

Revisiting the local Hubble flow

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Context

About the Hubble parameter

Definition

In the Λ CDM model, the Hubble parameter (H_0) determine the expansion rate of the Universe such as :

$$Velocity = H_0 \times Distance$$

Several values depending on the method :

→ $67.4 \pm 0.4 km.s^{-1}.Mpc^{-1}$ (Standard candels, Plank coll. 2018)

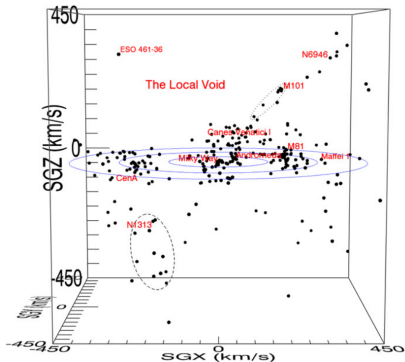
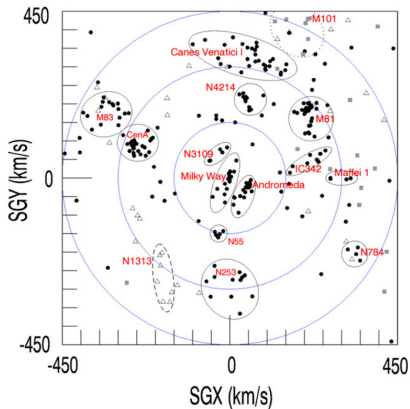
→ $74.03 \pm 1.42 km.s^{-1}.Mpc^{-1}$ (Cepheids HST, Riess et al. 2019)

Local Hubble parameter

Different from large-scale value due to **inhomogeneous local structures** (presence of void, sheet, filament ...), creating a anisotropic gravitational potential

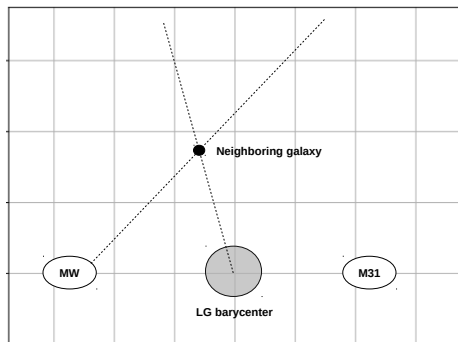
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The Local Group



Neighborhood of the Local Group (Courtois et al. 2013)

Presentation of the subject



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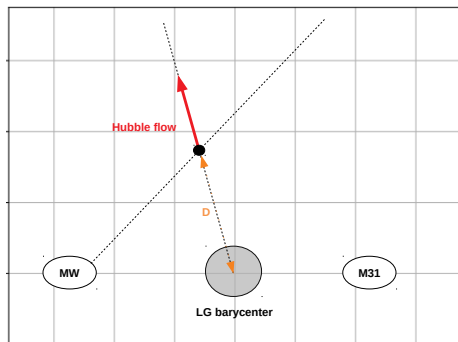
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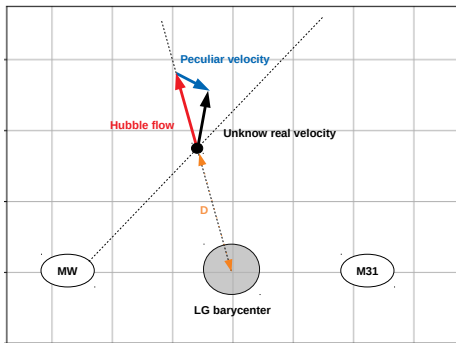
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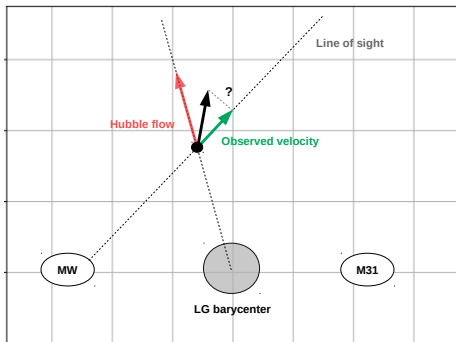
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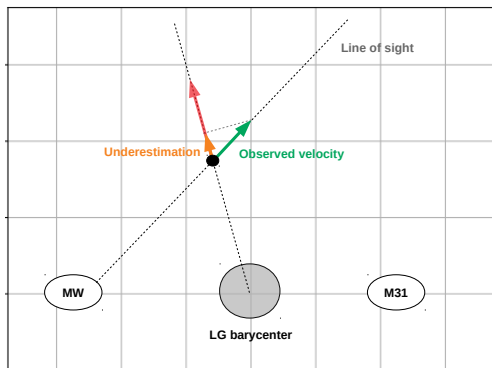
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Moreover, the **observed velocity** is a **projection** of the real velocity **on the line of sight**
→ Lack of information

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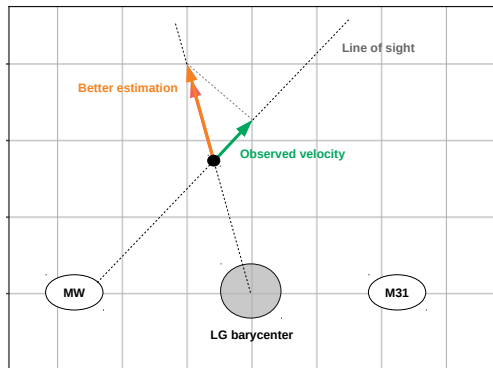
Direct Method :

- ① Changing of referential frame
- ② Radial projection

→ Systematic underestimation of the actual 3D velocity

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Our Method :

- 1 Reconstruction of the velocity along the barycentric radial axis
- 2 **Changing of referential frame**
- 3 The velocity is already radial

→ Better estimation

Method

Estimation of the error related to the new method

Two changing referential frame :

- ① Heliocentric to galactocentric
→ Position and velocity of the Sun
- ② Galactocentric to the barycentric referential frame of the LG
→ Position and velocity of M31

The **uncertainties on this parameters may cause error** during the changing referential

Caracterization of the error

We use **mock data** to **characterize the error** due to uncertainties on the changing frame parameters

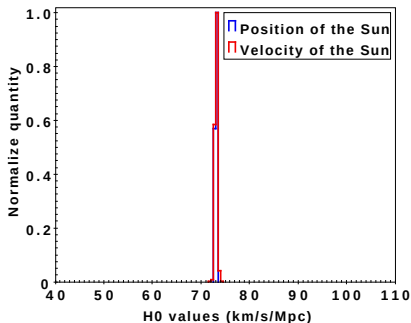
→ Compute the error due to uncertainty on **one parameter** by **freezing all the others**

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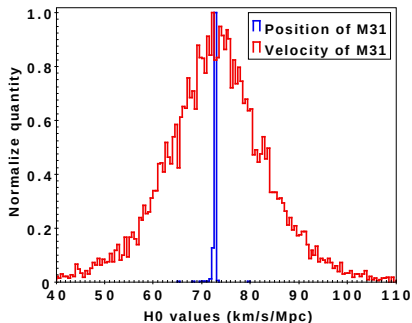
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Mock data created with $H_0^{\text{th}} = 73 \text{ km.s}^{-1}.\text{Mpc}^{-1}$

Velocity of M31 according to Salomon et al. (2016)



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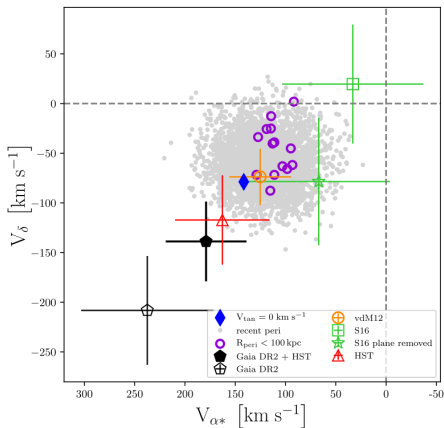
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→ **Maximum of uncertainty due to M31 velocity**

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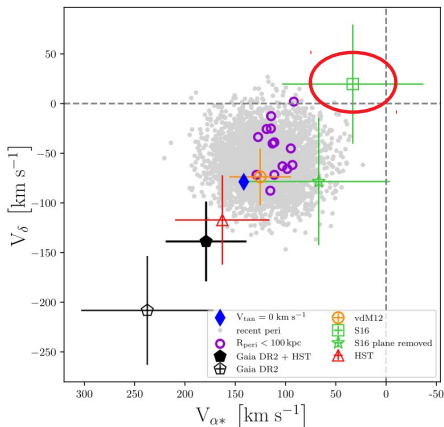
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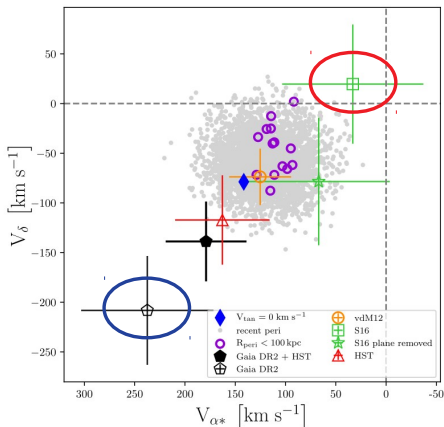
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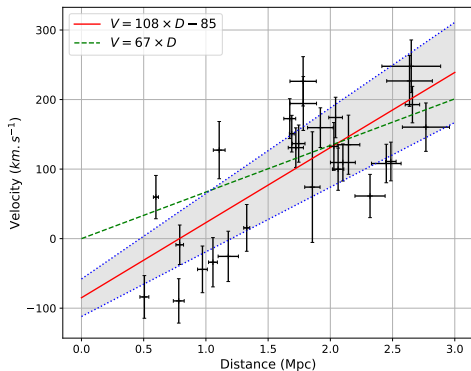
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- **Targetting individual stars of M31** (highly model dependant)
→ **Gaia, van der Marel et al. (2019)**

Results

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Estimation of the **local Hubble parameter**, via a linear fit of the velocities of the galaxies in the **barycentric referential frame**, with a **M31 velocity according to Salomon et al. (2016)**



McConnachie (2012) galaxy compilation

transformed into barycentric radial velocities

Linear fit of the velocities :

$$V = H_0 \times D + V_0$$

Zero-velocity surface parameter :

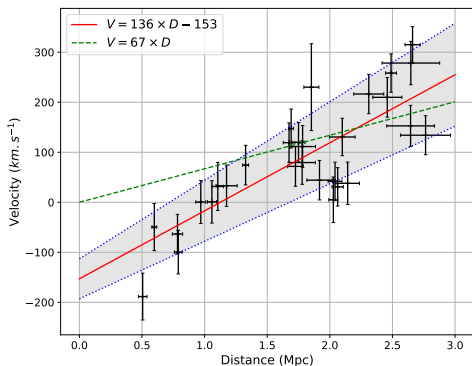
$$R_0 = \frac{V_0}{H_0}$$

- $H_0 = 108 \pm 15 \text{ km.s}^{-1}.\text{Mpc}^{-1}$
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- $V_0 = -153 \pm 40 \text{ km.s}^{-1}$
- $R_0 \approx 1120 \text{ kpc}$

- **Simplification of the velocity configuration** :
→ $V_{galaxy} = V_{Hubble} + V_{peculiar}$
- **Uniform spatial distribution** of the peculiar velocities
→ Insufficient statistics for this assumption ?
→ Potential dynamical bias due to groups of galaxies (binarity ...)
- **Reconstruction of the observed velocities** on the barycentric radial axis
→ Still unaccurate
- **Approximation of the LG barycenter position** assuming only the mass of MW and M31
→ Magellan clouds and M33 can contribute up to 1/5 of the mass of the LG and thus change the position of its barycenter (Gomez et al. 2015)
- Data limited to 3Mpc

- **Relax the constraints** on the position and velocity of the **barycenter**
- We have an opportunity to **limit the uncertainty on the mass** of the LG
- Study the presence of a **potential velocity flow** in the neighborhood that would influence the value of the local Hubble parameter

- The **new referential changing method** allow us to do a **new estimation of the local Hubble parameter**.
- We produce **two estimations of this local Hubble parameter** corresponding to the two extreme values of the tangential velocity of M31 :
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- The large difference between the estimation of the local value and the large-scale value of the Hubble parameter require **complementary studies**

Thank you for your attention