

**Space Astrometry: 2/3**  
**a synopsis of the**  
**Hipparcos scientific results**

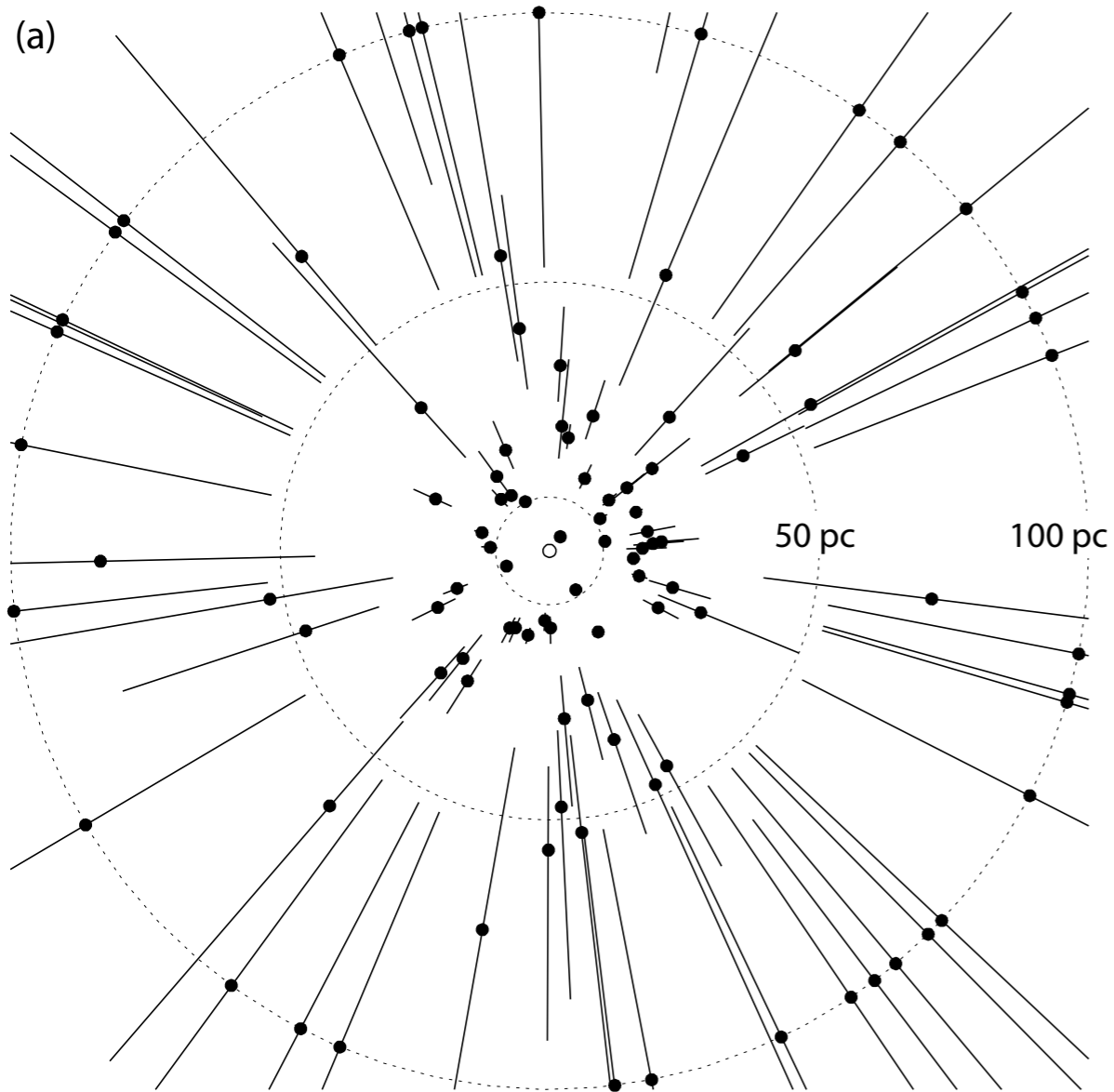
**Michael Perryman**

# Lecture program

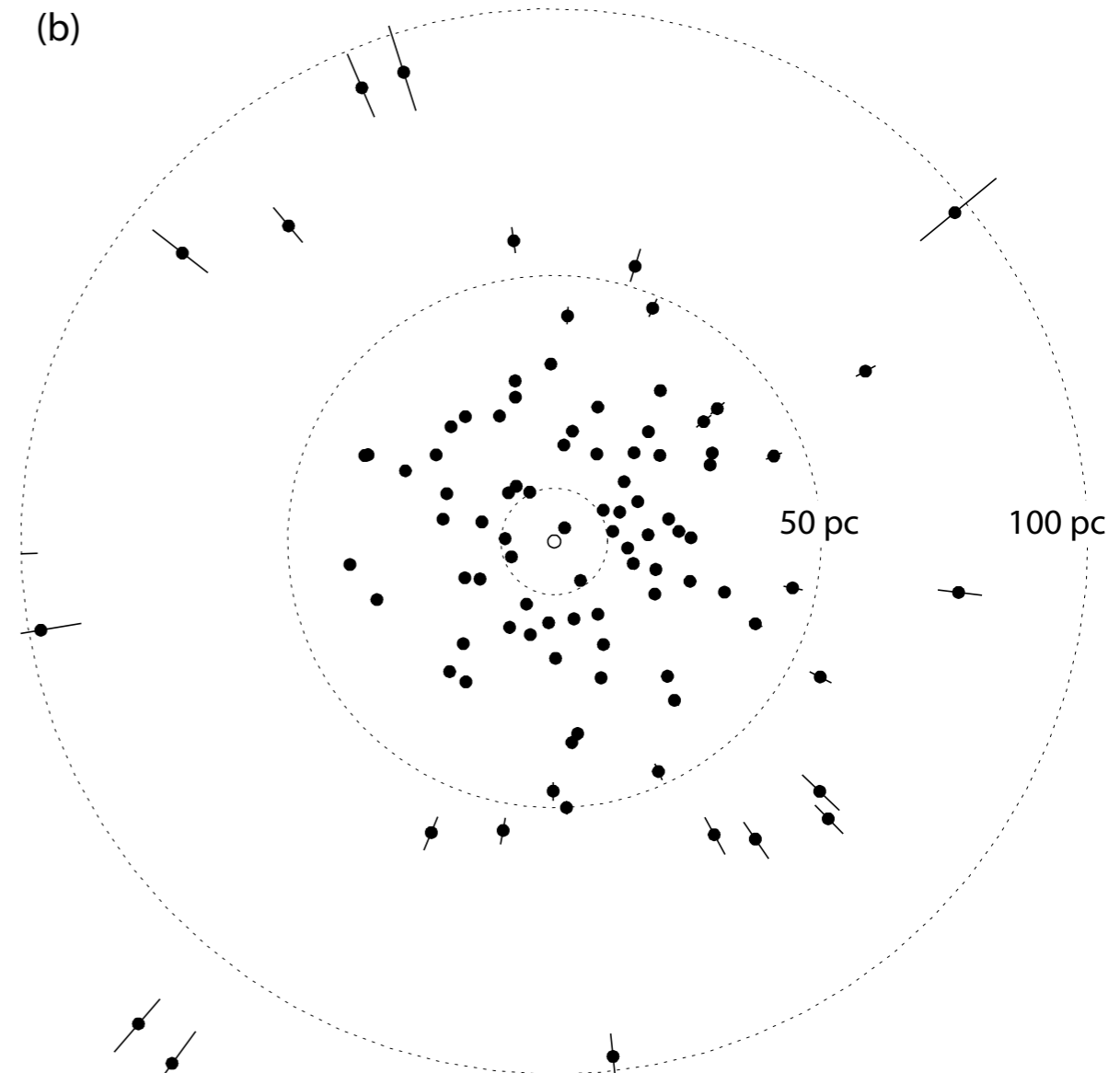
1. Space Astrometry 1/3: History, rationale, and Hipparcos
2. **Space Astrometry 2/3: Hipparcos scientific results**
3. Space Astrometry 3/3: Gaia
4. Exoplanets: prospects for Gaia
5. Some aspects of optical photon detection

# Hipparcos distances to exoplanet host stars

100 brightest radial velocity host stars (end 2010)  
(versus RA, independent of dec)



ground-based: van Alena et al (1995)  
(unknown assigned  $\pi = 10 \pm 9$  mas)

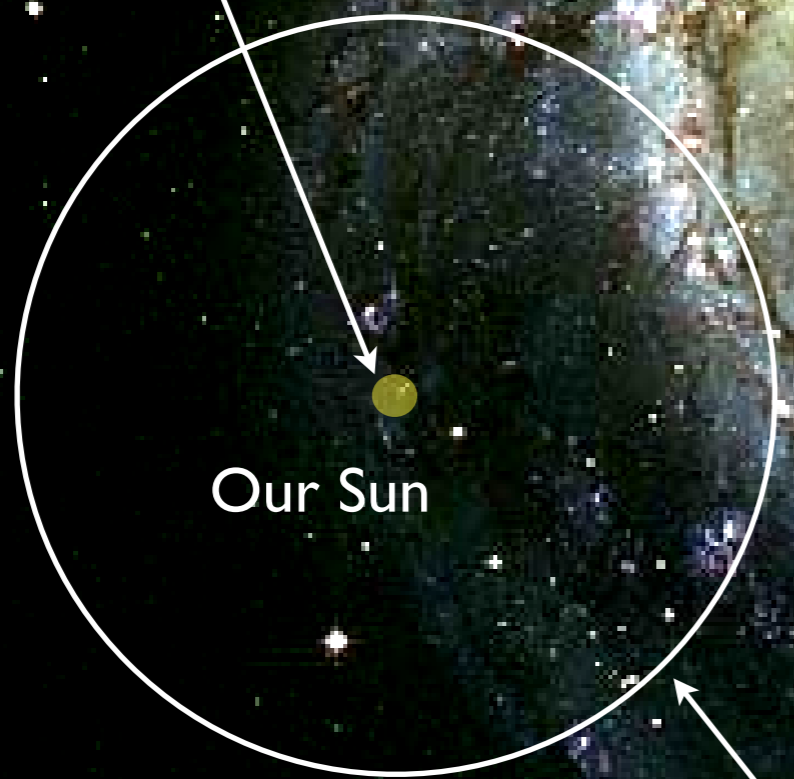


Hipparcos parallaxes  
(Perryman et al 1997)

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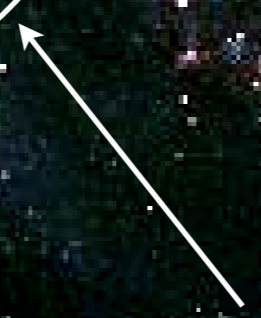
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## Hipparcos

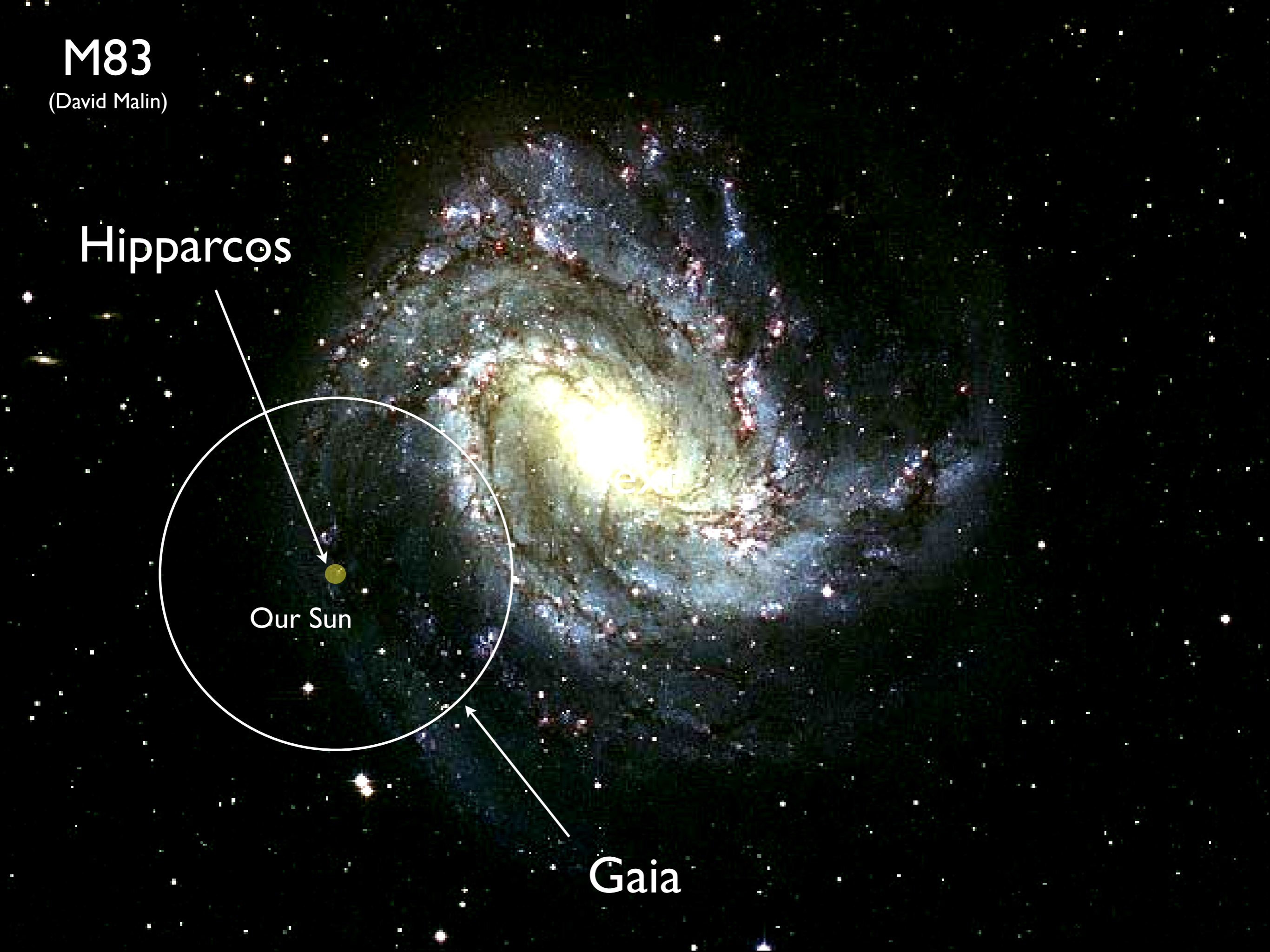


Our Sun

## Gaia



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# Outline of Talk

## **1. Reference Frame**

2. Galaxy Structure and Dynamics

3. Stellar Structure and Evolution

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# Use as the Reference Frame

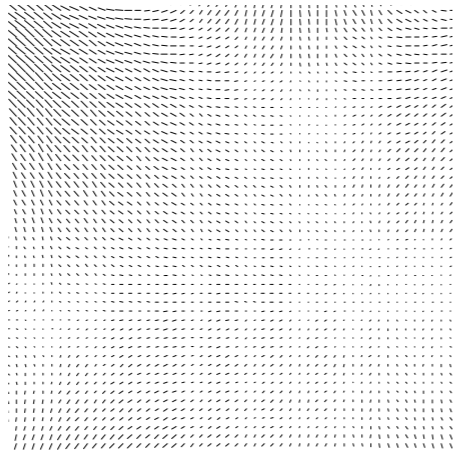
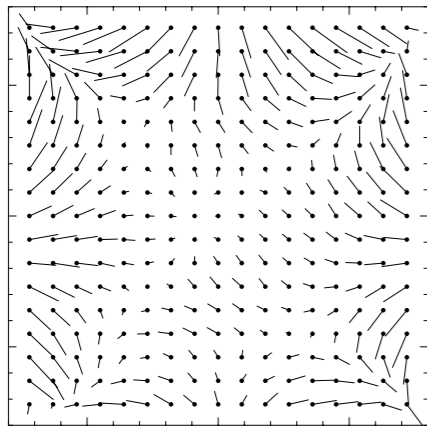
- distinction between reference system and reference frame
- the IAU adopted ICRS (materialised by radio sources) as the celestial reference system to supersede the equator/equinox J2000 materialised by the catalogue FK5 (and before that, B1950/FK4)
- Hipparcos provides the reference frame for optical astronomy
- all major catalogues and ground surveys are now referred to it
- all telescopes (ground/space) 'point' using Hipparcos/Tycho stars
- still confusion between: J2000 used as an epoch (valid), and J2000 used as shorthand for the reference system (superseded)



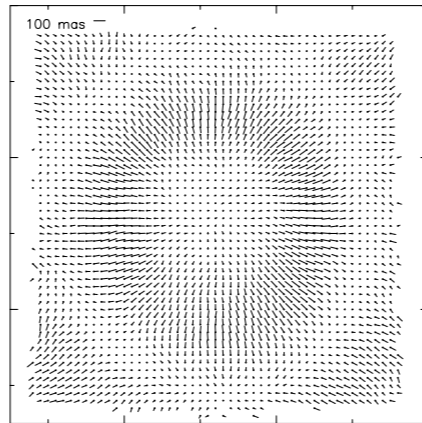
**Astrographic Catalogue**  
1891 (Vatican) — 1950 (Uccle)

**Hipparcos  
+ Tycho I**

Measuring the Vatican plates

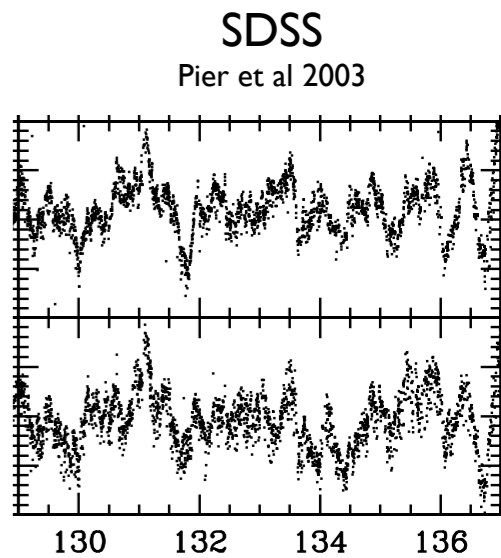


**POSS-I O: 18 mag**  
Monet et al 2003



**NPM/SPM**  
Zacharias et al 2004

**Tycho 2  
2.5 million**



**Schmidt Plates**  
1949 onwards

**CPC2**  
Zacharias et al 1997



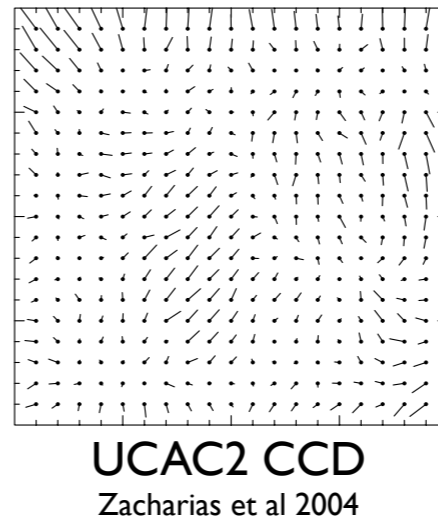
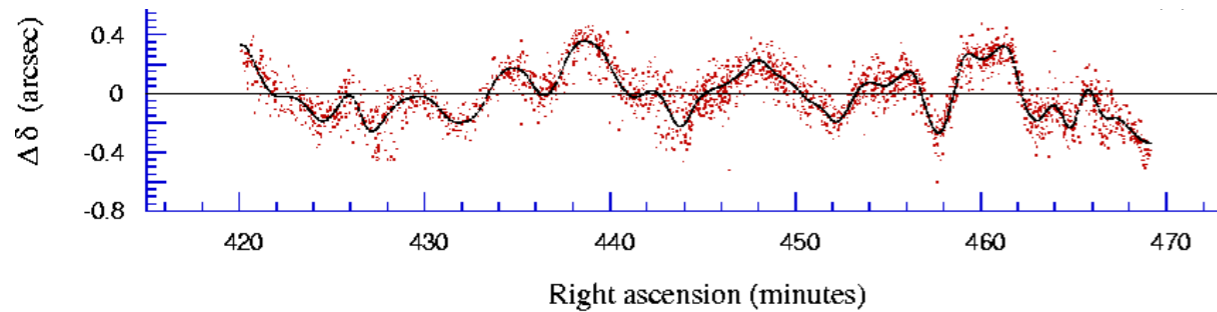
**AAO**

**Meridian Circles**



**Carlsberg**

**Bordeaux Meridian Circle**  
Viateau et al 1999



**Recent surveys:**

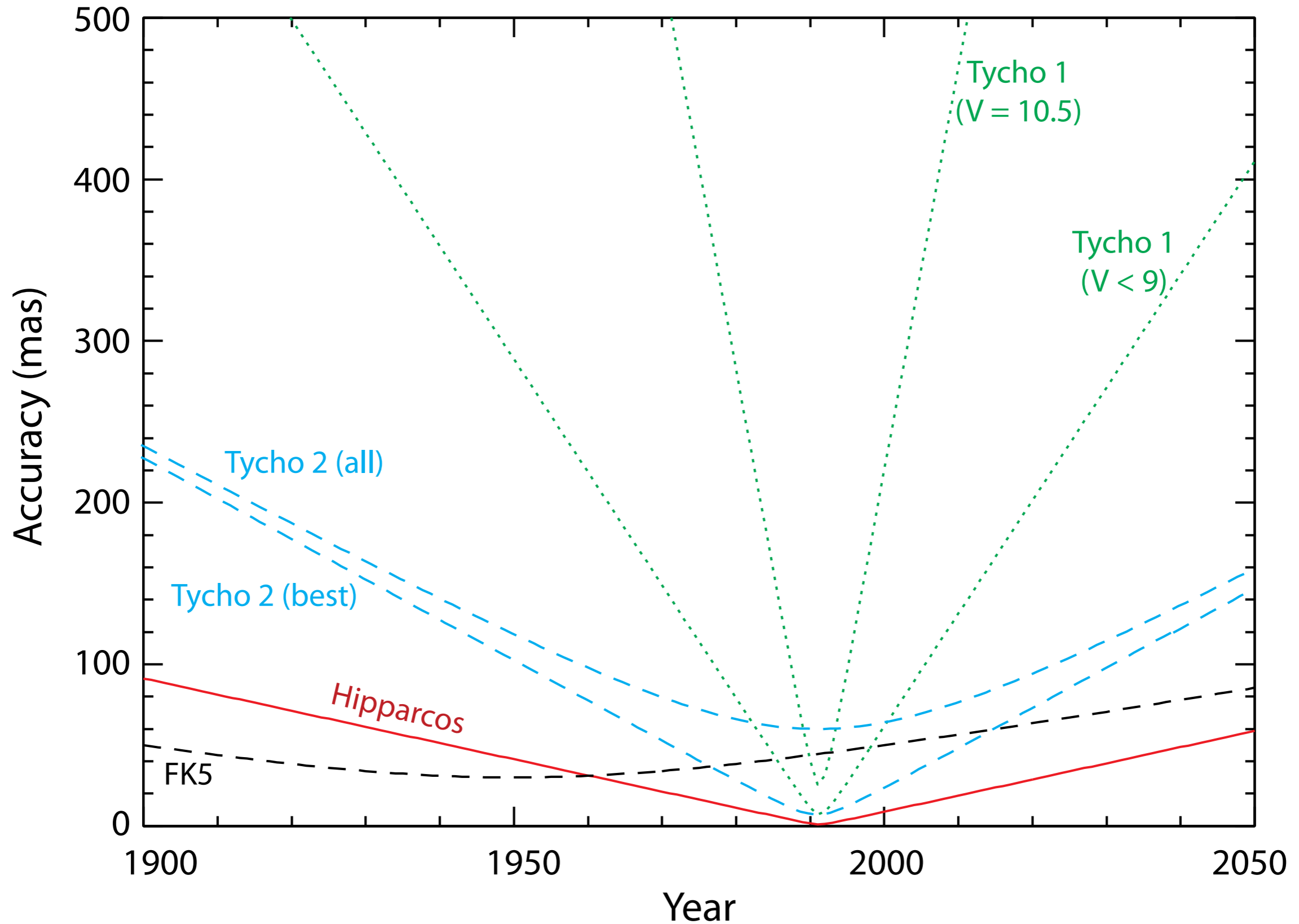
- SDSS
- 2MASS
- UCAC2

1900

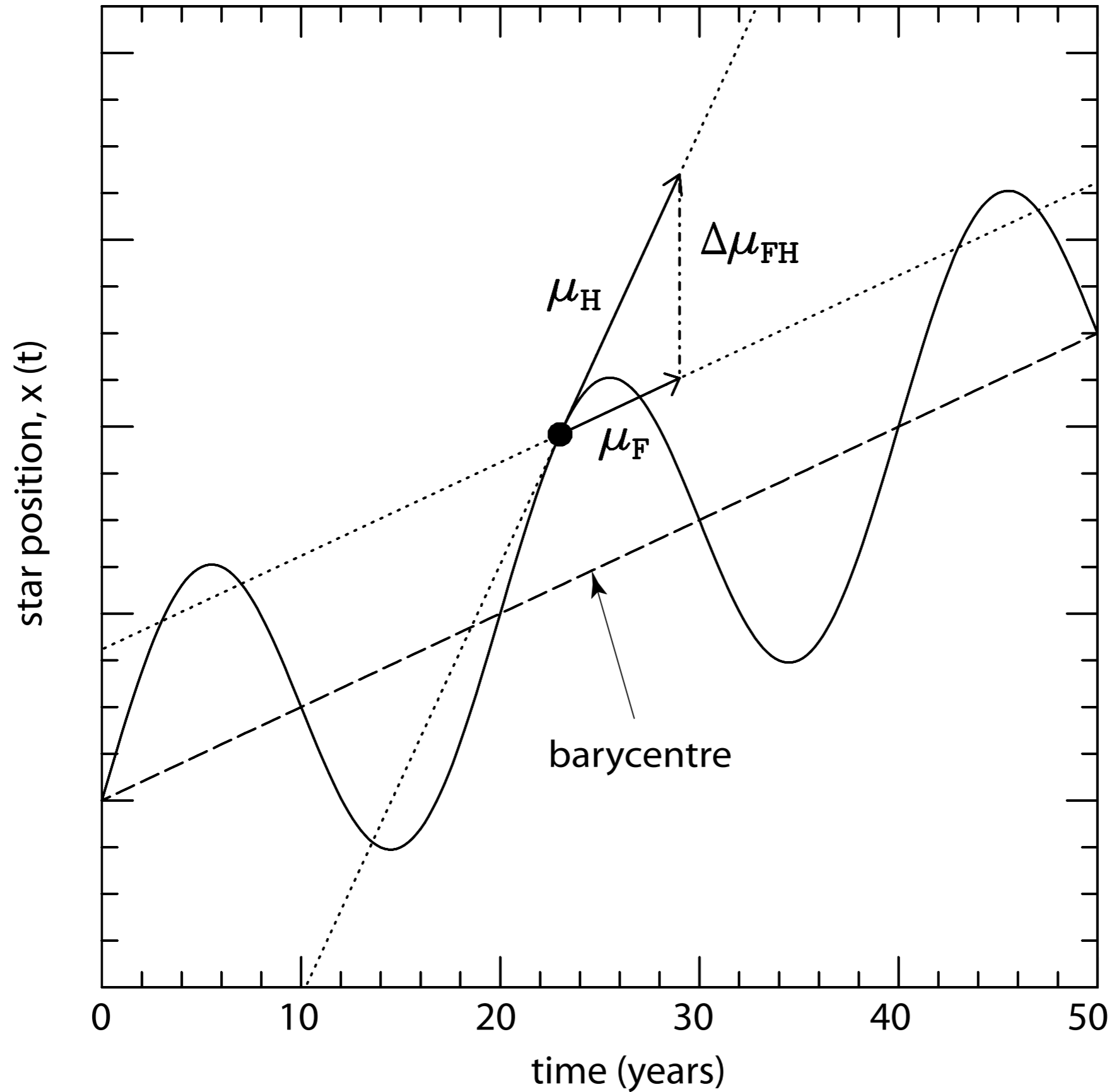


2000

# Degradation of the reference frame with time



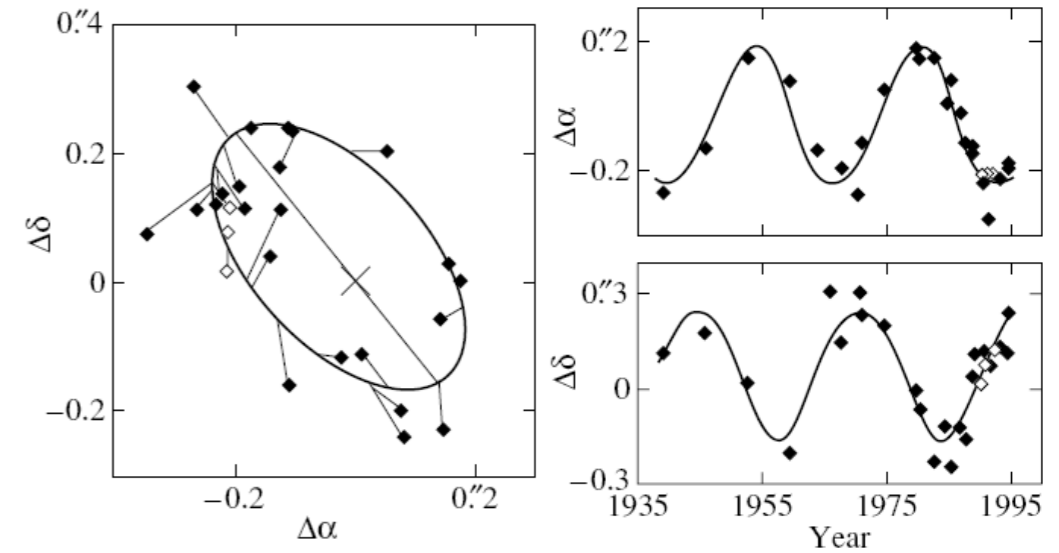
# Binary Systems



$\Delta\mu$  binaries  
(Wielen 2001)

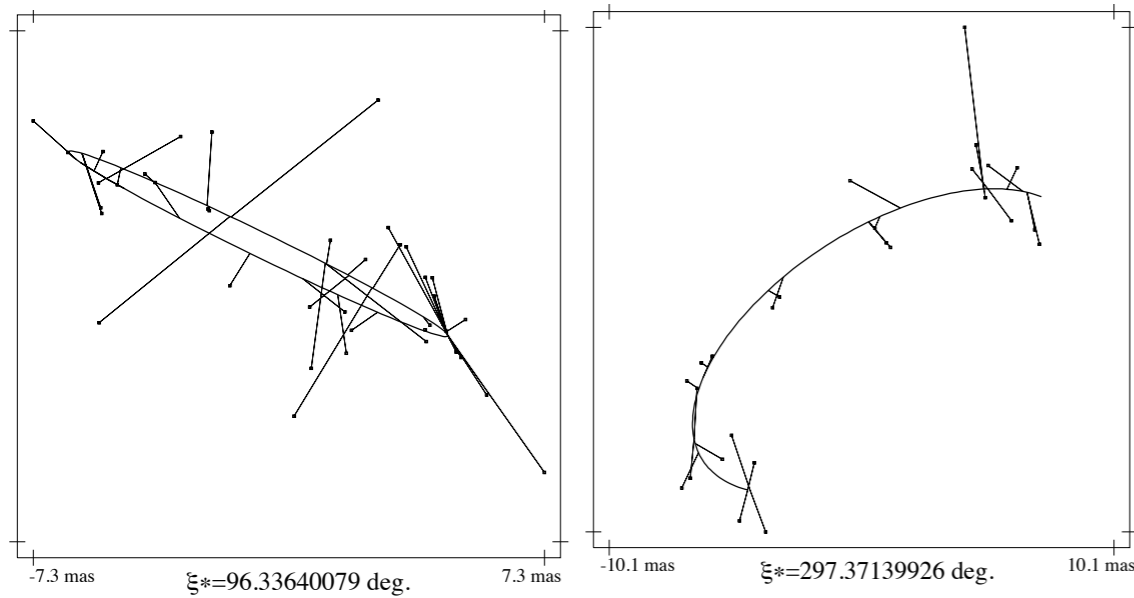
# Binary Systems

24 publications treating  
> 16000 systems

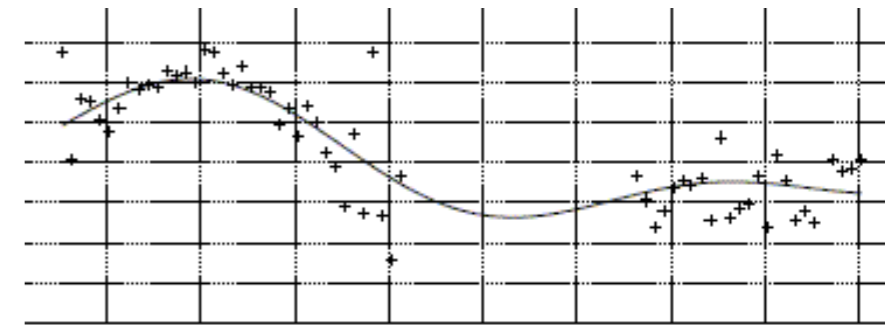


...from early-epoch catalogues  
(e.g. Gontcharov & Kiyeva 2002)

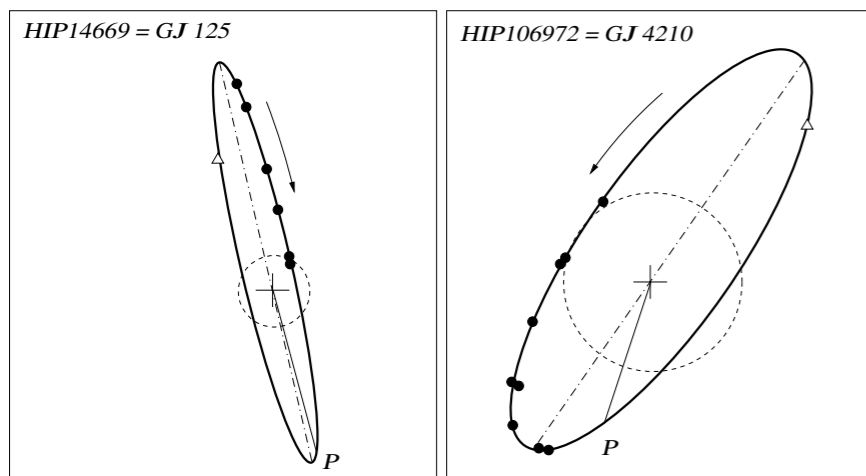
...from intermediate astrometric data  
(e.g. Pourbaix & Jorissen 2000)



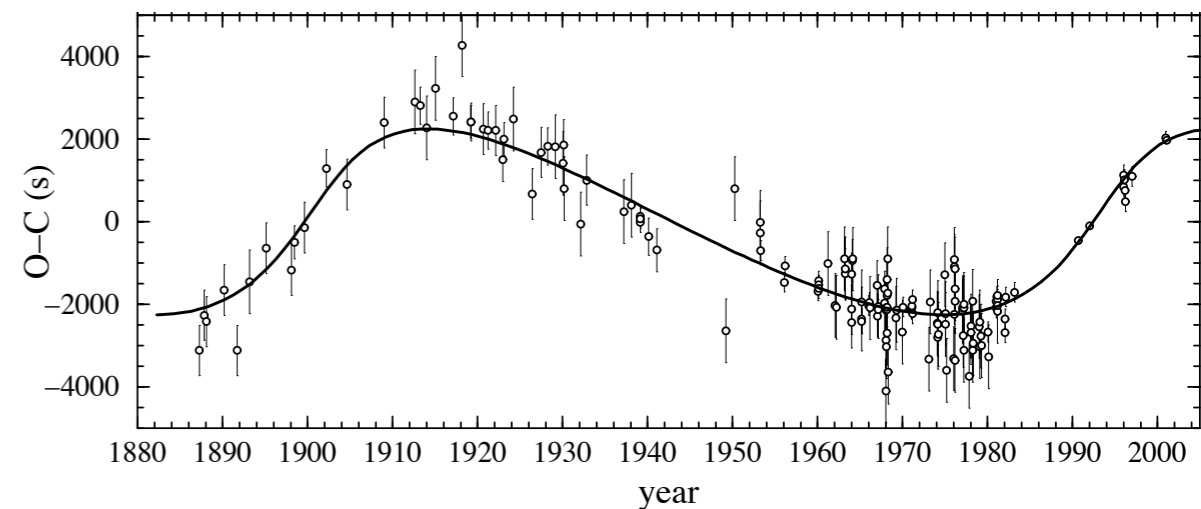
...from Earth  
orientation  
observations  
(Vondrák & Stefka  
2007)



... using eclipsing binary timings  
(Ribas, Arenou & Guinan 2002)

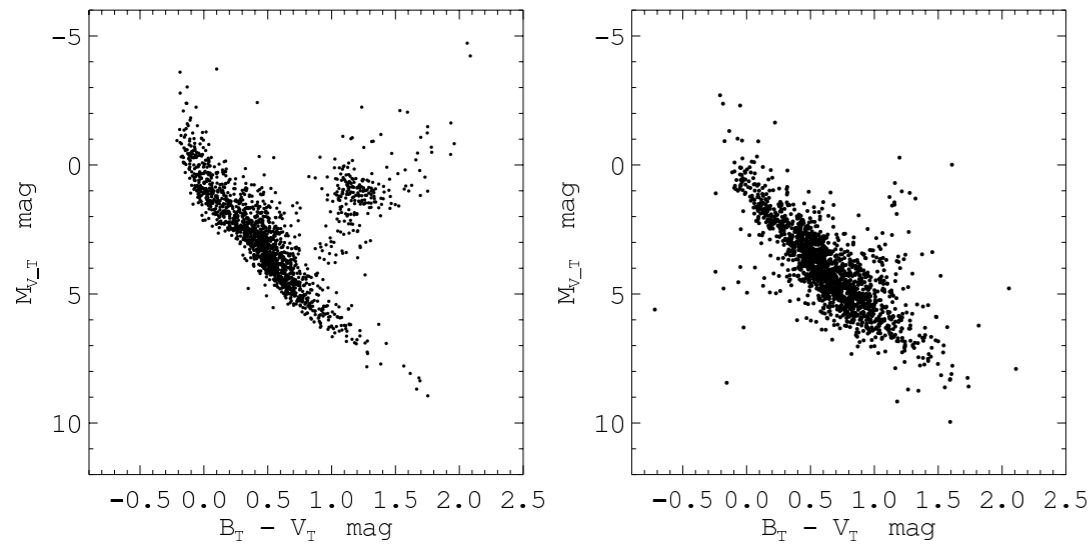


...from  
speckle data  
(e.g. Balega et al  
2005)

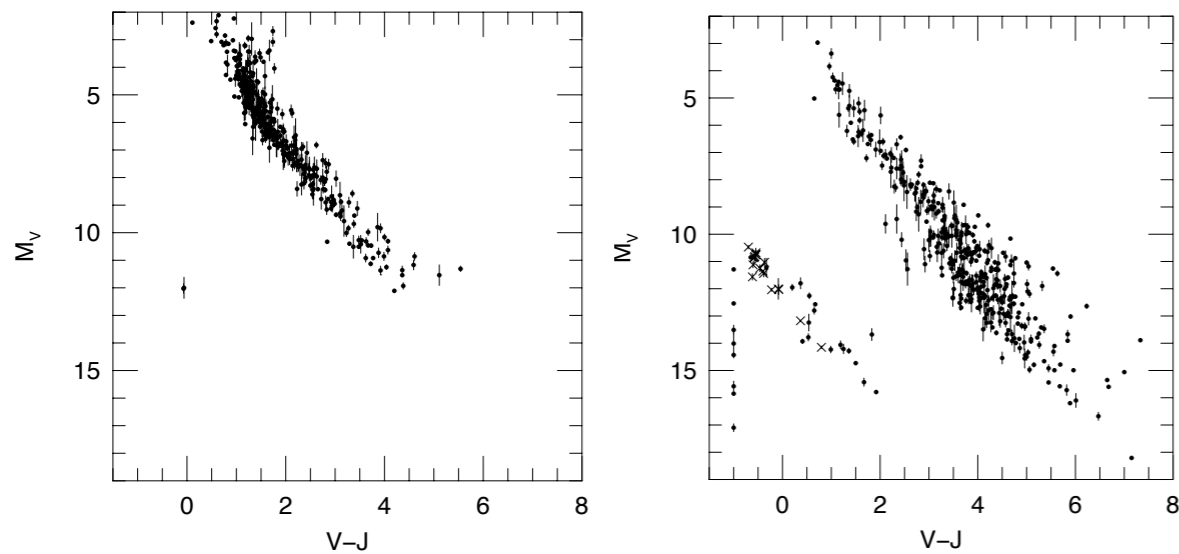


# Binary Systems (cont.)

## Some special HR diagrams...

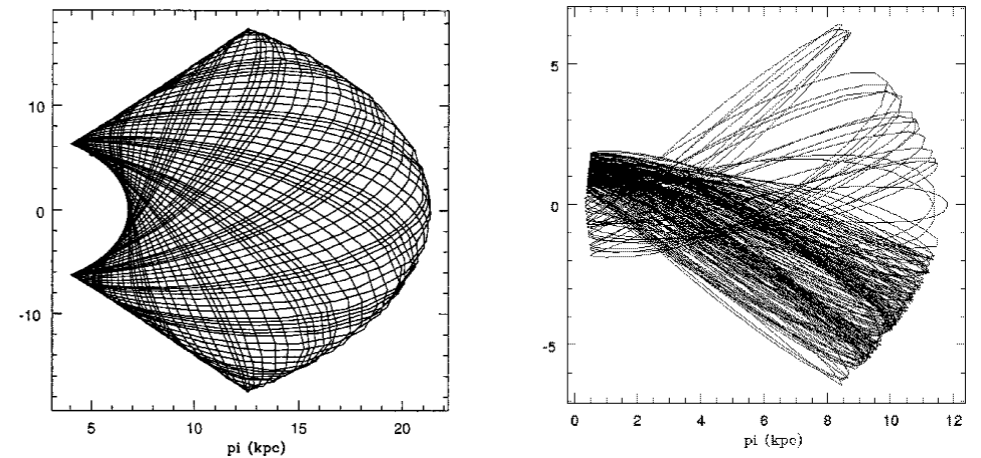


1697 primaries (left) + secondaries (right)  
from the Tycho Double Star Catalogue  
(Fabricius & Makarov 2000)

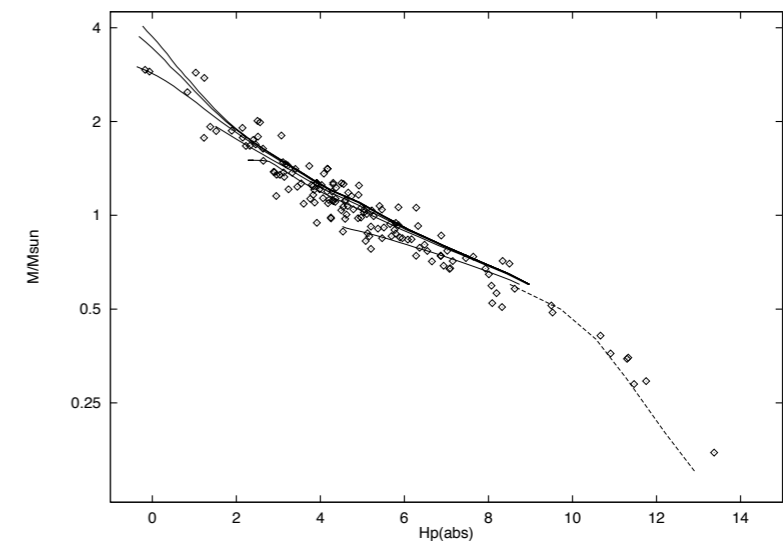


424 common proper motion primaries (l) + secondaries (r)  
(Gould & Chanamé 2004)

## Some special binaries...

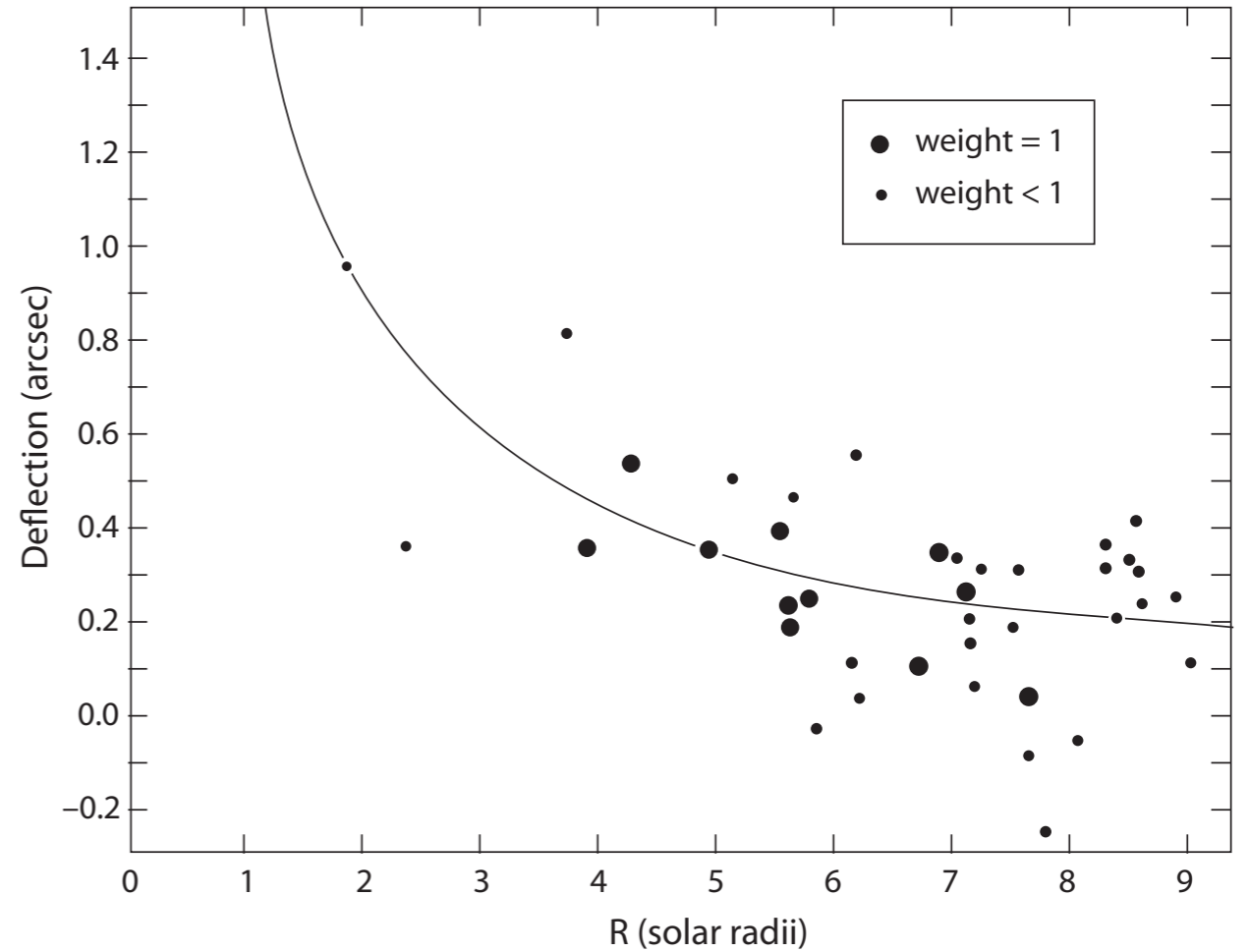
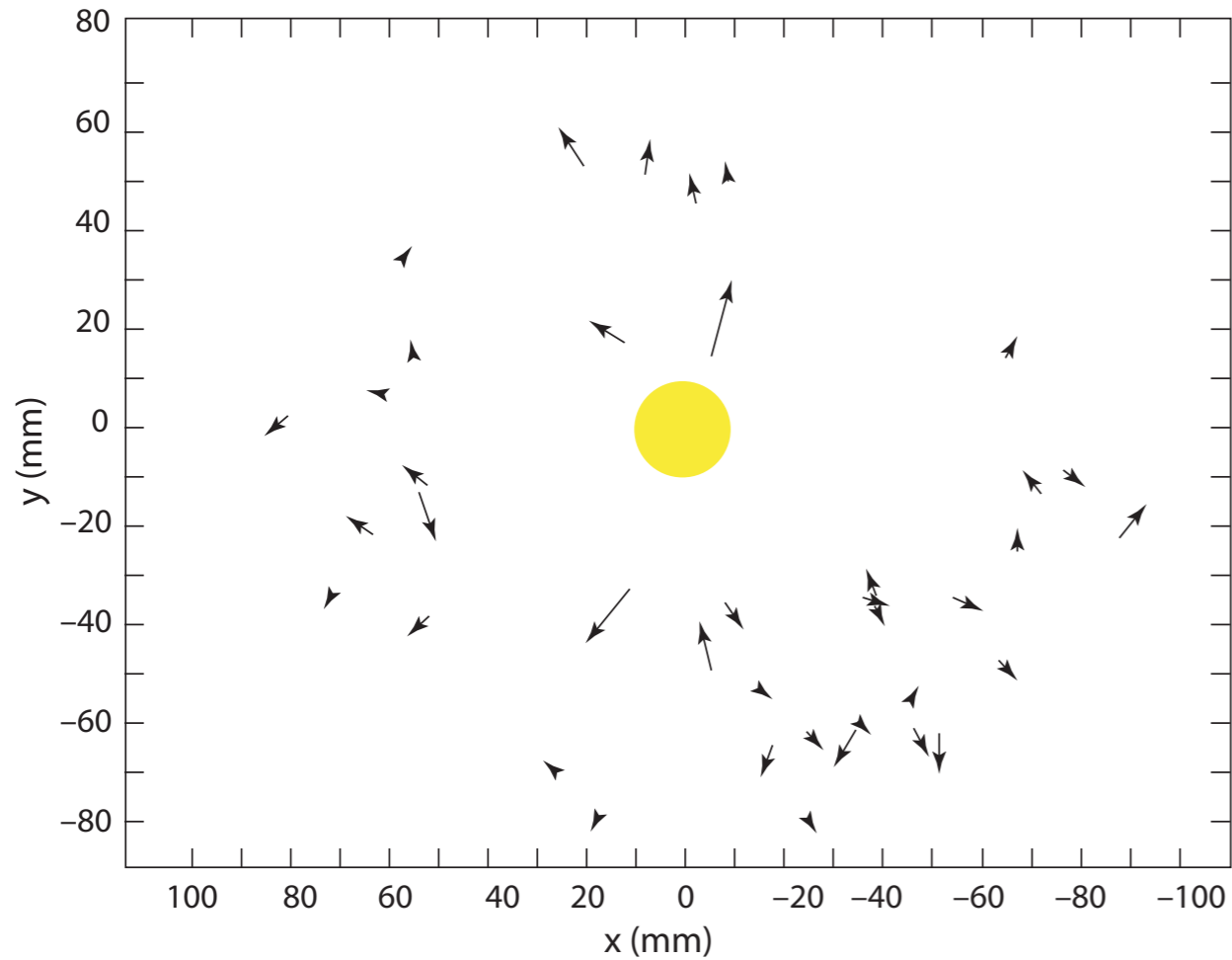


Wide halo binaries ( $a > 25$  AU):  
small binding energies and hence good tracers of  
mass concentrations versus Galactic orbit  
(Allen & Poveda 2000)



Masses: 146 individual main sequence stars with  $\sigma_M < 15\%$   
(Söderhjelm 1999)

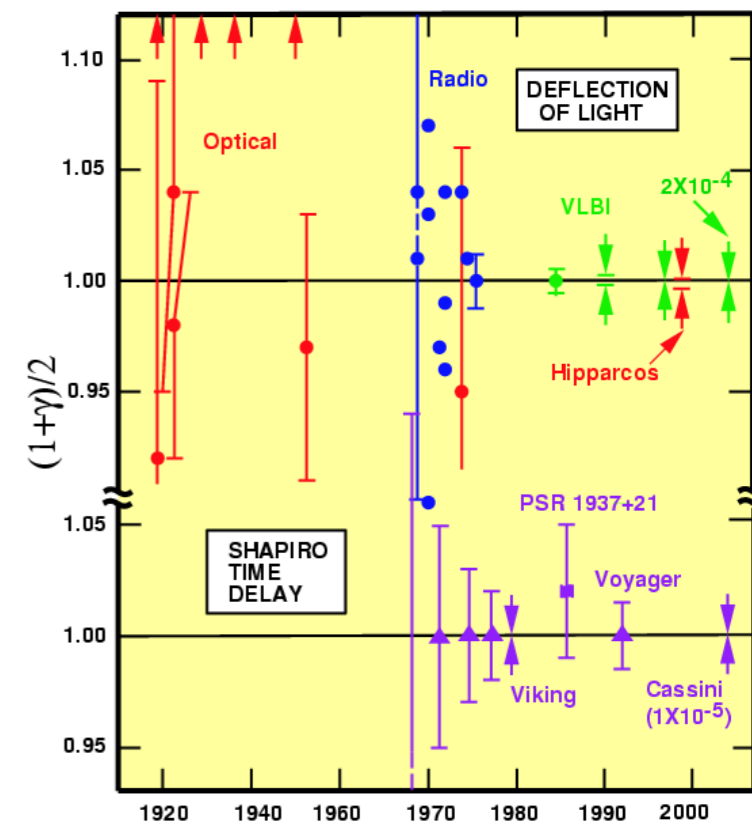
# Relativistic Light Deflection (1/2)



State-of-the-art (ground):  
Texas 1973 solar eclipse  
(Jones 1976)

From Hipparcos residuals:  
 $(1+\gamma)/2 = 0.9985 \pm 0.0015$   
(Froeschlé et al 1997)

Constraints  
on  $\gamma$   
(Will 2006)

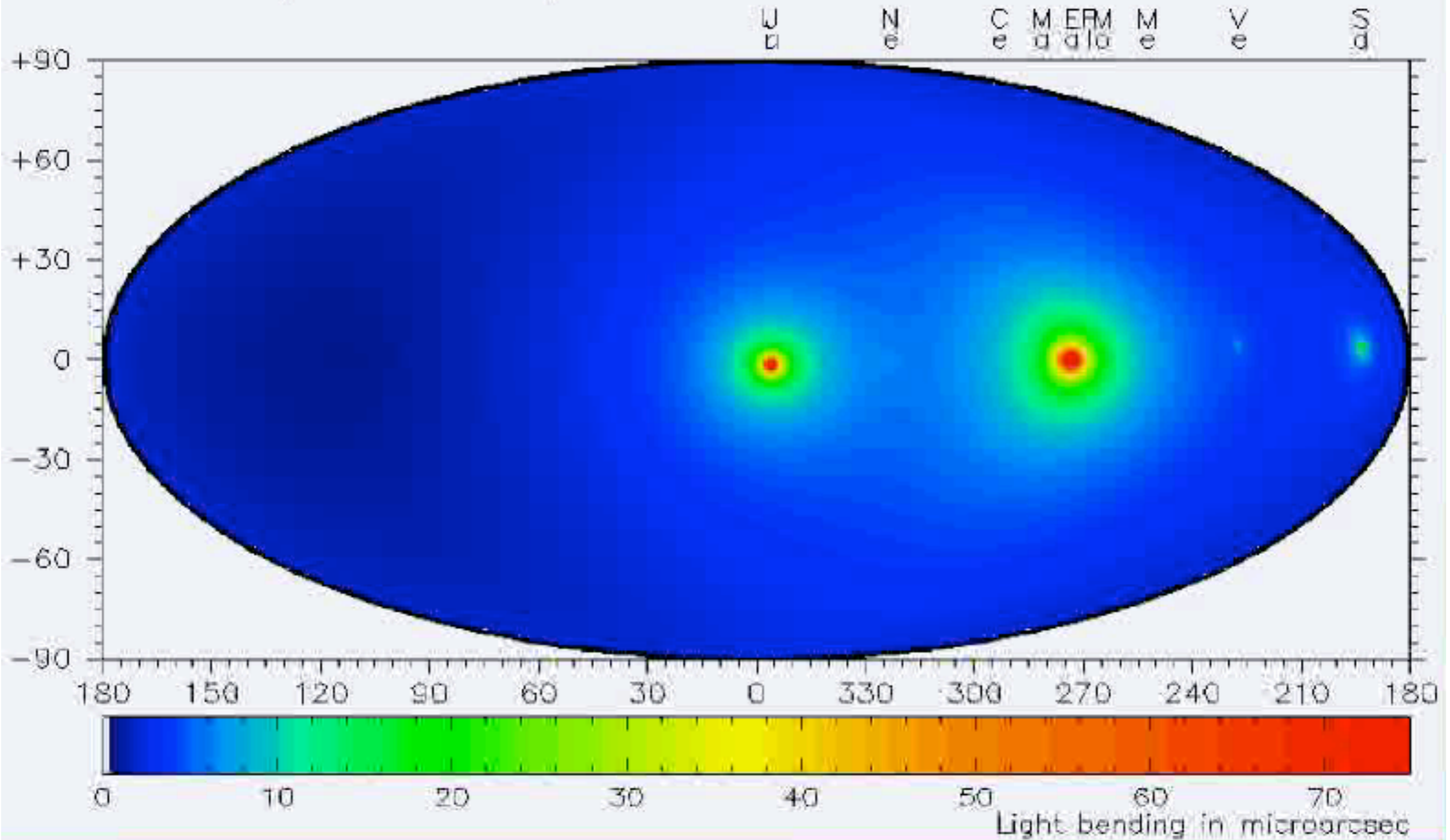






# Relativistic Light Deflection (2/2)

The sky from L2 in 'ecliptic' coordinates at JD2455562.5 = 2011-Jan-01



Light deflection seen by Gaia (Jos de Bruijne)

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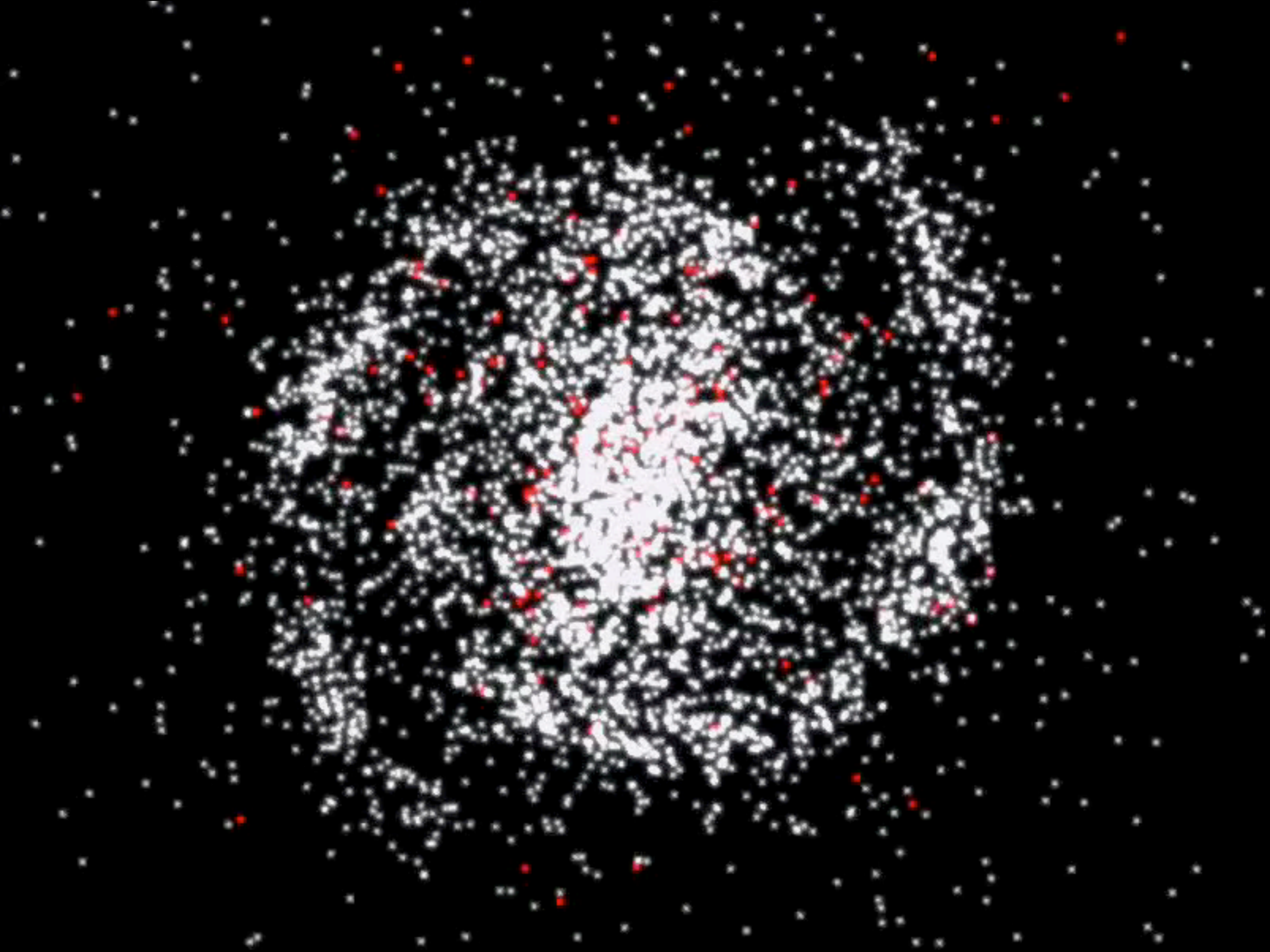
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# Problem I: Galactic Structure and Rotation

Aims include determining:

- distance of Sun from Galactic centre,  $R_0$
- local standard of rest (for circular orbits)
- solar motion  $uvw$  (with respect to LSR)
- rotation curve (as a function of  $R$ )
- Oort constants, assuming circular motion
  - angular rotation rate =  $A-B$
  - local derivative =  $A+B$

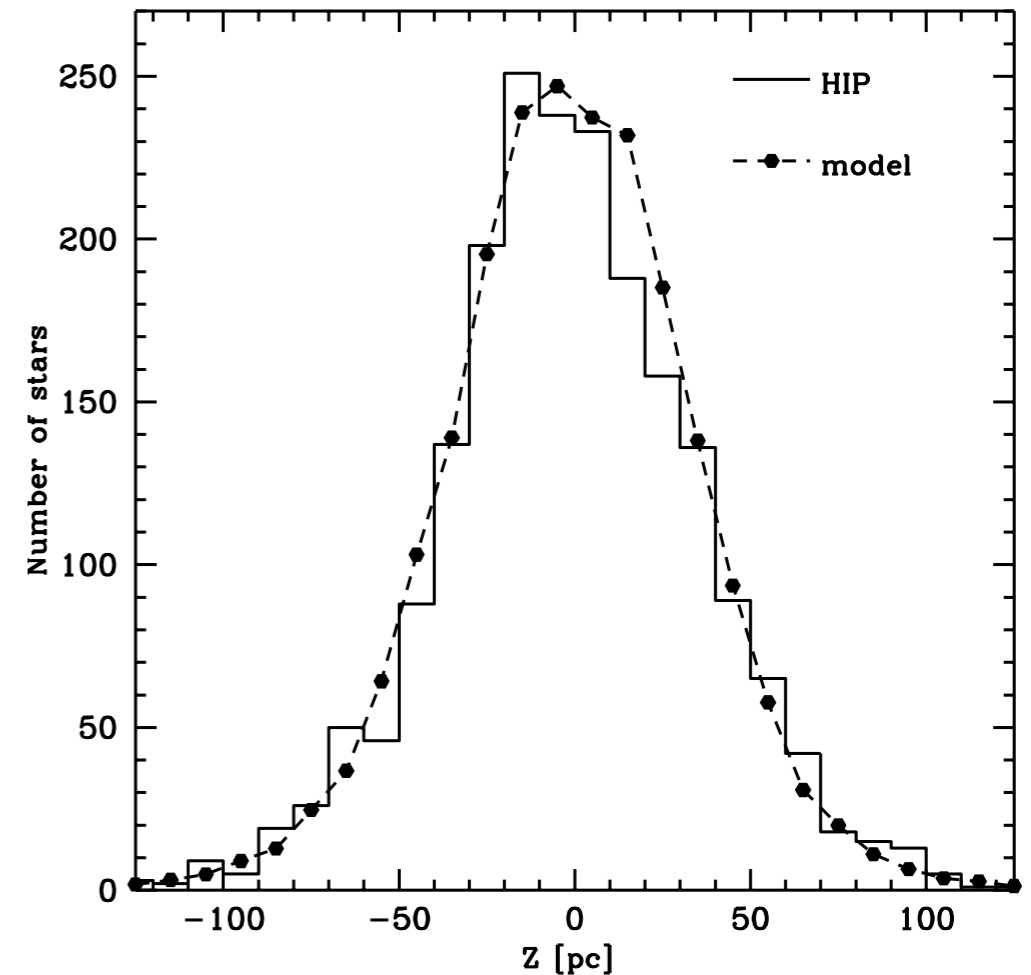




# Sun's distance from Galactic plane

Distance from Galactic plane,  $Z_0$   
(important for phase of Sun's orbit)

- pre-Hipparcos: 10–42 pc
- Pham 1997 (F stars):  $9 \pm 4$  pc
- Holmberg et al 1997 (F stars/red giants):  $8 \pm 4$  pc
- Chen 2001 (SDSS):  $27 \pm 4$  pc
- Maíz Apellániz 2001 (O-B5 stars):  $24 \pm 2$  pc
- Branham 2003 (90,000 stars):  $35 \pm 1$  pc



Holmberg et al 1997

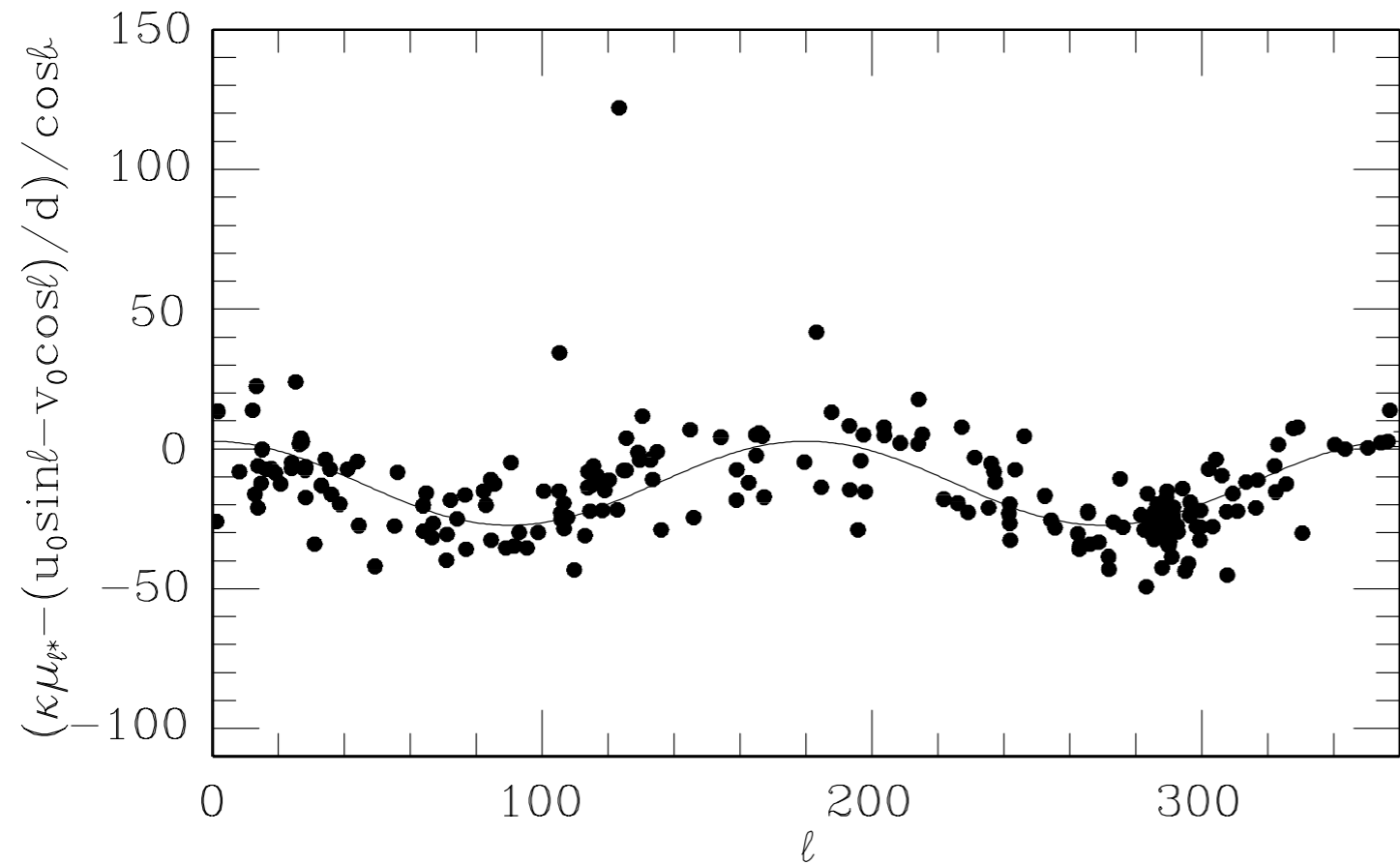


# Results on Solar Motion

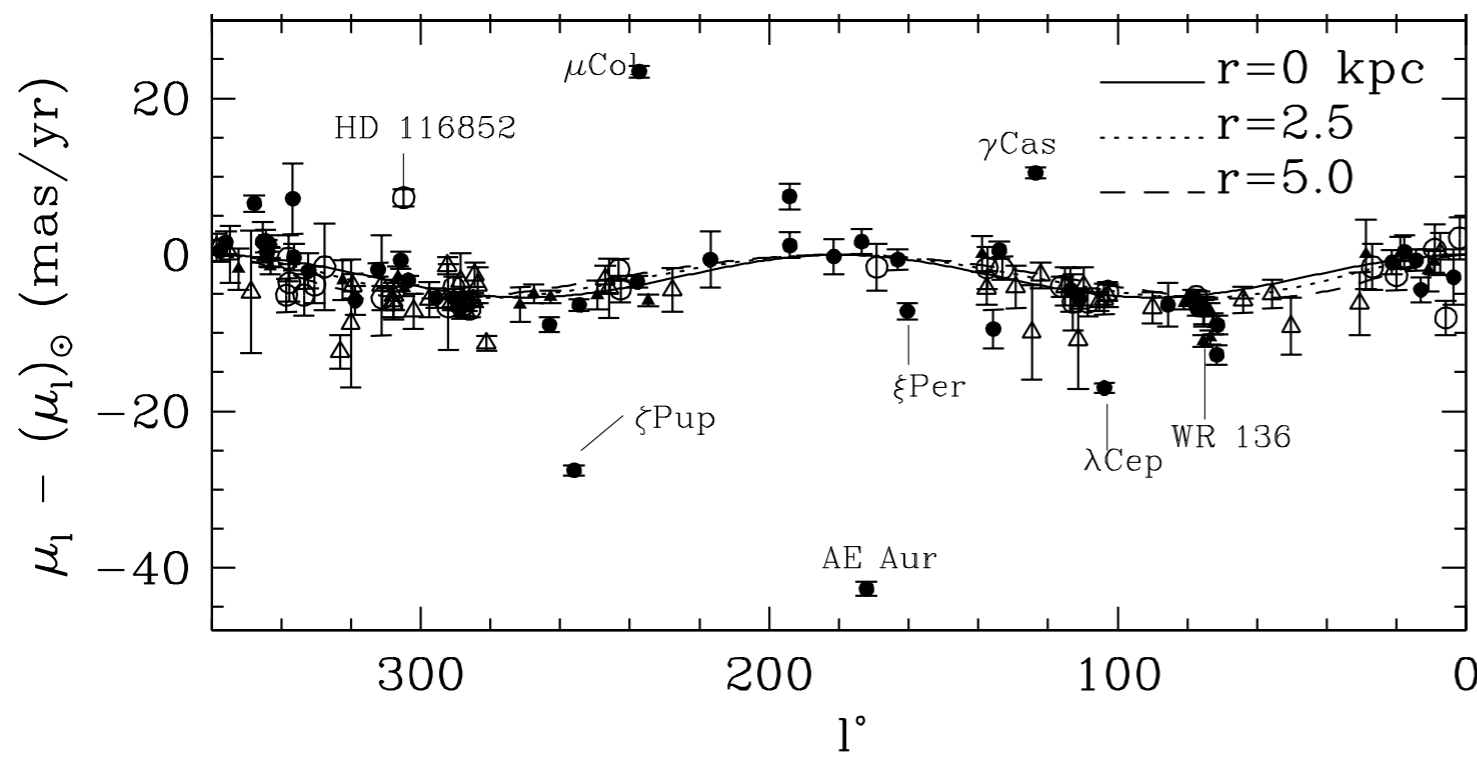
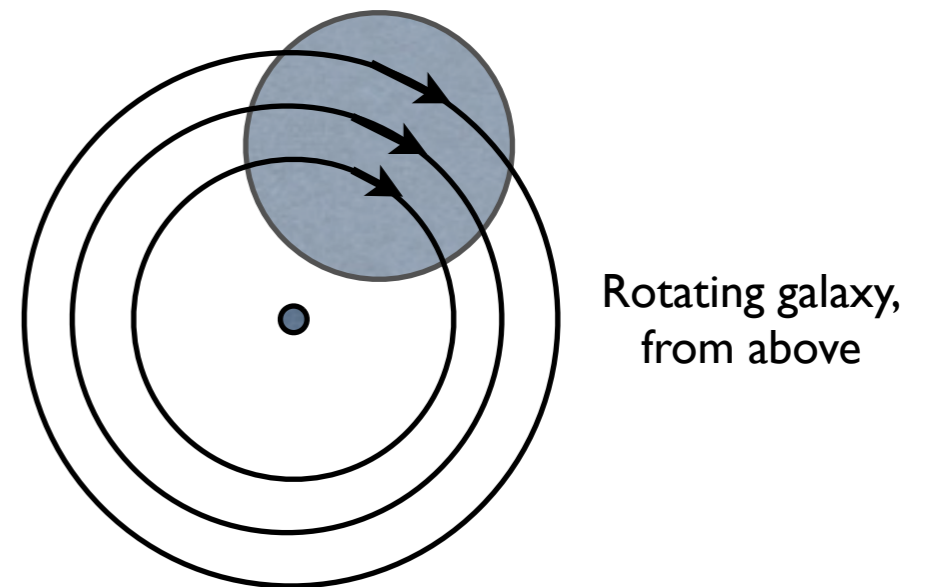
Reference	Class	Solar motion wrt LSR ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ )			Total $V_{\odot}$
		$u_{\odot}$	$v_{\odot}$	$w_{\odot}$	
Pre-Hipparcos					
Mihalas & Binney (1981)	Compilation	9	12	7	16.5
Evans & Irwin (1995)	APM-based	$7.3 \pm 1.5$	$13.9 \pm 2.3$	$8.8 \pm 2.2$	18.0
Hipparcos – Oort–Lindblad:					
Feast & Whitelock (1997)	Cepheids	9.3	11.2	$7.61 \pm 0.64$	16.4
Miyamoto & Zhu (1998)	Cepheids	$10.62 \pm 1.20$	$16.06 \pm 1.14$	$8.60 \pm 1.02$	21.1
Hipparcos – Ogorodnikov–Milne:					
Miyamoto & Zhu (1998)	O–B5 stars	$11.59 \pm 0.49$	$13.39 \pm 0.48$	$7.12 \pm 0.44$	19.1
"	Cepheids	$10.46 \pm 1.19$	$15.95 \pm 1.14$	$8.96 \pm 1.03$	21.1
Mignard (2000) <sup>1</sup>	A0–A5 dwarfs	$9.92 \pm 0.25$	$10.71 \pm 0.26$	$6.96 \pm 0.21$	16.2
"	A5–F0 dwarfs	$11.58 \pm 0.32$	$10.37 \pm 0.33$	$7.19 \pm 0.31$	17.1
"	F0–F5 dwarfs	$11.46 \pm 0.37$	$11.16 \pm 0.37$	$7.02 \pm 0.41$	17.5
"	K0–K5 giants	$7.99 \pm 0.35$	$14.97 \pm 0.36$	$7.39 \pm 0.40$	18.5
"	K5–M0 giants	$8.72 \pm 0.49$	$19.71 \pm 0.51$	$7.28 \pm 0.55$	22.7
"	M0–M5 giants	$7.37 \pm 0.61$	$20.29 \pm 0.63$	$6.85 \pm 0.66$	22.6
Branham (2000)	all Hipparcos	$10.30 \pm 0.06$	$19.13 \pm 0.05$	$7.09 \pm 0.04$	22.8
Branham (2002)	OB stars	$14.49 \pm 0.12$	$19.68 \pm 0.09$	$2.81 \pm 0.07$	24.6
Branham (2006) and priv. comm.	OB stars	$7.76 \pm 0.83$	$10.15 \pm 0.89$	$5.29 \pm 0.71$	13.8
Hipparcos – vectorial harmonics:					
Vityazev & Shuksto (2004)	113 646 stars	–	–	–	23.3
Makarov & Murphy (2007)	non-binary	$9.9 \pm 0.2$	$15.6 \pm 0.2$	$6.9 \pm 0.2$	19.7
Hipparcos – spiral-density wave:					
Mishurov & Zenina (1999b) <sup>2</sup>	Cepheids	$7.8 \pm 1.3$	$13.6 \pm 1.4$	–	–
Lépine et al. (2001) <sup>2</sup>	Cepheids	$8.8 \pm 1.0$	$11.9 \pm 1.1$	–	–
Hipparcos – other:					
Dehnen & Binney (1998a)	Dwarfs	$10.0 \pm 0.36$	$5.25 \pm 0.62$	$7.17 \pm 0.38$	13.4
Brosche et al. (2001)	K0–K5 giants	$9.0 \pm 0.5$	$21.0 \pm 0.5$	$7.7 \pm 0.4$	24.1
Fehrenbach et al. (2001) <sup>3</sup>	$\bar{d} = 46 \text{ pc}$	9.79	13.20	3.25	16.7
"	$\bar{d} = 195 \text{ pc}$	8.24	11.58	5.97	15.4
"	$\bar{d} = 378 \text{ pc}$	2.93	10.36	4.79	11.8
Hogg et al. (2005) <sup>4</sup>	Dwarfs	$10.1 \pm 0.5$	$4.0 \pm 0.8$	$6.7 \pm 0.2$	12.8

cf Schonrich et al (2010) considering Galactic metallicity gradient:  $UVW = 11.10, 12.24, 7.25$

# Galactic Rotation (I)



Cepheids:  
Feast & Whitelock (1997)

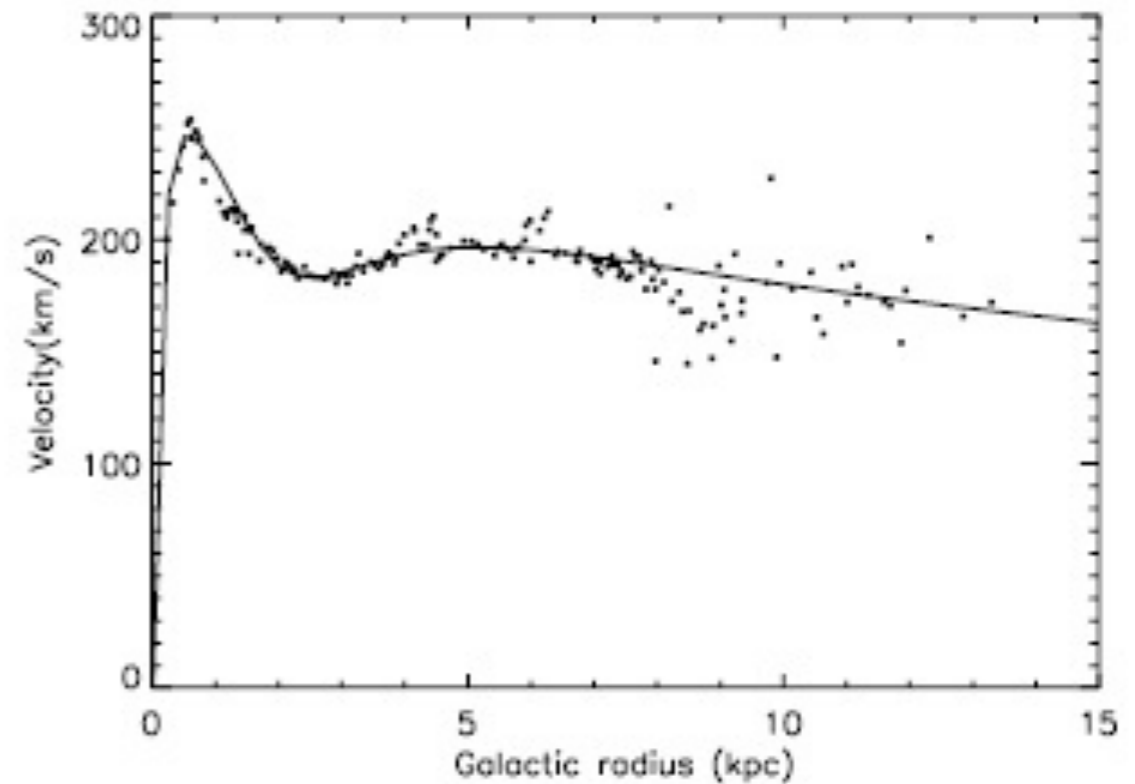


O and Wolf-Rayet stars:  
Moffat et al (1998)



# Galactic Rotation (2)

- galaxy disk does not rotate as solid body
- large-scale rotation from e.g. CO data
- provides evidence for dark matter
- nearby stars give detailed motion
- complications due to young stars, spiral arms, etc

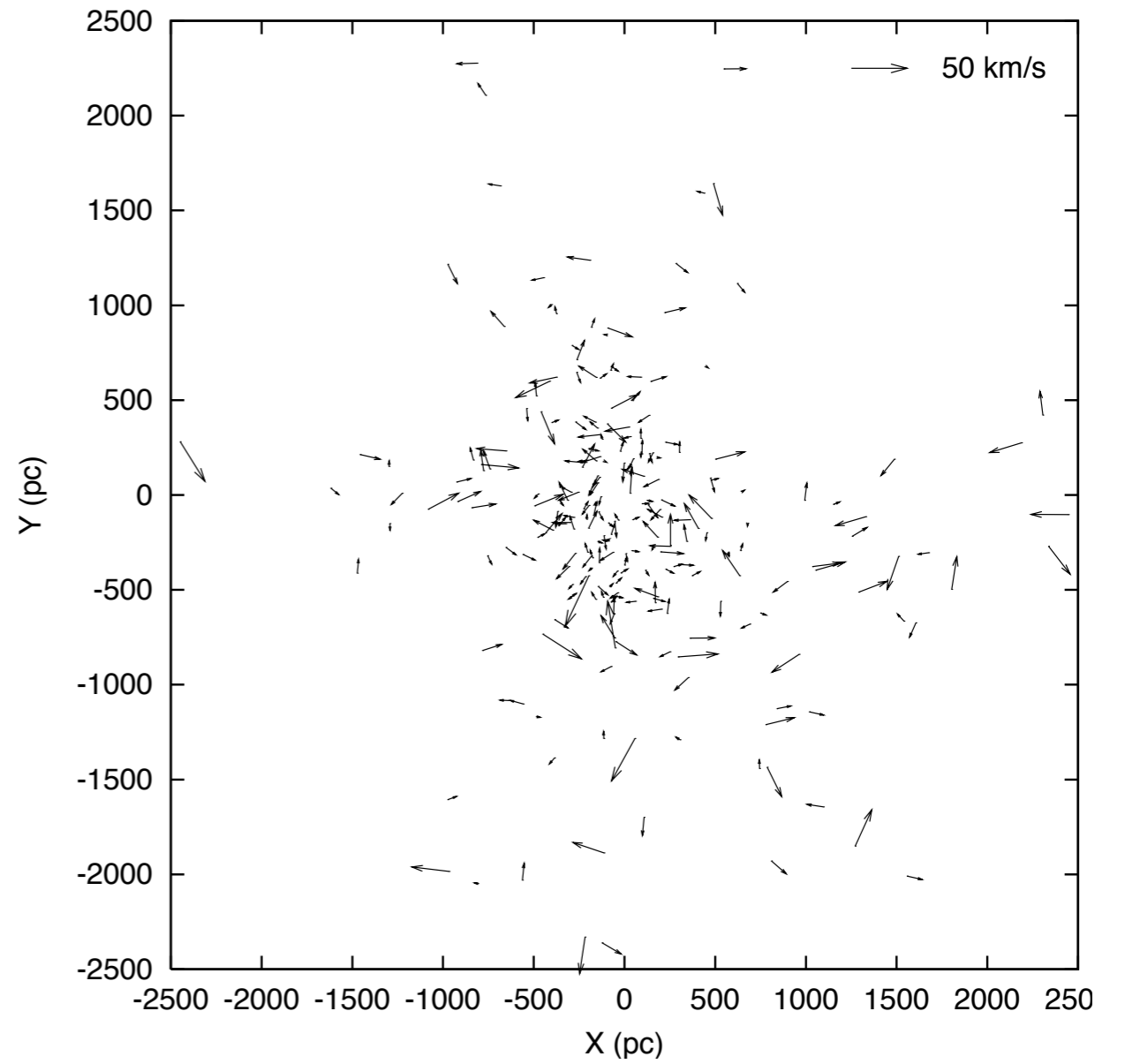
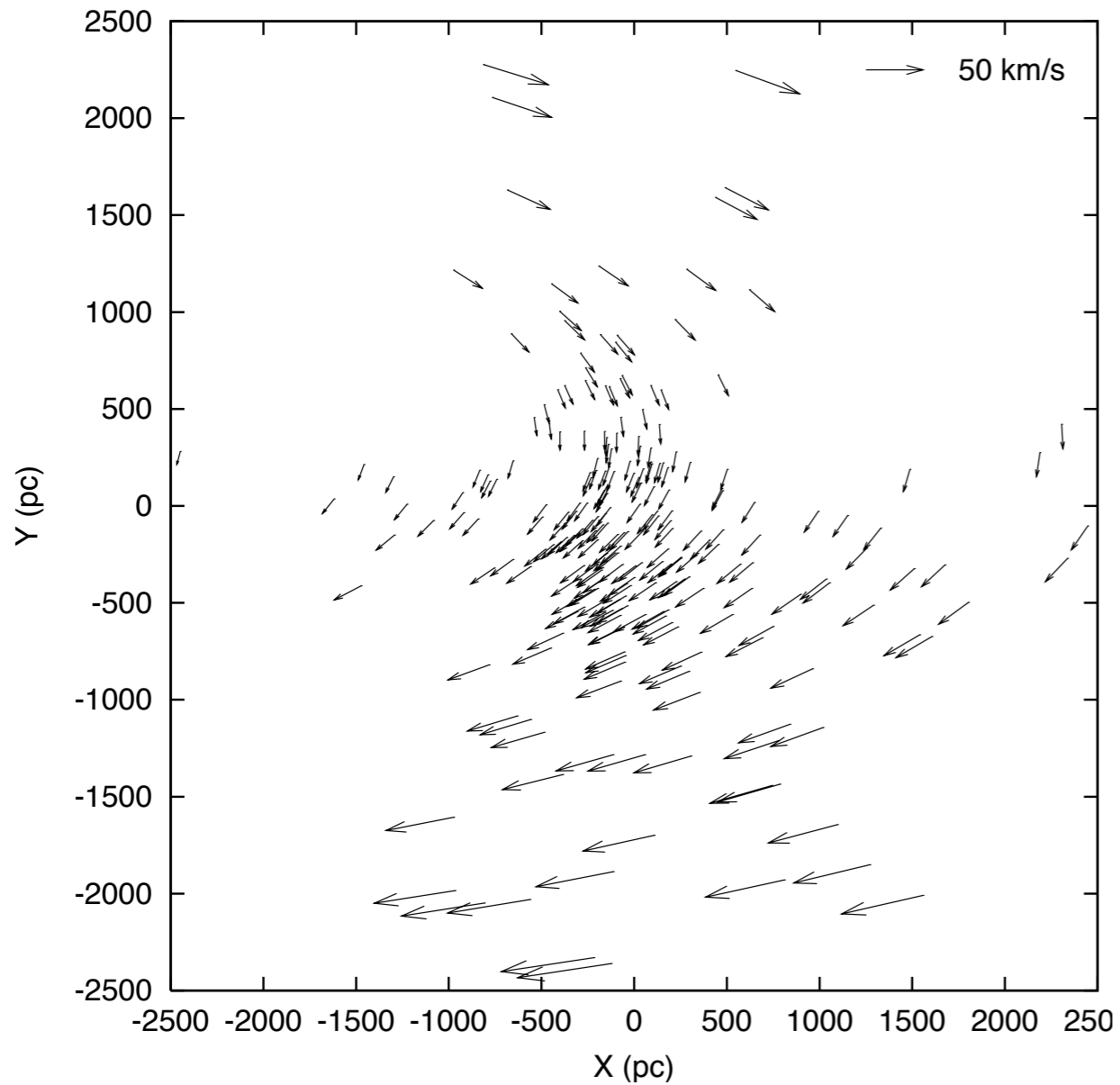


Successive approximations:

- (1) Oort–Lindblad approximation (assumes circular motion), with Oort constants  $A$ ,  $B$ :  
Feast & Whitelock (1997); Liu & Ma (1999); Olling & Dehnen (2003)
- (2) Ogorodnikov–Milne formulation based on a  $3 \times 3$  velocity tensor:  
Miyamoto & Zhu (1998); Mignard (2000); Uemura et al (2000); Branham (2000-06)
- (3) vector harmonic development:  
Mignard & Morando (1990); Vityazev & Shuksto (2004); Makarov & Murphy (2007)

# Galactic Rotation (3)

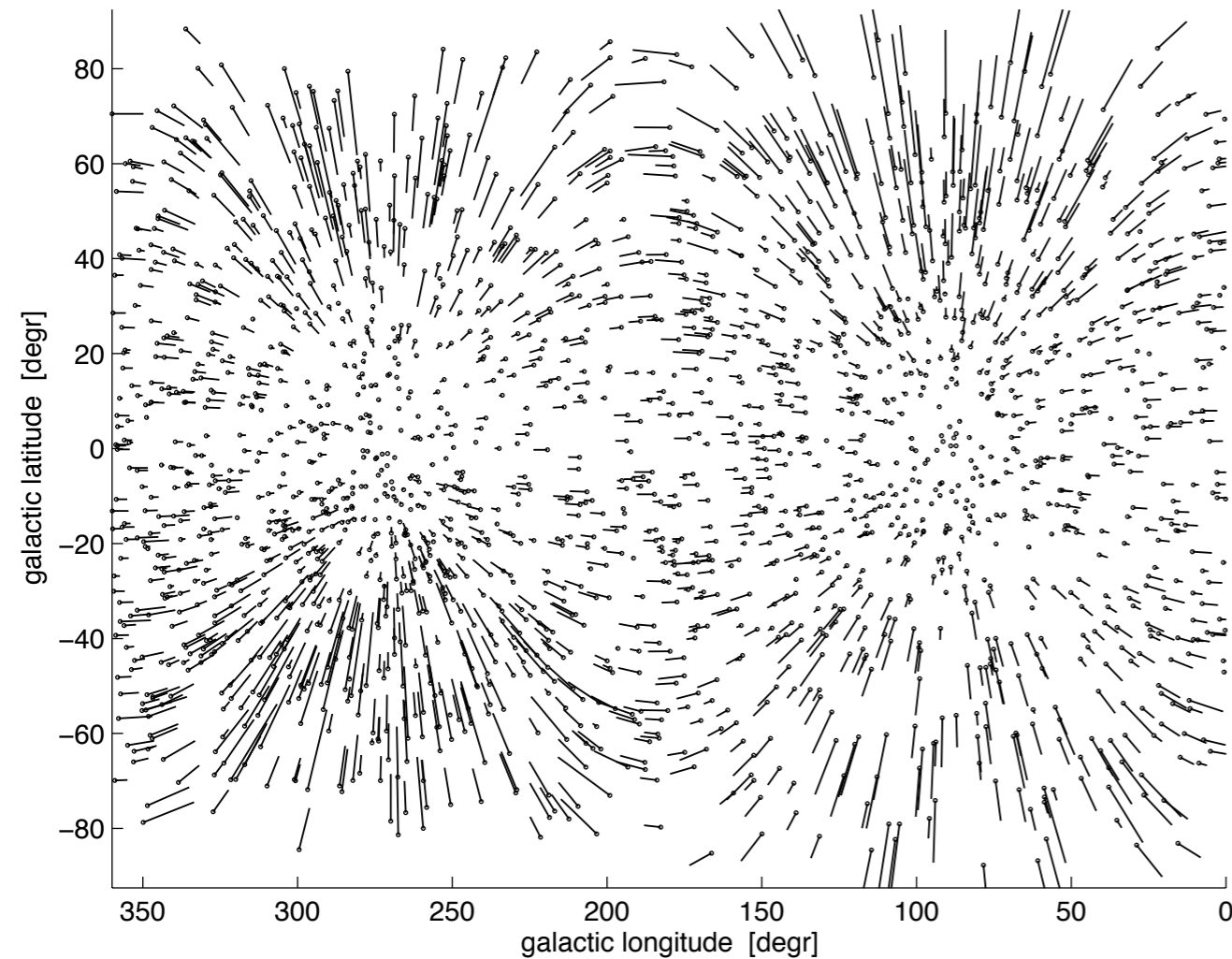
Velocity field and residuals for 243 O–B5 stars  
using Ogorodnikov-Milne model:  
Uemura et al (2000)



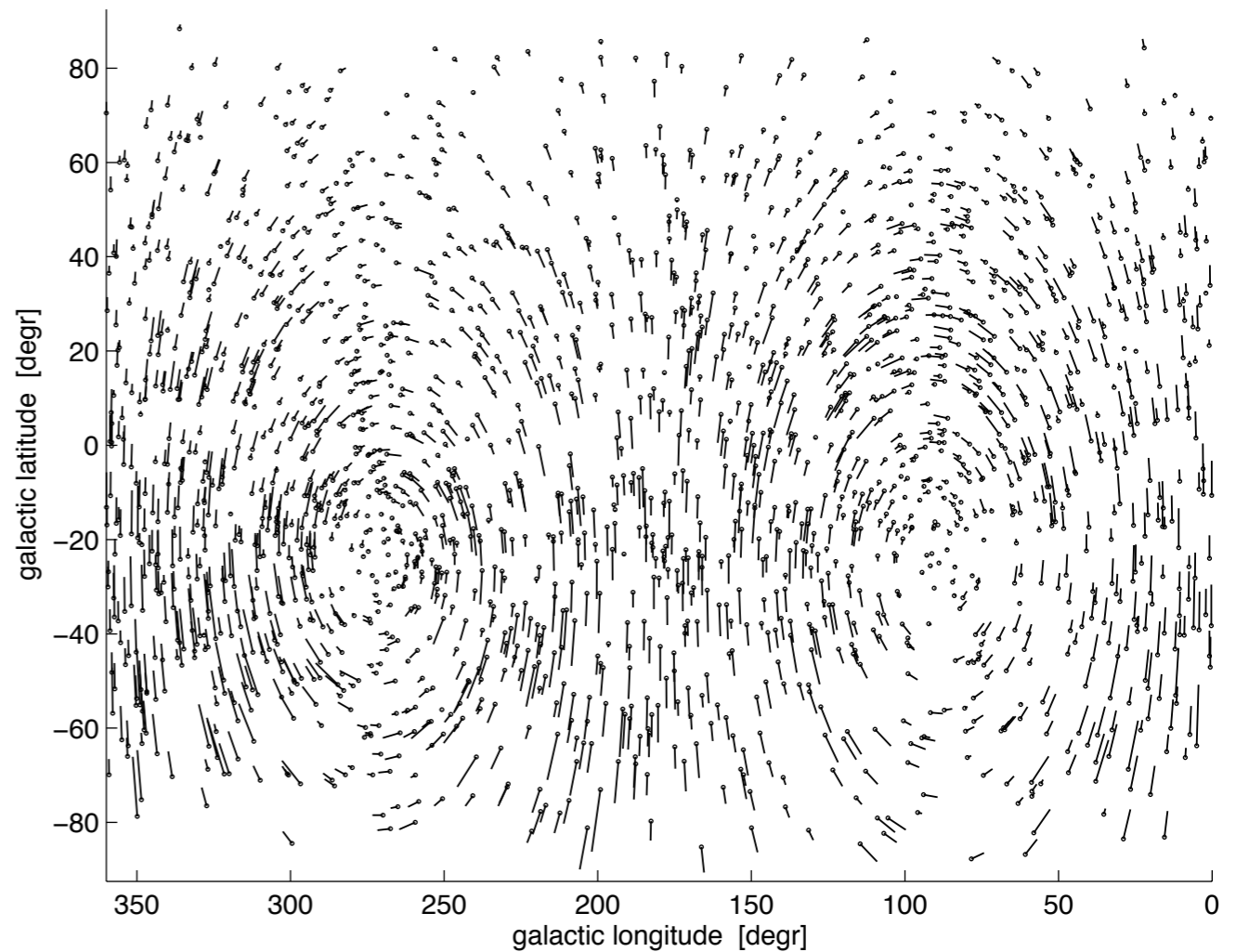
# Galactic Rotation (4)

Decomposition by vectorial harmonics:  
Makarov & Murphy (2007)

Vertical gradient of rotational velocity



Unexpected 'magnetic' vector harmonics



Higher degree terms not present in classical linear model:

- linear gradient of rotational velocity with distance from the plane
- uncertain dependency on population (thin or thick disk)
- upward vertical motion of stars towards GC (opposite to stationary warp model)

# Results on Galactic Rotation

Reference	$A$	$-B$	$A - B =$ $\Theta_0/R_0$	$-(A + B) =$ $(d\Theta/dR)_{R_0}$	$R_0$ (kpc)	$\Theta_0$ ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ )
Pre-Hipparcos:						
Oort (1927a) <sup>1</sup>	19	24	43	+5		
IAU (1964) standard <sup>2</sup>	15	10	25	-5	10	250
Kerr & Lynden-Bell (1986) <sup>3</sup>	$14.4 \pm 1.2$	$12.0 \pm 2.8$	$26.4 \pm 1.6$	$-2.5 \pm 3.1$	$8.5 \pm 1.1$	$220 \pm 20$
Hanson (1987) <sup>4</sup>	$11.3 \pm 1.1$	$13.9 \pm 0.9$	$25.2 \pm 1.9$	$+2.6 \pm 1.4$		
Olling & Merrifield (1998) <sup>5</sup>	$11.3 \pm 1.1$	$13.9 \pm 0.9$	$25.2 \pm 1.9$	$+2.6 \pm 1.4$	$7.1 \pm 0.4$	$184 \pm 8$
Hipparcos – Oort–Lindblad:						
Feast & Whitelock (1997) Cepheids	$14.8 \pm 0.8$	$12.4 \pm 0.6$	$27.2 \pm 1.0$	$-2.4 \pm 1.0$	$8.5 \pm 0.5$	$231 \pm 15$
Olling & Dehnen (2003) dwarfs <sup>6</sup>	$9.6 \pm 0.5$	$11.6 \pm 0.5$	$21.1 \pm 0.5$	$+2.0 \pm 0.5$		
Olling & Dehnen (2003) giants <sup>7</sup>	$15.9 \pm 1.2$	$16.9 \pm 1.2$	$32.8 \pm 1.2$	$+1.0 \pm 1.2$		
Liu & Ma (1999) O–B <sup>14</sup>	$17.6 \pm 0.2$	$14.6 \pm 0.2$	$32.2 \pm 0.3$	$-3.0 \pm 0.3$		
Hipparcos – Ogorodnikov–Milne:						
Miyamoto & Zhu (1998) Cepheids	$16.5 \pm 1.1$	$12.1 \pm 0.9$	$28.6 \pm 1.4$	$-4.4 \pm 1.4$		
Miyamoto & Zhu (1998) O–B5	$16.1 \pm 1.1$	$15.5 \pm 0.9$	$31.6 \pm 1.4$	$-0.6 \pm 1.4$		
Mignard (2000) dwarfs <sup>8</sup>	$10.9 \pm 0.8$	$13.3 \pm 0.6$	$24.2 \pm 1.1$	$+2.4 \pm 1.1$		
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Branham (2000) all <sup>10</sup>	$10.8 \pm 0.5$	$11.0 \pm 0.5$	$21.8 \pm 0.7$	$+0.2 \pm 0.7$		
Branham (2002) O–B	$14.9 \pm 0.8$	$15.4 \pm 0.7$	$30.3 \pm 1.1$	$+0.5 \pm 1.1$		
Branham (2006) O–B	$16.1 \pm 0.7$	$10.7 \pm 0.6$	$26.8 \pm 1.0$	$-5.3 \pm 1.0$		
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Lépine et al. (2001) Cepheids	$17.5 \pm 0.8$	$8.8 \pm 1.5$	$26.3 \pm 1.7$	$-8.7 \pm 1.7$		

cf Brunthaler et al (2011) using VLBI–BeSSeL + Sgr A\*:  $R_0 = 8.3 \pm 0.23$ ,  $\Theta_0 = 239 \pm 7$  (for specific UVW)

# Summary

Distance to Galactic centre (using Galactic centre stars):

$$R_0 = 8.2 \text{ kpc}$$

Sun's distance from the Galactic plane:

$$Z_0 = 20 \text{ (+/- 10?) pc}$$

Solar motion with respect to LSR (Dehnen & Binney 1988):

$$u_0 = +10.00, v_0 = +5.25, w_0 = +7.17 \text{ km/s}$$

Galactic rotation (Feast & Whitelock 1997):

$$A = +14.82, B = -12.37 \text{ km/s/kpc}$$

$$\Omega_0 = (\Theta/R)_{R_0} = A - B = +27.19 \text{ km/s/kpc}$$

$$(d\Theta/dR)_{R_0} = -(A+B) = -2.45 \text{ km/s/kpc (slightly decreasing)}$$

$$\text{Circular velocity at } R_0 = R_0 \Omega_0 = 223 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\text{Galactic rotation period} = 226 \text{ Myr}$$

## The uncertainties affect, e.g.:

- dynamical effects of the local mass density based on vertical motions of stars in the disk
- constraints on dark matter distribution
- disk and local star formation models
- Galactic escape velocity
- models of spiral arms
- phase of Sun's vertical oscillatory motion
- Sun's passage through the spiral arms

**Problem 2.**  
**The Hyades and Pleiades**

# Detailed Sub-Structure: Clusters, Associations, Moving Groups, Streams...

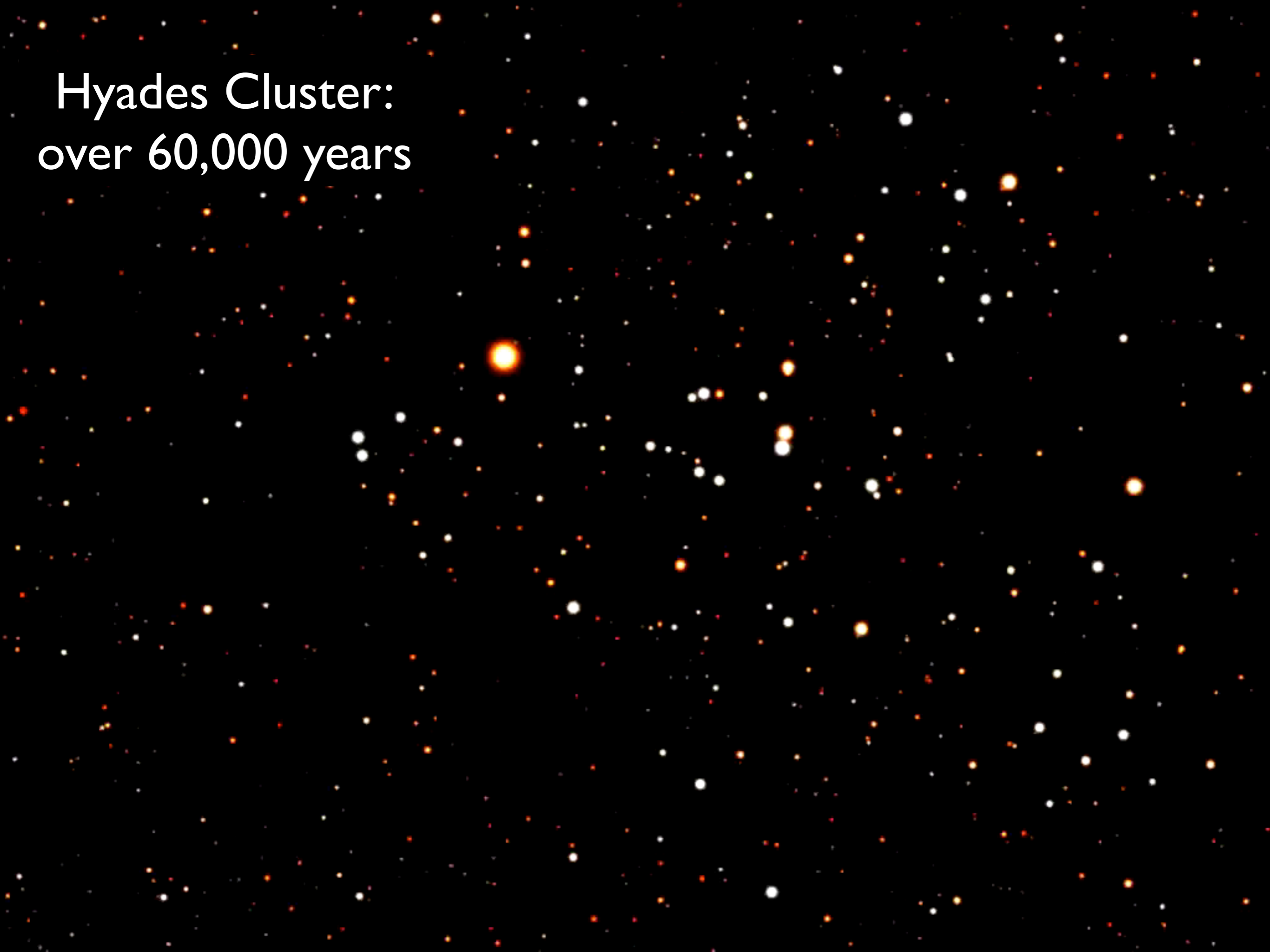
## Detection methods (delicate with Hipparcos):

- Convergent-point analyses: Hyades (Perryman et al 1998)
- Spaghetti method: parallax + positions/proper motions (Hoogerwerf & Aguilar 1999)
- Global convergence mapping (Makarov & Urban 2000)
- Orbital back-tracking (Hoogerwerf et al 2001, Ortega et al 2002, ...)
- Epicycle correction (Makarov et al 2004)
- Wavelet transforms (Chereul et al 1997, 1998, 1999)
- Vector-point diagrams (Platais et al 1998, Kharchenko et al 2005)

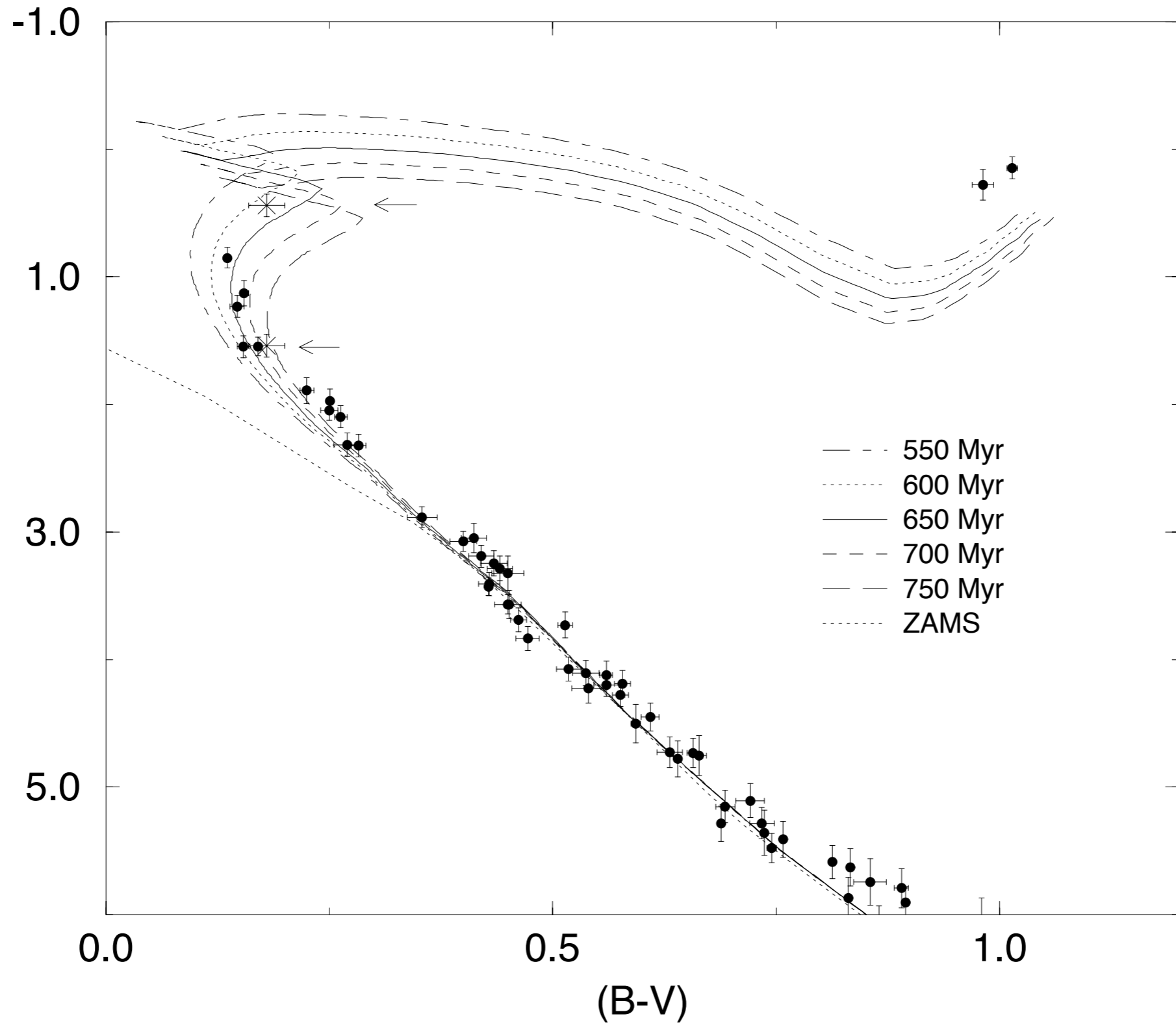
Identification of cluster members will be facilitated by Gaia's parallaxes, proper motions, radial velocities, and multi-colour photometry



Hyades Cluster:  
over 60,000 years



# Hyades main sequence fitting



# The Pleiades star cluster

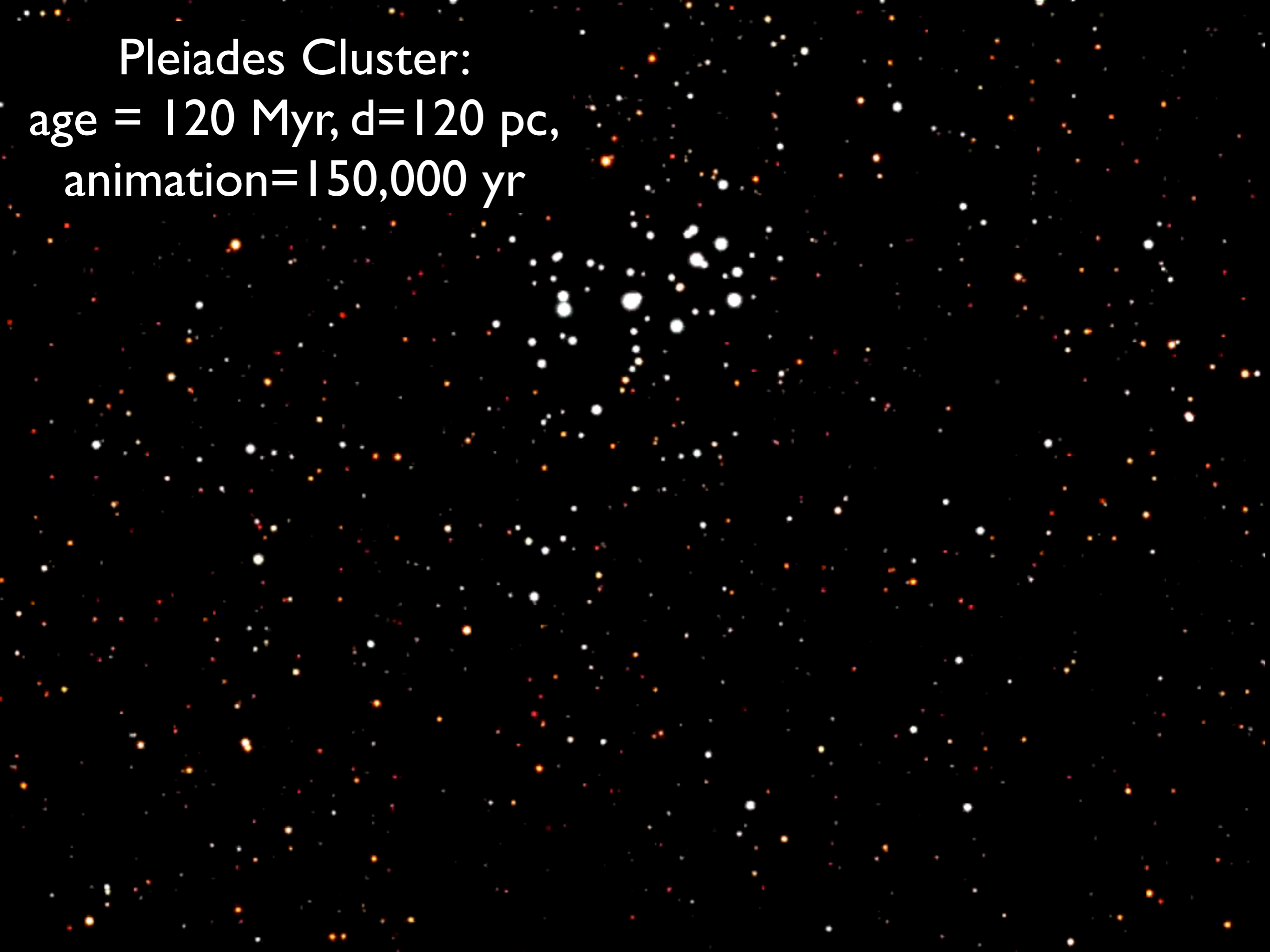




# Pleiades Cluster:

age = 120 Myr,  $d=120$  pc,

animation=150,000 yr



# Hyades and Pleiades

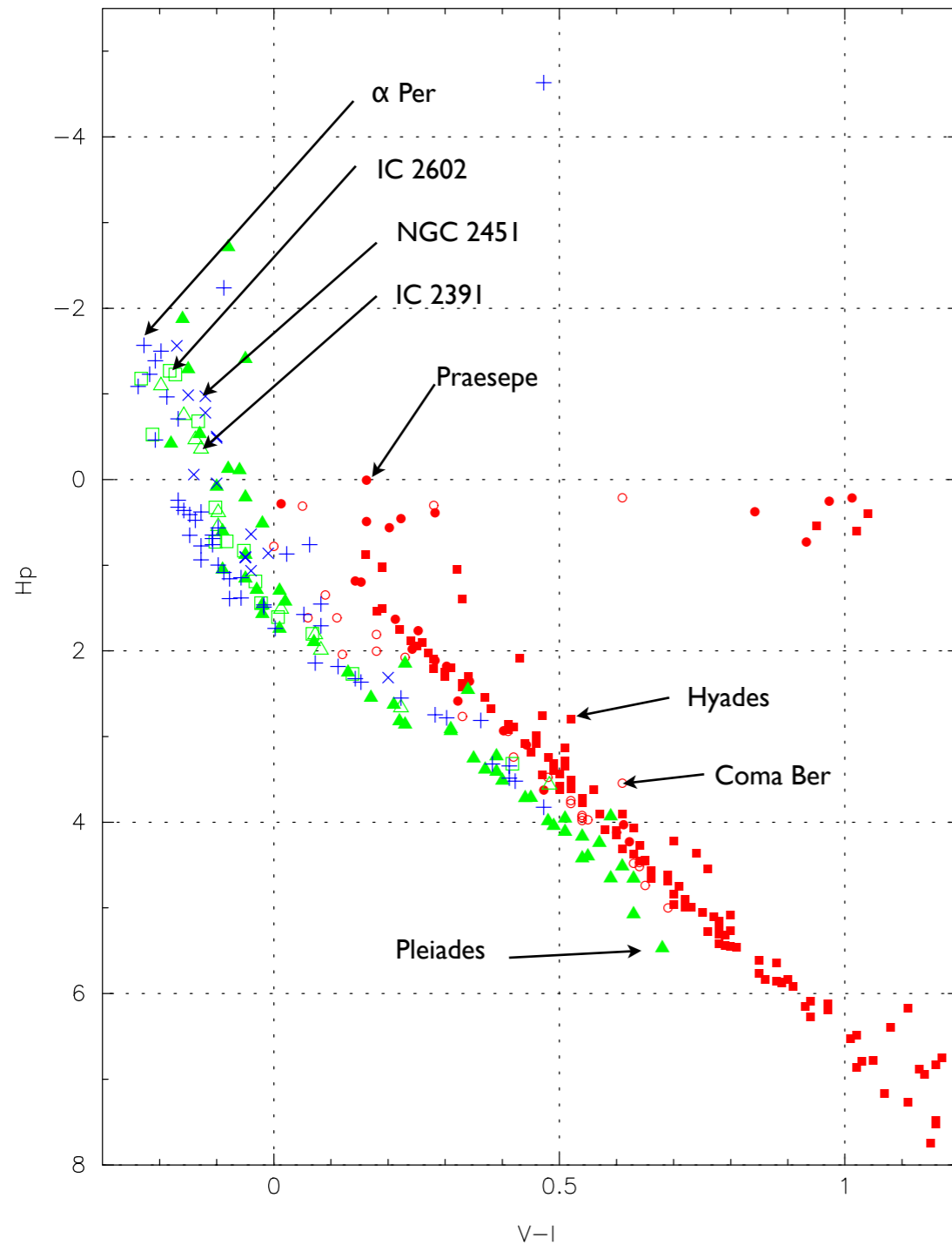
## Hyades:

- distance (~70 members) =  $46.3 \pm 0.3$  pc
- chemical composition:  $Y = 0.26$ ,  $Z = 0.024$ ; age =  $625 \pm 50$  Myr (Perryman et al 1998)
- internal velocity dispersion  $\sigma_v = 0.3$  km/s (de Bruijne et al 2001, Narayanan & Gould 1999)
- N-body simulations: initial mass  $\sim 1200 M_\odot$  (Madsen 2002)

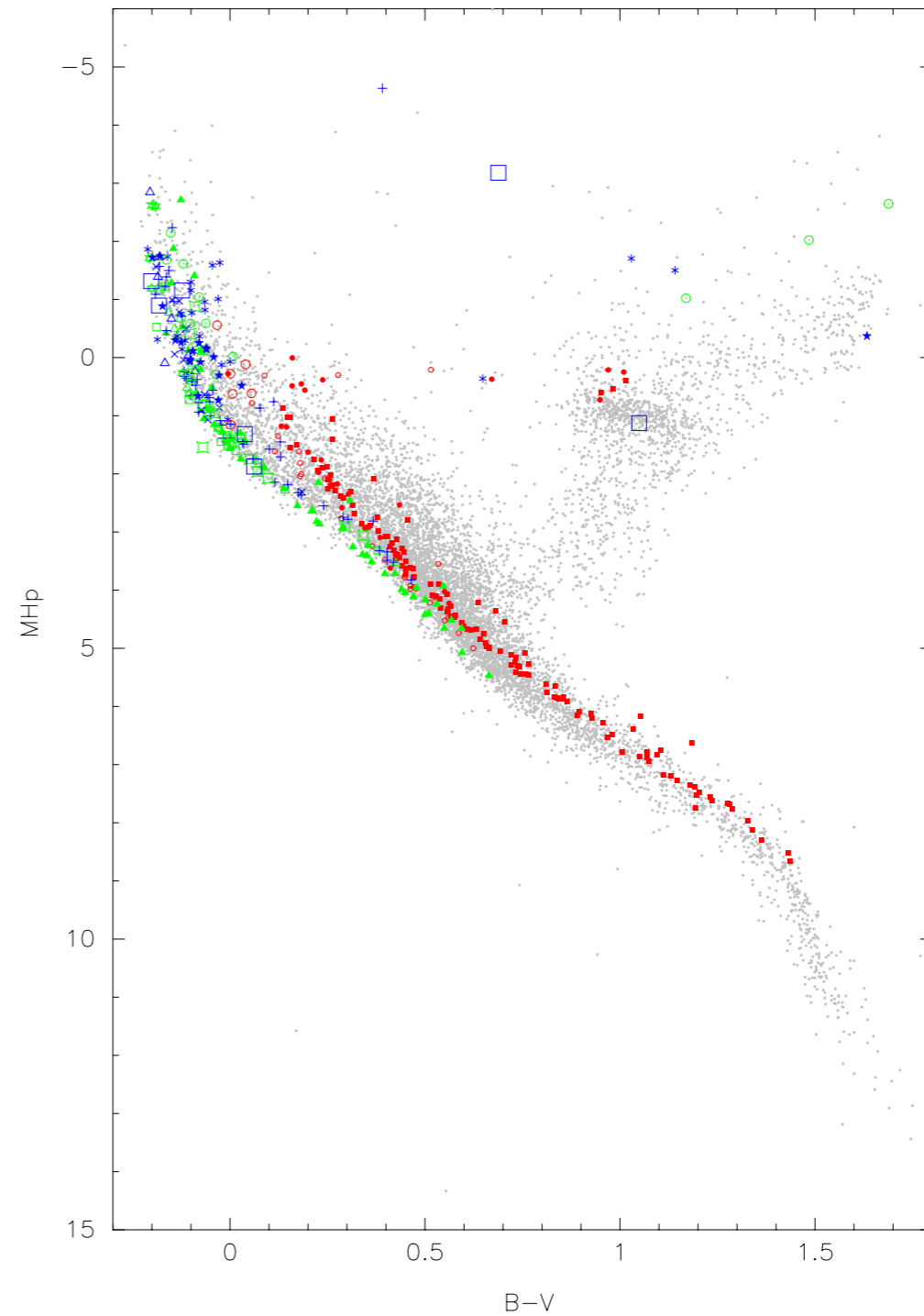
## Pleiades:

- distance (main sequence) =  $133.8 - 135.5 \pm 3$  pc (Percival et al 2005, An et al 2007)
- distance (Hipparcos) =  $118.3 \pm 3.5$  (van Leeuwen 1999) to  $122.2 \pm 2.0$  (van Leeuwen 2007)

# Not just a problem for Hyades and Pleiades...



Eight nearest clusters; both figures from the comprehensive re-reduction of the data  
(van Leeuwen 2007)



9344 single stars with parallaxes  $< 5\%$ , with 20 open clusters:  
oldest in red (Hyades, Praesepe); Pleiades etc in green; youngest in blue

# The cluster distance problem

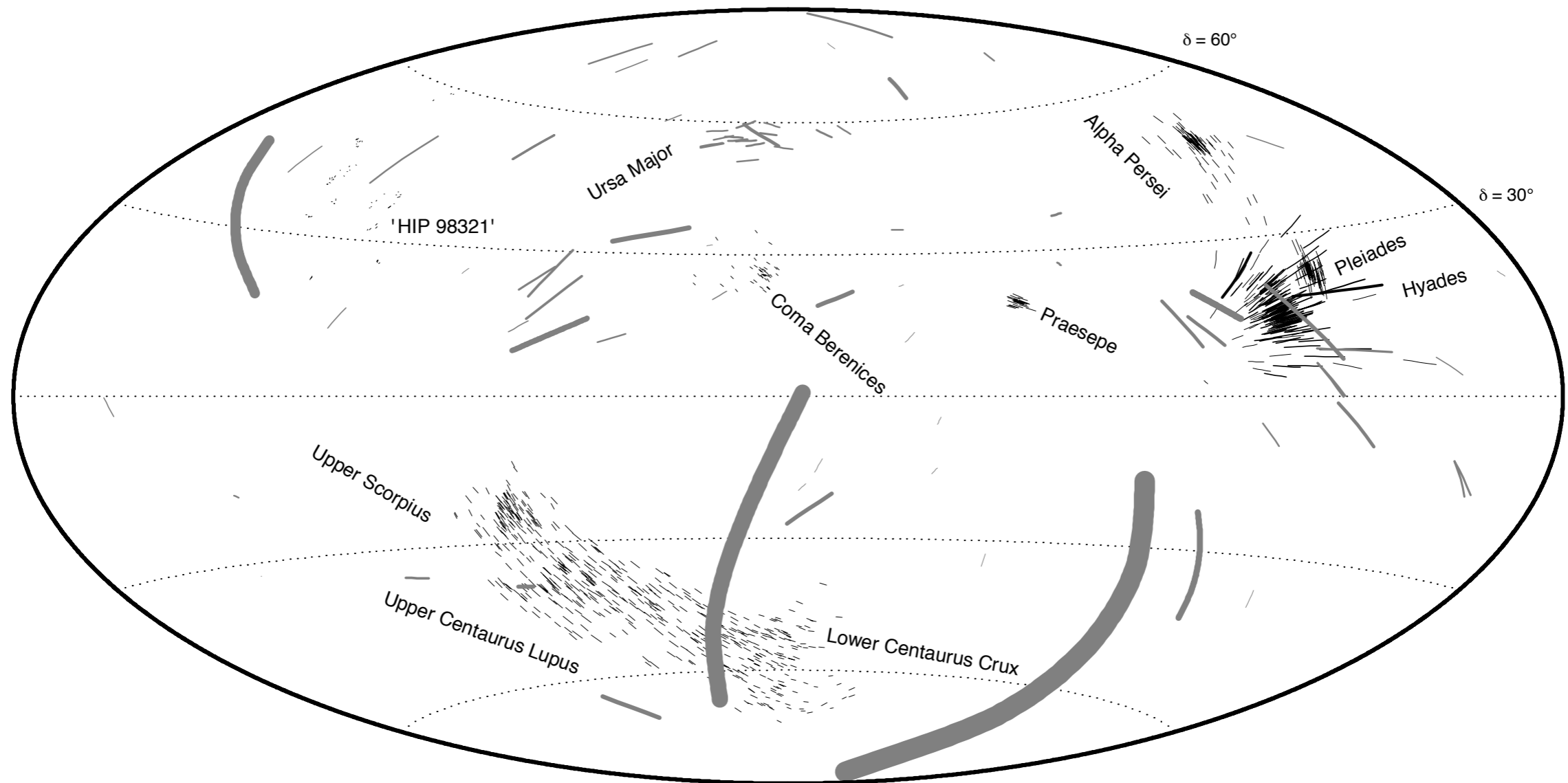
- Complications:
  - small-scale correlations (documented in Hipparcos Catalogue)
  - main-sequence fitting and Hipparcos parallaxes sample distinct parts of the main sequence
  - metallicity determination; temperature scale; He (Efremov 1997, Belikov 1998)
  - binaries HD 23642 (Munari 2004, Southworth 2005), HD 23850 (Pan 2004, Zwahlen 2004)
  - other distance estimates: HST FGS3 (Soderblom 2005); asteroseismology (Fox et al 2006)
  - cluster non-sphericity (Raboud & Mermilliod 1998, Stello & Nissen 2001)
  - extended star formation over time (Herbig 1962, Belikov 1998, Raboud & Mermilliod 1998)
  - X-ray diagnostics (Makarov & Robichon 2001)
  - grey extinction (Jones 1972)
- Preparing for a more detailed Hyades/Pleiades investigation with Gaia:
  - acquire multiple-epoch radial velocities for full space motions, binary studies, membership
  - acquire multicolour photometry and spectroscopy for metallicity and reddening
  - develop dynamical models including N-body simulations



# Others...

- nearby stars (following Gliese & Jahreiss)
- local mass density
- properties of open clusters
- structure and dynamics of spiral arms  
(cf Xu et al 2013, VLBA-BeSSeL survey using H<sub>2</sub>O masers)
- halo stars within 100 pc
- distance to the LMC

# Clusters and Associations on the Sky

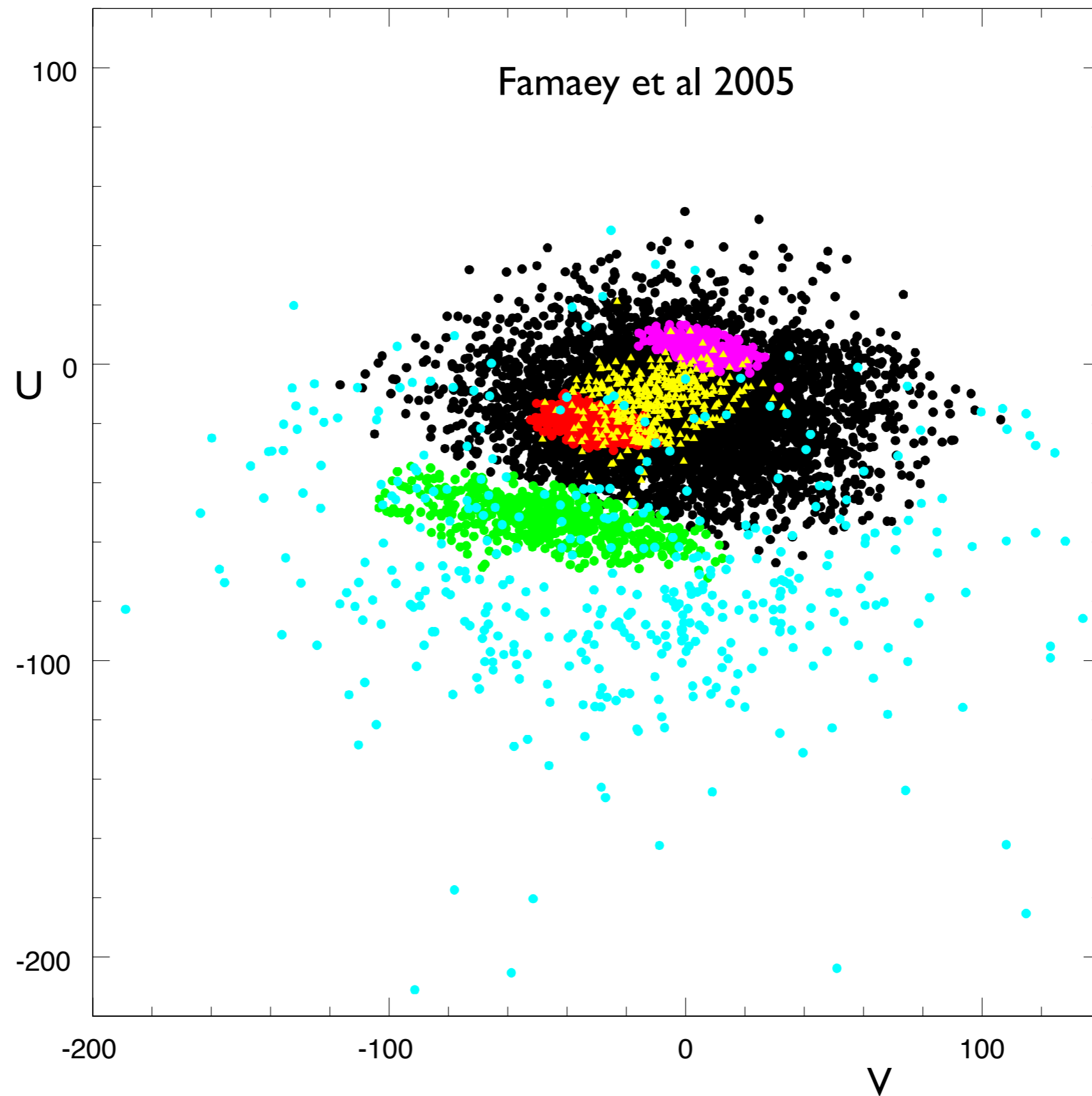


Convergent motions over 200,000 years  
(Madsen et al 2002)

## Detects:

- clusters (Hyades, Pleiades, Coma,...)
- moving groups (Ursa Major,...)
- associations (Scorpius, Centaurus,...)

# Moving Groups in the Galactic U-V Plane



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These (old) 'moving groups' cover various phenomena:

- evaporating open clusters: Hyades group
- spiral-arm shocks: Pleiades group (Asiain et al 1999, Famaey et al 2005, Gieles et al 2007)
- resonance due to rotating bar: Hercules stream (Dehnen 1998)
- other moving groups:
  - Castor: 0.2 Gyr (Barrado y Navascues 1998, Montes et al 2001)
  - Ursa Major: 0.3 Gyr (Eggen 1998, Chupina et al 2001, King et al 2003)
  - HR 1614: 2-6 Gyr (Eggen 1998, Feltzing & Holmberg 2000)

• HIP 16404

Stars nearby are travellers from far away  
(view of Galactic disk over 300 Myr)



HIP 49616



HIP 117254



our Sun

Mass in the  
Galactic plane  
(over ~60 Myr)



# Distribution of Matter

Characterised by:

- mass per unit volume (Oort limit)
- total surface density projected on the plane (scale height)
- density + velocity distribution  $\rightarrow$  potential (K-z relation)

Important for:

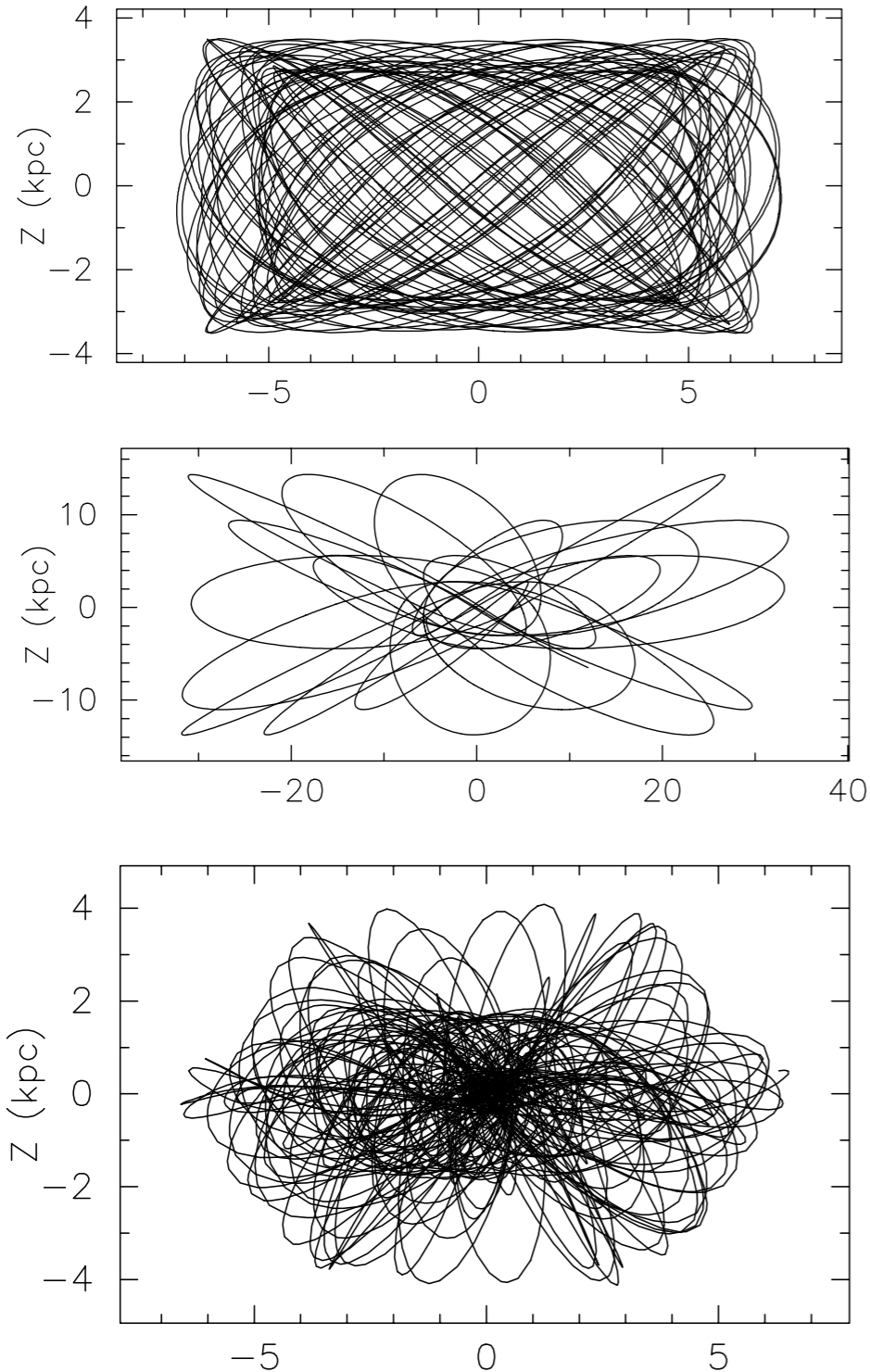
- physical/chemical evolution of star formation
- disk stability and properties of dark matter
- Galactic escape velocity ( $\sim 500$  km/s; also runaway + hypervelocity stars)

Results:

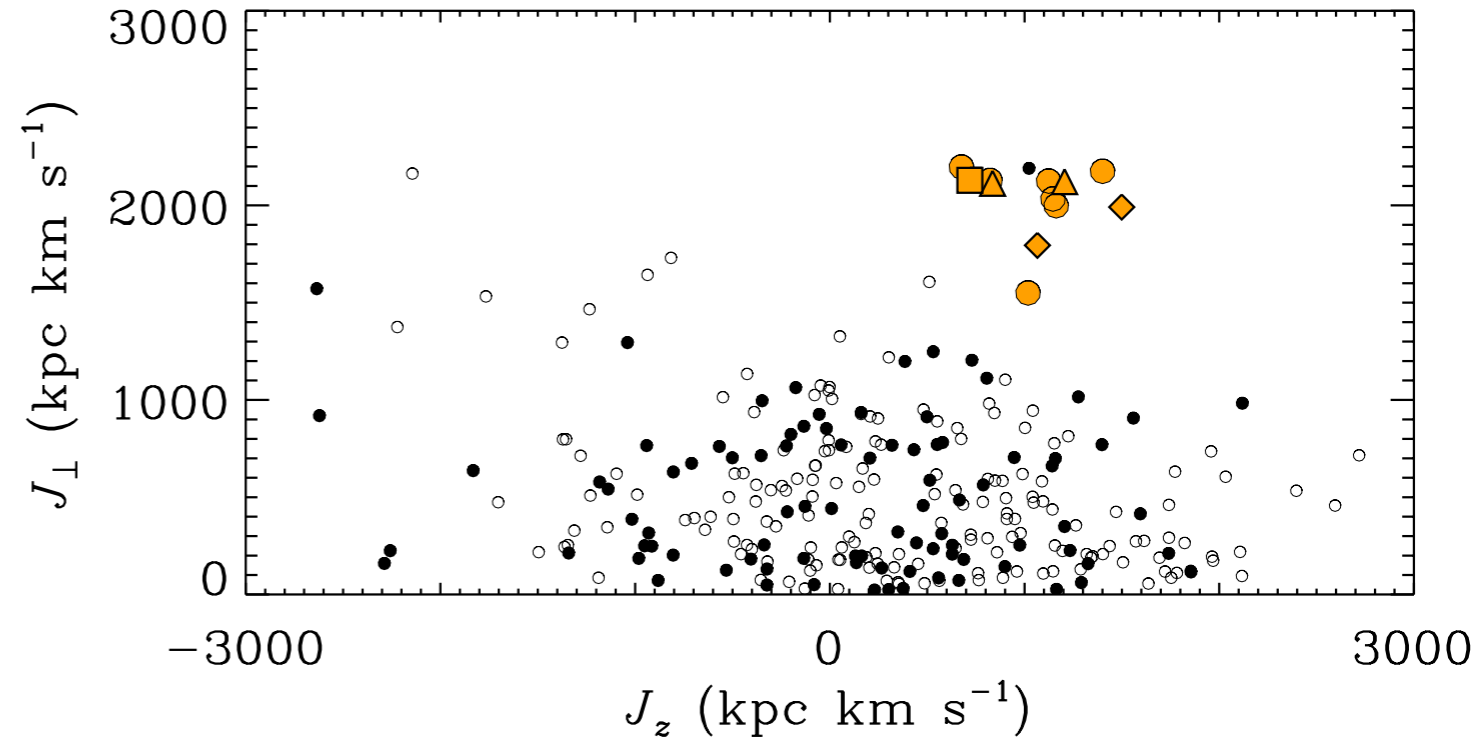
- no dark matter distributed as the disk (Crézé et al 1998)
- Oort limit (Holmberg & Flynn 2004):  $\rho_0 = 0.102 M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-3}$
- vertical oscillation period:  $P_{\perp} = (\pi/G\rho_0)^{0.5} = 82 \text{ Myr}$



# Large-Scale Dynamical Structure (2/2)

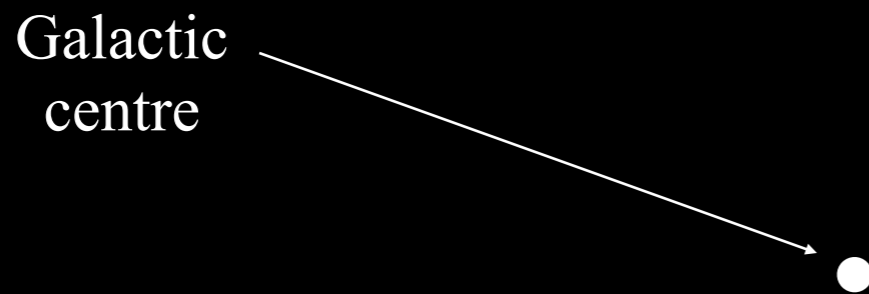


Galaxy orbits for globular clusters for  $10^{10}$  yr: disk, thick disk, and halo orbits  
(Dinescu et al 1999)



Galaxy formation (infall) directly  
observed in angular momentum space  
(Helmi et al 1999; Chiba & Beers 2000)

# Our Galaxy has been built from mergers...



← 30 kpc →

Captured galaxy:

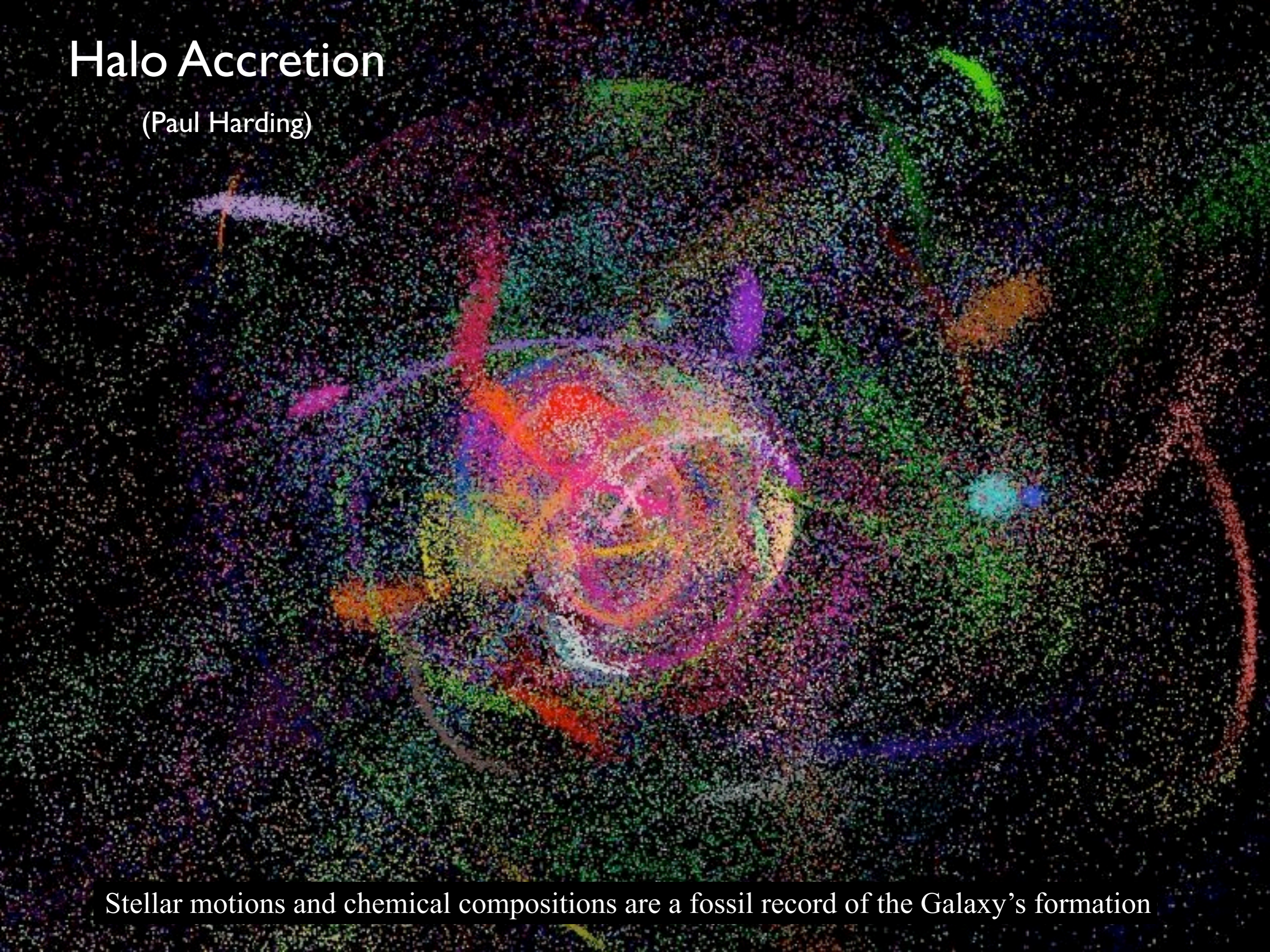
- satellite mass:  $4 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$
- pericentre: 7 kpc
- simulation over 3 Gyr



# Halo Accretion

(Paul Harding)

Stellar motions and chemical compositions are a fossil record of the Galaxy's formation





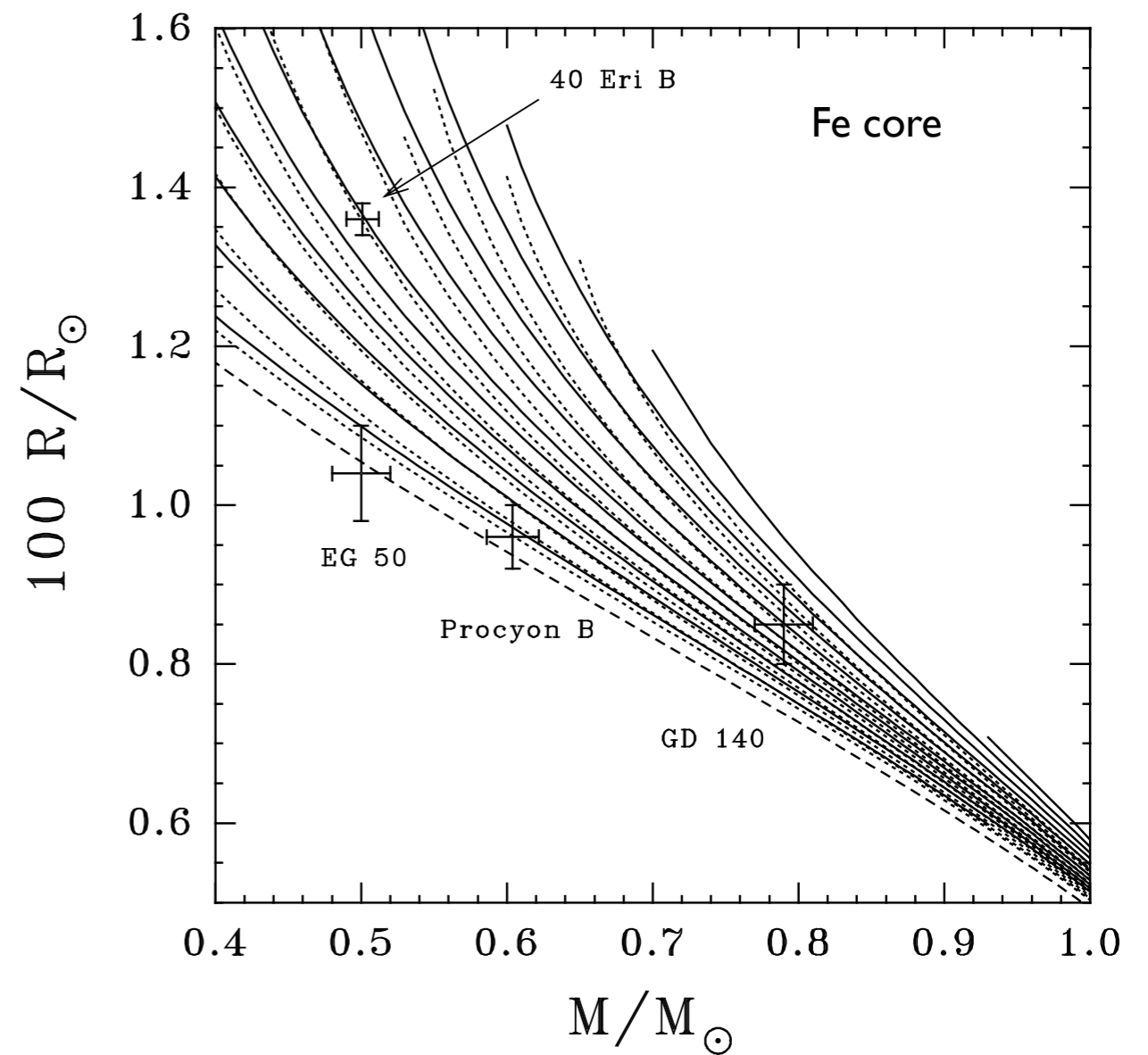
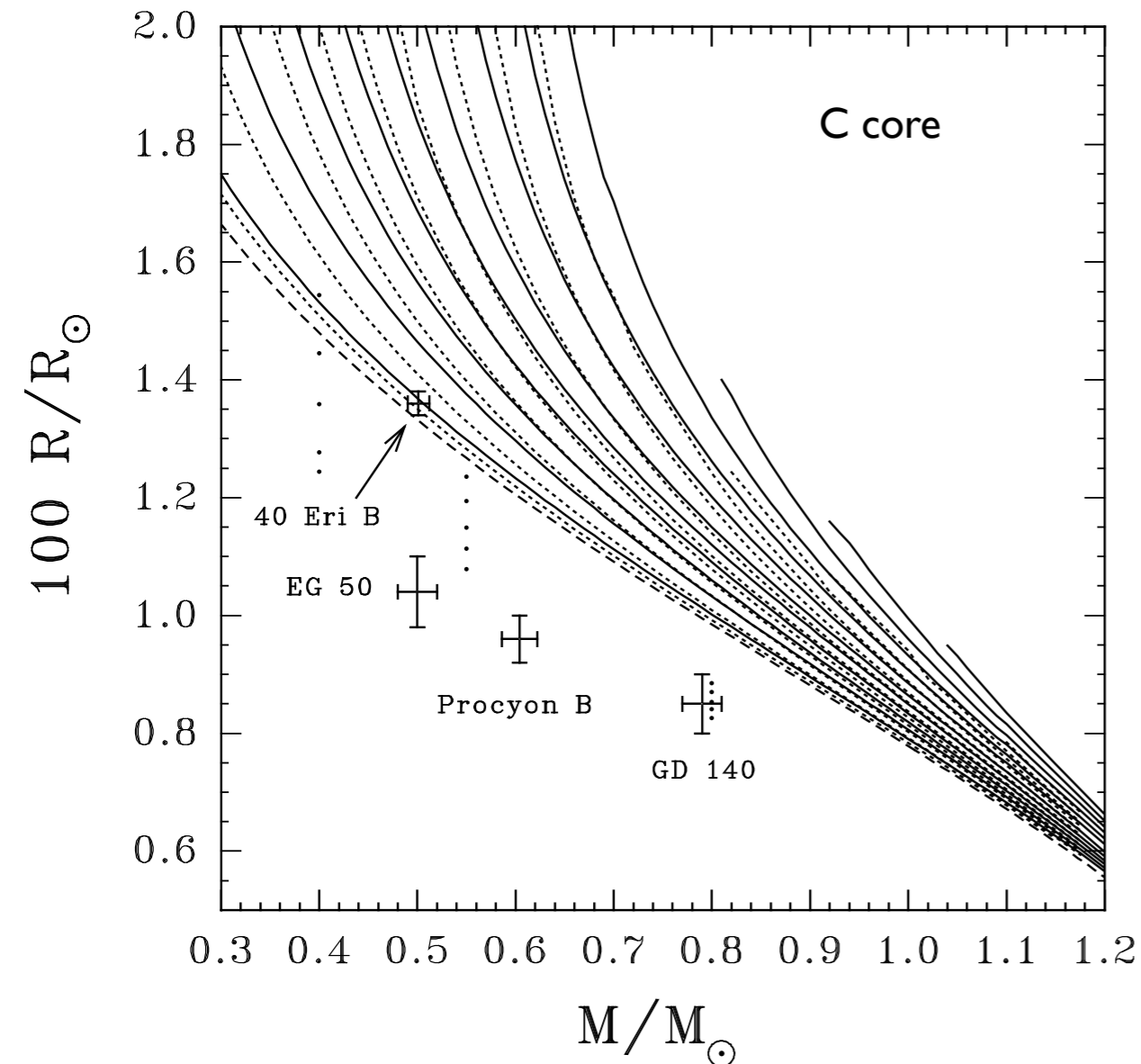
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2. Galaxy Structure and Dynamics
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4. Solar System and Exoplanets

# Many Detailed Studies of...

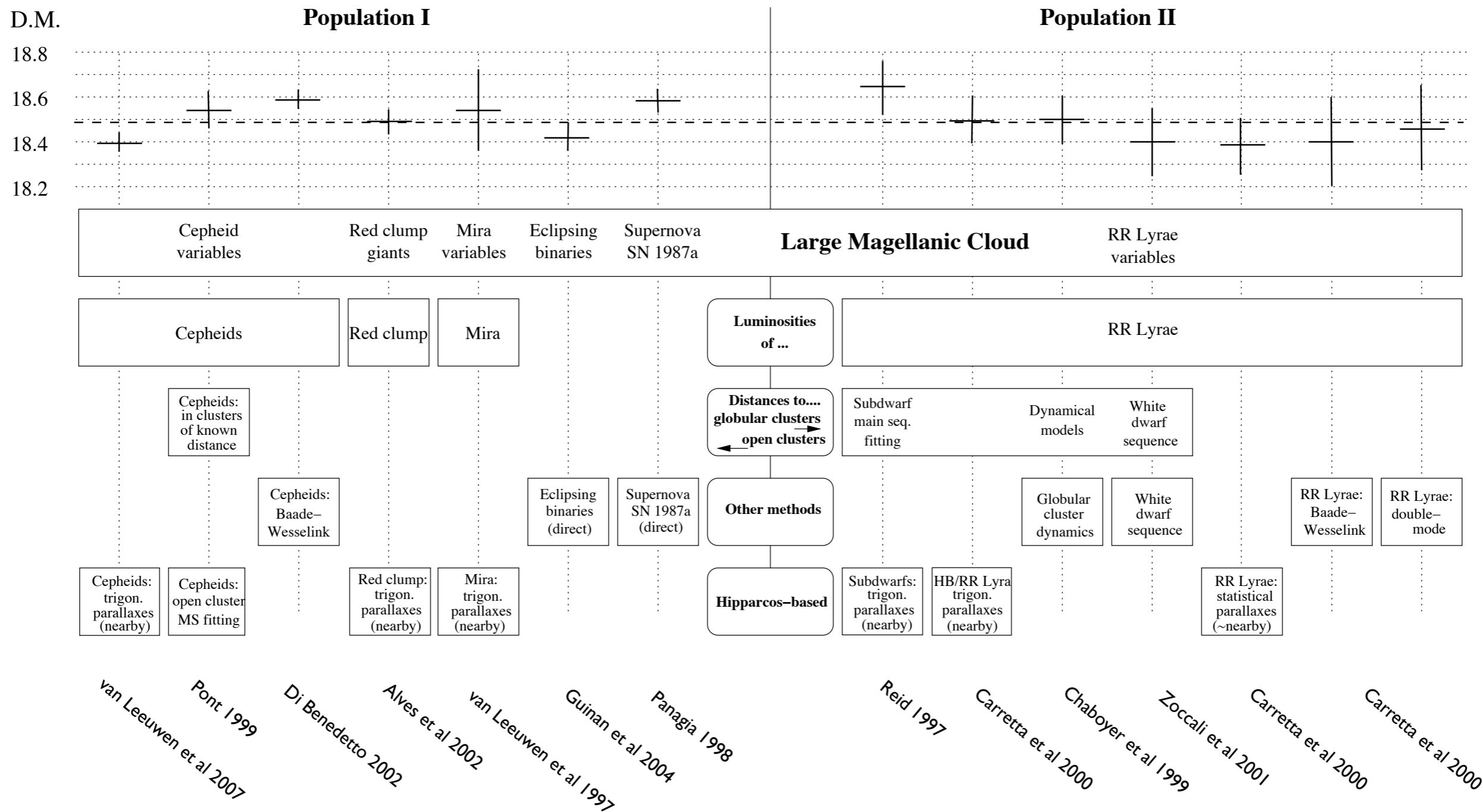
- Absolute magnitude versus spectral type (bolometric corrections: Bessell 2007)
- Zero-age main sequence
- Physics of giants, subgiants, horizontal branch, asymptotic giant branch
- Mass loss
- Physics of binary systems (mass and radius)
- Abundances: [Fe/H], He,  $\alpha$ -elements, lithium
- Chemical enrichment of the Galaxy
- Stellar rotation
- Magnetic field
- Stellar pulsation

# White Dwarfs



Mass-radius relation for white dwarfs for  $T_{\text{eff}} = 5000\text{--}145,000$  K;  
Hipparcos data from Provencal et al (1998, 2002)  
He, O or Si cores have similar density (mean molecular weight per electron  $\sim 2$ )  
Fe cores difficult to reproduce from stellar models (Iben & Renzini 1983)  
Strange matter cores have been proposed by Panei et al (2000); Mathews (2006)

# Distance to the Large Magellanic Cloud



Straight mean of direct/indirect Population I/II methods gives:  $(m-M)_0 = 18.49$

...consistent with  $H_0 = 72 \pm 8$  with  $(m-M)_0 = 18.50$   
(Freedman et al 2001)

Compared with other recent values:

- $73 \pm 3$  from WMAP (Spergel et al 2007)
- $75 \pm 7$  from gravitational lens B1608+656 (Koopmans et al 2003)
- $76 \pm 4$  from Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect (Bonamente et al 2006)
- $73 \pm 4$  from Type Ia supernovae (Reiss et al 2005)



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# Local Solar Neighbourhood (100,000 years)

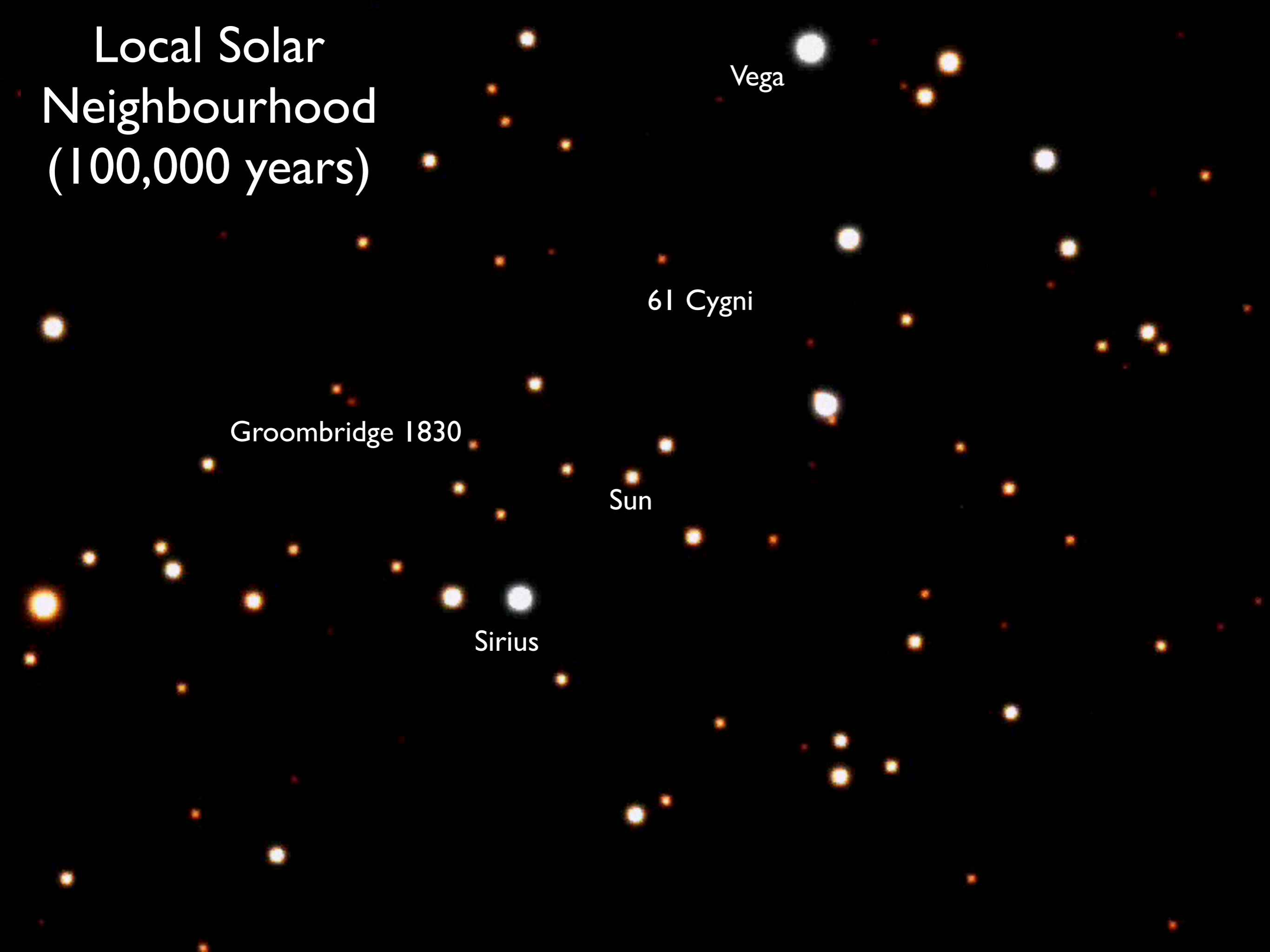
Vega

61 Cygni

Groombridge 1830

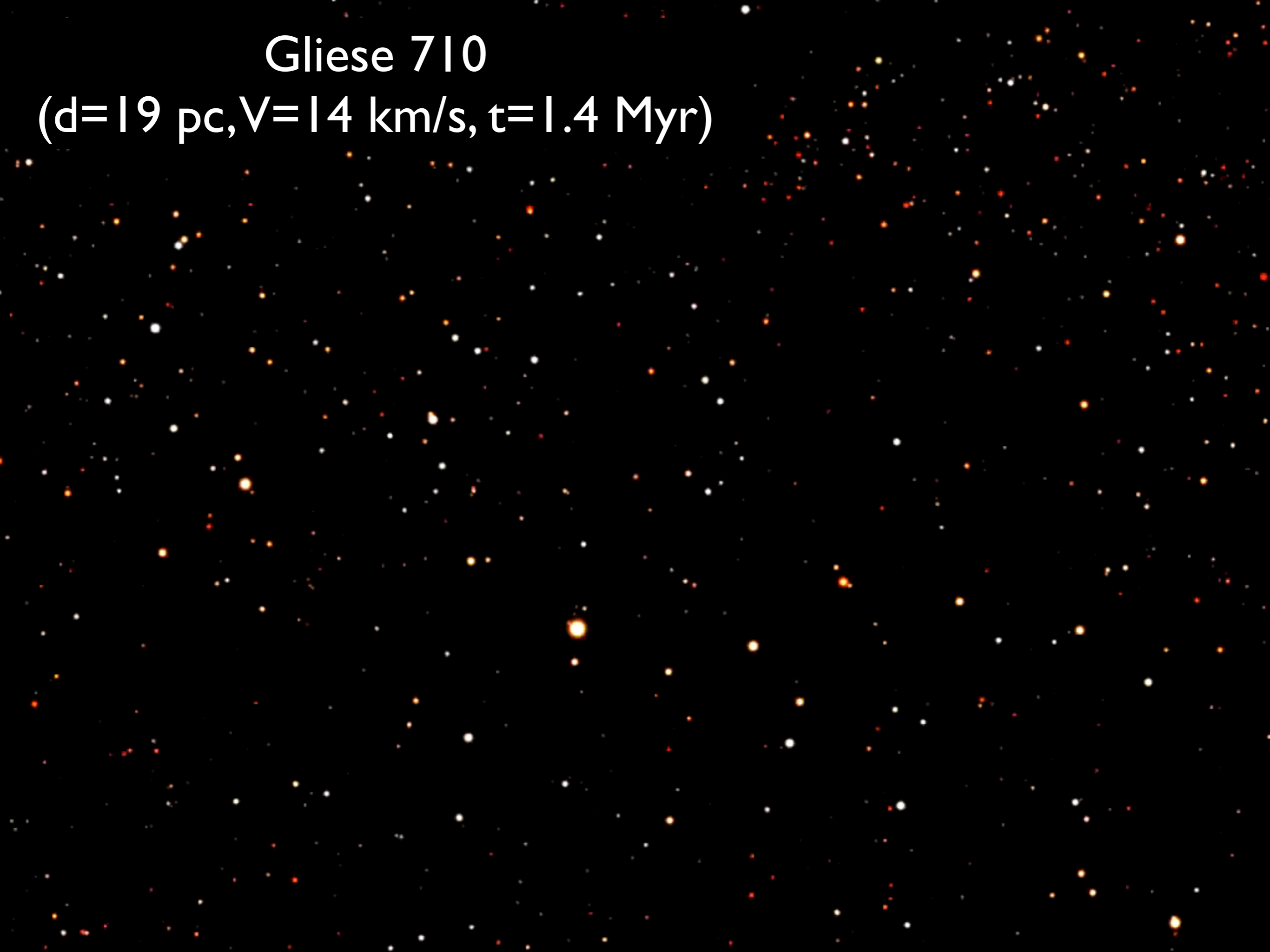
Sun

Sirius

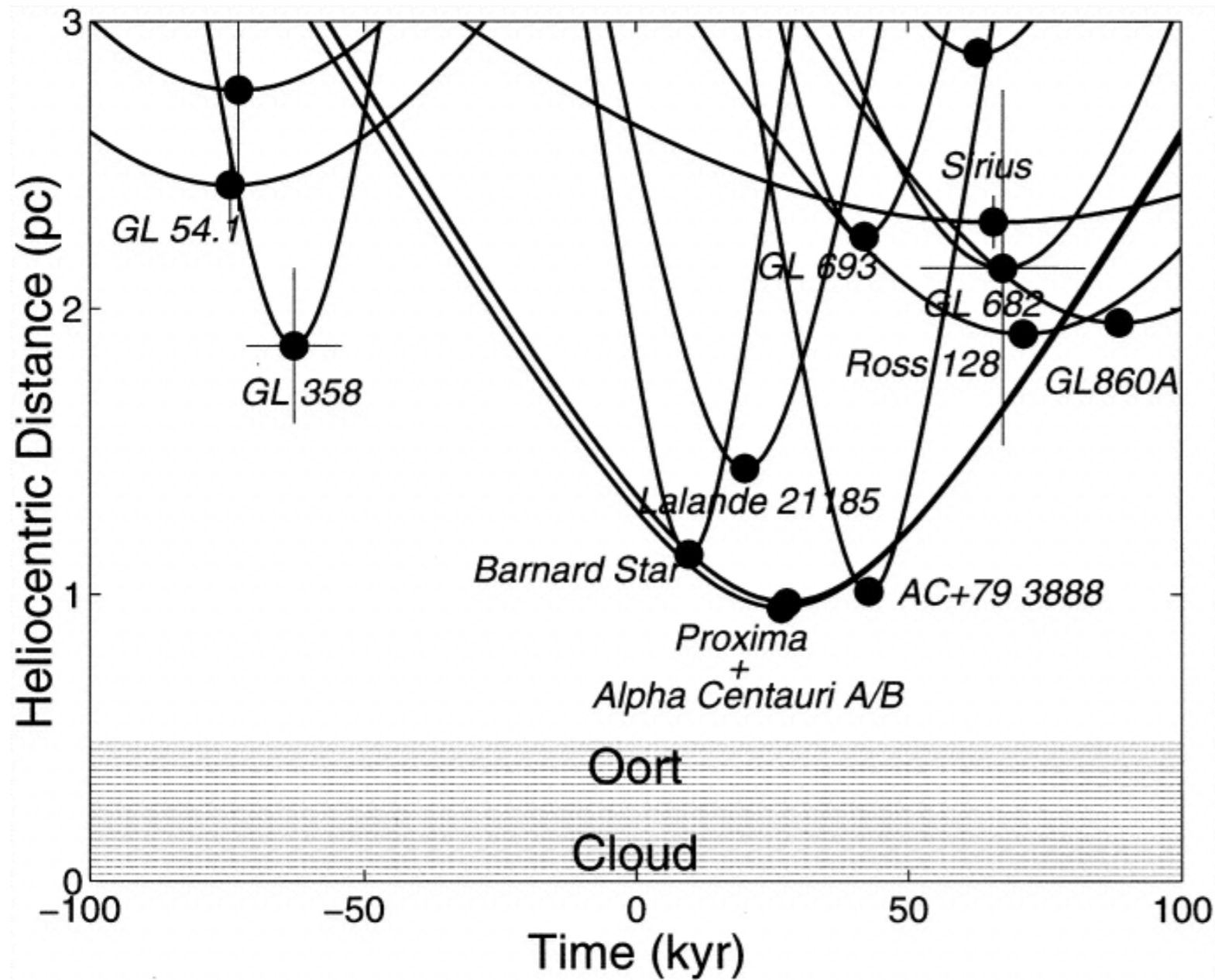


# Gliese 710

( $d=19$  pc,  $V=14$  km/s,  $t=1.4$  Myr)



# Stellar Encounters with our Solar System



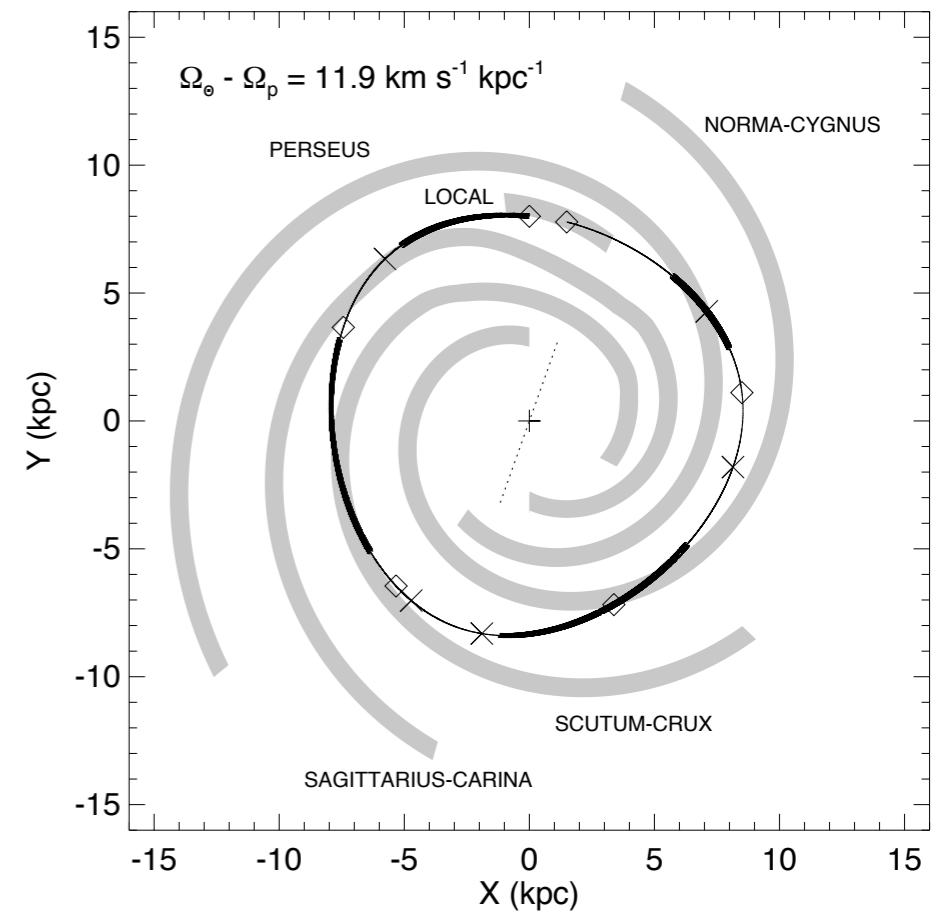
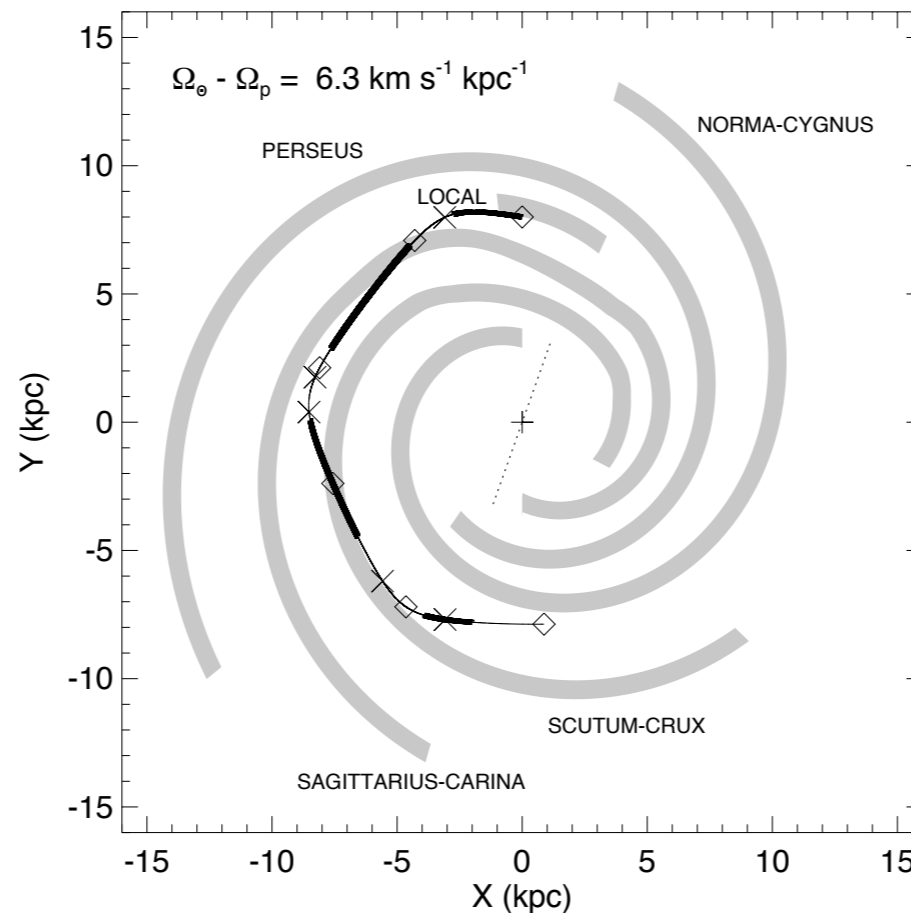
Nearby star passages may trigger cometary impacts from Oort Cloud

(here over  $\pm 100,000$  years):

Garcia Sanchez et al 1999, 2001; Frogel & Gould 1998; Serafin & Grothues 2002

# Earth's Environment and Climate

(1) Sun's passage through the spiral arms matches ice-house epochs for a spiral arm pattern speed of  $\Omega_p \sim 14\text{--}17 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-1}$  (Gies & Helsel 2005; see also Shaviv 2003; Svensmark 2006)



(2) Maunder Minimum (1645–1715):

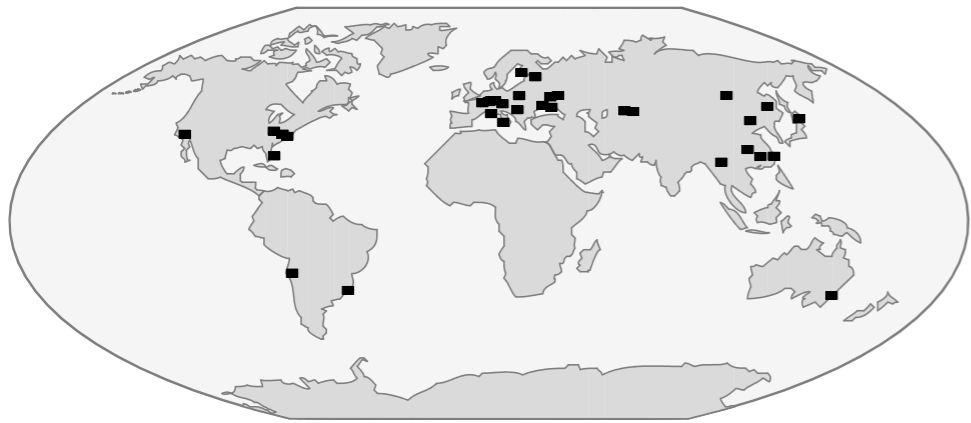
- coldest excursion of little ice-age, and correlated with disappearance of sun spots
- probe of solar activity, solar dynamo, sun spot cycle, and climate
- monitoring Sun-like stars within 60 pc probes activity versus age (Wright 2004, 2006)

(3) Various other studies of Sun's orbit, spiral arm + Galactic plane passages (vertical oscillation period  $\sim 82 \text{ Myr}$ ), cratering records, geological crustal features, and relation between cosmic ray production and glaciation

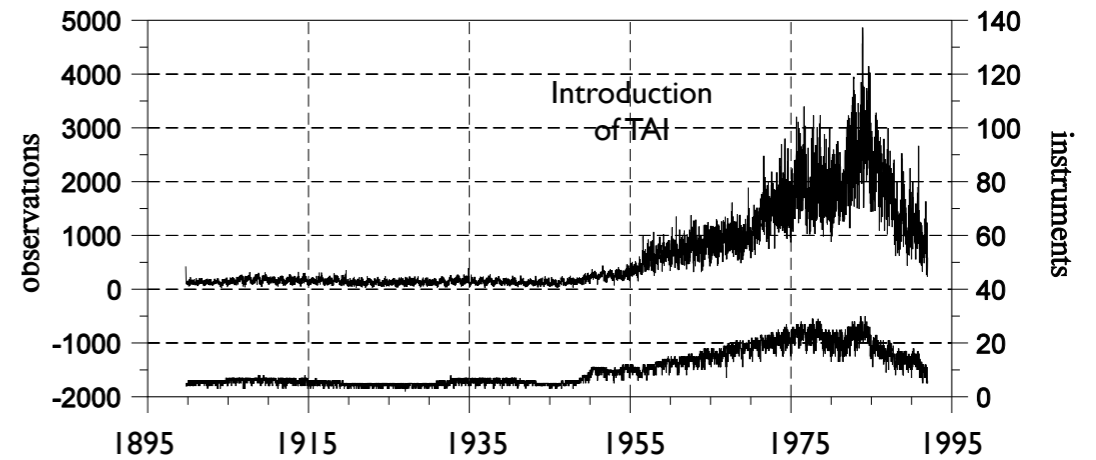
# Earth's Polar Motion

(since ~1895)

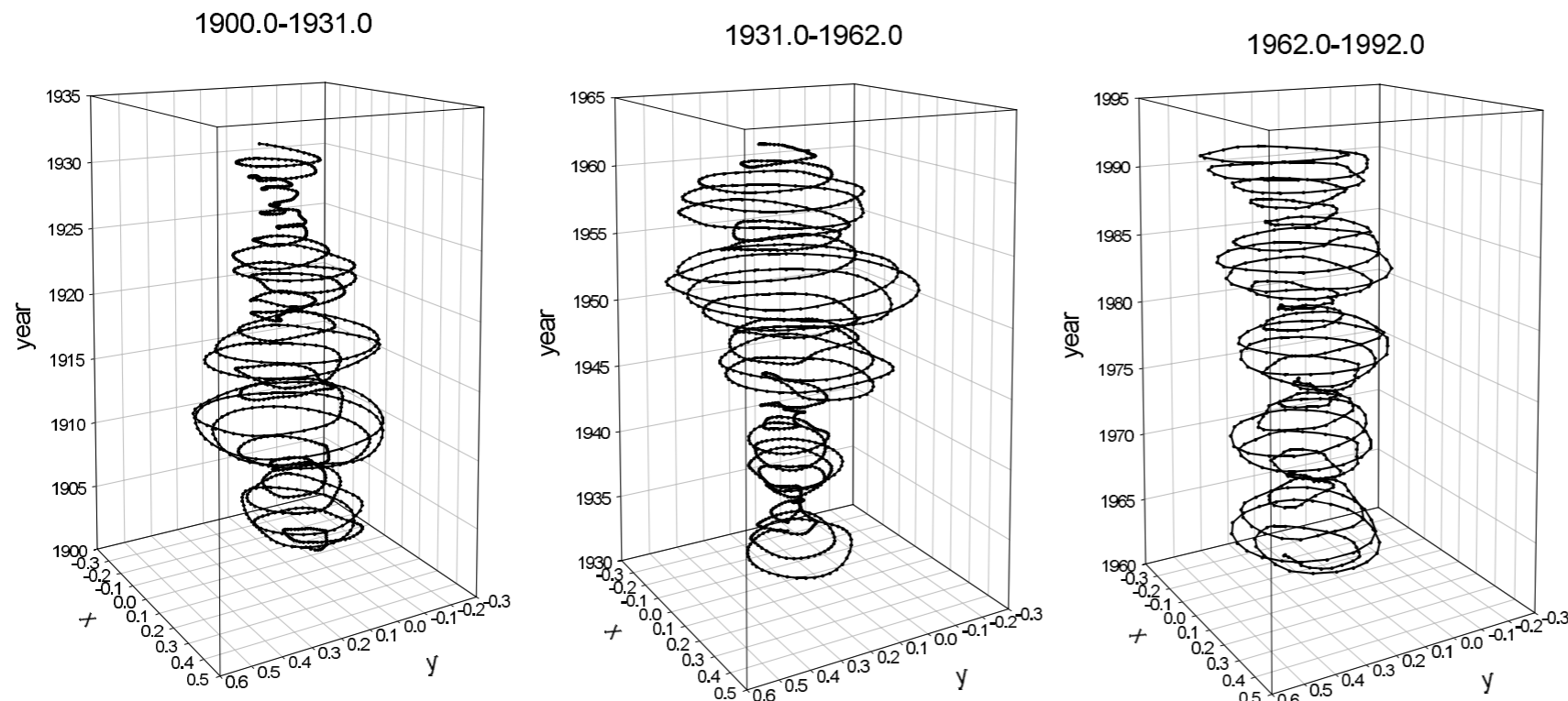
- small irregular movements of the Earth's geographic poles relative to crust
- originates from misalignment between rotation and symmetry axes
- dominant term: seasonal redistribution of mass  $\sim 0.3$  arcsec (Chandler 1891)
- originally measured by visual and photographic zenith tubes, now VLBI and GPS
- ILS (1900), IPMS (1962), IERS (1988), BIH (1955), IAU MERIT (1978)
- all historical measurements reanalysed within Hipparcos reference frame



Participating observatories (Vondrák & Ron 2000)



Number of instruments (Vondrák et al 1997)



## Polar motion versus time

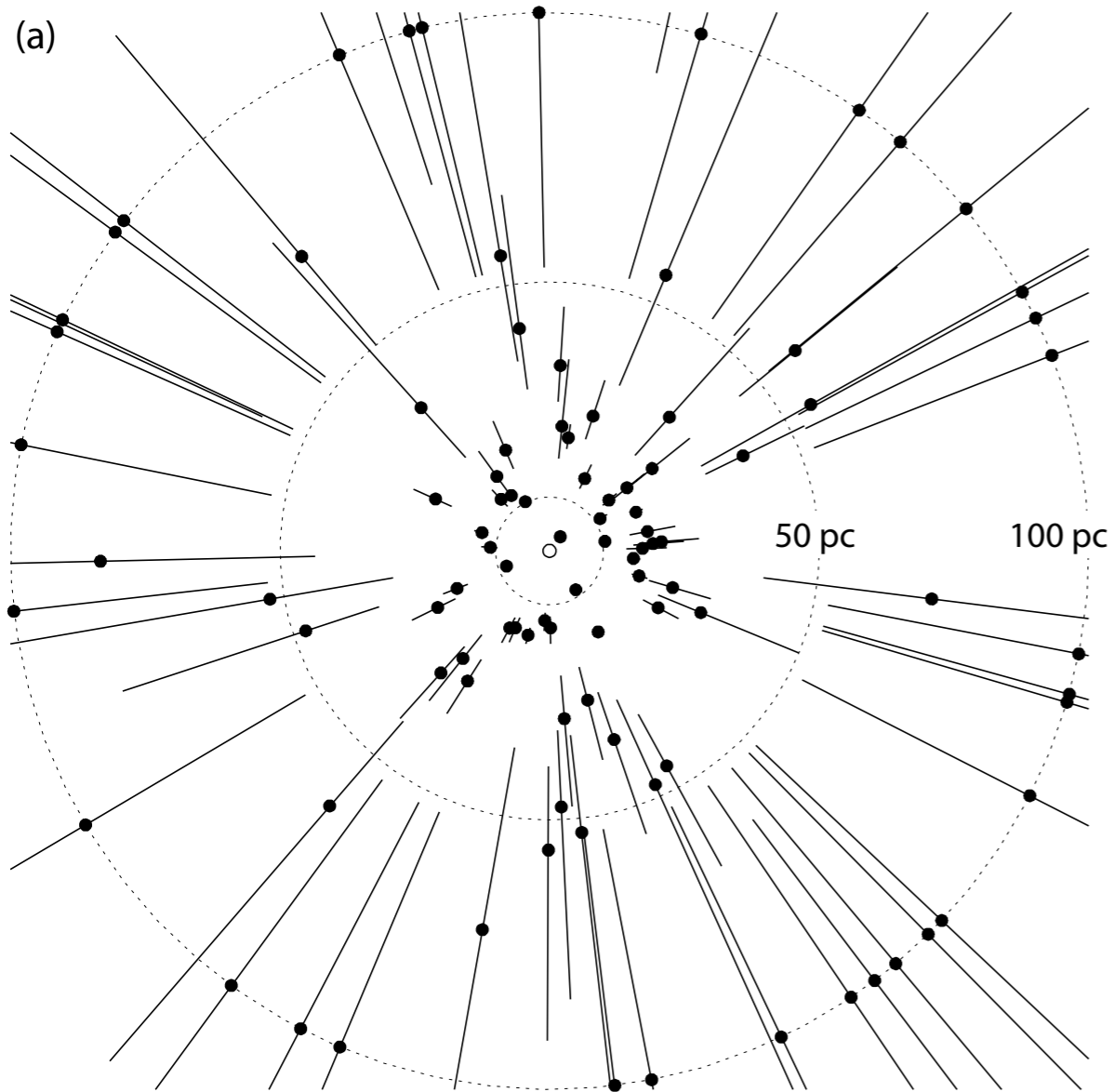
(Vondrák & Ron 2000)

... illustrating 6-year beating between the Chandler period (435 d) and annual term

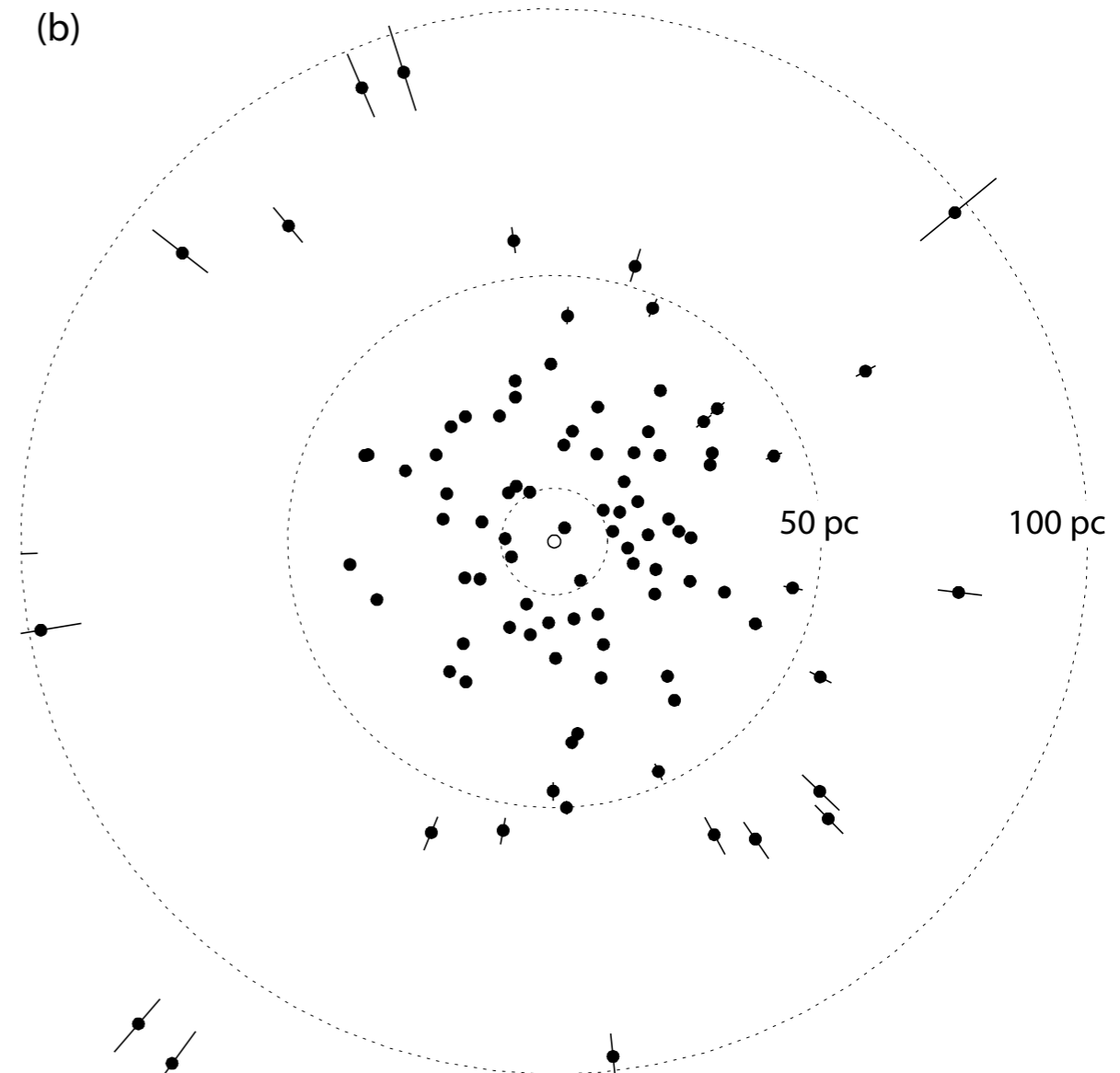


# Hipparcos distances to exoplanet host stars

100 brightest radial velocity host stars (end 2010)  
(versus RA, independent of dec)



ground-based: van Alena et al (1995)  
(unknown assigned  $\pi = 10 \pm 9$  mas)



Hipparcos parallaxes  
(Perryman et al 1997)

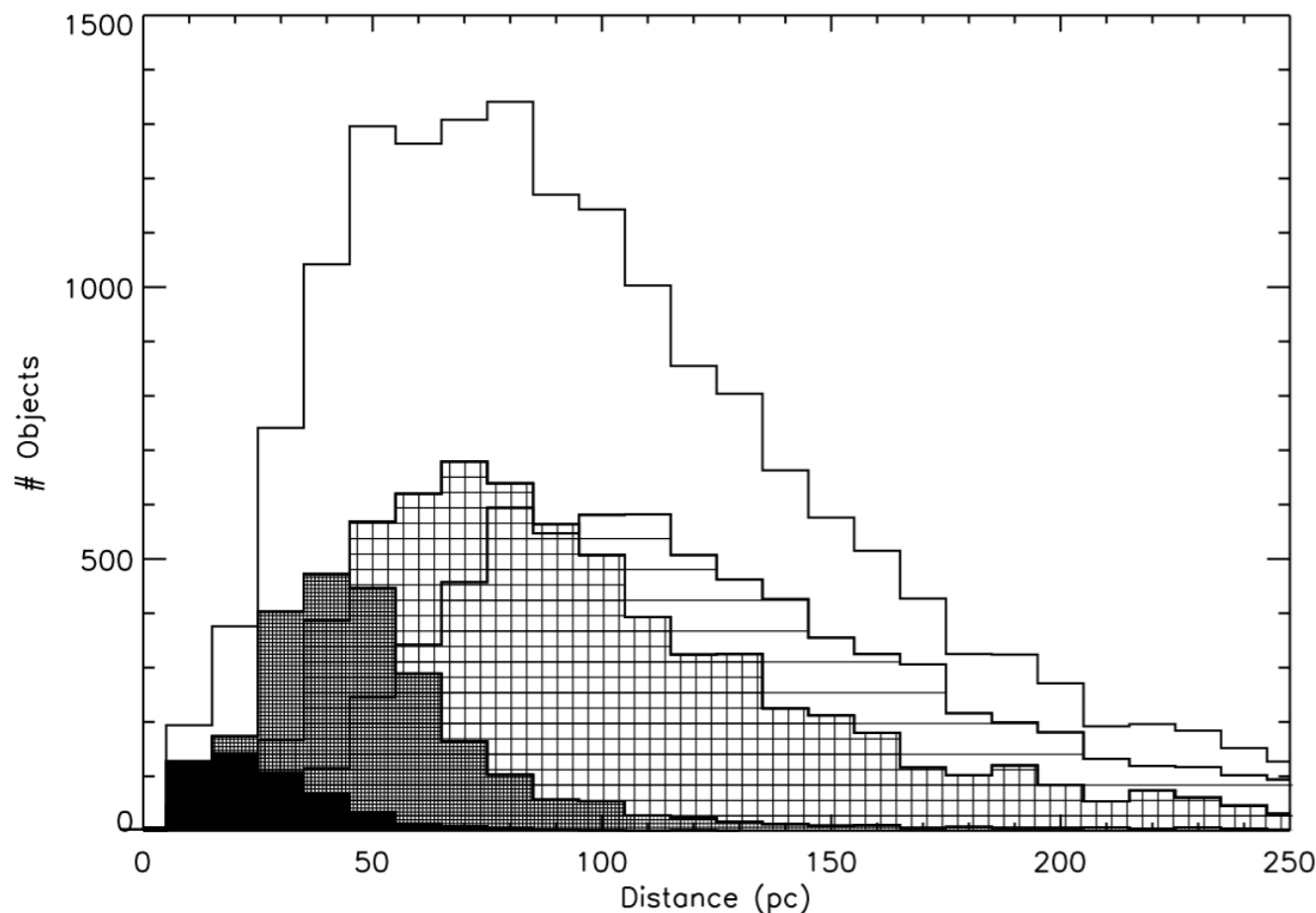
# Search Optimisation for SETI (1/3)



The Allen Array, CA  
First 42 dishes active: Oct 2007

# Search Optimisation for SETI (2/3)

Search for solar twins:  
non-binary stars identical to  
the Sun in terms of:  
age, mass, luminosity, chemical  
composition, temperature,  
surface gravity, magnetic field,  
rotational velocity,  
chromospheric activity

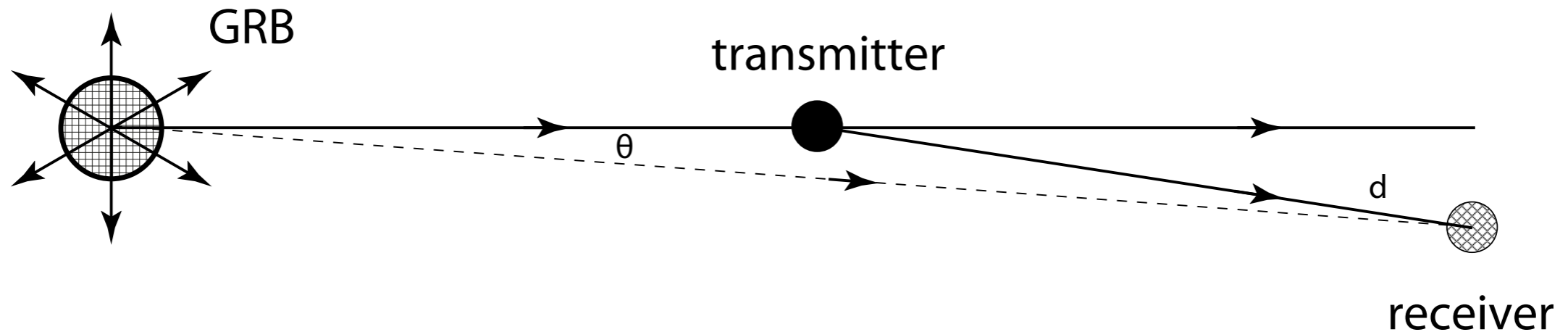


One of the 'best' candidates is HR 6060 at  
14pc, already identified by Cayrel (1996),  
and confirmed with the Hipparcos data by  
Porto de Mello (1997)

Potentially habitable stars vs spectral type -  
M/K/G/F/all (Turnbull & Tarter 2003)

# Search Optimisation for SETI (3/3)

Q: How can 2 civilisations, both unaware of the existence of the other, optimise where and when to send a signal, and where and when to look?



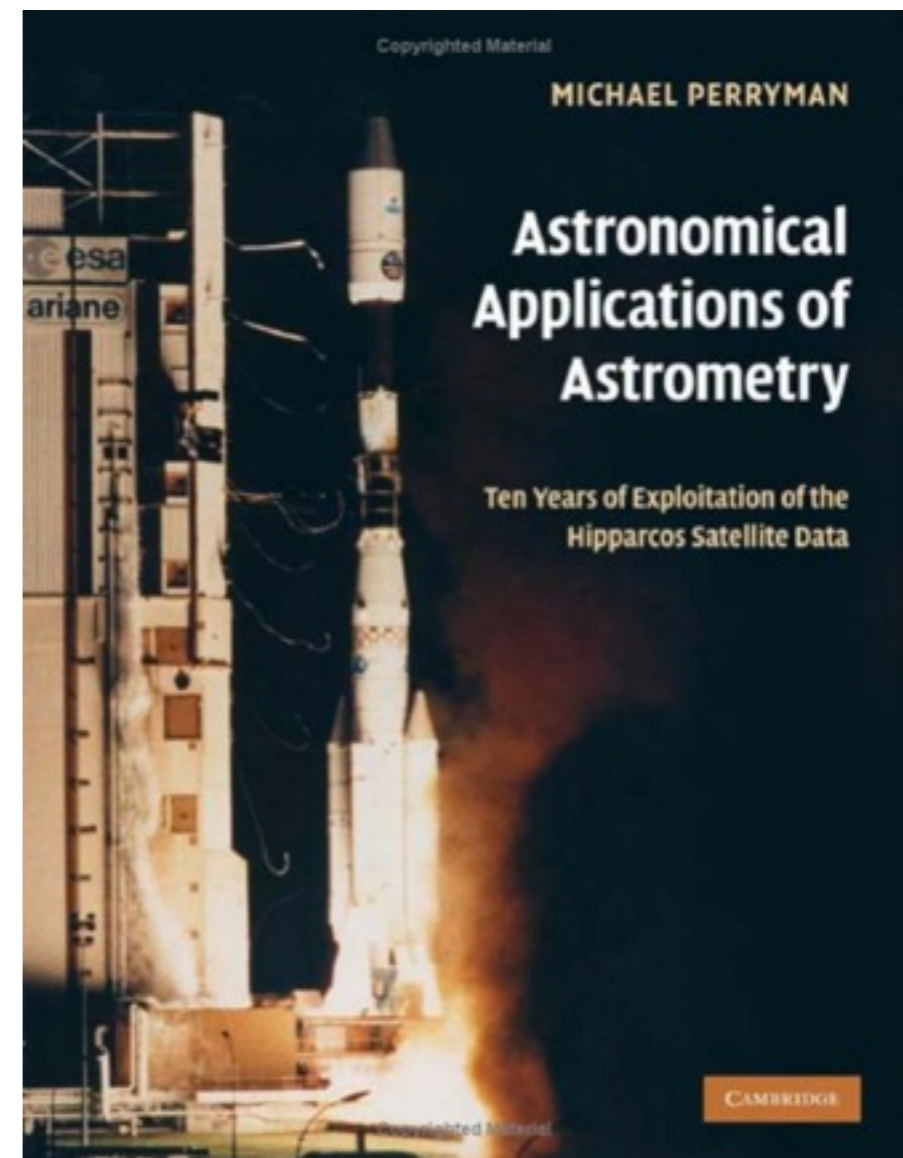
A: Use a gamma-ray burst as a timing/location beacon (Corbet 1999):

- transmitter sends 'downstream' when GRB pulse received
- receiver looks 'upstream' when GRB pulse received
- wait time depends on geometry: for  $d = 20$  pc and  $\theta = 1^\circ$ ,  $t = 3.63$  days
- if  $\theta$  is known to 1 mas,  $\sigma_t = 1.8$  hr (Hipparcos)
- if  $\theta$  is known to 1  $\mu$ as,  $\sigma_t = 1$  min (Gaia/SIM)

# In Conclusion...

- Hipparcos Catalogue of 120,000 stars: published 1997 (updated: van Leeuwen 2007)
- Tycho Catalogue (1 million stars, 1997) and its update/ replacement Tycho 2 (2.5 million stars, 2000)

- 2000 or more papers since 1997, impacting a wide range of astrophysics
- my review of results published by Cambridge University Press in 2009





# Some limitations of Hipparcos

- a modest telescope aperture (30cm)
- modulating grid leading to ~30% light loss
- a low-efficiency photocathode detector (~10%)
- sequential (non-multiplexed) star observations

These shortcomings are addressed  
by Gaia, which uses the same  
principles as Hipparcos to improve  
accuracies by x50



**End**