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**Description of turbulent dynamics in the
interstellar medium:**

multifractal/microcanonical analysis

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We apply the tools to the Musca cloud: we observe asymmetries (deviation from log-normality) in certain regions of a cloud.

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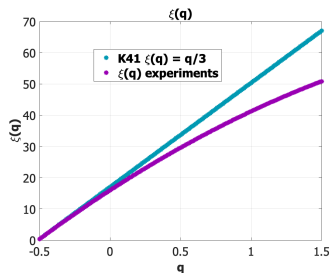
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Inside the inertial range $[\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2]$, scaling of the moments:

$$\langle |(\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \mathbf{u}|^q \rangle \sim \mathbf{r}^{\xi(q)}. \quad (1)$$



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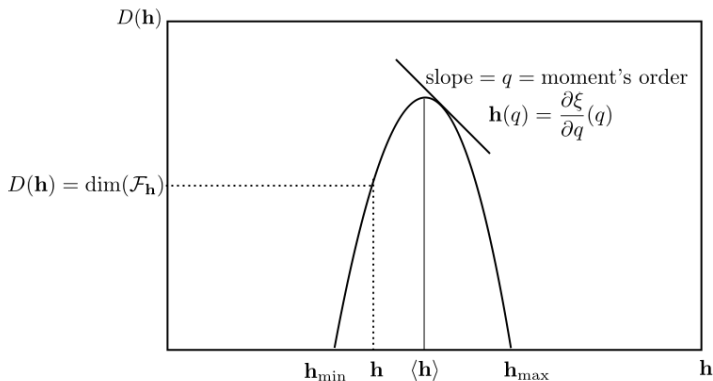
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Link between geometrical complexity and statistical behavior :

$$\xi(q) = \inf_{h>0} (qh + d - D(\mathbf{h})),$$

i.e. $\xi(q)$ appears as a Legendre transform. The mapping $\mathbf{h} \mapsto D(\mathbf{h})$ is called the **singularity spectrum** of the velocity field.

Singularity spectrum

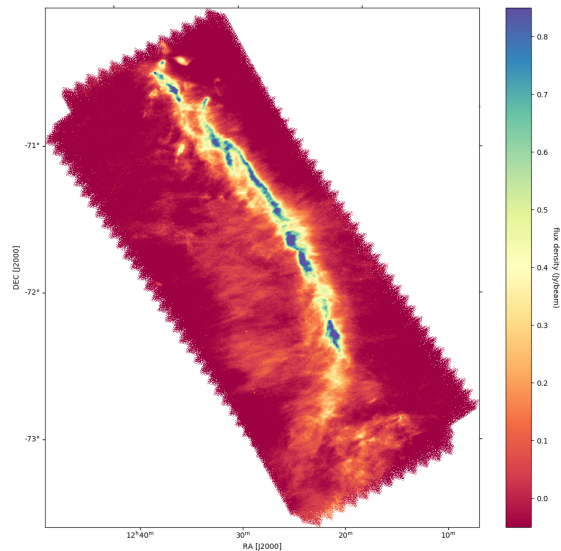


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Musca Herschel observation map

Herschel flux density map



Musca flux density map from
Herschel at 250 μm .

[Cox2016; Kainulainen2016;]

[Gaia collaboration 2018; Bonne2020a,b]

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Signal analysis with multifractal tools:

existing methods

Canonical ensemble

Wavelet Transform Maximum Modulus (WTMM).

Cumulant analysis.

Wavelet leaders.

Multifractal detrended fluctuation analysis.

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Singularity exponents are evaluated pointwise:

$$\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log \mu(\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{x}, r))}{\log(r)}$$

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One can show that this implies

$$\operatorname{div}(\nabla_{\mathcal{F}^c} s) = 0.$$

with \mathcal{F}^c : complementary set of $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow$ the decision $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{F}$ **can be done locally**.

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$$\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\log(\mathcal{H}(\mu_n, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}_0)) / \langle \mathcal{H}(\mu_n, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}_0) \rangle}{\log \mathbf{r}_0}$$

→ the values of the singularity exponents are computed at the lowest scale $\mathbf{r}_0 = 2^{-n}$ of the acquisition signal instead of log-regression through scales.

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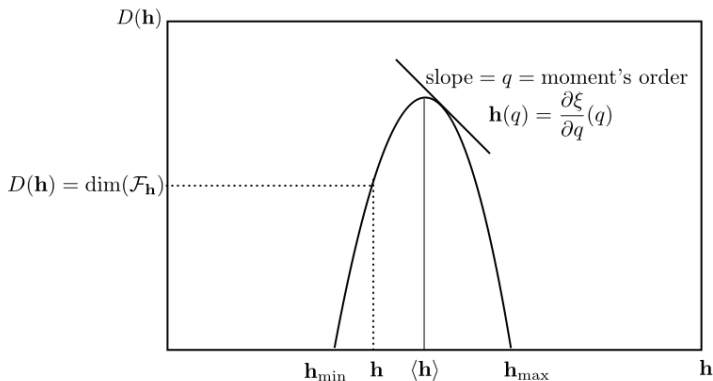
In the limit $n \rightarrow +\infty$ one has

$$\rho_n(\mathbf{h}) \sim c_n(\mathbf{h}) \sqrt{n \log 2} n^{\log(2)D(\mathbf{h})}$$

where the mapping $\mathbf{h} \mapsto D(\mathbf{h})$ is the singularity spectrum

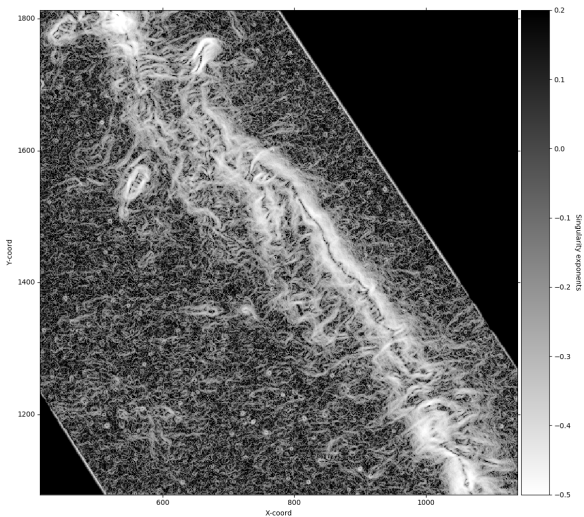
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E.g. : Herschel flux density map



Map of the singularity exponents computed on filtered Musca 250 μm data.

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Singularity exponents, singularity spectrum

Necessity of sparse filtering an observation map

Noise and filaments

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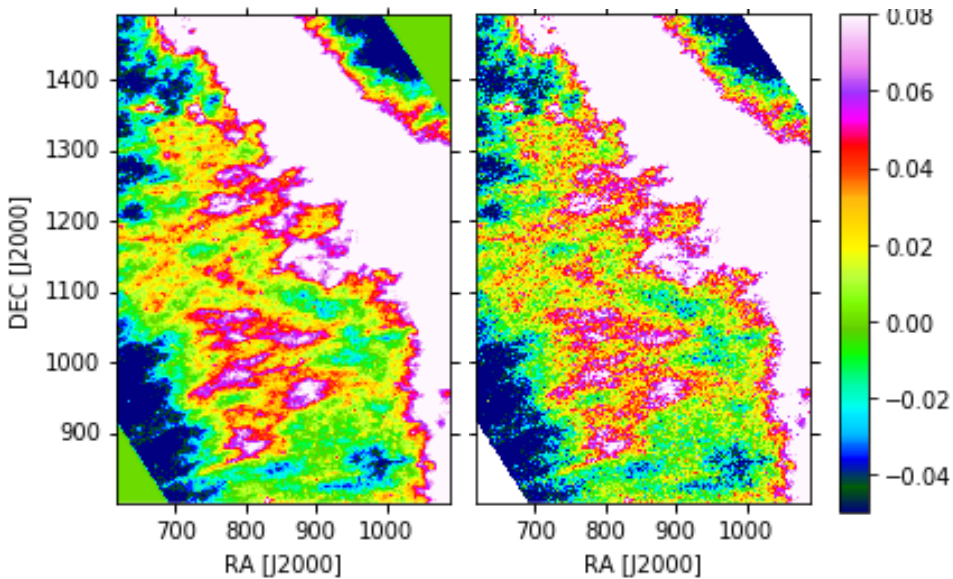
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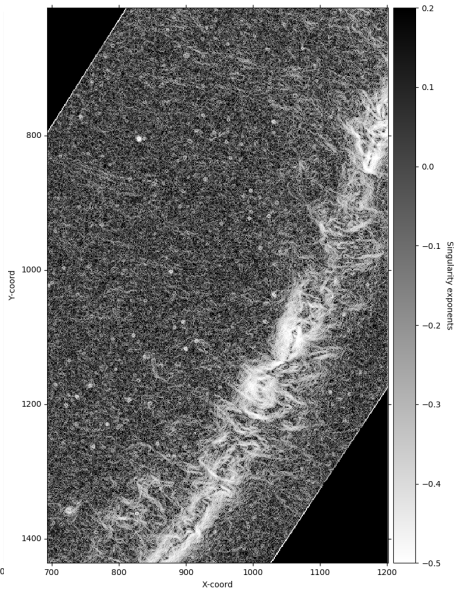
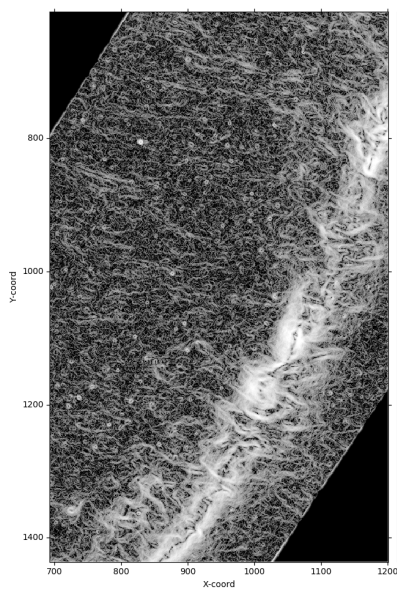
Sparse filtering

The L^1 norm favours sparsity:

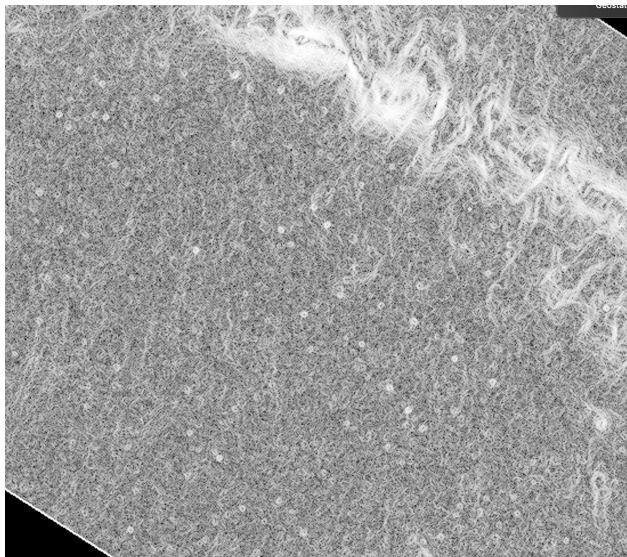
$$\operatorname{argmin}_{s_f} \|s - s_f\|_1 + \lambda \|\nabla s_f\|_1$$

[Candes2008]

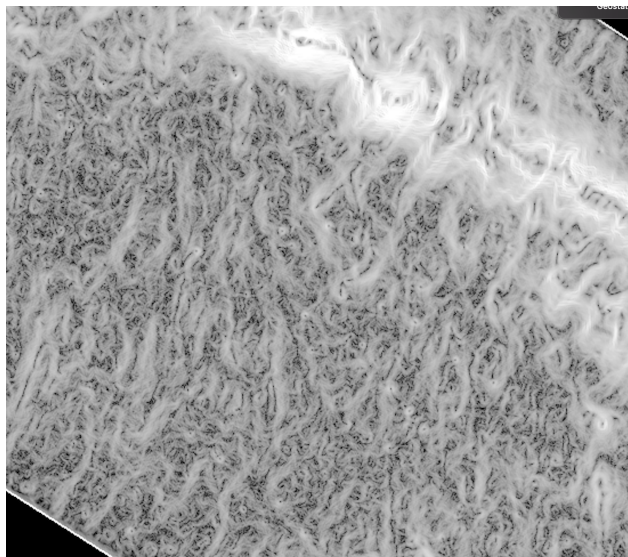




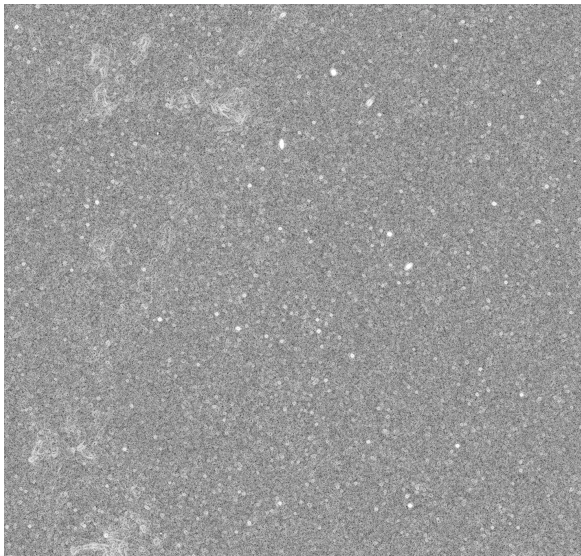
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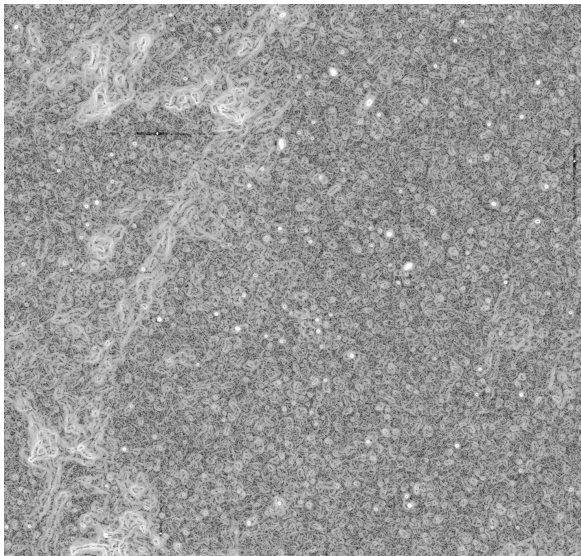
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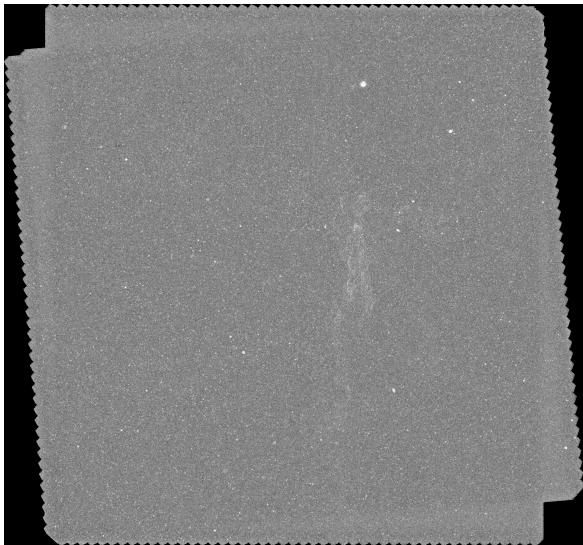
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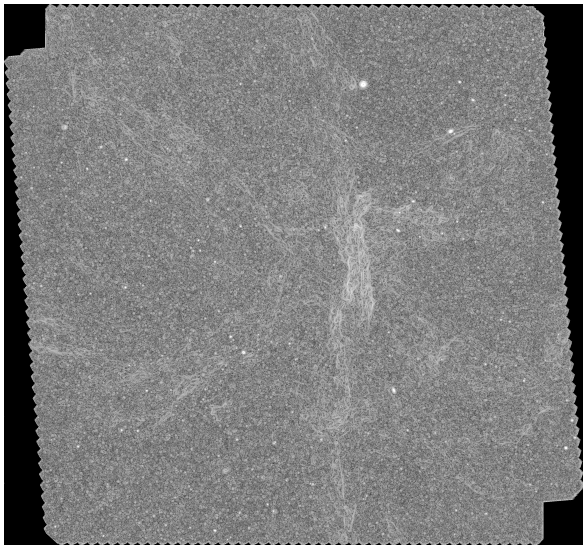
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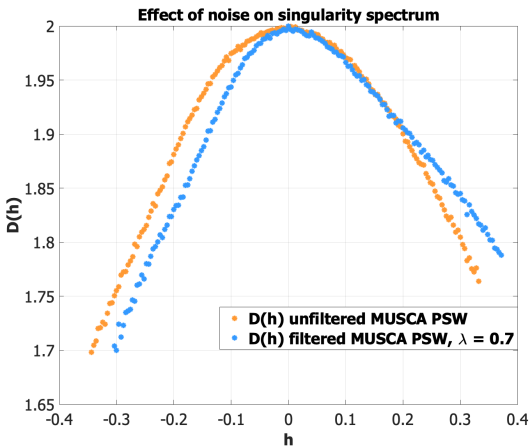
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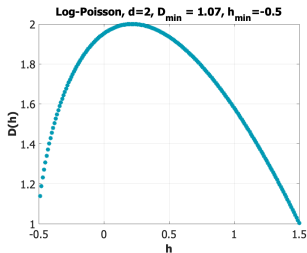
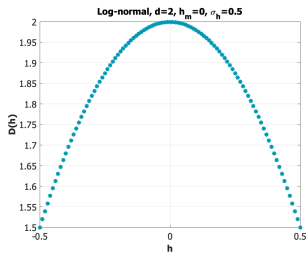


CIB "gaussianizes" a singularity spectrum



Musca 250 μm *Herschel* map,
with and without edge-aware
filtering.

Log-normal & Log-Poisson singularity spectra



Log-normal parabolic spectrum in \mathbb{R}^d : $D(\mathbf{h}) = d - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_m}{\sigma_h} \right)^2$.

Log-Poisson non-symmetric spectrum in \mathbb{R}^d :

$$D(\mathbf{h}) = D_{\min} + (d - D_{\min})\omega(\mathbf{h})(1 - \log \omega(\mathbf{h})),$$

$$\omega(\mathbf{h}) = \frac{\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_{\min}}{(d - D_{\min})(-\log \beta)}, \quad \beta \text{ dissipation parameter } (0 < \beta < 1):$$

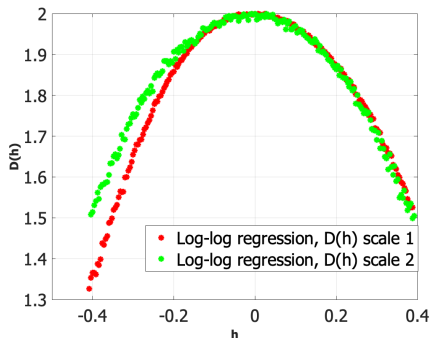
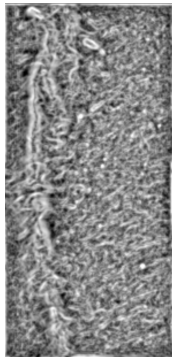
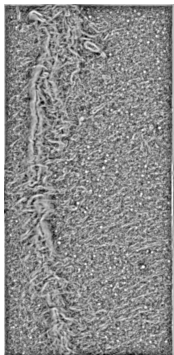
$$\beta = 1 + \frac{\mathbf{h}_{\min}}{d - D_{\min}}.$$

[Kolmogorov1962; VazquezSemadeni1994; She-Leveque1994; Gledzer1996]

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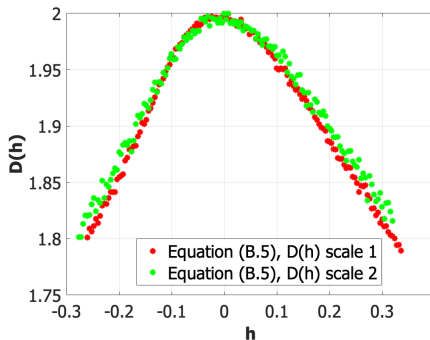
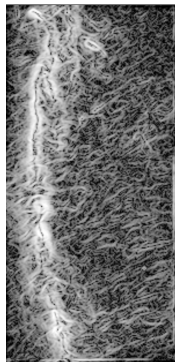
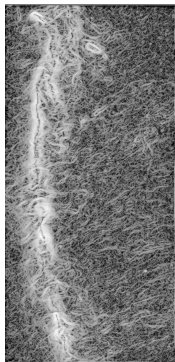
Checking scale invariance of a map

Counting-box like method



Enhanced counting box: gradient modulus wavelet projection method.
Two consecutive scales.

Advanced microcanonical: correlation measure



Correlation measure: scale invariance checked on two consecutive scales.

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Structures function method: inertial range of a turbulent field

2D structure function method

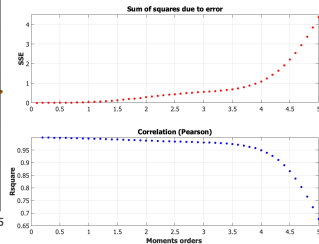
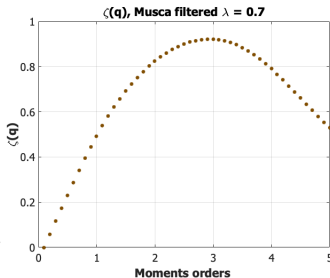
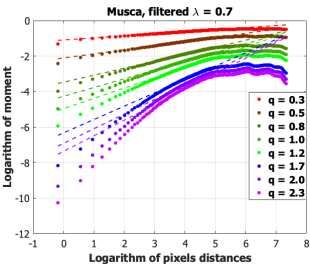
Inertial range determination.

MHD simulations determination through scaling of partition functions.
Musca \rightarrow 2D structure functions,

If \mathbf{x}_1 and \mathbf{x}_2 are points in the 2D signal domain, the existence of scaling laws for a certain range of spatial distances is verified when

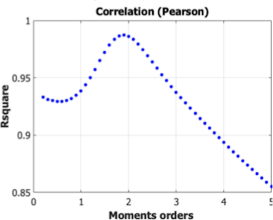
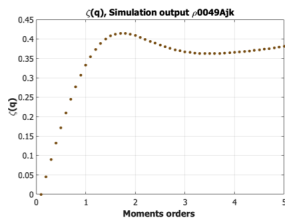
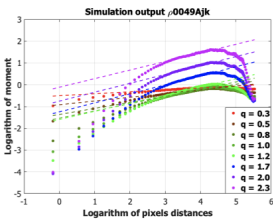
$$[Venugopal2006b; Renosh2015] \quad \langle |s(\mathbf{x}_1) - s(\mathbf{x}_2)|^q \rangle \sim \|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2\|^{\zeta(q)}.$$

2D structure function method: Musca



Inertial range corresponds to $\rightarrow [0.053, 0.65]$ pc. Middle panel: resulting map $q \mapsto \zeta(q)$. Right: quality decreases with the moment order q .

2D structure function method: MHD simulation



5×10^8 couples of points $(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$ chosen uniformly ; moments q between 0.1 and 5.

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Simulation data

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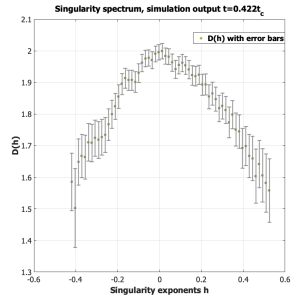
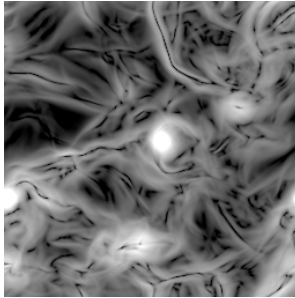
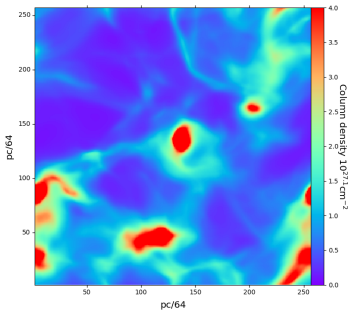
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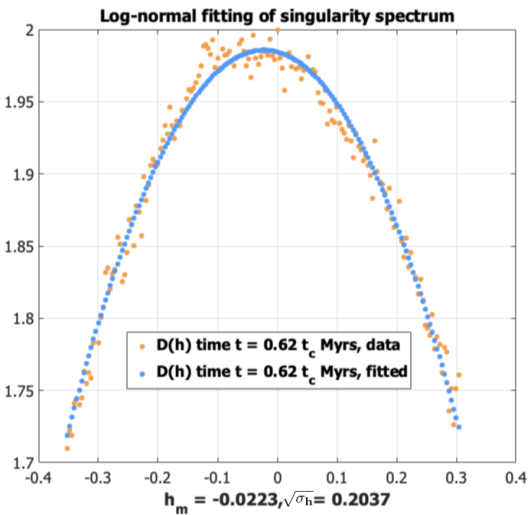
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Left panel: output shown here corresponds to the hydrodynamical case with no magnetic field at time $t = 0.422 t_c$.

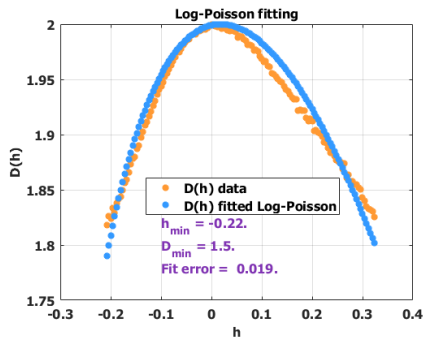
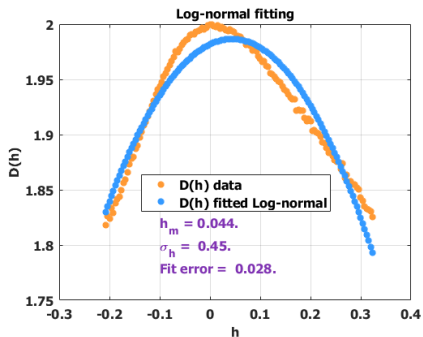
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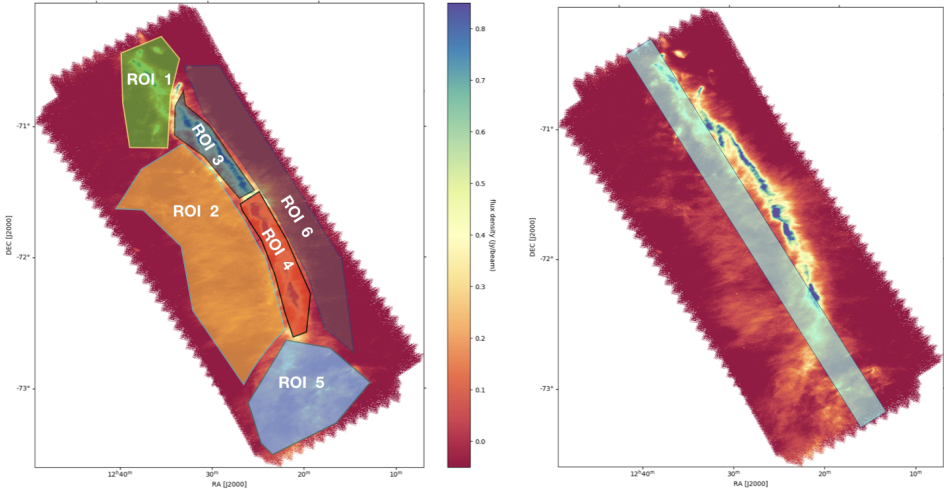
Analysis of turbulent dynamics of the Herschel Musca flux density map

Musca, full map. Deviation from log-normality

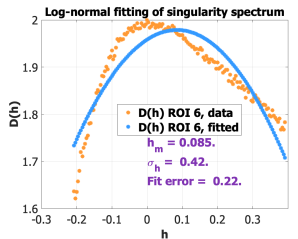
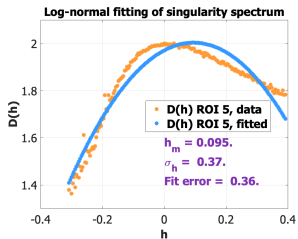
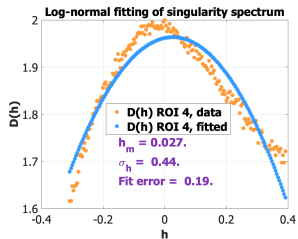
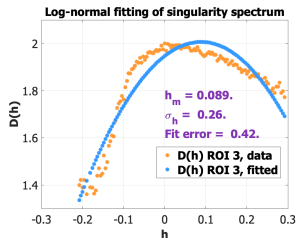
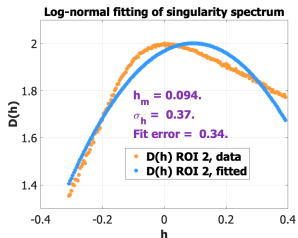
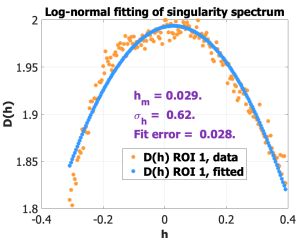


Left: the singularity spectrum of the filtered ($\lambda = 0.7$) Musca 250 μm observational map (in orange) is fitted against a log-normal parabolic spectrum (blue). Right: the singularity spectrum of the of the filtered ($\lambda = 0.7$) Musca 250 μm observational map (in orange) is fitted against a log-Poisson singularity spectrum (blue).

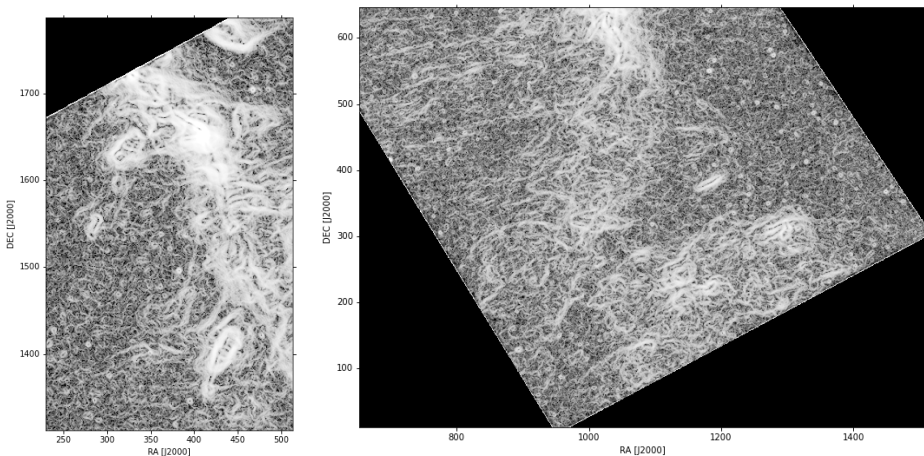
Musca Regions of Interest (ROIs)



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Distribution of the singularity exponents in ROI1 (left) and in the southern region of Musca ROI5 (right). Both regions show complex linear structures, but of different sizes and organisation.

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Thank you.