3D non-LTE abundances of metal-poor stars

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Stellar spectroscopy



- Information in absorption & emission lines
- Infer stellar parameters; abundances

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- Prone to systematic modelling errors
- 1D vs 3D; LTE vs non-LTE

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• 1D: micro/macro turbulence fudge parameters







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LTE vs non-LTE



Variation with granulation features ==> 3D non-LTE

Non-LTE model atoms



 Ongoing work on improving atomic data and building realistic model atoms



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Stagger code



• 3D (magneto-)hydrodynamics

movie credit: R. Collet

• 3D LTE radiative transfer with opacity binning

Balder code

Non-LTE contribution



- Updated background opacities
- Efficient MPI parallelisation

- 3D multi-level non-LTE radiative transfer
- ALI algorithm (R&H 1992)



LTE contribution

Carbon, oxygen, and iron



Reported upturn at low [O/H]

[C/O] vs [O/H]



• Upturn at low [O/H] ==> Pop. III signature?



• Or, faster-rotating stars at lower [O/H]?

Revisiting [C/O] vs [O/H]

- We carry out a "full" 3D non-LTE re-analysis
- Stellar parameters and abundances based on 3D non-LTE
- 40 metal-poor turn-off halo stars (Nissen+ 2007)
- Easy to replicate method to larger samples

A "full" 3D non-LTE analysis



- Effective temperatures from 3D non-LTE Hβ lines
- Grid available: Amarsi+ 2018

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- Surface gravities from Gaia DR2
- [Fe/H] from 3D LTE Fe2 lines (small non-LTE effects for Fe2)

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- Carbon and oxygen from 3D non-LTE IR lines
- Similar dependence to stellar parameters





CEMP stars 1.2 1.0 ₫ 0.8 Θ 0.6 ₿ CD -24 17504 (Jacobson+ 2015) [X/Fe] 0.4 0.2 -0.0 -0.2 G 64-12, G 64-37 -0.4 (Placco+ 2016) -3 -2 [Fe/H]

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