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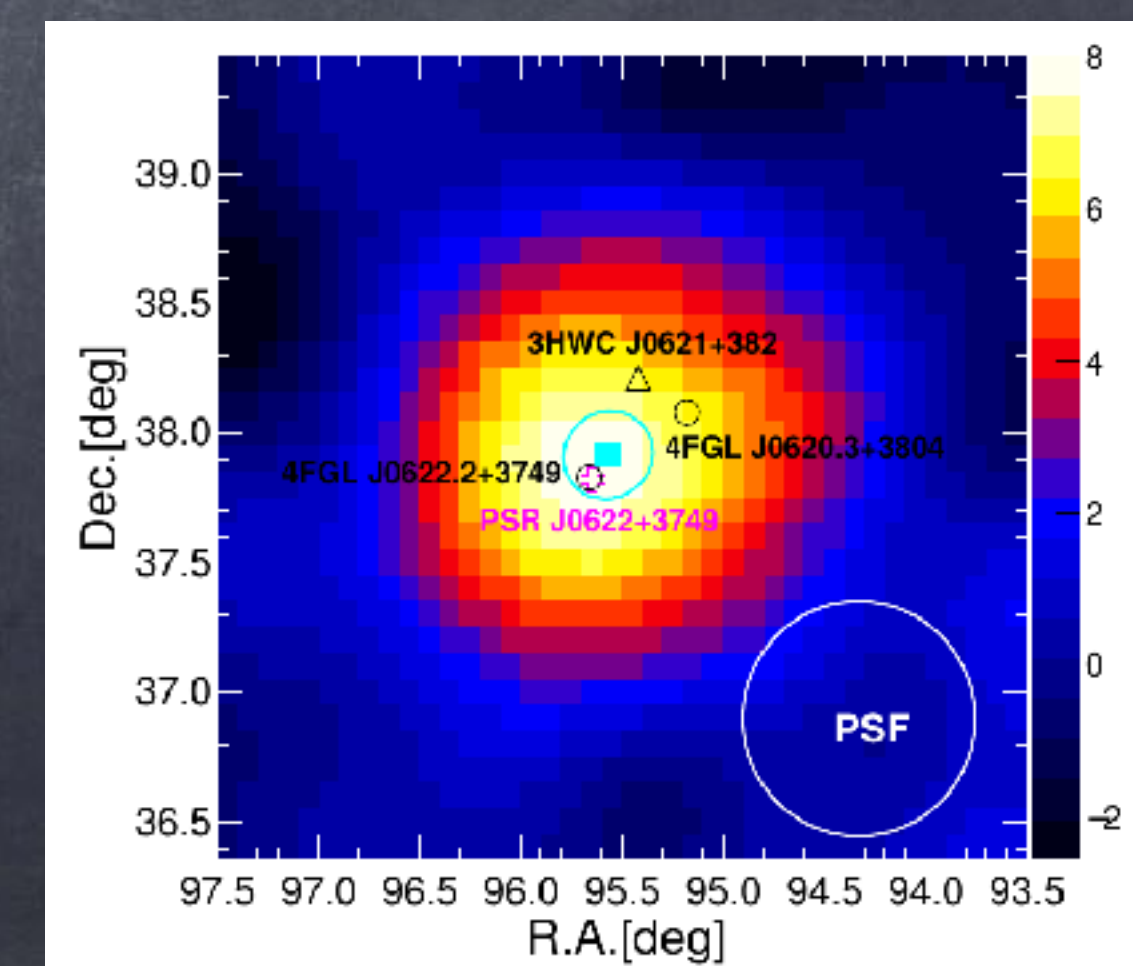
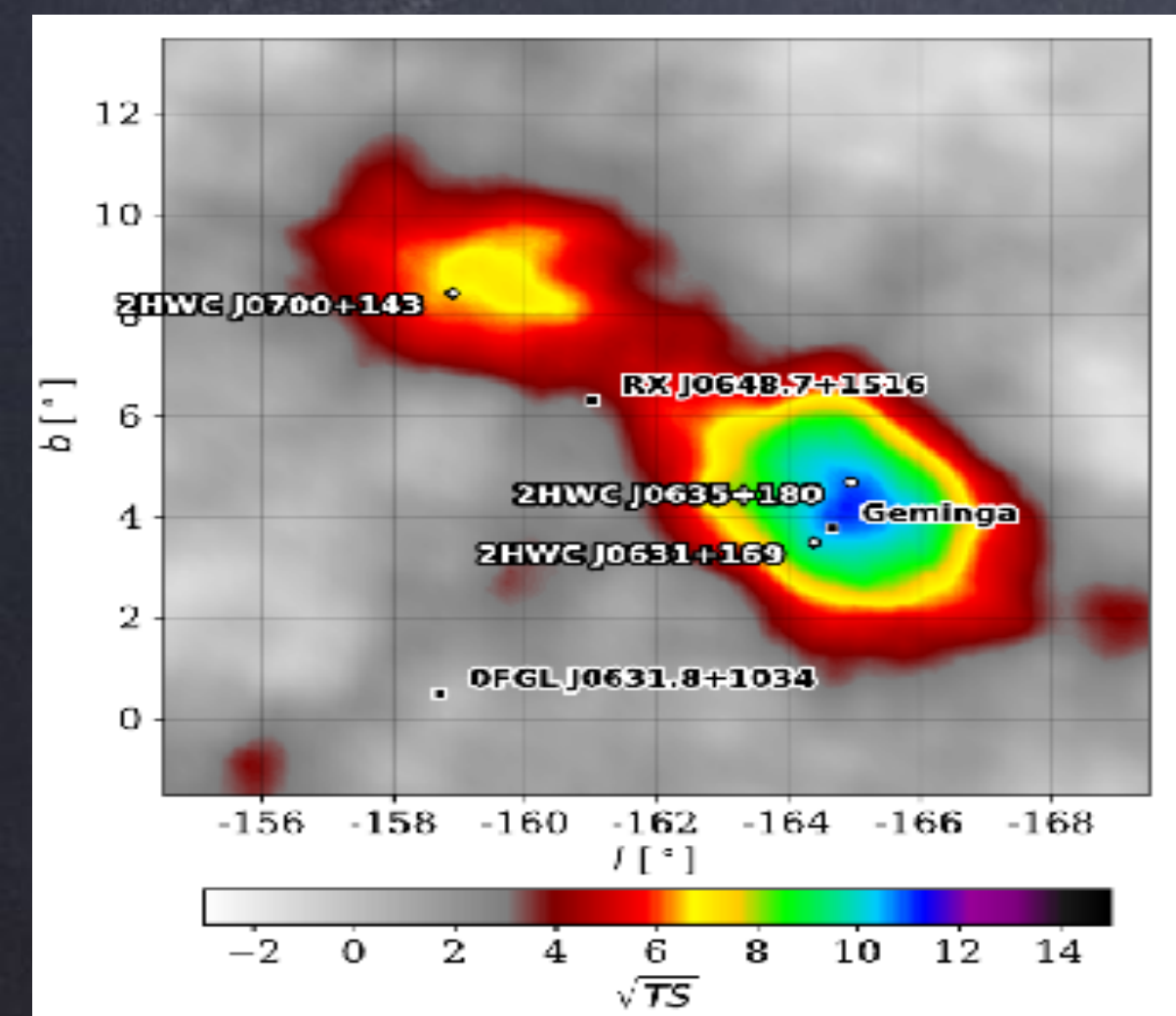


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TeV gamma-ray halos

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Summary

Amato & Recchia 2024 - review TeV halos

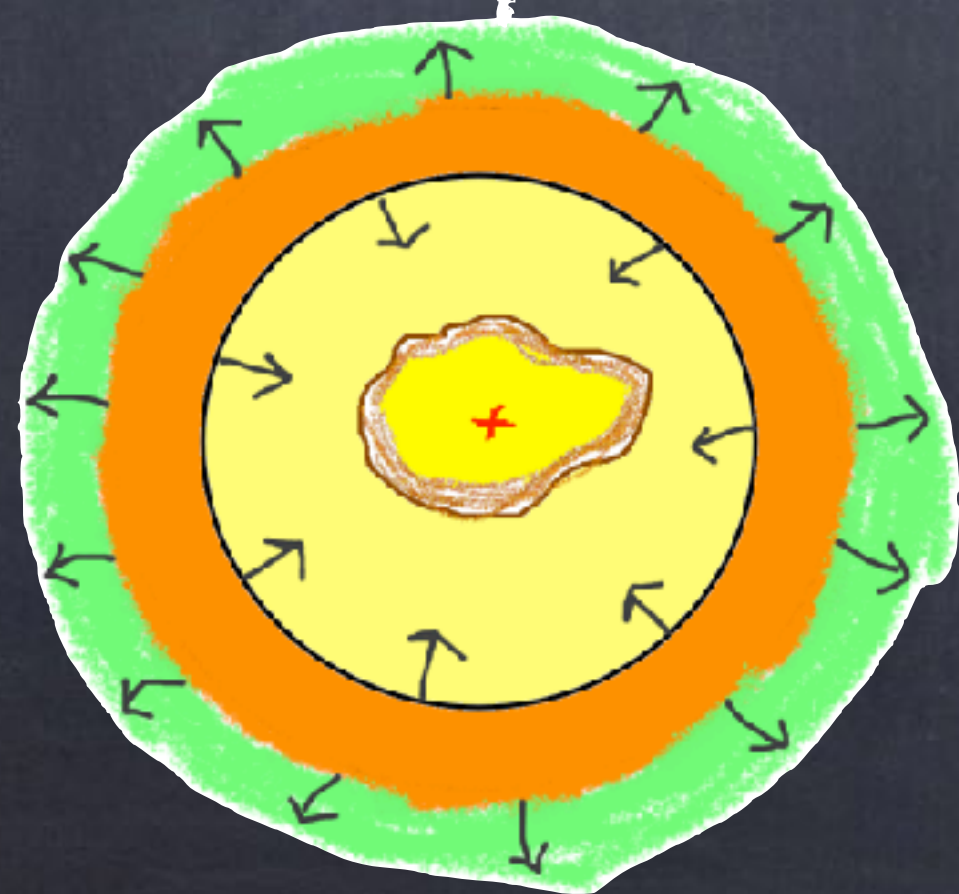
- TeV halos detected around middle-aged pulsars (HAWC, LHAASO)
- not understood with current transport models
- new window on CR propagation at multi-TeV
- many open questions
- what can be done with current and future instruments?
LHAASO, ASTRI Mini-Array ... CTAO

Pulsars and their nebulae

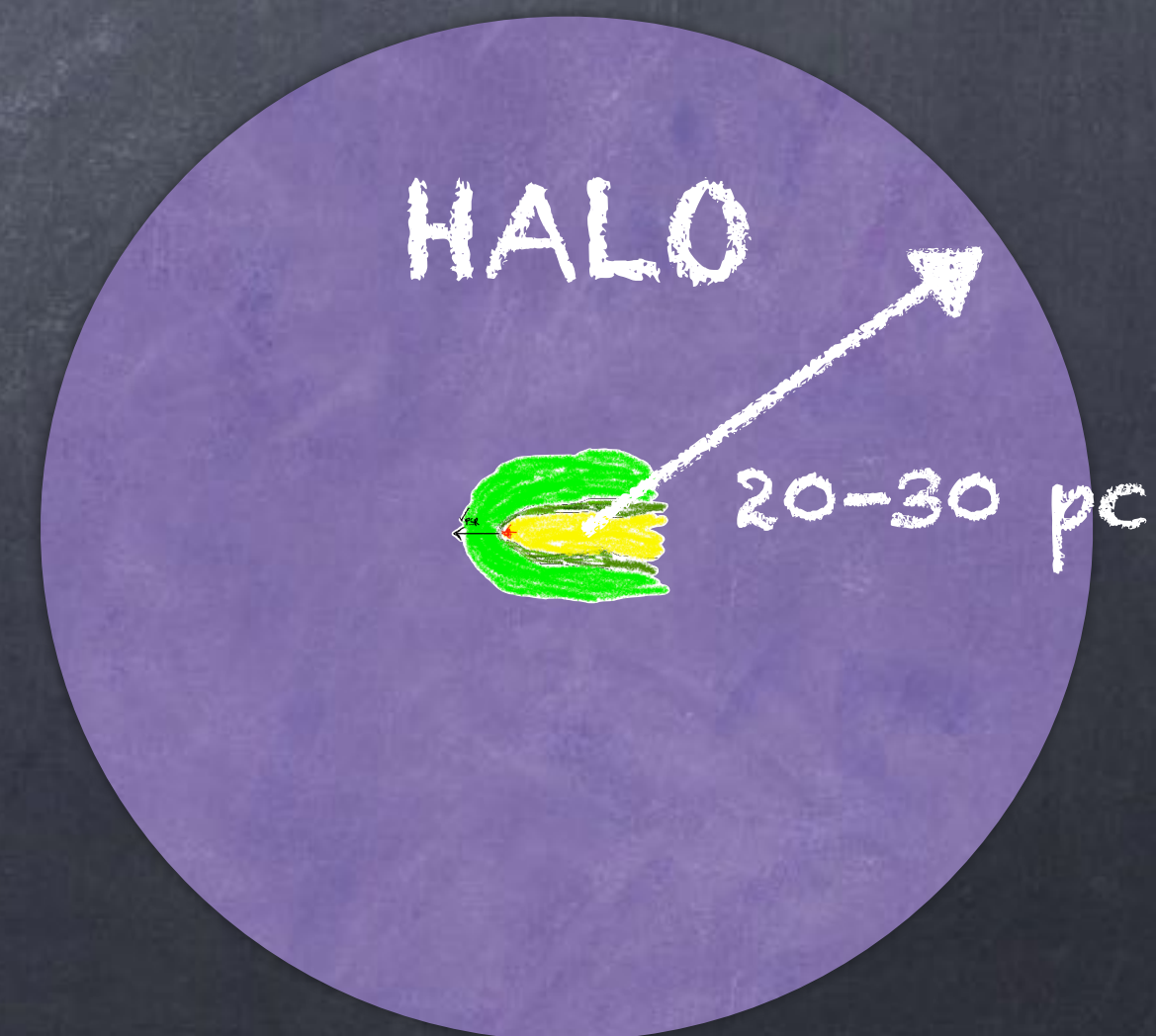
- e^\pm pairs confined in PWNe before release in ISM
- Cannot leave system while pulsar is in SNR
- proper motion $v_{\text{psr}} \sim 100\text{s km/s} \rightarrow$ out of SNR $\approx 10\text{s kyr}$
- Bow shock \rightarrow particle release in ISM

big
caveat
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in-SNR phase



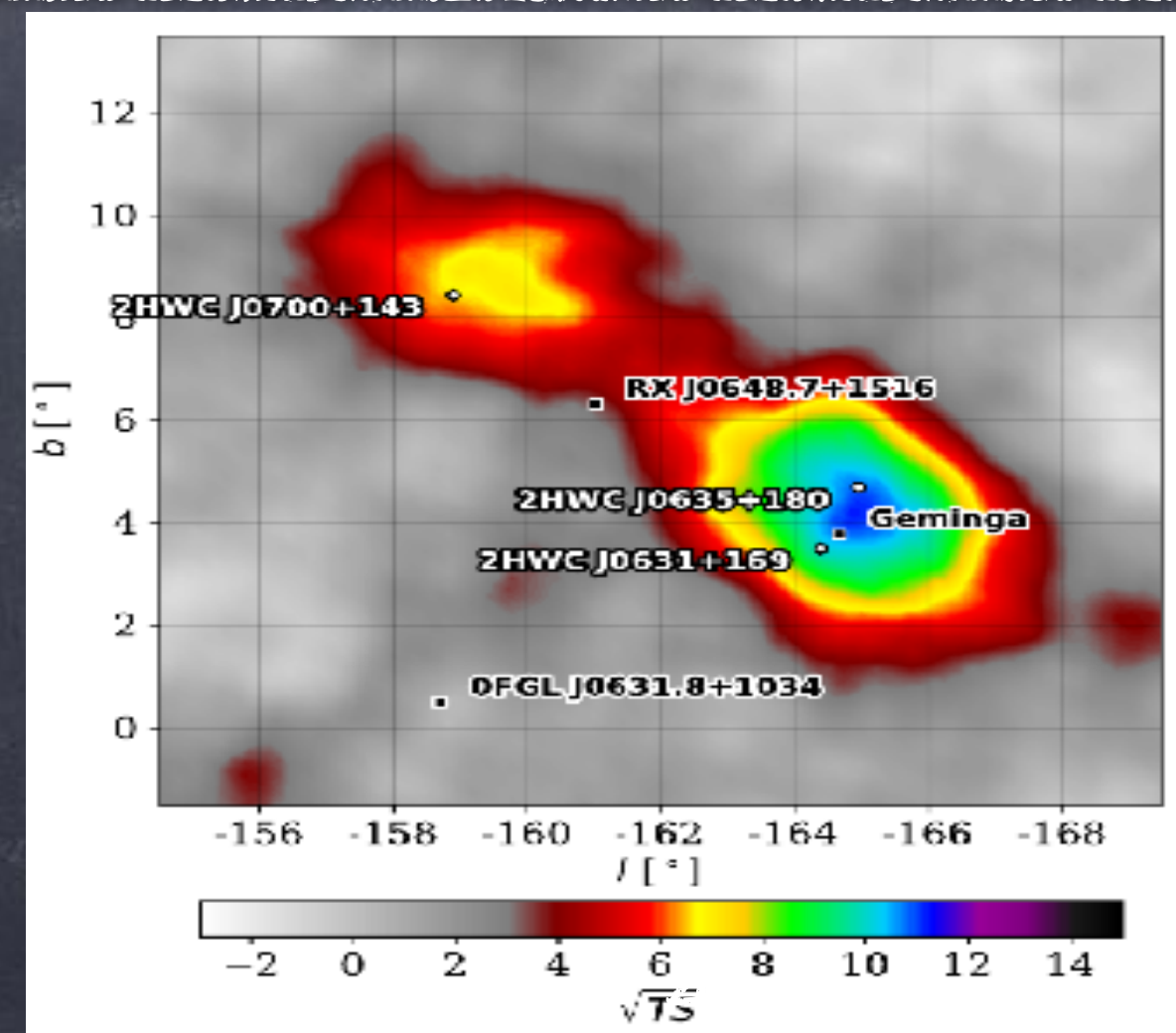
bow-shock phase



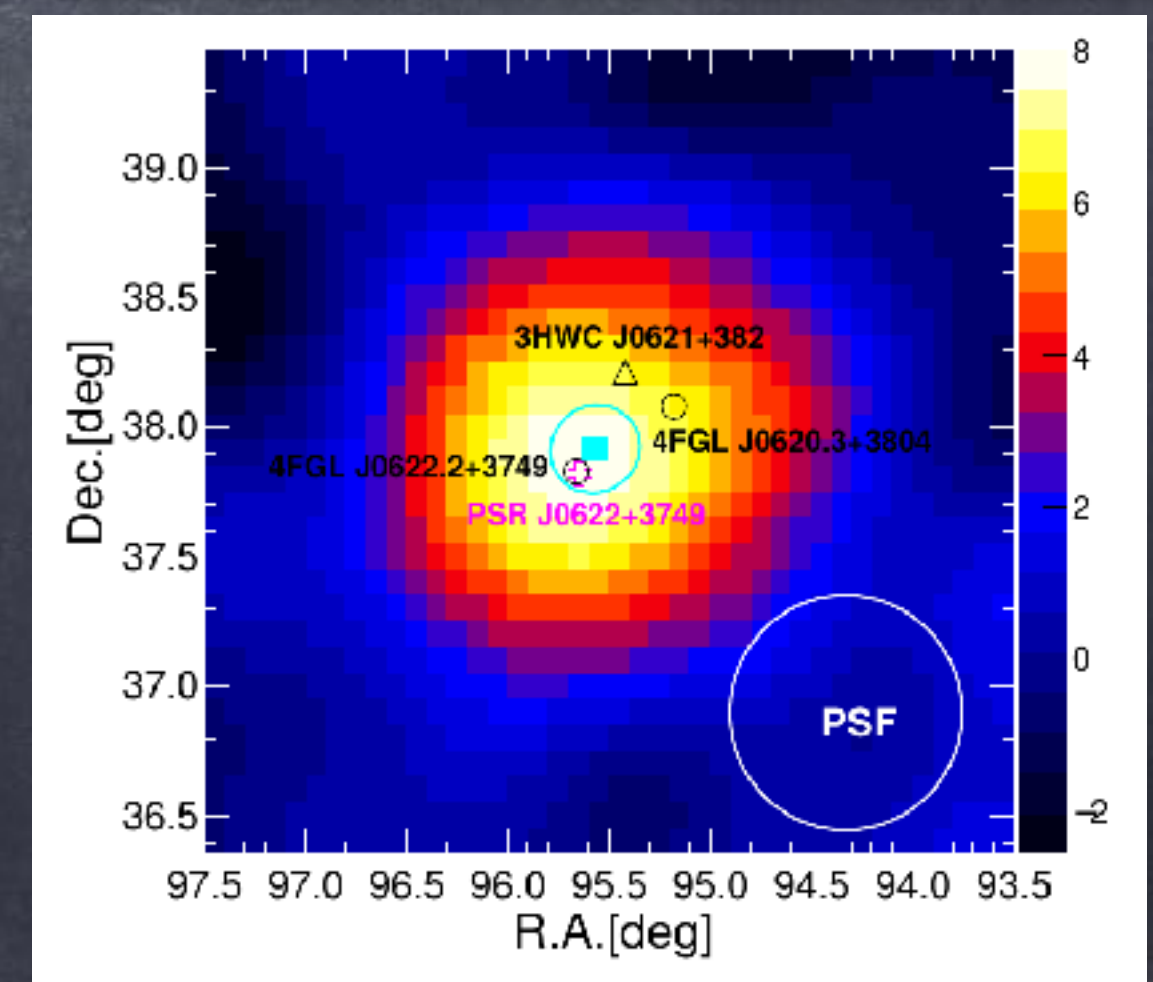
Bow-shock PWNe and TeV halos

- 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

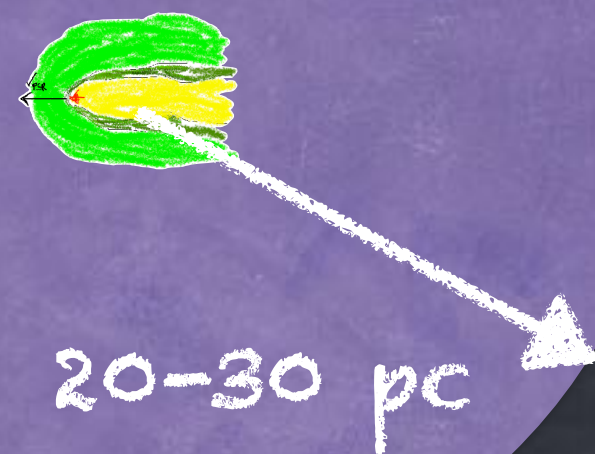
HAWC: Geminga-Monogem



LHAASO: PSR J0622+3749



HALO



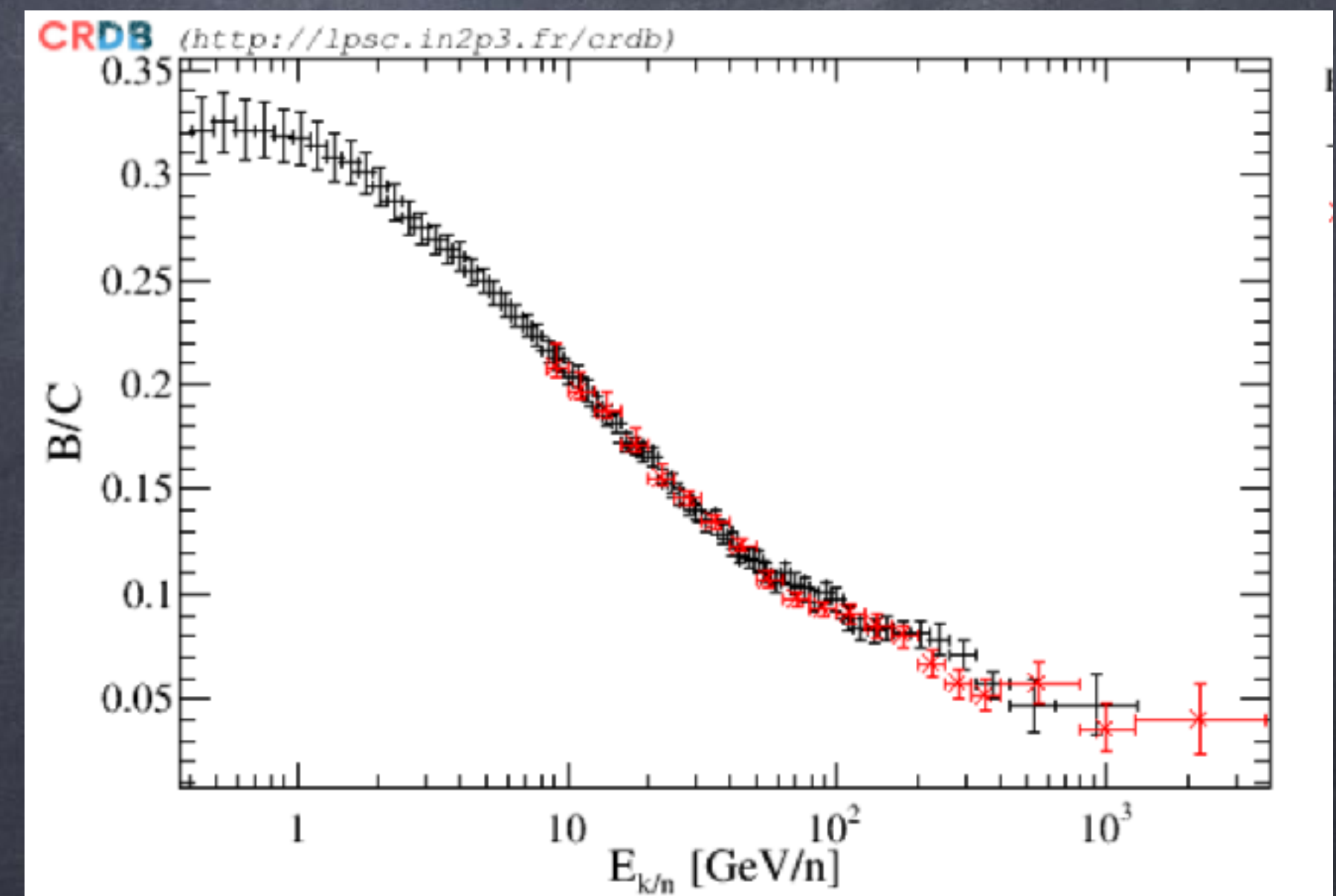
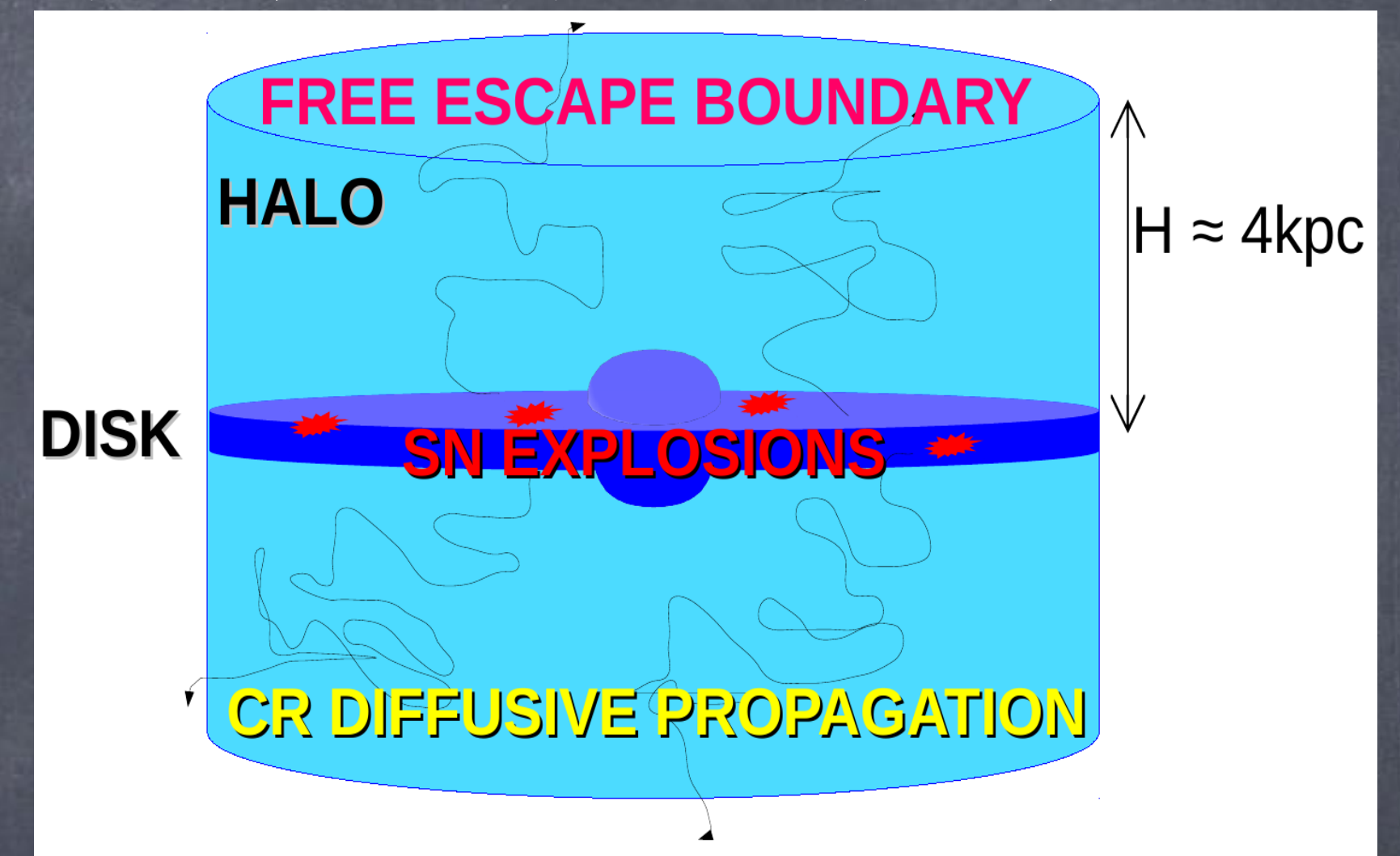
20-30 pc

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

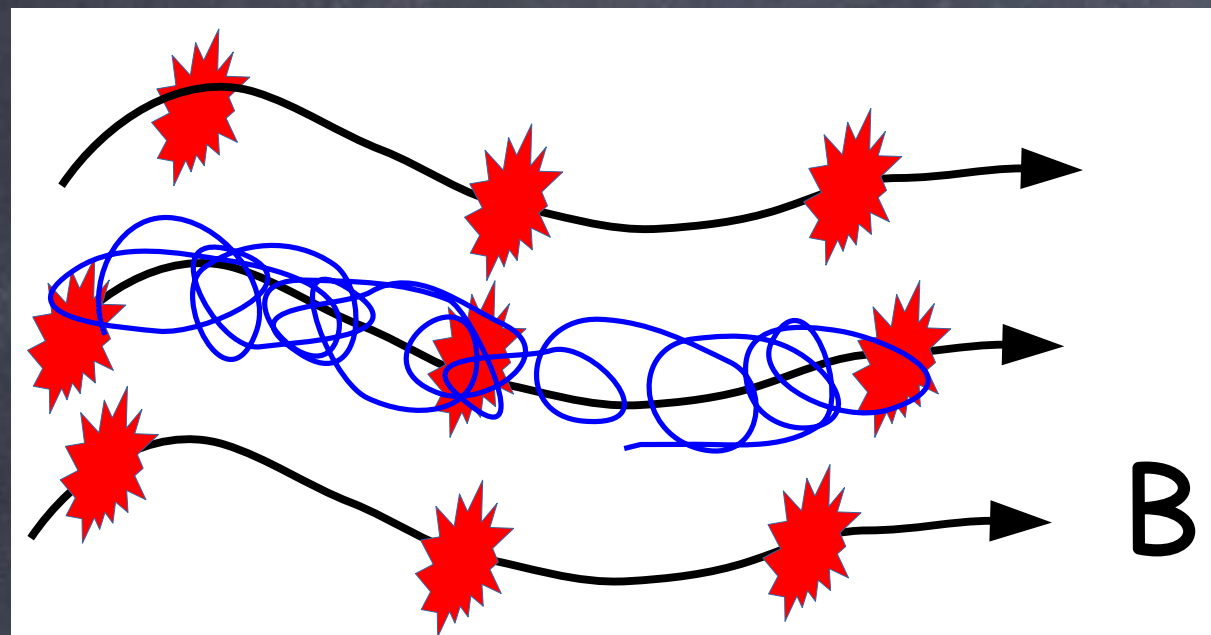
$$r_L \approx 10^{-6} \text{ pc } E_{\text{GeV}} / B_{\mu\text{G}}$$

Gabici et al. 2019 - review CRs



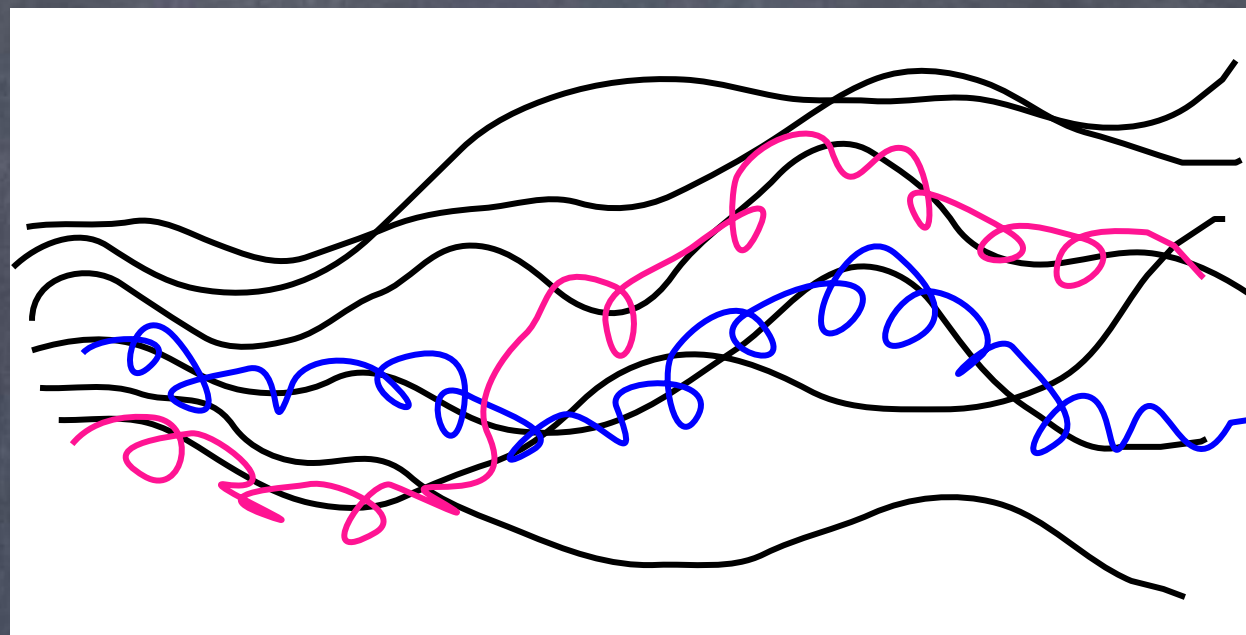
CR transport physics around sources

parallel diffusion



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

perp. transport



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

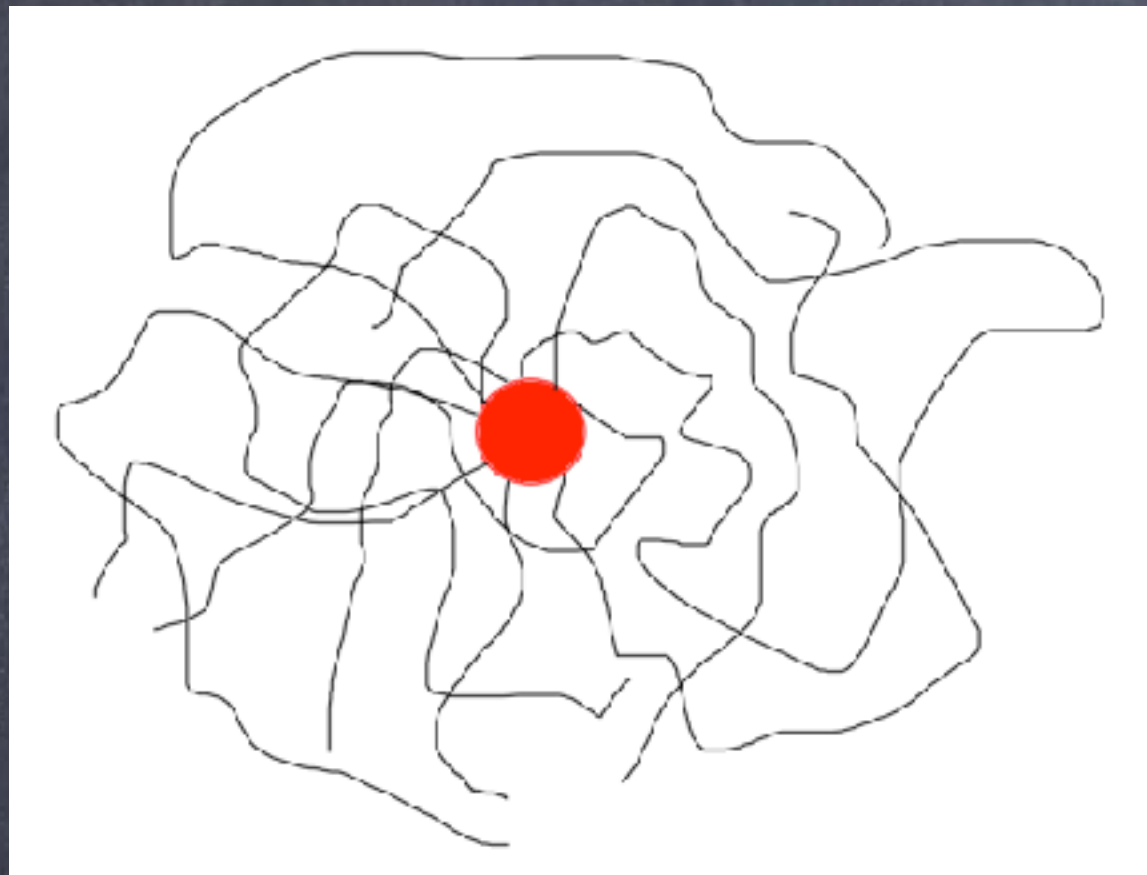
MHD turbulence



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

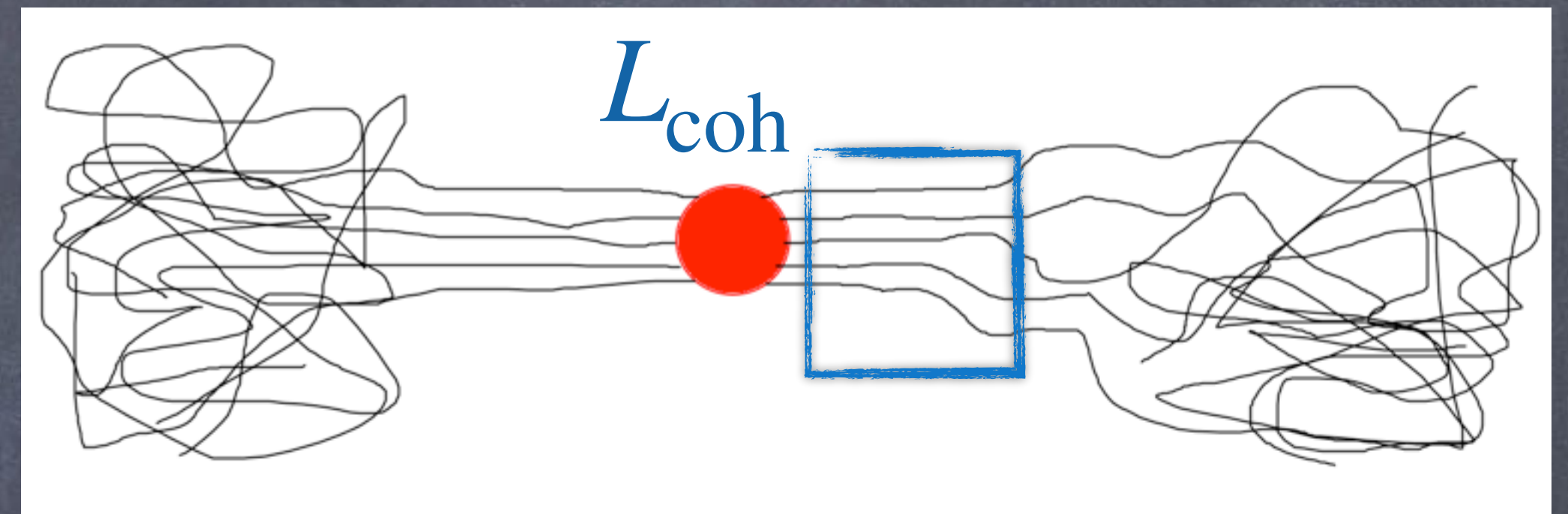
CR transport physics around sources

highly turbulent ISM



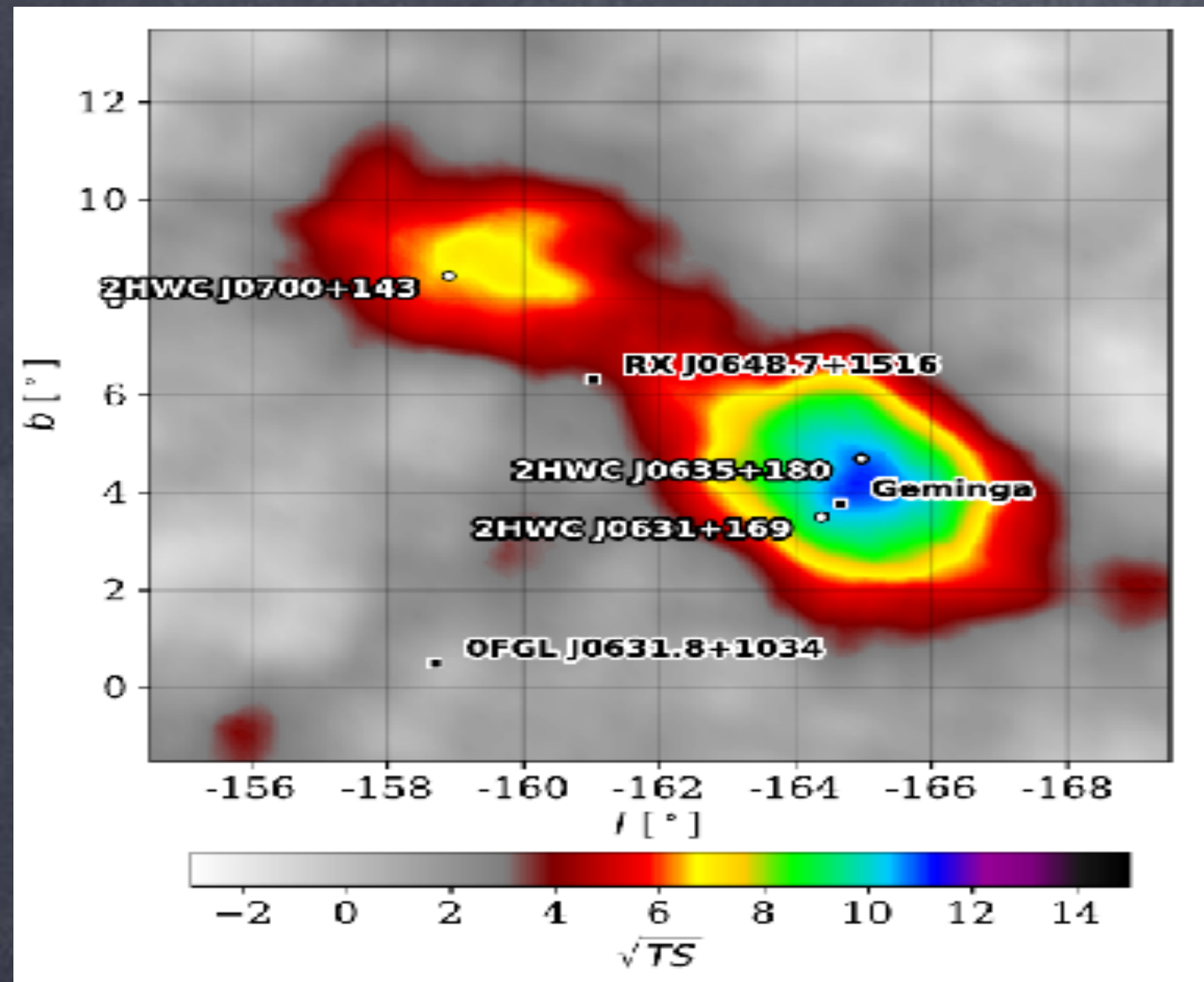
- small $L_{\text{coh}} \ll \text{size}$
- 3D isotropic diffusion
- Small D
- spherical morphology

anisotropic transport

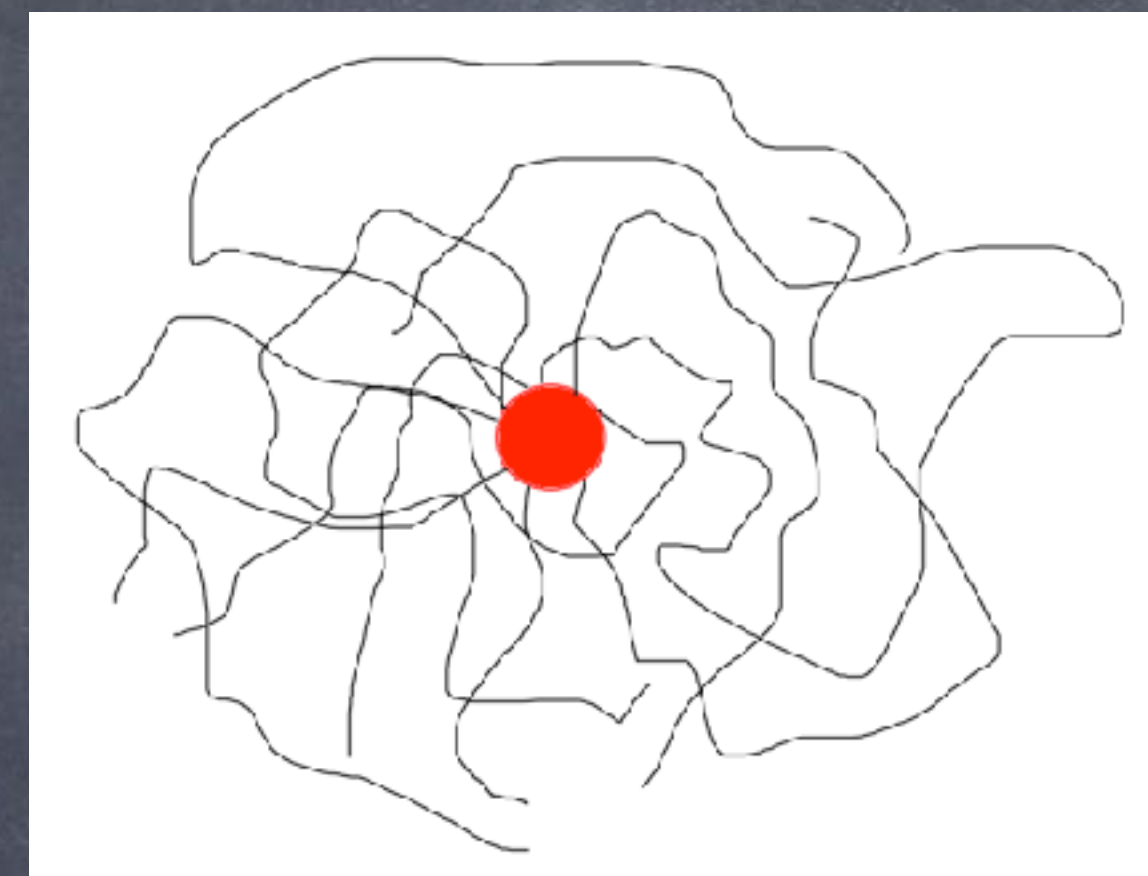


- $L_{\text{coh}} \gtrsim \text{size}$
- typical D_{\parallel} , $D_{\perp} \ll D_{\parallel}$
- emission morphology depends on flux-tube orientation
- elongated structures

TeV halos - Observations



highly turbulent ISM



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



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

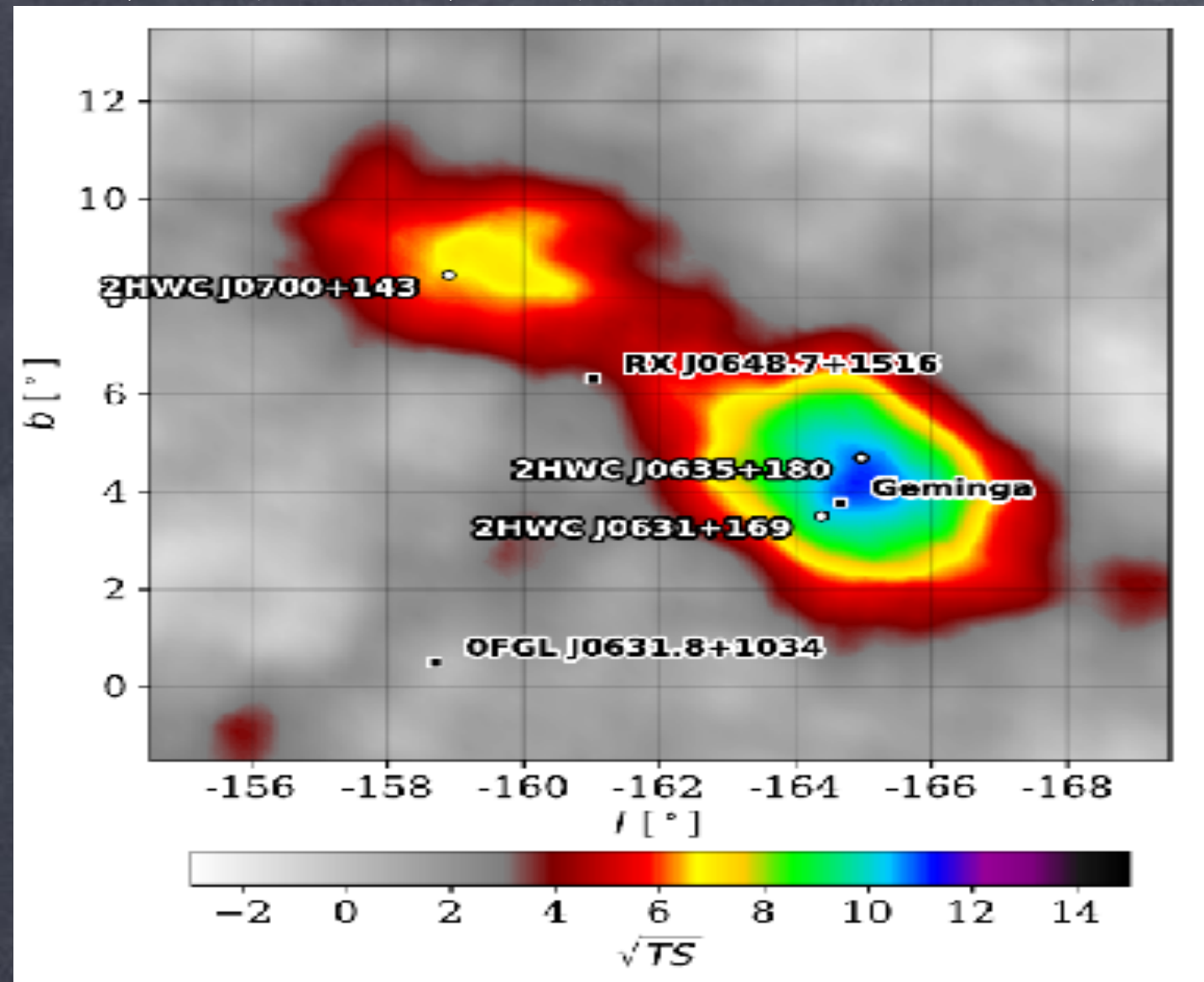
- 10-200 TeV e^\pm , ICS on CMB
- $E_e \sim 100 \text{ TeV}$, $E_\gamma \sim 20 \text{ TeV}$
- age $\sim 100\text{s kyr}$
- distance $\sim 300 \text{ pc}$
- 10s pc extension

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

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



I - High turbulence from environment



HIGHLY TURBULENT REGION

- filling factor?
- extension?
- how many halos?
- impact on positron fraction?

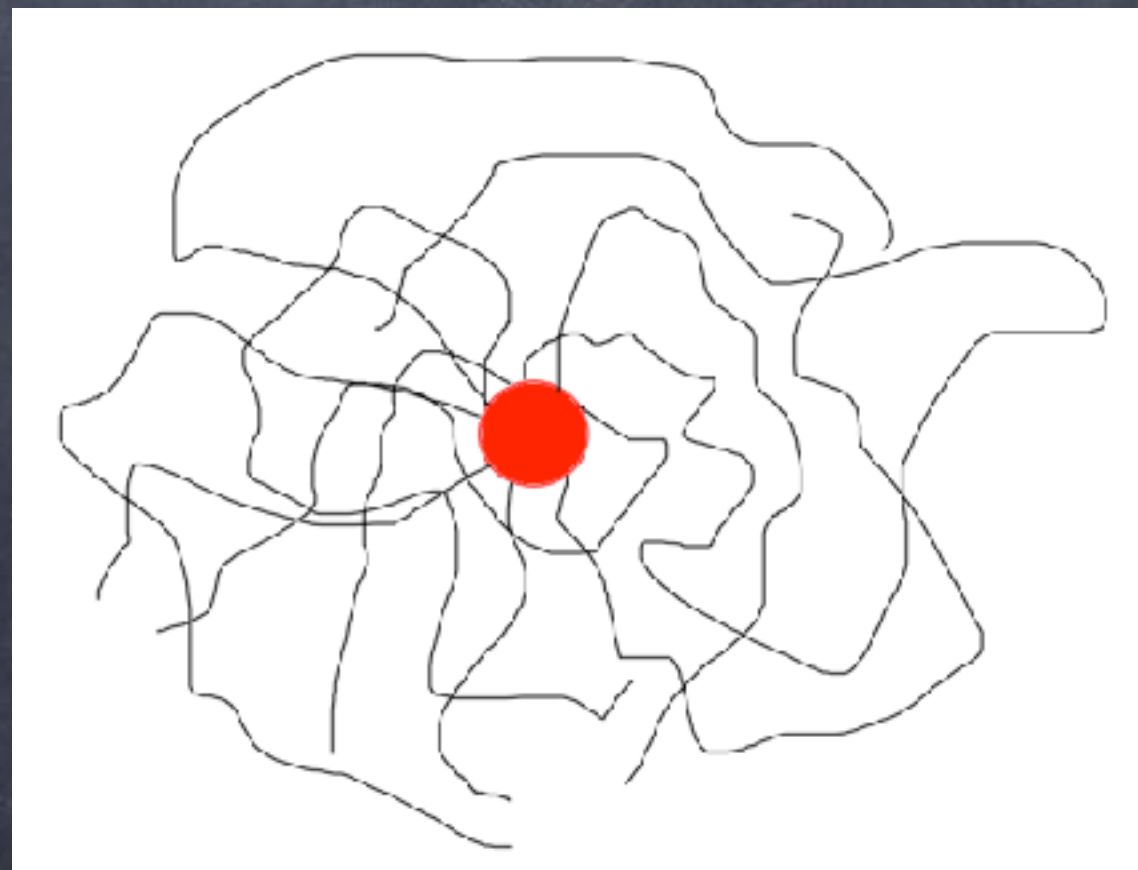
pulsar's environment

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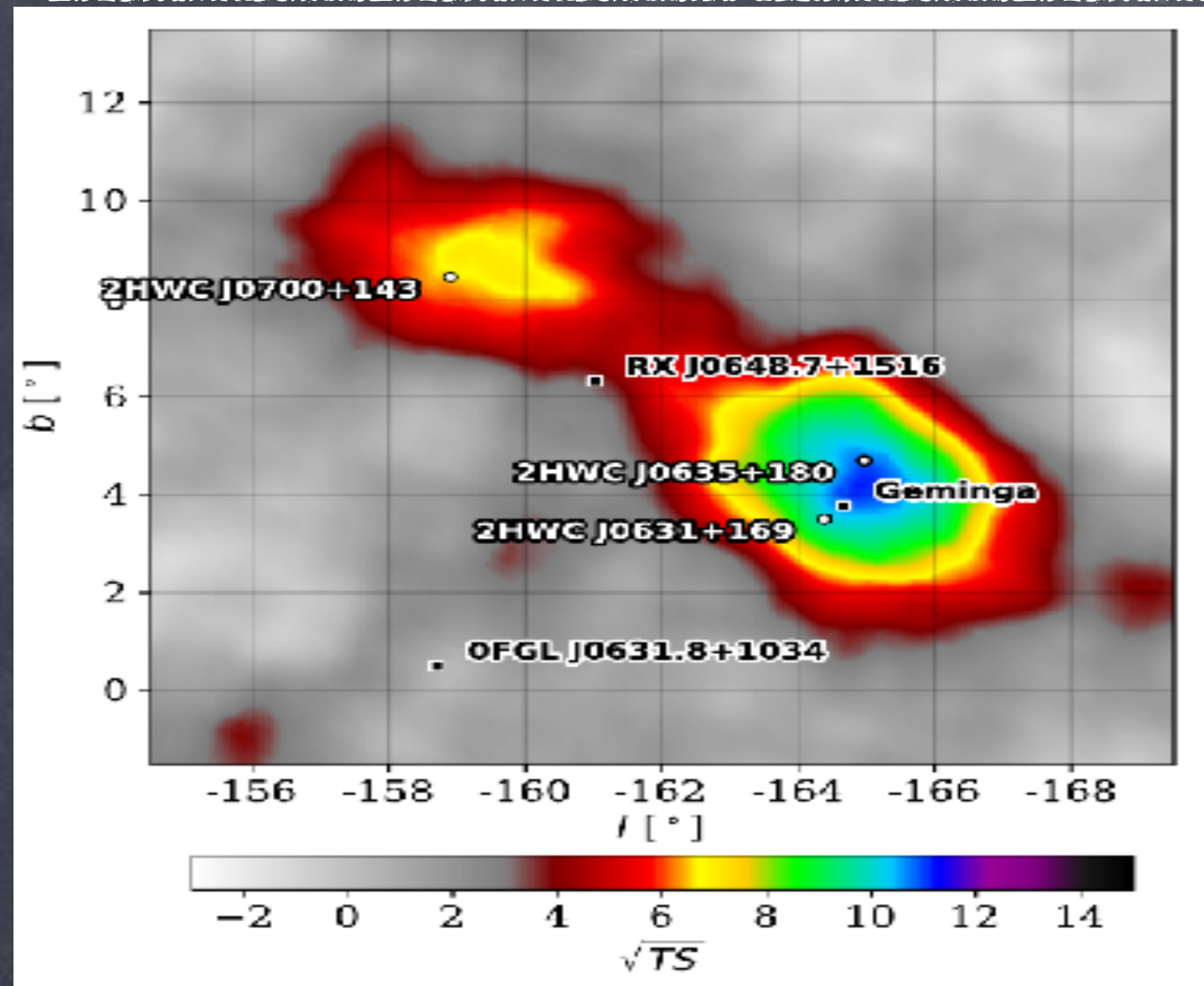
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Martin et al. 2022

II - Typical turbulence + anisotropy



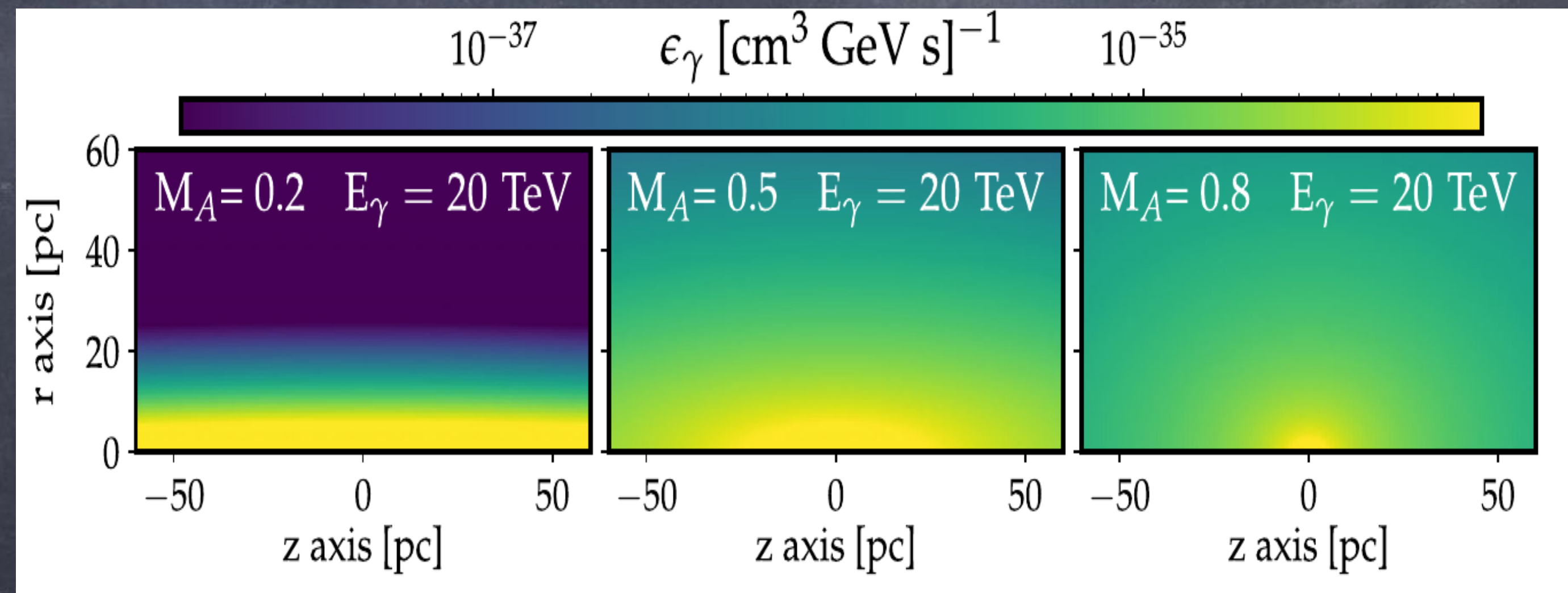
ANISOTROPIC DIFFUSION

- need small ψ_{incl} for spherical halo
- chance? morphology?
- look for features?

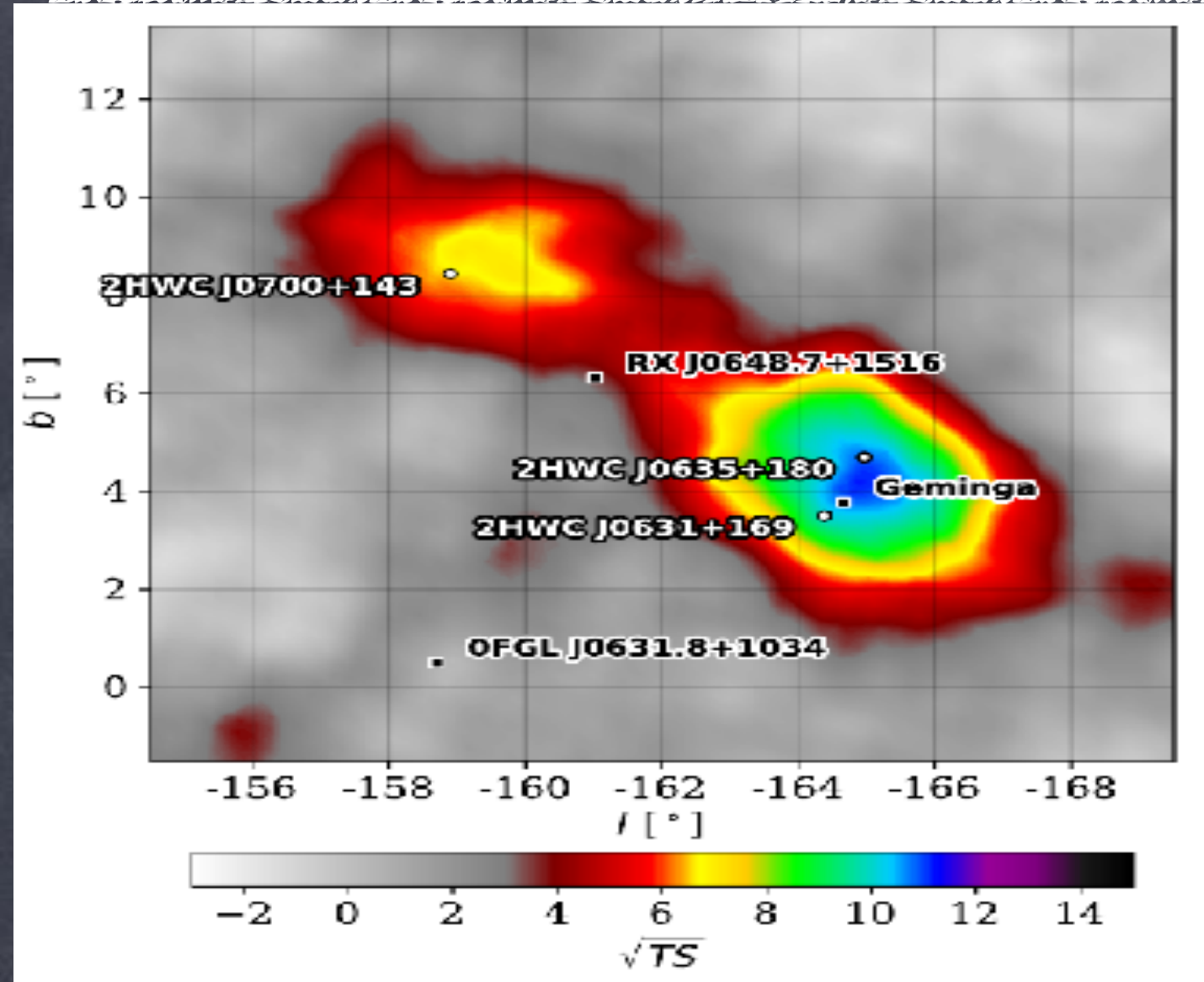
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III - High turbulence- self-gen.



SELF-GENERATED TURBULENCE

- several works shows that the effect can be there *but...*
- difficult even with *flux-tube geometry* and *high efficiency*
- same problems of anisotropic diffusion with morphology

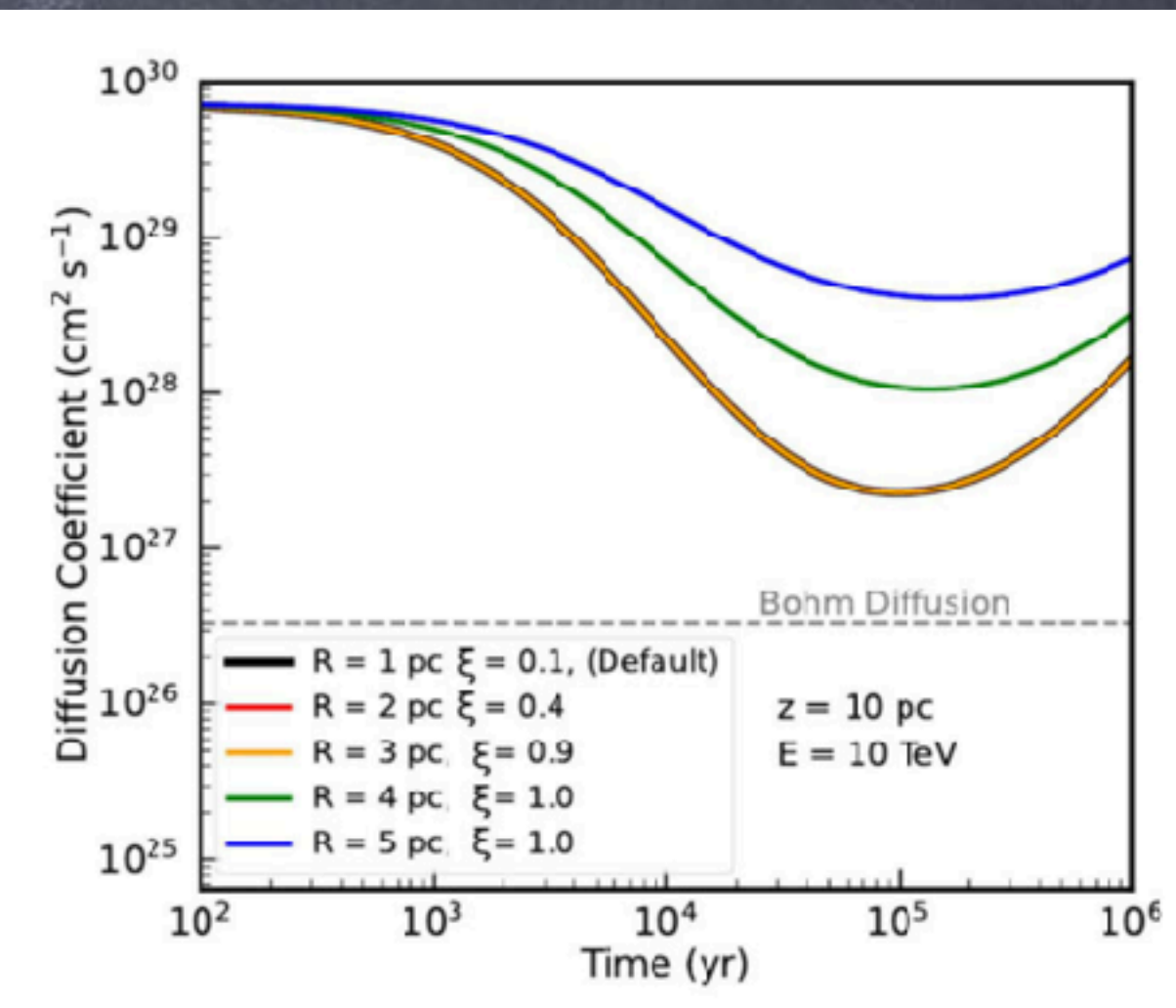
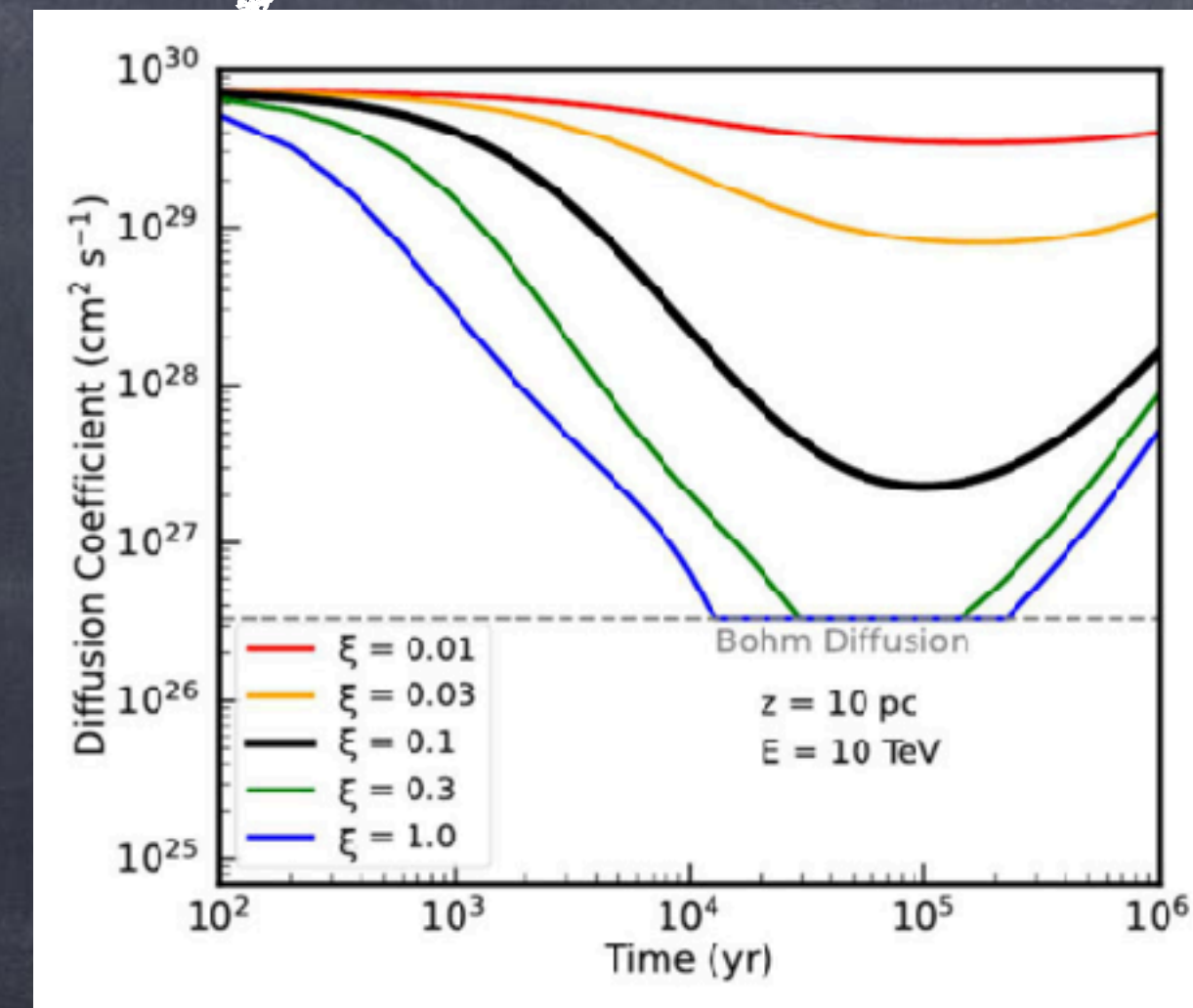
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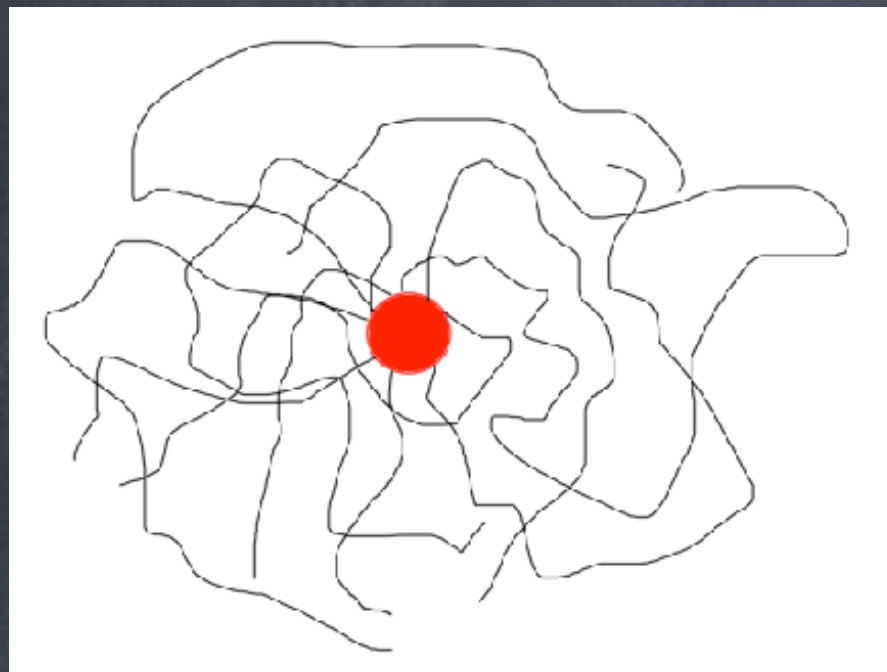
Evoli et al. 2018

Mukhopadhyay & Linden 2022

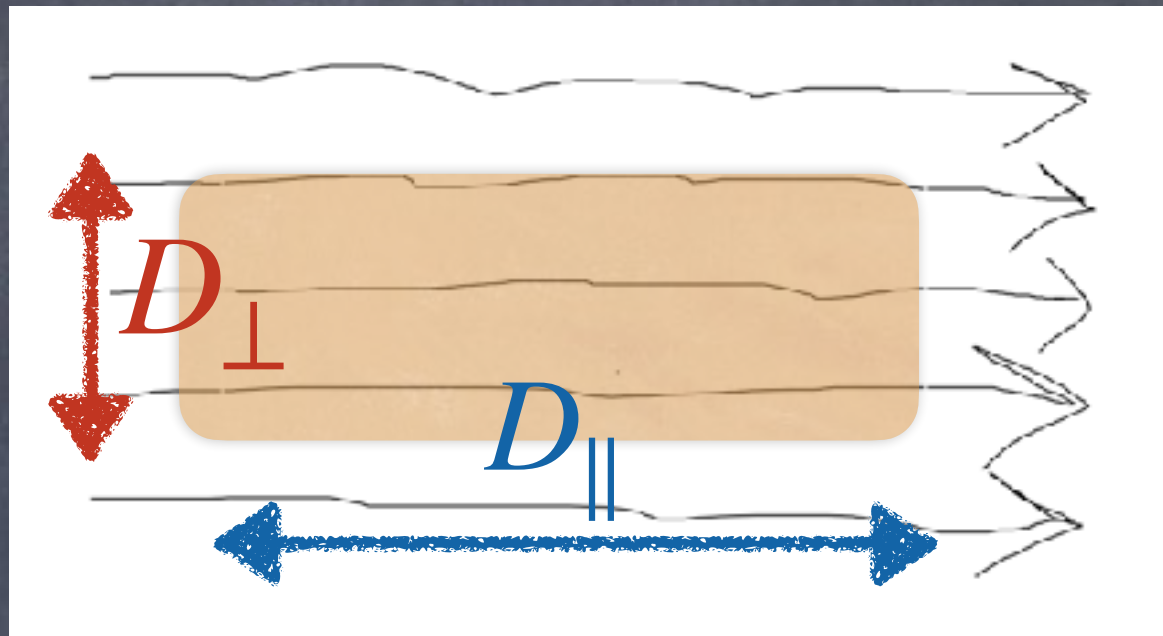


TeV halos interpretations in a nutshell

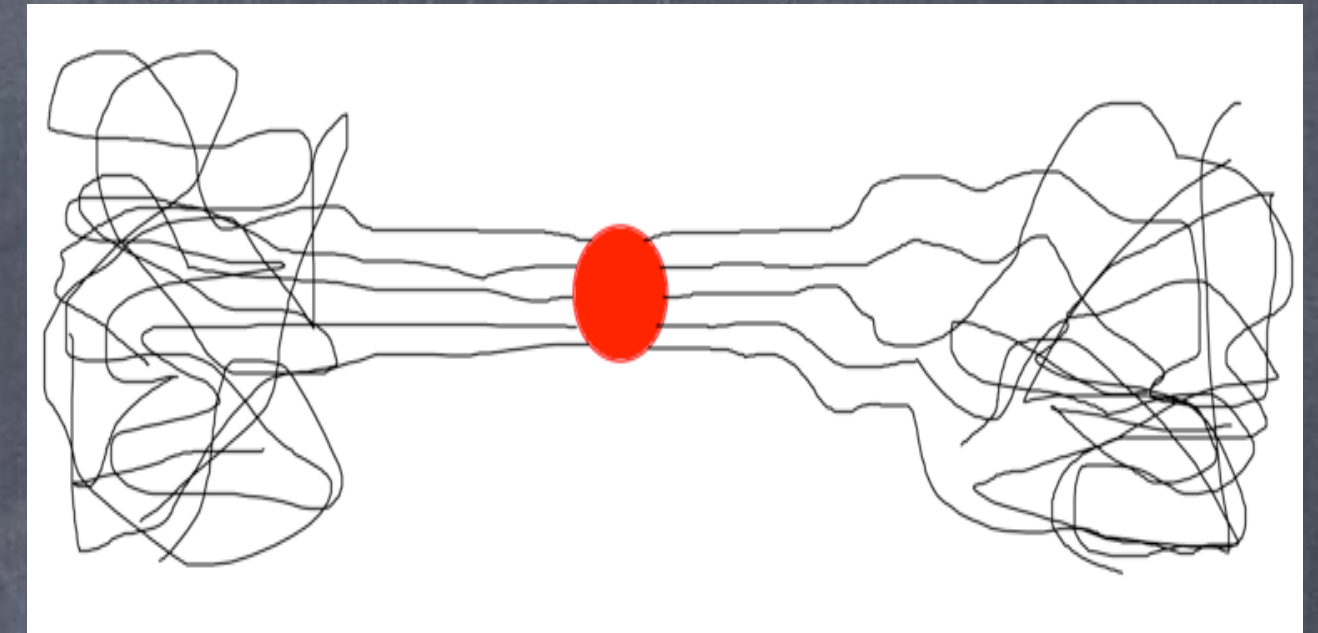
3D isotropic diffusion



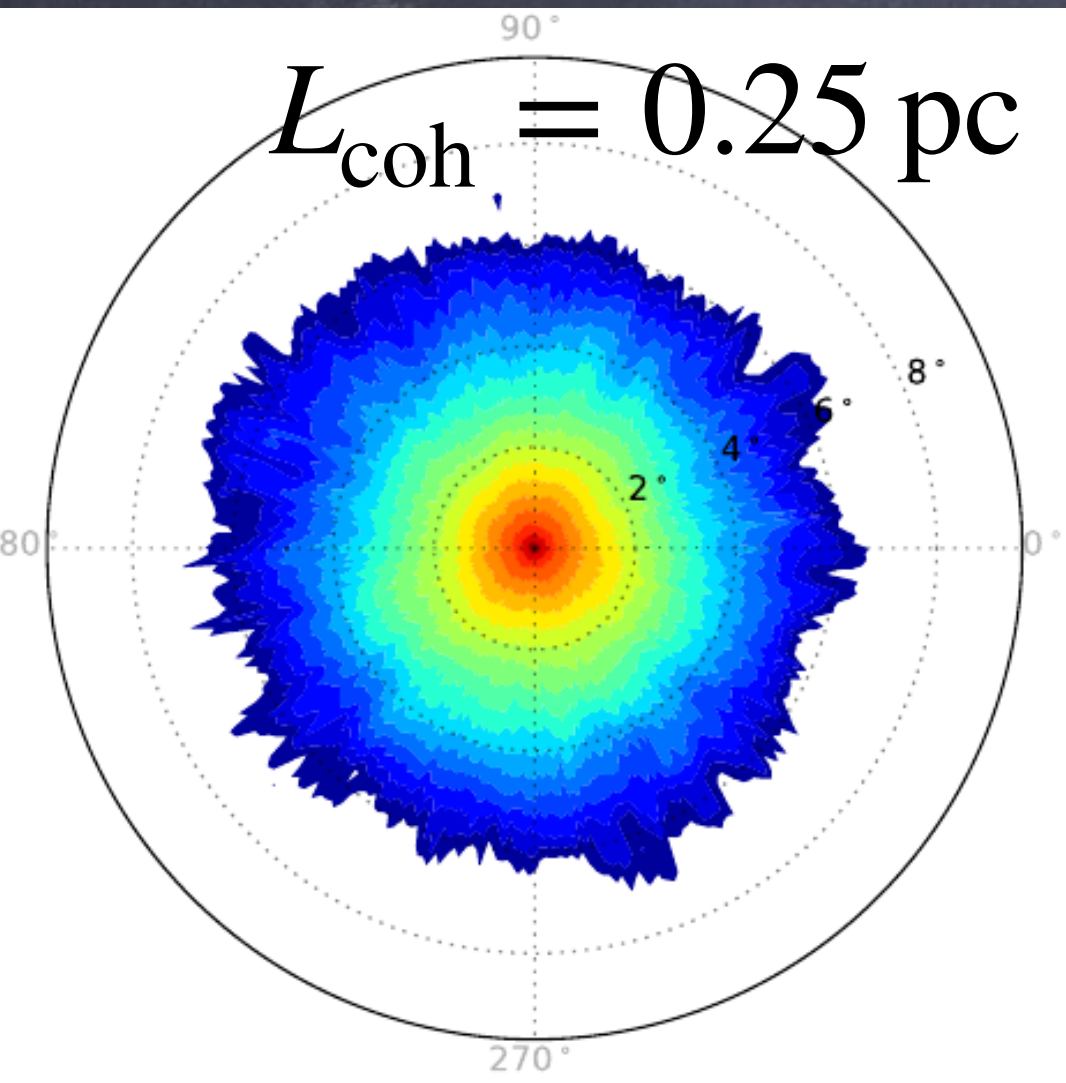
anisotropic diffusion



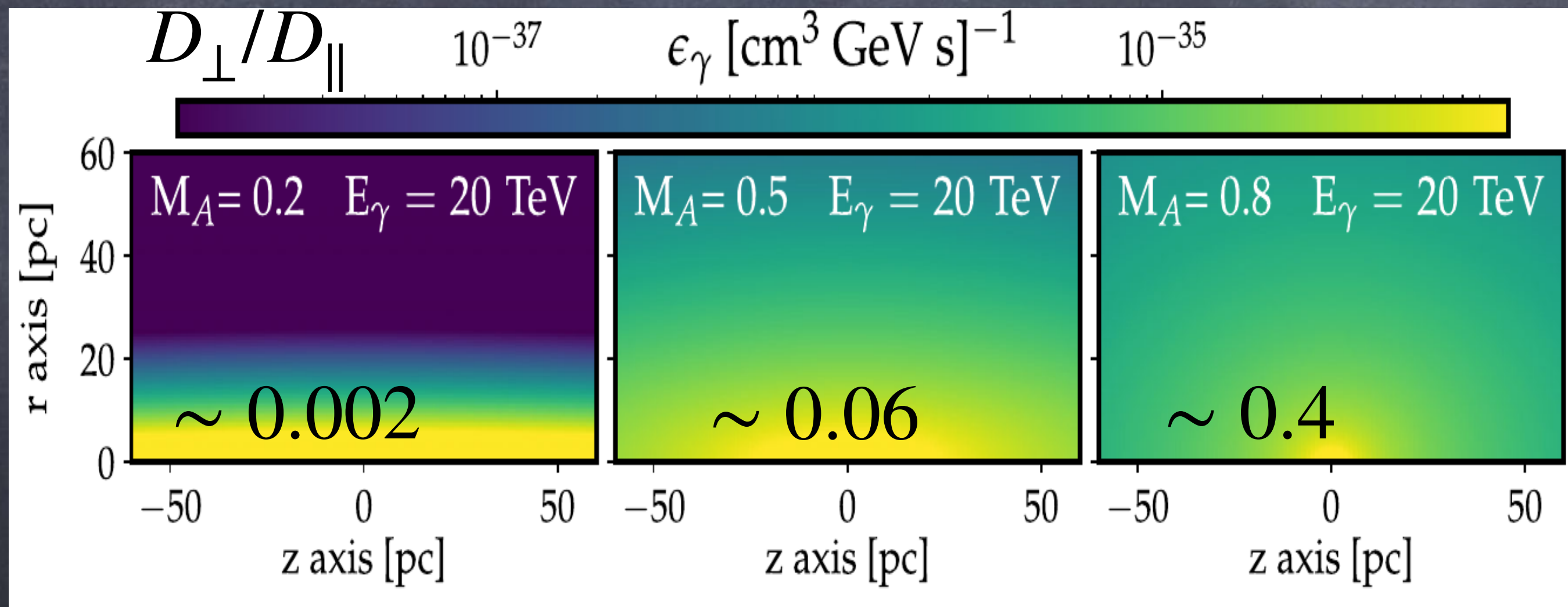
more realistic setup?



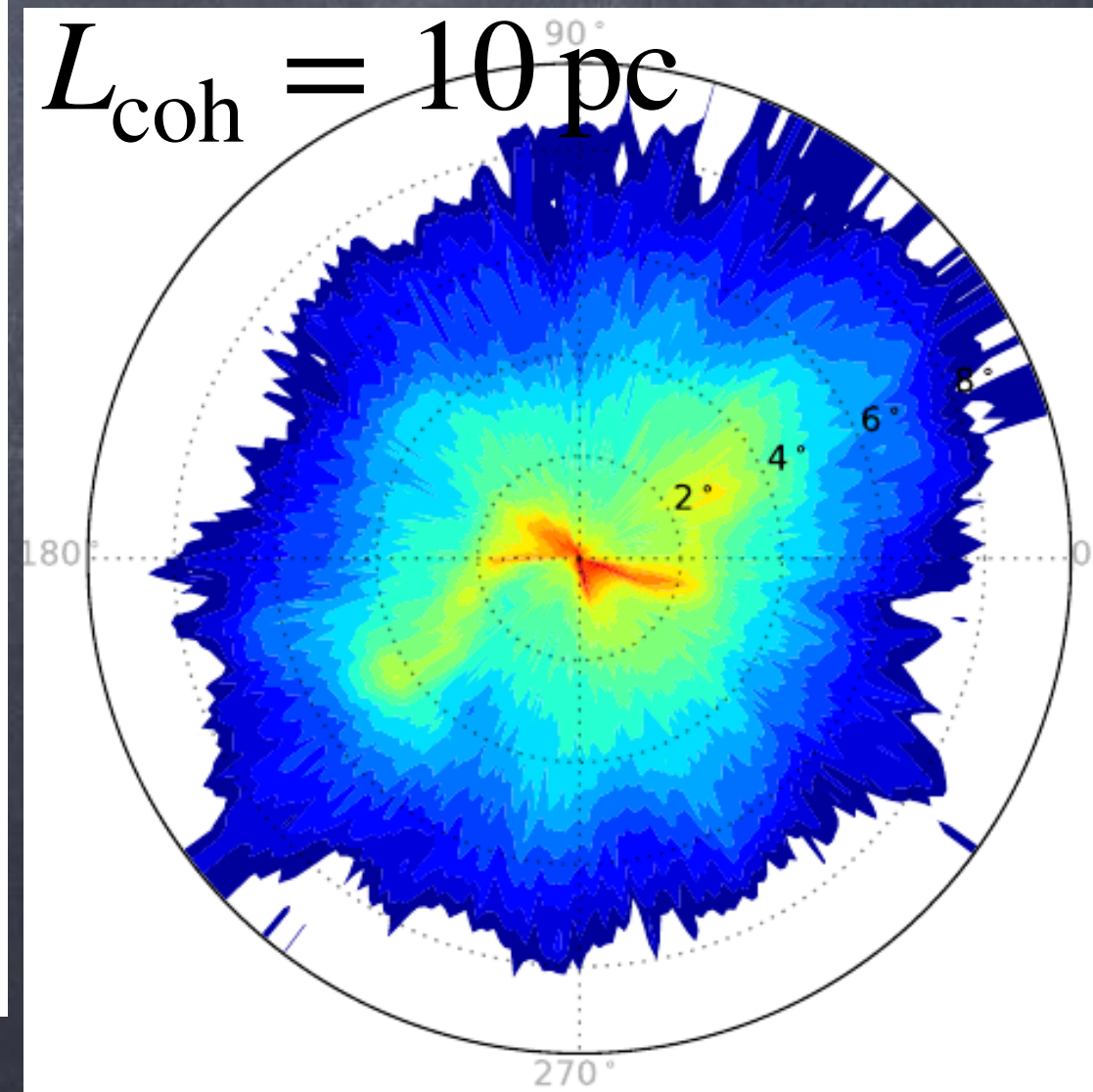
$L_{\text{coh}} = 0.25 \text{ pc}$



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

What more? - Dedicated Surveys

So far "only" 3 clear observations of TeV halos

... we mean sources old enough to be in ISM ...

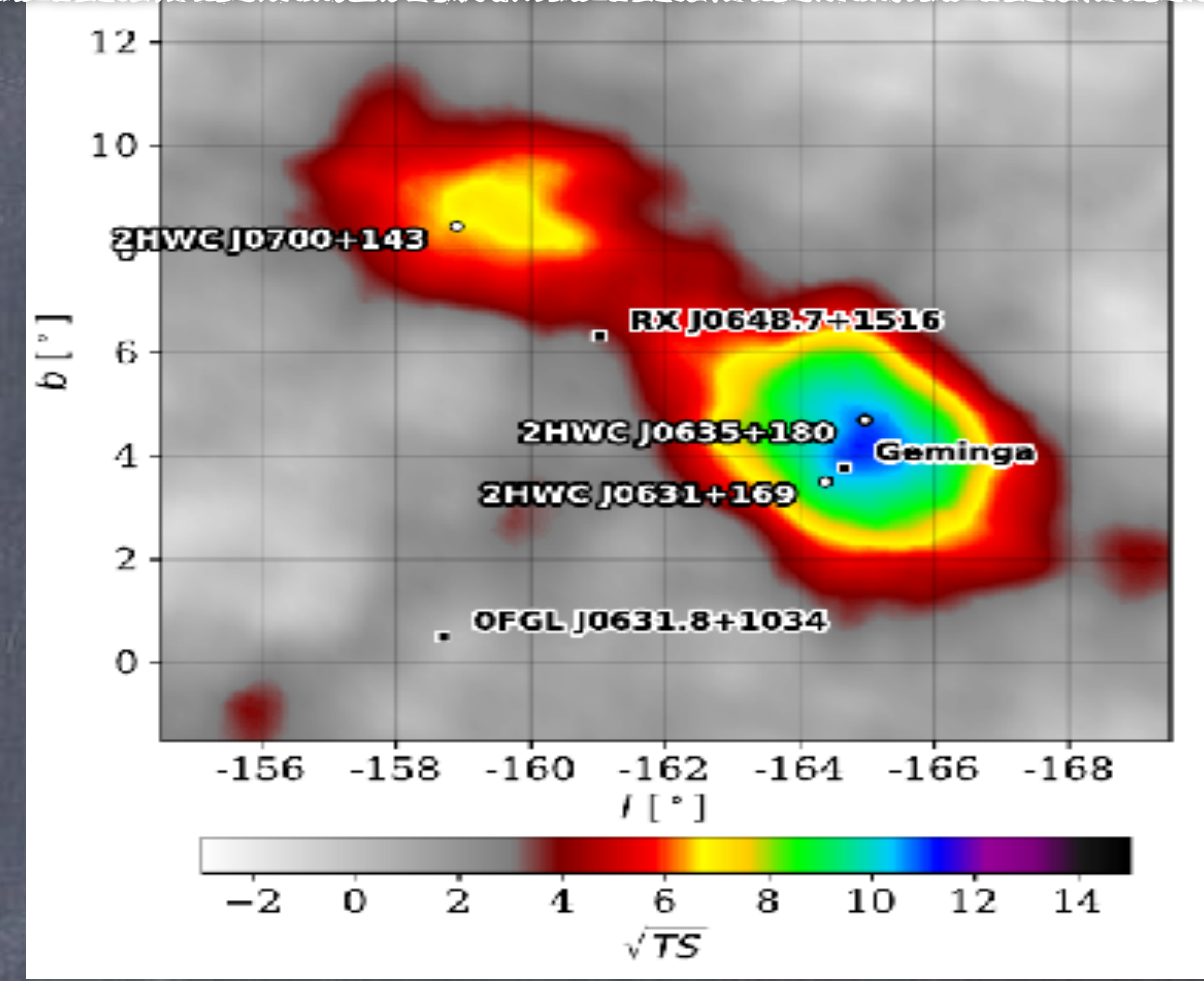
- Why only 3?
- are TeV halos rare?
- dedicated surveys that target nearby known middle-aged pulsars
- ... **LHAASO**: high sensitivity, 2sr FoV
- nearby = could be seen as an extended source ($\sim 2-3$ PSF)

$$R_{\text{HALO}} \approx 10 - 20 \text{ pc}$$

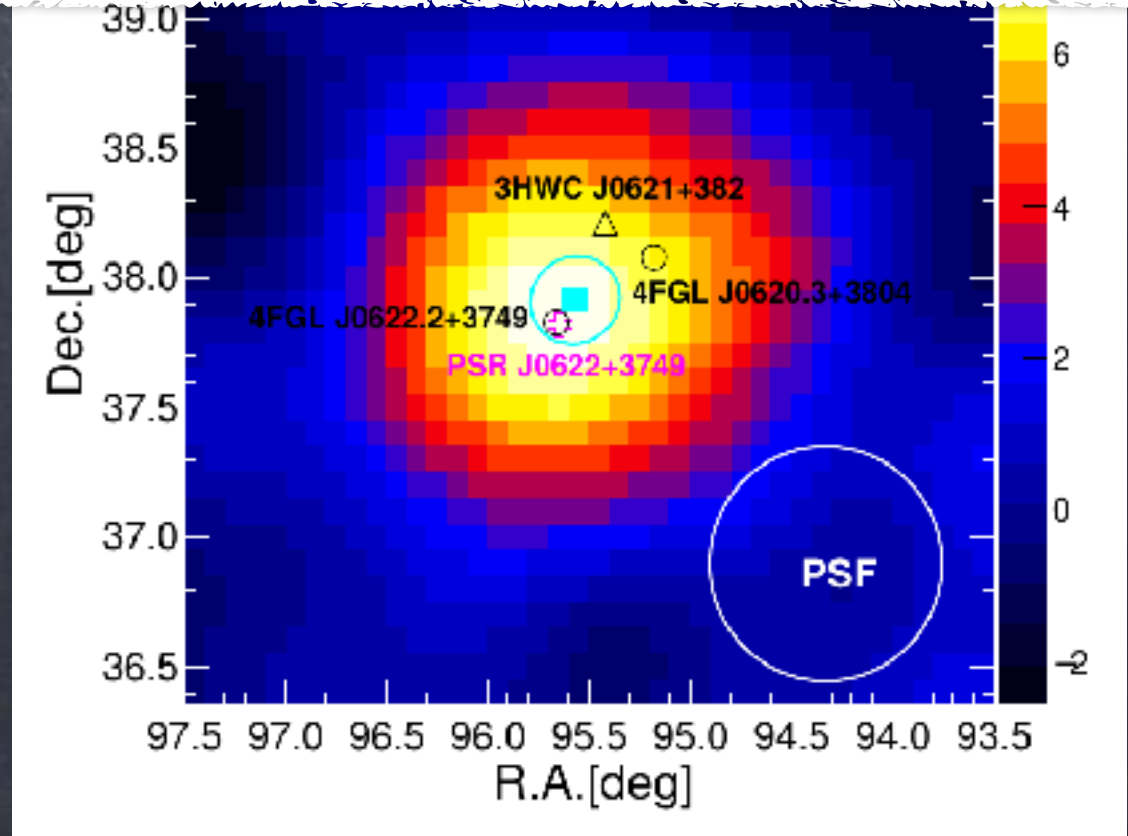
$$\theta_{\text{PSF}} \approx 0.3^\circ$$

$$D \approx 1 - 2 \text{ kpc}$$

HAWC: Geminga-Monogem

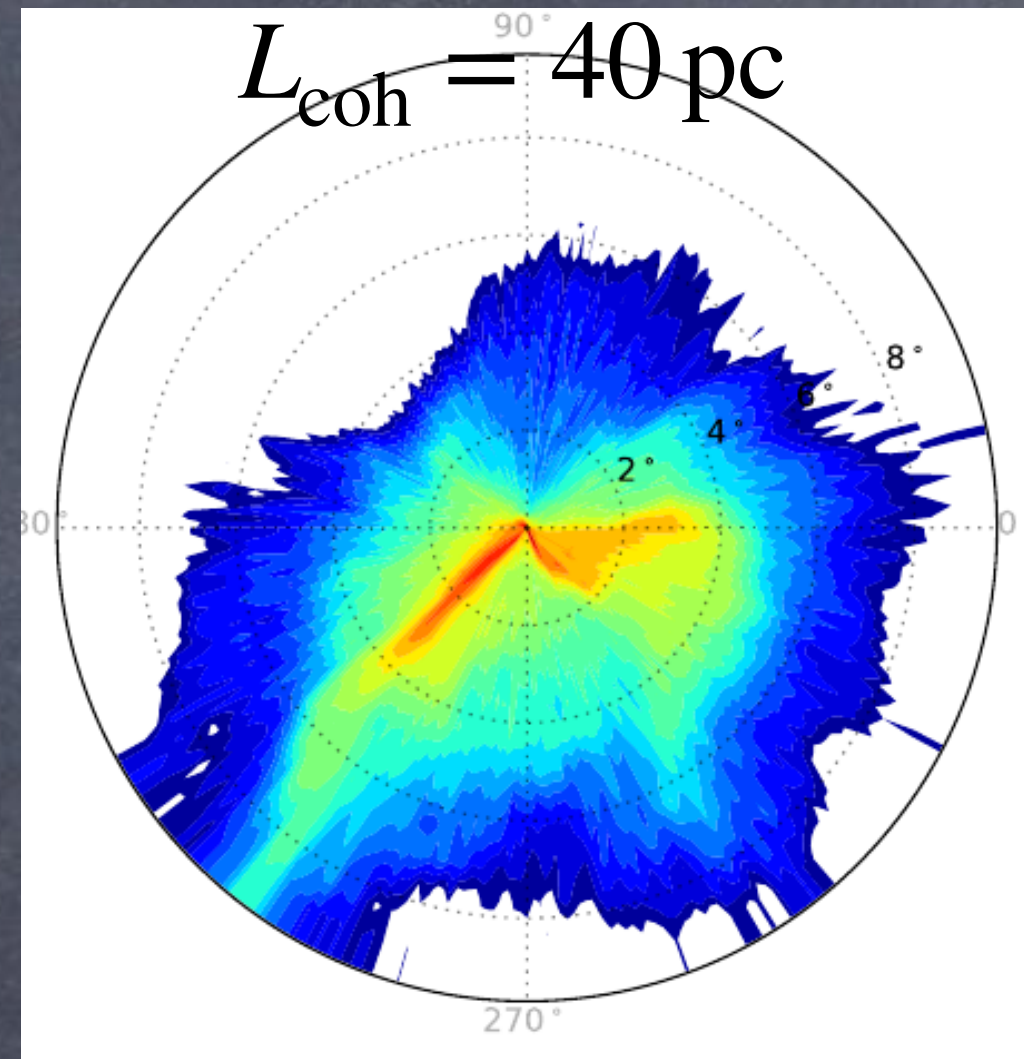
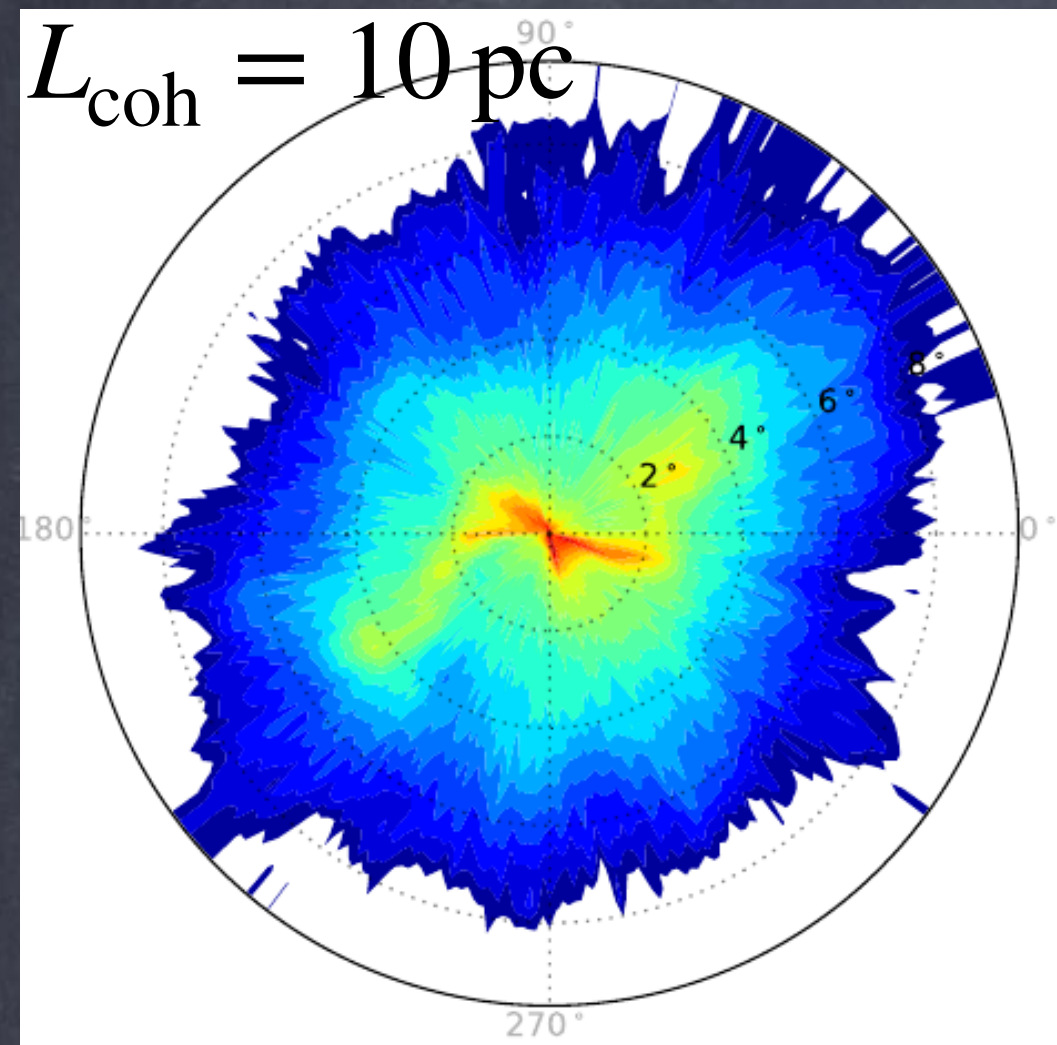


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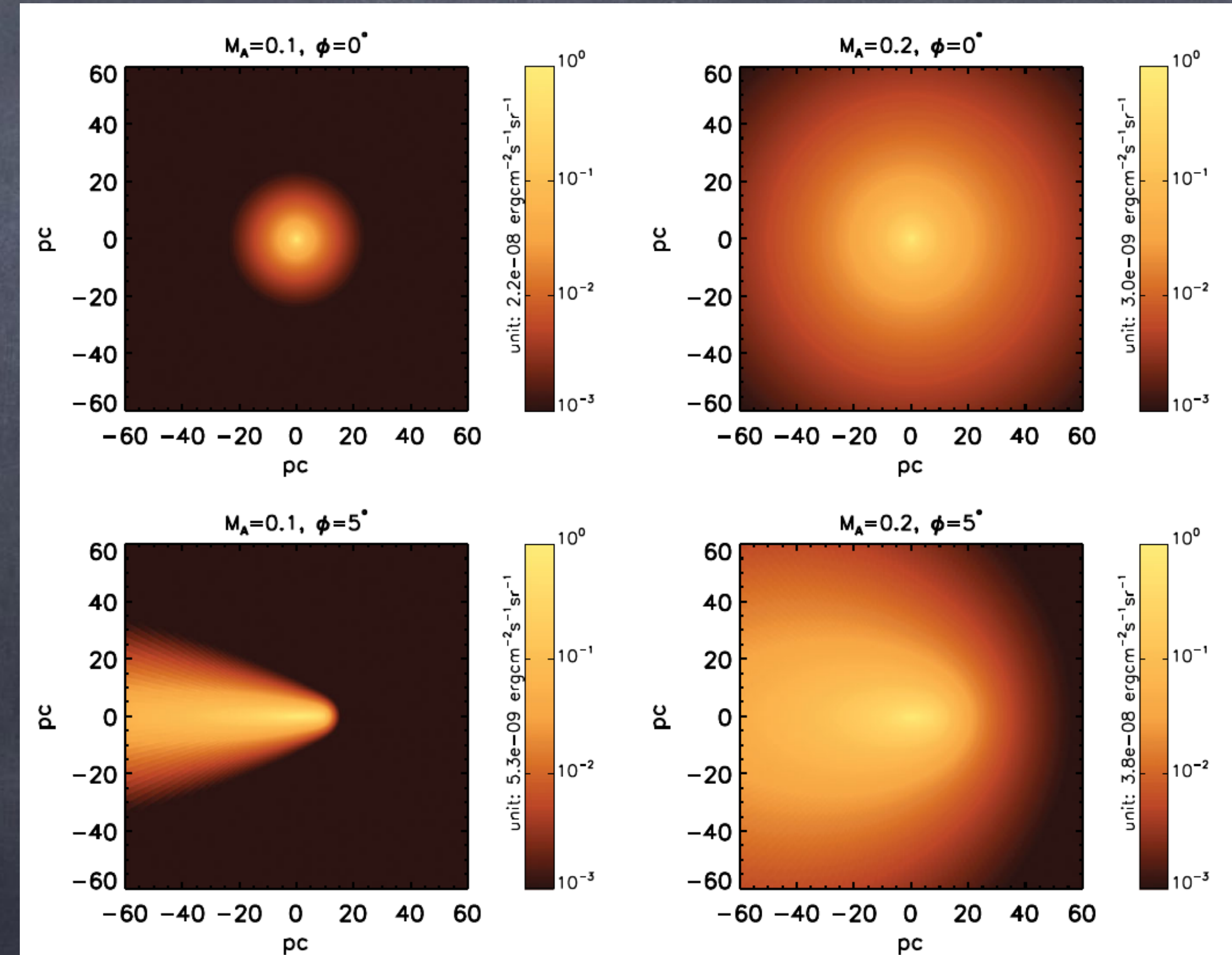


What more? - Features

FEATURES OF ANISOTROPIC DIFFUSION



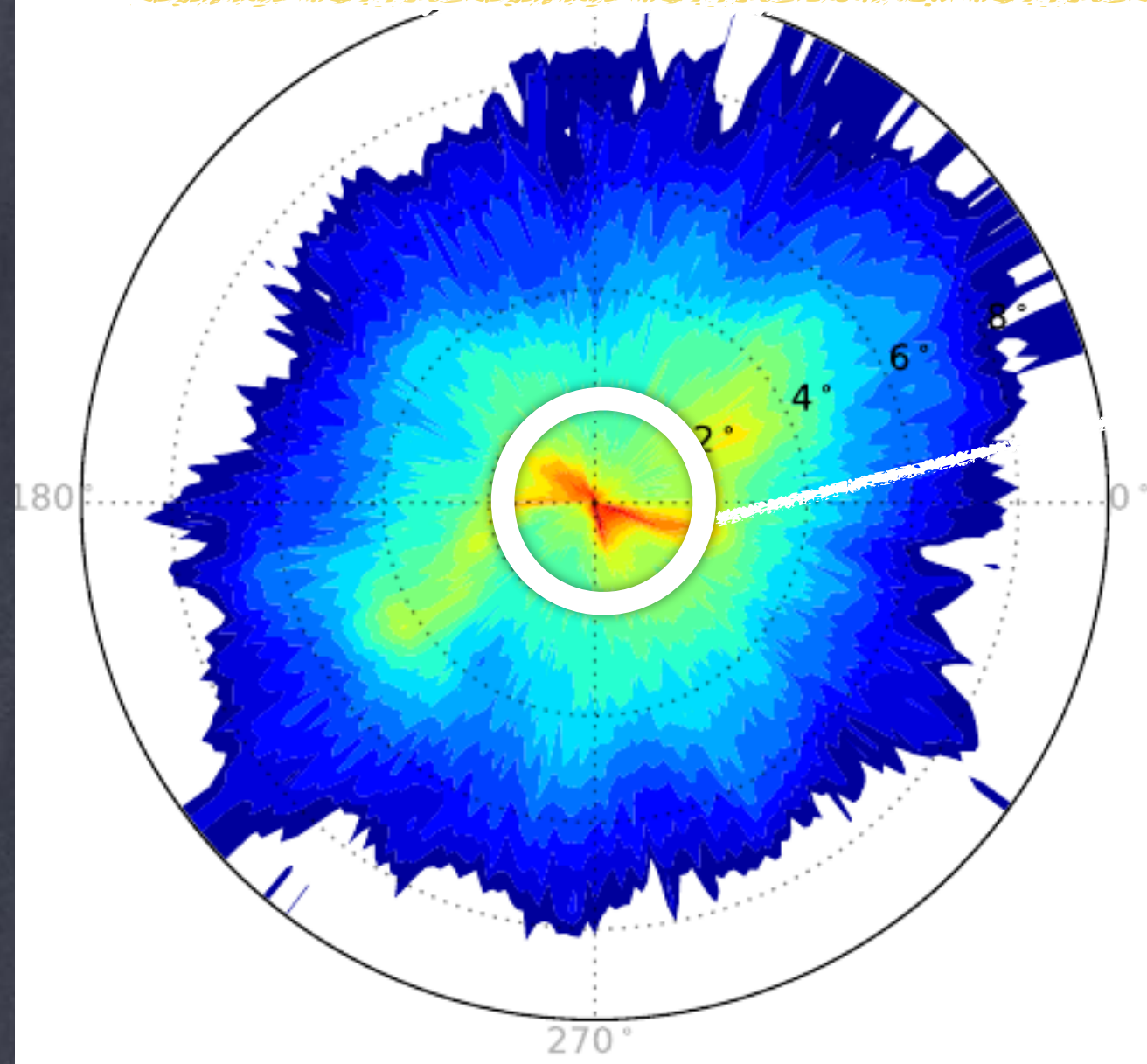
Liu et al. 2019



- non-spherical emission $\propto \sqrt{D_{\parallel}/D_{\perp}}$
- orientation of B field
- separation γ -ray source - pulsar
- filamentary structures

What more? - Features

COMPLEMENTARITY WITH IACTS



	ASTRI Mini-Array	HAWC	LHAASO
Location	28° 18' 04" N 16° 30' 38" W	18° 59' 41" N 97° 18' 27" W	29° 21' 31" N 100° 08' 15" E
Altitude [m]	2,390	4,100	4,410
FoV		~ 10°	2 sr
Angular Res.	0.05° (30 TeV)	0.15 ^(a) (10 TeV)	(0.24–0.32) ^(b) (100 TeV)
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Energy Range	(0.3–200) TeV	(0.1–1000) TeV	(0.1–1000) TeV

- need for targeted analyses on Geminga-like pulsars
- high sensitivity, large FoV → LHAASO ...
- high sensitivity, angular resolution → IACTS
- probe different energy ranges

- bias on spherical shape?
- go beyond analyses that assume spherical symmetry
- discriminating morphological features
 - filamentary structures
 - separation pulsar - TeV source
 - asymmetry in halo shape

Pulsar's Environment ???

- proper motion $v_{\text{psr}} \sim 100\text{s km/s} \rightarrow$ out of SNR $\approx 10\text{s kyr}$
- Bow shock \rightarrow particle release in ISM

big caveat
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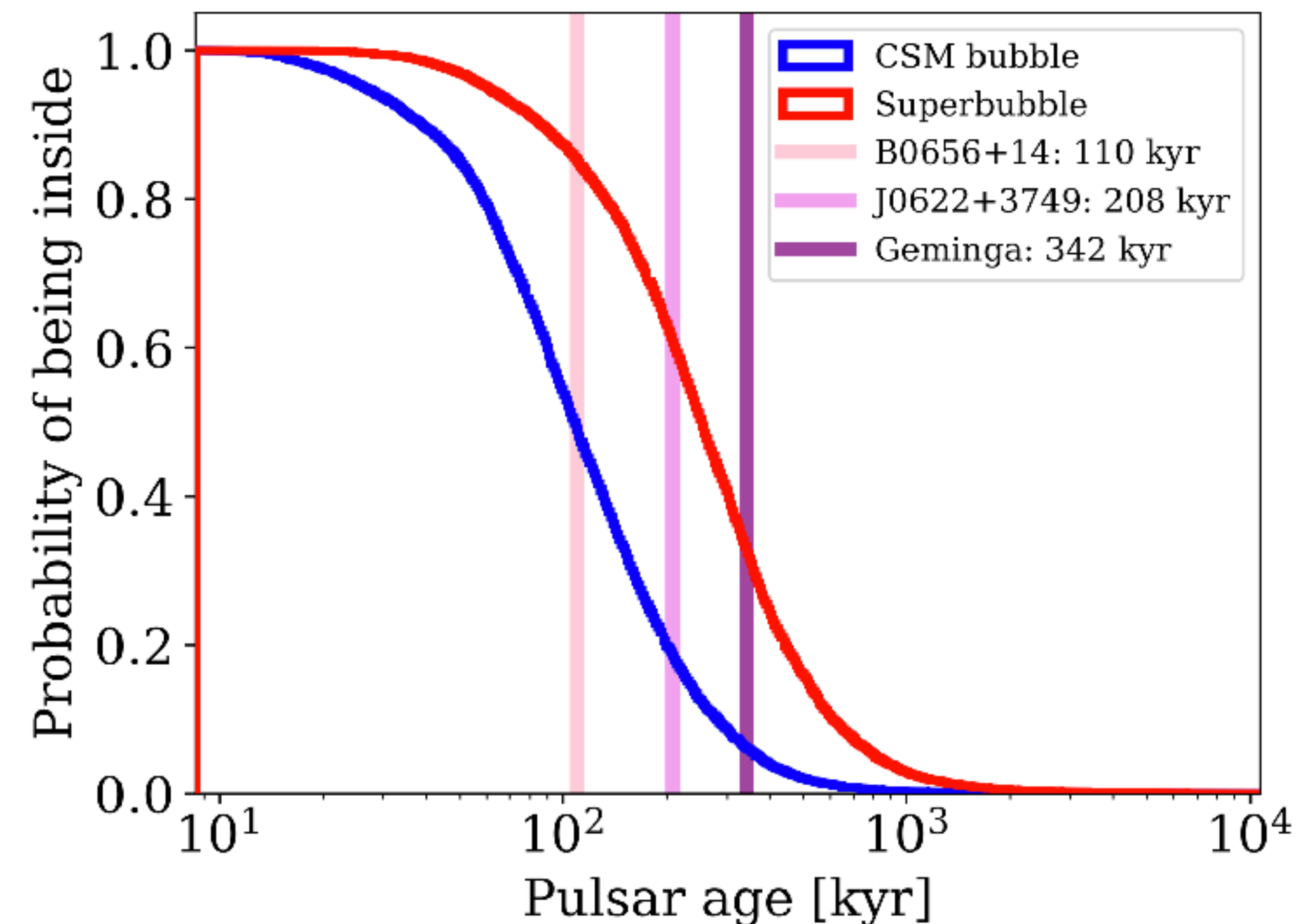
For how long a pulsar stays in a given environment?

Bourguinat + paper in preparation 2024-2025

Pulsar	Age [kyr]	Inside (CSM, 4% ¹)	Inside (SB, 96% ¹)
B0656+14	110	49%	85%
J0622+3749	208	19%	61%
Geminga	342	6%	33%

Relevant probability for middle-aged pulsar to in hot ionized medium ... ALSO HIGH TURBULENCE?

ARE TeV HALOS A ENVIRONMENT-DEPENDENT SOURCE?



Pulsar's Environment & TeV sources

Could we envisage the following situation?

pulsar in hot/turbulent ISM

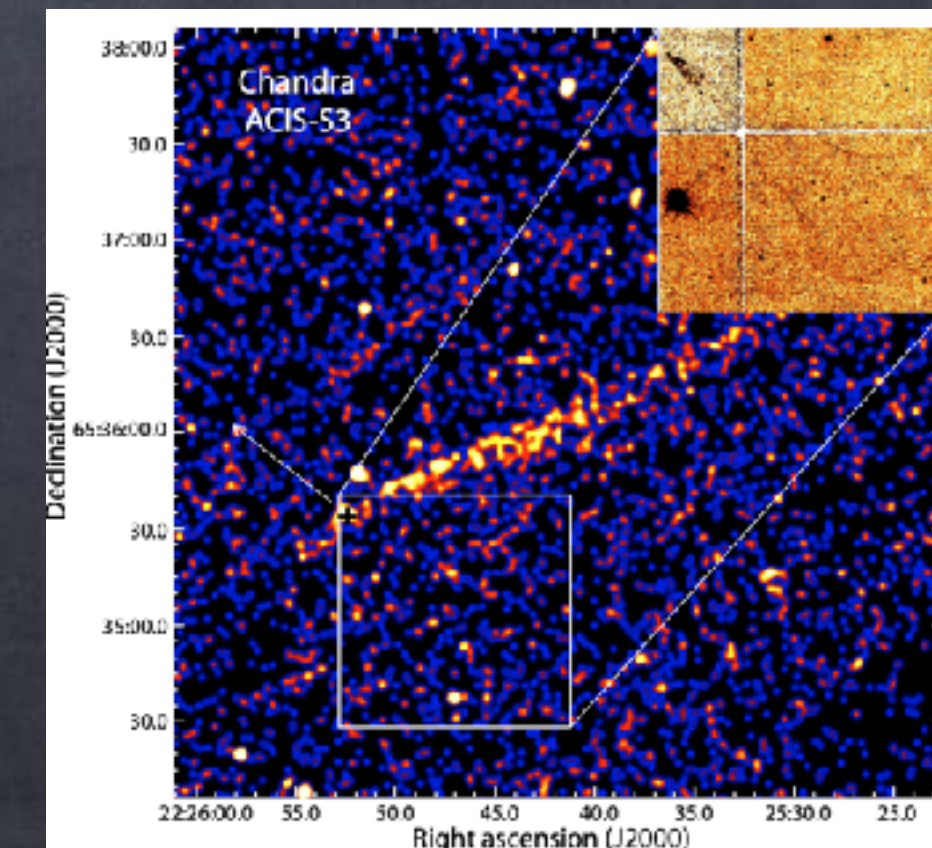
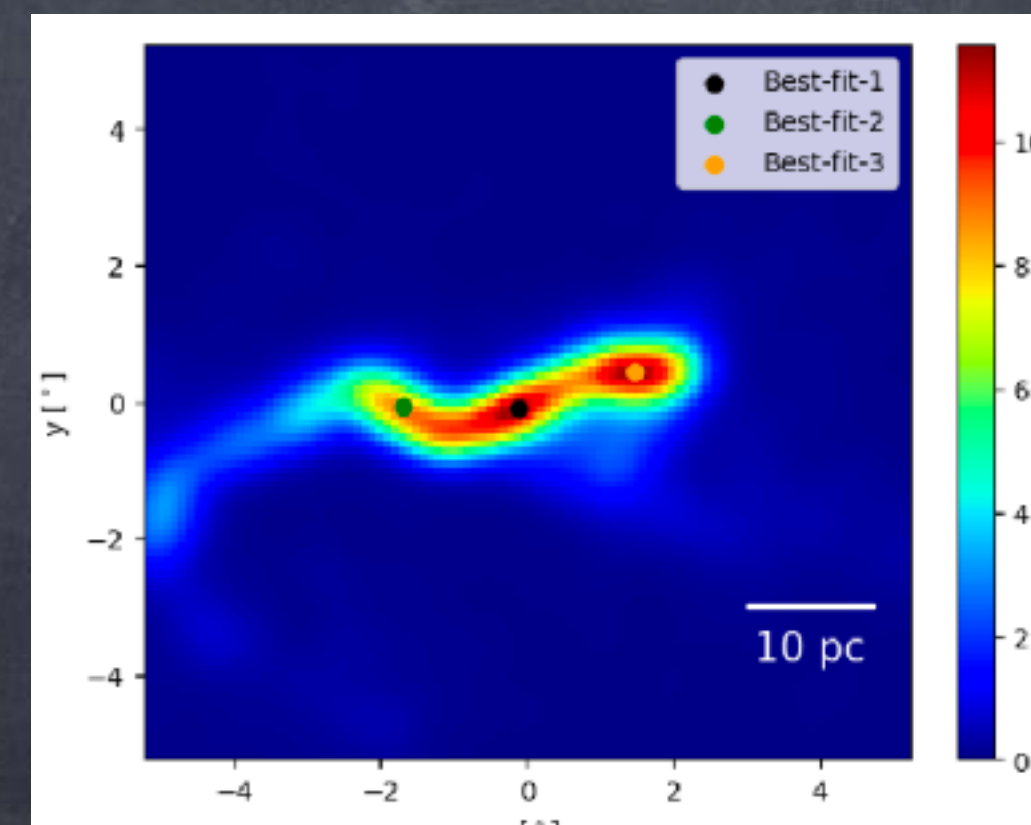
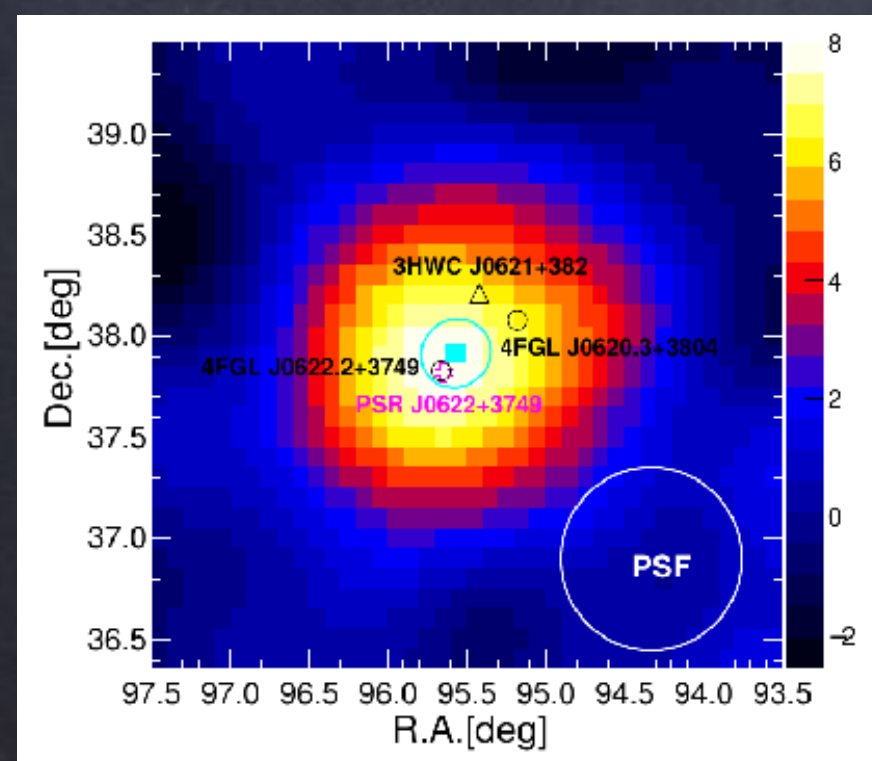
pulsar in cold/warm & "quiet" ISM

- TeV halo
- spherical emission

Olmi et al. 2024

Bao et al. 2024

- No halo? Features?
- X-ray filaments?
- multiple (mirage) sources



Summary

- **TeV halos** detected around **middle-aged pulsars** (HAWC, LHAASO)
- not understood with current transport models
- new window on **CR propagation at multi-TeV**
- surveys with **high-sensitivity & large FoV** → LHAASO ...
- **high sensitivity & good angular resolution** → IACTS
- **energy dependent analysis** → complementarity
- look at the pulsars **environment** ...

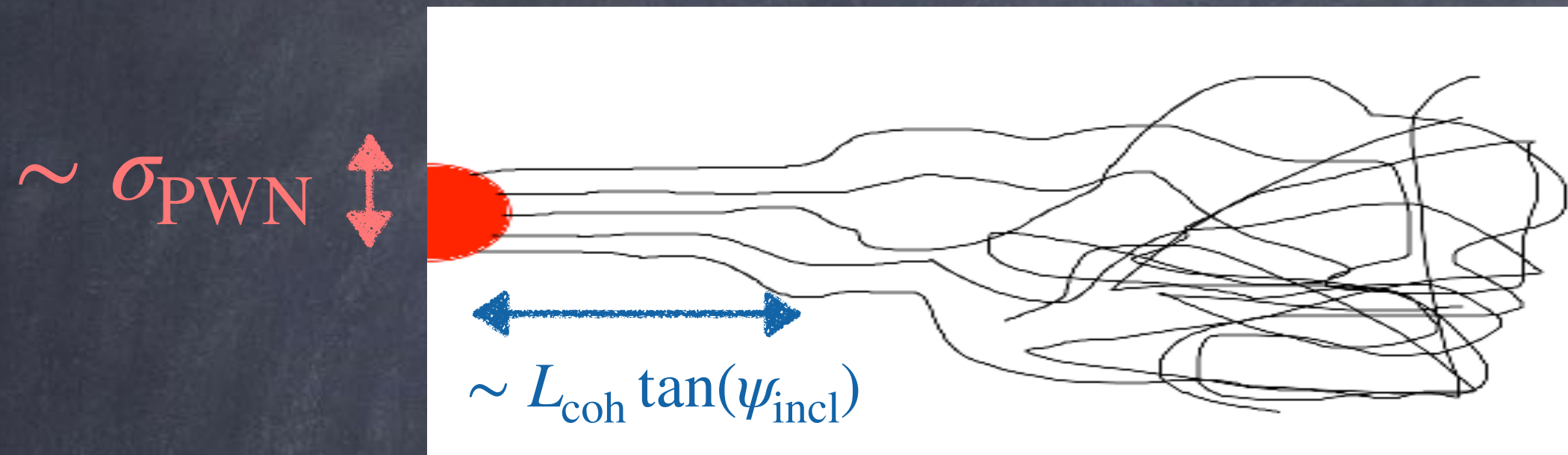
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$$\sigma_{\text{PWN}} \lesssim 1 \text{ pc}$$

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halo asymmetry

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

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

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