

## From star clusters to field populations: survived, destroyed and migrated clusters



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## Gaia, extinction, and the Galactic mid-plane

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Gaia has revolutionised our ability to identify clusters and to use them as tracers of the Galactic structure. Our view is however severely limited when looking towards the inner regions of the Milky Way, where the clusters we do see are very young and very massive. The differences between the inner and outer disc are in part due to observational biases, but could also indicate that different environments lead to different preferential modes of star formation. Upcoming mid-infrared astrometric missions such as JASMINE and GaiaNIR will allow us to probe the inner disc and shed light on the processes driving cluster formation and dispersal.

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