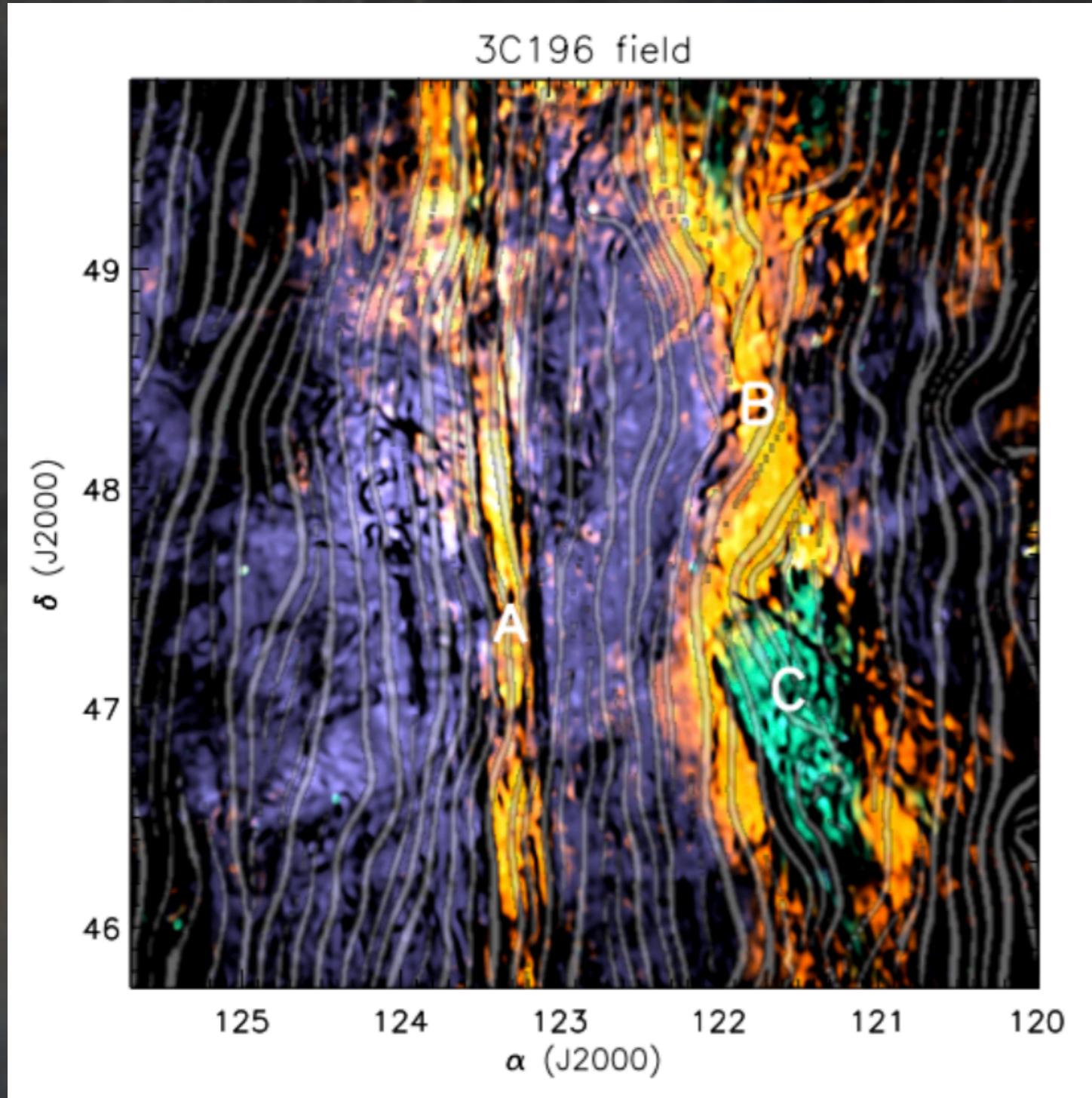


# Galactic HI and the magnetic ISM *foreground*

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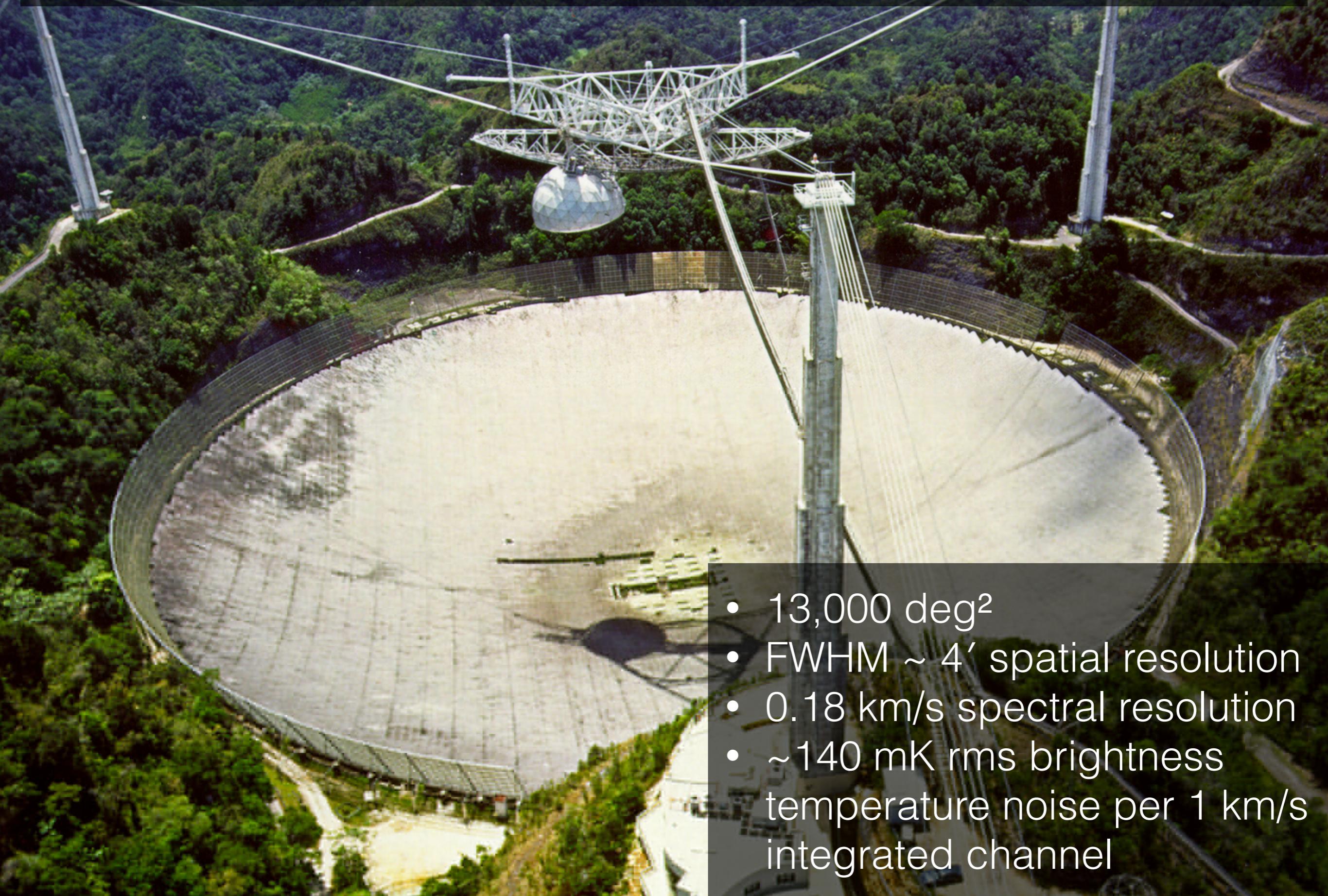
# Low frequency observations show complicated polarization structure.



Zaroubi+ 2015  
Jelić+ 2015

-3 to -0.5 rad / m<sup>2</sup>  
+0.5 rad / m<sup>2</sup>  
+1 to +4.5 rad / m<sup>2</sup>  
Planck B-field

# Galactic Arecibo L-Band Feed Array Survey (GALFA-HI)



- $13,000 \text{ deg}^2$
- FWHM  $\sim 4'$  spatial resolution
- 0.18 km/s spectral resolution
- $\sim 140 \text{ mK rms}$  brightness temperature noise per 1 km/s integrated channel



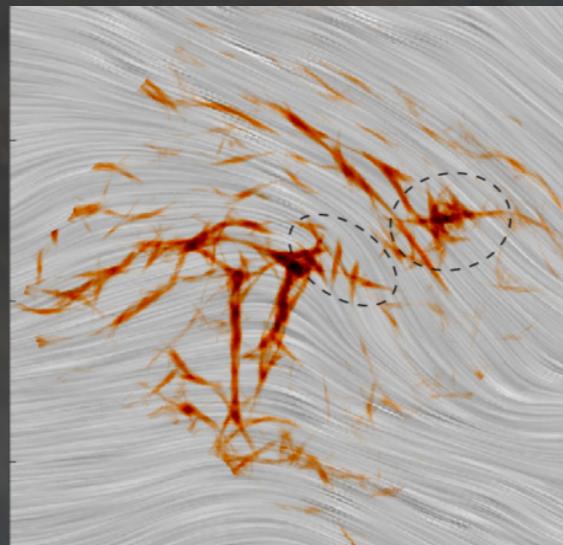
**Do linear HI structures trace  
the magnetic field?**

# The Rolling Hough Transform

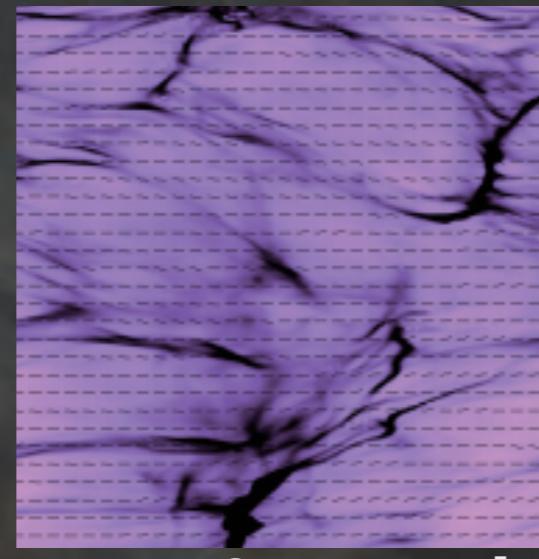
**Clark, Peek, & Putman 2014, ApJ 789, 82**



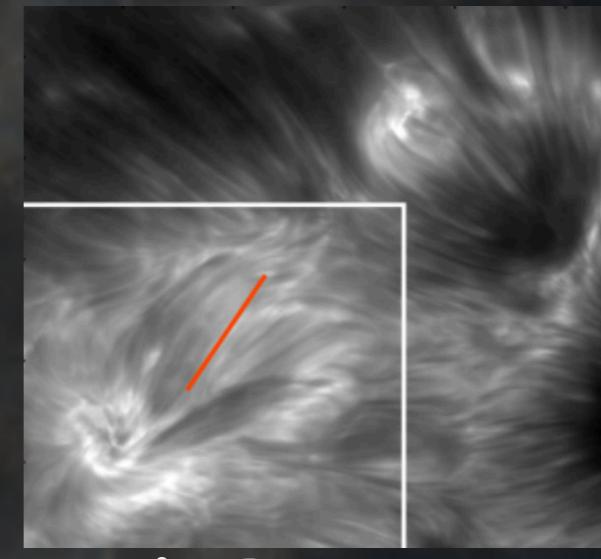
[github.com/seclark/RHT](https://github.com/seclark/RHT)



Malinen+ 2016



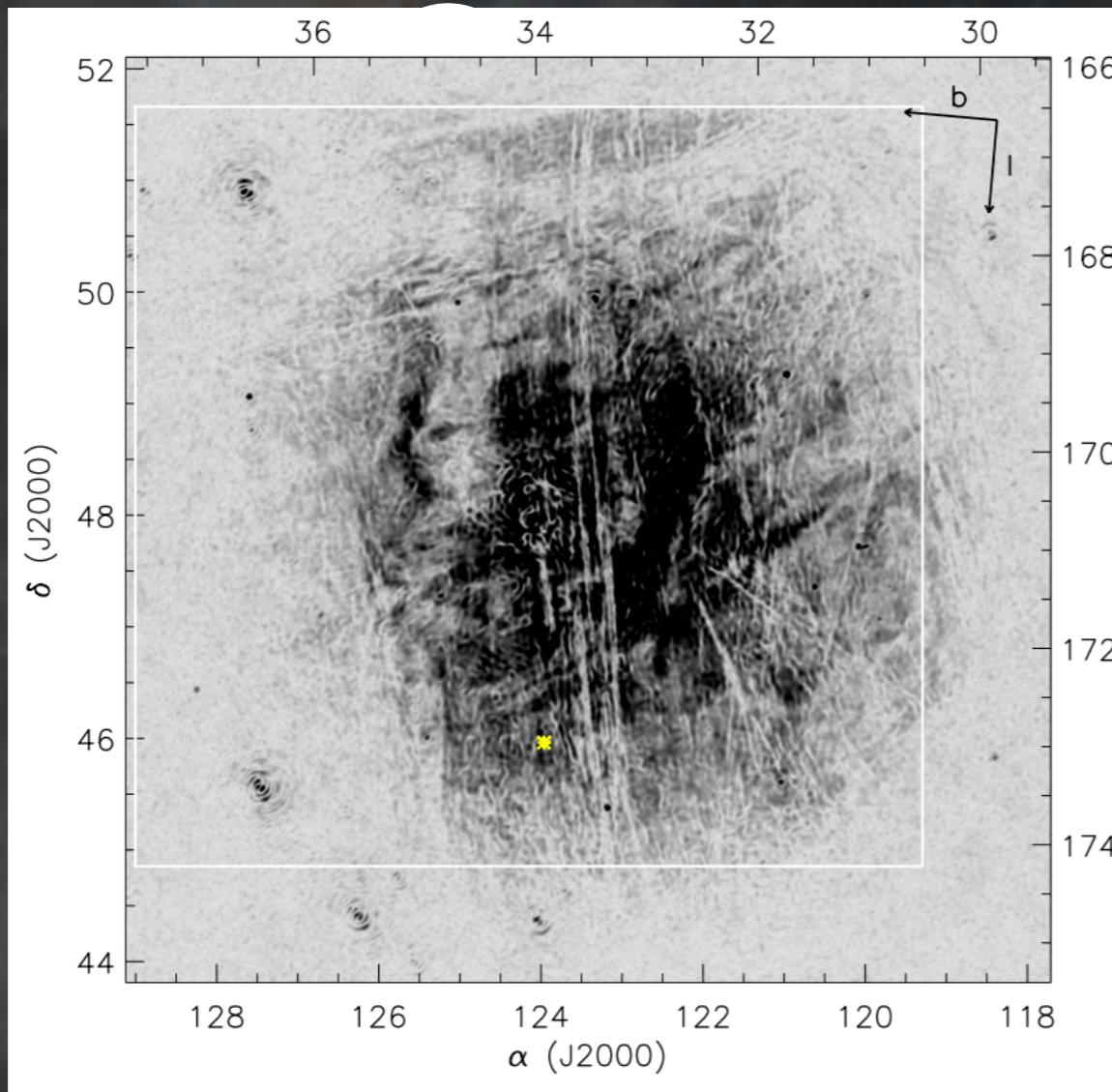
Inoue & Inutsuka  
2016



Asensio Ramos+ 2017

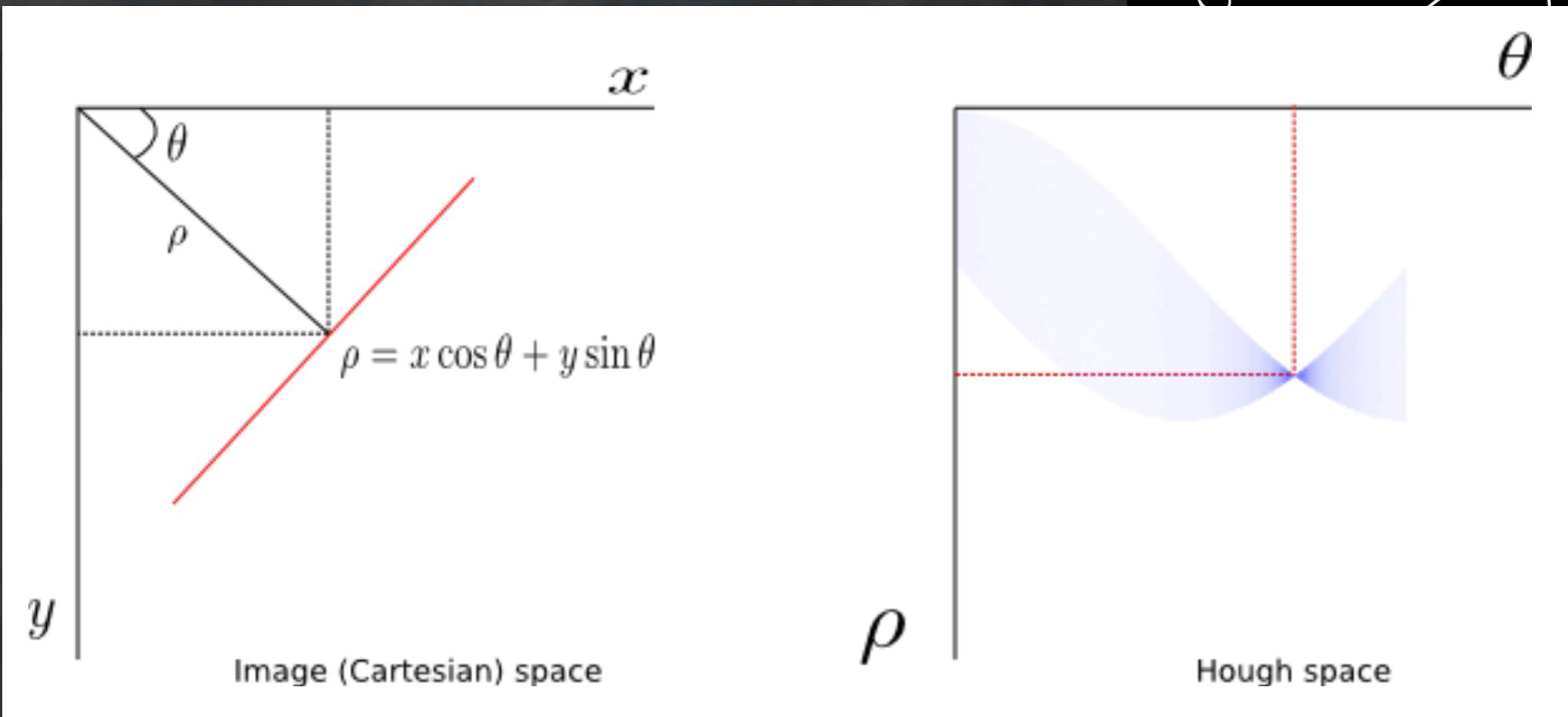
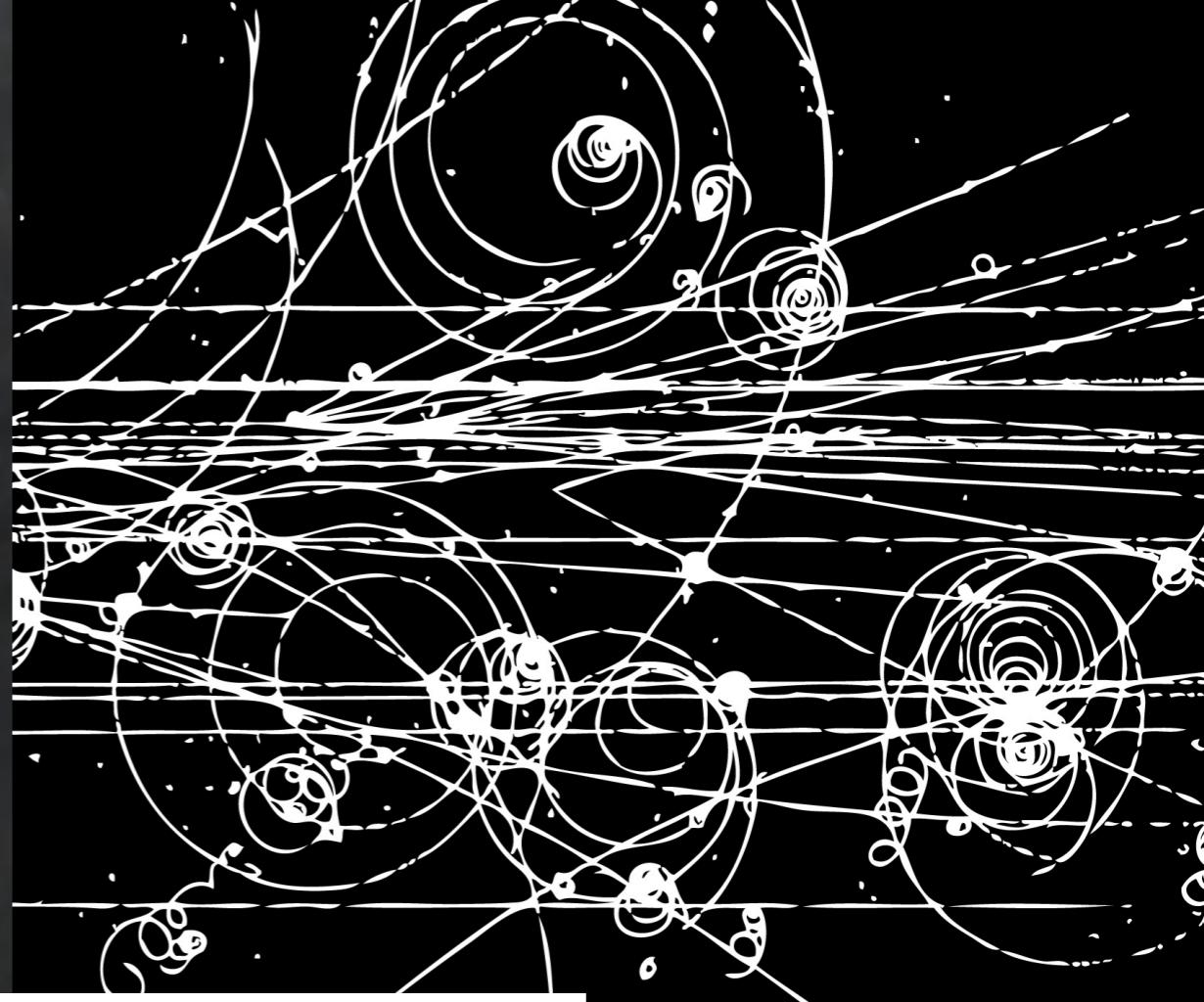
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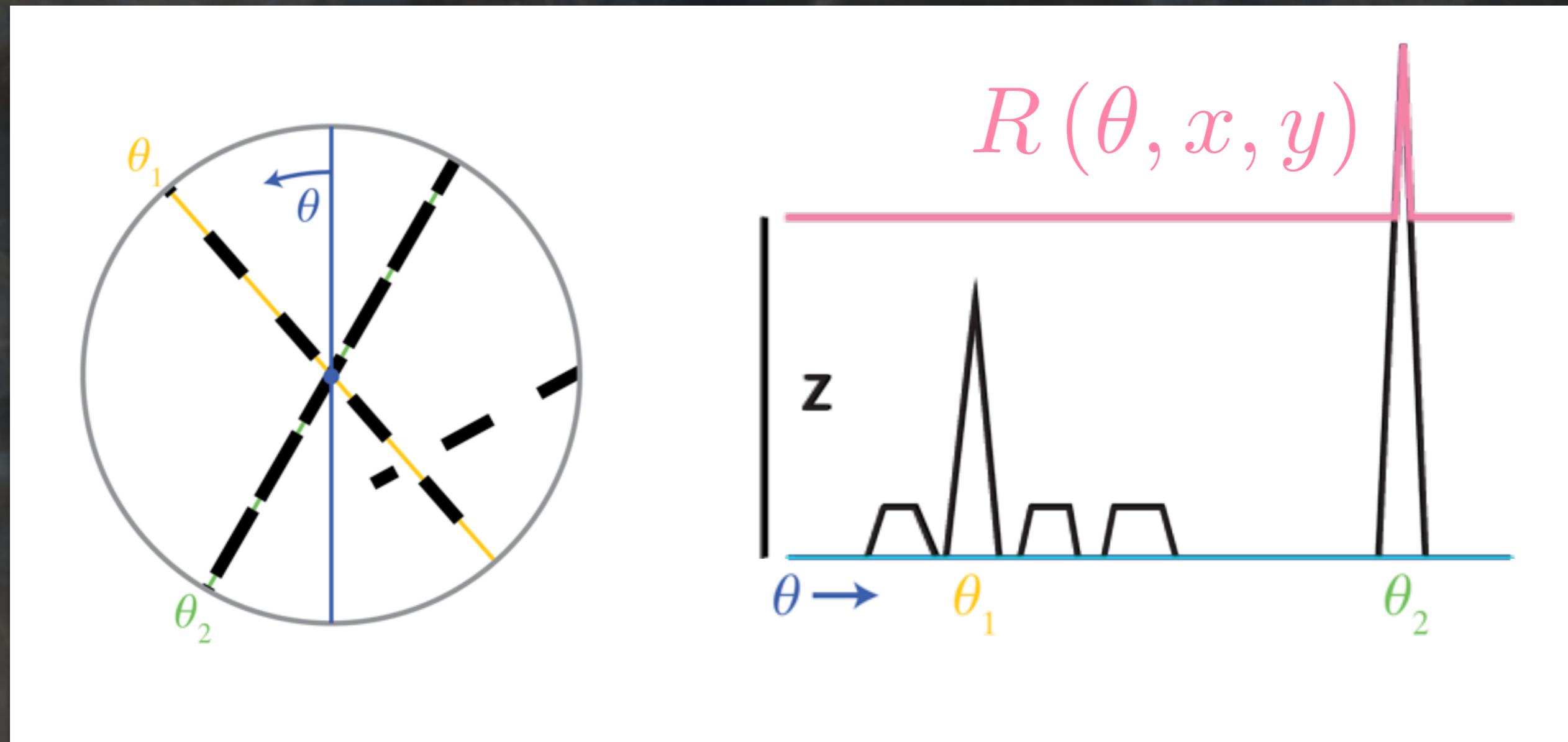


**See poster by  
David Prelogović,  
Dora Klindžić,  
Vibor Jelić**

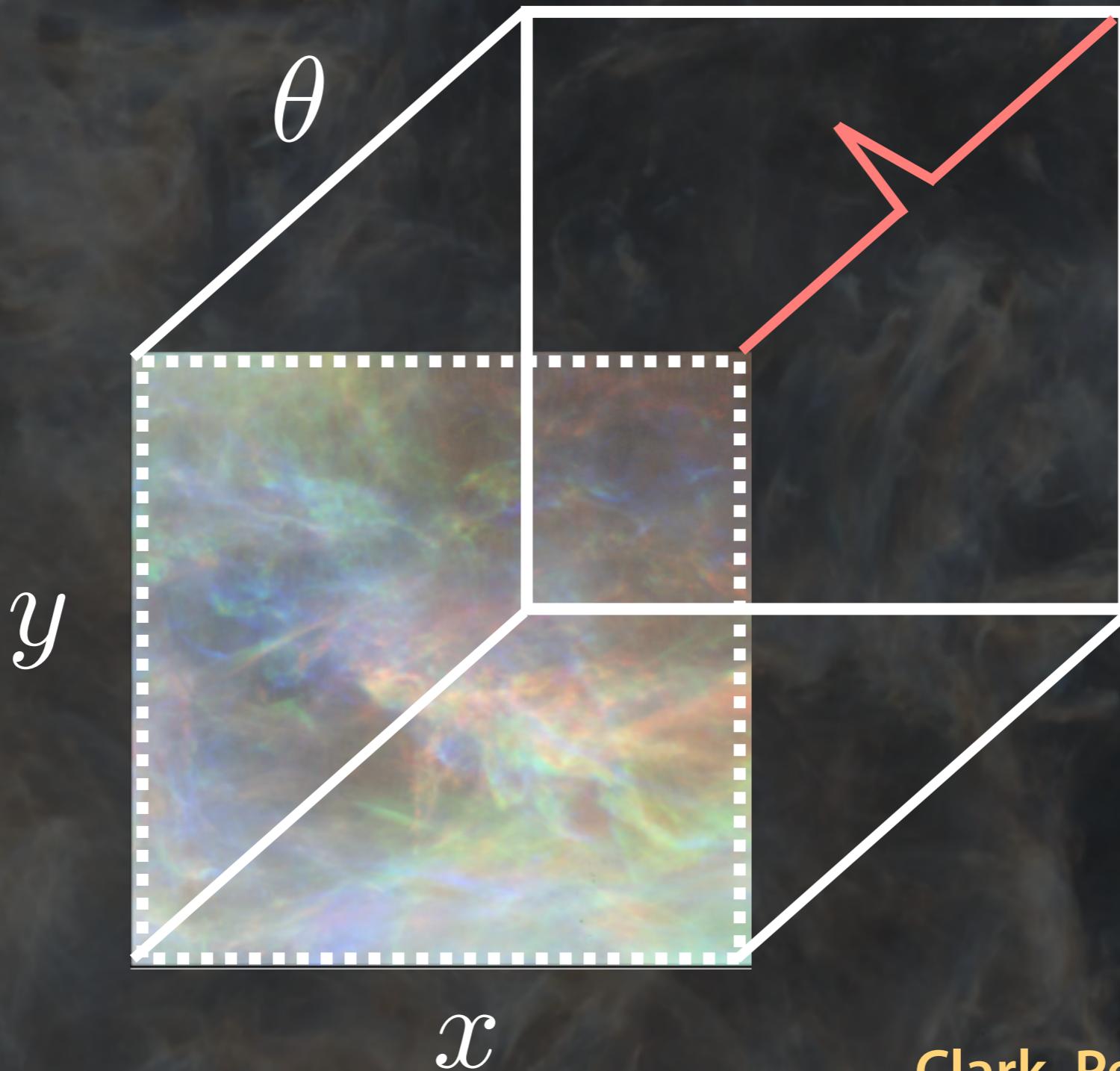
The Hough Transform was originally conceived to detect lines in bubble chamber photos.



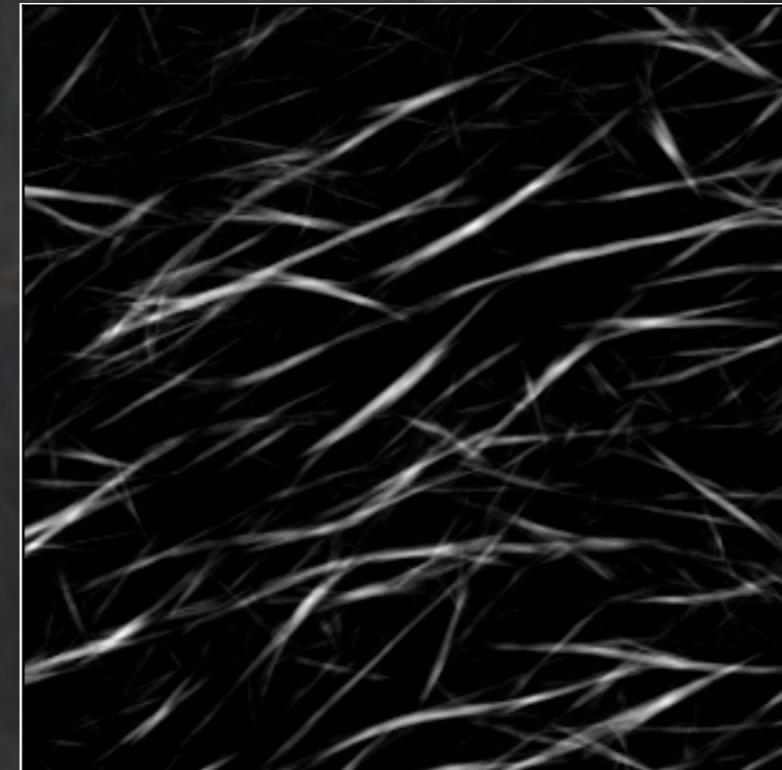
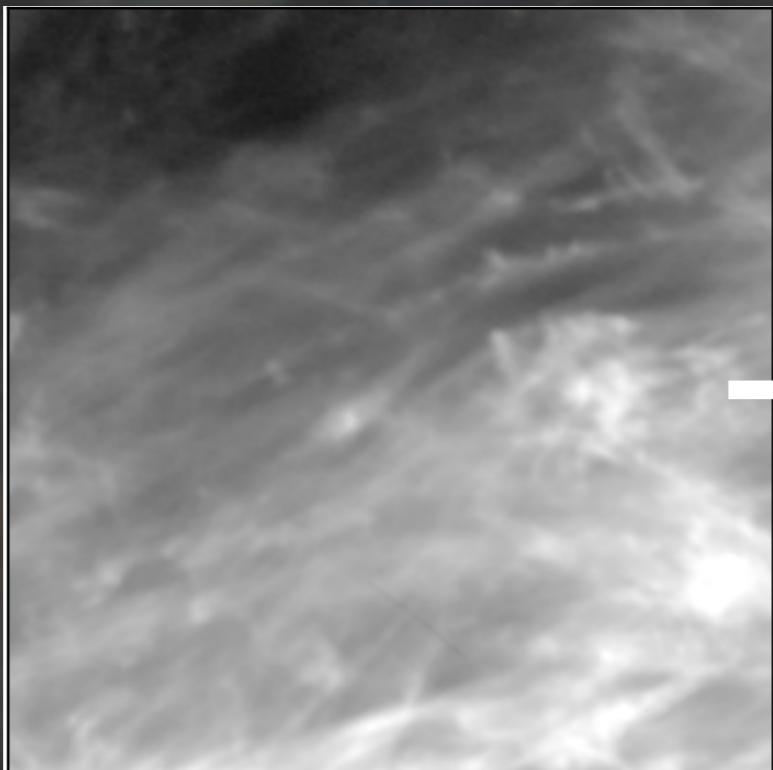
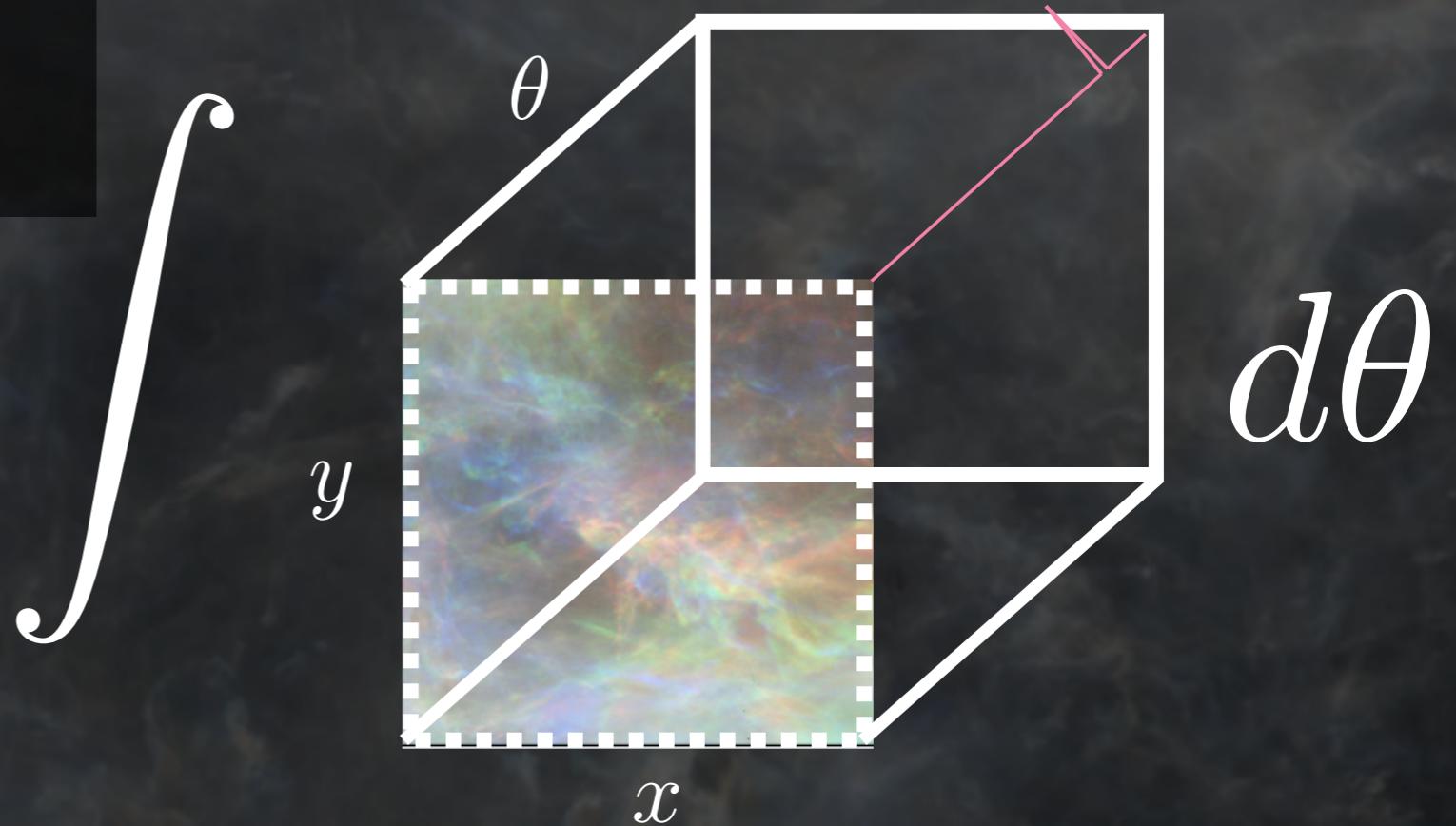
# Measure intensity as a function of angle.



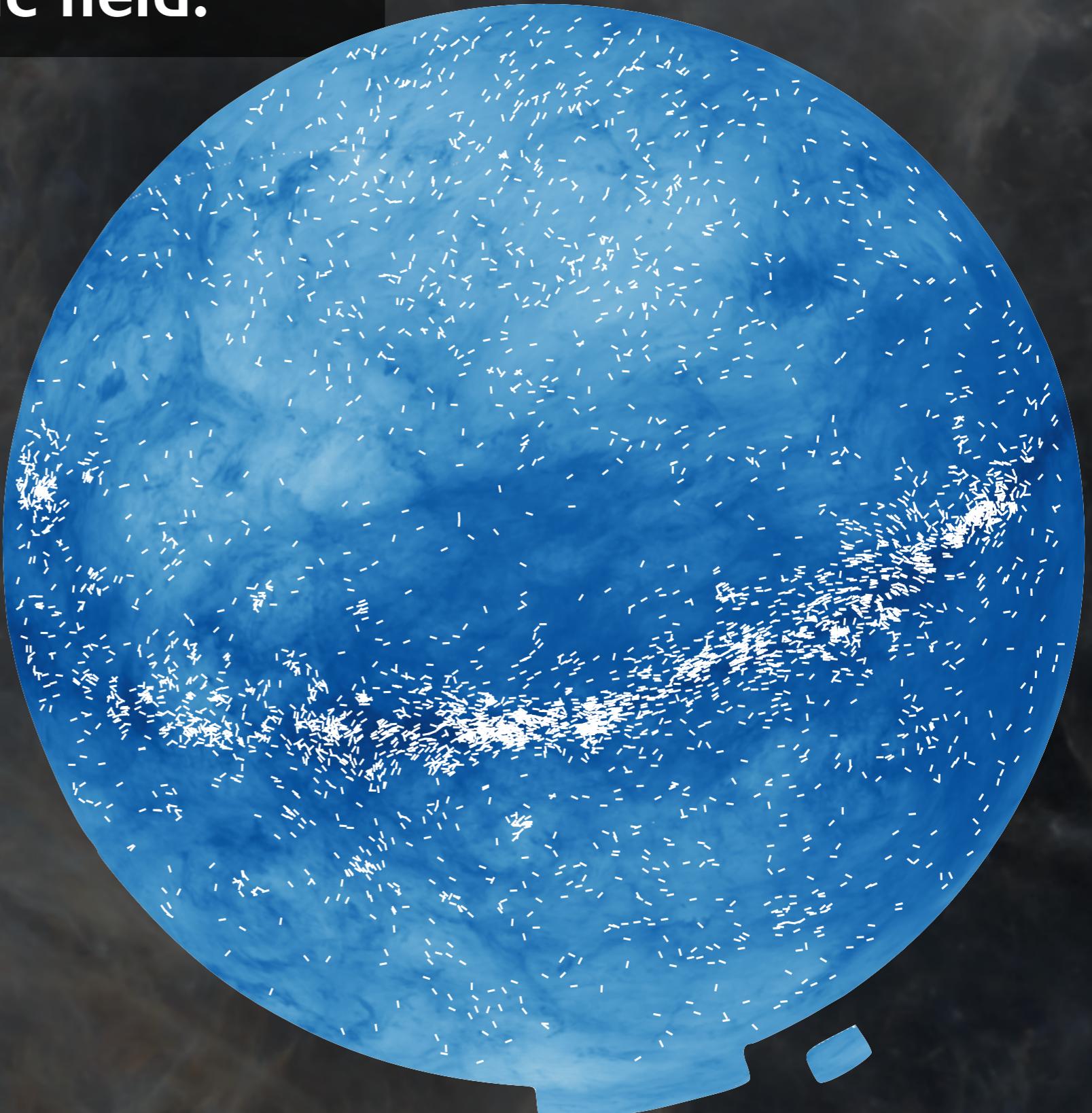
Store intensity as a function of angle  
for every image pixel.



Visualize linear power  
in the backprojection.



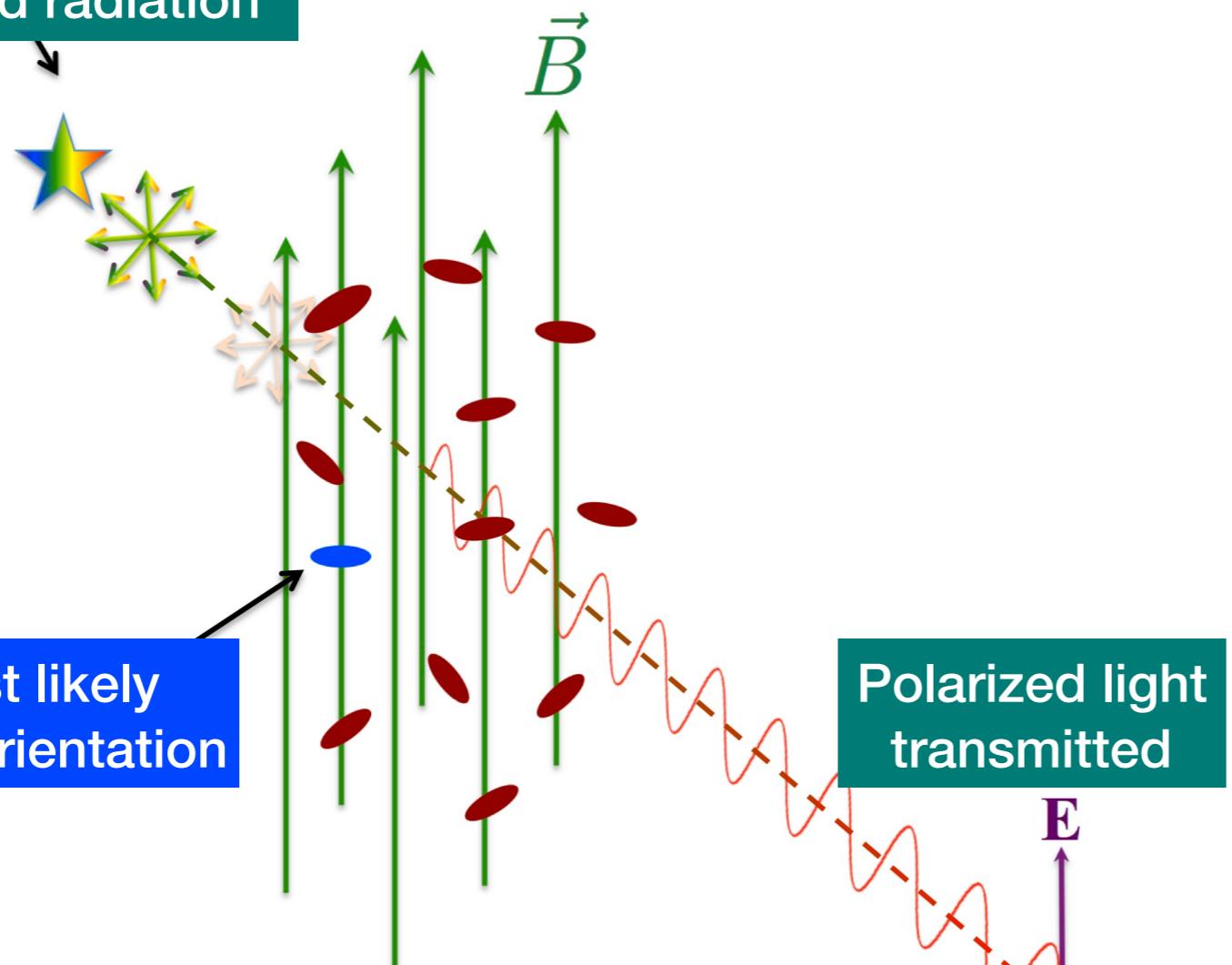
Starlight polarization traces the  
plane-of-sky magnetic field.



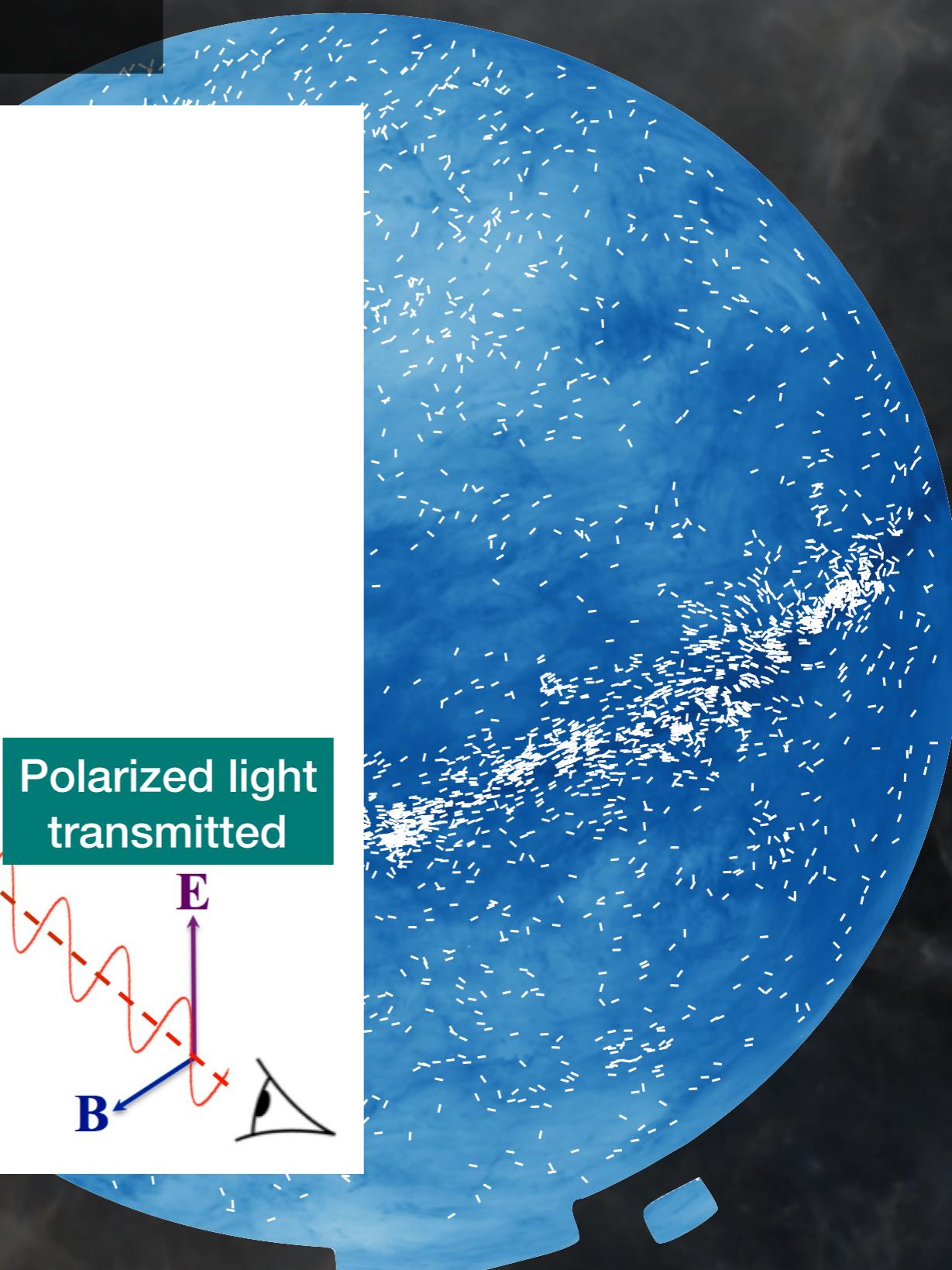
Stars: Heiles 2000

# Starlight polarization traces the plane-of-sky magnetic field.

Background star emits unpolarized radiation

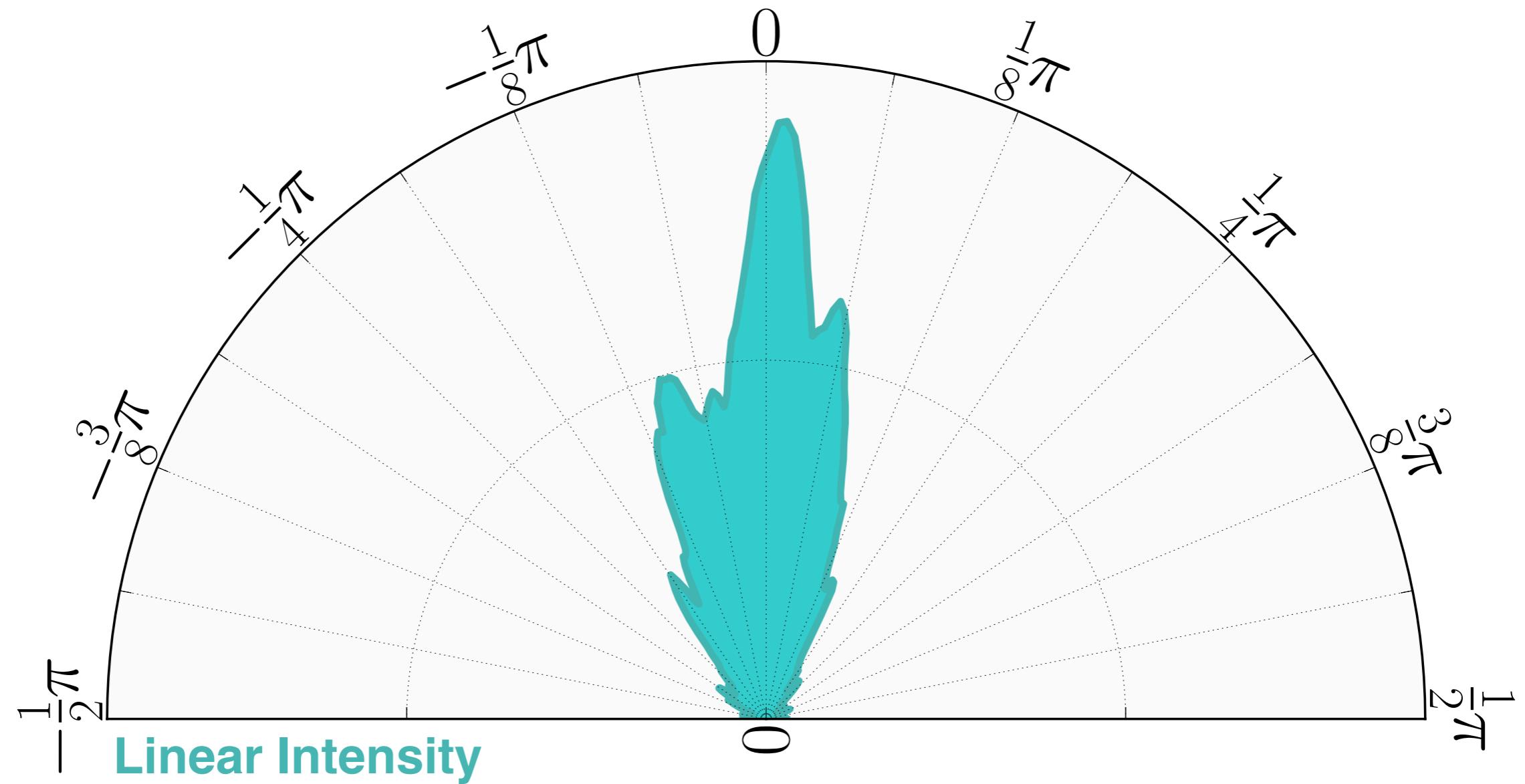


B-G Andersson



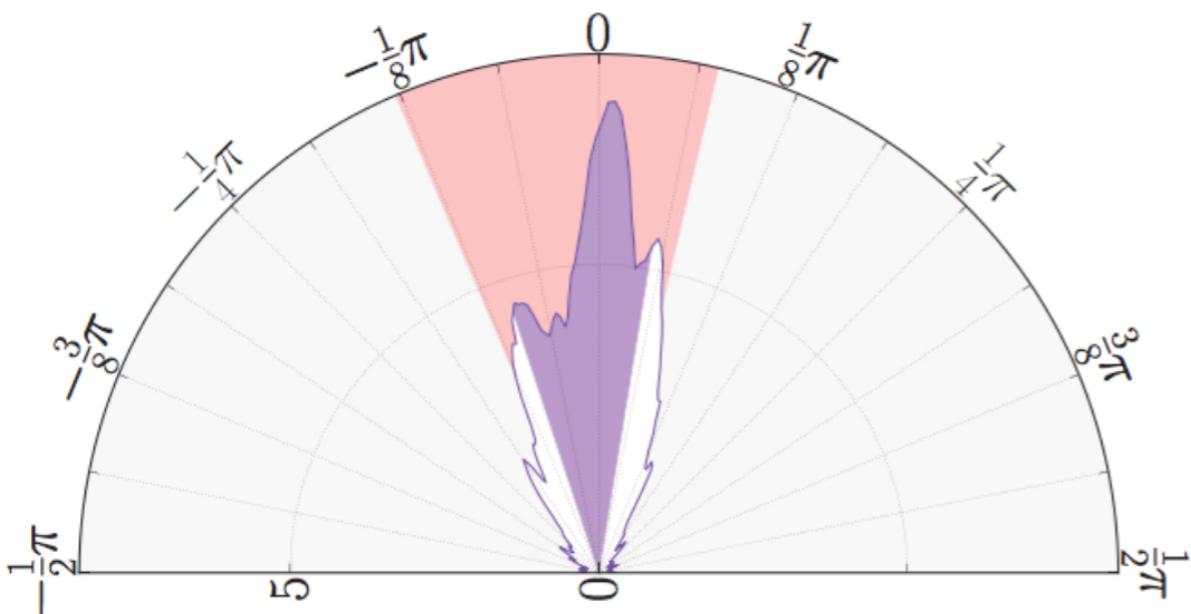
# Linear features in HI correlate with starlight polarization.

$$\theta_{RHT} - \theta_\star$$

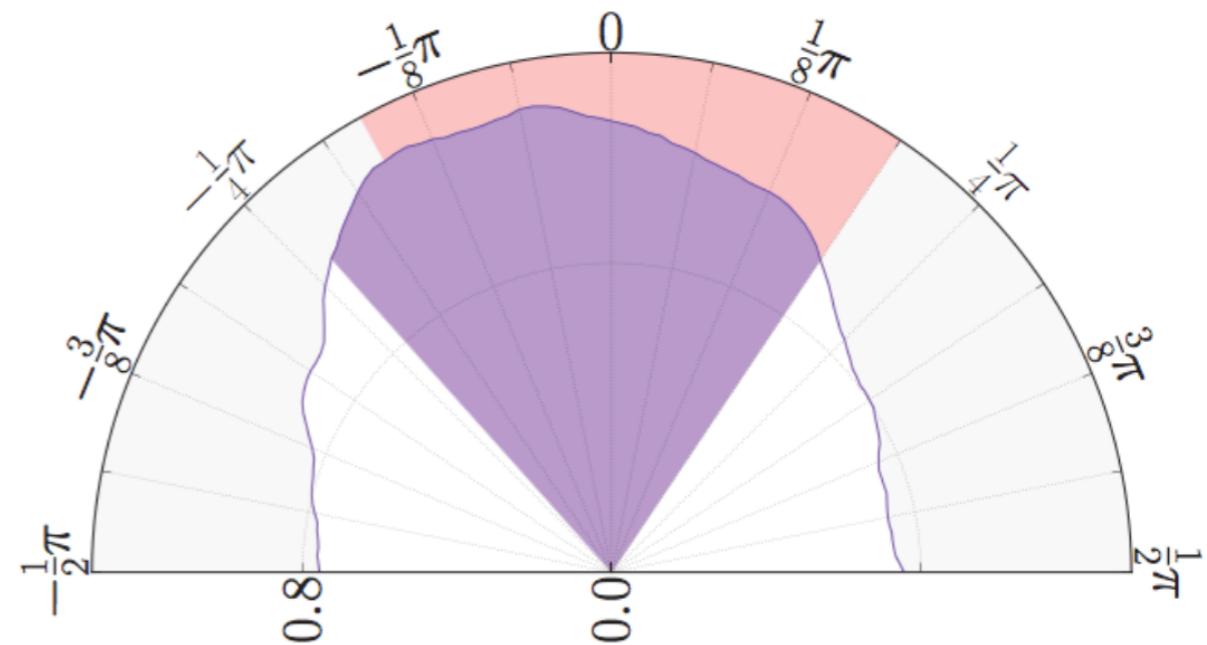


The correlation is tighter  
with high-resolution HI.

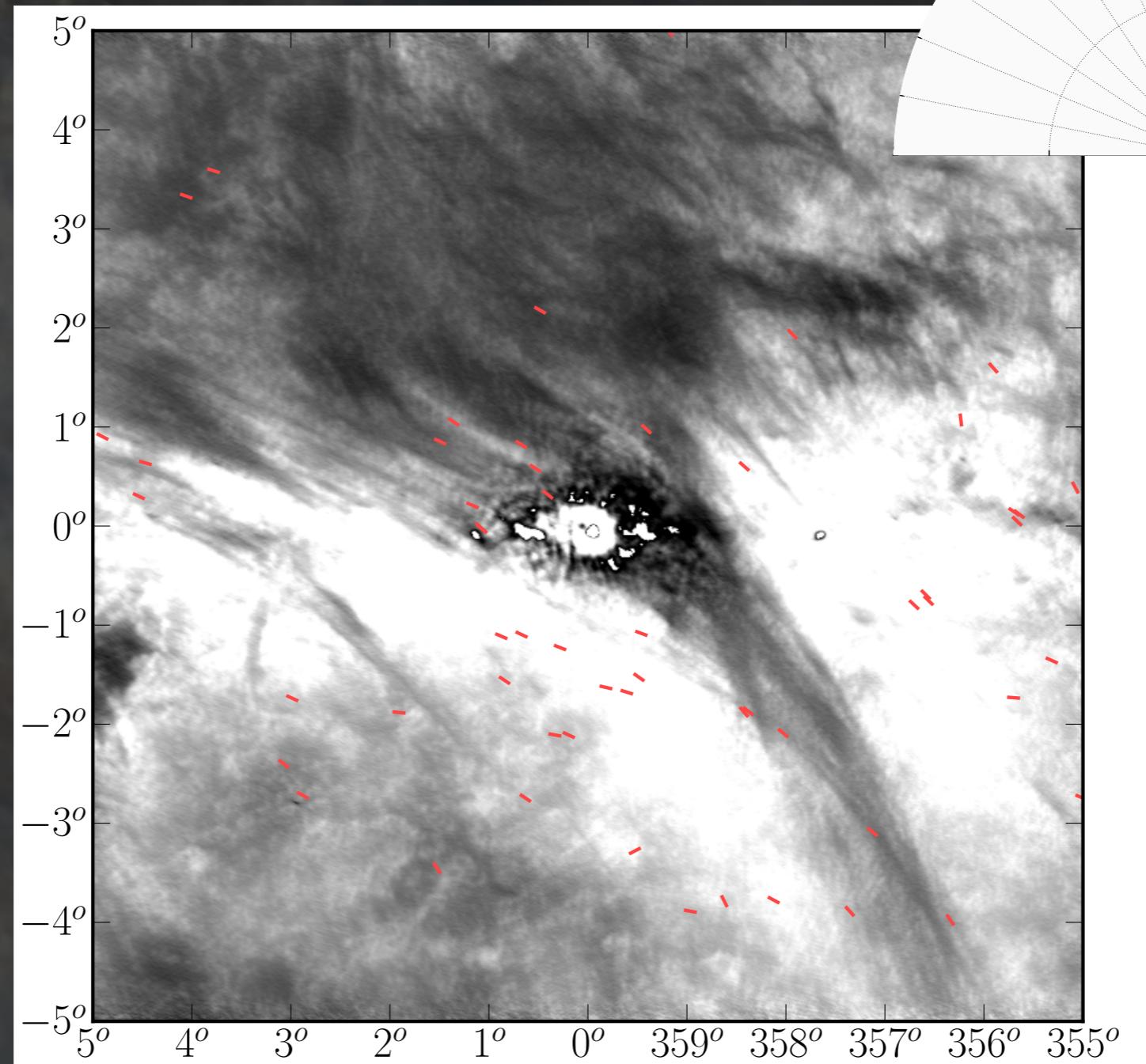
GALFA-HI : 4'



Parkes GASS : 16'



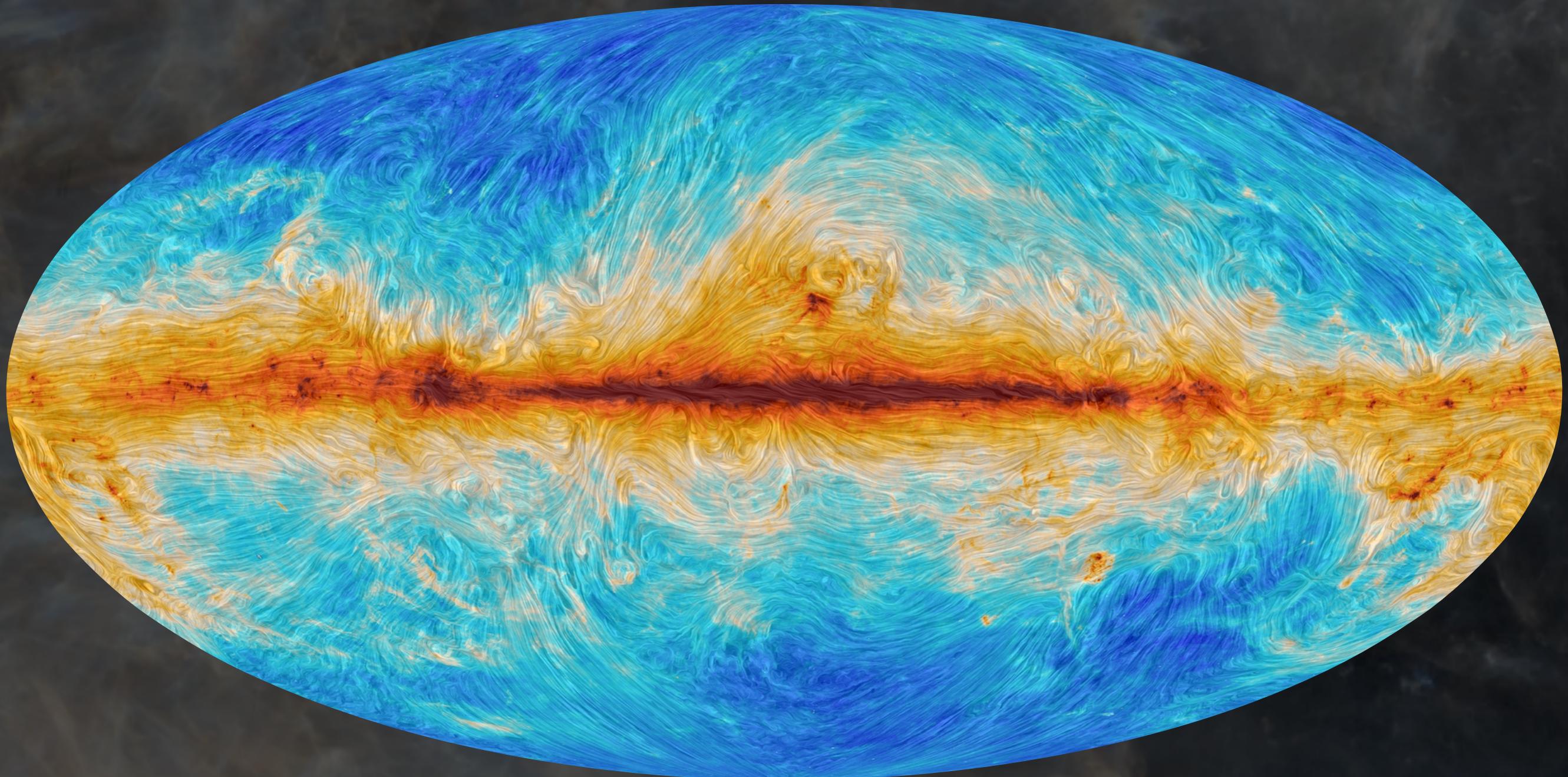
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SGPS GC Survey  
McClure-Griffiths+ 2006

Clark, Peek, & Putman 2014

The Planck satellite mapped the full sky  
in 353 GHz polarized dust emission.

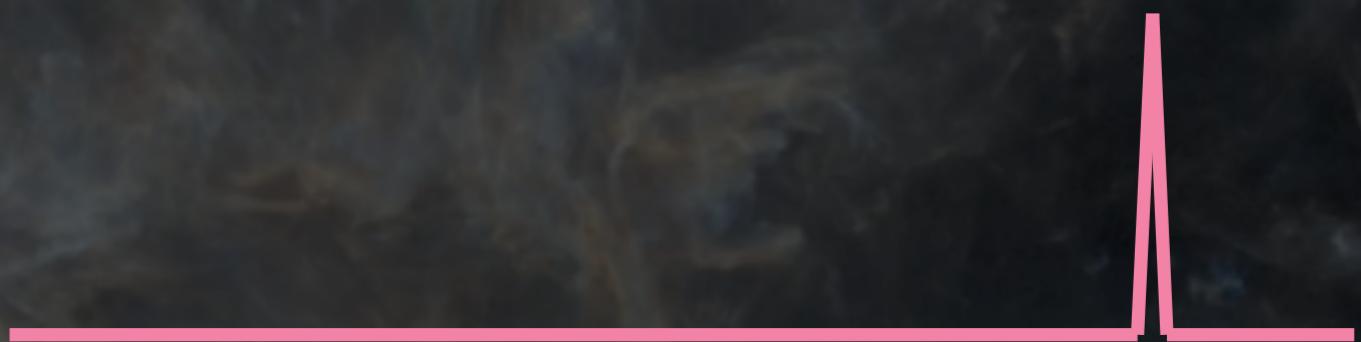


ESA/Planck Collaboration  
Planck Intermediate Results XIX

Calculate Stokes parameters  
from the HI orientation.

$$Q_{RHT} = \int \cos(2\theta) \cdot R(\theta) d\theta$$

$$U_{RHT} = \int \sin(2\theta) \cdot R(\theta) d\theta$$



$$R(\theta, x, y)$$

# Calculate HI and *Planck* magnetic field orientation.

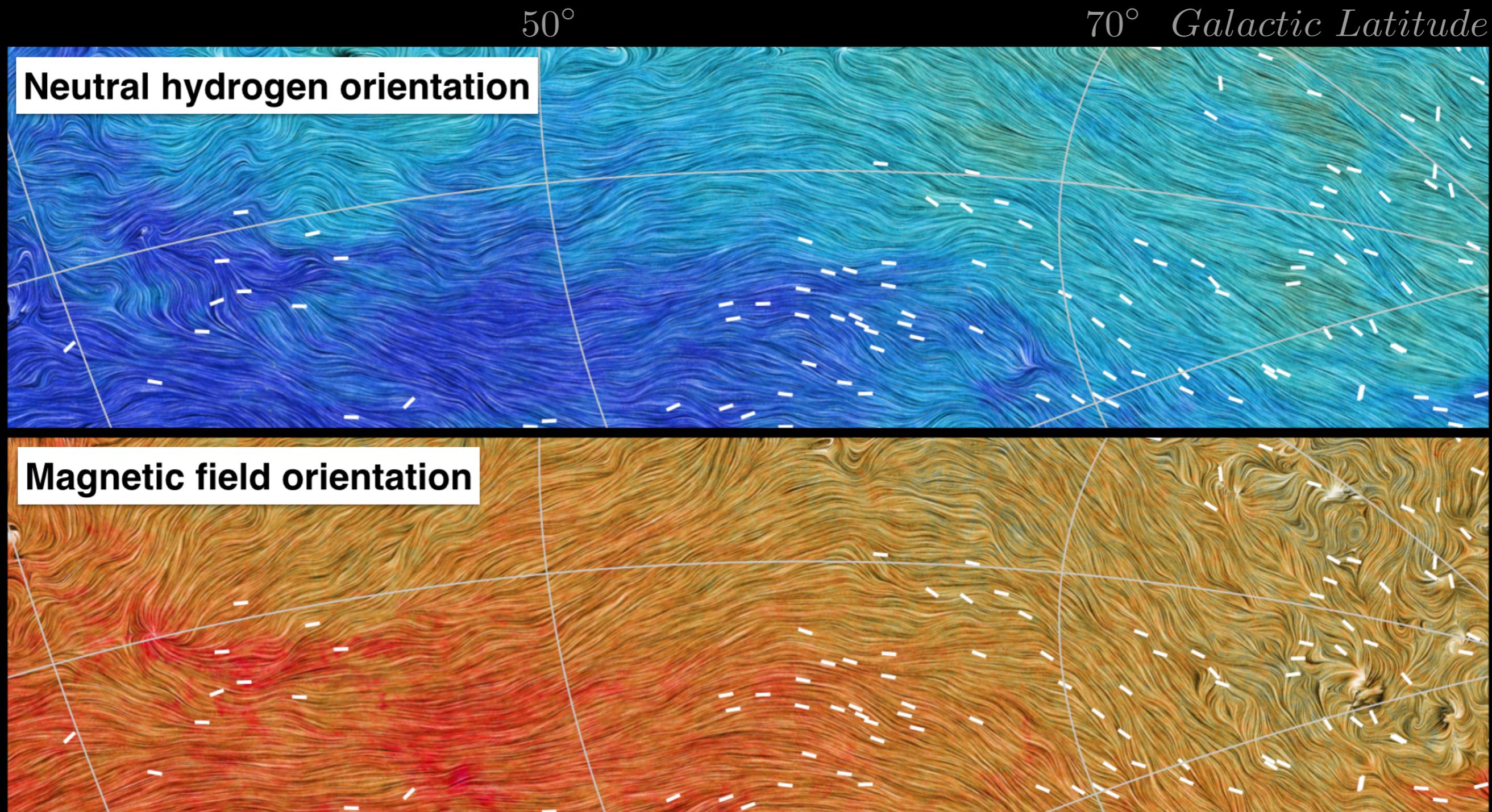
Neutral hydrogen orientation

$$\theta_{RHT} = \frac{1}{2} \arctan \frac{U_{RHT}}{Q_{RHT}}$$

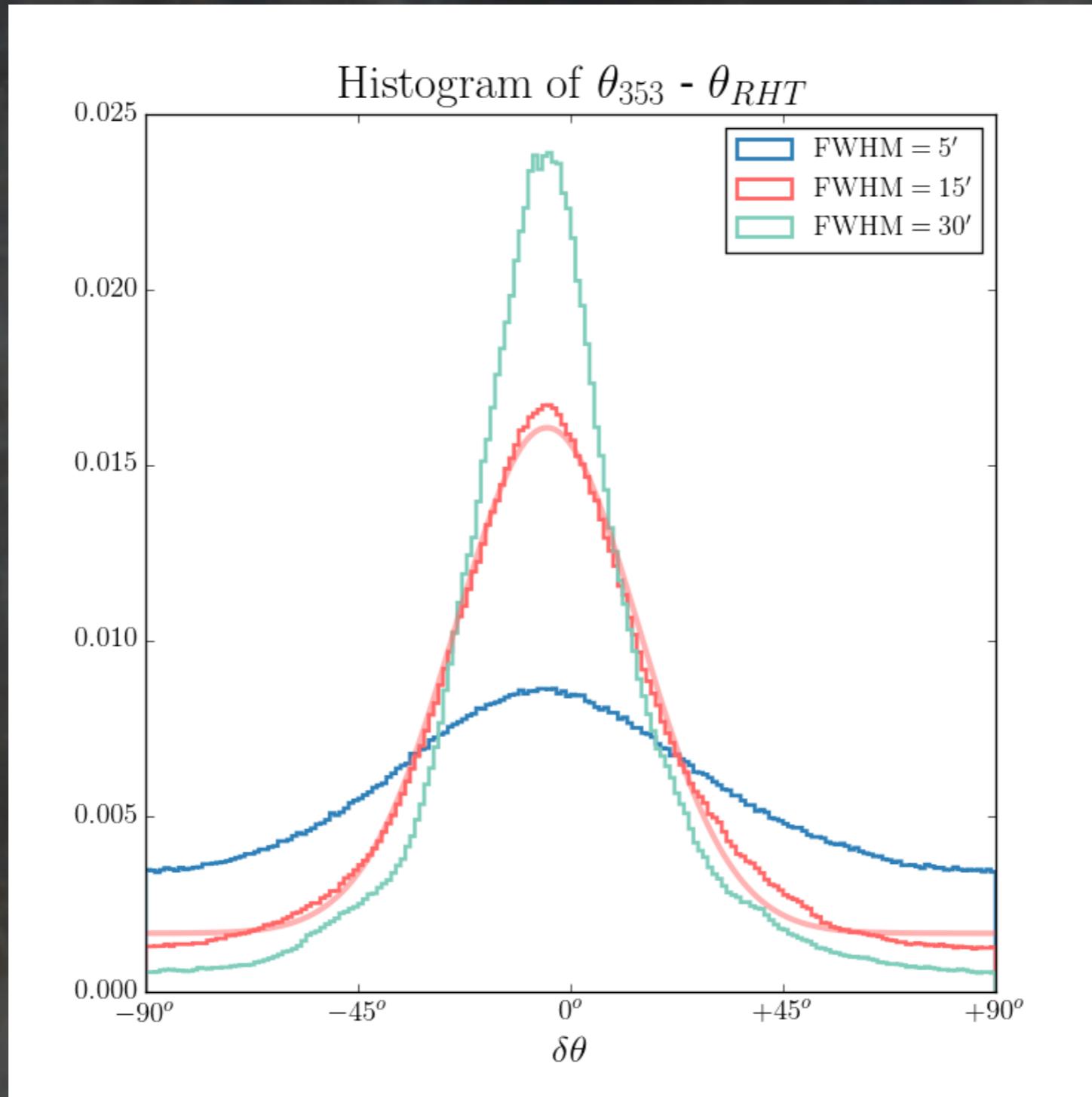
*Planck* magnetic field orientation

$$\theta_{353} = \psi_{353} + 90^\circ$$

# High latitude GALFA-HI structures are aligned with the Planck magnetic field orientation.

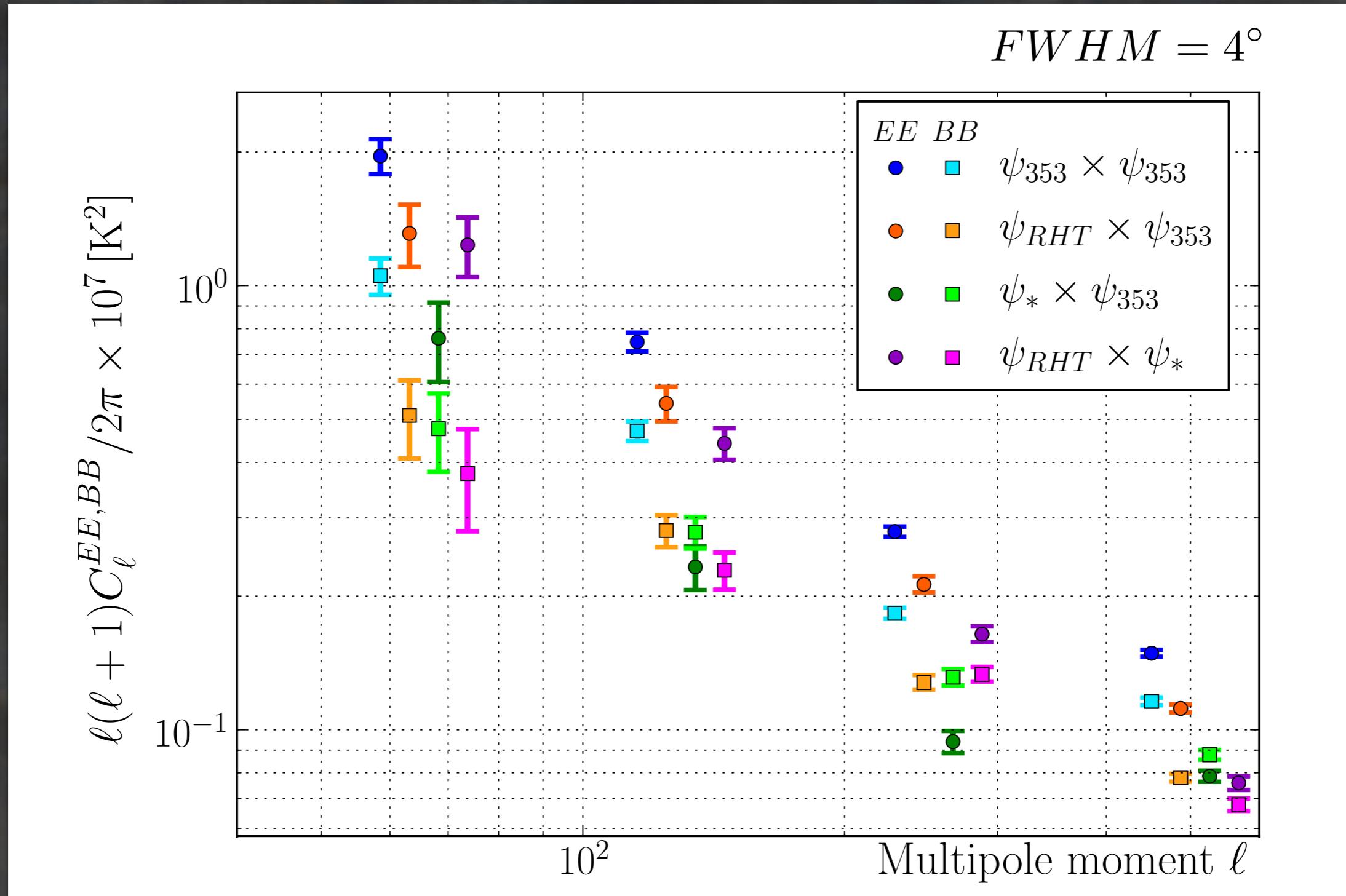


# High latitude GALFA-HI structures are aligned with the Planck magnetic field orientation.



FWHM = 30'  
 $\sigma \sim 14^\circ$

We detect strong cross-correlations between RHT, 353 GHz, and starlight polarization angles.



EE/BB asymmetry:

Planck Intermediate Results XXX, XXXVIII

Clark+ 2015, PRL

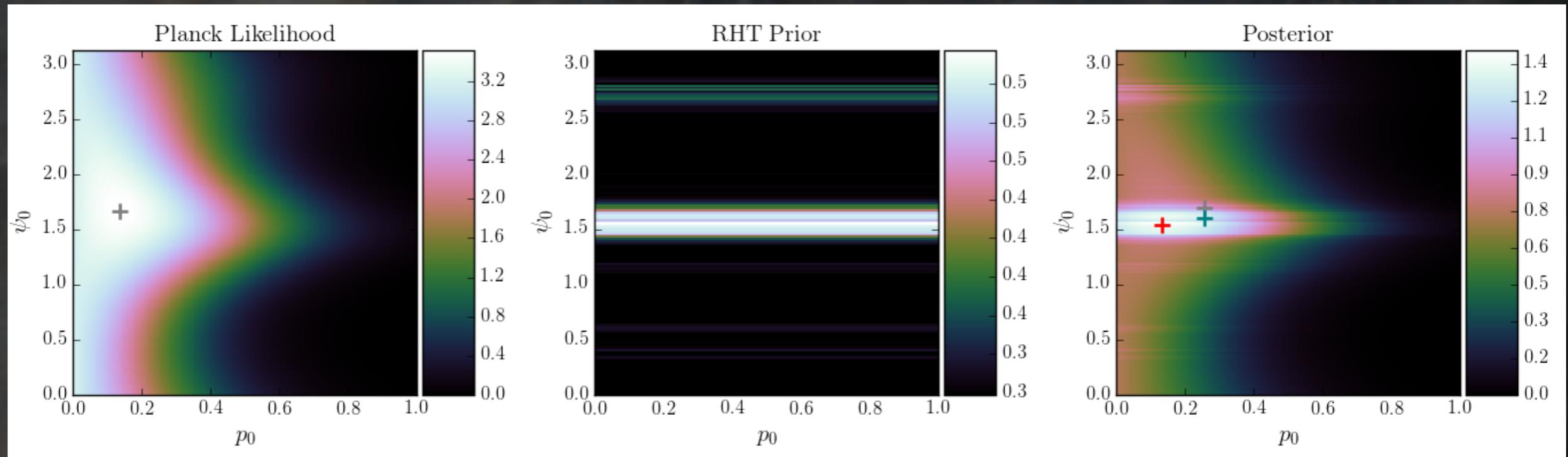
We use HI data to better constrain  
the plane-of-sky magnetic field orientation.

Planck  
likelihood

RHT  
HI prior

Posterior

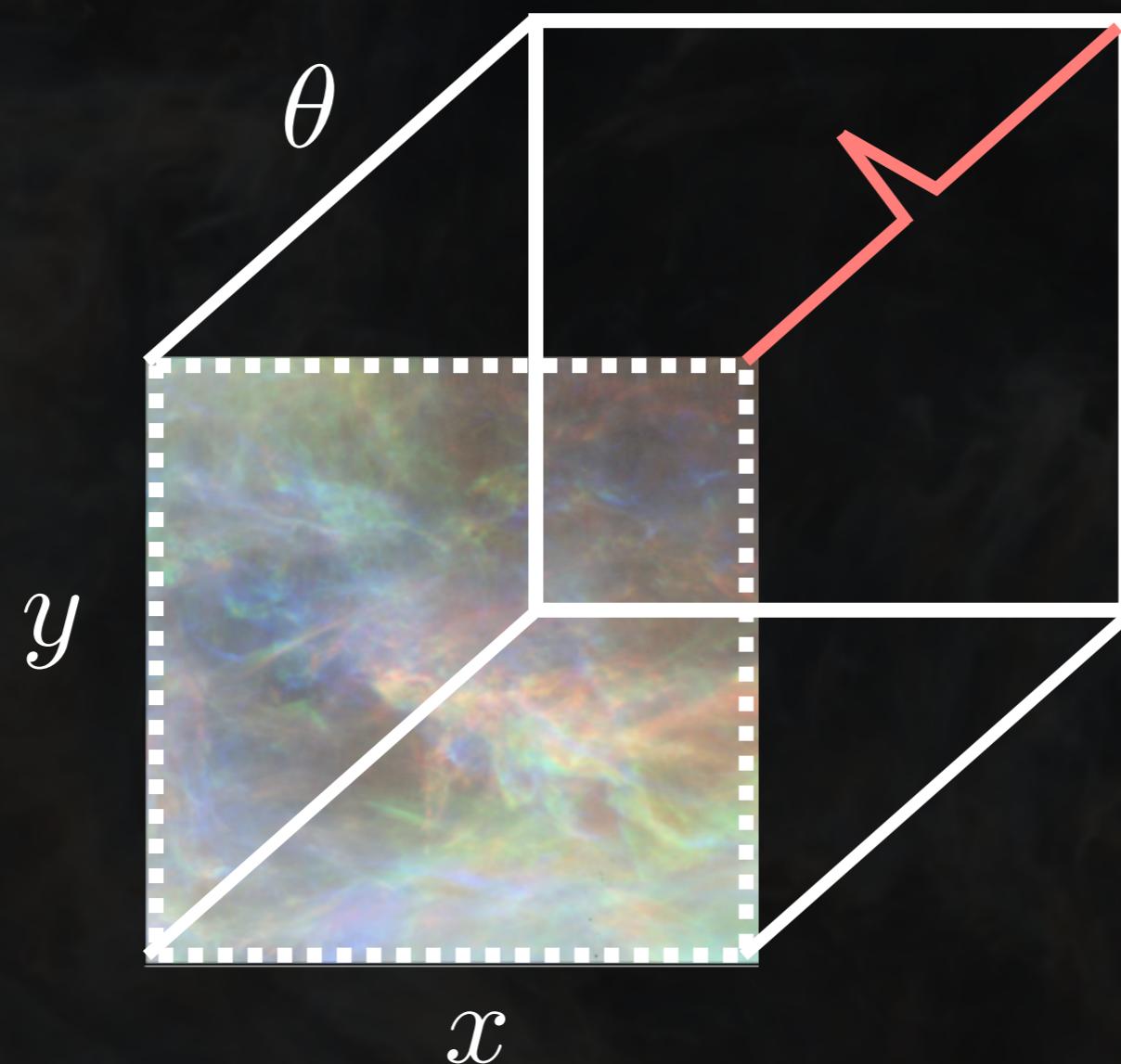
$\theta_0$



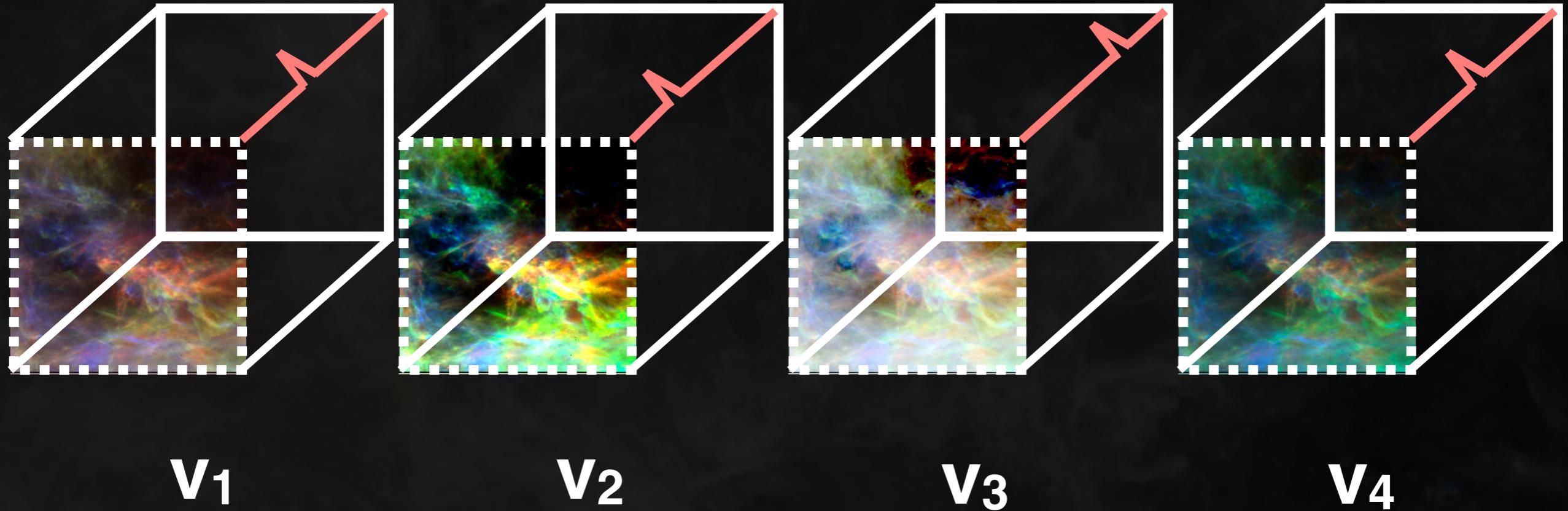
With J. Colin Hill,  
Josh Peek,  
Ludovic Montier

$p_0$

Clark+, in prep



# What can we learn about the magnetized ISM from the velocity structure of HI linearity?



fourth dimension: velocity

# Can we learn about the LOS magnetic field?

Polarized dust emission region

higher fractional polarization



lower fractional polarization



Distance

# Can we learn about the LOS magnetic field?

HI velocity  
channel

higher fractional  
polarization

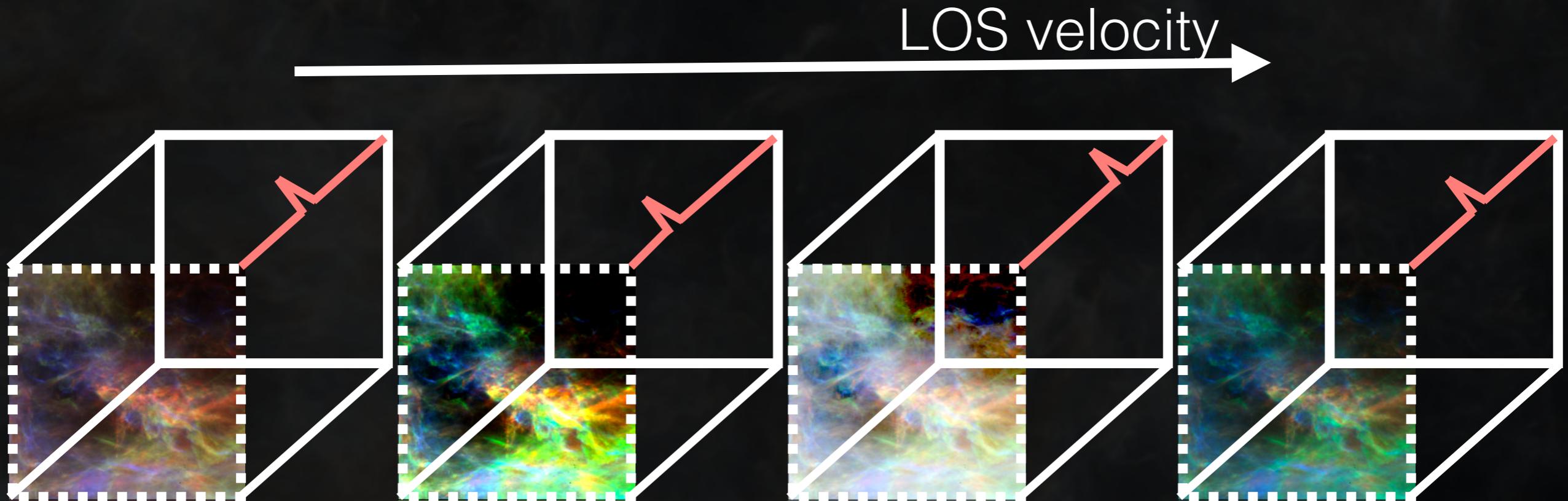


lower fractional  
polarization



LOS velocity

# Can we learn about the LOS magnetic field?



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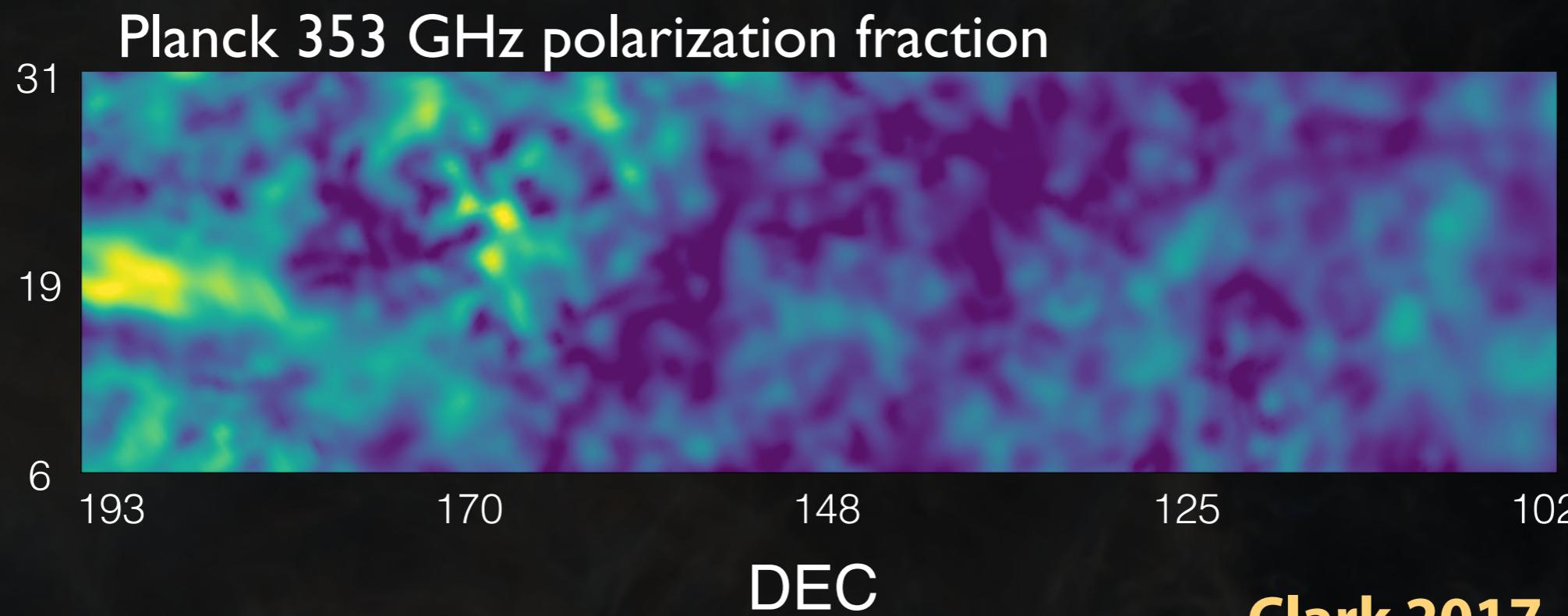
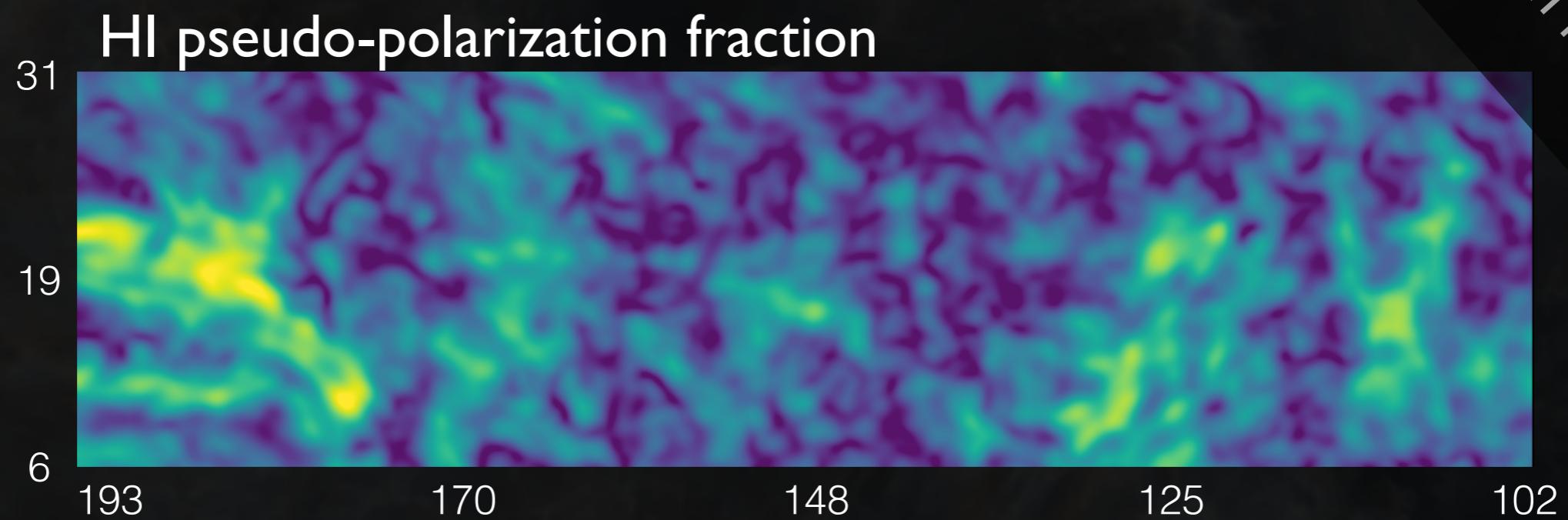
$$Q_v = I_v \cos(2\theta_{RHT})$$

$$U_v = I_v \sin(2\theta_{RHT})$$

$$Q_{HI} = \int Q_v dv \quad p_{HI} = \frac{\sqrt{Q_{HI}^2 + U_{HI}^2}}{I_{HI}}$$

# The dispersion of HI orientation traces LOS depolarization.

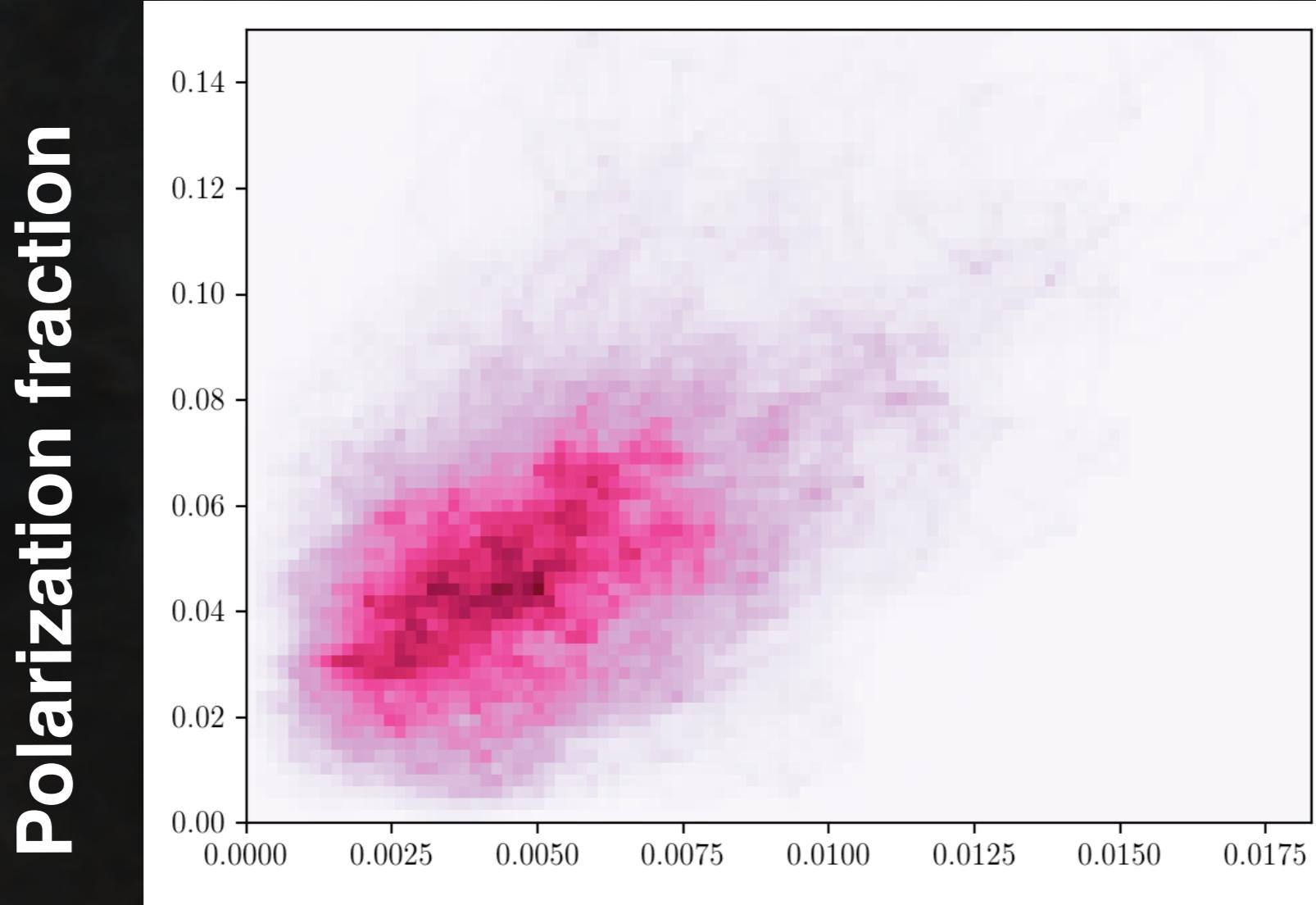
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Clark 2017, in prep

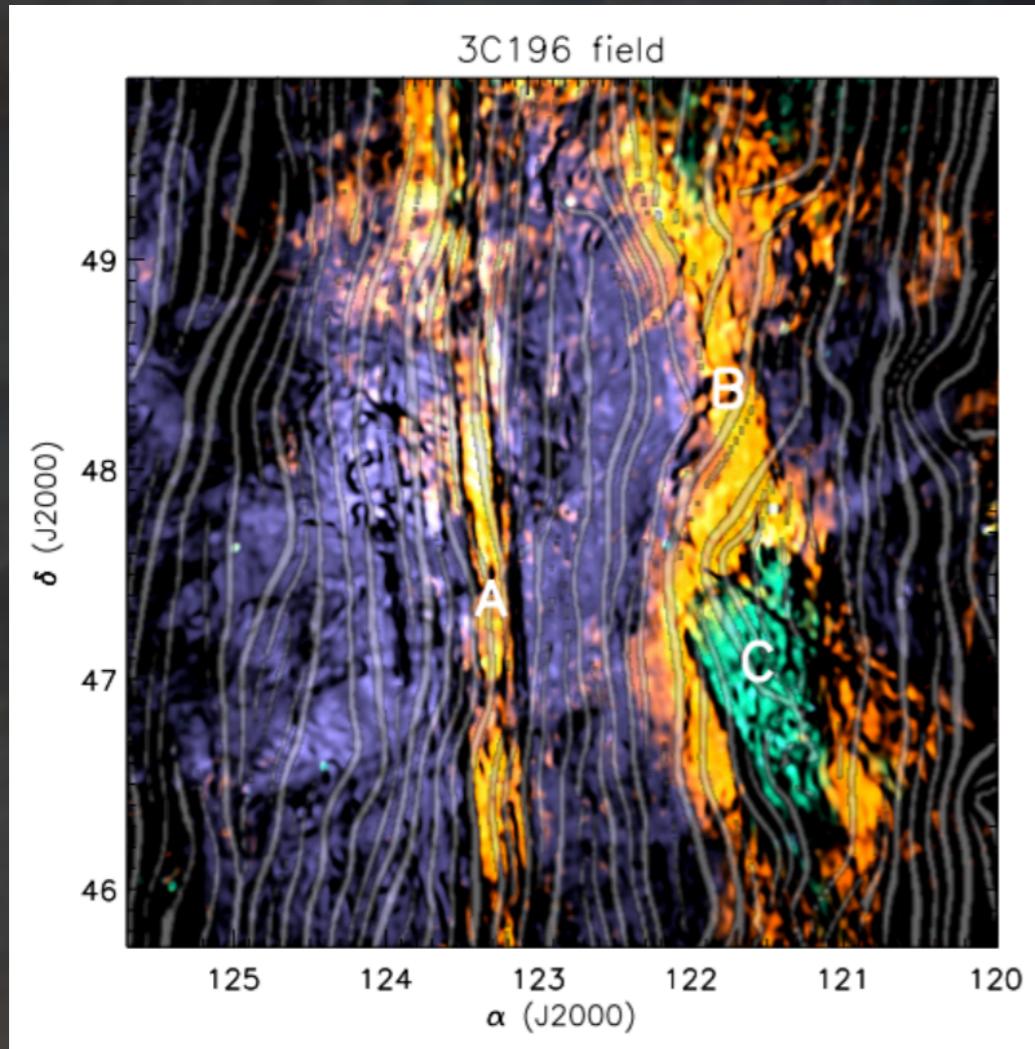
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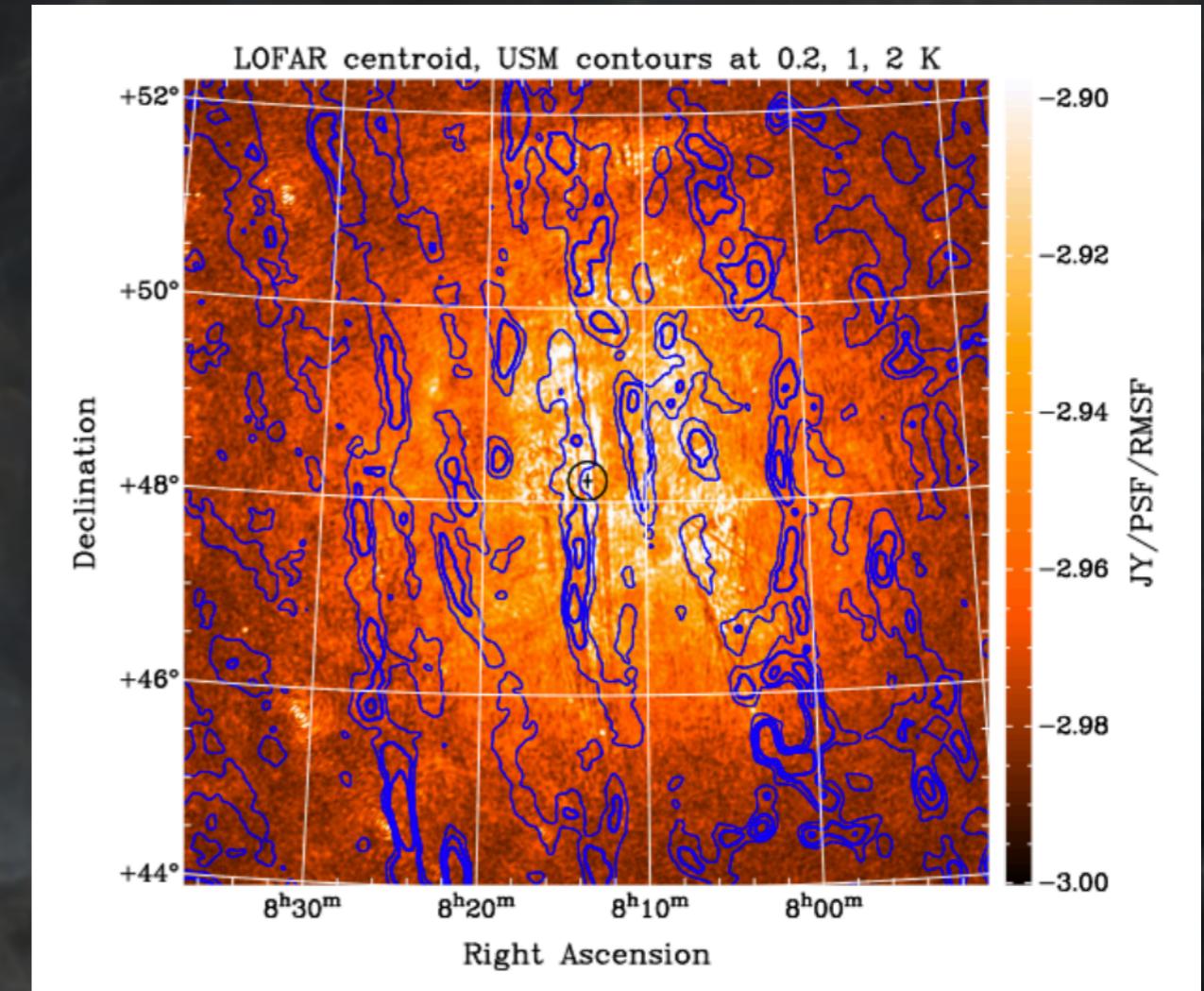


**HI orientation dispersion  
("pseudopolarization fraction")**

**Multiwavelength explorations will reveal  
the nature of the magnetic ISM.**



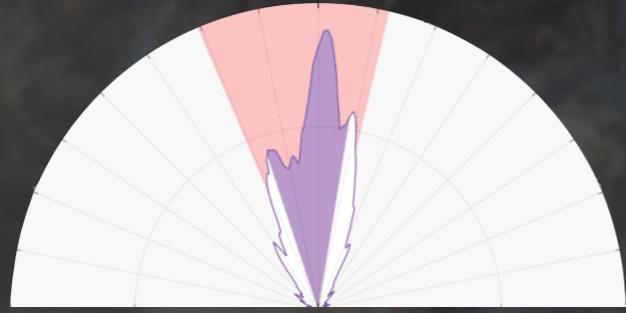
Zaroubi+ 2015  
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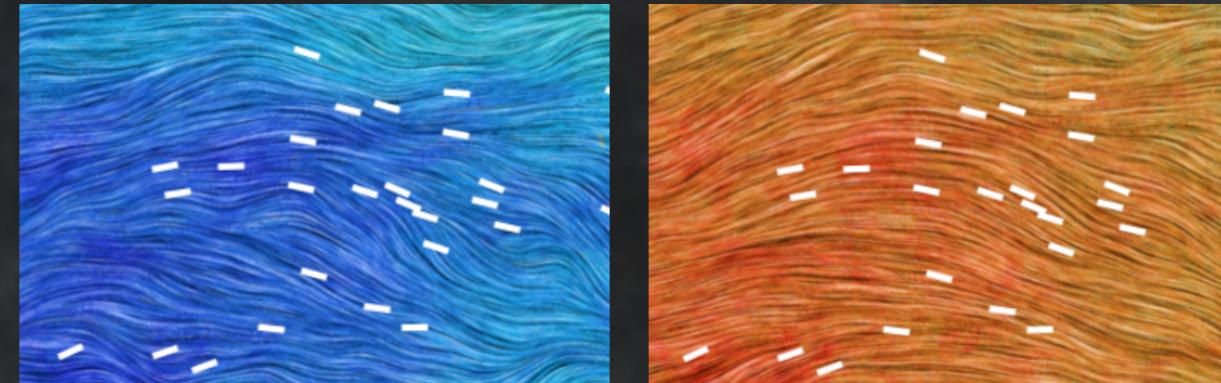
Kerp & Kalberla 2016  
Kalberla+ 2017

Neutral hydrogen in the diffuse ISM is aligned with the interstellar magnetic field.

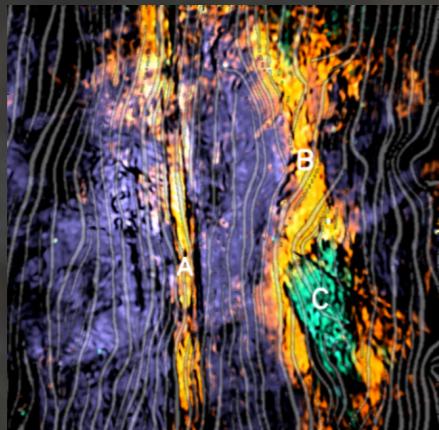
Clark+ 2014, ApJ



Clark+ 2015, PRL



The velocity structure of HI morphology probes line-of-sight magnetic field tangling. Clark 2017, in prep



Radio-polarimetric structures discovered by EoR experiments are not yet well understood. Jelić+ 2015, Zaroubi+ 2015, Lenc+ 2016 , van Eck+ 2017, etc

DR2 of GALFA-HI will soon be public!  
Peek+ 2017, accepted