

# Terzan 5: the remnant of a pristine fragment of the Galactic Bulge?

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- + PI: Francesco R. Ferraro (Dip. of Physics & Astronomy Bologna University)
- + AIM: to understand the complex interplay between dynamics & stellar evolution
- + HOW: using globular clusters as cosmic laboratories and

Blue Straggler Stars Millisecond Pulsars Intermediate-mass Black Holes

- as probe-particles





## **Context: formation of galaxy bulges**

#### Still debated, several models:

- monolithic collapse (e.g., Eggen+62)
- mergers (e.g., Toomre & Toomre 1972; Aguerri+01)
- evolution of bars (e.g., Combes & Sanders 1981; Pfenninger & Norman 1990)
- disk instability (e.g., Noguchi 1999; Immeli+03, 04; Elmegreen+08)

#### **Instability of a GAS disk** (Immeli+04; Elmegreen+08):

- disk fragments in massive clumps of stars & gas
- clumps spiral to the centre & merge => massive bulge forms
- > high SFR in the clumps & in the bulge => fast iron &  $\alpha$ -elements enrichment





Clearly, **finding massive clumps with the predicted properties** is crucial to validate the model...

#### Chain and clumpy galaxies observed out to $z \sim 6$

in UDF, GEMS, GOODS (e.g., Cowie+95, Elmegreen+05, 09, ...) seem to be consistent with the model predictions

## However our **closest** bulge (the **Galactic Bulge**) **could provide much more stringent constraints...**







## **Terzan 5**

- catalogued as a **globular cluster** (Terzan 1968)
- located in the outskirts of the inner Galactic Bulge: d = 6 kpc; d<sub>GC</sub>=2.1 kpc
- E(B-V)=2.3 (Valenti et al 2007)
- severe differential reddening
- **largest population of millisecond pulsars** ever detected in a GC (Ransom+04)







#### Main Problem: differential reddening

deepest optical CMD

deepest optical image (ACS@HST)



evolutionary sequences highly stretched along reddening vector direction



### **MAD = Multi-conjugate Adaptive Optics Demonstrator**

- near-IR
- up to three Reference stars
- AO correction over a large FoV (1' x 1')
- VLT in summer 2008







## The MAD CMD of TERZAN 5





### NIRSPEC @ Keck II observations of HB stars

The two populations belong to the same stellar system





### NIRSPEC @ Keck II observations of HB stars

The two populations have different IRON abundances! Δ[Fe/H] ≅ 0.5





## **Radial distribution**



## **Spectroscopic screening of RGB stars: IRON**

**33 giants** with NIRSPEC@Keck (Origlia et al. 2010, ApJ, 726, L20) **93 giants** with FLAMES@ESO (Massari et al. 2013, in prep)







#### **IRON** distribution quite similar to that of the Bulge





Bensby et al 2013, A&A,549,147

## light elements anti-correlations?



## $\alpha$ -elements



metal-poor component: α-enhanced

metal-rich component: solar

Abundance patterns (iron &  $\alpha$ -elements) very similar to those of the Bulge





Striking chemical similarity between Terzan 5 & the Bulge





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The metal-rich component could be significantly YOUNGER (a few Gyr ?) than the metal-poor one



## Conclusions

**Terzan 5 could be the remnant of one giant primordial clumps that contributed to form the Galactic Bulge** (Immeli et al. 2004, Elmegreen et al. 2008) and, for some reasons, survived the total disruption.

The metal poorer (old) component could trace the early stages of the Bulge formation.

The metal-rich (younger) one could contain crucial information on the Bulge most recent chemical & dynamical evolution.







## How to test this hypothesis?

#### **1. Measuring the ages of the two populations from the MS-TO.**

Ultra-deep IR observations with WFC3-IR channel are planned in Cycle 20 (10 orbits allocated)

#### 2. Investigating the radial velocity dispersion profile.

We have collected 800 FLAMES spectra covering the entire cluster extension

#### **3. Performing proper motion measures**

to search for kinematical differences between the two populations and clean the CMDs from field stars (second epoch ACS planned in HST-Cycle 20)

4. Searching for other Terzan5-like systems in the Galactic Bulge ongoing photometric & spectroscopic campaigns at VLT, Keck, GEMINI



# Thank you for your attention!

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