CHARACTERISING THE LOCAL VOID WITH X-RAY CLUSTERS FROM REFLEX II



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ROSAT All-Sky Survey Brightest Sources



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OUTLINE

- Motivation
- Properties of REFLEX II
- Under density in Southern Hemisphere
- Density distributions in NGC & SGC regions
- Cosmological context & implications



Under density from UKIDSS & 2MASS selected galaxies. Spectra from 2dFGRS, 6dFGRS, SDSS, 2MR + GAMA, 35,000 galaxies, Area: 600 square degrees Under density in SGC region from K & r band limited n(z) distributions from 6dFGRS and SDSS and number counts 250,000 galaxies Area: 9,000 square degrees

INVESTIGATING UNDER DENSITY WITH X-RAY CLUSTERS

- Probe large volumes ~10's 100's Mpc
- Clusters are biased tracers, compared to galaxies
 This should amplify any density contrast
- REFLEX II is a large homogenous X-ray flux limited cluster survey out to z~0.5
 - REFLEX II covers entire Southern Sky above |b| = 20⁰
 one third of entire sky (4.24 sr) !
- Avoids photometric, aperture, stellar population biases which affect galaxies
- However, there a fewer clusters than galaxies !

REFLEX II

- RASS Based Survey
- Completeness > 90%
- Lx > 10⁴² erg s⁻¹
- 915 clusters/groups

N	155	290	372				
Böhringer+(2013)							





♦ Over density at z=0.05 – 0.07





DENSITY VARIATIONS ACROSS SOUTHERN SKY



UNDER DENSITY TOWARDS SGC & NGC + COMPARISON WITH WHITBOURN & SHANKS (W&S)



South Galactic Cap (SGC)

(b)

norm

North Galactic Cap (NGC)

	z < 0.05		z< 0.1	
W&S	0.60±0.05	0.96±0.10	0.75±0.05	0.94±0.07
REFLEX II	0.45±0.10	1.02±0.17	0.84±0.09	1.18±0.12
	SGC	NGC	SGC	NGC

 $n(z_{\text{DATA}})/n(z_{\text{MODEL}}) = \phi(z)/\phi_{\text{global}} \left[\delta z = 0.002 \right]$

0.0

2.0

IMPLICATIONS REFLEX II provides new



"Toy" model which produces a cosmic void profile of radius ~250 Mpc without the need for spherical symmetry. REFLEX II provides new evidence for a rising matter density out to 200-250 Mpc

 It is claimed this size of void can explain SNe-1a results without dark energy e.g. Bolejko & Sussman (2011)



IMPLICATIONS

REFLEX probes LSS on scales z=0.1-0.3 very well

Large voids with rapidly changing potentials over Gpc scales $(z\sim0.2)$ appear ruled out at least in southern hemisphere

e.g. February et al (2010)





CONCLUSIONS

- There is a significant void 30±6% ~z=0.05 (~200 Mpc) over 4.24 sr
- SGC: Large under density
 - ➤ 55±10% out to z~0.05
- NGC: No under density
 - 2±17% out to z~0.05
- Consistent with density profiles models (~250 Mpc)
- Large gradients in density on Gpc scales (z~0.2) ruled out by X-ray clusters
- Lack of under density to z~0.1 renders "Hubble Bubble" model an unlikely explanation of H₀ tension [Local-CMB]