New Breakthroughs in the Battle of the Bulge Using Globular Clusters



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A wild party at Cerro Tobolo, err Loboto....







Shapley 1918: Globular Clusters (GC) concentrated towards Galactic center!

But note zone of avoidance where there are no GCs – extinction! Also crowding. Hard work!



Vista Variables in the Via Lactea (D. Minniti, PI) \mathcal{VVV} Minniti et al. (2010)



•1920h with VISTA over 5 yrs
•520 sq deg bulge/plane
•Observations started Feb. '10
•ZYJHK_s

10⁹ point sources
10⁶ variables

New Bulge(?) GCs! Minniti 1 (VVV-CL001)

Only 8' from known GC! Closest pair of GCs in the Galaxy! Binary?! Minniti et al. 2011 – both possibly beyond far end of bulge but d very ???

New SkZ pipeline CMD: inner 30" dereddened and decontaminated

Ks

Derived parameters of the two cluster candidates.

	VVV CL002	VVV CL003
$r_{\rm h}$ (')	0.75 ± 0.10	0.6 ± 0.1
$r_{\rm h}$ (pc)	1.6 ± 0.3	2.3 ± 0.4
$r_{\rm t}$ (')	1.8 ± 0.1	1.8 ± 0.1
$r_{\rm t}$ (pc)	3.8 ± 0.5	6.8 ± 0.4
$c = \log (r_{\rm h}/r_{\rm c})$	0.65 ± 0.26	0.56 ± 0.21
$(m-\bar{M})_0$	14.32 ± 0.23	15.57 ± 0.16
d (kpc)	7.3 ± 0.9	13.0 ± 1.0
$R_{\rm GC}$ (kpc)	0.7 ± 0.9	5.0 ± 1.0
z (pc)	113 ± 13	166 ± 14
$E(J-K_s)$	1.50 ± 0.15	1.48 ± 0.15
E(B-V)	2.88 ± 0.29	2.85 ± 0.29
[M/H]	-0.16 ± 0.2	-0.1 ± 0.2
[Fe/H]	-0.4 ± 0.2	-0.1 ± 0.2
M_V	-3.4 ± 0.3	_
Age (Gyr)	≥6.5	_
	One of closest	First disk cluster

Derive distances, metallicities, velocities, etc. for CL1, UKS1, CL2, CL3..

> One of closest First disk cluster BGCs to Galactic on far side of center! Galactic center!

Structural parameters for Terzan 5 (Lanzoni et al. 2010)

Bimodal met (& [α /Fe] dist), covering bulge met range, no Al:O anticor. – range of met, α and age - not just another BGC: BBB?

Center of gravity	$\alpha_{\rm J2000} = 17^{\rm h}48^{\rm m}4.85^{\rm s}$
	$\delta_{J2000} = -24^{\circ} 46' 44.6''$
$\operatorname{Reddening}^{\dagger}$	$E(B-V) = 2.38 \pm 0.055$
$Distance^{\dagger}$	$d=5.9\pm0.5~{\rm kpc}$
Core radius	$r_c=9^{\prime\prime}=0.26~{\rm pc}$
Concentration	c = 1.49
Total luminosity	$L_{ m bol} \simeq 8 imes 10^5 L_{\odot}$
Total mass	$M_{\rm T} \simeq 2 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$ ~ $\Omega {\rm Cen}!!$
Central mass density	$ ho_0\simeq 4.1 imes 10^6M_\odot/{ m pc}^3$
Central K -band SB	$\mu_K(0) = 9.85 \text{ mag/arcsec}^2$
Central I -band SB	$\mu_I(0) = 15.87 \text{ mag/arcsec}^2$
Central V-band SB $$	$\mu_V(0) = 20.54 \text{ mag/arcsec}^2$

Be careful! MAY be able to explain at least some "dual" RCs by stellar evolution or simply photometric errors &/or diff. redd...

Cohen et al. 2013

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Bulge is getting VERY complicated – at least 2, maybe ≥4 pops... Need good mets, ages, kinematics for BGCs....

Bensby et al. 2013: 58 microlensed bulge dwarfs/subgiants

CaT metallicities & velocities

- Brightest stars are giants: peak flux in IR
- RGB stars have three broad Call absorption lines (CaT)
- CaT are strongest lines in IR: EW a few Å low resolution
- Easy to correct for log g
- Easy to measure [Fe/H]
- Observe many stars simultaneously
- Remove distance & redd effects using relative photometry
- Metallicity calibration good for wide age and met. range

Relative Flux

FIG. 2. Spectra of Galactic globular and open cluster giants in the region of the Ca II triplet. These spectra show the variation in line strength, at fixed absolute magnitude (M_{8600}), from very metal poor at the bottom ([Fe/H] = -1.7), increasing in metallicity, to solar metallicity at the top. From the bottom to top, the spectra are M79 237, NGC 288 20C, 47 Tuc 5312, Melotte 66 1242, and M67 IV-202. The Ca II triplet lines appear at $\lambda\lambda$ 8498, 8542, 8662 Å. Each of the five spectra are plotted with a relative flux of 0.35 at the lower tick mark, and 1.2 at the upper tick mark.

BUT requires seeing & measuring V_{HB} – HARD for BGCs! 1/2 of BGCs don't have met derived from individual spectra!

Use K_{HB} as fiducial mag! Minimize (diff) redd FORS2 CaT spectra - 16 BGCs Obs only 10s – few min!

Terzan 1

Conclusions

- VVV goldmine changing census of BGCs
- Are dual RC BGCs BBBs?
- Need deep IR photometry for ages
- IR CaT technique is excellent for good mets, vels
- Revolutionize knowledge of BGCs shortly

Happy Birthday Tololo! and many more to come...

UKS1

Terzan 5: MCAO 0.1" K - Ferraro et al. (2009) **Fig. 1. MAD image of Terzan 5 in the** *K* **band.** Observations were performed at the ESO-VLT (Paranal, Chile) on August 2008, through *J* and *K* filters. Exposure times were about two minutes in each filter. Shown is the best image obtained in the *K* band (the image size is 1'x1', north is up, east is left). The

- BHB more centrally concentrated than FHB! BHB disappears >50"
 Spectra suggest BHB has [Fe/H] ~+0.3!!, FHB ~-0.2!!
- Not enough to explain ΔK also require BHB ~6Gyr, BHB ~12Gyr
- •Ω Cen of the bulge! remnant nucleus of dwarf galaxy…

Hard to derive abundances for large sample...

Idiart et al. (2002) T1: heavy field contamination! Typical error 0.2dex, <[Fe/H]> =-1.27±0.05 for 11 velocity members

