

High Velocity Stars as Results of Close Globular Cluster-Massive Black Hole Interaction

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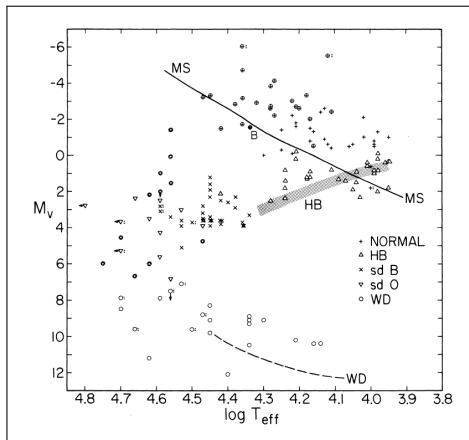


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Outline

- 1 Introduction: Runaways and HVs
- 2 Production Mechanisms
- 3 High Velocity Stars from Globular Clusters
- 4 Conclusions

Runaways Observational Evidence



Runaway Stars: OB Galactic halo stars with peculiar motions higher than 40 km s^{-1}

Observational evidence of main sequence B-type stars in Galactic halo ([Humason & Zwicky 1947](#); [Greenstein & Sargent 1974](#))

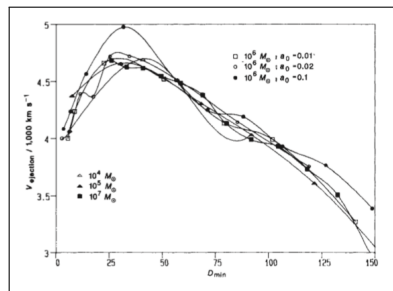
Young massive stars are not expected to be observed in the halo far from star-forming regions

HVSs Theoretical Prediction and Observational Evidence

Hyper Velocity Stars (HVSs): Unbound stars escaping the host Galaxy

Theoretical prediction:

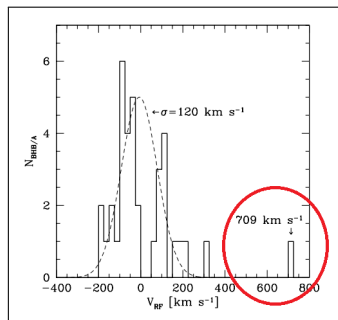
Hills 1988



Hills, Nature, 331, 687, 1988

Observational evidence:

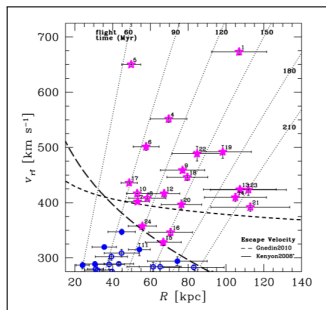
Brown+ 2005



Brown, Geller, Kenyon. ApJ, 622, L33, 2005

Present and Future Surveys

MMT Survey: spectroscopic survey of $2.5 \div 4 M_{\odot}$ late B-type stars

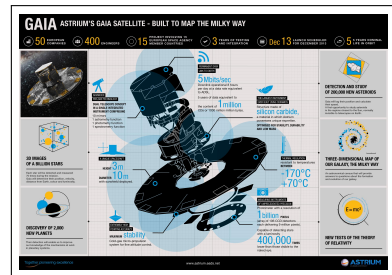


21 HVSs (Brown+ 2014)

+ US708 Helium-rich subdwarf O star (Hirsch+ 2005)

+ HE0437-5439 MS $9 M_{\odot}$ (Edelmann+ 2005)

GAIA Telescope

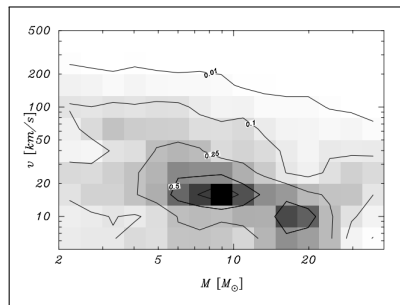


Expected to find ~ 100 HVSSs in a catalogue of $\sim 10^9$ stars (Robin+ 2012, de Bruijne+ 2015)

Runaways Production Mechanisms

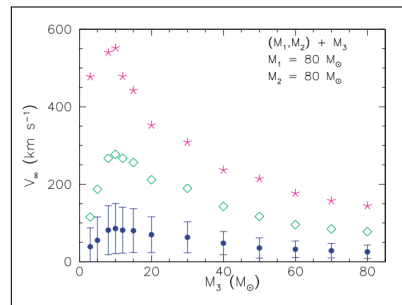
Observations show that both the ejection mechanisms operate in nature
(Hoogerwerf+ 01; Pflamm-Altenburg & Kroupa 10)

Supernova Ejection:
Blaauw 61; Przybilla+ 08



Portegies Zwart. *ApJ*, 544, 437, 2000

Dynamical Ejection:
Poveda+ 67; Leonard 91

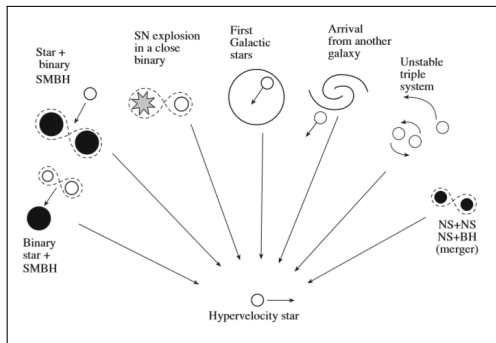


Gvaramadze & Gualandris. *MNRAS*, 410, 304, 2011

HVSs Production Mechanisms

HVSs have both slow and rapid rotations suggesting different acceleration mechanisms ([Hansen 2007](#); [Lopez-Morales & Bonanos 2008](#))

Information:

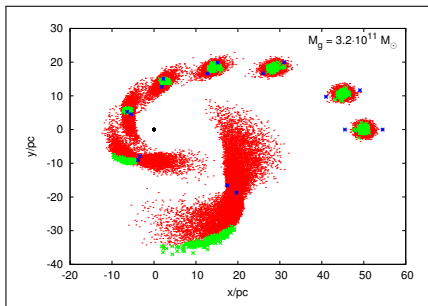


Tutukov & Fedorova. *Ast. Rep.* 53-9, 839, 2009

- Three body interaction ([Yu & Tremaine 03](#); [Gualandris+ 05](#); [Perets+ 07](#); [Rossi+ 14](#))
- Composition of the Galactic Centre ([Gould & Quillen 03](#); [Sesana+ 07](#))
- Supernovae ([Zubovas+ 13](#))
- Galactic potential and Dark Matter ([Gnedin+ 05](#); [Yu & Madau 07](#))

GCs and High Velocity Stars

GCs inspiral and merge in the Galactic Centre ([Capuzzo-Dolcetta 93](#);
[Capuzzo-Dolcetta & Mocchi 08](#); [Antonini+ 12](#); [Arca-Sedda+ in prep.](#))



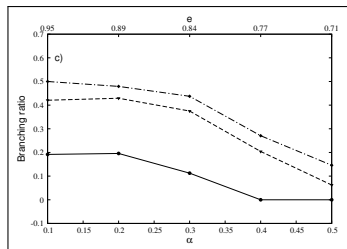
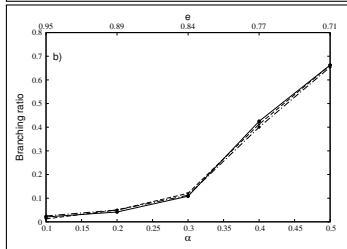
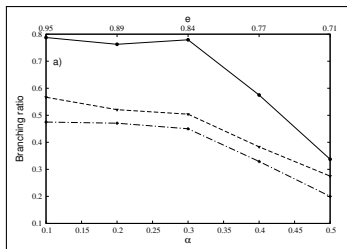
Three-body interaction among BH, GC
(approximated as point-mass) and
GC-stars

Scheme of simulations:

- $M_{BH} = 10^8 M_{\odot}$, $M_{GC} = 10^4 \div 10^6 M_{\odot}$, $M_* = 1 M_{\odot}$
- 5 GC elliptic orbits of same energy ($\alpha = 0.1 \div 0.5$)
- 10 stars orbits around GC ($\beta = 4 \div 13$)

[Capuzzo-Dolcetta & Fragione accepted in MNRAS \(arXiv:1509.03170\)](#)

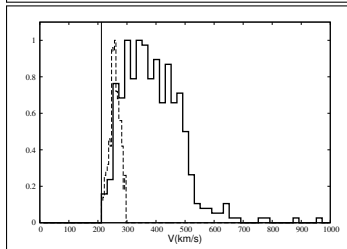
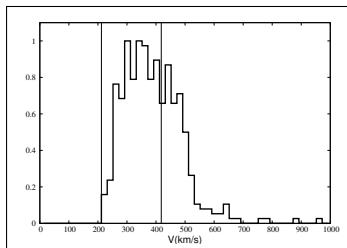
Branching Ratios



$M_{GC} = 10^4 M_{\odot}$ (solid)
 $M_{GC} = 10^5 M_{\odot}$ (dashed)
 $M_{GC} = 10^6 M_{\odot}$ (dot-dashed)

- a) Stars bound to BH
 $E_{BH} < 0$
- b) Stars bound to GC
 $E_{GC} < 0$
- c) Unbound stars $E_{BH} > 0$,
 $E_{GC} > 0$

Velocity Distribution

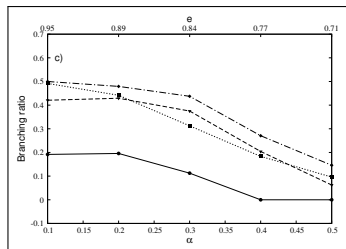
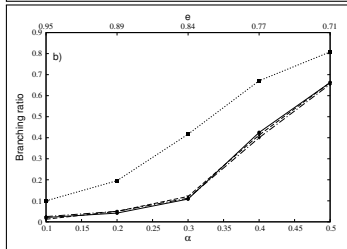
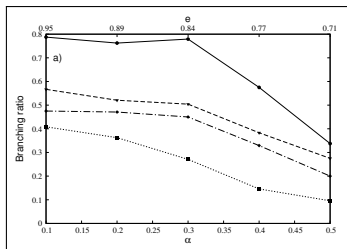


The fraction of HVSS depends on the GC mass and host galaxy model

- Example: Elliptical galaxy NGC3377 ($M_{BH} = 10^8 M_{\odot}$, $M_{Bulge} = 7.8 \cdot 10^{10} M_{\odot}$, $a_b = 5.4$ kpc)
- 18% of unbound stars are HVSSs

The introduction of a core radius ($a = 0.5$ pc) makes the distribution shrink and the peak moves to a lower velocity

Star Orbital Inclination

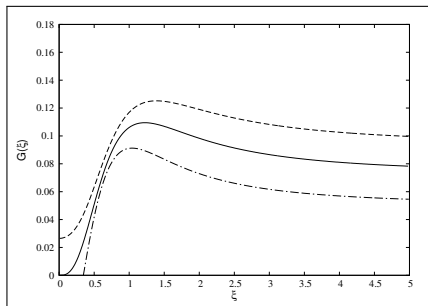


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Distribution Function

$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{GM}{\sqrt{r^2 + a^2}}$$



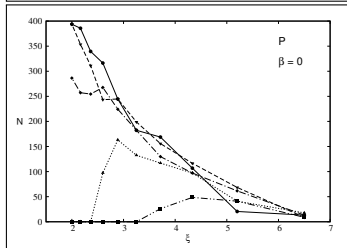
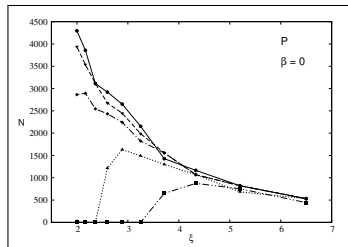
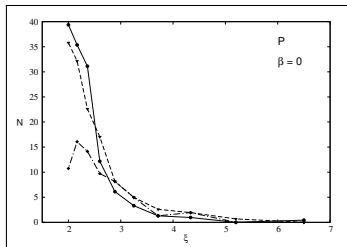
$G(\xi) = \nu_c(\xi)/\nu(\xi)$ local fraction of stars in nearly circular orbit ($\xi = r/a$)

- $\nu(\mathbf{x}) = \int_0^{v_{\text{esc}}} d^3v f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$
- $\nu_c(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{v_c - \delta v_c}^{v_c + \delta v_c} d^3v f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$
- δ tolerance in v_c ($\delta = 0.05$)

Different anisotropy

- dashed $\beta = -1/2$
- solid $\beta = 0$
- dot-dashed $\beta = +1/2$

Number of Escapers ($\beta = 0$)



There are $\sim 10 \div 10^2$,
 $\sim 10^2 \div 10^3$, $\sim 10^3 \div 10^4$ stars
 ejected at high velocities for
 $M_{GC} = 10^4 M_{\odot}$ (top-left),
 $M_{GC} = 10^5 M_{\odot}$ (bottom-left),
 $M_{GC} = 10^6 M_{\odot}$ (top-right)

Features of the Model

Different mechanism predict different physical and kinematic features
(Brown 15)

- distribution of velocity
- collimation and emission in jets
- similar ages and metallicity of stars
- common flight time

Information about the Globular Cluster progenitor
and its last orbits around Black Hole

Conclusions

- The efficiency of the star acceleration process is almost linear in M_{GC}
- A massive GC (composed by 10^6 identical $1 M_{\odot}$ stars) releases $\sim 10^4$ stars in a single close passage around the super massive BH
- In a very close GC-BH encounter ($M_{GC} = 10^6 M_{\odot}$, $\alpha = 0.1$) the probability of stars to remain bound, become bound to BH or escape from the cluster are $\sim 5\%$, $\sim 45\%$, $\sim 50\%$, respectively
- The fractions of stars, respect to the total ejected stars, which escape from the whole galaxy is $\sim 18\%$ for an $M_{tot} = 7.81 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ elliptical and $\sim 0.5\%$ for an $M_{tot} = 6.60 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ spiral galaxy
- The results depend on the core radius and on the star orbit inclination