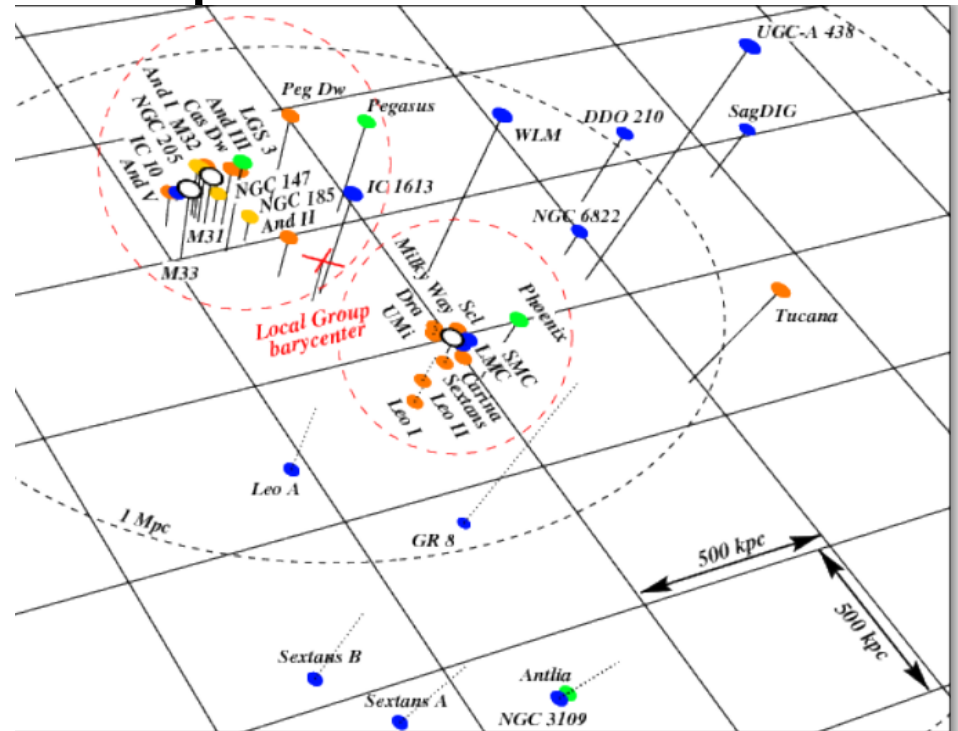


Local Group

- Our galactic neighborhood consists of one more 'giant' spiral (M31, Andromeda), a smaller spiral M33 and lots of (>35 galaxies), most of which are dwarf ellipticals and irregulars with low mass; **most are satellites of MW, M31 or M33**
- The gravitational interaction between these systems is complex but the local group is apparently bound.
- Major advantages
 - close and bright- all nearby enough that individual stars can be well measured as well as HI, H2, IR, x-ray sources and even γ -rays
 - wider sample of universe than MW (e.g. range of metallicities, star formation rate etc etc) to be studied in detail

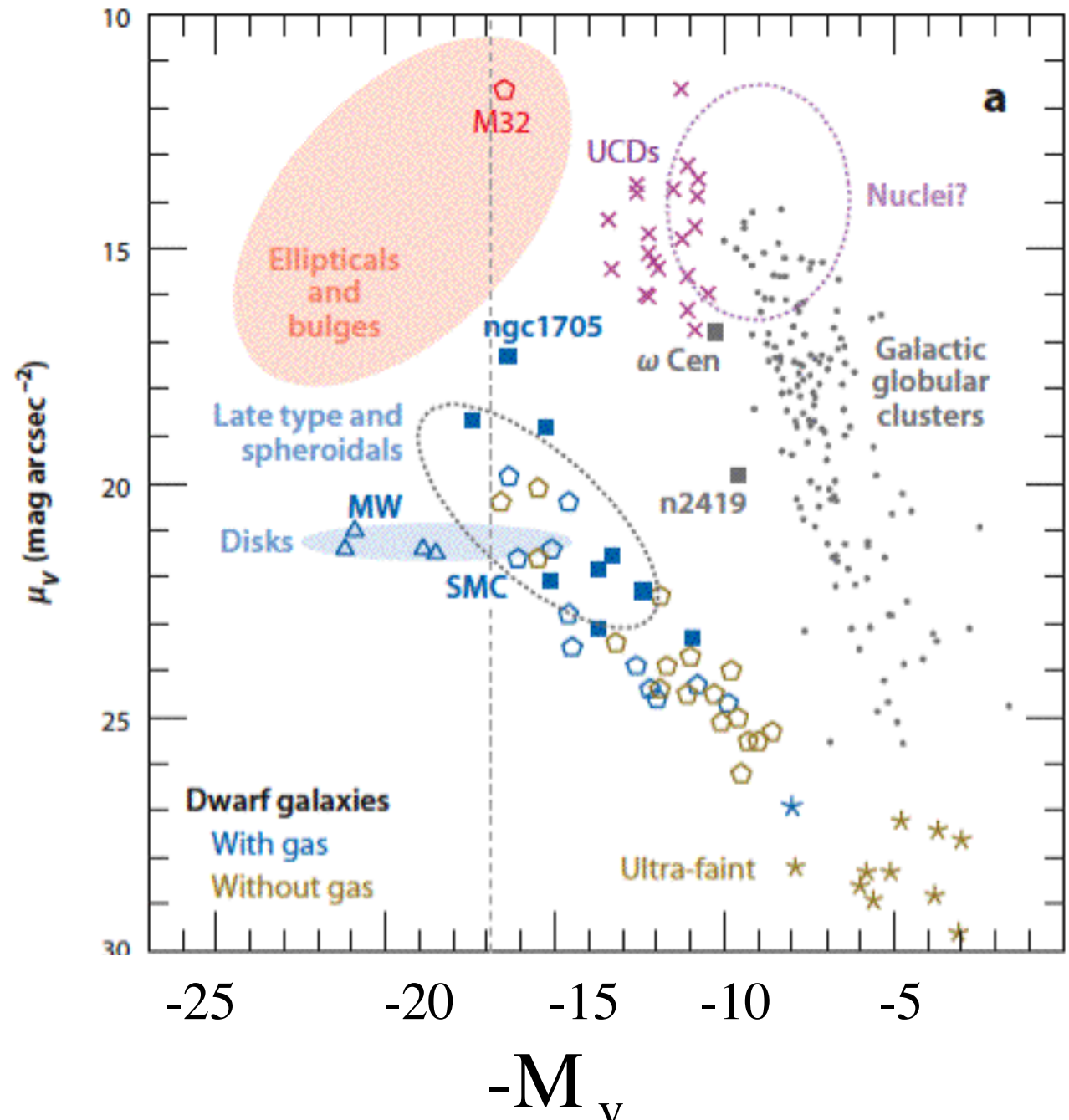


- allows study of dark matter on larger scales and first glimpse at galaxy formation
- calibration of Cepheid distance scale

MBW fig 2.31

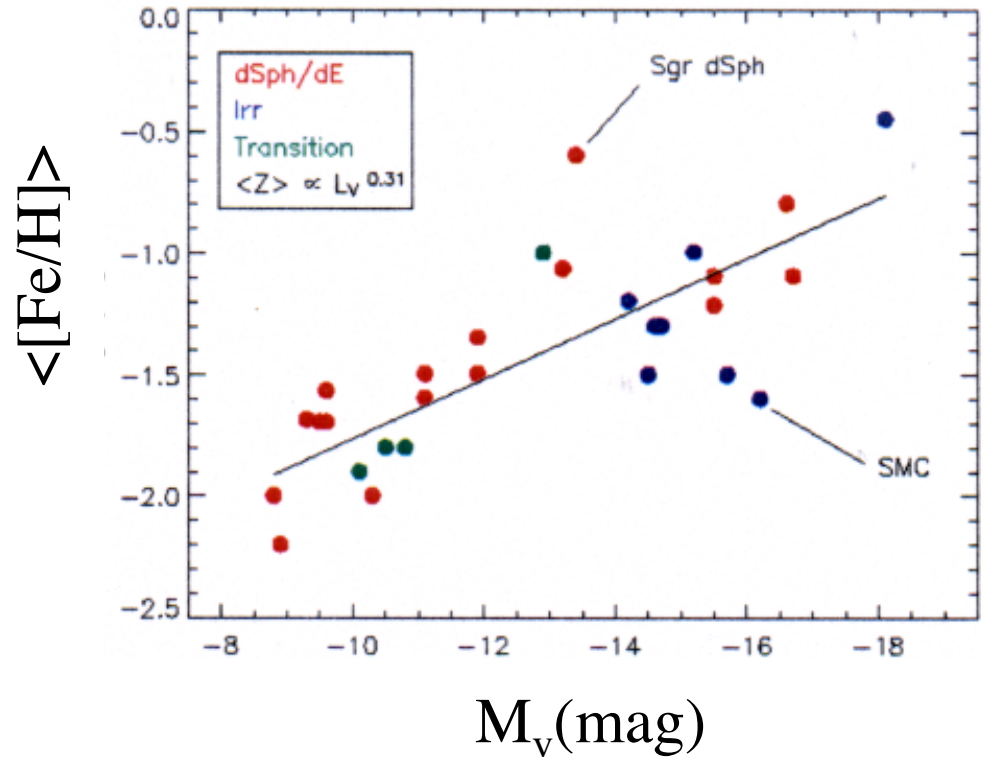
Local Group Galaxies - Wide Range of Luminosity

- Local Group dwarfs galaxies trace out a narrow line in the surface brightness luminosity-plane
- (Tolstoy et al 2009)



Wide Range of Luminosities

- MW/M31 $\sim 2 \times 10^{10} L_{\odot}$
- LMC $\sim 2 \times 10^9 L_{\odot}$
- Fornax dSph $1 \times 10^7 L_{\odot}$
- Carina dSph $3 \times 10^5 L_{\odot}$
- Because of closeness and relative brightness of stars the Color Magnitude Diagram combined with Spectroscopy of resolved stars can produce 'accurate'
 - star formation histories
 - Chemical evolution

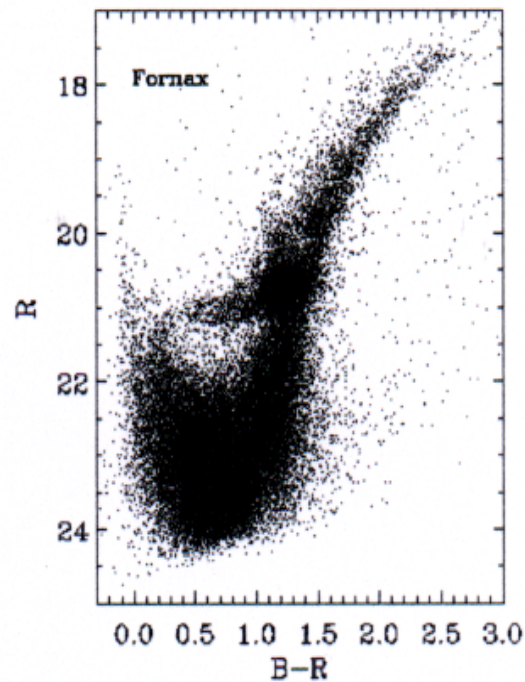
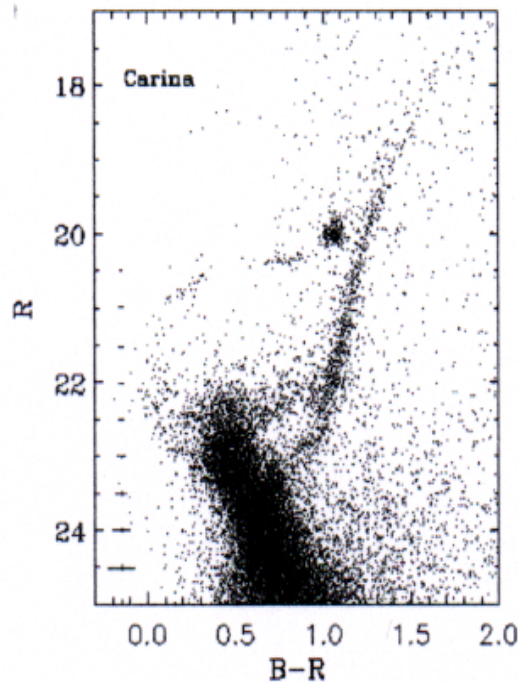


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Despite wide variety of 'local' environments (near/far from MW/M31) trends in chemical composition seem to depend primarily on galaxies properties

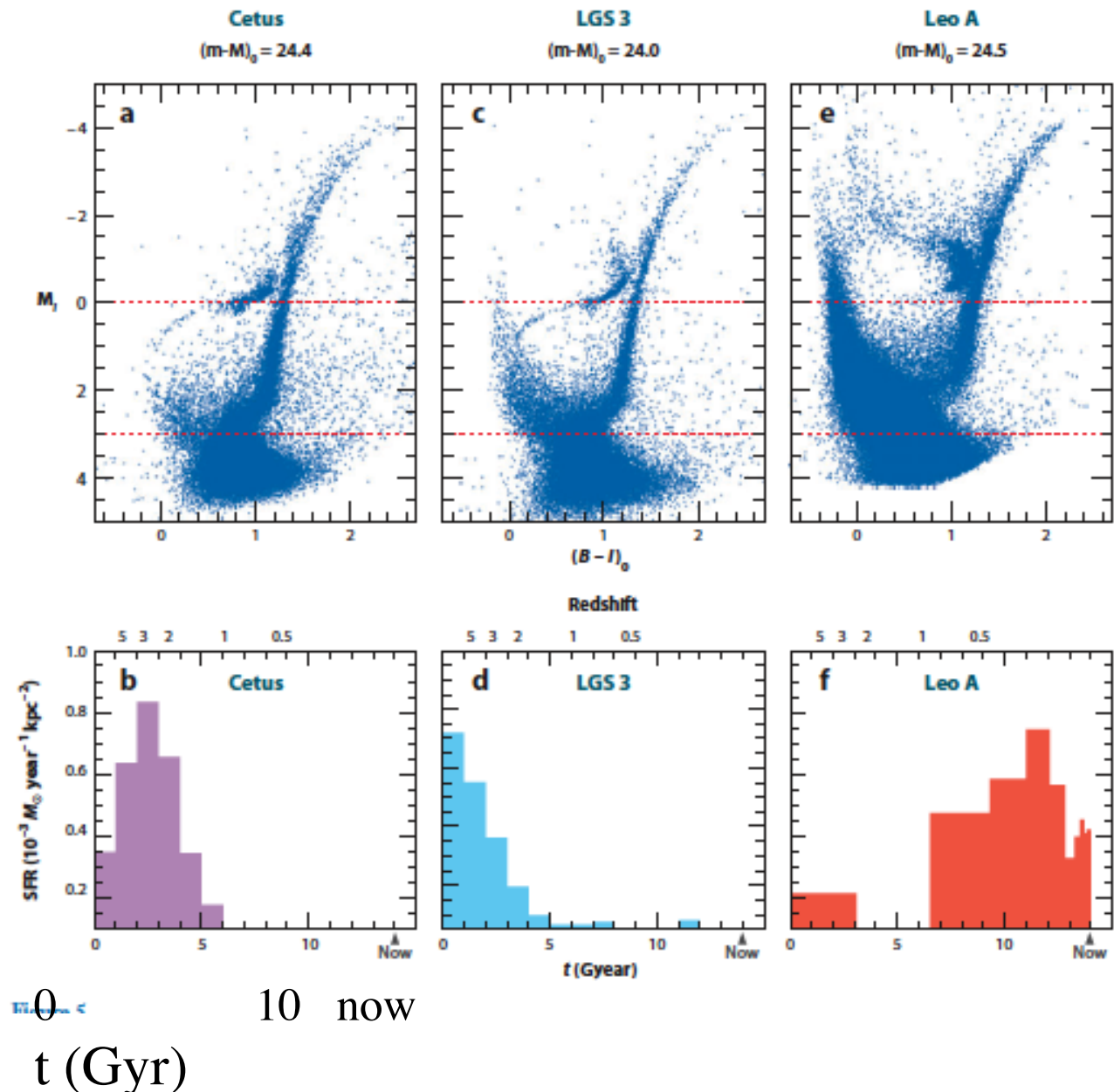
Star Formation Histories

- Analysis of CMDs shows presence of both old and (some) young stars in the dwarfs -complex SF history
- The galaxies do not show the same SF history- despite their physical proximity and being in a bound system
- Their relative chemical abundances show some differences with low metallicity stars in the MW.



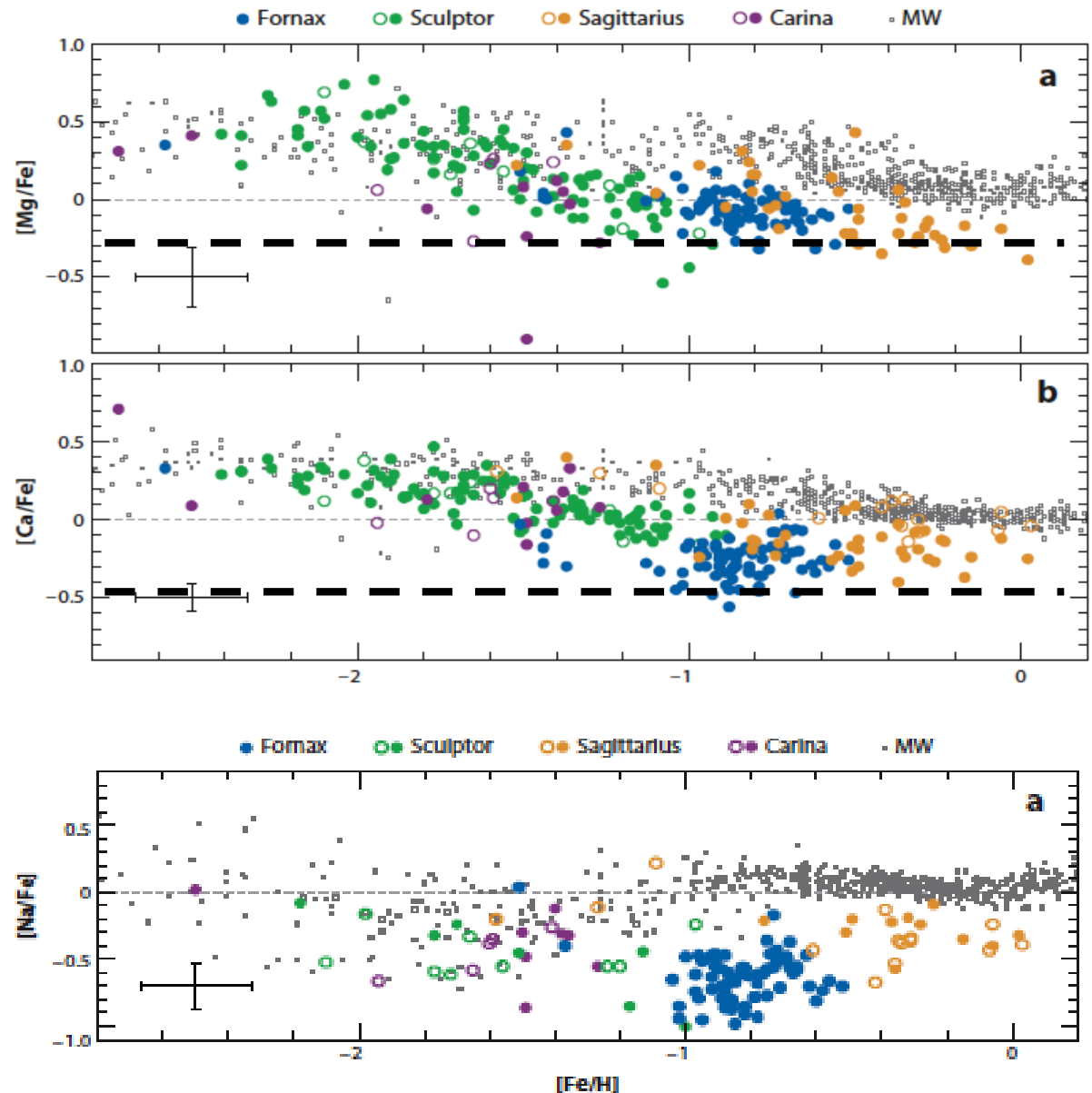
Star Formation Histories Local Group Dwarfs

- With HST can observed color magnitude diagram for individual stars in local group galaxies
- Using the techniques discussed earlier can invert this to get the star formation history
- Note 2 extremes: very old systems (Cetus, wide range of SF histories (Leo A))
- (Tolstoy, Hill, Tosi Annual Reviews 2009)



- Overall metallicity of LG dwarfs is low but some patterns similar others different to stars in MW (black dots- Tolstoy et al 2009)- different SN??
- How to reconcile their low observed metallicity with the fairly high SFR of the most metal-poor systems many of which are actively star-forming
- best answer metal-rich gas outflows, e.g. **galactic winds**, triggered by supernova explosions in systems with shallow potential wells, efficiently remove the metal-enriched gas from the system.
- Only In LG can wind models be well constrained by chemical abundance observations.

Metallicities In LG Dwarfs Vs MW



Closed Box Approximation-Tinsley 1980, Fund. Of Cosmic Physics, 5, 287-388

- To get a feel for how chemical evolution and SF are related (S+G q 4.13-4.17)- but a different approach (Veilleux 2010)
- at time t , mass ΔM_{total} of stars formed, after the massive stars die left with $\Delta M_{\text{low mass}}$ which live 'forever',
- massive stars inject into ISM a mass $p\Delta M_{\text{total}}$ of heavy elements (p depends on the IMF and the yield of SN- normalized to total mass of stars).
- Assumptions: galaxies gas is well mixed, no infall or outflow, high mass stars return metals to ISM faster than time to form new stars)

$$M_{\text{total}} = M_{\text{gas}} + M_{\text{star}} = \text{constant} (M_{\text{baryons}}) ; M_{\text{h}} \text{ mass of heavy elements in gas} = ZM_{\text{gas}}$$

$$dM'_{\text{stars}} = \text{total mass made into stars}, dM''_{\text{stars}} = \text{amount of mass instantaneously returned to ISM enriched with metals}$$

$$dM_{\text{stars}} = dM'_{\text{stars}} - dM''_{\text{stars}} \text{ net matter turned into stars}$$

$$\text{define } y \text{ as the yield of heavy elements- } yM_{\text{star}} = \text{mass of heavy elements returned to ISM}$$

Closed Box- continued

- Net change in metal content of gas
 - $dM_h = y dM_{\text{star}} - Z dM_{\text{star}} = (y - Z) dM_{\text{star}}$
 - Change in Z since $dM_g = -dM_{\text{star}}$ and $Z = M_h/M_g$ then
 - $dZ = dM_h/M_g - M_h dM_g/M_g^2 = (y - Z) dM_{\text{star}}/M_g + (M_h/M_g)(dM_{\text{star}}/M_g) = y dM_{\text{star}}/M_g$
 - $dZ/dt = -y(dM_g/dt) M_g$
 - If we assume that the yield y is independent of time and metallicity (Z) then
 - $Z(t) = Z(0) - y \ln M_g(t)/M_g(0) = Z(0) - y \ln \mu$ metallicity of gas grows with time as log
- mass of stars that have a metallicity less than $Z(t)$ is $M_{\text{star}}[< Z(t)] = M_{\text{star}}(t) = M_g(0) - M_g(t)$
- or

$$M_{\text{star}}[< Z(t)] = M_g(0) * [1 - \exp((Z(t) - Z(0))/y)]$$

when all the gas is gone mass of stars with metallicity $Z, Z+dZ$ is

$M_{\text{star}}[Z] \propto \exp((Z(t) - Z(0))/y) dZ$ is we use this to derive the yield from data

$$Z(\text{today}) \sim Z(0) - y \ln[M_g(\text{today})/M_g(0)]; Z(\text{today}) \sim 0.7 Z_{\text{sun}}$$

since initial mass of gas was sun of gas today and stars today

$$M_g(0) = M_g(\text{today}) + M_s(\text{today}) \text{ with } M_g(\text{today}) \sim 40 M_{\odot}/\text{pc}^2 \text{ } M_{\text{stars}}(\text{today}) \sim 10 M_{\odot}/\text{pc}^2$$

get $y = 0.43 Z_{\text{sun}}$ go to pg 180 in text to see sensitivity to average metallicity of stars

Closed Box- Problems

- Problem is that closed box connects today's gas and stars yet have systems like globulars with no gas and more or less uniform abundance.
- Also need to tweak yields and/or assumptions to get good fits to different systems like local group dwarfs.
- Also 'G dwarf' problem in MW (S+G pg 11) and different relative abundances (e.g. C,N,O,Fe) amongst stars
- Go to more complex models - leaky box (e.g. outflow); if assume outflow of metal enriched material $g(t)$; if assume this is proportional to star formation rate $g(t) = c dM_g/dt$; result is $Z(t) = Z(0) - [(y/(1+c)) * \ln[M_g(t)/M_g(0)]]$ - reduces effective yield but does not change relative abundances

Outflow and/or accretion is needed to explain

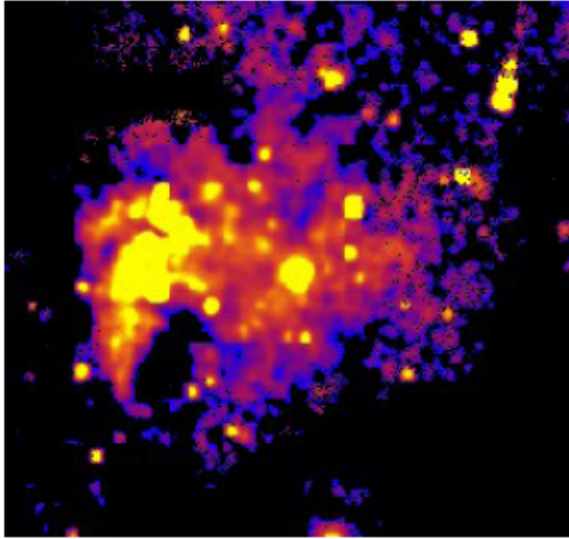
- Metallicity distribution of stars in Milky Way disk
- Mass-metallicity relation of local star-forming galaxies
- Metallicity-radius relation in disk galaxies

The LMC

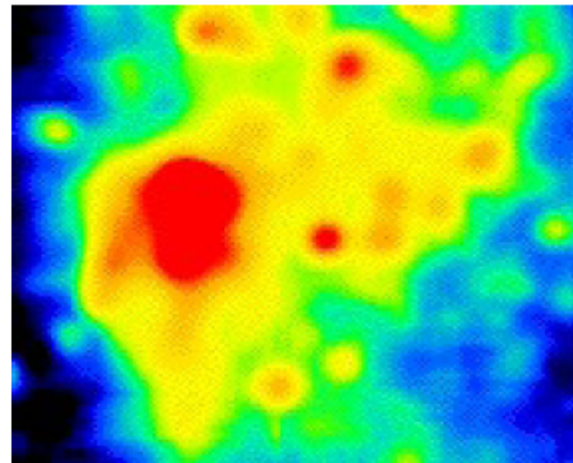
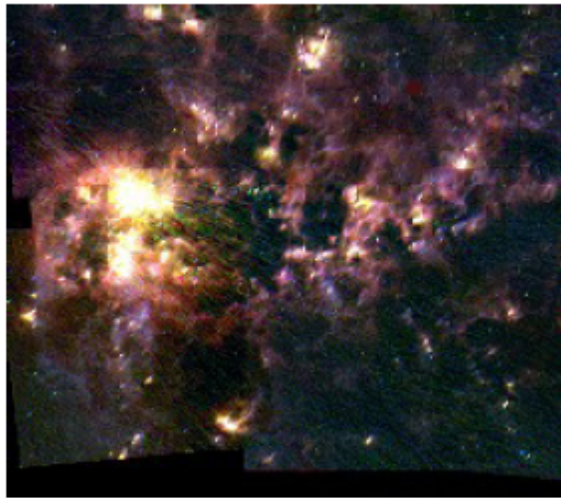
- Distance 50kpc
- Dwarf Irregular
 - Type Sm
- Tarantula Nebula
 - active star forming region
- Barred galaxy



Xray: ROSAT



AAO optical 3 color



IRAS (Jason Surace) Radio (RAIUB/MPIFR Bonn)

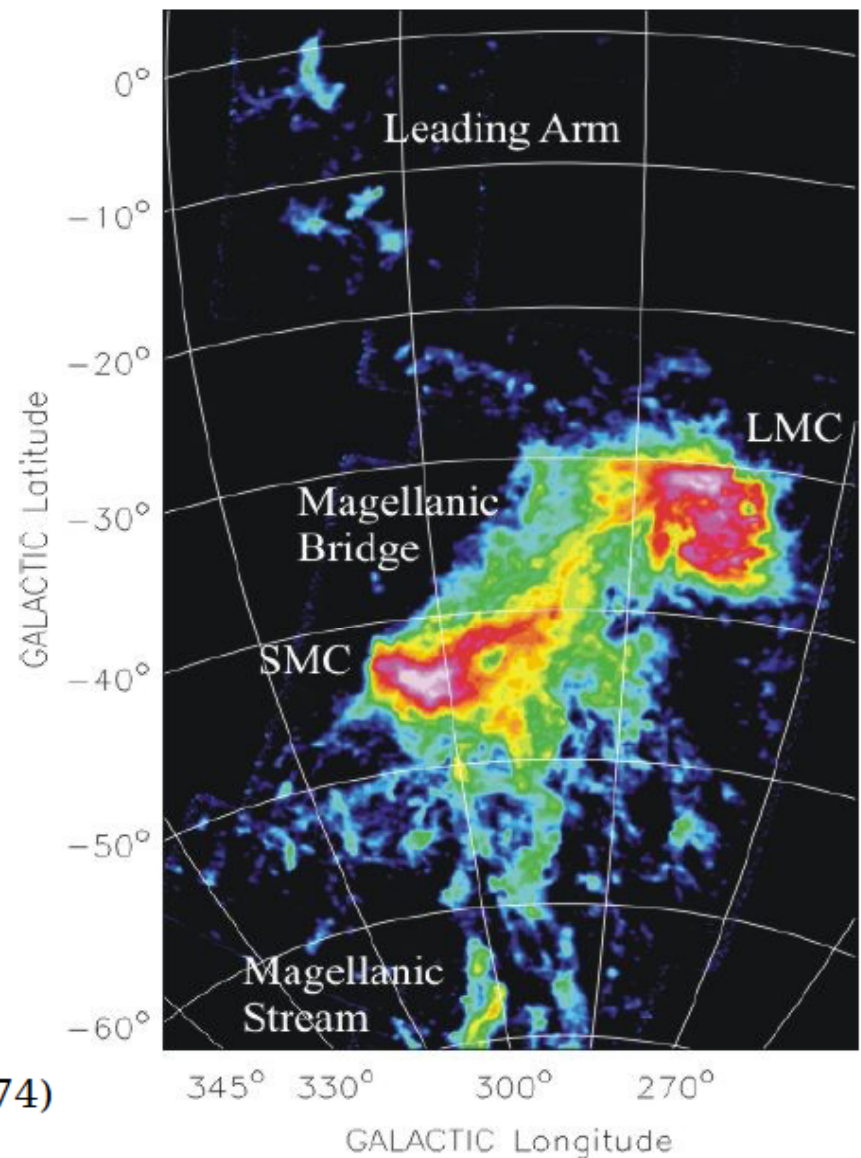
Each image is about $4^\circ.5$ on a side (9x moon's diameter)

- Clues to the MC's dynamics
 - Common HI envelope
 - Stream of gas “following” the MC's

Magellanic Bridge (Hindman 1961)

Magellanic Stream (Mathewson et al. 1974)

Leading Arm (Putman et al. 1998)

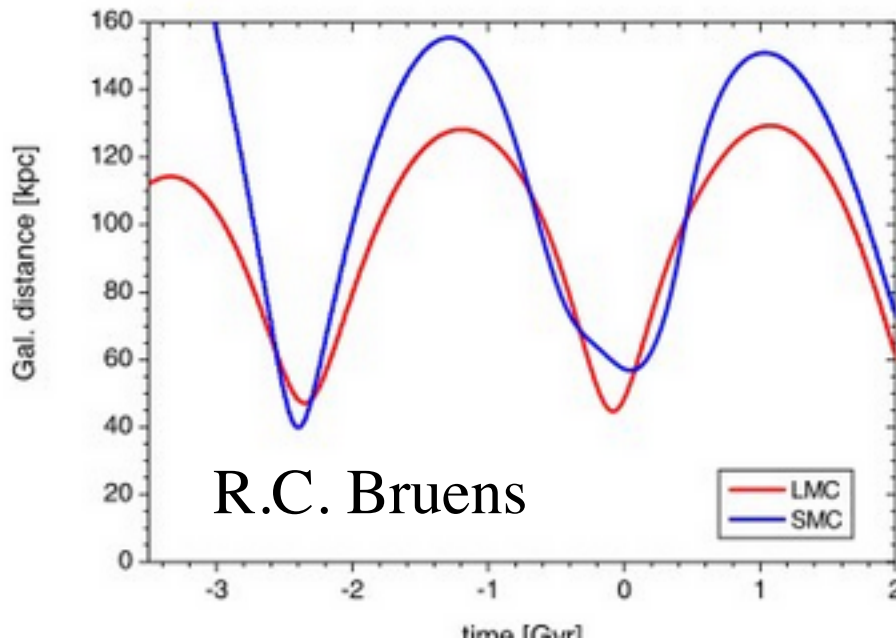


(RAIUB/MPIFR Bonn) Brüns et al
2004 A&A

Magellanic Clouds

- Satellites of the MW: potentially dynamics of SMC and LMC and the Magellanic stream can allow detailed measurement of mass of the MW.
- LMC $D \sim 50 \text{ kpc}$ $M_{\text{gas}} \sim 0.6 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$ ($\sim 10\%$ of Milky Way) Supernova rate ~ 0.2 of Milky Way

Position of LMC and SMC over time- in full up dynamical model;
no merger with MW in 2 Gyrs



Magellanic stream
-tidally removed gas??

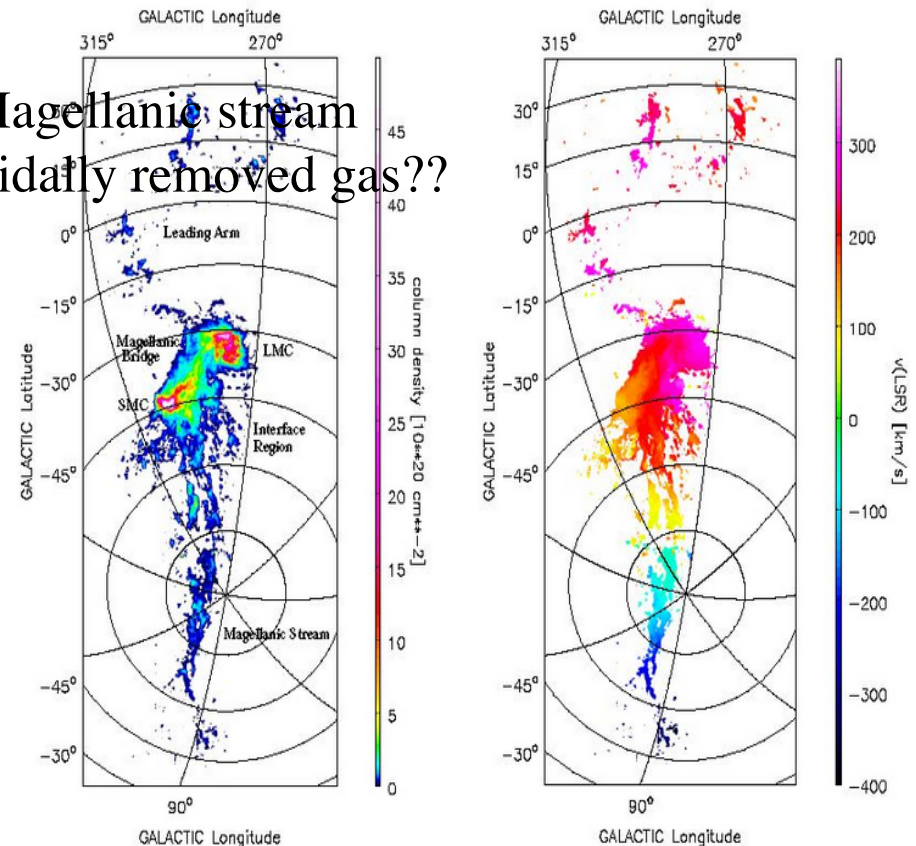
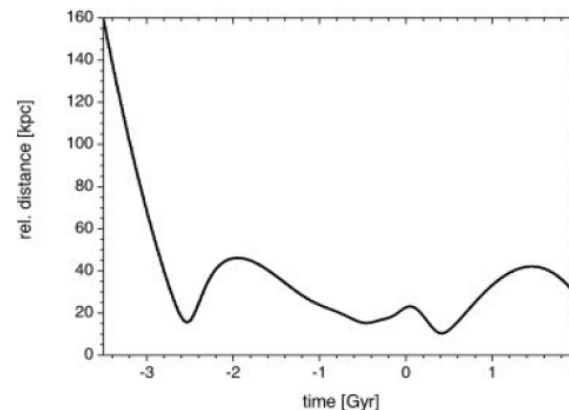


Figure 2: Single-dish observations of HI gas (Brüns et al. 2004).

Left: HI column density map of the entire Magellanic System. Right: Mean velocity $v(\text{LSR})$, map of the entire Magellanic System.

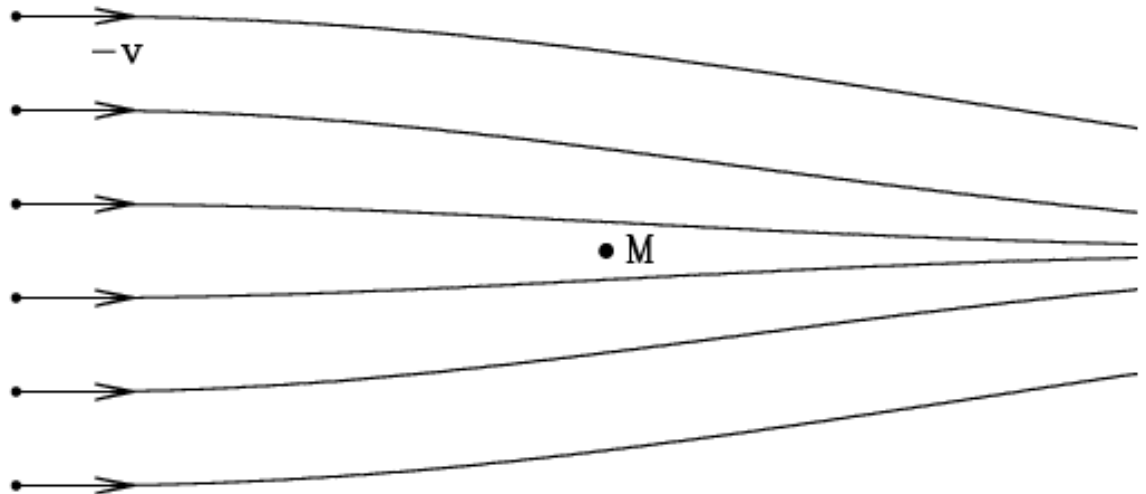


Analytic Estimate How Fast Will Local Group Merge?

- **Dynamical friction** (S+G 7.1.1.MBW sec 12.3) :occurs when an object has a relative velocity with a stationary set of masses. The moving stars are deflected slightly, producing a higher density 'downstream'- producing a net drag on the moving particles
- Net force $=Mdv/dt \sim C G^2 M^2 \rho / V^2$ for particles of equal mass -so time to 'lose' significant energy-timescale for dynamical friction-slower galaxy moves larger its deacceleration
- $t_{\text{friction}} \sim V/(dv/dt) \sim V^3/4\pi G^2 M m \rho \ln \Lambda$

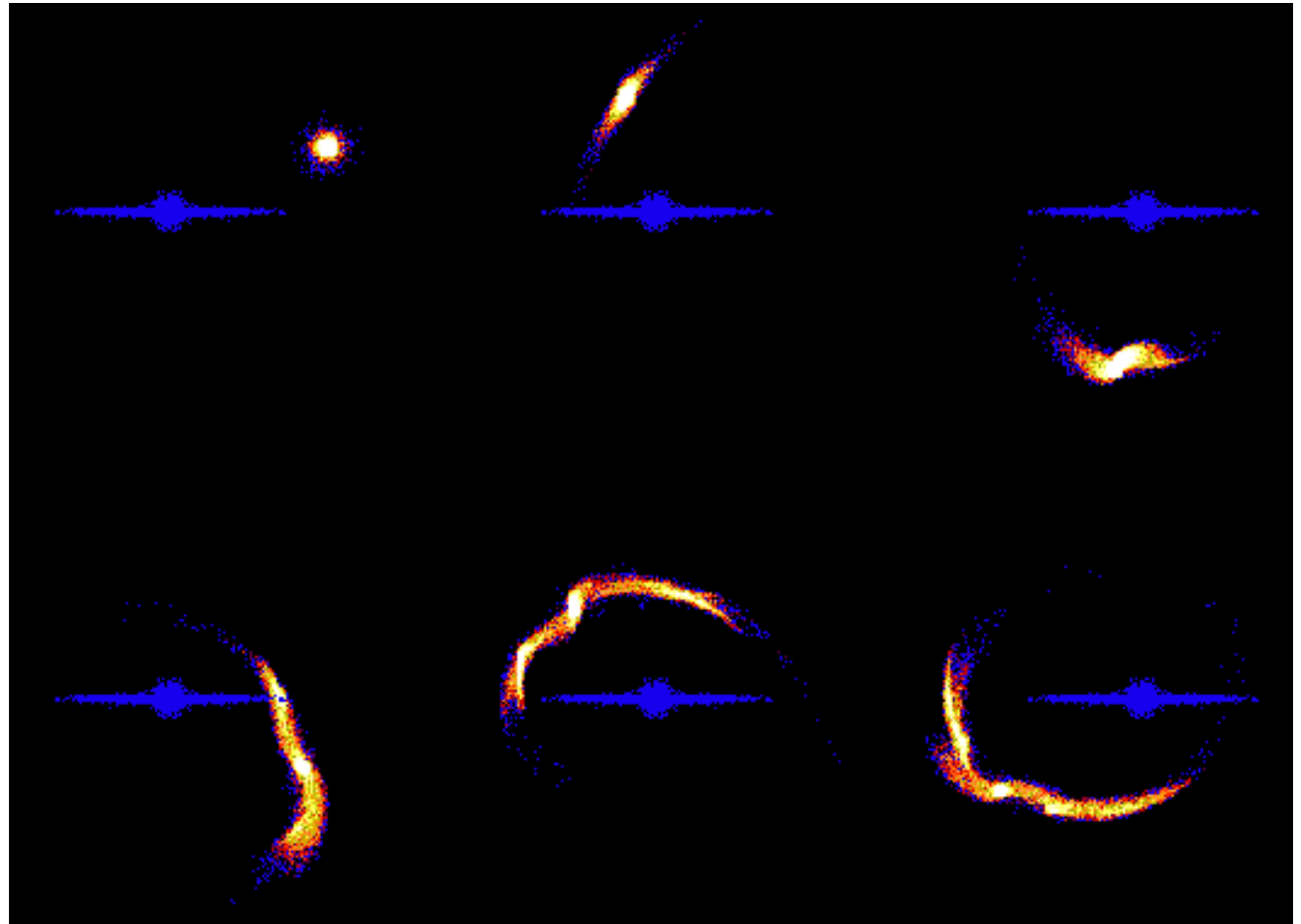
$M \sim 10^{10} M_\odot$; $m = 1 M_\odot$; $\rho \sim 3 \times 10^{-4} M_\odot/\text{pc}^3$ Galactic density at distance of LMC (problem 7.6)

putting in typical values $t_{\text{friction}} \sim 3 C_{\text{vrs}}$



LMC Merger??

- Depends sensitively on LMC orbit and model of MW potential-
- At the Clouds' present-day position, a large fraction of their observed line of sight and proper motion speeds are due to the Sun's motion around the Galactic center!
- The origin of the Magellanic Clouds is still an enigma as they are the only blue, gas-rich irregulars in the local group.



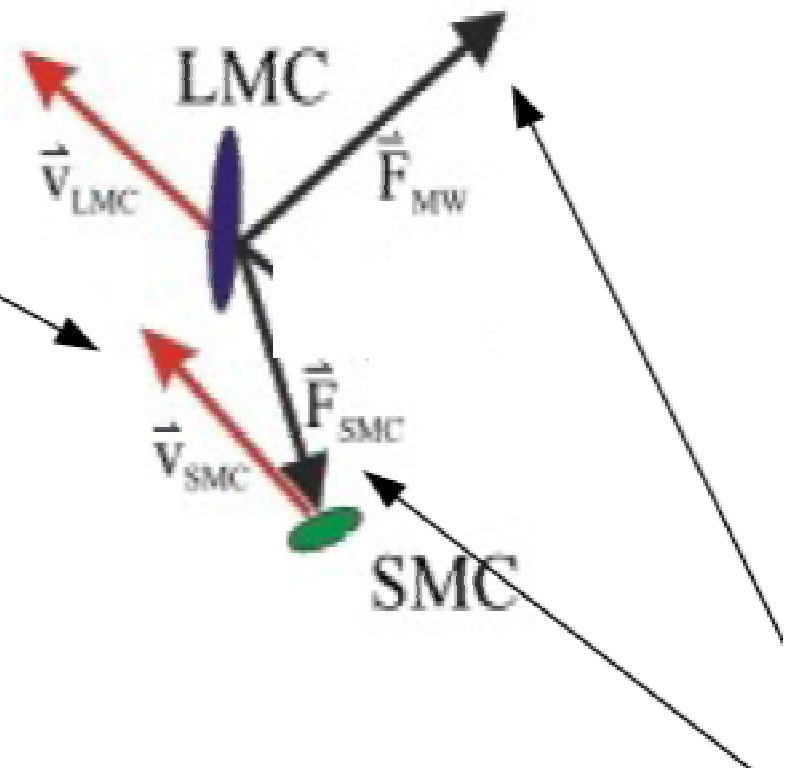
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Need distance to convert angular coord.
to physical units

Forces on the Magellanic Clouds

Space
Velocity

Dynamical friction vectors
depend on shape and size



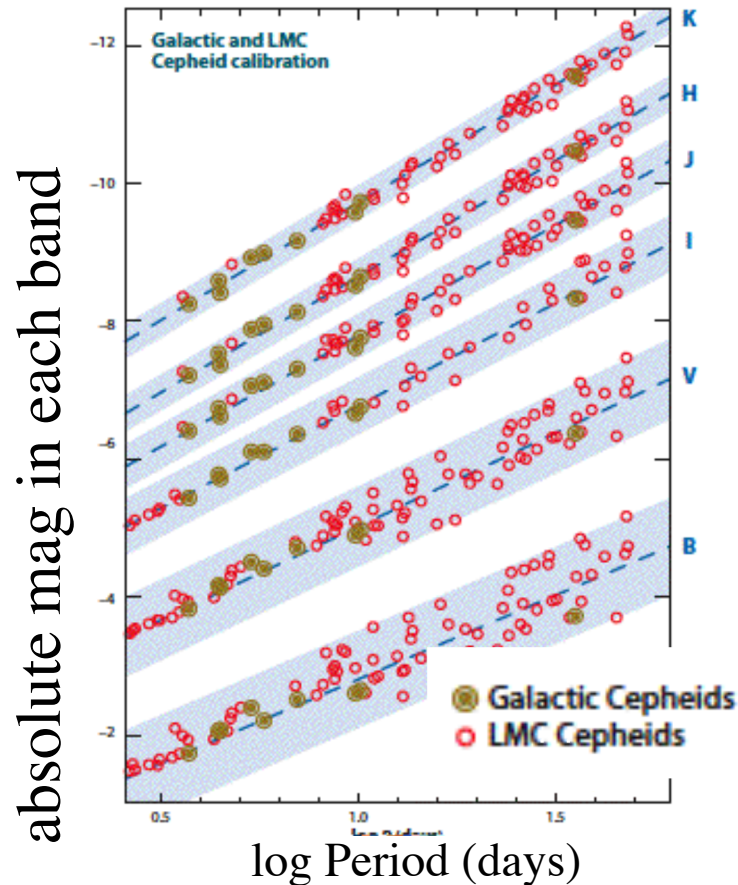
To get orbit to MCs need all 6
quantities (x,y,z) and v_x, v_y, v_z
measure position and radial velocity easy
tangent velocity is hard
recent results differ a lot

v_x, v_y, v_z [km/s] $41 \pm 44, -200 \pm 31, 169 \pm 37$

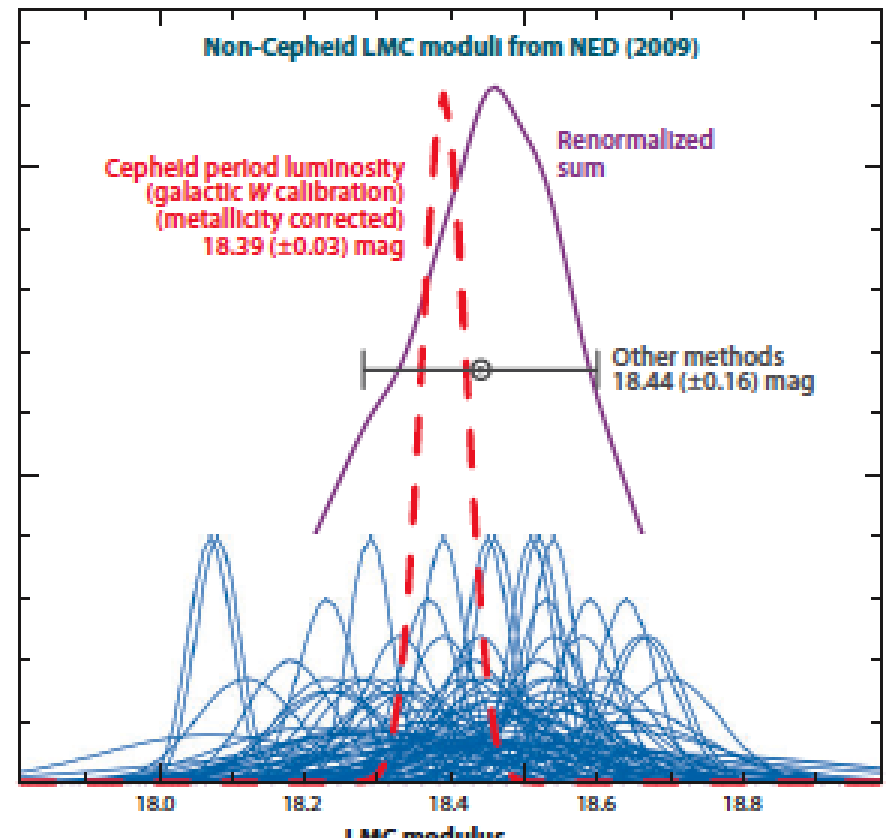
Distance to LMC

- LMC is unique in that many Cepheids can be detected in a galaxy with rather different metallicity with no effect of crowding

LMC distance modulus, μ , of 18.48 ± 0.04 mag; $\log d = 1 + \mu/5$ (49.65 Kpc)



Relative probability

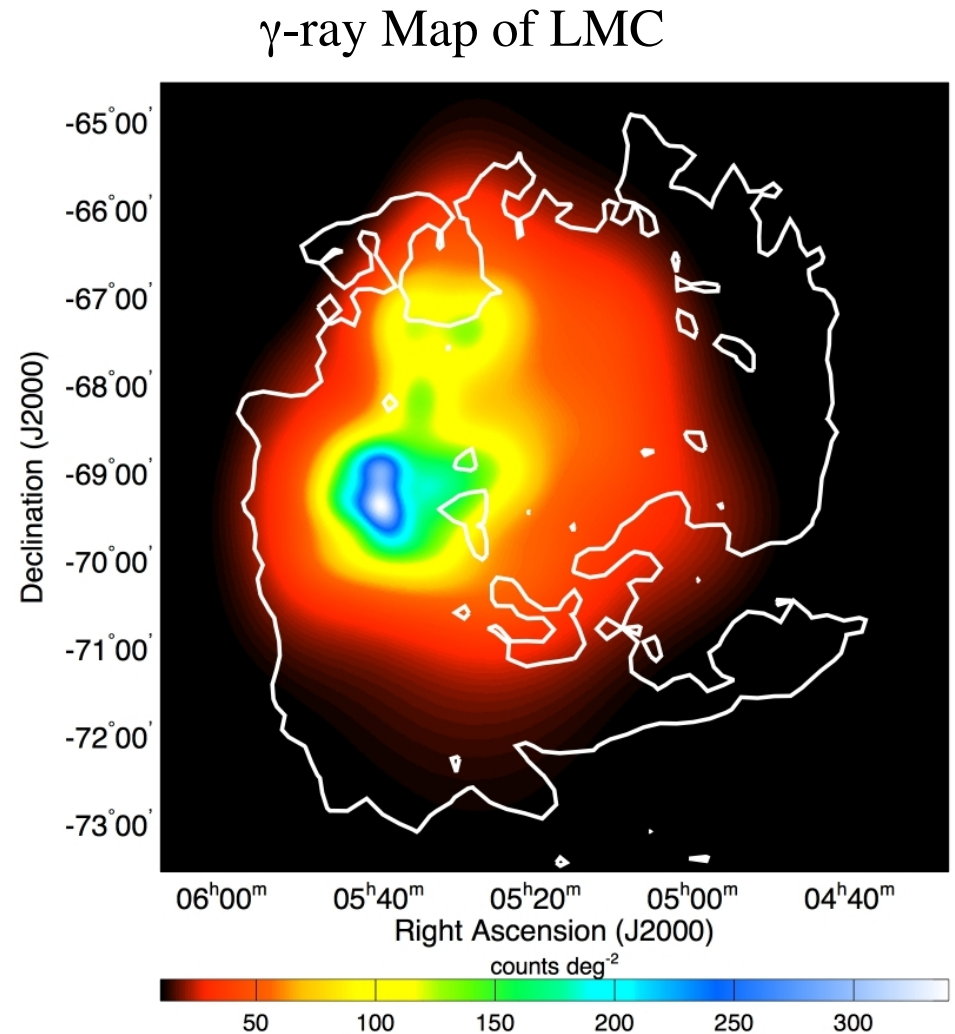
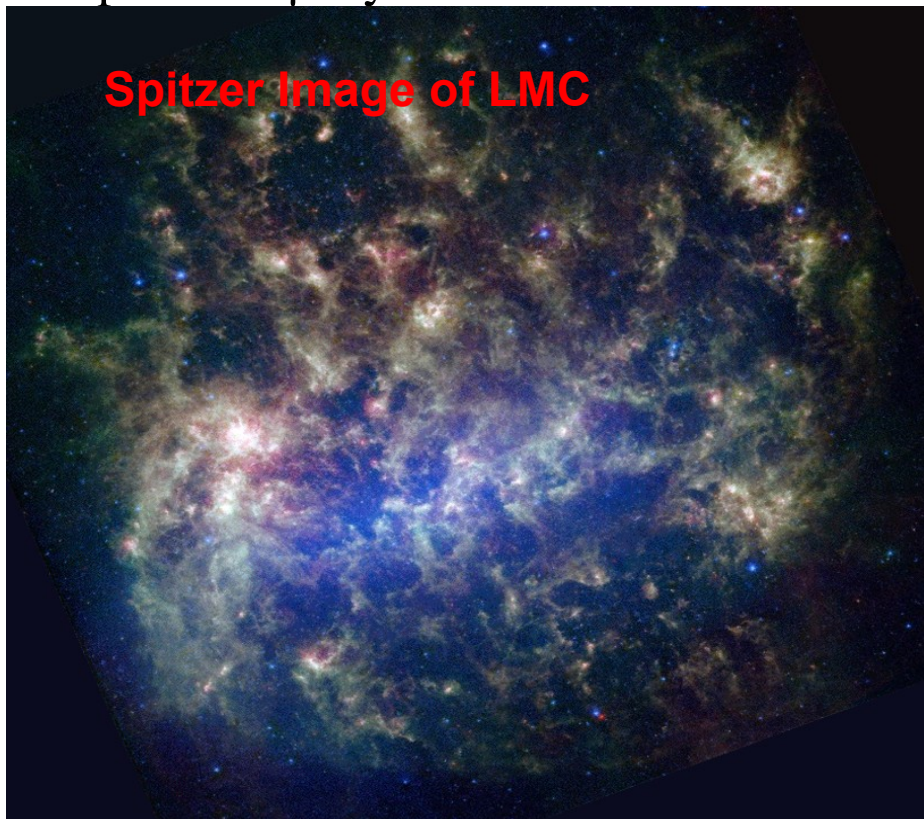


LMC Distance Modulus

This sets the distance scale for comparison with Cepheids in nearby galaxies (Freedman+Madore 2010)

Cosmic Rays and γ -rays

- LMC and SMC are only galaxies, other than MW, for which γ -ray images exist.
- Look for correlations with sites of CR acceleration and/or for dense gas which the CRs interact with to produce γ -rays .

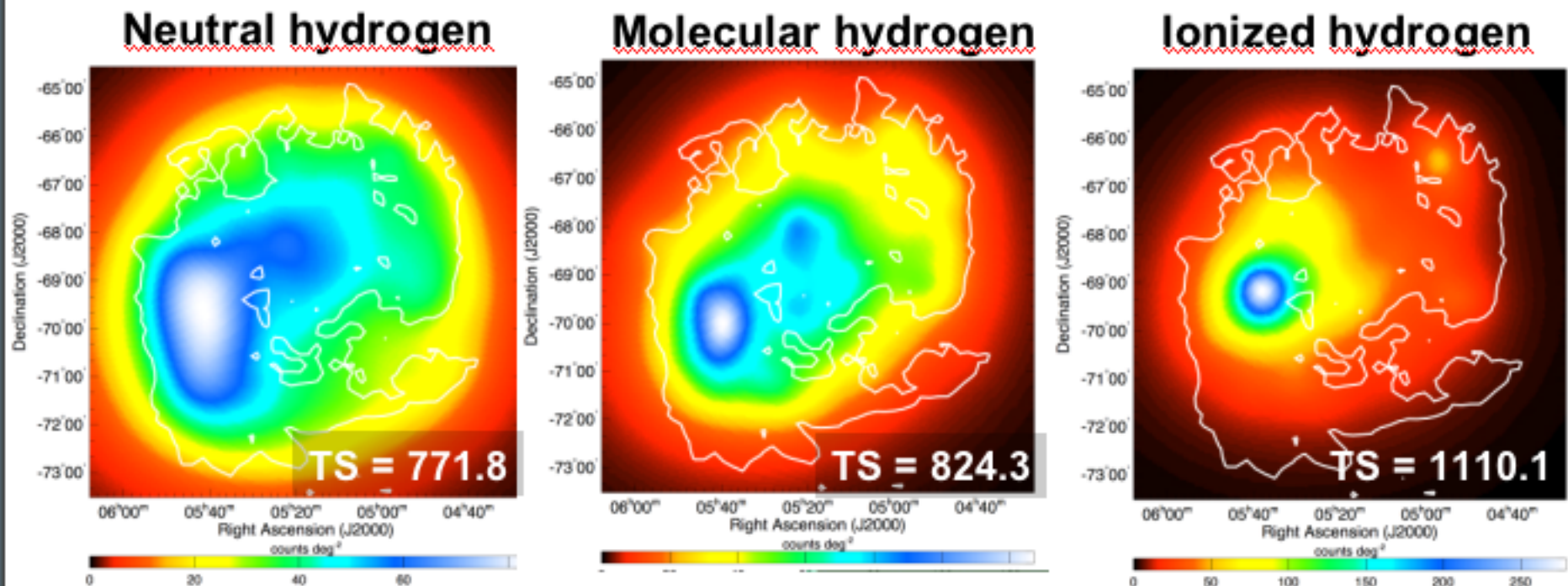


γ -ray intensity scale

LMC Cosmic Rays and γ -rays

γ -ray emission correlates with massive star forming regions and not with the gas distribution (simulated images if the γ -ray emission was distributed like the source)

- Compactness of emission regions suggests little CR diffusion
- 30 Doradus star forming region is a bright source of gamma rays and very likely a cosmic-ray accelerator



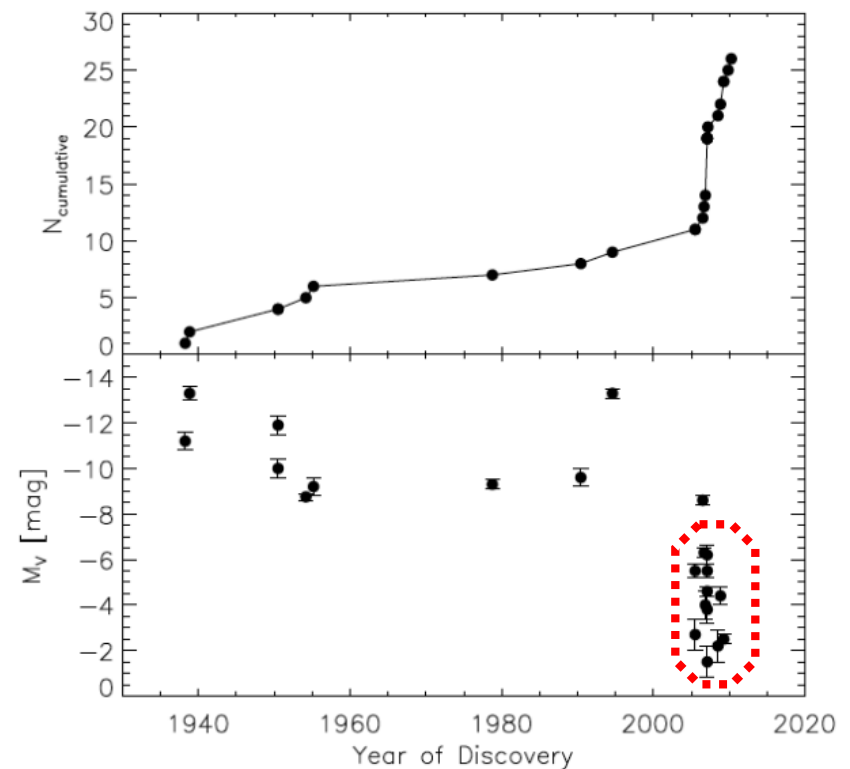
- **Neutral & molecular hydrogen templates poorly fit the data**
 - **Ionized hydrogen template provides best fit**
- γ -ray emission poorly correlated with dense gas (!)
- Dermer 2011

Dwarf Galaxies

- As we will discuss later one of the main problems with the present cold dark matter (CDM) paradigm for galaxy formation is the relative absence of small, low mass galaxies
- It is only in the local group that such systems can be discovered and studied
- they are the most dark matter dominated of all objects- and the smallest and least luminous galaxies known.
- very faint and very low surface brightness, very hard to find (Walker 2012).
- Many people believe that some dwarf spheroidals are 'relics' of the early universe

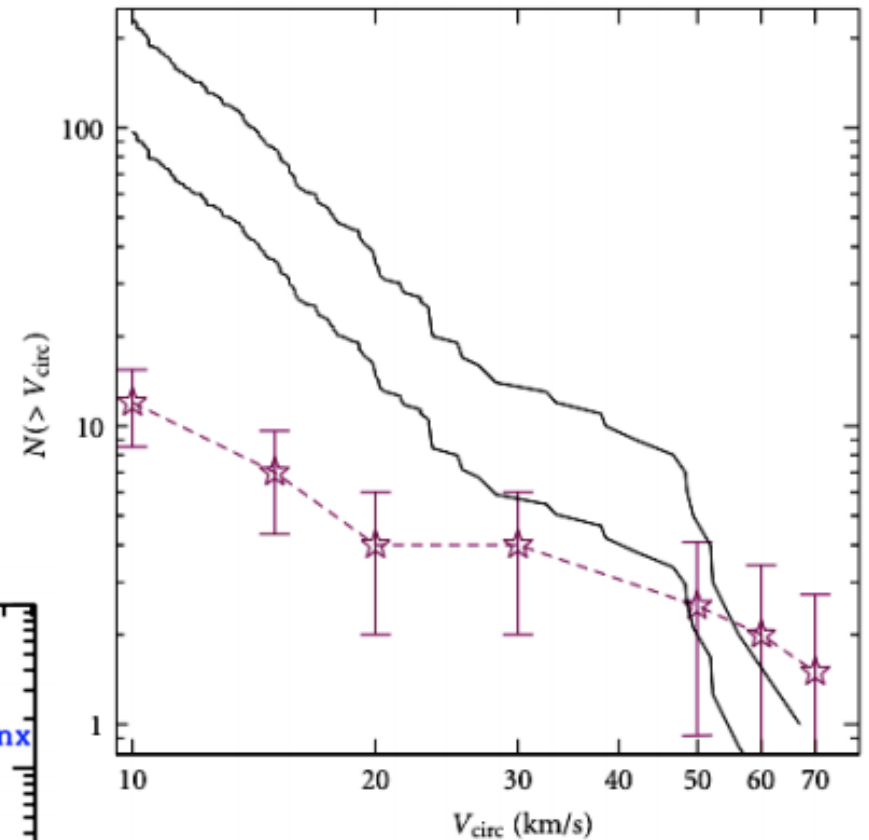
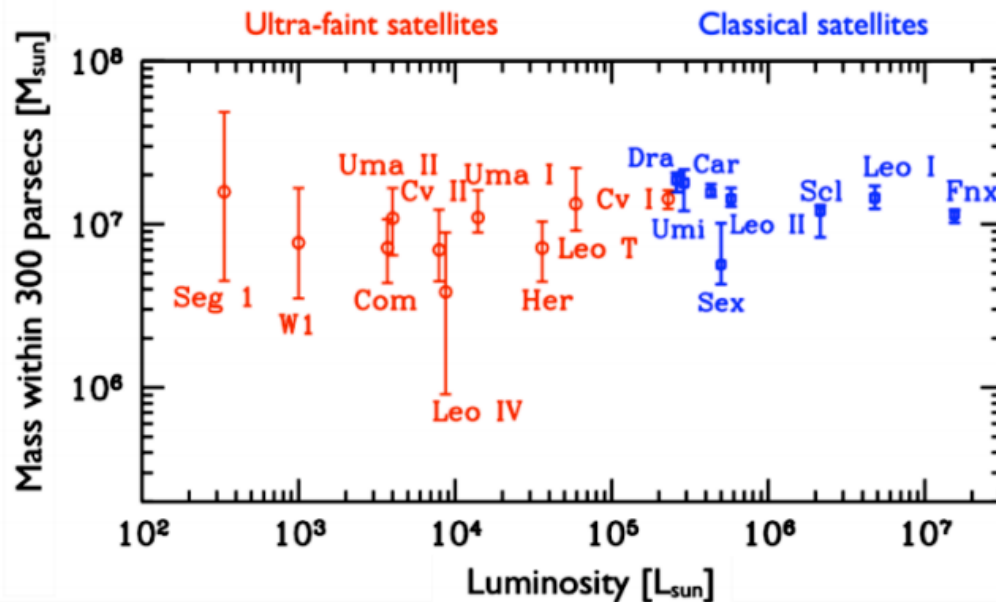
TABLE 1
GALACTIC DWARF SPHEROIDAL GALAXIES WITH LARGE M/L

Name	L ($10^5 L_\odot$)	d (kpc)	r_k (pc)	M/L (M_\odot/L_\odot)
Carina...	2.4 ± 1.0	85 ± 5	581 ± 86	59 ± 47
Draco...	1.8 ± 0.8	72 ± 3	498 ± 47	245 ± 155
Ursa Minor...	2.0 ± 0.9	64 ± 5	628 ± 74	95 ± 43
Sextans...	4.1 ± 1.9	83 ± 9	3102 ± 1028	107 ± 72



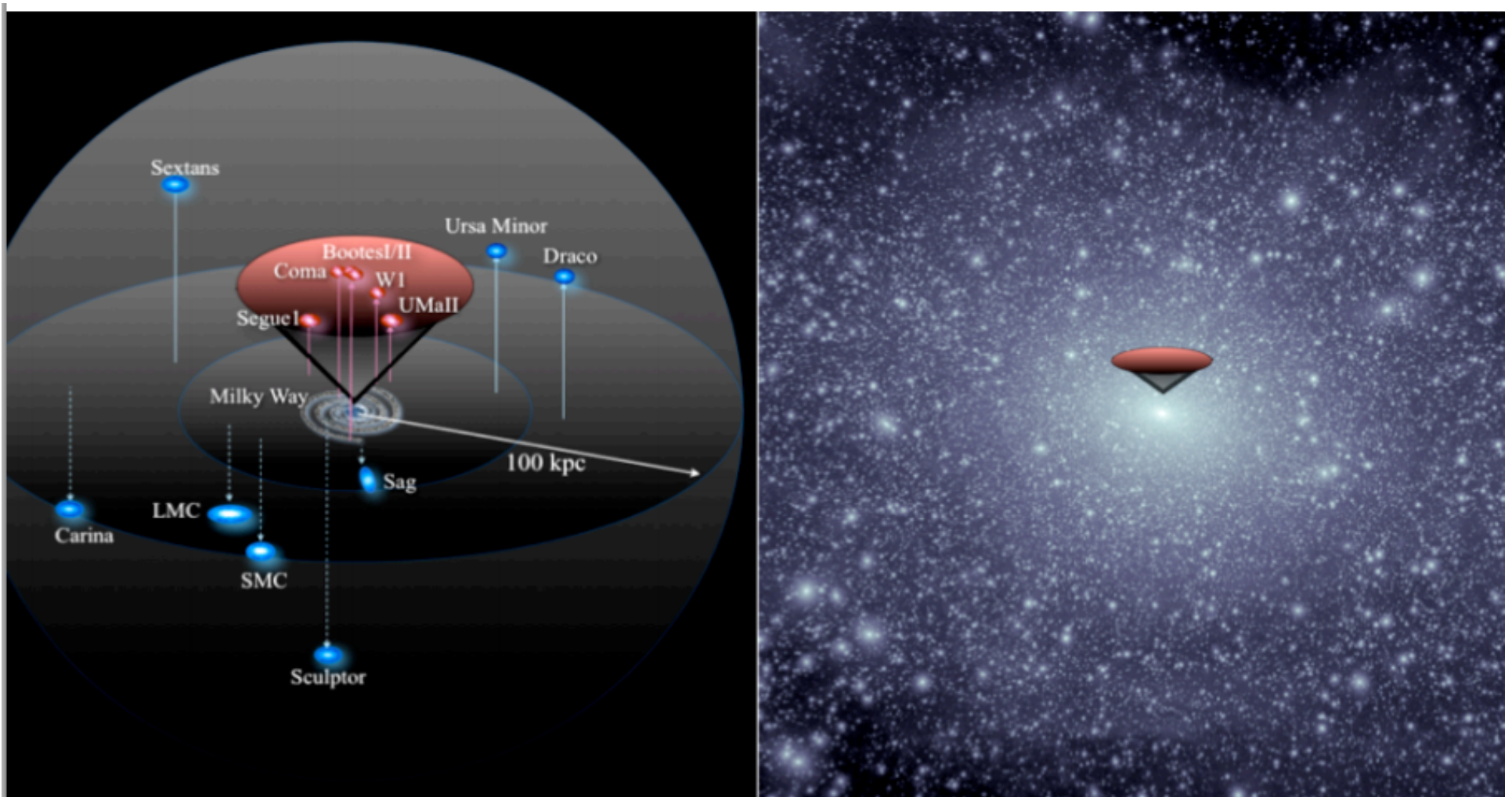
Number of Satellites around MW- Observed vs Theoretical

- Number of satellites vs their circular velocity: theory - between black lines
red points observed objects (Klypin 2010)-
 order of magnitude discrepancy at low masses?
- Odd property that satellites all have *same mass*, but 10^5 range in luminosity



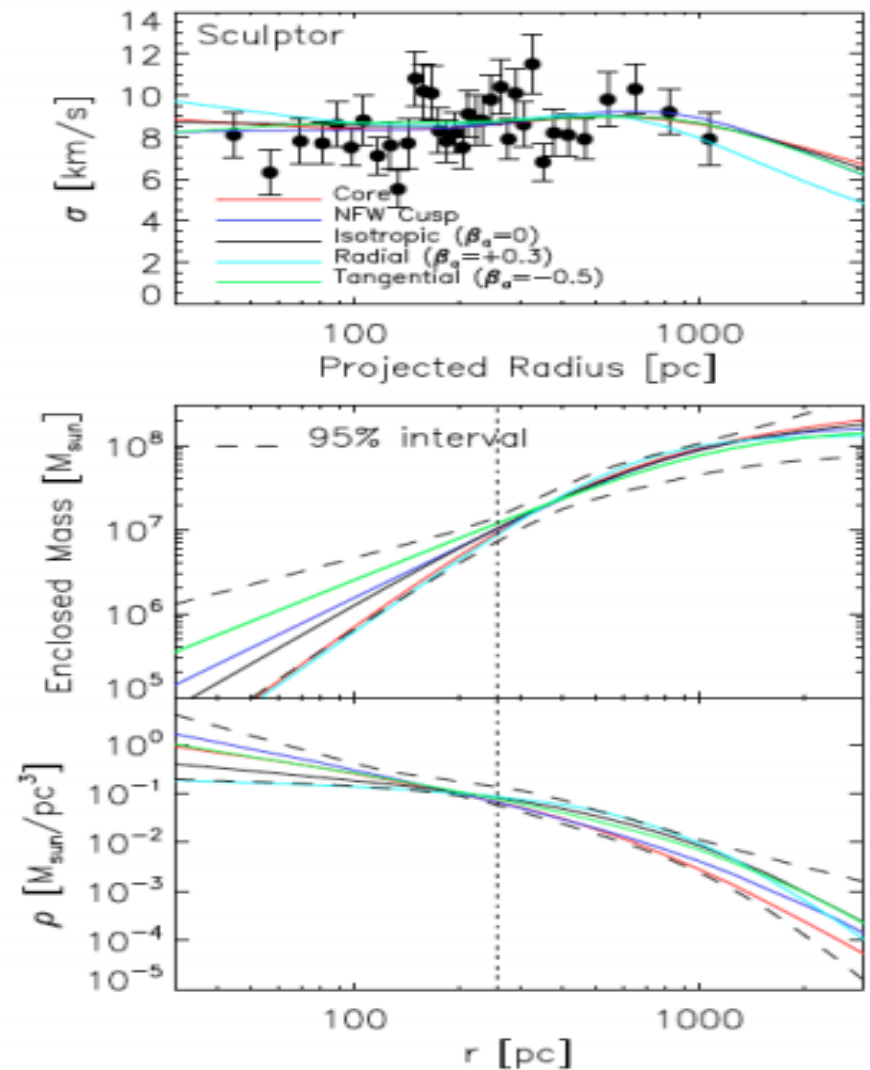
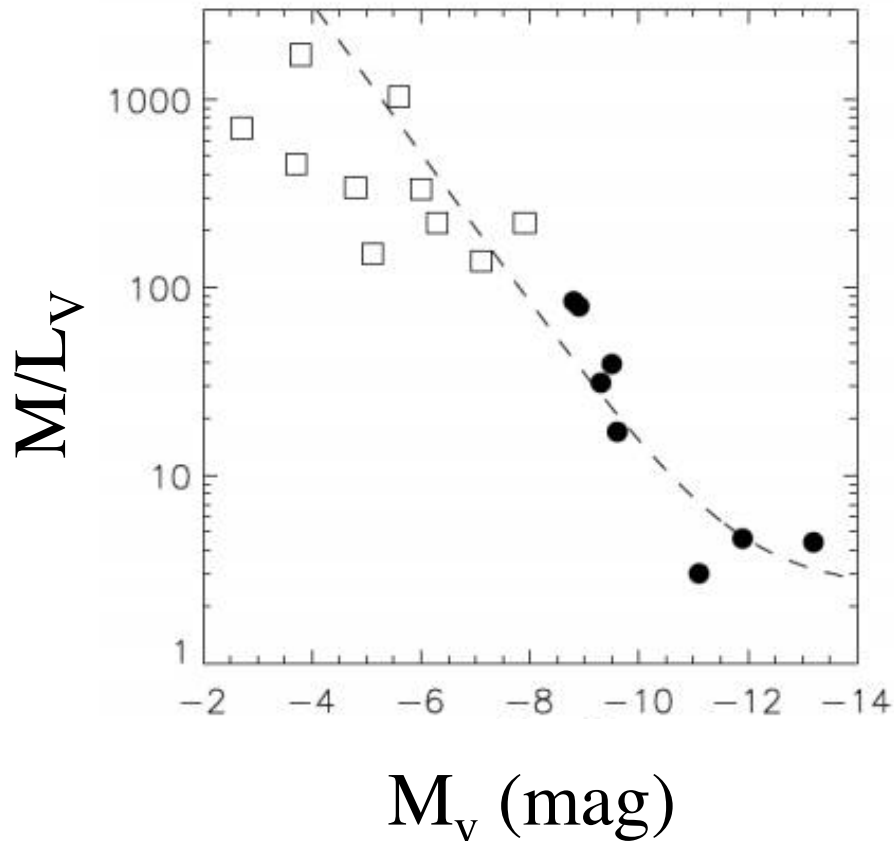
Where are the Satellites of MW-Bullock 2010

- Know satellites of MW within 100kpc-left
- Right- CDM simulation of LG/ MW halo- cones show where sample of dwarfs is complete-SDSS data, only in the north



Dwarfs

- Have VERY low internal velocity dispersion $\sim 10 \text{ km/sec}$, $r_{\text{scale}} \sim 50\text{-}1000 \text{ pc}$
- IF mass follows light- very dark matter dominated- but precise mass is not well determined even with ~ 3000 stars individually measured (!)
- - using Jeans method all solutions (different shapes of the potential or orbital distributions) are ok



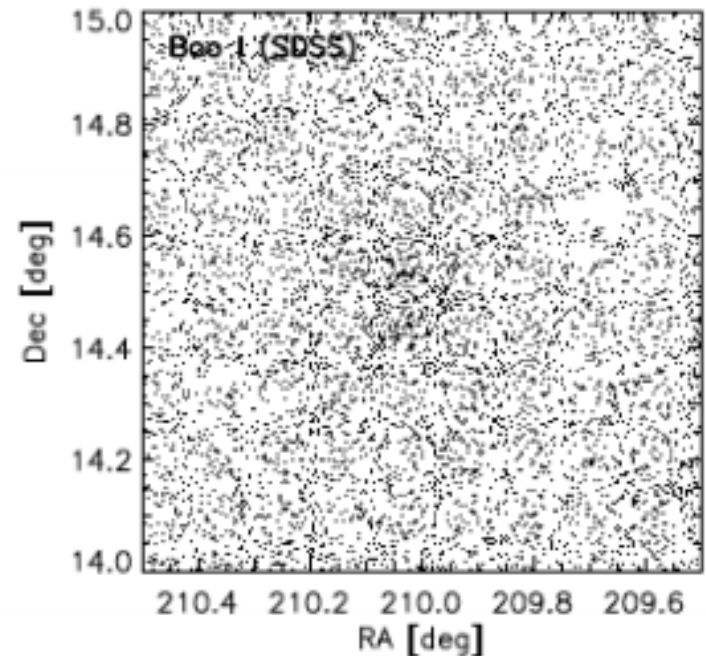
Dwarfs

- They are detected as overdensities of intrinsically bright red giant stars

which detectable as point sources with $m_V < 21$ mag out to distances of ~ 0.5 Mpc- (modern large telescopes can reach 4 mags fainter; - since red giants have a 'unique' luminosity can use them as distance selector)

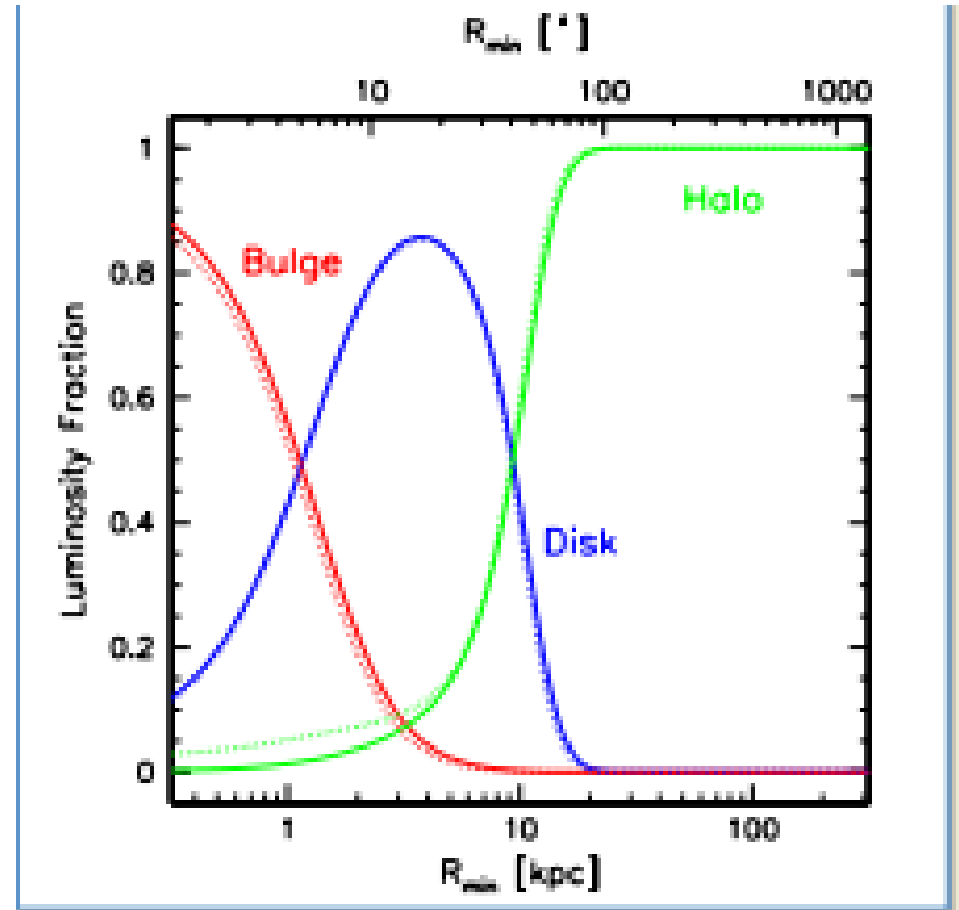
- the 'ultrafaint' satellites discovered with SDSS data are not apparent to the eye, even in deep images- detected by correlating spatial overdensities with overdensities in **color-magnitude** space
 - the low surface densities of dSphs imply internal relaxation timescales of $> 10^3$ Hubble times
- 27 are known in M31

Image of Boo I



M31 and the MW

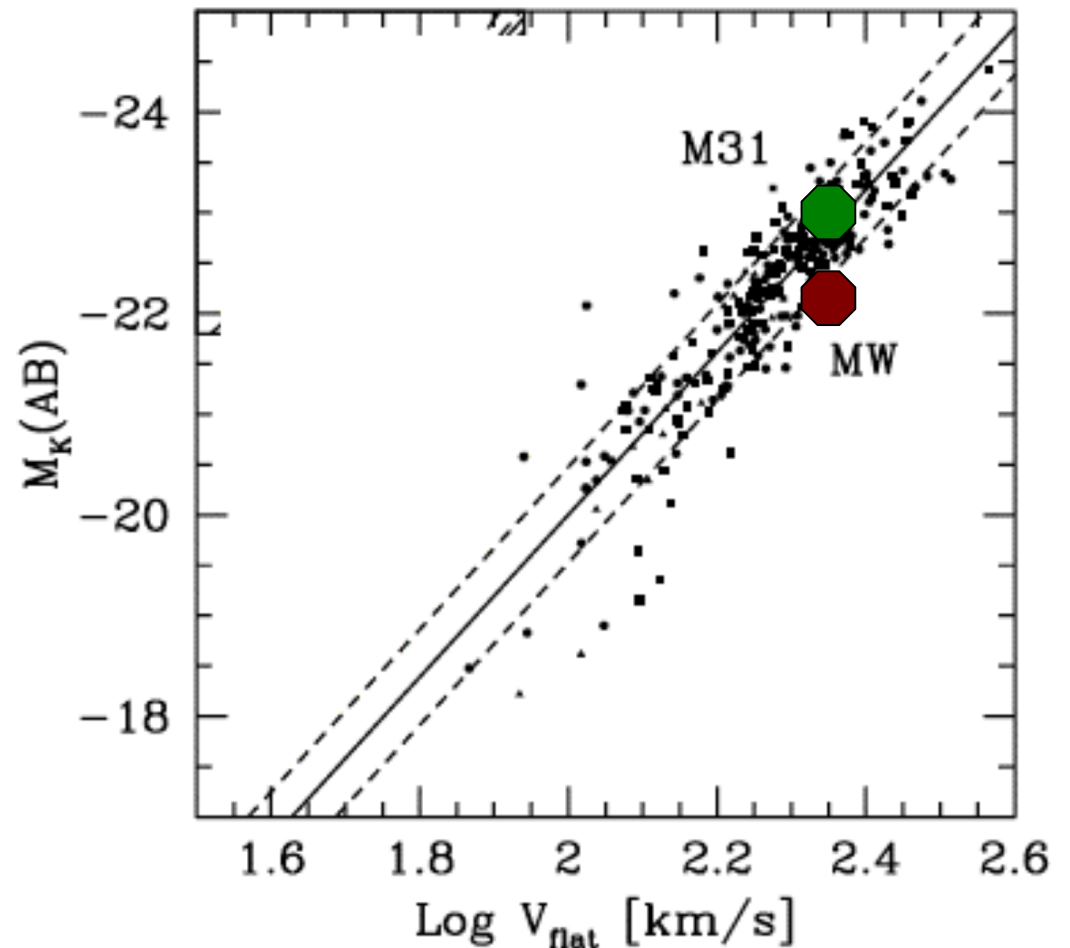
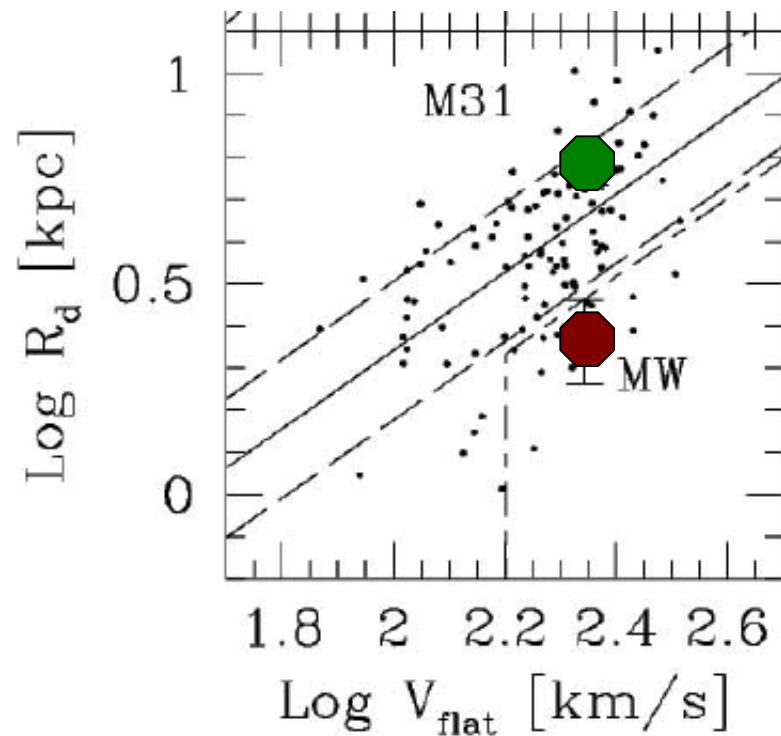
- the Milky Way and M31 have different properties
- M31 shows a lower star formation rate (SFR) than the Milky Way
- M31 appears to be a more typical spiral galaxy than the Milky Way (Hammer et al. 2007).
- M31 shows evidence for a formation and evolution history affected by merging and/or accretion events, including substructures in its halo-MW does not
- scale length of 6kpc is 3x that of the MW 2.3 kpc but similar rotation curve.
- stellar mass $M_{\text{star}} \sim 10.3 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ for M31; disk $7.2 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ and bulge $3.1 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$



Mass decomposition of M31
Courteau 2012

Tully Fisher Relation

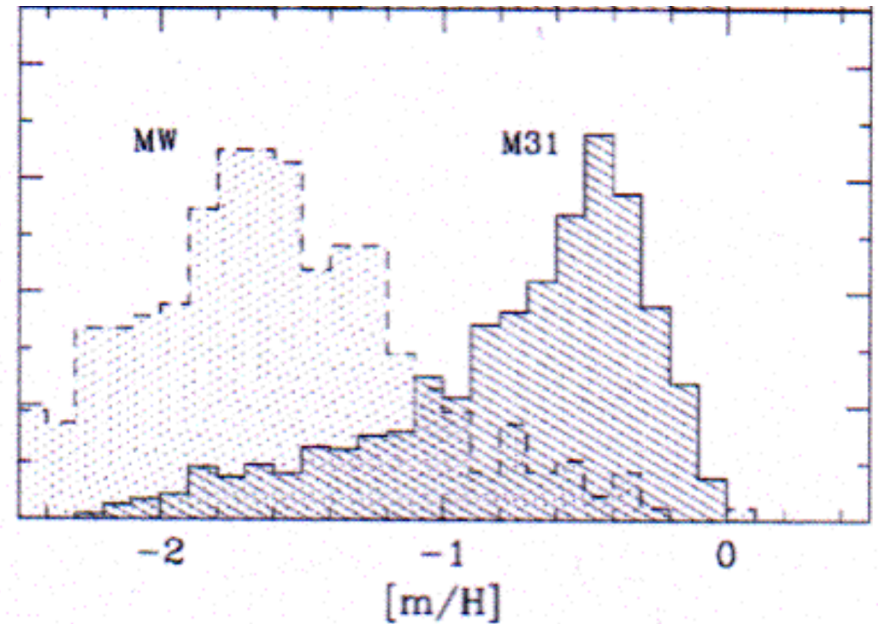
- The relationship of luminosity to rotation speed for spirals- also relation of scale length to rotation velocity
- M31 and MW have similar v_{rot} but factor of 2 different luminosities - MW is more discrepant



M31, compared to the Milky Way, has 2 x more stellar mass and 2.5 x more specific angular momentum
Hammer 2007

Comparison of Metallicity of Halo Stars in M31 and MW

- The vastly different chemical compositions of the halo of MW and M31 indicate different formation histories or processes **EVEN in the Local Group**
- Chemical composition of stars in the dwarfs differs in subtle from stars in globular clusters or MW halo.
- Comparison of observed metallicities to theoretical yields from a closed box approx (S+G 4.13-4.16) indicates outflow of enriched material (or according to S+G inflow of material enriched to 0.15 solar)



- Halo of M31 = Andromeda (Durrell et al. 2001)

- Halo of the Milky Way (Ryan & Norris 1991)

Mass Models For M31

- the merging history of a galaxy, together with its star formation history, and mass re-arrangement (such as gas flows or stellar radial migration) is written in its structure, stellar ages, kinematic and chemical-elemental abundance distribution functions.
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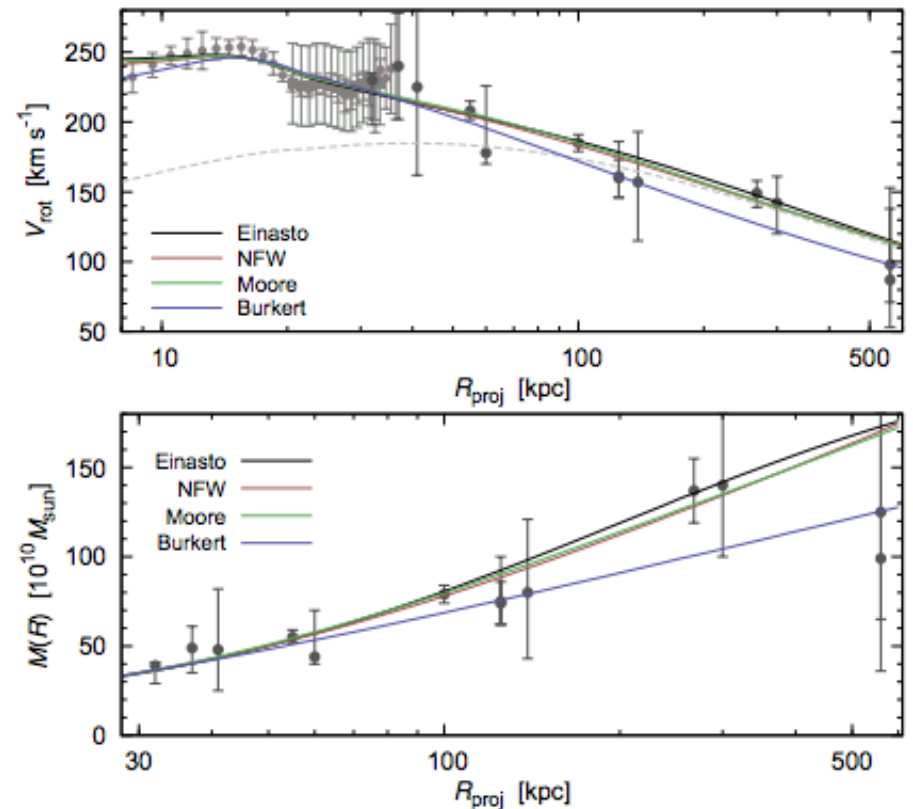
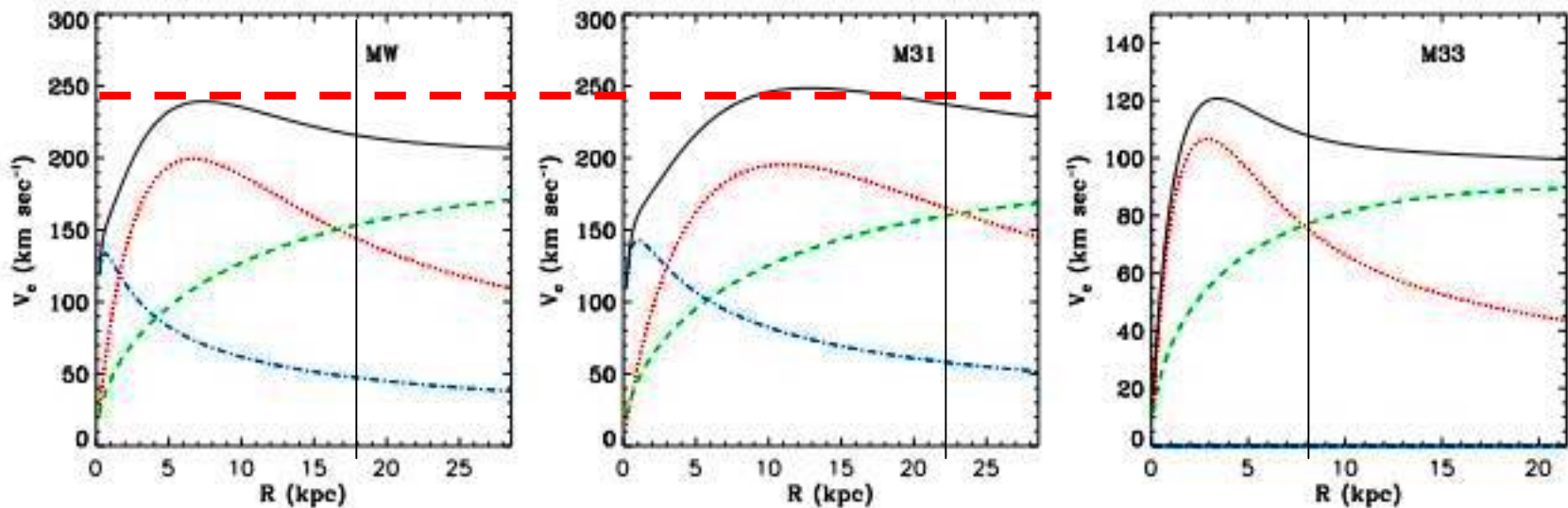


Fig. 6. Outer rotation curve observations and models (*upper*

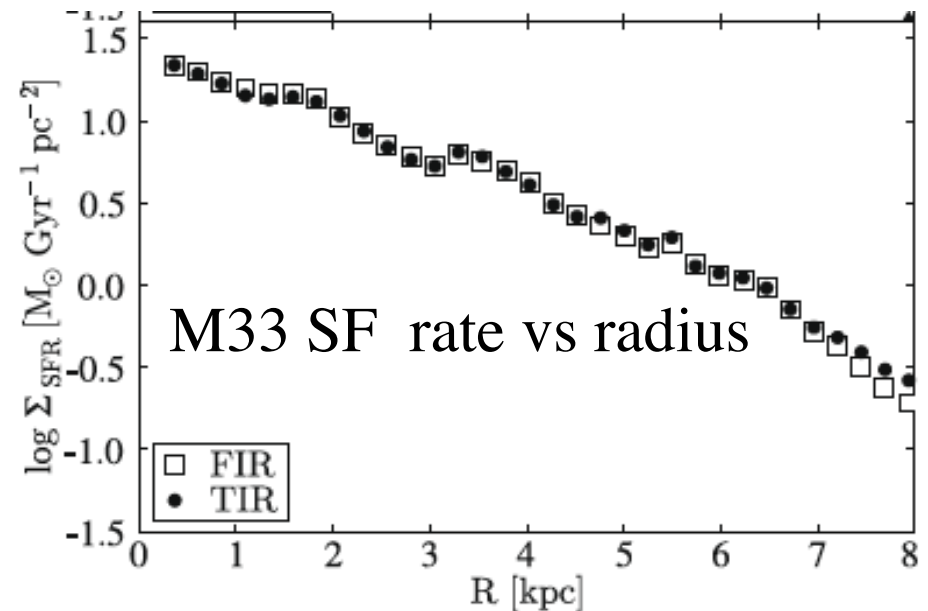
Comparison of Rotation Curve for MW, M31, M33

- Black is total curve
- blue is bulge (notice no bulge in M33), green is DM and red is disk (data from van der Maerl 2012)
- observed maximum circular velocity for each galaxy: $V_c \approx 239$ kms at
- the solar radius for the MW, $V_c \approx 250$ km/s for M31 $V_c \approx 120$ kms M33
- S+G says that M31 has a higher rotation velocity, latest data **on MW** has changed that ! Notice where DM becomes dominant- 22 kpc for M31, 18kpc for MW, 8kpc for M33
- Virial mass of M33= $2.2 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$



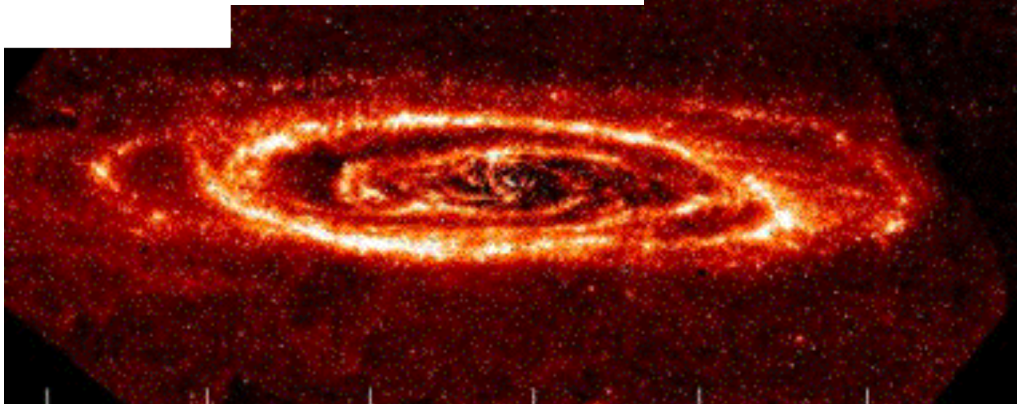
Star Formation in M31, M33

- the specific star formation rate in M31 is less than in the MW with a present rate of $\sim 0.6 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$.
- the SF is concentrated in a ring 10kpc out
- M33 on the other hand is vigorously forming stars $0.45 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$ all over (why??)



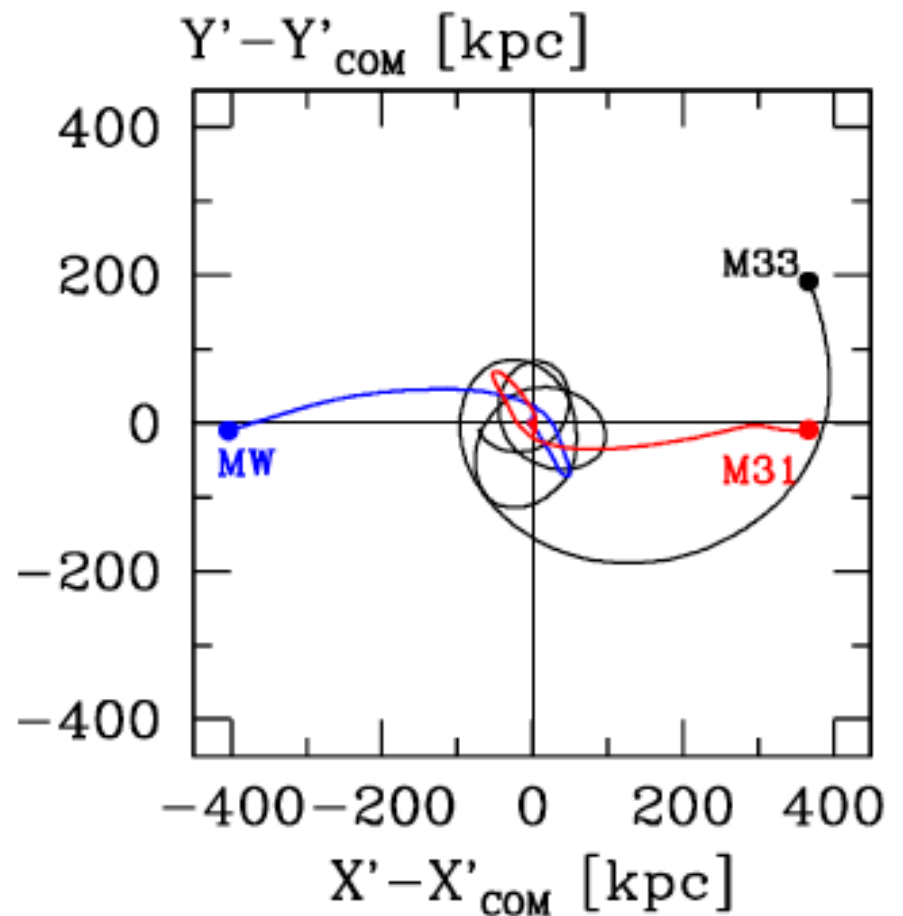
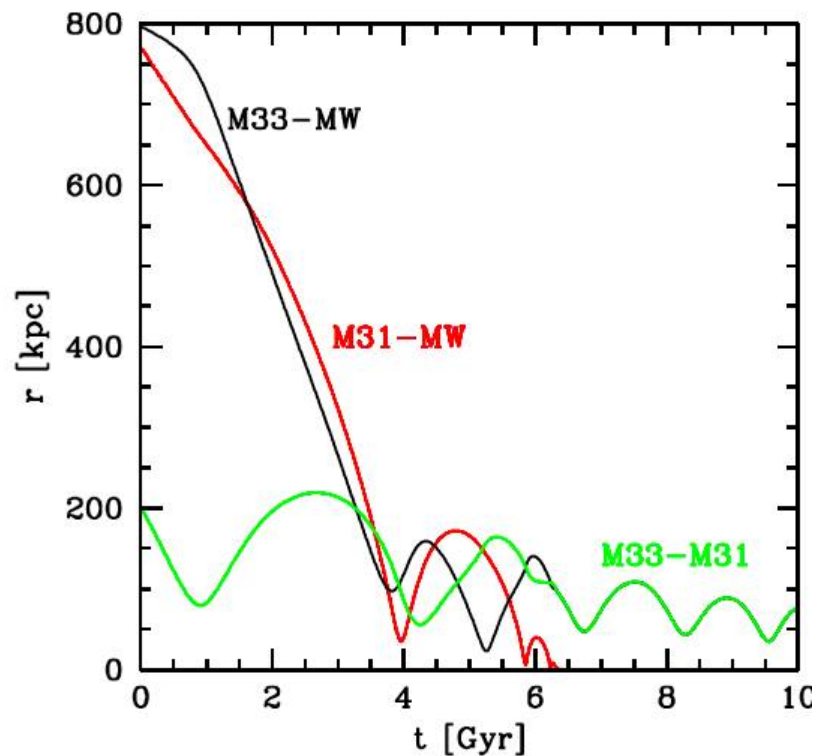
M33 UV and IR images

M31 SF rate image



The future of the local group (S+G 4.5)

- It seems clear that M31 has had a much more active merger history than the MW—so beware of close by objects
- given what we know about the mass of M33 and MW they will all merge in ~ 6 Gy (van den Maerl 2012)



r separations in the MW-M31-M33 system as function

M33

- M33 is almost unique in having very tight constraints placed on the presence of a supermassive black hole in its nucleus.
- But has one of the heaviest **stellar mass** black hole known ($15.6M_{\odot}$)
- It is probably tidally involved with M31-

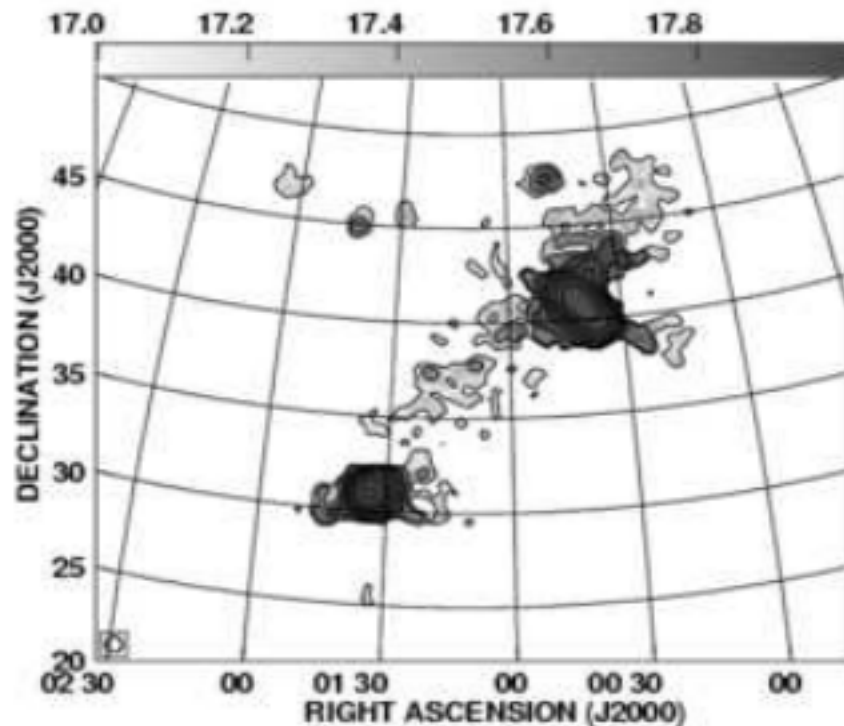


Fig. 9. Integrated H I emission from the subset of detected features apparently associated with M31 and M33. The grey-scale

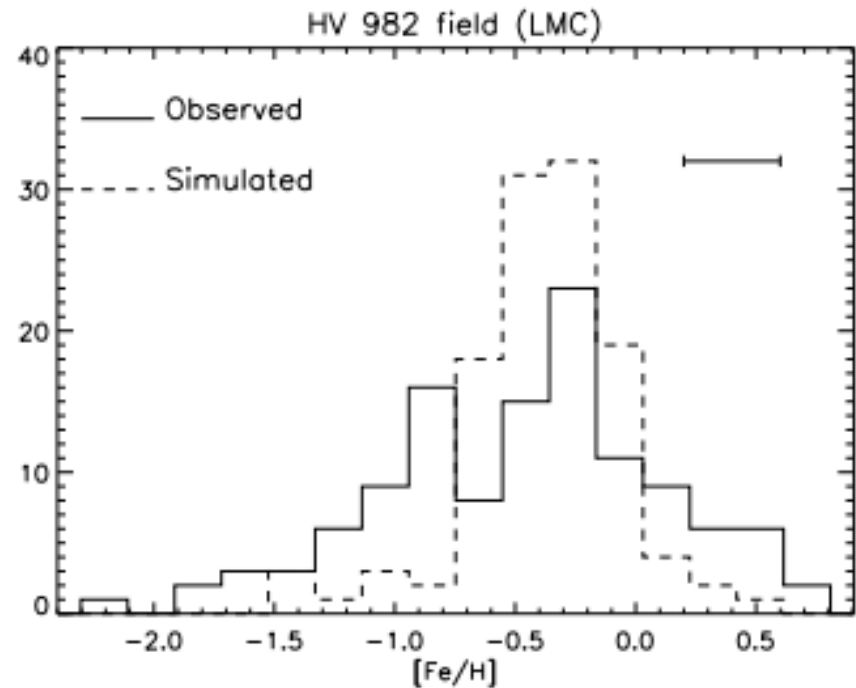
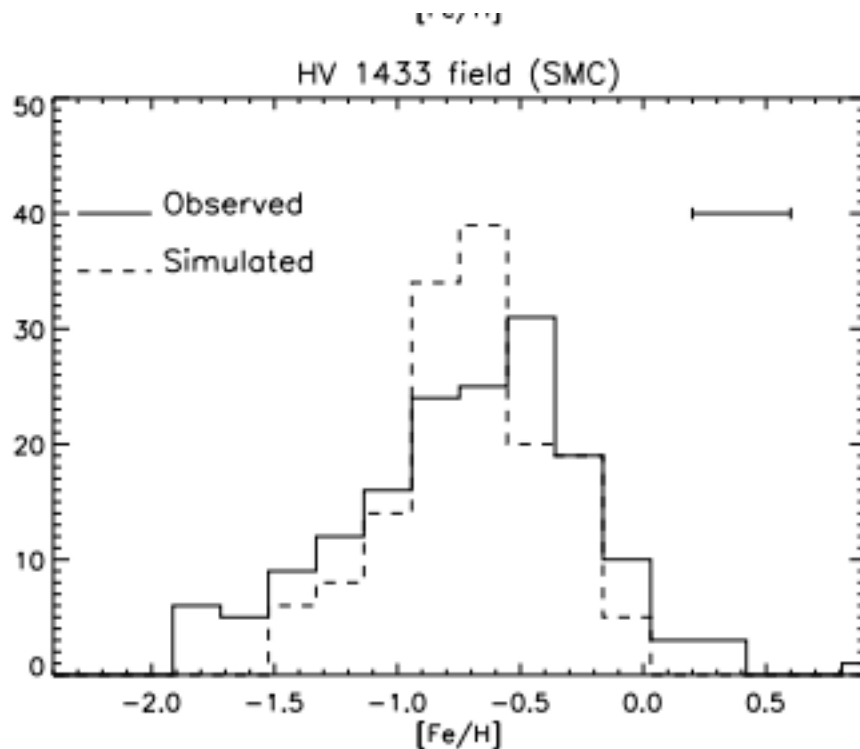
$$M_{\text{disk,stellar}} \sim 3.8 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$$

$$M_{\text{bulge,stellar}} \sim 1 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$$

$$M_{\text{virial}} \sim 2.2 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$$

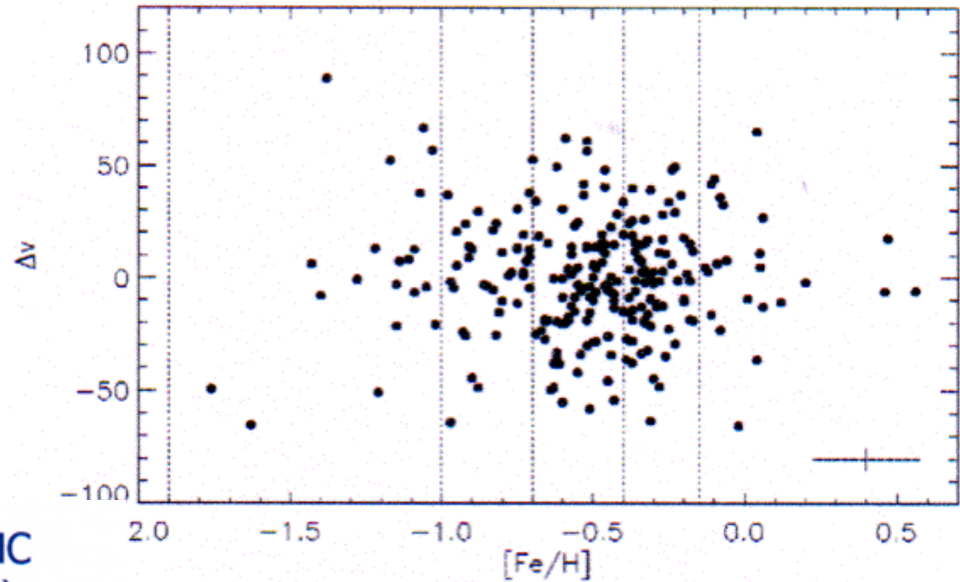
Chemical Evolution

- The one zone no infall or outflow model while analytic (eq 4.13-4.16) does not really represent what has happened
- LMC and SMC are more 'metal poor' than the MW or M31; $[Fe/H] \sim -0.35$ and -0.6 respectively - but with considerable variation from place to place.

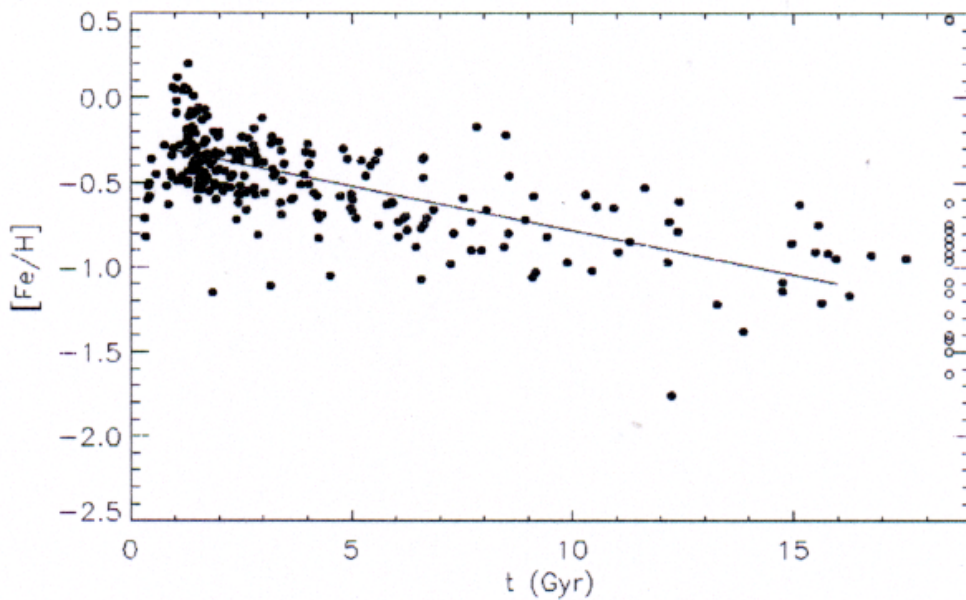


In general line of trend for less massive galaxies to be more metal poor (but large scatter)

Wide Range of Abundances in LMC



Age – Metallicity Relationship in the LMC
(-0.05 dex/Gyr and intrinsic $\sigma_{[Fe/H]} \approx 0.16$ dex)



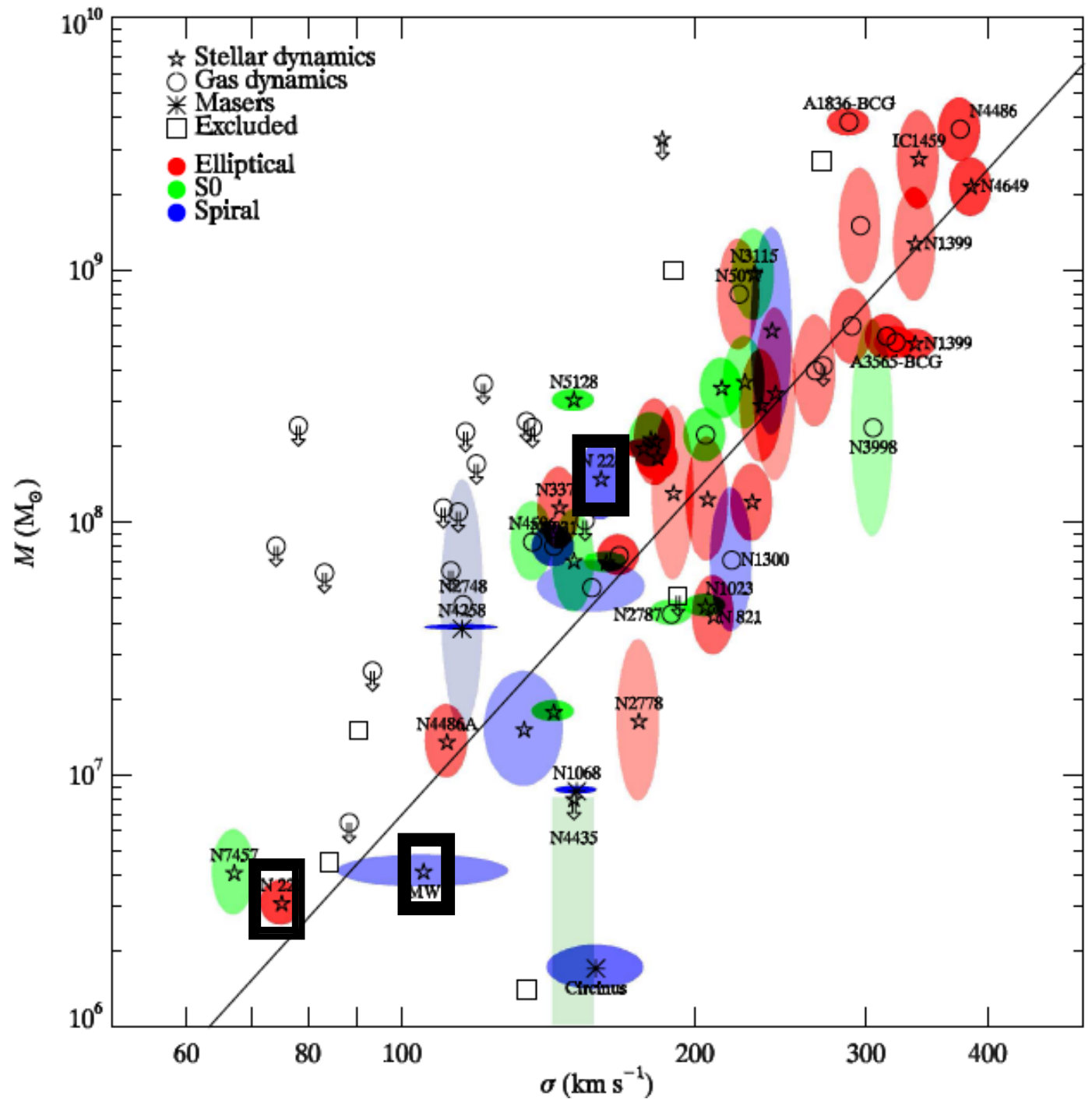
T. Smecker-Hane 2004

Black Holes

- It is now believed that 'all' massive galaxies have super massive black holes in their nuclei whose mass scales with the bulge properties of the galaxies
- What about the smaller galaxies in the local group?
- Search for BHs 2 ways
 - dynamics
 - presence of an AGN
- None of the Local group galaxies host an AGN
- Of the small galaxies only M32 shows dynamical evidence for a black hole (van der Maerl 2009) of $M \sim 2.5 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$ for a galaxy of luminosity -16.83 compared to -21.8 for M31 (100x less luminous) **which has a similar mass BH**- M32 is spheroidal (all bulge)

		$M_{\text{BH}}(M_{\odot})$	$M_{\text{bulge}} M_{\odot}$
M33	Scd	$< 3 \times 10^3$	1.5×10^8
NGC205	E	$< 2.4 \times 10^4$	2.7×10^8
M32	E	$\sim 2.5 \times 10^6$	$\sim 2.5 \times 10^8$

- Black hole mass vs bulge velocity dispersion
- Local group galaxies



Local Group timing argument

- Use dynamics of M31 and the MW to estimate the total mass in the LG.
- the radial velocity of M31 with respect to the MW $\sim -120 \text{ km/sec}$ e.g. towards MW presumably because their mutual gravitational attraction has halted, and eventually reversed their initial velocities from the Hubble flow.
- neglect other galaxies in LG, and treat the two galaxies as an isolated system of two point masses.
- assume the orbit to be radial, then Newton's law gives $dr^2/dt^2 = GM_{\text{total}}/r$
- Period of orbit less than age of the universe: Kepler's Law $P^2 = 4\pi a^3/GM$
- Assume purely radial orbits (no ang Mom) so $GM/2a = GM/d - E$; d =distance to center of mass and E is KE/unit mass

derive total $M > 1.8 \times 10^{12} M_{\odot}$

- where M_{total} is the sum of the 2 masses Initially, take $r=0$ at $t=0$
- solution of the form $r = R_{\text{max}}/2(1 - \cos\theta)$ and $t = (R_{\text{max}}^3/8M_{\text{total}}G_{\text{total}})^{1/2}(\theta - \sin\theta)$
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- The last three equations can be combined to eliminate R_{max} , and M_{total} , to give
- $vt/r=\sin\theta*(\theta-\sin\theta)/(1-\cos\theta)^{1/2}$

v can be measured from Doppler shifts, and r from Cepheid variables. For t take the age of the Universe, 13.8Gyrs.

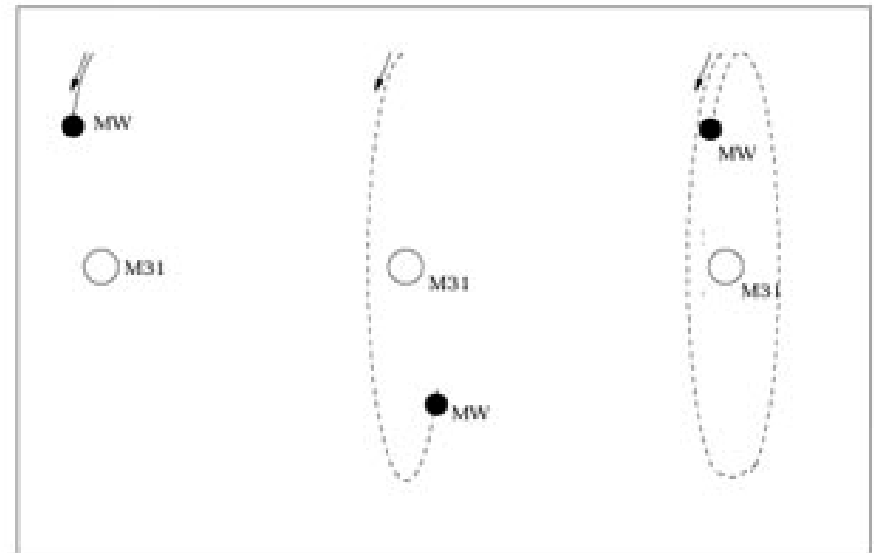
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solve the previous equation (numerically) to find $\theta=4.32$ radians, assuming M31 is on its first approach to the MW

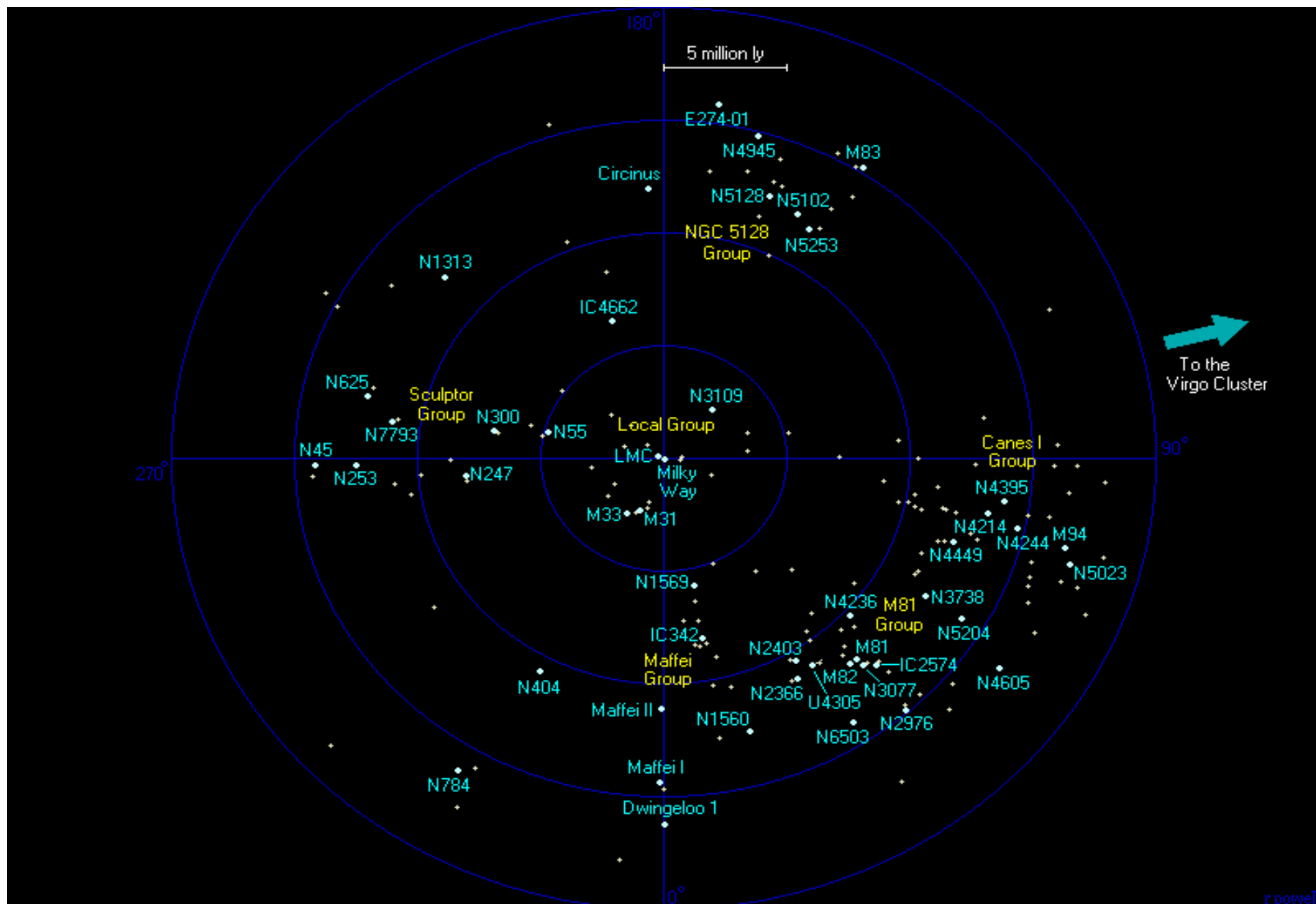
- $M_{\text{total}}=3.66 \times 10^{12} M_{\odot}$ and mass MW $\sim 1/3$ of total
- the estimate of θ is increased if the orbit is not radial, or M31 and the MW have already had one (or more) pericenter passages since the Big Bang.
- So the very large mass inferred from the LG dynamics strongly corroborates the evidence from rotation curves and Oort's constants, that most of the mass in the MW (and presumably also in M31) is dark.
- estimate the extent of such a putative dark halo. If V_c is circular velocity out to R_{halo} , then $R_{\text{halo}} = GM_{\text{MW}}/V_c^2 = G \cdot 10^{12} / (220 \text{ km/s})^2 = 90 \text{ kpc}$
- If, the rotation speed drops at large R , then R_{halo} is even bigger.
- Hence the extent of the dark matter halo around the MW and M31 is very large. the size of the stellar disk is of order 20kpc or so, and 780kpc is the distance to M31 . So the dark matter haloes of the MW and M31 may almost overlap

timing argument

- general solution for orbits in Newtonian mechanics
[http://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/level5/Marc h01/Battaner/node16.html](http://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/level5/Marc%20h01/Battaner/node16.html)
- $r = \alpha(1 - \epsilon \cos \eta)$
 $\Omega t = \eta - \epsilon \sin \eta$; ϵ is the eccentricity ; Ω α are constants; r = mutual distance
- $GM = \Omega^2 a^3$
- consider $\epsilon = 1$ radial orbit
- $dr/dt = \alpha(\sin \eta) d\eta/dt$
- $d\Omega/dt = 1(-\cos \eta) d\eta/dt$



Beyond the Local Group



Local Volume of Space

As indicated by CDM simulations the universe is lumpy

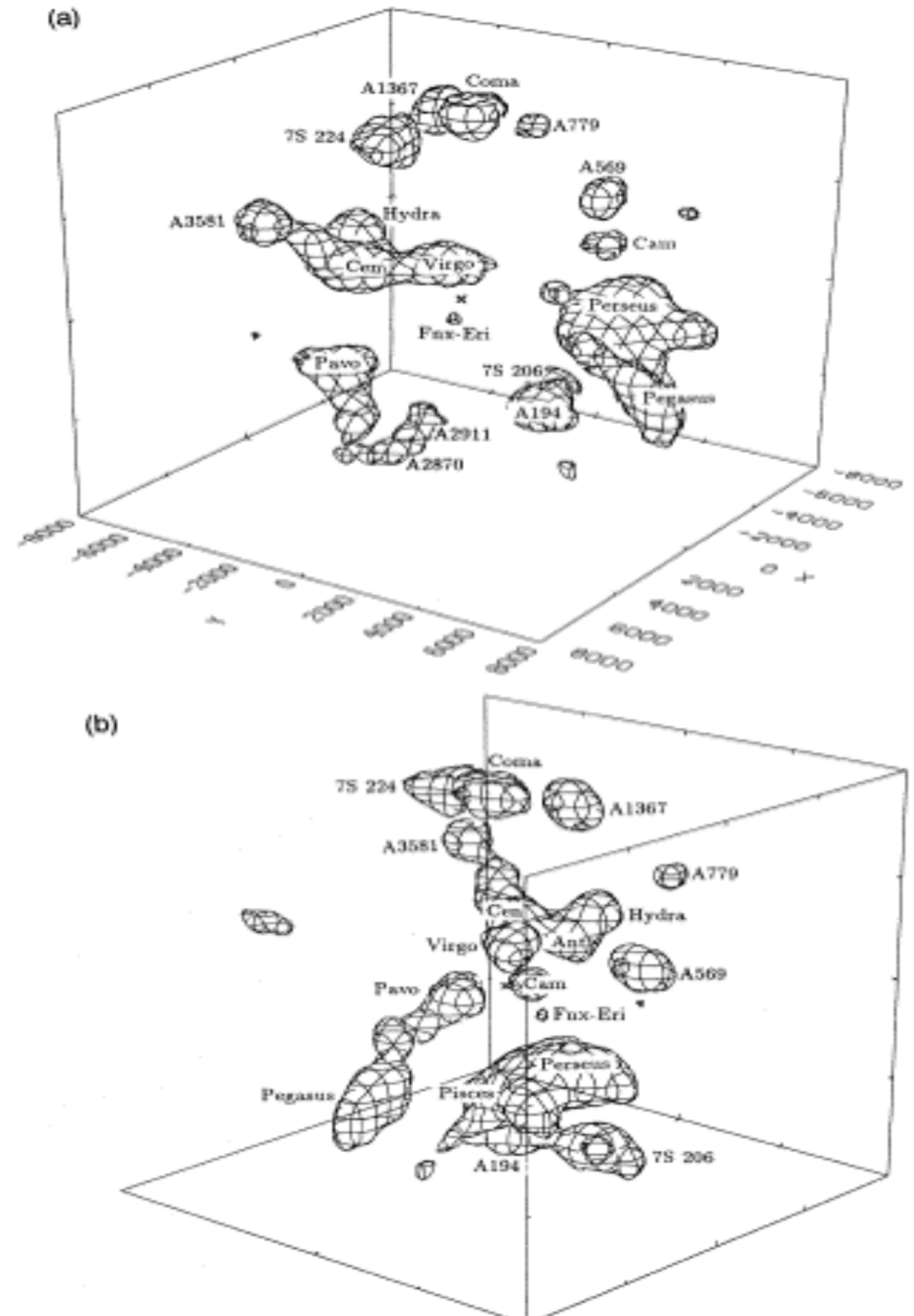
Here is a 'map' (Hudson 1994) of the nearby universe

Objects labeled 'A' are rich clusters
other massive clusters are labeled

Virgo Coma, Cen, Perseus

of galaxies from Abells catalog - axis
are labeled in velocity units
(km/sec)

Notice filamentary structure.



Where is the Local Group

- This visualization shows our "Local Universe", as simulated in the constrained realization project.
- The Local Group is in the centre of the sphere. In the initial orientation of the sphere, the Great Attractor is on the left, and the Cetus Wall on the lower right.
- Credit: Volker Springel
- Simulation code: Gadget

