

# Hypervelocity stars and the LMC



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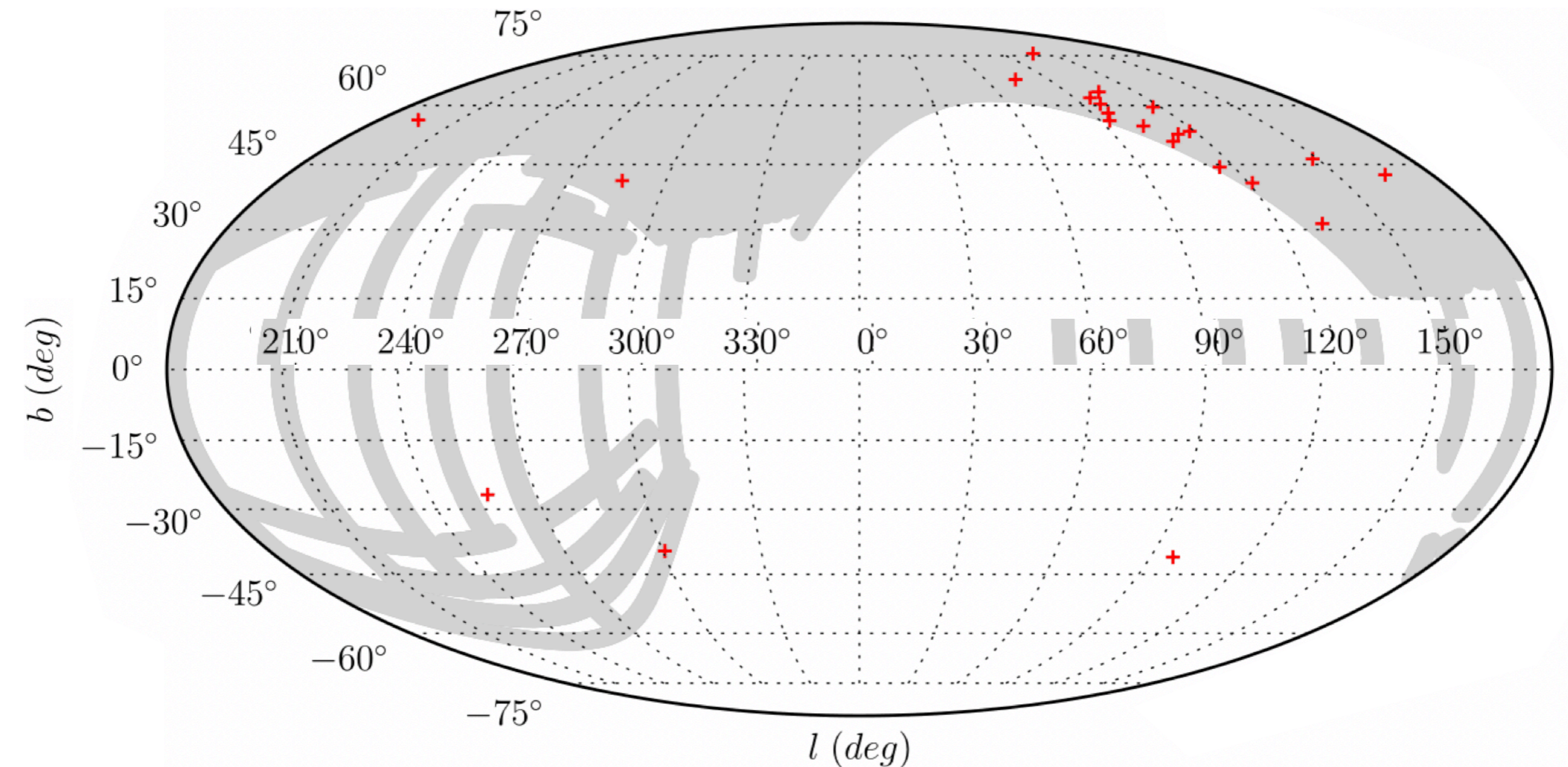


# Outline

- HVS3 - A hypervelocity star from the LMC
- The effect of the LMC on the Milky Way
- The effect of the LMC on hypervelocity stars

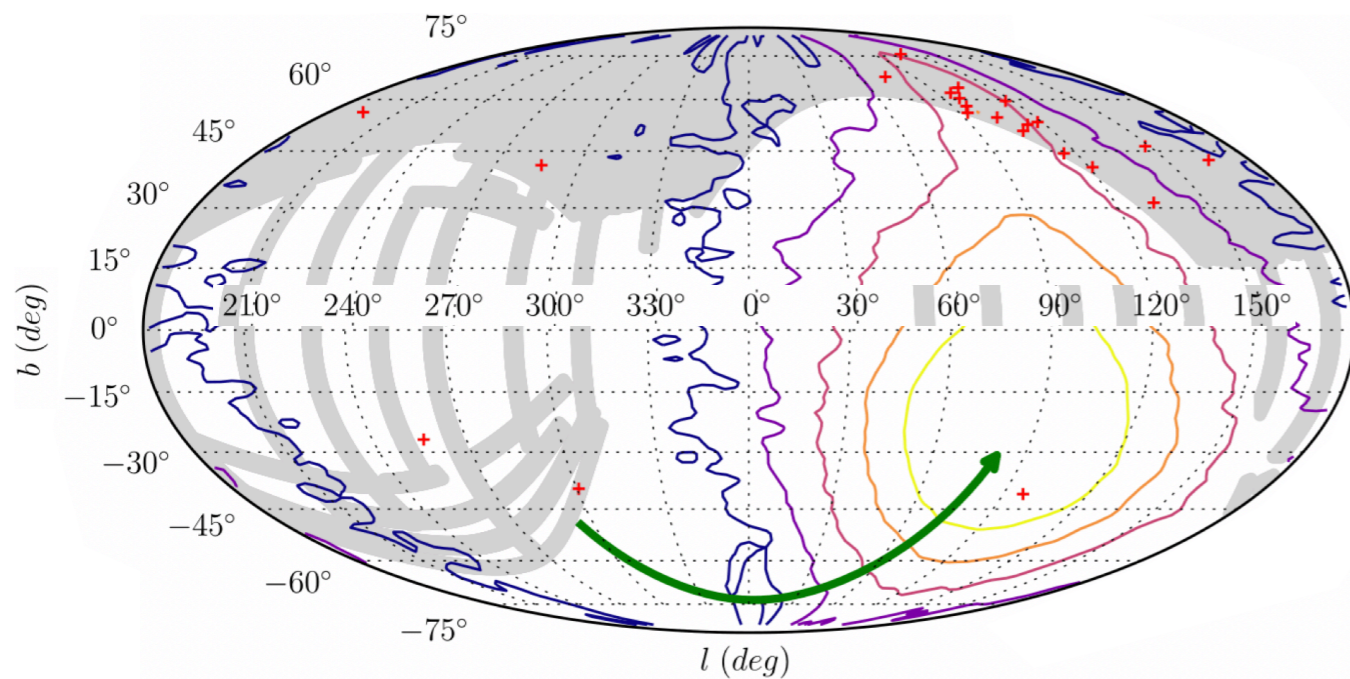
# HVS orbits with Gaia DR2

Hypervelocity stars are anisotropic



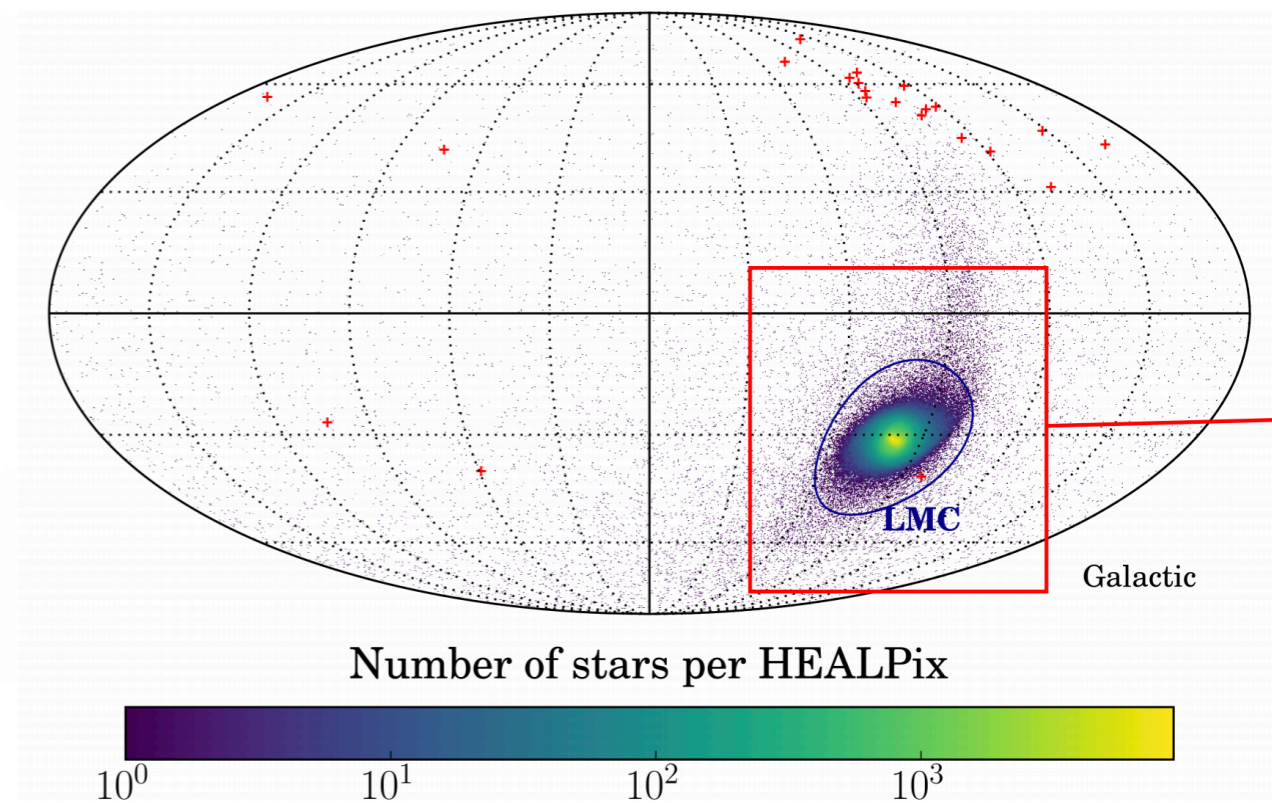
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## Hills mechanism from LMC



Boubert & Evans 2016

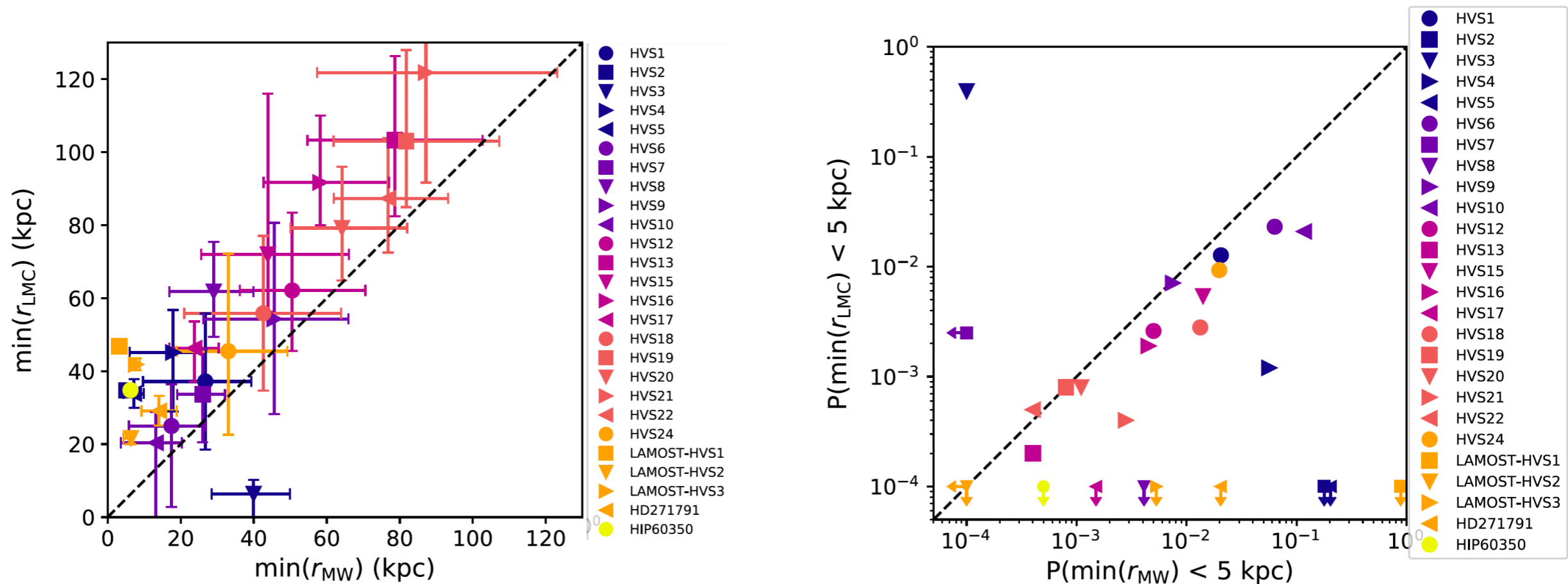
## Runaway stars from LMC



Boubert, Erkal et al. 2017

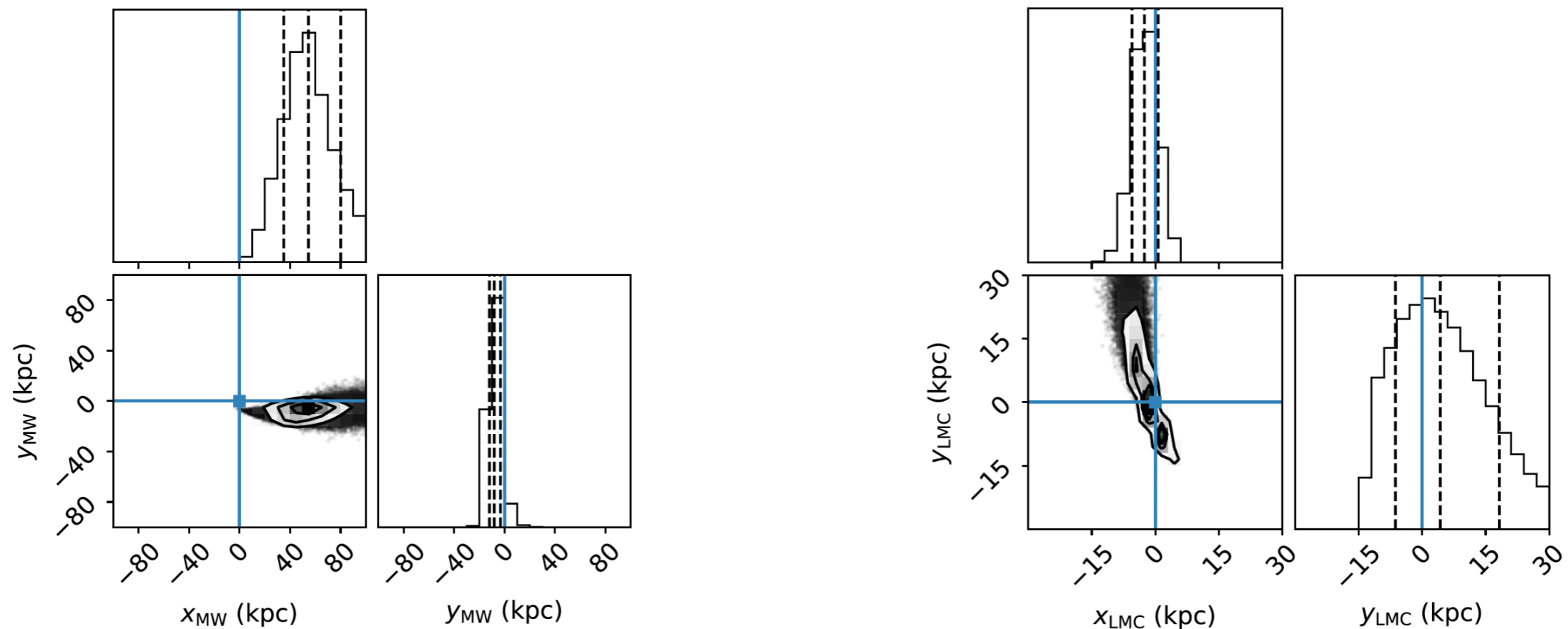
# HVS orbits with Gaia DR2

- Integrate orbits back in combined presence of Milky Way and LMC



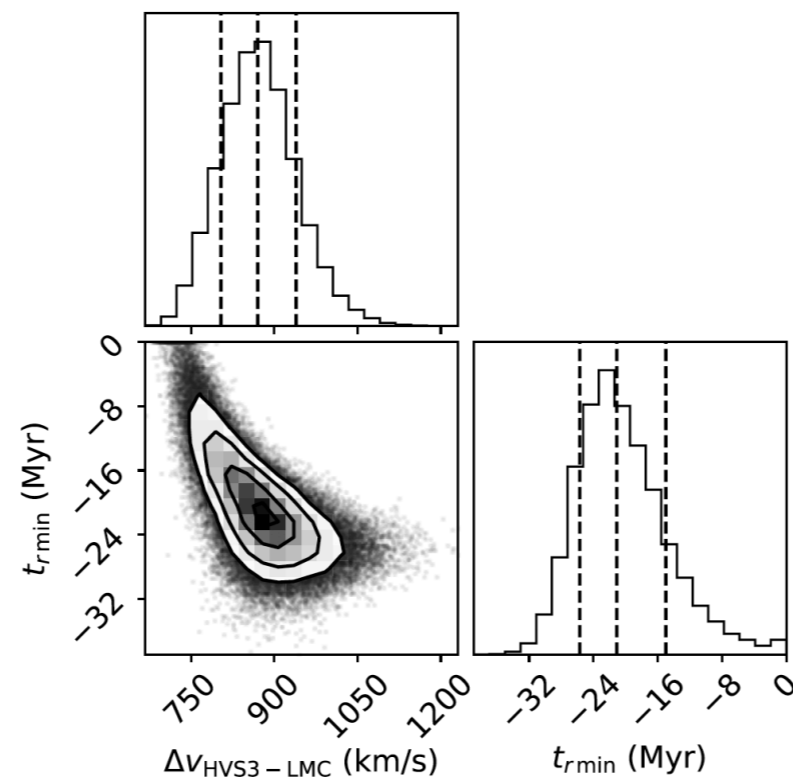
# HVS3

- Check passage through Milky Way plane and LMC plane
- Consistent with origin in the very inner part of the LMC



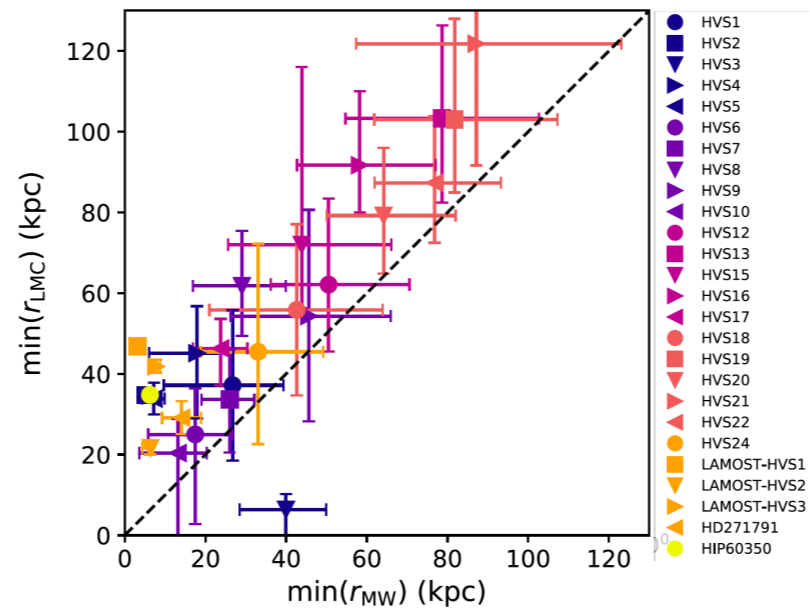
# HVS3

- $\sim 8 M_{\odot}$  star (lifetime  $\sim 35$  Myr)
- $\sim 870$  km/s ejection velocity, 21.1 Myr flight time
- Need a  $4 \times 10^3 - 10^4 M_{\odot}$  blackhole in LMC to eject this
- Too fast to be a runaway, even with LMC disk rotation

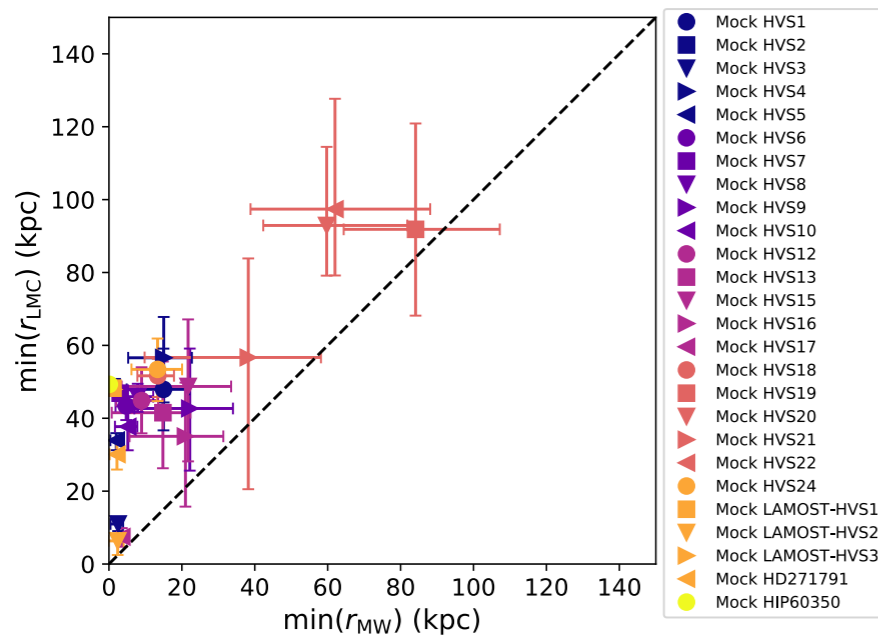


# HVS3 - mock tests

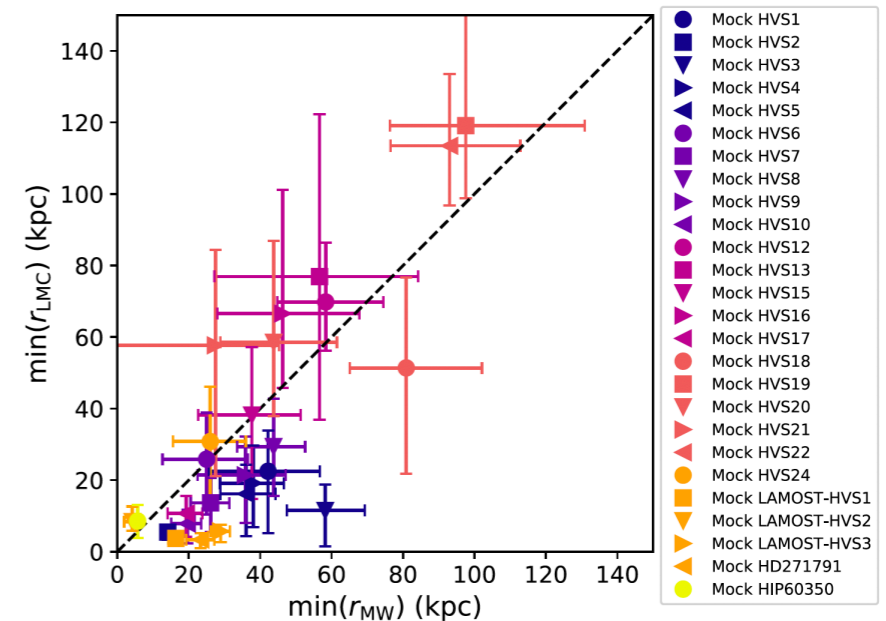
Gaia DR2 orbits



Mocks from MW



Mocks from LMC



**Most of these HVSs do not come from the LMC**

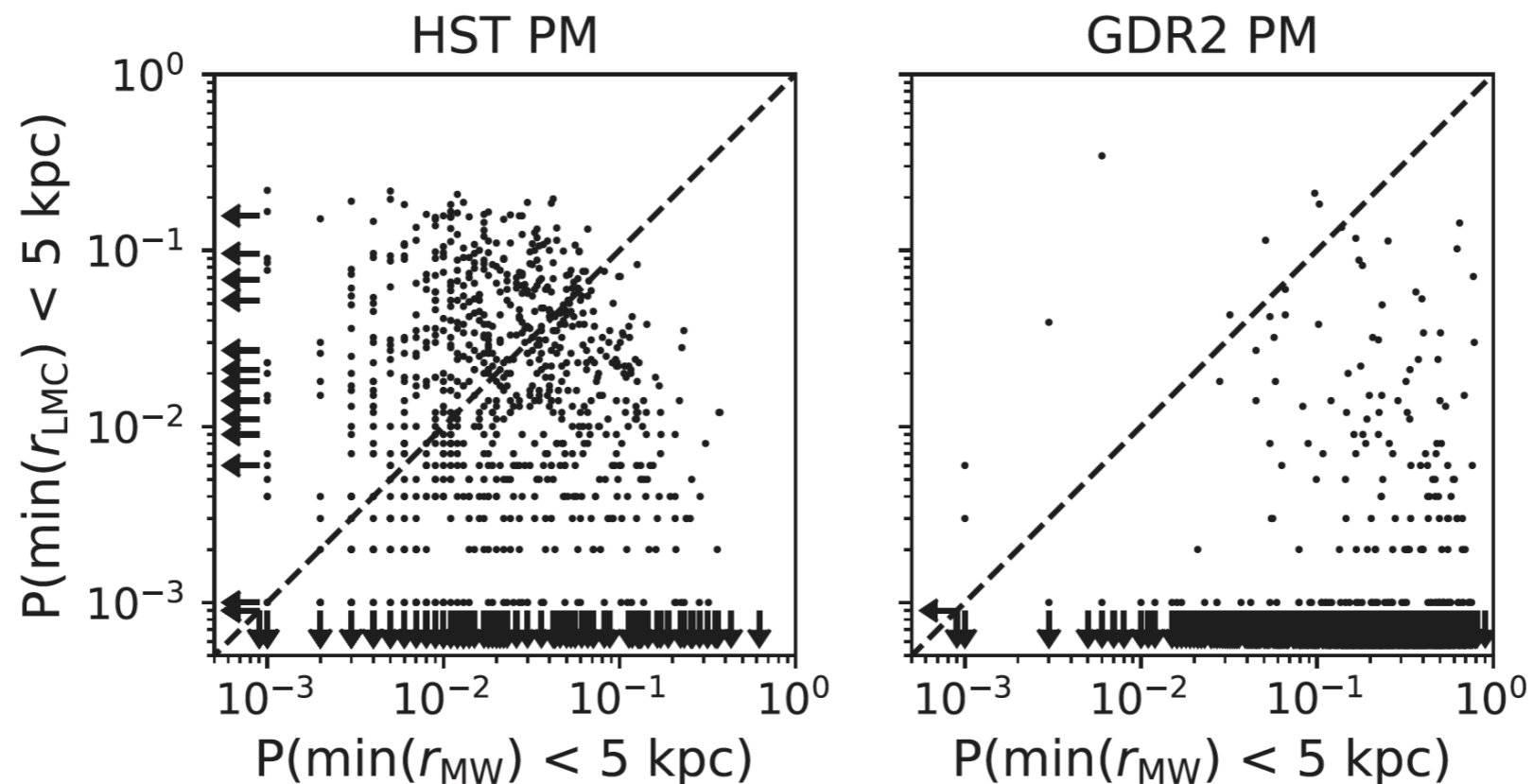
Other LMC HVSs: Hattori et al. 2018



# HVS3 - mock tests

- Gaia DR2 accuracy was critical for understanding HVS3
- High misclassification probability with HST proper motions (Brown et al. 2015)
- With Gaia DR2, only  $\sim 1/1000$

Mocks from MW



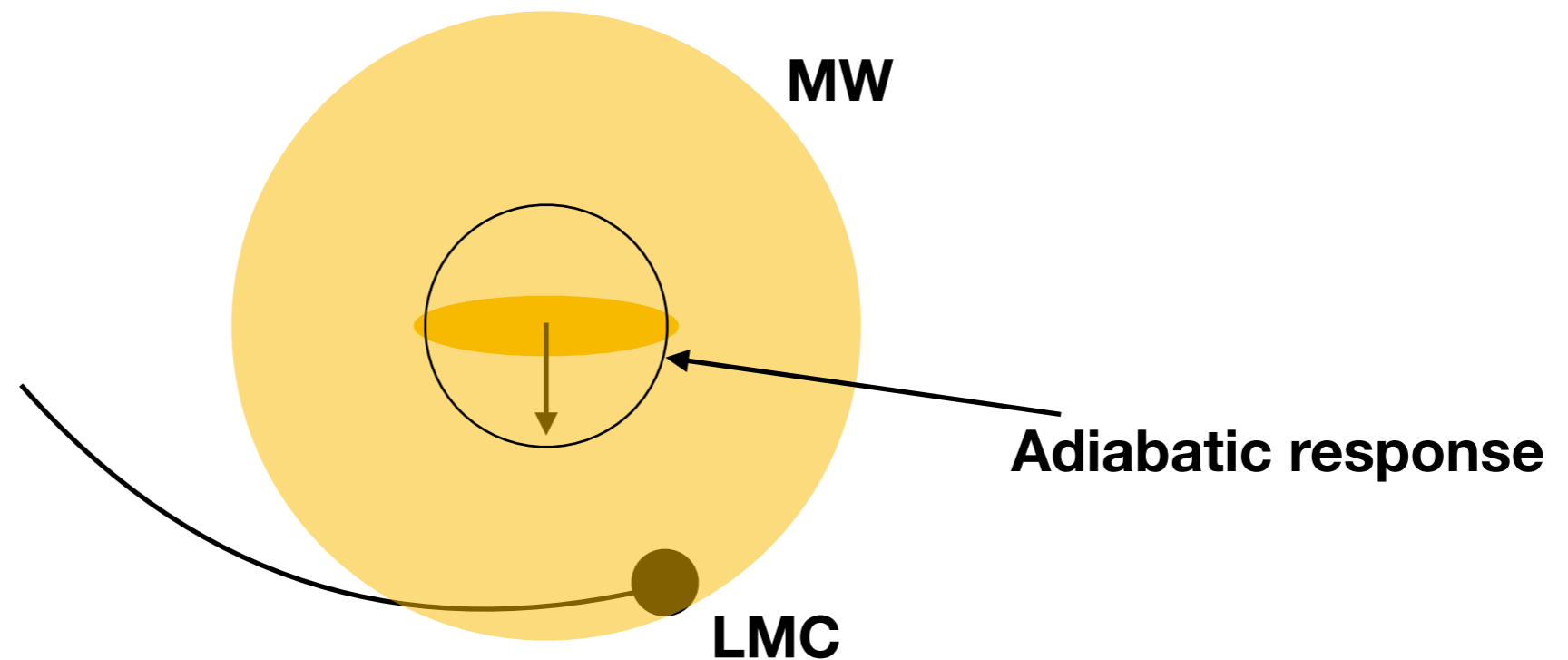
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# Effect of the LMC on the Milky Way

- The LMC is massive:
  - Believed to be on first infall with SMC (Kallivayalil et al. 2013):  
 $M_{\text{LMC}} > \sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$
  - Affects timing argument with M31, nearby Hubble flow (Penarrubia et al. 2016):  
 $M_{\text{LMC}} = 2.5 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$
  - Deflects tidal streams around the Milky Way (Erkal et al. 2019b):  
 $M_{\text{LMC}} = 1.4 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$
  - Group infall with 7 dwarf satellites suggests large LMC mass (Erkal & Belokurov 2019):  
 $M_{\text{LMC}} > 1.2 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$

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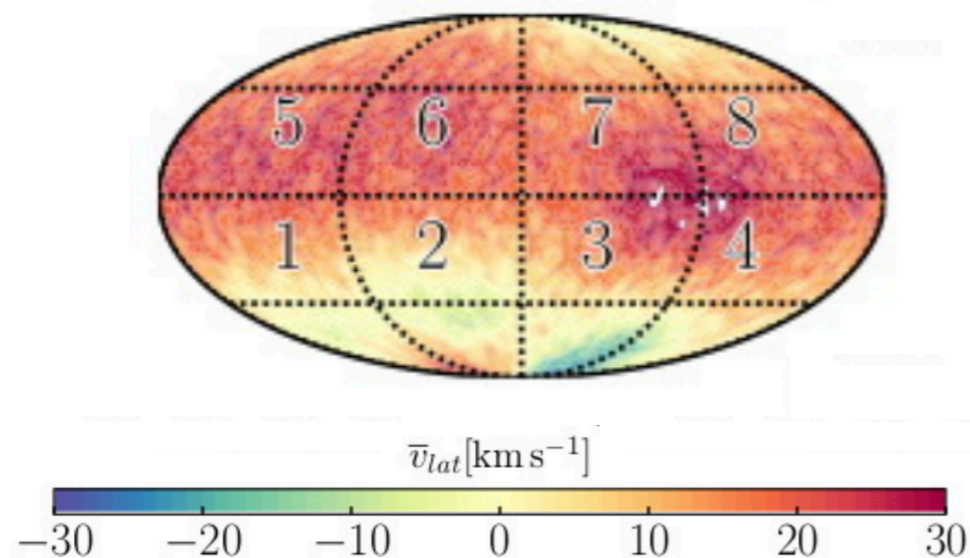


- 1) LMC pulls the inner part of the Milky Way down
- 2) LMC effect is weaker in the outer parts of the Milky Way
- 3) LMC directly affects stars on its past orbit

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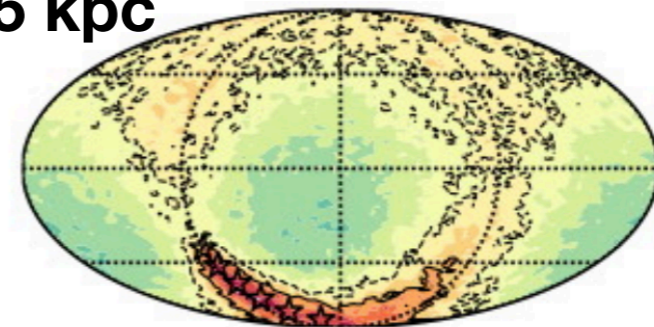
- This means the outer parts of the Milky Way will roughly be moving upwards relative to us

**Predicted upward motion of stellar halo**

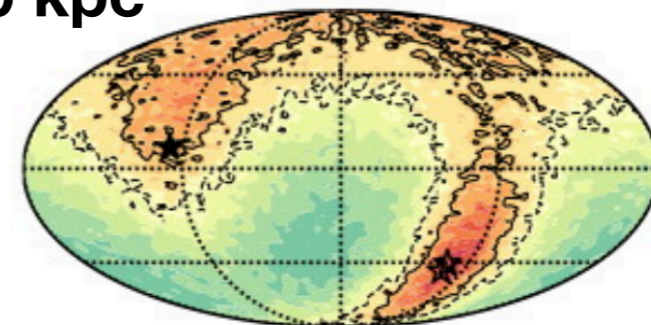


**Wake behind LMC**

**45 kpc**



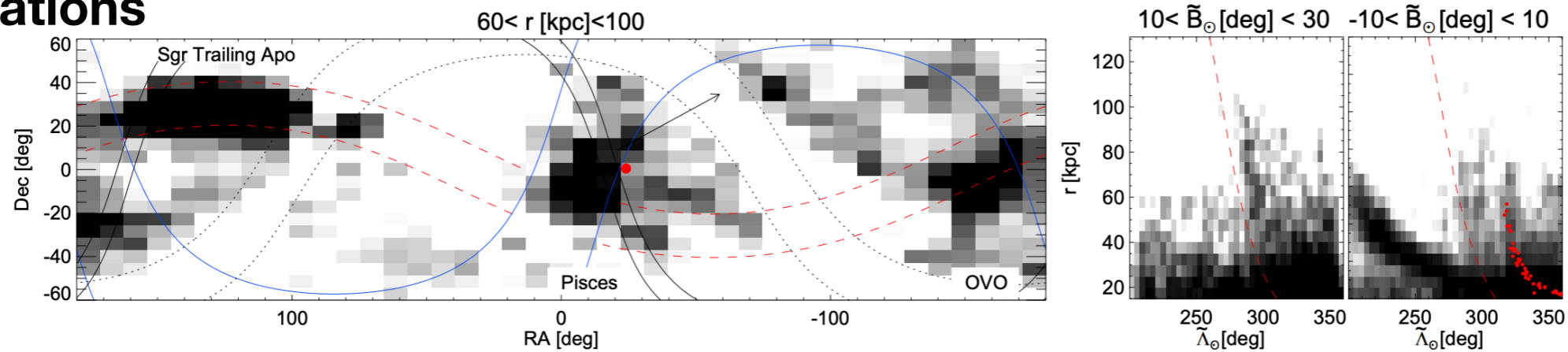
**70 kpc**



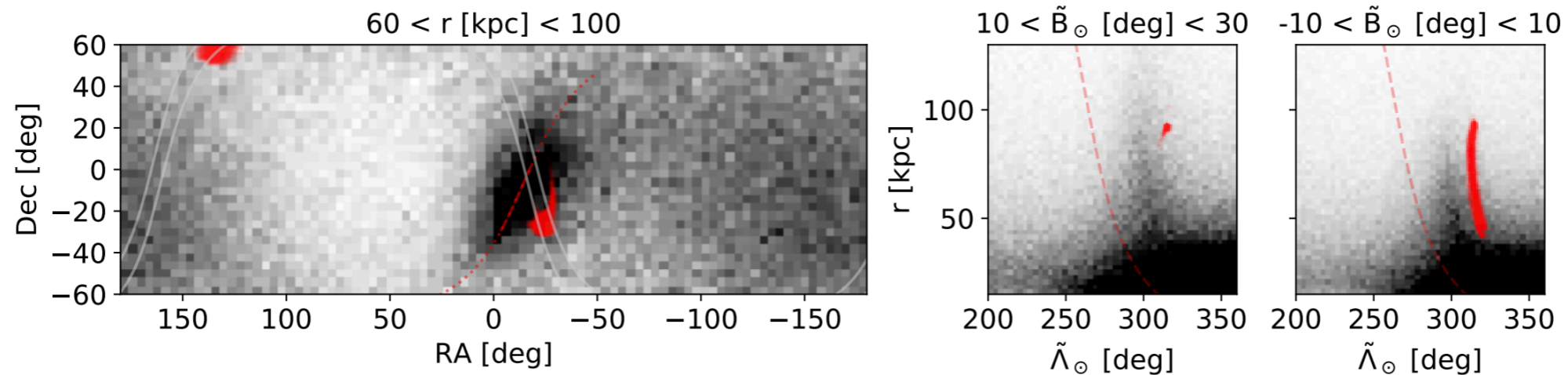
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- We see the wake in the data

## Observations



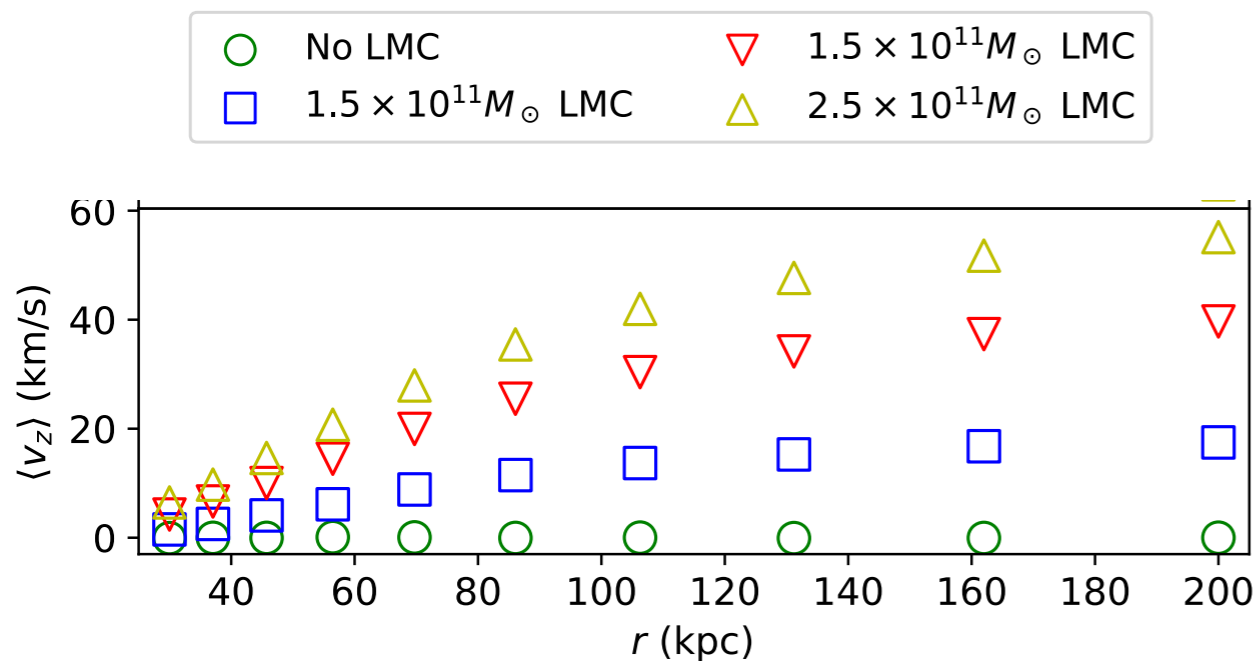
## Simulations



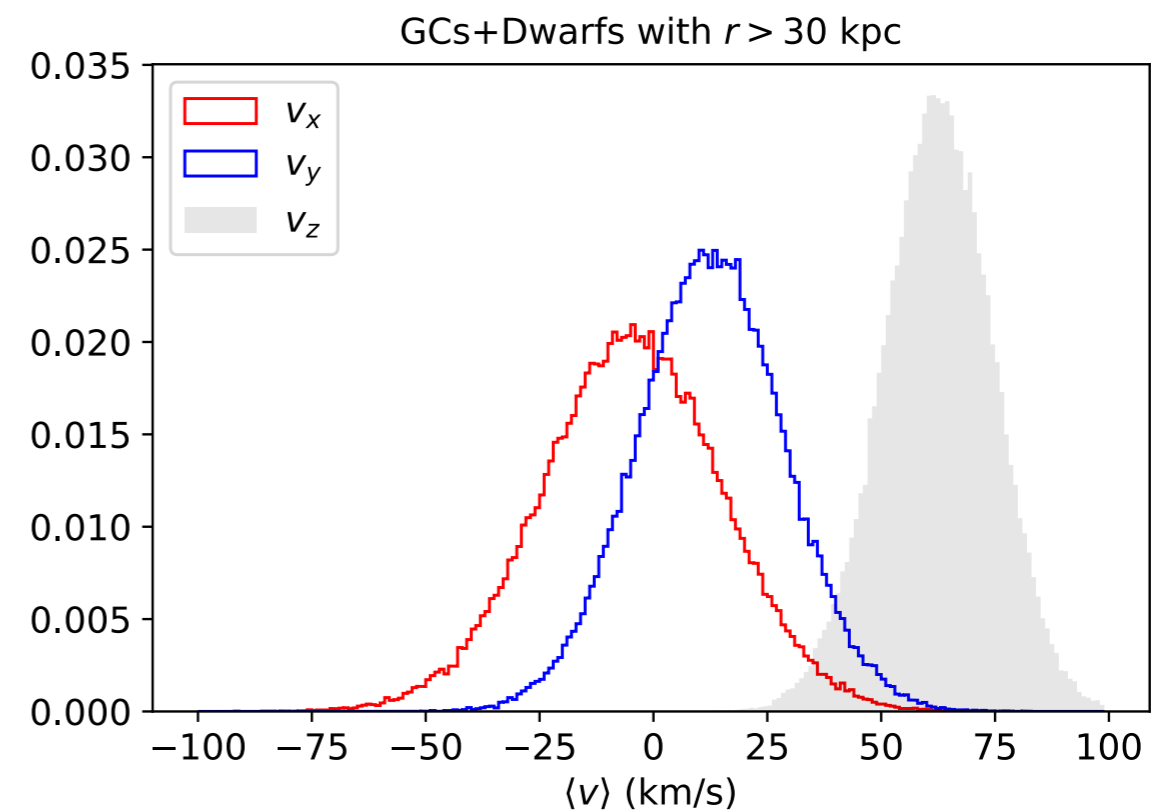
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- We see velocity offsets in the data

## Simulations



## Observations



Tracers in the outer parts of the Galaxy seem to be moving upwards

Erkal et al. in prep

# Effect of the LMC on hypervelocity stars

- So... what does this do to the hypervelocity stars?
- HVS were ejected from a Milky Way with a different velocity and position
- This means the HVSs will not point back to the galactic centre



# Effect of the LMC on hypervelocity stars

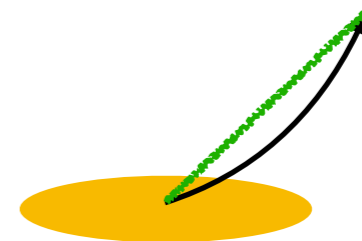
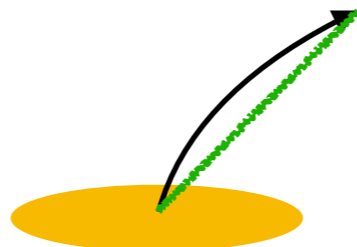
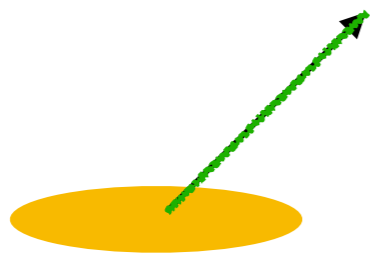
- Setup
  - HVS from Milky Way centre via Hills mechanism (Bromley et al. 2006)
  - Consider massive stars ( $2-4 M_{\odot}$ ) over last 1 Gyr
  - Milky Way potential from *galpy* (Bovy 2016)
  - LMC mass of  $1.5 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ ,  $2.5 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$
  - Only considering unbound stars

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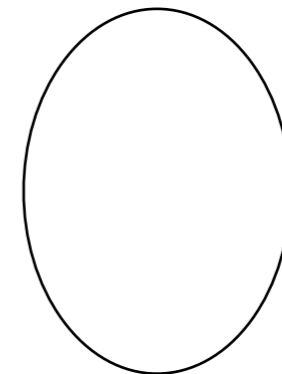
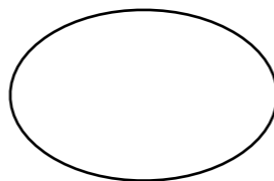
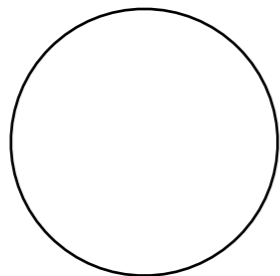
**Spherical**

**Oblate**

**Prolate**



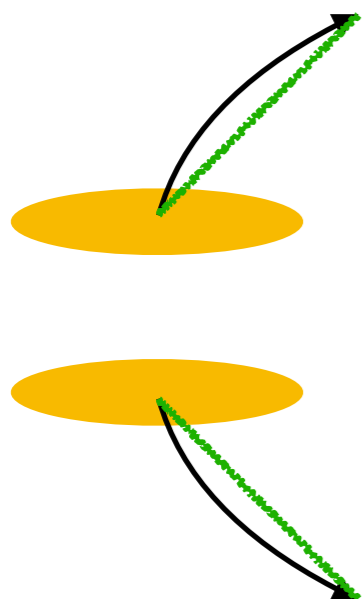
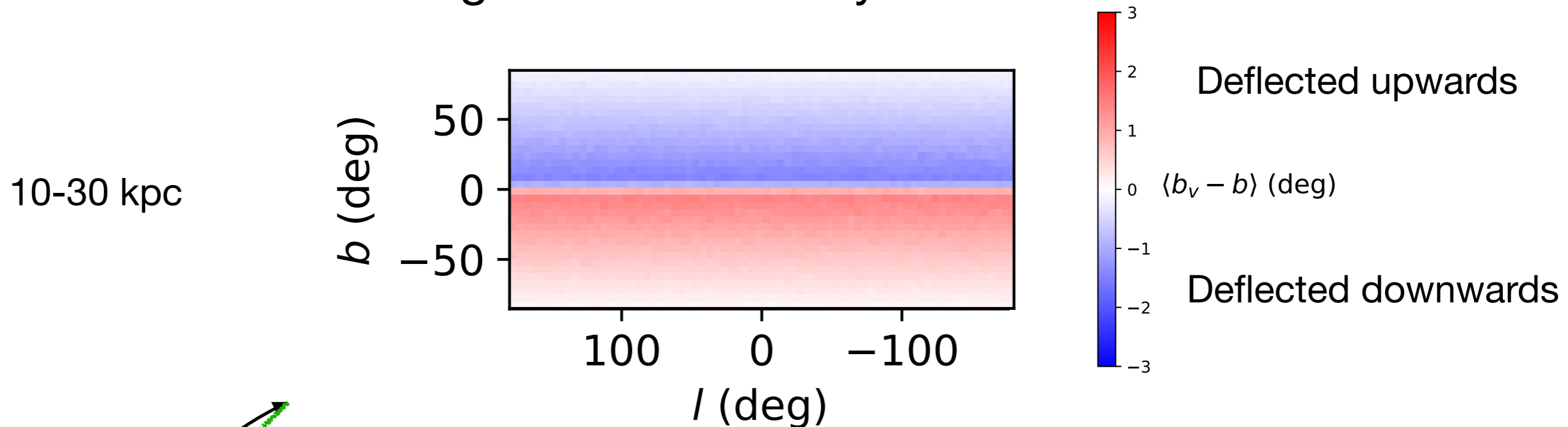
**Potential  
inferred**



**Compare radial direction with velocity to measure flattening**

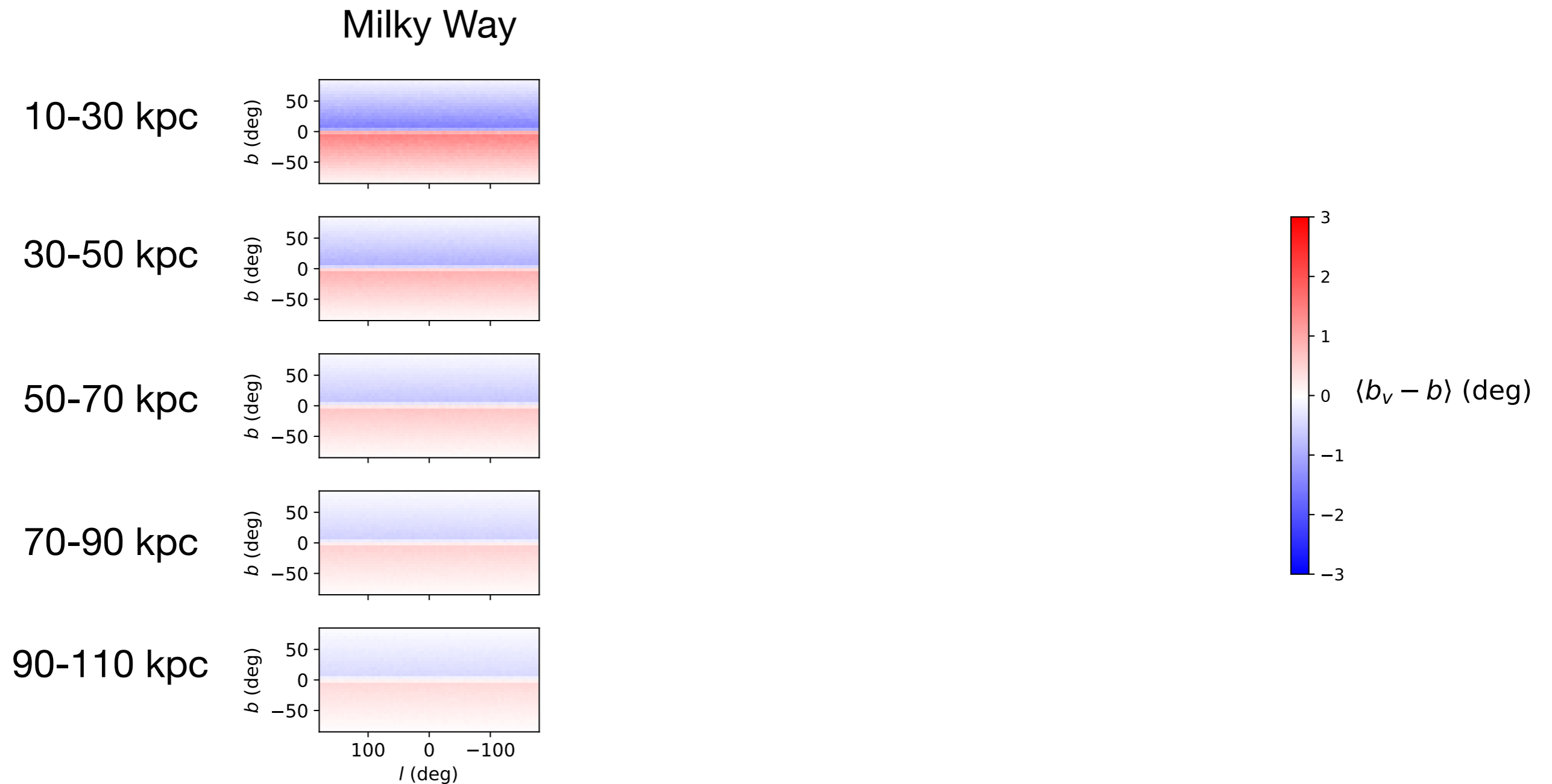
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Mean misalignment of velocity and radial direction

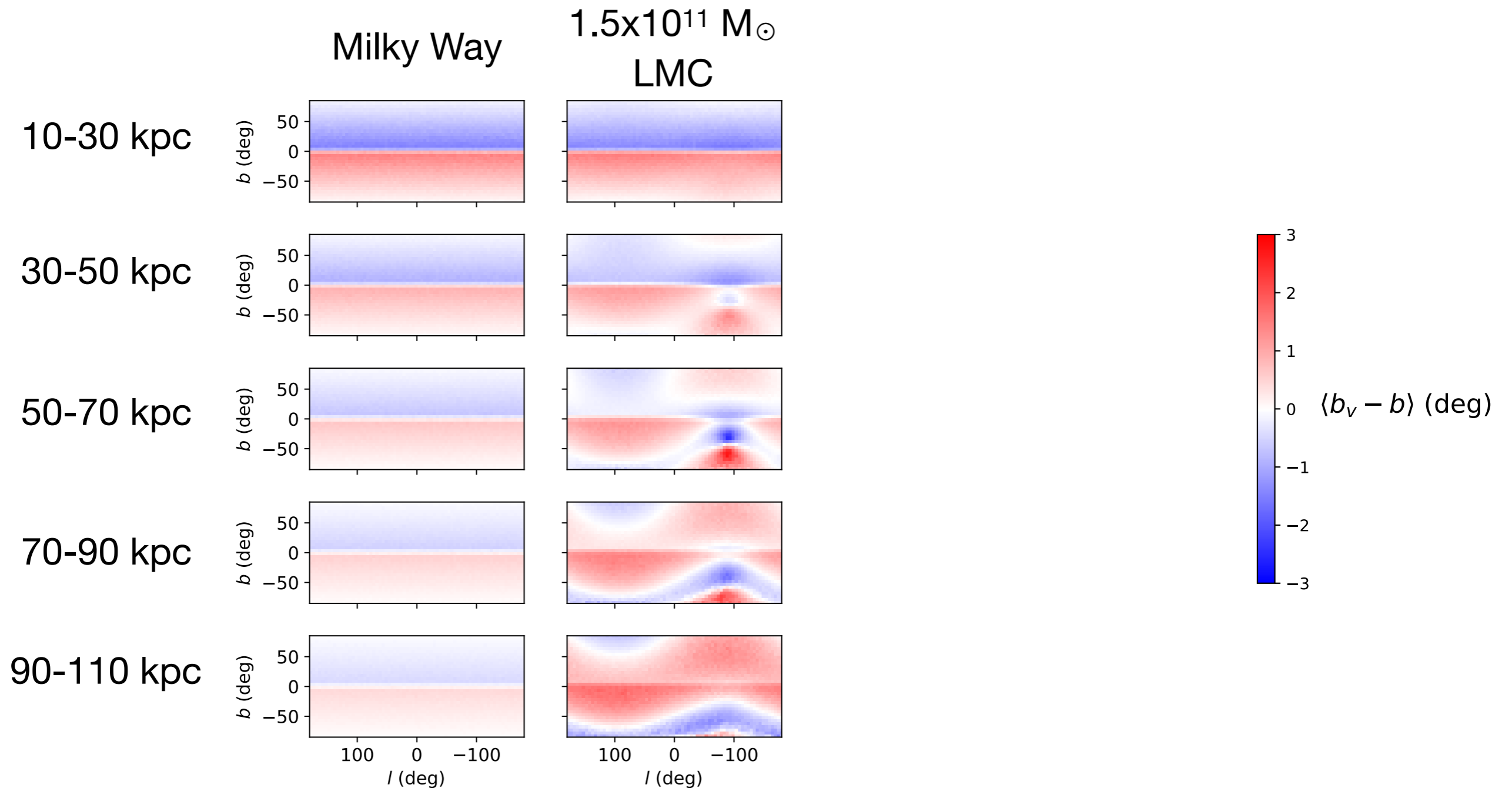


**Oblate potential due to the disk**

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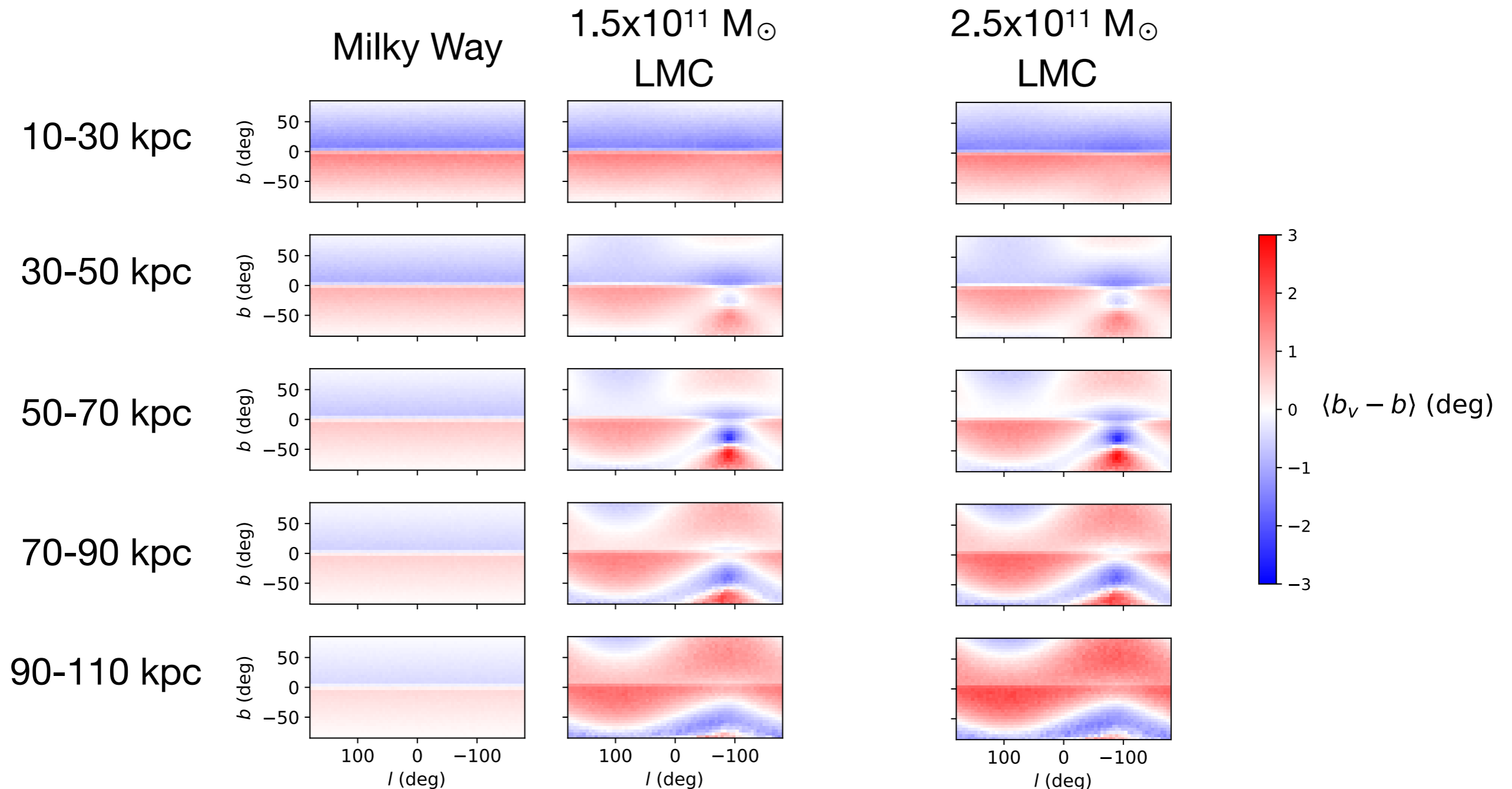


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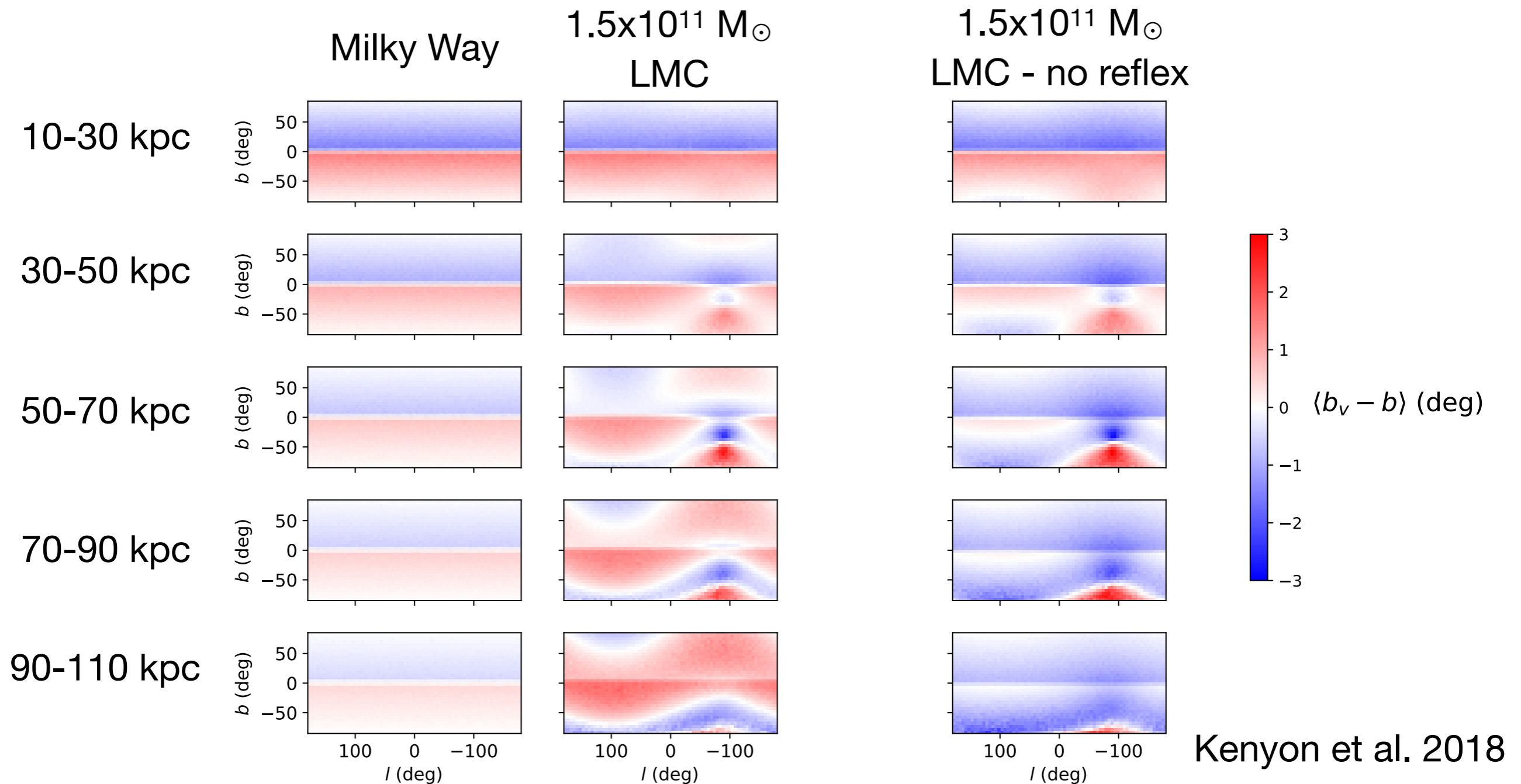
**LMC is important beyond ~30 kpc**

# Effect of the LMC on hypervelocity stars



**Increasing the LMC mass increases the deflection**

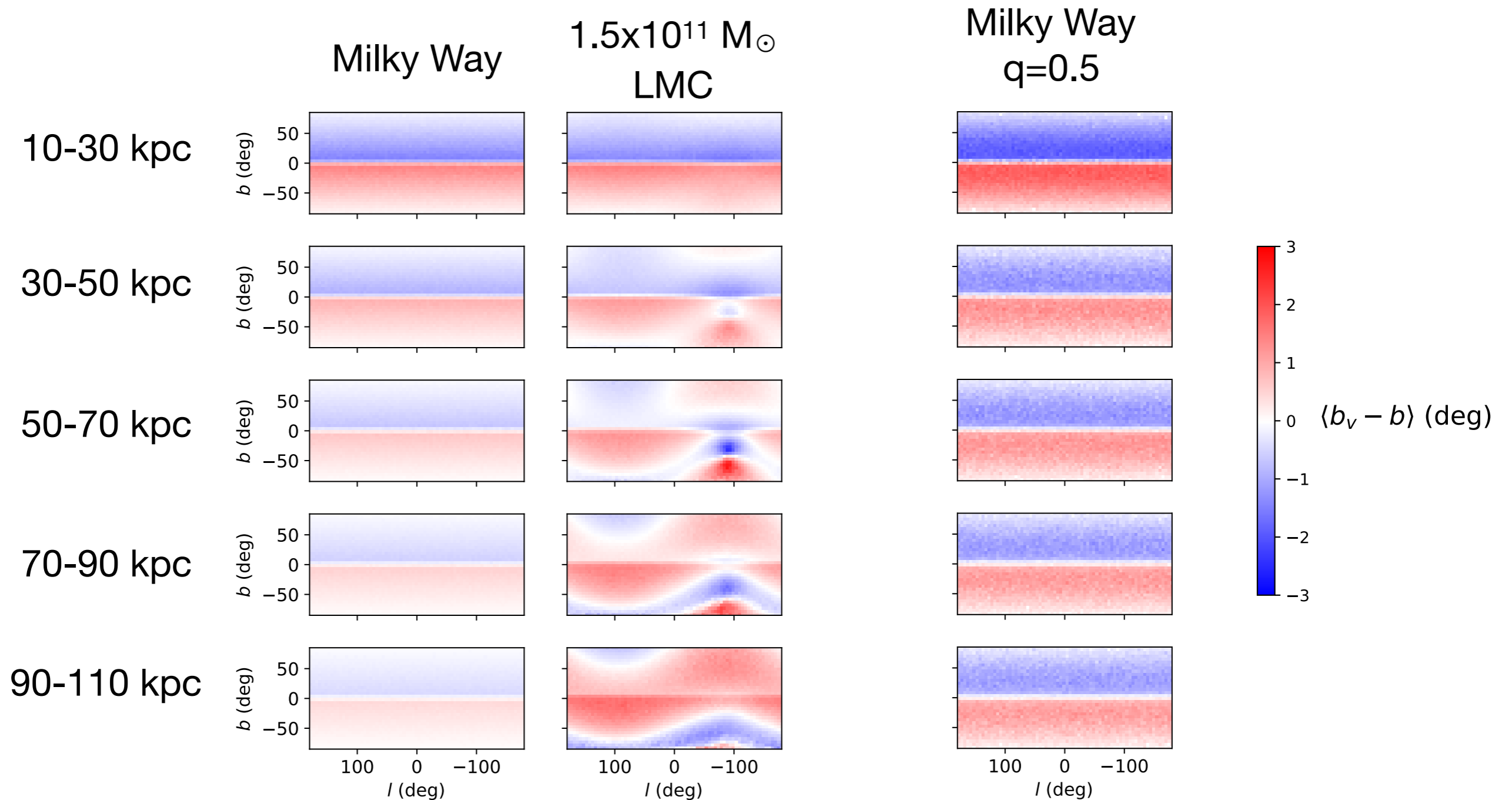
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Kenyon et al. 2018

**Including LMC with fixed Milky Way goes the wrong way**

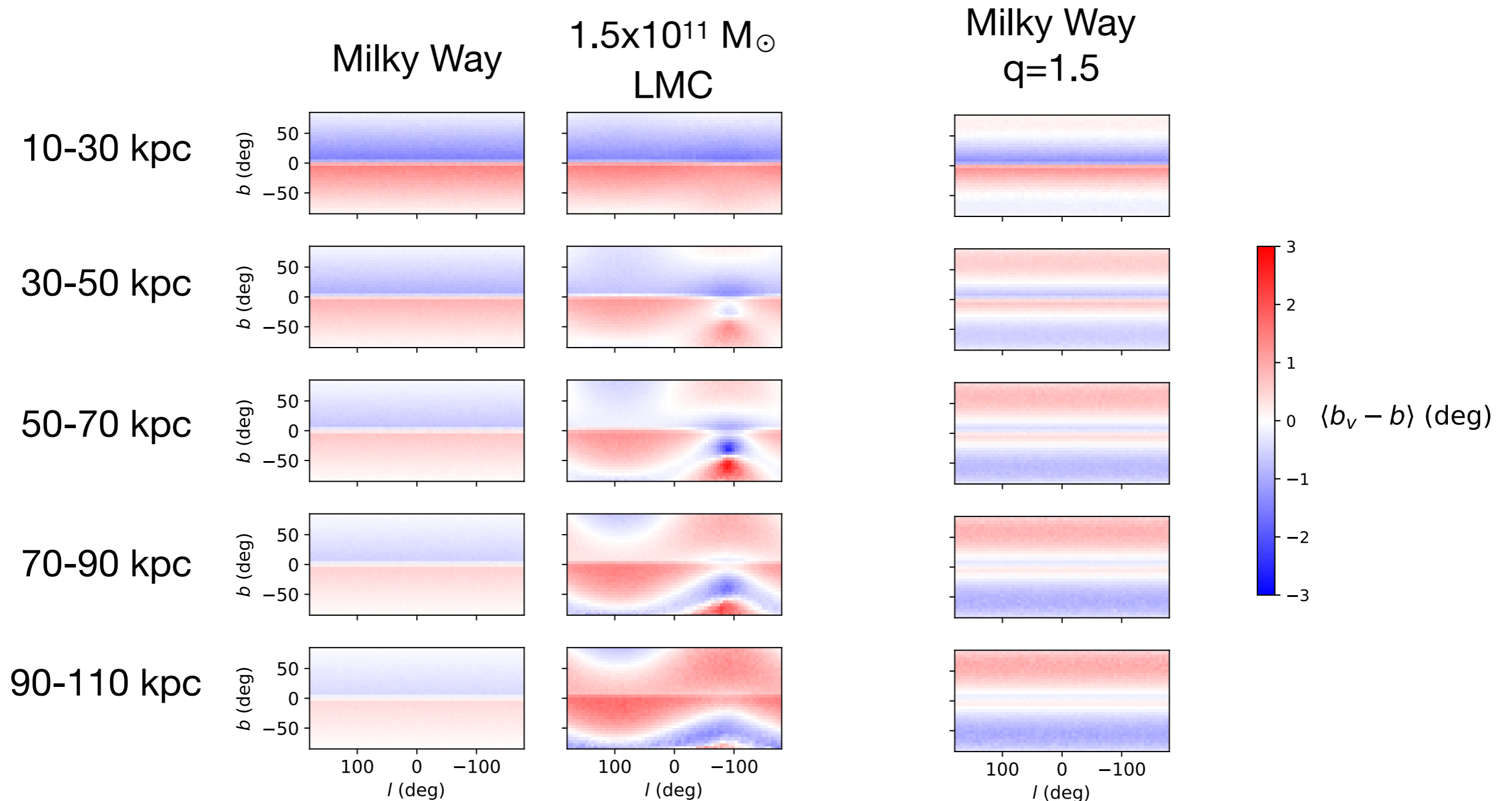
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# Effect of the LMC on hypervelocity stars



**LMC has larger effect than  $q=1.5$  halo in parts of the sky**

# Conclusions

- HVS3 comes from the LMC - ejected at  $\sim 870$  km/s
- Compatible with Hills mechanism and an LMC blackhole mass of  $4 \times 10^3 - 10^4 M_{\odot}$
- The LMC is massive and has a large effect on (nearly?) everything in the outer part of the Milky Way
- LMC can deflect HVSs by  $\sim 3$  degrees ( $\sim 5$  kpc at 100 kpc)
- LMC has larger effect than expected shape of the halo (can masquerade as  $q \sim 0.5$  or  $q \sim 1.5$ )