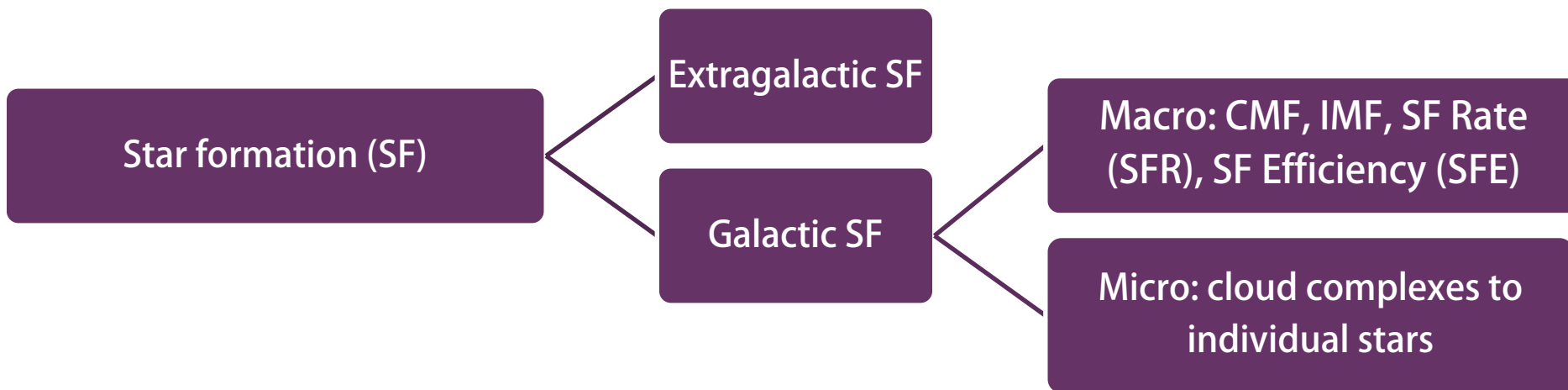


Magnetic fields in early stages of star formation revealed by dust polarization observations

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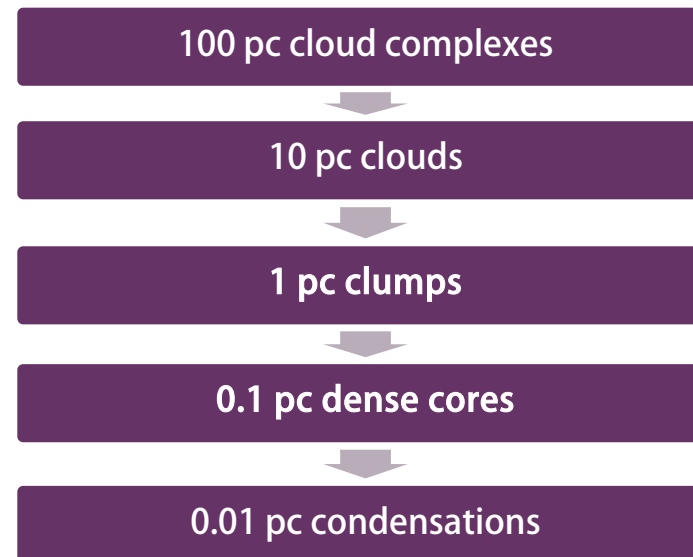
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Inward: gravity (G)

Outward: turbulence (K), magnetic field (B), thermal pressure, rotation, stellar feedback...

Hierarchical fragmentation





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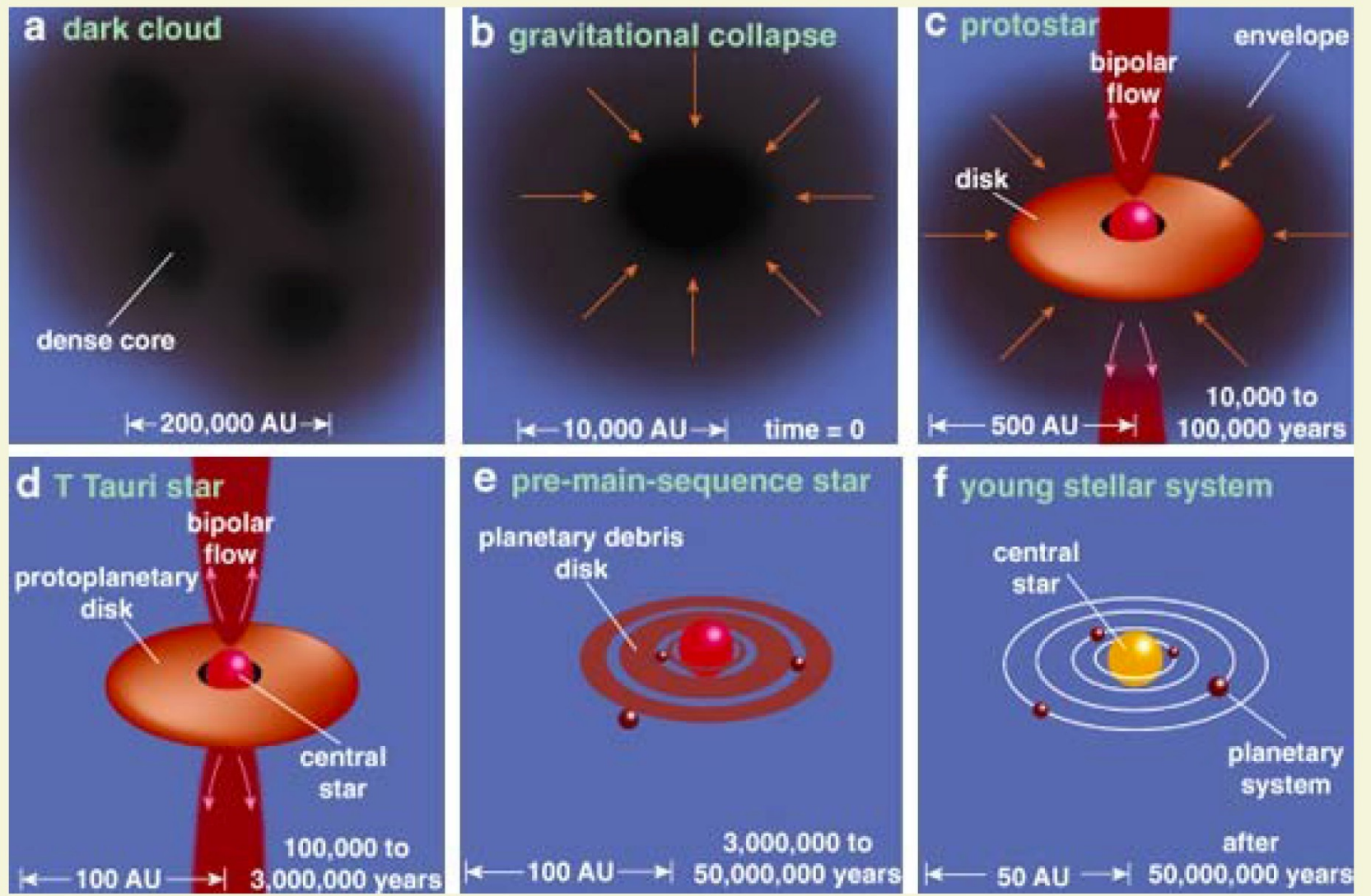
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Low-mass star formation

Starless core

Prestellar(starless)core

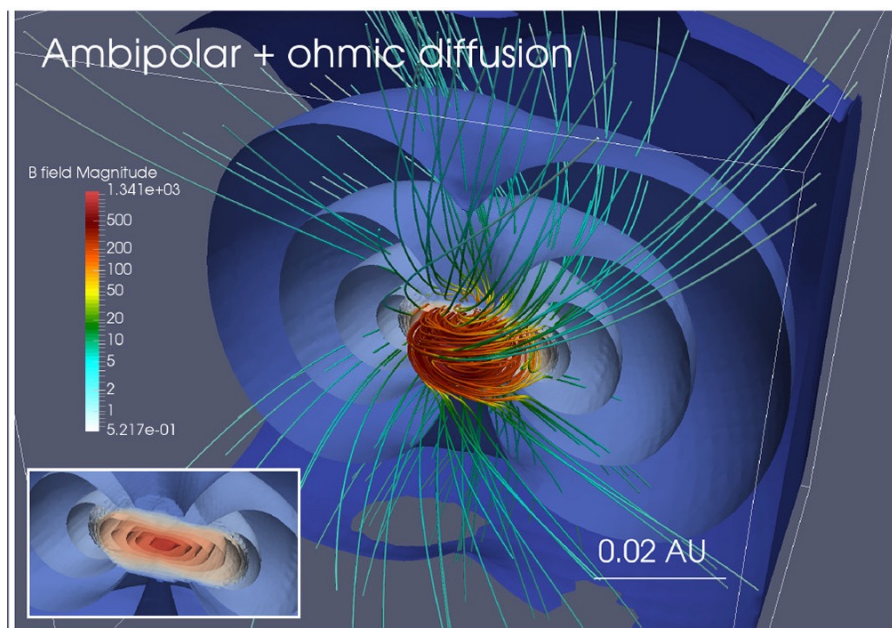
Protostellar core



Greene (2001)

Magnetic field or turbulence?

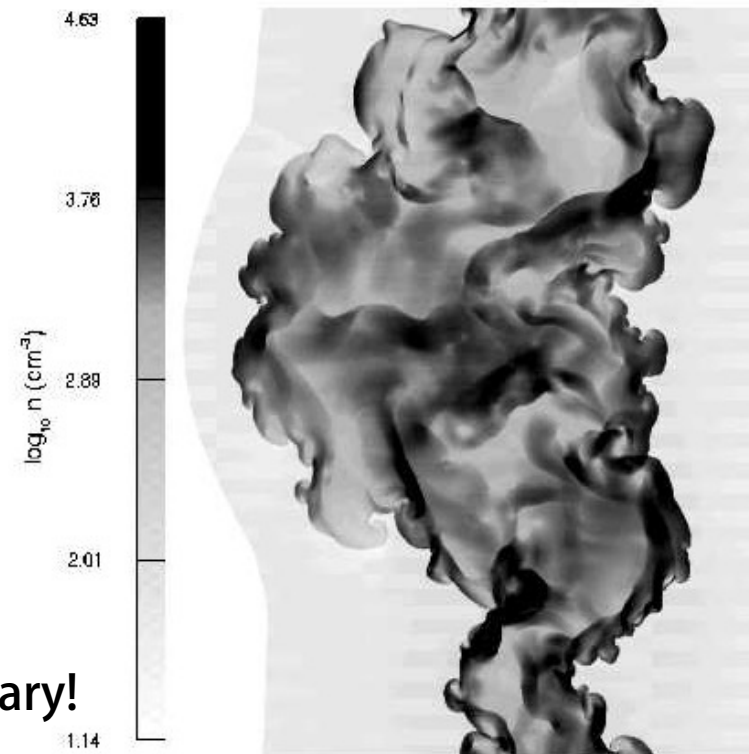
Magnetic field-dominated model
(Mouschovias et al. 2006)
 $G \lesssim B$ to $G \gtrsim B$: ambipolar diffusion



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Observing B is necessary!

Turbulence-dominated model
(Mac Low & Klessen, 2004)
 $G > B$: intersecting turbulent flow
create over-densed region



Mac Low & Klessen, 2004

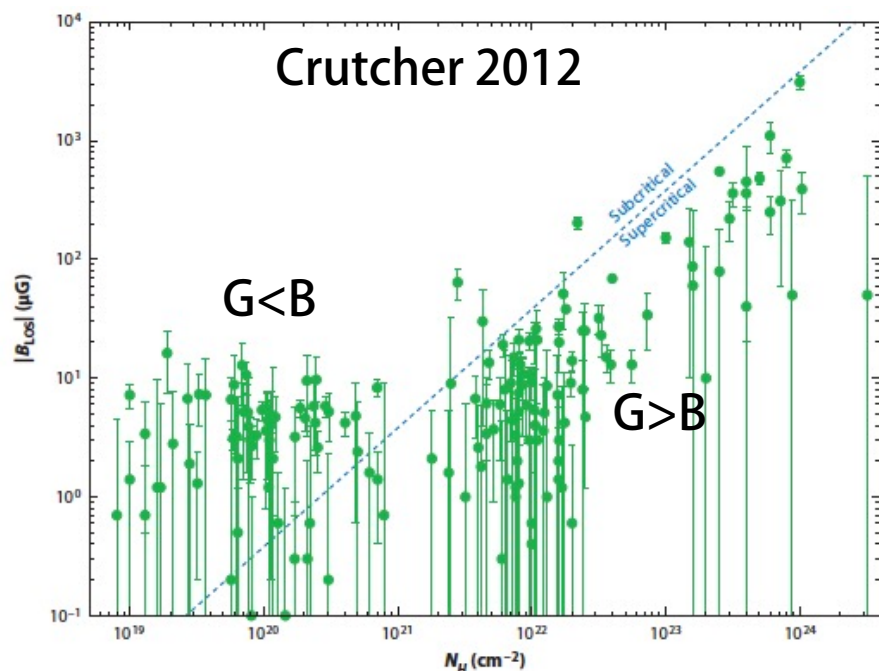
Zeeman observations

Line of sight (LOS) B strength (lower limit)

Compilation (Crutcher 2012):

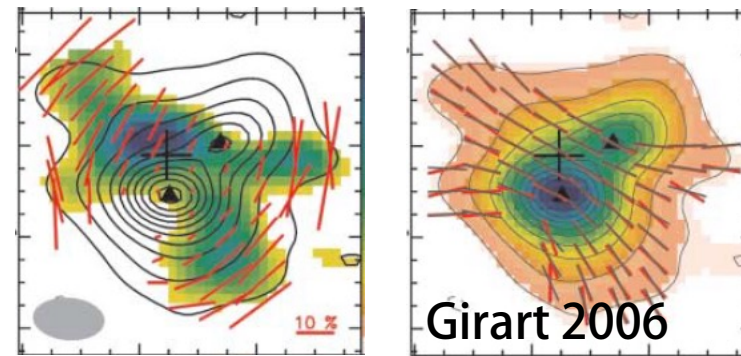
$G > B$ in protostellar cores

$K \gtrsim B$ in protostellar cores



Dust polarization observations

Plane of sky (POS) B orientation



POS B Strength: DCF method

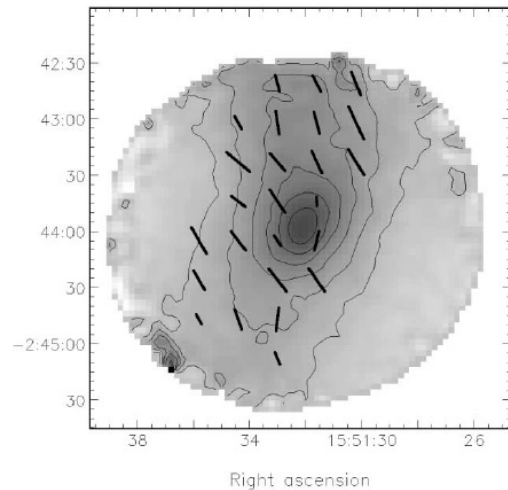
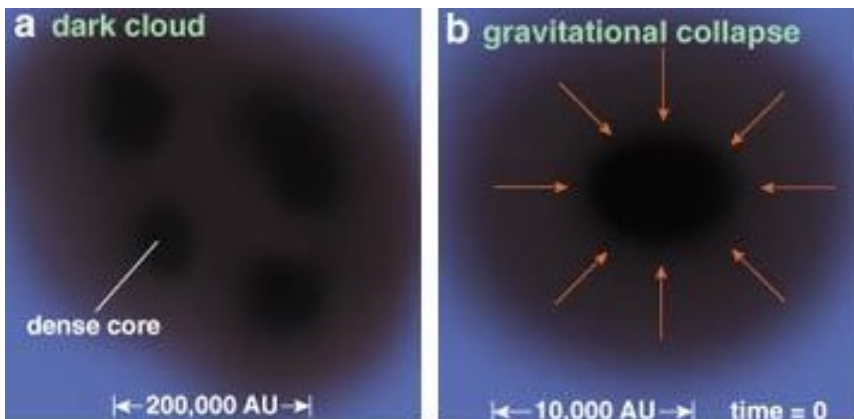
$$B_{\text{pos}} = Q \sqrt{4\pi\rho} \frac{\delta V}{\delta\phi}$$

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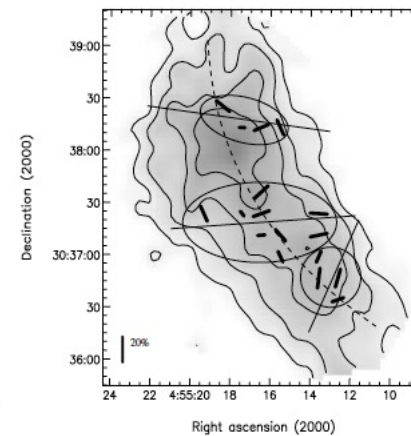
$G > B$ in protostellar cores

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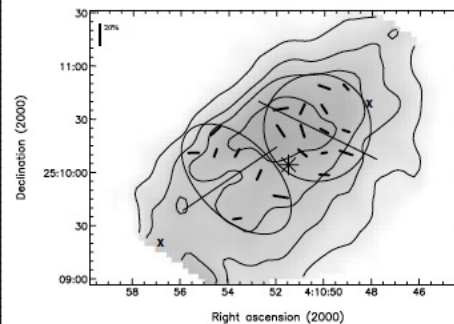
Initial conditions of low-mass star formation



Crutcher 2004: L183.
JCMT SCUPOL

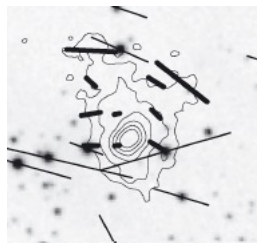


Kirk 2006: L1517B.
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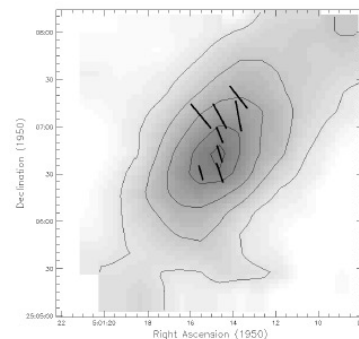


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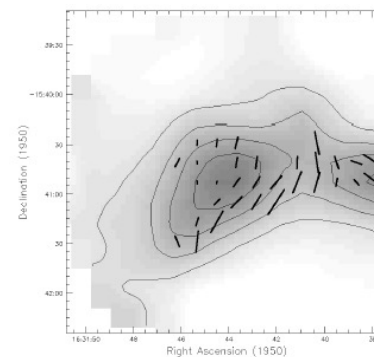
Dynamical states of low-mass starless cores?
Gravity VS B?
Turbulence VS B?



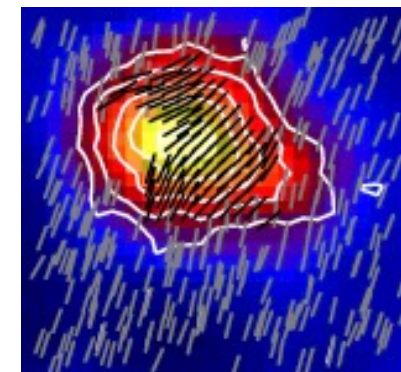
Ward-Thompson 2009:
CB3. JCMT SCUPOL



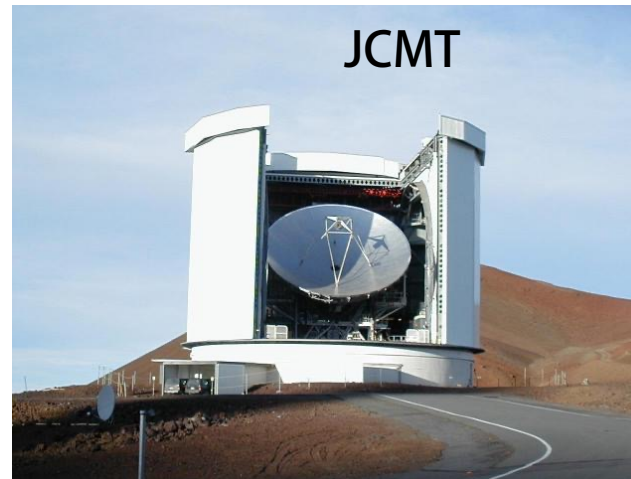
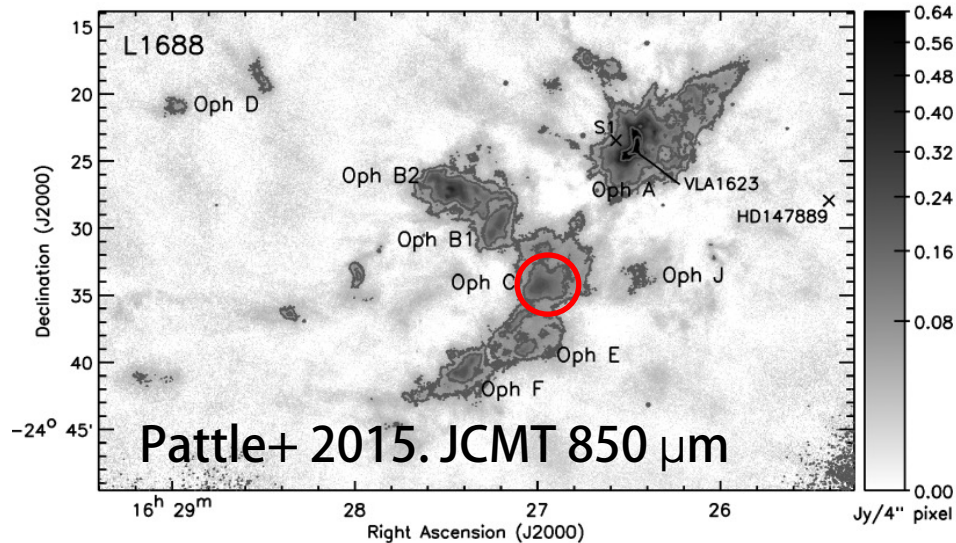
Ward-Thompson 2000:
L1544. JCMT SCUPOL



Ward-Thompson 2000:
L43. JCMT SCUPOL



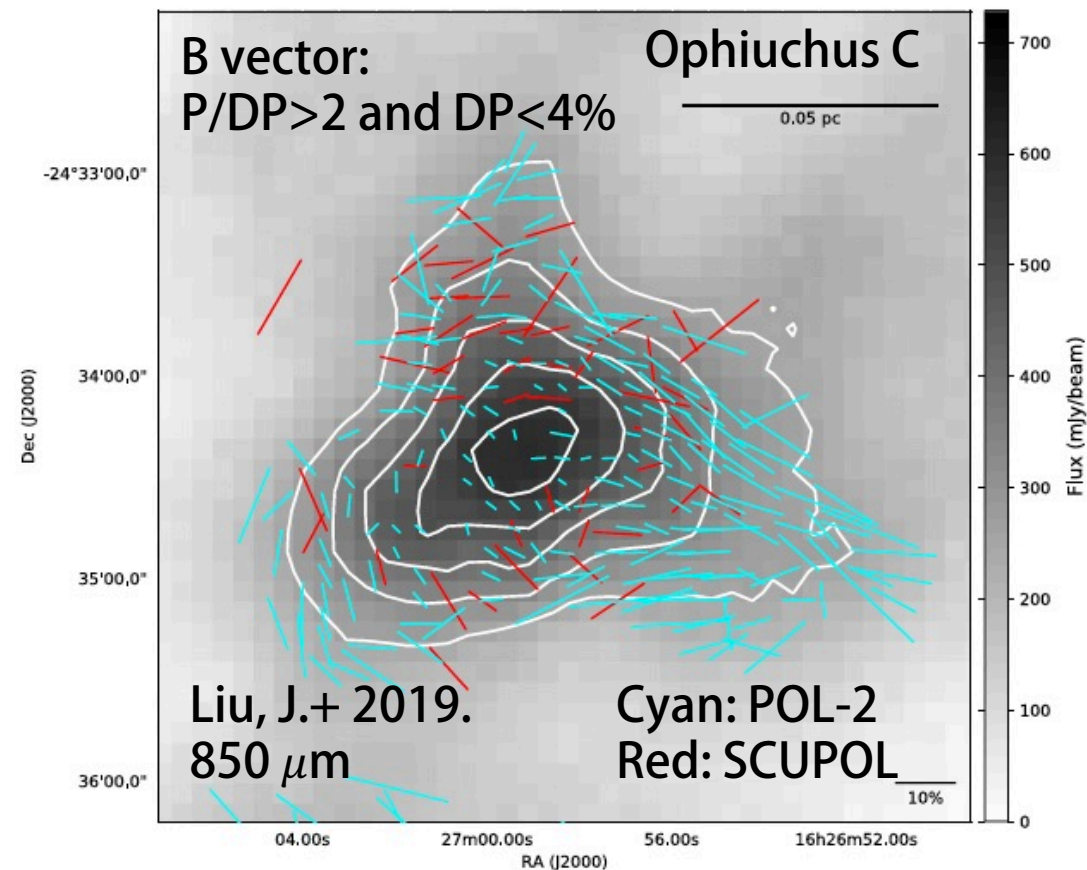
Alves 2014: Pipe-109. APEX



- Low-mass Starless core: $12 M_{\odot}$
- 10 K (Stamatellos 2007).
- Least evolved core in Ophiuchus.

- B-Fields in STar-Forming Region Observations (BISTRO)
- $14''$ ($\sim 0.008 \text{ pc}$) at 125 pc.
- 14 hrs observation. 2 mJy/beam

Collaborators: Keping Qiu (NJU), David Berry (EAO), and other members of the BISTRO team.



Parameter	Description	SF	ACF	UM
$\Delta\theta$ (deg)	Angular dispersion	45 ± 14	34 ± 13	21 ± 7
$\langle\delta B^2\rangle/\langle B_0^2\rangle$	Turbulent-to-ordered magnetic field energy ratio	0.61 ± 0.37	0.35 ± 0.27	0.14 ± 0.09
B_{pos} (μG)	Plane-of-sky magnetic field strength	103 ± 46	136 ± 69	213 ± 115
λ	Observed magnetic stability critical parameter	7.8 ± 5.7	5.9 ± 4.6	3.8 ± 3.0
λ_c	Corrected magnetic stability critical parameter	2.6 ± 1.9	1.9 ± 1.5	1.3 ± 1.0
E_B (10^{35} J)	Total magnetic energy	5.4 ± 4.8	9.5 ± 9.7	23.2 ± 25.0

- Different modified DCF methods:
 - Structure function (SF; Hildebrand 2009)
 - Auto-correlation function (ACF; Houde 2009)
 - Unsharp masking method (UM; Pattle 2017)
- B strength: $\text{UM} > \text{ACF} > \text{SF}$. Similar to the behavior in OMC-1 (Hildebrand 2009, Houde 2009, Pattle 2017)
- $G > B$ and $K \lesssim B$. Consistent with protostellar cores.
- A pilot polarization observation toward a low-mass starless core in BISTRO-1.
- BISTRO-3 covers more low-mass starless cores (L1544, L1498, L1517B, L43, and FeSt 1-453) as a larger sample.

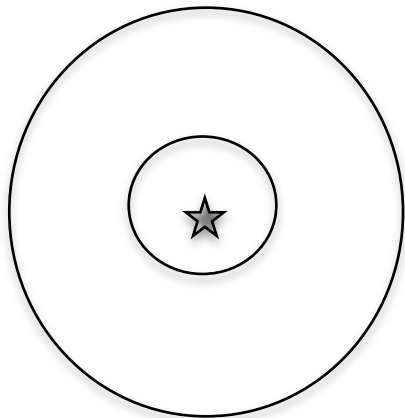
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High-mass star formation

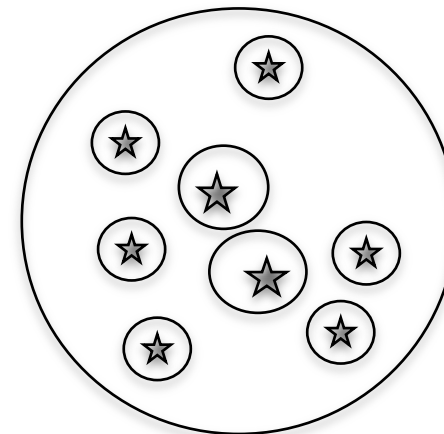
Turbulent core model (McKee & Tan 2002)

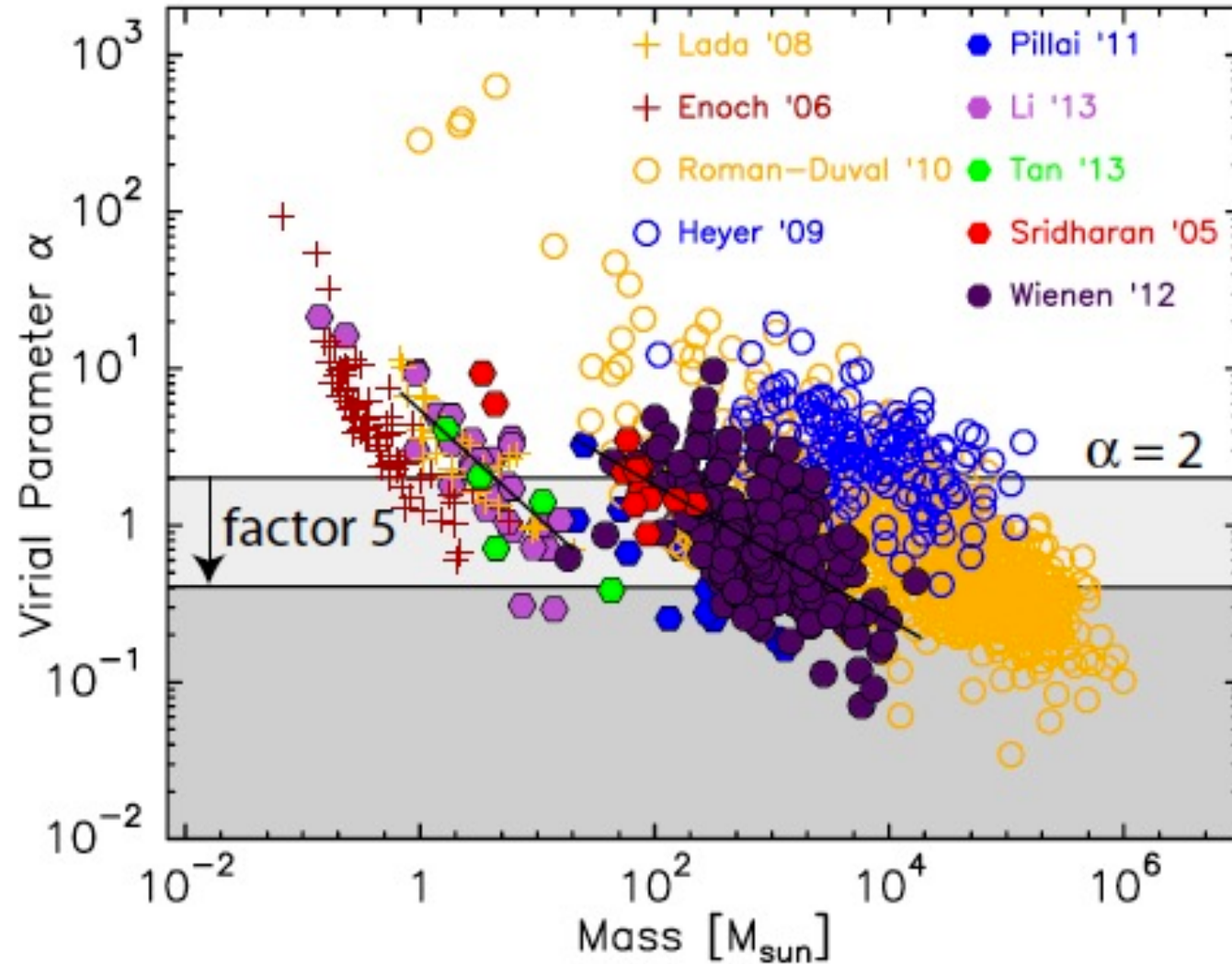
- Scaled-up version of low-mass star formation
- Core in equilibrium.
- K and B support G



Competitive accretion model (Bonnell et al. 1997)

- Competitive accretion of stellar embryos
- Core in non-equilibrium
- K and B cannot support G



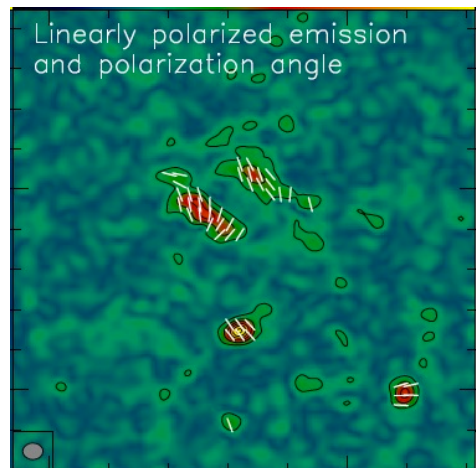
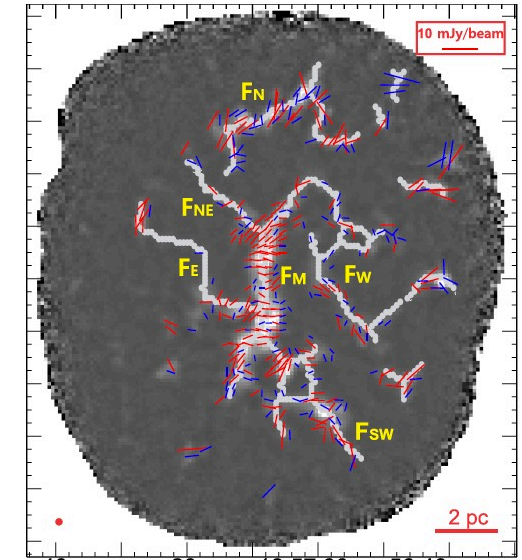
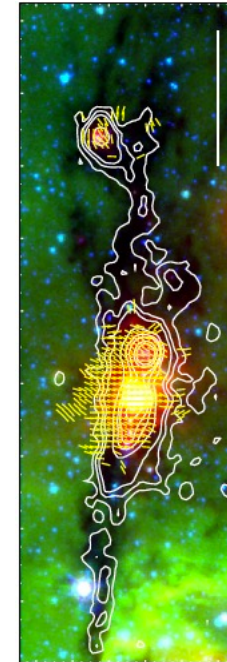
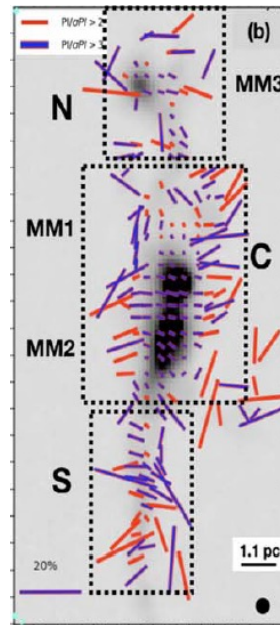
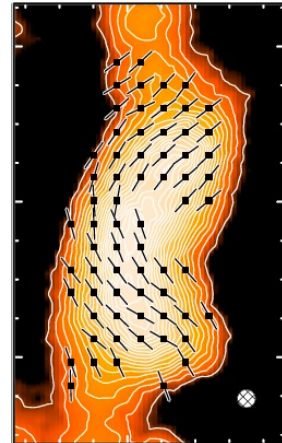
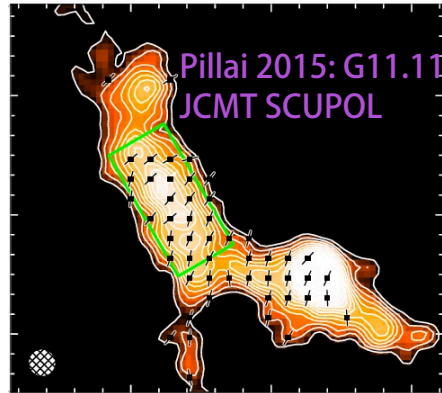


Kauffmann 2013: K cannot solely support G in massive clumps/cores.

How about K+B VS G?

Observing B is necessary!

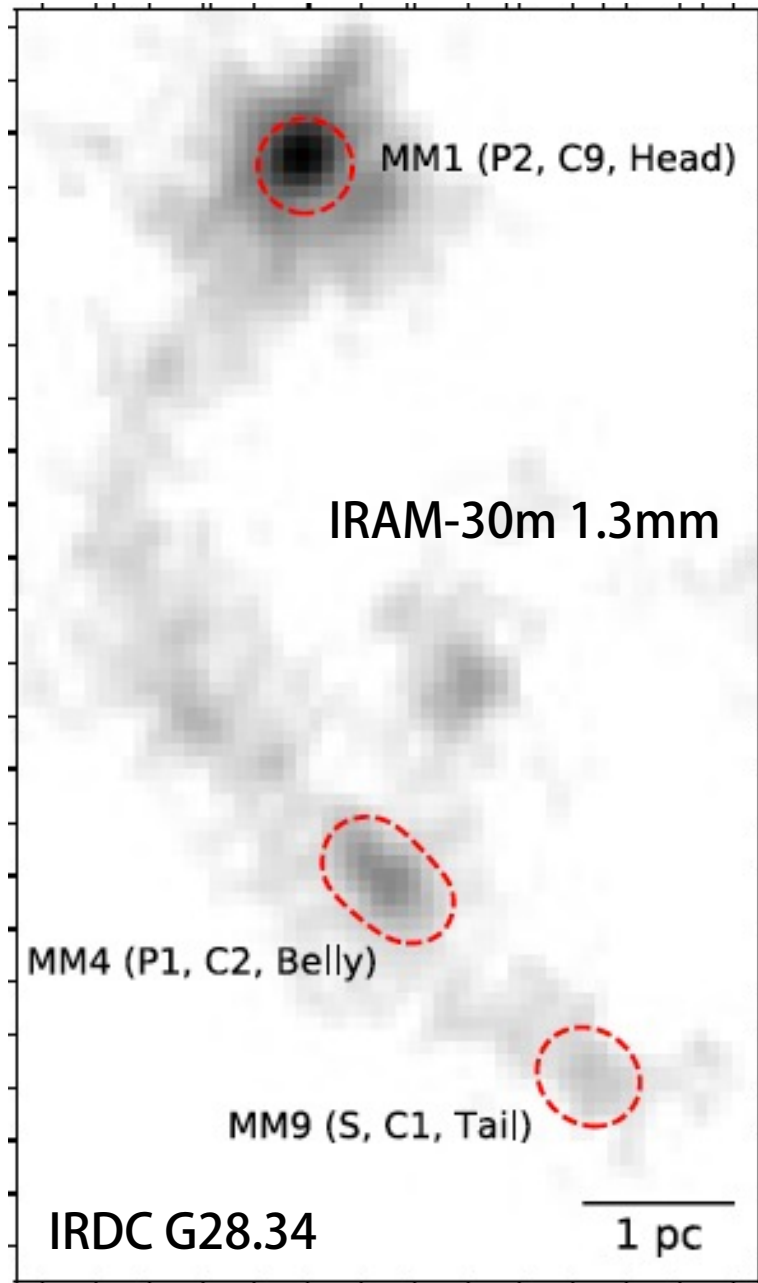
Infrared dark clouds (IRDCs)



Few single-dish polarization observations revealing the clump-scale B field. $G \gtrsim B$. $K \lesssim B$.

Only one interferometer polarization observation of the core-scale B field. Marginal detection.

B in massive cores in IRDCs?



ALMA C1+C3 observations

Resolution 0.6 " – 0.8" (0.015-0.02 pc)

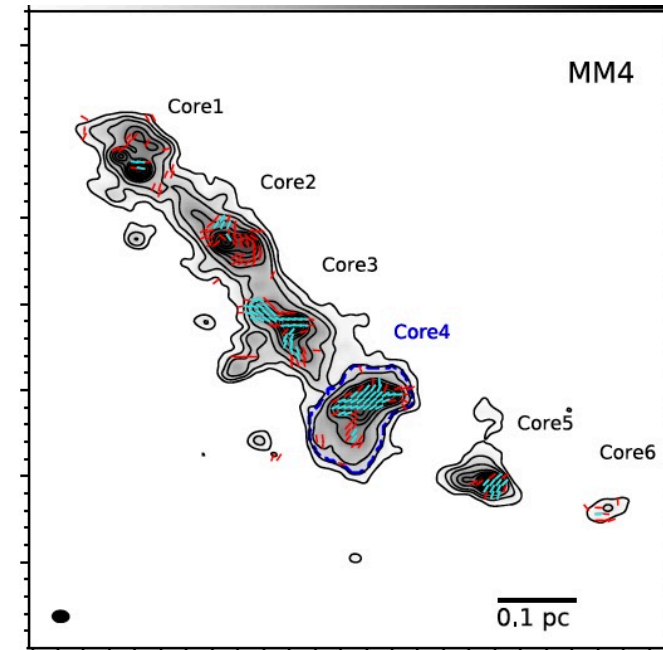
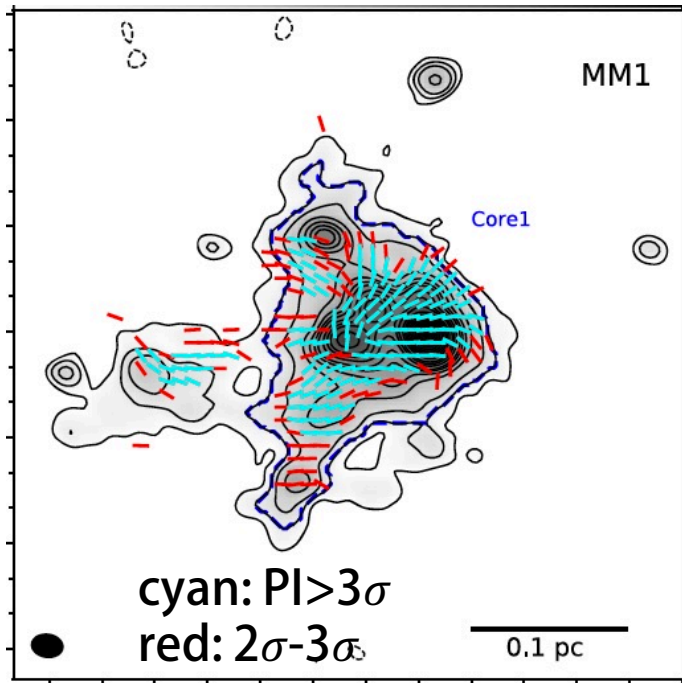
Three massive clumps: MM1, MM4, and MM9

Mass: each $> 100 M_{\odot}$

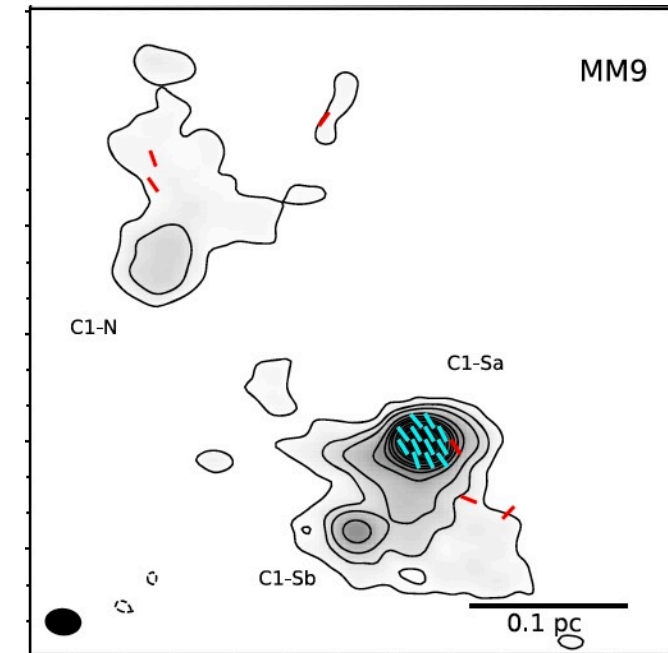
Evolution: MM1 $>$ MM4 $>$ MM9

Zhang+ 2015: MM4 K $<$ G

Collaborators: Qizhou Zhang (CfA), Keping Qiu (NJU), Haiyu Baobab Liu (ASIAA), Thushara Pillai (BU & MPIfR), Josep Girart (ICE & IEEC), Zhi-Yun Li (UVA), and Ke Wang (PKU)



ALMA C1+C3. 1.3mm. Liu, J.+ 2020.



Non-equilibrium massive star formation?

Table 4
Physical Parameters Relevant to the ADF Analysis

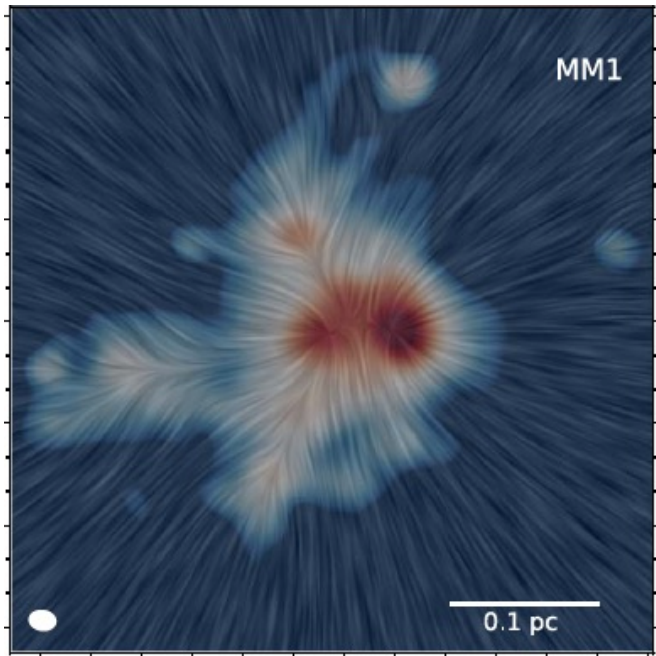
Source	n_{H_2} (10^6 cm^{-3})	σ_{turb} (km s^{-1})	$(\langle B_t^2 \rangle / \langle B_0^2 \rangle)^{\frac{1}{2}}$	B_{pos} (mG)	δ ($^\circ$)	N	Q_c^{fa}
MM1-Core1	3.2	1.4	1.2	1.6	0.53	4.1	0.50
MM4-Core4	1.1	0.46	1.2	0.32	0.38	6.9	0.38

Source	$\sigma_{\text{th},3\text{D}}$ (km s^{-1})	$\sigma_{\text{turb},3\text{D}}$ (km s^{-1})	$V_{\text{A},3\text{D}}$ (km s^{-1})	M M_\odot	M_{th} M_\odot	M_{turb} (M_\odot)	M_{B} (M_\odot)	$M_{\text{B}}^{\text{mod}}$ (M_\odot)	$M_{\text{k+B}}$ (M_\odot)	$M_{\text{k+B}}^{\text{mod}}$ (M_\odot)	$\alpha_{\text{k+B}}$	$\alpha_{\text{k+B}}^{\text{mod}}$
MM1-Core1	0.33	2.42	1.5	212.4	1.9	102.8	61.1	95.5	132.8	161.2	0.63	0.76
MM4-Core4	0.24	0.80	0.51	42.6	0.58	6.6	7.3	11.4	11.8	15.6	0.28	0.37

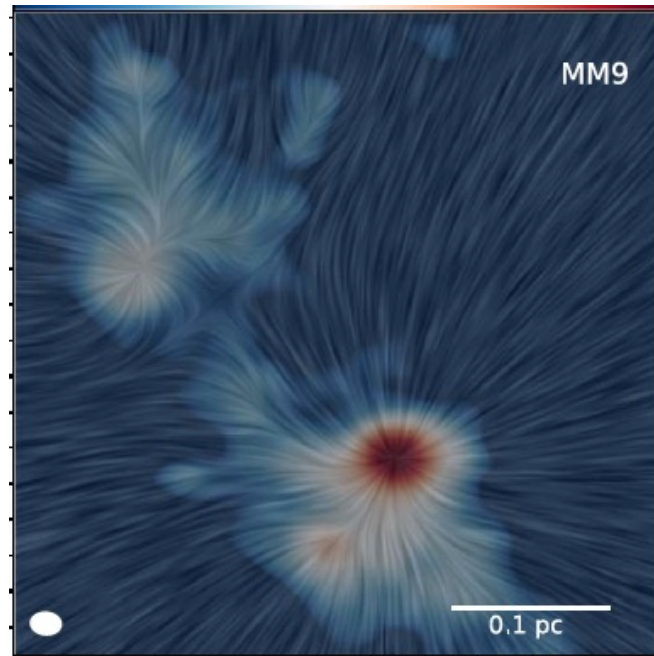
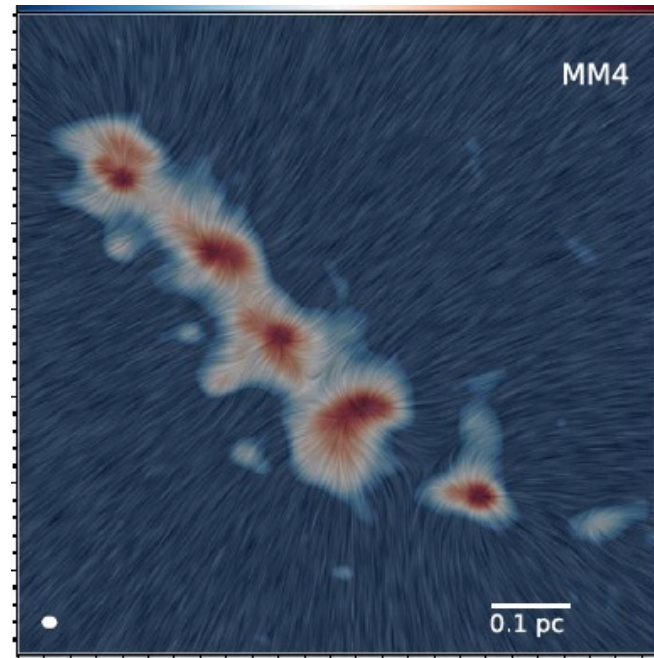
$\alpha < 1!$

- B strength estimated with the angular dispersion function method (Houde 2016)
- Massive cores in non-equilibrium. $\alpha < 1$.
- Virial parameter in MM1-Core1 larger than that in MM4-Core4. α increases as core evolves?
- The only B virial analysis of massive dense cores at ~ 0.1 pc in IRDCs

Competitive accretion model: non-equilibrium
Turbulent core model: equilibrium

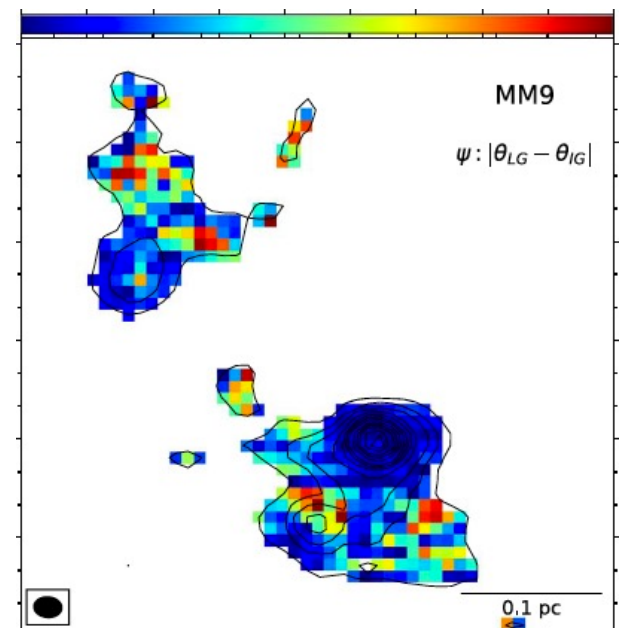
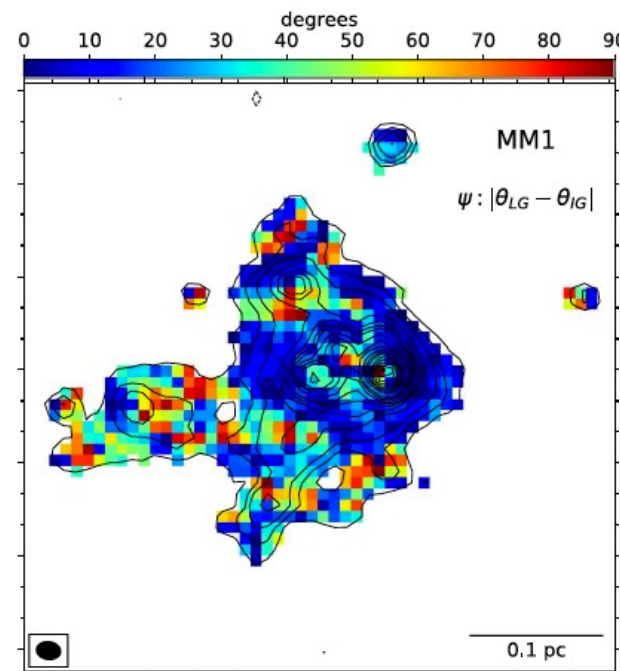
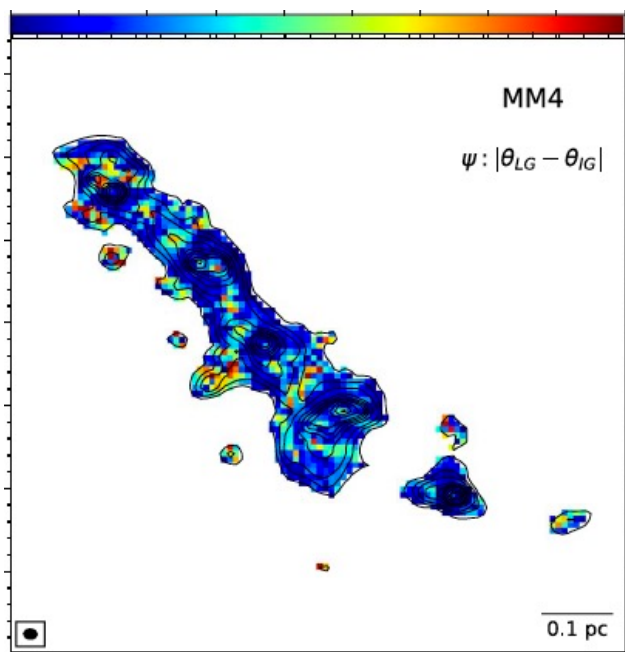


Gravity directions



Average orientation between local gravity (LG) and intensity gradient (IG):
 30° , 22° , and 28° for MM1, MM4, and MM9, respectively

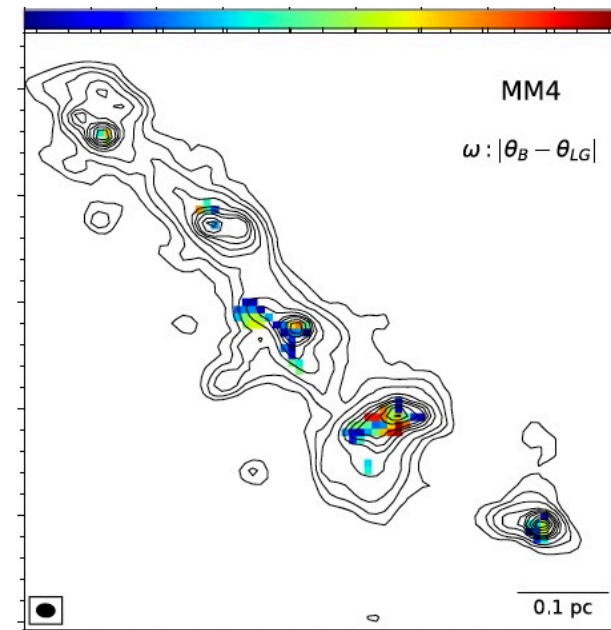
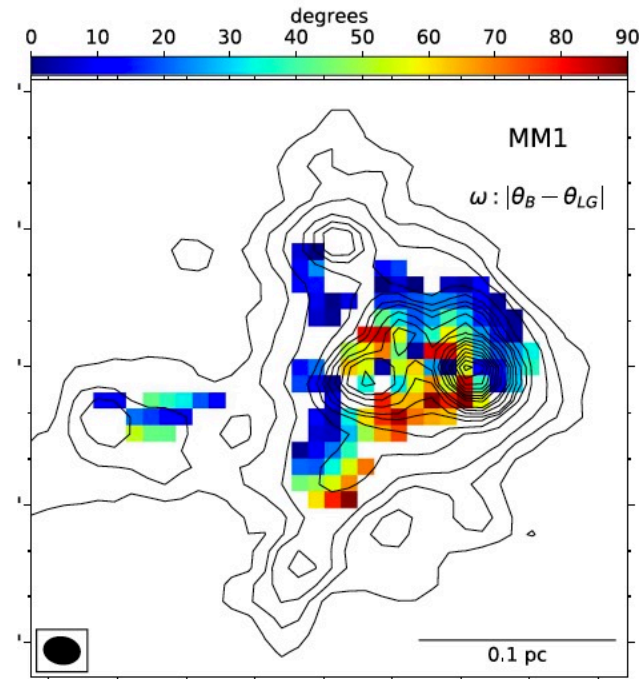
Intensity gradient tend to be aligned with local gravity

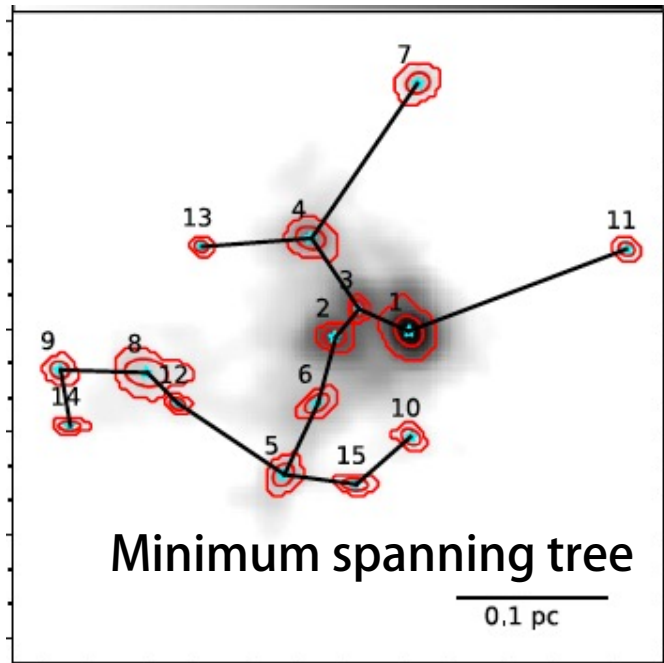
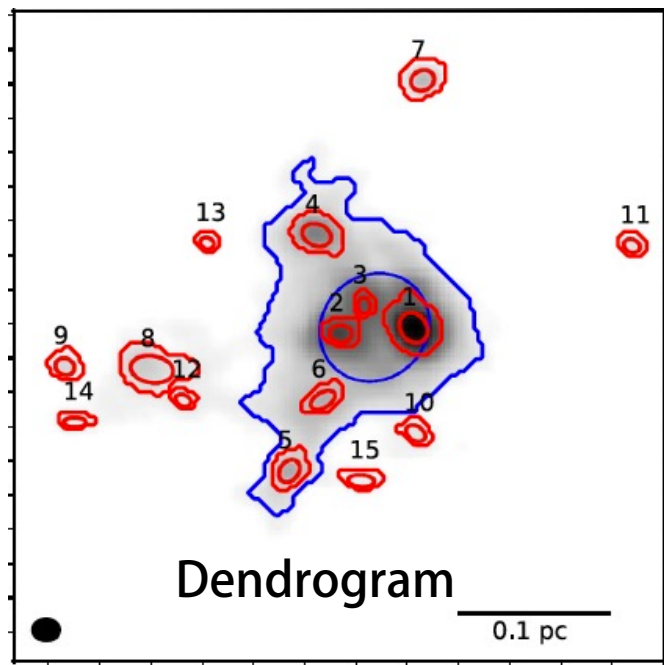


Average orientation difference
between B and LG:

34° and 36° for MM1 and MM4,
respectively

B and gravity poorly aligned toward
the peak, well aligned toward the edge





Fragmentation in MM1

Turbulent Jeans mass
309 M_{\odot}

Turbulent Jeans length
0.14 pc

Average mass
14.3 M_{\odot}

Corrected average
separation 0.069 pc

Thermal Jeans mass
0.76 M_{\odot}

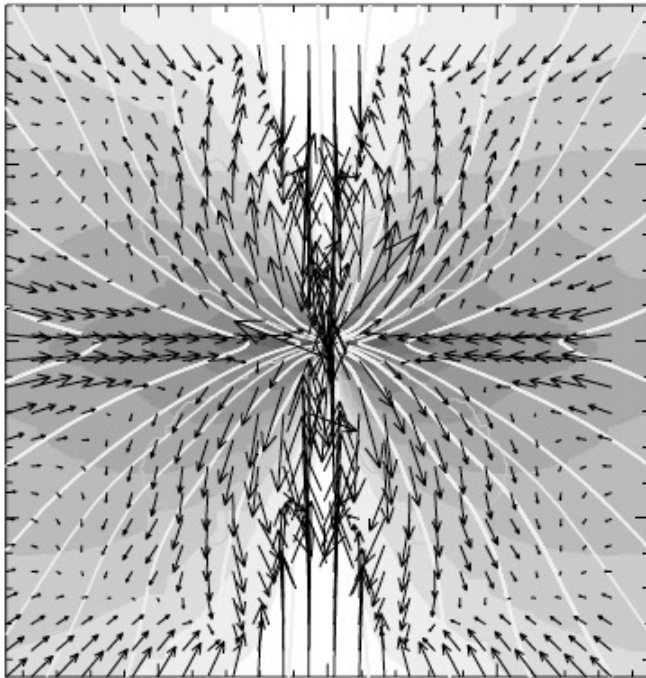
Turbulent Jeans length
0.019 pc

Deviation from initial environment

B VS outflow

Theories and simulations

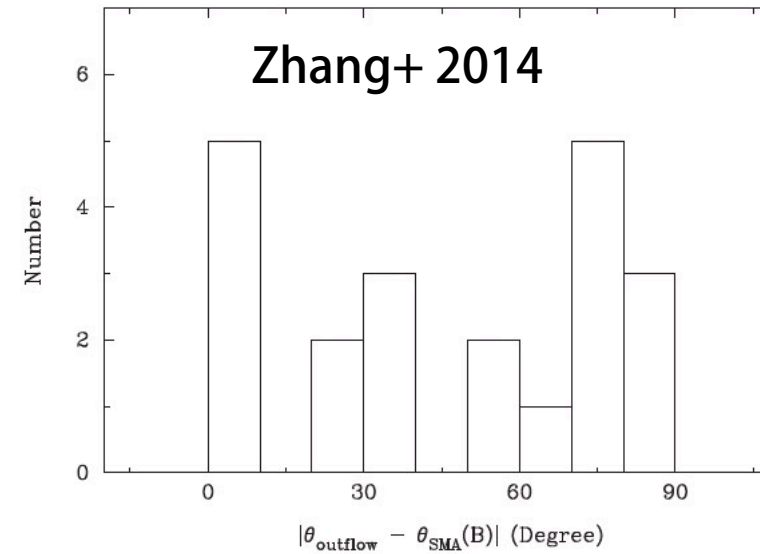
Outflows related to disk-scale B
Strong B can align outflows

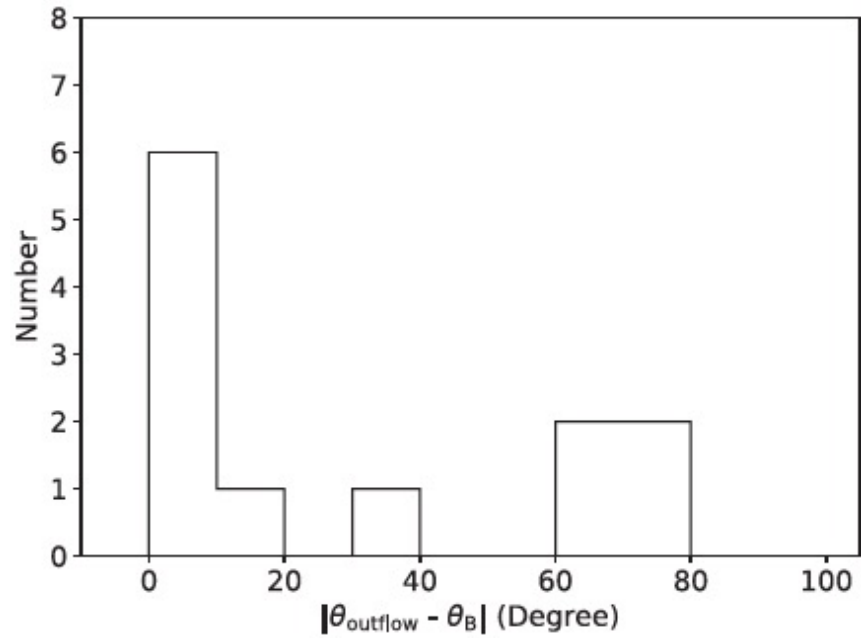


Banerjee 2006

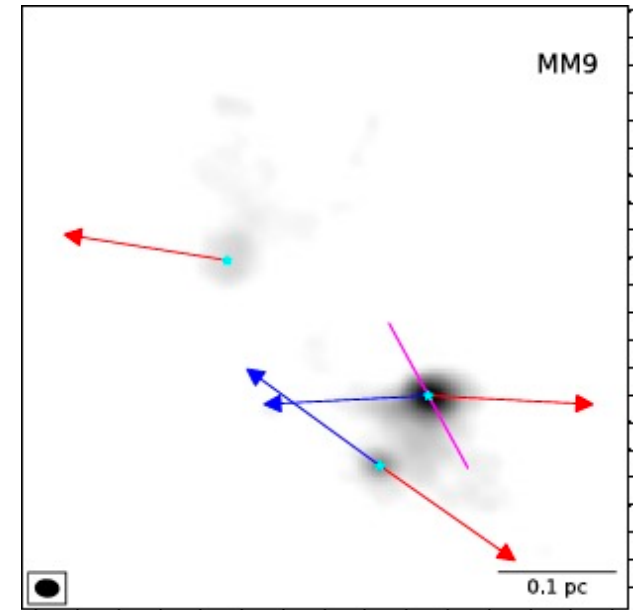
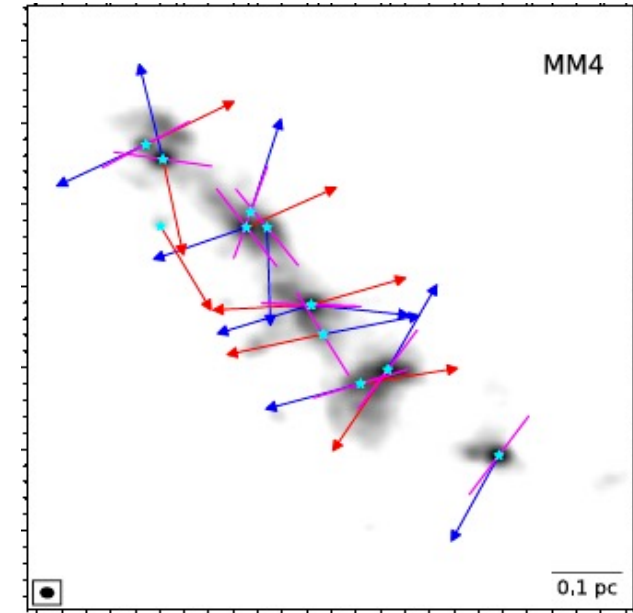
Observations

No strong relation between
core-scale B and outflows in
evolved massive clumps





Red and blue: outflow
Magenta: average B



B VS outflows in MM4 and MM9

- Half aligned
- B plays an important role from condensation to disk scale in early stage?

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The Davis-Chandrasekhar-Fermi (DCF) method

Popularity

The most widely used method to estimate the Plane-of-sky B strength (B_{pos}) from dust polarization observations

1951PhRv...81..890D

1951/03 cited: 116

[The Strength of Interstellar Magnetic Fields](#)

Davis, Leverett

1953ApJ...118..113C

1953/07 cited: 542

[Magnetic Fields in Spiral Arms.](#)

Chandrasekhar, S.; Fermi, E.

Components of magnetic fields

Total (rms) B: $B^{\text{tot}} = \langle B^2 \rangle^{1/2}$

Mean (uniform) B: $B^{\text{u}} = \langle B \rangle$

Turbulent B: $B^{\text{t}} = (\langle B^2 \rangle - \langle B \rangle^2)^{1/2}$

Four assumptions of the DCF method

- 1. The mean (uniform or ordered) B component B^u is prominent (i.e., small angle approximation, $B^t \ll B^u \sim B^{\text{tot}}$)

- 2. Alfvénic B perturbation. i.e., turbulent kinetic energy $E_K^t =$ turbulent magnetic energy E_B^t

$$E_K^t = \rho V \delta v^2 / 2 = E_B^t = (B^t)^2 V / (2\mu_0)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$B_{\text{pos}\perp}^t = \sqrt{\mu_0 \rho} \delta v_{\text{pos}\perp}$$

- 3. Isotropic turbulence $B_{\text{pos}\perp}^t = \sqrt{\mu_0 \rho} \delta v_{\text{pos}\perp}$

$$\delta v_{\text{pos}\perp}^2 = \delta v_{\text{pos}\parallel}^2 = \delta v_{\text{los}}^2 = \delta v_{3d}^2 / 3 \downarrow$$

$$B_{\text{pos}\perp}^t = \sqrt{\mu_0 \rho} \delta v_{\text{los}}$$

$$B_{\text{pos}}^u = \sqrt{\mu_0 \rho} \frac{\delta v_{\text{los}}}{B_{\text{pos}\perp}^t / B_{\text{pos}}^u}$$

$$B_{\text{pos}}^{\text{tot}} = \sqrt{\mu_0 \rho} \frac{\delta v_{\text{los}}}{B_{\text{pos}\perp}^t / B_{\text{pos}}^{\text{tot}}}$$

- 4. Ratios of B components (B^t / B^{tot} or B^t / B^u) traced by angular dispersions

$$B_{\text{pos}\perp}^t / B_{\text{pos}}^u \sim \delta(\tan \phi) \quad B_{\text{pos}\perp}^t / B_{\text{pos}}^{\text{tot}} \sim \delta(\sin \phi)$$

DCF Equation

$B_{\text{pos}}^{\text{tot}}$ or B_{pos}^u can be estimated with the density, the line-of-sight turbulent velocity dispersion, and the angular dispersion

$$B_{\text{pos}}^{\text{tot,dcf}} \sim \sqrt{\mu_0 \rho} \frac{\delta v_{\text{los}}}{\delta(\sin \phi)}$$

$$B_{\text{pos}}^{u,\text{dcf}} \sim \sqrt{\mu_0 \rho} \frac{\delta v_{\text{los}}}{\delta(\tan \phi)}$$

Small angle approximation $\sim \sqrt{\mu_0 \rho} \frac{\delta v_{\text{los}}}{\delta \phi}$

Test the DCF method with simulations

The estimated B strength may deviate from the true B strength due to non-satisfaction of the DCF assumptions.

Correction factors (Q_c) from simulations are required (e.g., ~ 0.5 for B_{pos}^u , Ostriker 2001):

$$B_{\text{true}} = Q_c B_{\text{estimated}}$$

None of the previous simulations have conditions comparable to small-scale regions with high-density and significant self-gravity.

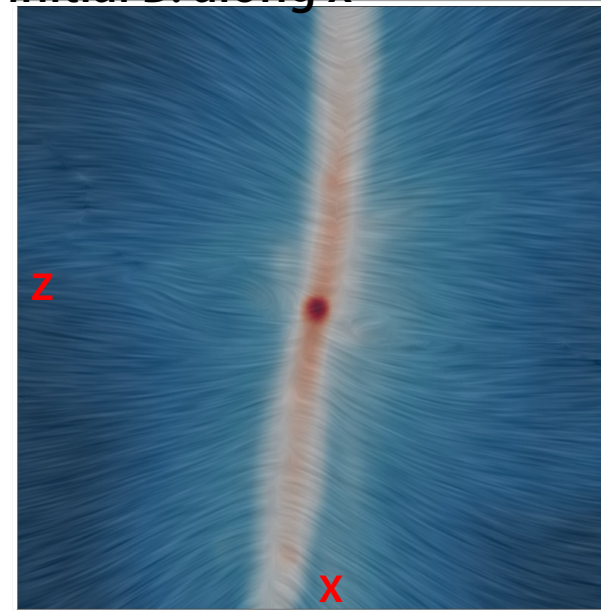
Previous simulations on DCF	Box length (pc)	Resolution	Gravity	Application
Ostriker 2001	8	256^3	Yes	ISM, clouds and clumps
Padoan 2001	6.25	128^3	Yes	ISM, clouds and clumps
Heitsch 2001	Scale-free	128^3 - 512^3	No	Inside clouds. No significant gravity
Falceta-Gonalves 2008	Scale-free	512^3	No	Inside clouds. No significant gravity

Our simulations

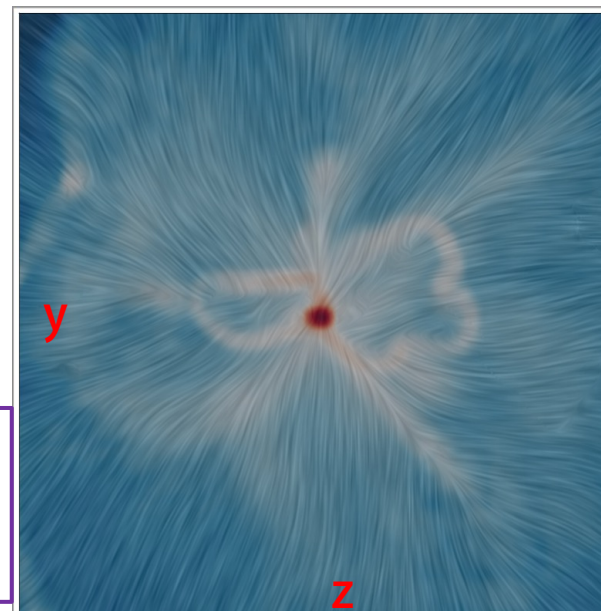
- Simulations of clustered massive star-forming regions (Box size $\sim 1\text{-}2$ pc)
- Ideal MHD simulation (RAMSES) + dust heating and radiative transfer simulation (POLARIS). Some MHD simulations adopted from Fontani 2018
- Different initial turbulent levels (\mathcal{M} : 1-6.4) and magnetic levels (μ : 1.2-200): 11 models
- Adaptive Mesh Refinement (AMR). Resolution down to 13 AU.
- Consider 2 time snapshots for each model
 - First sink (protostar) forms
 - SFE=15%

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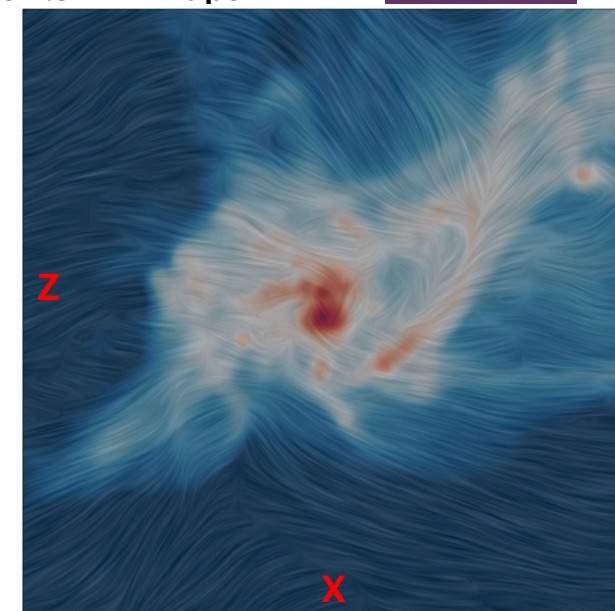
Initial B: along x



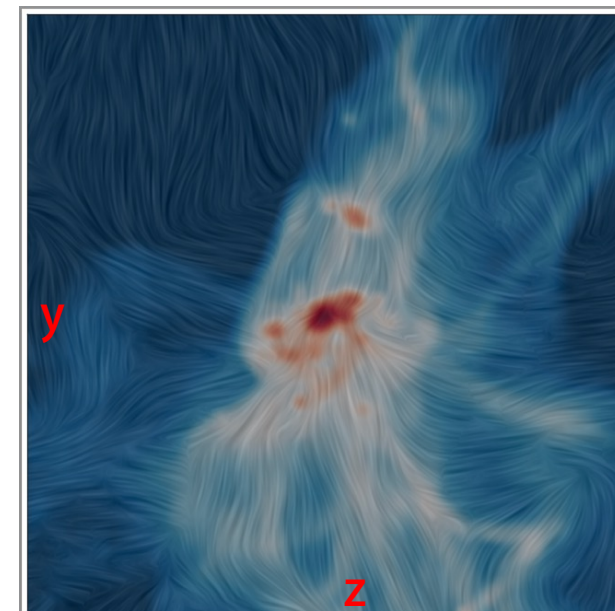
$\mathcal{M}=1$, weak turbulence
 $\mu = 1.2$, strong B



Synthetic 1.3mm maps



$\mathcal{M}=6.4$, strong turbulence
 $\mu = 200$, weak B



Test assumptions of the DCF method

1. The mean B component is prominent (small angle approximation)?

Only required for deriving B^u , not required for deriving B^{tot}

2. Energy equipartition?

Only satisfied in strong field cases. The B strength can be significantly overestimated in weak field cases

3. Isotropic turbulence?

Yes. Within a factor of ~ 2

4. B components ratio traced by angular dispersions?

Yes. With some criteria: $R > 0.1$ pc. $\delta\phi < 25^\circ$ for B^t/B^u . Avoid using $\delta(\tan\phi)$ or $\tan\delta\phi$ for B^t/B^u .

Factors affecting the measured angular dispersion

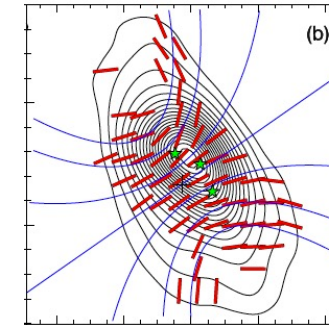
- Contribution from large-scale ordered field structure
 - Fit with specific field model (e.g., Girart 2006, Myers 2018)
 - The angular dispersion function (ADF) method: structure function (SF, Hildebrand 2009); auto-correlation function (ACF, Houde 2009, 2016)
 - The unsharp masking method (Pattle 2017)
 - The spatial filtering method (Pillai 2015)

- Signal integration and averaging along the line of sight
 - The ADF method (Houde 2009 , 2016)
 - The CY16 method (Cho & Yoo 2016)

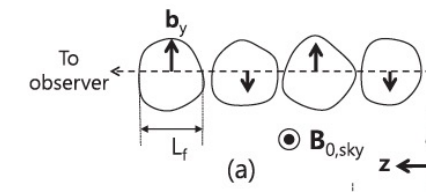
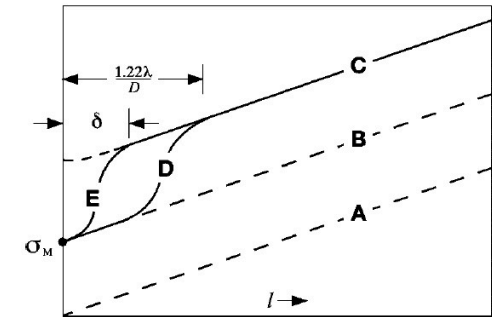
- Contribution at scales smaller than turbulent correlation scale
 - The ADF method (Houde 2009 , 2016)

- Observation: Beam smoothing and interferometer filtering
 - The ADF method (Houde 2016)

Qiu 2014

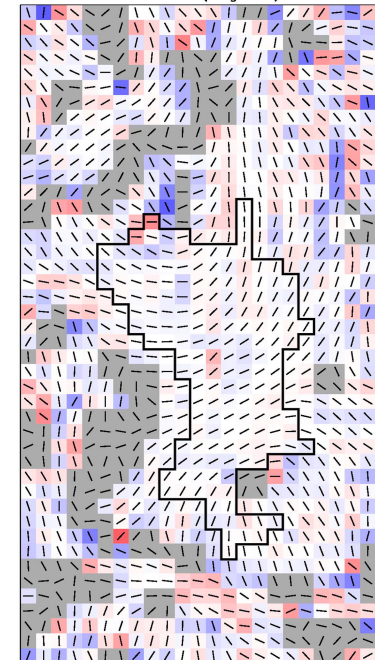


Hildebrand 2009



Cho & Yoo 2016

Residuals (degrees)



Pattle 2017

Test the ADF method on factors affecting the measured angular dispersion

1. Ordered field structure

Works well

2. Signal integration along the line of sight

May not be applicable in most cases

3. Effect of turbulence correlation

Did not test

4. Observation: Beam-smoothing and interferometric filtering

Works well

The Cho & Yoo 2016 method works well for line-of-sight signal integration at $R > 0.1$ pc.

Discussion: compare B with turbulence (my recent thoughts)

- Compare B^u with turbulence: B^t/B^u
 - DCF is not applicable when $B^t/B^u > 1$, so the derived uniform B energy $>$ turbulent kinetic energy
- Limitation of random fields: Angular dispersion cannot trace $B^t/B^u > 1$
 - Dispersion of random ϕ : $52^\circ < 1$
 - Average of $\cos\phi$ for random ϕ : 0.64
 - Maximum value of B^t/B^u and B^t/B^{tot} derivable from the ADF method are 0.76 and 0.6, respectively. (a_2 should > 0)

$$1 - \langle \cos[\Delta\Phi(l)] \rangle \simeq a_2' l^2 + \left(\frac{\langle B_t^2 \rangle}{\langle B^2 \rangle} \right)_{\text{or adf}}$$

- Compare B^{tot} with turbulence
 - The energy equipartition assumption ($E_K^t = E_B^t$) of DCF implicitly assumes the total B energy ($E_B^{\text{tot}} = E_B^u + E_B^t$) $>$ turbulent kinetic energy (E_K^t).

Conclusion: B derived from the DCF method may not be properly compared with turbulence? (arguable)

Discussion: compare B with gravity

- Most previous DCF studies only derived the uniform B strength B^u
- If there is significant turbulent B energy, only comparing uniform B with gravity (i.e., use B^u in the derivation of mass-to-flux ratio to critical value) might underestimate the B support
- Suggestion: consider to use B^{tot} instead of B^u in the comparison

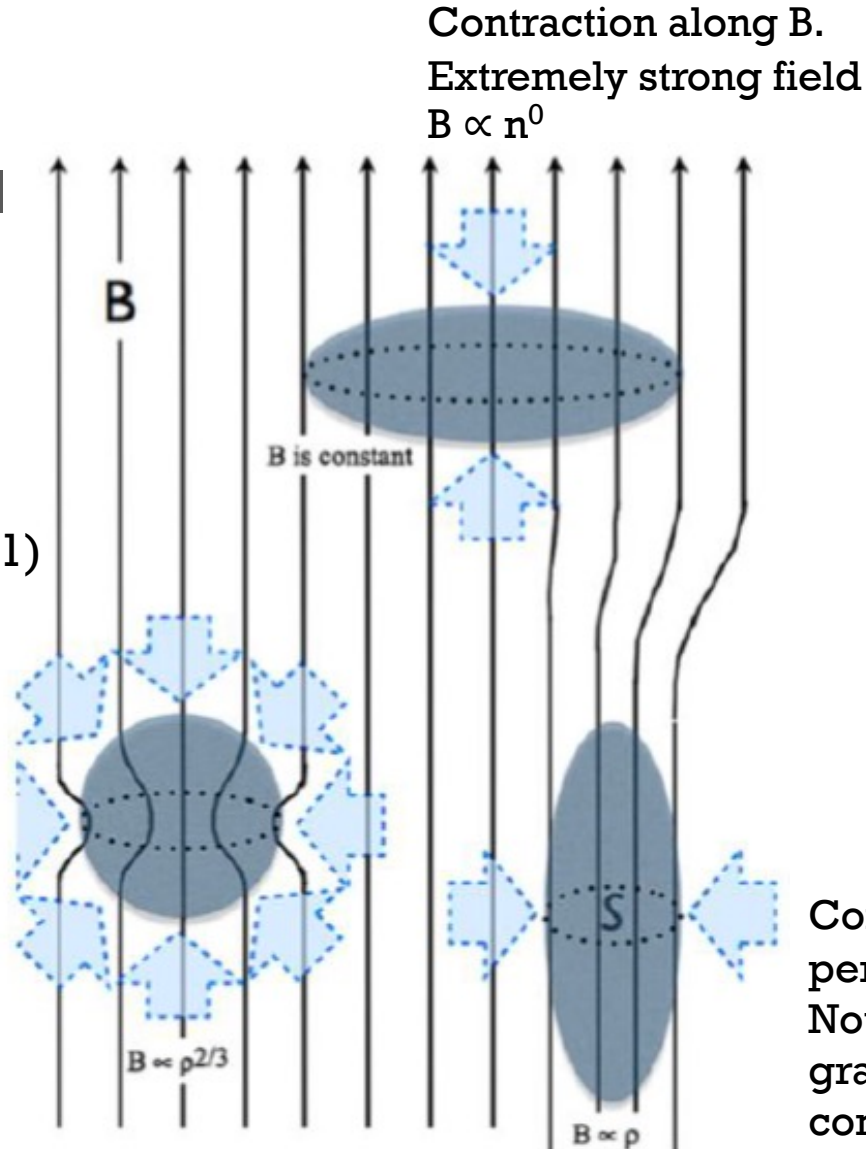
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+ B-n relation: $B \propto n^i$

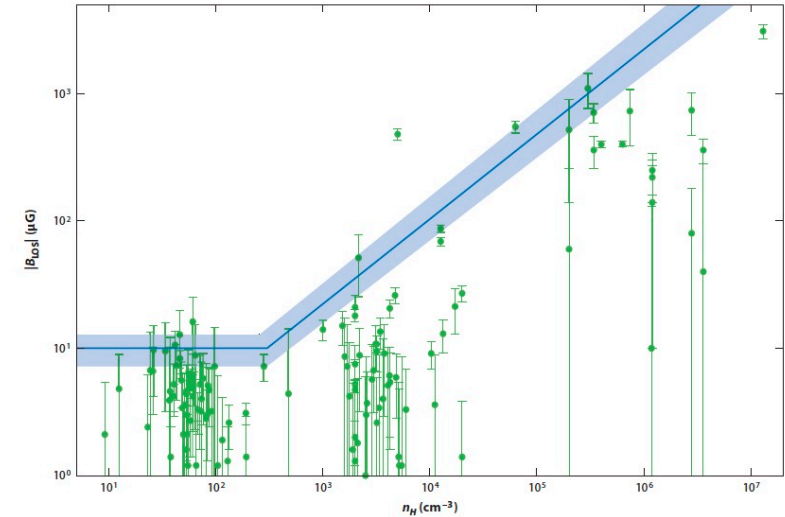
■ Textbook model

Li, H. (2021)



Isotropical contraction.
Extremely weak field.
 $B \propto n^{2/3}$

Contraction
perpendicular to B
Not happen in
gravitational
contraction



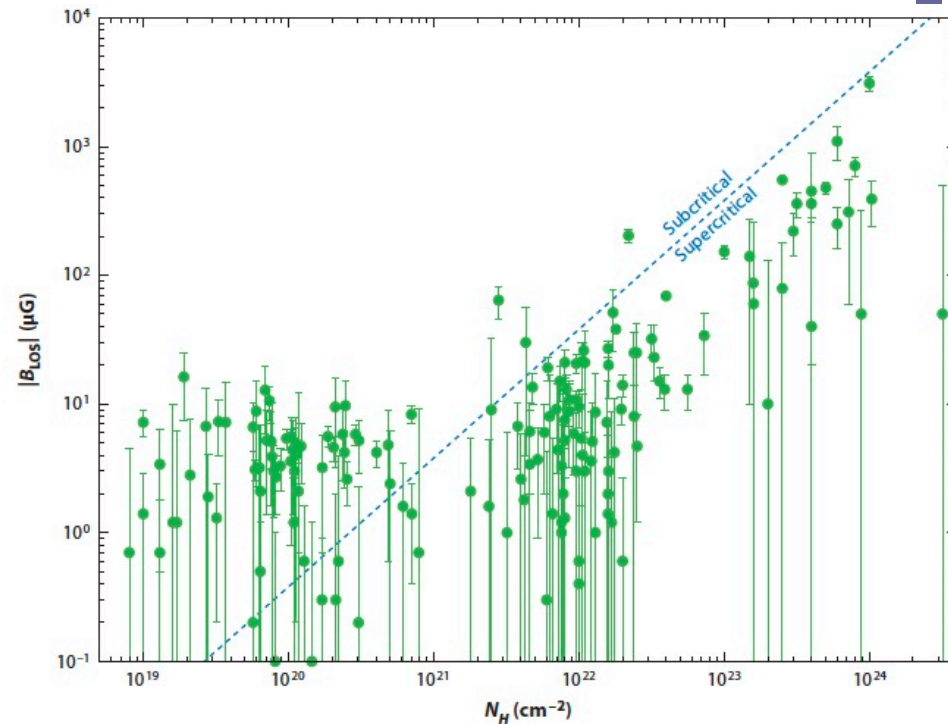
Crutcher 2012. $B \propto n^{0.65}$.
Compilation of Zeeman observations.



B-N relation: supercritical or subcritical

- Mass-to-flux-ratio-to-critical-value

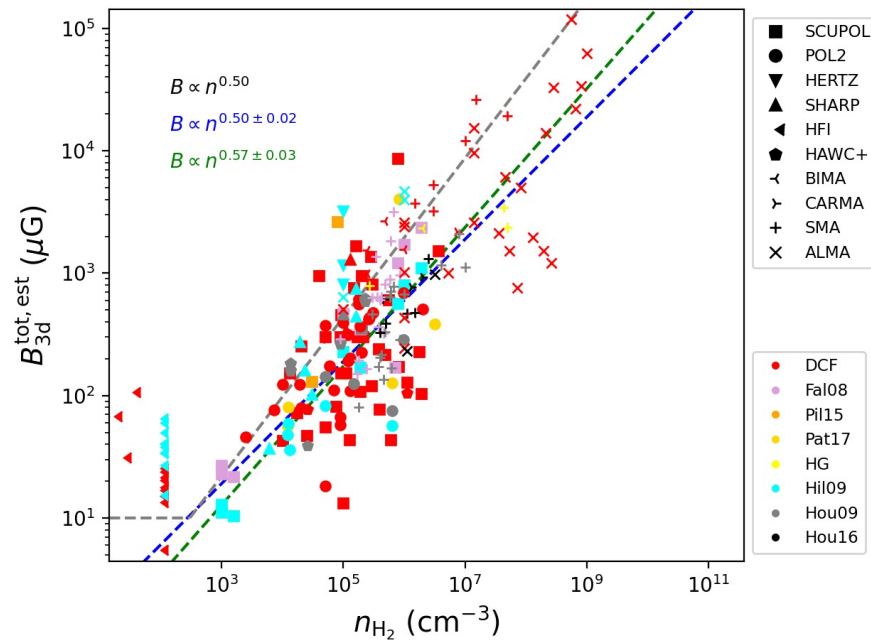
$$\lambda = \frac{(M/\Phi)_{\text{observed}}}{(M/\Phi)_{\text{crit}}} = \frac{mNA/BA}{1/2\pi\sqrt{G}} = 7.6 \times 10^{-21} \frac{N(\text{H}_2)}{B}$$



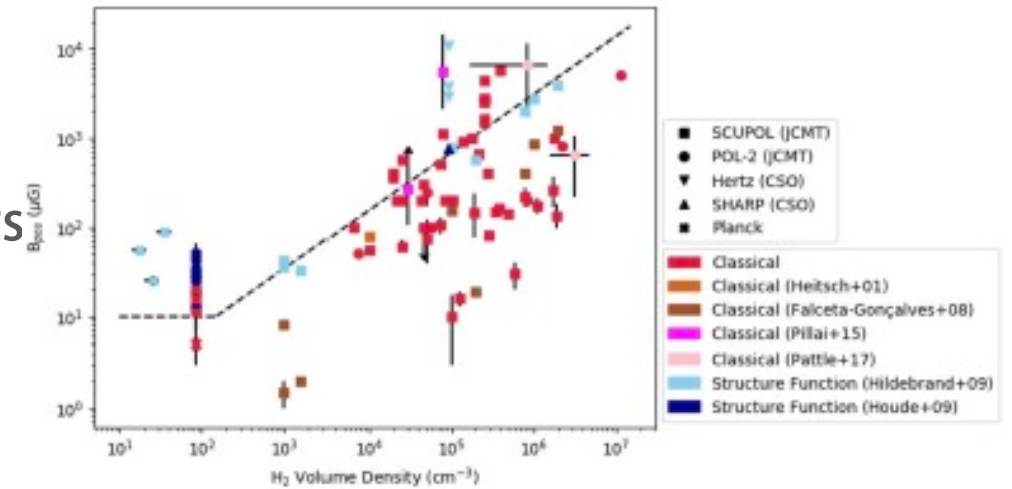
Crutcher 2012. Compilation of Zeeman observations

A compilation of previous DCF estimations

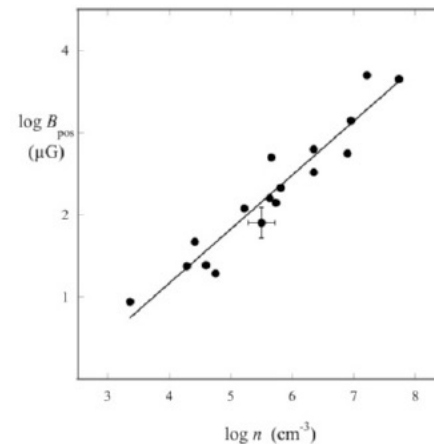
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- Investigate the B-n and B-N relation.



Our preliminary results
on the B-n relation



Pattle+ (2019). A compilation of B-n
relation from previous single-dish
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Myers+ (2021). B-n relation
from DCF estimations of 17
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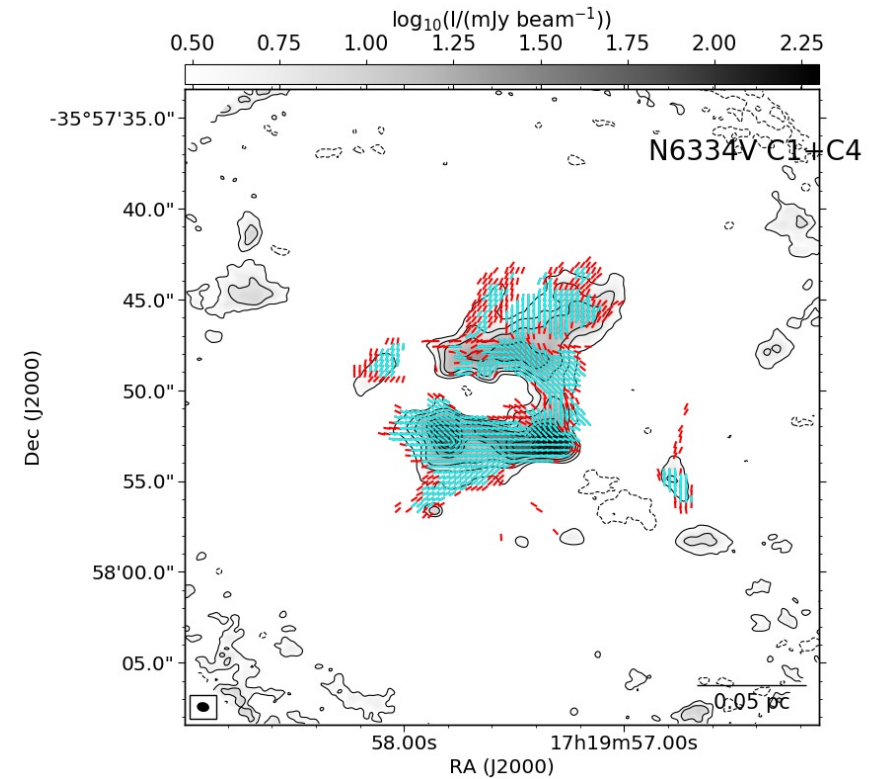
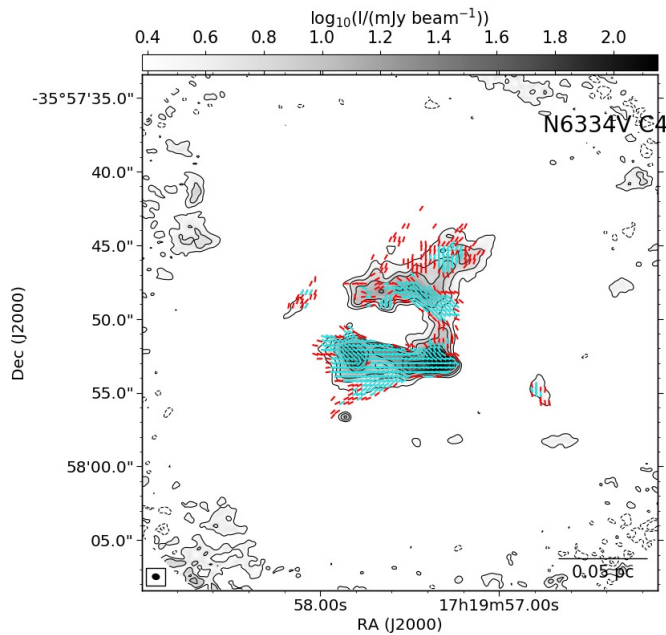
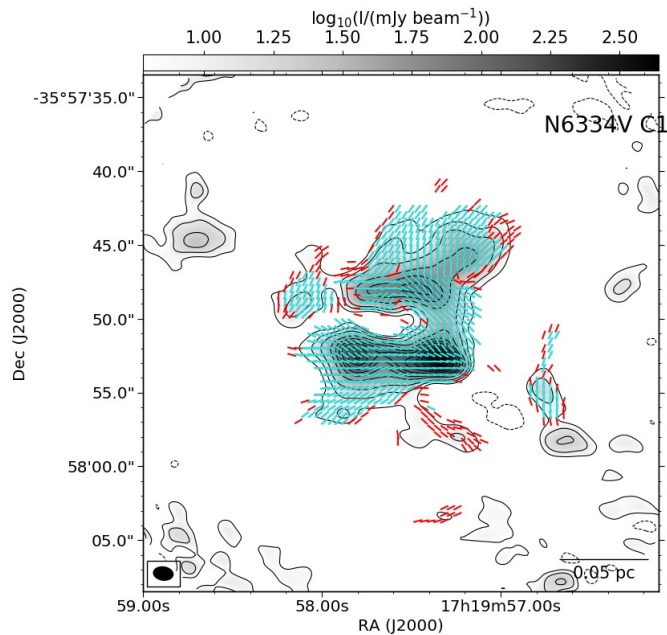
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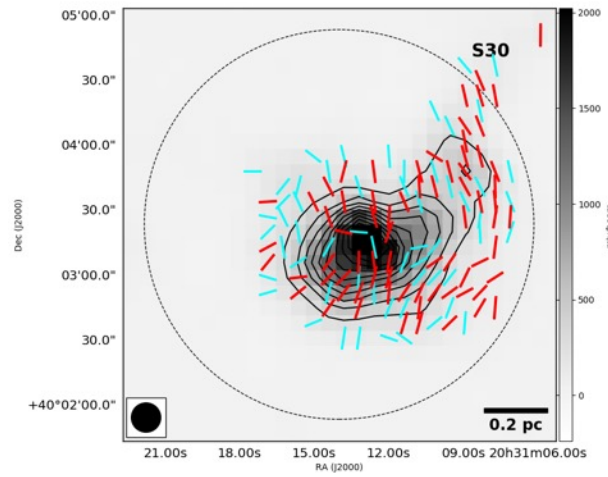
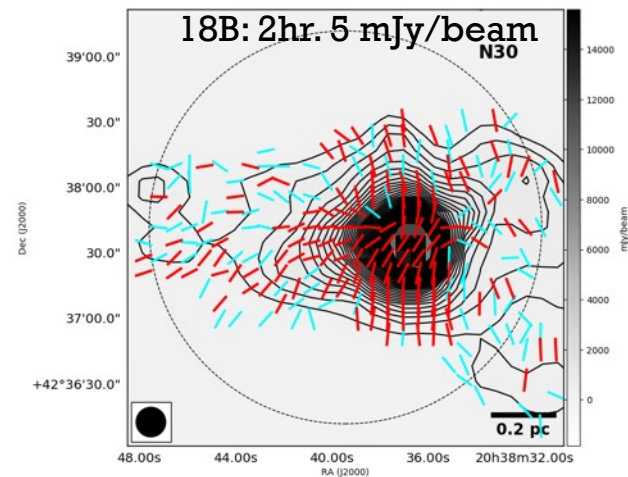
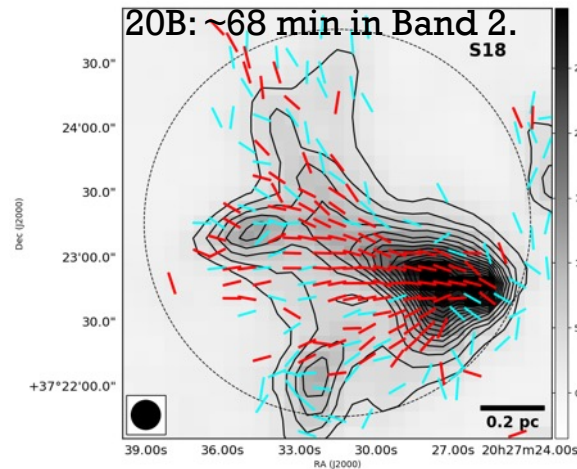
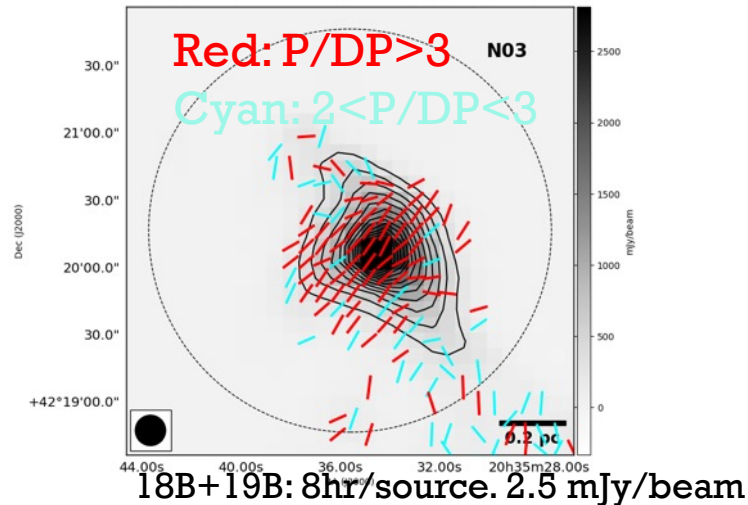
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ALMA pol survey of B fields in NGC 6334 sources

- Continuation of a SMA pol survey (Zhang et al. 2014).
- Source: NGC 6334 I, In, IR, V, VI
- ALMA C1 + C4 configurations



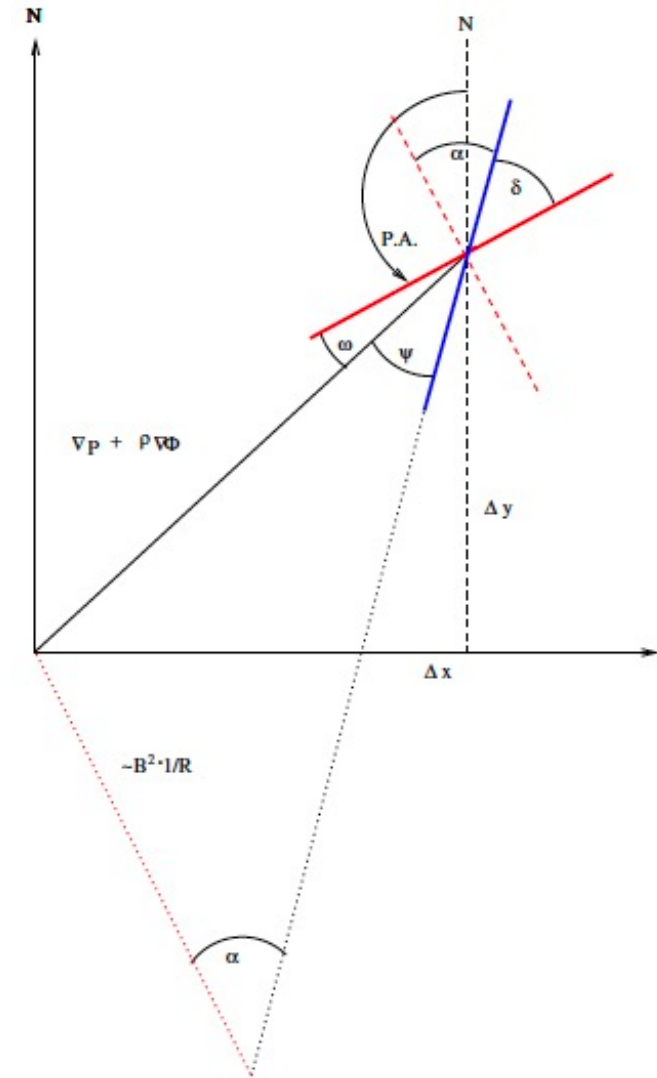
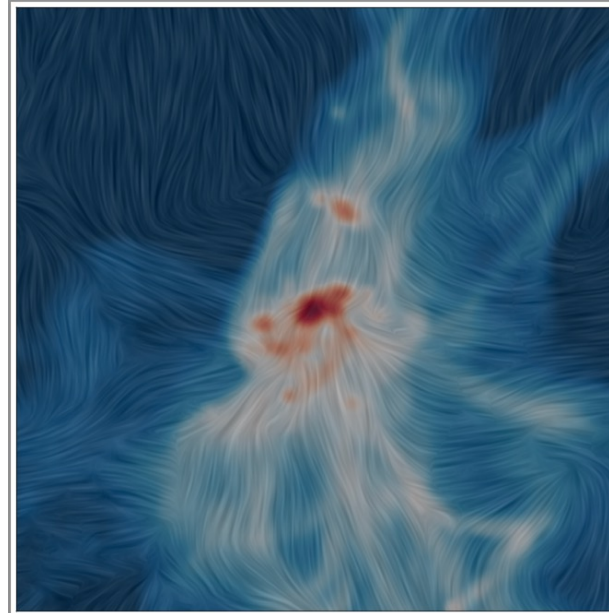
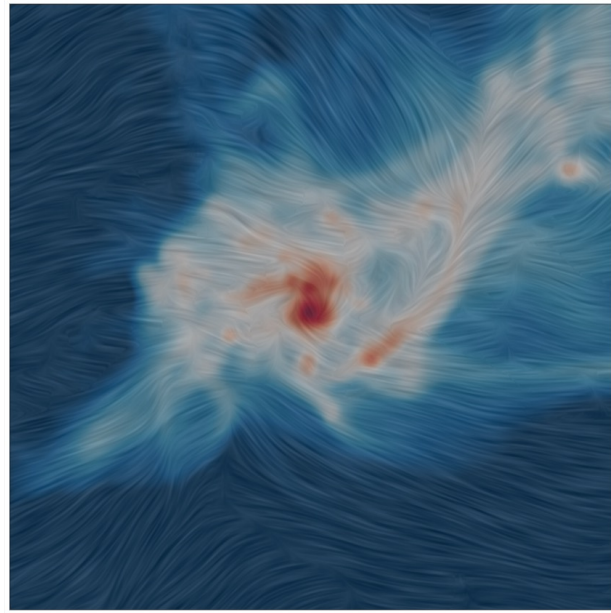
Multi-scale pol survey of B fields of massive dense cores in Cygnus-X



- Goal: map most of the massive dense cores in Cygnus-X with JCMT and SMA.
- Pilot polarization survey with JCMT POL-2: obtained usable data of 4 cores.
- Parallel SMA proposal accepted every year but with no usable data.....

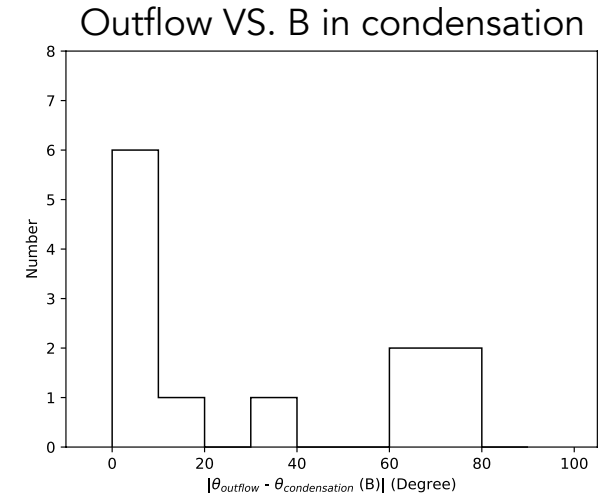
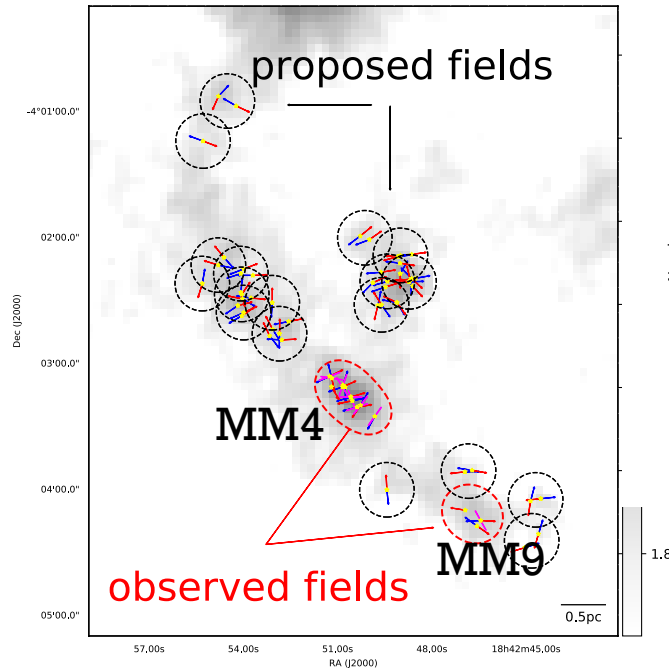
Test the Koch 2012 method with simulations

- Compare orientations of B, gravity, intensity orientation
- An alternative method to estimate B other than DCF.



B fields in the early stage of high-mass star formation: Polarization survey of massive clumps/cores in IRDCs

Source	Distance (kpc)	1.2 mm peak flux (mJy)	1.2 mm integrated flux (Jy)	Mass (M_{\odot})
G22.35-MM1	4.3	349.0	0.63	253.0
G23.60-MM2	3.9	272.0	0.71	233.0
G24.33-MM1	3.8	1199.0	2.03	1759.0
G24.60-MM2	3.7	230.0	0.53	483.0
G28.34-MM4 ^a	4.8	199.0	0.61	329.0
G28.53-MM1	5.7	227.0	1.66	1165.0
G28.53-MM2	5.7	129.0	3.01	2115.0
G28.53-MM3	5.7	126.0	2.91	2044.0
G31.97-MM2	6.9	311.0	0.90	929.0
G31.97-MM3	6.9	187.0	1.19	1222.0
G31.97-MM4	6.9	117.0	0.83	852.0
G33.69-MM1	7.1	205.0	1.04	1135.0
G34.43-MM4	3.7	221.0	0.86	253.0
G34.43-MM5	3.7	122.0	2.24	664.0



- ALMA pol survey of massive clumps in IRDCs catalogued by Rathborne+ (2006).

- ALMA proposal submitted

- Goal:

- 1. Study the dynamical state of cores in IRDCs.
- 2. Study the B-outflow relation in IRDCs.

- ALMA pol survey of other clumps in IRDC G28.34

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