

Population synthesis modelling : Statistical analysis of large scale survey data to constraint the Galactic disc evolution

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## Outline

- Why modelling the Milky Way ?
- Constraining model parameters / scenarios : efficient parameter space exploration
- Results on thick disc formation
- Results on thin disc outer structures: warp, flare and scale lengths
- Confronting the new model to spectroscopic surveys : RAVE, APOGEE,
- Gaia perspectives

### Preambule

- Galactic archeology much more difficult than distance cosmology: you have distances and ages
- How can we do Galactic archeology without **good** *distances* and *ages* ?
- The Gold Age : Gaia, spectroscopic surveys, Corot-Kepler-PLATO

## Introduction

- Surveys : photometric, spectroscopic, multiwavelength
- *and now asterosismic !* Need to combine them in a global analysis to gain in understanding complex evolution of the Milky Way
- => modelling



Important ingredients : SFR, IMF, stellar models, atmospheres

#### Population synthesis

 $N = \int_0^\infty \rho(r) \, \phi(M) \, \Omega \, r^2 \, dr$ 

Simulations of surveys

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^{Npop} \int_0^\infty 
ho_i(r) \, \phi_i(M) \, \Omega \, r^2 \, dr$$

 $\varphi(Mv, Teff)$  for a thin disc with cste SFR  $\longrightarrow$ over 10 Gyr

or

/(x,y,z) : density laws
constrained by dynamics
(Bienaymé et al, 1987)

3D extinction model



Simulate observational errors

#### Population Synthesis Modelling

- Start with a scenario of formation and evolution for the Galaxy
- Population synthesis approach: many parameters but **more understanding** : Link between **scenarios** and **observations**
- **Increasing** complexity (start simple...)
- Statistical treatment : Large surveys provide the way to combine many observables and stay statistically significant (abundances/kinematics/ position)
- Model confronted to many observables : magnitudes, colours (many bands), proper motions, radial velocities, Teff, logg, [Fe/H],[alpha/Fe], even astero-seismic parameters in the future
- Try to have a self-consistent solution to the puzzle

# Constraining parameters

- Statistical methods to constrain parameters (do not be satisfied with a solution !)
- Explore parameter space with efficient methods (MCMC, GA, ...)



## Application

- Thin and thick disc formation
- Thick discs exist in many galaxies
- Scenarios of formation go from top-down to bottomup, secular evolution (migration..) to mergers, separated from the thin disc to completely distinct history
- Tracers of thick disc population : kinematics: no, abundances: yes



**Fig. 1.**  $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$  versus [Fe/H] for the whole sample. Magenta asterisks represent the stars belonging to the halo by their kinematics. The black



## Thick disc SFH

• Haywood et al, (2014), Snaith et al (2015) : long SFH in the thick disc phase



But spectroscopic samples are biased by their target selection. Difficult to quantify the spatial density distribution of the populations.

#### Thick disc and halo From SDSS + 2MASS

- Fit SDSS fields with no streams (photometry) (FI,F2,F3,F4 patches)
- Add 2MASS fields at intermediate latitudes and a larger longitude range
- ABC-MCMC fit, maximum likelihood g.o.f. : halo shape, thick disc shape, age, mean [Fe/H]



#### Get rid of degeneracies of thick disc scale height

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De Jong et al, 2010

Also constraining the scale length and the flare

#### How long the thick disc formed stars

- Simulate the long formation history by 2 bursts (2 isochrones)
- Free parameters for each episode : scale height, length, normalisation, flare
- Assume different ages

Old thick disc	12 Gyr	12 Gyr	12 Gyr	11 Gyr
Young thick disc	-	11 Gyr	10 Gyr	10 Gyr
scale height (pc)	465.	826.	795.	824.
	-	359.	345.	348.
1.1	2205	2077	2010	2007
scale length (pc)	2305.	3077.	2919.	2907
	-	1986.	2040.	2089.
	1.55	0.21	0.25	0.10
normalisation	1.55	0.21	0.25	0.19
	-	1.54	1.63	1.65
flare start radius (pc)	9359	10020	9543	9757
nure sturt rudius (pe)	-	17364	15340	14400
	_	17504	15540.	14400.
flare slope (pc/kpc)	0.187	0.09	0.06	0.09
	-	0.02	0.06	-0.08
Lr	-66085.	-60360.	-59077	-61015
BIC	132035	120566.	118000.	121876

Thick disc scale height and scale length decreases with time ! Main thick disc : ~10 Gyr about 80-90%, older thick disc 10-15%

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100

50

0

0 0.20.40.60.8 1 1.2

g-r

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Fig. A.5. Same as figure A1 for SDSS field at longitude 116°, latitude -51°.

150

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0 0.20.40.60.8 1 1.2

g-r

for a different magnitude range, from

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Robin, Reylé et al, 2014

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Figure 5. Radial profiles of the scale-height for the mono-age populations (the colourcode indicates the age of each population, from 0 in blue to 11 Gyr in red). The solid lines correspond to the radial range up to  $R_{95}$  (radius containing 95% of stars of a given population), the dashed lines extend out to  $R_{98}$ . The upper shows our three quiescent galaxies, while the lower row shows thoe with an active merger history.

#### Martig, Minchev & Flynn, 2014

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Thin disc scale length changing with age, from 4 kpc to ~2 kpc Amores, Robin, Reylé, in prep

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## Thin-thick disc relation

- Thick disc formation outside-in ! Lehnert+ 2009, Bournaud + 2009 : gas turbulent phase. Explain well the mixing (absence of radial gradient) seen in the thick disc abundances in APOGEE (Hayden+ 2014)
- Thin disc formation inside-out confirmed.
- The warp is a dynamical structure of which we can follow the evolution
- The thin disc is flaring as well as the old thick disc

![](_page_24_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 10. Scale-height as a function of scale-length for mono-age populations in the 7 simulated galaxies. The scale-heights are measured at a radius of  $2R_d$ . The colourcode and panel order are the same as in Figure 5. We find that the observed anti-correlation between scale-height and scale-length can be reproduced in the simulations, and does not necessarily imply an absence of mergers.

#### Martig, Minchev & Flynn, 2014

# On-going applications to spectroscopic surveys

- Analysis of RAVE data and new kinematical modelling
- Preliminary comparisons with APOGEE data towards the bulge

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#### Stellar Heliocentric Radial Velocities

> 50 km/s 10... 50 km/s -10... 10 km/s -50...-10 km/s < -50 km/s

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## Kinematics from RAVE

- Simulating the RAVE selection function
- |b|>20° to avoid extinction problems
- Fit kinematic model for the thin and thick disc (ABC-MCMC)

# Kinematic modelling

- Bienaymé et al, 2015 : fit a Stackel potential to the BGM potential => 3 integral of motion
- Asymmetric drift variation as a fct of z
- Fit solar motion and age/velocity dispersion relation

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#### Thick disc velocities

Age	Vcirc	S_W	
12 Gyr	184 ± 5 km/s	50 ± 2 km/s	
10 Gyr	207± 2 km/s	30 ± 0.6 km/s	

- Contraction indicated by the scale lengths and heights (from photometry, star counts)
- Also indicated by the speed up of the circular velocity and by velocity dispersions

Robin, Bienaymé, Fernandez-Trincado, in prep

#### APOGEE

- Preliminary application of the target selection in the bulge region
- Test for the new model of thin and thick disc in the bulge region

Bulge fields : 0°</</8°, -14°<b<14°

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# Summary of conclusions

- The thick disc formed during a long episod of formation, gas turbulence supported but slightly contracting
- The thin disc formed inside out
- The new Thin disc/Thick disc model reproduces well the distributions seen in RAVE and APOGEE
- Explain the complex MDF in the bulge region by combination of a bar (pseudo-bulge), thin and thick discs

## Perspectives

- Simulate large scale spectroscopic surveys with their selection function for a thorough comparison to validate/invalidate the scenario
- Towards a dynamically consistent non-axisymmetric model (Fernandez-Trincado et al in prep)
- Compare with Gaia data : explore the failures of the scenario
- Model on line : new web service access very soon !