

# Magnetic Field in Galaxies and clusters

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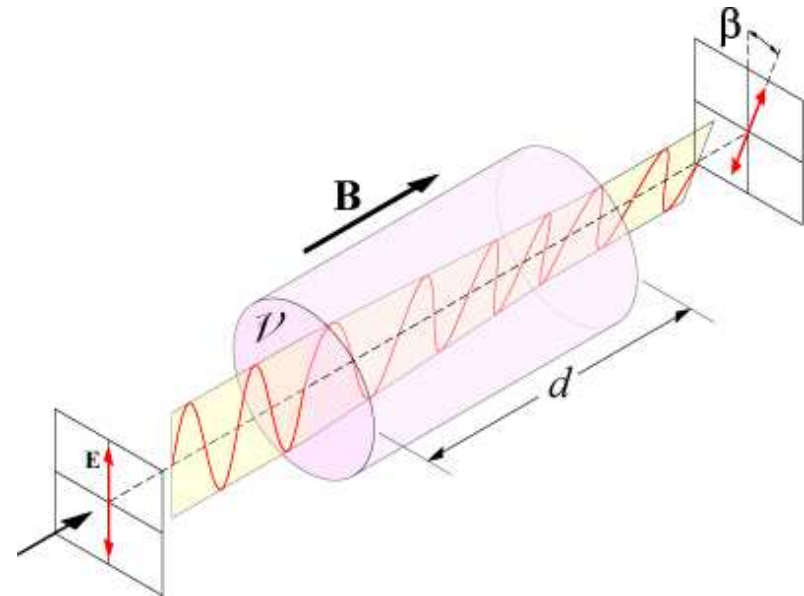
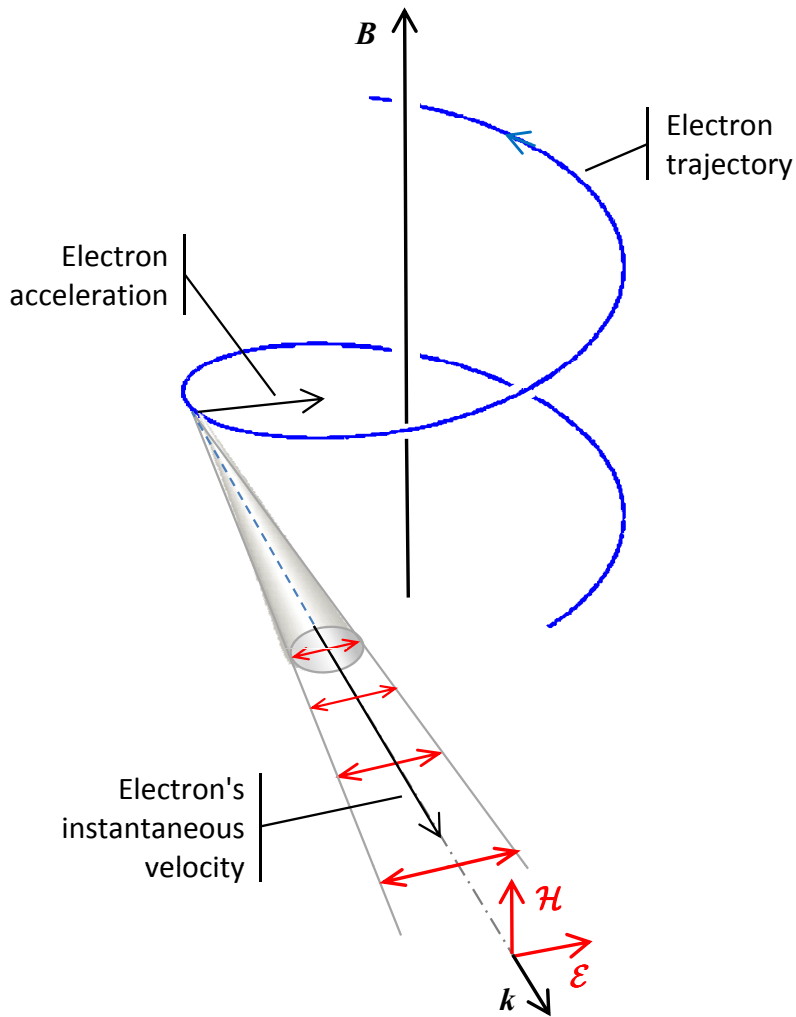
# Plan

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- Observing galactic and cluster B: **Radio crucial**
- The fluctuation dynamo, Young galaxies/Old clusters
- The large scale galactic dynamo

K. Subramanian, "Magnetizing the Universe", PoS proceedings, arXiv:0802.2804  
<http://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/level5/March08/Subramanian/frames.html>

# Measuring B fields: Synchrotron Radiation



**Faraday Rotation gives  $B_{\parallel}$**

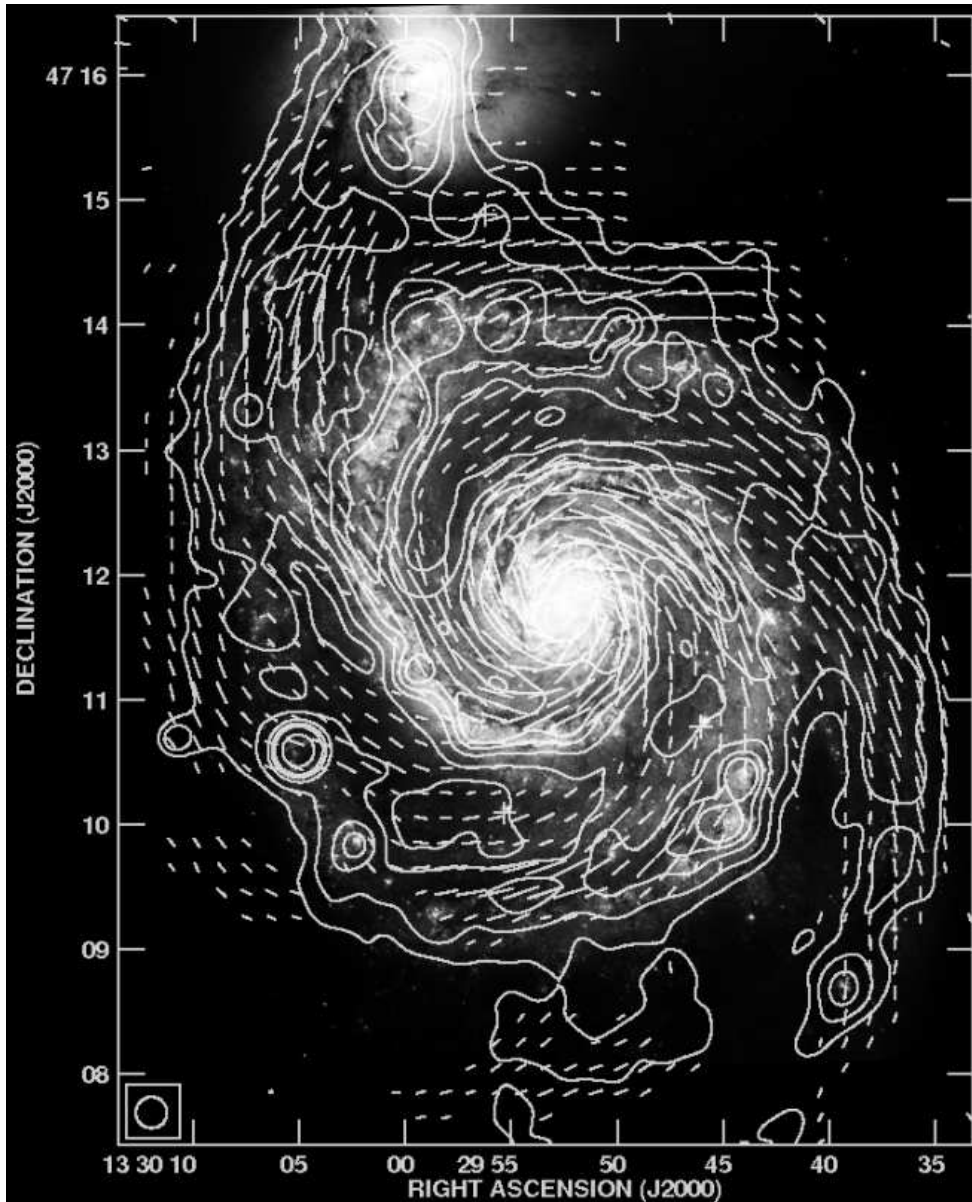
$$\Delta\phi = \lambda^2 \times RM = \lambda^2 \times K \int n_e \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

$$K = 0.81 \text{ rad m}^{-2} (\mu\text{G})^{-1} (\text{pc})^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

**Synchrotron polarization gives  $B_{\perp}$**

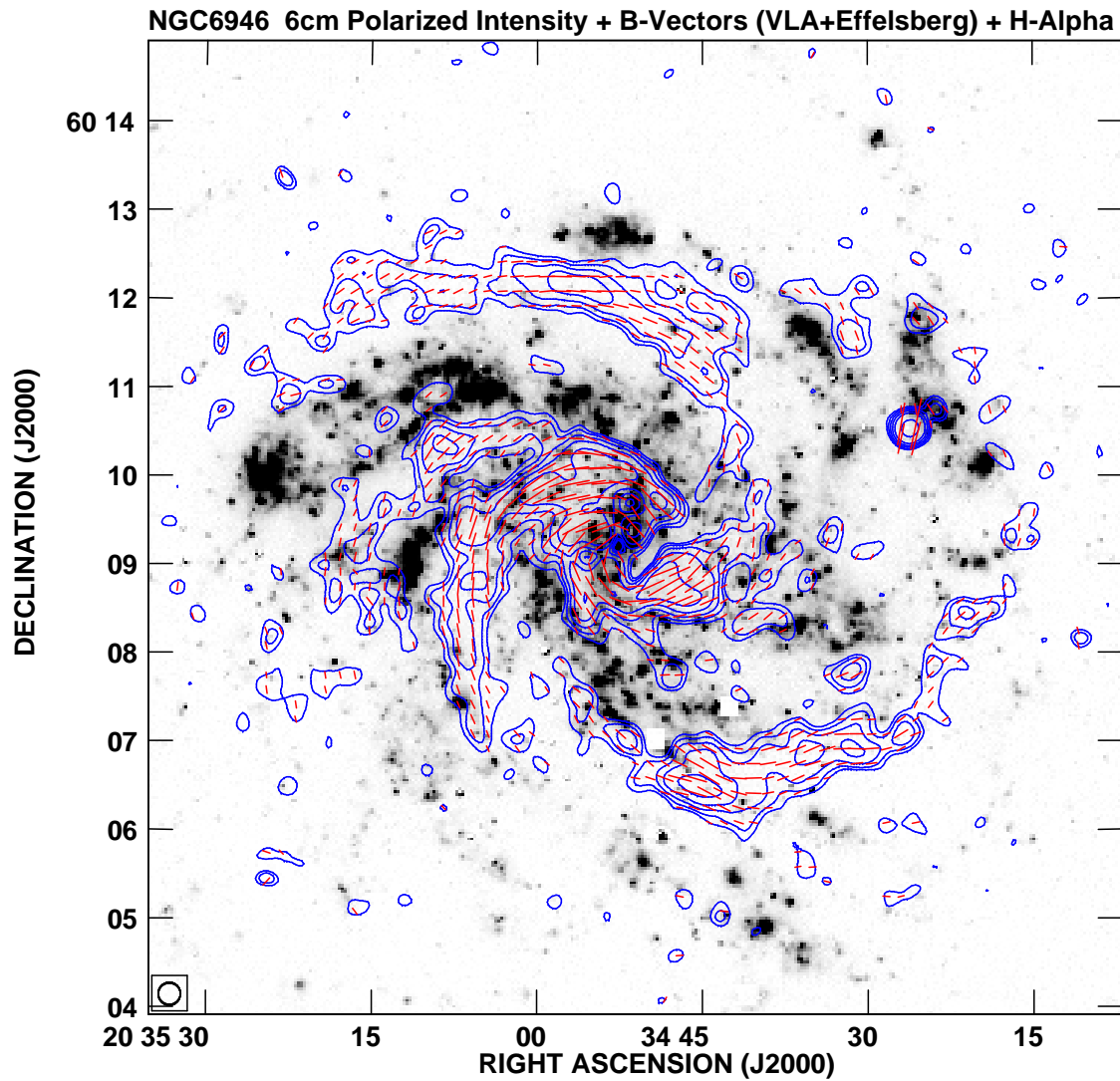
$$\mathbf{E} \propto \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{n}} - \vec{\beta}) \times d\vec{\beta}/dt] \propto d\vec{\beta}/dt$$

# Galactic Magnetic Fields: Observations



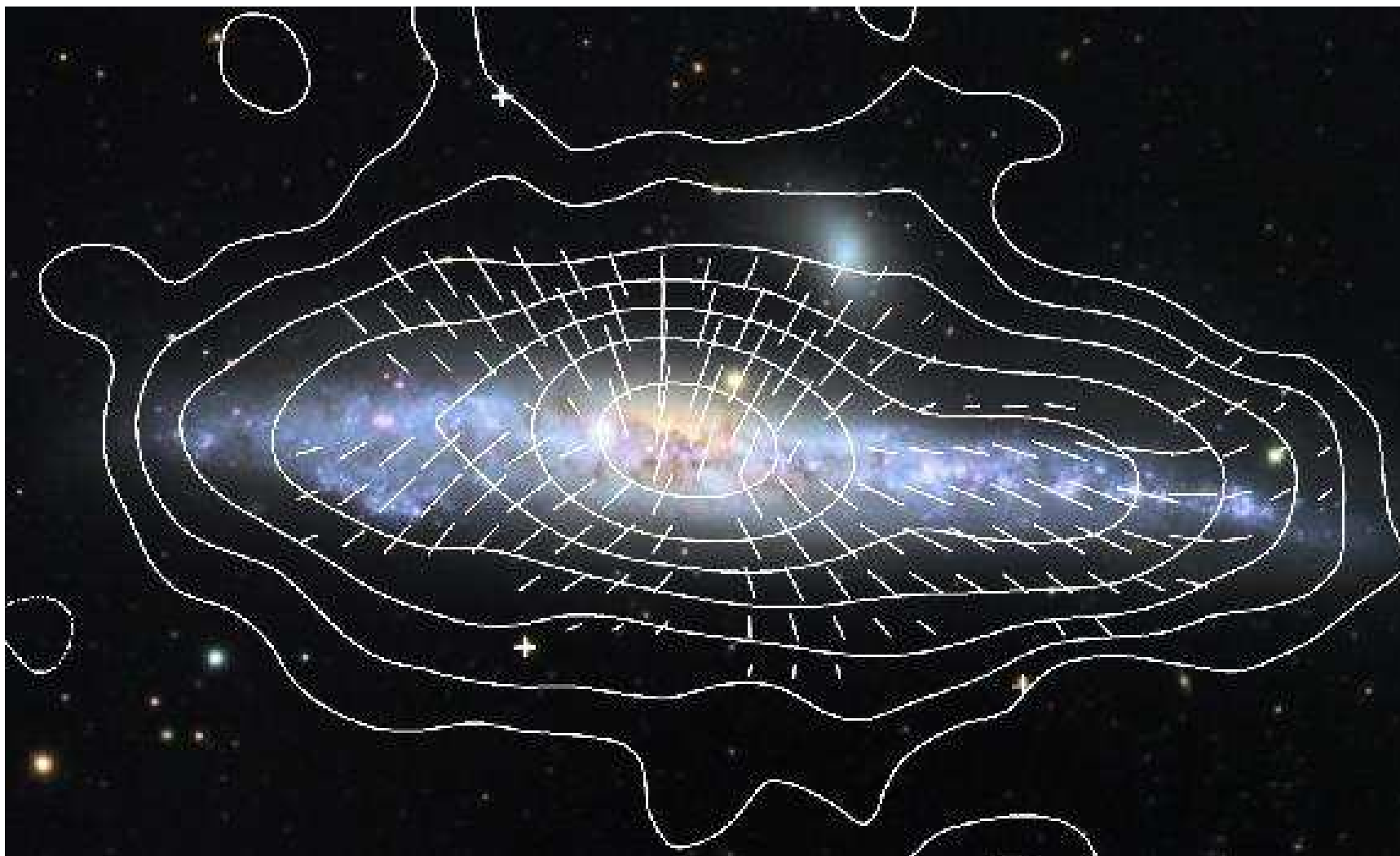
- **Synchrotron polarization and Faraday rotation probe B fields.**
- **M51 at 6 cm (Fletcher and Beck)**
- **Few  $\mu\text{G}$  mean Fields coherent on 10 kpc scales**
- **Correlated with optical spiral**

# Magnetic Spirals: NGC6946



**Why are optical and magnetic spirals correlated?**

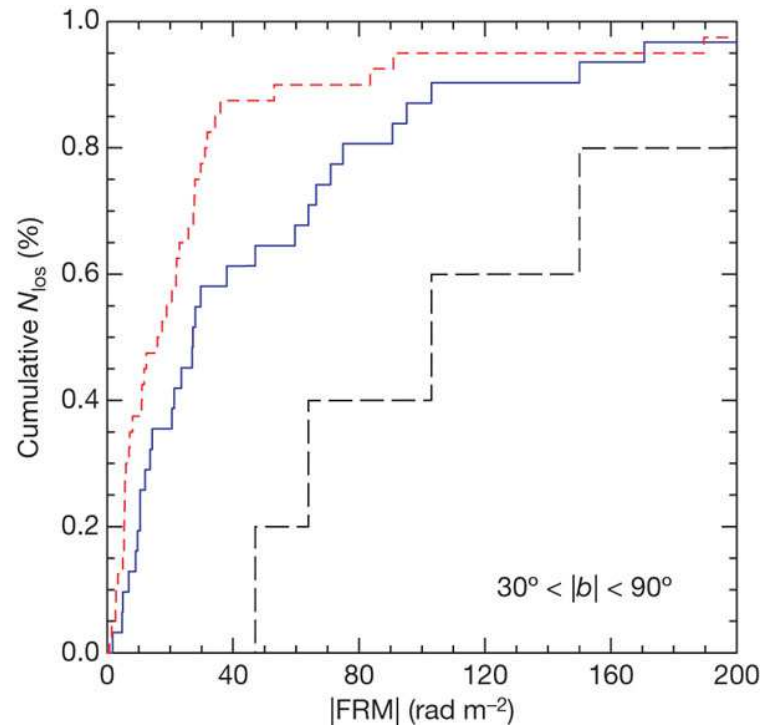
# Edge on Galaxies: NGC4631



**Halo magnetic fields**

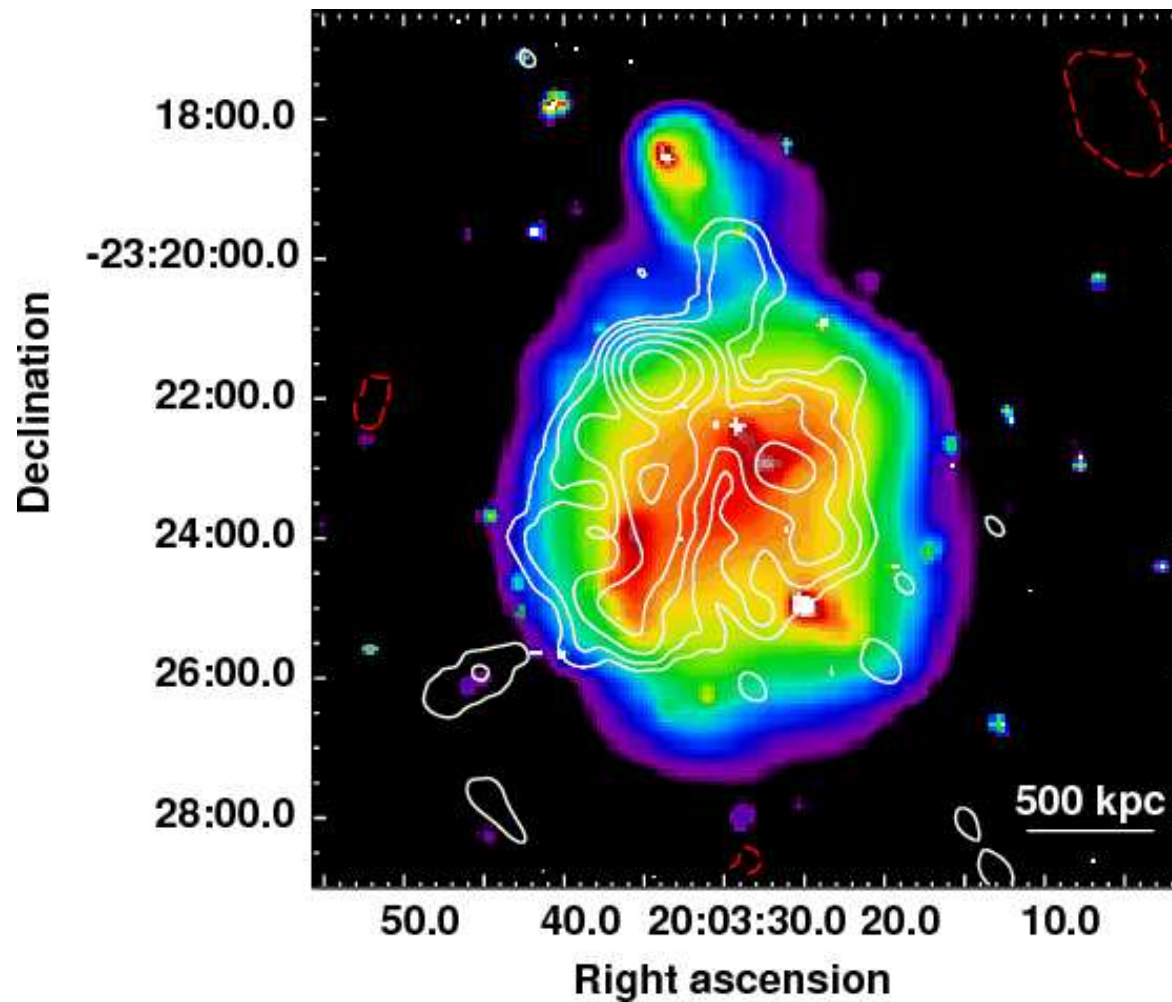
# *B* in high *z* galaxies?

Cumulative FRM distributions for sightlines with and without strong Mg II absorption line systems.



ML Bernet *et al. Nature* **454**, 302-304 (2008) doi:10.1038/nature07105

# Cluster Radio halos

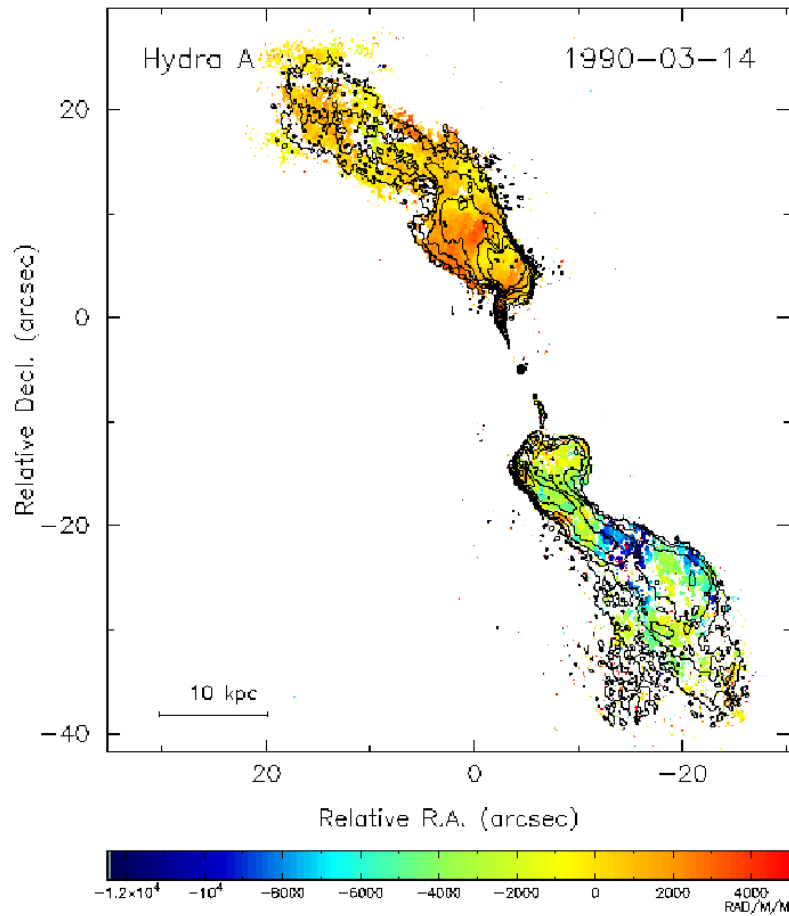


**Chandra (X-Ray)-GMRT (235 Mhz): Giant radio halo in RXC J2003.5-2323**

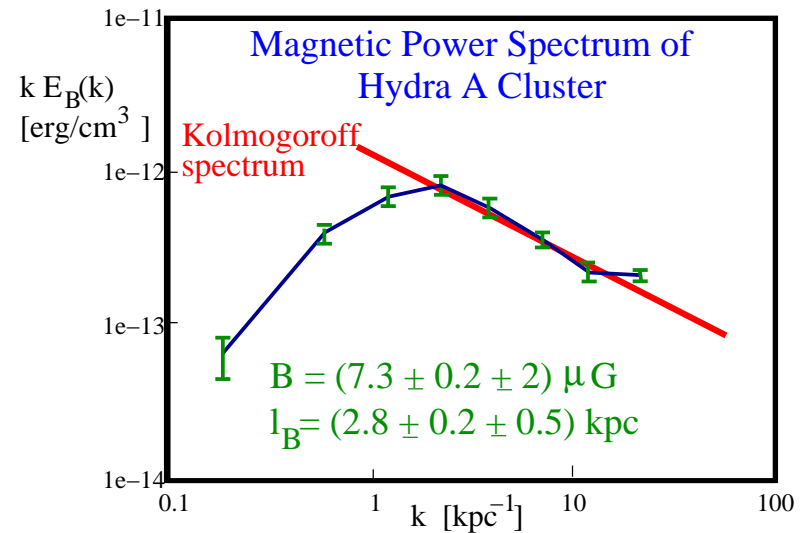
Giacintucci et al. *A & A*, 505, 45, 2009

# Cluster Magnetism: Observations

Radio halos and Faraday Rotation probe cluster B fields



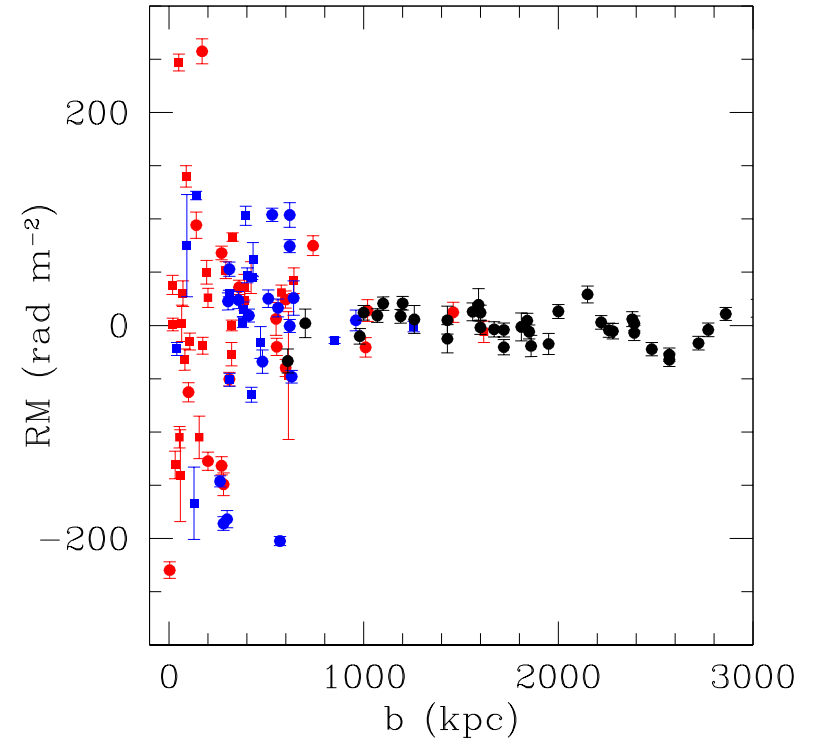
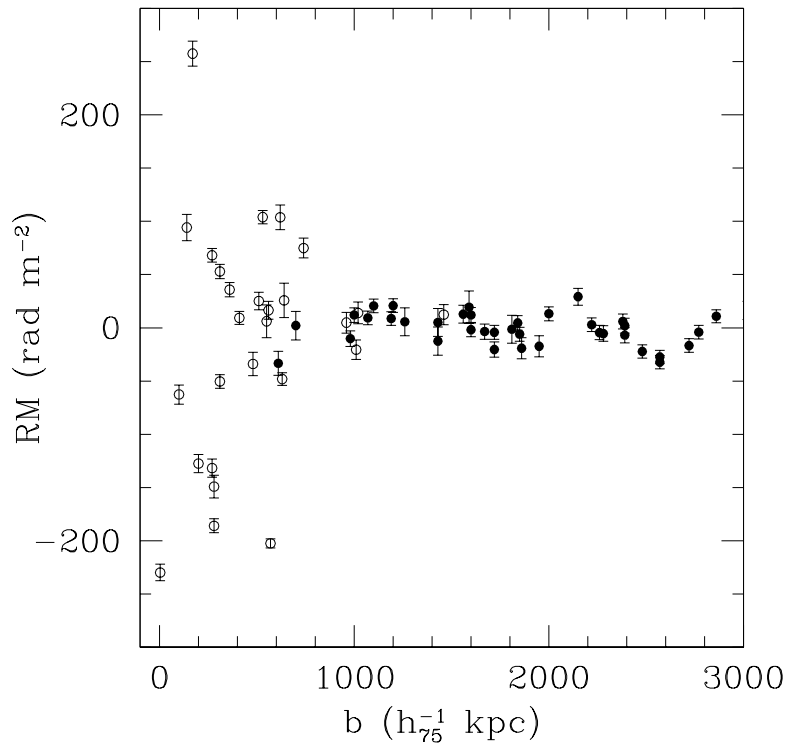
Vogt & Ensslin, A&A, 434, 67, 2005



Hydra Cluster  $B \sim 7 \mu\text{G}$  coherent on 3 kpc scale

# Cluster Magnetism: Observations

Clarke et al., ApJ, 547, L111, 2001



● **Statistical RM study**

●  $B \sim 5(l/10kpc)^{-1/2} \mu G$

● **embedded sources**

● **background sources**

**How are cluster fields generated/maintained against turbulent decay?**

# Fluctuation/Small scale turbulent dynamo

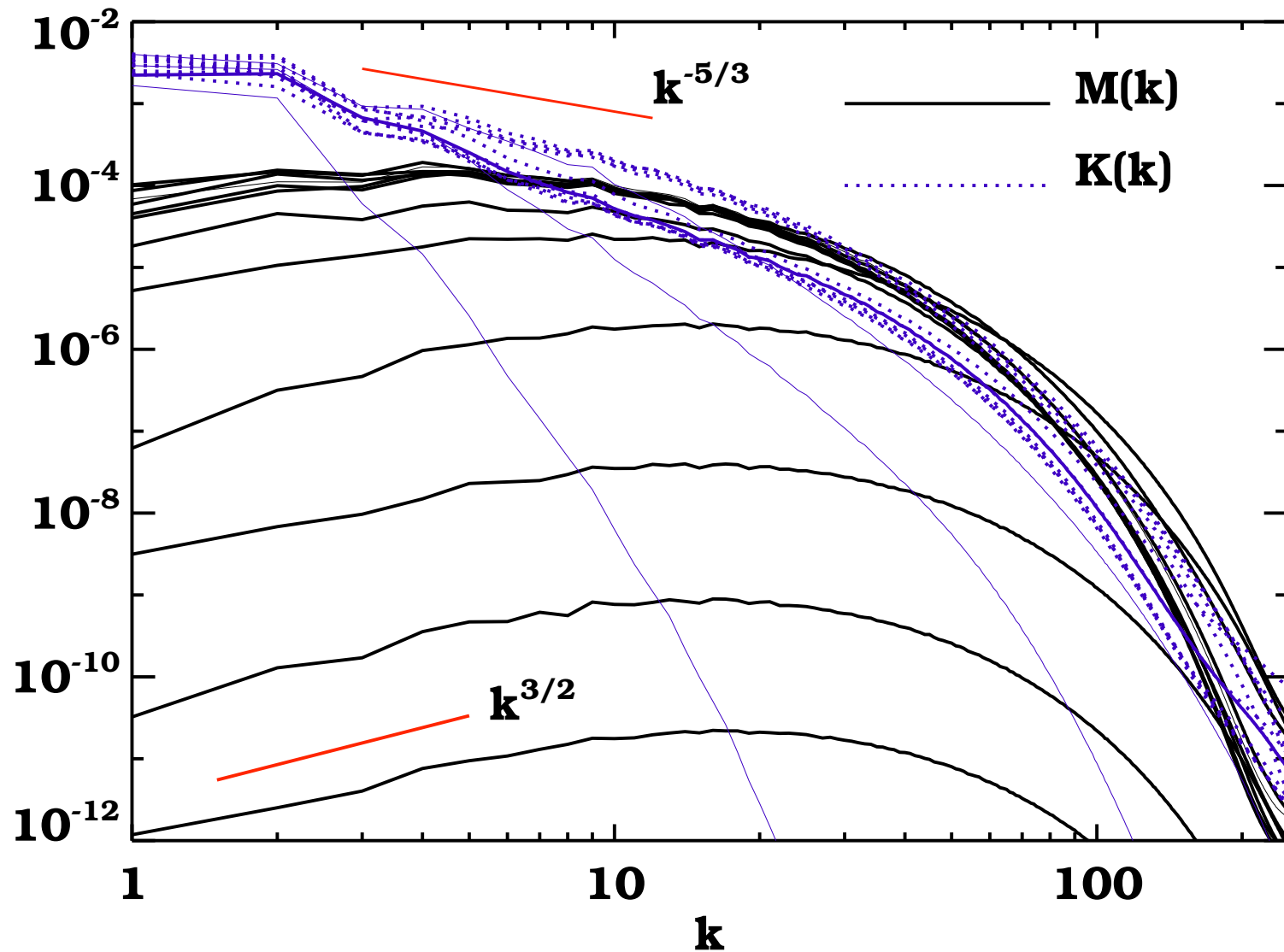
- **Turbulence common: Stars, galaxies, galaxy clusters: leads to Random Stretching + "Flux freezing"  $\Rightarrow$  Growth of B**
- **Cancellation (Eyink, 2011) and Resistance limits growth.**
- **Random B grows if  $R_M = vL/\eta > R_{crit} \sim 30 - 100$  (Kazantsev 1967)**  
**Eigenmode solutions of form:  $\Psi(r) \exp(2\Gamma t) = r^2 \sqrt{\eta_T} M_L$**

$$-\Gamma\Psi = -\eta_T \frac{d^2\Psi}{dr^2} + U_0(r)\Psi$$

- **Growing modes if there are bound states in potential  $U_0(r)$ .**
- **Growth rate fast  $\sim \epsilon v/L$  ( $10^7$  yr: Galaxies;  $10^8$  yr clusters).**  
**Field intermittent: Eddy scale  $L$ , to "resistive" scale  $\sim L/R_m^{1/2} \ll L$**
- **How does it saturate? Important for young galaxy/cluster/IGM Faraday RM and mean field dynamos?**

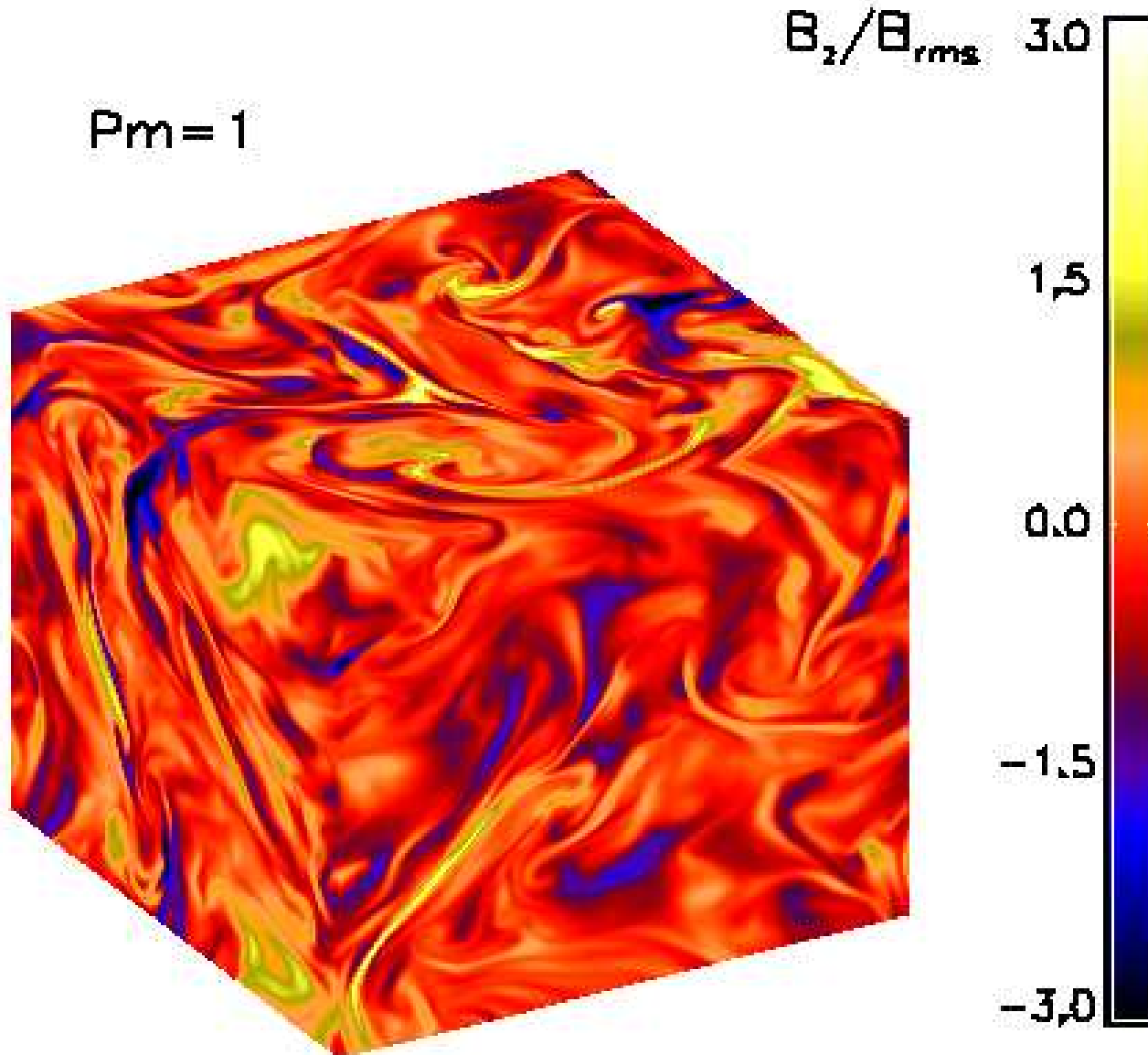
# The fluctuation dynamo Simulations

Simulations by Pallavi Bhat, 2012,  $P_m = \nu/\eta = 1$



# The fluctuation dynamo

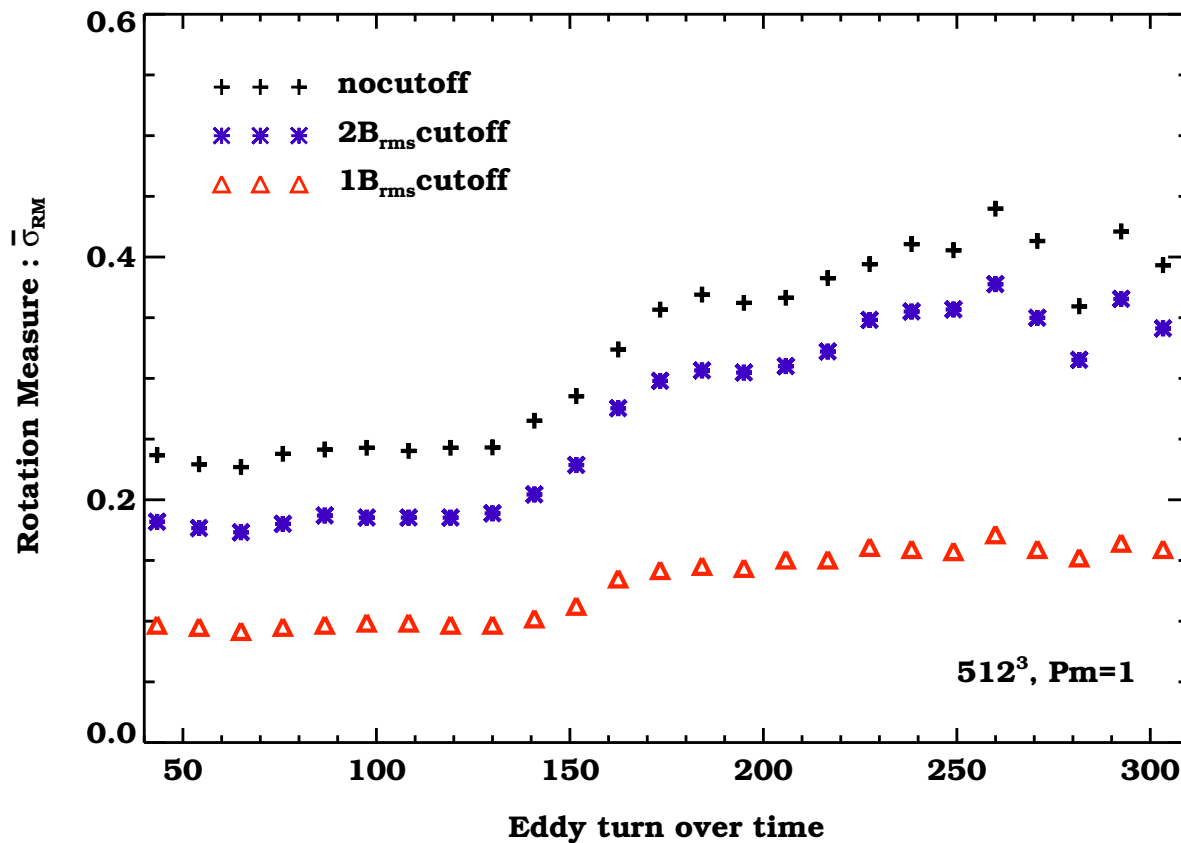
Generated **B** intermittent (Pallavi Bhat, 2012)



# Faraday RM from Fluctuation dynamo

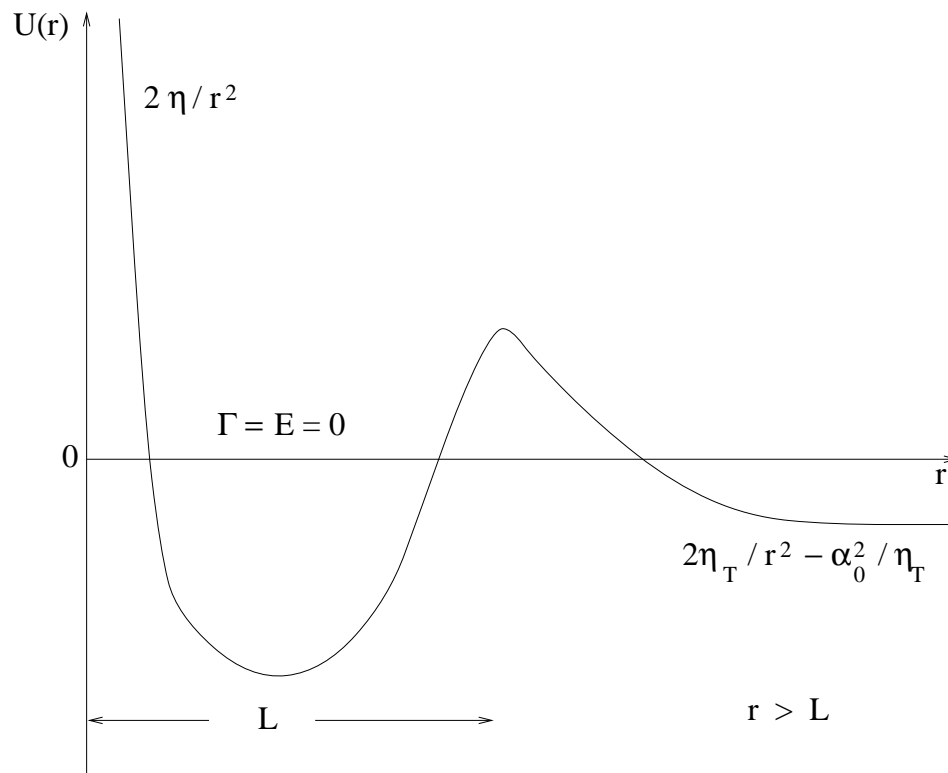
(Pallavi Bhat, KS, MNRAS, 429, 6429, 2013)

- RMS Faraday RM  $\sigma_{RM}$  by shooting lines of sight through the simulation box. Normalize by  $\sigma_0 = Kn_e(B_{rms}/\sqrt{3})\sqrt{Ll}$
- $\sigma_{RM} \approx 0.4 - 0.5 \sigma_0$  for various  $R_m$  and  $P_m$  explored. Rare structures contribute  $< 20\%$  to  $\sigma_{RM}$

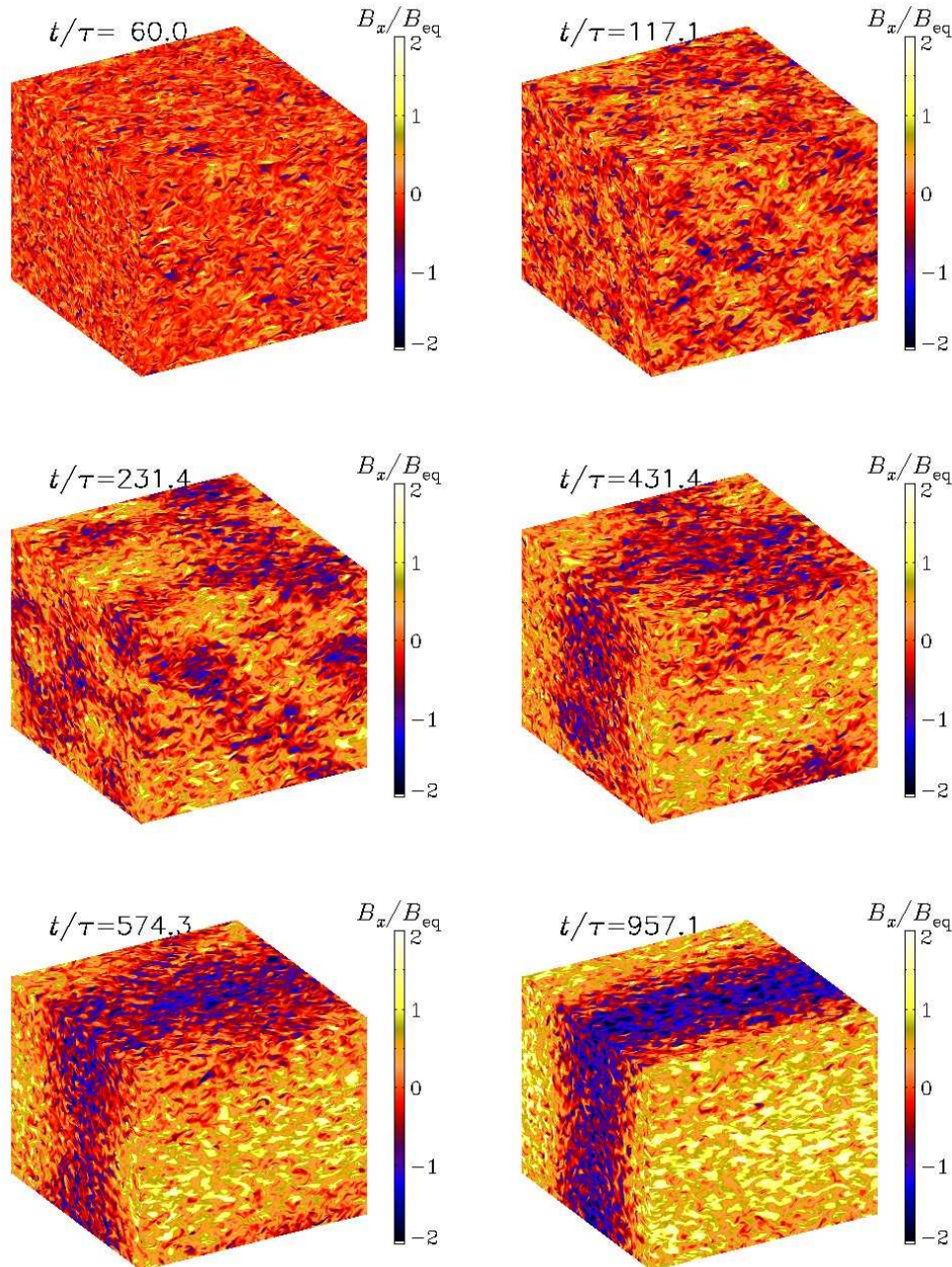


# Kazantsev with Helicity: Tunneling?

- **Fluctuation dynamo** → **bound state problem** (Kazantsev, 1967)
- **Helicity of turbulence allows 'tunneling' to larger scales than  $L$**   
(Subramanian, PRL, 1999; Brandenburg, Subramanian, A&A Lett, 2000)
- **For  $\dot{M}_L \approx 0, \dot{H} \approx 0 \rightarrow -\eta_T(d^2\Psi/dr^2) + \Psi [U_0 - (\alpha^2(r)/\eta_T(r))] = 0,$**
- **$r \gg L, M_L(r) = \bar{M}_L(r) \propto r^{-3/2} J_{\pm 3/2}(\mu r),$**

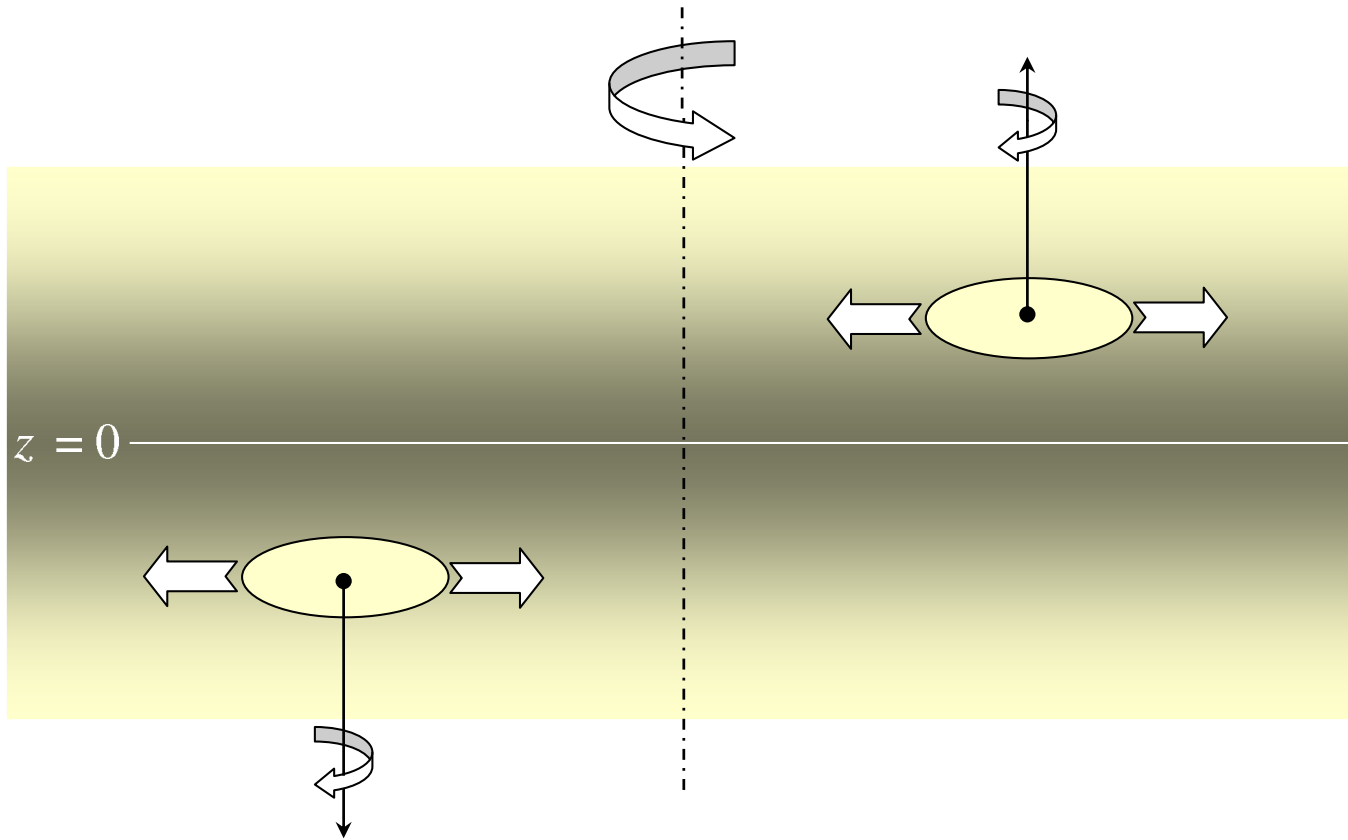


# Helically forced turbulent dynamos

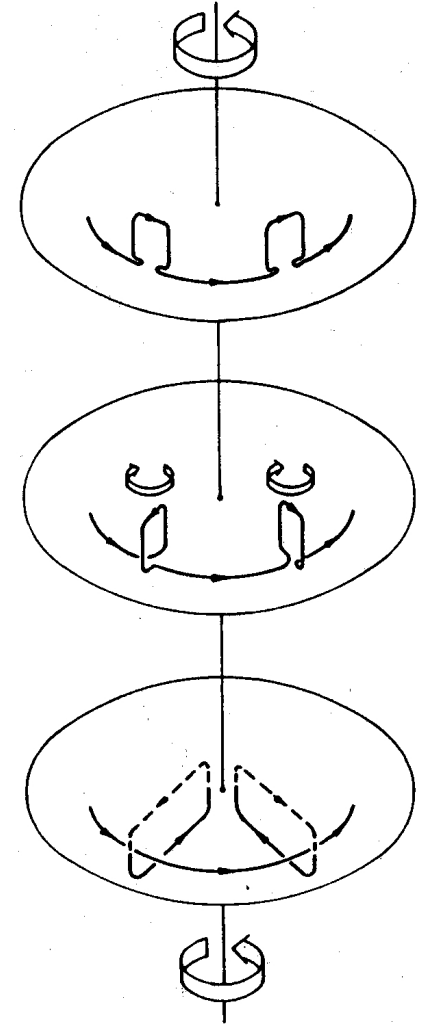
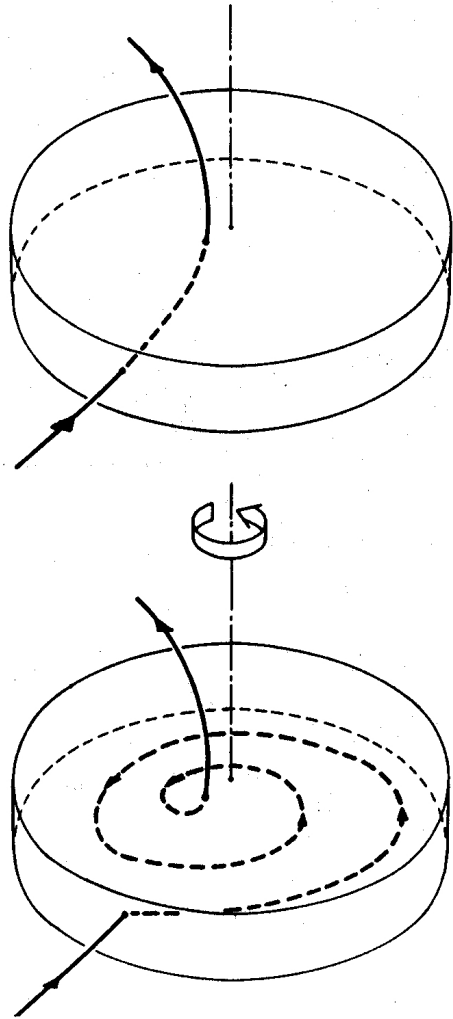


- Axel Brandenburg, 2001....2012;  $k_f = 15$
- Rapid growth in kinematic stage conserving magnetic helicity.
- Further Slow Growth on resistive timescale (dissipating small-scale helicity)
- Can be understood in terms of magnetic helicity conservation; (Field and Blackman, 2002).

# Supernovae Drive Helical turbulence



# Galactic Shear and $\alpha$ effect



**Kinematic Limit?**

**Helicity (links) conservation? Competing Fluctuation dynamo?**



# Turbulent Mean-Field Dynamo

- Consider flow with large-scale velocity  $\bar{\mathbf{V}}$  and a 'turbulent' stochastic velocity  $\mathbf{v}$
- $\mathbf{V} = \bar{\mathbf{V}} + \mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \bar{\mathbf{B}} + \mathbf{b}$ : Mean + Stochastic fields
- Average can be volume average over 'intermediate' scales or ensemble average
- Averages satisfy Reynolds rules

$$\overline{\mathbf{V}_1 + \mathbf{V}_2} = \bar{\mathbf{V}}_1 + \bar{\mathbf{V}}_2, \quad \overline{\bar{\mathbf{V}}} = \bar{\mathbf{V}}, \quad \overline{\bar{\mathbf{V}}\mathbf{v}} = 0, \quad \overline{\bar{\mathbf{V}}_1 \bar{\mathbf{V}}_2} = \bar{\mathbf{V}}_1 \bar{\mathbf{V}}_2,$$

$$\overline{\partial \mathbf{V} / \partial t} = \partial \bar{\mathbf{V}} / \partial t, \quad \overline{\partial \mathbf{V} / \partial x_i} = \partial \bar{\mathbf{V}} / \partial x_i.$$

- Average now the induction equation

# Turbulent Mean-Field Dynamo

- $\mathbf{V} = \overline{\mathbf{V}} + \mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \mathbf{b}$ : Mean + Stochastic fields
- Mean satisfies DYNAMO equation, with  $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \overline{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{b}}$ :

$$\frac{\partial \overline{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\overline{\mathbf{V}} \times \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \overline{\mathcal{E}} - \eta(\nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}}));$$

- The stochastic small-scale field satisfies:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\overline{\mathbf{V}} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{v} \times \overline{\mathbf{B}} - \eta \nabla \times \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{G}$$

- Here  $\mathbf{G}$  is the "pain in neck" nonlinear term in  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\mathbf{G} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{b})' = \nabla \times [\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{b} - \overline{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{b}}]$$

- Finding  $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \overline{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{b}}$  is a closure problem:  $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \alpha \overline{\mathbf{B}} - \eta_{turb}(\nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}})$

## The kinematic limit of $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$

- For short correlation times ( $\tau_{\text{cor}}$ ), neglect  $G$ , also assume statistical isotropy of the random  $v$  :

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \overline{v \times \int^t dt' (\partial \mathbf{b} / \partial \tau)} = \overline{v(t) \times \int^t dt' [-\mathbf{v}(t') \cdot \nabla \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \overline{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \nabla v(t')]}$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}}_i = \int_0^t \left[ \epsilon_{ijk} \overline{v_j(t) v_{k,p}(t')} \overline{B_p(t')} + \epsilon_{ijp} \overline{v_j(t) v_l(t')} \overline{B_{p,l}(t')} \right] dt',$$

- So:  $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \alpha \overline{\mathbf{B}} - \eta_t \nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}}$ , where

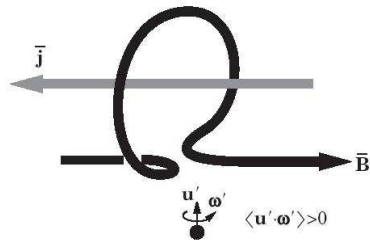
$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{3} \int_0^t \overline{\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}(t')} dt' \approx -\frac{1}{3} \tau_{\text{cor}} \overline{\mathbf{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}},$$

$$\eta_t = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^t \overline{\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t')} dt' \approx \frac{1}{3} \tau_{\text{cor}} \overline{\mathbf{v}^2},$$

- $\partial \overline{\mathbf{B}} / \partial t = \nabla \times (\overline{\mathbf{V}} \times \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \alpha \overline{\mathbf{B}} - (\eta_t + \eta)(\nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}}))$  ;

# Mean-Field Dynamo: Galactic

- Galactic Shear generates  $B_\phi$  from  $B_r$
- Supernovae drive HELICAL turbulence**  
(Due to Rotation + Stratification)
- Helical motions generate  $B_r$  from  $B_\phi$**



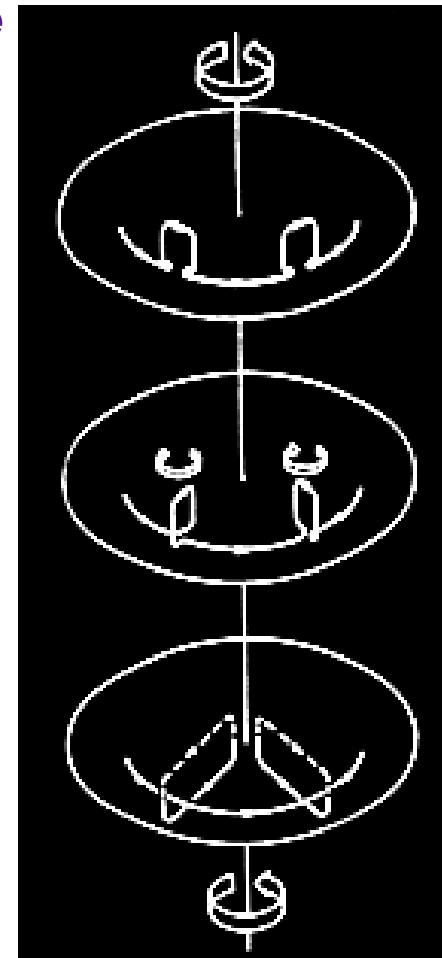
**$\alpha$ -effect (Parker, 55)**

- Mean field satisfies dynamo equation

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\bar{\mathbf{U}} \times \bar{\mathbf{B}} + \bar{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}} - \eta(\nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{B}}));$$

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}} = \overline{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}} = \alpha \bar{\mathbf{B}} - \eta_{turb}(\nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{B}})$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{\tau_{corr}}{3} \langle \mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} \rangle \quad \eta_{turb} = \frac{\tau_{corr}}{3} \langle \mathbf{u}^2 \rangle$$



RSS, 1988

- Exponential growth of  $\bar{\mathbf{B}}$ ,  $t_{growth} \sim 10^9$  yr**

# A revised picture for $\alpha$ -effect



Anvar and Natasha Shukurov 2009

- $\bar{\epsilon}$  transfers helicity: Oppositely signed WRITHE AND TWIST Helicities
- Lorentz force of small-scale twist Helicity grows to cancel kinetic  $\alpha$

# Nonlinear saturation of helical dynamos

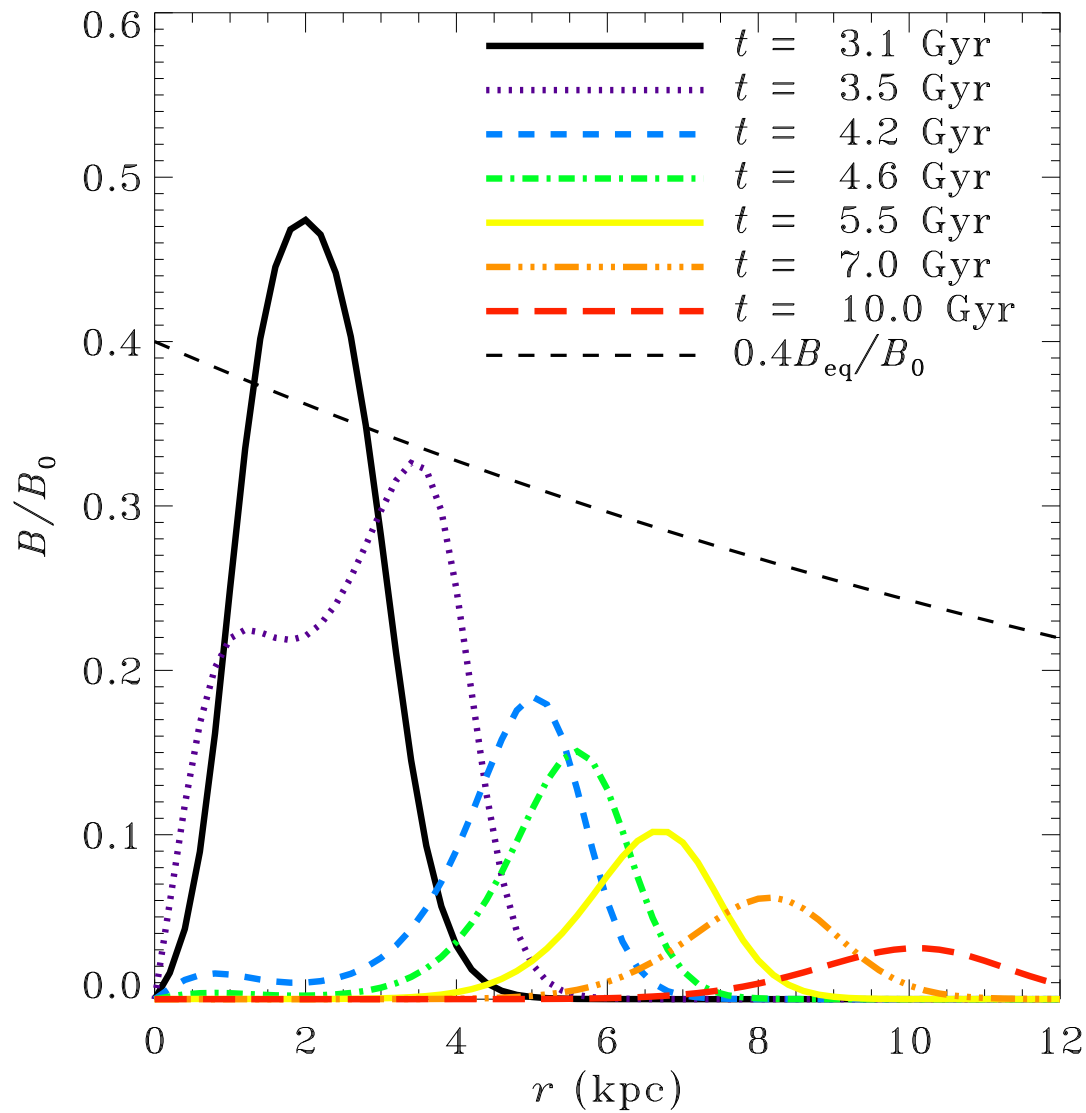
- $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$  transfers helicity between small-large scales
- Small scale current helicity grows to cancel kinetic  $\alpha$
- Nonlinear  $\alpha = -(\tau/3)\langle \mathbf{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} \rangle + (\tau/3\rho)(4\pi/c)\langle \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{b} \rangle \rightarrow 0?$
- CATASTROPHIC QUENCHING OF DYNAMO?
- Need to get rid of small scale helicity, by Helicity fluxes?  
(Blackman & Field; Kleeorin et al).  
But what is gauge invariant helicity density and flux?
- Small scale helicity density  $h$  is density of correlated  $\mathbf{b}$  field links (Subramanian & Brandenburg, ApJ Lett., 2006)

$$\partial h / \partial t + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = -2\overline{\mathcal{E}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} - 2\eta(4\pi/c)\overline{\mathbf{j}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{b}}$$

Large scale dynamos need helicity fluxes

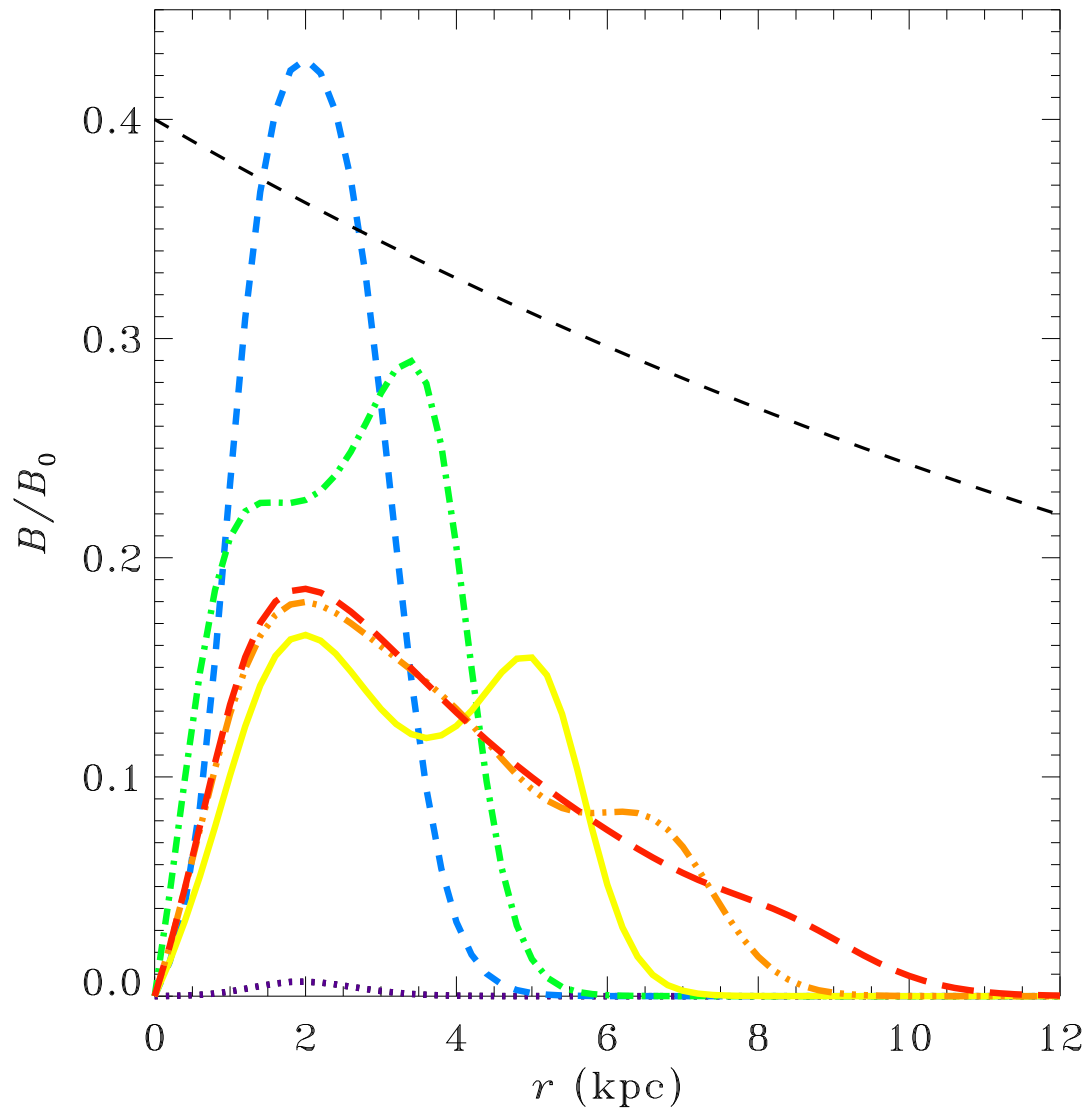
# Effect of $\alpha$ -quenching in galaxy

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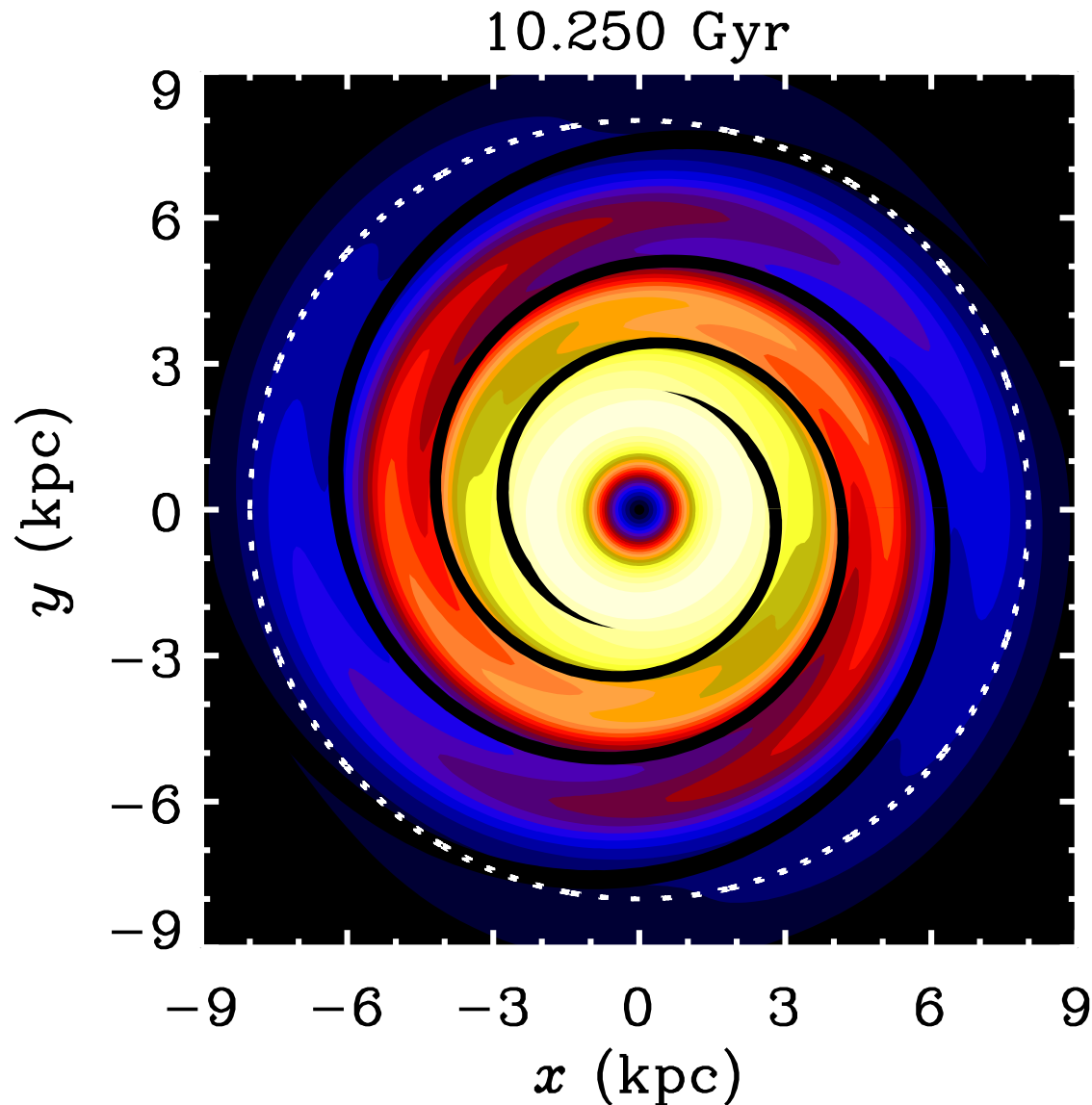
# Effect of advective flux in galaxy

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# Galactic outflows and magnetic spiral

Winding up Spiral with enhanced outflow along spiral (Chamandy, Shukurov, KS, 2014)





# Questions

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- When do the first fields arise?
- How do they evolve with redshift in galaxies and the IGM?
- Dynamos required to amplify/maintain fields.
- Fluctuation dynamo saturation?
- Galaxy cluster plasma nearly collisionless...how to treat?
- For mean field dynamos:  $\alpha$ ,  $\eta_t$  at large  $R_m$ ?
- How do MFD's saturate; helicity fluxes?
- Is an Early universe field needed? Is it inevitable?

**SKA will be crucial to probe the Magnetic Universe.**