

# Probing the mass of the Andromeda galaxy with DESI spectroscopy

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## DESI Observations of the Andromeda Galaxy: Revealing the Immigration History of Our Nearest Neighbor

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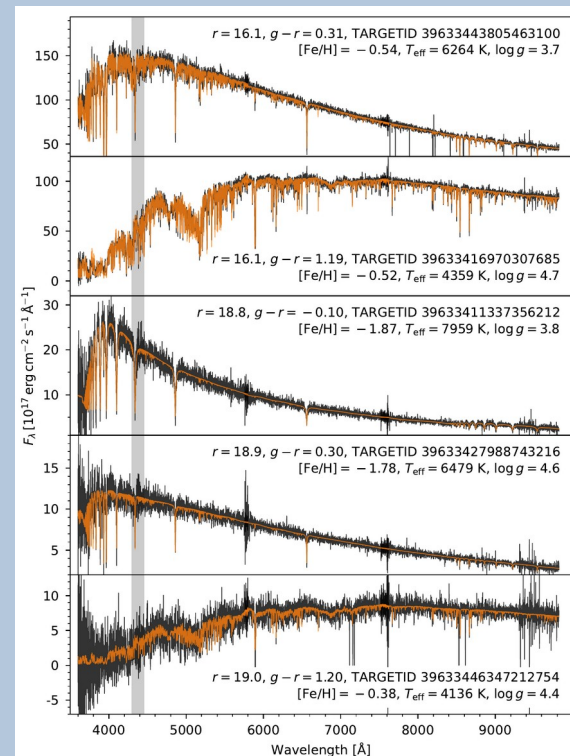


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# DESI

- (See Ting Li's talk for more details)
- Kitt Peak (4m)
- 3-arm (blue 3600-5500Å, green 5500-7000Å, red 7000Å-10000Å) spectrograph)
- **5000 fiber positioners**
- **3.2 degree diameter FOV**
- Flux calibration accurate to 1%
- Resolution R -- from 2000 at blue edge to 5000 at 10000Å
- Highly efficient, **throughput 20-50%**



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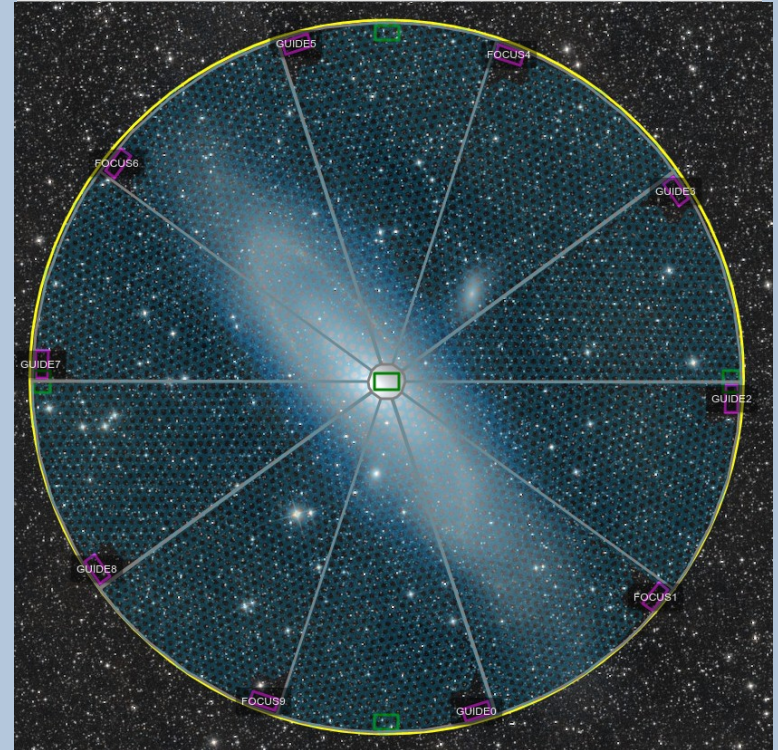


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# DESI Science Verification

- One of the science targets – M31
- DESI FOV  $\sim 40$  kpc at distance of M31
- Each fiber has access to  $\sim 1'.5$  patrol radius (300 pc)



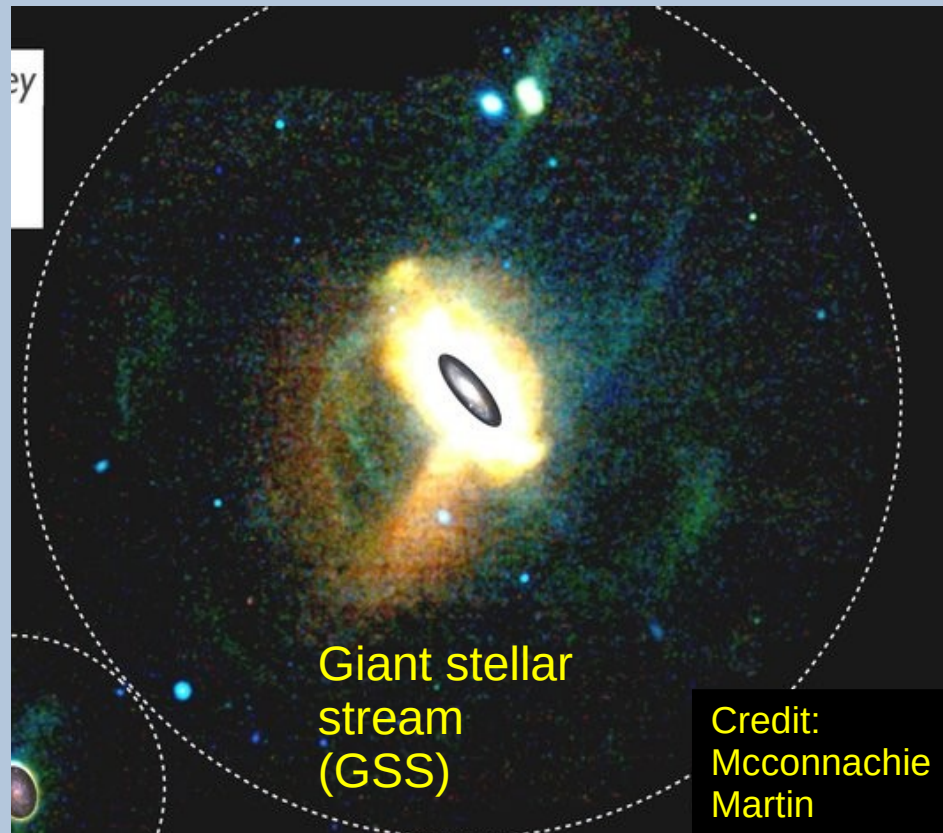
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# M31 past work

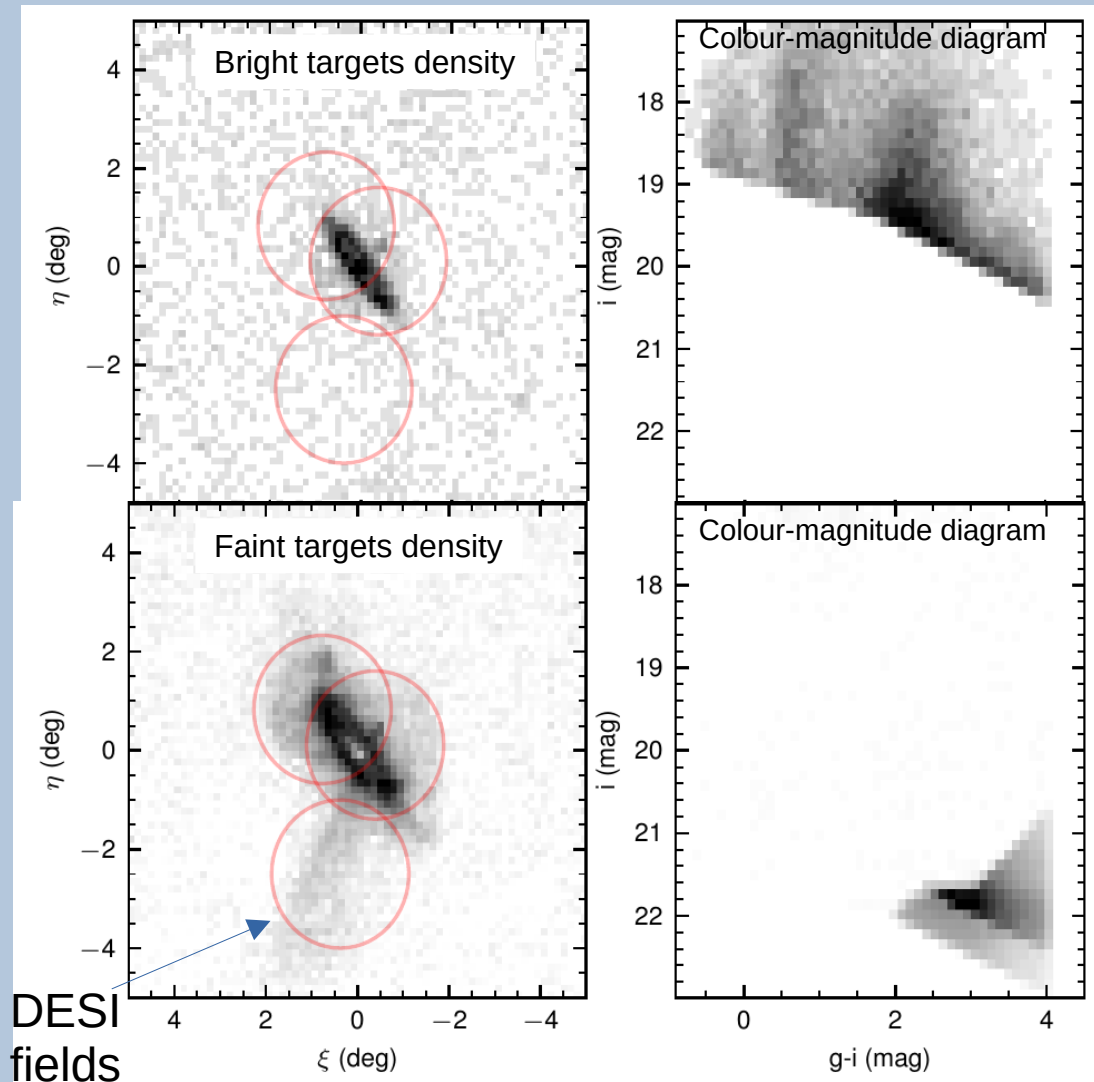
- A lot of results from last 20 years, revealing/analysing halo substructure
- **Photometry:** PANDAS survey (Mcconnachie+2018)
- **Spectroscopy:** SPLASH survey Gilbert+2012, Caldwell+2016, Escala+2019
- **Modelling:** Fardal+2013, Kirihara+2017, Hammer+2018, d'Souza+2020

(very incomplete list)



# M31 DESI targeting

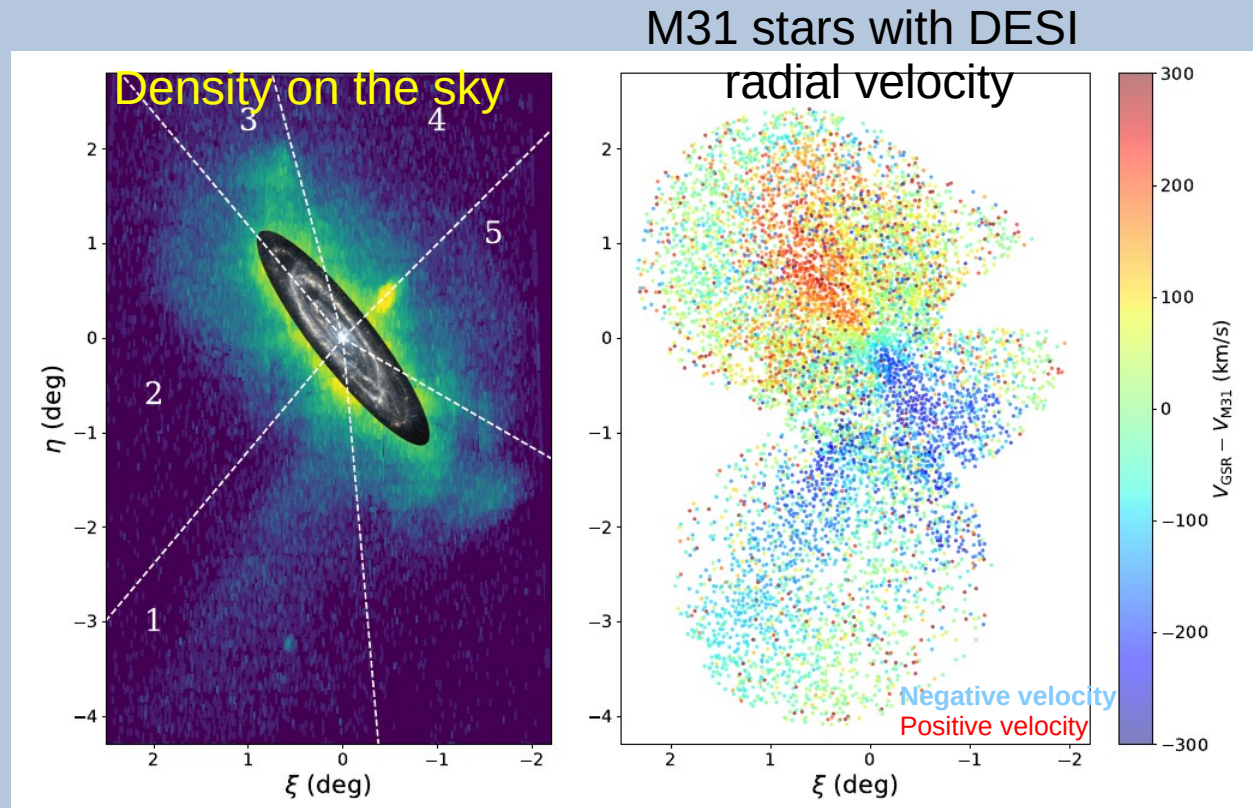
- Center of M31, bright tile  $i < 19$ , targets HII regions, supergiants, GCs (Gaia selected)
- Outer tiles, selecting TRGB/AGB stars  $i \sim 22-22.5$
- We targeted  $g-i > 2$  red stars (hence metal-rich bias)
- Max exposure 1.5hr
- RV error 5-10 km/s at  $z \sim 22$





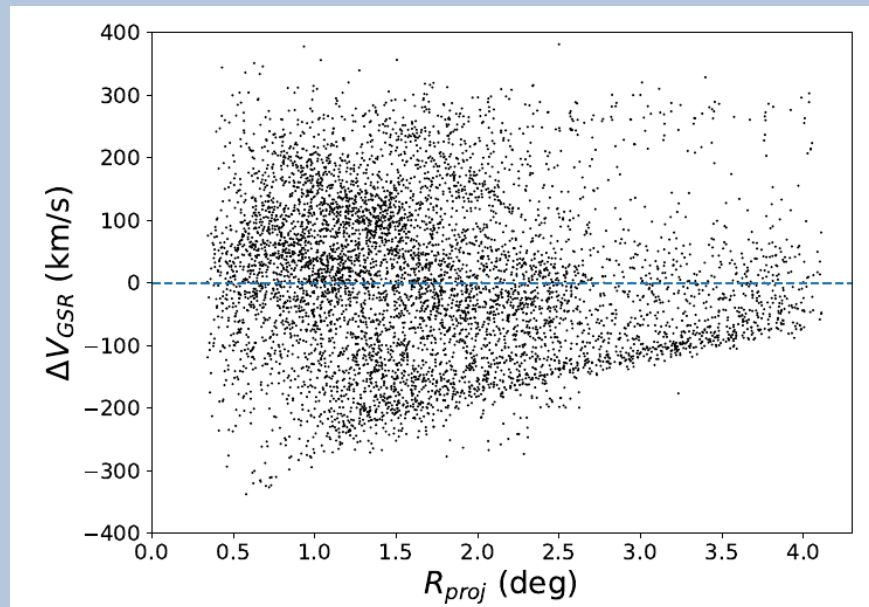
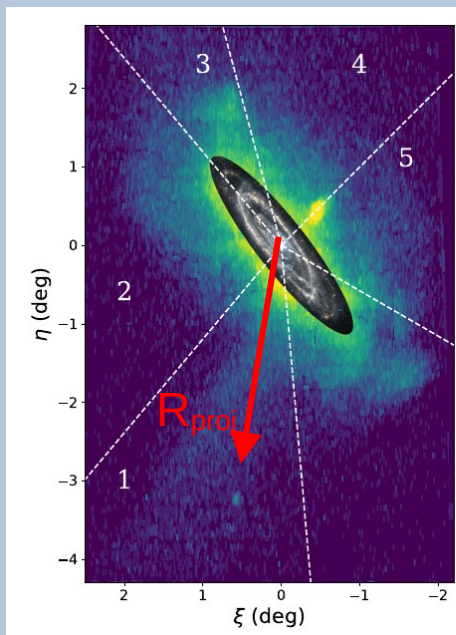
# DESI M31 spectroscopy

- Total number of M31 member stars -- 7500
- 136 clusters
- ~ 50 HII regions/ PNs
- The majority of outer M31 stars are metal-rich  $[Fe/H] > -0.5$



# M31 position velocity diagram

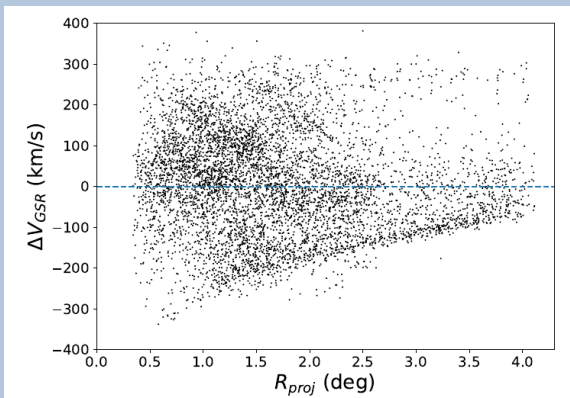
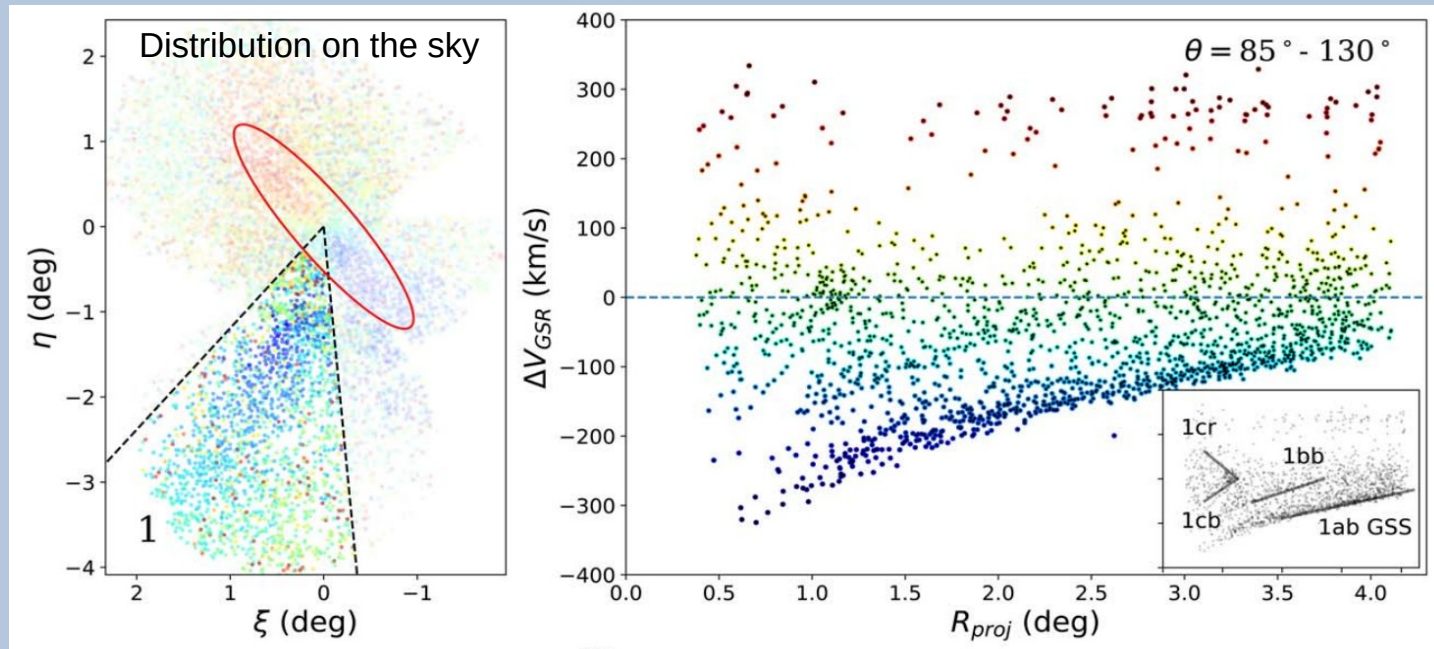
- Clearly dominated by substructure



For the plot we excluded M31 disk stars

# M31 shell system

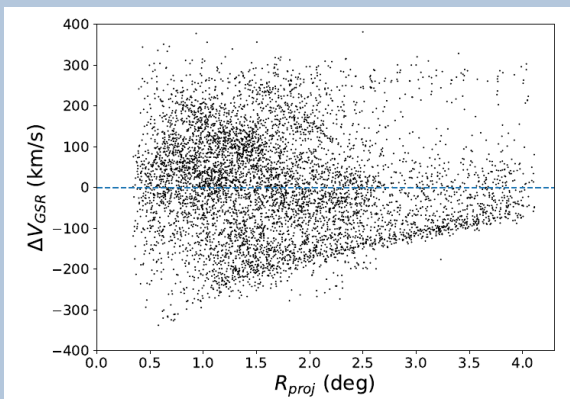
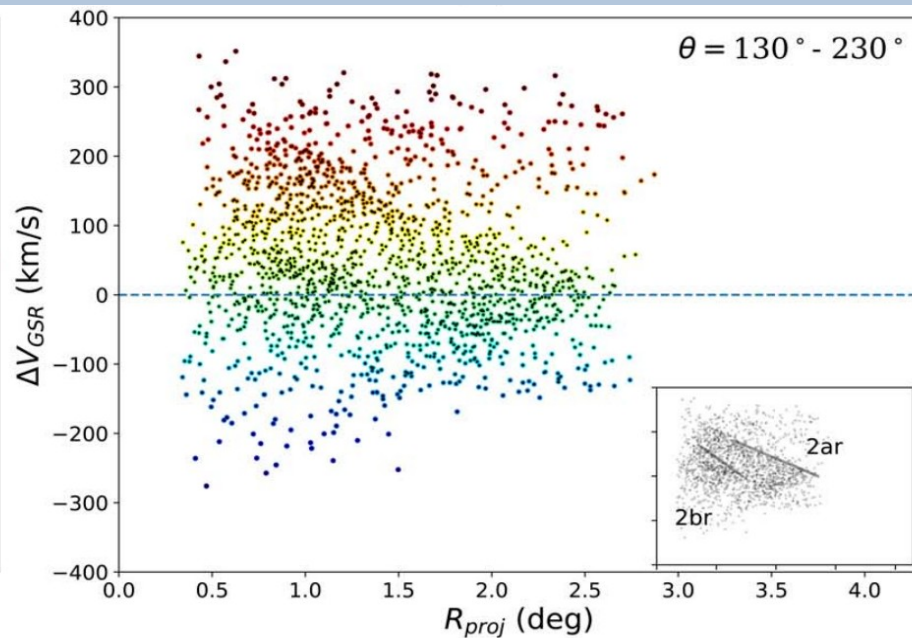
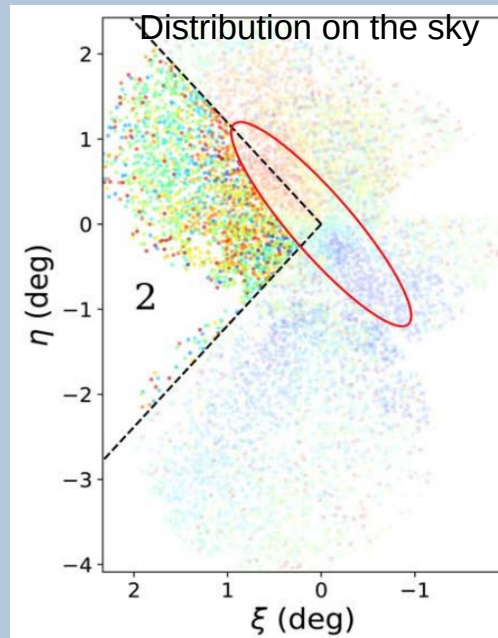
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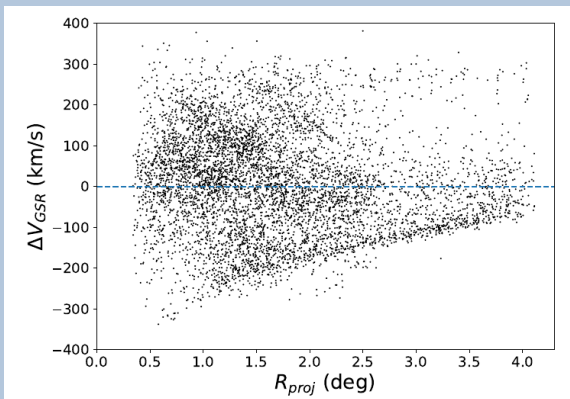
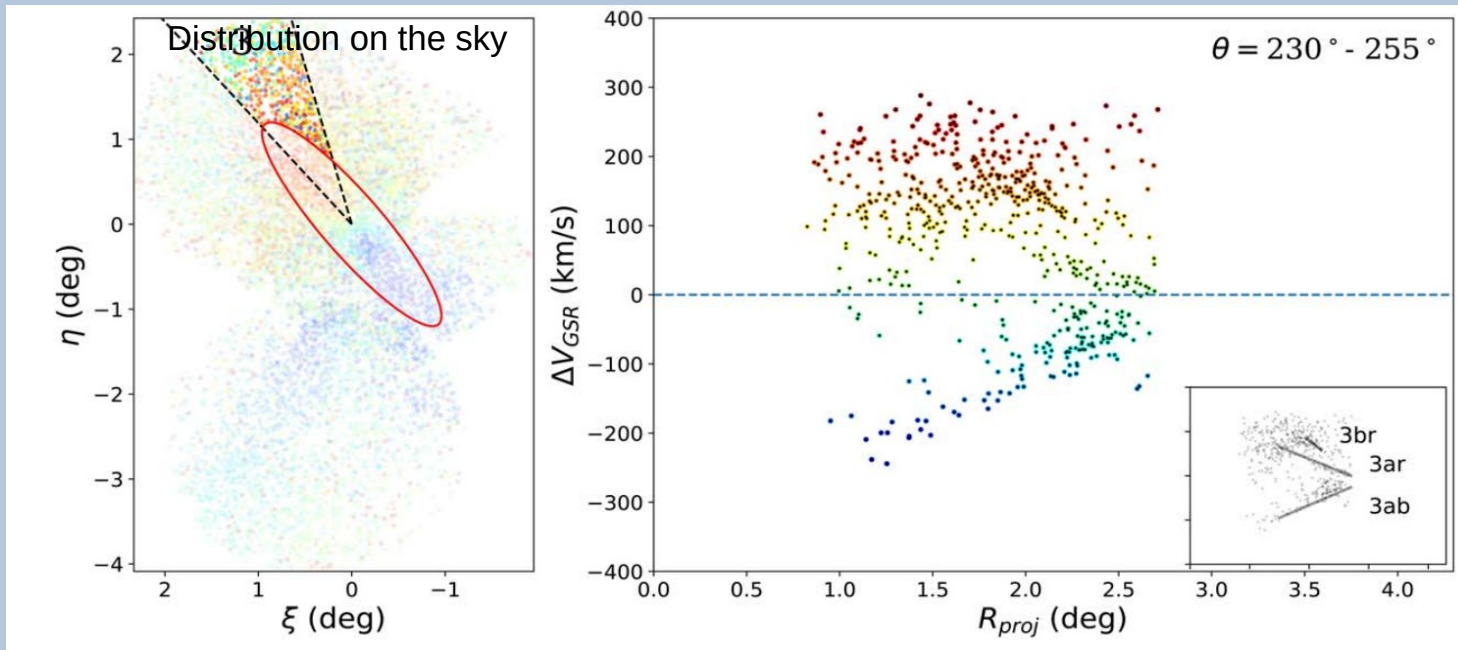
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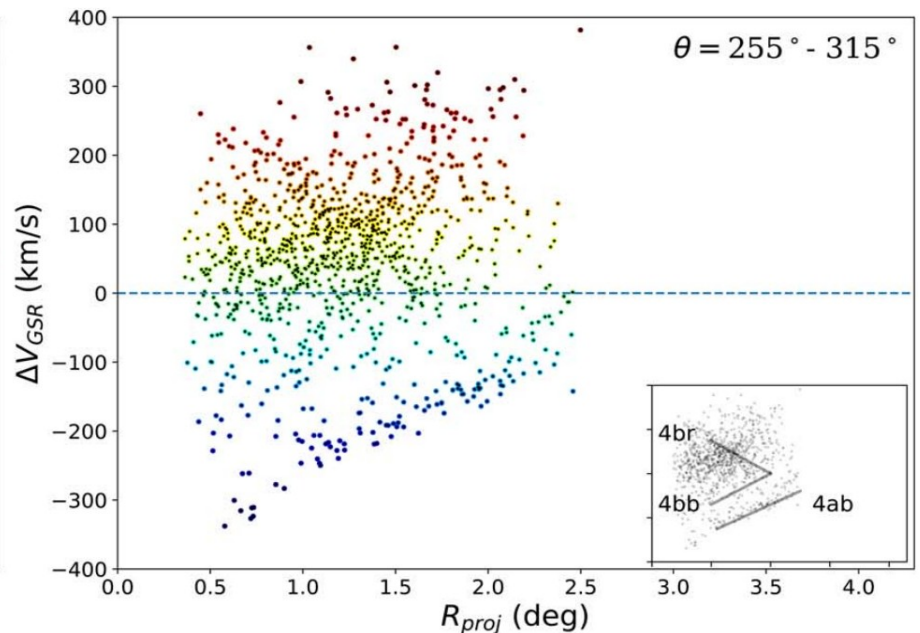
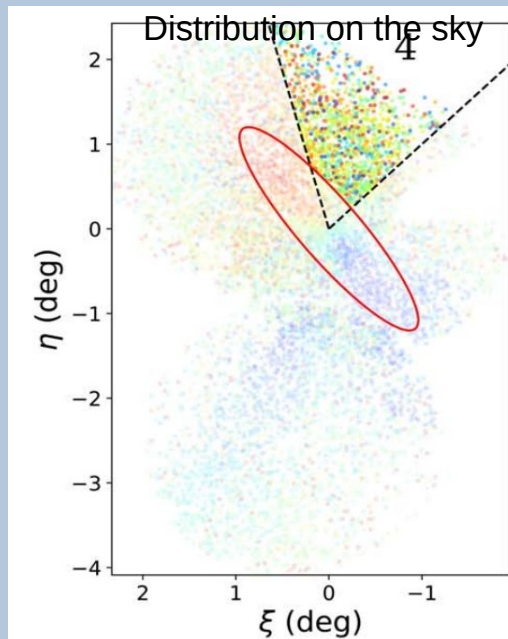
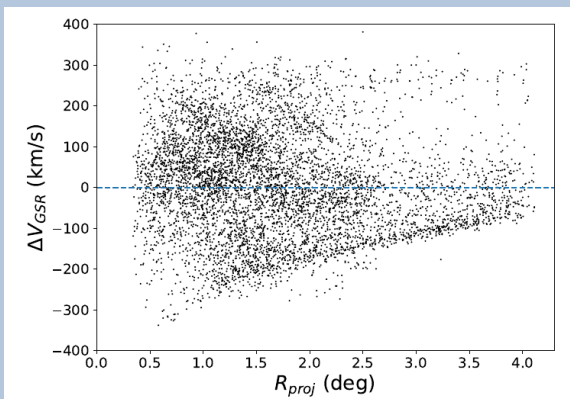
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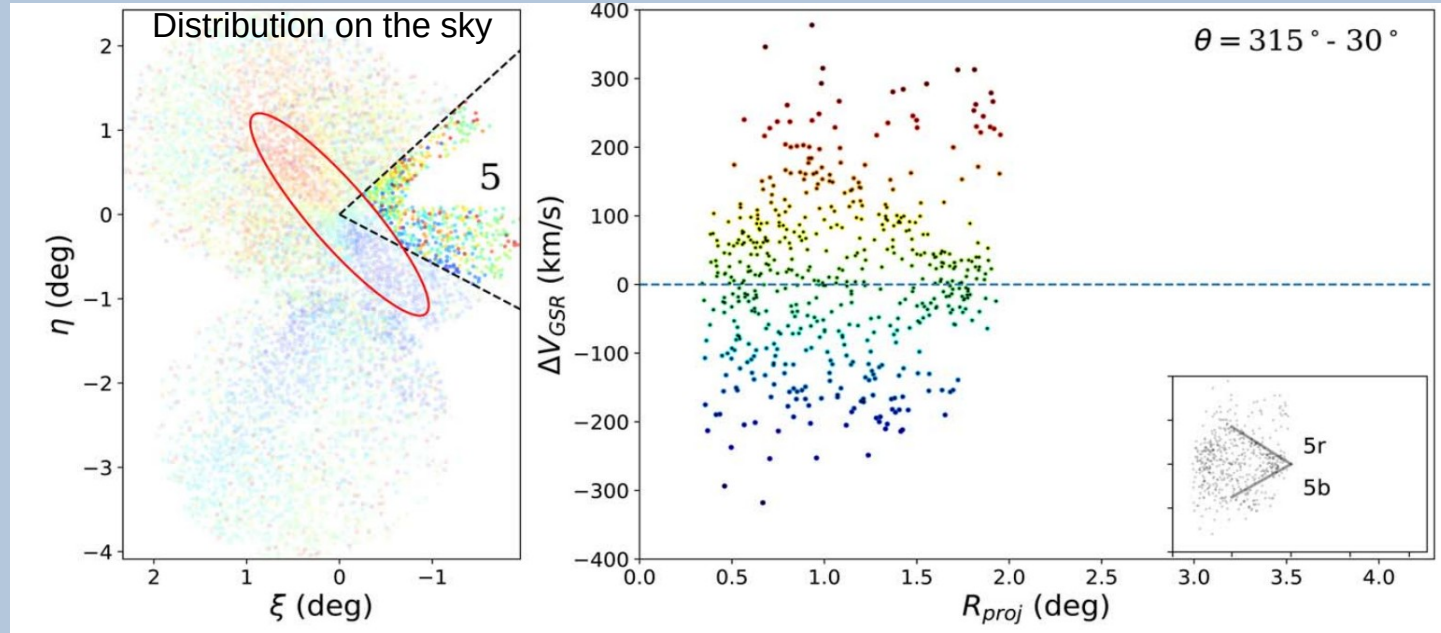
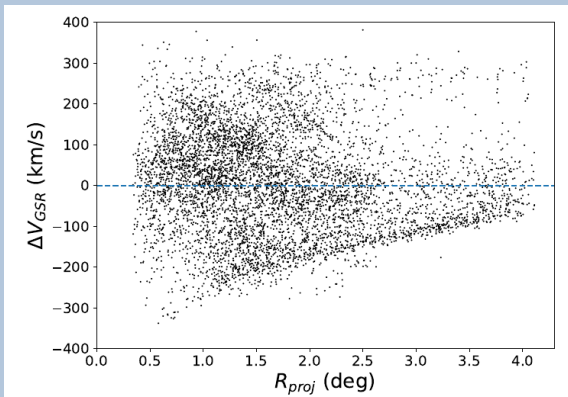
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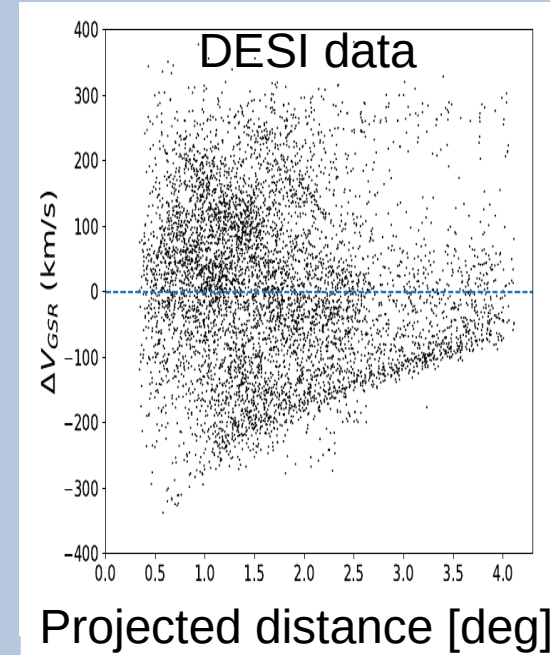
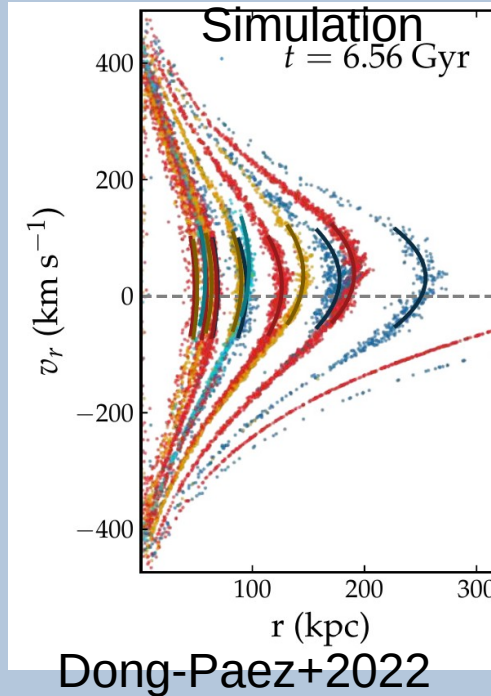
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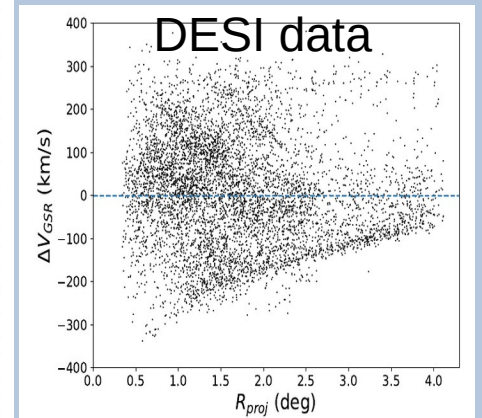
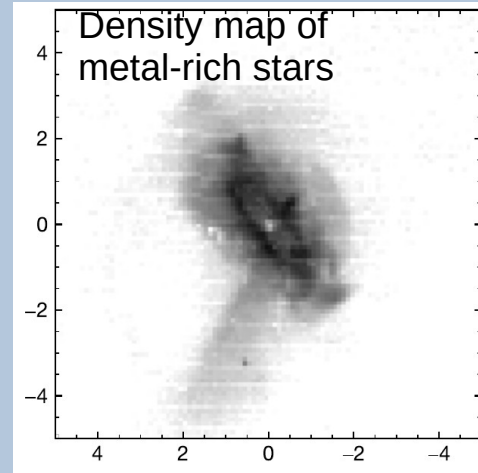
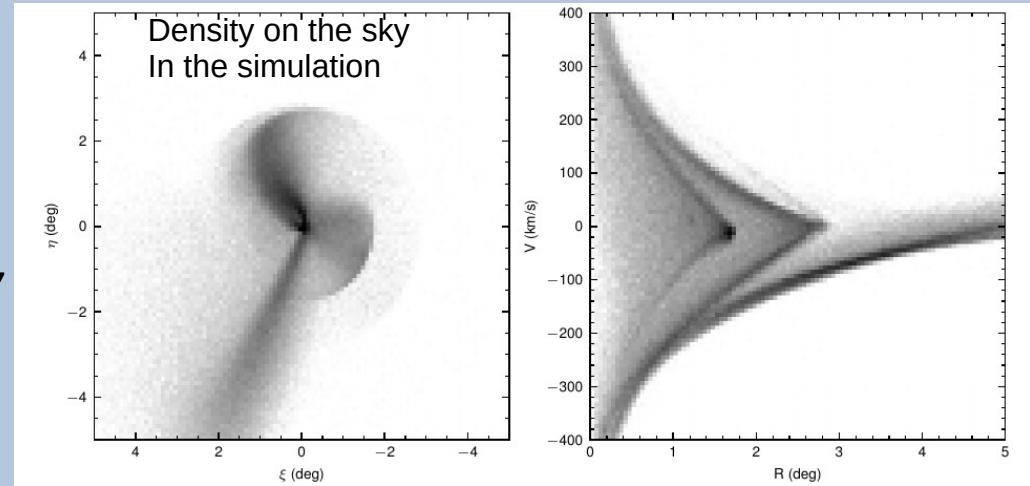
# M31 shells

- Positions velocity “chevrons” are explained by wrapping of tidal debris with different energies (Dong-Paez+2022)
- Similar shells are seen in MW (Belokurov+2022) with GSE debris
- Chevrons can be from one or multiple pericentric passages
- Energy sorting along chevrons (high energy particles have longer periods)



# M31 model

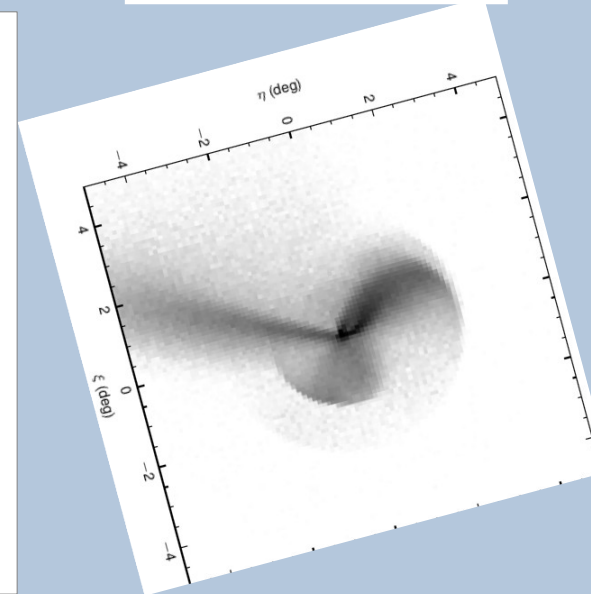
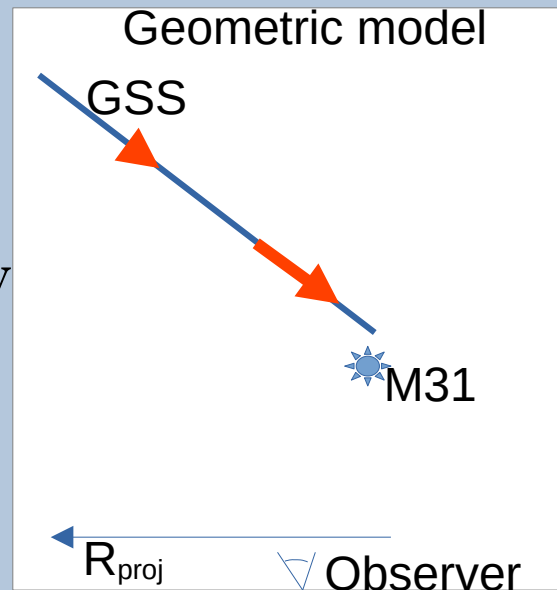
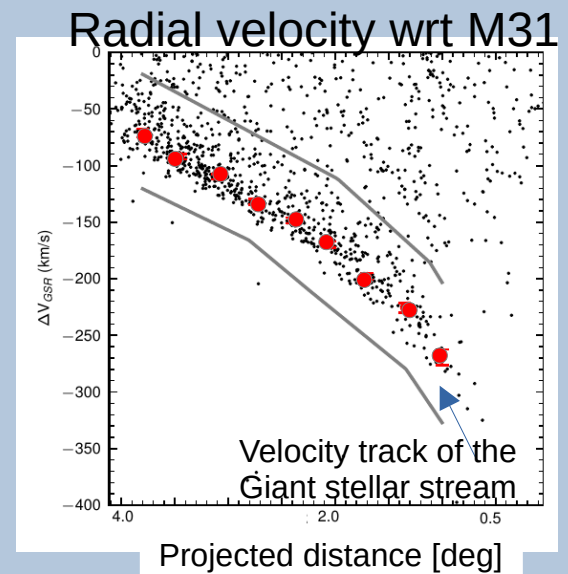
- N-Body model based on initial conditions from Fardal+2013 Kirihara+2017
- Plummer sphere accreted  $\sim$  1-2 Gyr ago
- The model approximately matches the GSS + chevrons in the western/eastern shells



# M31 mass modelling with Giant Stellar Stream

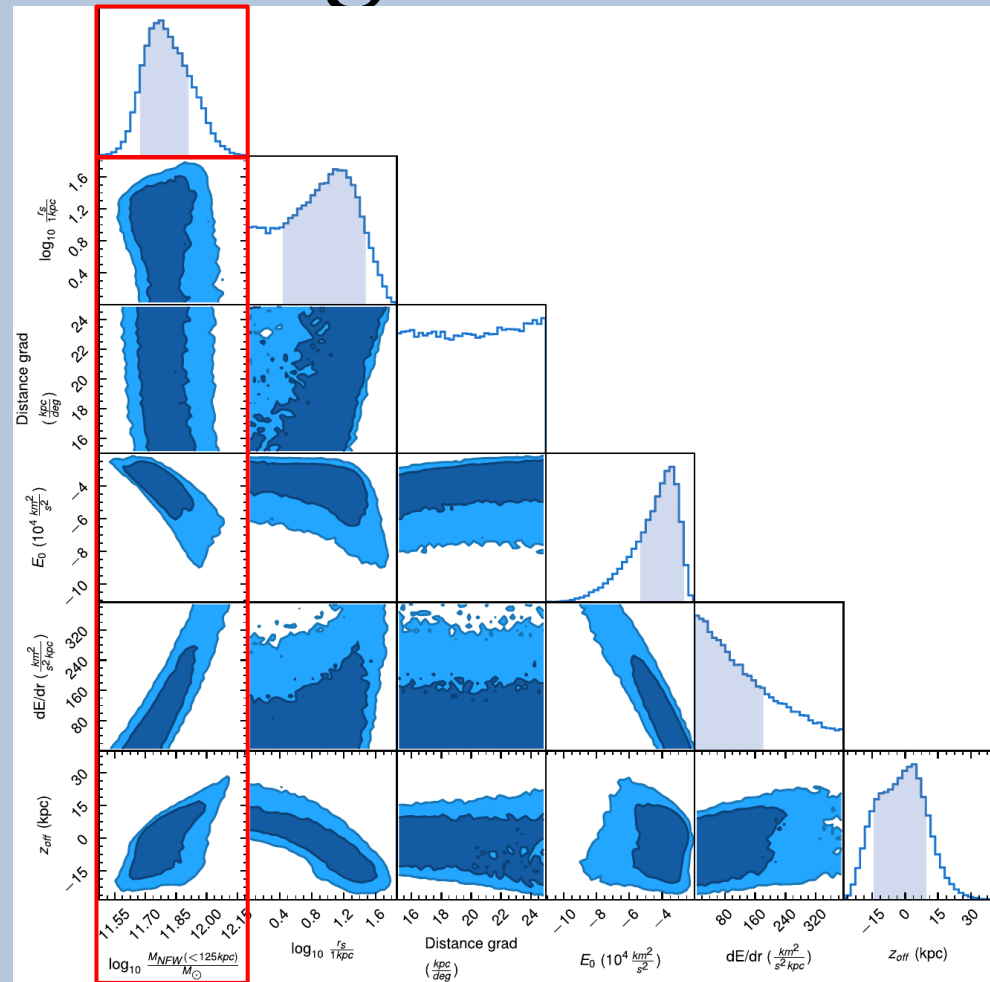
- We focus on the Giant Stellar stream (GSS) only
- Extract  $RV(R_{\text{proj}})$  of the GSS.
- Constraints on the distance gradient along GSS (Cohn+2016)
- Assume almost radial track
- Energy conservation
- We can not assume constant energy (due to energy sorting in the shell)

$$\frac{V^2(R)}{2} + \Phi(X) = E_0 + (R - R_0) \frac{dE}{dR},$$



# Mass modelling

- Free parameters: energy and energy gradient, halo mass and scale radius
- Prior on orientation from photometry
- NFW halo
- We can constrain the DM halo mass within 125 kpc  
 $6 \pm 1 \times 10^{11} M_{\text{sun}}$

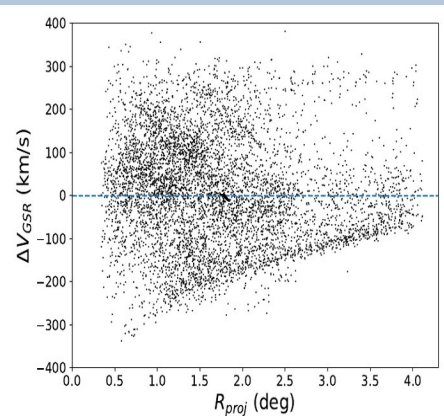
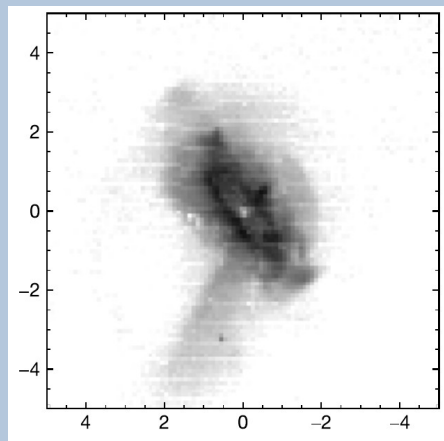




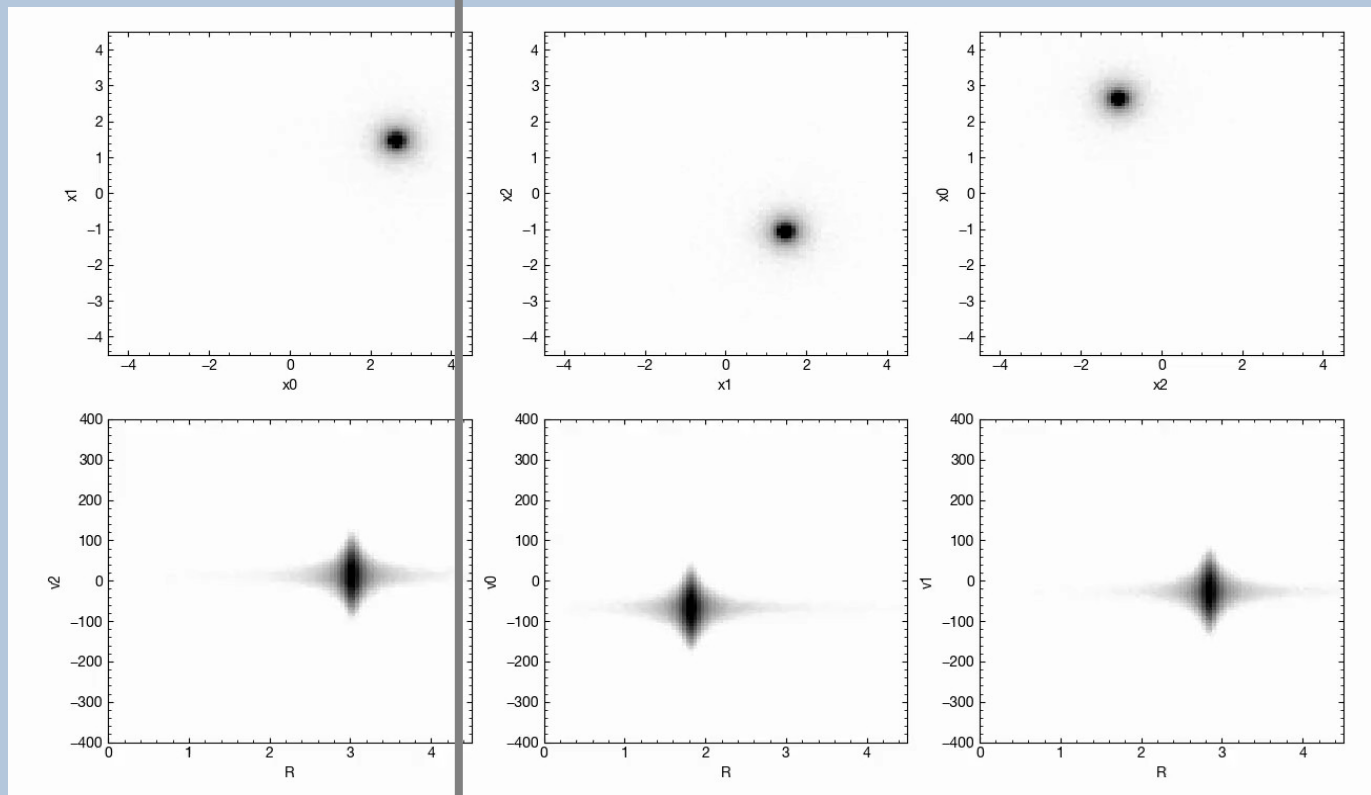
# Conclusions

- More than 7500 stars in M31.
- The catalogue released on zenodo (link on Arxiv:**2208.11683**)
- We reveal a rich shell system in M31 in previously unseen detail. Most likely a single merger event.
- We constrain the M31 halo mass with the fit to just GSS. The modelling of the whole shell system is needed.
- We have more M31 data! (unpublished yet)
- DESI is an excellent tool for M31 mapping

## Data



## Simulations



Distribution  
on the sky

Position-  
Velocity  
diagram

View from the MW direction

Other projections



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