# Metallicity distribution and kinematics in the Carina dSph



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#### Why Dwarf Spher. Galaxies?

dSph galaxies are small and relaxed stellar systems

Low stellar mass  $\sim 10^7 \,\mathrm{M_{\odot}}$ 

Low internal velocity disp.

High M/L

~ 10 km/s > 10 M\_/L

They could be the building blocks in the galaxy formation theory

There is not a clear transition between Sphs and Es

Suggestions for galaxy formation scenario:

-Ellipticals form via mergers

-Spheroidals are defunct irregulars

Mateo 98; Kormendy et al. 09; Graham et al. 11, Chilingarian et al. 2011



# Why Carina dSph?

Close ~100kpc

Low density  $\rho = 0.17 \text{ M}_{\odot}/\text{pc}^3$ 

- Well separated radial velocity peak from field stars
- Multiple separated star formation episodes
- Metallicity distribution from ~-2.5 to ~0.5 dex



Parameter	Values
α (J2000)	06 41 37
δ (J2000)	-505800
$M_{V^{\mathcal{G}}}$ (mag)	-8.9
$r_c^{b}$ (arcmin)	$11.96 \pm 1.5/14^{\circ}$
r <sup>,d</sup> (arcmin)	$22.54 \pm 1.4/32^{\circ}$
€ ● ● ●	$0.32\pm0.04$
P.A. <sup>f</sup> (deg)	$64 \pm 2.5$
$\sigma_{P}^{g}$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$6.8 \pm 1.6$
[F0/H] <sup>h</sup>	$-2.0\pm0.30$
$E(B-V)^{1}$	$0.04 \pm 0.02$
$(m-M)_0^{-1}$ (mag)	$20.03\pm0.09$

Smecker-Hane et al. 1996 Mateo 1998 Monelli et al. 2003



# Carina project data

#### Spectroscopic

UVES@VLT 8m

(R~40,000 - Slit&Fibers) 95h

GIRAFFE HR (R~20,000 - Fibers) 24h

GIRAFFE MR (R~6,000 - Fibers) 95h

FORS2 (R~2,000 - Slits) 19h

VIMOS (R~600 - Slits) 25h

~<u>22,340</u> individual spectra

~2,700 stars covering the entire body of galaxy

Complete coverage until tidal radius + external pointing ~1°

#### Photometric

Tektronix2K@CTIO 1.5m

WFI@ESO/MPG 2.2m

MosaicII@CTIO 4m

HAWK-I@VLT 8m

4,152 individual CCD images

~120,000 stars

Complete coverage of central region (40'x55') + external pointing ~1.5° Optical: U, B, V, I

Near Infrared: J, H, K



 $c_{UBI} = (U-B) - (B-I)$ 



In Monelli et al. 2014 (arXiv:1410.2124) we demonstrated that  $c_{UBI}$  is able to separate a significant fraction of the RGB of the two main Carina populations (old~12Gyr, interm.~4-8Gyr). See also Stetson+11

#### Toward the breaking of the age-metallicity degeneracy



We correlate the pseudo-colour of RGB stars with their chemical properties, finding a significant trend between the iron content and the  $c_{UBI}$ .



We have a powerful tool to separate and investigate, independently, the two populations

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# FLAMES/GIRAFFE Stacked spectra



SNR improves by a factor from 3 to 9 up to the RC magnitude level

# Abundance measurements

Analysis performed line by line using "synth" or "abfind" in **MOOG** 

(Sneden 73, v.2014)

- ✓ Lines list & atomic data (VALD)
- ✓ Mod. atmosp. MARCS

We applied selection criteria to reject lines:

- \* Saturated
- Weak lines
- × Blended
- × Contaminated



Instrument[Fe/H][a/Fe]UVESSynth.<br/>(Fabrizio+12)EWGiraffe HREWEWGiraffe LRSynth.Synth.

We obtained a good agreement (within 10) by comparing the results of stars in common in the various datasets (either individual and stacked); no trend of residuals



Measurements are compatible with literature values (Fabrizio+12, Lemasle+12).

The abundances separation between the two populations extends in the whole gravity (magnitude) range.



Accurate and homogeneous measurements of iron and a-el. for

- 44 UVES <u>individual</u>
- 8 Giraffe HR <u>stacked</u>
- 17 Giraffe LR <u>stacked</u>

Good agreement with the MW halo values in the explored iron range



# Empirical evidence of NLTE effects



NLTE computations show a significant relative difference between FeI/FeII and TiI/TiII theoretical abundances.

In agreement with the occurrence of NLTE effects in metal-poor RG atmospheres. [Bergemann+11; McWilliam+13; Fabrizio+12]



We do not found a robust evidence of the "knee" in the [a/Fe] distribution or a significant difference in abundances between the two populations, suggesting that the second star formation event was occurred in a-enriched gas. [e.g. Venn+12]

#### Comparison with Globular Cl. - MW & LMC



In the considerate iron range, a good agreement with a-el. abundances of GC was found

#### Comparison with LG dSphs



In the considerate iron range, we found a small enhancement of a-el. compared to the other dSphs.

#### Comparison with UFDs



We found a good agreement with the abundances of UFDs X Poor statistics





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There is a mild evidence that the secondary peak with low velocity is mostly made by RC stars, i.e. the intermediate age (~6 Gyr) subpopulation of Carina.

Moreover, it is more metalrich than the main peak.

The main peak as the other radial slices show the same percent of subpopulations.

# Conclusions

#### Abundances

- c<sub>UBI</sub> index: split two sub-populations in RGB
- Trend between iron and  $c_{\text{UBI}}$  index
- UVES individual spectra for 44 red giants
- GIRAFFE HR+LR for 8+17 stacked spectra along the RGB and RC
- Accurate and homogeneous measurements of Fe and a-elements
- The two populations do not show any significant difference in [a/Fe], suggesting that the second star formation event was occurred in a-enriched gas

#### Kinematics

- ~80% larger than any previous of Carina RV sample
- Evidence of substructure across the central region
- Mild evidence that the secondary peak with low velocity is mostly made by intermediate age population (RC stars)





Bernanrd+12; Hidalgo+11; Monelli+10



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION





#### **Requirements for MOS@E-ELT**

 Large FoV
 > 7'x7' (10'x10')

 High multiplex
 > 100 - 200

 Spatial res.
 < 0.5 arcsec</td>

 Wide Res. range
 2,000 - 20,000

 Limiting magn.
 I, K > 25 mag

 S/N
 ~ 30 - 60

Simultaneous multiplexity between low/medium and high resolution fibers



# Carina: Kinematics

Velocity dispersion -> total mass

Evidence of peculiarities in the RV distribution?

Substructures?

Tidal interaction?



Asymmetry in the RV distrib.

Need large sample of spectroscopic data covering entire body of galaxy and beyond

#### Inner substructures



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#### Radial Velocity distributions

The whole sample allowed us to separate stars belonging to each evolutionary phase and to analyze their velocity distribution.

Therefore, we can study individually the kinematics of old and intermediate age population.

There is a mild evidence that the RC stars are "kinematical cooler" than the HB ones..

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### Comparison with dSphs



# Comparison with UFDs



