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LIGHT, ALPHA, AND Fe-PEAK ELEMENT ABUNDANCES IN THE GALACTIC BULGE

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ABSTRACT

We present radial velocities and chemical abundances of O, Na, Mg, Al, Si, Ca, Cr, Fe, Co, Ni, and Cu for a sample of 156 red giant branch stars in two Galactic bulge fields centered near $(l, b) = (+5.25, -3.02)$ and $(0, -12)$. The $(+5.25, -3.02)$ field also includes observations of the bulge globular cluster NGC 6553. The results are based on high-resolution ($R \sim 20,000$), high signal-to-noise ratio ($S/N \gtrsim 70$) FLAMES–GIRAFFE spectra obtained through the European Southern Observatory archive. However, we only selected a subset of the original observations that included spectra with both high S/N and that did not show strong TiO absorption bands. This work extends previous analyses of this data set beyond Fe and the α -elements Mg, Si, Ca, and Ti. While we find reasonable agreement with past work, the data presented here indicate that the bulge may exhibit a different chemical composition than the local thick disk, especially at $[Fe/H] \gtrsim -0.5$. In particular, the bulge $[\alpha/Fe]$ ratios may remain enhanced to a slightly higher $[Fe/H]$ than the thick disk, and the Fe-peak elements Co, Ni, and Cu appear enhanced compared to the disk. There is also some evidence that the $[Na/Fe]$ (but not $[Al/Fe]$) trends between the bulge and local disk may be different at low and high metallicity. We also find that the velocity dispersion decreases as a function of increasing $[Fe/H]$ for both fields, and do not detect any significant cold, high-velocity populations. A comparison with chemical enrichment models indicates that a significant fraction of hypernovae may be required to explain the bulge abundance trends, and that initial mass functions that are steep, top-heavy (and do not include strong outflow), or truncated to avoid including contributions from stars $>40 M_{\odot}$ are ruled out, in particular because of disagreement with the Fe-peak abundance data. For most elements, the NGC 6553 stars exhibit abundance trends nearly identical to comparable metallicity bulge field stars. However, the star-to-star scatter and mean $[Na/Fe]$ ratios appear higher in the cluster, perhaps indicating additional self-enrichment.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Understanding the formation and subsequent evolution of the Galactic bulge is important both for interpreting observations of extragalactic populations and for constraining Galaxy chemodynamical formation models. Recent large-sample spectroscopic surveys, such as the Bulge Radial Velocity Assay (BRAVA; Rich et al. 2007b; Howard et al. 2008, 2009; Kunder et al. 2012), the Abundances and Radial velocity Galactic Origins Survey (ARGOS; Freeman et al. 2013; Ness et al. 2012, 2013b), the Apache Point Observatory Galactic Evolution Experiment (APOGEE; Majewski et al. 2010; Nidever et al. 2012), and the GIRAFFE Inner Bulge Survey (GIBS; Zoccali et al. 2014), provide a coherent view of the bulge as a barred, triaxial system exhibiting cylindrical rotation. Photometric and star count studies have also discovered a double red clump along some bulge sight lines that traces out an X-shaped structure (McWilliam & Zoccali 2010; Nataf et al. 2010; Saito et al. 2011). This structure appears to be dominated by stars with $[Fe/H] > -0.5$ on bar-supporting orbits (Soto et al. 2007; Babusiaux et al. 2010; Ness et al. 2012; Utenthaler et al. 2012; but see also Nataf et al. 2014).

Inclusive with these data are detailed composition analyses of field stars from moderate- and high-resolution spectroscopy (McWilliam & Rich 1994; Ramírez et al. 2000; Rich & Origlia

2005; Cunha & Smith 2006; Fulbright et al. 2006, 2007; Zoccali et al. 2006; Lecureur et al. 2007; Rich et al. 2007a, 2012; Cunha et al. 2008; Meléndez et al. 2008; Zoccali et al. 2008; Alves-Brito et al. 2010; Bensby et al. 2010b, 2011, 2013; Ryde et al. 2010; Gonzalez et al. 2011; Hill et al. 2011; Johnson et al. 2011, 2012, 2013b; Utenthaler et al. 2012; Barbuy et al. 2013; García Pérez et al. 2013; Ness et al. 2013a; Jönsson et al. 2014) finding, at least in a general sense, that the bulge is composed of stars spanning more than a factor of 100 in $[Fe/H]$,⁷ that bulge stars are uniformly enhanced in their $[\alpha/Fe]$ ratios at low metallicity relative to the thin disk, and that the median $[Fe/H]$ along bulge sight lines decreases as a function of increasing Galactic latitude (i.e., there is a metallicity gradient). The enhanced $[\alpha/Fe]$ abundances, coupled with the low $[La/Eu]$ ratios of bulge stars (McWilliam et al. 2010; Johnson et al. 2012), are consistent with the notion that the bulge formed rapidly ($\lesssim 1-3$ Gyr). In fact, the bulge appears uniformly old (~ 10 Gyr) in age studies based on color-magnitude diagram analyses (e.g., Ortolani et al. 1995; Zoccali et al. 2003; Clarkson et al. 2008; Valenti et al. 2013; but see also Ness et al. 2014), and Clarkson et al. (2011) estimate from the blue straggler population in an inner bulge field that a truly young (< 5 Gyr) population should not constitute more than $\sim 3.4\%$ of the bulge. In contrast, ages derived from microlensed dwarf studies (e.g., Bensby et al. 2013) find that while all

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⁷ $[\text{A}/\text{B}] \equiv \log(N_{\text{A}}/N_{\text{B}})_{\text{star}} - \log(N_{\text{A}}/N_{\text{B}})_{\odot}$ and $\log \epsilon(\text{A}) \equiv \log(N_{\text{A}}/N_{\text{H}}) + 12.0$ for elements A and B.

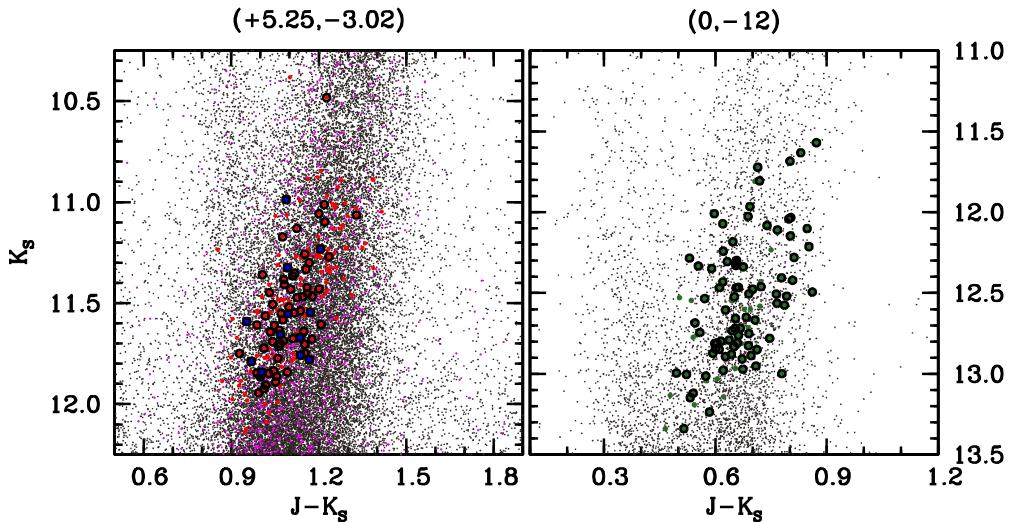


Figure 1. Left panel: color–magnitude diagram for the field centered near $(l, b) = (+5.25, -3.02)$. The filled red circles are all stars observed with the FLAMES instrument. The black outlined circles are those presented in this paper. The filled blue boxes indicate stars with radial velocities and metallicities consistent with belonging to the globular cluster NGC 6553. The small filled gray circles indicate all stars in the 2MASS catalog within $30'$ of the central coordinates. Similarly, the small filled magenta circles indicate all stars in the 2MASS catalog within $5'$ of NGC 6553. Right panel: a similar plot, but with the observed stars for the $(l, b) = (0, -12)$ field shown in green.

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metal-poor bulge stars are uniformly old, $\sim 5\text{--}25\%$ of metal-rich stars, at least near the Galactic plane, may be only $\sim 2\text{--}8$ Gyr in age.

While the observational data continue to grow, the difficult task of assembling the pieces into a fully self-consistent model of the bulge’s formation remains open. The chemodynamical bulge data are challenging to interpret. The bulge’s predominantly old age, enhanced $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ ratios, vertical metallicity gradient, and the existence of possible “primordial building blocks” such as Terzan 5 (e.g., Ferraro et al. 2009; Origlia et al. 2011, 2013) are more consistent with the classical, merger-built formation scenario. However, the bulge’s boxy X-shape, composition characteristics similar to at least the thick disk, and cylindrical rotation profile suggest that the bulge formed via secular evolution from a buckling disk instability and may be a “pseudobulge” (e.g., Kormendy & Kennicutt 2004; but see also Zoccali et al. 2014). While Shen et al. (2010) rule out a classical bulge component that exceeds $\sim 8\%$ of the disk mass, it may still be possible for a bar to form within a pre-existing classical bulge (e.g., Saha et al. 2012). Additionally, evidence such as the metallicity gradient may not be unique to the classical bulge scenario, and may be consistent with a secular evolution model in which a radial metallicity gradient in the buckling disk is transformed into a vertical gradient in the resultant bar (Martinez-Valpuesta & Gerhard 2013). The bulge may also be composed of at least two stellar populations with different compositions and kinematics (Babusiaux et al. 2010; Hill et al. 2011; Bensby et al. 2011, 2013; Ness et al. 2013a). However, at the moment, the exact nature of these potentially distinct stellar populations is far from certain.

Although most of the chemical abundance work mentioned previously has focused on the $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ and $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ ratios in comparison with the thin and thick disks, the light odd-Z and Fe-peak (and also neutron-capture) elements also provide discriminatory power between models and other stellar populations (e.g., see Kobayashi et al. 2011, their Figure 14). The Fe-peak elements in particular are useful, as they may be sensitive to formation environment and metallicity. For example, the metallicity-dependent yields and increased contributions of massive stars are pre-

dicted to produce enhanced $[\text{Cu}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[\text{Zn}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios in the bulge compared to the local disk. Similarly, if the bulge formed with a significantly flatter initial mass function (IMF) than the disk, then bulge stars should exhibit very large $[\text{Co}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[\text{Zn}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios (Nomoto et al. 2013). Therefore, here we measure abundances of the Fe-peak elements Cr, Fe, Co, Ni, and Cu, in addition to the light odd-Z and α -elements O, Na, Mg, Al, Si, and Ca, in 156 red giant branch (RGB) stars in two Galactic bulge fields at $(l, b) = (+5.25, -3.02)$ and $(0, -12)$, and compare the abundance ratios with other bulge fields, the Galactic disk, and chemical enrichment models.

2. OBSERVATIONS, TARGET SELECTION, AND DATA REDUCTION

The FLAMES–GIRAFFE spectra for this project are based on data obtained from the European Southern Observatory (ESO) Science Archive Facility under request number 51251, which are based on observations collected at the ESO, Paranal, Chile (ESO Program 073.B–0074). Details regarding the selection of targets and input parameters (e.g., photometry and astrometry) are given in Zoccali et al. (2008). To briefly summarize, fibers were placed on K giants approximately 1–2 mag brighter than the bulge red clump, and the spectra were obtained in high-resolution mode ($R \equiv \lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 20,000$). The original program by Zoccali et al. (2008) included four fields centered at $(l, b) = (+1.14, -4.18)$, $(+0.21, -6.02)$, $(0, -12)$, and $(+5.25, -3.02)$. While the $(+1.14, -4.18)$ and $(+0.21, -6.02)$ fields were observed in the HR 13, HR 14, and HR 15 setups (spanning $\sim 6100\text{--}6950 \text{ \AA}$), the $(+5.25, -3.02)$ and $(0, -12)$ fields were observed in the HR 11, HR 13, and HR 15 setups ($5590\text{--}5835 \text{ \AA}$; $6100\text{--}6400 \text{ \AA}$; $6600\text{--}6950 \text{ \AA}$). Since the HR 11 setup is the only one containing measurable copper lines, we have only analyzed GIRAFFE spectra from the $(+5.25, -3.02)$ and $(0, -12)$ fields. We note that the $(+5.25, -3.02)$ field also includes the bulge globular cluster NGC 6553.

Figure 1 shows a Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS; Skrutskie et al. 2006) color–magnitude diagram of our final target selection from the archival data. The raw data set obtained from the ESO archive included observations of 205 RGB

stars in the $(+5.25, -3.02)$ field and 109 RGB stars in the $(0, -12)$ field. However, we only analyzed spectra for which the co-added signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) exceeded ~ 70 . We also discarded spectra that exhibited strong TiO absorption bands, for which a “standard” equivalent width (EW) analysis would be inappropriate. The final sample utilized here includes 75/205 stars (37%) in the $(+5.25, -3.02)$ field and 81/109 stars (74%) in the $(0, -12)$ field. In Figure 1, we also identify stars that are likely members of NGC 6553 (see Section 3.5). In particular, note the broad dispersion in the color–magnitude diagram of cluster members, as well as with stars within $5'$ of the cluster center. This highlights the combined effects of differential reddening and population mixing along the line of sight toward the $(+5.25, -3.02)$ field. The star names and coordinates from the raw image headers and Zoccali et al. (2008), as well as available 2MASS photometry and star identifiers, are provided in Table 1.

The raw science and calibration data were downloaded and re-reduced using the GIRAFFE Base-Line Data Reduction Software (girBLDRS).⁸ In particular, the pipeline software was used to carry out bias subtraction and overscan trimming, dark correction, fiber identification, flat-fielding, wavelength calibration, scattered light correction, and spectrum extraction. Sky subtraction was carried out using the IRAF⁹ *skysub* routine. Individual exposures were continuum normalized using a low-order polynomial via the IRAF *continuum* routine, and the telluric band in the HR 13 spectra was removed using the IRAF task *telluric* and a set of FLAMES templates obtained during a different observing program with the same spectrograph setup. The individual spectra were shifted to a common velocity scale (i.e., the heliocentric velocity was removed) and co-added using IRAF’s *scombine* task.

3. DATA ANALYSIS

3.1. Model Stellar Atmospheres

The four primary model atmosphere input parameters of effective temperature (T_{eff}), surface gravity ($\log(g)$), metallicity ($[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$), and microturbulence (vt) were determined via spectroscopic analyses. For stars in the $(0, -12)$ field, we used the model parameters given in Zoccali et al. (2008) as a starting point before converging to a solution. However, the adopted model atmosphere parameters for stars in the $(+5.25, -3.02)$ field are not provided in Zoccali et al. (2008) or Gonzalez et al. (2011). Therefore, we adopted the generic values $T_{\text{eff}} = 4500$ K, $\log(g) = +2.0$ cgs, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.20$ dex, and $\text{vt} = 1.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ before converging to a solution. The final parameters given in Table 1 were derived by enforcing the Fe I excitation equilibrium for T_{eff} , ionization equilibrium between Fe I/II¹⁰ for $\log(g)$, and removing trends in Fe I abundance versus line strength for vt . The final models were interpolated within the available grid of AODFNEW (α -enhanced) and ODFNEW (scaled-solar) ATLAS9 model atmospheres¹¹ (Castelli & Kurucz 2004). Stars with $[\alpha/\text{Fe}] > +0.15$ were measured using the α -enhanced models, and we used the scaled-solar models for stars

⁸ The girBLDRS software can be downloaded at <http://girbldrs.sourceforge.net/>.

⁹ IRAF is distributed by the National Optical Astronomy Observatory, which is operated by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc., under cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation.

¹⁰ For stars in which Fe II lines were not measurable, we adopted the average $T_{\text{eff}}/\log(g)$ combination for other stars of comparable T_{eff} and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$.

¹¹ The model atmosphere grid can be accessed at <http://wwwuser.oats.inaf.it/castelli/grids.html>.

with $[\alpha/\text{Fe}] < +0.15$. However, the issue of an α -enhanced versus scaled-solar model should not introduce an error in the abundance ratios that exceeds the ~ 0.05 – 0.10 dex level (e.g., Fulbright et al. 2006; Alves-Brito et al. 2010; Johnson et al. 2013b).

Figure 2 shows our spectroscopically determined temperature and surface gravity values in comparison with the spectroscopic T_{eff} and photometric $\log(g)$ values given in Zoccali et al. (2008). As is evident in Figure 2, the spectroscopic determination of both parameters leads to a more extended distribution of surface gravities. This is likely due to the unavoidable problem that one must assume a distance (and mass) when deriving a photometric surface gravity. However, this is only a major issue when determining abundances of elements from transitions that are strongly sensitive to $\log(g)$. The model atmosphere parameters determined here are well bounded by and follow the expected trends of the 10 Gyr isochrones with $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -1.5$ (α -enhanced) and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.5$ ($[\alpha/\text{Fe}] = 0$) shown in Figure 2.

We do note that 25/156 (16%) stars in our sample converged to a solution in which $\log(g) > 3$ – 3.5 . The derived higher gravity values suggest that some of these stars may be foreground lower RGB and subgiants rather than more evolved bulge RGB stars. A better measurement of surface gravity, either from the addition of more than two to three Fe II lines or the inclusion of more sensitive atmospheric pressure indicators, would better constrain the true nature of these stars. We do not find any strong systematic differences in the derived $[\text{X}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios between stars of “low” and “high” gravity,¹² but it is unclear if the similar abundances should have any bearing when interpreting bulge versus thin/thick disk composition differences (see Section 4). However, the high-gravity stars are also relatively metal-rich, $\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle = +0.09$ ($\sigma = 0.25$), are located preferentially on the blue half of the color–magnitude diagrams, and have a relatively small velocity dispersion ($\sigma = 55 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for $\log(g) > 3$). These data provide additional circumstantial evidence that the high-gravity stars may be foreground, though possibly inner disk, contaminants (see also Zoccali et al. 2008, their Section 7).

In Figure 3, we compare the derived model atmosphere parameters between this study, Zoccali et al. (2008), and Gonzalez et al. (2011). We find good agreement in the derived T_{eff} values, with an average difference of only 2 K ($\sigma = 98$ K). The dispersion of ~ 100 K is reasonable given the different line lists and model atmospheres (but similar technique of excitation equilibrium) used. As mentioned previously, there is some discrepancy in $\log(g)$, especially for the highest gravity stars, between this work and Zoccali et al. (2008). For stars with $\log(g) < +2.5$, the average difference in $\log(g)$ is 0.01 dex ($\sigma = 0.29$ dex), but for stars with $\log(g) > +2.5$, the magnitude of the average gravity difference is 0.64 dex ($\sigma = 0.37$ dex). Comparing the microturbulence values, which may be particularly sensitive to line choice and can vary as a function of gravity, we find an average difference of 0.18 km s^{-1} ($\sigma = 0.27 \text{ km s}^{-1}$).

When comparing derived $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ values, we find good agreement for $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < +0.2$ with an average difference of 0.03 dex ($\sigma = 0.13$ dex). However, as is evident in Figure 3, our derived $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ values are systematically higher on average by 0.18 dex ($\sigma = 0.13$ dex) for stars with $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] > +0.2$. The source of this discrepancy may be related to the large 1σ $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ uncertainties given in Zoccali et al. (2008) for stars with $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \gtrsim 0$. This is illustrated in Figure 4, where we plot the 1σ $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$

¹² The $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios may be an exception, as the high-gravity stars tend to have lower $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$, on average.

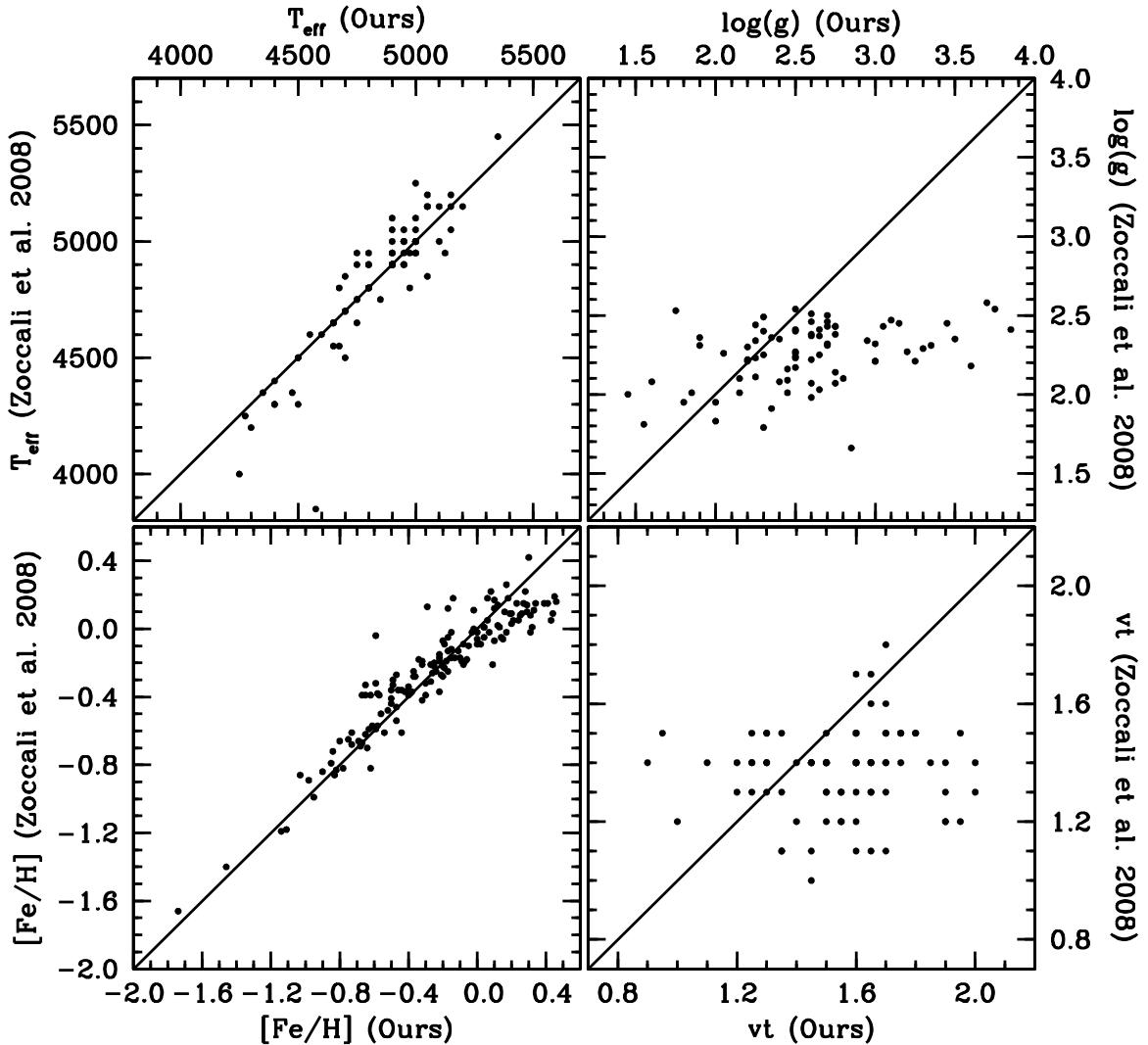


Figure 3. Derived model atmosphere parameters are compared between this work and Zoccali et al. (2008). Similar to Figure 2, the temperature, gravity, and microturbulence values are only available for the $(0, -12)$ field in Zoccali et al. (2008). However, the metallicity panel compares our results to those in both the $(0, -12)$ (Zoccali et al. 2008) and $(+5.25, -3.02)$ (Gonzalez et al. 2011) fields. In all panels, the solid black line indicates perfect agreement.

uncertainties between our work and Zoccali et al. (2008) as a function of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$. Ideally, one expects to have measurement errors that are not correlated with metallicity, as is the case here. For the Zoccali et al. (2008) subsample in common with this analysis, the line-to-line dispersions are comparable only for stars with $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \lesssim +0.2$.

3.2. Equivalent Width Abundance Determinations

The abundances of Fe I, Fe II, Si I, Ca I, Cr I, and Ni I were determined by measuring EWs via an interactive, semi-automatic code developed for this project. The measurement process followed the “standard” procedure of fitting single or multiple Gaussian profiles to the spectra for isolated and weakly blended lines, respectively. However, the measurement time frame was significantly reduced by implementing a simple machine learning algorithm that kept track of user input on a per-line basis to make an educated first guess for subsequent measurements in other stars of the number of profiles to fit; the profile fitting edges; and the central wavelength, width, and central depth of all associated nearby features. While all EW measurements were manually inspected, as was mentioned in Section 2, we selected stars from archival data based primarily on S/N considerations

in an effort to reduce measurement uncertainties. Sample spectra for stars of similar temperature but different metallicity are shown in Figure 5 to illustrate typical data quality in the three spectrograph setups.

The line lists for this project were created by visually examining the high S/N spectra of cool metal-poor and metal-rich giants in the sample, finding all isolated and/or weakly blended features for elements of interest, and merging the two line list sets. This was done to ensure that a roughly equivalent number of lines could be used in metal-rich and metal-poor stars, and the manual inspection of each fit enabled us to discard prohibitively strong and weak lines. On average, the Fe I, Fe II, Si I, Ca I, Cr I, and Ni I abundances were based on measurements of 70, 2, 8, 6, 6, and 16 lines, respectively. The $\log(gf)$ values were set via an inverse abundance analysis relative to Arcturus. We adopted the Arcturus model atmosphere parameters from Fulbright et al. (2006). Similarly, for Fe, Si, and Ca, we adopted the Arcturus abundances from Fulbright et al. (2006), and for Cr and Ni we adopted the Arcturus abundances from Ramírez & Allende Prieto (2011). The final line list, including the adopted Arcturus and derived solar abundances (based on measurements of the Hinkle et al. 2000 Arcturus and solar atlases), are provided

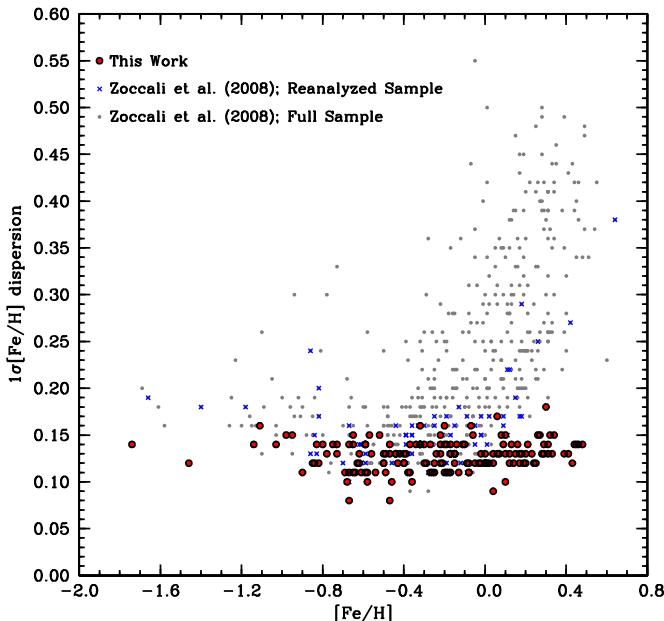


Figure 4. 1σ line-to-line dispersion values for $[Fe/H]$ measurements in this work (filled red circles), the original Zoccali et al. (2008) stars selected for reanalysis (blue crosses), and the full Zoccali et al. (2008) sample that includes all four fields (filled gray circles).

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in Table 2. The derived solar abundances for Fe, Si, Ca, and Cr agree within ~ 0.05 dex of the values given in Asplund et al. (2009).

The final abundances of Fe I, Fe II, Si I, Ca I, Cr I, and Ni I, determined using the *abfind* driver of the LTE line analysis code MOOG (Sneden 1973; 2010 version), are given in Table 3. Note also that the $[Fe/H]$ values given in Table 1 are the average of the $[Fe\text{I}/H]$ and $[Fe\text{II}/H]$ abundances given in

Table 3. However, the average difference in the sense $[Fe\text{I}/H] - [Fe\text{II}/H]$ is $+0.00$ dex with a small dispersion ($\sigma = 0.02$ dex).

3.3. Spectrum Synthesis Abundance Determinations

For the element abundances derived from transitions involving a small number of lines that are affected by significant blends from prevalent spectral features, such as molecules and Ca I auto-ionization, and/or broadened due to isotopes and/or hyperfine structure, we used spectrum synthesis rather than EW analyses. For this work, this list includes [O I], Na I, Mg I, Al I, Co I, and Cu I. The abundances were determined using the parallelized version of the *synth* driver for MOOG (Johnson et al. 2012). For O, Na, Mg, and Al, we adopted as a reference point the Arcturus abundances given in Fulbright et al. (2006). However, as described below, the reference Arcturus abundances for Co and Cu are based on measurements using the Kurucz (1994) and Cunha et al. (2002) hyperfine structure line lists.

The specific reasons for using synthesis are slightly different for each element given above. The 6300.30 Å [O I] line is blended with both a Sc II feature at 6300.69 Å and a Ni I feature at 6300.33 Å. Additionally, for most stars in this sample, the oxygen abundance is sensitive to the molecular equilibrium calculations set by the carbon and nitrogen abundances as well. Using the CN line list from the Kurucz (1994) database, we iteratively solved for the O and C + N abundances in each star. For sodium, the 6154.23 Na I line is relatively clean, but the 6160.75 Na I line is partially blended with two relatively strong Ca I lines. The three Mg I lines at 6319 Å are strongly affected by a broad Ca I auto-ionization feature, which we set by fitting the slope of the pseudo-continuum from ~ 6316 – 6318 Å. The 6696.02 and 6698.67 Å Al I lines are both affected by CN, particularly in cooler and more metal-rich stars. Therefore, as with [O I], we simultaneously fit the Al I doublet and nearby CN features. The odd-Z isotope ^{59}Co constitutes almost 100% of the cobalt abundance. While the 5647.23 and 6117.00 Å Co I lines are relatively weak ($EW \lesssim 50$ mÅ), we included the hyperfine structure components from the Kurucz (1994) line list in our

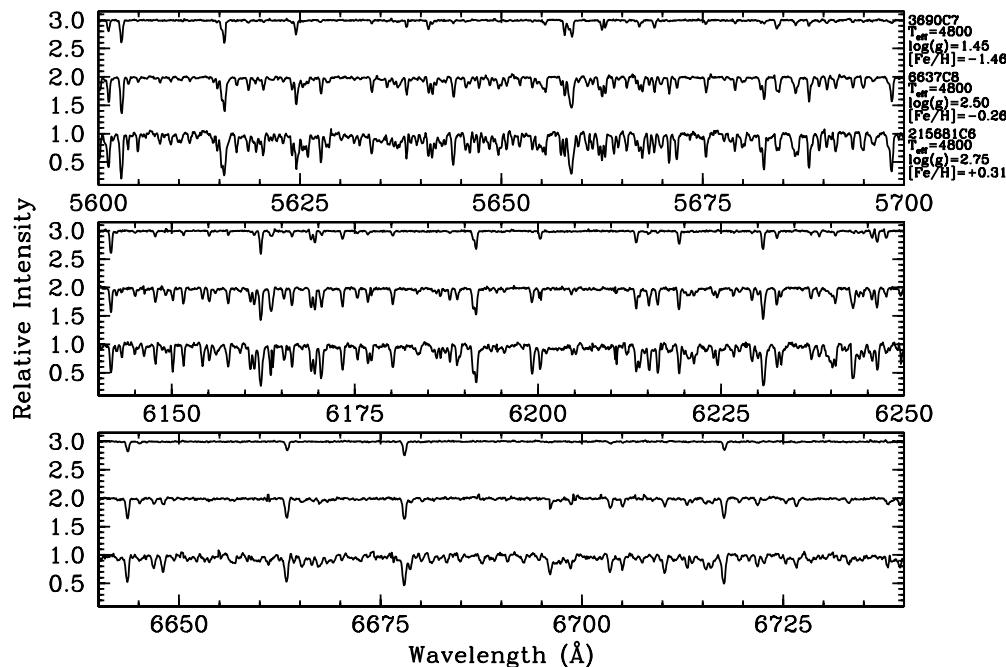


Figure 5. Sample spectra are shown to illustrate both data quality and the change in line strengths and continuum availability for stars of similar temperature but varying metallicity.

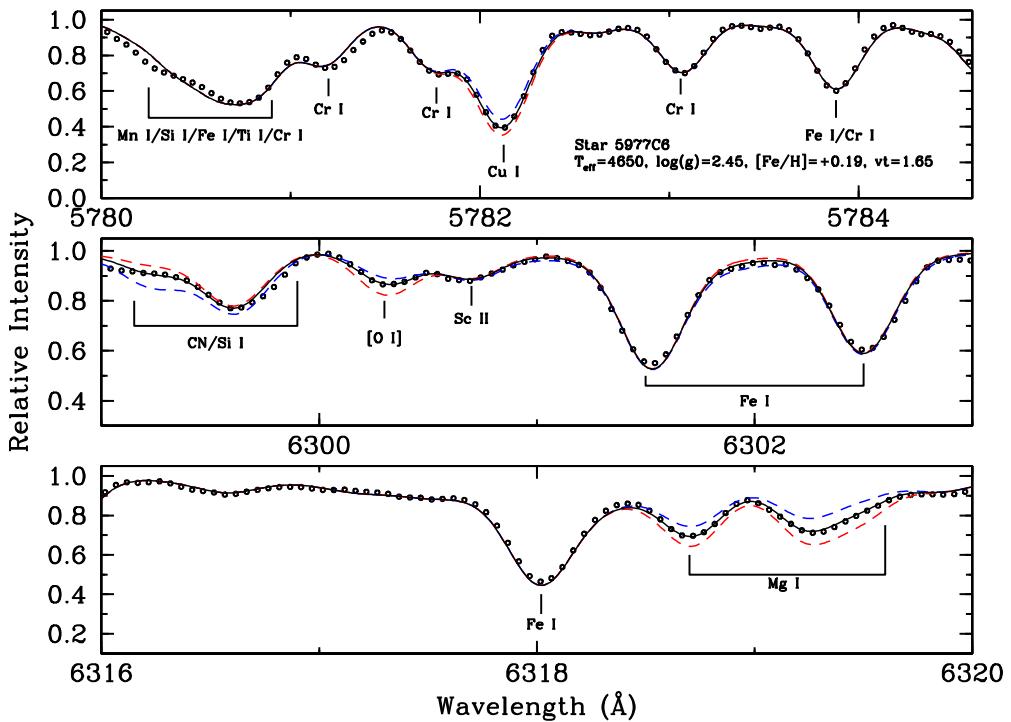


Figure 6. Sample spectrum synthesis fits are shown for the Cu I, [O I], and Mg I features. In all panels, the solid black line indicates the best-fit value. The dashed red and blue lines indicate changes to the best-fit abundance by ± 0.3 dex, respectively.

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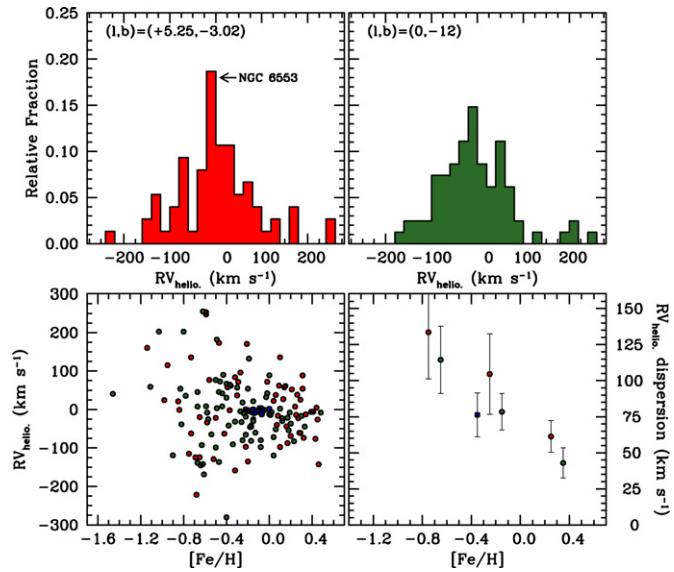


Figure 7. Top left: red histogram (20 km s $^{-1}$ bins) illustrating the heliocentric radial velocity distribution function for the (+5.25, -3.02) field. The bulge globular cluster NGC 6553 is labeled. Top right: the green histogram (20 km s $^{-1}$ bins) illustrates the heliocentric radial velocity distribution function for the (0, -12) field. Bottom left: heliocentric radial velocity is plotted as a function of [Fe/H] for the (+5.25, -3.02) and (0, -12) stars, which are shown as filled red and filled green circles, respectively. The NGC 6553 stars (filled blue boxes) are particularly evident in this panel. Bottom right: the heliocentric radial velocity dispersion is plotted as a function of (binned) [Fe/H], using the same color scheme as the other panels. For the middle [Fe/H] bin, the blue box and red circle indicate the velocity dispersion with (blue) and without (red) the NGC 6553 stars included.

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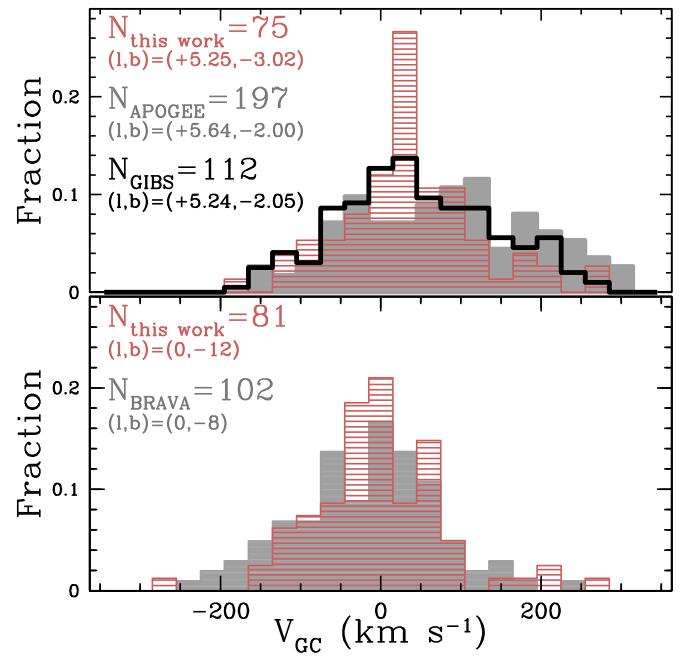


Figure 8. Top: striped red, solid gray, and black lined histograms compare the galactocentric radial velocity distributions between the (+5.25, -3.02) field analyzed here and nearby fields observed as part of APOGEE and GIBS, respectively. The narrow peak near the center of the distribution is due to NGC 6553. Bottom: the striped red and gray histograms compare the galactocentric radial velocity distributions between the (0, -12) field analyzed here and the relatively nearby (0, -8) field from the BRAVA survey.

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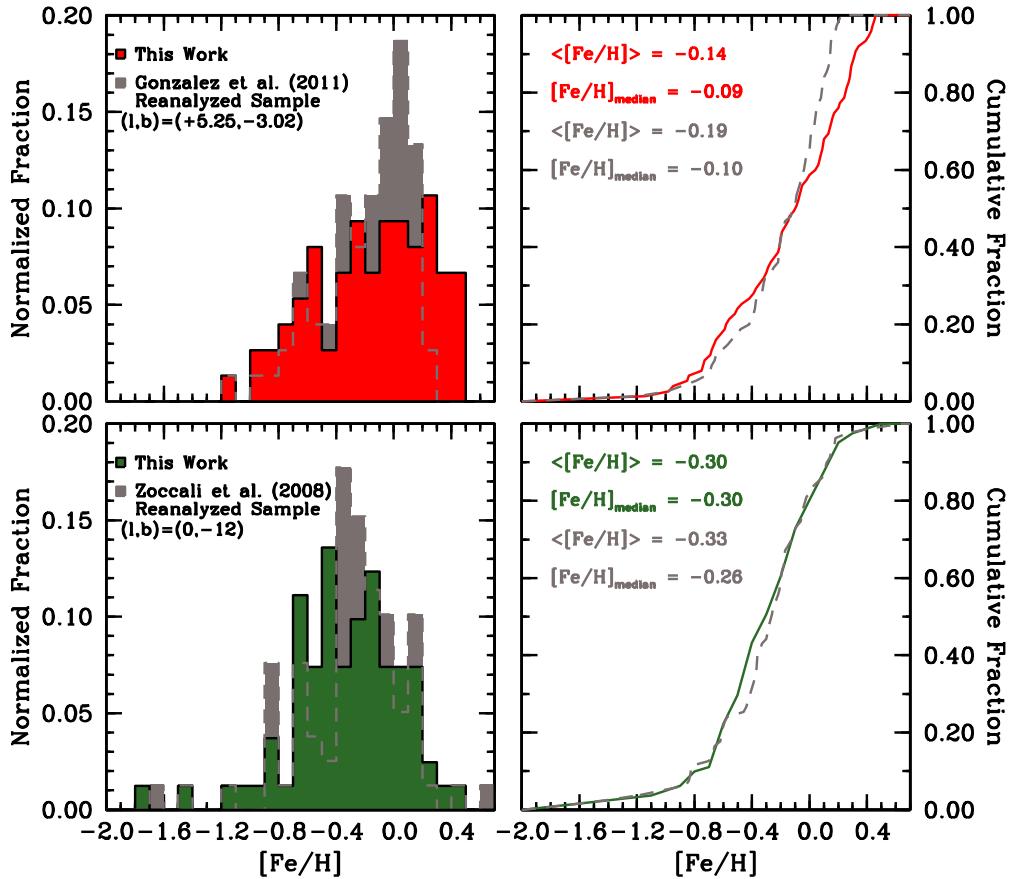


Figure 9. Top left: red and gray histograms (0.1 dex bins) illustrate the derived metallicity distribution functions for the $(+5.25, -3.02)$ field in this work and Gonzalez et al. (2011), respectively. Top right: the solid red and dashed gray lines illustrate the cumulative distribution functions for this work and Gonzalez et al. (2011), respectively. Bottom left: the green and gray histograms (0.1 dex bins) illustrate the derived metallicity distribution functions for the $(0, -12)$ field in this work and Zoccali et al. (2008), respectively. Bottom right: the solid green and dashed gray lines illustrate the cumulative distribution functions for this work and Zoccali et al. (2008), respectively.

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clustered near $[Fe/H] \approx -0.10$ and $RV_{\text{helio.}} \approx 0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. Literature measurements of the cluster's average $[Fe/H]$ value vary considerably, with estimates that include: -0.55 (Barbuy et al. 1999), -0.16 (Cohen et al. 1999), -0.7 (Coelho et al. 2001), -0.3 (Origlia et al. 2002), -0.2 (Meléndez et al. 2003), and -0.2 (Alves-Brito et al. 2006). However, we find in agreement with the most recent estimates that $\langle [Fe/H] \rangle = -0.11 (\sigma = 0.07)$. While the cluster is slightly iron-deficient relative to the Sun, the moderate enhancements of the cluster's $[\alpha/Fe]$ ratio (see Section 4.1) gives it an overall metallicity that is roughly solar. NGC 6553 is therefore one of the most metal-rich globular clusters in the Galaxy.

We find similar agreement with literature values for the cluster's radial velocity, with $\langle RV_{\text{helio.}} \rangle = -2.03 \text{ km s}^{-1} (\sigma = 4.85 \text{ km s}^{-1})$. This is compared with recent values of -1 km s^{-1} (Coelho et al. 2001), $+1.6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (Meléndez et al. 2003), and -1.86 km s^{-1} (Alves-Brito et al. 2006). Finally, we note that the stars identified in Table 1 as possible cluster members have an average, projected radial distance from the cluster center of about $6'$ ($\sigma = 5'$). We have adopted a more lenient radial distance discriminator than the $2'$ limit used by Zoccali et al. (2008) and Gonzalez et al. (2011), and instead rely more on the $[Fe/H]$ and velocity measurements to identify possible cluster members.

3.6. Abundance Ratio Comparisons with Previous Work

As noted previously, Zoccali et al. (2008) and Gonzalez et al. (2011) presented $[Fe/H]$, $[Si/Fe]$, $[Ca/Fe]$, and $[Ti/Fe]$

abundances based on the same GIRAFFE data utilized here. Therefore, in Figures 9 and 10, we compare our results with theirs for stars and elements in common. While a quantitative comparison of the individual $[Fe/H]$ values is given in Section 3.1 (see also Figure 3), in Figure 9 we compare the general shapes and bulk properties of the metallicity distribution functions. For the $(+5.25, -3.02)$ field, the average and median $[Fe/H]$ ratios are similar, but the distribution in this work is somewhat broader and extends to higher $[Fe/H]$. In contrast, there are no significant differences in the $[Fe/H]$ distribution functions in the $(0, -12)$ field between this work and the same stars from Zoccali et al. (2008). We also reconfirm one of the primary conclusions of Zoccali et al. (2008) that interior bulge fields have a higher average metallicity than outer bulge fields. Finally, we note that the distribution functions shown in Figure 9 do not provide strong evidence supporting the existence of multiple, discreet populations, as has been suggested in some studies (Bensby et al. 2011, 2013; Hill et al. 2011; Ness et al. 2013a). However, the number of stars per field presented here is < 100 .

In Figure 10, we compare our derived $[Mg/Fe]$, $[Si/Fe]$, and $[Ca/Fe]$ ratios to those given in Gonzalez et al. (2011). The average differences between this work and that of Gonzalez et al. (2011) are $\Delta[Mg/Fe] = +0.00 (\sigma = 0.14)$, $\Delta[Si/Fe] = +0.00 (\sigma = 0.13)$, and $\Delta[Ca/Fe] = -0.06 (\sigma = 0.14)$. The relatively consistent star-to-star scatter of ~ 0.14 dex is a reasonable estimate of the attainable precision between the two studies,

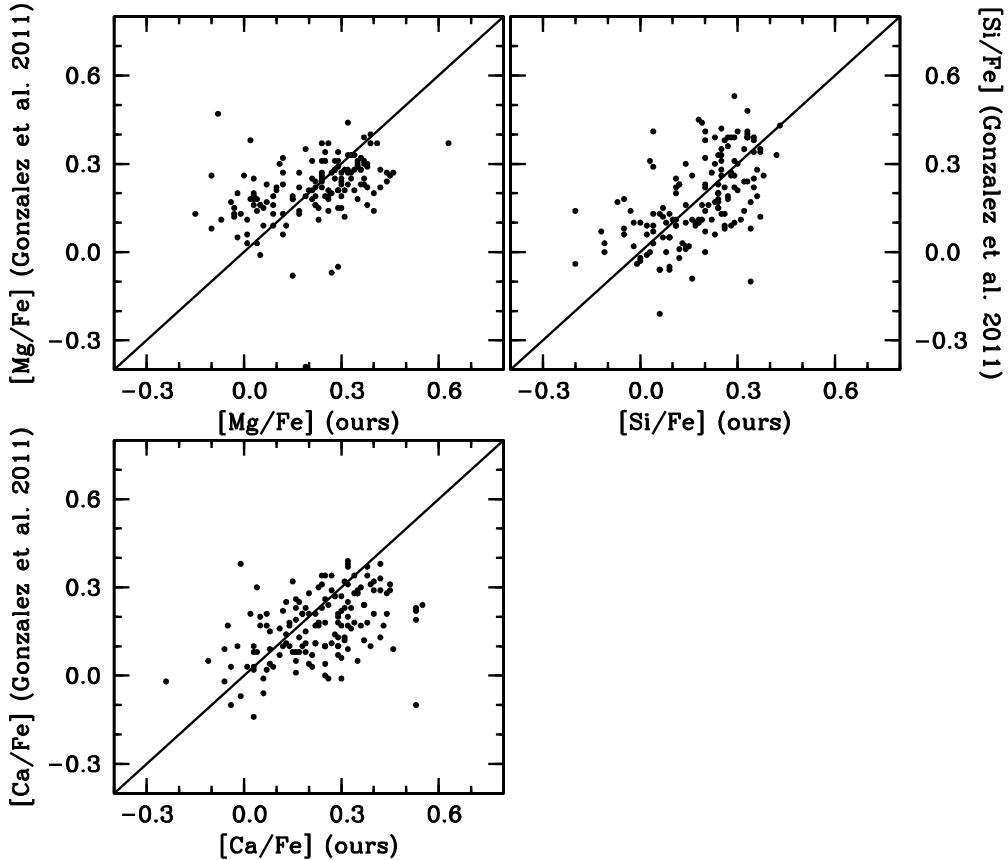


Figure 10. Comparison between the $[\text{Mg}/\text{Fe}]$, $[\text{Si}/\text{Fe}]$, and $[\text{Ca}/\text{Fe}]$ abundances derived here and in Gonzalez et al. (2011). The solid black line in each panel indicates perfect agreement.

which derive α -element abundances from different techniques (synthesis in Gonzalez et al. 2011 and EW measurements here). We note that the α -elements oxygen (measured here) and titanium (measured in Gonzalez et al. 2011) were not both measured in each study.¹⁴

3.7. Abundance Uncertainty Estimates

We investigated the sensitivity of derived abundances for each element in every star by taking the abundances given in Table 3, determining theoretical EWs using the line list in Table 2, and then varying the model atmosphere parameters T_{eff} , $\log(g)$, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$, and v_t individually while holding the other parameters fixed. We selected parameter changes of 100 K in T_{eff} , 0.30 dex in $\log(g)$, 0.15 dex in $[\text{M}/\text{H}]$, and 0.30 km s^{-1} in v_t , which are reasonable when comparing our derived parameters with those of the independent analysis by Zoccali et al. (2008; see also Section 3.1). The total uncertainty for each element ratio in each star resulting from this exercise is provided in Table 4.

In general, most elements are not affected by changes in T_{eff} of 100 K at more than the 0.1 dex level. However, the two species presented here that reside in their dominant ionization states ($[\text{O I}]$ and Fe II) are strongly affected by changes in surface gravity. For a change in $\log(g)$ of 0.3 dex, the $\log \epsilon(\text{O})$ and $\log \epsilon(\text{Fe II})$ abundances can change by ~ 0.1 – 0.3 dex, but these effects are mitigated when the $[\text{O I}/\text{H}]$ abundance is

normalized with $[\text{Fe II}/\text{H}]$. These two species are also more strongly affected by changes in the model metallicity, and the larger $[\text{Fe II}/\text{H}]$ measurement and sensitivity uncertainties are a contributing factor to the increased dispersion in the $[\text{O}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios compared to other α -elements (e.g., $[\text{Mg}/\text{Fe}]$). As expected, microturbulence sensitivity is correlated with a star’s overall metallicity (i.e., line strength). Among the transitions under consideration here, in metal-rich stars those of Na, Ca, and Cu typically have the strongest lines and are thus more strongly affected by the microturbulence uncertainty.

In Table 5, we also provide the 1σ line-to-line dispersion values for all species measured here. These values should be mostly representative of the combined measurement error that includes effects such as continuum placement, line deblending, synthesis fits via visual inspection, $\log(gf)$ uncertainties, and model atmosphere deficiencies. Typical line-to-line dispersion values are ~ 0.08 dex. The measurement error of Cu may be underestimated because of the line’s large EW, non-negligible blending (see Figure 6), and possible contamination with a nearby DIBS feature. A more reasonable measurement uncertainty for Cu is, in most cases, ~ 0.15 – 0.20 dex.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1. The α -elements Oxygen, Magnesium, Silicon, and Calcium

The α -elements have been the primary focus of detailed composition work in the Galactic bulge. To first order, there is agreement among the various studies that: (1) the $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ ratios are enhanced by $\sim +0.3$ dex at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \lesssim -0.3$, (2) for stars with $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \gtrsim +0.3$ there is a mostly monotonic decline

¹⁴ Gonzalez et al. (2011) did not derive an oxygen abundance from the 6300 Å [O I] feature because of concerns regarding measurement accuracy. We chose not to include Ti abundances because of discrepant nucleosynthesis predictions for this element in comparison to observations (e.g., see Kobayashi et al. 2011, their Figure 14).

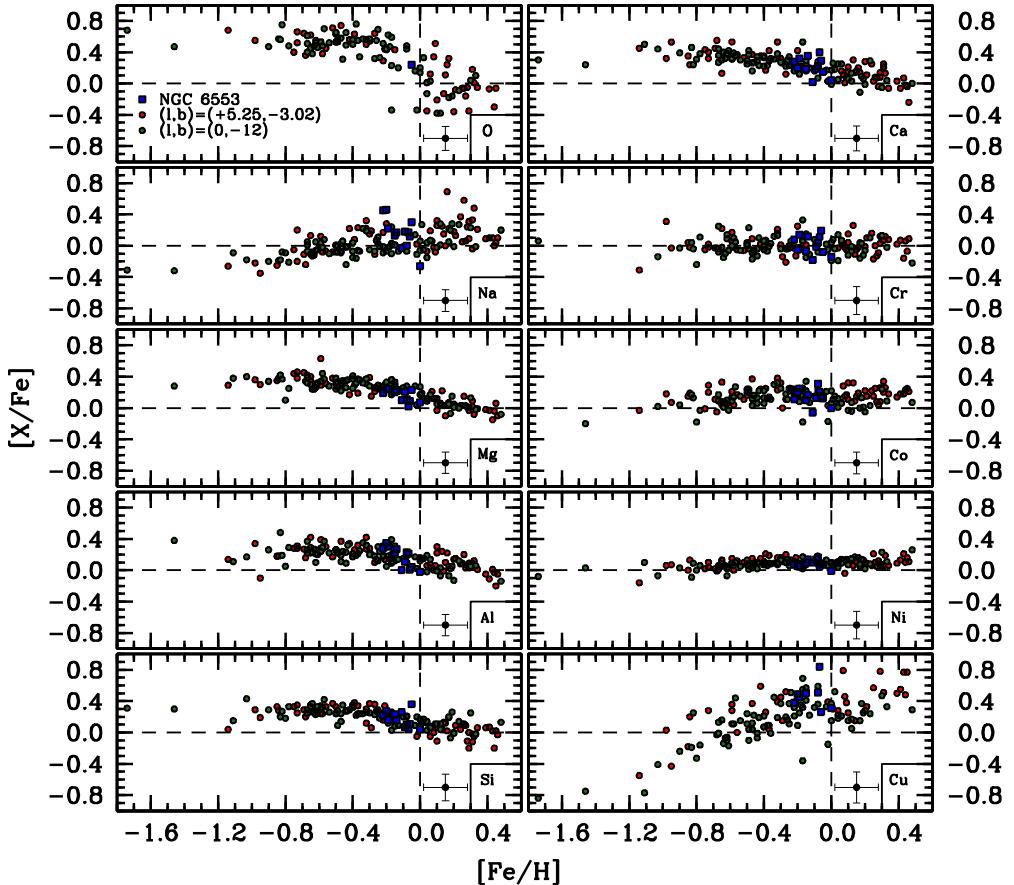


Figure 11. [X/Fe] abundance patterns plotted as a function of [Fe/H] for all elements analyzed. The filled red circles, filled green circles, and filled blue boxes differentiate stars belonging to the (+ 5.25, −3.02), (0, −12), and NGC 6553 populations. Note that the scale of the ordinate is identical in all panels.

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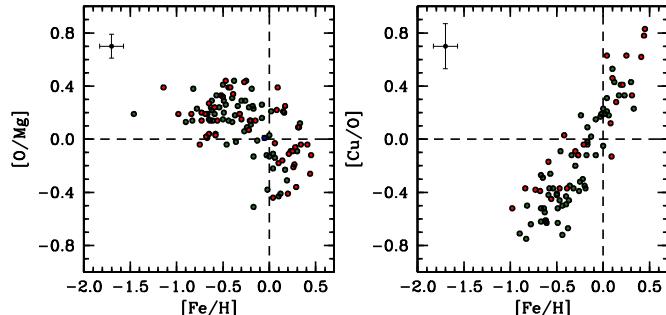


Figure 12. [O/Mg] and [Cu/O] ratios plotted as a function of [Fe/H]. The filled red circles, filled green circles, and filled blue boxes differentiate stars belonging to the (+ 5.25, −3.02), (0, −12), and NGC 6553 populations.

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[Si/Fe], and perhaps [O/Fe] ratios remain enhanced to a higher [Fe/H] value than those of the local thick disk.¹⁷

Finally, we note that combining this data set with those available in the literature (e.g., see Figure 13) totals $\sim 10^3$ bulge stars that have had $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ measurements made from high-resolution spectroscopy. Despite the large sample size, there is a paucity of stars with $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ ratios that deviate significantly from the bulk trend. In agreement with work suggesting the

Galactic bulge did not form predominantly from a buildup of merger events (e.g., Shen et al. 2010), we can effectively rule out significant contributions from the infall of objects with chemistry similar to those of many present-day dwarf galaxies (i.e., low $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$; e.g., see Venn et al. 2004, and references therein). Additionally, as can be seen in Figure 11 (see also Gonzalez et al. 2011), the [X/Fe] abundance ratios of individual α -elements for NGC 6553 stars are nearly identical to those of bulge field stars with similar [Fe/H]. Specifically, the average [X/Fe] values for NGC 6553 are $\langle [\text{O}/\text{Fe}] \rangle = +0.24$ (one star), $\langle [\text{Mg}/\text{Fe}] \rangle = +0.16$ ($\sigma = 0.08$), $\langle [\text{Si}/\text{Fe}] \rangle = +0.17$ ($\sigma = 0.10$), and $\langle [\text{Ca}/\text{Fe}] \rangle = +0.22$ ($\sigma = 0.12$), which compare well with the average abundances for nearby bulge field stars in the range $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.20$ to $+0.00$: $\langle [\text{O}/\text{Fe}] \rangle = +0.24$ ($\sigma = 0.29$), $\langle [\text{Mg}/\text{Fe}] \rangle = +0.25$ ($\sigma = 0.09$), $\langle [\text{Si}/\text{Fe}] \rangle = +0.15$ ($\sigma = 0.08$), and $\langle [\text{Ca}/\text{Fe}] \rangle = +0.19$ ($\sigma = 0.13$). These values are in good agreement with past work that finds the cluster to be moderately α -enhanced (Barbuy et al. 1999; Cohen et al. 1999; Coelho et al. 2001; Origlia et al. 2002; Meléndez et al. 2003; Alves-Brito et al. 2006). The similar $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ abundances between the cluster and field stars suggest that NGC 6553 likely formed in situ with the bulge field population and is not a captured cluster.

4.2. The Light, Odd-Z Elements Sodium and Aluminum

In a fashion similar to the α -elements, the light, odd-Z elements Na and Al provide clues of the processes that dominated the chemical enrichment of a stellar population. Furthermore, these elements are useful for “chemical tagging”

¹⁷ If we instead compare the $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ ratios between bulge giants here and thick disk giants from Alves-Brito et al. (2010), we reach a similar conclusion. Both data sets exhibit similar abundance trends for [O/Fe] and [Mg/Fe], but [Si/Fe] and [Ca/Fe] remain enhanced at higher [Fe/H] in the bulge giants.

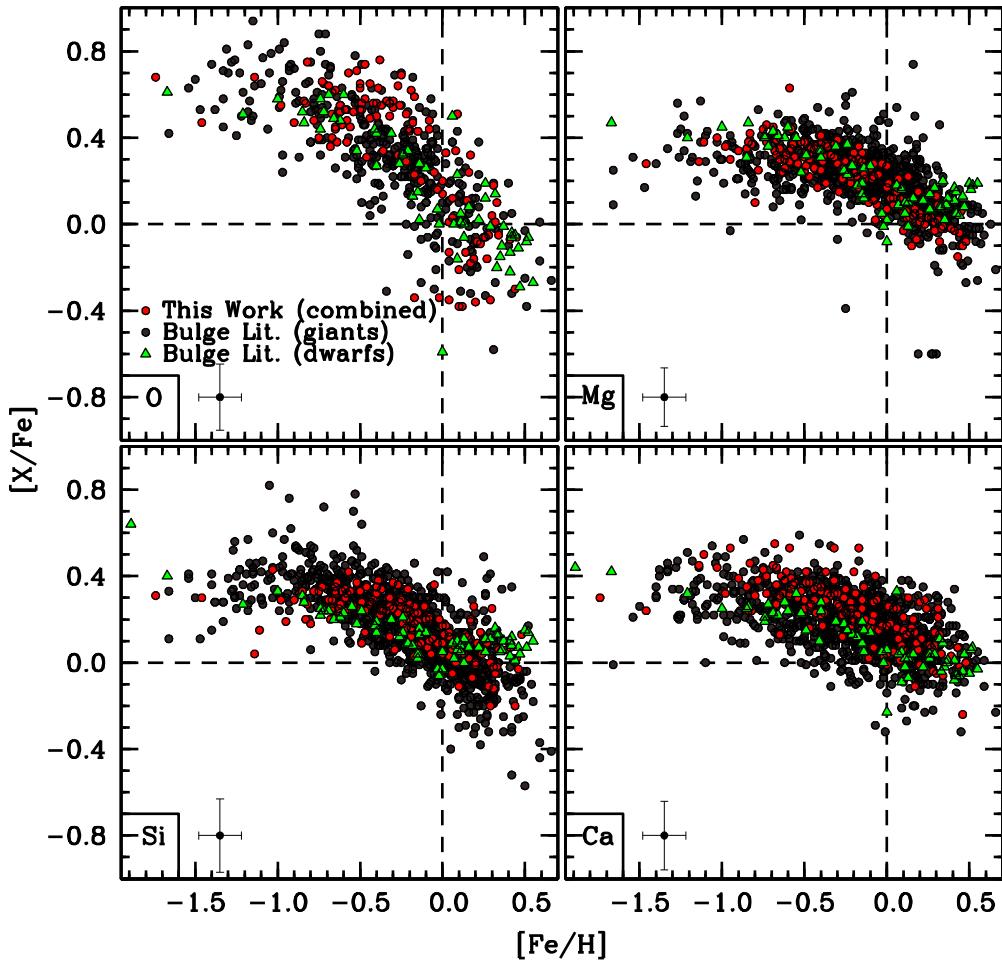


Figure 13. $[X/\text{Fe}]$ ratios for the α -elements O, Mg, Si, and Ca plotted as a function of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$. The filled red circles indicate abundances measured for this work (combining both fields and NGC 6553), the filled dark gray circles are abundances in bulge RGB and red clump stars from the literature, and the filled green triangles are abundances from bulge microlensed dwarfs (Bensby et al. 2013). The RGB and clump data are from McWilliam & Rich (1994), Rich & Origlia (2005), Fulbright et al. (2007), Lecureur et al. (2007), Rich et al. (2007a), Meléndez et al. (2008), Alves-Brito et al. (2010), Ryde et al. (2010), Gonzalez et al. (2011), Hill et al. (2011), Johnson et al. (2011), Rich et al. (2012), García Pérez et al. (2013), and Johnson et al. (2013a, 2013b).

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analyses, and both the $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[\text{Al}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios can vary significantly between stellar populations that have otherwise identical $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ values. The large ($\gtrsim 0.5$ dex) star-to-star $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[\text{Al}/\text{Fe}]$ abundance variations present in metal-poor globular clusters but not halo/disk stars of the same metallicity are perhaps the most well-known example of this phenomenon (e.g., see reviews by Gratton et al. 2004, 2012, and references therein). While the production of Na and Al is dominated by hydrostatic helium, carbon, and neon burning in massive stars, the final yields are expected to grow significantly with increasing progenitor mass and metallicity (e.g., Woosley & Weaver 1995; Kobayashi et al. 2006, 2011). Intermediate-mass ($\sim 4\text{--}8 M_{\odot}$) asymptotic giant branch (AGB) stars and the hydrogen-rich envelopes of massive stars can also produce significant amounts of Na and Al via the NeNa and MgAl proton-capture cycles (e.g., Decressin et al. 2007; de Mink et al. 2009; Ventura & D'Antona 2009; Karakas 2010). Since Na and Al are thought to result from similar production mechanisms, we expect their abundance patterns to reflect a comparable morphology.

While the bulge abundance patterns of $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[\text{Al}/\text{Fe}]$ have not been investigated to the extent of the α -elements, the combined literature sample now totals an order of a few hundred

stars. Interestingly, the agreement between studies regarding the $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[\text{Al}/\text{Fe}]$ trends is worse than for the α -elements. While all high-resolution analyses (McWilliam & Rich 1994; Fulbright et al. 2007; Lecureur et al. 2007; Alves-Brito et al. 2010; Bensby et al. 2010b, 2011, 2013; Johnson et al. 2012) tend to agree that the average $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ ratio rises with increasing metallicity, significant scatter is present at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \lesssim -1$ and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \gtrsim 0$. Similarly, there is general agreement that $[\text{Al}/\text{Fe}]$ is enhanced in bulge stars at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \lesssim -0.3$. However, some studies find that $[\text{Al}/\text{Fe}]$ remains enhanced at super-solar metallicities (McWilliam & Rich 1994; Fulbright et al. 2007; Lecureur et al. 2007; Alves-Brito et al. 2010), while others find a decline in $[\text{Al}/\text{Fe}]$, similar to $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ (Bensby et al. 2011, 2013; Johnson et al. 2012). Additionally, there is general agreement that the $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[\text{Al}/\text{Fe}]$ trends as a function of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ are similar between the bulge and disk over a broad metallicity range, but differences could be present at the metal-poor and metal-rich ends of the bulge distribution. It is also not yet clear if any significant $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[\text{Al}/\text{Fe}]$ abundance differences exist between different bulge sight lines.

Figure 11 shows our derived $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[\text{Al}/\text{Fe}]$ abundances as a function of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ for both fields and the possible NGC 6553 stars, and in Figure 15, we compare our results

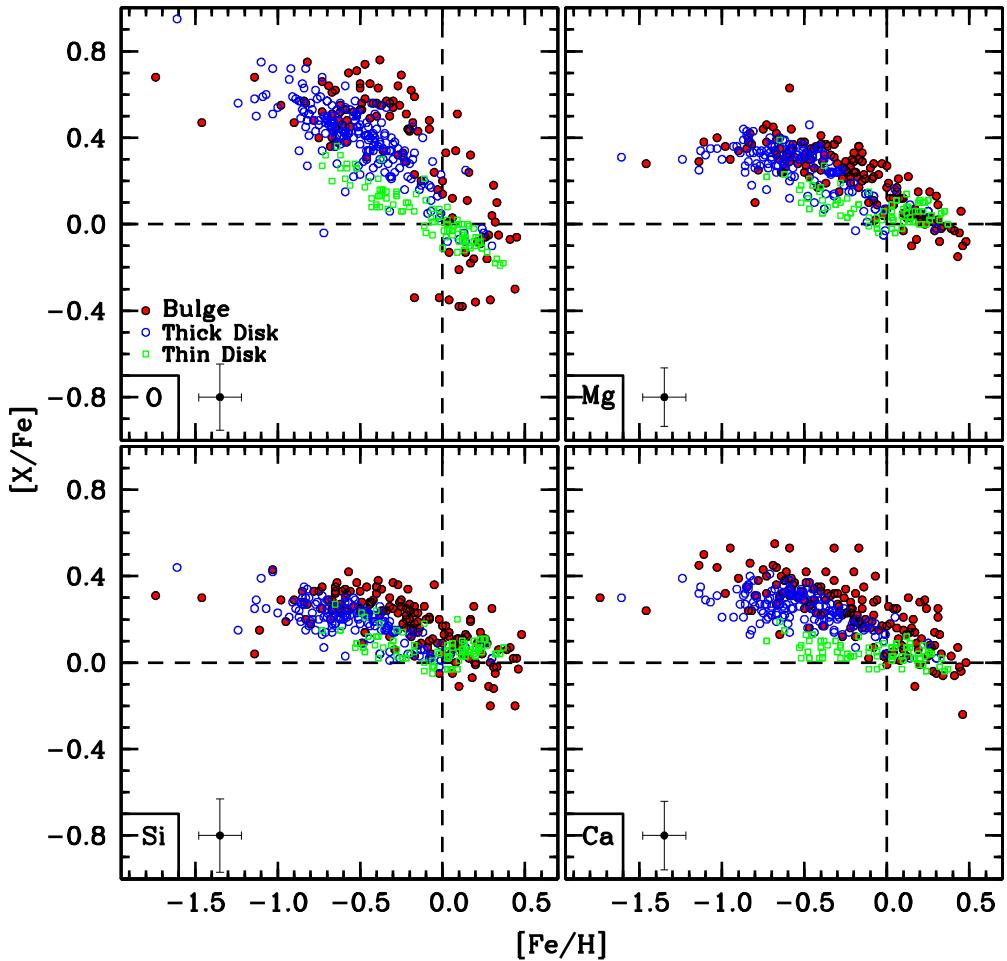


Figure 14. Comparison of the O, Mg, Si, and Ca abundances for the bulge stars measured here (filled red circles) with those of the thick disk (open blue circles) and thin disk (open green boxes). The disk data are from Bensby et al. (2003, 2005) and Reddy et al. (2006). (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

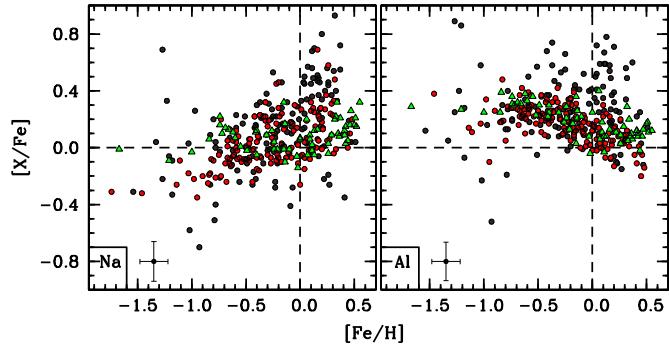


Figure 15. Comparison plot of $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[\text{Al}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios between the bulge RGB stars measured here (filled red circles), RGB and clump stars available in the literature (filled dark gray circles), and bulge microlensed dwarfs (filled green triangles). Additional dwarf and giant literature data are from Johnson et al. (2007, 2008), Cohen et al. (2008, 2009), Epstein et al. (2010), and Johnson et al. (2012), in addition to those referenced in Figure 13.

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with those from previous work. For Na, we find general agreement with literature values such that the average $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ ratio rises with increasing $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$. However, we find only a small number of metal-rich stars with $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}] > +0.4$ and do not reproduce the very large $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios of Lecureur et al. (2007). Additionally, we do not find significant evidence supporting large $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ variations between the two bulge sight

lines probed here. At $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \gtrsim -0.5$, the mean $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ trend and star-to-star dispersion for our measured RGB stars is in good agreement with those of the microlensed bulge dwarfs (e.g., Bensby et al. 2013).

The primary discrepancy between our work and some of the literature values occurs for stars with $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \lesssim -0.7$, with this work and Johnson et al. (2012) finding that the average Na trend decreases from $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}] \sim 0$ at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.5$ to $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}] = -0.3$ at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -1.7$. It is not immediately clear if the discrepancy, especially between the bulge RGB and dwarf data, is real or caused by analysis differences (e.g., NLTE, three-dimensional, or spherical/plane-parallel effects between dwarfs and giants). The inclusion of NLTE corrections would minimize the differences at low metallicity between bulge RGB and dwarf stars, and also between bulge RGB and metal-poor thick disk dwarfs (see Figure 16), if the largely positive Na corrections for RGB stars from Gratton et al. (1999) were applied. However, more recent NLTE calculations (e.g., Lind et al. 2011) instead find that the sign of the Na correction is negative for the lines and atmospheric parameters used here. Similarly, the NLTE corrections for $\log \epsilon(\text{Fe I})$ appear to be positive (e.g., Lind et al. 2012; Bergemann et al. 2012) for most stars in our sample, which would decrease the $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios. Further insight into this problem may be gained as more extensive NLTE calculations and three-dimensional model atmosphere grids and codes become available.

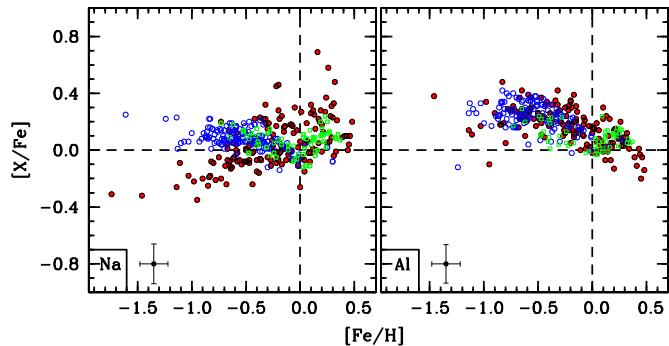


Figure 16. Plot of $[{\rm Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios as a function of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ for the bulge stars measured here (filled red circles), thick disk stars (open blue circles), and thin disk stars (open green boxes). The literature data are from the sources referenced in Figure 14.

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When comparing the $[{\rm Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ trends in Figure 11, it is immediately clear that the two elements exhibit discrepant trends. While $[{\rm Na}/\text{Fe}]$ gradually rises with increasing $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$, the $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ trend is nearly indistinguishable from that of most α -elements. In particular, we find, in agreement with Bensby et al. (2010b, 2011, 2013) and Johnson et al. (2012), that $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}] \sim +0.3$ in bulge stars until $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \sim -0.3$ and then steadily declines at higher $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$. As mentioned previously, the decline in $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ with increasing metallicity contrasts with other literature results that find $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ remains enhanced even at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.5$ (Fulbright et al. 2007; Lecrueur et al. 2007; Alves-Brito et al. 2010). The data quality among the various studies is comparable, and it is not clear why the derived $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ trends are in disagreement at high metallicity. We do note, however, that for cool, high-metallicity stars, the 6696 and especially 6698 Å Al I lines, as well as the continuum placement, can be affected by CN blending.

The discrepant $[{\rm Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ trends as a function of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ are not limited to the bulge and may also be present in the disk, as can be seen in Figure 16. Despite nucleosynthesis models predicting similar production of Na and Al in massive stars (e.g., Woosley & Weaver 1995), Figure 16 shows that, at least in the metallicity range probed here, Al is over-produced relative to Na in both bulge and disk stars for $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \lesssim -0.3$. The increased production of Na relative to Al in metal-rich stars, and especially in the bulge, suggests that metallicity-dependent yields from massive stars vary more strongly for Na than Al. Contributions from intermediate-mass AGB stars may also help explain the Na and Al trends, since the AGB $[{\rm Na}/\text{Fe}]$ yields tend to increase at higher $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$, while those of $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ decline (e.g., Ventura & D'Antona 2009). Interestingly, we find that, unlike the case for $[{\rm Na}/\text{Fe}]$, the $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios are nearly indistinguishable between the bulge and thick disk at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < 0$. Similarly, the $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios for bulge stars are identical to those in the thin disk at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] > 0$.

Given the similar behavior of $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ to many of the α -elements, in Figure 17 we provide a detailed comparison between $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$, $[{\rm O}/\text{Fe}]$, $[{\rm Mg}/\text{Fe}]$, $[{\rm Si}/\text{Fe}]$, and $[{\rm Ca}/\text{Fe}]$ for the bulge stars analyzed here. While the $[{\rm O}/\text{Fe}]$ trend is clearly different from that of $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$, there are no similarly strong discrepancies between $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ and the other α -elements. At $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -0.8$, both $[{\rm Mg}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[{\rm Ca}/\text{Fe}]$ are $\sim 0.10\text{--}0.15$ dex enhanced compared to $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$, but those differences disappear at higher $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$. On the other hand, the $[{\rm Si}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ trends are essentially identical at all $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ with an average difference of 0.01 dex ($\sigma = 0.13$ dex).

Examining the NGC 6553 stars in Figure 11 shows that Na, and to a lesser extent Al, exhibit larger star-to-star $[{\rm Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ variations than similar metallicity field stars. In particular, the average Na and Al abundances for the cluster stars are $\langle[{\rm Na}/\text{Fe}]\rangle = +0.16$ ($\sigma = 0.20$) and $\langle[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]\rangle = +0.17$ ($\sigma = 0.13$), which can be compared to similar metallicity field stars with $\langle[{\rm Na}/\text{Fe}]\rangle = +0.03$ ($\sigma = 0.11$) and $\langle[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]\rangle = +0.16$ ($\sigma = 0.10$), respectively. The larger $[{\rm Na}/\text{Fe}]$ abundance and dispersion values for the cluster stars suggest that NGC 6553 experienced some degree of self-enrichment. However, unlike low-metallicity globular clusters, NGC 6553 does not exhibit a strong Na-Al correlation. This is in agreement with the observed trend that the Na-Al correlation is more mild and $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ dispersions are smaller in metal-rich as opposed to metal-poor globular clusters (e.g., Carretta et al. 2009; O'Connell et al. 2011; Cordero et al. 2014). Unfortunately, the 6300 Å telluric oxygen emission feature combined with NGC 6553's relatively low radial velocity prohibited us from obtaining an $[{\rm O}/\text{Fe}]$ abundance for more than one star in NGC 6553. Therefore, we cannot comment further on the existence or extension of the likely O-Na correlation. Finally, we note that our mean $[{\rm Na}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[{\rm Al}/\text{Fe}]$ values and abundance dispersions are in excellent agreement with those found by Alves-Brito et al. (2006), but are considerably lower than the values (based on two stars) of Barbuy et al. (1999).

4.3. The Fe-peak Elements: Chromium, Cobalt, Nickel, and Copper

Unlike in lighter elements, the abundance patterns of Fe-peak elements in the Galactic bulge are not well explored. The production of Fe-peak elements occurs through a variety of processes in the late stages of massive star evolution, the resulting core collapse SNe, and also in Type Ia SNe. The Fe-peak abundance patterns can also be useful indicators of a stellar population's IMF, with odd-Z elements in particular providing some diagnostic power (e.g., Nomoto et al. 2013). Some initial work on the bulge Fe-peak abundance distribution was included in McWilliam & Rich (1994), who found $[{\rm V}/\text{Fe}]$, $[{\rm Cr}/\text{Fe}]$, and $[{\rm Ni}/\text{Fe}]$ ratios near solar and a possible enhancement in $[{\rm Co}/\text{Fe}]$ and $[{\rm Sc}/\text{Fe}]$. More recent work analyzing the Fe-peak abundance trends in the bulge has come from microlensed dwarf studies (Cohen et al. 2008; Johnson et al. 2008; Cohen et al. 2009; Bensby et al. 2010b, 2011, 2013; Epstein et al. 2010). The bulge $[{\rm Mn}/\text{Fe}]$ trend in RGB stars has also been investigated recently by Barbuy et al. (2013). The results of these analyses indicate that the bulge Fe-peak trends are similar to that of the local disk, except that the bulge may have different $[{\rm Mn}/\text{O}]$ ratios than the thick disk for a given $[{\rm O}/\text{H}]$ value.

The general $[{\rm X}/\text{Fe}]$ versus $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ abundance trends derived here are shown in Figure 11. From these data we find that (1) Cr is the element that most closely tracks Fe with $\langle[{\rm Cr}/\text{Fe}]\rangle = 0.00$ ($\sigma = 0.11$), (2) $[{\rm Co}/\text{Fe}]$ exhibits low-level variations as a function of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ but is generally enhanced with $\langle[{\rm Co}/\text{Fe}]\rangle = +0.14$ ($\sigma = 0.11$), (3) $[{\rm Ni}/\text{Fe}]$ shows similar variations to $[{\rm Co}/\text{Fe}]$ but at a much smaller amplitude and is slightly enhanced with $\langle[{\rm Ni}/\text{Fe}]\rangle = +0.09$ ($\sigma = 0.06$), (4) the Cu abundance increases monotonically from $[{\rm Cu}/\text{Fe}] = -0.84$ in the most metal-poor star to $[{\rm Cu}/\text{Fe}] \sim +0.40$ in the most metal-rich stars, and (5) there are no significant Fe-peak abundance variations between NGC 6553 stars and the field stars.

Although the exact nature of Cu nucleosynthesis is complex (e.g., see Mishenina et al. 2002, and references therein), the significant secondary (i.e., metallicity-dependent) production of Cu (and also Na) is evident in Figure 11. Additionally, Figure 12

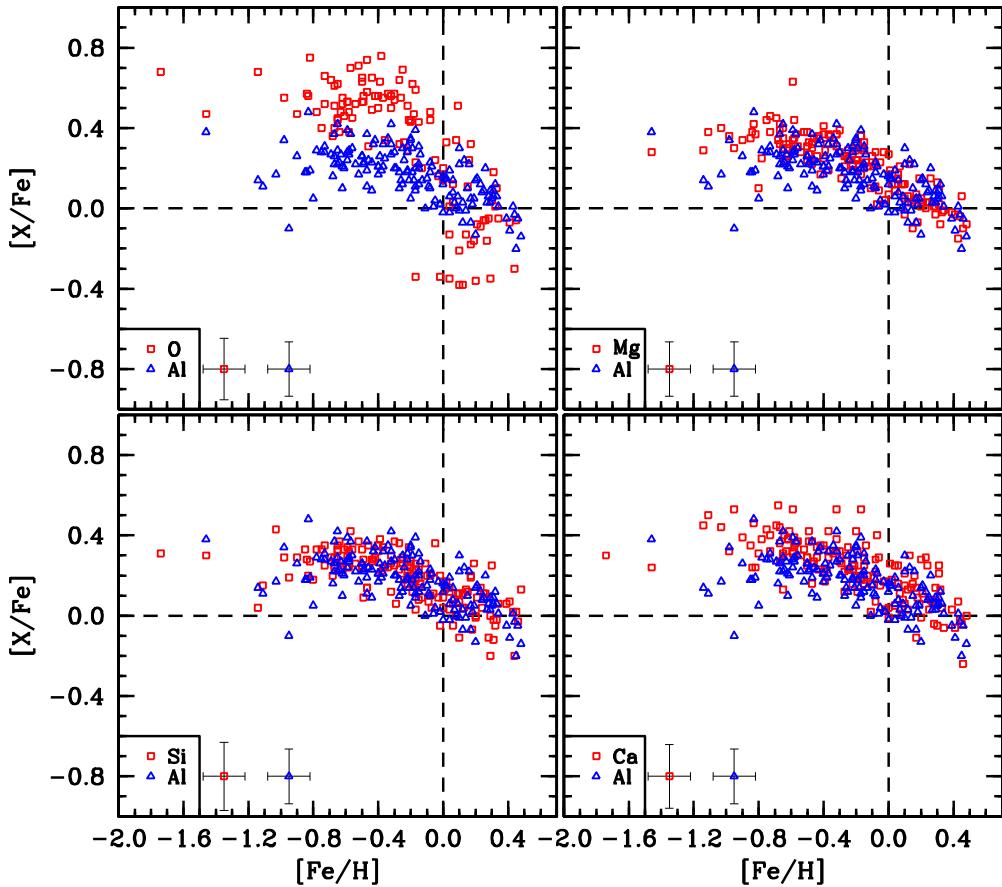


Figure 17. [Al/Fe] ratios (open blue triangles) for all bulge and NGC 6553 RGB stars analyzed here compared to the abundance trends of the α -elements O, Mg, Si, and Ca (open red boxes).

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shows that despite the larger measurement errors in both O and Cu abundances, the [Cu/O] ratio is strongly correlated with [Fe/H]. This trend has been noted previously and is prevalent in stellar populations with different star formation histories, such as the local disk and Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy (e.g., McWilliam et al. 2013). The [Cu/O] trend is taken as evidence that a significant portion of Cu is synthesized in massive stars, perhaps via the weak s-process (e.g., Sneden et al. 1991). However, some component of Cu may also be produced by Type Ia SNe (Matteucci et al. 1993).

In Figure 18, we compare our derived Fe-peak abundance trends with those in the literature. For Cr, there is general agreement between the bulge RGB stars analyzed here and the literature microlensed dwarf data. However, the small number of bulge literature data points for Co and Cu makes a direct comparison difficult. The [Ni/Fe] comparison also shows excellent agreement overall, but the RGB stars appear systematically enhanced by $\lesssim 0.1$ dex in the range $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.3$ to $+0.1$. Note also the similarly small star-to-star dispersion in especially [Ni/Fe] between the RGB and dwarf data.

A comparison between the bulge Fe-peak abundance trends and those of the thin/thick disk is shown in Figure 19. Interestingly, at least for $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \gtrsim -1.5$, the [Cr/Fe] distribution is seemingly independent of formation environment with the bulge, thick disk, and thin disk stars all having $[\text{Cr}/\text{Fe}] \sim 0$. For [Co/Fe], [Ni/Fe], and [Cu/Fe], there is significant overlap between the bulge and thick disk trends at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \lesssim -0.5$. At

higher [Fe/H], the bulge may be enhanced in all three elements relative to both the thick and thin disks. This is especially evident in Figure 19 panel showing [Ni/Fe] versus [Fe/H]; the low star-to-star scatter in [Ni/Fe] for all three populations highlights the possible composition difference between the local disk and bulge from $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \sim -0.4$ to $+0.2$. While the strong rise in [Cu/Fe] with metallicity is, as mentioned previously, a common feature in many different stellar populations, the bulge stars at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \gtrsim -0.3$ appear to extend to higher abundances than the local disk. However, the increased measurement uncertainty of Cu and paucity of disk [Cu/Fe] ratios at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] > 0$ prevents us from undertaking a more comprehensive analysis.

4.4. Comparing Composition Data to Bulge Chemical Enrichment Models

Accurately modeling the chemical enrichment history of a stellar system requires solving for a variety of free parameters that may include the IMF, star formation rate, star formation efficiency, SN/hypernova (HN) ratio,¹⁸ inflow/outflow rate, binary fraction, stellar evolution timescales, mass-loss rates, and stellar yields. While not all of the required input parameters are yet well defined based on observed data, chemical enrichment models are effective tools for examining and interpreting chemical composition data. Therefore, in Figures 20 and 21, we compare our derived abundance trends with those predicted by

¹⁸ Note that the model hypernova fractions only affect stars with $M > 20 M_{\odot}$.

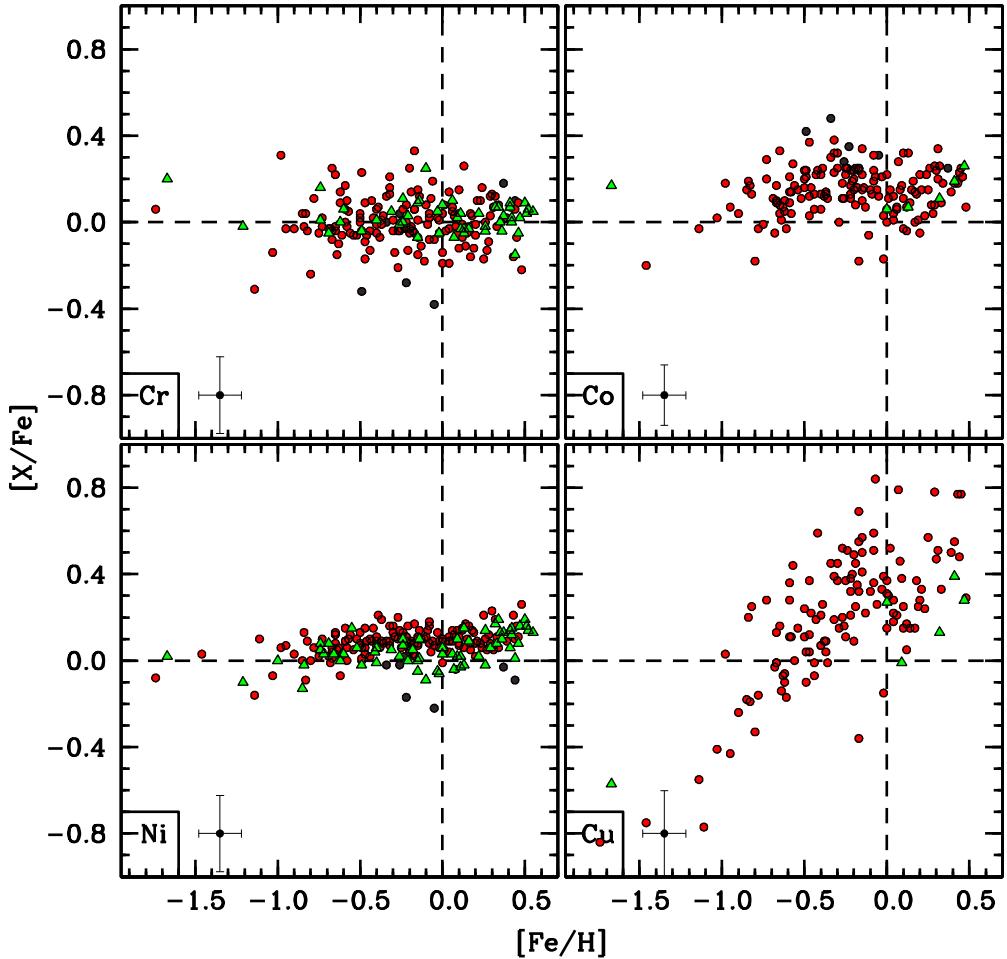


Figure 18. Plots comparing the $[Cr/Fe]$, $[Co/Fe]$, $[Ni/Fe]$, and $[Cu/Fe]$ abundances of the bulge stars measured here (filled red circles) with literature measurements of bulge microlensed dwarfs (filled green triangles) and field RGB/red clump stars (filled dark gray circles). The literature data are from the sources referenced in Figures 13 and 15.

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chemical enrichment models in which parameters such as the IMF, binary fraction, SN/HN ratio, and outflow rate are varied.

The baseline Galactic bulge model shown in Figures 20 and 21 is from Kobayashi et al. (2006, 2011) and is designed to reproduce the metallicity distribution in Baade’s Window from Zoccali et al. (2008), assumes a Kroupa (2008) IMF, and assumes a star formation timescale of 3 Gyr (see Kobayashi et al. 2011, their Table 1 and Section 2.4, for more details regarding model input parameters). In general, the baseline model does a reasonable job of reproducing the observed abundance trends of all abundance ratios, except $[Na/Fe]$ and $[Al/Fe]$. All of the models shown in Figures 20 and 21 predict large overabundances of both $[Na/Fe]$ and $[Al/Fe]$ that are not observed, suggesting that the massive star yields of both elements may be too high.¹⁹ However, as can be seen in Figure 20, the enhanced Fe production from HNe decreases the $[Na/Fe]$ and $[Al/Fe]$ yields and brings the baseline bulge model into better agreement with the light element data. The addition of HNe also provides better agreement between the models and observations for the Fe-peak elements, with a tradeoff of $[\alpha/Fe]$ ratios that may be slightly too low. In contrast, Figure 20 also shows that a paucity of HNe

generally leads to $[X/Fe]$ ratios that are too high. It seems that a significant fraction of HNe are required to accurately reproduce the observed bulge abundance trends. Unfortunately, the HN fraction is best constrained at $[Fe/H] \lesssim -1$, where data are scarce.

In Figure 21, we examine how changes in the IMF could affect the expected abundance trends. Compared to the Kroupa (2008) IMF adopted in our baseline bulge model, a steep IMF ($x = 1.6$) is completely ruled out by the data. Additionally, adopting a Kroupa (2008) IMF that truncates at $40 M_{\odot}$, and thus ignores contributions from the most massive stars, is inconsistent with the $[Cu/Fe]$ abundances, and to a lesser extent those of $[Co/Fe]$. While a flatter, top-heavy IMF ($x = 0.3$) alone leads to $[X/Fe]$ ratios that are too high for nearly every element, a reduction in the yields from outflow and/or slow star formation combined with a high Type Ia SN rate, artificially enhanced with a 10 times larger binary fraction, could bring such a model into agreement with the data. However, bulge formation models with slow star formation are likely unrealistic, and the observed $[Co/Fe]$ and $[Cu/Fe]$ data appear to rule out these models. Based on the present data, it does not appear that the bulge required a uniquely “non-standard” IMF to reach its present-day composition (but see also Ballero et al. 2007, for example).

Finally, in Figure 20, we also compare the measured bulge abundance trends with our adopted baseline model and similar

¹⁹ Noting again the possible effects of additional physics in the stellar models, adding rotation would likely increase the Na and Al yields.

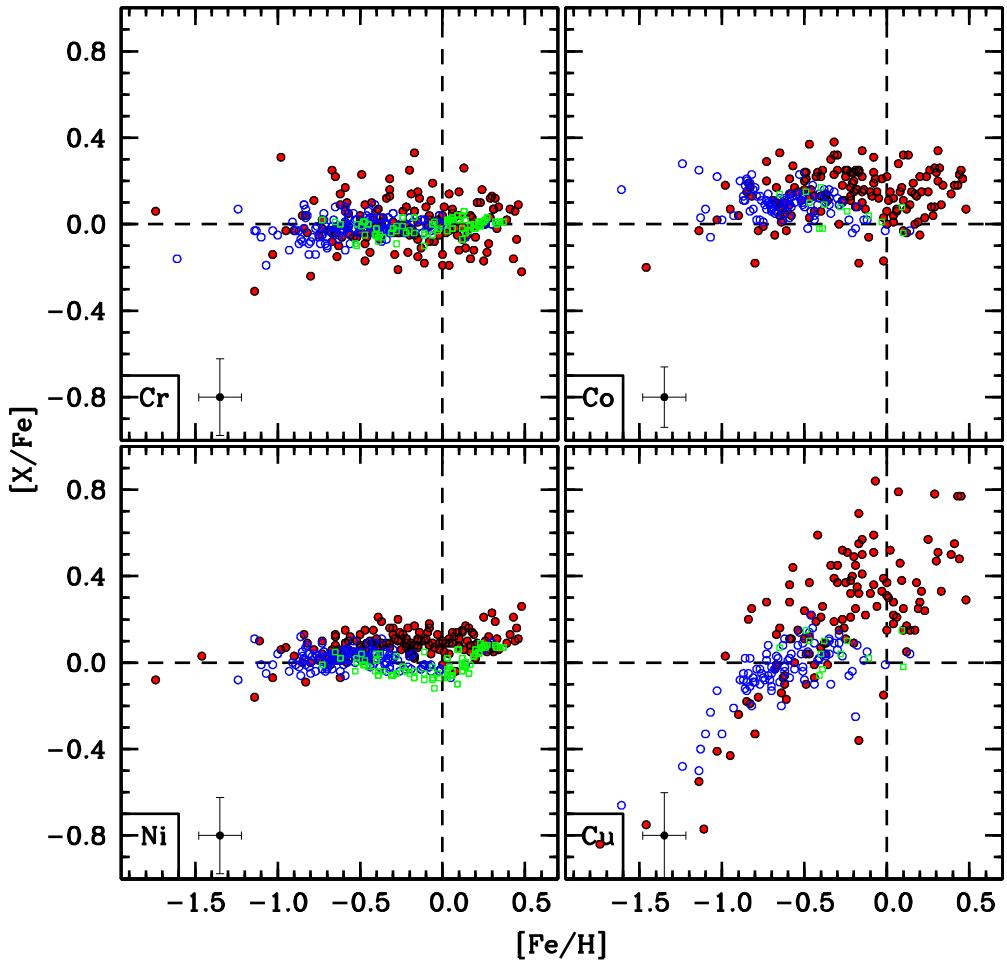


Figure 19. Plots comparing the $[Cr/Fe]$, $[Co/Fe]$, $[Ni/Fe]$, and $[Cu/Fe]$ abundances of the bulge stars measured here (filled red circles) with literature data for the thick disk (open blue circles) and thin disk (open green boxes). The literature data are from the sources referenced in Figure 14.
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models representing the composition distributions of the local thick disk and thin disk. Comparing the three predicted trends indicates that in the range $-0.8 \lesssim [Fe/H] \lesssim -0.3$ the bulge $[\alpha/Fe]$ ratios should be similar or modestly enhanced and remain enhanced to higher $[Fe/H]$ than the thick disk. Similarly, at $[Fe/H] \gtrsim 0$, the bulge and thin disk should exhibit similar, if not identical, $[\alpha/Fe]$ ratios. Both of these predictions match our observations (see Section 4.1). The predicted enhancements in the bulge for $[Na/Fe]$ and $[Al/Fe]$ compared to the local disk are not supported by observations, but this could be related to the previously mentioned possible overproduction issues of the adopted stellar yields. However, in addition to Na and Al, Figure 20 shows that Co and Cu may also exhibit some discriminating power between the bulge and local disk populations. In particular, the data support bulge stars with $[Fe/H] \gtrsim -0.5$ having $[Co/Fe]$ and $[Cu/Fe]$ ratios that are higher than the local disk. Therefore, the data and models presented here provide some supporting evidence that the bulge experienced a different chemical enrichment path than the thick disk.

5. SUMMARY

We have measured radial velocities and chemical abundances of O, Na, Mg, Al, Si, Ca, Cr, Fe, Co, Ni, and Cu in a sample of 156 RGB stars located in Galactic bulge fields centered near $(l, b) = (+5.25, -3.02)$ and $(0, -12)$. The $(+5.25, -3.02)$

also includes 12 stars identified as likely members of the bulge globular cluster NGC 6553, based on their radial velocity and $[Fe/H]$ values. The results are based on high-resolution archival spectra obtained with the FLAMES-GIRAFFE instrument, and originally used to derive $[Fe/H]$ and $[\alpha/Fe]$ abundances in Zoccali et al. (2008) and Gonzalez et al. (2011). We culled the original target list and selected only those stars with co-added S/N $\gtrsim 70$ that also lack strong TiO bands. The abundance analysis was carried out using standard EW and spectrum synthesis techniques.

Our derived heliocentric radial velocity distributions for both fields are in good agreement with past surveys (BRAVA, GIBS, and APOGEE) covering nearby fields. We do not confirm the existence of a significant population of high-velocity stars noted by Nidever et al. (2012) and Babusiaux et al. (2014). However, our targeted fields are farther away from the plane than most of those in which Nidever et al. (2012) and Babusiaux et al. (2014) observe the cold, high-velocity stars. For both fields analyzed here, we also find that the velocity dispersion monotonically decreases with increasing $[Fe/H]$. This is not unexpected for the outer bulge field at $(0, -12)$, but the similar trend in the $(+5.25, -3.02)$ field appears to contradict the findings of Babusiaux et al. (2010, 2014) that the velocity dispersion of bulge stars with $[Fe/H] \gtrsim 0$ increases at lower Galactic latitude. The reason for this discrepancy is not clear, but we note that previous analyses finding increased velocity dispersion at low

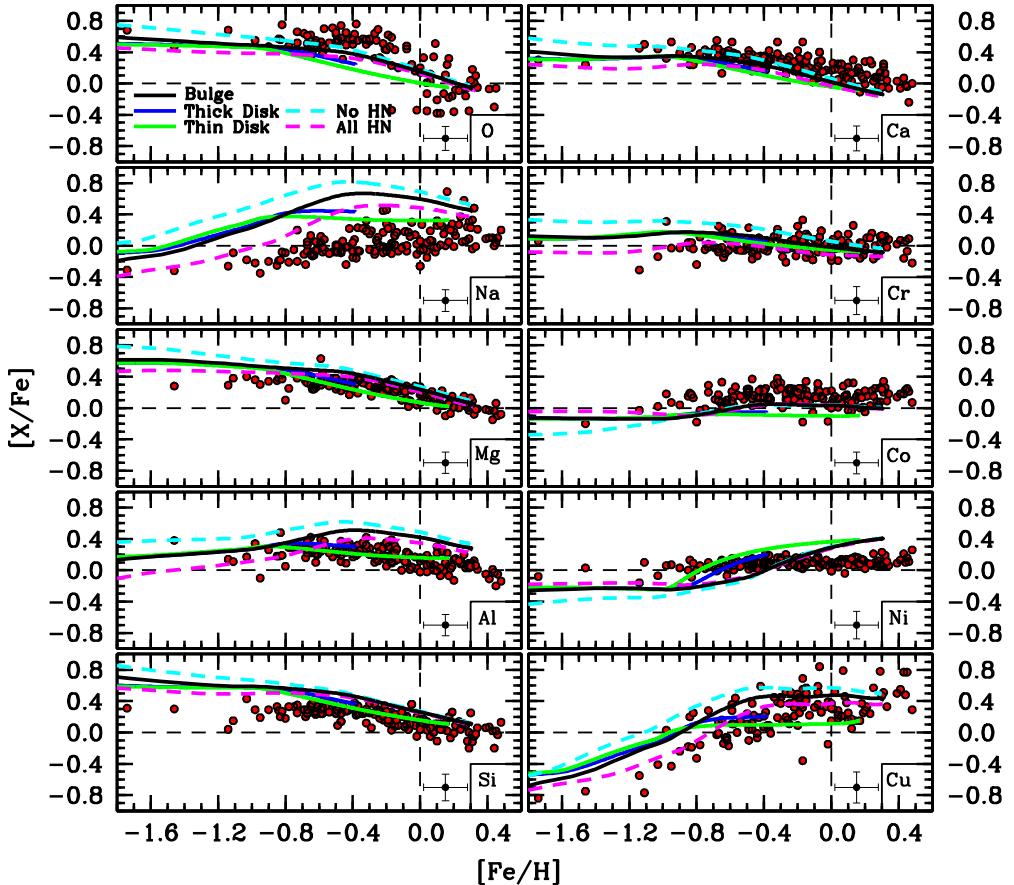


Figure 20. Chemical abundance trends are plotted as a function of $[Fe/H]$ and compared to various chemical enrichment models. The solid black, blue, and green lines represent the baseline models from Kobayashi et al. (2006, 2011) for the Galactic bulge, thick disk, and thin disk, respectively. The dashed cyan and magenta lines illustrate how the bulge model changes if the hypernova fraction is 0 and 1, respectively, for masses $>20 M_{\odot}$. Note that $[Ni/Fe]$ in particular suffers from overproduction from Type Ia SNe at $[Fe/H] > -1$. Some other elements (e.g., Si) may also be better fit if systematic offsets were applied.

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Galactic latitude for metal-rich stars have all focused on minor-axis fields. The inner bulge field included here is several degrees off-axis.

The composition data reconfirm the already well-documented metallicity gradient in the bulge. Similarly, we find good agreement between our derived $[Mg/Fe]$, $[Si/Fe]$, and $[Ca/Fe]$ abundances and those of Gonzalez et al. (2011). Additionally, we confirm that there are no significant field-to-field $[\alpha/Fe]$ abundance variations among various bulge sight lines. Our new α -element measurements also reinforce the previously held notion (e.g., McWilliam et al. 2008) that the decline in $[O/Mg]$ with increasing metallicity is likely the result of metallicity-dependent yields from massive stars. While we find that the bulge and thick disk exhibit nearly identical $[\alpha/Fe]$ ratios at $[Fe/H] \lesssim -0.5$, the bulge stars appear to remain enhanced in $[\alpha/Fe]$ by up to 0.1–0.2 dex higher in $[Fe/H]$ than the local thick disk. The bulge $[\alpha/Fe]$ ratios at $[Fe/H] \gtrsim 0$ are well matched to the local thin disk trends. These results are in agreement with recent differential abundance analyses of microlensed bulge dwarfs (Bensby et al. 2013) and suggest the bulge experienced faster enrichment than the local thick disk. However, similar differential analyses comparing bulge and thick disk giants find no significant differences between the two populations (Meléndez et al. 2008; Alves-Brito et al. 2010; Gonzalez et al. 2011).

Combining the new data set of $[\alpha/Fe]$ abundances with those available in the literature now totals several hundred stars. However, the combined data set does not reveal any significant population with “anomalous” chemistry, such as the low $[\alpha/Fe]$ ratios reminiscent of many present-day dwarf galaxy stars. Therefore, we can effectively rule out these types of objects as major contributors to any portion of the present-day Galactic bulge field population. This further supports the idea that the Galactic bulge is not a merger-built system. Similarly, the $[\alpha/Fe]$ ratios of the NGC 6553 stars are identical to those of similar metallicity field stars. This suggests NGC 6553 formed in situ with the bulge and is not a captured system.

With regard to the light, odd-Z elements, we find that Na and Al exhibit discrepant trends as a function of metallicity. In particular, bulge stars exhibit a steady increase in $[Na/Fe]$ with increasing $[Fe/H]$, but the $[Al/Fe]$ trend almost exactly matches that of the α -elements (except oxygen). While we do not find any significant field-to-field variations in either $[Na/Fe]$ or $[Al/Fe]$, our results indicate that the bulge and thick disk have different $[Na/Fe]$ abundances at $[Fe/H] \lesssim -0.5$ but similar $[Al/Fe]$. Interestingly, the “ α -like” behavior of $[Al/Fe]$ contrasts with several previous bulge studies that found $[Al/Fe]$ was enhanced up to $[Fe/H] = +0.5$. Instead, our results are in agreement with the abundance patterns of microlensed bulge dwarfs (e.g., Bensby et al. 2013). The discrepant behavior of Na

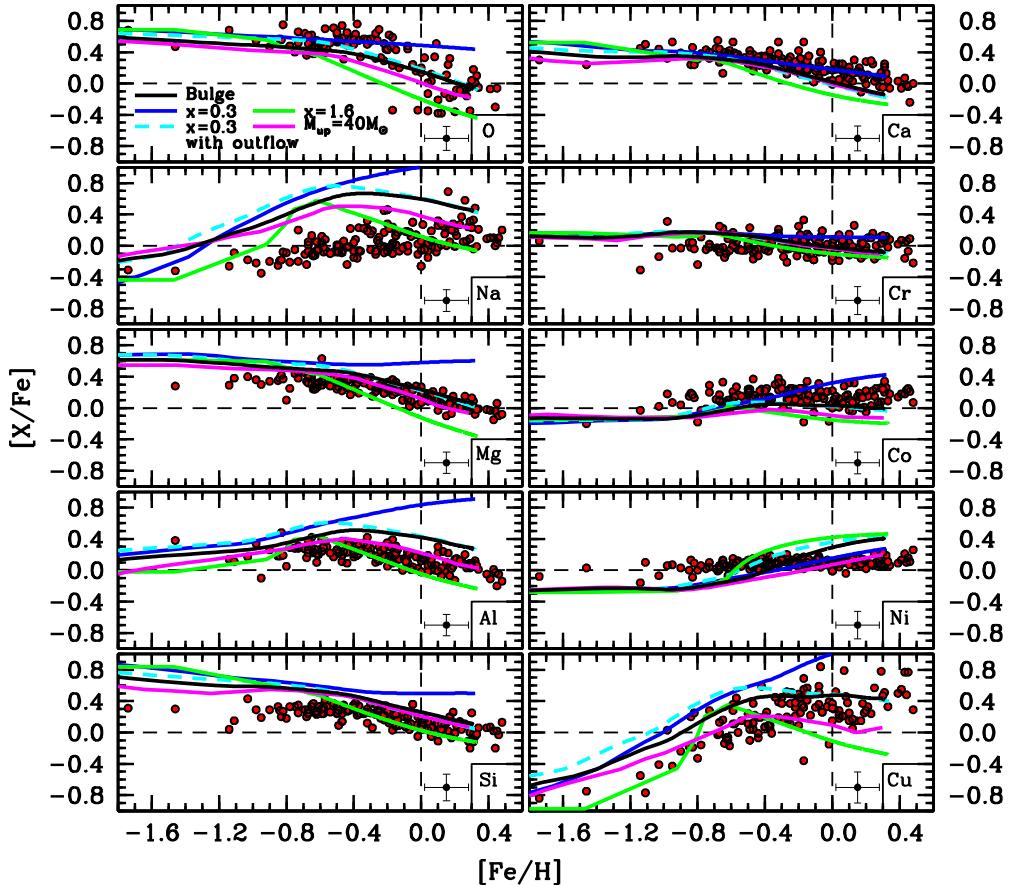


Figure 21. Similar to Figure 20, the solid black line is our adopted baseline bulge model from Kobayashi et al. (2006, 2011). The solid blue line is the baseline bulge model with a top-heavy (flatter) IMF, and the dashed cyan line is the same model but with outflow and an increased Type Ia SN rate ($10\times$). The solid green line is the baseline bulge model with a steep IMF. The solid magenta line is the baseline bulge model with the IMF truncated at an upper mass limit of $40 M_\odot$.

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and Al suggests that metallicity-dependent yields from massive stars, and perhaps intermediate-mass stars, lead to significantly more production of Na than Al at high metallicity. We also find that NGC 6553 stars have [Al/Fe] ratios nearly identical to similar metallicity field stars, but both the average [Na/Fe] abundance and the star-to-star dispersion of cluster stars are higher. This suggests that NGC 6553 experienced some light element self-enrichment, which is typical for globular clusters.

The abundance trends of the Fe-peak elements are distinctly different: (1) the average [Cr/Fe] ratio is essentially solar over the full range in [Fe/H] and shows no variations over the metallicity range probed here, (2) both [Co/Fe] and [Ni/Fe] are enhanced by $\sim+0.1$ dex at nearly all [Fe/H] and exhibit some low-amplitude, metallicity-dependent variations, and (3) [Cu/Fe] exhibits a large increase from the metal-poor to metal-rich end of the distribution. In a similar fashion to [Na/Fe], the strong secondary (metallicity-dependent) production of Cu is evident in bulge stars, and the correlation between [Cu/O] and [Fe/H] suggests that massive stars produce significant portions of Cu. However, Cu production from another source (e.g., Type Ia SNe) seems required to explain the high [Cu/Fe] abundances at super-solar metallicities. Interestingly, at $[Fe/H] \gtrsim -2$, the [Cr/Fe] trend is identical between the bulge, thick disk, and thin disk, but the heavier Fe-peak [X/Fe] ratios appear to all be enhanced in the bulge relative to the local disk. Additionally, the NGC 6553 Fe-peak abundance trends are in agreement with similar metallicity field stars.

Despite predicting [Na/Fe], [Al/Fe], and [Ni/Fe] ratios that are too high, our adopted baseline bulge chemical enrichment model from Kobayashi et al. (2006, 2011) does a reasonable job fitting the abundance trends of the α and other Fe-peak elements. However, better agreement between the data and model is found when a significant fraction of HNe, which produce more Fe, are included. Unfortunately, setting the HN fraction is best constrained using abundance patterns at $[Fe/H] \lesssim -1$, where the bulge data are sparse. While a Kroupa (2008) IMF provides a reasonable fit to the observed abundance trends, a top-heavy IMF including strong outflow cannot be ruled out. In contrast, the Fe-peak abundance data strongly rule out IMFs that are truncated to exclude the contributions of stars $>40 M_\odot$, steep IMFs (e.g., $x = 1.6$), and top-heavy IMFs that do not include outflow. We conclude that the bulge likely does not require a particularly unusual IMF to explain its present-day abundance patterns, and that its enhanced abundances for several α and Fe-peak elements match model predictions in which the bulge experienced a different enrichment history than the local disk.

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