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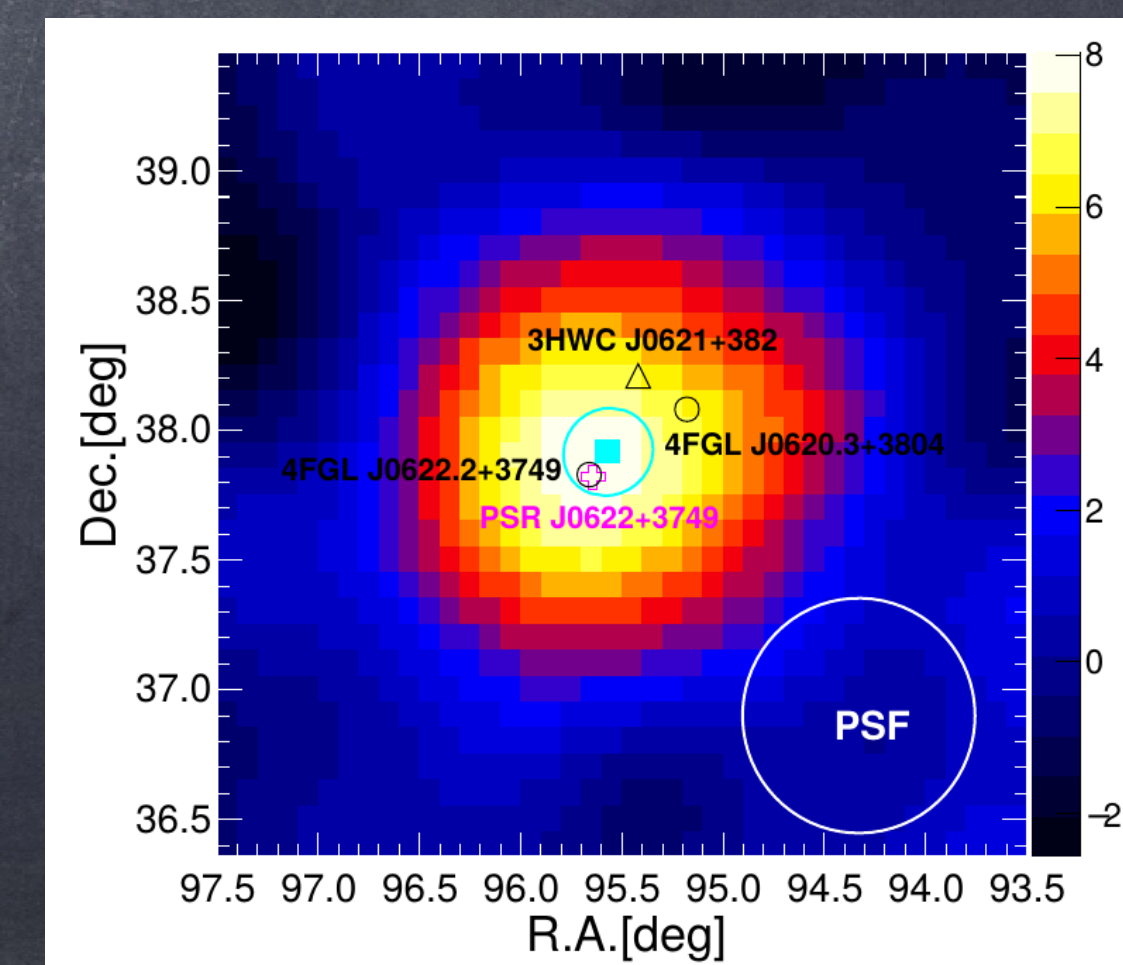
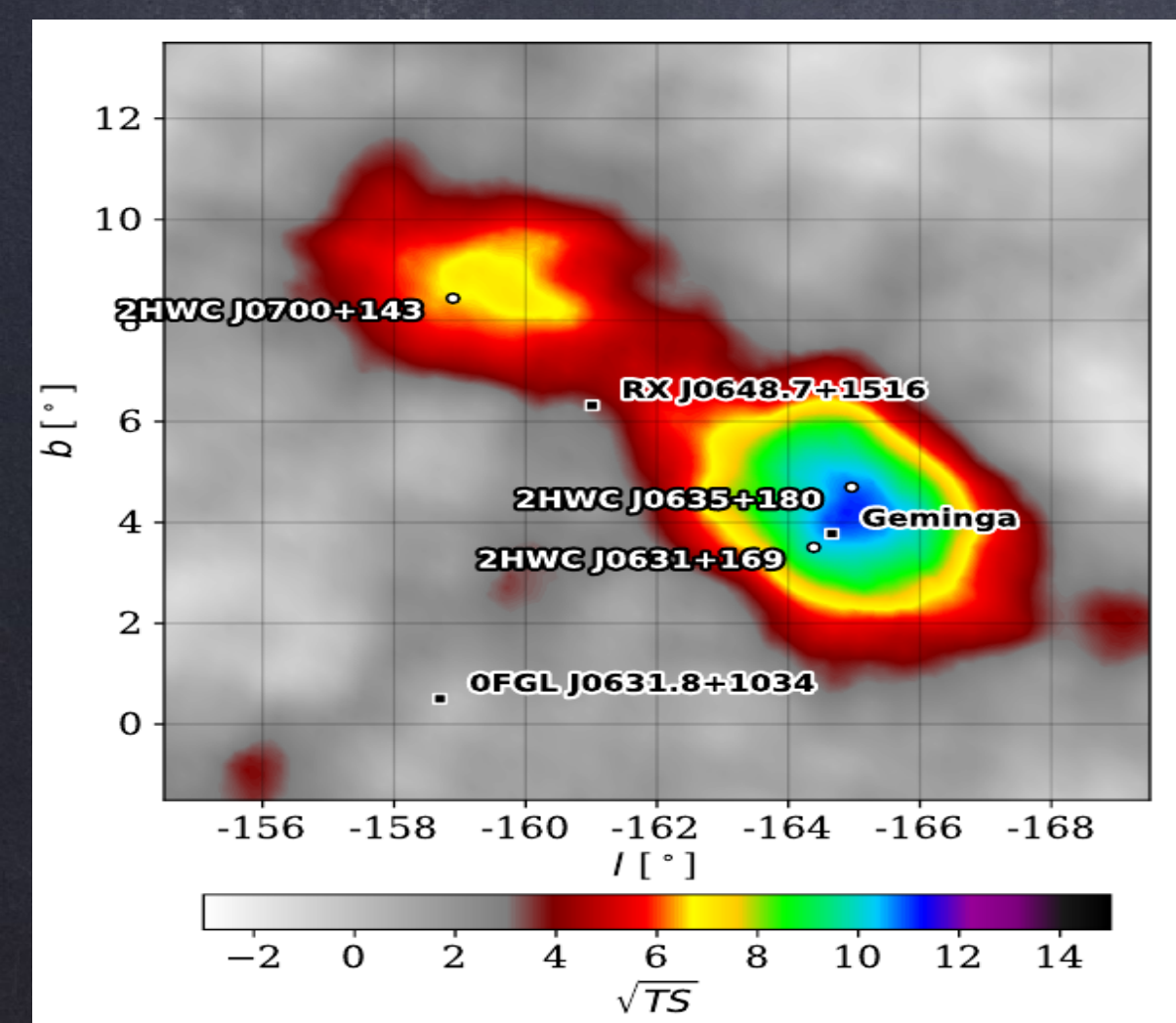
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Cosmic ray propagation in the  
proximity of sources

TeV halos in the era of CTAO and ASTRI

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# Summary

Amato & Recchia 2024 - review TeV halos

- TeV halos detected around middle-aged pulsars (HAWC, LHAASO)
- not understood with current transport models
- new window on CR propagation at multi-TeV
- many open questions
- what ASTRI Mini-Array could do - superior angular resolution

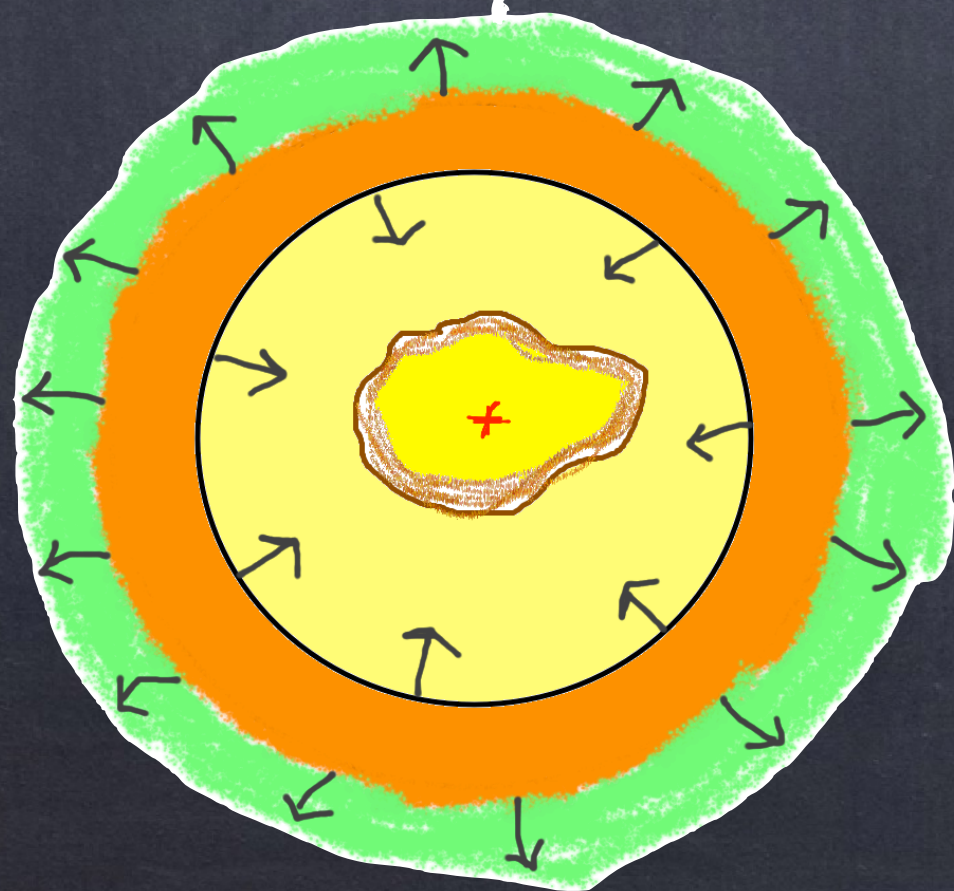
# Pulsars and their nebulae

- fast rotating highly magnetized NS  $\rightarrow$  extracted  $e^-$
- copious pair production in magnetosphere
- magnetized relativistic wind  $\rightarrow$  spin down  $\dot{E}$
- outflow slow down due to ambient medium (SNR, ISM)
- termination shock  $\rightarrow$  bright non-thermal emission PWN
- TS powerful accelerator (high efficiency, close to  $E_{\max}$ )

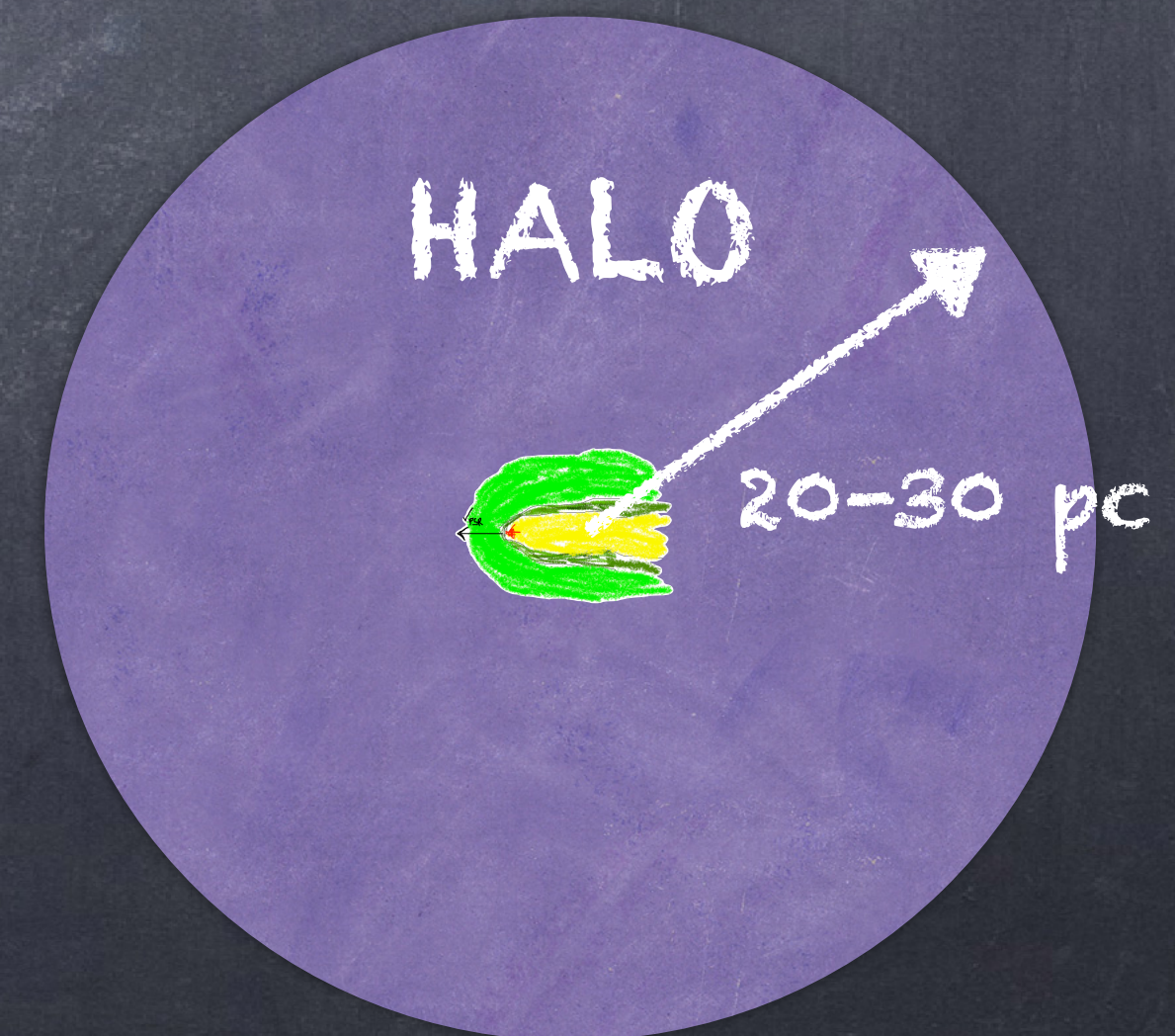
# Pulsars and their nebulae

- $e^\pm$  pairs confined in PWNe before release in ISM
- Cannot leave system while pulsar is in SNR
- proper motion  $v_{\text{psr}} \sim 100\text{s km/s} \longrightarrow$  out of SNR  $\approx 10\text{s kyr}$
- Bow shock  $\longrightarrow$  particle release in ISM

in-SNR phase



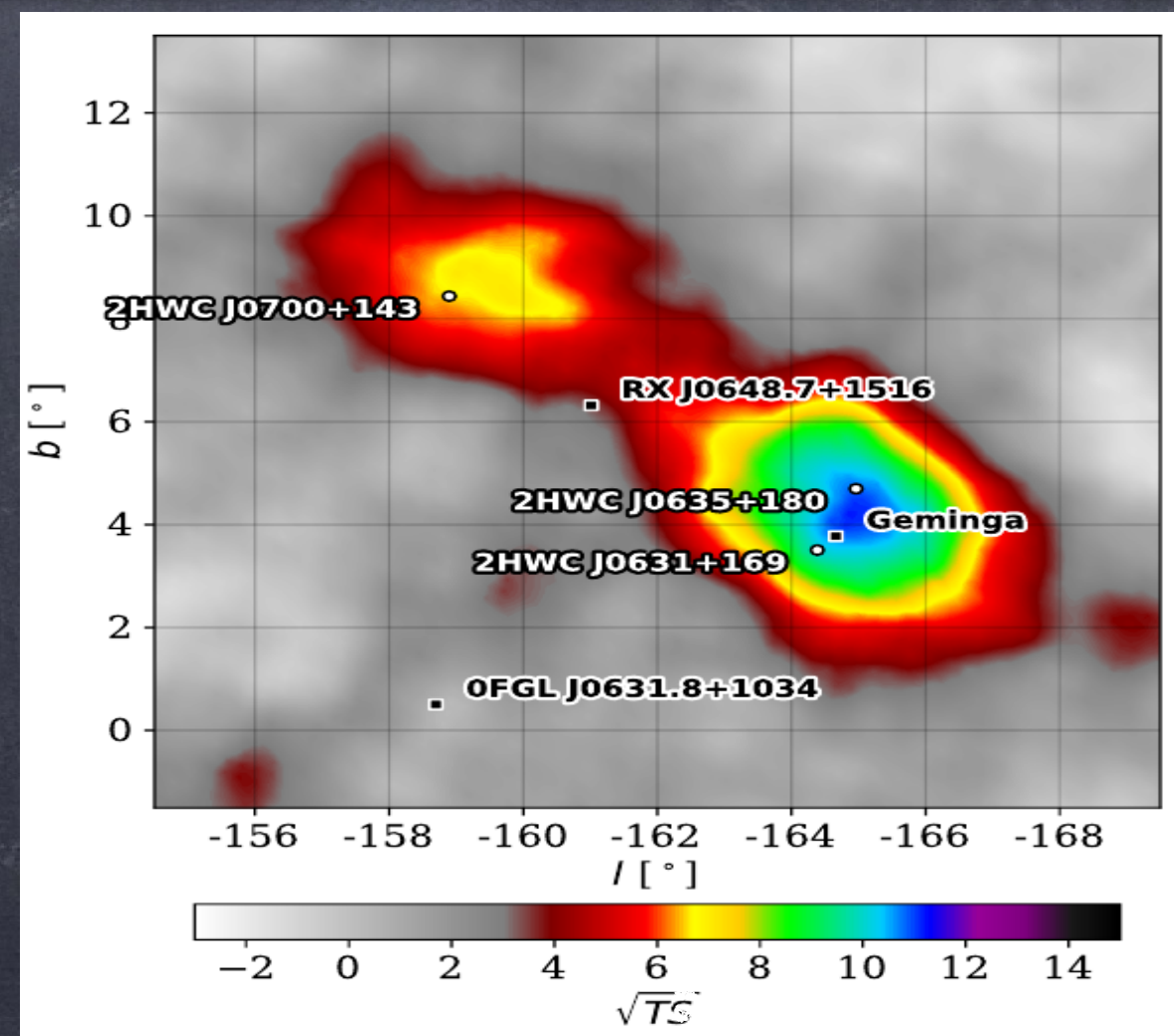
bow-shock phase



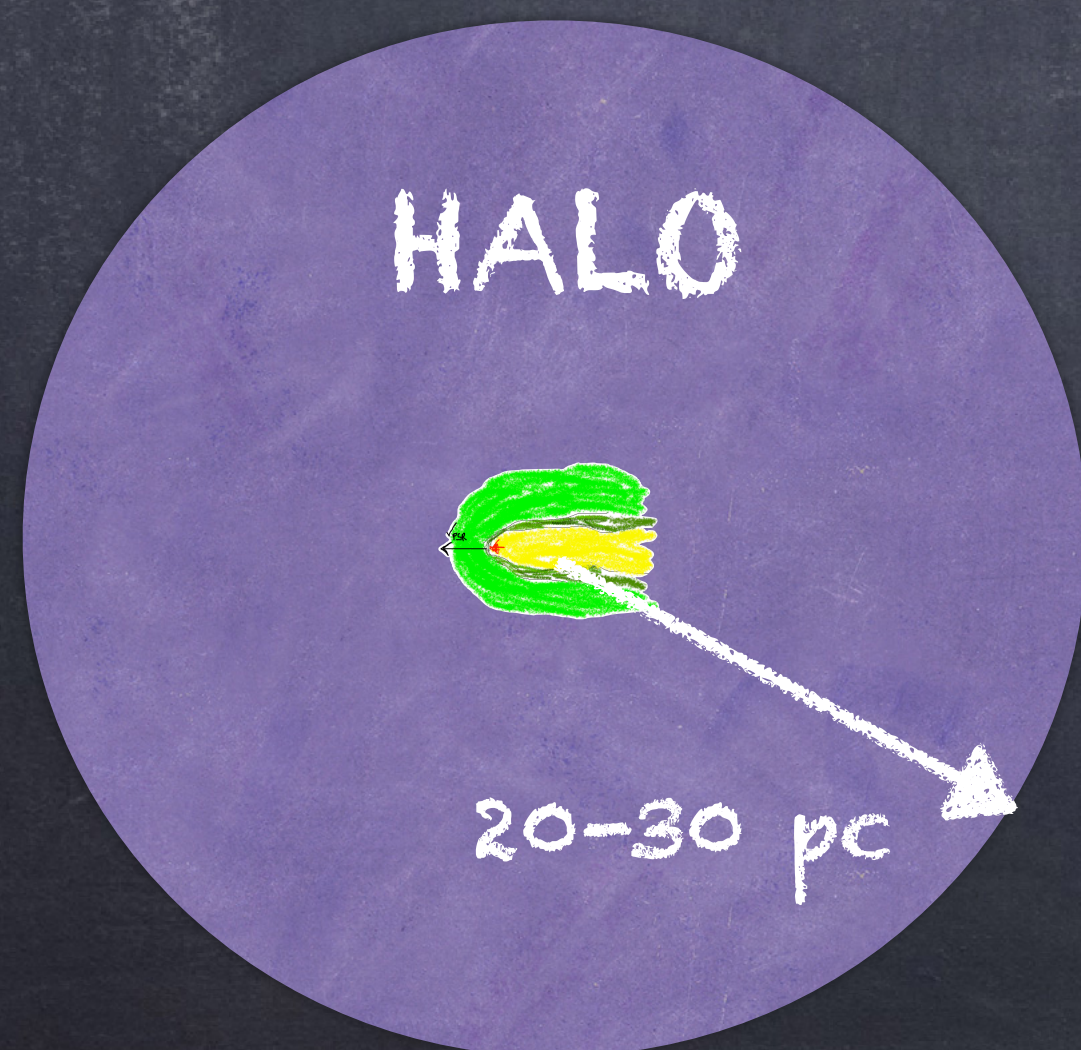
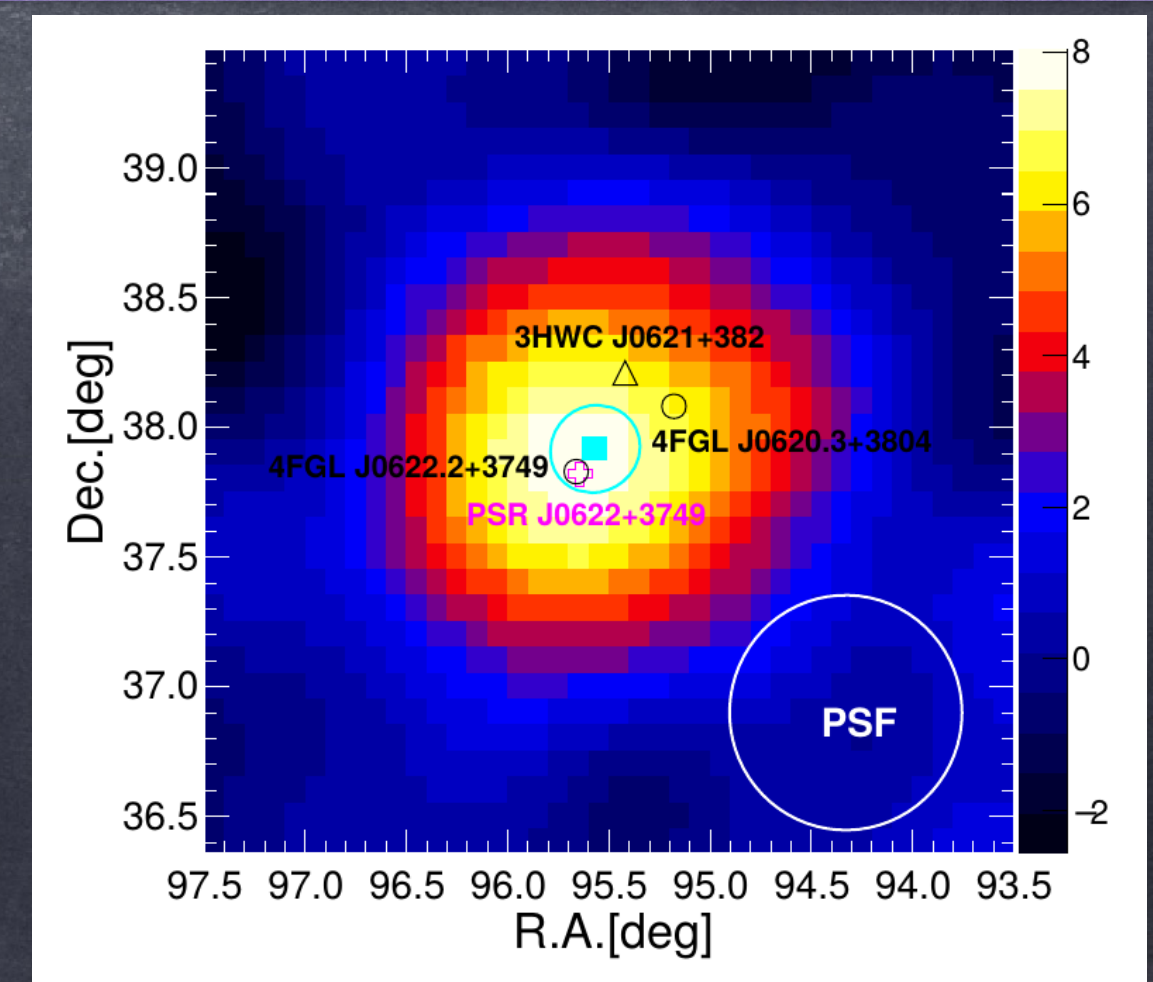
# Bow-shock PWNe and TeV halos

- Consider only middle-aged pulsars that are out of SNR
- diffuse in ISM to  $d \gg$  PWNe (tens pc vs  $\lesssim$  pc)
- ICS on CMB  $\longrightarrow$  TeV emission ( $e^\pm$  of 10s-100s TeV)
- Clean probe of CR transport in multi-TeV particles

HAWC: Geminga-Monogem



LHAASO: PSR J0622+3749

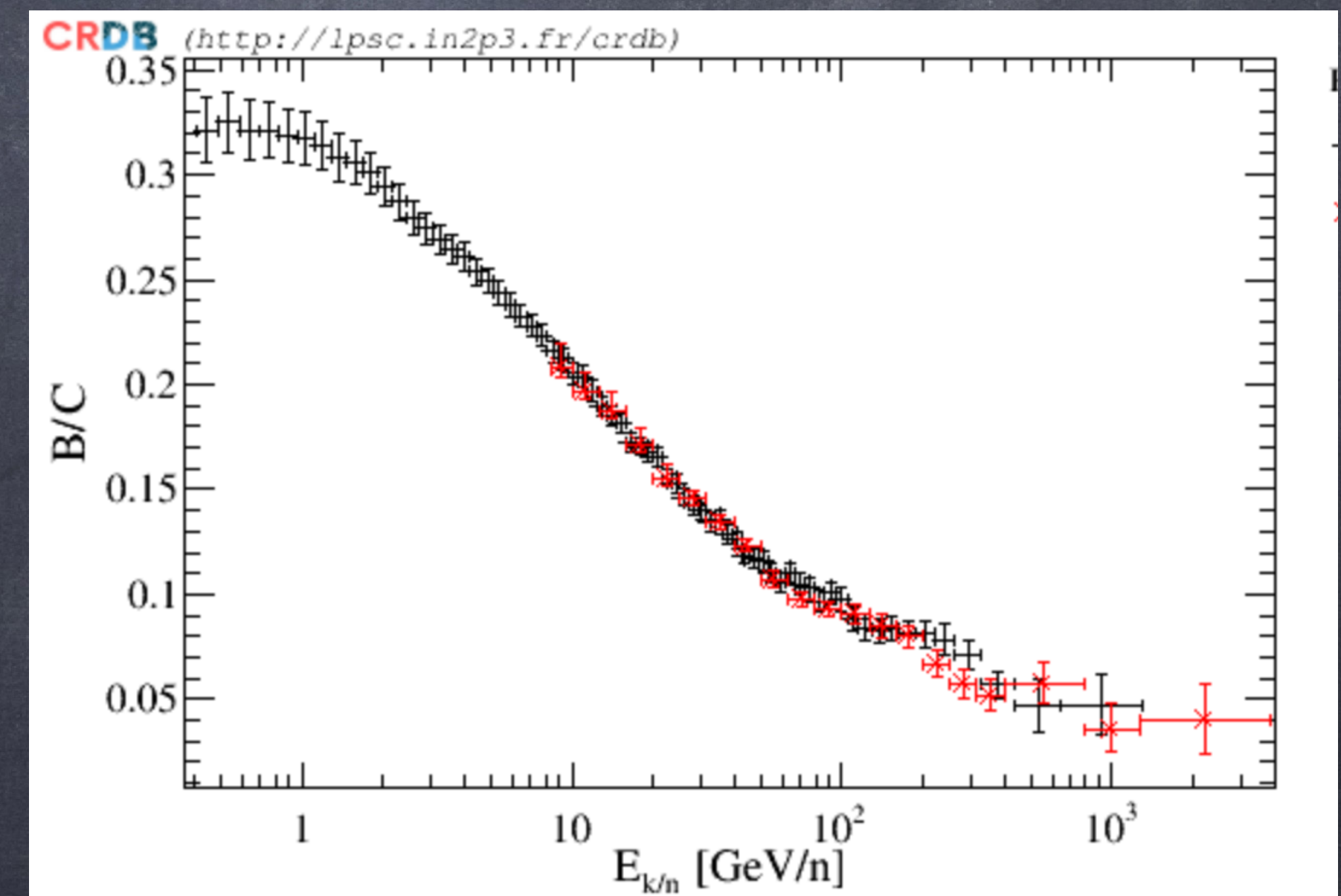
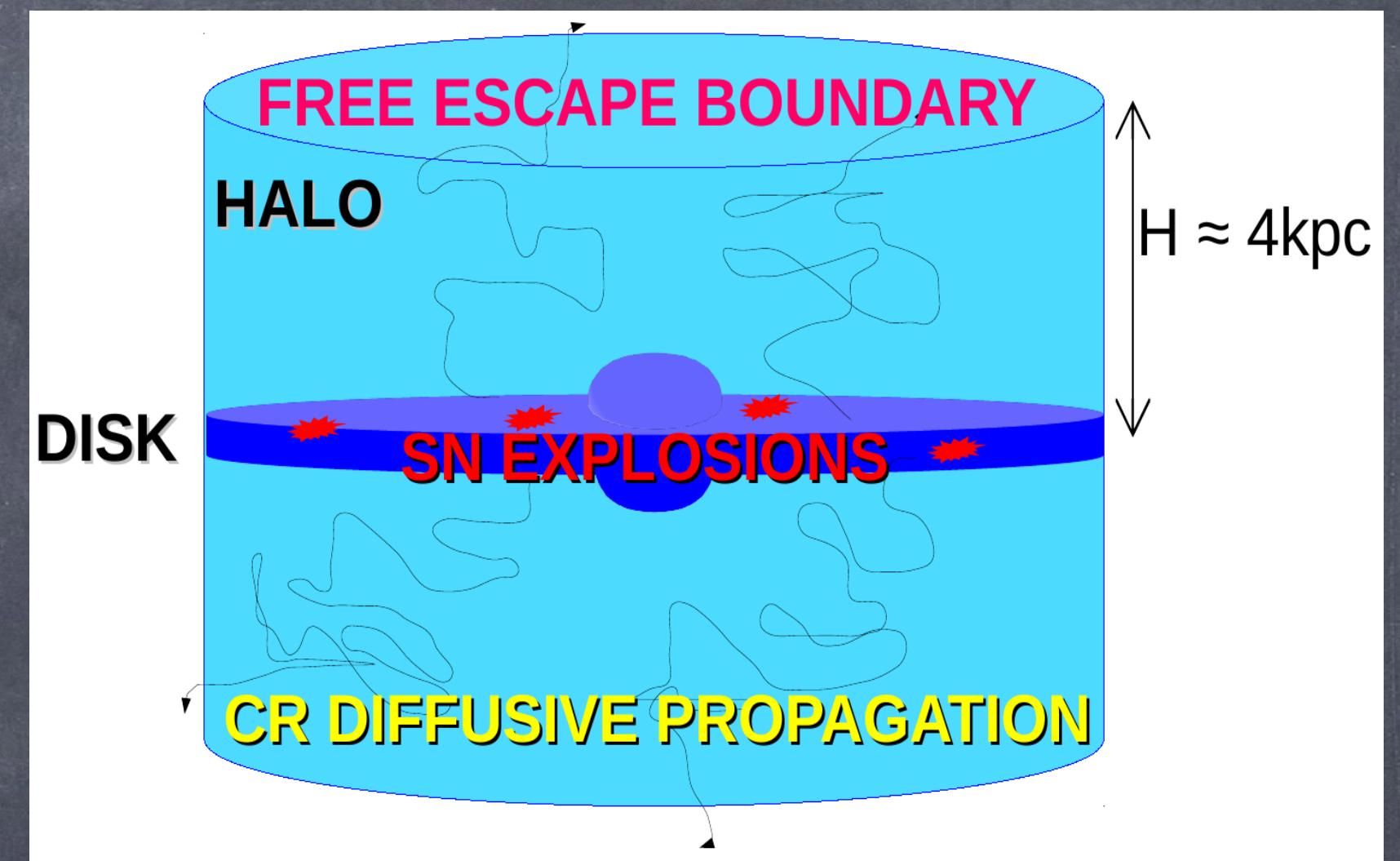


# CR transport physics and data

- secondary / primary
- unstable isotopes
- diffusion in Galactic halo  $\sim$  few kpc
- high energy less confined
- $D(E) \propto E^{0.3...0.7}$
- magnetic confinement

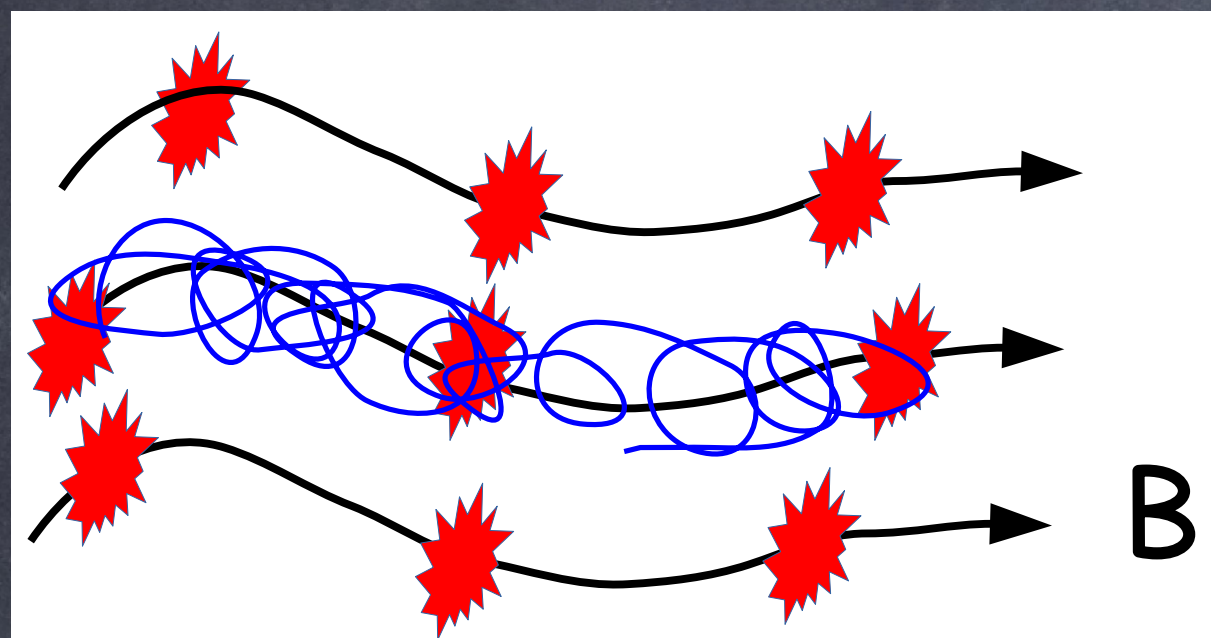
$$r_L \approx 10^{-6} \text{ pc } E_{\text{GeV}} / B_{\mu\text{G}}$$

Gabici et al. 2019 - review CRs



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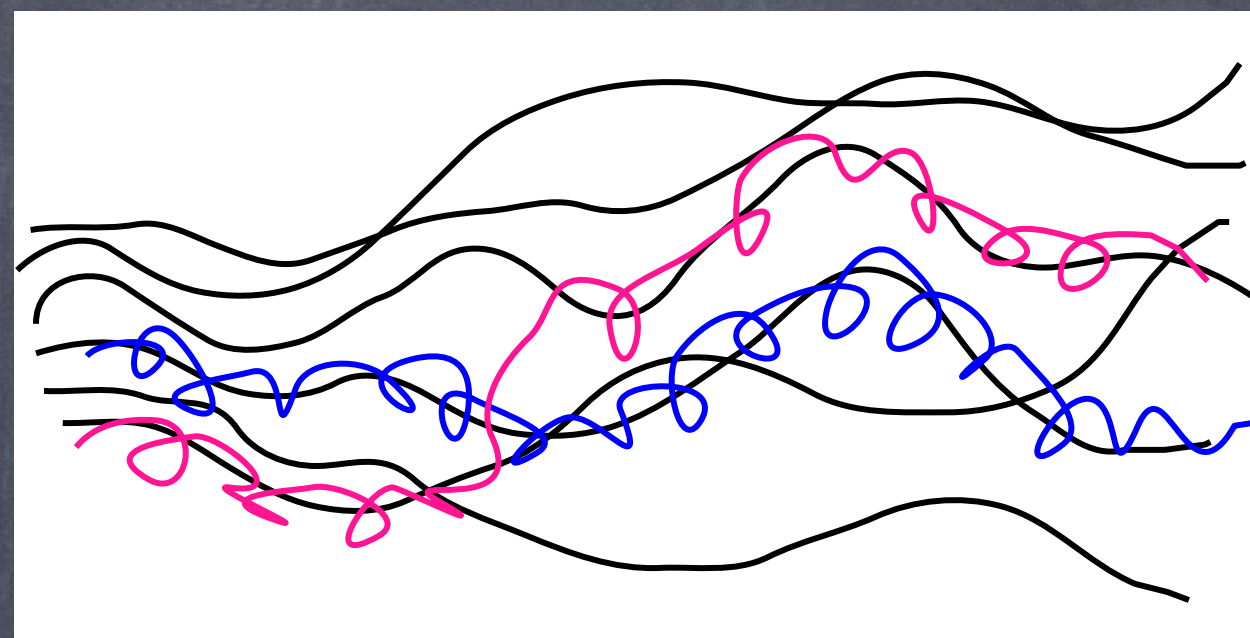
## parallel diffusion



- CR gyromotion
- scattering off waves
- $k \sim 1/r_L$  (resonance)
- scattering mean free path  $\lambda_{\text{mfp}}$
- $D_{\parallel}(E) \propto \lambda_{\text{mfp}}$

Mertsch 2020 - review turbulence & transport

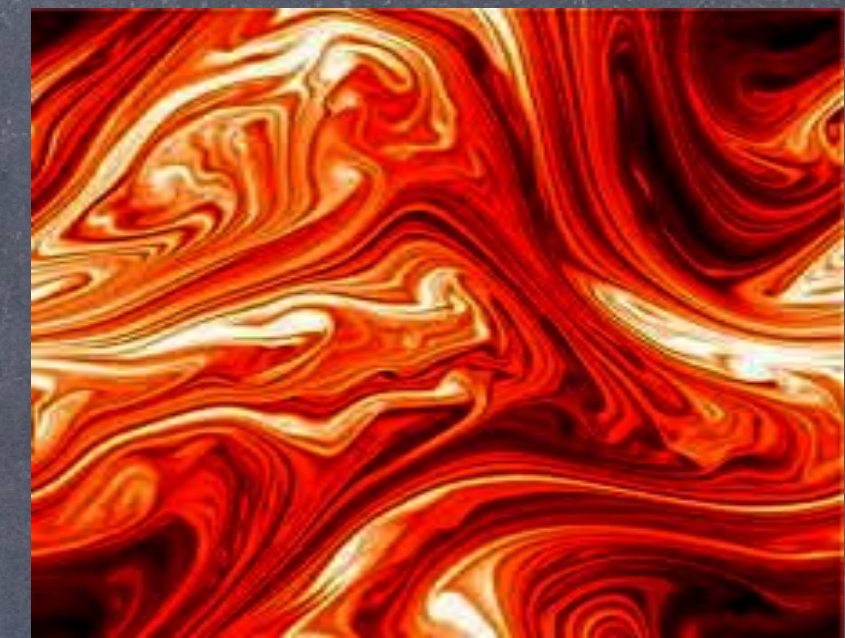
## perp. transport



- field line walk
- CR jump between lines
- large-scale perp diffusion
- $D_{\perp}(E) \lesssim D_{\parallel}(E)$

Schalchi 2020 - review perp. Transport

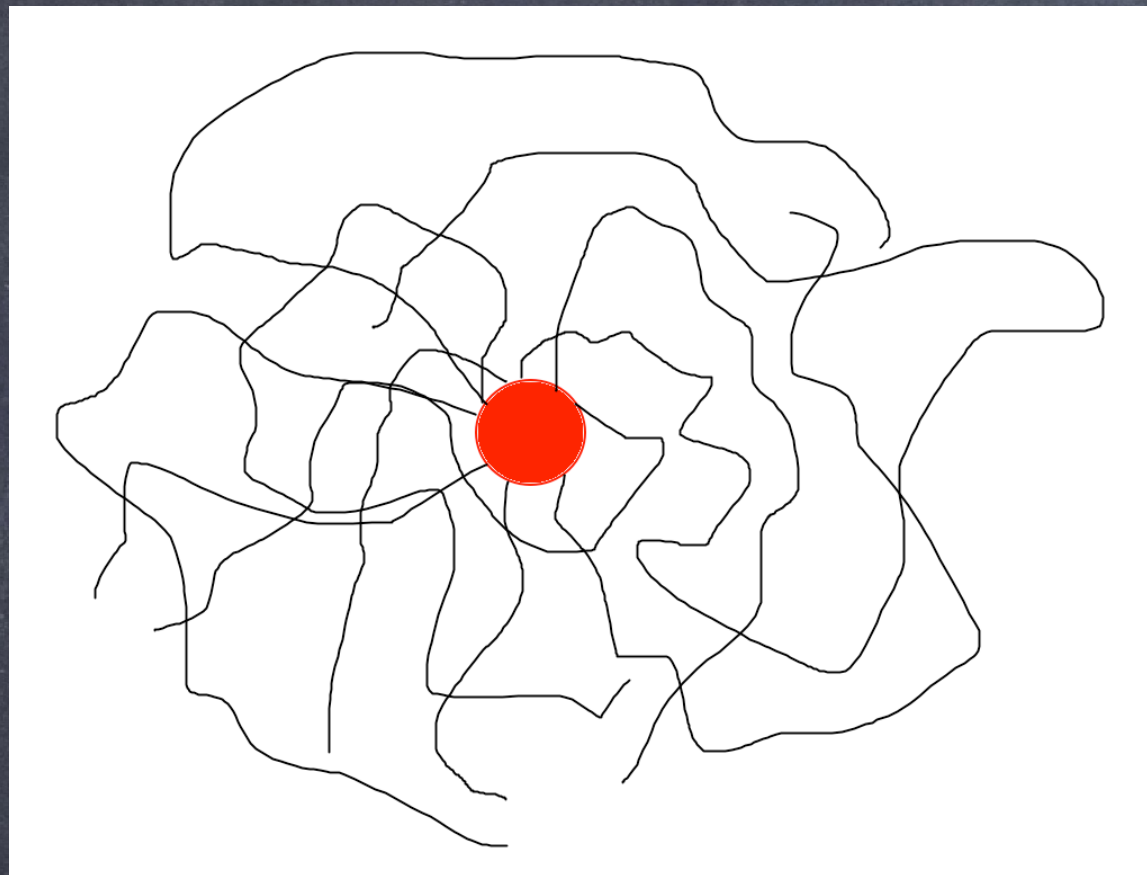
## MHD turbulence



- source injection (10s pc)
- cascade to  $k \sim 1/r_L$ ?
- damping?
- Produced by CRs?

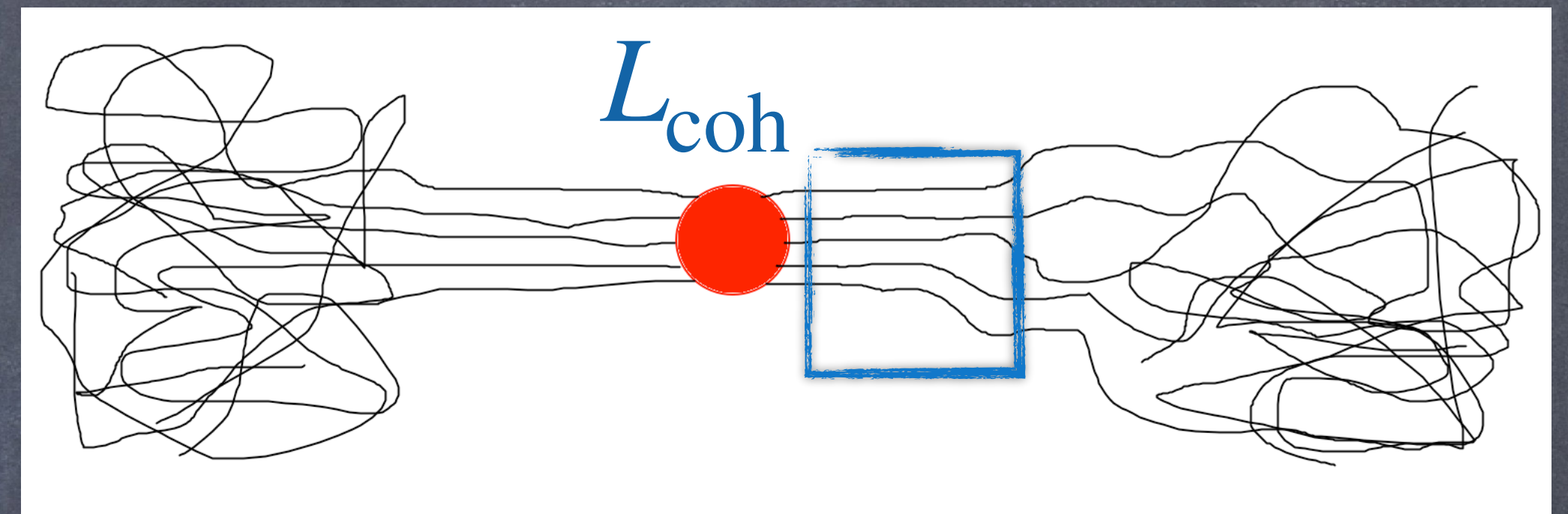
# CR transport around sources

highly turbulent ISM



- small  $L_{\text{coh}} \ll \text{size}$
- 3D isotropic diffusion
- Small  $D$
- spherical morphology

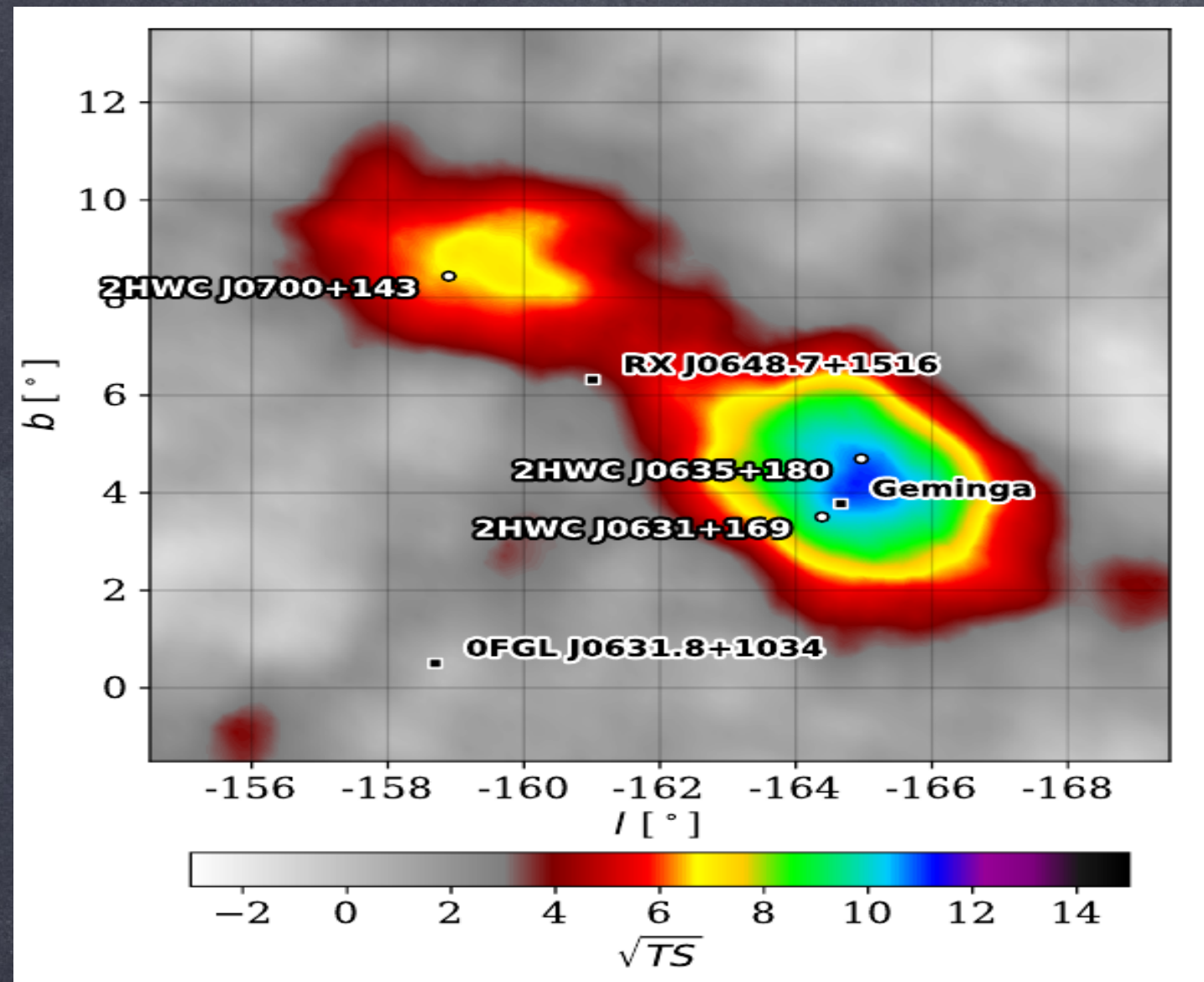
anisotropic transport



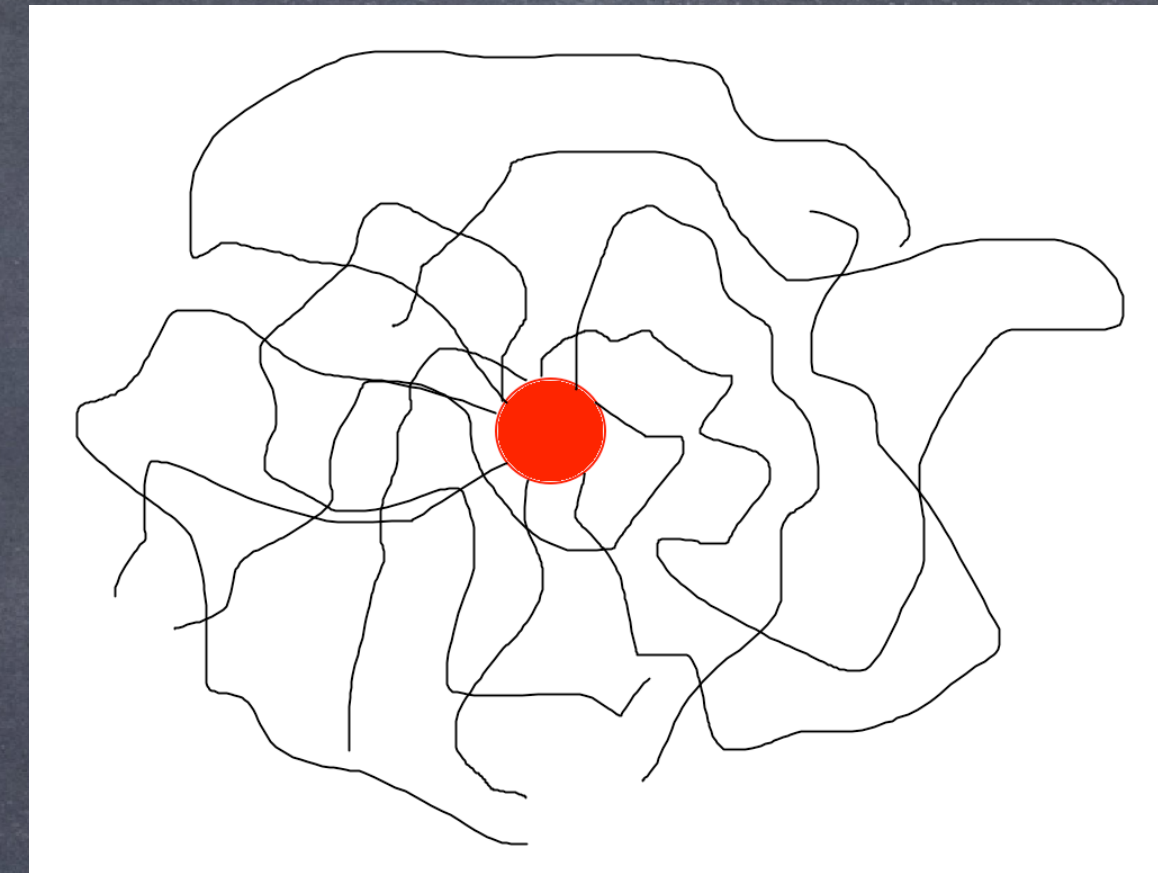
- $L_{\text{coh}} \gtrsim \text{size}$
- typical  $D_{\parallel}, D_{\perp} \ll D_{\parallel}$
- emission morphology depends on flux-tube orientation
- elongated structures



# CR transport - TeV halos



highly turbulent ISM



$$D_{\text{ISM}}(100\text{TeV}) \approx 10^{30} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$



$$D_{\text{halo}}(100\text{TeV}) \approx 10^{27} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

- 10-200 TeV  $e^\pm$ , ICS on CMB
- $E_e \sim 100 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $E_\gamma \sim 20 \text{ TeV}$
- age  $\sim 100\text{s kyr}$
- distance  $\sim 300 \text{ pc}$
- 10s pc extension

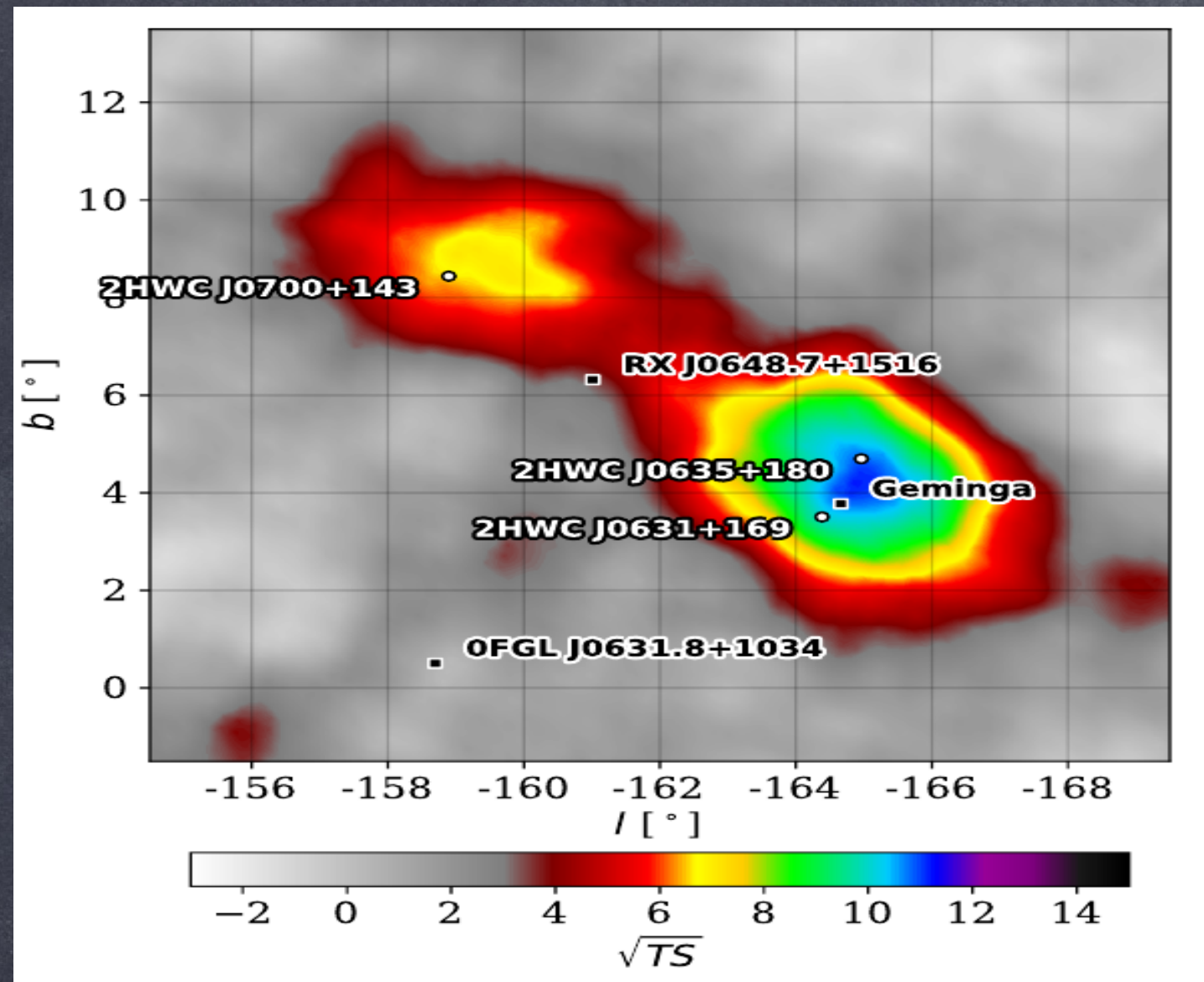
- small  $L_{\text{coh}} \ll \text{size} \rightarrow$  small  $\lambda_{\text{mfp}}$
- 3D isotropic diffusion & small  $D$
- energy losses CMB/B  $\tau_{\text{CMB}} \approx 10 \text{ kyr}$



$$R_{\text{halo}} \sim \sqrt{4D\tau_{\text{CMB}}} \sim 30\text{pc} \sqrt{D_{27}\tau_4}$$



# CR transport - TeV halos



• highly turbulent region around some PSR

- filling factor? extension?

- how many halos?

• anisotropic diffusion

- need small  $\psi_{\text{incl}}$  for spherical halo

- chance? morphology?

- look for features?

• self-generated turbulence

- Difficult even with flux-tube and high efficiency

- problems with morphology

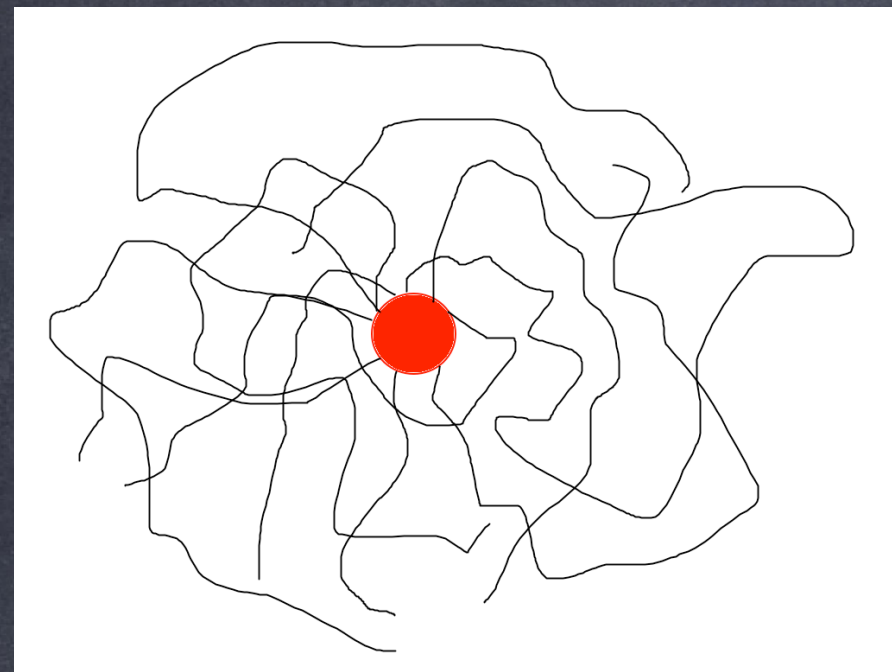
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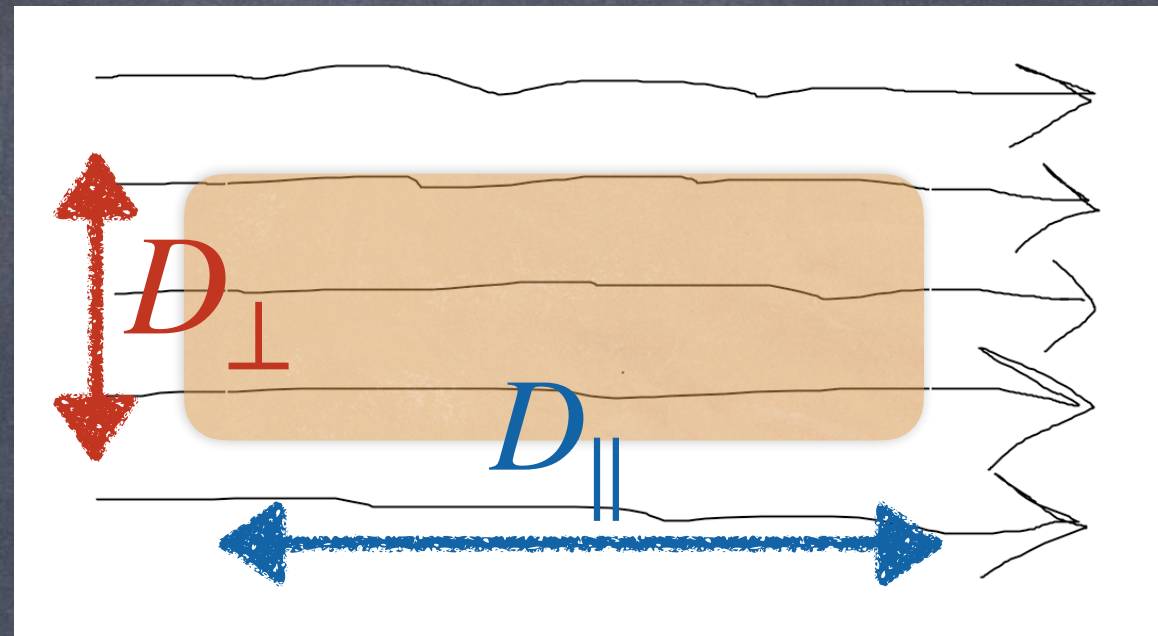
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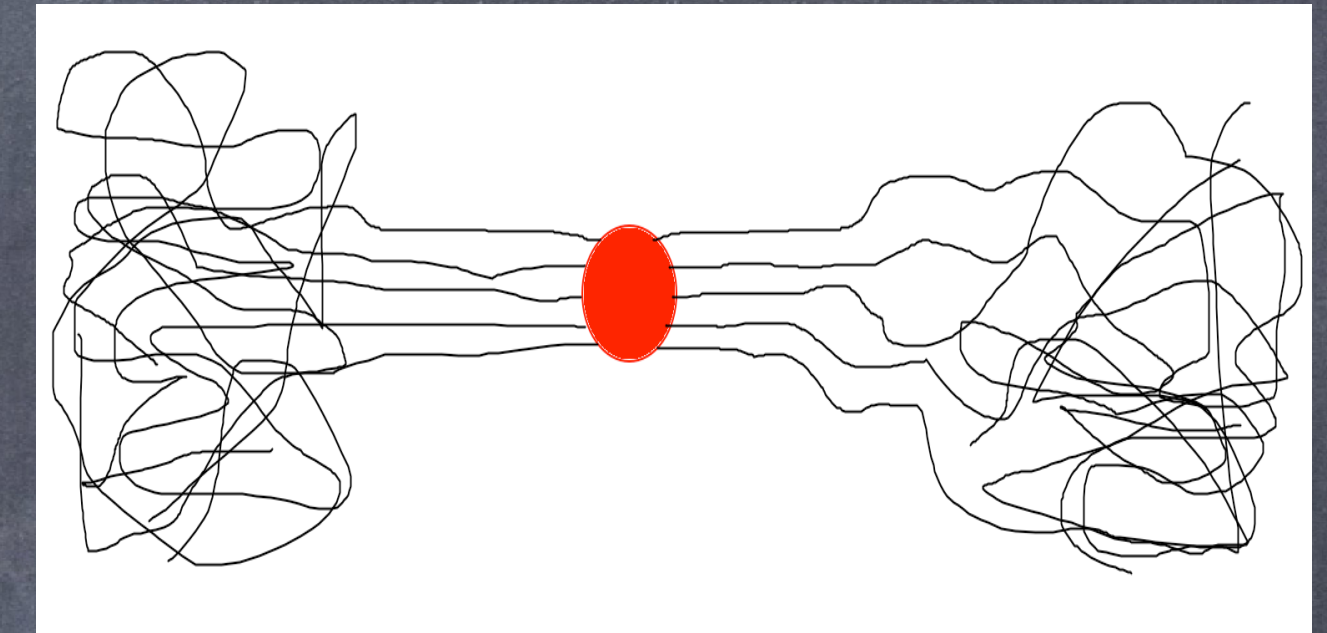
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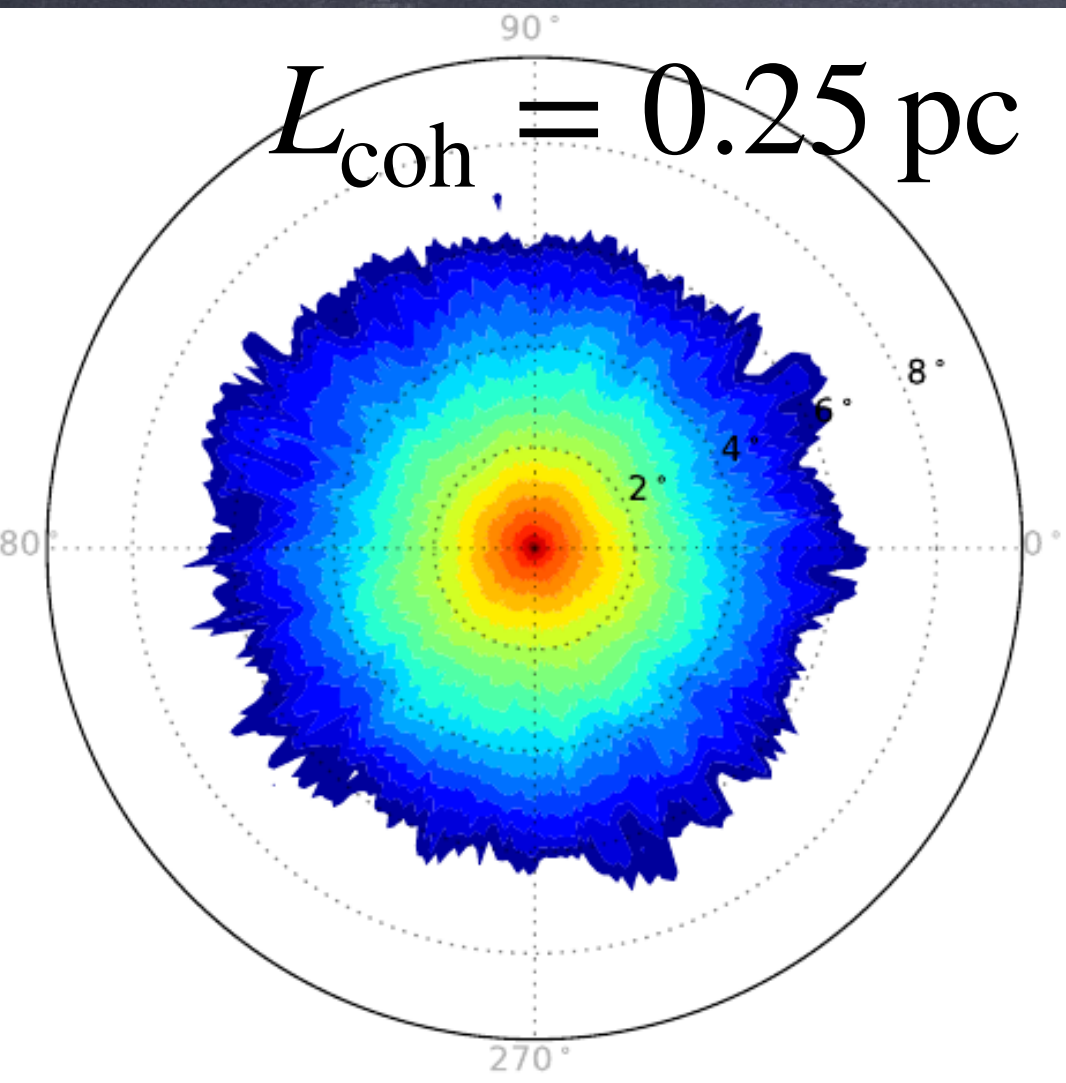
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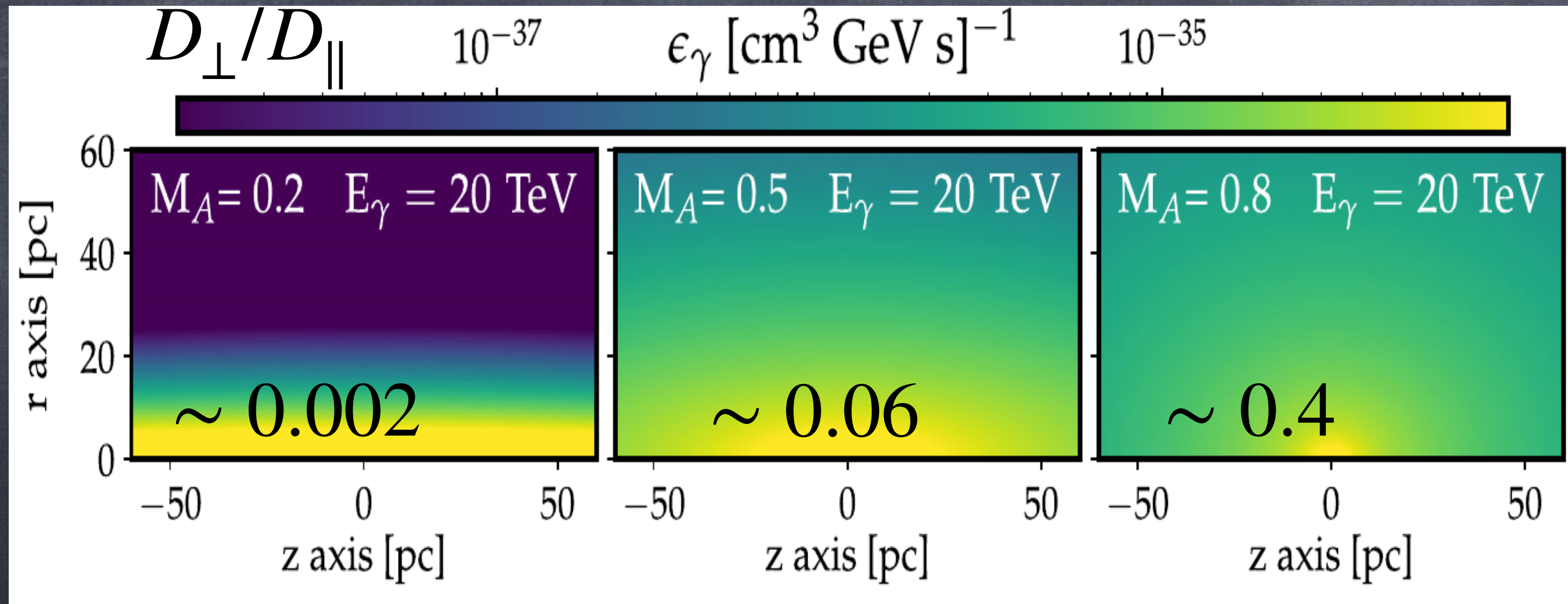
more realistic setup?



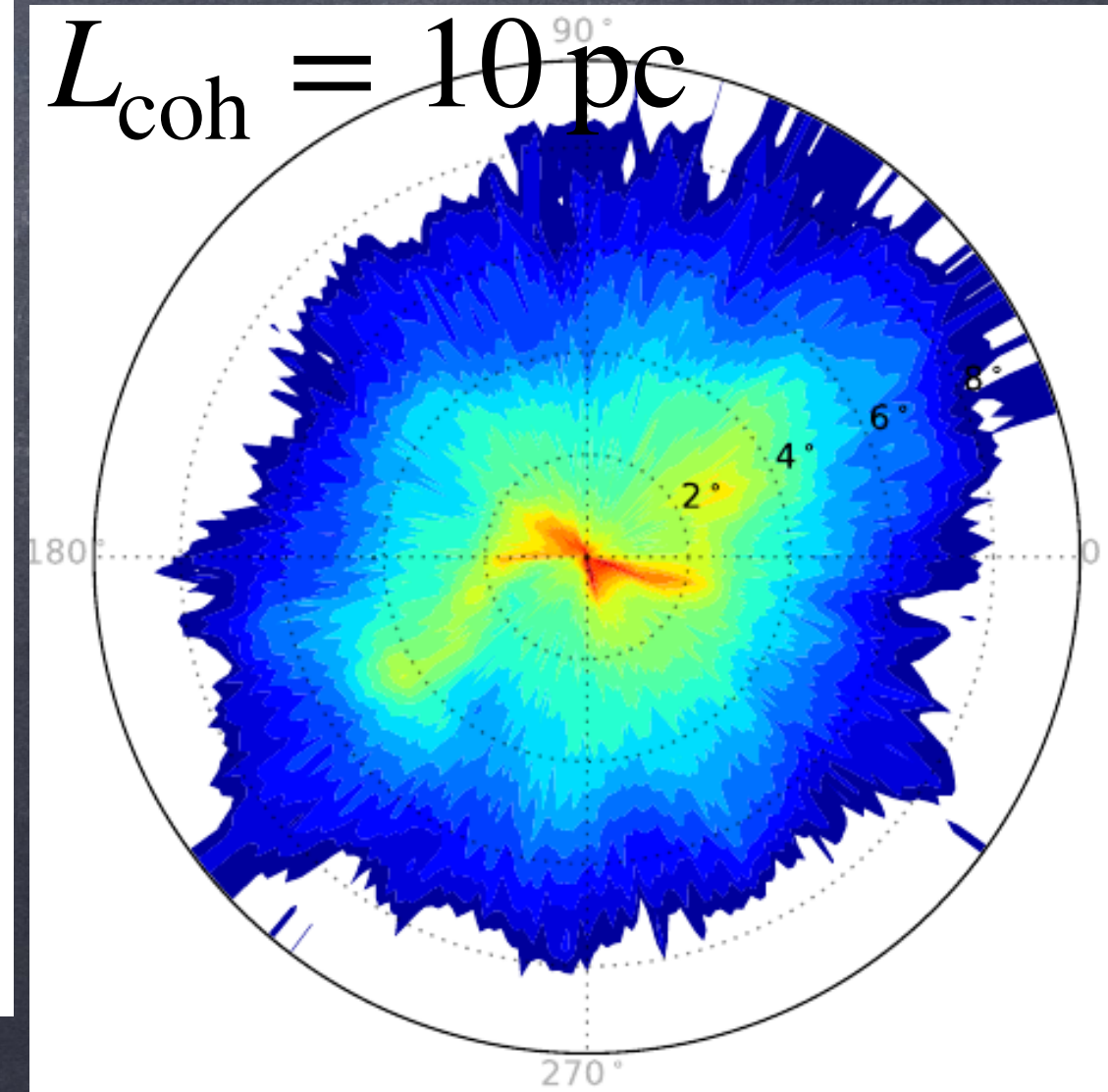
$L_{\text{coh}} = 0.25 \text{ pc}$



$D_{\perp}/D_{\parallel}$   $10^{-37}$   $\epsilon_{\gamma} [\text{cm}^3 \text{ GeV s}]^{-1}$   $10^{-35}$



$L_{\text{coh}} = 10 \text{ pc}$

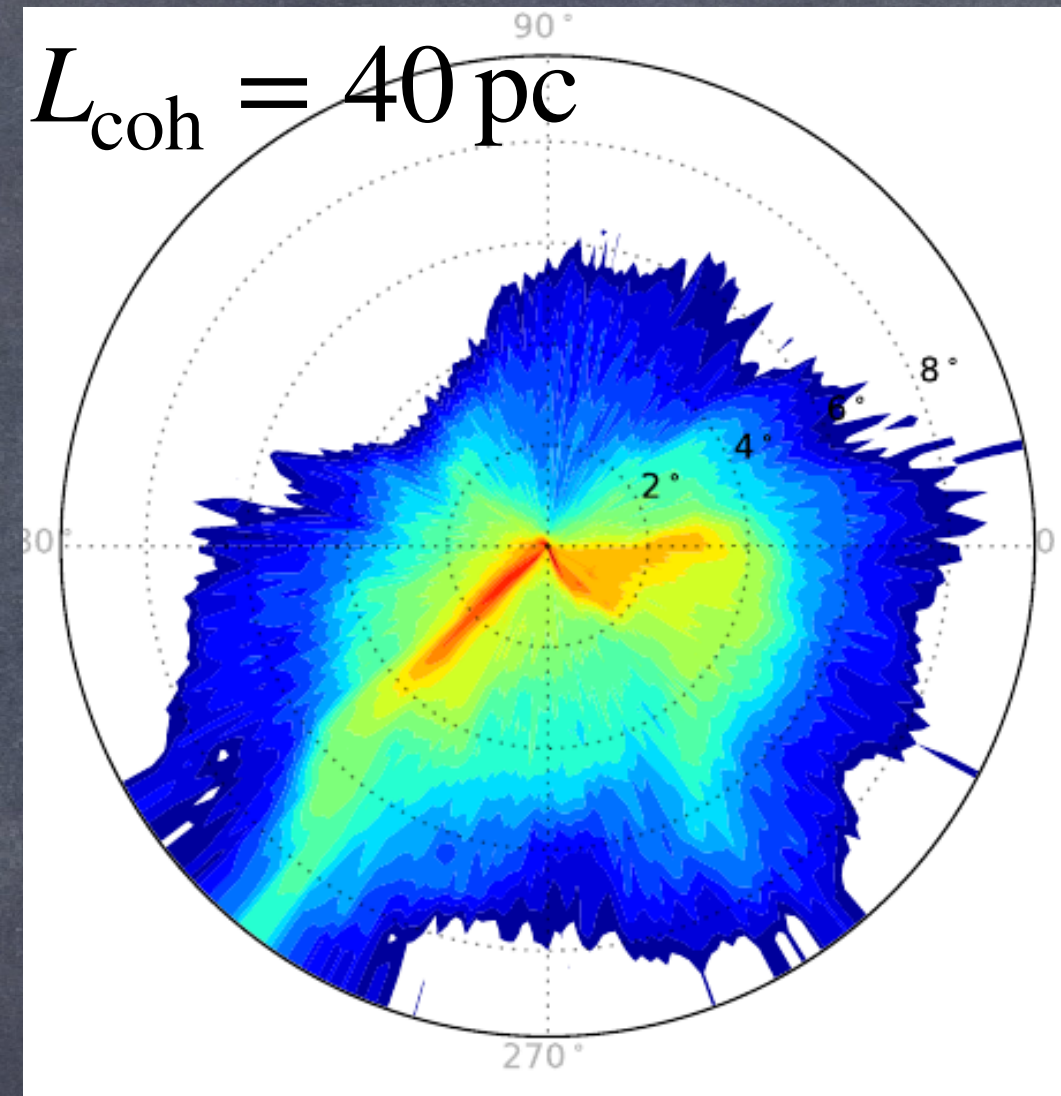
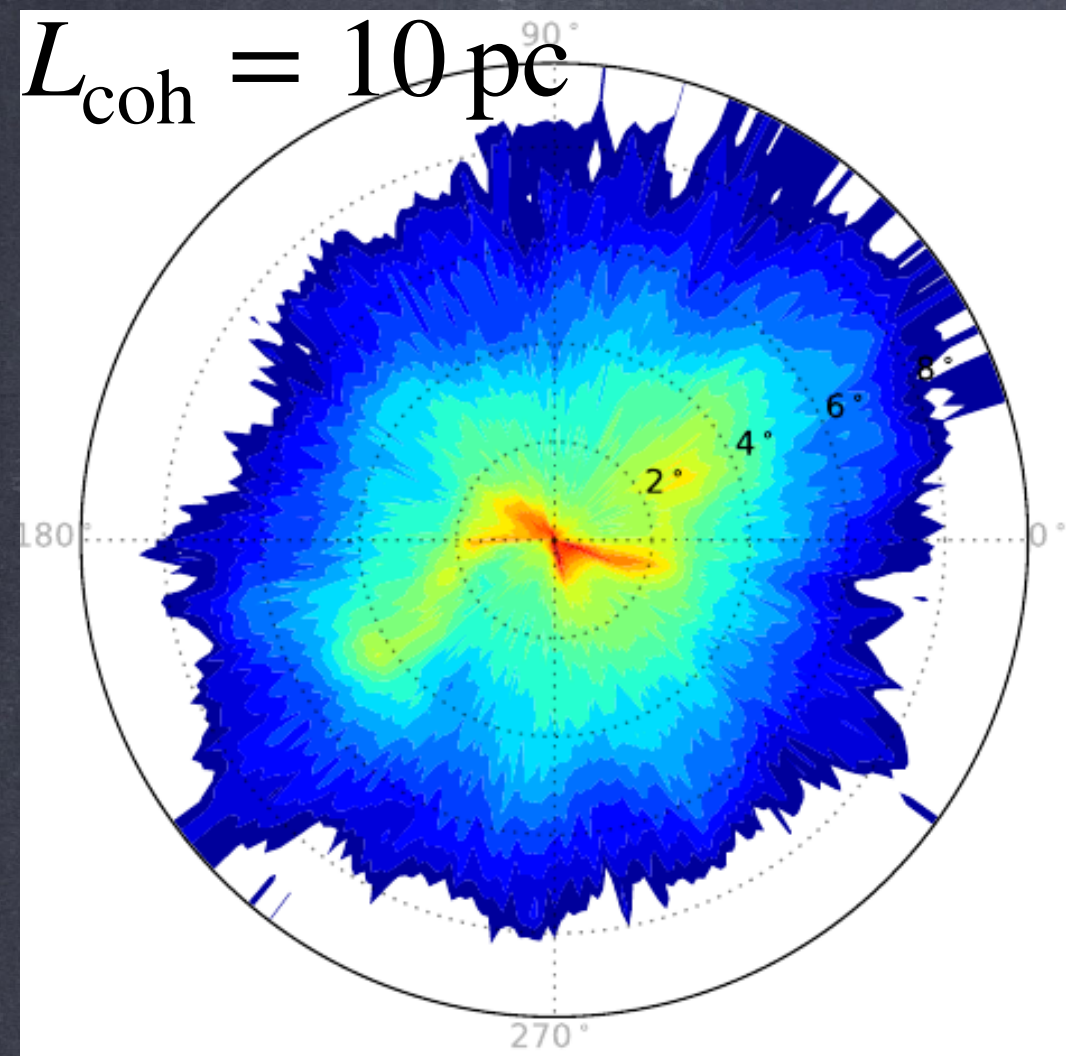


Lopez-Coto & Giacinti 2018

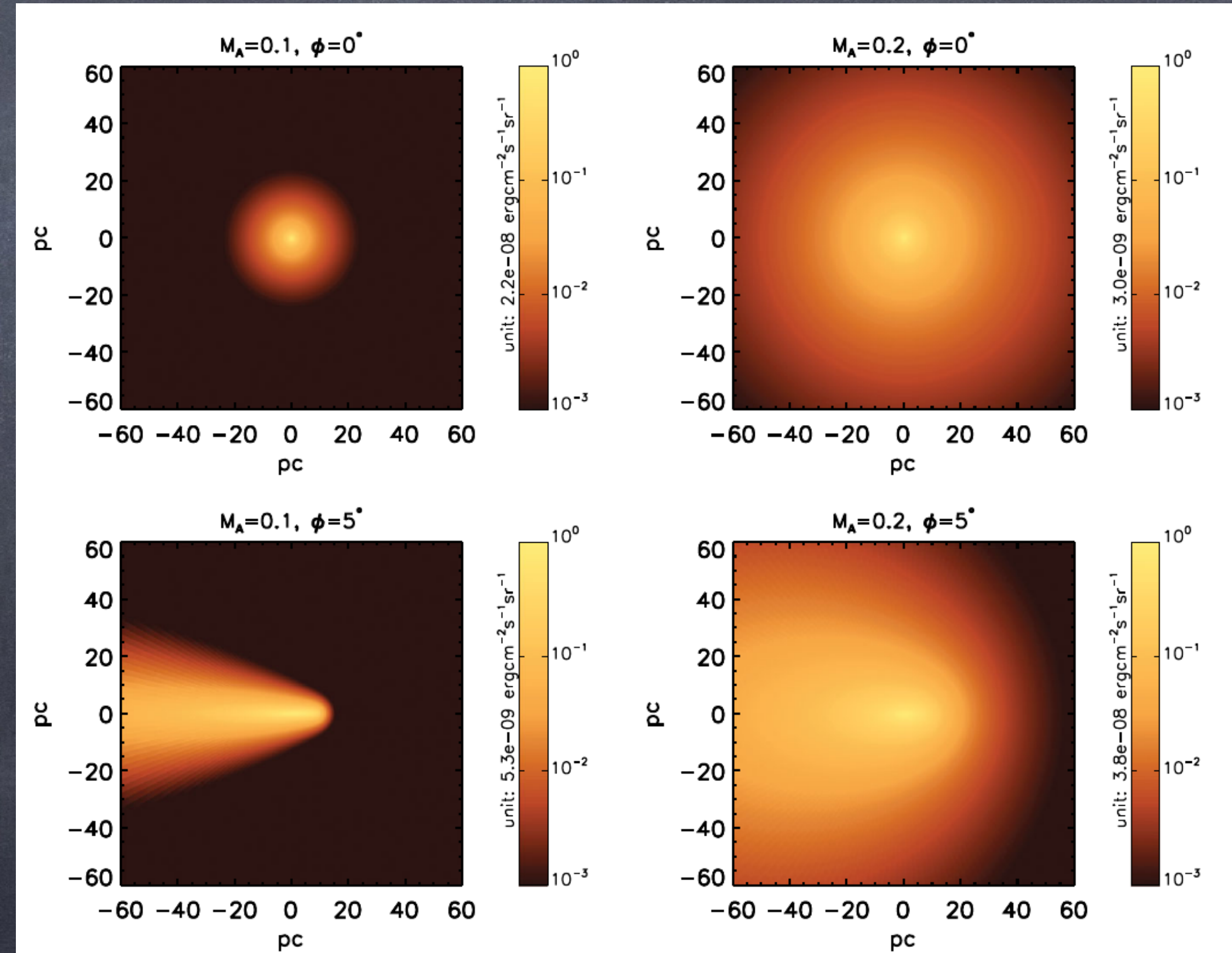
De La Torre et al. 2022

# CR transport - TeV halos

## FEATURES OF ANISOTROPIC DIFFUSION



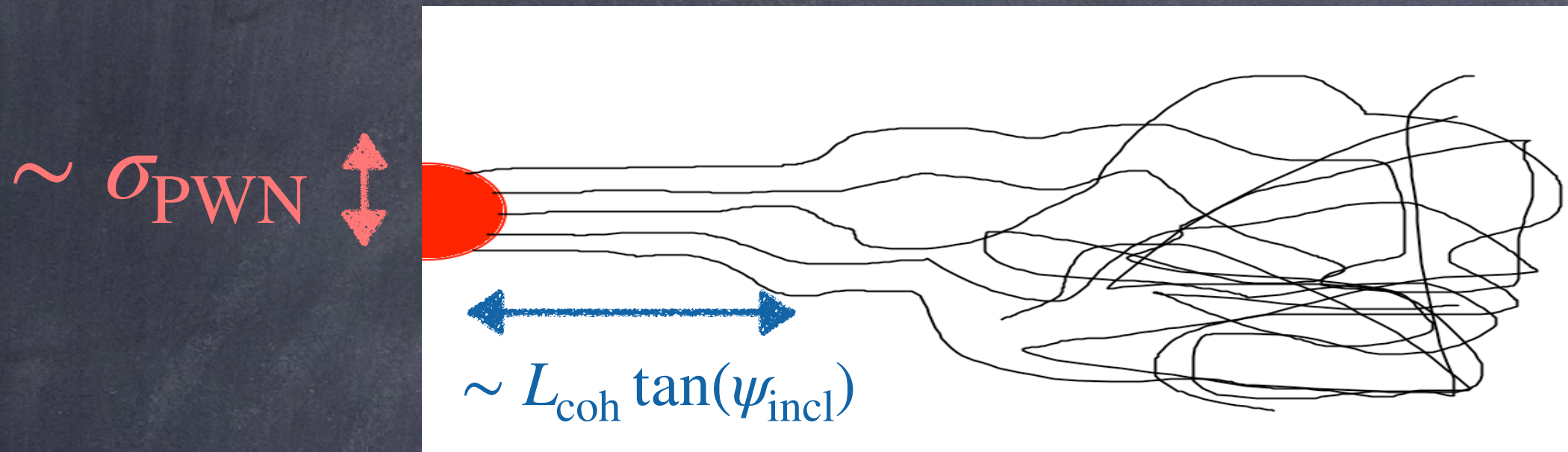
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- non-spherical emission
- orientation of B field
- separation  $\gamma$ -ray source - pulsar
- filamentary structures

# Possibilities with ASTRI Mini-Array

ASTRI science paper 2022



	ASTRI Mini-Array	HAWC	LHAASO
<b>Location</b>	28° 18' 04" N 16° 30' 38" W	18° 59' 41" N 97° 18' 27" W	29° 21' 31" N 100° 08' 15" E
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<b>Angular Res.</b>	0.05° (30 TeV)	0.15 <sup>(a)</sup> (10 TeV)	(0.24–0.32) <sup>(b)</sup> (100 TeV)
<b>Energy Res.</b>	12% (10 TeV)	30% (10 TeV)	(13–36)% (100 TeV) <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Energy Range</b>	(0.3–200) TeV	(0.1–1000) TeV	(0.1–1000) TeV

$$\sigma_{\text{PWN}} \lesssim 1 \text{ pc}$$

$$L_{\text{coh}} \approx 10 - 20 \text{ pc}$$

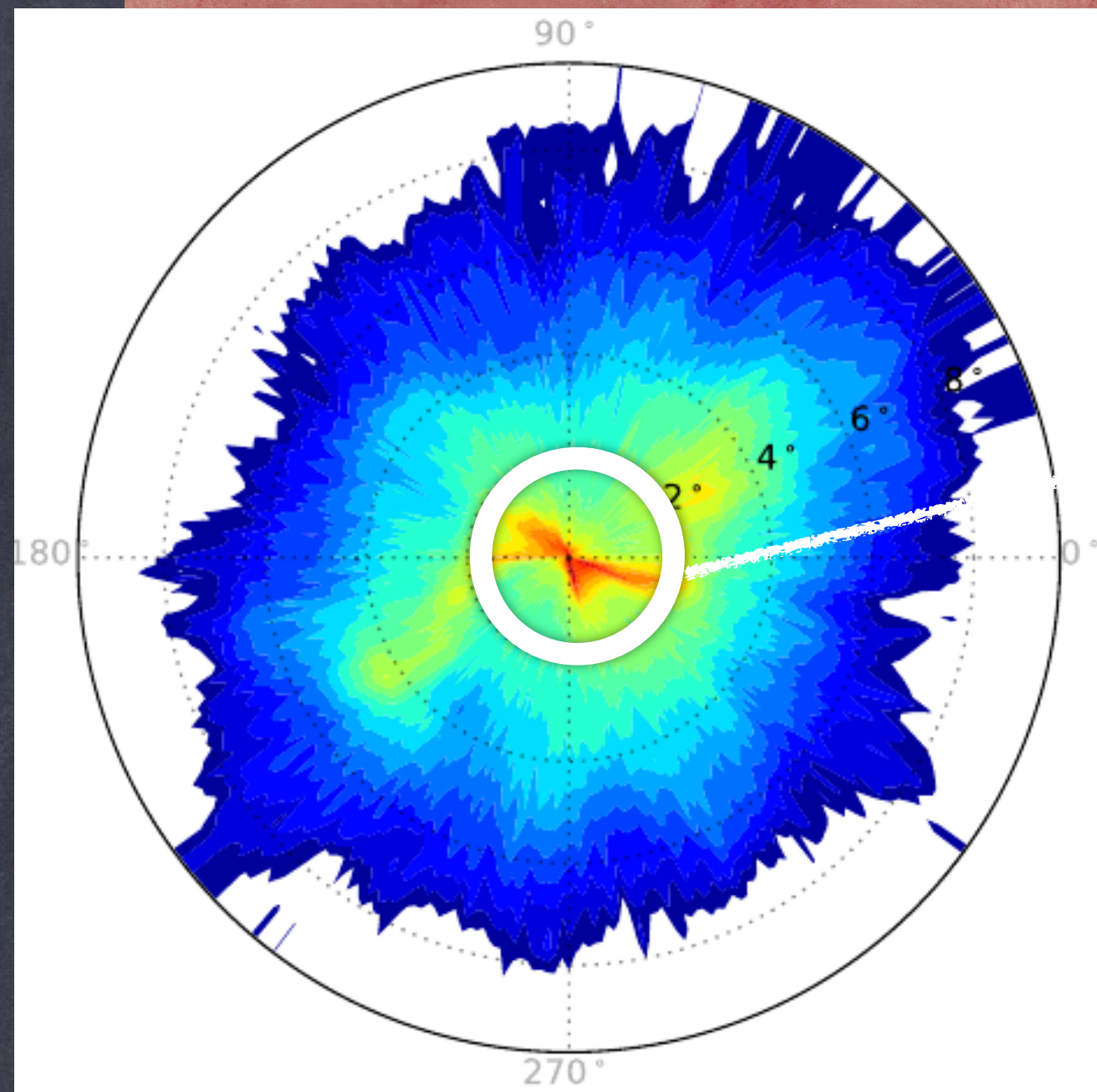
halo asymmetry



- $\theta \lesssim 0.2^\circ$  ( $d = 300 \text{ pc}$ )
- $\theta \lesssim 0.02^\circ$  ( $d = 3 \text{ kpc}$ )

- $\theta \lesssim 2 - 4^\circ$  ( $d = 300 \text{ pc}$ )
- $\theta \lesssim 0.2 - 0.4^\circ$  ( $d = 3 \text{ kpc}$ )

- $\propto \sqrt{D_{\parallel}/D_{\perp}}$
- $L/H \approx 3 - 10$

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- superior angular resolution
- discriminating morphological features
  - filamentary structures
  - separation pulsar - TeV source
  - asymmetry in halo shape

- need for targeted analyses on Geminga-like pulsars
- bias on spherical shape?
- go beyond analyses that assume spherical symmetry

# Thank you - references

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