Galaxy: global properties

Parameters of our Galaxy

Distance to the Galactic center	R ₀		
Rotation velocity	V ₀		
Disk Luminosity in V band	1.2 × 10		
Bulge Luminosity in V band	2 x 10		
Disk M/L in V band	4-5		
Disk+bulge mass	(5-6) x 10		
Bulge mass	(0.5-1) x 10		
Virial mass	10		
Virial radius	260 kpc		
Туре	SBb		
Disk scale length	Rd = 3.0 ±0.5 kpc		
Bulge scale length (R	2.7 kpc		
Bar length	33.5 kpc		
Period of vertical oscillations	6.2 x 10		
Rotational period at R	2.4 × 10		
Oort limit (density in the plane)	0.11 Msun/pc		
Solar motion relative to the Local Standard of Rest	13.3±0.8 km/s		
Escape velocity at the solar distance	500-550 km/s		







Radial distributions of HI, CO, and dust. (From Burton 1988.)

much beyond the Sun. Fig. 4.2 compares the GMC distribution with that of H_I; the distribution of H_{II} regions would look quite similar to that of the GMCs. The figure also shows the overall distribution of dust, as deduced from the $100 \,\mu$ m IRAS survey.

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Figure 9.23 The half-height at half-intensity of the HI (squares) and CO (triangles) layers. Open symbols are for l > 0 and filled symbols are for l < 0. [After Malhotra (1994) and Malhotra (1995) from data kindly provided by S. Malhotra]

Figure 9.23 shows the half-thicknesses at half-intensity $z_{1/2}$ of the HI and CO layers. The thickness of the CO layer is seen to increase slowly with R from $\sim 35 \,\mathrm{pc}$ at $R = 3 \,\mathrm{kpc}$ to $\sim 70 \,\mathrm{pc}$ at $R = R_0$. The HI layer is about three times as thick at a given radius. Thus in the middle disk, the ISM



Figure 9.26 The circular-speed curve (top) and the half-thickness at half intensity (below) of the HI layer as determined by Merrifield (1992) using only the 21-cm data of Weaver & Williams (1973,1974) and Kerr *et al.* (1986).

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History: COBE DIRBE measurements and bar of MW

A model of the bar and old stellar disk of the Galaxy has been derived from the survey of the Diffuse Infrared Background Experiment (DIRBE) of the Cosmic Background Explorer at wavelengths of 1.25, 2.2, 3.5, and 4.9 μ m. It agrees very well with the data, except in directions in which the near-infrared optical depth is high. Among the conclusions drawn from the model is that the Sun is located approximately 16.5 pc above the midpoint of the Galactic plane. The disk has an outer edge 4 kpc from the Sun and is warped like the H I layer. It has a central hole roughly the diameter of the inner edge of the 3 kpc molecular cloud ring, and within that hole lies a bright, strong, "early-type" bar, tilted approximately 14° from the Sun–Galactic center line. The model has 47 free parameters. The model is discussed

Meanwhile, radio astronomy had been accumulating evidence that the inner part of the Galaxy is less neatly arranged. The radial velocities of gas in the inner few kiloparsecs was found to be inconsistent with travel in circular orbits. In some directions, the velocity is so great that the gas was proposed to lie in an "expanding 3 kpc arm" (Oort, Kerr, & Westerhout 1958) between us and the center; in general, its motion seemed predominantly outward, as if the gas were being driven by titanic explosions near the Galactic center (Burbridge & Hoyle 1963), but this notion lost favor as the improbably vast energy and driven mass required of such explosions came to be better understood (Sanders & Prendergast 1974).

An alternative explanation is that the gas is moving in noncircular orbits because the potential in which it lies is asymmetric, perhaps because of a bar, as de Vaucouleurs (1964) suggested. Others came to a similar conclusion, Early interpretation of HI gas motions: expanding 3kpc arm

alternative: elliptical motions due to a bar



Logarithmic 3-color image of MW. Bottom: residual map

Tick marks are 20deg in I and 5 deg in b

Emission Map

Residual Map



The model consists of exponential thin stellar disk, a bar, exponential disk of diffuse dust. Both the thick stellar disk and stellar halo were not included. They are too faint to affect DIRBE fluxes.

The intensity at frequency v in the direction (l, b) is obtained by integrating the volume emissivity ρ along the line of sight s,

$$I_{\nu}(l, b) = \delta_{\nu} + \int_{(l, b)} ds (\rho_{\nu}^{\text{disk}} + \rho_{\nu}^{\text{dust}} + \rho_{\nu}^{\text{bar}}) e^{-\tau_{\nu}(s)}$$

The constant δ_v is included to account for possible extragalactic background light and residual zodiacal light

The modeled disk is exponential in R, outer truncated in R, inner truncated in R, sech² in Z, and warped. The model does not force the truncations and warping but allows them to occur if the data so dictate.



FIG. 3.—L-band (3.5 μ m) DIRBE and model S (*smooth isophotes*) surface brightness over the full sky. The area within the dark contour was excluded when the model was fitted to the data. The surface brightness due to point sources, as calculated by the model, was added to both. The contour levels are 0.09, 0.13, 0.18, 0.26, 0.52, 0.73, 1.04, 1.47, 2.08, 2.94, 4.17, 5.90, and 8.36 MJy sr⁻¹.



FIG. 8.—*L*-band (3.5 μ m) map after the modeled disk and bar are subtracted. The minimal mask was used in fitting the model. The gray contours represent $I_{\nu} < 0$. Contour levels are numbered hexadecimally, starting at 0. The contour levels are \pm 0.06, 0.21, 0.40, 0.64, 0.94, 1.33, 1.82, 2.43, and 3.21 MJy sr⁻¹.



FIG. 14.—*Top*: Log of the face-on surface brightness from models S, E, and P. Our position is marked by the solar symbol. *Bottom*: L-band profiles taken along the major and minor axes of the bar. The asterisks denote an average of the bar plus the disk over the azimuth.

Star Counts: SDSS results

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> STELLAR POPULATION STUDIES WITH THE SDSS. I. THE VERTICAL DISTRIBUTION OF STARS IN THE MILKY WAY¹

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We present star count data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey for 5.8×10^5 stars brighter than g' = 21 mag over 279 deg² in two samples north and south of the Galactic plane. Using these highlatitude (49° < | b| < 64°) star counts we determine the Sun's distance from the Galactic midplane to be 27 ± 4 pc and the scale height of the old thin disk to be 330 ± 3 pc. Because of the photometric accuracy and large area sky coverage of these data, the color-magnitude diagram clearly reveals a significant thick-disk population distinct in color from a Galactic halo population. The position of the thick-disk turnoff is at $g'-r' \sim 0.33$. Several questions about the existence of the thick disk and its origin are addressed through a set of model fits to the star count data. Our best-fit model gives a thick-disk scale height between 580 and 750 pc, below the original proposal of Gilmore and Reid, and the corresponding space number density normalization is 13%-6.5% of the thin disk. The conclusions reached in this paper favor a scenario in which the thick disk formed through the heating of a preexisting thin disk, with the heating mechanism being the merging of a satellite galaxy.

The density law for the Galactic halo population is also investigated. We find that the data support a flattened halo with $c/a \sim 0.55 \pm 0.06$ and a relatively flat power-law index (2.5 ± 0.3). The axis ratio of the visible halo found in this paper is compatible with that of dark halo, suggesting that they have the same shape and dynamical origin.

Kinematics of stars



Local standard of rest = object, which moves on a perfect circular orbit

 $\overrightarrow{V}_{LSR} = \{\overrightarrow{V}_0, 0, 0\}$



Vortex deviation



Asymmetric drift

$$V_c^2 = R \frac{\partial p}{\partial R}$$
 $V_c - \langle v \rangle = V_a = asymmetric drift$

$$V_{c}^{2} - \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle^{2} = G_{u}^{2} \left[\frac{G_{v}^{2}}{G_{u}^{2}} - 1 - \frac{2\log(nG_{u}^{2})}{2\log R} \right] \approx \frac{G_{u}^{2} \left[\frac{2}{G_{u}^{2}} - 1 - \frac{2\log(nG_{u}^{2})}{2\log R} \right]}{2\log R}$$



Fig. 3.18. Projections of the velocity distribution of nearby red dwarf stars. Explanation in text





The Saturation of Disk Heating in the Solar Neighborhood and Evidence for a Merger 9 Gyr Ago

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Abstract. We re-examine the age-velocity dispersion relation in the solar neighborhood using improved stellar age estimates which are based on Hipparcos parallaxes and recent stellar evolution calculations. The resulting relation shows that the Milky Way stellar disk was relatively quiescent, suffering little heating or dispersion increase between 3 and 9 Gyr. However, at an age of 9 Gyr there is an abrupt increase in the stellar velocity dispersions. To explain the abrupt increase (by almost a factor of 2) in dispersions we propose that the Milky Way suffered a minor merger 9 Gyr ago that created the thick disk. The quiescent phase is consistent with inefficient heating caused by scattering from tightly wound transient spiral structure.

We have used the sample of 189 nearby, slightly-evolved F and G dwarf stars from Edvardsson et al. (1993) to re-derive the age-velocity dispersion relation in the solar neighborhood (Quillen & Garnett 2001). These stars have accurate metallicities, distances, and kinematic data, so it is possible to derive accurate stellar ages. The sample is generally considered to be kinematically unbiased (Freeman 1991). For these stars, we have obtained parallaxes and proper motions from the HIPPARCOS catalog and new, accurate ages from Ng & Bertelli (1998). Accurate ages are important to avoid smoothing over fine structure

Figure 1. Velocity dispersion vs. log age for stars from Edvardsson et al. (1993). The vertical error bars represent statistical uncertainties; horizontal error bars represent the width of each age bin.

Disk:

- early-type stars have smaller rms velocities and their velocity ellipsoid is not pointed to the galactic center.
- ✓ late-type stars have larger rms velocities and almost no vertex deviation
- ≤ typical ratio of velocities σ_R : σ_{ϕ} : σ_z = 1: 0.65: 0.5
- ✓ typical values: 30:20:15 km/s
- \mathbf{V} important: $\sigma_{R} \neq \sigma_{z}$

✓ velocity dispersion declines with the distance to the galactic center

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Data:

1203 stars with proper motions, metallicities [Fe/H] < -0.6, distances, radial velocities. Galactocentric distances R in the range 7-10 kpc. Distances from the Sun D< 4 kpc.

stars with -0.7 < [Fe/H] < -0.6 and |Z| < 1 kpc are mostly the thick disk stars

IVIEAN VELOCITIES AND VELOCITY DISPERSIONS OF THE SELECTED SAMPLE							
[Fe/H] (dex)	N	$\langle U angle$ (km s ⁻¹)	$\langle V \rangle$ (km s ⁻¹)	$\langle W \rangle$ (km s ⁻¹)	$\sigma_U \ (\mathrm{km \ s^{-1}})$	σ_V (km s ⁻¹)	σ_W (km s ⁻¹)
Z < 1 kpc							
$\begin{array}{r} -0.6 \text{ to } -0.8 \dots \\ -0.8 \text{ to } -1.0 \dots \\ -1.0 \text{ to } -1.6 \dots \\ -1.6 \text{ to } -2.2 \dots \\ \leq -2.2 \dots \end{array}$	141 79 194 205 78	2 ± 4 7 ± 10 8 ± 9 23 ± 10 17 ± 16	-30 ± 5 -62 ± 10 -122 ± 7 -178 ± 8 -187 ± 12	-5 ± 3 1 ± 6 -1 ± 6 -2 ± 6 -5 ± 11	50 ± 3 93 ± 7 122 ± 6 147 ± 7 141 ± 11	56 ± 3 86 ± 7 104 ± 5 115 ± 6 106 ± 9	34 ± 2 50 ± 4 81 ± 4 87 ± 4 94 ± 8
Z < 4 kpc							
$-0.6 \text{ to } -0.8 \dots$ -0.8 to -1.0 \dots -1.0 to -1.6 \dots -1.6 to -2.2 \dots $\leq -2.2 \dots$	197 97 280 327 141	4 ± 5 2 ± 10 5 ± 8 8 ± 8 13 ± 13	-43 ± 4 -74 ± 9 -137 ± 6 -189 ± 7 -200 ± 10	$\begin{array}{c} -2 \pm 3 \\ 3 \pm 5 \\ -4 \pm 5 \\ -1 \pm 5 \\ -5 \pm 9 \end{array}$	65 ± 3 94 ± 7 129 ± 5 154 ± 6 151 ± 9	62 ± 3 84 ± 6 108 ± 5 121 ± 5 121 ± 7	40 ± 2 49 ± 4 81 ± 3 86 ± 3 103 ± 6

TABLE 1

U = radial velocities (cylindrical coords)V = tangential velocitiesW= vertical velocities

FIG. 1.—Distribution of the velocity components (U, V, W) vs. [Fe/H] for the 1203 stars with available proper motions.

Velocity dispersion as function of metallicity

FIG. 2.—Distribution of the velocity dispersions $(\sigma_U, \sigma_V, \sigma_W)$ vs. [Fe/H] for the selected sample with 7 < R < 10 kpc, D < 4 kpc, and $V_{RF} \le 550$ km s⁻¹. Filled and open circles denote the stars at |Z| < 1 kpc and |Z| < 4 kpc, respectively.

FIG. 3.—Distribution of the mean rotational velocities $\langle V_{\varphi} \rangle$ vs. [Fe/H] for the selected sample, assuming an LSR rotation velocity of 220 km s⁻¹. Left-hand panels show the results for characteristic abundance ranges, whereas in the right-hand panels, we calculate $\langle V_{\varphi} \rangle$ by passing a box of width N = 100 stars (ordered by metallicity), with an overlap of 20 stars each. (a) Based on the full knowledge of proper motions and radial velocities. Filled circles, crosses, and open circles correspond to the stars at |Z| < 4 kpc, |Z| < 1.6 kpc, and |Z| < 1 kpc, respectively. (b) Based on the Frenk & White methodology using

Rotational velocity as function of metallicity

Rotational velocity as function of distance to the galactic plane

FIG. 4.—Distribution of the mean rotational velocities, $\langle V_{\varphi} \rangle$, vs. |Z| for stars of the selected sample in the abundance ranges $-2.4 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -1.9$ and $-0.8 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -0.6$, respectively. The binning in |Z| is made by sweeping a box of 50 stars through the data (ordered by |Z|), with an overlap of 30 stars. Solid lines are least-square fits to the data. The dotted line for $-2.4 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -1.9$ is the fit obtained after excluding the last point at |Z| = 1.76 kpc.

Conclusions:

• Stars with [Fe/H]<-2.2, which likely represent a pure halo, have radially elongated velocity ellipsoid:

 $(\sigma_U, \sigma_V, \sigma_W) = (141 \pm 11, 106 \pm 9, 94 \pm 8) \text{ km s}^{-1}$

- They have small prograde rotation $\langle V_{\phi} \rangle = 30-50$ km/s
- $<V_{\phi}>$ decreases with the distance from the plane
- There is NO correlation between orbital eccentricity and [Fe/H]
- Intermediate-abundance stars close to the plane of the disk (thick disk) have large $\langle V_{\varphi} \rangle = 200$ km/s. Their velocity ellipsoid:

$$(\sigma_U, \sigma_V, \sigma_W) = (46 \pm 4, 50 \pm 4, 35 \pm 3) \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

Halo: large distances

Assuming isotropic velocities (may not be right), observation give:

At 50kpc $\sigma_{3D} = 190$ km/s At 100kpc $\sigma_{3D} = 120$ km/s

Virial mass of 10¹²Msun is marginally ok, but it is on a high side. Isothermal ("constant rotation") halo is rejected

Table 1. Characteristics of the data used in this paper. In all cases, position in the sky, heliocentric distance and line-of-sight velocities are available.

Objects	Number of objects	Source
Globular clusters	44	Harris (1996)
FHB stars	130	Wilhelm et al. (1999), Clewley et al. (2004)
Red halo giants	57	Spaghetti survey
Satellite galaxies	9	Mateo (1998)

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The radial velocity dispersion profile of the Galactic halo: constraining the density profile of the dark halo of the Milky Way

Figure 1. Observed radial velocity dispersion (squares with error bars) overlaid on two of the best-fitting models for the NFW mass distributions (dashed line: c = 10; solid line: c = 18). The dotted curve corresponds to the Galactocentric radial velocity dispersion profile obtained using the preferred model (B1) of Klypin et al. (2002). This figure replaces the bottom panel of fig. 4 in the original manuscript.

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The Milky Way's Circular Velocity Curve to 60 kpc and an Estimate of the Dark Matter Halo Mass from the Kinematics of \sim 2400 SDSS Blue Horizontal-Branch Stars

We derive new constraints on the mass of the Milky Way's dark matter halo, based on a set of halo stars from SDSS as kinematic tracers. Our sample comprises 2401 rigorously selected Blue Horizontal-Branch (BHB) halo stars at $|z| \ge 4$ kpc, and with distances from the Galactic center up to ~ 60 kpc, with photometry and spectra drawn from SDSS DR-6. With distances accurate to ~ 10%,

Mass modeling of MW

ACDM-BASED MODELS FOR THE MILKY WAY AND M31.

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The surface density of gas and stellar components at the solar radius is estimated by Kuijken & Gilmore (1989) to be

$$\Sigma_{\text{stars+gas}} = 48 \pm 8 \ M_{\odot} \ \text{Mpc}^{-2} \ . \tag{36}$$

We also use another local constraint: the vertical force K_z at 1.1 kpc above the Galactic plane. Using data on the kinematics of K dwarfs, (Kuijken & Gilmore 1989, 1991) give the limit on the total density of matter inside 1.1 kpc:

$$|K_z(R_0, z = 1.1 \text{ kpc})|/2\pi G = (71 \pm 6) M_{\odot} \text{ Mpc}^{-2}$$
. (37)

$$M_{R<100\,\mathrm{kpc}} = (7\pm2.5)\times10^{11}~M_{\odot}$$

FIG. 1.—Dependence of terminal velocities on galactic longitude *l*. The

For the outer part of the rotation curve of our Galaxy we use the data summarized in Dehnen & Binney (1998). The radial circular velocity v_r of an object at Galactocentric coordinates l and b is related to the circular velocity at radius $r, v_c(r)$, by

$$W(r/R_0) = \frac{v_r}{\sin l \cos b} = \frac{R_0}{r} v_c(r) - v_c(R_0) , \quad (35)$$

Spherically averaged density profiles of different components in the MW

