Chemodynamics and Evolution of the Milky Way

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The Milky Way: A Laboratory for Understanding Galaxy Formation



Image: Alejandra Recio-Blanco

- For distant galaxies we can only get gross properties as individual stars are difficult to resolve
- Milky Way stars are nearby: get phase space (x,v), [Fe/H], age, mass *distributions*
- With this we can test galaxy formation theories with higher detail and better constraints than unresolved populations
- Galactic Archaeology is undergoing a revolution: massive spectroscopic surveys (abundances)+Gaia (astrometry)
 → map the entire chemodynamic structure of the Galaxy

Overview

- Elemental Production Sites, Chemistry of the Solar Neighborhood
- How Stars Move About the Galaxy: Radial Mixing
- Mapping the Galaxy from the Bulge to the Edge of the Disk
- Chemical Evolution Modeling
- The Milky Way in Context: Simulations, Datacubes, GECKOS

Where Do the Elements Come From?



Alpha and Iron Peak



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The Solar Neighborhood

Take stars within 100 pc of the Sun, what do we see?

Ages from Abundances



The Solar Neighborhood



Adibekyan+2012, Haywood+ 2013

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The Solar Neighborhood- Hmmm



Two-infall model: major accretion event resets chemical evolution Explains both the high and low alpha disk Potential issue: very specific age-metallicity relation, metal-rich stars can only be old!

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Radial Mixing



Radial Mixing: Stars Move!!!

Blurring: stellar orbits heated with time, eccentricity +, angular momentum conserved (non-axisymmetric structures, GMC, satellites)

Migration: Angular momentum exchange with non-axisymmetric time dependent perturbations (*transient* spiral arms), eccentricity conserved Blurring



Churning













How Migration Works

Credit: Neige Frankel

Migration Efficiency

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Large Scale Surveys

SDSS DR17



Several Ongoing Spectroscopic Surveys of the Entire Sky: APOGEE, GALAH, LAMOST Millions of Stellar Spectra, **Dozens of Abundances** Future: 4MOST, WEAVE, DESI, SDSS5: Nearly 100 million high quality stellar spectra!











Radial Mixing: Stars Move!



Schoenrich+Binney 2009

• Idea: Maybe stars move from their birth place!

Radial Mixing: Stars Move!



Schoenrich+Binney 2009

ISM at different radii in the disk have a set, steady evolution We mix stars after they are born Two sequences: one inner disk, one outer disk \rightarrow stars

born in different places


Different radii in the disk have their own evolution
Stars move around after they are born

Schoenrich+Binney 2009

Metallicity Distribution: Higher Order Moments





Hayden+ 2015

Positively Skewed MDFs?

0.4

0.2

O/Fe



Andrews+2016

0 10 20 P([O/Fe])

20

0.0





Toy Model: Migration Needed



Fundamental Relations for Velocity Dispersion

• $\sigma_v(\tau, L_z, \text{[Fe/H]}, |z|) = \sigma_{v0} f_\tau f_{Lz} f_{\text{[Fe/H]}} f_z$

- Dispersion depends on Age, Angular Momentum, [Fe/H], and |z|
- How to visualize this multivariable problem?
- We plot, dispersion of $v/(\sigma_{v0}f_{Lz}f_{[Fe/H]}f_z) \rightarrow f_r$

Divide out the dependence of other variables



- Different spectroscopic surveys agree.
- Different stellar types agree.
 - MSTO seismic
 - RG with C/N
 - Giants with asteroseismology
- Old and young all on same line: no separate thick disk

What We Want to Answer.



Boquan (Erwin) Chen (ANU)

arXiv:2204.11413

- Want to explain the detailed chemical abundances of the Galaxy
- How the abundances vary with position in the disk
- Identify Likely Formation
 Pathway for Thick/high-α disk
- Build upon pioneering work from Schoenrich & Binney 2009

- Multiple Radial Zones: Need to track abundances /w position!
- Two Phase ISM: Cold+Warm
- Gas: Accretion, cooling, radial flow \rightarrow try and maintain exponential gas disk
- Star Formation+Stellar Evolution
- Supernovae Yields+Delay Time Distributions
- AGB Yields
- Radial Mixing of Stars and Gas: Both blurring+migration
- 30 Myr Time Step: Maximum Age of SNII Progenitor
- Smooth Gas Accretion History: No Mergers!

Chen, Hayden+2022





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SFR/SFH



The Model



- Solar neighborhood data in greyscale Strong radial gradient \rightarrow \bigcirc inner Galaxy metal rich, outer galaxy metal poor Rapid chemical enrichment \bigcirc early on, slow enrichment later
- Most high alpha stars born in inner Galaxy

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matches data

Model: Chemical Map of the Disk



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t_{max}	Maximum age of the Milky Way	12 Gyr	-0.1 -	-2.0 -1.5 -1.0 -0.5 0.0 0.5



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Chemical Evolution Summary

- Developed a detailed chemical evolution model that takes into account many physical processes including radial mixing
- First chemical evolution model that closely matches the entire chemical distribution of stars in the Galaxy
- Able to reproduce the high-α disk and bimodal distribution of stars in solar neighborhood with no mergers required!
- Implies that this might be natural evolution of disk galaxies, rather than rare event
- Lots more things to look at: s-process abundances, more gas processes, etc!

- MW is only a single galaxy: can't constrain all of galaxy evolution with one data point!
- Build data cubes of our chemical evolution model to directly compare to external observations
- GECKOS: large ESO Program to look at edge on galaxies, directly compare to MW+Apply Chemodynmical Models

How Common is the Milky Way?

The origin of diverse α -element abundances in galaxy discs

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ABSTRACT

Spectroscopic surveys of the Galaxy reveal that its disc stars exhibit a spread in $\left[\alpha/Fe\right]$ at fixed [Fe/H], manifest at some locations as a bimodality. The origin of these diverse, and possibly distinct, stellar populations in the Galactic disc is not well understood. We examine the Fe and α -element evolution of 133 Milky Way-like galaxies from the EAGLE simulation, to investigate the origin and diversity of their $\left[\alpha/\text{Fe}\right]$ -[Fe/H] distributions. We find that bimodal $\left[\alpha/\text{Fe}\right]$ distributions arise in galaxies whose gas accretion histories exhibit episodes of significant infall at both early and late times, with the former fostering more intense star formation than the latter. The shorter characteristic consumption timescale of gas accreted in the earlier episode suppresses its enrichment with iron synthesised by Type Ia SNe, resulting in the formation of a high- $\left[\alpha/\text{Fe}\right]$ sequence. We find that bimodality in $\left[\alpha/\text{Fe}\right]$ similar to that seen in the Galaxy is rare, appearing in approximately 5 percent of galaxies in our sample. We posit that this is a consequence of an early gas accretion episode requiring the mass accretion history of a galaxy's dark matter halo to exhibit a phase of atypically-rapid growth at early epochs. The scarcity of EAGLE galaxies exhibiting distinct sequences in the $\left[\alpha/\text{Fe}\right]$ -[Fe/H] plane may therefore indicate that the Milky Way's elemental abundance patterns, and its accretion history, are not representative of the broader population of $\sim L^{\star}$ disc galaxies.

For external galaxies... For MW datacubes... Integrated spectrum PPXF+MILES, etc Kinematics (v, v_sig, h3, h4) PPXF+MILES Chemical composition Instrument properties Integrated spectrum V [km s⁻¹] [arcsec] 10 -50 -100 MILES SSP -150 - 13 - 12 - 11 - 10 - 9 Age [Gyr] -200 -250 ଚ୍ଚି 20 Particles (mass, age, [Fe/H], [a/Fe], V_los) σ [km s⁻¹] - 225 - 200 - 175 - 150 - 125 - 100 - 75 <u>ज</u>्न 20 Spatial binning [M/H] 0.3 - 0.2 MW view externally y [arcsec] 0.1 0.10 0.0 - 0.05 -0.1 Distance, inclination 0.00 -0.05 0.30 -0.10 [Mg/Fe] 0.25 MW analytical model (~10e8 particles) 0.20 ୍ଷି 20 0.15 arcs 0.10 0.10 Galaxia 0.05 0.05 - 0.00 10 0.00 -0.05 100 120 Age, [Fe/H], $[\alpha/Fe]$, LOSVD x [arcsec] -0.10 Martig et al. 2021

distributions

The Milky Way in Context: Building an IFS Data Cube of the Galaxy

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6000 3500 4000 4500 5000 5500 6500 7000 7500 Wavelength (Å)

Figure 1: Top: Flux distributions of two generated Milky Way data cubes at wavelength $\lambda = 5500$ Å. The galaxy is firstly placed at 50Mpc from the observer, then rotated by different angles. No extinction/seeing is added on these data cubes. Bottom: Spectrum of one spatial pixel (marked on the top-right panel) generated by using MILES models.

Ingredients

- E-Galaxia (Sharma et al. in prep 2022)
- Milky Way model (Sharma et al. 2020)
- SSP spectra libraries (MILES, PEGASE-HR, etc.) .
- pPXF (Cappellari 2017) ٠
- Data-cube properties ٠
- Instrument properties

Applications

0.16

0.14

0.12

0.08

0.06

0.04

0.10 5

Direct chemo-dynamical structure comparison between external galaxies and the Milky Way on:

- Velocity dispersion profiles ٠
- Radial and vertical age gradients
- Mass fraction of the $[\alpha/Fe]$ -rich versus $[\alpha/Fe]$ poor populations

Velocities: Pretty Good!





SFR: Not So Good



The Milky Way



The Milky Way



Martig+ 2021







An ESO VLT/MUSE Large Program

Turning galaxy evolution on its side with deep observations of edge-on galaxies

What is GECKOS?

Generalising Edge-on galaxies and their Chemical bimodalities, Kinematics, and Outflows out to Solar environments

- 317 hours of VLT/MUSE in various seeing conditions
- 35 edge-on galaxies at D < 70 Mpc
- Better than 200pc spatial resolution out to solar environments
- S/N = 40 at surface brightness 23.5 mag/arcsec²

Who is GECKOS?



Team: Adriano Poci, Alberto Bolatto, Andrew Wetzel, Barbara Catinella, Barbara Ciraulo, Claudia Lagos, Emily Wisnioski, Eric Emsellem, Fabian Walter, Francesca Fragkoudi, Francesca Pinna, Glenn van de Ven, Ivan Minchev, Jesús Falcón-Barroso, Jo Ciuca, Joss Bland-Hawthorn, Kate Harborne, Ken Freeman, Ling Zhu, Luca Cortese, Ortwin Gerhard, Payel Das, Purmortal (Zixian) Wang, Richard McDermid, Ryan Leaman, Sanjib Sharma, Sarah Martel, Scott Croom, Sven Buder, Tobias Buck, and Trevor Mendel



Observe 35 edge-on galaxies to very high S/N out to large Re (~3Re)

NGC 5746

- 13 - 12 - 11

- 10

- 0.3

- 0.2

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-0.

0.30

- 0.25 - 0.20

- 0.15

- 0.10

0.05

0.00

-0.25

0.50

1.00

-1.25

1.50

120

100

12

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- Range of star formation rate+histories: What drives disk galaxy evolution?
- Measure stellar populations of disks, identify accreted structures, measure outflows
- Apply detailed chemical modeling from MW to these external systems







geckos





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Conclusions

- Made the first complete chemical map of the Galaxy
 - Strong variation of abundances /w position
 - High-Alpha stars centrally concentrated, dominate in thick disk
 - Outer disk: flared young populations, similar metallicity to high alpha pops
- Radial mixing is important (and really annoying!)
- Developed the first chemical evolution model to reproduce nearly all observables (chemical maps, MDF skewness, etc)
 - \circ No Major Merger Needed \rightarrow bimodal chemical disks potentially common
 - Lots of Room to Explore: neutron capture abundances, galactic fountains, non-axis symmetric structure (bar, spiral arm) \rightarrow azimuthal variation
- Using the Milky Way as a Testbed for Galaxy Evolution:
 - Building MW Datacubes for a range of distances, inclinations, stellar libraries, instruments
 - GECKOS: ESO MUSE Program to Obtain High Quality Observations for Detailed Comparisons

What's Next: Simmering Phase



Conroy+22

Age-Metallicity-Abundance Relations

Blue: Metal-poor

Red: Metal-rich

All you need is age+metallicity to estimate an abundance

Implication: Galaxy has had almost no azimuthal metallicity variation for most of its history


Age-Metallicity-Abundance Relations









Age-Metallicity-Abundance Relations



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- Estimate abundance from age, [Fe/H]
- Compare estimated abundance to measured abundance, measure scatter
- Compare scatter to that of measurement uncertainties, determine intrinsic scatter: how well can we predict an element based on age, [Fe/H]? Low sigma \rightarrow better prediction

Age-Metallicity-Abundance Relations

Sharma+Hayden 2020





Turning This Around: Ages from Abundances

- We can estimate abundances to <0.05 dex just from age+[Fe/H] → We can estimate ages just from abundances + [Fe/H]
- Use XGBoost to estimate ages from 13 abundances in GALAH: [Fe/H], [Y/Fe], [Ba/Fe], [Mn/Fe], [O/Fe], [Cr/Fe], [Na/Fe], [Ca/Fe], [Ti/Fe], [Mg/Fe], [Si/Fe], [K/Fe], [Sc/Fe] with MSTO stars providing training set ages



Uncertainties in Ages from Abundances



Age Abundance Trends



Kinematic Studies of the Disk



Hayden+Sharma 2022

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Metallicity [Fe/H] and *height* |z|

$$f_{[Fe/H]} = 1 + d [Fe/H]$$
, $f_z = 1 + e |z|$

Linear functions

 σ_{v}



[Fe/H] or |z|

Chemical Evolution with Radial Mixing



- [Fe/H] $(R_{\rm b}, \tau)$
- $[\alpha/\text{Fe}](R_b, \tau)$



Sharma+Hayden 2020b



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Present configuration $p(x, v | R_{b}, \tau)$ $p(z | \sigma_{vz})$, Vertical distribution p($R|L, \sigma_{vR}$) Radial distribution Ζ R

 $p(L | R_b, \tau)$ Radial Migration:Gaussian Diffusion Process, σ_{L0} = 1150 km/s kpc $\sigma_v(L, R_b, \tau)$ Velocity dispersion





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Future Research: MW In Context



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- Can compare detailed chemical evolution models to simulations \rightarrow identify MW analogues, look at range of formation pathways Goal: Use several suites of simulations (FIRE-LATTE, TNG50, EAGLE, Auriga, etc.). Determine which processes are critical to producing realistic chemical maps