

The GAMA Multi-Wavelength Survey: The Stellar-Mass Halo-Mass Paradigm



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GAMA I (II) Outline

- An r-band selected redshift survey:
 - Three (Six) regions each ~ 4x12 deg (5x12 deg)
 - ~1000 targets per sq deg (2dFGRS~120, SDSS~70) ~8 tiles per unit area
 - Testing CDM via HMF, merger rates, and SFE
 - Total allocation 66 (178) nights
- A multi-wavelength study of galaxies:
 - FUV,NUV,ugrizYJHK,mid-IR,far-IR,20cm,21cm,1m (AGN, stars, gas, dust)
 - 1kpc resolution in ugrizYJHK to z<0.1 (structural analysis)
 - Robust halo masses (internal/external environmental markers)
 - Estimated data value A\$55 million
- GAMA Team now includes >50 scientist across >30 institutions.

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Why do we need all this photometry?



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Why do we need all this spectroscopy?

Photo-z versus spectro-z



GAMA Galaxy Group Catalogue Alias: G³C (Robotham et al. 2011)

- Tried various implementations of FoF and halo based grouping
- FoF: Links built between individual galaxies
 Groups built from finding common links
- Halo: Cores of groups found by constructing the voronoi tessellation
 - Scale core membership to define group extent

• FoF grouping much more flexible and successful when tested against mocks, used as the basis of the final group catalogue algorithm.





- At the simplest level we:
 - Calculate the GAMA luminosity function (LF).

Distance

- Require that galaxies are significantly linked when they are locally overdense.
- Do this separately radially and in projection.
- We then construct groups out of common linking.
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Some technical points...

• To create meaningful group catalogues we need to understand the biases expected by choosing different approaches to grouping

• Solution is to test on mock catalogues- created by Alex Merson (Durham) and Peder Norberg (Edinburgh). This is a combination of the Millennium Simulation plus a GALFORM semi-analytic (Bower et al. 2006) galaxy formation recipe on top.

• 27 GAMA like volumes (z= 0 -> 0.5, 48 sqdeg) exist with known associations between dark matter halos and semi-analytic galaxies.

• In some sense, we need an approaching to grouping that does "the best job" at recovering correct groupings – lots to say on that subject, interested parties should read the G3C paper.





How good do we expect our groups to be?

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Group Dynamical Mass and Luminosity using global correction









Small Group

Z ~ 0.32

4 w. GAMA

0 pre GAMA

All within 2dF fibre collision radius.



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How do we do overall?

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So what is going on at low mass?

• Problem appears to be that the mocks (MS + SA) produce far too many compact groups.



- A few possibilities:
 - CDM clustering
 - Dynamical friction recipe

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GAMA Database/Website http://www.gama-survey.org/

- GAMA website is up and running.
- It includes the first public release of data.
- We have SQL server to search catalogues.
- Other data products:
 - Spectra
 - Swarp mosaics
 - 2D profiles
 - SFR
 - Stellar Mass







Conclusions

• GAMA is offering the astronomical community the definitive low-z galaxy database.

• Phase I is complete, and many papers based on this data are about to be released.

• My work has included producing the GAMA Galaxy Group Catalogue (G³C) see arXiv:1106.1994 (MNRAS in press).

 We find discrepancies between the data and the MS-SA mocks. Work ongoing to discover origin.

• Now moved on to observing GAMA-II (N+S).

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