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Reconstructing the Full 3D Morphology of Magnetic Fields Associated with Filamentary Molecular Clouds

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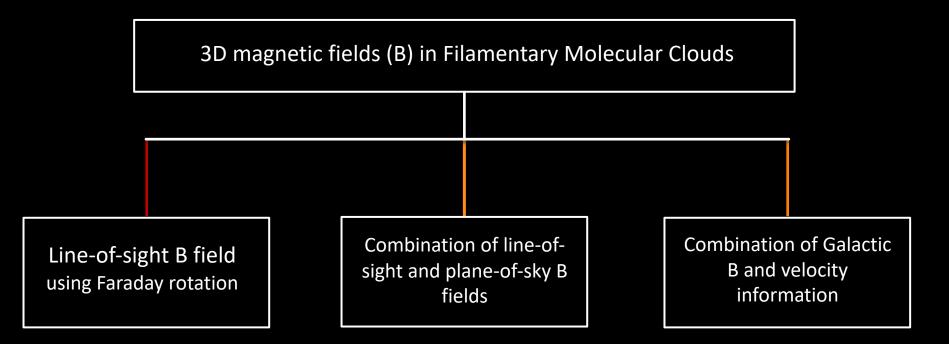
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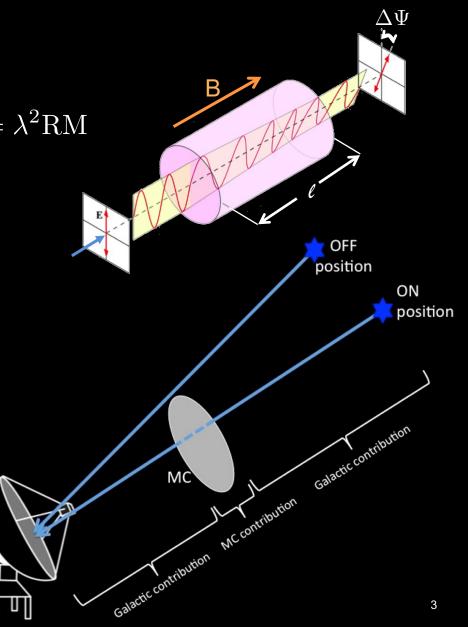


Line-of-Sight Magnetic Observations

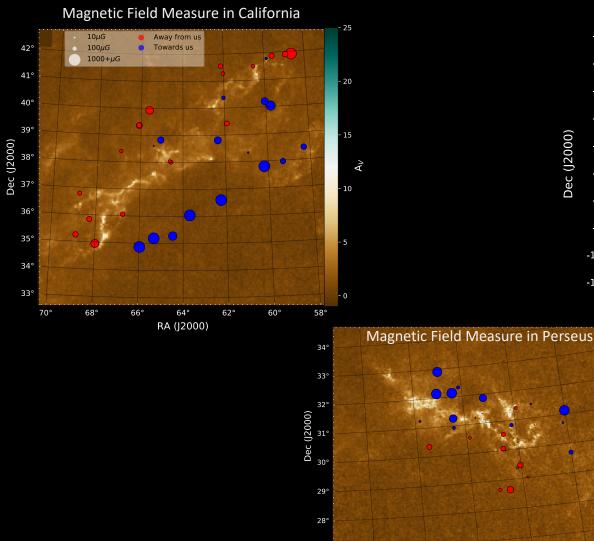
$$\Delta \Psi (\text{rad}) = \lambda^2 \left(0.812 \int n_e \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{dl} \right) = \lambda^2 \text{RM}$$

Tahani et al. 2018:

- Decoupling the contribution from the cloud contribution:
 - Using an On-Off approach
- Finding electron density and dl:
 - Extinction maps
 - Chemical evolution code



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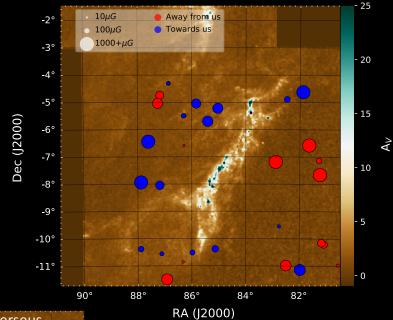
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^{54°} RA (J2000) 52°

50°

Magnetic Field Measure in Orion A

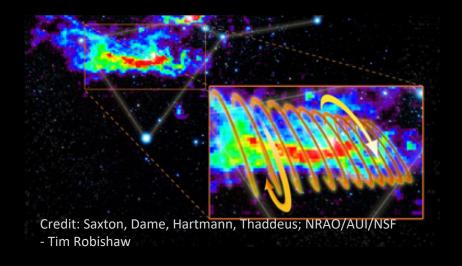


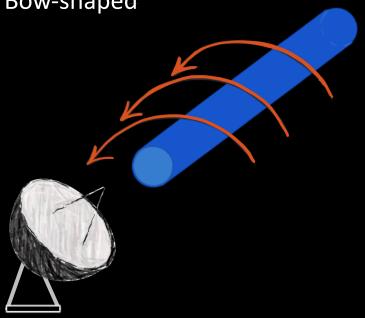
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3D Magnetic Morphology in Orion A

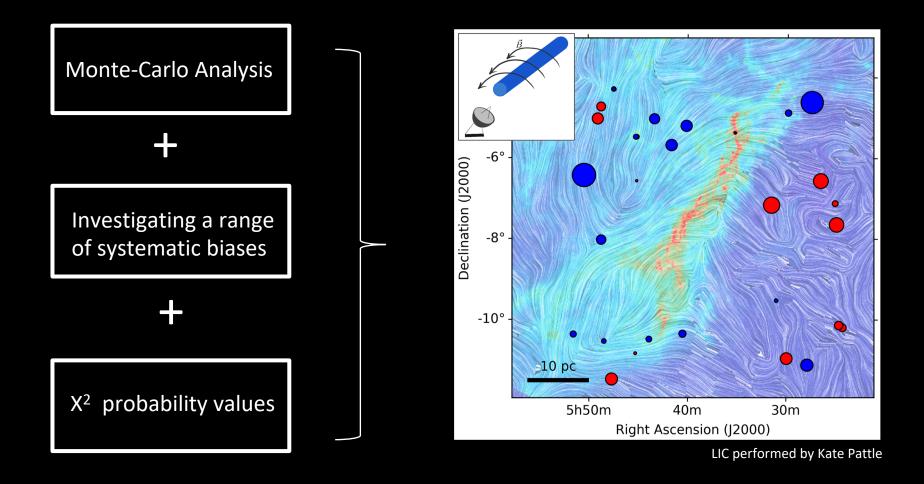
Possible scenarios: Toroidal, Helical, Bow-shaped





- Line-of-sight magnetic field & Planck plane-of-sky magnetic field results
- Constructed models representing the morphologies (helical, toroidal, bow-shaped)

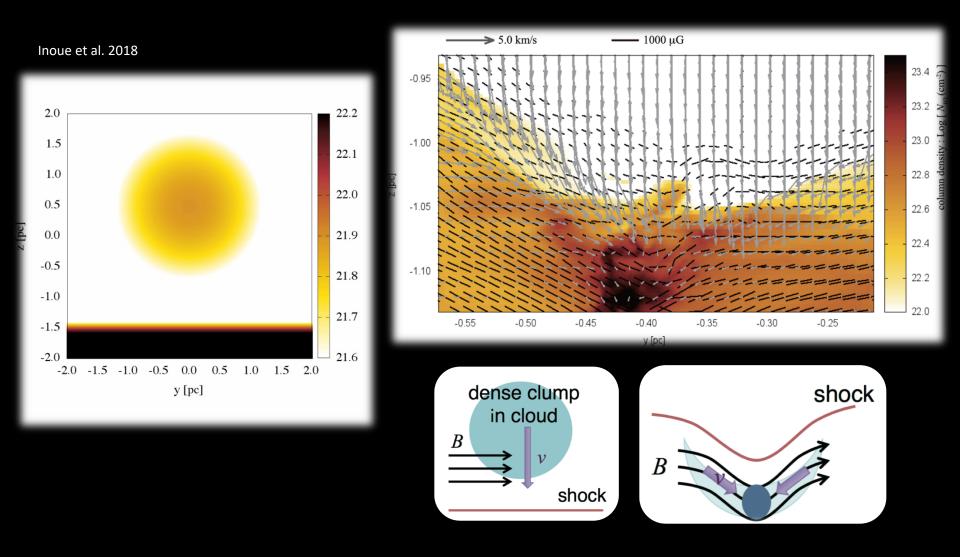
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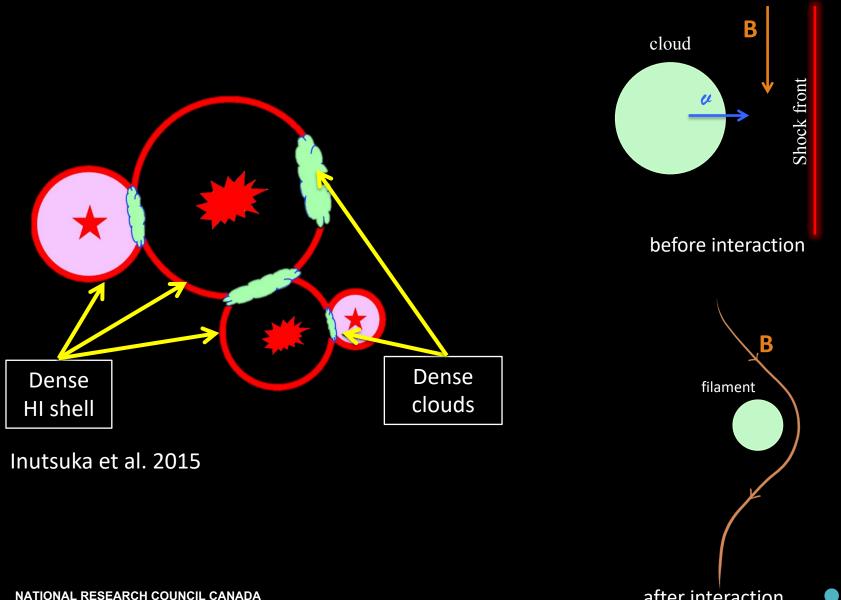


Bow-shaped Magnetic Field Morphology



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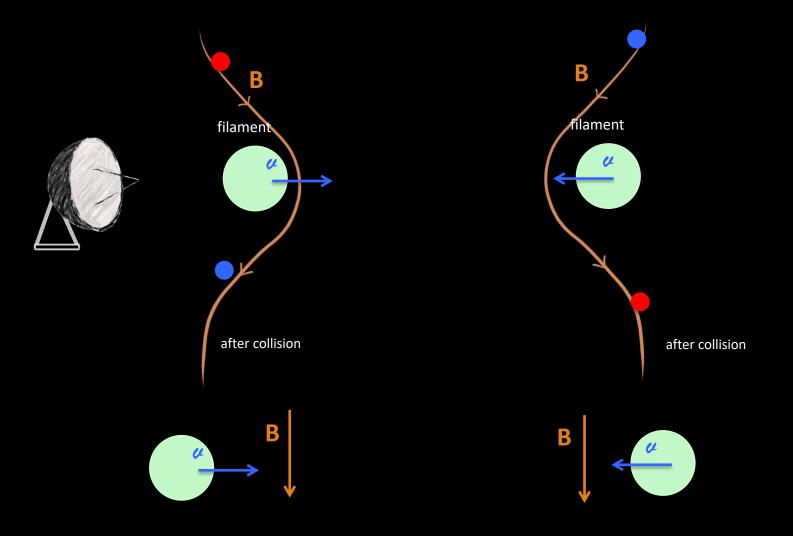


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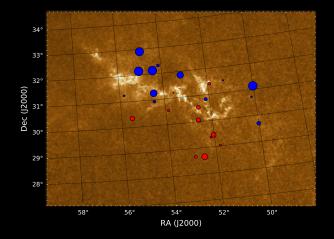


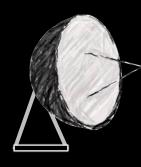
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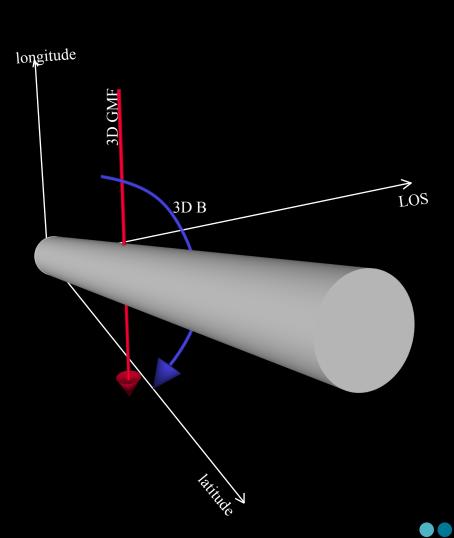


Perseus 3D Magnetic Field Morphology



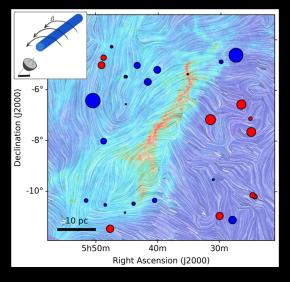


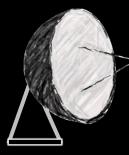
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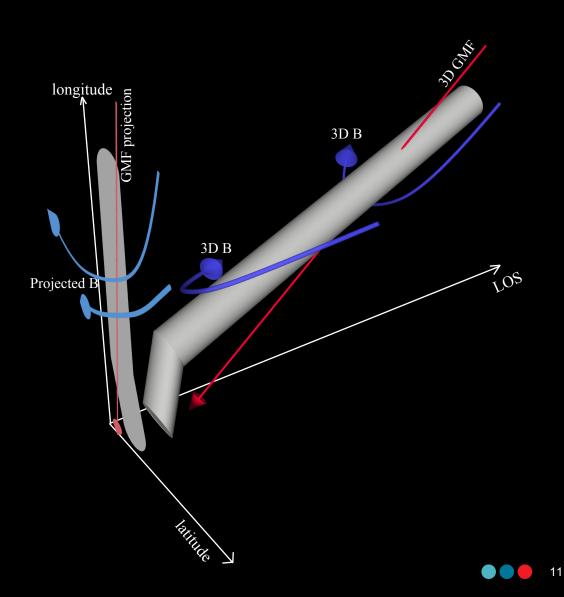
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Orion A 3D Magnetic Field Morphology



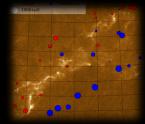


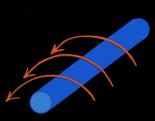
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Summary

- Developed a method based on Faraday rotation to detect the line-of-sight component of magnetic field associated with molecular clouds.
 - Found that this component reverses from one side of the clouds to the other.
- Using our line-of-sight and Planck's plane-of-sky magnetic field observations we concluded that the bow-shaped morphology is more probable in Orion A.
- Using Galactic magnetic field models we constructed the 3D morphology of the magnetic fields in the Orion A and Perseus clouds.





Future Directions

- High source density, low uncertainty RM catalogs by SKA, ASKAP (POSSUM), VLASS will facilitate mapping Blos in many more MCs.
- Combining these with the plane-of-sky magnetic fields, using new and improved observations will enable us to study the 3D magnetic fields.
- Velocity observations will further enable us to reconstruct the 3D magnetic field morphologies.
- Zeeman observations will improve these maps.