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Understanding the formation and evolution of the Galactic disc(s) using Mono-Age Population Phase-spacE Distributions (MAPPED) analysis I: LAMOST-TGAS

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Background

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Most of the previous studies, the sample size they employed is quite limited (hundred to thousand). It is **too difficulty to** study all the above properties of Galactic discs **simultaneously**.

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Galactic discs: theoretical view

Chemical enrichment history Star formation history Gas flows

Galactic chemical evolution models (e.g. Chiappini et al. 1997, 2001)

"Inside out" and "Upside-down" (Stinson et al. 2013; Bird et al. 2013): Older stars form in a relatively thick component, or are kinematically heated very quickly after their birth. Younger populations form in successively thinner disks.

Dynamical effects: spatial distribution & kinematics & chemistry Major/Minor merge (e.g. satellite accretion; Abadi et al. 2003; Brook et al. 2004) Radial migration (e.g. Sellwood & Binney 2002; Schonrich & Binney 2009): disk flaring effect

Specially, for thick disc, at least 4 scenarios:

- Accretion and disruption of satellites (like in the stellar halo)
- Disk heating due to minor merger (also secular)
- Radial migration, via resonant scattering
- In-situ formation from thick gas disk (mergers, or clumpy galaxies)

Galactic discs: LAMOST plus Gaia



- LAMOST-TGAS → MSTO-SG: • Typical size: 500 pc • 6D phase space +
 - 6D phase space + abundance + age
 - ~ 0.1 million stars

Huang et al. in prep. 2017a

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Cross match LAMOST data (6 million, 2011.06-2016.06) to TGAS (2 million), we obtain 0.25 million common sources.

We further cut distance error smaller than 30% and select MSTO-SG in HR diagram. Finally, we get 0.1 million sources.





Using a similar method to Xiang et al. (2017), we have derived the age for those 0.1 million MSTO-SG stars using YY isochrones.

Below is the age distribution of our sample:







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MAPPED Analysis – Abundance



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 $R_{\rm g}(\rm kpc)$



Age (Gyr)



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MAPPED Analysis – Spatial evolution of Abundance



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Eccentricity







Summary & Future plan

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Properties	Thin disc (Age < 8 Gyr)	Thick disk (Age > 8 Gyr)
Scale length (indirect)	Large	Short
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Radial metallicity gradient	Negative	Near flat or slightly positive
AMR	flat	negative
Velocity dispersion & AVR	Lower & power law (~0.3)	Higher & power law (~0.8)
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Future plan



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Thank You!

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