

# Curriculum Vitae: Daniel Mikkola

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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



## Research - publications

- 1 **Mikkola, D.**, McMillan, P. J., Hobbs, D., & Wimarsson, J. (in prep). *Velocity distribution of gaia stars without radial velocities.*
- 2 **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>




## Contributed presentations

- 29 June - 3 July 2020    📖 **European Astronomical Society 2020, (Virtual)**  
**Poster title:** Which stars radially migrate in disc galaxies?
- 6 May 2020    📖 **MPIA Heidelberg (Germany), Talk**  
**Talk title:** Radial migration and vertical action in  $N$ -body simulations

## Contributed presentations (continued)

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

## Teaching


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

## Teaching qualifications




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

## Outreach/Representation




### Outreach

- 2013 - current       **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:** Int. Science festival *Gothenburg*, NMT-days *Lund*, LUNE-days *Lund*, Culture Night *Lund* (20- 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19) • Slaski Festiwal Nauki *Poland* (2019) • Scifest *Uppsala* (20- 18, 17) • Festival Znanosti *Slovenia*, Open Science Days *Montenegro*, Science City *Växjö* (2016) • Innocarnivalen *Malmö* (2014) • Nordic Physics Days *Lund* (2013)

### Representation

- 2020-current       **Dept. of Astronomy and Theoretical Physics** Lund university, Steering group representative
- 2017-2018       **Dept. of Astronomy and Theoretical Physics** Lund university, Board representative
- 2013-2015       **LUNA Science Student Union:** Lund university, Board member

## Skills

- Languages       Strong reading, writing & speaking competence in English, Swedish, & Danish.
- Coding       Python, MATLAB, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, C++, Unity, HTML
- Databases       ADQL

## References

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