# Investigating Blue Straggler Stars of Open Clusters and Fields using AstroSat/UVIT



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Extended main-sequence lifetimes



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A color-magnitude diagram of NGC 188 from Rao et al. (2023) showing cluster members (membership probabilities > 0.6).



# Why do BSS lag in their evolution?

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### Formation Mechanisms



McCrea 1964, Perets et al. 2009

- $\div$  **Globular clusters (Sandage 1953)**
- Open clusters (Leiner et al. 2021, Jadhav and Subramaniam 2021)
- Galactic fields (Preston et al. 1994)
- Dwarf galaxies (Momany et el. 2007)
- ☆ Numbers of BSS range from 10 to 400 in globular clusters (Bailyn 1995, Davies et al. 2004)
- **\*** Numbers of BSS range from 1 to ~35 in open clusters (Jadhav and Subramaniam 2021)



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**Intermediate-age Dwarf** galaxy stars accreted by **Milky-Way Galaxy** 



# **Field Blue Stragglers**

## Field Blue Metal-Poor (BMP) Stars

**☆** 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of BMP are single-lined spectroscopic binaries (Preston et al. 2000)

A fraction also shows enhancement in C, Sr, and Ba

### Motivation

◆ Investigate the formation mechanisms of BSS (Geller & Mathieu 2011; Gosnell et al. 2014; Subramaniam et al. 2016)

\* Know the relative importance of different formation mechanisms in diverse environments



# UV imaging observations to identify BSS and search for hot companions



Search for variable signature and obtain the parameters of binary components

# Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (UVIT)



- Two 38 cm telescopes: FUV (130 nm -180 nm), NUV (200-300 nm) & VIS (350-550 nm)
- $\div$  Spatial resolution of 1.2" (NUV filter) &  $\sim$ 1.5" (FUV filter) (GALEX  $\sim$  5")
- $\cdot$  Field of view of 0.5 degree (GALEX  $\sim$  1.2 degrees)

**Detectors/Filters** 



### Agrawal, P. C. et al. (2016)

Tandon et al. (2017)



### *GALEX* **(1350** Å **- 2800** Å**)**



*GAIA* **(5109** Å **- 8578** Å**)**



### **PANSTARRS (3900** Å **- 5400** Å**)**



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**2MASS (12350** Å *WISE* **(33526** Å **- 280883** Å**) - 21590** Å**)** Cluster Membership

![](_page_17_Picture_7.jpeg)

# Target Clusters

![](_page_18_Picture_10.jpeg)

### **☆ ML-MOC (Agarwal et al. 2021) on Gaia DR3 data**

- $\triangleleft$  Identification of cluster members down to G = 20 mag
- Estimated contamination: 2 12% (Agarwal et al. 2021)
- Estimated completeness: 90% till G = 19 mag (Bhattacharya et al. 2022)

### UV Photometry

- **☆ CCDLAB (Postma et al. 2017) to convert Level-1 data into science-ready images**
- ❖ Photometry using IRAF (Barnes 1993)
- Aperture correction, PSF correction, and Saturation correction to obtain final magnitudes in NUV and FUV in AB magnitude system

### Details of UVIT Observations

![](_page_21_Picture_125.jpeg)

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![](_page_22_Figure_0.jpeg)

Distance: 3110 pc;  $E(BP-RP) = 0.155$ ;  $A_G : 0.39$ 

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Distance: 3110 pc;  $E(BP-RP) = 0.155$ ;  $A_G : 0.39$ 

 $E$ (F148

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8W-G
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 = 0.473; A<sub>F148W</sub> : 0.721

![](_page_24_Figure_0.jpeg)

Distance: 1837 pc; E(BP-RP) = 0.155; A<sub>G</sub>: 0.39

![](_page_25_Figure_0.jpeg)

Distance: 1837 pc;  $E(Bp-Rp) = 0.12$ ;  $A_G : 0.372$ 

## Construction of Spectral Energy Distributions

- $\div$  **SEDs constructed using Virtual Observatory of SED Analyzers (VOSA)** 
	- **☆ Compilation of photometry**
	- Correction of extinction (Fitzpatrick 1999, Indebetouw 2005)
	- **\* Calculation of synthetic photometry based on model (Single: Kurucz stellar** models by Castelli et al. 1997; Binary: Koester et al. 2010 )
- SED fitting by minimization of χ 2
- $\triangle$  **Multi-wavelength photometry from UV to Mid-IR**

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![](_page_29_Picture_92.jpeg)

![](_page_29_Picture_3.jpeg)

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![](_page_30_Picture_100.jpeg)

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### BSS Properties

![](_page_33_Picture_12.jpeg)

### Hot Companions of BSS and their Properties

### Hot components on the H-R Diagram

H-R Diagram showing the PARSEC isochrones fitted to our oldest cluster, NGC 7142. The white dwarf cooling curves of extremely low-mass are taken from Althaus et al. (2013), lowmass are taken from Panei et al. (2007), and normal mass and high mass are taken from Tremblay et al. (2011). Kaushar Vaidya @ MODEST24

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H-R Diagram same as above, but with cooling ages of white dwarfs of different masses shown in the color bar on the right axis.

 $\frac{1}{2}$  Based on the cooling ages of white<br>  $\frac{2}{2}$  dwarfs, the mass transfer in these BSS dwarfs, the mass transfer in these BSS ended around 10 Myr to 1 Gyr ago.

Best-fit SED parameters of single BMP stars

Temperature (K) Luminosity (L<sub>o</sub>) Radius (R<sub>o</sub>)

Galactic fields BSSs  $5500 - 8000$  $1.04 - 40.01$  $0.92 - 7.66$ 

### Best-fit SED parameters of hot companions of BMP stars

Temperature (K) Luminosity (L<sub>o</sub>) Radius (R<sub>o</sub>) Mass (M<sub>o</sub>)

 $11000 - 19750$ Galactic fields BSSs  $0.01 - 0.57$ 

![](_page_36_Figure_7.jpeg)

 $0.01 - 0.14$  $0.17 - 0.8$ 

![](_page_37_Figure_0.jpeg)

# Based on the cooling ages of white dwarfs, the mass transfer in these BSS ended around 30 Myr to 3 Gyr ago.

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## Implications on Formation Channels - BSS

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# Case-A/Case-B

Implications on Formation Channels - BSS

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# Case-A/Case-B

# **Case-C**

### Implications on Formation Channels - BSS

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Implications on Formation Channels – BMP

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# Case-A/Case-B

# Implications on Formation Channels – BMP

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# Case-A/Case-B

Case-C

Implications on Formation Channels – BMP

# CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

- $\triangle$  **About 45% of BSS, as well as BMP stars, may have formed via mass transfer.**
- ◆ Spectroscopic data for abundances and binarity information, and construction of detailed formation histories using MESA or other suitable models would be valuable.

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Distance: 2000 pc; E(BP-RP) = 0.375; A<sub>G</sub>: 0.39, Age: 1.6 Gyr

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Distance: 2368 pc; E(BP-RP) = 0.03; A<sub>G</sub>: 0.09, Age: 4.0 Gyr

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### NGC 7789 – Best-fit parameters of BSS and Hot Companions

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### NGC 2506 – Best-fit parameters of BSS and Hot Companions

![](_page_51_Picture_7.jpeg)

### NGC 7142 – Best-fit parameters of BSS and Hot Companions

![](_page_52_Picture_7.jpeg)

### NGC 6940 – Best-fit parameters of BSS

![](_page_53_Picture_7.jpeg)

### NGC 2627 – Best-fit parameters of BSS and Hot Companions

![](_page_54_Picture_9.jpeg)

### BMP – Best-fit parameters of field BSS and Hot Companions

![](_page_55_Picture_7.jpeg)

### **BSS Hot Component**

**Object Temperature (K) Radius (R**⊙**) Temperature (K) Radius (R**⊙**)**  $9 ± 4500$ 125 (SED)  $0.038 \pm 0.011$ 0.04 ± 0.01 (SED)

250 (SED)  $0.037 \pm 0.013$ 0.03 ± 0.01 (SED)

![](_page_56_Picture_116.jpeg)

### BSS in Eclipsing Binaries: TESS Light curve Analysis

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![](_page_57_Picture_131.jpeg)

**Nine et al. (2019) Vaidya et al. (2022)** etected in UVIT NUV filters, **FUV filter** 

9 and WOCS 10011: ow-mass white dwarf

 $\longrightarrow$  Case-A/Case-B.

nay be in a triple system!

ngle component. f may be below our nit (< 11000 K)

Ive an extremely low-mass companion

extremely low-mass white anions Possibly the binaries are inclination angle orbits

![](_page_58_Figure_1.jpeg)

- 3 are RV constants (orbits of these binary systems may be of low inclination)
- No information of binarity of remaining 1 BMP star

10 BMP stars fitted with the single component SEDs : possibly no mass transfer

![](_page_58_Figure_5.jpeg)

12 BMP stars fitted with the binary SEDs: FBSS candidates

![](_page_59_Figure_1.jpeg)

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### Mass Transfer in a Binary

### Case A • Compact binary systems (p < 10 days) • Mass-transfer when primary on main-sequence Single massive BSS or short-period binary BSS. Case B Binary systems ( $p \sim 10-500$  days) Mass-transfer when primary on red giant Short period binary BSS with He White Dwarf (0.45) M\_sun) as a companion Case C Binary systems ( $p \sim 500 - 2000$  days) Mass-transfer when primary on asymptotic giant Binary BSS with CO White Dwarf (0.45 M\_sun) as a companion Case D Binary systems ( $p \sim 1000 - 10000$  days) Mass-transfer when primary on asymptotic giant Binary BSS with CO White Dwarf (0.45 M\_sun) as a companion

![](_page_60_Picture_2.jpeg)

### Field Blue Metal-Poor Stars

 Nature controversial – field blue stragglers OR accreted from dwarf

◆ 2/3rd of BMP are single-lined spectroscopic binaries (Preston et al.

 $\triangle$  **A fraction also show enhancement in** C, Sr, and Ba (Mass transfer)

![](_page_61_Figure_0.jpeg)

A color-metallicity diagram from Carney et al. (2005) showing the selection of BMP stars. Solid line shows observed correlation between B-V color and metallicity of globular clusters. Dashed line shows the theoretical relation considering an age of 11 Gyr of clusters.

### Mass Transfer in a Binary

Single massive BSS or short-period binary **BSS** 

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BSS + He core WD (M <  $0.4 M_{\odot}$ 

Webbink 1976 **McCrea 1964** Chen & Han 2008 Abate et al. 2013

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BSS+ CO core WD (0.4  $M_{\odot}$  < M < 0.6 M<sub> $\odot$ </sub>)

BSS+ CO core WD  $(0.4 M_{\odot}$  < M < 0.6 M<sub> $\odot$ </sub>)

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