

The Galactic Magnetic Fields: Progress over the last 30 years

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From: "Dmitri Semikoz" <semikoz@gmail.com>

To: "JinLin Han" <hjl@nao.cas.cn>

Hi JinLin,

Can you please send me title of your talk for the program?

Looking forward to see you in Paris next Monday!

With best regards,
Dmitri

> On 9 Nov 2012, at 00:55, JinLin Han <hjl@nao.cas.cn> wrote:
>
> Dear Dmitri,
>
> I have got all approval documents and airtickets in hand,
> and will get visa soon after I travel to Korea in one week.
>
> Definitely, I will come — and sure for the dinner.
>
> JinLin
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> On 11/09/2012 07:28 AM, Dmitri Semikoz wrote:
>> Dear JinLin,
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>>
>> We opened the registration for the workshop Galactic Cosmic Ray Sources
>> on the following web-page:
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>> <http://www.apc.univ-paris7.fr/~semikoz/CosmicRays/registration.html>
>>

**Sincerely thank
Dmitri Semikoz
and other organizers
to invite me here.**

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The Milky Way: an edge-on spiral galaxy with a bar



Courtesy: R. Hurt 2008



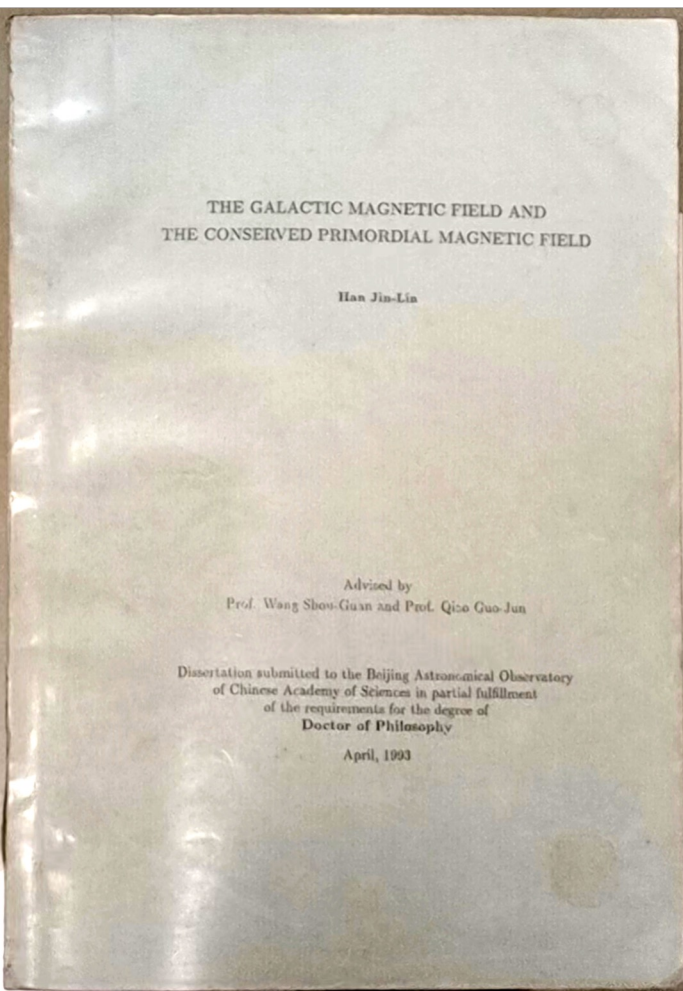
Over Last 30 years, a lot of progresses on understanding the Milky Way

- WMAP and Planck measured the full sky polarization at $n \cdot 10\text{GHz}$ & $m \cdot 100\text{GHz}$
- Gaia measured billion stars, position, color, spectra ...
- BeSSeL projects measured many key points for spiral structures

- So many telescopes get capability to measure polarization
- So many polarization surveys done for the Galactic plane
- So many radio sources get the Faraday rotation measured
- So many pulsars discovered ...

==> Much better understanding on the structure of the Milky Way.

Started from my PhD phase (1989-1993) on magnetic field structure of the Milky Way



THE LOCAL MAGNETIC FIELD IN OUR GALAXY*

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Abstract. The pitch angles of the local magnetic field in our Galaxy, previously derived from Rotation Measures (RMs) of pulsars by many authors, are not consistent with each other and with the pitch angles of the local spiral arms. That may be due to the fact that the used pulsar samples are located in different arms in which the directions of the magnetic fields are different. In this paper 2-D and 3-D models for the local magnetic field based on spiral arms are proposed for fitting the RMs of 129 nearby pulsars. In our models the amplitude of the uniform field changes sinusoidally to avoid abrupt reversals, and the directions are parallel or anti-parallel. The best-fitting 3-D model shows that in the Orion arm the strength of the regular field component is $2.4 \pm 0.3 \mu\text{G}$, with its direction towards $l = 73^\circ \pm 3^\circ$. There is a direction reversal in Sagittarius-Carina arm beginning at $D_{\text{rev}} = 0.3 \text{ kpc}$. The half "wavelength" of the sinusoidal variation is about $1.7 \pm 0.4 \text{ kpc}$. The best fitting 3-D model shows that the scale height is only about 0.16 kpc, which means that the local uniform field is confined in the galactic plane. The strongest regular field in this 3-D model is about $2.8 \pm 0.3 \mu\text{G}$. The results from both, the 2-D model as well as the 3-D model, show that the orientation of the field is in excellent agreement with the spiral arms.

Key words: The Galaxy, Magnetic Field, Rotation Measure, Pulsars

1. Introduction

There are extensive studies of magnetic fields in spiral galaxies during the recent years. The general conclusion is that the regular fields have their strength at about several μG , and that the magnetic field lines follow more or less the spiral arms (e.g. Wielebinski, 1990; Beck, 1991).

In our Galaxy the existence of the magnetic field was deduced from the discovery of the linear polarization of starlight (Hall, 1949; Hiltner, 1949). The conclusion from reanalysing the data of stellar optical polarization is that the magnetic field is aligned with the galactic plane and in the direction of $l = 45^\circ$ in the vicinity of the Sun, but beyond a circle of 600 pc it is directed toward $l = 70^\circ$ (Ellis and Aron, 1978). Simard-Normandin and Kronberg (1989) analysed the RMs of extragalactic radio sources and found that the local field point towards $l = 76^\circ$ with reversals at the neighbouring arms. Sofue and Fujimoto (1983) found the bisymmetric magnetic field configuration could fit the RMs of extragalactic radio sources well. Inoue and Tabara (1981) concluded from a study of RMs of extragalactic sources and pulsars and optical polarization of starlight that $B_{\text{reg}} = 1.6 \pm 0.4 \mu\text{G}$ and $l_0 = 100 \pm 10^\circ$ for the local field. There have been many attempts to derive the local or global magnetic field in our Galaxy from RMs of pulsars since the pioneering work of Manchester (1974). Because the pulsars have no intrinsic Faraday rotation, (n_e) along the line-of-sight can be estimated from Dispersion Measures (DMs). Pulsars are located

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† Krause et al. (eds.), *The Cosmic Dynamo*, 279-281.
‡ 1993 IAU, Printed in the Netherlands.

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The magnetic field in the disk of our Galaxy

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Abstract. The magnetic field in the disk of our Galaxy is investigated by using the Rotation Measures (RMs) of pulsars and Extragalactic Radio Sources (ERSEs).

Through analyses of the RMs of carefully selected pulsar samples, it is found that the Galaxy has a global field of Bisymmetric Spiral (BSS) configuration, rather than a concentric ring or an Axisymmetric Spiral (ASS) configuration. The Galactic magnetic field of BSS structure is supposed to be of primordial origin. The pitch angle of the BSS structure is $-8.2^\circ \pm 0.5^\circ$. The field geometry shows that the field goes along the Carina-Sagittarius arm, which is delineated by Giant Molecular Clouds (GMCs). The amplitude of the BSS field is $1.8 \pm 0.3 \mu\text{G}$. The first field strength maximum is at $r_0 = 11.9 \pm 0.15 \text{ kpc}$ in the direction of $l = 180^\circ$. The field is strong in the interarm regions and it reverses in the arm regions. In the vicinity of the Sun, it has a strength of $\sim 1.4 \mu\text{G}$ and reverses at 0.2-0.3 kpc in the direction of $l = 0^\circ$.

Because of the unknown electron distribution of the Galaxy and other difficulties, it is impossible to derive the galactic field from the RMs of ERSEs very quantitatively. Nevertheless, the RMs of ERSEs located in the region of the two galactic poles are used to estimate the vertical component of the local galactic field, which is found to have a strength of 0.2-0.3 μG and is directed from the south galactic pole to the north galactic pole. The scale height of the magnetic field of the Galaxy is estimated from the RMs of all-sky distributed ERSEs, being about 1.2-0.4 pc. The regular magnetic field of our Galaxy, which is probably similar to that of M81, extends far from the optical disk.

Key words: interstellar medium: magnetic fields - Galaxy: structure - Galaxy: general

Although the magnetic fields in several nearby galaxies have been measured by means of radio polarization observations (Beck 1993; Wielebinski 1990), the magnetic structure of our Galaxy remains a mystery yet to be revealed.

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The magnetic field in the disk of the Galaxy is extensively investigated through analyzing the RMs of pulsars and ERSEs in this paper. The field in the Galactic center is beyond the scope of this paper. The content of this paper is organized as follows: In the first section, previous attempts to investigate the galactic magnetic field are reviewed. The controversy on the direction of the local field and the global field structure is discussed. Considerations in deriving the magnetic field from the RMs of pulsars are presented in Sect. 2. In Sect. 3, the RMs of pulsars are fitted by a BSS global field model. Comparing the fitting results, we prefer a BSS model rather than a concentric-ring model for the magnetic field of the Galaxy. The results obtained are also discussed at the end of this section. In Sect. 4, information about the vertical component of the local galactic field and the boundary of the global magnetic field of the Galaxy is obtained through analyses of the RMs of ERSEs. All results are summarized in Sect. 5.

All references to distances, including those taken from other papers, have been scaled to $R_0 = 10 \text{ kpc}$, here R_0 is the distance of the Sun from the Galactic center.

1. Previous efforts for the galactic magnetic field

In the following subsections, the previous efforts and results derived by different methods are comprehensively summarized. Problems that remain to be solved are pointed out in the last subsection.

1.1. From star-light polarization

Ellis & Axon (1978) made a review of studies of the galactic magnetic field by optical star-light polarization. They concluded that within 500 pc from the Sun, the regular field points towards $l = 45^\circ$, and beyond this region (but within 2 kpc), it points towards $l = 60^\circ$. Inoue & Tabara (1981) concluded that the regular magnetic field runs along $l = 100^\circ$, but their figures show that the field indicated by starlight polarizations of low latitude stars ($|b| < 30^\circ$) is towards $l < 90^\circ$.

A recent investigation (Andreasyan & Makarov 1989) on the galactic magnetic field from an optical polarization dataset

Observational B-tracers: What info out?

1. Zeeman splitting: parallel field, in situ (masers, clouds)

$\Delta \nu \propto B_{\parallel}$ ----- maser regions & clouds

2. Polarization of starlight: perpendicular field in 2 or 3 kpc

orientation // B_{\perp} ----- stars

3. Polarization at infrared, mm, submm: perpendicular field

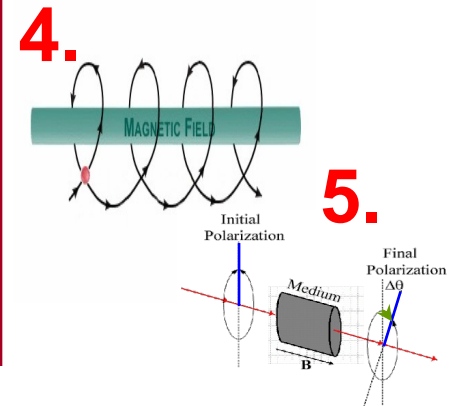
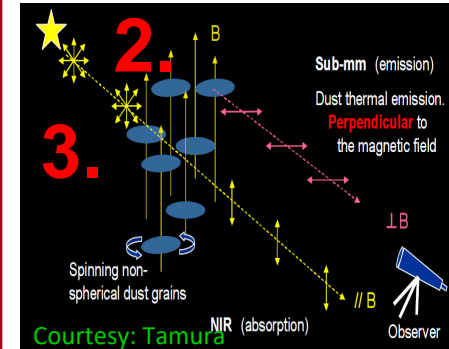
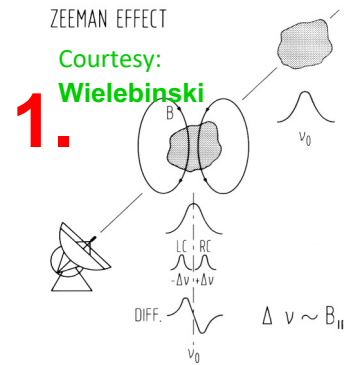
orientation // B_{\perp} ----- clouds or regions

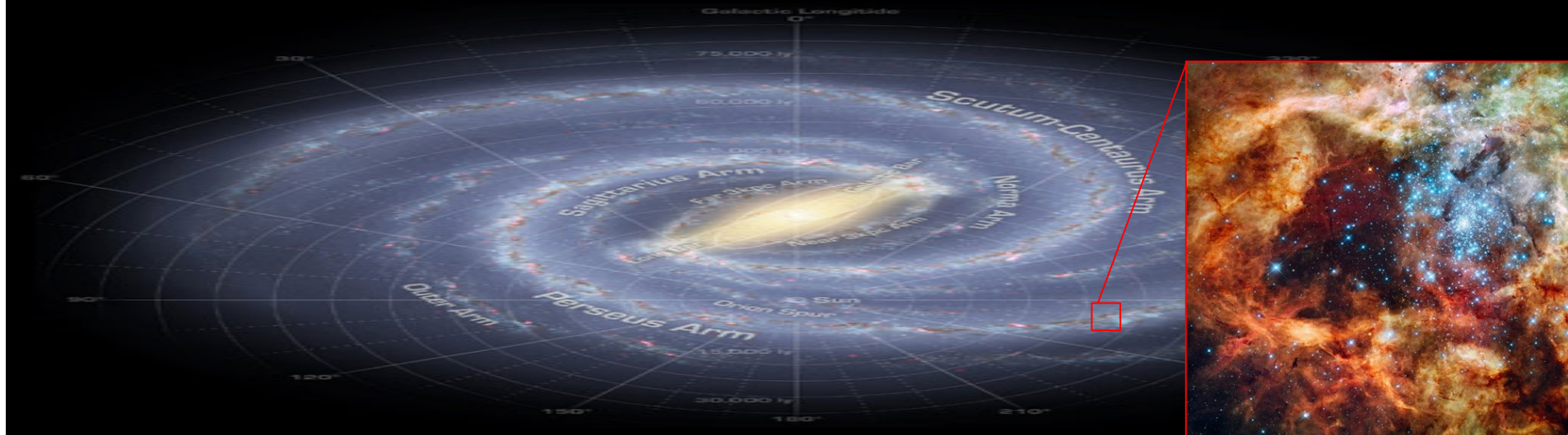
4. Synchrotron radiation: vertical field structures (added)

total intensity $S \propto B_{\perp}^{2.7}$, $p\% \propto B_{\perp u}^2 / B_{\perp t}^2$

5. Faraday rotation: parallel field, integrated (the halo & disk)

$RM \propto \int n_e B_{\parallel} ds$ ----- pulsars + EGSeS

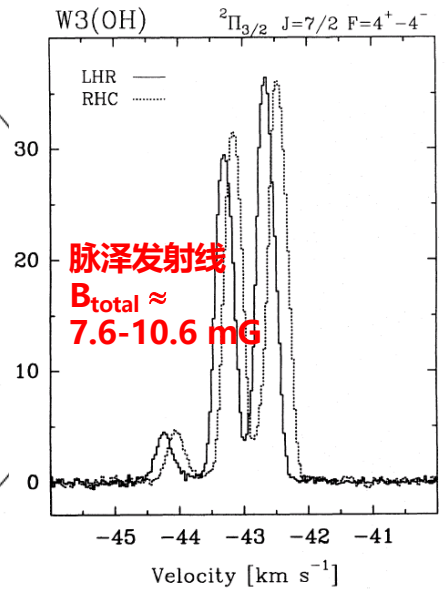
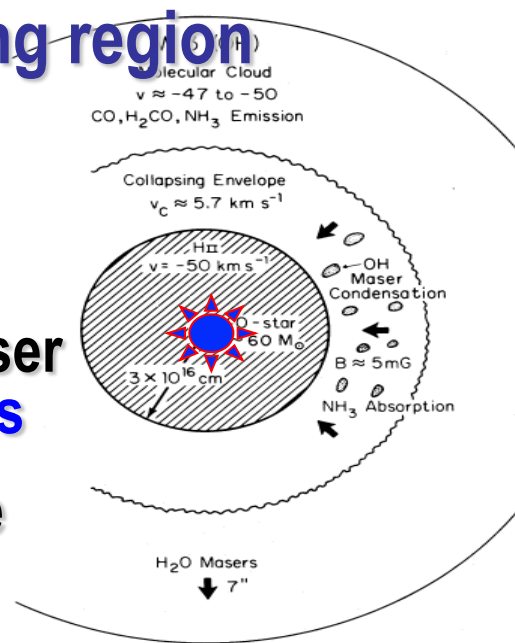




Maser spots near the star-forming region as B-field tracers

Han & Zhang (2007, A&A 464, 609)

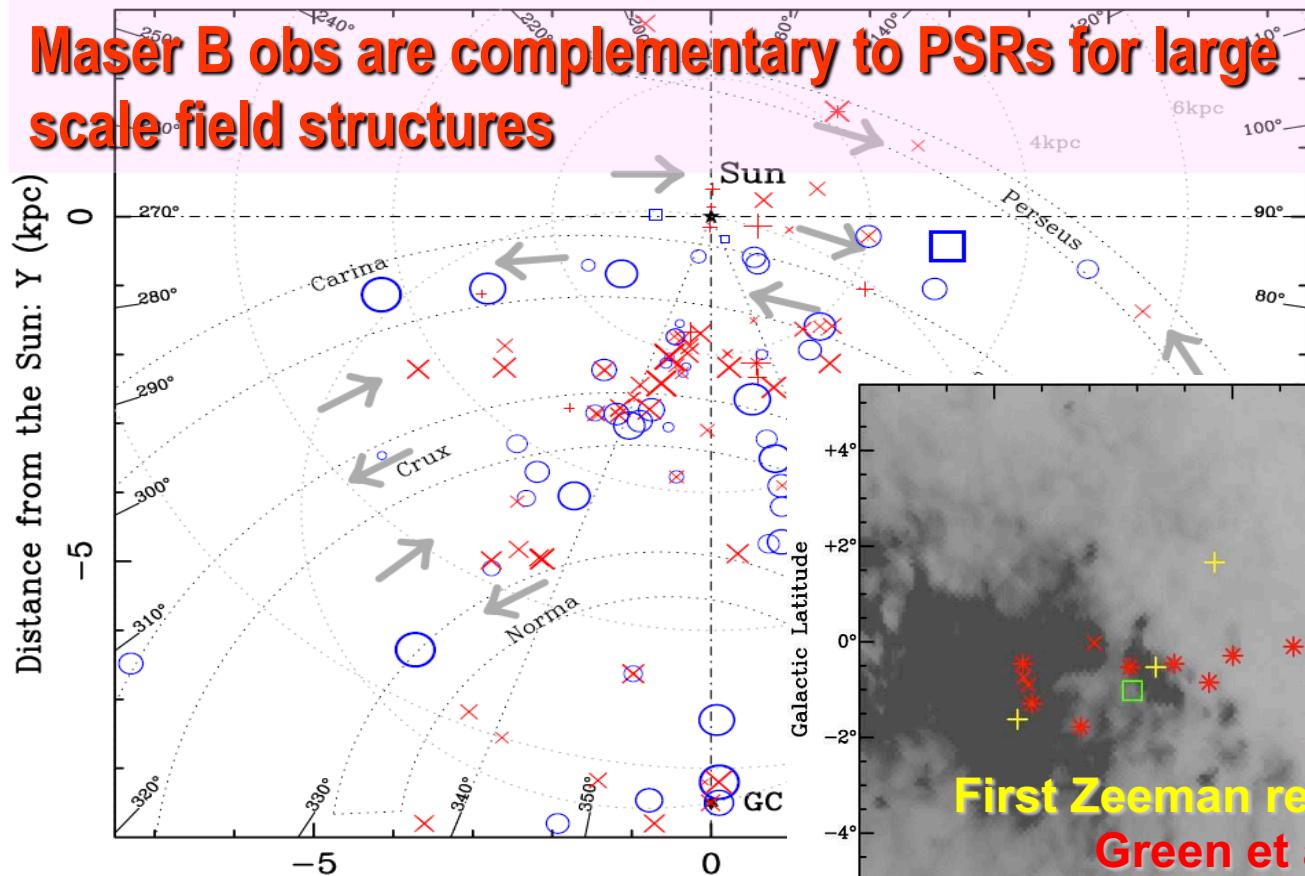
- Collect Zeeman splitting data of maser spots in **HII** and star formation regions
- Spots in one region always have the same field orientation!



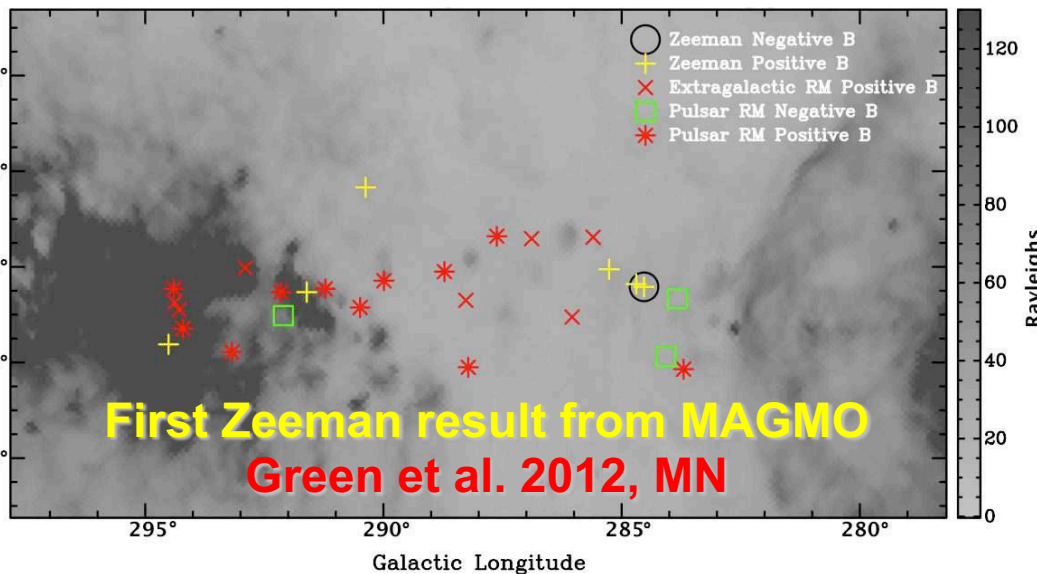
The Galactic distribution of Zeeman data

In situ AU-scale-B directions coherent in many kpc scale!

Maser B obs are complementary to PSRs for large scale field structures

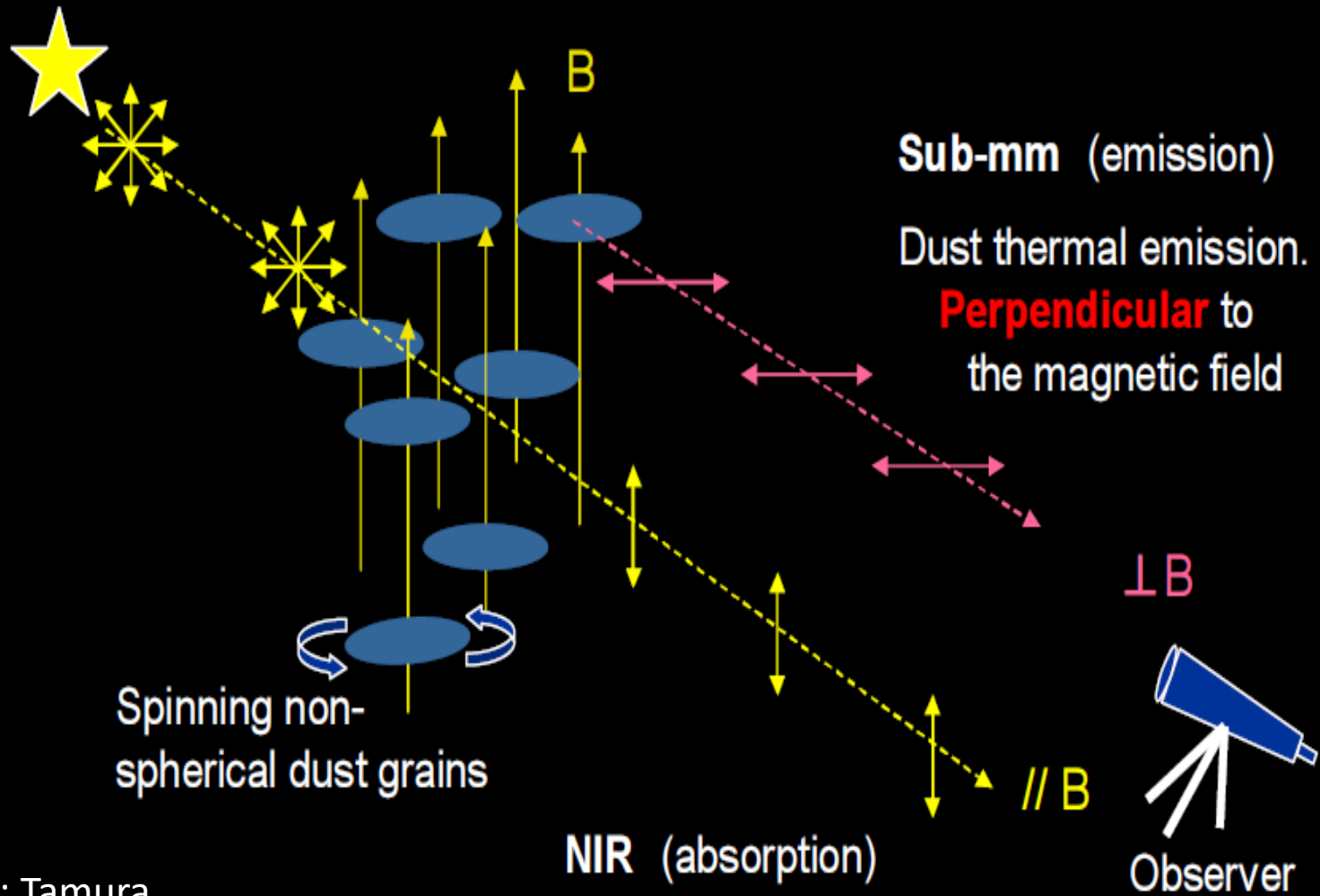


Blue:
Counterclockwise field
Red:
Clockwise field



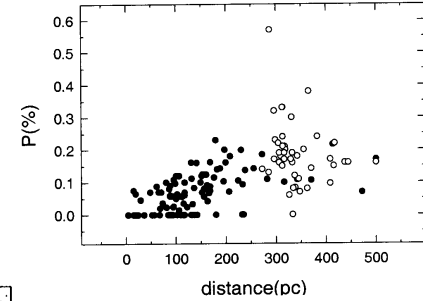
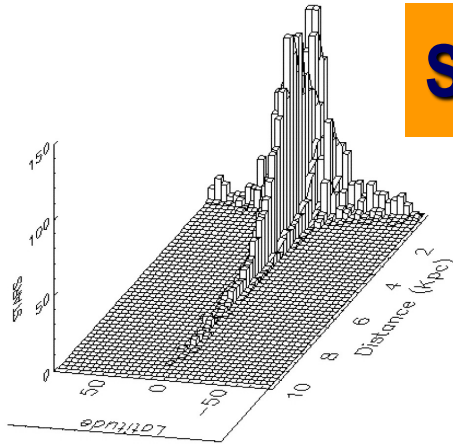
Han & Zhang 2007 Distance from the S
A&A 464, 609

Magnetic Fields due to dusts: emission or scattering/absorption

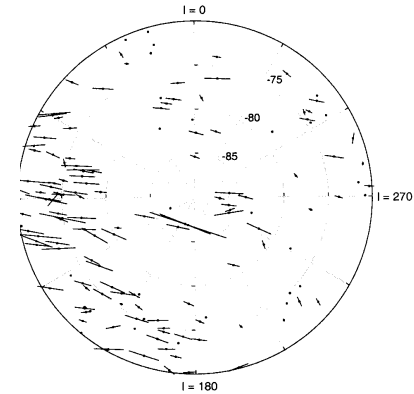
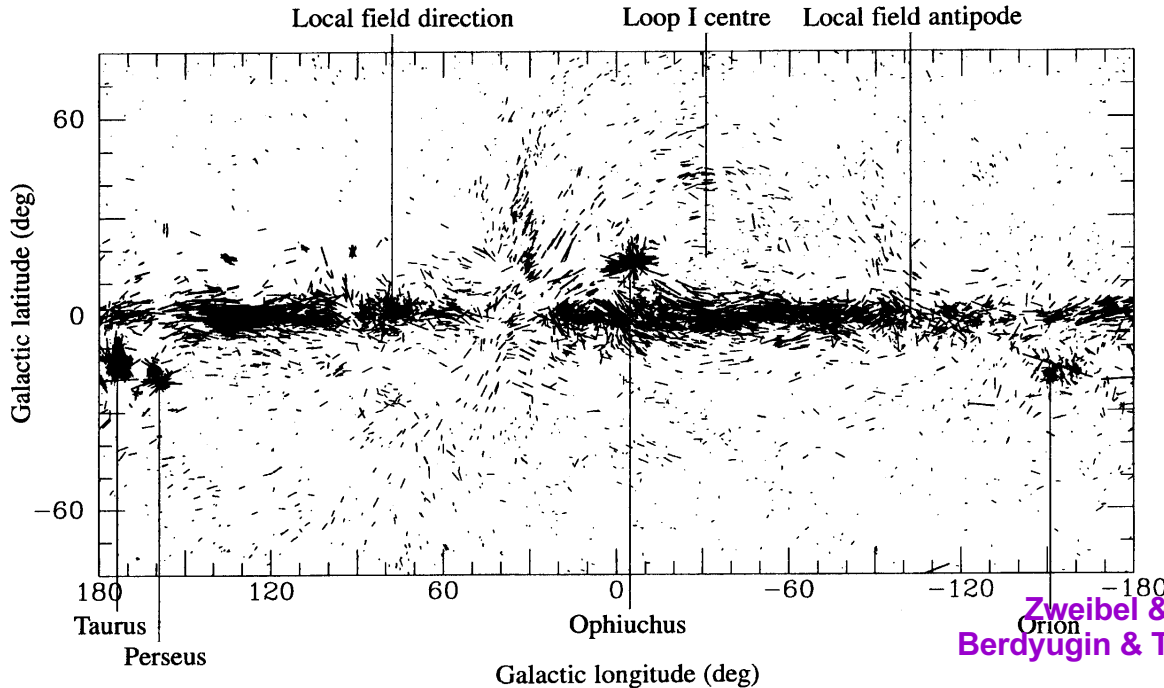


Starlight polarization: *local field // arm*

- 9000 stars have polarization measured
- mostly nearby (1~2kpc)
- polarization percentage increases with distance



Polarization vs. distance dependence in the SGP area. w data are plotted with open circles

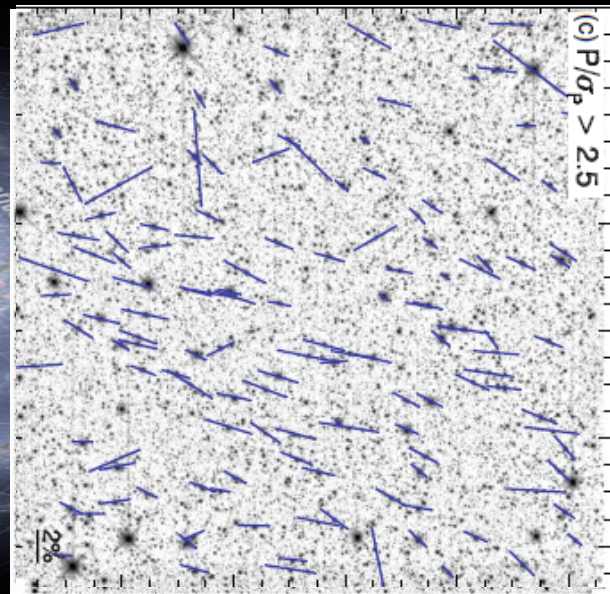
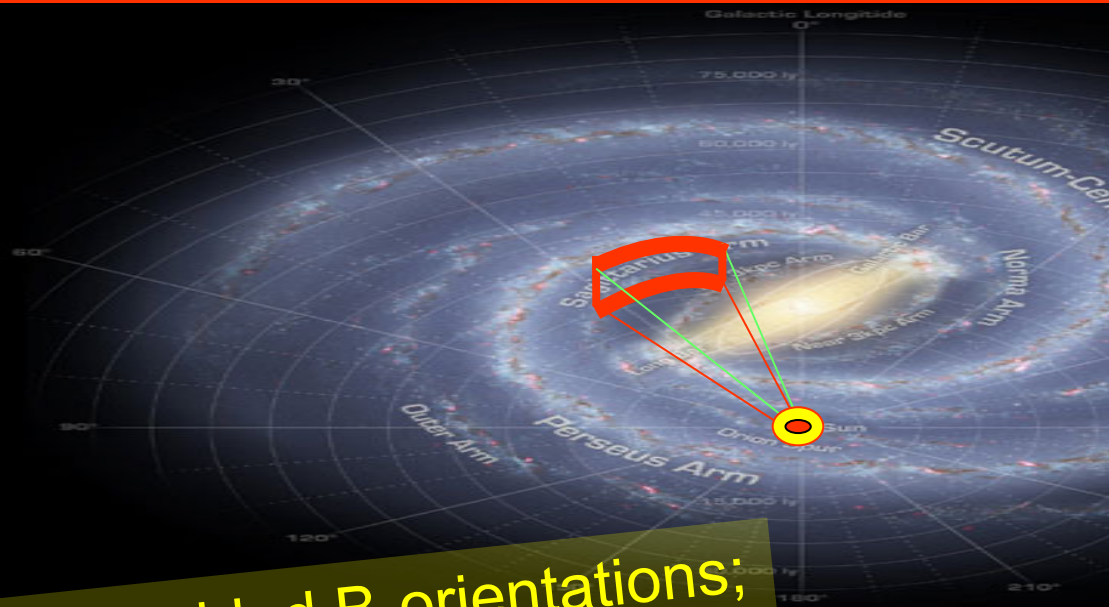


Polarizations of the stars around the SGP. The length bar gives the amount of polarization, its direction gives direction of the polarization plane

Zweibel & Heiles 1997, Nature 385,131
 Berdyugin & Teerikorpi 2001, A&A 368,635

GALACTIC PLANE INFRARED POLARIZATION SURVEY (GPIPS):

Clemens et al. 2012 ApJS: 0.5 million stars; $18 < |l| < 56^\circ$ & $|b| < 1^\circ$



Only co-added B-orientations;
no strength, no direction!

data has been released



Polarization at mm, sub-mm, infrared

Working toward measure B-field of galactic scale

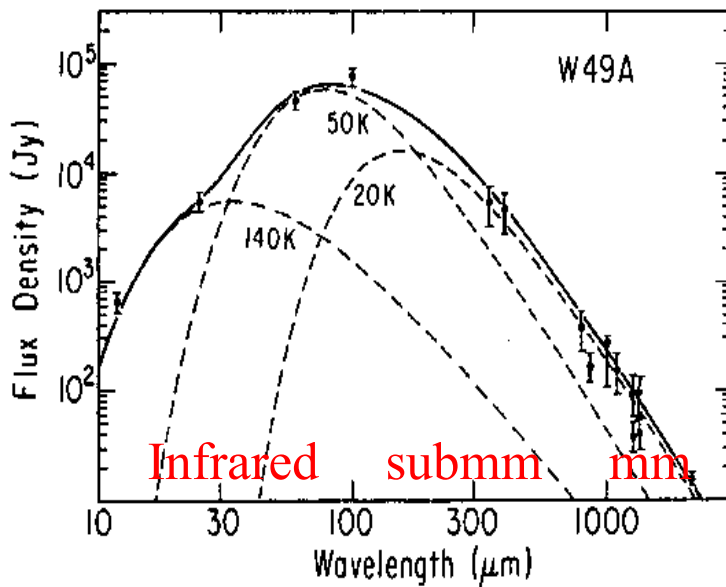
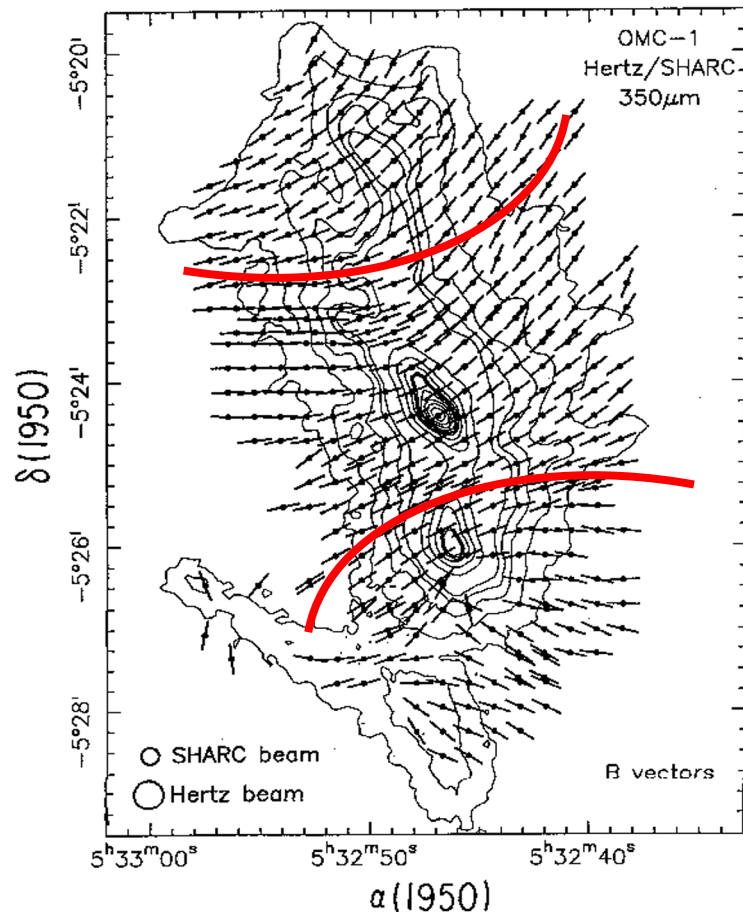


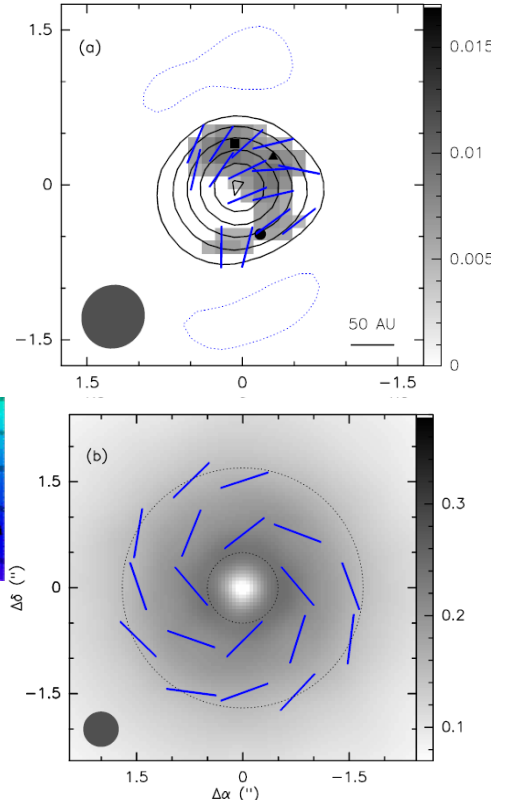
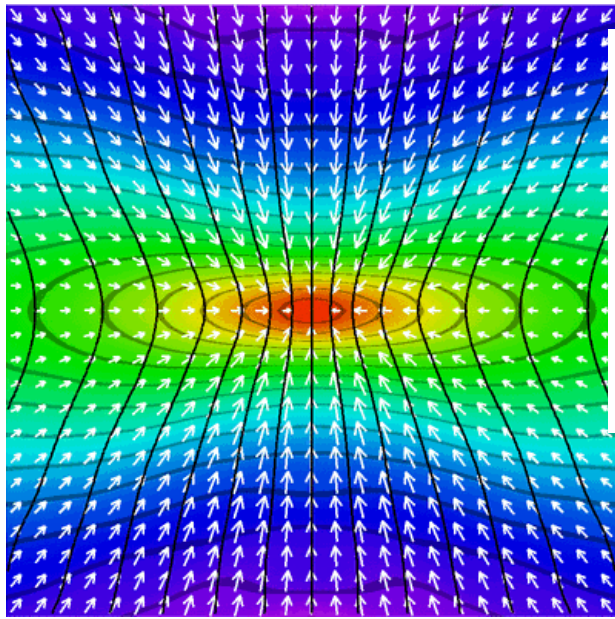
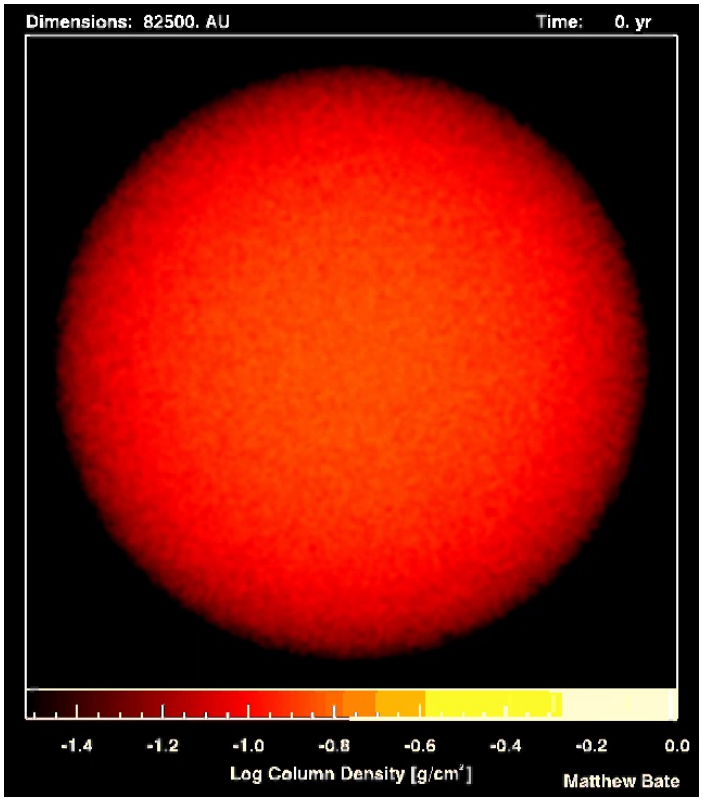
FIG. 2.—Total flux spectrum and derived temperature components of the molecular cloud W49A. Adapted from Sievers et al. 1991. (Area sampled includes warm component in core.)

- Thermal emission (of dusts)
- Preferentially aligned by B



Hildebrand et al. **PASP** 112, 1315

or dust. Same data as in Fig. 12 but with vectors rotated 90° to show the inferred direction of the magnetic field. All vect contours show flux densities measured at the same wavelength, 350 μm, with the photometer SHARC (Lis et al. 1998).



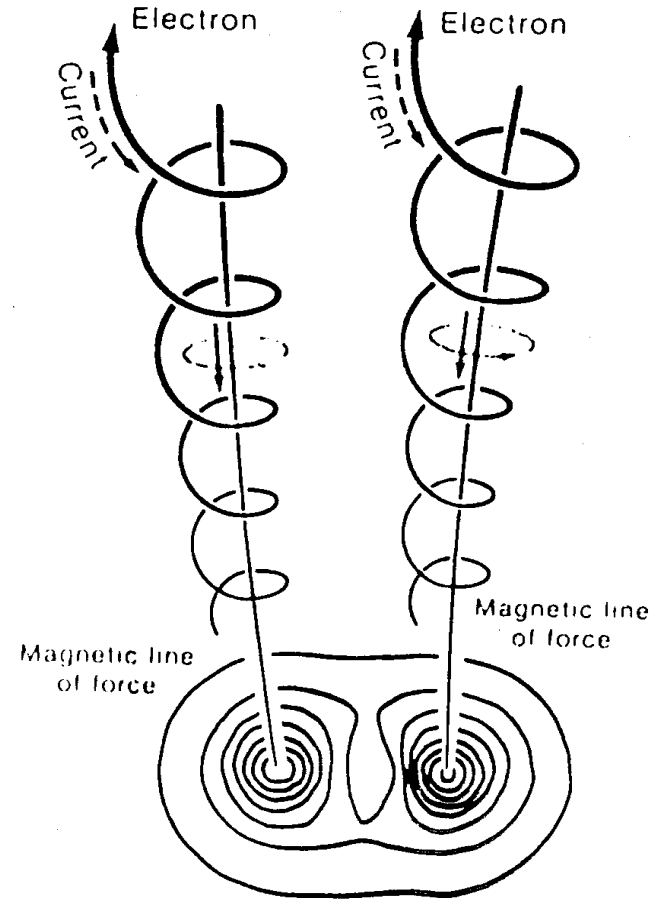
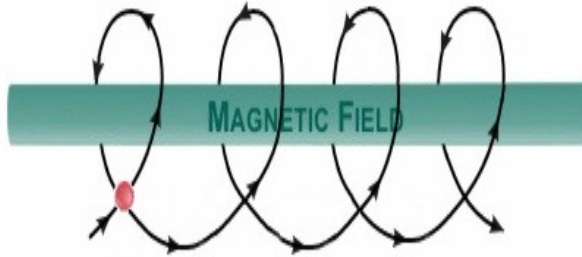
Origin of magnetic fields in stars and planets?

New observations show:

preserved from clouds during star forming !

ALMA Obs.
e.g. Rao et al.
2014, ApJ 780, L6

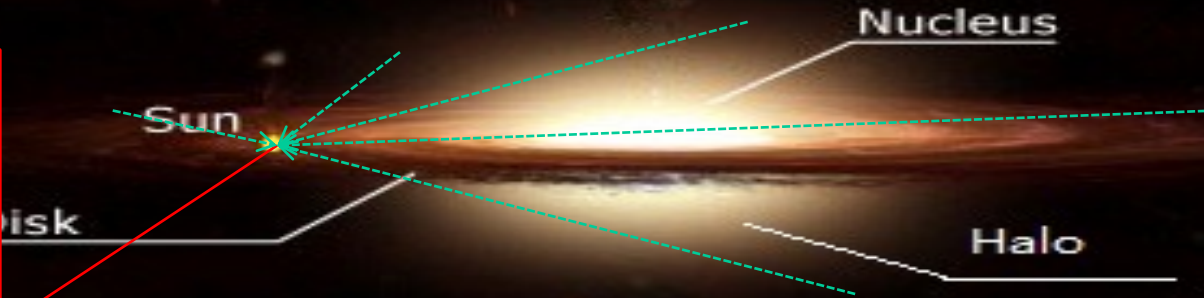
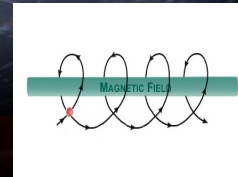
Synchrotron emission



The Milky Way: an edge-on spiral galaxy with a bar

accumulated along sightlines
with various Faraday-rotation;
no strength, no direction!

R. Hurt 2008



Planck 2015: Best all-sky synchrotron

- Magnetic fields in the disk: **B // Galactic Plane**
- Magnetic fields in filaments: **B // filaments**

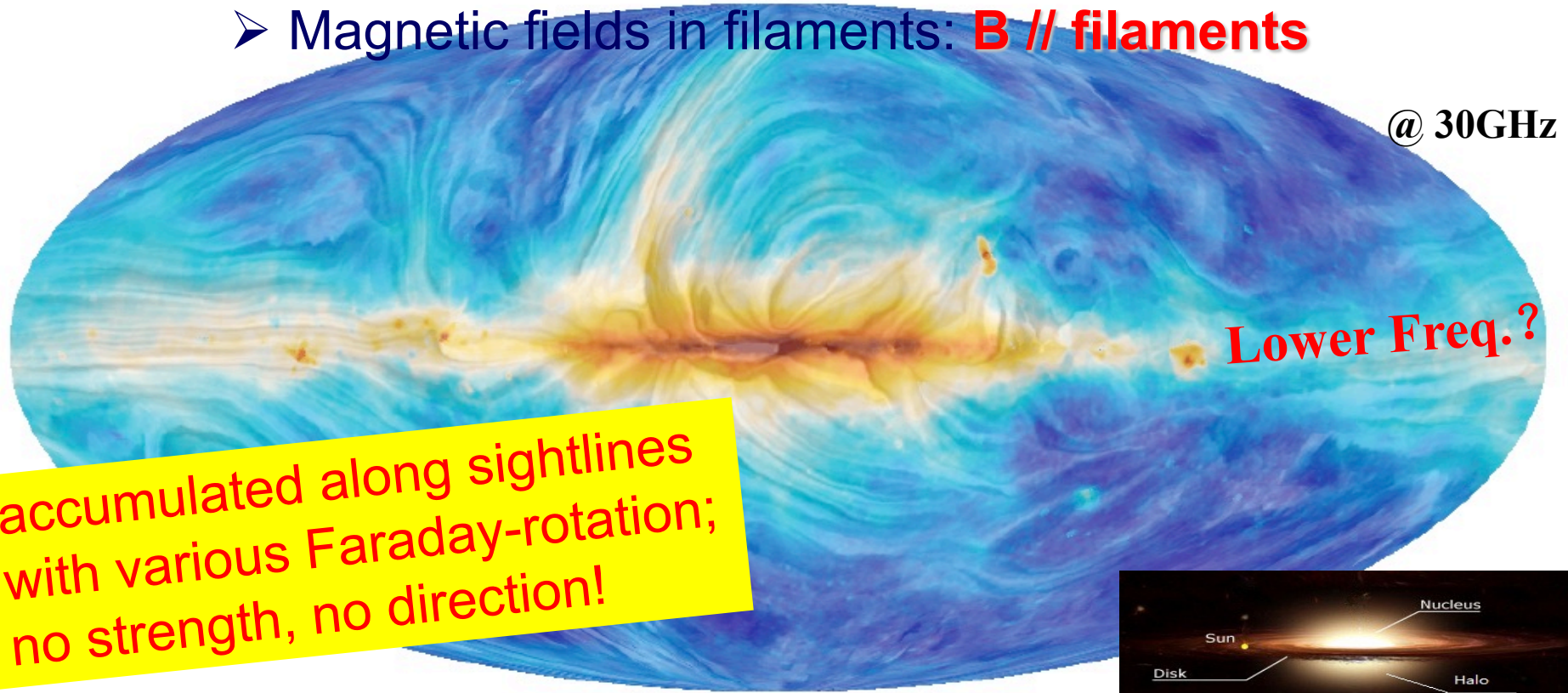
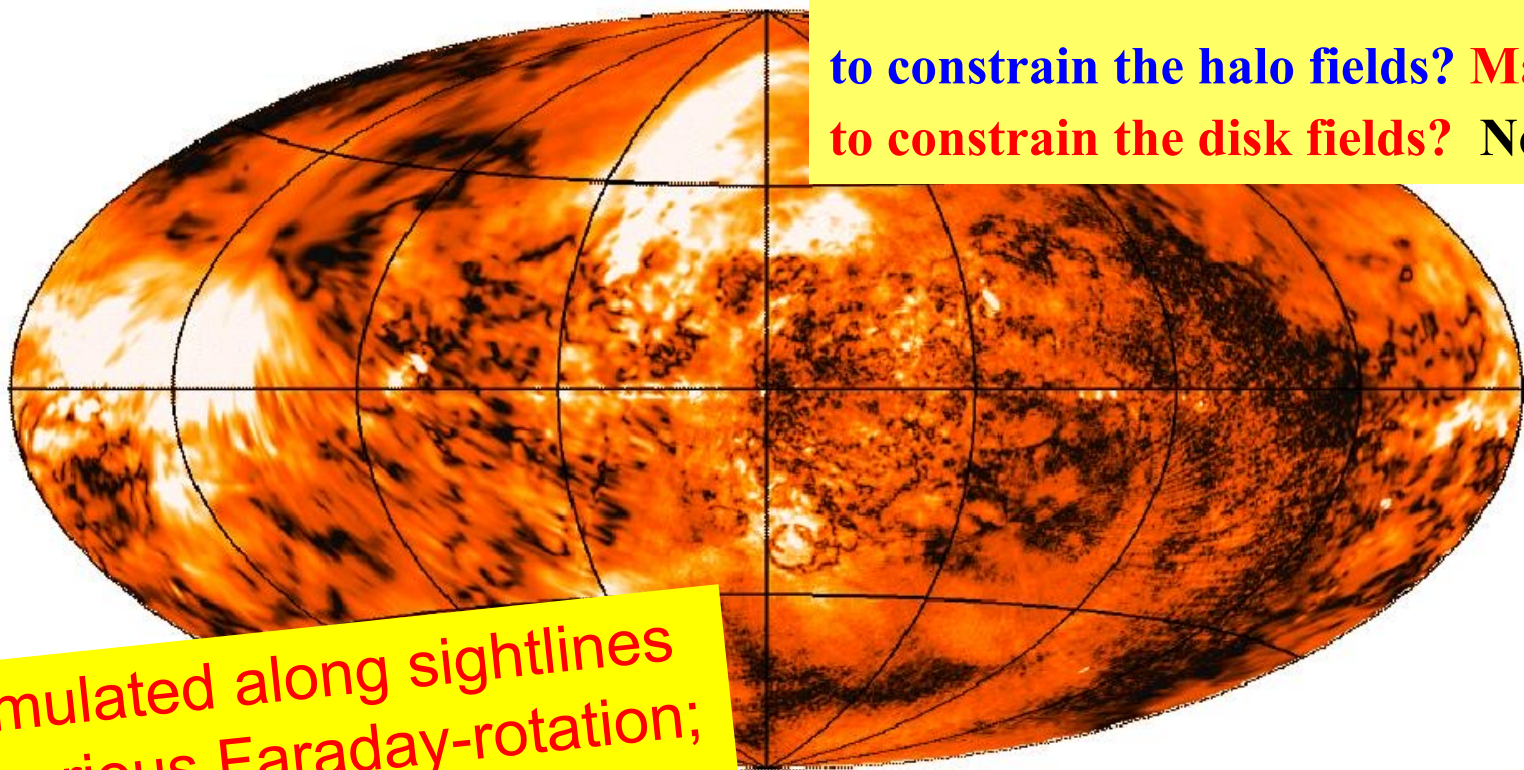


Fig. 20. All-sky view of the magnetic field and total intensity of synchrotron emission measured by *Planck*. The colours represent intensity. The “drapery” pattern, produced using the line integral convolution (LIC, Cabral & Leedom 1993), indicates the orientation of magnetic field projected on the plane of the sky, orthogonal to the observed polarization. Where the field varies significantly along the line of sight, the orientation pattern is irregular and difficult to interpret.

PI at 1.4 GHz (26m DR **E-Sky maps:**

to constrain the halo fields? Maybe.
to constrain the disk fields? No !

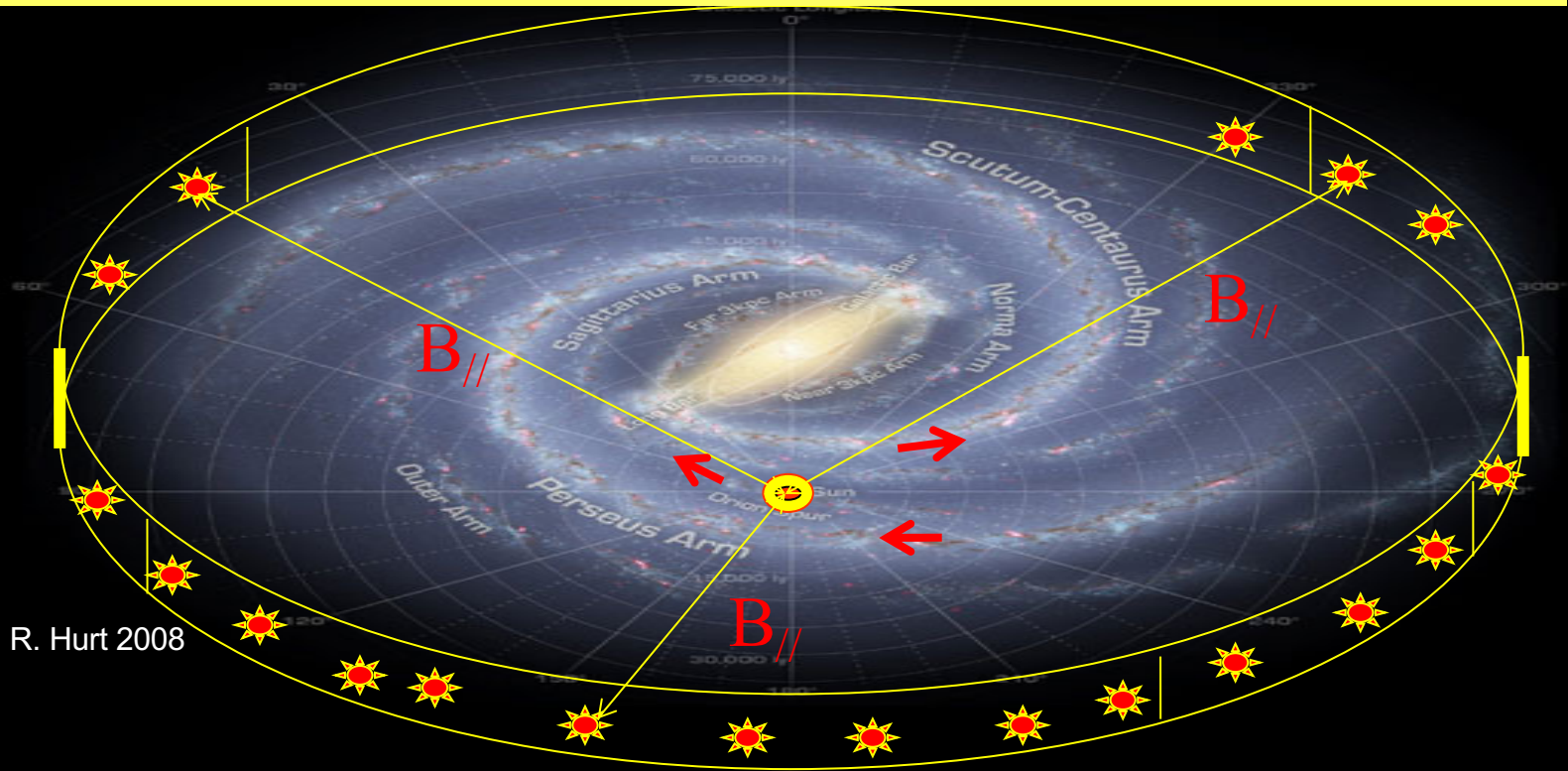


accumulated along sightlines
with various Faraday-rotation;
no strength, no direction!



21cm DRAO+Villa Elisa all-sky polarization survey
(Wolleben et al. 2004)

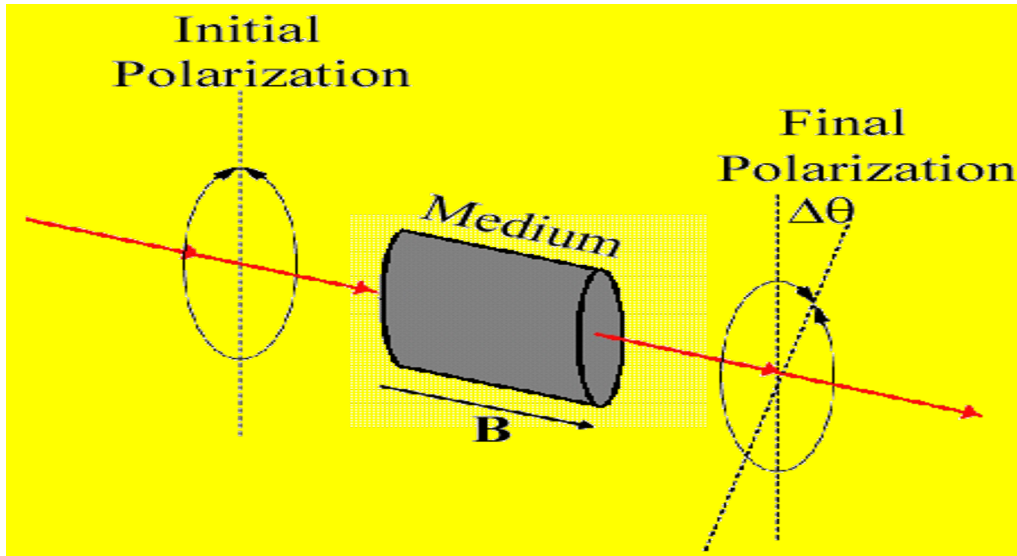
RMs of background sources: Integration but helps



R. Hurt 2008

$$RM = \frac{e^3}{2\pi m_e^2 c^4} \int_{Sun}^{source} \left[\frac{\lambda(l)}{\lambda_{obs}} \right]^2 n_e(l) \mathbf{B}(l) \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

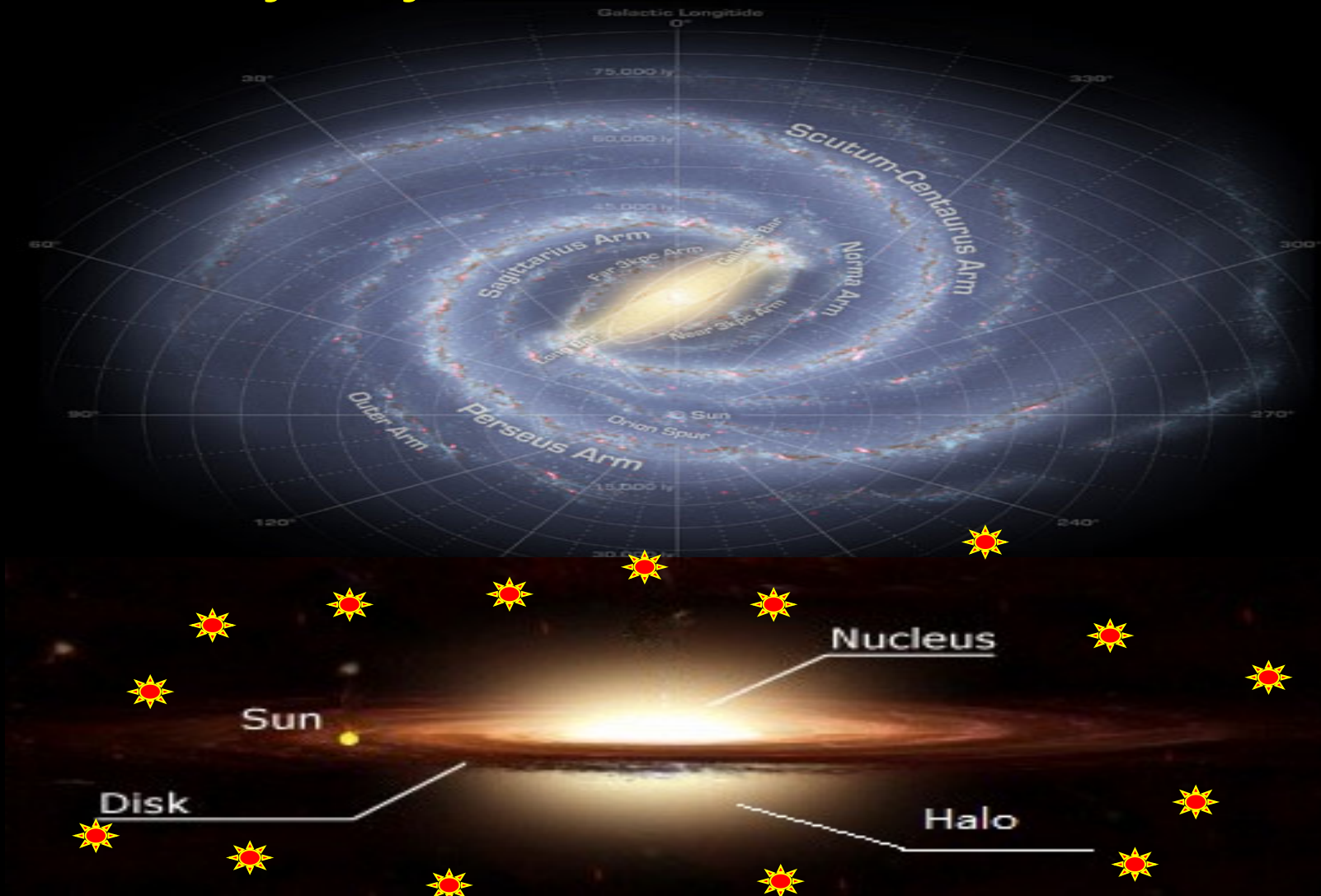
Faraday Rotation in the interstellar medium



$$RM = \frac{PA_{\lambda_1} - PA_{\lambda_2}}{\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2}$$

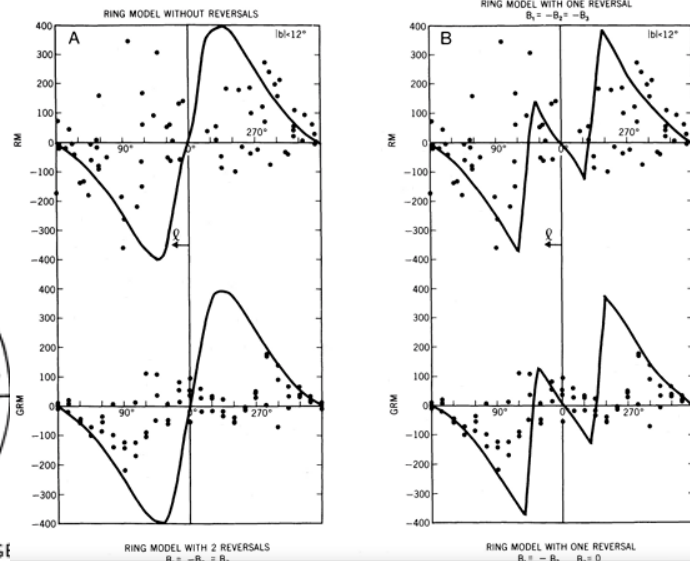
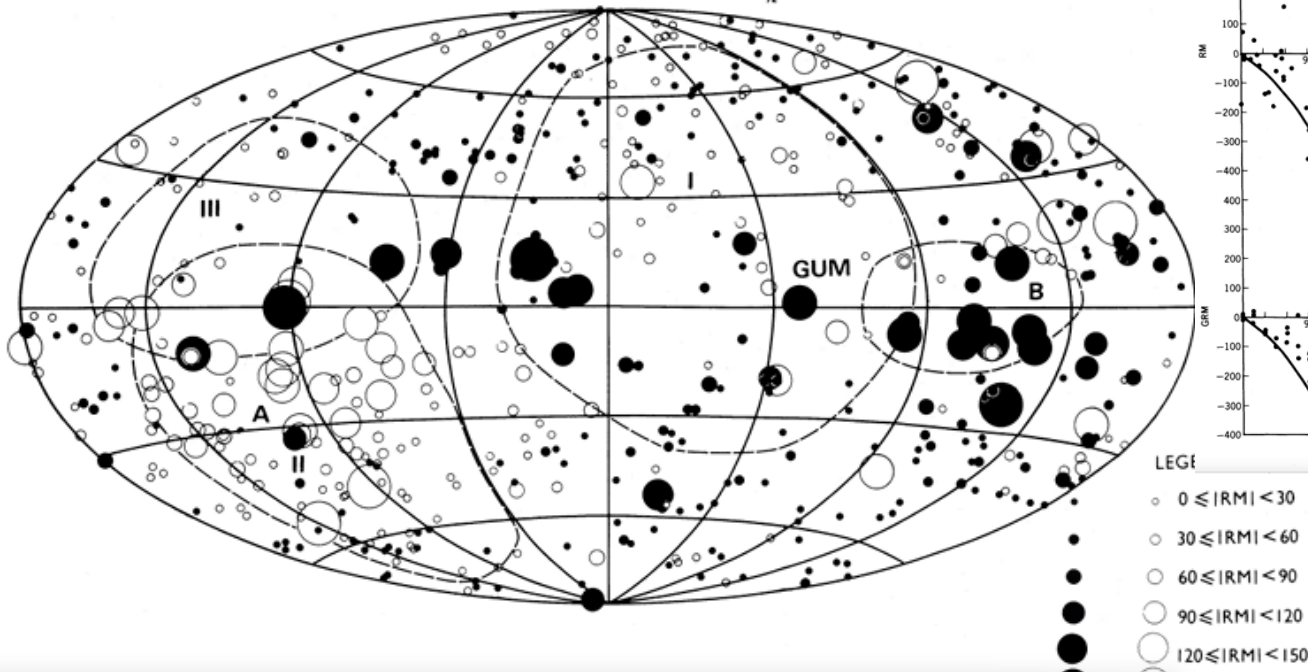
$$RM = \frac{e^3}{2\pi m_e^2 c^4} \int_{\text{PSR}}^{\text{Sun}} \left[\frac{\lambda(l)}{\lambda_{\text{obs}}} \right]^2 n_e(l) \mathbf{B}(l) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0.820 \langle B_{\parallel} \rangle \int_0^{\text{Dist}} n_e dl$$

RMs of extragalactic sources: Integration of $\text{Ne}^*\text{B}_{\parallel}$



Faraday Rotation distribution in Sky

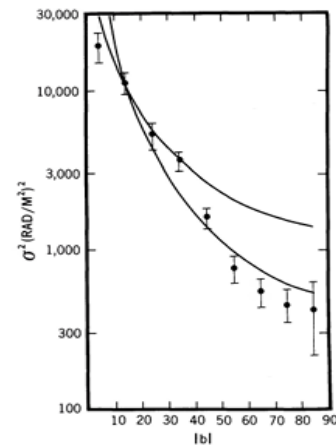
ROTATION MEASURES FOR 543 SOURCES WITH $\lambda_{\nu} > 5$ cm



LEGEND

- $0 \leq |RMI| < 30$
- $30 \leq |RMI| < 60$
- $60 \leq |RMI| < 90$
- $90 \leq |RMI| < 120$
- $120 \leq |RMI| < 150$

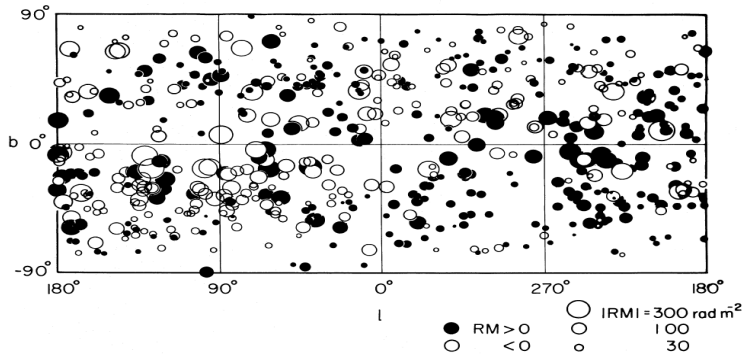
- got the RM sky distribution
- inferred the **BSS** B-structure in the disk
- got scale height from $\sigma_{RM}(|b|)$



10.—The variance of the distribution of RMs

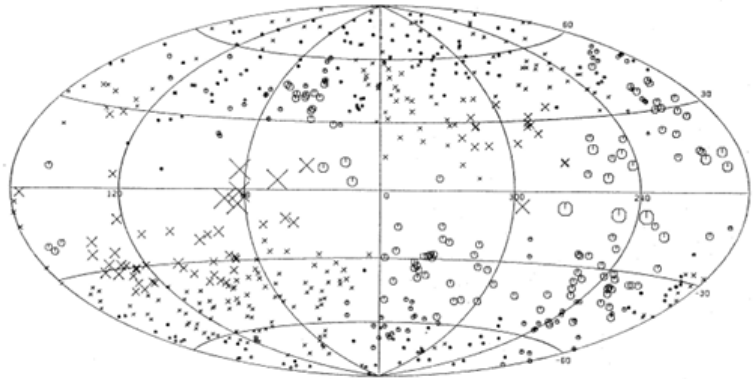
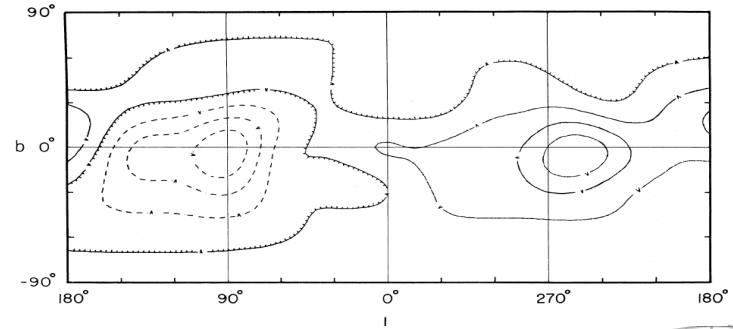
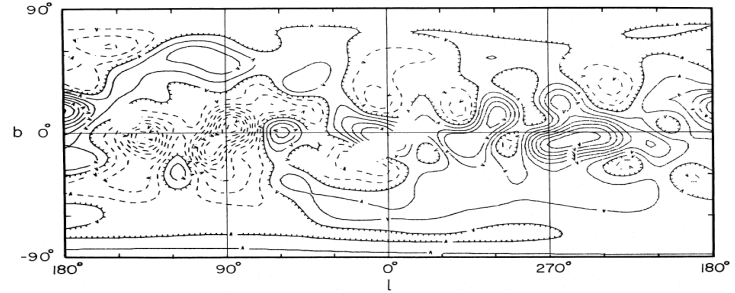
M. Simard-Normandin & P.P. Kronberg (1980, ApJ 242, 74)

Faraday Rotation Sky



Sofue & Fujimoto (1983):

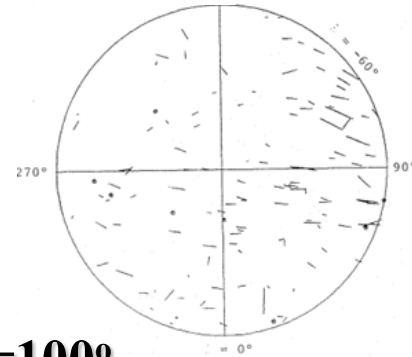
BiSymmetric Spiral for disk B-field!



- • $< |RM| \leq 10$
- × $10 < |RM| \leq 20$
- × $20 < |RM| \leq 50$
- × $50 < |RM| \leq 100$

M. Inoue & H. Tabara (1981, PASJ 33, 603):

B disk B-field in 2 kpc! $B=1.5\mu\text{G}$ to $l=100^\circ$



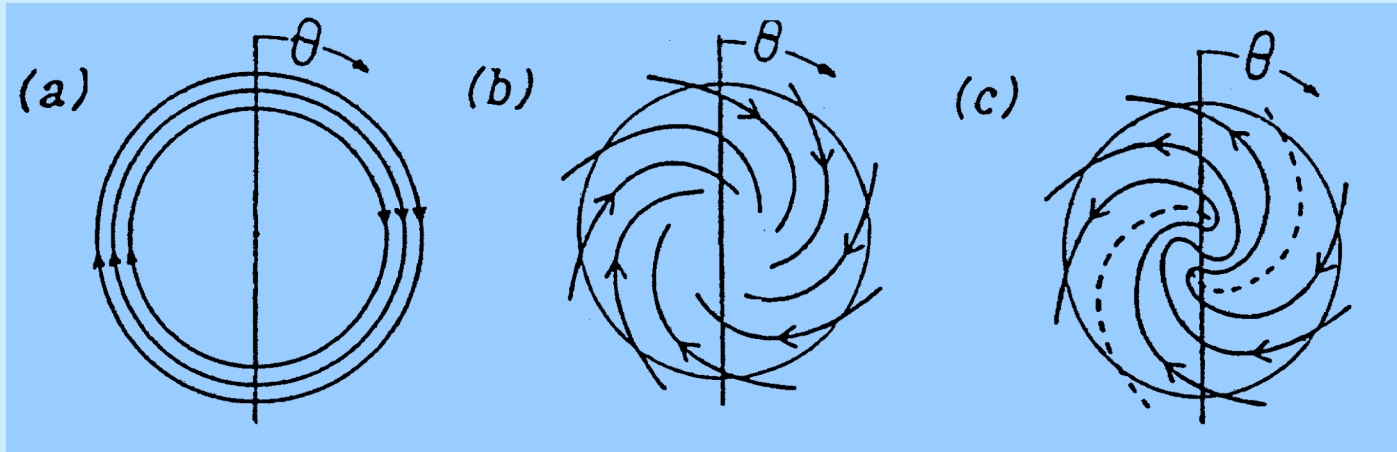
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3 proposed models for B-field structure in the Galactic disk

Concentric Rings
Rings model

Axi-symmetric
spiral (**ASS**)

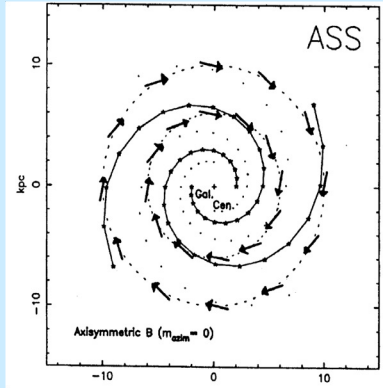
Bi-Symmetric Spiral
(BSS)



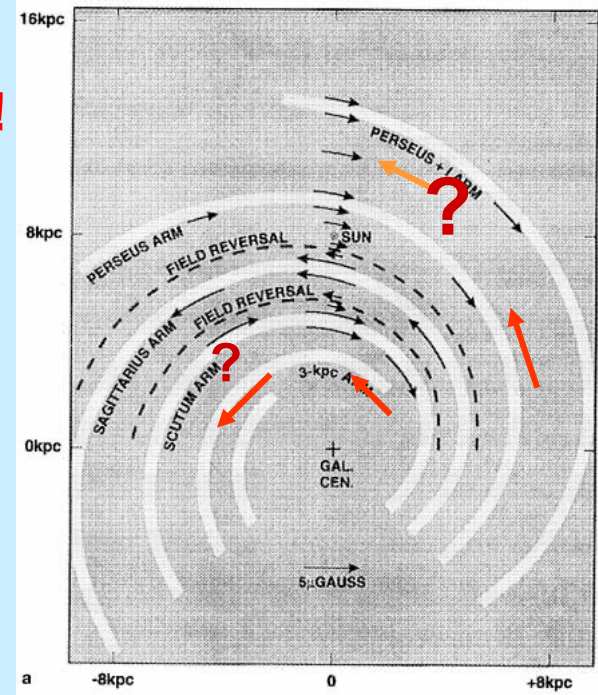
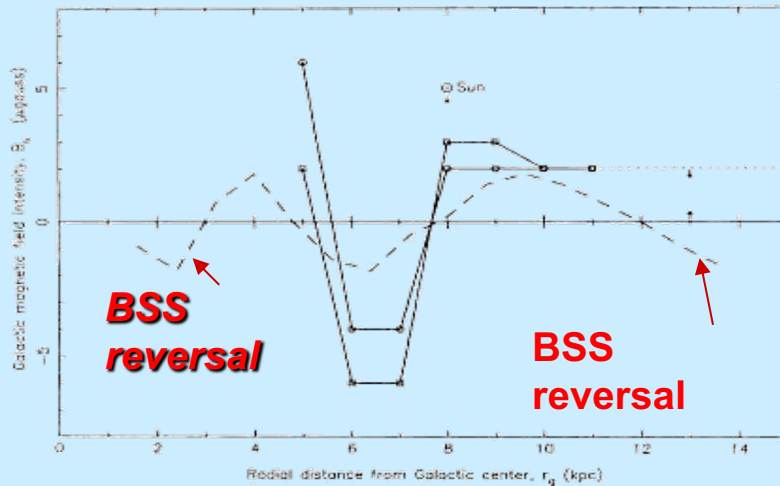
How to judge?

= > More data!

Axi-Symmetric Spiral (ASS) model by J.P. Vallee

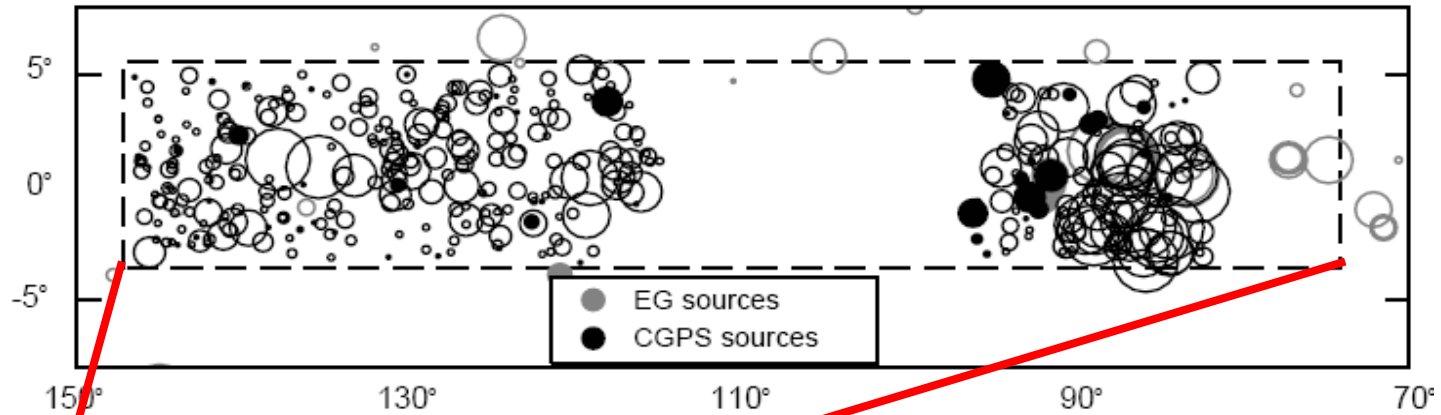


- Main Problem: fields go across the arms
- Newly: one radius range for reversed fields
- Not consistent with field reversals near
 - Perseus arm??
 - the Norma arm !!



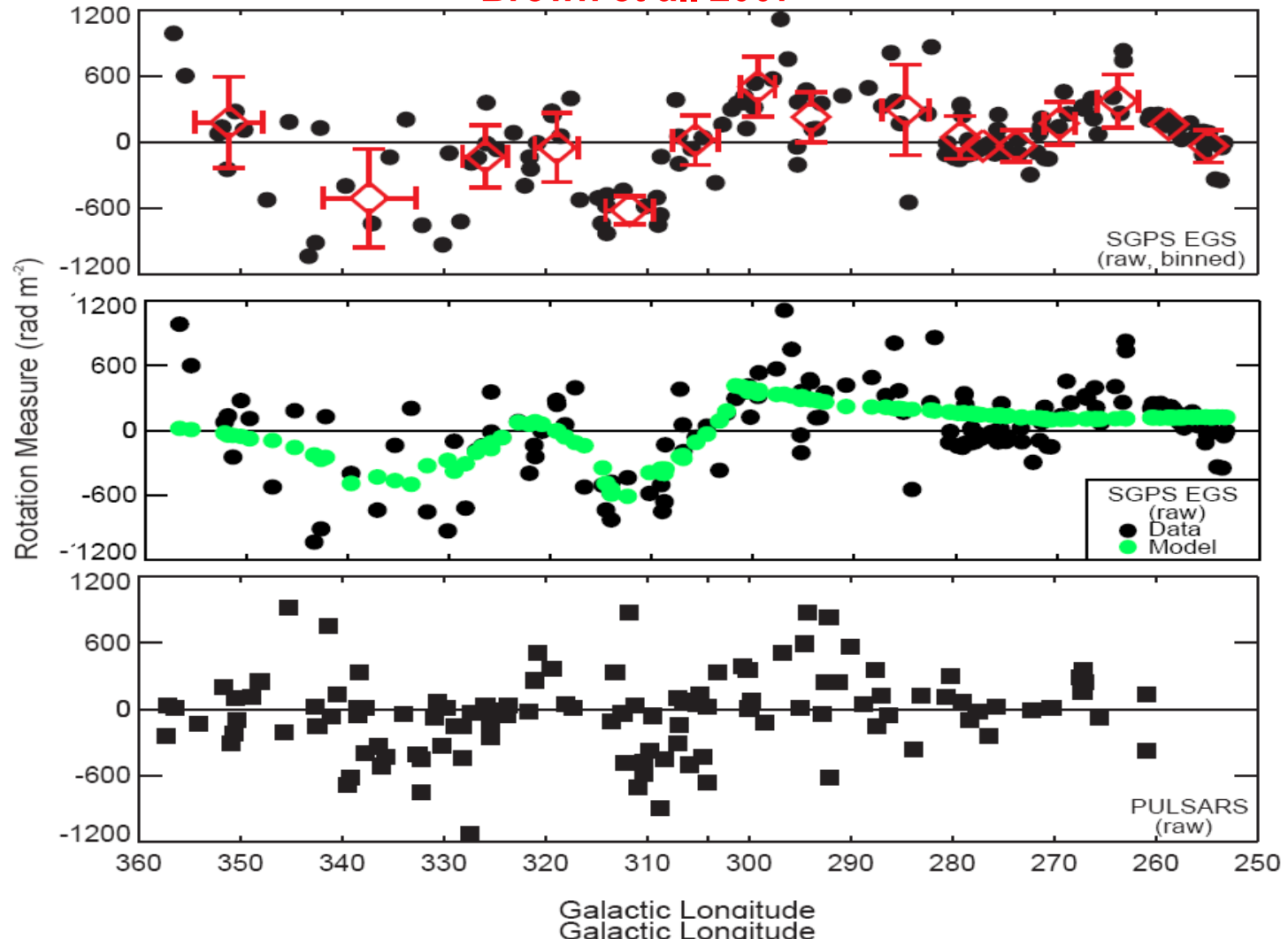
RM from Canadian Galactic plane Survey

Brown et al. 2003

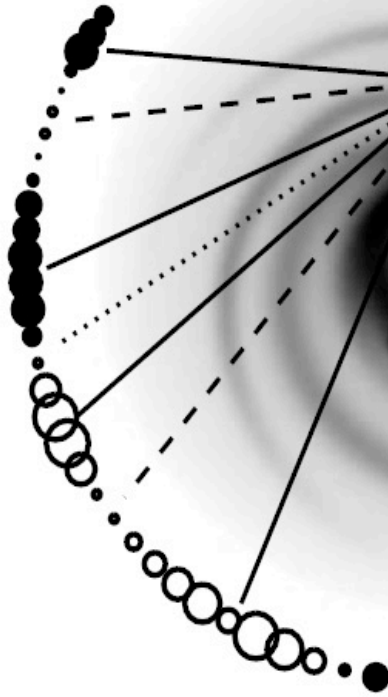


RMs from the southern Galactic plane

Brown et al. 2007

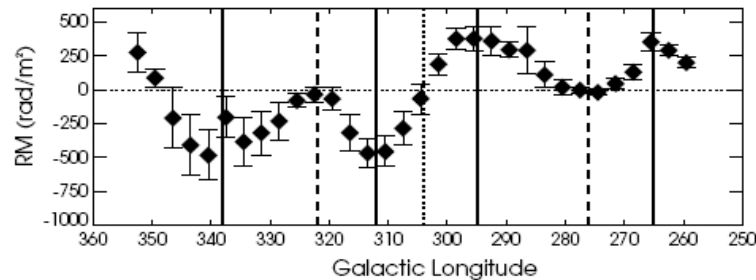


RM from extragalactic RM sources near the Galactic plane: Magnetic Structure -- Yes!



... if we have radio sources inside our Milky Way with somehow known distances, it would be much better ...

Haverkorn et al.
2006, AN



Pulsars: Best probes for Galactic Ne and B-field

- Polarized + no intrinsic RM: Faraday rotation:

$\langle B \rangle$ to us:
 $RM > 0$

$$RM = \frac{e^3}{2\pi m_e^2 c^4} \int_{\text{PSR}}^{\text{Sun}} \left[\frac{\lambda(l)}{\lambda_{\text{obs}}} \right]^2 n_e(l) \mathbf{B}(l) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0.820 \langle B_{\parallel} \rangle \int_0^{\text{Dist}} n_e dl$$

- n_e : can be measured:

$$DM = \int_0^{\text{Dist}} n_e dl$$

← the delay tells DM

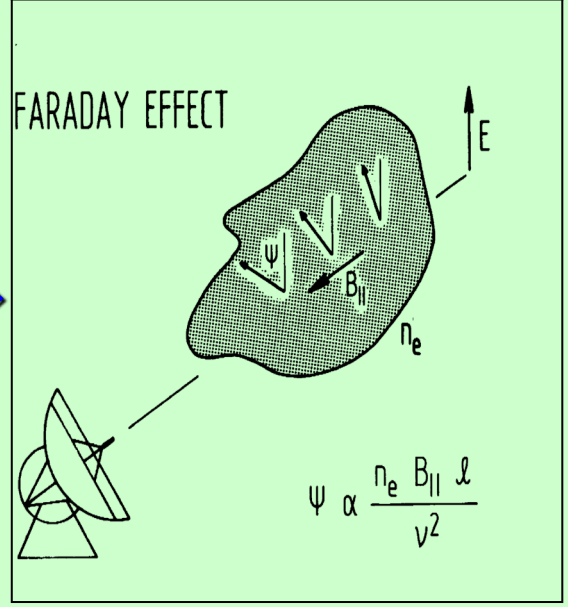
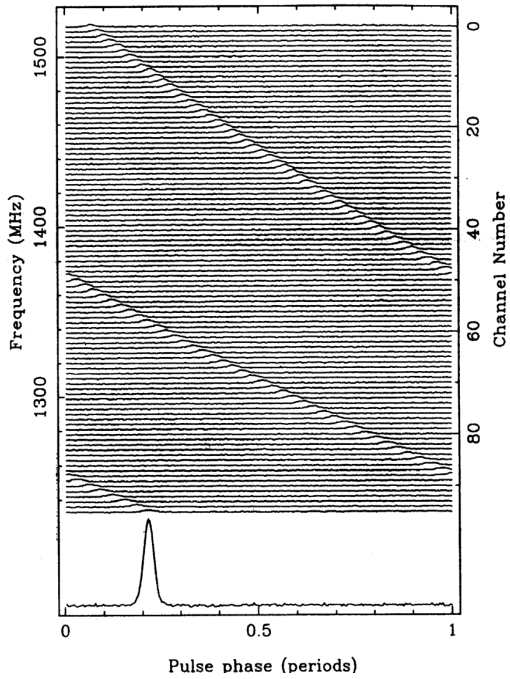
$$\Delta t = 8.3 \times 10^3 DM \frac{\Delta \nu}{\nu_{\text{MHz}}^3} \text{ sec}$$

the rotation of position angles tells RM value ⇒

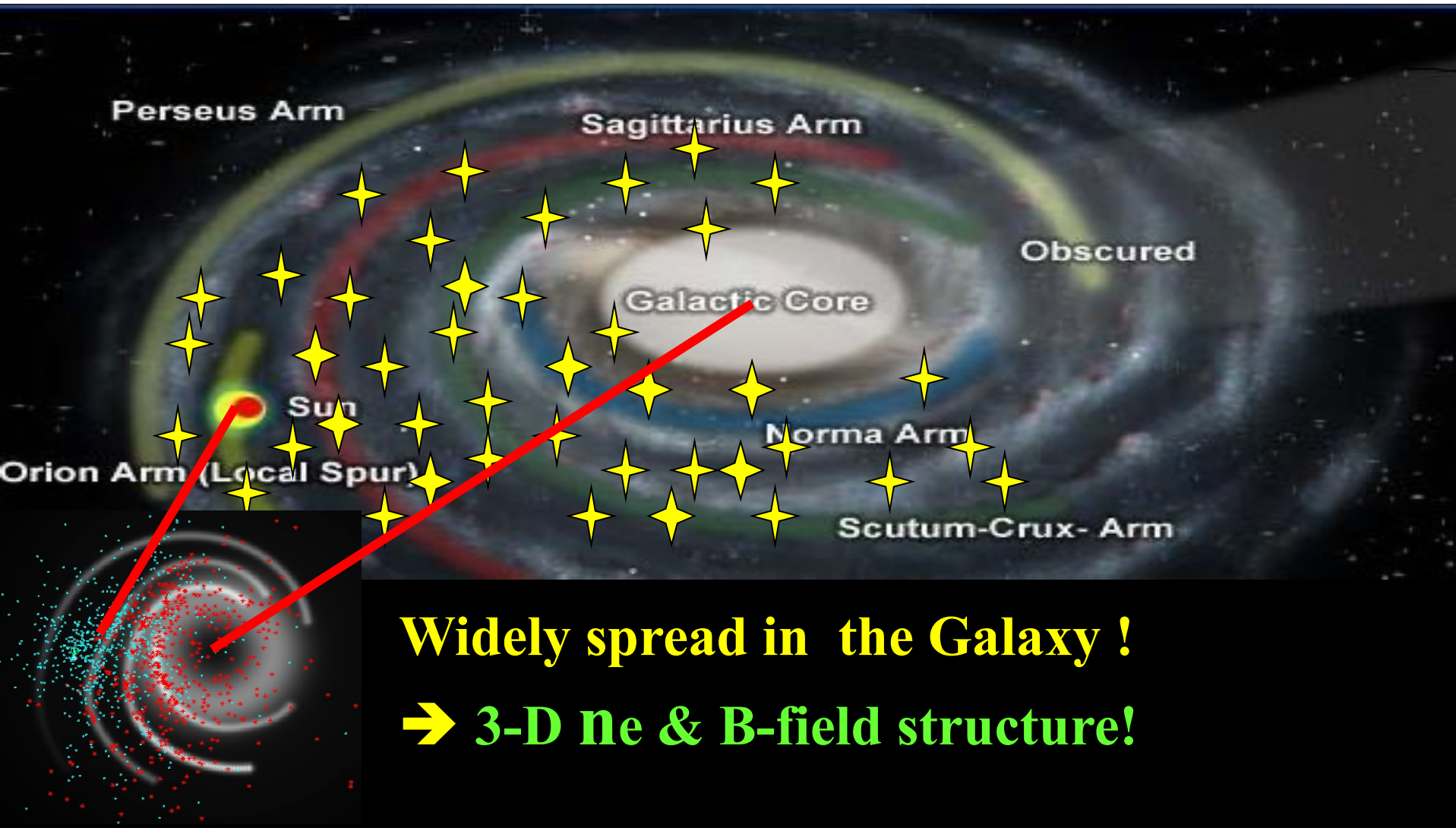
Average field strength can be directly derived

$$\langle B_{\parallel} \rangle = 1.232 \frac{RM}{DM} \mu G$$

$$RM = \frac{PA_{\lambda_1} - PA_{\lambda_2}}{\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2}$$



Pulsars: Best probes for Galactic Ne and B-field



Pulsar RMs and the B-field in the disk

(R.J. Rand & S.R. Kulkarni, 1989, ApJ 343, 760)

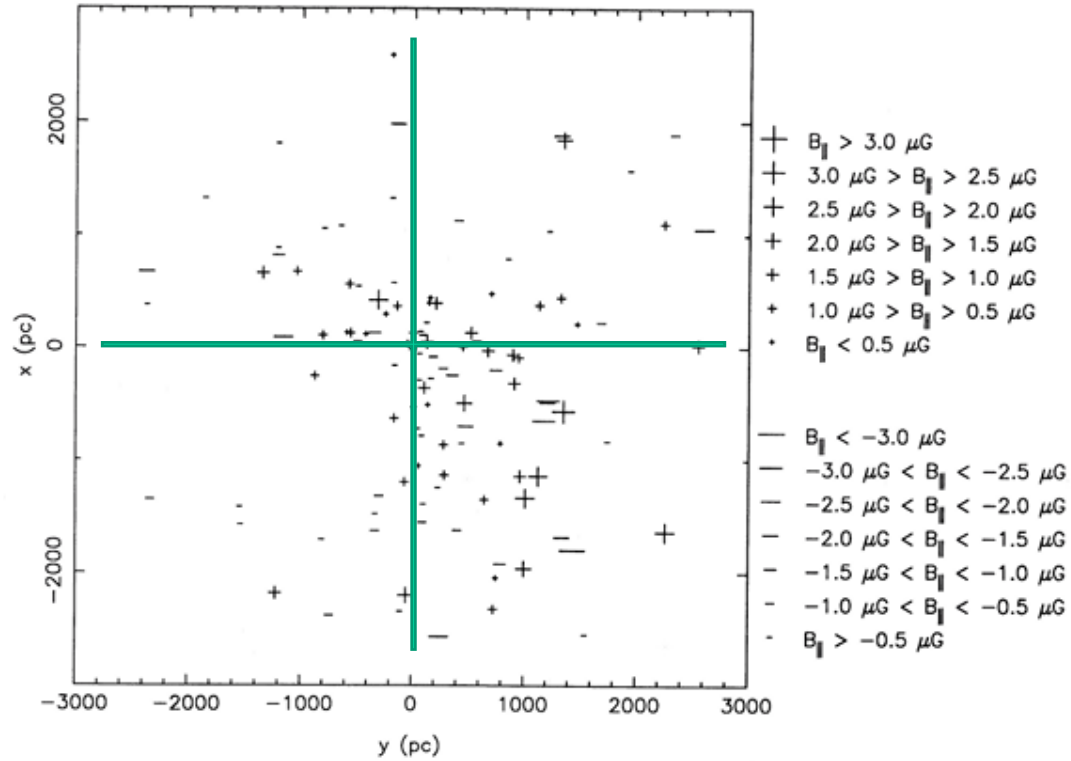
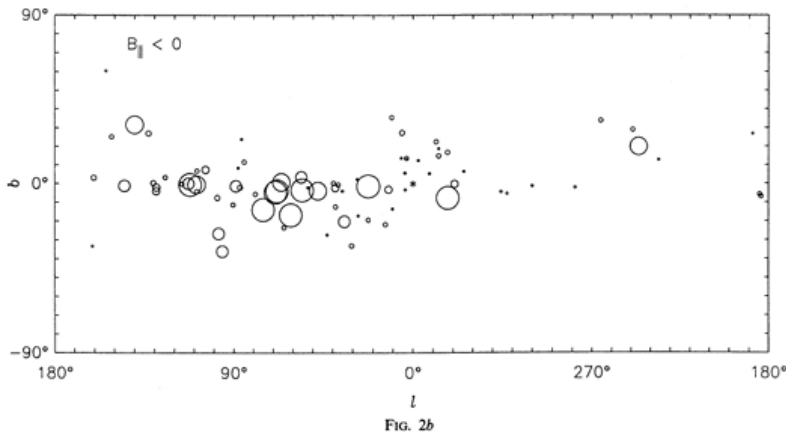
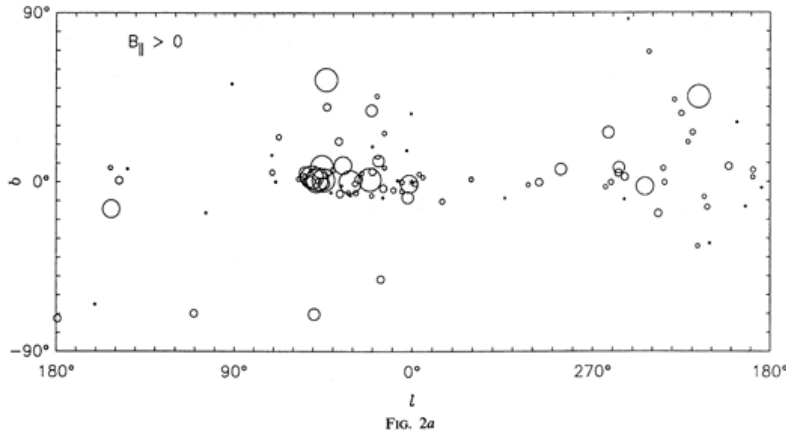


FIG. 2.—View of B_{\parallel} 's in Galactic coordinates for pulsars with distances less than 3 kpc. (a) positive B_{\parallel} 's; (b) negative B_{\parallel} 's.

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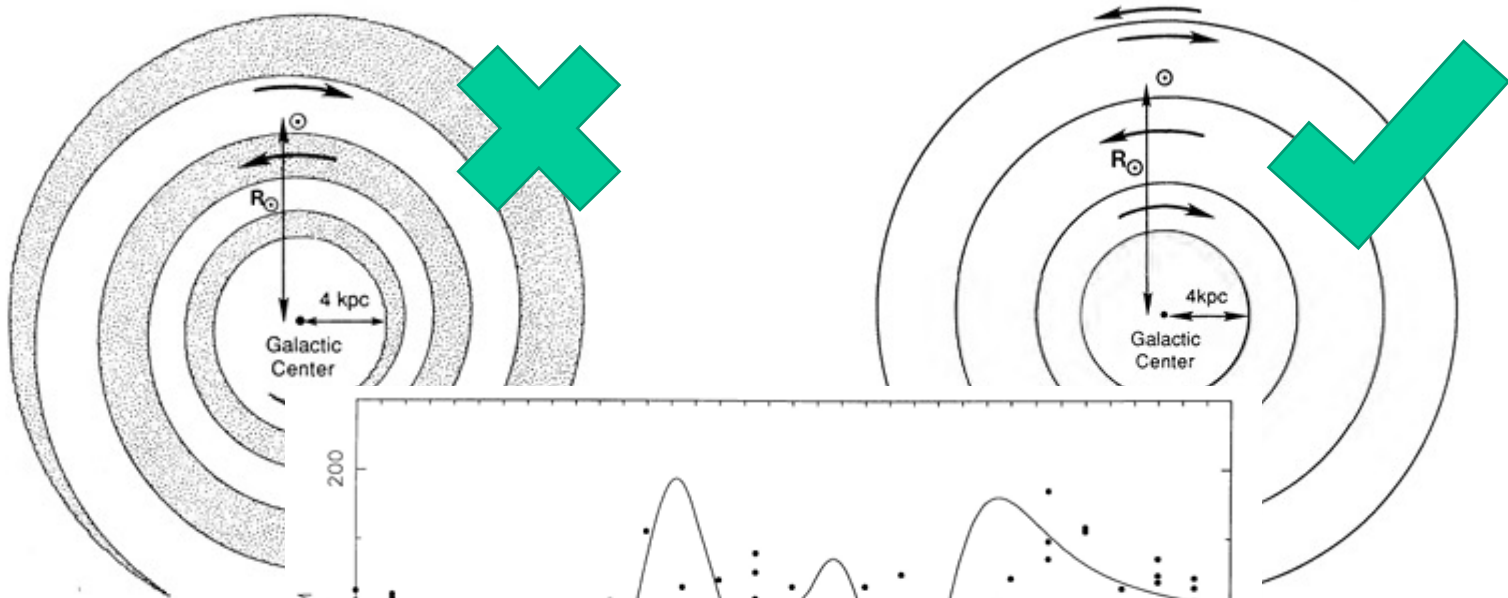


FIG. 5.—Bisymmetric spiral model. The Sun and the Galactic center are shaded and unshaded regions are shown. $R = 4$ kpc of the Galactic center and $l = 0^\circ$.

ic field. The direction of the bisymmetric model, the field is outside $R = 15$ kpc.

180° 90° 0° 270° 180°
 l

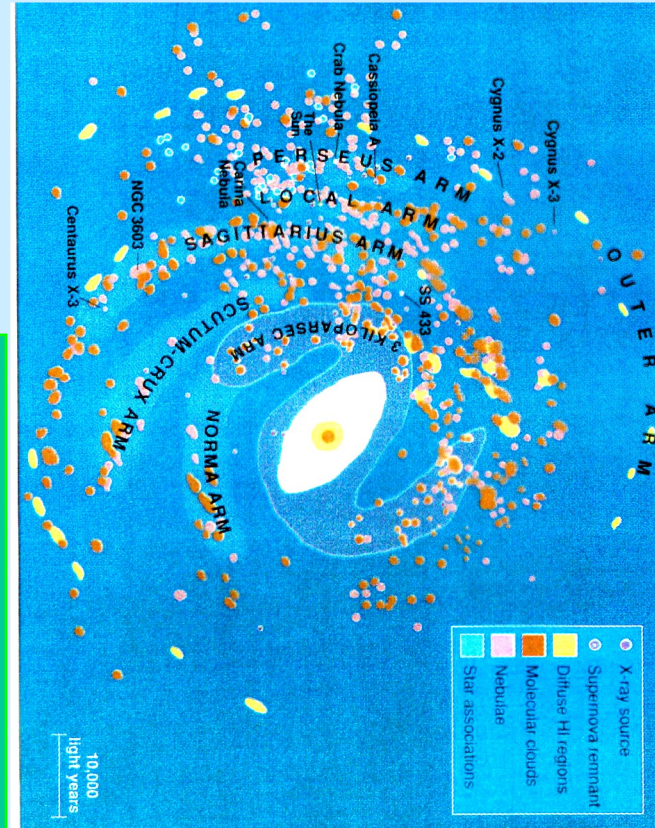
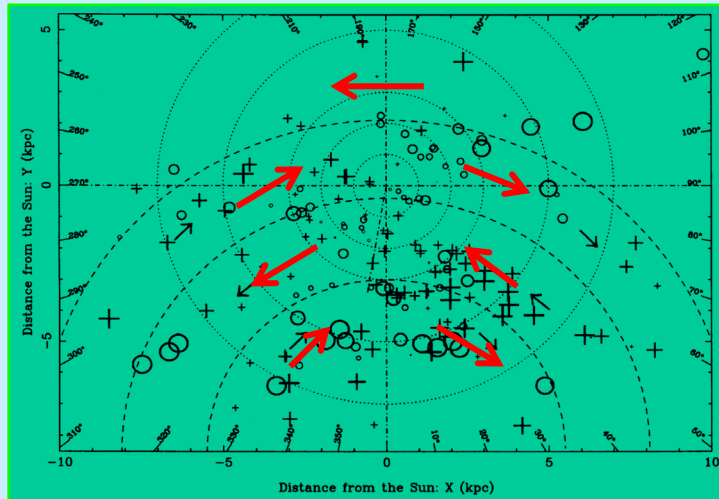
Ring model:

by R. Rand & S. Kulkarni (1989)

R. Rand & A. Lyne (1994)

Concentric rings of reversed fields

- Selection effect problem
- Field lines go across the arms
- Formula mistakes for the BSS modeling, then introduce it

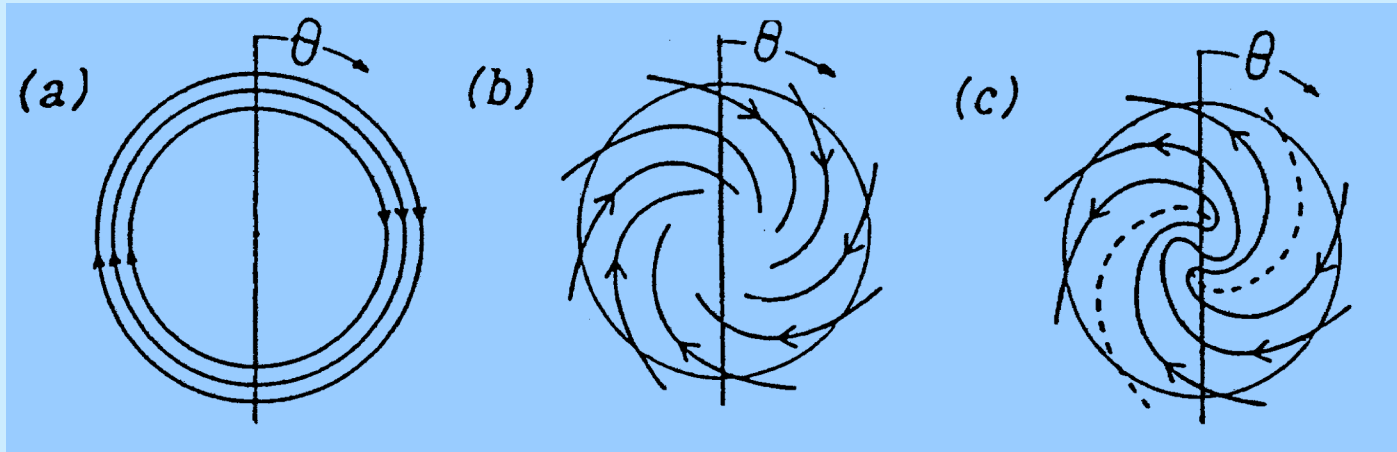


3 proposed models for B-field structure in the Galactic disk

Concentric Rings
Rings model

Axi-symmetric
spiral (**ASS**)

Bi-Symmetric Spiral
(BSS)



How to judge?

= > More data!

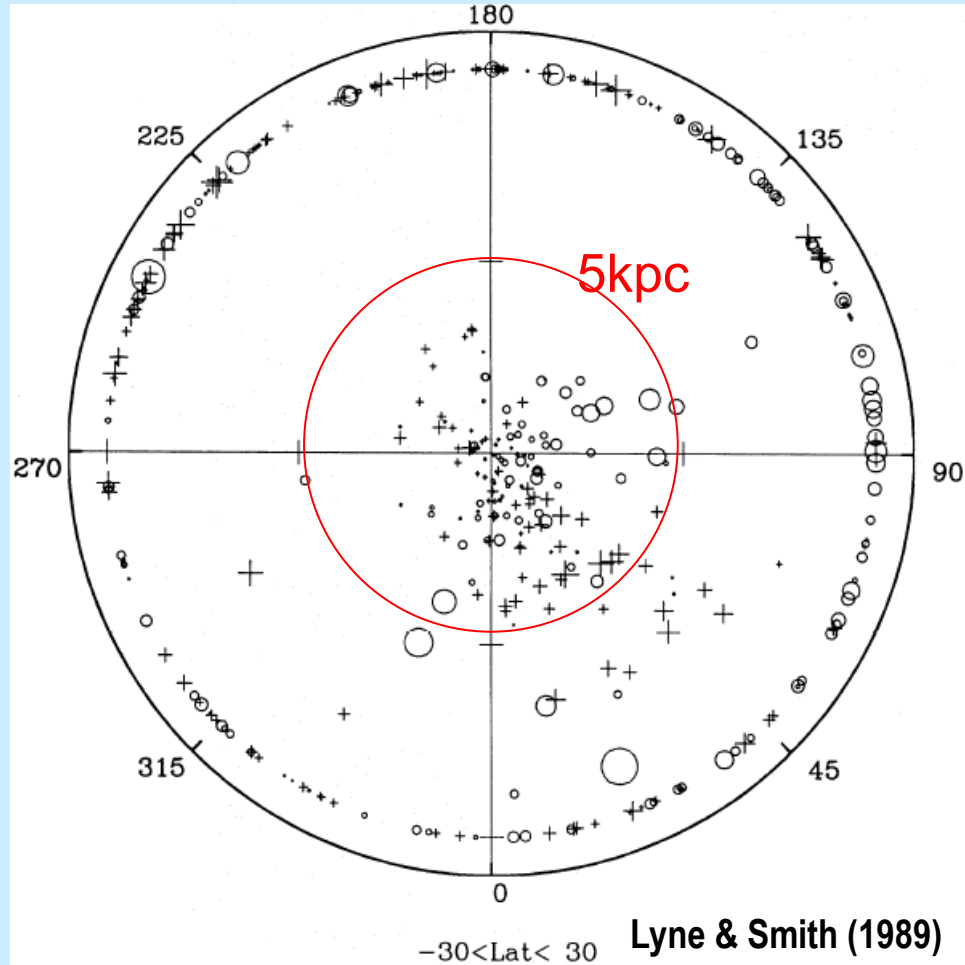
Large-scale: How *large* is the “**large**” here?

RM's of 185
pulsars

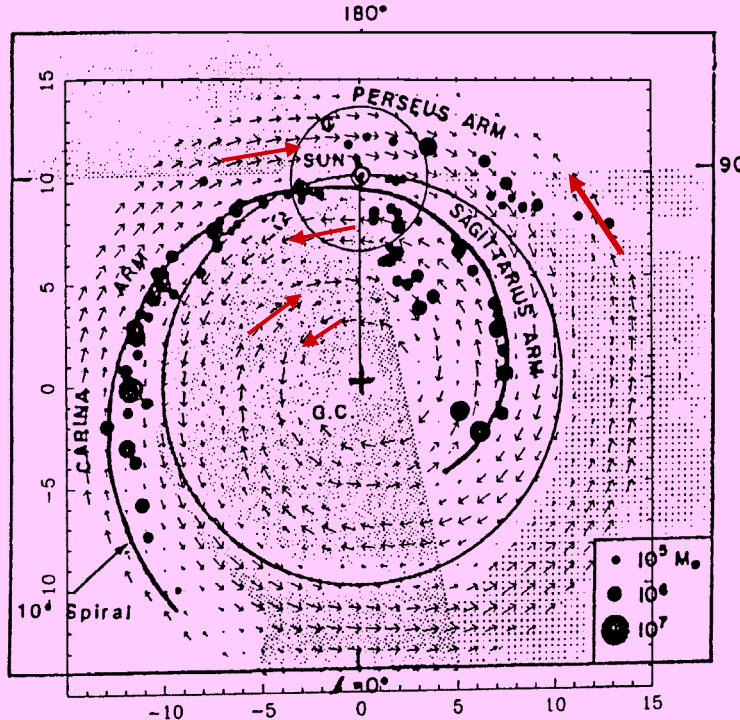
> ~ 3kpc?!

**Arm-separation:
1 or 2 kpc!**

**Data distribution:
Selection effect!**



Bi-Symmetric Spiral Model



Proposed from *RMs of Extragalactic Radio Sources:*

Simard-Normandin & Kronberg (1980)

Sofue & Fujimoto (1983)

Confirmed by *Pulsar RMs:*

Han & Qiao (1994)

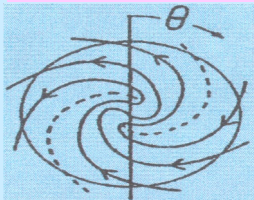
Indrani & Deshpande (1998)

Han, Manchester, Qiao (1999)

Han, Manchester, Lyne, Qiao (2002)

Supported by *starlight polarization*

Heiles (1996)



The best match to all evidence

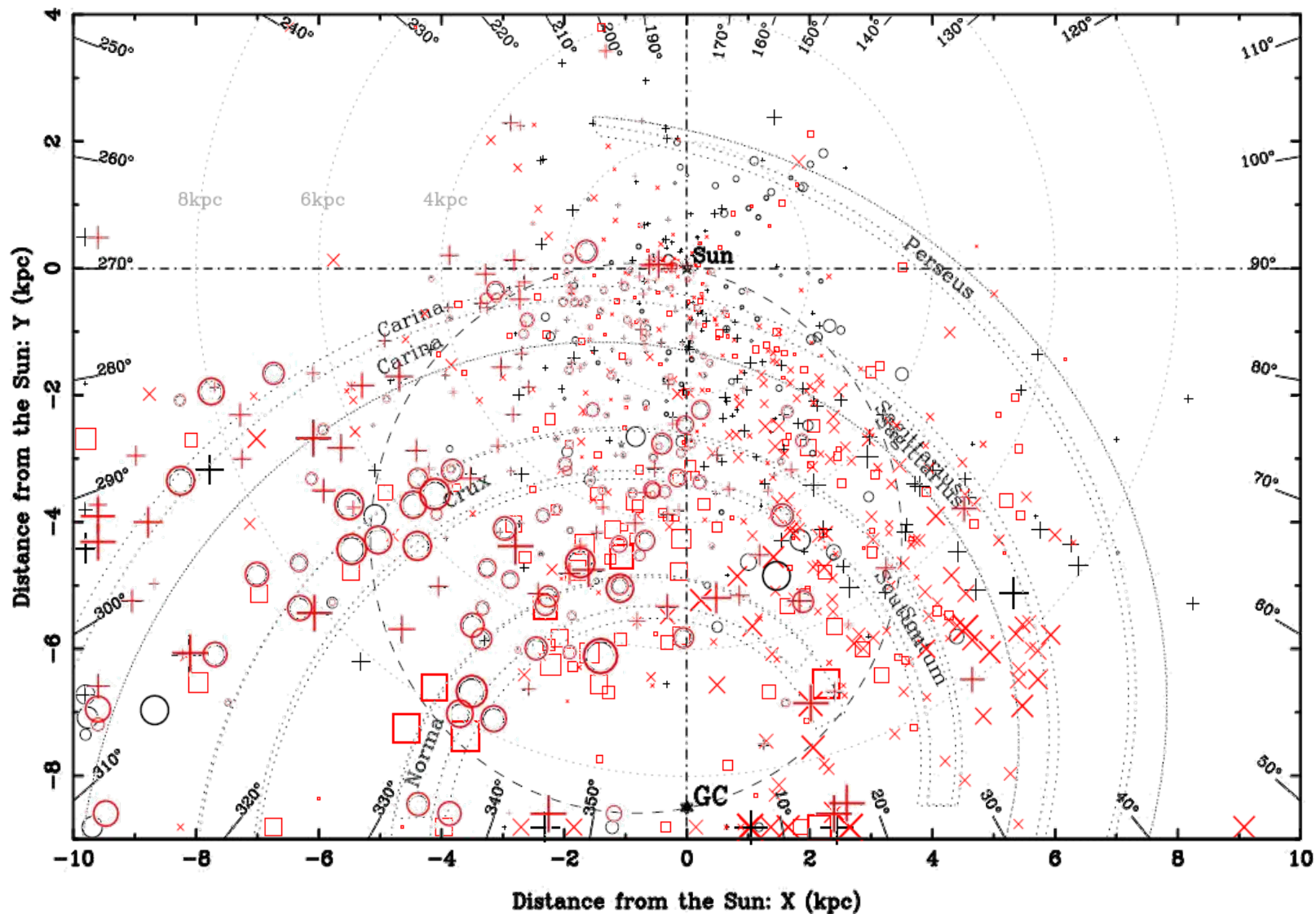
field reversals & pitch angle $-8^\circ \pm 2^\circ$
(the field stronger in interarm region?)

We took the baton for 2 decades for pulsar RMs

Authors	No. of RMs	No. New RMs
Hamilton & Lyne (1987)	163	119
Rand & Lyne (2004):	27	27
Qiao et al. (1995)	48	33
Van Ommen et al. (1997)	24	2
Han et al. (1999)	63	54
Crawford (2001):	7	7
Mitra et al. (2003):	11	11
Weisberg et al. (2003)	36	17
Han et al. (2006):	223	196
Han et al. (2018):	477	386
Xu et al. (2022):	134	134
Wang et al. (2023)	402	402

Total No. of pulsar RM published: → 1453

Our measurements



Paired pulsars probe the B -field in the between region

$$RM \propto \int_{\text{Sun}}^* ne B_{\parallel} ds$$
$$DM \propto \int_{\text{Sun}}^* ne ds$$

$$\langle B_{\parallel} \rangle_{d1-d2} = 1.232 \frac{\Delta RM}{\Delta DM} \mu G$$



If many PSRs,
fit together!

Analysis is not limited to *modeling B all the path*, but can **measure B in the region between!** *Significant improvement!*
No worry about foreground, much less sensitive on distances

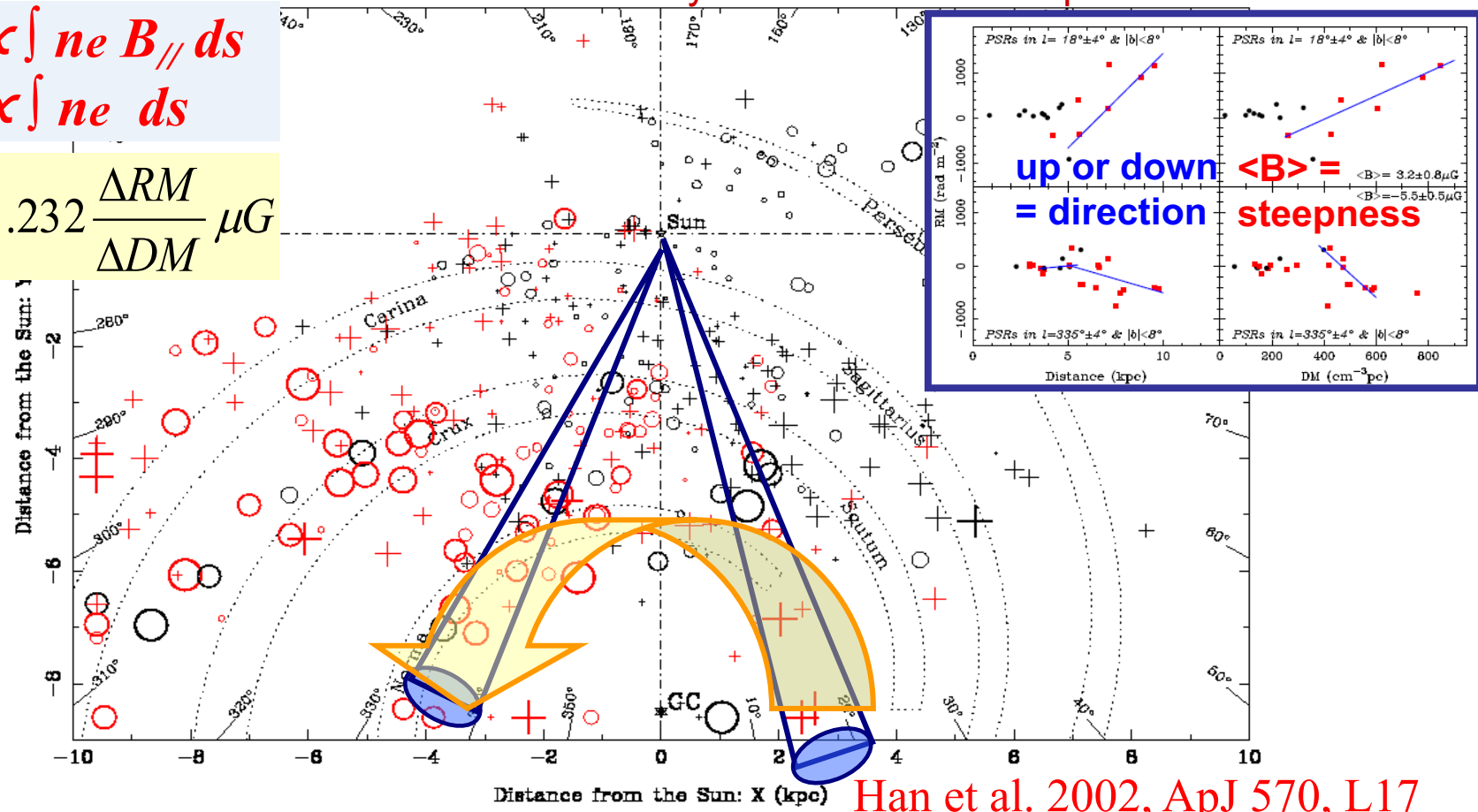
We got the B-field in the most inner arm: the Norma arm

red: new measurements by Parkes 64m telescope

$$RM \propto \int ne B_{\parallel} ds$$

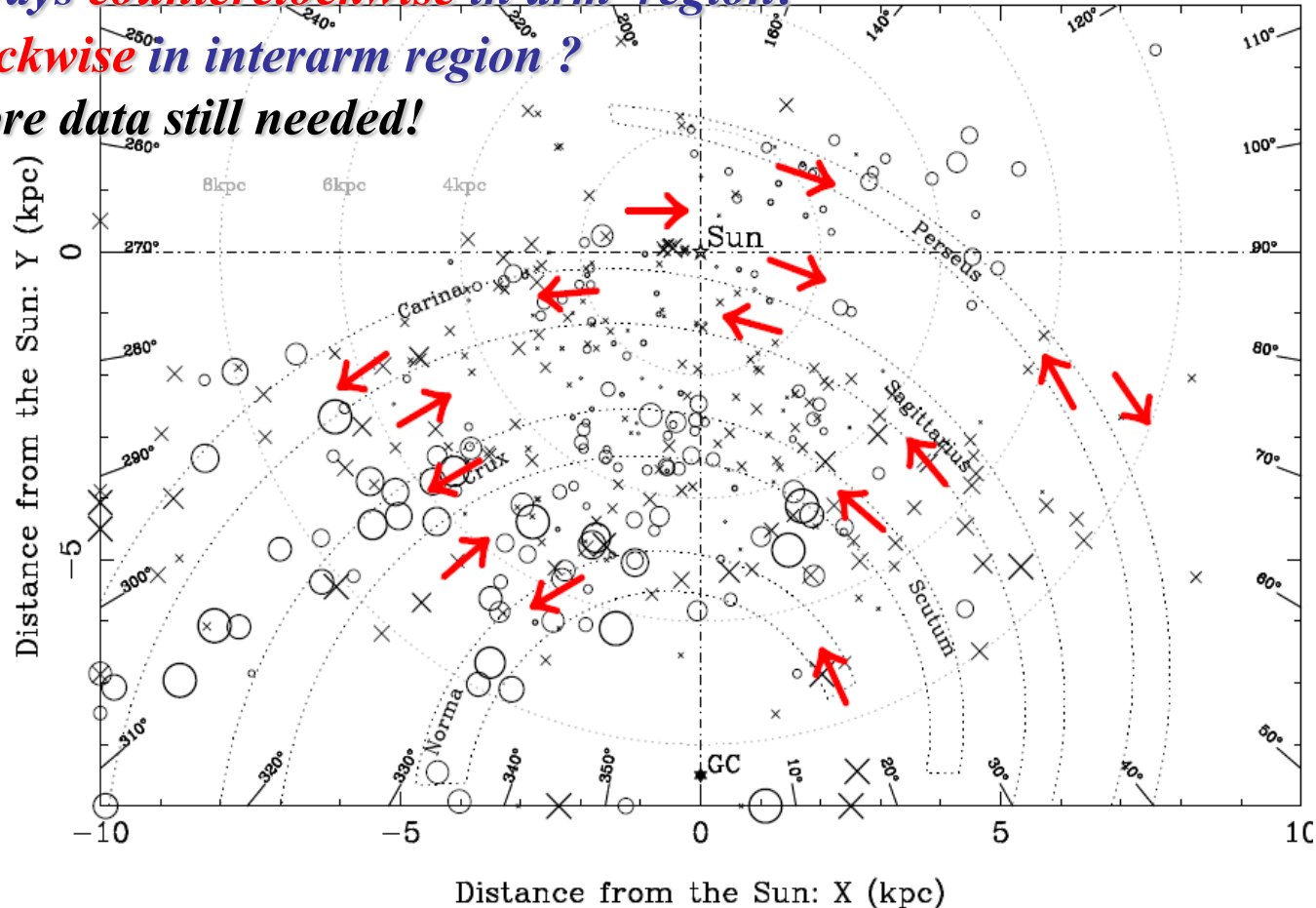
$$DM \propto \int ne ds$$

$$\langle B_{\parallel} \rangle = 1.232 \frac{\Delta RM}{\Delta DM} \mu G$$



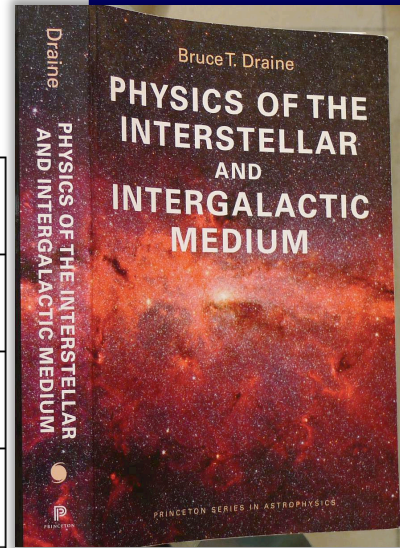
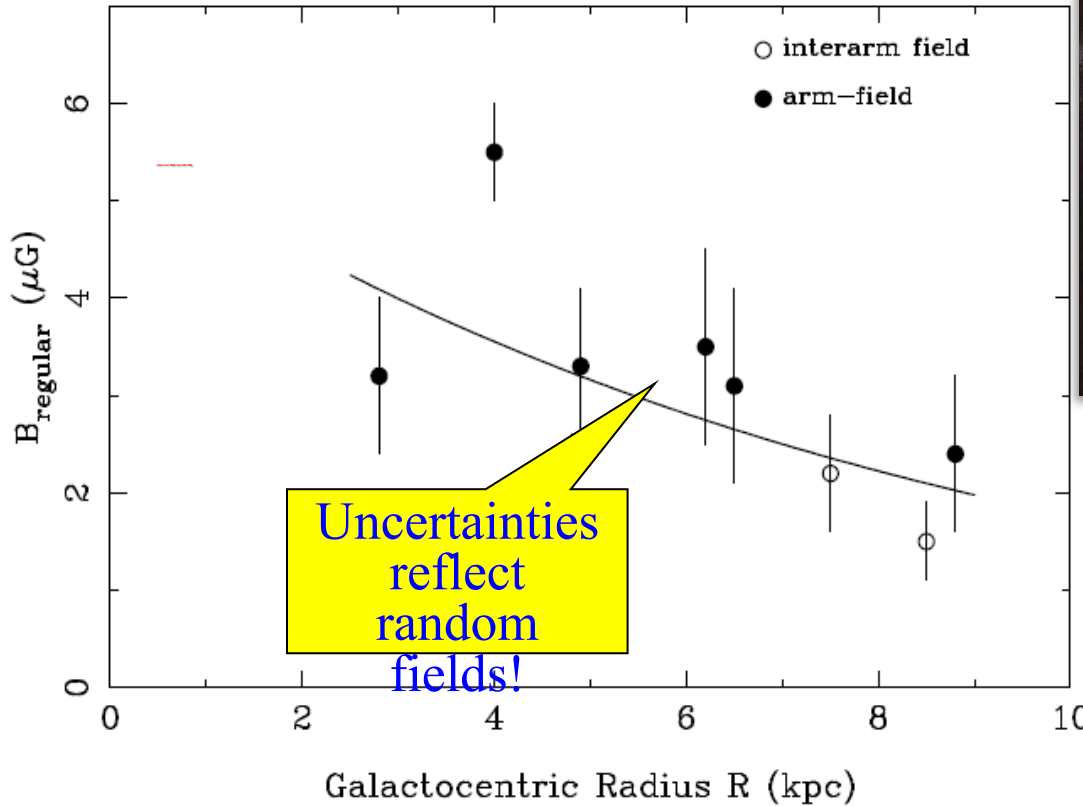
We measured magnetic fields in the Galactic disk by pulsar RM/DM (Han et al. 2006, ApJ 642, 868)

- *always counterclockwise in arm region!*
- *clockwise in interarm region ?*
- *More data still needed!*



We measured radial dependence of regular field strength

(Han et al. 2006, ApJ 642, 868)



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$$(B_{\parallel}) = \frac{2\pi m_e^2 c^4}{e^3} \frac{RM}{DM} \quad (11.26)$$

$$\frac{(B_{\parallel})}{\mu\text{G}} = 8.120 \times 10^{-5} \text{rad cm}^{-3} \times \frac{\text{cm}^{-2} \text{pc}}{DM} \quad (11.27)$$

Pulsars and AGNs are, in general, strongly linearly polarized (because they emit synchrotron radiation), and can be used to determine the RM for many sightlines through the Galactic ISM. Simultaneous measures of DM and RM for pulsars that are nearby on the sky but at differing distances allows the line-of-sight component of the magnetic field B_{\parallel} to be determined:

$$B_{\parallel} = \frac{2\pi m_e^2 c^4 \Delta RM}{e^3 \Delta DM} \quad (11.28)$$

Using this method, Han et al. (2006) conclude that the magnetic field in the disk generally follows the spiral structure, but with reversals of magnetic field direction from spiral arms to interarm regions. The spiral arm magnetic field strength is written in Han et al. (2006) 中的方法、公式和结果图

银河系磁场强度随半径减少

○ interarm field
● arm-field

$B_{\text{regular}} (\mu\text{G})$

Galactocentric Radius R (kpc)

Figure 11.8 Large-scale ordered magnetic field in spiral arms and in interarm regions, as estimated by Han et al. (2006). The spiral arm magnetic fields are all counterclockwise (as viewed from the North Galactic pole), while the interarm fields are clockwise. Han et al. assumed a galactocentric distance of $R = 8.5$ kpc. Figure from Han et al. (2006), reproduced by permission of the AAS.

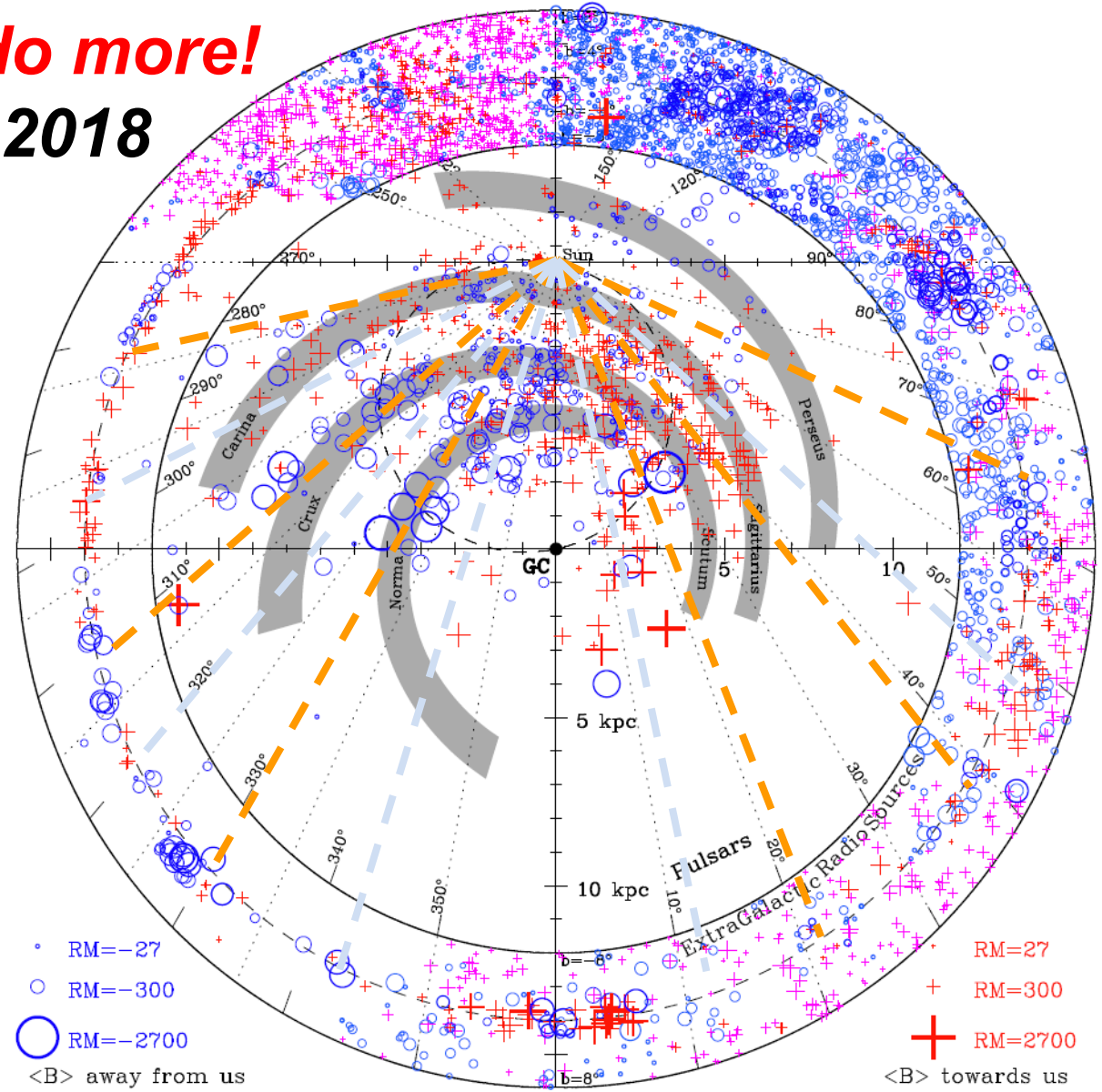
$$B_{\text{regular}}(R) = B_0 \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{(R - R_{\oplus})}{R_B}\right]$$

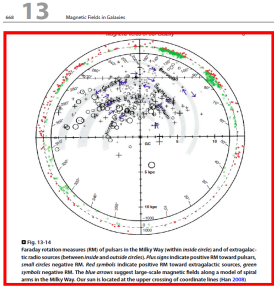
$$B_0 = 2.1 \pm 0.3 \mu\text{G}$$

$$R_B = 8.5 \pm 4.7 \text{kpc}$$

No stop, do more!

Han et al. 2018



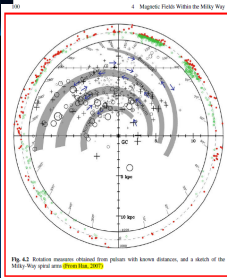


3.4 Zeeman Effect

The Zeeman effect is the most direct method of measuring magnetic fields. It has been used in the optical range for detecting magnetic fields in the Sun and in stars. At radio wavelengths the use of the Zeeman effect proved to be more difficult. For one, the frequency shifts caused by the weak magnetic fields are minute and require sophisticated instrumentation. The first line gave the first definitive directions, usually in absorption toward strong Galactic sources (Clineburn 1960). The technique was refined so that at present magnetic fields as weak as 0.1 μG can be detected with the Arecibo telescopes. The observation of the Zeeman effect in the 675 mHz line (see Clineburn et al. 1987) advanced the field further.

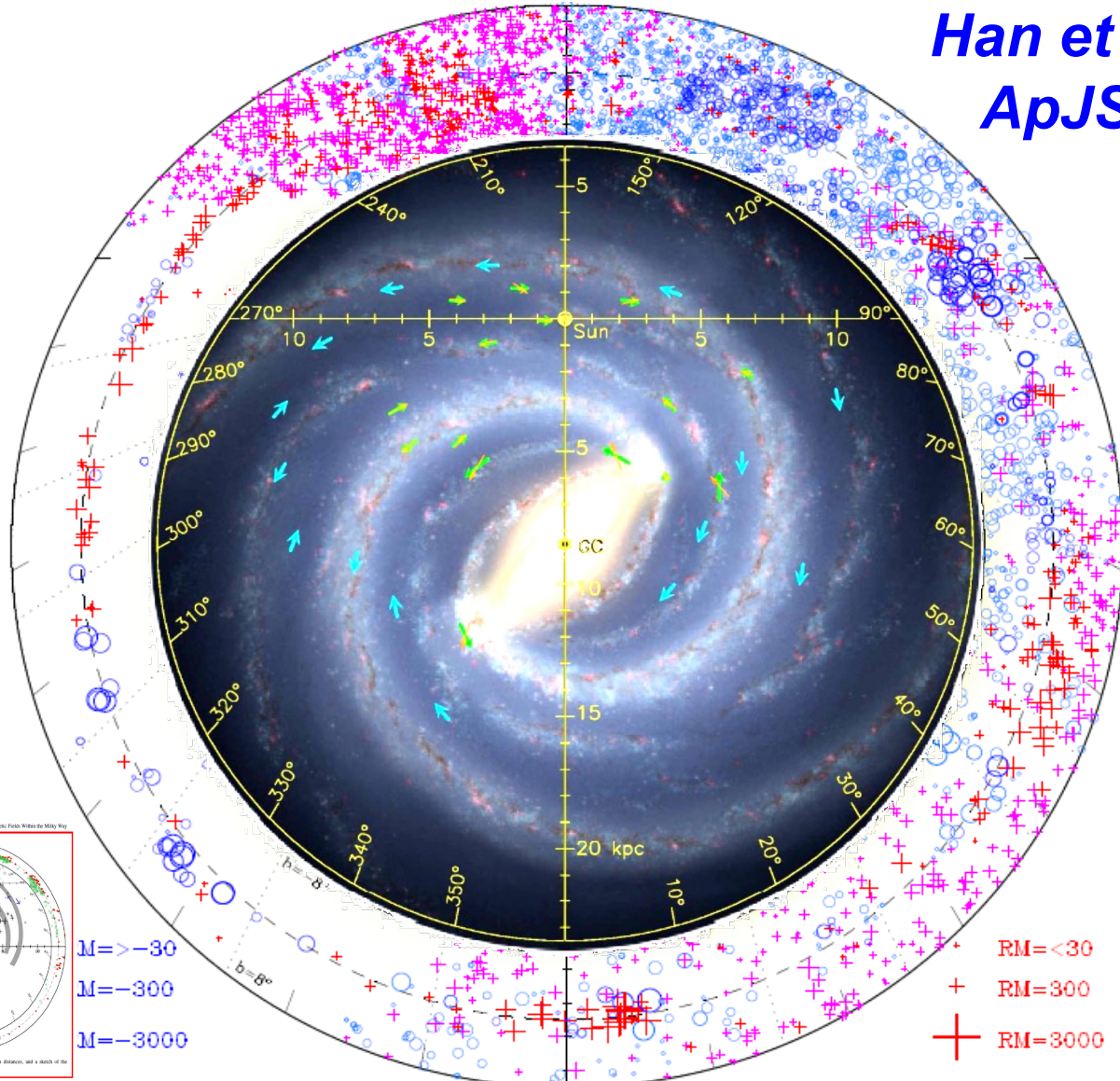
Galactic and Intergalactic
Magnetic Fields

Ulrich Klein · Andrew Fletcher

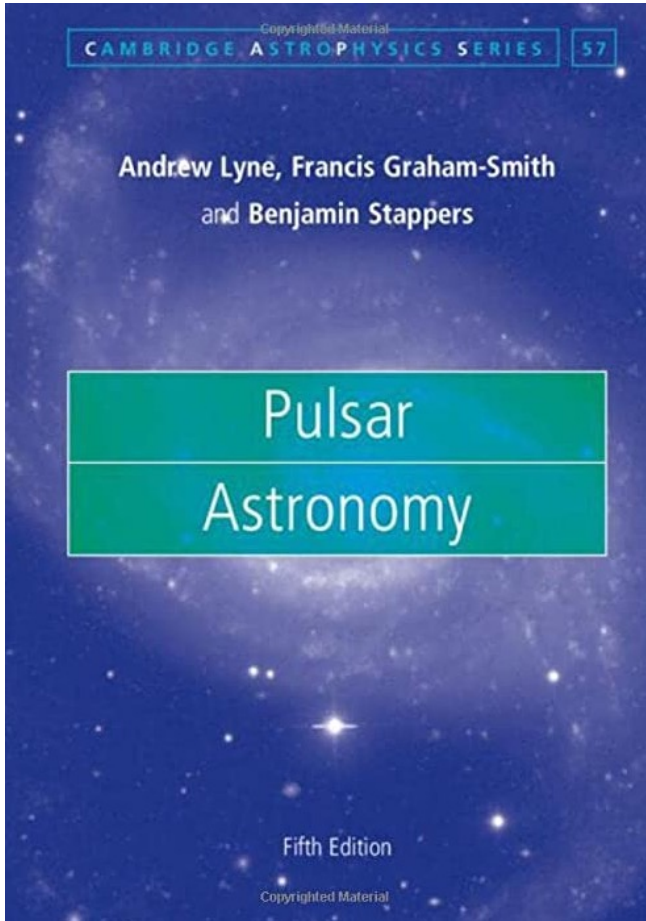


$M = > -30$
 $M = -300$
 $M = -3000$

$RM = < 30$
 $+$ $RM = 300$
 $+$ $RM = 3000$

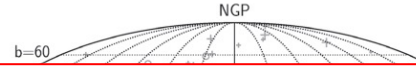


Who understand us better?



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The Interstellar Magnetic Field



It is still not clear from this plot whether the direction of the field reverses in adjacent spiral arms. Part of the problem is the remaining uncertainty in distances, which can misplace a pulsar from the edge of one arm to the edge of another. Han *et al.* (1999) overcame this by selecting pulsars at the tangential points of each arm, where precise location is less important. They showed that the field is in the same direction in all arms, but reversed between the arms. This is a *bi-symmetric* pattern. The strength of this organised field is approximately $2 \mu\text{G}$ in the local arm and $4 \mu\text{G}$ closer to the Galactic centre.



Figure 20.1 Hammer-Aitoff projection of the sky in Galactic coordinates, showing the magnetic field components obtained from pulsar Faraday rotation. The field is the weighted mean along the line of sight to all pulsars whose Faraday rotation had been measured in 2020. Plus signs and circles indicate respectively a field directed towards and away from us. The size of the symbols is proportional to the field strength. A zoom in showing the lower Galactic latitude parts of the Galaxy is shown below (Credit C. Sobey).

in the first and third quadrants ($l = 0 - 90 \text{ deg}$, $l = 180 - 270 \text{ deg}$) are positive, and those in the second and fourth quadrants are negative.

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Distance uncertainty: yes!
but collectively, fine!

300,000 pulsars in the Milky Way
but only 3,000 in last 53 years

1000 pulsars by FAST?

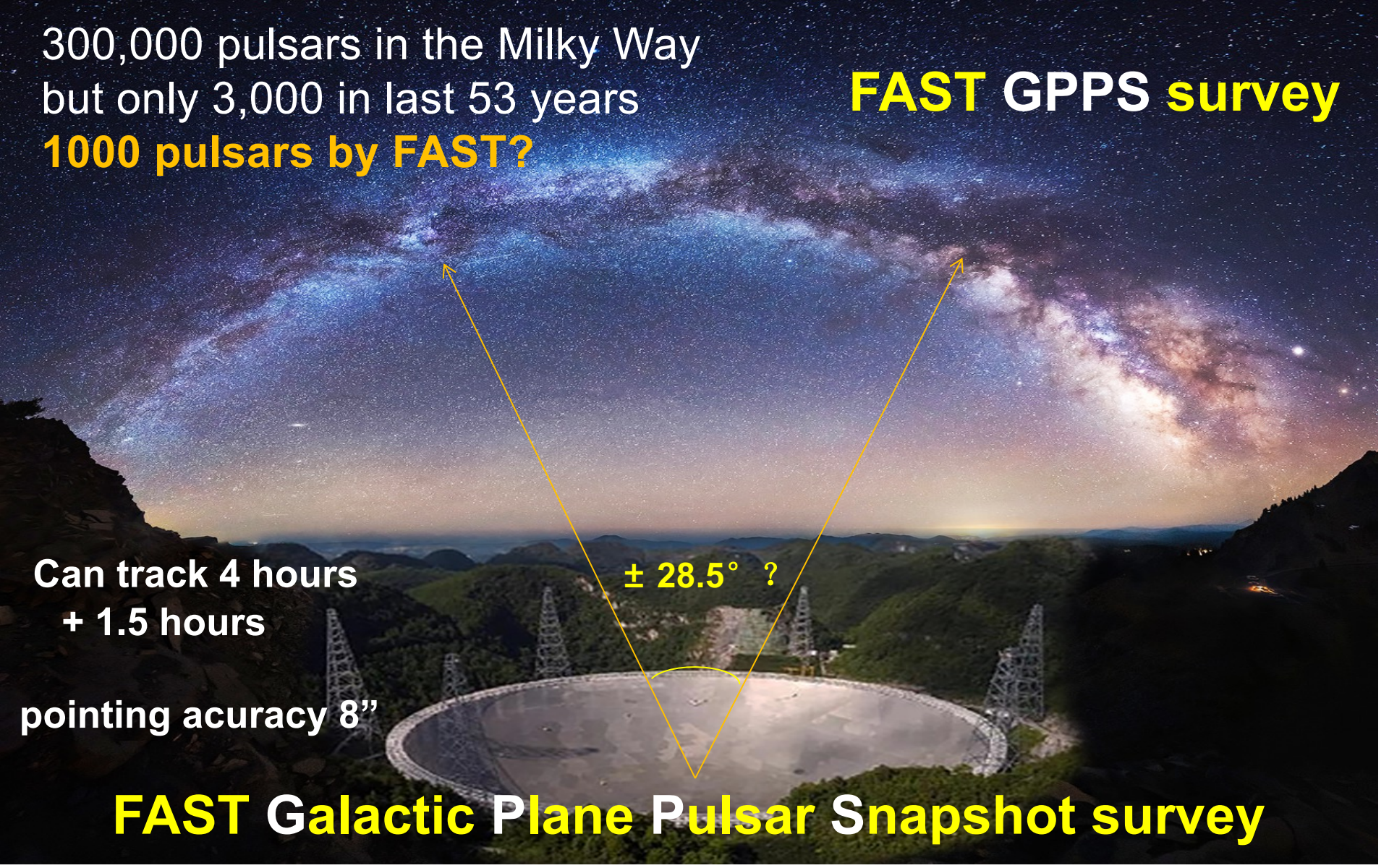
FAST GPPS survey

Can track 4 hours
+ 1.5 hours

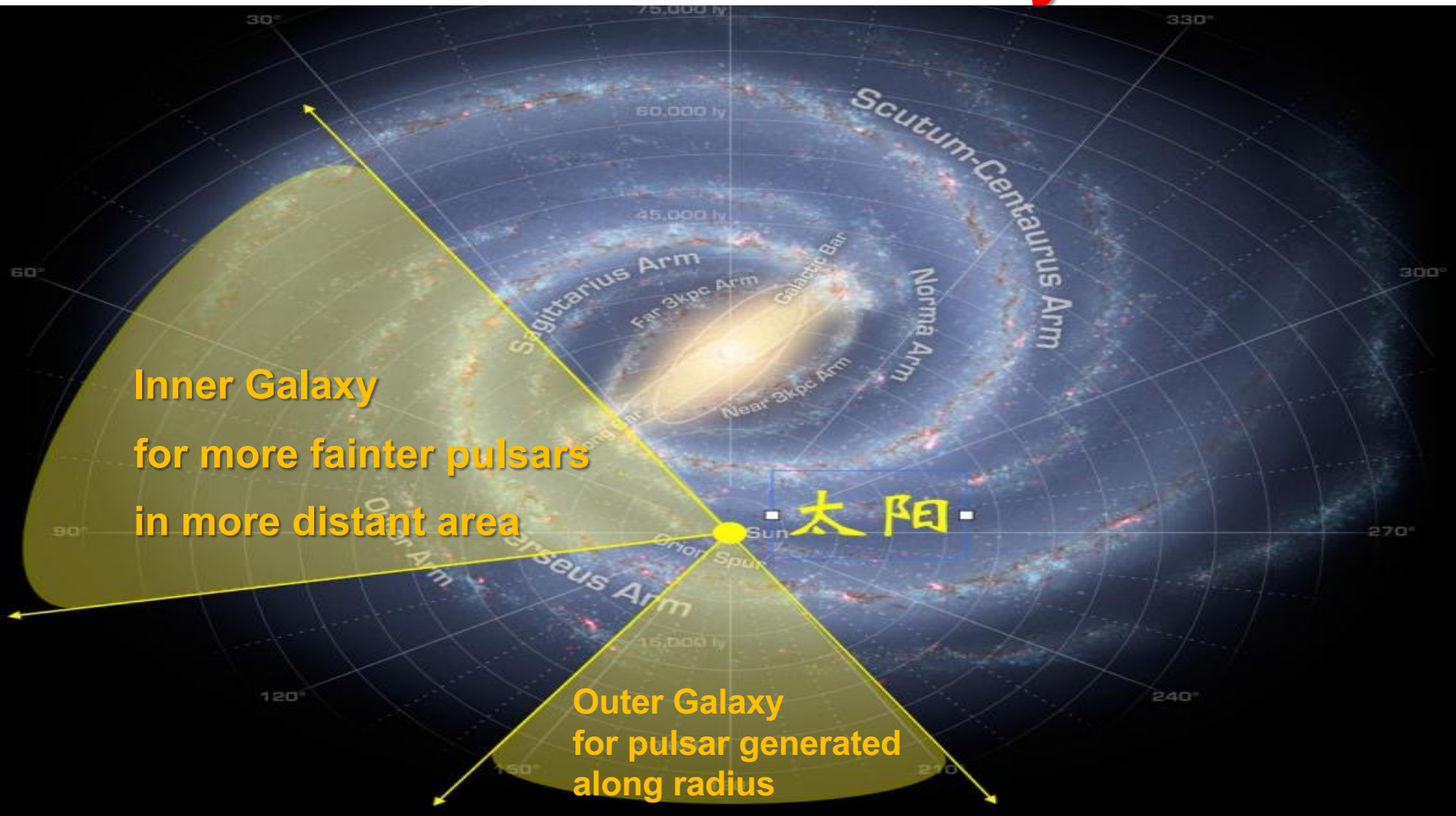
pointing accuracy 8"

$\pm 28.5^\circ$?

FAST Galactic Plane Pulsar Snapshot survey



FAST-GPPS: Survey area



751 pulsars on GPPS Web



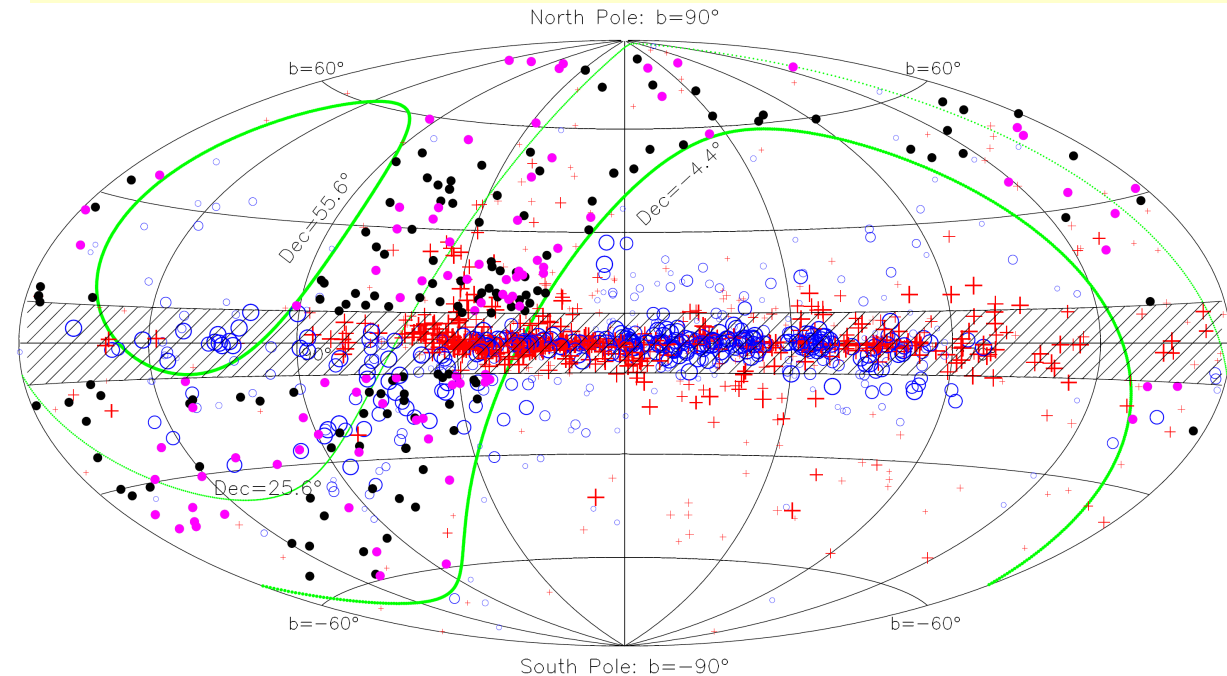
Table 1: New discoveries of pulsars by the GPPS survey (v4.0.0)

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J1924+1923g	gpps0002	0.68924	386.7	19:24:24	+19:23	20190327	20191110	20200928	timing=JP. Yuan
J1904+0823g	gpps0003	1.50773	60.4	19:04:43	+08:23	20200421	20200915	20200928	20201102updateP
J1936+2041g	gpps0004	1.39078	193.8	19:36:28	+20:41	20200222	20200830 , 20200910	20200928	20201102updateP
J1838+0046g	gpps0005	2.20317	229.6	18:38:10	+				
J1924+1933g	gpps0006	0.38886	280.3	19:24:48	+				
J1925+1628g	gpps0007	0.00411	214.1	19:25:07	+16:28	20191121	20200204	20200928	timing=JP. Wang
J1905+0655g	gpps0008	2.51165	23.0	19:05:48	+06:55	20190923	20200205 , 20200418 , 20200607 , 20200826 , 20200914 , 20201002	20200928	timing=JP. Yuan; 20201102updateP; 20201114updateP
J1904+0853g	gpps0009	0.00619	195.1	19:04:53	+08:53	20190917	20200205	20200928	FollowUp=PF. Wang; 20201114updateName; 20201114updateRA; 20201114updateDEC
J1857+0214g	gpps0010	0.33389	986.3	18:57:09	+02:14	20191009	20200212 , 20200822	20200928	timing=JP. Yuan
J1947+2006g	gpps0011	0.00817	127.4	19:47:58	+20:06	20190923	20200204 , 20200212	20200928	FollowUp=PF. Wang
J1917+1258g	gpps0012	0.00563	117.0	19:17:21	+12:58	20191014	20200208 , 20200212	20200928	FollowUp=PF. Wang
J1930+1403g	gpps0013	0.00321	150.5	19:30:15	+14:03	20191121	20200206 , 20200401	20200928	FollowUp=PF. Wang
J1852+0056g	gpps0014	1.17779	905.7	18:52:14	+00:56	20200303	20200404 , 20200819 , 20200820 , 20200911	20200928	
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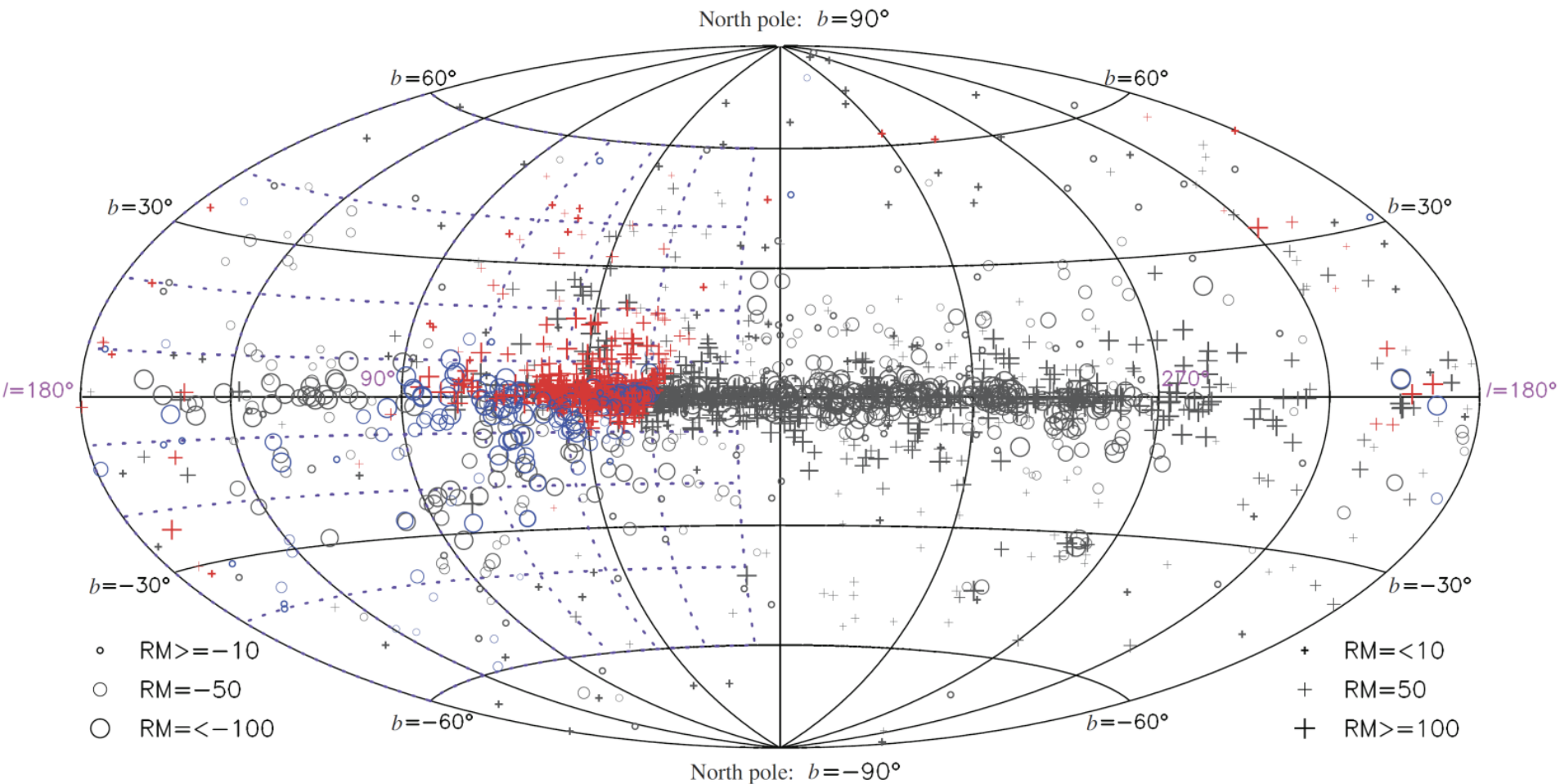
<http://zmtt.bao.ac.cn/GPPS/>

FAST pulsar polarization observation

- Total 3341 pulsars, 1453 of which have known RMs
- FAST can measure Faraday rotation for faint pulsars
- Two PI projects for halo pulsars: PT2020_0164、PT2021_0051
 - => 134 new RMs (Xu et al. 2022, doi: 10.1007/s11433-022-2033-2)
- The Galactic plane pulsar snapshot (GPPS) survey: Polarization data
 - => 404 new RMs (Wang et al. 2023, doi: 10.1088/1674-4527/acea1f)



New RMs for 134 halo pulsars and 311 disk pulsars



(Xu et al. 2022, doi: 10.1007/s11433-022-2033-2)

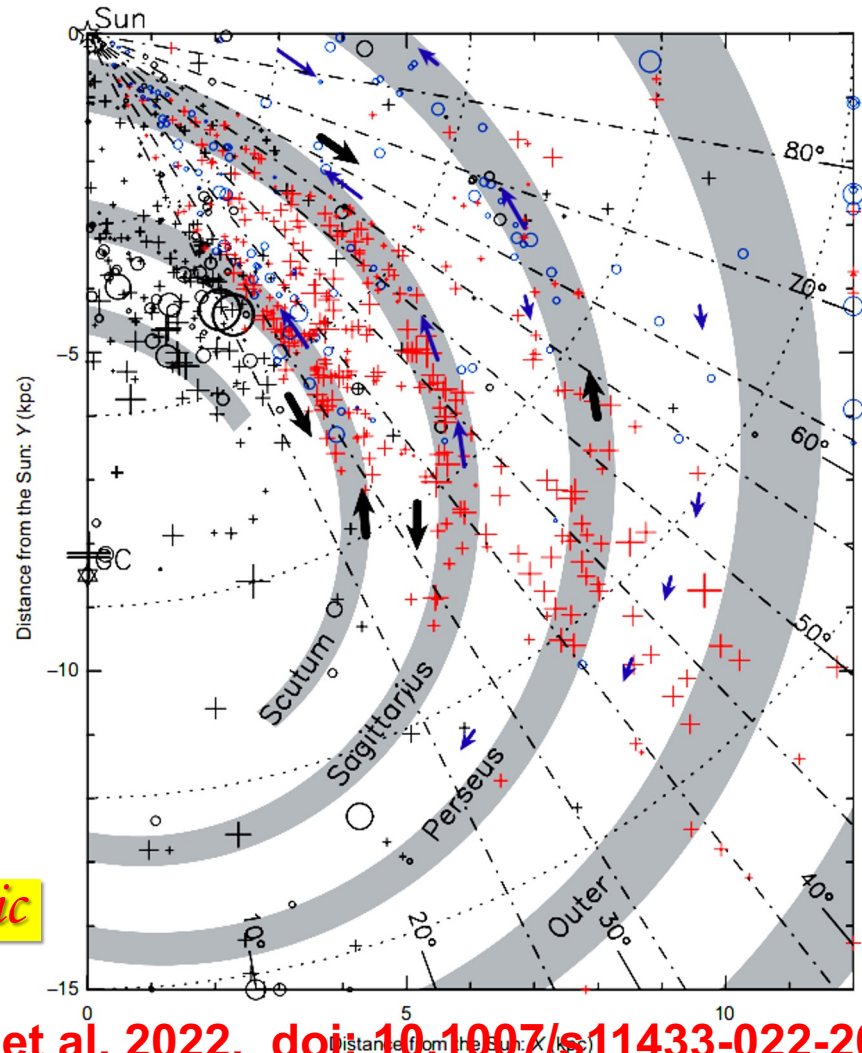
Magnetic fields in the first quadrant of the Galactic disk

- In FAST pulsar database (Wang et al. 2022) we determined RMs for 311 pulsars for the first time
- Large number of RMs in ($26^\circ < l < 90^\circ$) increased by a factor of two compared to the previous work.
- Explore the fields in farther arms up to 15 kpc

Without FAST,

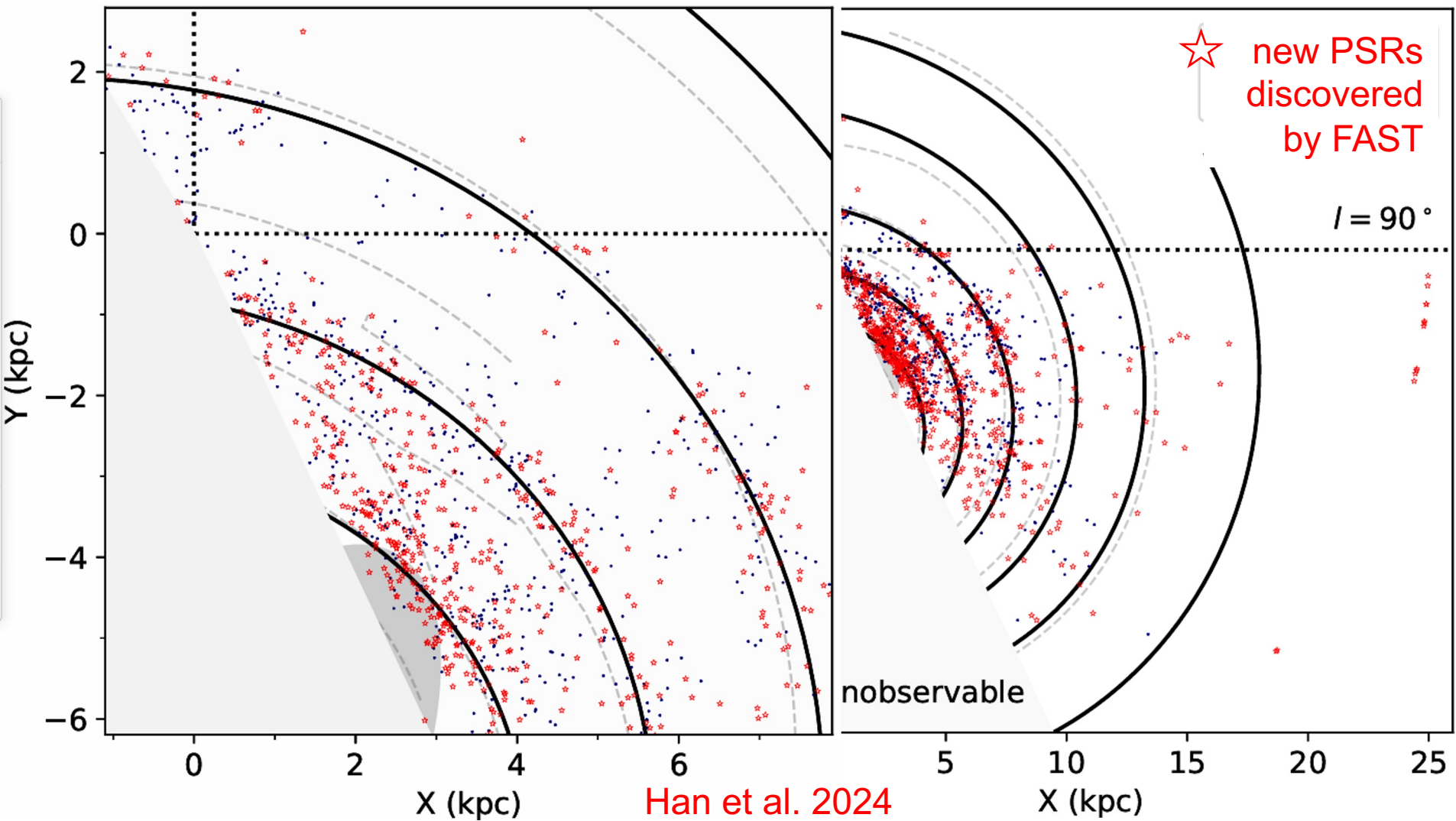
it is very difficult to explore magnetic

fields in such wide areas

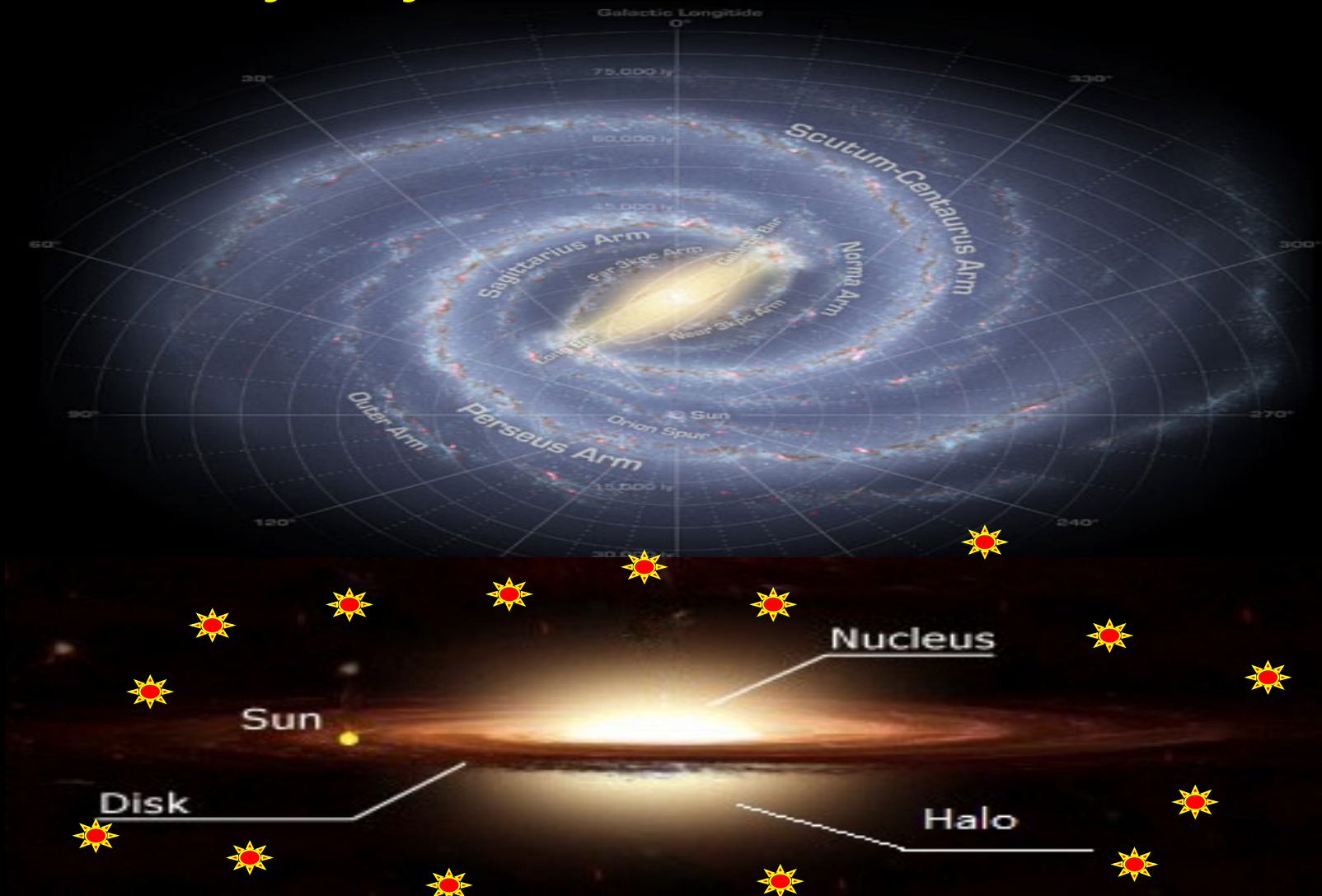


(Xu et al. 2022, doi:10.1007/s11433-022-2033-2)

Where the FAST can measure in future?

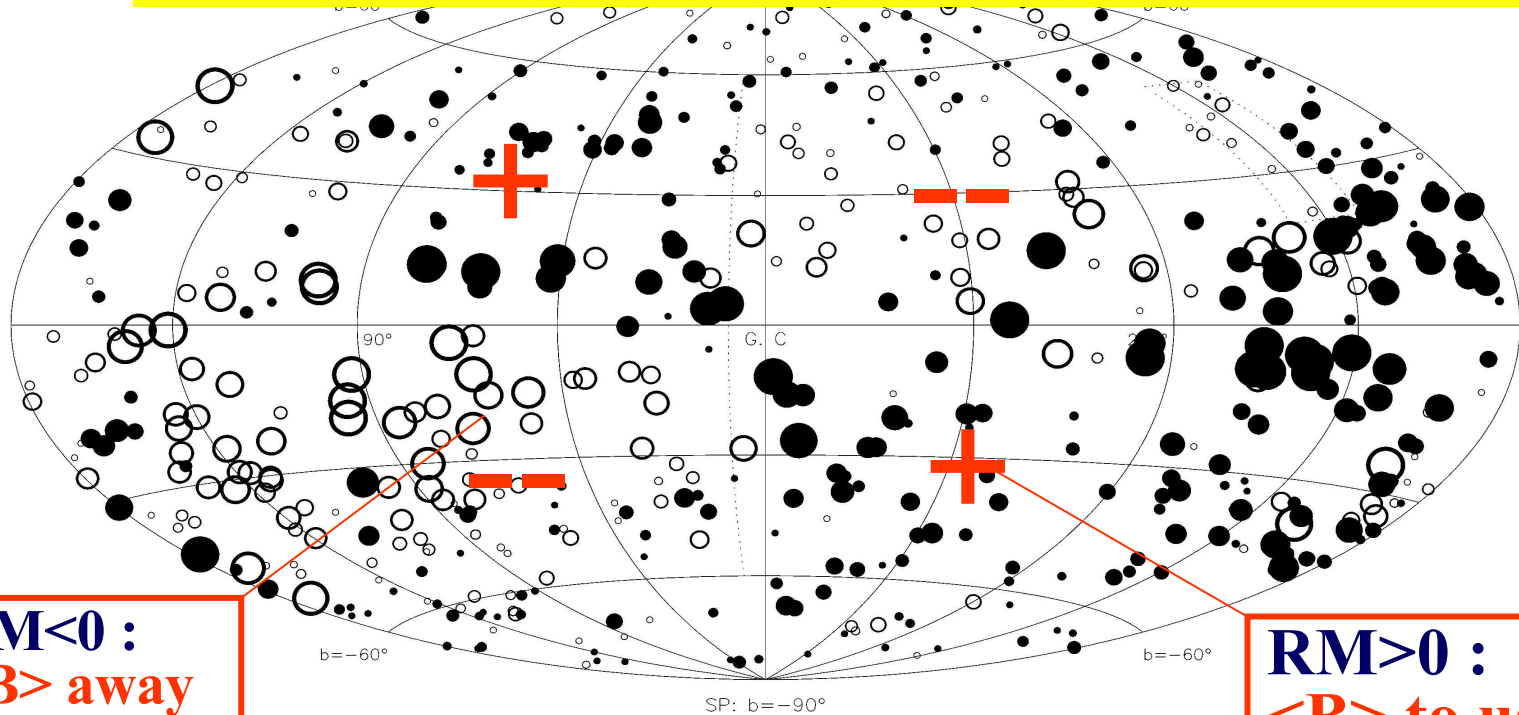


RMs of extragalactic sources: Integration of $\text{Ne}^*\text{B}_{\parallel}$



RM Sky: Anti-symmetry!

$$RM = \frac{e^3}{2\pi m_e^2 c^4} \int_{\text{PSR}}^{\text{Sun}} \left[\frac{\lambda(l)}{\lambda_{\text{obs}}} \right]^2 n_e(l) \mathbf{B}(l) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0.820 \langle B_{\parallel} \rangle \int_0^{\text{Dist}} n_e dl$$

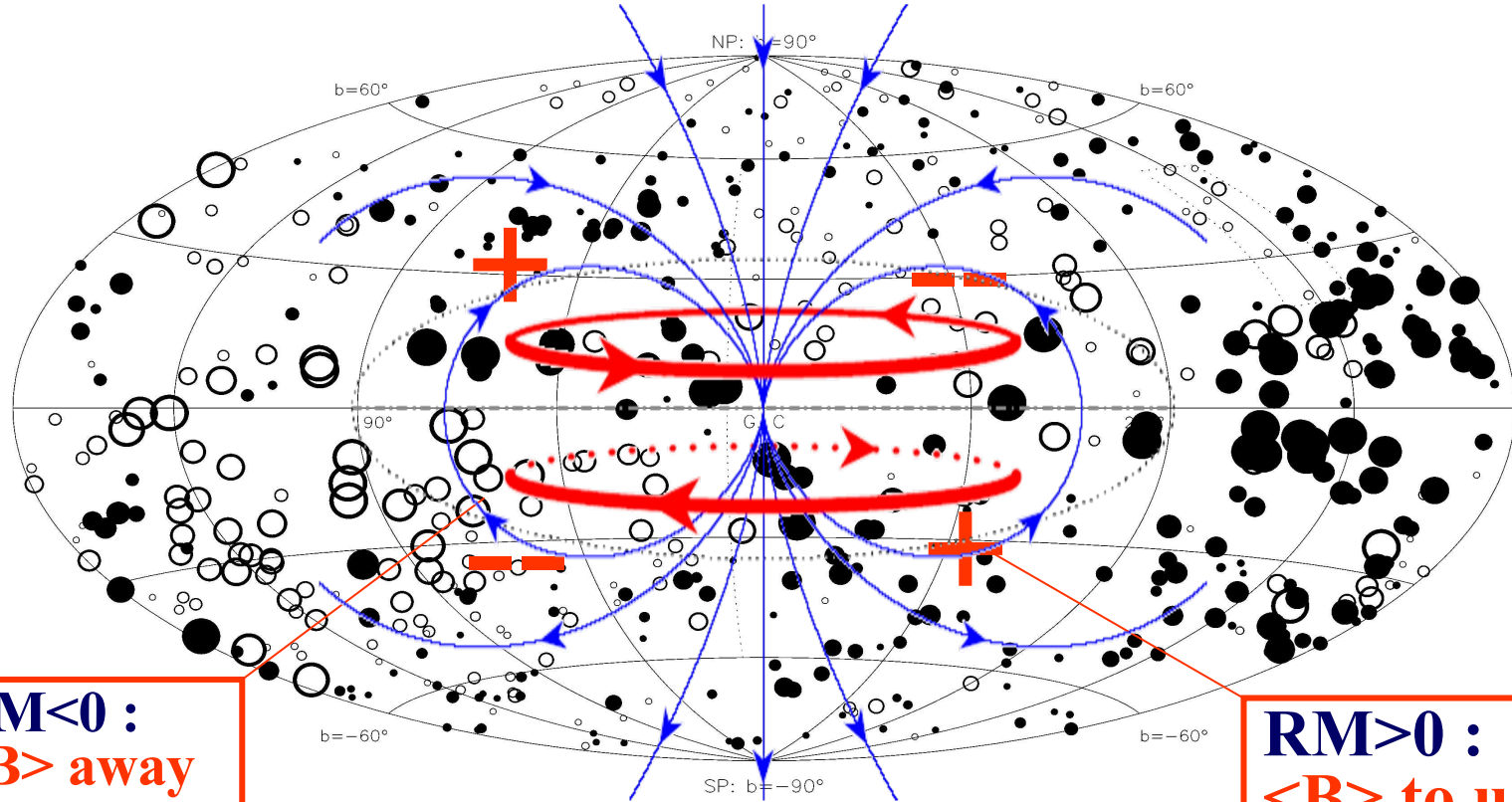


RM < 0 :
** away**
from us

RM > 0 :
** to us**

RM Sky: Anti-symmetry!

Outliers omitted if significantly different from surroundings



RM < 0 :
** away**
from us

RM > 0 :
** to us**

Anti-symmetric RM sky: halo B fields = A0 dynamo

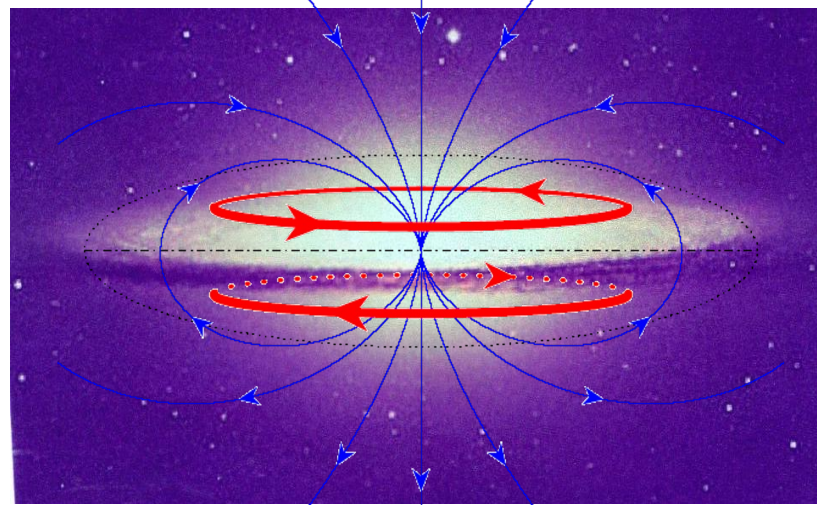
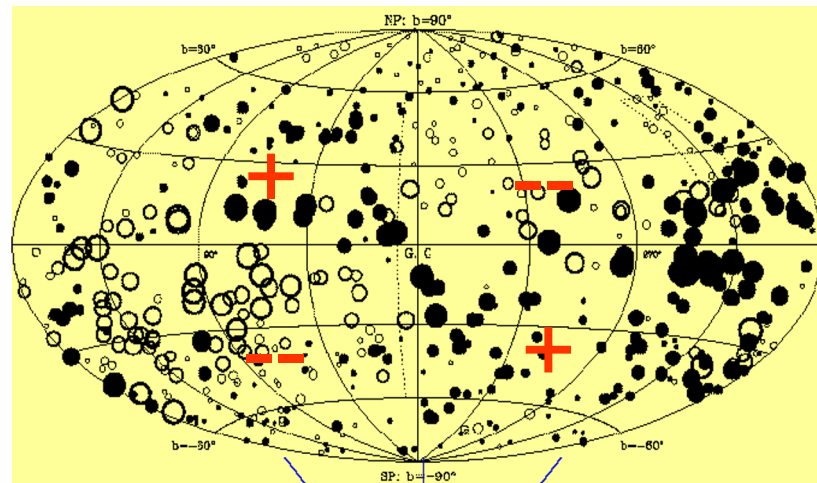
(Han et al. 1997, A&A322, 98)

Evidence for global scale B

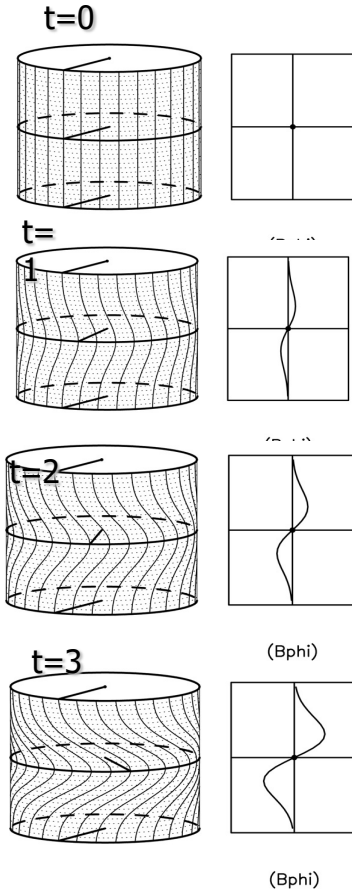
- High anti-symmetry to the Galactic coordinates
- Only in inner Galaxy
- nearby pulsars show it at higher latitudes

Implications

- Consistent with B-field configuration of A0 dynamo
- **The first dynamo mode identified on galactic scales**



Generation of toroidal fields in the halo

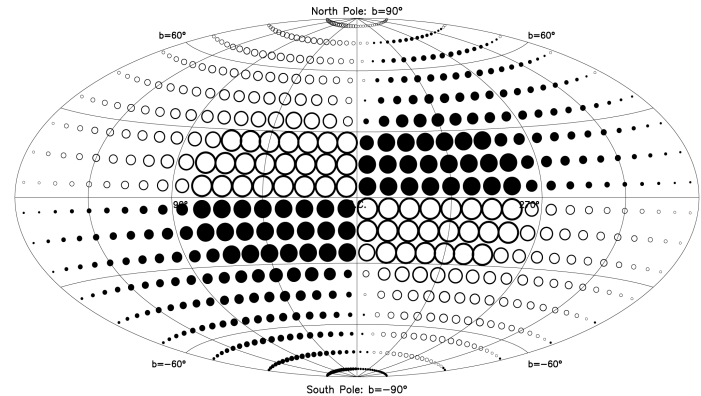
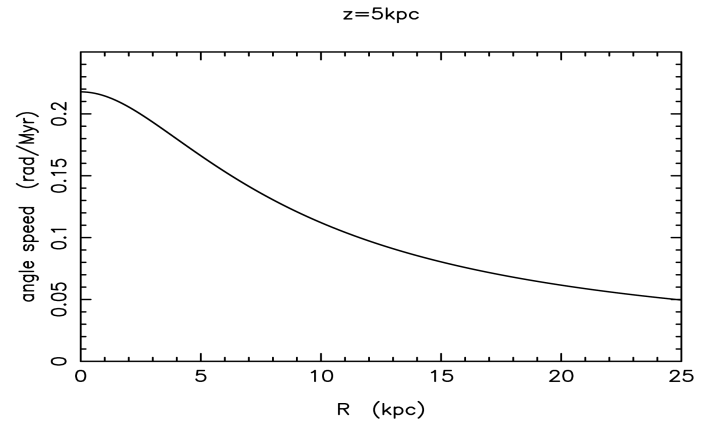


- **Angular velocity**

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g_R}{R}}$$
- **Radial shear works on B_R**

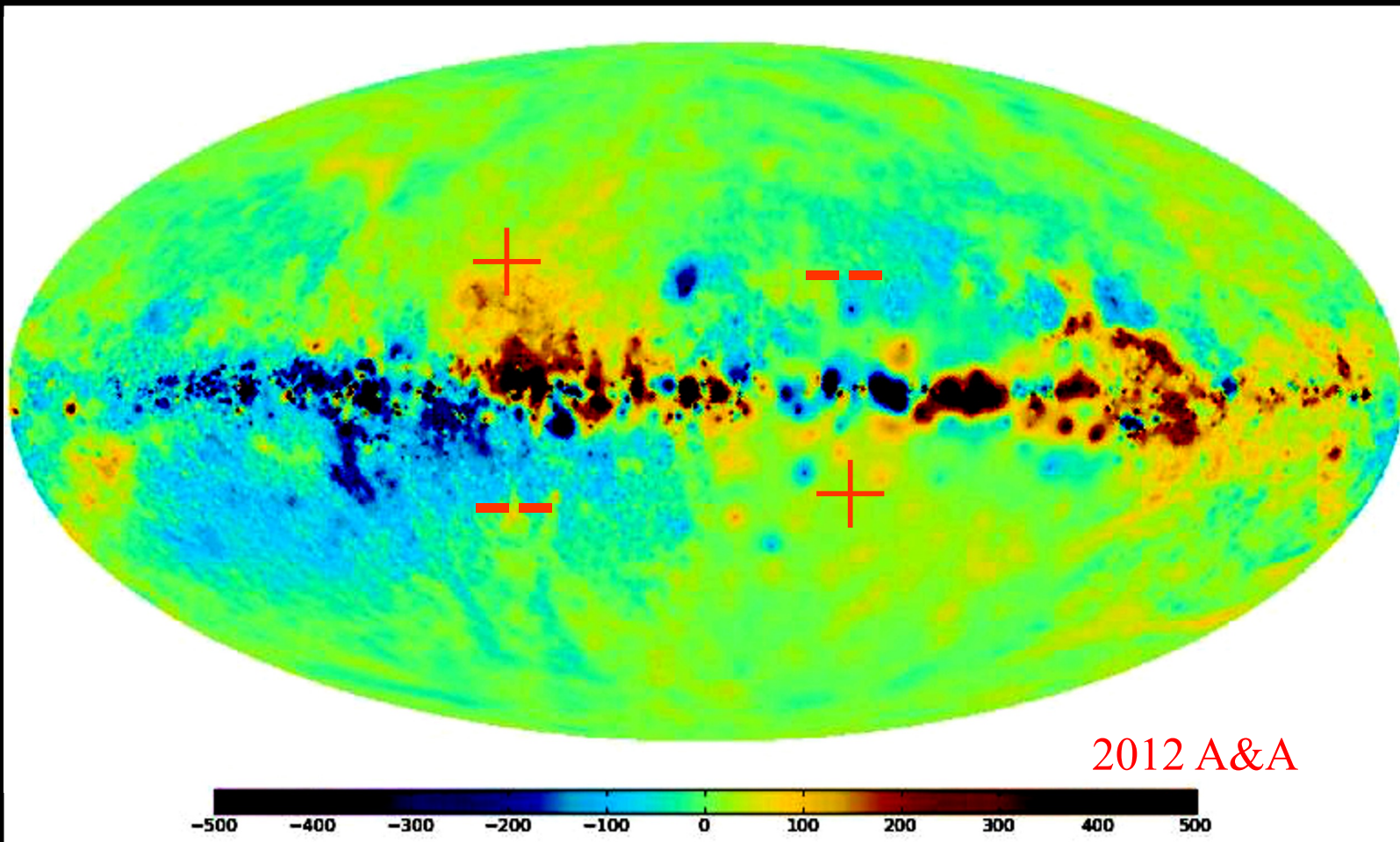
$$B_\phi = B_R R \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R} t$$

$$t = 1 \text{ Myr}$$

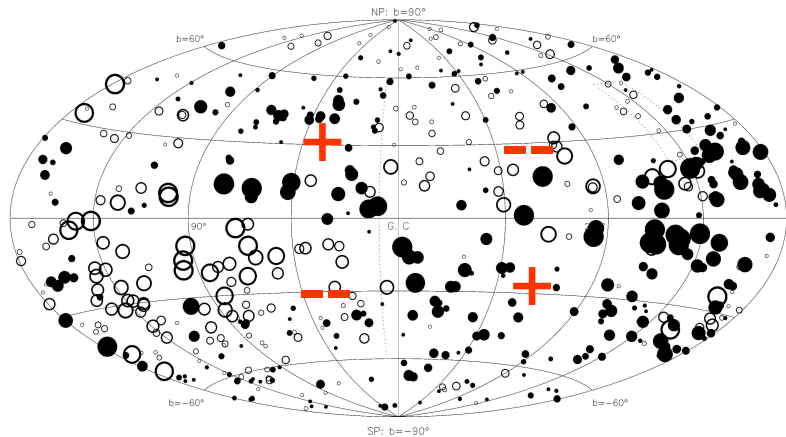


RM sky: Antisymmetry is confirmed!

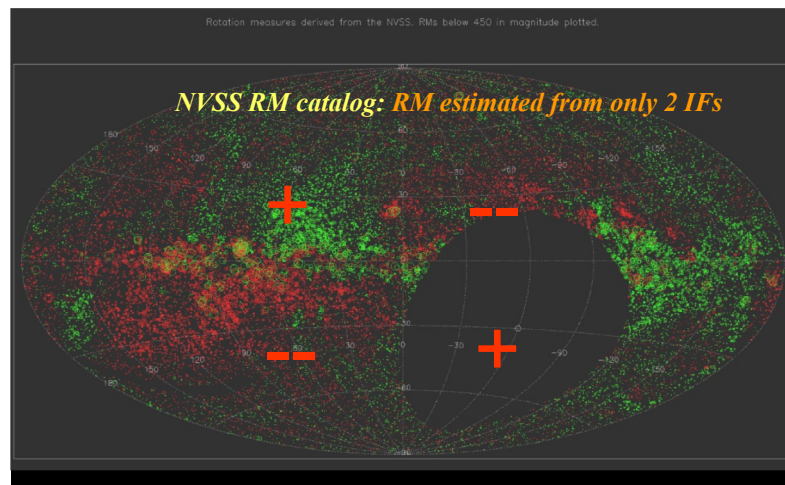
*Notice: RM estimated from only 2 IFs of NVSS data
Individually: cannot trust! Collectively: Ok!*



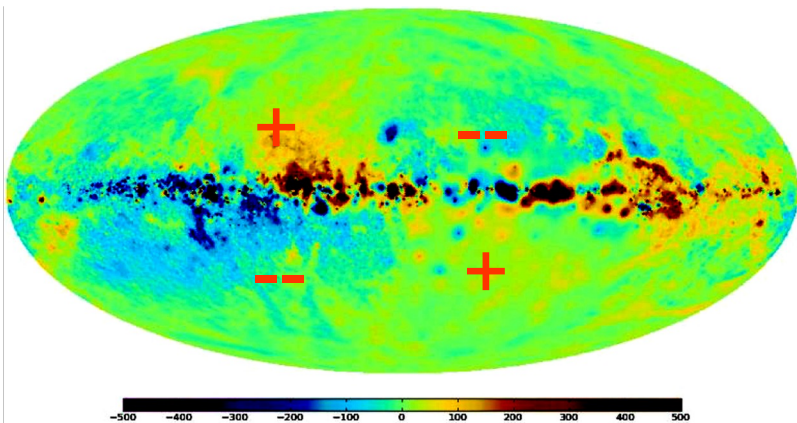
This has been confirmed again and again



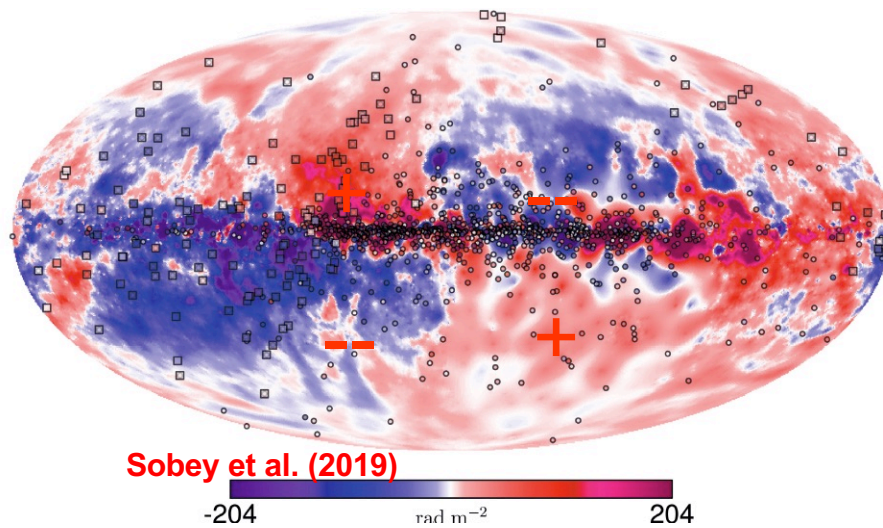
Han et al. (1997, 1999)



Taylor et al. (2009)

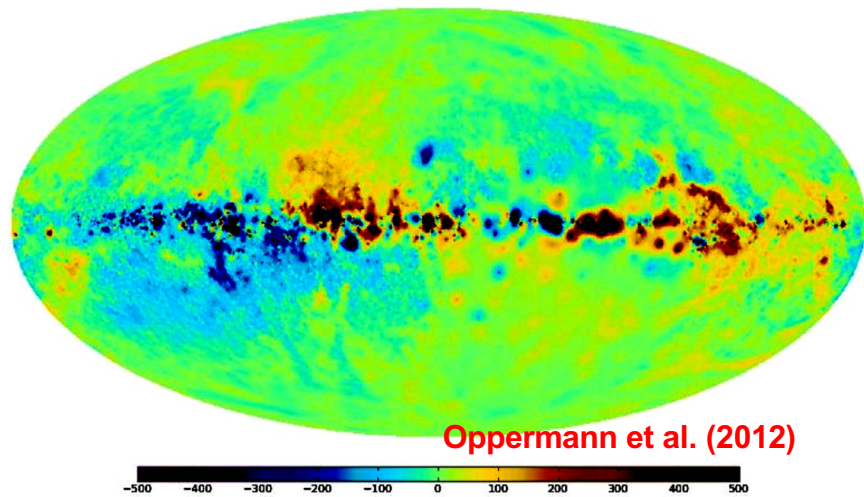
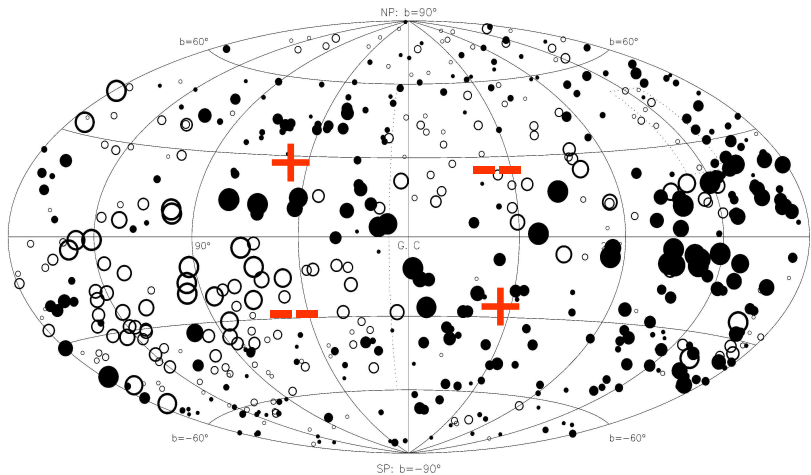


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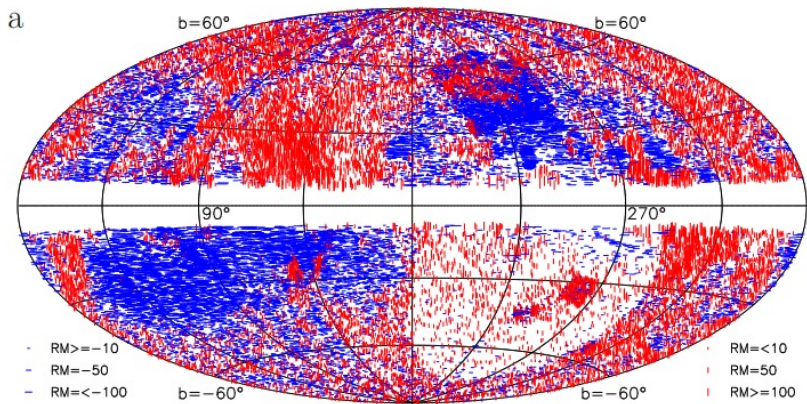
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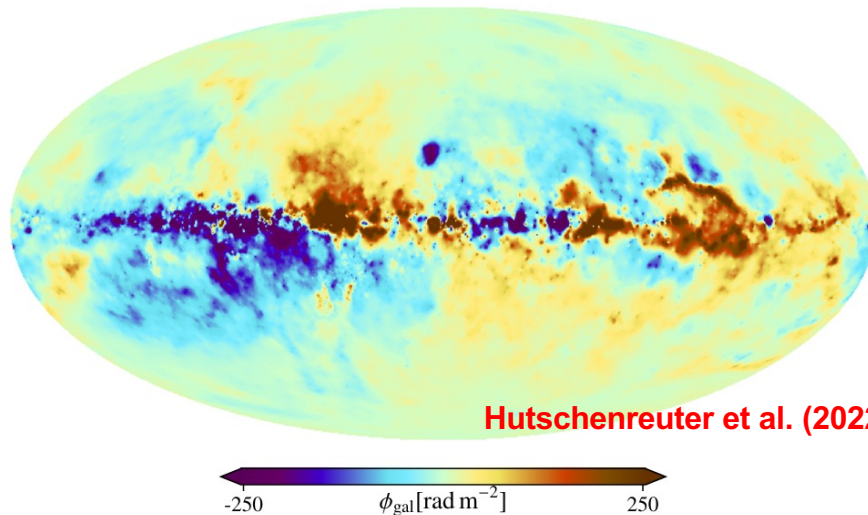
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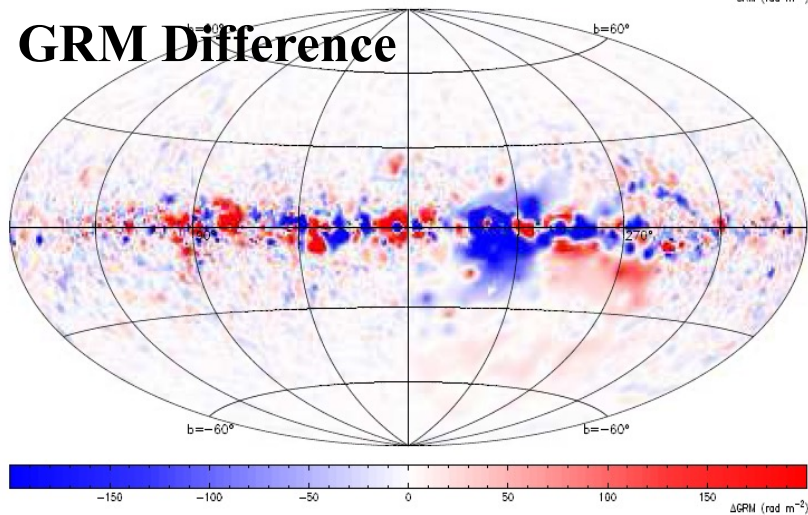
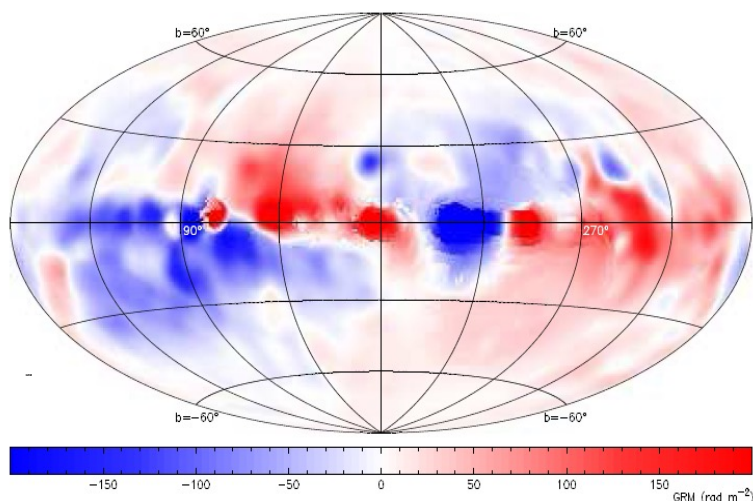
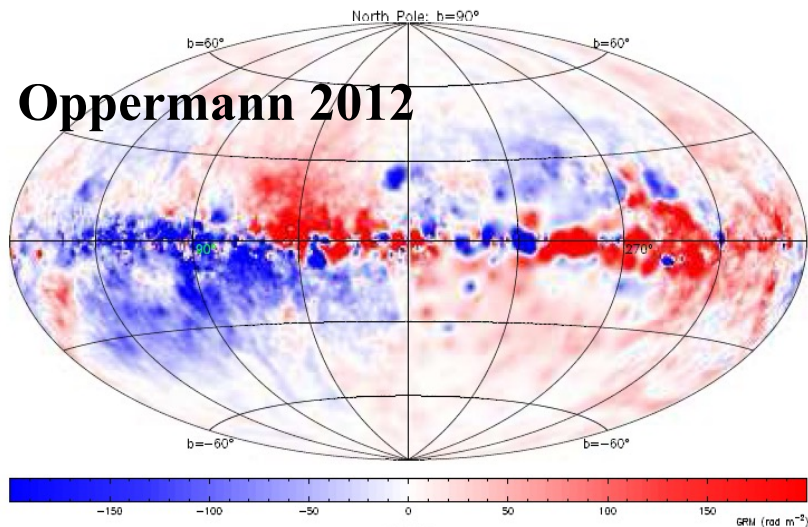
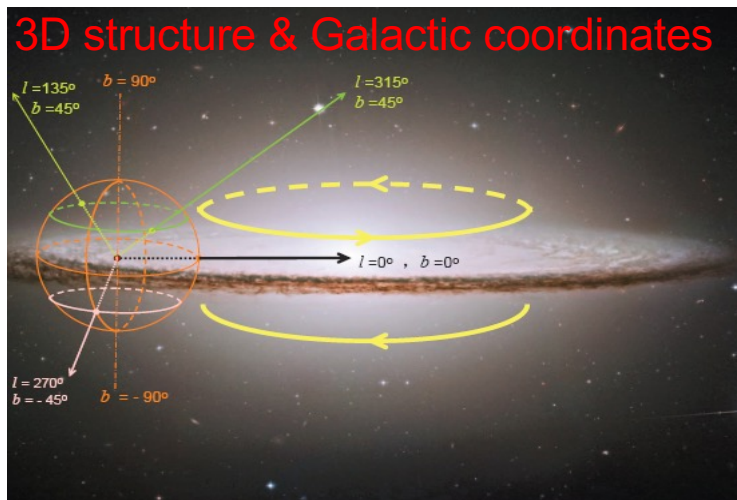


Xu & Han (2024)

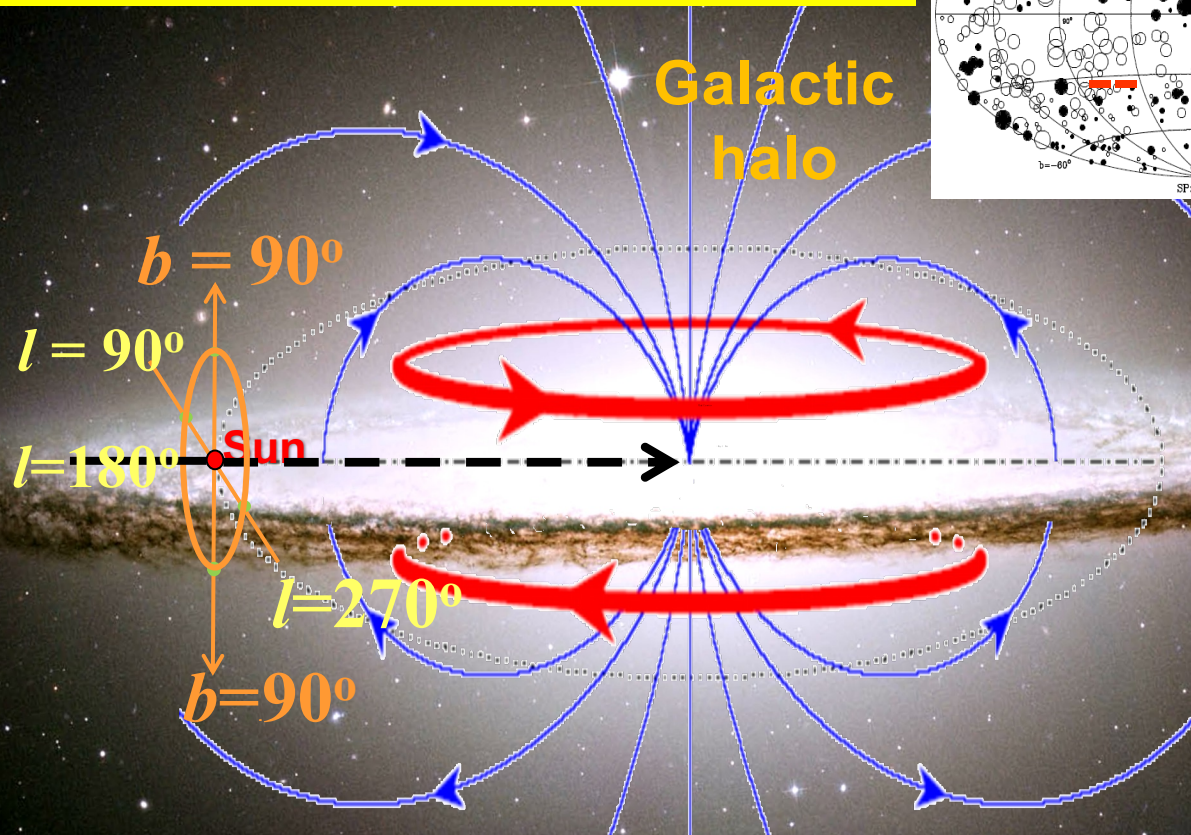
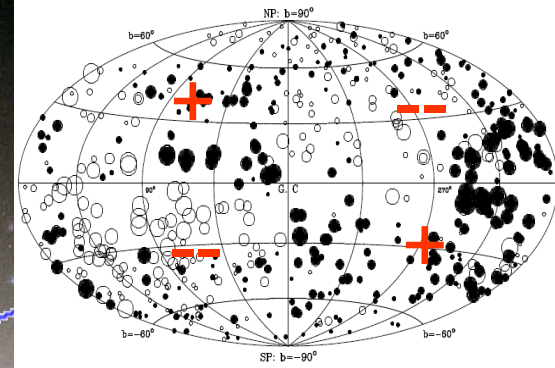


Hutschenreuter et al. (2022)

RM foreground from our Milky Way: GRM

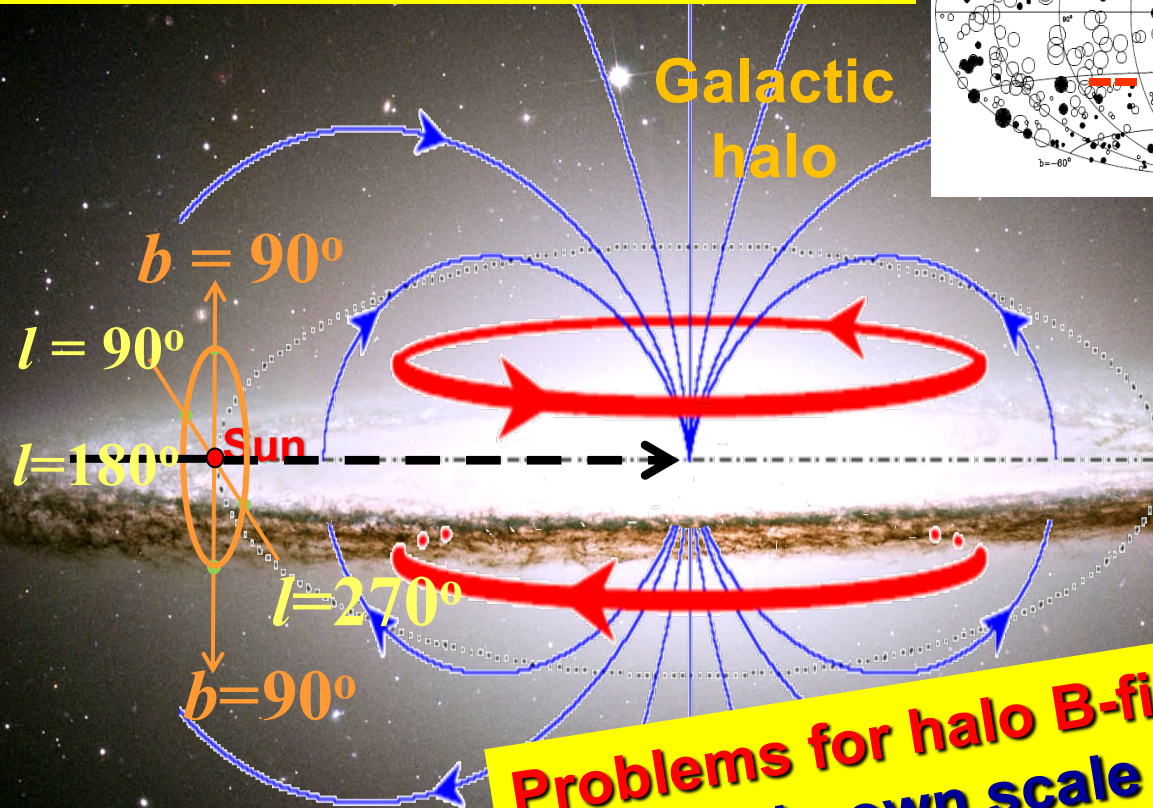
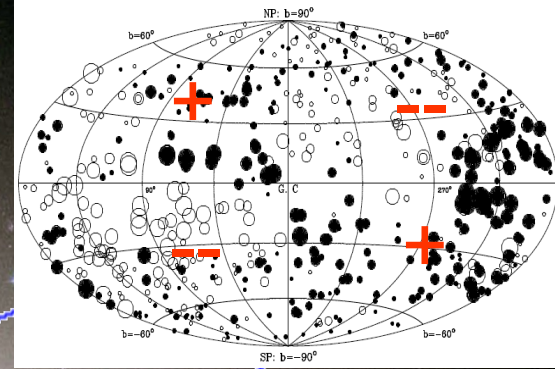


$$RM = \frac{e^3}{2\pi m_e^2 c^4} \int_{Source}^{us} \left[\frac{\lambda(l)}{\lambda_{obs}} \right]^2 n_e(l) \mathbf{B}(l) \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$



This has been widely adopted in almost all models for the Galactic magnetic fields, with or without citations of Han et al. (1997, A&A 322, 98) and Han et al. (1998, MNRAS 306, 371)

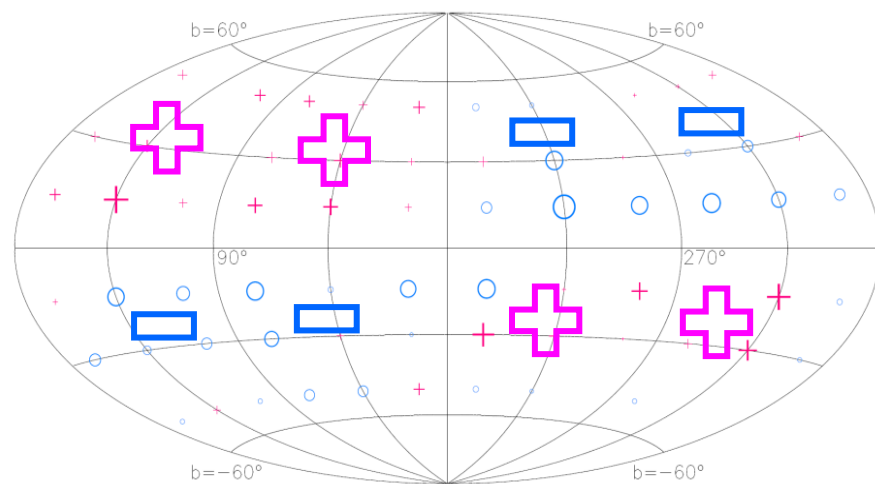
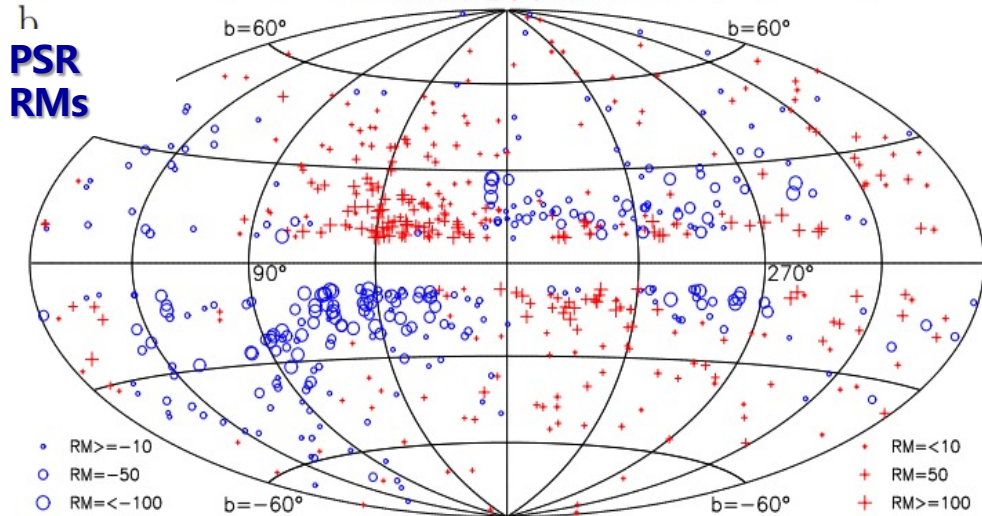
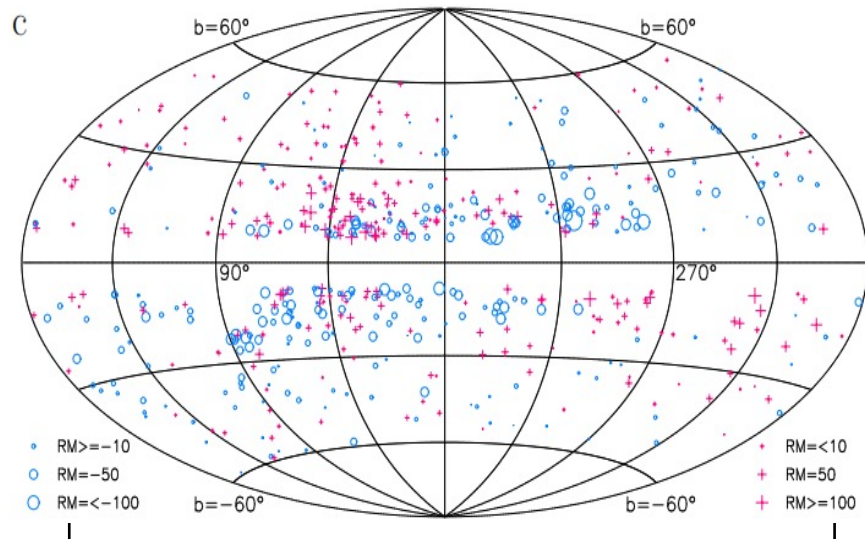
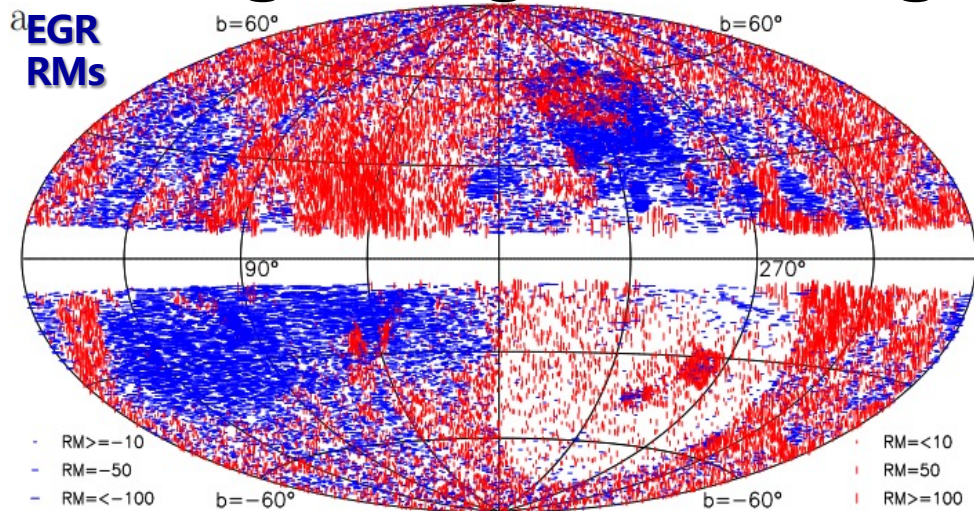
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Problems for halo B-fields are:

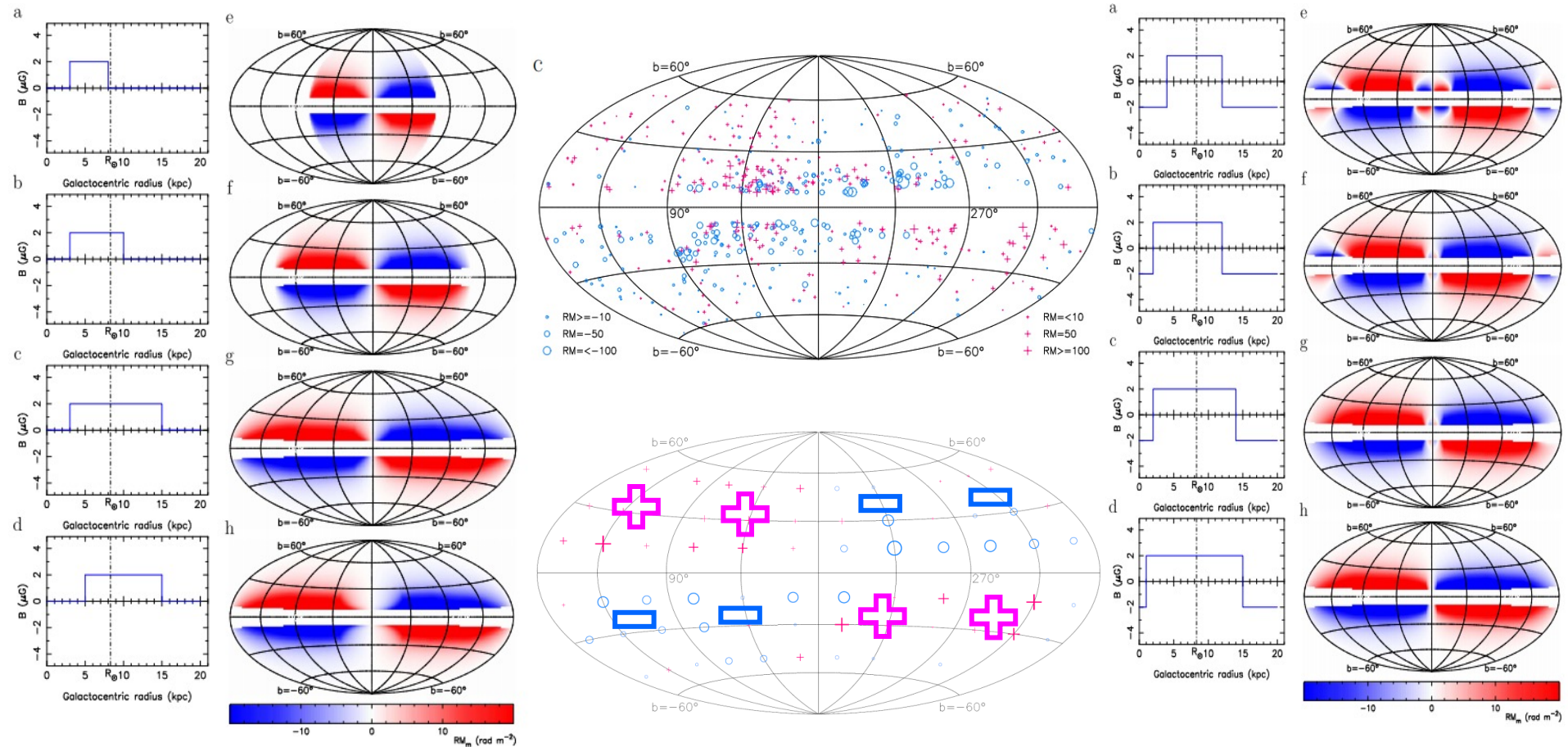
1. unknown scale height;
2. unknown radius range;
3. unknown field strength

Huge Magnetic Rings in the Galactic Halo



Xu & Han 2024, ApJ

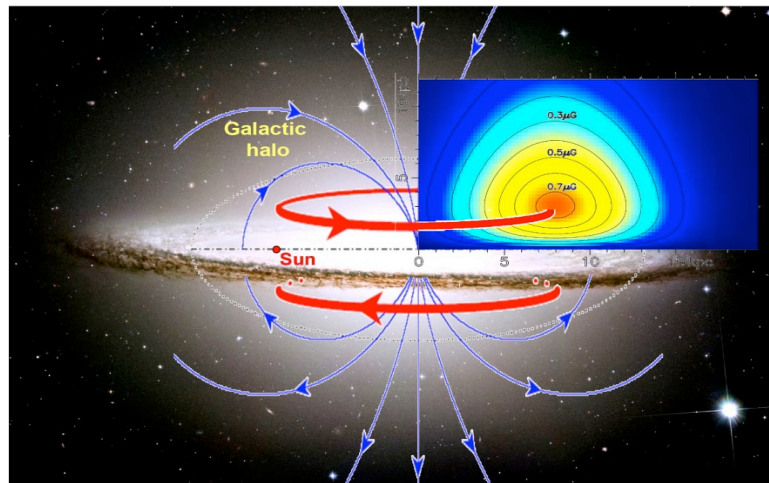
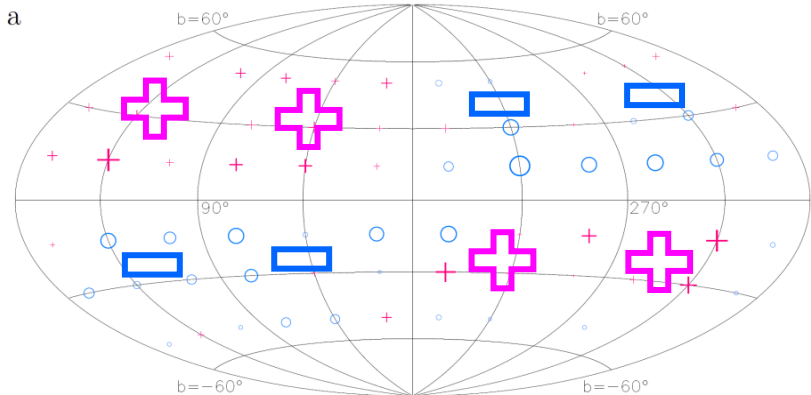
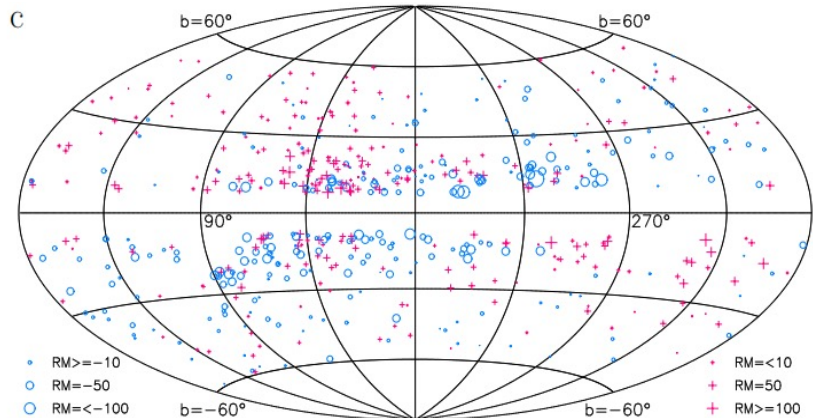
How huge are the Magnetic Rings in the Galactic Halo?



Huge Magnetic Rings in the Galactic Halo

Simply comparing to all simulations of B-field structure and n_e distribution models, we conclude that:

Rings must start from $R \sim 1 \text{ kpc}$ and must extend to $R > 15 \text{ kpc}$!



Xu & Han 2024, ApJ

RM of background radio sources in the GC region

(Roy et al. 2008)

**What's Wrong here?
Ou, It is just right!**

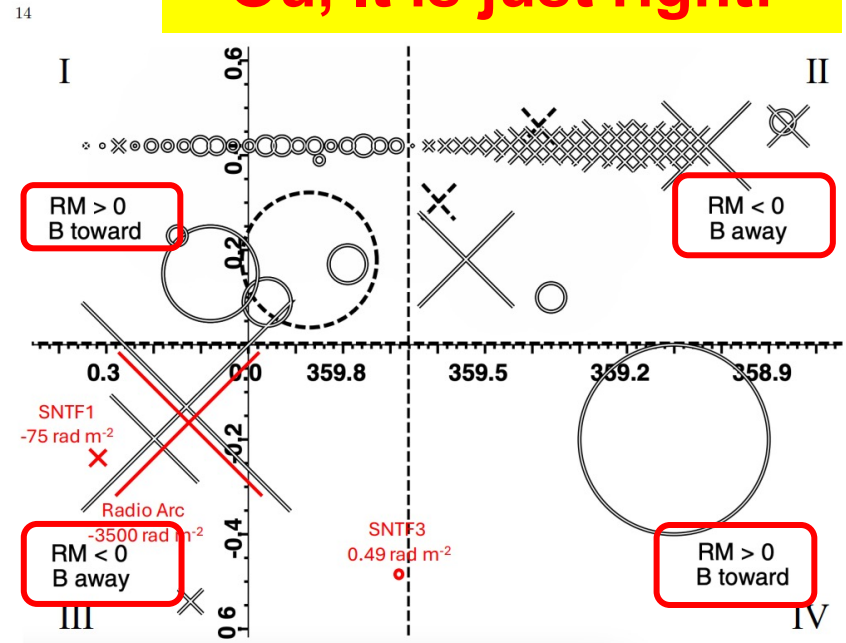
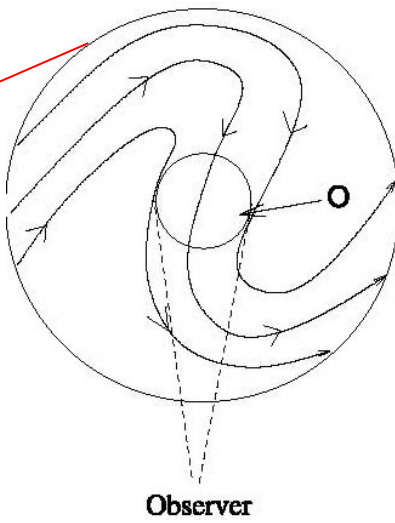
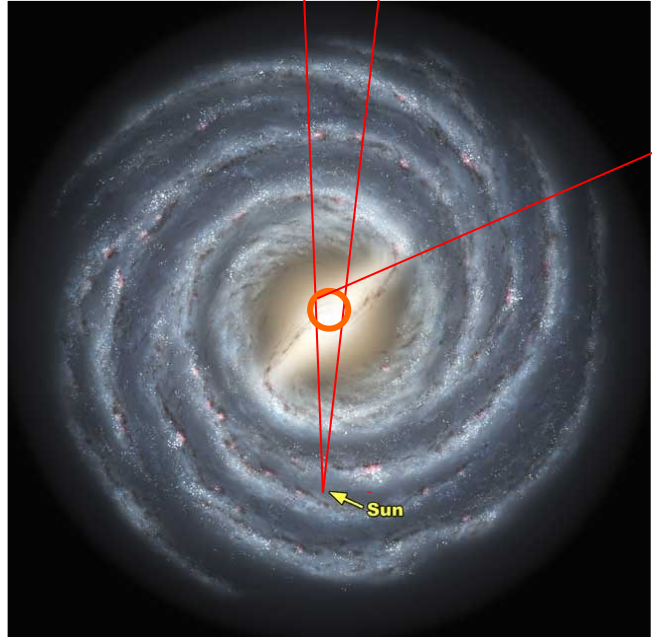
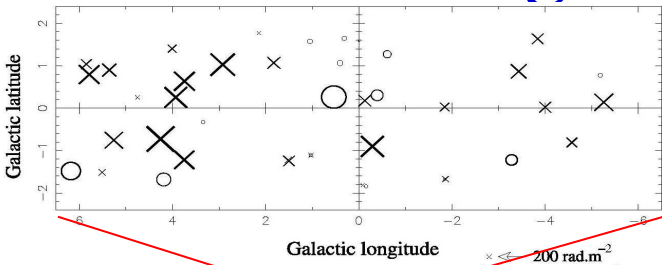


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D. M. Pare et al. 2024
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2408.16745>

RM of background radio sources in the GC region

**What's Wrong here?
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Rings must start from $R \sim 0.1 \text{ kpc}$
and must extend to $R > 15 \text{ kpc}$!

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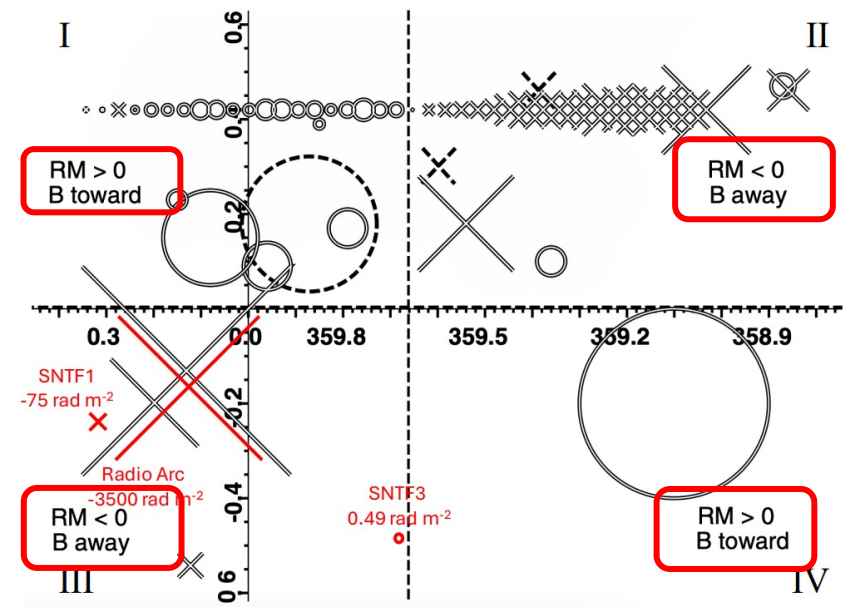
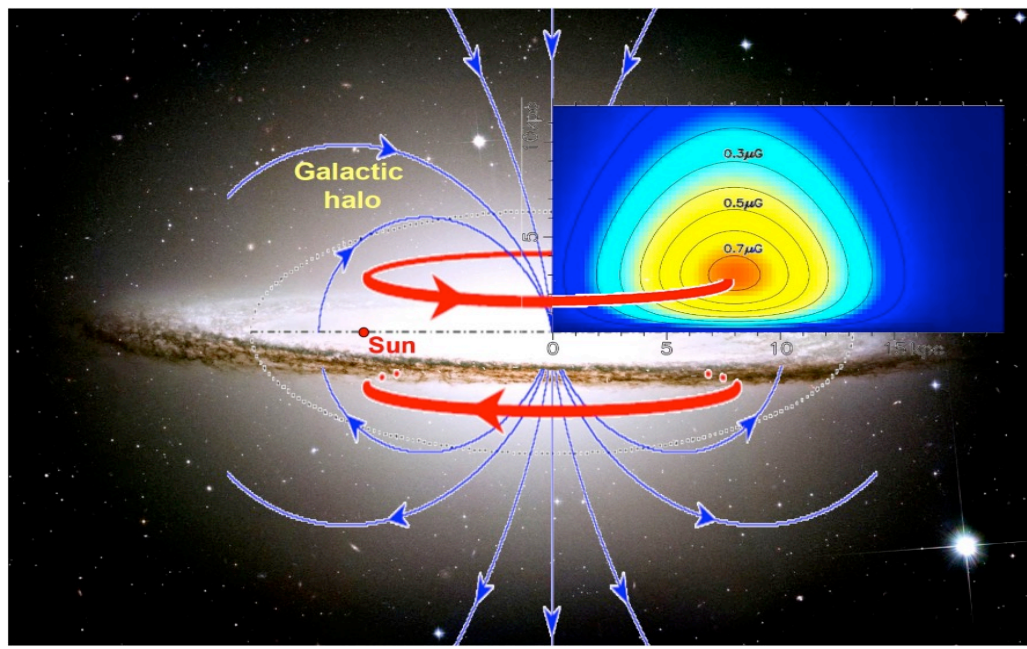
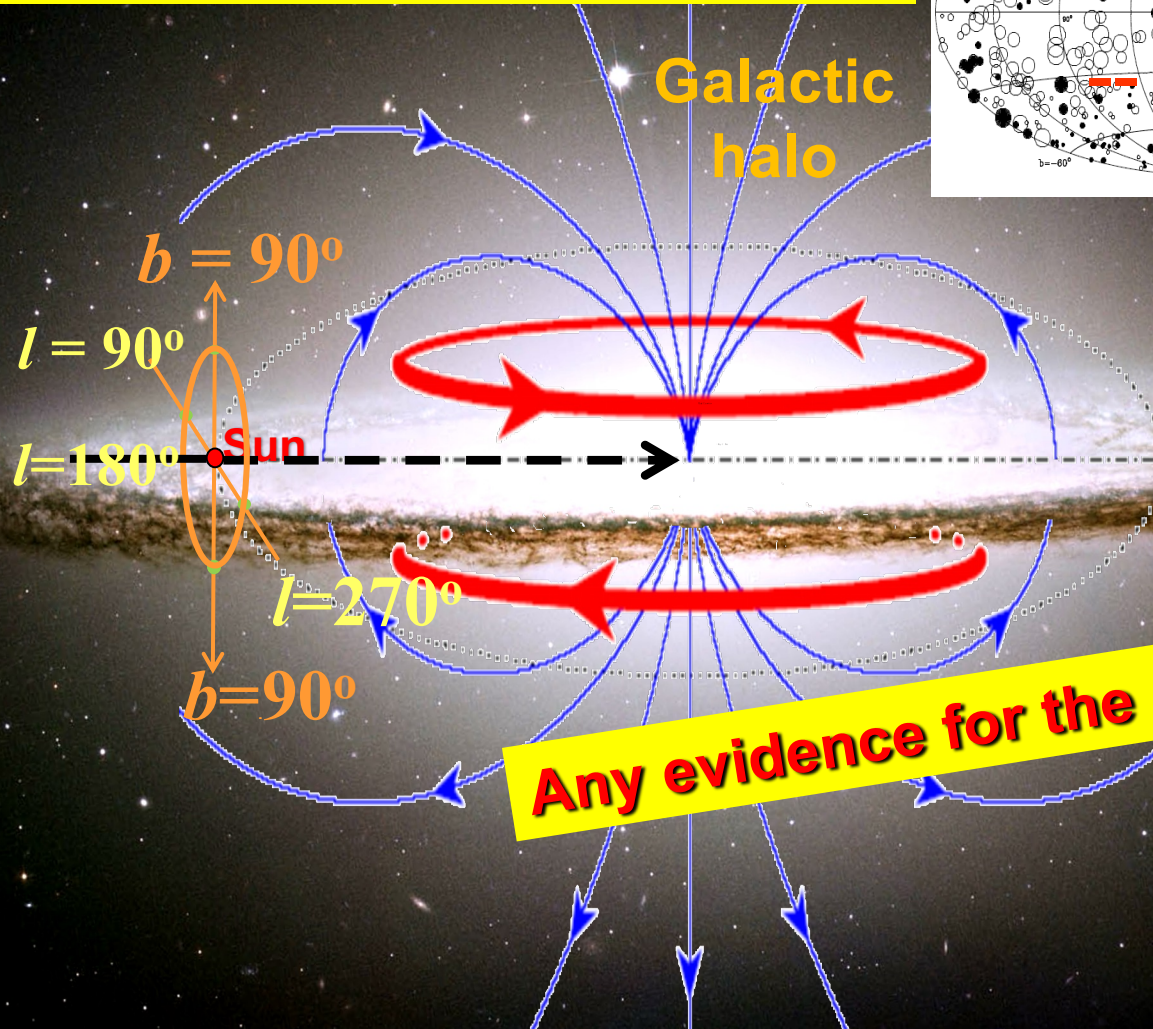
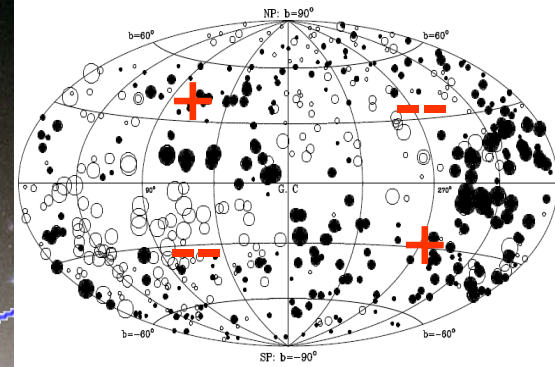


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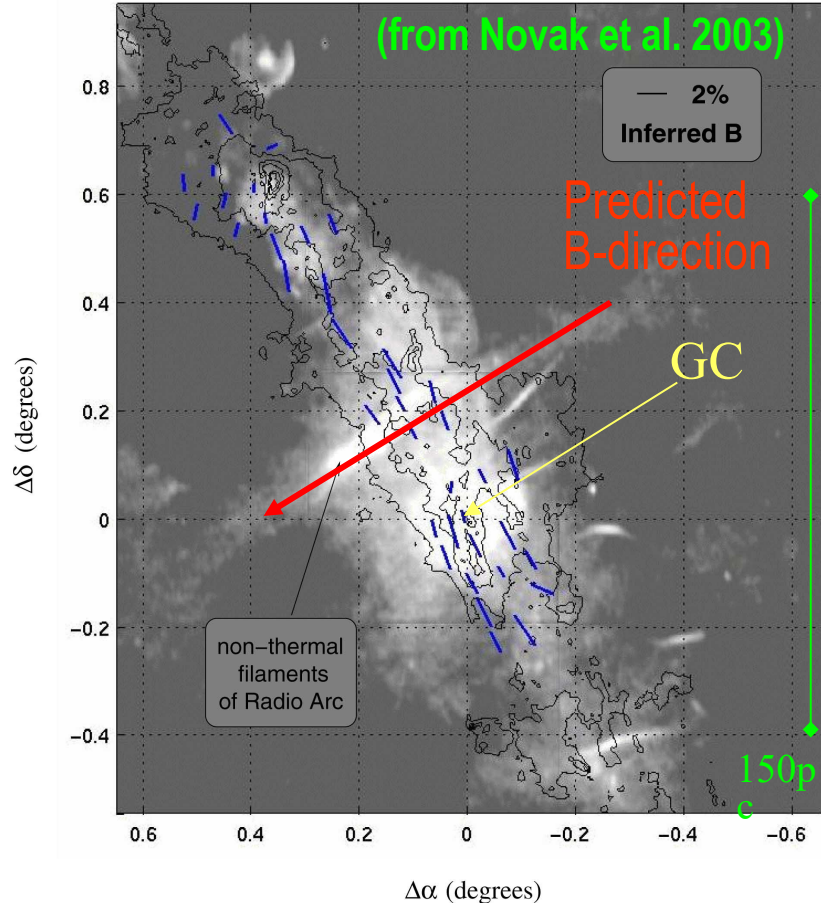
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Any evidence for the dipole?

Poloidal & Toroidal fields near GC



Toroidal fields

(Novak et al. 2003, 2000)

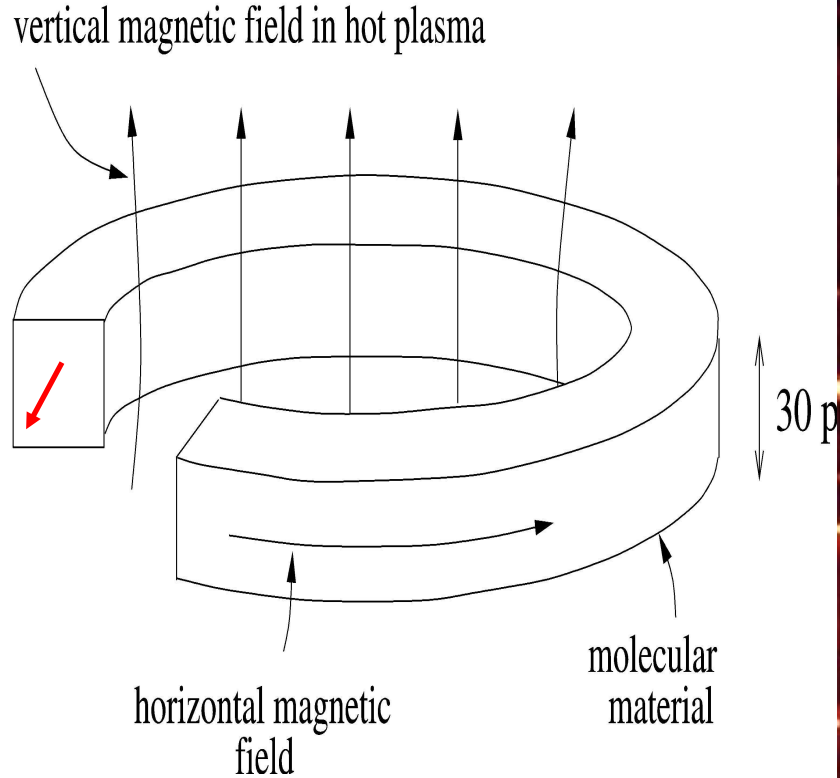
- permeated in the *central molecular zone* ($400\text{pc} \times 50\text{pc}$)
- sub-mm obs of p%
- toroidal field directions *determined by averaged RMs of plumes or SNR!*

Poloidal field

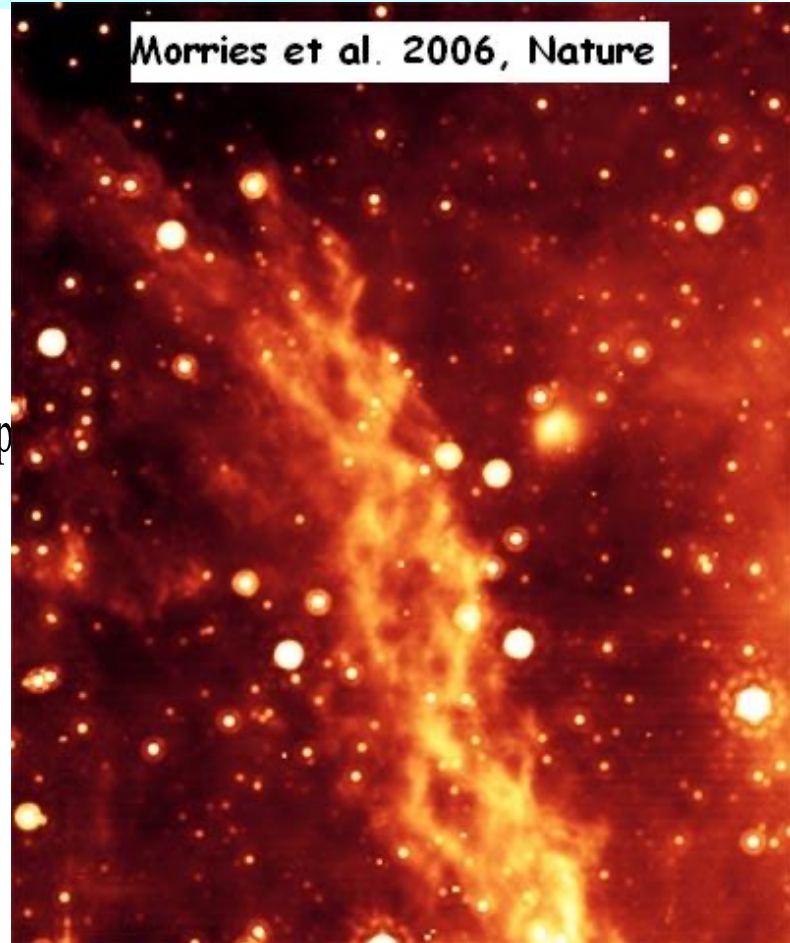
filaments Unique to GC

- dipolar geometry!
(Morris 1994; Lang et al. 1999)

Magnetic fields in our Galaxy: **near GC**

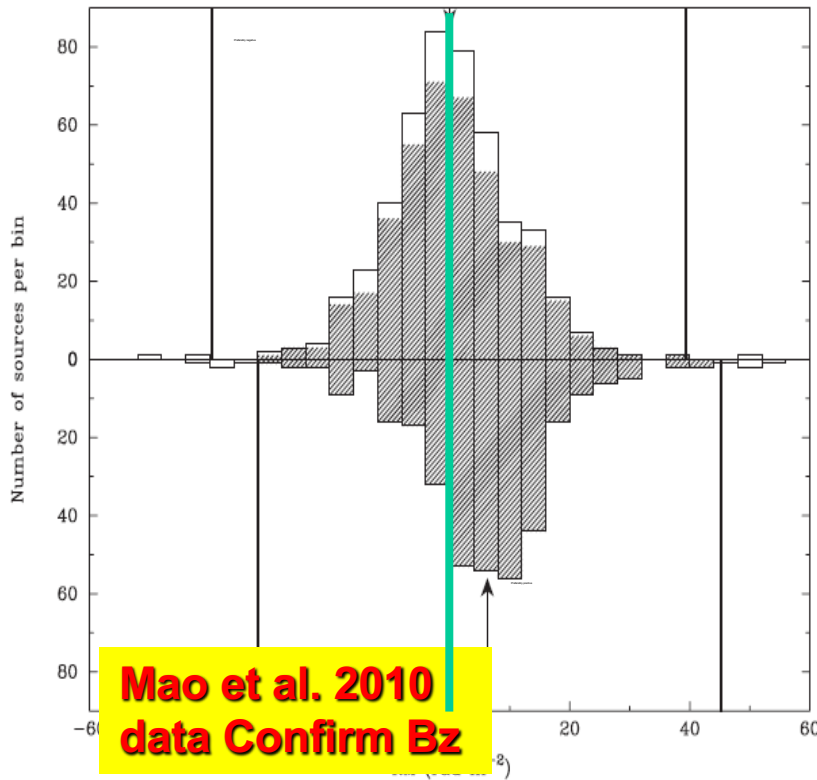


(from B.D.C. Chandran 2000)



Local vertical components: from *poloidal field*?

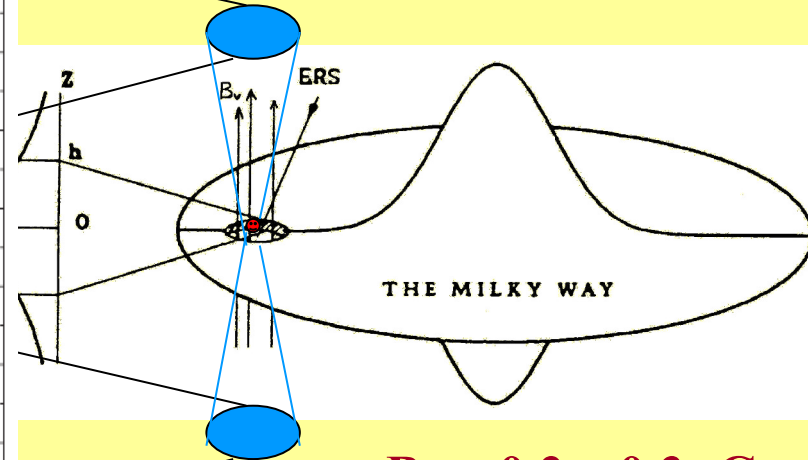
North Galactic Pole



South Galactic Pole

Beck (2001, SSRv 99, 243):

**Unique measurement
of Vertical B-component**



$B_z = 0.2 \sim 0.3 \mu\text{G}$
pointing from SGP to NGP
(effect of the NPS discounted already!)

(see Han & Qiao 1994; Han et al. 1999)

The Galactic Magnetic Fields: Progress over the last 30 years

- Large-scale B-fields in our Galaxy: much better knowledge and much better understanding
- In the Galactic disk, we struggled for 30 years: B-field along the spiral arms, reverse directions in the arm and interarm regions.
- In the Galactic halo: huge magnetic toruses with reversed directions in the upper and lower, from 0.1kpc to 15 kpc.

More details could be described by more data!

Take the model from Appendix of Xu & Han (2024, ApJ, 966, 240)

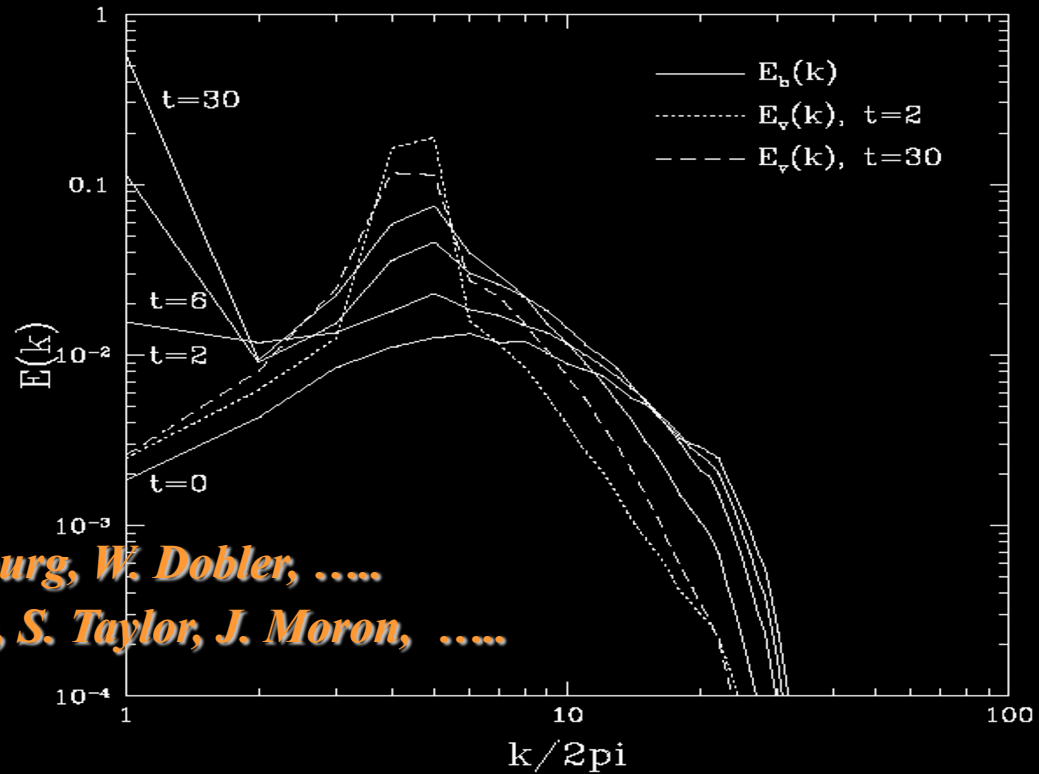
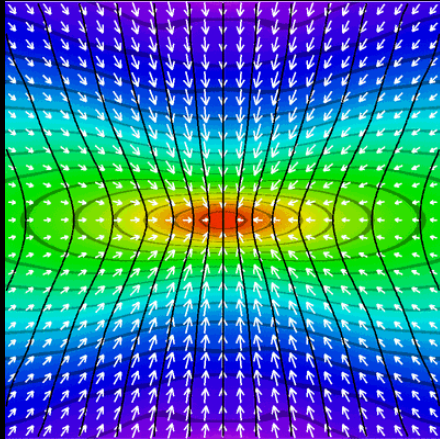


Thanks for your attention !
The FAST-GPPS Survey

Many Simulations of dynamos

---- check **spatial B-energy spectrum** & its evolution

e.g. Magnetic energy distribution on different spatial scales ($k=1/\lambda$)



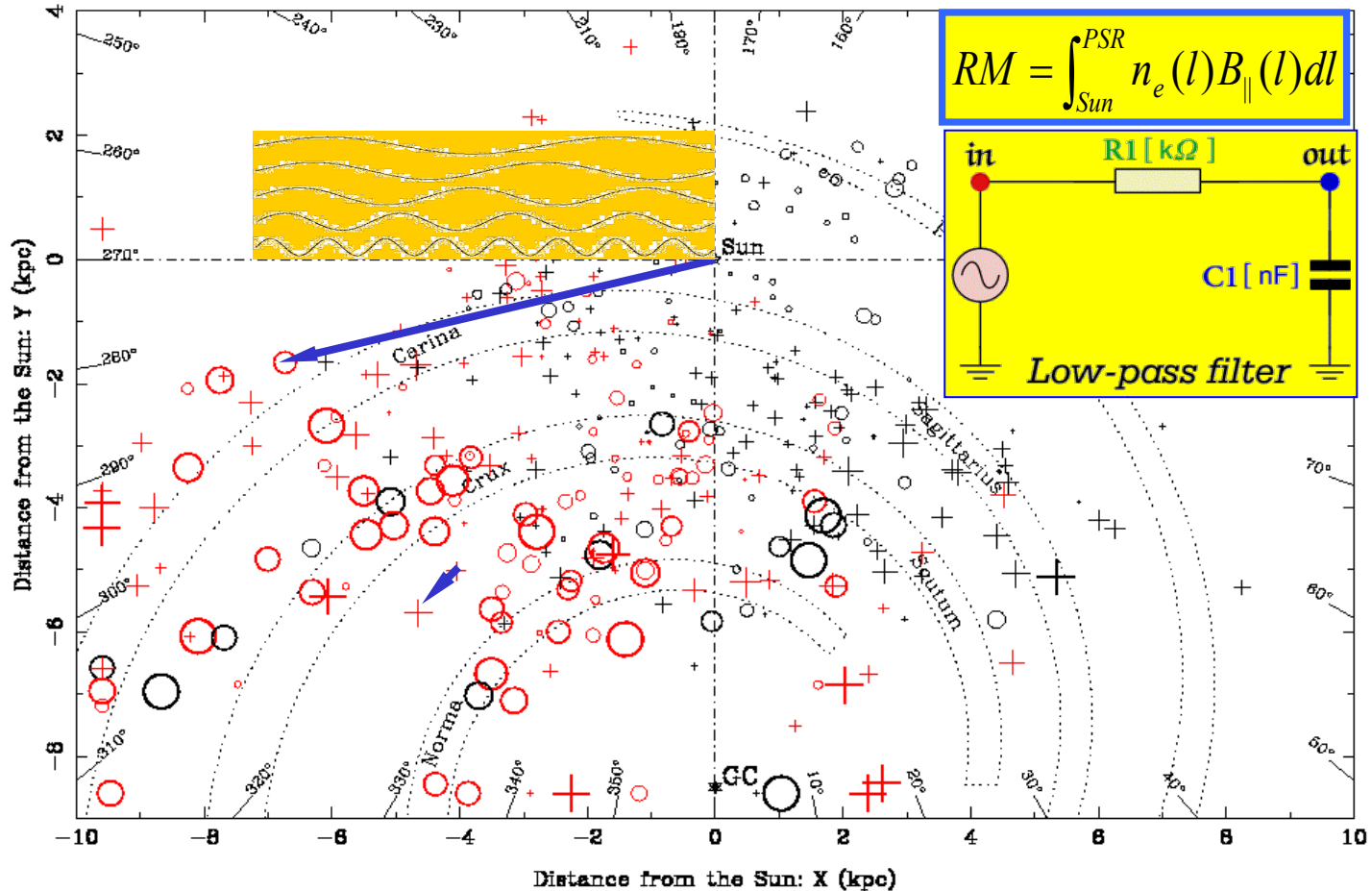
Many papers by

- *N.E. L. Haugen, A. Brandenburg, W. Dobler,*
- *A. Schekochihin, S.C. Cowley, S. Taylor, J. Moron,*
- *E. Blackman, J. Maron*
- *Others*

No measurements of the B-energy spectrum !

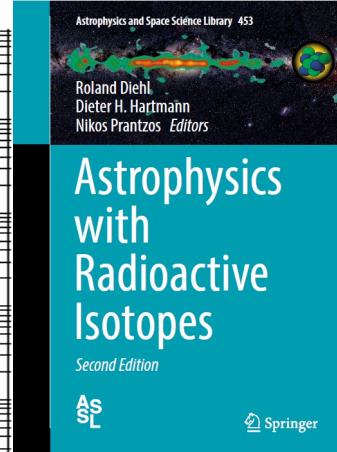
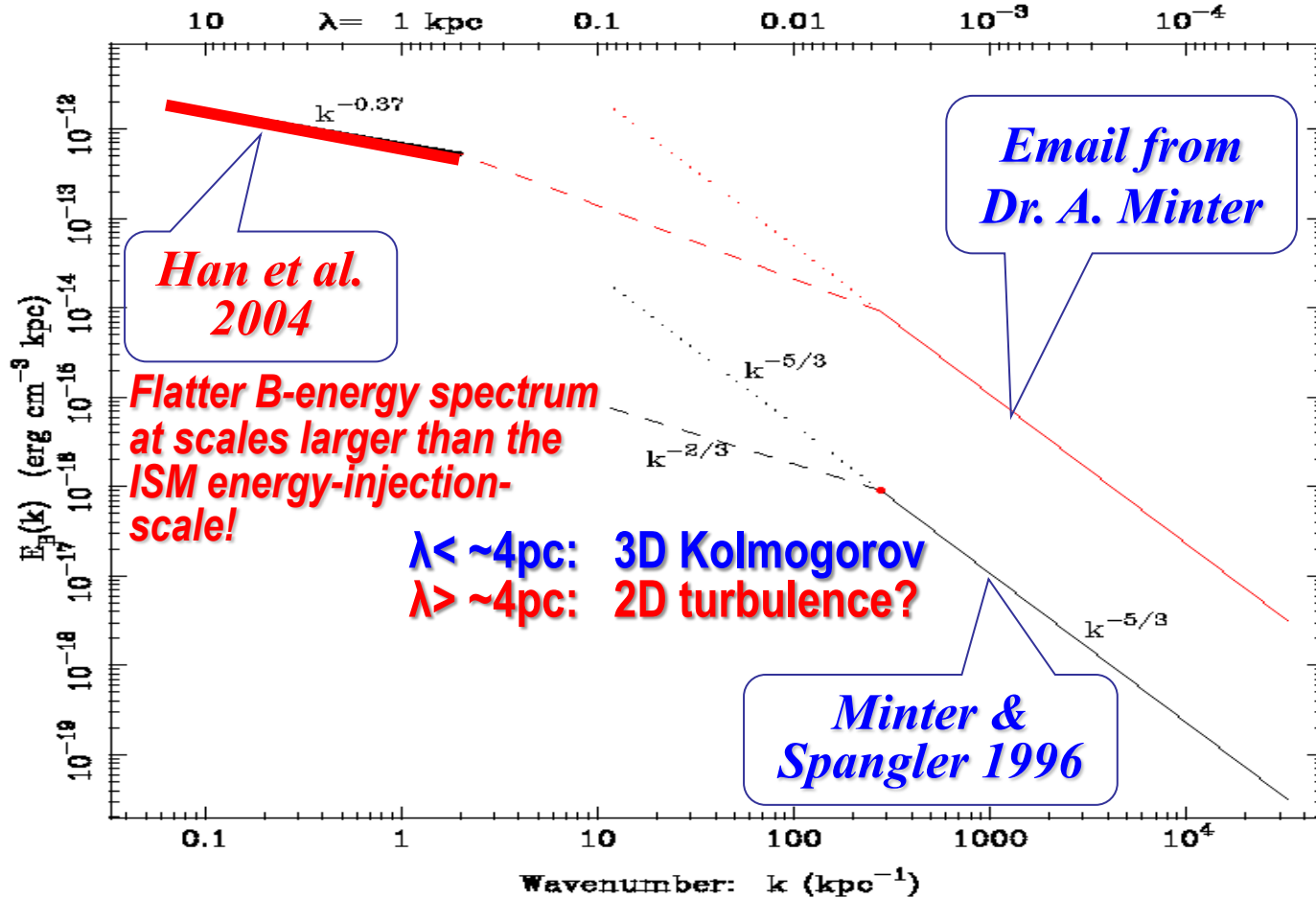
Pulsar RM distribution onto Galactic plane

red: new measurements by Parkes 64m telescope



Spatial magnetic energy spectrum of our Galaxy

(Han et al. 2004, ApJ 610, 820)



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The properties of the turbulent magnetic field are not well established. Rand and Kulkarni (1989) provided a first rough estimate for the typical spatial scale of magnetic fluctuations, ~ 55 pc, although they recognized that the turbulent field cannot be characterized by a single scale. Later, Minter and Spangler (1996) presented a careful derivation of the power spectrum of magnetic fluctuations over the spatial range $\sim (0.01-100)$ pc; they obtained a Kolmogorov spectrum below ~ 4 pc and a flatter spectrum consistent with 2D turbulence above this scale. In a

complementary study, Han et al. (2004) examined magnetic fluctuations at larger scales, ranging from ~ 0.5 to 15 kpc; at these scales, they found a nearly flat magnetic spectrum, with a 1D power-law index ~ -0.37 (see 11.13).

The properties of the turbulent Galactic magnetic field are poorly understood at present. However, its local and overall configurations are extremely important for understanding positron propagation in the Milky Way (see Chap. 7 on positrons).

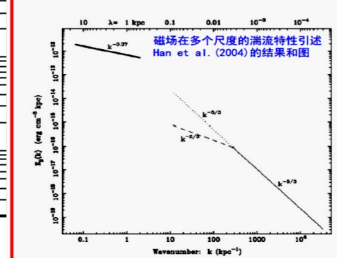
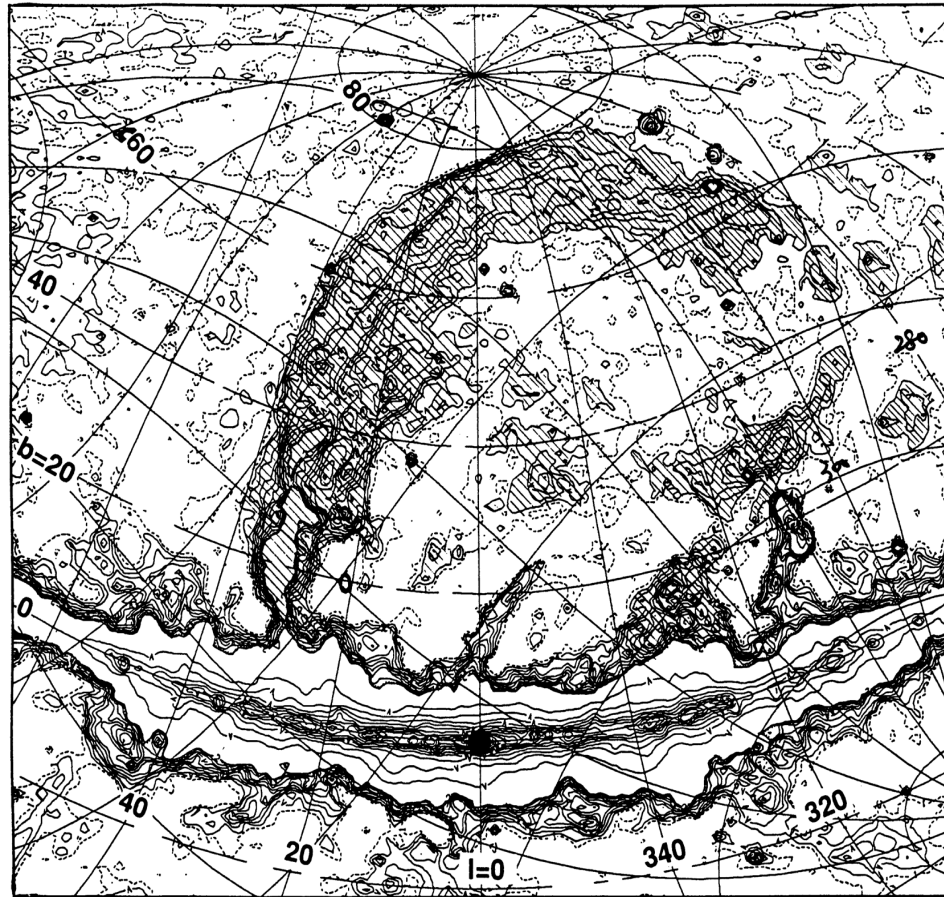


FIG. 11.13 Composite magnetic energy spectrum in our Galaxy. The thick solid line is the large-scale spectrum. The thin solid and dashed/dotted lines give the Kolmogorov and two-dimensional turbulence spectra, respectively, inferred from the Minter and Spangler (1996) study. The two-dimensional turbulence spectrum is uncertain; it probably lies between the dashed ($E_B(k) \propto k^{-2/3}$) and dotted ($E_B(k) \propto k^{-5/3}$) lines (from Han et al. 2004).

Effect of the North Polar Spur

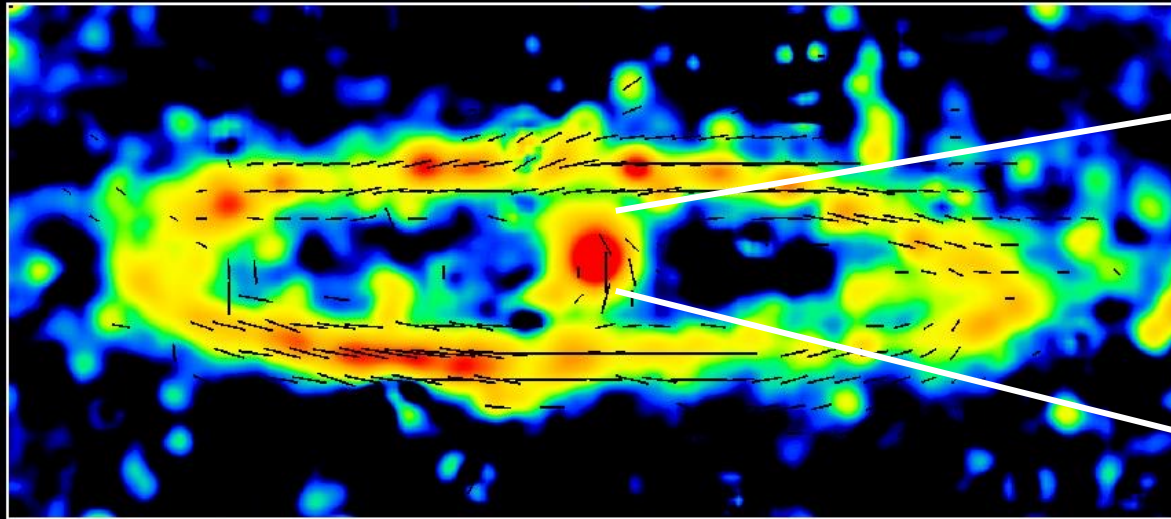
- How B-lines expended?
- What RM distribution expected?
- Ne enhanced?

NPS: RM?



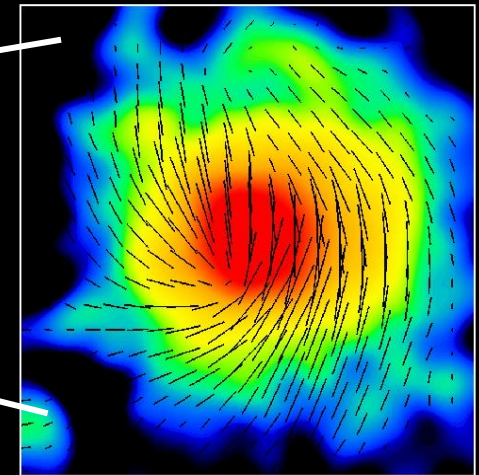
Magnetic fields in other Galaxies

M31 6cm Total Intensity +/- Magnetic Field (Effelsberg)



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M31 Center 3.6cm Total Int. + B-Vectors (Effelsberg)

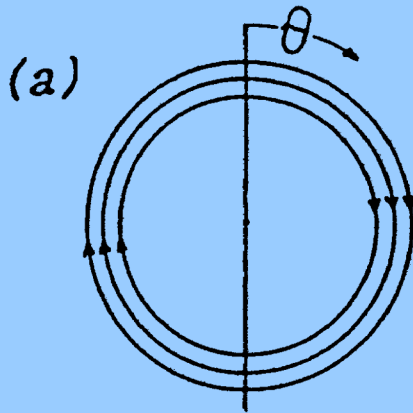


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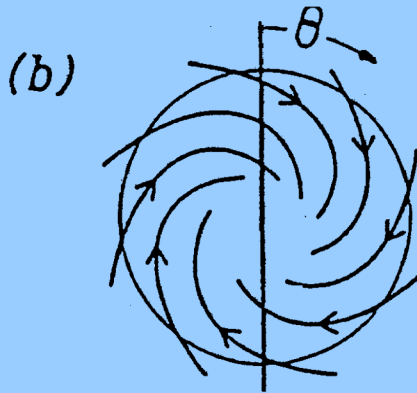
Organized B inside and outside of the circumnuclear “Ring” !
==> Ring B fields!
(From Rainer Beck talk)

3 proposed models for B-field structure in the Galactic disk

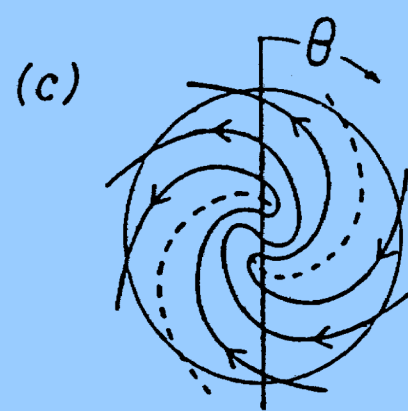
Concentric Rings
Rings model



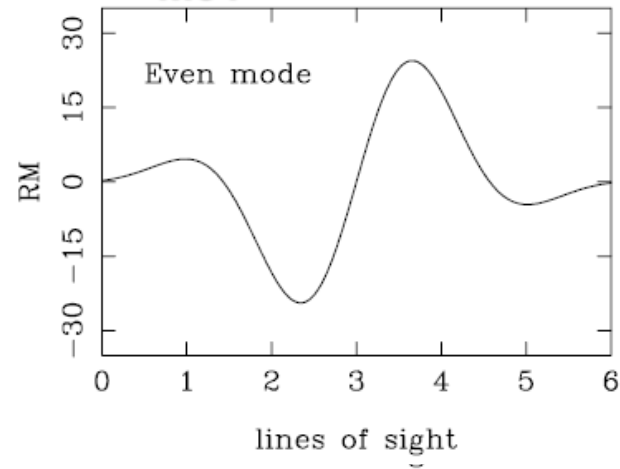
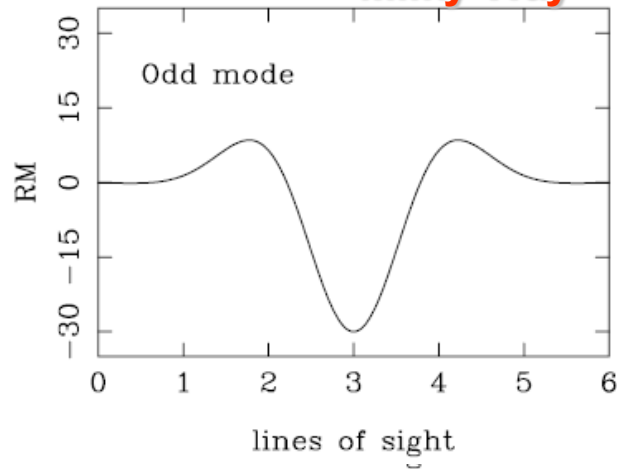
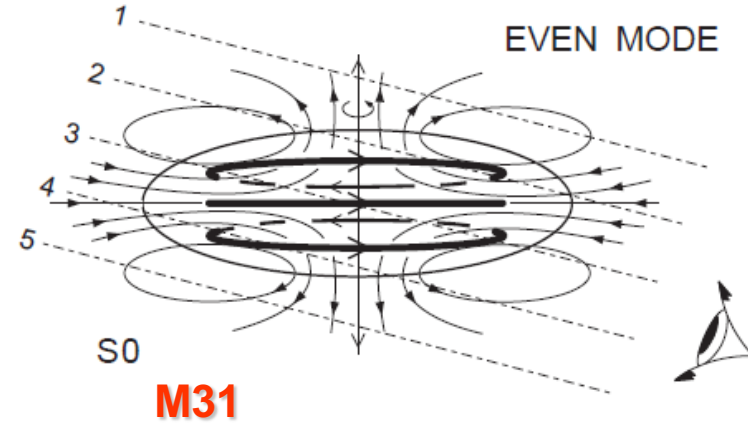
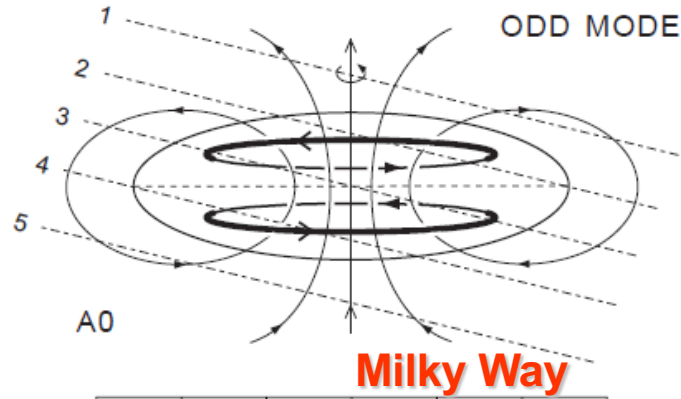
Axi-symmetric
spiral (ASS)



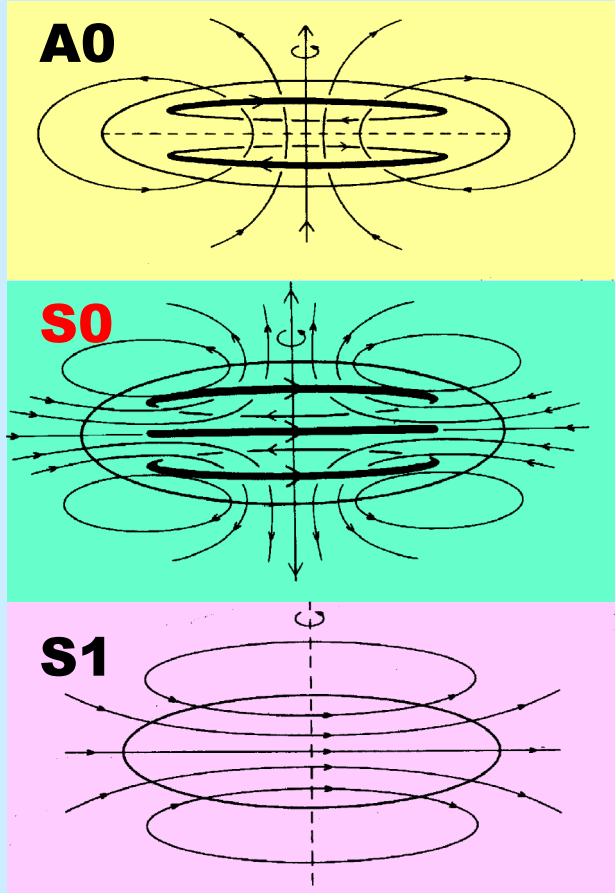
Bi-Symmetric Spiral
(BSS)



RMs of background sources for B structure in M31



Basic Dynamos: 3 B-field Configurations



M31: only 21 polarized bright background sources available !!

Han, Beck, Berkhuijsen (1998):

An even mode (S0) dynamo may operate in M31 !

Linear Polarization in Pulsating Radio Sources

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Signals from all the known radio sources are linearly polarized. The pulses often seem to be made up of separate components showing a high degree of polarization.

THE mechanism of
sources reported by

First mention of RM/DM ==> Galactic B-field!

recorded
the two

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to be a high degree of polarization in a series of separate components, each with its own position angle, the radiation at any one time must be from a limited region, which may be replaced by another a few seconds or minutes later.

The duration of the whole pulse then seems to be determined mainly by the dimensions of the source. Individual components are separated by up to 30 ms in the pulses from all four sources, suggesting that the radius of the star cannot be much less than 9,000 km. If this interpretation is correct, coherent radiation is being received from near the limb of the star, at a wide angle to the normal. A coherent mechanism is necessarily directive, and a detailed theory of emission must then allow for emission in a suitable direction.

Finally, we note that the discovery of linear polarization opens up the possibility of measuring the Faraday rotation in the interstellar medium, which can then be com-

bined with the measure of the electron content already available from the frequency dispersion of the arrival time of the pulses, to give a very direct measure of the interstellar magnetic field. Preliminary results of this measurement will be reported in a separate communication.

We thank Dr A. Hewish for advance information on the positions of three pulsating radio stars; we have also been helped by discussions on radiation mechanisms with Professor F. D. Kahn.

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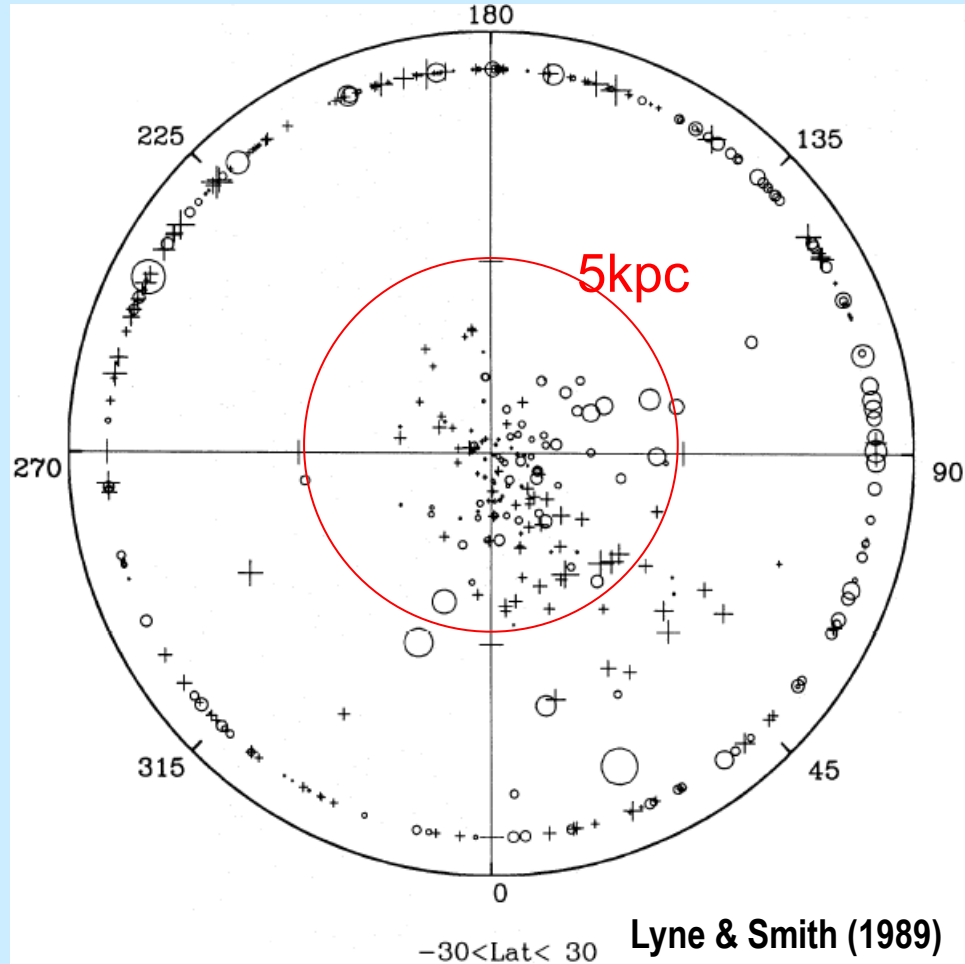
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Large-scale: How *large* is the “**large**” here?

RM of 185
pulsars

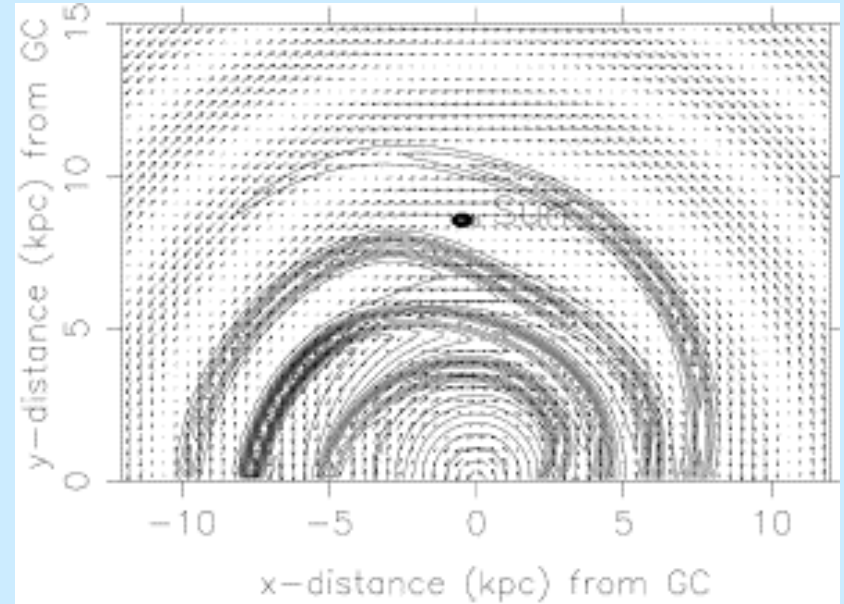
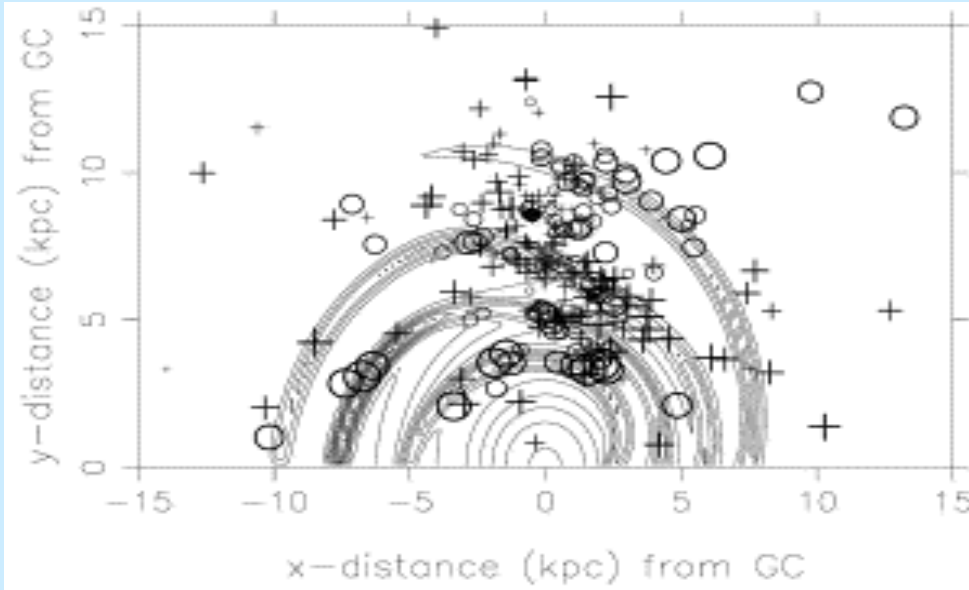
> ~ 3kpc?!

**Arm-separation:
1 or 2 kpc!**



Indrani & Deshpanda (1998):

- *BSS model fit data best*
- *Formula of BSS field of Han & Qiao (1994) is correct ---*



To guess large-scale B-field structure from limited data: modeling & Verified by more data!

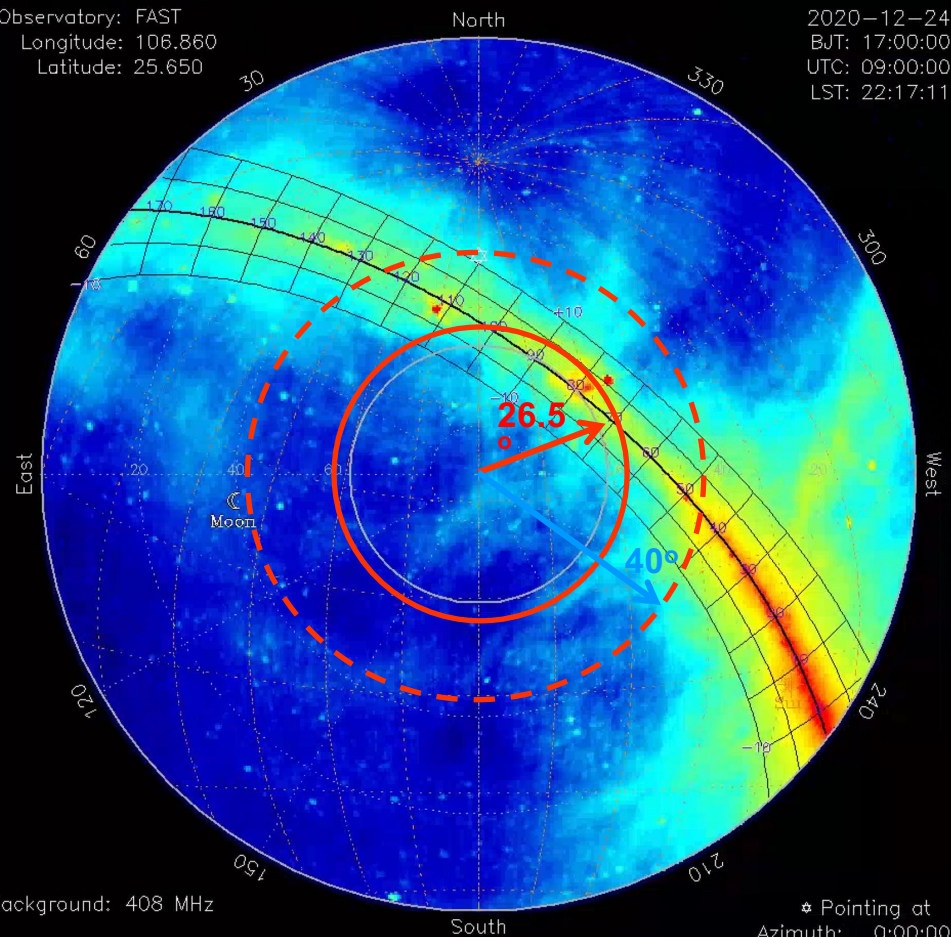
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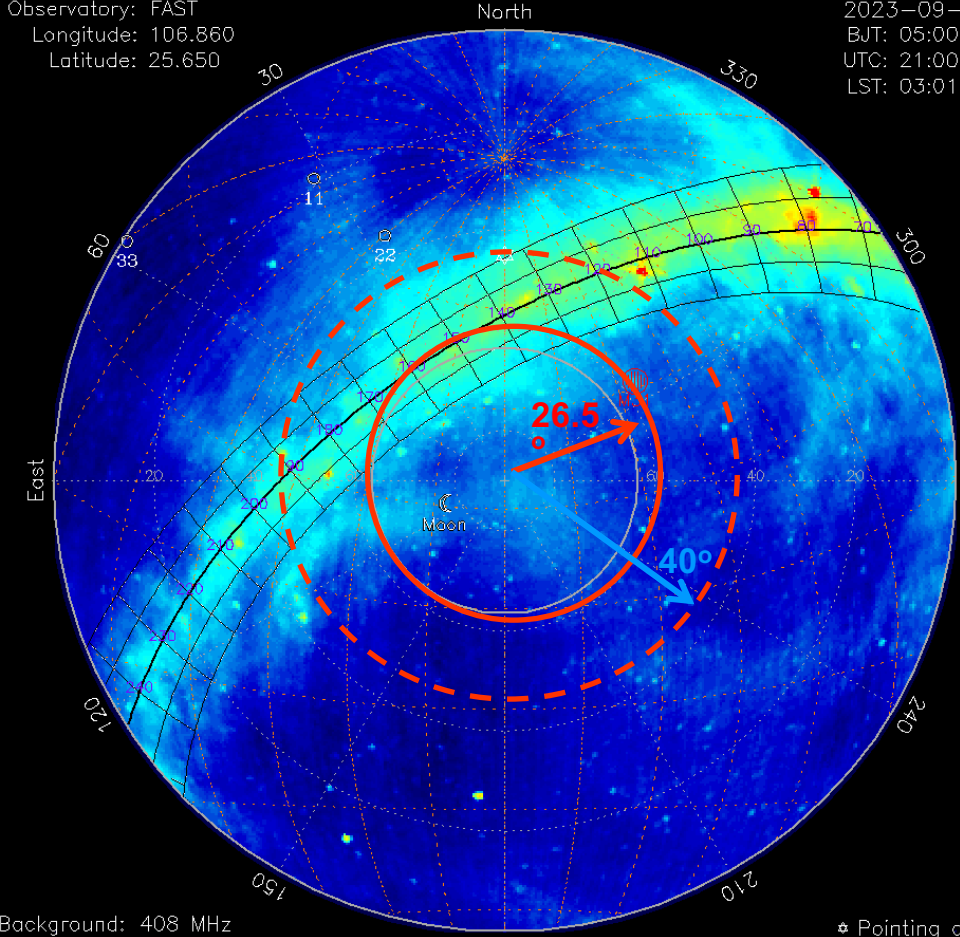
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Background: 408 MHz

★ Pointing at
 Azimuth: 0:00:00
 Elevation: 45:00:00



Background: 408 MHz

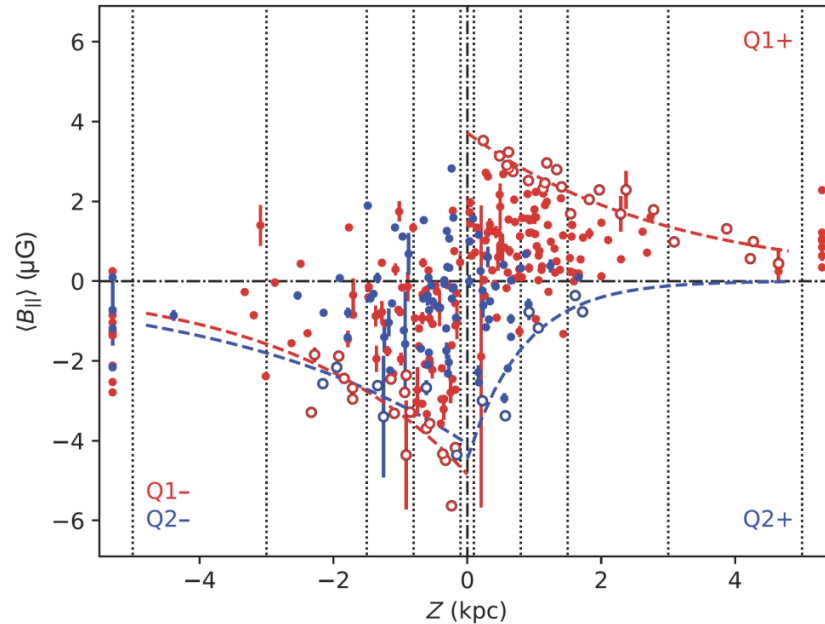
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● : Calibrators
 ○ : Objects

Magnetic fields in the Galactic halo

The scale height of the halo magnetic fields

$$\langle B_{\parallel} \rangle = 1.232 \frac{\text{RM}}{\text{DM}} = \frac{\int_0^D n_e \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l}}{\int_0^D n_e dl}$$



First quadrant Q1:
positive (negative) field values
above (below) the Galactic
plane

Second quadrant Q2:
all negative field values
 $\langle B_{\parallel} \rangle = \langle B_{\parallel} \rangle_0 \exp(-|Z|/H)$

**Lower limit of
the scale height of halo
magnetic field:
 2.7 ± 0.3 kpc**

(Xu et al. 2022, doi: 10.1007/s11433-022-2033-2)