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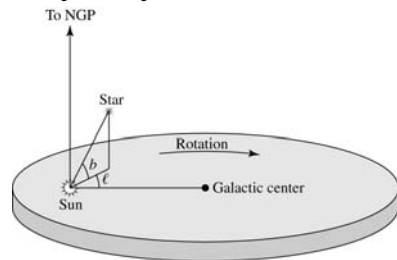
- Galaxy types
- Ancient history
  - Properties of Interstellar Dust
- Milky Way and spiral galaxy morphology
  - Nuclear bulge
  - Disk
  - Stellar halo
  - Dark matter halo
- Chemical enrichment
  - Measuring chemical abundances
    - Absorption lines (stars)
    - Continuum energy distributions (stars)
    - Emission lines (H II regions)
- Star-forming regions

NOW... Kinematics of spiral galaxies

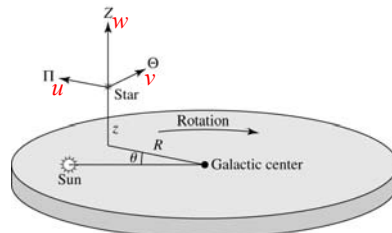
- Rotation curves → mass distribution (includes sidetrack about measuring distances)
- Spiral structure
- General properties of S, E, Irr galaxies
- Midterm

### Kinematics of the Milky Way

- From [CO] 24.3, especially pp 901-14.
- Coordinate systems
  - Spherical coordinates centered on Sun: Galactic latitude ( $l_{II}$ ), longitude ( $b_{II}$ )



- $\Pi, \Theta, Z$ 
  - Velocity components in cylindrical coordinate system centered on Galactic Center



- Peculiar velocities  $u, v, w$ 
  - $\Pi, \Theta, Z$  velocities but relative to Local Standard of Rest
  - LSR is point instantaneously centered on Sun, but moving in a perfectly circular orbit.
  - Solar motion: motion of sun relative to LSR

- Star density is higher towards GC.
  - Those stars are on orbits that Sun overtakes.

- Velocity ellipsoids and asymmetrical drift.

- Sun's orbital velocity  
 $V \sim 220 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

- Sun's orbital period  
 $P = \frac{R_0}{V} \sim 230 \text{ million yrs.}$

- Approx. mass interior to Sun's orbit

$$F_{\text{centrifugal}} = F_{\text{grav}}$$

$$\frac{mV^2}{R_0} = \frac{GmM}{R_0^2}$$

$$M = \frac{V^2 R_0}{G} \sim 9 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$$

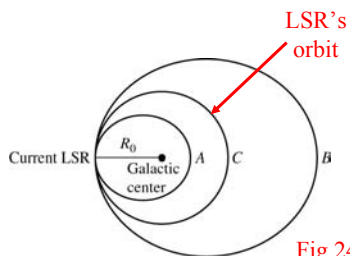


Fig 24.20

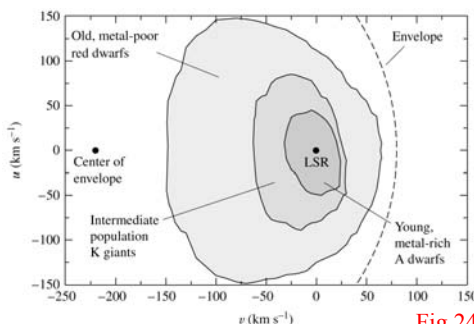


Fig 24.21

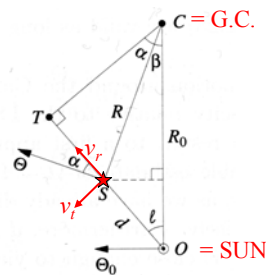
### Differential Rotation (see [CO pp. 909-911])

- From the figure:
 
$$v_r = \Theta \cos \alpha - \Theta_0 \sin \ell,$$

$$v_t = \Theta \sin \alpha - \Theta_0 \cos \ell,$$
- Angular rotation velocity:  $\Omega(R) \equiv \frac{\Theta(R)}{R}$
- + some geometry  $\rightarrow$ 

$$v_r = (\Omega - \Omega_0) R_0 \sin \ell,$$

$$v_t = (\Omega - \Omega_0) R_0 \cos \ell - \Omega d.$$



[Fig 24.22]

- Taylor expansion:

$$\Omega(R) = \Omega_0(R_0) + \left. \frac{d\Omega}{dR} \right|_{R_0} (R - R_0) + \dots$$

$$v_r \simeq Ad \sin 2\ell,$$

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Oort's Constants:

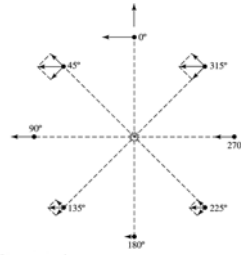
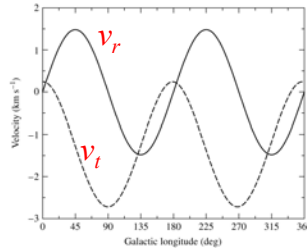
$$A \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \left. \frac{d\Theta}{dR} \right|_{R_0} - \frac{\Theta_0}{R_0} \right]$$

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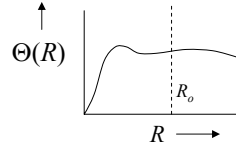
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- Easily (?) evaluated from the observations:  $v_r \simeq Ad \sin 2\ell$ ,  
 $v_t \simeq Ad \cos 2\ell + Bd$
- contain important information about Galactic rotation curve.

- Angular velocity for circular motion at  $R_0$ :

$$\Omega_0 = A - B$$



- Gradient of rotation curve at  $R_0$ :

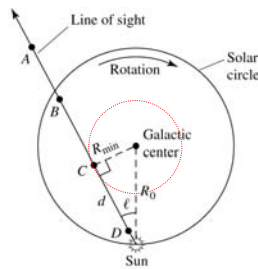
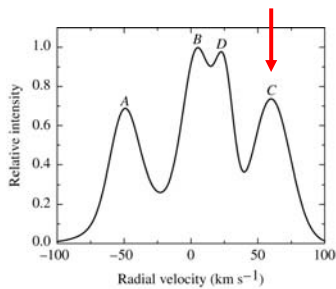
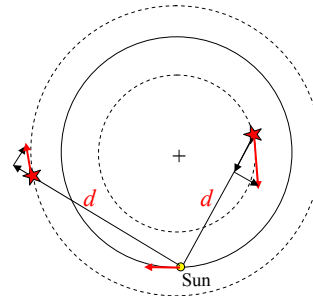
$$\frac{d\Theta}{dR} \Big|_{R_0} = -(A+B)$$

$$\Omega(R) = \frac{\Theta(R)}{R}$$

$\Theta$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $R$   
 $\downarrow$   
 G.C.

## Observed MW rotation curve

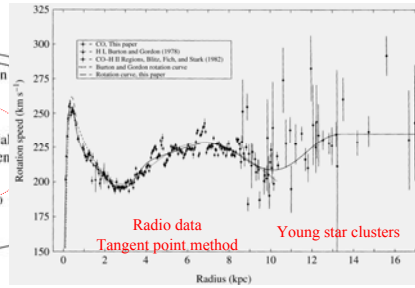
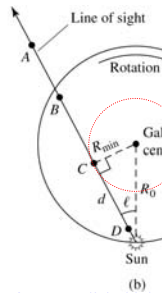
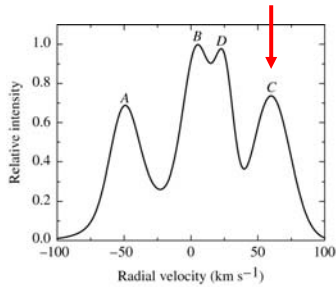
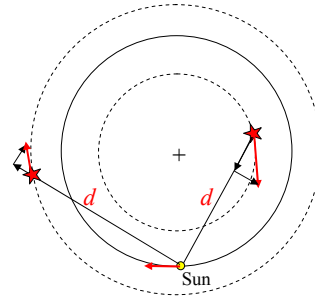
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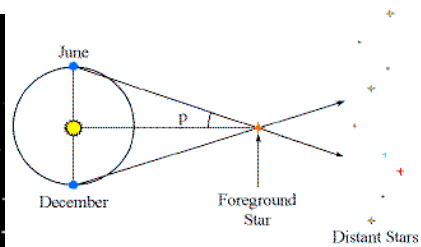
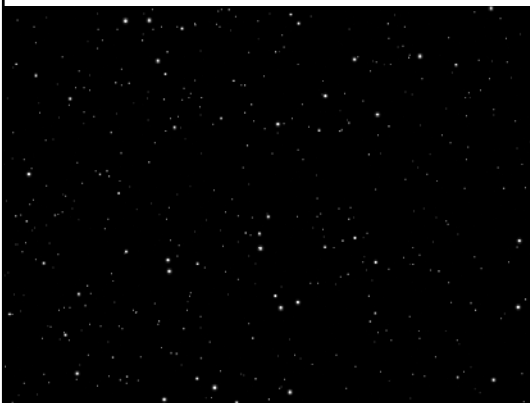
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## Measuring the Distances to the Stars:

### Parallax



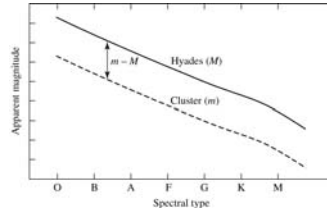
Parsec (pc)

= distance to star for which angle  $p = 1$  arcsec

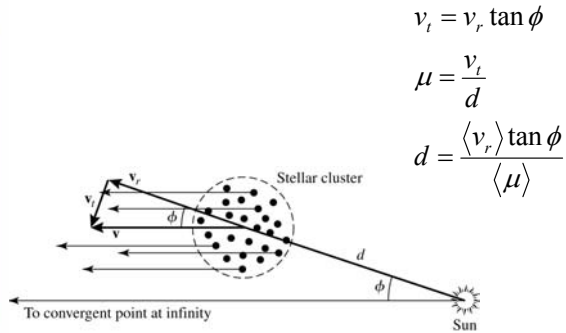
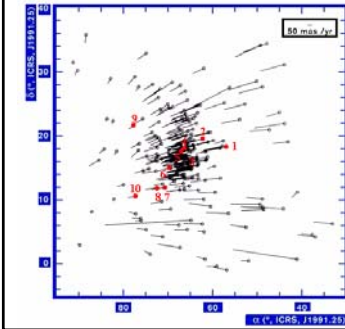
= 3.26 LY

# Measuring Distances inside the MW

- Parallax
- Pulsating variables
- Main sequence fitting for clusters

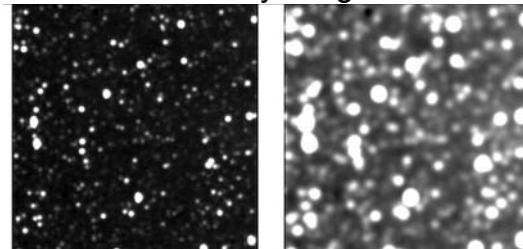


- Calibrate with Hyades (moving cluster method = pp. 919-922)



## What sets the parallax limit?

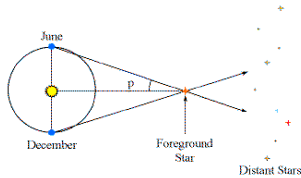
### Fuzzy images



A field of stars

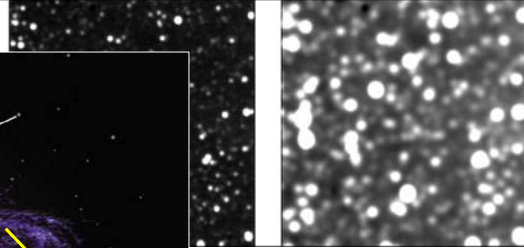
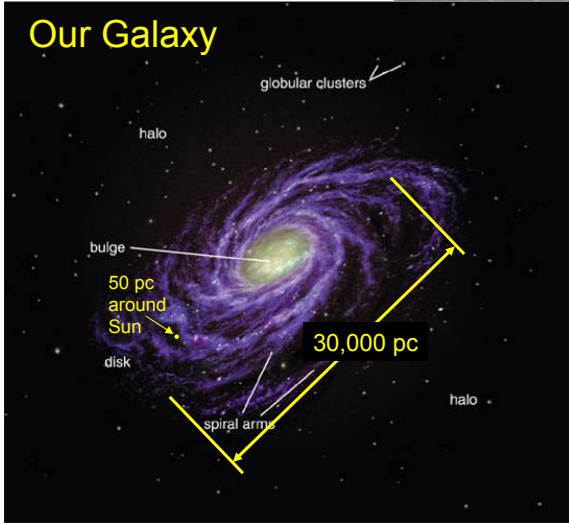
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Old limit for parallax distances:  
20-50 parsecs



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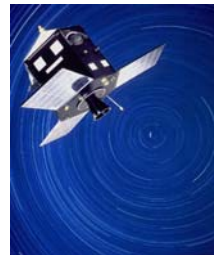
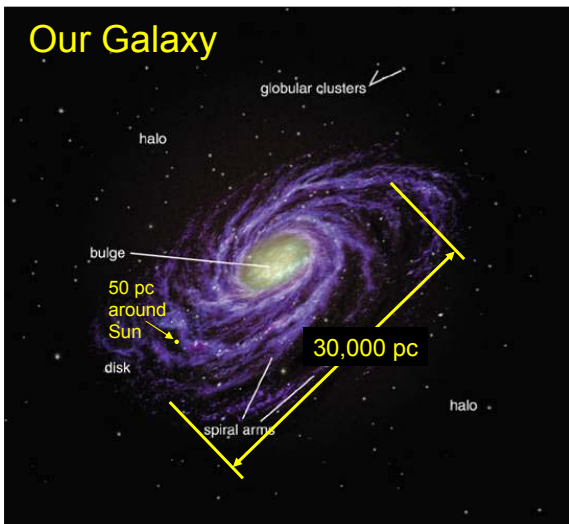
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# Sharp Images from Space

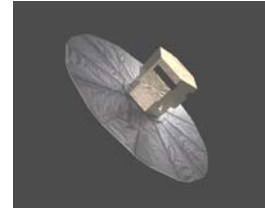
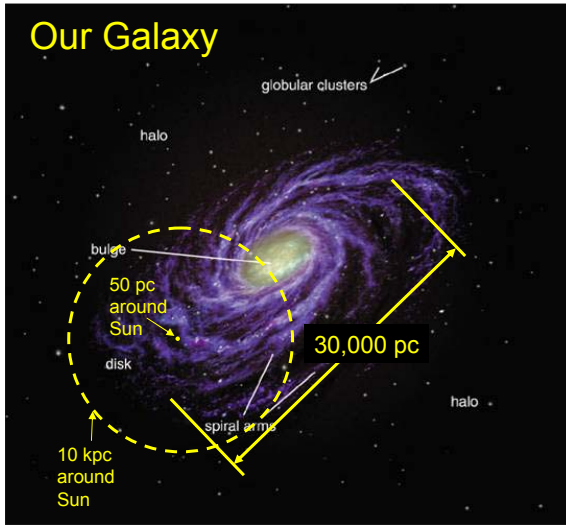


Hipparcos

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( $1\sigma = 1$  milliarcsec = 1kpc)

# Coming Attraction



GAIA spacecraft: Dec 2011 launch

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**GAIA: 10 kpc**