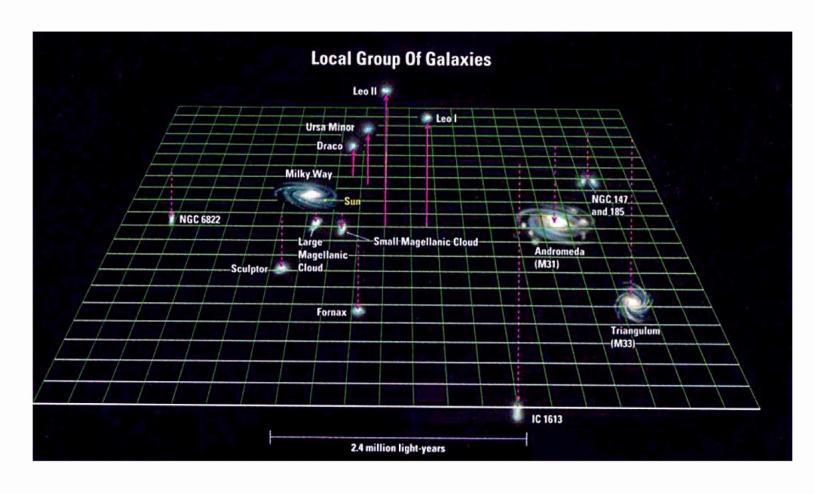
## The Distribution of Galaxies in Space

Our Milky Way is part of the Local

Group of galaxies: 3 spirals, 2
intermediate ellipticals, and many
dwarf ellipticals and irregular galaxies.



Galaxy <u>clusters</u> are bigger assemblages of galaxies than groups. The Virgo Cluster is a nearby rich cluster containing thousands of galaxies.



Together, the Local Group and Virgo cluster are part of a larger <u>supercluster</u>. Superclusters are filamentary concentrations of galaxy groups & clusters, surrounded by large voids

