

# Testing for the presence of dark matter

Dwarf galaxies on the shoulders of giants

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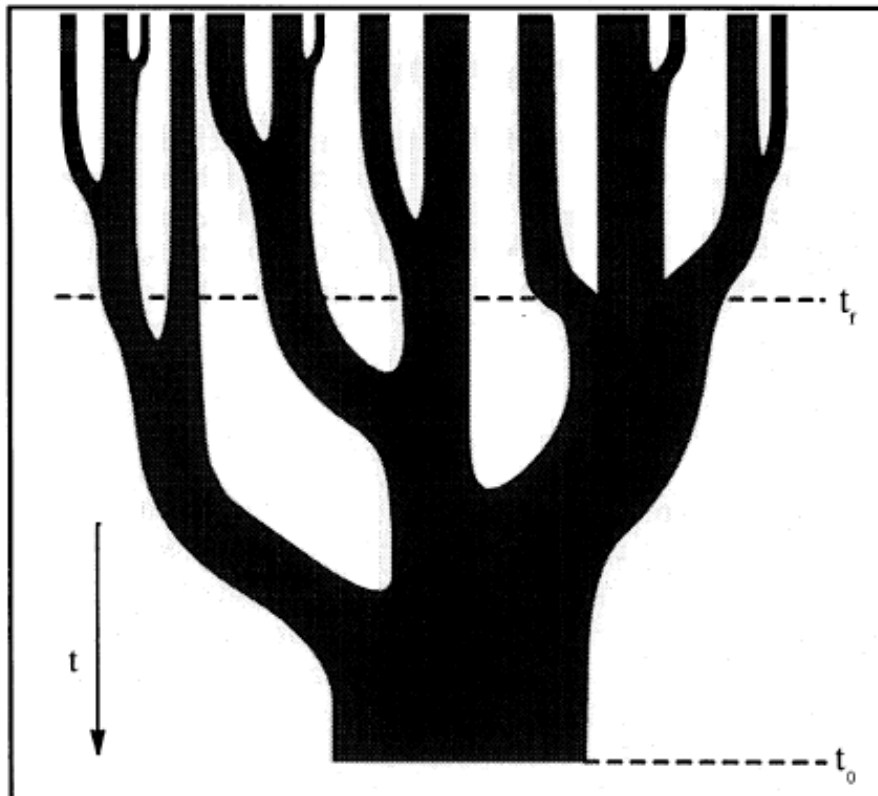
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Structures form according to the cosmological merger tree

Lacey & Cole  
(1993)



the  
beginning  
Big Bang

low-mass DM  
halos  
form first and  
coalesce to  
larger  
structures

today



Why do the galaxies  
merge so profusely ?

A direct test for the existence of dark matter particles :

# Dynamical Friction

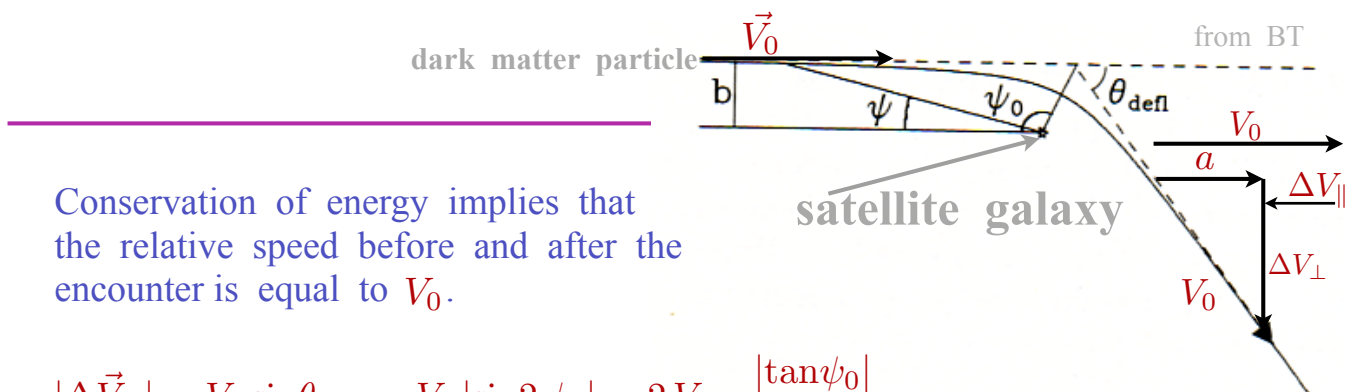
--> talk by Xavier Hernandez :

Orbital decay of GCs in dSph dark haloes

Orbital decay of binary stars in dSph dark haloes

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Conservation of energy implies that the relative speed before and after the encounter is equal to  $V_0$ .

$$|\Delta \vec{V}_{\perp}| = V_0 \sin \theta_{\text{def}} = V_0 |\sin 2\psi_0| = 2V_0 \frac{|\tan \psi_0|}{1 + \tan^2 \psi_0}$$

$$= \frac{2bV_0^3}{G(M+m)} \left[ 1 + \frac{b^2 V_0^4}{G^2 (M+m)^2} \right]^{-1}$$

$$|\Delta \vec{V}_{\parallel}| = V_0 - a = V_0 (1 - \cos \theta_{\text{def}}) = V_0 (1 + \cos 2\psi_0) = 2V_0 \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 \psi_0}$$

$$= 2V_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{b^2 V_0^4}{G^2 (M+m)^2} \right]^{-1}$$

Note that  $\Delta \vec{V}_{\parallel}$  points opposite to  $\vec{V}_0$ .

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# Visualisation

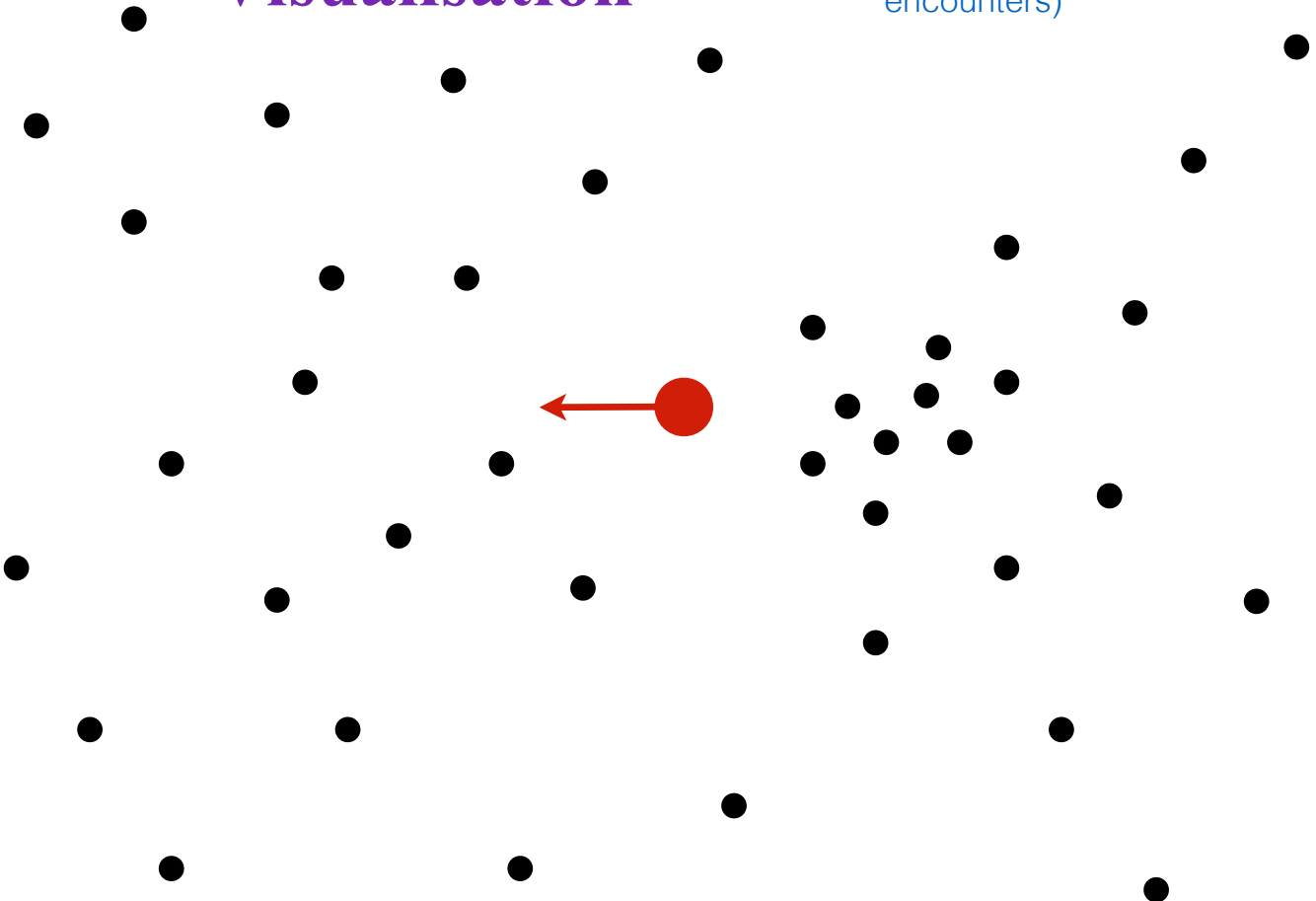
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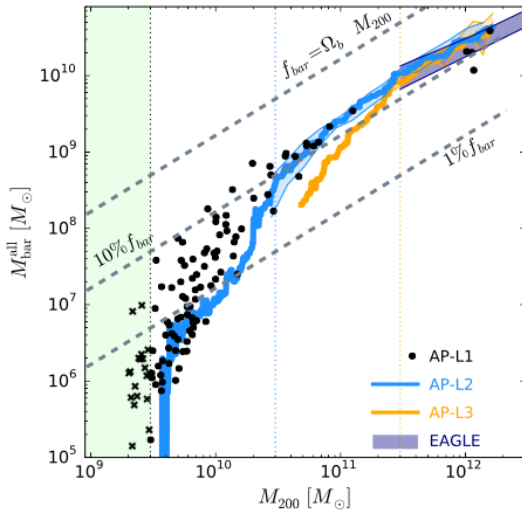
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# Simulations with stellar feedback, star formation and gas dynamics

Sales, Navarro et al. 2017, MNRAS, "The low-mass end of the baryonic Tully–Fisher relation" (EAGLE simulation)



**Figure 1.** Left: galaxy baryonic mass ( $M_{\text{bar}}^{\text{all}} = M_{\text{gas}}^{\text{all}} + M_{\text{str}}$ ) versus virial mass ( $M_{200}$ ) in our simulated galaxy sample. Shaded regions indicate the interquartile baryonic mass range at given  $M_{200}$  and highlight the virial mass range over which the simulation results are insensitive of resolution. Vertical dotted lines indicate the minimum converged virial mass for each resolution level. Thick lines of matching colour indicate the median trend for each simulation set, as specified in the legend, and extend to virial masses below the minimum needed for convergence. Dashed grey lines indicate various fractions of all baryons within the virial radius. Note the steep decline in ‘galaxy formation efficiency’ with decreasing virial mass. Dark filled circles indicate the results of individual AP-L1 galaxies. A light green shaded region highlights non-converged systems in our highest resolution runs. Crosses are used to indicate galaxies in haloes considered ‘not converged’ numerically. Right: stellar half-mass radius,  $r_{\text{h}}^{\text{str}}$ , as a function of virial mass for simulated galaxies. Symbols, shading, and colour coding are as in the left-hand panel. Limited resolution sets a minimum size for galaxies in poorly resolved haloes. The same minimum mass needed to ensure convergence in baryonic mass seems enough to ensure convergence in galaxy size, except, perhaps, for AP-L1, for which we adopt a minimum converged virial mass of  $6 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$ . The values adopted for the minimum virial mass are listed in Table 1.

E.g. a  $10^8$   $M_{\text{sun}}$  pre-infall satellite ought to have had a DM halo mass  $> 10^{10} M_{\text{sun}}$  such that its orbital decay time would be short.

see also Matthee, Schaye et al., 2017, MNRAS, "The origin of scatter in the stellar mass-halo mass relation of central galaxies in the EAGLE simulation"

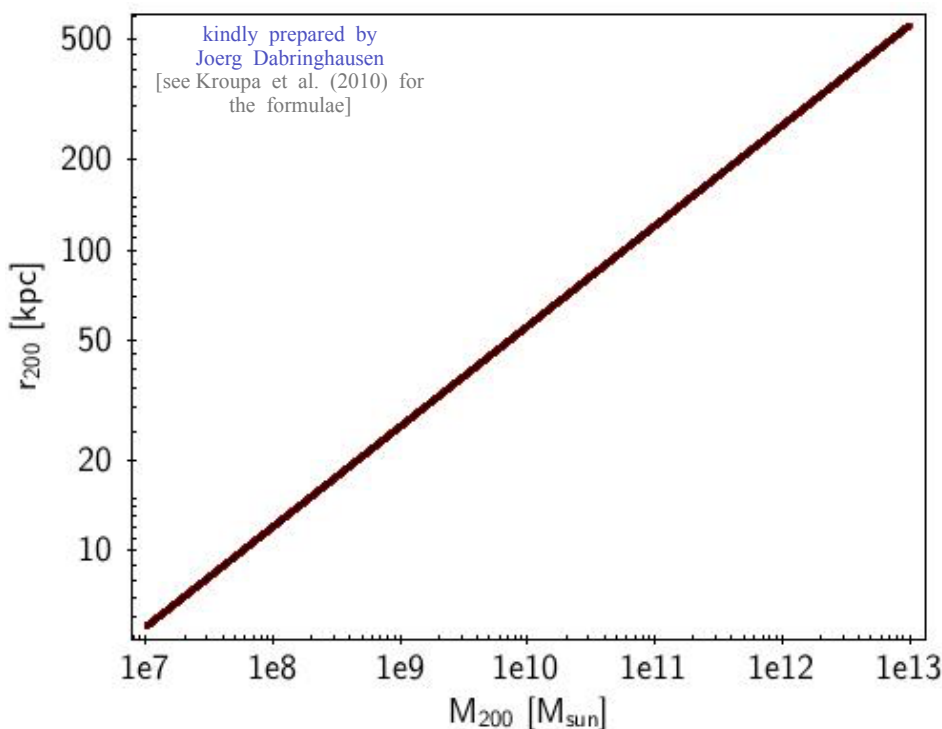
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## A pre-infall ( $z=0$ ) DM halo has a virialised radius :

Within  $r_{200}$  is the mass  $M_{200}$  and a density 200 times larger than the critical cosmological density;  $r_{200}$  is approximately the virialised radius.



DM halos are, in a sense, like spider's webs : once two DM halos approach within the sum of their radii they begin to merge, if their relative velocity is comparable to the velocity dispersion of the larger halo.

# Numerical simulations ...

Privon, Barnes et al. 2013

Dynamical Modeling with Identikit

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**Table 2**  
Dynamical models derived from Identikit matching

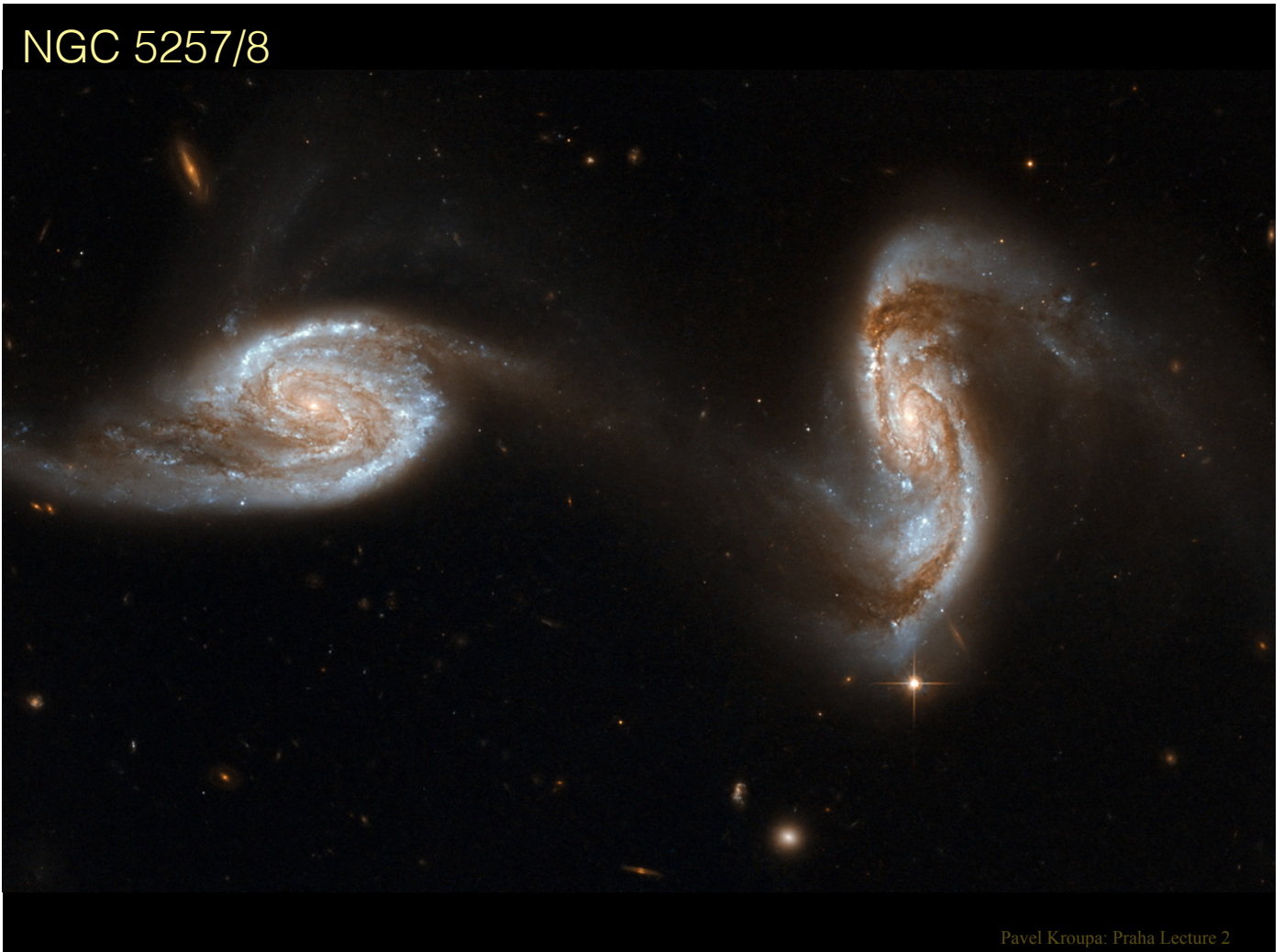
System	$e$	$p$	$\mu$	$(i_1, \omega_1)$	$(i_2, \omega_2)$	$t$	$(\theta_X, \theta_Y, \theta_Z)$	$\mathcal{L}$ (kpc)	$\mathcal{V}$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$M_{dyn}$ ( $\times 10^{11} M_\odot$ )	$t_{now}$ (Myr)	$\Delta t_{merge}$ (Myr)
NGC 5257/8	1	0.625	1	(85°, 65°)	(15°, 340°)	3.38	(126°, -3°, 63°)	34	204	9	230	1200
The Mice	1	0.375	1	(15°, 325°)	(25°, 200°)	2.75	(78°, -44°, -130°)	39.5	165	6.6	175	775
Antennae	1	0.25	1	(65°, 345°)	(70°, 95°)	5.62	(-20°, 283°, -5°)	19.7	265	8	260	70
NGC 2623	1	0.125	1	(30°, 330°)	(25°, 110°)	5.88	(-30°, 15°, -50°)	6.9	123	0.6	220	-80

**Note.** —  $e$  – orbital eccentricity,  $p$  – pericentric separation (simulation units),  $\mu$  – mass ratio,  $(i_1, \omega_1)$   $(i_2, \omega_2)$  – disk orientations (see text for description),  $t$  – time of best match (simulation units, see text for description),  $(\theta_X, \theta_Y, \theta_Z)$  – viewing angle relative to the orbit plane,  $\mathcal{L}$  – length scaling factor,  $\mathcal{V}$  – velocity scaling factor,  $M_{dyn}$  – estimate of the dynamical mass,  $t_{now}$  – time since first pericenter passage,  $\Delta t_{merge}$  – time until coalescence based on the assumed mass model.

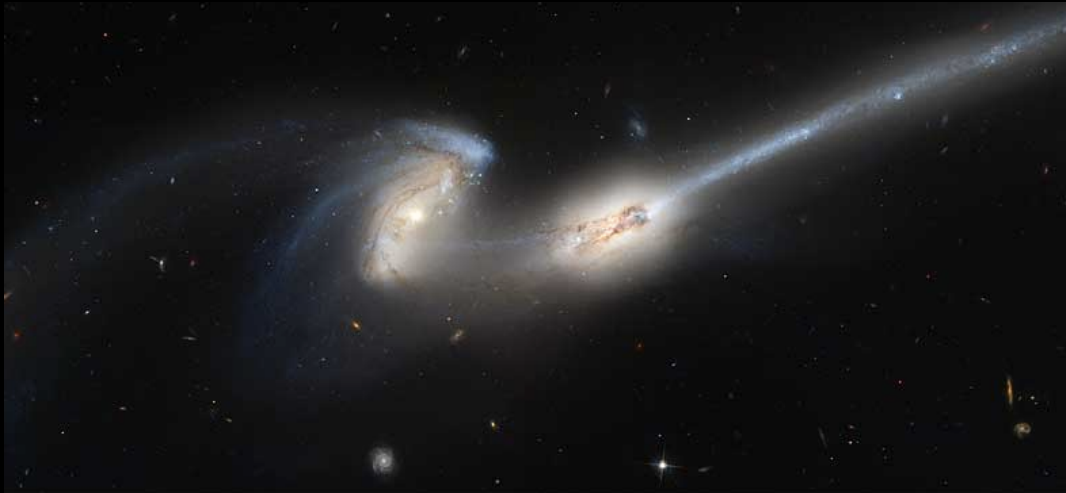
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NGC 5257/8



# The Mice



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# Antennae



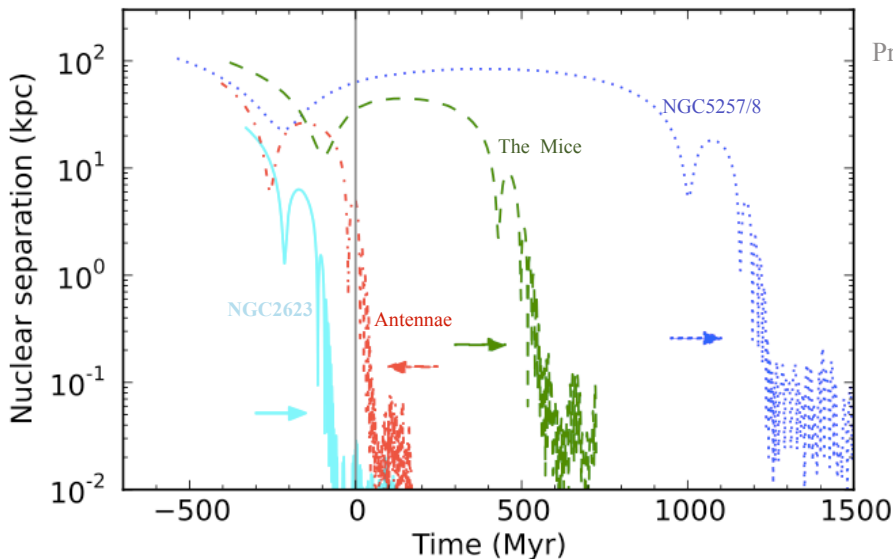
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## Dynamical friction : galaxy mergers - must be common

Galaxy encounters with mass ratio = 1 : mergers within 0.5-3 Gyr



Privon, Barnes et al. 2013

**All merge within 0.5-1.5 Gyr, *i.e.* 2 crossing times.**

Barnes (1998) in "Dynamics of Galaxy Interactions" :

"Interacting galaxies are well-understood in terms of the effects of gravity on stars and dark matter."

**Figure 1.** True nuclear separation as a function of time for NGC 5257/8 (dotted blue line), The Mice (dashed green), Antennae (dash-dot red), and NGC 2623 (solid cyan). Time of zero is the current viewing time (solid gray vertical line). The time since first passages for these systems is 175 – 260 Myr (cf. Table 2). Colored arrows mark the smoothing length in kpc for the corresponding system; this is effectively the spatial resolution of our simulations and the behavior of the curves on length scales smaller than the smoothing length is not reliable.



# Test dynamical friction on the satellite galaxies of the Milky Way ...

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## Using dwarf satellite proper motions to determine their origin

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**Table 2.** Galactocentric distances and velocities of the dSphs. For Fornax, Sculptor and Ursa Minor, our  $V_{x_0}$  corresponds to Piatek et al. (2003, 2005, 2006, 2007a)  $V_r$  and our  $V_{y_0}$  to their  $V_t$ . For Carina, the proper motion comes directly from Pasetto et al. (2011). Distances come from Mateo (1998).

dSph	$r_0$ (kpc)	$V_{x_0}$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$V_{y_0}$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )
Fornax	138 ± 8	-31.8 ± 1.7	196 ± 29
Sculptor	87 ± 4	79 ± 6	198 ± 50
Ursa Minor	76 ± 4	-75 ± 44	144 ± 50
Carina	101 ± 5	113 ± 52	46 ± 54

### ABSTRACT

The highly organized distribution of satellite galaxies surrounding the Milky Way is a serious challenge to the concordance cosmological model. Perhaps the only remaining solution, in this framework, is that the dwarf satellite galaxies fall into the Milky Way's potential along one or two filaments, which may or may not plausibly reproduce the observed distribution. Here we test this scenario by making use of the proper motions of the Fornax, Sculptor, Ursa Minor and Carina dwarf spheroidals, and trace their orbits back through several variations of the Milky Way's potential and account for dynamical friction. The key parameters are the proper motions and total masses of the dwarf galaxies. Using a simple model, we find no tenable set of parameters that can allow Fornax to be consistent with filamentary infall, mainly because the  $1\sigma$  error on its proper motion is relatively small. The other three must walk a tightrope between requiring a small pericentre (less than 20 kpc) to lose enough orbital energy to dynamical friction and avoiding being tidally disrupted. We then employed a more realistic model with host halo mass accretion and found that the four dwarf galaxies must have fallen in at least 5 Gyr ago. This time-interval is longer than organized distribution is expected to last before being erased by the randomization of the satellite orbits.

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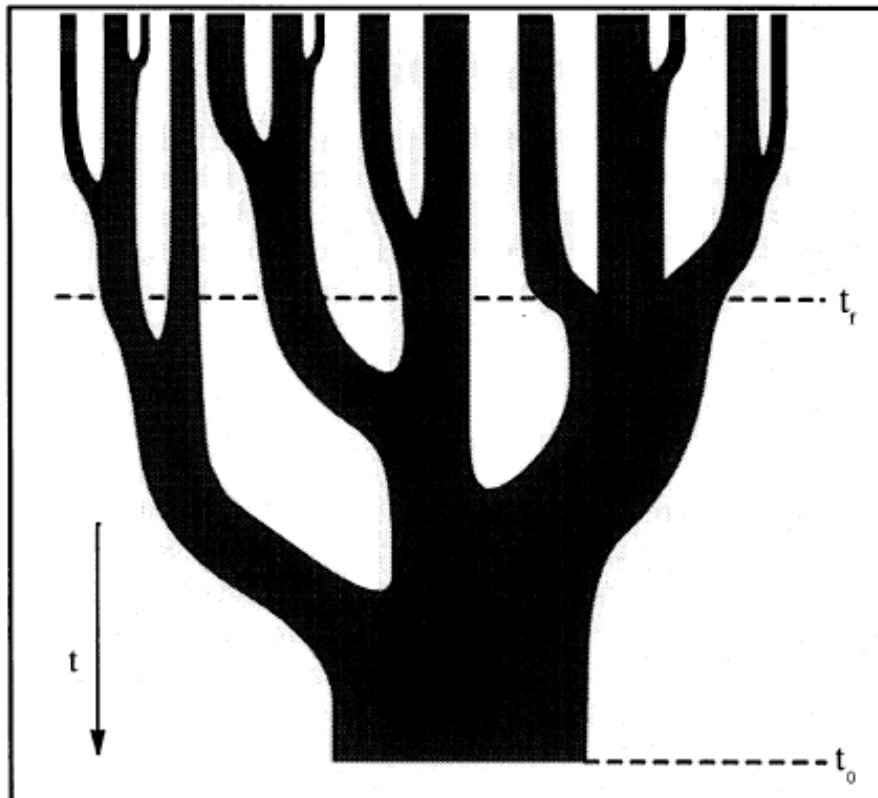
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The mergers are random, i.e. every galaxy has a different merger history !

This has a number of important consequences :

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## Consequences of random mergers :

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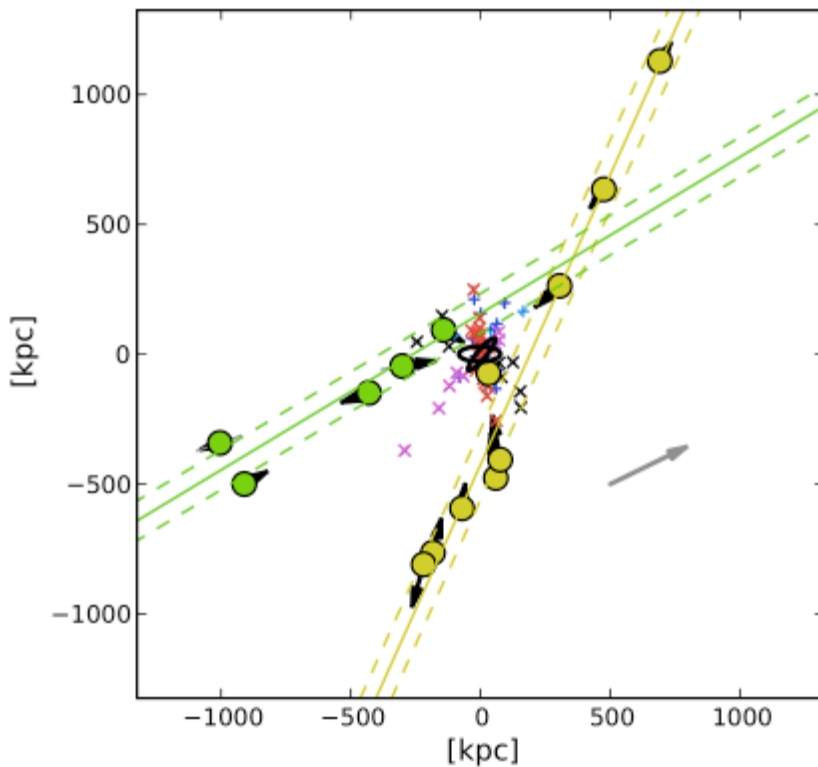
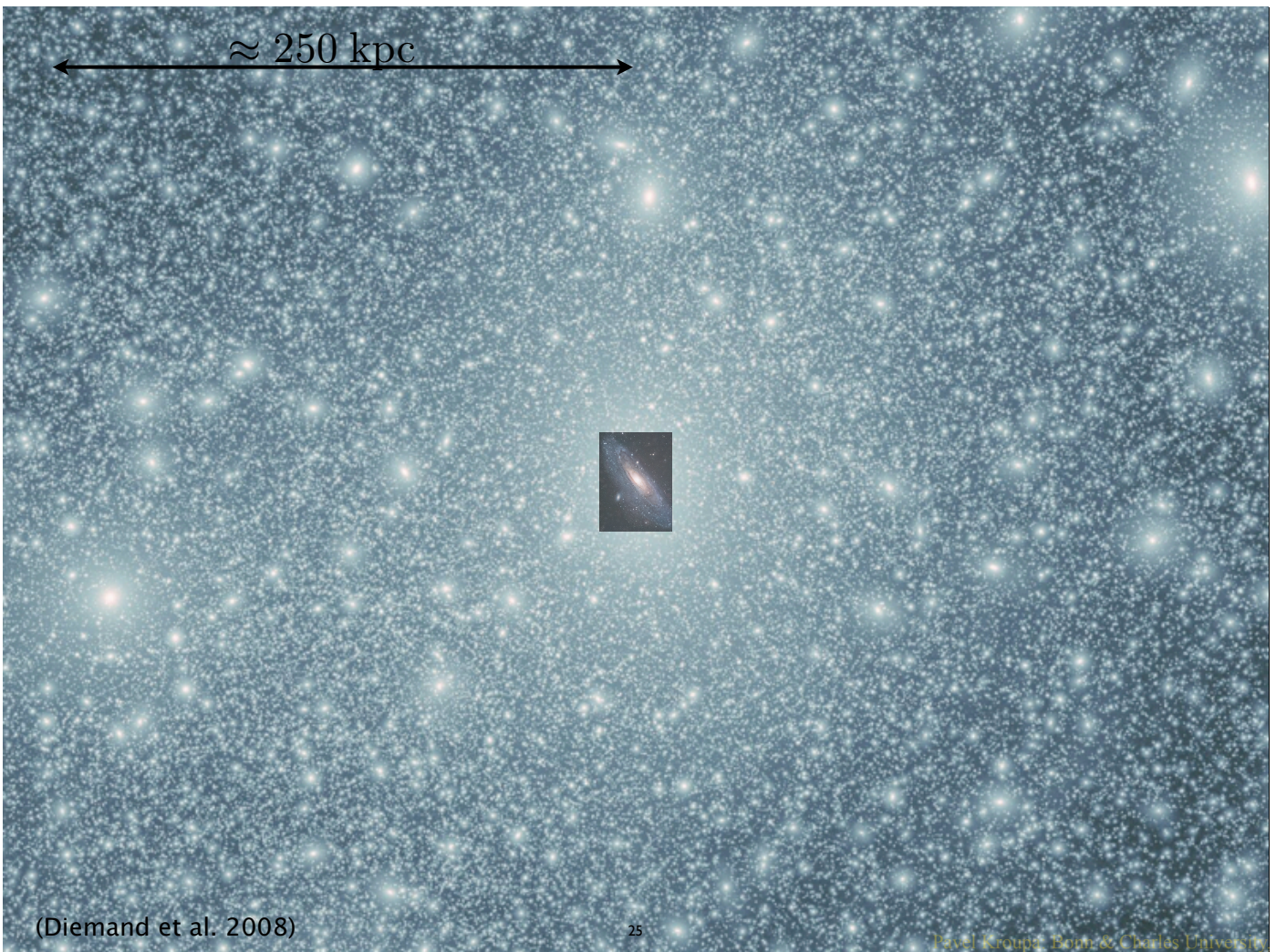
Satellite galaxies populate not-yet merged sub-halos (in the SMoC) !

These are spheroidally distributed, a largely pressure-supported 3D population around any large galaxy.

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**Figure 9.** Edge-on view of both LG planes. The orientation of the MW and M31 are indicated as black ellipses in the centre. Members of the LGP1 are plotted as yellow points, those of LGP2 as green points. MW galaxies are plotted as plus signs (+), all other galaxies as crosses (x), the colours code their plane membership as in Fig. 6. The best-fitting planes are plotted as

## Everything we know about the Local Group today

Pawłowski, Kroupa & Jerjen (2013 MNRAS)

*"The discovery of symmetric structures in the Local Group"*

**A frightening symmetry**

... the structure of the  
Local Group of Galaxies  
is incompatible  
with the SMOc.

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## *Consistency Check*

Other, extra-galactic,  
*phase-space correlated distributions*  
of satellite systems.

Is the Milky Way galaxy unique or  
an extreme outlier ?

NO, it is not !



Chiboucas et al. (2013, AJ) write

*"In review, in the few instances around nearby major galaxies where we have information, in every case there is evidence that gas poor companions lie in flattened distributions"*

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disagreement with SMOc !

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Weinzirl et al. (2009) and Kormendy et al. (2010): too many [ $>50\%$ ,  $94\%$  according to Fernández Lorenzo et al. 2014] of all late-type galaxies (with baryonic mass  $10^{10}M_{Sun}$ ) do not have a classical bulge.

Thus, the very large fraction of observed bulgeless disc galaxies and disk-dominated galaxies ( $70\%$  in edge-on disk galaxies) is inconsistent with the high incidence ( $>70\%$ ) of significant mergers (Kormendy et al. 2010)

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Disney et al. (2008, Nature) :

Galaxies are complex systems the evolution of which apparently results from the interplay of dynamics, star formation, chemical enrichment and feedback from supernova explosions and super-massive black holes<sup>1</sup>. The hierarchical theory of galaxy formation holds that galaxies are assembled from smaller pieces, through numerous mergers of cold dark matter<sup>2-4</sup>. The properties of an individual galaxy should be controlled by six independent parameters including mass, angular momentum, baryon fraction, age and size, as well as by the accidents of its recent haphazard merger history. Here we report that a sample of galaxies that were first detected through their neutral hydrogen radio-frequency emission, and are thus free from optical selection effects<sup>5</sup>, shows five independent correlations among six independent observables, despite having a wide range of properties. This implies that the structure of these galaxies must be controlled by a single parameter, although we cannot identify this parameter from our data set. *Such a degree of organization appears to be at odds with hierarchical galaxy formation, a central tenet of the cold dark matter model in cosmology*<sup>6</sup>

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1) Downsizing

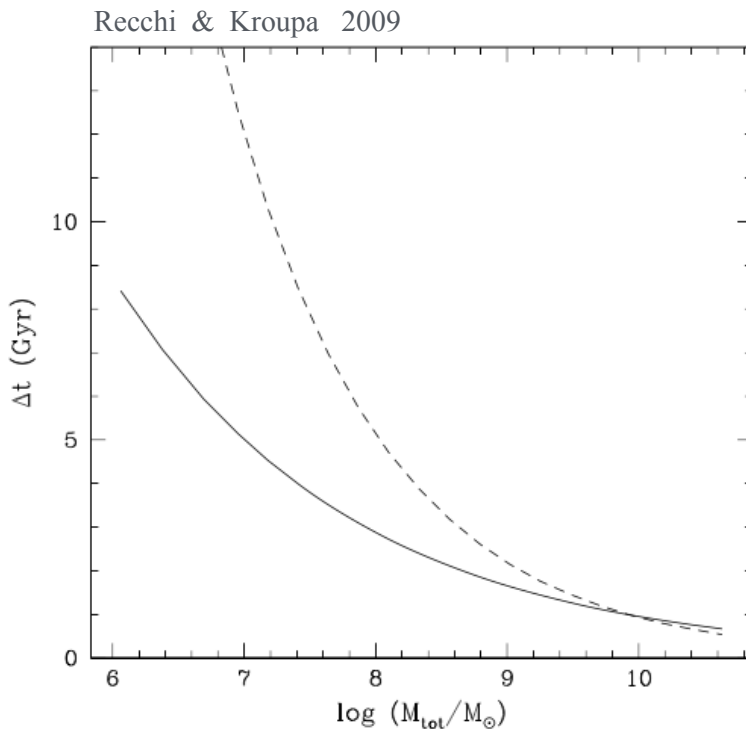
Recchi et al. (2009) :

the global chemical evolution of a galaxy and of  $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$  abundance ratios

In the SMOc the most massive ellipticals take a longer time to assemble and therefore form stars for a longer time than less massive galaxies, thus producing a trend of  $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$  vs. mass which is opposite to what is observed (see Thomas et al. 2002; Matteucci 2007).

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Thomas, Maraston & Bender 2002 :

"We show that this finding is incompatible with the predictions from hierarchical galaxy formation models, in which star formation is tightly linked to the assembly history of dark matter halos."

**Fig. 18.**  $\Delta t$ -luminous mass relation obtained with Eq. (19) (solid line) and derived by THOM05 (their Eq. (5); dashed line).

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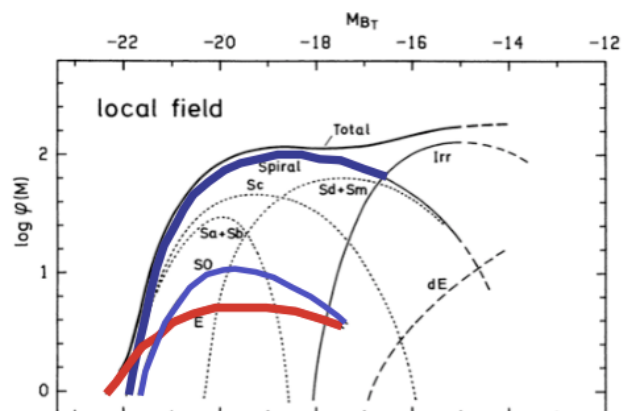
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- 2) E galaxy population does not increase,  
E galaxies constitute a negligible fraction of the galaxy population

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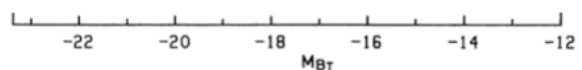
## The luminosity function of galaxies



Binggeli et al. 1988

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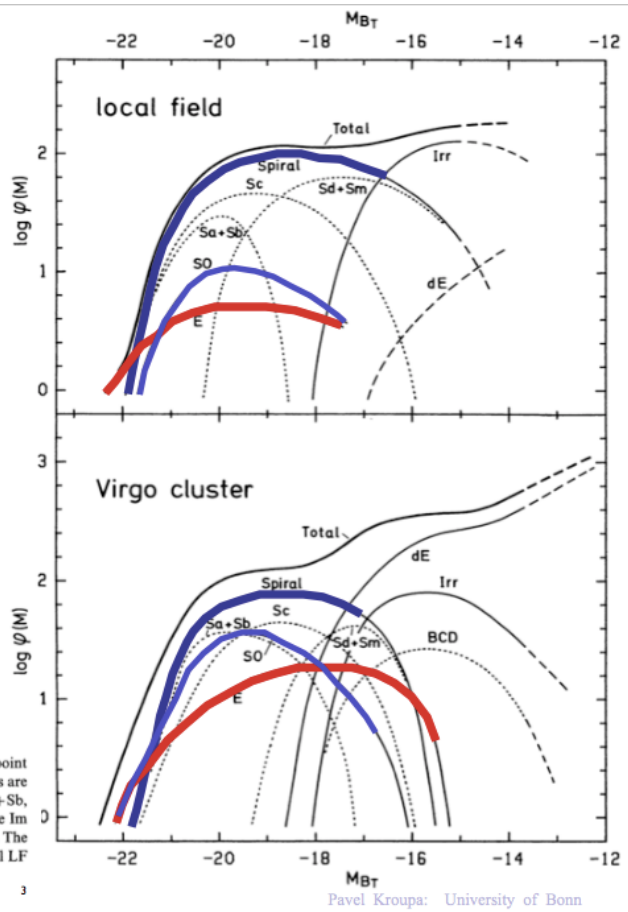
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Disk galaxies dominate overwhelmingly (>95%) above  $10^{10} M_{\text{sun}}$

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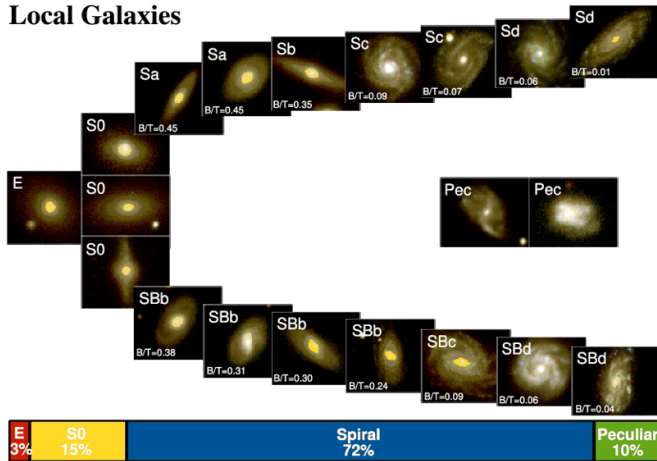


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## Local Galaxies



Ratio of E to other galaxies unchanging?

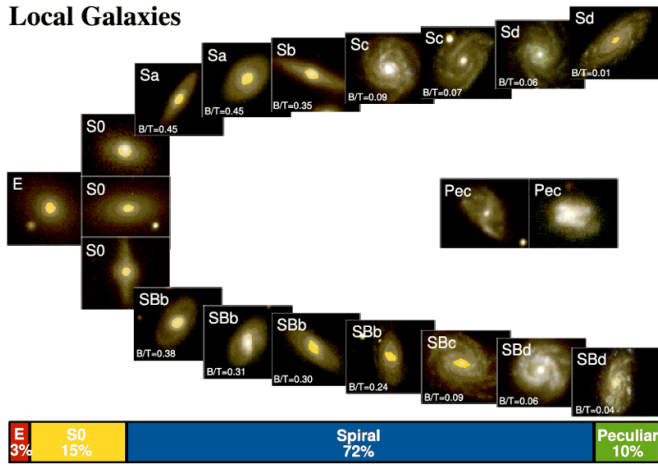
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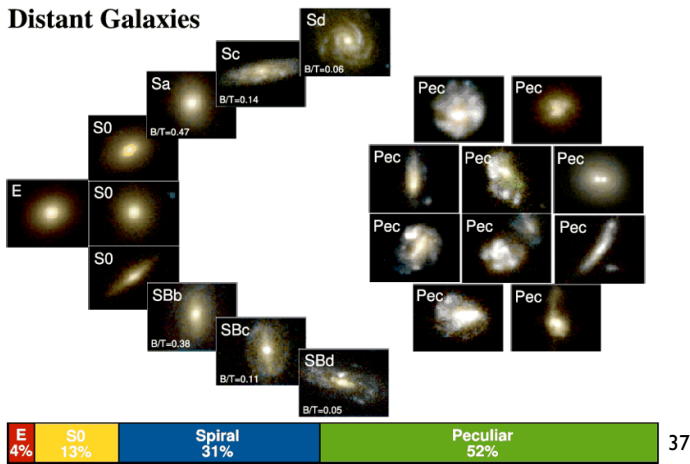


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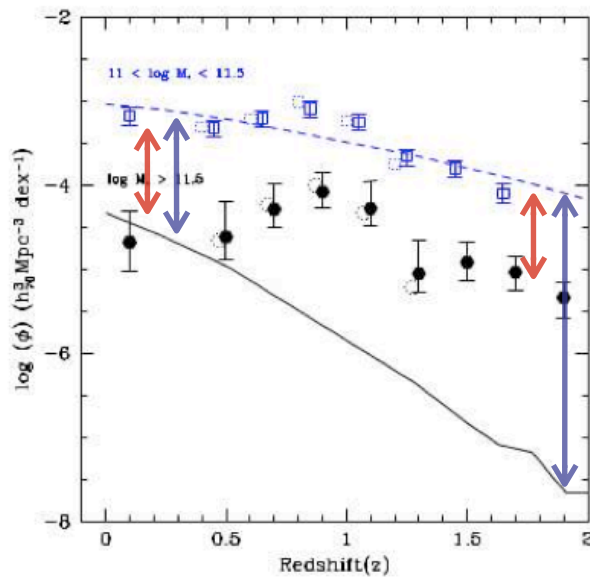


6 Gyr ago

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Ratio of massive to less-massive galaxies does not evolve, in conflict with LCDM (SMoC) expectations

Conselice 2012



observations

SMoC (model)



No evidence for growth of galaxies through mergers.


**Thus :** No increase in the number ratio of E galaxies to other galaxies, in contradiction with the expected increase through merging driven by dark matter halos in the SMOc.

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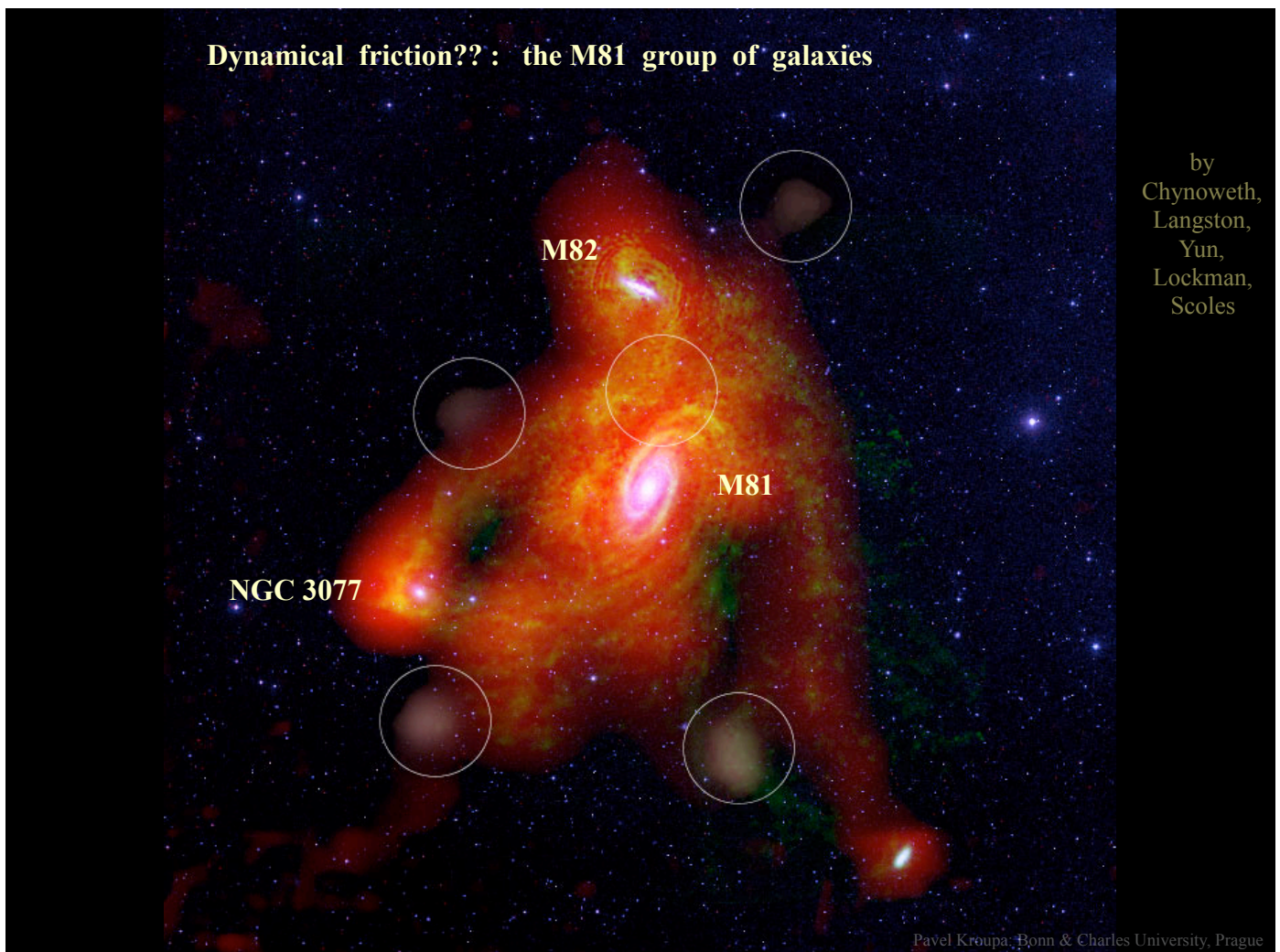
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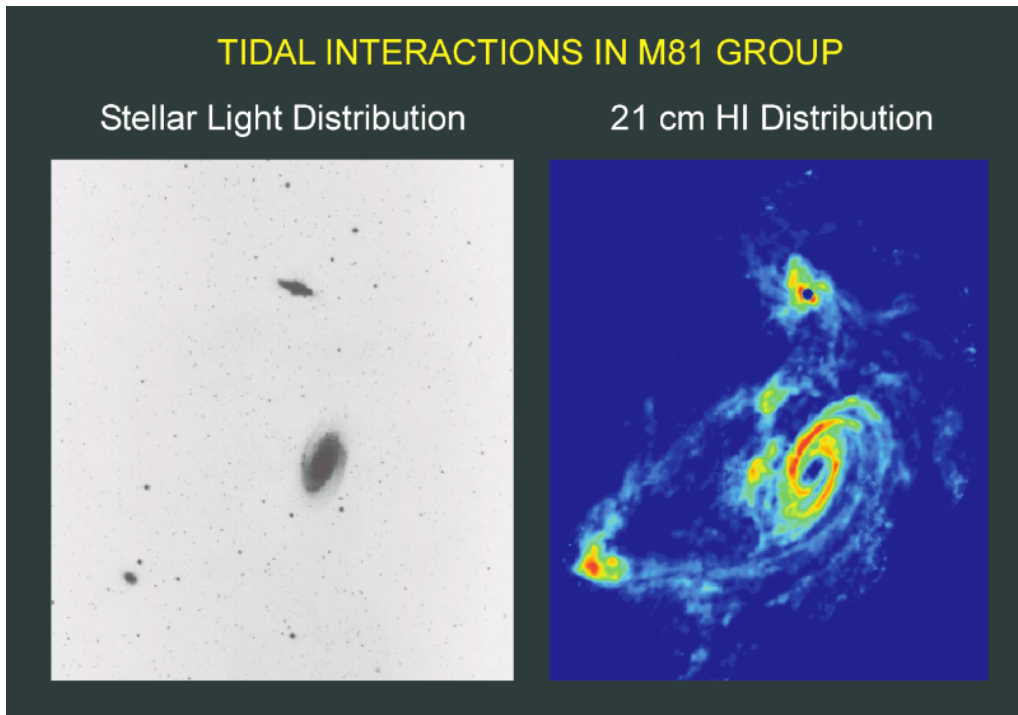
## V. Compact groups of galaxies ...

### The M81 group of galaxies

- an analogue to the Local Group at 3.6 Mpc



## Dynamical friction?? : the M81 group of galaxies



Last publications  
(conference  
proceedings only) :

**Yun 1999**

=> no solutions with  
dark matter : system  
merges

**Thomson, Laine &  
Turnbull 1999**

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... basically, all members of the  
M81 group would have to have  
fallen in synchronously from large  
distances and have a peri-galactic  
encounter with M81 at nearly the  
same time without having merged  
yet.

Oehm et al. (2017)

*This is arbitrarily  
unlikely.*

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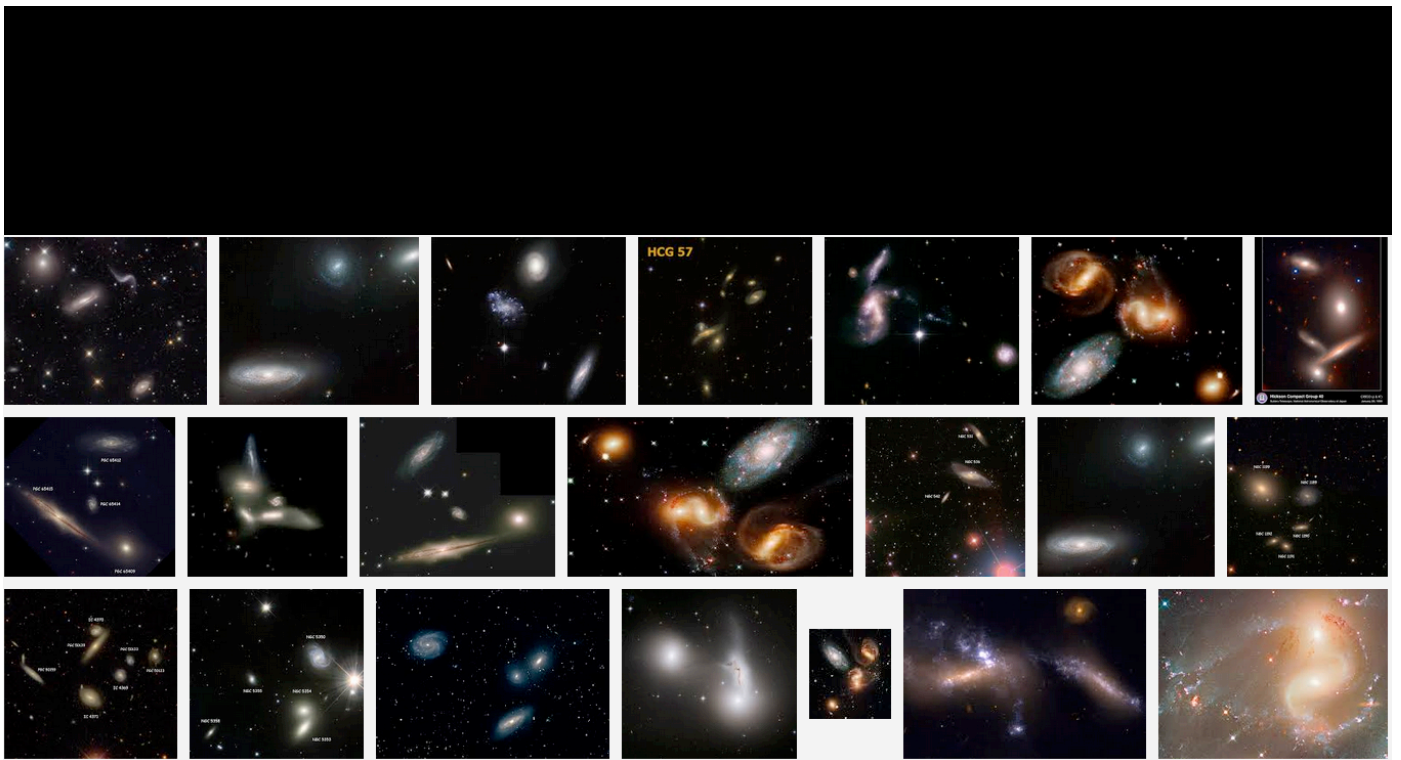
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*AND*, there are many other similar groups.

The *Hickson compact groups* are particularly troubling for LCDM, because they all must have assembled during the past 1-3 Gyr with all members magically coming together for about one synchronised perigalactic passage, while the remnants (field E galaxies with low alpha element abundances from previously such formed groups) do not appear to exist in sufficient numbers.



[silkscape.com](http://silkscape.com)



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This would mean **that compact groups are a shorted-lived phase** of group evolution, and we would **expect them to be extremely rare**.

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However, this makes the formation of compact groups something of a mystery, as the **close proximity** of the galaxies means that they **should merge** into a single galaxy in a short time, leaving only a fossil group.

This would mean **that compact groups are a shorted-lived phase** of group evolution, and we would **expect them to be extremely rare**.

Instead, **we find a significant number of compact groups in the nearby Universe, with well over 100 identified."**

Sohn, Hwang, Geller et al. (2015, JKAS)

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## Consequences of random mergers :

I. Phase-space distribution of satellite galaxies.



disagreement with SMOc !

II. Classical bulges :



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III. Galaxies are simpler than thought :



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IV. No evidence for E galaxies forming from mergers :



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V. Compact groups of galaxies



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Given all the above,

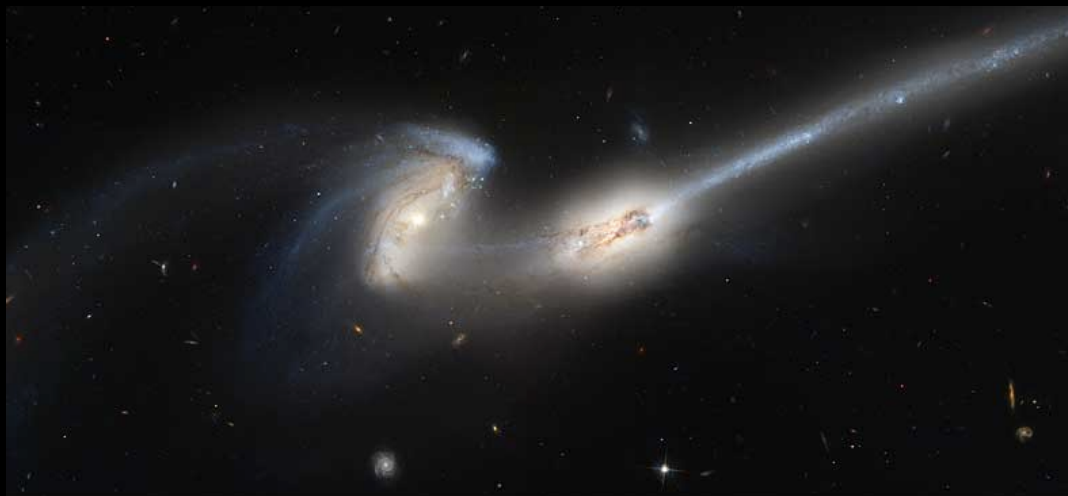
are the following mergers ?

NGC 5257/8



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The Mice



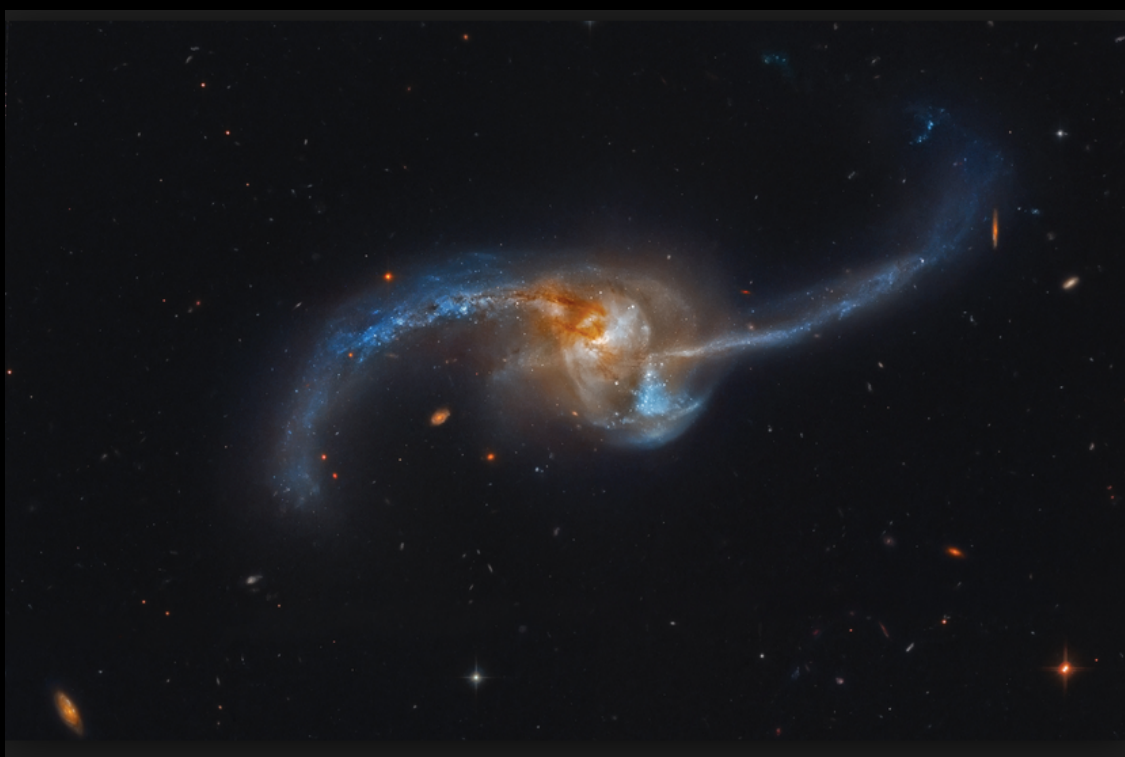
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# Antennae



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# NGC 2623



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Given all the above,

why does everyone talk  
about mergers ?

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## *Conclusions*

(Kroupa 2015)

Dark matter halos (i.e. SMOc) ==> dynamical friction

But evidence for absence of dynamical friction :

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all in disagreement with SMOc !

Can dynamical friction be reduced significantly while keeping  
*Newtonian / Einsteinian* gravitation ?

Or, rather (and simpler), is this telling us that there is  
*no dark matter* and  
*effective gravity is non-Newtonian / non-Einsteinian* ?



THE END