# Unravelling the chemical history of the Milky Way

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# Outline

- Basics of stellar evolution
- Basics of abundance studies

- Galactic components
- Galactic surveys



# How everything formed...



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# **Color-Magnitude diagram**



# HR diagram



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# **Mass-Luminosity relation**



$$L \propto M_*^{\nu} \quad \nu = 3 - 5$$

$$\tau_{MS} \propto \frac{M_*}{L} \propto M_*^{1-\nu}$$

$$M_* \nearrow \tau_{MS} \longrightarrow \tau$$

$$T = 10 M_0 \longrightarrow \tau \sim 10^8 n$$

$$M_* = 10M_{\odot} \Longrightarrow \tau_{MS} \approx 10^8 yr$$
$$M_* = 1M_{\odot} \Longrightarrow \tau_{MS} \approx 10^{10} yr$$
$$M_* = 0.1M_{\odot} \Longrightarrow \tau_{MS} \approx 10^{12} yr$$

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# Main-sequence

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New energy supplies —> star expands

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# Dredge-up

On RGB envelope become convective from just outside the H-shell burning up to surface.

The base of the convective envelope reaches layers where nuclear processes have taken place earlier so H-burning ashes make their way to surface (like He or N)



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The amount of envelope still present in the star determines where the star will end up in the next evolutionary stage

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# **Horizontal Branch**

Phase characterised by C production in the core

Timescale of stable He burning in the core is much shorter than MS  $-> \sim 10^8$  yr for a Sun-like star






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#### At this point we have to make a distinction...



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When He depletes in the centre

- -> core contracts and heats up
- -> He starts to burn in a shell at the C-O boundary
- —> envelope expands and starts convection.



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H-shell reignites because of high T and He-shell stops

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Nothing to do with planets! William Hershel coined the name because he found them to resemble Uranus

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## All elements produced in the stellar lifetime are released ( $\alpha$ - elements)

Explosion nucleosynthesis: Sc, Co and Ni and some Fe

Supernovae

Depending on the mass of the progenitor the remnant of a SN II will be

#### **Neutron star**

**Black hole** 

Stars with  $8M_{\odot} < M < 25M_{\odot}$ 

Stars with  $M > 25 M_{\odot}$ 

#### And what about the other elements close to Fe?

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SN Ia nucleosynthesis: mainly Fe, Mn and some  $\alpha$  elements

### And all the other elements?



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# until a stable nucleus of mass A+N and atomic number Z+M is produced

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All the other elements are created in a combination of the two processes, sometimes still unclear the proportion

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# Stellar spectroscopy

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#### High resolution solar spectrum

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### **Abundance determination**



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- High resolution spectra
- Determination of the stellar parameters
- Stellar atmosphere model
- Linelist (log gf, hfs, isotopic shift, blendings)

## **High resolution**

Important to determine how well we can resolve close lines in the spectra


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#### Temperature +-500K









Metallicity +-0.3 dex







Temperature +-200K, logg+-1.0, Metallicity +-0.2 dex





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## Linelist

#### List of transitions lines in a certain wavelength region

#### Why is it important?

- use the right atomic parameters to describe the spectral line(s) (especially log gf) of interest
- taking into account hyperfine splitting and/or isotopic shift in the line(s) of interest
- know all the transitions that can affect the region or the line of interest

# Linelist I: atomic parameters

The oscillator strength (log gf) expresses the probability of absorption in transitions between energy levels of an atom or molecule

Important to know to correctly fit a line and get a correct abundance —> important lab work!



Ruffoni et al. (2014)

# Linelist II: hfs + isotopic shift

Hyperfine splitting (hfs): interaction between the magnetic moment of the nucleus' spin and the magnetic moment of the electron's spin because the nucleus has an odd number of p and/or an odd number of n

-> broaden the absorption line profile

Isotopic shift: most elements have more than one isotope with different nuclear masses and charge distribution

-> broaden the absorption line profile



# Linelist III: blendings

Several lines can be present in the wavelenght region of interest.

This is particulary true in the blue part of the spectrum where more transitions happen

Important to know which transition lines can affect the measurement of the line of interest



## Abundance measurements



**Pro:** more direct **Cons:** more difficult to take

care of blendings and hfs

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#### 1. $Log \epsilon(A) = log (N_A/N_H) + 12$

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If you want to relate another element, like for example Mg, with Fe then you have:

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[Mg / Fe] = [Mg / H] - [Fe / H]

# Abundance plots

We saw that different elements are produced in different moments during stellar evolution

SN II  $\rightarrow \alpha$ -elements, r-process elements SN Ia  $\rightarrow$  iron-peak elements AGB  $\rightarrow$  s-process elements

The comparison of abundances of different elements can give us information about production sites and chemical evolution

# Abundance plot

Comparison of two different abundance ratios

Values are in logarithmic scale with Sun as reference





## **Chemical enrichment**

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# Star formation: important concepts

- Star formation rate (SFR) how much gas is transformed in stars. Expressed in solar masses/yr.
- Initial mass function (IMF) how many stars of different masses are produced with a defined amount of gas.
- Star formation history (SFH) study of the different past episodes of star formation that a system underwent.

## **Star formation history**



#### With $\alpha$ elements we refer to

Mg, Ca, Si, O, Ti

Reminder:  $\alpha$  elements are mainly produced in SNII events

### Example



## Reality



Tolstoy et al. (2009)

# The Milky Way

#### You are here

#### **Small recap**

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Possible to reveal the past history of formation and evolution of the Milky Way because chemical patterns might store fossil records of the physical characteristics of the ISM at the time and place of their birth and the physical processes which affect them

## **Different observables**

#### • DWARF STARS (like the Sun)

**Pro:** atm composition preserved easy abundance

**Cons:** not very bright so they are not observable too far

#### GIANT STARS

**Pro:** brighter, so can be observed further away

**Cons:** atm composition can also be not the original



# Each component has its best (or only) way to be observed!





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#### Halo

- Spherical component around Milky Way disk (100-200 kpc)
- Low star density
- Contains the oldest and the most metal-poor stars of the Galaxy (main population has [Fe/H] < -1)</li>
- Contains the relics of accretion events

### **Metal-poor stars**



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## Why are they important?



## **Understanding nucleosynthesis**



Sneden, Cowan & Gallino (2008)

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Simulation of how stars from different satellites would keep kinematics info after 12 Gyr from accretion

Helmi & de Zeeuw (2000)

-> streams

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# Northern Sky GD-1 STREAM SAGITTARIUS STREAM Southern Sky

TRIANGULUM STREAM

Color = distance of the stars Intensity = density of stars

#### Structures visible in this map:

- Sagittarius dwarf galaxy
- a smaller 'orphan' stream crossing the Sagittarius streams
- 'Monoceros Ring' that encircles the Milky Way disk
- trails of stars being stripped from the globular cluster Palomar 5

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## Sagittarius dwarf

#### Discovered in 1994

Covers a large fraction of the sky but it is on the opposite site of the bulge so faint

Looping structure

At least 4 globular clusters are associated with it —> important M54, considered the nucleous of it



credit (Rosie Wyse/JHU)



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#### More observations needed!!!





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#### Disk

- Flattened component (50 kpc across and few kpc thick)
- Presence of spiral arms and gas



Star formation is present nowadays
(~ 3 solar masses per year)



2014



M16 • Eagle Nebula Hubble Space Telescope • WFPC2 • WFC3/UVIS

NASA and ESA

STScI-PRC15-01a

#### **Disk structure**

Gilmore & Reid in 1983 introduce the concept of thin and thick disk

The number density of stars above the plane cannot be represented with a single exponential but with two —> thin and thick disk



From studies in the Solar Neighbourhood, these two components have different kinematic and chemical properties
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## Other regions of the disk..?



Bensby et al. (2011)

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### Dust is transparent to infrared emissions Extinction map, how much extinction in visible vs IR

## **Bulge structure**

Three main components:

BOXY BAR: ~300pc vertical scale height, 2-3 kpc radius that likely hosts an X-shaped structure visible away from the plane

LONG BAR: thin ~100pc scale height and it lies in the plane, -> still not clear if it is part of the main bar or not.

NUCLEAR BAR or DISK (debated): ~100pc

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RV consistent with bulge formed from a bar that has undergone buckling

## **Bulge in other galaxies**

### Classical

### **Pseudobulge**



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Hint for rapid star formation and fast enrichment is given also from heavy metals

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## Intermediate age population

Population dominated by old stellar ages, but dwarfs point to a intermediate age component present in the bulge



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## How many bulge populations?



Ness et al. (2012)

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A:  $[Fe/H] \sim +0.15$  boxy-bulge component, concentrated towards the plane

- B: [Fe/H] ~ -0.25, vertically thicker boxy-bulge
- C: [Fe/H] ~ -0.70, inner thick disk
- D: [Fe/H] ~ -1.20, tentatively a metal-poor thick disk
- E: inner Galactic halo

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## Age of Galactic surveys













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Gaia is providing systematic and repeating observation of star positions in two fields of view.

This scanning strategy builds up an interlocking grid of positions, providing absolute values of the stellar positions and motions.



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# To have a feeling...

### Alpha Centauri

parallax 0.75"

~2500 times smaller than angular size of Moon (~0.5°)

1°= 3600"

4.37 ly, 271000 times Earth-Sun distance (150 million km, 1 AU)

Stars in our Galaxy up to 20000 times further away



Akira Fujii / David Malin image

### Gaia's view

### GAIA'S REACH

The Gaia spacecraft will use parallax and ultra-precise position measurements to obtain the distances and 'proper' (sideways) motions of stars throughout much of the Milky Way, seen here edge-on. Data from Gaia will shed light on the Galaxy's history, structure and dynamics.

Sun

### previous mission

Previous missions could measure stellar distances with an accuracy of 10% only up to 100 parsecs\* Galactic Centre

\_Gaia's limit for measuring distances with an accuracy of 10% will be 10,000 parsecs

10% accuracy

at 10 Kpc

Gaia will measure proper motions accurate to 1 kilometre per second for stars up to 20,000 parsecs away

\*1 parsec = 3.26 light years

modified from ESA

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Figure 1.1: Comparison of the Hipparcos and Gaia catalogues. Left: The first volume (out of five) of astrometric data in the Hipparcos Catalogue, in total containing the five astrometric parameters of nearly 120 000 sources. Right: (Hypothetical) Gaia astrometric data, volume 1 out of 50 000, in total containing the astrometric parameters of  $\sim 1\,000\,000\,000$  sources.

credit B.Holl

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# Some images from Gaia



NGC1818



Cat's Eye Nebula



Comet 67P/Churyumov–Gerasimenko



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### Survey strategy



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### **Galactic surveys**

Galactic Halo Low Resolution

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Galactic Disk-Bulge Low Resolution

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### **Extra Galactic surveys**

Galactic Clusters

**G**AGN

Galaxy Evolution (WAVES)

Cosmology Redshift

**Community surveys** 

**Chilean Community** 

Supposed start: 2021

### **Specifications**

Specification	Requirement	Goal	Design		
Field-of-View in hexagon	>4 degree <sup>2</sup>	>5 degree <sup>2</sup>	4.1 degree <sup>2</sup>		
Fibre multiplex per pointing	>1500	>2400	2436		
Low-Resolution Spectrograph (LRS)					
Fibre multiplex	>800	>1500	1624		
Spectral resolution	R> 5000	R>7500 @800nm	R>5000-7000		
Wavelength coverage	400–885 nm	390–950 nm	390–950 nm		
High-Resolution Spectrograph (HRS)					
Fibre multiplex	>800	>800	812		
Spectral resolution	R>18,000	R>20,000	R>18,000		
Wavelength coverage	392.8–435.5, 521–571 & 610–675.5 nm	392–460, 521–571 & 606–683 nm	392.6–436, 515–573.7 & 608–676 nm		
Photon detecting percentage (in 1.0 arcsec seeing)	>15%	>20%	>15%		
Spectral crosstalk (after data reduction)	<0.05%	<0.02%	TBD		
Fibre aperture diameter	1.4"±0.1"	1.4"±0.1"	1.4"±0.1"		
Observing efficiency	Overhead < 20%	Overhead < 10%	<15%		
Available sky area (Zenith angle)	10–52 degree	4–70 degree	4–60 degree		

from 4MOST webpage

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## **Goals for Galactic science**

- Determine the 3D Galactic potential and its substructure
- Discern the dynamical structure of the Milky Way disc and measure the influence of its bar and spiral arms
- Understand Galactic assembly history through chemo-dynamical substructure and abundance pattern labelling
- Find thousands of extremely metal-poor stars to constrain early galaxy formation and the nature of the first stellar generations in the Universe.



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### Difficulties

### Very ambitious project:

- since the high number of stars that will be observed there is need of fast pipeline to analyse the spectra

- define a well designed strategy to optimise observations and to permit a parallel evolution of the surveys

- many people involved -> developping good comunication channels

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## This is a very exciting moment for Galactic Archeology!

## Thank you!