New results on the structure of the Galactic stellar disk

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Given the large amount of interstellar dust in the midplane of the Galaxy, the determination of the structure of the Galactic disk has been a significant challenge. I will review what has been determined concerning the scale-length(s) and non-axisymmetric structure of the Galactic disk. Based on data from Spitzer/GLIMPSE, WISE and 2MASS, I will then present new results on the three dimension structure of the stellar density break (sometimes called the "truncation") and how it relates to the structure of the outer disk of gas and star formation.