Chemical structure of Galactic discs

The power of GIRAFFE spectroscopy

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The trademark (HR) 0.6 0.4 • 0.2 0.2 0.0 -0.2 -0.4 -1.0 -0.5 0.0 0.5 [Fe/H] Data from Adibekyan et al. (2012)

We know very well the chemical fingerprint of our neighbourhood



HR studies

Good quality spectra Exquisite precision

Solar vicinity Up to 1111 stars per study

e.g. Fuhrmann (2011), Adibekyan et al. (2012), Bensby et al. (2014)



Large spectroscopic surveys

Large data Large radius

Smaller telescopes Lower resolution Lower magnitudes **APOGEE** 2.5m, 1.51-1.70 μm, R=22 500 only giant stars Anders et al. (2014); Schlesinger et al. (2012); Hayden et al. (2014)

SEGUE 2.5m, R = 2000 Yanny et al. (2009)

RAVE 1.2m, R=7500 Steinmetz 2012; Kordopatis et al. 2013 GES - next step

We have the best telescope All year of telescope time High resolution Large distances We will have great results

What we did with iDR1?

We used atm par. recommended by GES.

We derived abundances of Mg, Si, Ca, Ti, Cr, Ni, Y

We studied the thin and thick disk chemistry.























Abundances + distances



Distances from Recio-Blanco et al. (2014)

Abundances + distances

Use tagging



























Gradients



Thin disk abundance gradients














Aluminium - vertical gradients



Positive vertical gradients of Aluminium

Conclusions about gradients



Galaxy evolutionary models















Inside-out scenarios of thin disk Chiappini et al. 1997; Alibés et

al. 2001b,a; Cescutti et al. 2007



Outside-in scenario Haywood et al. (2013) (outside-in)



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(I) Heating by violent merger(IV) Radial migration

"Disapproved" by our data

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Primary thin disk

Simulation by Álvaro Villalobos

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Violent merger

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t=3.316

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(IV) Radial mixing

MILKYWAY GALAXY (2008 CONCEPT)

More by Thomas Bensby soon!

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Other interesting scenarios

Bekki & Tsujimoto (2011) (violent merger + stellar bar)

initial vertical metallicity gradient of the primary thin disc +

COMPATIBLE dynamical influences of minor mergers and the stellar bar

final vertical metallicity gradient of thick disk



Other interesting scenarios

Michev et al. (2014) (radial migration + mergers)

disk exposed to stellar migration triggered by mergers in the early epochs, and then by bar and spiral arms

TIBLE final shallow radial metallicity and alpha abundance gradients of disks

Other interesting scenarios

Thin disk



Thick disk



Instead of conclusion

Chemical analysis is a powerful tool Recovering chemical patterns of Galaxy Geometrical extents and structure Gradients

Testing models of Galactic substructures

Instead of conclusion

Caution now we remove 50% of stars from our samples because of the S/N !!!



Instead of conclusion

Maybe we are losing too many stars?





DR1 sample



DR2 sample

DR2 = 8000 stars



Randomly enlarged DR2 sample. 5xDR2.



R (kpc)
What do we want from the future?



R (kpc)











Pixel radius differs 5 times







Outline

What we have? What can we do? What is done? What it says? What can be done in the future? Are we best? Yes. For now.

What do we have?

We have all YEAR on VLT. Resolution. Number of stars. How we compare with others? Lets invent SURVEY QUALITY PARAMETER. So, now we are becoming the best!



What we do with our tool

All Positions All Chemistry

What is done?

Up till now we derived abundances for about 10 000 stars.

What we do with abundances and positions?



R_{GC} (kpc)