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# Closing the Net on Transient Sources of Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays

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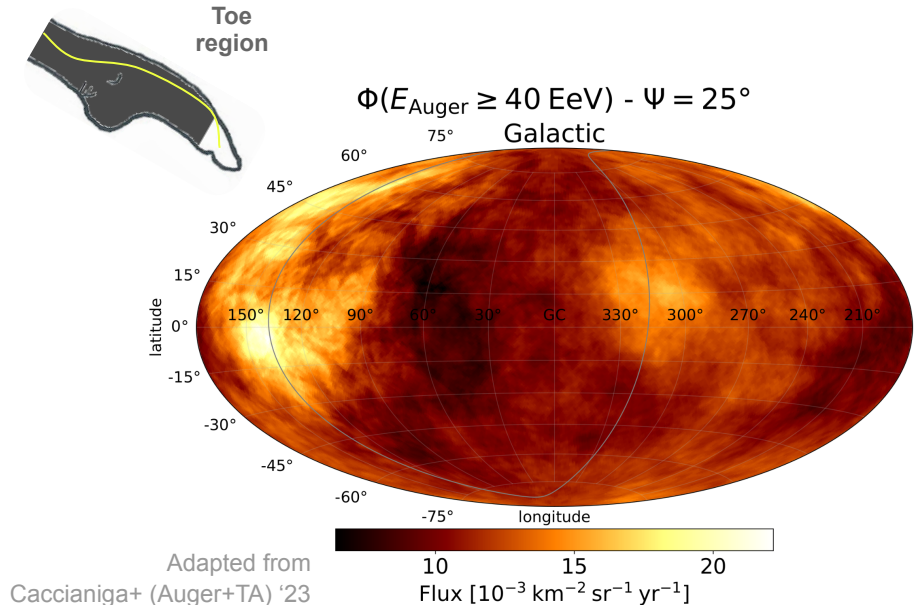
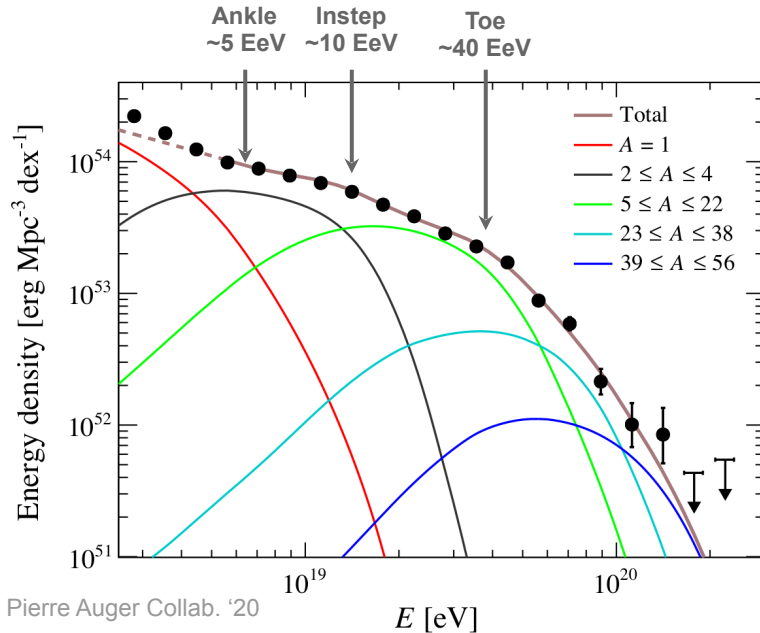
# The quest for UHECR origins

## Full-sky spectral and composition observables

→ Constrain UHECR production rate per unit matter:  $n_{\text{src}} \times \dot{\mathcal{E}}_{\text{UHECR}}$  or  $\dot{n}_{\text{src}} \times \mathcal{E}_{\text{UHECR}}$

## Anisotropy observables

→ Break down the flux vs arrival direction



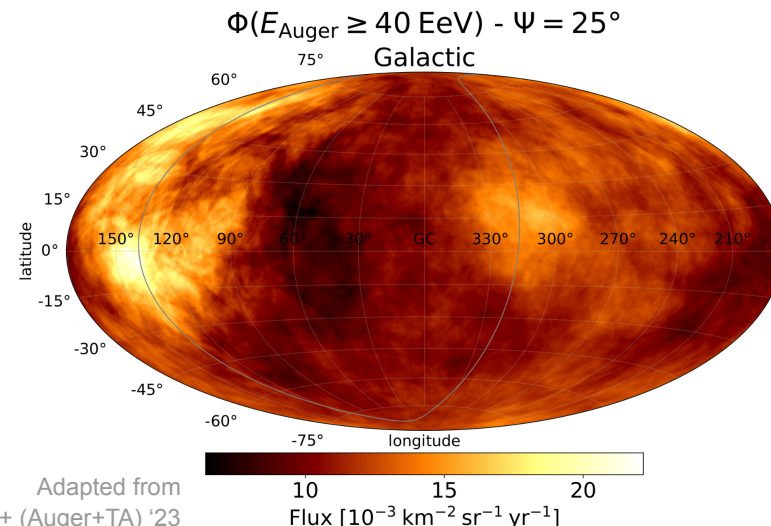
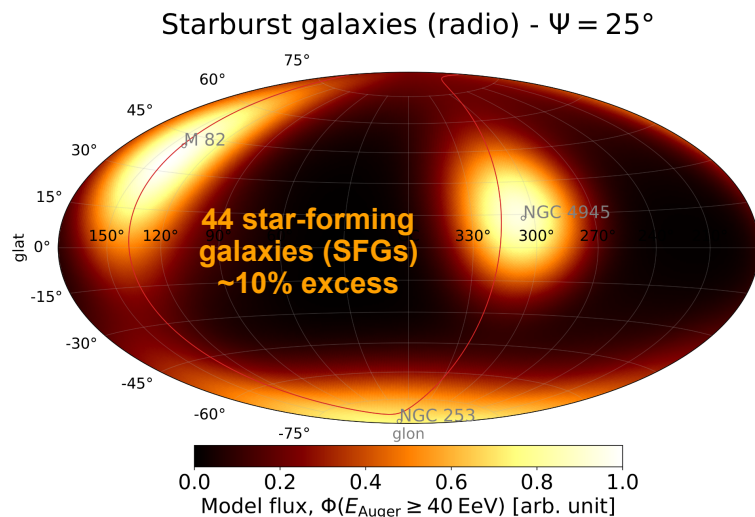
# Status of anisotropies @UHE

## Cross-correlation with 44 starbursts: evidence of anisotropy in the toe region

Pierre Auger Obs. + Telescope Array Arrival Directions:  $4.6\sigma$  (Auger + TA, ICRC 2023)

Pierre Auger Obs. Arrival Directions + Spectrum + Composition:  $4.5\sigma$  (Auger, JCAP 2023)

**Why starbursts? Why anisotropic fraction  $\sim 10\%$ ?**  
**Why Gaussian angular scale  $\theta \approx 15^\circ$  ( $\Leftrightarrow$  top-hat  $\Psi \sim 25^\circ$ )?**

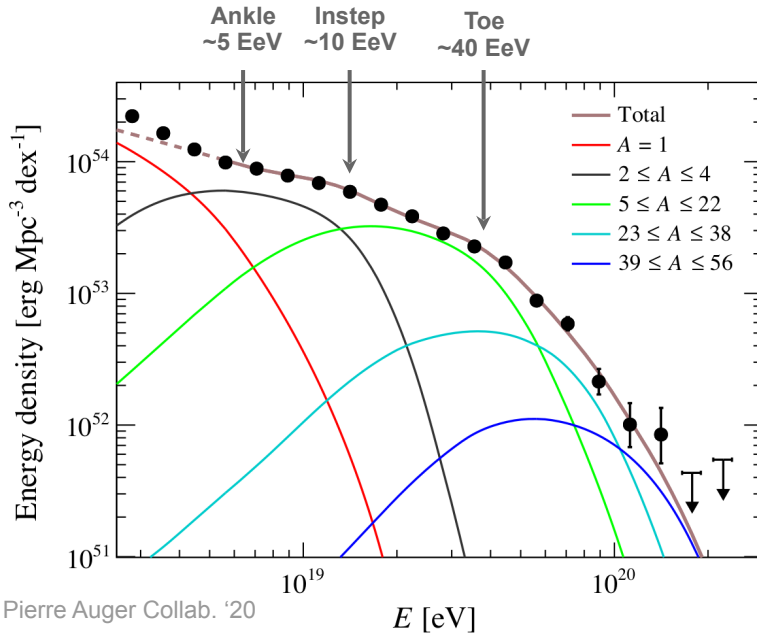


# Mass composition

Reservoir of heavy elements?

→ Accelerators located close to exceptional sources of nuclei, e.g. of nucleosynthesis or direct synthesis

→ Reacceleration of PeV CRs



→ Metallicity poorly constrained (p secondaries/primaries?)

→ Material from (high-mass) stars He/Heavy nuclei (Marafico+ '24)

$$\frac{M(\text{He})}{M(\text{C} - \text{Fe})} \Big|_{\text{UHECR}} = 0.21 \pm 0.05_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.06_{\text{sys.}}$$

would be  $18 \pm 2$  if ISM picked-up material

+ good agreement of heavy to intermediate-mass nuclei with composition of massive stars stripped of their H-He envelopes ( $0.30 \pm 0.05$  stat.  $\pm 0.10$  sys. vs  $0.53 \pm 0.09$ )

Lodders 09, Zhang, Murase, Oikonomou '17



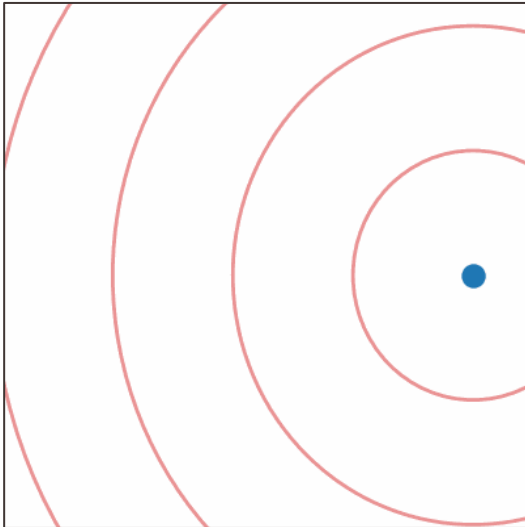
# Starbursts host more frequent stellar explosions...

Just a tracer of SFR or stellar mass  $M_*$

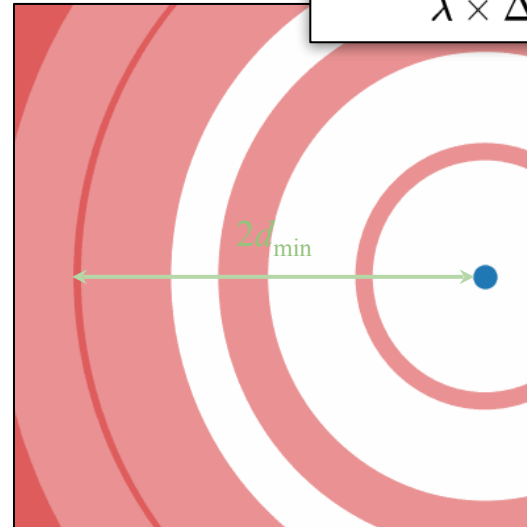
→ SFR/ $M_*$  tracer of cataclysmic events, death of massive stars

→ Transient scenario by essence

$B = 0$



$B > 0$



Source with burst rate  $\lambda$  invisible:  
 $\lambda \times \Delta\tau(d, B) \ll 1$

● Source

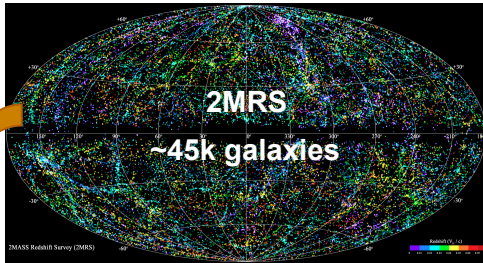
■ UHECR burst

# Mapping out stellar matter in the GZK horizon

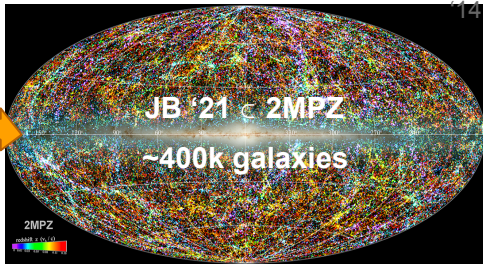
( 2MASS Photometric z catalog  $\cap$  WISE )  $\times$  HyperLEDA (Biteau, ApJS '21)

Near IR flux-limited sample mapping both SFR and stellar mass over 90% of the sky

Credits: 2MRS, Huchra+ '12

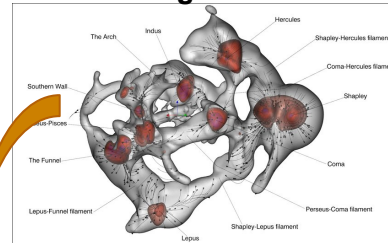


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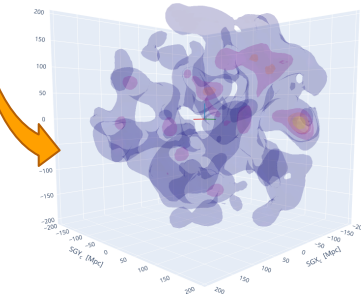


Cosmic V-web, Pomarède+ 2017

~8k galaxies



~400k galaxies

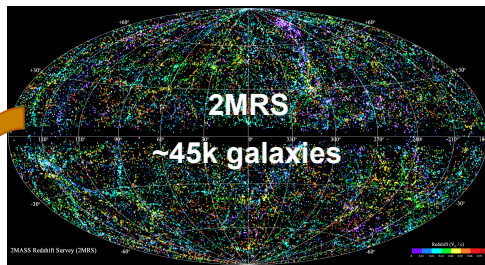


- Catalog of 400k galaxies out to  $d_{\max} = 350$  Mpc
- Completeness in  $M_*$ : 50% at  $d_{\max}$  ( $\times 2$  wrt 2MRS)
- Distances estimated with a 50 – 50 ratio of spectroscopic and photometric measurements
- Greatest granularity to date of the density of matter in the entire 350-Mpc radius volume
- $>100$  Mpc, convergence of SFR and  $M_*$  densities towards measurements of deep-fields values

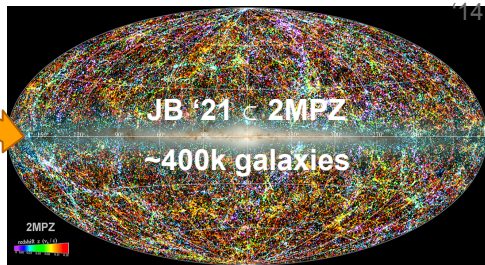
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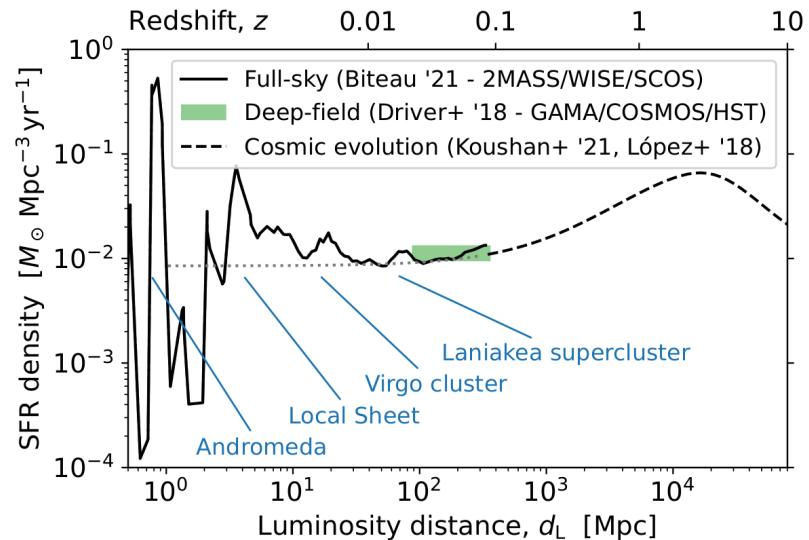
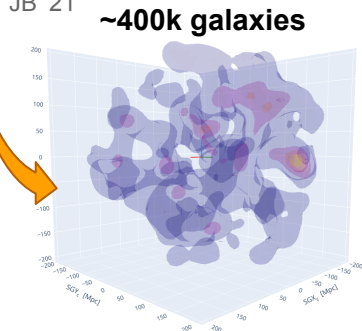
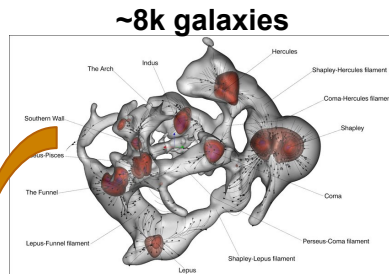
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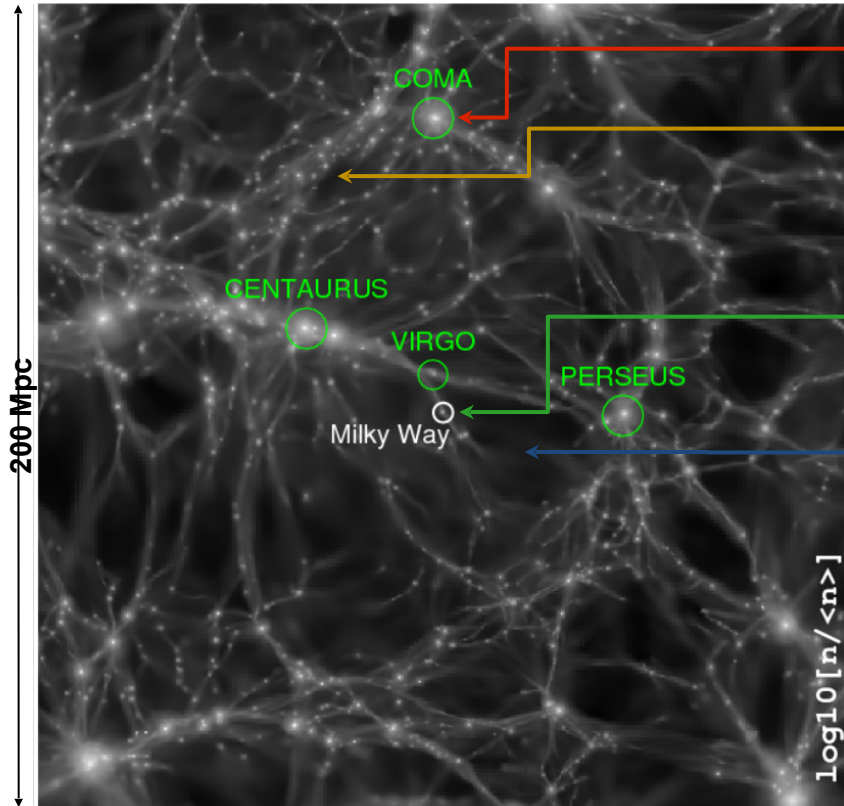
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Cosmic V-web, Pomarède+ 2017



# Magnetic fields



Credit: Hackstein+ 2018 (Cosmic V-web constrained sim. / CLUES)

**Cluster:  $B \sim 1-10 \mu\text{G}$**

e.g. Bonafede+ '10

**Filament:  $B \sim 10-100 \text{nG}$**

Radio and X-ray stacking of galaxy filaments, Vernstrom+ '21, Faraday rotation, Carretti+ '22

**Sheet:  $B?$**

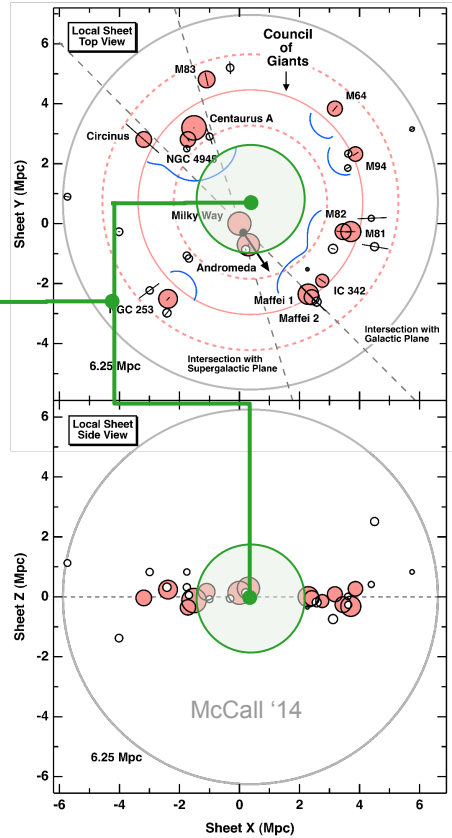
**Void:  $B < 10 \text{pG}$**

Jedamzik & Saveliev '19, Vazza+ '17

**Our location:**

**The Local Sheet**

Assume warm-hot plasma with properties similar to those of clusters turbulent  $B$  field filling the Local Group with  $\lambda \sim \lambda_{\text{clusters}}$  and  $B_{\text{rms}}$  to be determined



# Magnetic fields

## Galaxy clusters: $B \sim 1\text{-}10 \mu\text{G}$

→ Calorimeters for UHE nuclei (Dolag+ 09, Kotera+09, Harari+16, Fang & Murase 18, Condorelli+, ApJ '23)

→ Turn OFF bright X-ray clusters (**Virgo, Perseus, Coma**)

## Galaxy filaments: $B \sim 10\text{-}100 \text{ nG}$

→ Transparent to UHE nuclei (Condorelli+, ApJ '23)

→ No need for specific treatment

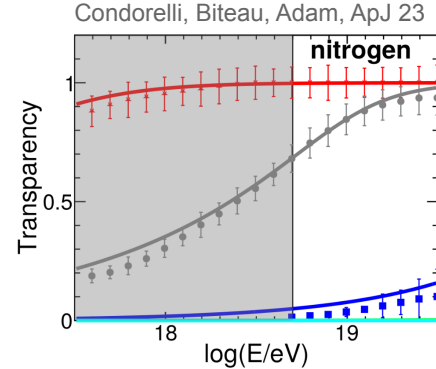
## Voids: $B < 10 \text{ pG}$

→ Too low to have a sizeable impact on UHECRs within GZK horizon

## The Local Sheet: $B \sim B_{\text{filaments}}?$

→ Translucent, w/ angular spread  $\theta_{\text{obs, UHECR}} \sim \Delta\theta_{\text{Local Sheet}}$

→ Time spread →  $d_{\text{min}} = \text{extent of } B_{\text{Local Sheet}} \sim \text{few Mpc}$



transparent

--- B = 150 nG

--- B = 400 nG

--- B = 1  $\mu\text{G}$

--- B = 3  $\mu\text{G}$

--- B = 9  $\mu\text{G}$

opaque

## The Milky Way (Jansson & Farrar '12)

→  $\Delta\tau_{\text{MW}} \ll \Delta\tau_{\text{Local Sheet}}$ ,  $\Delta\theta_{\text{MW}}$  accounted for

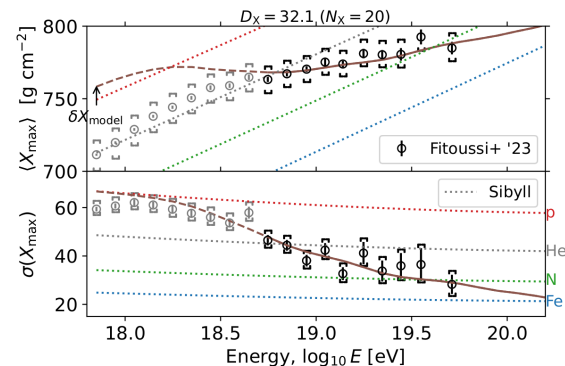
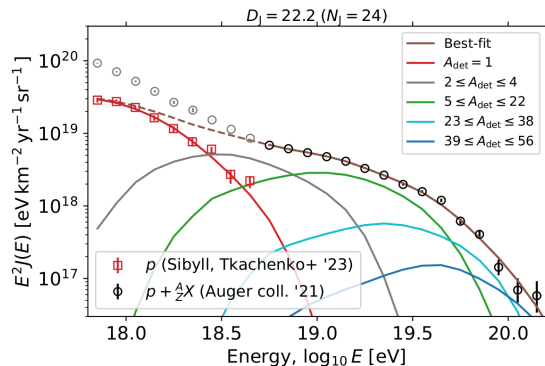
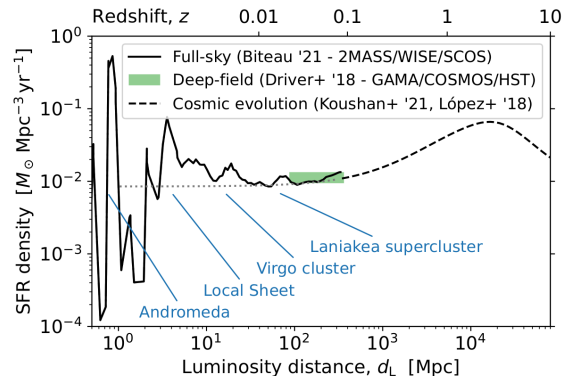
→ Test of coherent deflections with 1 model

$$\Delta\theta = 10^\circ \times \left(\frac{B}{10 \text{ nG}}\right) \left(\frac{R}{5 \text{ EV}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{d}{2 \text{ Mpc}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\lambda_B}{10 \text{ kpc}}\right)^{1/2}$$

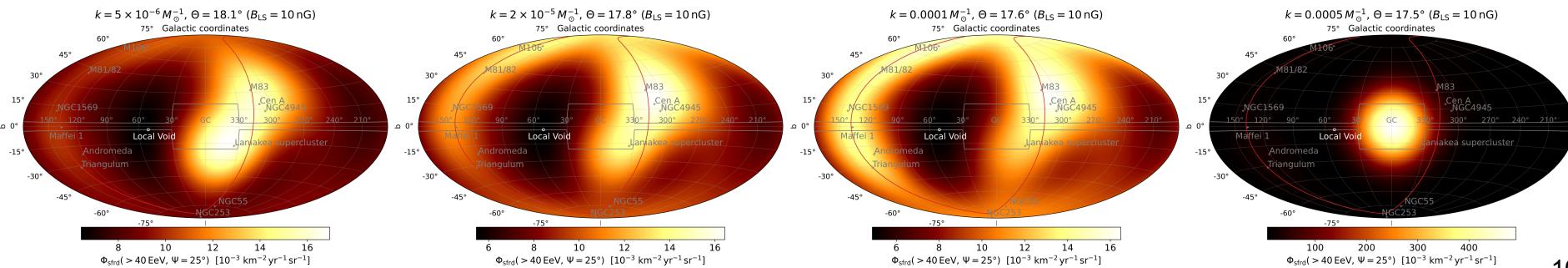
$$\Delta\tau = 70 \text{ kyr} \times \left(\frac{B}{10 \text{ nG}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{R}{5 \text{ EV}}\right)^{-2} \left(\frac{d}{2 \text{ Mpc}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\lambda_B}{10 \text{ kpc}}\right)$$

# Transient model of UHECR sky

## Spectral & composition model (see also Luce+ ApJ '22)

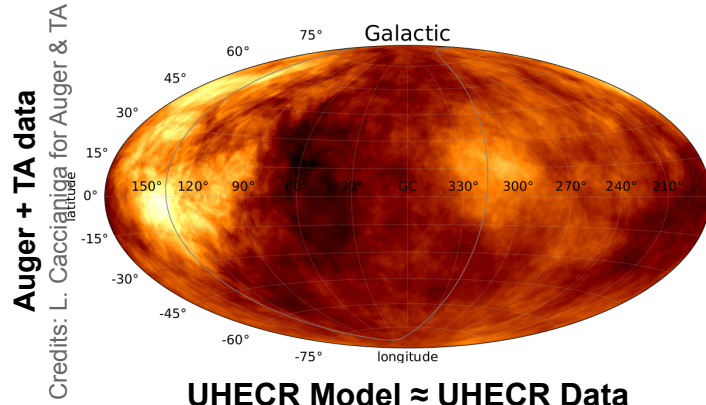


## Increasing value of burst rate per star-formation unit $k$ , for a given $B$ -field in the Local Sheet

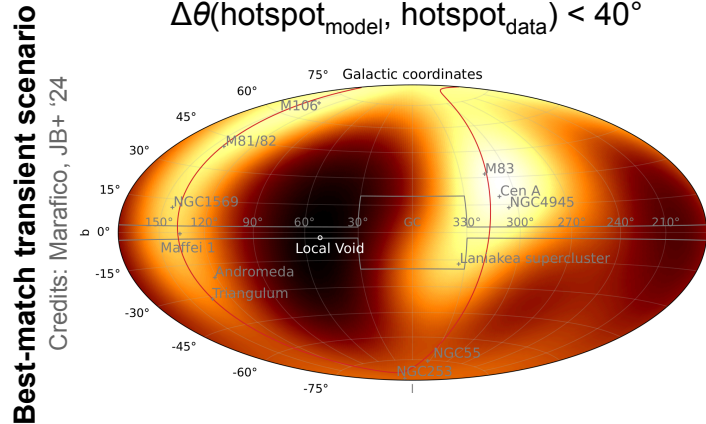




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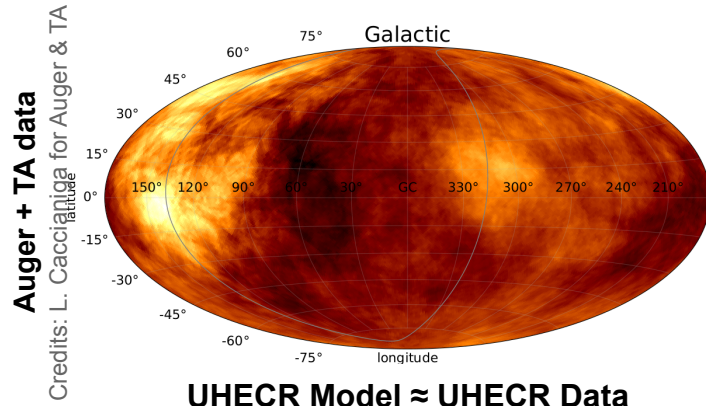


**UHECR Model  $\approx$  UHECR Data**  
 $\Delta\theta(\text{hotspot}_{\text{model}}, \text{hotspot}_{\text{data}}) < 40^\circ$





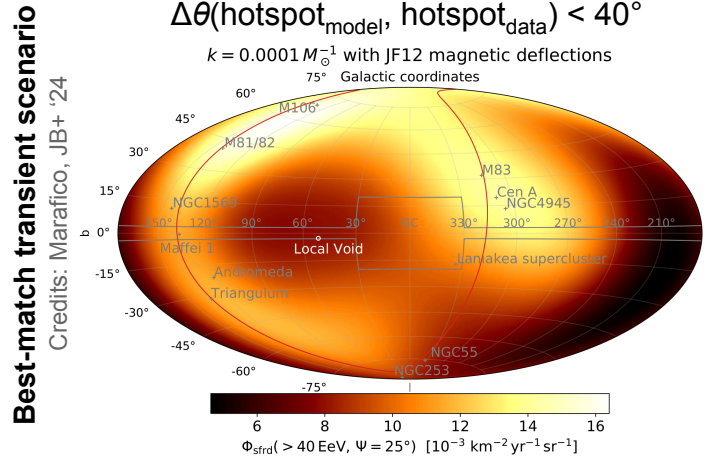
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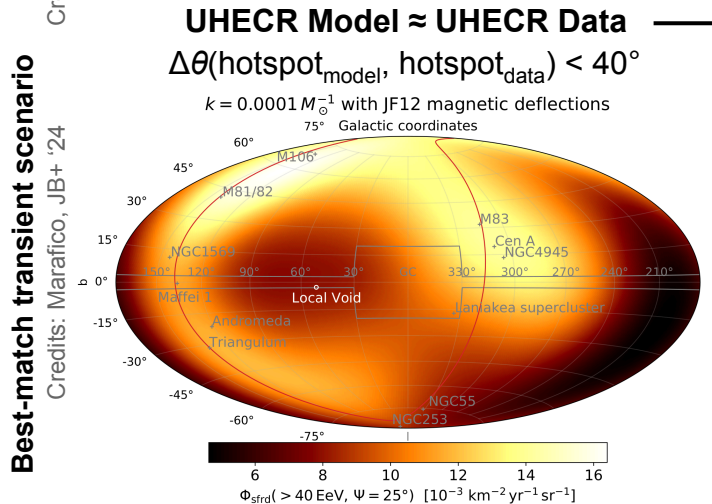
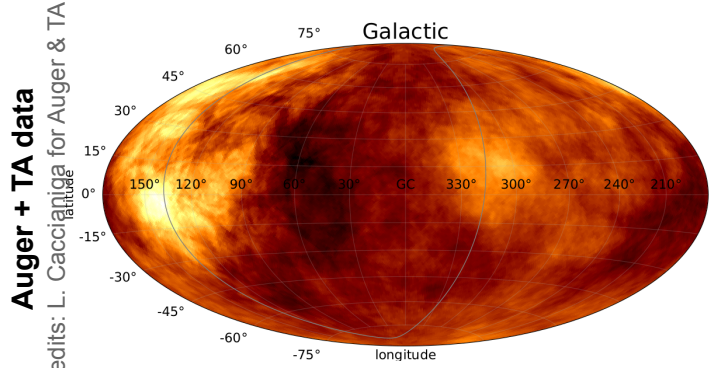
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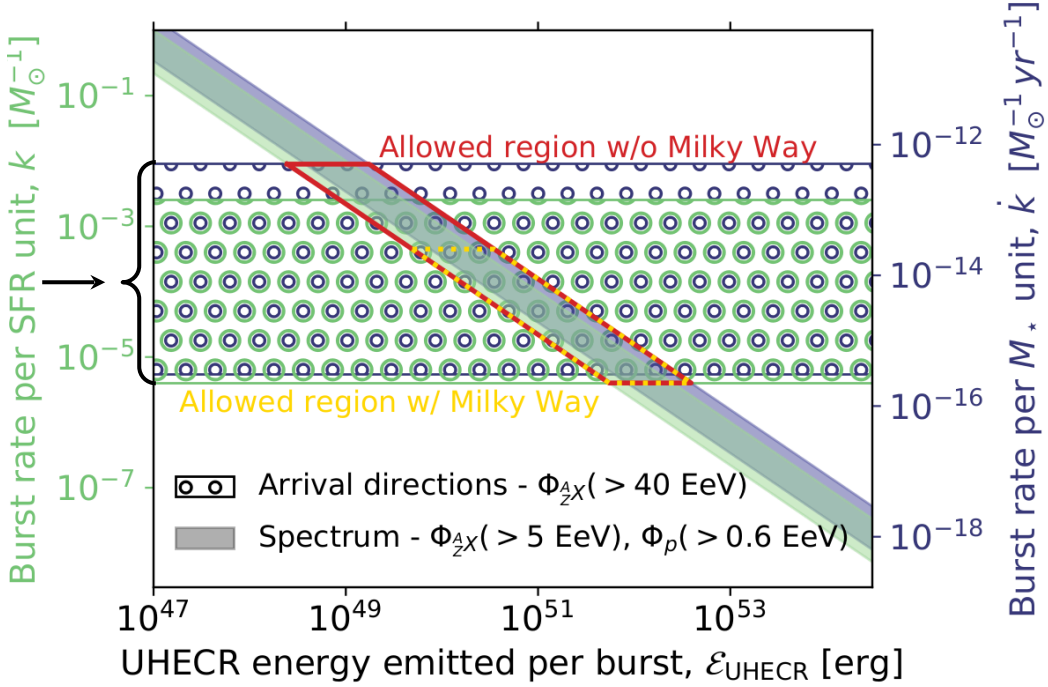
$k = 0.0001 M_\odot^{-1}$  with JF12 magnetic deflections  
75° Galactic coordinates



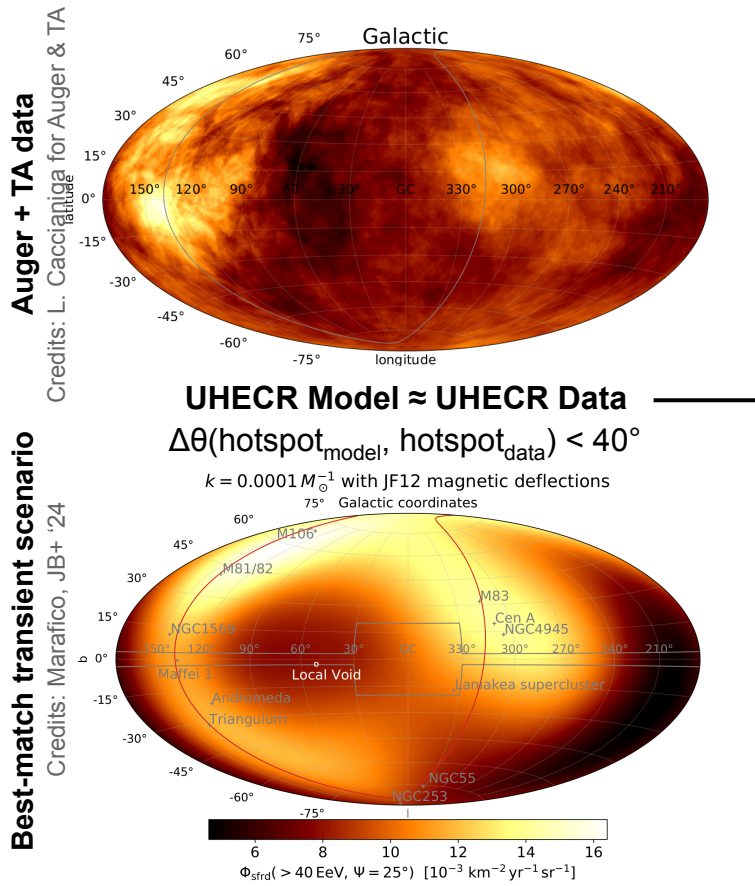
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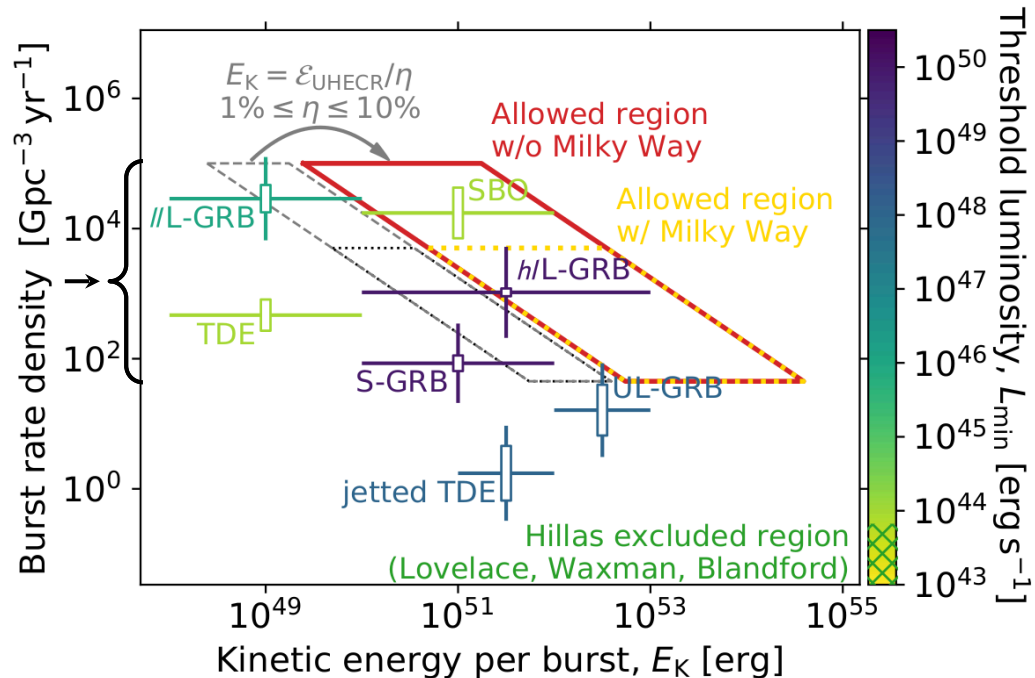
**Solution with at least 1 Northern & Southern hotspot found for**  
 Local Sheet  $B_{\text{rms}} = 0.5 - 20 \text{ nG}$



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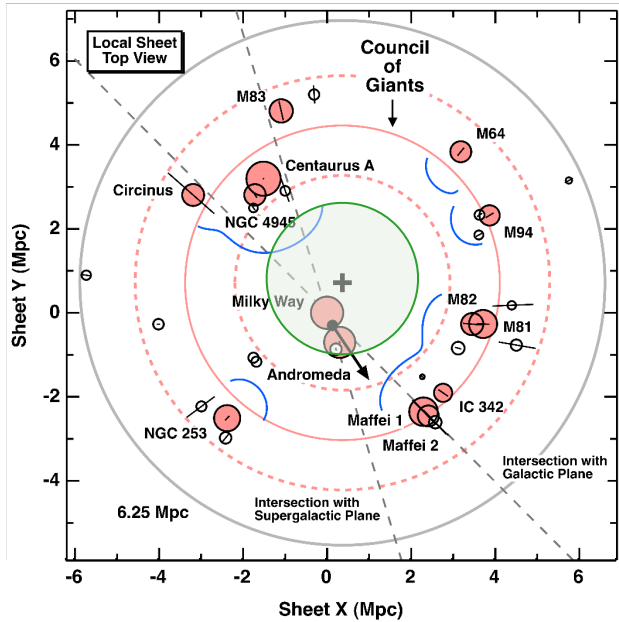
## X-ray transient rate vs kinetic energy



# Conclusions

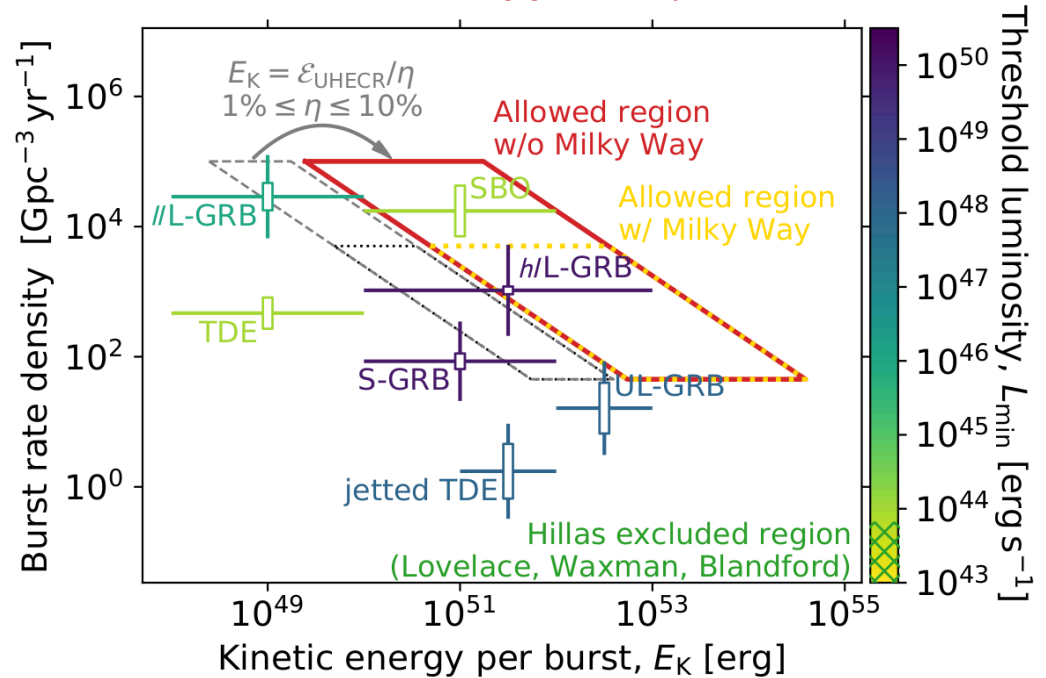
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Whether LOFAR could already probe such a field or whether SKAO could reveal it remains TBD



Transient rate = 50 - 30,000 Gpc<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>

The only stellar-sized transients that satisfy both Hillas' and our criteria are long gamma-ray bursts



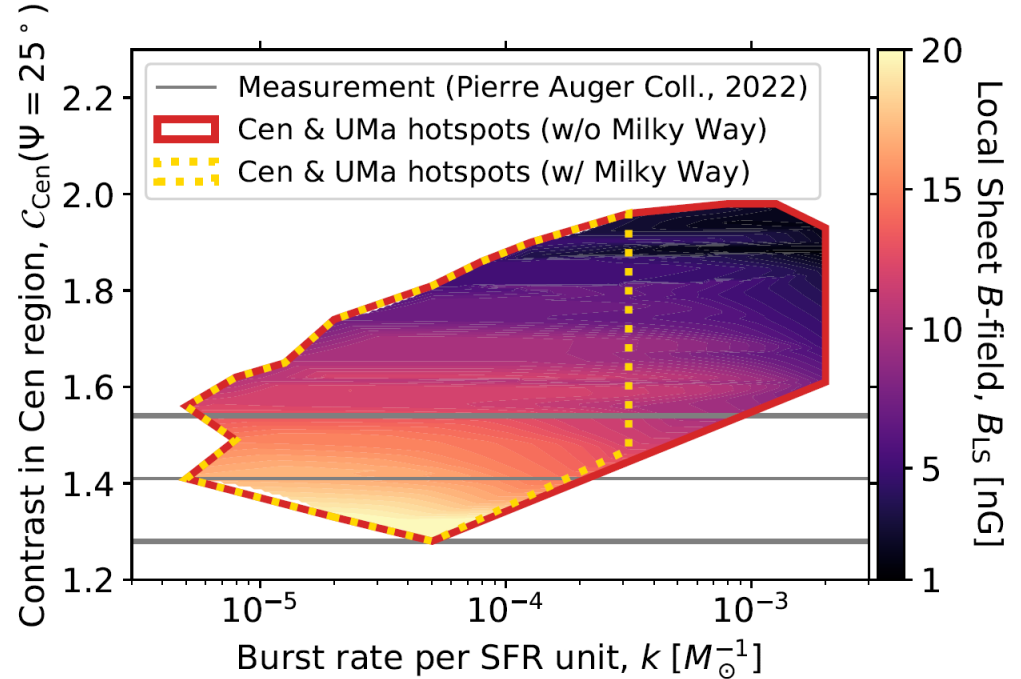
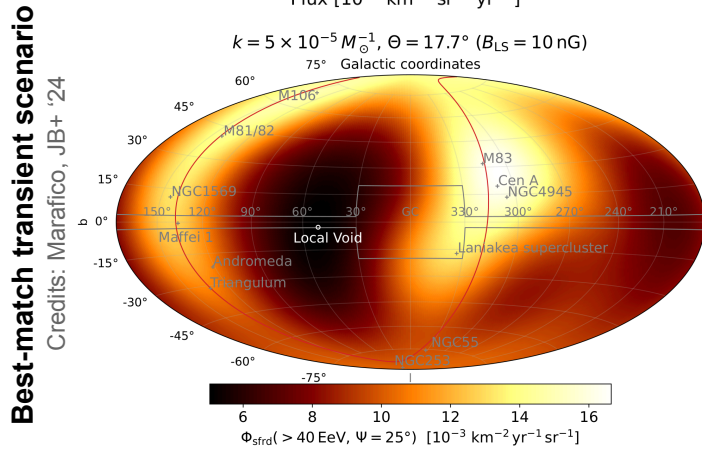
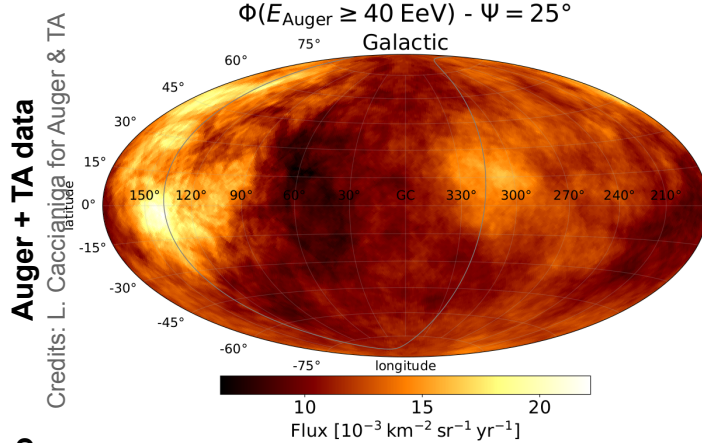
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**Backup**

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# Contrast in the Centaurus region

Marafico, Biteau, Condorelli, Deligny, Bregeon, *ApJ* 972, 1 2024



# Properties of the stellar-sized X-ray transients

Type	Beam angle deg	$\log_{10} E_K$ [erg]	Reference	$\log_{10} L_{\min}$ [erg s $^{-1}$ ]	$\log_{10} \dot{n}_{\text{obs}}$ [Gpc $^{-3}$ yr $^{-1}$ ]	Reference	$\log_{10} \dot{n}_{\text{true}}$ [Gpc $^{-3}$ yr $^{-1}$ ]
<i>l</i> L-GRBs	5 – 20	48 – 50	Cano et al. (2017)	46	$2.64 \pm 0.21$	Sun et al. (2015)	$4.5 \pm 0.6$
SBOs	–	50 – 52	Waxman & Katz (2017)	44	$4.24 \pm 0.39$	Sun et al. (2015)	$4.2 \pm 0.4$
<i>h</i> L-GRBs	1 – 5	50 – 53	Cano et al. (2017)	50	$-0.10 \pm 0.06$	Sun et al. (2015)	$3.0 \pm 0.7$
TDEs	–	48 – 50	Cendes et al. (2022)	44	$2.67 \pm 0.24$	Sun et al. (2015)	$2.7 \pm 0.2$
S-GRBs	5 – 20	50 – 52	Laskar et al. (2022)	50	$0.12 \pm 0.12$	Sun et al. (2015)	$1.9 \pm 0.6$
UL-GRBs	5 – 20	52 – 53	Beniamini et al. (2015)	48	$-0.61 \pm 0.39$	Prajs et al. (2017)	$1.2 \pm 0.7$
Jetted TDEs	5 – 20	51 – 52	Cendes et al. (2022)	48	$-1.58 \pm 0.42$	Sun et al. (2015)	$0.2 \pm 0.7$

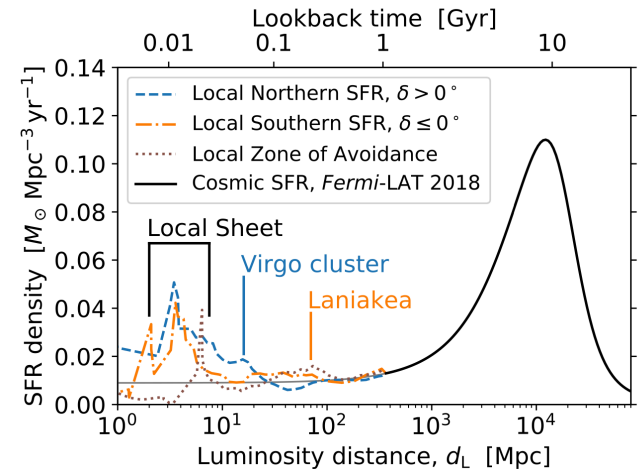
NOTE—In column 8, the true rate density of bursts  $\dot{n}_{\text{true}} = f_b^{-1} \dot{n}_{\text{obs}}$  is determined from the rate observed in soft and hard X-rays,  $\dot{n}_{\text{obs}}$  (column 6), above a luminosity threshold  $L_{\min}$  (column 5). The true rate density also accounts for the beaming correction factor of the relativistic component,  $f_b = 1 - \cos \theta_{\text{jet}}$ , where  $\theta_{\text{jet}}$  is the two-sided jet opening angle, or beam angle (column 2). The latter is taken as  $90^\circ$  for non-collimated outflows from SBOs and TDEs.



# A cosmographic view on stellar mass and star formation

**410,761 galaxies out to 350 Mpc, distance at which 50% of  $M^*$  is below the 2MASS sensitivity limit**

- Distances checked against those tabulated in the HyperLEDA database (cosmic-ladder estimates for about 4,000 nearby galaxies that are not in the Hubble flow, spectroscopic estimates for about half of the sample and 2MPZ photometric estimates for the other half)
- Galaxy-count decrease in the ZoA modeled with an empirical function of Galactic latitude, which provides incompleteness correction factors
- Galaxy cloning close to the Galactic bulge, by filling of the ZoA with galaxies from mirrored regions above and below the Galactic plane
- Parameterization of the deep-field  $M^*$  function used to infer incompleteness correction factors vs luminosity distance
- SFR estimates by exploiting the relation between  $M^*$  and SFR for three morphological branches established with NIR and H $\alpha$  observations of galaxies in the Local Volume at distances smaller than 11 Mpc
- Morphological information available from HyperLEDA for about a third of the sample out to 350 Mpc; observed morphological distribution as a function of distance exploited to provide a statistical estimate of SFR for the remaining two thirds of the sample
- Correction factors for the SFR density



# Stellar mass cosmographies

## The 2 Micron All-Sky Survey (2MASS, Skrutskie+ 2006)

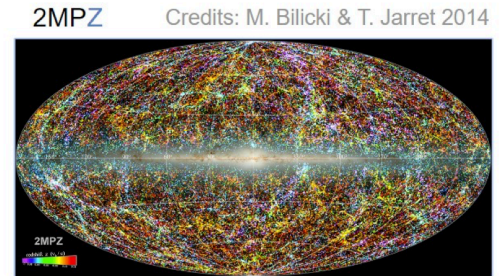
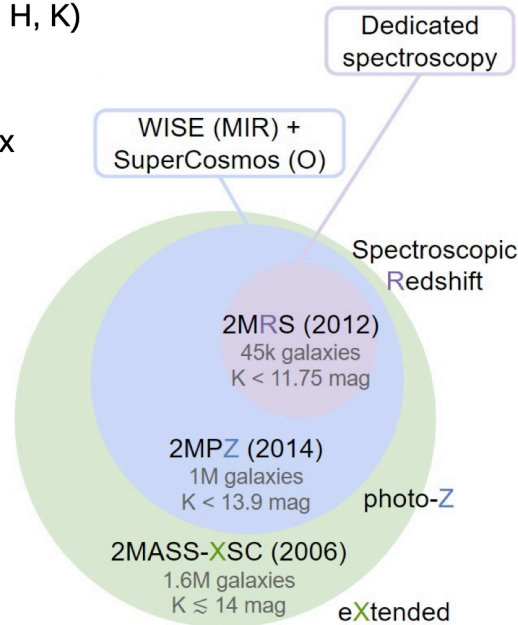
- Ground-based mosaic at near-IR wavelengths (J, H, K)
- **90% sky coverage**, Zone-of-Avoidance excluded
- **1.6 million galaxies**, based on their extension
  - K-band tracer of **stellar mass  $M^*$** , within  $\sim 0.1$  dex **provided distance** measurements

## 2MASS subsets with measured distances

- 2MASS **redshift** survey (2MRS, Huchra+ 2012):
  - **spectroscopy** of the brightest
  - **limited to 140 Mpc** at 50%  $M^*$  completeness
- 2MASS **photo-z** catalog (2MPZ, Bilicki+ 2014):
  - neural-net **multi-band** analysis:  $\sigma(d) = 12\%$
  - **limited to 350 Mpc** at 50%  $M^*$  completeness

## Limitations

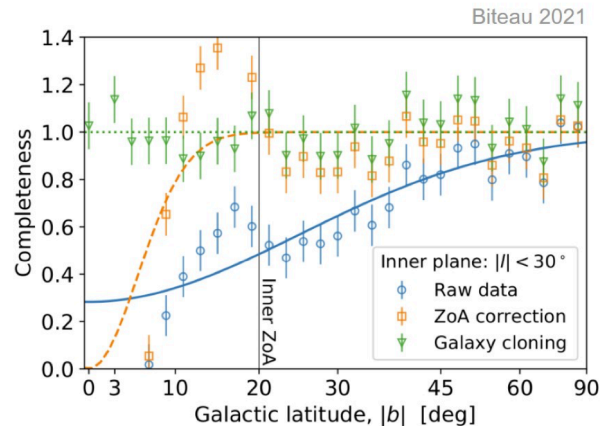
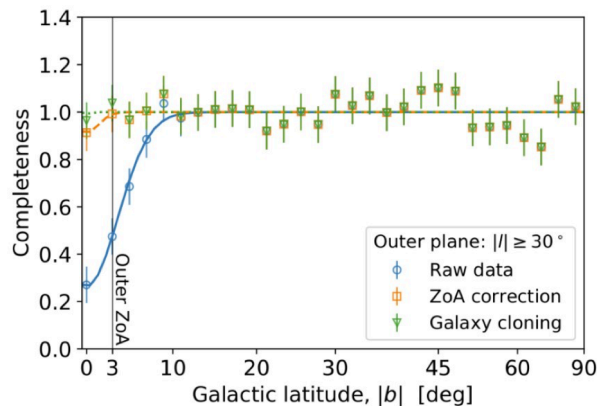
- Spectro-z from **deep fields missing** from 2MRS
- Galaxies  $\lesssim 20$  Mpc not in Hubble flow
  - **nearby distances mis-estimated**



Galactic coordinates

# Incompleteness in the Zone of Avoidance

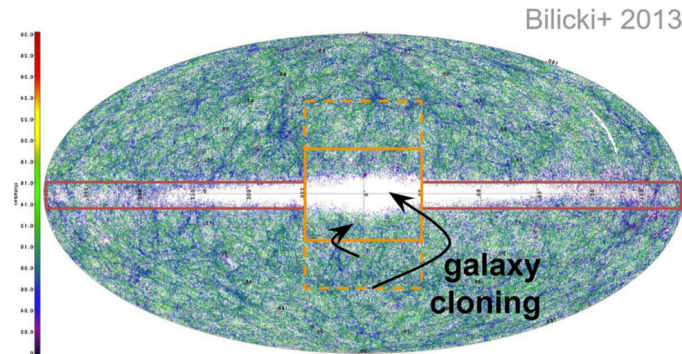
- Estimated based on galaxy counts in 100-300 Mpc (nearly isotropic distribution)
- Equal area galactic latitude bins in inner and outer plane regions ( $|l|=30^\circ$ )
- Cosmic variance estimated from bin-to-bin fluctuations at  $l > 45^\circ$



## Corrections

Empirical Gaussian( $\sin b$ ) fit used to infer galaxy weights:

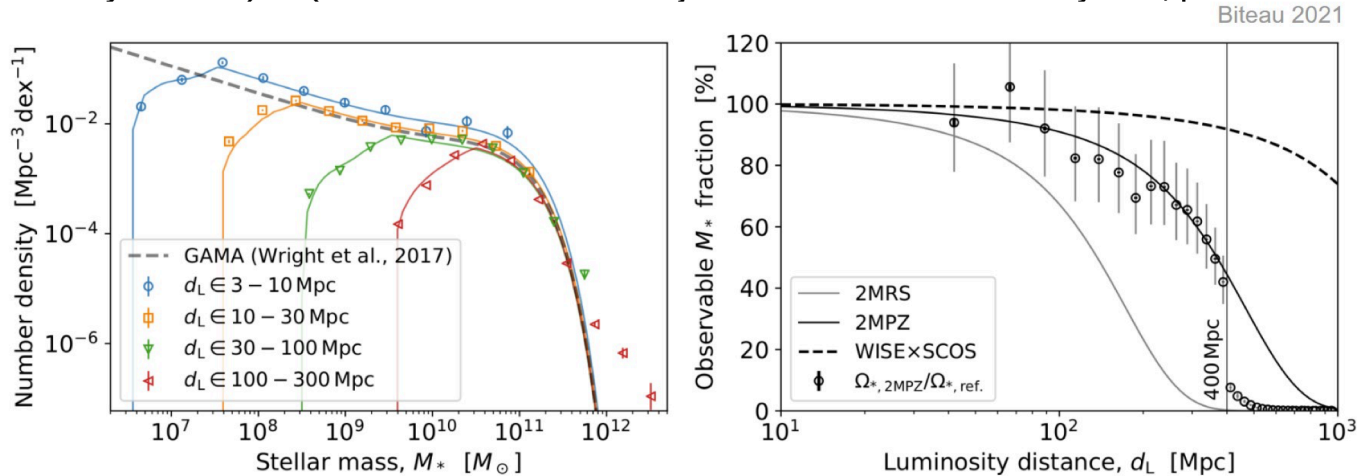
- re-weighting sufficient in outer plane, insufficient in inner plane
- ZoA cut placed at  $\sim 50\%$  incompleteness:  $l = 3^\circ / 20^\circ$  for outer / inner plane
- galaxy cloning (as in Lavaux & Hudson's 2M++ 2011) in ZoA region



# Incompleteness with increasing distance

## Mass function

- Full-sky, including clones in the ZoA and weights as a function of galactic latitude
- Best-fit double Schechter from GAMA-field observations (Wright+ 2017) scaled to observed integral, accounting for local overdensity
- Low-mass end: (luminosity function)  $\times$  (fraction of observable objects above 2MPZ sensitivity limit, provided distances)

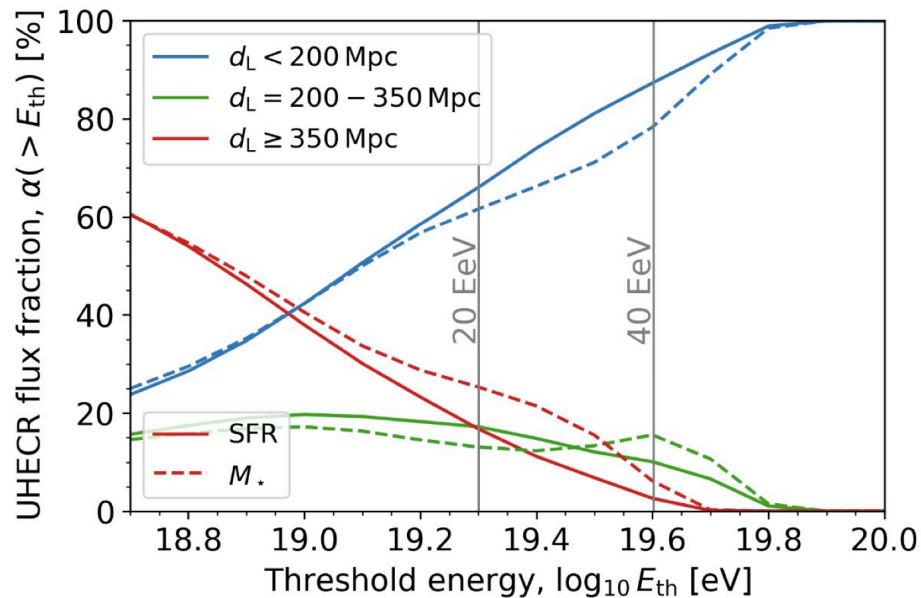
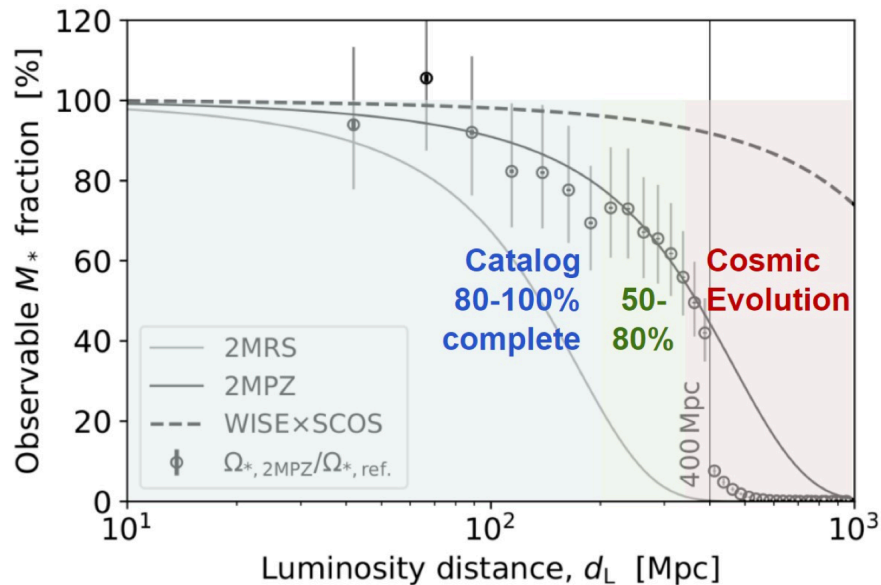


## Completeness

- From integral of (GAMA mass function)  $\times$   $M^*$  above 2MPZ sensitivity limit:  
weights = completeness(d)  $\times$  completeness(b)  $\in$  [0.26,1]
- $\rightarrow$  probed volume from 140 Mpc (2MRS) to 350 Mpc (2MPZ) at similar completeness:  $\times$  2.6 (distance),  $\times$  18 (volume)
- $\rightarrow$  further increase by  $\times$  4 (distance) to be expected if full WISE x SuperCOSMOS potential exploited

# Fraction of UHECR signal from successive shells

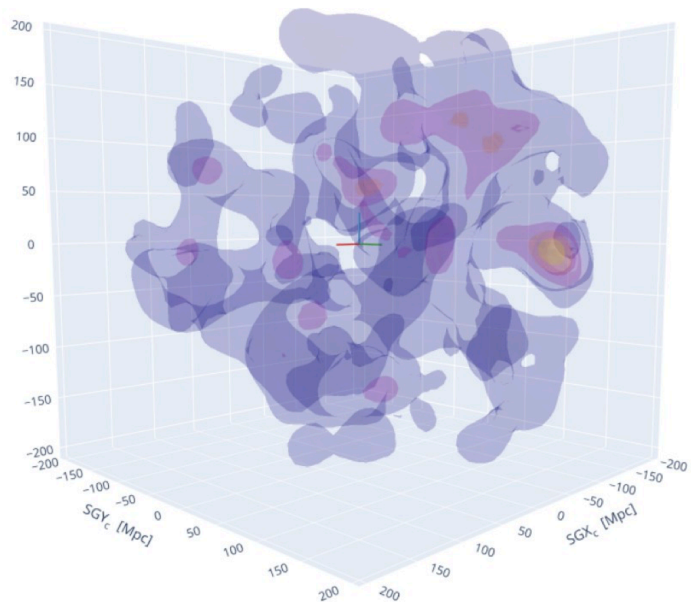
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# Comparison: cosmographies (limited here to Cosmic V-web volume)

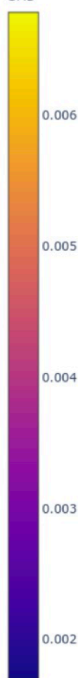
Stellar Mass Density [critical units]  
Comoving radius < 250 Mpc - Smoothing: 15 Mpc  
400000 galaxies



XYZsize = 30 Mpc

Credits: J. Bateau

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