Optical high-resolution spectroscopy of young α -rich stars

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Galactic Archaeology

We want to know chemical enrichment history

Stellar age estimates have been limited

[Fe/H] is not a perfect age-indicator



Age Estimates from Asteroseismology

Kepler / CoRoT enabled age estimates for red giants



Discovery of Young α -rich Stars



Asteroseismology revealed the existence of young α -rich stars

[α/Fe] decreases with timeα: O, Mg, Si, S, Ca, TiObservations



APOKASC-2, Chiappini+15, Martig+15

Why do we have to care about them?

They must not exist in standard Galactic chemical evolution models



Optical will Shed a New Light

Martig+15, Chiappini+15: Discovery of young α-rich stars based on APOGEE survey

APOGEE (in infrared) R~22500 (~13km/s)

Optical high-res. spectrographs up to R~10⁵ (~3km/s)

more elements, higher resolution

HIRES obs. for 14 stars (+16 comparison stars)



What you can get from **APOGE**E

Chemical Abundances



High-r / low-s Process Abundances

Peculiar Formation Scenario is Unlikely

Mass-abundance relations

If they shared the birth place, they would show similar trend to comparison stars with offset

Line Widths / Radial Velocity

- No signature of rapid rotation
- Higher binary frequency (see also Jofre+16)

-> binary interaction

No Clear Signature of Mass-Transfer

Surface anomalies due to binary mass transfer? high *s*-process element abundances: signature of mass accretion from AGB stars

young α-rich stars have normal *s*-process abundances

Summary

Young α -rich stars are α -rich like old stars but estimated to be young

By obtaining optical spectra, we

- reveal similar *n*-capture element abundances to old stars
- find no signature of rapid dotation
- find higher binary frequency

Conclusion:

- Young α -rich stars are likely to be formed by binary interaction without any signature in a single spectrum
- We have to keep in mind that some of stars are affected by binary interactions

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