Preferred directions in the Local Group



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Ibata et al 2013, Conn et al 2013 Kroupa et al 2005, Pawlowski & Kroupa 2013 Metz, Kroupa & Libeskind 2008

VPOS edge-on

0 [kpc] 100

200





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Knebe et al 2004

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Satellite can no longer accrete gas

Satellite has high speed encounters which perturb it

Satellite disintegrates due to tidal encounters

Mergers







Where do the entry points of accreted satellites lie?





Hoffman et al 2012 Libeskind et al 2012, 2013

Velocity Shear Tensor

Looking at LSS from the point of view of (*peculiar*) velocity.

Specifically the deformation of the velocity field – shear, compression and rotation:



Symmetric part is the "Shear" tensor + Divergence

 $rac{1}{2H(z)}igg(rac{\partial v_i}{\partial r_j}+rac{\partial v_j}{\partial r_i}igg)$ Σ_{ij} Compression /expansion











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Scale the mass of each halo

$$\widetilde{M} = \frac{M_{\rm vir}}{M_{\star}}$$

 M_{\star} - Mass scale of collapsing objects at *z*.

Mass in closed by a radius on which the variance σ^2 is equal to the square of the critical density threshold for collapse, $\delta_c{}^2$



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All mergers

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"Major" (>10%) mergers

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Infall angle as a function of z

How many more entry points are there within an opening angle of 15°, 30° than expected from a uniform distribution?



Infall angle as a function of z

Median angle of all entry points at a given z





What about the distribution of subhaloes at z=0? Do they recall the shear tensor?



Could the setups seen around M31 be due to the shear field?

Cosmic Superhighways of Dark Matter

In the roughly 14 billion years since the big bang, the dark matter that pervades our universe has coalescad into what cosmologists call the cosmic web, an enormous structure of filaments and nodes. Dark matter pulls in nearby gas and dust, forming massive galaxies such as our Milky Way in the nodes where the density of dark matter is highest (1). In filaments, the density of dark matter is lower, and only smaller dwarf galaxies form ①. Over time, the strong gravitational pull of the nodes tends to attract material in the filaments, pulling dwarf galaxies toward large galaxies ②. From our point of view inside the Milky Way, the dwarf galaxies appear to lie in a plane running perpendicular to the galaxy.



Libeskind 2014, Scientific American

Velocity Field of the LG

Local Shear field

Eigenvectors

Check satellite galaxies

Examine if there's a signal















The (flattened) distribution of M31's satellites are aligned with the plane of e_2 - e_3 namely *away* from the axis of fastest collapse

Conclusions:

- 1. The shear tenor is one of the most important drivers structure formation.
- Subhaloes are beamed towards central galaxies by the principal axes of the shear. Their z=0 distribution is similarly reflective of the Shear tensor
- 3. This effect is universal in that it happens for
 - a. all host masses
 - b. all merger ratios (stronger for larger mergers)
 - c. all environments
 - d. all scales (stronger when the shear is computed on smaller scales)
 - e. all redshifts
- 4. "Cosmic Web" unimportant
- 5. May explain the origin of peculiar satellite galaxy alignments in the around M31