

Deflections of UHECRs from Cen A in the Galactic magnetic field

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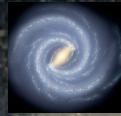
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Outline



Galactic Magnetic Field

- ❖ Current Models
- ❖ JF12 Model



Tracking UHECRs

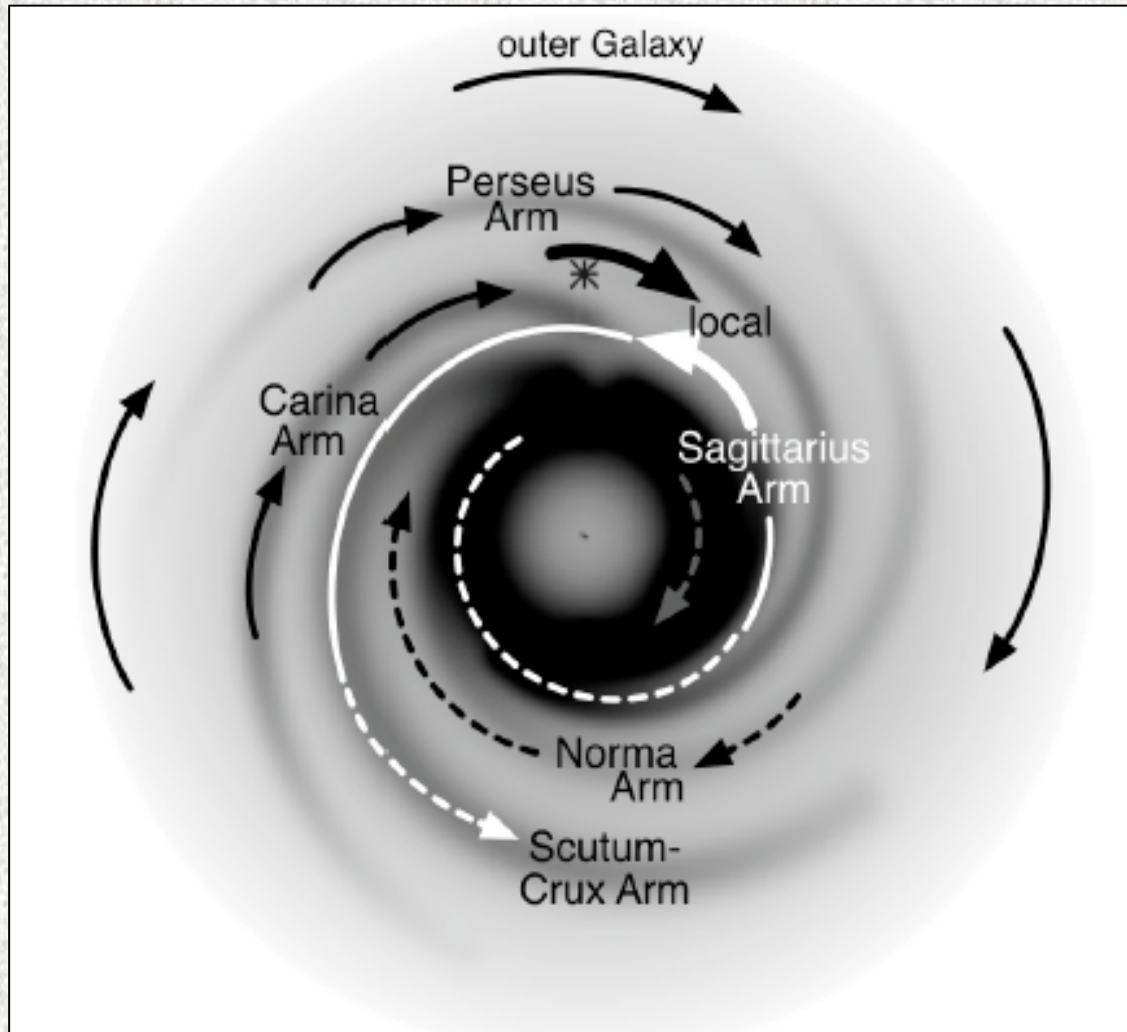
- ★ Centaurus A
- ★ Method



Summary

- ✦ What comes next

Galactic Magnetic Field: Current Models



Common properties:

- ✦ Large-scale regular component
- ✦ Follow the spiral arms
- ✦ Turbulent component
- ✦ Local parameters

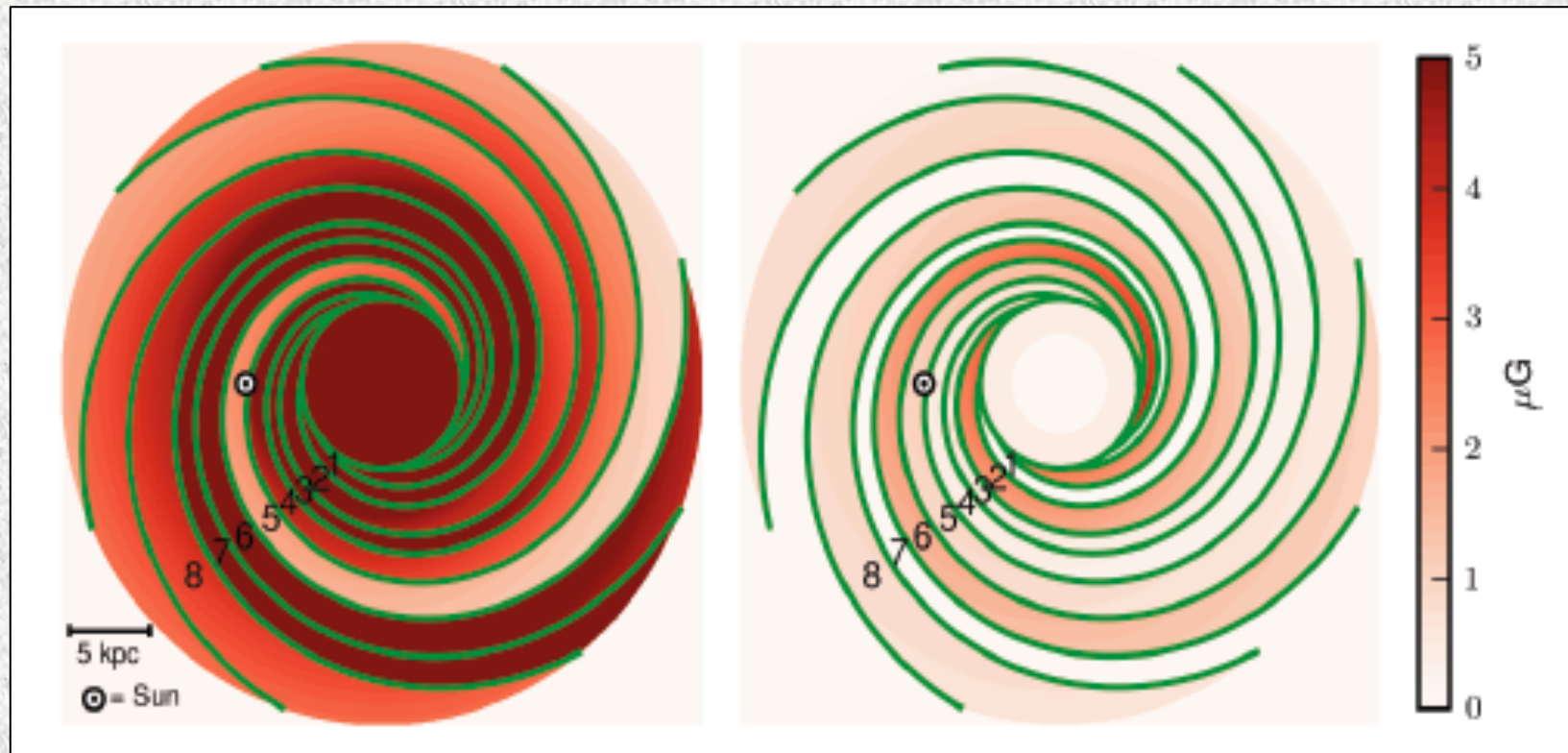
Van Eck, et al. (2010)

Jansson-Farrar GMF Model (JF12)

This model includes:

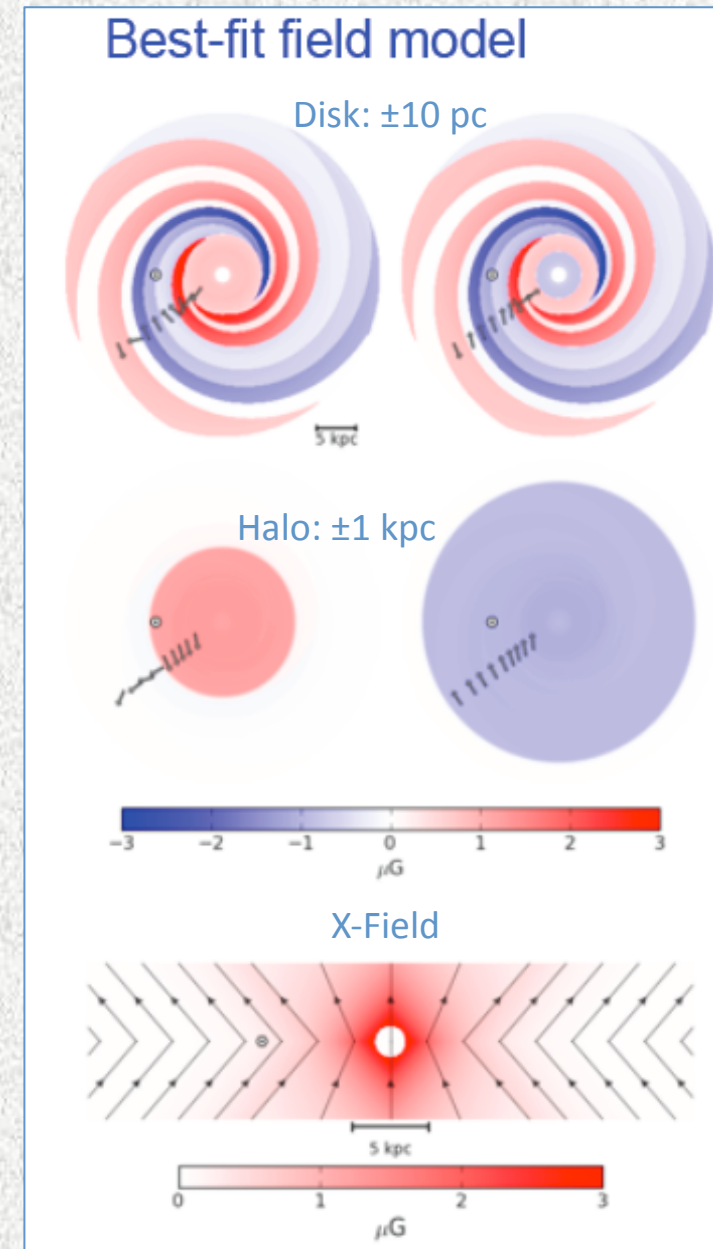
- Regular large scale component
- Random field component
- Striated random field component

Fit to the observational data: More than 40k extragalactic RM and the WMAP7 22 GHz polarized and total intensity synchrotron emission maps



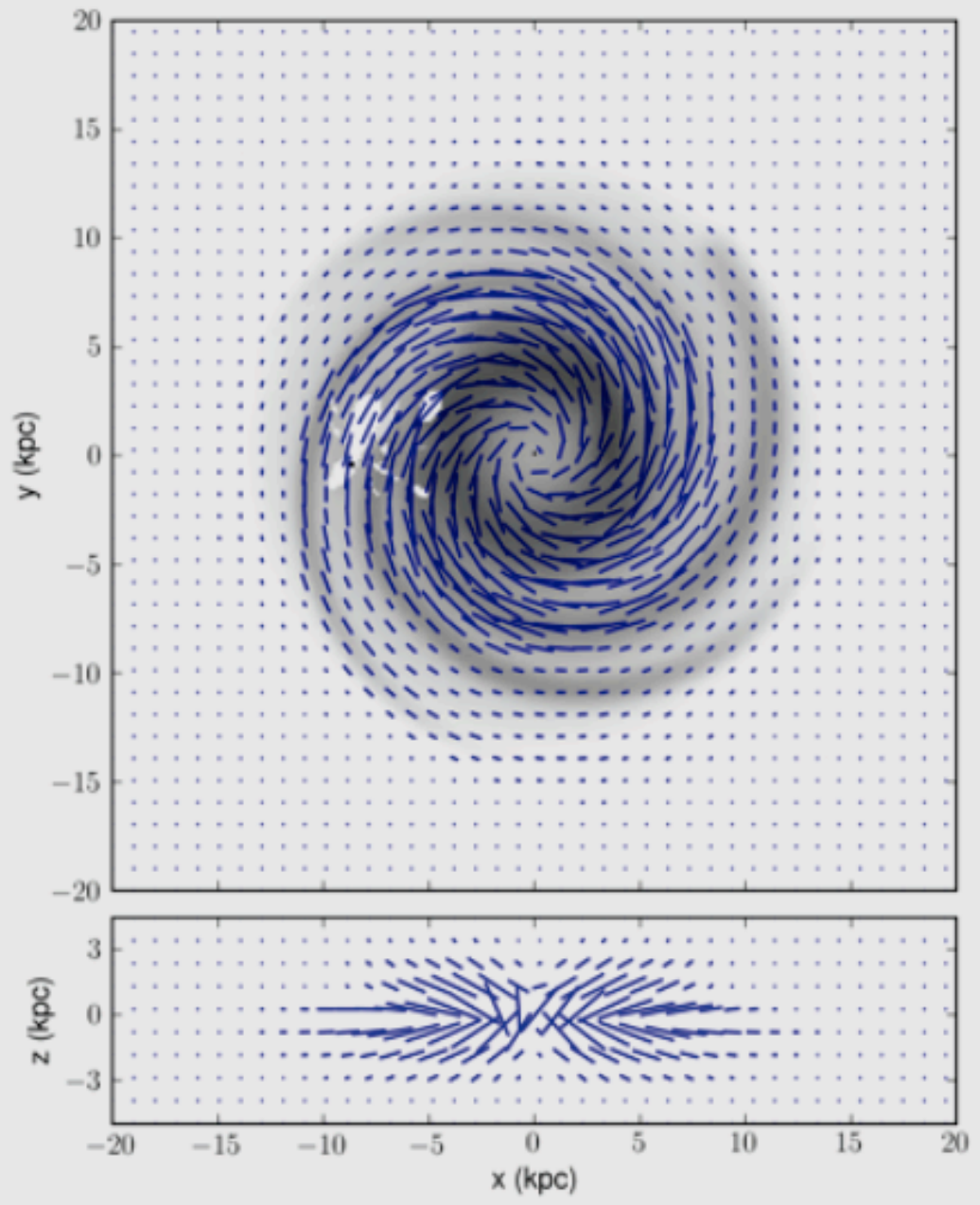
JF12 Regular Component*

- 3 large scale and divergenceless components:
 - Spiral disk (generalized from Brown et al., 2007)
 - 8 field strengths for arms at $r=5\text{kpc}$
 - 1 field strength for ring ($3\text{kpc}<r<5\text{kpc}$)
 - Disk-halo transition
 - Transition width
 - Toroidal halo field
 - Northern/Southern halo strengths
 - Transition radius, north/south
 - Transition width
 - Vertical scale height
 - Poloidal out-of-plane field
 - Field strength at origin
 - Elevation angle at $z=0$
 - Radius where $\theta=\theta_0$
 - Exponential scale length
- 22 free parameters

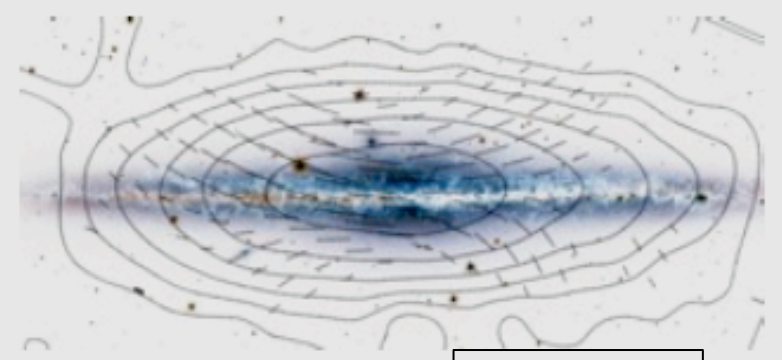


*R. Jansson and G. R. Farrar, ApJ 757 (2012)

The Milky Way to an Extragalactic Radio Observer

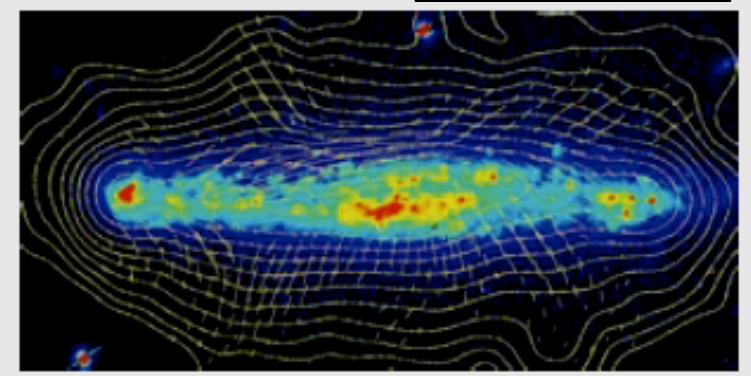


Milky Way analogues:
NGC 891



Krause (2009)

NGC 5775



Soida, et al (2011)

R. Jansson and G. R. Farrar, ApJ 757 (2012)

JF12 Random* and Striated Field Components

- ❖ Superposition of a disk component and an extended smooth halo component
- ❖ 13 Free parameters
- ❖ Disk component:
 - 8 arms as in regular component; $B \approx 1/r$
 - Central region: constant B_{rms}
 - Gaussian vertical profile
- ❖ Smooth extended component:
 - Vertical scale height: 3 kpc
 - Radial scale length: 10 kpc
 - Central value: $B_{rms} = 3 \mu G$
- ❖ Using total synchrotron intensity map
- ❖ Coherence length of 100 pc or less

The data calls for a **striated component** to the random field:

Whose orientation is aligned with the regular component, having zero mean and RMS strength of $\approx 20\%$ larger than the regular field

With this complete field model, a very good fit to more than 40k extragalactic RM and the WMAP7 22 GHz polarized and total intensity synchrotron emission maps is obtained.

*R. Jansson and G. R. Farrar, ApJ 761 (2012)

Tracking UHECRs

Charged particles are deflected in magnetic fields

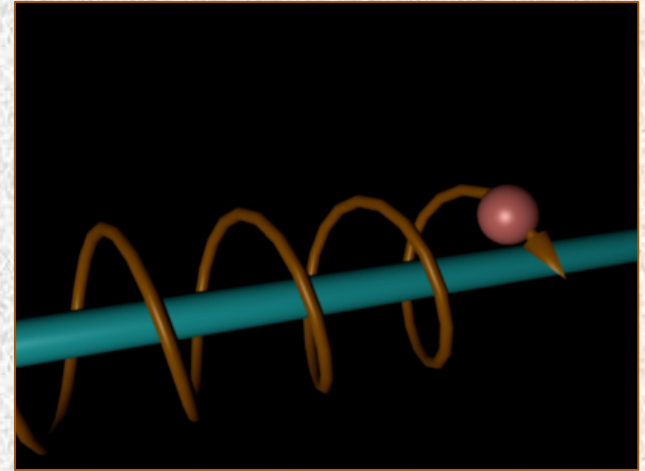
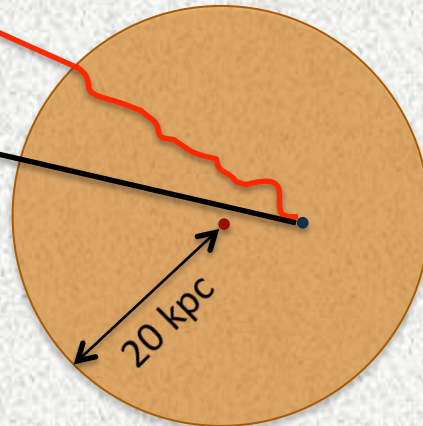


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Real Source

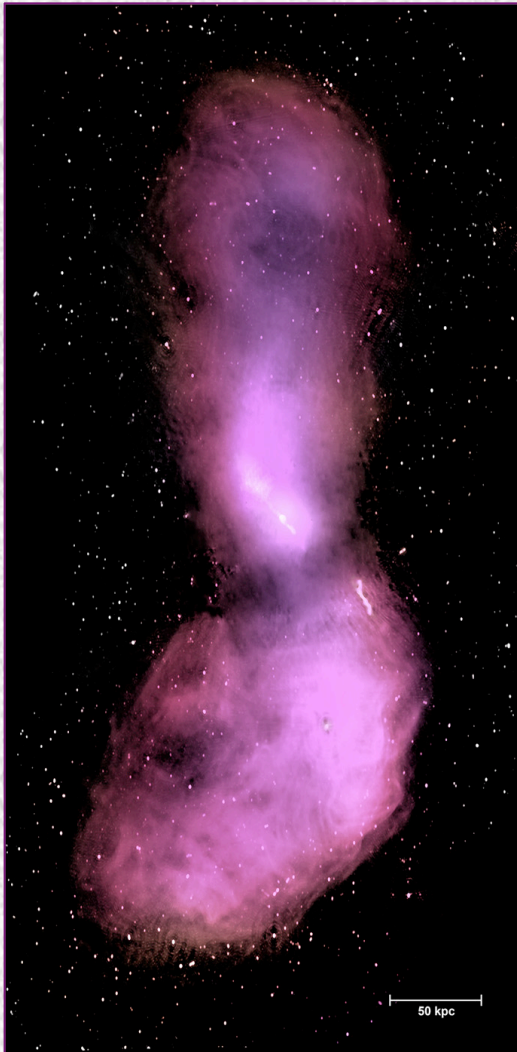


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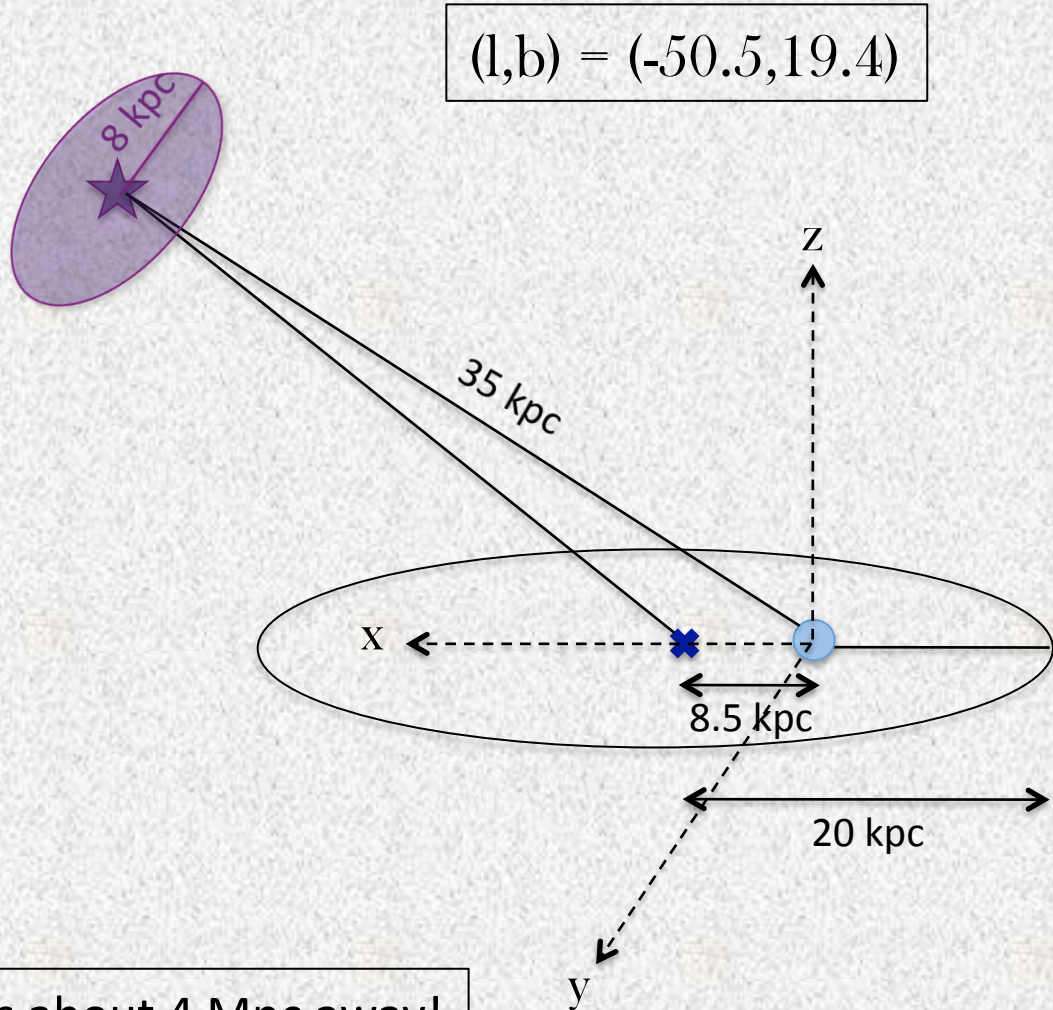


We should consider the effect of the GMF to identify the sources of UHECRs

Centaurus A



Cen A is about 4 Mpc away!



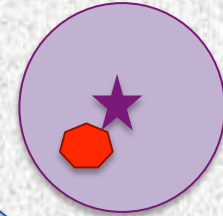
$$(l,b) = (-50.5, 19.4)$$

Forward-tracking for Z up to Iron

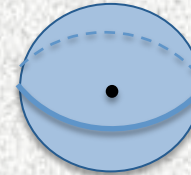
✦ Use CRT

Michael Sutherland, et al (2010)

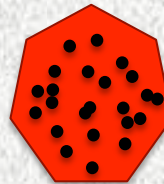
1. Injection plane around center of Cen A (the first step)



2. Detect them on a sphere surrounded the Earth



3. Record the successful events



4. Inject particles to a smaller detector size (the second step)

5. This time from random positions inside the region of the successful events

The goal of this method is to reach to a small detector closer to reality

$R = \text{Rigidity} = E/Z: 2, 8, 16, 22, 32, 45, 64 \text{ EV}$

$\text{det}R = \text{the radius of the detector: } 0.4 \rightarrow 0.002 \text{ kpc}$

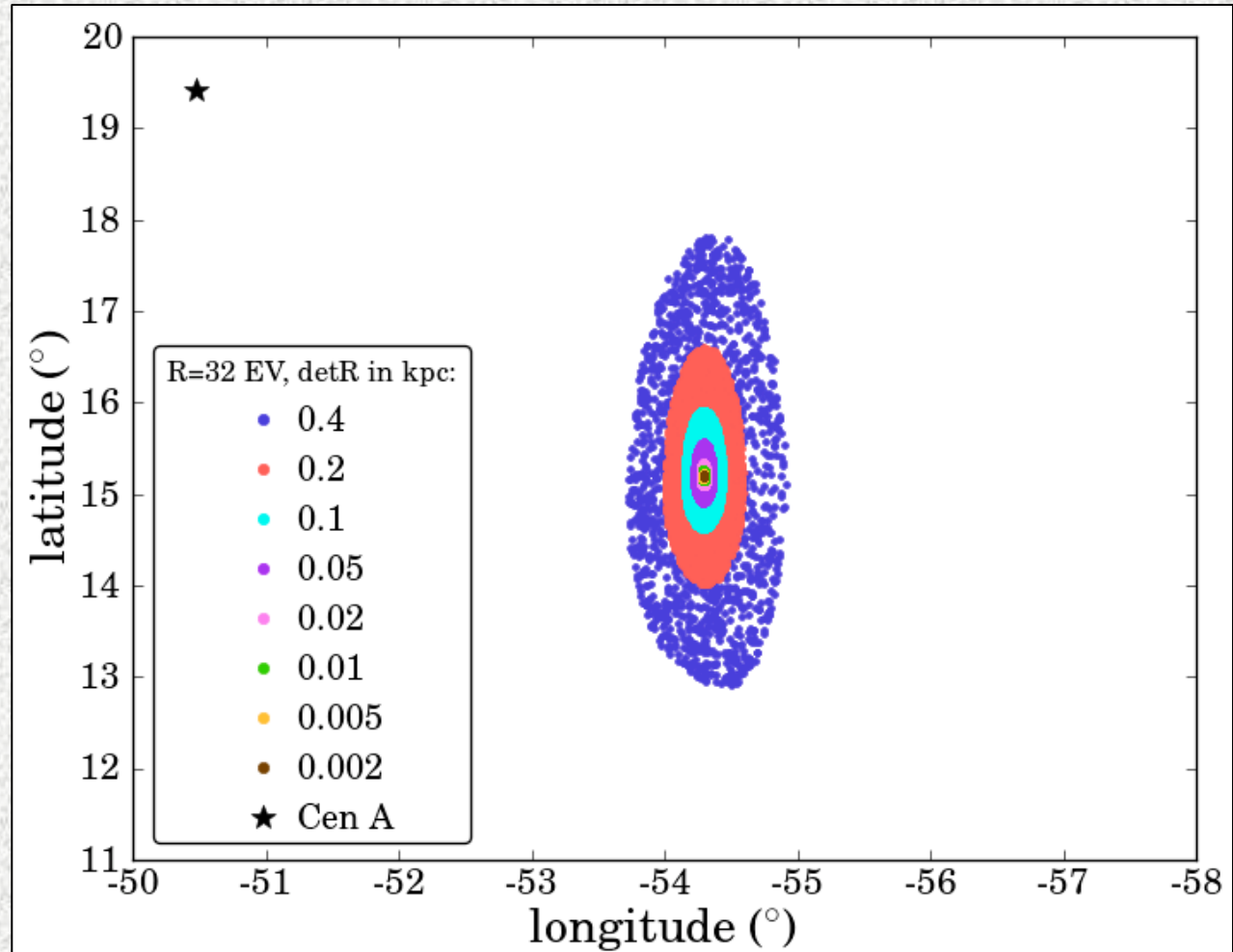
No random field, $R = E/Z = 32$ EV

Observed Directions

Only a small region near Cen A is detected at Earth.

The smaller the detector size (detR), the more compact the starting region

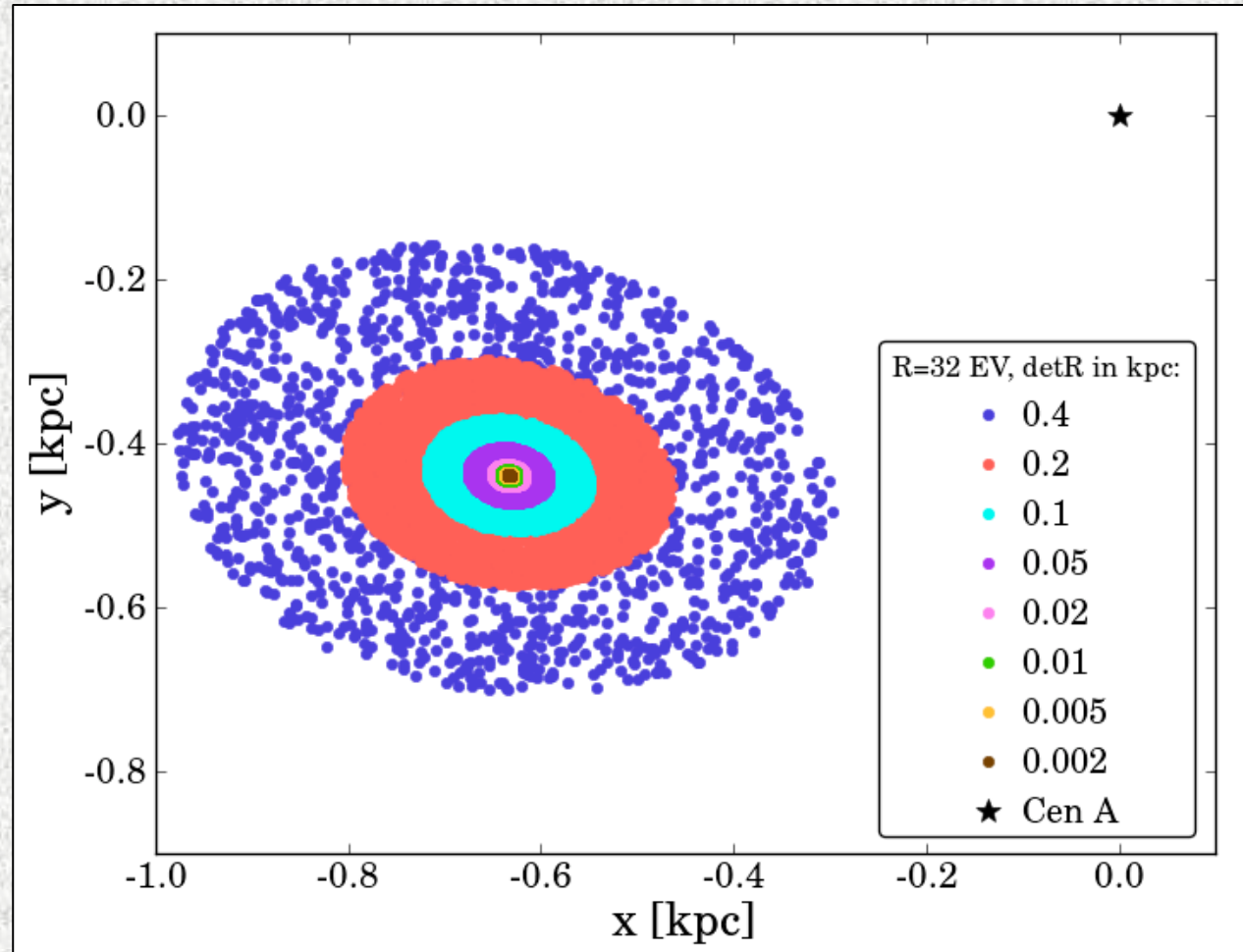
Galactic coordinates



No random field, $R = E/Z = 32 \text{ EV}$ Injection Plane

The position of the successful particles on a disk around Cen A.

The image quantitatively shows a convergence as we go to smaller detR's.

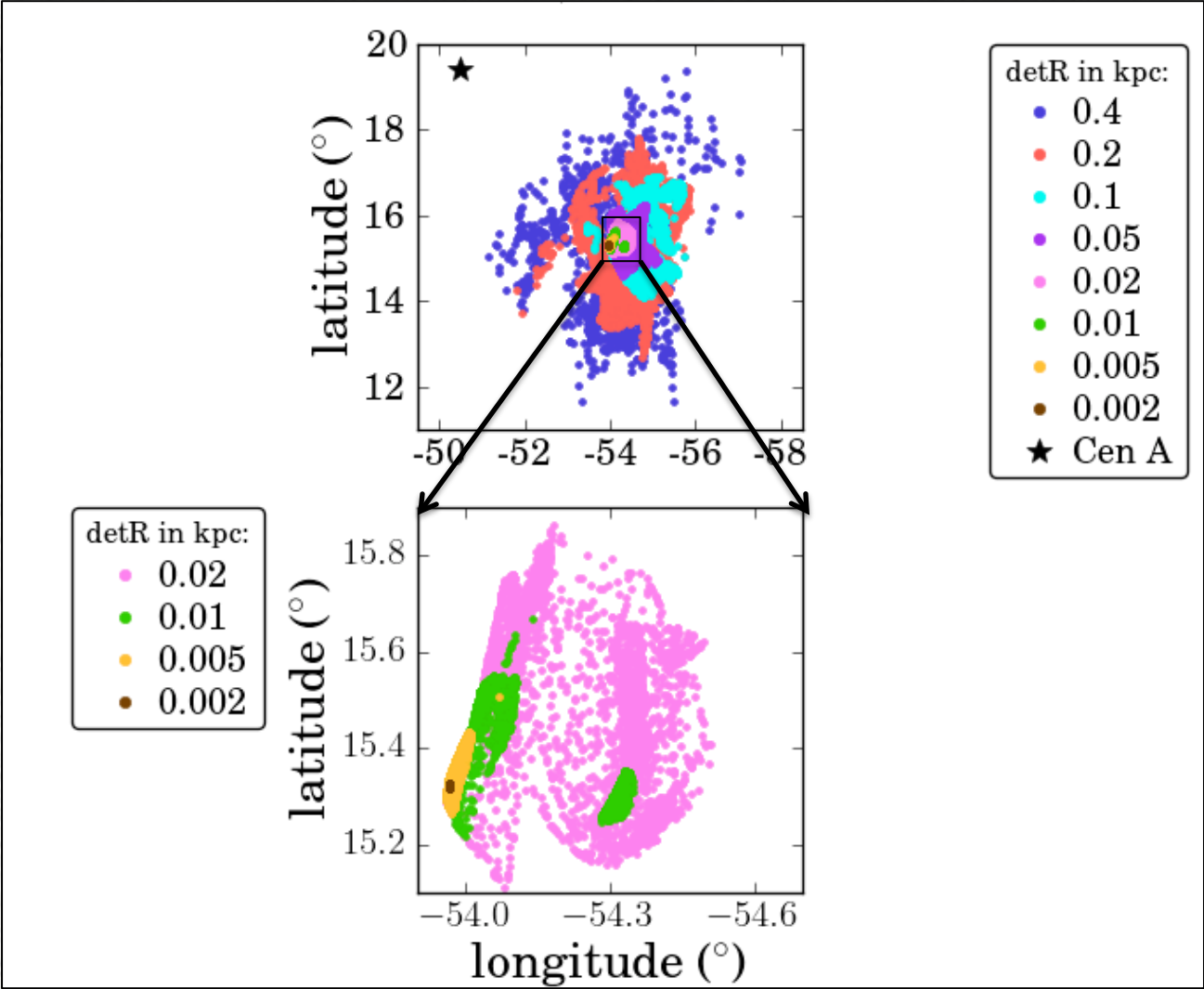


Adding random and striated field, $R = E/Z = 32$ EV

Observed Directions

Adding the random field scatter the particles around.

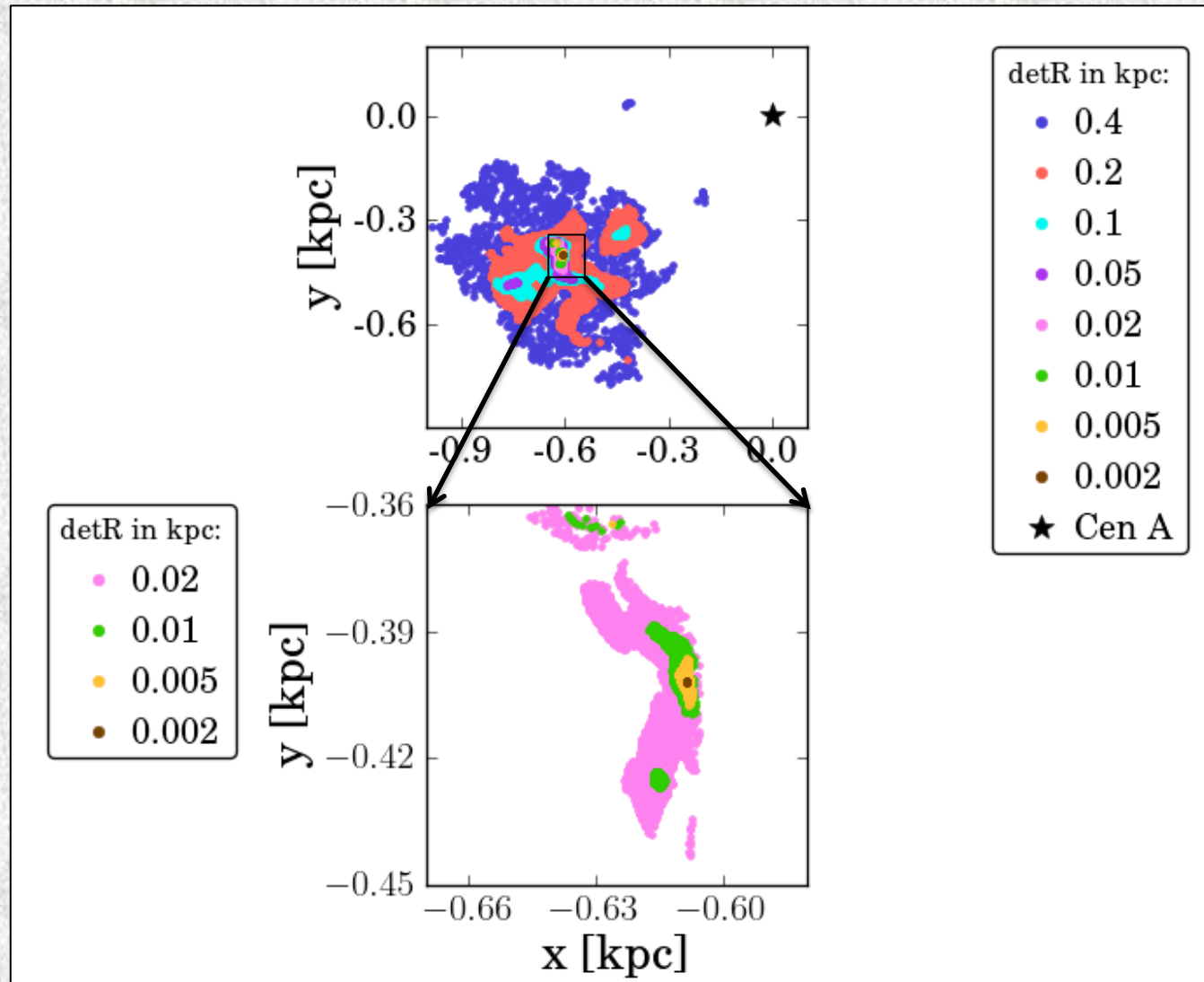
The bottom is a zoomed in image of the last 4 detR's.



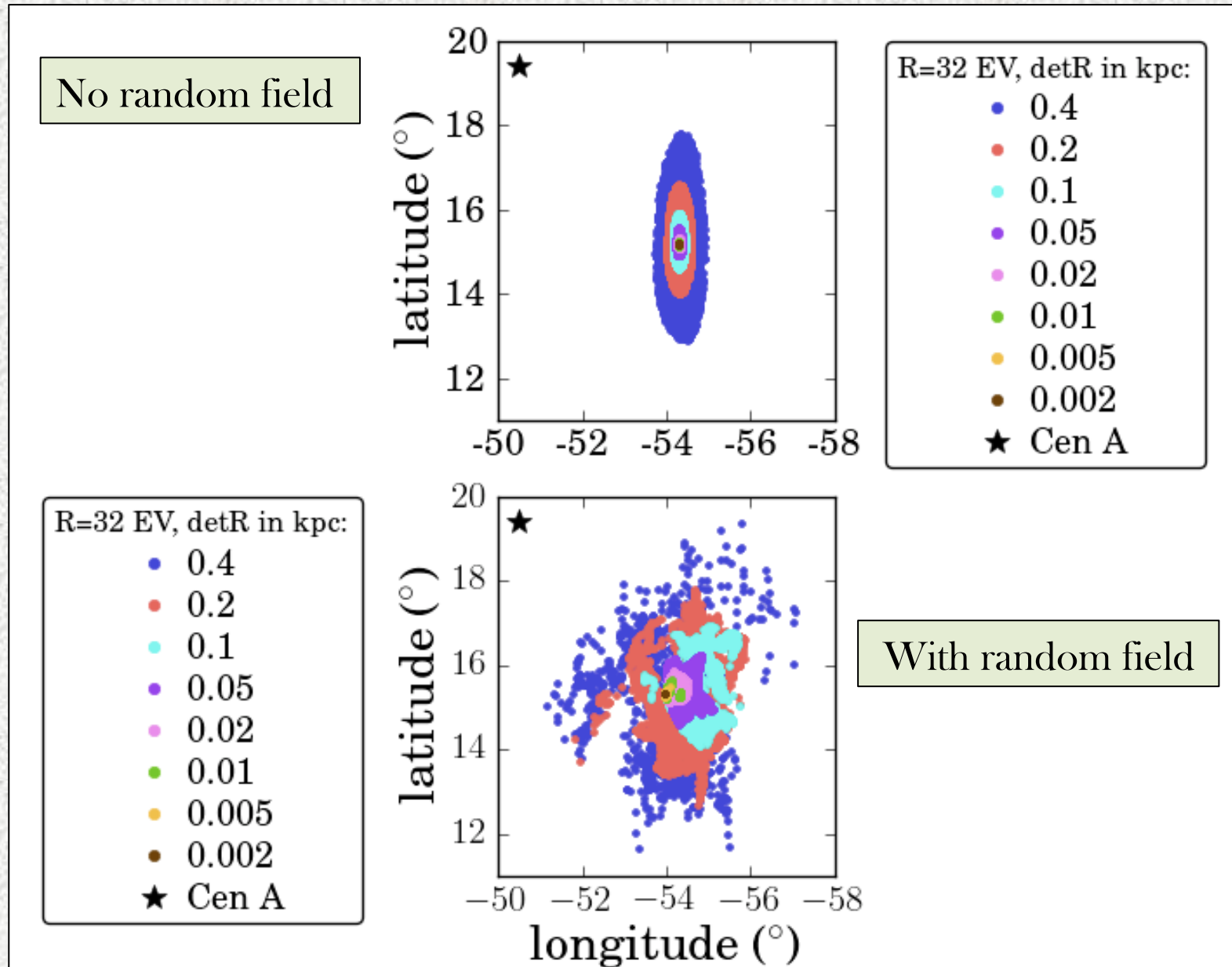
Adding random and striated field, $R = E/Z = 32$ EV Injection Plane

The position of the successful events on the injection disk.

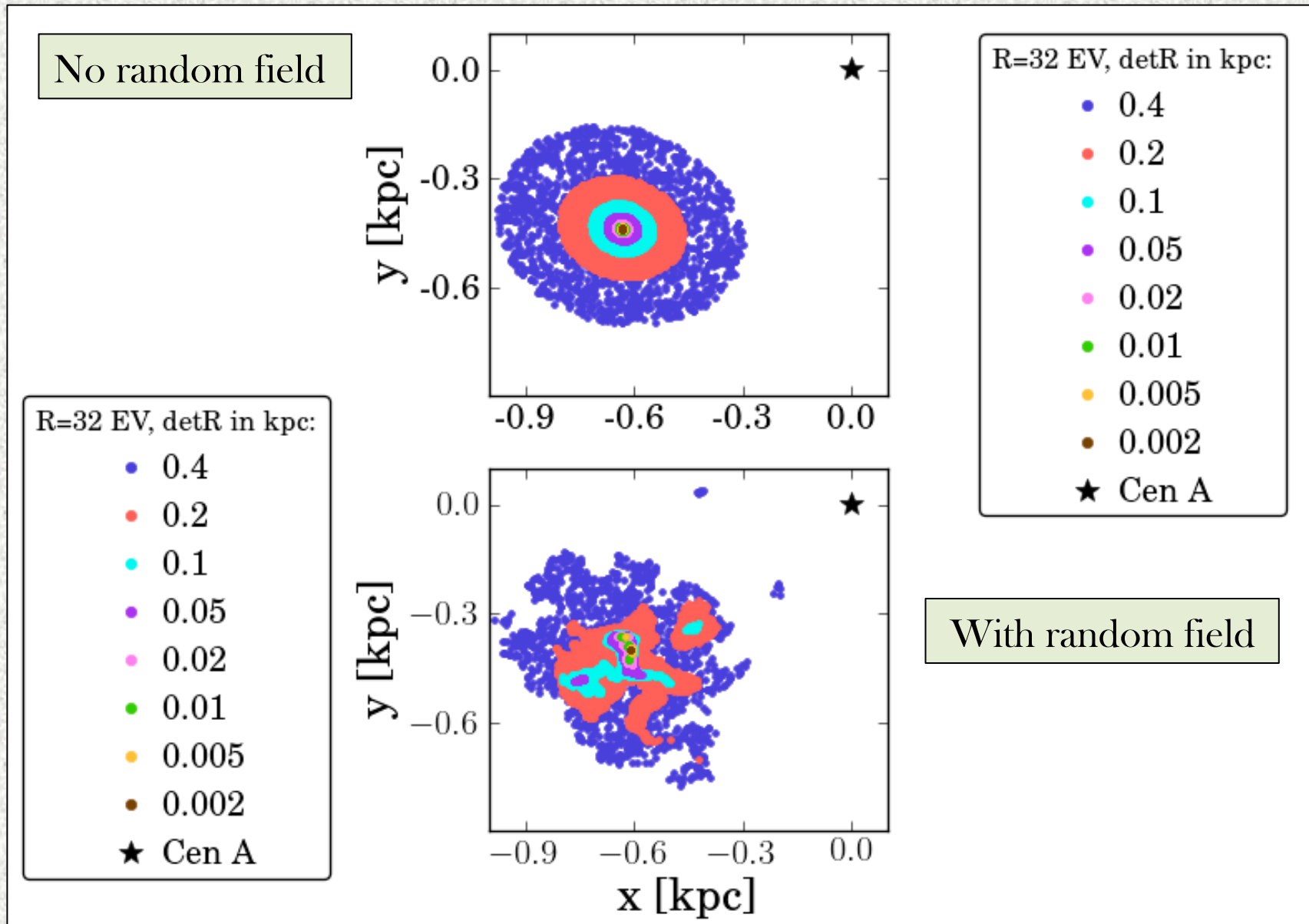
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Comparing observed directions with and without random field, R=32 EV



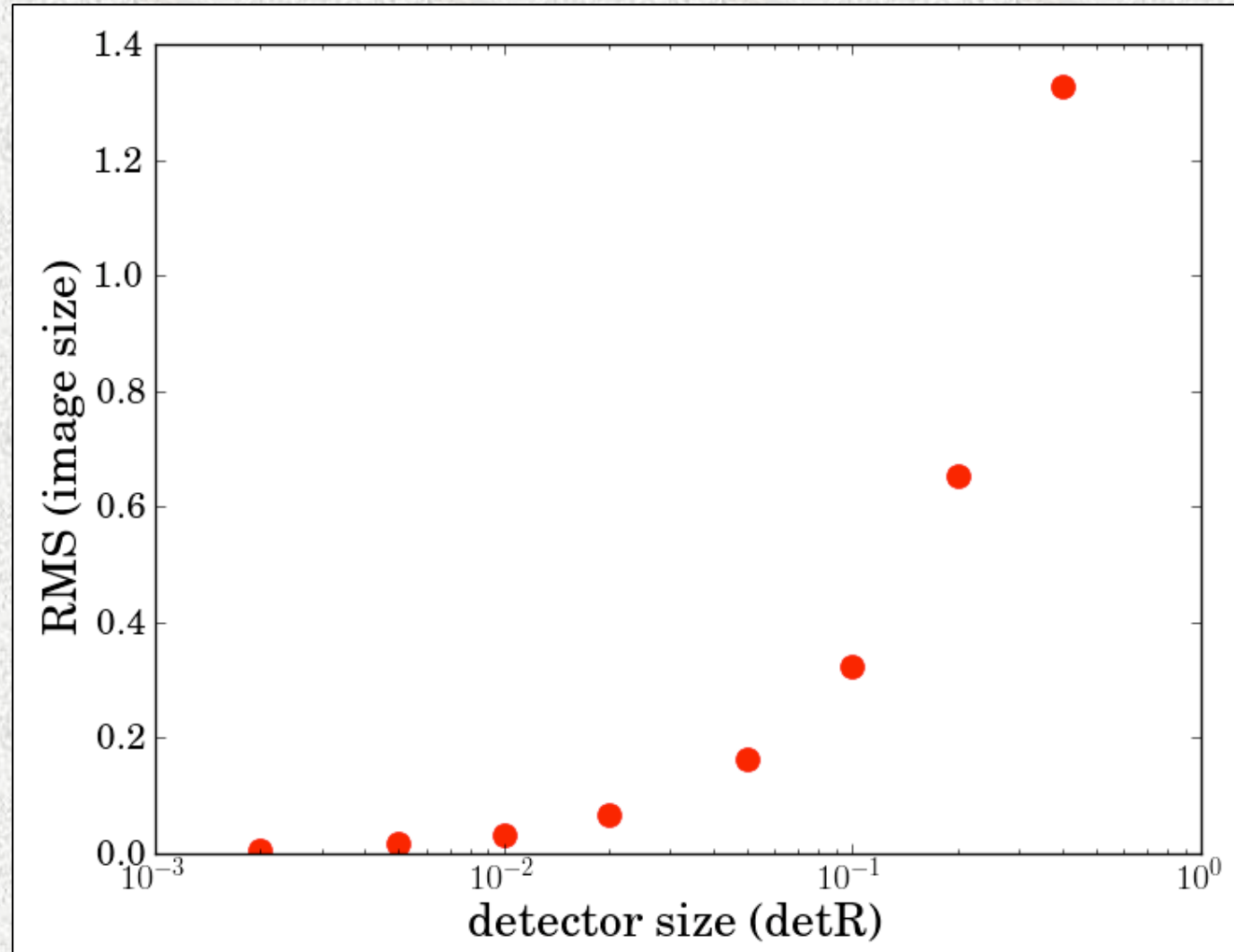
Comparing injection planes with and without random field, R=32 EV



Converged to smaller detr, $R = E/Z = 32 \text{ EV}$

We stop at a small detr.

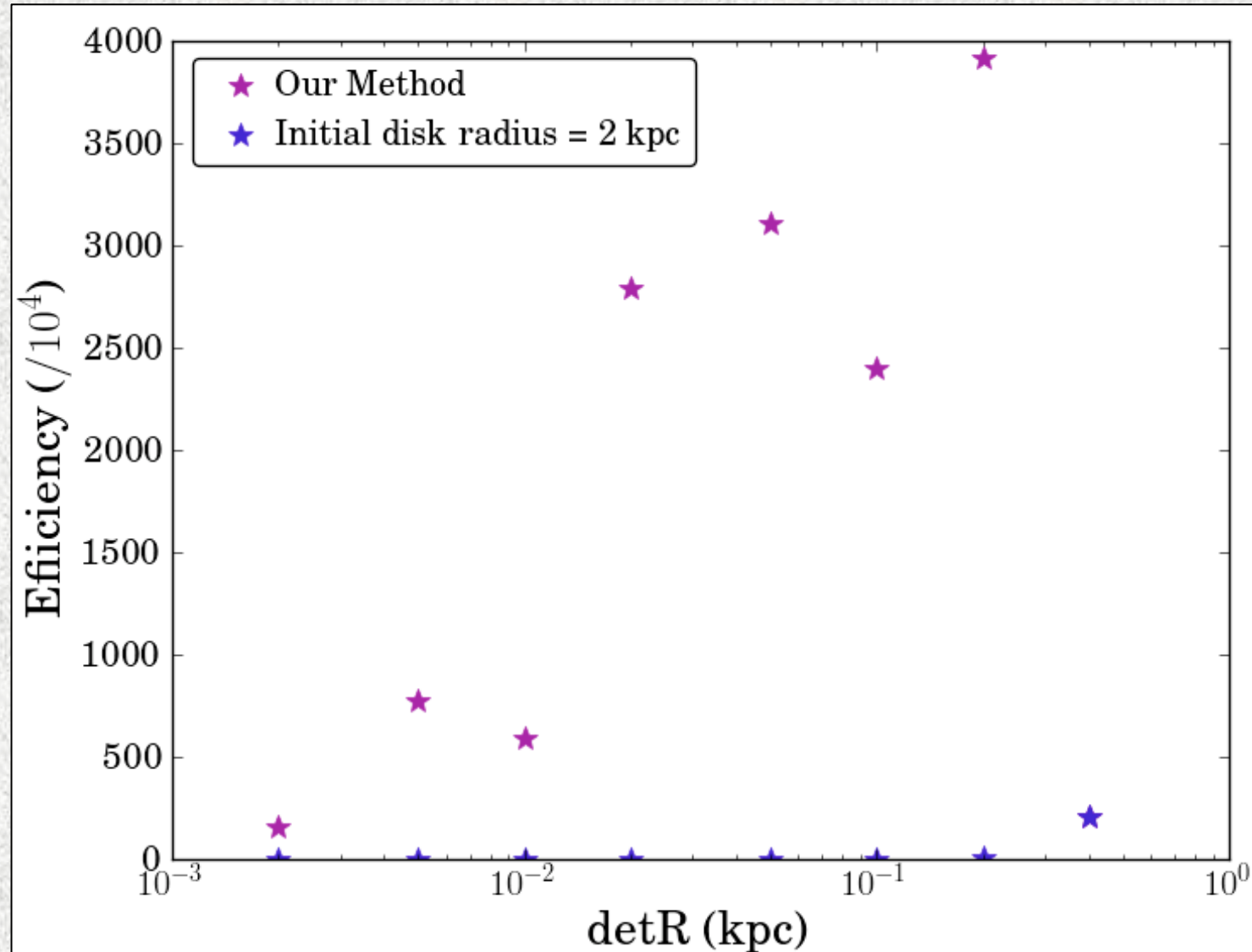
The image starts to converge at some detr.



Efficiency of our method for R=32 EV

There is almost 0 detection at a small detector size, starting from a disk around CenA with radius of 2 kpc

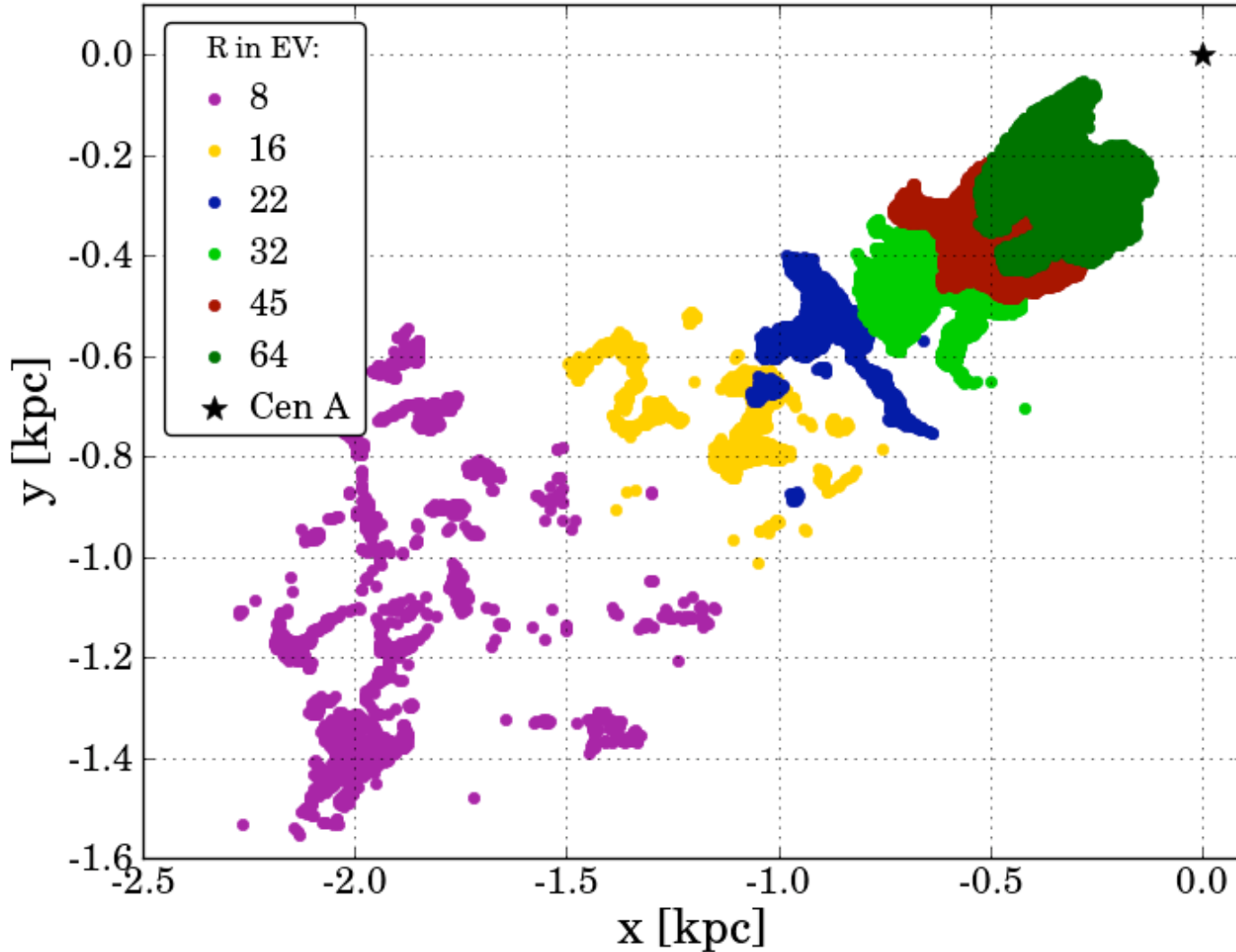
Our method is a lot more efficient



Particles from Cen A, $8 < R < 64$

Injection Plane

JF12 RGF1, detR=0.2 kpc



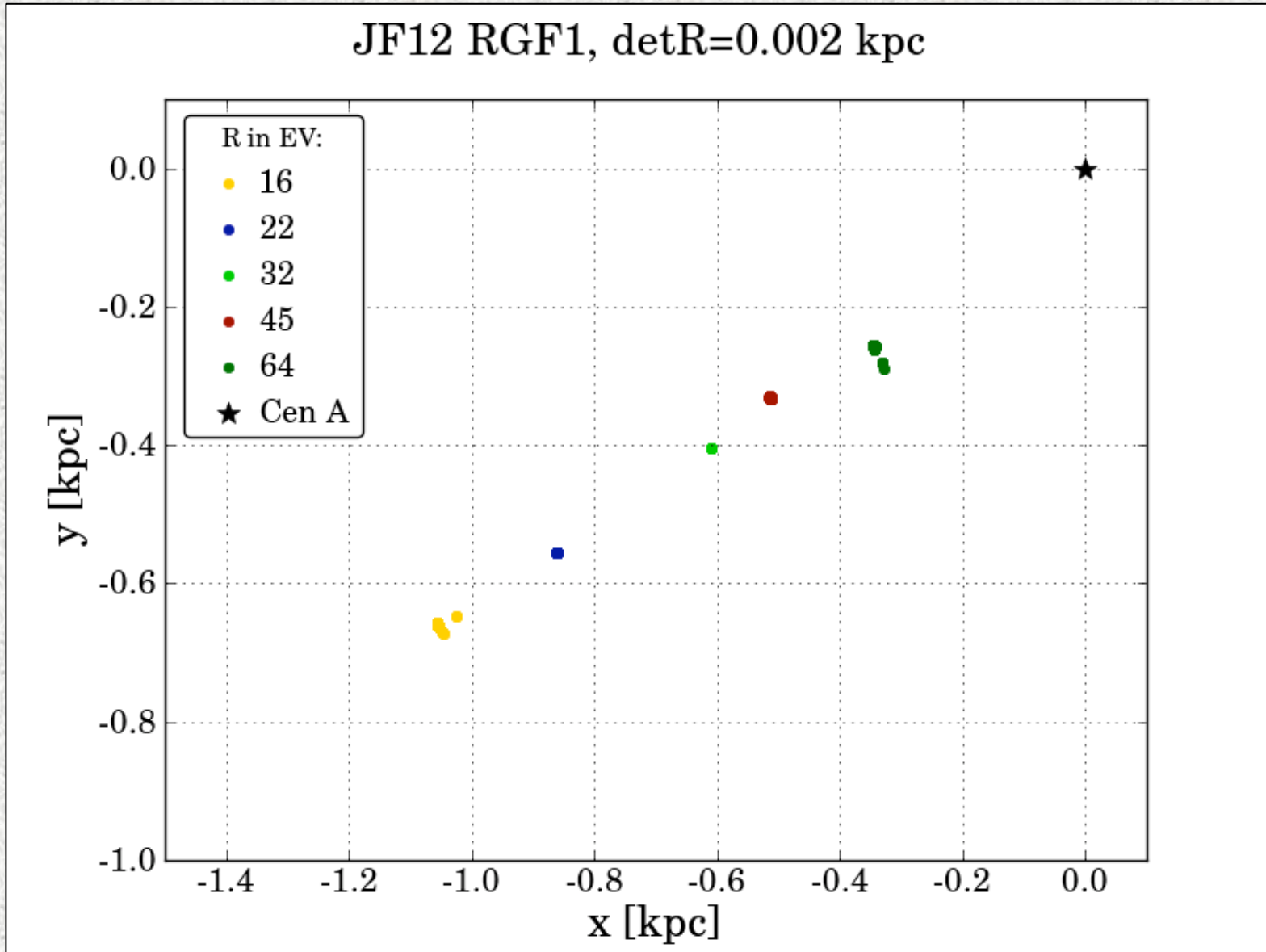
Different rigidities

A fairly large detR

Lower rigidities
scatter more

Particles from Cen A, $16 < R < 64$

Injection Plane

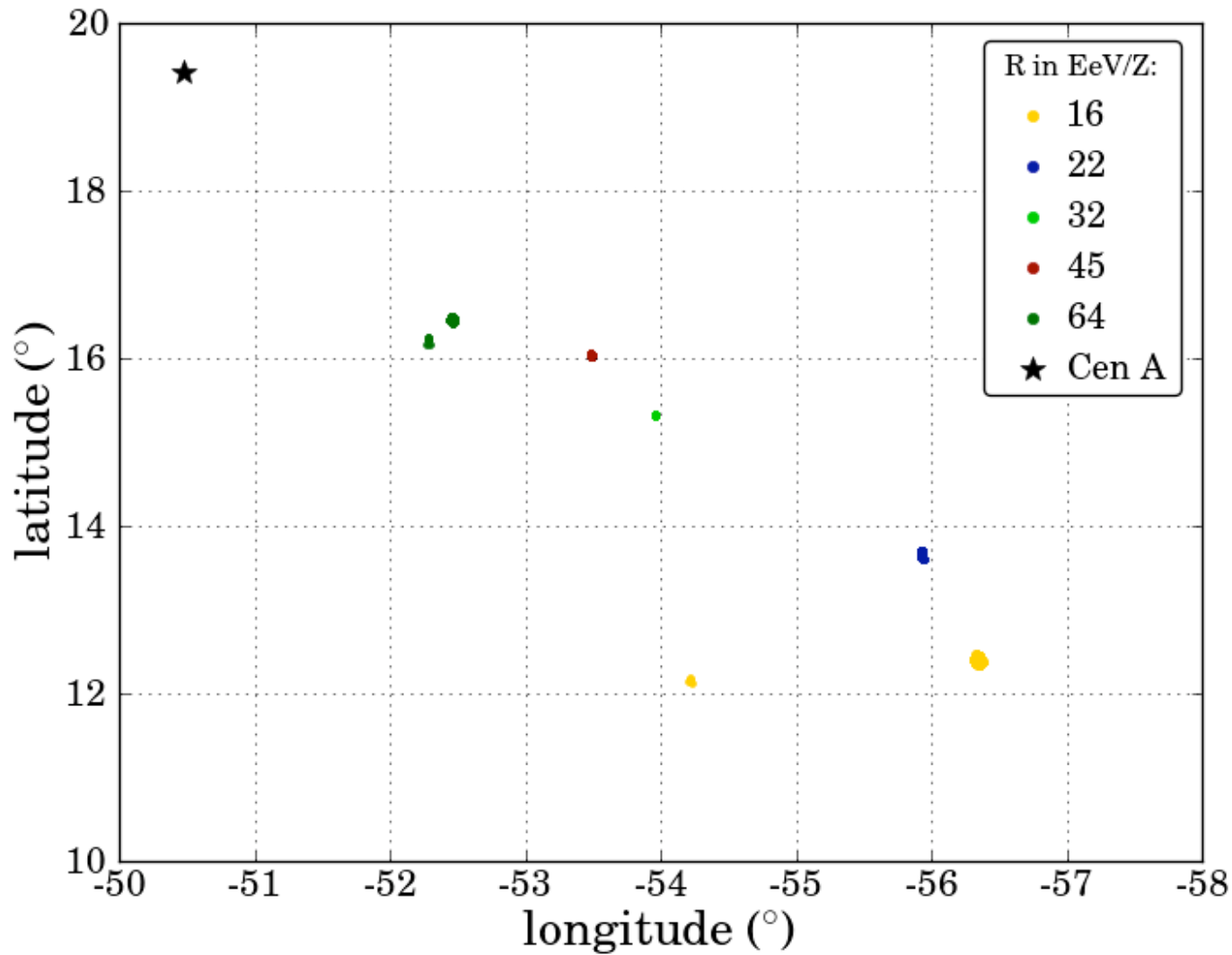


The smallest detR,
Compact regions,
Events lined up

Particles from Cen A, $16 < R < 64$

Observed Directions

JF12 RGF1, detR=0.002 kpc



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Simulated Events and Auger Data

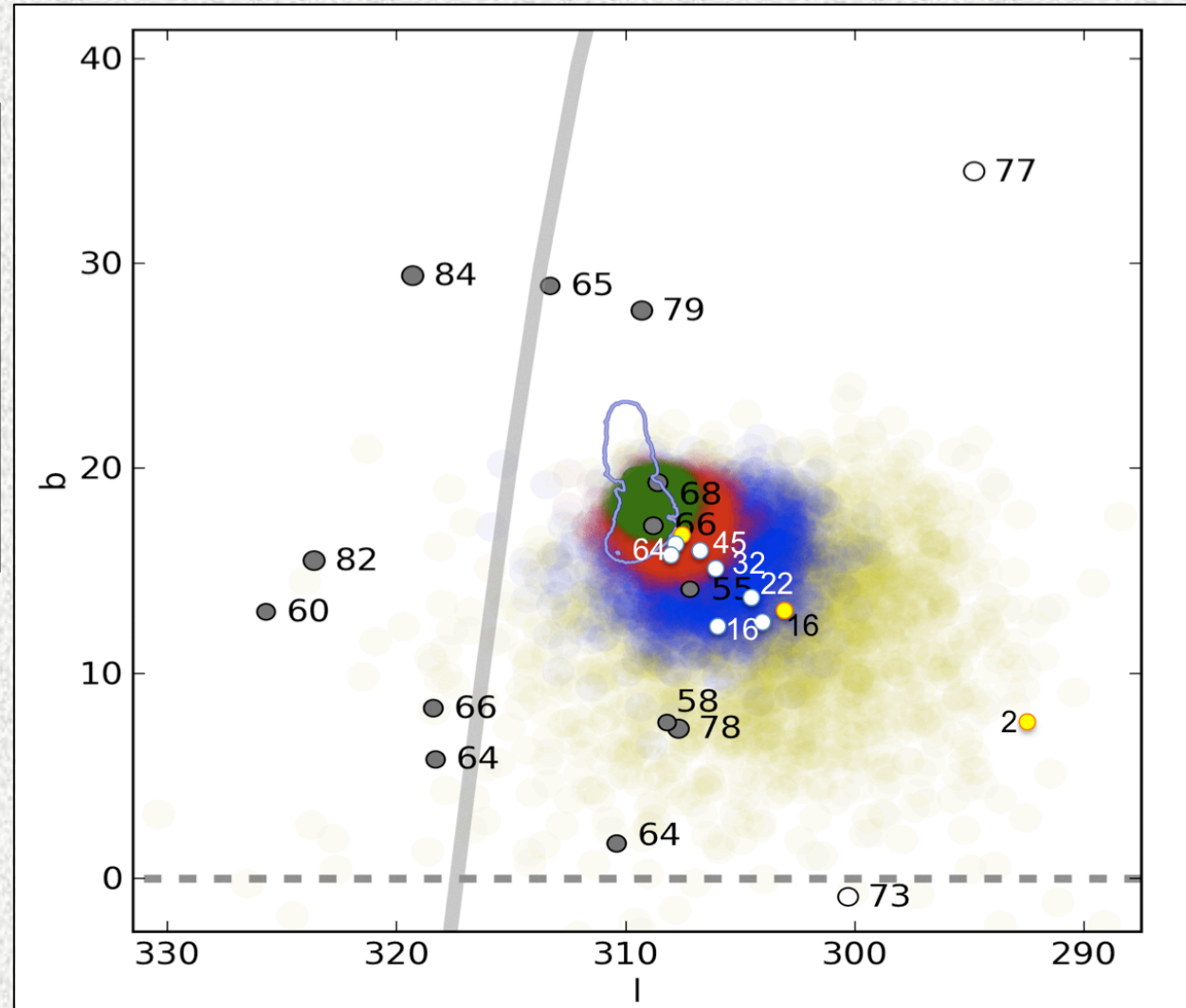
Observed Directions

Added events on the original plot
by Jansson and Farrar

Arcs of the simulated data are thin,
Consistent with 6 events in data

Signs of multiplets

Yellow circles: Coherent field
White circles: + Random field
Grey circles: Auger data

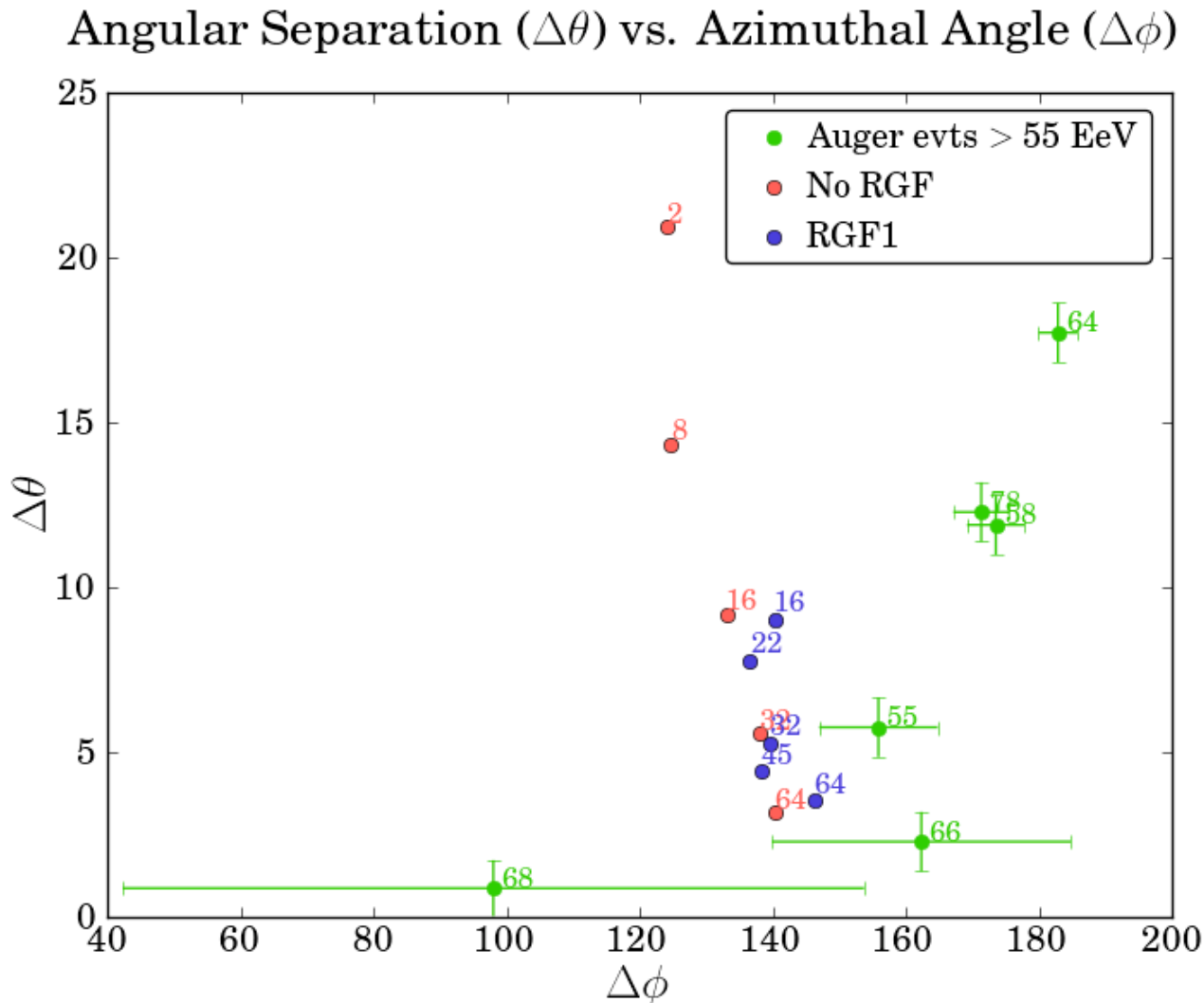


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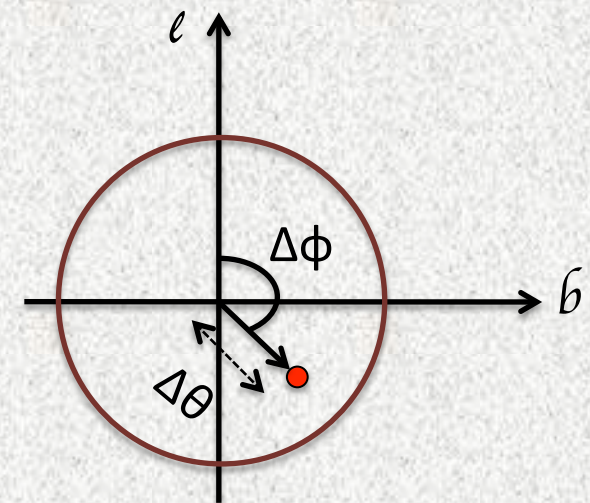
Observed Directions relative to Cen A

An arbitrary coordinate centered on Cen A: showing relative locations of the events

Auger events could follow the simulations certain assigned charges



Events with $E=58, 78, 64$ EeV may be consistent with Cen A:
Assign higher charge or in different realization of the RGF



Summary: Preliminary Results

- ❖ We see the convergence when we get to smaller detectors
- ❖ No matter what the composition is, the region is more compact than anticipated
- ❖ It seems CenA is unlikely to be the source of more than a few cosmic rays above 55 EeV, assuming the correctness of JF12 GMF model

What we can do next:

Increasing the number of realizations of random field
Checking other similar sources
Going lower in the energy
Including the extragalactic field model

Thanks for your attention