

Monday, October 16

8:20	Bus departure to HdA (Crowne Plaza bus stop)			
09:00-10:00	Registration			
10:00-10:10	Welcome			
I. Modelling the extinction in the Galaxy				
<i>chair E. Valenti</i>				
10:10-10:50	Beuther (Review Talk)	The properties of the Galactic ISM based on Milky Way surveys		
10:50 - 11:10	Coffee break			
11:10-11:30	Schlafly (Review Talk)	The Milky Way's Extinction Curve and its Variation		
11:30-11:50	Ganesh	Distribution of dust in the Galactic plane		
11:50-12:10	Hosek	The Optical and Near-Infrared Extinction Law in Highly Reddened Regions		
12:10-12:30	Finkbeiner	Towards a diffuse gamma-ray model of the Milky Way		
12:30-13:30	Lunch			
<i>chair L. Inno</i>				
13:30 - 14:30	Girardi (Invited Talk)	The role of Galactic simulators		
14:30-14:50	Montillaud	Exploring the ISM of the Milky Way using the Besançon Galaxy model		
14:50-15:10	Alonso-Garcia	Extinction in the inner Galaxy exposed by the VVV survey		
15:10-15:30	Nagatomo	The Extinction Law towards the Galactic Center using Red Clump Stars in VVV		
15:30-16:00	Coffee break			
16:00-16:30	Drimmel (Invited Talk)	More than just stars: revealing the ISM with Gaia		
16:30 16:50	Rezaei Kh	Three-dimensional distribution of dust in the Milky Way using APOGEE and Gaia/2MASS/WISE		
16:50-17:30	Panel Discussion	Panelists: Beuther, Schlafly, Drimmel		
17:30	Bus leaving to downtown			

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II. Linking the present-time ISM to the aftermath of chemo-dynamical evolution				
<i>chair M. Fouesneau</i>				
09:00-09:30	Minchev (Invited Talk)	Galactic chemodynamical evolution models		
09:30-09:50	Di Matteo	Bar, bulge and disc of the Milky Way : a unified chemo-dynamical picture		
09:50-10:10	Fragkoudi	What the Milky Way bulge reveals about the initial metallicity gradients in the disc		
10:10-10:30	Khoperskov	Chemodynamical modelling of thick disk formation and star formation quenching in Milky Way-type galaxies		
10:30-11:10	Coffee break			
11:10-11:30	Buck	The Milky Way bulge/bar in a high resolution cosmological simulation		
11:30-12:00	Poster flash	Posters' Abstracts		
12:00-12:30	Conference Picture			
12:30-13:30	Lunch			
<i>chair M. Ness</i>				

13:30-14:30	Magrini (Invited Talk)	<u>Open Clusters in Gaia-ESO: metallicity distribution of the young and intermediate age populations</u>
14:30-14:50	Inno	<u>Dissecting the young Galaxy via NIR spectroscopy of Cepheids</u>
14:50-15:10	Lemasle	<u>Cepheids as tracers for Milky Way Archaeology</u>
15:10-15:30	Hajdu	<u>Cepheid variables on the far side of the Milky Way: a first glimpse of the spiral arm structure</u>
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00-16:20	Dekany	<u>RR Lyrae stars across the bulge and disk: the Milky Way's stellar fossil brought to light</u>
16:20-16:40	de la Fuente	<u>Young stellar populations 12 kpc away: the Dragonfish star-forming complex</u>
16:40-17:20	Chiappini (Review Talk)	<u>Towards precise chrono-chemo-kinematical maps of the Galaxy: spectroscopic surveys, asteroseismology & extinction</u>
17:20-18:30	Panel Discussion	Panelists: Magrini, Chiappini, Minchev
18:30		<i>Bus leaving to Conference dinner</i>
19:00		<i>Conference Dinner at Palais Prinz Carl - Kornmarkt 1 – Heidelberg Altstadt</i>
20:00	Rix	<u>SDSS5, panoptic mapping of the Milky Way</u>
21:00	Anders	<u>A detailed chemical characterisation of the Milky Way discs with APOGEE</u>
22:00		<i>Bus leaving to Crowne Plaza bus stop</i>

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III. The inner Galaxy: the bar and the bulge

chair R. Klessen

09:00-09:40	Minniti (Review Talk)	<u>The 3d Structure of the bulge/bar</u>
09:40-10:10	Schultheis (Invited Talk)	<u>Interstellar extinction towards the galactic Bulge</u>
10:10-10:30	Nogueras-Lara	<u>The JHK extinction curve towards the Galactic Center determined from a new high angular resolution survey</u>
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	

11:00-11:30	Ramsay (Invited Talk)	<u>Prospects for understanding galactic structure and evolution with the ELT and its instruments</u>
11:30-11:50	Cohen	<u>Globular Clusters of the Galactic Bulge: Results from Multiwavelength Imaging</u>
11:50-12:10	Ryde	<u>Mapping the chemical evolution of the Galactic Center</u>
12:10-13:10	<i>Lunch</i>	

chair B. Lemasle

13:10-14:30	Debattista (Invited Talk)	<u>The impact of the central bar on Galactic evolution</u>
14:30-14:50	Surot	<u>Towards the age map of the Milky Way bulge from VVV photometry</u>
14:50 - 15:10	Robin	<u>Bulge and bar stellar populations: consistency of different approaches</u>
15:10 - 15:30	Arentsen	<u>Uncovering metal-poor stars in the Galactic bulge with the Pristine survey</u>
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	

16:00-16:30	Ness (Invited Talk)	<u>The chemical composition and kinematics of the Galactic bulge</u>
16:30-16:50	Rich	<u>Two Kinematic Populations of SiO Masers toward the Galactic Bulge</u>
16:50 17:10	Saracino	<u>Near-Infrared Observations of Obscured Galactic bulge Globular Clusters.</u>
17:10-17:30	Battistini	<u>Odd-Z iron-peak elements in the Galactic bulge from microlensed dwarfs observations</u>

17:30-19:00	Panel Discussion	Panelists: Valenti, Debattista, Schultheis Ness
19:15	Bus leaving to downtown	
Thursday, October 19		
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IV. The central Galaxy: The Central Molecular Zone and the Nuclear Stellar Cluster		
<i>chair H. Beuther</i>		
09:00-09:40	Neumayer (Review Talk)	<u>The nuclear star cluster of the Milky Way</u>
09:40-10:00	Mastrobuono-Battisti	<u>The build up of the Milky Way Nuclear Star Cluster</u>
10:00-10:20	Renaud	<u>A molecular cloud and a star cluster walk into a bar: a story of gas flows, star formation and the nuclear cluster in the inner Milky Way</u>
10:20-10:30	Announcement of Poster prize winner	
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00-11:30	Ginsburg (Invited Talk)	<u>Star Formation in the Central Molecular Zone</u>
11:30-11:50	Nandakumar	<u>Constraining the star formation rate in the Central Molecular Zone based on KMOS NIR observations</u>
11:50-12:10	Sormani	<u>Unsteady flow makes the Central Molecular Zone asymmetric</u>
12:10-12:30	Najarro	<u>Massive stars as probes of the present day metallicity of the Galactic Center and the inner disk</u>
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
<i>chair A. Mastrobuono-Battisti</i>		
13:30-14:30	Hodapp (Invited Talk)	<u>The JWST GTO project on Ices in Molecular Cores</u>
14:30-14:50	Dong	<u>Time Domain Study in the central 5 pc of the Milky Way's Central Black Hole</u>
14:50-15:20	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:20-15:40	Arca Sedda	<u>Nuclear cluster formation processes in the Milky Way surroundings: the possible formation of a nucleated region in dwarf spheroidal galaxies</u>
15:40-16:20	Panel Discussion	Panelists: Neumayer,
16:20-16:30	End of Conference	
16:45	Bus leaving to downtown	