Linking galaxies to dark matter halos with stellar mass or with stellar velocity dispersion?

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#### Galaxy clustering depends on $\sigma_*$ at fixed $M_*$

#### Wake et al. 2012 (arXiv:1201.1913)



#### Clustering does NOT depend on $M_*$ at fixed $\sigma_*$

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#### Possible explanations

Wake et al. 2012 (arXiv:1201.1913)

- Halo mass is more tightly related to stellar velocity dispersion than to stellar mass
- Halo age (or concentration) is more tightly related to stellar velocity dispersion than to stellar mass
- The clustering properties are attributed to satellite galaxies, which may deviate from the stellar mass vs. halo mass relation of central galaxies due to tidal stripping, an effect that is stronger to stellar mass than to stellar velocity dispersion

### Our idea

- We study the cross-correlation between galaxies and central galaxies of groups, instead of the galaxy-galaxy cross-correlation probed by Wake et al.
  - allowing us to directly obtain the correlation for central galaxies, avoiding the effect of satellites
- We estimate the velocity dispersion profile of satellite galaxies within groups
  - a director measure of dark matter halo mass, better than the indirect measure from clustering amplitude
- Our work thus should be able to discriminate between the possibilities proposed by Wake et al.

# 16000 groups of galaxies with $\geq 3$ members from SDSS/DR7 (Yang et al., 2005, 2007)

Galaxies (N=23594)





# Cross-correlation function between groups and galaxies in z-space for groups of different masses



Velocity dispersion strongly depends on central galaxy mass
Velocity dispersion profile is roughly flat within the halo, slightly rising at small radii (<0.3R<sub>200</sub>) for high mass systems



### Halo mass as function of luminosity and stellar mass

CL, Jing, Mao et al. 2012, ApJ (arXiv:1206.3566)

- M<sub>200</sub>-L relation in good agreement with gal-gal weakling lensing result
- Small difference in  $M_{200}$ -M $_*$  relation due to different M $_*$  definitions
- $M_h = 2.8 \times 10^{12} M_{\odot}$  implied for Milky Way with  $M_* = 6 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$





# Subsamples selected on the plane of stellar mass and stellar velocity dispersion



# The projected cross-correlation function between galaxies and group centers



# The velocity dispersion profile of satellite galaxies around central galaxies



## Halo mass as function of stellar mass and stellar velocity dispersion



# Halo mass is clearly related to stellar mass more tightly than to stellar velocity dispersion



#### Is $\sigma_*$ a better indicator than $M_*$ ? (CL, Wang, Jing, 2012, ApJL submitted, arXiv:1210.5700)

- Halo masses can be directly measured from estimating the velocity dispersion profile of satellite galaxies around central galaxies
- These measurements firmly demonstrate that the halo mass vs stellar mass relation is more tighter than the halo mass vs. stellar velocity dispersion relation
- The clustering dependence on mass at fixed velocity dispersion may be explained by the contamination of satellite galaxies to the galaxy-galaxy clustering measurement, due to their deviation from the halo mass galaxy mass relation.
- This might be caused by tidal stripping occurring within halos, which has stronger effect on stellar mass than on central stellar velocity dispersion.