



# MANTRAS AND CHALLENGES IN GALACTIC ARCHAEOLOGY

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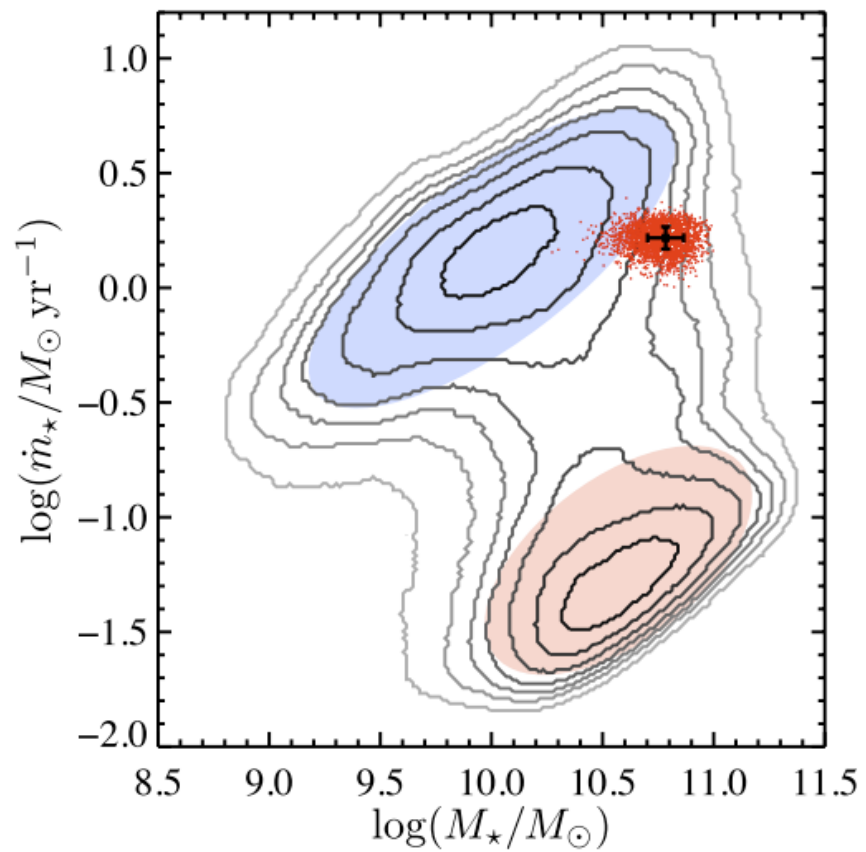


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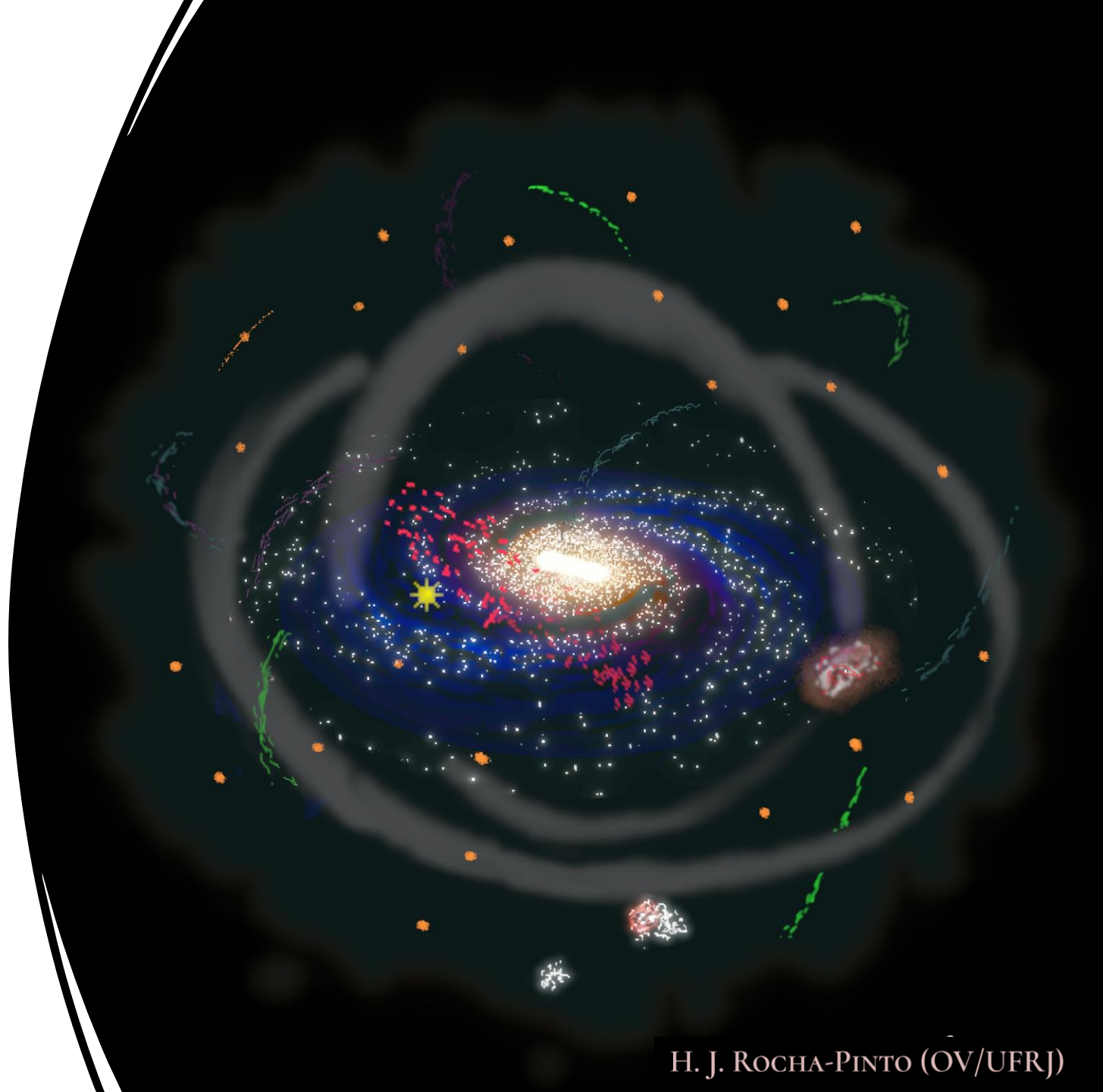


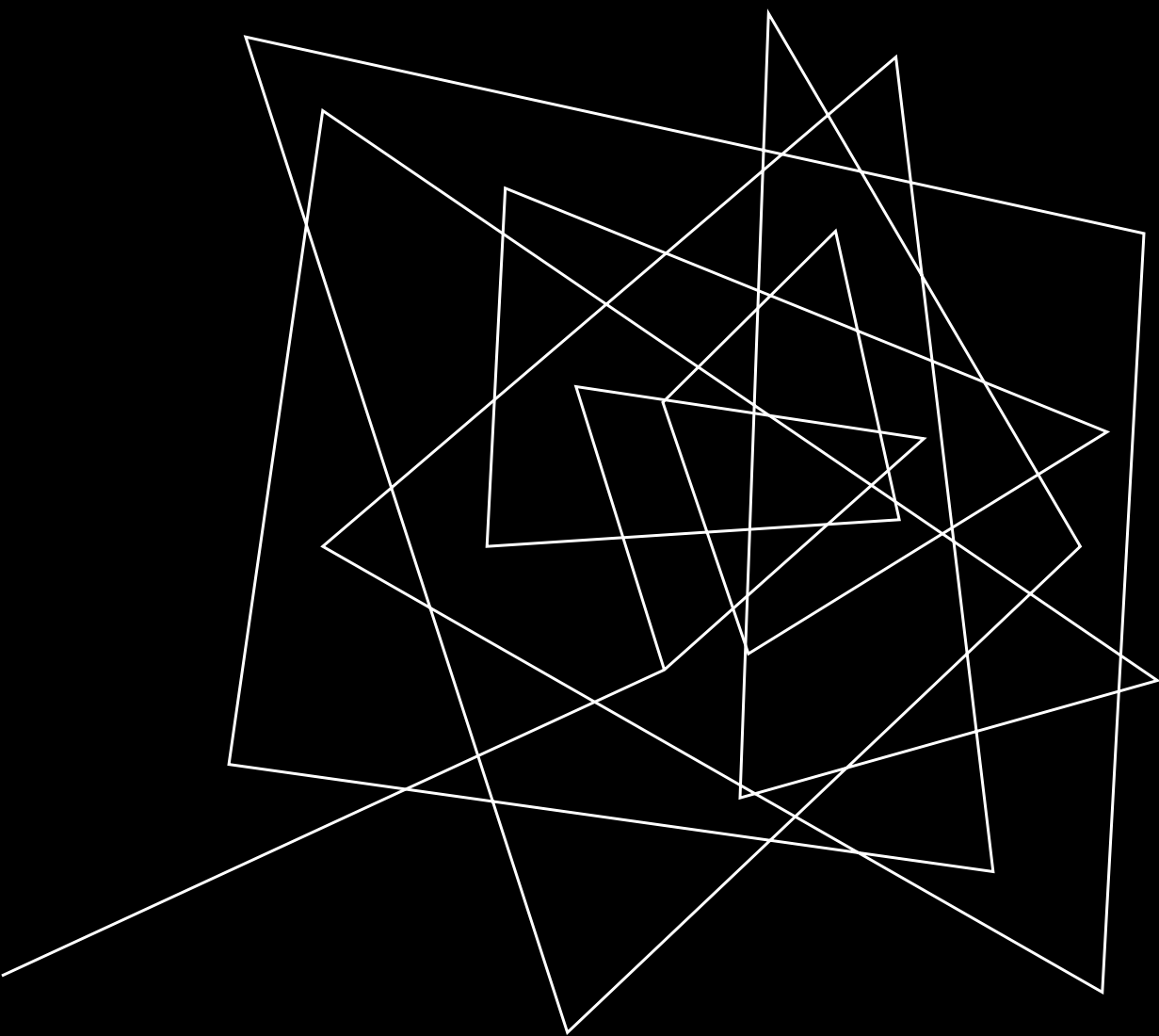
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# THE MILKY WAY



Bland-Hawthorn & Gerhard (2016)

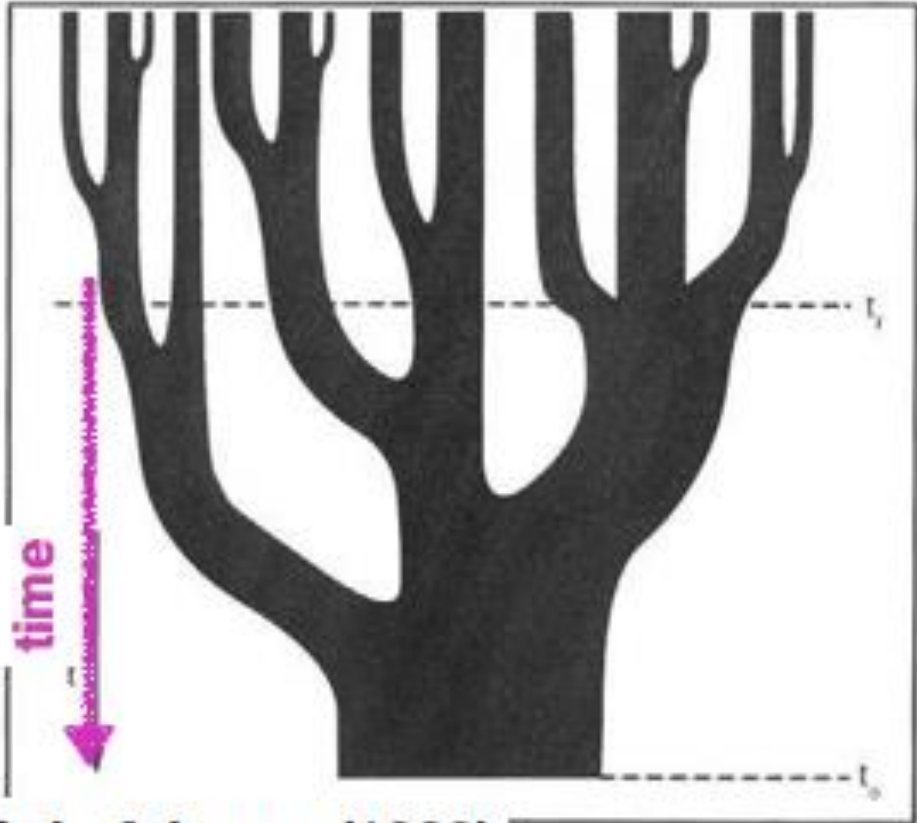




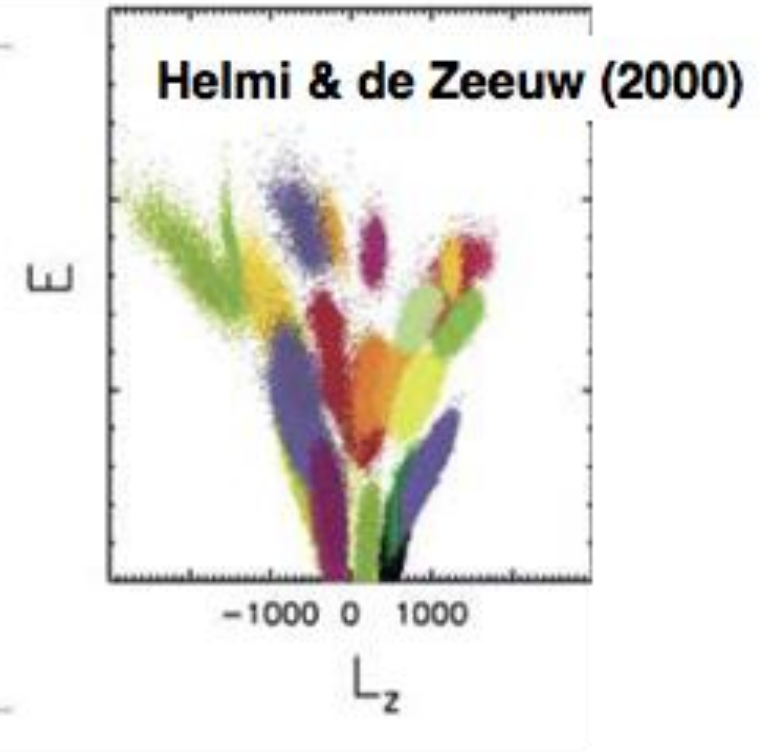
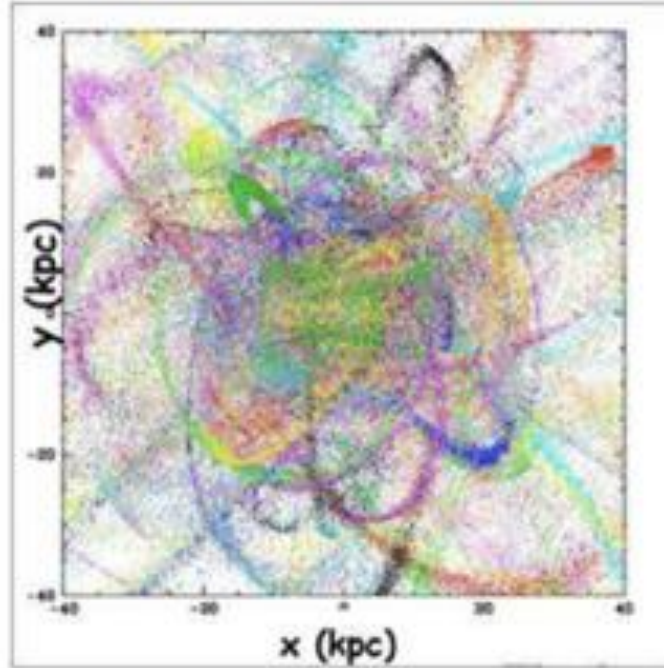
## MANTRA 1

Our local stellar halo formed hierarchically from the accretion of many low mass dwarf galaxies

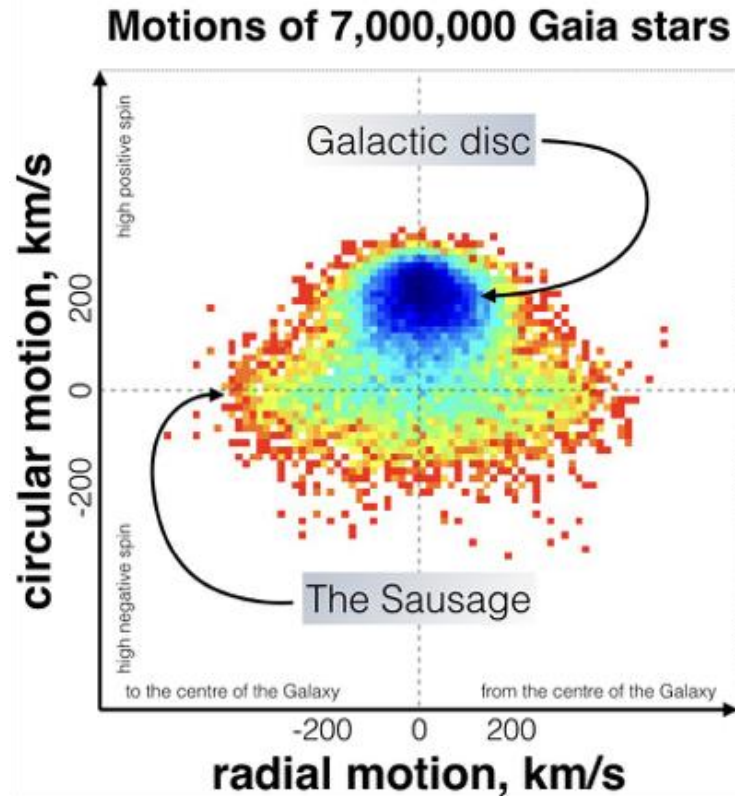
# STELLAR HALO HIERARCHICAL FORMATION



**Cole & Lacey (1993)**



# THE GAIA-SAUSAGE-ENCELADUS



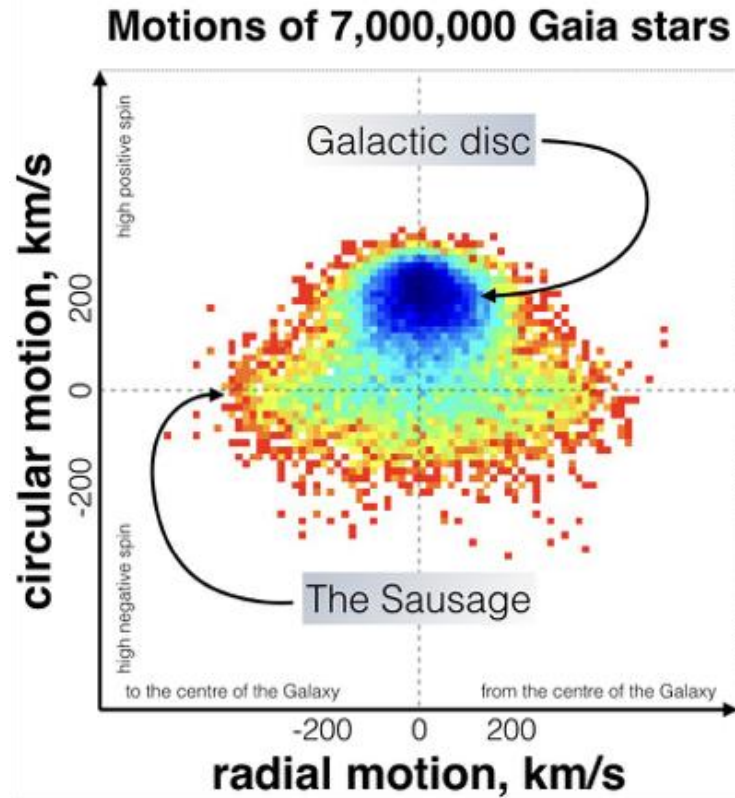
$T_{\text{merger}} \sim 10\text{-}11$  Gyr (e.g. Gallart+2019)

Stellar mass  $\sim 7 \times 10^8$  (e.g. Naidu+2020)

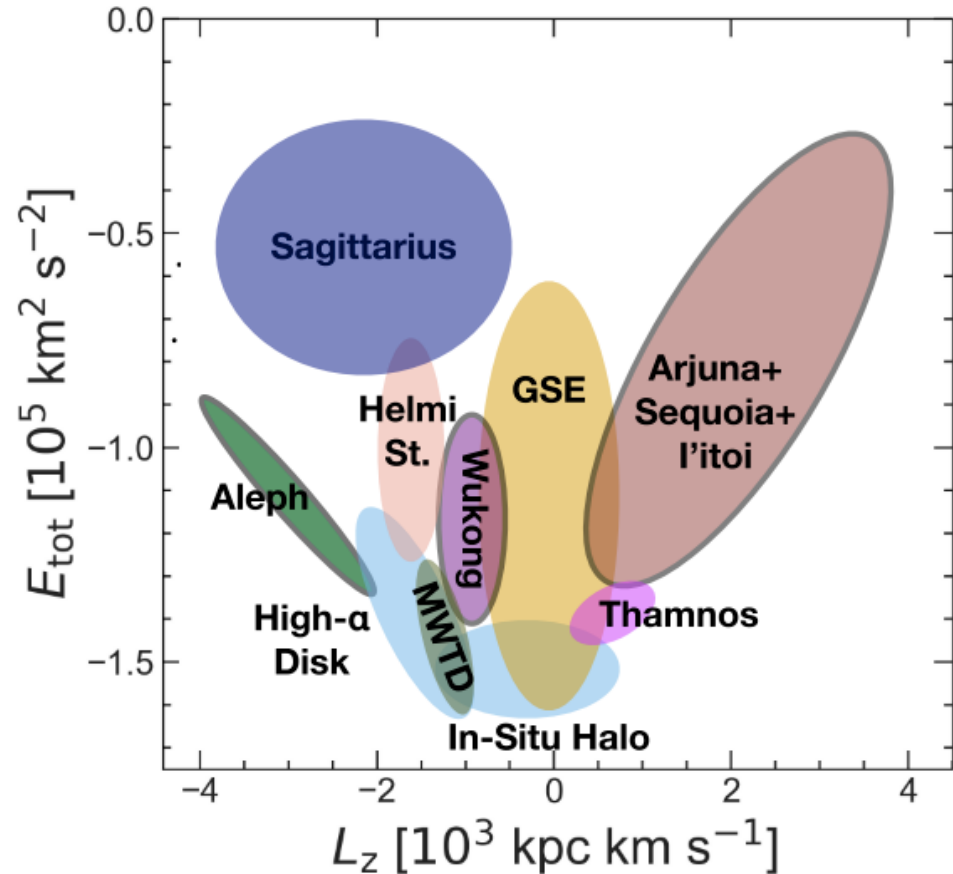
$\sim 1/3$  MW-like galaxies in Auriga simulation have GSE-like halo (Fattahi+19)

Belokurov+18, Helmi+18  
(see also, e.g. Gilmore+02, Deason+13, for pre-Gaia "hints")

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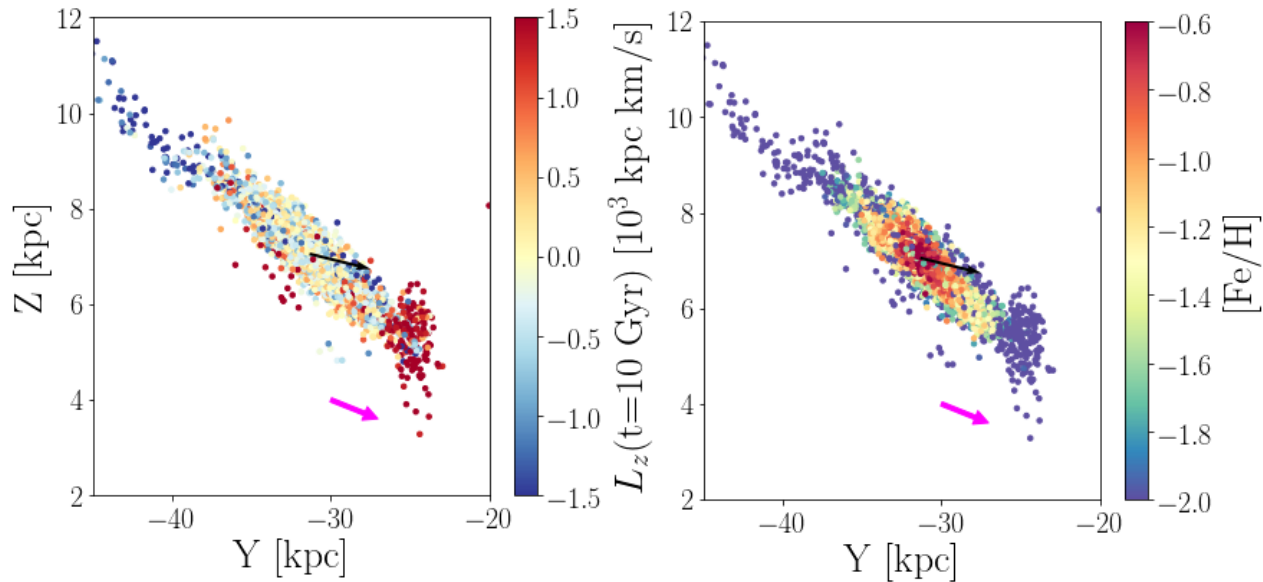
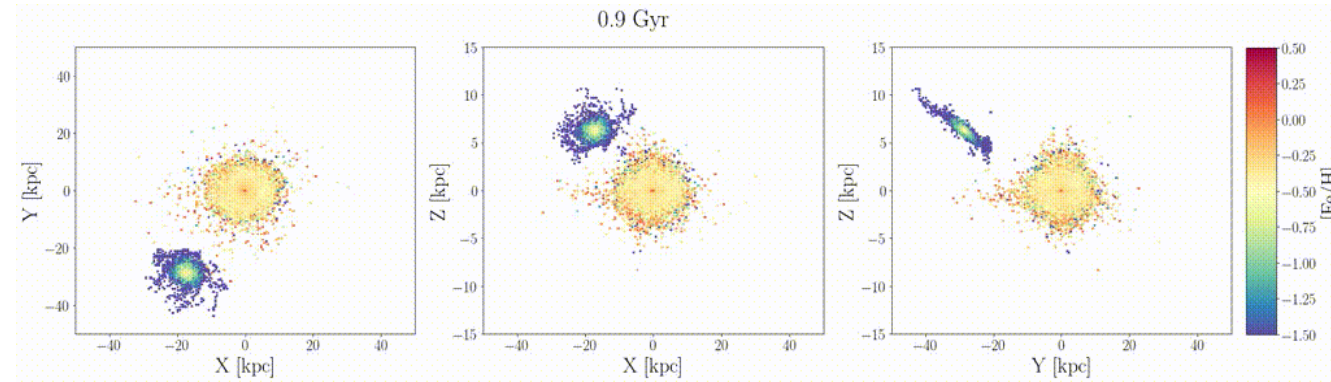


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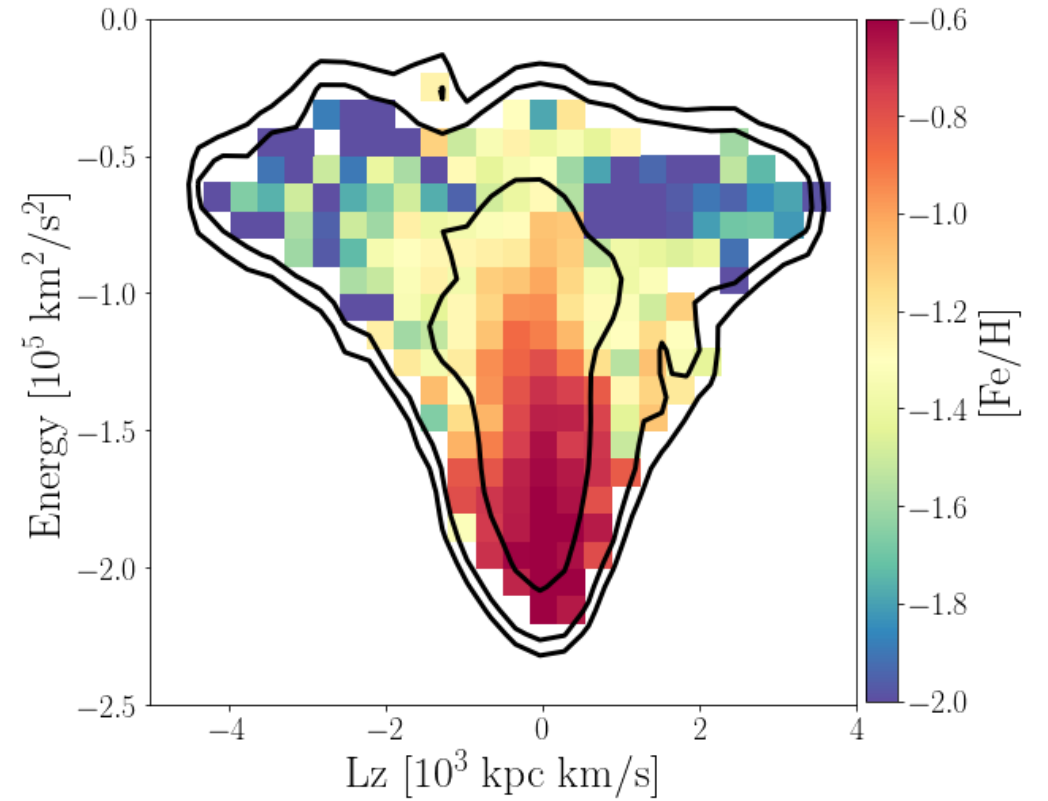


Naidu+20 (see also, e.g. Malhan+2022)

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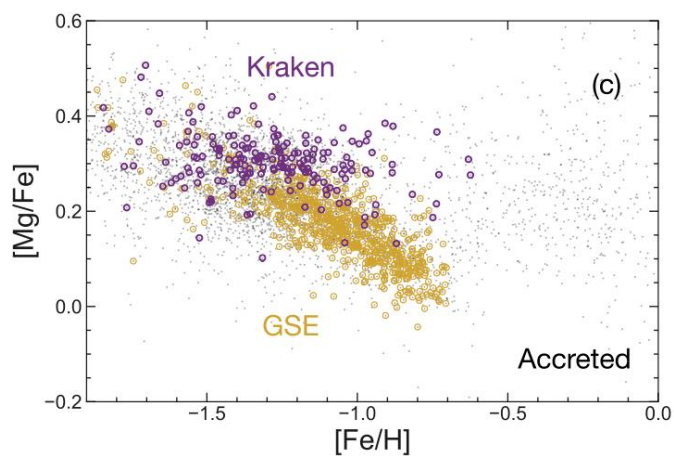
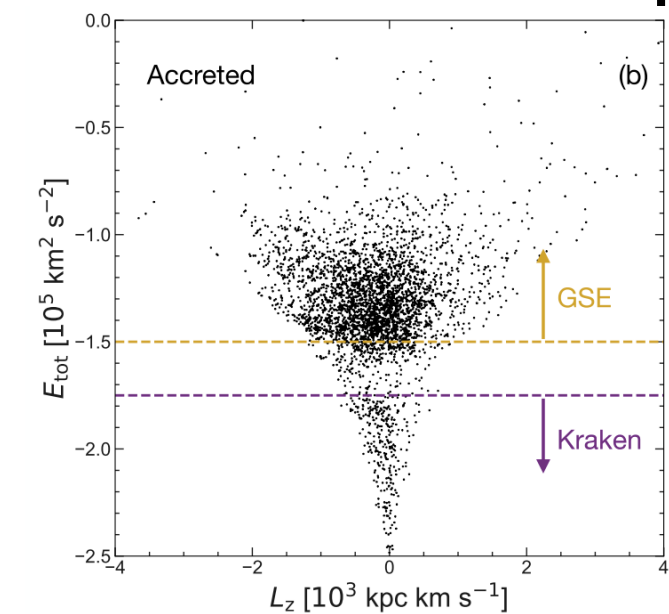
Amarante+22



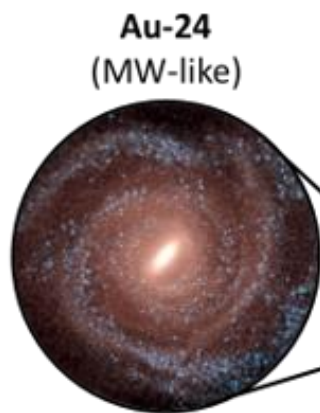
Amarante+22 (see also  
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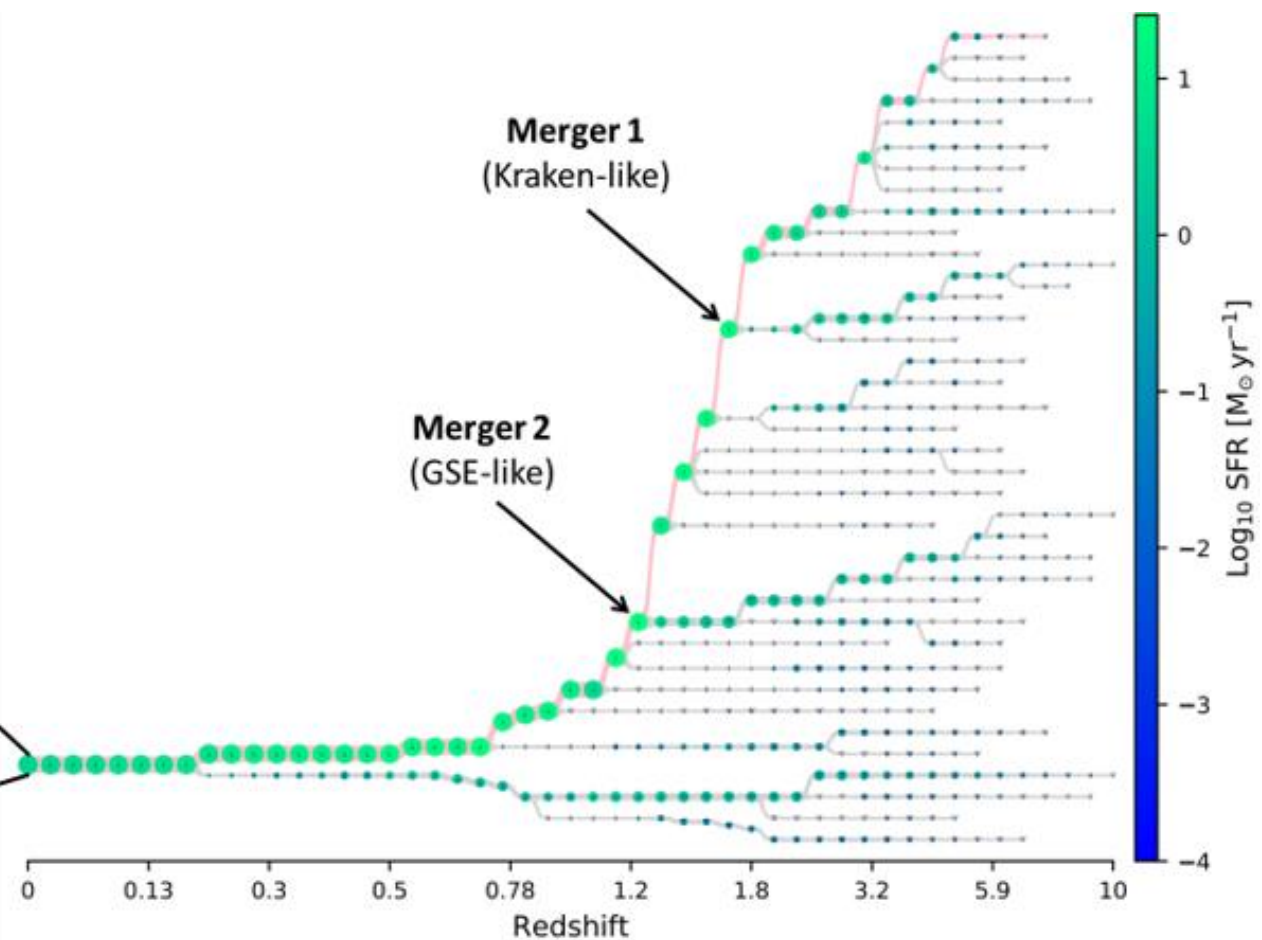
# THE KRAKEN/HERACLES (?)



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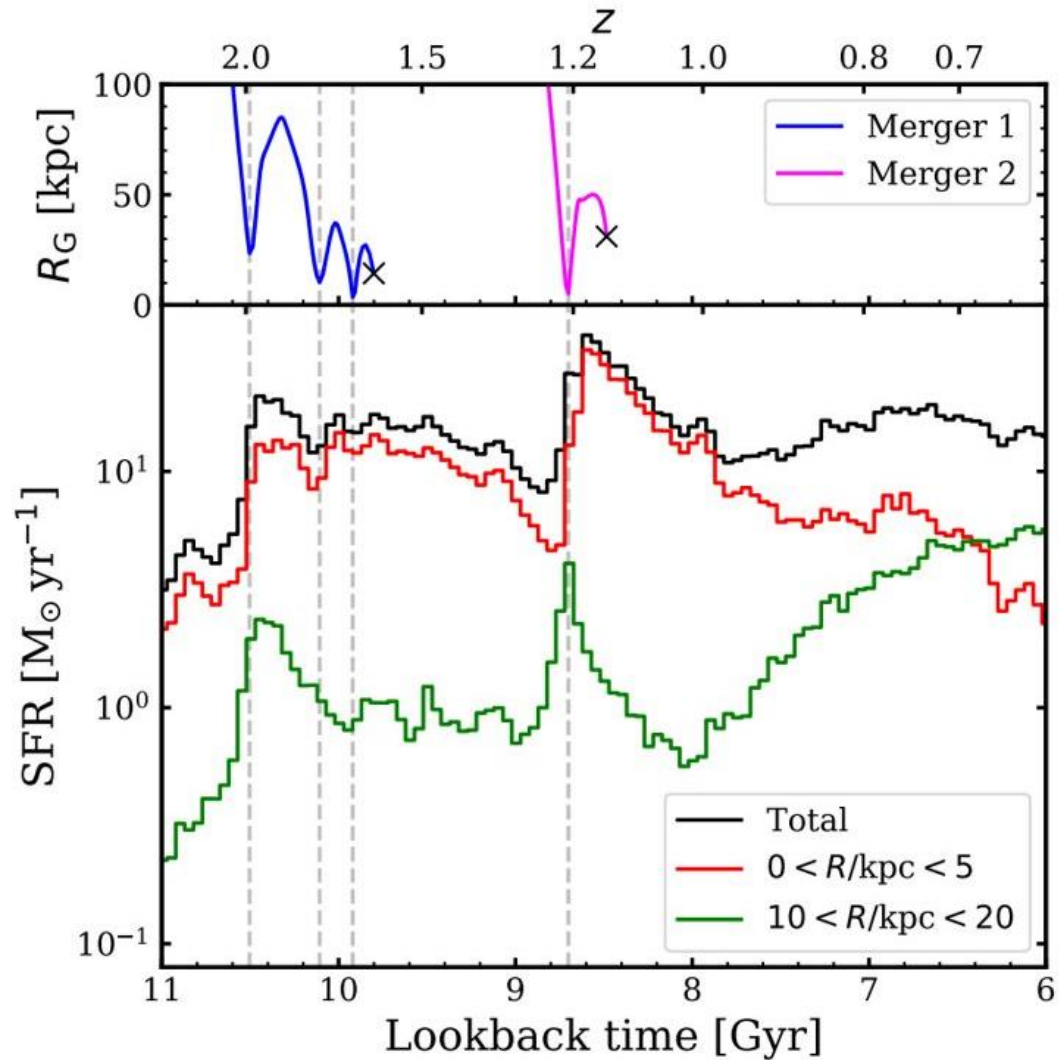
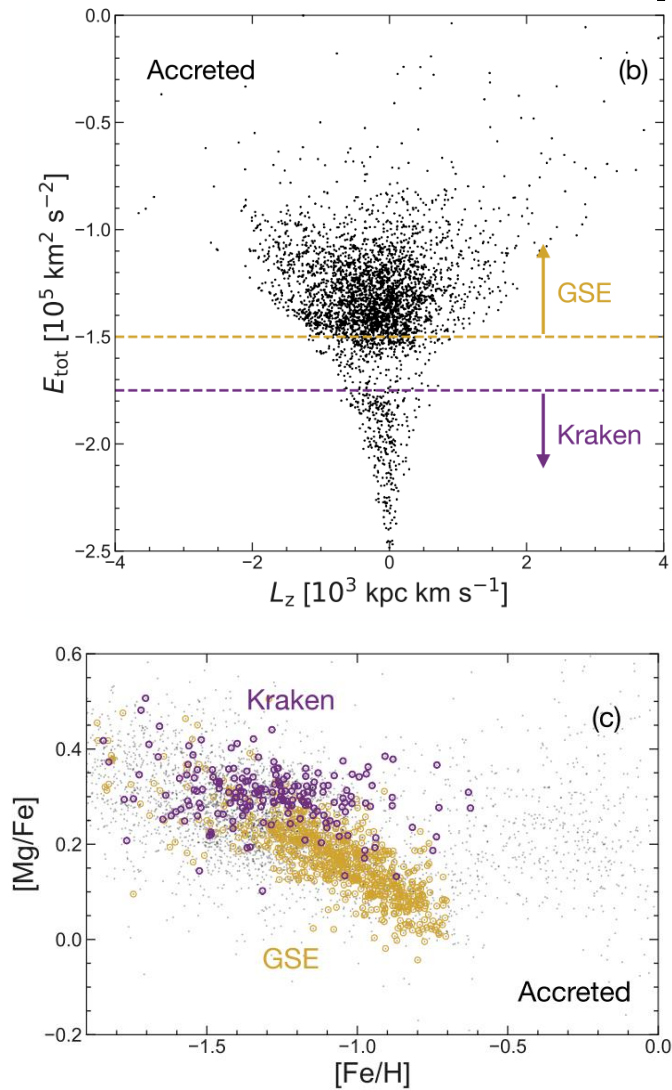


Auriga simulation



Orkney+22

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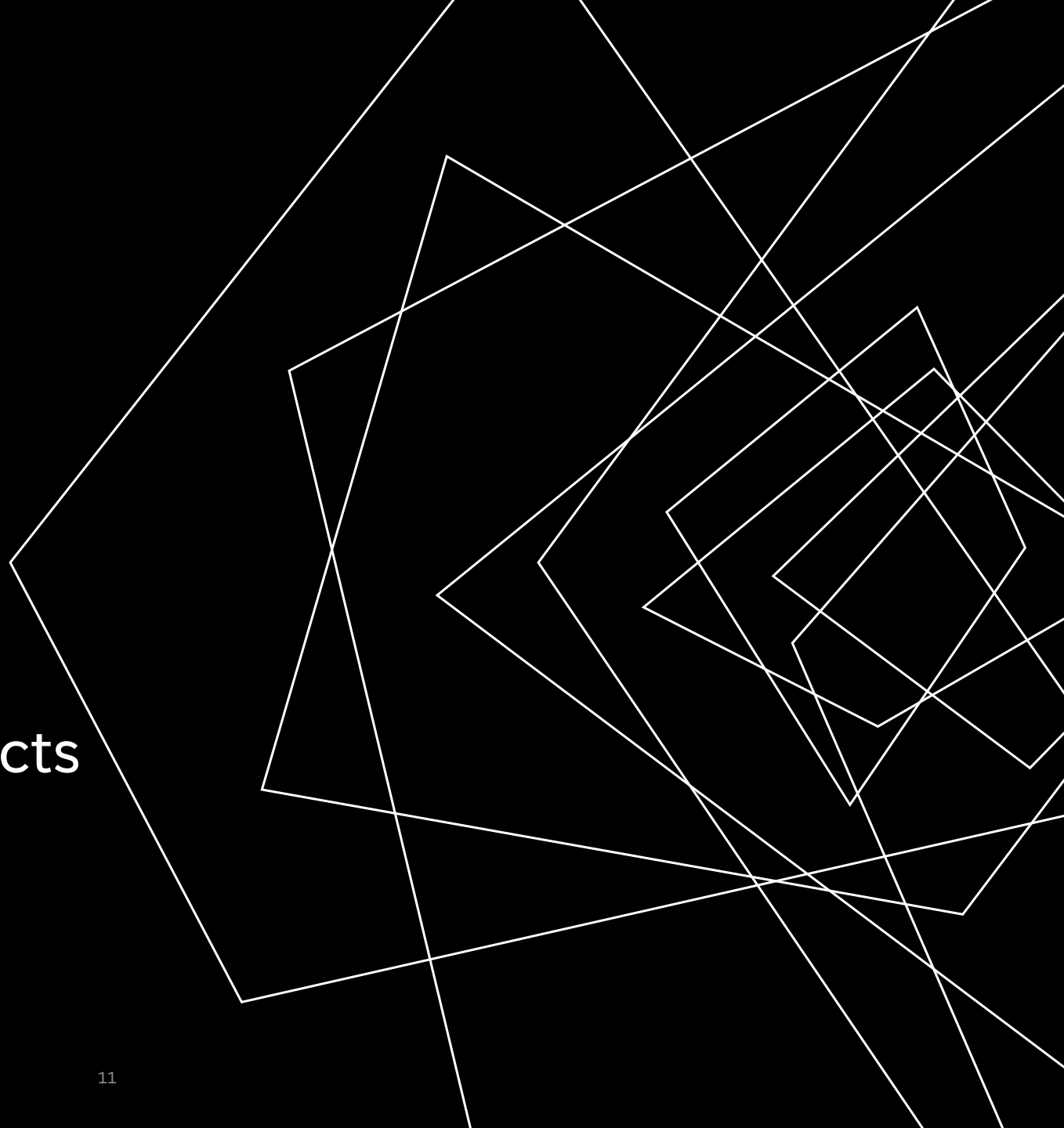


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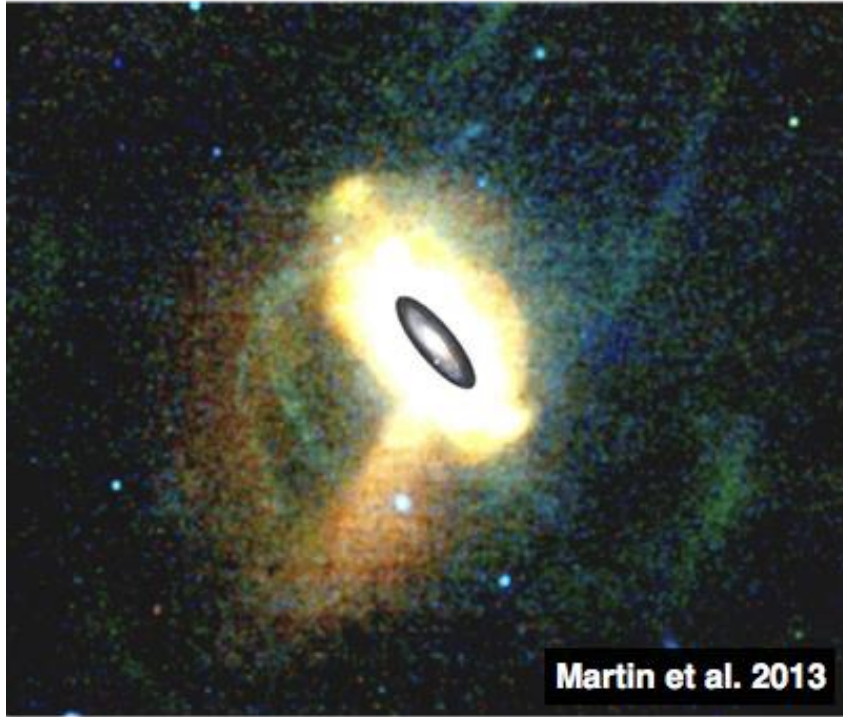
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# MANTRA 2

The stellar halo is inhabited by  
stellar streams of accreted objects



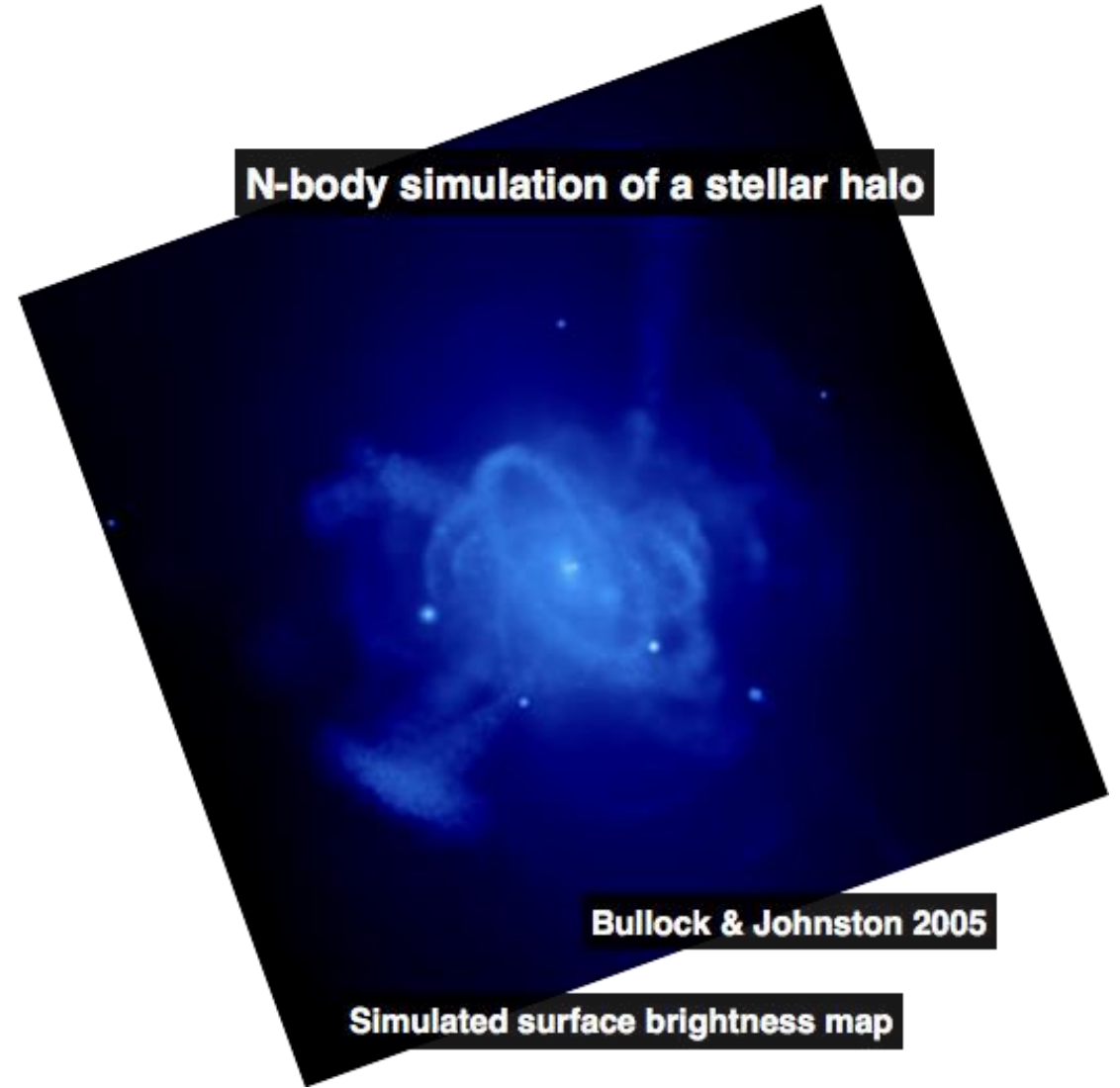
**Andromeda Galaxy PandAS survey**



**Martin et al. 2013**

**Surface Brightness map through star count  
colour-coded by metallicity**

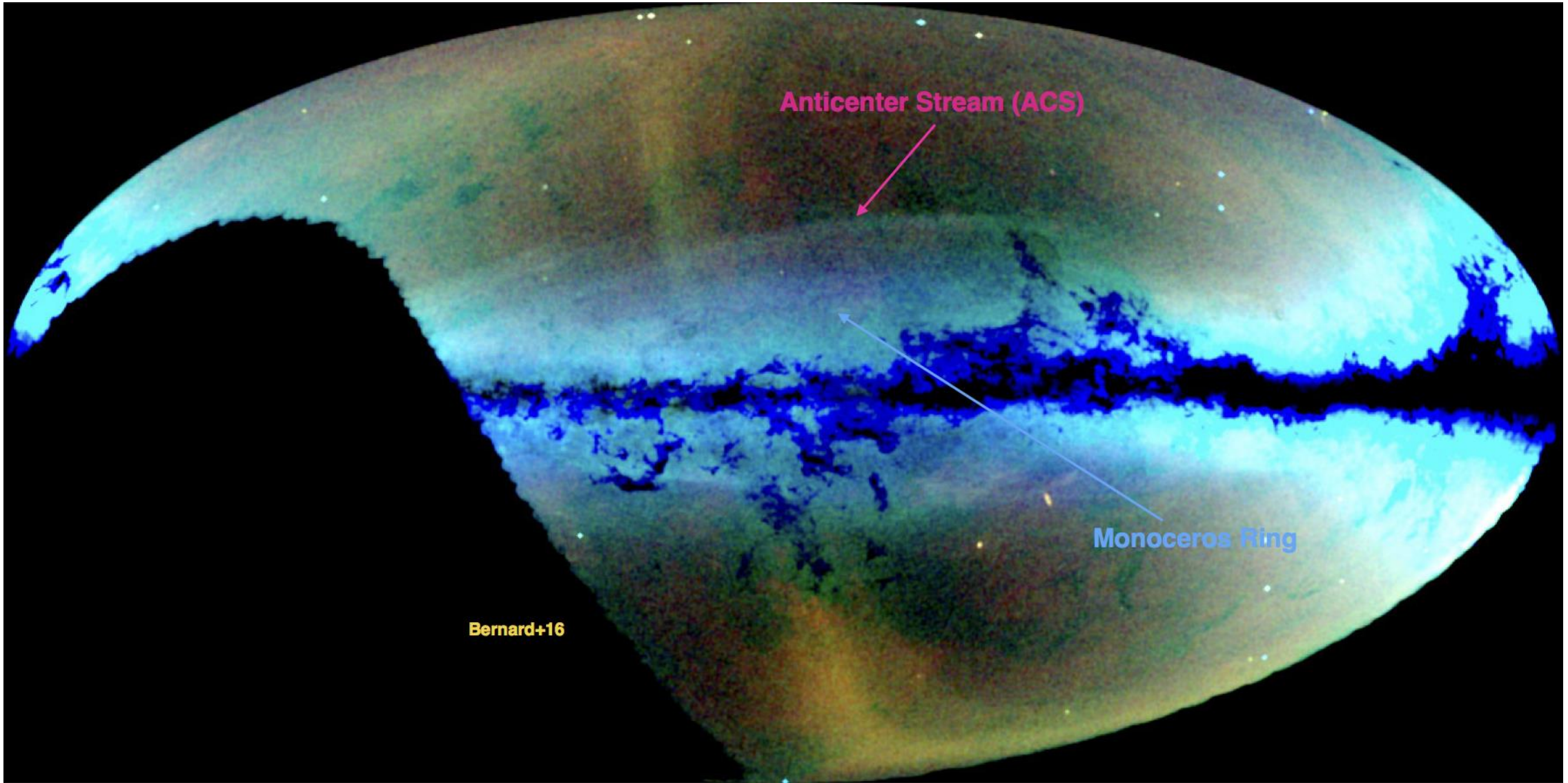
**N-body simulation of a stellar halo**



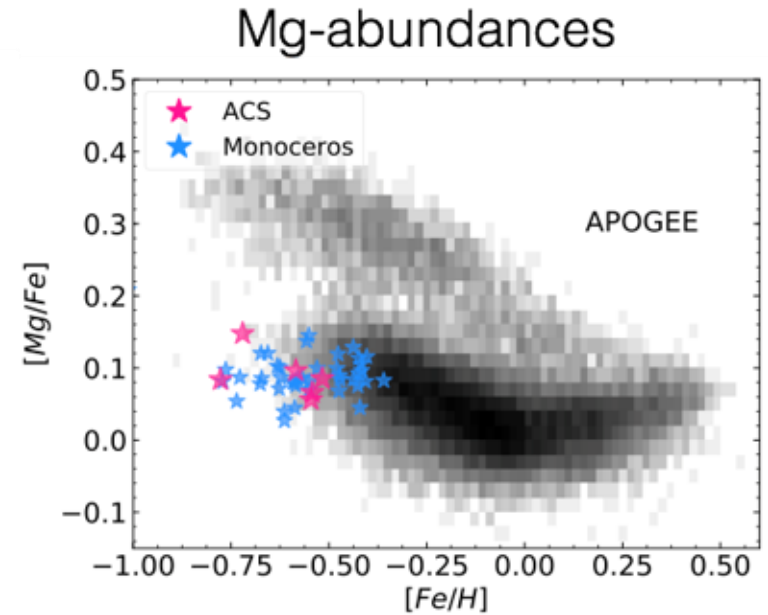
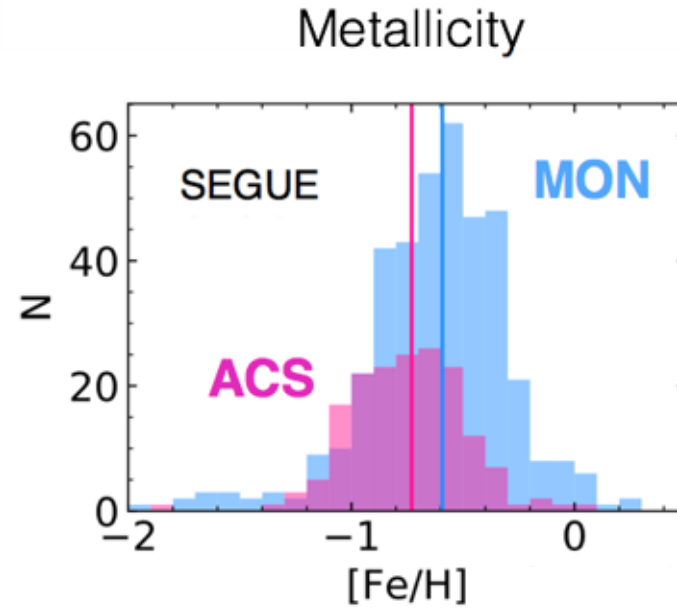
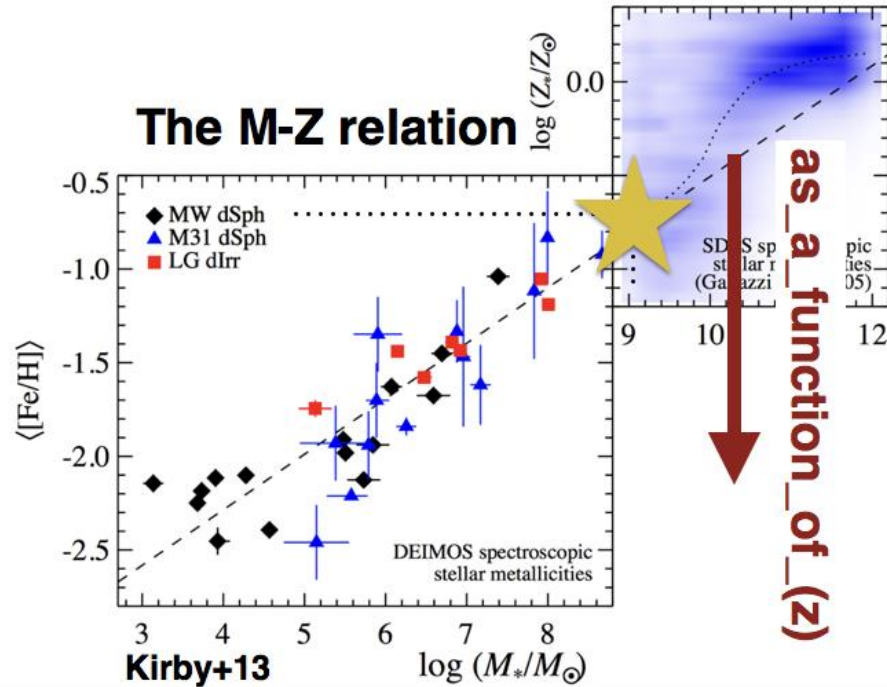
**Bullock & Johnston 2005**

**Simulated surface brightness map**

Is everything that is thin on the sky a stream?

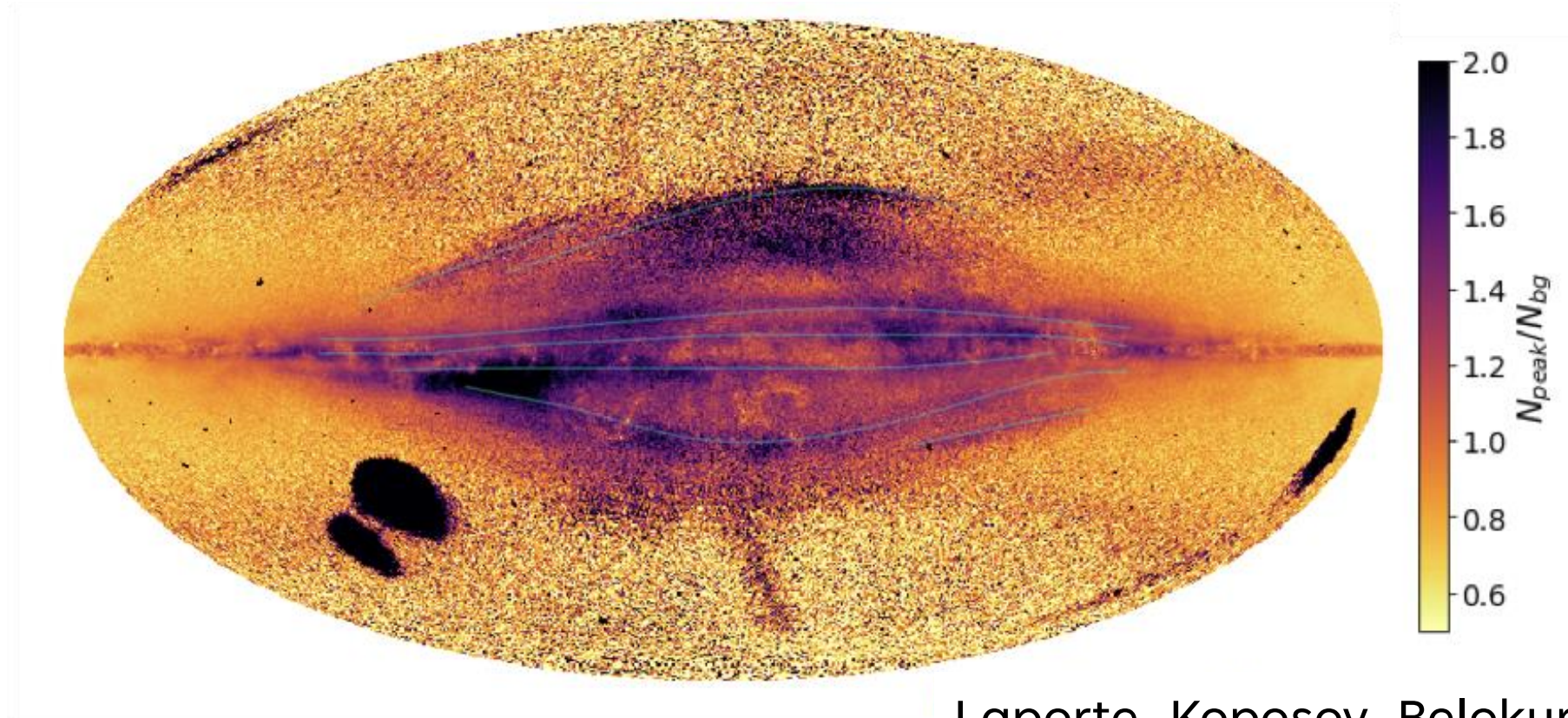


# OUTER DISC OVERDENSITIES



Laporte+20a

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Laporte, Kuposov, Belokurov 2022

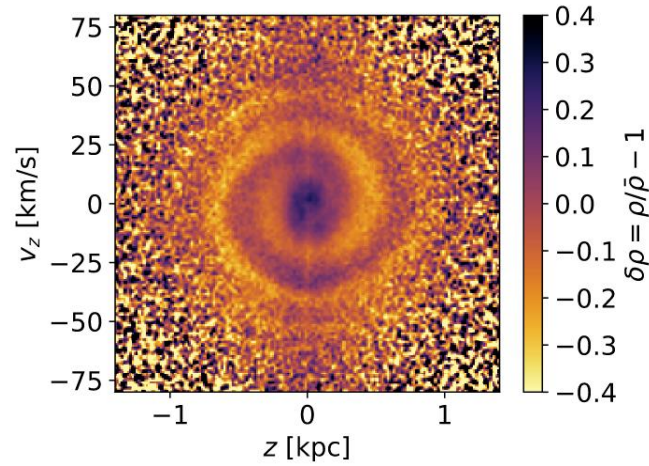


## MANTRA 3

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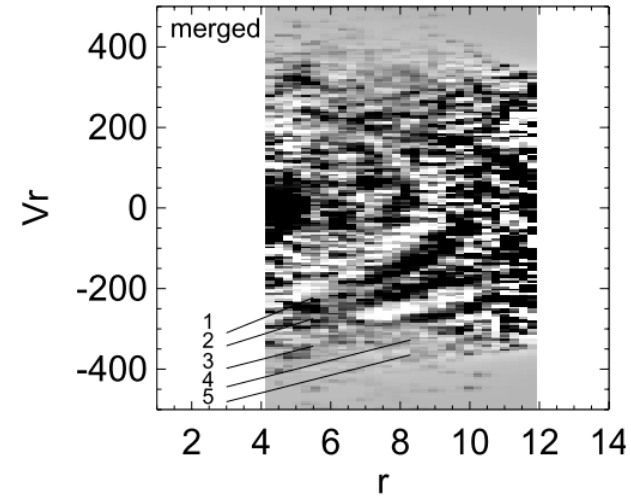


## Stellar disc



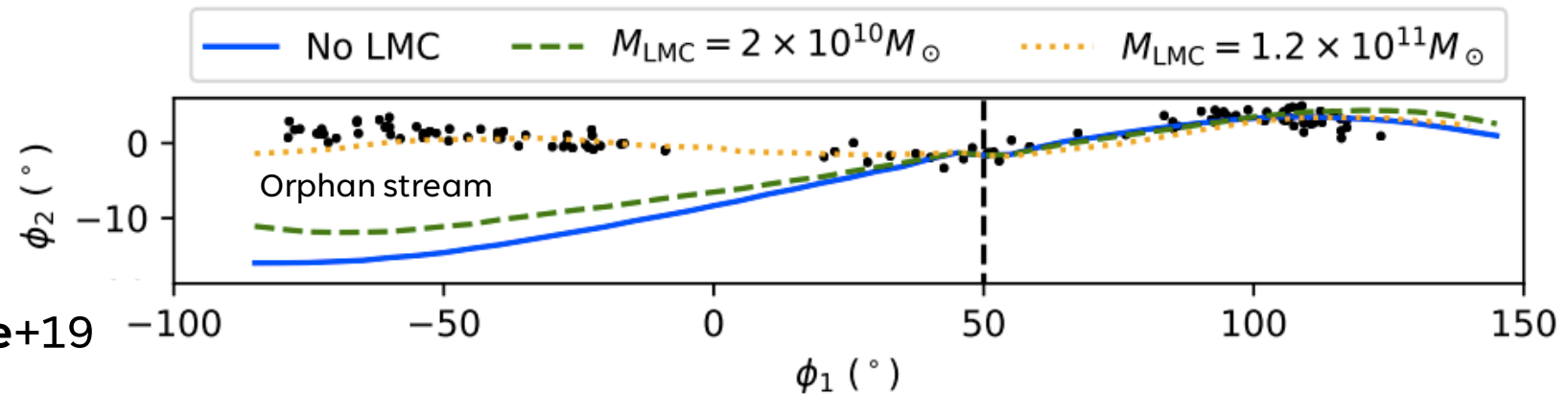
Laporte+19 (see also Antoja+18)

## Inner stellar halo



Belokurov+22

## Outer stellar halo ( $r > 50$ kpc)

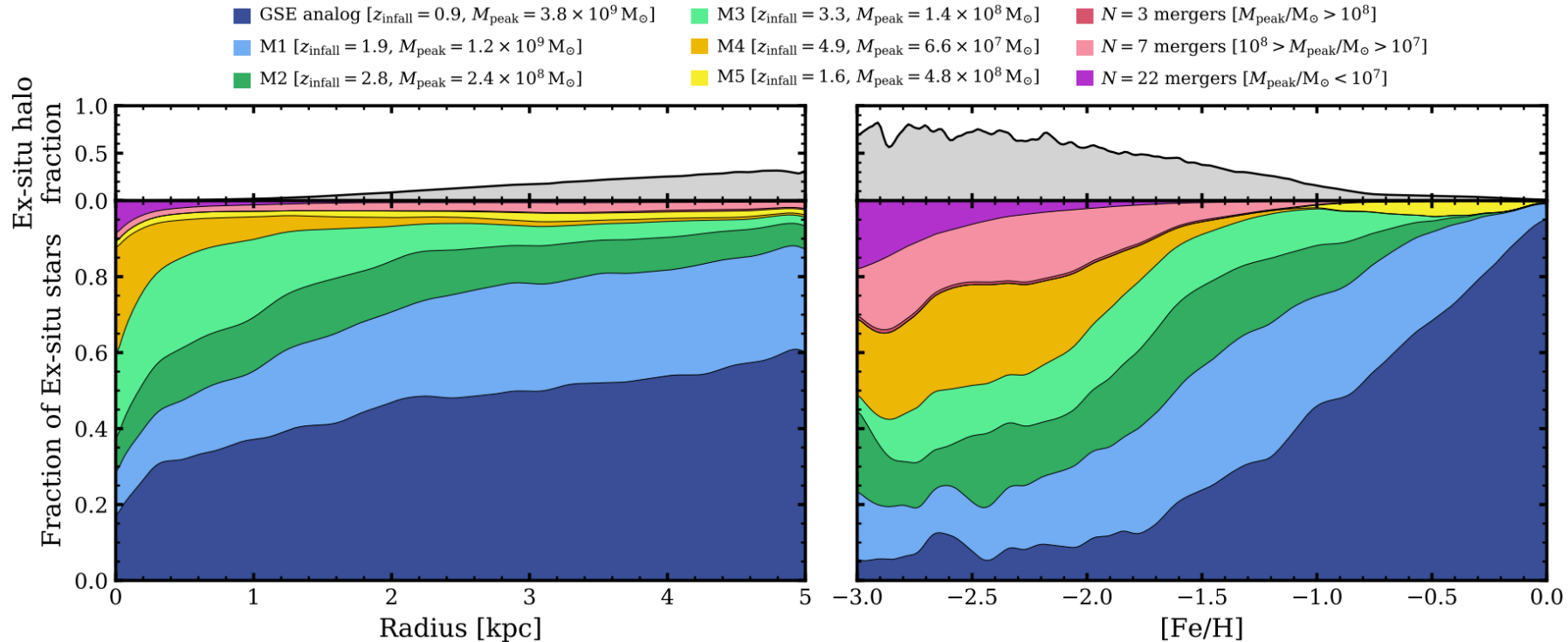


Erkal, Belokurov, Laporte+19

# CHALLENGES

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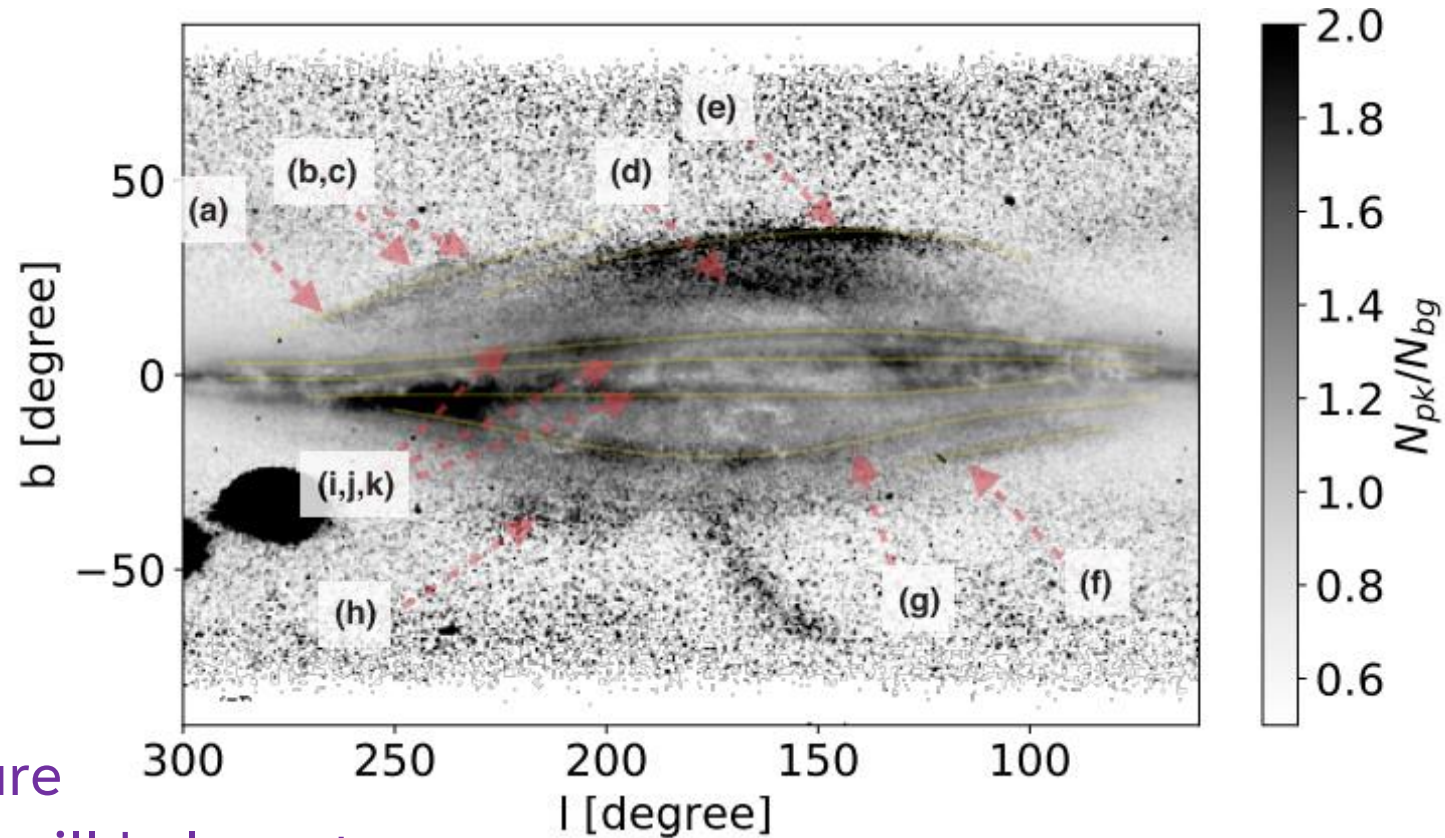
How do we find the earliest and small accreted satellites?



# CHALLENGES

**Mantra 2:** The stellar halo is inhabited by stellar streams of accreted objects

What are the origin of other substructures identified in the outer disc?

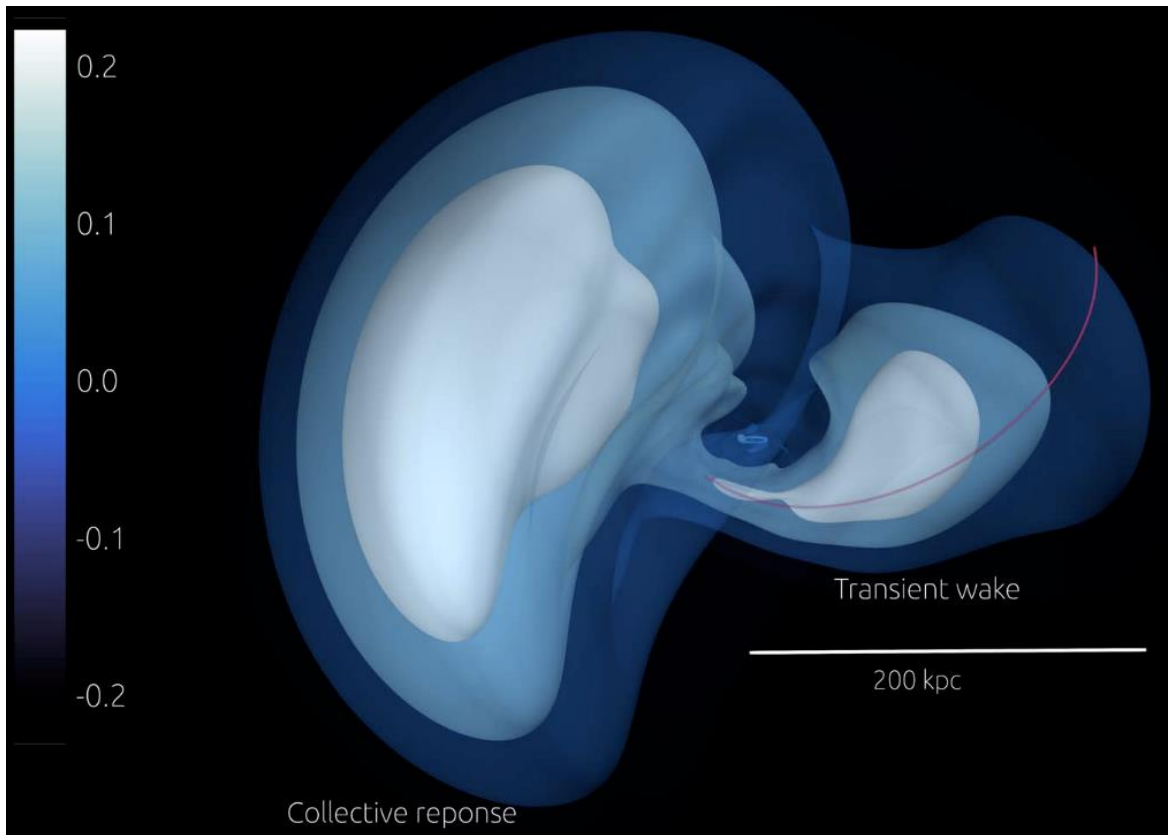


SDSS-V and other future spectroscopic surveys will help us to answer that!

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**Mantra 3:** The Galaxy can be considered in a steady state (equilibrium)

How can we improve the modelling of disequilibrium?



**Basis Function Expansions** is a great tool to understand the non-equilibrium of the MW (see also, e.g. Lilleengen+23)

For example, it helps to quantify the magnitude of a perturbation versus idealized profiles. In other words, disentangle the contribution of, e.g., the disc's self-gravity, dark matter wakes, and how these affect the MW



THANK YOU