VLBI vs. Optical Astrometry of evolved stars



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Synergy between GAIA & radio campaigns

- Stellar population at G.C.:
- -Massive bar (IR) [e.g. Dwek et al.1995]. -Red Clumps distribution [e.g. Stanek et al. 1997] -Dynamics of RG [e.g. Rich et al. 2007].

Quick Outline

- VLBI Astrometry: BeSSeL survey
- Targets in the Galactic Plane: BAaDE project
- Preliminary results: X-matching with GAIA.



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Reid et al. 2014 $R_0 = 8.34 \pm 0.16 \text{ kpc}$ $\Theta_0 = 240 \pm 8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ Flat Rotation Curve $d\Theta / dR = (-0.2 \pm 0.4 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-1})$

Finding Galactic structures using VLBI



BAaDE Project Bulge Asymmetries and

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VLBI proposals submitted for astrometry (~50µas) in specific targets with counterpart in GAIA

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Van der Veen & Habing 1998

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Sjouwerman et al. 2009

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- Current status
 - VLA: 18,000: Complete!





Preliminary Results: X-match with GAIA but first 2MASS



















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~5,000 stars to study the stellar populations of the MW's fossils: evolved stars in the bulge

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• 2MASS provide filters in J,H and K that can be used.



Angular distance

1.0

2MASS filters

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- 2MASS filters.
- Flux in G band (provided by GAIA)



Belokurov et. 2017

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 $P_1((1+P_2)^n-1).$

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By chance...

$$N = (Sources 1) \left(\left(1 + \frac{Sources 2}{Total Area 2/Box Area 2} \right)^{(Box Area 1/Box Area 2)} - 1 \right)$$

N~1,300 random coincidences<5,000 coincidences



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- VLBI can also be used for astrometric measurements in very bright stars, that saturated the GAIA detectors.

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BAaDE survey



Questions that we can address What is the relation between:

-the maximum stellar luminosity and the star's main sequence mass?

-mass loss rate (OH and SiO), stellar luminosity and metallicity (expansion velocity)?

-maser occurrence and mass loss rate?

How all these porpertires depend on the Galactic location.