

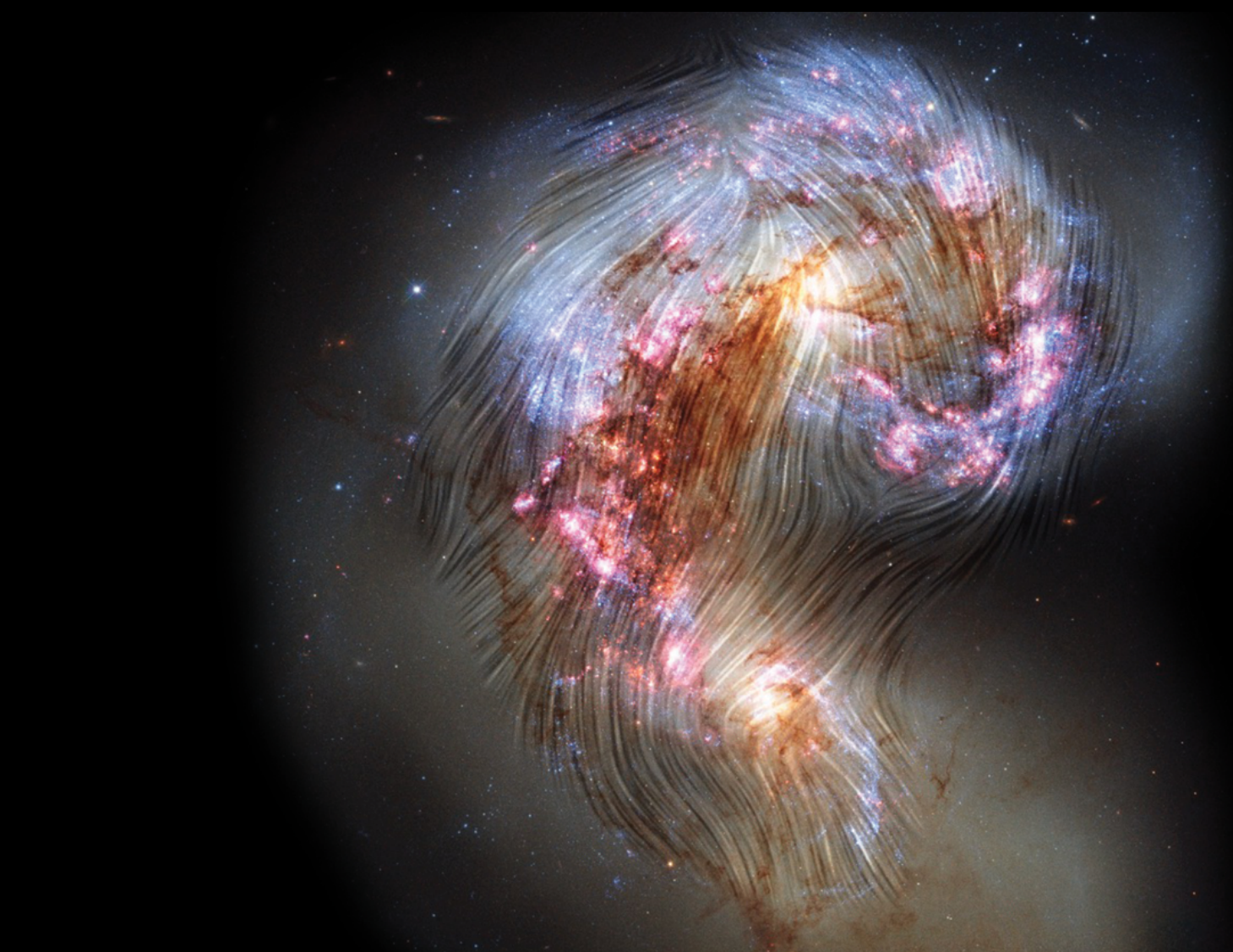


# SALSA: Survey of extragalactic magnetism with SOFIA

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# SURVEY OF EXTRAGALACTIC MAGNETISM WITH SOFIA (SALSA)

## LEGACY TEAM

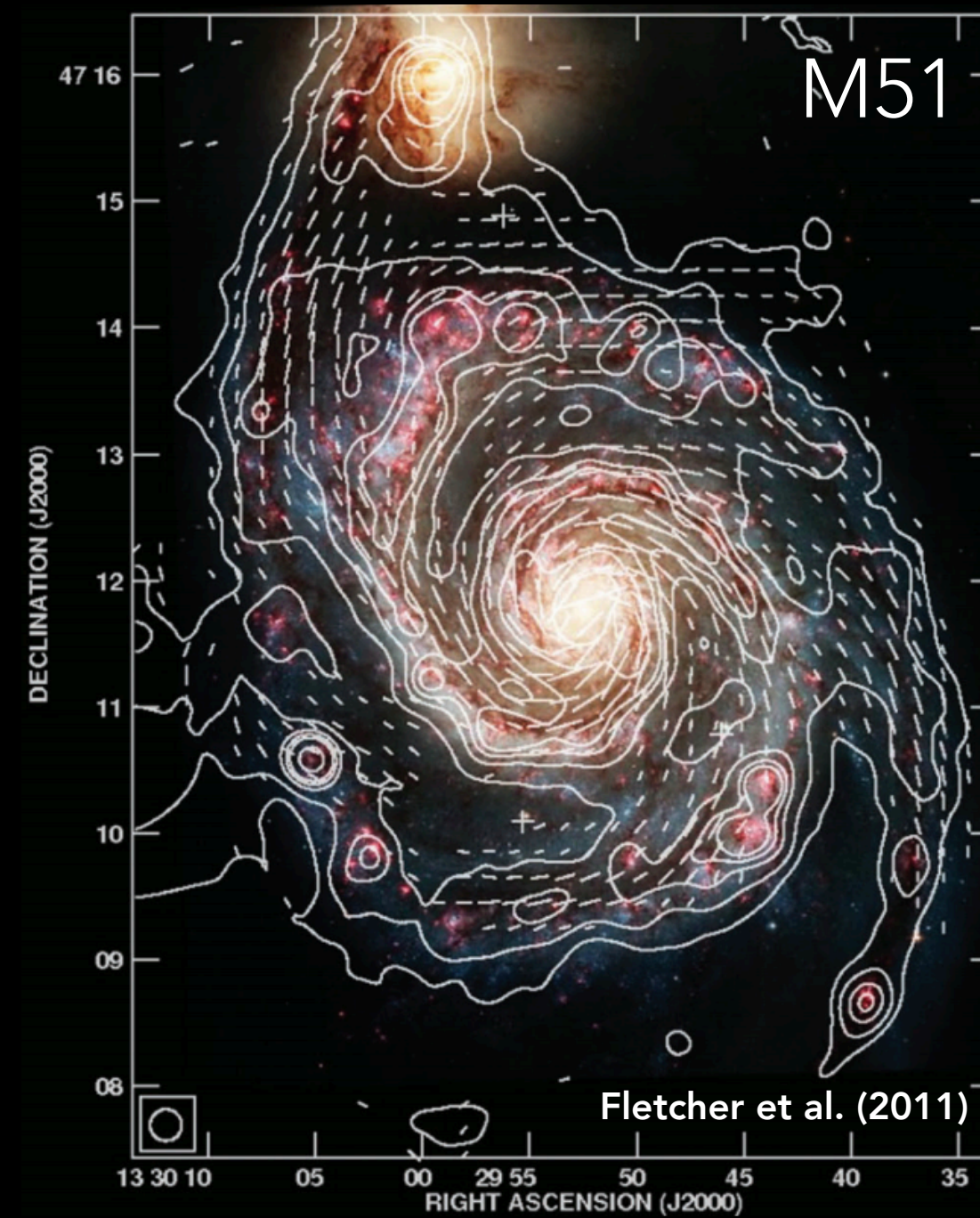
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# OUR CURRENT KNOWLEDGE USING RADIO POLARIMETRIC OBSERVATIONS

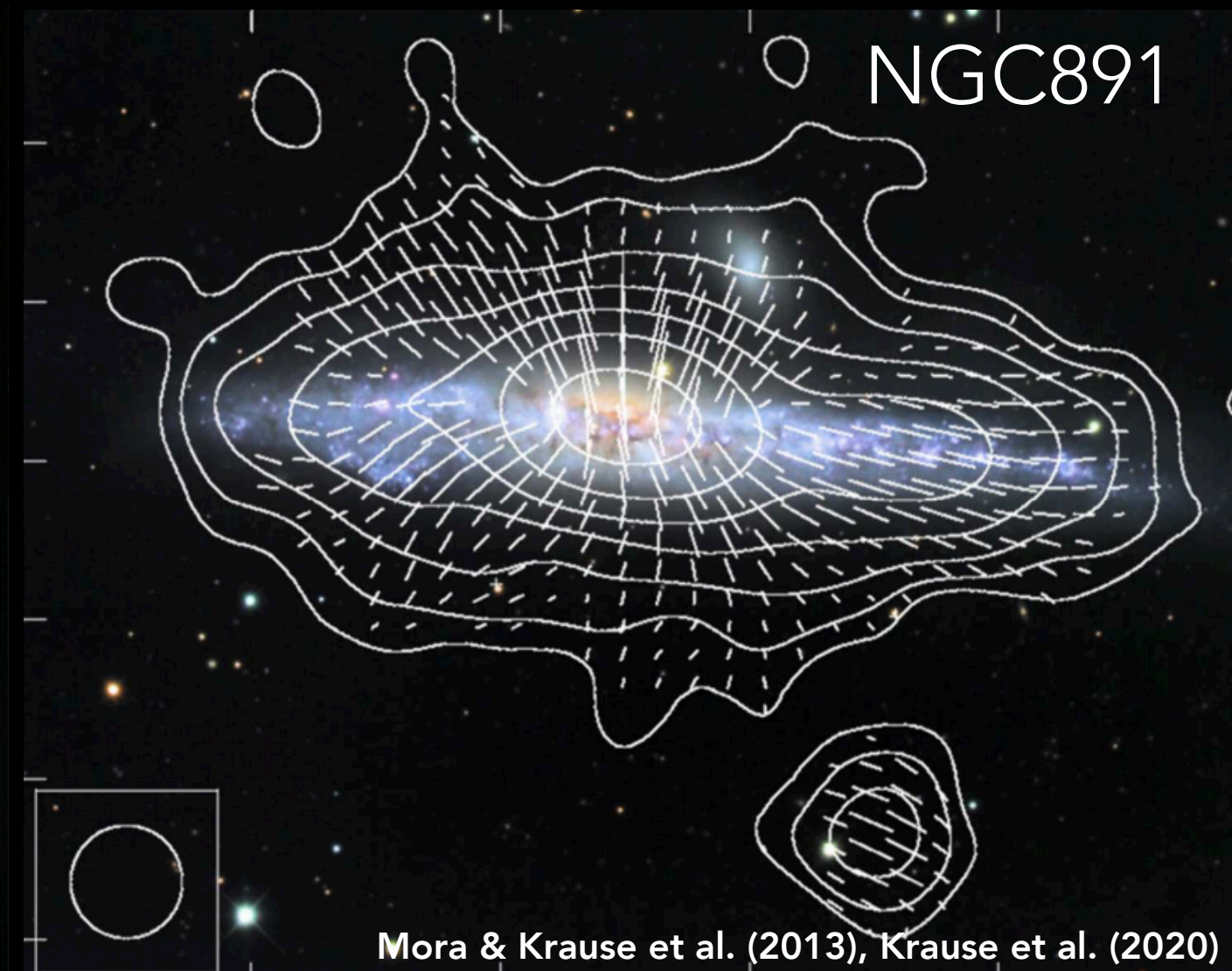
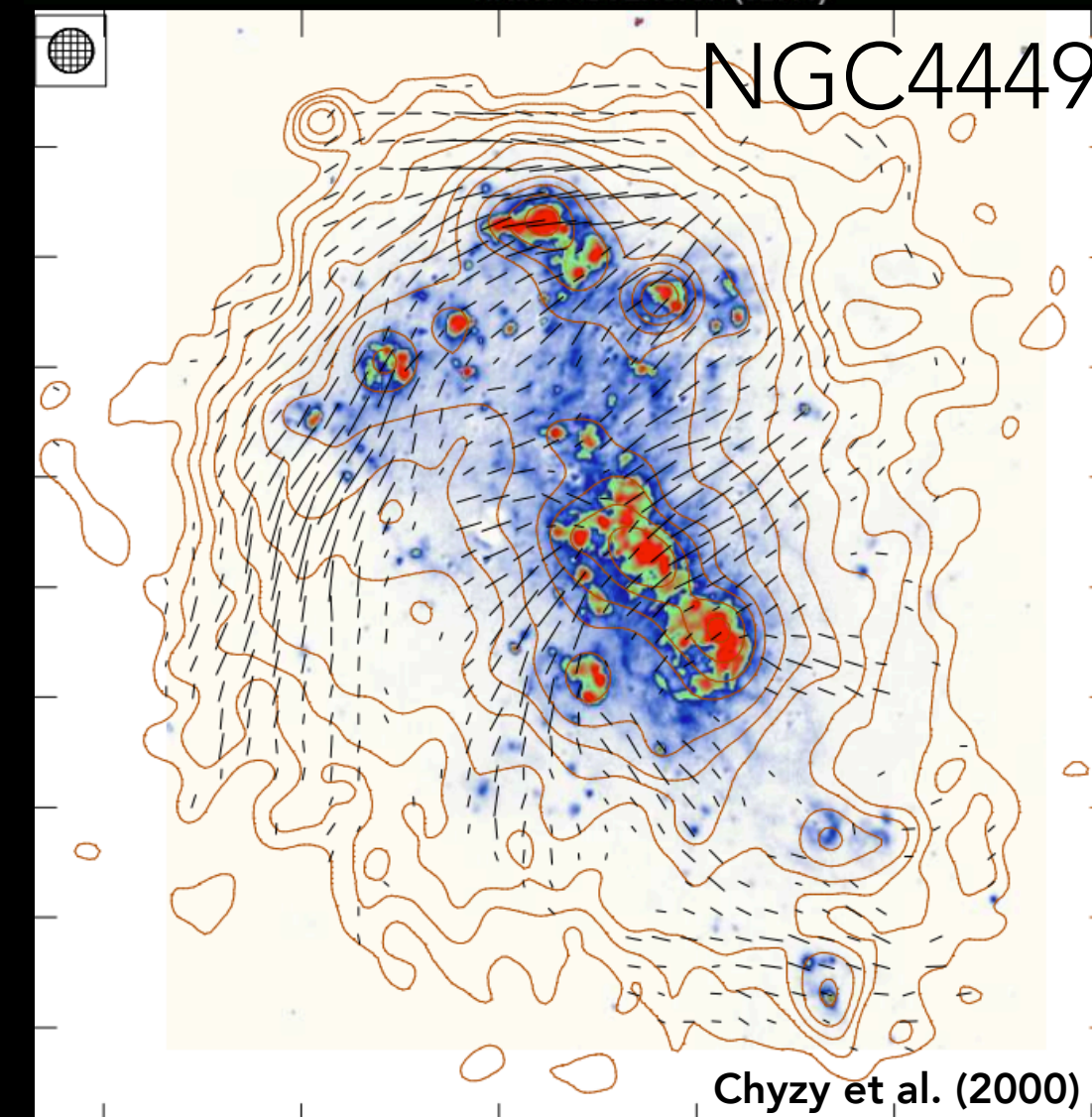
## Spiral galaxies

- Highly polarized in the interarm regions of the galaxy.
- Contribution of ordered and turbulent fields along the spiral arms.
- Late-type galaxies had enough time for the galactic dynamo to take place and order the large-scale B-fields.



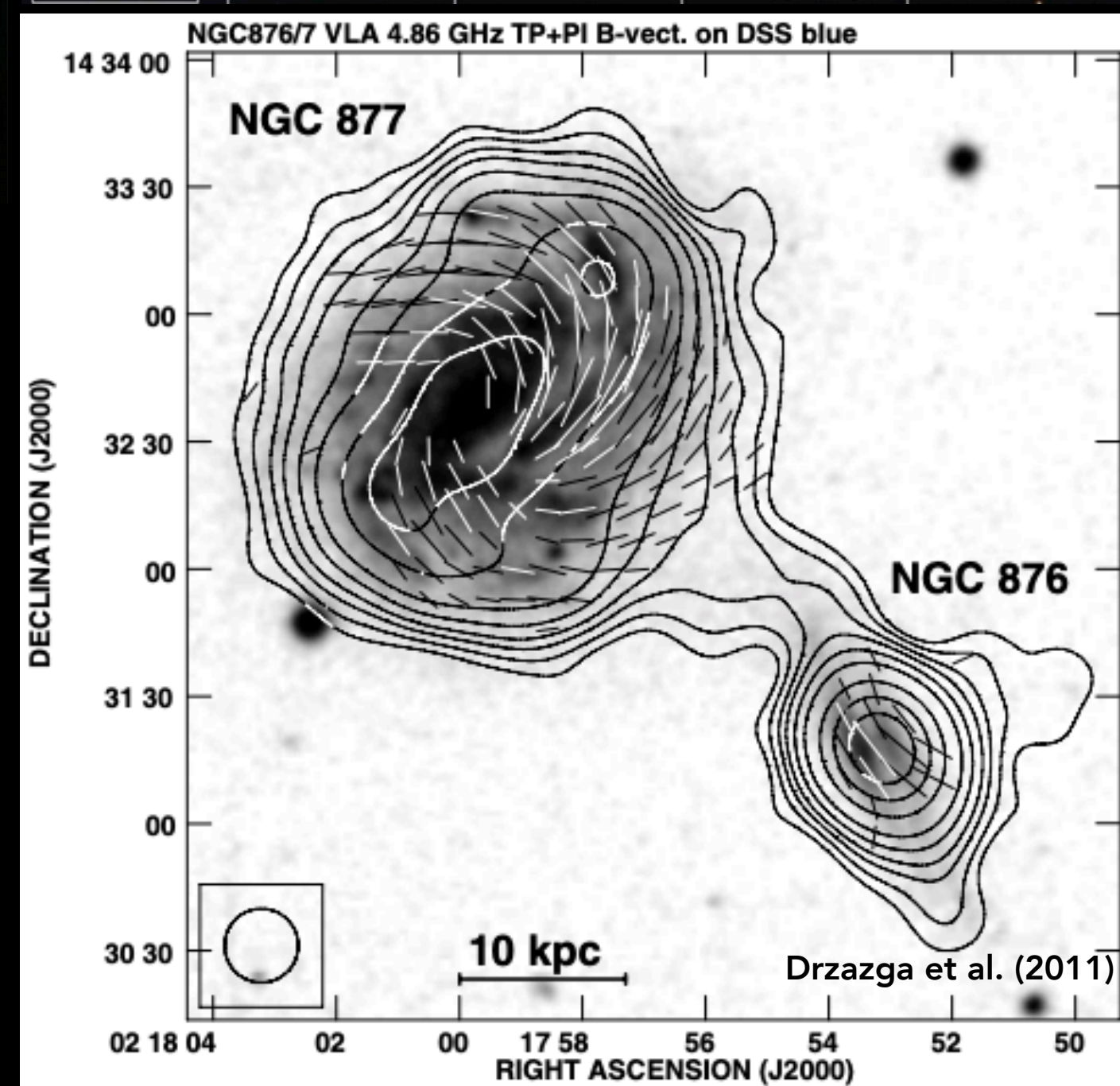
## Irregular galaxies

- Slowly rotating galaxies may reveal strong total magnetic fields.
- Partially ordered/regular field, spiral pattern, and radial pattern.
- $\alpha - \Omega$  may be operating.



## Edge-on galaxies

- X-shape structure is an underlined feature of spiral galaxies and extends several kpc into the halo.

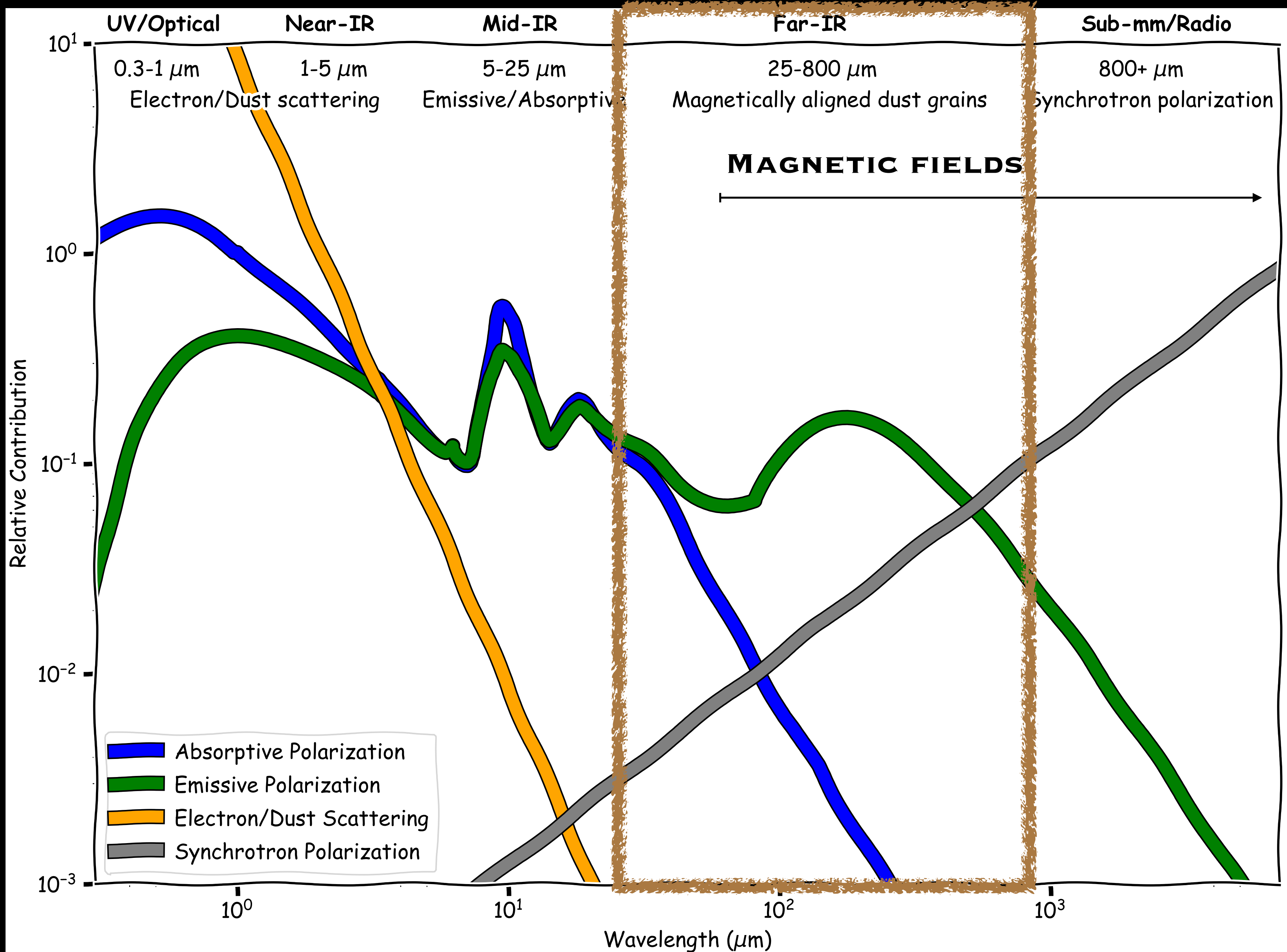


## Interacting galaxies

- B-fields become aligned along the compression front or perpendicular to the velocity gradients.
- Gas flows, due to merger, make turbulent fields highly anisotropic.
- Average B-field strength is stronger than in normal galaxies, but the mean P is low, which implies tangled B-fields.

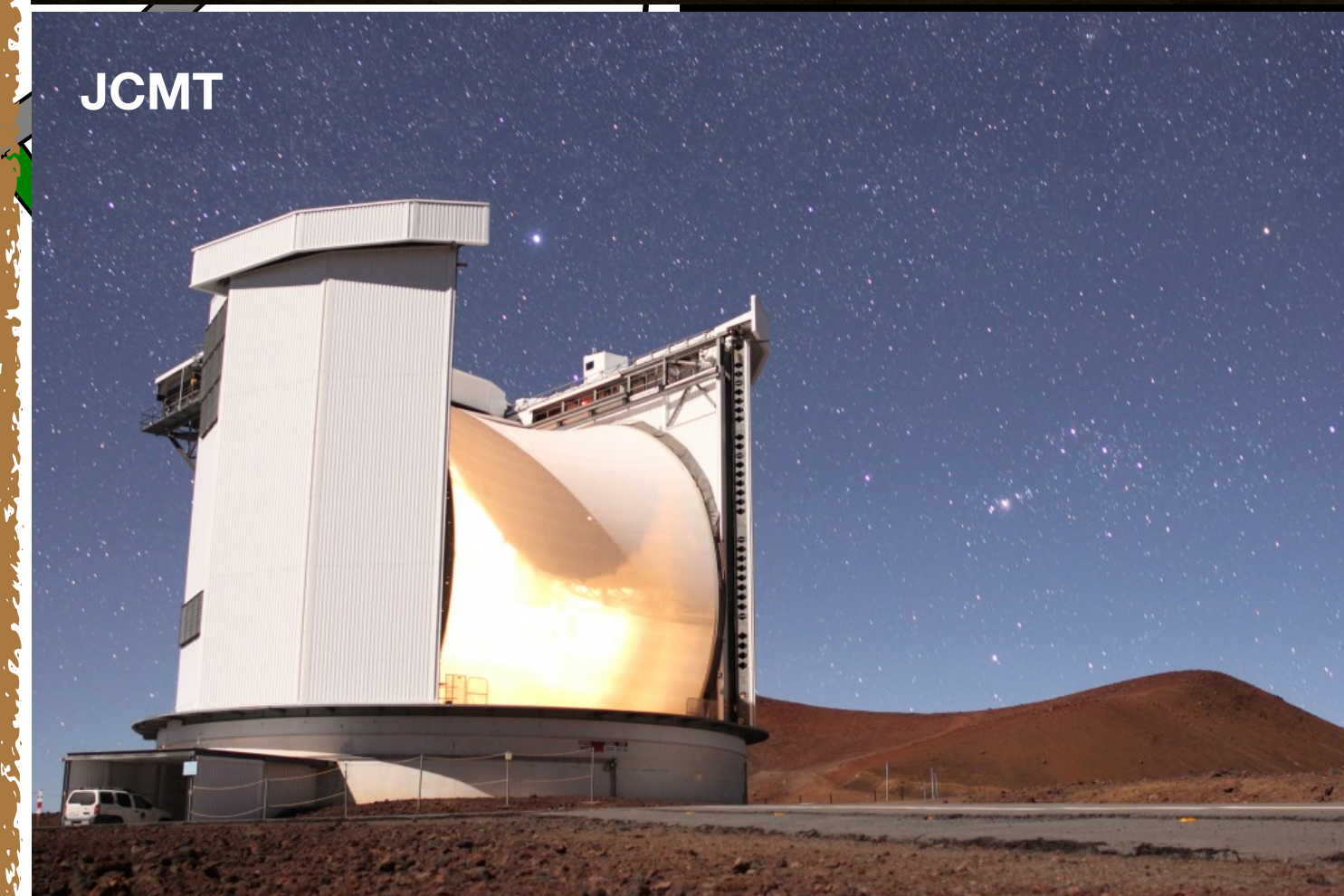
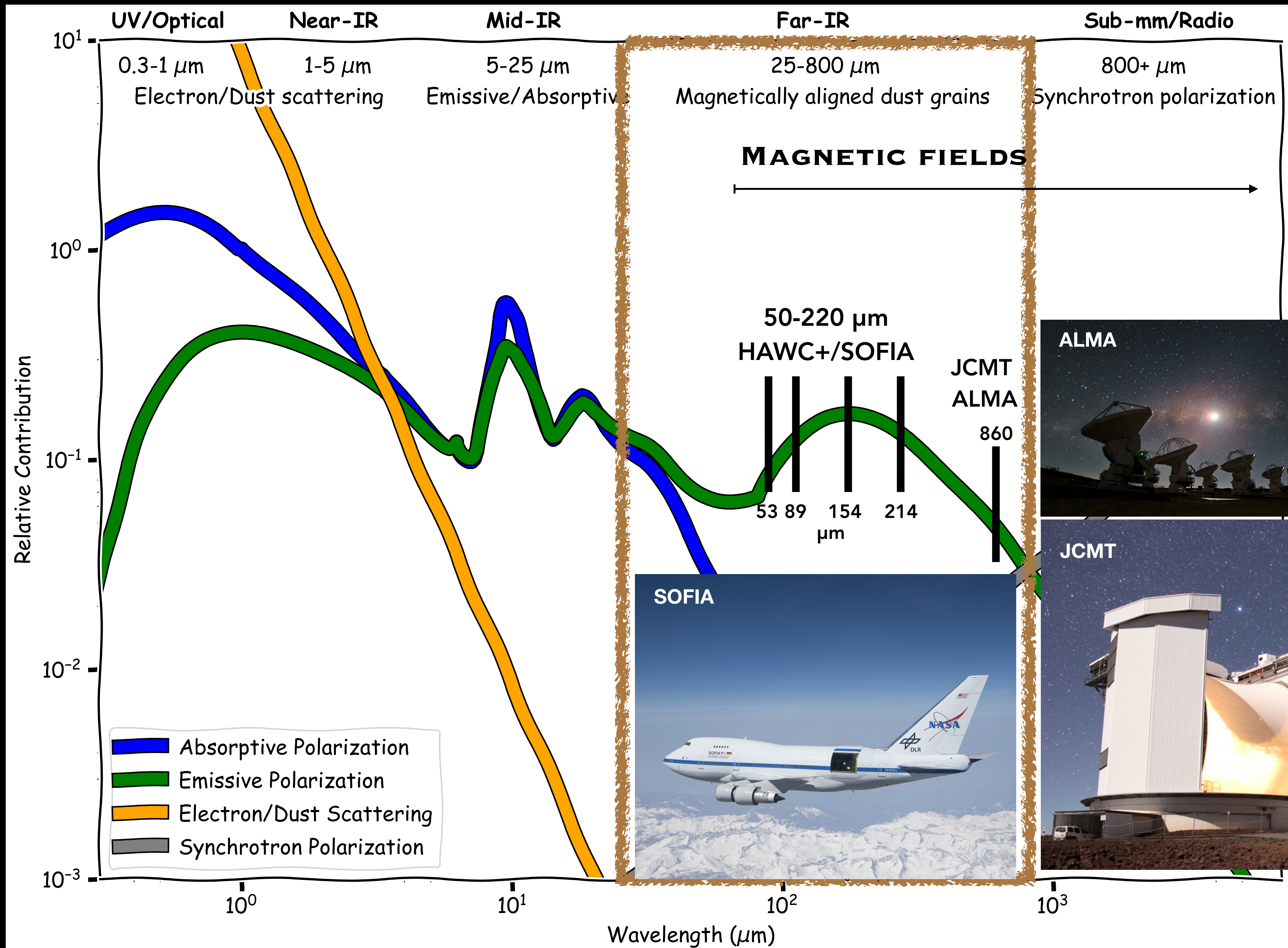


# OUR APPROACH: MAGNETICALLY ALIGNED DUST GRAINS





# FIR-SUB-MM OBSERVATIONS: MAGNETICALLY ALIGNED DUST GRAINS





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## GOAL

First comprehensive study of the B-fields in the multi-phase ISM of nearby galaxies as a function of gas dynamics and galaxy types from hundred- to kpc-scale galactic environments.

Data ready for science at <http://galmagfields.com/>

Data products:

- FIR polarimetric observations (Stokes IQU)
- Radio polarimetric observations (Stokes IQU)
- CO and HI gas (moments 0, 1, 2)
- Dust temperature and column density
- MOHAWC python code to perform analysis of magnetic pitch angles



# SALSA RESULTS: B-FIELDS PERMEATE THE DENSE AND COLD ISM AND CGM

Intergalactic medium, galactic  
winds, energetic particles

M82

Active Galaxies

NGC 1068

Galaxy Dynamo Theory

M51

Disk-jet relation

Centaurus A

Mergers

Antennae

NGC 3627

Star Formation

NGC 2146

M83

NGC 7331

Borlaff et al. (2021, 2023)  
López-Rodríguez (2020, 2021a,b, 2022b,c, 2023a,c)  
Martin-Alvarez et al. (2024)

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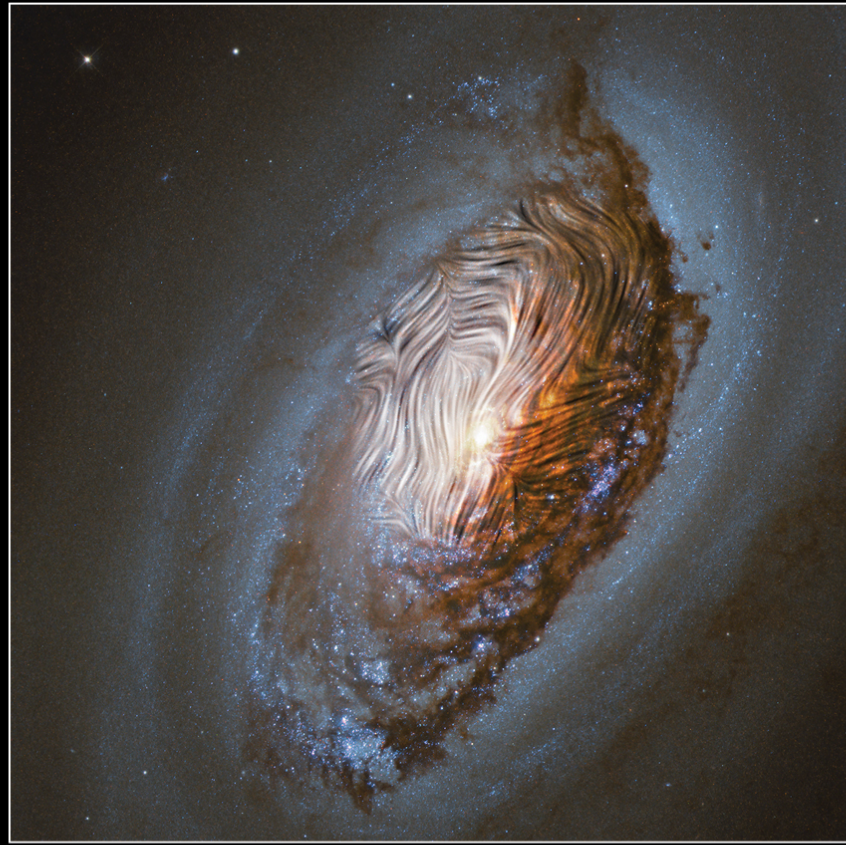


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# SPIRAL GALAXIES



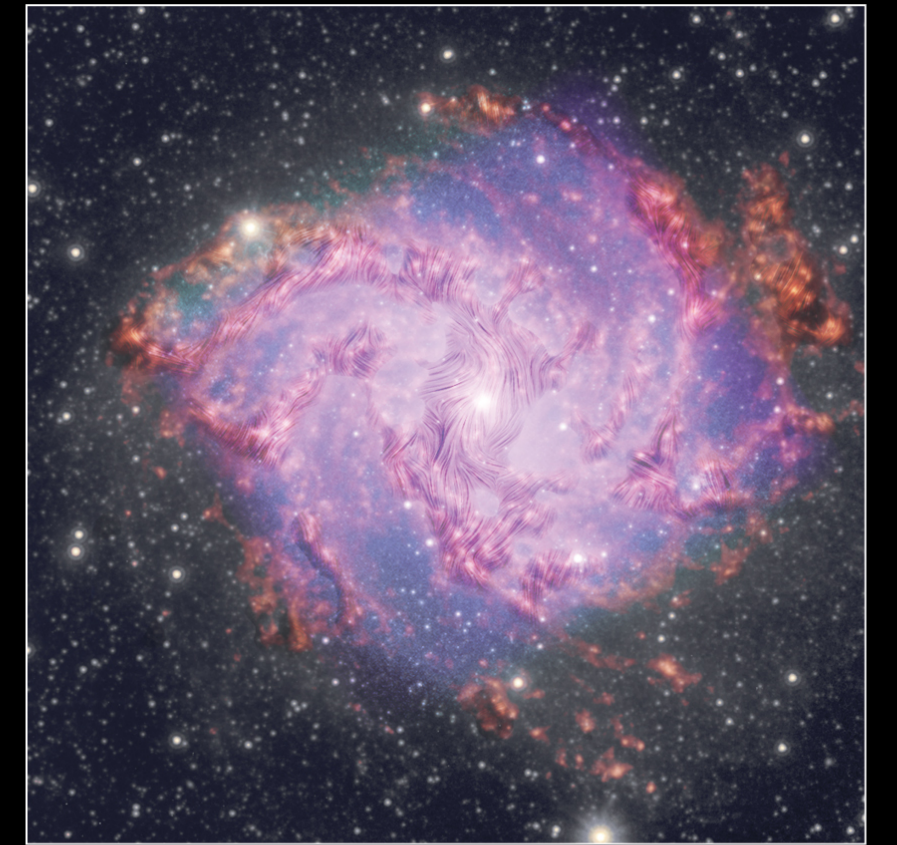
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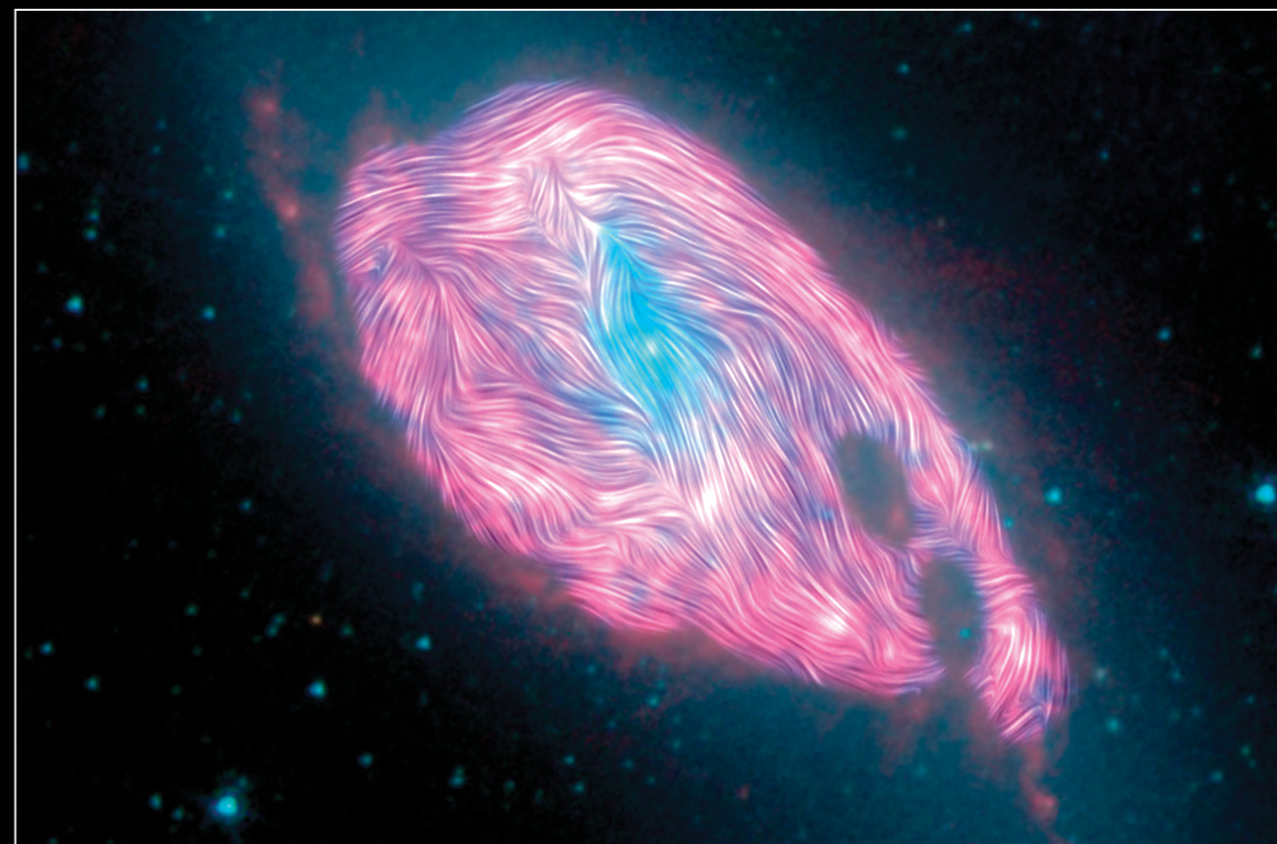
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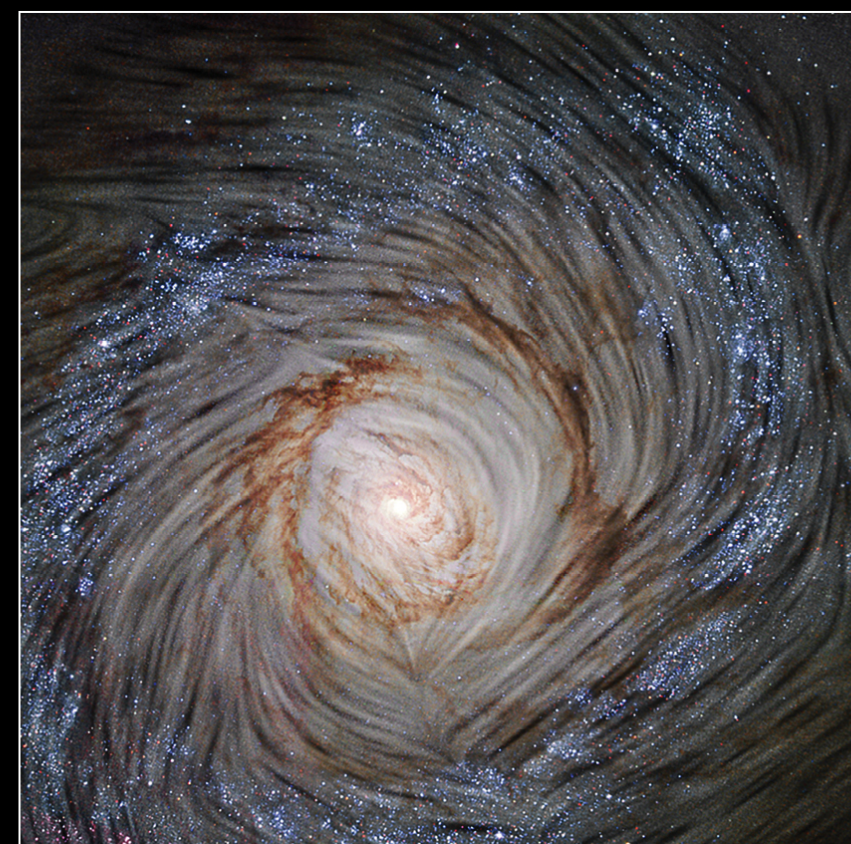
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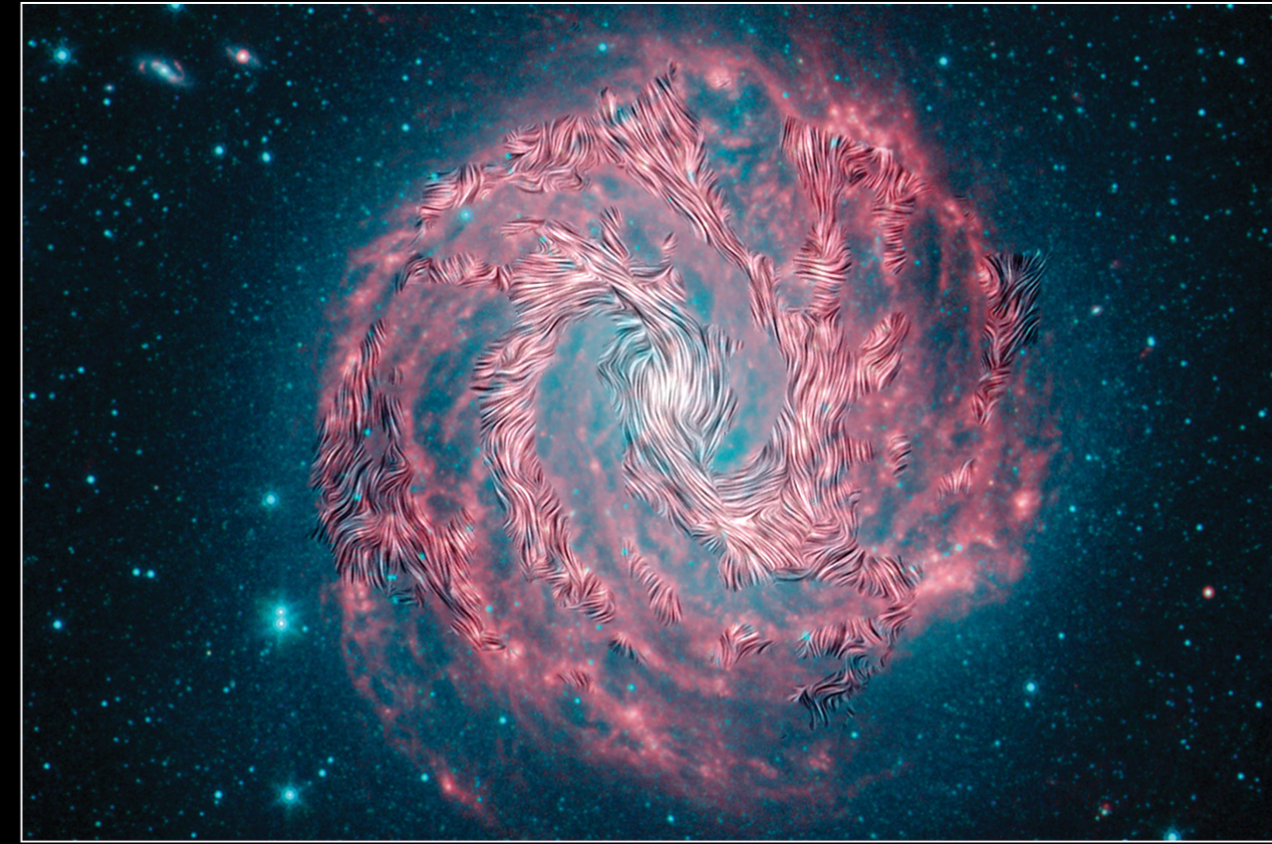
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NGC 4736



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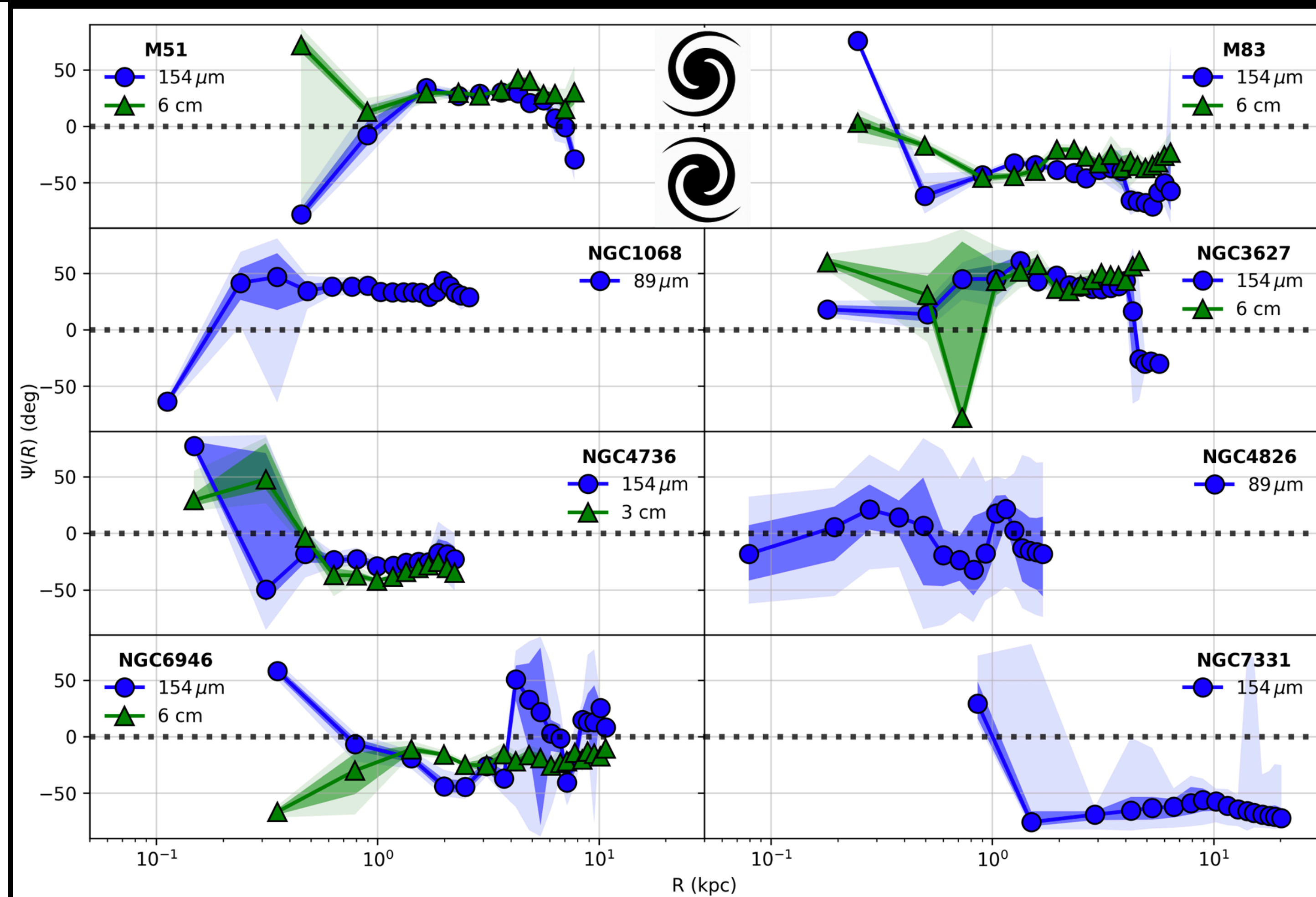
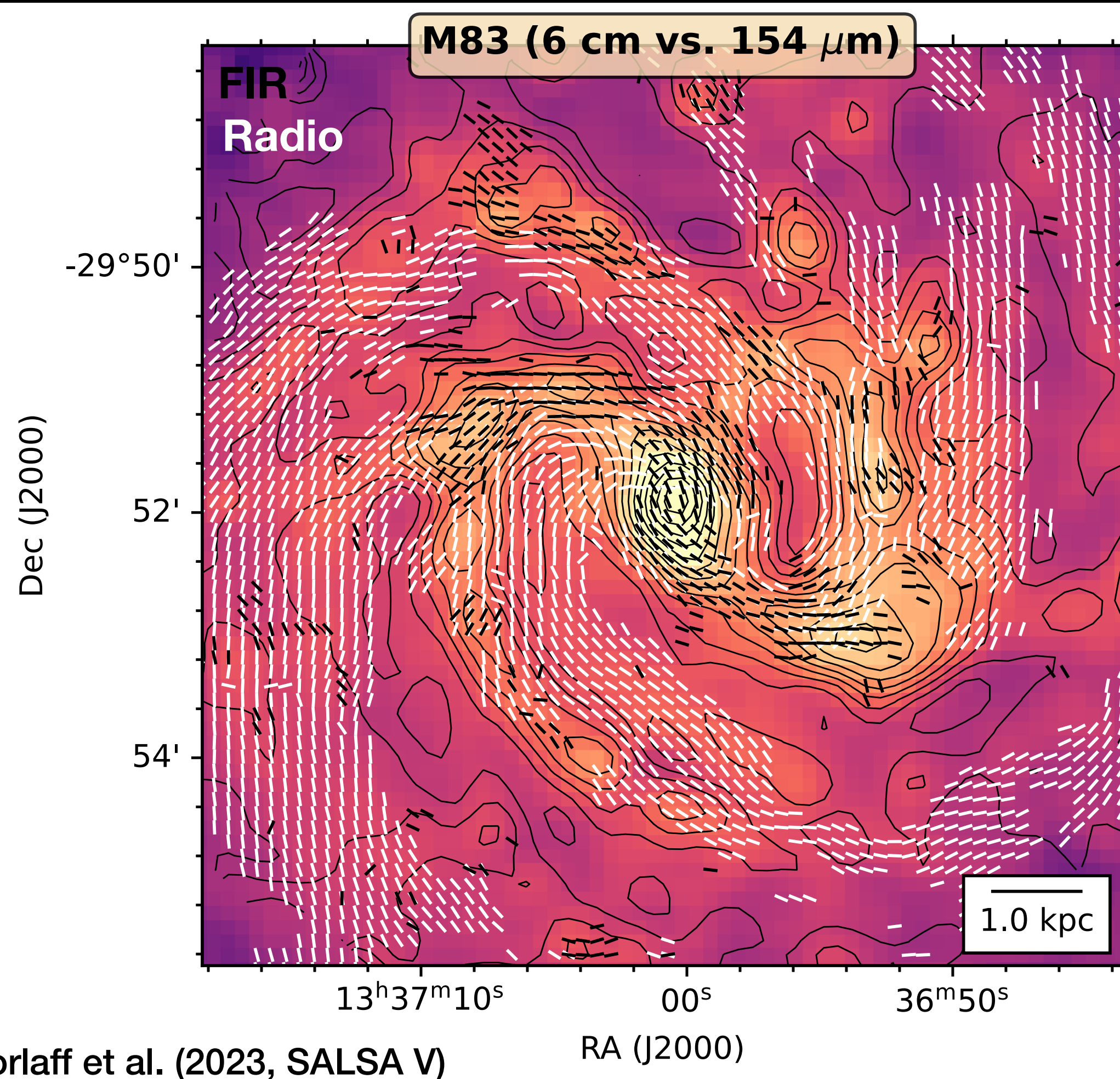


NGC 7331



# FIR vs. Radio B-field morphology

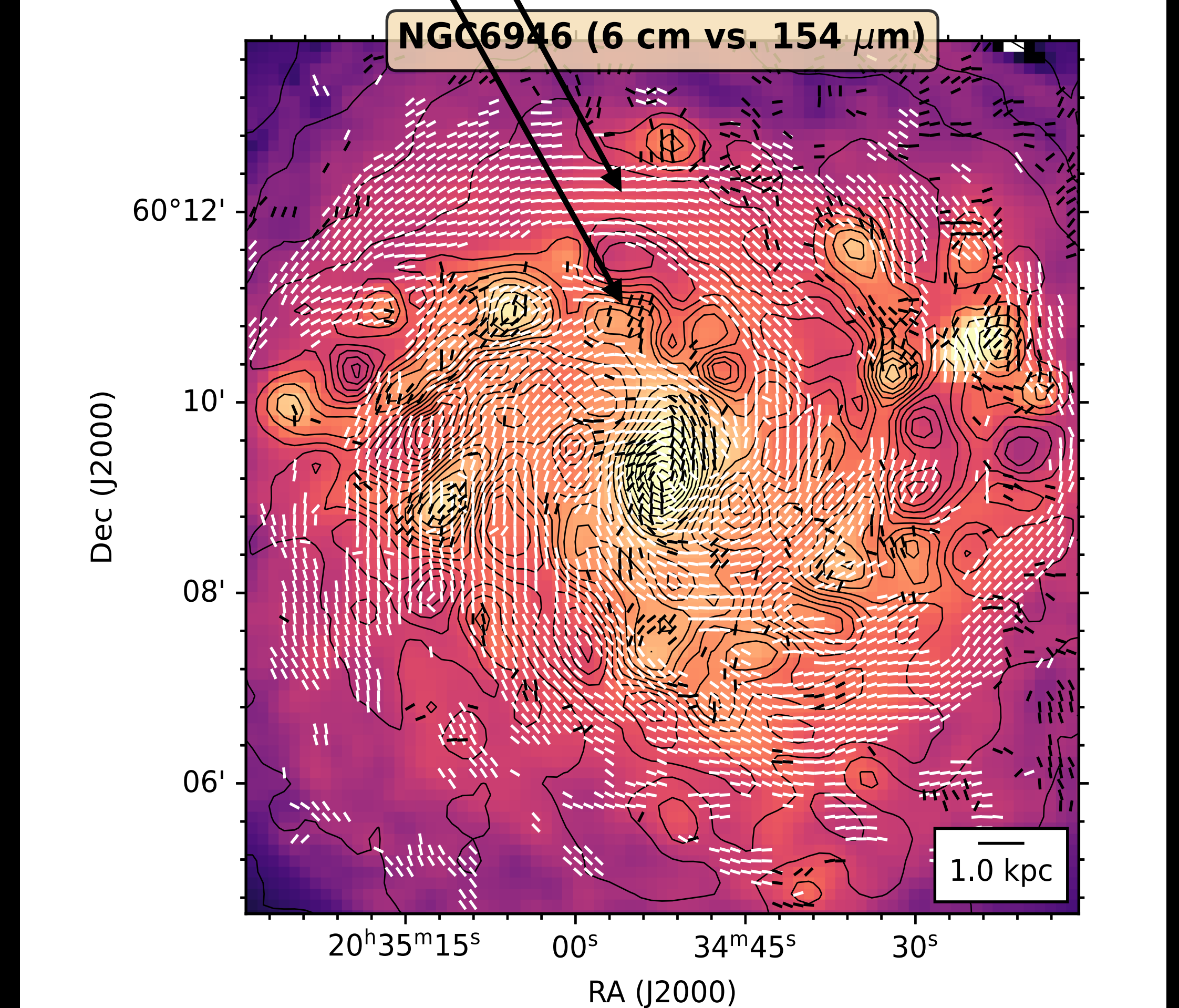
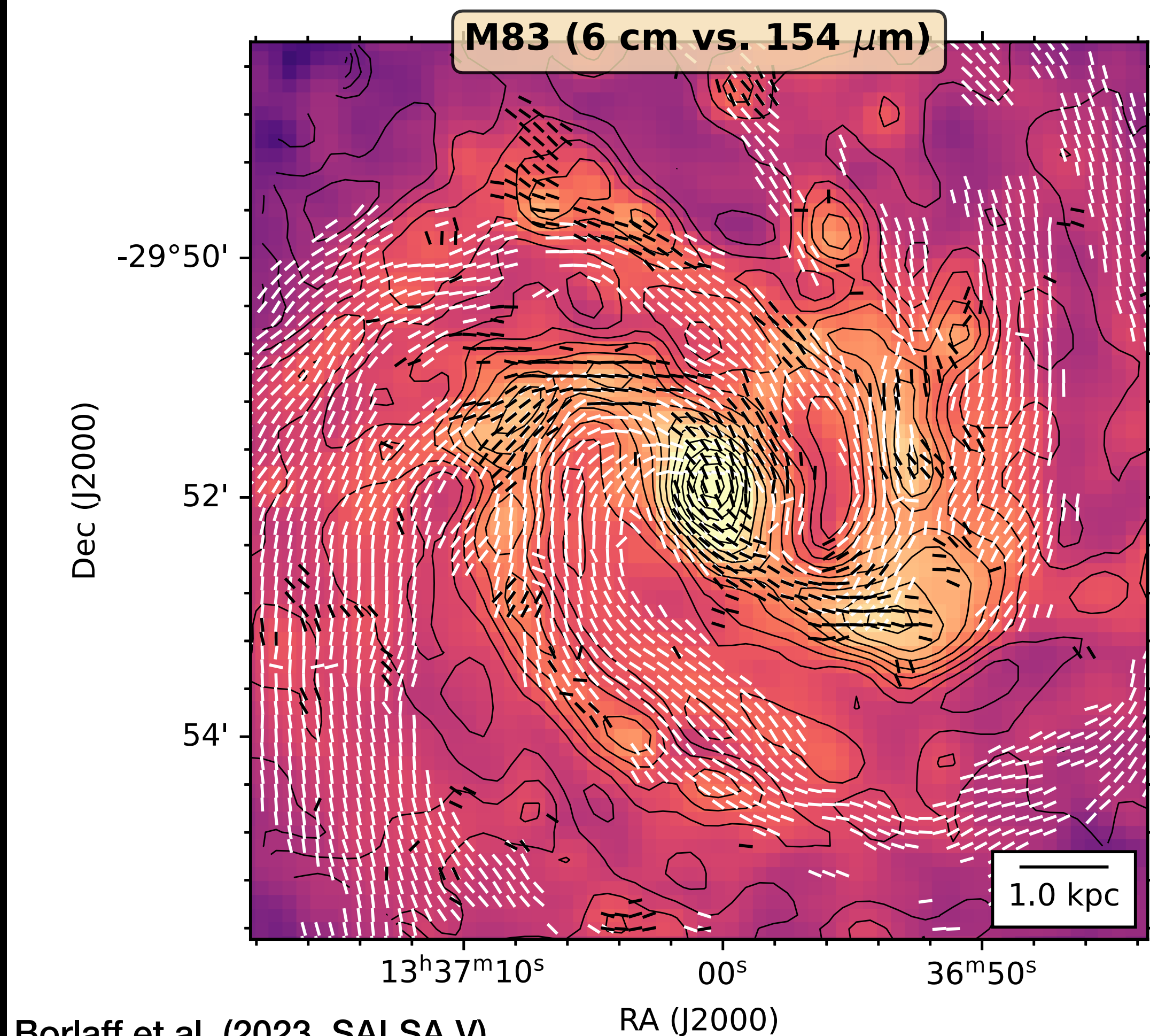
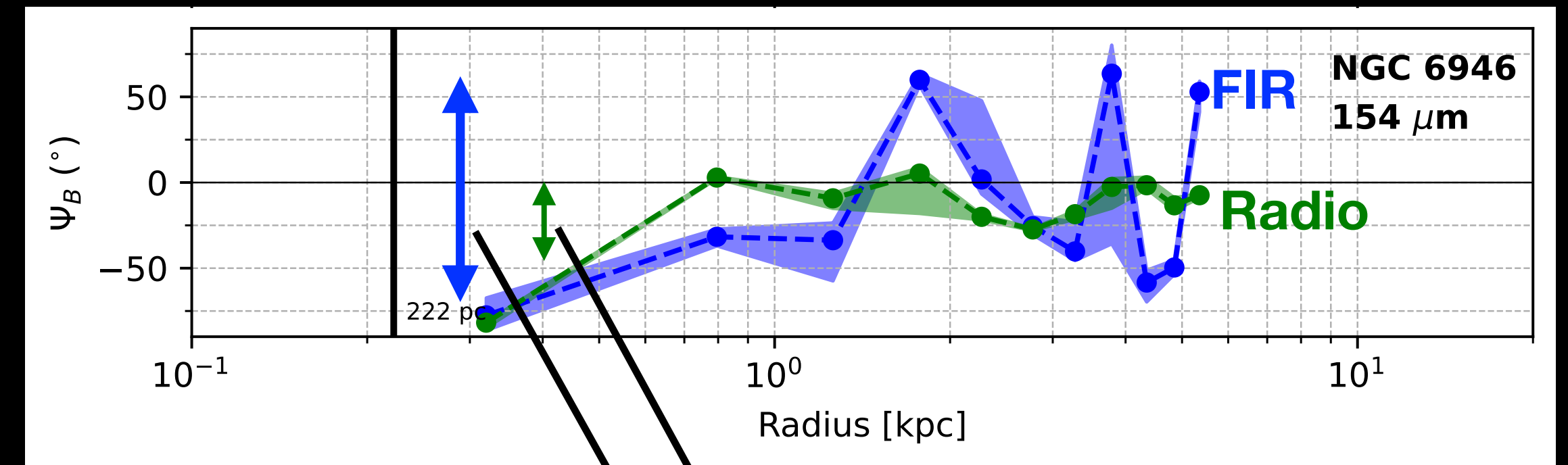
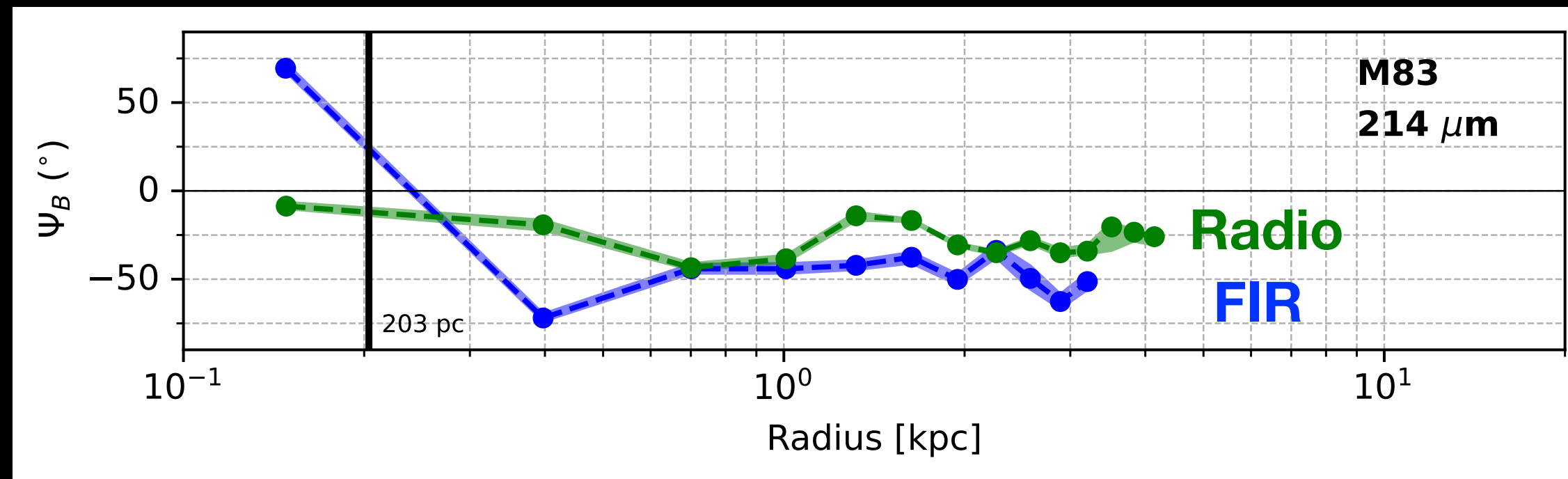
kpc-scale spiral ordered B-fields dominate at both FIR and Radio wavelengths



Postdoctoral project published in ApJ: Borlaff et al. 2021, 2023



# FIR B-fields are more disordered than the Radio B-fields



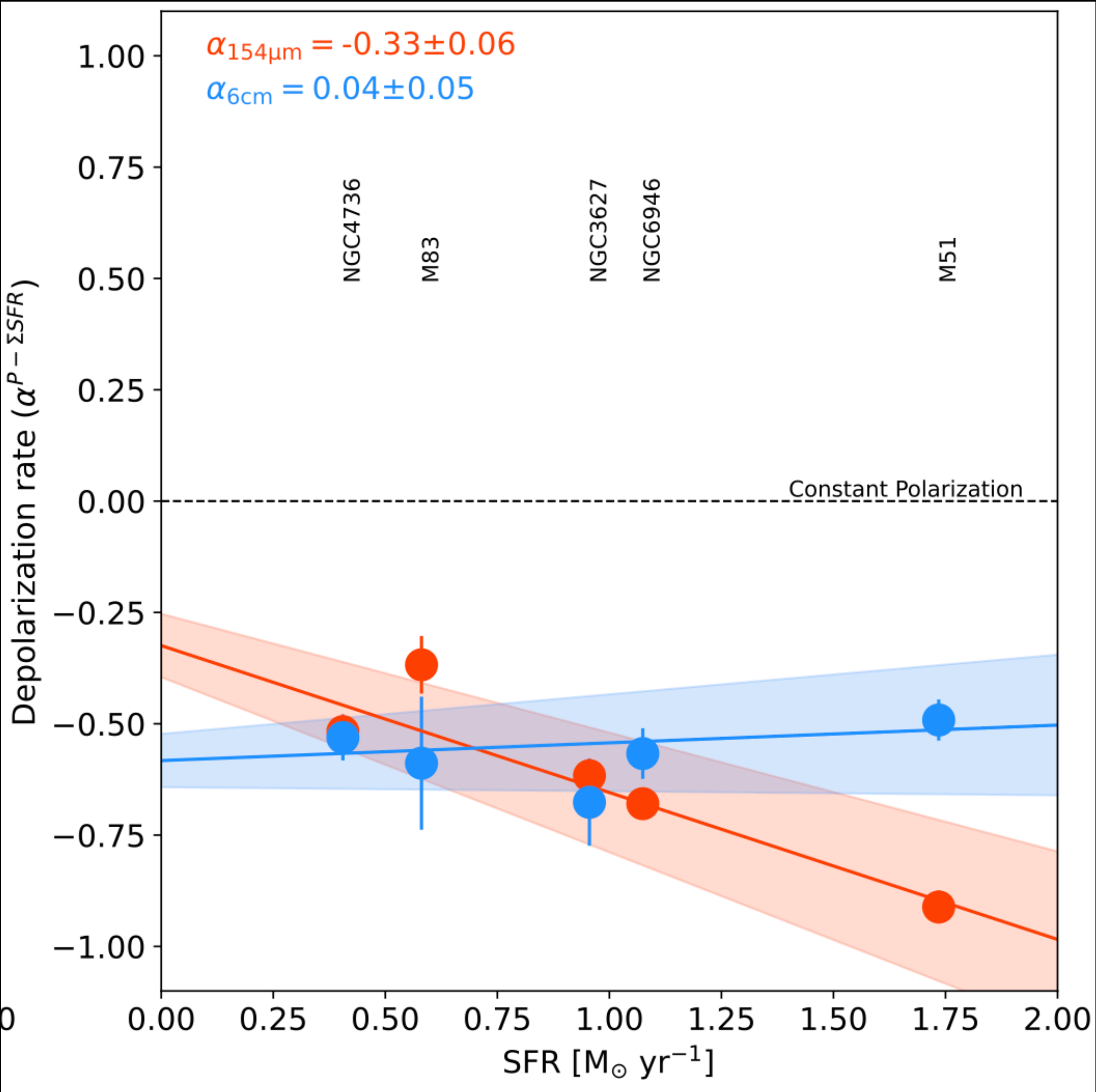


# FIR B-field is located in the dense and cold ISM associated with SF regions

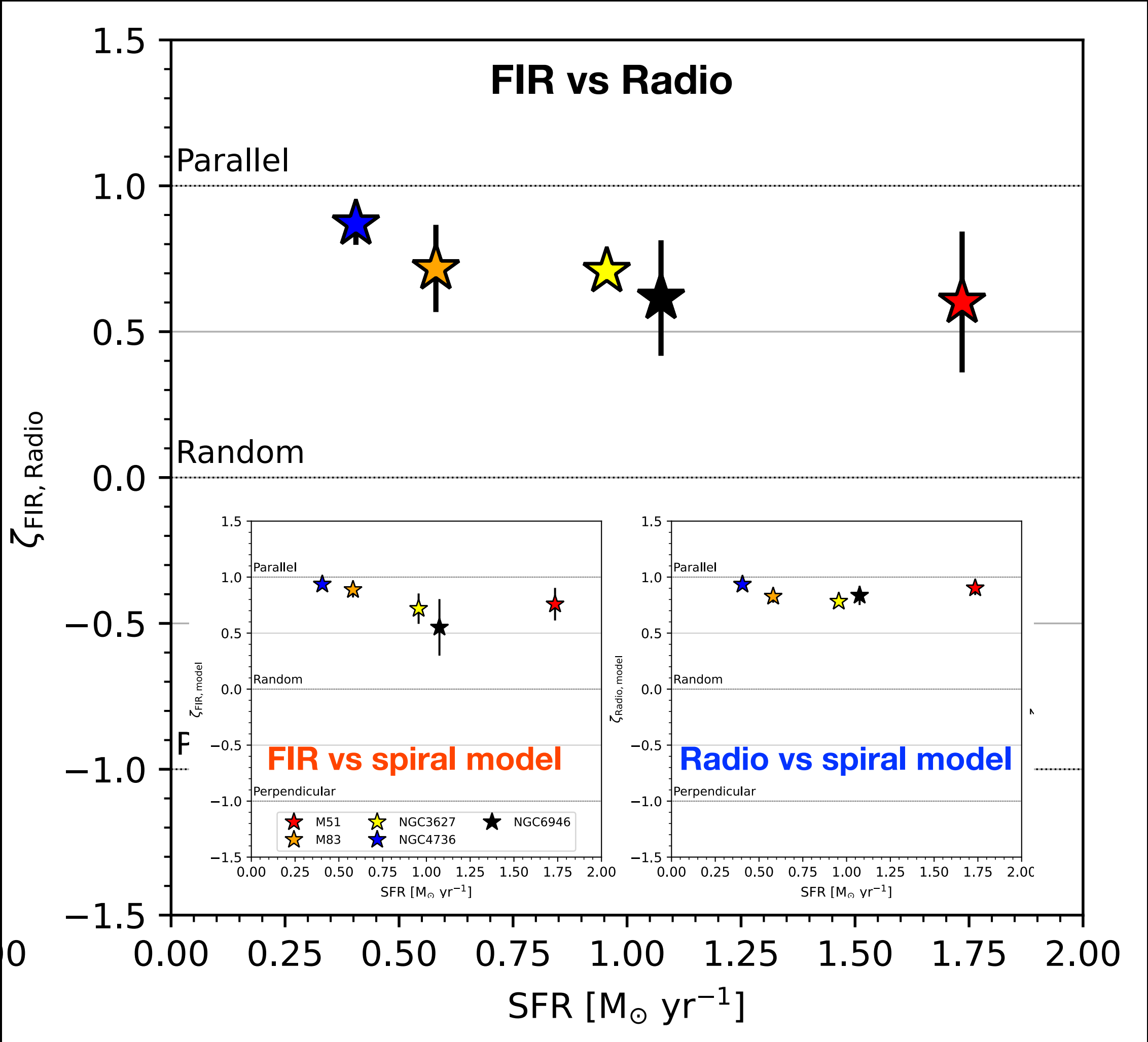
- FIR polarimetry is more sensitive to the turbulent B-field driven by SF regions than Radio polarimetric obs.

Need: large statistical sample of nearby galaxies —> Future FIR imaging polarimeter

Depolarization rate vs SFR of the galaxy



FIR vs Radio B-field alignment



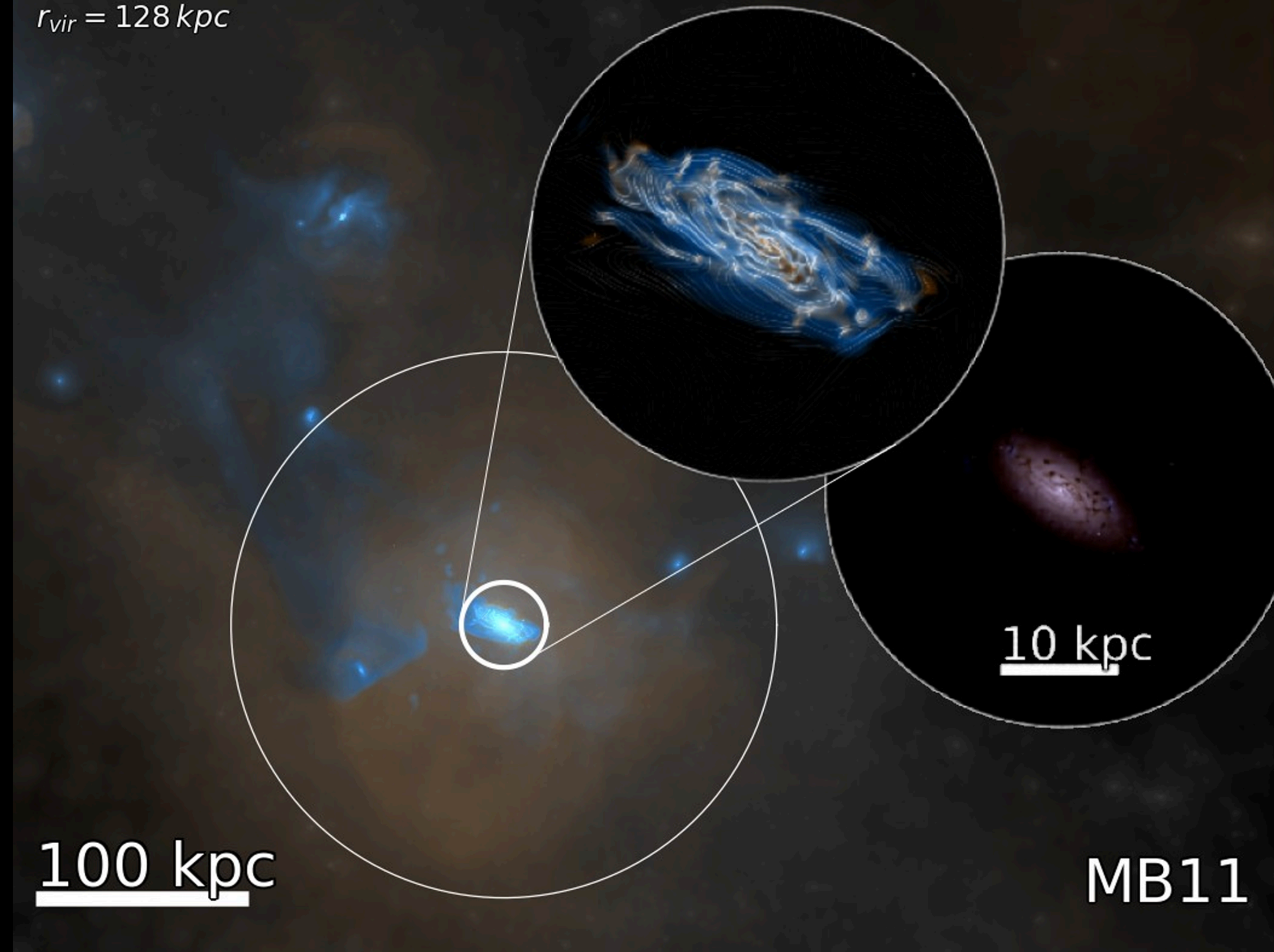


# Obtaining the physics by using cosmological MHD simulations

$$M_{\text{halo}}(z=0) = 5 \cdot 10^{11} M_{\odot}$$

$$M_{*} = 2 \cdot 10^{10} M_{\odot}$$

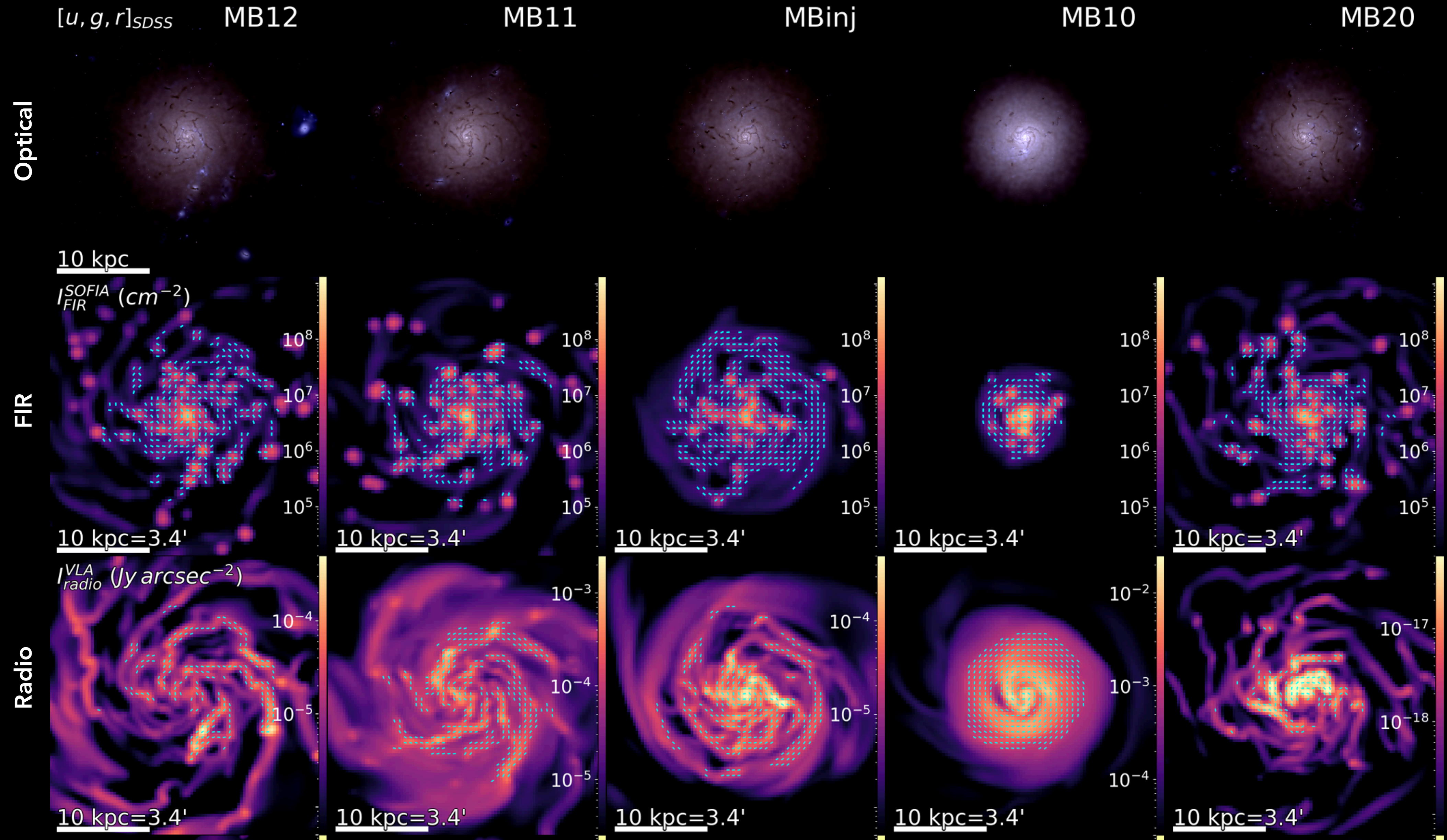
$$r_{\text{vir}} = 128 \text{ kpc}$$



Postdoctoral project published in ApJ: Martin-Alvarez et al. 2024 (SALSA VII)



# Testing different magnetization levels in the same galactic environment





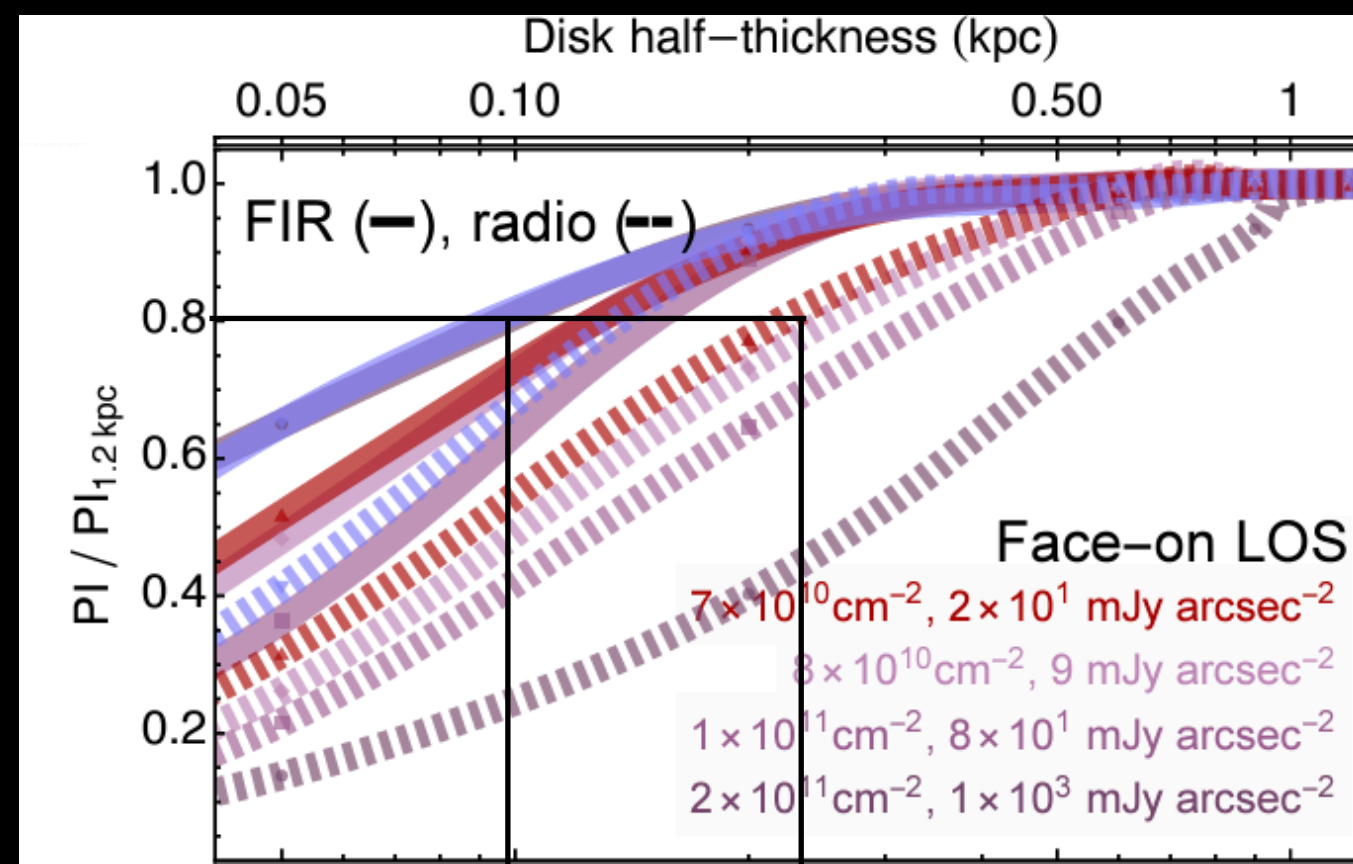
# Spatial correspondence of the FIR and radio polarized emission

## FIR and Radio polarization trace different phases of the ISM

- FIR polarized emission traces the B-field in the CNM
- Radio polarized emission traces the B-field in the WNM (and some CNM).

## Radio emission has double the vertical scale height of FIR emission

- FIR polarized emission is cospatial with the disk
  - vertical scales < 100 pc
- Radio polarized emission is cospatial with gas above and below the disk (extended and pervasive).
  - vertical scales > 200 pc



## CNM

Cold neutral medium

$\Sigma_{\text{gas}, \text{CNM}} (\text{cm}^{-2})$  MB12

10 kpc

## WNM

Warm neutral medium

$\Sigma_{\text{gas}, \text{WNM}} (\text{cm}^{-2})$

10 kpc





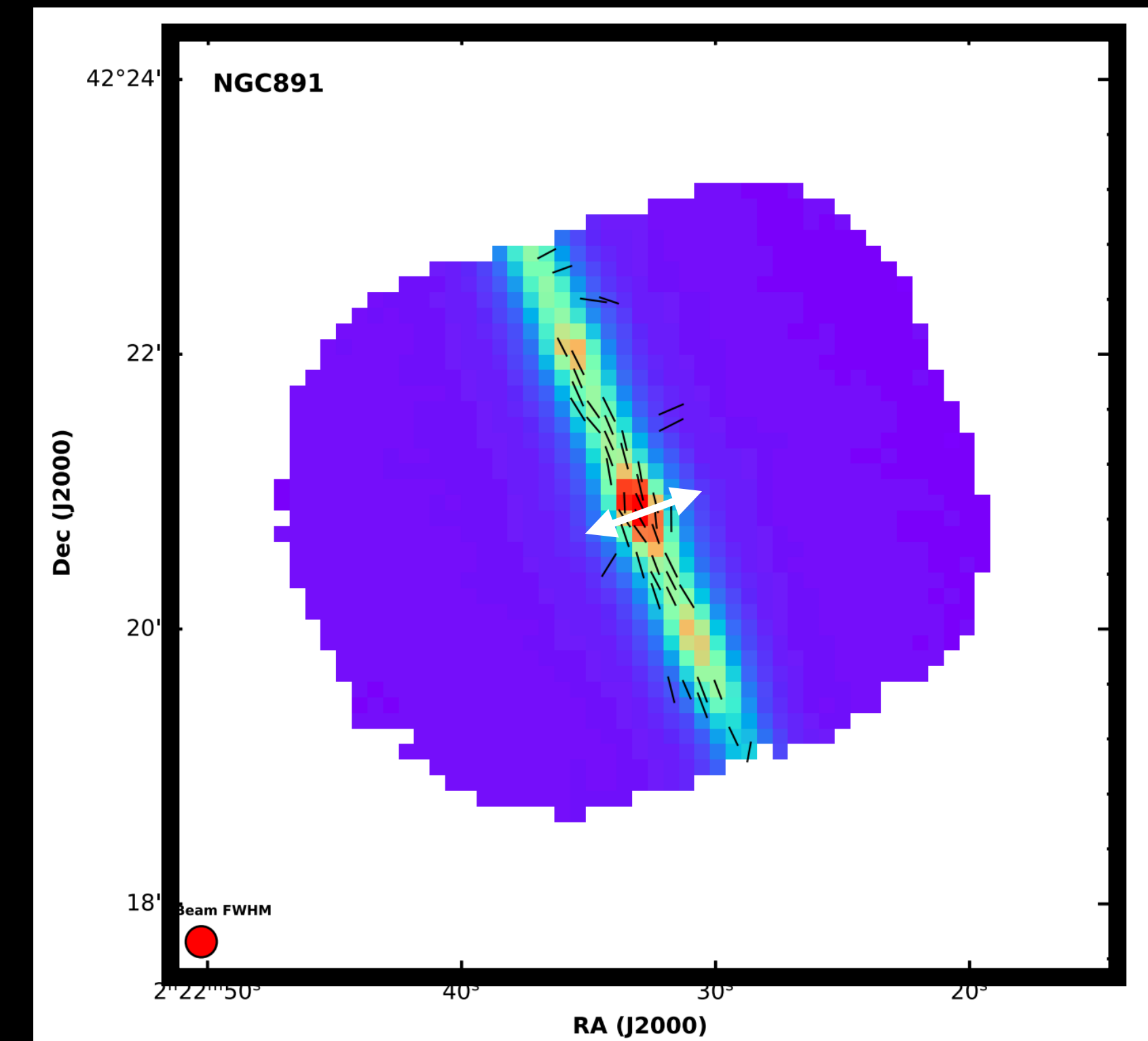
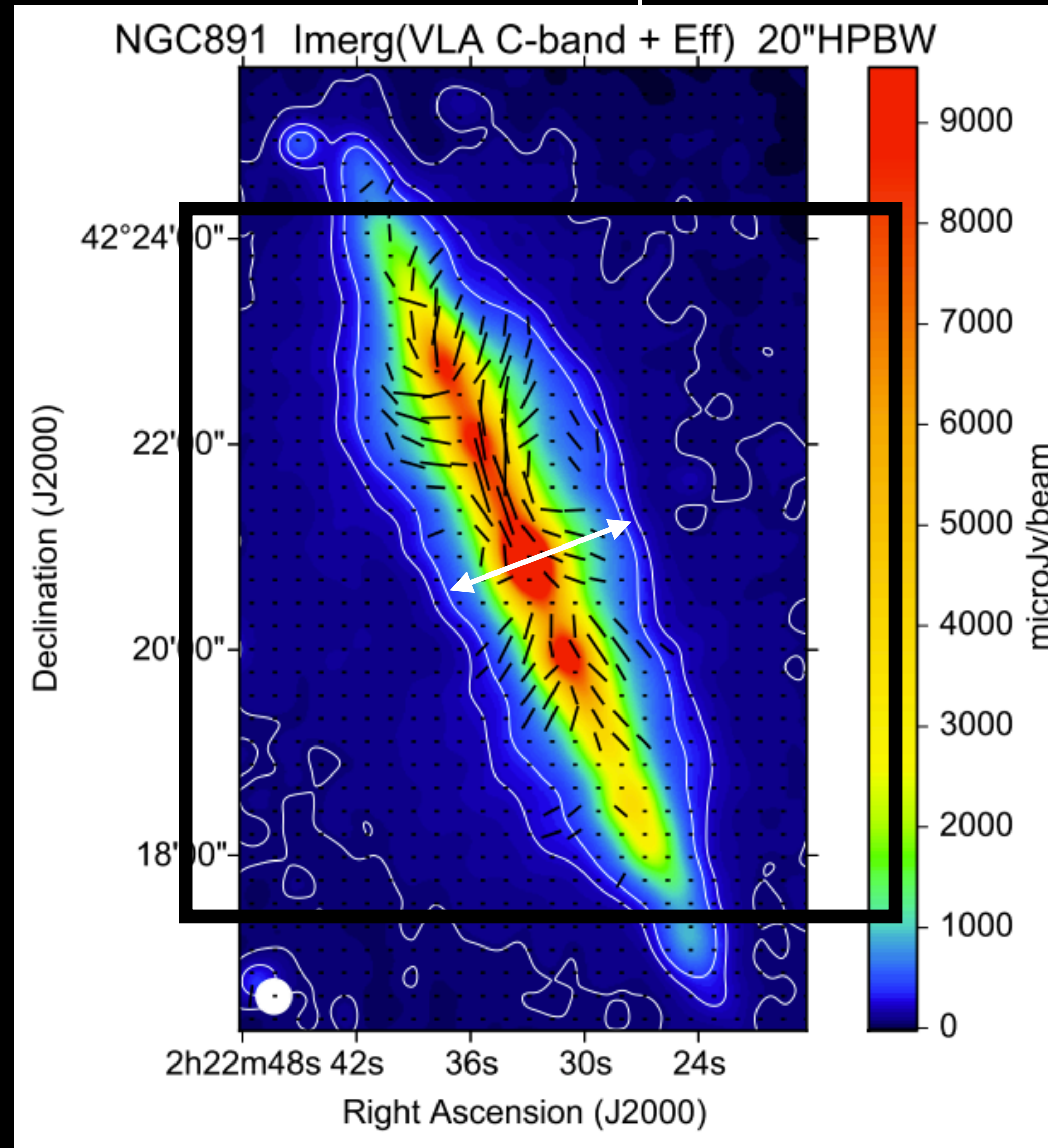
# 3D structure of the B-field using radio and FIR wavelengths

Radio: warm and diffuse ISM

$h > 0.2$  kpc

FIR: cold and dense ISM

$h < 0.1$  kpc



Jones et al. (2020) *FWHM (HAWC+): 13.6"*

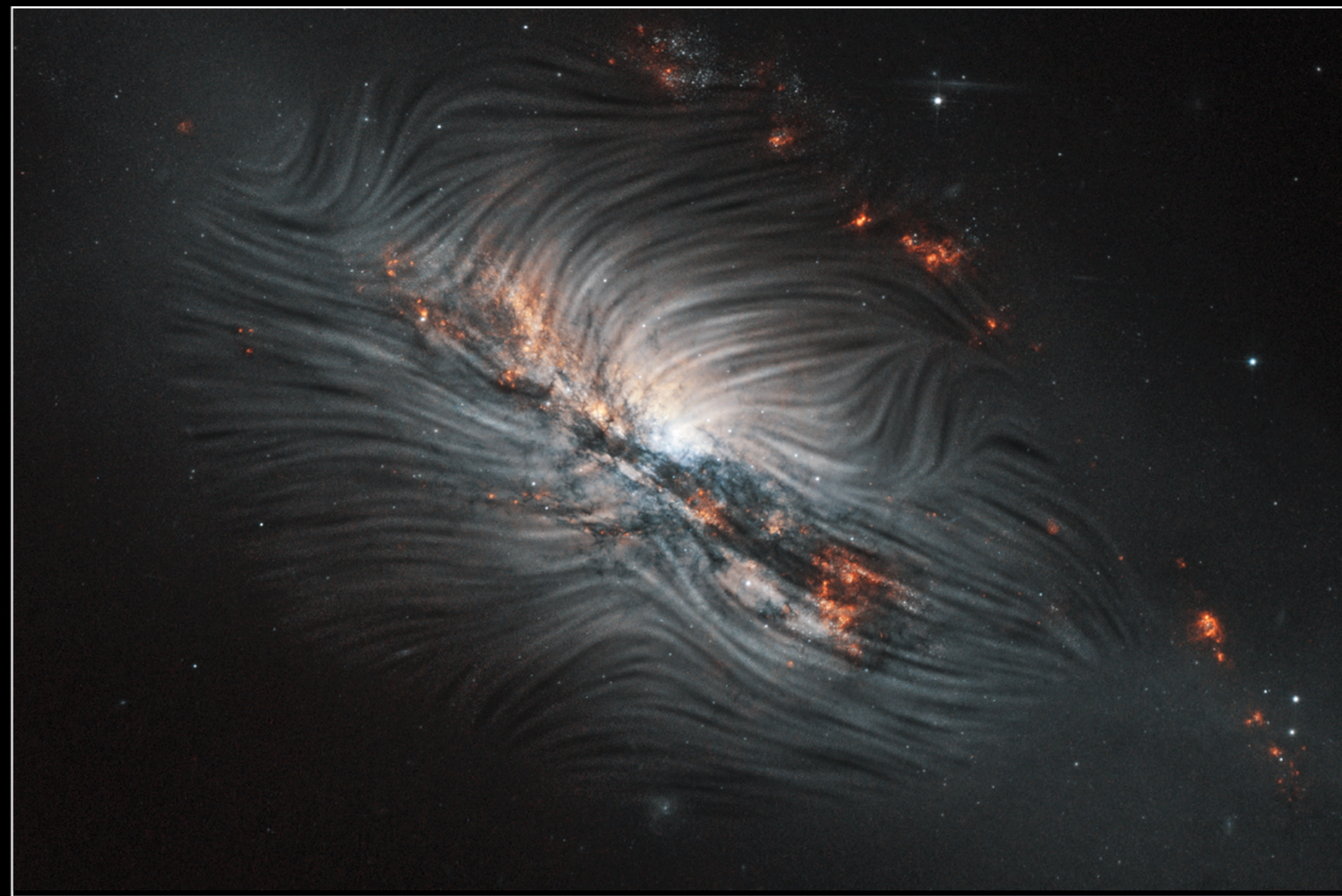
Krause et al. (2018,2020)



# STARBURST GALAXIES



M82



NGC 2146



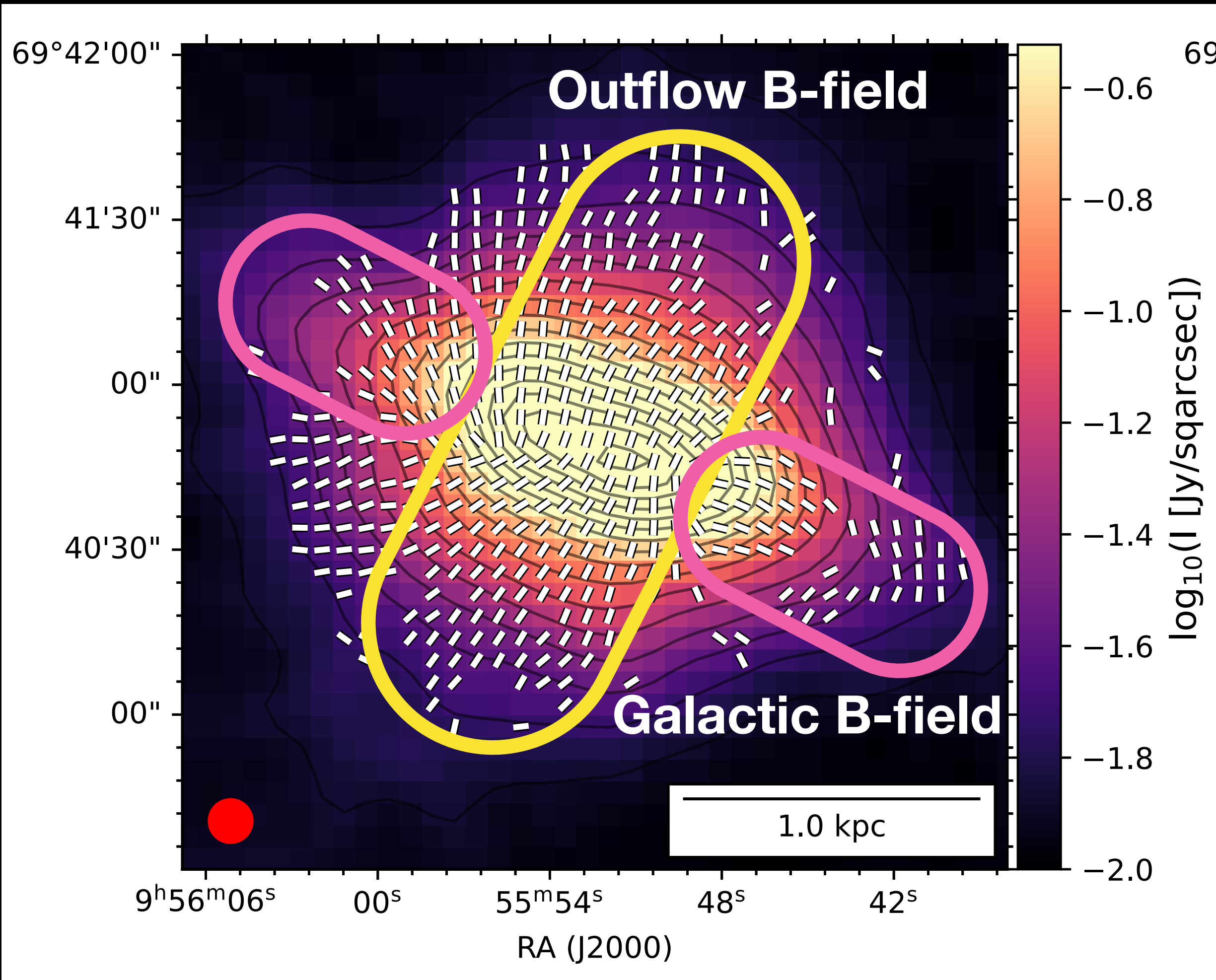
NGC 253



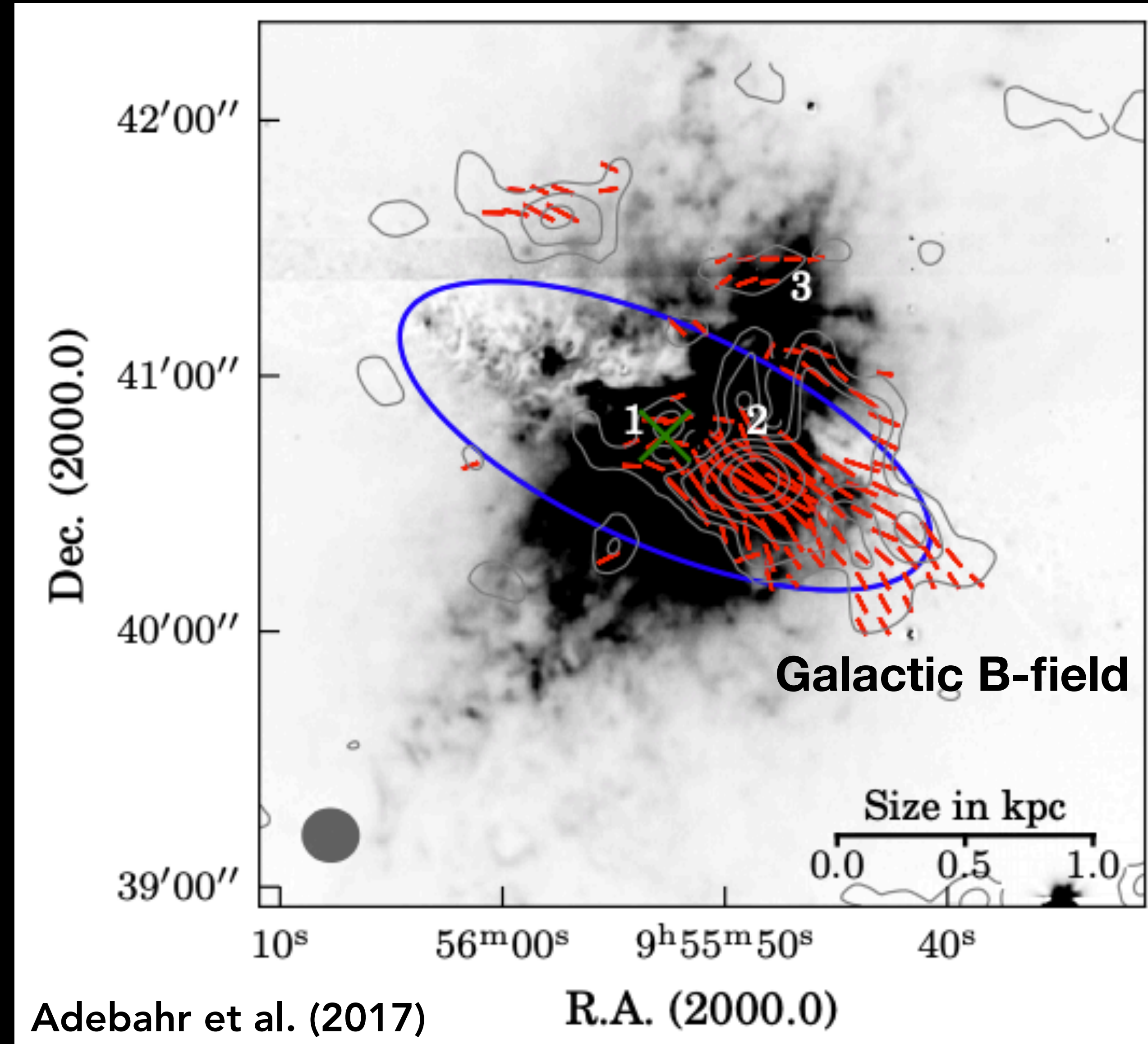
# FIR polarization traces the B-field in the cold galactic outflows

FIR (89  $\mu\text{m}$ )

Radio (18 and 22 cm)



Lopez-Rodriguez et al. (2021, 2022b, 2023c)



Adebahr et al. (2017)

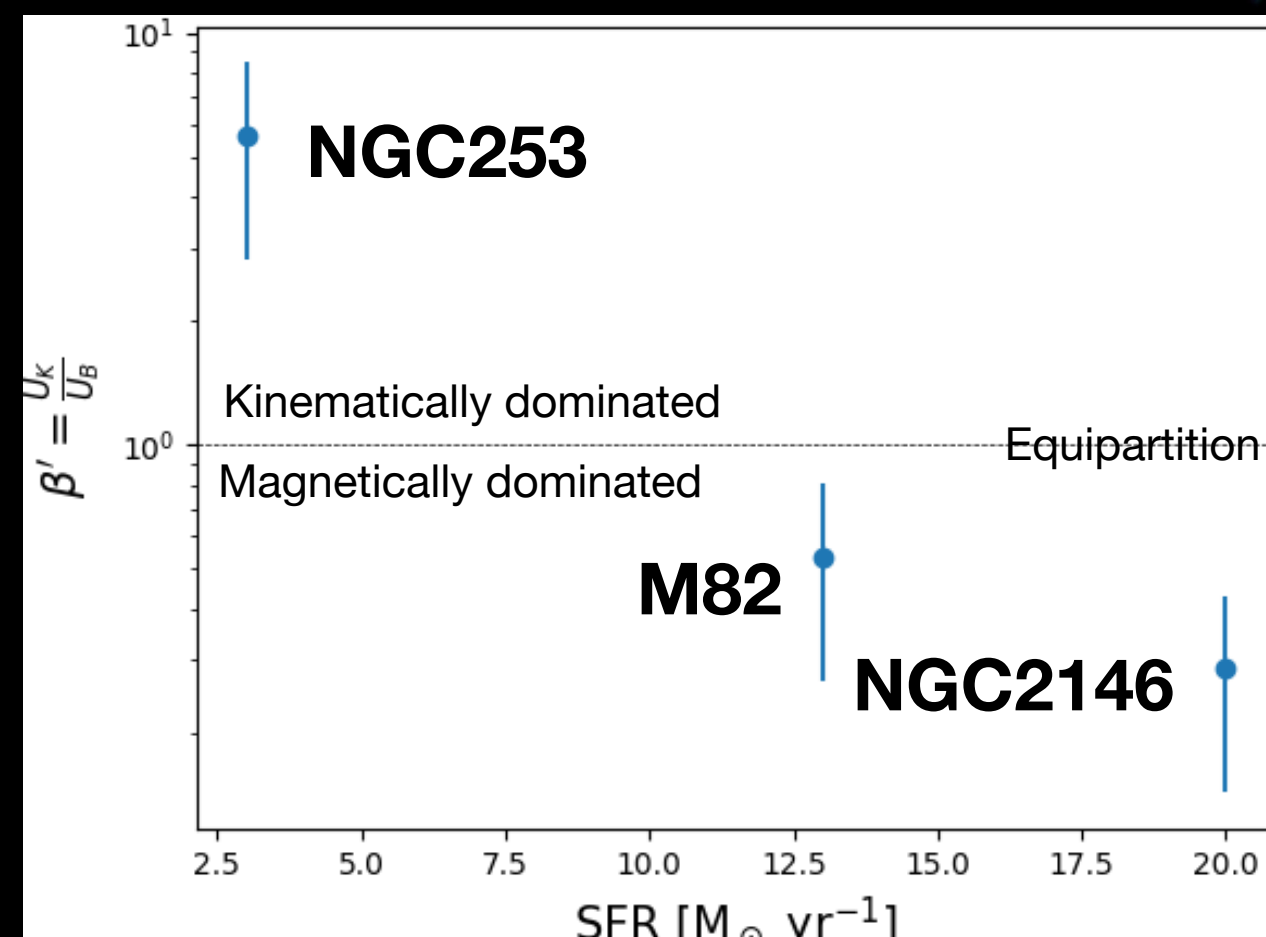
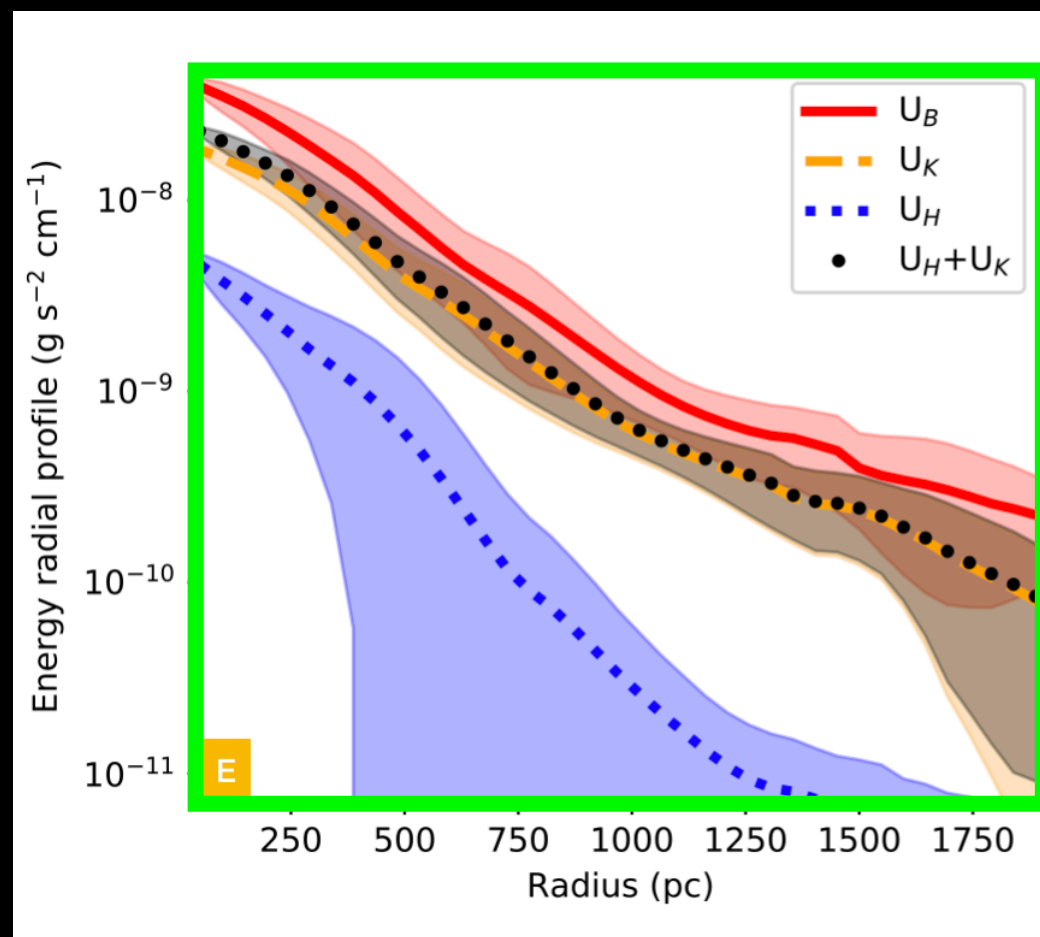


# MAGNETIC FIELD ALONG THE GALACTIC OUTFLOW

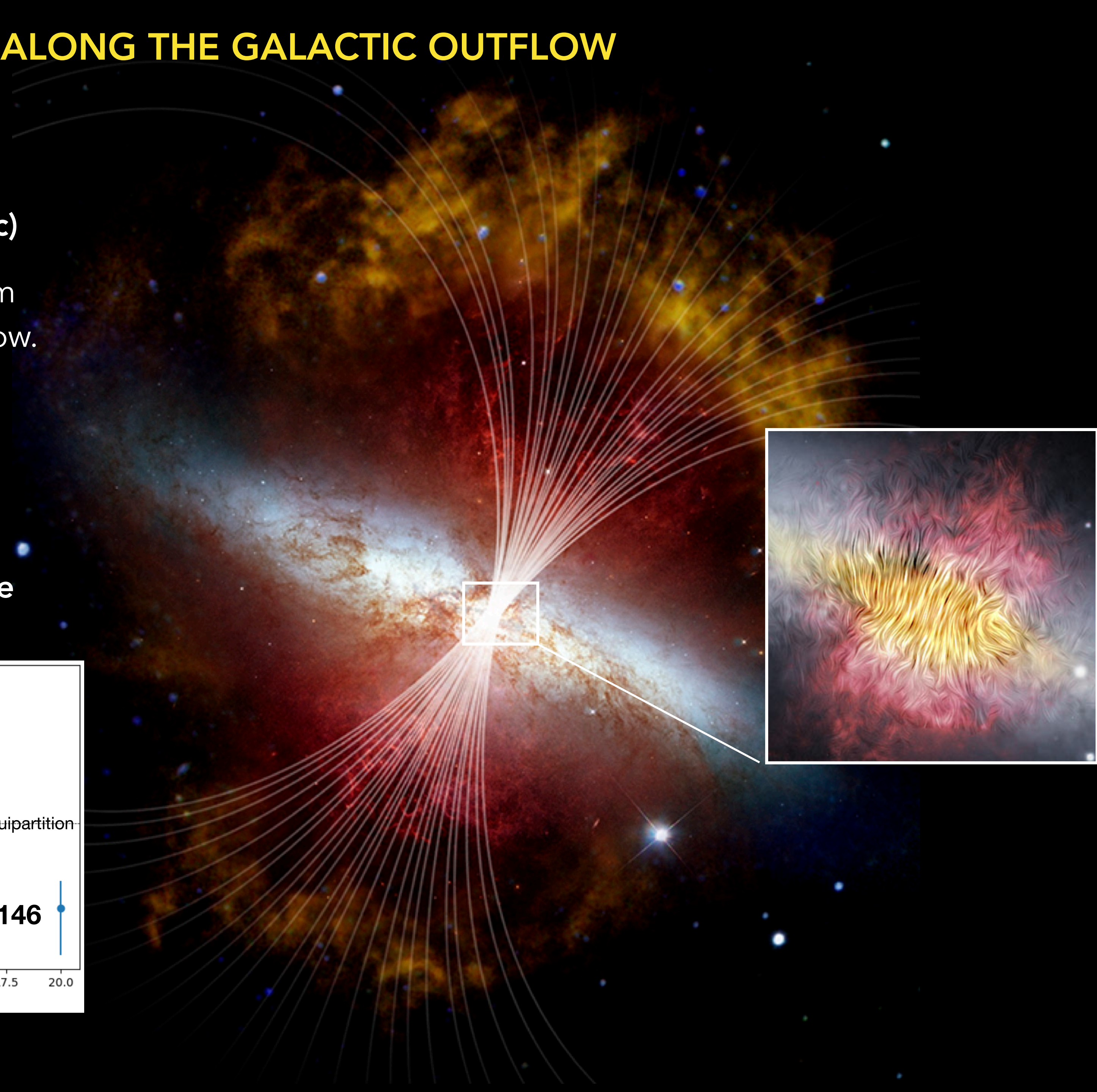
Magnetic fields are 'open' ( at least within  $\sim 10$  kpc)

Material scapes to the circumnuclear galactic medium driven away by the kinetic energy of the galactic outflow.

Turbulent kinetic and magnetic energy and in close equipartition in the outflow



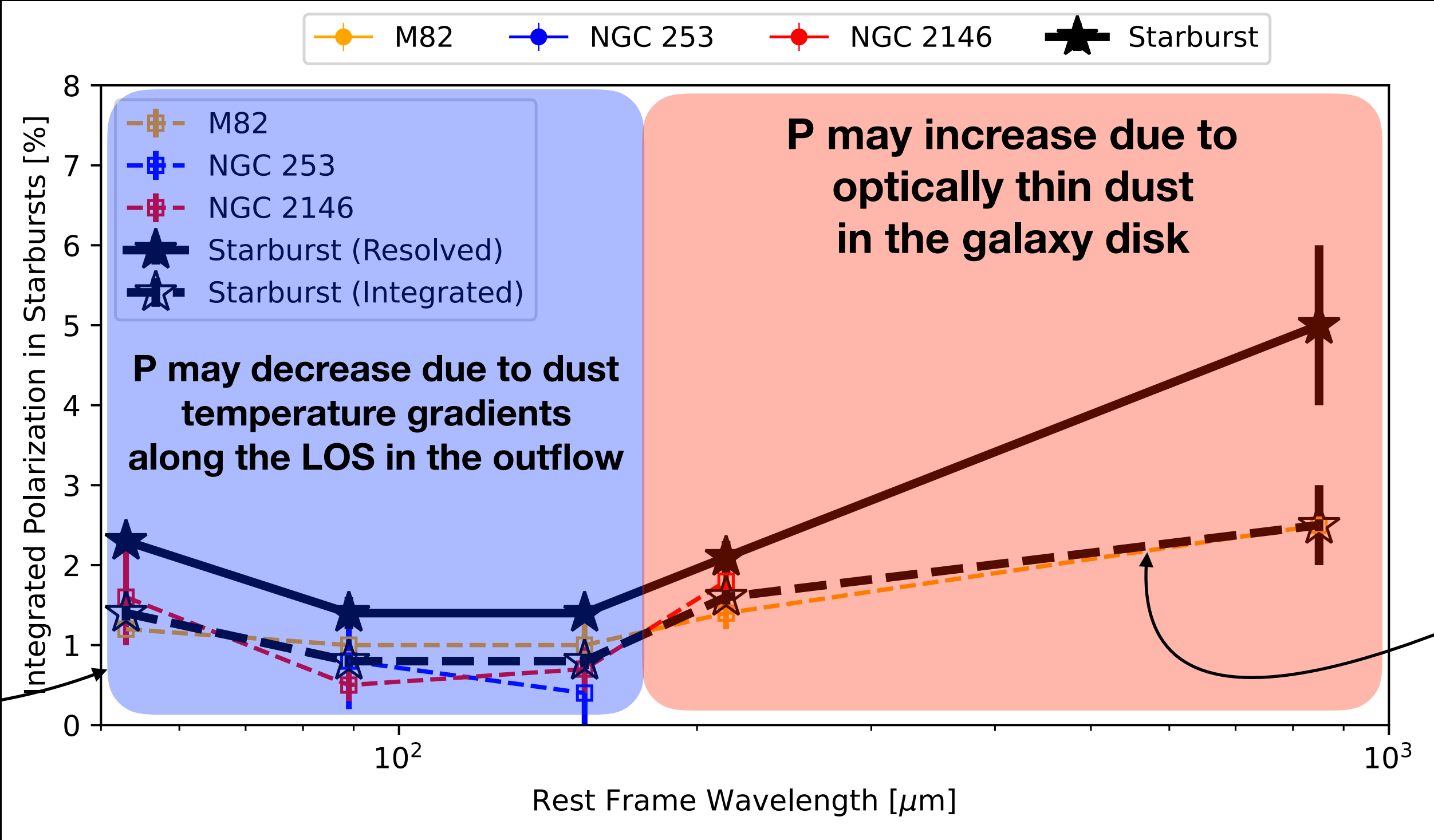
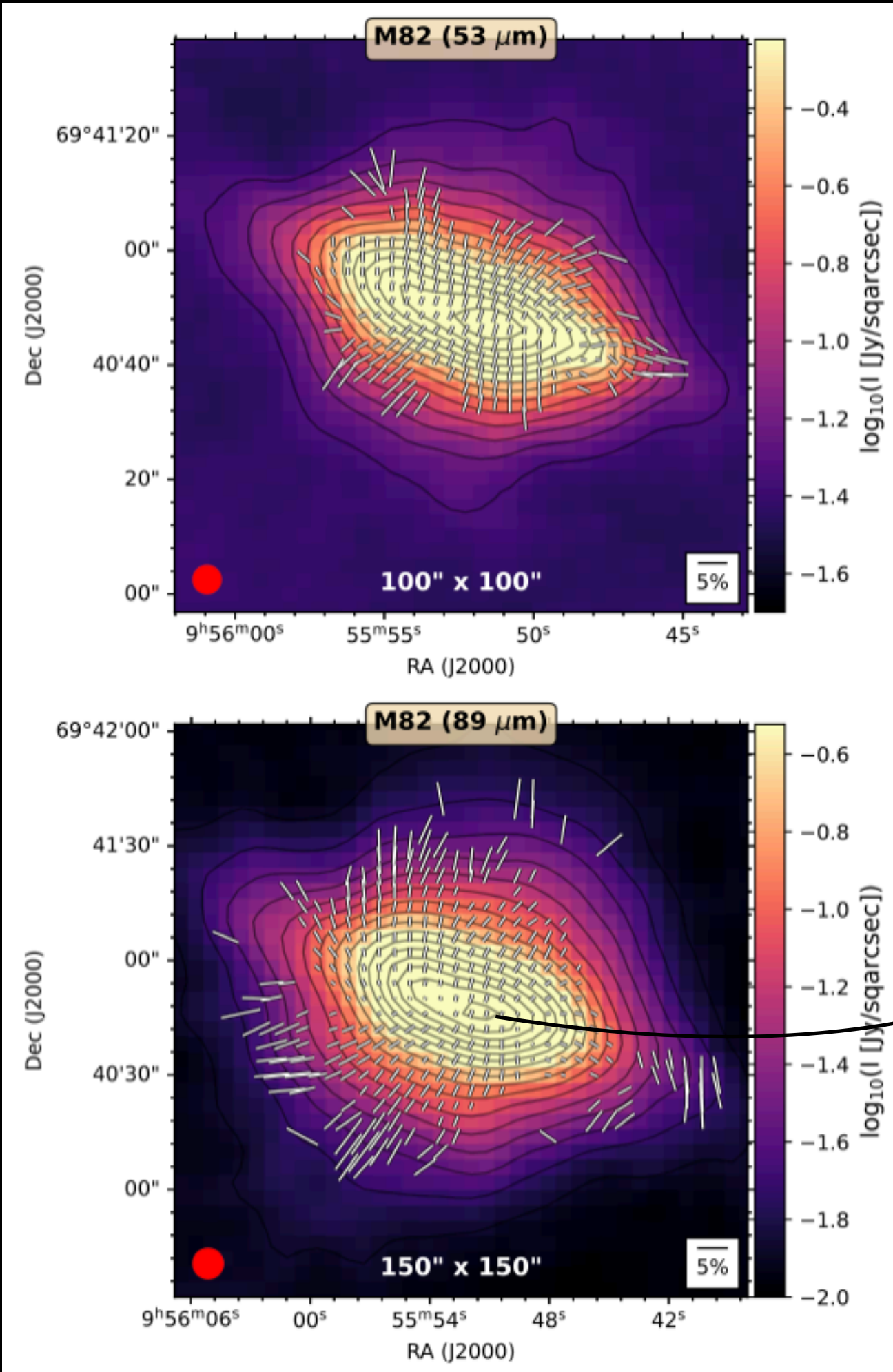
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Lopez-Rodriguez (2023c)





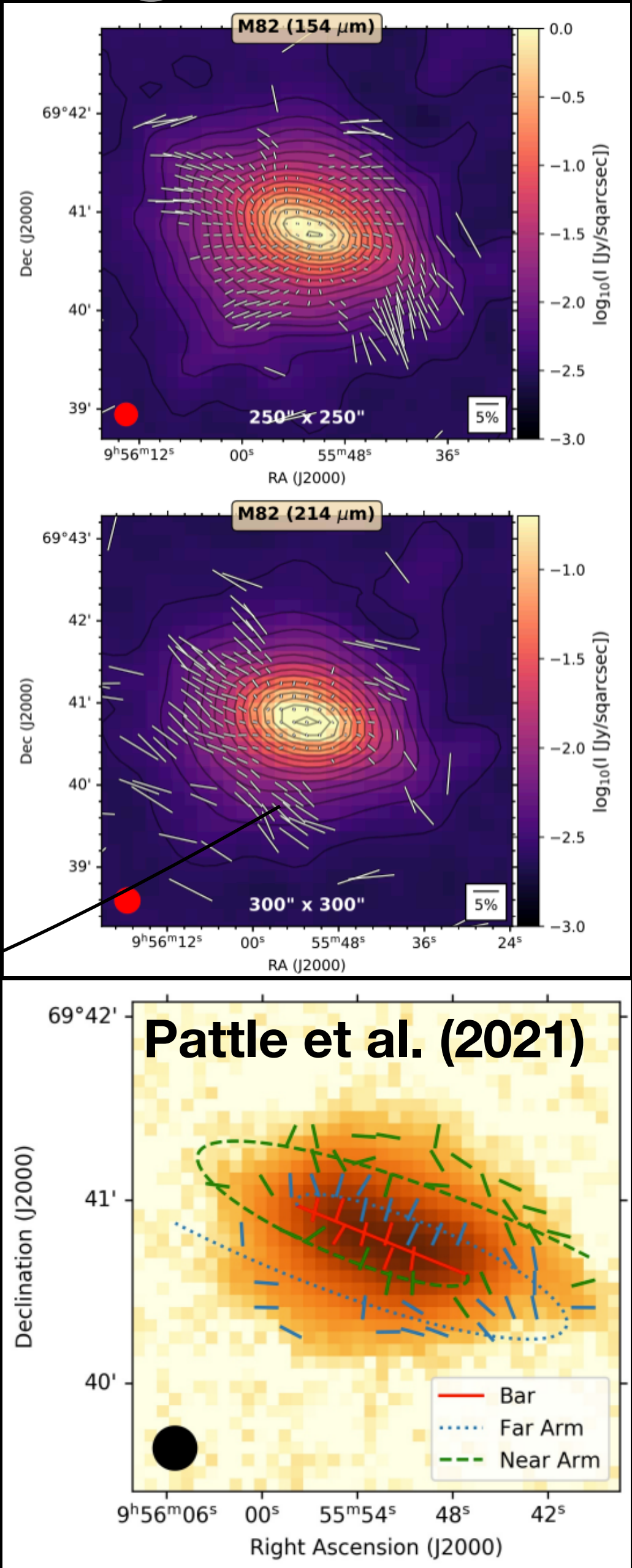
# Dust properties: FIR polarized spectrum of Starburst galaxies

At least two dust components are required to explain the polarized SED of starbursts.



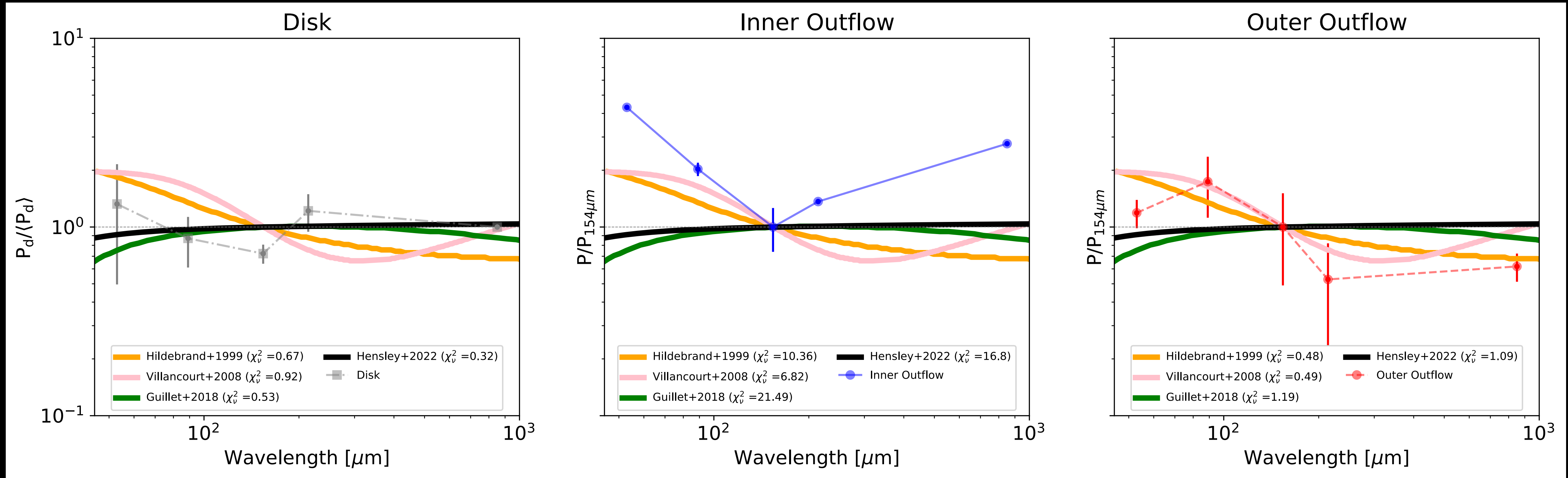
At short wavelengths, the hot dust from the galactic outflow dominates up to scales of  $\sim 4$  kpc above and below the disk.

At longer wavelengths, the cold dust from the galactic disk dominates.





# Dust properties: FIR polarized spectrum of Starburst galaxies



## Disk:

- polarized spectrum consistent with a flat distribution.
- Astro dust (Hensley+2022) with  $U=10^3$  (strong radiation field) and single component best reproduce the polarized spectrum

## Outer Outflow:

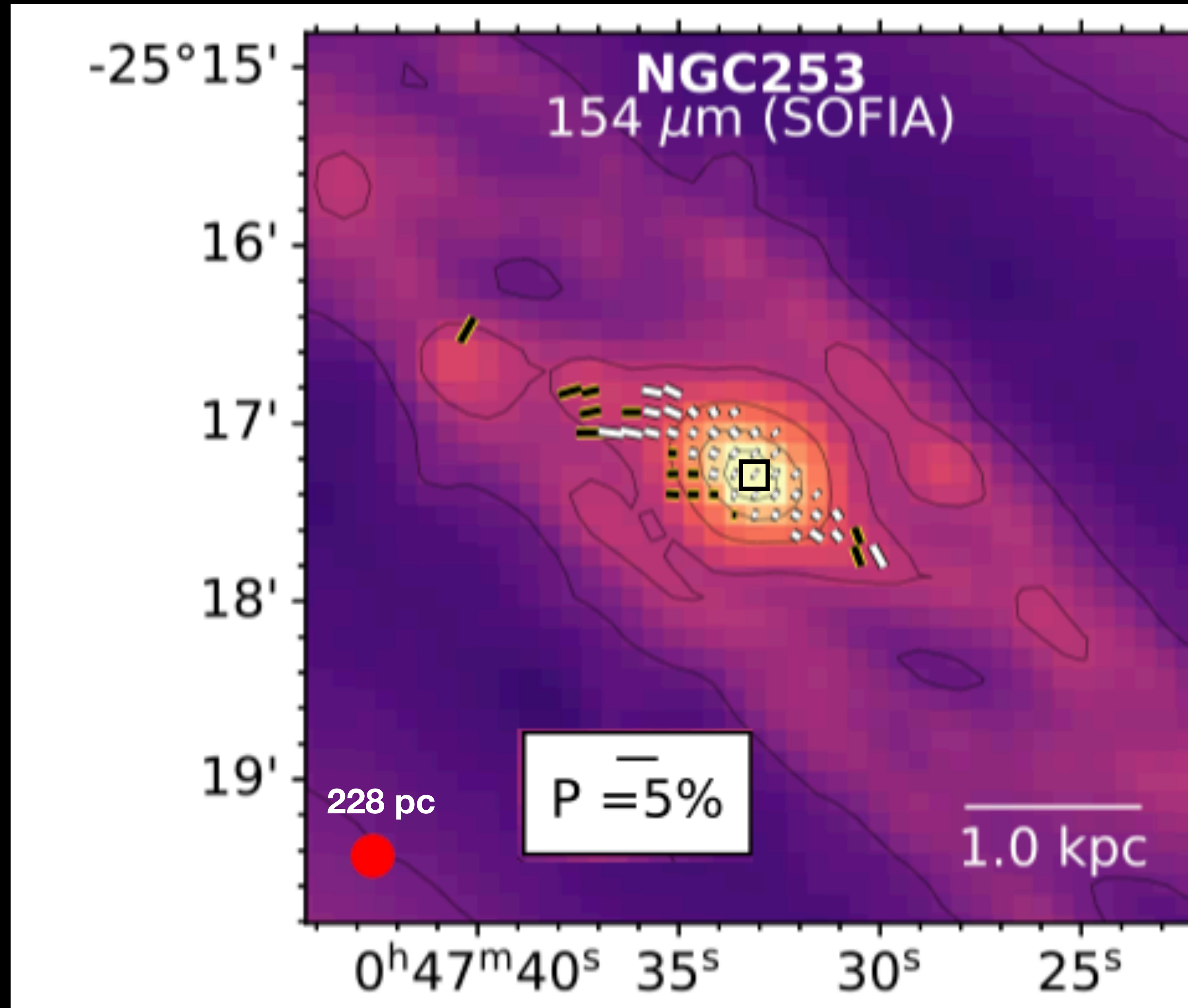
- polarized spectrum shows a 'S' shape.
- two-phase component (Hildebrand+1999, Villancourt+2008) best reproduce the observations.

## Inner Outflow:

- polarized spectrum shows a 'V' shape.
- No model reproduces the observations. Potentially due to strong dust temperature variations and/or tangled B-fields along the LOS

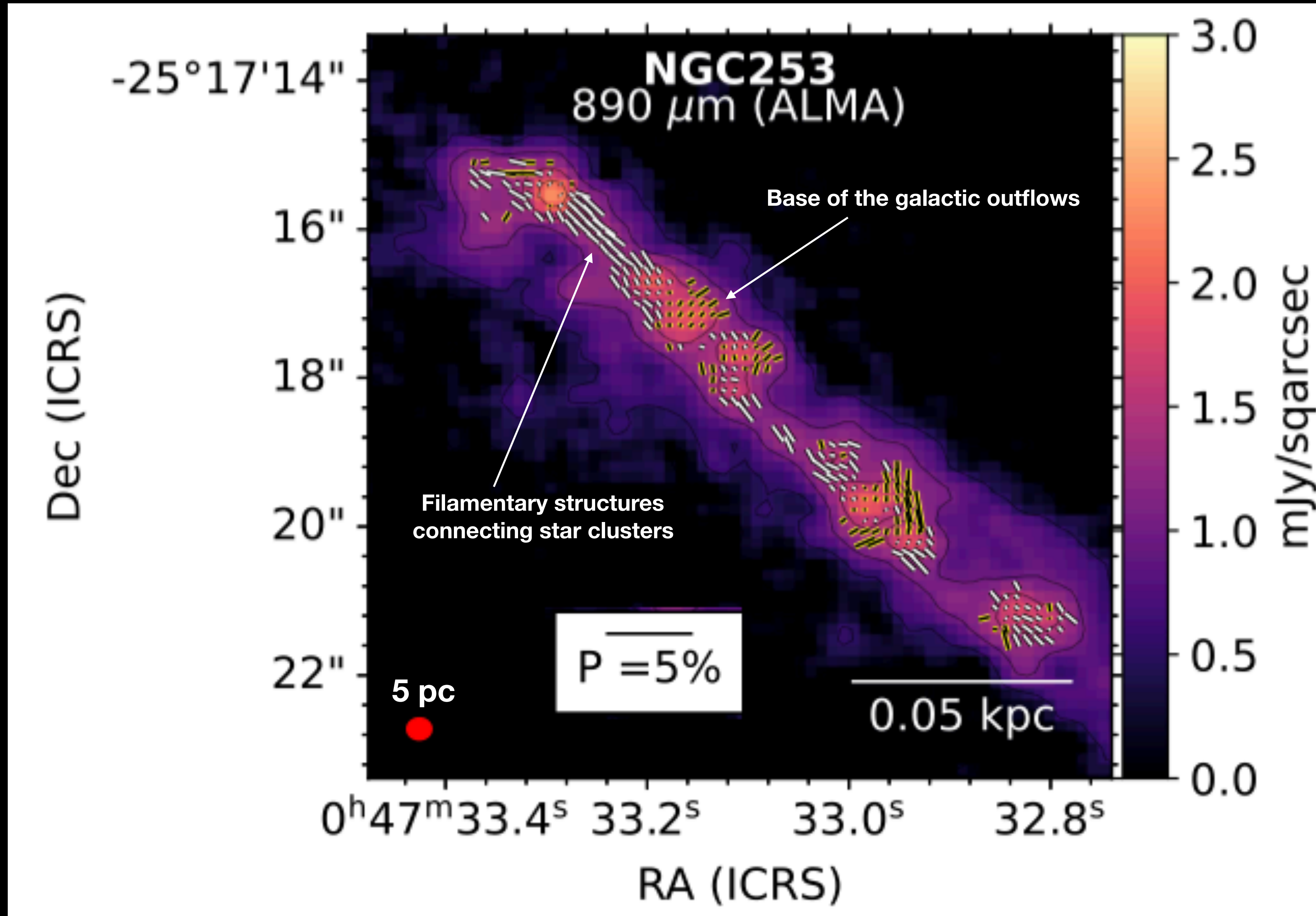


# Zoom-in NGC253: 45x resolution from SOFIA to ALMA





# Zoom-in NGC253 using ALMA polarimetric observations



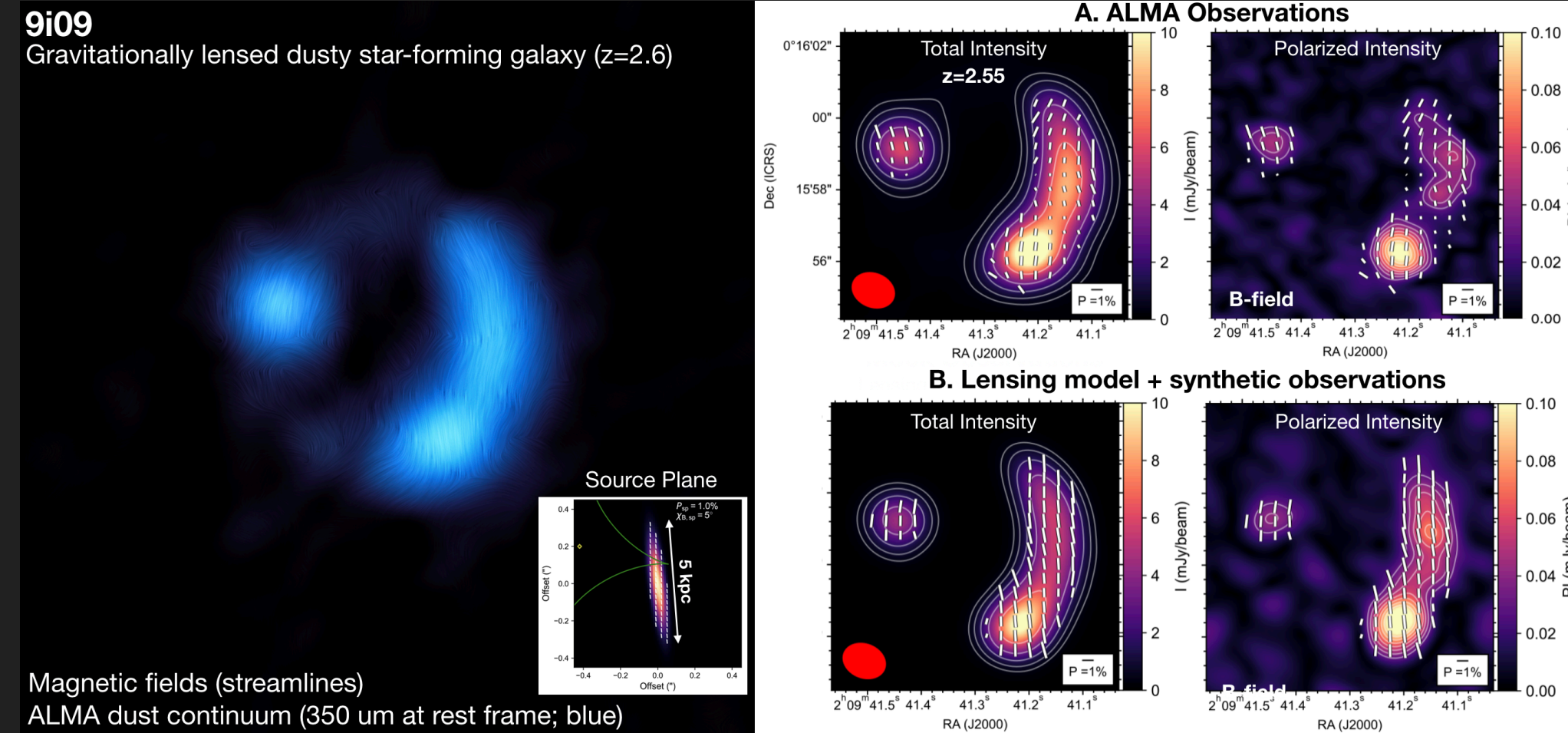


# B-fields at high redshift using sub-mm polarimetry

Gravitationally lensed dusty star-forming galaxies at high-redshift

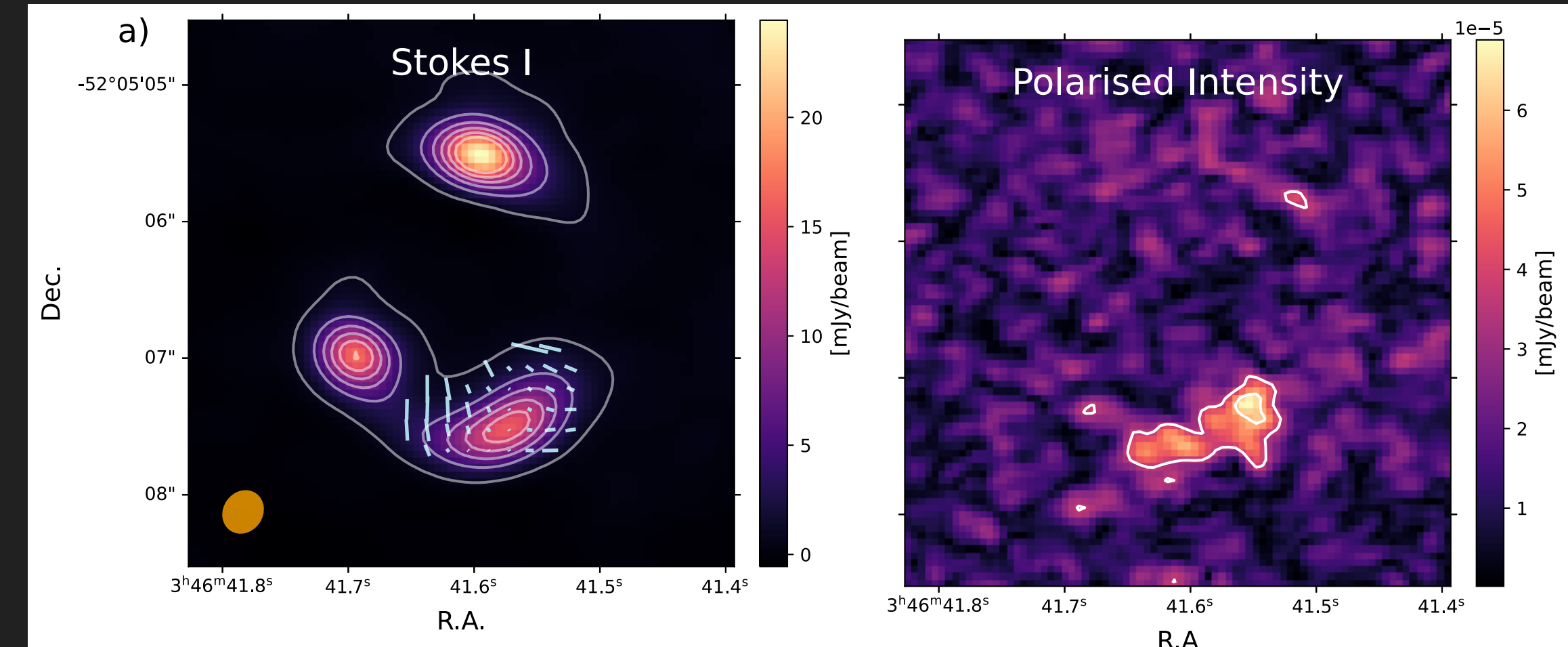
$z=2.6$

~5 kpc-scale ordered B-field parallel to a fast rotating disk in a starburst at 3Gyr after Big Bang.

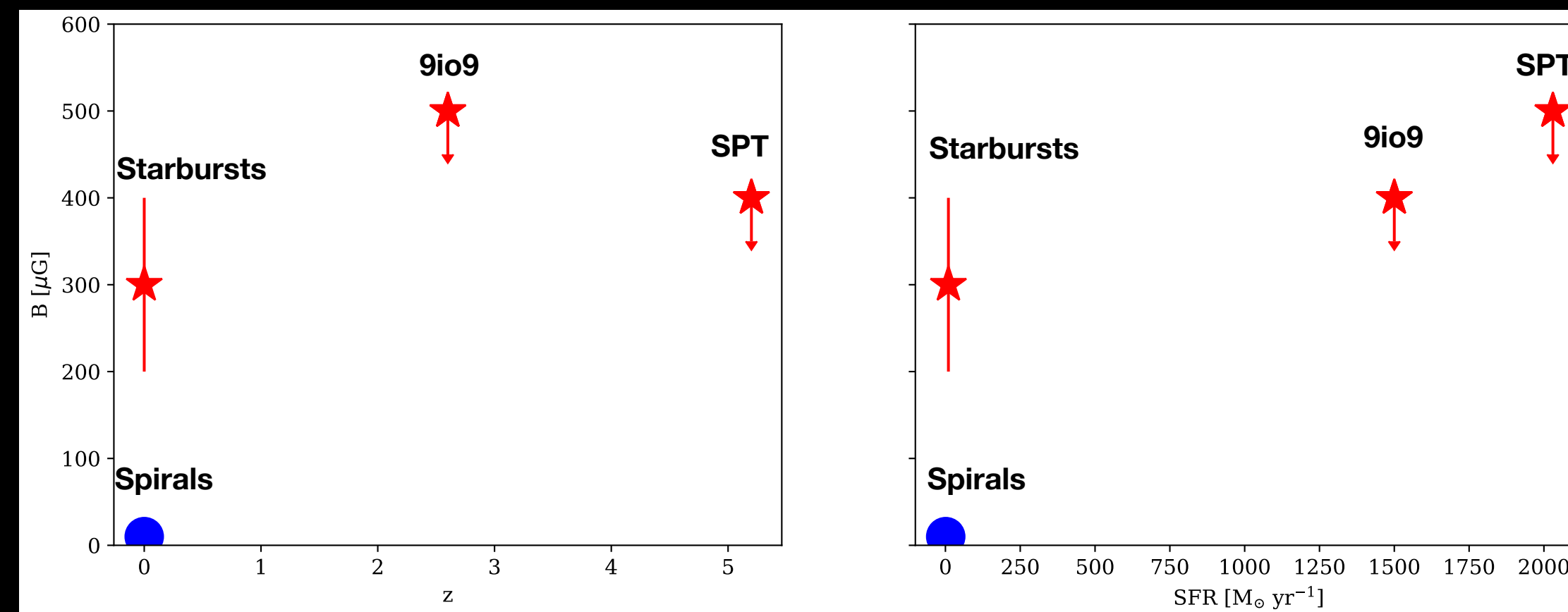


$z=5.3$

~3 kpc-scale ordered B-field parallel to the overlap between a merger galaxy (or outflow, or disk)



Variation of B-fields as a function of cosmic time and SFR





Thank you

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