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- Galaxy not in equilibrium?
- Gravitational impact of satellites ?

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Phase-mixing !!

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Homogeneous coupled oscillators – No Phase mixing – No trajectory crossing

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Miyamoto-Nagai potential



Figure 2.7 Contours of equal density in the (R, z) plane for the Miyamoto–Nagai density distribution (2.69b) when: b/a = 0.2 (top); b/a = 1 (middle); b/a = 5 (bottom). There are two contours per decade, and the highest contour levels are $0.3M/a^3$ (top), $0.03M/a^3$ (middle), and $0.001M/a^3$ (bottom).



Approximating Myiamoto-Nagai model

For small Z (A<<b=0.26 kpc), we can approximate:

Anharmonic potential

$$\Phi(Z) \propto -\alpha_0 + \frac{1}{2}\alpha_1 Z^2 - \frac{1}{4}\alpha_2 Z^4 \qquad \qquad \alpha \text{ 's depend on} \\ a \, b \, R$$

$$\nu(A,R) = \alpha_1(R)^{1/2} \left(1 - \frac{3\alpha_2(R)A^2}{8\alpha_1(R)} \right)$$

Approximation of movement as simple harmonic motion with different frequencies:

$$Z = A\cos\left(\nu(A, R)t + \phi_0\right)$$
$$V_Z = -A\nu(A, R)\sin\left(\nu(A, R)t + \phi_0\right)$$

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period





Modelling

The spirals in the Gaia data are phase mixing signatures



Simple epicyclic approximation doesn't work to explain the phase mixing: we need different frequencies playing a role

Can we unwind the spiral to determine WHEN all this mess started?

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Sagittarius orbit



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N-body model of a Galactic collision



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Sagittarius effects

Footprints of the Sagittarius dwarf galaxy in the Gaia data set Chervin F. P. Laporte et la. 2018 <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/1808.00451.pdf</u>



Figure 1. Surface density evolution of the Galactic disc during the last stage of the Sgr impact on the disc. The last two pericentric passages of Sgr occur at $t \sim -0.5$ Gyr and $t \sim 0.0$ Gyr which seed the formation of a strong bi-symmetric spiral as well as fast bar with pattern speed $\Omega = \omega/m \sim 65$ km/s/kpc. Sgr's present-day position in the L2 model is reached at $t \sim 0.38$ Gyr but due to the uncertainty in the orbital period of Sgr (Niederste-Ostholt et al. 2012; Dierickx & Loeb 2017; Laporte et al. 2018b), we follow the response of the disc for another $\Delta \sim 0.5$ Gyr window.

- N-body simulation of interaction of a Sagittarius-like dSph with the Milky Way
- Sgr excites coupled oscillations in the vertical and radial directions
- Able to reproduce qualitatively many of the recently uncovered features in the 6D Gaia data
- Too large amplitude of the features
- · We need more detailed modelling



Figure 3. Phase-space spiral in a solar neighbourhood-like region in the disc following after the impact with Sgr at t = 0.8 Gyr. Left: $\rho(Z, V_Z)$ map. Middle: $V_{\phi}(Z, V_Z)$ snail pattern showing ~ 2 wraps . Right: $V_R(Z, V_Z)$ map showing two consecutive wraps. These maps are in qualitative agreement with those observed in the real data. These are first such maps reproduced by an N-body simulation of the Sgr dwarf impacting the disc. Disagreements on the quantitive side lie in the amplitude of the spiral pattern which is larger by a factor of ≈ 2 .

Bar effects

"The echo of the bar buckling: phase-space spirals in Gaia DR2" Khoperskov et al 2018



Fig. 1. Face on and edge on projected density evolution of the galactic disk. Buckling phase of the bar is depicted in second and third frames. Note that beyond the bar radius the disk density distribution stays axisymmetric during the entire simulation.



Fig. 3. Evolution of phase-space spiral in $z - v_z$ plane for a solar neighbourhood-like region in the disk, at R = 8 kpc. At all times (except the first frame) the bar is rotated by 30 degrees relative to the direction on the galactic center. *Top row:* stellar density distribution $\log(\rho(z, v_z) / \max(\rho(z, v_z)))$, *middle row:* the mean radial velocity, and *bottom row:* the mean residual azimuthal velocity $v_{\varphi}(z, v_z) - \langle v_{\varphi}(z, v_z) \rangle$.

- N-body simulation of an isolated Milky Way-type galaxy
- Phase-space spirals develop from vertical oscillations driven by the buckling of the stellar bar
- Bending waves appear and are supported for a long time via disk self-gravity
- Phase-space spirals may have been caused by perturbations originated several Gyrs ago

Vertical bending waves

"Bending Waves in the Milky Way's disc from halo substructure" Matthew H. Chequers et al. 2018

N-body simulations with smooth dark matter halo + population of subhaloes Bending waves are excited in the thin disc, superposition of waves and vertical resonances The Gaia data features might be due to long-lived waves of a dynamically active disc



Figure 9. Face-on maps of mean vertical displacement $Z(R, \phi, t)$ for the isolated (top row) and satellite (bottom row) simulations at the same five epochs in Fig. 8. Dotted concentric circles indicate increments of 5 kpc in radius. The rotation of the discs is counter-clockwise.

Implications of the phase spiral

Disk is very sensitive to perturbations, strongly changes with time

Modelling the disk as axisymmetric and timeindependent is incorrect

Constraints on the characteristics of Sagittarius (or other perturber) and its orbit

Constraints on the Galaxy potential

SIMULATIONS



Haines et al. 2019

Jeans modelling could over-predict local dark matter content

Including disequilibria terms?



Phase spiral becomes flattened with R

R= 5.00 kpc



Shape of the spiral for different positions & potentials

Different Galactocentric radius



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Different Miyamoto-Nagai potential parameters



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Conclusions & future perspectives

Disk dynamics

NASA/JPL-Caltech/R. Hurt (SSC/Caltech)

- A disk that is highly perturbed
- Debate on how much the evolution of the disk is ruled by internal non-axisymmetries (bar and spiral arms) of by external perturbations
- Towards a definitive theory of spiral structure?
- A disk that is highly out of equilibrium, challenge to classic dynamical modelling
- Self-gravitating bending waves? Signatures of previous impacts? More phase spirals?

A disrupted massive galaxy swallowed by the Milky Way



Helmi et al. 2018, Koppleman et al. 2018

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Chemo-dynamical evindence indicates:

- External origin
- \bullet Total mass 10^{11} M_{\odot} (comparable to SMC today) 4:1 merger
- Merged about 10 Gyr

-> ORIGIN OF THE THICK DISK

It could represent 50% of stars in MW halo, expected from simulations

-> HALO MOSTLY ACCRETED. IS THERE EVEN AN IN-SITU HALO?

Haywood et al 2018

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Implications for dark matter searches? Data is not well described by standard halo model

Necib et al. 2019, Evans et al. 2019

Gaia-Enceladus or Gaia sausage

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high-eccentricity orbits suggesting lowangular momentum collision (head-on)

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Sequoia



- At least 5 GCs in a common accretion event
- ωCen progenitor?
- Enceladus and Sequoia associated in the past and accreted at same time?



Formation history of the Milky Way

Schaye et al. 2015

- Redefinition of stellar halo (and thick/old disk, see Haywood et al. 2018, Di Matteo et al. 2019, Gallart et al. 2019)
- Deciphering the particular events that formed the Milky Way halo
- How these events gave shape to the Galaxy, e.g. creating thick disk, inducing strong disequilibria in thin disk

Anyone interested in solving the so many open questions?