



Universiteit
Leiden
The Netherlands

The contribution of magnetized galactic outflows to extragalactic Faraday rotation

Aramburo Garcia, A.; Bondarenko, K.; Boiarsky, O.; Neronov, A.; Scaife, A.; Sokolenko, A.

Citation

Aramburo Garcia, A., Bondarenko, K., Boiarsky, O., Neronov, A., Scaife, A., & Sokolenko, A. (2023). The contribution of magnetized galactic outflows to extragalactic Faraday rotation. *Monthly Notices Of The Royal Astronomical Society*, 519(3), 4030-4035.
doi:10.1093/mnras/stac3728

Version: Publisher's Version
License: [Creative Commons CC BY 4.0 license](#)
Downloaded from: <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/3718655>

Note: To cite this publication please use the final published version (if applicable).

The contribution of magnetized galactic outflows to extragalactic Faraday rotation

Andrés Arámburo-García,¹ Kyrylo Bondarenko,^{2,3,4} Alexey Boyarsky,¹ Andrii Neronov,^{5,6}
Anna Scaife⁷ and Anastasia Sokolenko^{8,9}★

¹*Institute Lorentz, Leiden University, Niels Bohrweg 2, Leiden NL-2333 CA, the Netherlands*

²*IFPU, Institute for Fundamental Physics of the Universe, via Beirut 2, Trieste I-34014, Italy*

³*SISSA, via Bonomea 265, Trieste I-34132, Italy*

⁴*INFN, Sezione di Trieste, SISSA, Via Bonomea 265, Trieste 34136, Italy*

⁵*Université de Paris Cite, CNRS, Astroparticule et Cosmologie, Paris F-75013, France*

⁶*Laboratory of Astrophysics, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, Lausanne CH-1015, Switzerland*

⁷*Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of Manchester, Oxford Rd, Manchester M13 9PL, UK*

⁸*Theoretical Astrophysics Department, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, IL 60510, USA*

⁹*Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60637, USA*

Accepted 2022 December 15. Received 2022 December 15; in original form 2022 April 19

ABSTRACT

Galactic outflows driven by star formation and active galactic nuclei blow bubbles into their local environments, causing galactic magnetic fields to be carried into intergalactic space. We explore the redshift-dependent effect of these magnetized bubbles on the Faraday rotation measure (RM) of extragalactic radio sources. Using the IllustrisTNG cosmological simulations, we separate the contribution from magnetic bubbles from that of the volume-filling magnetic component expected to be due to the seed field originating in the early universe. We use this separation to extract the redshift dependence of each component and to compare IllustrisTNG model predictions with observation measurements of the NRAO VLA sky survey (NVSS). We find that magnetized bubbles provide a sizeable contribution to the extragalactic RM, with redshift-independent $\langle |RM| \rangle \simeq 13 \text{ rad/m}^2$ for sources at redshifts $z \geq 2$. This is close to the mean residual RM of 16 rad/m^2 found from NVSS data in this redshift range. Using the IllustrisTNG simulations, we also evaluate a simple model for the contribution to residual RM from individual host galaxies and show that this contribution is negligible at high-redshift. While the contribution from magnetic bubbles in the IllustrisTNG model is currently compatible with observational measurements of residual RM, the next-generation RM sky surveys, which will be free from the wrapping uncertainty, have larger statistics and better sensitivity should be able to observe predicted flat contribution from magnetic bubbles at large redshifts. This should allow to experimentally probe magnetic bubbles and check models of galaxy feedback in cosmological simulations.

Key words: magnetic fields – galaxies: intergalactic medium.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Faraday rotation technique provides a powerful probe of astrophysical magnetic fields across different elements of large-scale structure (LSS), from galaxies (Beck 2015) to galaxy clusters and the intercluster medium (Vacca et al. 2018). It has also been used to constrain the magnetic field strength in the intergalactic medium (Kronberg 1994; Blasi et al. 1999; Neronov et al. 2013; Pshirkov et al. 2016; Arámburo-García et al. 2022). Measurements of the weakest intergalactic magnetic fields (IGMF) using the Faraday rotation technique are challenging. The observational signal is determined by the rotation measure (RM), which is an integral along the line of sight towards the source of the polarized signal:

$$RM = \frac{e^3}{2\pi m_e^2} \int \frac{n_e B_{\parallel}}{(1+z)^2} dz, \quad (1)$$

* E-mail: sokolenko@kip.uchicago.edu

where e , m_e are the charge and mass of the electron, n_e is the density of free electrons in the medium, z is the redshift, and B_{\parallel} is the magnetic field component parallel to the line of sight. This integral has contributions from the intergalactic medium (IGM) and the Milky Way along a line-of-sight (LoS). The Milky Way part of LoS has a small length but large n_e and B_{\parallel} values, whereas the IGM part is significantly longer but has smaller n_e and B_{\parallel} . In addition to the contributions from the galactic RM and the IGM, the integral in equation (1) also has a contribution from the source host galaxy and possibly from parts of the LoS passing through magnetized regions of other galaxies occasionally found close to the LoS (Bernet et al. 2008). Uncertainties in modeling the galactic component of the RM (Jansson & Farrar 2012; Oppermann et al. 2012; Oppermann et al. 2015; Hutschenreuter & Enßlin 2020; Hutschenreuter et al. 2022), of the source host galaxy, as well as the elements of LSS along the LoS, limit the sensitivity of searches for the contribution from the intergalactic medium and IGMF in the integral.

Detailed modeling for both the evolution of the primordial field and the baryonic feedback from galaxies have been performed within the IllustrisTNG cosmological simulations (Marinacci et al. 2018; Naiman et al. 2018; Nelson et al. 2018; Pillepich et al. 2018; Springel et al. 2018). Recent work by Garcia et al. (2020) has specifically considered the result of the baryonic feedback in IllustrisTNG that leads to the appearance of cosmological-scale magnetic bubbles, with magnetic field values in excess of $B \gtrsim 10^{-12}$ cG (comoving Gauss), that occupy up to 15 percent of the simulation volume. Bondarenko et al. (2021) studied the effect of these bubbles on searches for the IGMF using γ -ray measurements. This technique is sensitive mainly to the magnetic fields in the voids of the LSS and showed that the presence of such magnetized bubbles has only a minor effect on the γ -ray measurements. However, unlike γ -ray measurements that are sensitive only to the volume-filling IGMF but not to the free electron density n_e , measurements using the RM technique may be much more influenced by these magnetized bubbles where both B and n_e are enhanced. Preliminary estimates from Garcia et al. (2020) show that the contribution to RMs from these magnetic bubbles can be comparable to that of the galactic RM and hence dominate over possible contributions to the RM from the adiabatically compressed primordial magnetic field.

In this work, we make a detailed assessment of the effect of magnetized bubbles around galaxies on the extragalactic RM. We show that the presence of these bubbles can account for a large part of the extragalactic RM at high redshifts $z \gtrsim 2$ and, in fact, that the IllustrisTNG model saturates the current upper limit on extragalactic RM. We also study the consistency of the baryonic feedback model in the IllustrisTNG simulations using RM data from the NRAO VLA sky survey (NVSS).

The structure of this paper is as follows: in Section 2 we describe the IllustrisTNG simulations and the properties of magnetic bubbles; we discuss the separation of the volume-filling component of the IGM from that of magnetic bubbles and extract a redshift-dependent prediction for the RM from the volume-filling magnetic field component and magnetic bubble component, respectively. In Section 3 we compare our predictions for the RM from magnetic bubbles from the IllustrisTNG simulations to observational measurements from the NVSS survey. In Section 4 we describe a simple analytic model for the RM contribution from host galaxies and compare it to predictions from the IllustrisTNG simulations. In Section 5 we describe the implications of these results and draw our conclusions.

Cosmological parameters from Planck Collaboration et al. (2016) are assumed throughout this work.

2 COMPARING ROTATION MEASURE FROM BUBBLES AND PRIMORDIAL MAGNETIC FIELD

The IllustrisTNG simulations and the method used here to extract data on rotation measures for random lines of sight are described in detail in our companion paper Aramburo-Garcia et al. (2022). We note that IllustrisTNG is a state-of-the-art gravo-magnetohydrodynamic simulation incorporating a comprehensive model of galaxy formation. In our work, we use the high-resolution TNG100-1 simulation (hereinafter TNG100 or just TNG; Nelson et al. 2019) with a box size of $\sim(110 \text{ cMpc})^3$, which contains 1820^3 dark matter particles and an equal number of initial gas cells. The initial seed magnetic field in this simulation was chosen to be homogeneous with a magnitude of 10^{-14} cG. We divide the simulation volume into magnetic bubbles and primordial magnetic

field components using a limiting magnetic field strength of 10^{-12} cG as a boundary condition between the two regions (see details in Garcia et al. 2020; Aramburo-Garcia et al. 2022). The component with $|B| > 10^{-12}$ cG is used to make predictions for magnetic bubbles, whereas the other component we rescale by a factor $B_0/10^{-14}$ cG and used to predict a conservative contribution from the primordial magnetic field with a field strength B_0 .

The IllustrisTNG simulation data between redshifts $z = 0$ and 5 is stored in the form of snapshots at 13 redshift points. From each of the snapshots, we extract data for electron number density and magnetic field along 1000 random lines of sight. We found that for some lines of sight intersection of galaxies happened, which resulted in a very large $|RM|$ value. From all the 13 000 lines of sight, we exclude four lines of sight that are strong outliers with $|RM| > 400 \text{ rad/m}^2$, see more details about outliers in Appendix A. We create 1000 continuous random lines of sight between redshifts $z = 0$ and $z = 5$ following the procedure described in Aramburo-Garcia et al. (2022).

In Fig. 1 we show the predictions for the mean (upper panel) and median (lower panel) absolute RM value, $|RM|$, for the primordial magnetic field and for magnetic bubbles using $B_0 = 10^{-9}$ cG. The two contributions have different redshift dependence: the RM from the primordial magnetic field grows steadily with redshift, whereas the prediction from magnetic bubbles saturates around $z \sim 1.5$. This comes from the fact that magnetic bubbles are formed only at small redshifts $z \lesssim 2$ Garcia et al. (2020), whereas the primordial magnetic field exists at all redshifts.

We see that for $B_0 = 10^{-9}$ cG, the contribution from magnetic bubbles dominates the mean $|RM|$ at low redshifts and approximately equal contribution at large redshifts. For the median value, the contribution from magnetic bubbles is more modest, resulting in the strong dominance of the primordial magnetic field contribution at large redshifts. These differences between the mean and median $|RM|$ values are due to the RM distribution for bubbles having a long high-RM tail that significantly influences estimates of the mean $|RM|$. For comparison we also show predictions from Pshirkov et al. (2016) and Blasi et al. (1999). One can see that those previous results show a different redshift dependence to that of our primordial RM. This can be explained by the differences in electron number density distribution between the analytical model of Blasi et al. (1999); Pshirkov et al. (2016) and the numerical model of IllustrisTNG, see Aramburo-Garcia et al. (2022) for details.

In the following sections, we consider the case that the B_0 value is small enough ($B_0 \ll 10^{-10}$) to make its contribution negligible compared to that of magnetic bubbles.

3 COMPARISON BETWEEN TNG MODEL OF MAGNETIC BUBBLES AND OBSERVATIONS

We use observations of 3650 radio sources with Faraday rotation measures, and redshift information cataloged by Hammond et al. (2012), where objects close to the galactic plane ($\ell < 20^\circ$) are removed. These data were produced from the NVSS (Condon et al. 1998; Taylor et al. 2009) catalog, in which polarization was measured at two close frequencies. This results in a wrapping uncertainty (Taylor et al. 2009), which means that one cannot distinguish RMs that differ by integer multiples of $\delta RM = 652.9 \text{ rad/m}^2$. Therefore, all absolute RM values in the catalog are smaller than 520 rad/m^2 and this is taken into account when we compare them to simulations. We estimate the extragalactic contribution as the residual rotation measure (RRM), which we obtain by subtracting the Galactic RM

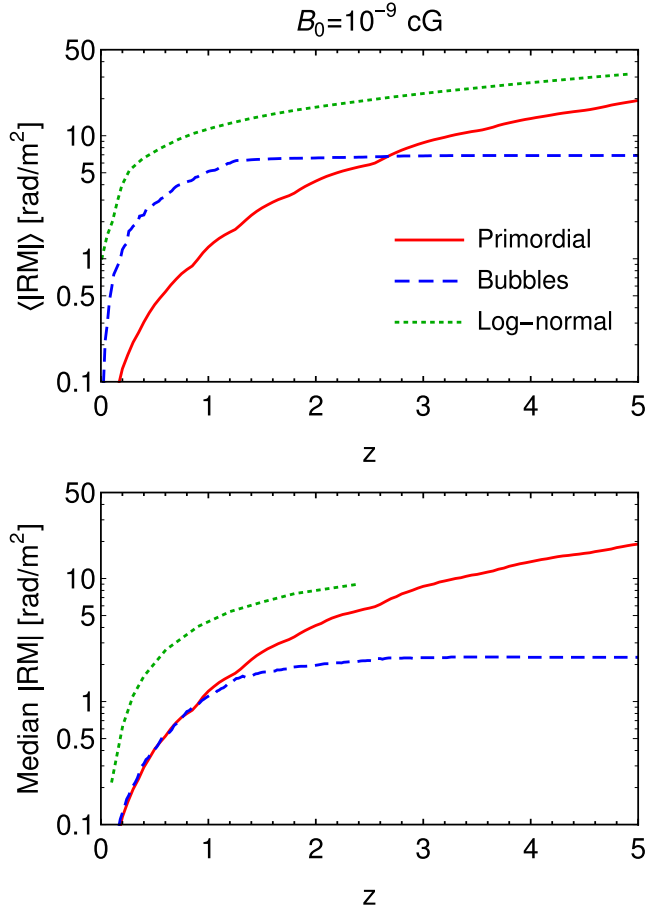


Figure 1. Prediction for the mean (upper panel) and median (lower panel) values of $|RM|$ from the IllustrisTNG simulation as a function of redshift for the homogeneous primordial magnetic field with $B_0 = 10^{-9}$ cG. Red continuous lines show the conservative prediction for the primordial magnetic field, blue dashed lines show the contribution from magnetic bubbles for which we excluded lines of sight with $|RM| > 400 \text{ rad/m}^2$ that come from the intersecting galaxies, see text for details. For comparison we also show the prediction from Pshirkov et al. (2016) (upper panel) and Blasi et al. (1999) (lower panel), in which RM was estimated based on analytic log-normal distribution for electron number density (green dotted line).

(GRM) using the model of Hutschenreuter & Enßlin (2020).¹ It is worth to mention the existence of more recent and advanced Faraday Rotation Measure (FRM) measurement from the Low-Frequency Array (LOFAR) (Van Eck et al. 2018), the Murchison Widefield Array (MWA) (Riseley et al. 2018, 2020), the Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array (JVLA) (Ma et al. 2019) or compilations (Van Eck et al. 2022). However, in some works the redshift data is not provided, whereas in others the sources are located at low redshifts. Therefore, the NVSS is the most suitable for our work.

The comparison between observed RRM and our prediction for magnetic bubbles from the IllustrisTNG simulation for both mean and median values of the RRM is shown in Fig. 2, where for the simulated data we include lines of sight that intersect galaxies (opposite to Section 2), as we cannot exclude line of sight with crossing galaxies

¹During the publication of our work, more up to date GRM model was published (Hutschenreuter et al. 2022).

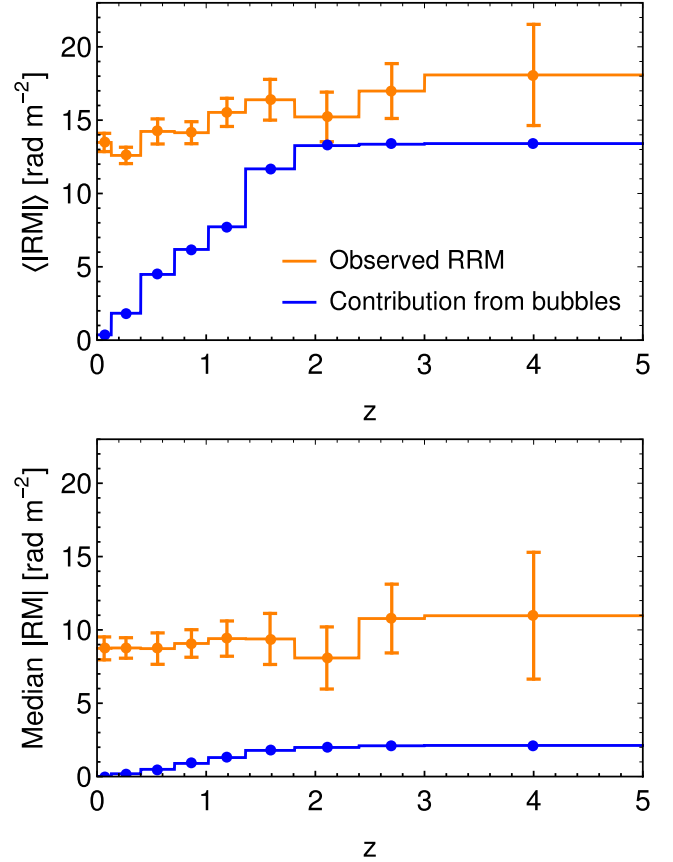


Figure 2. Mean (upper panel) and median (lower panel) observed $|RRM|$ at different redshifts (orange lines) and contribution from magnetic bubbles in TNG simulation calculated using 1000 random lines of sight (blue lines).

in experimental data. However, we apply a wrapping correction in order to ensure consistency with observations, see Appendix C for details. From Fig. 2, it can be seen that the prediction of the mean $|RM|$ from bubbles in the simulation grows quickly with redshift and is almost constant at $z > 2$. It is also interesting to notice that the prediction for the mean $|RM|$ from magnetic bubbles at large redshifts almost coincides with the observed data.

For median $|RM|$ values at $z \gtrsim 2$, we see that the contribution from magnetic bubbles is much smaller than the observed RRM, so one might naively conclude that the observed extragalactic RM at large redshifts cannot be explained by magnetic bubbles. However, one should keep in mind that for the observed extragalactic RMs, two systematic factors can increase the observed RM, particularly for small RM values. First, the observed extragalactic RMs have large statistical errors for small RM values. Indeed, almost all data points with extragalactic RMs smaller than 10 rad/m^2 have an associated uncertainty that is of the order of the measured value itself. The second factor is that the procedure for measurement of the galactic RM depends on the extragalactic sources themselves, which introduces a systematic error into the extragalactic RM, see e.g. Oppermann et al. (2015). Both these factors result in a wider extragalactic RM distribution, creating a significant bias in the observed median values of the $|RM|$.

Consequently, from these results, we conclude that the magnetic bubbles in the IllustrisTNG simulation do not contradict the available observational data. If the model from the IllustrisTNG simulation is correct, then the magnetic bubbles provide a lower bound for future

extragalactic RM measurements at $z \gtrsim 2$, with the characteristic property that the mean value is much larger than the median.

4 CONTRIBUTION FROM HOST GALAXIES

An additional contribution to the extragalactic RM potentially comes from the host galaxies and could mask that from magnetic bubbles. In this section, we consider a simple model for host galaxies and argue that their contribution at large redshift should be small.

In general, prediction of the host galaxy contribution in simulations is very tricky, as one should properly choose and correctly model sources of polarized radio emission as similar as possible to those present in the observational sample. In this section, we will discuss a simple qualitative model for host galaxies and compare its predictions with those from the IllustrisTNG simulation.

4.1 Simple analytic model

The RM from the host galaxy at redshift z is given by

$$\text{RM} \propto \frac{1}{(1+z)^2} \int n_e B_{\parallel} dL, \quad (2)$$

where the integral is taken along the line of sight in the circumgalactic medium of the host galaxy. Let us consider that electron number density near the galaxy n_e behaves like a cosmological average and is proportional to $(1+z)^3$. At the same time, the characteristic size of the region that gives a significant contribution to the RM is constant in comoving coordinates, $L \propto 1/(1+z)$. We see that in this case, the z -dependence from n_e and L in equation (2) cancels out, so the redshift dependence of the RM from host galaxies is defined only by the evolution of the magnetic field near the galaxy. Magnetic field evolution in the circumgalactic medium was studied in detail by Beck et al. (2012): using cosmological magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) simulations and analytic models, it was shown that the magnetic field near galaxies grows quickly at large redshifts, then reaches a maximum at some intermediate redshift and slowly decays after that. We expect that the RM contribution from host galaxies should exhibit similar behaviour.

4.2 Host galaxies in IllustrisTNG

To model host galaxies in the IllustrisTNG simulation, we assume the radio lobes at the end of active galactic nuclei (AGN) jets provide the dominant contribution to the polarized emission. We assume that two radio lobes are located symmetrically around an AGN and that we cannot resolve these two radio lobes in the observational data.² We also assume that both radio lobes have the same intensity of polarized emission so that the observed RM is an average of their individual RMs.

For each given redshift in the simulations, we choose ~ 100 random galaxies that contain supermassive black holes (the minimal mass of the supermassive black hole in IllustrisTNG is $10^6 M_{\odot}$, and it is placed in the centre of each dark matter halo when it reaches a virial mass of $6 \cdot 10^{10} M_{\odot}$). For these galaxies, we generate two symmetric radio lobes pointing in a random direction from the galaxy centre with an isotropic distribution and a randomly selected distance between the two radio lobes in the range from 50 to 300 kpc. These distances

²This assumption works for high-redshift objects with $z \gtrsim 0.3$ (for our model of radio lobes and for NVSS). The detailed modeling of low-redshift objects is not so important for this work.

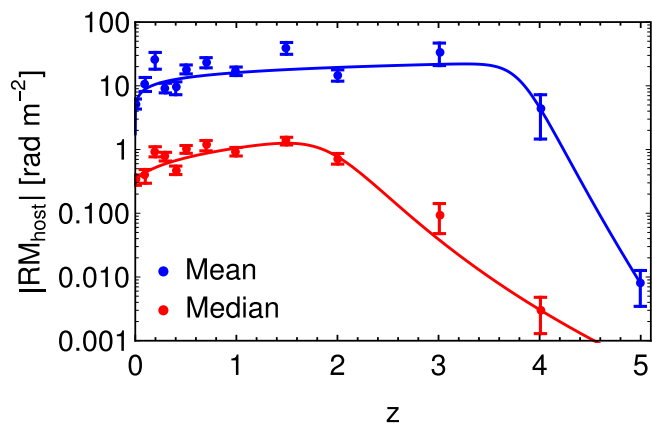


Figure 3. Prediction for the mean (blue points) and median (red points) $|\text{RM}|$ values from host galaxies in the IllustrisTNG simulation. By continuous lines of corresponding colors we show simple broken power-law fits to the data.

are chosen according to the experimentally measured distribution from Tang et al. (2020). For each pair of radio lobes, we generate six lines of sight in random directions and use the first 1 Mpc along these lines of sight to define the contribution from the host galaxy.³

Using these data we calculate the mean and median $|\text{RM}|$ from host galaxies, the result of which is shown in Fig. 3. The continuous lines show best fits to the model

$$|\text{RM}|(z) = \frac{a + bz^c}{1 + (z/d)^e}, \quad (3)$$

with best-fit parameters $a = 1.65(0.326)\text{rad/m}^2$, $b = 14.4(0.730)\text{rad/m}^2$, $c = 0.300(0.818)$, $d = 3.81(1.98)$, and $e = 29.8(9.60)$ for mean (median). Qualitatively, the RM from host galaxies changes with redshift according to the simple analytic model from Section 4.1: it decays at large redshifts and has a maximum at intermediate redshifts of $z \sim 3$ for the mean and $z \sim 1.5$ for the median. Comparing the contribution from host galaxies with Fig. 1 we conclude that within the IllustrisTNG model the RM of high redshift sources ($z > 3$) is dominated by the contribution from magnetic bubbles along the line-of-sight, rather than by the host galaxy RM, for both the mean and median absolute RM values. Also, it is worth to mention that the median RM from host galaxies starts to decay at lower redshifts, which means that the median value could be better observable to detect the contribution of the intergalactic magnetic field.

5 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

In this work, we have considered the effect of magnetized bubbles around galaxies driven by baryonic feedback processes on the extragalactic rotation measure. We have used the IllustrisTNG simulation to separate the contributions of the volume-filling intergalactic magnetic fields and the contribution of magnetized outflows from galaxies to the RM integral. We have demonstrated that the IllustrisTNG model of such magnetized bubbles predicts that the

³Of course, 1 Mpc distance is too large for normal galaxies and includes some contribution from the IGM. However, this is a reasonable distance inside clusters of galaxies. We use 1 Mpc long lines of sights for all objects as the contribution from the IGM is negligible to the contribution of the circumgalactic medium of galaxies. Also, the larger LOS size can only increase average RM, so our estimate of host galaxy contribution is still conservative.

extragalactic RM at $z > 2$ almost saturates current estimates of the mean residual RM from the NVSS, see Fig. 2. The contribution of magnetized bubbles to the extragalactic RM at $z > 2$ (including wrapping correction, see Appendix C) has a value of $\langle |RM| \rangle \simeq 13$ rad/m², which is very close to the mean residual RM of 16 rad/m² found from NVSS data in this redshift range when accounting for the Galactic RM model of Hutschenreuter & Enßlin (2020). Without the survey-dependent wrapping correction the prediction for the mean absolute RM from magnetic bubble is $\langle |RM| \rangle \simeq 7$ rad/m², where rare lines of sight with $|RM| > 400$ rad/m² that came from intersecting galaxies were excluded (see Section 2 for details). For the median RM, the prediction from magnetic bubble is significantly lower than in experimental data (by approximately a factor of 3). However, as we discuss in Section 3, this difference could be caused by large uncertainties in the NVSS data.

While our work suggests that there are two main contributions in the IGM: (i) from magnetic bubbles and (ii) from the volume-filling magnetic field, the results found here indicate that the contributions from these two components have different redshift dependencies: the volume-filling magnetic field exists at all redshifts, and its contribution constantly grows with z , whereas magnetic bubbles are formed at later times, mostly below $z \approx 2$, and so at larger redshifts their contribution is fixed. This should allow one to distinguish the separate contributions in future observations.

We also consider a simple analytic model for the RM contribution from host galaxies and confirm it using data from the IllustrisTNG simulation. We show that the contribution from host galaxies to the mean and median $|RM|$ values quickly decreases at large redshifts. This provides a possibility to isolate the contribution of magnetic bubbles along the line of sight into the overall extragalactic RM. This can be done through a comparison of the RM of high-redshift sources ($z \gtrsim 2..3$) that of the lower redshift sources. If the main source of the extragalactic RM is the magnetic field around the source host galaxies, then high-redshift sources should have systematically lower RM. A caveat of this approach may be the cosmological evolution of the source population, which is not considered in our simple source model (radio lobes around the host galaxy).

While the predicted mean absolute RM from the IllustrisTNG simulations found here is compatible with observational measurements from the NVSS survey, we note that the wrapping correction implemented in this work may represent a systematic uncertainty in this result that artificially lowers the predicted and measured RM. Next-generation polarization surveys such as those expected from the SKA telescope and its precursors will not be subject to this same wrapping uncertainty in their RM measurements due to the broadband nature of their measurements. Given the closeness of the current IllustrisTNG model predictions to the observed residual RM estimates derived from current data suggested that the IllustrisTNG model of baryonic feedback will be falsifiable with the improvement of RM measurements from these new surveys. Furthermore, compared to the NVSS data considered in this work, the SKA will provide an RM grid containing several orders of magnitude more sources than the $\sim 4 \times 10^3$ source sample considered here. A denser RM grid provided by the new surveys and better precision stemming from broadband rather than a two-frequency sampling of the polarized signal will also improve the knowledge of the galactic component of the RM. This will result in smaller systematic uncertainty of the RRM (specifically for the median of the absolute value, which is possibly dominated by the systematic uncertainty). If the RRM level found with the SKA data is lower than the current estimates derived from NVSS, the IllustrisTNG model will be in tension with the data. This

suggests that the IllustrisTNG baryonic feedback model is falsifiable through the RM measurements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

KB is partly funded by the INFN PD51 INDARK grant. AB is supported by the European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grant ‘NuBSM’ (694896). AMS gratefully acknowledges support from the UK Alan Turing Institute under grant reference EP/V030302/1. AS is supported by the Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics at the University of Chicago through an endowment from the Kavli Foundation and its founder Fred Kavli. This work has been supported by the Fermi Research Alliance, LLC under Contract No. DE-AC02-07CH11359 with the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of High Energy Physics.

DATA AVAILABILITY

The data underlying this article are available on reasonable request.

REFERENCES

- Arámburo-García A. et al., 2022, Revision of Faraday rotation measure constraints on the primordial magnetic field using the IllustrisTNG simulation, *MNRAS*, 515, 5673–5681
- Beck R., 2015, *A&A Rv.*, 24, 4
- Beck A. M. et al., 2012, *MNRAS*, 422, 2152
- Bernet M. L. et al., 2008, *Nature*, 454, 302
- Blasi P., Burles S., Olinto A. V., 1999, *Astrophys. J. Lett.*, 514, L79
- Bondarenko K. et al., 2021, preprint (arXiv:2106.02690)
- Condon J. J. et al., 1998, *AJ*, 115, 1693
- Farnes J. S. et al., 2014, *Astrophys. J.*, 795, 63
- García A. A. et al., 2021, *MNRAS*, 505, 5038–5057
- Hammond A. M., Robishaw T., Gaensler B. M., 2012, preprint (arXiv:1209.1438)
- Hutschenreuter S., Enßlin T. A., 2020, *A&A*, 633, A150
- Hutschenreuter S. et al., 2022, *A&A*, 657, A43
- Jansson R., Farrar G. R., 2012, *ApJ*, 757, 14
- Kronberg P. P., 1994, *Rep. Prog. Phys.*, 57, 325
- Ma Y. K. et al., 2019, *MNRAS*, 487, 3432
- Marinacci F. et al., 2018, *MNRAS*, 480, 5113
- Naiman J. P. et al., 2018, *MNRAS*, 477, 1206
- Nelson D. et al., 2018, *MNRAS*, 475, 624
- Nelson D. et al., 2019, *Comput. Astrophys. Cosmol.*, 6, 2
- Neronov A., Semikoz D., Banafsheh M., 2013
- Oppermann N. et al., 2012, *A&A*, 542, A93
- Oppermann N., others, 2015, *Astron. Astrophys.*, 575, A118
- Pillepich A. et al., 2018, *MNRAS*, 475, 648
- Planck Collaboration, Ade P. A. R., others, 2016, *A&A*, 594, A13
- Pshirkov M. S., Tinyakov P. G., Urban F. R., 2016, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 116, 191302
- Riseley C. J. et al., 2018, *PASA*, 35, e043
- Riseley C. J. et al., 2020, *PASA*, 37, e029
- Springel V. et al., 2018, *MNRAS*, 475, 676
- Tang H. et al., 2020, *MNRAS*, 499, 68
- Taylor A. R., Stil J. M., Sunstrum C., 2009, *ApJ*, 702, 1230
- Vacca V. et al., 2018, 142 *Galaxies*, 6
- Van Eck C. L. et al., 2018, *A&A*, 613, A58
- Van Eck C. L. et al., 2022, RMTABLE Consolidated Catalog of Faraday Rotation Measures of Astronomical Radio Sources, doi:10.5281/zenodo.6907975
- Williams D., 2001, *Weighing the odds: A course in probability and statistics*. Cambridge University Press

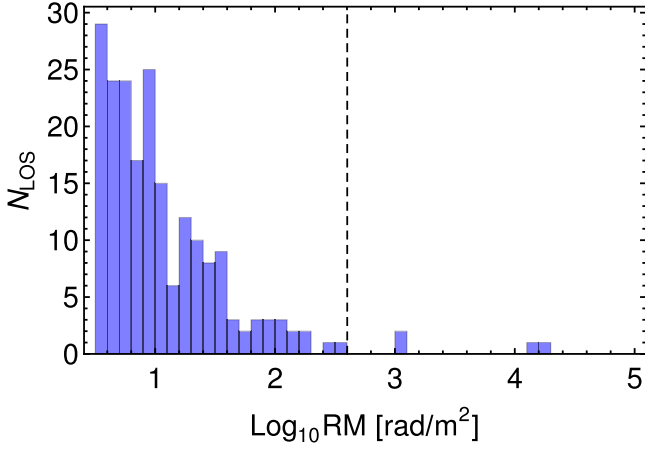


Figure A1. High-RM tail of the distribution of $|RM|$ for 13 000 lines of sight extracted from the IllustrisTNG simulation box between redshifts 0 and 5. Black dashed line corresponds to $|RM| = 400 \text{ rad/m}^2$.

APPENDIX A: HIGH-HENRM DISTRIBUTION TAIL IN SIMULATIONS

In Fig. A1 we show the high-RM tail for the distribution of the total RM for 13 000 lines of sight extracted from IllustrisTNG simulation. We see that in this data there are four outliers with $|RM|$ larger than 1000 rad/m^2 . We checked that all of them correspond to the intervening galaxy along the line of sight. We exclude them for prediction shown in Fig. 1 as these outliers strongly influence average $|RM|$, but can be easily excluded from the experimental data using condition $|RM| < 400 \text{ rad/m}^2$ or by techniques discussed in e.g. Farnes et al. (2014). To study more accurately the influence of these outliers, more simulation data are needed, which is computationally hard. We will leave this study for future studies.

APPENDIX B: OBSERVATIONAL DATA IN BINS

In this work, we bin observational data in nine bins with an approximately equal number of objects at small redshifts. In each bin, we calculate the mean and median values of $|RM|$ and estimate their statistical errors. For mean, we calculate the standard error Δx in each bin as

$$\Delta \langle x \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\langle (x_i - \langle x \rangle)^2 \rangle}{n}}, \quad (\text{B1})$$

where x_i are $|RRM|$ values in each bin, $\langle x \rangle$ is their mean value, and n is a number of objects in the bin. In the same notation, the error of the median is estimated as (Williams 2001)

$$\Delta \text{Med}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\langle (x_i - \langle x \rangle)^2 \rangle}{n}} \approx 1.253 \cdot \Delta \langle x \rangle. \quad (\text{B2})$$

We summarize our results in Table B1.

APPENDIX C: WRAPPING CORRECTION

The data for rotation measure in the catalog that we use in this work can be subject to a wrapping uncertainty with step $\delta RM = 652.9 \text{ rad/m}^2$. In our theoretical prediction, lines of sight sometimes appear with RMs of order $\mathcal{O}(1000) \text{ rad/m}^2$, so it is important to make a wrapping correction similar to experimental data if we want to compare them. Of course, we do not have depolarization data, but based on the description of the procedure, we emulate it in the following way:

- (i) If the absolute value of the RM is smaller than 520 rad/m^2 we do not change it.
- (ii) If $|RM| > 520 \text{ rad/m}^2$ we take the value $RM + N\delta RM$, where N is such integer number (positive or negative) such that the resulting RM has the smallest absolute value.

Table B1. Summary of the observational data in bins used in this work. The first row shows the bin number, the second row shows upper bound on each redshift bin (the lower bound of the first bin is $z = 0$). In the third row we show the number of observed objects, also we show the mean $|RM|$ and $|RRM|$ and their errors in each bin.

| Bin number | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Upper bound for z | 0.13 | 0.40 | 0.71 | 1.02 | 1.36 | 1.81 | 2.4 | 3 | 5 |
| Object number | 564 | 781 | 500 | 441 | 426 | 437 | 322 | 129 | 49 |
| $\langle RRM \rangle$, rad/m^2 | 13.48 | 12.60 | 14.23 | 14.15 | 15.53 | 16.39 | 15.22 | 16.98 | 18.08 |
| $\Delta \langle RRM \rangle$, rad/m^2 | 0.62 | 0.56 | 0.85 | 0.75 | 0.96 | 1.39 | 1.69 | 1.87 | 3.45 |
| Med $ RRM $, rad/m^2 | 8.74 | 8.77 | 8.72 | 9.07 | 9.41 | 9.38 | 8.09 | 10.77 | 10.97 |
| $\Delta \text{Med } RRM $, rad/m^2 | 0.78 | 0.70 | 1.07 | 0.94 | 1.20 | 1.74 | 2.12 | 2.34 | 4.32 |

This paper has been typeset from a $\text{\TeX}/\text{\LaTeX}$ file prepared by the author.