

Extragalactic magnetic fields and directional correlations of ultra-high-energy cosmic rays with local galaxies and neutrinos

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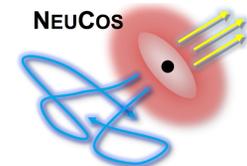


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Looking for correlations between UHECRs and neutrinos

- Searches by IceCube + ANTARES + Auger + TA
- **No significant correlations found yet**

Search for correlations of high-energy neutrinos and ultrahigh-energy cosmic rays

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Search for a correlation between the UHECRs measured by the Pierre Auger Observatory and the Telescope Array and the neutrino candidate events from IceCube and ANTARES

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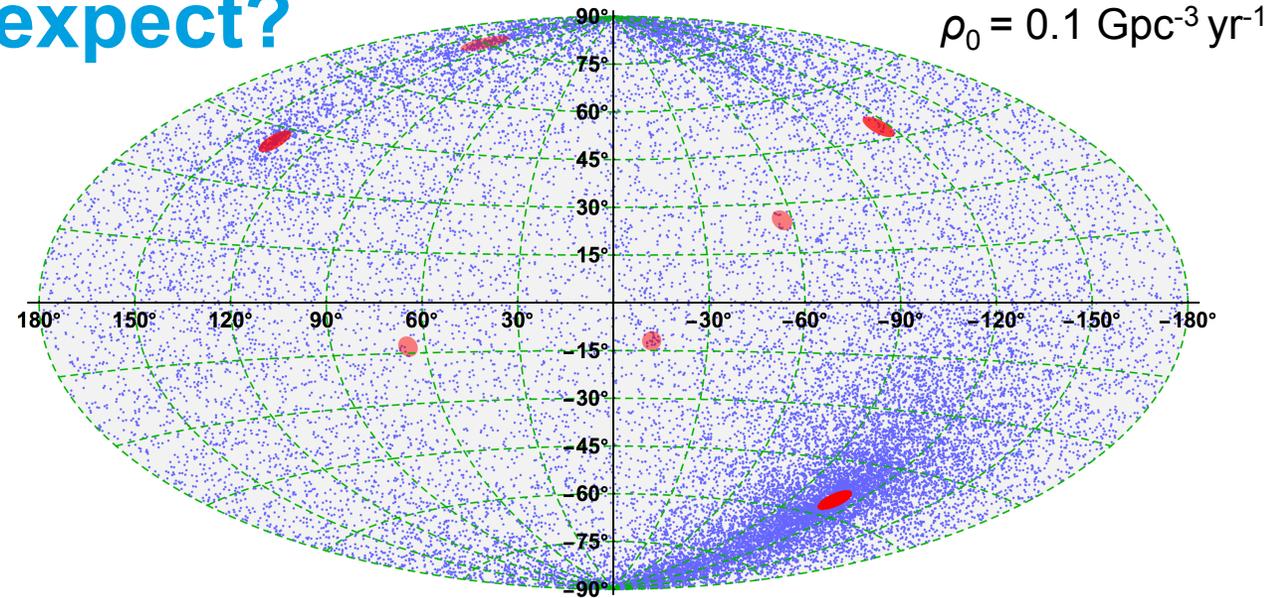
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How many correlations do we expect?

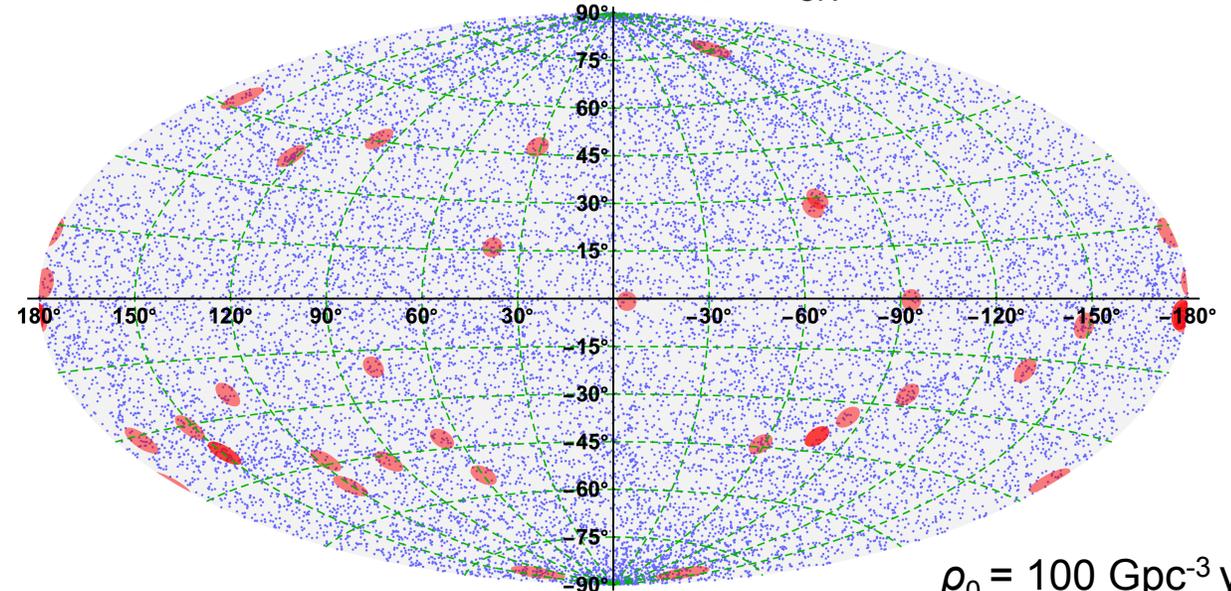
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- Depends on
 - Energy-losses of UHECRs
 - Source evolution with redshift
 - Deflections in extragalactic magnetic field
 - Deflections in Galactic magnetic field
 - Density of the sources
- **Test most positive scenario:** all UHECRs and HE neutrinos are produced by the same source class
- Neutrinos: through-going muon sample of IceCube (36 neutrinos with $E > 200$ TeV)
IceCube Collaboration ICRC 2017
- UHECRs: 135k with $E > 10^{18.5}$ eV (\sim number of UHECRs measured by Auger + TA)



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36 neutrinos; 10^5 cosmic rays; $E_{\text{CR}} > 10^{19}$ eV

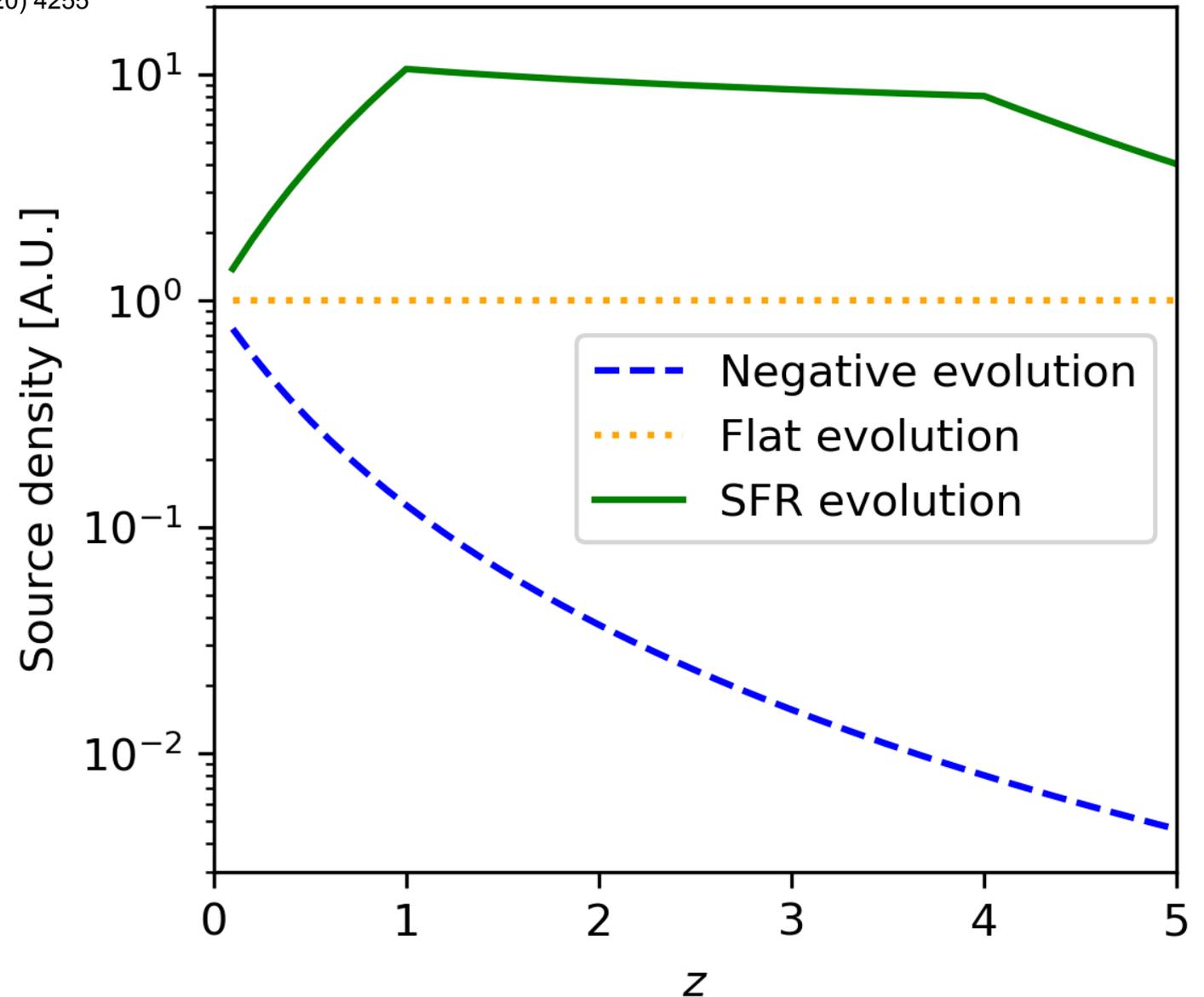


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Source evolution with redshift

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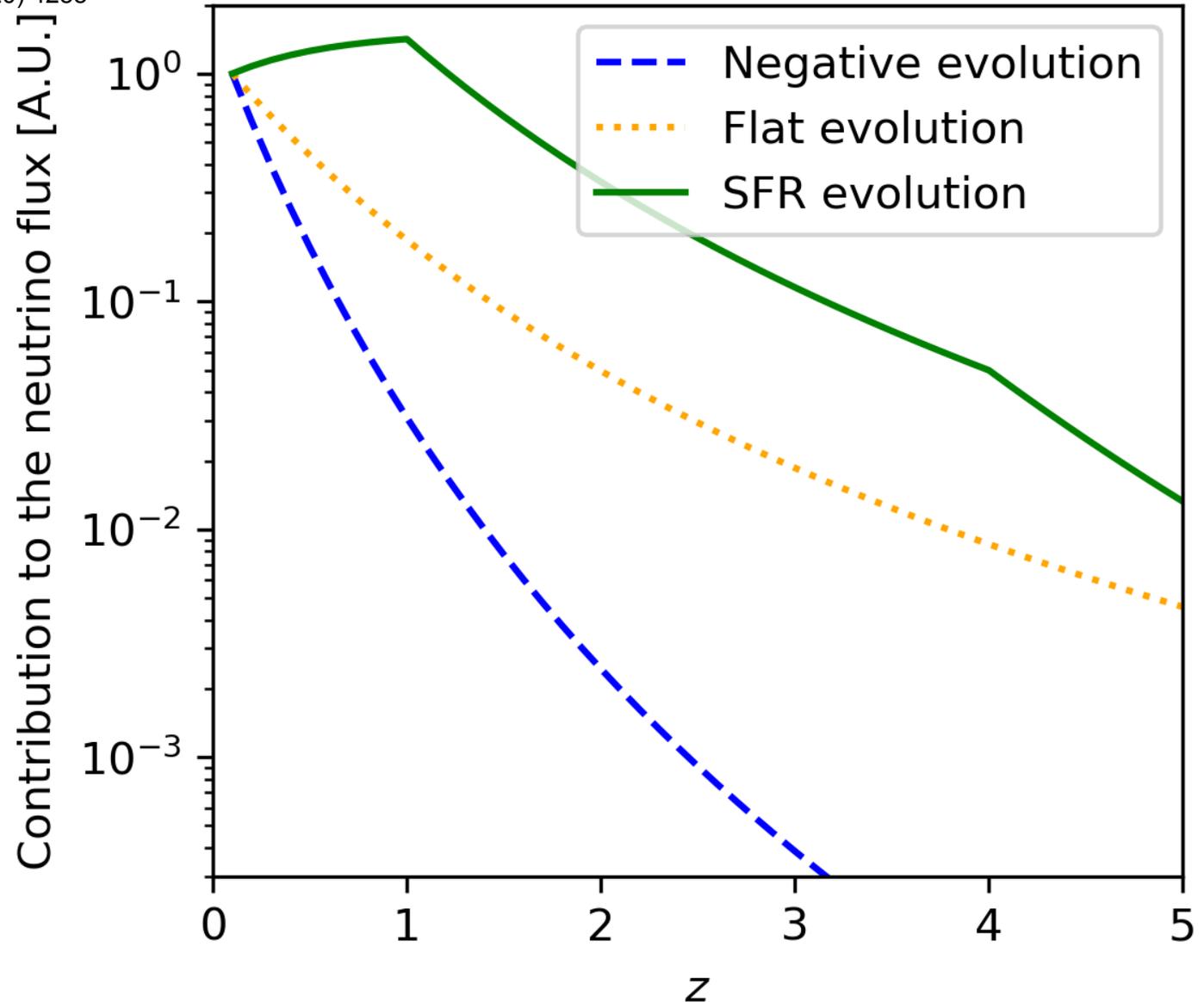
- Test 3 different scenarios
- Negative evolution:
 - Low-luminosity BL Lacs
 - TDEs
- Flat evolution
- Star Formation Rate evolution:
 - Normal galaxies
 - Starburst galaxies
 - GRBs



Adiabatic energy losses of neutrinos

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Energy losses of UHECRs

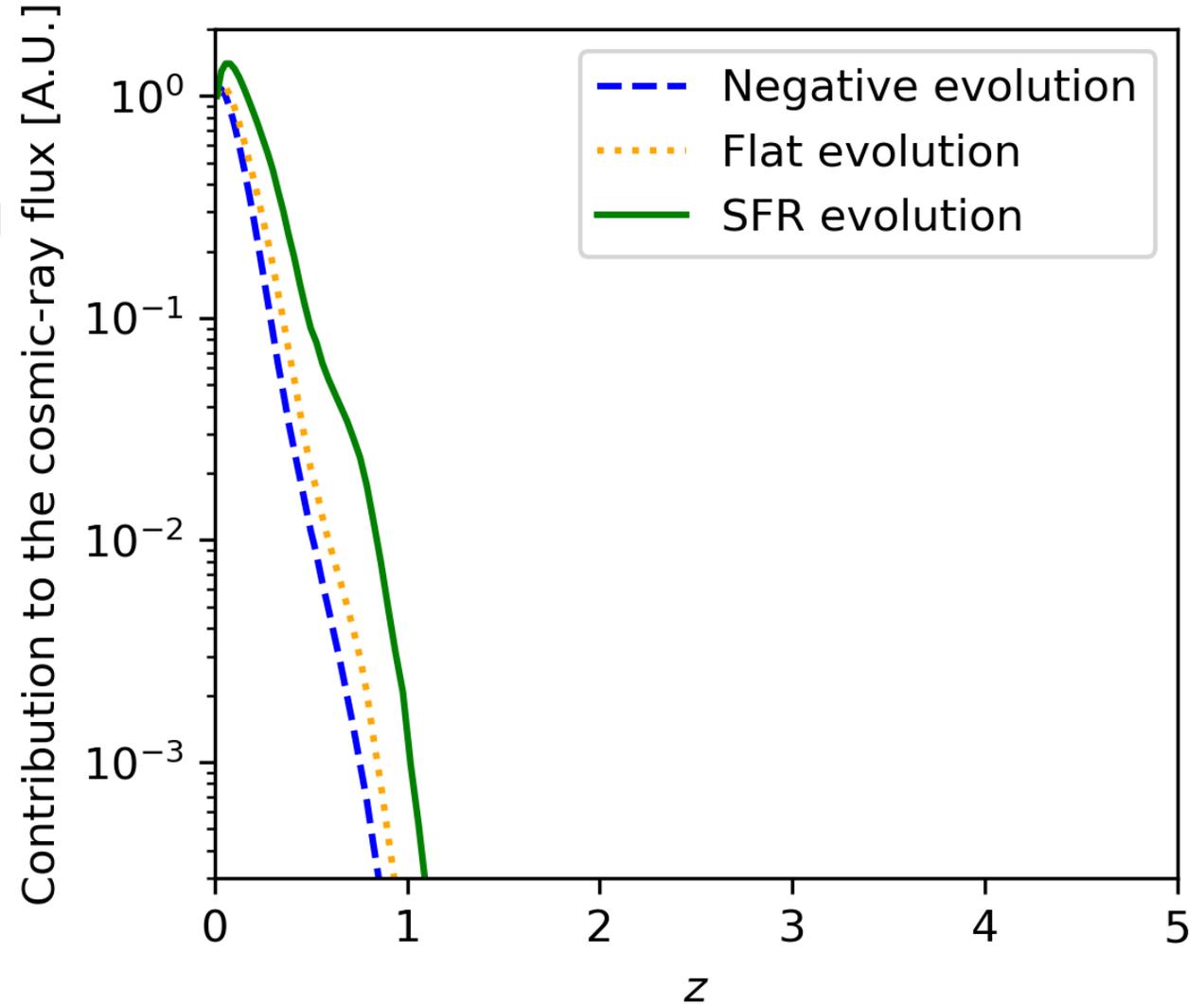
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- 1D simulation with CRPropa, including all relevant interactions
- For $E_{\text{CR}} > 10^{18.5}$ eV
- For scenarios that fit Auger spectrum and composition

$\rho(z)$	γ	R_{max}/V	f_{p}	f_{He}	f_{N}	f_{Si}
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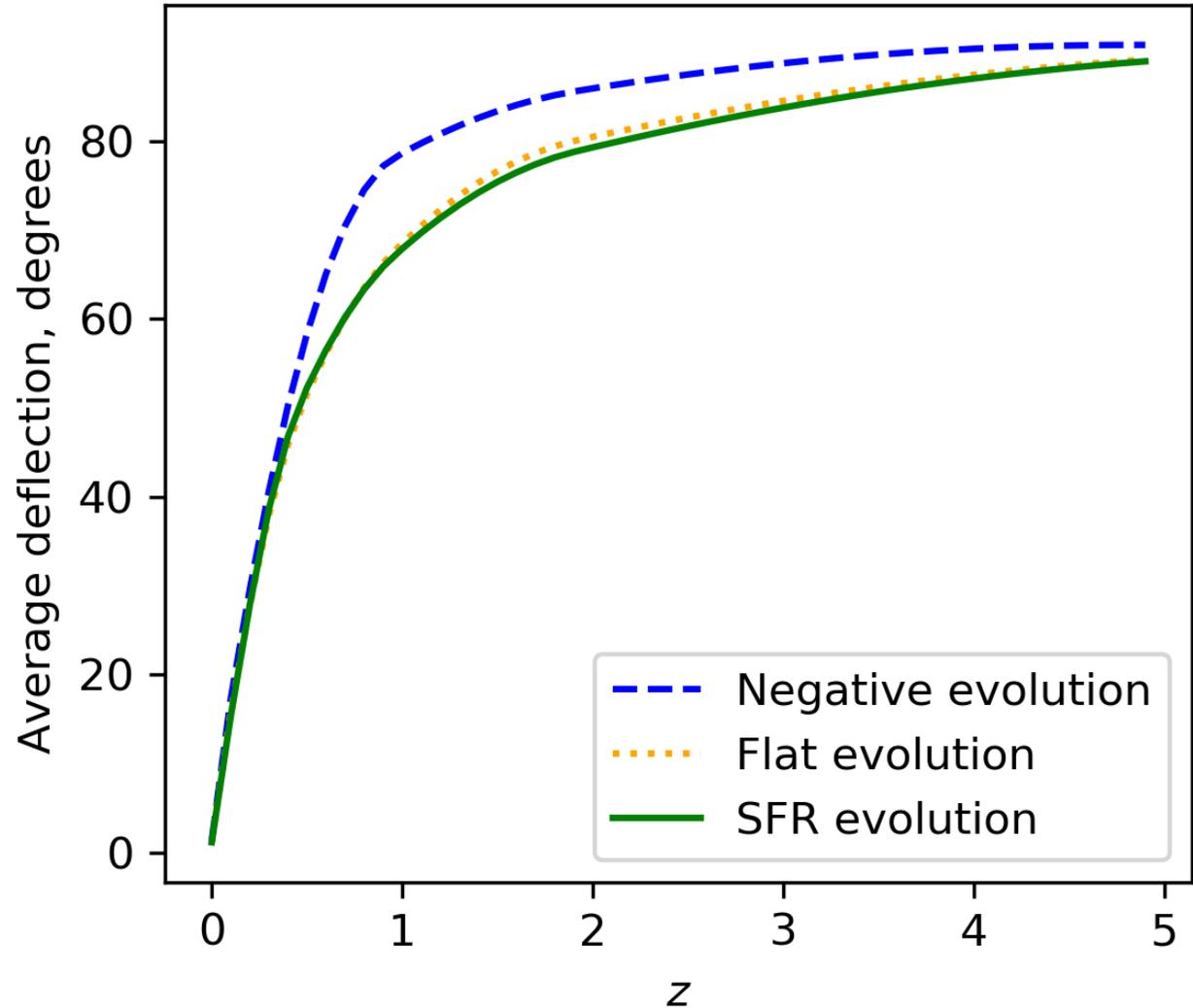
Deflections in extragalactic magnetic fields

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- 3D simulation with CRPropa
- For $E_{\text{CR}} > 10^{18.5}$ eV
- For the same scenarios that fit Auger spectrum and composition
- In the EGMF model with the smallest deflections of Hackstein *et al.* 2018

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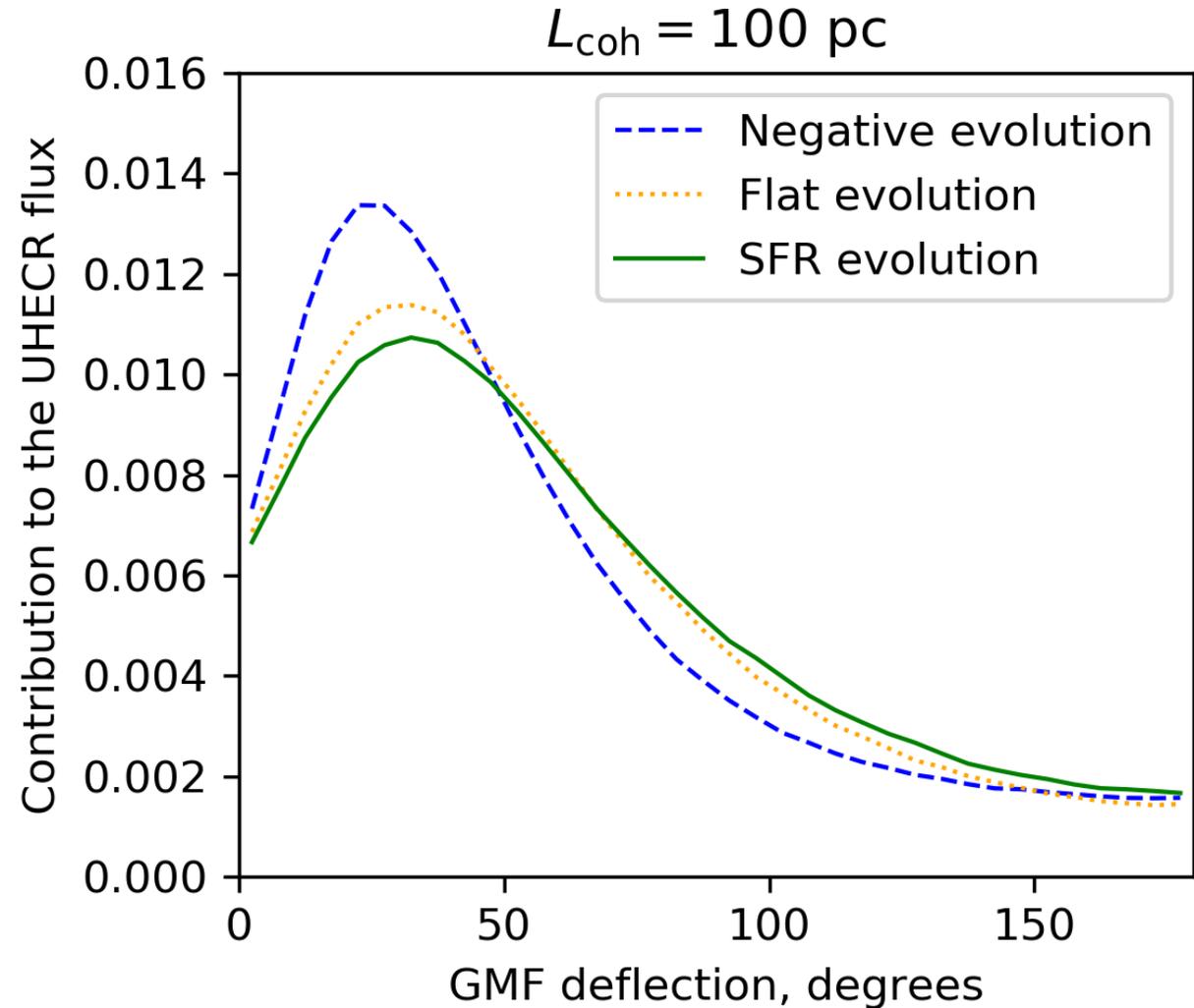
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Deflections in the Galactic magnetic field

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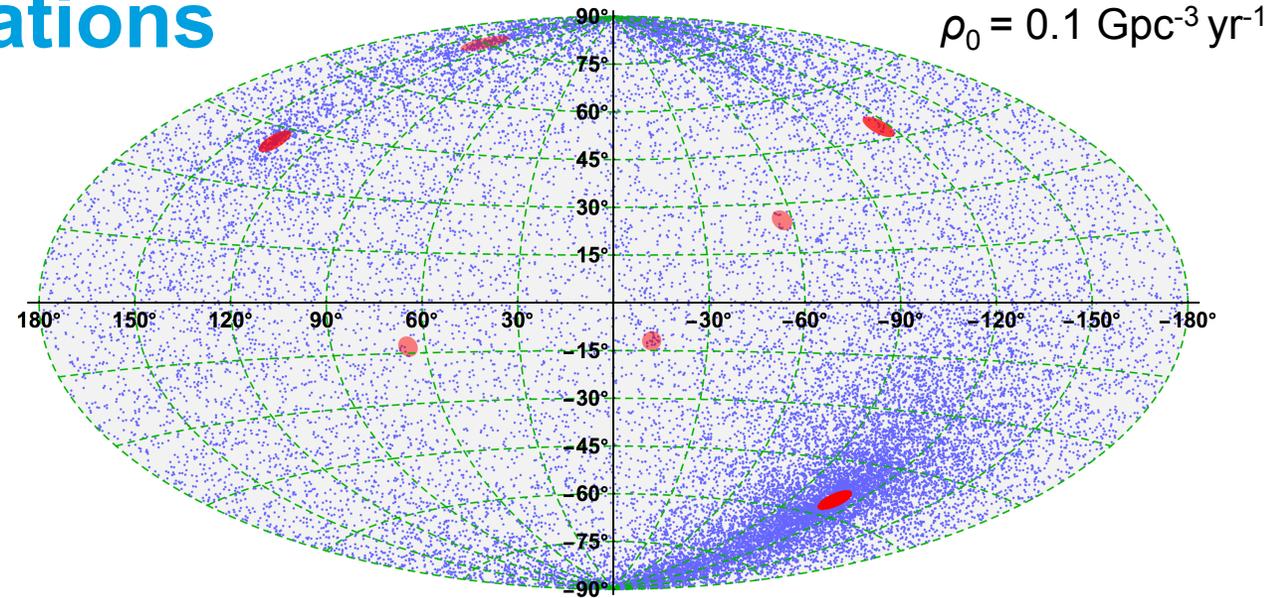
- GMF model: Jansson and Farrar '12
- Deflection parameterised as function of rigidity in Farrar and Sutherland '19
- Combine with rigidity distribution obtained from 1D simulation with CRPropa



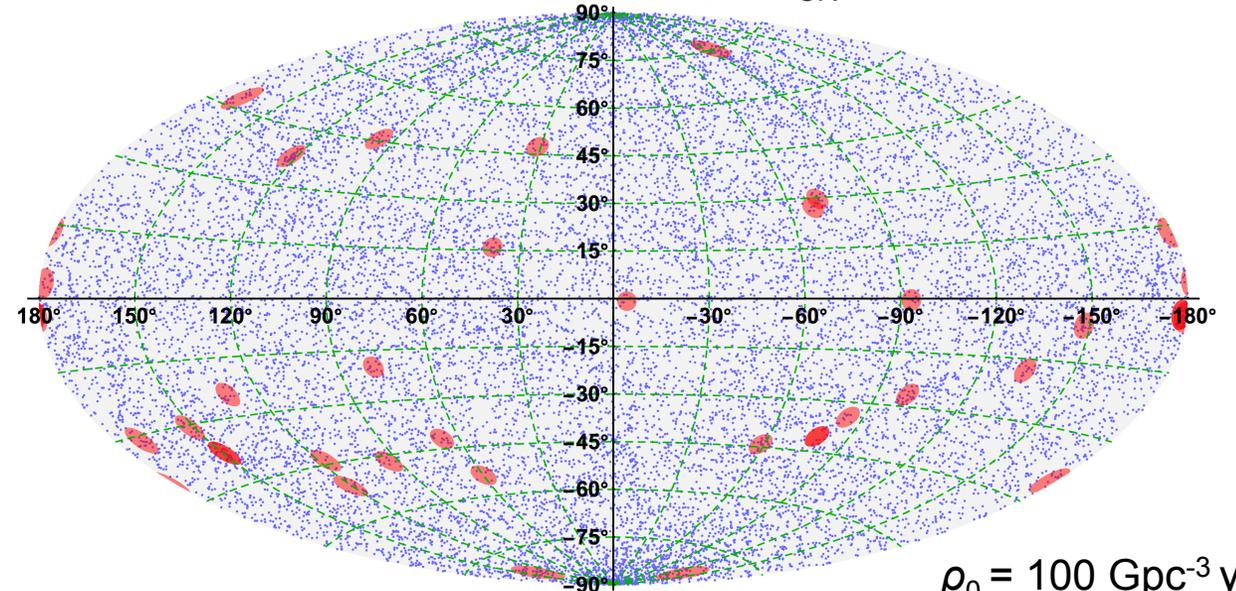
Calculation of expected correlations

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- Create sky maps from a list of random sources with a specific source density ρ_0 , with 36 neutrinos and 135k cosmic rays
- Determine optimal angular window and significance with parameter scan
- Repeat 10^3 times for each combination of ρ_0 and source evolution
- Determine which fraction of maps give a significant expected correlation



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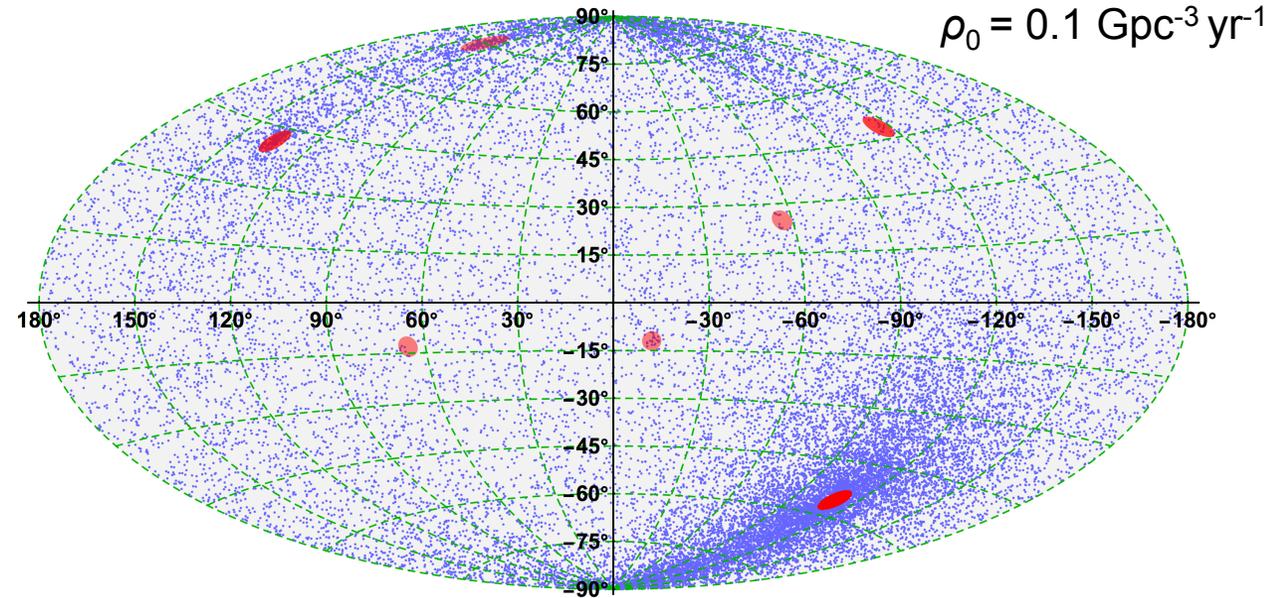


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Neutrino multiplets

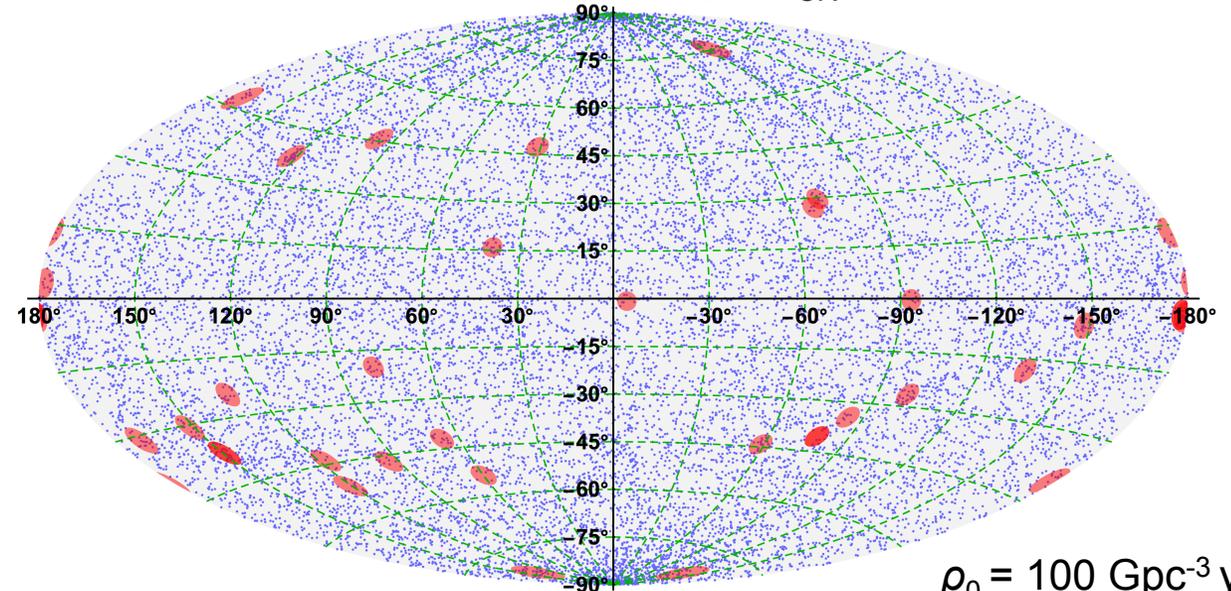
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- No HE neutrino multiplets (2 or more neutrinos from the same source) observed so far
- Use the same method as for neutrino-UHECR correlation to determine the probability to observe neutrino multiplets
- Depends on local source density, source evolution and neutrino luminosity
- **Strongly constrains local density**, if source class powers diffuse neutrino flux



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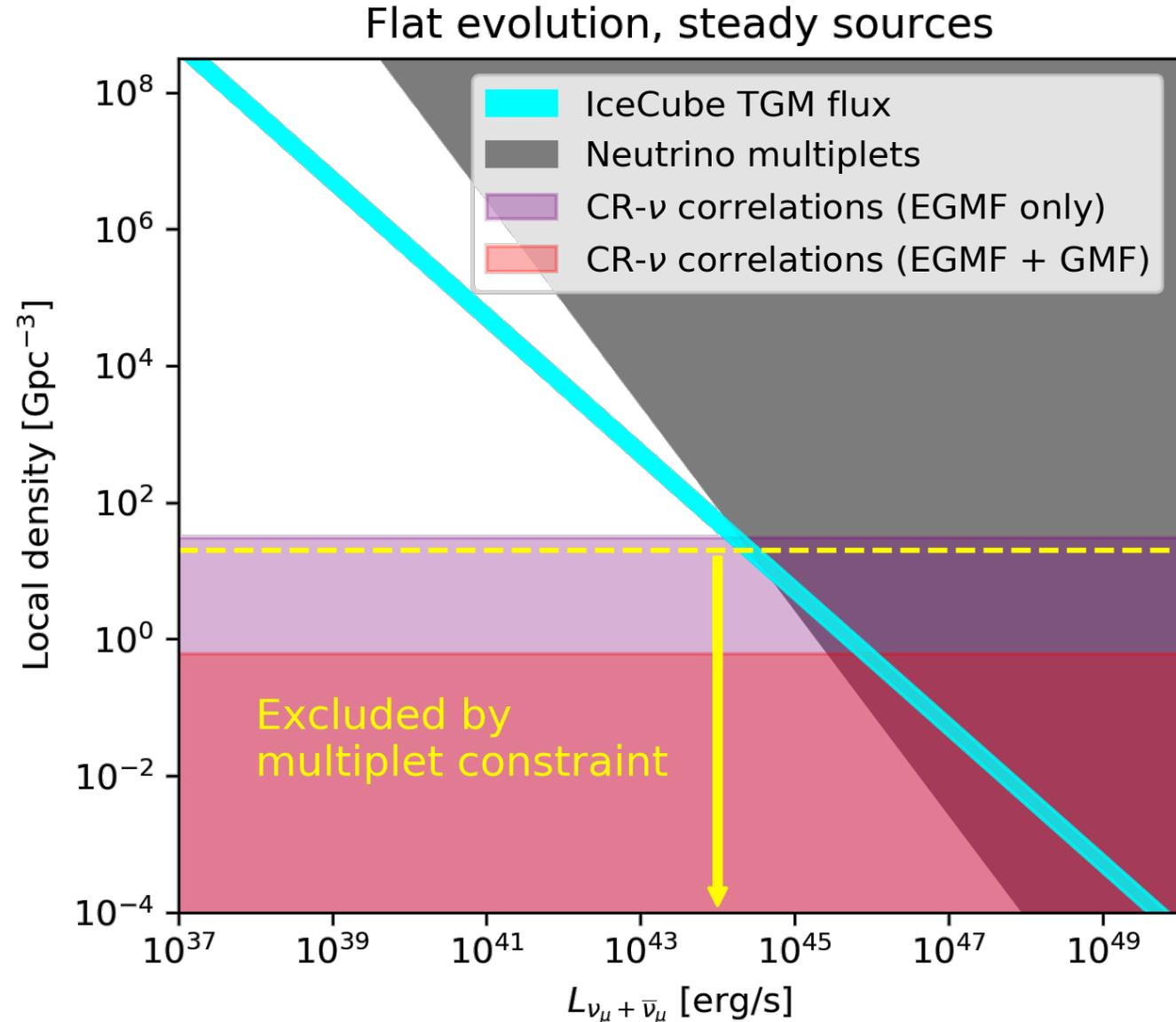


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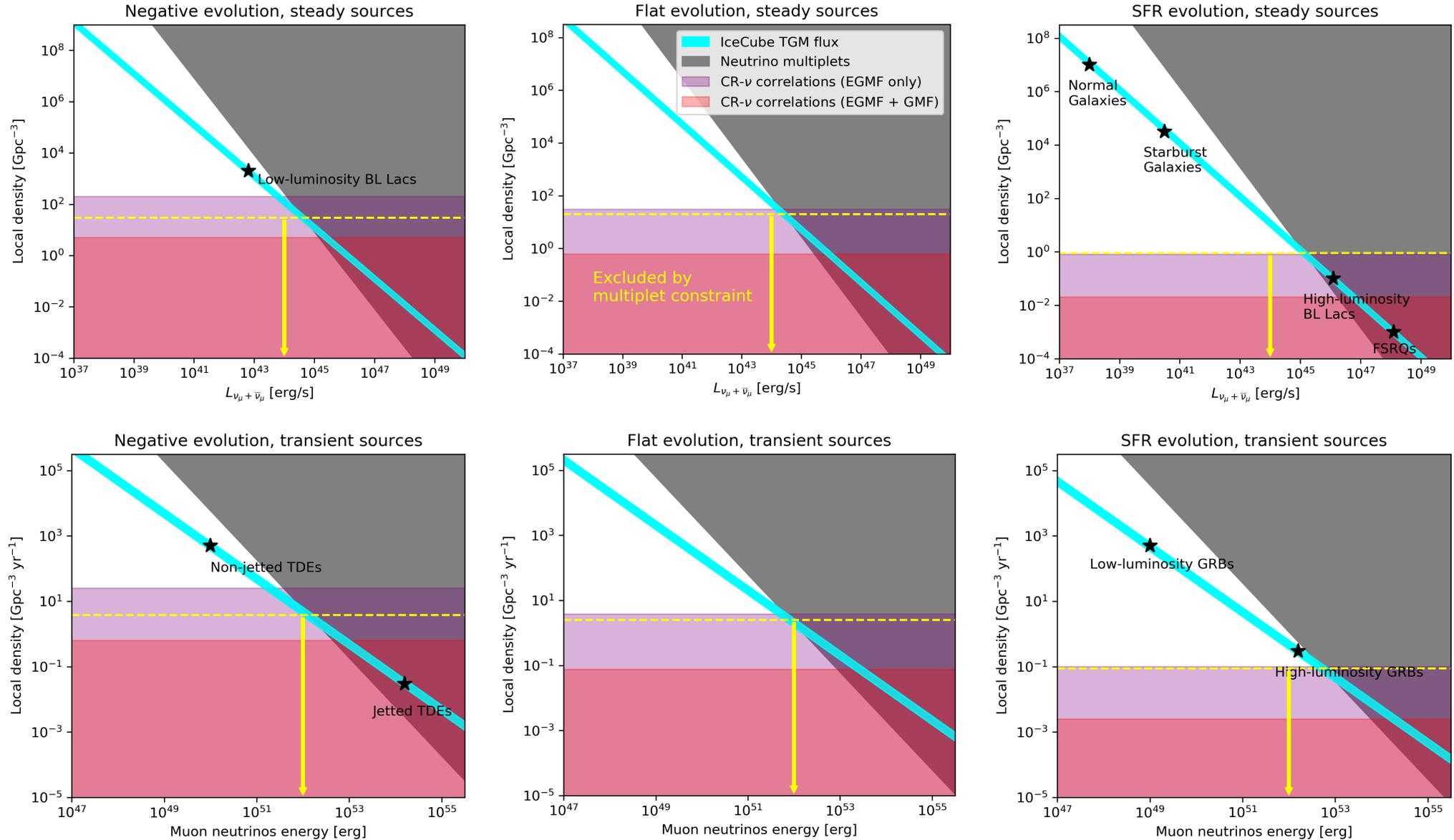
Results as a function of the source density

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- 90% region for presence of at least one neutrino multiplet in IceCube through-going muon flux
- Agrees with IceCube '19 analyses
- Region for at least 50% chance of observing 5σ excess in neutrino-UHECR correlations
 - assuming the IceCube TGM flux is reproduced



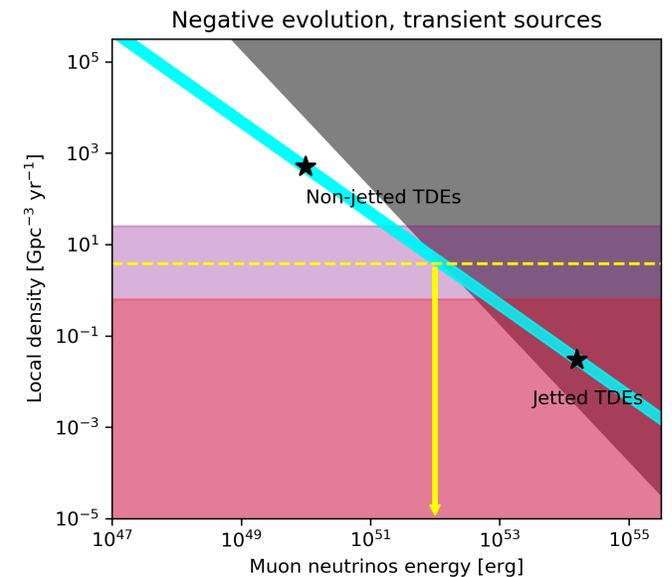
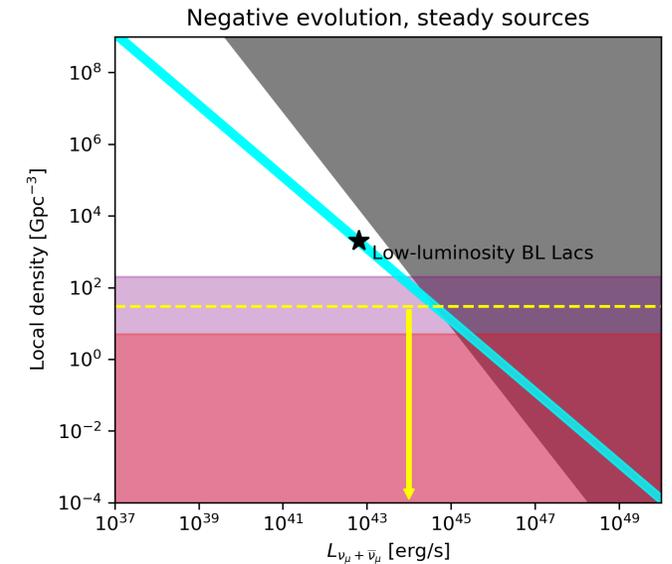
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Neutrino-UHECR correlations, conclusions

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- Expected neutrino-UHECR correlations limited by non-observation of neutrino multiplets
- Best chance of finding neutrino-UHECR correlations for sources with negative source evolution
- In this case $\rho_0 < 10 \text{ Gpc}^{-3}$
- If IceCube does not observe any neutrino multiplets in the next few years, it is very unlikely that a correlation between neutrinos and UHECRs will be found

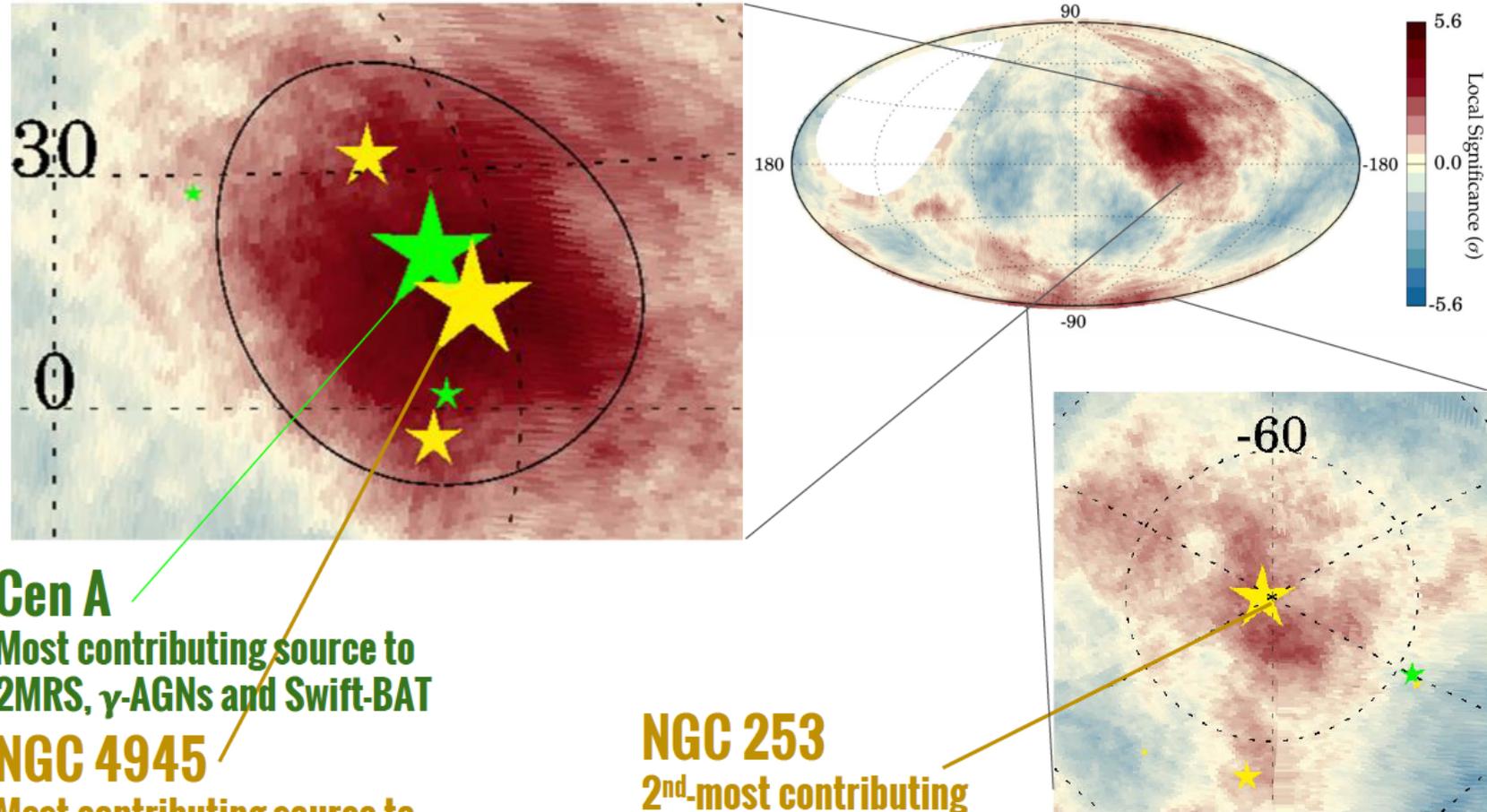


Correlations between UHECRs and source positions

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- Largest post-trial significance for correlation with starburst/star-forming galaxies
- Catalogue of 32 nearby galaxies
- Most important sources:
 - NGC 253, NGC 4945, Circinus and M83
 - 4 nearest sources in the catalogue within the field of view of Auger



Gen A
Most contributing source to
2MRS, γ -AGNs and Swift-BAT

NGC 4945
Most contributing source to
starburst

NGC 253
2nd-most contributing
source to starburst

Catalog	E_{th}	θ	f_{aniso}	TS	Post-trial
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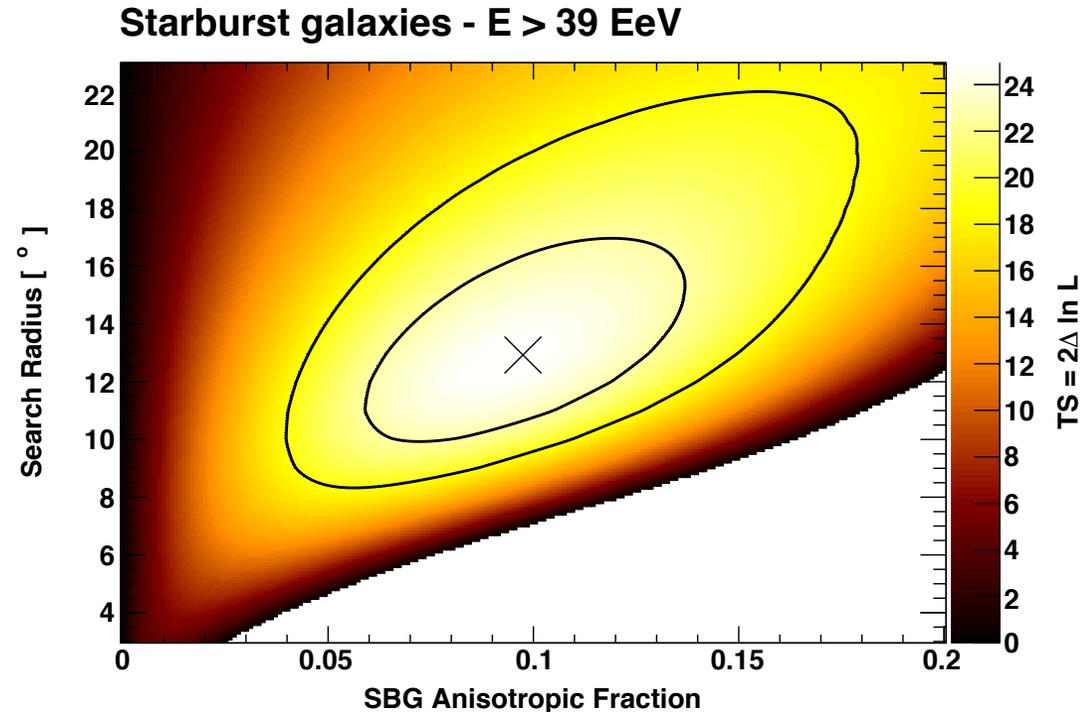
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The analysis performed by Auger

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- Catalogue of 32 nearby star-forming galaxies
- Probability density maps, 2 components:
 - Isotropic component (equal probability everywhere)
 - Anisotropic component from the star-forming galaxies
- Anisotropic component:
 - Fisher distribution centred on the source coordinates (width θ)
 - Source flux proportional to radio emission + attenuation factor from UHECR energy losses
- Ratio between isotropic and anisotropic component: f_{aniso}
- Maximum-likelihood analysis:
 - Location of UHECR events \times probability density map
 - Compared with isotropic probability density map



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Constraints on extragalactic magnetic fields and local source density

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- Galactic and extragalactic magnetic fields (GMF and EGMF) deflect UHECRs
- θ : optimal angular width around sources, measure for the deflection of UHECRs from those sources
- A larger local source density means more contributing sources, reducing the expected level of anisotropy
- f_{aniso} : fraction of UHECRs from the catalogue sources, directly related to the source density
- Auger results can be used to constrain magnetic fields and local source density

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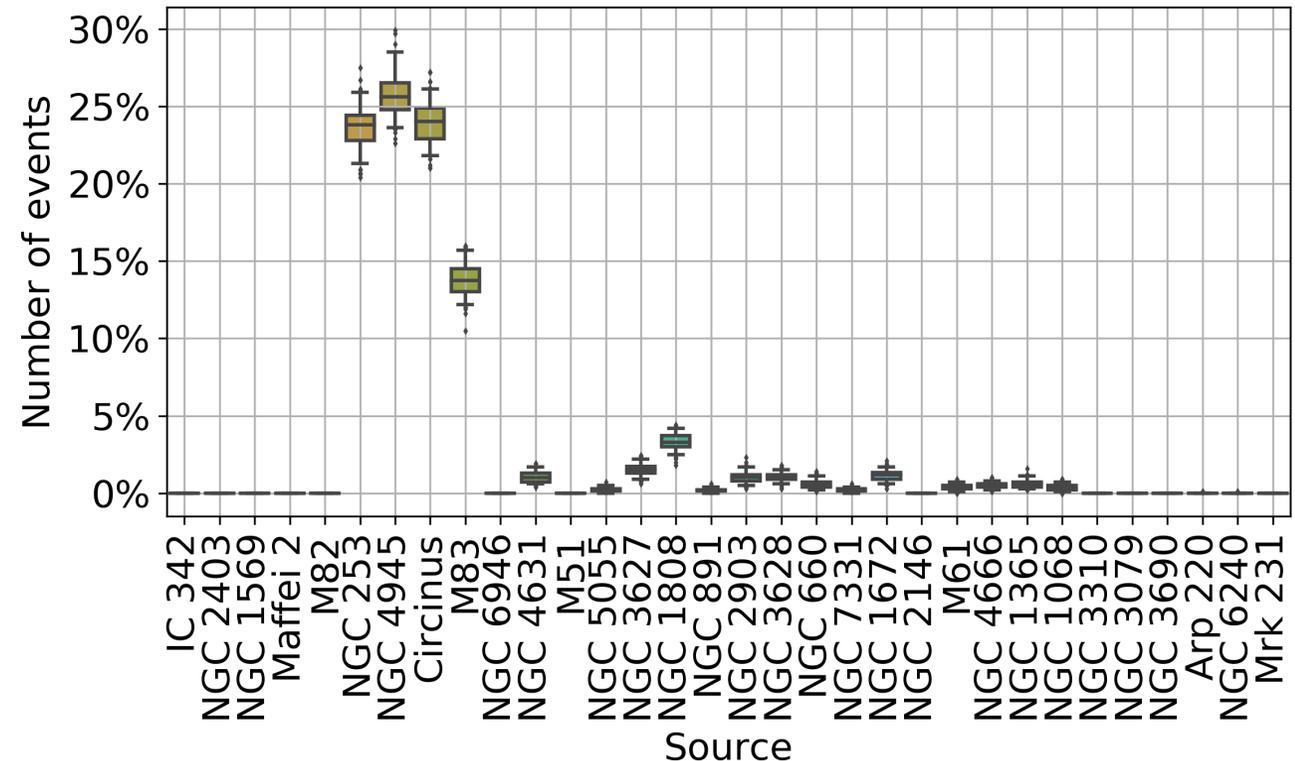
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- **Focus on 4 most important sources**
- UHECR source spectra and composition from fits to spectrum and composition of Auger
- Simulate deflections from catalogue sources in EGMF
 - random Kolmogorov fields; $0.1 < B_{\text{RMS}} < 10$ nG, $0.2 < l_{\text{coh}} < 10$ Mpc; $B = B_{\text{RMS}} \times \sqrt{l_{\text{coh}}}$
- Add deflections from GMF, JF12 model
- Combine catalogue sources with an isotropic contribution

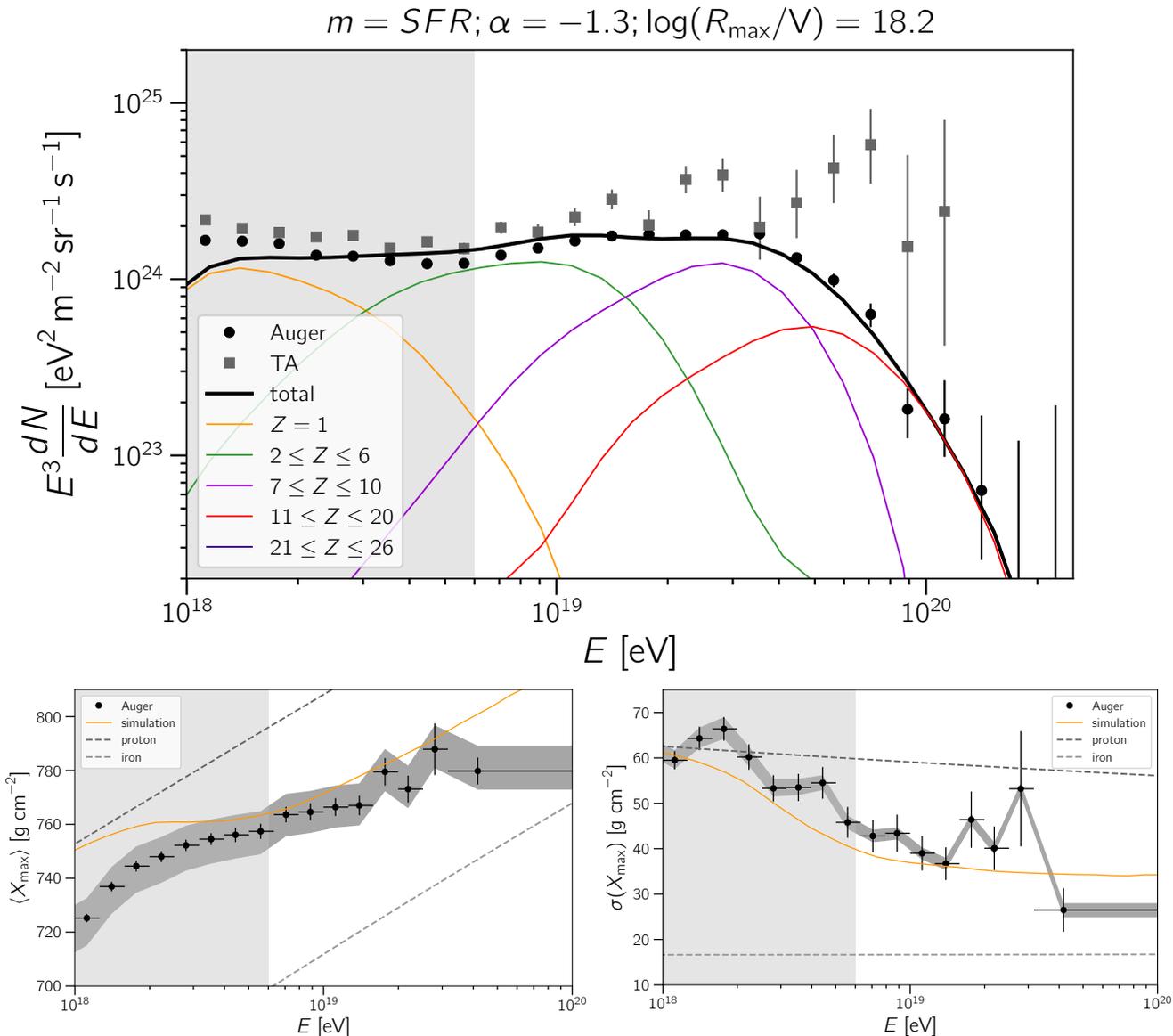


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UHECR spectrum and composition

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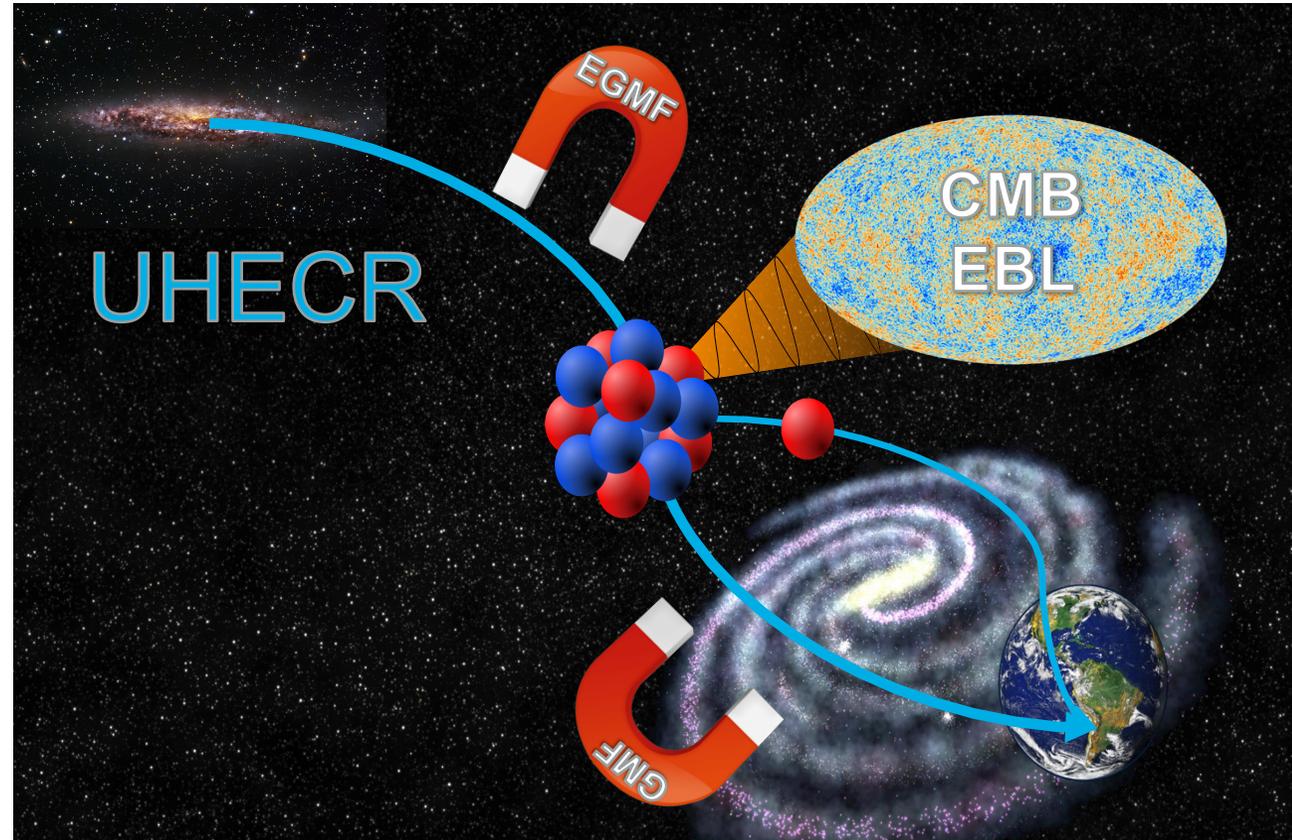
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Deflections in magnetic fields

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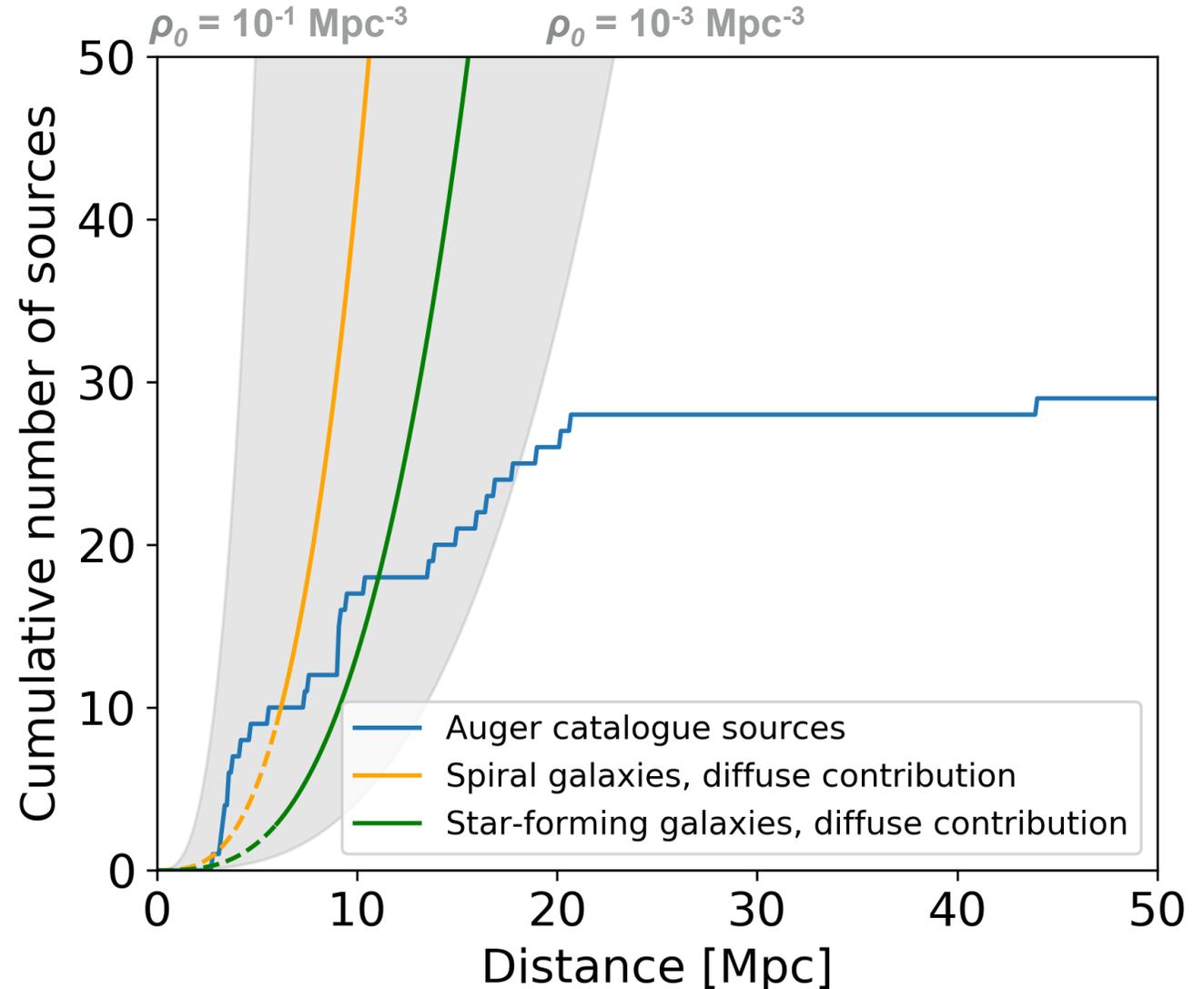


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Source density

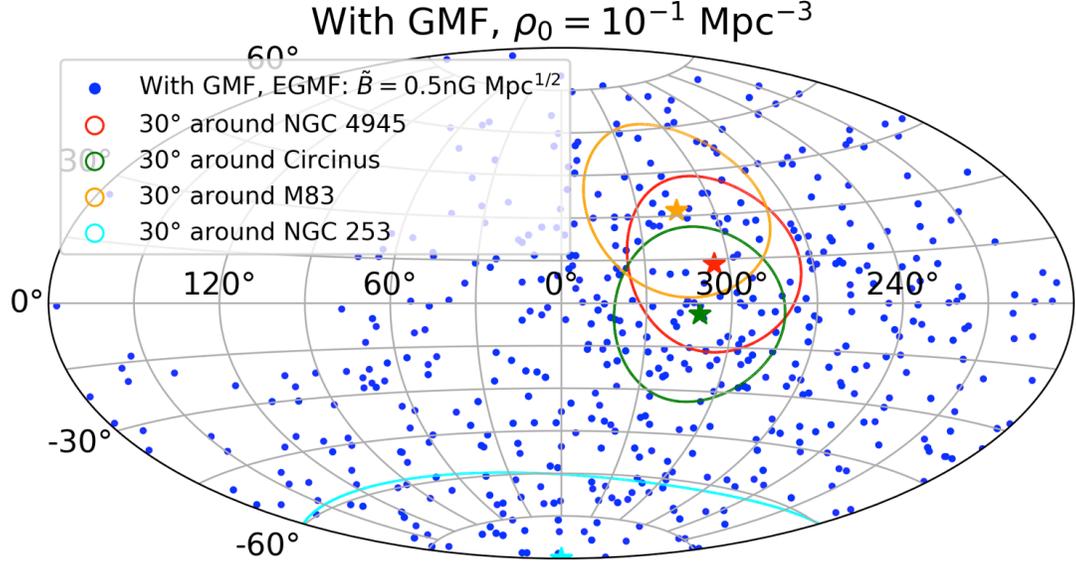
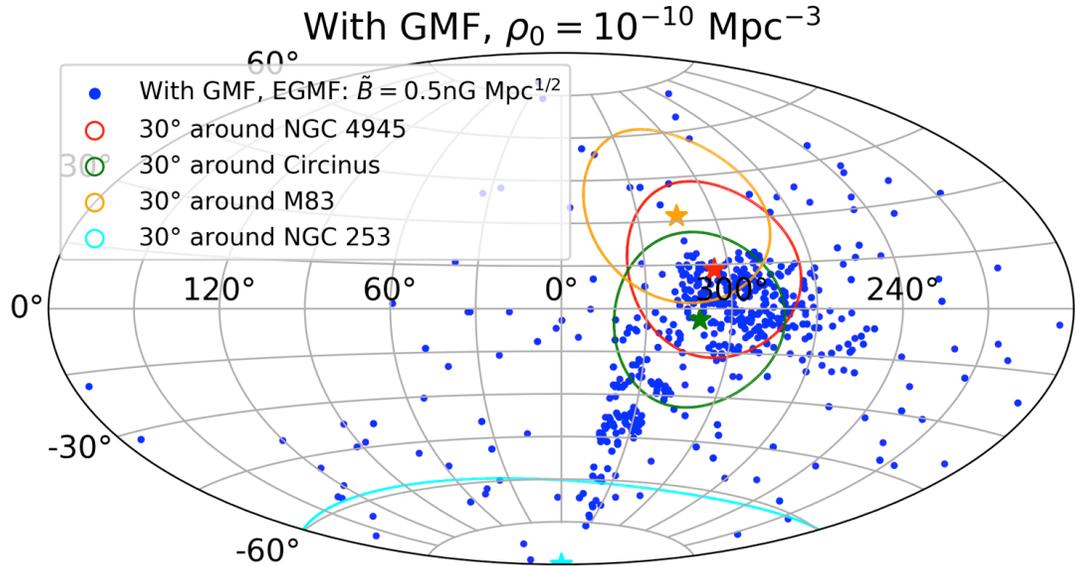
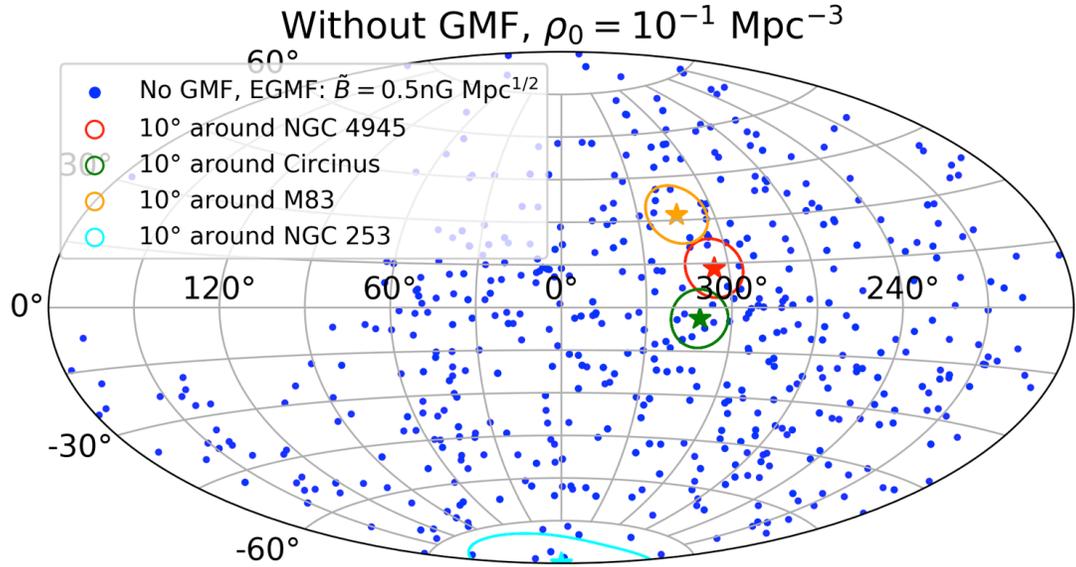
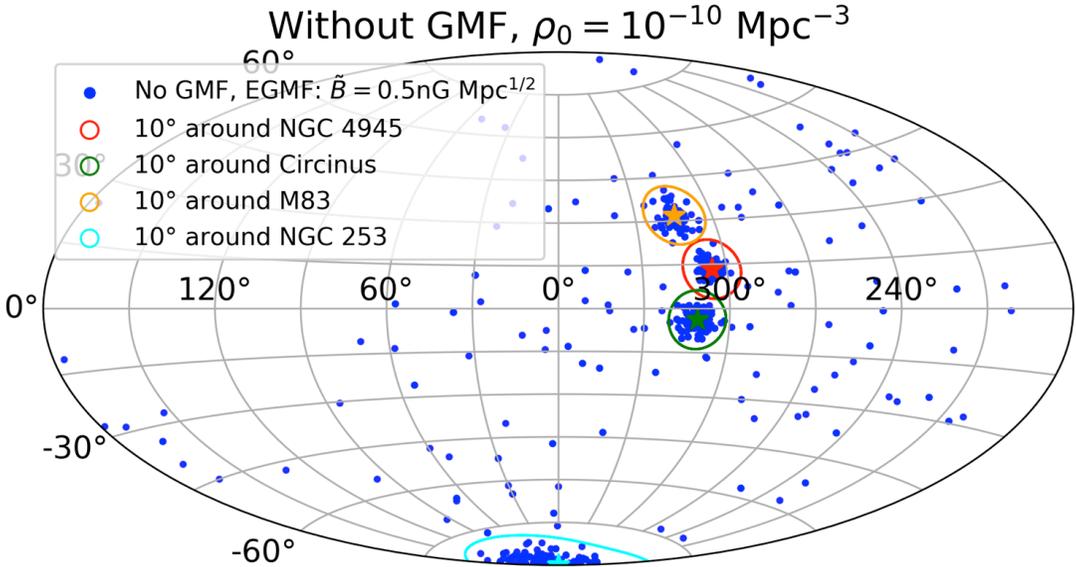
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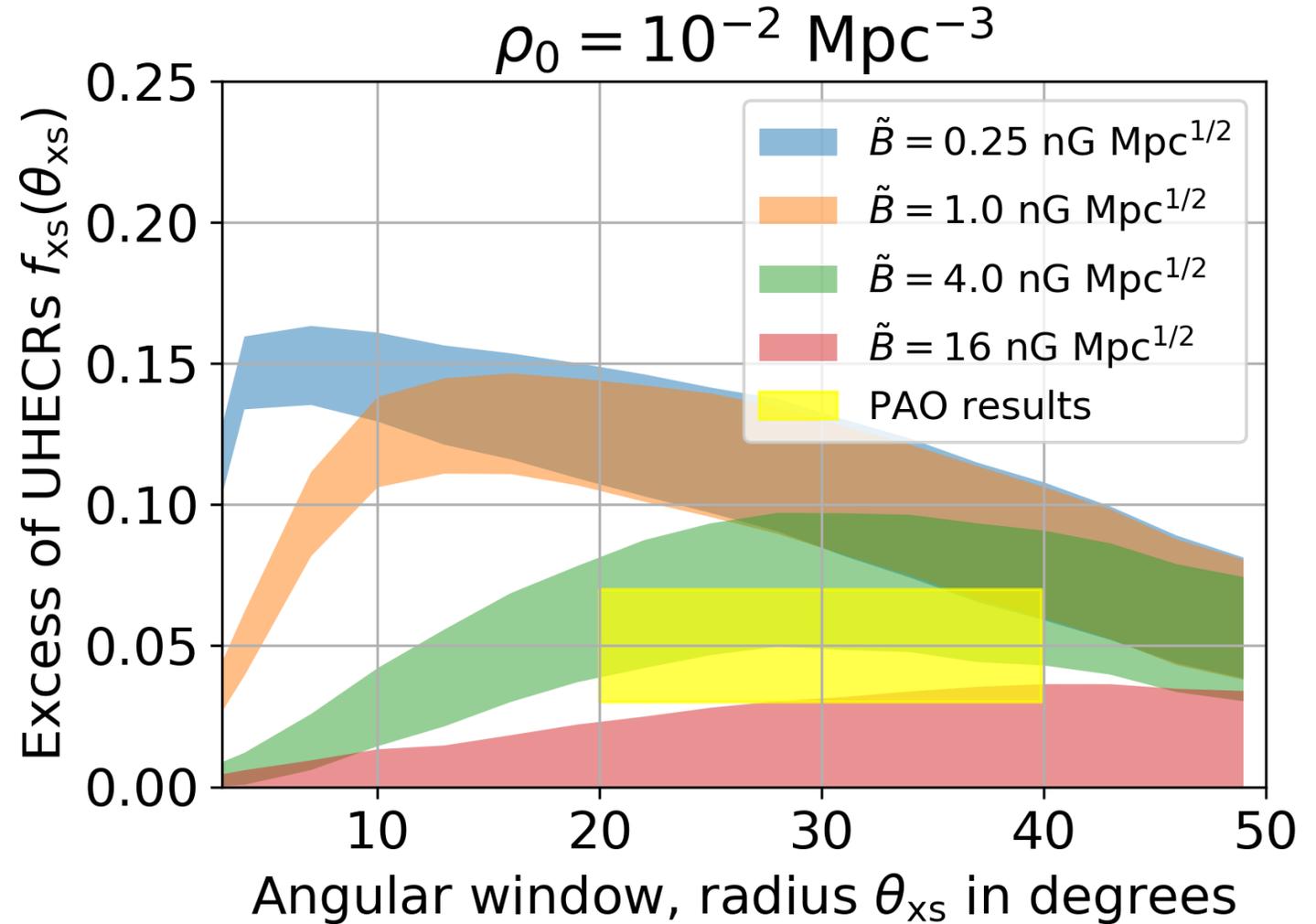
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Compare with Auger results

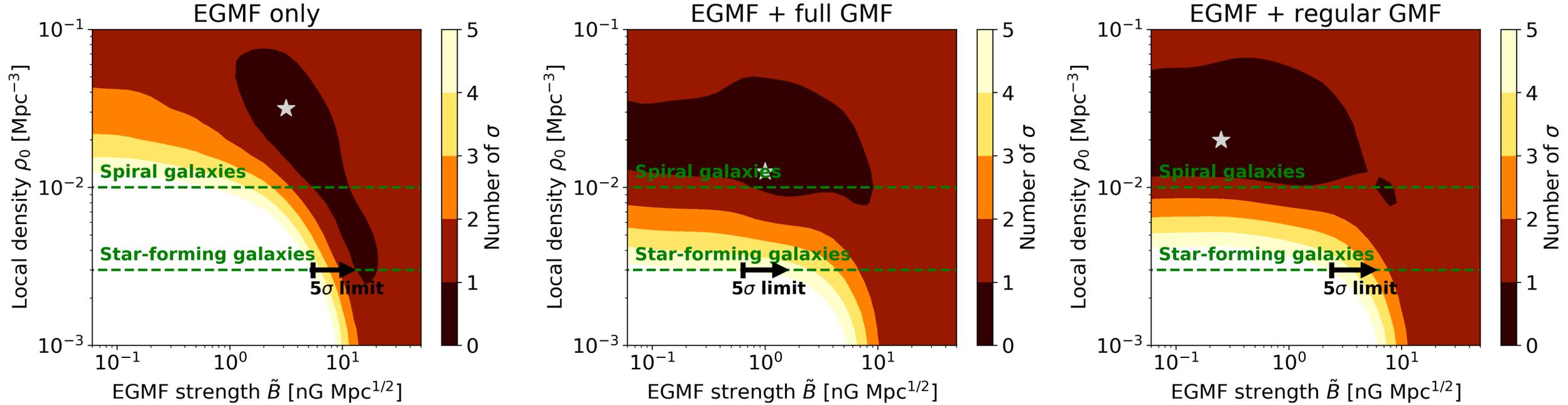
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- For each simulated sky map we produce with our method we determine the optimal angular window θ_{xs} and maximum excess f_{xs} of UHECRs
- Compare with results of Auger analysis
- Scan over B and ρ_0
- 3 different scenarios:
 - EGMF only
 - EGMF + full GMF
 - EGMF + regular GMF



Results from scanning over ρ_0 and B

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EGMF only

EGMF + full GMF

EGMF + regular GMF

5 σ lower limit on \tilde{B} for
 $\rho_0 = 3 \cdot 10^{-3}$ Mpc⁻³

$$\tilde{B} > 5.5 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2}$$

$$\tilde{B} > 0.64 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2}$$

$$\tilde{B} > 2.4 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2}$$

Best-fit point

$$\tilde{B} = 3.2 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2};$$

$$\rho_0 = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$$

$$\tilde{B} = 1.0 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2};$$

$$\rho_0 = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$$

$$\tilde{B} = 0.25 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2};$$

$$\rho_0 = 2.0 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$$

90% C.L. region

$$0.89 < \tilde{B} < 24 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2};$$

$$1.9 \cdot 10^{-3} < \rho_0 < 9.0 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$$

$$\tilde{B} < 22 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2};$$

$$\rho_0 < 6.3 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$$

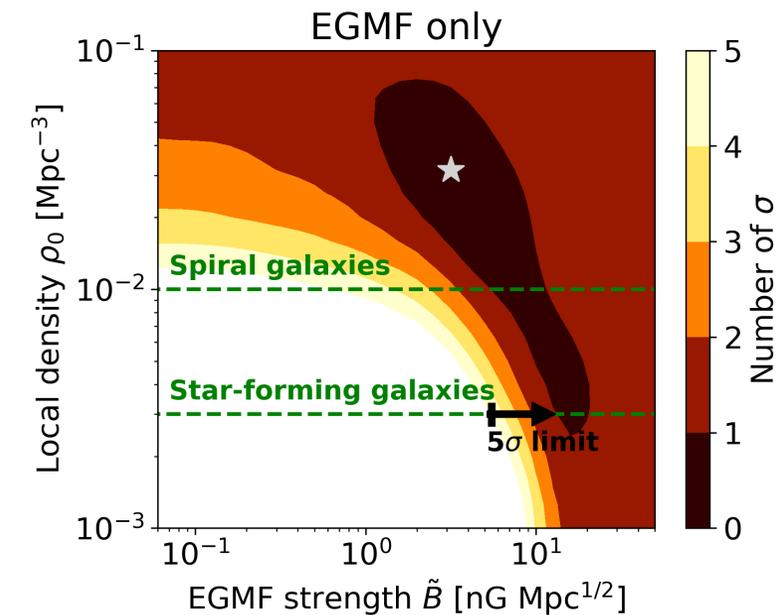
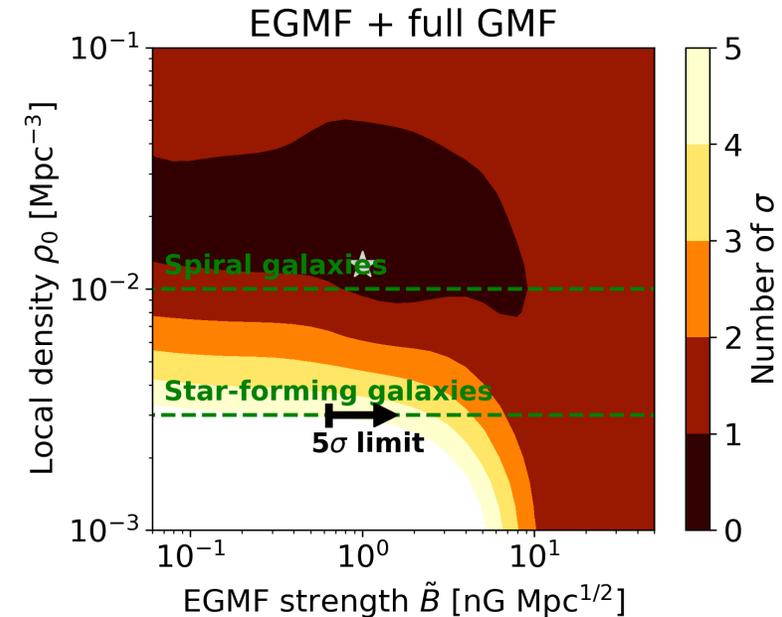
$$\tilde{B} < 12 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2};$$

$$5.1 \cdot 10^{-3} < \rho_0 < 7.4 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$$

Conclusions

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- Main assumption: overdensities in UHECR sky maps by Auger are produced by local star-forming galaxies
- If true, and the background UHECRs come from the same source class, a 5σ lower limit on the EGMF is obtained: $B > 0.64 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2}$
- Allowing for the full range of ρ_0 :
 - Anti-correlation between source density and EGMF: isotropization by strong magnetic fields or large source densities
 - Too strong isotropization destroys observed correlations:
 - 90% C.L. upper limits: $B < 24 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2}$; $\rho_0 < 0.09 \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$
 - Best-fit point for a source density close to, or even denser than, that of spiral galaxies
- Possible additional science case for UHECR detectors: improve our understanding of the GMF and local EGMF

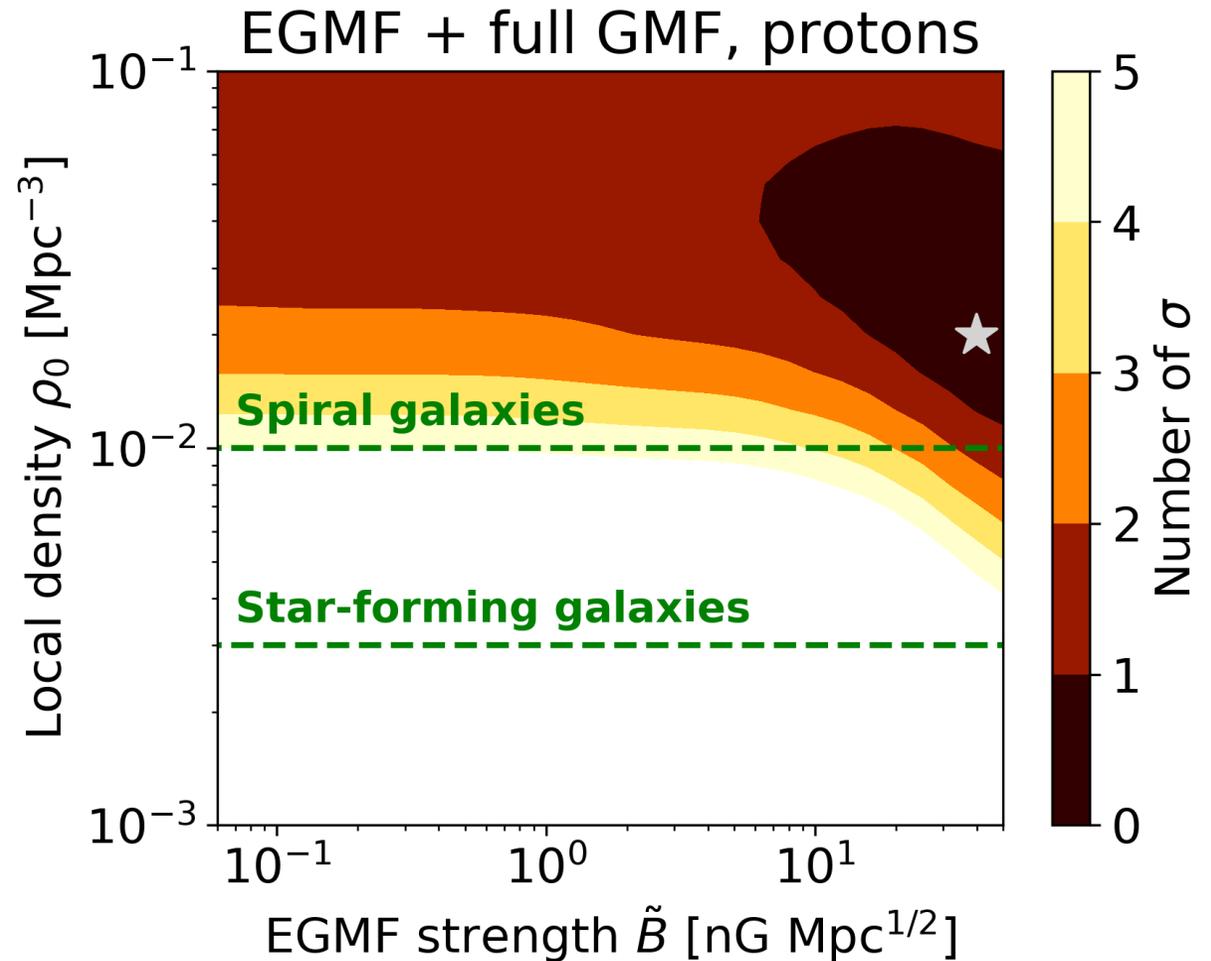


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Pure-proton scenario

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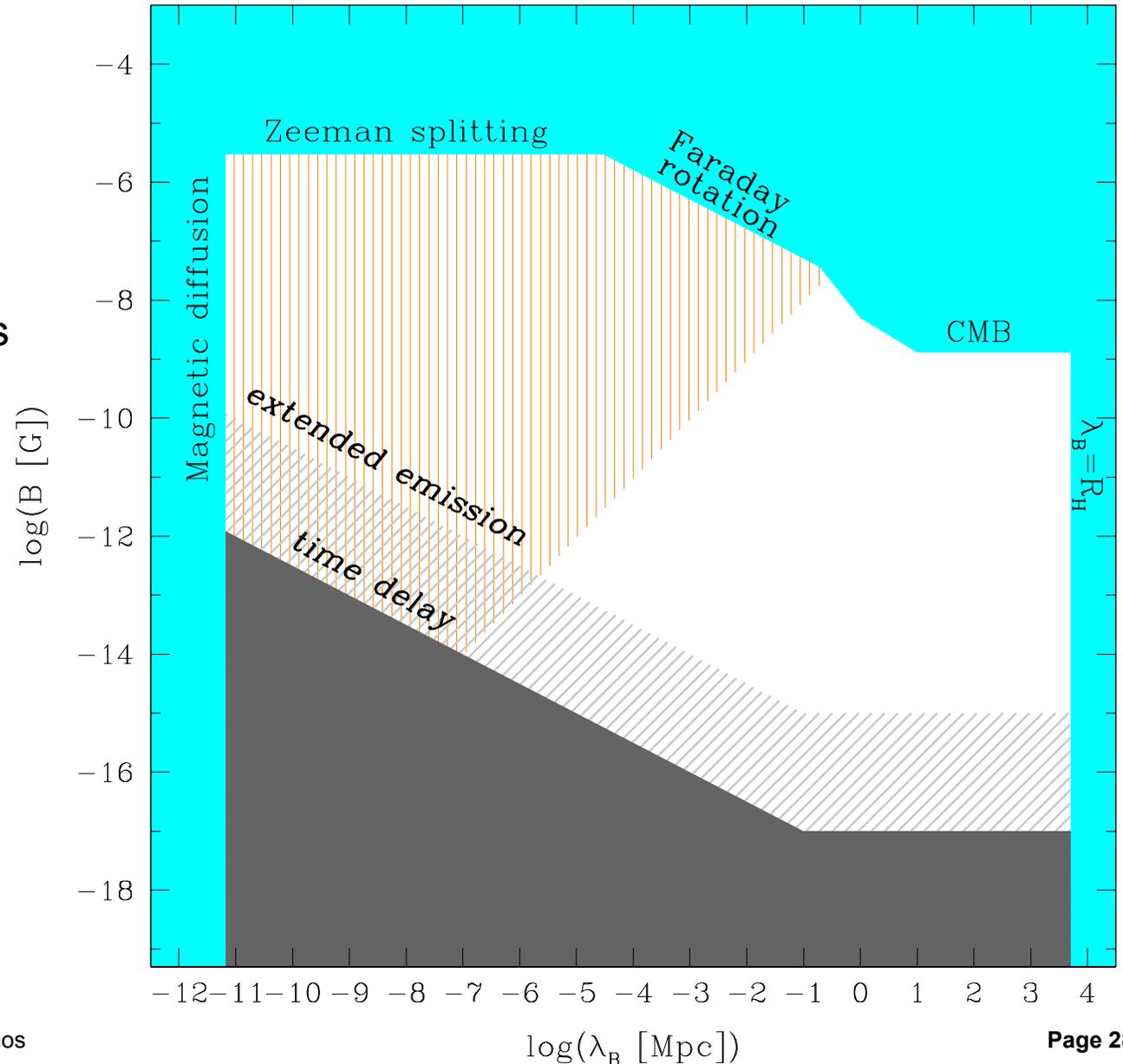
- Extreme scenario with minimized deflections
- Requires very large local density ρ_0
- Not possible to reproduce Auger results for a local density of star-forming galaxies, for the values of B we considered



EGMF limits

- Upper limits on EGMF strength from Faraday rotation, CMB anisotropy, Zeeman splitting
- Lower limits on EGMF from simultaneous GeV-TeV observations of blazars
- Our result: If overdensities in UHECR sky maps by Auger are produced by local star-forming galaxies, and the background UHECRs come from the same source class: $B > 0.64 \text{ nG Mpc}^{1/2}$
- However, this is for the EGMF between local galaxies (<5 Mpc) and the Milky Way, not necessarily comparable with general limits on EGMFs in intergalactic voids

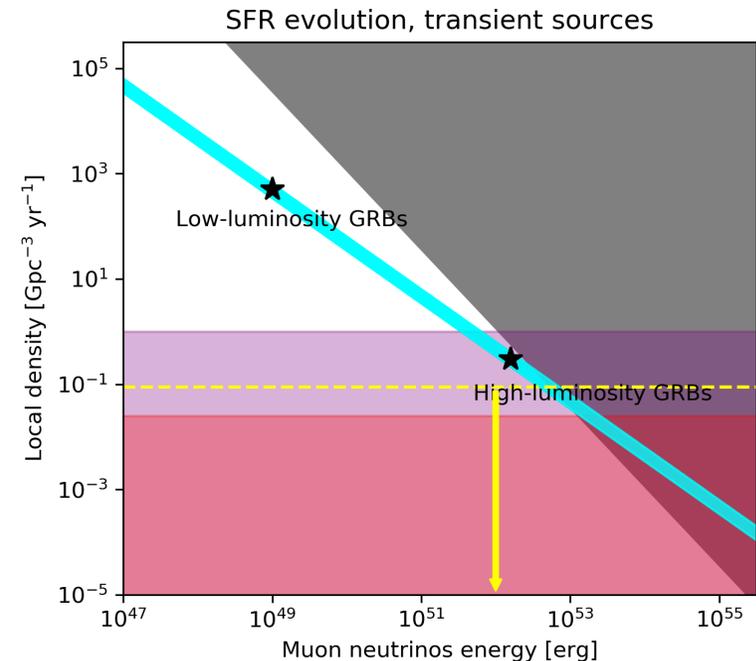
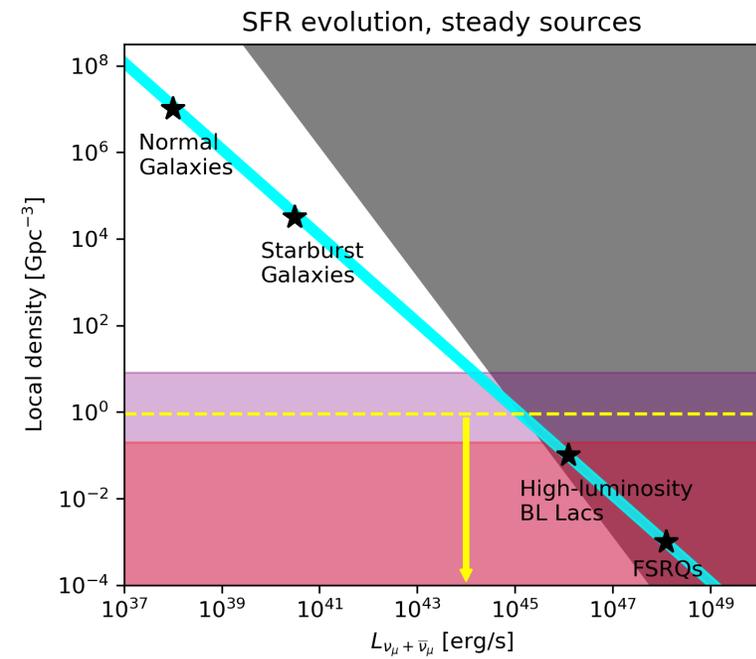
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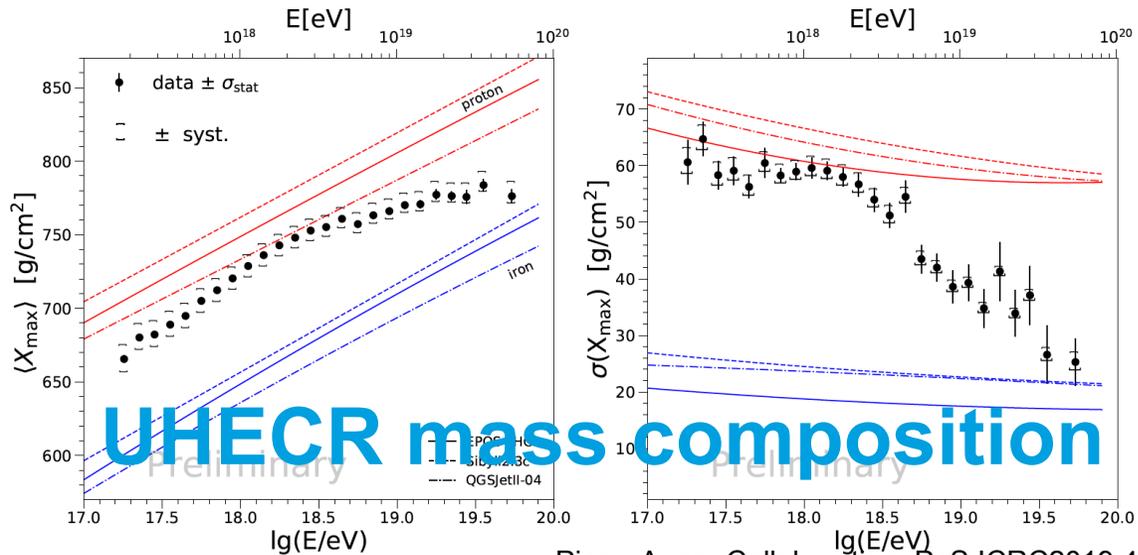
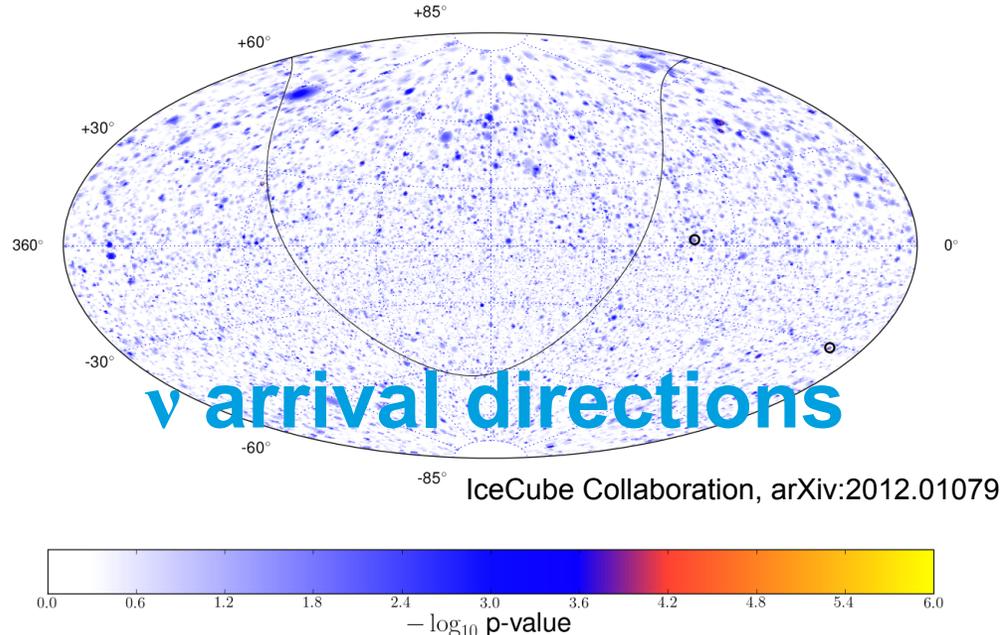
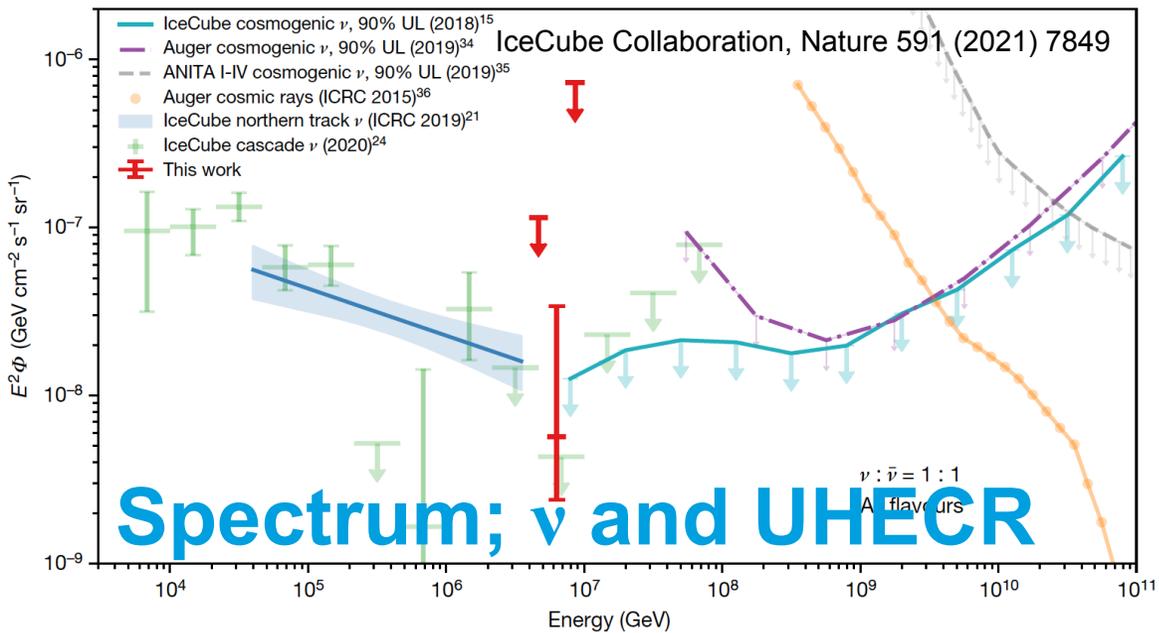
Pure-proton scenario

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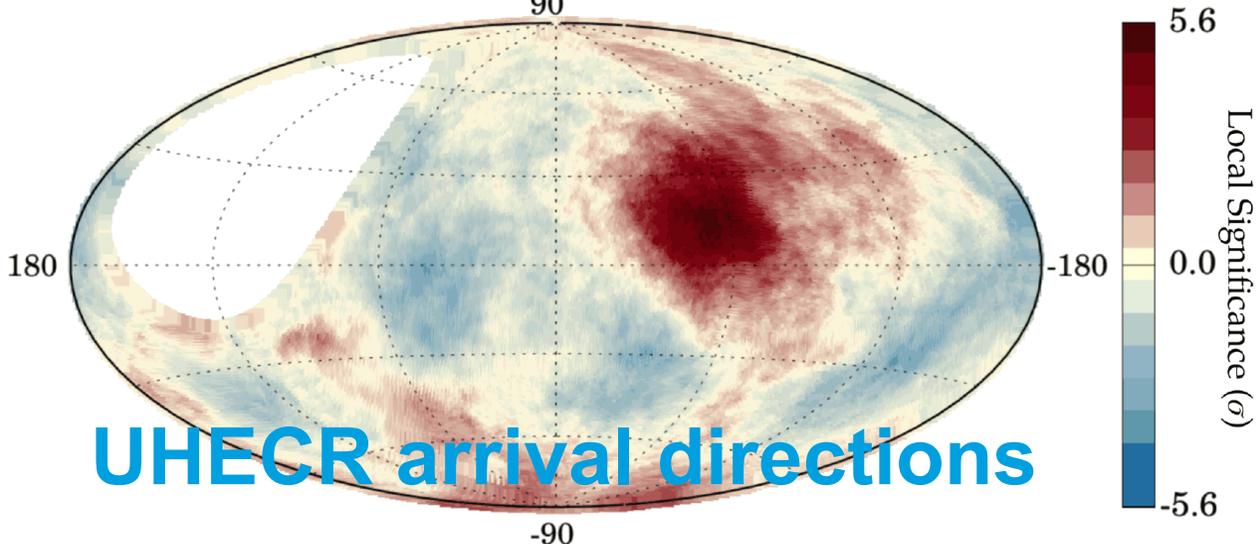
- Excluded by UHECR composition measurements, but instructive as most optimistic case for UHECR-neutrino correlations
- Even in this case, when the GMF is included, no UHECR-neutrino correlations are expected



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