

The Hercules-Aquila Cloud and Virgo Overdensity with Gaia DR2

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ABSTRACT

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1 INTRODUCTION

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2 OBSERVATIONS

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2.1 Maths

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$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}. \quad (1)$$

Refer back to them as e.g. equation (1).

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3 CONCLUSIONS

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APPENDIX A: SOME EXTRA MATERIAL

If you want to present additional material which would interrupt the flow of the main paper, it can be placed in an Appendix which appears after the list of references.

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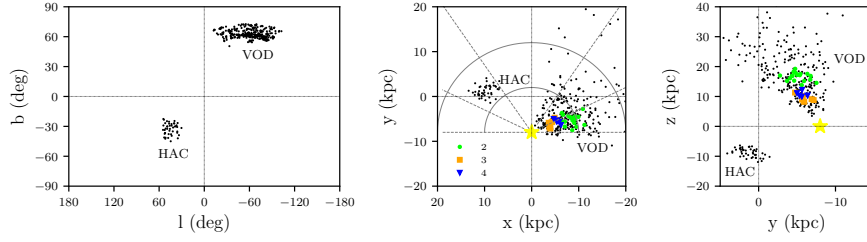


Figure 1. Spatial distribution of the RR Lyrae used in this work with full 6-D phase space measurements, in Galactic coordinates (left panel) and in the $x - y$ (middle) and $y - z$ (right) planes. The HAC field contains 44 RR Lyrae which likely belong to the Cloud with measured line-of-sight velocities (Simion et al. 2018) and Gaia DR2 proper motions. The VOD field contains 411 RRL which belong to several halo associations, including the Sagittarius stream and the VOD, with line-of-sight velocities provided by Vivas et al. 2016 and proper motions from Gaia DR2. In particular we mark three ‘high significance’ groups, excluding the Sagittarius stream, identified by Vivas et al. 2016: ‘group 2’ contains 18 stars (green circles), ‘group 3’, 7 stars (orange squares) and ‘group 4’, 5 stars (blue triangles). Two other ‘high significance’ groups are not marked in this figure as they are situated at distances larger than 30 kpc and contain only 3 stars each. We exclude from all the plots in this letter ‘group 1’ which contains Sagittarius members (112 stars). The Sun (yellow star) is located at $(x_\odot, y_\odot, z_\odot) = (0, -8, 0)$ kpc.

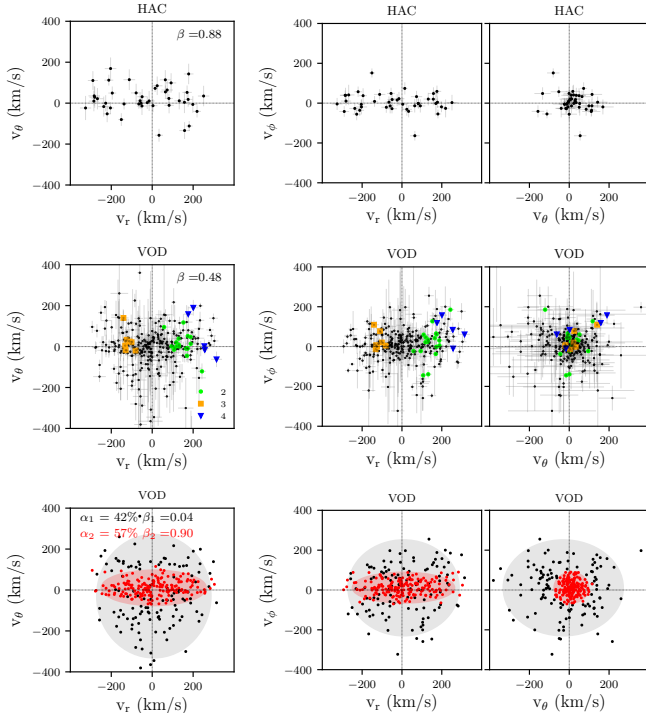


Figure 2. RRL velocity distribution in spherical polar coordinates (v_r , v_θ , v_ϕ are the radial, azimuthal and polar components respectively) in the HAC field (top row) and the VOD field (middle and bottom rows). The error on the velocity components of each star i , $[\sigma_{v_r}^i, \sigma_{v_\theta}^i, \sigma_{v_\phi}^i]$, has been propagated by randomly drawing 1000 stars from a multivariate Gaussian distribution with mean the measurement ($ra^i, dec^i, d^i, pmra^i, pmdec^i, v_h^i$) and full covariance matrix (takes into account the covariances between ra, dec and proper motions). The orbital anisotropy, is highly radial in the HAC field ($\beta = 0.88$) where the stars are most likely members of the Cloud and mildly radial in the VOD field ($\beta = 0.48$) in which stars span a much wider range of distances (see Fig. 1). We fit the VOD velocity ellipsoid with a two component Gaussian mixture model and the result is shown in the bottom row. Stars are colour coded by their probability to belong to each component. (NOTE: this is NOT extreme deconvolution - simply used `sklearn.mixture.GaussianMixture` with no constraints on any parameter-, no errors taken into account. Please have a look at the last figure for extreme deconvolution).

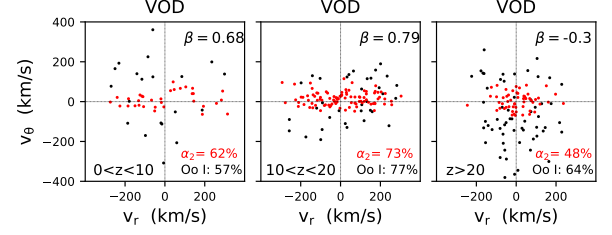


Figure 3. Radial versus azimuthal velocity in the VOD field, in three slices of Z , colour coded as in the bottom row of Fig. 2. We calculate the fraction of RR Lyrae of Oosterhoff type I and II (reported in each panel for Oo I) and find that in the $10 < z < 20$ range, where the orbital anisotropy is the highest, the Oo I type dominates (77%), as in the HAC field (note: add number here). In the same slice, 73% of the stars belong to the ‘sausage’ component. The same behaviour but less accentuated can be noticed in the $0 < z < 10$ slice where β is less radial but the fraction of Oo I stars decreases dramatically (note: comment if this is expected?). Further from the plane, at $z > 20$ kpc, the velocity ellipsoid is almost isotropic with $\beta = -0.3$. We have excluded the most likely members of the Sagittarius stream but several others may remain, decreasing β . (note: I should add constant z lines in the right panel of figure 1 if we keep this). This figure should replace the bottom row of Figure 2? -

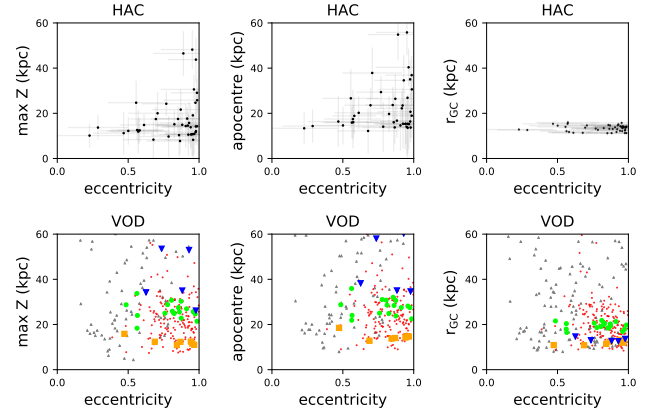


Figure 4. Orbital properties of the stars in the HAC and VOD fields. ‘group 2’ has similar orbital properties to the HAC, however it does not display a sausage velocity distribution (see middle row figure 2) - they are concentrated at $vr = 135 \text{ km/s}$ as calculated by Vivas et al. 2016.

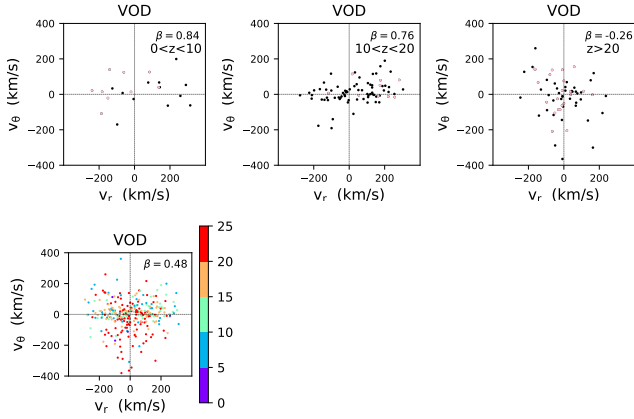


Figure 5. EXTRA: top row: only these stars pass the RR ab cuts (equation 1 in your RR Lyrae paper). In pink I mark the Oo II type. The fractions I reported in Figure 3, are based on these figures. bottom row: this is Figure 3, just colour coded by z instead of showing 3 different cuts. I liked the cuts because it's very easy to see the anisotropy is the highest in the $10 < z < 20$ range, like the HAC.

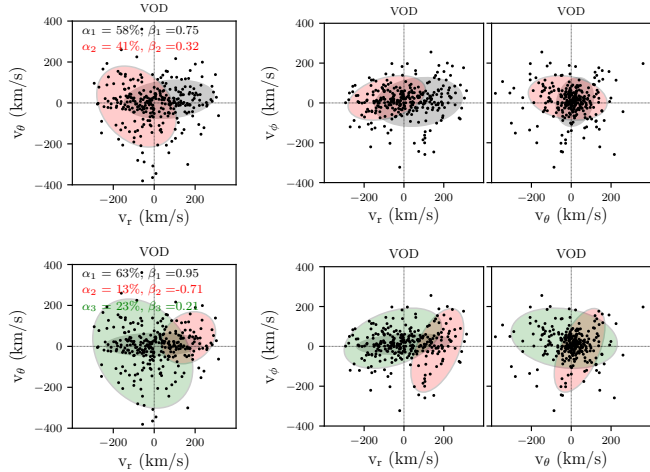


Figure 6. EXTRA: Extreme deconvolution with 2 (top) and 3 (bottom) components. Should I add some constraints on the parameters? I also tried to fit by z slices and I find the same behaviour.