

A TWO MICRON ALL SKY SURVEY VIEW OF THE SAGITTARIUS DWARF GALAXY. II. SWOPE TELESCOPE SPECTROSCOPY OF M GIANT STARS IN THE DYNAMICALLY COLD SAGITTARIUS TIDAL STREAM

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ABSTRACT

We have obtained moderate resolution ($\sim 6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) spectroscopy of several hundred M giant candidates selected from Two Micron All Sky Survey photometry. Radial velocities are presented for stars mainly in the southern Galactic hemisphere, and the primary targets have Galactic positions consistent with association to the tidal tail system of the Sagittarius (Sgr) dwarf galaxy. M giant stars selected from the apparent trailing debris arm of Sgr have velocities showing a clear trend with orbital longitude, as expected from models of the orbit and destruction of Sgr. A minimum 8 kpc width of the trailing stream about the Sgr orbital midplane is implied by verified radial velocity members. The coldness of this stream ($\sigma_v \sim 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) provides upper limits on the combined contributions of stream heating by a lumpy Galactic halo and the intrinsic dispersion of released stars, which is a function of the Sgr core mass. We find that the Sgr trailing arm is consistent with a Galactic halo that contains one dominant, LMC-like lump; however, some lumpier halos are not ruled out. An upper limit to the total mass-to-light ratio of the Sgr core is 21 in solar units. Evidence for other velocity structures is found among the more distant ($>13 \text{ kpc}$) M giants. A second structure that roughly mimics expectations for wrapped, leading Sgr arm debris crosses the trailing arm in the southern hemisphere; however, this may also be an unrelated tidal feature. Among the bright, nearby ($<13 \text{ kpc}$) M giants toward the south Galactic pole are a number with large velocities that identify them as halo stars; these too may trace halo substructure, perhaps part of the Sgr leading arm near the Sun. The positions and velocities of southern hemisphere M giants are compared with those of southern hemisphere globular clusters potentially stripped from the Sgr system. Support for association of the globular clusters Pal 2 and Pal 12 with Sgr debris is found, based on positional and radial velocity matches. Our discussion includes description of a masked-filtered cross-correlation methodology that achieves better than 1/20 of a resolution element velocities in moderate-resolution spectra. The improved velocity resolution achieved allows tighter constraints to be placed on the coldness of the Sgr stream than previously established.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The extensive length of the tidal tails of the disrupting Sagittarius (Sgr) dSph system has recently been demonstrated in all-sky views of this system provided by the Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) database (Majewski et al. 2003, hereafter Paper I). The relatively metal-rich stellar populations in the Sgr system means that M giant stars are prevalent in the Sgr debris stream. These stars are easily identified to distances of more than 60 kpc using 2MASS *JHK_s* photometry, and primary leading and trailing tidal arms from Sgr are evident in all-sky M giant maps. However, as described in Paper I, while Sgr debris dominates the M giant population in the high halo, some ambiguities in the precise length and placement of the Sgr arms

remain due to contamination by other M giant populations (particularly near the Galactic plane) and residual photometric errors. Checks on the membership of M giants to the streams using radial velocities can help delineate the extended morphology of the Sgr tidal tails.

Stellar velocities are also useful tracers of mass. As well as revealing clues to the structure and integrity of the Sgr core itself, the placement and motions of its expansive tidal arms can provide important constraints on the mass of the Milky Way and the shape of its potential (e.g., Murai & Fujimoto 1980; Lin & Lynden-Bell 1982; Kuhn 1993; Johnston et al. 1999; Murali & Dubinski 1999; Ibata et al. 2001; Law et al. 2003, 2004). In addition, in principle, the velocity dispersion of tidal debris should provide a sensitive probe of the lumpiness of the halo (Moore et al. 1999; Johnston et al. 2002; Ibata et al. 2002; Mayer et al. 2002).

The present study represents a first effort to accumulate velocity data on 2MASS-selected M giants in the apparent Sgr debris trails. It includes a new radial velocity cross-correlation methodology that achieves better than 1/20 of a resolution element discrimination; this analysis approach, in combination with the fact that M giants are intrinsically bright and accessible with modest telescope apertures, places new, tighter constraints

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TABLE 1
SCATTER IN RADIAL VELOCITY MEASURES BY OBSERVING RUN

UT DATES	BRIGHT RV STDS.		2MASS M GIANTS ^a	
	Scatter (km s ⁻¹)	No. Stars	Scatter (km s ⁻¹)	No. Stars
2002 Jul 15–19.....	4.4	14	4.6	1
2002 Jul 29–30.....	8.2	21	7.4	5
2002 Jul 31–Aug 01 ^b	4.2	9	4.2	2
2002 Sep 19–20 ^c	>20	0
2002 Sep 23–30.....	5.7	75	6.6	7
2002 Nov 21–26.....	8.8	21	0.6	1

^a From multiple measures of stars on a single run. See Table 2.

^b The spectrograph setup focused on the Ca IR triplet region for this run.

^c There were problems with the slit width on this run. Only 12 stars from this run contributed to the sample.

on the coldness of the Sgr stream using observations obtained with only a 1 m aperture telescope.

We present results from a pilot radial velocity survey of 284 M giants from Paper I using the Swope 1 m telescope at Las Campanas Observatory. Most of the stars are in the southern Galactic hemisphere and lie within 5 kpc of the best-fit Sgr orbital plane (Paper I). Forty percent of the stars were selected to be in the distinct, Sgr southern arc (trailing tail), and, as we show below, most of these stars have velocities consistent with that association. The remaining stars are primarily very bright, nearby M giants toward the south Galactic pole, which were selected for study to probe the possibility that Sgr tidal debris may be quite close to the Sun. We show that this latter sample likely contains an admixture of M giants from the Milky Way's Intermediate Population II (IPII)/thick disk, as well as stars from other halo substructure near the Sun—perhaps nearby Sgr stars.

Future papers will detail observations obtained at other telescopes subsequent to the data collected and analyzed here.

2. RADIAL VELOCITIES OF SAGITTARIUS M GIANT CANDIDATES

2.1. Observing Program

With one exception, M giant candidates selected for spectroscopic study have $0.95 < J - K_s < 1.15$ and lie predominantly within 5 kpc of the main Sgr plane⁵ defined in Majewski et al. (2003a), a plane consistent with a pole at $(l, b) = (273^\circ.8, -13^\circ.5)$. A handful of observed stars are as distant as 6.3 kpc from that plane. The spectra for this project were taken as a backup to other observing programs (generally, the Grid Giant Star Survey; Patterson et al. 2001). Thus, the stars for which spectra have been obtained were more or less randomly selected from a much larger target list, and their distribution about the sky is a reflection of (1) available observing windows within the various observing runs for which time could be made for this program and (2) a desire to observe brighter M giants at any Sgr longitude⁶ when poor

observing conditions drove observations to a bright-star backup program.

All stars were observed with the Modular Spectrograph (ModSpec) of the Las Campanas Observatory mounted on the 1 m Swope telescope. Candidate Sgr stars were observed over the course of the observing runs listed in Table 1. The wavelength coverage extended from 4494 to 6720 Å with a dispersion of 2.16 Å per resolution element (about 113 km s⁻¹), but for the last two nights of the 2002 July 29–August 1 run the infrared Ca-triplet region was observed, with coverage between 7480 and 9080 Å at a resolution of 1.51 Å per resolution element (about 54 km s⁻¹). The slit width was set to the narrowest the instrument allowed, about 1"7; yet, a more or less “smoothed-out” slit illumination results from image wander for most long exposures because of (1) seeing variations and (2) a slight polar axis misalignment, which produces slow drifts that are only periodically corrected out by the guider. However, the data from 2002 September 19–20 show a much larger scatter in repeat measures of radial velocity standards, and we believe that on those nights the slit had been accidentally jostled to a larger width for which the slit illumination was not repeatable. Fortunately, only a small number of stars were observed on those nights.

During each run multiple observations were obtained of numerous radial velocity standards to permit estimation of internal instrumental scatter and to calibrate the zero point of the velocity system (see § 2.5).

2.2. General Radial Velocity Cross-Correlation Methodology

The methodology for deriving radial velocities is now being utilized in a number of our research programs, but has not been previously described. We set forth the details of these procedures here not only because of their wider application beyond the present survey, but because the improved velocity precision this technique delivers is important to our analysis of the dynamics of the Sgr debris stream.

Several strategies are implemented to improve upon standard radial velocity techniques and achieve a velocity precision better than 1/20 of a resolution element. While the reduction to radial velocities employs essentially the classical cross-correlation methodology of Tonry & Davis (1979), it is packaged in a precorrelation editing process designed to address various challenges, as follows.

One wants to eliminate from the input to the correlator all spectral components that contribute no information. Reliable kinematical information is contained only in the slopes of unblended absorption features that are known to be present in

⁵ The 5 kpc separation is more than 2.5 times the typical rms separation of Sgr M giants from the nominal plane, found to be 1.8 kpc in Paper I. The M giant sample studied here should be representative of typical Sgr stream members across the width of the stream as viewed from the Sun.

⁶ The Sgr coordinate systems used here are described at length in Paper I. Briefly, the longitude angle Λ_\odot is that angle, as viewed along the Sgr plane from the Sun, from the Sgr center ($\Lambda_\odot = 0^\circ$) and increasing in the direction along the trailing Sgr tidal arm, which starts in the southern Galactic hemisphere. Another parameter used frequently in this paper is $Z_{\text{Sgr, GC}}$, which is the linear distance from the best-fit plane to the three-dimensional distribution of M giants in the Sgr tails.

the range of spectral types observed. Therefore, the template input to the correlator is prepared from a high signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) master from which the continuum is eliminated with a zero phase-shift, high-pass filter shaped to minimize sideband “ringing.” After filtering, the resulting spectrum is multiplied by a mask that is zero everywhere except at a set of rest-frame wavelengths of low-ionization or low-excitation transitions of elements observed in moderately metal-deficient stars; these lines are taken from stellar atmospheric abundance studies of the anticipated candidate spectral types, with each feature represented by a Gaussian profile of unit amplitude and roughly 1.2 times the spectrometer instrumental profile (about 2.5 Å). This mask is wavelength-shifted to match the Doppler velocity of the master; a visual check for sideband symmetry assures that no residual bias remains. The low-frequency portion of the spectrum is discarded, leaving a working template with a mean level of zero. The target data stream is similarly high-pass filtered. The one minor disadvantage of the prescription so far is that the high-pass filter leaves cosmetic noise (e.g., from CCD pixels or the rare cosmic ray) unmodified.

However, this approach brings an additional major advantage to our kinematic endeavor. Since the output of the correlator is affected only by the strength of the selected spectral feature compared with that in the master, the line list used may be tailored to respond well to a fairly broad range of temperature, gravity, and abundance levels. With spurious or unknown features eliminated by the list selection, we can abandon the requirement that a template match as closely as possible the spectrum of the unknown candidate and widen the reach by editorially selecting those portions of an absorption trait for which only two states are possible: either it is present, or it is not. If present, it contributes by itself, and cleanly, to the correlation peak; if absent, what little damage is introduced from photon noise is free of bias and detracts minimally. However, on abandoning the pursuit of perfect matches in spectral typing, the cross-correlation function is no longer a purely even function; thus odd terms no longer provide reliable error estimation (see § 2.4).

Despite the wide range of spectral types this approach accommodates, it does fail when a spectral type is late enough that the spectrum is dominated by strong molecular bands. However, because the Sgr candidates observed are generally of early M type, none had overly strong molecular features that made the velocity determination fail, or even uncertain.

Another phenomenon inducing failure is the presence of strong emission cores in selected absorption features, as seen, for example, in Balmer line emission of late M types and symbiotics, or Na D night sky emission in very faint spectra. Again, neither degradation affected the data set we describe.

2.3. Details of the Master Cross-Correlation Template

To build a masked, template master spectrum, we start with a list of lines for a stellar atmosphere that we believe to be approximately representative (in terms of $\log g$, T_{eff} , [Fe/H]) of our candidates. The choice of lines was guided by the stellar atmosphere studies of metal-poor stars (similar to that expected of the candidates) of Gratton & Sneden (1988), McWilliam et al. (1995), and Ramírez & Cohen (2003) and included those spectral lines that, when compared with the same lines in the Arcturus Atlas (Hinkle et al. 2000), were sufficiently free of adjacent or blended features. Additional clean lines not used by

those other studies but visible in the Arcturus spectrum were included. We are interested in retaining parts of the spectrum that will add power to the cross-correlation and rejecting those parts that simply add noise. By trial and error, and motivated by the typical exposure levels used in this investigation, a lower limit of 60 mÅ equivalent width was adopted for retaining a line. The shape of the adopted mask at each line is a Gaussian profile of unit height and slightly wider than the instrument profile. This slight broadening of the profile “softens” the effects on the cross-correlation of any slight miscentering of the *observed* lines [e.g., due to jitter in the CCD pixel-to-log (λ) transformation].

Finally, this mask is multiplied by a high S/N spectrum of the star HD31871, a K0 III star, at the same resolution and same instrument configuration as our target spectra. Before this multiplication the mask is shifted to the velocity of this star.

After experimentation with different templates for different observing runs we found much better results by relying on the same template for the entire data set, because it minimizes sources of systematic error. Unsurprisingly, the sensitivity of a template designed in this way varies with metallicity of the candidate, but it introduces no bias. Said another way, if a good cross-correlation is obtained, it is accurate. While designed for [Fe/H] $\gtrsim -1.0$ K giant stars, the final adopted template produced reliable velocities for *all* Sgr stream target spectra having typical exposure levels (which were about 300 electrons in the neighborhood of the Na D lines). Given our focus on *M giant* stars, which (for first ascent up the giant branch) are produced in relatively metal-rich populations, we did not encounter the severe metal depletions seen in our studies of halo K giants at large radial distances (e.g., Majewski et al. 1999) and that yield only poor-quality velocity estimates for spectra exposed to more than 1000 electrons. Thus, the final adopted velocity cross-correlation template, which was built relying on a line list limited to features wider than 60 mÅ, proved ultimately to be a satisfactory match to the 2MASS M giant sample.

2.4. Calibration and Reduction to Radial Velocities

Calibration of the target stars relied on an observational procedure consisting of several independent steps. To provide a system calibration, prior to the start of each night of observing a number of daytime spectra are obtained with the telescope at the zenith. Exposures of a hollow cathode lamp combined with He and Ne lamps provides a comparison spectrum yielding at least 30 comparison lines roughly evenly distributed over the wavelength range. At the beginning of some runs daytime spectra and companion comparison lamp spectra were obtained at different zenith distances and hour angles to confirm a satisfactory immunity from instrumental flexure.

Nevertheless, comparison lamp spectra were taken for each star immediately following, and with the same air mass as, the target exposure. Each candidate was observed in a single exposure to at least 300 electrons, with multiple exposures obtained only when an immediate quick-look inspection afterward prompted a second exposure because of concern for the S/N in the first exposure. However, in many cases both of the individual exposures proved more than adequate for a good velocity measurement, and these repeat exposures can be used as an integrity check on instrumental precision (see § 2.5 below). It is worth noting that for observations in the Ca-triplet domain longer than 300 s, a superior wavelength

calibration was obtained from employing approximately 62 lines of the simultaneous night sky spectrum; a line list for this purpose, edited to avoid blends for the instrumental resolution, was obtained from Osterbrock et al. (1996).

Spectral extraction included the manual suppression of local cosmetic defects; this proved more reliable, as well as much more (observing-) time efficient, than multiple exposures combined by median averaging. From experience over years of using ModSpec at the 1 m telescope we have found that a star drift of a fraction of a pixel between exposures along the slit invalidates the presumption that median averaging yields good results. The origin of the slit drift is a combination of change in atmospheric dispersion and in flexure of the external guider probe.

The cross-correlation methodology described in the previous subsections was applied to both target stars and numerous radial velocity standard stars observed during each observing run.

2.5. Error Analysis

The estimation of velocity uncertainties relies on an empirical calibration of scatter in a set of comparable velocity measurements obtained over years of using this methodology. Basically, the strength of the correlation peak, as well as its shape and degree of asymmetry, are compared in a sequence of differently exposed spectra of known velocity, or, equivalently, by degrading high-quality spectra by adding pseudo-counting noise. The degradation is reflected in the visual appearance of the correlation peak in relation to its sidebands.

Since it is not practical to degrade every spectral exposure to ascertain the robustness of an estimate, we summarize the results of experiments with which an acceptance threshold for good measures was devised, based on experience with many thousands of spectra obtained in more than 40 observing runs. In all cases we inspect the cross-correlation spectrum over a range of values corresponding to reasonable velocity values for Galactic stars (roughly ± 600 km s⁻¹). The acceptance threshold for a good spectrum relies on the appearance of the normalized cross-correlation peak, which must fulfill two criteria to be satisfied in a visual inspection: (1) the nearest sidebands in the cross-correlation spectrum must be no greater than 60% of the correlation peak, and (2) the FWHM of the central correlation peak must be either fully symmetric above zero, or, if an asymmetry is seen, this must not appear at a point in the central peak that is more than 50% the maximum value of that peak. It must be noted that the strength of sidebands in the correlation plot varies with the number of features in a line list from which the velocity template is built. When few features build a template, sideband strength increases. Consequently, the criteria described here are specific to the template described in § 2.3.

Objects just marginally satisfying the above criteria generally reflect a velocity uncertainty less than double that obtained when nominally perfect correlation peaks are obtained. But when the strongest correlation sideband is $\leq 50\%$ the height of the central peak the velocity precision is no worse than the optimal precision in 95% of the cases. When asymmetries are seen only in the sidebands, the candidate spectral type is different from the template. However, comparison with velocity standards covering a range of spectral types has failed to impute a velocity bias in these cases.

To summarize our evaluation of the appearance of the correlation peak and sidebands for each spectrum we have devised a quality scale from $Q = 0$ (worst) to $Q = 7$ (best) that

we provide with the data in Tables 2 and 3.⁷ We present here only stars with $Q \geq 4$, but only four stars have qualities at this limit, and only one of these is in the trailing arm, which is the focus of attention in this paper. An additional parameter describing the quality of the radial velocities is the peak of the cross-correlation spectrum (CCP). Both CCP and Q are internal descriptors that allow quantitative relative comparison within our instrumental system peculiar to our instrumental setup. Significance does not attach to either number outside of that context. The Q index is most useful for descriptions of spectra with “borderline” S/N, because the size of the CCP is a function of the number of lines allowed by the mask as well as the strength of lines in the target spectra: for example, the 10 stars presented in Table 3 with $4 < Q < 6$ have $0.21 < \text{CCP} < 0.43$, while the $Q = 7$ stars span $0.29 < \text{CCP} < 1.25$.

Among stars that have met our acceptance criteria are the sets of dozens of radial velocity standards with spectral types spanning those of targets observed during each observing run. The scatter in derived velocities among these standards is one indicator of the precision of the velocity system. Table 1 demonstrates the derived velocity scatters of velocity standards for each observing run on which Sgr M giant candidates were observed. However, we believe these scatters to be *upper limits* to the true random errors: during this and previous observing projects it was learned that the brighter standards in the magnitude range $2.0 < V < 10.0$ occasionally yielded large deviations; investigation of this problem revealed it to arise from stellar profiles that illuminated the slit incompletely during very short exposures with respect to the seeing timescale (as short as 1 s in some cases). Indirect confirmation of this interpretation stems from the observation that nights of best seeing yielded increased calibration scatter. Nevertheless, while we believe the true random errors may approach 4 km s⁻¹ in some cases, we adopt a typical mean random error of 6 km s⁻¹ to be the most representative value over the entire spread of spectral types and over all observing runs. This does not apply to the 12 Sgr candidates observed 2002 September 19–20, with the slit problems discussed in § 2.1 and for which larger errors are expected.

It may be argued that the radial velocity standards, which typically are bright and yield excellent S/N spectra, will produce estimates of the velocity scatter that are unrepresentative of expectations for the fainter M giants. However, we find similar dispersions about the mean value for those M giants with multiple observations. These multiple observations and their dispersions are summarized in Table 2. In most cases the

⁷ The most reliable spectra, with perfectly symmetric sidebands, are classified as $Q = 7$, while a cross-correlation plot with random noise high-pass-filtered like a real spectrum is classified as $Q = 0$. Other Q -values assigned carry the following significance: A $Q = 6$ shows some deviation in the sideband distribution, with one side or the other showing stronger sidebands. When sideband symmetry is retained, but the strength of the correlation peak declines to where the strongest sidebands reach half the peak amplitude, Q is set to 5; in practice there is no sensible loss in the reliability of the velocity precision. $Q = 4$ is the lowest quality estimate that is reliable, and scatter from degradation simulations appears to be about double that seen in $Q = 7$ data. $Q = 3$ is assigned when the strongest sideband rises to about 70% of the correlation peak; summing two $Q = 3$ spectra tends to give a $Q = 4$ spectrum. A value of $Q = 2$ is assigned when there is still no ambiguity as to which peak is the correlation peak, and the summing of two $Q = 2$ spectra yields improvement (just barely) in the appearance of the correlation plot. In practice the velocity estimates are discarded, however. $Q = 1$ is assigned to such data where there is some indication that a heavier exposure might produce signal improvement (as would not be the case, for example, when correlating a quasar spectrum with a K7 III template).

TABLE 2
M GIANTS WITH REPEAT OBSERVATIONS AND AVERAGE VALUES

Name	CCD No.	v_{hel}	v_{GSR}	CCP	Q	$\sigma(\text{RV})$	RV Date
2326237–250037 ^a	Average	–27.7	11.2	0.81	7	4.6	2002 Jul 16/18
	2055	–30.9	8.0	0.79	7	...	2002 Jul 16
	4058	–24.4	14.4	0.83	7	...	2002 Jul 18
1515571–074734 ^b	Average	–14.5	–23.9	0.37	7	7.6	2002 Jul 29
	5014	–9.1	–18.5	0.36	5	...	2002 Jul 29
	5015	–19.9	–29.3	0.38	5	...	2002 Jul 29
1519212–100704 ^a	Average	181.2	167.0	0.67	7	8.7	2002 Jul 29
	5007	175.0	160.8	0.75	7	...	2002 Jul 29
	5008	187.3	173.1	0.58	7	...	2002 Jul 29
1522364–132713 ^a	Average	101.9	79.9	0.68	7	12.9	2002 Jul 29
	5010	92.8	70.8	0.77	7	...	2002 Jul 29
	5011	111.0	89.0	0.59	7	...	2002 Jul 29
1538463–023544 ^a	Average	21.6	43.2	0.72	7	2.5	2002 Jul 29
	5019	19.8	41.4	0.71	7	...	2002 Jul 29
	5020	23.4	45.0	0.72	7	...	2002 Jul 29
1441233–124407 ^c	Average	–133.9	–181.1	0.57	7	5.1	2002 Jul 30
	6031	–139.8	–187.0	0.48	7	...	2002 Jul 30
	6032	–131.0	–178.1	0.62	7	...	2002 Jul 30
2050020–345336 ^{a, d}	Average	–20.5	9.0	0.79	7	4.6	2002 Jul 30/31
	6052	–23.7	5.7	0.83	7	...	2002 Jul 30
	7018	–17.2	12.2	0.74	7	...	2002 Jul 31
1429162–075540 ^{a, d}	Average	–30.9	–72.1	0.69	7	6.0	2002 Jul 30/31
	7010	–26.6	–67.8	0.67	7	...	2002 Jul 31
	6027	–35.1	–76.3	0.70	7	...	2002 Jul 30
1412322–052131 ^a	Average	–84.2	–129.0	0.77	7	0.6	2002 Jul 31
	7006	–84.6	–129.4	0.71	7	...	2002 Jul 31
	7008	–83.7	–128.6	0.83	7	...	2002 Jul 31
0013189–230153 ^c	Average	–6.5	19.2	0.46	7	7.7	2002 Jul 31
	7020	–15.5	10.2	0.35	4	...	2002 Jul 31
	7021	–2.0	23.7	0.52	6	...	2002 Jul 31
0202225 + 003225 ^b	Average	133.1	170.5	0.46	7	6.1	2002 Sep 26
	5115	137.4	174.8	0.43	7	...	2002 Sep 26
	5117	128.8	166.1	0.48	7	...	2002 Sep 26
0332342–252639 ^c	Average	–66.2	–162.8	0.69	7	3.5	2002 Sep 26
	5151	–70.2	–166.9	0.35	6	...	2002 Sep 26
	5153	–64.2	–160.8	0.86	7	...	2002 Sep 26
2321309 + 082002 ^c	Average	–8.8	140.2	0.63	7	2.8	2002 Sep 26
	5086	–12.0	137.0	0.43	7	...	2002 Sep 26
	5088	–7.2	141.8	0.73	7	...	2002 Sep 26
2350361–200216 ^c	Average	–61.1	–14.2	0.42	7	5.1	2002 Sep 27
	6057	–67.0	–20.2	0.35	5	...	2002 Sep 27
	6059	–58.2	–11.4	0.57	7	...	2002 Sep 27
0329379 + 034422 ^a	Average	–148.9	–160.9	0.64	7	7.7	2002 Sep 28
	7075	–154.3	–166.3	0.55	7	...	2002 Sep 28
	7077	–143.4	–155.4	0.73	7	...	2002 Sep 28
0305165 + 200436 ^c	Average	–249.2	–196.5	0.57	7	8.1	2002 Sep 30
	9063	–239.9	–187.2	0.49	7	...	2002 Sep 30
	9065	–253.9	–201.2	0.64	7	...	2002 Sep 30
2309567–325813 ^b	Average	117.0	132.4	0.36	7	11.3	2002 Sep 30
	9048	125.0	140.4	0.36	5	...	2002 Sep 30
	9050	109.0	124.3	0.35	6	...	2002 Sep 30
0231171–190755 ^a	Average	–55.6	–96.6	0.89	7	0.6	2002 Nov 21/23
	3021	–55.2	–96.1	0.59	7	...	2002 Nov 21
	5009	–56.0	–97.0	0.67	7	...	2002 Nov 23

^a All measures with $\text{CCP} \geq 0.5$ have equal weight in average.

^b All measures with $0.3 < \text{CCP} < 0.5$ have equal weight in average.

^c For those pairs having one measure with $\text{CCP} \geq 0.5$ and one with $0.3 < \text{CCP} < 0.5$, the former are given double weight compared to the latter.

^d For those pairs having one measure from either 2002 Jul 31 or 2002 Aug 1 (spectra observed at the Ca IR triplet), and one measure taken on any other night (with the normal spectrograph setup) a straight average is taken, because the CCP scales differ between the two spectrograph setups.

TABLE 3
M GIANTS WITH RADIAL VELOCITY DATA

Name	$K_{s,o}$	$(J-K_s)_o$	E_{B-V}	l (deg)	b (deg)	d (kpc)	Λ_\odot (deg)	$Z_{\text{Sgr, GC}}$ (kpc)	v_{hel} (km s ⁻¹)	v_{GSR} (km s ⁻¹)	CCP	Q	RV date
0000571–295428	9.17	1.07	0.02	15.9	–78.6	9.9	64.5	–1.0	64.0	71.5	0.63	7	2002 Sep 23
0002456–073004	8.81	1.03	0.03	90.2	–67.2	7.0	74.5	2.0	–52.3	30.8	0.90	7	2002 Nov 26
0003163–442908	9.92	1.02	0.01	328.9	–70.1	11.2	58.1	–3.7	5.1	–39.3	0.82	7	2002 Nov 26
0003528–194047	10.97	1.03	0.02	64.8	–76.8	19.1	69.5	0.3	–56.3	–14.3	0.70	7	2002 Nov 26
0004321–711635	8.48	0.96	0.03	308.3	–45.4	4.6	40.4	–2.4	23.3	–105.4	0.83	7	2002 Sep 29
0006594–275714	12.15	0.97	0.02	25.6	–80.1	26.0	66.6	–3.5	140.6	152.4	0.70	7	2002 Sep 28
0007318–195427	8.60	1.10	0.02	66.3	–77.6	8.4	70.2	0.5	–187.3	–147.8	0.76	7	2002 Jul 30
0010248+142130	8.29	0.98	0.06	108.2	–47.3	4.5	86.9	3.0	–65.0	77.2	0.67	7	2002 Sep 26
0010323–025706	9.68	1.08	0.04	99.2	–63.9	12.6	78.3	3.6	–154.3	–60.5	0.56	7	2002 Sep 23
0011085–712536	8.84	0.96	0.03	307.5	–45.3	5.3	40.8	–3.0	39.0	–91.2	0.80	7	2002 Sep 29

NOTE.—Table 3 is presented in its entirety in the electronic edition of the Astronomical Journal. A portion is shown here for guidance regarding its form and content.

repeat measures are taken on the same night (indeed, in succession—see the CCD frame numbers given in Table 2), but there are exceptions when the same star is occasionally observed on different nights. In these cases night-to-night consistency is found, which suggests that any inherent, systematic errors are small. This is so even in two examples when different spectrograph setups were used (marked by footnote d in Table 2).

The more numerous radial velocity standards provide a better gauge of *systemic* errors in the velocities produced from our manufactured velocity template. After compensating for deviations in the very brightest standards taken with the shortest exposures, we cannot reject the hypothesis that a unique velocity offset validly describes an entire observing run, even for those runs with the largest set of standard observations and spanning spectral types as early as G5 II and as late as M1.5 III. Indeed, from run to run we rather consistently determined that a velocity offset of 12 km s⁻¹ corrected our template velocities to the IAU standard. Consequently, a single velocity offset (typically around 12 km s⁻¹), derived from observations of the radial velocity standards, was applied to cross-correlation velocities derived for all stars in each separate observing run.

3. VELOCITY DISTRIBUTION WITH ORBITAL LONGITUDE

All stars observed yielded spectra that contain some molecular line blanketing, as expected for late-type stars, and have a general appearance of early M types. This is in keeping with the general color range of most of the targets (typically $0.95 < J-K_s < 1.10$), which is centered on those of early M giants (see, e.g., Fig. 21*b* in Paper I). Spectroscopic discrimination of gravities (dwarf/giant separation) was not attempted because the stars have been preselected to be giants based on the 2MASS ($J-H$, $J-K_s$)₀ two-color diagram. At the magnitudes and colors probed here ($6 < K_s < 12.5$) any late-type dwarf stars ($M_K > 7$) creeping into the sample would be within ~ 100 pc of the Sun, and typically be closer than 50 pc. Such stars would be expected to have orbits like the Sun and therefore have low heliocentric radial velocities but potentially large proper motions. However, a match of all Table 3 M giants to the UCAC2 catalog (Zacharias et al. 2001) shows none of the stars to have proper motions larger than 30 mas yr⁻¹, most to have motions more like 10 mas yr⁻¹, and all to have reduced proper motions solidly indicative of giant stars.

The overall reliability of the color-selection for M giants is further demonstrated by the relatively clean Sgr sample exhibited below (see Fig. 2*a*) even for the faintest, most “vulnerable” magnitude range probed.

Table 3 gives the radial velocity measurements for the first 284 M giant candidates observed in this program with the Swope telescope. For stars observed multiple times, the Table 3 entries represent averages as shown in Table 2 (the rules adopted for weighted averaging are given in the Table 2 notes). The columns of the table are the star name (derived from the equinox J2000.0 coordinates),⁸ dereddened K_s magnitude and $J-K_s$ color (the dereddening procedure is described in Paper I), Galactic coordinates in degrees (l , b), and, from Paper I, the photometric parallax distance (d) in kiloparsecs, the Sgr longitude Λ_\odot , and distance from the best-fit Sgr plane ($Z_{\text{Sgr, GC}}$) in kiloparsecs. This is followed by the measured heliocentric (v_{hel}) and Galactic standard-of-rest radial velocity (v_{GSR})⁹ in kilometers per second, the peak of the cross-correlation curve (CCP), cross-correlation quality index (Q), and the date of the observation. Figure 1 shows the planar and longitudinal distribution of stars for which radial velocities have been obtained. Three primary areas have received attention thus far: (1) southern hemisphere stars with positions consistent with Sgr trailing tidal debris (e.g., the more distant stars on the right side of Fig. 1*e* and toward the bottom of Figs. 1*a* and 1*b*), (2) nearby M giants toward the south Galactic pole (e.g., the tight clustering of nearby stars in the lower portion of Fig. 1*e*), and (3) a smattering of M giants in the northern Galactic hemisphere (e.g., $Z_{\text{GC}} > 0$ stars in Figs. 1*a* and 1*b* and on the left side of Fig. 1*e*), predominantly nearby stars toward the north Galactic pole. A few stars in the more distant part of the northern loop of the Sgr leading debris arm have also been observed.

3.1. Distant Southern Hemisphere M Giants

3.1.1. General Character of the Sgr Trailing Stream Velocities

Figure 2*a* shows the radial velocity distribution of the southern hemisphere stars more than 13 kpc from the Sun as a function of orbital longitude. The primary feature demonstrated is the smoothly varying radial velocity along the

⁸ These star names have been generated with our own software and may differ slightly from the official names for the stars in the 2MASS database due to differences in rounding the coordinates.

⁹ A local-standard-of-rest rotation velocity of 220 km s⁻¹ and a solar peculiar velocity of (u , v , w) = (–9, 12, 7) km s⁻¹ are adopted.

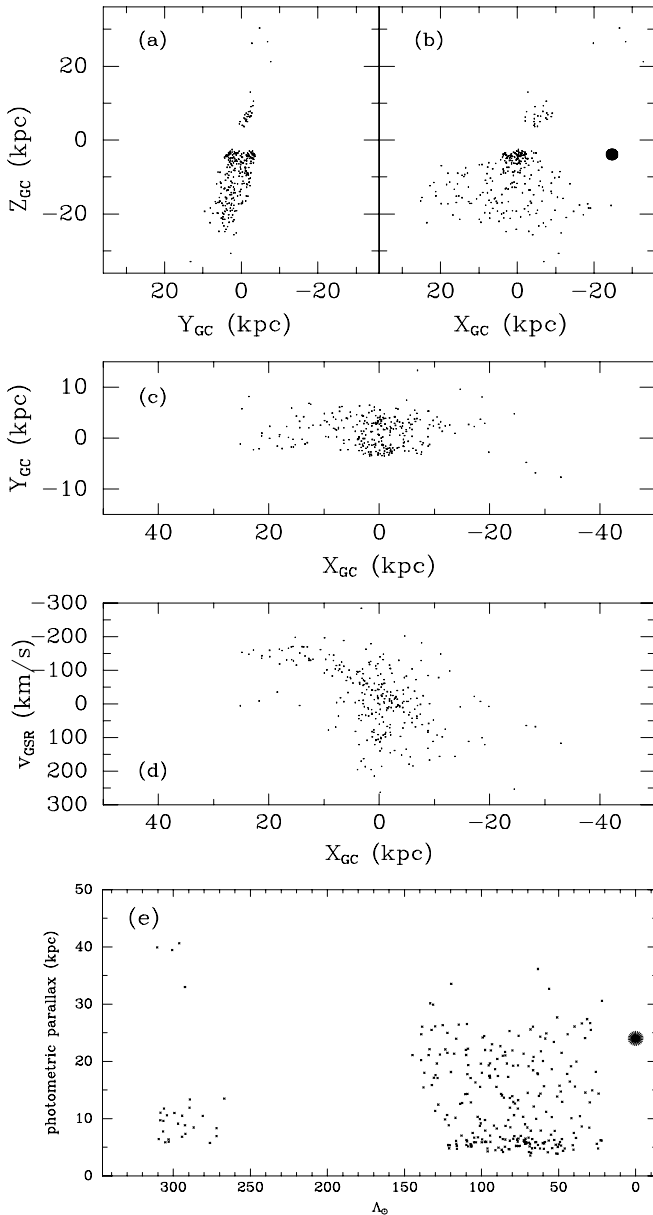


FIG. 1.—Spatial distribution of M giant candidates for which radial velocities have been obtained. Compare this figure with the full distribution of M giants shown in Figs. 7 and 11 of Paper I. In the bottom panel the distribution of M giant candidate photometric parallax distances is given as a function of Sgr Λ_\odot longitude as defined in Paper I. Compare this distribution with Fig. 10 in that paper. The large dot corresponds to the location of the Sgr core.

southern arc extending from the Sgr core (the latter represented by the positions of the Sgr globular clusters in Fig. 2a; see also § 5), which shows the approach of this trailing debris in the direction of the outer Galaxy ($\Lambda_\odot \gtrsim 75^\circ$) and its net recession from us after it passes through the south Galactic cap (near $\Lambda_\odot \sim 75^\circ$). The recessional velocity of this tidal debris eventually approaches that of the Sgr core (171 km s^{-1} , as derived by Ibata et al. 1997) and core globular cluster system (M54, Terzan 7, Terzan 8, Arp 2) at $v_{GSR} \sim +175 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The largest approaching v_{GSR} velocities toward the direction of the Galactic anticenter (at roughly $\Lambda_\odot \sim 165^\circ$) approach -200 km s^{-1} .

As expected for energy-sorted debris from a disrupting satellite, the Sgr stream is extremely velocity coherent. In the

region of the south Galactic cap and sweeping toward the Sgr core our line of sight nearly perpendicularly traverses the Sgr trailing arm (see Figs. 10 and 11 of Paper I, wherein it may be seen that the Sgr stream arcs almost equidistantly around the solar position for $\Lambda_\odot < 100^\circ$), and in this region we can, in principle, most directly measure the energy spread of the debris. A third-order polynomial fit (utilizing a 2.85σ rejection¹⁰) to the velocities of debris stars from $25^\circ < \Lambda_\odot < 90^\circ$ yields a dispersion of 11.7 km s^{-1} about the following mean trend for v_{GSR} (in kilometers per second) as a function of Λ_\odot (in degrees; for 60 stars, with 15 iteratively rejected and ignoring one observation from 2002 September 20; see Fig. 2a for the stars used in the fits described in this section):

$$v_{GSR} = 270.0 - 5.221\Lambda_\odot + 0.01520\Lambda_\odot^2.$$

The adopted lower longitude limit is just inside the nominal King-profile limiting radius *along the major axis* of Sgr, as derived in Paper I, and this limiting radius should be an upper limit to the tidal radius of the satellite. Some fraction of the observed dispersion (Fig. 3) is contributed by observational error. The 6 km s^{-1} estimated typical random error (§ 2.5) removed in quadrature leaves an intrinsic stream dispersion of 10.0 km s^{-1} . The uncertainty in this derived intrinsic dispersion is $1.4/1.7/2.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ if we assume an uncertainty in the per star random error of $1/2/3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$; we adopt the middle values as appropriate (and, except where noted, we use 2 km s^{-1} as the uncertainty in the velocity uncertainties to calculate errors in dispersions) and thus find that the intrinsic dispersion is $10.0 \pm 1.7 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

Were one instead to adopt optimistic (say $4 \pm 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) to pessimistic ($9 \pm 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) estimates of the mean random error, intrinsic stream dispersions of 11.0 ± 1.2 and $7.5 \pm 2.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, respectively, are obtained. If we adopt for the uncertainty of each star the date-specific scatter values given in the second column of Table 1, we obtain a mean uncertainty of 5.3 km s^{-1} , which yields an intrinsic stream dispersion of $10.4 \pm 1.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. For comparison, the measured velocity dispersion of the Sgr core, based on the “f7” field of Ibata et al. (1997), is $11.4 \pm 0.7 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. We conclude that for the range $\Lambda_\odot = 25^\circ\text{--}90^\circ$, which corresponds primarily to debris lost within about the last half-orbit of Sgr ($< 0.4 \text{ Gyr}$; see Law et al. 2003, 2004), the trailing tidal arm stream is only slightly colder than the core of the parent dSph.¹¹

However, Figure 2a shows an apparent increase in the velocity spread with longitude, perhaps even a “jump” in dispersion at $\Lambda_\odot \sim 90^\circ$. This “jump” is not a result of a change in the mean error of the measures at this point, because, if we adopt the scatter values in Table 1 to assign errors to each star, the mean uncertainty in this group rises only to 6.2 km s^{-1} .

¹⁰ We desire to “fairly” remove stars that are clearly unrelated to the main Fig. 2a trend. With an iterative σ -rejection algorithm, it turns out that *no* stars are removed until a 2.9σ limit is adopted and we adopt a 2.85σ rejection as most representative of what we believe the typical person would reject as an outlier (see filled boxes in Fig. 2a).

¹¹ One other astrophysical effect that acts to *increase* the observed velocity dispersion has been ignored here: Stars near the tip of the giant branch show an intrinsic atmospheric velocity jitter. The amplitude of this velocity jitter appears to increase with decreasing surface temperature or increasing luminosity (e.g., Pryor et al. 1988; Côté et al. 1996; Frink et al. 2001) and should be most intense for M giants, perhaps exceeding 1000 m s^{-1} . Thus, radial velocity dispersions of populations estimated from measurements of M giants should slightly *overestimate* the true dispersion of the population (O. Eggen 1970, private communication to W. E. K.; also Gunn & Griffin 1979).

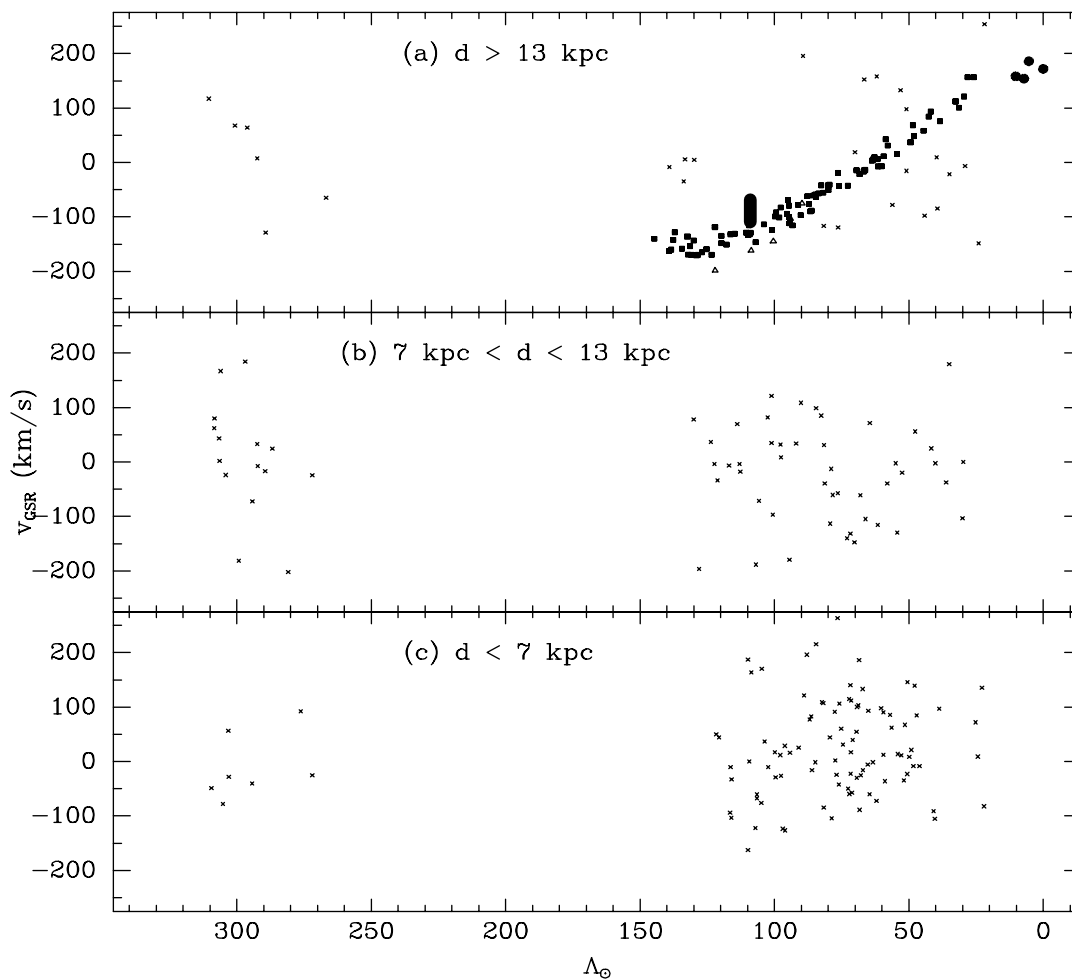


FIG. 2.—Galactic standard of rest velocities of M giants as a function of Sgr orbital longitude: (a) M giants with large (>13 kpc) photometric parallax distances. The larger circles represent the velocities of the Sgr core globular clusters. Measurements of the Sgr core velocities by Ibata et al. (1997) are consistent with, and obscured by, the cluster points at the same Λ_{\odot} . The elongated, vertical mark at $\Lambda_{\odot} = 110^{\circ}$ shows the position of the Y03 measurement, where the length represents the plus-minus dispersion found by those authors. In this panel we show the stars used in the parametric fits of § 3.1.1 as solid squares, and stars rejected from those fits as crosses. Stars observed on the night of UT 2002 September 20, which may have large (systematic and random) errors, were not used in those fits; those stars are shown in this panel with open triangles. (b) Velocities of M giant stars at intermediate distances. (c) Velocities of M giants with nearby (≤ 7 kpc) photometric parallax distances.

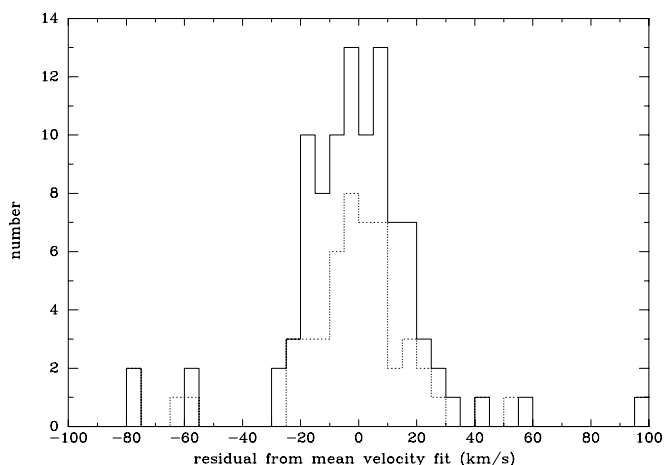


FIG. 3.—Distribution of Sgr trailing stream radial velocities about the mean third-order fits described in § 3.1.1 as a function of Λ_{\odot} . The solid line shows the dispersion for $25^{\circ} < \Lambda_{\odot} < 150^{\circ}$, and the dotted line is the dispersion for $25^{\circ} < \Lambda_{\odot} < 90^{\circ}$.

For $90^{\circ} < \Lambda_{\odot} < 150^{\circ}$, the observed dispersion increases to 14.2 km s^{-1} (for 44 stars after rejecting the four stars near $\Lambda_{\odot} = 135^{\circ}$ and 0 km s^{-1} and ignoring four stars from 2002 September 20), so the true dispersion does indeed appear to be larger (see Fig. 3) for this longitude range: $12.8 \pm 1.9 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. Including the data from the entire range $25^{\circ} < \Lambda_{\odot} < 150^{\circ}$, the observed dispersion is 13.6 km s^{-1} (with 2.85σ rejection on a sample of 108 stars, with 19 iteratively rejected, and ignoring five stars from 2002 September 20 observations),¹² which translates to an intrinsic dispersion of $12.3 \pm 1.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

The increase in velocity dispersion may reflect a number of aspects intrinsic to the evolution of the Sgr arms in a smooth halo potential: First, a *gradual* increase in velocity dispersion might be expected simply from the fact that at larger Λ_{\odot} our line of sight to the trailing tail becomes more oblique, so the observed “depth” and velocity dispersion has an increasing contribution from the dimension *along* the tail. Second, debris released from different perigalactic passages of Sgr can overlap, putting stars of different orbital energies at the same

¹² This dispersion is that about the best fitting polynomial $v_{\text{GSR}} = 283.1 - 5.594\Lambda_{\odot} + 0.01725\Lambda_{\odot}^2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, where Λ_{\odot} is in degrees.

orbital phase (Λ_\odot). The effect is demonstrated in the models we present in Law et al. (2003, 2004), where, indeed, some overlap of debris from one and two orbits ago does begin in the larger Λ_\odot range discussed above. Third, because Sgr is “crumbling,” its mass, and therefore presumably its internal velocity dispersion, must have been larger in the past, so that the dispersion should increase in older debris more distant from the Sgr core. Finally, because stars spend more time in the outer parts of their orbits, one might expect a gradual “piling up” of stars of all energies at these parts of the debris orbits. Each of these effects might be expected to contribute to an inflation of the dispersion at larger Λ_\odot .¹³ A fifth effect, the heating of the debris by dark matter lumps, is addressed in § 4.

In conclusion, over the full length of the trailing arm as traced by our M giant velocity data, the Sgr debris is very energy coherent, of order, or slightly smaller than, the dispersion of the actual satellite core but with a velocity dispersion that increases with longitude.

3.1.2. Comparison with Previous Work

It is worth comparing these results with the one other published measure of Sgr radial velocities in the trailing arm tail, by Yanny et al. (2003). Through the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, they have measured the velocities of apparent Sgr main-sequence turnoff (MSTO) stars in a field near $\Lambda_\odot \sim 110^\circ$. The mean velocity of their Sgr stars, -89 km s^{-1} , is shown in Figure 2a (after the same conversion from v_{hel} to v_{GSR} as we have made for the M giants) and is seen to be offset by about $+40 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ from the mean of our own velocities at this same point of the Sgr stream. Either the Yanny et al. sample of MSTO Sgr stars is displaced to a different energy from the M giant Sgr sample—a rather unlikely situation—or one of the two surveys contains a systematic error in their velocity system.

We have reason to believe the veracity of the M giant velocity results presented here. First, our M giant velocity trend extrapolates nicely to those radial velocities previously observed in the Sgr core for both stars (Ibata et al. 1997) and the four primary globular clusters (Fig. 2a). Second, our reduction methodology has been in use for years on a variety of programs led by one of us (W. E. K.) that have yielded numerous external checks on the code and procedures. In addition, apart from radial velocity standard stars discussed earlier, over the course of our GGSS and Sgr observations we have observed over a hundred metallicity/gravity standards (some two dozen on the nights of Sgr observations); of these, more than two-thirds have published velocities against which no systematic velocity error is found. And finally, despite the facts that (1) our velocities derive from one-at-a-time measures of individual stars over the course of the six observing runs (Table 1), (2) two different spectral regions were used over the course of those runs, and (3) each run was reduced separately and checked against generally different mixes of multiple radial velocity standard stars, the observed velocity *coherence* of the M giant Sgr trailing stream (Fig. 3) is within a factor of 2 of that expected from the per star *random errors* of our velocity measures. Were our *systematic* errors of order the size of the observed velocity offset between our data and that of Yanny et al. (2003), whether from use of bad velocity standard stars (but we emphasize that the specific ones used generally varied from run to run) or from any more basic problems related to

the spectrograph setup (e.g., varying slit width, placement of the spectrum on the CCD, or wavelength range observed), one might expect variation in such systematics from observing run to observing run, and these variations would likely grossly inflate the dispersion of the Sgr stream beyond what is observed.

A separate comparison with the Yanny et al. (2003) survey is possible via velocity trends found for the “Monoceros” anticenter structure, which is the focus of their work. In a separate analysis of M giants in the same region of the Monoceros structure, with M giant observations from a different telescope and using different reduction software, Crane et al. (2003) find a 20 km s^{-1} offset (in the same sense as for the Sgr comparison) compared with the SDSS MSTO stars.

Yanny et al. also find a 21 km s^{-1} observed Sgr stream velocity dispersion, which they correct to a true dispersion of 20 km s^{-1} after accounting for a 7 km s^{-1} estimated random error for their stars. This corrected dispersion is significantly larger than our *observed* 14.1 km s^{-1} velocity dispersion for Table 3 M giants at a similar point in the southern stream (defined for present purposes by 17 M giants in the range $100^\circ < \Lambda_\odot < 120^\circ$). Both surveys report similar radial velocity uncertainties ($\sim 7 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ by Yanny et al., $\sim 6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for the M giants), but the M giant spectra were taken with twice the resolution and at higher S/N. Better agreement in the derived true Sgr stream velocity dispersions would be found by increasing the SDSS velocity errors by a factor of 2 or more. However, even increasing the *random* errors of either survey by a factor of 2 still does not explain the mean velocity *offset* between them.

3.1.3. The Width of the Sgr Trailing Stream

An issue pondered in Paper I is that of the breadth of the Sgr tidal streamers on the plane of the sky. Based on the best-fit plane to distant M giants, Paper I found a 1σ spread of likely Sgr stars about that plane of $\lesssim 2 \text{ kpc}$, but with stars seeming to spread from the best-fit plane to several times more than that. The coherent grouping of stars that, based on their radial velocities, are obviously part of the trailing debris tail provides a useful check on this earlier assessment. Though this debris stream is far from completely sampled, a number of stars as far as 3 kpc on one side of the plane ($Z_{\text{Sgr,GC}} = -3 \text{ kpc}$ in the Galactic center coordinate system introduced in Paper I) and to 5 kpc on the other side ($Z_{\text{Sgr,GC}} = +5 \text{ kpc}$) are radial velocity members of this stream. This stream dimension is only weakly (and linearly) dependent on uncertainties in the distance to the stream (which are about 17%). Thus, the width of the trailing stream on the plane of the sky would seem to be at least 8 kpc , or 10 kpc if symmetry about the $Z_{\text{Sgr,GC}}$ midplane is invoked. This width is comparable to the minor axis radius of the Sgr main body from Paper I—about 5 kpc .

The $8\text{--}10 \text{ kpc}$ breadth, if similar to the *depth* of the stream along the line of sight, suggests that the Sgr debris streamers cut a relatively large swath through the Galaxy. In turn, this supports the view that Sgr debris from the *leading arm* may be in the solar neighborhood, despite uncertainty on exactly where the center of this locus traverses the disk, *as long as* this tidal arm extends far enough to reach the Galactic plane on this side of the Galactic center.

3.2. Other Tidal Features among the Distant Giant Sample?

Outliers from the Sgr locus in Figure 2a present tantalizing clues to other possible tidal features in the halo. Analysis in Paper I (see § 6.5 of that paper) of possible contamination of

¹³ With sufficient velocity resolution, a *bimodal* velocity distribution might be observable as a result of the second effect discussed.

the trailing M giant tidal arm suggested that about 10% of the M giant candidates selected at each longitude could be stars unrelated to Sgr tidal debris. Yet, at many longitudes the radial velocity results here yield a success rate better than that assessment. For example, over the range $70^\circ < \Lambda_\odot < 125^\circ$, only two or three of the five dozen or so stars have velocities far enough away from the Sgr locus that it is conceivable they are unrelated—but even some of these may just be displaced by observational error (all are $Q = 7$ spectra but several of the less extreme outliers are from the 2002 September 19–20 observing run that had the presumed slit-width problems). On the other hand, the vast majority of the handful of the 127 distant M giants shown in Figure 2a that are most inconsistent with Sgr debris are concentrated to particular Λ_\odot ranges, so that only certain points of the Sgr trailing tail show significantly larger numbers of “contaminating” stars off the main velocity locus. All of these more extreme outlier stars have $Q = 7$ spectra from reliable observing runs, so their velocities do not likely reflect large observational errors. A random distribution of contaminants might not be expected to vary wildly in density with position along the Sgr tail (Λ_\odot). Indeed, the contaminating stars seem to have their own velocity coherence, and these velocity trends tantalizingly suggest the existence of other phase-space clumpings among the M giants in the halo.

Prominent among the outliers are four¹⁴ at $\Lambda_\odot \sim 135^\circ$ having v_{GSR} from -35 to $+5$ km s⁻¹. These stars are at $b \sim -30^\circ$ and $l \sim 180^\circ$. Interestingly, this is the general direction of the “ring” feature (Ibata et al. 2003; Yanny et al. 2003; Rocha-Pinto et al. 2003) identified with the potential “new galaxy” or tidal feature S223+20-19.4 by Newberg et al. (2002). This Monoceros feature (as referred to by Yanny et al. 2003) is also visible in the 2MASS data, as discussed in § 8.1 of Paper I (see Fig. 19 of that paper and also Rocha-Pinto et al. 2003), and the four stars above have a mean velocity typical for that feature (see Crane et al. 2003). Unfortunately, the photometric parallax distances for these four stars (17–30 kpc) are too large for association with the Newberg et al. (2002) anticenter feature (see Fig. 1 of Crane et al. or Fig. 4 of Rocha-Pinto et al. 2003) and would require the adoption of a more metal-rich color-magnitude relation to bring them closer; yet Crane et al. report evidence that the M giants in the anticenter structure are, if anything, slightly more metal *poor* than those in the Sgr stream. Even more enrichment would be required to put these four stars at distances expected for IPII thick disk stars, but this would make these four stars substantially more metal-rich than expected for *that* population. It is possible that the four stars represent a distinct, distant halo substructure; evidence for additional, M giant halo features beyond the “anticenter ring” has been suggested by the analysis of Rocha-Pinto et al. (2003; see their Fig. 2).

A second “contaminating” feature in Figure 2a is a strand of M giant velocities that appears to cross the main Sgr band at $\Lambda_\odot \sim 40^\circ$ – 50° . Though consisting of only about a dozen stars, this strand seems to trace a similar, though less coherent, position-velocity trend as the Sgr trailing arm, and collectively these stars suggest the possibility of another tidal stream. Paper I pointed out a slight increase in the surface density of distant M giant stars in the Sgr trailing arm at this same Λ_\odot (see Fig. 13 of Paper I) and offered as one explanation that the Sgr trailing arm may be crossed by the Sgr leading arm tail at

this point. The Sgr planar distribution of M giants gives some evidence that this crossing of the trailing and leading arms may exist—in the form of a “spray” of M giants to the outside of the trailing arm (to the lower right in Fig. 14c of Paper I). Moreover, as shown in Law et al. (2003, 2004), the expected velocities of an extension of the leading arm into the southern hemisphere are generally consistent with the observed crossing strand of velocities in Figure 2a. As supporting evidence for the existence of this wrapped leading arm debris, the red clump stars explored by Majewski et al. (1999)—which they suggest may be part of the leading Sgr arm wrapped around the Galactic center—lie at $\Lambda_\odot = 27^\circ$ and have a mean v_{GSR} consistent with this strand of stars. On the other hand, we cannot discount that this strand represents an unrelated halo substructure or even a statistical fluctuation (though the restricted Λ_\odot range of this “fluke” seems extraordinary). With more velocities in this region of the sky, the reality of this proposed halo structure can be checked.

3.3. Nearby Southern M Giants

A number of closer (<13 kpc) M giants have been observed. Figures 2b and 2c show the distribution of velocities for these stars as a function of Λ_\odot , divided into two distance bins (7–13 kpc and ≤ 7 kpc). In both distance bins the distribution of v_{GSR} with Λ_\odot appears nonuniform; in the southern hemisphere ($\Lambda_\odot < 165^\circ$) general trends of velocity with Sgr longitude are seen (though in opposite directions for the two bins shown). Given the success of the more distant M giants to trace halo tidal features, is it possible that the nearby M giants are showing additional substructure closer to the Sun? While nothing as clear as the Sgr feature is seen in Figures 2b and 2c, nearby stellar streams of the same physical size as Sgr would be expected to look less coherent in these portrayals because the foreshortened proximity of such streams would diversify the projections of their bulk motion along the line of sight. Thus, even Sgr debris would be expected to “smear out” with proximity to the Sun.

If the Figure 2a “strand” of crossing velocities discussed above indicates the presence of the Sgr leading arm crossing the trailing arm in the southern Galactic hemisphere, then the leading arm must pass through the Galactic plane (on this side of the Galactic center). The data in Paper I, as well as models of Sgr disruption (e.g., Ibata et al. 2001; Law et al. 2003, 2004), suggest that this may take place near the Sun. If so, then stars with a large ($\gtrsim 100$ km s⁻¹) positive velocity should contribute to the nearby southern sample. Such stars are found and, especially in the $d < 7$ kpc sample, well outnumber stars with large negative radial velocities.

However, these trends are complicated by the expected contribution of M giants from the IPII thick disk. We note, for example, that the less than 13 kpc sample shows an apparent velocity trend with Galactic longitude (Fig. 4), consistent with expectations for a prograde rotating population observed at high latitudes (the vast majority of the <13 kpc stars are at $|b| > 45^\circ$). This signal (positive v_{GSR} for $0 < l < 180^\circ$ and negative v_{GSR} for $180^\circ < l < 360^\circ$) is marginally stronger (especially in the first and second Galactic quadrants) for stars within 5.5 kpc of the Galactic plane than for stars farther than 5.5 kpc (Fig. 4), and this is what might be expected from a contribution of stars with an IPII spatial and velocity distribution (e.g., Majewski 1992). For example, many of the $v_{\text{GSR}} \sim +100$ km s⁻¹ stars in Figure 2c correspond to stars near $l = 90^\circ$ in Figure 4, the direction of maximum rotational signal for a disk population. Unfortunately, the tilt of the Sgr

¹⁴ Stars 0322152+164323, 0358367+071547, 0403354+055238, and 0422084+083418.

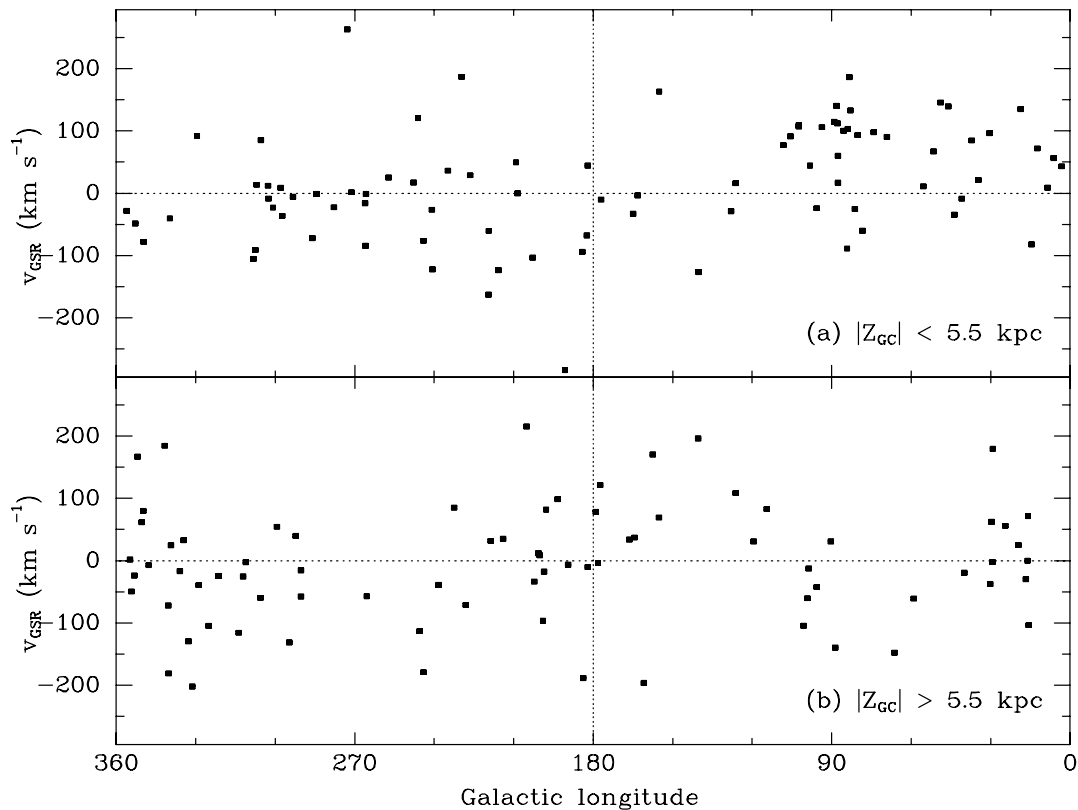


FIG. 4.—Distribution of $d < 13$ kpc M giant velocities as a function of Galactic longitude. (a) Stars with $Z_{GC} < 5.5$ kpc. (b) Stars with $Z_{GC} > 5.5$. A division at $Z_{GC} = 5.5$ kpc corresponds to the extent of the IPII as observed by Majewski (1992) and also roughly divides the $d < 13$ kpc sample in half.

plane, combined with the prograde Sgr orbit, produces a similar Galactic longitude trend to that produced from simple, slow rotation of the IPII. Because of the expected differences in *transverse velocities* expected for IPII versus Sgr stars at the Galactic caps, proper motions would provide a useful discriminator; we address this question in future work.

On the other hand, noting that the majority of stars observed here have $|b| > 45^\circ$, it is hard to attribute any with observed $|v_{GSR}|$ more extreme than $220/\sqrt{2} = 155 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ to any kind of disk contamination. Even this velocity limit, corresponding to the 220 km s^{-1} rotation speed of nearby thin disk stars, may be overly conservative since no such Population I stars are likely to find their way into our sample: In the first place, the thin disk as a major contributor to any of the *trends* discussed is ruled out because of both the size of the velocity variations observed, as well as because the overall observed velocity dispersion is too high. Recently, Bettoni & Galletta (2001) obtained radial velocities for a sample of bright M giants near the southern ecliptic (a plane relatively near that of the Sgr orbital plane) and obtained a velocity dispersion of only 34 km s^{-1} . The Bettoni & Galletta sample, predominantly with distances 200–500 pc (median distance 369 pc) and a mean v_{hel} of 7 km s^{-1} , is representative of a thin disk M giant population. Second, the distances from the Galactic plane of the bulk of the nearby M giant sample are also much too large for thin disk M giants, even accounting for the possible overestimate of the distance of these stars from assuming too low a metallicity; extrapolating the color-magnitude relation trends derived by Ivanov & Borissova (2002), the mean distance of a solar metallicity M giant at $J-K \sim 1$ is about 1.6 times closer than we have inferred using the mean Sgr M giant color-magnitude relation. Though a substantial correction, this

is still too small to suggest a major contribution to our less than 7 kpc sample (within which the closest star is 3.5 kpc distant) from thin disk M giant contaminants. Another possibility, that the nearby samples are heavily contaminated by stars that are misidentified disk M *dwarfs*, would imply such an overall breakdown of the M giant/M dwarf discrimination that is difficult to understand how Sgr could have been traced at all in Paper I and why the velocity distribution for the more distant southern hemisphere stars (Fig. 2a) works so well (i.e., with no substantial contribution from contaminants, even though these candidate “more distant” stars are at magnitudes where an even larger M dwarf contamination might be expected). The nearby stars are already so bright that if any were actually an M dwarf it would have to be extraordinarily close to the Sun.

In the end, we conclude that most or all of the high velocity (at least $|v_{GSR}| > 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and probably even less than this limit) M giants shown in Figure 2 *at all distances* must be from the halo, and their predilection for a nonuniform distribution in Λ_\odot that does *not* match the expected rotation trend with Galactic longitude is highly suggestive of the presence of additional halo substructure beyond the obvious Sgr trailing arm. Clearly, some of this substructure is in the nearby Galaxy, and some could correspond to the Sgr leading arm passing near the Sun. The latter is suggested by the fact that a large number of the closer, highest positive v_{GSR} stars cluster at the south Galactic cap ($\Lambda \sim 75^\circ$), which is where one would expect to see the highest velocities from nearby Sgr leading arm material egressing from the disk.

The semiqualitative descriptions offered here for potential additional halo substructures within the present M giant radial velocity sample are admittedly wanting in rigor, but we have

resisted presenting more detailed assessments at this time because future contributions (e.g., Majewski et al. 2004) will offer substantially enlarged radial velocity samples as a result of our ongoing spectroscopic program and because numerous analyses we have attempted on the present database are no more convincing than the arguments presented here as a result of the irregular sky sampling among the closer stars. With a more systematic sampling of both the northern and southern hemisphere samples we hope to clarify these tentative and tantalizing features.

3.4. Northern M Giants

The sampling of northern hemisphere M giants observed with the Swope Telescope is meager. The nearby ($d < 13$ kpc) M giant sample has a mean velocity near -8 km s $^{-1}$ and a dispersion of 93 km s $^{-1}$.

Four more distant (33–41 kpc) stars in the far side of the leading tail have been observed so far. As we show in future papers, these have velocities consistent with membership in the distant northern loop of leading arm Sgr debris, which is roughly traced out by their velocity trend on the left side of Figure 2a.

4. THE COLDNESS OF THE SAGITTARIUS TRAILING STREAM AND LIMITS ON HALO LUMPINESS AND THE SAGITTARIUS CORE MASS

Current cold dark matter (CDM) models for the formation of structure in the universe predict that Milky Way (MW)-like galaxies should contain substantial halo substructure at current epochs as a result of the accretion of thousands of subhalos over a Hubble time (e.g., Navarro et al. 1996, 1997). Because the MW currently has only 11 known *luminous* satellite galaxies, it is commonly held that the bulk of the subhalos must be made up of pure dark matter (see Klypin et al. 1999; Moore et al. 1999). If so, these dark matter lumps should make their presence known through the heating of dynamically cold, *luminous* stellar systems (Moore et al. 1999; Font et al. 2001; see also Moore 1993). The implied coldness of tidal streams, in principle, should make them particularly sensitive to substructure lumpiness in the Galactic halo (Moore et al. 1999; Murali & Dubinski 1999; Johnston et al. 2002; Ibata et al. 2001, 2002; Mayer et al. 2002). However, as we noted above (§ 3.1.1), the velocity dispersion of a stream is also a function of the mass of the stream progenitor (see also Law et al. 2003, 2004). Thus, the present velocity dispersion of the Sgr trailing tail reflects contributions from both the initial dispersion of tidally released debris and subsequent heating of that debris imparted by encounters with large halo masses. Attributing all of the dispersion to one or the other of these phenomena provides upper limits to the effects of each.

In Law et al. (2003, 2004) we find that the velocity dispersion data of the trailing arm presented here is best fitted by a smooth MW halo model wherein the present bound Sgr core has a mass of $3.0 \times 10^8 M_\odot$, corresponding to $(M/L)_{V,\text{tot}} = 21$ in solar units.¹⁵ However, should the velocity dispersion of the tidal debris have any contribution from heating by lumps in the Galactic halo, the upper limit on the mass of the Sgr core is reduced. That the velocity dispersion appears to increase as a function of Λ_\odot (see § 3.1.1) could be a signature of the cu-

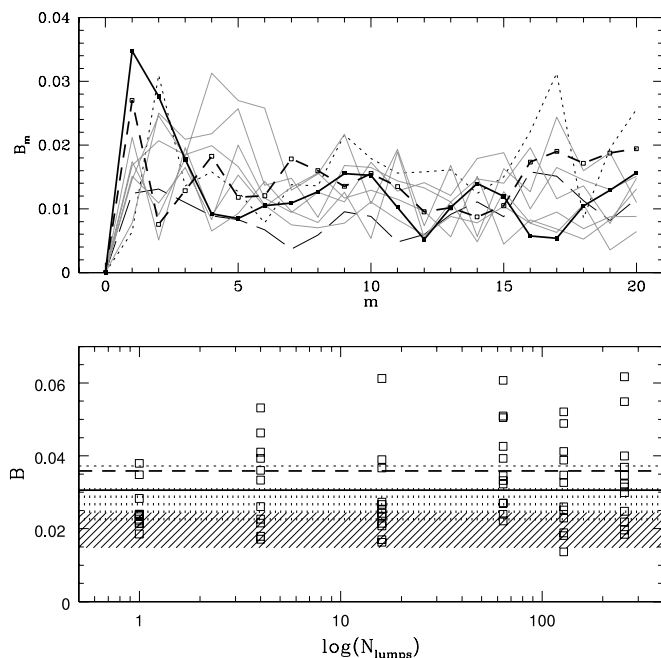


FIG. 5.—Figure adapted from Johnston et al. (2002) showing (top) the Fourier series components, B_m , of their scattering index, and (bottom) the total scattering index, B , for both smooth and lumpy halo models. In the top panel the thin solid lines show the results for various halo simulations with 128 halo lumps (note that Johnston et al. erroneously state that these lines represent $N_{\text{lump}} = 256$), while the long-dash line represents the Fourier series components for a smooth halo. The dotted line reproduces the carbon star results given in Johnston et al. Results for M giants in the range $25^\circ < \Lambda_\odot < 90^\circ$ are shown as the thick solid line, while M giants in the range $25^\circ < \Lambda_\odot < 150^\circ$ are represented by the thick dashed line. The same M giant line types are shown in the bottom panel. The diagonally hashed region in the bottom panel shows the range expected for debris evolution in a smooth potential, while the upper shading is the range of expected results for Sgr debris simulations having a halo containing only one lump of mass $10^{10} M_\odot$ on an LMC-like orbit. The open squares in the bottom panel are the scattering indices obtained from simulations of halos with different numbers of lumps and random relative orientations of lump and debris. The centroid of the open squares can be interpreted as a “median case” for a given N_{lumps} . See Johnston et al. for further explanation of this figure.

mulative effects of such heating, though other possible explanations for the trend were enumerated earlier (§ 3.1.1). Nevertheless, because of the upper limits on the heating it provides, it is a worthwhile exercise to proceed under the assumption that the spatial and velocity dispersion of the stream is entirely from scattering effects of Galactic subhalos. Because of the improvement in the tracing of the Sgr stream in Paper I and in deriving its dynamics with the velocities here, we can reassess the Sgr stream as a delimiting of cosmological models, which predict different degrees of halo lumpiness.

Johnston et al. (2002) give a prescription for a “scattering index” for tidal debris that is sensitive to halo lumpiness, and then apply it to the Sgr stream as traced by the carbon stars of Totten & Irwin (1998). This index measures perturbations in the positions and velocities of tidal debris stars induced by lumps in the halo under the assumption of an initial tidal debris population with no velocity dispersion—thus, the index provides an upper limit to the scattering for realistic debris.

The variables $d\theta$ and ψ in equations (1) and (2) of Johnston et al. (2002) correspond to β and Λ_\odot for Sgr debris in Paper I. We use both the $\Lambda_\odot = 25^\circ$ – 90° and $\Lambda_\odot = 25^\circ$ – 150° samples from § 3.1.1 to derive the B_m and B parameters from Johnston et al. (see Fig. 5). The M giants in the latter sample are limited

¹⁵ This specific limit corresponds to the specific core *structure* adopted in Law et al. (2003, 2004), and may vary somewhat depending on reconfigurations of the mass distribution in the core. See discussion in Law et al. (2003, 2004).

to the past several orbits of drift from the parent satellite, so would measure the degree of heating for about 2.5 Gyr or so of dynamical age. The net result from either sample yields B_m values smaller than Johnston et al. (2002) obtained for the assumed Sgr carbon stars. For the smaller longitude range, a net $B = 0.031$ is obtained, leading to a more restrictive limit on lumpiness than the $B = 0.037$ obtained for the carbon stars (though also corresponding to a more restricted length of the tidal tail, and less than the past ~ 2 Gyr of heating). This smaller B -value is consistent with the Johnston et al. simulations of heating in a smooth halo containing just one LMC-like (mass and orbit) lump; however, at least some realizations of lumpier halos in the Johnston et al. analysis are also consistent with the degree of scattering identified here. Unfortunately, this reflects the vagary of this type of halo probe: dynamical heating in CDM halos tends to be dominated by the most massive lumps. Nevertheless, there may yet remain discriminatory power in this test of lump heating if the scattering statistic can be lowered yet more after removal of the contribution to the scattering by the zero-age dispersion of the debris stream. The required detailed study of velocities for stars around the Sgr tidal radius should be available soon. However, it is worth noting that the B -value for the entire $\Lambda_\odot = 25^\circ\text{--}145^\circ$ M giant sample rises to 0.036, which could be a reflection of the increased effects of halo heating over the longer length/timescale of the debris represented in that stellar sample.

To some extent the present result of consistency with a relatively smooth halo was already implied by the demonstration in Paper I and earlier by Ibata et al. (2001) that the Sgr debris shows minimal orbital *precession*, which is another effect induced by nonspherical potentials. Lumpy halos would impart some degree of precession, according to models by Mayer et al. (2002).

5. GLOBULAR CLUSTER COMPARISON TO TRAILING ARM VELOCITIES

Since globular clusters were immediately recognized to be a feature of the Sgr core (Ibata et al. 1995, 1997), a number of other globular clusters have been nominated as potential members of the extended Sagittarius debris stream (Lynden-Bell & Lynden-Bell 1995; Irwin 1999; Dinescu et al. 1999, 2000; Palma et al. 2002; Bellazzini et al. 2002, 2003a). Obviously, a feature of such clusters is that they will share both positional and velocity coincidence with the stellar tidal arms, and various methods have been employed among these earlier studies to determine whether this holds true on a cluster-by-cluster basis. However, these earlier studies were hampered by a poorly defined orbit for Sgr resulting from incomplete knowledge of the position and velocity of either the core (for which the proper motion is only roughly determined; see, e.g., Ibata et al. 1997) or its debris. In their recent analysis Bellazzini et al. (2003a) compared the positions of clusters with the best existing model orbit for Sgr and presented a list of potentially interesting associations. However, now that much improved data on the Sgr debris stream are being assembled, the problem can be revisited with a direct *empirical* comparison with both velocities and positions.

In a future contribution we will conduct a more thorough and extensive analysis with our larger set of radial velocity data in both hemispheres, as well as our Sgr debris models. However, given the data presented in Figure 2, a number of immediate checks on previously postulated, as well as new, Sgr cluster candidates can be made against the well-defined trailing arm

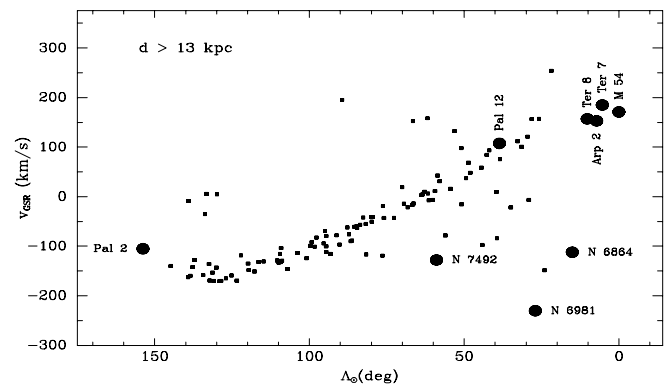


FIG. 6.—Zoomed in region of Fig. 2a, comparing the M giant velocity trend with southern hemisphere globular clusters also with $d > 13$ and lying within 10 kpc of the nominal Sgr plane.

velocities in the southern hemisphere. In Figure 6 we present the same M giant data as in Figure 2a but include the globular clusters in the indicated Sgr longitude range with $d > 13$ kpc and lying within 10 kpc of the nominal Sgr plane from Paper I. In that latter criterion we have adopted a liberal breadth of the stream, i.e., twice the lower limit from § 3.1.3.

As might be expected from previous work showing their association with the Sgr system, the four Sgr core clusters M54, Terzan 7, Terzan 8, and Arp 2 have velocities consistent with an extrapolation of the M giant velocity trend. At the other end of the M giant swath, we see that the cluster Pal 2 is similarly situated along an extrapolation of the trailing arm velocities toward the Galactic anticenter, if one takes into account the apparent turn-up in the velocities at $\Lambda_\odot \sim 160^\circ$. Lynden-Bell & Lynden-Bell (1995) first suggested a potential association of this cluster with Sgr. Bellazzini et al. (2003a) also demonstrate a nice velocity match of this cluster to their Sgr orbit model, but the cluster lay almost 15 kpc in the orbital plane from the Sgr orbital path (see their Table 1). However, a comparison of Pal 2's position with the position of Sgr *debris* at the same longitude finds much better agreement: its distance of 27.6 kpc places Pal 2 just on the inner edge of M giant debris at this longitude ($\Lambda_\odot = 153.8^\circ$; see Fig. 10 of Paper I). Moreover, Pal 2 is 5.95 kpc from the Sgr midplane, only 1 kpc larger than the width found above (§ 3.1.3). From the present evidence, including the new velocity evidence presented in Figure 6, Pal 2 seems a reasonably good candidate for a globular cluster member of the Sgr trailing arm debris. Based on our models (Law et al. 2003, 2004), the position and velocity of Pal 2 is most consistent with it being among the debris torn from Sgr two perigalactica ago (~ 1.5 Gyr ago), although the overlap of debris with different energies at the same orbital phase along the trailing arm means that we cannot exclude an escape of the cluster from Sgr one to four perigalactica ago ($\sim 0.75\text{--}3.0$ Gyr ago).

From a derived orbit based on a new proper-motion measurement of the cluster, Pal 12 has already been discussed as a Sgr cluster by Dinescu et al. (2000). In Paper I (see Fig. 17 of that paper) it was shown that Pal 12 has a distance that places it right amid the trailing arm debris. Subsequently, both Martínez-Delgado et al. (2002) and Bellazzini et al. (2003b) have shown that Sgr stellar debris lies around the cluster, based on color-magnitude diagrams of the cluster field. Pal 12 lies only 3.24 kpc from the nominal Sgr plane from Paper I. Nevertheless, based on the orbit they calculated for Pal 12 from its space velocity, Dinescu et al. (2000) argued that the

cluster is more consistent with association to *leading arm* Sgr debris. Perhaps, then, it is interesting that the radial velocity of Pal 12, while similar to the M giant Sgr trailing arm velocity trend, is in fact 16.4 km s^{-1} off the mean of the M giant trend from § 3.1.1, which is at least 1.5 times the intrinsic dispersion of the M giants. In addition, Pal 12 could plausibly lie among the more widely dispersed “strand” of stars proposed in § 3.2 to be Sgr leading arm material crossing the trailing arm velocity trend. From a comparison to the present M giant radial velocity data alone it is difficult to discriminate between the leading and trailing arm possibilities, and the answer to the problem must rely on full space velocity comparisons. Thus, in the end we defer to the Dinescu et al. (2000) conclusion of a Sgr leading arm association, and look forward to both proper-motion data for the M giant stream as well as an improved proper motion for Pal 12 to settle the matter. Nevertheless, the radial velocity data here do add weight to the conclusion that Pal 12 is a Sgr globular cluster.

The cluster NGC 6864 presents a more conflicting picture. It lies only 3.7 kpc from the nominal Sgr plane and its 18.8 kpc distance at $\Lambda = 15^\circ.1$ also places it nicely in the trailing arm of Sgr debris (see Fig. 10 of Paper I), but NGC 6864’s radial velocity (Fig. 6) surely argues against this association. The cluster’s rather large *approaching* velocity makes it hard to attribute NGC 6864 to either trailing or wrapped leading arm material in the southern hemisphere. Although improved models or data may show a way for Sgr debris to have such a large negative velocity at this position in the Galaxy, for now we must conclude that NGC 6864’s association with Sgr seems unlikely. Similar arguments hold for NGC 7492 and NGC 6981: although only 4.1 and 6.0 kpc from the Sgr mid-plane, respectively, and both reasonably placed in distance (NGC 7492: $d = 25.8 \text{ kpc}$ at $\Lambda = 58^\circ.9$, NGC 6981: $d = 17.0 \text{ kpc}$ at $\Lambda = 27^\circ.0$) near the trailing arm M giants, these two clusters both have velocities extremely discordant with that association, or with expectations for leading arm debris passing into the southern hemisphere.

In conclusion, our new velocity data, when combined with the positional data for M giants in Paper I, support the association of the clusters Pal 2 and Pal 12 with Sgr debris, but appear inconsistent with the association of NGC 6864, 6981, and 7492 to Sgr debris.

6. DISCUSSION

Radial velocities have been obtained for nearly 300 M giant candidates identified in the 2MASS survey to be near the Sgr orbital plane. The survey data here concentrates mainly on stars in the southern hemisphere.

The radial velocity trend of the Sgr trailing arm is clear and distinct, and provides an important constraint on models of the Sgr debris stream (see Law et al. 2003, 2004). The velocity dispersion of the trailing debris arm limits both the degree of lumpiness of the MW halo, as well as the mass of the Sgr bound core. Because these two contributors to the velocity dispersion

play off one another, it may be difficult simultaneously to have both a large M/L for the Sgr core *and* a lumpy halo: at present we limit the $(M/L)_{V_{\text{tot}}}$ of the Sgr core to 21 in solar units (see Law et al. 2003, 2004), and the heating of the Sgr stream to be consistent with expectations for debris encounters with only the LMC. More stringent constraints on both may be possible after dynamical study of the Sgr tidal boundary to determine the zero-age velocity dispersion of Sgr debris.

At least one other debris stream may be present in the distant M giant sample, and its velocity trend is consistent with model (Law et al. 2003, 2004) predictions for wrapped, leading arm material in the southern hemisphere, but it may also be an unrelated tidal stream. The globular cluster Pal 12 may be associated with the stars in this feature, as previously postulated by Dinescu et al. (2000), but we note that the radial velocity of this cluster lies within $1.5\text{--}2 \sigma$ of the mean for Sgr trailing arm M giants at this same location in the Galaxy. Based on its radial velocity and positional match with Sgr M giants, we find compelling evidence that the globular cluster Pal 2 is associated with Sgr trailing arm debris.

Among the closer ($<13 \text{ kpc}$) M giant stars observed are more than half a dozen with the very high positive radial velocities expected for Sgr debris in the neighborhood of the Sun, and we point to the presence of many high-velocity ($|v_{\text{GSR}}| > 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$), high-latitude M giants that are difficult to account for as other than halo substructure relatively close to the Sun.

The data presented here are better understood within the Sgr debris context by reference to interpretive models. Such models are given in Law et al. (2003, 2004), in which the data presented here provide useful observational constraints. Moreover, additional velocities obtained in the northern hemisphere will help clarify the interpretations offered here. Future papers will present new data that increase by more than 5 times the present M giant velocity sample.

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