

# Observational link between the physics of galaxy rotation and recent anomalies in the large-scale structure

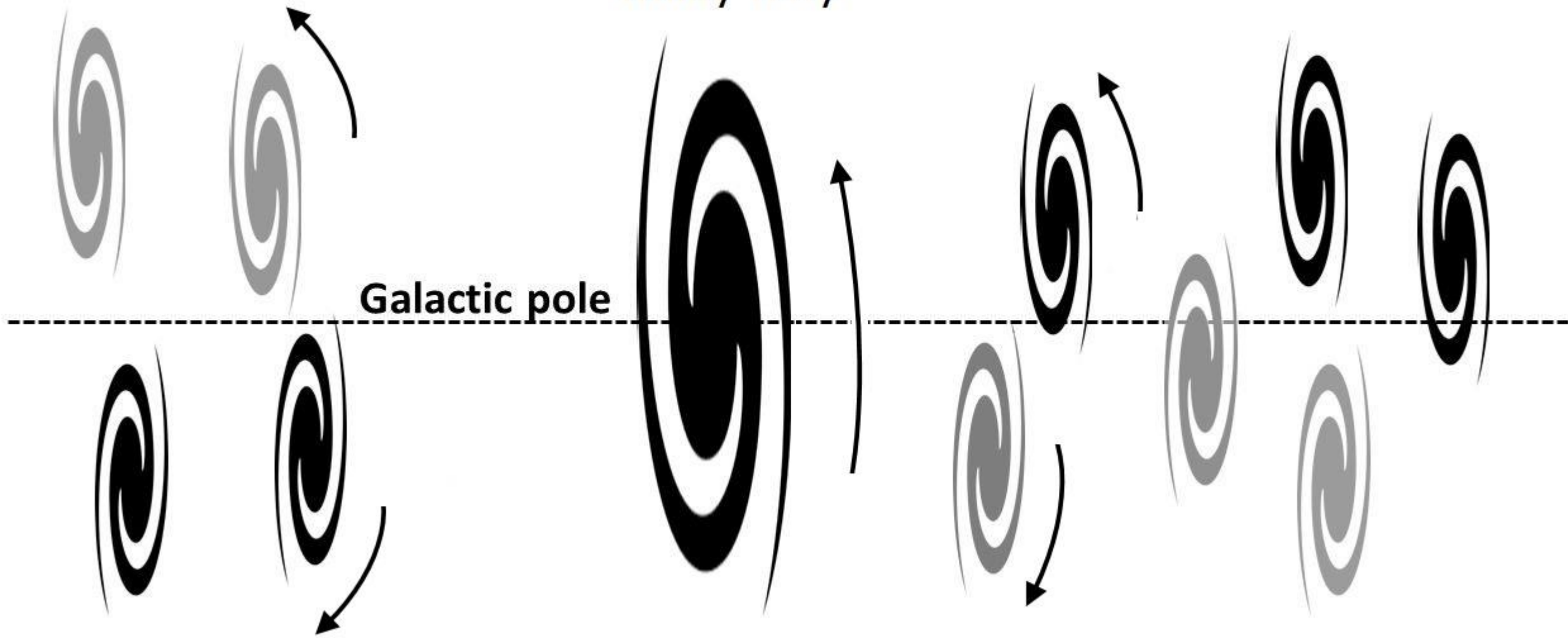
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Milky Way

Galactic pole



# DESI Legacy Survey

## Northern Galactic Pole (60x60 degree window centered at the Northern galactic pole)

Band	# cw galaxies	# ccw galaxies	Mag ccw	Mag cw	$\Delta Mag$	t-test P
G	20,918	21,253	$20.06525 \pm 0.010$	$20.10073 \pm 0.010$	-0.03548	0.01
R	20,917	21,251	$18.98522 \pm 0.008$	$19.01481 \pm 0.008$	-0.02958	0.01
Z	20,925	21,261	$18.2934 \pm 0.007$	$18.31783 \pm 0.007$	-0.02443	0.01

## Southern Galactic Pole (60x60 degree window centered at the Southern galactic pole)

Band	# cw galaxies	# ccw galaxies	Mean Mag ccw	Mean Mag cw	$\Delta Mag$	t-test P
G	87,640	89,534	$20.13622 \pm 0.004$	$20.11937 \pm 0.004$	0.01685	0.003
R	87,917	89,849	$19.08793 \pm 0.003$	$19.07216 \pm 0.003$	0.01574	0.0002
Z	88,228	90,142	$18.38424 \pm 0.003$	$18.37225 \pm 0.003$	0.01199	0.0047

McAdam & Shamir, *Symmetry* (special issue on symmetry in gravitation and cosmology), 15(6), 1190, 2023.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.04044>

## Northern galactic pole



## SDSS ( $\sim 1.2 \cdot 10^5$ galaxies)

Band	Mag cw	Mag ccw	$\Delta Mag$	P t-test
G	$17.7095 \pm 0.005$	$17.6948 \pm 0.005$	0.0147	0.0376
R	$16.9893 \pm 0.004$	$16.9745 \pm 0.004$	0.0148	0.0089
Z	$16.4564 \pm 0.004$	$16.4393 \pm 0.004$	0.0171	0.0025



## HST (COSMOS, $\sim 5 \cdot 10^4$ galaxies)

Band	Mag cw	Mag ccw	$\Delta Mag$	P (t-test)
G	$23.131 \pm 0.019$	$23.077 \pm 0.019$	0.054	0.023
R	$22.266 \pm 0.019$	$22.218 \pm 0.02$	0.048	0.045
Z	$21.358 \pm 0.017$	$21.323 \pm 0.018$	0.035	0.087

McAdam & Shamir, Symmetry, 2023

Shamir, L., ApJ, 2016

Shamir, L., PASA, 2017

Shamir, L., Open Ast., 2020

## Galaxy Zoo (Northern Galactic Pole)

Band	Mag cw	Mag ccw	$\Delta Mag$	P t-test
G	$16.9765 \pm 0.01$	$16.9579 \pm 0.01$	0.0186	0.09
R	$16.4129 \pm 0.01$	$16.3723 \pm 0.01$	0.0406	0.002
Z	$15.9817 \pm 0.01$	$15.9539 \pm 0.01$	0.0278	0.025

A galaxy rotating in the opposite direction relative to the Milky Way is brighter than a supernovae rotating in the opposite direction

$$F = F_0 \left( 1 + 4 \cdot \frac{V_r}{c} \right)$$

Assuming  $v/c$  of 0.0007 the brightness difference is expected to be  $\sim 0.006$ .

The observed difference agrees with galaxy rotational velocity of 5-10 times the rotational velocity of the Milky Way.

# Magnitude difference should lead to observed dipole axis in galaxy spin directions, and should peak around the Galactic pole

MacGillivray & Dodd, 1985, A&A

Longo, 2011, PLB

Shamir, 2012, PLB

Shamir, 2020, ApSS

Shamir, 2021, PASA

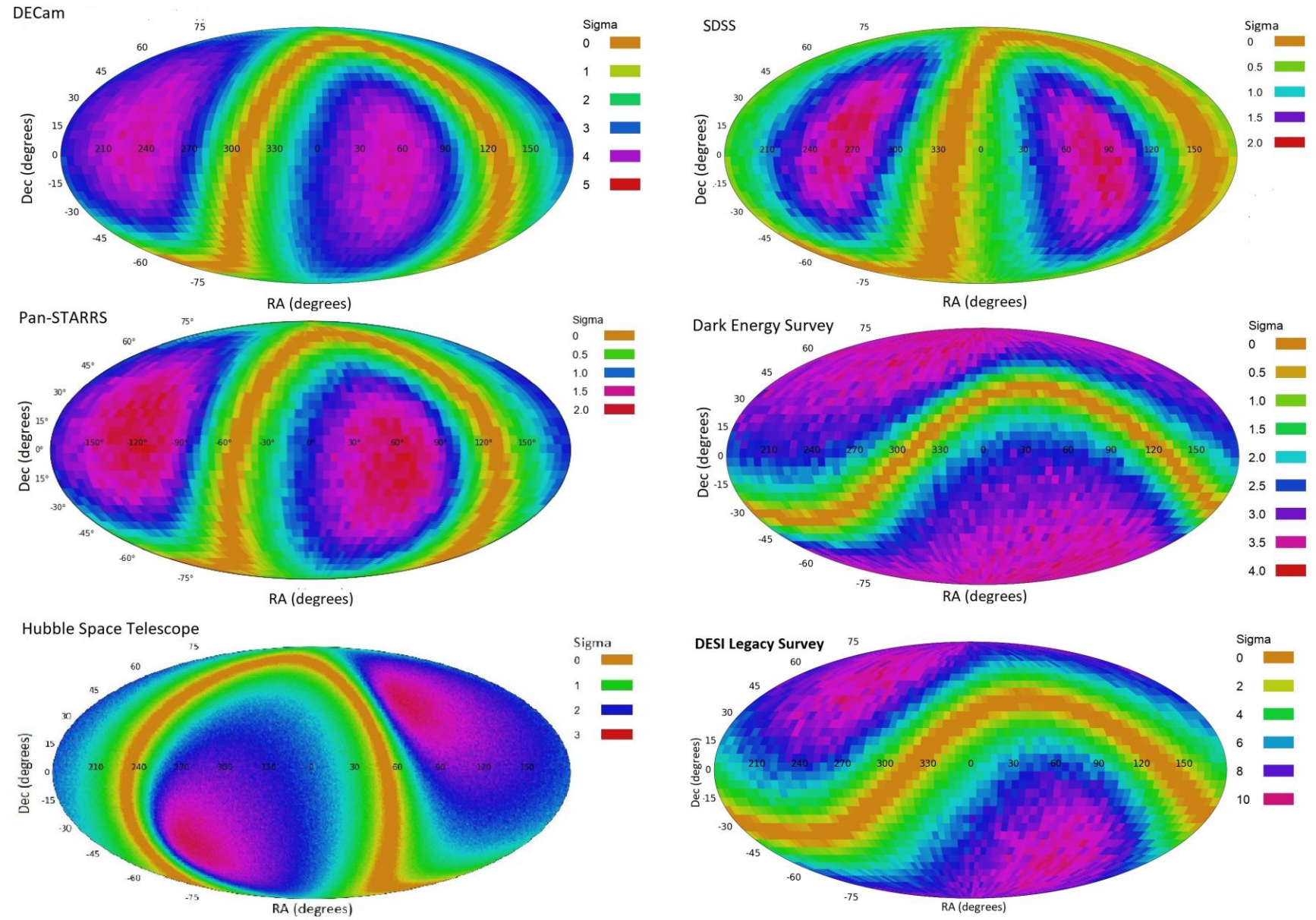
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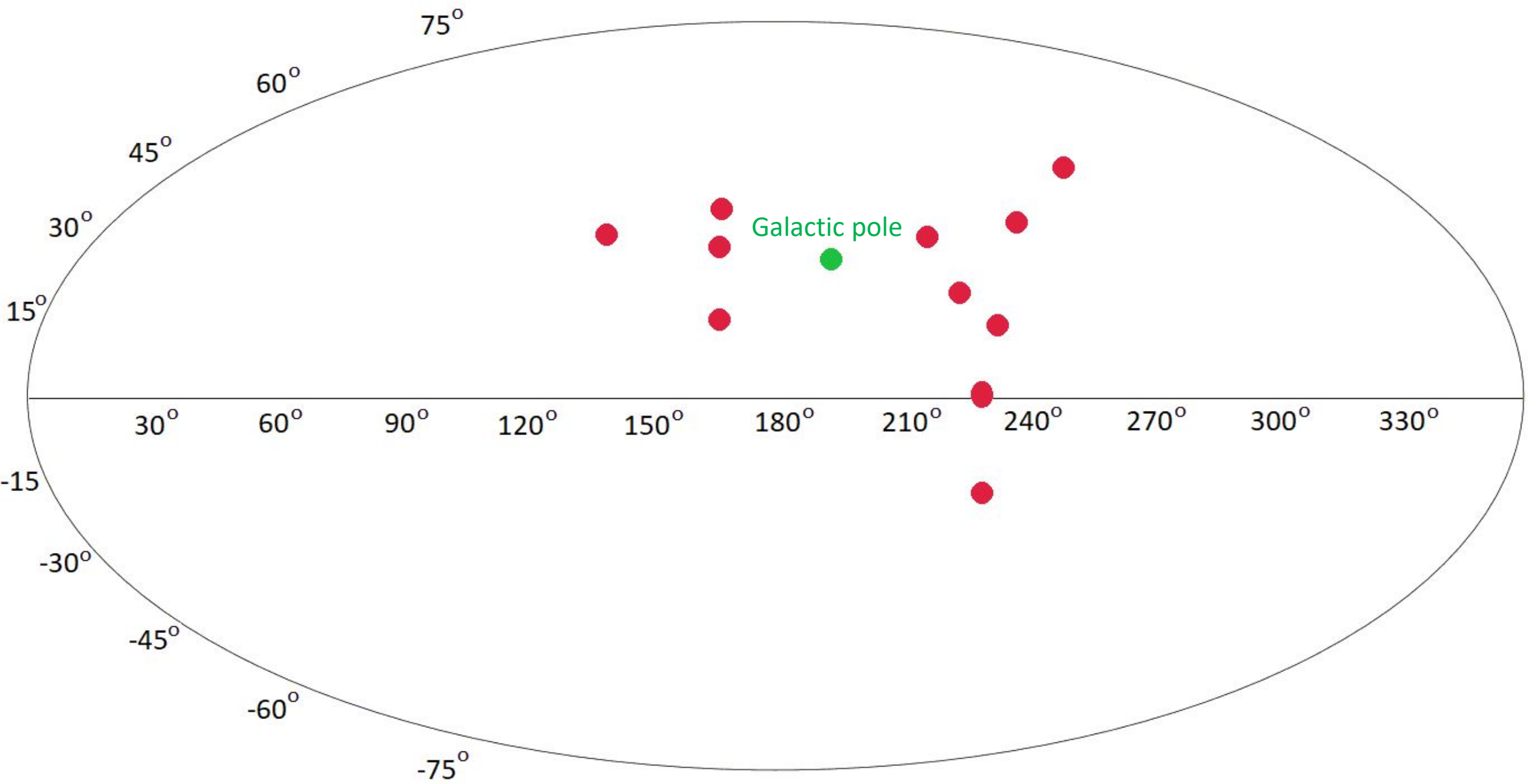
Shamir, 2022, New Astronomy

Shamir, 2022, AA

Shamir, 2022, Universe

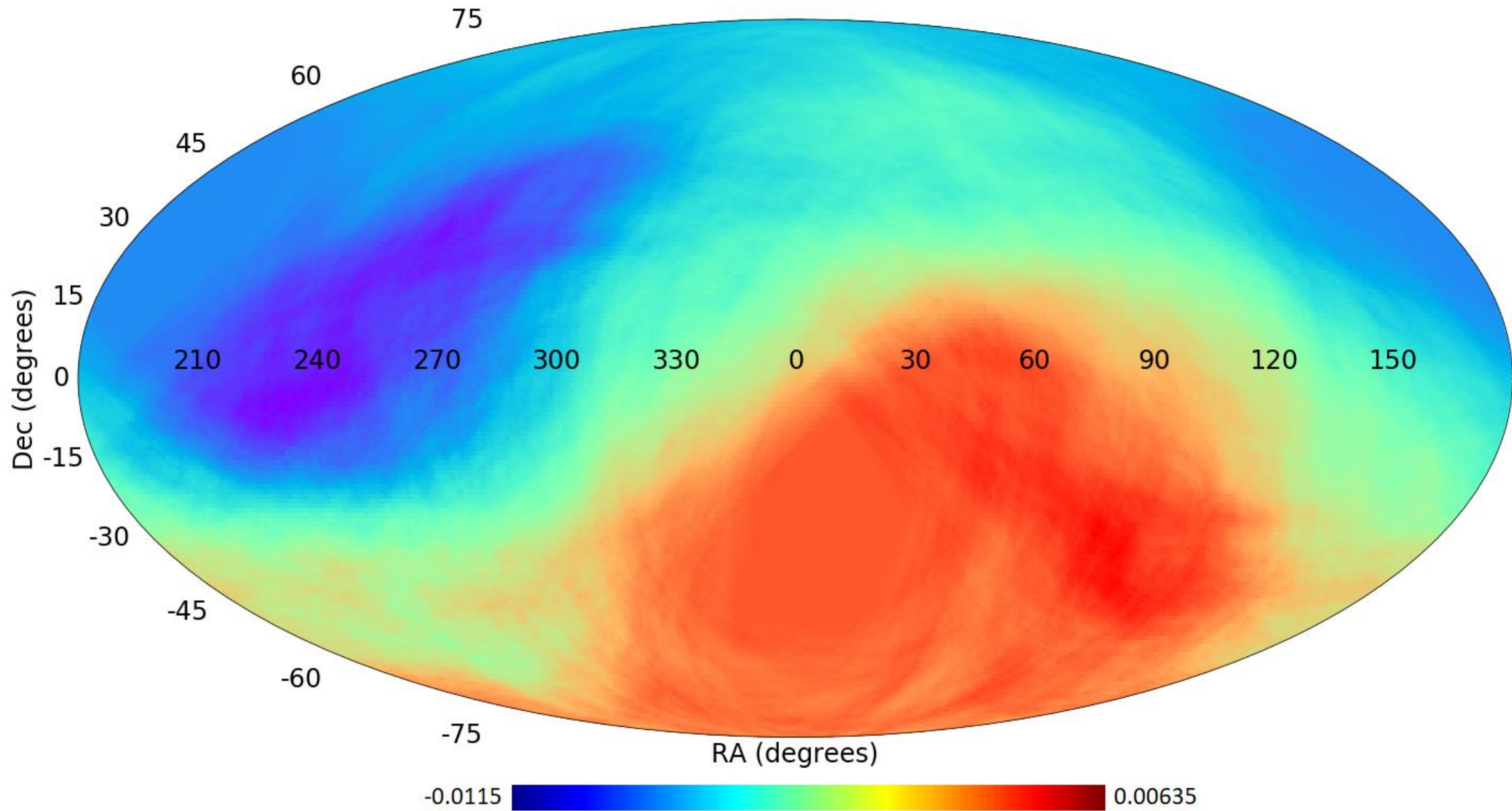
Shamir, 2022, MNRAS







# DESI Legacy Survey (1.3M galaxies)



# Studies showing no dipole in galaxy spin directions

## Study

## Reproduction

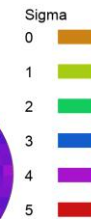
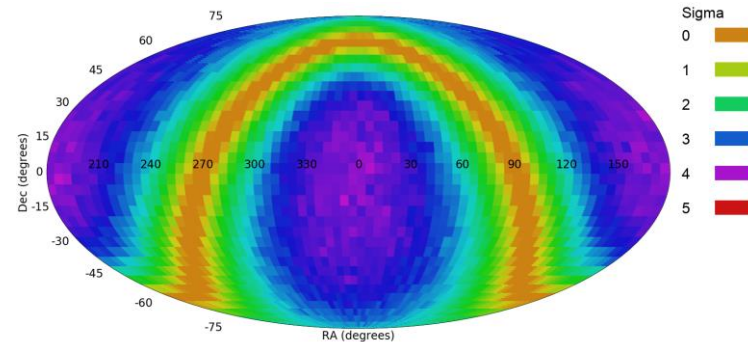
## Explanation

(Land et al., 2008)

Statistical analysis shows  $P \sim 0.038$ .

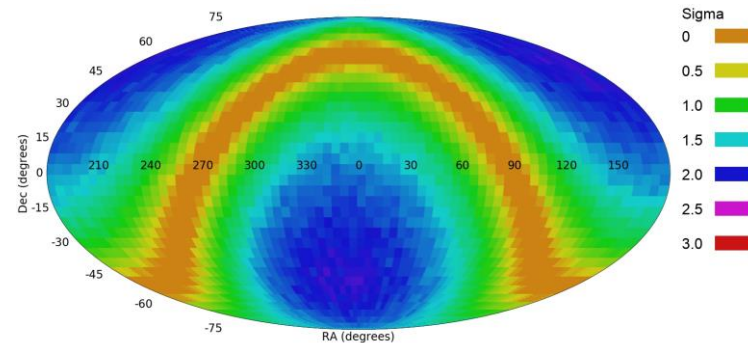
1) Very small dataset. 2) No statistical analysis.  
(Shamir, PASJ, 2022)

(Hayes et al., 2017)



Machine learning was used, but all features that correlate with galaxy spin directions were manually removed before the algorithm was applied.  
(McAdam & Shamir, *Advances in Astronomy*, 2023)

(Iye et al., 2021)

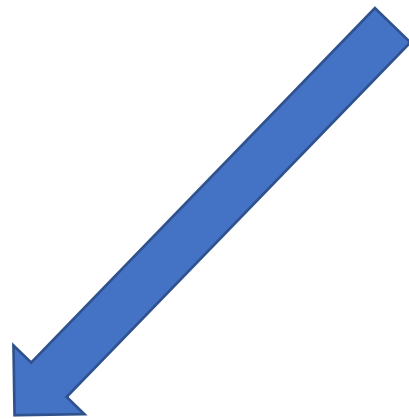


1) 3D analysis with the photometric redshift.  
2) SDSS galaxies are assumed to be uniformly distributed in the hemisphere.  
(Shamir, PASJ, 2022)

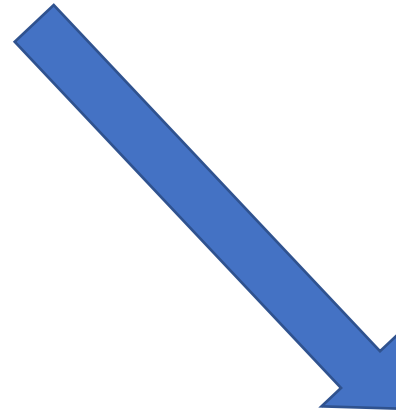
[https://people.cs.ksu.edu/~lshamir/data/iye\\_et\\_al](https://people.cs.ksu.edu/~lshamir/data/iye_et_al)

Confirmation bias?

# Ho tension (oversimplified)

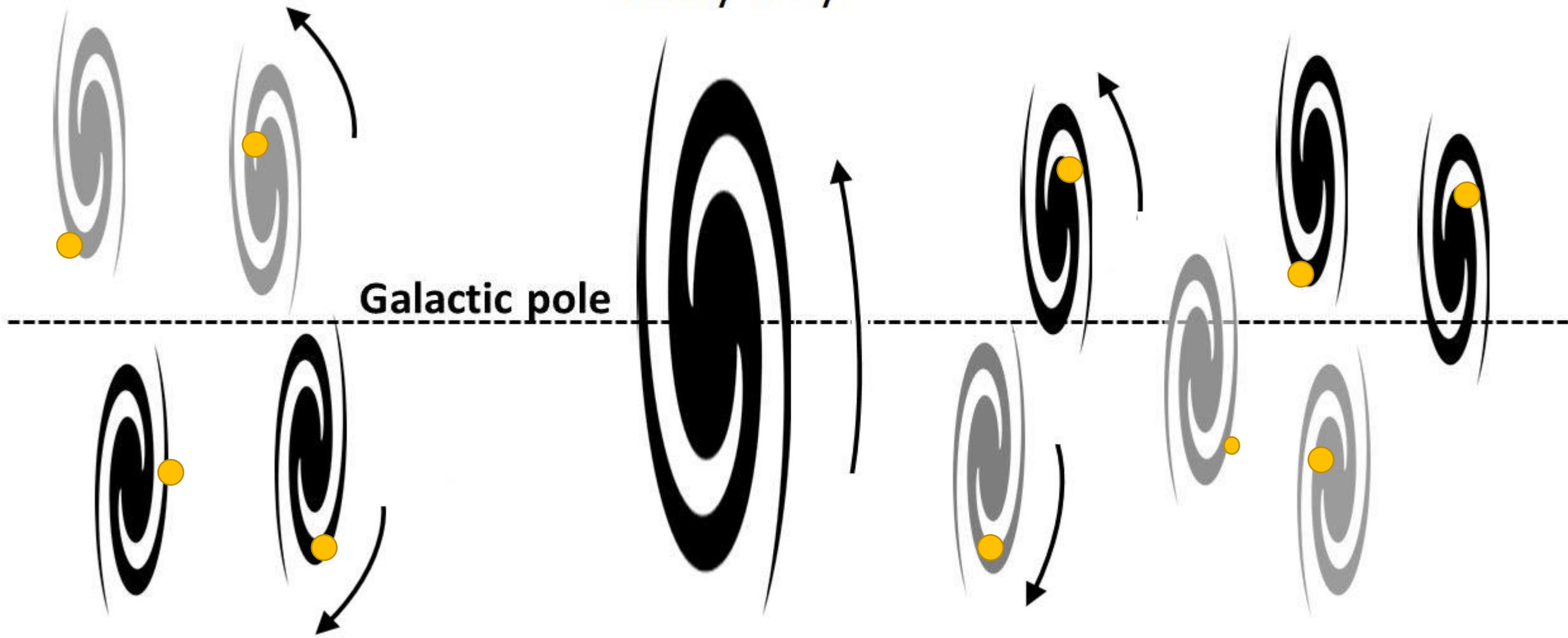


Something  
unknown about  
the Universe



**Something unknown  
about the  
measurements**

Milky Way



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# A new measurement of the Hubble constant using Type Ia supernovae calibrated with surface brightness fluctuations

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<https://pbrown801.github.io/SOUSA/>

# Results (SHOES)

Rotation direction	#	Ho	3% error range	SD
All	96	73.758	70.193-77.404	1.943
Same direction	22	69.049	62.955-76.005	3.42
Opposite direction	36	74.182	68.758-79.915	3.2

Z<0.02 excluded

**When limiting to Ia supernovae that rotate in the same direction relative to the Milky Way, Ho drops.**

Rotation direction	#	Ho	3% error range	SD
All	140	71.069	67.739-74.321	1.758
Same direction	34	69.060	62.998-75.082	3.122
Opposite direction	48	73.824	68.484-79.976	3.158

Z<0.02 not excluded

*McAdam & Shamir, Symmetry (special issue on symmetry in gravitation and cosmology), 15(6), 1190, 2023.*

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