High Precision Differential Spectroscopy: Method & Science Cases



Standing on the shoulders of giants



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What is the limit in chemical abundance precision?

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Globular cluster and halo field abundances: similarities and a few differences

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Sneden suggests a precision ≥0.06 dex and accuracy worse than 0.1 dex: "accuracy better than 0.1 dex in abundance ratios is difficult to achieve at the moment"

What is the limit in abundance precision?



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What is going on with the solar O abundance?



Discrepancy in modern analyses: $\Delta O \sim 0.07$ dex

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Caffau et al. vs. Asplund oxygen abundance



CN is ubiquitous in the solar spectrum

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THE CN RED SYSTEM IN THE SOLAR SPECTRUM

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CN RED SYSTEM-BAND OSCILLATOR STRENGTHS

 W_{λ}^{a} **b** $R_e^2 (\bar{r}_{v'v''})^c$ 1.0 $\lambda_{v'v''}$ (Å) $\mathrm{Log}\; f_{v'v''} \odot \; f_{v'v''} \odot f_{v'v''} {}^{\mathrm{th}}$ v'-v''q,,'" Δv $R_{e}^{2}(r_{00})$ (Å) (mÅ) 1.304 1.13-1 1.07 -2 0-2 2 -3.60 ± 0.12 2.5-4 2.61-4 19760 0.93 1.312 -3.38 ± 0.08 1 - 320580 2 2.24-1 4.2-4 4.92-4 1.320 2.88-1 5.96-4 2 - 421465 1.252 3.72-1 0.88 -3.02 ± 0.05 9.6-4 1.30-3 0 - 114130 10 -1 1.261 0.95 1 - 26.5 3.48-1 -3.03 + 0.069.4-4 1.16-3 14600 0.97 1.271 2.07-1 2-3 2.5 -3.26 + 0.105.5-4 6.57-4 15100 5-2) R₂(42) 4-1)P1(44) -1) R₂(58) 1.284 8.10-2 2.41-4 3-4 15640 5-2)q1(34) 1.00 1.205 4.96 - 1-2.73 + 0.041.9-3 2.36-3 0.9 0 0 - 010965 20 1.222 4.37-2 1.25 -3.70 ± 0.13 2.0-4 1.95-4 1 - 111280 1 1.190 1.32-2 ... 6.17-5 2 - 211610 1.164 3.21-1 1.00 12 -2.84 ± 0.06 1.5-3 1.91-3 1 - 09170 1.173 2.39-1 1.15 -2.92 ± 0.06 1.2-3 1.37-3 2 - 19410 6 1.184 9.69-2 1.37 3-2 2.5 -3.25 + 0.135.7-4 5.32-4 9665 1.208 1.43-2 4-3 9930 ... 7.34-5 1.127 1.27-1 1.26 -3.08 ± 0.04 8.4-4 2 - 07895 6 9.06-4 +2 1.24 1.135 1.95-1 -2.91 ± 0.05 1.2-3 8090 6 1.35-3 3-1 1.143 1.82-1 1.25 4-2 8295 2.5 -2.95 + 0.061.1-3 1.21-3 1.152 1.36 1.21-1 08 5-3 8505 1.2 -3.10 + 0.138.0-4 7.82-4 7431 1.164 5.67-2 7428 7429 6-4 8730 ... 3.50-4 7430 1.094 4.05-2 1.35 -3.49 ± 0.06 3-0 6940 2.5 3.3-4 3.34-4 WAVELENGTH (Å) +3 1.101 9.56-2 1.19 2.5 -3.18 ± 0.06 6.6-4 4-1 7105 7.67-4 1.109 5-2 7275 2.5 1.35-1 1.26 -3.02 ± 0.08 9.6-4 1.05-3 1.40 1.116 1.42-1 1.5 -2.96 ± 0.07 6-3 7455 1.1-3 1.08-3 1.124 1.21-1 7 - 47645 ... 8.85-4 1.064 1.31 $W_{\lambda} = \epsilon_{\rm C} \epsilon_{\rm N} g f_{\rm line} G(\lambda, \chi, D_0^0, \text{ atmosphere})^{+4}$ 4-0 6205 1.2 1.14-2 -4.00 + 0.101.0-4 1.07-4 1.071 3.67-2 1.49 5 - 16345 1.5 -3.45 ± 0.07 3.6-4 3.34-4 1.078 6.85-2 1.33 1.2 6 - 26490 -3.24 + 0.105.8-4 6.08-4 1.085 9.58-2 7-3 6645 1.0 1.41 -3.08 ± 0.07 8.4-4 8.28-4 1.092 1.10-2 8-4 6805 9.23-4 $gf_{\text{line}} = \left(\frac{2 - \delta_{0,\Lambda''}}{2 - \delta_{0,\Lambda'+\Lambda''}}\right) f_{v'v''} S_{\text{line}} H(v'J';v''J'') \lambda_{v'v''}/\lambda_{\text{line}}$



CN blends for O I triplet

CN blends must be taken into account, otherwise the EW may be inaccurate



Comparison of equivalent widths for the O I triplet

Line (A)	Asplund E.W. (A)	Caffau E.W. (A)	Melendez E.W. (A)
7771	71.2	81.4	74.3 ± 2.6
7774	61.8	68.6	63.9 ± 0.5
7776	48.8	54.2	50.4 ± 0.5



Asplund et al. EWs may be underestimated by 4% Caffau et al. EWs may be overestimated by 8%

Depending on how we measure the EW, we can have discrepancies at the level of ~0.05 dex, even for relatively clean lines like the OI triplet at 777nm



Case study: carbon

Higher absolute abundances from C I lines at 7111,4 & 7113,2 Å



Comparing abundances for α Cen A, α Cen B



Hinkel & Kane 2013

Can we break the 0.05 dex barrier in elemental abundances?

- Very high S/N: *reduces errors in* W_{λ}
- High spectral resolution: reduces errors in W_λ
- Careful selection of lines: *reduces blends*
- Strictly differential line-by-line approach: *eliminates uncertainties in atomic data (gf-values) and reduces model atmosphere errors*

Can we break the 0.05 dex barrier in elemental abundances?

- Very high S/N
- High spectral resolution
- Careful selection of lines
- Strictly differential approach using stars similar between them ("stellar twins"):
 - precise relative effective temperatures & log g
 - line-by-line cancel errors in gf-values
 - very weak dependence on model atmospheres

Differential abundances A_{χ} (element X) $\log (W/\lambda) = cte + A_{\chi} + \log (gf) + \log \lambda - \theta \chi_{exc} - \log k_{cont,\lambda}$











Comparing abundances for α Cen A, α Cen B



Hinkel & Kane 2013

 1.265 ± 0.012

...

 0.237 ± 0.007

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 $\xi \, [\rm km \, s^{-1}]$

[Fe/H]^a

9

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The chemical composition of α Centauri AB revisited^{*,**}

Thierry Morel

We present a fully self-consistent, line-by-line differential abundance analysis of α Cen AB Abundances of 21 species with a typical precision of 0.02–0.03 dex are reported. their patterns are strikingly similar, with a mean abundance difference (A – B) with respect to hydrogen of –0.01 ± 0.04 dex.



 0.950 ± 0.039

...

 0.012 ± 0.018

 0.221 ± 0.016

Non-interacting main-sequence binaries with different chemical compositions: Evidences of infall of rocky material?







Some tips for Equivalent Width measurements for Differential Precision Spectroscopy

Hand (manual measurements)

For automatic EW: DAOSPEC, iSpec, ARES

Some tips

 Try to do consistent observations using the same instrument/configuration. Even better: in the same run! (If you're using a stable instrument like HARPS, the data can be taken in different dates)

ABUNDANCES IN G DWARF STARS. I. A COMPARISON OF TWO STARS IN THE HYADES WITH THE SUN*

G. WALLERSTEIN[†] AND H. L. HELFER[‡] 1959, ApJ, 129, 347 obtain solar equivalent widths with the <u>same equipment</u>, five plates of the <u>asteroid</u> Vesta were obtained on the same nights as the Hyades spectra were photographed. As

Star	B-V	U-B	Sp. Type	
Sun	0.63		G2 V	5777, 4.44, 0.00
Hyades No. 73 (=HD 28344)	. 61	0 13	G2	5979, 4.47, 0.17
Hyades No. 63 (=HD 28068)	. 63	.17	G1	5772, 4.36, 0.12

Because of the similarity between the Hyades stars and the sun, It is to be expected that any differences in atmospheric structure will appear only as second-order effects

Some tips

• Verify your relative continuum normalization



Jhon Yana Galarza, MSc thesis, 2016

Measuring lines

- Whenever possible choose the cleanest lines
- If the lines are not perfectly clean, try to choose a line close to a continuum region



Bedell et al. 2014, ApJ, 795, 23

Measuring lines



In classical abundance work, all lines in a given star are measured by hand or automatically.

For precision differential work, measure 1 line at a time in all stars.

Overplot the spectra and choose both the continuum and the part of the line profile that will be used for the gaussian fit

Bedell et al. 2014, ApJ, 795, 23

Continuum region too small (±1Å)



Continuum region too small (±1Å) Better to use ±3Å



Use a solar atlas to verify the continuum





Choose the continuum using ±3 Å around your line

onedspec> splot HIP102152 xmin=4947.1 xmax=4953.1



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Equivalent Width (EW) measurements: not trivial

The stellar lines have a Voigt profile, which is a convolution of a gaussian and a lorentzian profiles.



In theory using a Voigt profile is more correct, but in practice a gaussian generally gives you better precision Reason: for the Voigt profile, you have to fit 1 additional parameter and some lines may show weak (or badly blended) lorentzian wings
Fitting a Voigt profile: uncertain wings



Sometimes deblending may give you worse results:

careful about uncertainties from overestimated (or underestimated) contribution of 1 or more components!



Using a single gaussian: careful about using the ends of the wings (blends may have an important contribution)



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Overplotting the **star** and the **Sun** is time consuming, but important to achieve high precision



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Overplotting with splot ("o" "g" ...) the Sun's spectrum



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Fel line at 5577 Å



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NaI at 6160.8 Å: inclined continuum



Bedell et al. 2014, ApJ, 795, 23

Local pseudo continuum has slope due to (Lorentzian) wing of strong nearby line



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Another option: instead of an inclined pseudo-continuum, it could be deblended adopting a Voigt profile for the strong line



Whatever you do, always try to use the same criteria regarding continuum determination and the region used for fitting a given line profile, for all sample stars

Ideally, specific measurement criteria should be established for each individual line



Final tip: To minimize the degeneracy in your solutions and to avoid biases, try to include lines of different strengths (from weak to moderate intensity) at a given χ_{exc} . Also, be careful about having too many lines of a given χ_{exc} or line strength



End of the first part

Second part: some applications of high precision differential spectroscopy Experiment in 4/2017 using solar twins

- Magellan 6.5m telescope
- & MIKE spectrograph
- R = 65,000
- S/N = 450 per pixel
- coverage 340 1000 nm
- Solar spectrum: Vesta (same run)
- 3 nights of observations



Echelle observations of the solar twin 18 Sco



BLUE frame

RED frame

Observations in 2007, analysis finished in 2009: Differential study of the chemical composition of Solar Twins relative to the Sun (observed in the same run)









Sun's anomalies are strongly correlated to the dust condensation temperature of 🖁 the elements! **Correlation** is

highly significant probability ~**10**⁻⁹ to happen by chance





Rocky material: rich in refractory elements (high condensation temperature)





Chemical Signatures of planets 1. Dust removed: refractory poor 2. Planet accretion: C Mark A. Garlick space-art.co.uk refractory rich **Planet** engulfment Sun late **Convective Zone** accreted gas: **Radiative Zone** refractory poor Core

Test of our precision using asteroids: scatter of 0.006 dex



Bedell, Meléndez, Bean, Ramírez, Leite & Asplund 2014

Test: different Sun's spectra: no variations (< 0.003 dex)

There are no changes in the abundances obtained at different latitudes in the Sun for both volatile (to within 0.005 dex) and refractory (to within 0.002 dex) elements.



A&A 535, A14 (2011) Is the solar spectrum latitude-dependent?

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Planet effects in binary system with "twins"

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ELEMENTAL ABUNDANCE DIFFERENCES IN THE 16 CYGNI BINARY SYSTEM: A SIGNATURE OF GAS GIANT PLANET FORMATION?

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16 Cyg: widely separated pair of solar twins 16 Cyg A : no planets, 16 Cyg B : giant planet (~ 2 M_J)



Signatures of planet engulfment in the 16 Cyg binary





Ramírez et al. 2015. See also Teske et al. 2015; Biazzo et al. 2015
Consistent independent results for binary XO-2 have been obtained by Biazzo et al. (2015)



See also Teske et al. 2015

Binary pair ζRet with debris disk in one component (ζ^2)



Binary pair ζRet with debris disk in one component (ζ^2)







Negative results: HAT P-1 binary



Also negative results for HD80606 + HD80607 (Mack et al. 2016; Safe et al. 2015)



Figure 3. Comparison of the abundances of HIP 71726 relative to HIP 71737 (blue squares) as a function of dust condensation temperature, and the predicted abundances (red circles) estimated from a planetary engulfment of $9.8^{+2.0}_{-1.6}$ M_{\oplus}.

Trends between abundances and stellar ages (important for stellar evolution & galactic chemical evolution)

Precise abundances areHIP 56948important to obtain precise σ (LTE) = 0.0096 dexstellar parameters σ (NLTE) = 0.0093 dex



 $18 \text{ Sco} \\ \sigma = 0.010 \text{ dex}$

Precise abundances are important to obtain precise stellar parameters



Precise stellar parameters $(\Delta Teff \le 10 K, \Delta \log g \le 0.02 dex)$

→ good stellar masses and ages



The solar lithium problem





- The solar Li is about 160 times lower than in meteorites.
- Li burns at 2.5 10⁶ K;
 below the convection zone: no depletion in the photosphere!

Lithium burns at $T = 2,5 \times 10^6 K$. Extra mixing



High quality spectra needed to study Li!

VLT + UVES

R = 110 000, S/N \sim 500 - 1000 at the Li feature



UVES spectrograph





Lithium-age correlation in solar twins.

Li depletion increases with age

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Sun is lithium-poor relative to solar twins!



Marília Carlos et al. 2019

The Sun is the star with the lowest lithium among solar twins with solar age (4.6 ± 0.5 Gyr)



Interestingly, stars more depleted in lithium seem less abundant in refractory elements!



The effect of magnetic activity on chemical abundances and stellar parameters



The effect of stellar activity on the spectroscopic stellar parameters of theyoung solar twin HIP 36515Data: HARPS spectra at different phases of stellar activity

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How Magnetic Activity Alters What We Learn from Stellar Spectra

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Galactic Chemical Evolution

High precision abundances in 18 Sco: a solar twin rich in refractories and neutroncapture elements











Figure 10. Filled circles represent the [X/H] ratios in 18 Sco after they have been subtracted from the condensation temperature trend (Figure 8) and from the AGB contribution (Figure 9). The residual enhancement, $[X/H]_r$ (filled circles), is in extraordinary agreement with the predicted *r*-process enhancement based on the solar system *r*-process fractions by Simmerer et al. (2004) and Bisterzo et al. (2011, 2013), represented by dashed and solid lines, respectively.

r-processs in metal-poor stars is "easy" (~ 0.5 – 1.0 dex) Differential r-process in solar twin 18 Sco: ~ 0.015-0.02 dex



Abundance ratios as a function of age

High-precision abundances of Sc, Mn, Cu, and Ba in solar twins

Trends of element ratios with stellar age *



Spina et al. (2016): chemical clocks



Tucci-Maia et al. 2016

[Y/Mg] can also tell us about mass transfer in binaries





HIP 10725: The first solar twin/analogue field blue straggler**

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The vast majority of solar twins have roughly solar Be abundances, but HIP 10725 is heavily depleted in Be

HIP 10725 is somewhat deficient in iron relative to the Sun, but enhanced in s-process elements



Schirbel et al. 2015



Schirbel et al. 2015

Signatures of former AGB star companion



Schirbel et al. 2015

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Explosive nucleosynthesis of a metal-deficient star as the source of a distinct odd-even effect in the solar twin HIP 11915

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ESPRESSO/VLT R = 140 000 S/N ~ 400

→ differential chemical abundances ~0.01 dex
Solar twin HIP 11915 has an odd-even abundance pattern stronger than the Sun!



Yana Galarza et al. 2021

The abundance pattern could be due to a supernova from a star of initial mass of 13 solar masses with sub-solar metallicity



Yana Galarza et al. 2021

Precision Spectroscopy in Globular Clusters



Yong et al. 2003, A&A 402, 985

Globular Cluster NGC 6752, Na – O anticorrelation



Are there hidden abundance variations at 0.01 dex level?

Differential techniques applied to **cool metal-poor giants** in globular cluster NGC 6752 ([Fe/H] = -1.6)



David Yong, Jorge Meléndez, Frank Grundahl, F., et al. 2013



David Yong, Jorge Meléndez, Frank Grundahl, F., et al. 2013

ATOMIC DIFFUSION AND MIXING IN OLD STARS. III. ANALYSIS OF NGC 6397 STARS UNDER NEW CONSTRAINTS



Signatures of atomic diffusion in the globular cluster NGC 6397



High precision abundances in field metal-rich halo stars

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Letter to the Editor

Two distinct halo populations in the solar neighborhood*,***

Evidence from stellar abundance ratios and kinematics

P. E. Nissen¹ and W. J. Schuster²





Nissen & Schuster 2010

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OXYGEN ABUNDANCES IN LOW- AND HIGH-α FIELD HALO STARS AND THE DISCOVERY OF TWO FIELD STARS BORN IN GLOBULAR CLUSTERS



(c) Non-LTE corrected oxygen abundances. The α -element abundances are those derived by NS10; the oxygen abundances are those derived in this work (TW). Typical error bars are shown at the bottom right side of each panel.

Tagging field stars born in Globular Clusters



Yong et al. 2003, A&A 402, 985

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Figure 7. [Na/Fe] vs. [O/Fe] relation for the stars in Figure 1. Sodium abundances are from Nissen & Schuster (2010). Typical error bars are shown at the bottom left corner.

Chemical tagging in field stars accreted from Dwarf Spheroidals

Field halo stars accreted from Dwarf Spheroidals





High-αNissen & SchusterLow-α(2010)dSphsLiterature

Reggiani & Meléndez 2018

High precision abundances in field extremely metal-poor halo stars ([Fe/H] < -3)



First high precision analysis of extremely metal-poor stars ([Fe/H] < -3)

Henrique Reggiani et al. (2016, A&A 586, A67)





Reggiani et al. 2016

High precision abundances in field very metal-poor halo stars ([Fe/H] ~ -2)

High Precision in Very Metal-Poor Stars



Henrique Reggiani et al. 2017



Testing chemical homogeneity using open cluster stars

Chemical homogeneity in open clusters: 0.03 dex

THE CHEMICAL HOMOGENEITY OF OPEN CLUSTERS

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Bovy 2016

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Determining the level of chemical homogeneity in open clusters is of fundamental importance in the study of the evolution of star-forming clouds and that of the Galactic disk. Yet limiting the initial abundance spread in clusters has been hampered by difficulties in obtaining consistent spectroscopic abundances for different stellar types. Without reference to any specific model of stellar photospheres, a model for a homogeneous cluster is that it forms a one-dimensional sequence, with any differences between members due to variations in stellar mass and observational uncertainties. I present a novel method for investigating the abundance spread in open clusters that tests this one-dimensional hypothesis at the level of observed stellar spectra, rather than constraining homogeneity using derived abundances as traditionally done. Using high-resolution APOGEE spectra for 49 giants in M67, NGC 6819, and NGC 2420 I demonstrate that these spectra form one-dimensional sequences for each cluster. With detailed forward modeling of the spectra and Approximate Bayesian Computation, I derive strong limits on the initial abundance spread of 15 elements: < 0.01 (0.02) dex for C and Fe, $\lesssim 0.015 (0.03) \text{ dex for N}, O, Mg, Si, \text{ and Ni}, \lesssim 0.02 (0.03) \text{ dex for Al}, Ca, \text{ and Mn}, \text{ and } \lesssim 0.03 (0.05) \text{ dex for Na}, S, K, Ti, \text{ and V} (at 68 \% \text{ and } 95 \% \text{ confidence}, respectively}). The strong limits on C and O$ imply that no pollution by massive core-collapse supernovae occurred during star formation in open clusters, which, thus, need to form within ≤ 6 Myr. Further development of this and related techniques will bring the power of differential abundances to stars other than solar twins in large spectroscopic surveys and will help unravel the history of star formation and chemical enrichment in the Milky Way through chemical tagging.

Ness et al. 2017

GALACTIC DOPPELGANGER: THE CHEMICAL SIMILARITY AMONG FIELD STARS AND AMONG STARS WITH A COMMON BIRTH ORIGIN

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The Hyades open cluster is chemically inhomogeneous

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Chemical inhomogeneity in open clusters: solar twins in M67 have different abundances



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The chemical compositions of solar twins in the open cluster M67

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Object	T_{eff}	$\log g$	$\xi_{\rm t}$	[Fe/H]
	(K)	$[m cms^{-2}]$	$(\mathrm{kms^{-1}})$	
Hebe (Sun)	5777	4.44	1.00	0.00
M67-1194	5786 ± 13	$4.46 {\pm} 0.02$	$1.04{\pm}0.02$	-0.005 ± 0.010
M67-1315	5933 ± 23	$4.47 {\pm} 0.05$	$1.05 {\pm} 0.04$	-0.061 ± 0.014

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Chemical (in)homogeneity and atomic diffusion in the open cluster M 67^{*,**}





- 1. Inhomogeneity in turnoff stars
- 2. Subgiants have higher abundances than turnoff stars

Chemical inhomogeneity in open clusters: solar analogs in the Pleiades



Spina et al. 2018

Final remarks

Precision Spectroscopy (0.01 – 0.02 dex) of stellar twins in field stars, binaries, open clusters and globular clusters, is a powerful tool for studies related to planets, stellar evolution, stellar populations and galactic chemical evolution

