

Astronomical Data





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Does this show the history of our Milky Way?



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Astronomical data

Stars

- Position
- Luminosity
- Radial velocity
- Proper motions (tangential velocity)
- Metallicity
 - Multiple chemical abundances
- Stellar parameters
 - Temperature
 - Gravity
 - Turbulence

The imprint of dark matter on

astronomical data

- The Milky Way and its dark matter
 - How massive is the Milky Way really?
 - Why do we care?
- The most dark matter dominated galaxies?
 - Should we look at the satellite galaxies to see dark matter annihilation signals, and if so, which?
- What other signals can we see from dark matter?
- What current and future data will help us solve these problems?



uncertain



Wang et al., 2015

Why do we care?

- Calibrating our simulations
- Small scale "crisis"
 - (many experts here on these topics)
 - "Too big to fail"
 - "Missing satellites"
 - Magellanic Clouds
- Derivation of orbits
- The critical observation is kinematics of tracers further out



The shape of the halo



- How much does the halo respond to the disk and accretion history?
 - Affects also the orbits of streams
- One way to measure this is compare local measurements of DM to global (rotation curves)
 - Read et al., 2014, Iocco et al., 2015, Silverwood et al., 2015
 - Assumption: dynamical equilibrium



- Many satellite galaxies around the Milky Way are a unique opportunity to study galaxy formation at a different mass scale
 - And they seem to be very dark matter dominated!

- Some reviews:
 - Walker 2012
 - Battaglia et al., 2013

Luminosity – velocity dispersion relation





McConnachie et al., 2012

Luminosity – velocity dispersion relation



- Dark matter masses are uncertain in particular in the smaller systems - due to:
- Foreground contamination
- Binaries
 - Can the velocity dispersion for the smallest galaxies
 - McConnachie & Cote, 2010: binaries cannot account for observed dispersions much in excess of ~4.5 km/s
 - Munoz et al., 2010: if the measured velocity dispersion of a dSph ranges between 4 and 10 km/s, the inflation from binaries should not be more than 30%
- Are they spherically symmetrical?
- Are they in dynamical equilibrium?

A recent example: Triangulum II



Who lives in which halo?



Barber, Starkenburg, Navarro et al., 2014 Yaryura, Helmi, Abadi & Starkenburg, 2016

Abundance matching is likely to break down at low masses

How can we make progress?

- Careful modelling taking into account all these effects
- Time-dependent observations to correct for binaries
 - e.g., Koposov et al., 2011, Walker et al., 2014,
- Chemical analysis of the stars to differentiate between dwarf galaxies and globular clusters
- Focussing on more isolated dwarf galaxies
 - Although here we have faintness limits
 - Also problems with modelling the rotation curves (see work Kyle Oman)
- Find extra-tidal stars to investigate if stripping is occurring

Figure 1: The estimated pre-infall mass of the Carina dwarf compared with predictions from cosmological simulations.



Ural et al., 2015

Other signatures of dark matter

Dark matter haloes

& stellar streams



Courtesy: Ray Carlberg, GD1

- Detection of substructures with stellar streams
- Applied to a few streams today but has great potential
 - Carlberg, 2015: "Around one hundred velocity measurements per kiloparsec of stream will enable tests for the presence of a local sub-halo density as small as 0.2-0.5% of the local mass density, with about 1% predicted for 30 kiloparsec orbital radii streams."
 - See also Erkal et al., 2015



- Debate on whether this is visible on Palomar 5 stellar stream
 - Carlberg et al., 2012 sees gaps using SDSS data and a matched filter-map (giving more weight to certain types of stars)
 - Ibata et al., 2016 could not reproduce these results with narrowband photometry from CFHT
 - They find the stream is actually very smooth

How can we make progress?

- Deeper photometry
 - S/N in GD1 is 2.3
- Adding velocities through spectroscopic data
- Add proper motions
 - Also to remove foreground

What can be the impact of dark satellites?

A. Helmi, L.V. Sales, E. Starkenburg, T.K. Starkenburg et al., ApJL, 2012



Milky Way-like: Its disk doesn't care Dwarf-like: has an impact with a dark halo as big as its disk ~1.5x in its life

What can be the impact of dark satellites?

Tjitske Starkenburg et al., 2016



- Small dark matter clump, not supposed to form any stars
 - Sweeps up gas and start forming stars in the merger event
 - In gas-poor mergers, the system becomes more spherical

Avenues to progress

- Theoretical understanding of how often this will happen and understanding unique signatures
- Systematic observations of isolated dwarf systems

Current & future surveys

Recap of our wish-list:

- Understanding tidal stripping, binary populations & foreground in dwarf spheroidal systems
 - Rotation curves in further away dwarf irregular systems
- Deeper photometry of the halo streams and dwarf galaxy systems
- Lots of spectroscopy to determine velocities
 - Of outer halo tracers
 - Of stellar streams & galaxies (weed out contamination)
- Proper motions

Photometry efforts:

- PanSTARRS1: SDSS-like, but a bit deeper and with 3π coverage
 - Also scans everything multiple times, so variable stars can be flagged
 - First data release "soon"!
- In the future: LSST

- Smaller targeted surveys
 - "Solo dwarfs" survey of isolated dwarf systems in the Local Group (Higgs et al., 2016)

Metallicity-sensitive surveys

- Metallicity-sensitive photometry can really help to efficiently find stripped material from existing substructures
 - Trace the stripping of dwarf galaxies
 - Also new dimension in substructure searches
- Many planned/ongoing surveys are mapping the Galaxy
 - "Pristine" in the Northern Hemisphere
 - In the Southern Hemisphere: SkyMapper
 - Complementary in the Northern Hemisphere: the LUAU survey
 - Deep u-band photometry
 - APASS (multi-narrow-band)
 - Gaia spectrophotometry

Using narrow-band photometry

- The "Pristine" survey
 - Find metal-poor stars and finally uncover statistical samples in the halo and surrounding dwarf galaxies
 - CFHT 4m, 1° fov
 - Currently >600 deg²
 - +1000 deg²

 $[Fe/H] = -\infty$ [Fe/H] = -3.0[Fe/H] = -2.0[Fe/H] = -1.0[Fe/H] = +0.0





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 Gaia will obtain proper motions and parallaxes for all objects to G=20, radial velocities to G~15-16, and abundances to G~12 Multiple 4m MOS instruments will complement Gaia by obtaining radial velocities and chemical abundance information for stars in the nearby Galaxy (e.g., HERMES, WEAVE, 4MOST)

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General relativistic light-bending determined to 1 part in 10^6

Gaia time line

"End of summer"

- First public data release
- Positions and (G)magnitudes for all single stars
- Proper motions and parallaxes for selected bright stars overlapping with the Tycho catalogue
- Variables in some special fields

Spring/summer 2017

- First data release containing proper motions for all stars
- Updated until end of mission after 5 years



Gaia field transits (ICRS) for 5 years



Spectroscopy in the future

- Follow-up for Gaia:
 - The missing radial velocity component
 - Chemistry
- Many projects with hundreds of fibers:
- WEAVE on the 4m William Herschel Telescope on La Palma (Spain)
 - Surveys to begin 2018
 - Resolving power: ~5000 & ~20,000
 - Kinematics & chemistry

HERMES:

- Already started
- Mainly focussing on the disc of the Galaxy
- Bright & high-resolution

PSF:

- On Subaru
- Only medium-resolution mode

Spectroscopy in the future

- 4MOST 4 Metre Multi-Object Spectroscopic Telescope (on ESO's VISTA)
 - 4 Galactic surveys to begin 2021
 - + 4 extra-galactic surveys
 - My role: co-PI of the low-resolution bulge & disk survey
 - Largest follow-up survey of Gaia (2400 fibers)
 - Resolving power: ~5000 & ~20,000
 - Kinematics, but many elemental abundances too

Maunakea Spectroscopic Explorer

- Transforming CFHT on Mauna Kea into 10meter class wide-field dedicated spectrograph by 2025
 - Project office funded/studies underway





Spectroscopy in the future

MOONS

- Near-infrared (Apt to study the inner Galaxy)
- 2019 on ESO-VLT
- High-resolution and medium resolution mode
- ~1000 fibers

http://www.roe.ac.uk/~ciras/MOONS/VLT-MOONS.html

Goals: Milky Way dynamics

- Determine the Milky Way 3D potential from local streams up to ~100kpc
 - How is DM reacting to baryons:
 - has there been significant adiabatic contraction?
 - is there a disk-like DM component?
 - does the DM respond to the bar?
 - Determine the mass spectrum of Dark Matter 10³–10⁵ M_o halo substructure by the kinematic effects on cold stellar streams





Conclusions

Exciting times!

- **ESA-Gaia is a game-changer**
- The follow-up spectroscopy surveys are underway
 - We will have a 6D view on our Galaxy like never before opening up many new possibilities
 - 7-D or more, with metallicity information, or chemical abundances