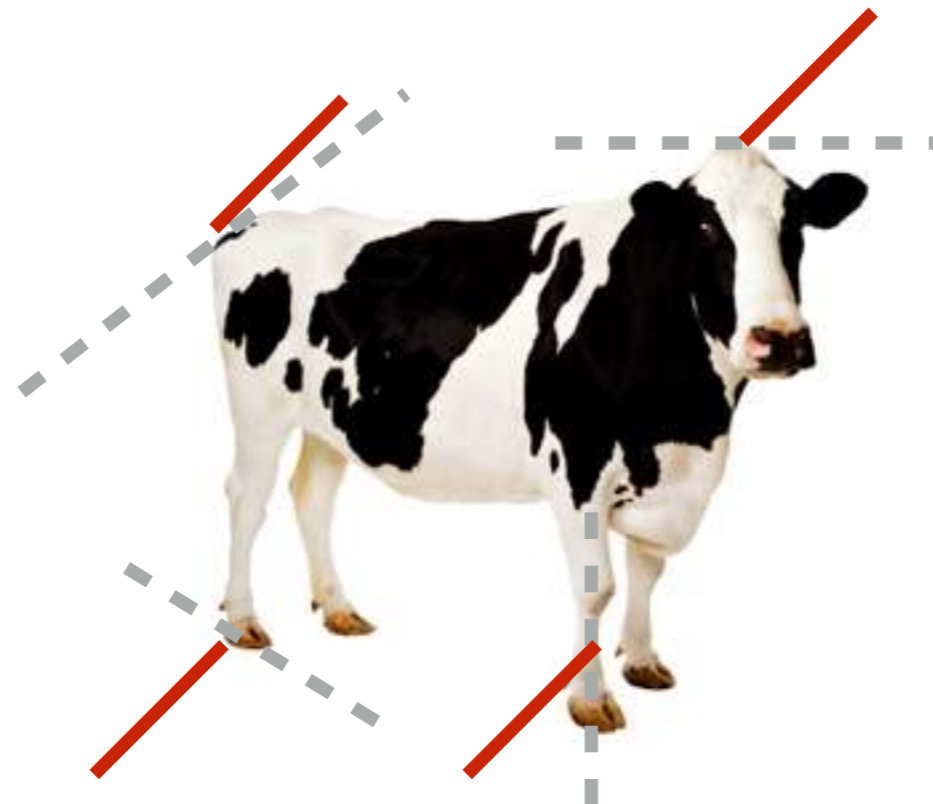
- Angle dispersion
Planck intermediate results. XIX
- Polarized fraction
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- Power spectrum
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- Geometric modelling
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Planck intermediate results. XXXIV
- Relative orientation
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- Relation to E- and B-modes
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Observations

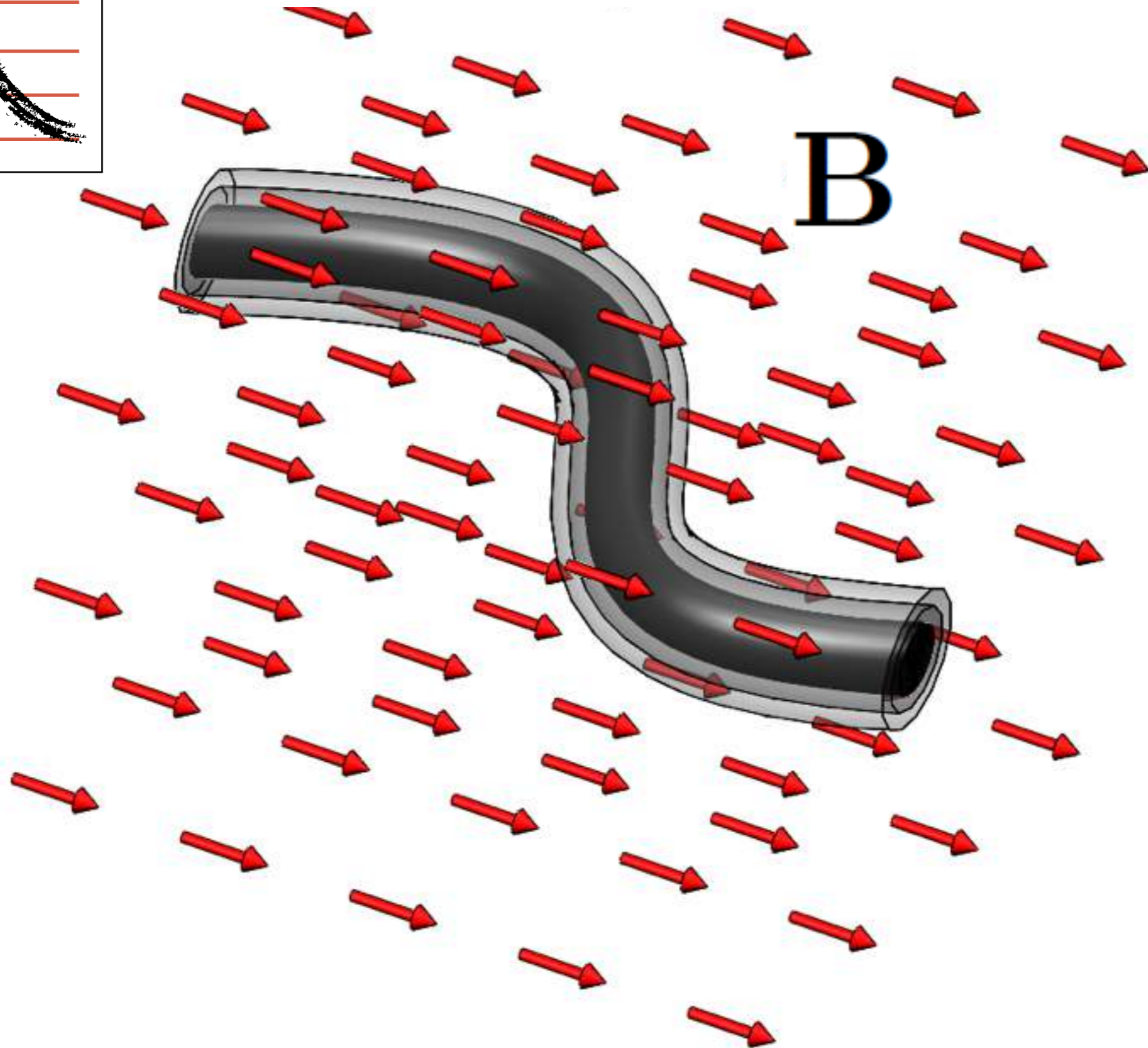
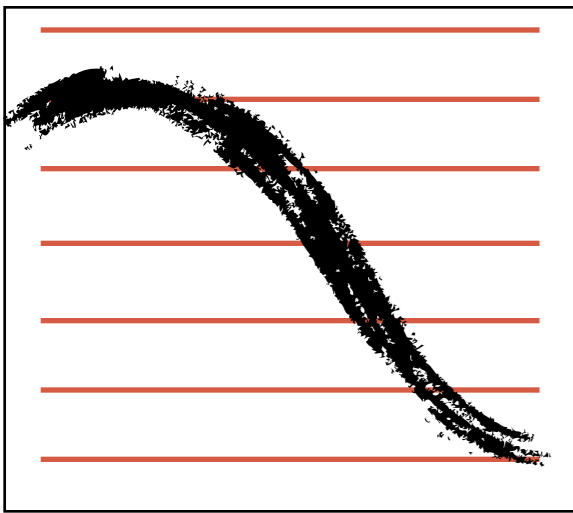


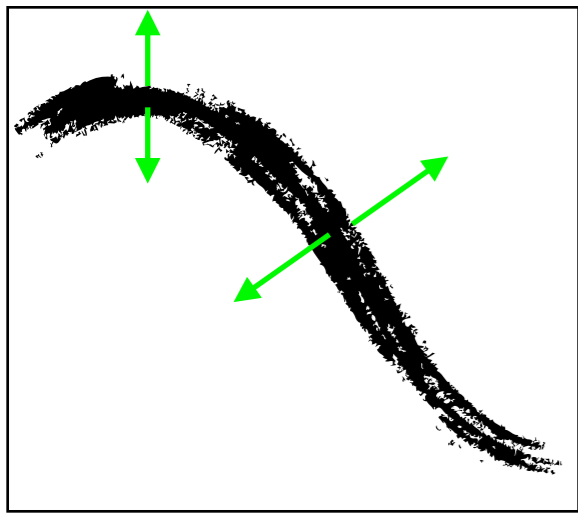
Simulations



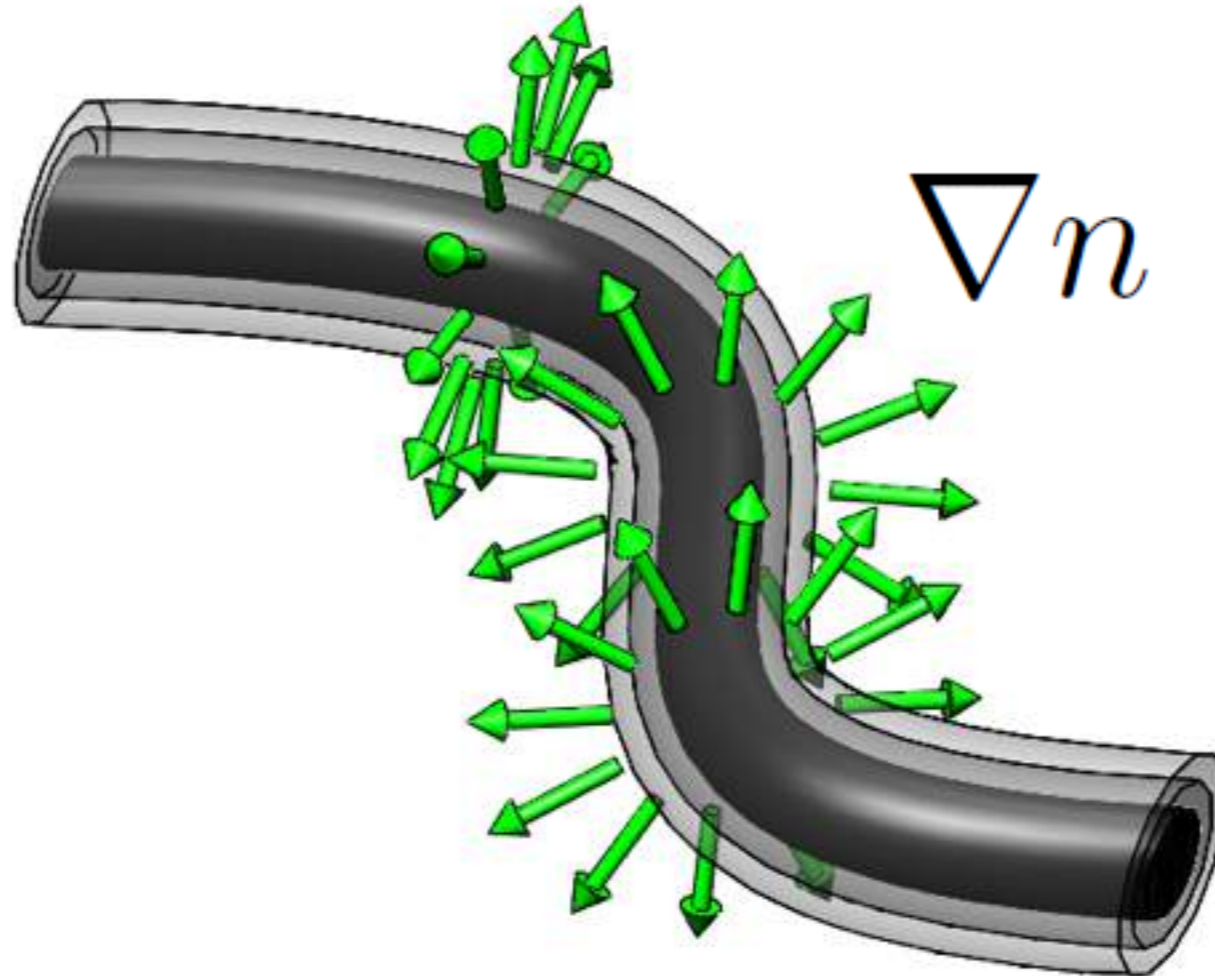
- Magnetic field
- Turbulence
- Gravity

Relative Orientations

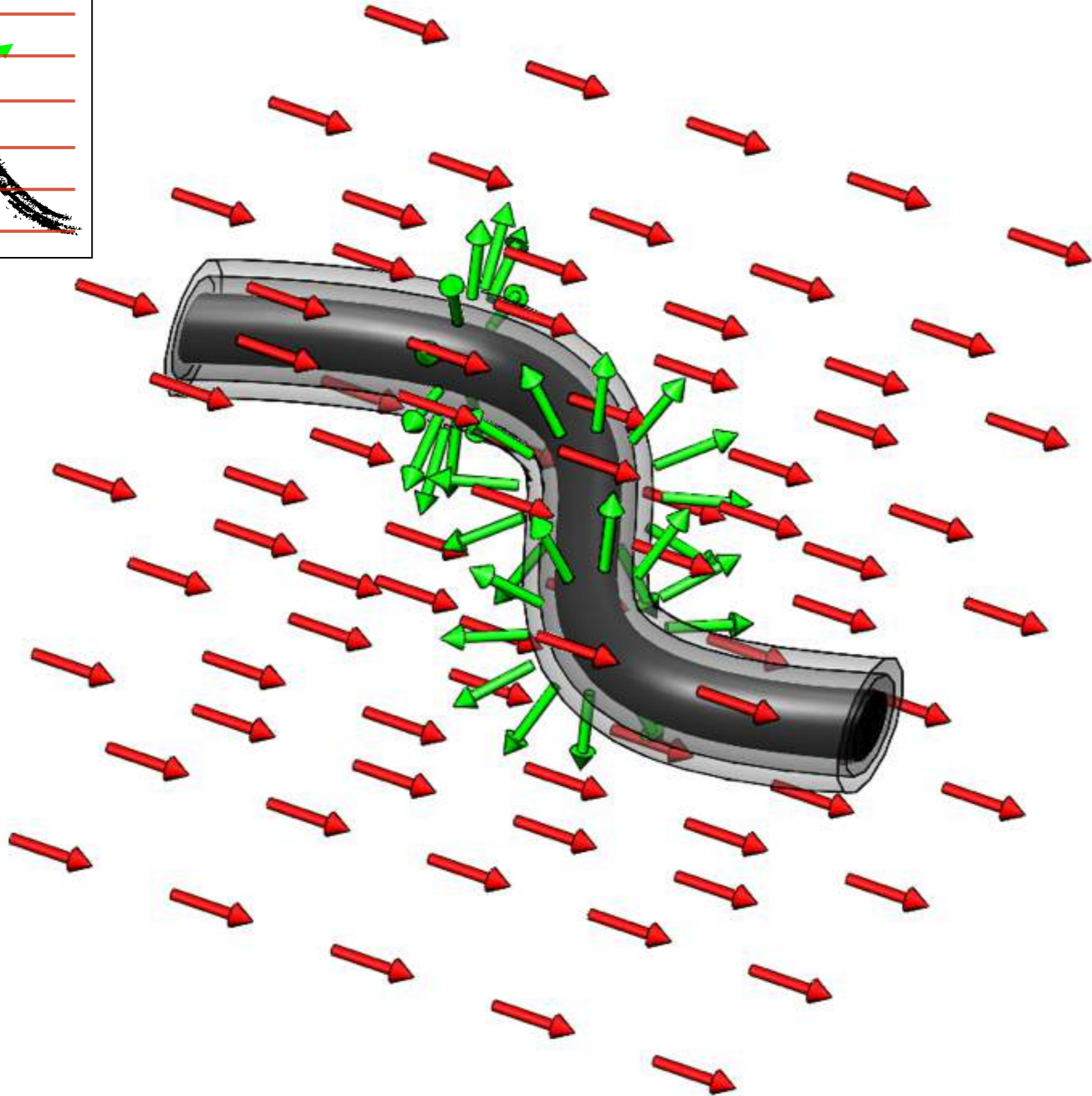
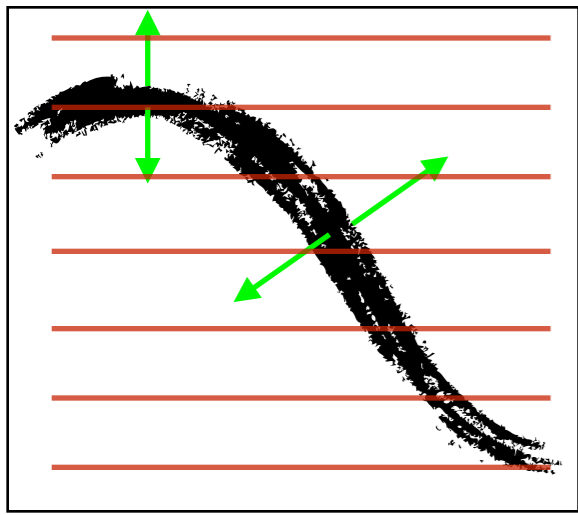


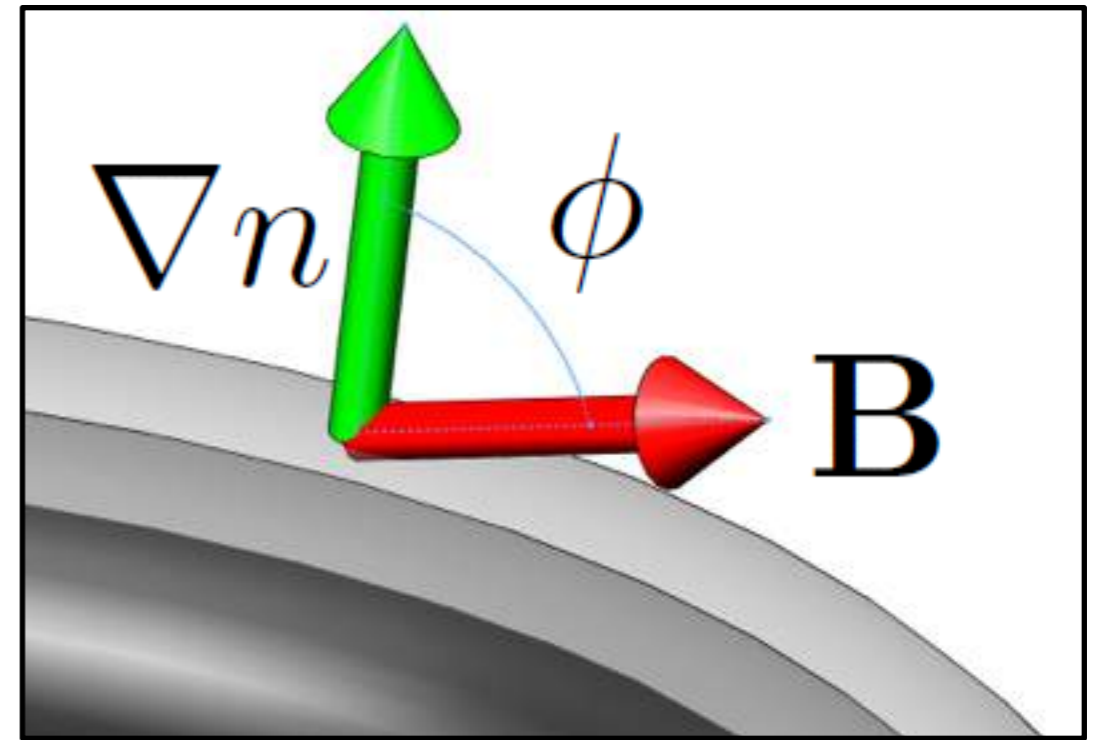
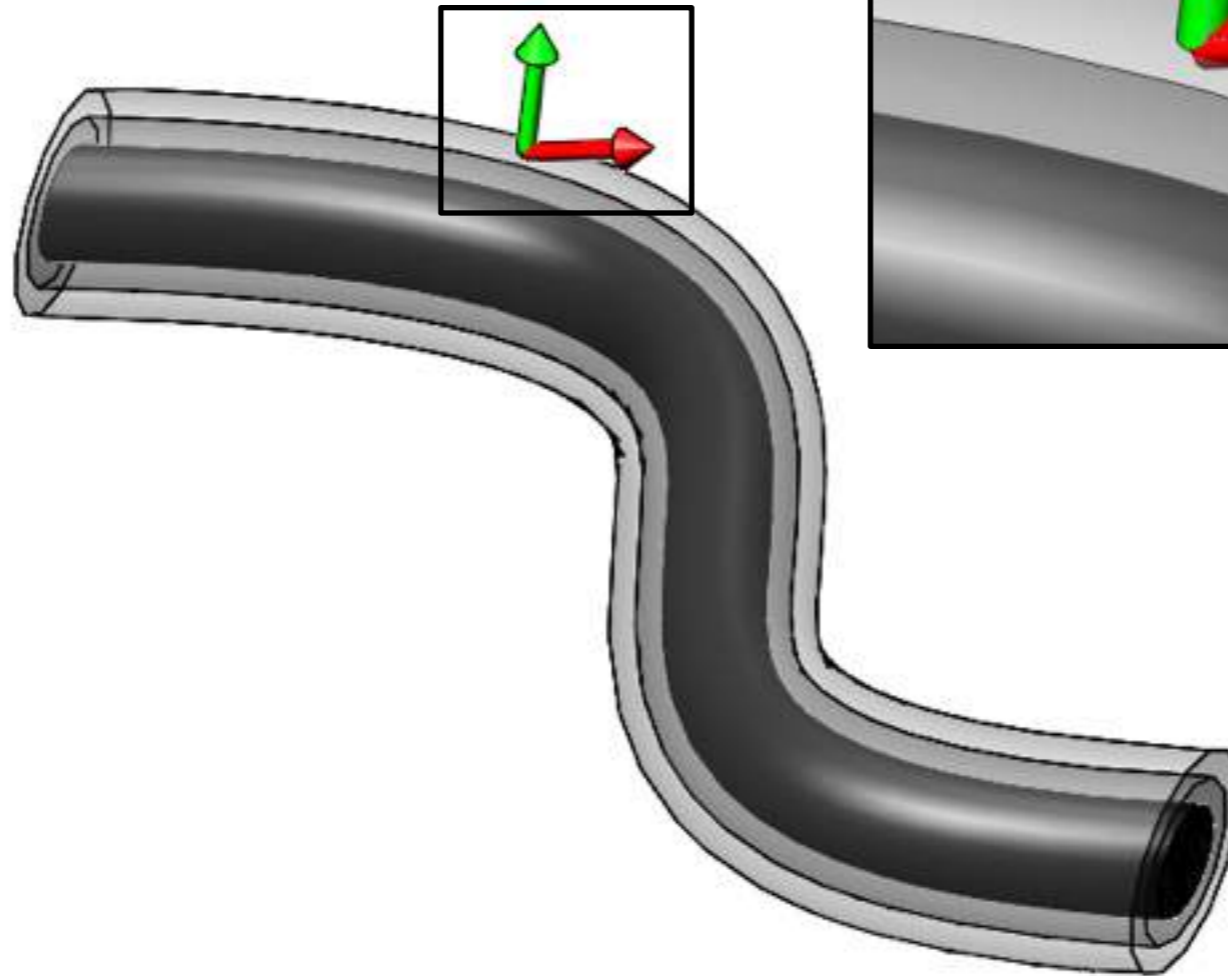
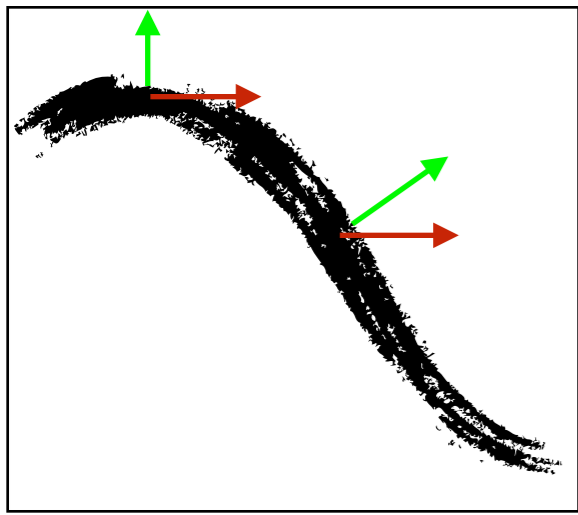


$$\nabla n = \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} \right)^{(l)} \hat{x} + \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial y} \right)^{(l)} \hat{y} + \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial z} \right)^{(l)} \hat{z}$$



$$\left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} \right)^{(l)} = n(x, y) \star K^{(\partial/\partial x)}$$



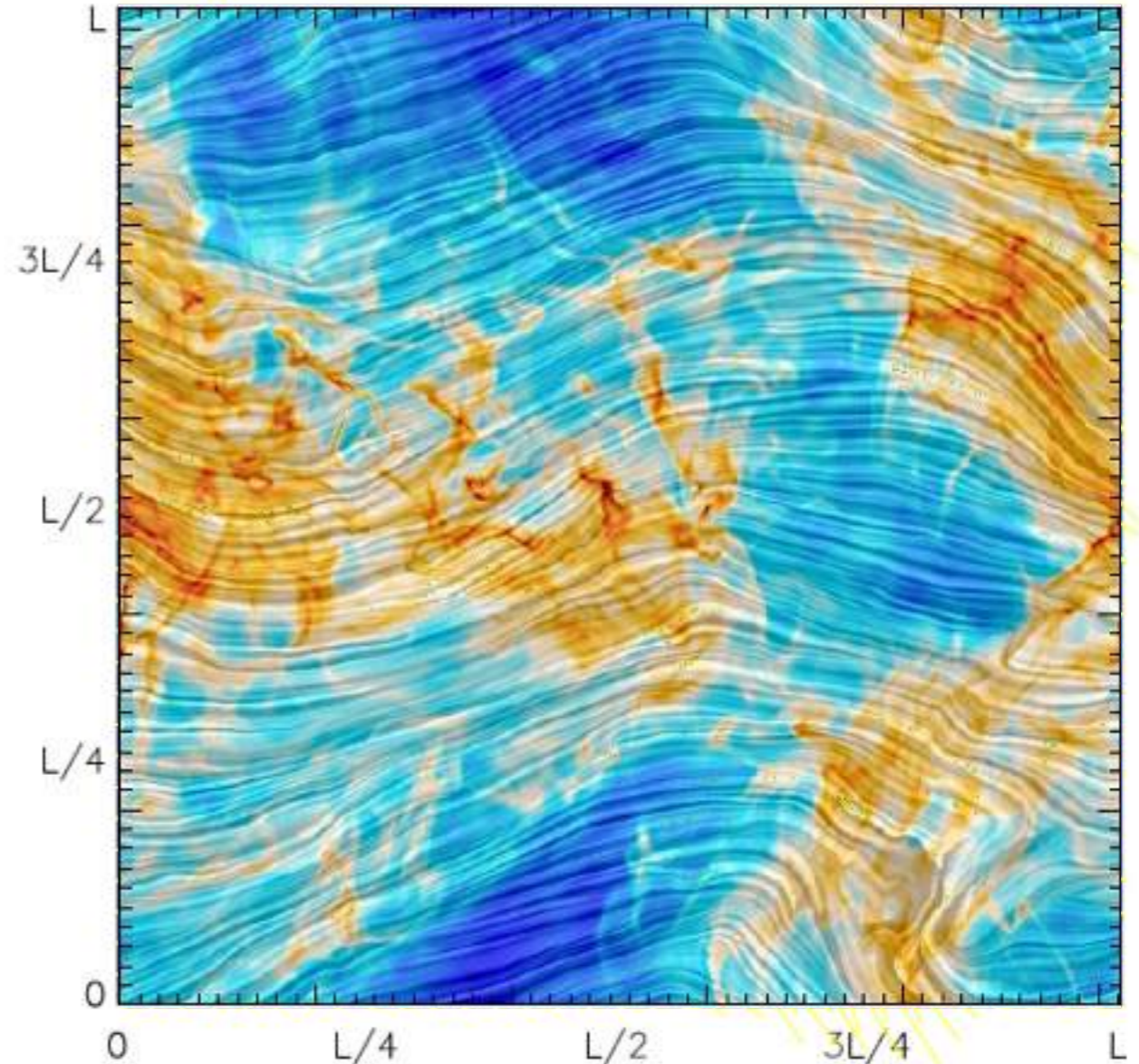
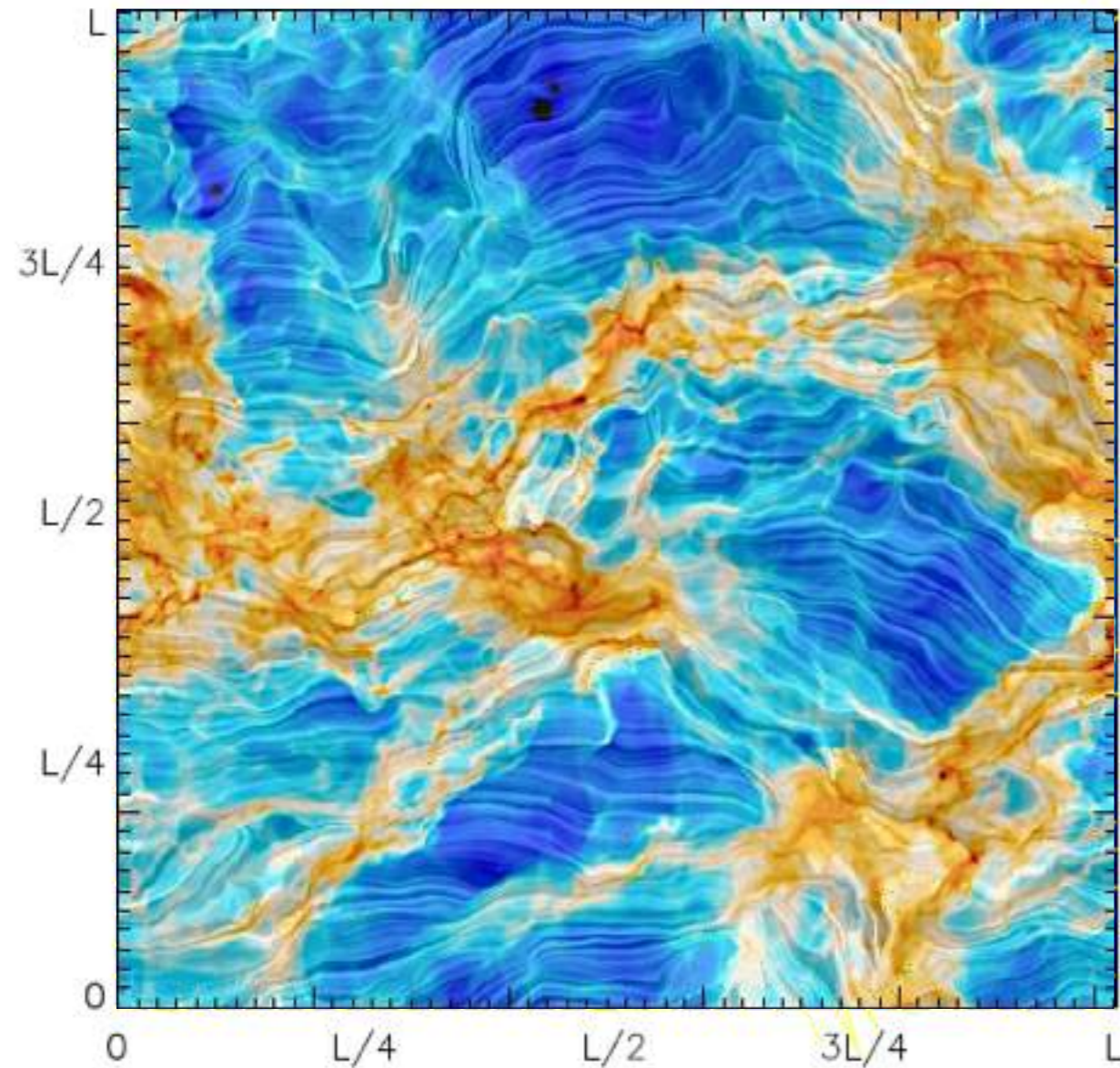


$$\phi = \arctan \left(\frac{|\mathbf{B} \times \nabla n|}{\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla n} \right)$$

Histogram of Relative Orientations

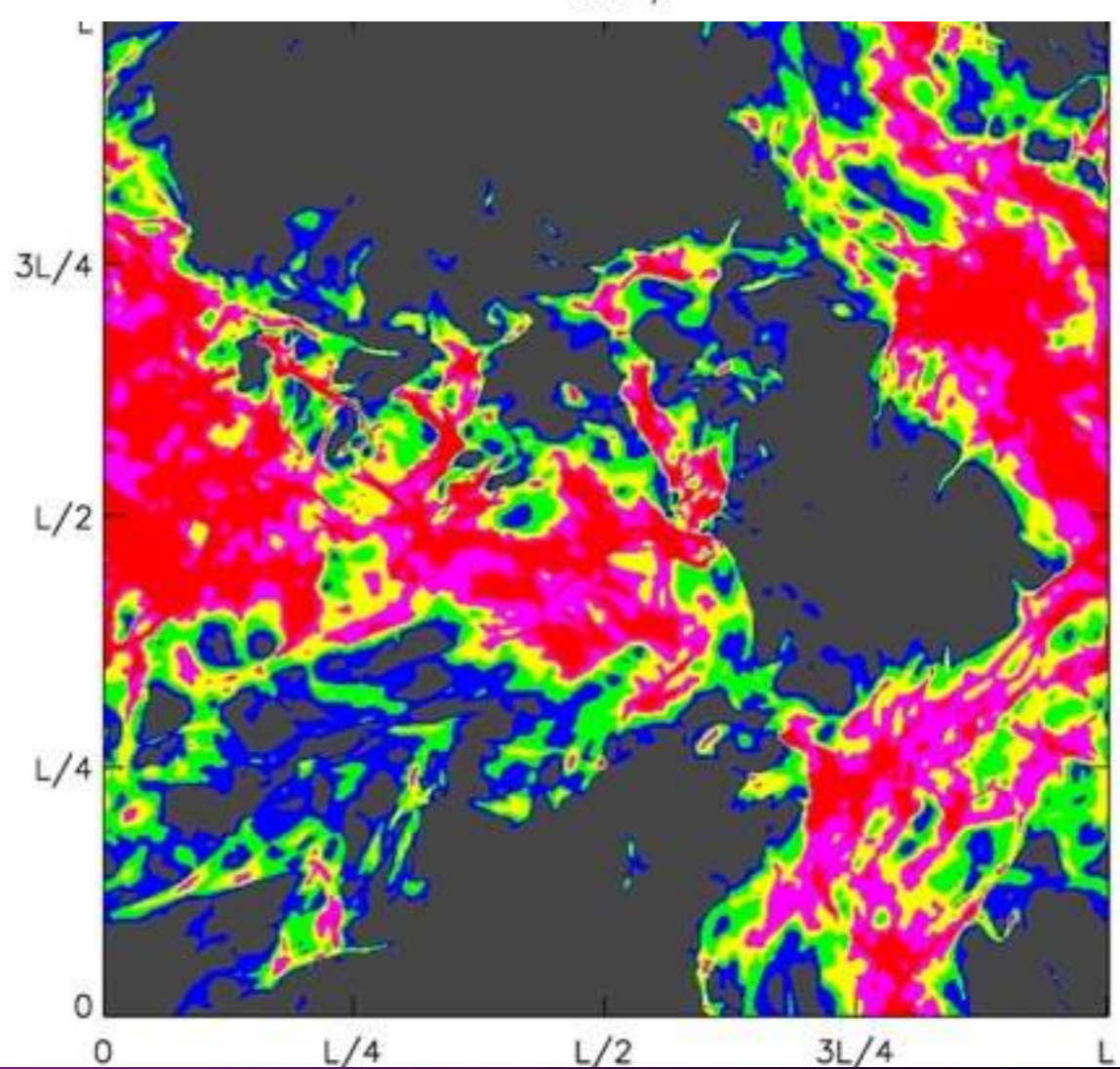
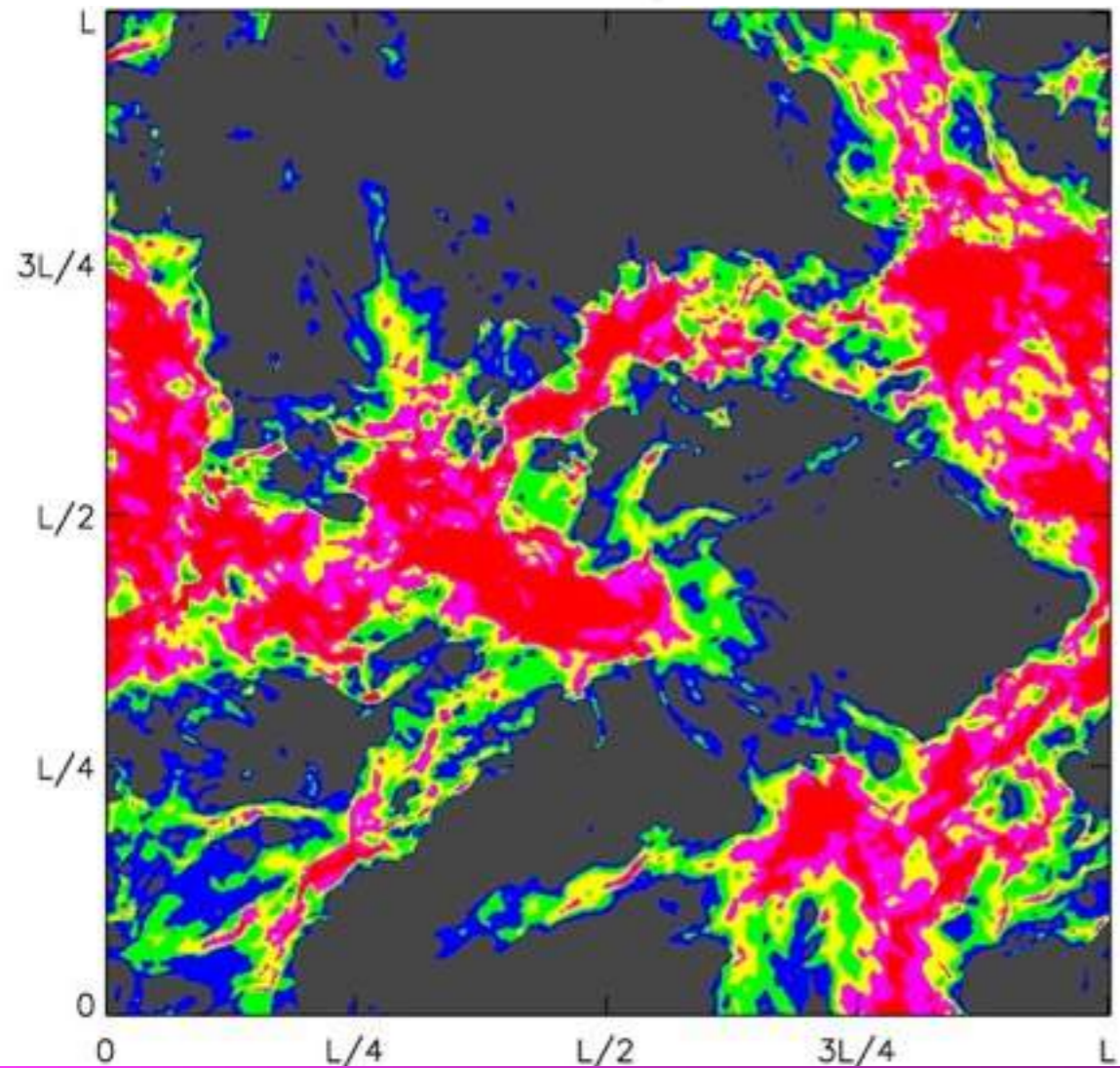
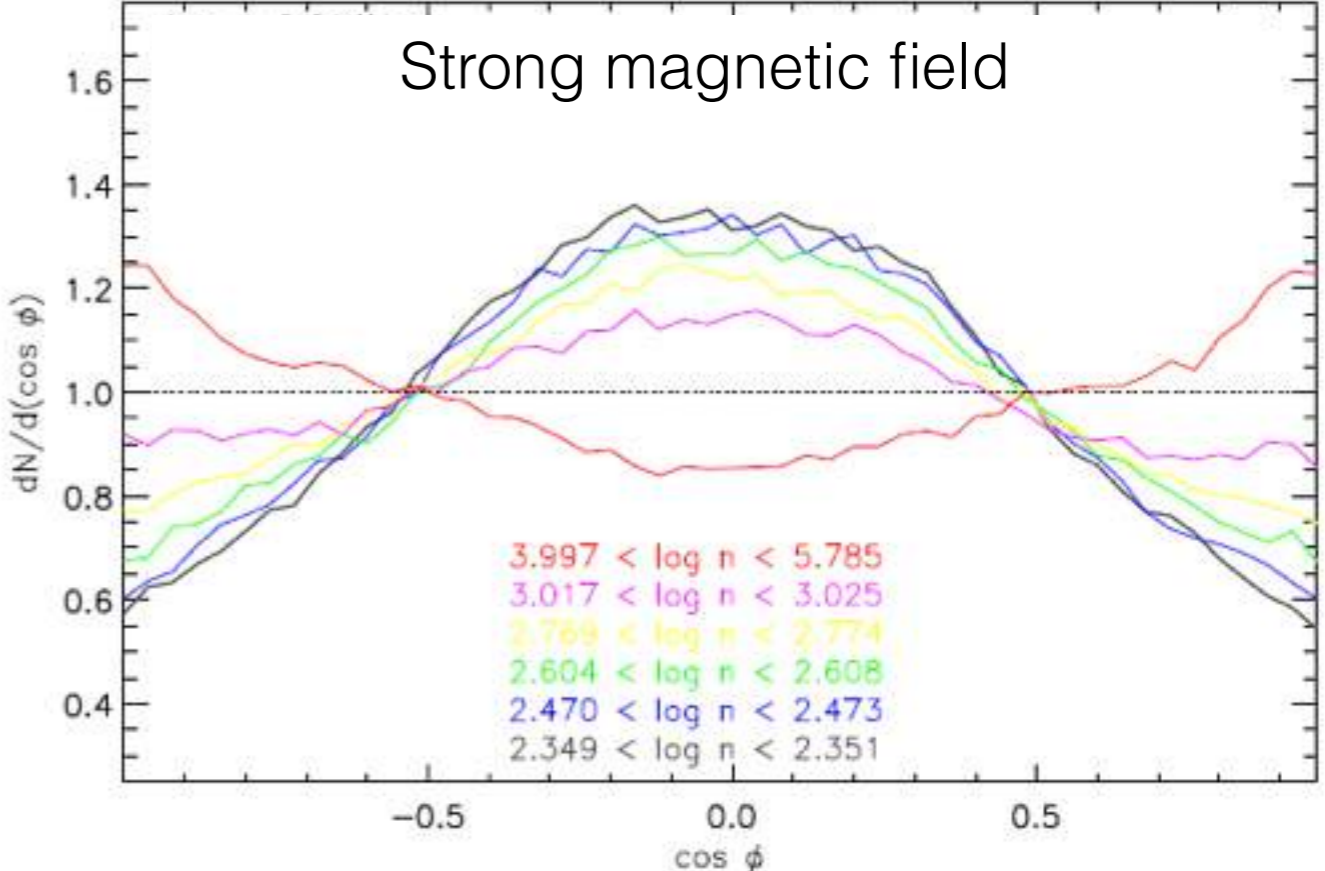
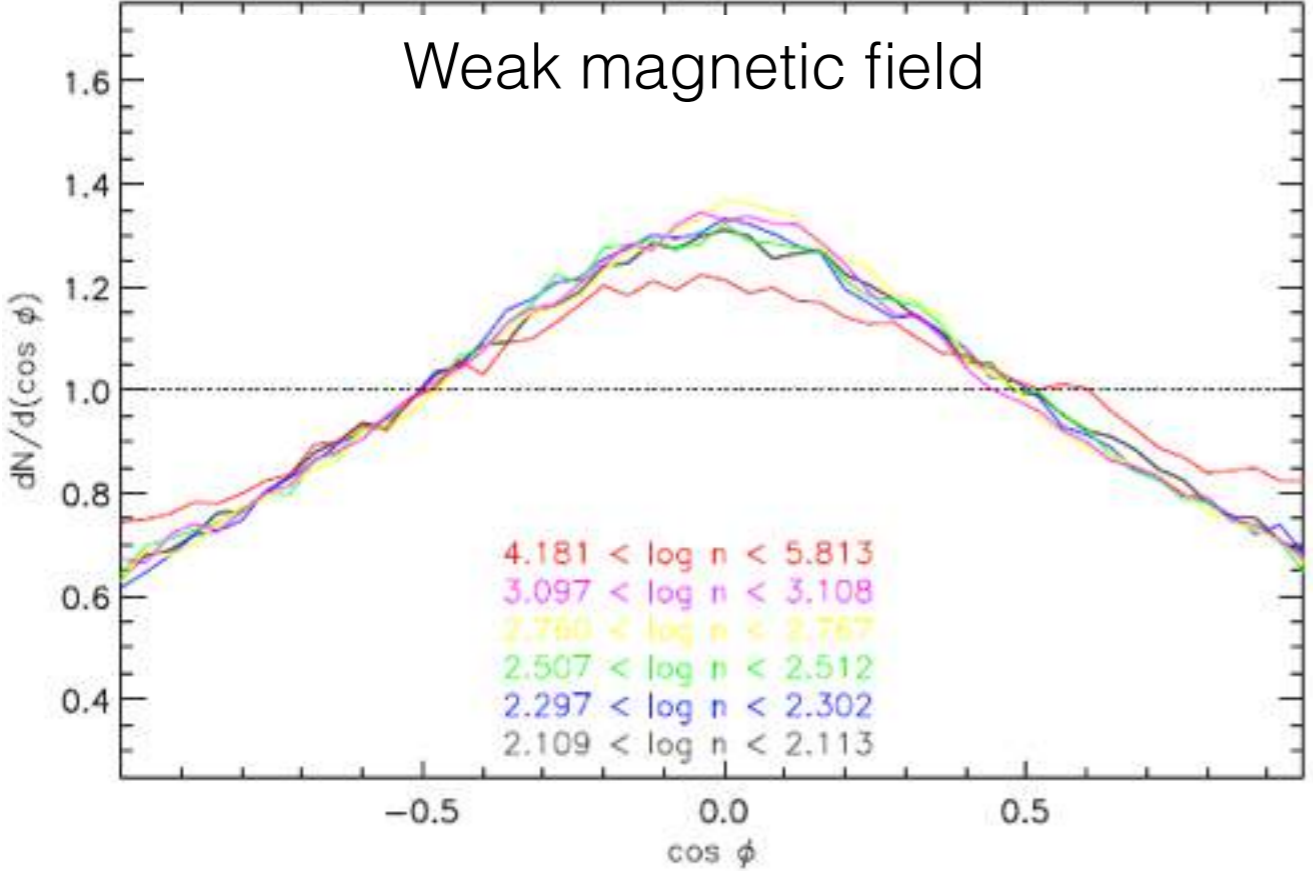
Weak magnetic field ($\beta = 100.0$)

Strong magnetic field ($\beta = 0.1$)



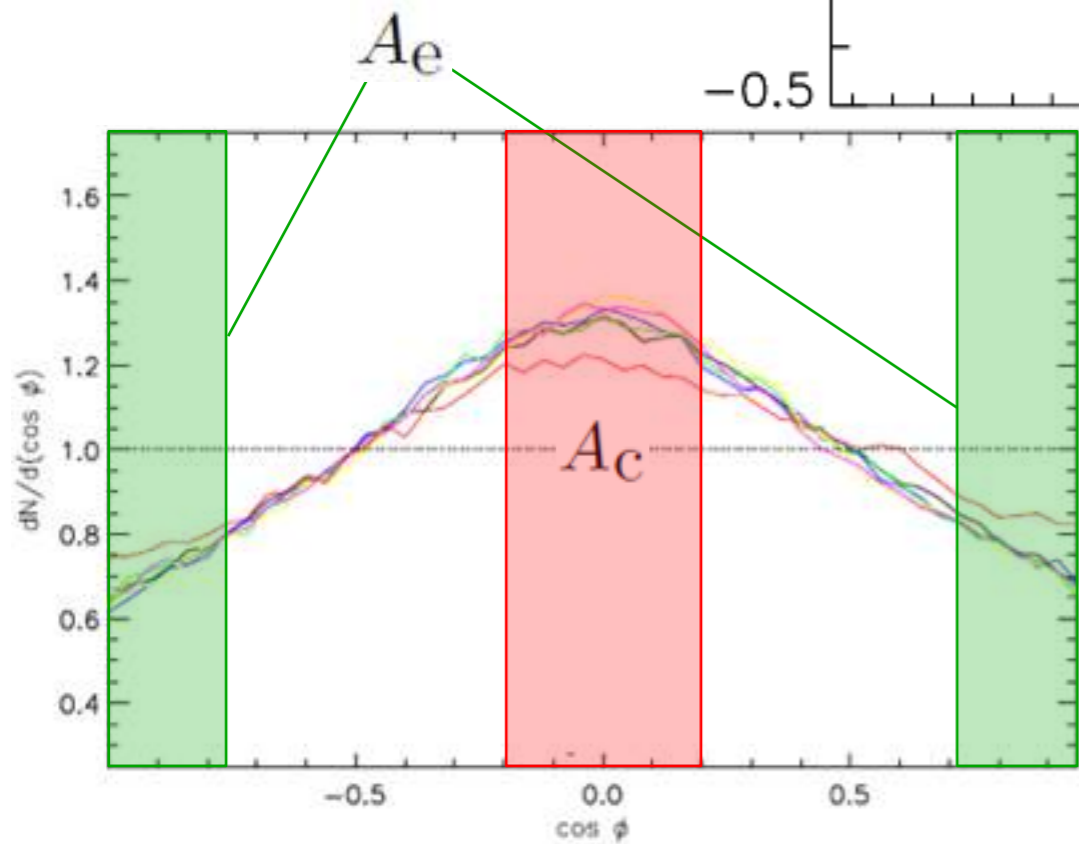
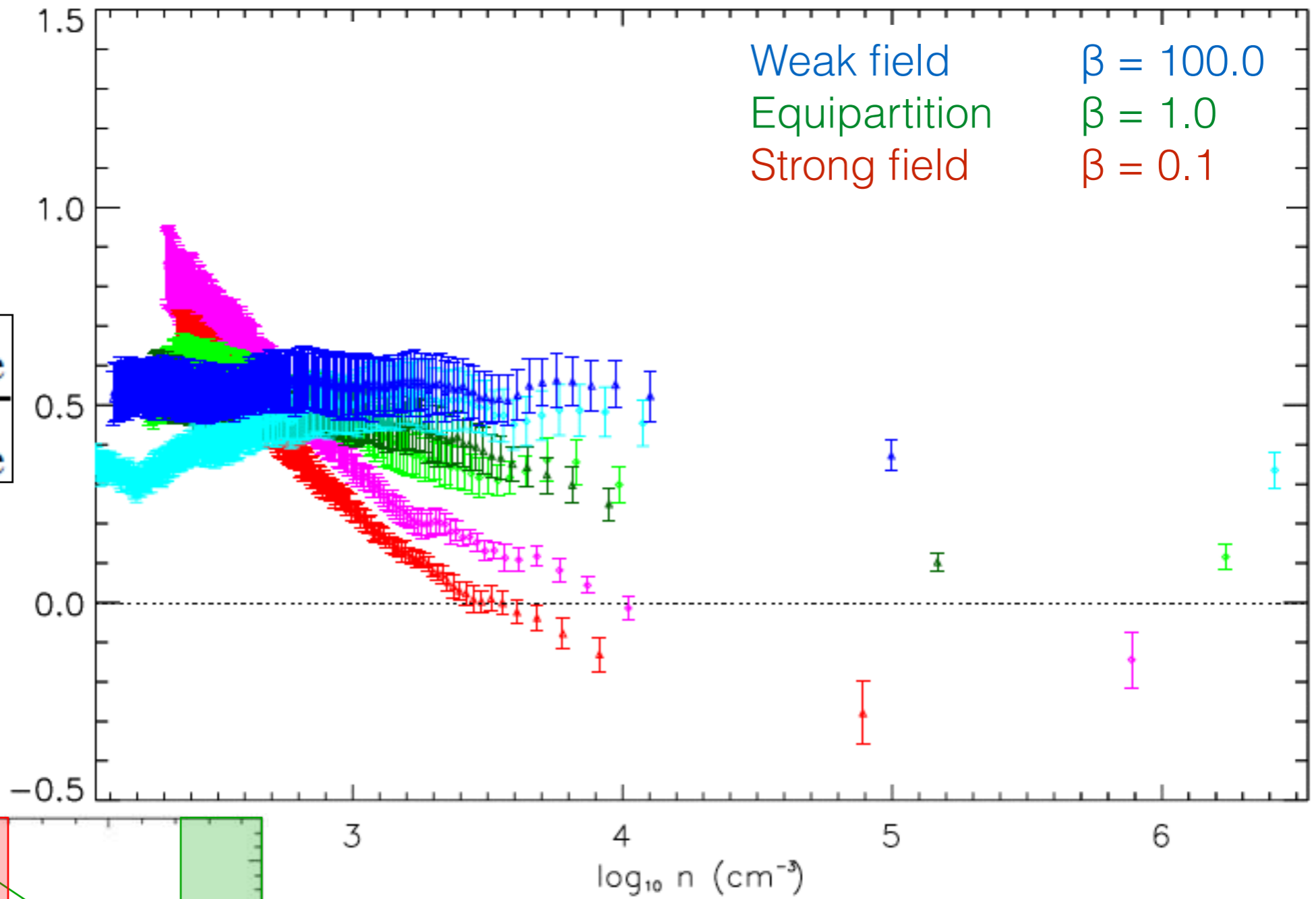
$L = 4$ pc (2^9 to 2^{11} resolution)
 $T = 11.4$ K
 $n_0 = 536.4$ cm $^{-3}$
 $\mathcal{M} = 10.0$ (decaying)

Simulations of MHD turbulence by P. Hennebelle
HRO: Soler et al, 2013



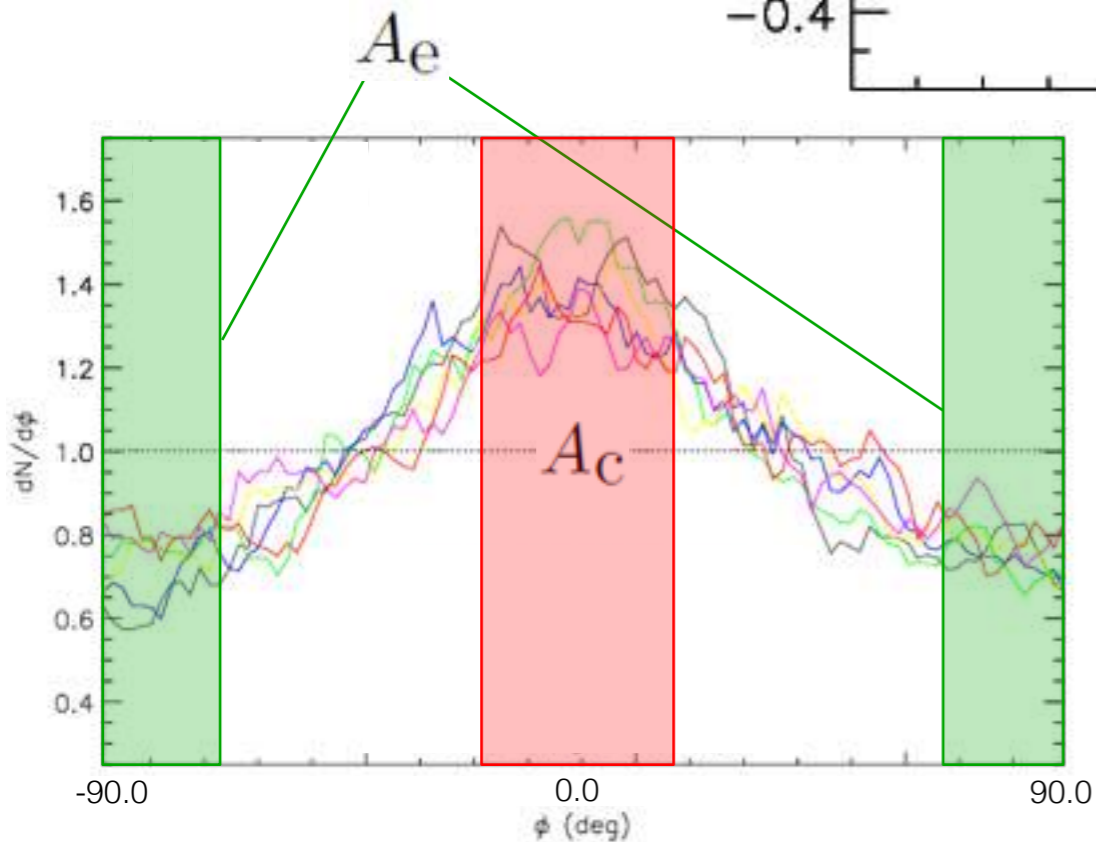
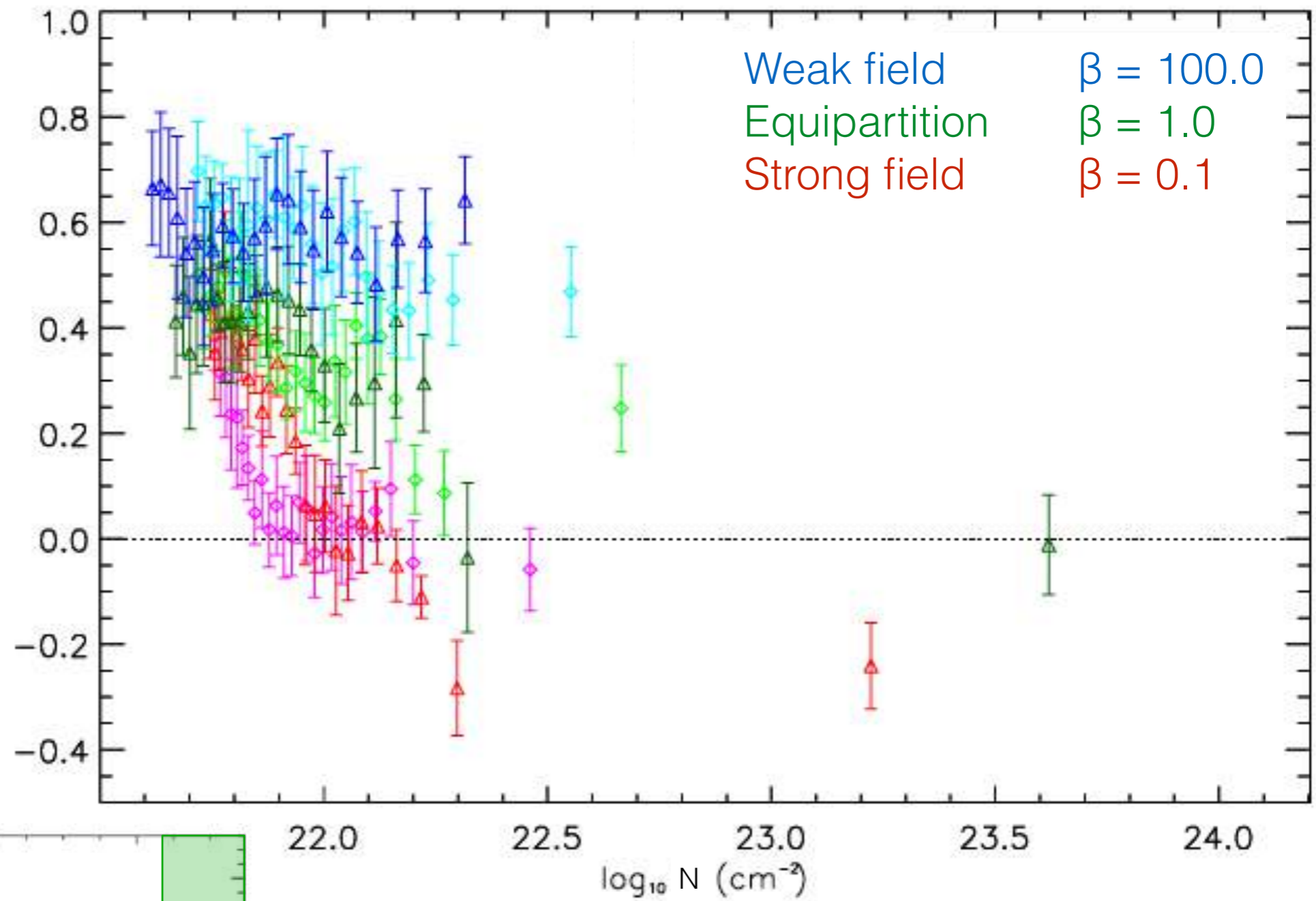
3D

$$\zeta = \frac{A_c - A_e}{A_c + A_e}$$

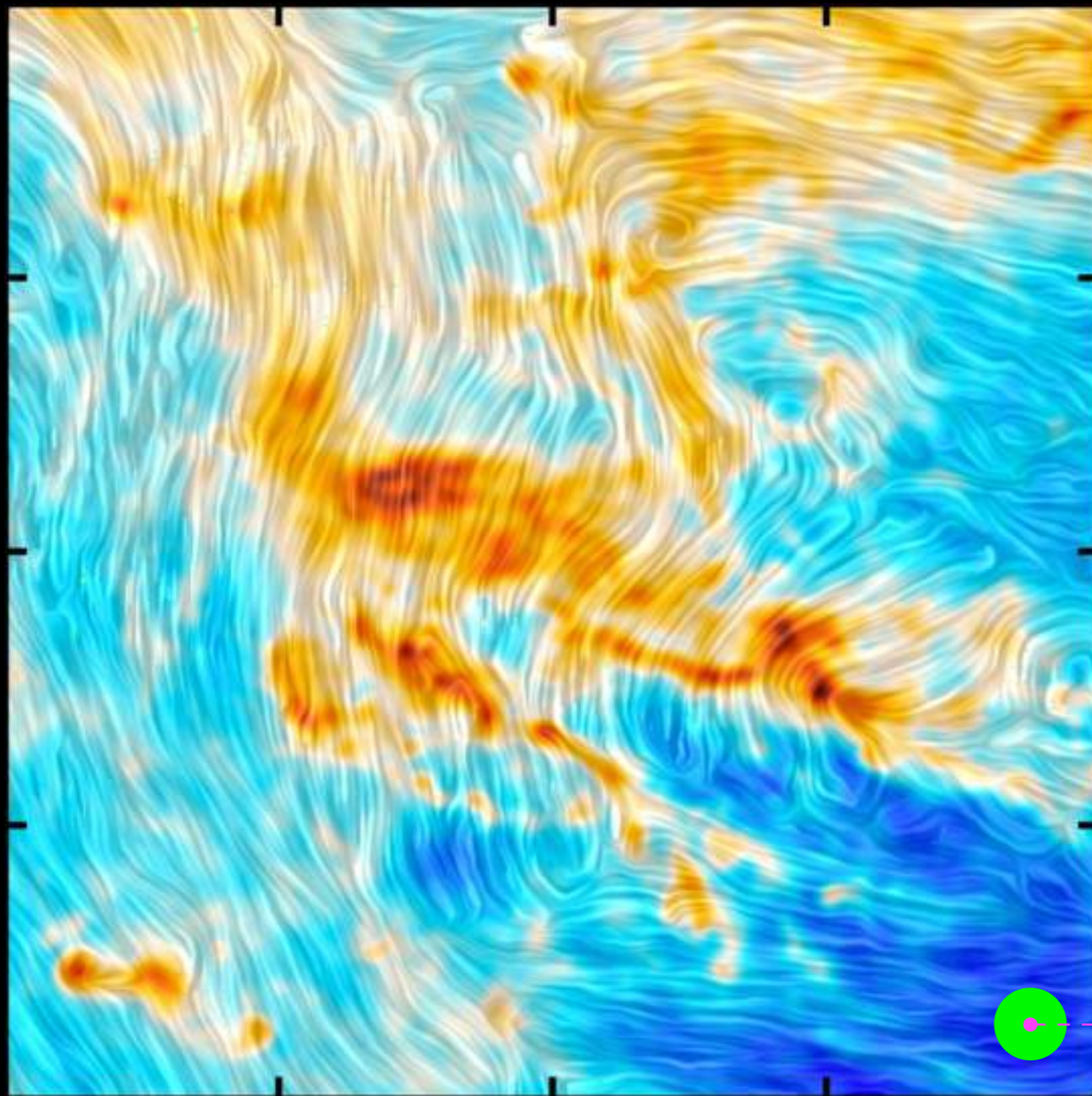


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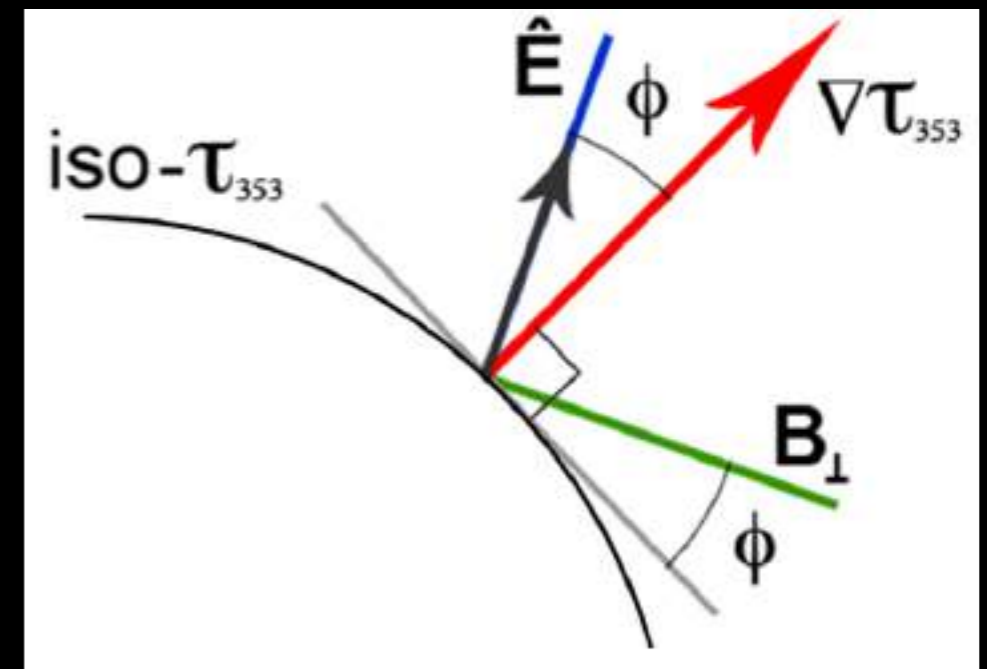
Relative Orientations



16 deg (40 pc @ d=140 pc)

Taurus region

- N_H from dust optical depth
- B_{\perp} from Planck 353 GHz pol.



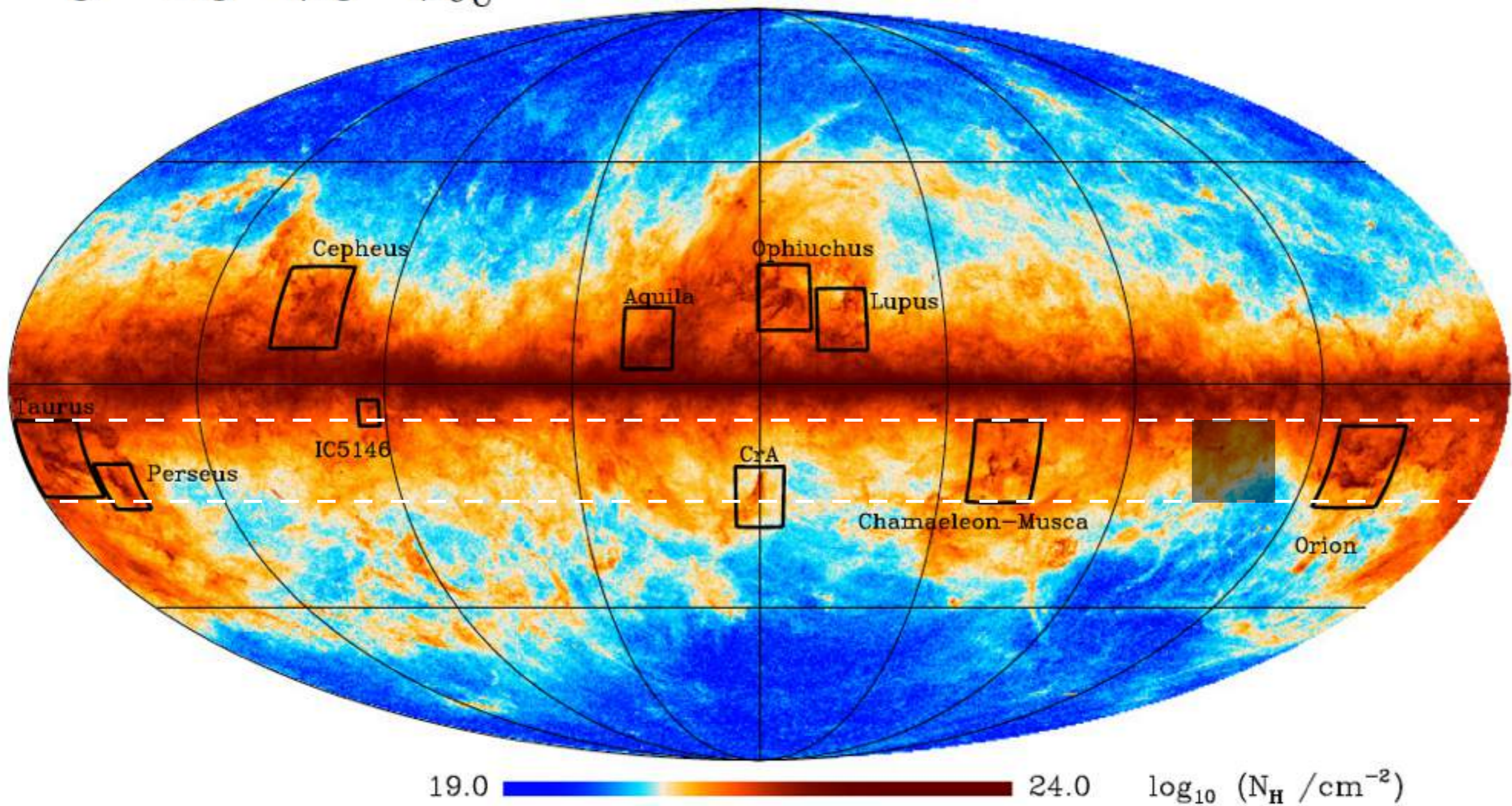
10' FWHM (0.4 pc @ d=140 pc)

Planck intermediate results. XXXV

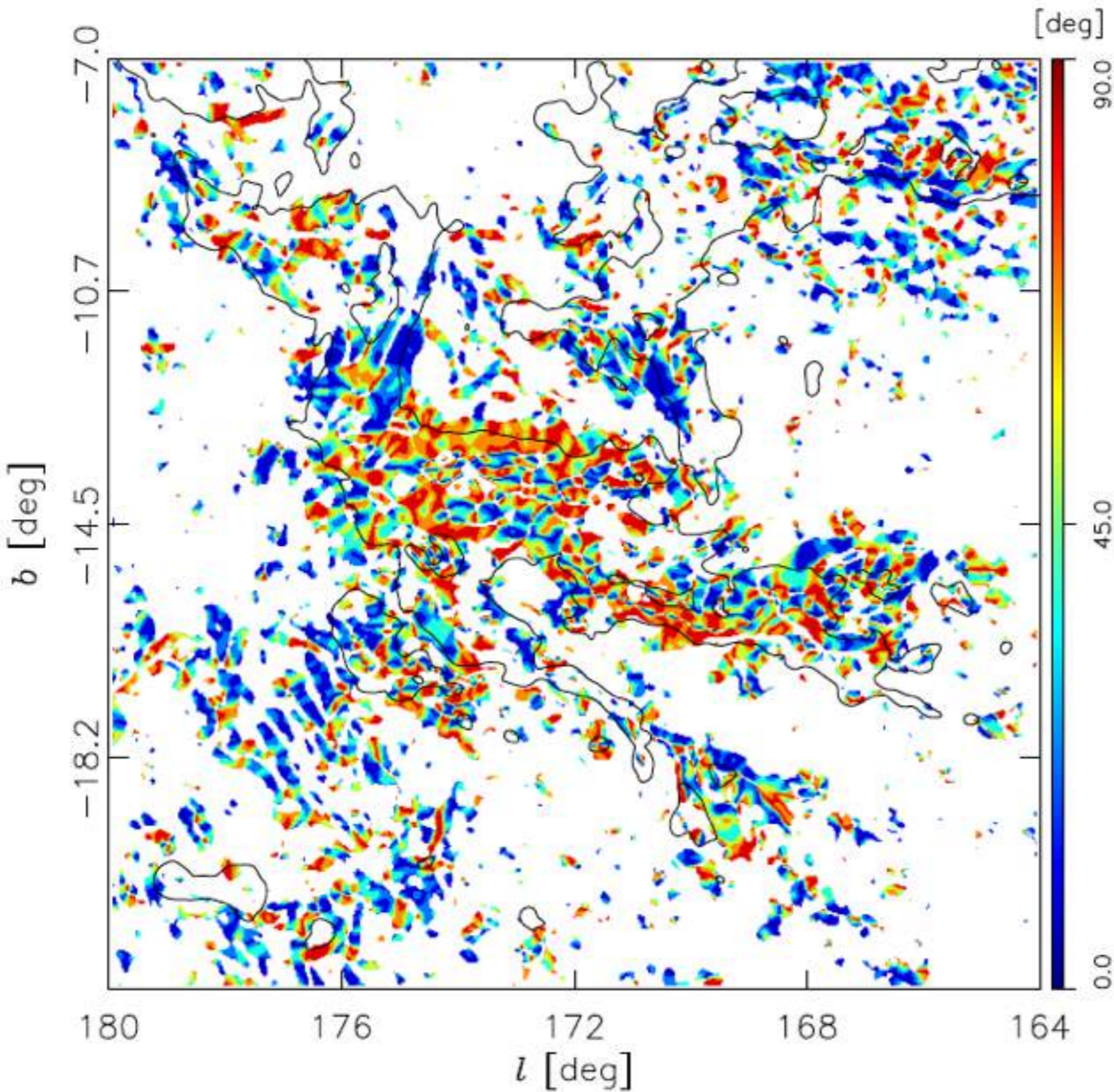
$$Q^{\text{OBS}} = Q^{\text{MC}} + Q^{\text{BG}} + \delta Q$$

$$U^{\text{OBS}} = U^{\text{MC}} + U^{\text{BG}} + \delta U$$

$$\nabla \tau_{353}^{\text{OBS}} = \nabla \tau_{353}^{\text{MC}} + \nabla (\tau_{353}^{\text{BG}} + \delta \tau_{353})$$

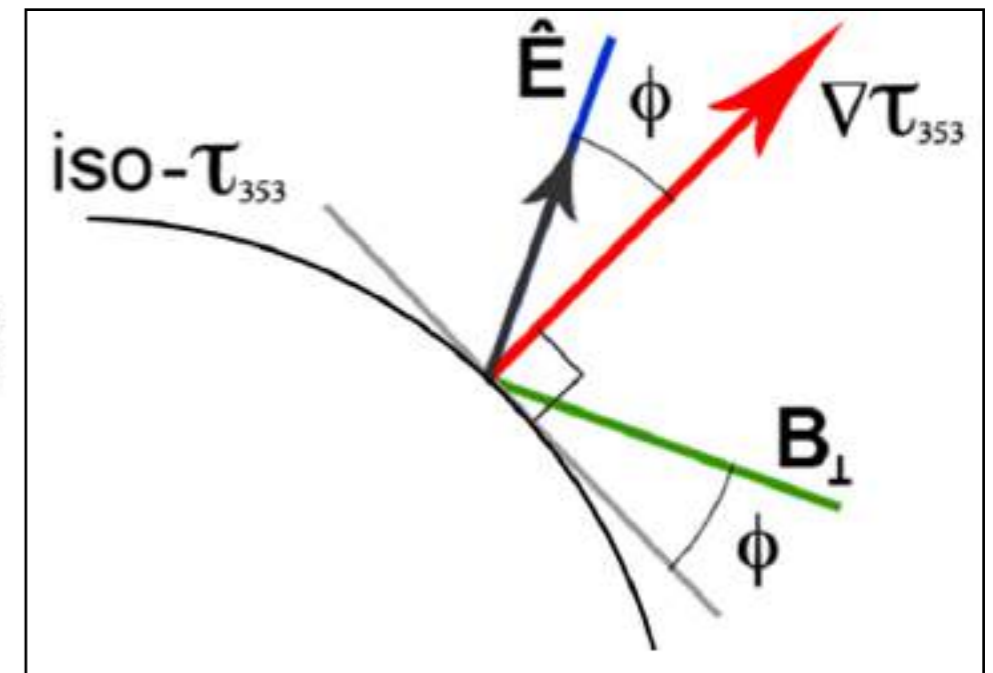


Relative Orientations

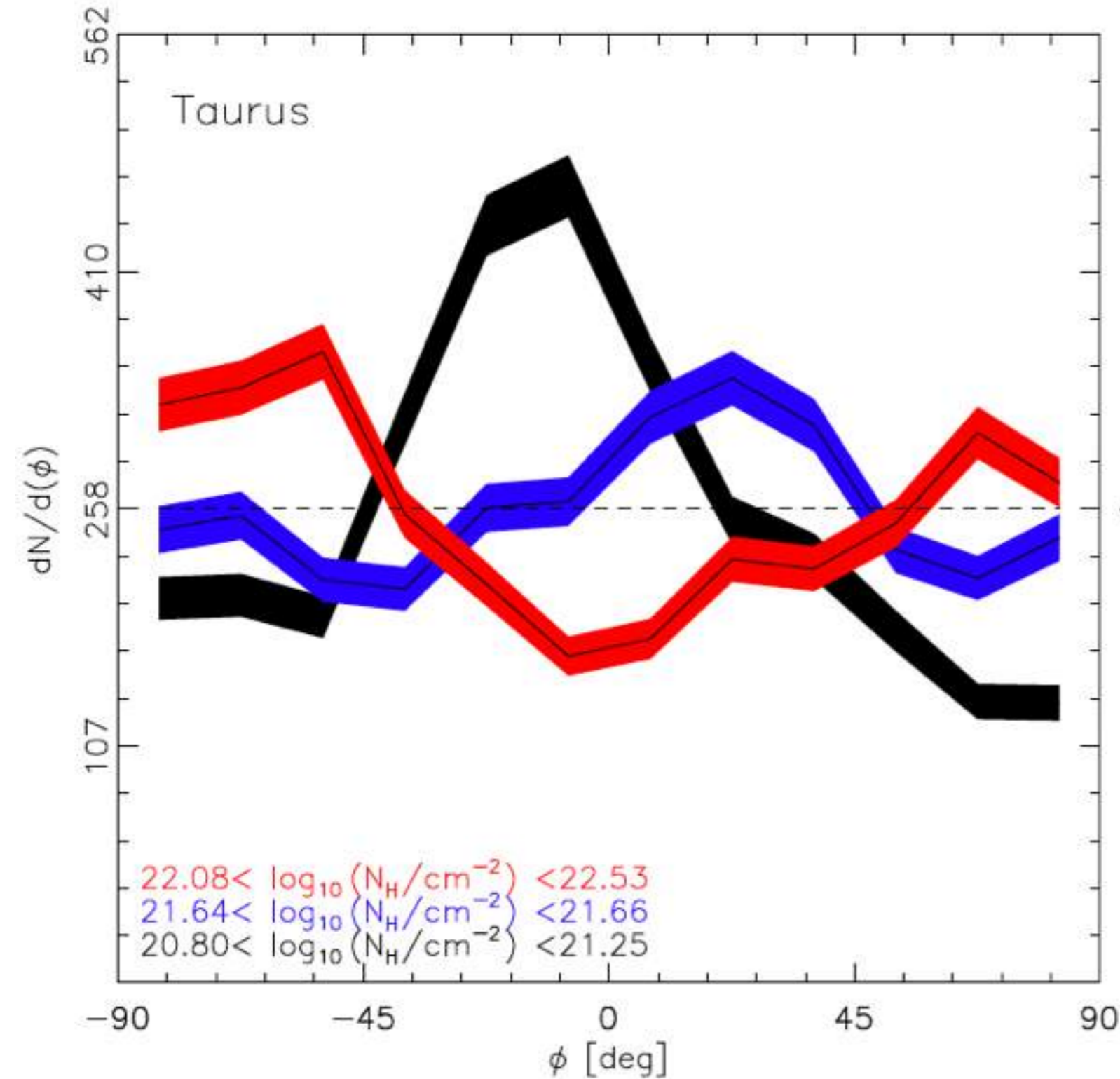


Taurus region

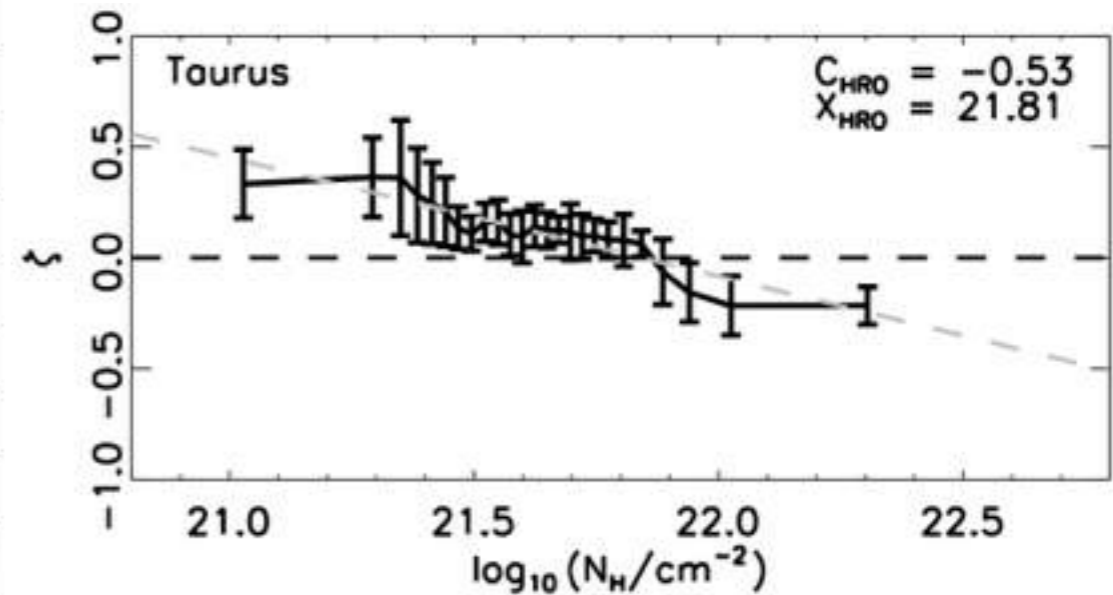
- Perpendicular
- Parallel



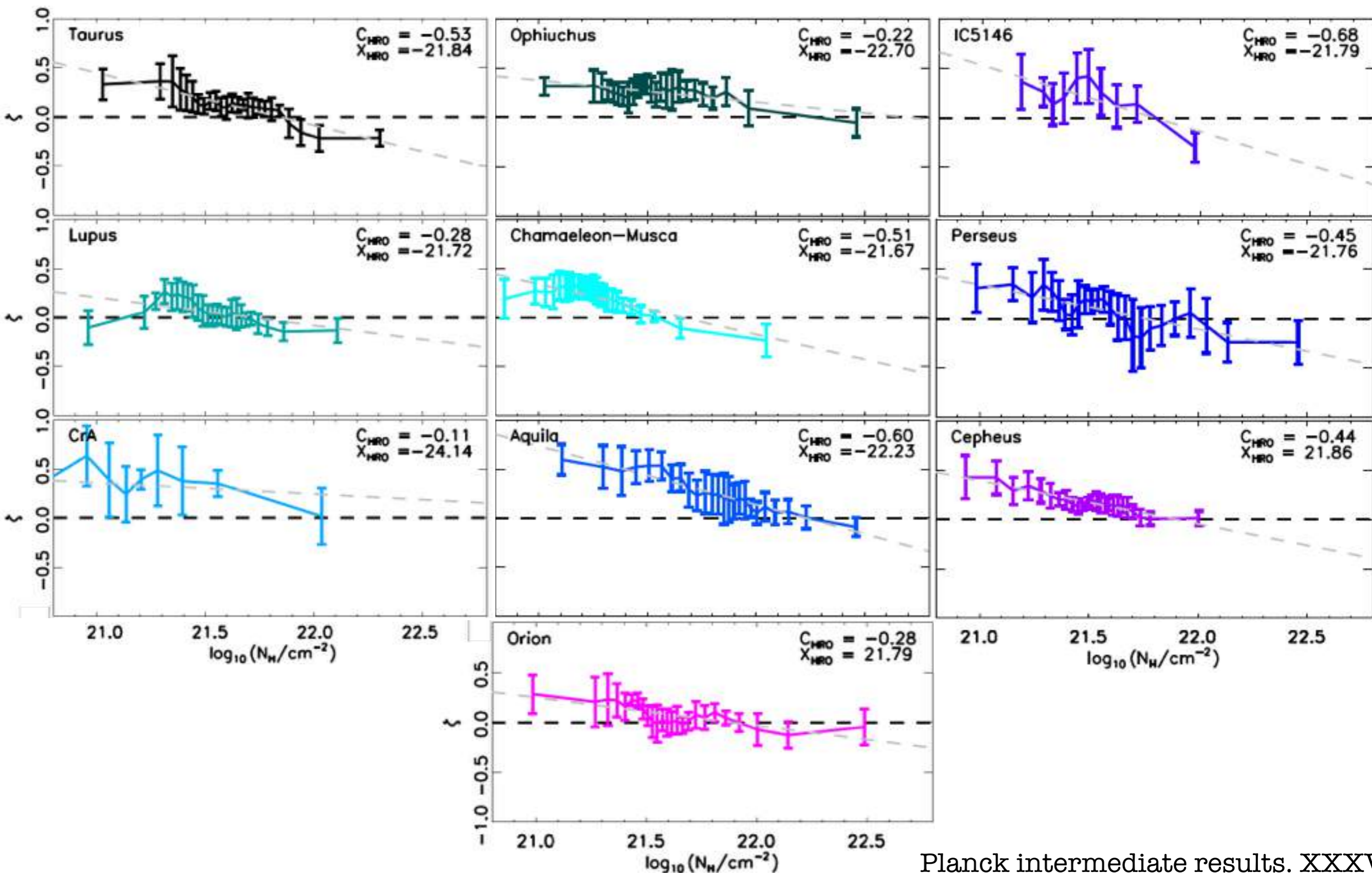
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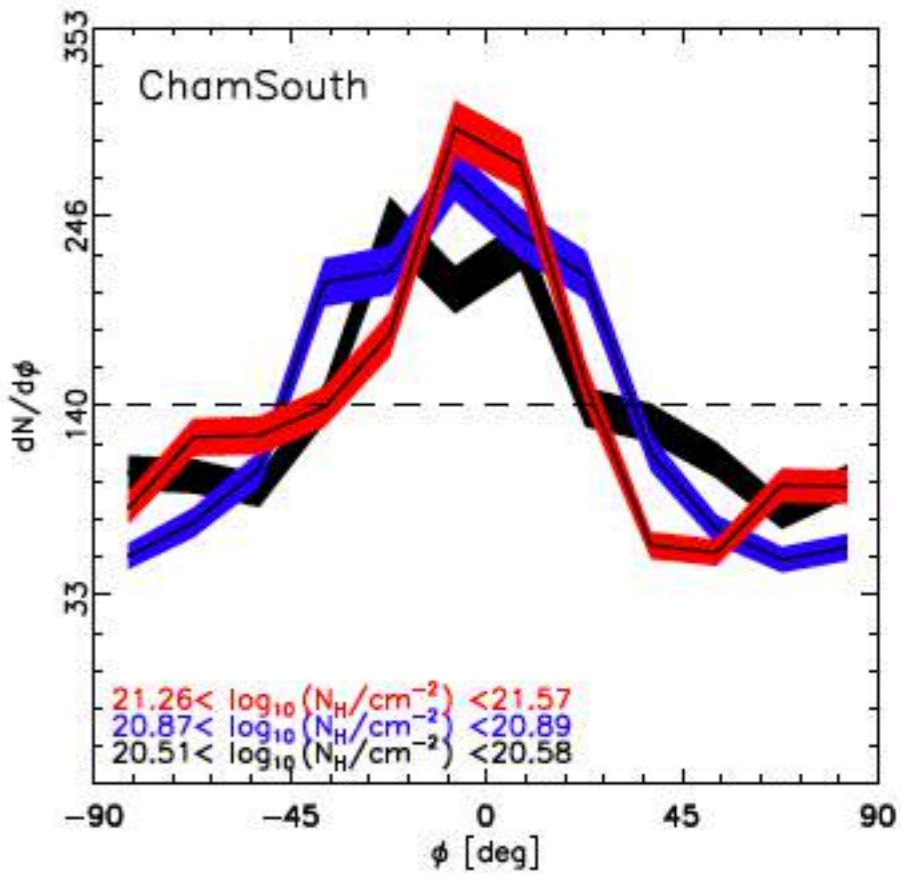
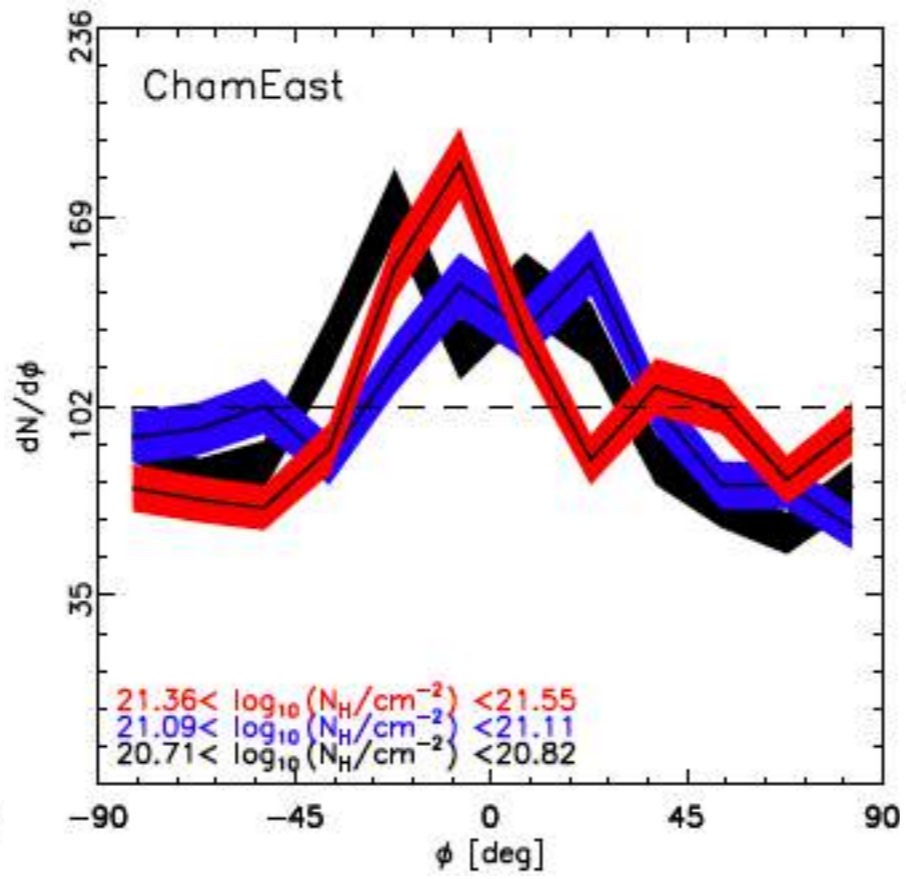
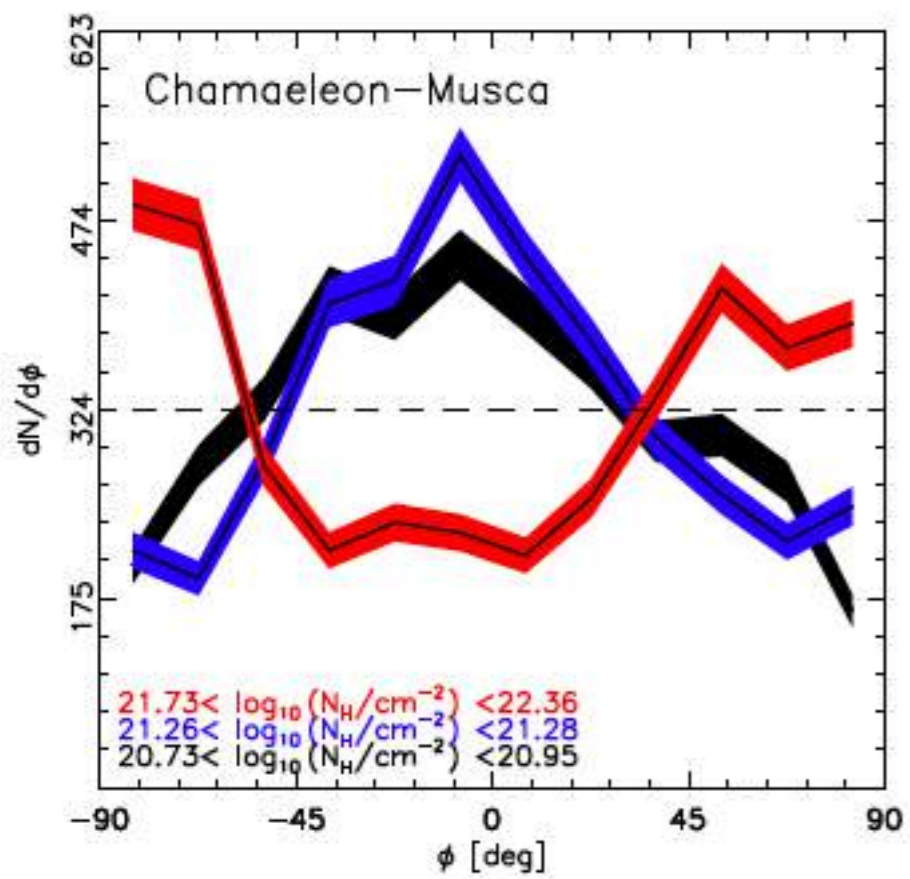
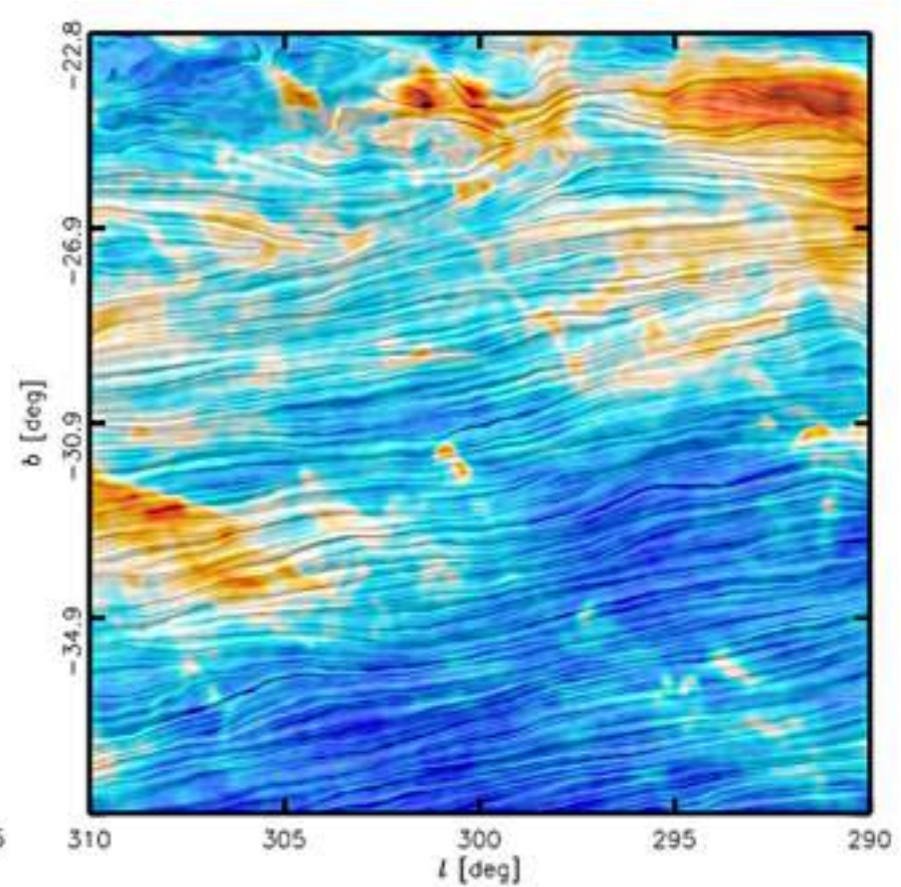
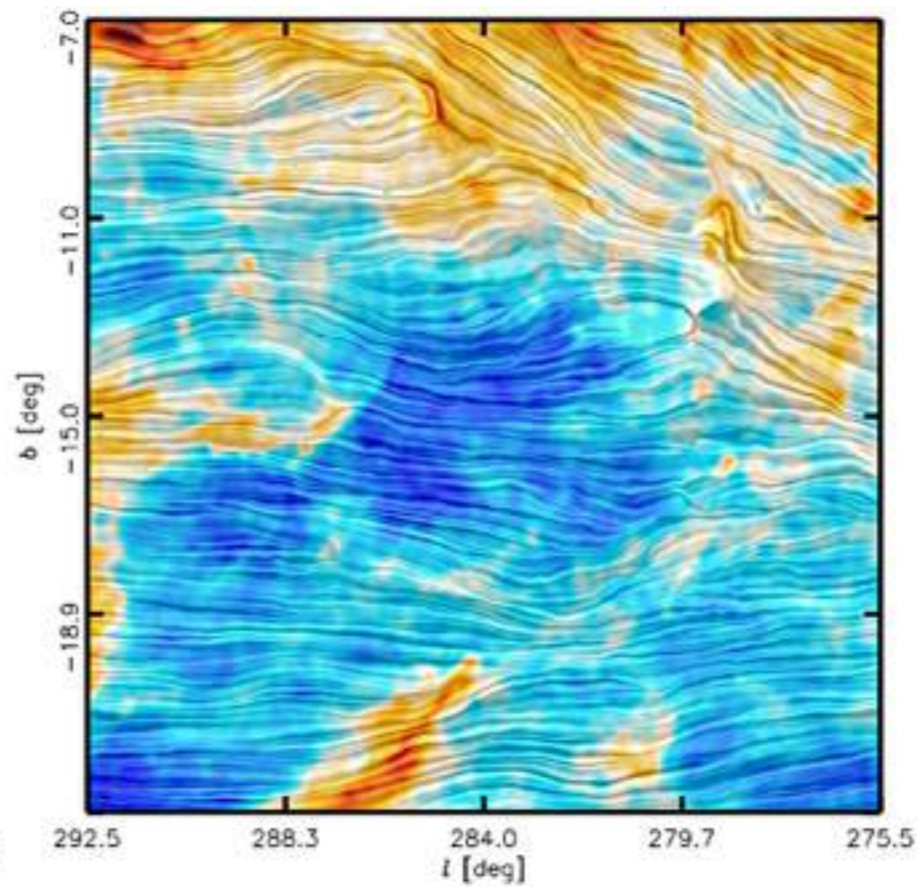
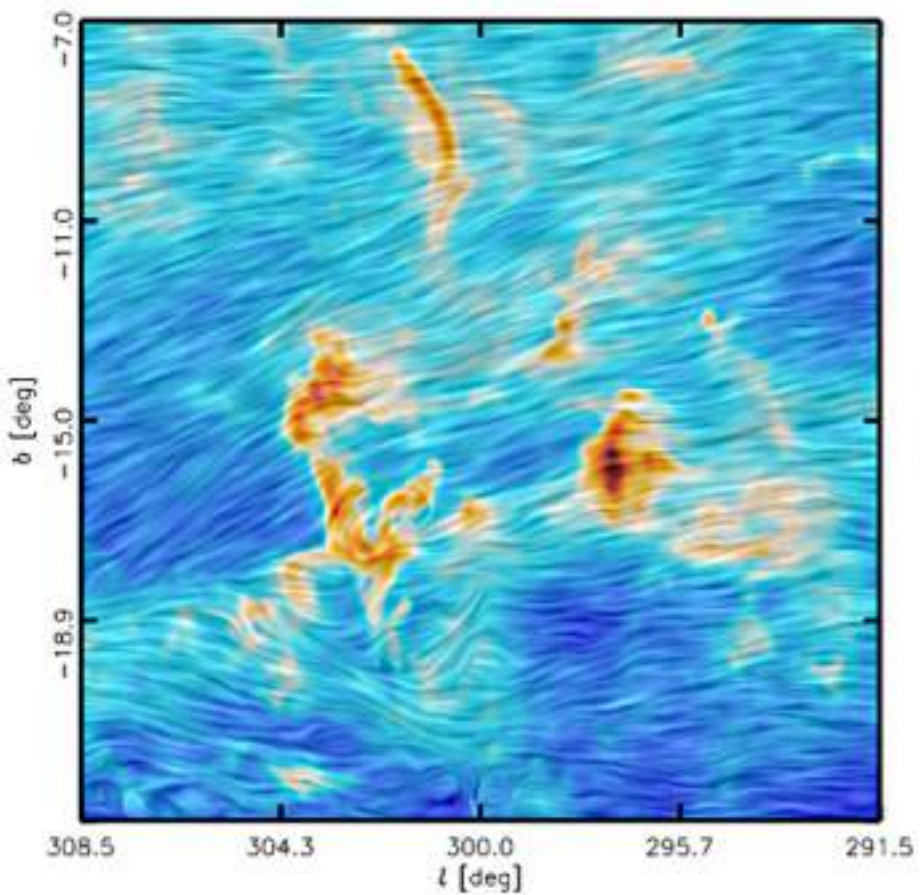


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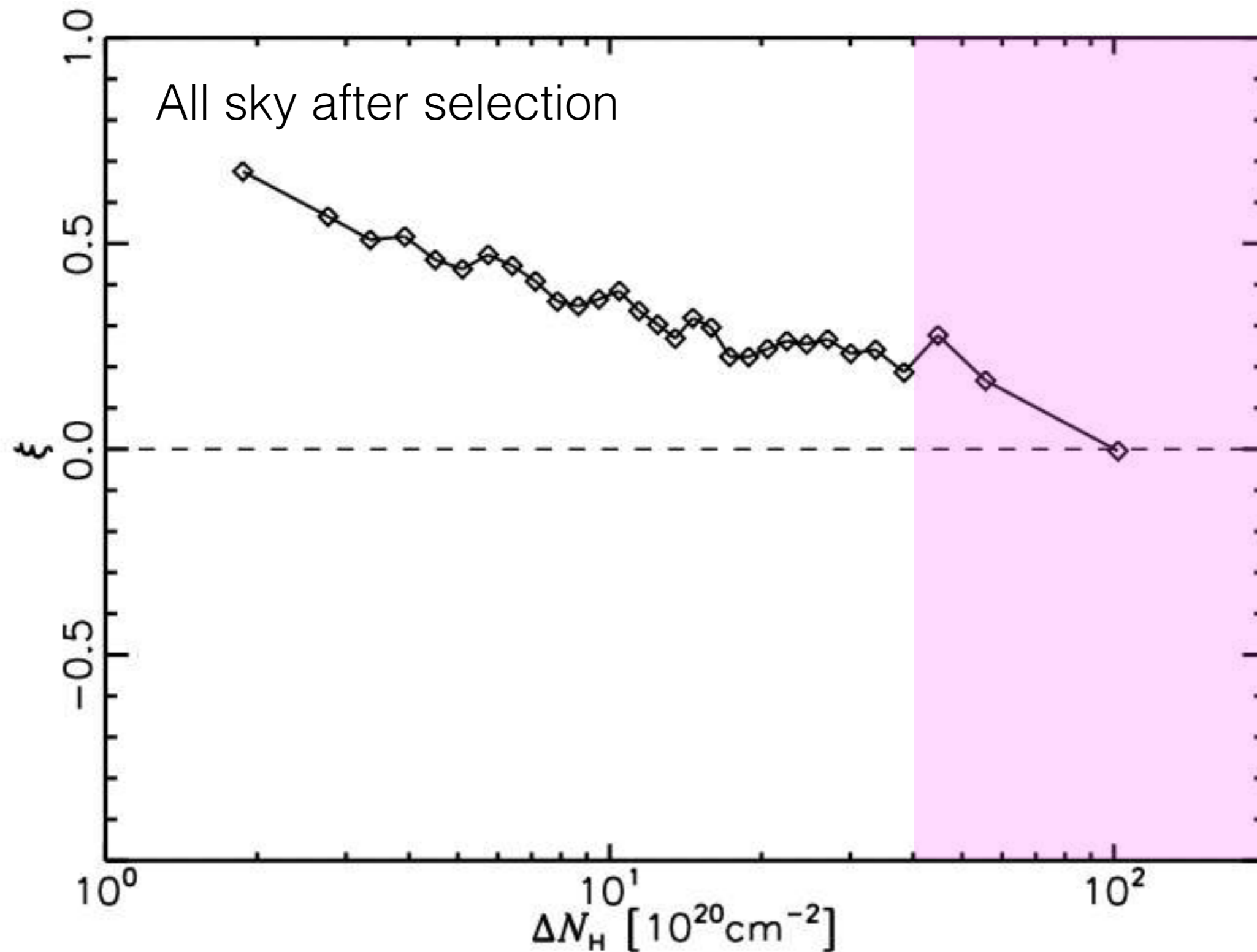


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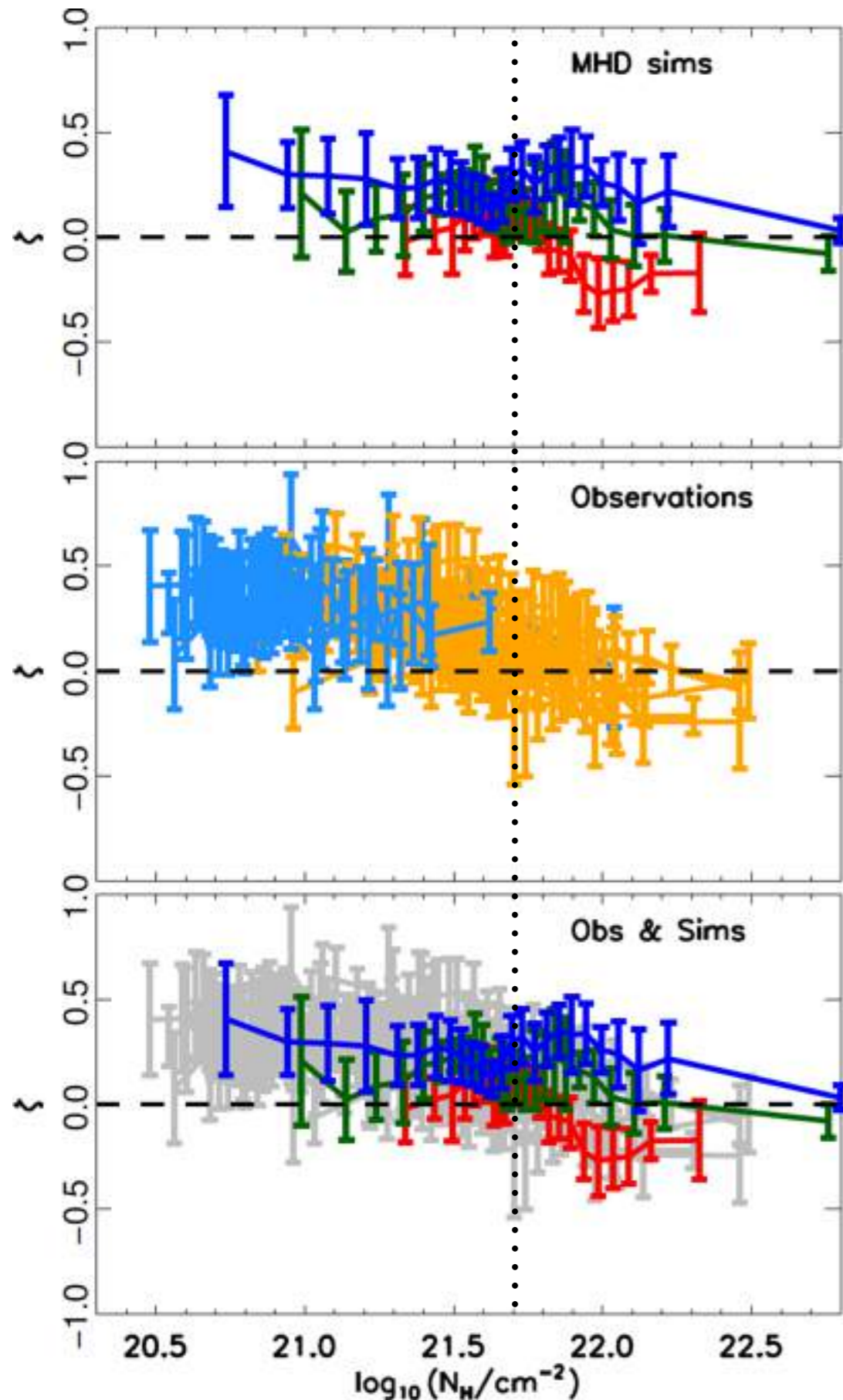




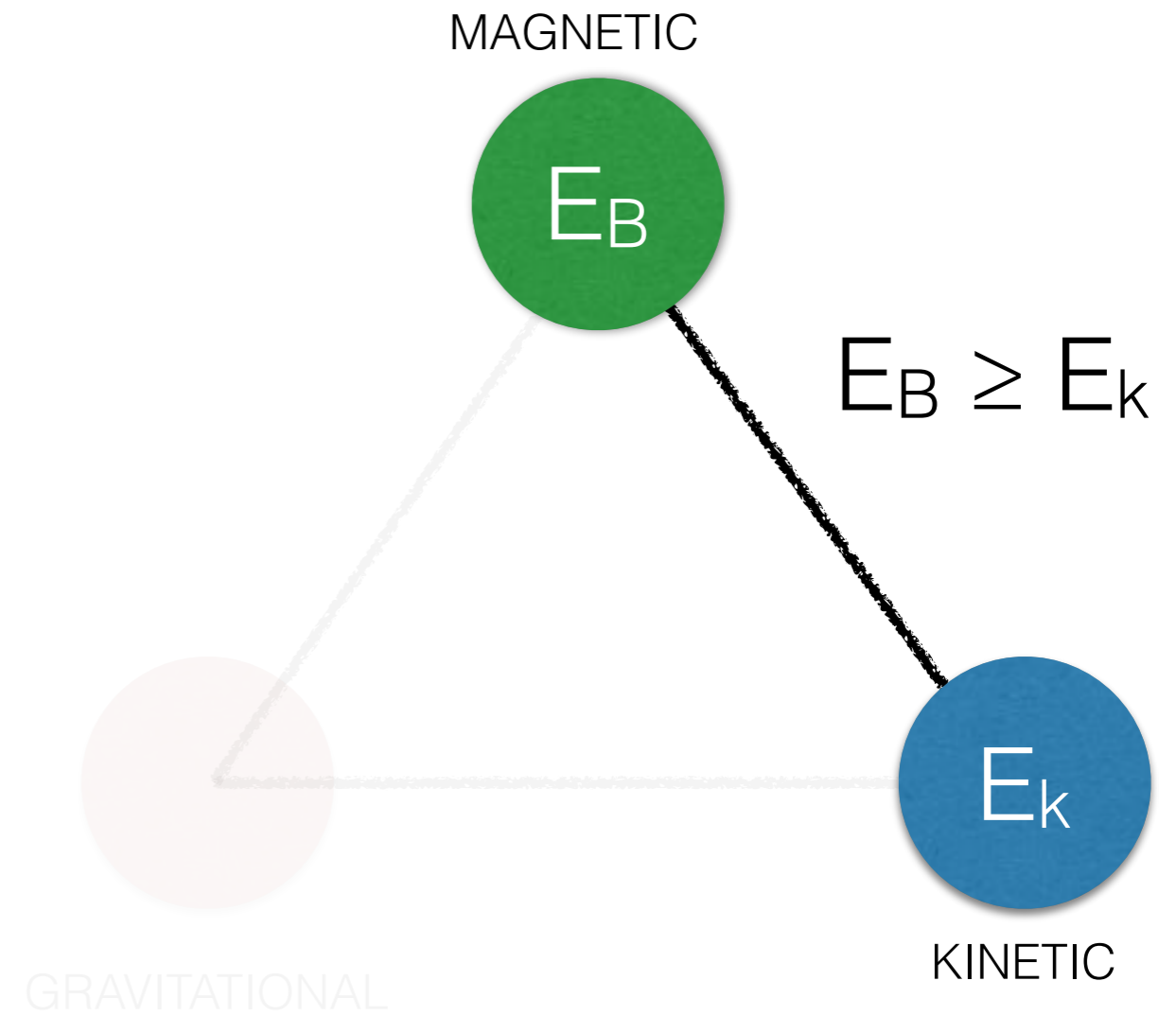
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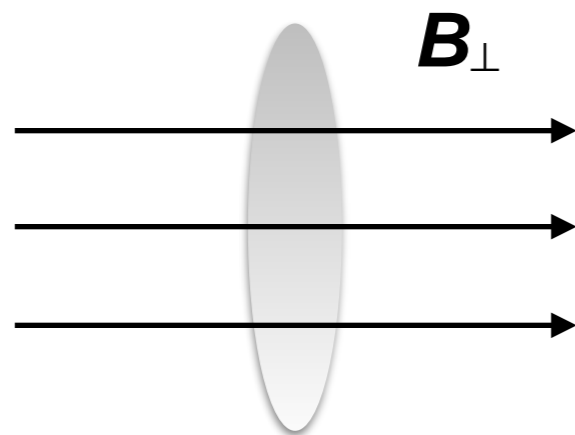
Weak field
Equipartition
Strong field



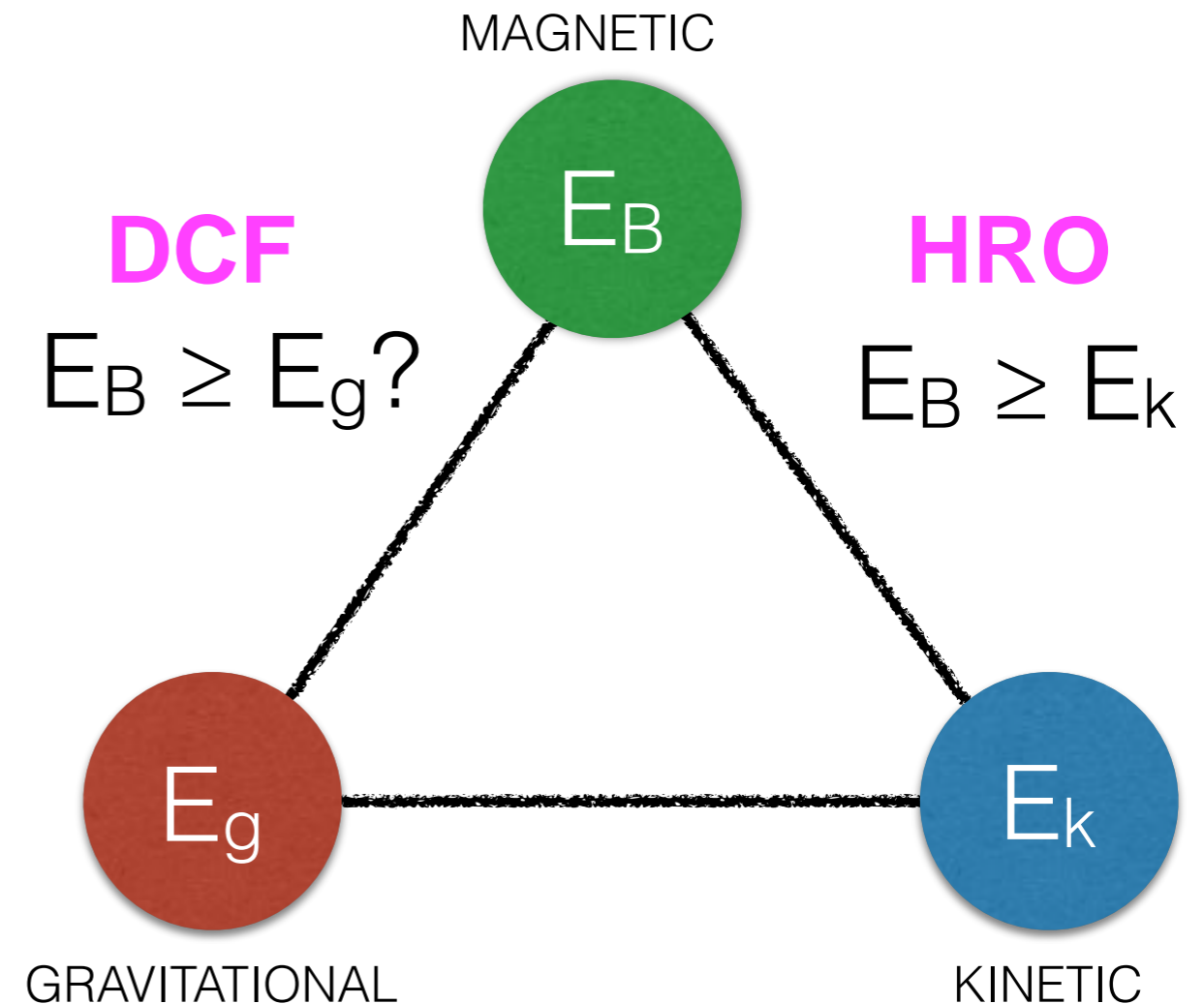
Magnetic fields in molecular cloud formation

What have we learned?

- Magnetic field at least in equipartition with turbulence.
- Magnetic field comparable to gravity?

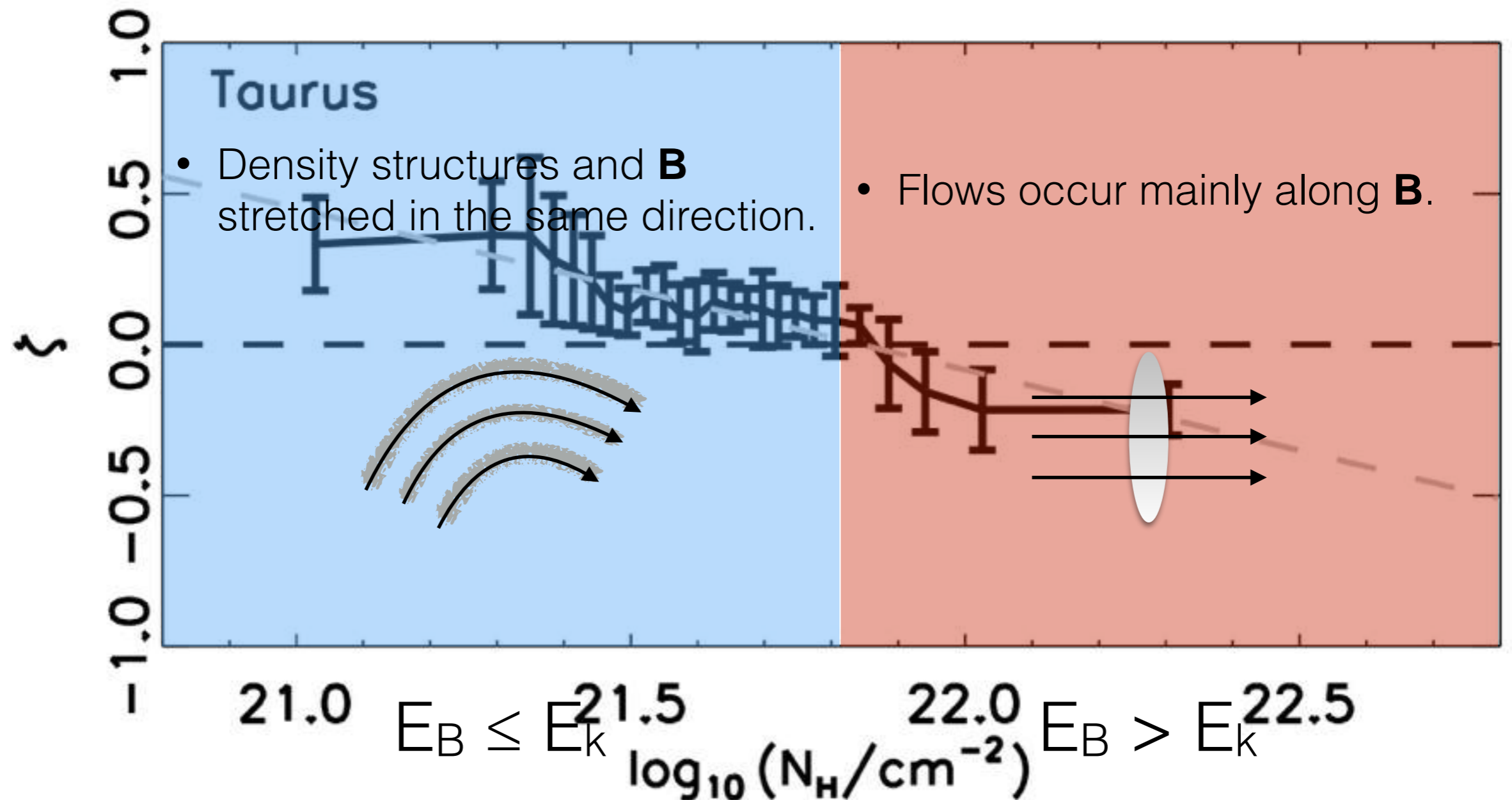


Planck intermediate results. XXXV



Virialized structure

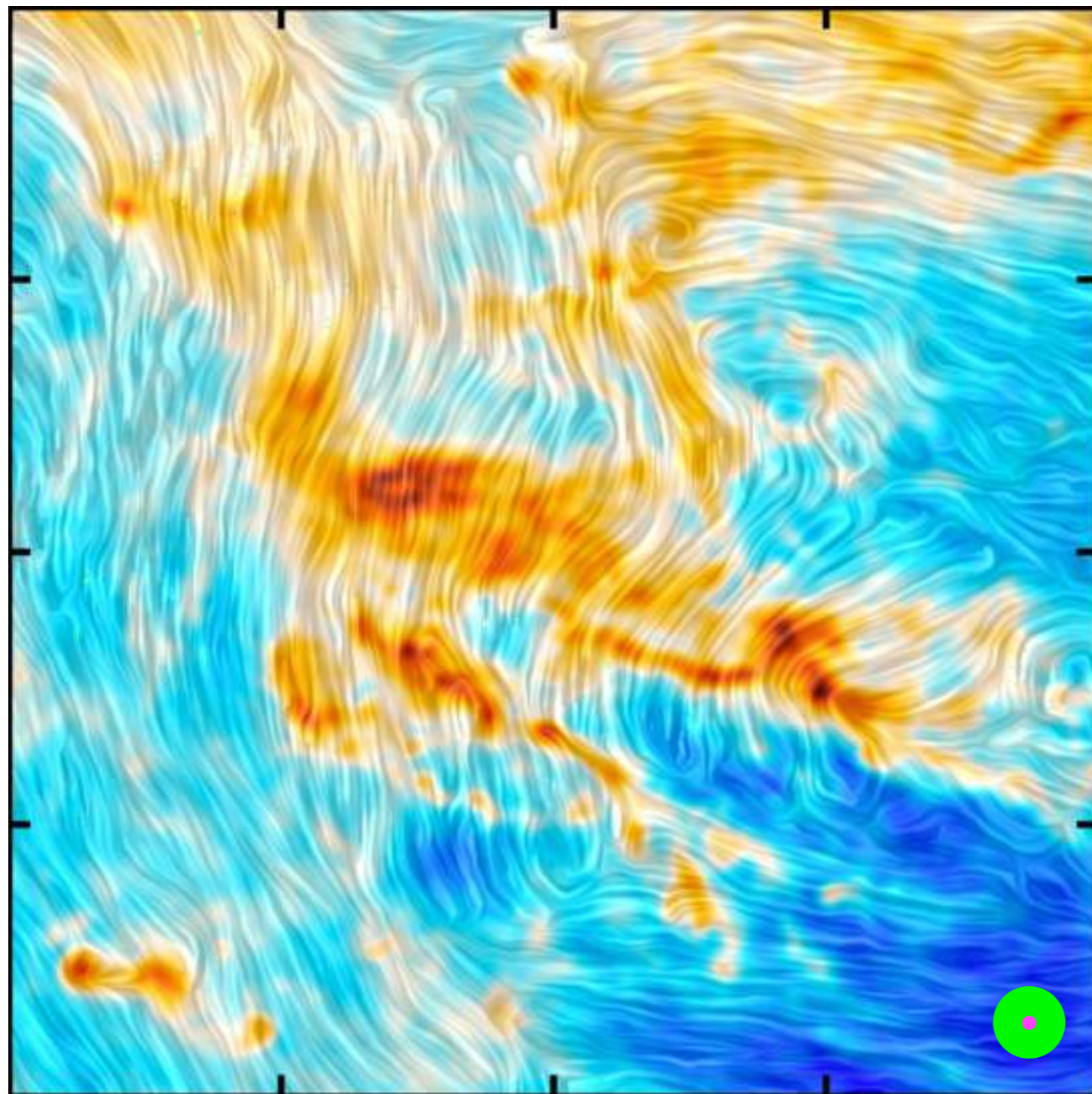
Magnetic fields and cloud formation



Planck intermediate results. XXXII
Hennebelle, P., 2013
Banerjee, R., 2009
Matthaeus, W. et al, 2008

Inutsuka, S., 2015
Nakamura F. & Li, Z., 2008

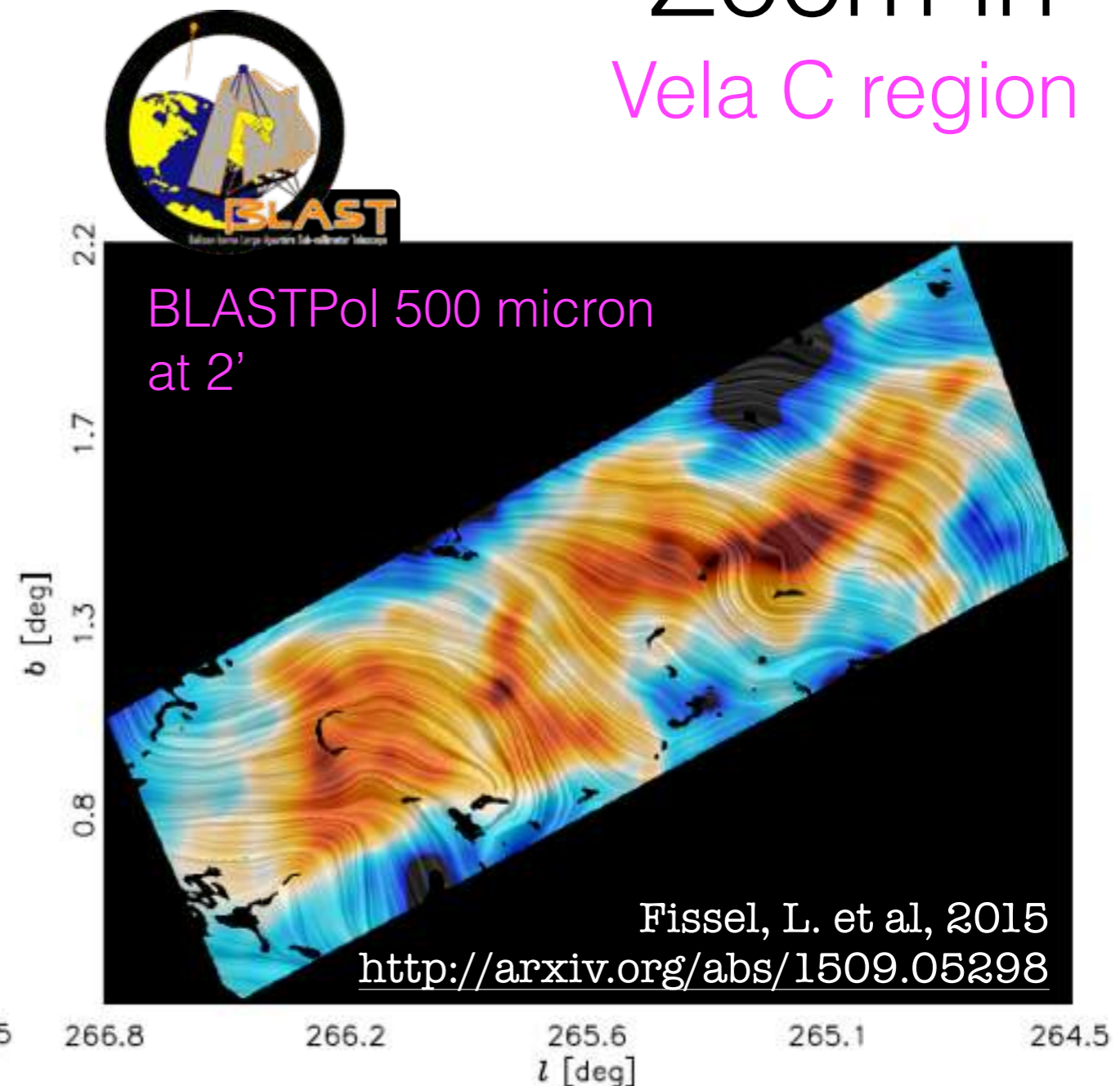
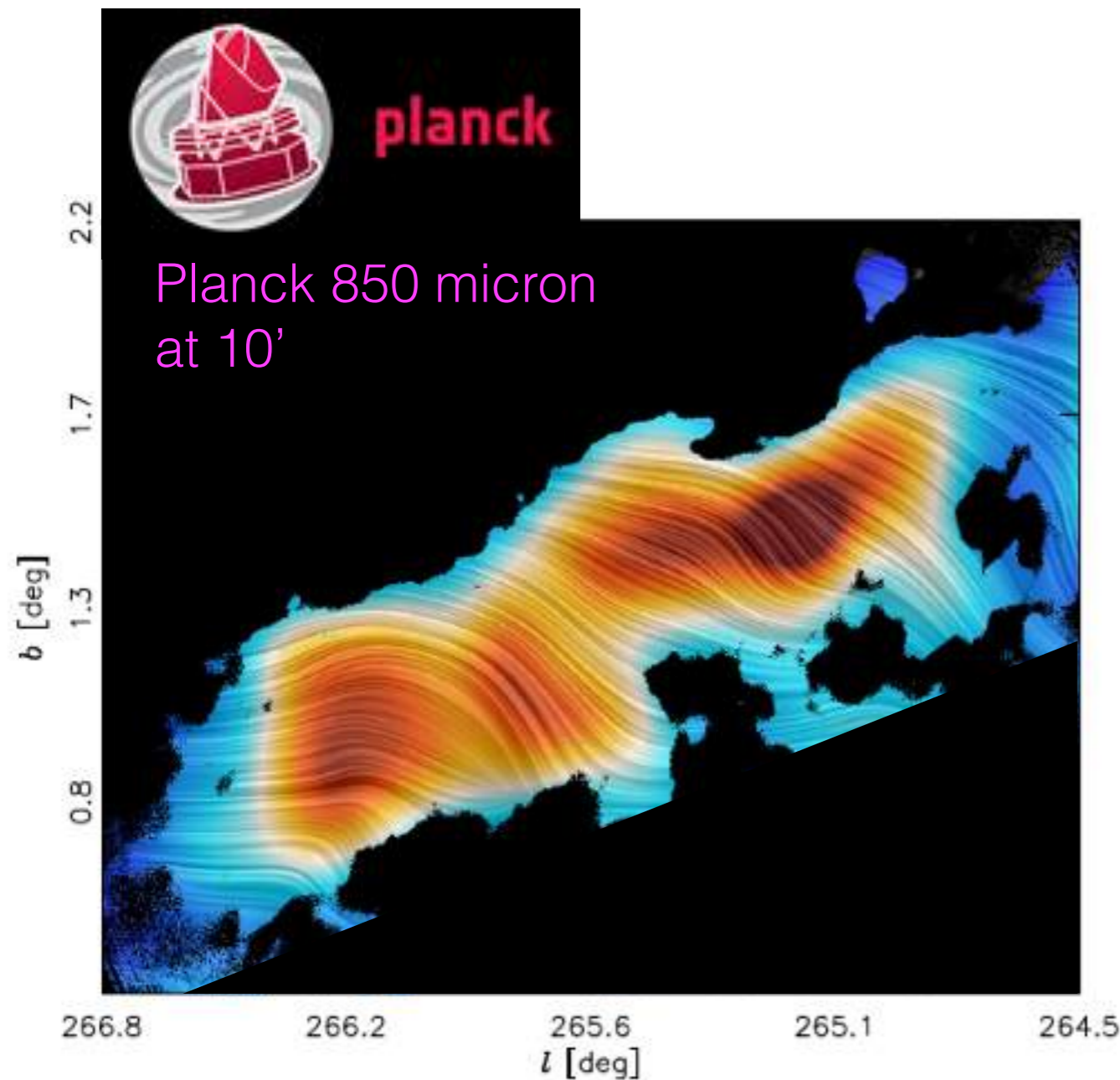
Open questions



16 deg (40 pc @ d=140 pc)

- Line of sight integration
- Dust grain alignment
- Field structure at smaller scales

Zoom in Vela C region



Gandilo, N. and BLASTPol collaboration, 2015 in preparation
Shariff, J. and BLASTPol collaboration, 2015 in preparation
Soler, J.D. and BLASTPol collaboration, 2016 in preparation

Check out poster by Laura Fissel

BLAST-TNG

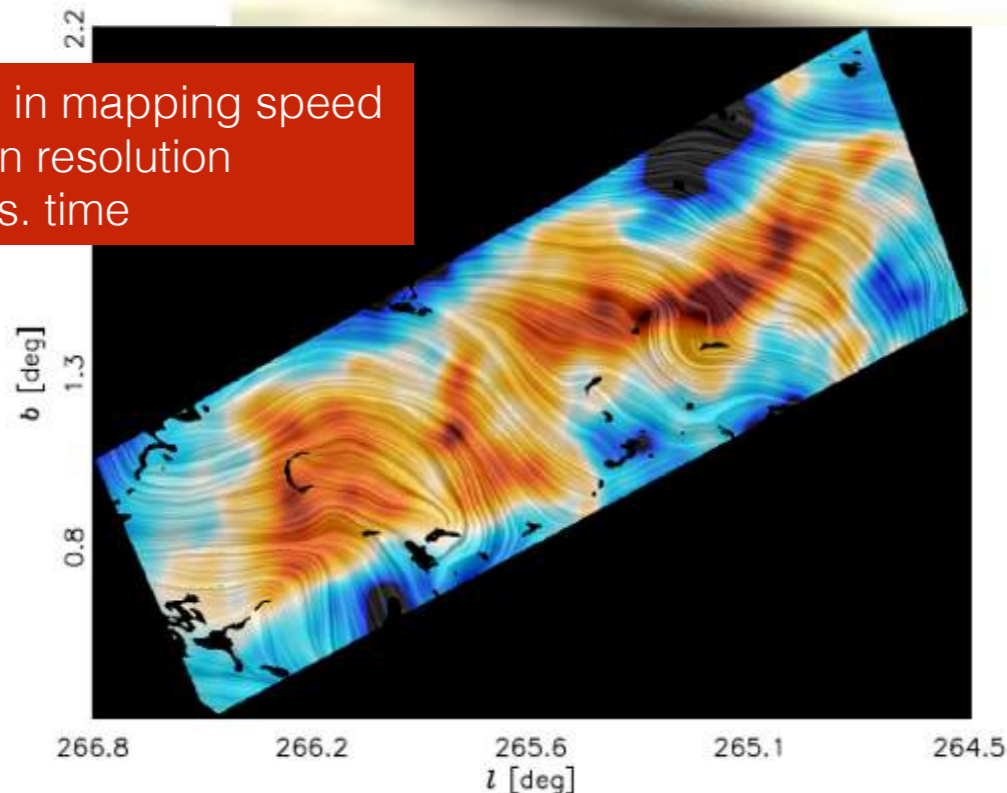
Balloon-borne
 250 μm (22" res.)
 350 μm
 500 μm
 polarimetry.

1000 MKID
 detectors.

Flying from Antarctica
 in 2017



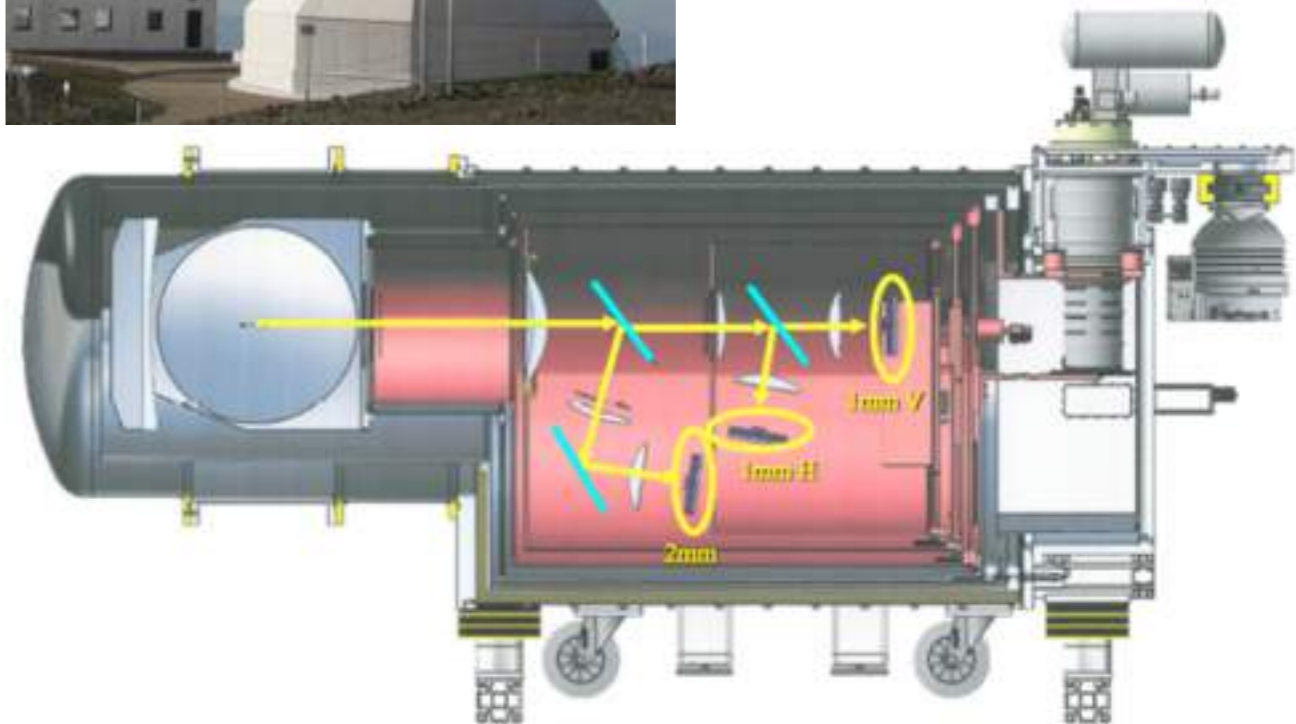
~16x increase in mapping speed
 ~6x increase in resolution
 ~3x longer obs. time



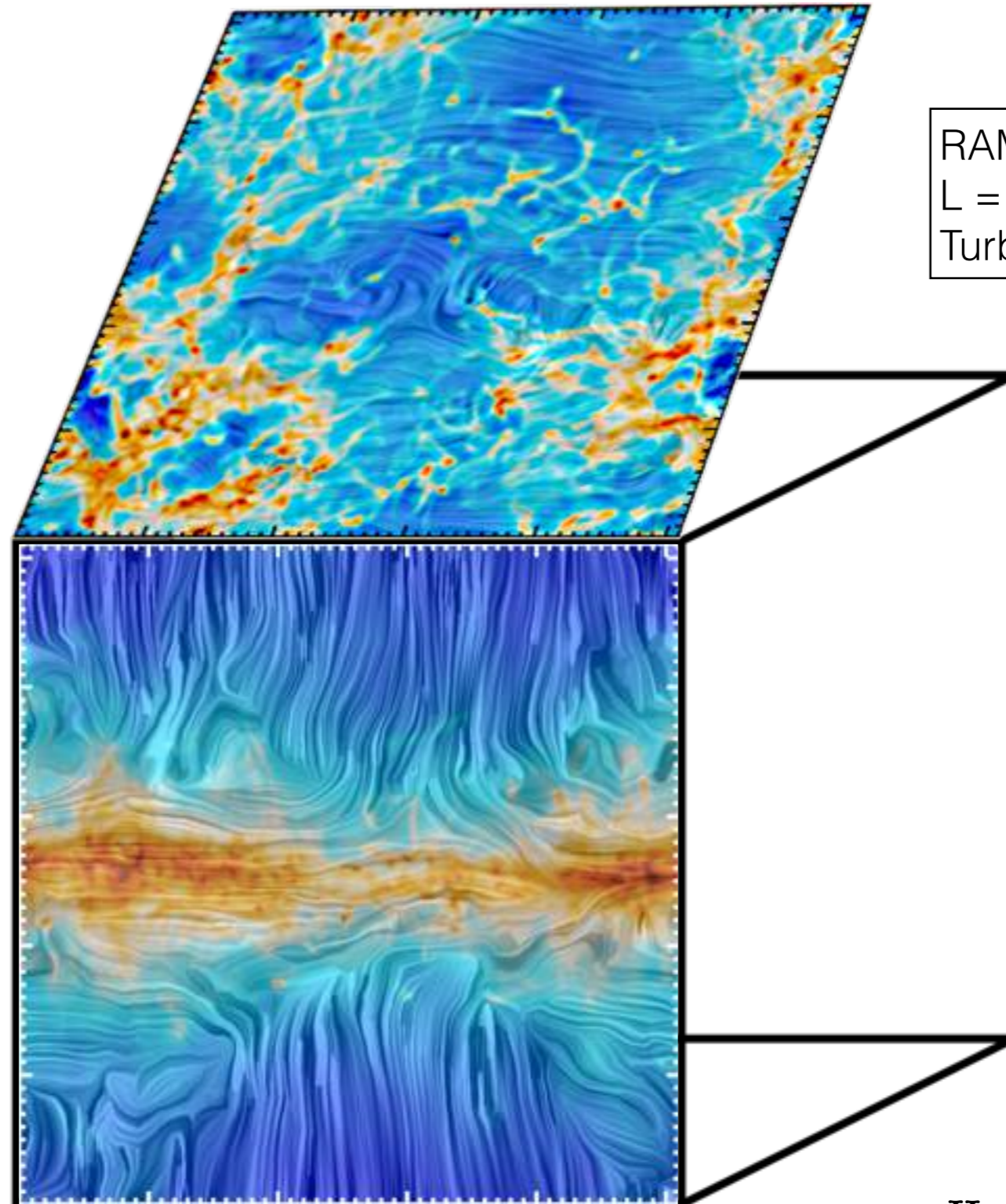
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IRAM 30m telescope
 1.2 mm (10" res.)
 polarimetry.
 6.5' FoV

2x2000 MKID
 detectors



Challenging observations call for challenging simulations



RAMSES simulation
L = 1 kpc (2^9 to 2^X resolution)
Turbulence driven by SNe



Hennebelle & Iffrig, 2014, 2015

Conclusions



@Planck polarization observations provide an unprecedented data set for the study of the magnetic field in molecular clouds #PlanckRocks



In 10 nearby MCs, high- N_H structures mostly perpendicular to the field. May have formed by #ConvergingFlows or #GravitationalCollapse along the field. #MagneticFieldMatters



#InDustWeTrust, but we have to improve our understanding of #DustGrainAlignment, combine #MultipleScales, and contrast the observations with #MHDsims

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