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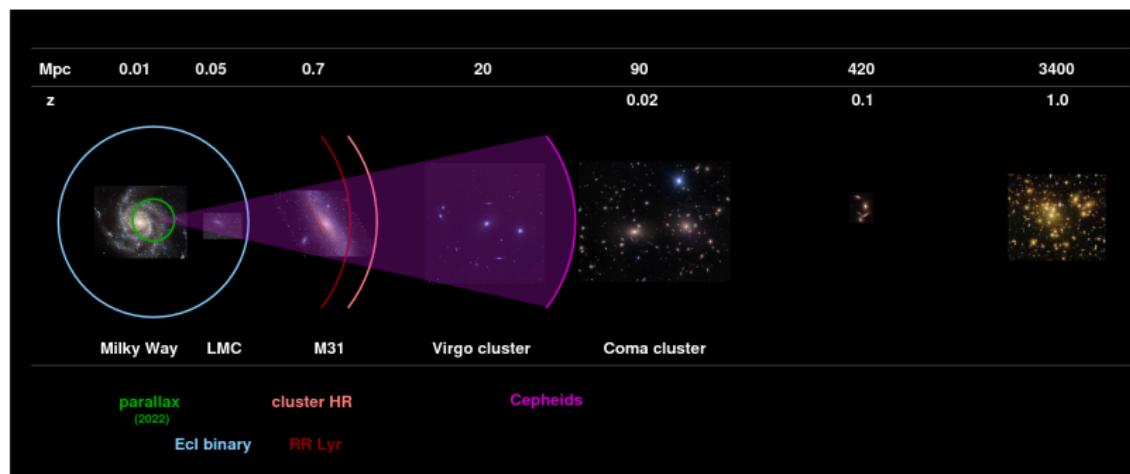
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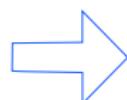
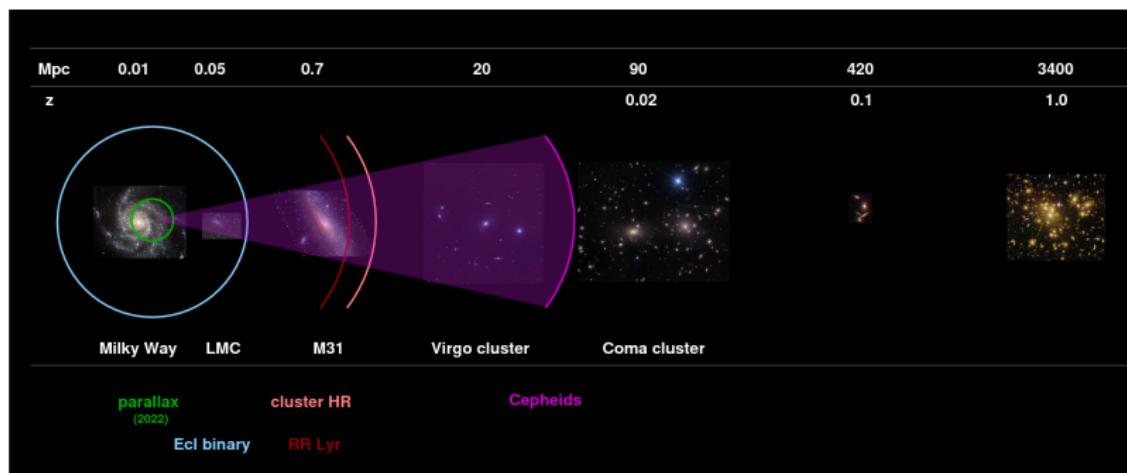
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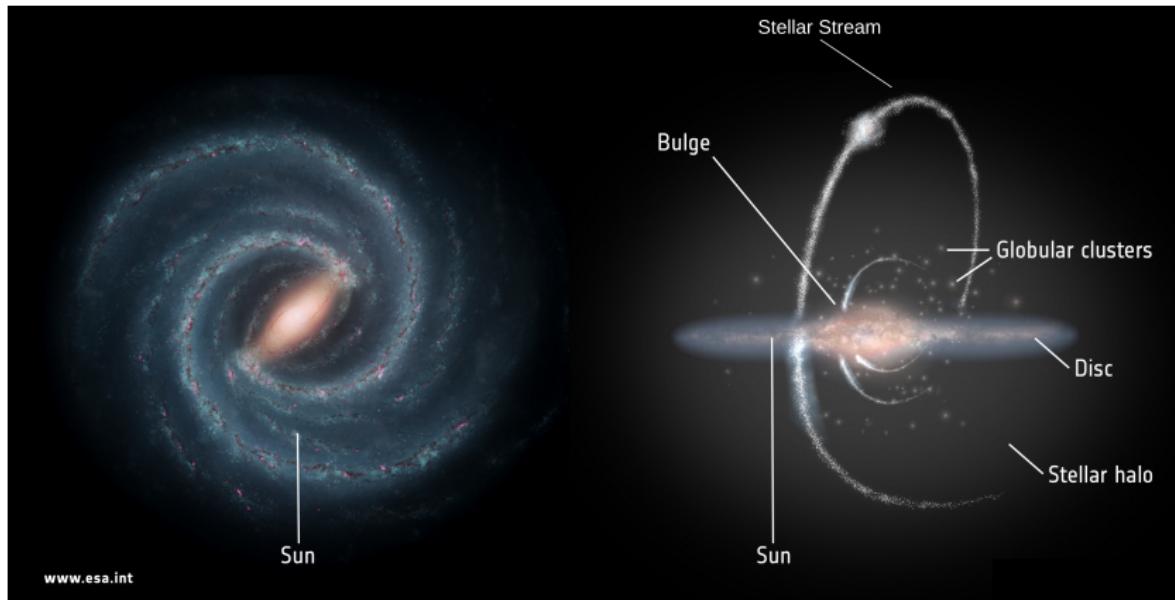
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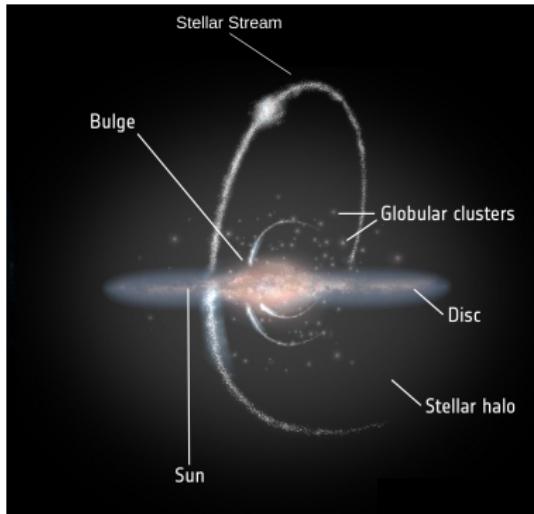
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The Stellar Halo of the Milky Way

The Galactic Plane is surrounded by a stellar halo.

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- extends to ~ 140 kpc
- $L \sim 10^9 L_\odot$, about 1% of the total luminosity of the Milky Way
- 0.2% of the thin disc at the Solar neighborhood
- very concentrated: half-light radius ~ 3 kpc
- density profile of the halo stellar population: $n(r) \sim n_0(r/r_0)^{-3}$



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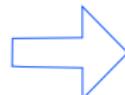
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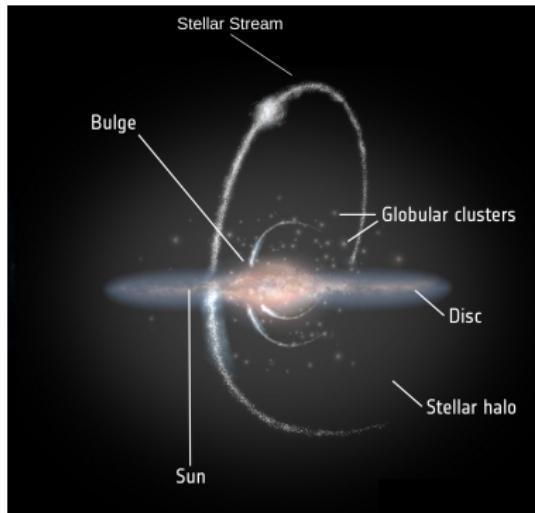
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As stars are made from dense gas clouds, we would expect the central part of the Halo to be the denser ones: oldest (metal poorest). Instead, old stars are found in the halo globular clusters, its most extended component.

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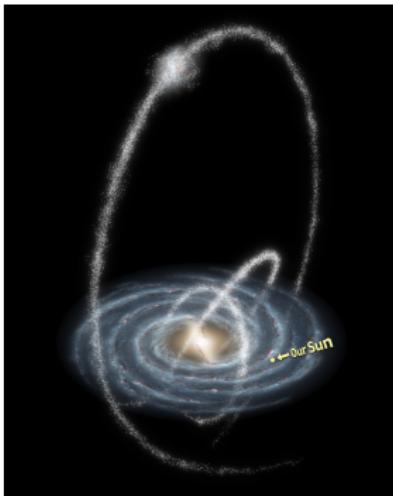


Our Milky Way, like other large galaxies, is a *cannibal*: frequent mergers with closest neighbor galaxies and its satellite galaxies



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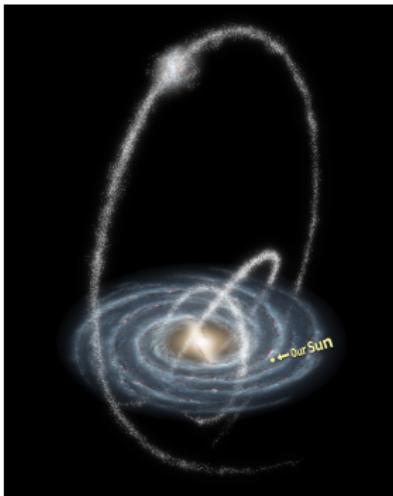
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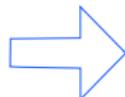
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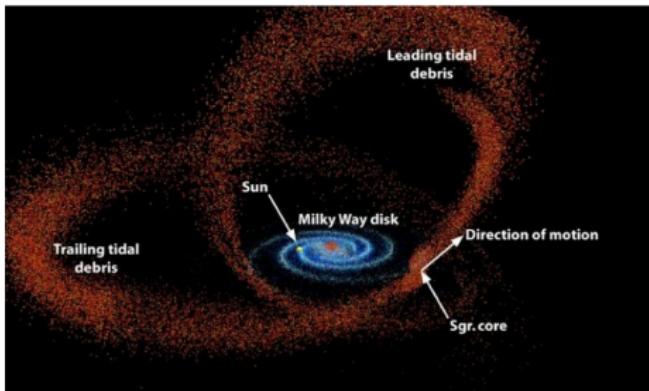


stellar streams are essential dynamical probes of the accretion history and the dark matter distribution of the Milky Way

Stellar Streams - Terminology

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Stellar streams, also known as tidal streams, result from a **stream progenitor** - a globular cluster or a satellite dwarf galaxy - being disrupted by its host galaxy's **tidal forces**. Stars are drawn out from the progenitor into a tidal stream that then orbits the host galaxy; the progenitor itself may remain connected to the stream, orbit separately, or disrupt entirely. Stellar streams have **leading and trailing arms**, defined by the direction of motion.

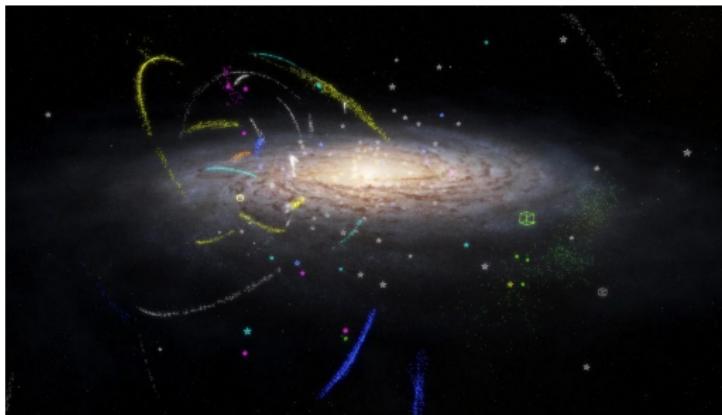


credit: David R. Law, UCLA

Galactic Archaeology

Stellar Streams (and other substructures in the halo) serve as probes of the Milky Way's merger history.

In recent years, large-scale surveys, e.g. Gaia, have dramatically increased the number of known stellar streams in the Milky Way, leading to field known as **Galactic archaeology**.



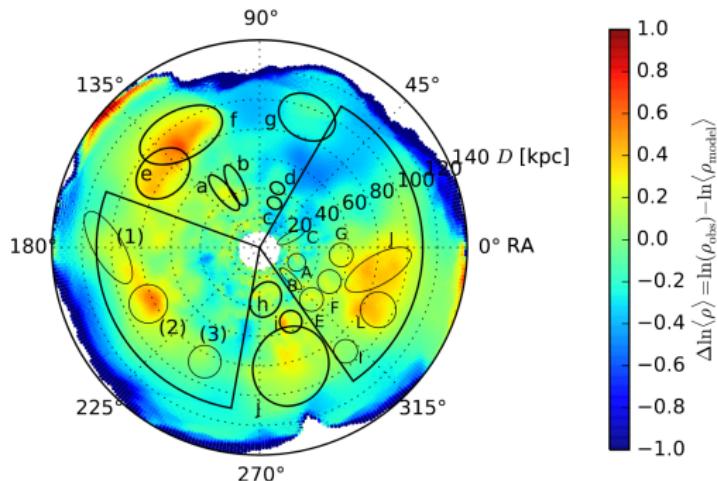
The Milky Way with stellar streams (colored dots), globular clusters (star symbols) and dwarf galaxies (small cubes). credit: S. Payne-Wardenar / K. Malhan, MPIA

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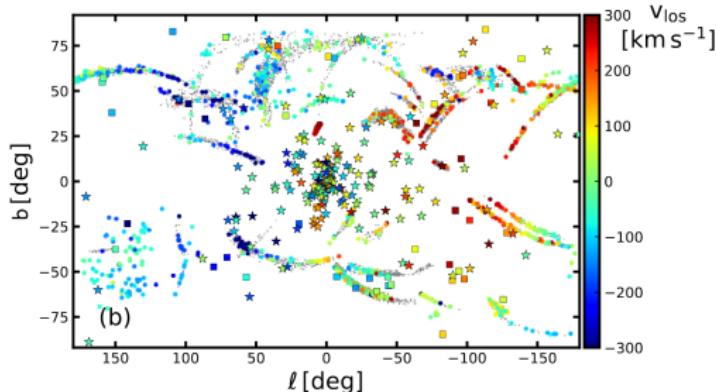
Milky Way halo overdensities (credit: Hernitschek et al. 2018)

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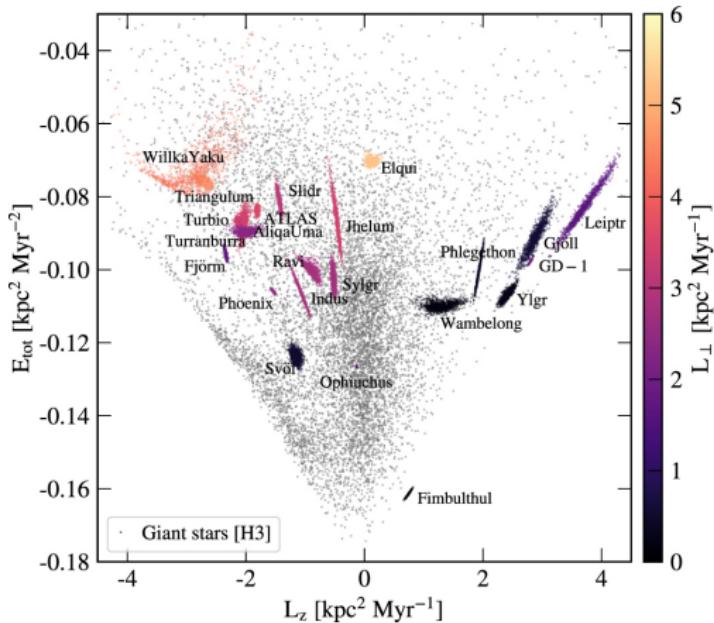
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- Estimating fundamental parameters (R_\odot , V_\odot) of the MW Galaxy (Majewski et al. 2006, Kupper et al. 2015, Malhan & Ibata 2017)
- Merger history of our Galaxy (e.g. Malhan et al. 2022)



Galactic map showing measurements of 170 globular clusters (★), 41 stellar streams (○) and 46 satellite galaxies (□) (credit: Malhan et al. 2022)

Stellar Streams in the Milky Way

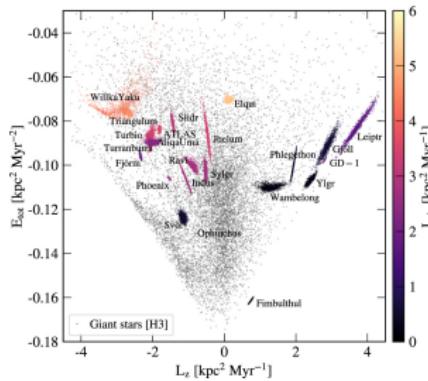
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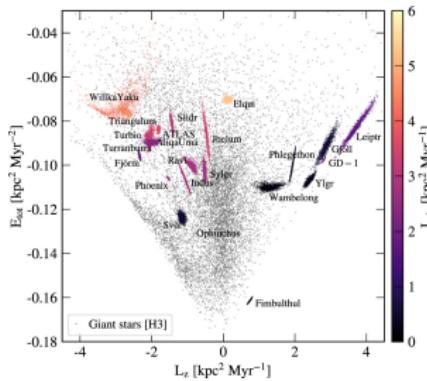


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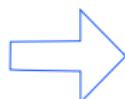
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mapping out the big-picture distribution of dark matter in our galaxy and studying the small-scale structure of dark matter in the streams' host galaxies

Stellar Streams in other Galaxies

We have observed stellar streams in other galaxies (like NGC 5907):



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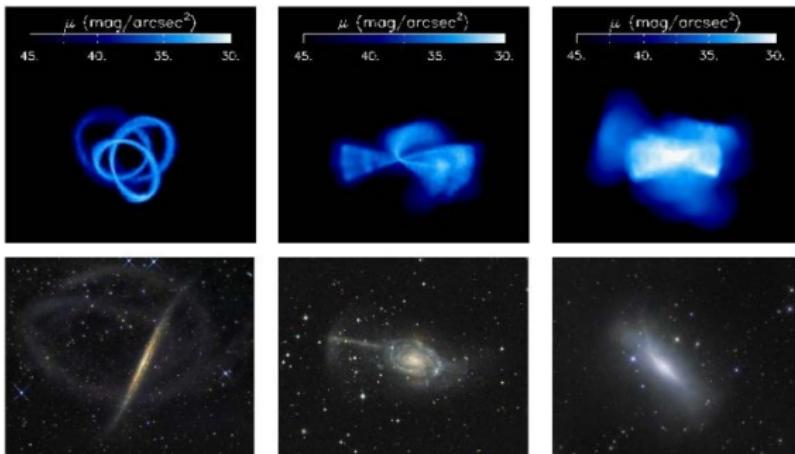
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Numerical simulations predict what can be observed:



top row: predicted tidal stream morphologies tidal stream structures from Johnston et al. (2008), external views

bottom row: observational archetypes of tidal stream structure from by Martínez-Delgado et al. (2010): great circle stream in NGC 5907 (left); shell-like structure around NGC 4651 (center); “mixed” debris near NGC 5866 (right panel)

Evidence of Interactions

evidence of interactions: **tidal stripping, two-body relaxation and dynamical friction**

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these interactions typically show in three ways:

- the stripping of stars from a satellite galaxy due to the tidal field of the primary
- the persistence of such tidal streams over long timescales, and
- the eventual consumption of the satellite galaxy by the primary due to dynamical friction.

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also called **tidal disruption**

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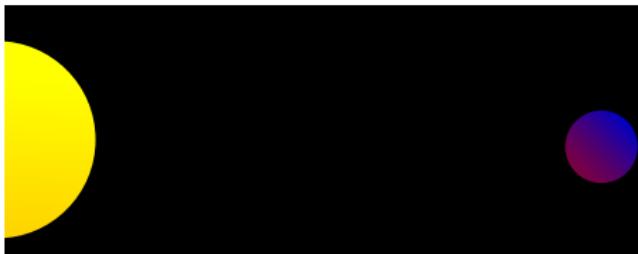
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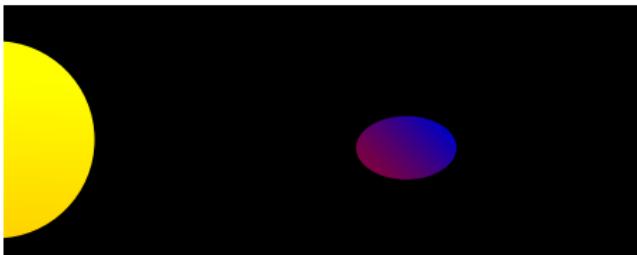
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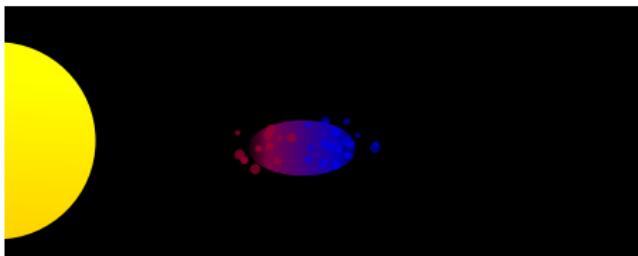
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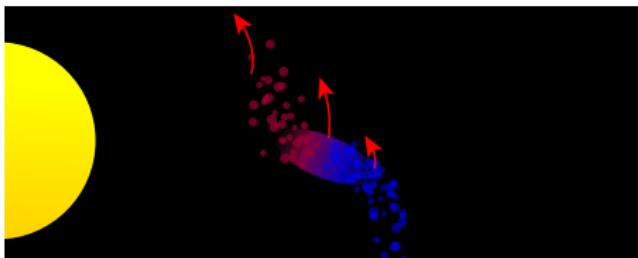
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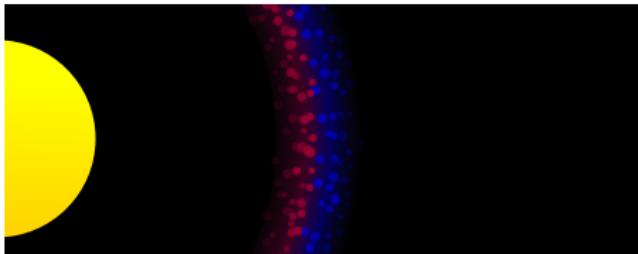
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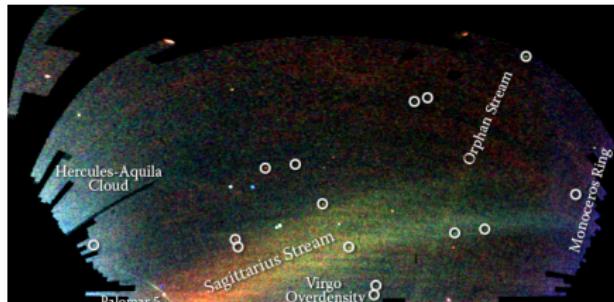
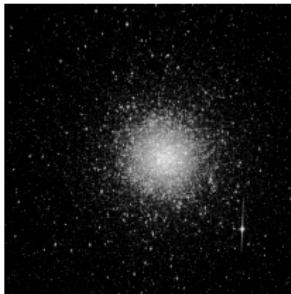
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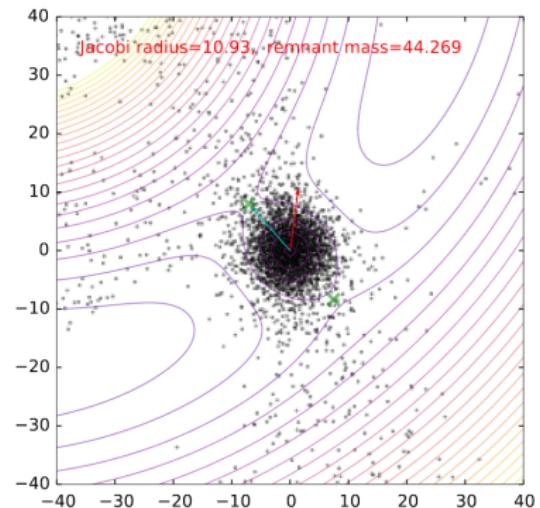
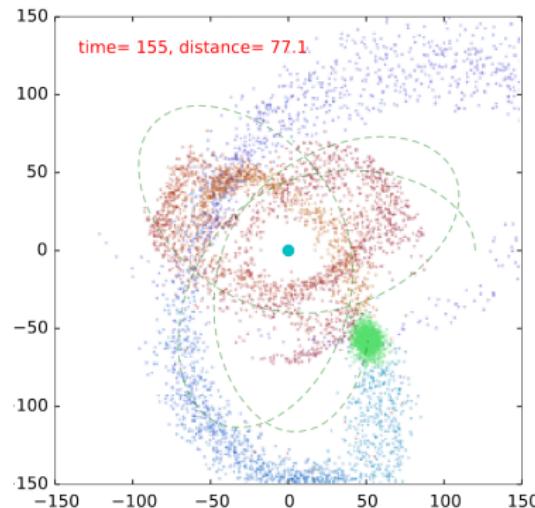


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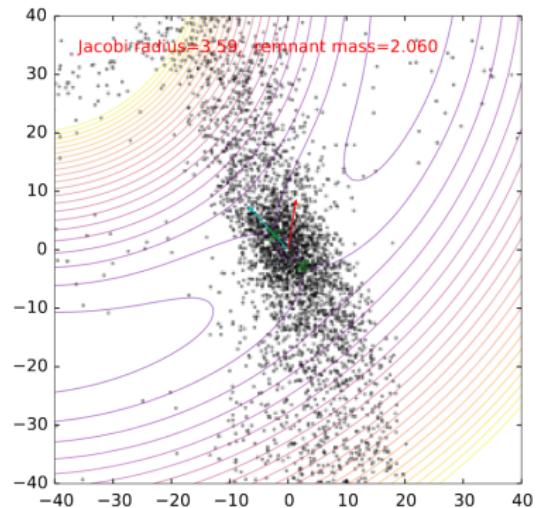
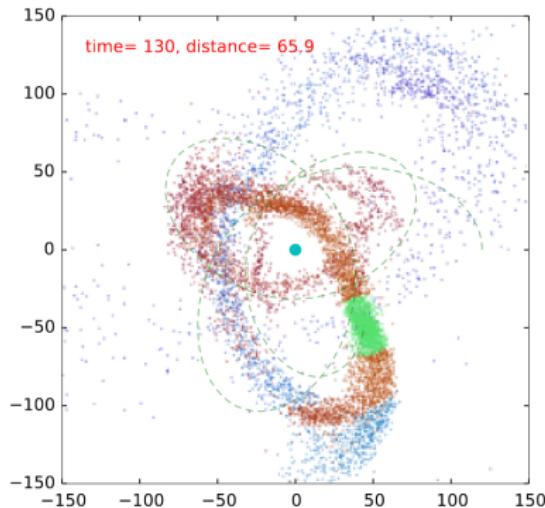


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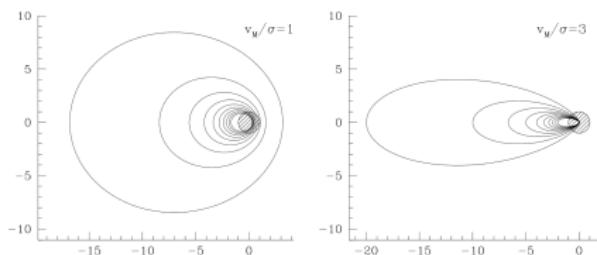


Figure: Object of mass M moves from left to right at speed v_M through a homogeneous distribution of stars with 1D dispersion σ . Deflection of the stars by the mass enhances the stellar density downstream. The gravitational attraction of this wake on M leads to dynamical friction. Contour lines show equal stellar density in a plane containing the mass M and the velocity vector v_M .

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example:

For a satellite galaxy with $v = 200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $M = 10^{10} M_\odot$ orbiting a galaxy at $R = 10 \text{ kpc}$ and $M(< R) = 10^{11} M_\odot$ we get $t_{\text{merge}} \sim 3 \times 10^8 \text{ yrs}$.

For Sgr dSph, one gets $t_{\text{merge}} \sim 10^{10} \text{ yrs}$. This indicates that it is reasonable to observe dwarf galaxies in close proximity to giants in the Local Group today: the merging time is of the order of the age of the Universe.

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⇒ One would need to cross the Milky Way $\sim 3 \times 10^{10}$ times to encounter one star, which would take of the order 3×10^{18} years, i.e. longer than the age of the Universe.

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However, both giant and dwarf galaxies display coherent orbital motions. A significant level of relaxation must have occurred during their assembly. One invokes the idea of **violent relaxation** in order to explain this: During the earliest epochs of galaxy assembly the potential in which the stars orbited was changing rapidly (violently) as galaxies built up their masses via vigorous merging with satellites **driven by dynamical friction**. The rapidly changing potential erased the original dynamical properties of the stars.

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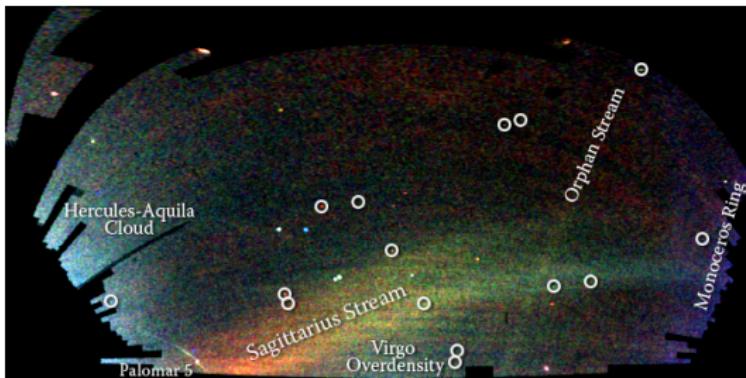
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Resolved stellar structures (in the Local Group)

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Stellar streams are **overdensities** - star counts will reveal them
deep photometric surveys (SDSS, Gaia) allow for detection of
tidal debris structure within the Milky Way

The famous *Field of Streams* image from SDSS (Belokurov et al. 2006) mapped substructure using main sequence turnoff (MSTO) starcounts fainter than ~ 32 mag arcsec $^{-2}$:

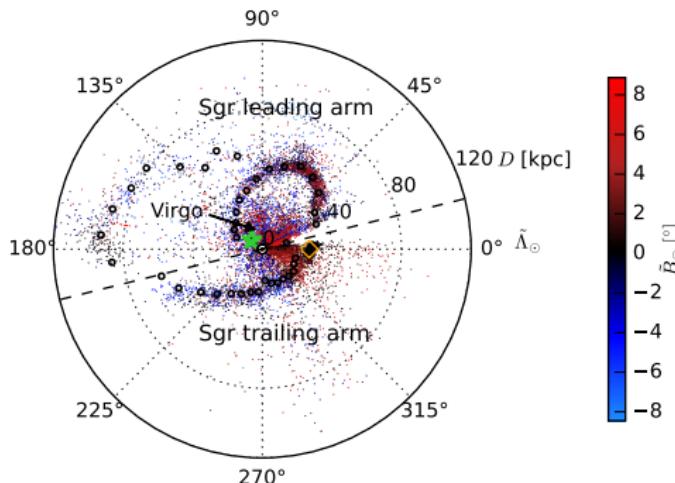


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Further stream details (low surface brightness features) detected by **kinematical selection** of stream members (i.e.: spectroscopic velocities). This allows features in the Galactic halo containing fewer than ~ 1 red giant branch (RGB) star per square degree to be identified.

Stellar streams can be **traced by variable stars**, i.e. by selecting RR Lyrae stars.

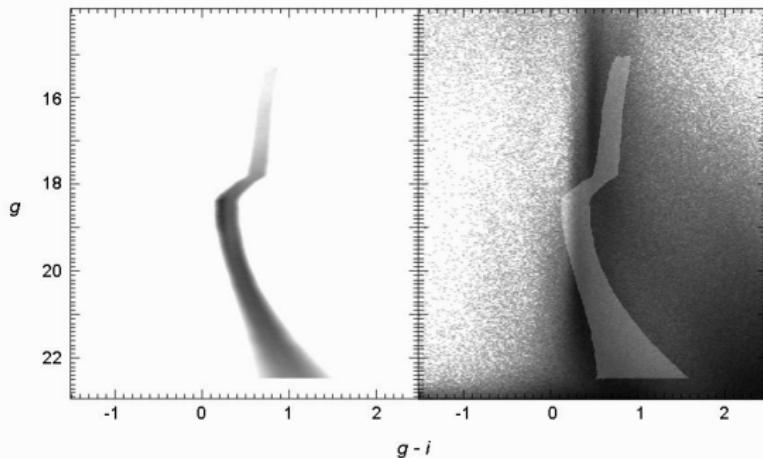


credit: Hernitschek et al. (2017)

Matched Filter Analysis

a common modern tool to detect stellar streams is called
matched filter analysis

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left panel: Matched filter based on the SDSS CMD of stars in M13, luminosity function based on Ω Cen. The filter's peak response occurs on the blue side of the main-sequence turn-off, where there are relatively few foreground stars. The filter width is based on the SDSS photometric errors as a function of magnitude.
right panel: The CMD of stars lying within 10° of the eastern half of the Cocyto stream, with the filter overlaid. credit: Grillmair et al. (2009), Figure 1

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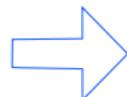
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Design the filter such that the effect of noise is minimized while maximizing the signal.

in our case:

signal $\hat{=}$ stream member stars

background $\hat{=}$ field stars

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examples of streams found by matched filter:

Pal5 22d, NGC 5546, GD1, Orphan, anticenter of Monoceros (Grillmair et al. 2006)

Acheron, Cocytos, Lethe, and Styx streams (Grillmair et al. 2006)

further analysis was carried out by e.g. Ibata et al. (2007) and Rockosi et al. (2002)

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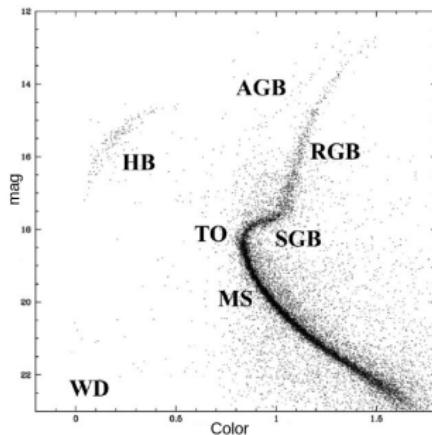
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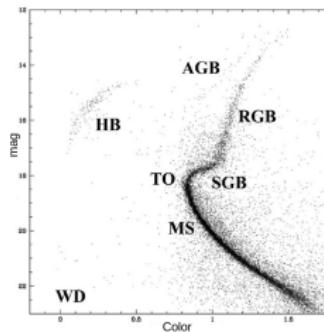
The observational CMD of the globular cluster M12.

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density of cluster stars on the CMD (observed, theory) \Rightarrow two-dimensional **number density function** for cluster (or stream) stars, $n_{cl}(color, mag)$ which is normalized as $f_{cl}(color, mag)$

This is analogous to the probability density function from statistics: it describes the **relative probability** of finding a star drawn from the cluster or stream population at any location in color and magnitude.

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- according to the constraints of stellar evolution, with the stars further spread in color and magnitude by the substantial range in age and distance within the major components of the Galaxy
- with the position in the galaxy

The **matched filter analysis** then assigns higher weights to stars in CMD regions dominated by the target stellar population.

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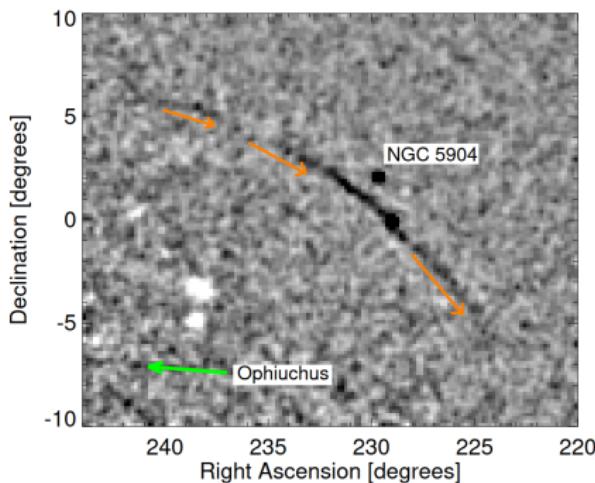
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revealing the **orbital structure** of stellar streams: **kinematics**

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example: Pal 5 stream.

Discovered by Odenkirchen et al. (2001). This map was created by Bernard et al (2016).

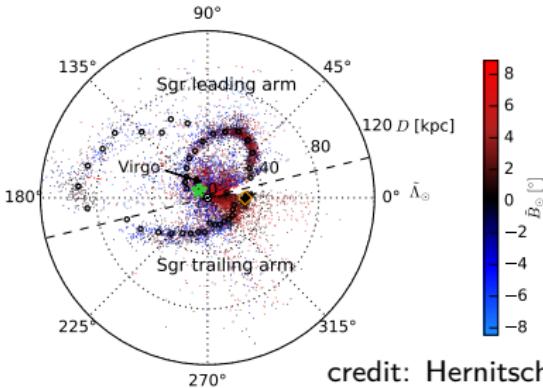


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e.g.: **Sagittarius stream:**

- proposed by Lynden-Bell (1995) from analyzing the distribution of globular clusters
- discovered by Newberg et al. (2002) and Majewski et al. (2003) using data from the 2MASS and SDSS surveys
- two-branch structure was found by Belokurov (2006)
- stream was subsequently further characterized, e.g. by Hernitschek et al. (2017) tracing the complete extent of Sgr stream with RR Lyrae stars from Pan-STARRS1 3π



credit: Hernitschek et al. (2017)

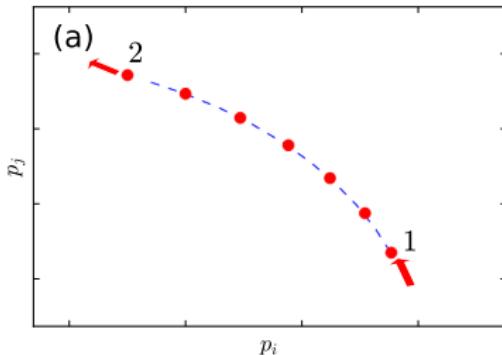
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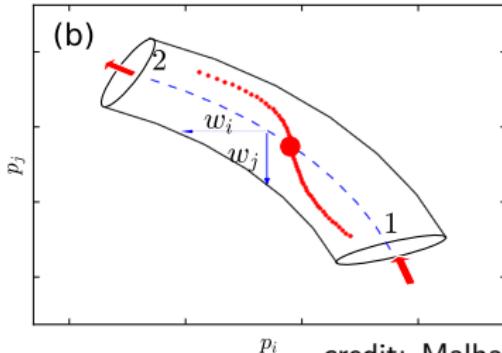
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assumption: stream members contained in a 6D hypertube and its 6D volume $\sim f(\sigma_w, \sigma_v, t_{\text{orbit}})$



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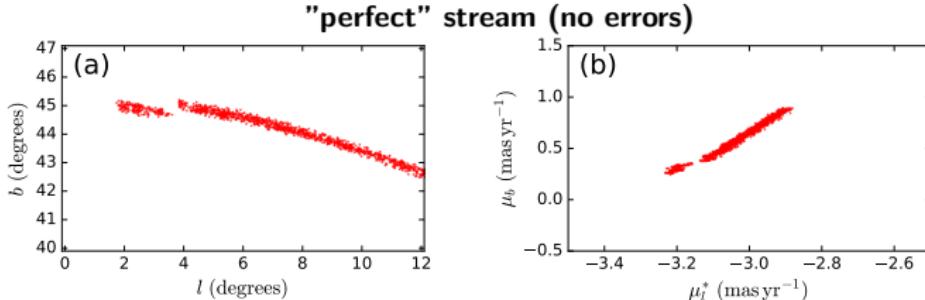
→ \mathcal{L}_k acts as *weight* for every star to obtain stream density plot

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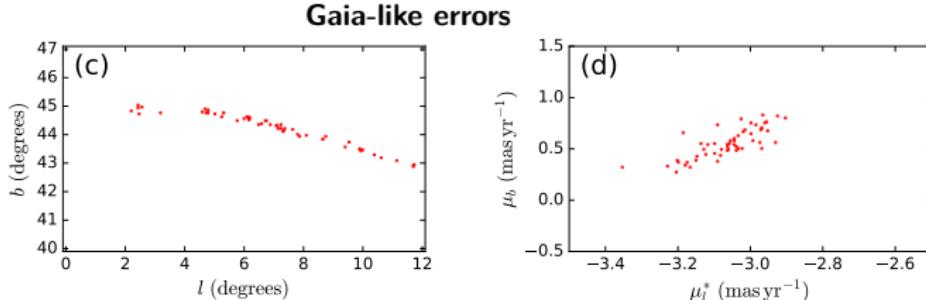
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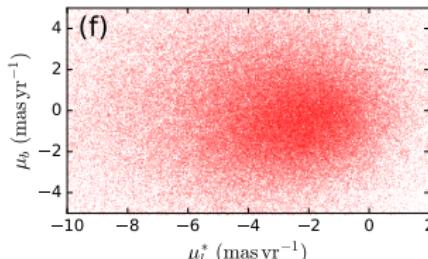
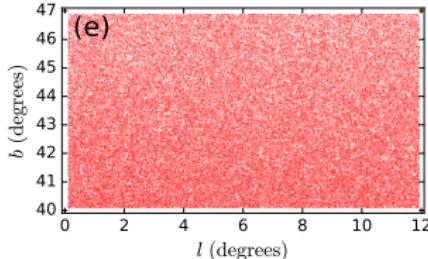
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Mock field stars with the mock stream superposed, $n_{\text{stream}}/n_{\text{data}} \sim 0.015\%$.



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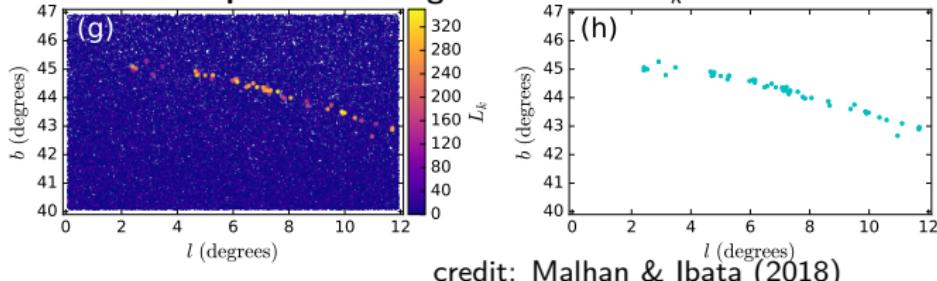
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(g) relative likelihood \mathcal{L}_k , revealing the low contrast stream feature, while (h) represents the subsample with the highest values of \mathcal{L}_k

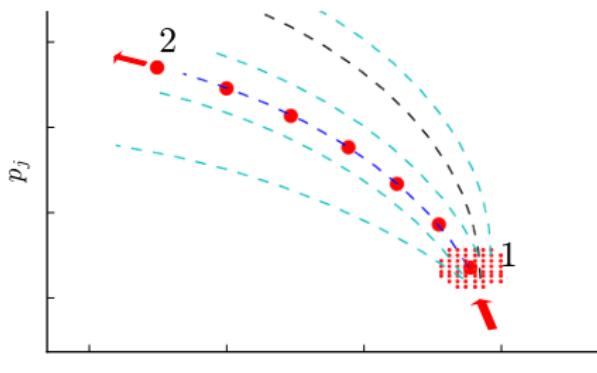


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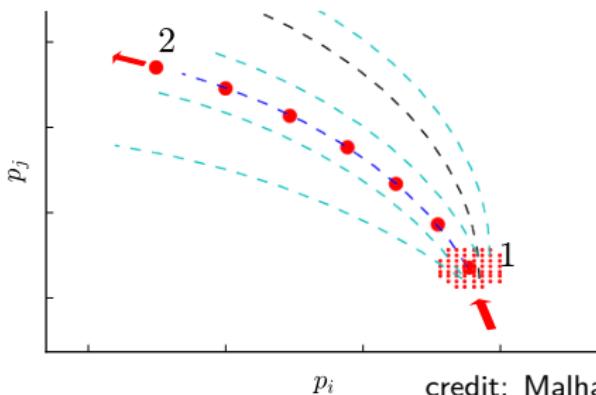
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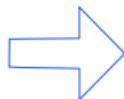
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MW Stellar Stream maps from Gaia DR2 using
STREAMFINDER (Malhan, Ibata & Martin 2018)

Gaia DR2 released on 25 April 2018:

- 1.7 billion sources down to $G \sim 20.7$
- Positions + Proper motions + parallaxes (not so good)
+ G,BP,RP for all sources

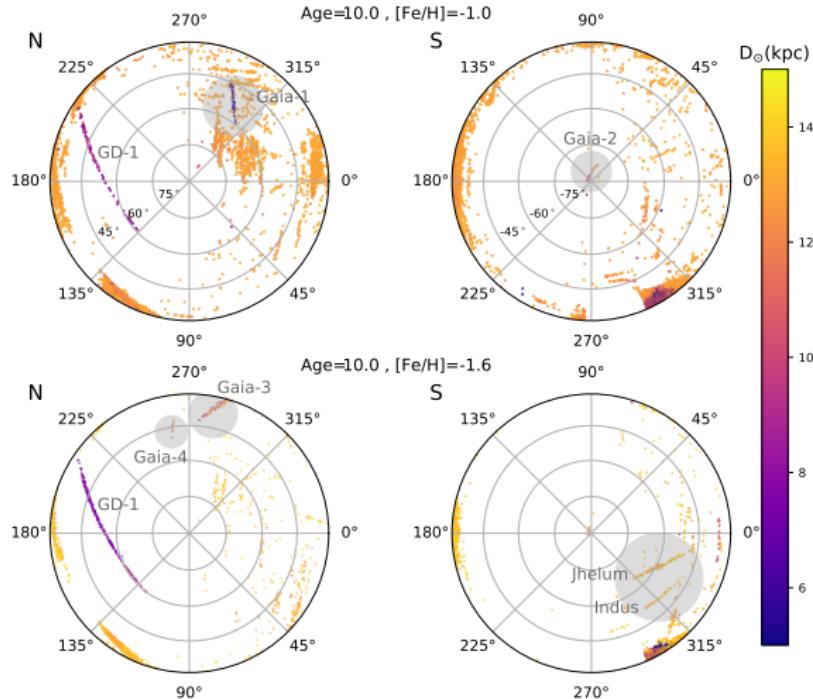
processed with STREAMFINDER:

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- GCs and DGs masked

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Inner halo. Distance = [5, 15] kpc. (Malhan et al. 2018b)

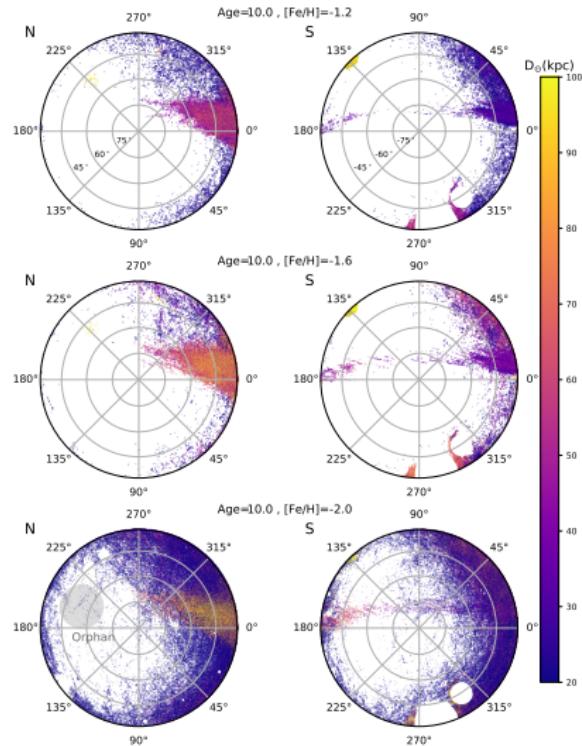
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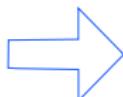
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The Southern Stellar Stream Spectroscopic Survey (S5) is the first systematic program pursuing a complete census of known streams in the Southern Sky

- >50 nights since 2018 on the AAT/AAOmega
- 80,000 targets across 20 stellar streams identified in Gaia and DES

first public data release in April 2021

data available via s5collab.github.io



largest homogeneously analyzed set of streams, full 6D kinematics and metallicities for 12 streams

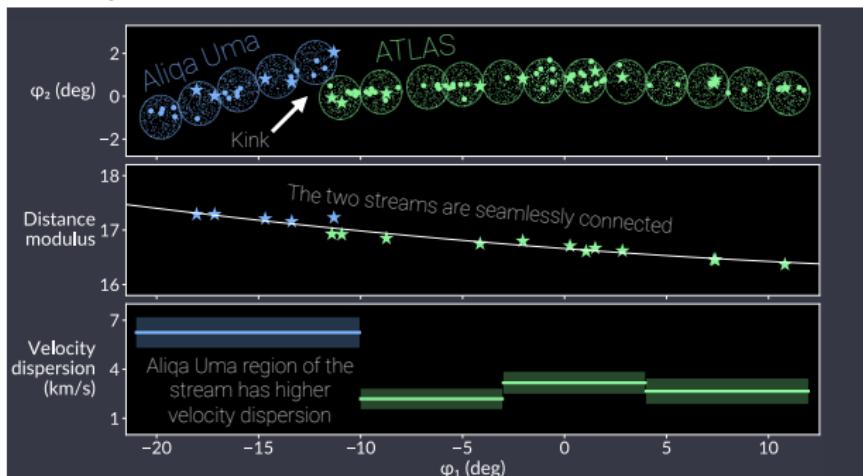
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interesting findings from S⁵:

S5-HVS1: a high-velocity star ejected from the Galactic centre

The Phoenix Stream: a stream created from a globular cluster in the *forbidden zone*

ATLAS-Aliqa Uma: one stream that was broken in two



credit: S⁵ team

Detecting Progenitors of Stellar Streams

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Globular clusters are stable, tightly bound clusters of $\sim 10^4 - 10^6$ stars. The MW possesses some 150 GCs, M31 approximately 500. Giant elliptical galaxies may contain up to 13,000 GCs.



globular cluster M 10; credit: ESA/Hubble & NASA

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- kinematics do not indicate presence of dark matter
- stellar population is very uniform and old (\sim the age of the Universe), metal poor (100th solar metallicity)
- blue, metal poor GCs are the oldest systems and they preferentially reside in the halo of the MW
- red, metal rich (i.e. 1/10th solar metallicity) GCs represent younger (by a couple of gigayears) populations and reside in the bulge of the MW

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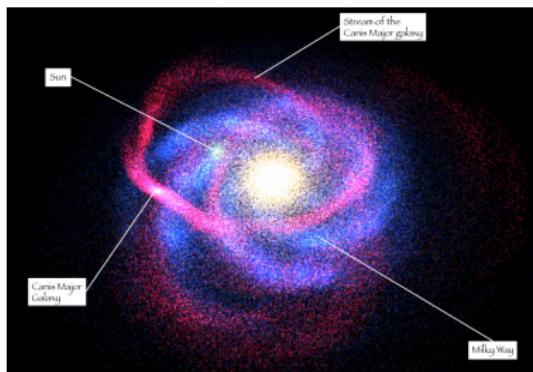
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Local Group: brightest members are of sufficiently high surface brightness to have been catalogued by Messier ~ 1781

dwarf galaxies Sculptor and Fornax: discovered by Harlow Shapley in 1937 and 1938 as faint **nebula** that can be **resolved** into individual stars

fainter dwarf galaxies: below the limit of even deep CCD exposures, e.g. $\mu_B = 27 - 30$; detection using resolved luminous red giant star counts (e.g. Sagittarius dSph, Ibata et al. 1994; Canis Major, Martin et al. 2003)

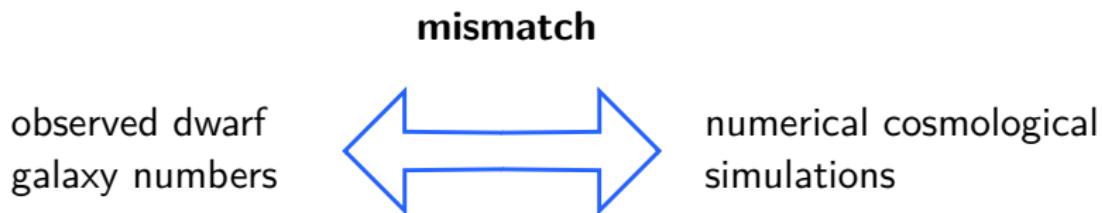


Canis Major Dwarf,
credit: R. Ibata

for **dynamics**: spectroscopy required to determine if stars making up a given overdensity form a dynamically coherent group

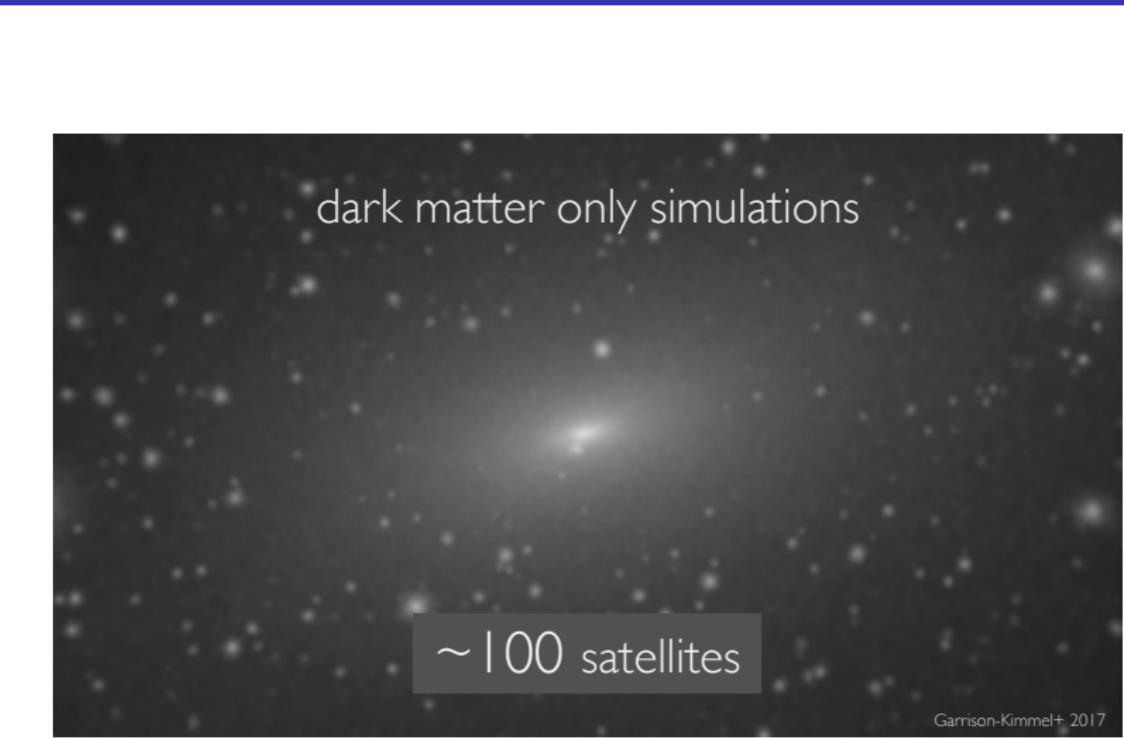
The “Missing Satellite(s)” Problem

The dwarf galaxy problem, also known as the **missing satellites problem**:



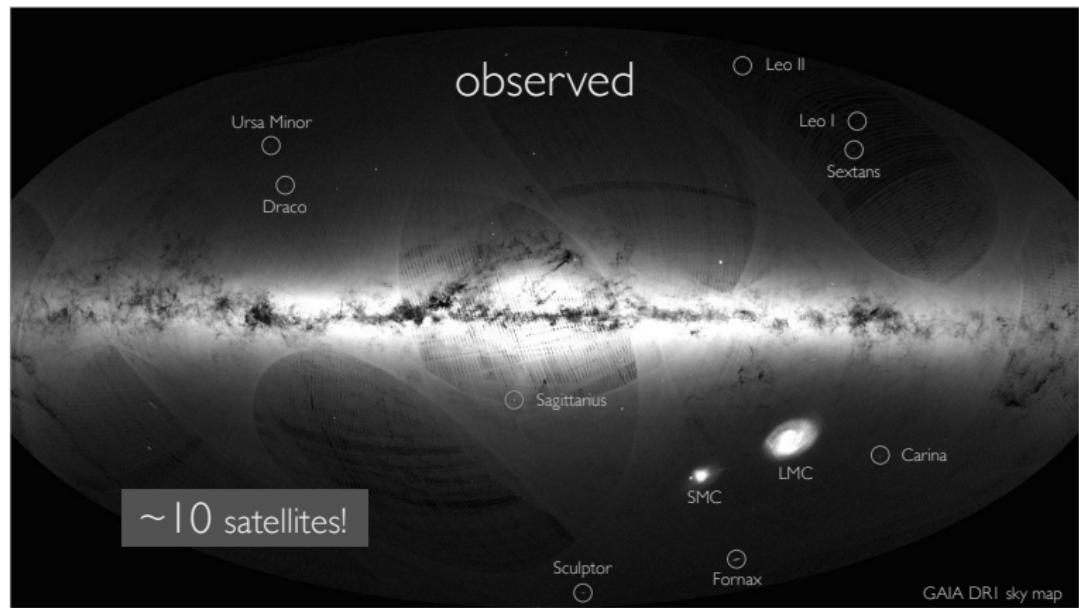
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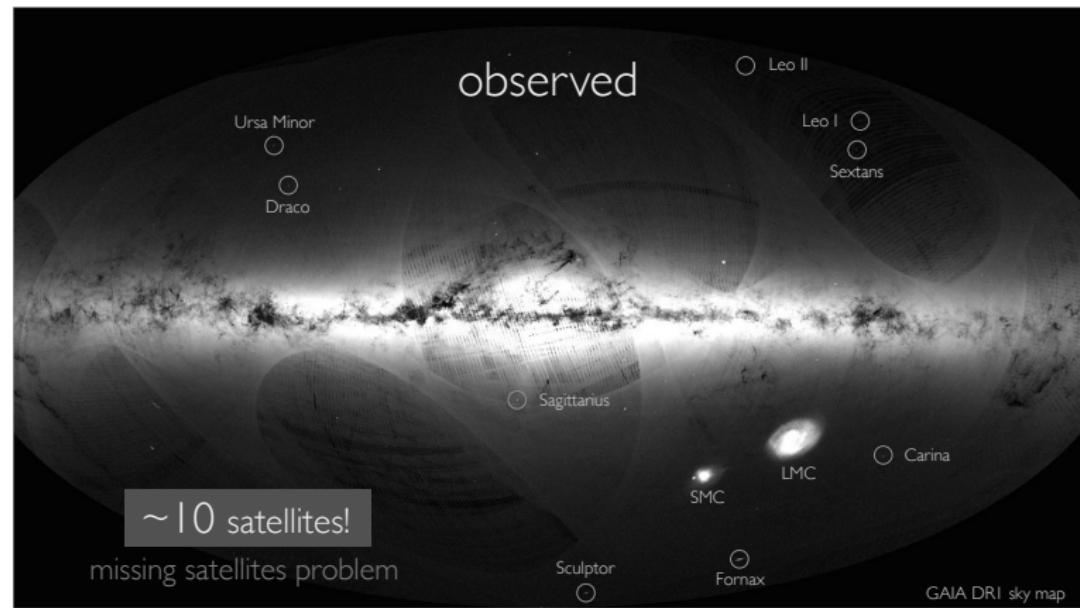
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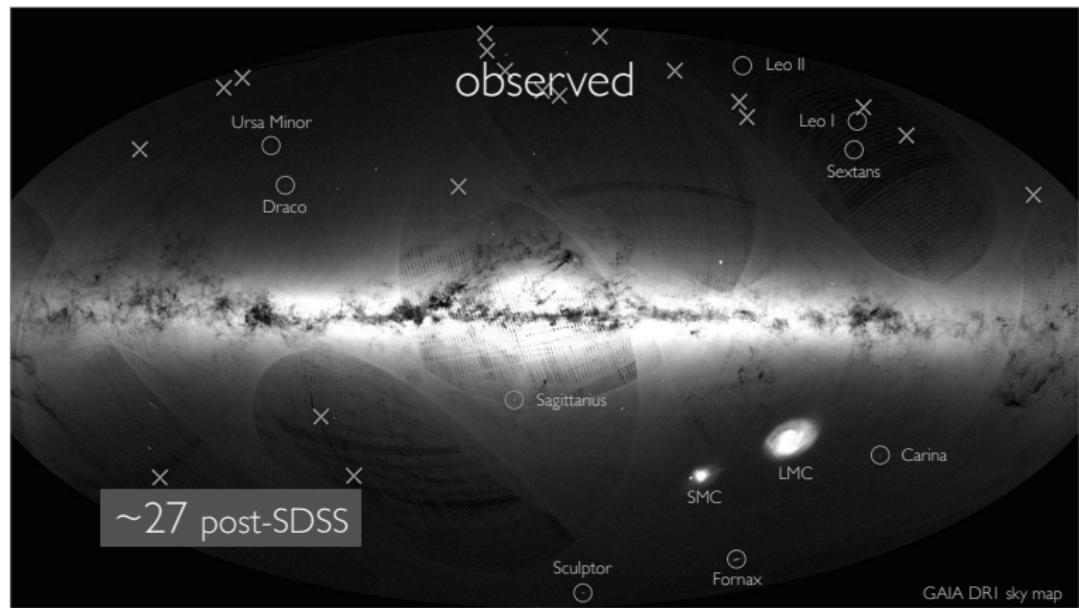
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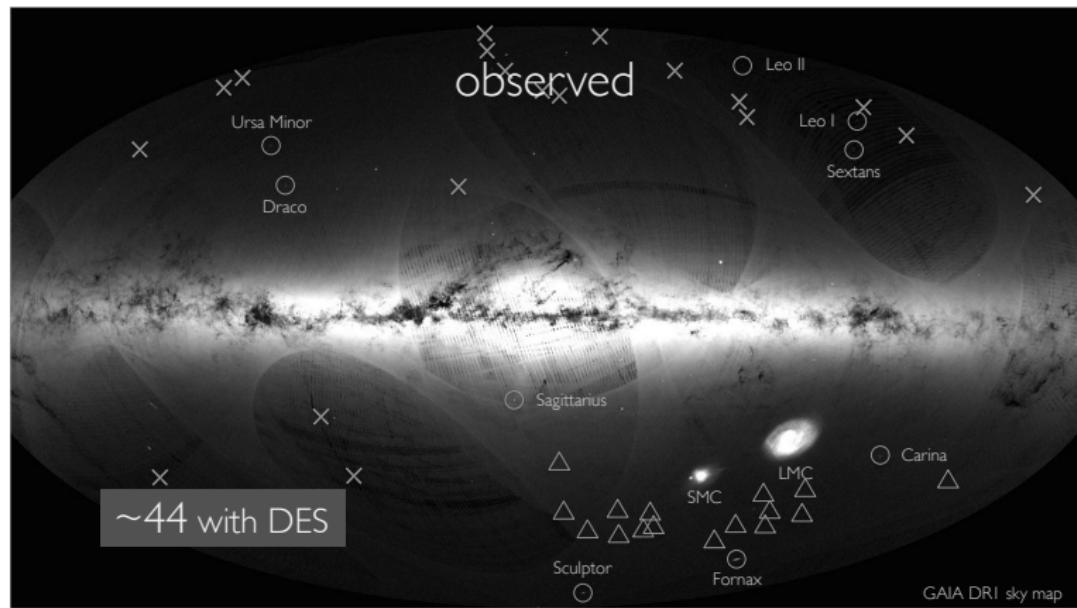
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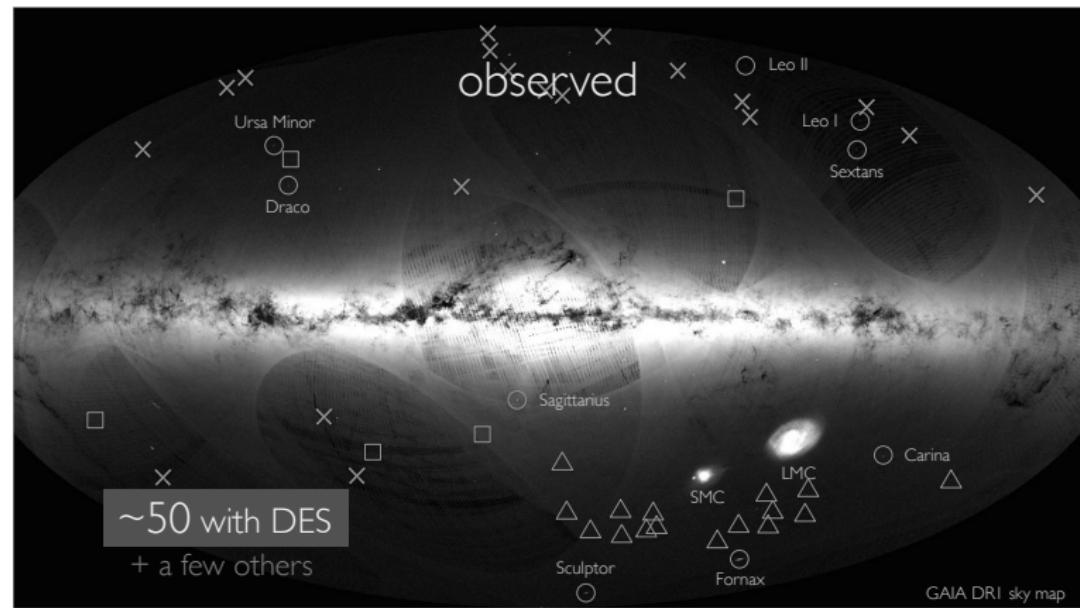
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simulations:

dark matter clusters hierarchically, in ever increasing numbers of concentrations with decreasing size

number of ‘normal-sized’ galaxies matches, number of dwarf galaxies ~ 1 magnitude higher than observed



Simulation: Myriad concentrations of dark matter are embedded within the galaxy’s halo. credit: Virgo Consortium.

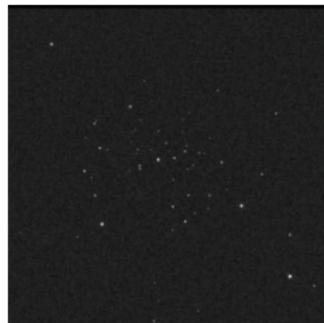
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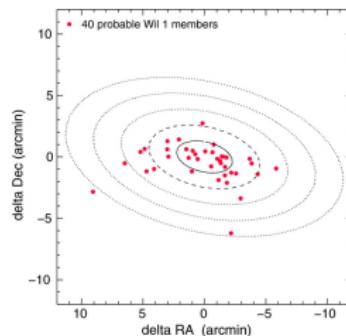
The missing satellite problem has been **discussed** from two perspectives:

1. The cold dark matter hypothesis underpinning the computer simulations may be flawed at some level.
2. Observational census of the Local Group dwarf galaxy population may be incomplete.

ultrafaint dwarf galaxies: e.g. Segue 1 (Geha et al 2009) with a luminosity $L_V = 340L_\odot$ (\sim of a single red giant), $M = 4.3 \times 10^5 M_\odot$.



Segue 1, credit: M. Geha



Willman 1, credit: Willman et al.

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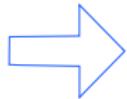
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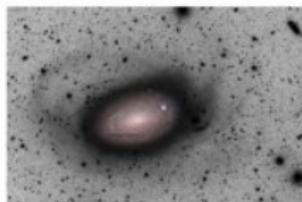
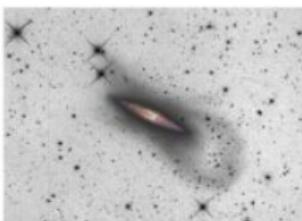
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mapping such streams requires deep imaging that can map those streams at least as elongated, diffuse-light regions



SDSS images of the nearby galaxies NGC 4013 (top) and M63 (bottom). SDSS (left) does not reveal tidal streams. Deep images (right) of these same galaxies show a low-latitude stellar stream around NGC 4013 (Martínez-Delgado et al. 2009) and a giant tidal stream around M63 (Chonis et al. 2011). Color-image insert for reference.

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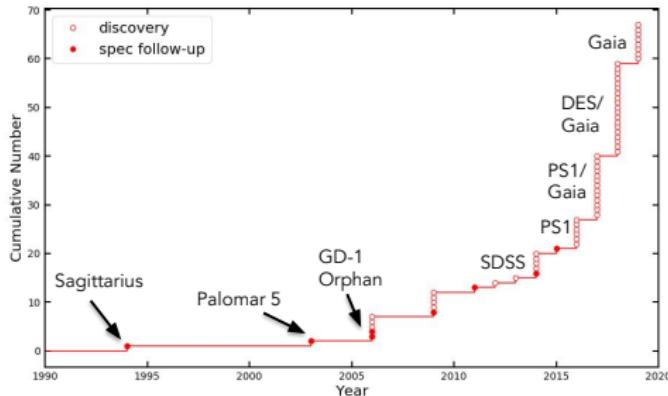
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Future telescopes like the Vera Rubin Observatory (LSST survey) and the Roman Space Telescope will be able to detect thousands of extragalactic stellar streams.

The tools built already will pave the way for exploring dark matter halos of all those galaxies!

Stream Discovery Timeline



Credit: Ting Li