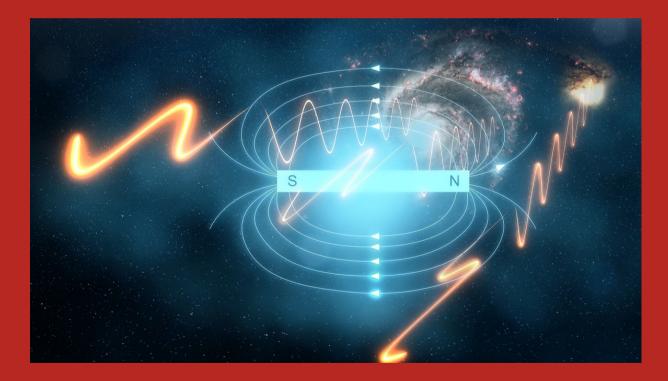
Cosmic Magnetism

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The Magnetism Science Working Group

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+ 29 associated members, among whom Roberto Pizzo, Marta Alves

19 magnetism chapters in the SKA Science book



Cosmic Magnetism is central to astrophysics on all scales:

Stellar evolution

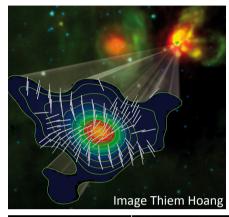
- pulsars and collapsed stellar objects
- Jovian planets
- cloud collapse & star formation
- stellar activity & outflows
- supernova remnants, planetary nebulae

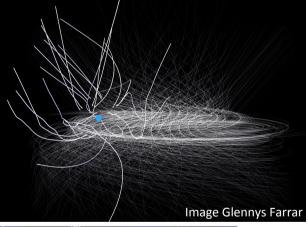
Galaxy evolution

- ISM turbulence and energy transport
- stability of galactic disks
- acceleration, propagation & confinement of cosmic rays

Inter-Galactic phenomena

- energy transport in clusters
- AGN and IGM feedback









Current concept of Cosmic Magnetism Key Science Projects

- 1. Origin and Evolution of Magnetic Fields in Large Scale Structures (Mpc scales)
- The magnetic field in clusters and filaments
- The magnetic cosmic web
- Probing the nature of Dark Matter and fundamental physics

2. Origin and Evolution of Magnetic fields in Galaxies (kpc - pc scales)

- Emergence and evolution of magnetic fields in galaxies
- AGN physics at all redshifts and luminosities
- Magnetic fields in nearby galaxies
- Multi-scale magnetism in the Milky Way

3. Magnetic fields and stellar evolution (stellar scales)

• Role of magnetism in star formation, stellar evolution, exoplanets



Main SKA observables for cosmic magnetic fields

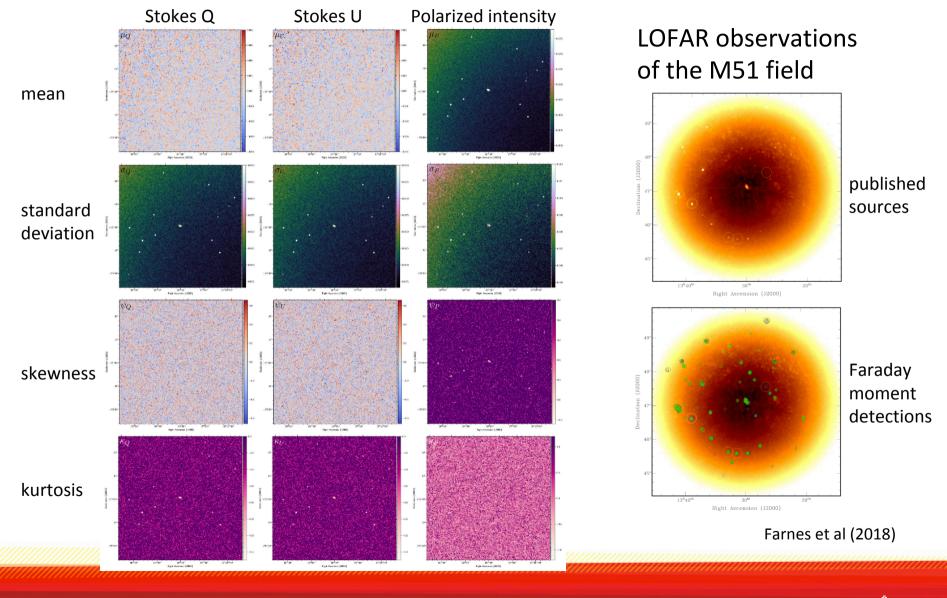
- 1. Synchrotron emission: total intensity and polarization
- 2. Faraday rotation:
 - RM Grid from extragalactic background sources and pulsars
 - broad-band polarimetry gives Faraday depth spectra
- **3. Zeeman splitting** (absorption and emission): in-situ measurements in neutral gas

We require:

- wide wavelength-squared coverage with fine spectral resolution
- excellent polarization calibration



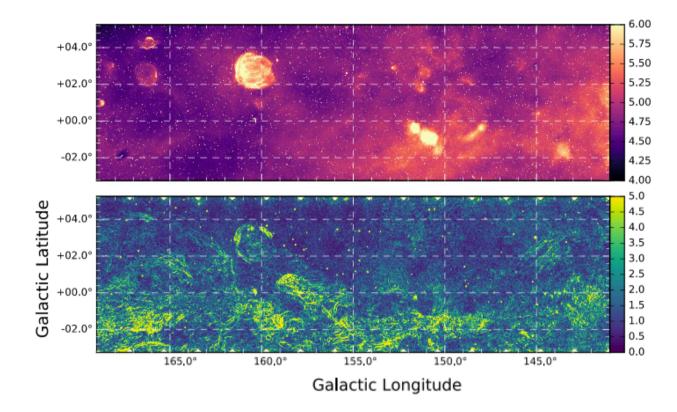
Recent technical highlights: polarized source finding through 'Faraday moments'



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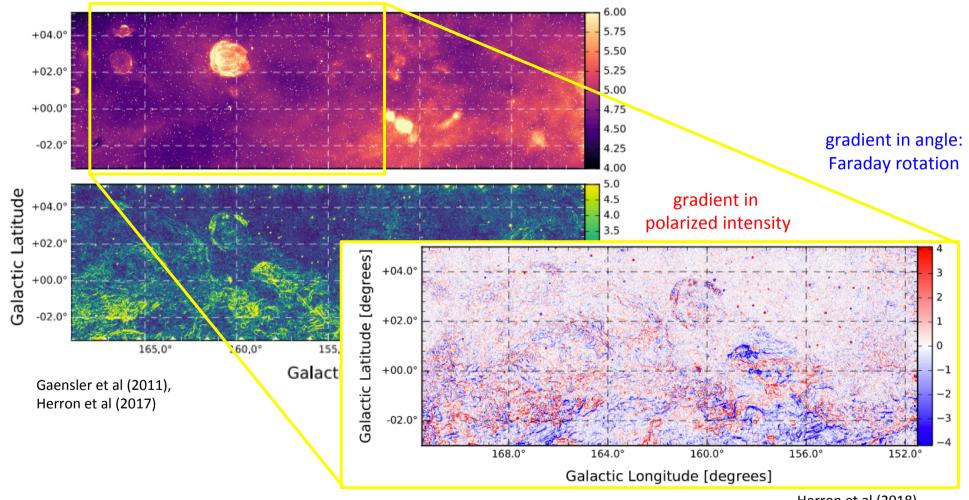


Herron et al (2017)

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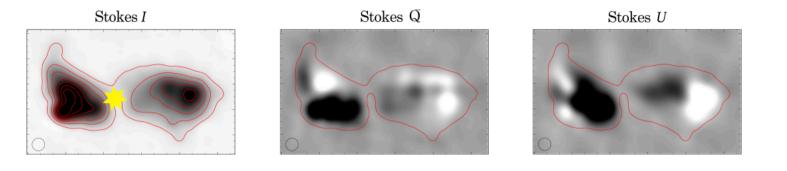


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Recent science highlights: Faraday depth structure of radio galaxy NGC 612

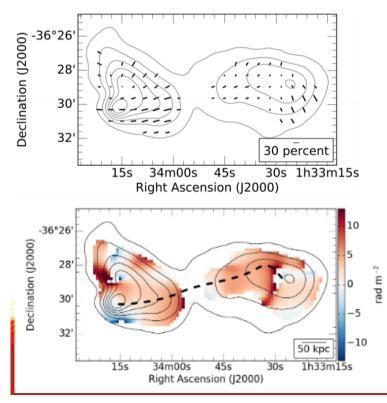
1.3 – 3.1 GHz ATCA



1382 MHz

Kaczmarek et al (2018)

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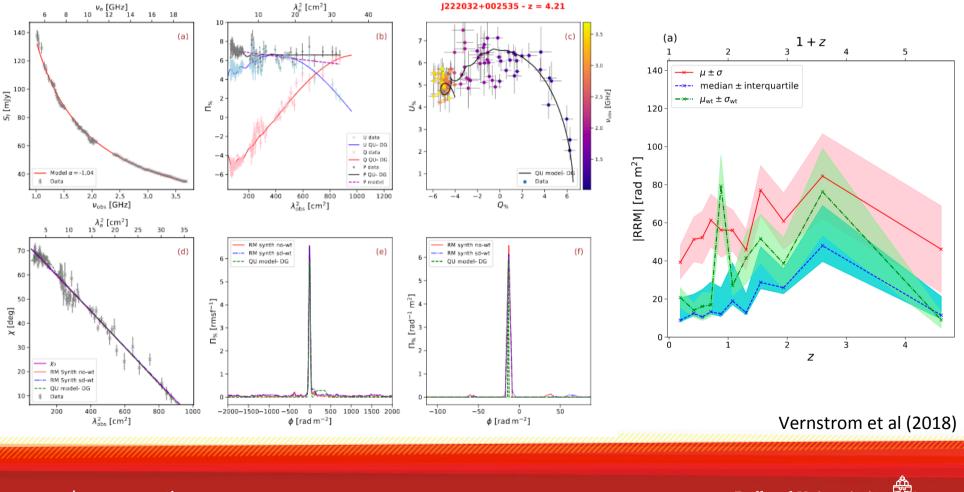


Modeling polarization indicates that Faraday rotation is external to synchrotron emission

 \rightarrow thermal material in thin sheet around the synchrotron lobe

Recent science highlights: Magnetization of high-redshift galaxies

2-4 GHz JVLA data of high-z (z > 3) and low-z polarized sources: no relation between rotation measure and redshift found.



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Future highlights: upcoming conferences

- The Power of Faraday Tomography (Japan, May 2018)
- IAU General Assembly Focus Meeting 8: New Insights in Extragalactic Magnetic Fields (Vienna, Aug 2018)
- IAU General Assembly Focus Meeting 4: *Magnetic fields along the star-formation sequence* (Vienna, Aug 2018)
- LOFAR Magnetism Key Science Project annual meeting (Krakow, Sep 2018)



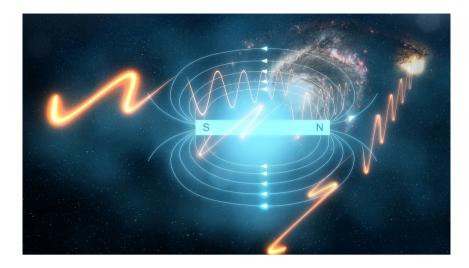
Current status of the Cosmic Magnetism SWG:

- fairly sizeable community
- preparing for SKA with pathfinders/precursors in various ways

BUT the SWG is very disjoint and divided into separate groups.



SKA1 polarization surveys



First priority:

an all-sky SKA1-MID Band 2 polarimetric imaging survey

- across the entire 950 1760 MHz band
- to ~ 4 µJy/beam sensitivity
- at 2 arcsec resolution

In addition: a series of smaller, deeper surveys at various wavelengths

