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Report WG1: The Milky Way as a Galaxy

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WG1: The Milky Way as a Galaxy Objectives

✓ Address open questions on the formation and evolution of our Galaxy

- > structure
- star formation history
- dynamical evolution (secular and by accretion)

✓ Specific areas of study

- halo and disk substructures
- open and globular clusters (and their contribution to the field)
- structure and dynamics of the bar/bulge region
- the interstellar medium link
- development of novel data analysis techniques

WG1 Tasks

√WGT1a

- ➤ global structure
- ➤ history of the MW
- >clusters as probes of the disk and halo formation history.

√WGT1b

- >synergies between ground and space based follow-up facilities and Gaia
- survey strategy requirements for upcoming spectroscopic and near infrared surveys

✓WGT1c

>development of detailed MW (chemo) dynamical models.

WG1 Team

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✓ Members ~180

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WG1 Workshop

The Gaia Treasure Hunt

Cambridge 09/2019

Partcipants: 40 (7 invited speakers)

https://www.mw-gaia.org/participate/cambridge-wg1/

The Galactic Bulge and Bar

- > structure
- > pattern speed
- proper motions and the X-shaped structure
- the role of ages and chemical data in the modelling

The Galactic Disk

- > local dark matter density
- How should the kinematics of the local disk be modelled
- > origin of the phase space spiral
- > the role of mergers
- the mechanisms that drive the warp and bending modes in the disk



The Galactic Halo

- best statistical measures of substructure in configuration/phase space to describe the clustering in the stellar halo and disk
- ➤ How to compare data to simulations
- the mass of the Mily Way, and its escape speed

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WG1 School

Milky Way size galaxy formation and high performance computing,

Barcelona 01/2020 5 lecturers, 12 tutors for hands-on sessions

Partcipants: 38

https://indico.icc.ub.edu/event/52/page/42-topics-and-lecturers

- N-body simulations
- Cosmological zoom-in + hydrodynamics: Milky Way size galaxy simulations
- Comparison of simulations/theory vs observations
- High Performance Computing and Data Science tools



Hands-on sessions

- Globular clusters
- Halo-Galaxy connection in hydro simulations
- Mock catalogues, simulations vs observations
- High Performance Computing /Data tool

WG1/WG4 Workshop

The Galactic Centre and the Inner Galaxy:

Heidelberg (virtual) 02/2021

Partcipants (online)

https://www.zah.uni-heidelberg.de/mw-gaia2021





- Gaia EDR3: overview, completeness
- ➤ Gaia Ref Frame: zero points in parallax and proper motion, fundamental physics and relativistic effects using Gaia and VLBI, Sgr A* and testing GR
- > Bulge, Bar and Inner Halo: kinematics, dynamics, mass distribution
- ➤ Bulge, Bar, Inner Halo: metallicity-orbit distribution and stellar ages
- Bulge, Bar, Inner Halo: critical discussion on stellar ages in Bulge, assembly history from (hydro-)dynamical and cosmological simulations
- Nuclear Disk, Gas Inflow and Star Formation

WG1/WG2

Star Clusters: the Gaia Revolution

Barcelona (virtual) 10/2021

Partcipants: 365

https://indico.icc.ub.edu/event/114/

- Young stars and star forming regions
- Stellar evolution and asteroseismology
- Data mining in the Gaia catalogue
- Cluster dynamics
- Chemistry and synergies with ground-based surveys
- Clusters as tracers of the Galactic structure and history





WG1 Workshops



WG2/WG1 Workshop

Stellar evolution across the HR diagram with Gaia

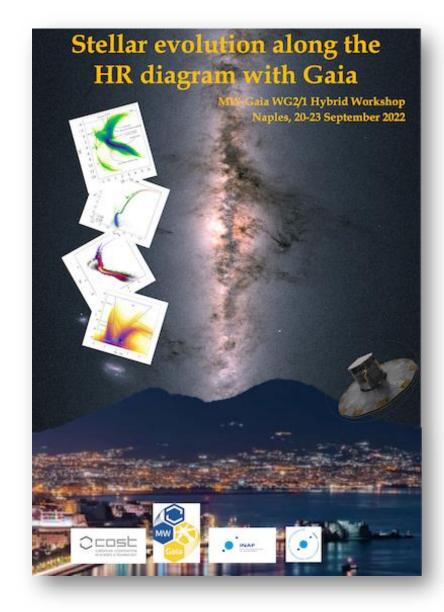
Naples (hybrid), 09/2022

Partcipants: 206

https://indico.ict.inaf.it/event/2023/page/731-mw-gaia

Constraints that Gaia data can set on:

- > stellar evolution models
- selected phases of stellar evolution
- > stellar pulsation models
- asteroseismology
- binary star evolution



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WG4/WG1

Gaia – Beyond the Milky Way

Athens (hybrid), 09/2022

Partcipants: 67

https://gaia2022.ia.forth.gr/

Impact of the Gaia mission, and especially of Gaia Data Release 3 (DR3), on extragalactic science:

- Distance scale
- Local group galaxies
- Unresolved Galaxies and quasars



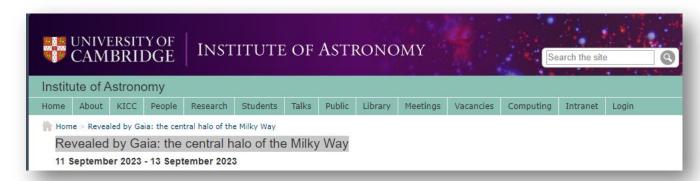
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WG1 Workshop

Revealed by Gaia: the central halo of the Milky Way

Cambridge (in person), 11-13/09/2023



https://www.ast.cam.ac.uk/meetings/2023/revealed.gaia.central.halo.milky.way

- Accreted halo
- ➤ In-situ halo
- Bar-halo interactions
- Central MW tracers

(RR Lyrae, Red Clump stars, LPVs. Metal-poor stars)

7 invited speakers
24 talks
Several discussion sessions