Evolution of Galaxies: Other galaxies, Abundance gradients, Mass-Metallicity



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Irregular galaxies

- Abundances: HII regions → uniform composition good test-beds for chemical evolution, but single events (SN) can disrupt dwarf galaxy
- fgas-Z relation:
 - low effective yield 0.2 Z_{sun} + large scatter
 - steep IMF? SN-driven galactic winds? Accretion?

Magellanic clouds have same yield



This agrees with other Irrs, too



Are the MCs special?



Matteucci+Chiosi 1983

Other irregulars need lower yields, e.g. by Infall, galactic winds

Irregulars have large scatter



Gallagher+Hunter 1984

No systematic behaviour of different types of irregulars

NB. Abundances are estimated from empirical relations (strong line methods), because weak [OIII] 4363 cannot be observed...

Irregular galaxies

- Abundance ratios:
 - $dY/dZ \approx 3..4 > y_{He}/y_Z \approx 2$ (stellar nucleo)
 - Maeder92: m>25Msun → no SN but BH
 - Metal-enhanced SN-driven winds eject Z (from HMS) but not He (from IMS)
 He (from IMS)



C/O and N/O:
 see EoG_7

Chemistry vs. Photometry



Arimoto + Tarrab 1990

Irregular have bluer colours than expected from models with continuous star formation histories



Spheroidal systems



Ellipticals and Bulges

Data = integrated colours and spectra

= mixture of ages & metallicities

Requires modeling (A.Lançon ...)

- Population synthesis: fit data by
 - SFH + AMR + IMF + isochrones + stellar spectra (theo/obs.)
 - SFH + AMR + library of observed spectra of MW+MC clusters (Z, age)
- Evolutionary population synthesis
 SFR + infall etc + (AMR=chem.ev) + IMF + isochrones + stellar spectra
- Base = objects of single age & metallicity
 - Stellar clusters (obs.)
 - SingleStellarPopulation (theor.)

Degeneracy Mg₂ ~ (Z*age)^{0.41}

Globular clusters are single-age populations



Cluster spectra (Bica 1986)



Spectra of E and S galaxies



Fundamental Plane in (σ , Σ , R) space

Two sequences, but all follow the **same** mass-metallicity relation



Galactic Bulge



Spectro R=20000 ESO VLT S/N = 40..90

Similar [Fe/H] range as thin disk

 $[\alpha/Fe]$ is higher than in the disk

Thick disk: [Fe/H] = -1.5 ... -0.2 [α /Fe] like bulge

Gonzales 2011

Sculptor dSph galaxy



O/Fe (or α/Fe) ratio measures SFR time-scale (illustrative model)



Radial abundance gradients in disk galaxies

e.g. the Milky Way



Virgo cluster spirals



Skillman et al. 1989

Gradients: proposed explanations

- Gas fraction increases radially (i.e. state of evolution)
- Radial variation of SFR
- Radial variation of nucleosynthesis
- Radial variation of IMF
- Radially dependent infall → 'dilution'
- Radial gas flows (various origins)



Assuming the initial conditions $g_k = 0$, $s_k = 0$, $z_k = 0$, the equations are solved by

$$g_k(t) = \sum_{i=1}^k (A_{ki}e^{-a_it} + B_{ki}e^{-b_it}) ,$$

$$s_k(t) = \alpha_k C_k \sum_{i=1}^k \left[\frac{A_{ki}}{a_i}(1 - e^{-a_it}) + \frac{B_{ki}}{b_i}(1 - e^{-b_it})\right]$$

$$+ s_k(t=0) , \qquad (26)$$

$$z_k(t) = \sum_{i=1}^k U_{ki} e^{-a_i t} + \sum_{i=1}^k V_{ki} e^{-b_i t} + \sum_{i=1}^k W_{ki} t e^{-b_i t} , \qquad (27)$$

where the coefficients are evaluated by recursion:

$$A_{ki} = \frac{\gamma_{k-1} A_{k-1 \ i}}{b_k - a_i} , \qquad (28a)$$

$$B_{ki} = \frac{\gamma_{k-1}B_{k-1}}{b_k - b_i},$$

$$U_{ki} = \frac{D_k A_{ki} + \gamma_{k-1} U_{k-1 \ i}}{b_k - a_i} ,$$

$$V_{ki} = rac{\gamma_{k-1} V_{k-1 \ i}}{b_k - b_i} \ ,$$
 $W_{ki} = rac{\gamma_{k-1} W_{k-1 \ i}}{b_k - b_i}$

for k > i, and

Analytical solution

(28b)

(28c)

(28*d*)
$$A_{kk} = \frac{f_k}{b_k - a_k}$$
, (29*a*)

(28e)
$$B_{kk} = -\sum_{i=1}^{k} A_{ki} - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} B_{ki} + g_k(0)$$
. (29b)

$$U_{kk} = \frac{D_k A_{kk} + f_k Z_f}{b_k - a_i} ,$$
 (29c)

$$V_{kk} = -\sum_{i=1}^{k} U_{ki} - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} V_{ki} + z_k(0) , \qquad (29d)$$

$$W_{kk} = D_k B_{kk} . aga{29e}$$



Easier maps

Abundance gradient



Götz & Köppen 1992



Let's look at the equation (IRA)

surface densities:
$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rvg) = -\alpha(r)\Psi(r,t) + f(r,t)$$
 accretion
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rvz) = -\alpha(r)Z(r,t)\Psi(r,t) + \alpha(r)y(r)\Psi(r,t) + Z^{f}(r)f(r,t)$$

With
$$z = Zg$$
 one gets

$$\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{Zg} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = \frac{\alpha y \Psi}{gZ} - (1 - \frac{Z^f}{Z}) \frac{f}{g} - v \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial r}$$

for continuously differentiable functions we have:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial t} \right)$$

Time evolution of the gradient:

 $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial r} \right) = + \frac{\alpha y \Psi}{g Z} \frac{d \ln(\alpha y)}{d r}$ yield,IMF gradient + $\frac{\alpha y \Psi}{gZ} \frac{\partial \ln(\Psi/g)}{\partial \chi}$ nonlinear SFR, SFR gradient $-\frac{f}{g}\frac{\partial \ln(f/g)}{\partial r}$ accretion rate gradient $+ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{Z^f f}{Zg} \right)$ accretion metallicity gradient $dv \partial \ln Z$ $\partial^2 \ln Z$ radial outflows, if $dZ/dr \neq 0$ $\bigcirc \frac{\alpha y \Psi}{\alpha Z} \quad \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial r}$ gradients flatten themselves

Götz & Köppen 1992

gradients grow by



http://astro.u-strasbg.fr/~koppen/galdisk/Galdisk.html

Gradient evolution: summary

 Initial gradient by yield gradient, non-linear SFR, infall gradient:

d ln Z/ dr = d ln(α y Ψ /g)/dr

 $\left\{ \Psi = g^n \twoheadrightarrow d \log Z/dr = -0.4343^*(n-1)/r \odot \right\}$

 Infall and radial flows can modify gradient in <u>any</u> direction

Radial flows alone cannot make a gradient



600 old K giants: 'no sign.slope'



Disk Planetary Nebulae





Maciel et al. 2005

Vertical 'gradients'

- General idea: old stars have higher vertical velocity dispersions (kinematical heating?) and thus larger mean heights above plane
- Observations with PN show tendency for O/H to decrease with height above plane (Cuisinier et al. 1997) in agreement with expectations from 'standard' model of kinematical heating of the disk and radial diffusion of stars





Cuisinier et al. 1997

Gradients in spheroidal systems

Observed: Radial colour (=metallicity) gradients Detailed character varies widely

Interest: monolithic collapse (more later)

- ➔ Lynden-Bell's concentration model
- ➔ does it work?

time

Difficulties

- deprojection
 - assume geometry
 - not possible for individual objects \rightarrow large data sets
- stars: mixture of ages

Gradients of photometric indices in Ellipticals



Davies 1993

Galactic Globular Cluster System



Galactic Bulge with PN



Escudero, Costa, Maciel 2004

... but it's tough!





Skillman, Kennicutt, Hodge 1989



Tremonti et al. 2004

Origins of Mass-Metallicity Relation

Less massive galaxies

- are chemically less evolved (i.e. higher gas fractions)
 - have lower SFR
 - have shorter lifetime (or time of essential SF)
- have lower (effective) yields

- cannot keep all their metals in gravitational well:

$$y_{\rm eff} = \frac{y_0}{1 + \left(M_0/M_{\rm baryon}\right)^{0.57}}$$
 Trem

Tremonti et al. 2004

IMF has fewer massive stars in low-SFR environments



Variable IMF:

In a high-SFR environment, the newly formed star cluster contains a larger fraction of massive stars

Weidner & Kroupa 2004ff



Köppen, Weidner, Kroupa 2007

