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To investigate dynamical and stellar evolution What is the primordial binary fraction? How did exotic star types (e.g. blue stragglers) arise?

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# Simulation of a LINC-NIRVANA (in MCAO mode) observation of a MW GC



Lower resolution (~50mas @ K), but ~constant PSF and can detect all H burning stars in ~a few hours for nearby GCs - perfect for studies of spatial variation in stellar populations, also high sky coverage



### LINC-NIRVANA



Selected 6 MW GCs suitable for study with LN.

Northern Hemisphere.

Massive - so IMBH detectable if present

Suspected accreted and in-situ GCs

Range of dynamical properties - w/wo core collapse

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#### Notice missing coverage in central regions LINC-NIRVANA will resolve this

#### <u>8 arcmin</u>

Two competing theories for how multiple stellar populations in GCs arise:

- 1. Multiple periods of star formation
- 2. Enrichment of lower mass protostars without new star formation.

They predict different kinematic behaviours





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F606W



**1st generation sample** has dispersion ~13% higher than the 2nd generation

2nd generation is more compact

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$$\left(\frac{V}{\sigma}\right)_{2^{\mathrm{nd}}} \approx 3 \left(\frac{V}{\sigma}\right)_{1^{\mathrm{st}}}$$

Supports the idea that GCs had multiple star forming periods - likely formed within dwarf galaxies

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Exquisitely detailed large scale dynamical and stellar population picture of each GC

#### Conclusions

Started preparatory and science observations with LBC and LUCI.

HST proper motions reveal the presence of kinematically distinct sub-populations

- Supports the formation of GCs in dwarf galaxies

LN-MCAO will significantly improve the study of the inner regions of GCs

Full LINC-NIRVANA will revolutionise the study of the inner regions of GCs

### NIRVANA



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