



Stellar Archaeology as a Time Machine to the First Stars

LAMOST/Subaru project: Searching for metal-poor stars, moving groups and α -deficient stars

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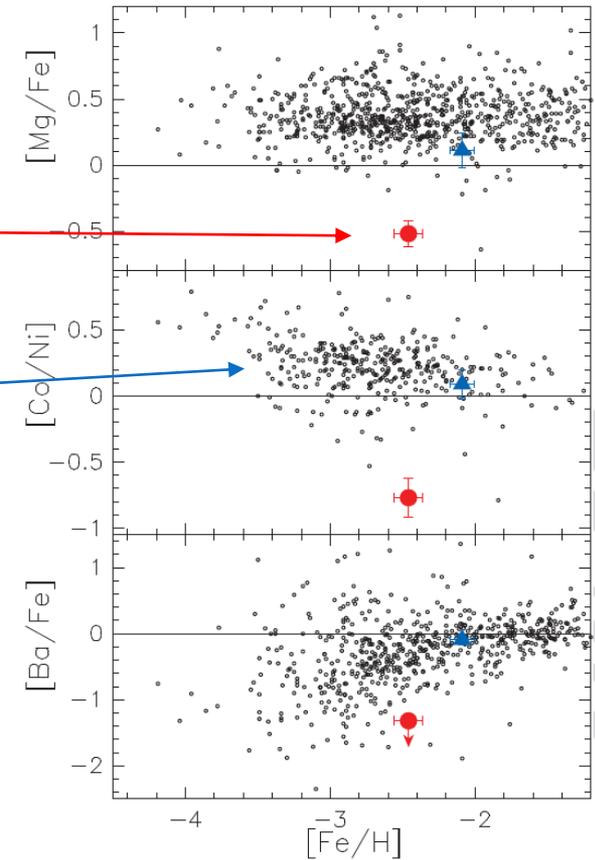
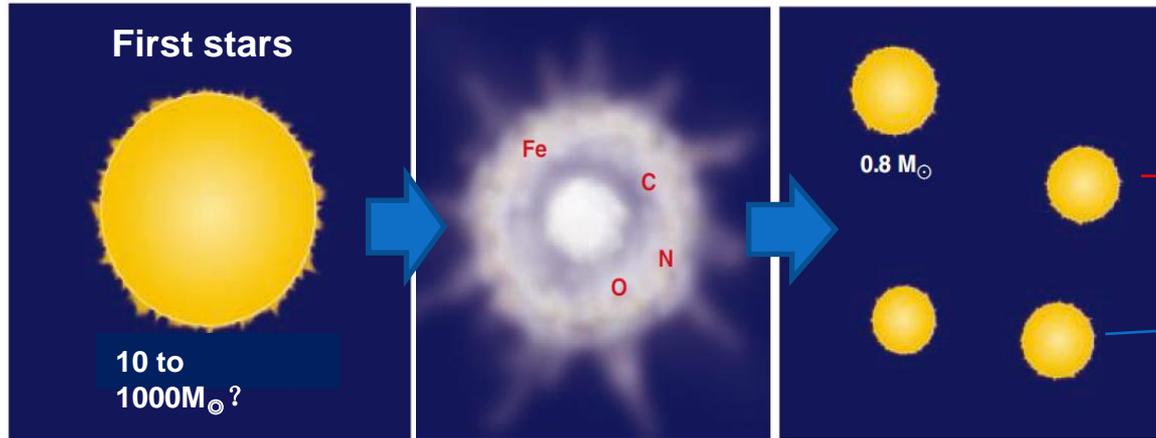
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Tracing early nucleosynthesis and chemical evolution through very metal-poor stars

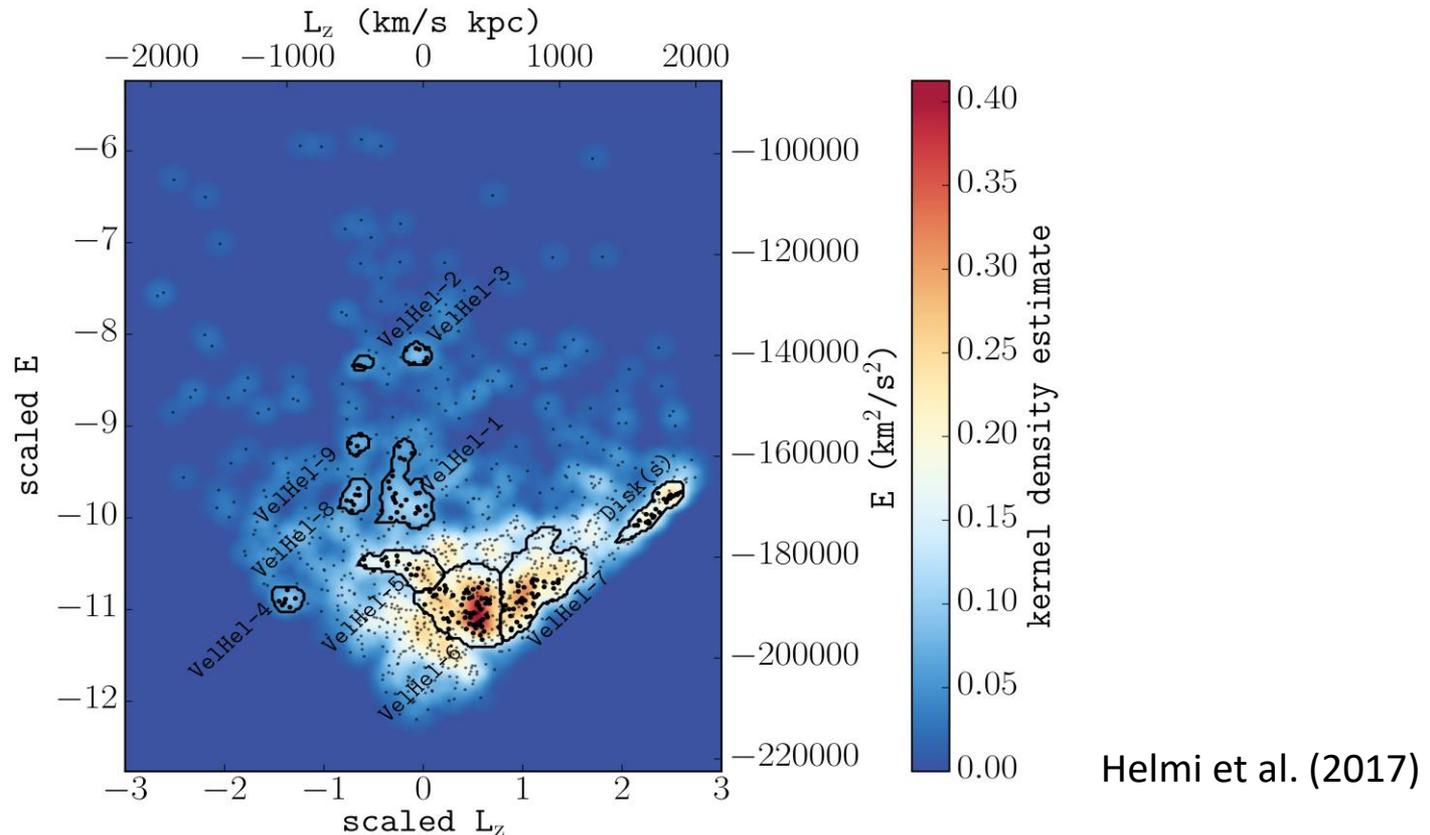


Aoki et al. (2014)

- Statistics: chemical evolution models
- Peculiar chemical compositions: nucleosynthesis of single (or a few) process
- Limited sample + mixed sources

yields of a supernova of a very massive ($>100M_{\odot}$) star (?)

Relics of ancient accretion events: halo moving groups (MGs)



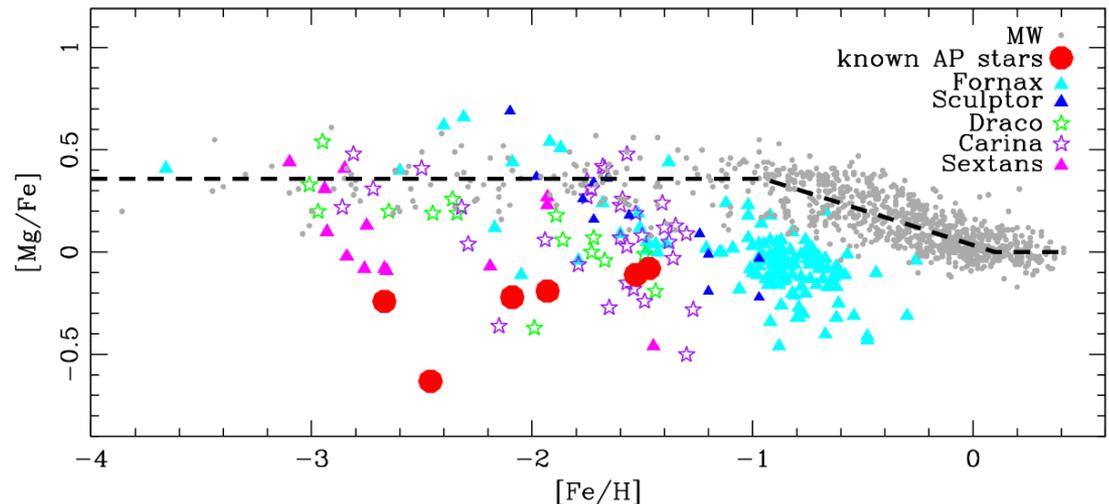
- Limited number of identified MGs + unclear origins

Linking dSphs to MW's Halo with α -deficient stars



Were dSphs the true building blocks of the Galactic halo?

- MW outer halo: formed through a dissipationless chaotic merging of smaller subsystems (Carollo et al. 2007)



- Limited sample + no systematic search

LAMOST (郭守敬望远镜)

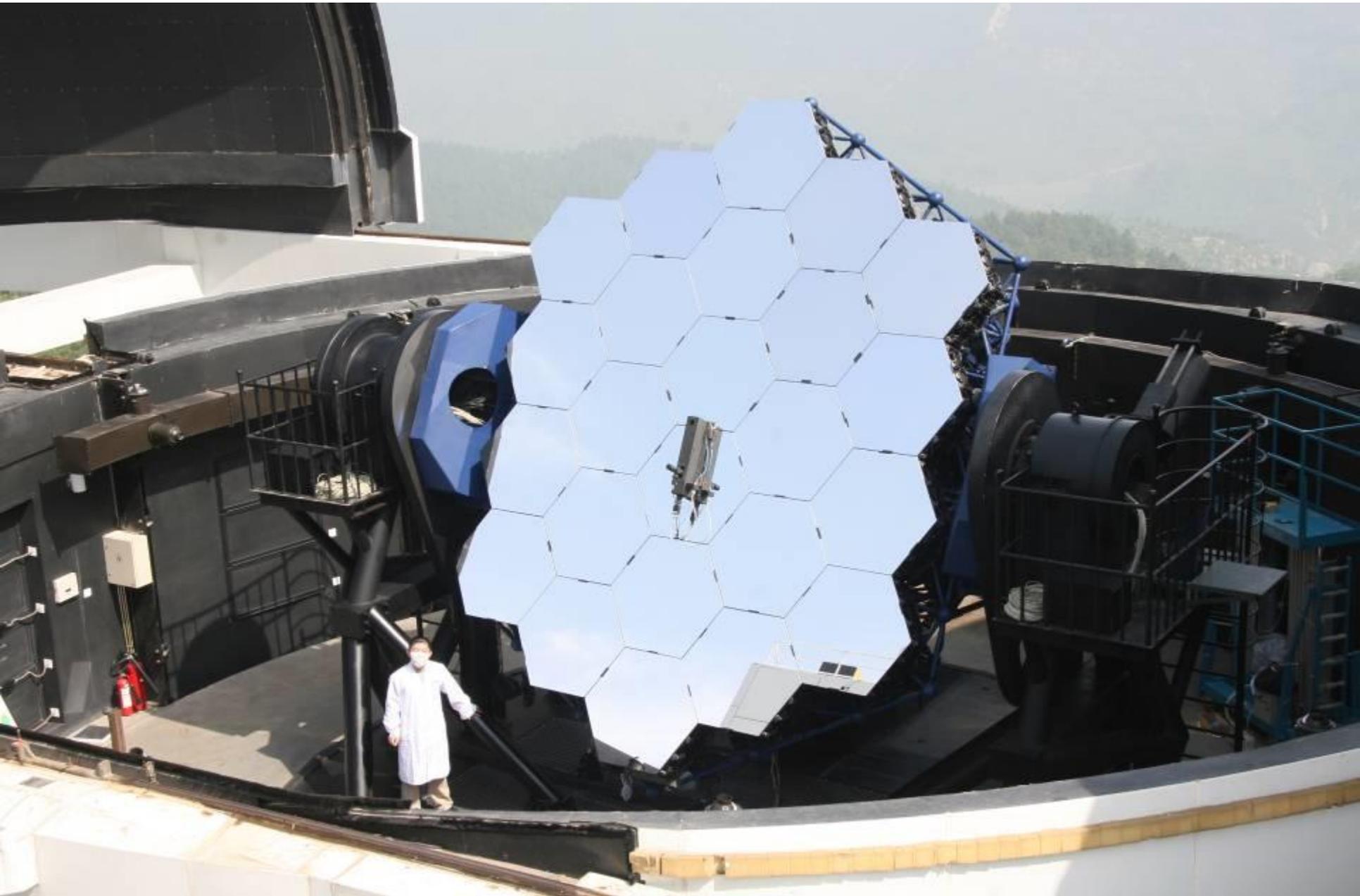
- LAMOST (The **L**arge **S**ky **A**rea **M**ulti-**O**bject **F**ibre **S**pectroscopic **T**elescope)
 - Commissioning: 2009.9 - 2011.5
 - Pilot survey: 2011.10 - 2012.5
 - Regular survey (Phase I): 2012.9 – 2017.6
 - Phase II: 2018.10 –
- Combination of large aperture (4m) and wide field (5deg)
- High spectra-obtaining efficiency: 3,400 targets at on exposure



LAMOST @ Xinglong, China

- ~4m
- 4,000 fibers
- $r \sim 17.8$
- 370nm – 900nm

24 sub-mirrors of MA (4.9m)



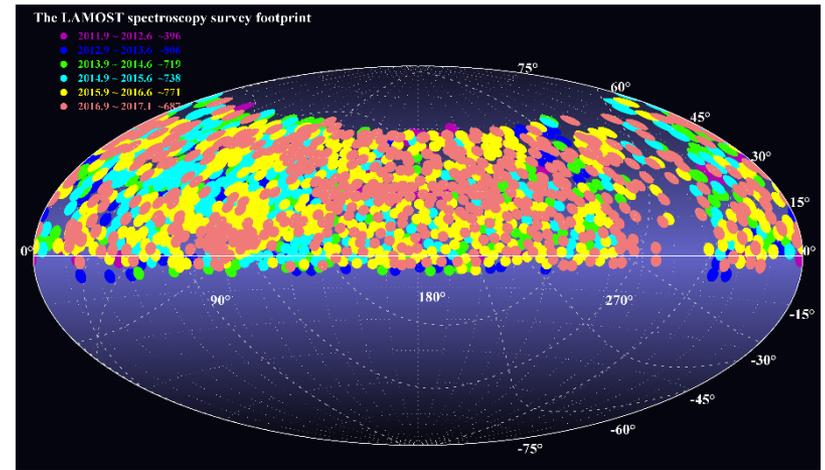


MB
37 sub-mirrors
~ 6.1m

LAMOST data releases

Large survey area
(North 7700 deg² + South 3500 deg²)

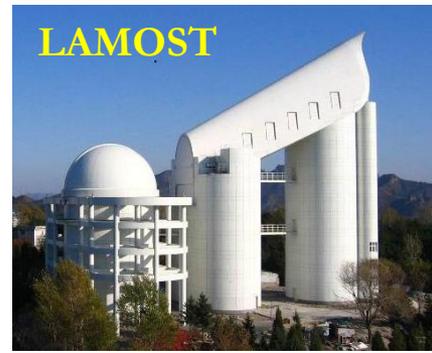
> 1.5 million spectra / year



	Ending date	No. of spectra	No. of stellar spectra	Spectra of SNR > 10	No. of spectra with parameters	Release/Public date
DR0	20120617	958,944	812,911	619,151	396,249	2012.08/2012.08
DR1	20130603	2,660,613	2,342,849	1,925,735	1,127,872	2013.09/2015.03
DR2	20140603	4,309,098	3,843,851	3,293,600	2,174,812	2014.12/2016.07
DR3	20150602	5,968,162	5,354,883	4,665,075	3,185,475	2015.12/2017.07
DR4	20160602	7,681,185	7,682,298	6,076,210	4,202,127	2016.12/2018.07
DR5	20170608	9,017,844	8,171,443	7,531,398	5,344,058	2017.12/2019.07

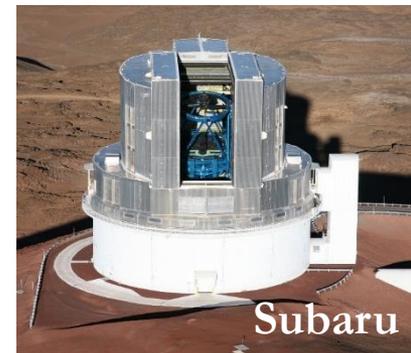
LAMOST provides an unprecedented opportunity to search for more peculiar stars in the Milky Way in large area.

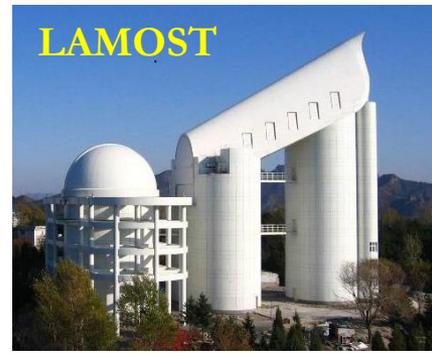
LAMOST



LAMOST-Subaru collaboration

High-resolution spectra are also demanded to understand the nature/origins of these stars

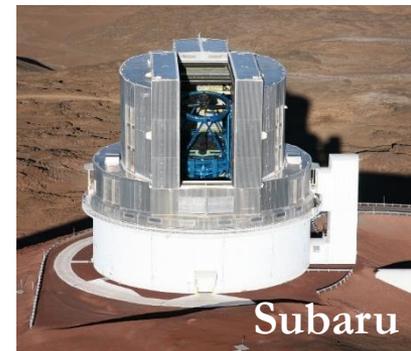




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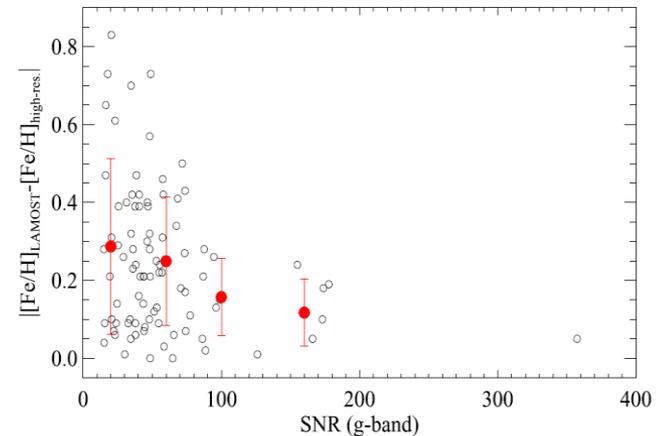
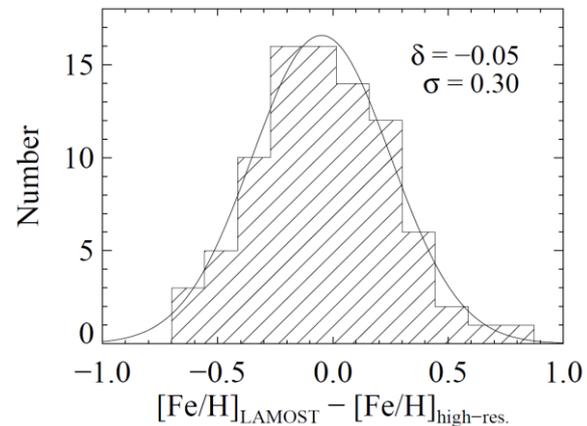
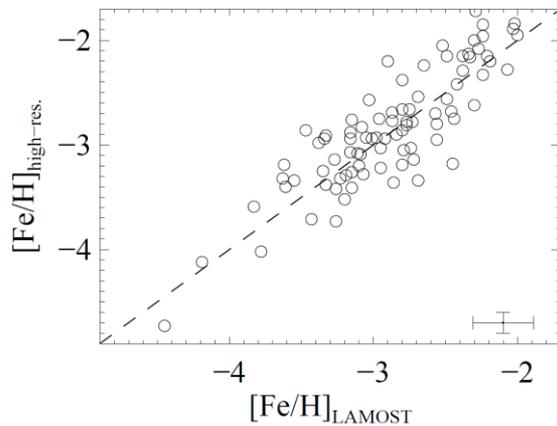
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- LAMOST+Subaru joint project since 2014
- Joint proposal for Subaru open-use program
 - Intensive + normal + service programs
- CAS-JSPS joint project (2016.04-2018.12)
- Follow-up with Subaru/HDS runs
 - **About 500 objects (incl. VMP, MGs, low- α stars)**
- More than 10 refereed papers published already



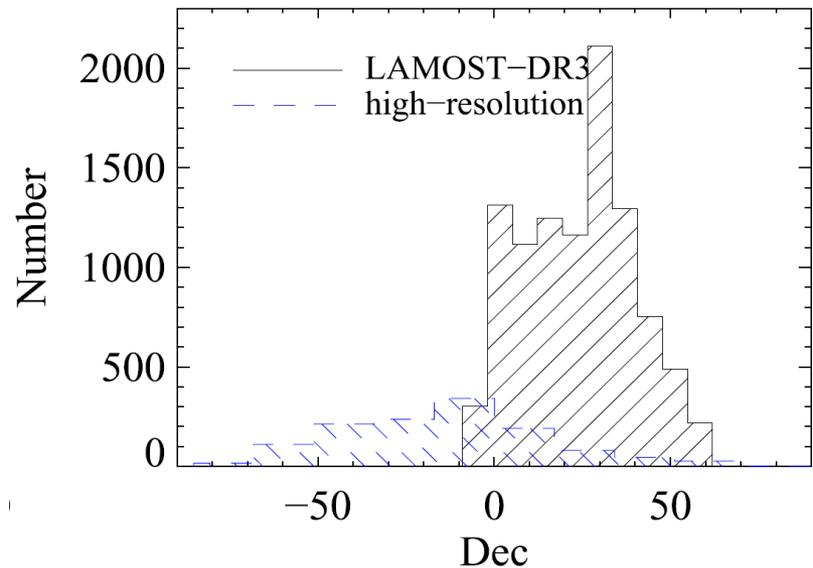
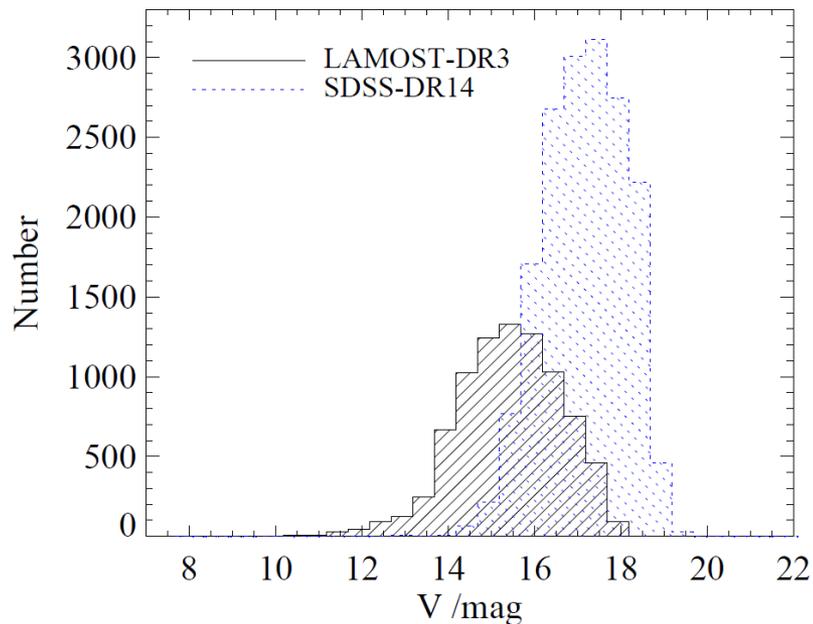
VMP stars: large sample from LAMOST

- Over 10,000 very metal-poor (VMP, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -2.0$) stars selected from LAMOST-DR3
 - Quite robust estimation of metallicity based on low-resolution spectroscopy reaching $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \sim -4.0$
 - Typical uncertainty ~ 0.30 dex for $\text{SNR} \sim 40$, 0.15 dex for $\text{SNR} \sim 80$



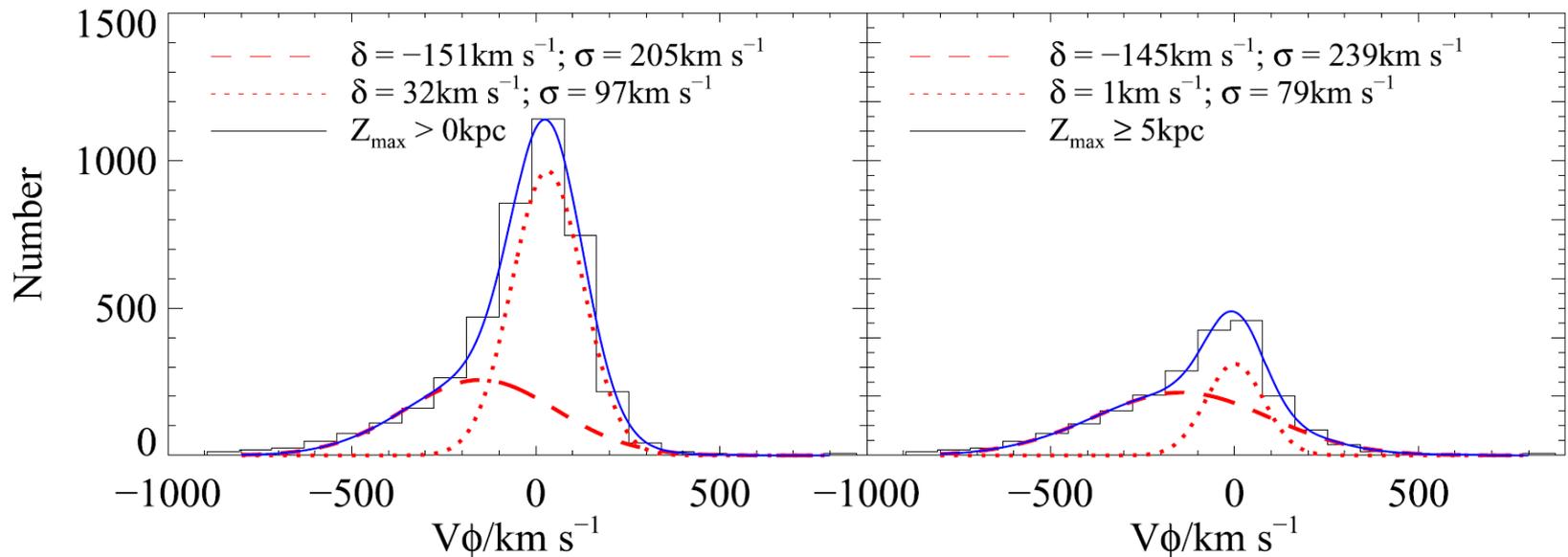
VMP stars: large sample from LAMOST

- Valuable resource for high-resolution follow-up
 - The largest bright VMP star sample (e.g., $\sim 8,000$ objects with $V < 16.5$)
 - specially for the northern hemisphere



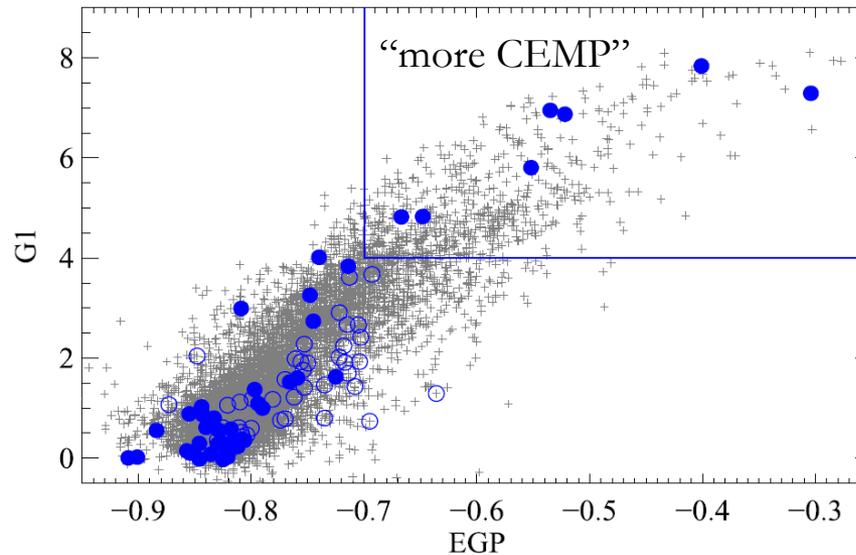
VMP stars: large sample from LAMOST

- Dominant by the halo population(s)
- Notable fraction of the retrograde component
 - Further investigation of the nature of the halo components



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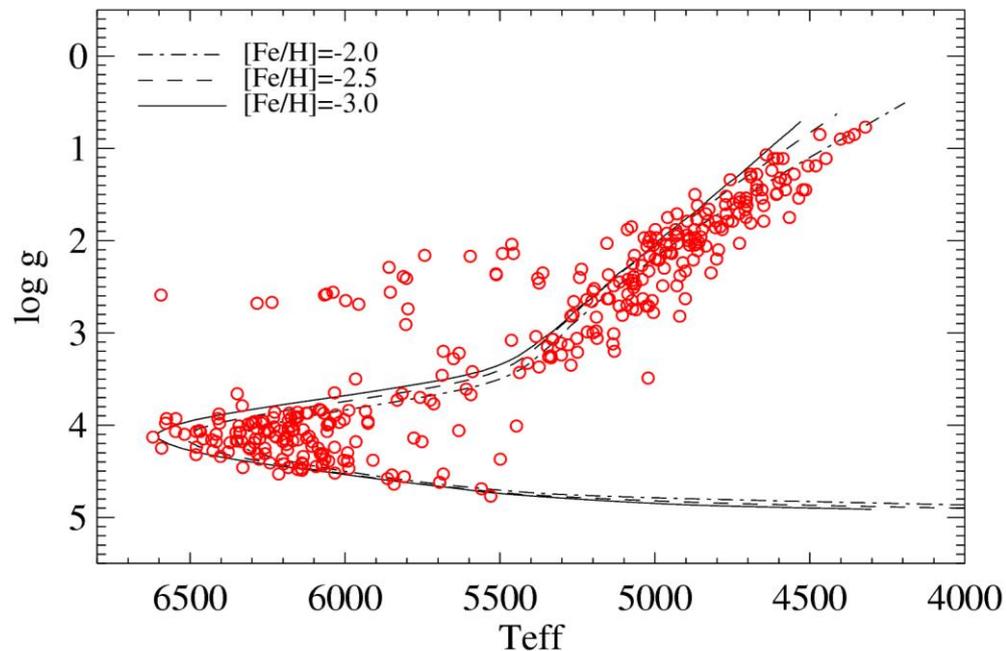
- Reservoir for carbon-enhanced metal-poor (CEMP) stars
 - Over 630 candidate CEMP stars identified using combined line indices
 - v2.0 with carbon abundances estimated



Li et al. (2018a)

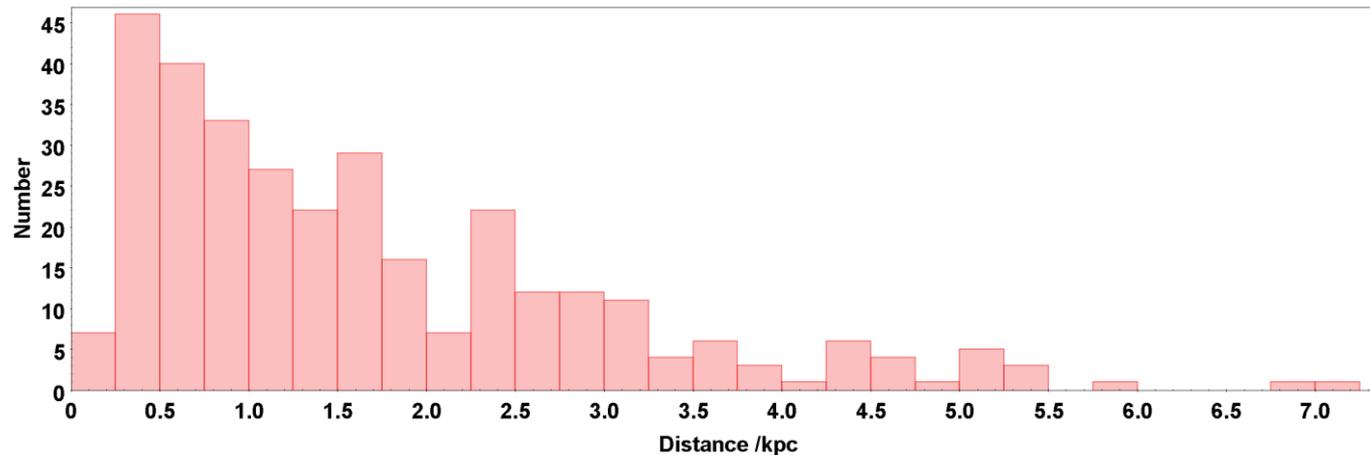
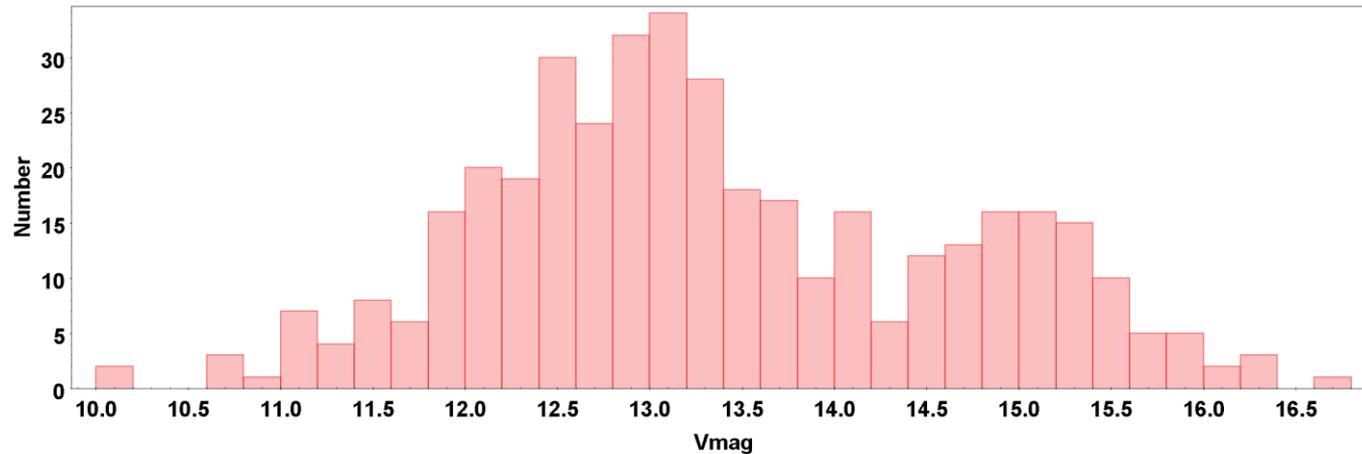
VMP stars: follow-up with Subaru

- About 450 VMP candidates from LAMOST were follow-up observed with Subaru/HDS (in “snapshot” mode)



- Over 400 were analyzed;
- Covering wide evolutionary stages
- ~ 100 EMP stars
- 3 UMP stars
- Searching efficiency $> 90\%$ for VMP stars

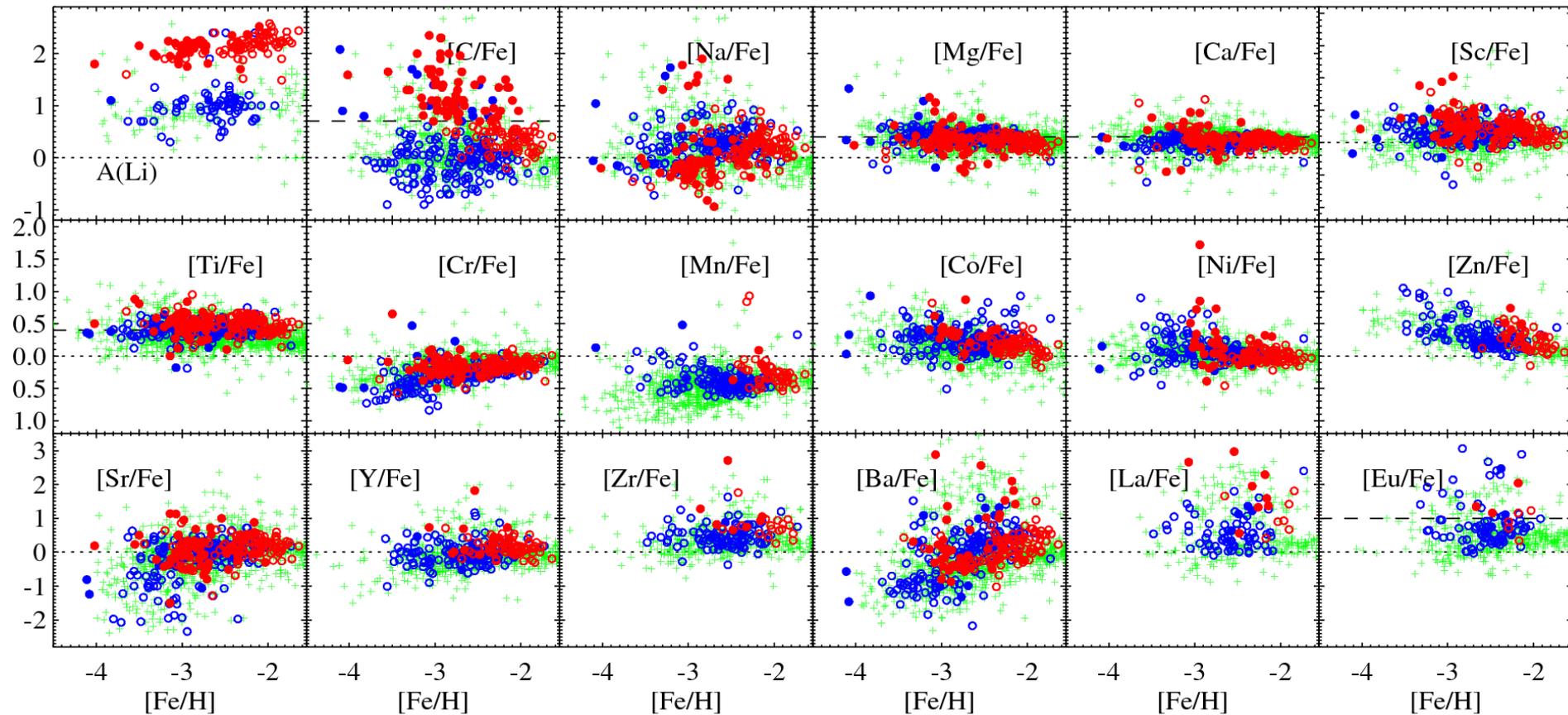
VMP stars: follow-up with Subaru



- Relatively bright + reliable kinematics (e.g., $\text{plx}/\text{err_plx} > 5.0$ for $\sim 80\%$ of the sample)

VMP stars: abundance trend

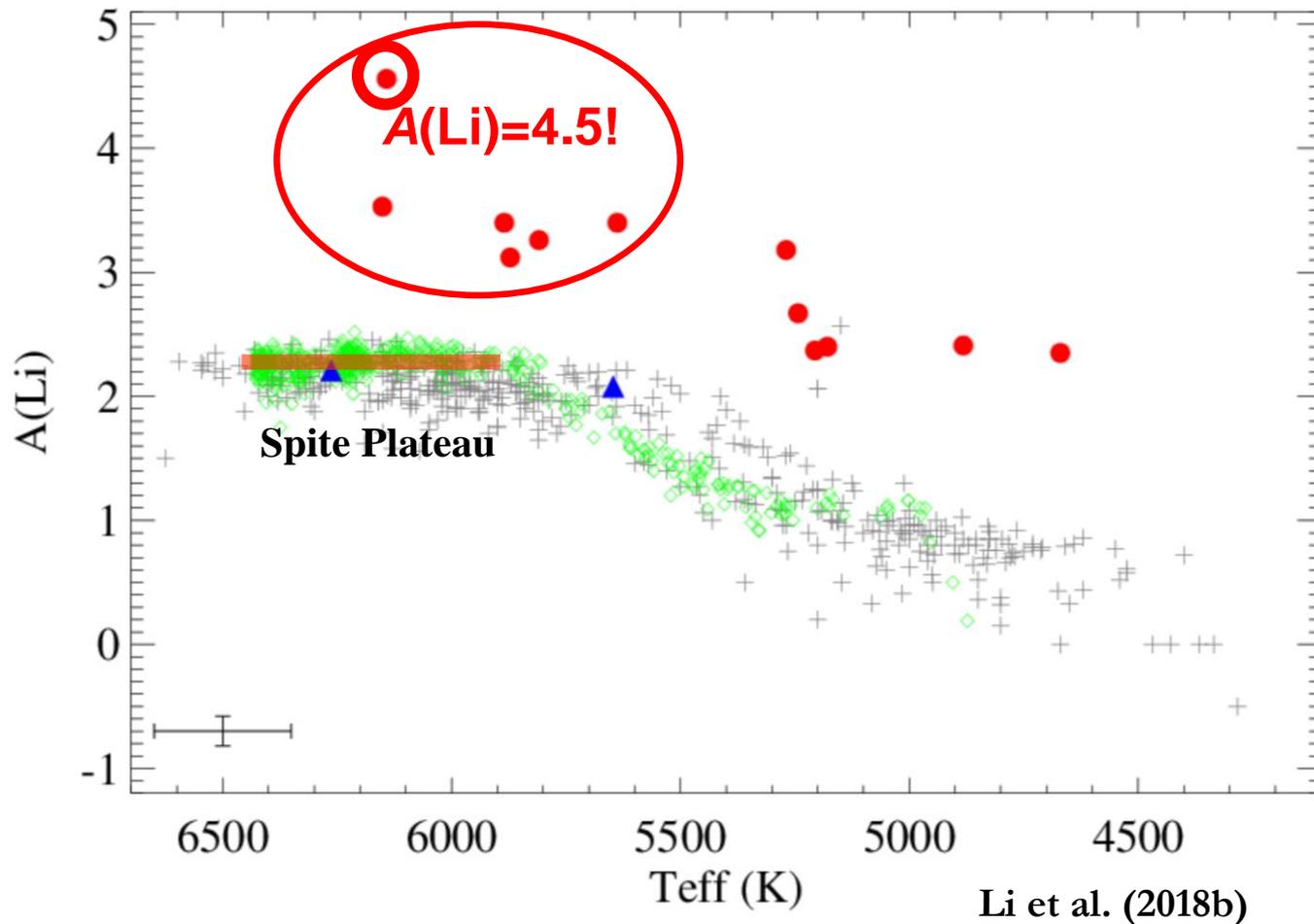
- Largest uniform very metal-poor sample to date



$T_{\text{eff}} > 5500\text{K}$ vs $T_{\text{eff}} < 5500\text{K}$; CEMP (filled) vs C-normal (open)

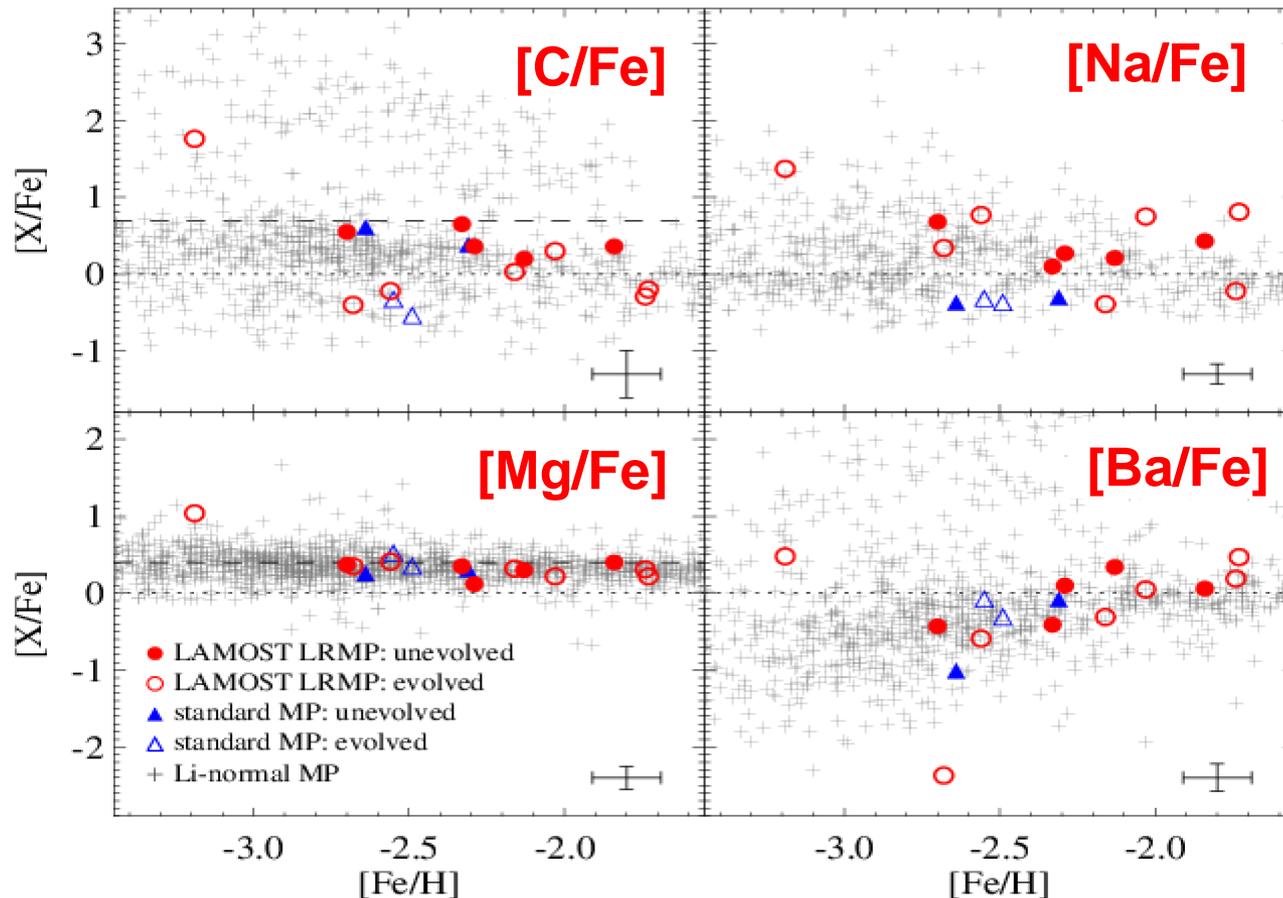
VMP stars: Li-rich VMP stars

Subaru follow-ups confirm 12 Li-rich very metal-poor star

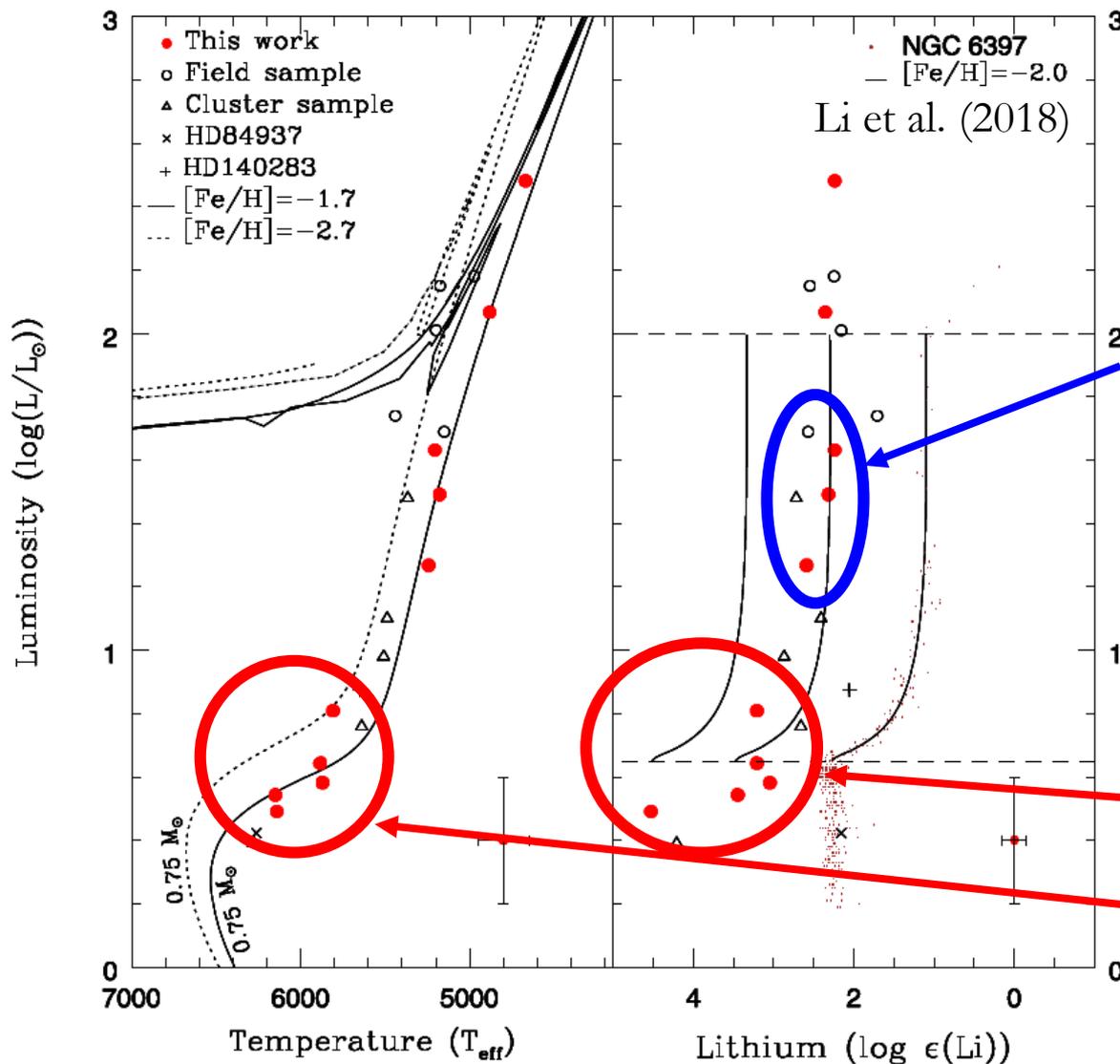


VMP stars: Li-rich VMP stars

- No correlation with abundances of other elements
- No signature of high binary frequency
- No clear excess of line broadening due to rapid rotation



VMP stars: Li-rich VMP stars

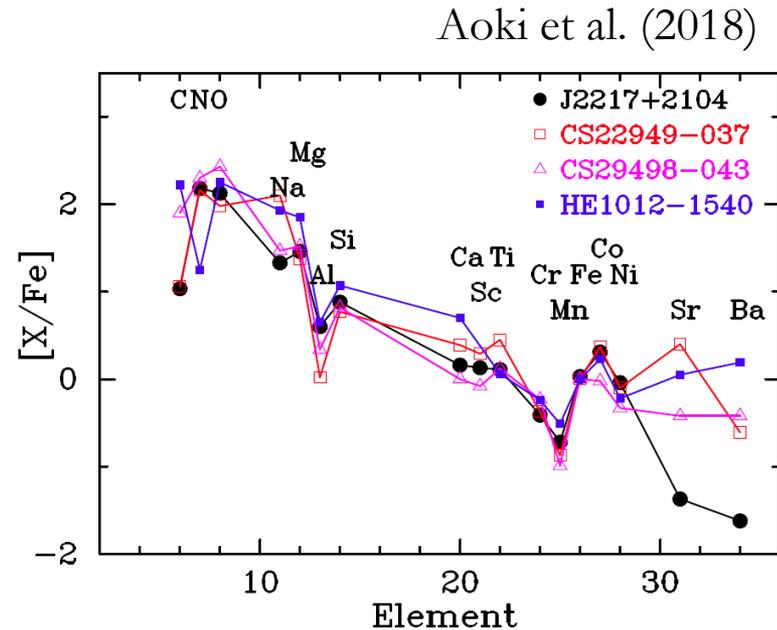
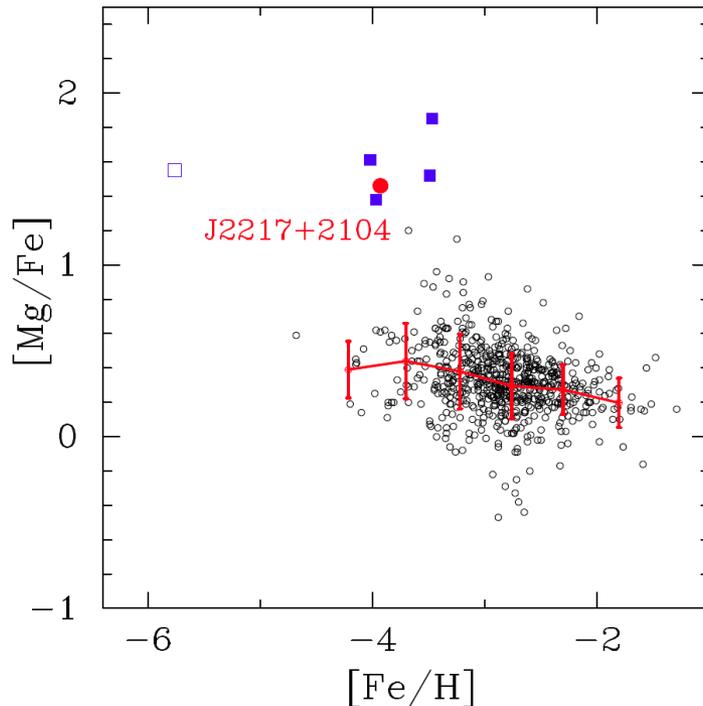


First systematic search

Li-rich giants (before RGB bump) can be explained by dilution by 1st dredge-up

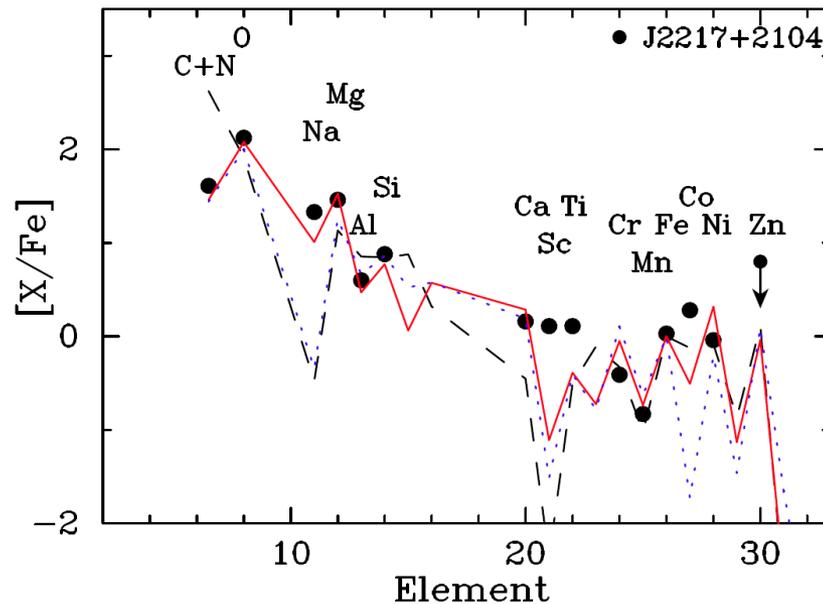
First discovery of super Li-rich subgiants in the field, raising challenges to low-mass stellar evolution model

VMP stars: J2217



- Very similar pattern from O to Zn (including similar $(C+N)/O$): similar progenitor in the early universe
- Discrepancy of heavy elements: no connection between their origin and the excess of lighter elements

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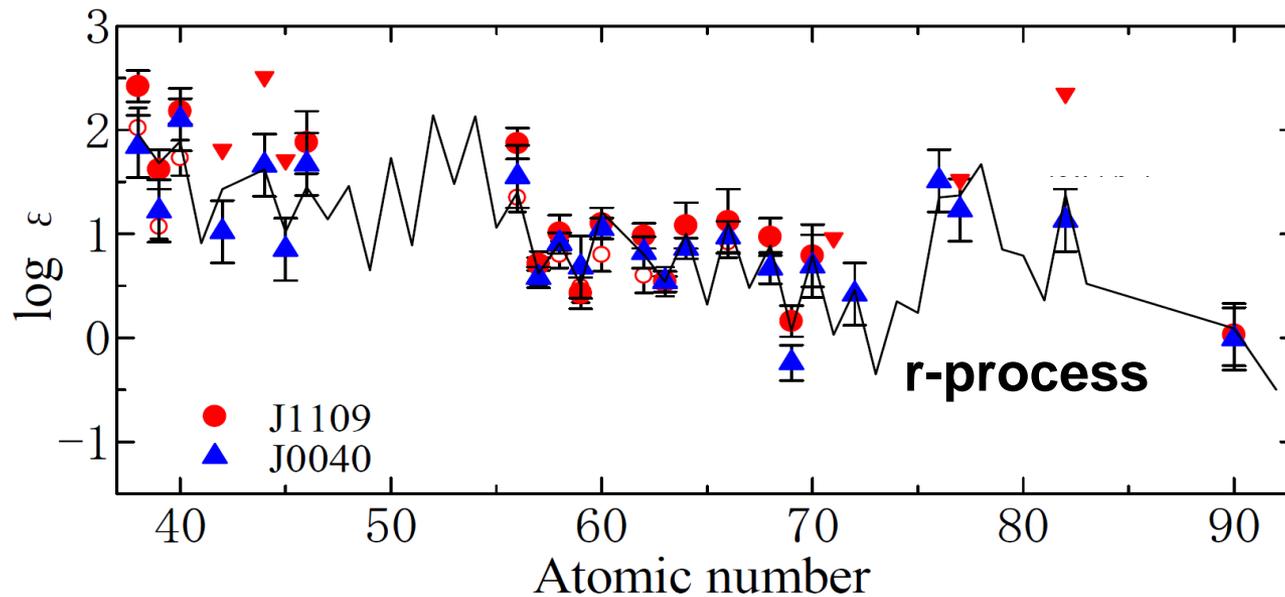


Aoki et al. (2018)

- The abundance pattern from C + N to Ca is well reproduced by the model of 25M_{sun}
 - Typical mass for normal EMP stars
 - Different abundance pattern would be some property of progenitors other than their mass

VMP stars: r-II stars

- Two new bright r-II stars ($V_{\text{mag}} \sim 11.2/12.4$)
 - important to understand the site for the universal r-process
 - UV spectra obtained

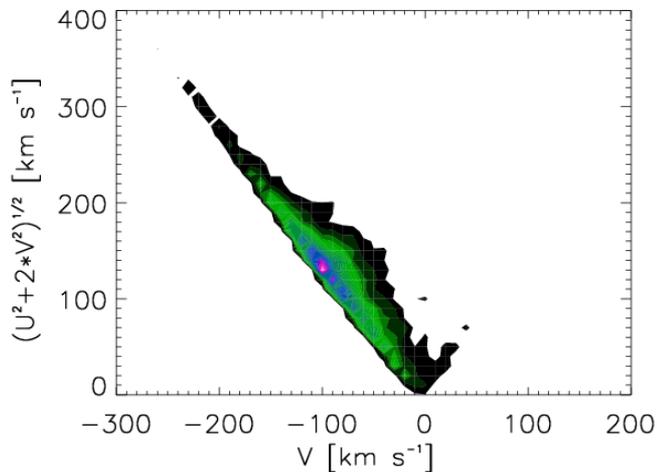


Halo MGs: LAMOST detection

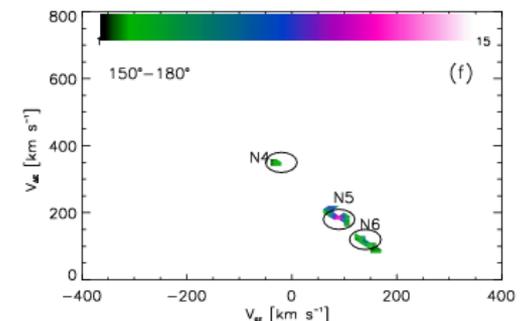
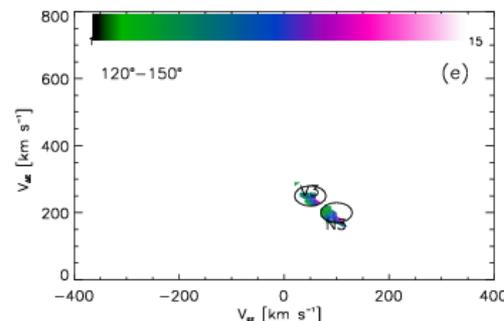
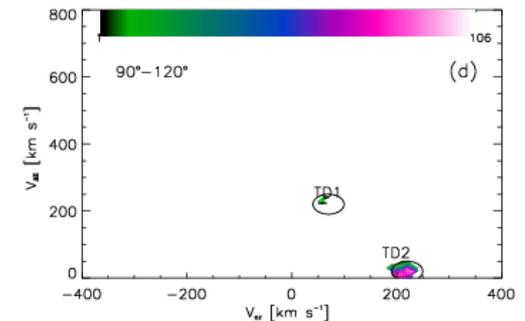
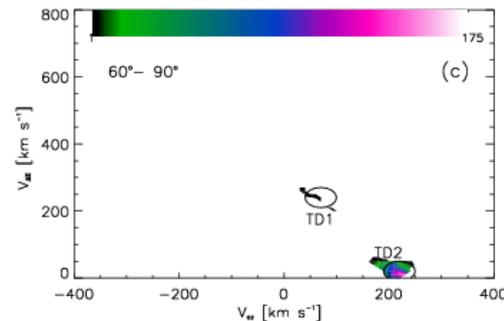
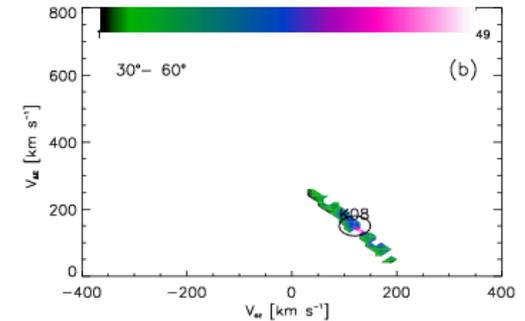
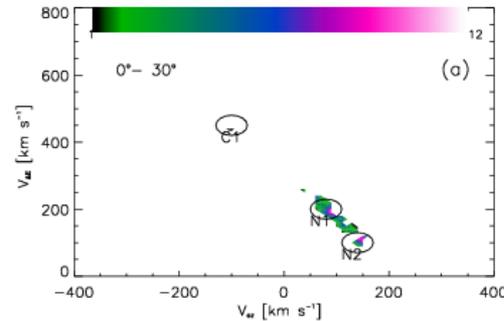


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Ten new halo MGs in phase space were detected with LAMOST. The number increased by 50% (14- \rightarrow 24).



Zhao et al. (2014)

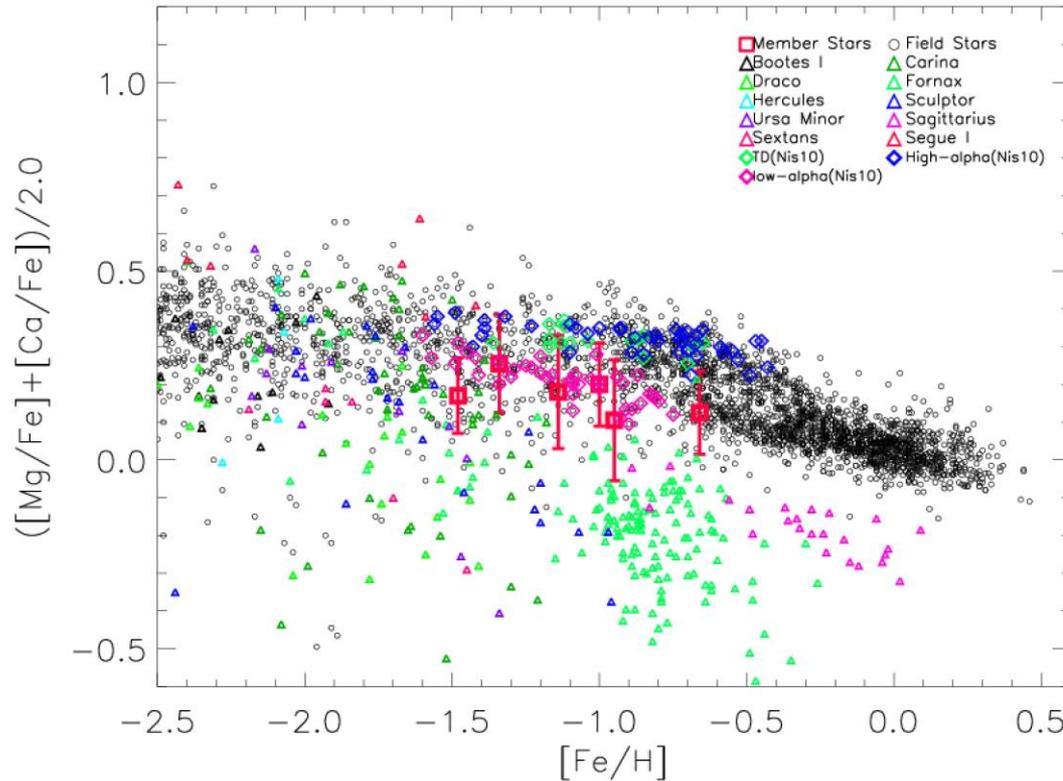


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Halo MGs: origin of LAMOST-N1



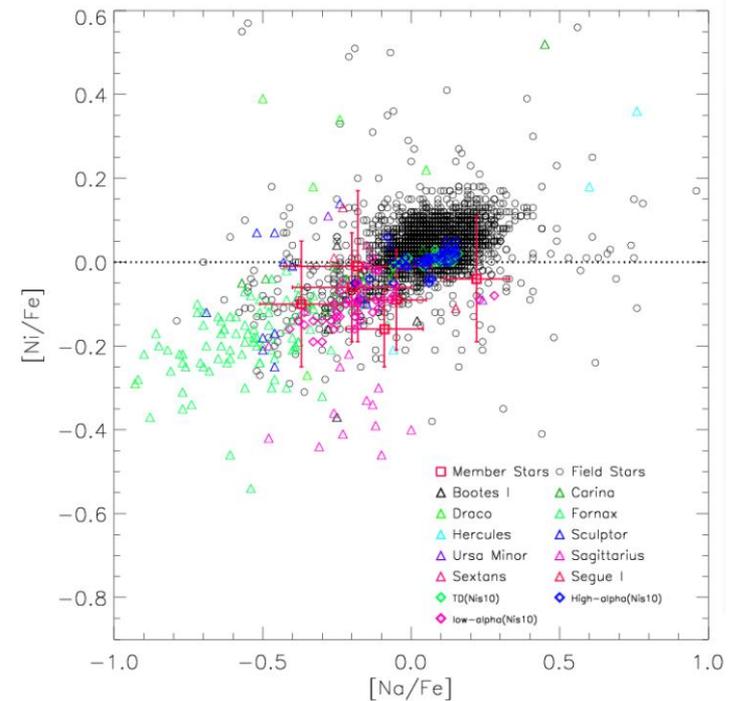
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α abundance pattern is similar with that of low- α halo population

Na and Ni values show similar distribution with the low- α halo population

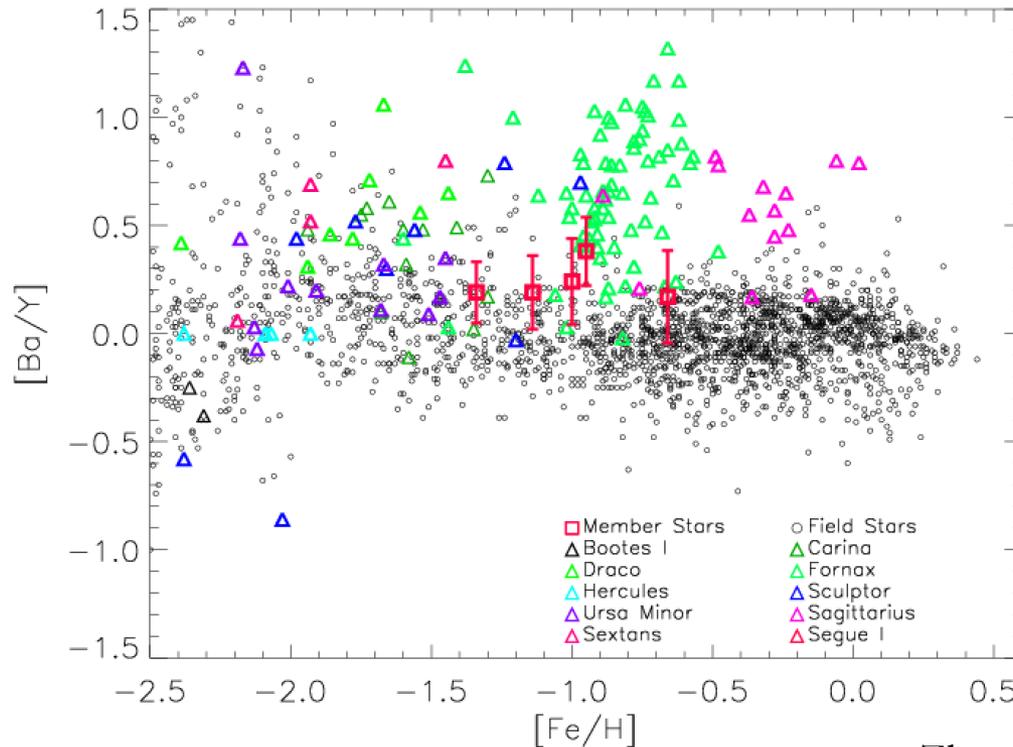
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Halo MGs: origin of LAMOST-N1



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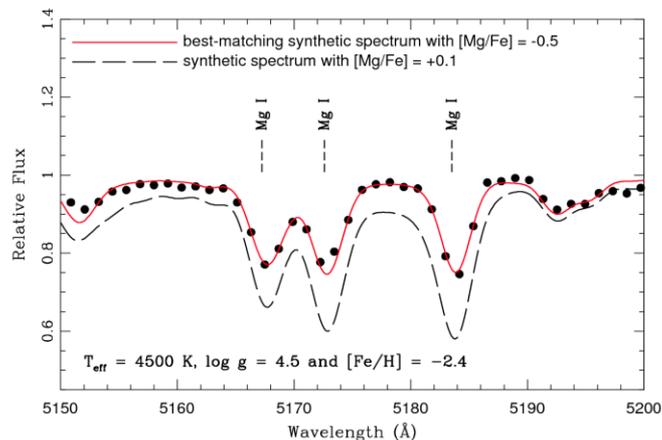
N1 most likely originate from systems with a slower chemical evolution

A possible identification of relic of such systems in the phase space

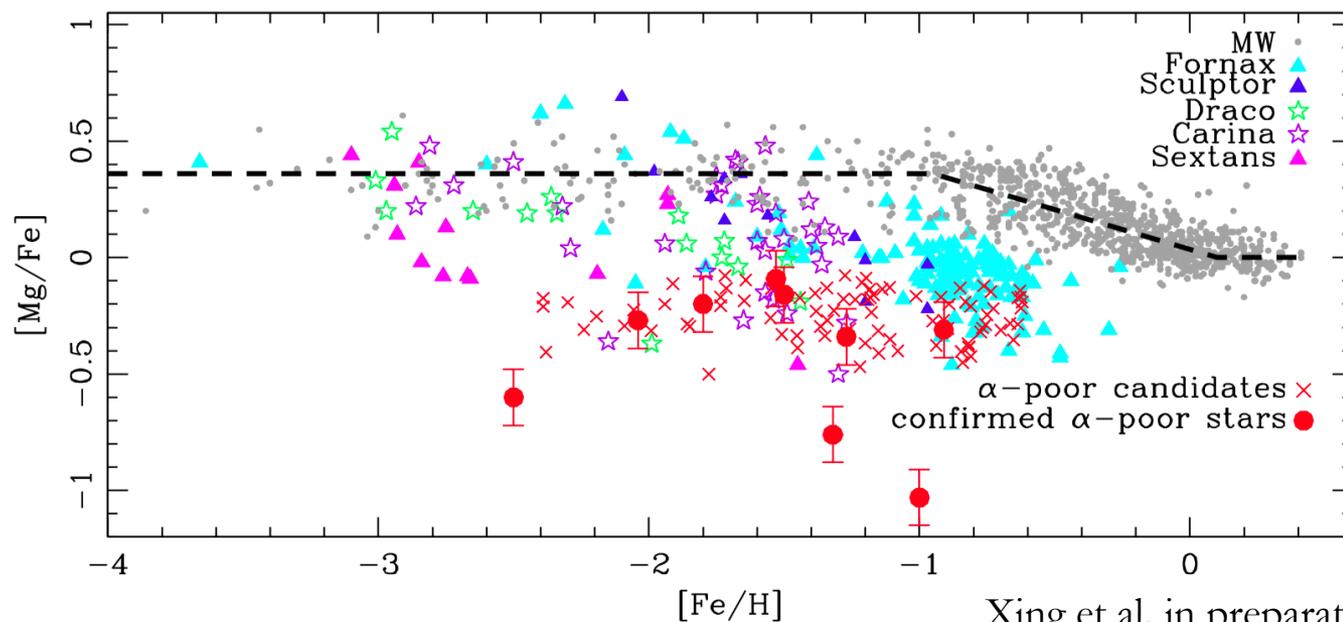
The possibility to disintegrate the “low- α ” class into individual groups

α -deficient stars

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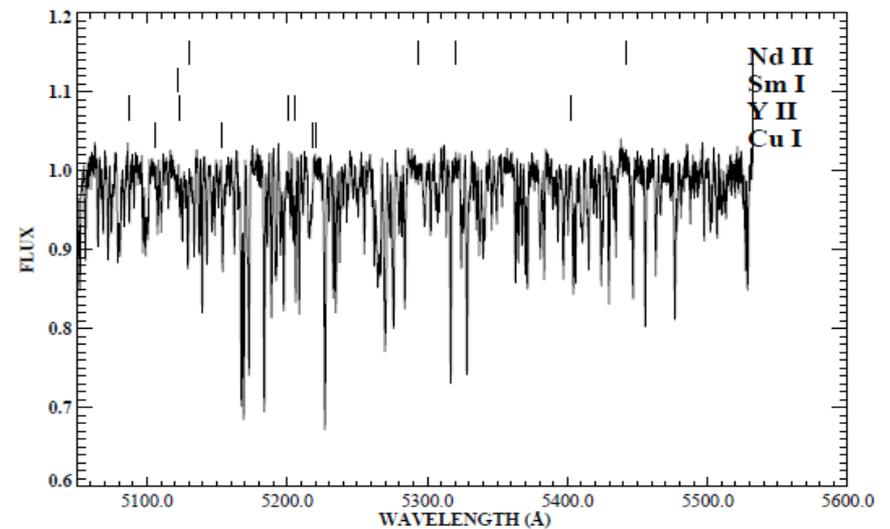
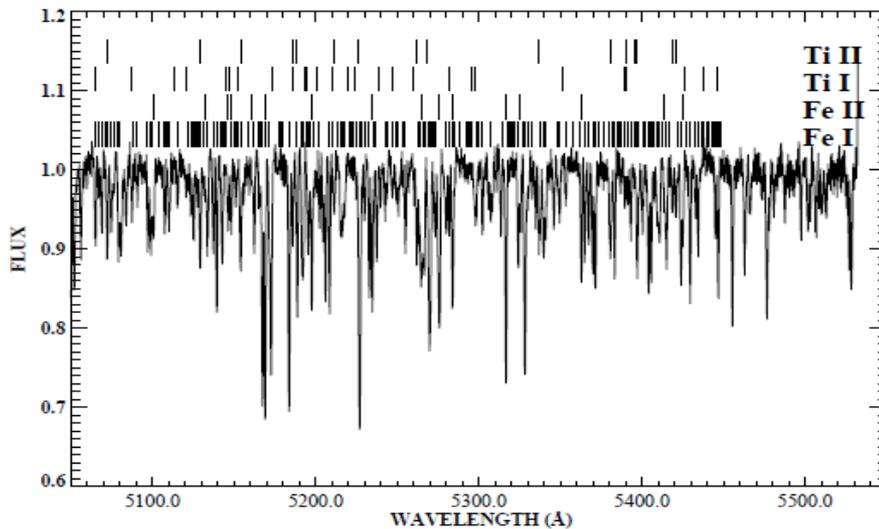


- Detection of over 100 candidates
- Nine (out of 11) confirmed by Subaru/HDS follow-up observations



LAMOST-II

- Updated spectrographs
 - Gratings are updated and able to switch to $R \sim 7500$
 - Blue arm: 496-533 nm (Mg Triplet, metallic lines) ;
 - Red arm: 630-680 nm ($H\alpha$, Li)

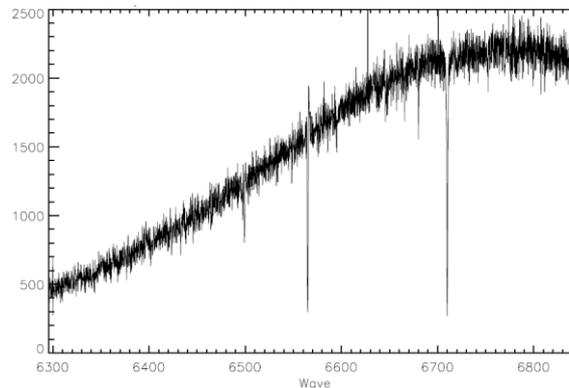
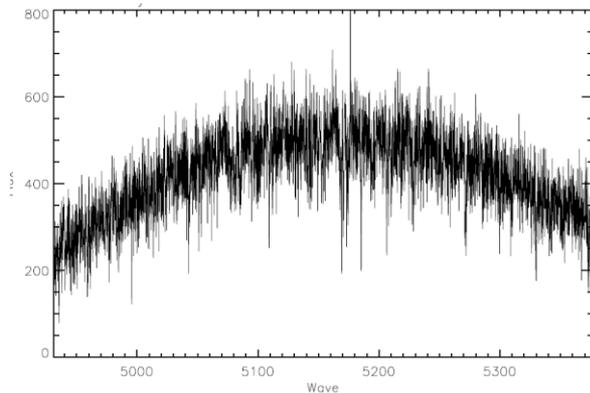


LAMOST-II

- 5-year survey: Oct 2018-Jun 2023
 - Dark/gray nights (14 nights/month): LRS survey
 - Bright/gray nights (13 nights/month): MRS survey
- Scientific goals
 - Galactic archaeology
 - Star formation
 - Stellar physics (time domain)
 - Stellar clusters, etc.

LAMOST-II

- Expected numbers of spectra
 - LRS: ~ 3 million more spectra with 1.5h exposure (stars + galaxies + QSOs), $r < 18$
 - MRS: ~ 200 K stars with time-domain spectra (20min x n_{epoch} , $\langle n_{\text{epoch}} \rangle \sim 60$), $G < 14$
 - MRS: ~ 2 million stellar spectra (20min x 3), $G < 15$



Summary

- Large sample of peculiar stars detected in LAMOST
 - Over 10,000 very metal-poor stars
 - Ten new halo moving groups in the solar neighborhood
 - Over 100 α -deficient halo stars
- Detailed investigations with Subaru
 - Uniform abundance analysis of over 400 VMP stars: ultra metal-poor (UMP) stars, r-II stars, Li-rich VMP stars, etc.
 - Origin of MGs: LAMOST-N1 as remnants of a massive dwarf galaxy
 - Nine α -deficient stars confirmed
- LAMOST-II + Subaru: stay tune

A night sky photograph showing the Milky Way galaxy arching over a building with a circular structure and trees. The sky is dark with a dense field of stars, and the Milky Way is visible as a bright, pinkish-purple band of light. The building in the foreground is silhouetted against the sky, and the trees are also dark. The overall scene is a beautiful view of the night sky from a terrestrial location.

Thanks !

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