The Star Cluster Factory

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A zoo of stellar objects



Star clusters probe their environment

- Interstellar medium (embedded clusters, < 10 Myr)
- Extreme environments (young massive clusters, > $10^6 M_{\odot}$)
- Galactic dynamics (nuclear clusters)
- Early Universe (globular clusters, ~10 Gyr)



Bimodality in globular clusters

- Blue ("halo clusters") metal-poor ([Fe/H] ~ -1.5) no rotation spatially extended
- Red ("disk, bulge clusters") metal-rich ([Fe/H] ~ -0.5) rotation spatially concentrated
- Formed in progenitors (blue), then in gas-rich mergers (red) Ashman & Zepf (1992)
- Multiphase collapse Forbes, Brodie & Grillmair (1997)
- Accreted (blue) and in-situ (red) Coté et al. (1998)



A multi-scale and multi-physics problem

Large scales

- Galaxy formation
- Galaxy interactions
- Structure formation (disk, bar, spiral)

Small scales

- Star cluster formation
- Stellar evolution, feedback
- 2-body relaxation, internal evolution

Combining the two

this talk

Just a tiny fraction of theoretical star cluster-centered studies:

Peebles & Dicke (1968) Krauss & Chaboyer (2003) Rieder et al. (2013) Renaud & Gieles (2015c) Kimm et al. (2016) Renaud & Gieles (2013) Miholics et al. (2014, 2015) Bianchini, Renaud et al. (2015) Renaud et al. (2016) Fensch, Renaud et al. (submitted) Gnedin & Ostriker (1997) Gieles et al. (2007) Rossi & Hurley (2015) Renaud et al. (2015d) Fall & Rees (1985) Schweizer (1987) Ashman & Zepf (1992) Fellhauer et al. (2002) Kravstov & Gnedin (2005) Renaud et al. (2014, 2015a) Maji et al. (2016) Guillard et al. (2016) Li et al. (2016) Hurley et al. (2002) Boily & Kroupa (2003a,b) Fellhauer & Kroupa (2005) Smith et al. (2011) Guillard, Renaud et al. (in prep) Hénon (1961, 1965) Vesperini (1998) Fukushige & Heggie (2000) Baumgardt & Makino (2003) Heggie & Hut (2003) Gieles et al. (2006) Kuepper et al. (2010) Elmegreen (2010) Renaud et al. (2011) Hurley & Shara (2012) Madrid et al. (2012) Berentzen & Athanassoula (2012) Vesperini et al. (2014) Webb et al. (2014, 2015) Gieles & Renaud (2016)

Formation of the Milky Way

- Zoom-in (identical to Weztel et al. 2016)
- Ramses (Teyssier 2002)
- SF, winds, radiation pressure, SNII, SNIa (Agertz et al. 2013, 2015, 2016)

Renaud et al. (submitted)



Formation of the Milky Way

Renaud et al. (submitted)

- Early growth via major mergers (z > 2)
- Steady increase via slow SF (~ 1-10 M_☉/yr)



Merger tree

Renaud et al. (submitted)



• Last major merger at *z*=2

time

A recipe for metallicity bimodality

- Massive *enough* galaxy
 high SFR
 high v_{escape}
 - = self-enrichment
 - Formation in low-mass galaxy
 → metal-poor
 - Formation in massive galaxy
 → metal-rich
- Growth + merger history
 = bimodality



Metallicity traces clusters' origins

- Metal-rich =

 in situ formation
 (+ massive galaxy accretion)
- Metal-poor = low-mass galaxy accretion (+ early in situ formation)



Notable differences between in situ and accreted clusters

- Accreted metal-poor ([Fe/H] ~ -1.3) no rotation spatially extended
- Just like blue clusters
- In situ metal-rich ([Fe/H] ~ -0.8) rotation spatially concentrated
- Just like red clusters



• Coté et al. (1998) scenario + a twist (accreted metal-rich)

Monitoring tides

Renaud et al. (submitted)



Compressive tides

- Cores in potential
- In overlaps of extended profiles e.g. interactions
- But also at high redshift Renaud et al. (in prep)
- Stop destroying clouds
- Favor/trigger SF (via compressive turbulence) Renaud et al. (2014)
- Young massive clusters Renaud et al. (2015)

Simulation: Agentauet et alin(2000)



red = compressive tides

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Star clusters co-evolve with their hosts (and can tell us how)

- Observed red/blue groups retrieved in simulated in situ / accreted populations
- Bimodalities regulated by merger history
- Globular = aged young massive cluster?
 - Maybe same trigger (compressive tides)
 - But different metallicities
 - And different evolution
- Tidal histories follow galaxy build-up phases

