## From chemical evolution models to chemodynamical simulations -Inhomogeneous chemical enrichment-

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#### METALLICITY DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE RATIOS IN THE STARS Matteucci & Brocato 90 OF THE GALACTIC BULGE

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ABSTRACT

Chemical evolution models for the Galactic bulge are computed assuming that evolution in the bulge was much faster than in the solar neighborhood.

Detailed nucleosynthesis from Type II and I supernovae (SNs) is taken into account in order to compute the temporal evolution of the abundances of several elements (Fe, Si, Mg, and O).

The influence of the various model parameters such as the time scale of bulge formation, the star-formation rate (SFR), and the initial mass function (IMF) on the metallicity ([Fe/H]) distribution, as well as on the abundance ratios of bulge stars is discussed. It is shown that, by assuming a more efficient star-formation rate and a much shorter time scale of collapse than in the solar neighborhood, it is possible to reproduce the metallicity distribution of bulge stars. Variations of the IMF, in the sense of having more massive stars formed

in the bulge than in the region of the solar vicinity impro cerns the position of the metallicity peak. However, given observation relative to the IMF, no firm conclusions are all

Finally, we demonstrate that, due only to the faster evol borhood and irrespective of the chosen IMF, the [O, Mg, S different from those found for stars in the solar vicinity, abundant ( $\simeq +0.5$  dex) with respect to iron in stars with result applies also to elliptical galaxies and its importance ratios observed in halo and disk stars in the solar vicinity is

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- inverse galactic winds
- increasing SF efficiency;

#### Abundance ratios in ellipticals and galaxy formation

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Abstract. The evolution of iron and magnesium abundances in elliptical galaxies is discussed in the framework of a detailed model of chemical evolution, and compared to very recent data on iron and magnesium indices as deduced from stellar populations in giant ellipticals. It is shown that: i) in order to explain the observed [Mg/Fe]>0 in giant ellipticals these objects must have stopped forming stars on timescales shorter than several times  $10^8$  years, ii) in order to reproduce the observed trend of [Mg/Fe] as a function of total galactic mass and luminosity some of the main assumptions in models with supernova driven winds have to be relaxed. In particular, to explain the increase of [Mg/Fe] with galactic mass one has to assume either that the efficiency of star formation is an increasing function of mass or that the initial mass function favors more massive stars in more massive galaxies, at variance with what is assumed in standard chemical evolution models. The possible implications of these two different choices in terms of galaxy formation processes are discussed.

Nissen et al. 1985). Therefore, the c sium is overabundant relative to iro population of giant ellipticals, althou, overabundance should be regarded as the lack of either models or calibrating abundance ratios.

Moreover, the flat behaviour of the to the magnesium index tells us that with galactic mass and luminosity.

These results impose quite strong cleosynthesis, supernova (SN) progen mechanisms.

Faber et al. (1992) and Worthey et three possible interpretations:

i) different star formation timesc star formation in giant than in small el nesium production,

- efficient SFR
- shorter timescale

# Milky Way-type galaxy



## **Star Formation History depends on environment**







## Bulge – old, metal-rich, $\alpha$ -enhanced



## Vertical gradient in Bulge MDF

 The number of metal-rich (low [α/Fe]) stars decreases & metal-poor stars increase at higher latitudes (Zoccali+ 08; Bensby+ 11; Hill+ 11; Uttenthaler+ 12)



## **Disk – inside-out formation**

 Metallicity Gradients: flatter at higher Izl (Cheng et al. 12), steeper at higher z (Jones et al. 10; Yuan et al. 11).





## Inhomogeneous chemical enrichment

Variation for in situ component

- Local variation in SF, inflow, outflow, and metal flows.
- II. Heavy elements are distributed via SWs SNe, and the elemental abundance ratios depend on M,Z,E etc.
- III. The ISM may be mixed before the next star formation by other effects e.g., diffusion and turbulence.

### Additional effects

IV. Mixing of stars due to dynamical effects (migration, accretion of merging satellites).

### Therefore

- 1. No strong Age-Metallicity Relation.
- 2. Most metal-poor stars  $\neq$  Oldest stars
- 3. Long-lifetime sources (e.g., AGB) can contribute at low metallicities.

## **Age-Metallicity Relation**



## Connecting to other galaxies...





## Summary+

In  $\lambda$ CDM based chemo-hydro-dynamical simulations, chemical enrichment takes place **inhomogeneously**,

#### Disk

Inside-out. Z radial & vertical gradients exist, but no [ $\alpha$ /Fe] radial gradient. Z radial gradient is steeper at higher-z (up to z~2).

### Bulge

- See Assembly at high-z. Mostly old, metal-rich, high [α/Fe], low [Mn/Fe], high [(Na,Al,Cu,Zn)/Fe]. Z & [α/Fe] vertical gradients exist.
- Bar may form later (Scannapieco & Athanassoula 12), which will show boxy and cylindrical rotation.

#### Thick disk

Half of stars have formed in merging subgalaxies.

#### Ellipticals

- Successive merging of gas-rich galaxies at high-z. Stars are old. Z gradients exist, the slope depends on the merging history.
- The [ $\alpha$ /Fe] problem may be solved with AGN feedback.

Chemical evolution (namely elemental abundances and their gradients) are the key to understand galaxy formation & evolution.