



# Deflection of UHE Heavy Nuclei in the Galactic Magnetic Field

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# Motivations

- Explore the consequences for UHECR deflections in the (Galactic) magnetic fields, *in case of* a shift towards a heavier composition at the highest energies.
- Results important to understand future **experimental sky maps**.
  - > 1) Several **important** and not (so) trivial **effects** would appear in case of heavy primaries;
  - > 2) Differences between deflections of p/nuclei may give additional information on the composition.

# Goals

- Propagate **iron** nuclei with  **$E > 60 \text{ EeV}$**  in the Galactic magnetic field:

I - Sources images

II - Magnetic lensing effects

# **A few words about the Galactic magnetic field**

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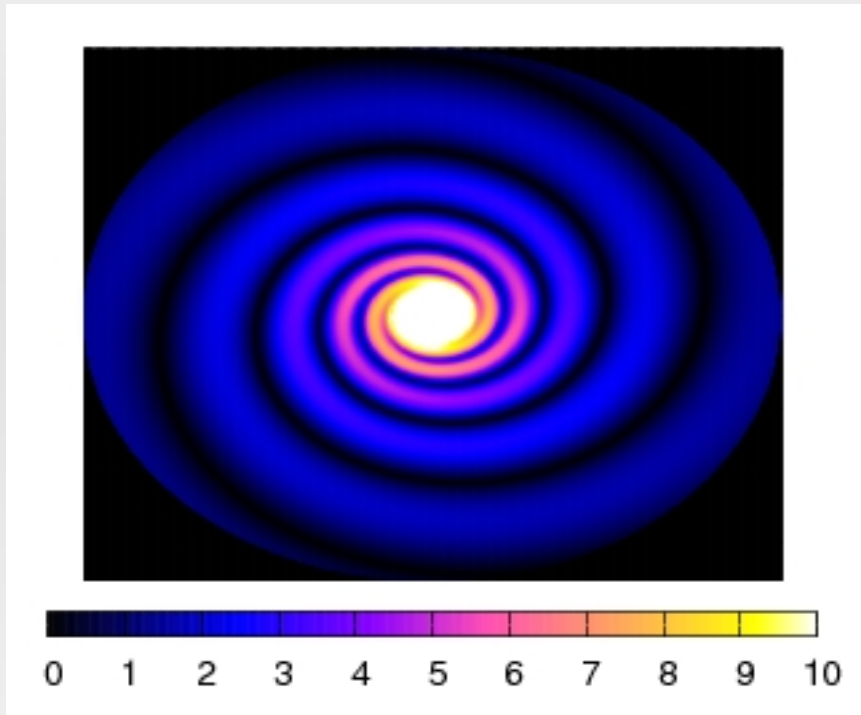
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Generate a 3D turbulent field configuration. **Vary** :

- **Strength (at Earth):  $B_0$** ; - **Extension in the halo  $Z_0$** .

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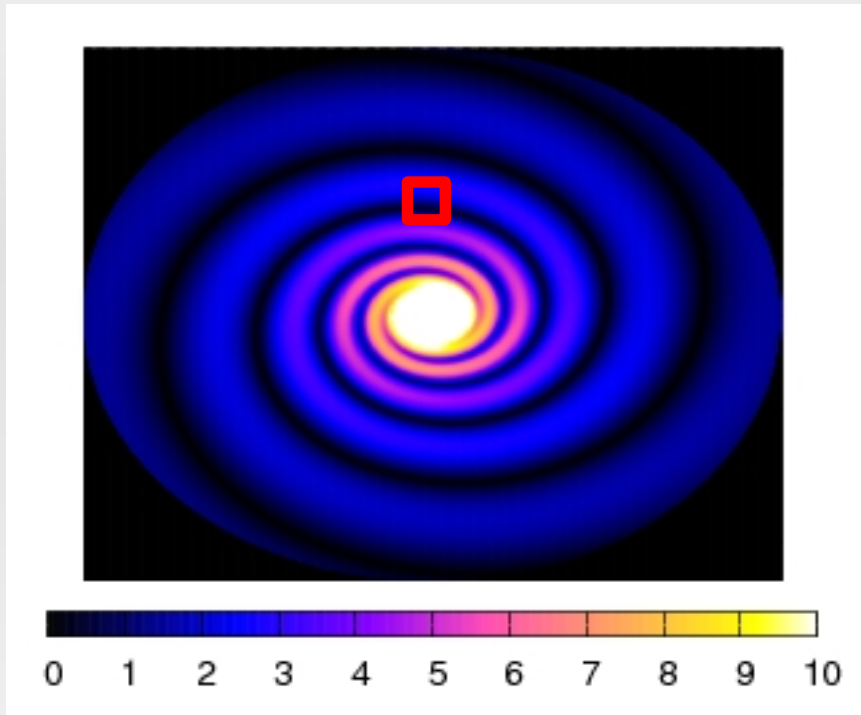


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(PS)



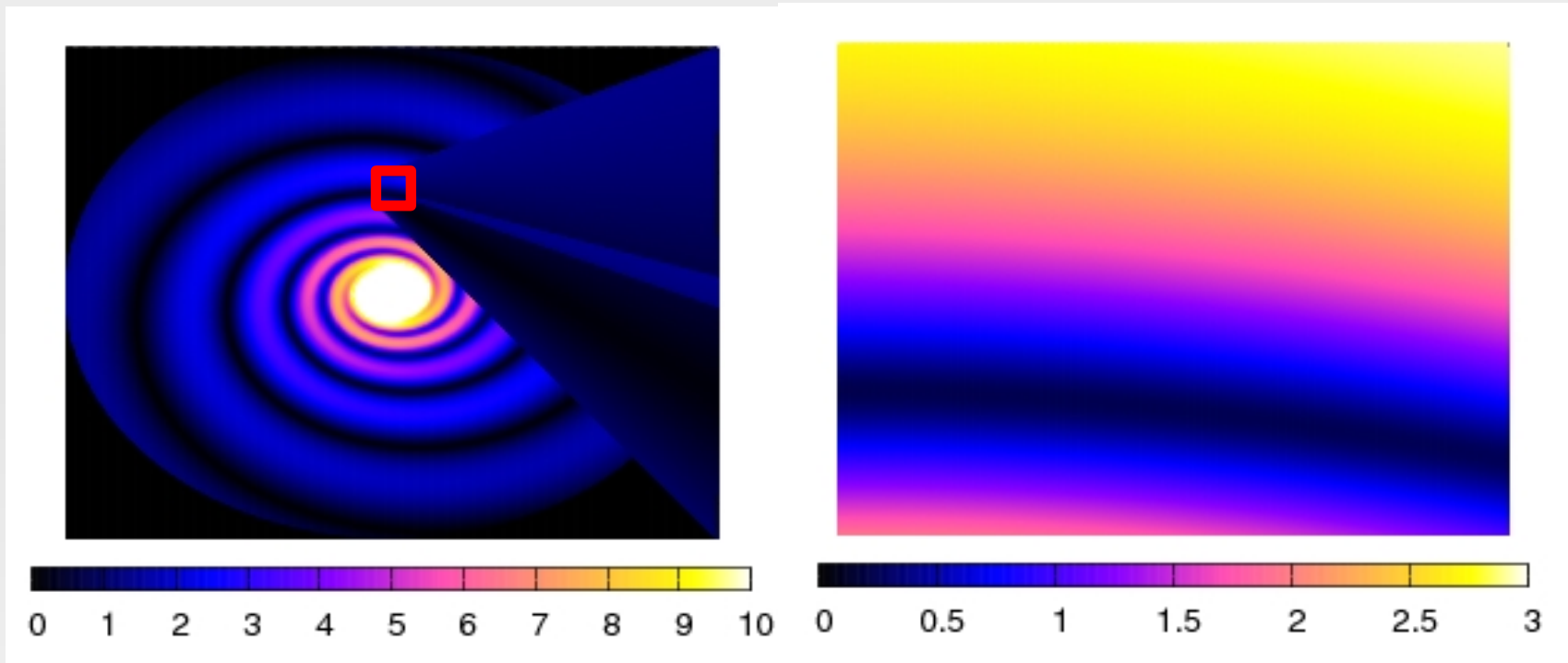
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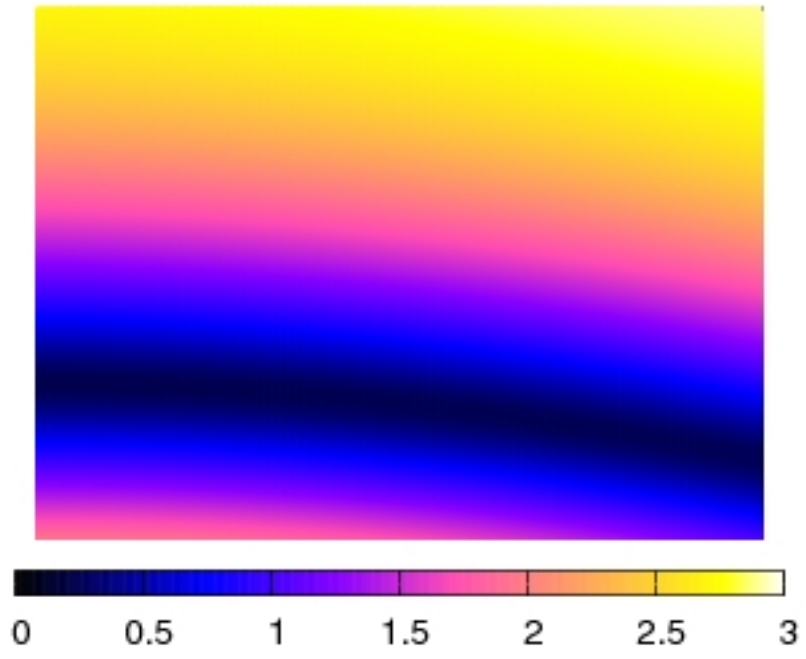
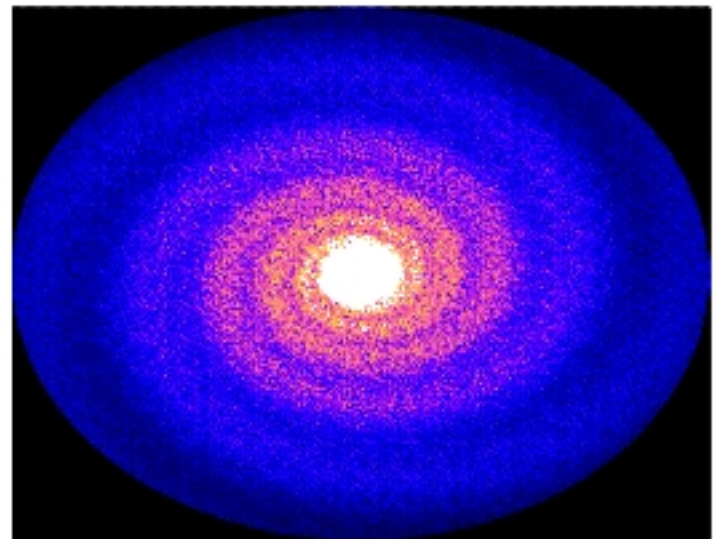
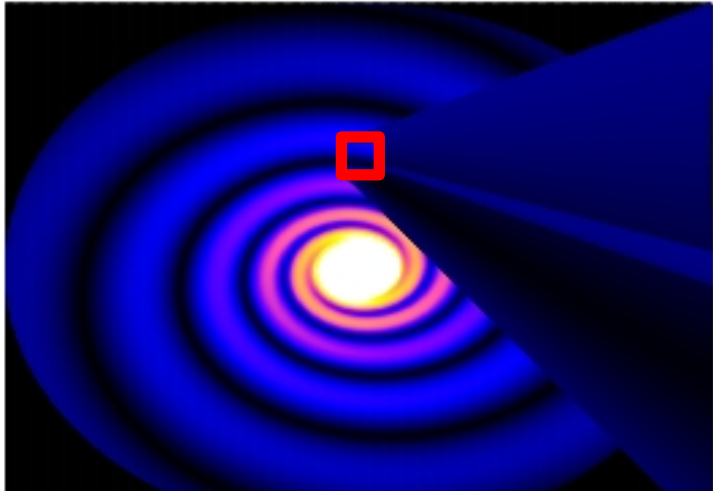
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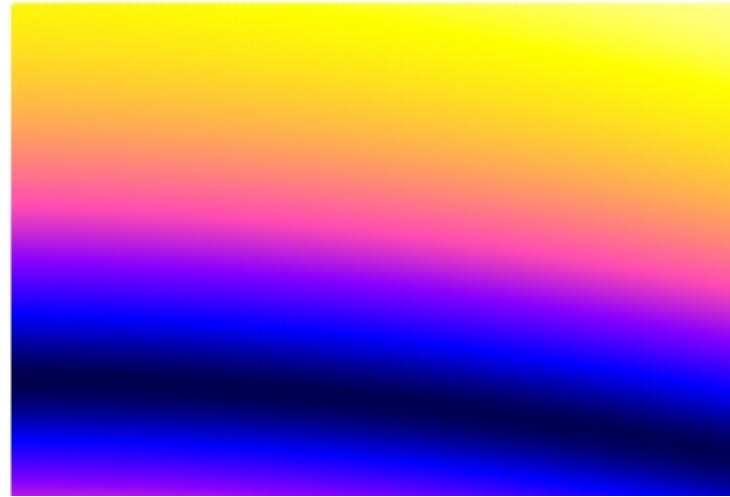
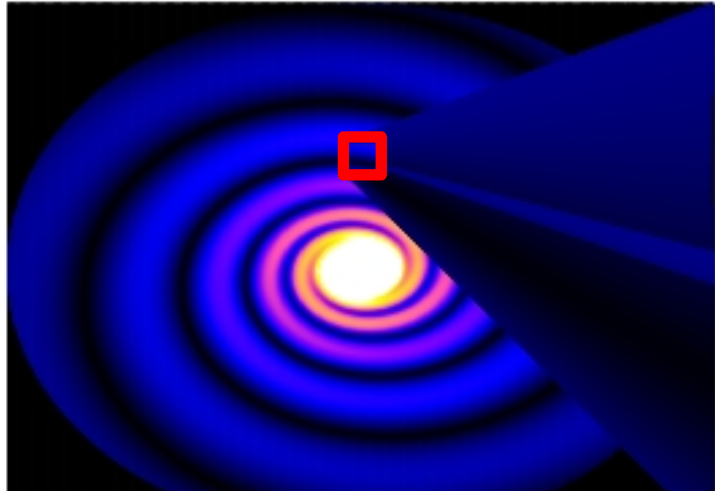


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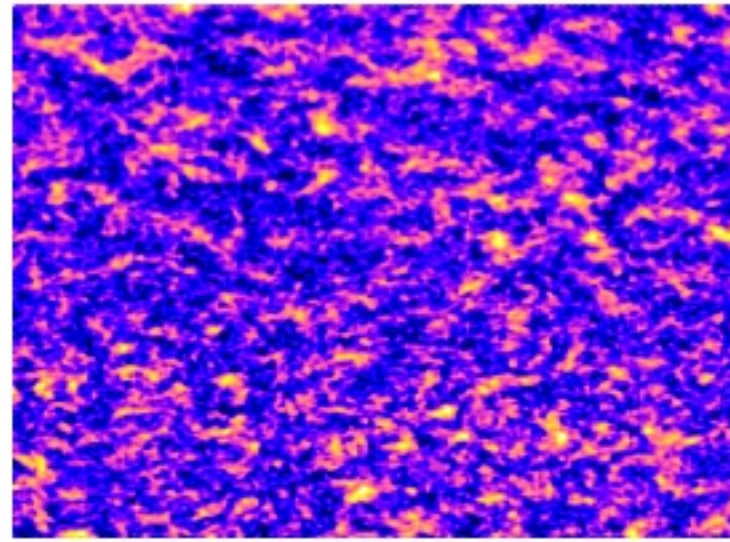
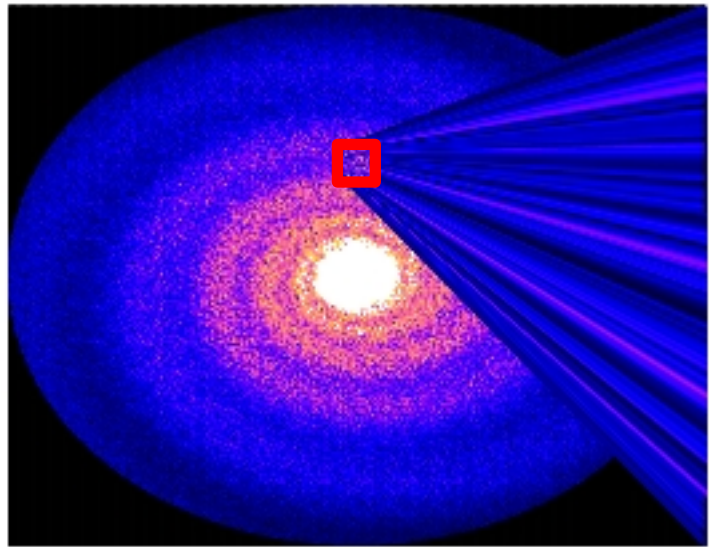
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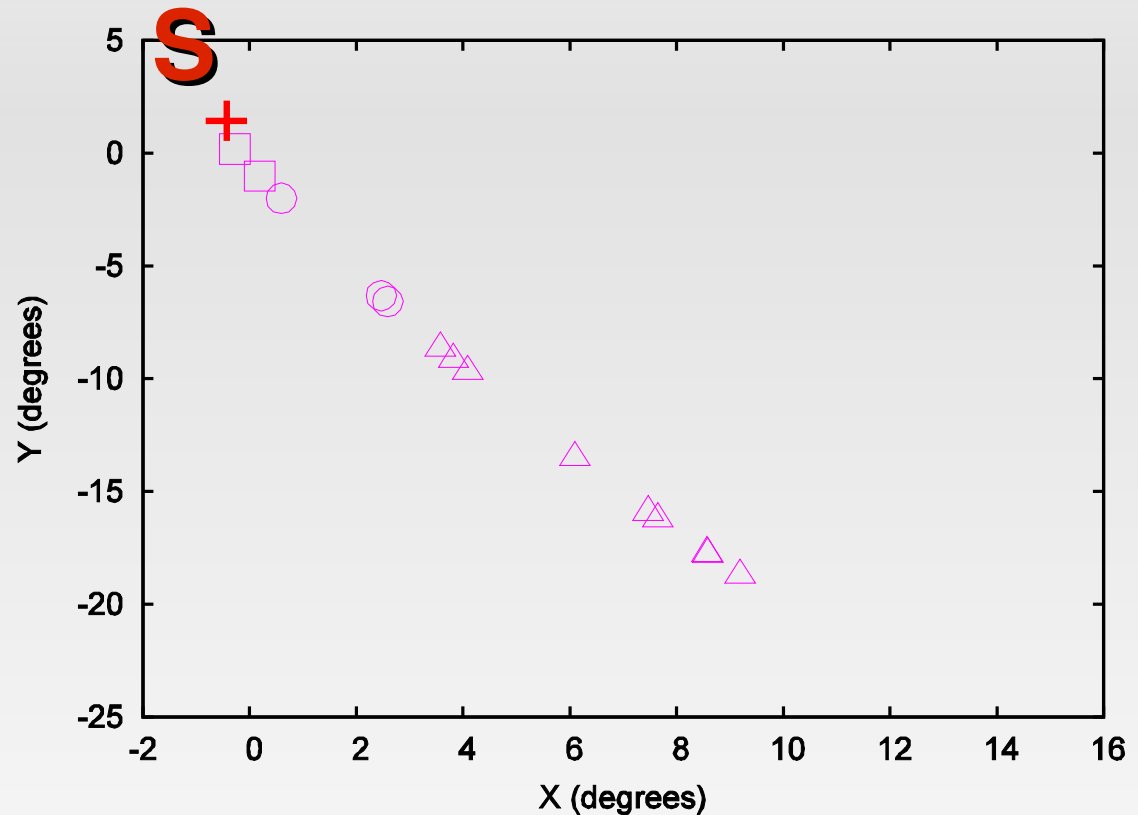
# I – Images of UHE heavy nuclei sources

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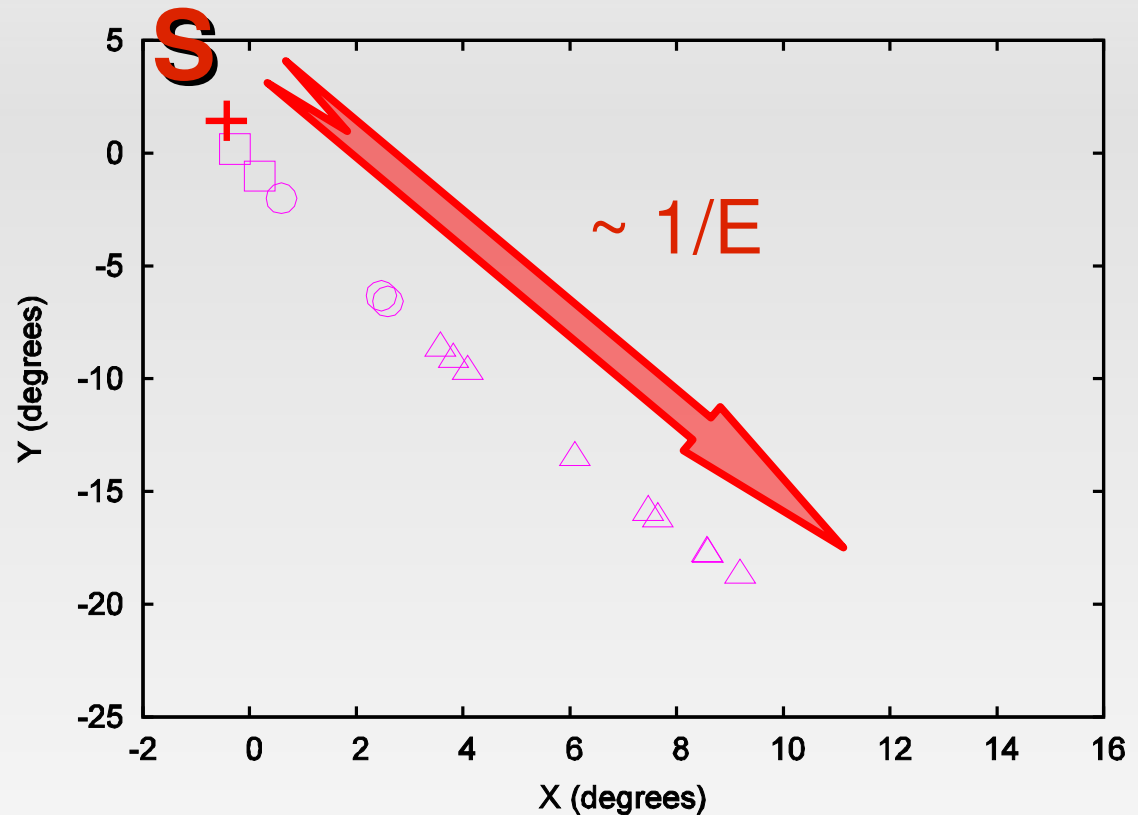
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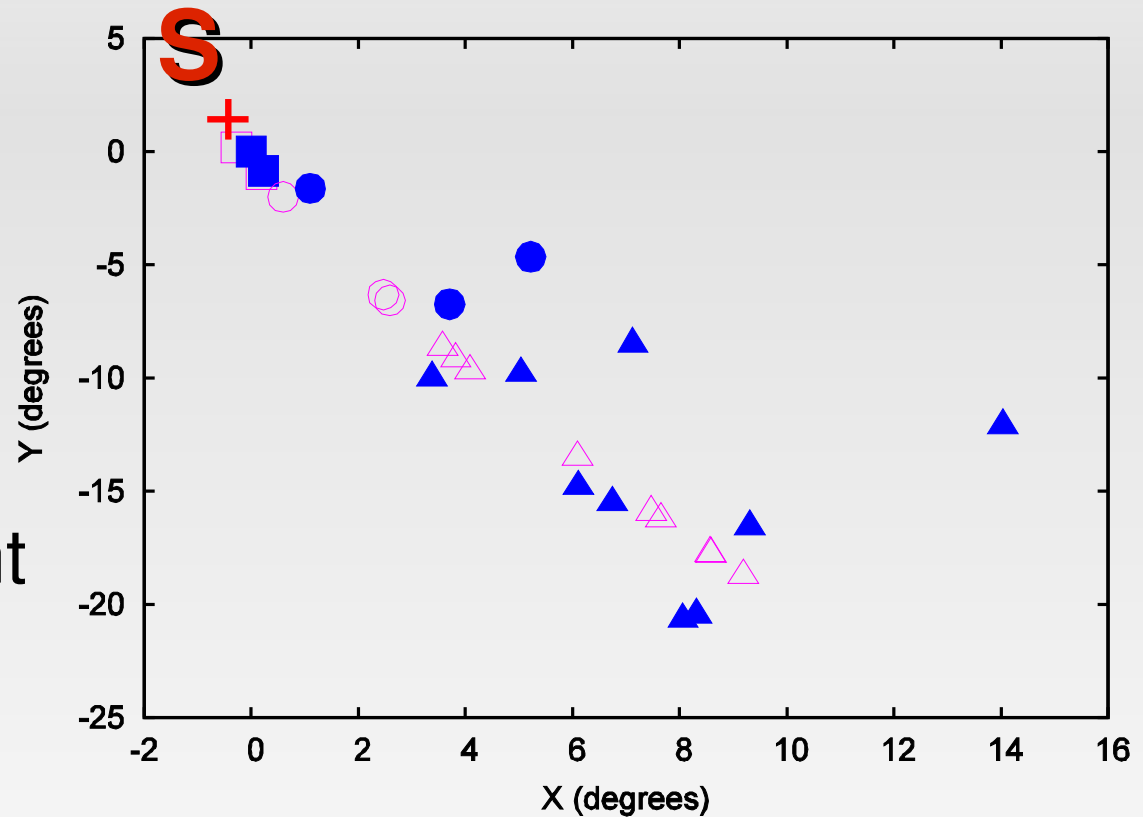
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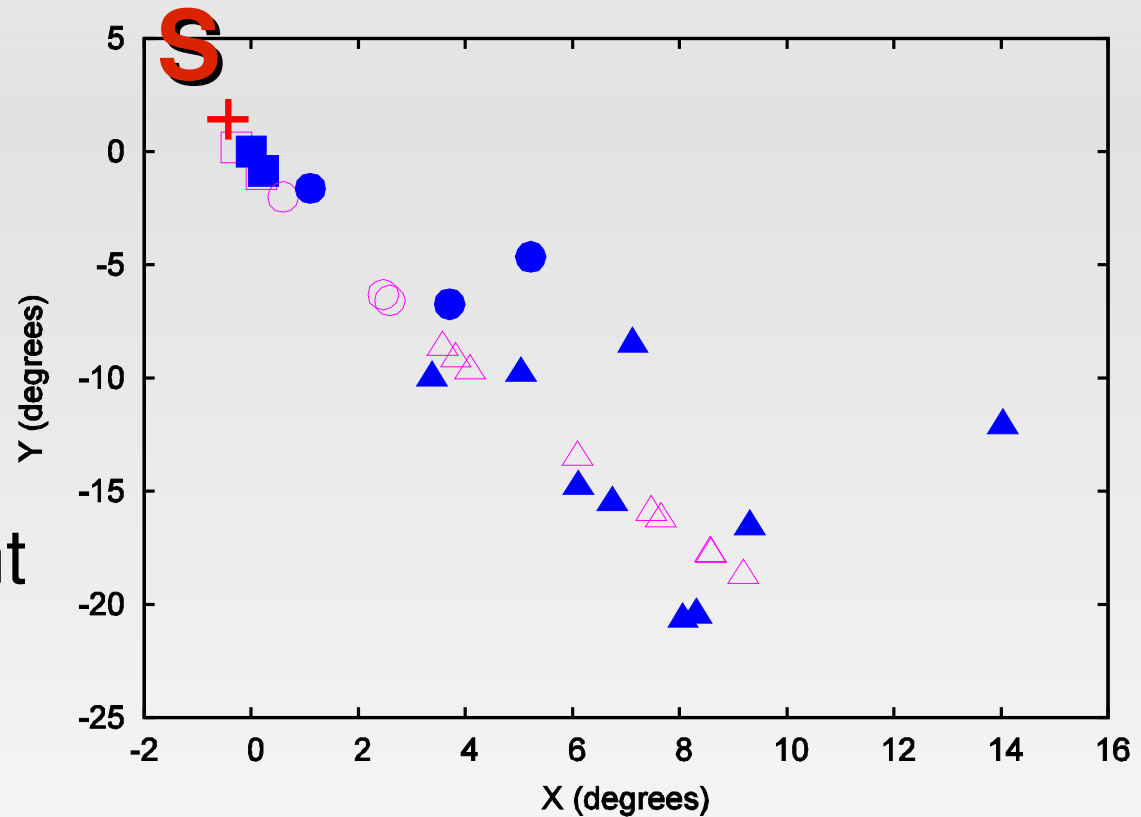
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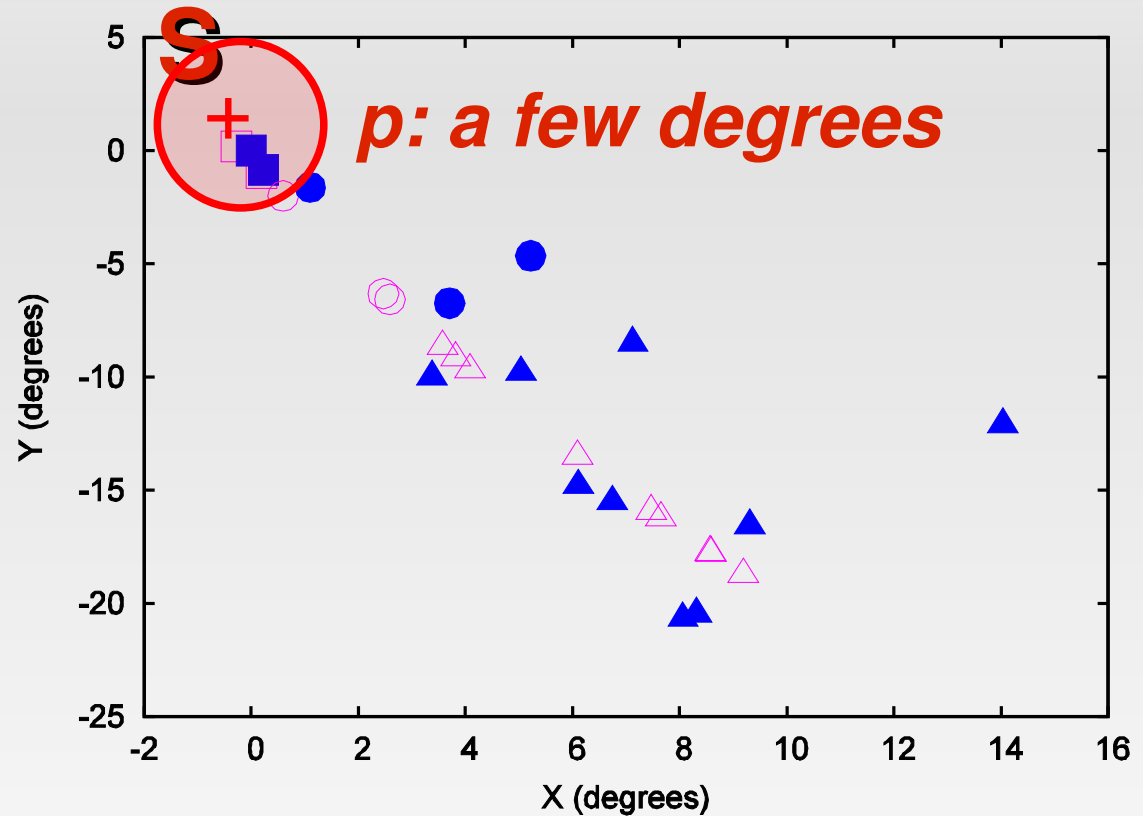


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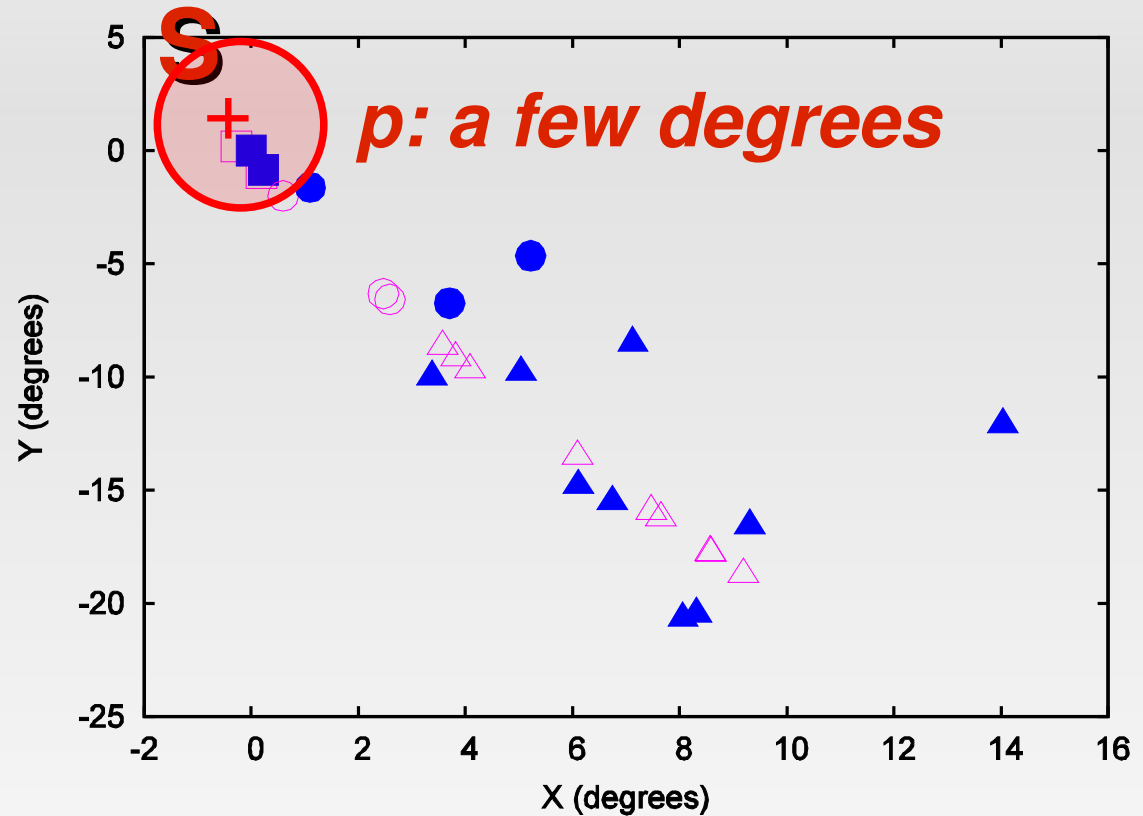
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**In general, No !**

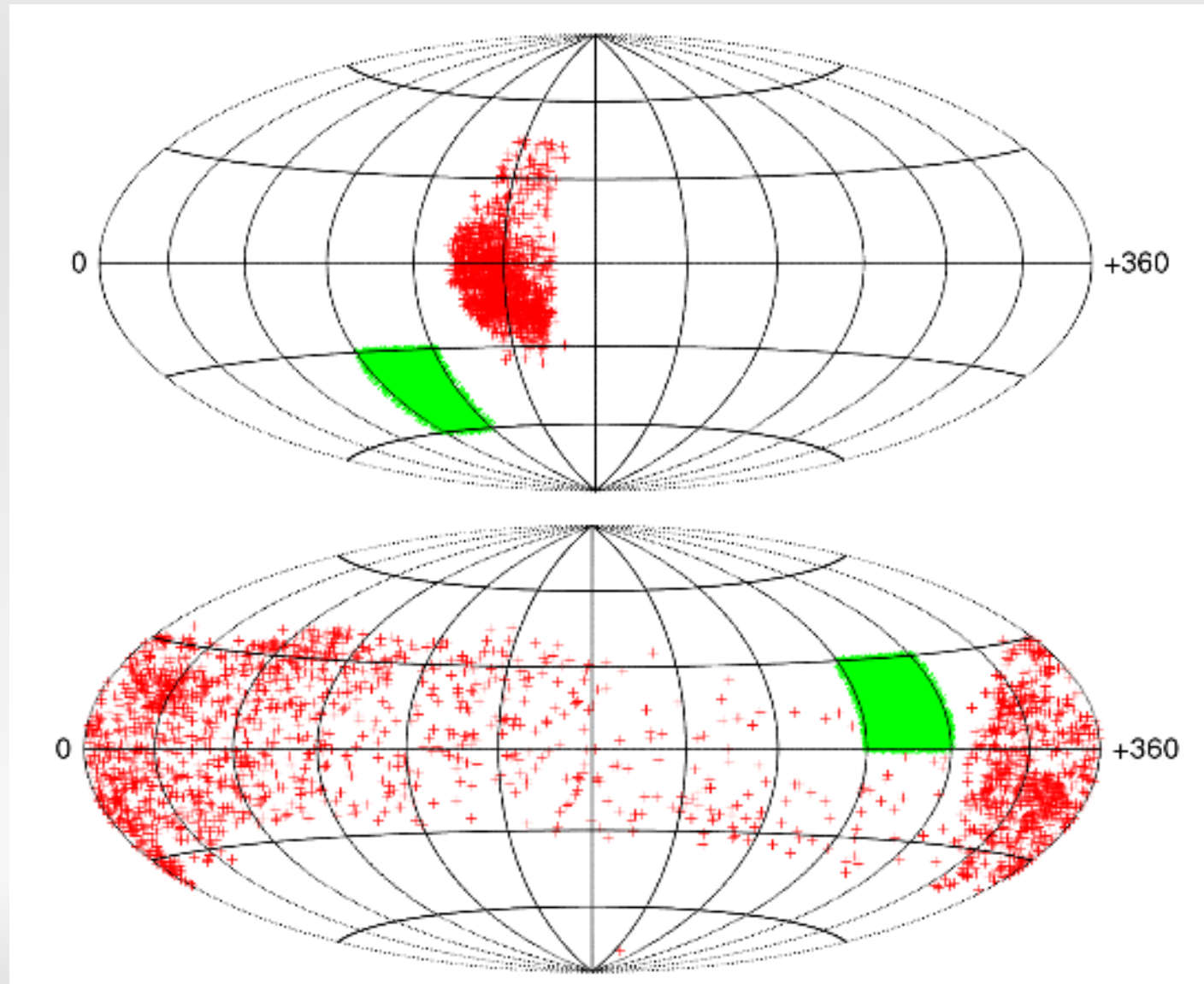


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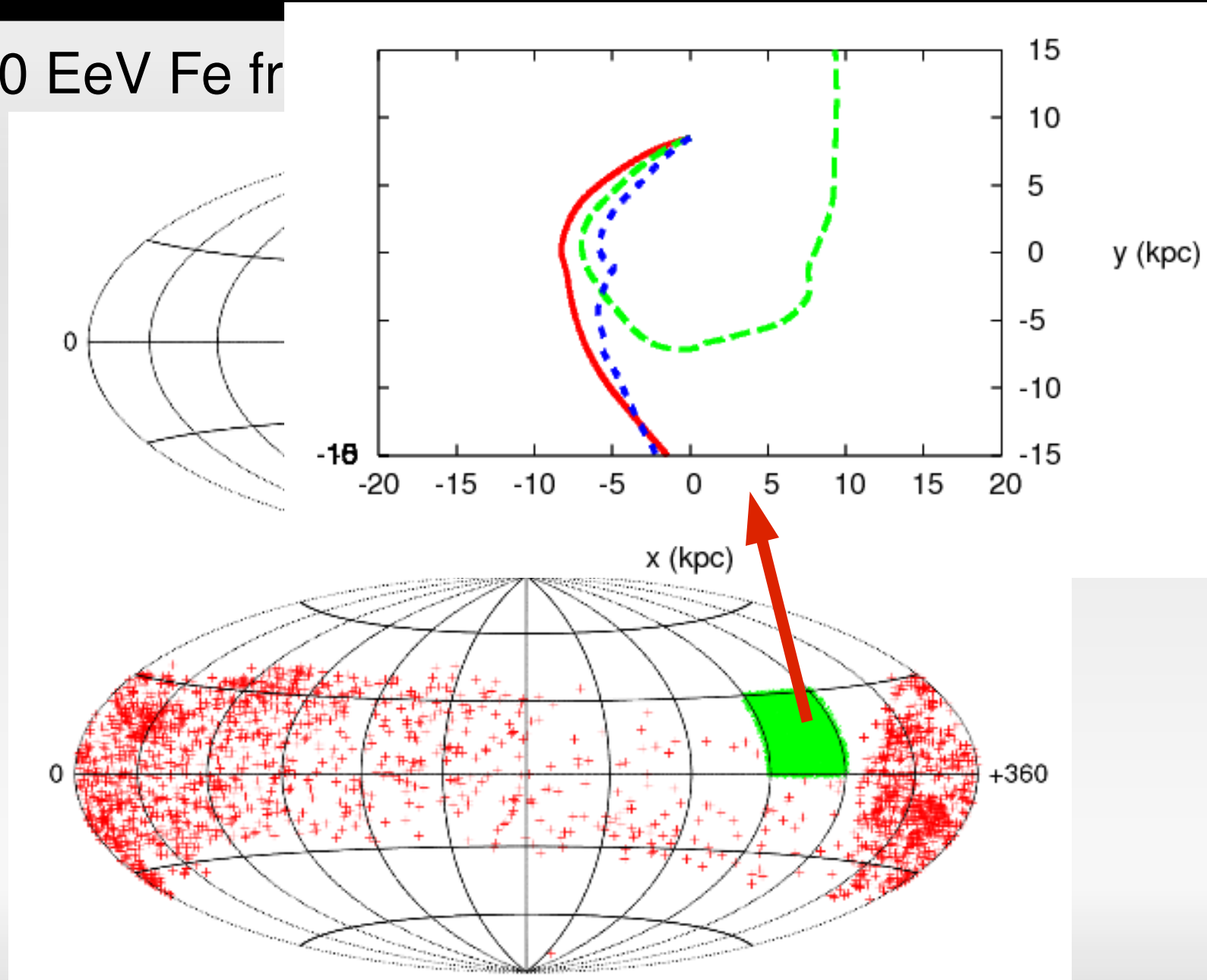
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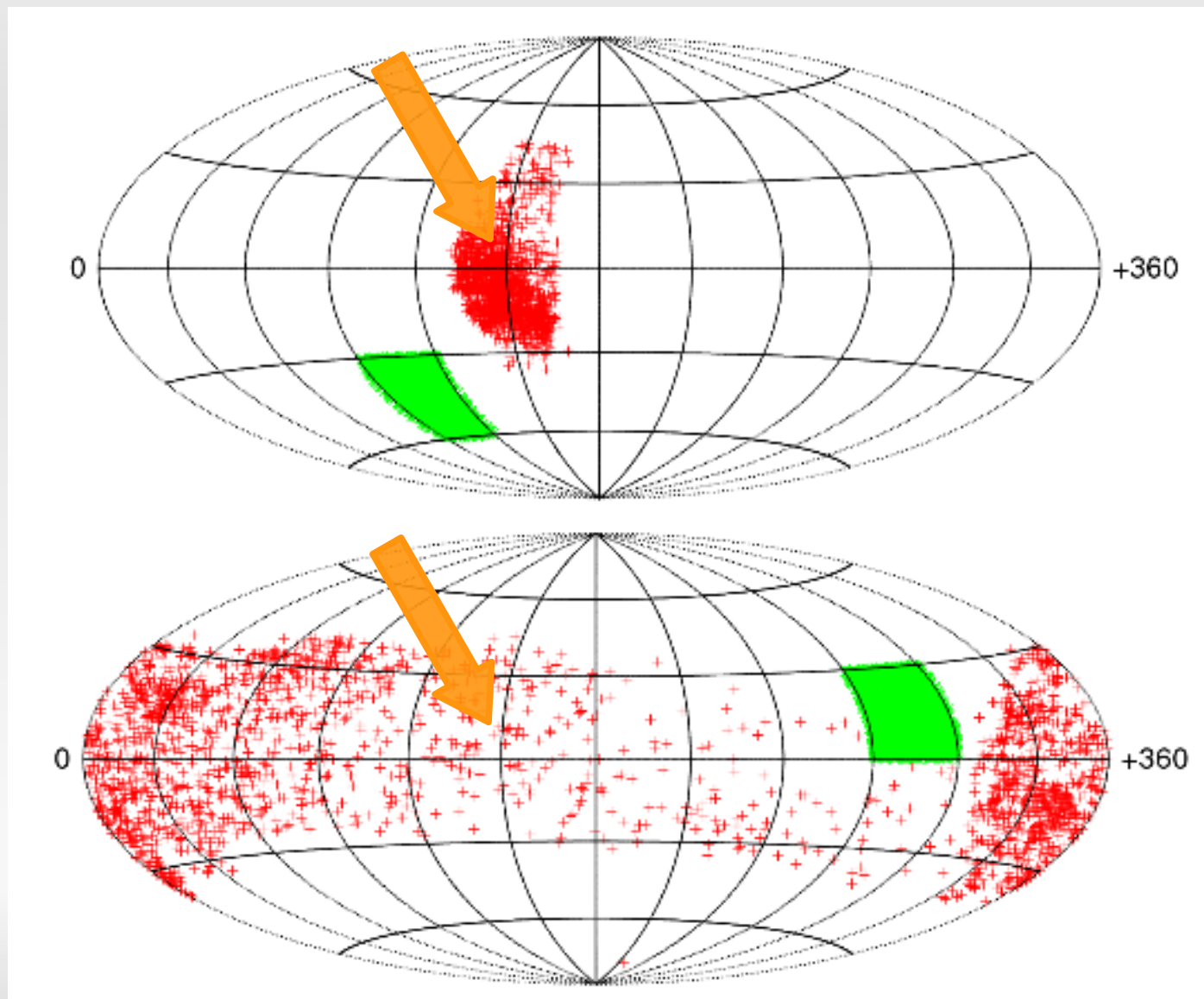
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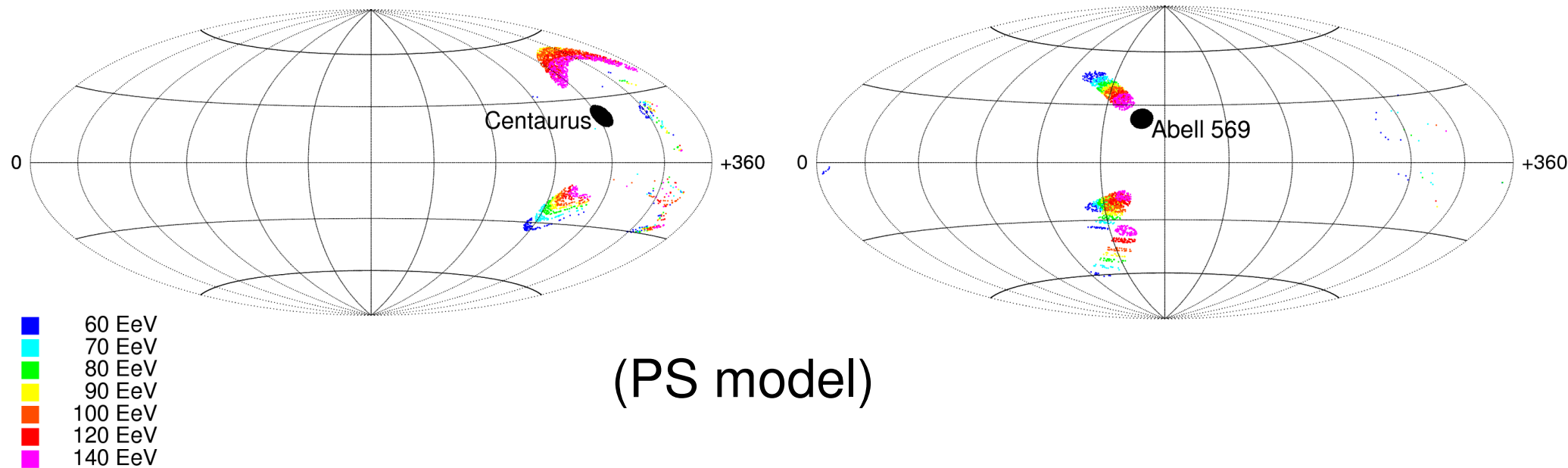
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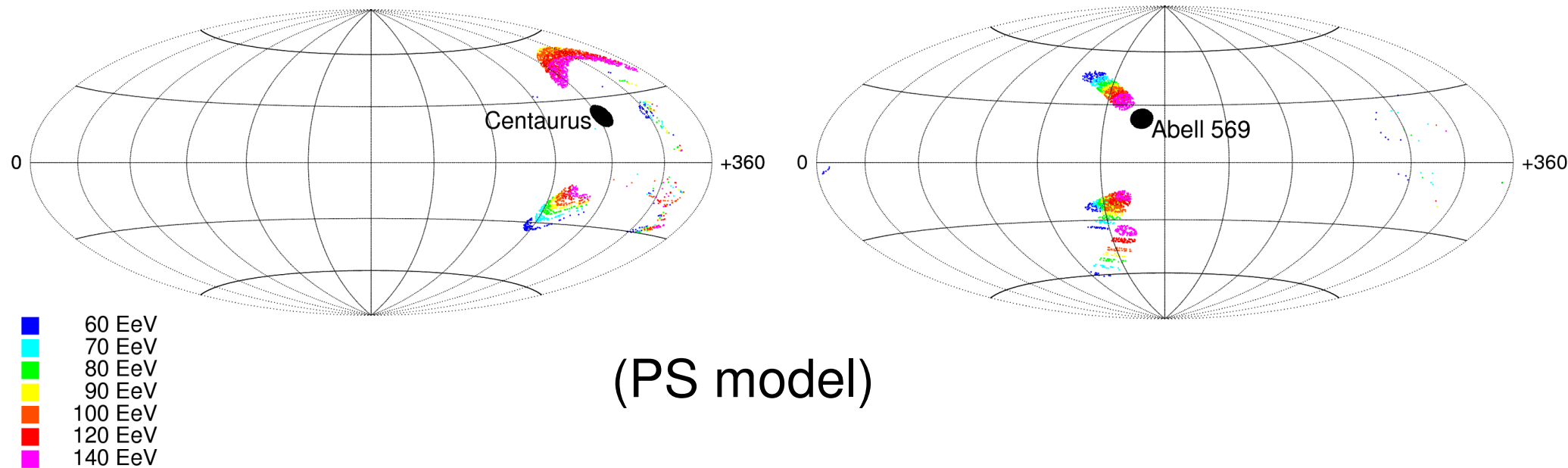
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# Fe images of nearby galaxy clusters



- Small deflections in EGMF -> See clusters as extended sources

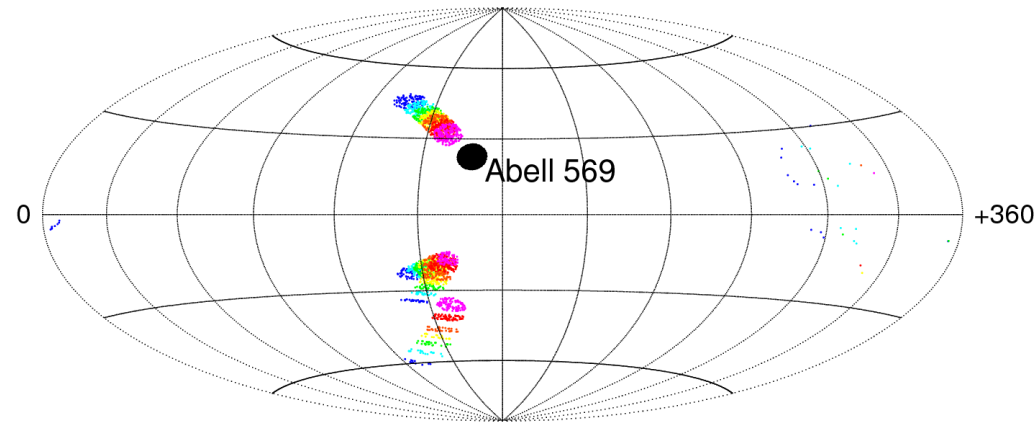
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- Multiple distorted images
- Energy ordering often far from  $1/E$
- Images (dis-) appear above  $E$  thresholds / Merge



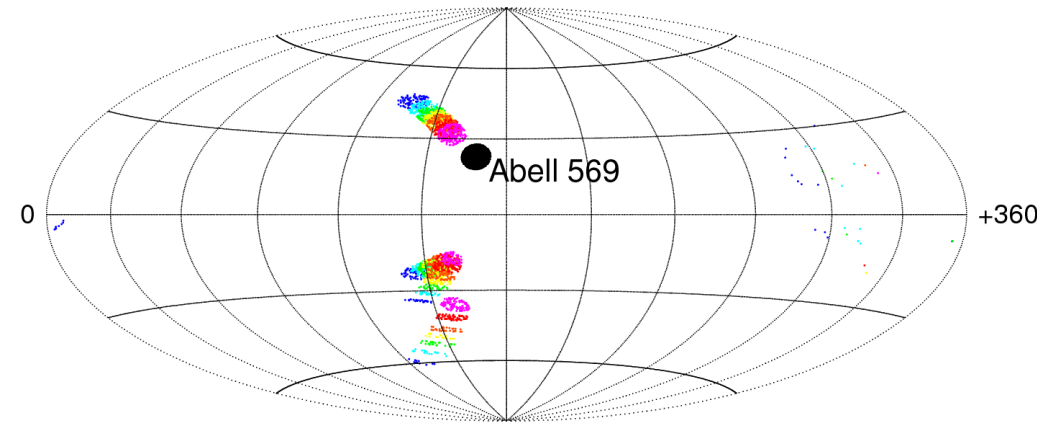
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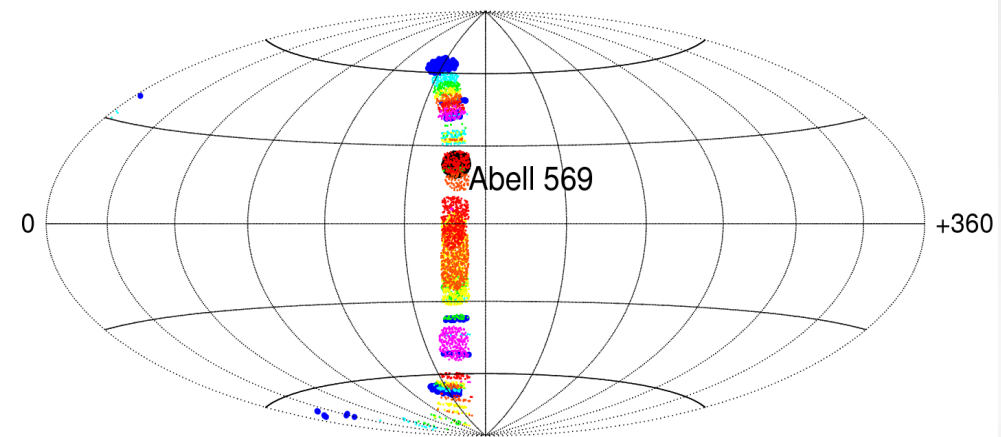
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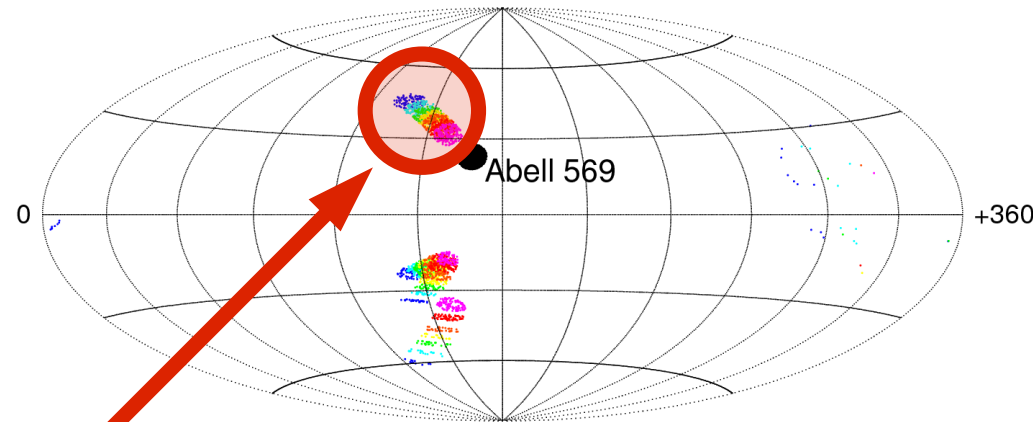


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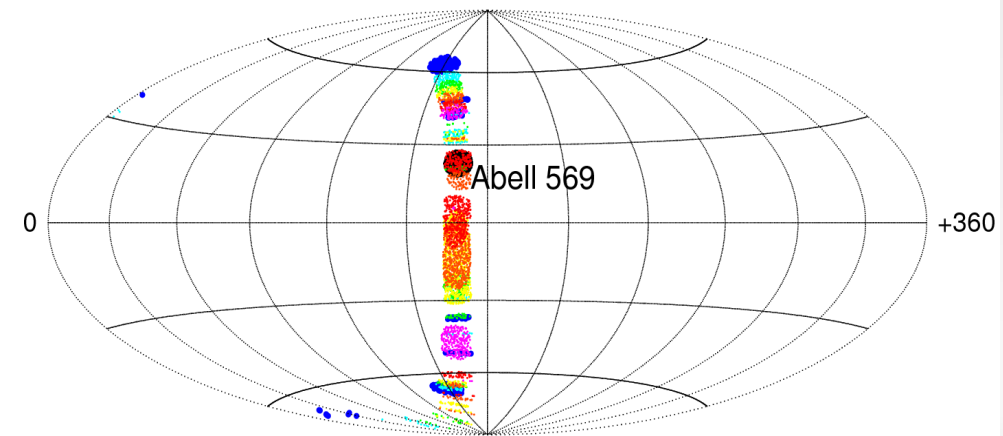
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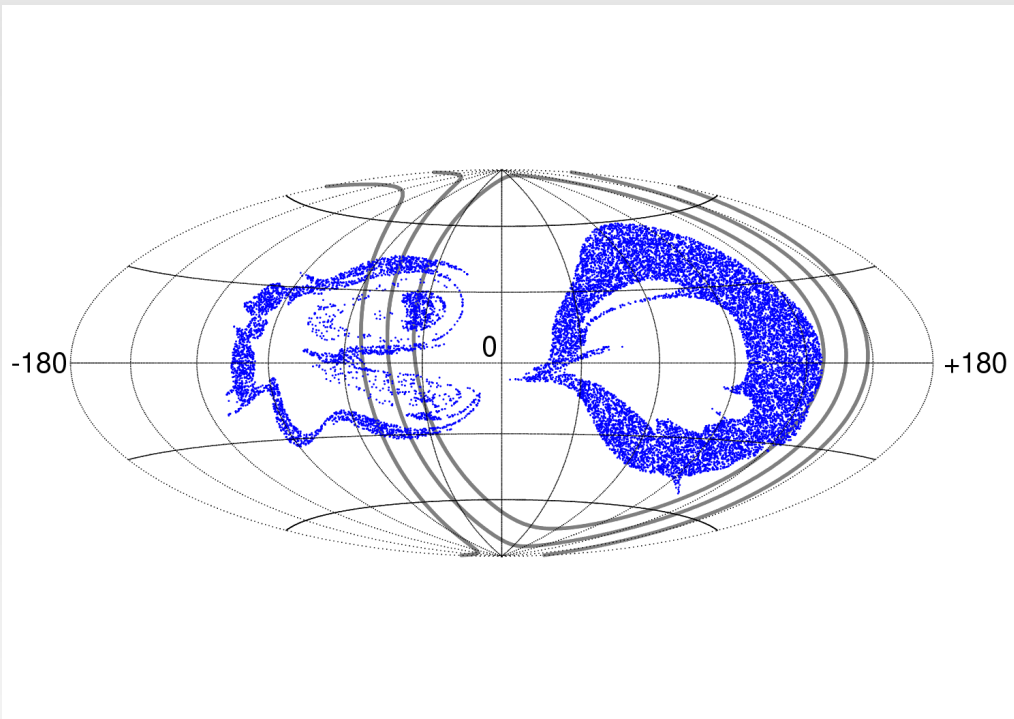
- In a few favorable cases, enlarged proton-like images may exist

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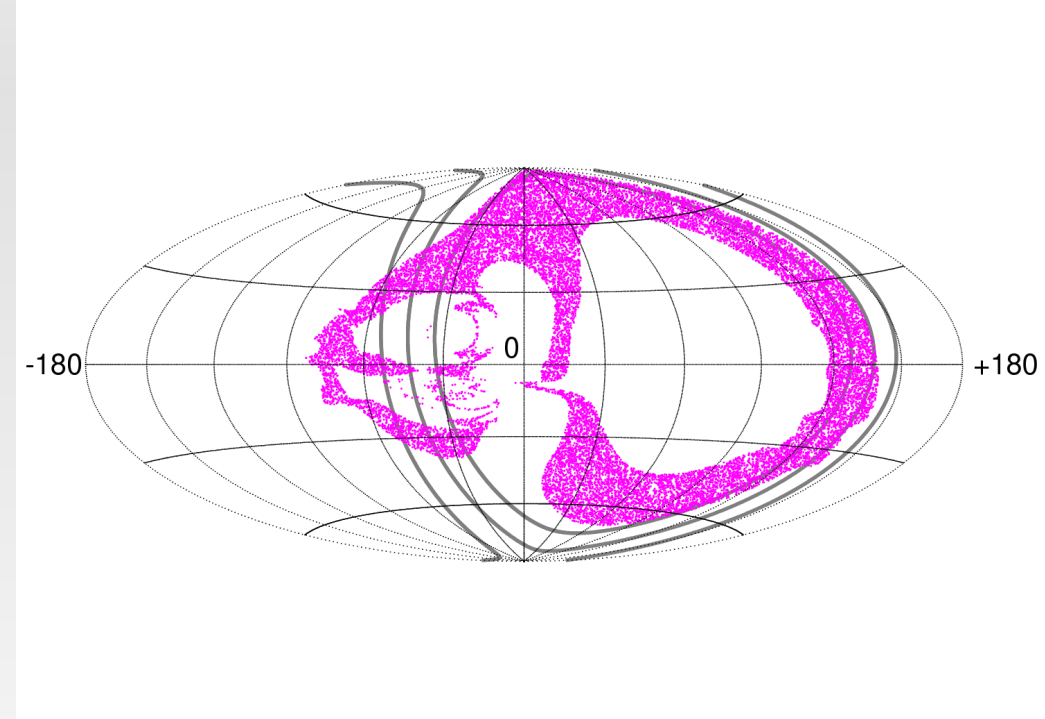


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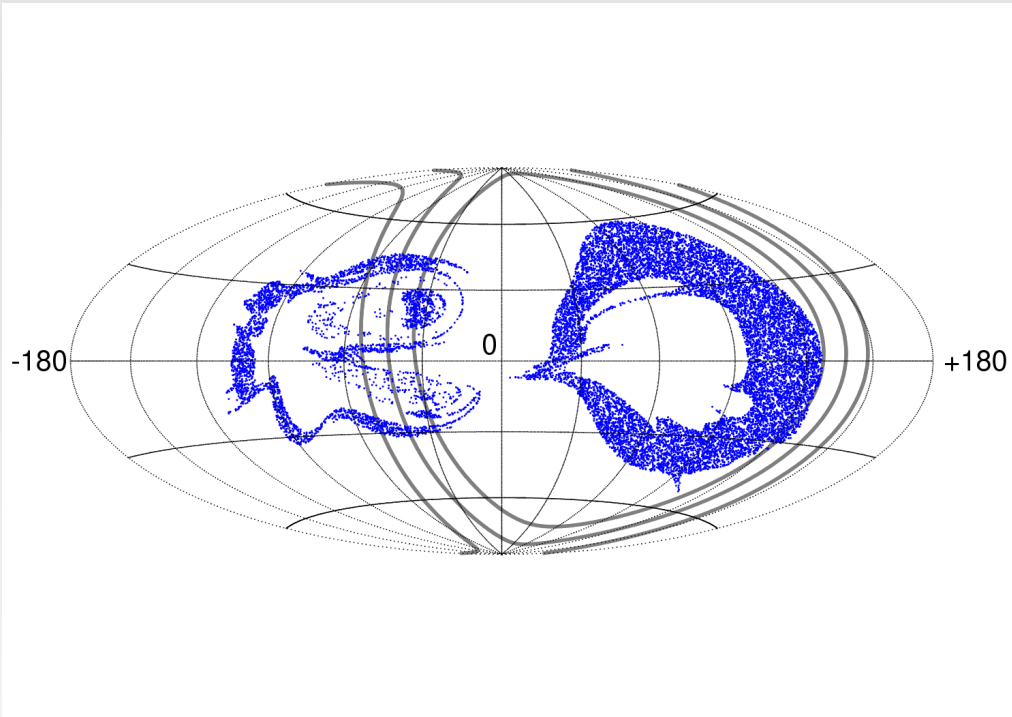


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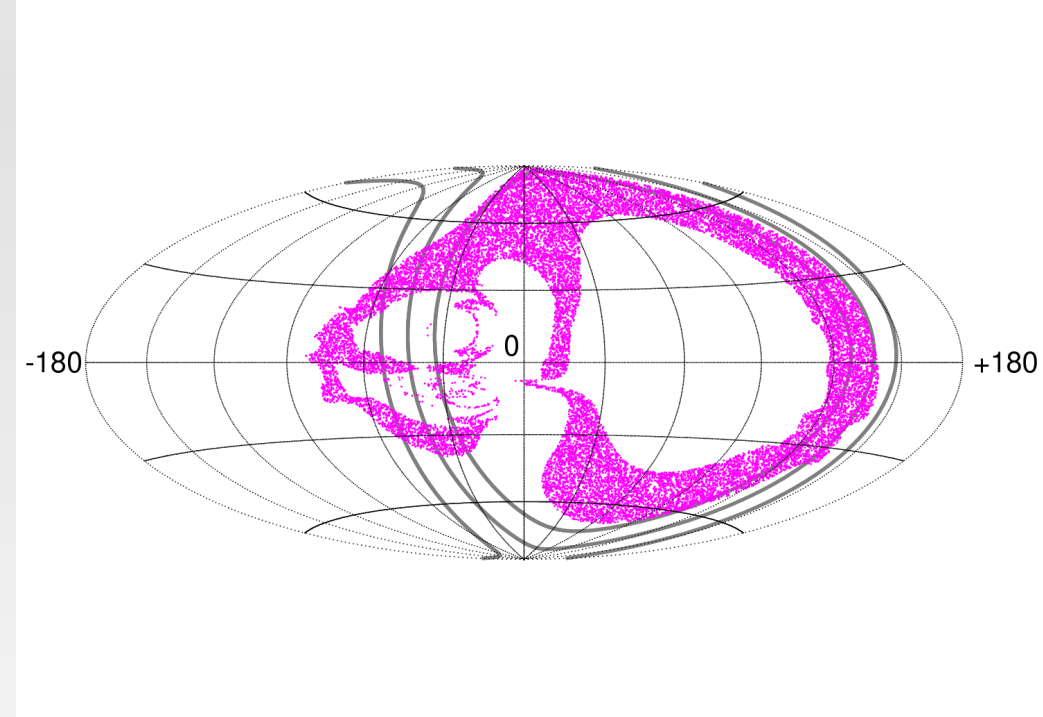
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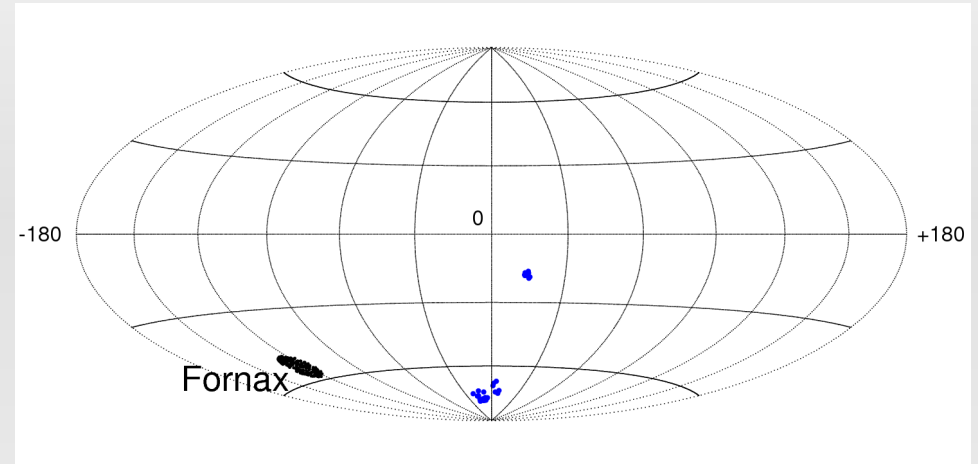
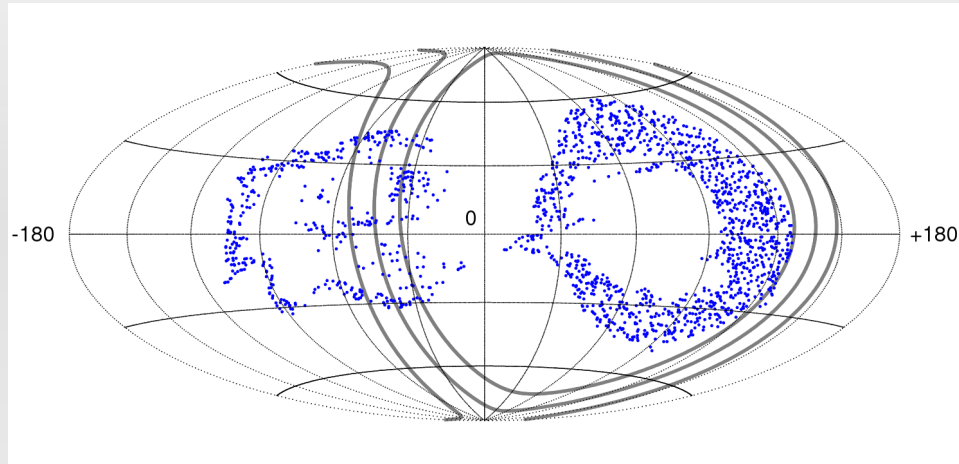


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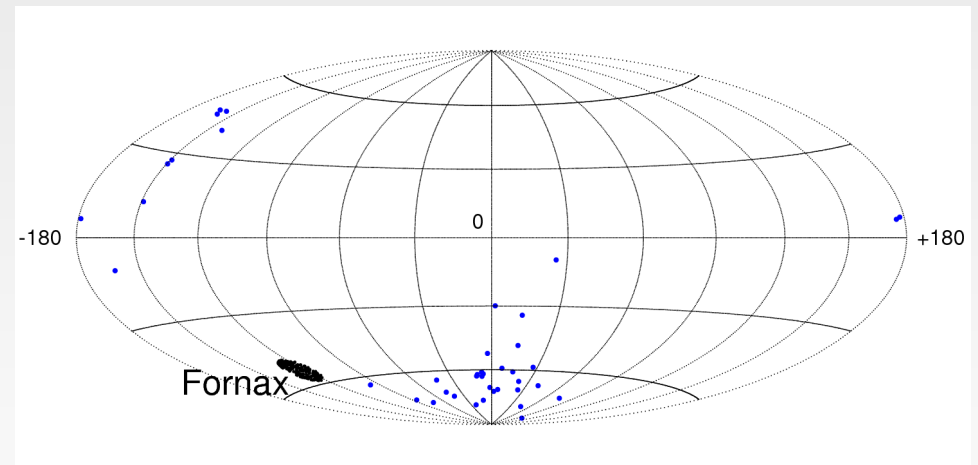
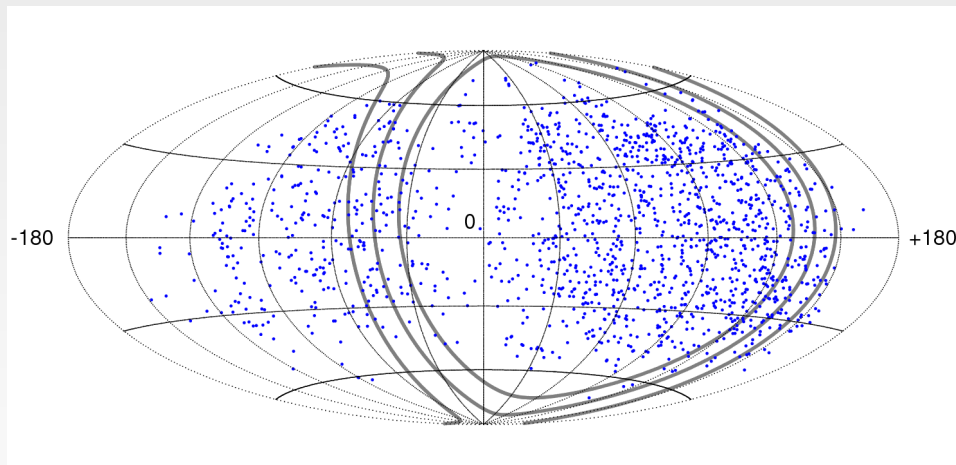
**Pure iron and anisotropic !**

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# Impact of the turbulent GMF



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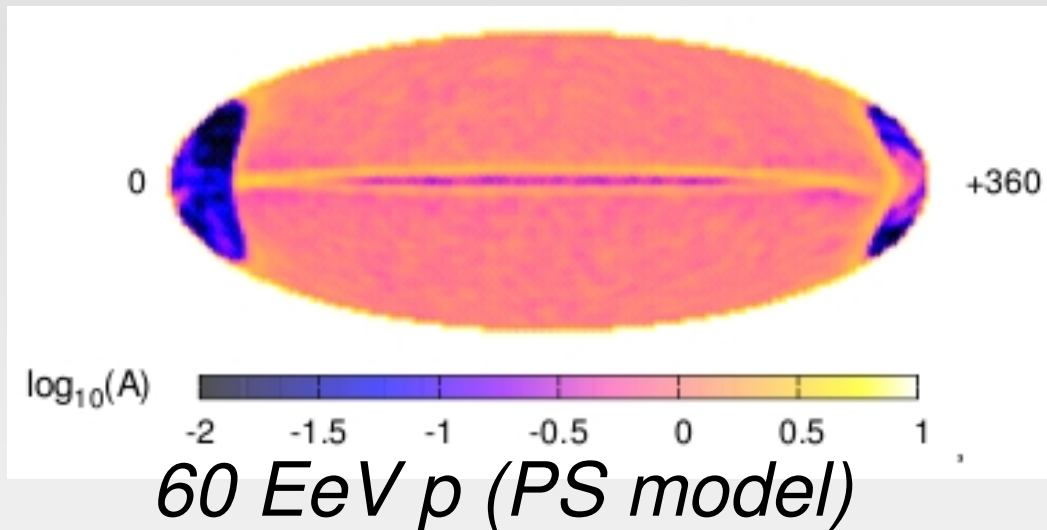


$B_0 = 4 \mu\text{G}, z_0 = 3 \text{ kpc}$

## **II – (De-)magnification of nuclei source fluxes - Magnetic lensing**

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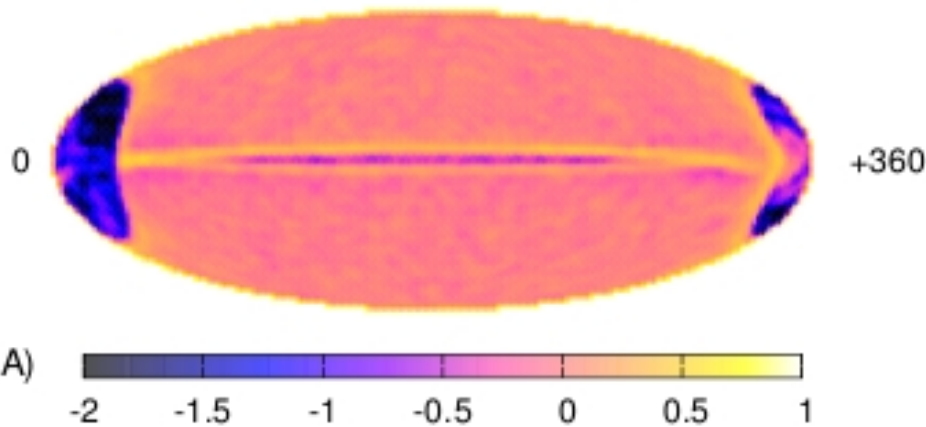


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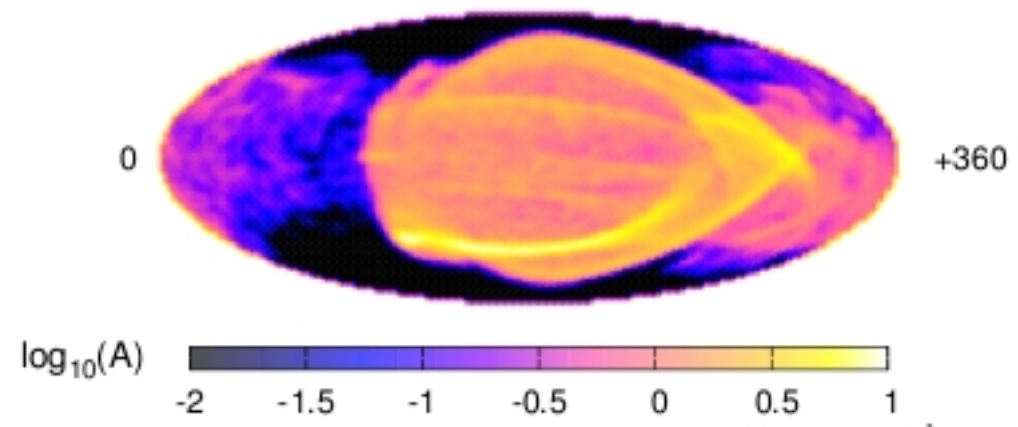


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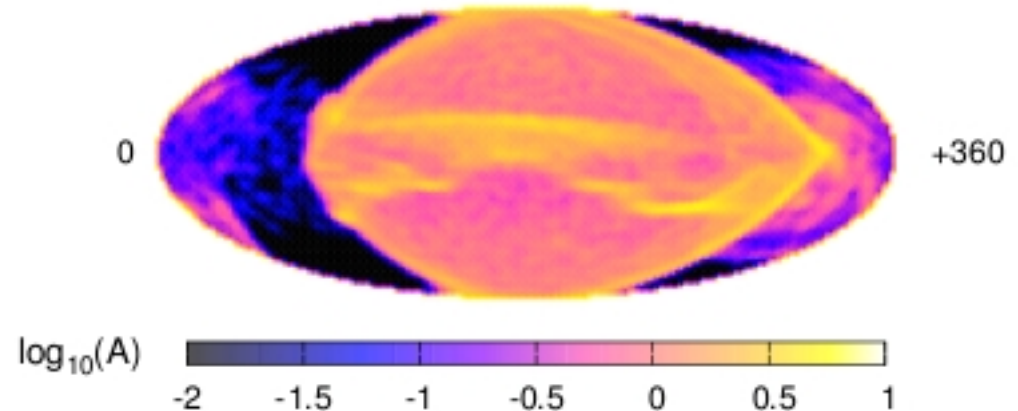


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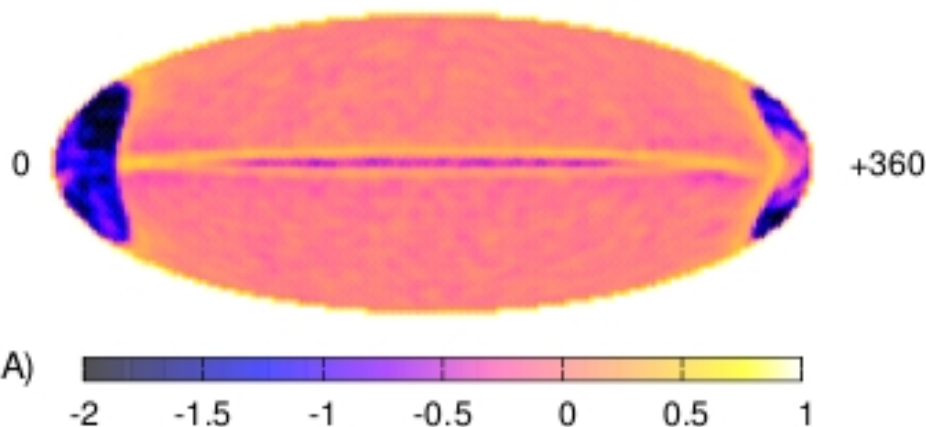
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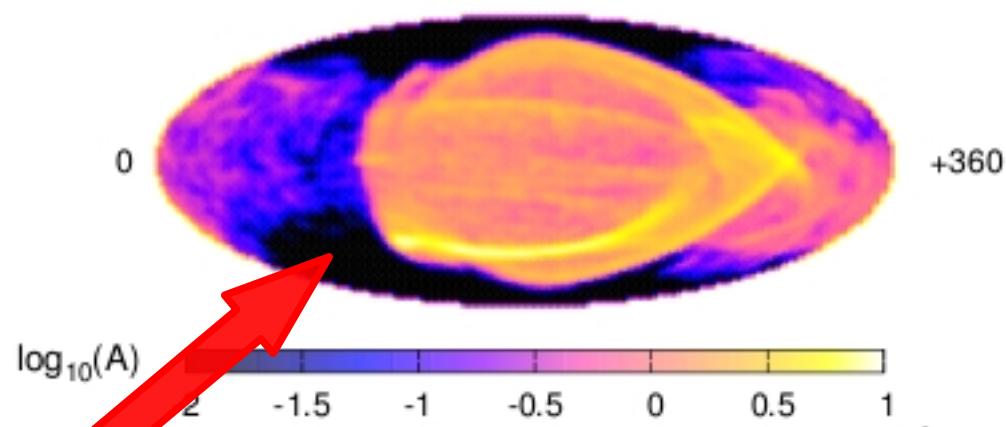
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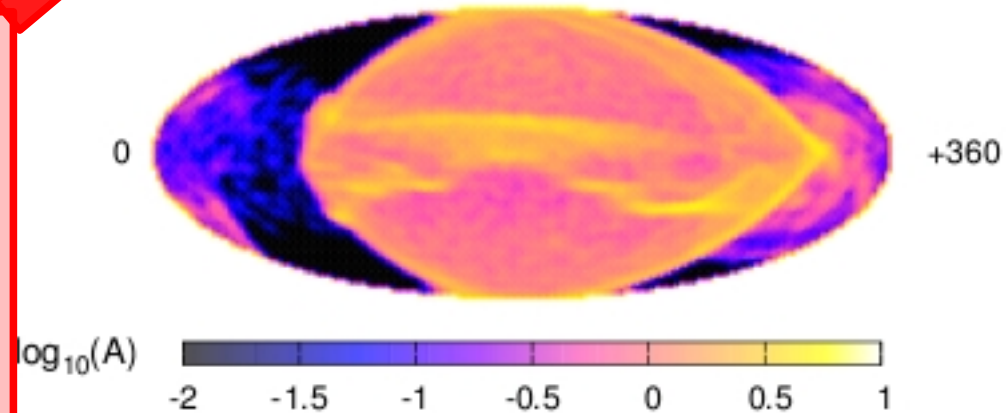
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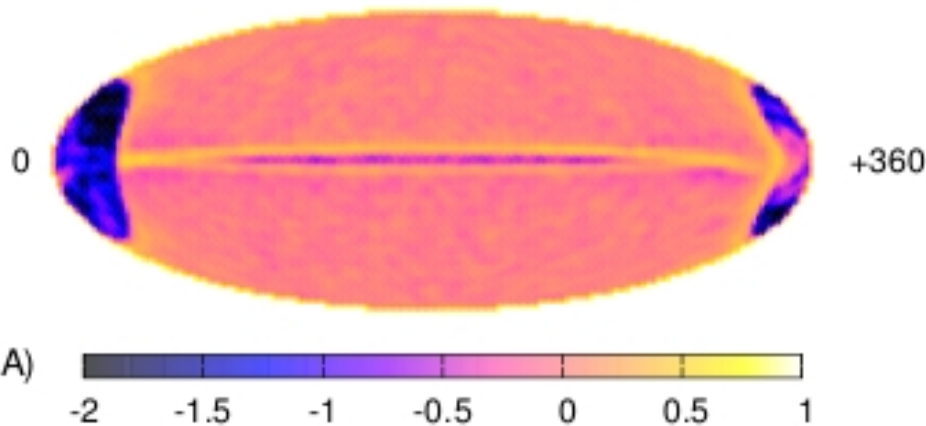


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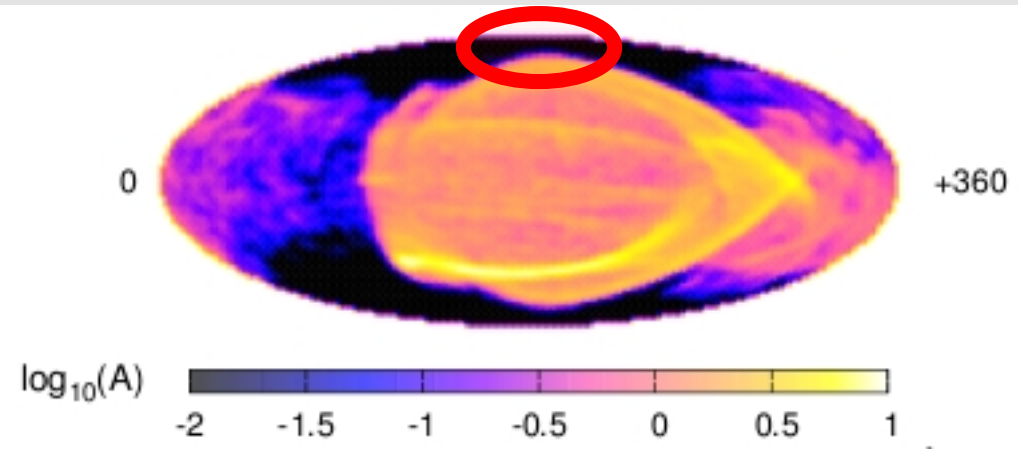
- **« Blind regions » ( $A < 1/100$ ):** 60EeV Fe sources in up to **~20-25% of the sky** would be **undetectable** by present/near future experiments.

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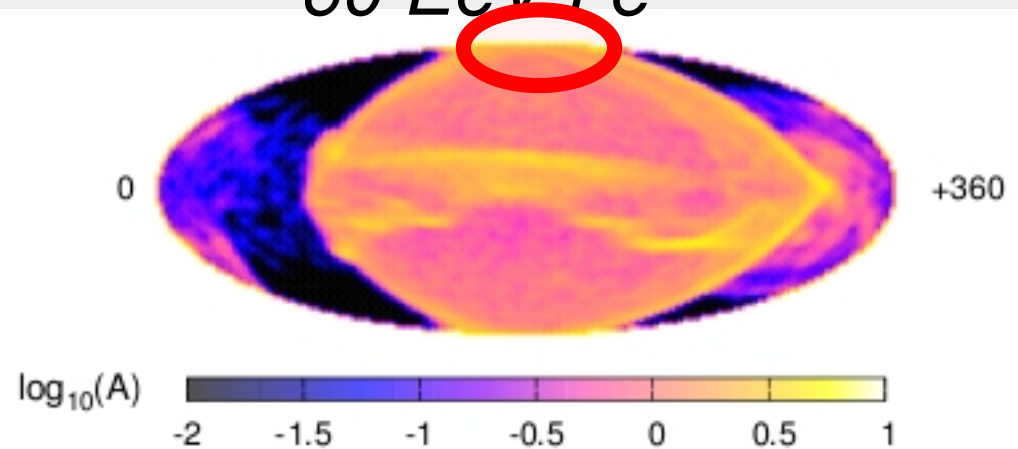
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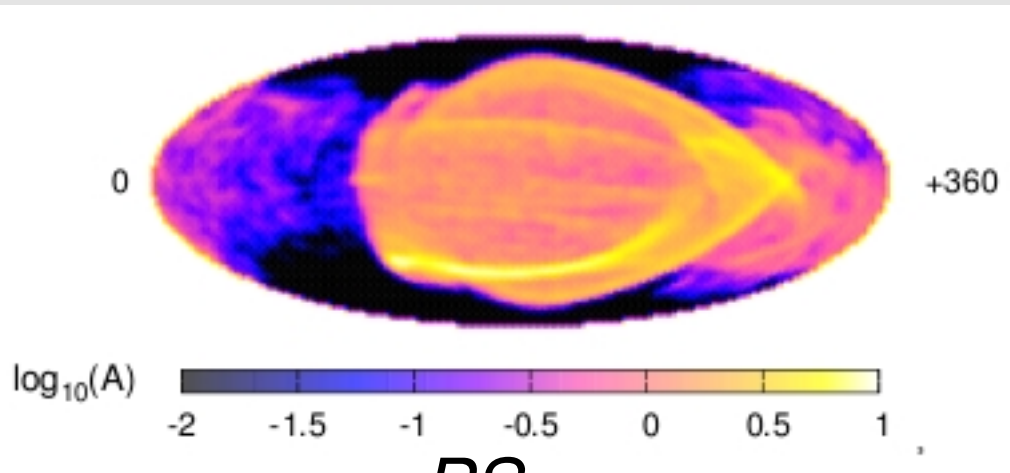


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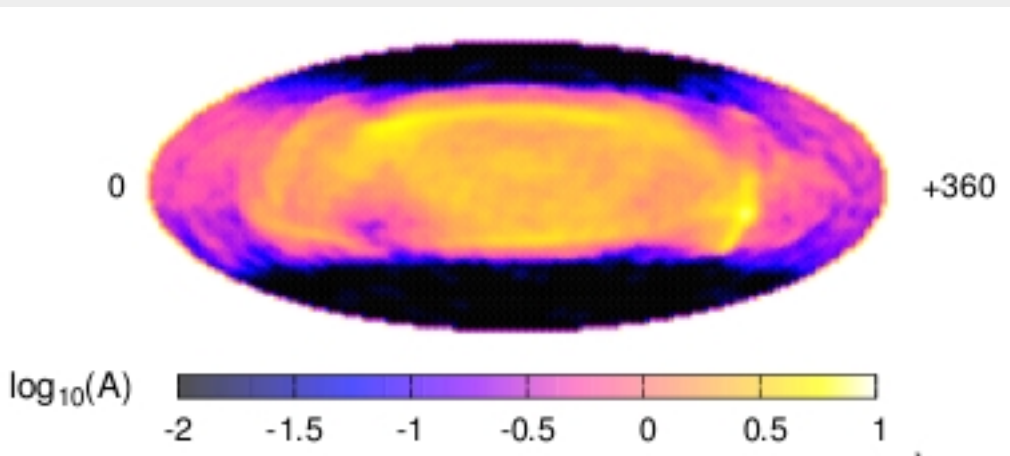
- **Spectra distortion:**  
A is a function of E.

# Model-dependence

- Sky maps model-dependent



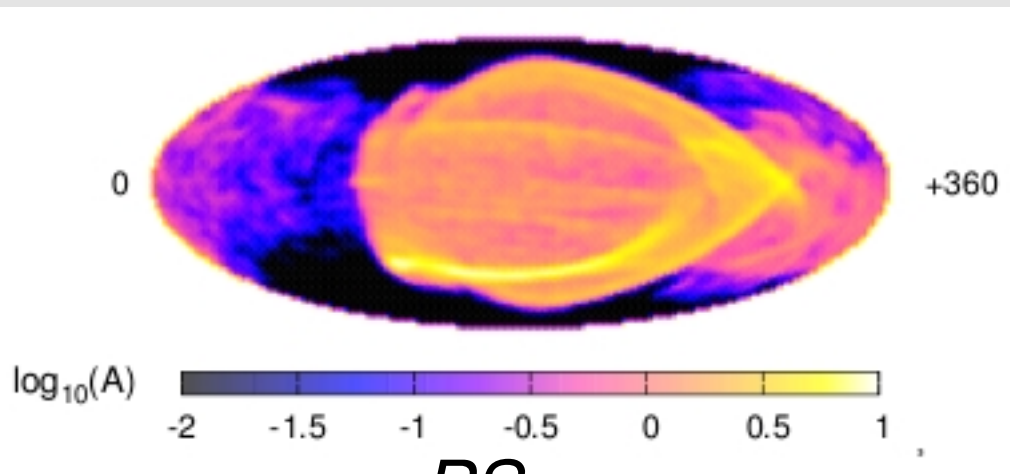
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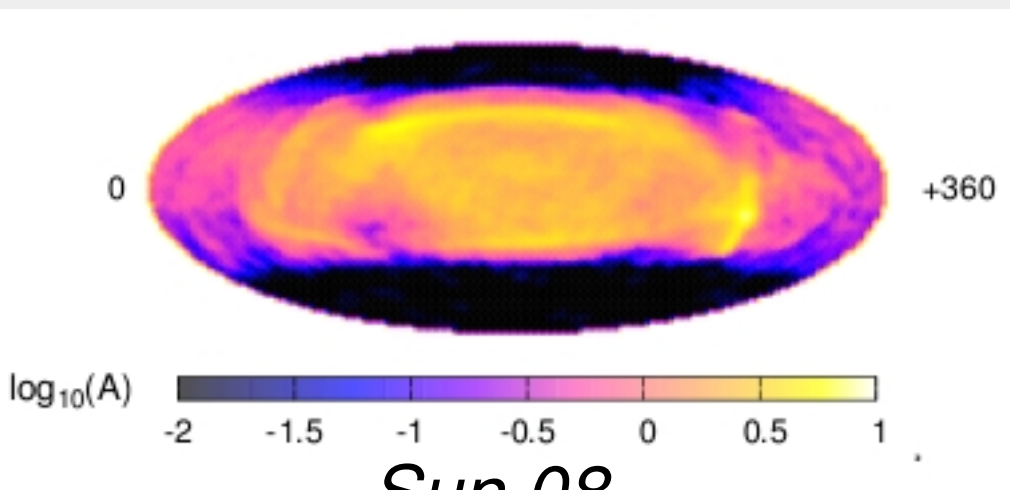
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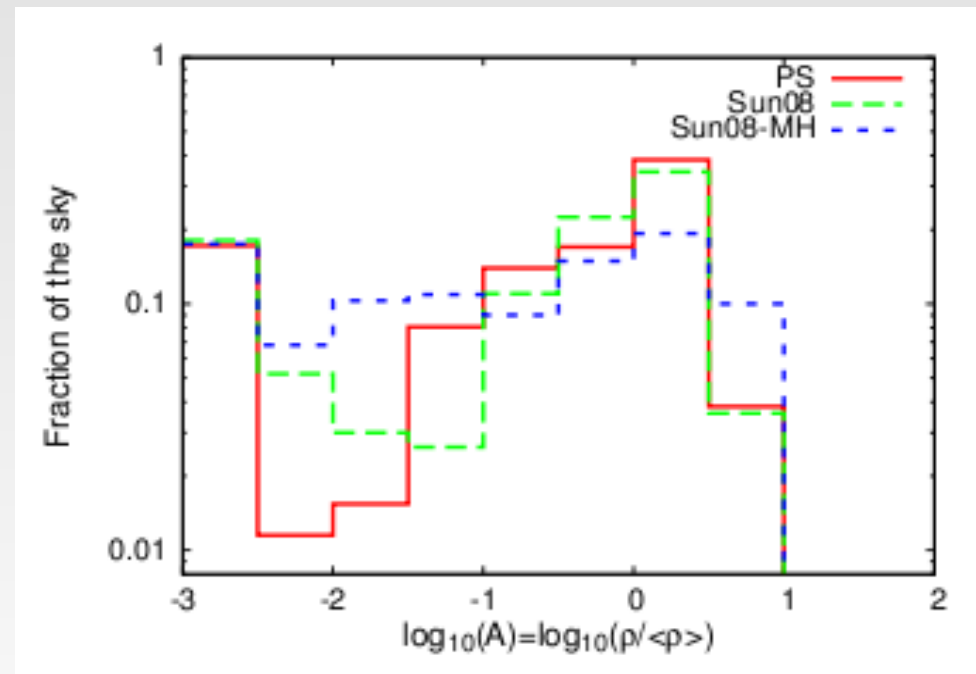
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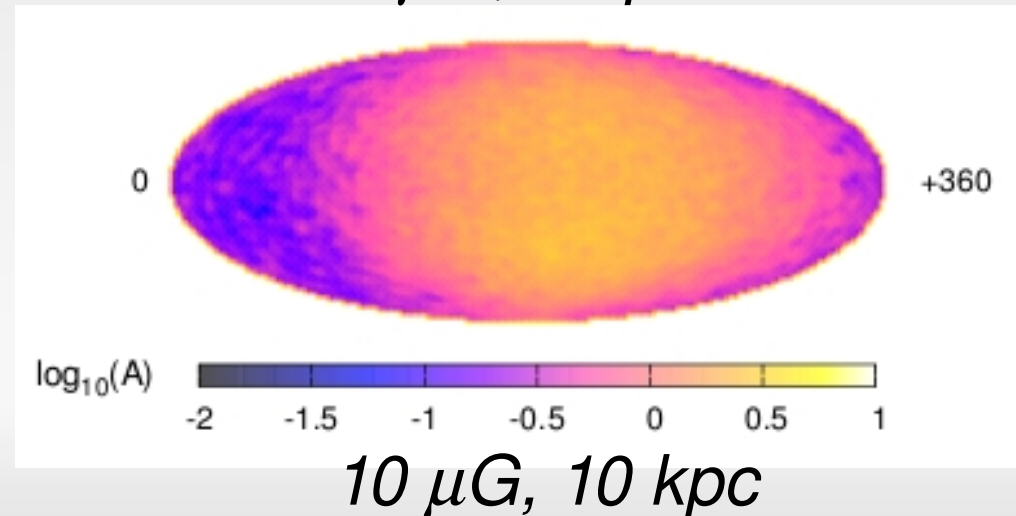
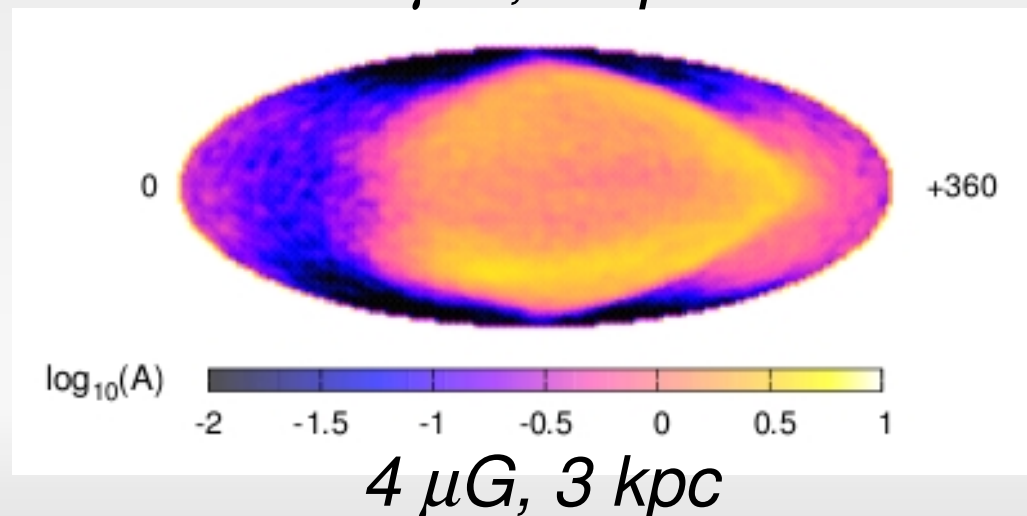
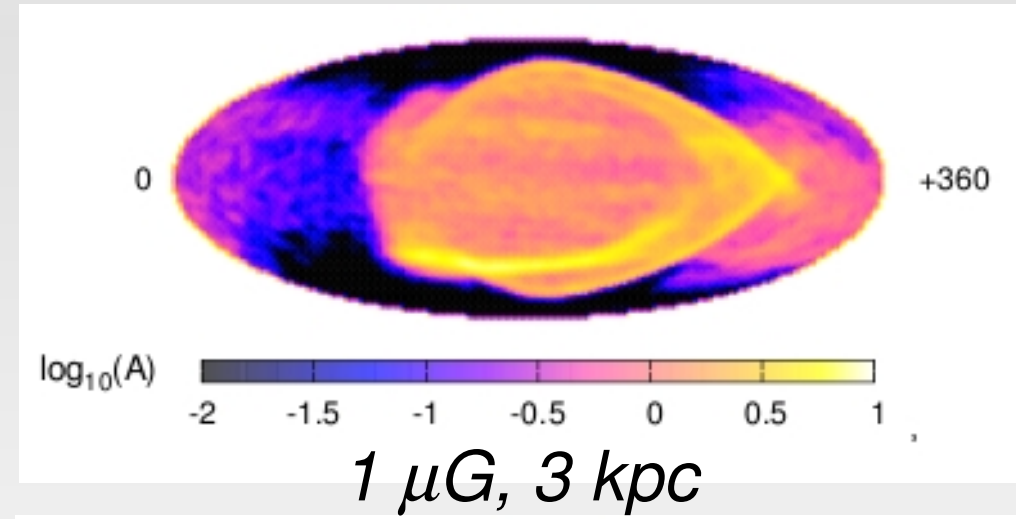
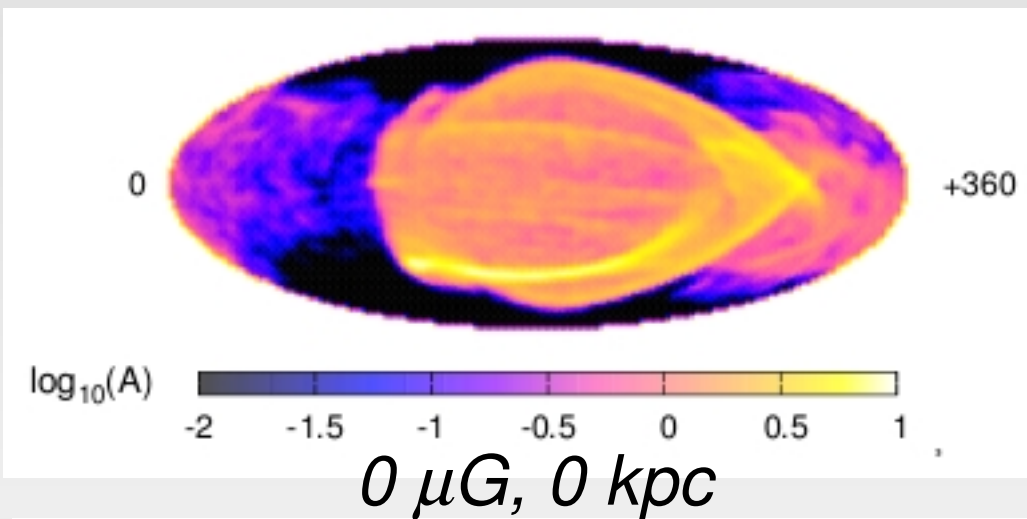


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# Impact of the turbulent component

- Increasing turbulent field RMS strength and extension in the halo **reduce regions of extreme (de-) magnification.**



# Conclusions

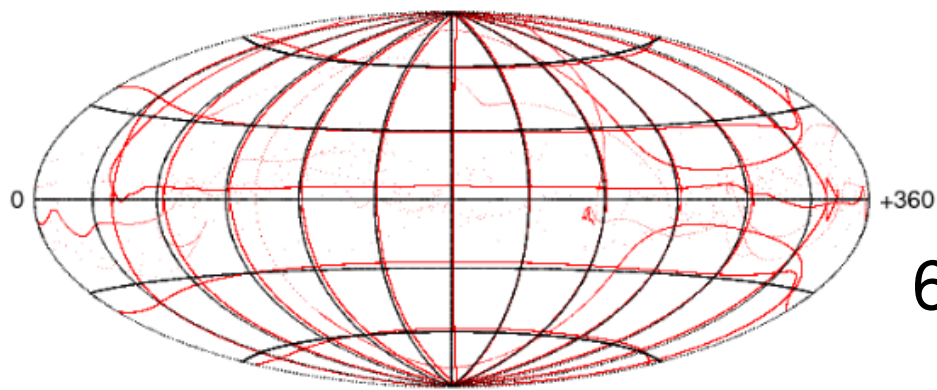
- We have studied the propagation of iron nuclei with  $E > 60 \text{ EeV}$  in recent GMF models. -> Differences may give additional information on the composition
- Source searches: No one-to-one correspondance between directions on extragalactic sky and sky at Earth. Better knowledge of the GMF often needed.  
LOFAR / SKA will improve it.  
Maybe 1,... enlarged proton-like image(s)...
- Magnetic lensing effects substantial. Large (de)magnification. Sources located in a non-negligible fraction of the sky would not contribute to the flux detected at Earth. Spectrum distortion.
- Direction 'to go' : *Large statistics above  $\sim 50 - 60 \text{ EeV}$ .*

# Backup slides



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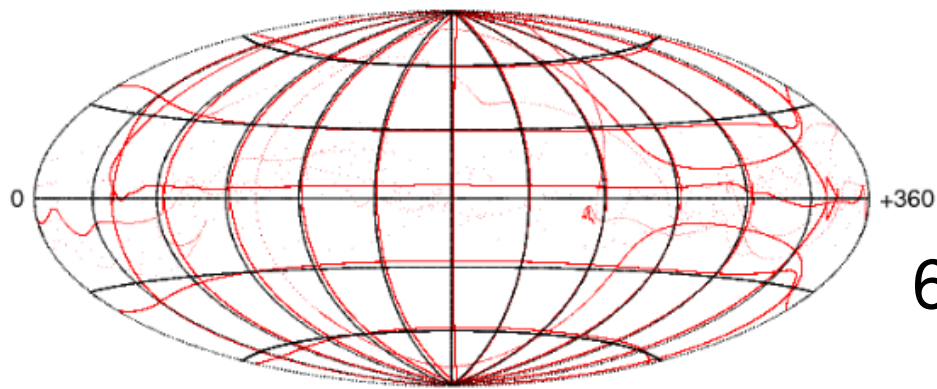


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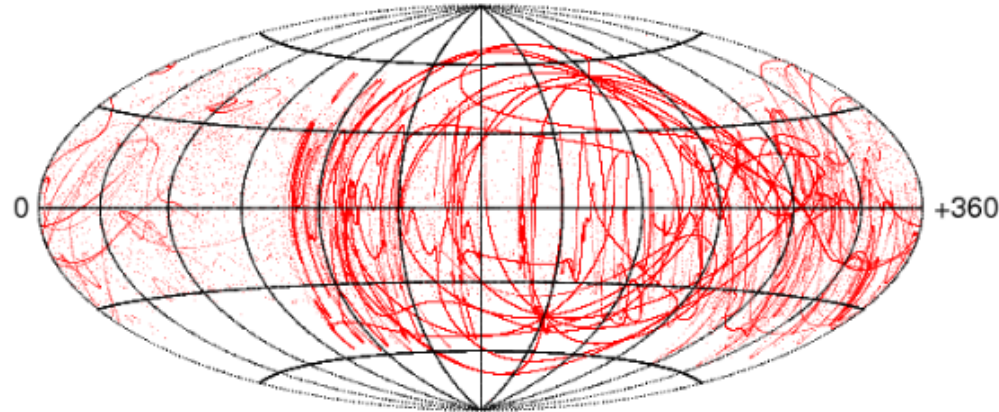
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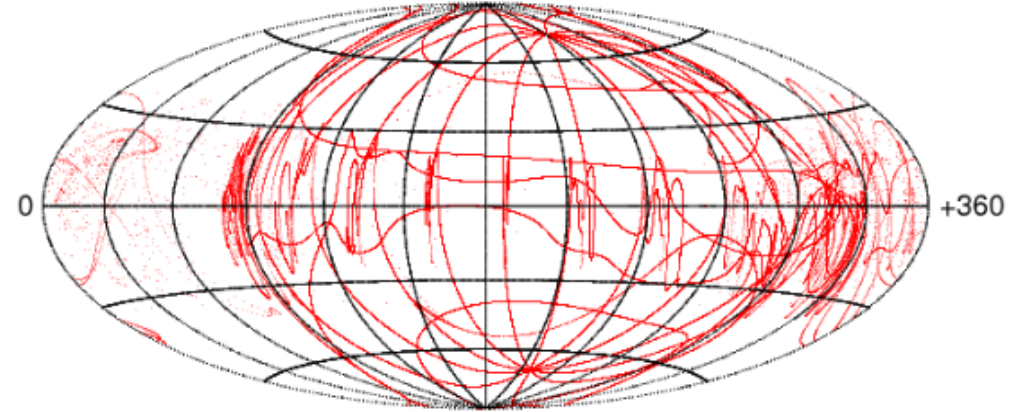


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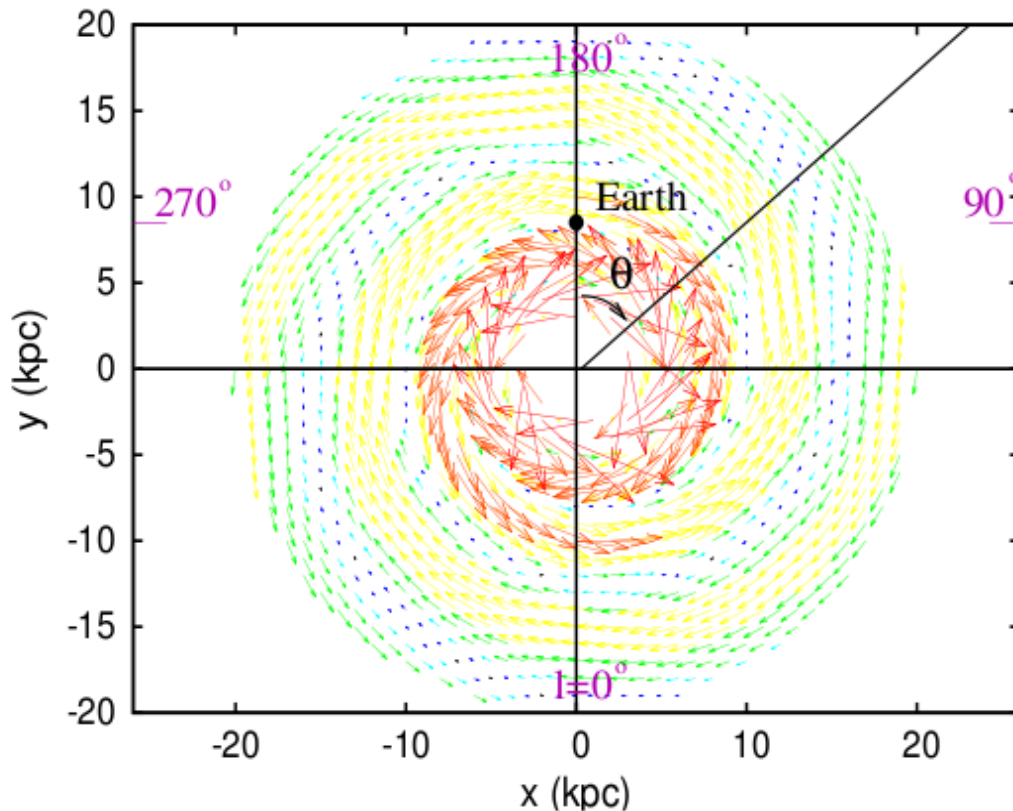
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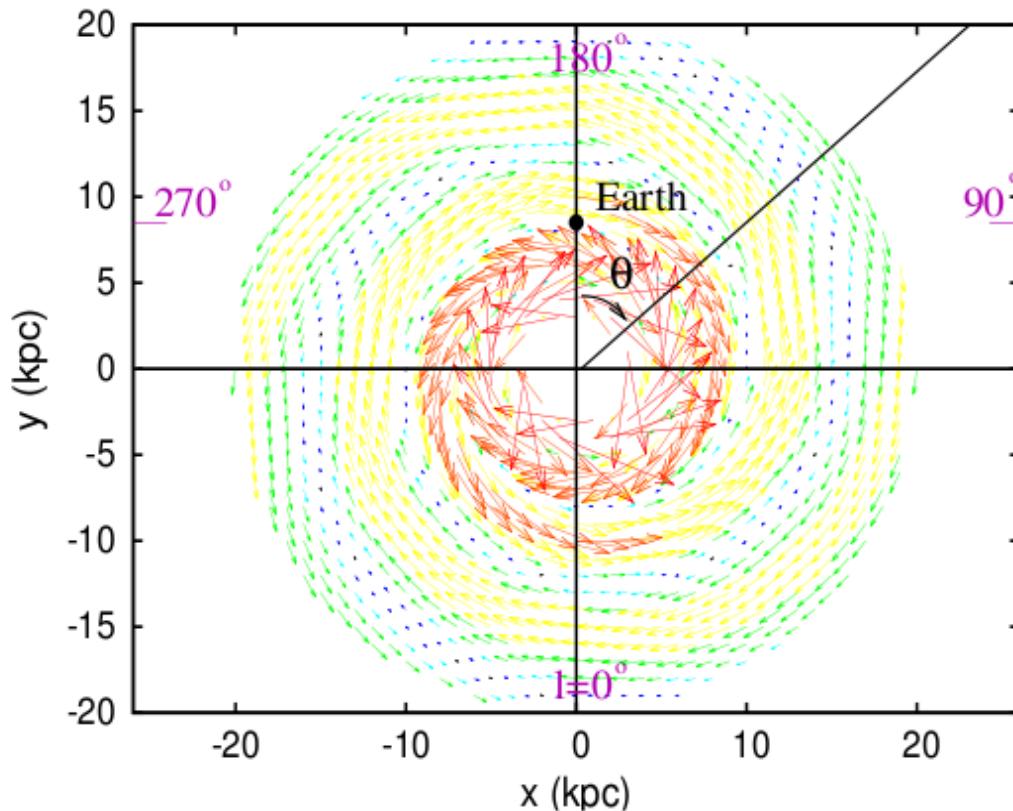
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Prouza and Smida (PS) **disk**  
model [astro-ph/0510444](https://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0510444)

# Galactic Magnetic Field

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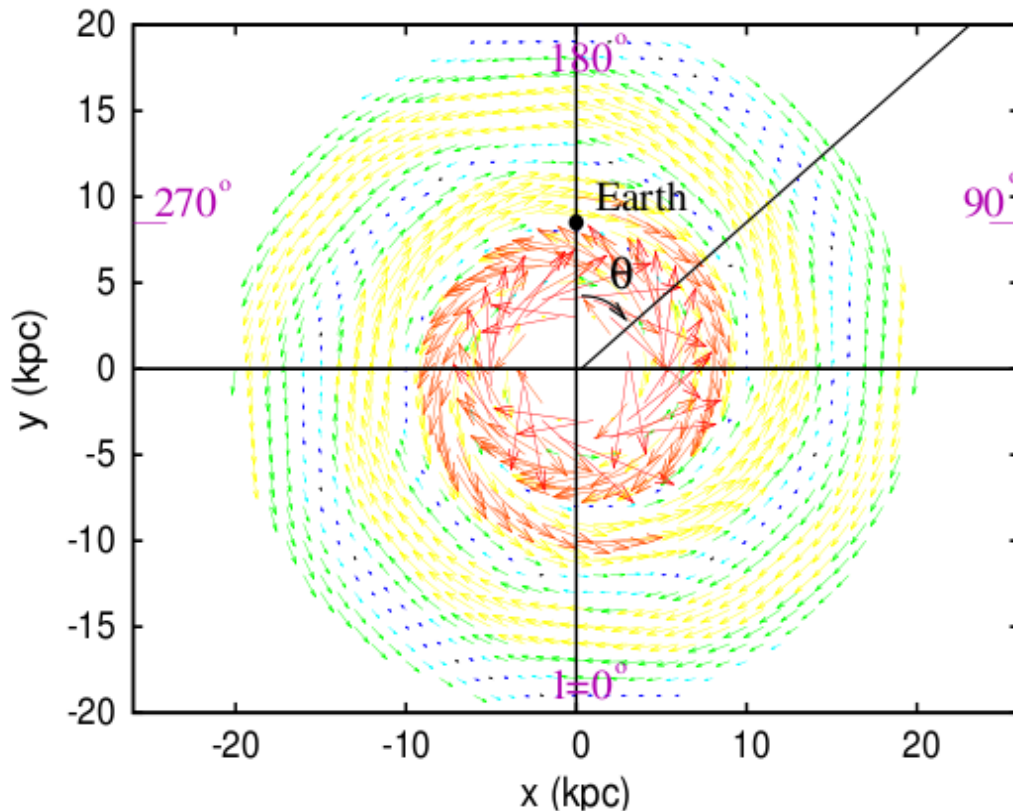


Prouza and Smida (PS) **disk**  
model [astro-ph/0510444](https://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0510444)

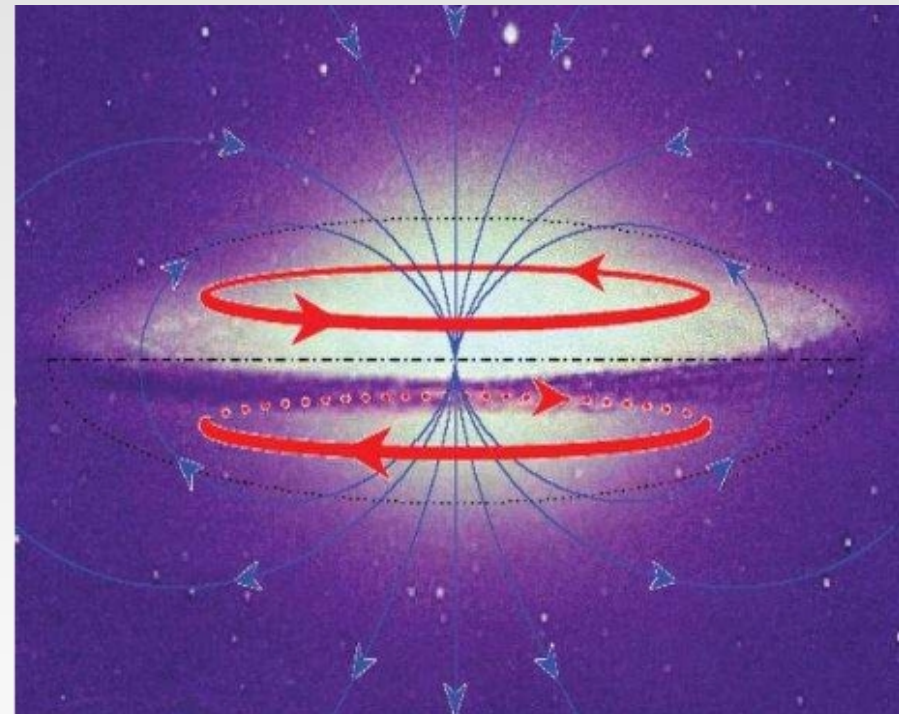
... and several other  
proposed geometries:  
RING, ASS, ...

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In the halo...

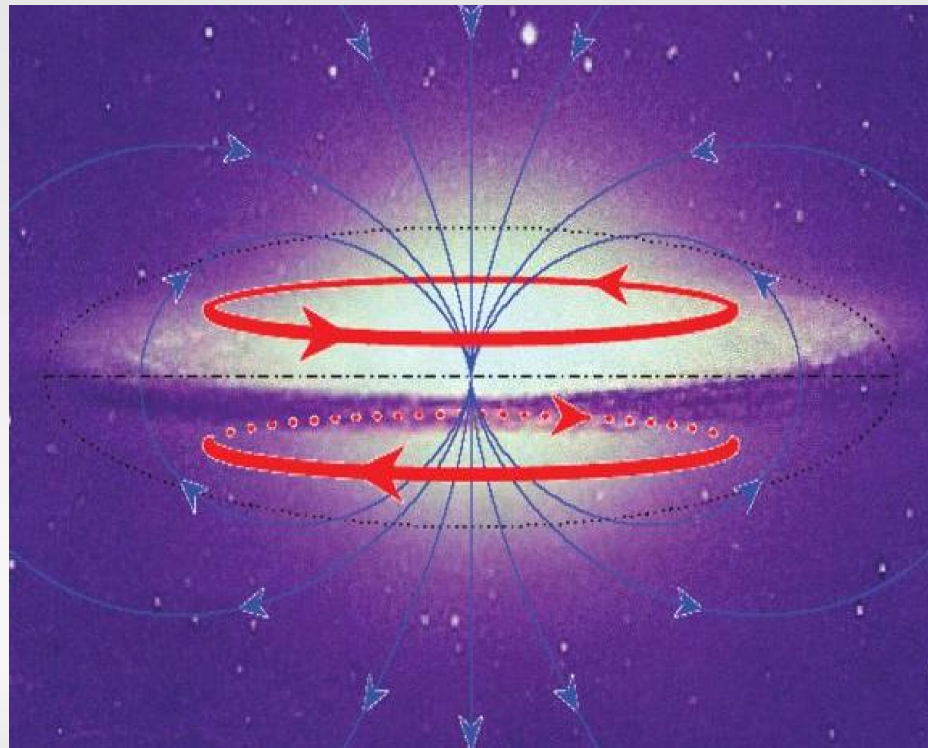


J.L. Han [arXiv:0901.0040](https://arxiv.org/abs/0901.0040)

# UHE nuclei in the GMF

- Galactic magnetic field still poorly known. Test the model-dependence :

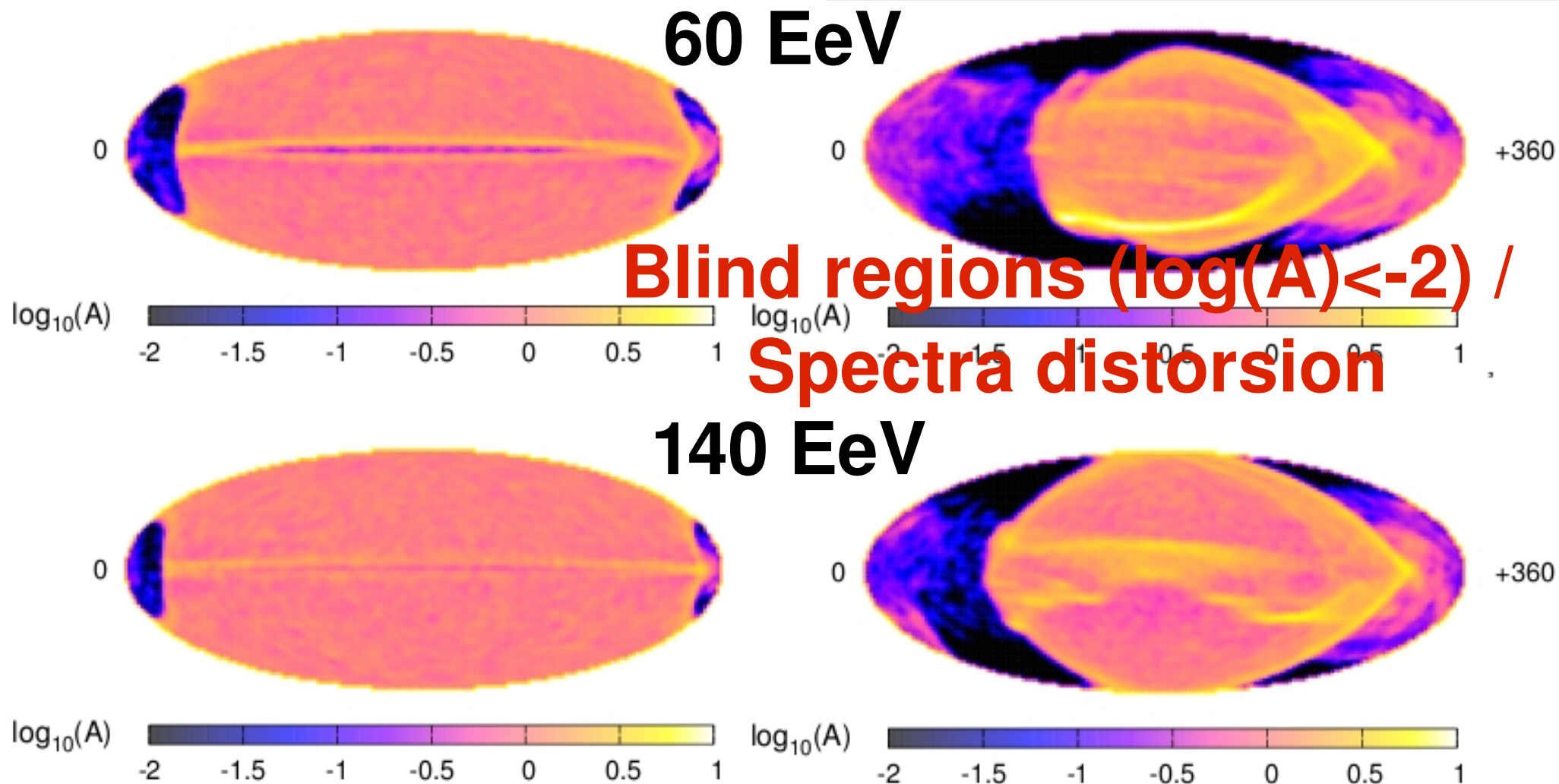
-> **Regular component :**



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# 2) (De-) magnification of source fluxes;

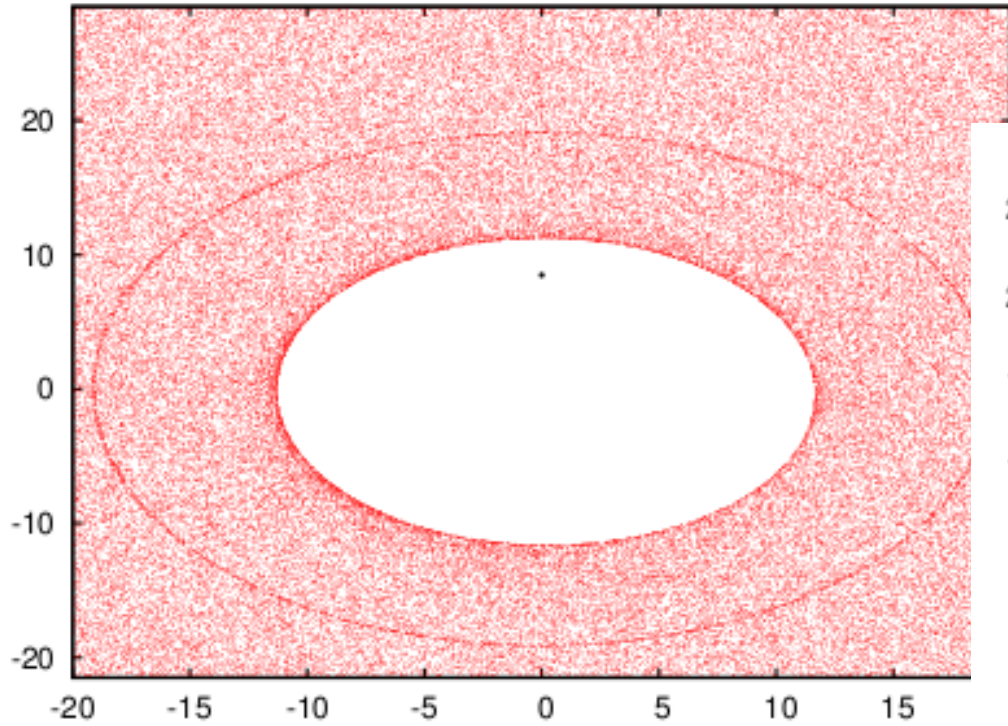
## Blind regions :



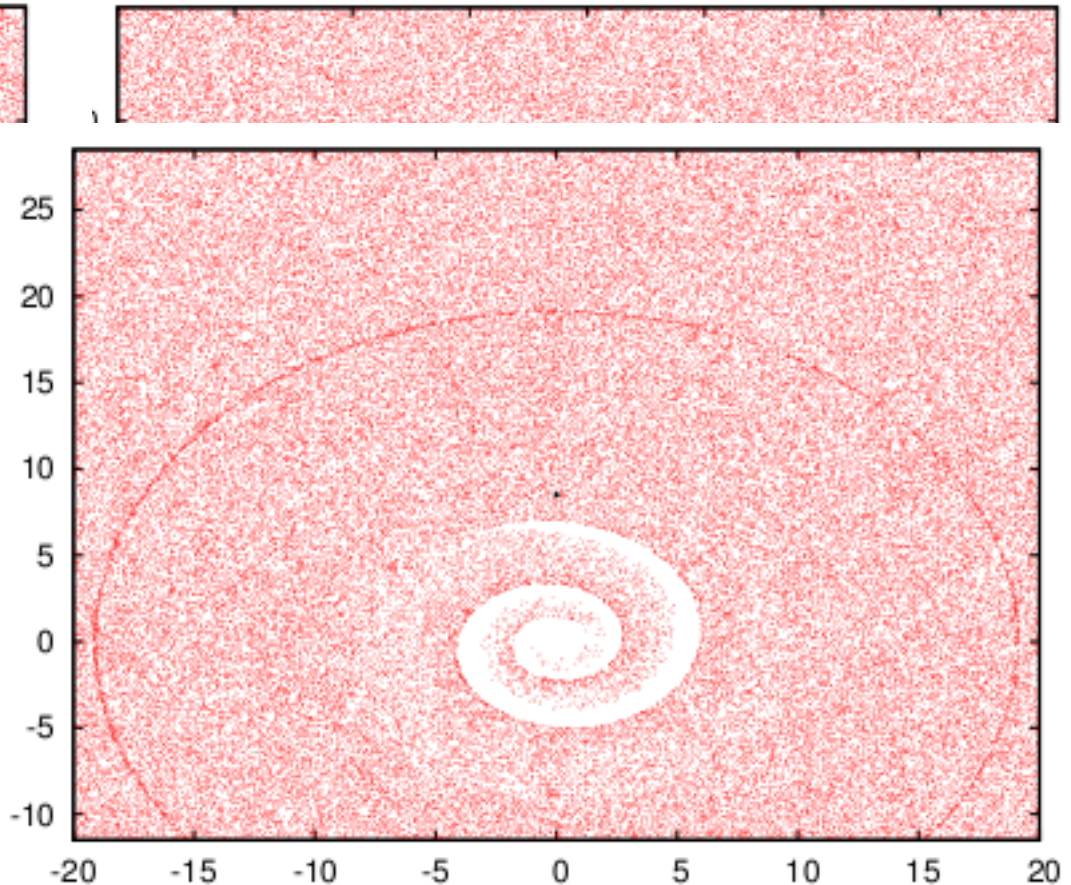
**Protons**

**Iron nuclei**

# 2) (De-) magnification of source fluxes; Blind regions :



**60 EeV**



**PS model without dipole**



# 2) (De-) magnification of source fluxes;

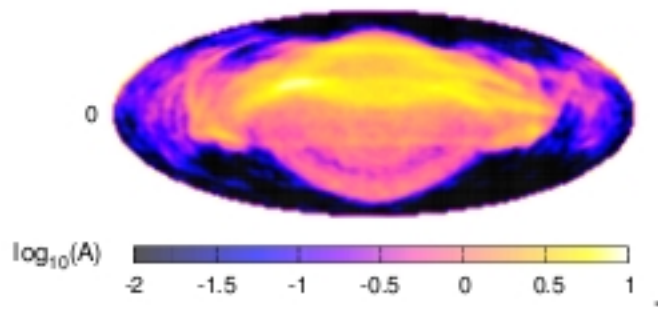
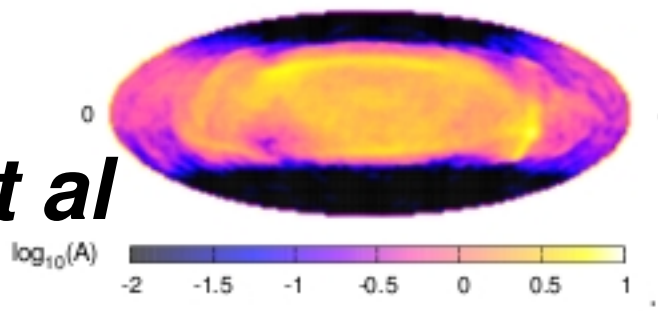
## Blind regions :

« Model-dependence »

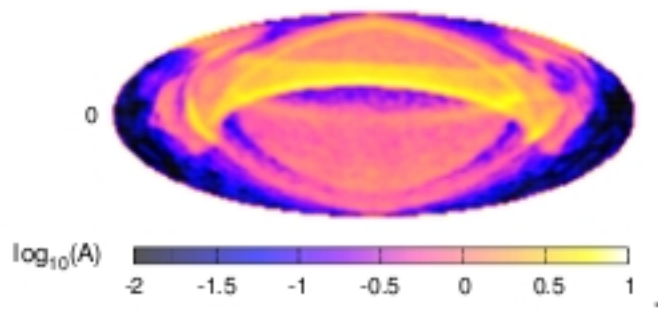
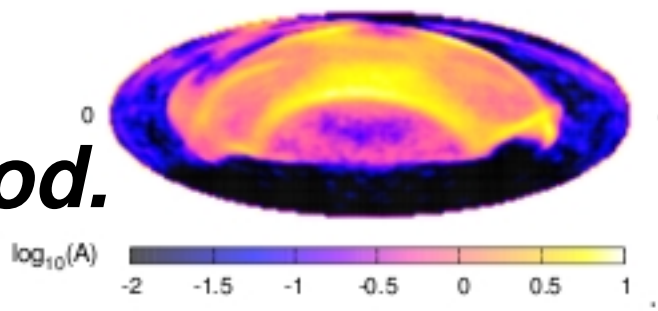
60 EeV

140 EeV

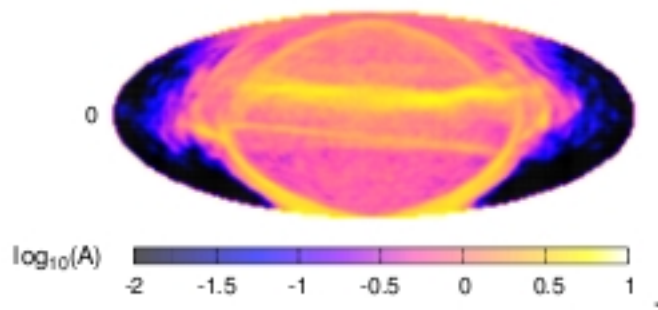
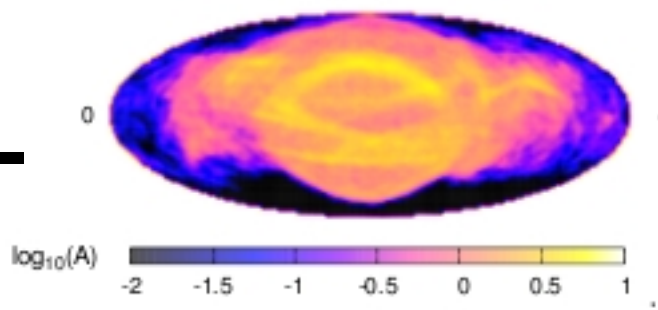
*Sun et al*



*Sun mod.*



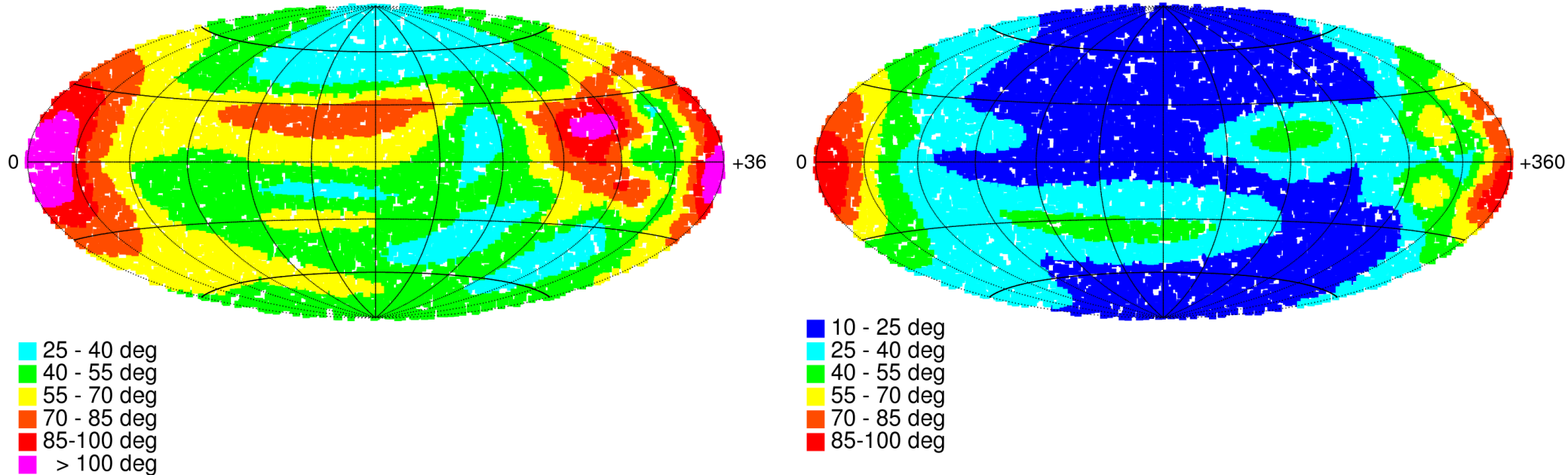
**PTKN-  
ASS**



**Iron  
nuclei**

# Deflection angles for iron nuclei

- Recent GMF models predict  $\sim 50^\circ - 60^\circ$  average deflections on the sky for 60 EeV iron nuclei



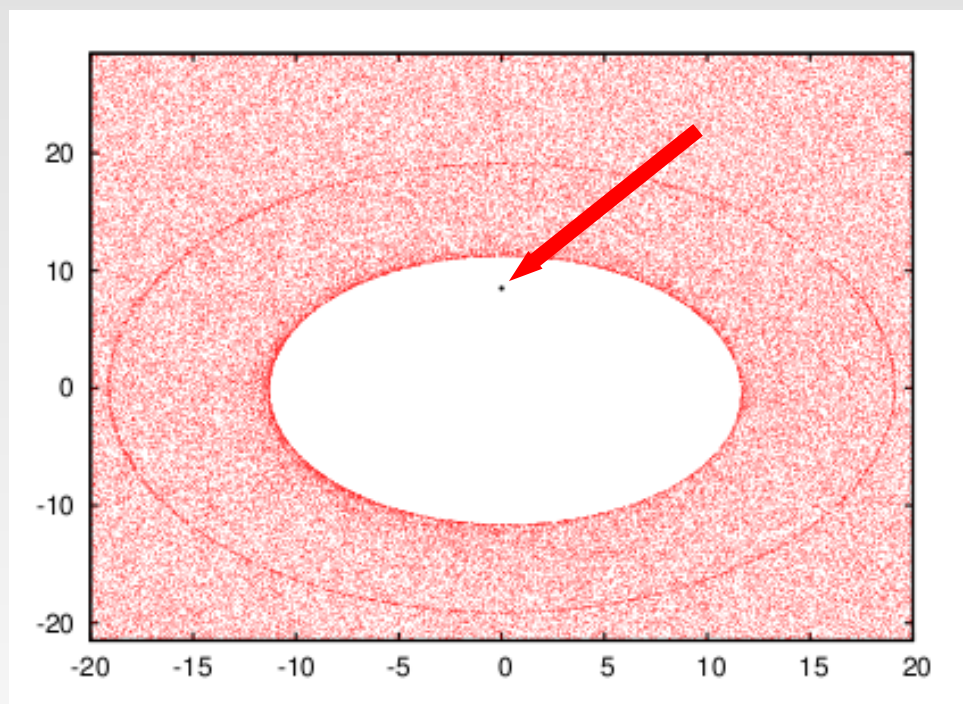
60 EeV

140 EeV

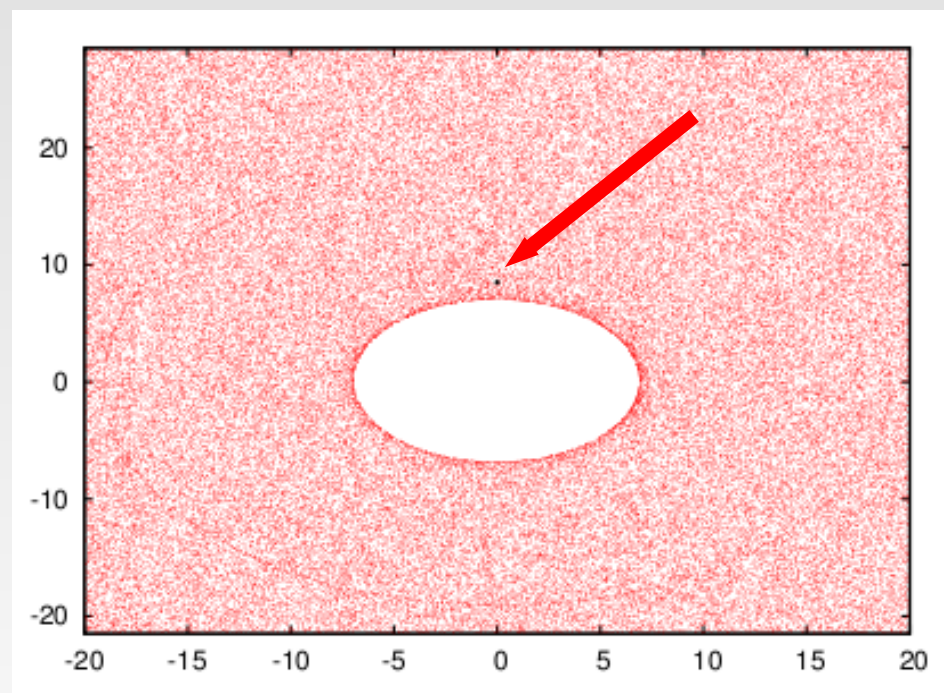
(PS model)

# Paths of nuclei in the Galaxy

- Nuclei crossing the Galactic plane from a source at  $b=90^\circ$  (PS model – **NOT** a generic example)



*60 EeV*



*140 EeV*

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-> **Regular component** : Take several recent models :

- Prouza and Smida (PS) *Astron. Astrophys.* **410** (2003) 1

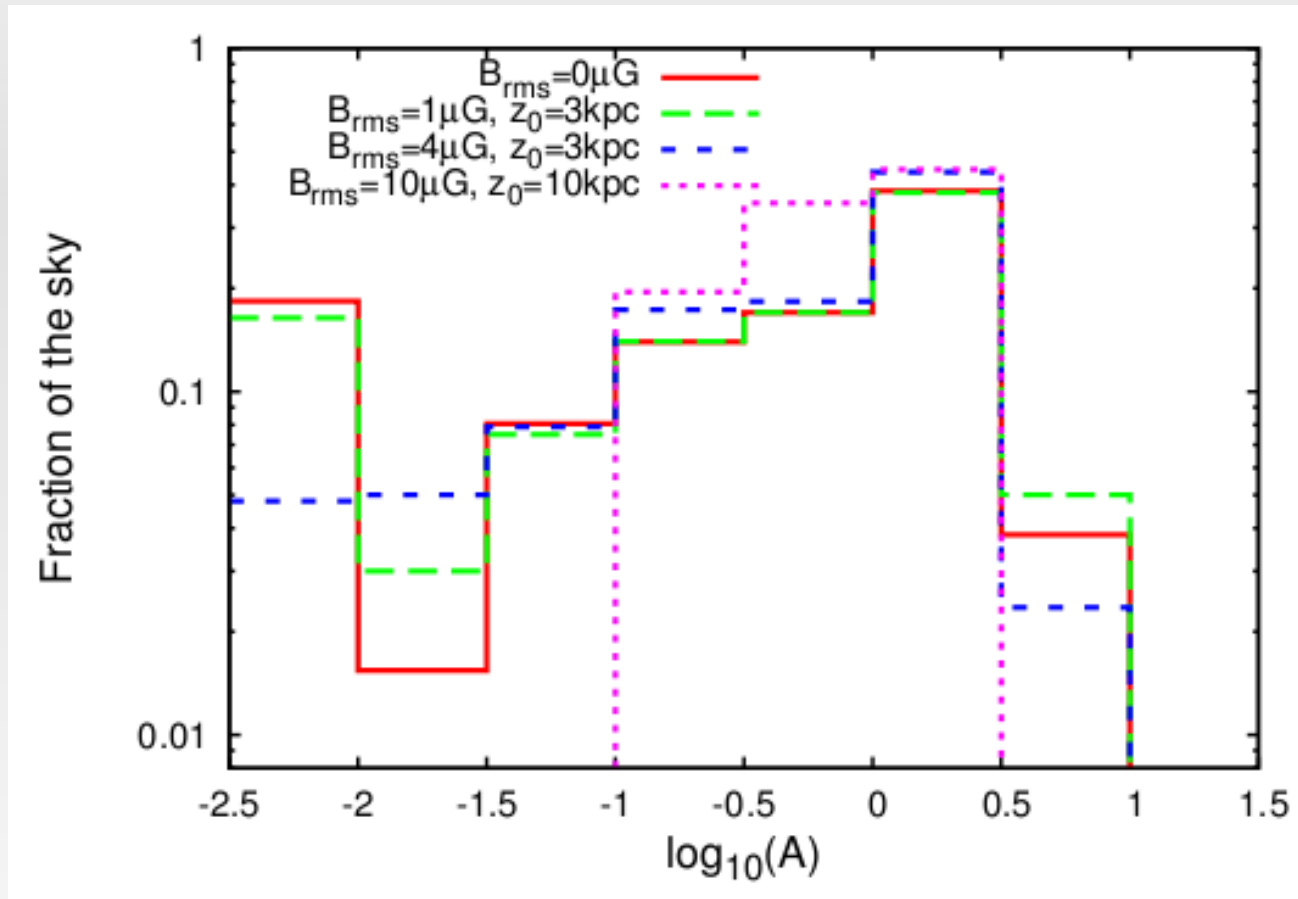
- Sun et al. (Sun 08) *Astron. Astrophys.* **477**, 573 (2008)

- Sun 08 – MH (modified halo)

*Giacinti, Kachelriess, Semikoz, Sigl JCAP 1008,036 (2010)*

- Pshirkov et al. ASS and BSS versions *arXiv:1103.0814*

# Impact of the turbulent component



- Similar for all tested recent GMF models