

*By the Light of a Billion Stars:
Dark matter
and the stellar halo*

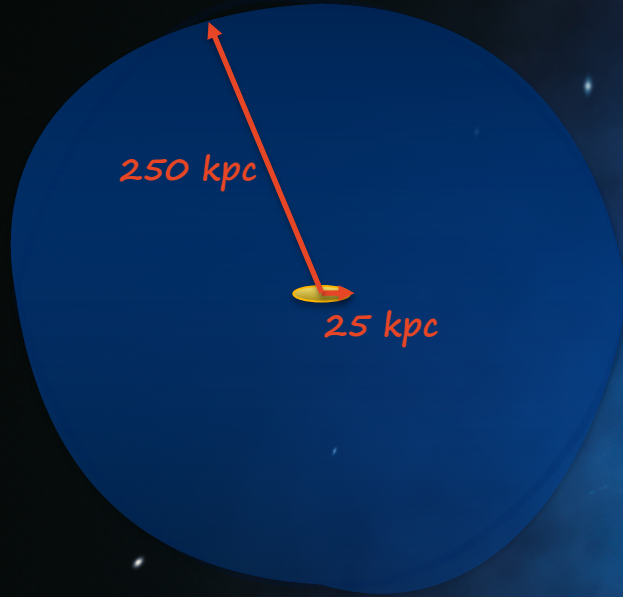
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Dark Matter Halo



What we don't know:

How much?

How far?

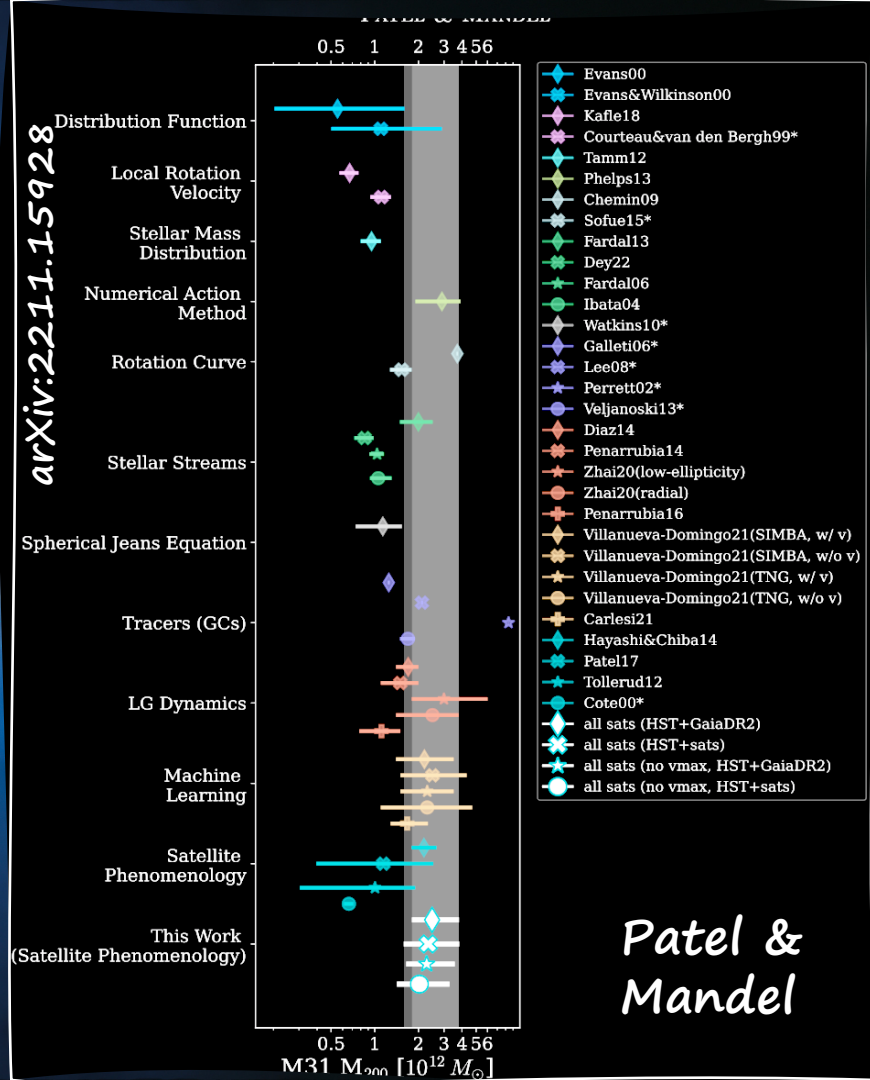
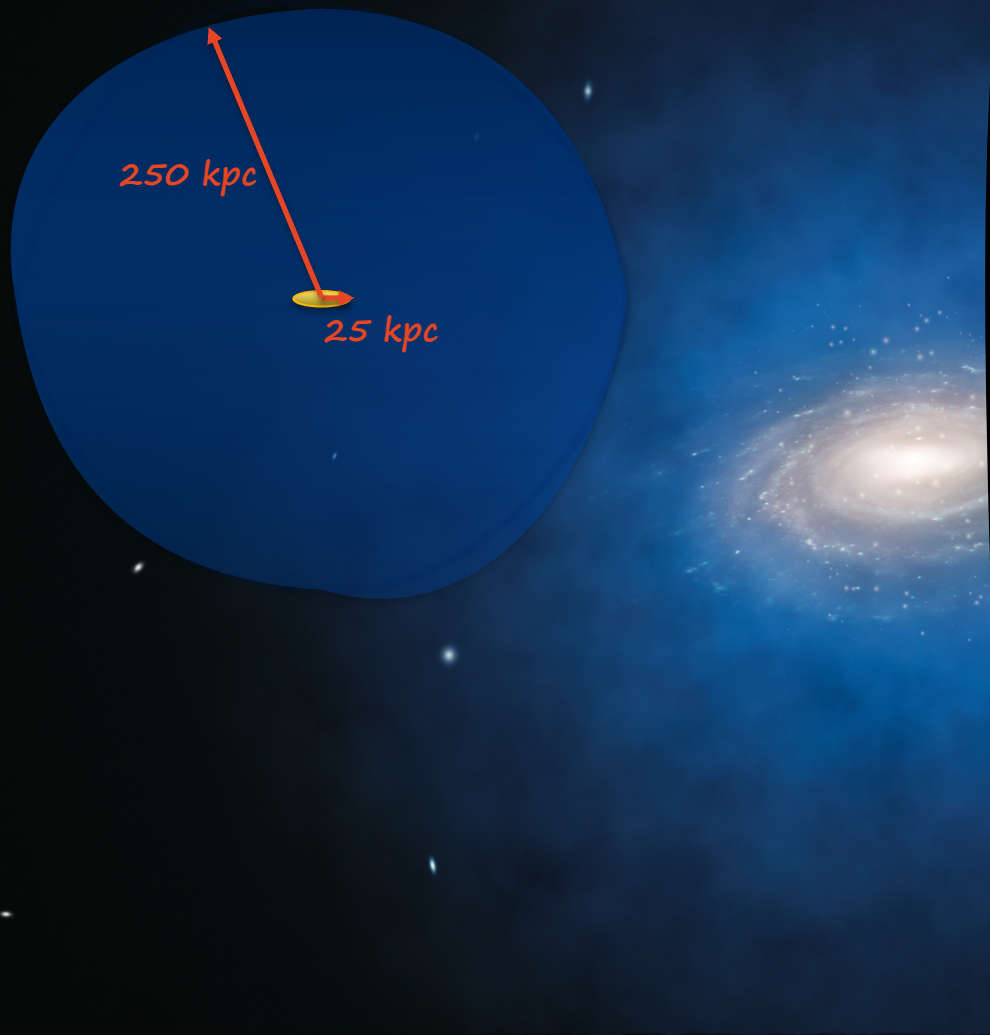
Cusp/core?

Overall shape?

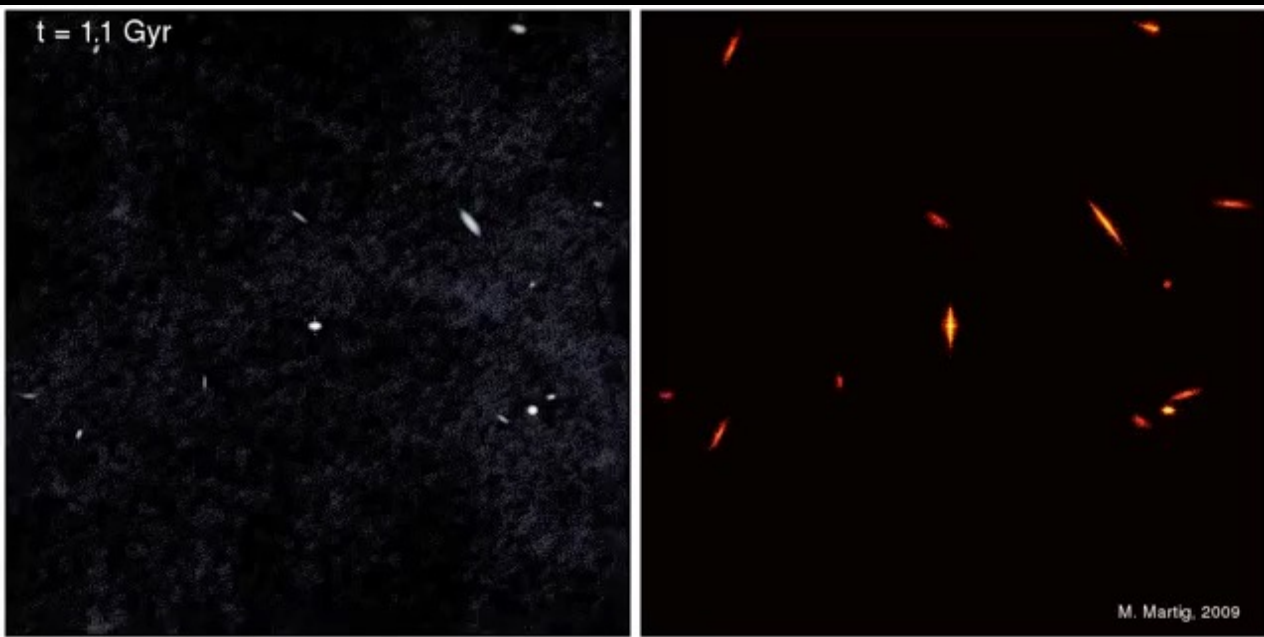
Rotation?

Lumpiness?

Visible Galaxy



Galaxy Formation



Martig (2009)



The Stellar Halo

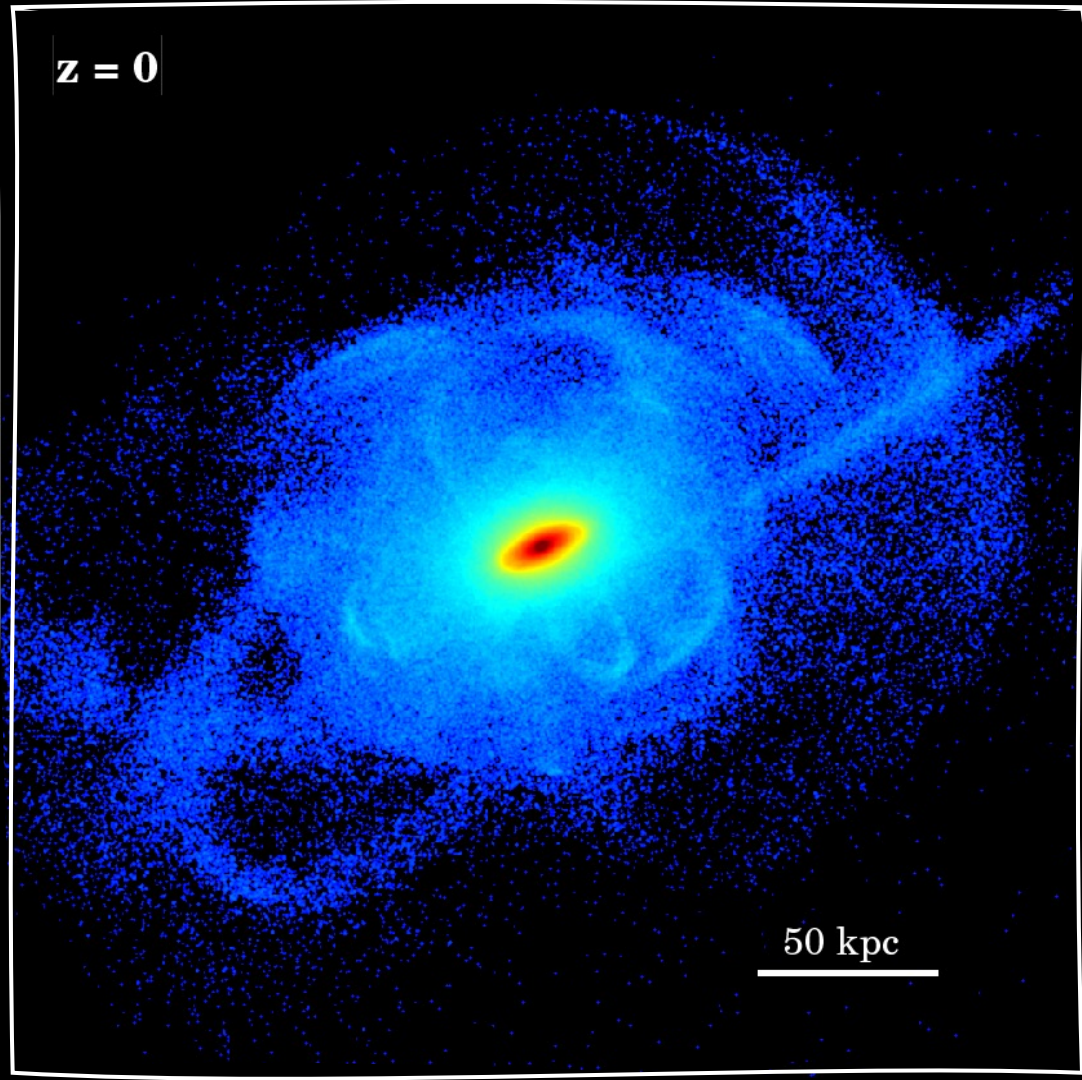
Contains ~% of Galactic light
Extensive (~100s kpc)
Mix of old & young accretions

Smooth(ish) from GES
Streams from recent accretions

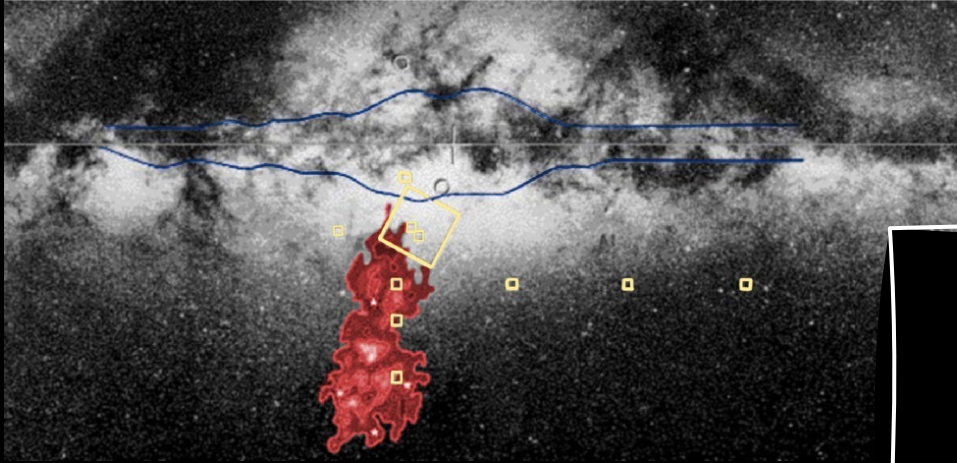
Dynamical probes of DM!

But!

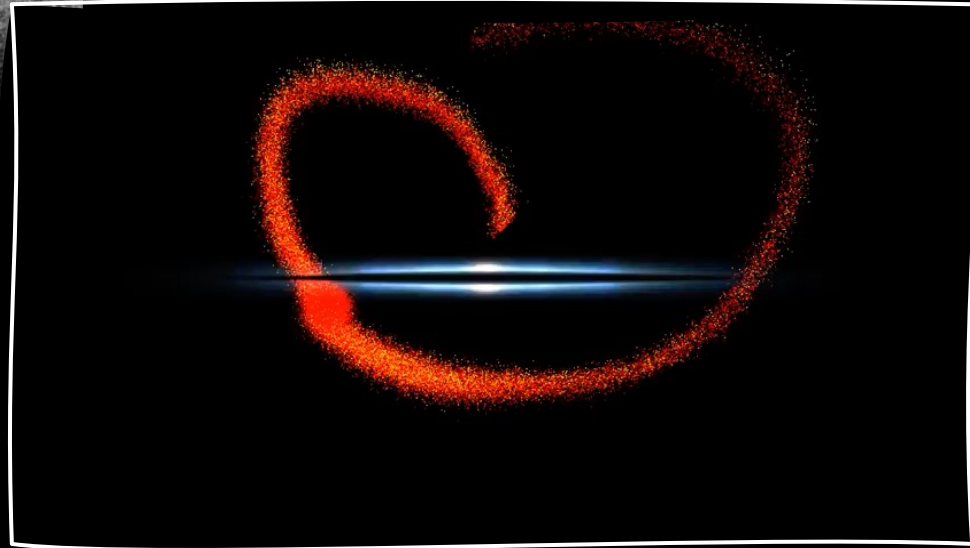
Features are faint
Kinematics are difficult



Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy

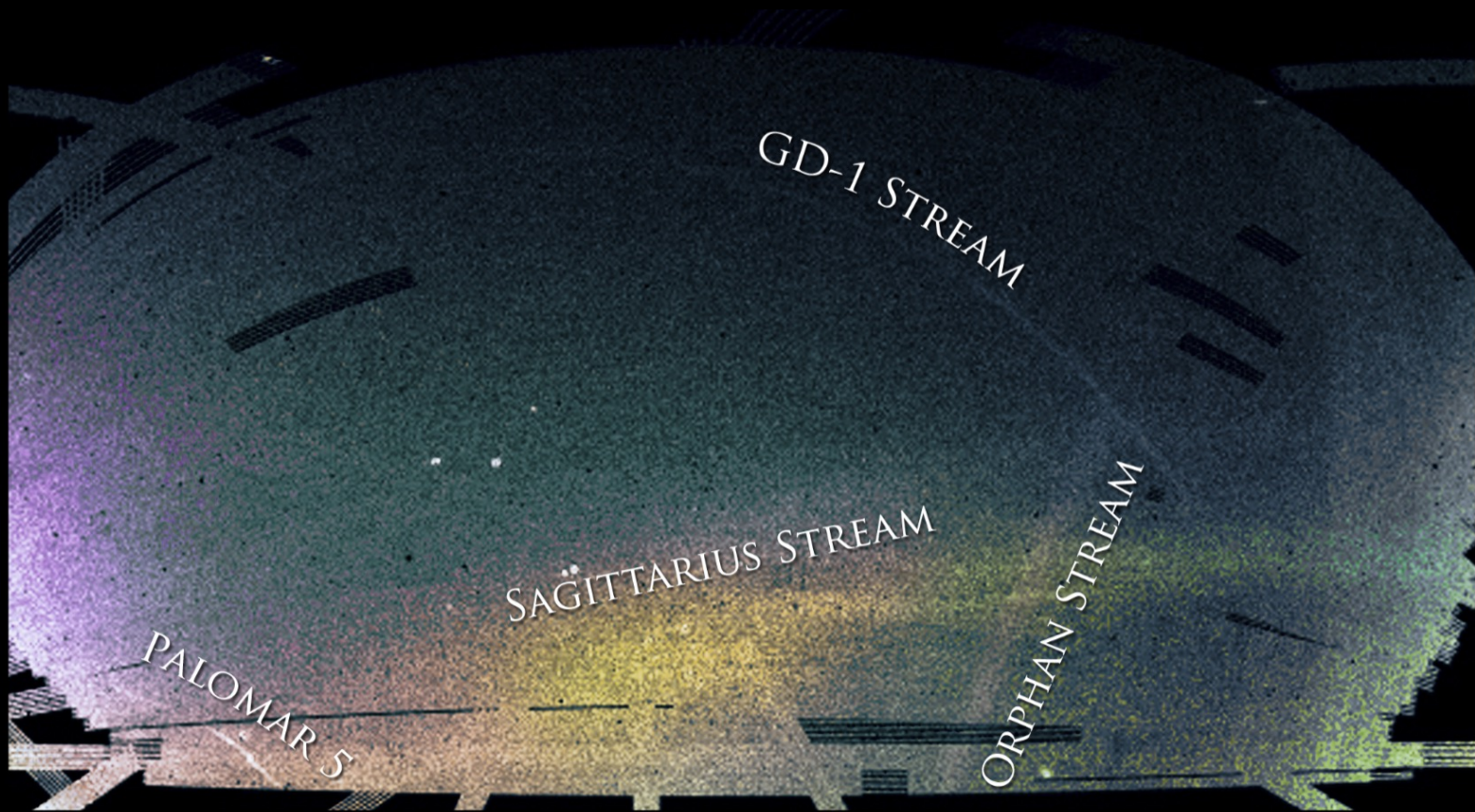


Ibata et al. (1993)



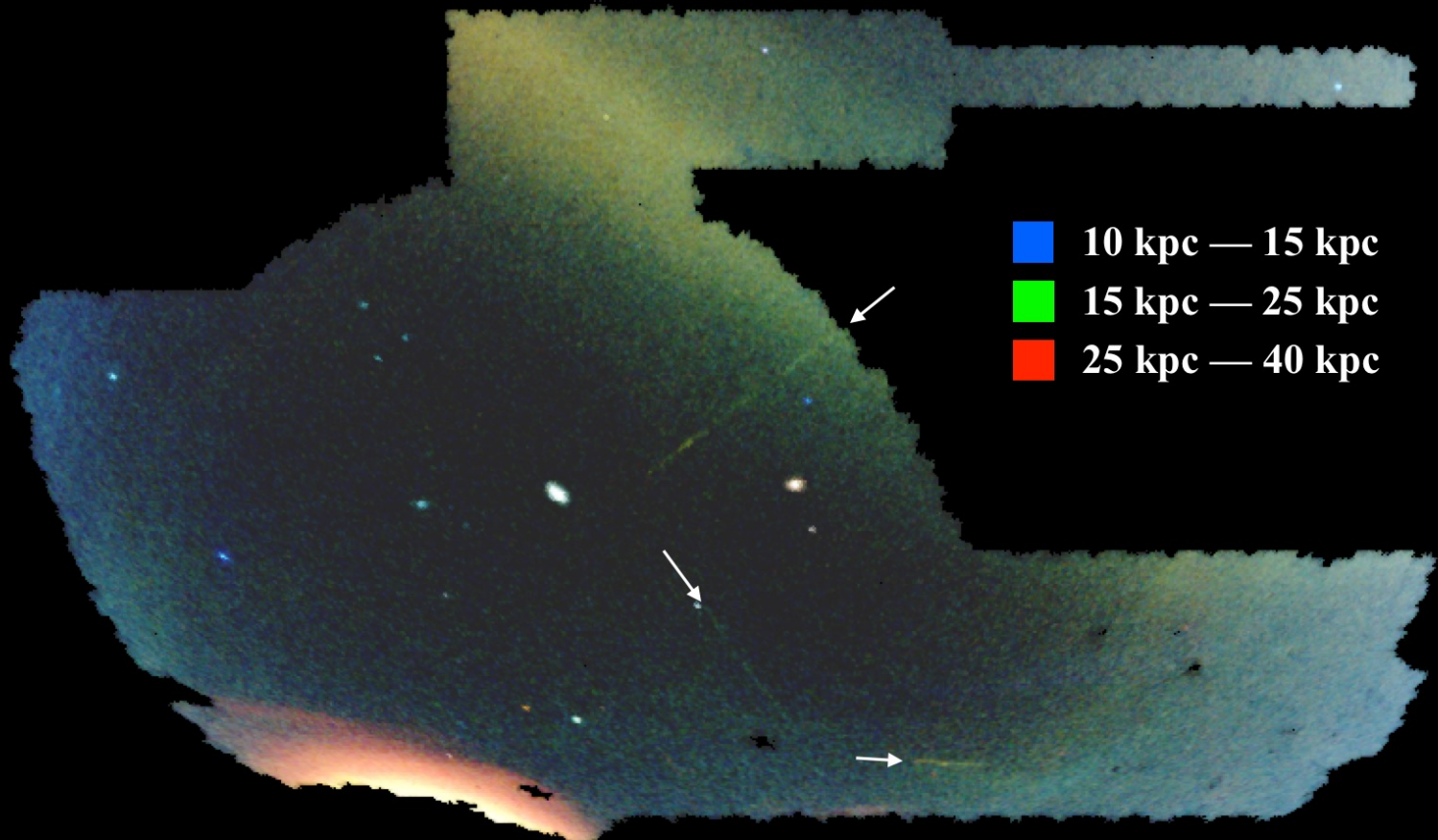
https://youtu.be/tPsKODzs_vQ

Northern Sky



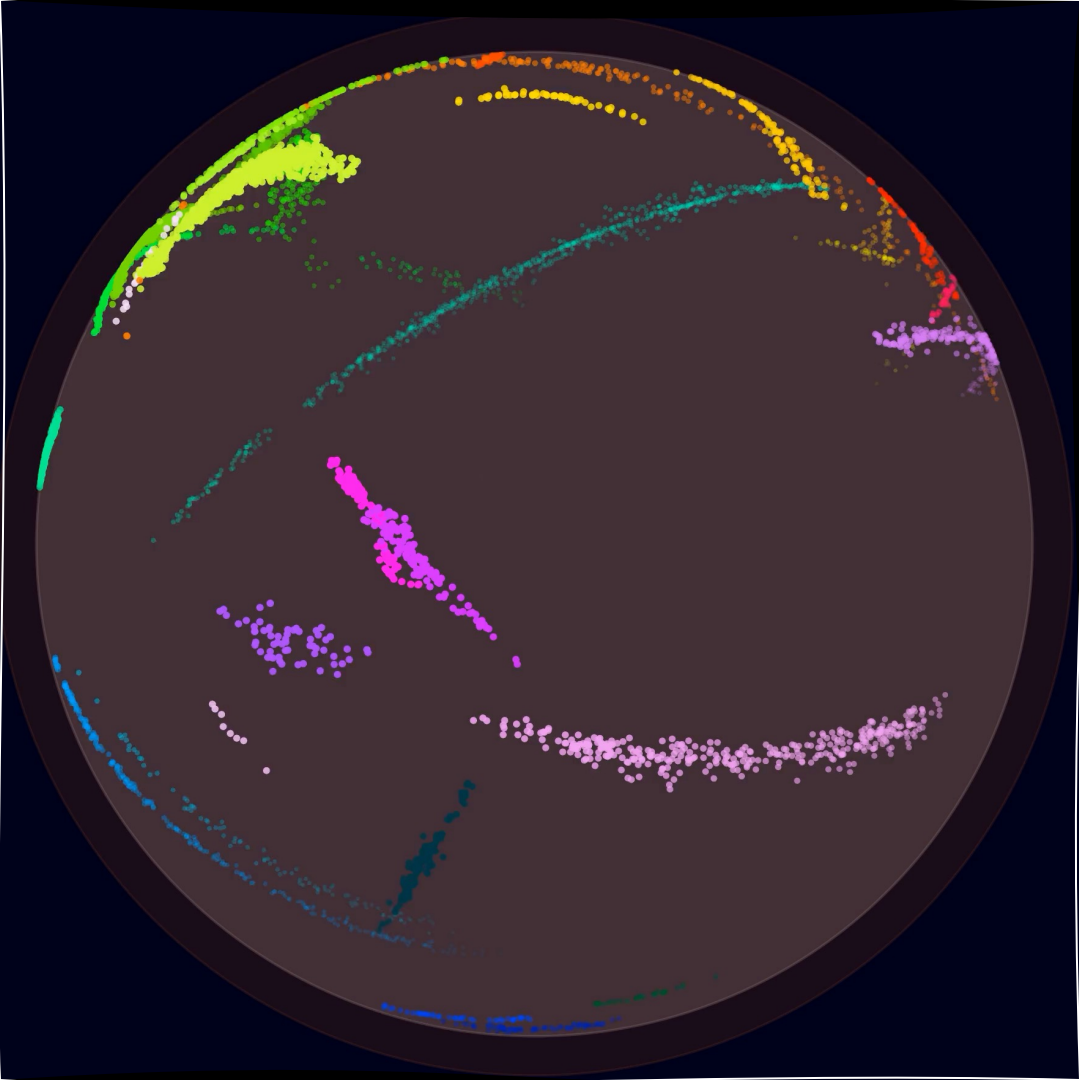
Sloan Digital Sky Survey SDSS DR8 / Bonaca, Giguere, Geha

Southern Sky

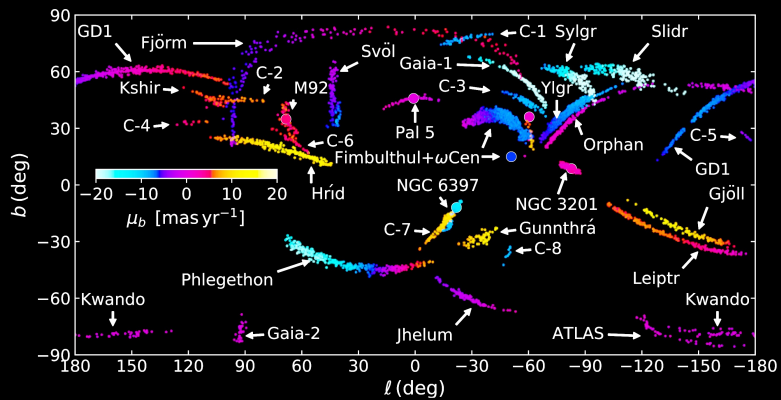


Dark Energy Survey

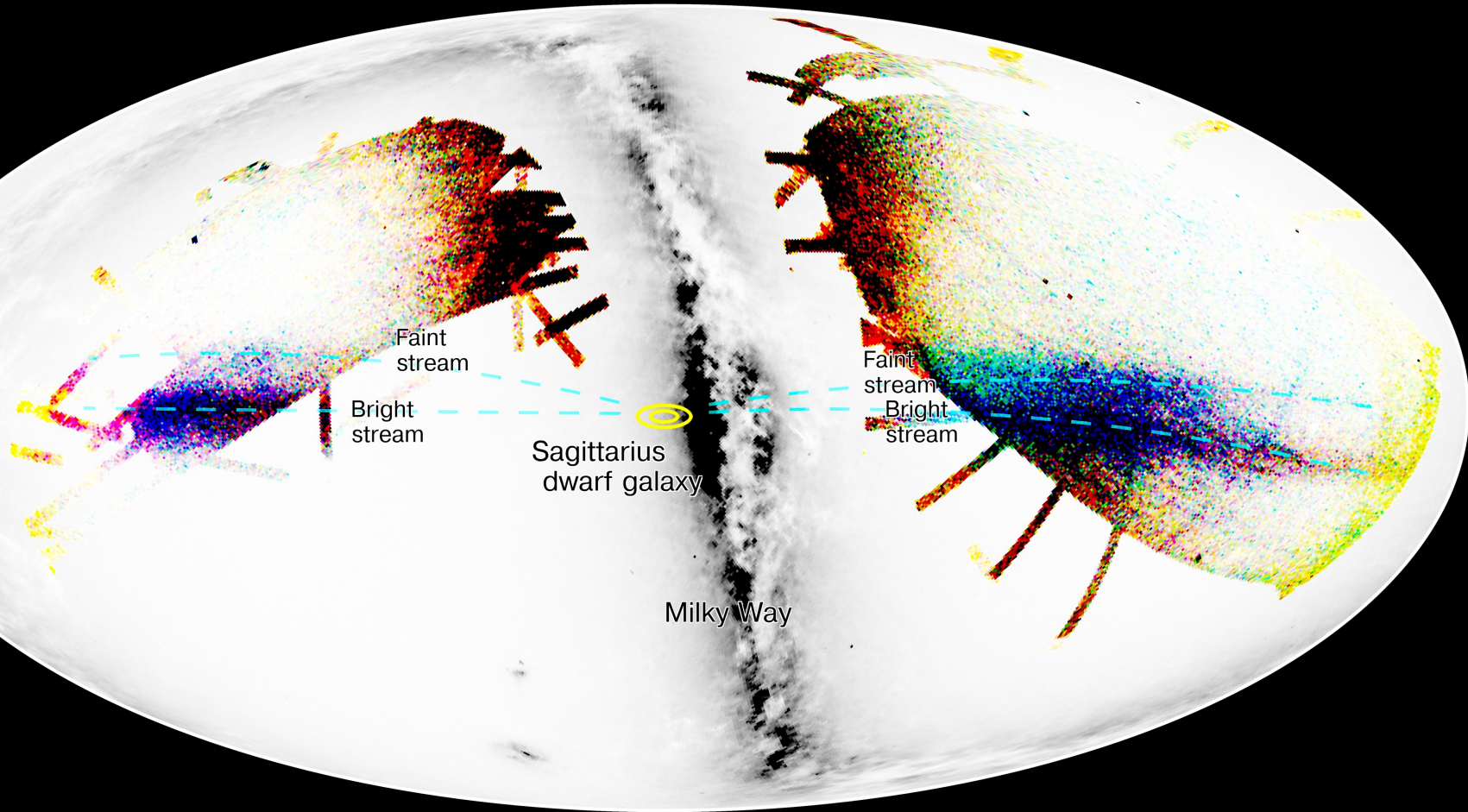
DES / Shipp, Drlica-Wagner et al. (2018)



StreamFinder Ibata et al. (2019)



Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy (Koposov et al. 2012)



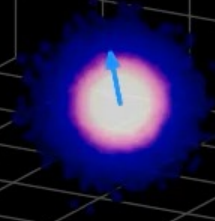
Vasiliev et al. (2021)

The Demise of the Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy

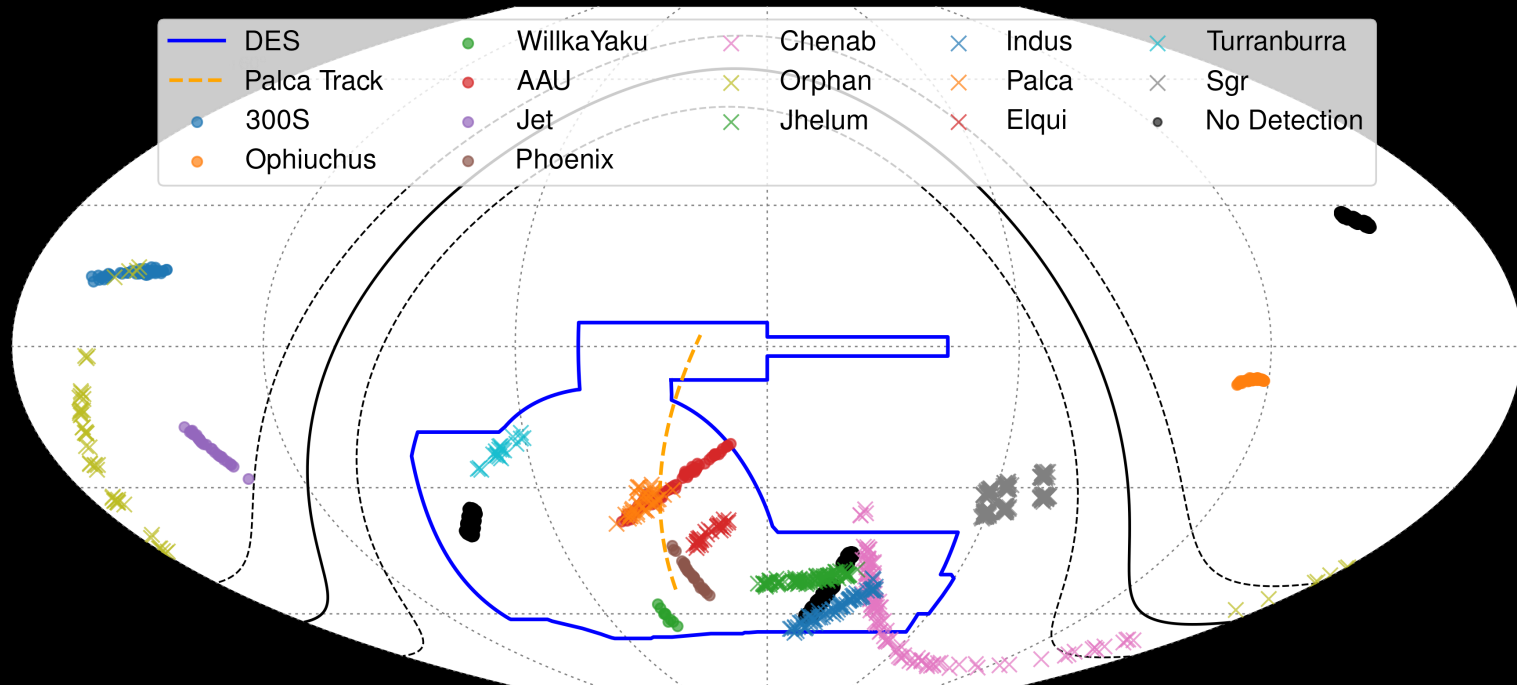
time=-3.00 Gyr

Can't ignore –
Halo evolution
Milky Way response
Large Magellanic Cloud

10 kpc



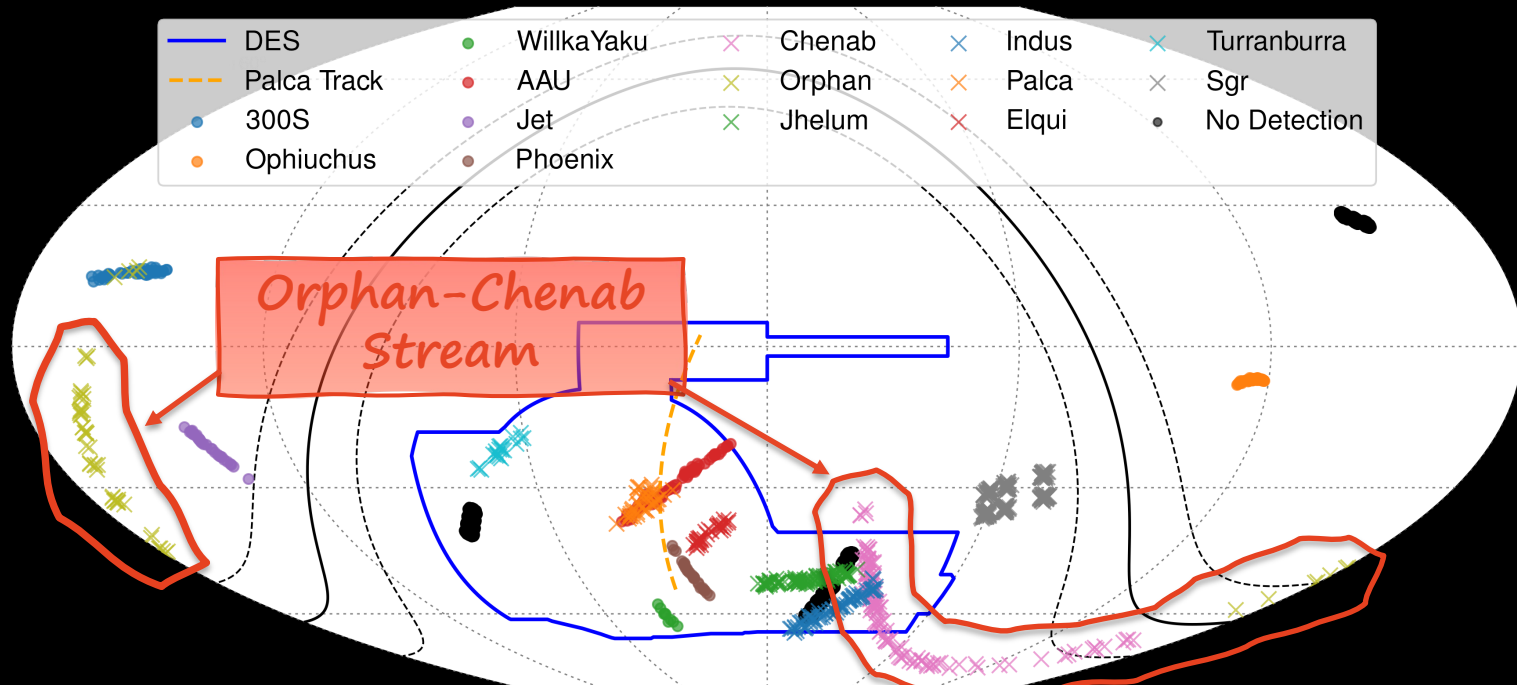
ORBITAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF STELLAR STREAMS



S5: The Orbital and Chemical Properties of
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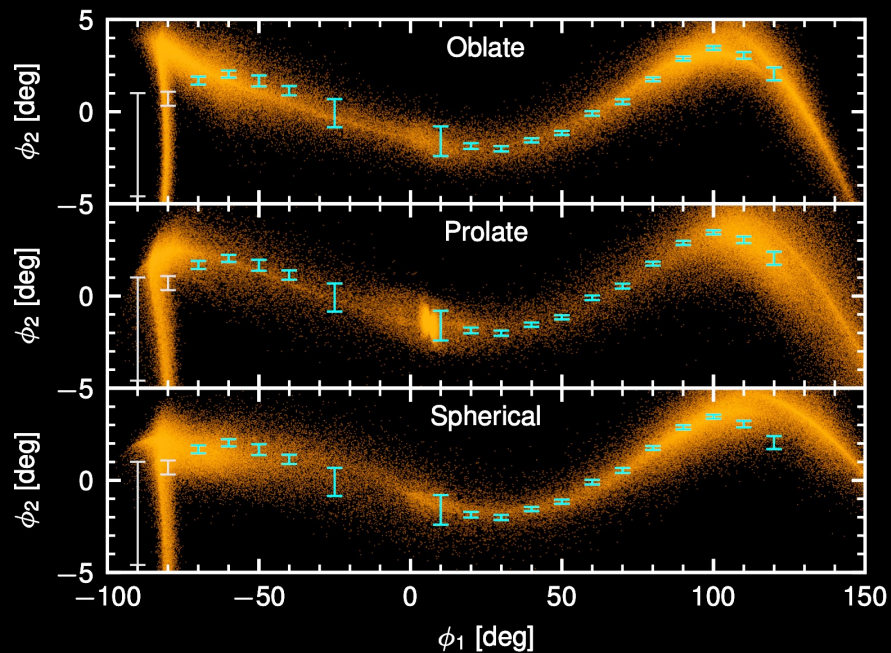


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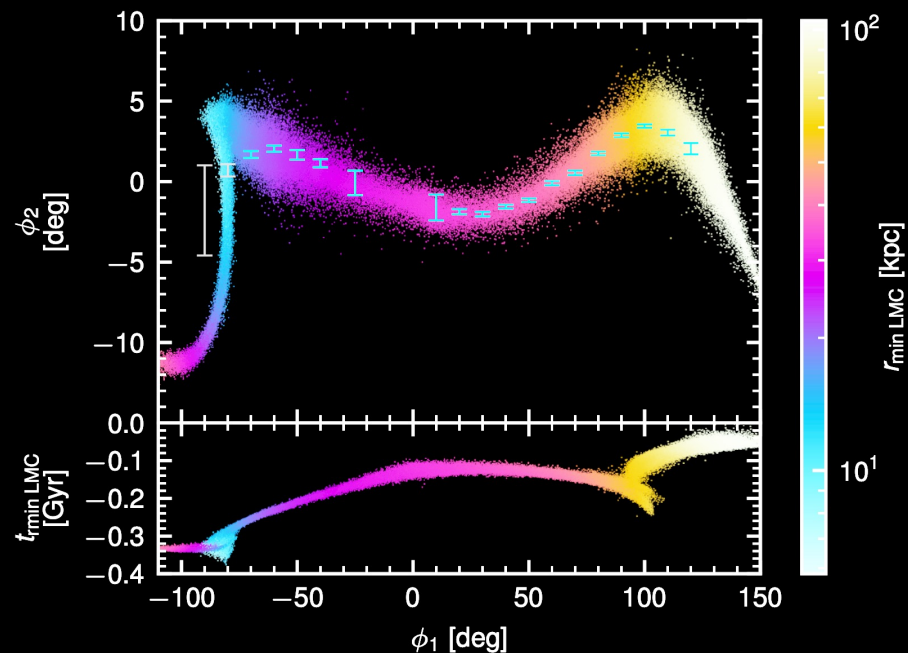
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S5: THE ORPHAN-CHENAB STREAM IN 6D

Koposov et al. (2022)



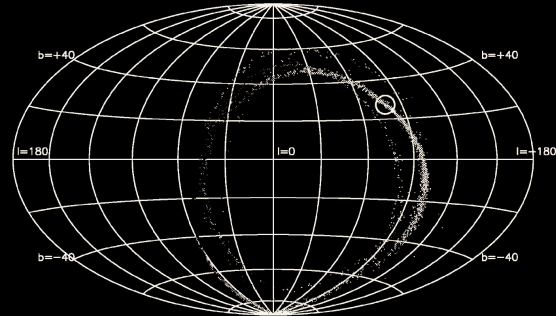
$$M_{MW}(< 32\text{kpc}) = (2.9 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$$



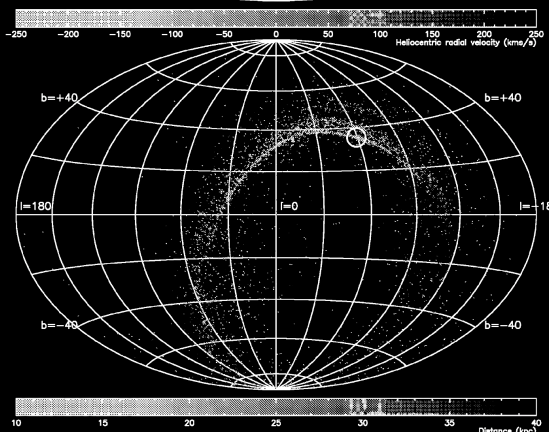
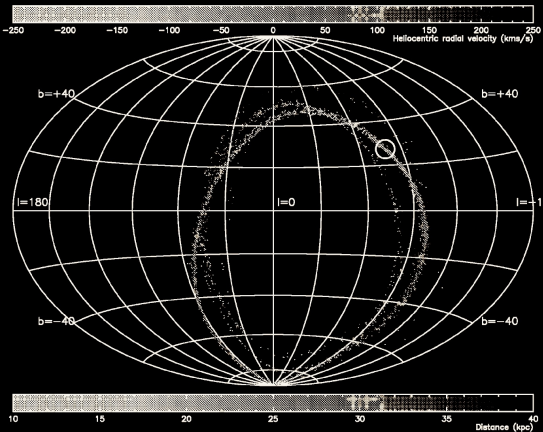
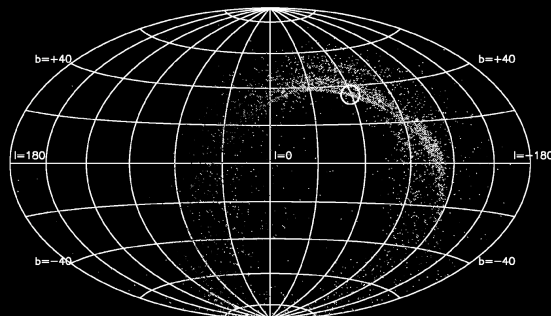
$$M_{LMC}(< 33\text{kpc}) = (7.0 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$$
$$R_{LMC}(DM) \approx 53\text{ kpc}$$

Dark Matter Substructures

Smooth DM



Lumpy DM



Smooth vs Lumpy →

CDM vs WDM

Need cold streams →

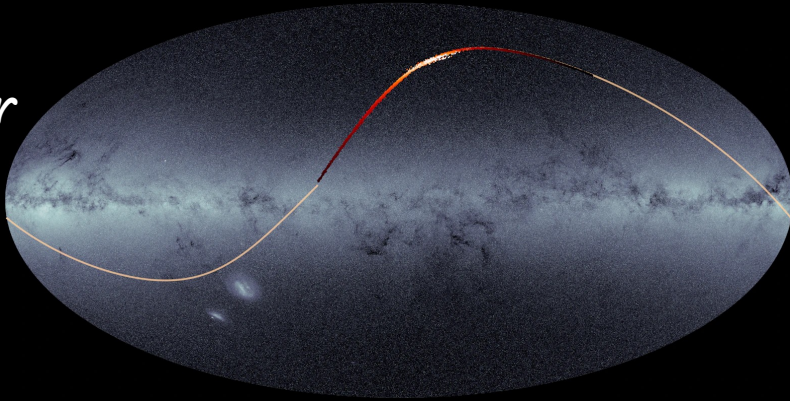
Globular clusters

These present us with numerous observational challenges!

Ibata et al. (2001)

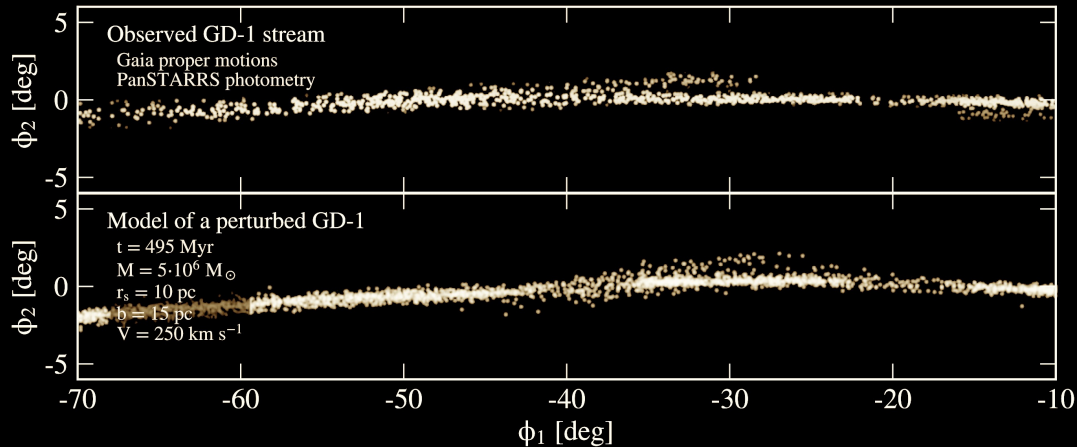
Dark Matter Substructures

Globular
Cluster
GD-1



GD-1 has an extensive
tidal stream

Appears to have been
perturbed by a five million
solar mass “something”

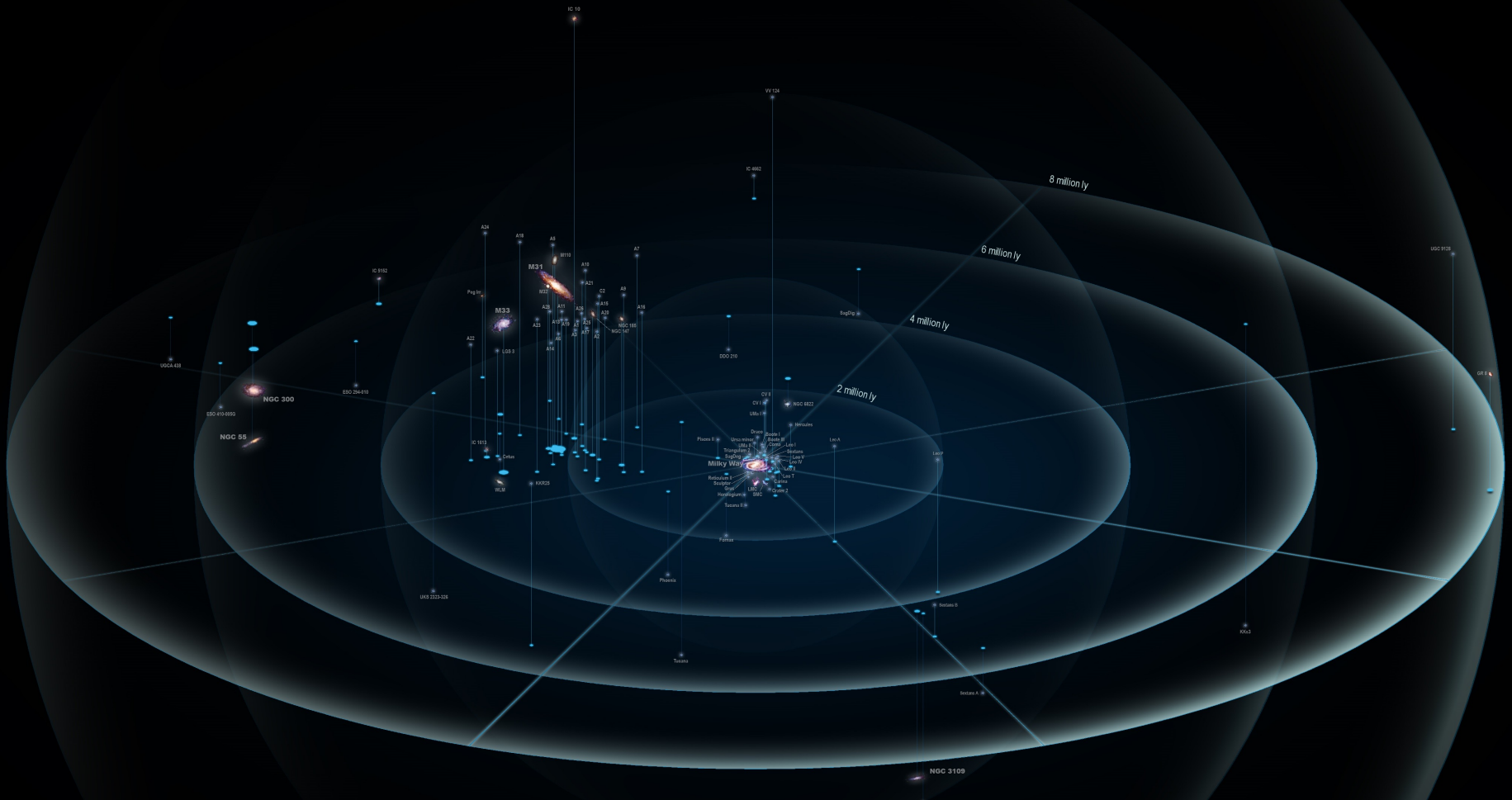


Need to analyze multiple
streams to deduce power
spectrum

But have to worry about
orbital “resonances”!

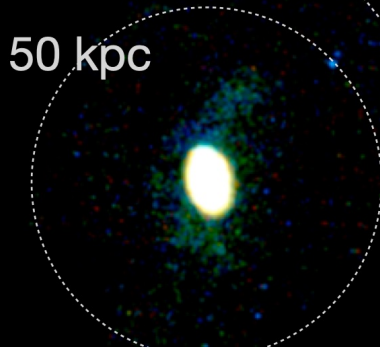
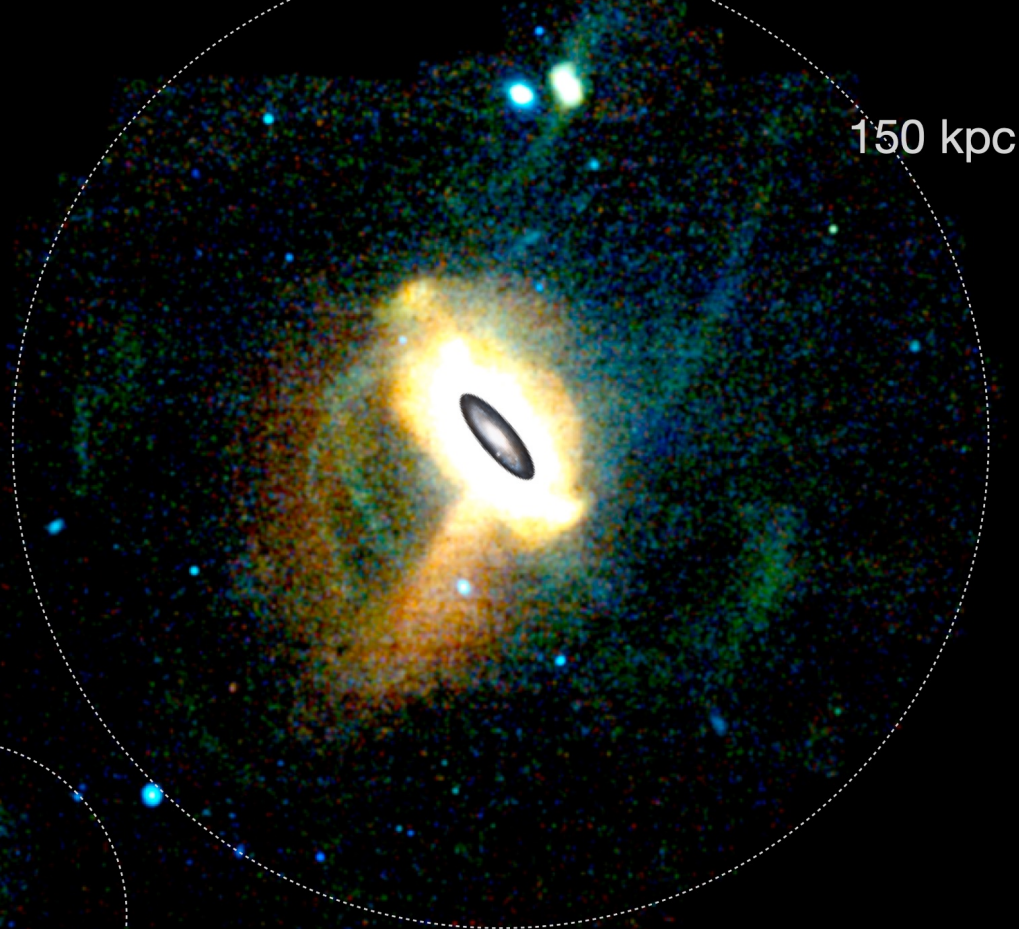
Bonaca et al. (2019)

Local Group & Nearest Galaxies





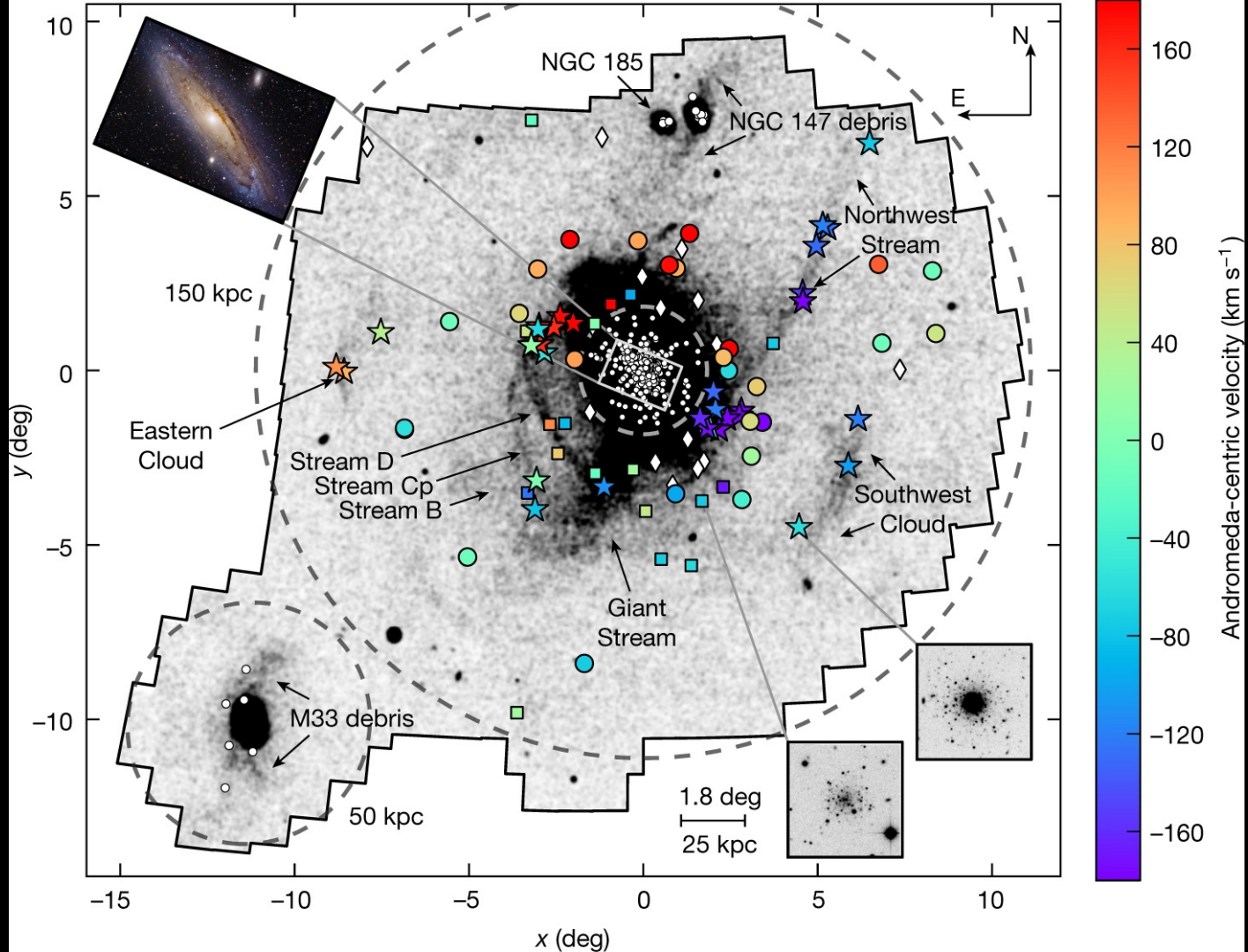
The Pan-Andromeda Archaeological Survey



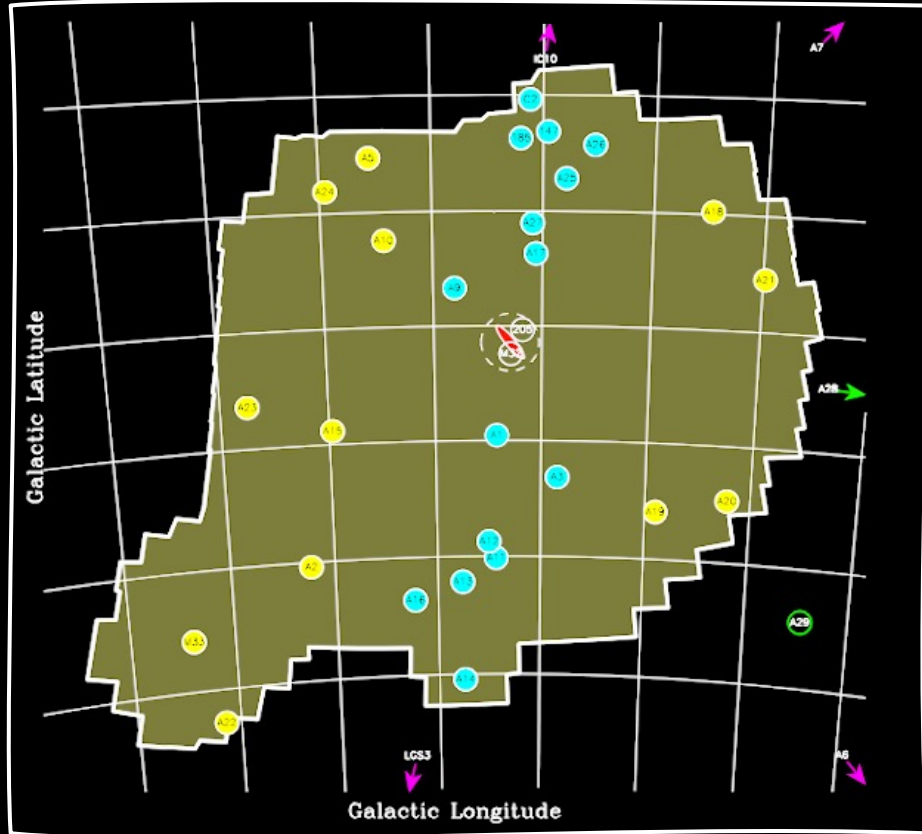
Ibata et al. (2007)
McConnachie et al. (2009)
Lewis et al. (2013)
+ lots more

PAndAS





Great Plane of Satellites in Andromeda



Half dwarf population in plane

Very narrow & coherent

Very sensitive to halo shape

Very sensitive to clumpiness

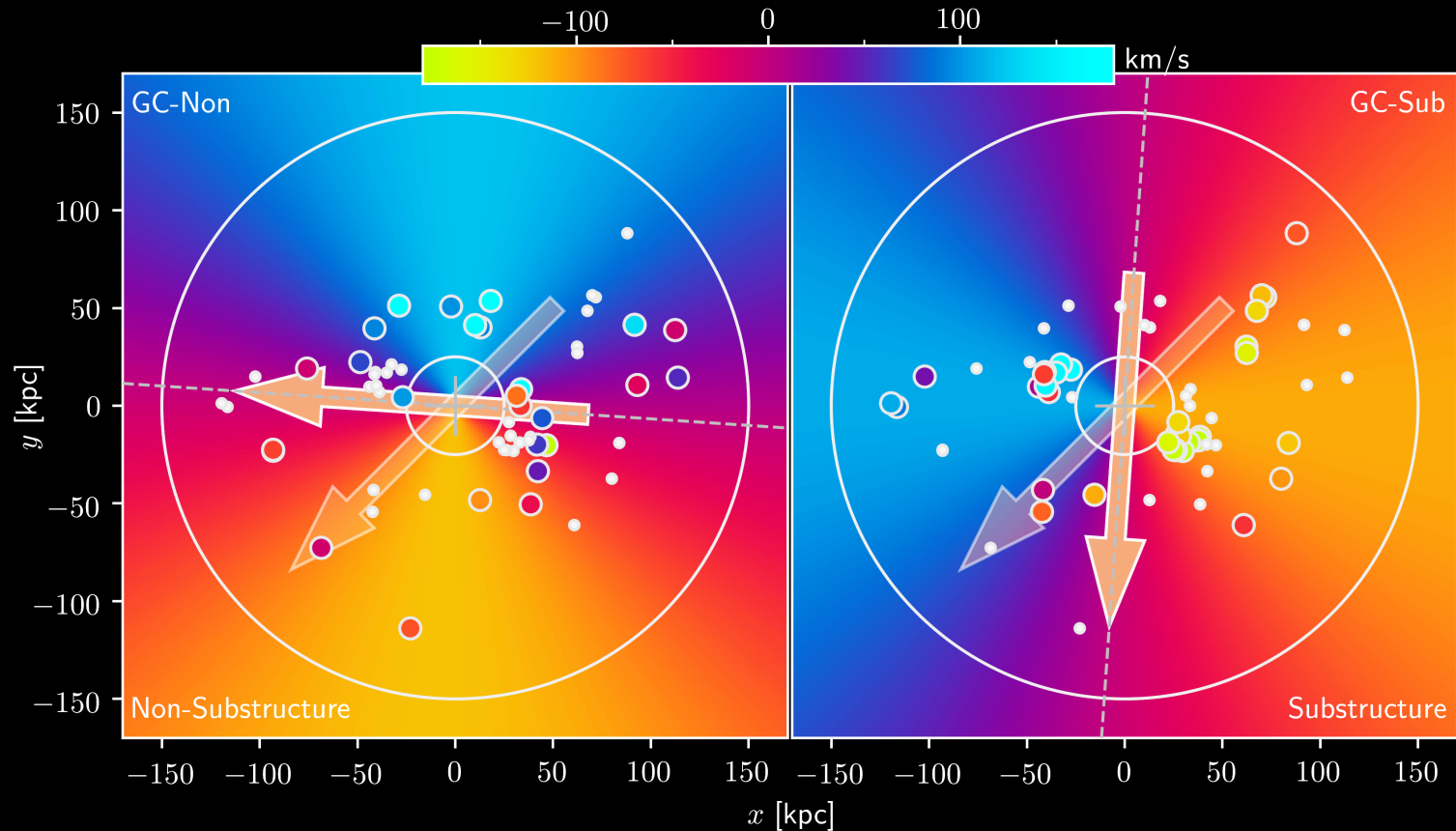
A challenge to DM?

Preferred accretion directions?

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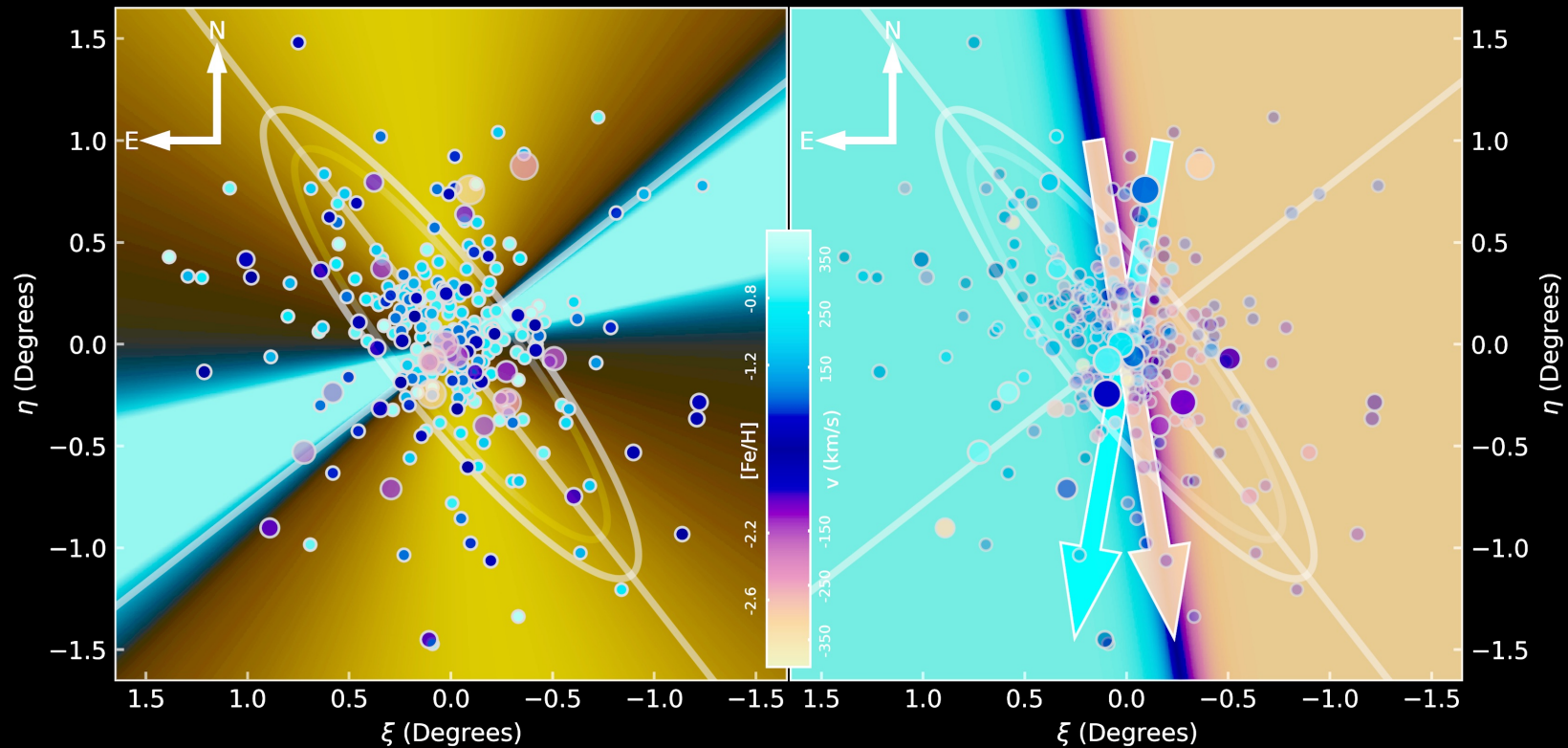
Conn et al. (2013)

Two orthogonal accretion events seen in Globular Clusters

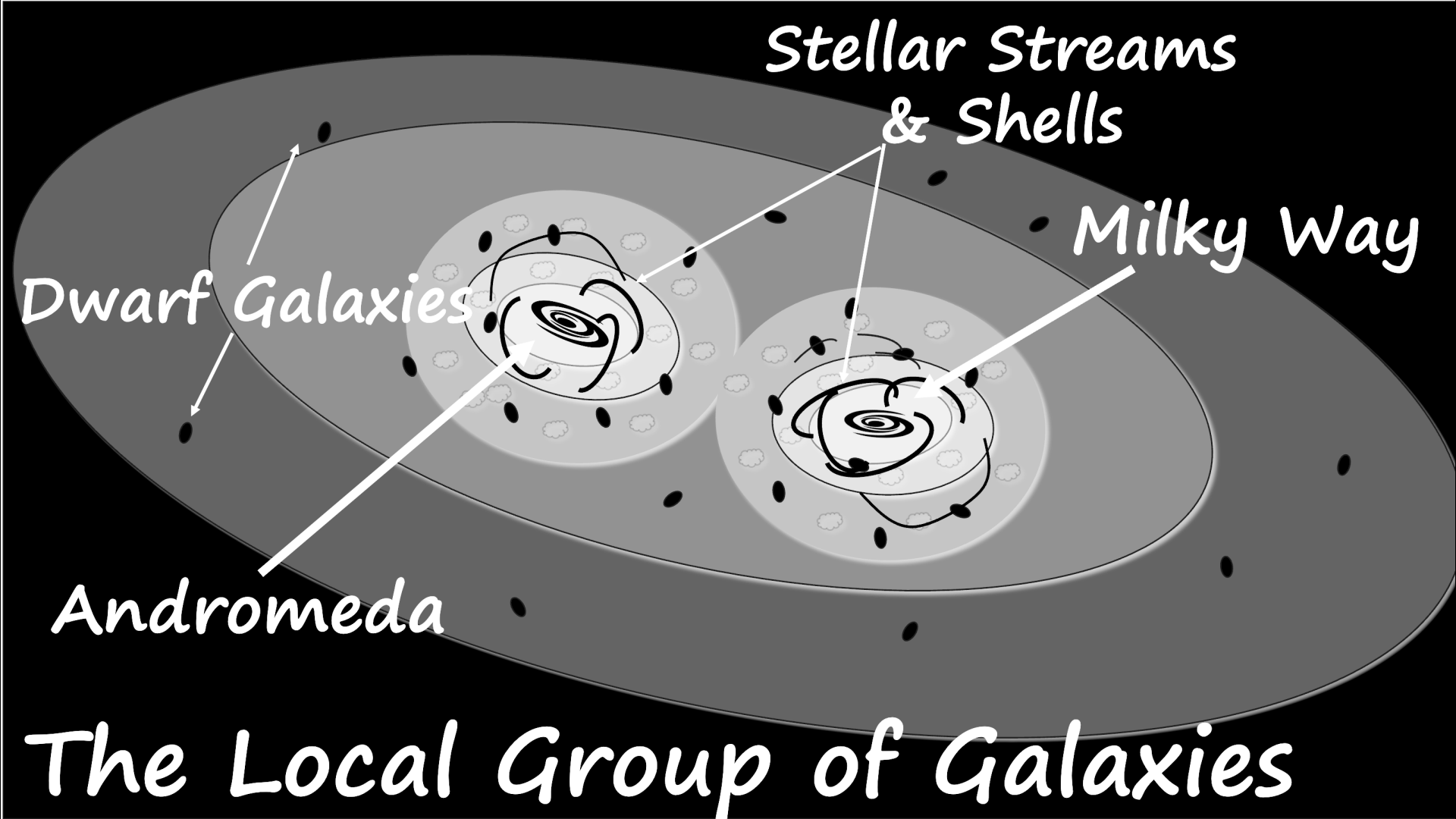


Mackey et al. (2018)

Accretion Signatures in the Inner Halo Globular Clusters



Lewis et al. (2023)



Conclusions:

- Halos are sparse but populated by streams and shells
- Dynamical modelling has the promise of revealing DM
- Dynamics are complicated by
 - Halo evolution
 - Halo response
 - Galaxy-galaxy interactions
 - Unrelaxed dynamics
 - Evolution of the Local Group
 - Preferred accretion directions

We will need to take a “global” approach if we are to reveal the dark matter properties of the Local Group!