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Intergalactic Magnetic Field Observations and their Fundamental Implications¹ TANMAY VACHASPATI, Arizona State Univ — I will review current observational evidence for helical intergalactic magnetic fields at the 10^{-14} G level on 10 Mpc length scales. The existence of magnetic fields in cosmic voids and their non-trivial helical structure suggest that they might have originated in the early universe due to CP violating fundamental interactions. The large helicity of the magnetic field suggests a possible crucial role for chiral MHD effects in the early universe.

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