

Towards the Galactic Distribution of Exoplanets

Spitzer and the Microlensing Parallax

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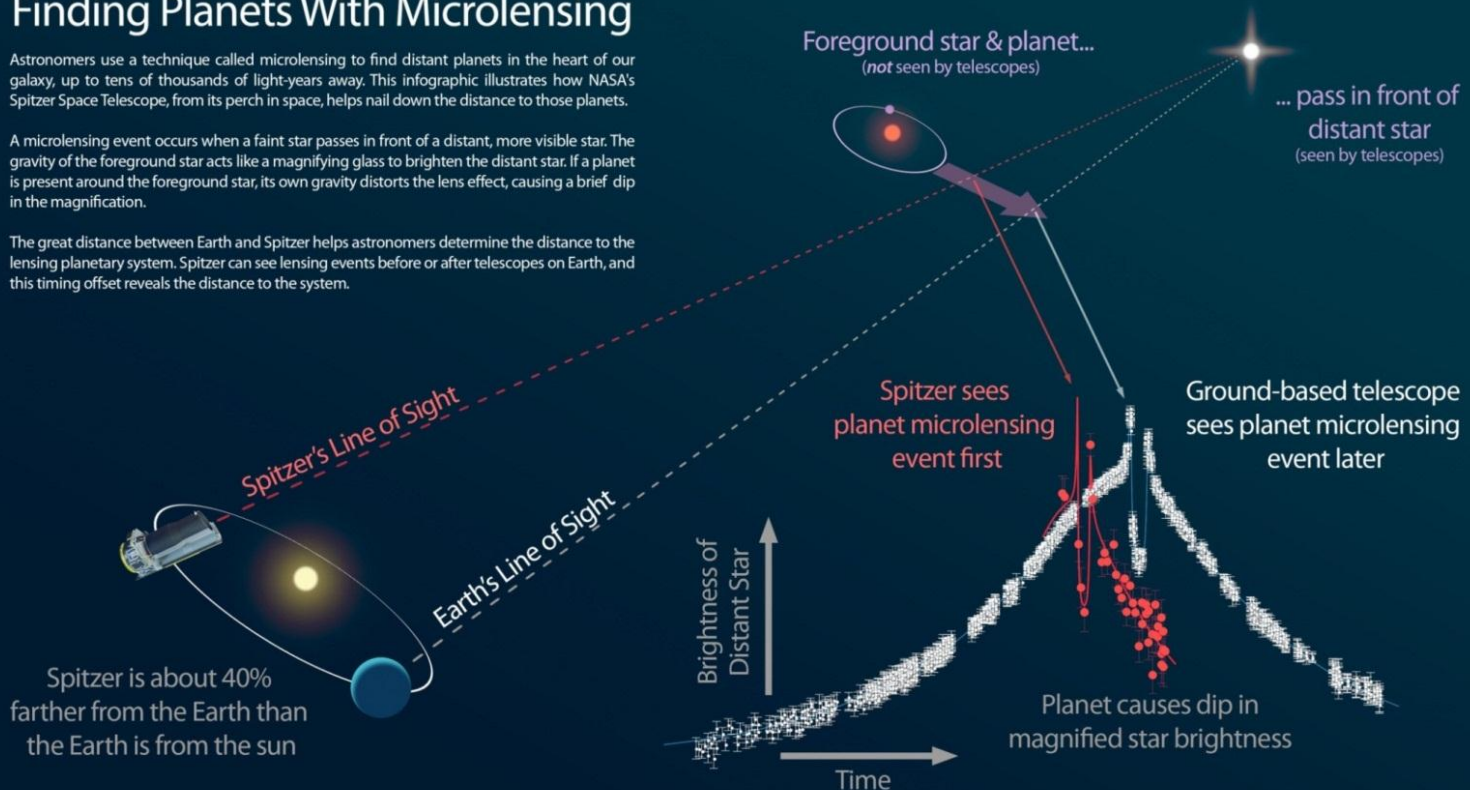
- ❑ **Microlensing and the hunt for Exoplanets**
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Finding Planets With Microlensing

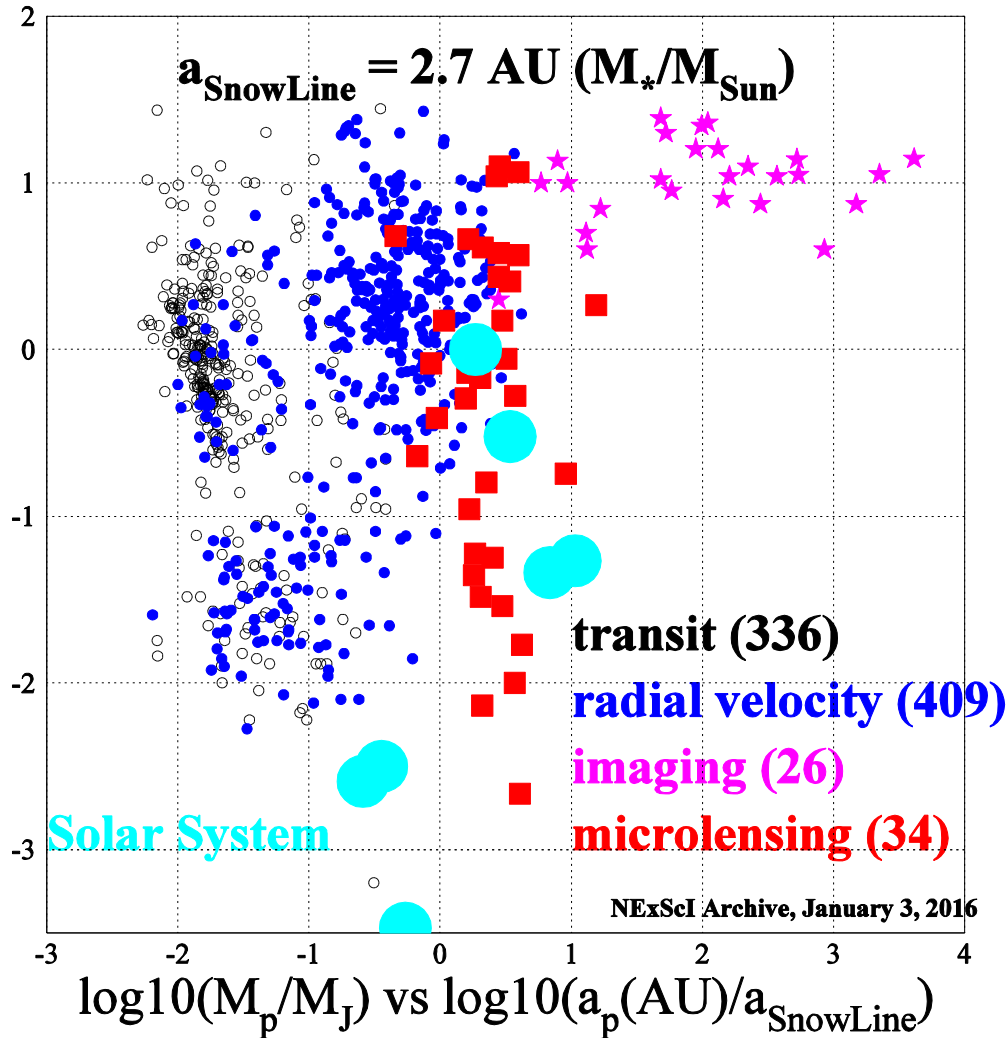
Astronomers use a technique called microlensing to find distant planets in the heart of our galaxy, up to tens of thousands of light-years away. This infographic illustrates how NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, from its perch in space, helps nail down the distance to those planets.

A microlensing event occurs when a faint star passes in front of a distant, more visible star. The gravity of the foreground star acts like a magnifying glass to brighten the distant star. If a planet is present around the foreground star, its own gravity distorts the lens effect, causing a brief dip in the magnification.

The great distance between Earth and Spitzer helps astronomers determine the distance to the lensing planetary system. Spitzer can see lensing events before or after telescopes on Earth, and this timing offset reveals the distance to the system.



Microlensing and Exoplanets Astrophysics



Peak sensitivity beyond
the snow line ($\approx R_E$)

Sensitivity to low
mass planets

Sensitivity to
free-floating planets

Sensitivity to planets
throughout the Galaxy

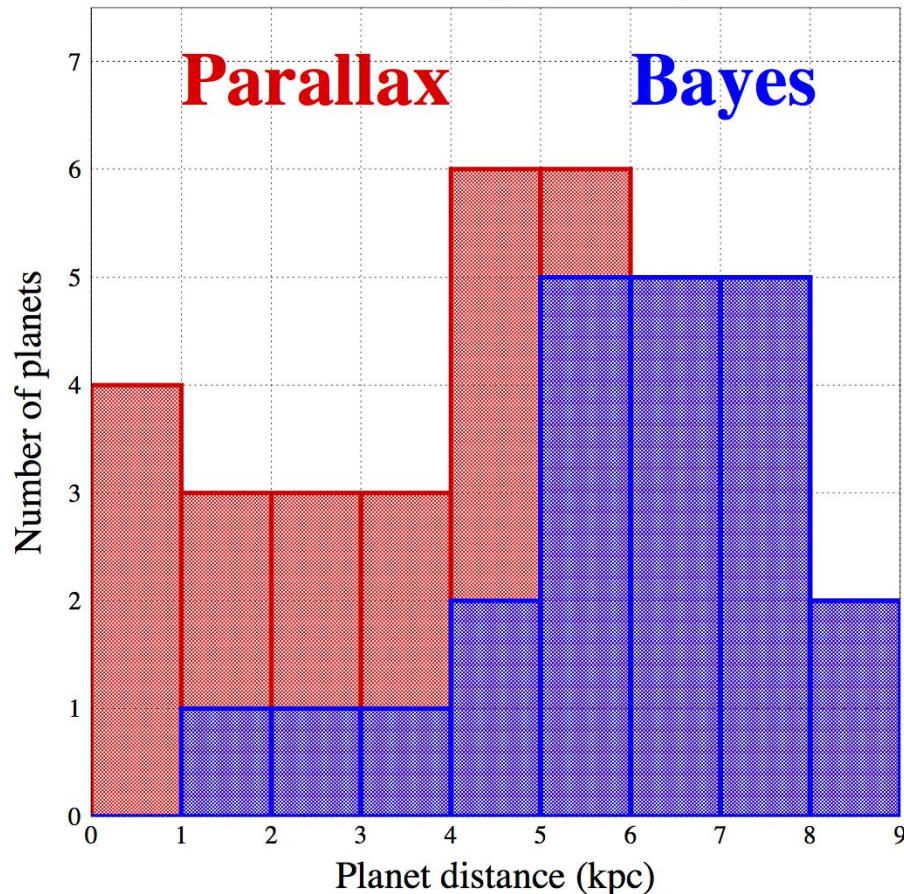
key to the Spitzer campaign

***Microlensing is sensitive to planets in regions of the parameter space
difficult to impossible to probe with other methods***

Microlensing and the Exoplanet Galactic Distribution

Looking for exoplanets all the way to the Galactic center

Microlensing Exoplanets



How do we evaluate the distance ?

Measure through the
Microlensing Parallax
(bias for nearby lenses)

Bayes: Statistical inference
based on a prior Galactic model

***This is what we observe,
but how do we get to the
underlying distribution ?***

We need the distance distribution for the underlying single-lens event population

Microensing Spitzer Observational Campaigns

follow up of microlensing events towards the Galactic Bulge

- ❑ 2014: 100 hr, DDT, A. Gould (PI), S. Carey, J. Yee
«*Spitzer* Microlens Planets and Parallaxes»
- ❑ 2015: 832 hr, A. Gould (PI), S. Carey, J. Yee
«Galactic distribution of Planets from *Spitzer* Microlens Parallaxes»
- ❑ 2016: 100hr, A. Gould (PI), S. Carey, J. Yee
«Galactic Distribution of Planets from High-Magnification Microlensing Events»
- ❑ 2016: 50 hr, DDT, A. Gould (PI), S. Carey, J. Yee
«Degeneracy breaking for K2 Microlens parallaxes»
- ❑ 2017-2018: 800 x 2 hr (?)

The Spitzer team @ Pasadena: IPAC and JPL...

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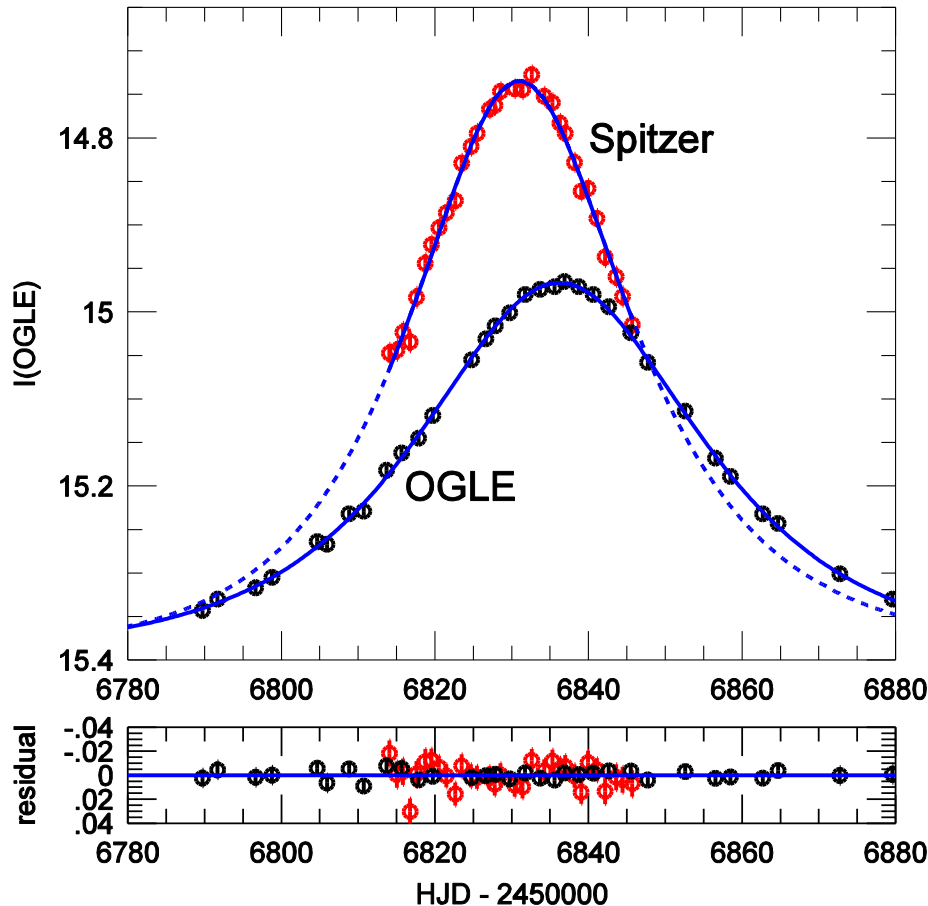
.... and in the rest of the world

- ❖ S. Gaudi (OSU)
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- ❖ J. Yee (CfA)
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The Microlensing Parallax in the Sky: Spitzer

π_E : projection of the Einstein radius (~ 2 AU) onto the observer plane

*Microlensing Parallax from the Simultaneous Observation of the same
Microlensing Event from Two Observers with relative distance \sim AU
(Refsdal 1966, Gould 1994, 1995, 1999, Dong et al 2007, Gould et al 2014 on....)*



OB140939: First Space-based
Microlensing Parallax Measurement
of an Isolated Star

(Yee, Udalski, SCN et al ApJ 2015)

π_E measured, given t_E ,
from the observers times
at maximum magnification, $t_{0,oss}$,
and impact parameters, $u_{0,oss}$

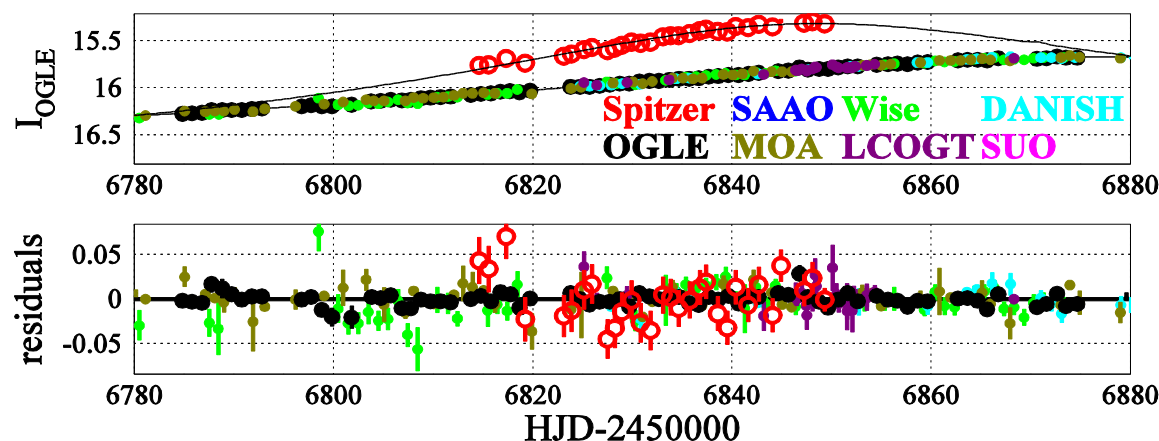
$$M = 0.23 \pm 0.07 M_{\odot}$$

$$D_L = 3.1 \pm 0.4 \text{ kpc}$$

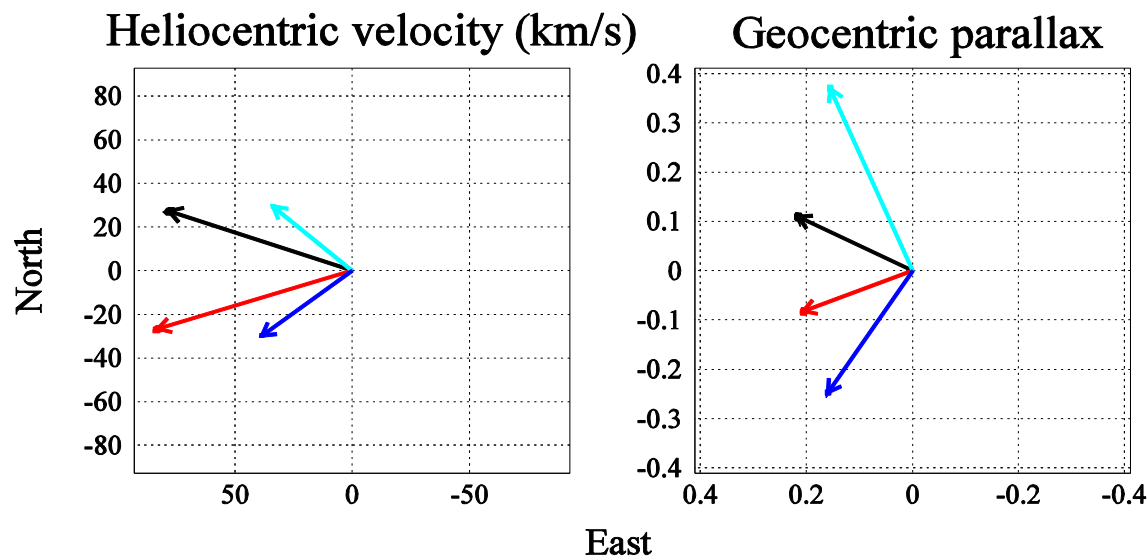
IT IS NOT A SMALL EFFECT!!

Pathway to the Galactic Distribution of planets: Spitzer Microlens Parallax Measurements of 21 Single-Lens Events

OGLE-2014-BLG-0099: $\Delta\chi^2 = 17.33, 0, 241.54, 202.96$ (-+,--,++,+-)



Determine the microlens parallax for single lens events, the underlying population for exoplanetary events, to build up the exoplanets Galactic distribution



Parallax analysis

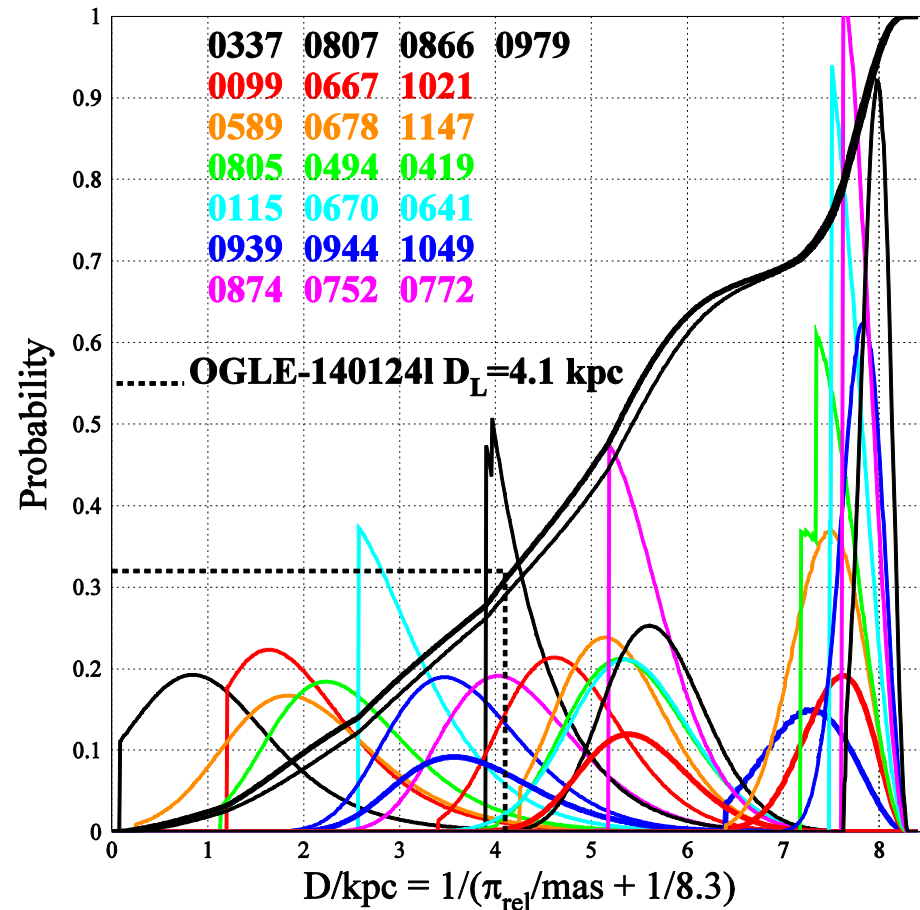
- ★ Spitzer baseline short vs t_E
- ★ relative Spitzer-Ogle color

Parallax degeneracy

- ★ $\Delta\chi^2$ analysis
- ★ Rich's argument

SCN, Gould, Udalski et al, ApJ 2015

From the Distance Cumulative Distribution for (Single) Lens Systems ...



one planetary event
OGLE-2014-BLG-0124

➤ single peak distributions (most cases)

- ❑ broad distribution for disc lenses
- ❑ bulge stars (30% only, bias obs protocol ?)
- ❑ gap around 6.5 kpc (conjecture: los ?)
- ❖ small statistics
- ❖ selection effects

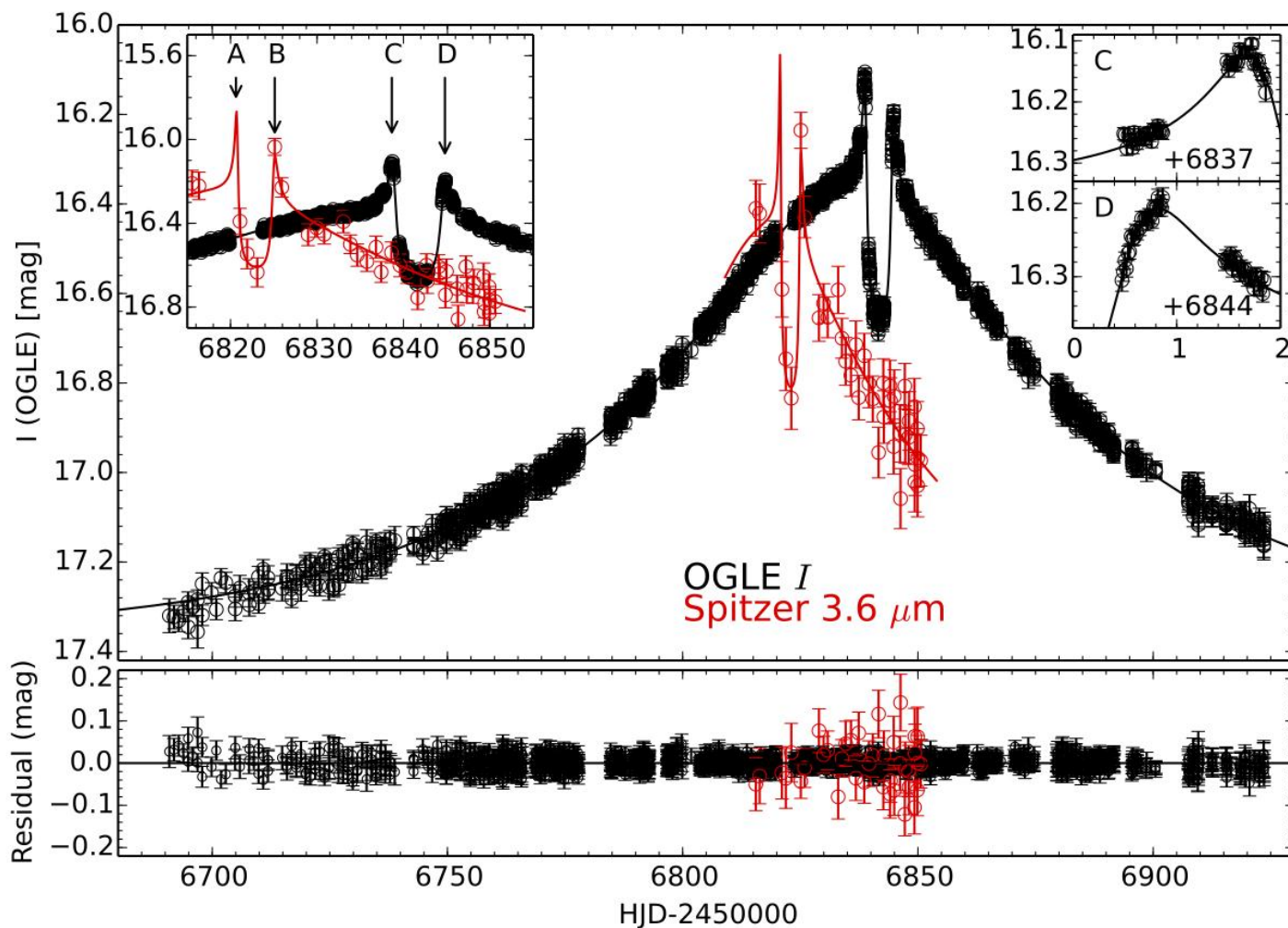
... to the Galactic Distribution of ExoPlanets (a test study)

the planets are a fairly-drawn sample from the ensemble of single lens events which then provides a probe for the measure of the underlying planets distance distribution (key point: we do not know about the planet when we select the event for observation!)

Spitzer as Microlens Parallax Satellite: Mass measurement for the OGLE-2014-BLG-0124L Planet and its Host Star

$$\theta_E = 0.84 \pm 0.26 \text{ mas} \quad (\text{for } M < 1.2 M_\odot)$$

$$\pi_E = 0.15 \text{ (2.5\%)}$$



$$M_{\text{host}} \sim 0.71 M_\odot$$

$$M_{\text{planet}} \sim 0.51 M_{\text{jup}}$$

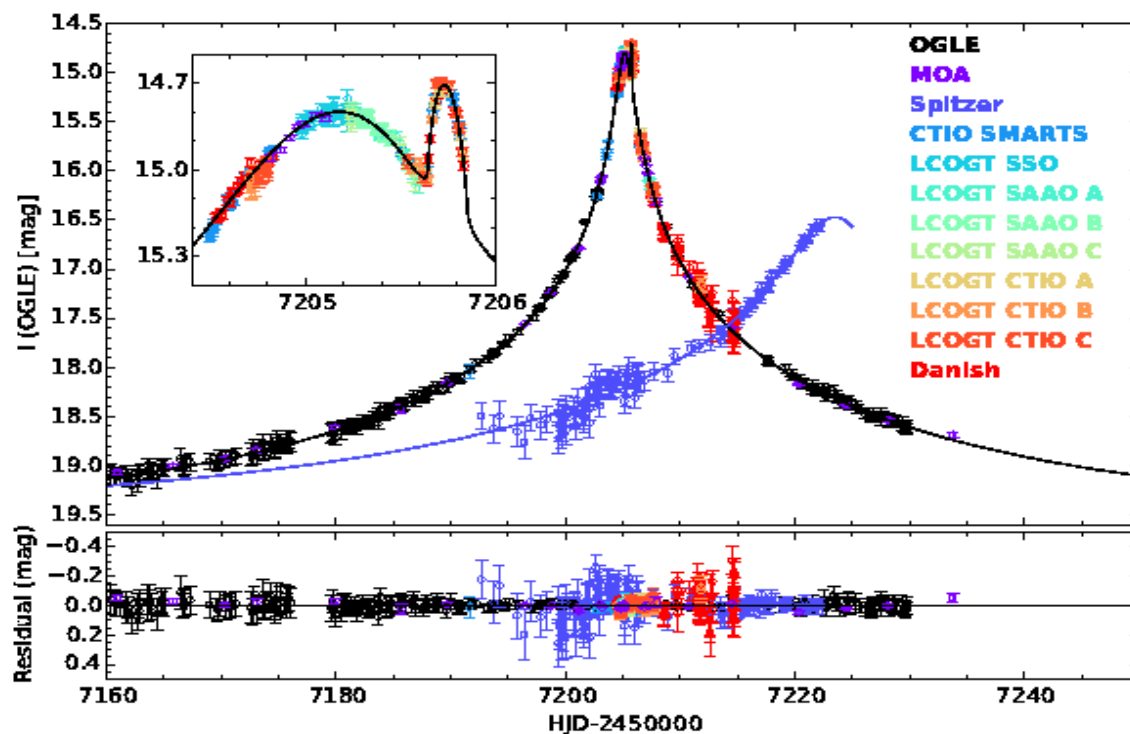
$$D_l \sim 4.1 \text{ kpc}$$

$$a_\perp \sim 3.16 \text{ AU}$$

relative error $\sim 30\%$
from that on θ_E

Spitzer Parallax of OB150966: a Cold Neptune in the Galactic Disk

OGLE-2015-BLG-0966



$$D_L = 3.3 \text{ kpc (bulge source)}$$

$$D_L = 2.5 \text{ kpc (disc source)}$$

$$M_L = 0.38 \pm 0.04 M_{\odot}$$

$$M_p = 21 \pm 2 M_{\oplus}$$

$$a_{\perp} = 2.7 \text{ AU (bulge source)}$$

$$a_{\perp} = 2.1 \text{ AU (disc source)}$$

Street, Udalski, SCN et al, ApJ 2016

Spitzer Microlensing Campaign besides Exoplanets

OB140939: Spitzer Microlensing Parallax for an Isolated Star

J. Yee, Udalski, SCN et al, ApJ 2015

$$D_L = 3.1 \pm 0.4 \text{ kpc}$$

Spitzer as a Parallax satellite: Mass and Distance for binary system OB141050

W. Zhu et al (SCN), ApJ 2015

$$D_L \sim 3.5 \text{ kpc}$$

Spitzer Microlens Measurement of a Massive Remnant in a Well-Separated Binary in the Galactic Bulge: OB151285

Y. Shvartzvald et al (SCN), ApJ 2015

$$D_L = 7.5 \pm 0.2 \text{ kpc}$$

OB151212: Breaking Strong Microlens Degeneracies with Spitzer

A (brown dwarf ?) binary system in the Bulge

V. Bozza et al (SCN), ApJ 2016

$$D_L = 7.18^{+0.43}_{-1.68} \text{ kpc}$$

Mass Measurements of Isolated Objects from Space-Based Microlensing

Parallax + Finite source size effect

W. Zhu, SCN et al, 2016, submitted

$$\text{OB150763: } 0.50 \pm 0.04 M_{\odot} \text{ at } 6.9 \pm 1.0 \text{ kpc}$$

$$\text{OB151268: } 47 \pm 7 M_J \text{ at } 5.4 \pm 1.0 \text{ kpc}$$

Spitzer analysis for OB150448: a Probe for Globular Cluster Planets

R. Poleski et al (SCN), 2016, submitted

Most probably a Bulge lens

Conclusion and Outlook

towards the Galactic distribution of exoplanets

Microlensing is complementary to other techniques

Probe for exoplanets all the way to the Galactic Bulge

The Microlensing Parallax and the (*unbiased*) measure of the lens distance for both binary (planets) and single lens systems

Single-lenses: a probe for the underlying population

Spitzer Observational Campaign 2014-2016(-2018?):

Building up the statistics for the Galactic Distribution of Exoplanets

K2C9: the first space-based microlensing survey is NOW

The quest for free-floating planets

WFIRST microlensing survey: complete the statistical census of planetary systems in the Galaxy