

Curriculum Vitae: Daniel Mikkola

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Personal information

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Academic history

- 2017 – 2022 📖 **Ph.D., Lund University** in Astronomy.
Thesis title : *Galactic dynamics in the Gaia era.*
Supervisors : [David Hobbs](#), [Paul J. McMillan](#)
Research field : Galactic dynamics, N -body simulations, Computational astrophysics.
- 2016 – 2017 📖 **M.Sc., Lund University** in Astrophysics.
Thesis title : *Radial migration of stars, measured in N -body simulations.*
Supervisor : [Paul J. McMillan](#)
Research field : Spiral galaxies, Radial migration, N -body simulations.
- 2015 – 2016 📖 **Master student, Aarhus University** in Astronomy.
60 ECTS, one year of courses within the programme.
- 2012 – 2015 📖 **B.Sc. Lund University** in Astronomy.
Thesis title : *Formation of super-Earths via pebble accretion onto planetesimals.*
Supervisor : [Anders Johansen](#)
Research field : Planet formation, Exoplanets

Research interests

Galactic dynamics • Galaxy evolution • Stellar kinematics • Galactic structure • Computational astrodynamics • Galactic solar neighbourhood • Disc galaxies




Publications

- 1 **Mikkola, D.**, McMillan, P. J., & Hobbs, D. (in prep). *The detailed velocity distribution of the solar neighbourhood in gaia edr3.*
- 2 **Mikkola, D.**, McMillan, P. J., Hobbs, D., & Wimarsson, J. (submitted). *Velocity distribution of white dwarfs in gaia edr3.* MNRAS.
- 3 **Mikkola, D.**, McMillan, P. J., & Hobbs, D. (2020). *Radial migration and vertical action in n -body simulations.* MNRAS, 495(3), 3295–3306. [🔗 https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/staa1223](https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/staa1223)


Contributed presentations

- 28 June - 2 July 2021 📖 **European Astronomical Society 2021, (Virtual), S15 & SS21**, Posters
S15: *The velocity distributions of white dwarfs in Gaia EDR3*
SS21: *Radial migration and vertical action in N -body simulations*
- 29 June - 3 July 2020 📖 **European Astronomical Society 2020, (Virtual)**, Poster
Which stars radially migrate in disc galaxies?




Contributed presentations (continued)

- 6 May 2020  **MPIA Heidelberg (Germany)**, Talk
Radial migration and vertical action in N -body simulations
- 5 May 2020  **Stellar Populations group, Lund (Sweden)**, Talk
Radial migration and vertical action in N -body simulations
- 27 May 2019  **The New Milky Way meeting, Örenäs castle (Sweden)**, Talk
Effects of spiral arms in N -body galaxy simulations

Grants and awards

- November 2020  **Walter Gyllenberg foundation** grant from the Royal Physiographic Society of Lund, for computing resources and academic visitors.
Amount: 105 000 SEK.

Teaching

- Lecturer**  Introduction to Python programming - (2018 - 2021)
- Course assistant**  Statistical Methods in Astrophysics. Masters level course - (2017 - 2021)
-  Computational Astrophysics. Masters level course - (2017 - 2022)

Teaching qualifications



- Pedagogical course:** 4.5 ECTS, Learning and Teaching in Higher Education - Theory and Practice - (2019)

Outreach/Representation

Outreach

- 2013 -  **Physics & lasershow:** Lund university. Employee, sound/lights, on-stage performer.
Inspirational show with physics experiments and lasers meant to inspire youth to study science.
Event participation:
> 500 shows given in Sweden.
> 50 shows given Internationally in: Denmark, Montenegro, Slovenia, Poland
- 2021  **Swedish Astronomical Youth Association:** Inspirational Lecture
- 2020  **Swedish Astronomical Youth Association:** Inspirational Lecture
-  **Malmö Astronomy- & Spaceflight Society MARS:** Inspirational Lecture


Representation


- 2021 -  **Trade Union ST** Lund university, Workplace representative
-  **NDR The Science Doctoral Student Council** Lund university:
- 2020 - Lund Astronomy Advisory Group (LAAG) PhD representative
- 2017-2018 Dept. of Astronomy and Theoretical Physics Lund university, Board member


Outreach/Representation (continued)

2013-2015  **LUNA Science Student Union** Lund university, Board member

Skills

Languages  Fluent in English & Swedish with strong understanding of Danish.

Coding  Python, MATLAB, L^AT_EX, C++ , HTML

Databases  ADQL