The Andromeda Effect: Dark Matter Halos in a Local Group Configuration

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Identified 880 pairs (find one pair per ~(24 Mpc)³)











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van der Marel et al., 2012

Klypin, 2009

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0.000

50

100

150

200

km/s

250

300

350

400

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0.2

0.1

0.0

2

4

6

8

10

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Halos within Rvir

 $V_{peak} \equiv maximum$ circular velocity over all time

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Halos within I Mpc

Halos outside MW and M31

Conclusions

- New surveys (Pan-STARRS, SkyMapper, DES, LSST, etc.) are pushing the boundaries of discovery within the Local Group
 - Simulations need to resolve large regions with a comparable mass halo nearby to confront these data

 Overdensity of galaxies brighter than SMC within 4 Mpc isn't unexpected for halos that live in Local Group configurations

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• ELVIS Suite:

 Eleven Local Group pairs selected for zoom simulations from large volume simulations

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- Subhalo number counts within R_{vir} agree between isolated and LG zoom simulations
- LG simulations predict about 150 galaxies larger than Carina outside R_{vir} of the MW or M31 but within 1 Mpc, versus only about 90 in isolated simulations