Ecology of the Milky Way and Gaia chemistry

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Henry Drapper Memorial work at the Harvard of Observatory (1889)

DSS image

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Spectroscopy

The Harvard computers



Spectroscopy



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Atomic Physics

Spectroscopy

- Stellar physical parameters
- Chemical composition
- Line-of-sight velocity -> 3D motions



Cecilia Payne

George Gamow

Hans Bethe

Margaret Burbidge

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Gaia revolutions: roots and keys

Gaia combines the **astrometric** approach of **classical astronomy** with the **physical** approach of **modern astrophysics**. This is enhanced by:

- High number statistics
- High precision
- Time series observations

Detailed evolution of the Galaxy in its environment





The keys of the Gaia revolution

- Parallaxes: the depth of the sky...
- Number statistics: 1.8 billion stars (astrometry+photometry) 33 million stars (spectroscopy) Nb increasing!











Gaia Collaboration, Montegriffo et al. 2022









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Vincent Van Gogh

(1888)

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Gaia GSPspec Teff = 3760K $\log g = 0.41 \text{ cm/s}^2$ [M/H] = -0.66 dex[alpha/Fe] = 0.14 dex[Ca/Fe] = 0.19 dex[Nd/Fe] = 0.59 dex[Cr/Fe] = 0.3 dex[Ce/Fe] = 0.34 dex



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The keys of the Gaia revolution

Gaia/RVS is **SPACE spectroscopy ±** ground based spectroscopy



Parametrization quality comparable to groundbased surveys of higher spectral resolution and wavelength coverage.





Recio-Blanco et al. 2022

Gaia/RVS: a space spectroscopic survey



CU8/GSPspec: The chemical composition of 5.6 million stars



Credits:ESA/GAIA/DPAC-CU8-CU6 Recio-Blanco and the GSPspec team



Gaia/GSPspec + Kepler (colour code on Delta π & metallicity)





Gaia/GSPspec + TESS: comparison of precision in log g



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- Stability and precision: space observations (no Earth's atmosphere) extremely good control of systematics
- Time-series (continuous observations for years): evolution!
 - Proper motions
 - Solar System acceleration
 - Stellar variability
 - Binaries and their orbital solutions



Motion in the colour-magnitude diagram

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Photo during ESA external fellowship

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Brussels, 2011

DPAC creation in 2006 First CU8 DPAC meeting

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Generalized Stellar Parametrizer – Spectroscopy (GSP-spec) GWP-S-823-0000



Alejandra Recio-Blanco on behalf of the GSP-spec group Nice, 16-17 March 2006

When we started, automated spectra parameterization practically did not exist... and almost nobody cared!

Gaia/RVS/GSPspec GSPspec (Recio-Blanco et al. 2022)







 $T_{eff},$ log g, [M/H], [α /Fe], abundances, DIB and CN parameters with statistics (median, upper and lower confidence values)

AstrophysicalParameters table in the Gaia Archive

Atmospheric Parameters Individual chemical abundances Differential CN EW Diffuse Interstellar Band parameters

Matisse: Projection method ARB, Bijaoui & de Laverny (2006)

Gauguin: Gauss-Newton algorithm

Bijaoui, ARB, de Laverny, Ordenovic (2012)

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DR3 operations at DPCC (CNES-Toulouse) 6.9 million spectra treated 50 MC realisations of each RVS spectrum -> APs uncertainties 110 000 h spread on 2100 cores Execution time= 150h One second per spectrum

Galactic alchemists

dwarf

long life (billions of years)

sulfur

brief life (millions of years)

silicon

Different nucleosynthetic channels

Big Bang fusion 2 He 1 H Cosmic ray fission Gaia RVS element abundances Exploding massive stars 3 Li 10 Exploding white dwarfs 5 B Ne Be F Merging neutron stars Dying low-mass stars 18 Ar Very radioactive isotopes; nothing left from stars CI Na AI S 33 30 Zn 31 34 35 36 Cu Cr Ni Mn Fe Co Ga Ge As Se Br Kr 52 Te 39 45 49 50 54 43 48 51 53 37 38 42 46 Pd 47 44 Mo Cd Rb Sr Zr Tc Ru Rh Sb Nb Ag In Sn 1 Xe 55 56 72 Hf 73 **Ta** 74 W 86 75 78 Pt 80 81 82 83 84 85 76 77 79 Cs Re Os lr. Au Hg Ti Pb Bi Po At Rn Ba 88 87 Fr Ra 60 Nd 62 63 68 69 71 61 64 65 66 67 70 Tb Yb Pr Pm Sm Eu Dy Но Er Tm La Ce Gd Lu Adapted from 89 94 91 92 93 90 J. A. Johnson U Np Pa Ac Th Pu type II supernova type la supernova oxygen magnesium traces of other credits C. Chiappini iron elements red giant massive white



A star's life cyle



Gaia/RVS: a space spectroscopic survey

Gaia DPAC

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Galactic disc: landscapes

Selection function



Gaia Collaboration, ARB et al. (2022)



Young stellar populations in the spiral arms





The thin disc

- Radial chemical gradient -> precise quantification with different tracers
- The flare: the thin disc gets thicker as we move outwards



Young stellar populations in the spiral arms







We couple chemistry and orbits thanks to DR3 radial velocities Katz et al. (2022)



Global view of the disc : luminous RGB stars





We observe the disc vertical chemical gradient. Strong symmetry above/below the Galactic plane

Galactic disc: Open clusters







687 open clusters in the Gaia DR3 chemical database

Gaia Collaboration, Recio-Blanco et al. (2022)

Galactic disc: Open clusters

Prantzos et al. chemical evolution model

Multi-zone semi-analytical models + radial migration



Heavy elements: Cerium 3 Zmax (Kpc) 0.00 -1.00-0.750.000.25 0.50-0.50[M/H] (dex) 0.4 [Ce/Ca] (dex) 108 0.2 \mathbf{R}_a (kpc) 0.0 0.10 0.15 0.20 0.25 0.30 0.00 0.05 [Ce/Fe] (dex) -0.20.2 0.0 [Ca/H] (dex)

Flat [Ce/Fe] radial gradient and positive vertical gradient Slightly possitive [Ce/Ca] trend vs. [Ca/H] -> AGB stars are the main responsibles for Cerium abundances in the disc.

Contursi et al. (2022)

Heavy elements: Neodymium

Contursi et al. (2023, in prep.)



AGB production of s-process elements:

Higher Ce and Nd abundances for more evolved AGB stars of similar metallicity.

Galactic disc: a young chemically impoverished population?

Young stellar populations in the spiral arms



Depletion consistent with other HR surveys (APOGEE)

Spitoni, ARB et al. (2022)



Gaia DPAC



Galactic disc: a young chemically impoverished population?

0.40

0.35

0.30

0.25

0.20

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Age [Gvr



Spitoni et al. models

Galaxy formed by separated accretion episodes, modelled by decaying exponential infalls of gas.

Recent infall of gas related to thin disc star formation history and chemically depleted young populations

Spitoni et al. (2022)

13.2 Gyr

-0.4



Chemical markers of disc perturbations: kinematics and phase spiral as a function of R





Wave-like perturbation (Antoja et al. 2018):

- disc-crossing satellite (Binney & Schoenrich 2018, Bland-Hawthorn et al. 2019)
- bar's buckling (Koperskov et al. 2019)
- **Correlation** of thin disc phase spiral **with metallicity excess** detected for the first

time



Chemical markers of disc perturbations: orbital space



The actions (*JR*, *JZ*, *LZ*) in static potentials are integrals of motion that characterise the orbit of the stars.

- JR characterises the radial amplitude of the epicyclic orbits
- the angular momentum Lz sets the guiding raidus a more robust estimate of the typical Galactic distance of the star than the present-day Galactocentric radius R.

- Chemical markers of disc perturbations: orbital space
 - **Ridges** of higher stellar density:
 - orbits closer to the plane
 - metallicities higher than surrounding median values.





Spiral arms : signatures in orbits, density and metallicity



Palicio et al. (2023a)

- Radial action $J_R \sim orbit's$ excentricity Lower J_R (red) means more circular
- Spiral-like structures in JR for (old) giant stars





Palicio et al. (2023a)

Spiral arms detected in stellar density for old stars (Age>1Gyr)



Adapted from Palicio et al. (2023a) by M. Barbillon

Correlation of the JR pattern **with different spiral arms tracers** (in stellar density).



Palicio et al. (2023a)

Zoom-in cosmological simulations (New Horizons) Peirani et al., in prep.

Spiral structure detected in several galaxies for stars as old as 6 Gyr





age [Gyr]

High enough precision and nb statistics to select stars in different age bins.

Chemical signature of the Spiral Arms



Age<1Gyr

Age>1Gyr



Metallicity signatures of the spiral arms both in the young (Poggio et al. 2023) and the old population (Barbillon et al., in prep.)

The spiral arms signature is visible in the relative abundance of α-elements with respect to iron.

The fluctuation in α -elements is higher than in iron.

2D chemical evolution model

Elements synthesised on short time scales (i.e., oxygen and europium) exhibit larger abundance fluctuations.





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What is this telling us about Milky Way's building up and evolution? Comparison with simulations including robust chemical predictions, thoroughly exploring the parameter space.



An analytical chemical model including Type Ia SN

Chemical evolution model integrated by extending the instantaneous recycling approximation with the contribution of Type Ia SNe

Extra term in the modelling depending on the Delay Time Distribution (DTD).

Galactic disc: an analytical chemical model including Type Ia SN

Used to model the chemical evolution of the GALACTICA Milky Way-like simulated galaxy (Park et al. 2021) from its star formation history.

Extracted from a zoom-in hydrodynamical simulation in a cosmological context (S. Peirani) spatial resolution and sub-grid models as in NewHorizon simulation as in Dubois et al. 2021.





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Conclusions

- The Milky Way disc has strong bisymmetric signatures (bar/spiral arms) that are probably long living
 - Can we link this to the star formation/accretion history?
 - Test evolution parameters with zoom-in cosmological simulations
- The classical radial chemical gradients in the disc are an approximation of a more complex 2D distribution:
 - Can we link this to star formation rate estimates?




Conclusions

- Chemical composition is crucial to improve our understanding of baryon physics.
- It is central to many physical processes as it modifies:
 - Opacity -> stellar temperature and colours
 - Viscosity -> turbulence, stellar interiors -> asteroseismology
 - Stellar evolutionary paths -> age estimates
 - Pulsation periods -> distance ladder
 - Dust production -> ISM
 - Stellar yields
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Conclusions

- The Gaia future is bright:
 - only ¼ of the data analysed in DR3!
 - o end of cold gas (operational phase) Jan-March 2025
 - RVS data SNR increasing
- Much larger chemo-dynamical catalogues to come:
 - o 5.6 million stars with chemo-physical parameters in DR3 (2022)
 - ~ 35 million stars in DR4 (end 2025)
 - ~100 million stars in DR5 (2030)
- Complementary ground based HR spectroscopy (WEAVE+4MOST) 5-10 million

Conclusions

- Time-series chemo-physical parameters for cepheids and RRLyrae from DR4 New Gaia DPAC task force
- Standard candles will increase the precision of Gaia distances towards the bulge, the outer disc, the halo and the surrounding satellites.
- In 2030 Gaia will have recorded 10 years of the Milky Way history!
- Important to keep synergy with models and simulations, including in a cosmological context
- Gaia will be a crucial catalogue for LISA (spiral arm detection with GW?)



