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Dynamics of the Local Group

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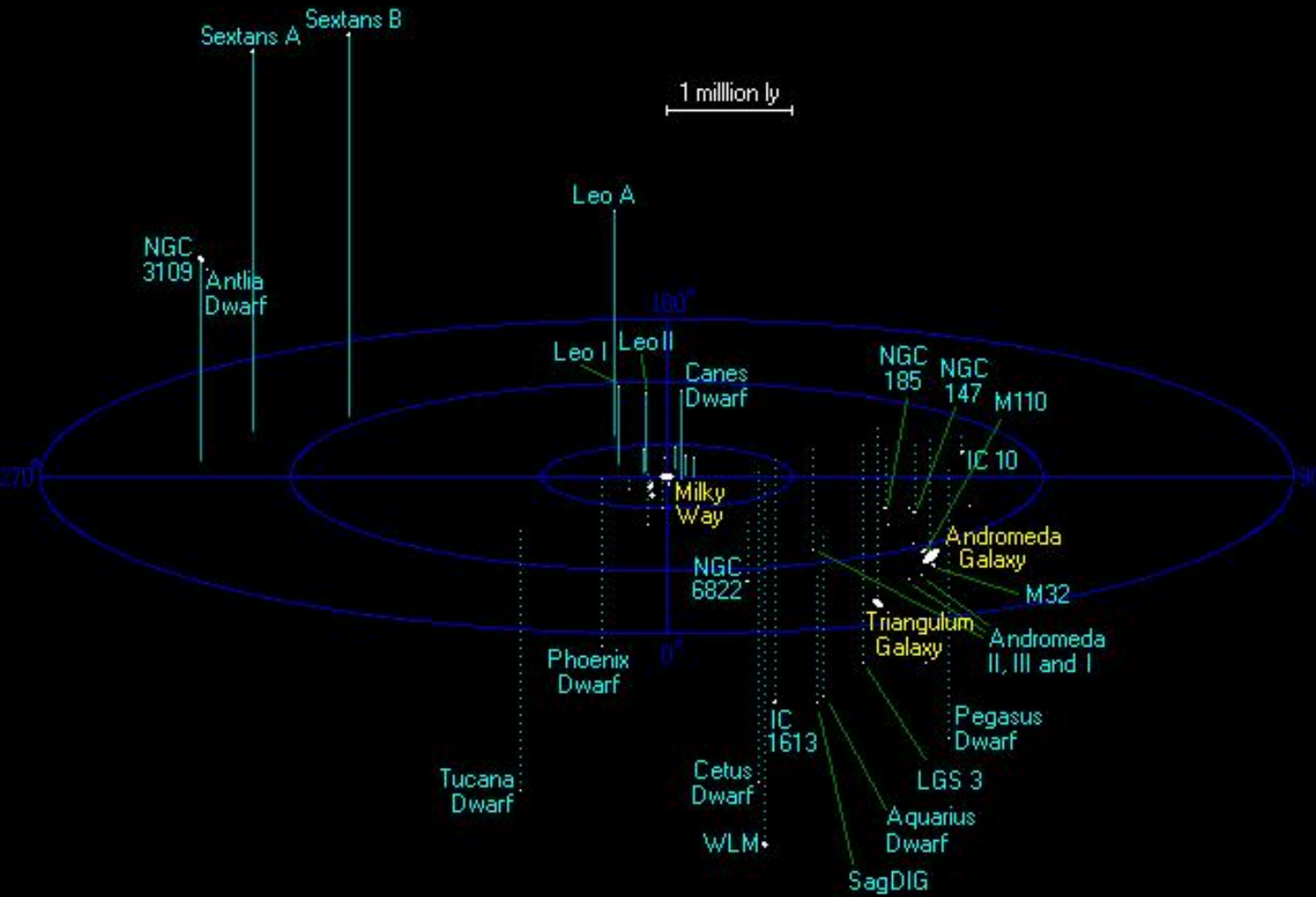
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Local Group



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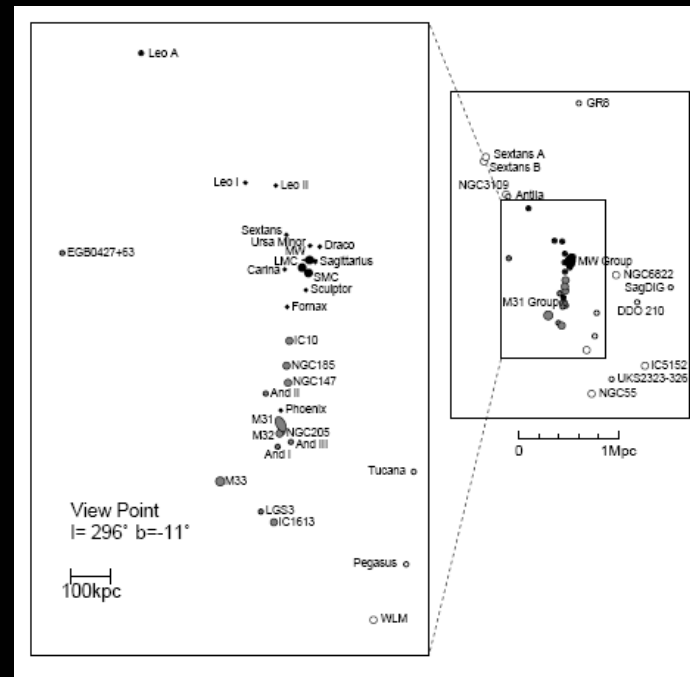
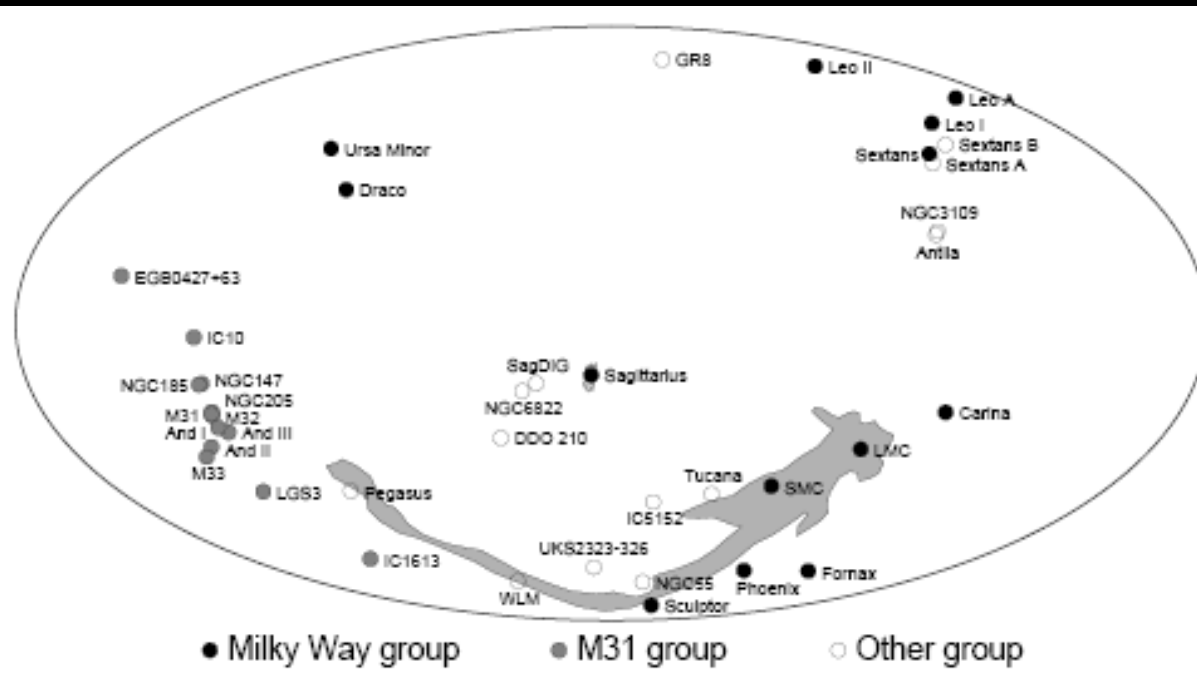
Milky Way
M31

LMC
SMC
M33

+36 more known
dwarf galaxies

A plane of galaxies

- Most galaxies in the local group are distributed in a thin plane (see Sawa & Fujimoto 2005)
- This plane doesn't correspond to a galactic plane of the spirals



➤ Sawa & Fujimoto

➤ My own results

❖ Normal vector in galactic coordinates

$l=206^\circ$, $b=-11^\circ$

(Milky Way on plane)

$l=200^\circ$, $b=-20^\circ$ (A)

$l=203^\circ$, $b=-27^\circ$ (2σ -clipping)

$l=200^\circ$, $b=-20^\circ$ (Milky Way
and M31 on plane) (B)

❖ Thickness of the Local Group plane

About 50-100 kpc

21 galaxies within 100kpc (A)

28 galaxies within 100kpc (B)

Results basically similar but no perfect match

Origin of the Local Groups satellites

- Cosmological dark matter sub-halos
 - Problem: expected distribution would be spherical symmetric
- Infall and scattering of a filament
 - Problem: expected plane would be too thick
- Early interaction of extended gas-rich discs of Milky Way and M31
 - reproduces observed distribution very well
 - Problem: missing satellite problem, except in MOND, because no dark matter

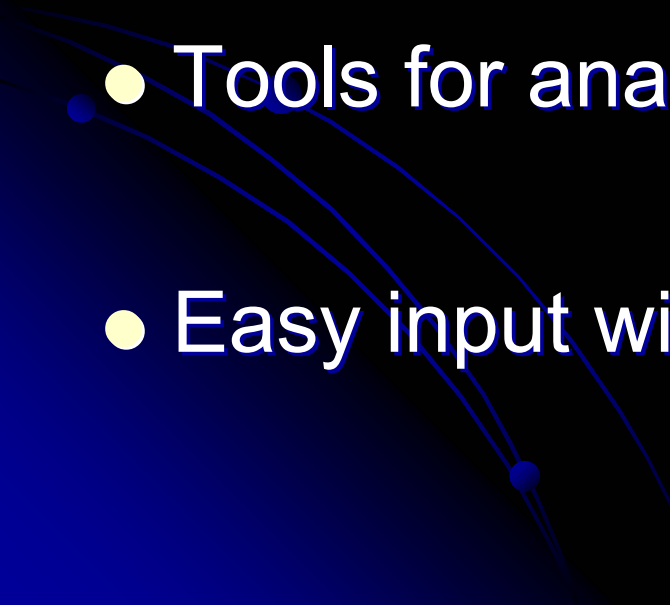
Working hypothesis

- Most dwarf galaxies has been formed by an encounter of the gaseous discs of Milky Way and M31 more than 10 Billion years ago
- Scattered across the Local Group
- Orbits dominated by the two main galaxies
- Dwarfs are located now near the movement plane of Milky Way and Andromeda-galaxy

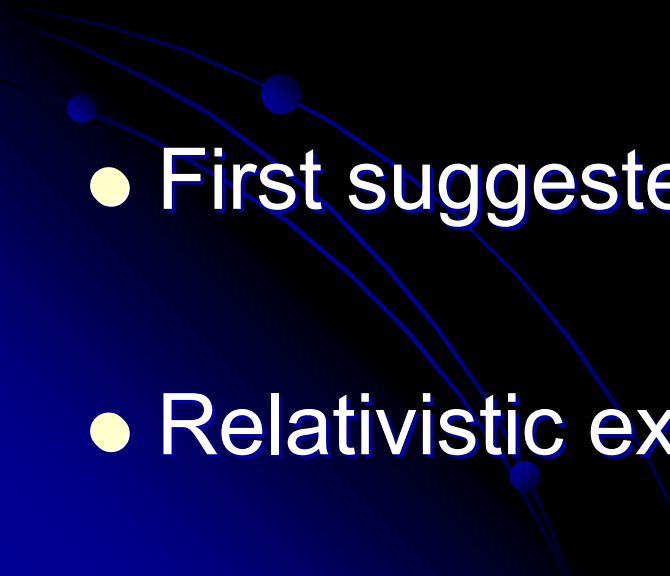
My model

- Milky Way and M31 on an elliptical orbit
- LMC, SMC and M33 are also massive
- All other dwarf galaxies are test particles
- Simulation starts about 10 Gyr in the past
- Test particles are located in the interacting outer edges of the two main spirals

NEMO

- Stellar Dynamics Toolbox by Teuben P.J.
 - Contains many different models and codes
 - Tools for analyzing and plotting results
 - Easy input with Shell-commands
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Modified Newtonian Dynamics

- Alternative theory to explain observed rotations curves of galaxies
 - Avoids dark matter (on galactic scales)
 - First suggested by Milgrom in 1983
 - Relativistic extension by Bekenstein in 2004
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How does MOND work?

- Changes the law of gravitation for small accelerations.
- Introduces a new fundamental constant a_0
- By fitting of rotation curves
 $a_0 \sim 1.2 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m/s}^2 \sim 1/6 c H_0$
- Non-linear differential equations

- Modified Poisson-equation

$$\vec{\nabla} \left(\mu \left(\frac{a}{a_0} \right) \cdot \vec{\nabla} \Phi(\vec{r}) \right) = 4\pi G \cdot \rho(\vec{r})$$

- Interpolating function $\mu(x)$

$$\mu(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

alternative: $\mu(x) = \frac{x}{1+x}$

- No longer superposition of accelerations possible
- Force on particle depends on absolute acceleration

$$F = m \cdot \mu \left(\frac{a}{a_0} \right) \cdot a$$

$$\frac{G.M}{r^2} = \mu \left(\frac{a}{a_0} \right) \cdot a$$

central potential

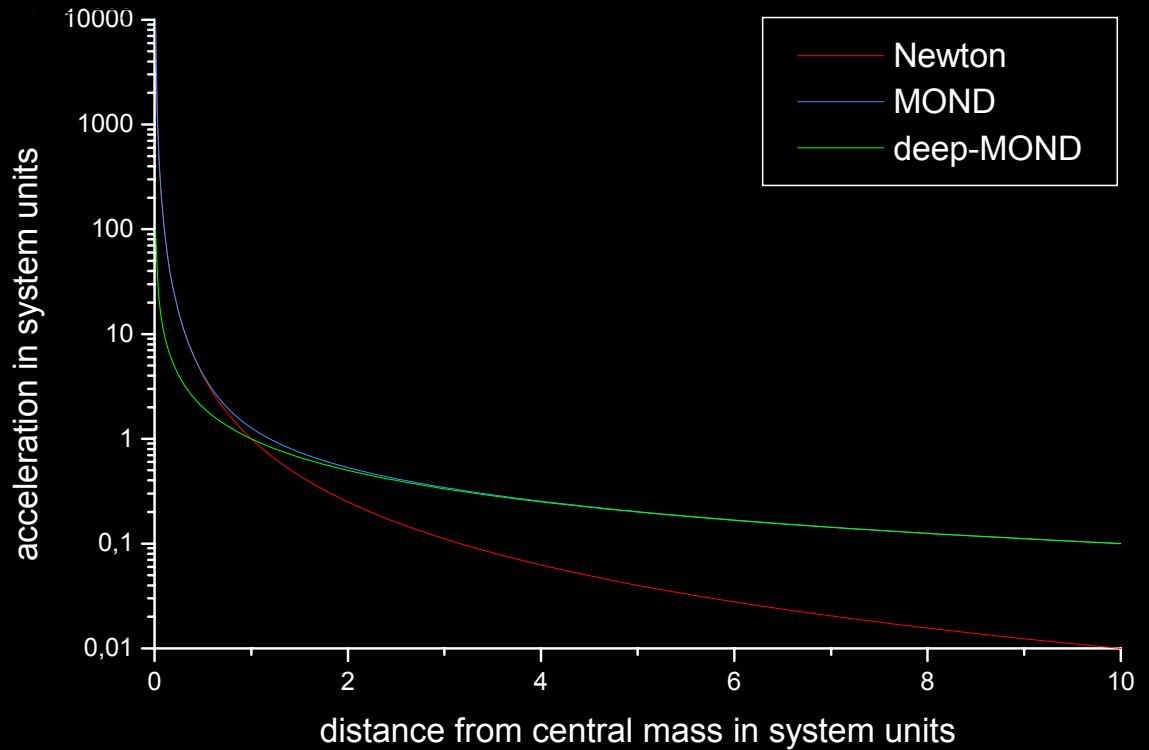
$$a \gg a_0 \rightarrow \mu \sim 1$$

$$a = \frac{G.M}{r^2} \quad \text{Newtonian limit}$$

$$a \ll a_0 \rightarrow \mu \sim \frac{a}{a_0}$$

$$a = \frac{\sqrt{G.M \cdot a_0}}{r}$$

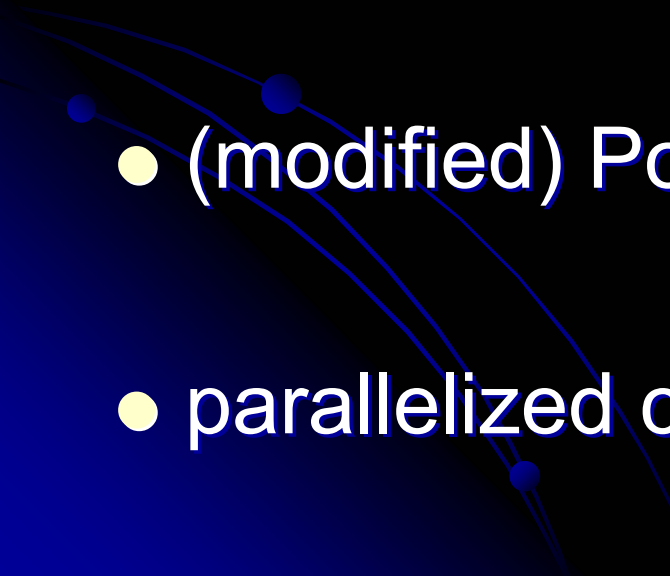
Deep-MOND limit



Problems

- merging is less likely in MOND but it also takes much longer → observed merging rate?
- Needs a new theory of general relativity (TeVeS), violation of strong equivalence principle → Lyman α forest problem
- Requires (hot) dark matter on cluster scale
- Bullet cluster

N-MODY

- Stellar dynamic n-body code for MOND written by Londrillo P. and Nipoti C.
 - in Fortran 90
 - (modified) Poisson-solver
 - parallelized code (but also scalar version)
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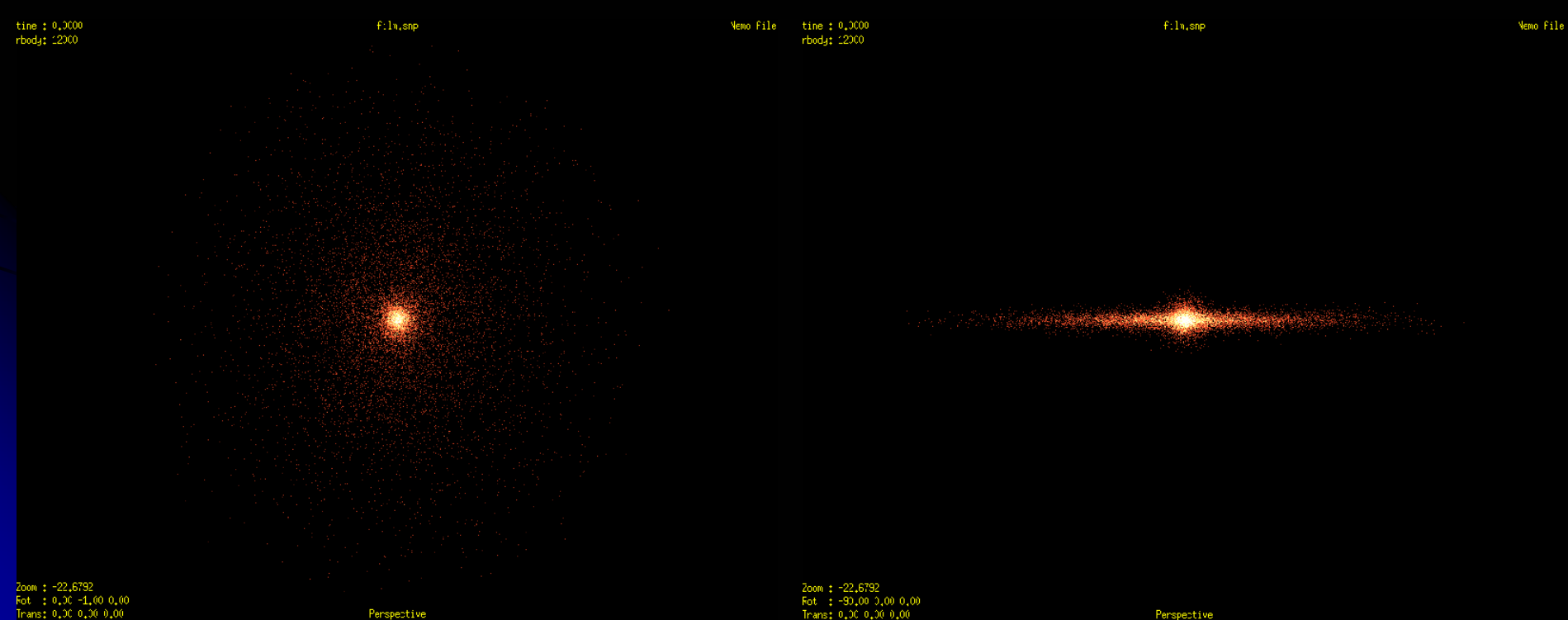
- N-MODY uses a particle-mesh scheme
- it creates a grid-based density-field from a given particle distribution
- calculates the MONDian acceleration on the grid and interpolates
- advances particles using a leap-frog scheme
- Output of particle-phase-space position, grid-data, potential-data and system parameters

Problems with N-MODY

- Output and input in strange binary-format
 - translator program written ✓
- Only equal mass particles allowed
 - code modified ✓
- Maximal 100 output-files
 - code extended ✓

More problems

Kuijken & Dubinski 95 model (without halo) showed strange behavior of the disc in N-MODY



A BIG 2BODY-PROBLEM!!!

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Nemo file

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Perspective

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Perspective

Newton with NEMO

MOND with N-MODY

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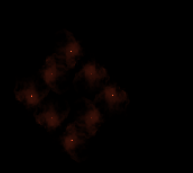
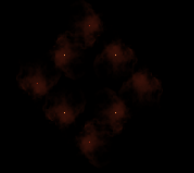
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Newton ↑

MOND out of center ↓

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Trans: 0,00 0,00 0,00

MOND centered ↑

MOND out of center ↓

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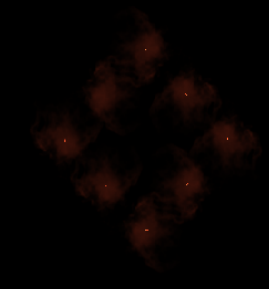
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Perspective

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Perspective

next steps

- Find an alternative to N-MODY = do it yourself method
 - Finish setup of my model
 - Run simulations (Dark Matter and MOND)
 - Analysis of results and writing everything down
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