



We are building a modern, all-sky optical cluster catalog by combining the galaxies in the 2MASS infrared survey with a matched filter algorithm calibrated and checked against synthetic catalogs generated from N-body simulations and <u>X-ray surveys</u>.

Our initial sample consists of:

•98000 galaxies,

•complete to an extinction corrected limit K<12.25 mag, $\langle z \rangle \sim 0.05$

•with |b|>5 degrees (92% of the sky),

•and redshifts that are 90% complete for K<11.25 mag, 33% complete for 11.25<K<12.25, and 50% complete overall.

For each cluster we obtain:

- •A likelihood for the cluster
- •The number of member galaxies
- •A velocity dispersion estimate
- •Matches to known clusters and their properties

What does the

"number of galaxies in a cluster"

mean?

Clusters do not have edges -- need to set a fiducial radius
Cluster galaxies follow a luminosity function -- need to set a fiducial luminosity

• Theoretical studies use the virial radius defined by the region with and average density 200 times the **critical** density. For a bias of unity, the overdensity of galaxies inside the virial radius is 200/omega, or 666 for omega=0.3.

• The observed number of galaxies depends on the magnitude limit and the cluster redshift, but we can fit for the expected number of $L>L^*$ galaxies.

----> N*666 = the number of L>L* galaxies inside the (3D) region with a galaxy overdensity 666 times the background.

If you use a different definition you will get a different halo occupancy function! For example, the number of L>L* galaxies inside a fixed 0.8Mpc/h aperture scales as N*666^(3/4).



























