

# Cosmic Ray Anisotropies: Observation & Interpretation

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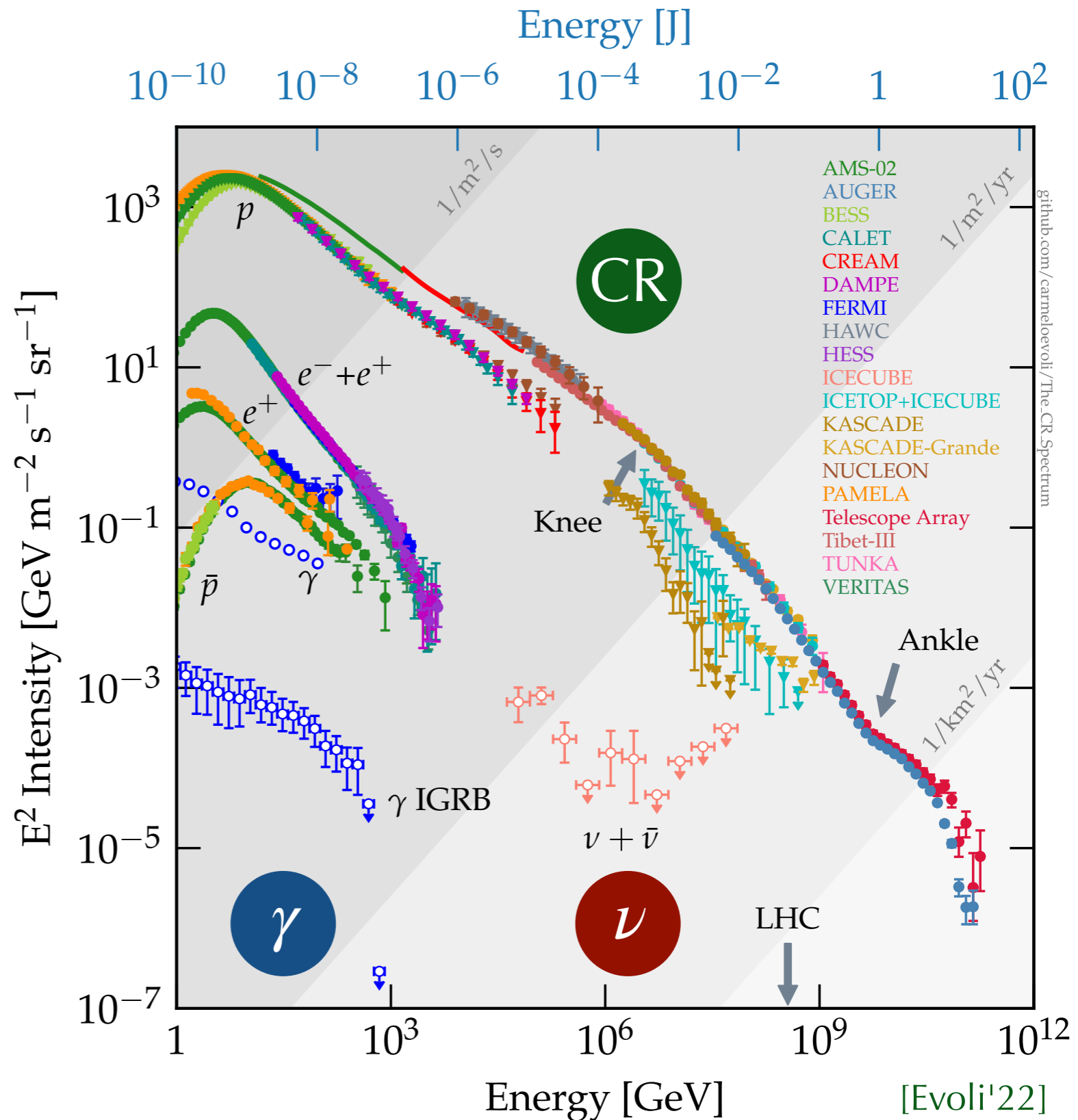


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# Cosmic Rays

- Cosmic rays (CRs) are **energetic nuclei** and (at a lower level) leptons.
- Spectrum follows a **power-law** over many orders of magnitude, indicating a **non-thermal origin**.
- CRs below the **knee** (**few PeV**) dominated by Galactic sources
- CRs above the **ankle** (**few EeV**) dominated by extragalactic sources



# Galactic Cosmic Rays

- *Standard paradigm:*  
Galactic CRs accelerated  
in supernova remnants

[Baade & Zwicky'34]  
[Ginzburg & Sirovatskii'64]

- diffusive shock  
acceleration:

$$n_{\text{CR}} \propto E^{-\Gamma}$$

- rigidity-dependent escape  
from Galaxy:

$$n_{\text{CR}} \propto E^{-\Gamma-\delta}$$

- Arrival directions of  
cosmic rays are scrambled  
by magnetic fields.

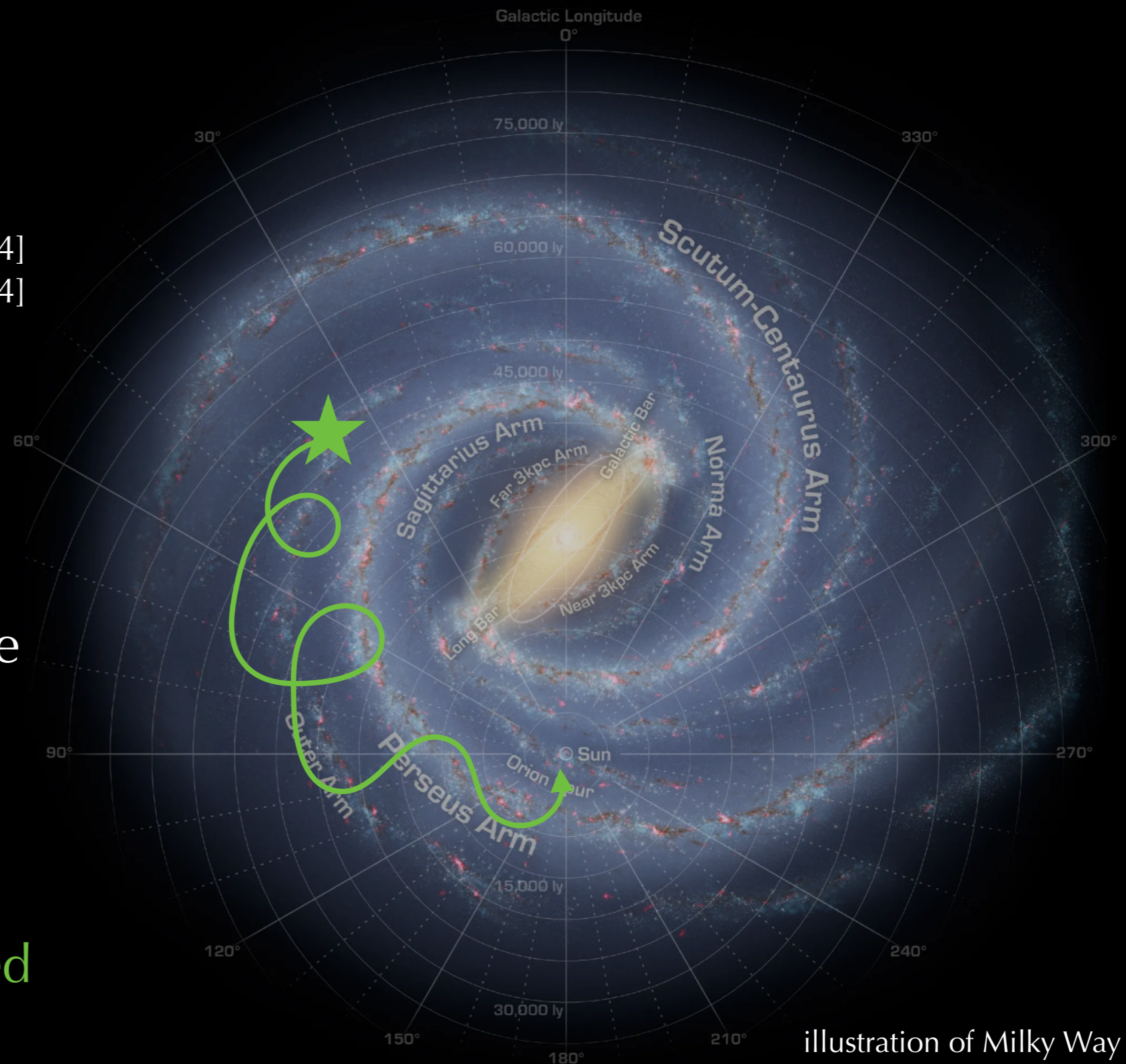
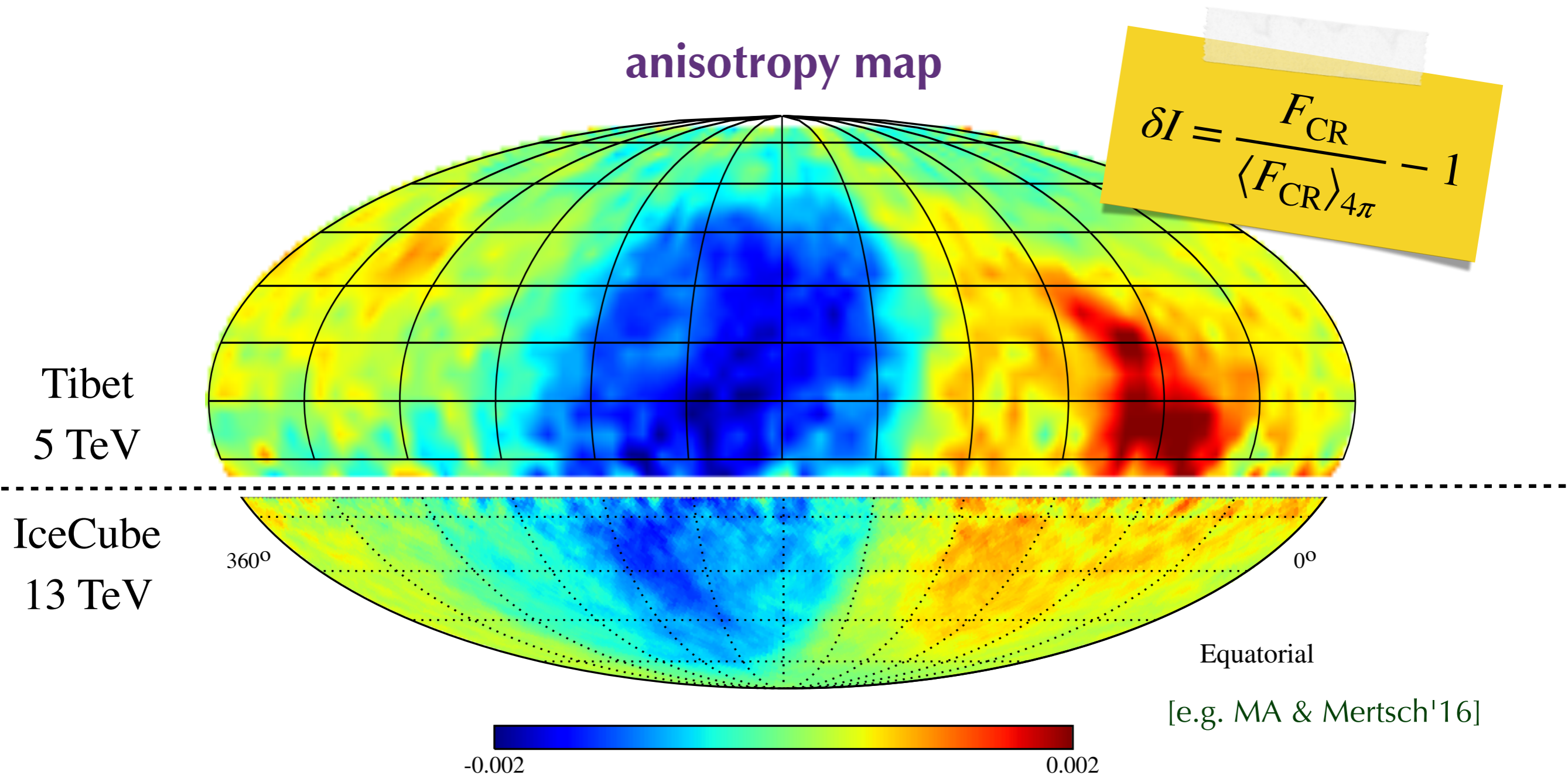


illustration of Milky Way  
[Credit: NASA]

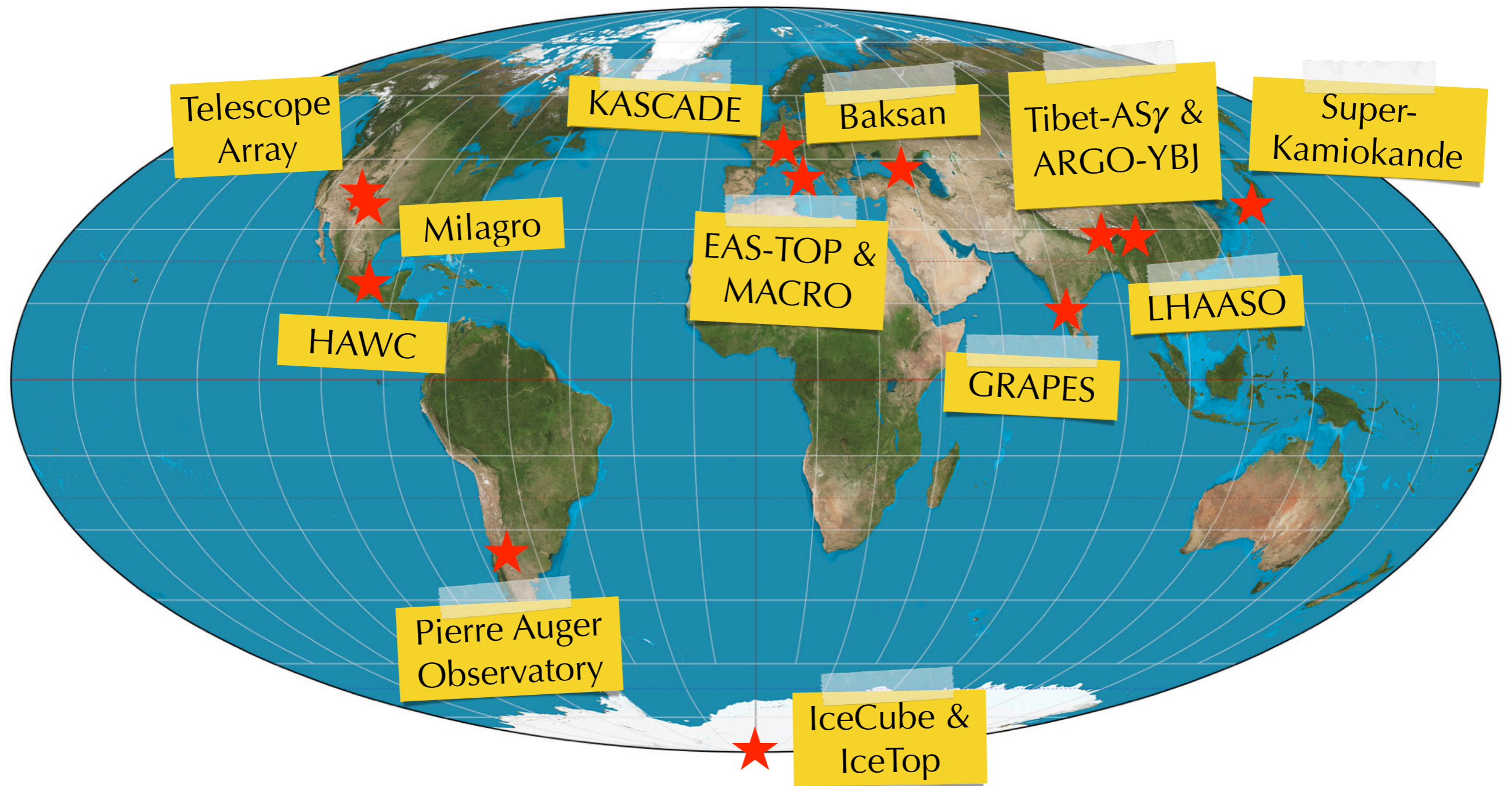
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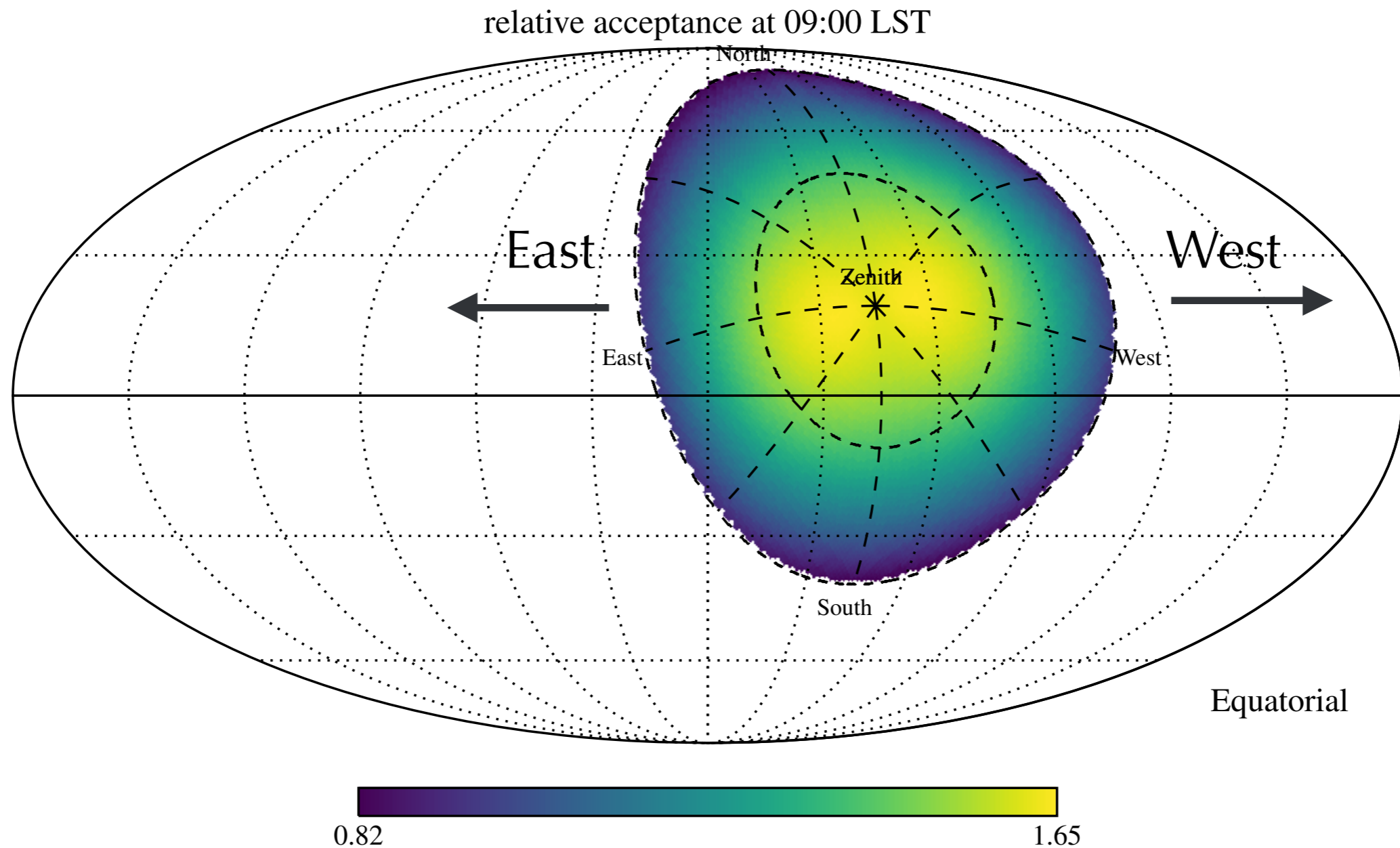


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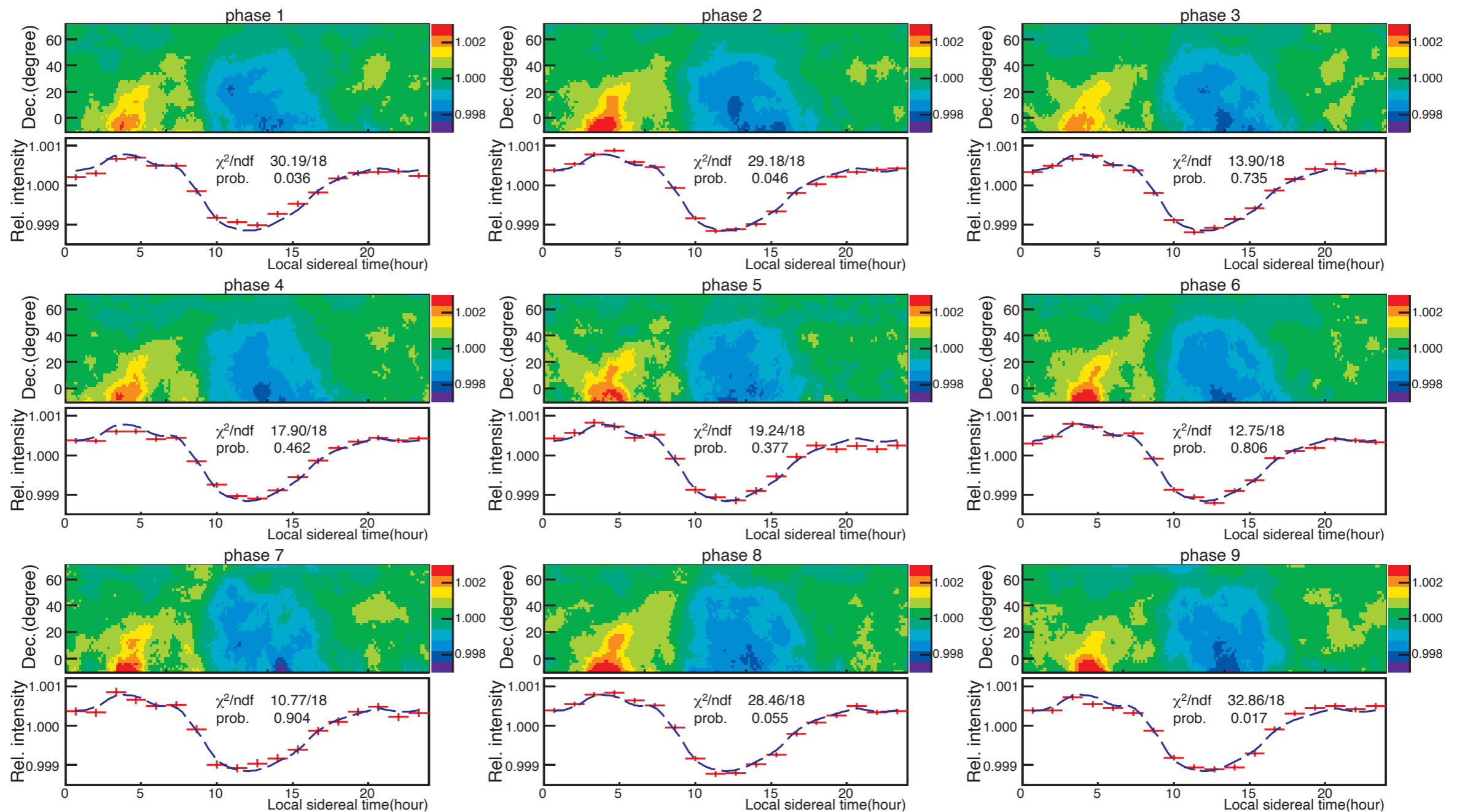
# Ground-Based Observations



Field of View (FoV) of ground-based detector (e.g. HAWC at geographic latitude  $19^\circ$ ) sweeps across the Sky over 24h.

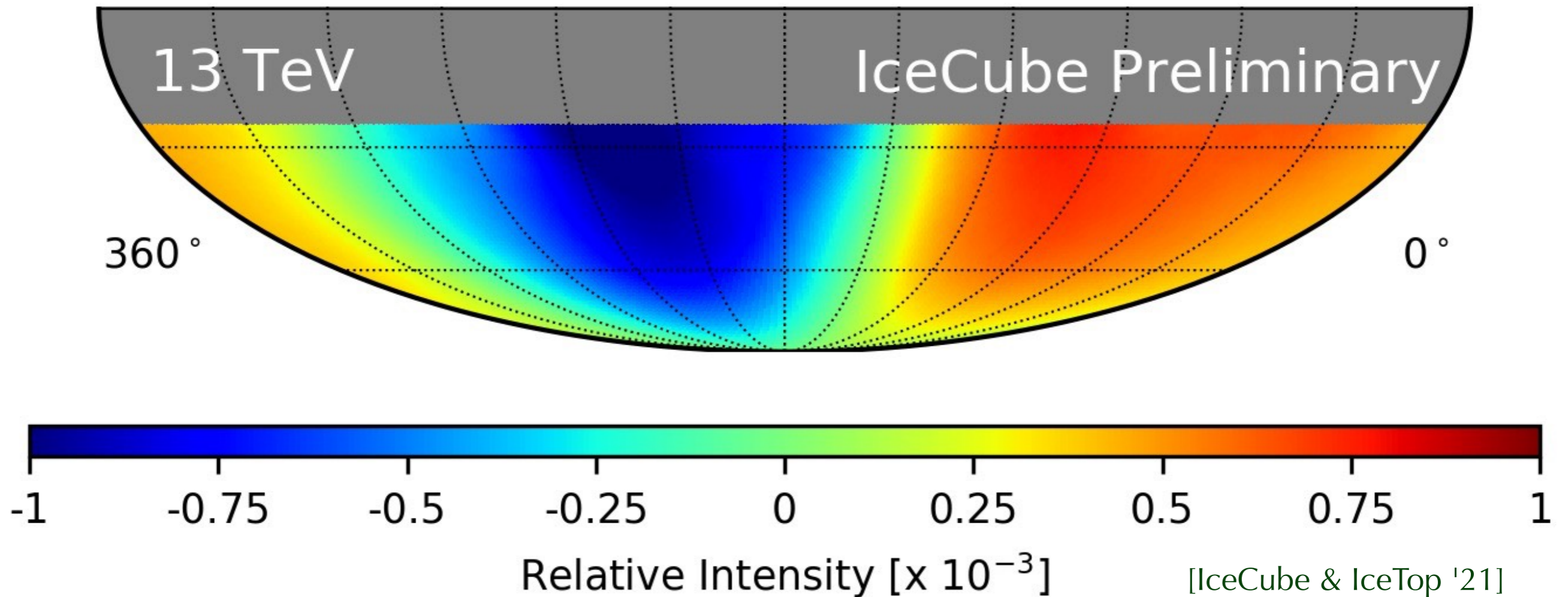
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No significant variation of TeV-PeV anisotropy over the time scale of  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  years.



[Tibet-ASy '10]

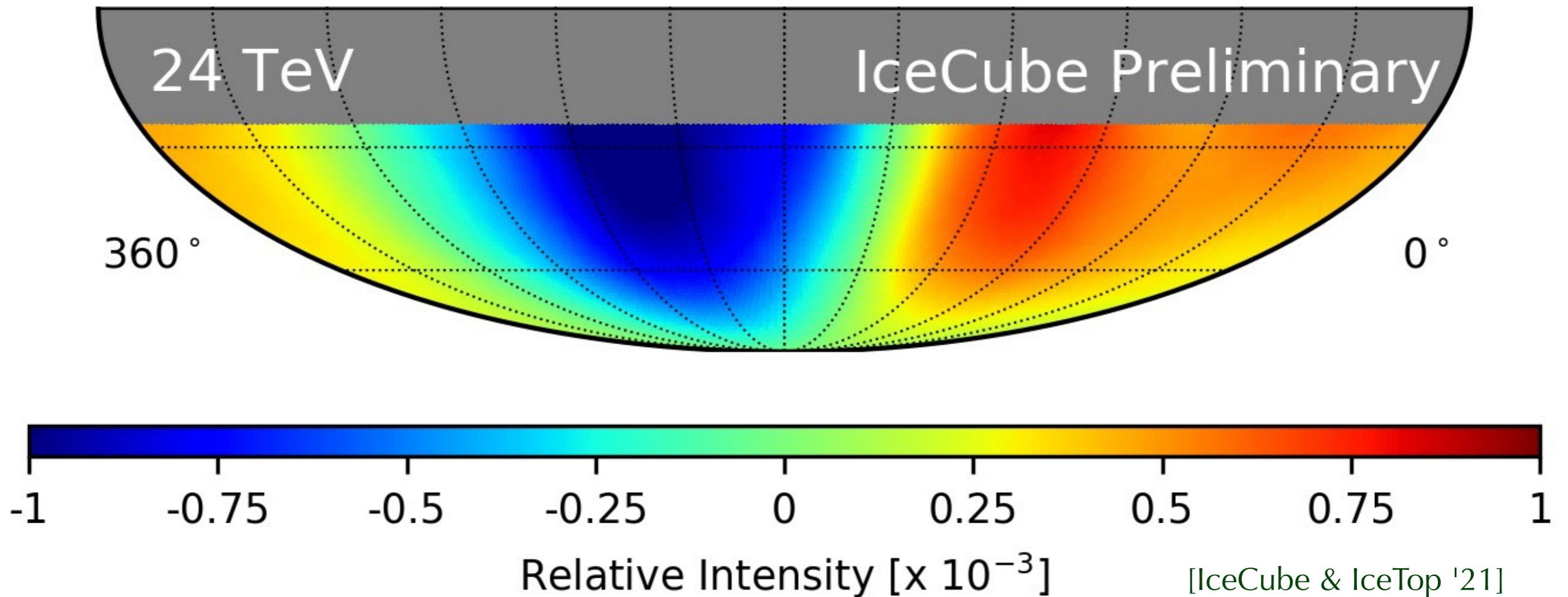
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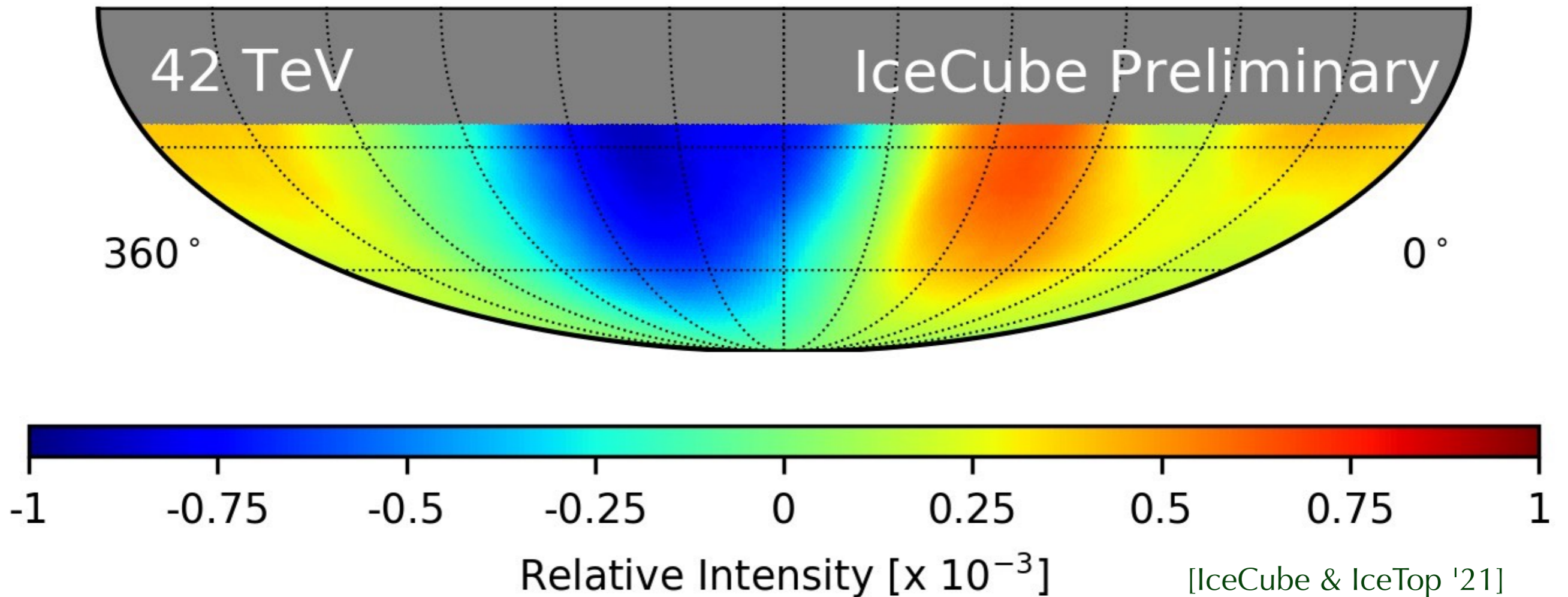


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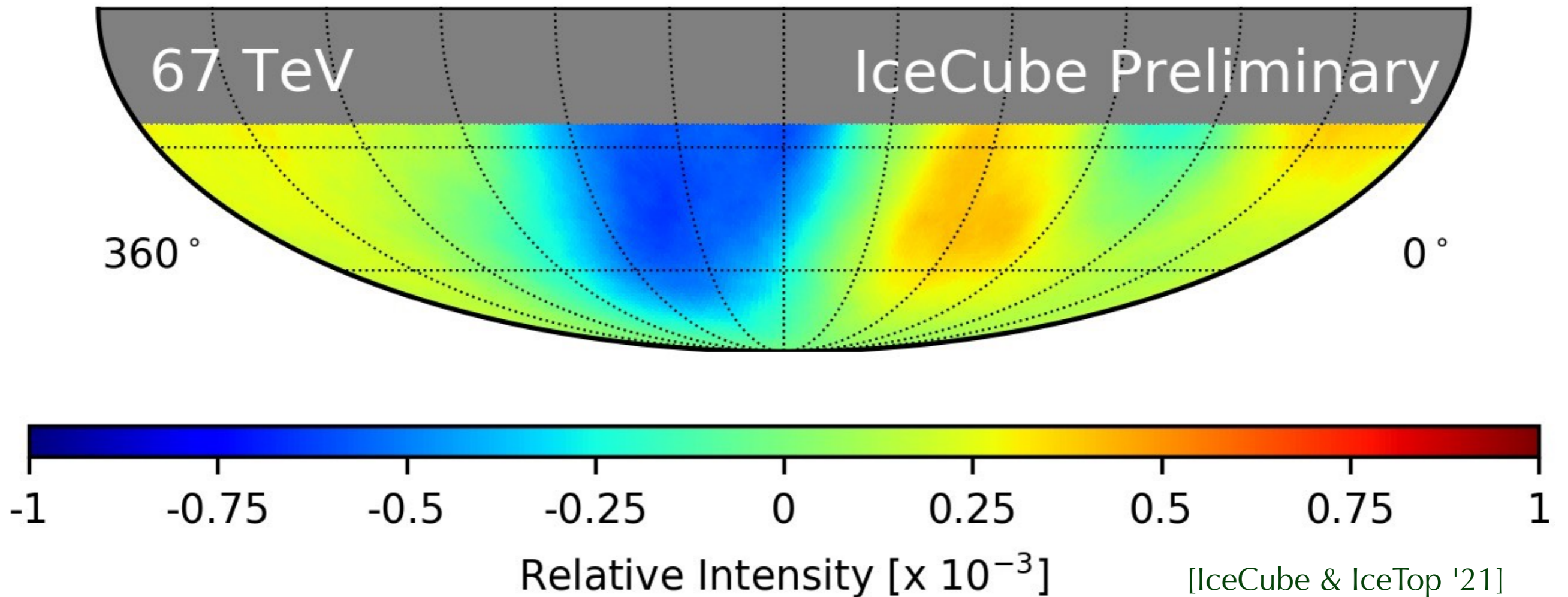
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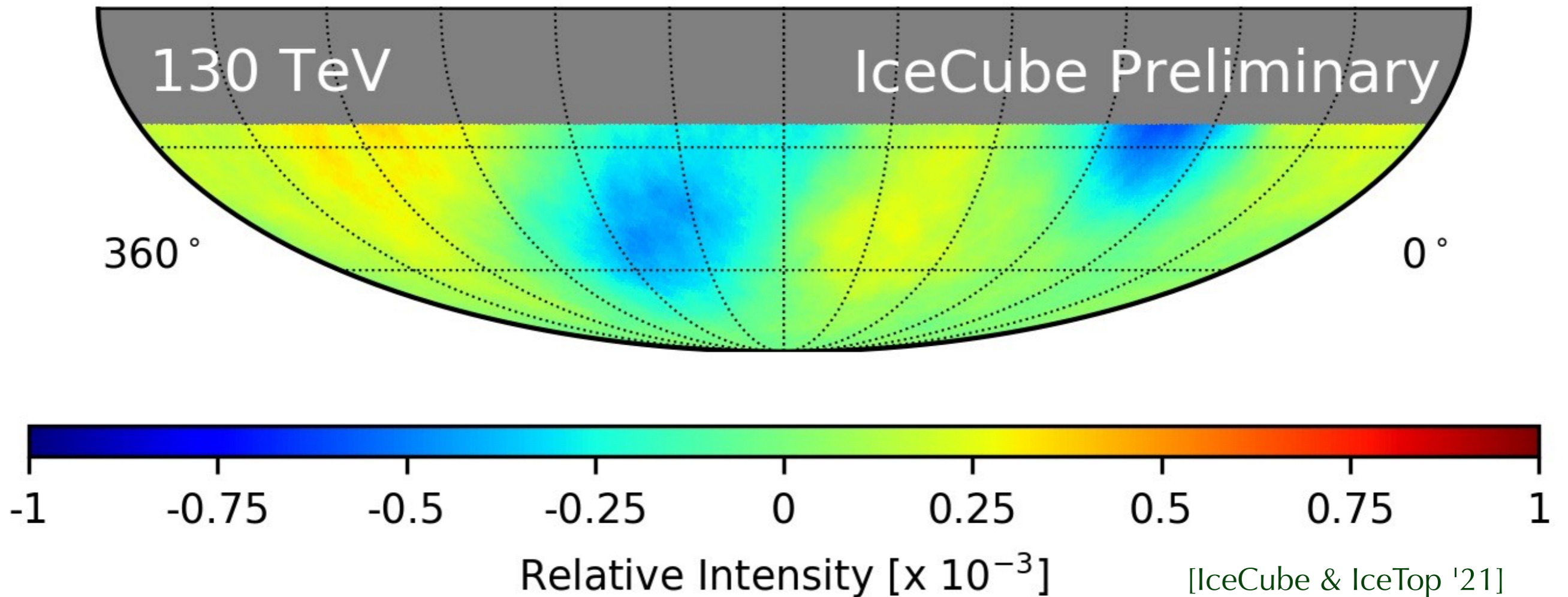
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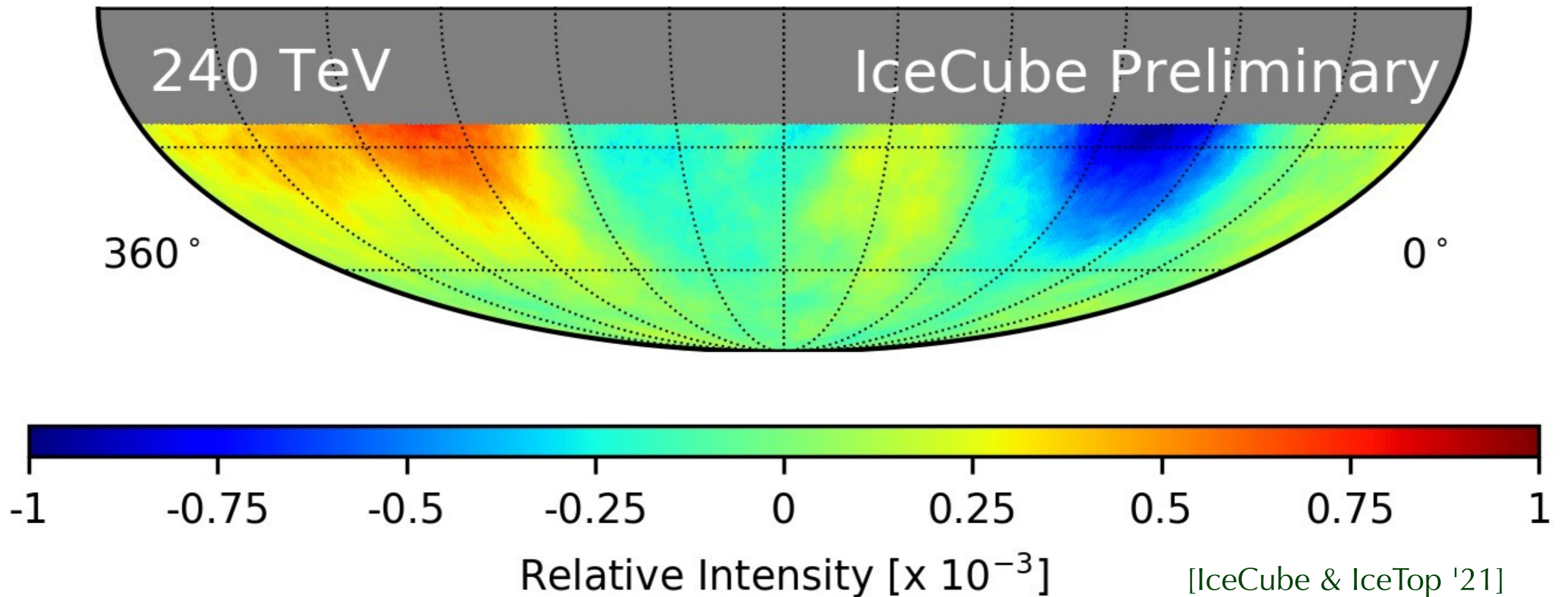
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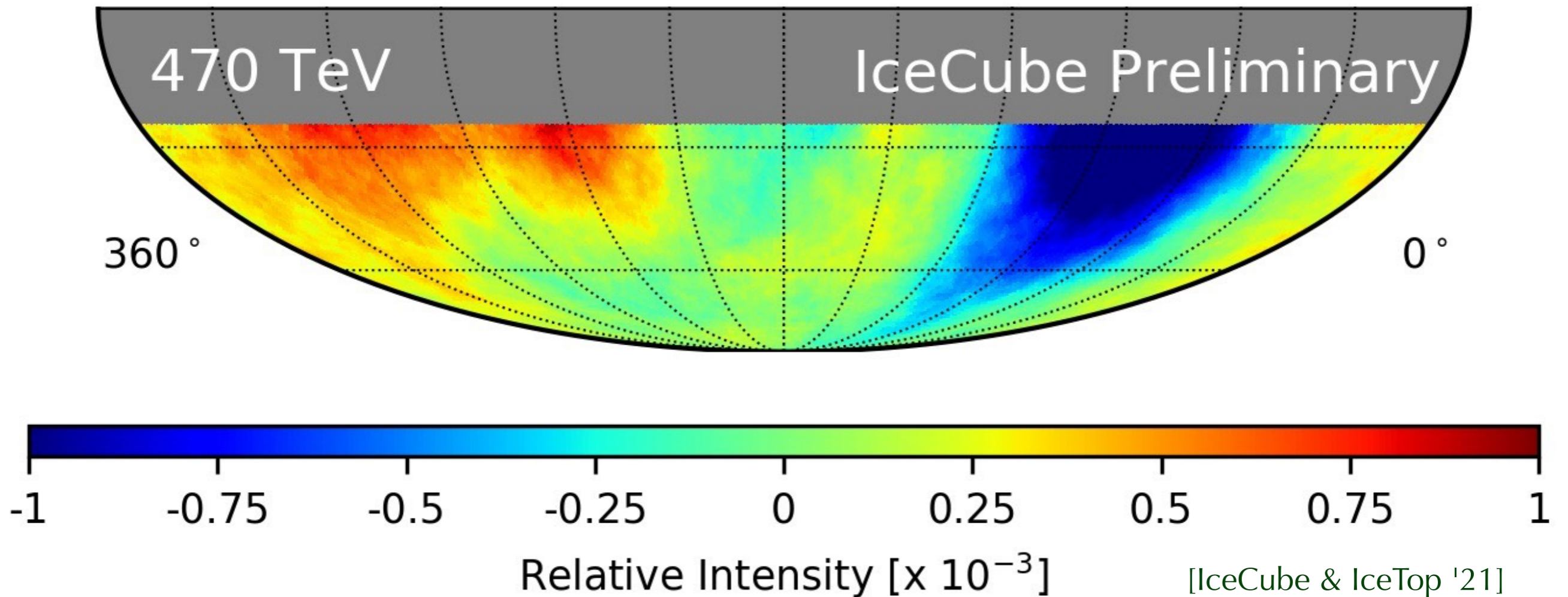
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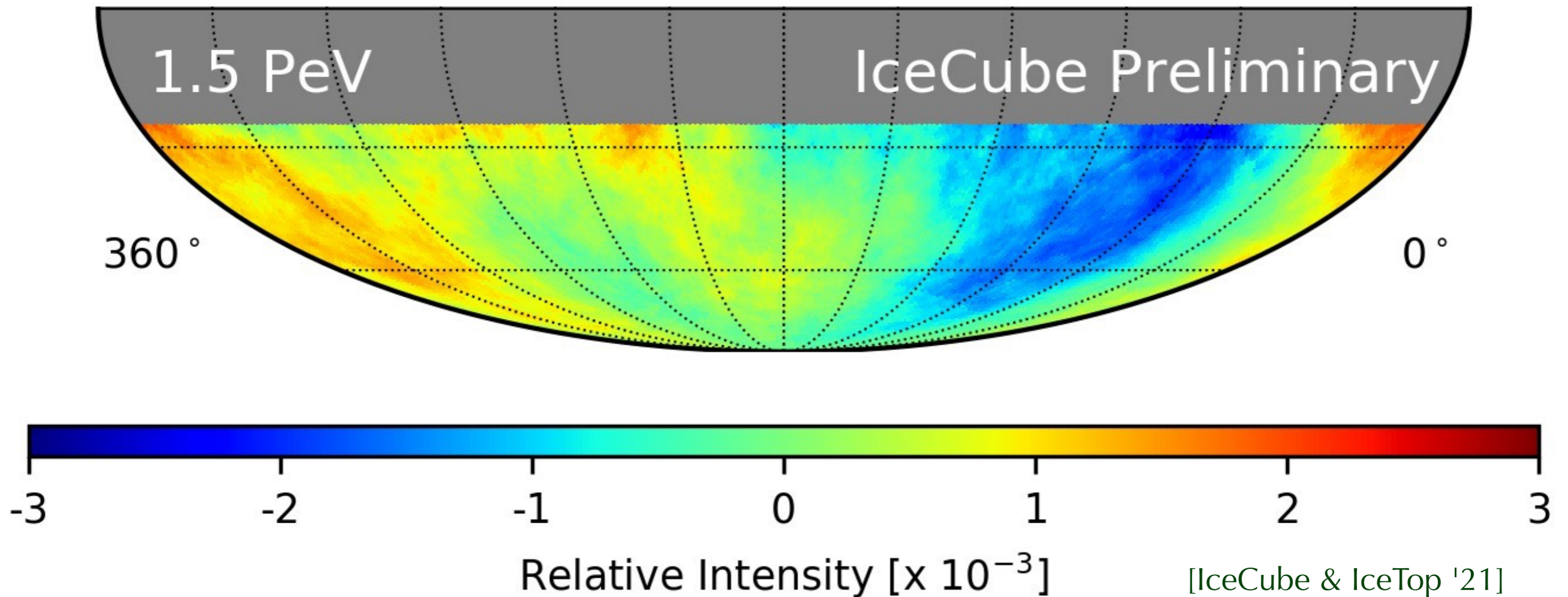
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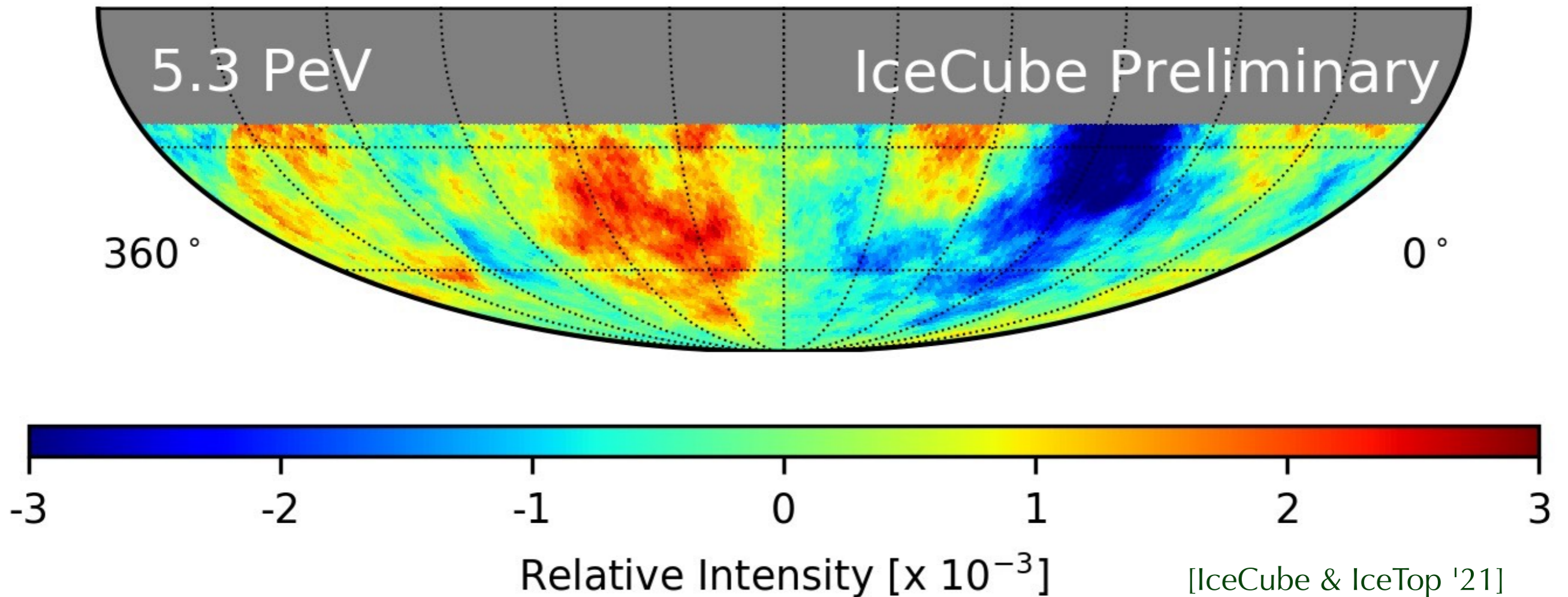
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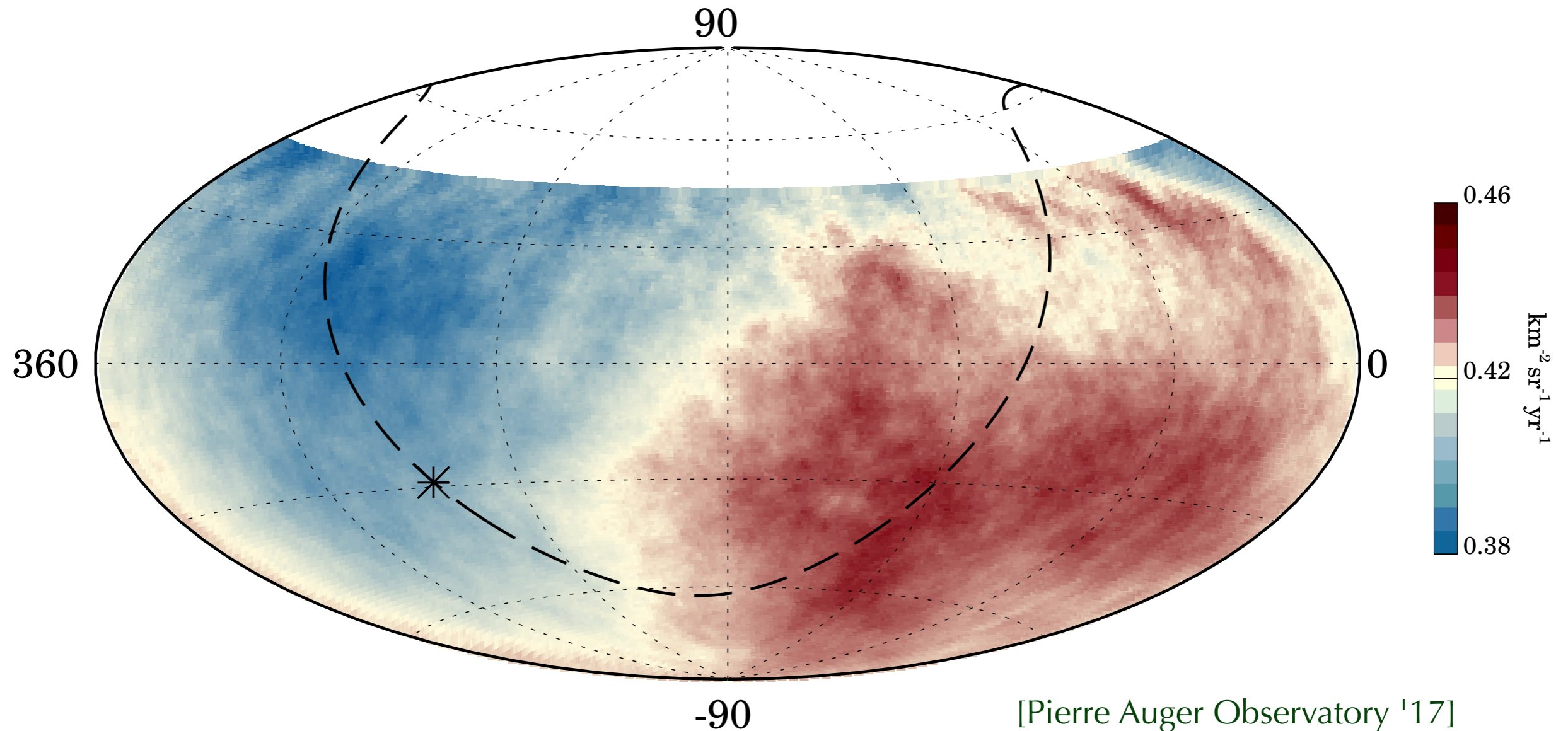
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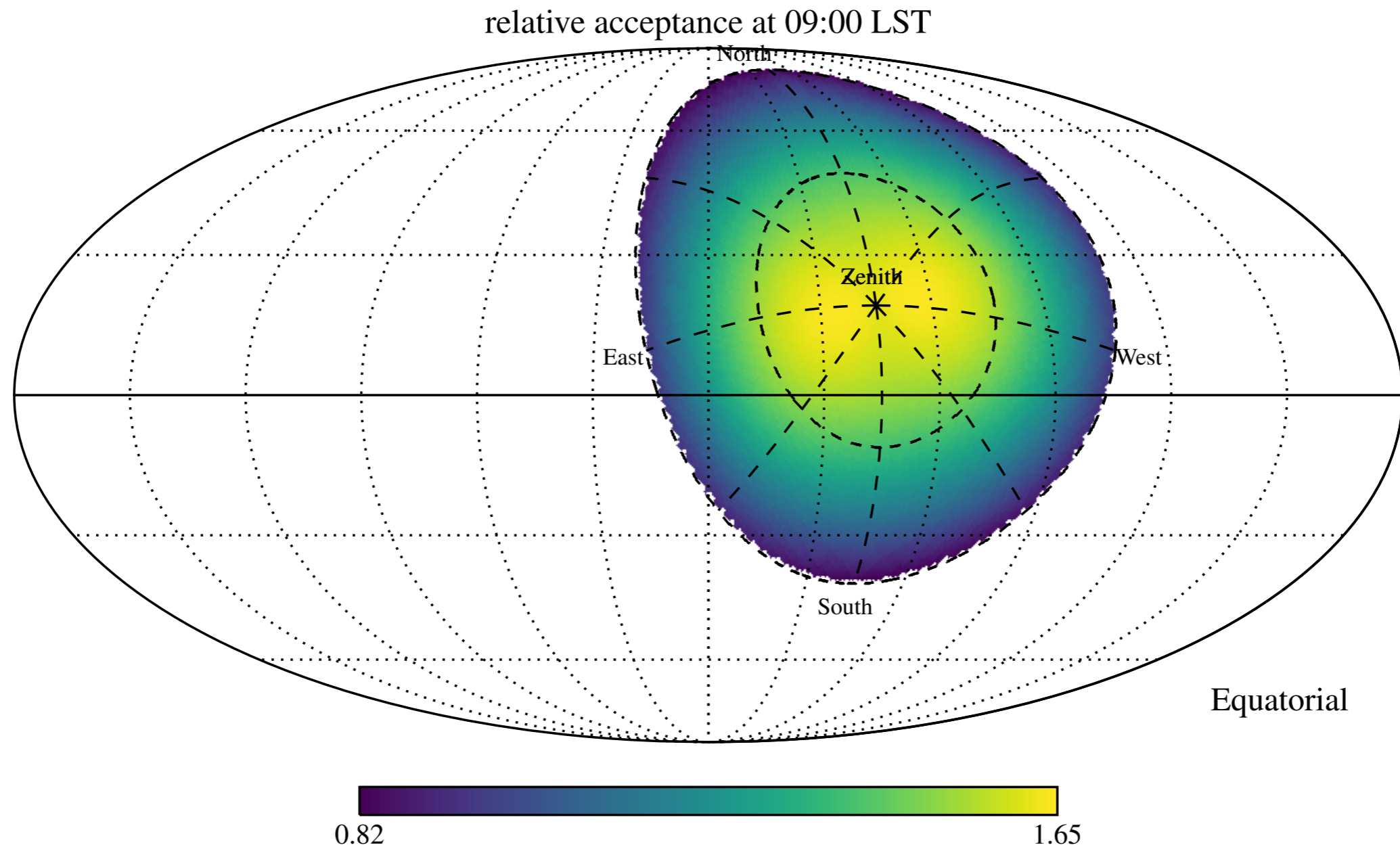


# Dipole Anisotropy of UHE CRs



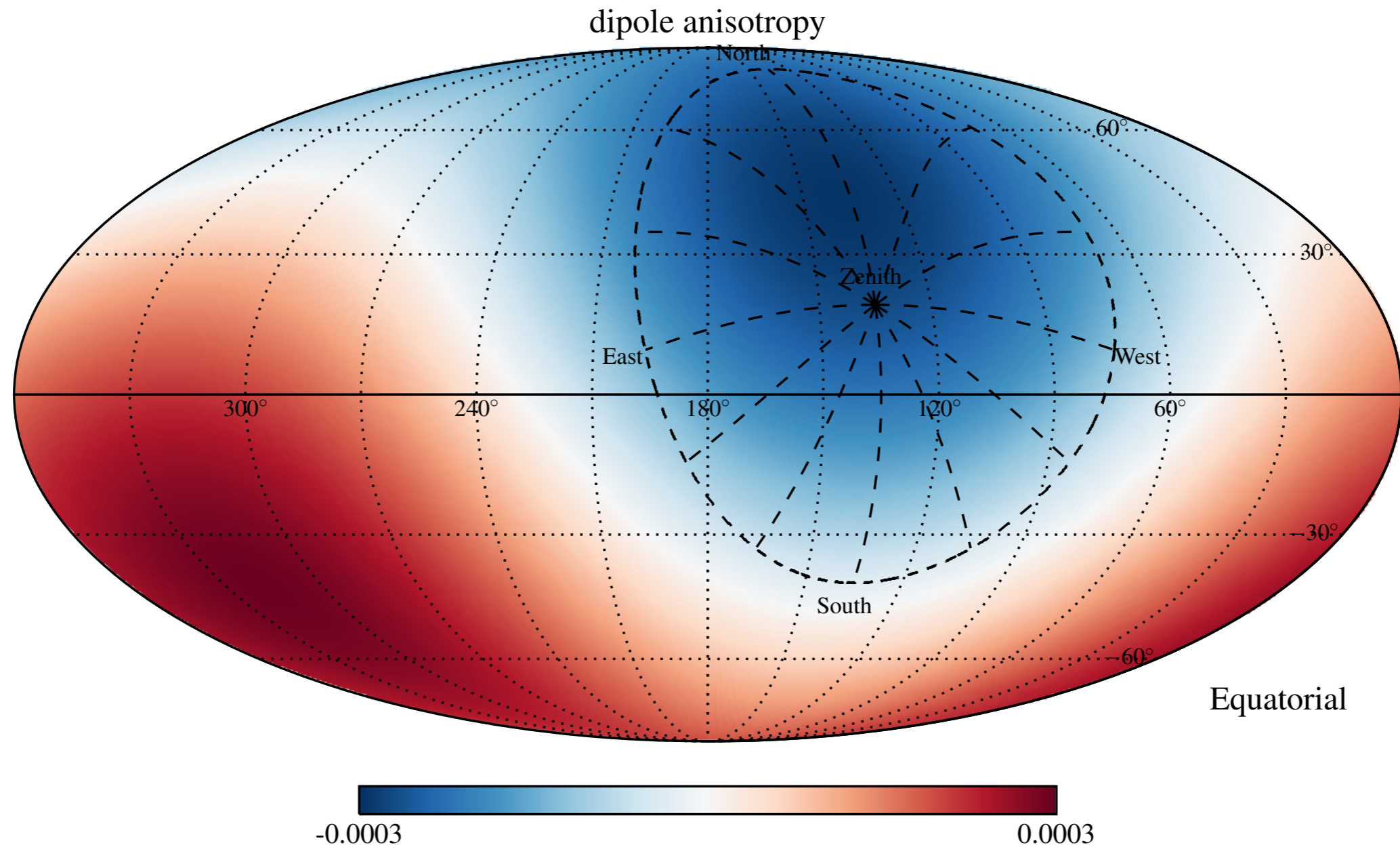
| Energy [EeV] | Dipole component $d_z$ | Dipole component $d_{\perp}$ | Dipole amplitude $d$      | Dipole declination $\delta_d$ [°] | Dipole right ascension $\alpha_d$ [°] |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4 to 8       | $-0.024 \pm 0.009$     | $0.006^{+0.007}_{-0.003}$    | $0.025^{+0.010}_{-0.007}$ | $-75^{+17}_{-8}$                  | $80 \pm 60$                           |
| 8            | $-0.026 \pm 0.015$     | $0.060^{+0.011}_{-0.010}$    | $0.065^{+0.013}_{-0.009}$ | $-24^{+12}_{-13}$                 | $100 \pm 10$                          |

# Issues with Reconstructions



Ground-based detectors need to be calibrated by the CR data it collects while it sweeps across the sky over 24h.

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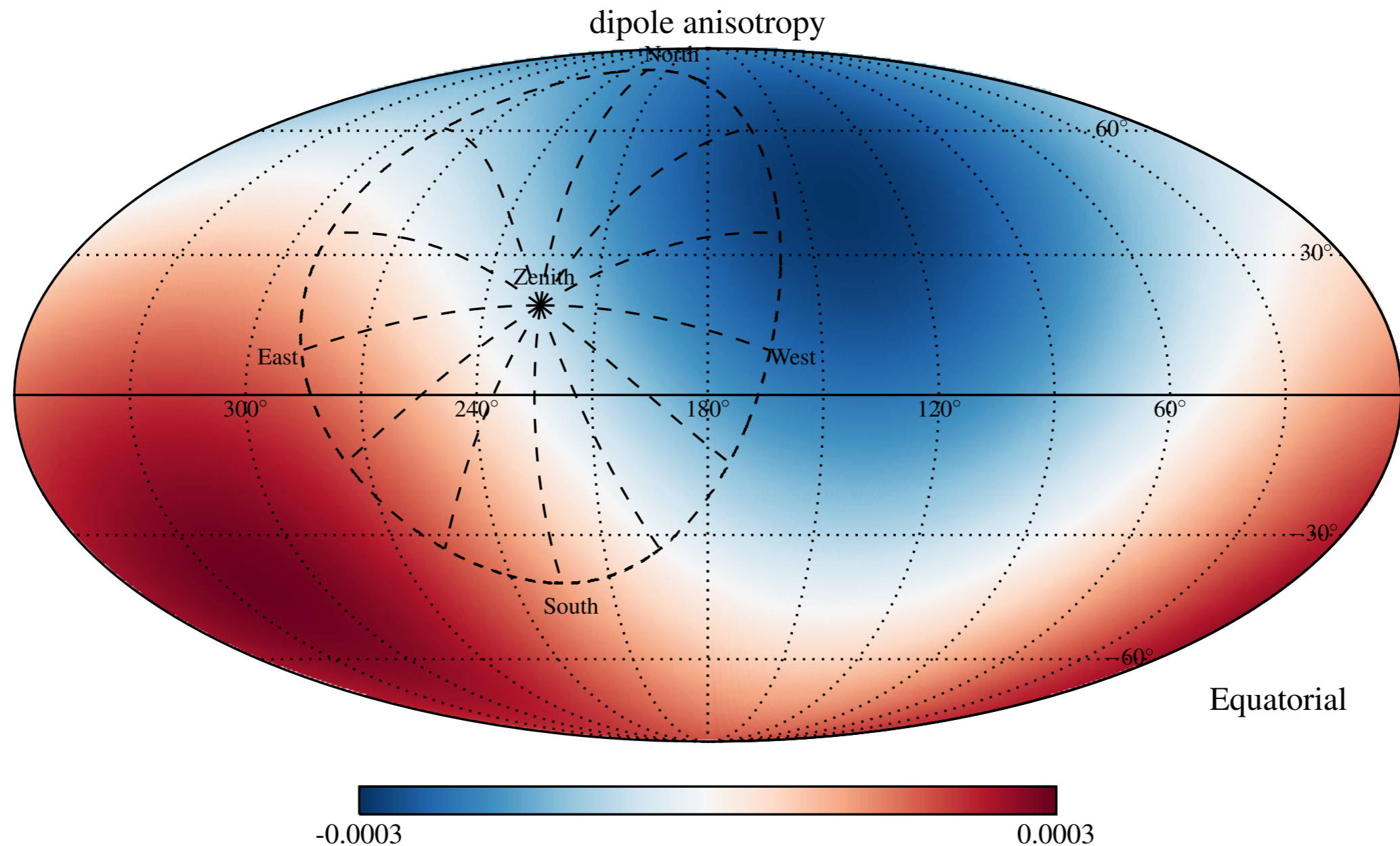


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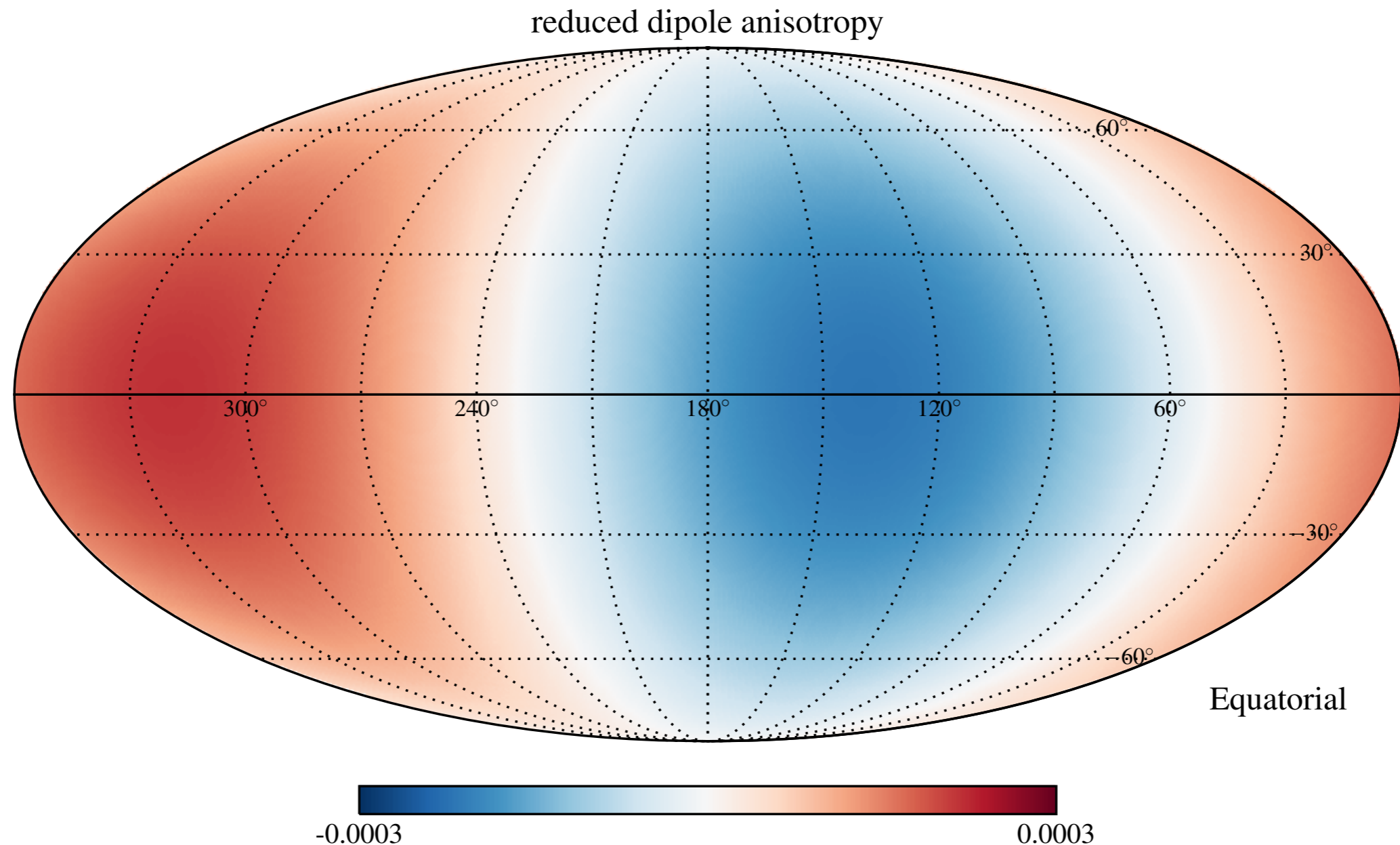


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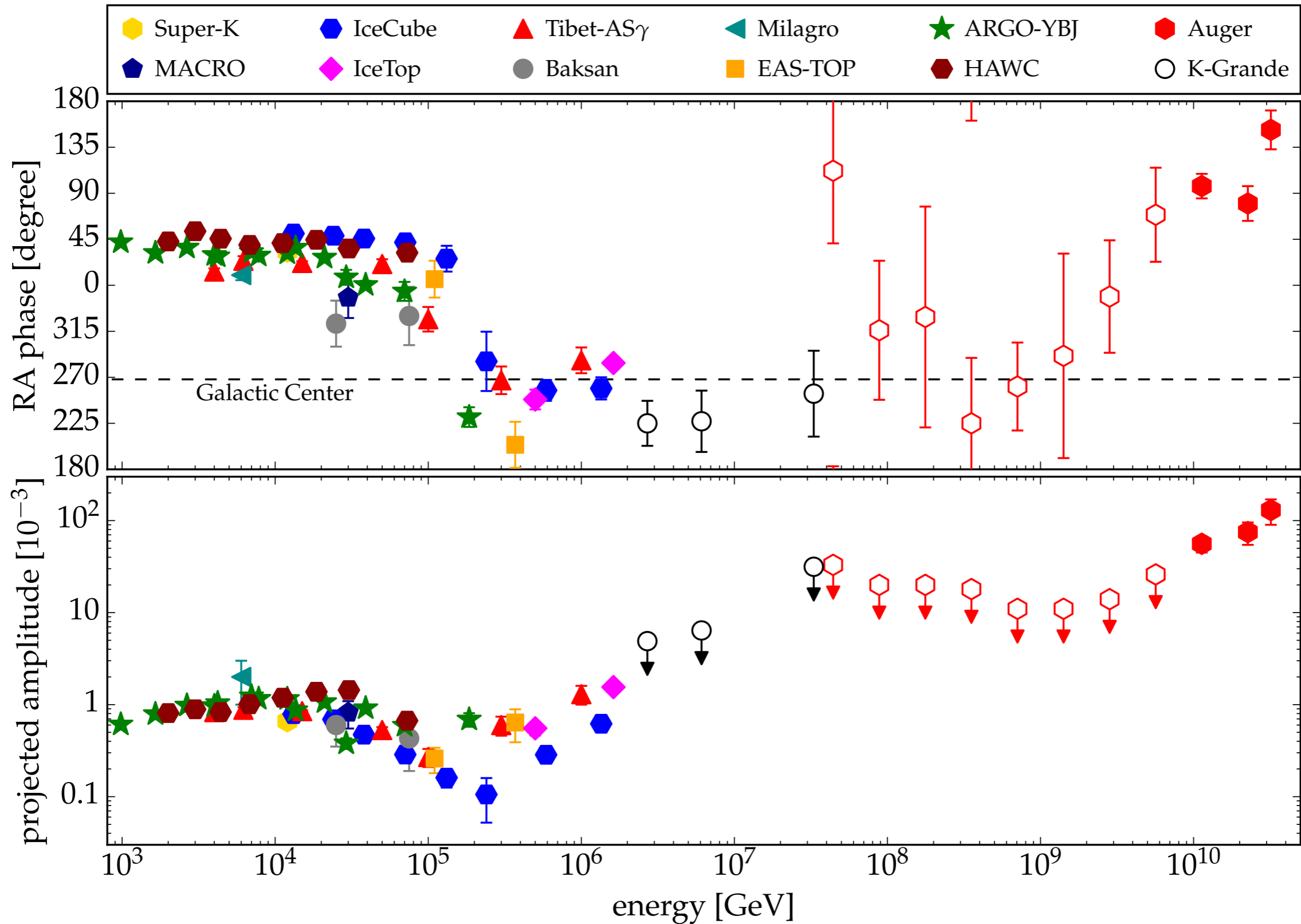


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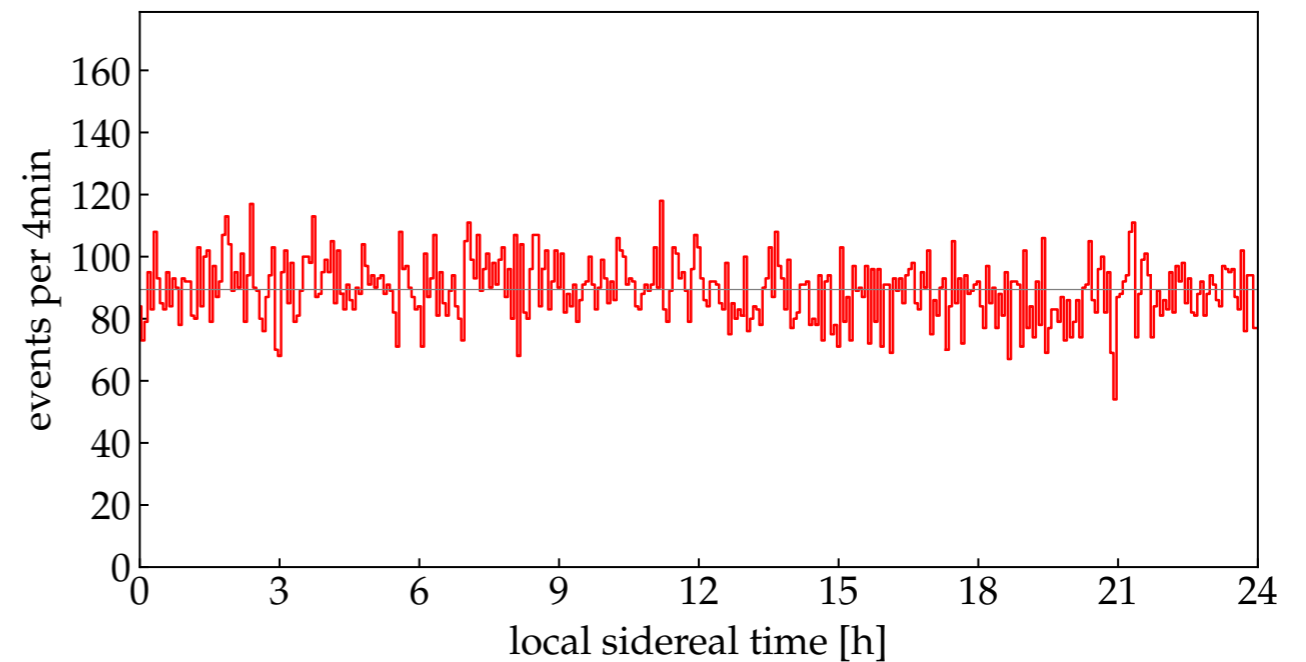
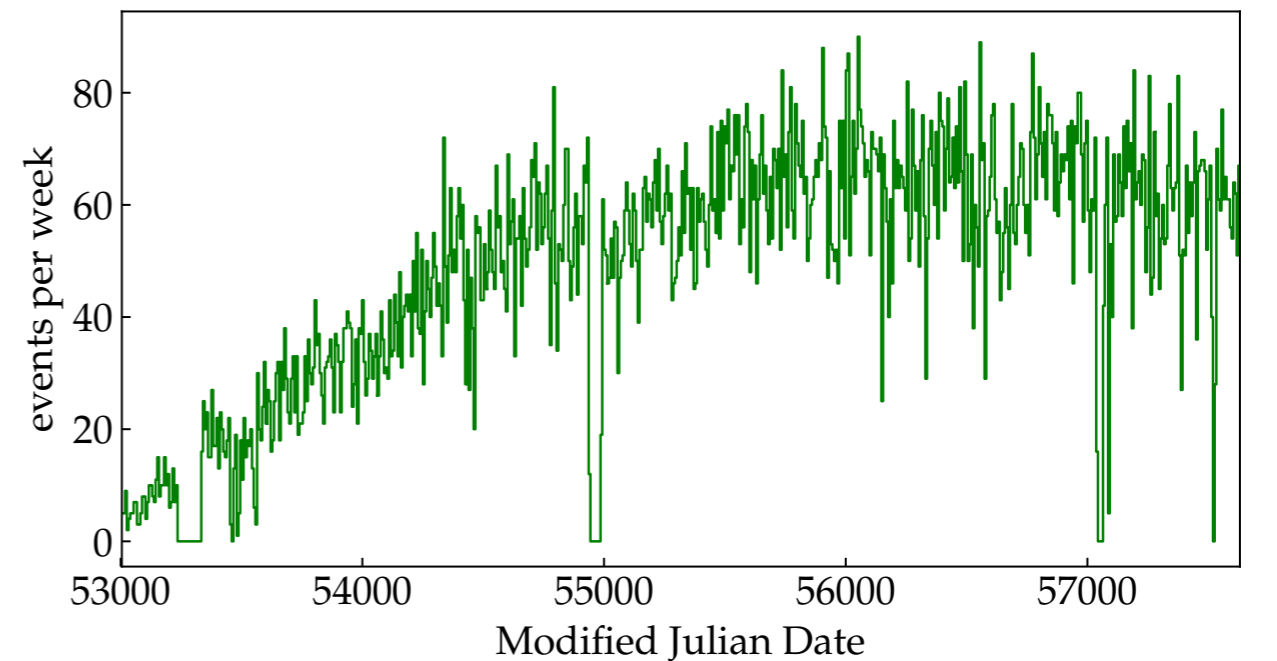
# Dipole Anisotropy



# Reconstruction

- data has **strong time dependence**
  - detector deployment/maintenance
  - atmospheric conditions (day/night, seasons)
  - power outages, etc.
- **local anisotropy** of detector:
  - non-uniform geometry
- two analysis strategies:
  - **Monte-Carlo & monitoring** (limited by systematic uncertainties)
  - **data-driven likelihood methods** (limited by statistical uncertainties)

Example: Auger data  $> 8$  EeV



[Pierre Auger Observatory'17; MA'18]

# East-West Method

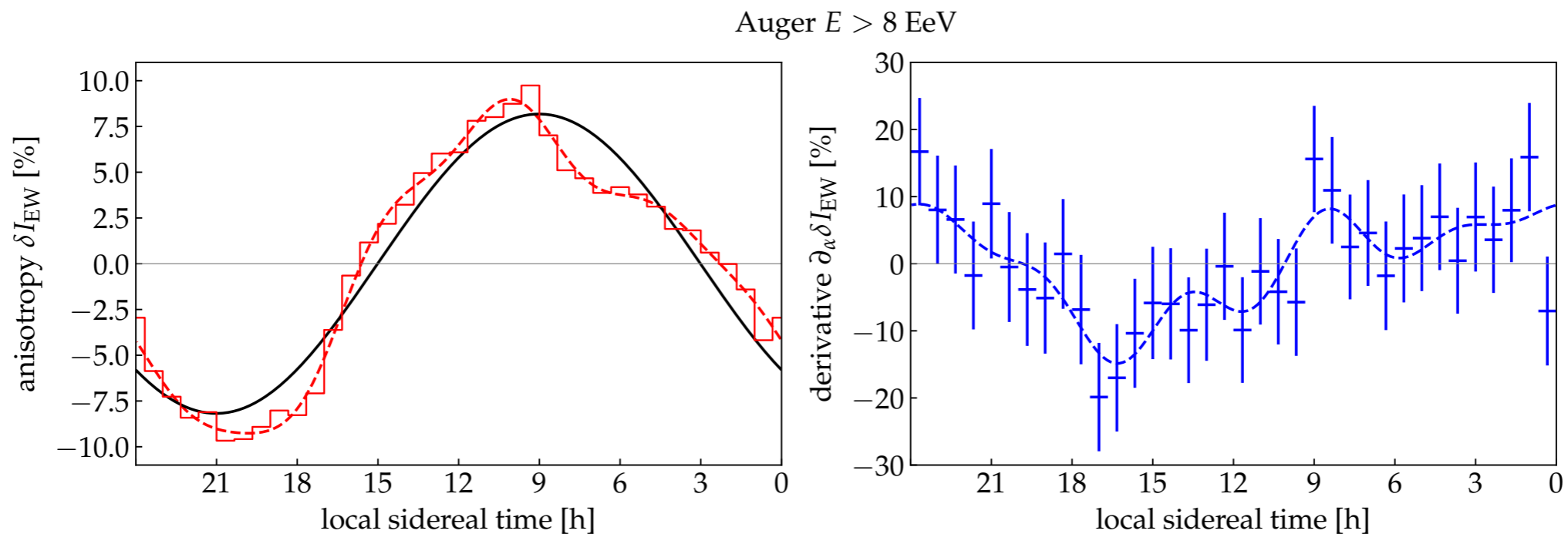
- Strong time variation of CR background level can be compensated by differential methods.

[e.g. Bonino *et al.*'11]

- **East-West asymmetry:**

$$A_{EW}(t) \equiv \frac{N_E(t) - N_W(t)}{N_E(t) + N_W(t)} \simeq \underbrace{\Delta\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} \delta I(\alpha, 0)}_{\text{assuming dipole!}} + \underbrace{\text{const}}_{\text{local asym.}}$$

- For instance, Auger data  $> 8\text{EeV}$ :



- best-fit dipole from EW method:  $(8.2 \pm 1.4) \%$  and  $\alpha_d = 135^\circ \pm 10^\circ$



# Likelihood Reconstruction

- East-West method introduces cross-talk between higher multipoles, regardless of the field of view.
- Alternatively, data can be analyzed to simultaneously reconstruct:
  - **relative acceptance**  $\mathcal{A}(\varphi, \theta)$  (in local coordinates)
  - **relative intensity**  $\mathcal{F}(\alpha, \delta)$  (in equatorial coordinates)
  - **background rate**  $\mathcal{N}(t)$  (in sidereal time)
- expected number of CRs observed in sidereal time bin  $\tau$  and local "pixel"  $i$ :

$$\mu_{\tau i} = \mu(\mathcal{F}_{\tau i}, \mathcal{N}_{\tau}, \mathcal{A}_i)$$

- reconstruction **likelihood**:

[MA et al.'15]

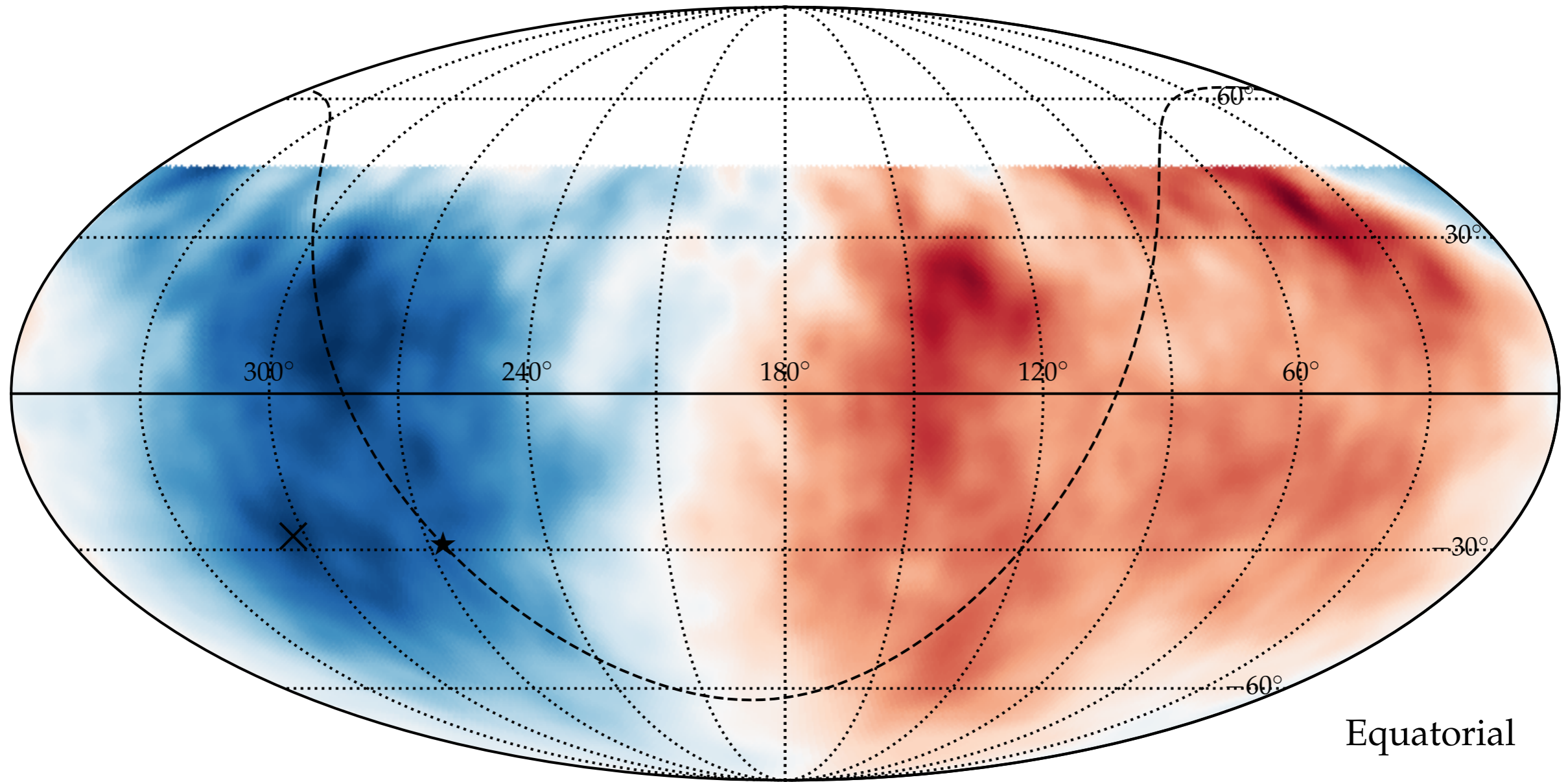
$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{n} | \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{N}, \mathcal{A}) = \prod_{\tau i} \frac{(\mu_{\tau i})^{n_{\tau i}} e^{-\mu_{\tau i}}}{n_{\tau i}!}$$

- Maximum LH can be reconstructed by iterative methods.
- used in joint IceCube & HAWC analysis
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[IceCube & HAWC '18]

# Likelihood Reconstruction

anisotropy ( $E > 8 \text{ EeV}$ ,  $45^\circ$  smoothing)



Equatorial

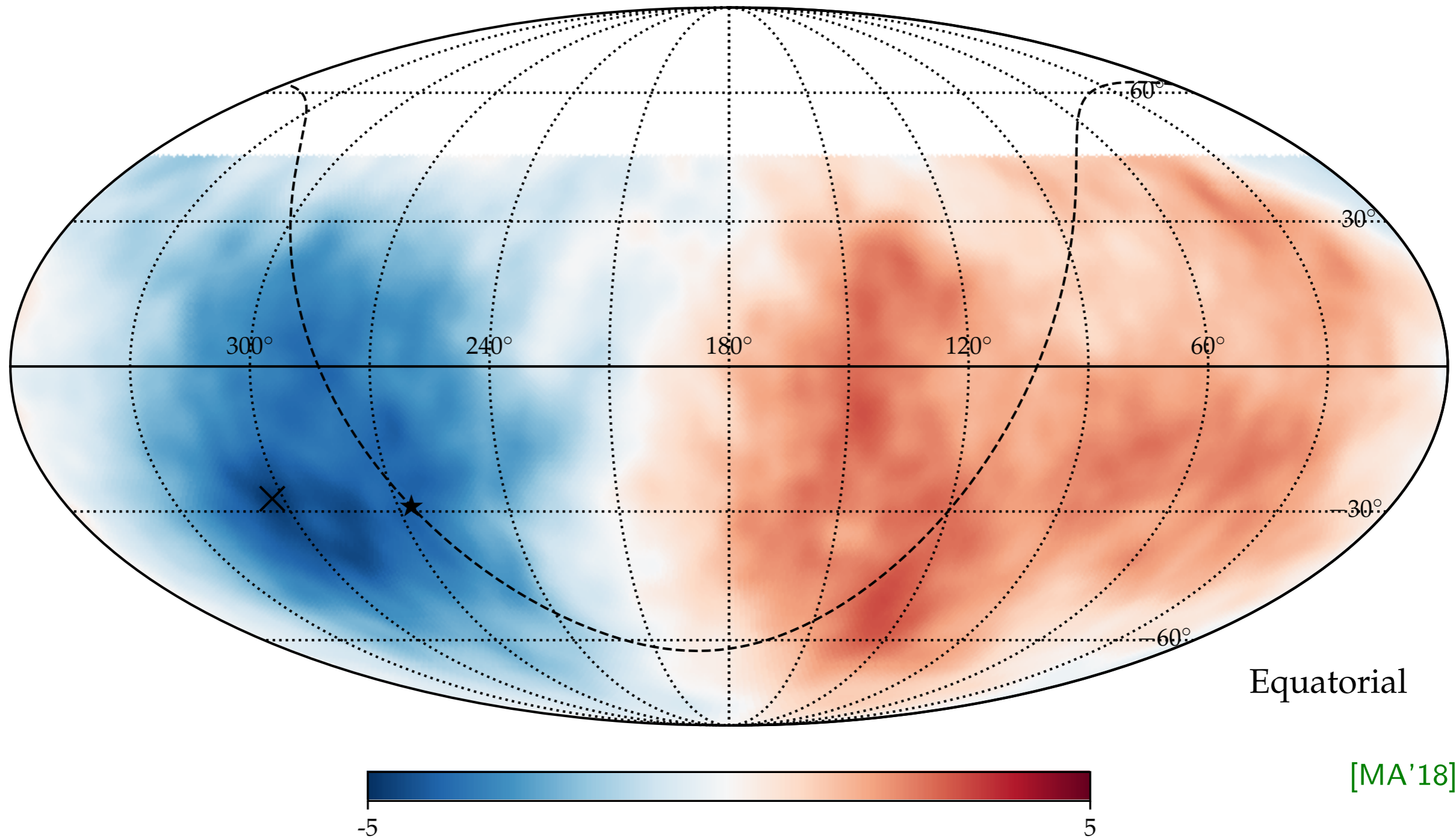


[MA'18]

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pre-trial significance ( $E > 8 \text{ EeV}$ ,  $45^\circ$  smoothing,  $\sigma_{\text{max}} = 4.86$ )



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# Take-Away on Reconstruction

**Data-driven methods** of anisotropy reconstructions used by ground-based observatories in the TV-PV range are **only sensitive to equatorial dipole** (or, more generally, to all  $m \neq 0$  multipole moments).

$$\Delta\delta_{\perp} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\text{CR}}}} \quad \mathcal{N} \sim \frac{4\pi}{N_{\text{CR}}}$$

**Monte-Carlo-based methods** of anisotropy reconstructions are sensitive to the full dipole, but are severely **limited by systematic uncertainties.**

# Particles in Magnetic Fields

- natural Heaviside-Lorentz units:

$$\hbar = c = 1 \quad \mu_0 = \epsilon_0 = 1$$

- For instance, Coulomb force:

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi r^2} \mathbf{e}_r = \alpha \frac{Z_1 Z_2}{r^2} \mathbf{e}_r$$

- Lorentz force:

$$\mathbf{F} = q (\mathbf{E} + \boldsymbol{\beta} \times \mathbf{B})$$

- EoM in the absence of  $\mathbf{E}$ :

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{p} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}$$



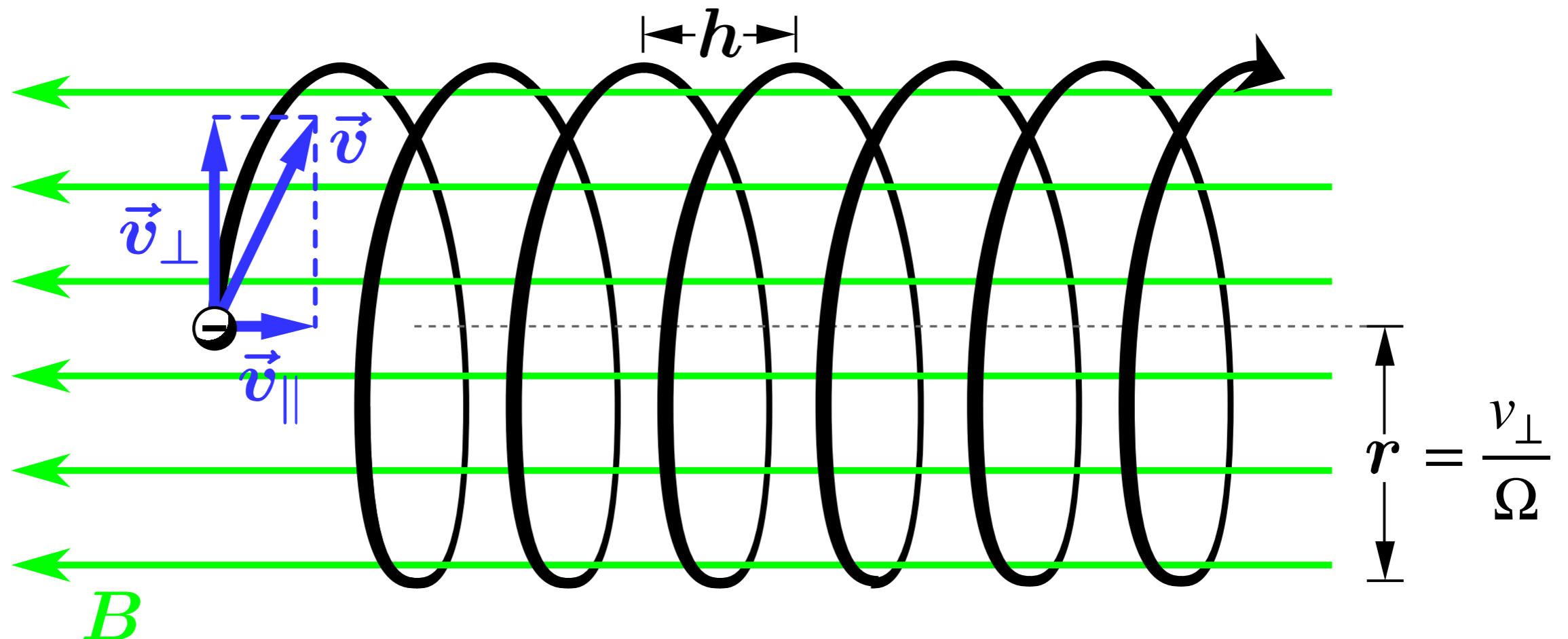
Larmor frequency:  $\boldsymbol{\Omega} \equiv \frac{q}{\gamma m} \mathbf{B}$

rigidity:  $\mathcal{R} = \frac{|\mathbf{p}|}{q}$

Larmor radius:  $r_L = \frac{\beta}{|\boldsymbol{\Omega}|} = \frac{\mathcal{R}}{|\mathbf{B}|}$

$$r_L \simeq 1.1 \text{pc} \left( \frac{1 \mu\text{G}}{B} \right) \left( \frac{\mathcal{R}}{10^{15} \text{V}} \right)$$

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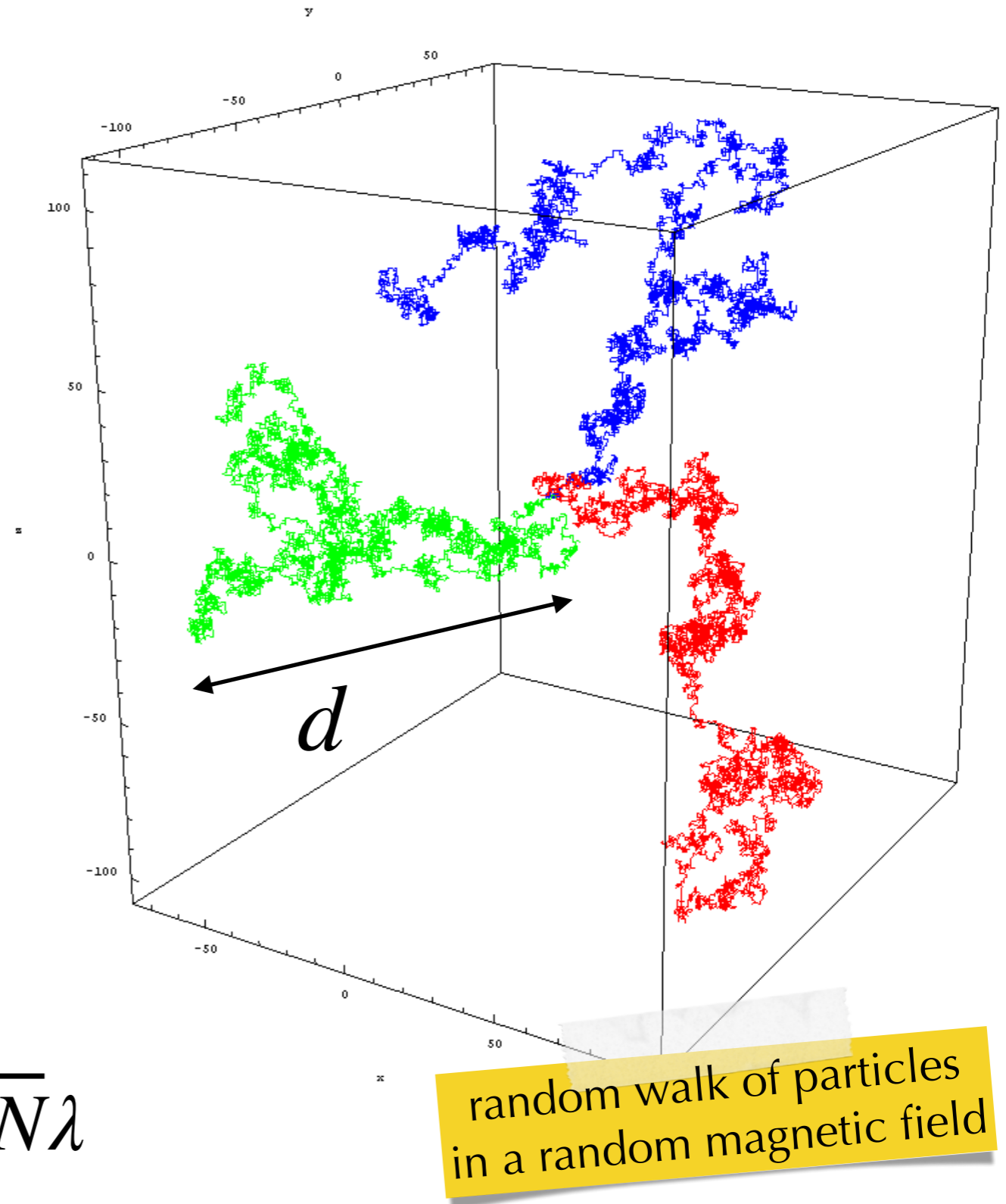
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# Cosmic Ray Diffusion

- Galactic and extragalactic magnetic fields have a random component (no preferred direction).
- Effectively, after some **characteristic distance**  $\lambda$ , a CR will be scattered into a random direction.
- Cosmic ray propagation follows a random walk.
- After  $N$  encounters the CR will have travelled an **average distance**:  $d = \sqrt{N\lambda}$



# Magnetic Turbulence

- In the following, we consider relativistic particles in magnetic fields with vanishing electric fields ( $\mathbf{E} = 0$ ) due to the high conductivity of astrophysical plasmas:

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \underbrace{B_0 \mathbf{e}_z}_{\text{ordered}} + \underbrace{\delta \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{turbulent}}$$

- We also consider only **homogenous and isotropic turbulence**.
- Turbulence can be characterized by its **two-point correlation function**:

$$\langle \delta B_i(\mathbf{r}) \delta B_j(\mathbf{r}') \rangle = C_{ij}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

- To characterize the turbulence we look into the Fourier modes:

$$\delta B_i(\mathbf{r}) = \int d^3k \delta \tilde{B}_i(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}}$$



# Magnetic Turbulence

- Real valued fields obeying  $\nabla \delta \mathbf{B} = 0$  require:

$$\delta \tilde{B}_j^*(\mathbf{k}) = \delta \tilde{B}_j(-\mathbf{k}) \quad \& \quad \mathbf{k} \delta \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{k}) = 0$$

- The two-point correlation function can be expressed in Fourier space:

$$\langle \delta \tilde{B}_i(\mathbf{k}) \delta \tilde{B}_i^*(\mathbf{k}') \rangle = \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \left( \delta_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{k^2} \right) \frac{\mathcal{P}(k)}{4\pi k^2}$$

- The **power spectrum**  $\mathcal{P}(k)$  is normalized to the energy density of the turbulence:

$$U_{\delta B} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \delta \mathbf{B}^2 \rangle = \int dk \mathcal{P}(k)$$

- For instance, in **Kolmogorov turbulence**:

$$\mathcal{P}(k) \propto k^{-5/3} \quad (k_{\min} < k < k_{\max})$$

# Phase-Space Density

- We will work in the following with the CR **phase-space density** (PSD):

$$f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) \equiv \frac{dN}{d^3r d^3p}$$

- for cosmic rays moving into solid angle  $\Omega$  with momentum  $p = \gamma\beta m$ :

$$d^3r \times d^3p \rightarrow \beta dt dA_{\perp} \times d\Omega p^2 dp$$

- cosmic ray **intensity** ("spectral flux"):

$$F(t, \mathbf{r}, E, \Omega) \equiv \frac{dN}{dt dA_{\perp} d\Omega dE} = \beta p^2 \frac{dp}{dE} f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = p^2 f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p})$$

- cosmic ray **spectral density**:

$$n(t, \mathbf{r}, E) \equiv \frac{dN}{d^3r dE} = \frac{1}{\beta} \int d\Omega F(t, \mathbf{r}, E, \Omega) = \frac{4\pi}{\beta} p^2 \langle f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) \rangle_{4\pi}$$

# Liouville's Theorem

- Let's assume that CRs propagate in static magnetic fields without dissipation or sources.

- Number of CRs per PS volume is constant:  $\dot{f}(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = 0$

- Equivalent to **Liouville's equation**:  $\partial_t f + \dot{\mathbf{r}} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f + \dot{\mathbf{p}} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} f = 0$

- **Lorentz force** in magnetic field:

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{p} \times (\underbrace{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_{\text{background field}} + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{\text{turbulence}}) \quad \text{with} \quad \boldsymbol{\Omega} \equiv e\mathbf{B}/p_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{\omega} \equiv e\delta\mathbf{B}/p_0$$

- **Vlasov equation**:  $\partial_t f + \beta \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f + [\mathbf{p} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} + \boldsymbol{\omega})] \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} f = 0$

# Vlasov Equation

- We can express the Vlasov equation in the form ( $\mathbf{L} \equiv i\mathbf{p} \times \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}$ ):

$$\partial_t f + \beta \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f - i [\boldsymbol{\Omega} + \boldsymbol{\omega}] \mathbf{L} f = 0 \quad (\text{A})$$

- We now look at the **ensemble-average PSD**:  $\langle f \rangle$
- Expanding  $f = \langle f \rangle + \delta f$  and averaging (A) over magnetic ensemble:

$$\partial_t \langle f \rangle + \beta \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \langle f \rangle - i\boldsymbol{\Omega} \mathbf{L} \langle f \rangle = \underbrace{i\langle \boldsymbol{\omega} \mathbf{L} \delta f \rangle}_{\text{collision term}} \equiv \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_c \quad (\text{B})$$

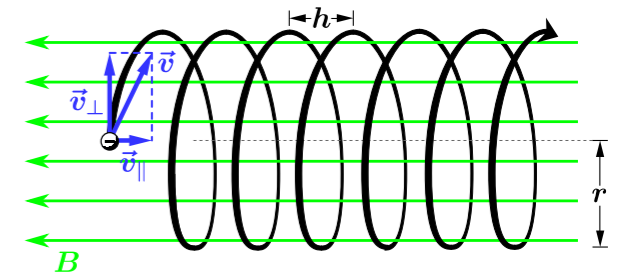
- The evolution of  $\delta f$  follows from the difference **(A)** - **(B)**:

$$\partial_t \delta f + \beta \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \delta f - i\boldsymbol{\Omega} \mathbf{L} \delta f = i\boldsymbol{\omega} \mathbf{L} \langle f \rangle - \underbrace{[i\langle \boldsymbol{\omega} \mathbf{L} \delta f \rangle - i\boldsymbol{\omega} \mathbf{L} \delta f]}_{\simeq 0}$$

# Collision Term

- We can solve along **unperturbed particle paths**  $\mathcal{P}_0$ :

$$\delta f(t, \mathbf{r}_0(t), \mathbf{p}'_0(t)) \simeq - \int_{-\infty}^t dt' [i\omega \mathbf{L} \langle f \rangle]_{\mathcal{P}_0(t')}$$



- This allows to derive a formal solution to the collision term:

$$\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_c \simeq \left\langle \omega \mathbf{L} \int_{-\infty}^t dt' [\omega \mathbf{L} \langle f \rangle]_{\mathcal{P}(t')} \right\rangle$$

- The collision term on the R.H.S. depends on the form of the magnetic turbulence and can, in general, not be solved analytically.
- In **BGK approximation** we can simplify it as: [Bhatnagar, Gross & Krook'54]

$$\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_c \rightarrow -\nu \left[ \langle f \rangle - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d\Omega \langle f \rangle \right]$$

# Diffusion Approximation

- We will work with the **BGK approximation** in the following.
- Consider the **monopole** and **dipole** contribution of the ensemble averaged PSD:

$$\phi(t, \mathbf{r}, p) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d\Omega \langle f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}(\Omega)) \rangle \quad \& \quad \Phi(t, \mathbf{r}, p) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d\Omega \hat{\mathbf{p}}(\Omega) \langle f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}(\Omega)) \rangle$$

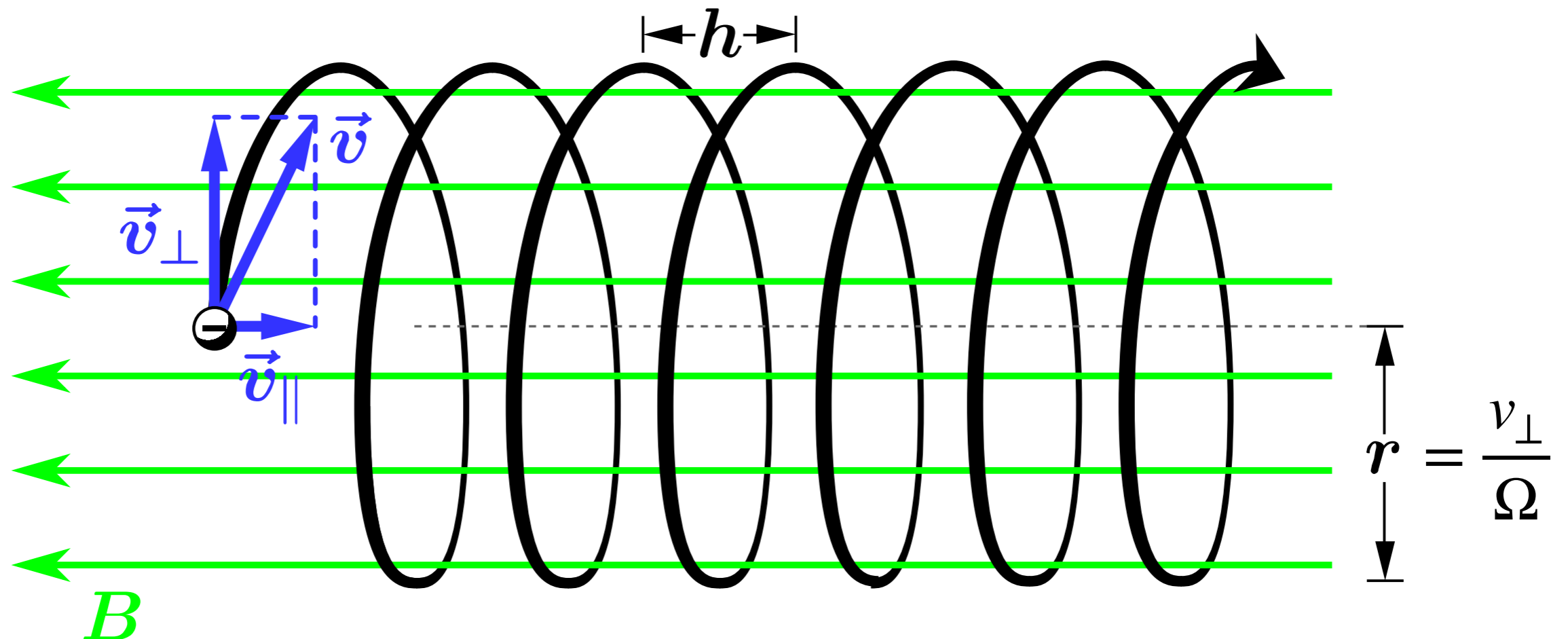
- Ignoring higher harmonics we can re-write the Vlasov equation as:

$$\partial_t \phi + \beta \nabla \Phi = 0 \quad \& \quad \partial_t \Phi + \frac{\beta}{3} \nabla \phi + \Omega \times \Phi = -\nu \Phi$$

- Assuming that  $\partial_t |\Phi| \ll \partial_t \phi$  we arrive at the **diffusion equation**:

$$\partial_t \phi - \partial_i \left( K_{ij} \partial_j \phi \right) = 0 \quad \mathbf{K} = \frac{\beta^2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\perp}^{-1} & \nu_A^{-1} & 0 \\ -\nu_A^{-1} & \nu_{\perp}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \nu_{\parallel}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} \nu_{\parallel} &= \nu \\ \nu_{\perp} &= \nu + \Omega^2 / \nu \\ \nu_A &= \Omega + \nu^2 / \Omega \end{aligned}$$

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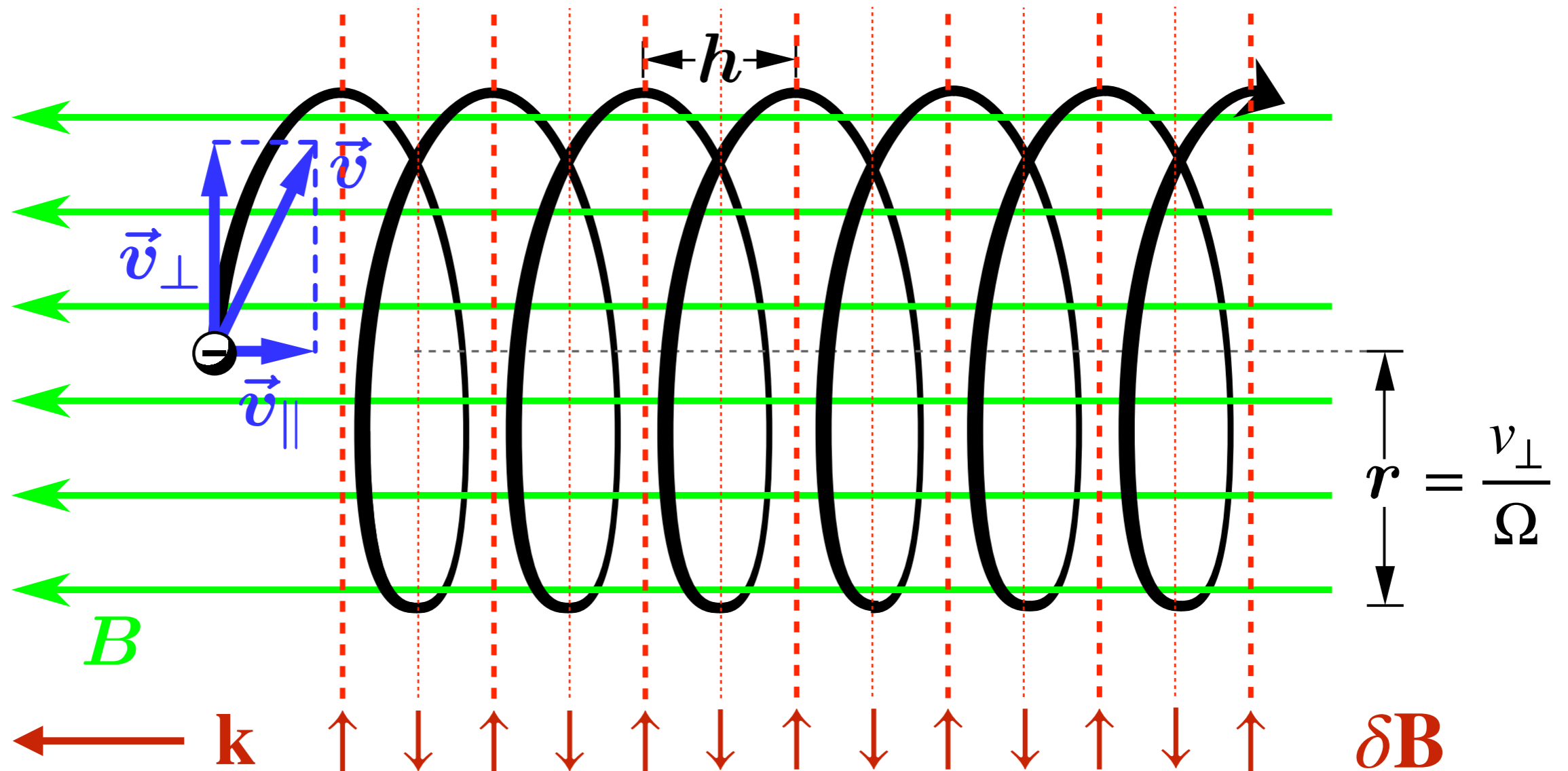


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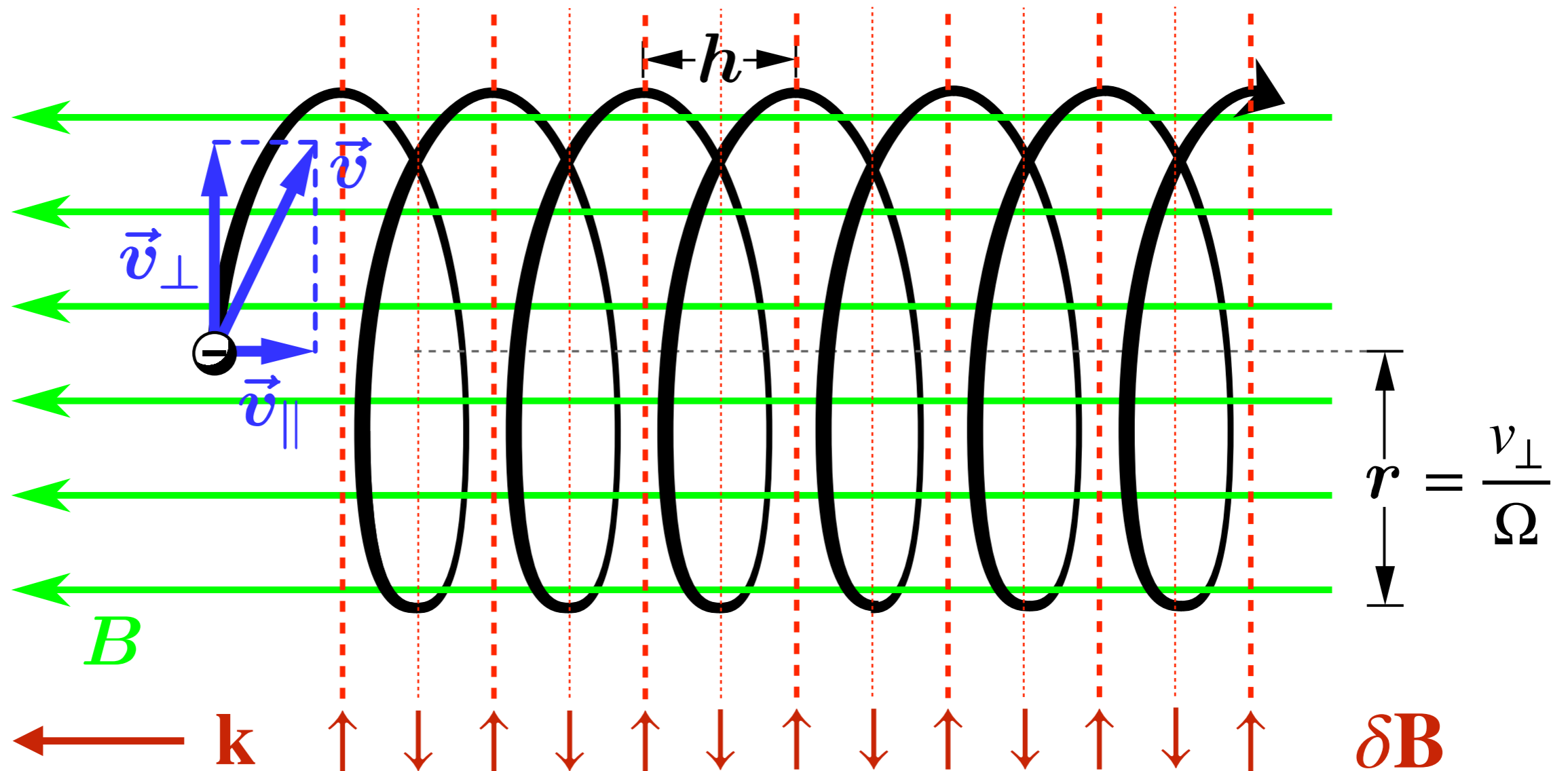


Consider now a **magnetic perturbation** in form of a plane wave:

$$\delta \mathbf{B} = \delta B \mathbf{e}_x \cos(kz + \alpha)$$



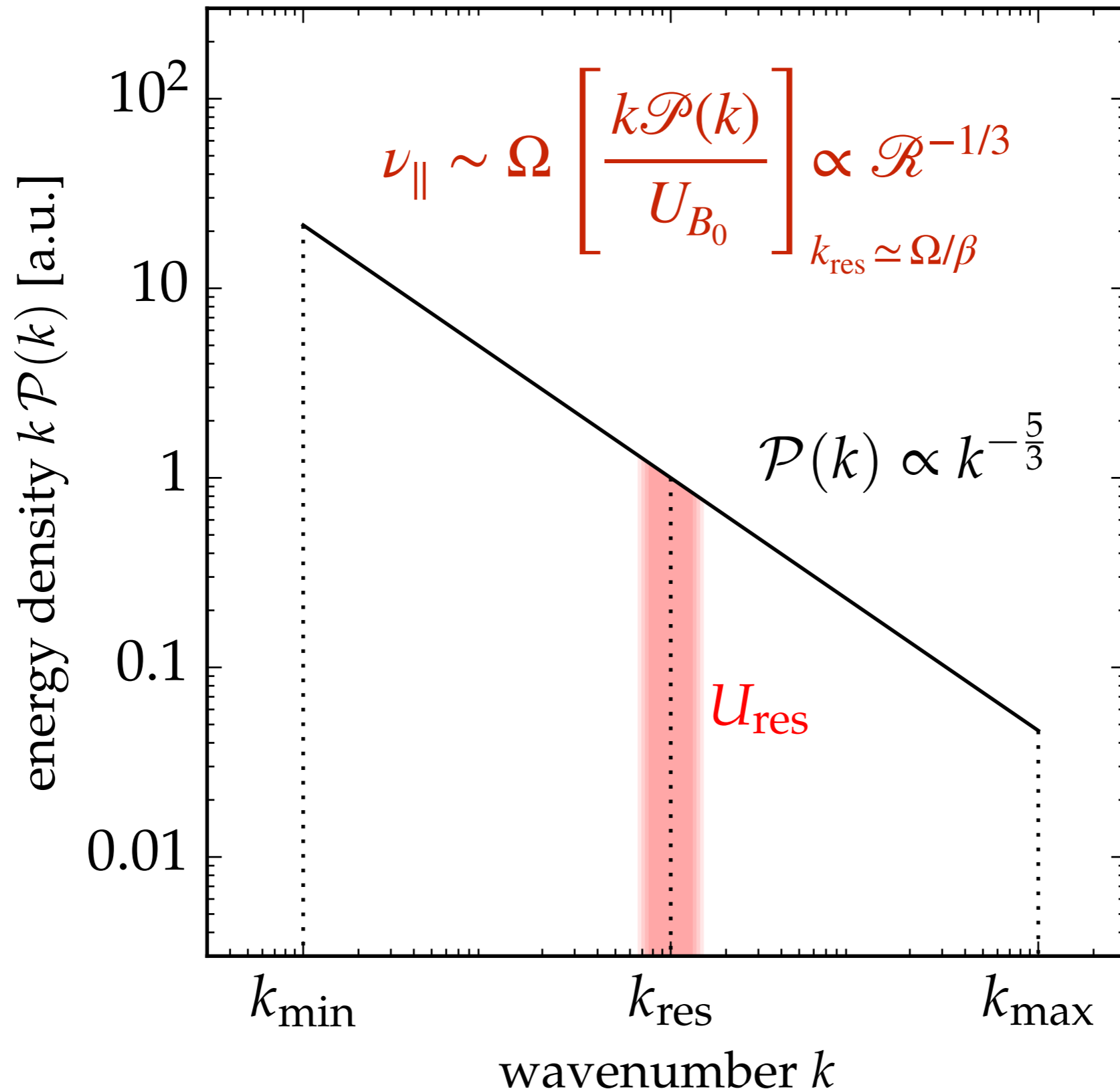
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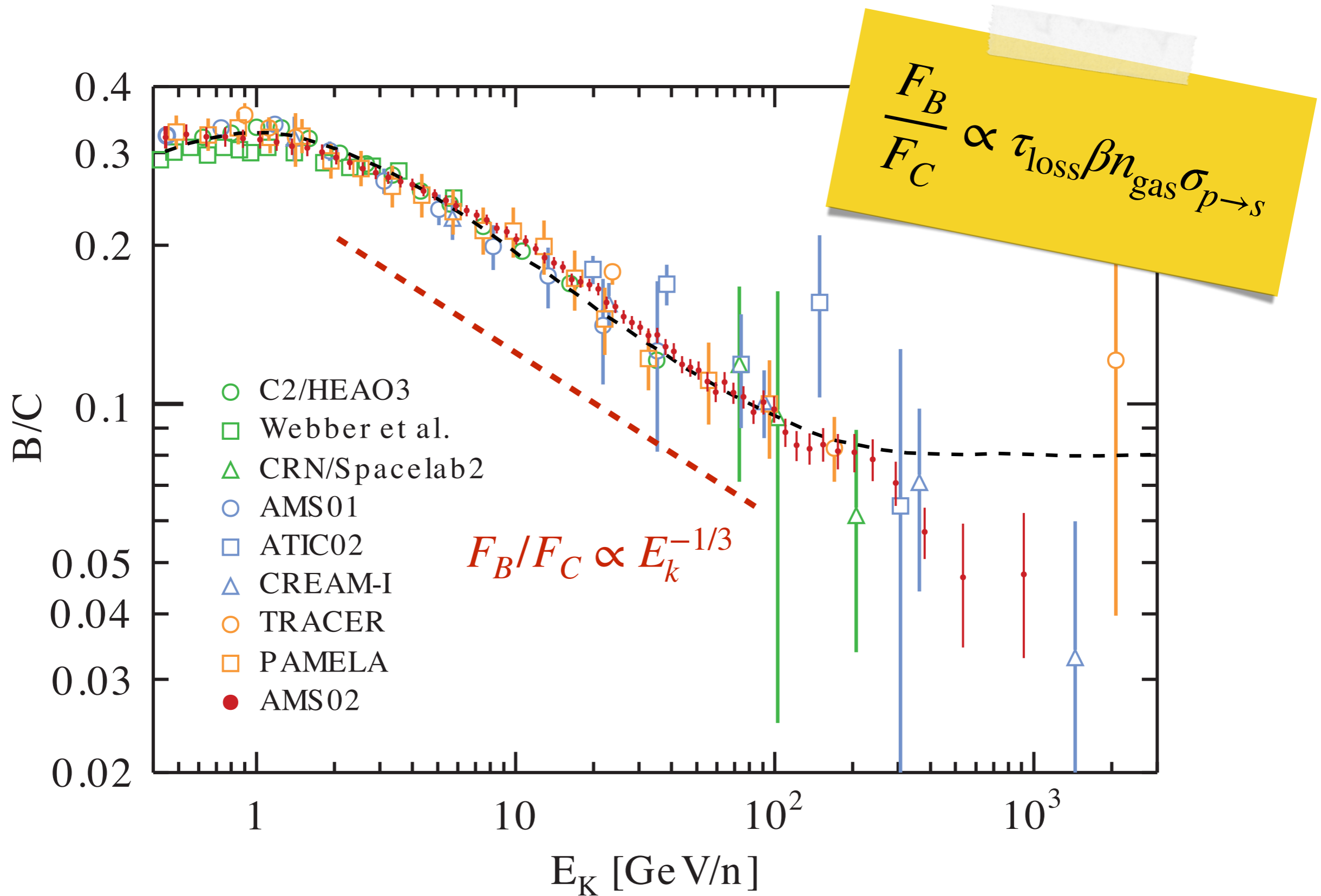
The time-averaged Lorentz force  $\delta\mathbf{F}_L = q\boldsymbol{\beta} \times \delta\mathbf{B}$  along the path has the strongest contribution at the **resonance**:

$$kv_\parallel = \pm \Omega$$

# Resonant Scattering



# Boron-to-Carbon Ratio



# Compton-Getting Effect

- PSD is Lorentz-invariant:

$$f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = f^*(t, \mathbf{r}^*, \mathbf{p}^*)$$

- relative motion of observer ( $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{v}/c$ ) in plasma rest frame:

$$\mathbf{p}^* = \mathbf{p} + p\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2)$$

- Taylor expansion:

$$f(\mathbf{p}) \simeq f^*(\mathbf{p}) + p\boldsymbol{\beta} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} f^*(\mathbf{p}) + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2)$$

- dipole term  $\Phi$  is not invariant:

$$\phi = \phi^* \quad \Phi = \Phi^* + \frac{1}{3}\boldsymbol{\beta} \frac{\partial \phi^*}{\partial \ln p} = \Phi^* + \underbrace{(2 + \Gamma)\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\text{Compton-Getting effect}}$$

- *What is the plasma rest-frame?* LSR or ISM :  $v \simeq 20 \text{ km/s}$

# Summary : Dipole Anisotropy

- Spherical harmonics expansion of **relative intensity**:

$$I(\Omega) = 1 + \boldsymbol{\delta} \cdot \mathbf{n}(\Omega) + \sum_{\ell \geq 2} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\Omega)$$

- **cosmic ray density**  $n_{\text{CR}} \propto E^{-\Gamma}$  and **dipole vector**  $\boldsymbol{\delta}$  from diffusion theory:

$$\underbrace{\partial_t n_{\text{CR}} \simeq \nabla(\mathbf{K} \nabla n_{\text{CR}}) + Q_{\text{CR}}}_{\text{diffusion equation}}$$

$$\underbrace{\boldsymbol{\delta} \simeq 3\mathbf{K} \nabla n_{\text{CR}} / n_{\text{CR}}}_{\text{Fick's law}}$$

- **diffusion tensor**  $\mathbf{K}$  in general anisotropic along background field  $\mathbf{B}$ :

$$K_{ij} = \kappa_{\parallel} \hat{B}_i \hat{B}_j + \kappa_{\perp} (\delta_{ij} - \hat{B}_i \hat{B}_j) + \kappa_A \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{B}_k$$

- relative motion of the observer in the plasma rest frame ( $\star$ ):

[Compton & Getting '35]

$$\boldsymbol{\delta} \simeq \boldsymbol{\delta}^{\star} + (2 + \Gamma)\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

# TeV-PeV Dipole Anisotropy

- **CG-corrected** dipole:

$$\delta^* \simeq \delta - (2 + \Gamma)\beta = 3\mathbf{K} \nabla n_{\text{CR}} / n_{\text{CR}}$$

- **projection** onto equatorial plane:

$$\delta^* \rightarrow (\delta_{0h}^*, \delta_{6h}^*, 0)$$

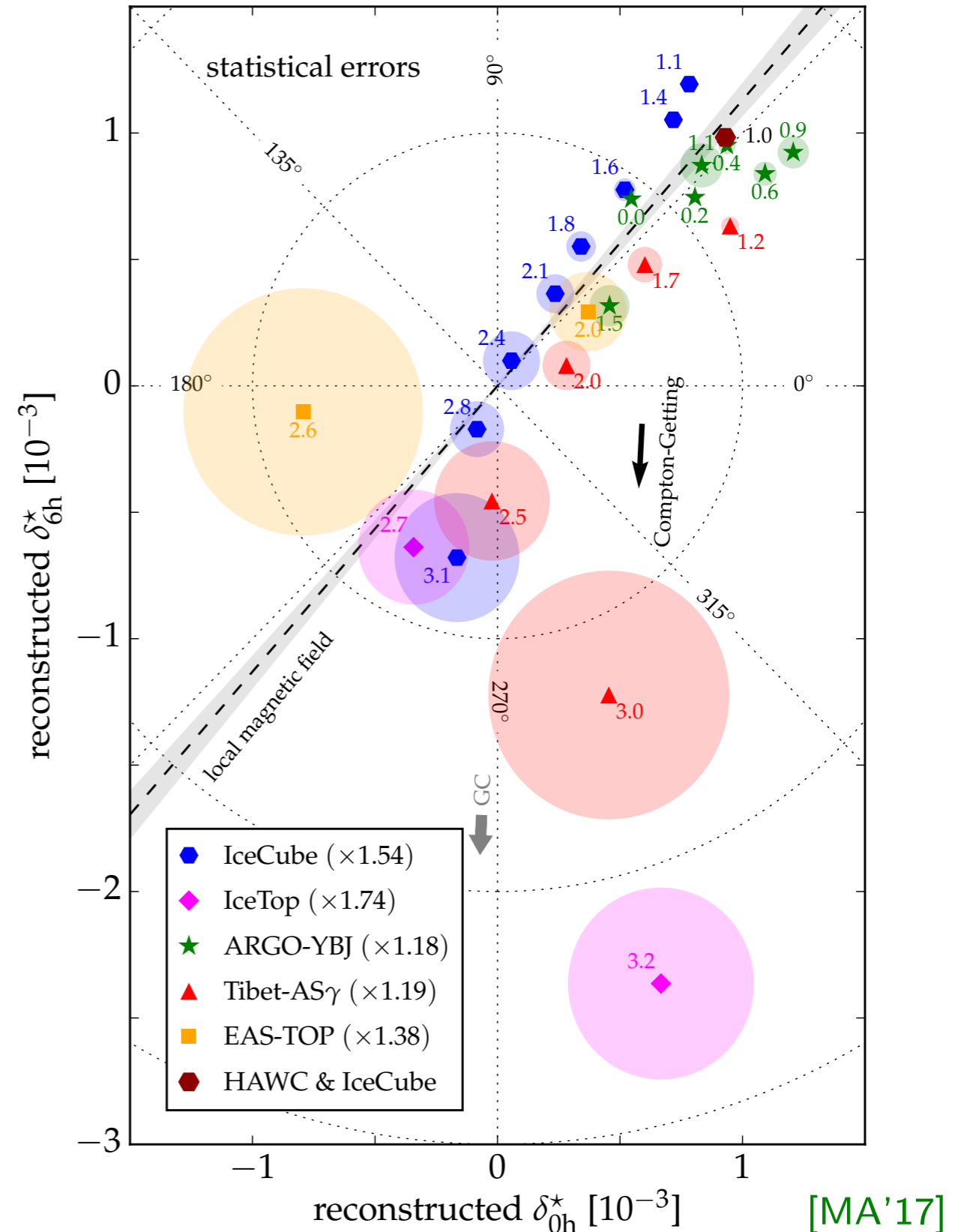
- **projection** along strong regular magnetic fields:

[Mertsch & Funk'14; Schwadron *et al.*'14]

$$K_{ij} \simeq \kappa_{\parallel} \hat{B}_i \hat{B}_j$$

- TeV-PeV dipole data consistent with magnetic field direction inferred from IBEX data.

[McComas *et al.*'09]



# Local Magnetic Field

- **IBEX ribbon:** enhanced emission of energetic neutral atoms (ENAs) observed with the **I**nterstellar **B**oundary **E**Xplorer [McComas *et al.*'09]

- interpreted as local magnetic field ( $\lesssim 0.1$  pc) draping the heliopause

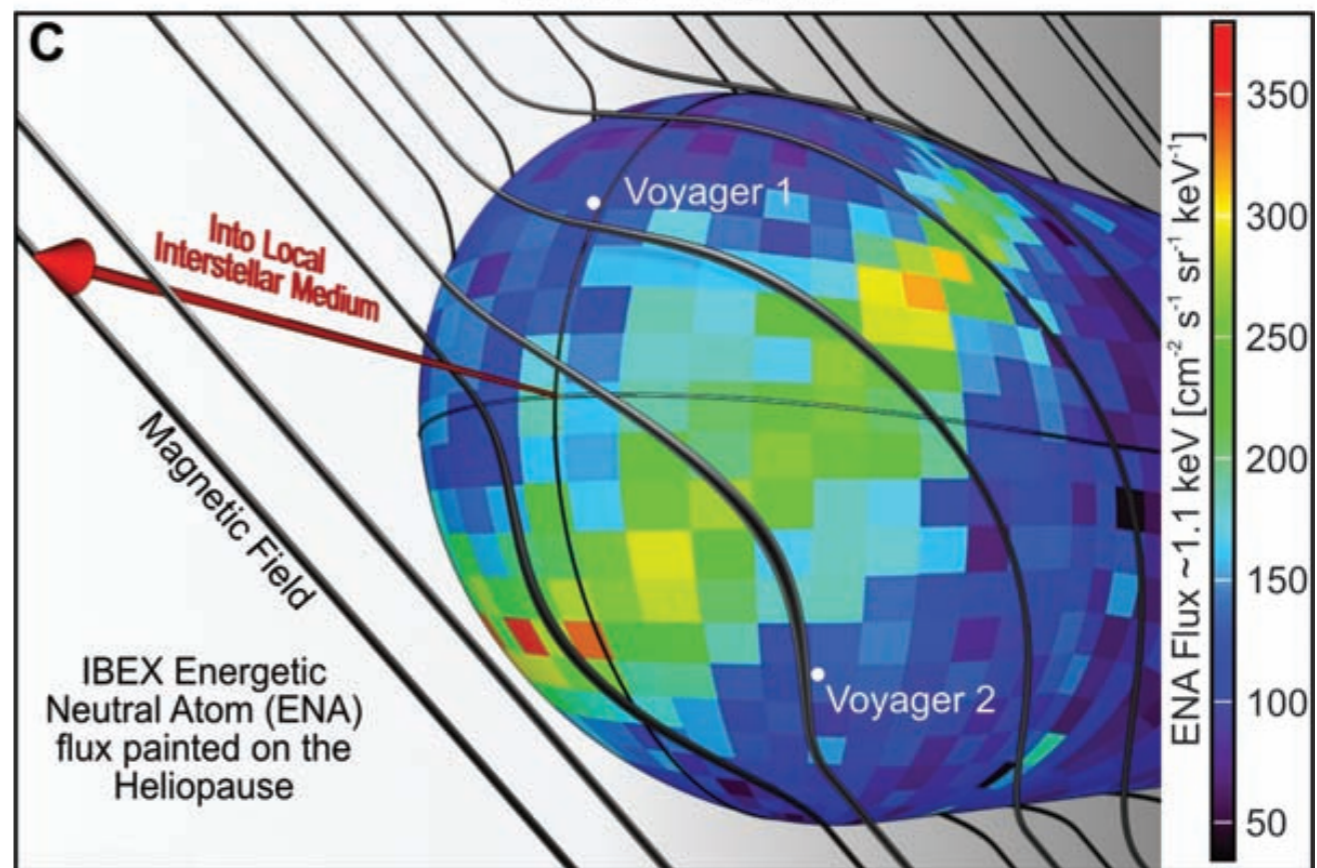
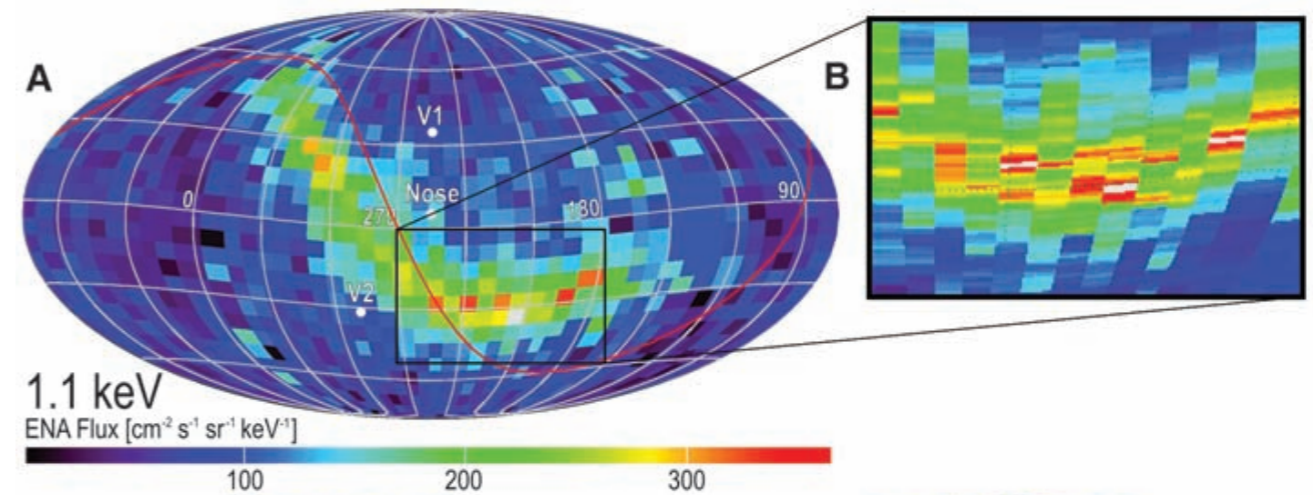
- ribbon center defines field orientation (Galactic coordinates): [Funsten *et al.*'13]

$$l \simeq 210.5^\circ \quad \& \quad b \simeq -57.1^\circ$$

- consistent with field inferred from polarization of starlight by interstellar dust ( $\lesssim 40$  pc):

[Frisch *et al.*'15]

$$l \simeq 216.2^\circ \quad \& \quad b \simeq -49.0^\circ$$



[McComas *et al.*'09]

# Known Local SNRs

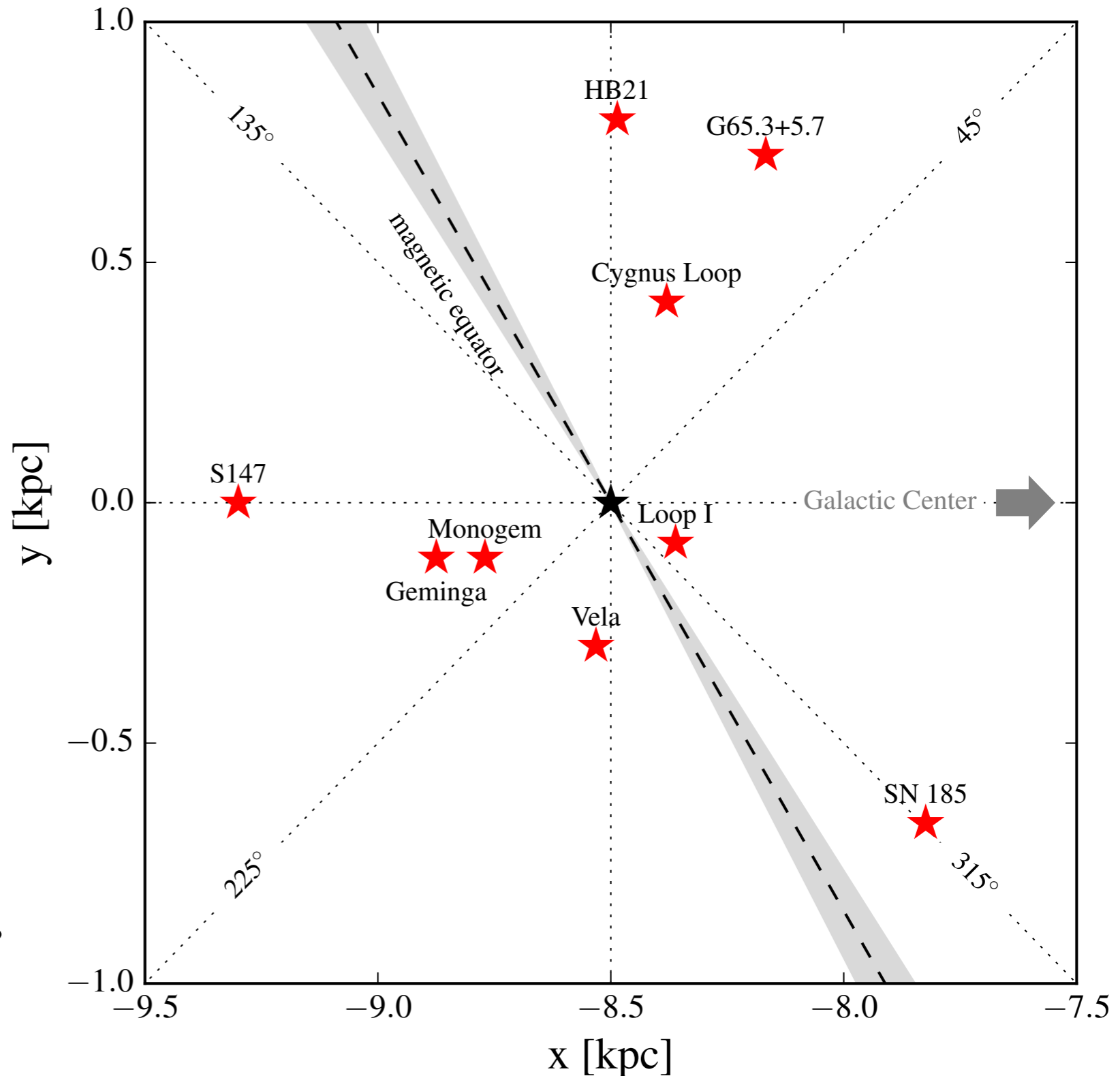
- projection along magnetic field leaves two possible dipole directions:

$$\delta \propto \pm \hat{\mathbf{B}}_0$$

- **Intersection of magnetic equator with Galactic Plane** defines two regions where CR sources contribute to the dipole with opposite phases:

$$120^\circ \leq l \leq 300^\circ \rightarrow \alpha_1 \simeq 49^\circ$$

$$-60^\circ \leq l \leq 120^\circ \rightarrow \alpha_1 \simeq 229^\circ$$





# Phase-Flip by Vela SNR?

- Observed 1-100 TeV phase indicates **dominance of a local source** with:

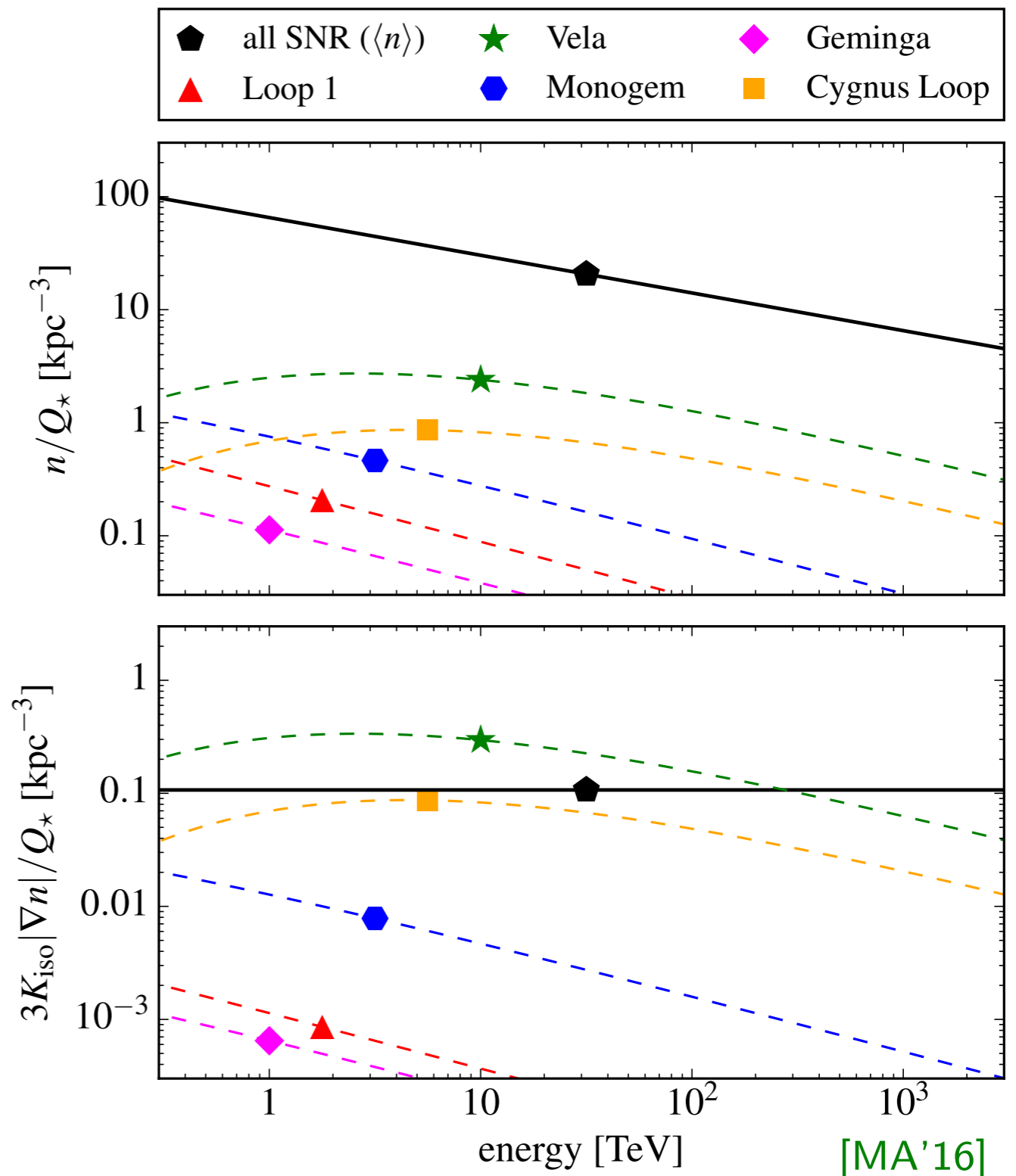
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- **plausible scenario: Vela SNR**

- age:  $\simeq 11,000$  yrs
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- SNR rate:  $\simeq 1/30 \text{ yr}^{-1}$
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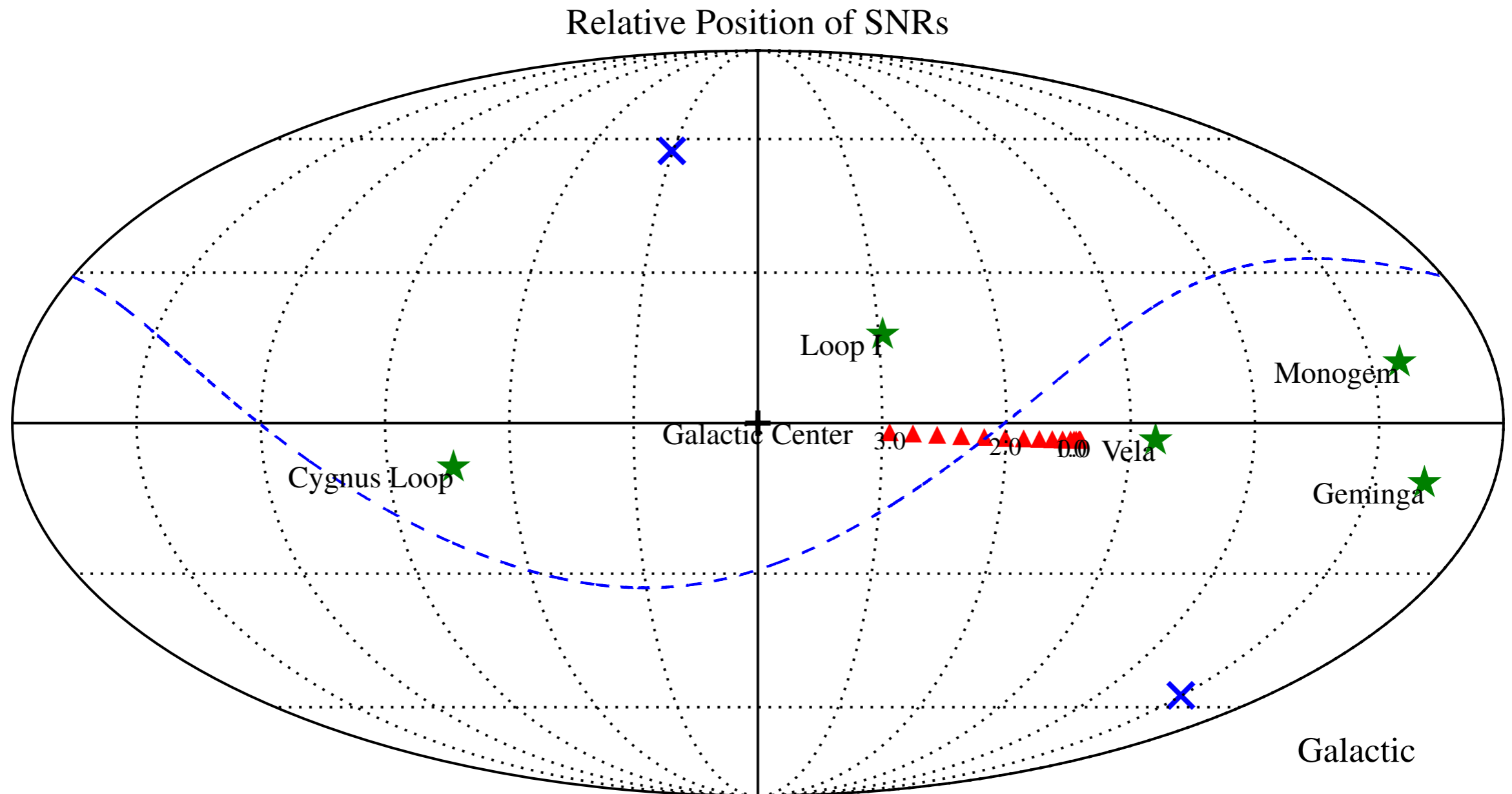
$$K_{\text{iso}} \simeq 3 \times 10^{28} E_{\text{GeV}}^{1/3} \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$$

- Galactic halo width:  $\simeq 3$  kpc
- instantaneous CR emission  $Q_\star$



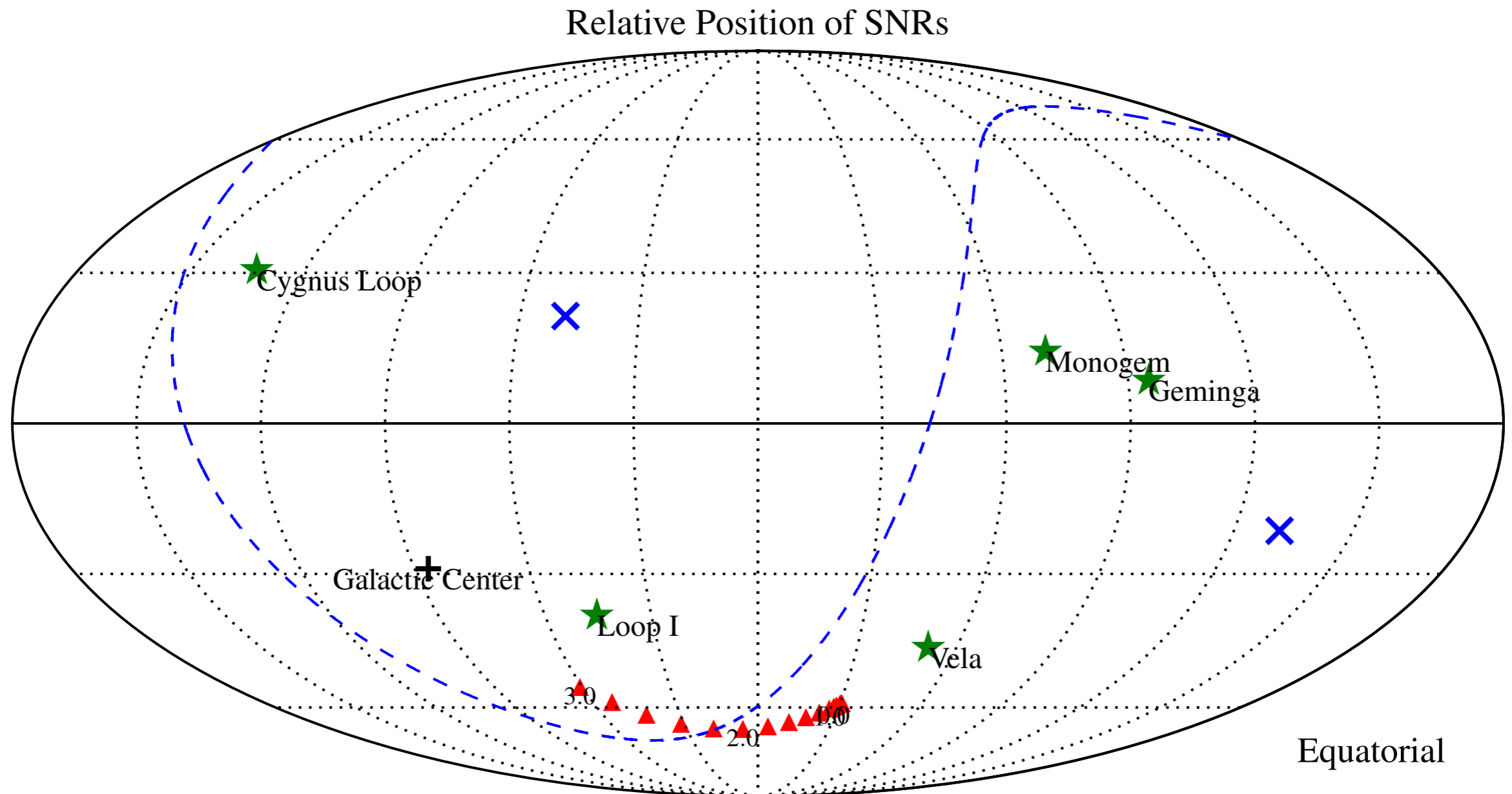
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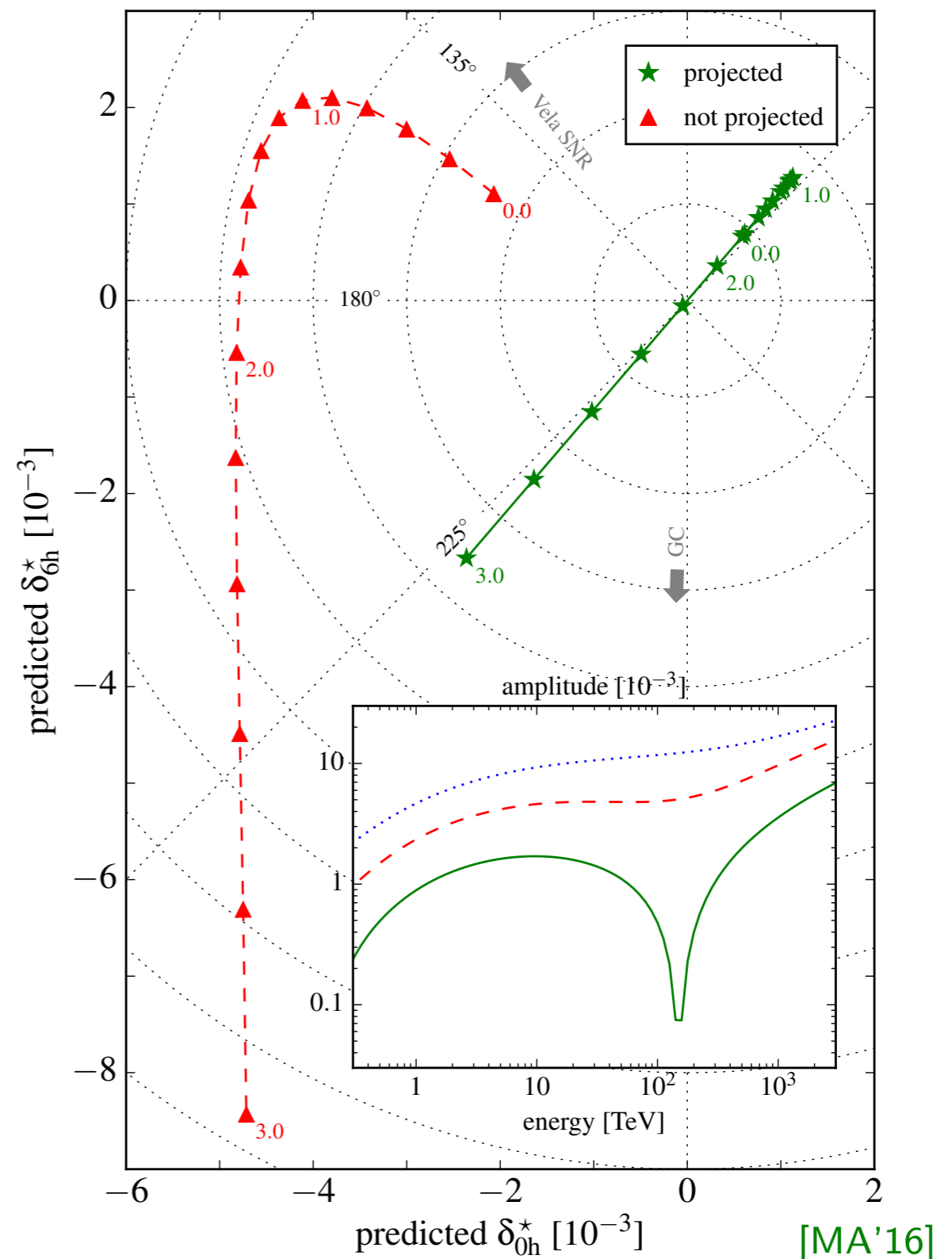
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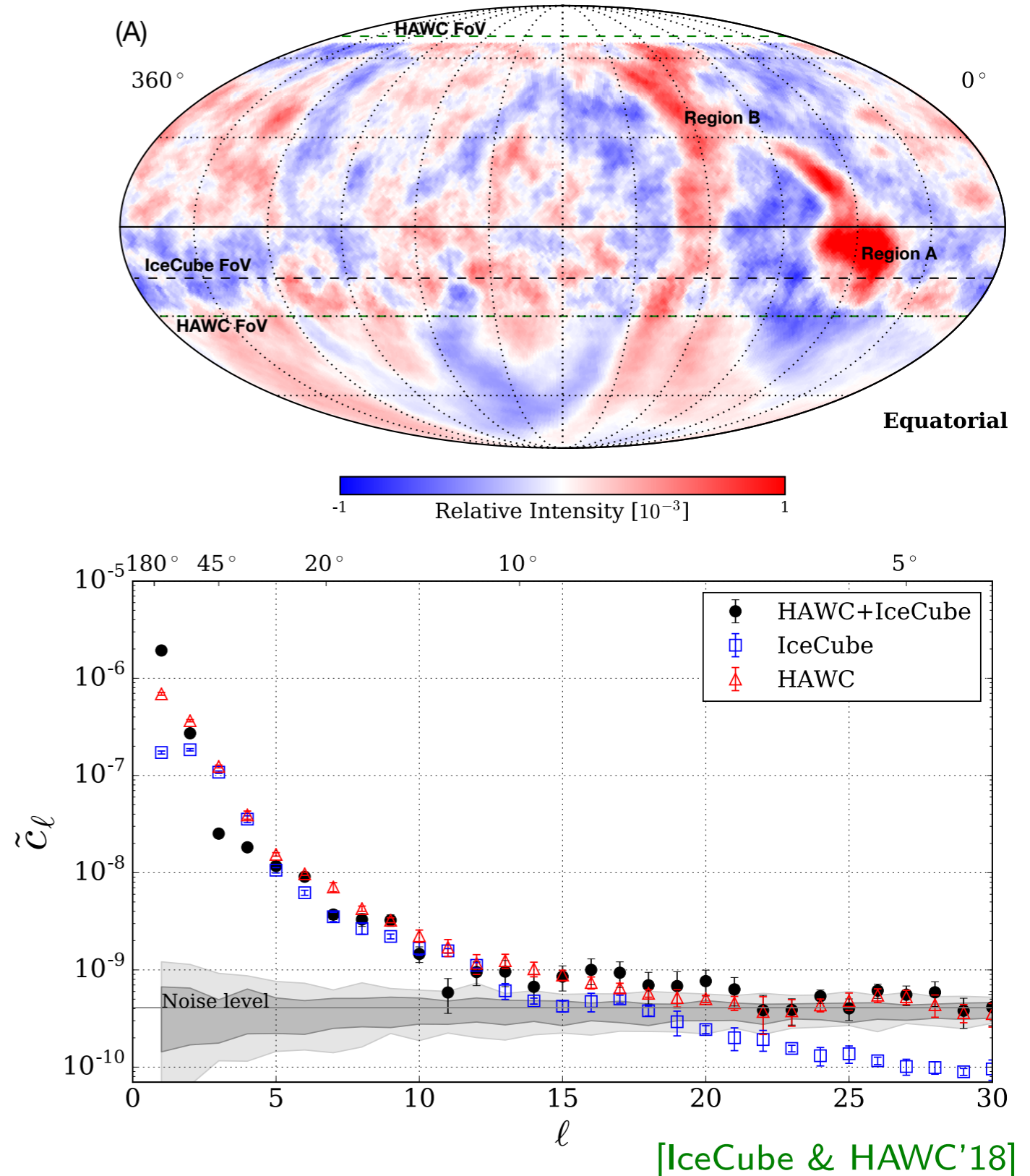


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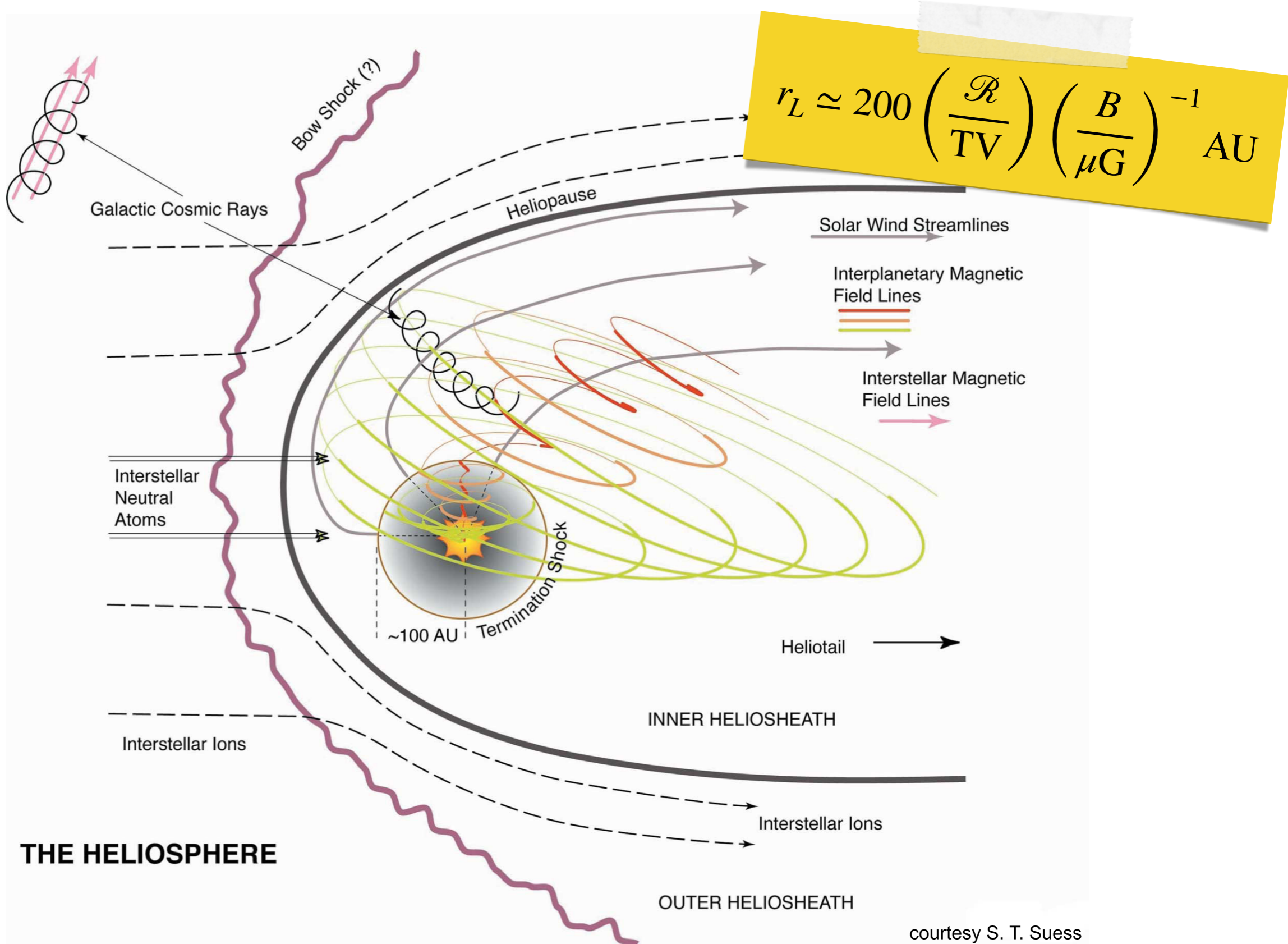
# Small-Scale Anisotropy

- Significant TeV small-scale anisotropies down to angular scales of  $\mathcal{O}(10^\circ)$ .
- Strong local excess (*region A*) observed by Northern observatories.
  - [Tibet-AS $\gamma$ '06; Milagro'08]
  - [ARGO-YBJ'13; HAWC'14]
- Angular power spectra of IceCube and HAWC data show excess compared to isotropic arrival directions. [IC'11; HAWC'14]

$$C_\ell = \frac{1}{2\ell + 1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} |a_{\ell m}|^2$$



# Influence of Heliosphere?



# Angular Power Spectrum

- Every smooth function  $g(\theta, \varphi)$  on a sphere can be decomposed in terms of spherical harmonics  $Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi)$ :

$$g(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi) \quad \leftrightarrow \quad a_{\ell m} = \int d \cos \theta \int d\varphi Y_{\ell m}^*(\theta, \varphi) g(\theta, \varphi)$$

- **angular power spectrum:**

$$C_{\ell} = \frac{1}{2\ell + 1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} |a_{\ell m}|^2$$

- related to the two-point **auto-correlation function:**

$$\xi(\eta) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int d\Omega_1 \int d\Omega_2 \delta(\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 - \cos \eta) g(\Omega_1) g(\Omega_2) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) C_{\ell} P_{\ell}(\cos \eta)$$

- Note that power  $C_{\ell}$  is invariant under rotations (assuming  $4\pi$  coverage).

# Non-Uniform Pitch-Angle Diffusion

- stationary pitch-angle diffusion:

$$v\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \langle f \rangle = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left( D_{\mu\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \langle f \rangle \right)$$

- non-uniform diffusion:**

$$\frac{D_{\mu\mu}}{1 - \mu^2} \neq \text{const}$$

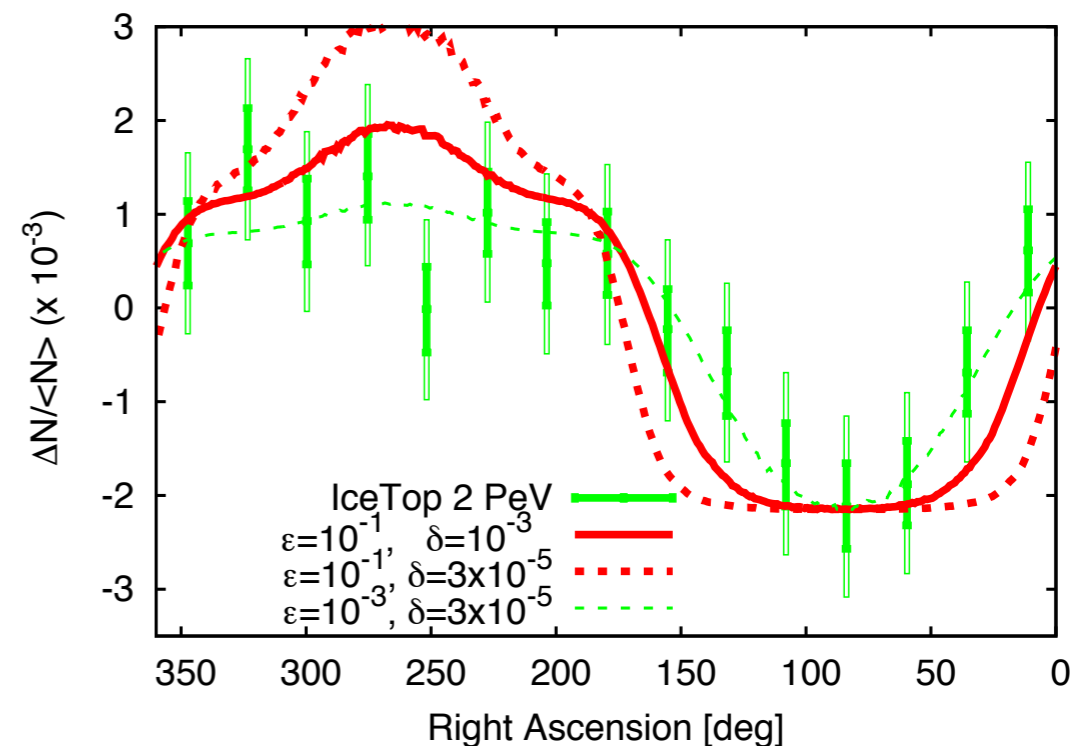
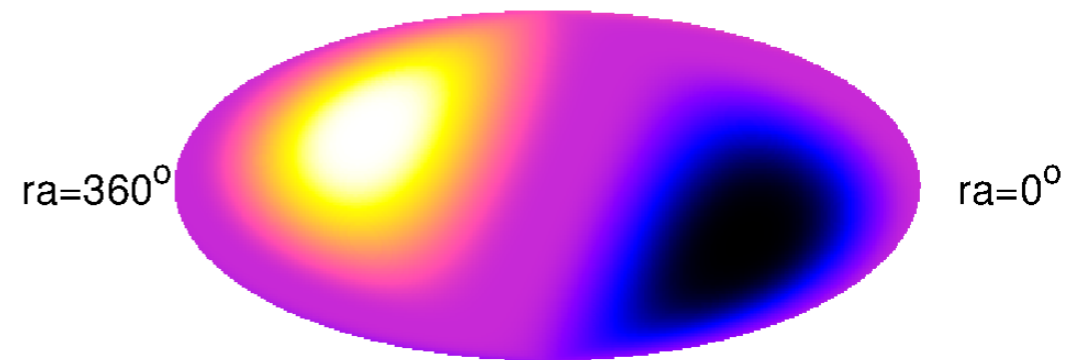
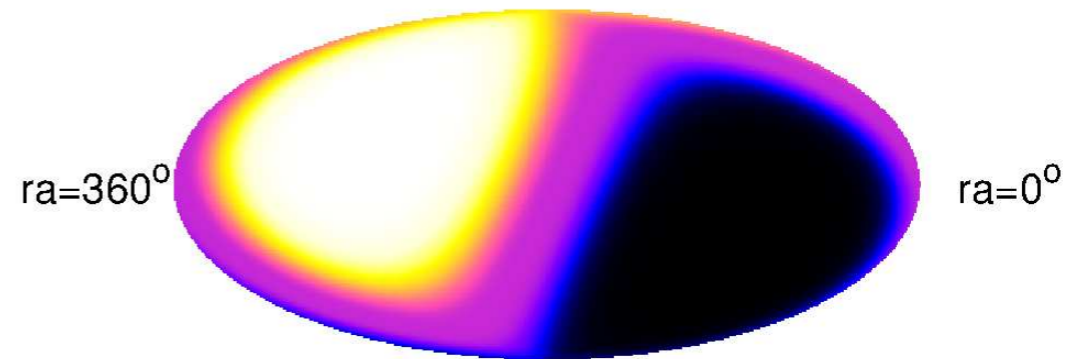
- non-uniform pitch-angle diffusion modifies the large-scale anisotropy aligned with background field

- small-scale** excess/deficits for enhanced diffusion towards  $\mu = \pm 1$

[Malkov *et al.*'10]

- large-scale** features for enhanced diffusion at  $\mu = 0$

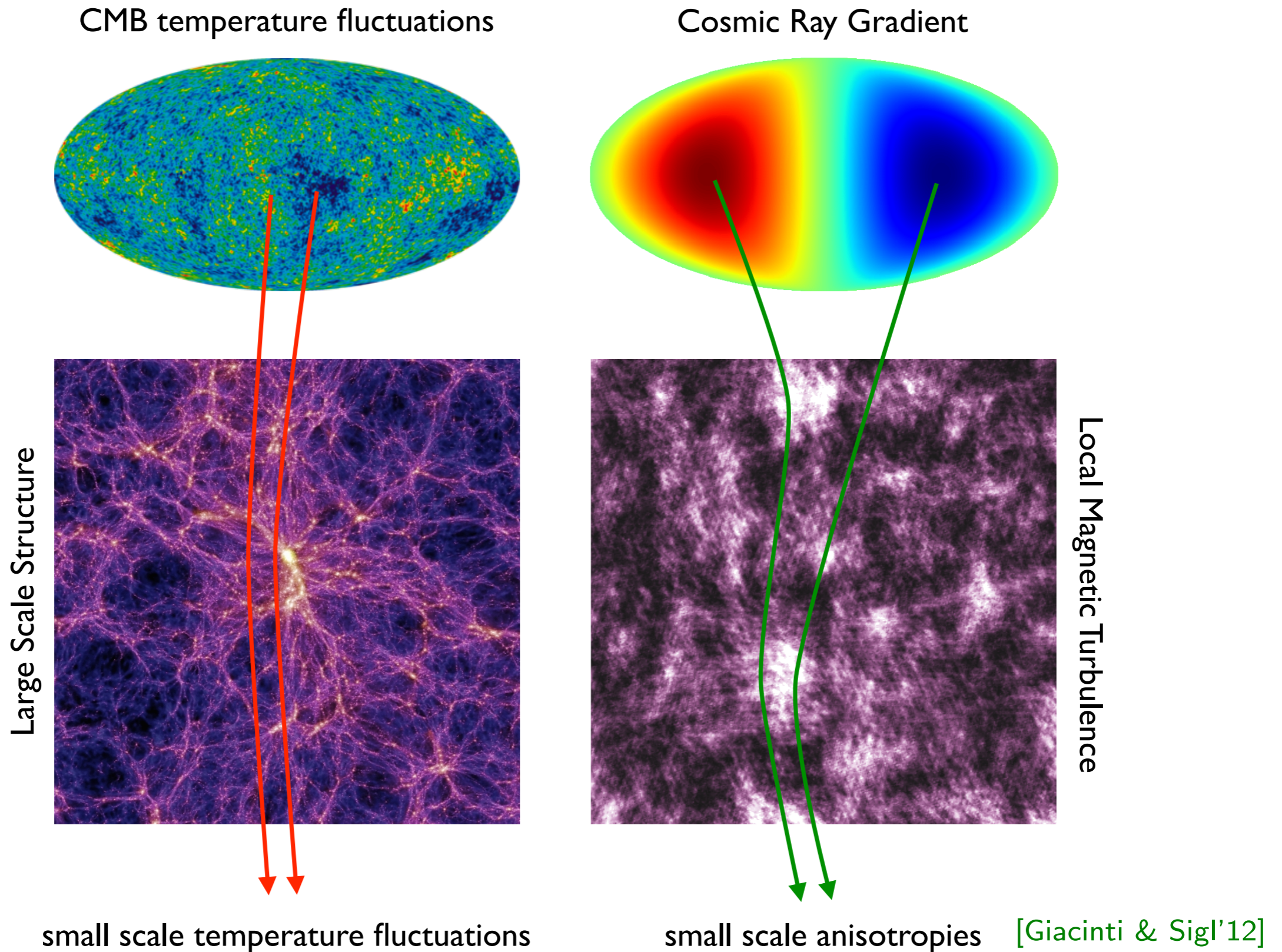
[Giacinti & Kirk'17]



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# Anisotropy from Local Turbulence



# Small-Scale Theorem

- **Assumptions:**

- absence of CR sources and sinks
- isotropic and static magnetic turbulence
- initially, homogenous phase space distribution

- **Theorem:** *The sum over the ensemble-averaged angular power spectrum is constant:*

[MA'14]

$$\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) \langle C_{\ell} \rangle \propto \langle \xi(1) \rangle \propto \text{const}$$

- **Proof:** by angular auto-correlation function.
- Wash-out of individual moments by diffusion (rate  $\nu_{\ell} \propto \mathbf{L}^2 \propto \ell(\ell + 1)$ ) has to be compensated by generation of small-scale anisotropy.
- Theorem implies small-scale angular features from large-scale average dipole anisotropy.

[Giacinti & Sigl'12; MA'14; MA & Mertsch'15,'20]

# Evolution Model

- Diffusion theory motivates that each  $\langle C_\ell \rangle$  decays exponentially with an effective relaxation rate:

$$\nu_\ell \simeq \nu \mathbf{L}^2 = \nu \ell(\ell + 1)$$

- A linear  $\langle C_\ell \rangle$  evolution equation with **partial rates**  $\nu_{\ell \rightarrow \ell'}$  requires:

$$\partial_t \langle C_\ell \rangle = -\nu_\ell \langle C_\ell \rangle + \sum_{\ell' \geq 0} \nu_{\ell' \rightarrow \ell} \frac{2\ell' + 1}{2\ell + 1} \langle C_{\ell'} \rangle \quad \text{with} \quad \nu_\ell \equiv \sum_{\ell' \geq 0} \nu_{\ell \rightarrow \ell'}$$

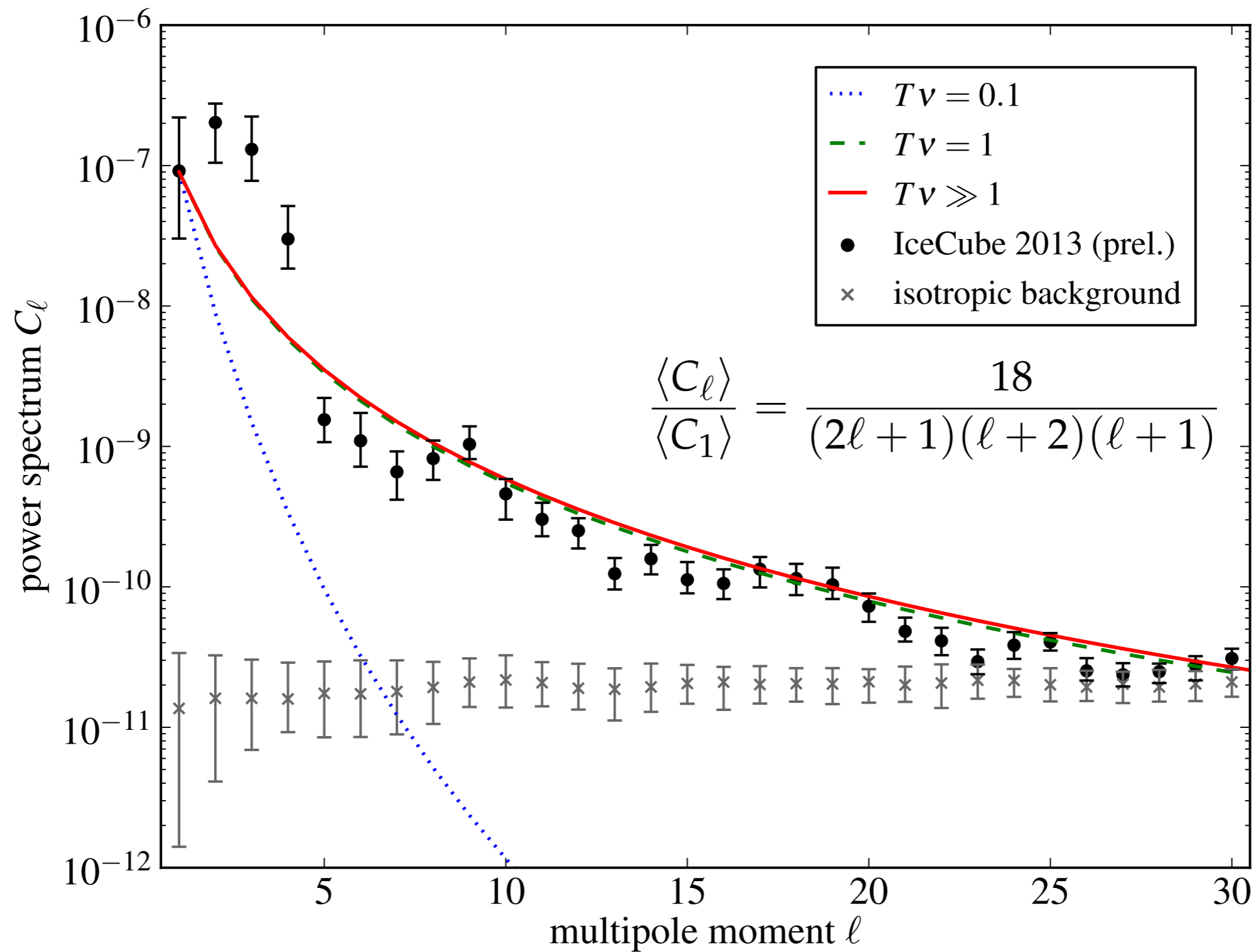
- For  $\nu_\ell \simeq \nu_{\ell \rightarrow \ell+1}$  and, initially,  $C_\ell(t = 0) = C_1 \delta_{\ell 1}$  this has an analytic solution:

$$\langle C_\ell \rangle(T) = \frac{3C_1}{2\ell + 1} \prod_{m=1}^{\ell-1} \nu_m \sum_n \prod_{p=1(\neq n)}^{\ell} \frac{e^{-T\nu_n}}{\nu_p - \nu_n}$$

- At large times we arrive at the asymptotic ratio:

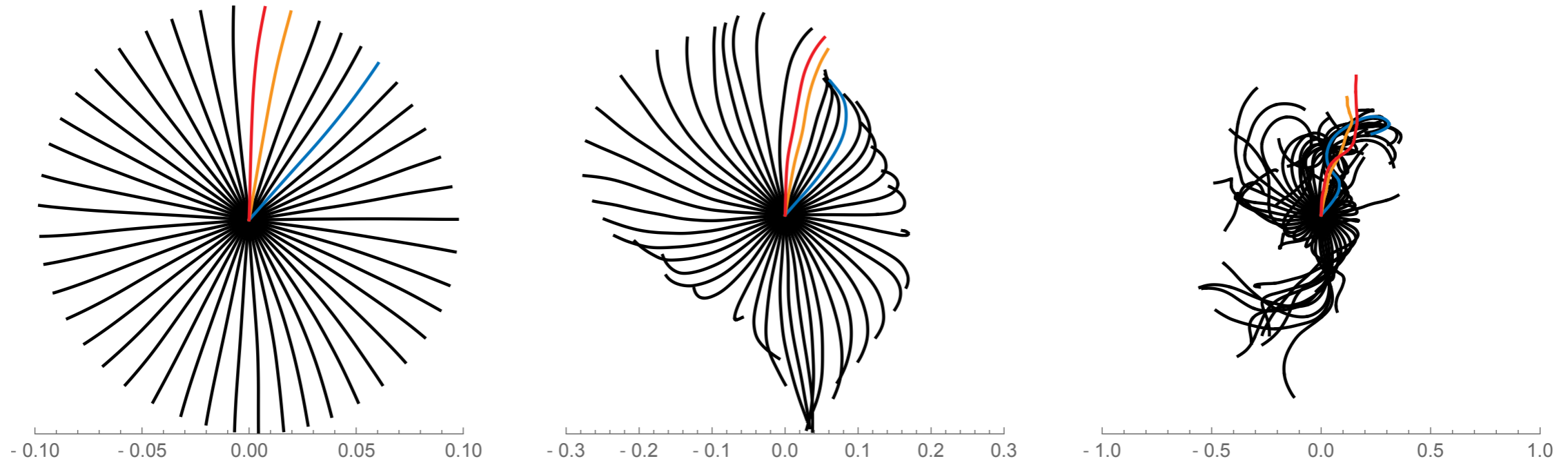
$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\langle C_\ell \rangle(T)}{\langle C_1 \rangle(T)} \simeq \frac{18}{(2\ell + 1)(\ell + 2)(\ell + 1)}$$

# Comparison with Data



[MA'14]

# Cosmic Ray Backtracking



- Consider a local (quasi-)stationary solution of the diffusion approximation:

[MA & Mertsch'15]

$$\langle f \rangle \simeq \phi + (\mathbf{r} - 3\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{K}) \nabla \phi$$

- Ensemble-averaged  $C_\ell$ 's ( $\ell \leq 1$ ) from backtracking:

$$\frac{\langle C_\ell \rangle}{4\pi} \simeq \int \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{p}}_1}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{p}}_2}{4\pi} P_\ell(\mathbf{p}_1\mathbf{p}_2) \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \langle \mathbf{r}_{1i}(-T) \mathbf{r}_{2j}(-T) \rangle \frac{\partial_{r_i} n_{\text{CR}} \partial_{r_j} n_{\text{CR}}}{n_{\text{CR}}^2}$$

# Cosmic Ray Backtracking

- simulation in isotropic & static magnetic turbulence with:

$$\overline{\delta \mathbf{B}^2} = \mathbf{B}_0^2$$

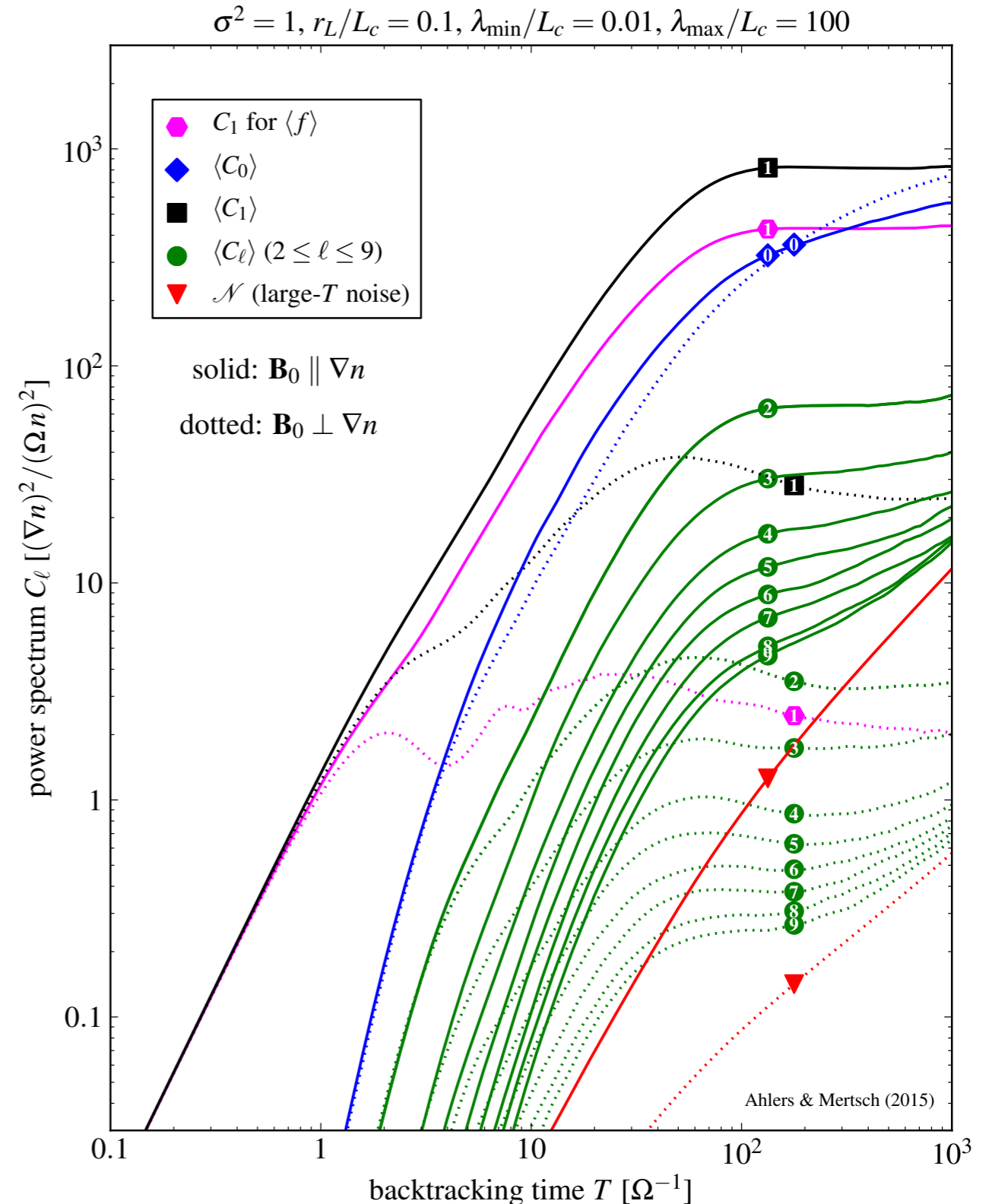
- relative orientation of CR gradient:

- *solid lines* :  $\mathbf{B}_0 \parallel \nabla n_{\text{CR}}$

- *dotted lines* :  $\mathbf{B}_0 \perp \nabla n_{\text{CR}}$

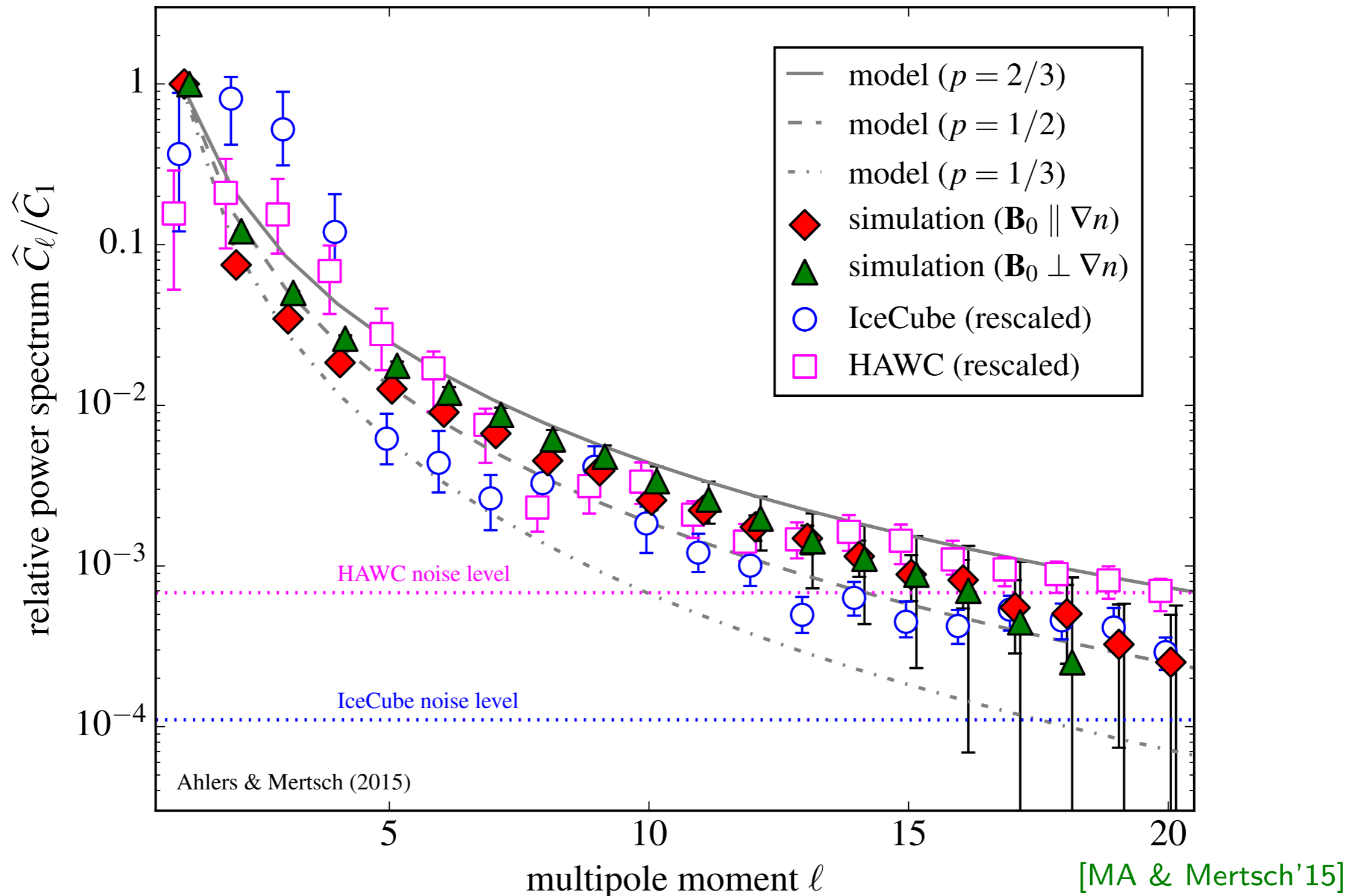
- diffusive regime at  $T\Omega \gtrsim 100$
- slightly enhanced dipole compared to standard diffusion
- asymptotically limited by simulation noise:

$$\mathcal{N} \simeq \frac{4\pi}{N_{\text{pix}}} 2TK_{ij} \frac{\partial_i n_{\text{CR}} \partial_j n_{\text{CR}}}{n_{\text{CR}}^2}$$

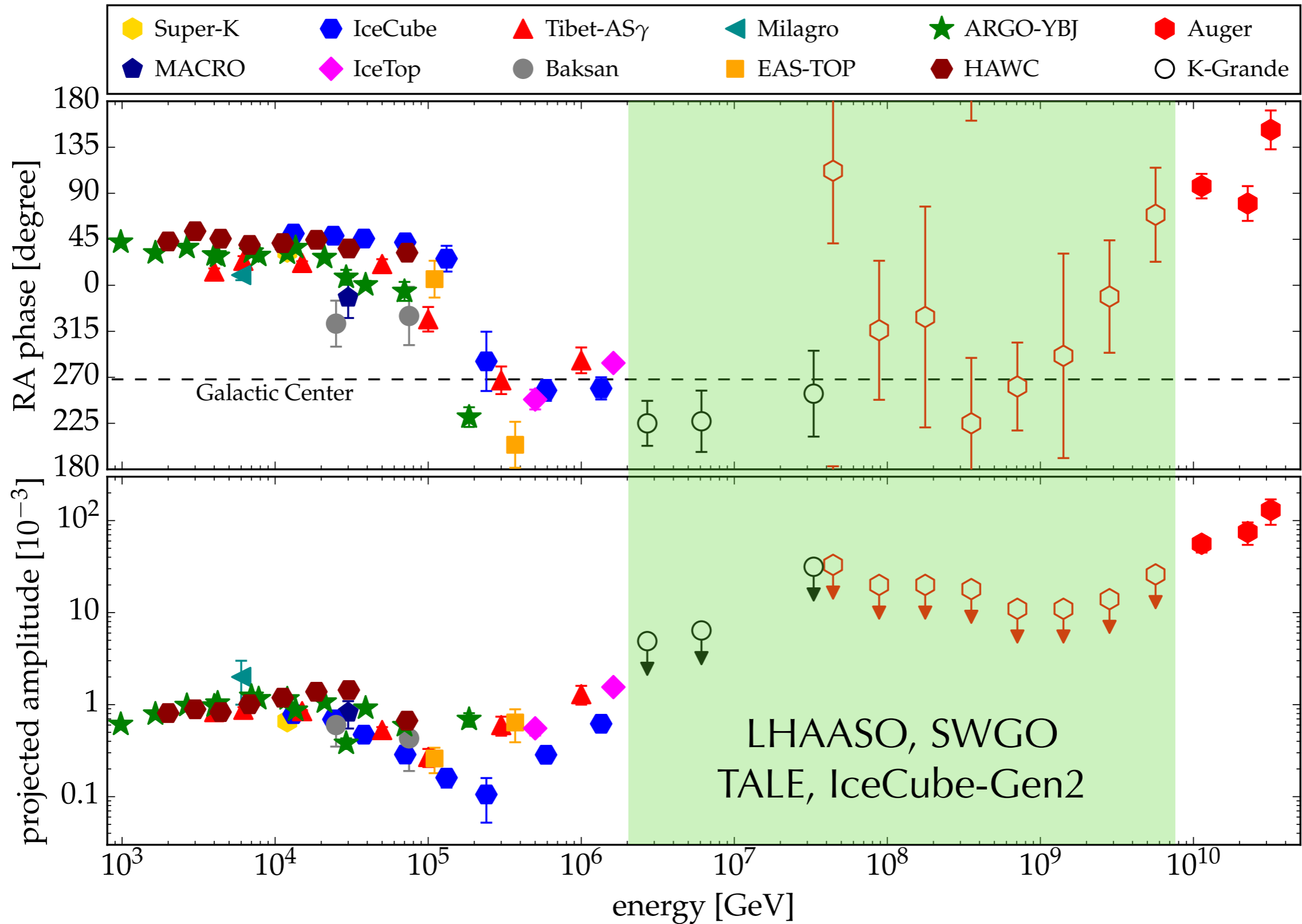


# Simulation vs. Data

$$\sigma^2 = 1, r_L/L_c = 0.1, \lambda_{\min}/L_c = 0.01, \lambda_{\max}/L_c = 100, \Omega T = 100$$



# "Via Lactea Incognita"

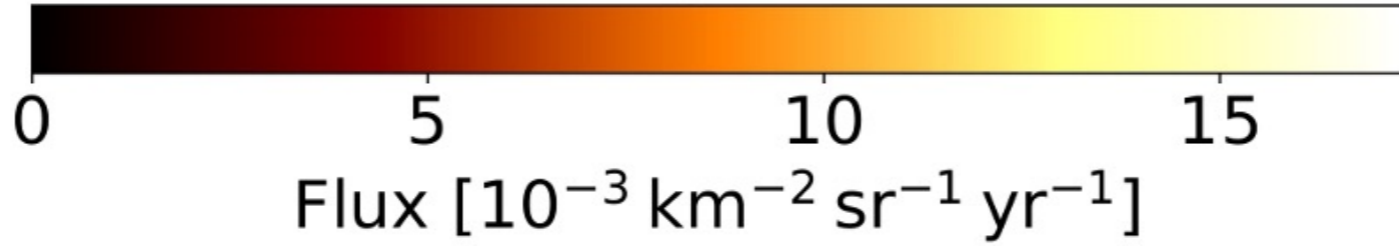
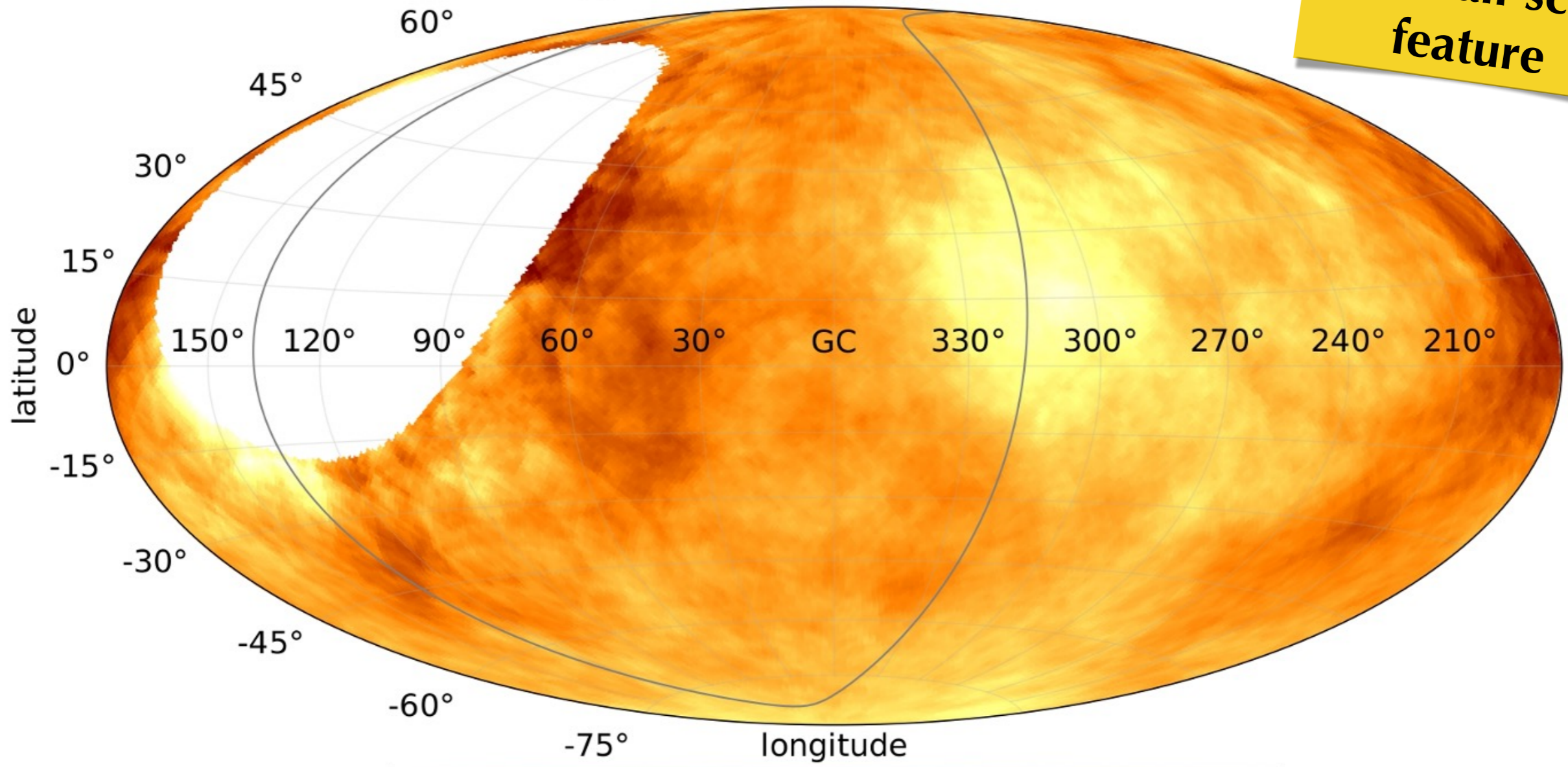




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**4 $\sigma$  evidence  
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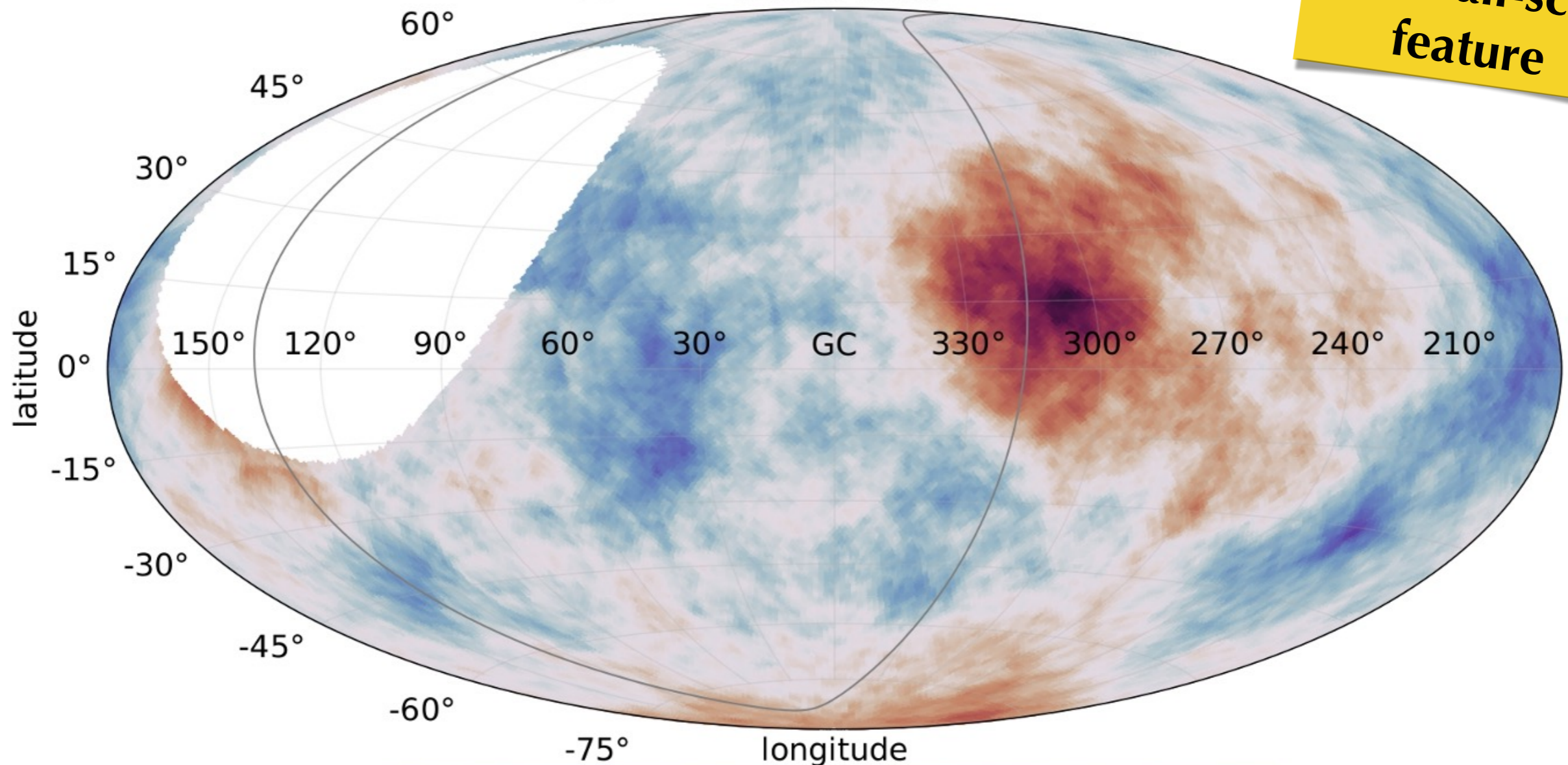


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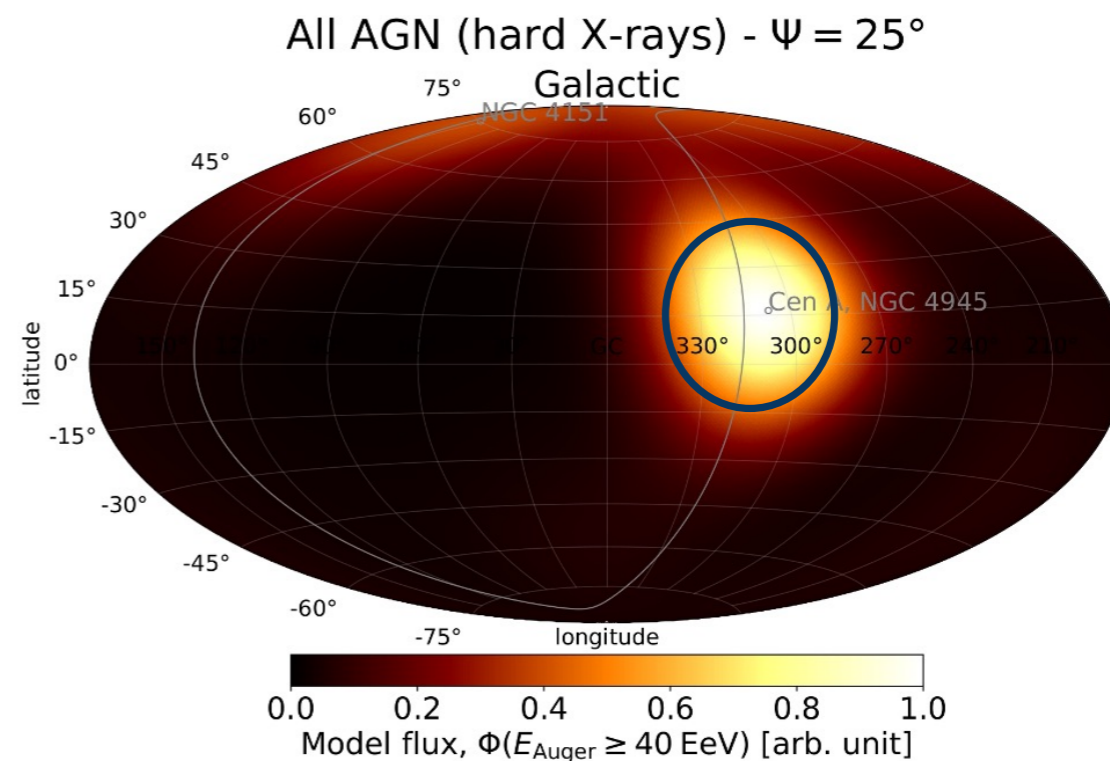
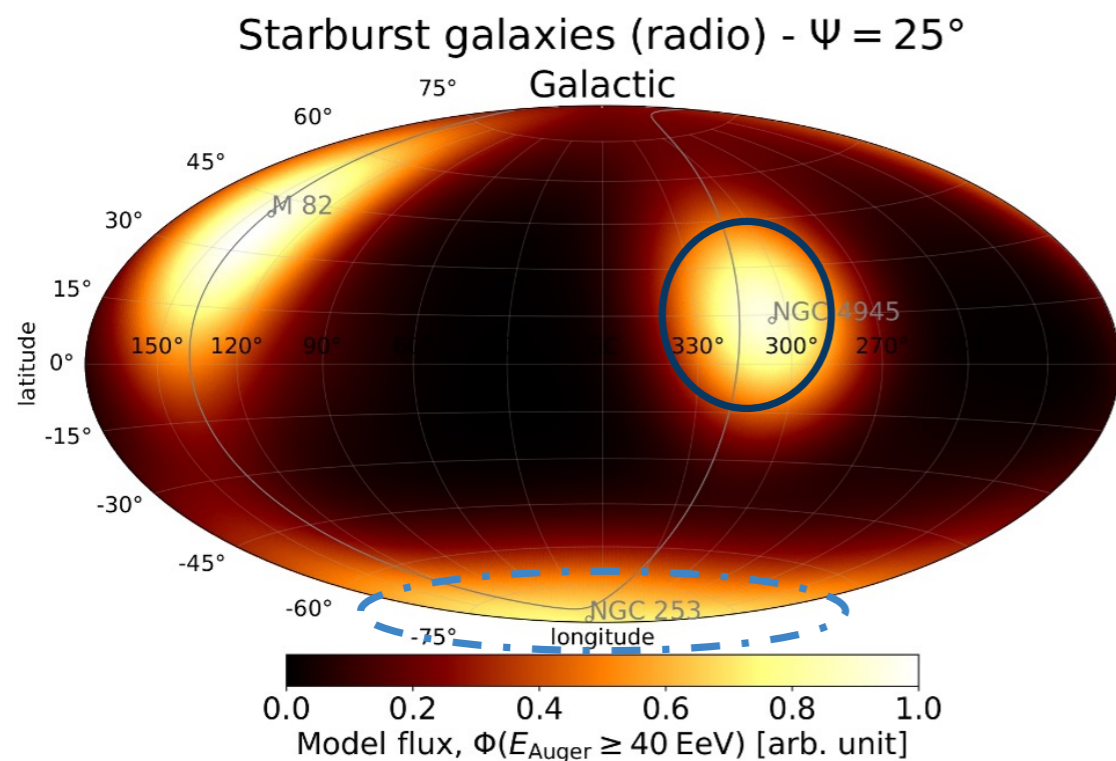
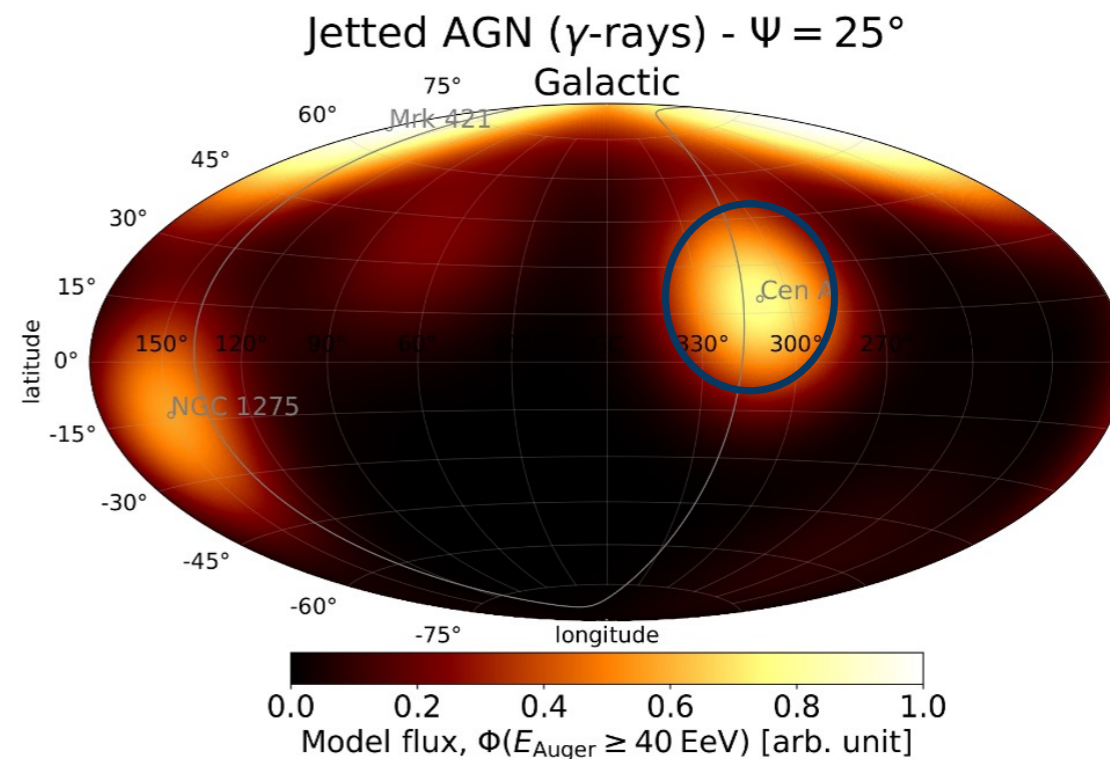
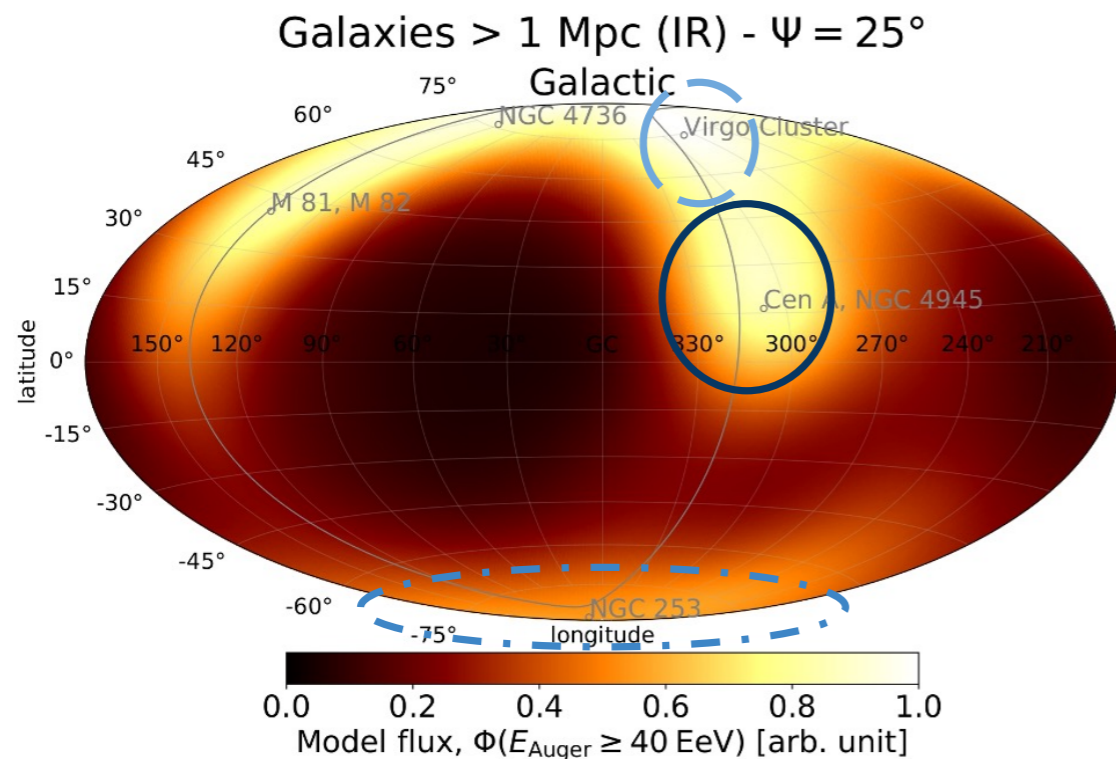


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Li & Ma significance [ $\sigma$ ]

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# Summary

## **A. Observation of CR anisotropies at the level of one-per-mille is challenging.**

- large statistical and systematic uncertainties
- multipole analysis can introduce bias, sometimes not stated or corrected for

## **B. Dipole anisotropy can be understood in the context of diffusion theory.**

- TV-PV dipole phase aligns with the local ordered magnetic field
- amplitude variations as a result of local sources
- plausible candidates are local SNRs, e.g. Vela
- *What is the expected dipole anisotropy in the PV-EV range?*

## **C. Observed CR data shows also evidence for small-scale anisotropy.**

- induces cross-talk with dipole anisotropy in limited field of view
- constitutes a probe of local magnetic turbulence
- *What can we learn about our heliosphere from TV small-scale features?*
- *What is the effect of local ( $\lesssim 10$  pc) magnetic turbulence?*
- *How do we disentangle global CR transport features from local turbulence?*