Orbital Information Encoded in Stream Substructure The example of Palomar 5

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Palomar 5 is a short but prominent globular cluster stream in the SDSS. What can we learn from it?



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Stream stars have an offset with respect to the cluster orbit



Stars escape through the Lagrange points and move non-linearly along the stream



Just, Berczik, Petrov & Ernst (2009)













Star clusters produce a continuous stream of stars while they dissolve which creates an epicyclic pattern



Simulation from Küpper, Kroupa, Baumgardt & Heggie (2010)

Stream overdensities also form in streams of clusters on eccentric orbits



N-body computations of clusters on eccentric orbits show complex behavior of the overdensities



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A streakline visualizes the flow of particles in a stream due to progenitor orbit and surrounding medium

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Generating a streakline to visualize the flow of stars in a stream is simple

We can find a streakline model that reproduces the observed substructure

Bayesian modeling of Palomar 5 using emcee

Modeling of Palomar 5 constrains halo shape to be slightly prolate

Modeling of Palomar 5 stream substructure constrains NFW halo parameters

Gives consistent values for circular velocity at solar circle and very low acceleration at Pal 5

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Gaia's view of Palomar 5

★ There is more to streams than just positions and velocities

★ Palomar 5 stream shows evidence for epicyclic substructure

★ Streakline models can reproduce substructure pattern

★ Bayesian modeling constrains Palomar 5's orbit & Galaxy potential

★ Method enables independent estimates of Palomar 5's mass & distance

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Appearance of streaklines also depends on whether the cluster mass is taken into account or not

