

Stellar Halo

globular clusters & “field” stars

GCs ages: 9-13 Gyr

metallicities: two populations
young, metal-rich; old, MP

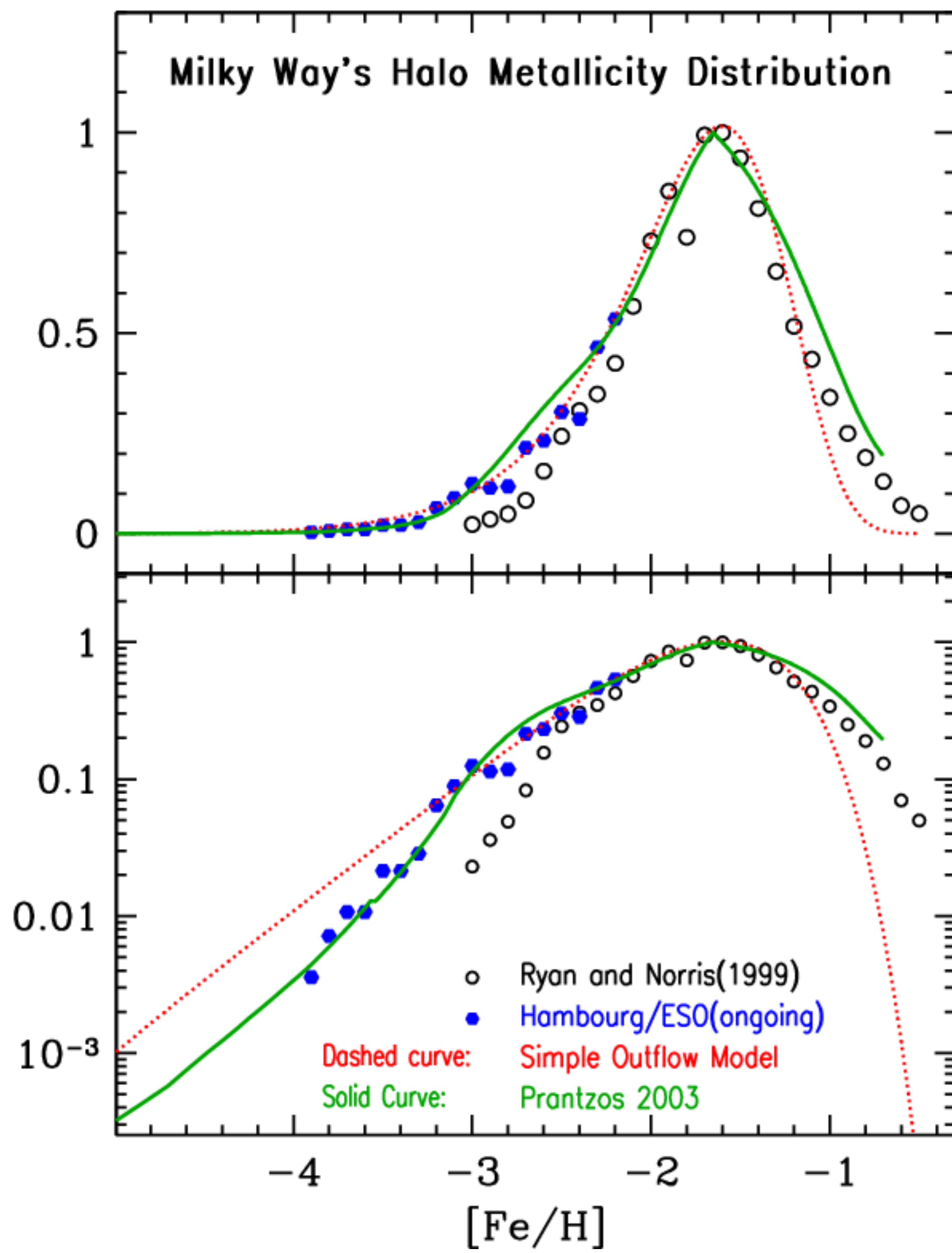
distribution: two populations

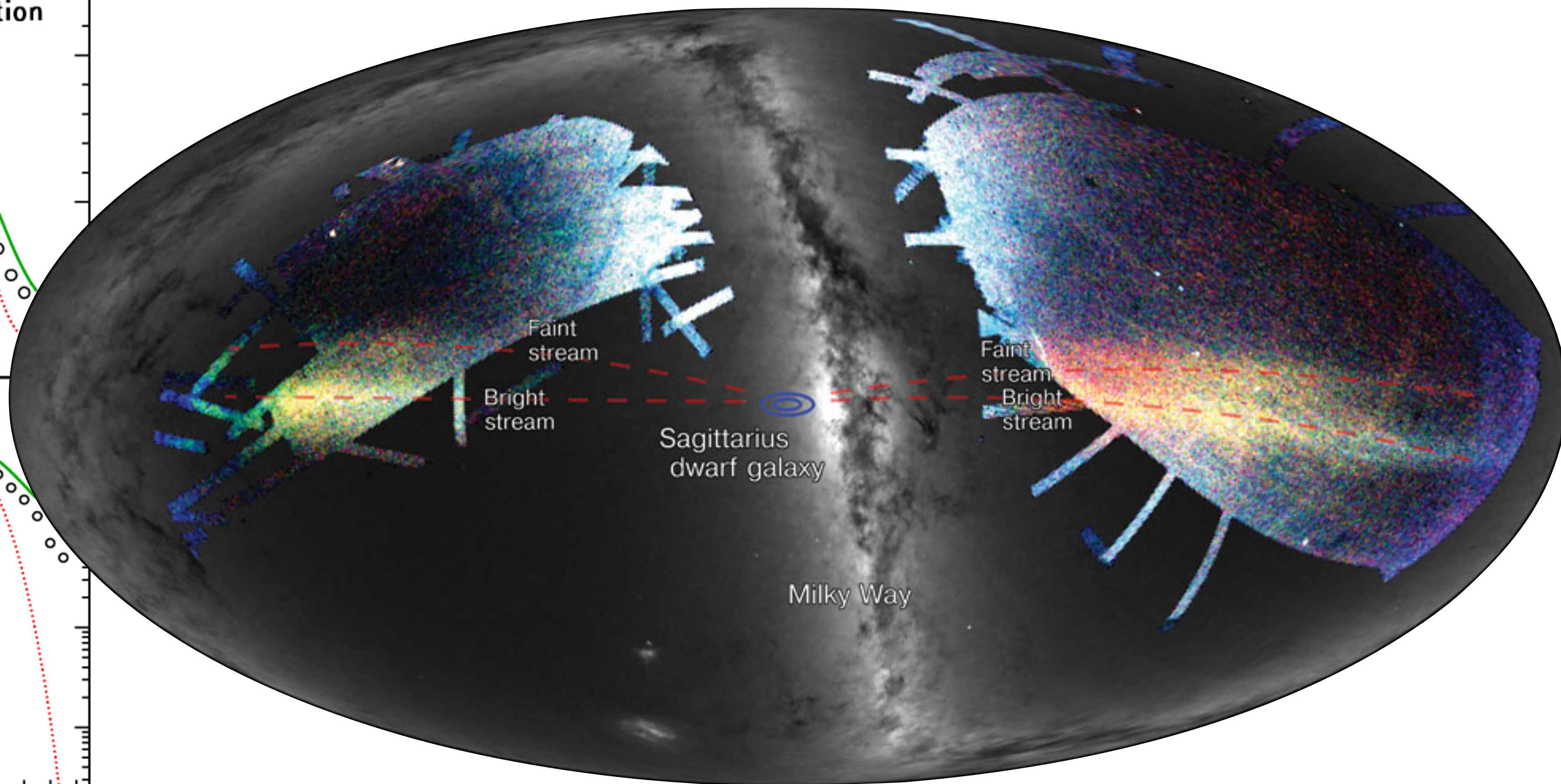
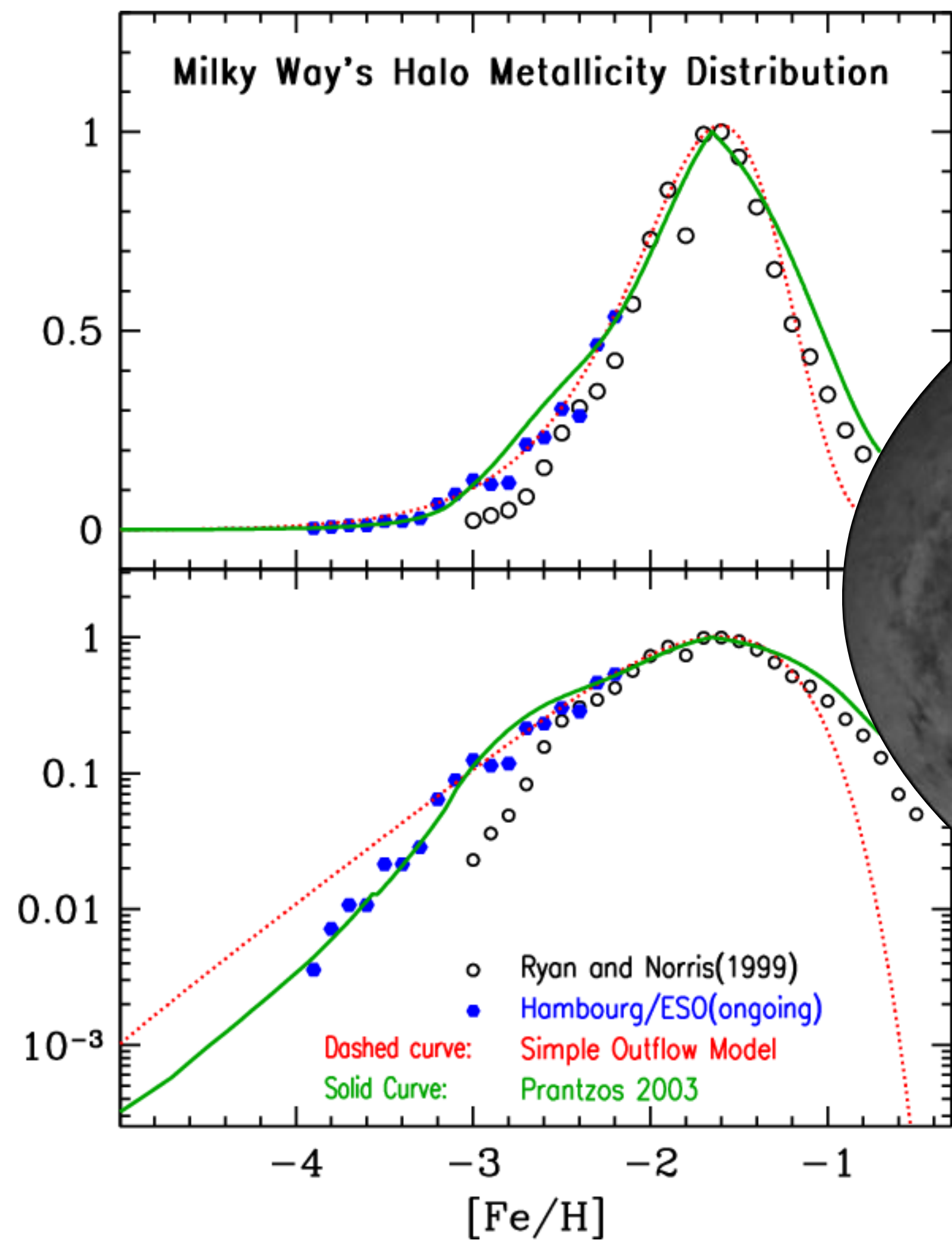
field stars: also very metal-poor

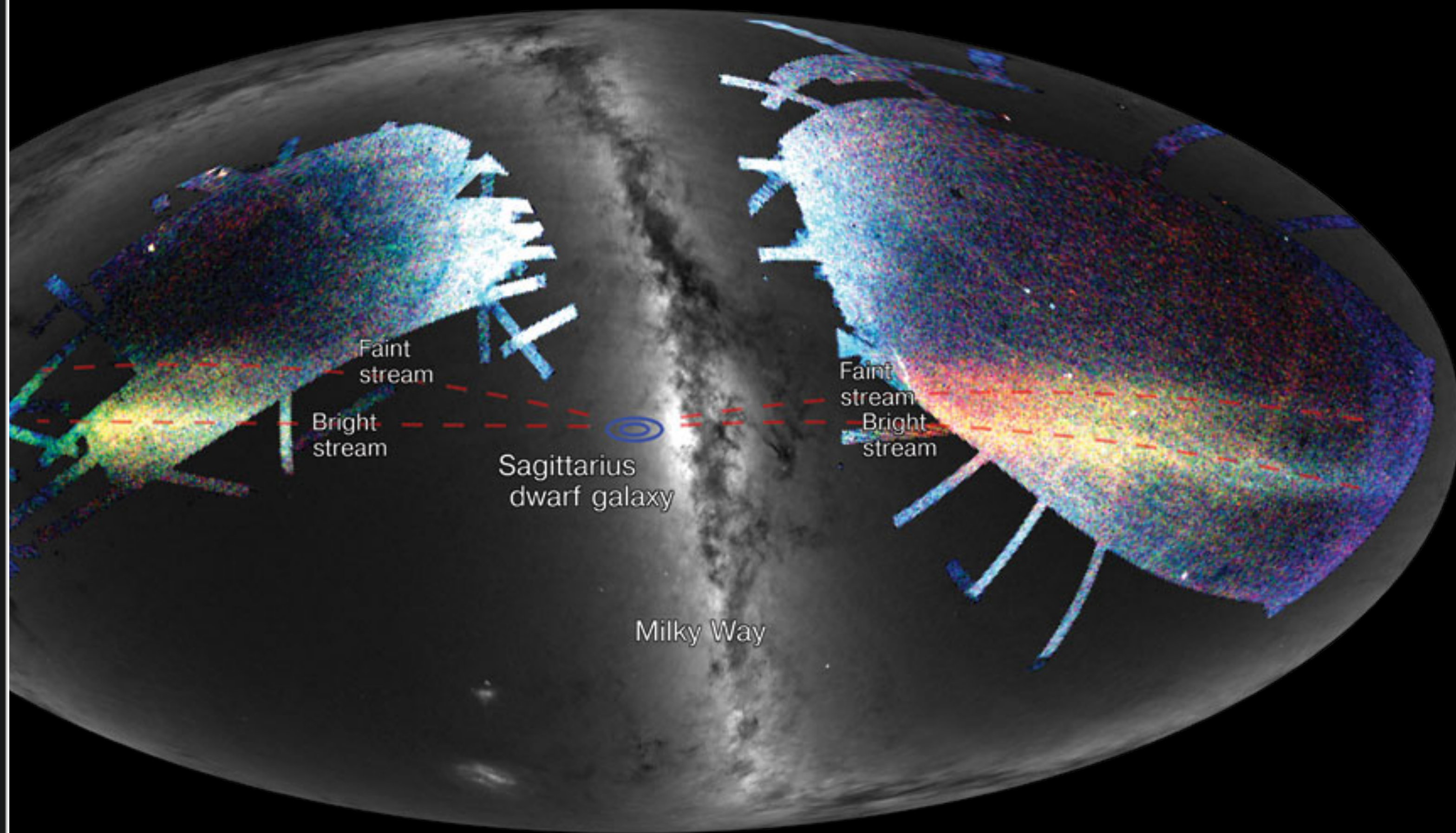
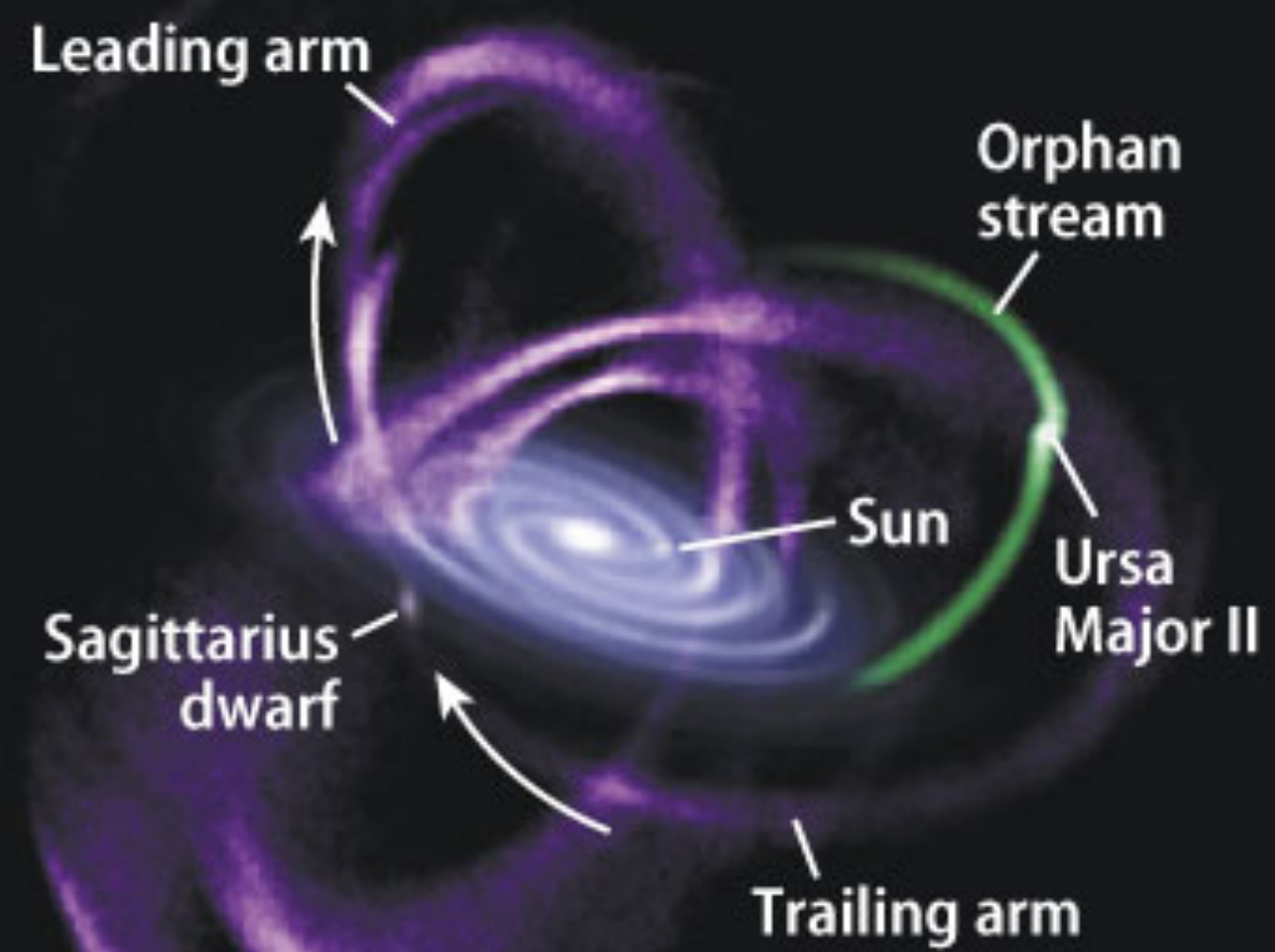
total mass = $10^8 - 10^9 M_{\text{sun}}$

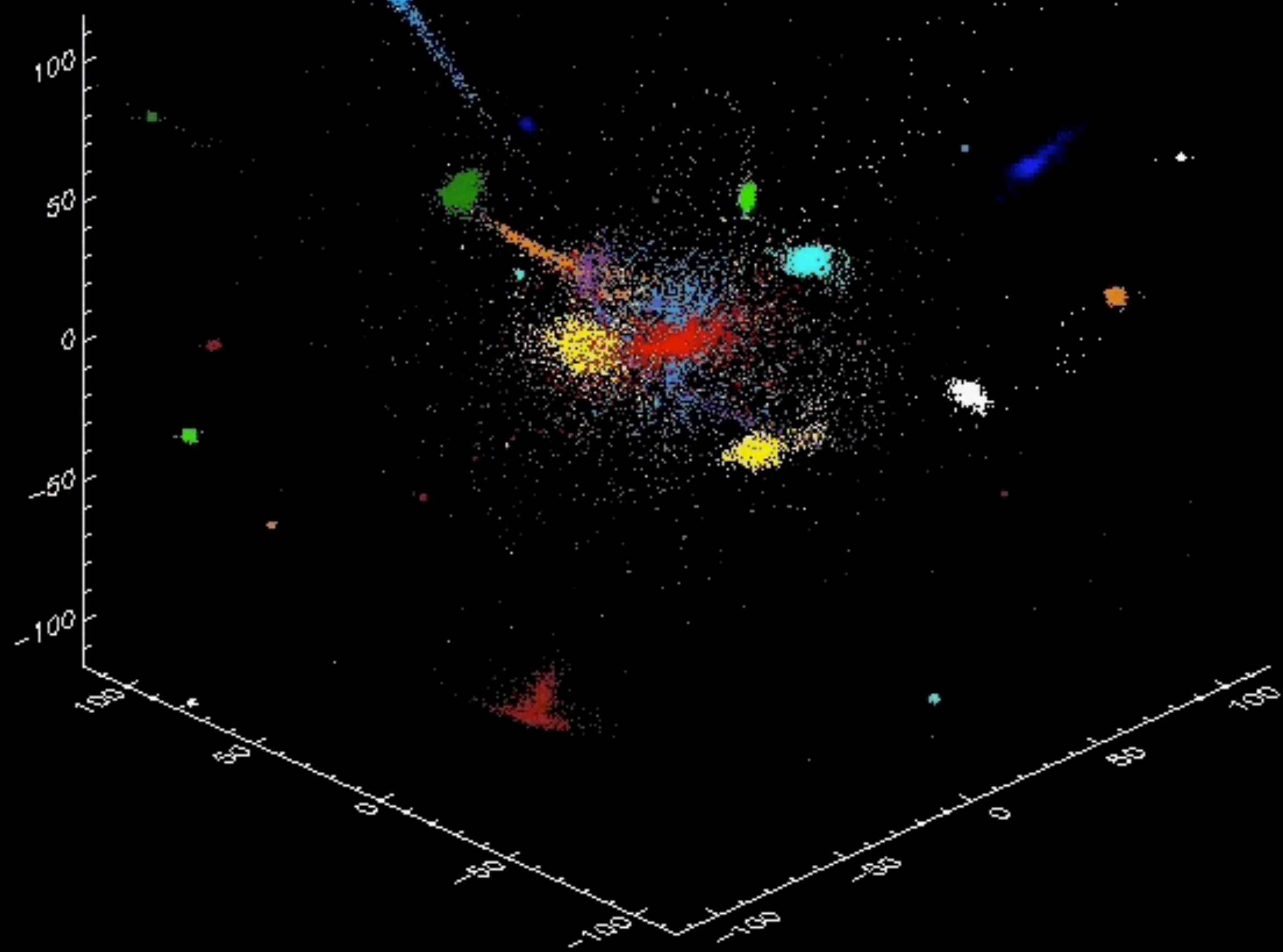
$$n(r) = n_0 r^{-3.5}$$

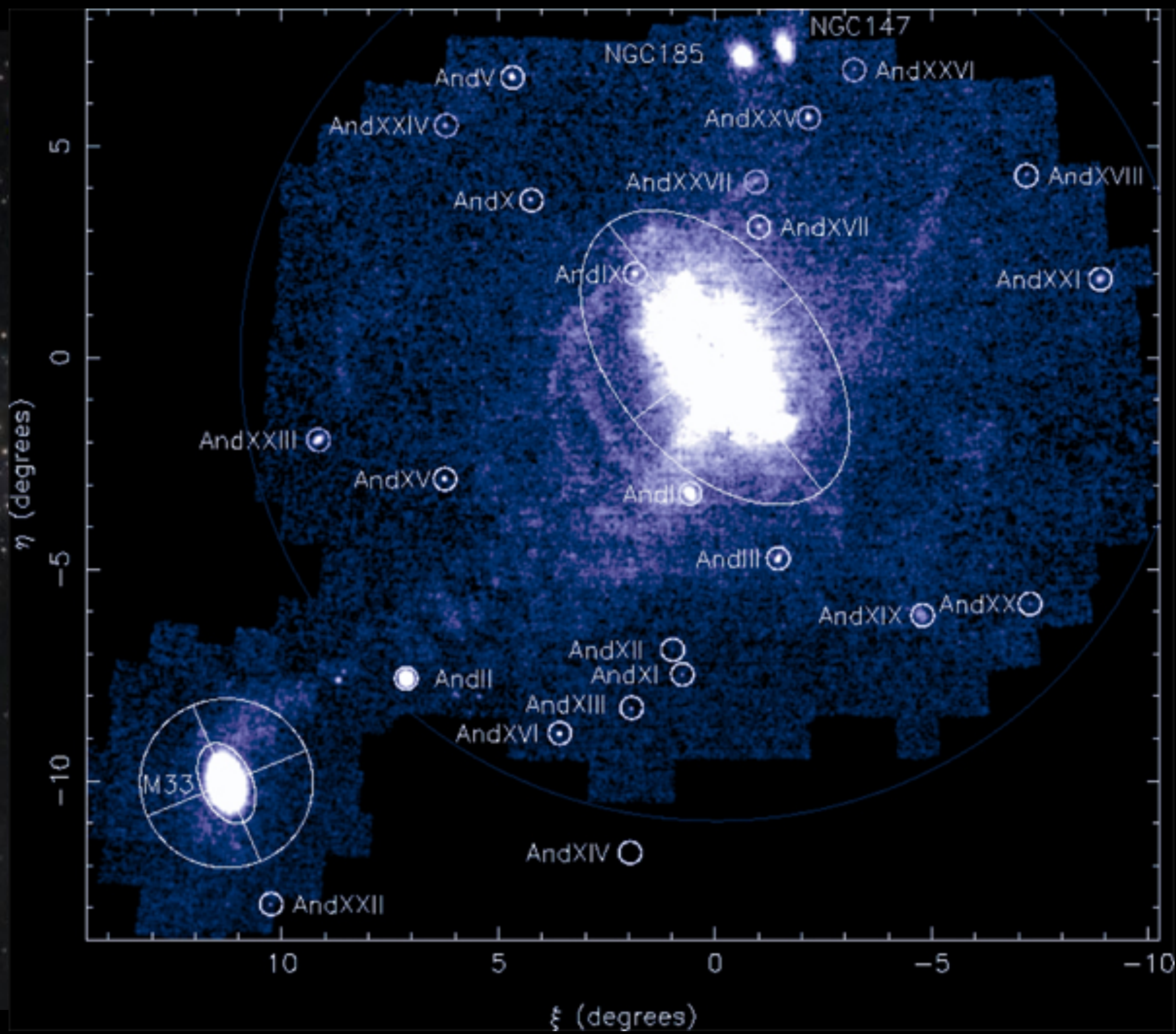
$n_0 \sim 0.2\%$ thin disk maximum











How do we describe the motion of the Sun?

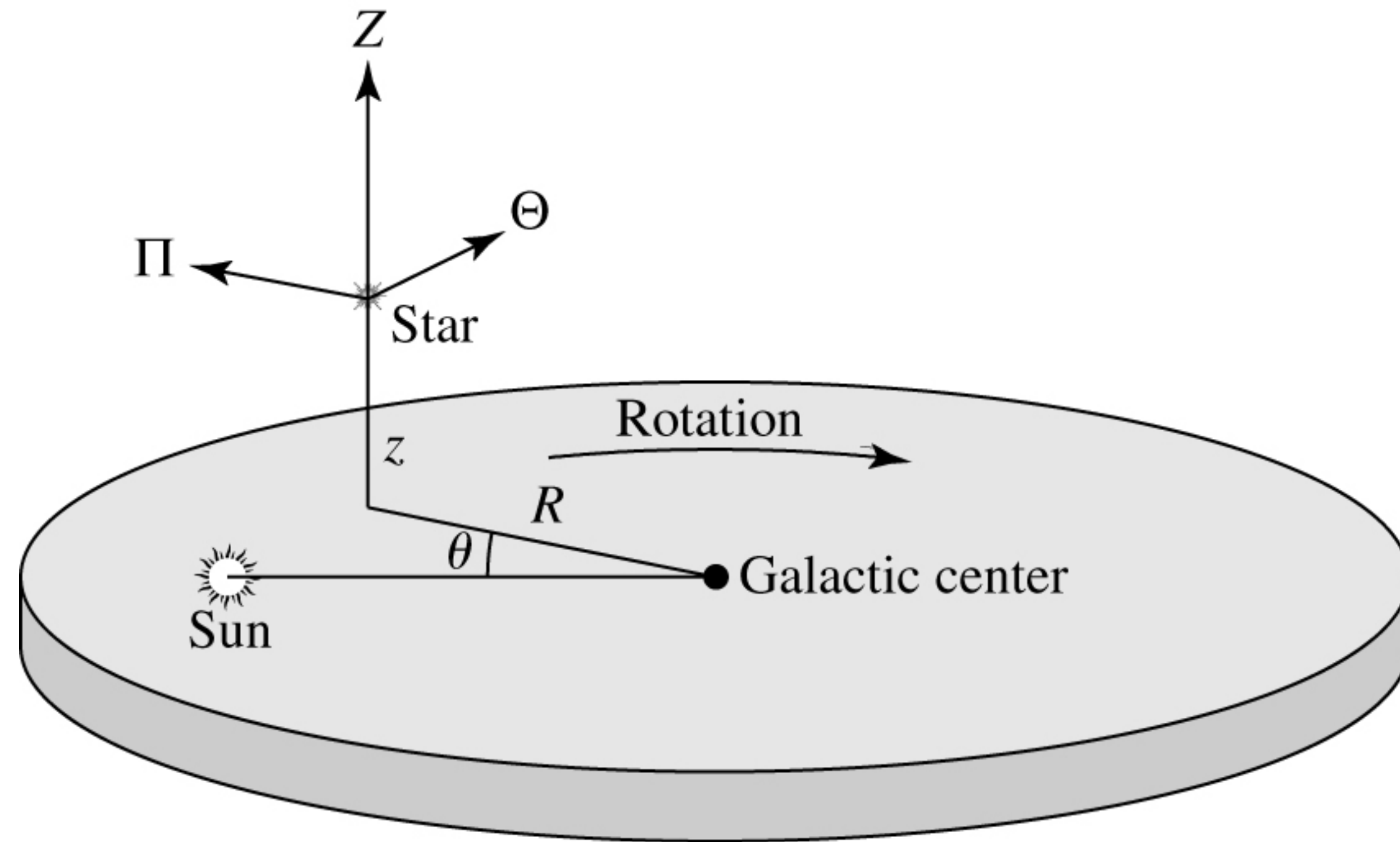
How would we even know the Sun IS moving?

If it is, how fast?

Hint: most stars have a small relative $v \sim 30$ km/s

metal-poor halo stars have high $v \sim 200-250$ km/s

The Local Standard of Rest (LSR)



Position coordinates:

R = radius

θ = angle around Galaxy

z = distance from plane of disk

Velocity coordinates:

Π = radial velocity

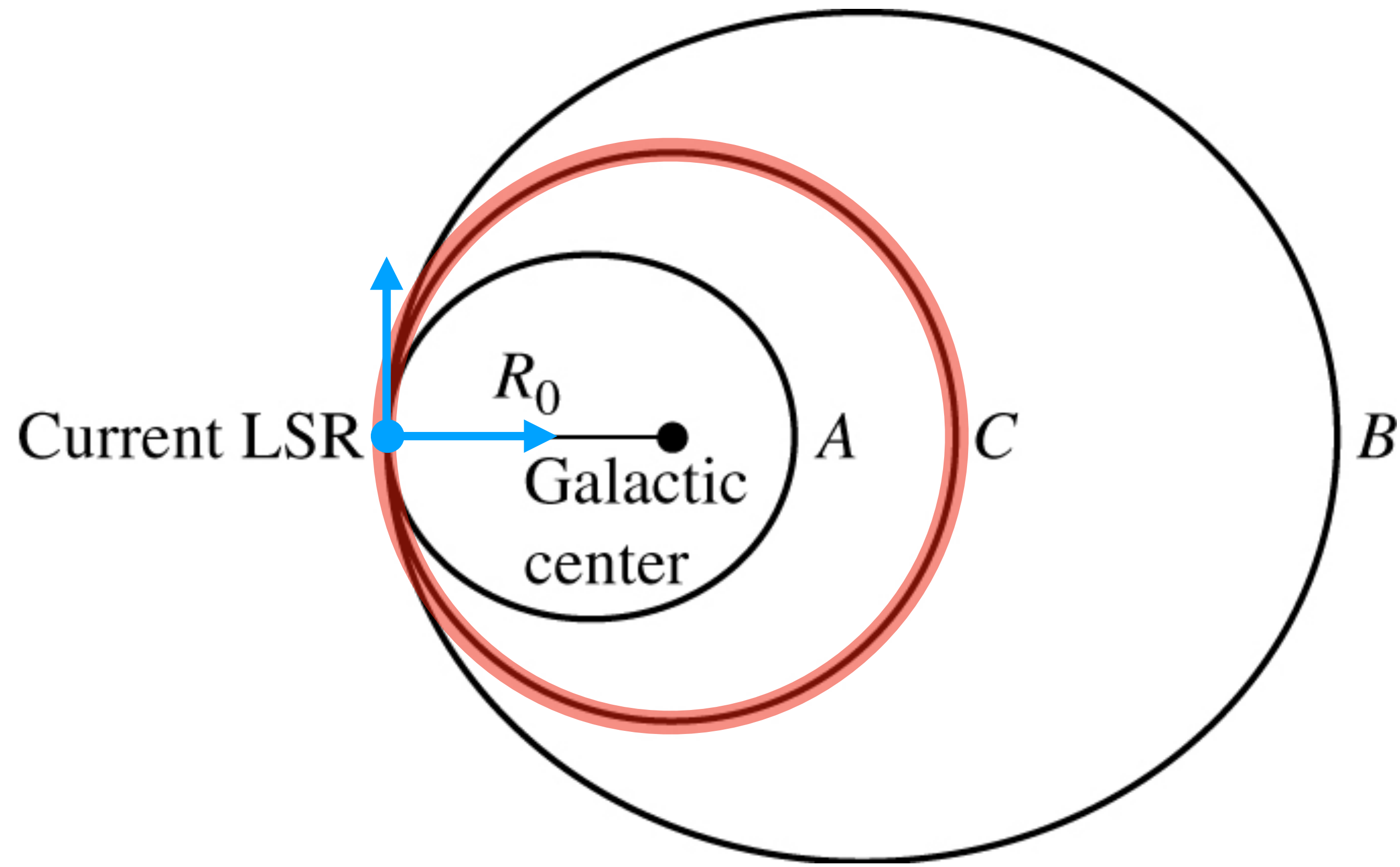
Θ = tangential velocity

Z = up/down velocity

$$(\Pi, \Theta, Z) = (0, V_{circ}, 0)$$

$$V_{circ} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R}}$$

LSR: define a point in space that is moving on a perfectly circular orbit around the Galactic center at the Radius of the Sun



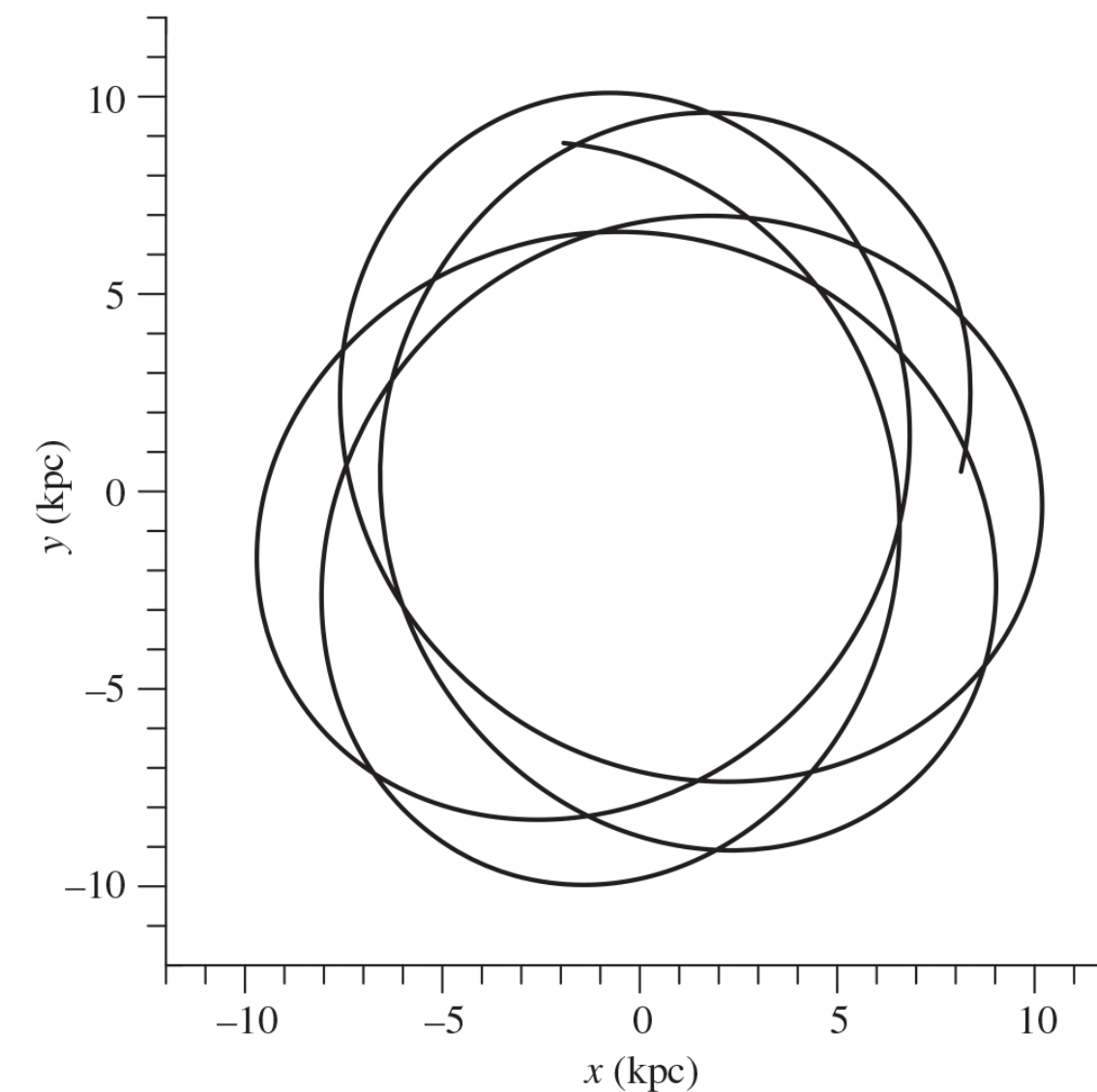
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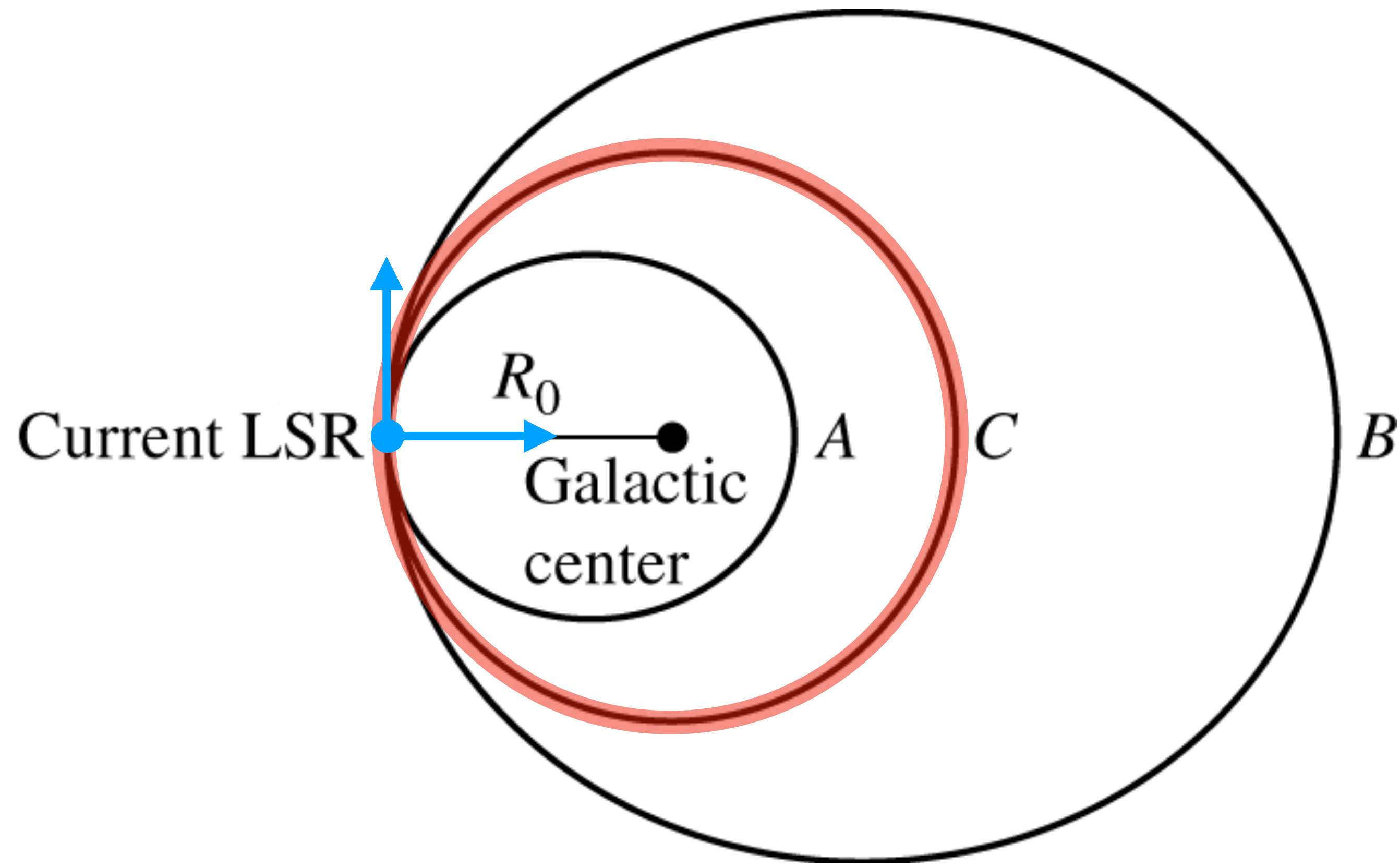
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$$(u, v, w) = (\Pi, \Theta - V_{circ}, Z)$$

note: the LSR is NOT the Sun's orbit!!



What are (u,v,w) for orbits A,B,C?



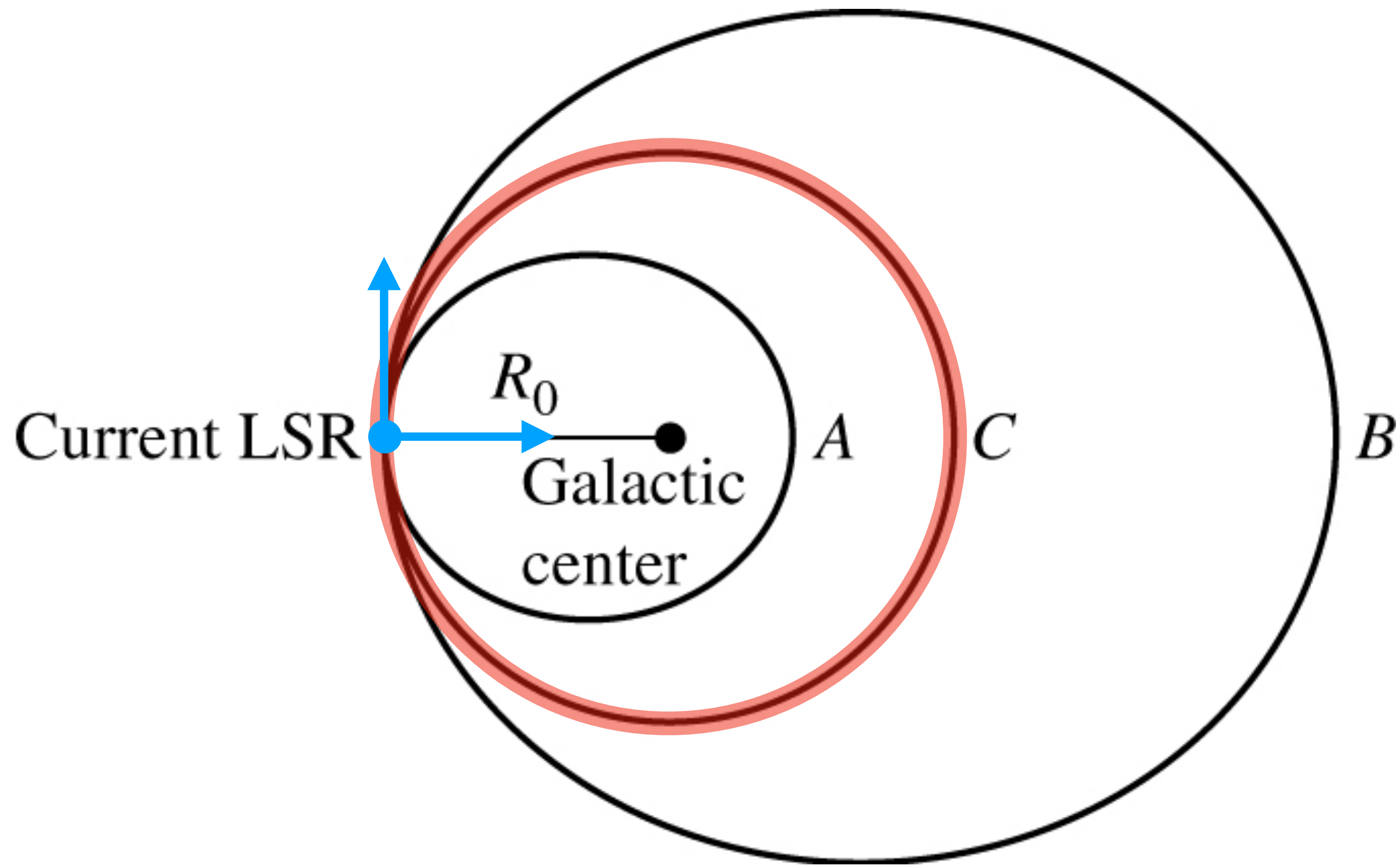
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Sun : $(u, v, w) = (-10, 5, 7)$ km/s

Wait, how do we measure this??