White Dwarfs Binaries across the H-R Diagram

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Compact Objects

• Compact objects, like white dwarfs, are born when 'normal' stars die.

They cannot support themselves against gravitational collapse by generating thermal pressure

Exceedingly small size

Mean density and radii



Shapiro & Teukolsky1983



Background

- from few minutes to ~10⁶ years (e.g., Moe & Di Stefano 2017)

Orbital period distributions prediction of present-day WDMS binaries (Willems & Kolb 2004)

* A majority of MS stars exist in binary systems, with orbital periods ranging

* Most stars in these systems are widely separated. Systems with P < 10 years —compact binaries— can undergo a stage of common envelope (CE) evolution changing the subsequent evolution of both stellar components.







Background

- **Compact binary evolution**
- Physical understanding of Common Envelope evolution is complicated. CE phase is short (400 - 4000 yrs)
- * Post-common envelope binaries (PCEBs) lead to a panoply of phenomena that play roles in numerous areas of astrophysics (e.g., CV, novae, SNe Ia, subtypes core collapse SNe). Sources of gravitational waves and cosmological standard candles.

PCEBs pathways leading to mass transfer systems or mergers (Toloza et al. 2019)



Detected number of WD binaries (and PCEBs) has largely increased in the last years, mainly thanks to surveys like SDSS, LAMOST.

SDSS/SEGUE survey (York et al. 2000)



Eisenstein et al. 2006, Silvestri et al. 2007, Heller et al. 2009



Ren et al. 2014



- and secondaries of late spectral type.
- stellar object contaminants (Corcoran, Lewis, Anguiano et al. 2021)



Figure 1. Confirmed or candidate WDMS systems shown against all of APOGEE. Note that not all of the 45 systems are shown due to either missing parallaxes (left) or ASPCAP parameters (right). We highlight in both plots the RG (yellow triangles) and YSO (magenta squares) contaminants, as well as the remaining cleaned sample with MS primaries (blue circles). Left: Gaia-based H-band absolute magnitude as a function of the ASPCAP T_{eff} . Right: Kiel diagram with the ASPCAP $\log(g)$ as a function of ASPCAP $T_{\rm eff}$.

* SDSS/LAMOST WDMS are biased toward systems containing hot WDs

* Some objects classified as WDMS in the SDSS sample are actually young

Some of these systems classified as WDMS are actually WD-red giant pairs in LAMOST

Corcoran, Lewis, Anguiano et al. 2021









- the MS.
- epoch, which does not enable characterization of the orbits.
- strong PCEB candidates (Lagos et al. 2022).

* Nevertheless, the number of WD binaries with known, non-MS secondaries is small, and this limits the ability to understand the panoply of possible fates of WDMS systems after the secondary star evolves off

* Optical spectroscopic surveys typically offer only one radial velocity (RV)

* Dedicated programs of spectroscopic follow-up have been motivated to address this problem, but the magnitude of the task has limited to a few hundred the number of systems with well-defined orbital parameters (e.g., Schreiber et al. 2008, 2010), and only ~120 can be considered to be



* Can we identify WD binaries across the H-R diagram, with secondary of stellar evolution?



23,484 RAVE dwarf stars (log g > 3.5) with both a GALEX FUV and NUV detection

Parsons et al. 2016



APOGEE-GALEX-Gaia Catalog (AGGC)



Our goal is to perform a new, large, and systematic search for compact binary star systems containing WDs by harnessing information contained in the APOGEE (Majewski et al. 2017) spectroscopic catalog, cross-matched with data from the optical *Gaia* (Lindegren et al. 2018) and UV GALEX (Bianchi et al. 2017) space missions.

UV - optical - IR — Spectral Energy Distribution



APOGEE DR17 - SDSS IV

Big Data for Addressing Big Questions:

- What are the dynamics of the Milky Way? \diamond
- What is chemical enrichment in Milky Way? \diamond
- What are the ages of stars in the Milky Way? \diamond
- Are planet-hosting stars different from planet-less stars? $\langle \rangle$



PI: Steve Majewski (UVa)



• Nearly 1 million targets • 2.6 million spectra Multi-Epoch Radial Velocities Stellar Types • 20 Elemental Abundances

+ Value Added Catalogs:

- Distances
 - **Binary Identifications**
 - Galactic Orbits
 - Star Cluster Membership



Data Release 17: sdss.org/dr17/irspec/



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Milky Way Artist's Impression

Image Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/R. Hurt (SSC/Caltech)





Gaia eDR3 (Riello et al. 2020)

	# sources in Gaia EDR3
Total number of sources	1,811,709,771
Number of 5-parameter sources	585,416,709
Number of 6-parameter sources	882,328,109
Number of 2-parameter sources	343,964,953
Sources with mean G magnitude	1,806,254,432
Sources with mean G _{BP} -band photometry	1,542,033,472
Sources with mean G _{RP} -band photometry	1,554,997,939
Gaia-CRF sources	1,614,173
Sources with radial velocities	7,209,831 (Gaia DR2)
Variable sources	expected with Gaia DR3 / see Gaia DR2
Known asteroids with epoch data	expected with Gaia DR3 / see Gaia DR2
Effective temperatures (T _{eff})	expected with Gaia DR3 / see Gaia DR2
Extinction (A _G) and reddening (E(G _{BP} -G _{RP}))	expected with Gaia DR3 / see Gaia DR2
Sources with radius and luminosity	expected with Gaia DR3 / see Gaia DR2
and more	expected with Gaia DR3

Full astrometric solution - position on the sky (a, δ) , parallax, and proper motion - for around 1.468 billion sources, with a limiting magnitude of about G \approx 21 and a bright limit of about $G \approx 3$.





GALEX (Bianchi et al. 2017)

UV GALEX photometry helps to identify the presence of companions in the form of hot stellar remnants



hot star

cool star



GALEX low resolution slitless spectroscopy

GALEX Galaxy Evolution Explorer



Merging of the APOGEE, GALEX, and Gaia Catalogs

We cross-matched the APOGEE DR17 catalog against the GALEX database. This results in 244,432 stars in common using a separation smaller than 2.5 arcsec on the sky.

We then cross-match these stars against the WISE mission catalog (Wright et al. 2010), to procure mid-infrared photometry for our sources. After intersecting all of these catalogs, we create the AGGC as all cross-matched sources that have complete photometric information, defined as having valid entries for the two GALEX bands (FUV–NUV), the three Gaia bands (G, GBP, and GRP), the three 2MASS bands (J, H, Ks), and all four WISE bands (W1, W2, W3, W4). This results in a total of 242,896 objects.











APOGEE-GALEX-Gaia Catalog (AGGC)



3,414 APOGEE sources that are WD binary candidates with F–M spectral type companions.



The largest number of the AGGC sources lie in modeled regions showing an inferred WD effective temperature range of 9000 K < **Teff,WD < 15000 K**, while a few of the WD binary candidates show potential effective temperatures hotter than 20,000 K



Symbiotic stars: Draco C1 SDSS-IV Project 0707: Geometry of the Draco C1 symbiotic binary



For the first time, we report precise orbital parameters for the binary system using 43 precise radial velocity measurements from APOGEE spanning an observational baseline of more than 3 years



Lewis, Anguiano et al. 2020 ApJL

Geometry of Draco C1

Table 1. Parameters of the Draco C1 system.

Parameter	Value	Units	Reference			
Red Giant Parameters						
$T_{ m eff}$	3734 ± 24	Κ	APOGEE DR14			
$\log g$	0.816 ± 0.077	cgs	APOGEE DR14			
[M/H]	-1.390 ± 0.013	dex	APOGEE DR14			
$F_{\rm bol,RG}$	$(9.07 \pm 0.54) \times 10^{-12}$	$\rm ergs^{-1}cm^{-2}$	This work			
$R_{ m RG}$	104 ± 5	$ m R_{\odot}$	This work			
$M_{\rm RG}$	2.58 ± 0.52	${ m M}_{\odot}$	This work			
White Dwar	rf Parameters					
$T_{\rm eff}$	$(1.9 \pm 0.3) \times 10^5$	К	Saeedi et al. (2018)			
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$R_{ m WD}$	19 ± 6	R_\oplus	This work			
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LIN 358 & SMC N73

SDSS-IV Project 0710: Symbiotic stars in the APOGEE survey: The case of LIN 358

and SMC N73 Washington, Lewis, Anguiano et al. 2021 ApJ

Parameter	LIN 358 Value	SMC N73 Value	Units	Reference
T_{eff}	3800	3800	K	APOGEE DR16
$\log(g)$	1.0	0.5	cgs	APOGEE DR16
[Fe/H]	0.0	-1.0	dex	APOGEE DR16
R_{\odot}	204.4 ± 7.5	193.6 ± 7.1	R_{\odot}	This work
M_{\odot}	15.2 ± 1.1	4.3 ± 0.3	M_{\odot}	This work
White Dwa	rf Parameters			
T_{eff}	$(15.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^4$	$(17.9 \pm 0.1) \times 10^4$	K	This work
R_{WD}	41.5 ± 1.5	16.0 ± 0.6	R_{\oplus}	This work
$M_{WD,min}$	0.8 ± 0.2	< 1.0	Mo	This work
System Par	ameters			
d_{SMC}	63.4	± 2.3	kpc	Marconi et al. (20)
P	760 ± 117	777 ± 845	days	This work
e	0.8 ± 0.3	0.0 ± 0.2		This work
K	7.9 ± 0.5	15.7 ± 8.9	${\rm kms^{-1}}$	This work
v_0	158.8 ± 1.3	143.6 ± 4.9	$\rm kms^{-1}$	This work

Very first time reporting orbital parameters for these extragalactic Symbiotic binaries thanks to the two multi-epoch APOGEE radial velocities





The Joker (Price-Whelan et al. 2017)





Hydrogen Brackett series lines: Long temporal baseline of APOGEE shows accretion signatures



Radius of the Roche lobe, RL, of the RG components of the symbiotic systems, compared to the radius of the RG photosphere, RRG.

Using the calculated Roche lobe radius for the giant component and the mass ratio for each system, it is found that LIN 358 is likely undergoing mass transfer via wind Roche lobe overflow while the accretion mechanism for SMC N73 remains uncertain





A Giant Meal for a Dwarf: Astronomer examine symbiotic stars in nearby galax

() January 12, 2021

Symbiotic stars' caught snacking on each Astronomers from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey have, for the first time, revealed detain red giant stars in other galaxies feed their white dwarf companions.

The results, announced today at the 237th meeting of the American Astronomical Society, give researchers the first view of the orbital motions of any symbiotic binary star system outside the Milky Way.

"Measuring the orbits of these symbiotic star systems is an important step towards learning whether other galaxies create binary stars like those here in the Milky Way," says Jasmin Washington of Steward Observatory at the University of Arizona, the lead author of the study.

Binary stars are common here in the Milky Way; in fact, more than half of all stars in our Galaxy come in pairs. There is no reason to think that they should not be just as common in other galaxies too but astronomers have not yet been able to confirm this Other galaxies are so far



An artistic impression based on a computer simulation of the Draco symbiotic binary star system showing material flowing off the red giant star onto the white dwarf.

Image credit: John Blondin, North Carolina State University

MaNGA data

other outside the Milky Way



Confirmed Symbiotic stars (and new candidates...)

"A binary star, combining a red giant (RG) and a companion hot enough to sustain Hell (or higher ionization) emission lines." (Allen 1984)

Symbiotic stars are interacting binaries consisting giant star transferring mass onto a hot, com companion – typically, a white dwarf (WD).

In APOGEE we have 16 confirmed SySts, most of t binaries they have poor orbital solutions in literature.



New Online Database of Symbiotic Variables Merc et al. 201

...and do not forget it, a high-resolution spectra in H-band -> characterization of the cool component

> Aid the number of visits in APOGEE with a dedicated follow-up with the main goal of fitting Keplerian orbits.

	Star Name	NVISITS	VSCATTER
ofa	AG Dra	1	0.
	AG Peg	1	0.
npact	AS 255	1	0.
	AX Per	1	0.
	BX Mon	1	0.
	EG And	1	0.
	HBHA 201-02	3	2.0016
these	IPHAS 1190924.64-010910.2	5	1.7471
	IV Vir	1	0.
the	LAMOST 1122804.90-014825.7	3	0.3732
	StHA 169	1	0.
•	UV Aur	1	0.
9	V1016 Cvg	1	0.
	V1261 Ori	2	9.2431
	V934 Her	1	0.
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Figure 2. The UV color vs. temperature diagram for WDMS binaries found in the SDSS/SEGUE survey and the galactic and extragalactic symbiotic variables (SySts) reported in Merc et al. (2019; left panel) and chromospherically active stars explored by Boro Saikia et al. (2018) and Martínez-Arnáiz et al. (2010; right panel).

Hot chromospheres of active stars can result in them possessing quite blue UV colors (e.g., Stelzer et al. 2013; Smith 2018).

black circles) and Martínez-Arnáiz et al. (2010; red circles) catalogs. The most active stars tend to have UV colors (FUV–NUV) $_{\circ}$ < 4.0.





Physical Properties via SED fitting



For the secondary, Teff, [M/H] and log g come from APOGEE DR17.

Stellar distances, r, came from Gaia eDR3 parallaxes and the Bayesian isochrone-fitting code StarHorse (Santiago et al. 2016; Queiroz et al. 2020).

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i},$$

$$R = 4.43 \times 10^7 r (F_{\lambda}/F_{\lambda,\text{surface}})^{1/2}$$
$$\epsilon R_{\lambda}/R = [(\epsilon F_{\lambda}/2F_{\lambda})^2 + (\epsilon r/r)^2]^{1/2}$$

Physical Properties via SED fitting/Validation against SDSS WDMS Binaries

We tested the WD effective temperatures and radii derived using this SED-fitting procedure against these same parameters as derived independently for the SDSS WDMS pairs.



WD binaries candidates selection



White Dwarfs Binaries across the H-R diagram

Table 1 WD Binary APOGEE DR17 Catalog								
APOGEE ID	Gaia EDR3 ID	R.A. (J2000) (deg)	Decl. (J2000) (deg)	WD T _{eff} (K)	Sec T _{eff} (K)	Sec log g (cgs)	$R_{ m WD}$ (R_\oplus)	$R_{ m sec}$ (R_{\odot})
2M00001362-1913042	2413936998069050496	0.0568	-19.2178	10683	5555	4.3	5.2	1.1
2M00031637+0203553	2739046437325768704	0.8182	2.0653	10656	4747	2.9	9.7	6.7
2M00042113+0109145	2738372917734134144	1.0881	1.1540	11810	4838	3.4	2.9	3.1
2M00081185-5220420	4972421528506663552	2.0494	-52.3450	9796	3632	4.7	0.3	0.4

H-R diagram for the AGGC, with APOGEE-derived temperatures and H-band luminosities from **2MASS** photometry+Gaia parallaxes. Sources are color-coded by the inferred WD temperature from the SED fitting.

A sample of highly likely WD binaries identified across the CMD is an important step toward furthering our understanding of compact binary evolution.

1,806 WD binaries candidates

Properties of White Dwarf Binaries across the H-R Diagram

The number of metal-poor systems ([Fe/H] < -0.7) on the upper RGB is much larger than for the RC and the lower RGB.

Potential abundance variations induced in the secondary star during the CE phase?

Properties of White Dwarf Binaries across the H-R Diagram

NVISIT > 5 VSCATTER < 300 m s⁻¹ BAD_PIXELS VERY_BRIGHT_NEIGHBOR LOW_SNR STAR_BAD

Strong anticorrelation between close binary fraction and chemical composition (Mazzola et al. 2020)

Sub-Subgiants

SSG stars have been recognized as likely representing unusual stellar evolution pathways ever since their initial detection as anomalies in the CMDs of some open clusters (see, e.g., Mathieu et al. 2003)

Mass transfer in a binary system, collision of two MS stars, \geq mass loss of subgiant envelopes through dynamical encounters, and reduced luminosity due to the strong surface coverage of magnetic starspots (see, e.g., Leiner et al. 2017)

If these SSGs all possess a WD companion, could be an opportunity to make substantial new progress in understanding these enigmatic systems.

Evolutionary models from Leiner et al. (2017) of SSGs experiencing mass transfer.

Sub-Subgiants

Sector: 14 Camera: 3 CCD: 1

Hmag: 9.819 Tmag: 11.595 Gmag: 12.2678

Teff: 4198.195 LOGG: 3.2602572 [M/H]: -0.21529

NVIS: 2 VSCATTER: 50.617847 Period: 5.320322

Don Dixon - Vanderbilt

Binary Properties as a Function of RV Variability

The detection of stellar multiplicity as evidenced by RV variability was one of the motivations for APOGEE being a multi-epoch survey (Majewski et al. 2017).

$\Delta RV_{max} = max(RV) - min(RV)$

Badenes & Maoz 2012

The $\Delta RVmax$ CDF for the WD binaries (orange solid lines) is clearly skewed toward larger $\Delta RVmax$ values, suggesting shorter periods for these systems.

Loss of angular momentum associated with the formation of the WD, most naturally explained by a CE episode leading to the ejection of at least some of the envelope of the mass primary/WD progenitor.

Binary Properties as a Function of Orbital Period

APOGEE DR17 value-added catalog (Price-Whelan et al. 2020) containing posterior samplings of Keplerian orbital parameters (e.g., orbital period) derived using The Joker (Price-Whelan et al. 2017)

How the CE phase and the mass loss affect binary evolution and the chemical abundances measured for compact binaries is still not well understood

enrichment of the secondary star's surface chemistry during the CE phase?

The AGGC is a rich resource for investigating the evolution of WD binaries across the H-R diagram. Here we have only touched various avenues that are ripe for further development.

Among the additional available tools that we intend to exploit in our future efforts are the more than 15 elements derived in the APOGEE catalog for the WD binary sample, and looking more deeply into the orbital properties of the systems, beyond simple periods.

Physical Properties via SED fitting

The empirical SED for the AGGC sample is an aid not only in identifying WD binaries but also in deriving system parameters like the WD effective temperature and radius.

This temperature is the primary driver of the GALEX UV color. SDSS DR12 WD catalog with spectroscopic temperatures used in Anguiano et al. (2017). In this case, the WD effective temperatures were derived (Kepler et al. 2016) by fitting the Balmer lines using WD models (Koester 2010)

...what about WD wide binaries

Gaia astrometric solution

$$heta \approx \sqrt{(lpha_1 - lpha_2)^2 \cos \delta_1 \cos \delta_2 + (\delta_1 - \delta_2)^2}$$

 $\Delta \mu \approx \sqrt{(\mu_{lpha,1}^* - \mu_{lpha,2}^*)^2 + (\mu_{\delta,1} - \mu_{\delta,2})^2},$

El-Badry et al. 2021

 $\frac{(\delta_1 - \delta_2)^2}{(\delta_1 - \delta_2)^2}, \qquad x_i \equiv \{\theta, \Delta \mu', \mathrm{RV}_1', \mathrm{RV}_2'\}$

Andrews, Anguiano et al. 2019

Age-metallicity relation using WDMS wide binaries

Metallicities can be directly determined from the M-dwarf, and ages can be determined from the observed properties of the WDs. The two components in each binary are coeval (Rebassa-Mansergas, Anguiano et al. 2016)

*Latin: hunting dogs

- Cepheids / RR Lyr
- Pulsating Variable Star
- T-Tau

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- Young Stellar Object
- **Eclipsing Binaries**
- **Rotational Variable Stars**
- **RS** Canum Venaticorum* \bullet
- Variable BY Draconis

- The WB stars have a MDF significantly skewed to lower metallicities than the PCE stars.
- The difference in the [Fe/H] distribution of WB and PCE systems could speculatively point to some sort of alteration of a system's surface chemistry during the CE phase

Analysis of Previously Classified White Dwarf Main-Sequence Star **Binaries Using Data from the APOGEE Survey**

SDSS-IV Project 0702: White Dwarf-Main Sequence Binaries Observed in the APOGEE Survey

Corcoran, Lewis, Anguiano et al. 2021 AJ 161 143C

Currently 45 previously classified WDMS systems in the APOGEE dataset, the majority of these have multiple RV-epochs!

Corcoran et al. 2021 AJ 161 143C brings for the first time reliable orbital parameters for these systems using APOGEE multiple RVepochs.

Table 1. APOGEE system parameters derived using *The Joker*. Here $m \sin i$ refers to the WD as the M dwarf (M_*) is the star being fit by the RV template.

APOGEE

ID	Р	e	K	γ	M_*	$m \sin i$
	[days]		$\left[\mathrm{kms^{-1}}\right]$	$\left[\mathrm{kms^{-1}}\right]$	$[M_{\odot}]$	$[M_{\odot}]$
624582	0.5258733 ± 0.0000056	0.0295660 ± 0.0143324	145.6 ± 2.3	-8.5 ± 1.7	0.423 ± 0.027	0.537 ± 0.013
729228	2.1866303 ± 0.0023683	0.0033047 ± 0.0157235	82.4 ± 1.0	8.2 ± 0.9	0.446 ± 0.029	0.476 ± 0.009
055104	0.4087104 ± 0.0000114	0.0272674 ± 0.0135032	186.8 ± 2.1	-12.5 ± 2.8	0.440 ± 0.028	0.717 ± 0.014

Figure 3. 2M11463394+0055104