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*Unveiling the Formation of the Milky  
Way Disk: A Comprehensive  
Exploration of the old disk Star  
Formation History*

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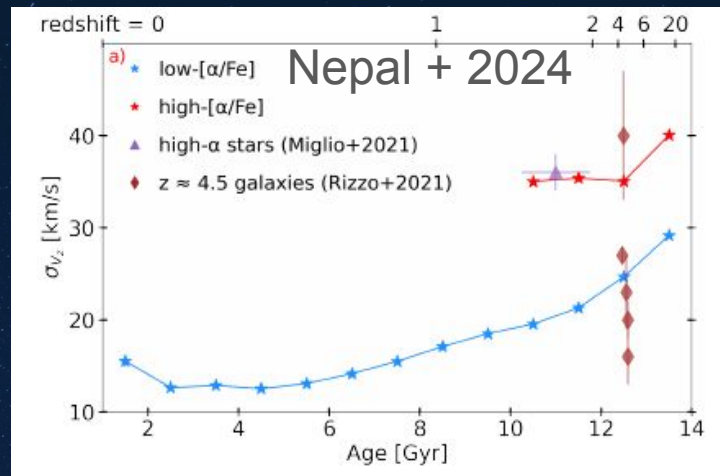
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# Introduction

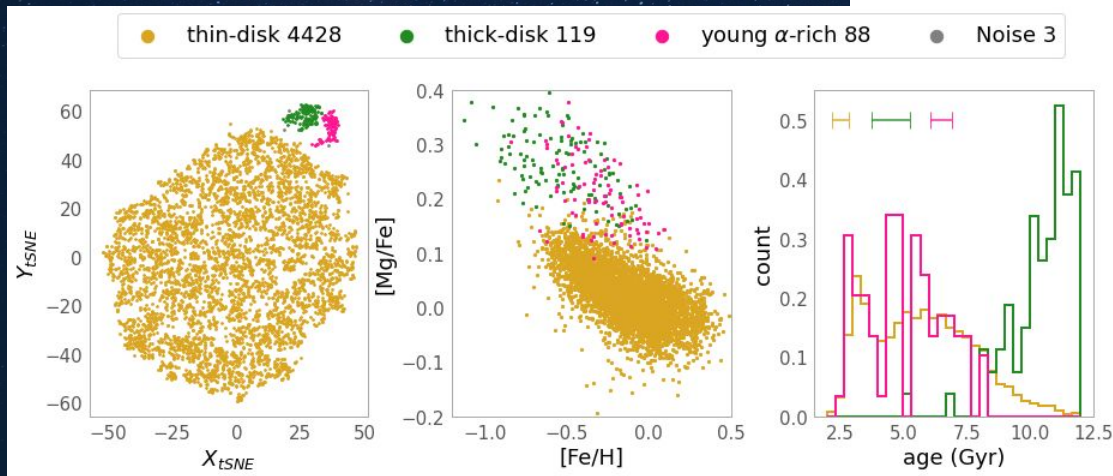
→ Old stars are fossils of the young MW

→ Recent works report metal-poor stars (old) at thin disk dynamics (e.g., Sestito+ 2020, Fernandez-Alvar+ 2021, 2024, Bellazzini+2024, Viswanathan+ 2024)

→ Low-alpha old stars (e.g., Laporte+ 2020 Beraldo-Silva+ 2021, Nepal+ 2024b)



Apogee  
DR17

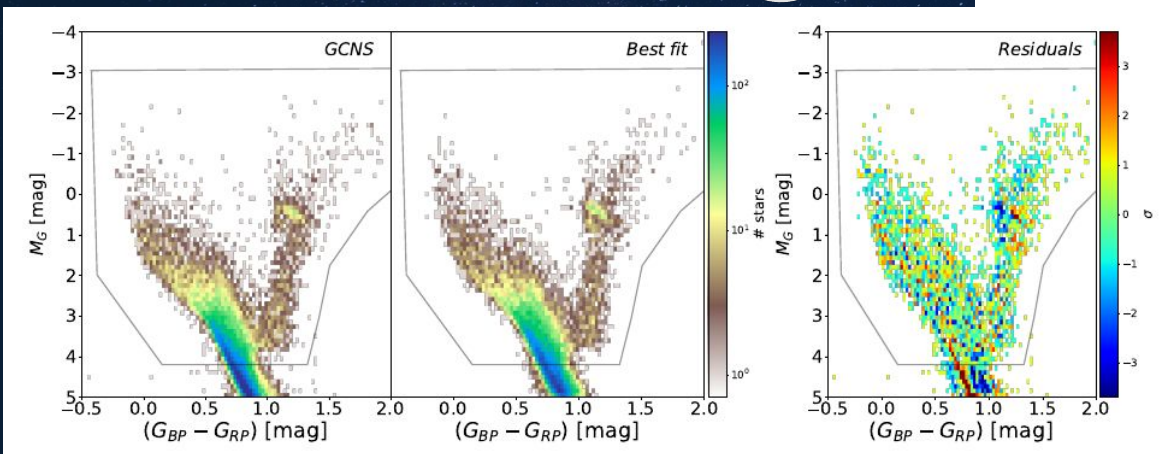
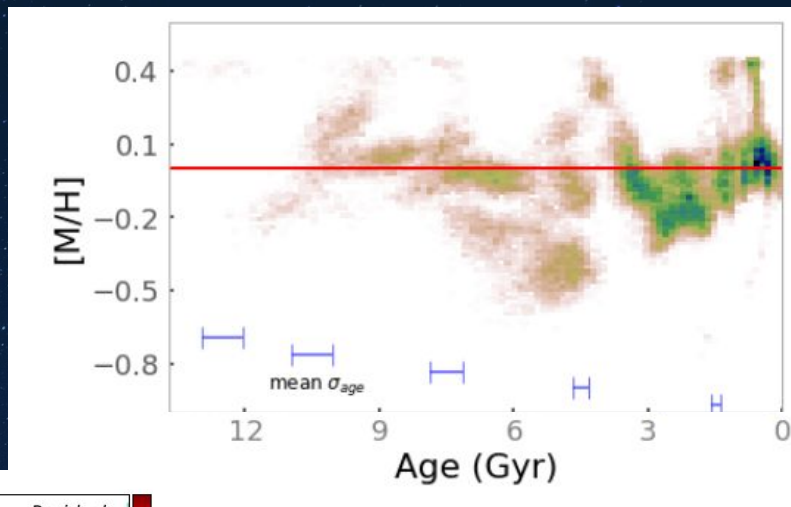




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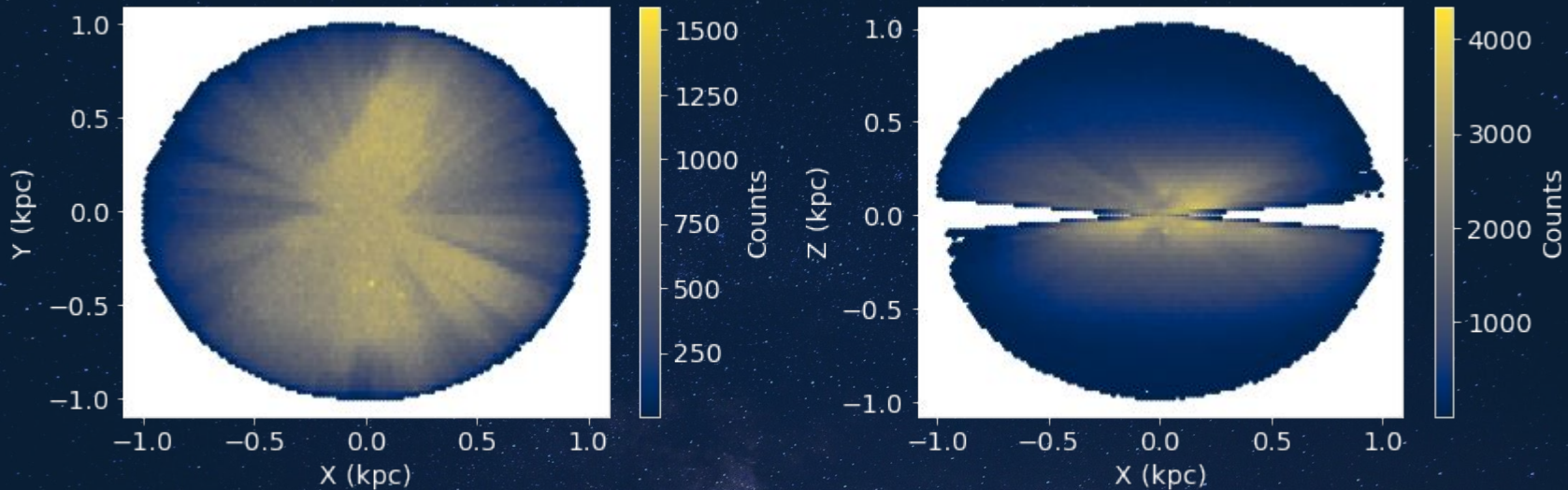
→ CMD-fitting allows us an precise age distributions ( $\sigma \sim 10\%$ ) see Gallart's talk tomorrow!

→ We can achieve a good completeness in the solar neighborhood only using *Gaia* CMD;



# Sample

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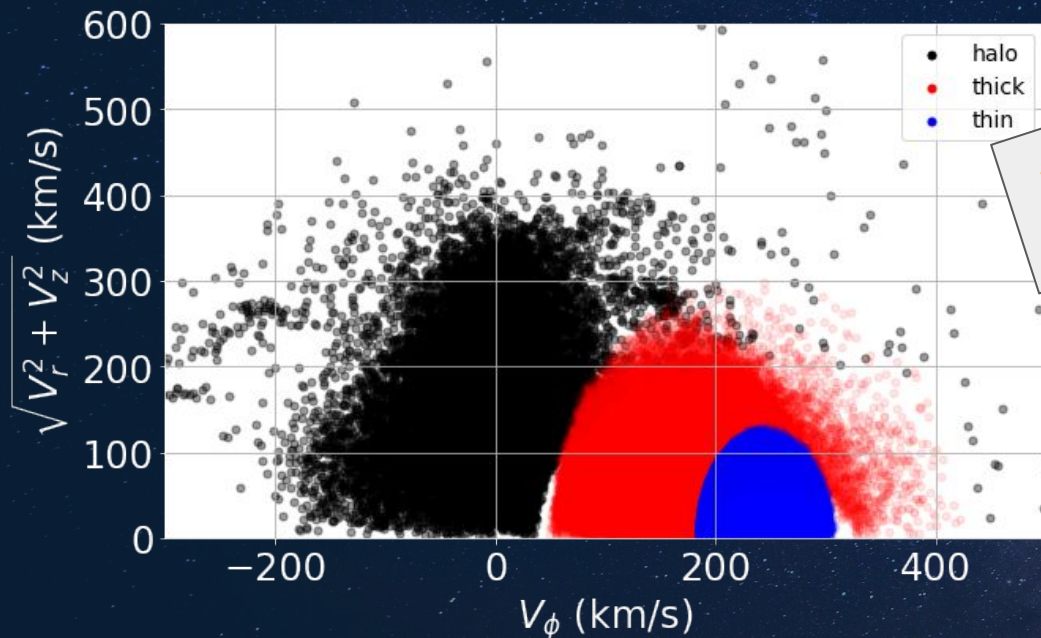
- Selection: 1kpc sphere radius (centered in the Sun) within *Gaia* DR3 available radial velocities
- Cuts in quality: ( $A_v < 0.5$  mag); parallax/error  $> 5$ ;  $M_g < 5.5$
- Select in ( $Z > 100$  pc at  $x=1$  kpc) to avoid extinction problems



# Sample

→ Velocities space and density profiles: (Bensby+ 2003; updated values from Bland-Hawthorn+2016) Kinematic thin, thick disks and halo

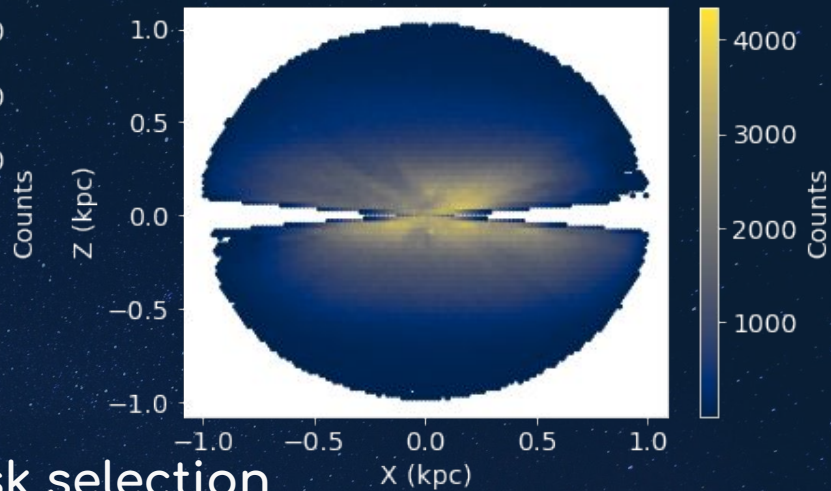
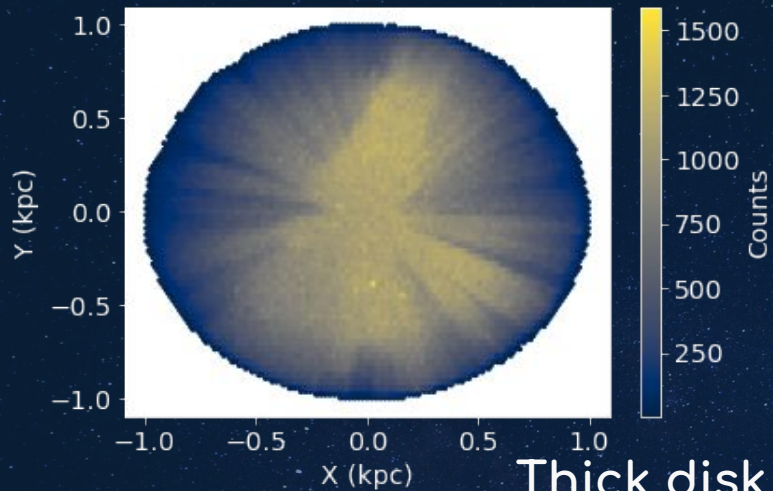
$$p = \rho(t) * \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_U\sigma_V\sigma_W} * e^{-0.5\left(\left(\frac{U}{\sigma_U}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{V-V_{LSR}}{\sigma_V}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{W}{\sigma_W}\right)^2\right)}$$



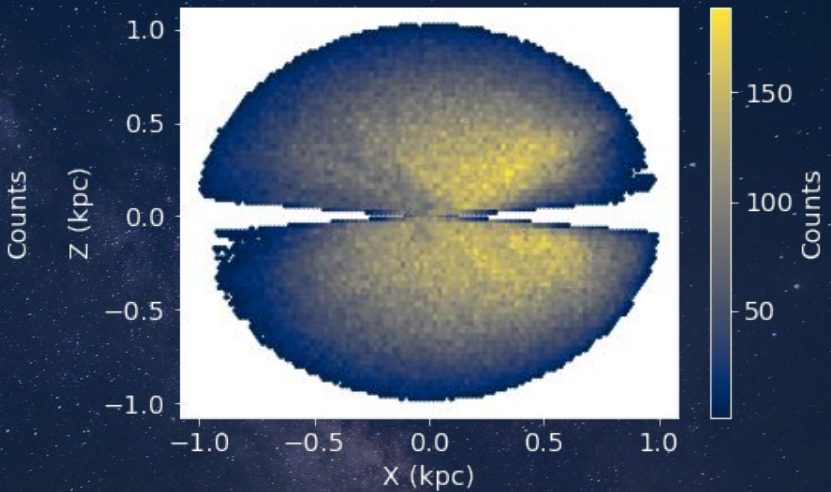
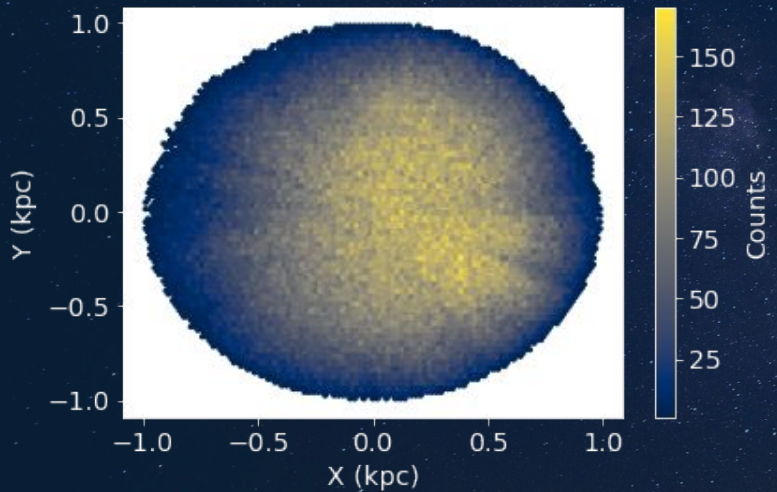
Fernandez-Alvar talk

Thin disk: 5 million\*  
Thick disk: 600 thousand\*  
Halo: 20 thousand stars\*

## Thin disk selection



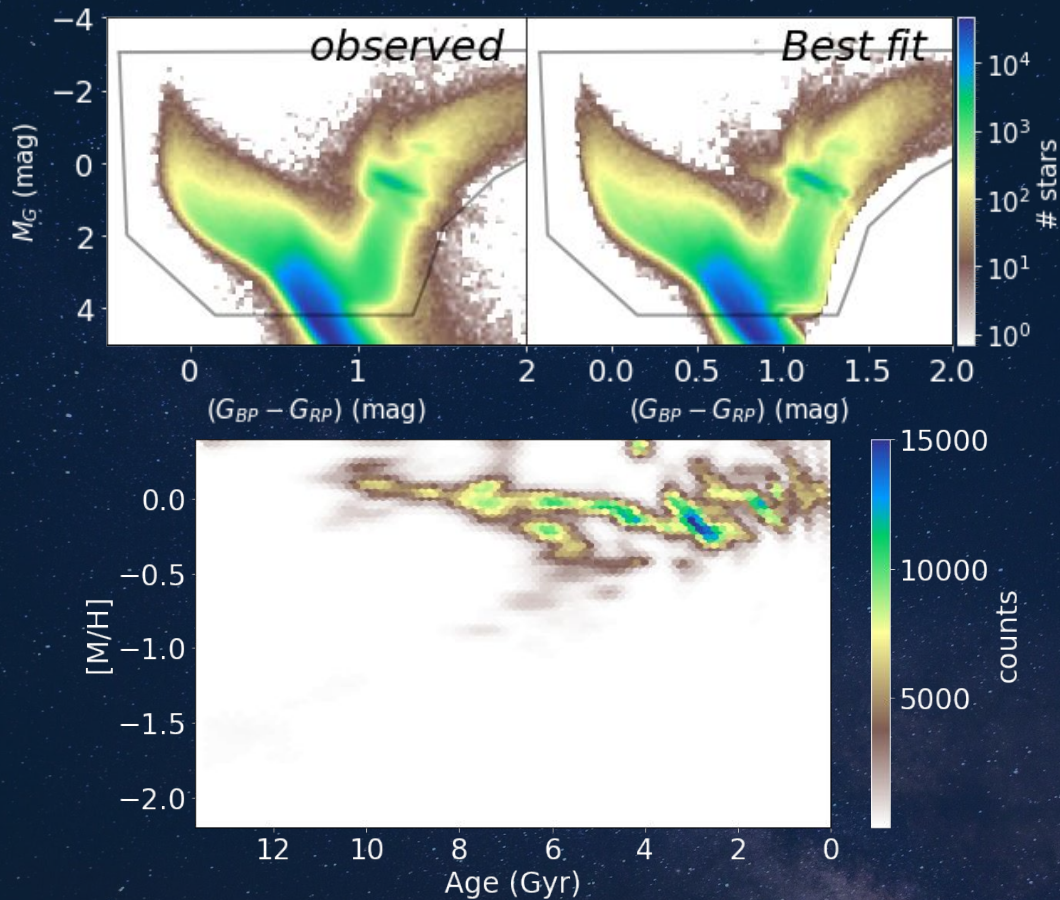
## Thick disk selection





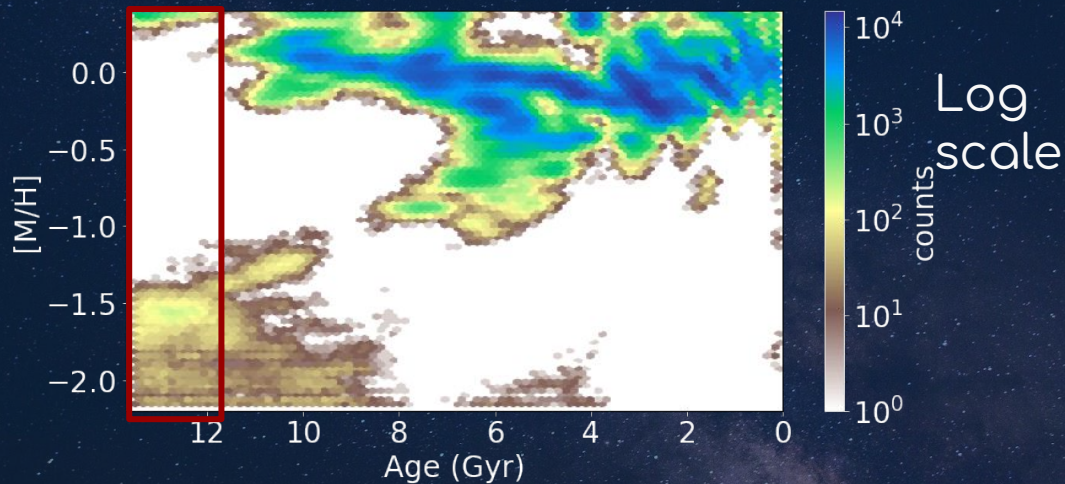
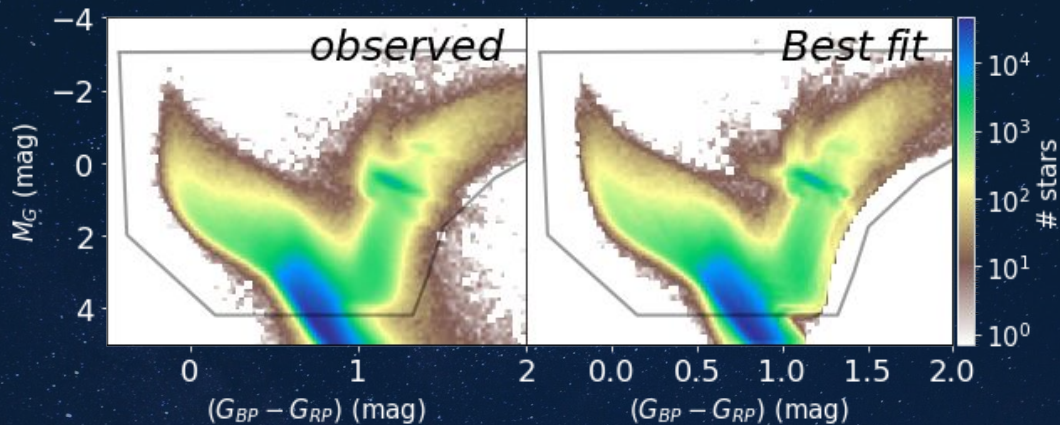
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For more about the method see Gallart et al. 2024 and talk!



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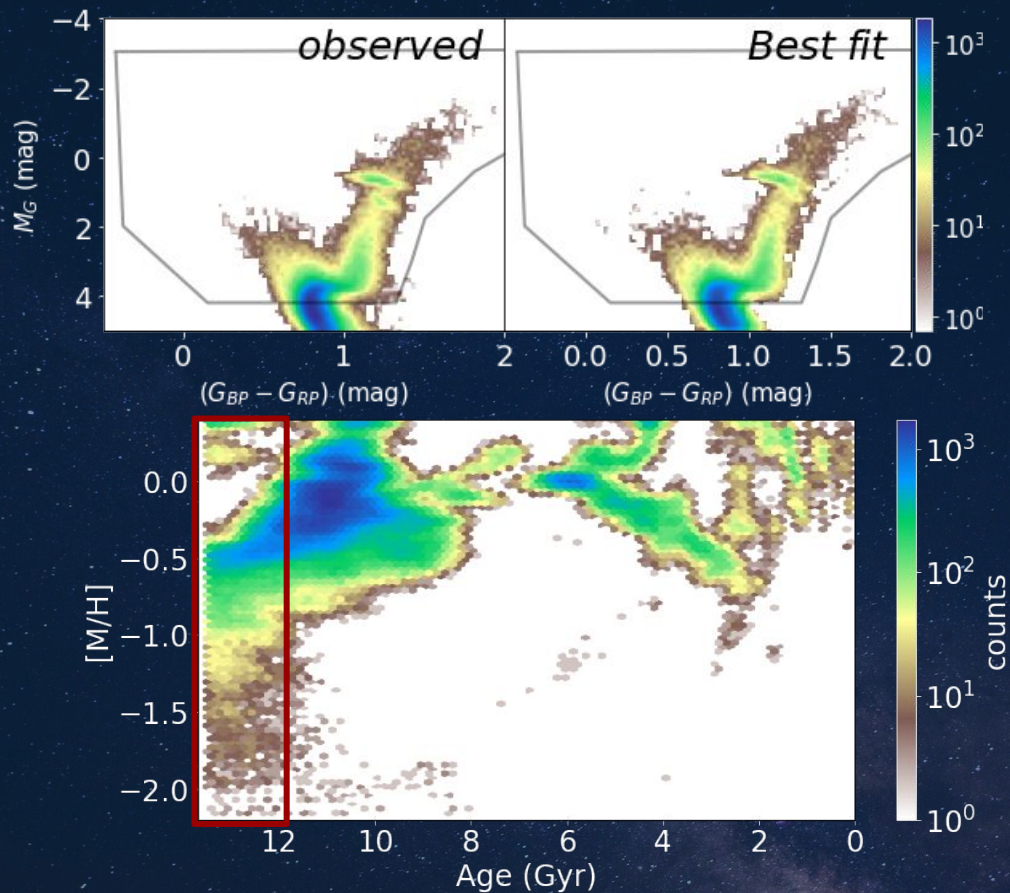
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To look beyond the thick disk

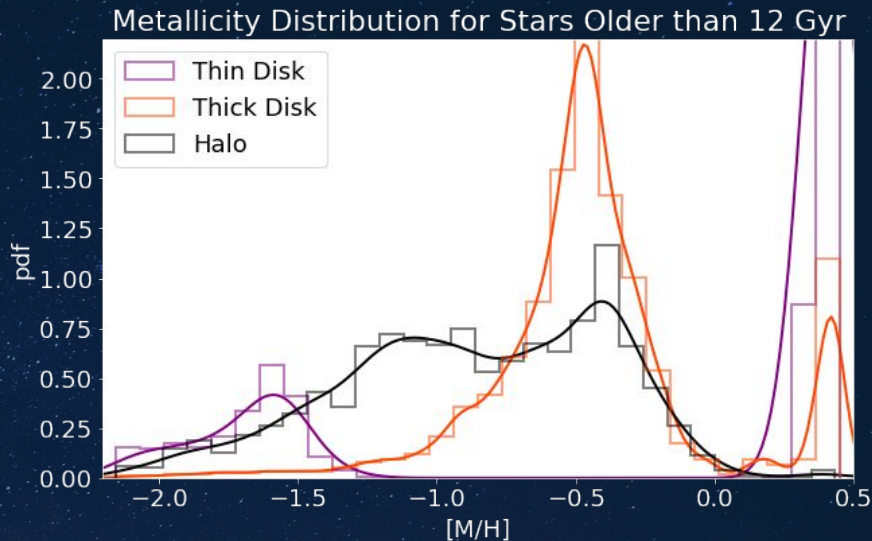
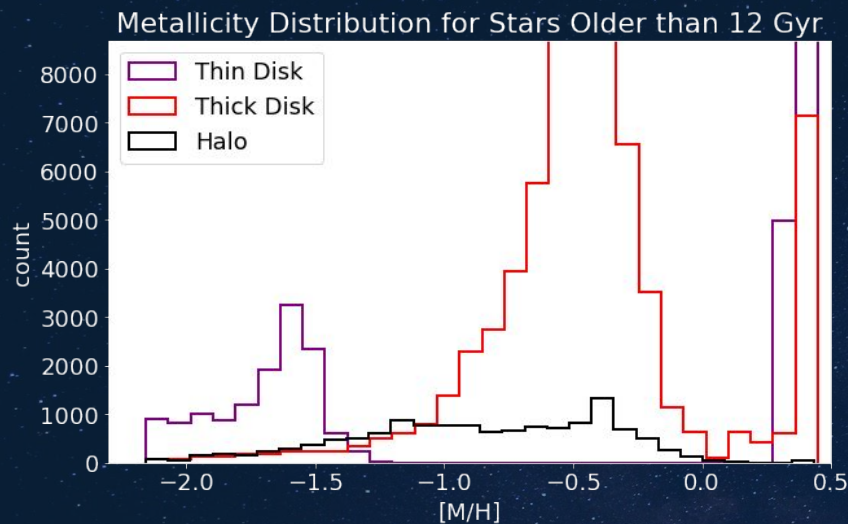


# Results: Thick disk



Thick disk  
main  
formation ~11  
Gyrs Miglio+  
2021,  
Queiroz+2023

# The MDF of old disk stars



→ The thin disk seems to have a larger fraction of metal-poor at the old age range

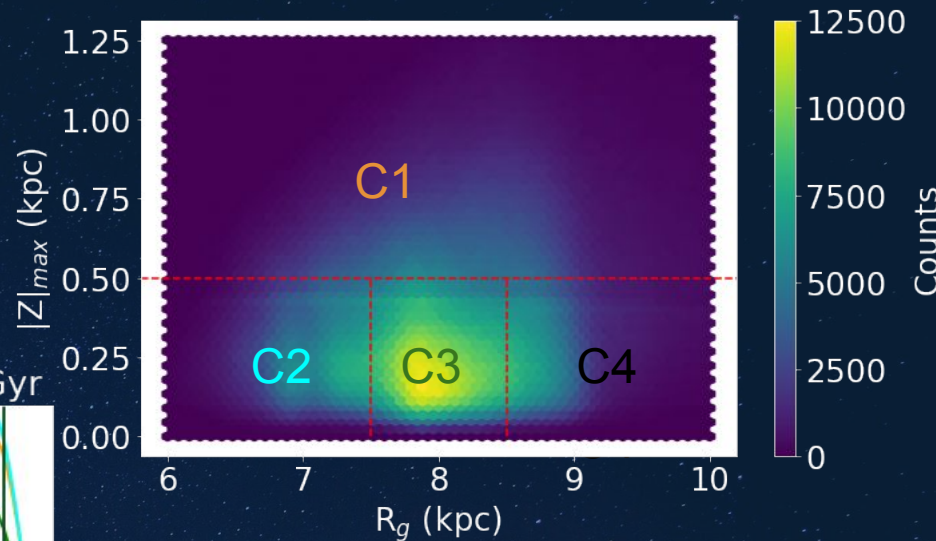
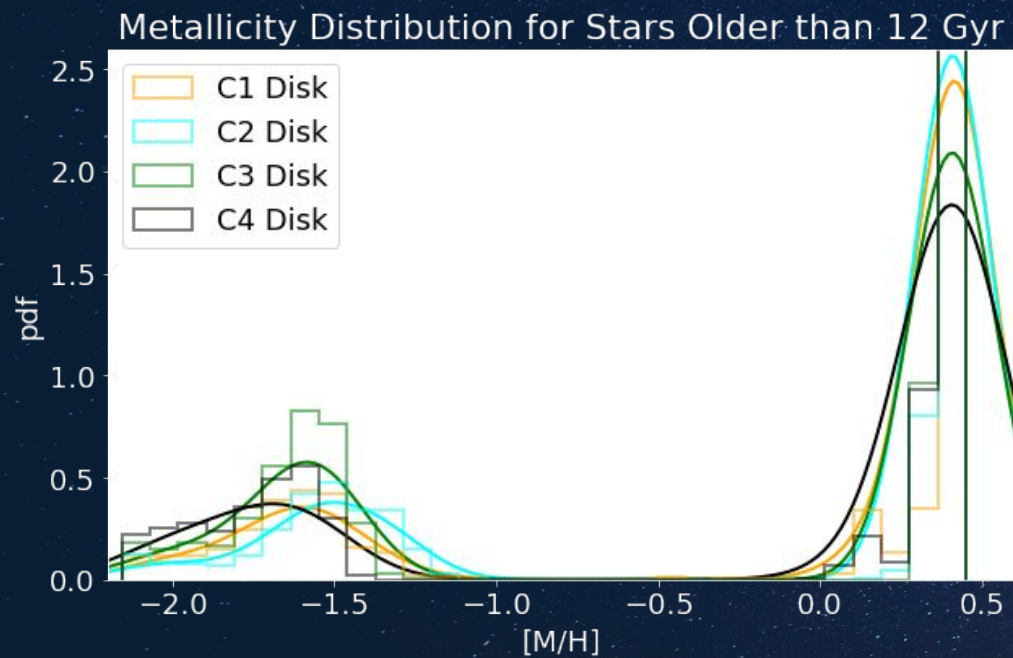
All stars older than 12 Gyr → **Thin: 48%, Thick 49%, Halo 8%**

→ From the old stars in the thin disk almost 20% are very metal poor ( $[Fe/H] < -1.5$  & age > 12 Gyr) → **Thin: 17.4%**

→ Old metal-rich stars also appear on all components, most strongly on the thin disk selection



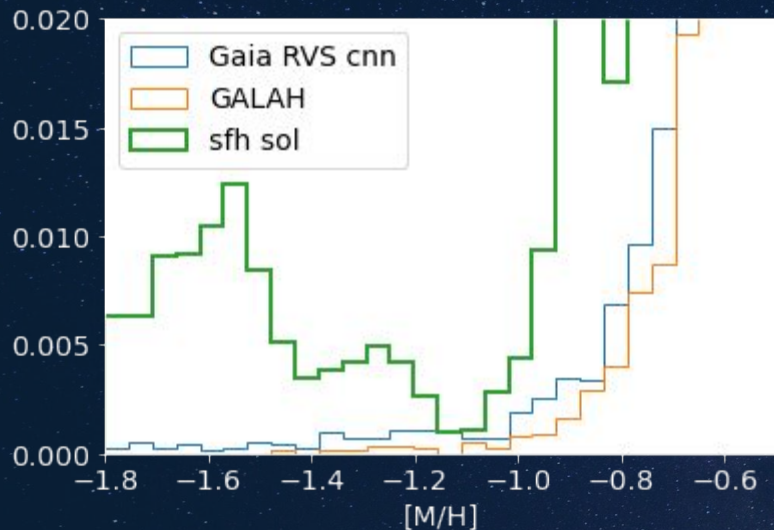
# Orbital division of thin disk



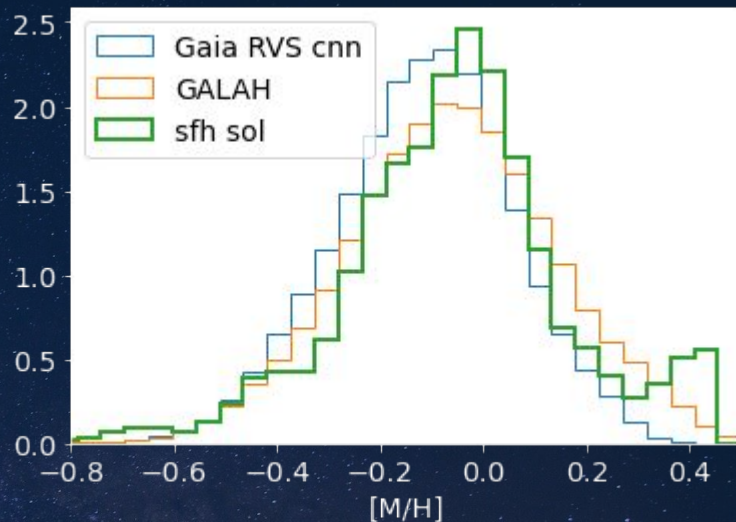
# Can we find this population on spectroscopic surveys?

→ When making the same velocity selection on known large scale spectroscopic surveys:

## Thin disk selection



See Guiglion's talk  
rvs cnn

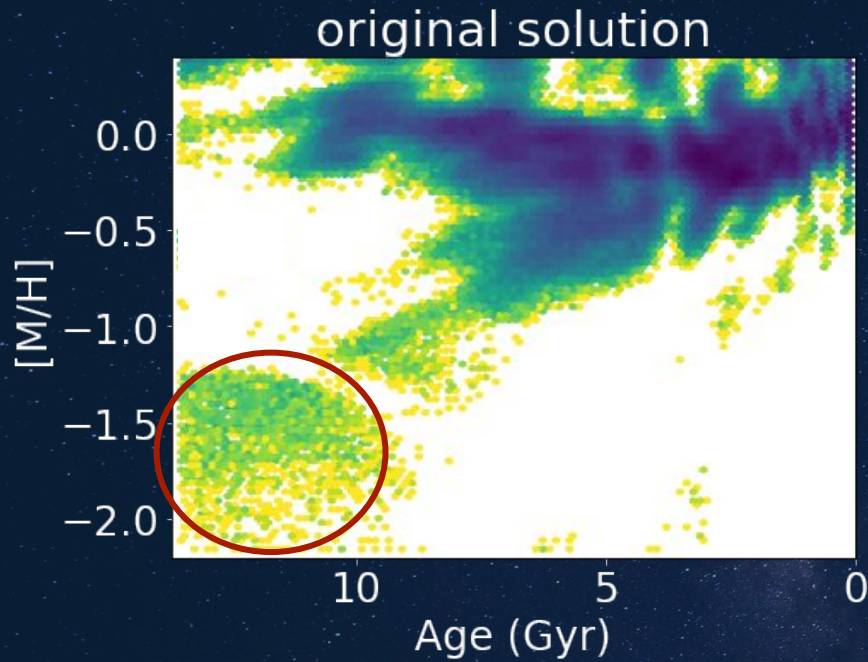


Spectroscopic surveys mostly show a tail towards low metallicity in the thin disk

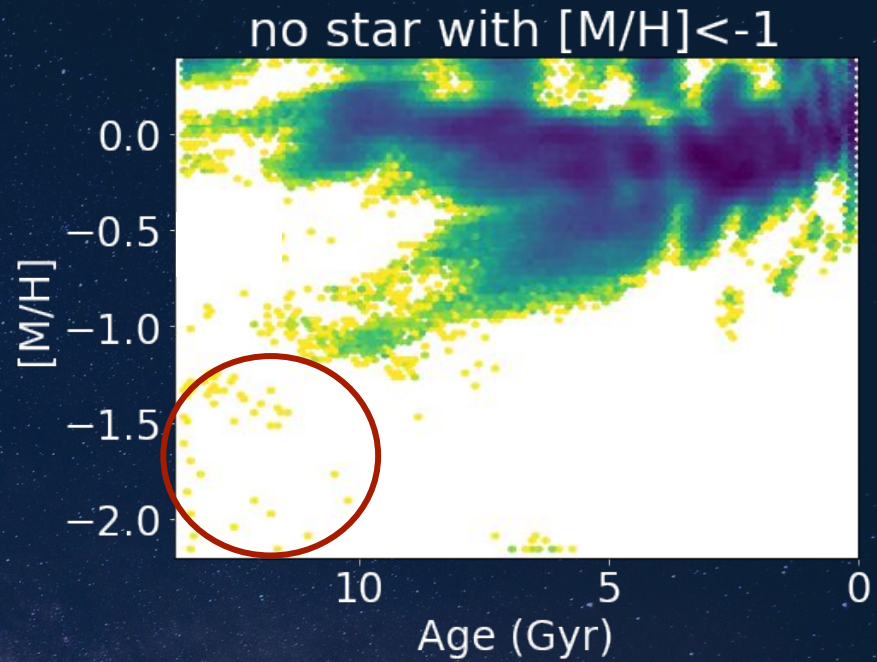


# Is this an artefact of the method?

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N\* 3272



N\* 500

# Conclusions

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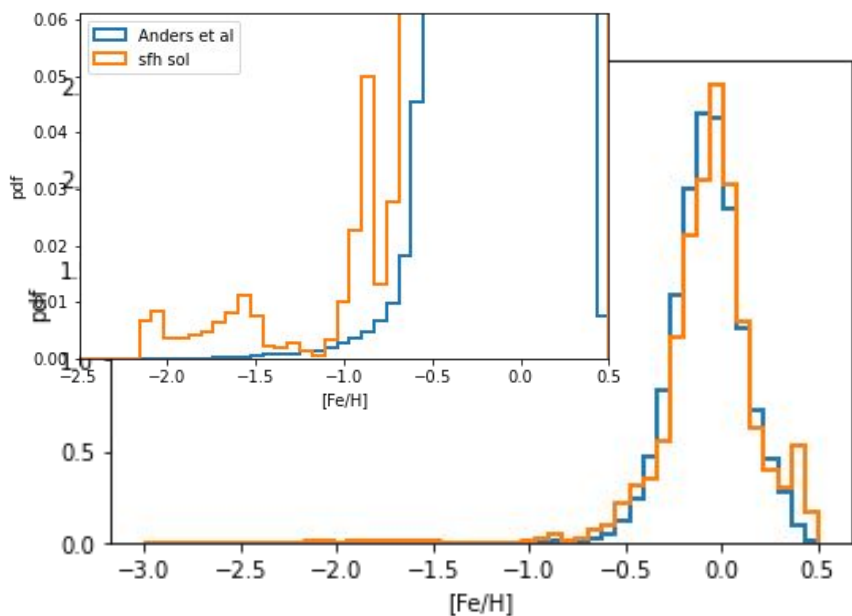
- Our selection using the Gaia velocity and CMD-fitting shows a large fraction of old metal-poor stars in cold orbits (more than in thick disk and halo);
  - a) a considerable fraction of accreted/halo origin that are brought to thin-disk like orbits (e.g. Feuillet+2022, Re Fiorentin+2021 (Poster), Zhang+2024);
  - b) old the bar brings these stars into fast rotators (e.g. Yuan+2023)
  - b) this is part of the primordial disk (more insights are necessary);
- Metal rich stars are also present in the old age range in agreement with recent findings, larger proportions in the inner disk (Nepal+ 2024a, Queiroz+2021, Miglio+2021) ;
- The CMD method detects the old thin disk populations (metal/poor and metal/rich) in larger fractions than spectroscopic surveys;
- The dearth of thin disk (i.e. cold orbits) between the metal poor and metal rich populations found here, needs to be confirmed – metallicity limits of the models -



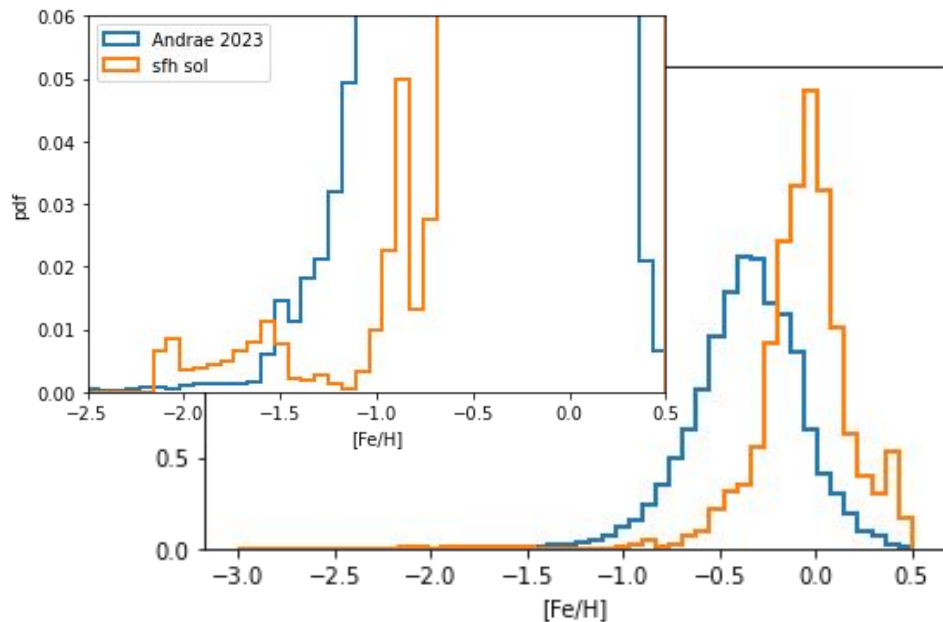
→ Comparing the metallicity distribution of XP spectra catalogues (which cover in number very well our input circa 1.5 million of 1.6 million)

For the thin disk:

Anders et al in prep.



Andrae et al 2023

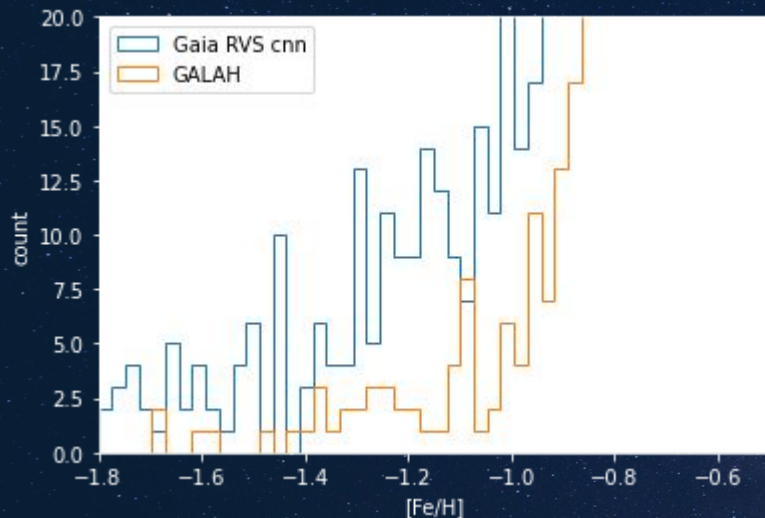


There is no alpha on XGboost methods, but on Anders et al it is solar scaled

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