Galactic discs forming through clump clusters

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clump cluster / chain galaxy

- In the high-z Universe (1 < z < 3)
 - clump clusters / chain galaxies



Elmegreen et al. (2009)



Elmegreen et al. (2004)

• "Clumpy" galaxies are discs in their formative stages.

- "Giant clumps" (massive star clusters) in premature discs.
- Clump mass ~ $10^9 M_{\odot}$ at the largest.

- Demonstration by numerical simulations
 - Noguchi (1998, 1999) etc...
 - Gas-rich discs in formative stages can cause dynamical instability.
 - Giant clumps form in the discs and may merge into central bulges.



- Demonstration by numerical simulations
 - Dekel, Sari & Ceverino (2009) etc...
 - Cosmological simulation



Dekel, Sari & Ceverino (2009)

Problems

- The clump clusters in current observations are too massive to evolve into MW-sized galaxies.
- The clumpy disc phase may not be a common stage of discgalaxy formation.
 - Some disc galaxies may experience quiet formation processes.

Was our Galaxy once a clump cluster?

A spherical gas-collapse model using SPH

- NFW profile
 - $M_{\rm vir} = 5 \times 10^{11} \, {\rm M}_{\odot}$
 - gas fraction = 6 %
 - $N_{\rm DM} = 10^7$, $N_{\rm gas} = 5 \times 10^6$
 - $-\epsilon = 10 \text{ pc}$
- spin parameter $\lambda = 0.04$
 - AM distribution $j \propto r$
 - virial temperature

- w/ ASURA (SPH Saitoh+ '08,'09)
 - radiation cooling
 - SN II & FUV background
- star-formation criteria
 - ∇ v < 0
 - T < 100 K
 - ρ_{gas} > 100 atm / cm³





at t = 6 Gyr

- DM mass = $4.7 \times 10^{11} \,\mathrm{M}_{\odot}$
- Stellar mass = $2.8 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$
- Gas mass = $2.1 \times 10^9 \,\mathrm{M}_{\odot}$

scale radius = 4 kpc Bulge/Total = 0.37



The clump-origin bulge is a classical or pseudo-bulge?

classical bulge or pseudo-bulge?

- Galactic bulges are generally classified into two types.
 - classical bulge
 - made by galactic mergers
 - de Vaucouleur's profile
 - spherical shape with little rotation
 - old component
 - pseudo-bulge (discy bulge, boxy/peanut bulge)
 - made by secular evolution (by spiral arms, bars etc...)
 - exponential profile
 - oblate (boxy/peanut) shape with a significant rotation
 - relatively young
- Which type is the clump-origin bulge? New type?

Sersic profile fit





rotation

Inoue & Saitoh (2012)



• a significant rotation

comparable to

The clump-origin bulge is similar to pseudobulges in dynamical properties.

- almost exponential density profile (n=1.02)
- boxy shape
- a significant rotation



Age

• The clump-origin bulge is an old component.

- Clump clusters can be observed in the high-redshift Universe.
 - Clump-origin bulges form in an early stage of galaxy formation.



Metallicity

- The clump-origin bulge consists of metal-rich stars
 - Metal enrichment in clumps.
 - The metal-enriched clumps form the clump-origin bulge.



The property of the clump-origin bulge

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The clump-origin bulge better resembles classical bulges on stellar population.

- early formation
- old & metal-rich
- The clump-origin bulge is neither a classical bulge nor a pseudo-bulge.

The Milky Way bulge

- The MW bulge is supposed to be a **pseudo-bulge**.
 - Exponential profile (e.g., Kent et al. 1991)
 - Oblate and X-shape (e.g., Kinman et al. 1966)
 - Significant rotation (e.g., Minniti et al 1995)
- But, the stellar population is like a classical bulge.
 - Old age ~11-13 Gyr. (e.g., Sandage 1986)
 - High metallicity (e.g., McWilliam & Rich 1994)

The clump-origin bulge resembles the Milky Way bulge.

- However, Elmegreen et al. (2008) have shown that clump-origin bulges are like classical bulges.
 - an initial condition of a pre-existing disc
 - a sticky-particle method for hydrodynamics

A possible thick disc formation scenario?

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A thick disc is formed in a clump cluster



- A thin disc has hardly formed in my simulation.
 - Thin disc formation needs later gas accretion.
 - Bournaud, Elmegreen & Martig (2009)

Thick disc formation scenarios

- Many scenarios have been suggested...
 - ① stellar accretion from dwarf galaxies
 - Abadi et al. (2003)
 - (2) thin-disc heating by dwarf galaxies
 - Villalobos & Helmi (2008)
 - ③ radial migration of thin disc stars
 - Sellwood & Binney (2002)
 - ④ multiple gas-rich minor mergers
 - Brook et al. (2004, 2005)

(5) thick disc formation in clump clusters

• Bournaud et al. (2009)

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Inoue & Saitoh in prep.

Summary

- bulge
 - The clump-origin bulge seems to be a pseudo-bulgelike structure,
 - but consist of old stars, like classical bulges.
 - These properties are similar to the Milky Way bugle.
- thick disc
 - Orbital eccentricity distribution can be a prove of thick disc scenario.
 - I didn't find clear discrepancies from the MW thick disc.
- However...
 - My simulation may be still insufficient in stellar feedback.
 - over-cooling problem

Clump-origin bulges are classical bulges?

- However, Elmegreen et al. (2008) have argued that their clump-origin bulges are like classical bulges.
 - Low Sersic index, dispersion-dominant system, round shape.
 - Different hydrodynamics scheme? (sticky particle vs SPH)
 - Different initial conditions?

