

Testing planes of dwarf galaxies with a correlation function

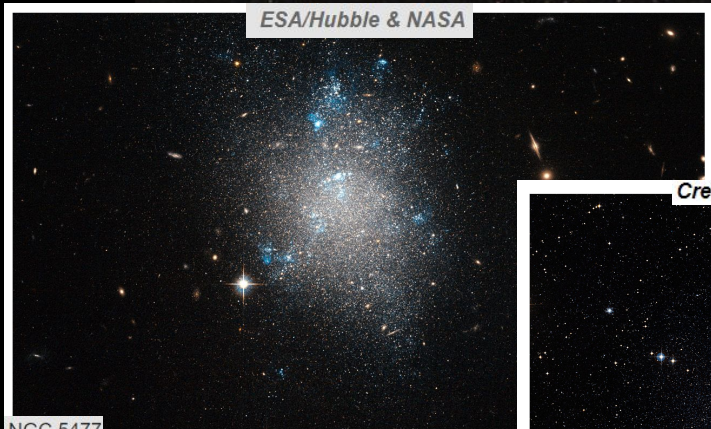
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Dwarf galaxies

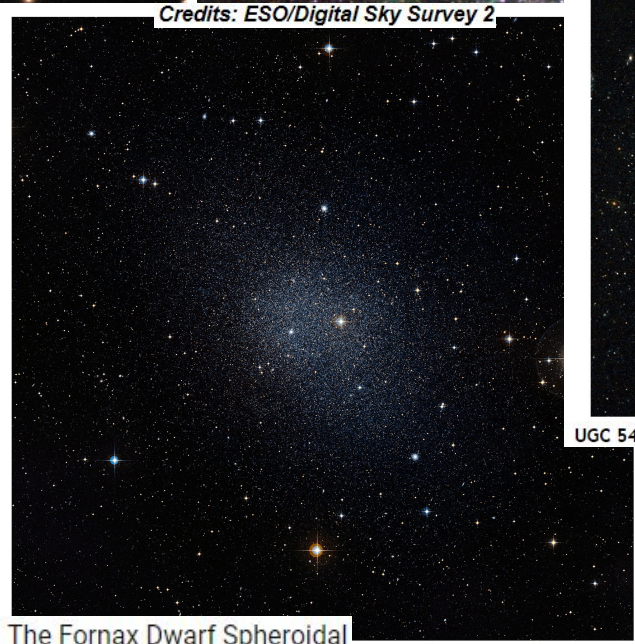


ESA/Hubble & NASA



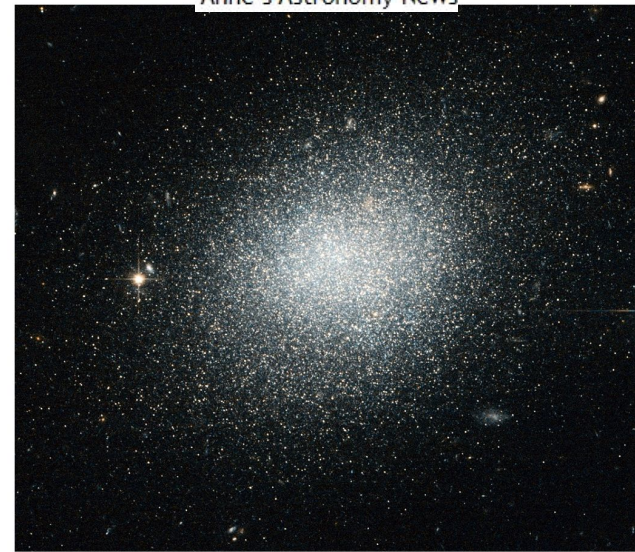
NGC 5477

Credits: ESO/Digital Sky Survey 2



The Fornax Dwarf Spheroidal

Anne's Astronomy News

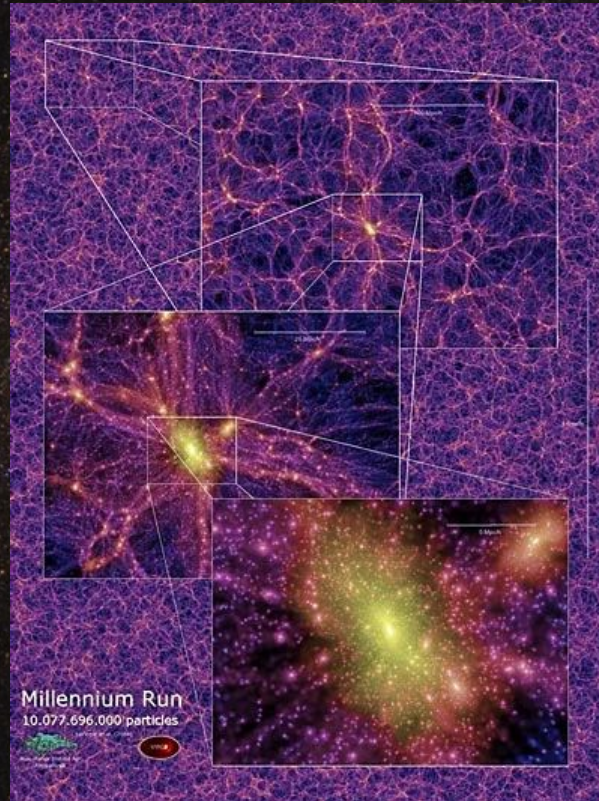


UGC 5497

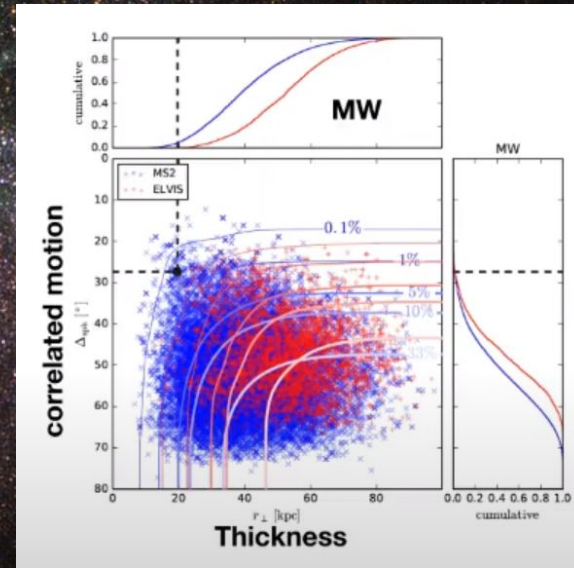
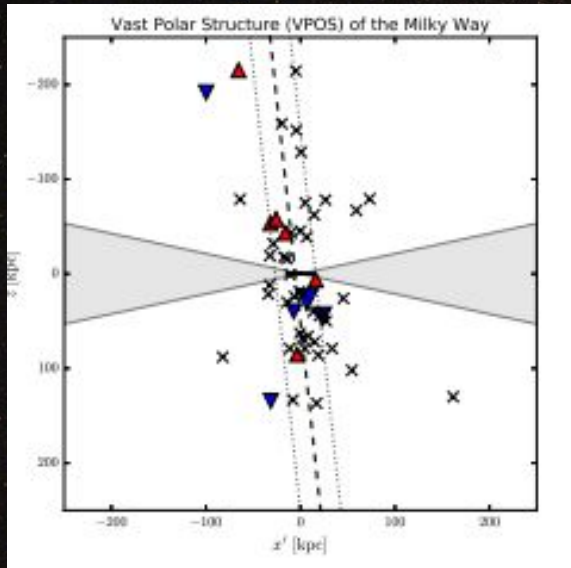
Model Λ CDM :

Proportions in the Universe :

- Matter and energy : 5%
- Dark matter : 27%
(85% of the total mass)
- Dark energy : 68%



Satellite planes, is the Local Group special ?



Credits :Pawlowski (2018)

Plane Fitting method

$$\mathbf{r}_0 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{r}_i.$$

Centroid of all positions.

$$\mathbf{T}_0 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_0)^2 \cdot \mathbf{1} - (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_0)^T \right],$$

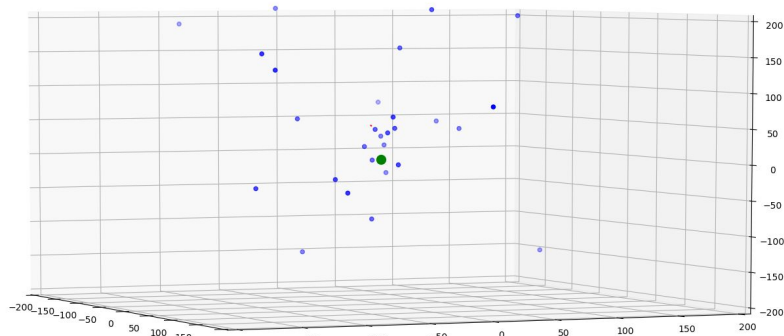
Moments of inertia tensor around the centroid.

The eigenvector of the tensor corresponding to the largest eigenvalue is the normal to the plane containing the centroid.

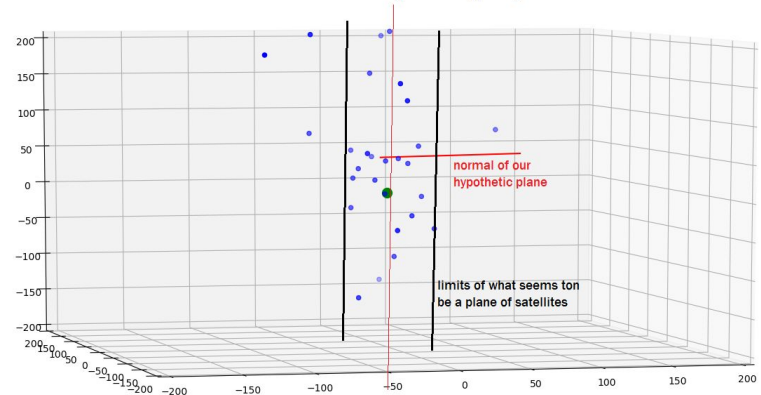
Method used : Pawlowski et al. 2013

Plane Fitting method

MW and its satellite galaxies (plane face on)

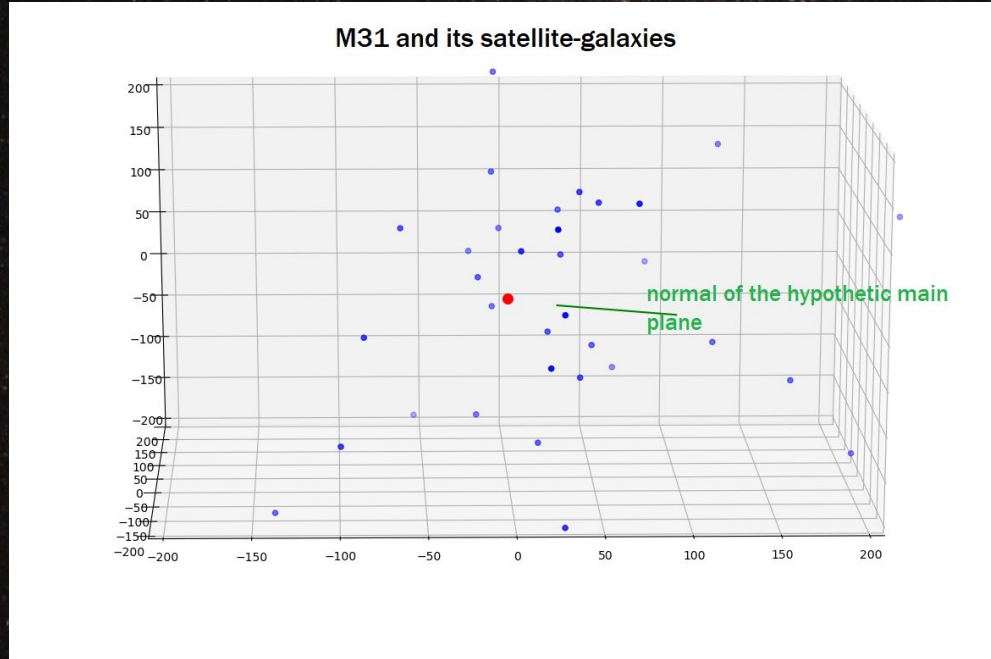


MW and its satellites (plane edge on)

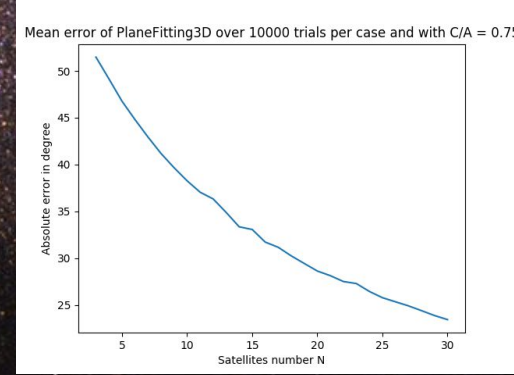
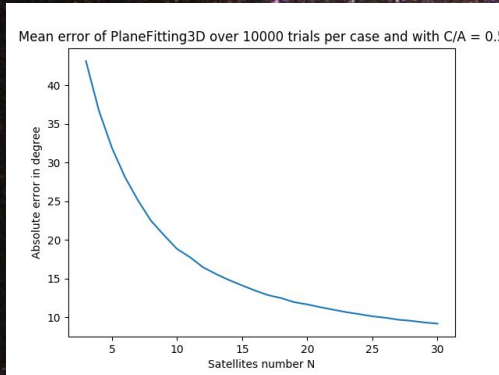
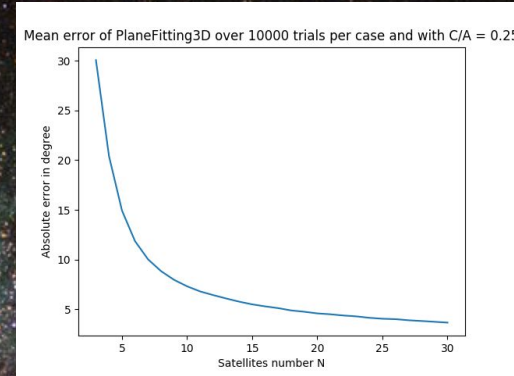
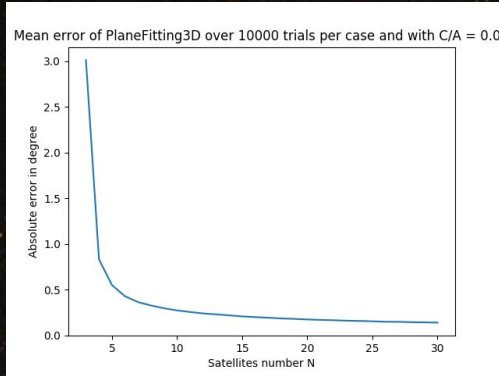


In line with Pawlowski et al. 2013

Plane Fitting method



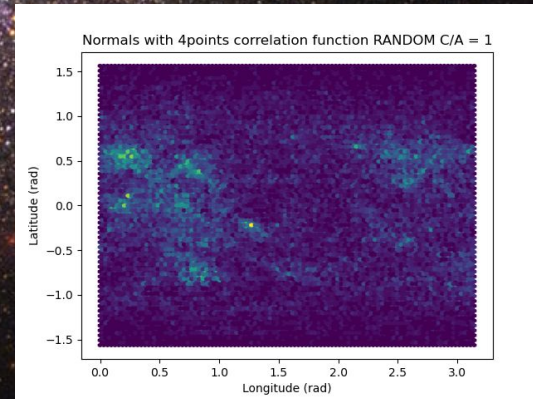
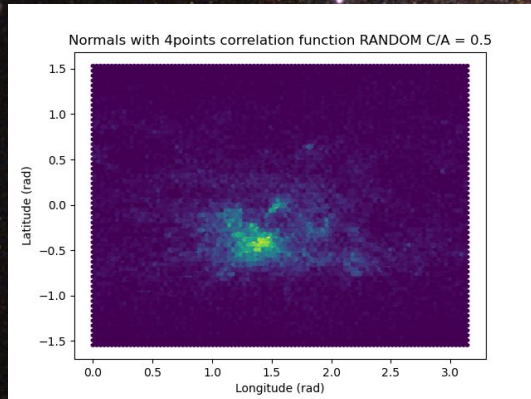
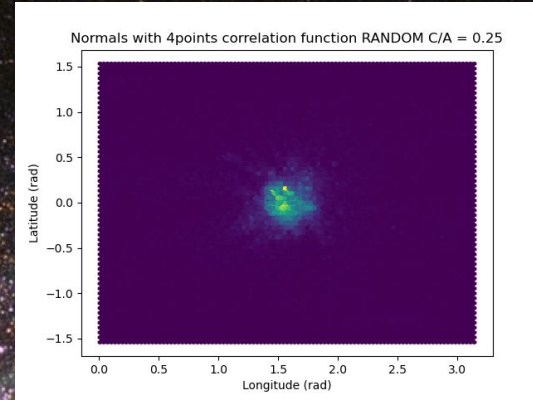
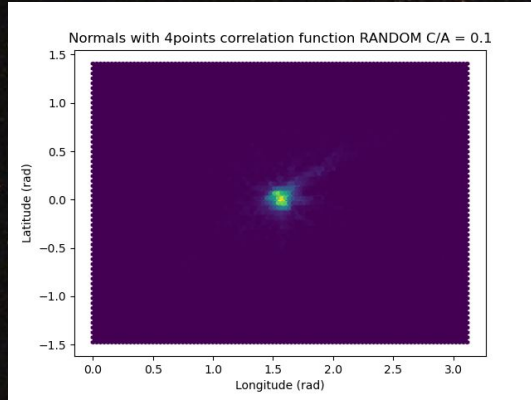
Precision of the method



4 points correlation method

- Take every 4 combinations possible for our sample
- Apply to each combination the Plane Fitting technique to deduce its normal
- Convert all the normals in spherical coordinates to have RA and DE

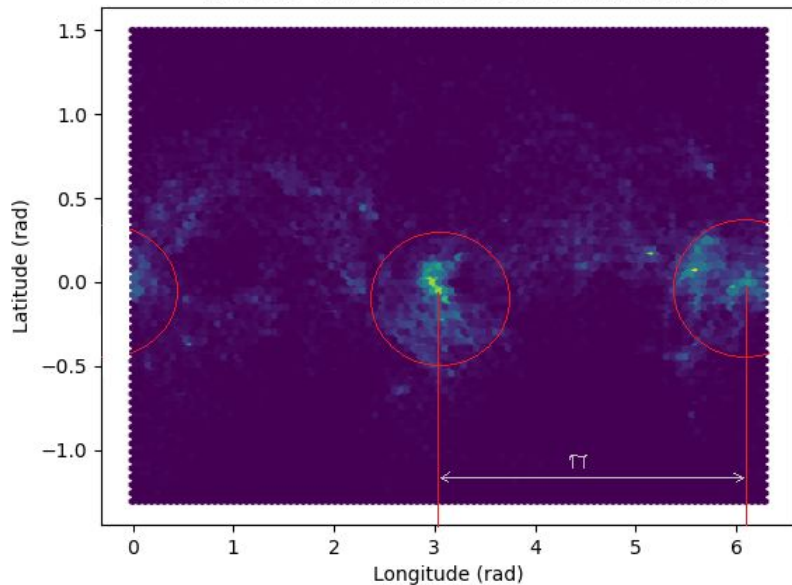
Test of randomized data



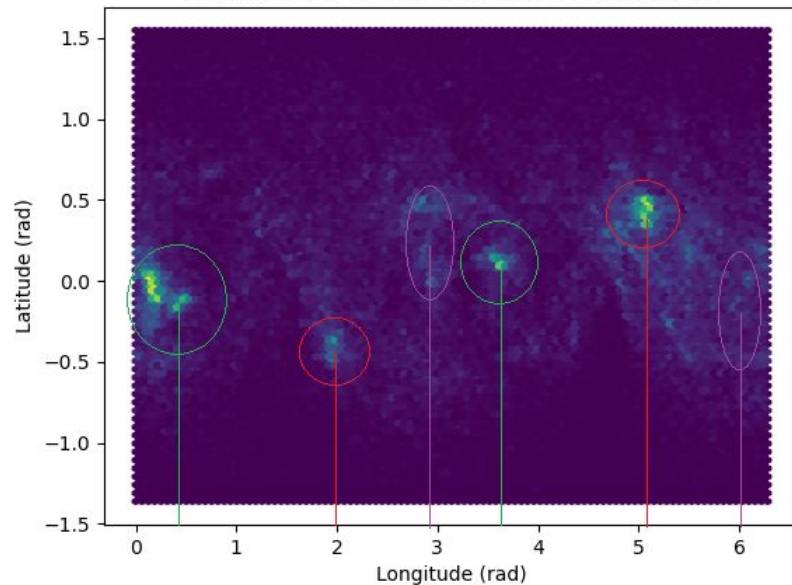
4 points correlation method



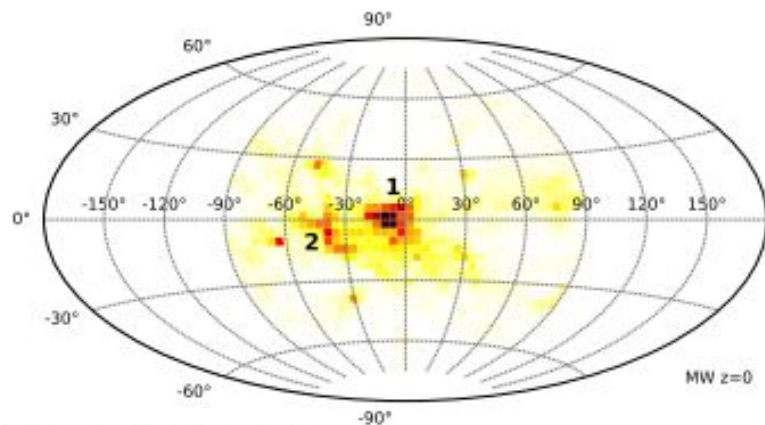
Normals with 4points correlation function MW



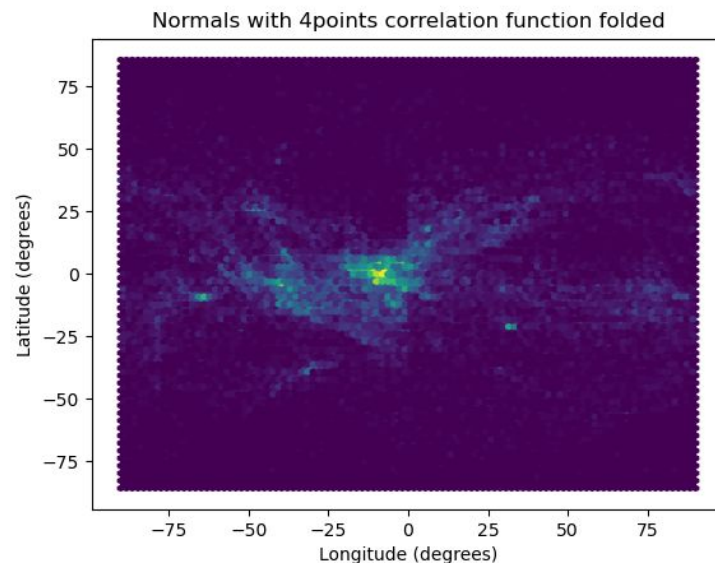
Normals with 4points correlation function M31



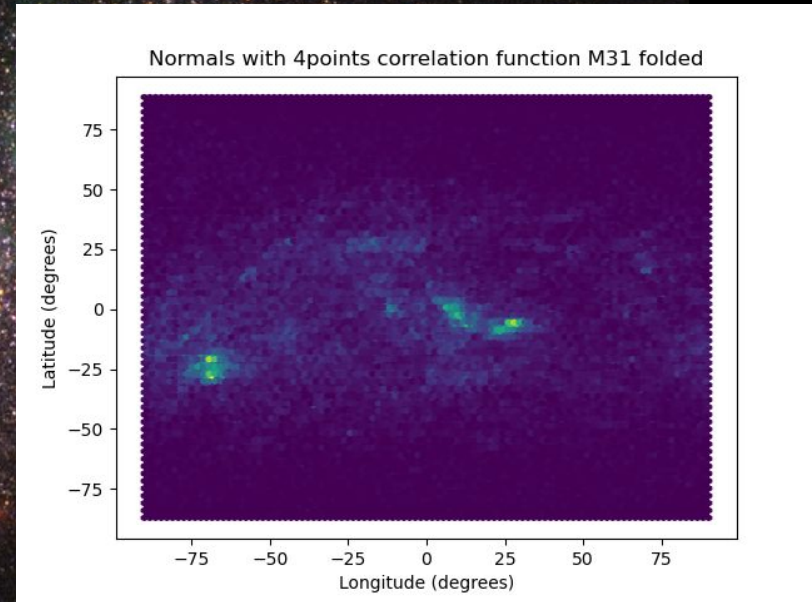
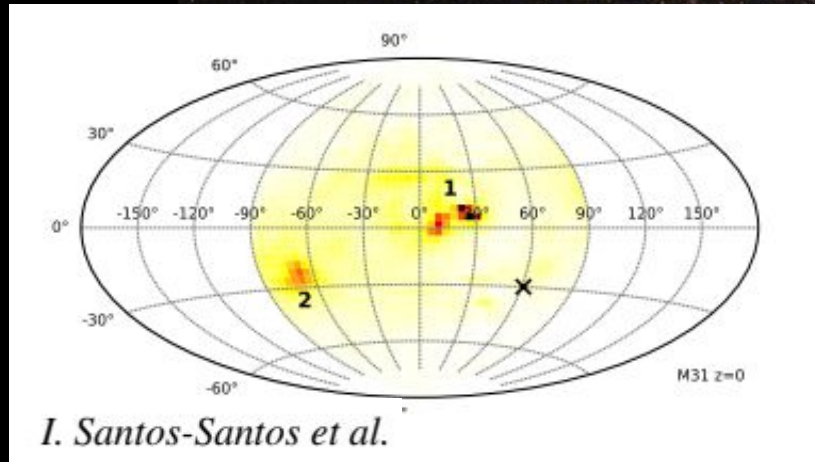
Comparison with the literature : Milky Way



I. Santos-Santos et al.

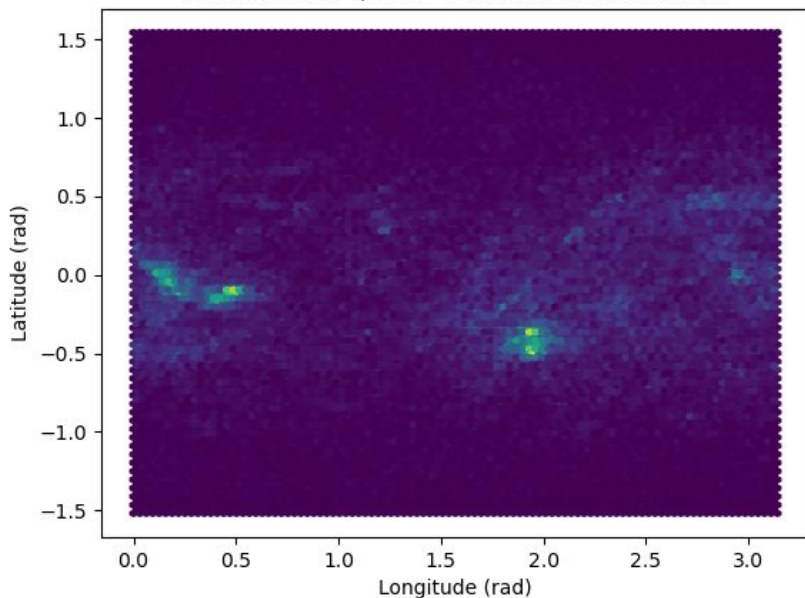


Comparison with the literature : Andromeda

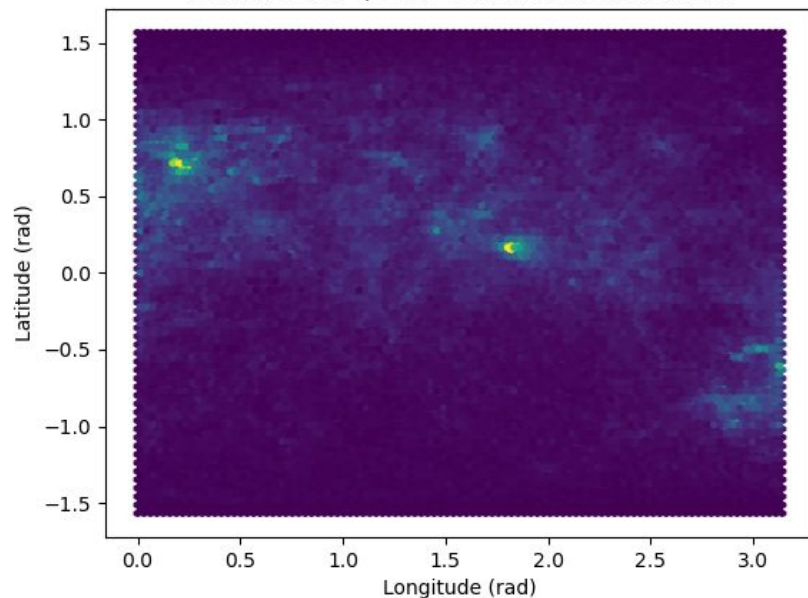


Different M31 databases

Normals with 4points correlation function M31

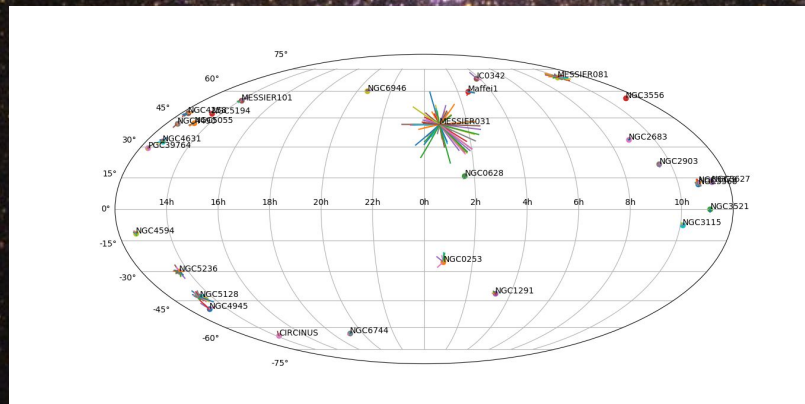


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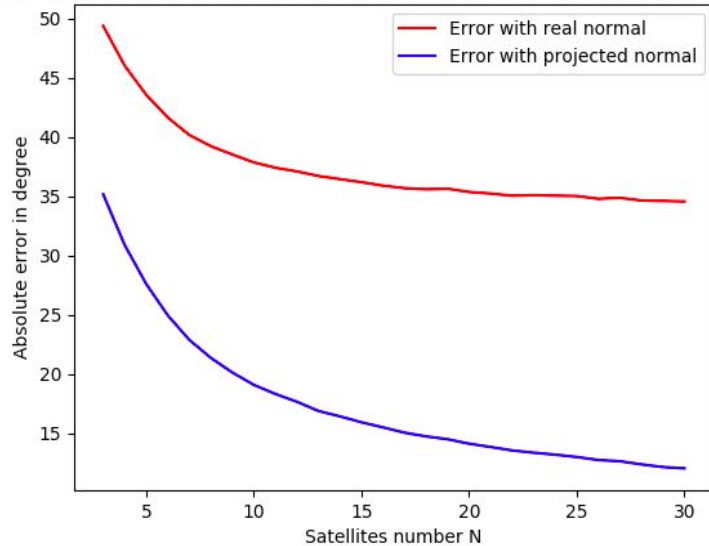
To conclude ...

- Planes of satellites verified for MW and M31
- Lack of 3d data for galaxies out of the local group
- This method should be applied on 2d data



More versatil : 2D plane fitting

Mean error on PlaneFitting2D over 100000 trials per case and with $C/A = 0.2$



Mean error on PlaneFitting2D over 10000 trials per case and with $C/A = 0.5$

