Star Clusters

--- Links between Galaxies and Stars

- Star clusters as stellar birth places
- Open clusters, globular clusters, and others
- Star clusters as targets of investigation
- Star clusters as tools in stellar & galactic studies
- Latest and outstanding issues





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http://ps1tw.astro.ncu.edu.tw/ps1sc/tmp_20191028/ StarClusters2019ISYA42Yunnan.pdf

https://bit.ly/2BRlp7K



EARTH AT NIGHT







Siding Spring, Australia, 3.9 m Devasthal, India, 3.6 m Gaomeigu, China 2.4 m Doi Inthanon, Thailand 2.4 m Xinglong, China, 2.16 m Hanle, India 2.0 m Okayama, Japan, 1.88 m Bohyunsan, Korea, 1.8 m Mt John, New Zealand, 1.8 m

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Study of Star Clusters

- Historically one of the oldest subjects in astronomy, next to stars and planets, e.g., the Messier objects ...
- Progress paused for a few decades because CCD sizes did not catch up
- Interest revived because of sky surveys and OIR wide-field imaging, and *Gaia* measurements
- Current Milky Way census: 3000+ open clusters, 100+ globular clusters
- Latest interests mainly in massive star clusters, dissolving/dissolved (extended clusters, moving groups), and extragalactic systems

Star Clusters

• Long recognized by naked eyes in the night sky



Messier "Catalogue des Nébuleuses et des Ams e'Étoiles" ("Catalogue of Nebulae and Star Clusters" (1771)

Hyades d=47 pc (closest to Sun) $\Theta=330'$ $\mathcal{M}=400 M_{\odot}$ $\tau=625 \text{ Myr}$

 Pleiades (=M45)

 $d=136 \text{ pc} \pmod{300}$
 $\Theta=110'$
 $\tau=75-150 \text{ Myr}$

http://frontrange.ca/blog/page/6/

Praesepe (=M44=Beehive) d=177 pc $\Theta=95'$ $\mathcal{M}=500-600 M_{\odot}$ $\tau=600-700 \text{ Myr}$

Formation of Stars

Stars are formed <u>in groups</u> out of dense molecular cloud cores, and planets are formed, at the same time as the stellar birth, in circumstellar disks.

Star Formation = Cluster Formation



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Molecular clouds observed by different tracers ...

L1400G

L1535

_____ 0.1pc







NH₃ (1,1)

13 CO 1-0

c¹⁸0 I-0

CS 2-1



30° 28 TIPC 26° DECLINATION (1950) 24° - CO EMISSION DENSE CORE + OBSCURED STAR T TAURI STAR 22 \bigcirc 20° 18° 4^h55^m 4h05 45^m 35 25 RIGHT ASCENSION (1950)

Figure 2 CO contour map of the Taurus molecular cloud with positions of dense NH_3 cores, embedded infrared sources, and visible T Tauri stars (from Myers 1986).

Filamentary Molecular Clouds



Giant Molecular Clouds $D=20\sim100 \text{ pc}$ $\mathcal{M}=10^{5}\sim10^{6} \mathcal{M}_{\odot}$ $\rho \approx 10\sim300 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $T \approx 10\sim30 \text{ K}$ $\Delta v \approx 5\sim15 \text{ km}^{-1}$



Molecular clumps/ clouds/condensations $n \sim 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $D \sim 5 \text{ pc}$, $M \sim 10^3 \text{ M}_{\odot}$ Dense molecular cores $n \geq 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $D \sim 0.1 \text{ pc}$, $M \sim 1-2 \text{ M}_{\odot}$

http://www.bu.edu/galacticring/outgoing/PressRelease/

GMCs are short lived \rightarrow Most young stellar groups are not gravitational bound at birth ("high infant fatality rates").

Those that survive and remain gravitational bound are the **star clusters** we see today: **open clusters** and **globular clusters**

Those recently dissolved with then-members still sharing similar space motion: **stellar associations** or **moving groups** (e.g., Beta Pictoris MG, AB Doradus MG)

> Similar properties: OB associations or T association; Reflection nebulae: R associations (e.g., Mon R2)

Disintegrated star clusters supply the field stars.

Nearby Examples

Massive Star-Forming Region

- Orion OB Association (350-400 pc) OMC 05:56 -01:48

Low-Mass Star-Forming Regions

- Taurus Molecular Cloud (TMC-1) (140 pc) TMC 04:41 +25:52
- *Rho Ophiuchi cloud* (130 pc) Oph 16:28 -24:32
- *Lupus* (140 pc)
- Chamaeleon (160 pc)
- Corona Australis (130 pc)

4/5 in the southern sky ... why? CrA 19:01 -36:59 The Gould Belt, a (partial) ring in the sky, ~1 kpc across, centered on a point 100 pc from the Sun and tilted about 20 deg to the Galactic plane, containing star-forming molecular clouds and OB stars (OMC, Sco-Cen OB, Cepheus OB2, Perseus OB2, TMC, parts of Serpens clouds) = local spiral arm

Origin unknown (dark matter induced star formation 30 Myrs ago?)



http://galaxymap.org/detail_maps/download_maps/gould.png



http://www.jach.hawaii.edu/JCMT/surveys/gb/

Gould's Belt superimposed on to an IRAS 100 micron emission map

Gould belt



http://hera.ph1.uni-koeln.de/~heintzma/All/OB_stars.htm

Gould belt



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FIG. 29.—Locations of the kinematically detected OB associations projected onto the Galactic plane (*right*) and a corresponding cross section (*left*) (cf. Fig. 1). The gray circles indicate the physical dimensions as obtained from the angular dimensions and mean distances, on the same scale. The lines represent the streaming motions, derived from the average proper motions, mean distances and median radial velocities of the secure members, corrected for "standard" solar motion and Galactic rotation (see § 9.2). The ellipse around the α Persei cluster indicates the Cas–Tau association. The small dots schematically represent the Olano (1982) model of the Gould Belt.



Bobylev 2014



Zucker 2020

Fig. 2. Bird's-eye view of the Star Formation Handbook cloud catalog (colored blue points), looking down on the Galactic disk with the sun (orange circle) at the center. The catalog is overlaid on the 3D "Bayestar19" dust map from Green et al. (2019) integrated from $z = \pm 300$ pc off the plane. The points have been arbitrarily scaled according to their dust extinction (between $A_V = 0$ mag and $A_V = 9$ mag), so larger scatter points indicate more extinguished sightlines. The statistical errors (corresponding to the 16th/84th percentile of the cloud distances) are indicated via the line segments; an additional systematic uncertainty is expected, as reported in Table A.1. *Right-hand panels*: zoom-ins of the clouds towards $l = 90^{\circ}$ (*top*), clouds near the Sagittarius arm (*middle*), and clouds within the nearest 375 pc of the sun (*bottom*). In case this 3D figure does not render, an interactive 3D version is also accessible online and at https://faun.rc.fas.harvard.edu/czucker/Paper_Figures/handbook_distances.html.

Barnard 72 in Ophiuchus



http://www.robgendlerastropics.com/B72JMM.jpg

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Figure 1.1 A portion of the Northern sky. The Milky Way is depicted as light grey, while the darker patches indicate giant molecular clouds. Also shown, according to their relative brightness, are the more prominent stars, along with principle constellations.



FIG. 3.—Schematic diagram of the molecular clouds: the lowest contour from Fig. 2. Dots with numbers, corresponding to those in Table 1, indicate locations of CO emission peaks. Some NGC numbers indicate the optically prominent objects coincident with CO peaks. The extent of UV emission from Barnard's loop is indicated by the shaded arc (from O'Dell, York, and Henize 1967; Isobe 1973). The dashed line roughly indicates the extent of the λ Ori ring of clouds.

Orion in visible light





(Bok) Globules silhouetted against emission nebulosity

A dark cloud core seen against a star field





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Frerking et al. (1987)





Onset of spontaneous cloud collapse --- Virial Theorem 2 K + U =0

If
$$\omega = 0$$
, $P_{\text{ext}} = 0$ $2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \frac{M}{\mu m_H} kT - \frac{3}{5} \frac{GM^2}{R} = 0$

$$\mathcal{M}_{J} = \left(\frac{\pi k_{B}T}{4\mu m_{H}G}\right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\rho}} \approx 1.0 \left(\frac{T}{10 \text{ K}}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{n_{H_{2}}}{10^{4} \text{ cm}^{-3}}\right)^{-1/2} \left[\mathcal{M}_{\odot}\right]$$

If $\mathcal{M}_{cloud} > \mathcal{M}_{J}$ (Jeans critical mass) \rightarrow cloud collapse

Virial theorem

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Equation of motion (in the Lagragian form)

$$\varrho \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = \vec{f} - \nabla P \qquad (1)$$

In hydrostatic equilibrium, $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = 0$, so $\vec{f} = \nabla P$, and assuming spherical symmetry and the force is self-gravitation

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{G \ m(r) \ \varrho(r)}{r^2} \quad (\text{Hydrostatic equilibrium})$$

and $m(r) = \int_0^r 4\pi r^2 \ \varrho \ dr \quad (\text{mass continuity/distribution})$

$$\varrho \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = \vec{f} - \nabla P$$

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Take vector dot of \vec{r} of (1), divide by ρ , define $F = f/\rho$ (force per unit mass, and integrate, using the boldface for vectors

$$\int dm \, \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} = \int \boldsymbol{r} \cdot F \, dm - \int \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \nabla P \, \frac{dm}{\varrho} \quad (2)$$
Given $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\boldsymbol{r} \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} \right) = \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \boldsymbol{r}^2$
So, $\int dm \, \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \int \boldsymbol{r}^2 \, dm - \int \left| \frac{dr}{dt} \right|^2 \, dm$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} - 2\mathcal{E}_{\text{kin}} \qquad I: \text{ moment of inertia}$$
 $\mathcal{E}_{\text{kin}}: \text{ kinetic energy}$

Because $dm = \rho \, dV$, the last term in (2),

$$\int \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \nabla P \, \frac{dm}{\varrho} = \int \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \nabla P \, dV = \int \nabla (\boldsymbol{r}P) \, dV - 3 \int P \, dV$$
$$= \oint P \boldsymbol{r} \cdot d\boldsymbol{S} - 3 \int P \, dV$$

Assuming spherical symmetry, = $4\pi R^3 P_s - 3\int P \, dV$ Note:

$$\int \nabla (\mathbf{r}P) = (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{r})P + \mathbf{r} \cdot \nabla P$$

 $\nabla \cdot r = 3$ Gauss's theorem \rightarrow volume integral of the divergence to surface integral Putting together, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2I}{dt^2} = 2\mathcal{E}_{kin} + 3\int P \,dV + \int \boldsymbol{r} \cdot F \,dm - \oint P\boldsymbol{r} \cdot d\boldsymbol{S}$$

where $\boldsymbol{r} \cdot F$ (work) is virial;

or

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2I}{dt^2} = 2 \mathcal{E}_{\text{kinetic}} + 3 \int P \, dV + \mathcal{E}_{\text{potential}} - 4\pi R^3 P_{\text{external}}$$

For stars, under hydrostatic equilibrium and $P_{\text{ext}} = 0$, 2 $\mathcal{E}_{\text{k}} + \mathcal{E}_{\text{p}} = 0$



LHS = $0 \rightarrow$ stable LHS < $0 \rightarrow$ collapsing LHS > $0 \rightarrow$ expanding

$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_k$: a variety of kinetic energies

- ✓ Kinetic energy of molecules
- ✓ Bulk motion of clouds
- \checkmark Rotation

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\mathcal{E}_p : a variety of potential energies

- ✓ Gravitation
- ✓ Magnetic field
- ✓ Electrical field

 $\mathcal{E}_{total} = \mathcal{E}_k + \mathcal{E}_p$, governs if the system is <u>bound</u> ($\mathcal{E}_{total} < 0$) For stars, mostly $\mathcal{E}_p = \Omega$ (gravitational energy; negative) If $P_{\text{ext}} \neq 0$ (Bonnor – Ebert sphere) $2K + U - 3P_{\text{ext}}V = 0$

Typical parameters for molecular dense cores or Bok globules → OK to collapse

In reality, resistance by \vec{B} , $\vec{\omega}$, turbulence, etc. \rightarrow low star formation efficiency (a few %) in typical clouds

For GMCs $\rightarrow \mathcal{M}_I \approx 100 \sim 1000 \mathcal{M}_{\odot}$

But stars have masses $\approx 0.08 \mathcal{M}_{\odot}$ to $150 \mathcal{M}_{\odot}$. (*What if not?*)

So what happens?

Formation of Star Clusters

Recall $\mathcal{M}_{J} \propto \frac{T^{3/2}}{\rho^{1/2}}$, and a smaller \mathcal{M}_{J} favors cloud collapse

Cloud collapse $\rightarrow \rho$ always \uparrow , if gravitational energy radiated away \rightarrow <u>optically thin</u> \rightarrow cooling $\rightarrow T \approx$ const (**isothermal collapse**)

denser \rightarrow more collisions \rightarrow more excitations and line emission \rightarrow if photons escape \rightarrow cooling

 $\rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{J} \propto \rho^{-1/2} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{J} \downarrow$, i.e., easier to exceed the threshold

 \rightarrow fragmentation to fragments or cores \rightarrow a star cluster

cloud opaque \rightarrow photons do not escape

When a dense core becomes very dense $\rightarrow \underline{optically thick}$ (adiabatic collapse) $\rightarrow T \propto \rho^{3/2}$ \uparrow , and $\mathcal{M}_J \propto \rho^{1/2}$ \uparrow with time, i.e., ever more difficult to collapse \rightarrow individual stars

NGC 6520



Barnard 86
Types of Star Clusters

Morph The division is not always clean. There are two general kinds of star clusters Mur Galar There are some clusters with ✓Lo ✓1(Properties of both kinds, and Y there are yet some falling in 2.2 m 🗖 Globular 🕽 $\checkmark 10^4$ to 10^6 members ✓ Old members; Pop II ("metal" poor)

✓100s known; mostly in the halo , orbiting/concentrated toward the GC

M80 HST

M31-G1 HST

NGC 2158 d = 5200 pc $\tau = 1.05 \text{ Gyr}$



M35 d = 860 pc $\tau = 150 \text{ Myr}$



Galactic Longitude

Galactic Latitude



OCs preferentially on the disk plane

GCs preferentially away from the disk in the halo; centering around the Galactic center

Most known star clusters within 1-2 kpc (why?)

Spatial Distribution of Galactic Open Clusters



Young open clusters (< 100 Myr) are located near the Galactic plane. Older systems are more scattered above and below the plane.

Metallicity gradients

Age-Metallicity Relation



FIG. 8.—(a) Radial and (b) vertical abundance gradient for 118 open clusters. The least-square fitting results in a gradient of -0.063 ± 0.008 and -0.295 ± 0.050 dex kpc⁻¹, respectively. The typical error bar for [Fe/H] is about 0.1 dex, as shown in the lower left corner of the figures. In deriving the vertical gradient, the radial gradient has been corrected.



FIG. 10.—Age-metallicity relation (AMR) for the 118 open clusters after correcting for the radial gradient. The solid line is a least-square fit for the open cluster data.

Chen, L. + 2003



30 kpc

Stars in the halo and globular clusters move at random orientations \rightarrow Star clusters remain selfgravitating and relatively intact



Stars and open clusters in the disk move in the plane of the disk → shear force tears a star cluster apart



A globular cluster is very compact that even the *HST* cannot resolve individual stars near the core.

> Messier 5 by HST APOD 2014.04.25

Star Clusters as Targets of Investigation

How to determine the luminosity and surface temperature, chemical composition, etc., of a star? How to determine its distance and age of a star?

It is much easier if the star is a cluster <u>member</u>, because all the members were formed at the same time (coeval) out of the same molecular cloud, and at the same distance from us.

Stellar Properties in a Nutshell

A star generates energy by thermonuclear fusion reactions at its core \rightarrow (outward) thermal pressure (gradient) to counteract (inward) gravitational pull

 → hydrostatic equilibrium in every part of a star
 Stars with stable supply of H as nuclear fuel → main sequence stars = normal stars





Main-sequence stars





- **□** core hydrogen fusion; a stellar mass sequence
- □ MS stars have similar radii.
- \square Massive stars \rightarrow fusion rate $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$ at the core \rightarrow luminous \mathcal{L} $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$
 - → large energy flux through stellar surface 4 $\pi \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow T^{\uparrow}$

Low-mass stars \rightarrow moderate fusion rate \rightarrow luminous $\mathcal{L} \downarrow$

→ smaller flux through surface → $T\downarrow$

→ A diagonal band in the Hertzsprung-Russell (HR) diagram

Stellar Evolution in a Nutshell

- □ Massive MS stars → fusion rate $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$ → luminous $\mathcal{L}\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$ → nuclear fuel (H) used up rapidly → lifetime $\tau\downarrow\downarrow$
 - Low-mass MS stars \rightarrow moderate fusion rate \rightarrow luminous $\mathcal{L} \downarrow$ \rightarrow fuel used up slowly $\rightarrow \tau \uparrow$
- □ When central hydrogen exhausted (~10% for the Sun)
 → core contracts until being stopped
 - ✓ by next rounds of fusion Nuclear waste (e.g., He) → nuclear fuel
 - by electron degenerate pressure (a white dwarf)
 - by neutron degenerate pressure (a neutron star)
 - by spacetime singularity (a black hole)

 \square Disruptive/explosive ending \rightarrow complex nuclei to ISM

Member stars in a star cluster are formed out of the same molecular cloud, so should have the same age, same chemical abundances, and at the same distance from us.

But ...

What if there is significant time lapse in star formation? → different ages

For nearby systems, the depth may no longer be negligible \rightarrow different distances

What if member stars are not from the same cloud? → different abundances

Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram (physical)

Brightness (Luminosity or Absolute Magnitude)



Spectral Type or surface Temperature

Color-Magnitude Diagram (CMD) (observational, a proxy of the HRD)



"Color" $(m_1 - m_2)$

To Determine the Distance of a cluster

Main Sequence Fitting $m_{\lambda} - M_{\lambda} = 5 \log d_{pc} - 5 + A_{\lambda}$ $(m_{\lambda 1} - m_{\lambda 2}) = (M_{\lambda 1} - M_{\lambda 2}) + E(\lambda 1 - \lambda 2)$

 $E(\lambda 1 - \lambda 2) \equiv A_{\lambda 1} - A_{\lambda 2}$ ISM (dust) reddening

More distant \rightarrow <u>fainter and redder</u>

ISM "**Reddening law**" (Rieke & Lebofsky 1985) $A_B = 1.324 A_V$ $A_J = 0.282 A_V$ $A_K = 0.112 A_V$ $R \equiv A_V / E(B - V) \approx 3.1$



To Determine the Age of a Star Cluster



As a cluster (its member stars) ages, massive stars leave the MS first and evolve to the post-main sequence phase, then progressively followed by lower-mass members.

The MS is "peeled off" from the top (upper MS) down.

Only the low-mass stars remain on the MS.

Evolution of individual stars of different masses



A collection of stars at different evolutionary stages



- Snapshot of different stellar masses at this age
- Star clusters at different ages
 → theory of stellar evolution

1-2 main sequence
2-3 overall contraction
3-4 H <u>thick</u> shell burning
5-6 H <u>thin</u> shell burning
6-7 red giant
7-10 core He burning
8-9 envelope contraction



Theoretical isochrones



Assumptions: ✓ coeval star formation ✓ same metallicity ✓ same distance How good are these ...

Age of the cluster = the main sequence lifetime of stars at the MSTO

Post-MS members, while rarer than MS, are useful.



Observed CMDs



Test of Stellar Evolution by Star Clusters



Examples of HR diagrams of four open clusters, arranged by age, each showing the zero-age main sequence (ZAMS) and the best-fit isochrone.

Stahler & Palla (2004)

Effect of Metallicity

Given the same mass, a metal poorer star is bluer and brighter.



FIG. 1.—Paths in the theoretical Hertzsprung-Russell diagram for $M = M_{\odot}$. Luminosity in units of $L_{\odot} = 3.86 \times 10^{33}$ erg/sec and surface temperature T_e in units of °K. Solid curve constructed using a mass fraction of metals with 7.5-eV ionization potential, $X_M = 5.4 \times 10^{-6}$. Dashed curve constructed with $X_M = 5.4 \times 10^{-6}$. **Iben (1965)**

"metals" \rightarrow low ionization/excitation potentials \rightarrow effective coolants

A metal poorer cluster \rightarrow bluer



A younger cluster retains a longer upper MS, and even contains some PMS stars.





Blue Stragglers

Common among GCs, even in some OCs.

Possible mechanisms of formation

- ✓ They formed later, therefore live longer (Roberts 1960)?
 But the age difference would have been large, and GCs do not seem to contain much gas.
- ✓ Binary merging as a result of mass transfer between equal-mass components (Iben 1986) ?
- ✓ Stellar collisions (Hills & Day 1976) ?
- ✓ Prolonged MS lifetimes due to rotation or **B** field (Wheeler 1979) ?
- ✓ Do not suffer as much mass loss as normal stars (slow rotators)?





Fig. 5. Hertzsprung-Russell diagram of model C, at ca. t = 12 Gyr.

Stellar collisions between evolving stars.

A synthetic CMD at 12 Gyr, with the simulation starting at 10 Gyr, with a population of MS (single) stars with a flat mass spectrum, plus white dwarfs and neutron stars

Note the blue stragglers and yellow stragglers

 10^4 stars (corresponding to about the total number of stars in the core) were selected randomly from all stars involved in the simulation.

(Portegies Zwart+97)

Horizontal Branch

→ extragalactic distance indicator

Different morphologies of GCs ...



Fig. 2.2. The color-magnitude diagrams of NGC 1904 (left) and NGC 6637 (right) illustrating differences in horizontal branch morphology and the location of the main-sequence turn-off. (From data supplied by R. Buonanno and A. Sarajedini.)

Metallicity as the "**first parameter**"; higher $z \rightarrow$ redder

But not every metal-poor GC has an extended blue HB tail!



Fig. 2.4. The color-magnitude diagrams of Arp 2 (left) and Ruprecht 106 (right). (From data supplied by R. Buonanno.)



Fig. 2.3. The color-magnitude diagrams of M2 (left) and M3 (right). (From data supplied by P. Stetson.)

The "**second parameter**" ✓ age (older → bluer)? ✓ mass loss on RGB? ✓ He abundance??



Red Clump

Clustering of cool horizontal-branch giants (core He fusion, metal-rich)

... 5,000 K and *M_V*~0.5



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subgiant#/media/File:M5_colour_magnitude_diagram.png





Sub-subgiants = red stragglers




Blue sub-dwarfs: sdB, sdO

3He → C C+He → O



Surface temperature (°)

Figure 1

Sketch of a Hertzsprung-Russell diagram highlighting the position of hot subdwarf (sdB and sdO) stars and the extreme horizontal branch (EHB) located to the left and below the hot end of the main sequence but above the white dwarf cooling sequence. The EHB is separated from the blue horizontal branch (BHB). The location of stars having evolved from the postasymptotic giant branch is shown for comparison. The hot subdwarf stars have nothing in common with traditional cool subdwarfs found below the lower main sequence. Courtesy of ESO, with modifications by S. Geier and K.S. de Boer.

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Theorists believe in their own results, while others don't. Observer do not believe in their own results, but others do.

A theoretician develops theories to confront with observations. An observer acquires data to compare with theories. An experimentalist conducts experiments to compare with

It is all what <u>you do</u> to answer the question. You should know it all, though usually master on one aspect for now.

Yes, you should concentrate on what you are doing, and do not stretch yourself too thin. You may decide to do only one thing in your life and do it well. But you should not decide what it is now.

Is this what my adviser is doing (asked me to do)? Why am I doing it? Is it challenging? Am I excited?

Do not limit yourself.

Practicality A hands-on exercise

Catalogues of galactic open clusters

- ✓ Lynga (1987)
- ✓ WEBDA (originally by Mermilliod, latest 2013) compilation MW and LMC+SMC
- ✓ Catalog of Open Cluster Data
- ✓ Dias+ (2002..2015), Sampedro et al. (2017), *N* = 1876
- ✓ Kharchenko et al. (2005) based on ASCC-2.5, a few 100s
- ✓ Cantat-Gaudin et al. 2018, Gaia/DR2, N=1229 w/ members

Catalogues of galactic globular clusters \checkmark Harris (1996, 2010) N = 157

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Dias 2015













Members: similar in positions and in space motions ...

- -grouping along the main sequence/isochrone (CMD)
- -grouping of proper motions (and radial velocity)
- -grouping in space (sky coordinates + distance)
- ➔ To secure the member list, find
- (proper motion and radial velocity) (and in metalicity, etc.)

Member stars are grouped in at least 6-dimensional space, 3 in location (position and distance) and 3 in motion

To Identify Members in a Star Cluster

A Case Study M67 an OC ~4 Gyr old (i.e., solar age), [Fe/H] = -0.1, distance 800 to 900 pc, an apparent angular diameter > 30'



2 old OCs





FIG. 10. Worthey-VandenBerg-Kurucz isochrone models fit to the observed $(m_{3890}-m_{6075})$ vs m_{3890} CMD. $(m-M)_0=9.47$ and E(B-V)=0.05 are assumed; see text for details. The values of age and [Fe/H] of each isochrone are shown in the graphs. Data for stars with known membership probabilities $\geq 80\%$ are plotted as open circles; all other stars are plotted as dots.

FIG. 11. Worthey-VandenBerg-Kurucz isochrone models fit to the observed $(m_{6075} - m_{7215})$ vs m_{6075} CMD. Same models, distance modulus and [Fe/H] as for Fig. 10.

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Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) data

M67 field vs a Galactic field



Gaia (Space Telescope)

- ✓ 2013 to 2022? by ESA
- ✓ High-precision astrometry (position) → distance + motion → 3D map of MW and beyond; quasars, exoplanets
- ✓ < 20 mag (1% MW)





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- ✓ *G*, *BP*, *RP* photometry + spectroscopy → *L*, *T*_{eff}, *g*, [M/H], and RV
- ✓ Latest DR3 in 2022.06



Gaia's Sky in Color





Gaia Collaboration 2018+





https://www.dlr.de/content/en/images/2020/4/gaia-hyades-star-cluster.html



Gaia DR3 Part 1. Main source : I/355



Authors : Gaia collaboration

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Gaia positions

All stars within 1 deg field ...

Concentration at center (the cluster) obvious

Extended shape?



Cluster members move differently from field stars (solar motion)



Parallax distribution
















allOK=WHERE(gmag ne 0 and bpmag ne 0 and rpmag ne 0 and rad lt rad0 and pmRAD lt pmRAD0 and dis GT 200)



Gaia proper motions

Gaia parallaxes



Gaia CMD

The cluster sequence stands out clearly in the CMD, though there are many contaminations, i.e., nonmembers.



With some preliminary selection criteria in sky coordinates, proper motion, and parallax ...

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 $plx(max)=1.15 \rightarrow d=870 pc$

Iterative membership selection

- ✓ Age and distance
- ✓ Blue stragglers
- ✓ Red clump giants✓ "Blue clump"?
- ✓ Binaries
- ✓ White dwarfs?
- ✓ Brown dwarfs?



An Example Stellar Isochrone on Demand: The "Padova" tracks

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Exercises

- □ Using Gaia photometric measurements (G, G_{BP}, G_{RP}), download and compare the isochrones of different ages.
- □ Check out the effect of metallicity.
- How would the extinction/reddening affect a theoretical isochrone?



Star Clusters as Tools for Investigation

Infant Star Clusters



Figure 4 Position in the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram of all CTTSs and WTTSs with known $v \sin i$. WTTSs are represented by open circles, and CTTSs by dark circles. In both cases, the circle area is proportional to the stellar $v \sin i$. Approximate pre-main-sequence quasi-static evolutionary tracks for various masses are also plotted together with the zero-age main sequence (dashed line).

PMS stars contracting toward the ZAMS Bertout (1989)



Fraction of PMS stars with IR excess \rightarrow age of a star cluster too young to have an MSTO

Formation of Massive Stars

Not as well known as for low-mass (sun-like) stars Competitive accretion (of cloud cores)?

... low-mass protostars competing with each other, and accrete matter from the parent molecular cloud

□ Coalescence of two or more stars with lower masses?

Massive stars strong influence on the environment via fierce winds and radiation.

But which are formed first, high-mass or low-mass stars?

Triggered Star Formation



Massive stars form Expanding ionization fronts compress nearby clouds (b) ... and trigger SF at edge of cloud Gaint Molecular Cloud Giant Molecular Cloud * O Star - PMS star Bright-Rimmed Cloud ... until clouds are exhausted (d) (c) Bright-Rimmed Cloud * * Process goes on ...

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Collect-and-Collapse

OB stellar wind (ramp pressure) + radiation pressure on a <u>surrounding</u> molecular cloud → Formation of stars at the cavity boundary





Radiation-Driven Implosion

OB stellar radiation ionizes the edge of a <u>nearby</u> cloud (brightrimmed cloud) \rightarrow inward shock to induce cores which may not otherwise collapse spontaneously.



Cloud Morphology remnant cloud points to the massive stars

Stellar Group Sequence YSOs line up in between, in an age sequence: younger toward the cloud, youngest at the interface (the BRC); no SF inside the cloud (yet)



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Rotation

vs Spectral Type

- Higher-mass stars faster
 Much slower after ~F5
 Slowing down with age
- → angular momentum
 evolution diagnosed by
 star clusters with
 known ages



Fig. 3. Projected equatorial velocities, averaged over all possible inclinations, as a function of spectral type. On the main sequence (luminosity class V), early-type stars have rotational velocities that reach and even exceed 200 km/s; these velocities drop to a few km/s for late-type stars, such as the Sun (type G2) (Slettebak [20]; courtesy Gordon & Breach)

► Star cooler and fainter





More so for lower-mass stars Rotation effectively lowers the stellar mass.

Rotation law:

angular momentum distribution $j(m_w)$ as a function of m_w , the mass fraction interior to the cylinder of radius w about the rotation axis.



D: solid body rotation

FIG. 1.—Angular momentum per unit mass, as a function of mass fraction interior to a given cylinder about the axis of rotation, for three assumed laws of differential rotation (Cases A, B, and C) and for a uniformly rotating model (Case D) of $30 \mathfrak{M}_{\odot}$, log J = 52.73.

Modified CMD/isochrone

FIG. 2.—Theoretical H-R diagram showing model sequences of increasing angular momentum (*solid curves*). Numbers on curves give calculated velocities at the equator in km sec⁻¹. The distribution of angular momentum for each sequence is indicated by the letter A, B, C, or D.

Bodenheimer (1971) ApJ, **167**, 153

Effect of Binarity

- Most stars in solar neighborhood in binary, triple or multiple systems (Duquennoy & Mayor 1991)
- □ Stars born in groups
- □ YSOs binary rate comparable to MS population
- → Binaries unlikely to form by encounters; chances too low

Star Formation = Planet Formation

- = Cluster Formation
- = Binary Formation

Cluster binary rate \Leftrightarrow mass, age, environments?



□ GCs very crowded → wide pairs stripped off; close pairs: NS accreting from companion X-ray sources; eventually merged → GW

\square Binaries more massive \rightarrow sink to the center



High-energy phenomena

GCs account for 0.1% of MW stars but 10% number of of low-mass X-ray binaries

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Stellar encounter rate $n\sigma v$



n: number density
σ: cross section
v: relative speed

In solar neighborhood, $n = 1 \text{ pc}^{-3}$; $\sigma = 5 \text{ au}$; $v = 50 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ Probability= 10^{-13} yr^{-1}

Only the widest pairs, with separations $10^3 - 10^4$ au vulnerable

In star clusters
$$\Delta v = 1 - 2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$
, $n \uparrow$

Encounters frequent

- \rightarrow binary formation and dissolution
- $\rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{binding}$ important as energy reservoir in cluster dynamics

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Effect of Noncoevality





Piotto+07, ApJL Distinct PM-selected MS branches in the GC NGC 2808, signifying successive rounds of star formation Generations of stars in each of the 3 massive young (1 to 2 Gyr) star clusters, NGC 1783 (LMC), NGC 1806 (LMC), and NGC 411 (SMC) Li+16, Nat

In the LMC, young clusters compact; old system small or large

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Star Clusters --- Lecture 3

CTTSs characterized by infrared excess in the SEDs



... and also <u>UV excess</u> \rightarrow spectral "veiling"

Figure 3 Observed spectral energy distributions from 3600 Å to 100 μ m of the stars whose spectra are shown in Figure 2. The energy distribution of the K7V WTTS TAP 57, shown as a solid line, has been displaced downward by 0.3 dex. The filled symbols are simultaneous (for DN Tau and DF Tau) or averaged (for DR Tau) photometric data (cf. Bertout et al. 1988) supplemented by *IRAS* data (Rucinski 1985). When available, observed variability is indicated by error bars. When compared with WTTSs such as TAP 57, CTTSs display prominent ultraviolet and infrared excesses. Excess continuum flux and optical emission-line activity are often correlated.



Star Clusters

--- Links between Galaxies and Stars

- **Star clusters as stellar birth places**
- Open clusters, globular clusters, and others
- Star clusters as targets of investigation
- Star clusters as tools in stellar & galactic studies
- Latest and outstanding issues









(Initial) Mass Function --- Origin of Stellar Masses

Birthrate function B(M, t) = the number of stars per unit volume, with masses between M and M + dM that are formed out of ISM during time interval t and t + dt.

 $B(M,t) dM dt = \psi(t) \xi(M) dM dt$, where $\psi(t)$ is the star formation rate (SFR), and $\xi(M)$ is the initial mass function (IMF).

For the Galactic disk, SFR is $5.0 \pm 0.5 M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-2} \text{ Gyr}^{-1}$ integrated over the *z* direction.

The IMF: the fractional distribution in mass of a newly formed stellar system; often assumed a simple power law $\xi(\mathcal{M}) \propto \mathcal{M}^{-\alpha} = \mathcal{M}^{-(1+\Gamma)}$

In general, $\xi(\mathcal{M})$ extends from a lower to an upper cutoff, e.g., from 0.1 to 125 solar masses.

Commonly used IMFs are those of Salpeter (1955), Scalo (1986), and Miller & Scalo (1979).



http://webast.ast.obs-mip.fr/hyperz/hyperz_manual1/node7.html

- Salpeter (1955) on solar-neighborhood stars *Present-day LF* \rightarrow mass-luminosity relation \rightarrow present-day mass function \rightarrow stellar evolution \rightarrow initial mass function $\alpha = 2.35$ or $\Gamma = 1.35$
- Miller and Scalo extended work below 1 M_{\odot} (1979) $\alpha \approx 0$ for M < 1 M_{\odot}
- Pavel Kroupa (2002) $\alpha = 2.3 \text{ for M} > 0.5 \text{ M}_{\odot}$ $\alpha = 1.3 \text{ for } 0.08 \text{ M}_{\odot} < \text{M} < 0.5 \text{ M}_{\odot}$ $\alpha = 0.3 \text{ for M} < 0.08 \text{ M}_{\odot}$
- A universal IMF among stellar systems (SFRs, star clusters, galaxies) (Bastian+10) → Many more low-mass stars than higher mass stars → Cloud fragmentation? Self-regulated accretion?



FIG. 17. The Initial Mass Function as measured in the Orion Nebula Cluster.

Hillenbrand 1997, AJ, 113, 1733


OCs 30—120 Myr

Bastian et al. 2010, ARAA

Jeffries 2012

Stellar Initial Mass Function and Dense Core Mass Function



Andre et al. (2000)

Structure of a (Globular) Cluster

Core radius r_c surface brightness to half $I(r) = \frac{l_c}{1 + (r/r_c)^2}$

- Half-light/mass radius r_h containing half of the light/mass
- **Tidal (limiting) radius** *rt* density to zero



FIG. 2. Comparison of star counts in M13 with theoretical curve for $\log(r_t/r_c) = 1.50$. Maximum-exposure 48-in. Schmidt plate.

The King model

The surface brightness profile (King 196; Michie 1963)

$$f(E) = \begin{cases} 0 & (E > E_0) \\ K[e^{-\beta(E-E_0)} - 1 & (E < E_0) \\ E = (1/2) v^2 + \phi(r) \end{cases}$$

Table 1-3. Parameters of globular and open clusters

	Globular	Open
Central density ρ_0	$8 imes 10^3M_\odot{ m pc}^{-3}$	$100\mathrm{M}_\odot\mathrm{pc}^{-3}$
Core radius r_c	1.5 pc	1 pc
Median radius r_h	10 pc	2 pc
Tidal radius r_t	$50\mathrm{pc}$	10 pc
Central velocity dispersion σ_0 (line-of-sight)	$7\mathrm{kms^{-1}}$	$1{\rm kms^{-1}}$
Mass-to-light ratio Υ	$2\Upsilon_{\odot}$	$1\Upsilon_{\odot}$
Mass M	$6 \times 10^5 \mathrm{M_{\odot}}$	$250\mathrm{M}_\odot$
Lifetime	10 ¹⁰ yr	$2 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{yr}$

NOTES: Values for globular clusters are medians from the compilation of Peterson and King (1975). Values for open clusters are typical values from the literature. The central densities are especially uncertain: individual clusters may have central densities that differ by a factor of 100 from the values quoted.

 $r_c = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4\pi G \rho_0 \beta}}$

 r_t where $\phi = 0$

K, *β*, *E*₀ all constants; $\phi(r)$: potential ρ_0 : central density r_h/r_t --- "Strength" against tidal disruption r_c/r_h --- Status of dynamical "evolution"



M3 $r_{\rm vis} \approx 18'$ $r_{\rm half-mass} \approx 1.1'$ i.e., very dense

 $r_{tidal} \approx 38'$

<u>Cluster Dynamics</u>

The distribution function (phase-space density) f(r, v, t): number of particles within dr, dv, dt. For a system of a single species of particles, each of mass m, the total mass in a 6-d phase volume

$$M(t) = m f(r, v, t) dv dr$$

$$dM = M(t + dt) - M(t) = m \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dv dr dt$$



x+ d.

<u>NOT</u> an analogy of an ideal gas system, because of the infiniterange attractive gravitational force

Under the influence of the smooth potential $\phi(x)$, the distribution function (phase-space density) f(x, v, t) obeys the **Collisionless Boltzmann equation**

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla f - \nabla \mathbf{\phi} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = 0$$

Stellar encounters \rightarrow velocity distribution

Fokker-Planck equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla f - \nabla \mathbf{\phi} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \Gamma[f]$$

need a treatment of the collision term $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}$

Binney & Tremaine (1987) Spitzer (1987)

Jacobi limit (Binney & Tremaine 1987) ; almost the tidal radius

$$r_t = \pm d \left[\frac{m_c}{M_G (3 + m_c/M_G)} \right]^{1/3} \approx \left[\frac{m_c}{3 M_G (d)} \right]^{1/3}$$

if $m_c \ll M_G$ and $r_t \ll d$

 m_c : mass of cluster d: Galactic orbital radius $M_G = M_G(d)$: Galactic mass interior to the orbit



Figure 7-8. Contours of equal effective potential Φ_{eff} defined by equation (7-81) for two point masses, m and M = 9m, in circular orbit about one another. The particles are unit distance apart. The center of mass is at the origin, and the central Lagrange point is located near (0.6,0).

Dynamical Evolution of Star Clusters

Gas dynamics, stellar dynamics, stellar evolution (and mass loss), and Galactic environments (e.g., gravitational potential)

Dynamical Evolution of a Star Cluster

- (<u>Initial</u>) Molecular clouds are clumpy and filamentary; so are the youngest star clusters.
- (<u>Internal</u>) Gas dispersal (stellar winds, SN explosions) + Mutual gravitational interaction between members \rightarrow spherical shape (relaxation), with more massive stars concentrating more toward the center (mass segregation). Lowest-mass members are vulnerable to ejection out from the system (stellar evaporation).
- (<u>External</u>) Eventually Galactic perturbations (tidal forces, differential rotation) distort and rip apart the star clusters. Then-members supply the Galactic disk population.
- A recently dissolved system in the solar neighborhood may be recognized as a moving (star) group.

All star formation takes place in GMCs, when local clouds become gravitationally unstable and collapse.



□ Stellar mass loss → shallowing gravitation potential
 □ Two-body relaxation → mass segregation
 → core collapse (density cusp)
 → intermediate-mass black holes



Fig. 18.1. Core collapse from a King model with $W_0 = 3$, N = 1285. The initial model is shown on the left, and the view on the right shows the same model to the same scale after core collapse. The model has a tidal cutoff.

Heggie & Hut

Dynamical Relaxation of a Stellar System

$$\tau_{\rm cross} = D/\nu$$
$$N_{\rm cross} = \frac{0.1N}{\ln N}$$
$$\tau_{\rm relax} = \tau_{\rm cross} \cdot N_{\rm cross}$$

Massive stars "sink" to center. Low-mass stars occupy a larger volume. Lowest-stars are ejected. Cluster disintegrates. where τ_{cross} ... the time for a member (star) to move across the system (cluster) = dynamical time scale D ... diameter of the cluster v ... velocity of the star N ... number of stars in the cluster N_{cross} ... number of crossings

When more than half of the mass of a virialized system is lost within $\tau_{\rm cr} \rightarrow$ the system dissolves (Hills 1980)



Moeckel & Clarke 2011

For a typical globular cluster, $\tau_{relax} \approx 10^8 \sim 10^9$ yr Most GCs have been relaxed. Present MW GCs gone in 10 Gyr

For a typical open cluster, $\tau_{relax} \approx 10^6 \sim 10^7$ yr Young OCs are being relaxed.

Some very young clusters (a few Myr= a few crossing times) display mass segregation.

Lower-mass stars are more vulnerable to be thrown out \rightarrow Stellar evaporation

 $\tau_{\rm evaporation} \approx 96 \, \tau_{\rm relax}$ (Shu 1984)

OCs are flattened in general, even among the youngest systems (1-2 Myr) that have no time to relax ← filaments of parental cloud As an OC evolves, its core becomes circularized by stellar dynamics, whereas the overall size expands and stellar density drops.



Probabilistic star counting by weighting each star by the number of neighbors



Tidal Distortion of Star Clusters

Eventually tidal force and Galactic differential rotation tear the cluster apart.



Berkeley 17, among the oldest (\sim 10 Gyr) MW open clusters, and located at the outer edge of the disk, shows evidence of elongation ...

Escape of Low-Mass Members



... mass segregation and stellar evaporation.

Bhattarcharya+17

Membership of Blanco 1

Young (100 Myr), nearby (230 pc), seen near the Gal. South Pole $(\ell = 15^{\circ}, b = -79^{\circ})$



Gaia/DR2 data + STARGO (clustering of α , δ , ϖ , μ_{α} , μ_{δ})

Zhang+19

A leading and a trailing tail found on the orbital plane \rightarrow differential rotation shear?



Zhang+19

Globular Clusters not perfectly round



Figure 5. (a) CMD of the NGC 6121 field, with the red dots indicating highly probable cluster members, i.e., stars within $0.5\langle\theta\rangle$ radius from the cluster center. A giant branch and an HB can be clearly seen in the CMD. The green solid-line and dashed-line mark respectively the biweight mean and deviation of the red dots in each color-magnitude bin. (b) Density distribution of CMD-selected cluster members, i.e., stars located between the two green-dashed lines in (a). The thick (green) and thin (red) curves represent the 3σ and 2σ isodensity contours, respectively.

Mostly due to tidal force from the Galactic bulge; some with debris tails



Morphology (Axial ratio) of 116 GCs



Fig. 6.— The distribution of the axial ratios of the 95 Galactic globular clusters with reliabile measurements. The dashed line indicates the median value of 0.87 of the sample.

Chen, CW, et al. (2010)





The "archetype" of globular cluster tidal tails --- those found by the digital sky survey on the globular cluster Palomar 5.

10 deg tails from SDSS Odenkirchen+03

Tidal Tails of Globular Clusters

Chen, CW, et al. (2010)





Figure 35. Same as Figure 19 but for the bulge GC NGC 6366, whose probable member stars selected by the color-magnitude method (see the text) show clumpiness around the cluster.

As a GC ages, high-mass stars have died, and low-mass stars have escaped, leaving behind binaries, WDs, etc.





- 20-40% binary rate with a preference of similar-mass pairs
- ♦Mass segregation with the lowest mass members (< 0.2 M_☉) being stripped
- → The cluster is <u>being dissolved</u>.

Wang+13

Dissolved Star Clusters



Recently dissolved star clusters recognizable if young and in the solar neighborhood \rightarrow stellar moving groups

Then-members share the same space volume and motion, (and abundance, age, etc.)

So far 9 MGs known within 150 pc, with ages 10–100 Myr

Known Moving Groups





 β Pic in BPMG Lagrange et al. 2009

HR 8799 in Columba Marois et al. 2010

Known nearby moving groups, adapted from Torres et al. (2008)									
Name	D ^T [pc]	Age ^M [Mvr]	U ^T [kms ⁻¹]	V ^T [kms ⁻¹]	W ^T [kms ⁻¹]	NT			
β Pictoris (BP)	$40 \pm 18^{T,S}$	12-22	-10.1 ± 2.1	-15.9 ± 0.8	-9.2 ± 1.0	55 ^{T,S}			
AB Doradus (AB Dor)	51±29 ^{T,S}	50-120	-6.8±1.3	-27.2 ± 1.2	-13.3±1.6	97 ^{T,S}			
Tucana/Horologinm (Tuc-Hor)	48 <u>+</u> 7	10-40	-9.9 <u>+</u> 1.5	-20.9 <u>±</u> 0.8	-1.4 <u>+</u> 0.9	44			
TW Hydrae (TWH)	59 <u>+</u> 22 ^D	8-20	-10.5±0.9	-18.0 ± 1.5	-4.9 <u>+</u> 0.9	31 ^D			
Columba (Col)	82 <u>+</u> 30	10-40	-13.2 <u>+</u> 1.3	-21.8±0.8	-5.9 <u>+</u> 1.2	41			
Carina (Car)	85 <u>+</u> 35	10-40	-10.2 ± 0.4	-23.0±0.8	-4.4 <u>+</u> 1.5	23			
Argus (Arg)	106 <u>+</u> 51	30-50	-22.0 <u>+</u> 0.3	-14.4 <u>+</u> 1.3	-5.0 <u>+</u> 1.3	64			
ϵ Chamaeleontis (ϵ Cha)	108 <u>+</u> 9	~6 ^T	-11.0 <u>+</u> 1.2	-19.9 <u>+</u> 1.2	-10.4 <u>+</u> 1.6	30 ^{M2}			
Octans (Oct)	141 <u>+</u> 34	~20 ^T	-14.5 <u>+</u> 0.9	-3.6±1.6	-11.2±1.4	15			

D: Ducourant et al. 2014, M: Malo et al. 2013, M2: S: Schlieder et al. 2012, T: Torres et al. 2008, M2: Murphy et al. 2013

Chen, C¥7(2016)

Outstanding Issues of Star Cluster Studies

Substellar Populations

Stars are formed in groups out of dense molecular cloud cores, and planets are formed, at the same time as the stellar birth, in circumstellar disks. *What about brown dwarfs?*

Do they form like stars (and evolve like planets, i.e., ever cooling), or do they form like planets?

Free-floating substellar objects (brown dwarfs or planets)?

Sloppy nomenclature

<u>Giant</u> → relatively large in size; <u>Dwarf</u> → relatively small e.g., yellow dwarf, red dwarf, brown dwarf, white dwarf dwarf planet, dwarf galaxy

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Stars	$\mathcal{M}/M_{\odot} > 0.08$, core H fusion	$\frac{\hat{x}}{\hat{x}_{o}}$ / 10. ² years
	Spectral types O, B, A, F, G, K, M	10 ² - //
Brown Dwarfs	$\begin{array}{l} 0.065 > \mathcal{M}/M_{\odot} > 0.013, \mbox{ core D fusion} \\ 0.080 > \mathcal{M}/M_{\odot} > 0.065, \mbox{ core Li fusion} \\ \mbox{ Spectral types M6.5-9, L, T, Y} \\ \mbox{ Electron degenerate core} \\ \checkmark 10 \mbox{ g cm}^{-3} < \rho_c < 10^3 \mbox{ g cm}^{-3} \end{array}$	10 10 10 10 10 10 ⁵ years 2.7 × 10 ⁷ years 10 ⁶ years Completely convective 10 ⁷ years 10 ⁷ years
	$\checkmark T_c < 3 \times 10^6 \text{ K}$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Planets	$\mathcal{M}/\mathrm{M}_{\odot}$ < 0.013, no fusion ever	Effective temperature, 10 ³ °K Pre-main-sequence

Pre-main-sequence evolution of the Sun



FIG. 7.—Evolution of the luminosity (in L_{\odot}) of solar-metallicity M dwarfs and substellar objects vs. time (in yr) after formation. The stars, "brown dwarfs" and "planets" are shown as solid, dashed, and dot-dashed curves, respectively. In this figure, we arbitrarily designate as "brown dwarfs" those objects that burn deuterium, while we designate those that do not as "planets." The masses (in M_{\odot}) label most of the curves, with the lowest three corresponding to the mass of Saturn, half the mass of Jupiter, and the mass of Jupiter.

Young Methane T Dwarfs in Star Clusters

- ◆ Almost all known BDs in the field
- Substellar brighter when younger
- BDs in young star-forming regions
 - → T dwarfs in L1688 in ρ Oph (130 pc, 1 Myr)
- ◆ T dwarf spectra are characterized by <u>methane</u> absorptions
 → Narrow-band on-off imaging and by <u>cool</u> atmospheres
 → IR colors



A typical L4 dwarf (black) and the transmission curves of CFHT/WIRCam H, CH4ON, CH4OFF, Gemini Hcon, [Fe II], and Spitzer IRAC bands



On-off 1.6 µm imaging photometry of the "training" data set of known L and T dwarfs in the field

Chiang+ 2014



A total of 28 T dwarf candidates found (1) with methane features, (2) with cool atmospheres, (3) not detected by *Spitzer* MIPS, (4) with consistent PMs.

H-K

CH4

K-[4.5]



X x-ray sources
Class 0/I protostars
Flat Spectrum Objects
Class II YSOs
X-ray emitting protostar

850 μm emission (JCMT/SCUBA2), X-ray sources, And YSOs

X-ray Brown Dwarfs at Birth



BDs convective + fast rotation \rightarrow chrom. active until too cold \rightarrow charge neutral \rightarrow no dynamo; but aurorae JCMT/SCUBA-2 **Transient Survey for** prostellar var.

IC348 19+ epochs

X-ray sources (crosses), confirmed (red boxes) and candidate (blue circles) BDs, and smm dust clumps (contours)

Lalchand+20

Aged Brown Dwarfs



Tang+18

Coma Berenices star cluster (Melotte 111)

Intermediate-aged (800 Myr), nearby (87 pc, nearest next to Pleiades), <u>seen</u> near the GNP ($\ell = 221^{\circ}, b = +84^{\circ}$)





We found an L2 and an L4 BDs

Tang+18






The Galactic OC sample is highly incomplete.

Some10⁵ expected (Piskunov et al. 2006) vs a few 10³ catalogued (Kharchenko et al. 2013, mostly < 2 kpc)
 Largely because of dust extinction in the solar neighborhood and lacks of systematic search



Lin et al. (2014)

Finding Uncatalogued Clusters







1x1 deg field, each grid of 10 stars; 3 sigma above background; 3 adjacent grids

- Star counting PS1 3π data to identify density enhancements as star cluster candidates
- Matched with known clusters
- Characterization (size, *N*_{members}, distance, age, spatial structure, etc.)



Search Results

- 50 of 109 known star clusters rediscoveried \checkmark 30 probably not real star clusters (X) \checkmark 13 too large > 10' (nearby, well known) (X) \checkmark 2 embedded clusters (X) \checkmark 4 in H II regions (X) $\checkmark 10$ detected only in two dithering (3 required) \rightarrow Detection rate 50/60 ~ 83%
 - Limiting mass: 0.25 M_{\odot} at 1 kpc 0.7 M_{\odot} at 4 kpc
- Additional 491 candidates identified
 - Preliminary characterization
 - Detailed follow-up studies underway

The revised open cluster sample toward the Galactic anticenter is complete from current 1-2 kpc up to ~5 kpc



Probing Spiral Arms



Star Clusters in LMC



Globular Clusters in the Fornax Dwarf Galaxy Where are the old stars?



Super Star Clusters



Westerlund 1 (= Ara Cluster) in Milky Way

 $\checkmark d = 8500 \text{ pc}$ $\checkmark \tau = 4 \sim 5 \text{ Myr}$

Many peculiar stars:
 6 yellow supergiants,
 4 red supergiants, 24
 Wolf-Rayet stars, 1
 luminous blue
 variable, 1 supergiant
 sgB[e] (a recent
 merger?)

✓ Precursor of a globular cluster?



Young massive clusters are like

disk population ↔ Open clusters

Figure 1

(*a*) Distribution of young (<100 Myr, *filled blue circles*) and old (>3 Gyr, *filled red squares*) open clusters in the Galactic plane, based on the catalog of Dias et al. (2002). The old open clusters are found preferentially toward the Galactic anticenter and above the plane compared to the young open clusters. The young massive clusters (*purple squares*) are located within the solar circle, which is probably a selection effect caused by the higher star-formation rate (per unit area) toward the Galactic center. (*b*) Distribution of old globular clusters; data from the Harris (1996) catalog.

Portegies Zwart+10, ARAA



Young massive clusters behave like, in mass-radius ↔ Globular clusters

Default mode of cluster formation?

Figure 2

Radius-mass diagram of Milky Way open clusters, young massive clusters, and old globular clusters. Open cluster half-mass radii $r_{\rm hm}$ (see Section 1.3.2) and masses are taken from studies by Dias et al. (2002) and Lamers et al. (2005, and private communication), respectively. Data for the young massive clusters are discussed in more detail in Section 2. Globular cluster data are taken from the Harris catalog. Gray dashed and dotted lines represent constant half-mass density $\rho_{\rm h} = 3M/8\pi r_{\rm hm}^3$ and half-mass relaxation time $t_{\rm rh}$ (Equation 17), respectively.



The hot OB supergiants in Wd1 primarily emit blue light – however they appear as red stars in the visible light image on the left, as all the blue light from the stars has been absorbed due to the large interstellar reddening.

Survivor Star Clusters



 $\checkmark \alpha = 17^{h} 45^{m} 50.5^{s}$ $\sqrt{\delta} = 28^{\circ} 49' 28''$ ✓d =8500 pc ✓ Optically obscured \checkmark 100 ly from the GC $\checkmark \tau = 2 \sim 4 \text{ Myr}$ ✓ Many young, massive stars \checkmark Stars > 150 \mathcal{M}_{\odot} ?

Arches Cluster toward the Galactic center

Extended Globular Clusters

There is a new kind of star clusters in addition to open clusters and globular cluster ...

- similar to globular clusters in number of members and metallicity
- but with much larger sizes
- so not as dense as globular clusters.
 - For example, in M31:
 - M31WFS C1, M31WFS C2, and M31WFS C3

Nuclear Star Clusters

5.6 Properties of the Milky Way nuclear star cluster

The NSC at the heart of the Milky Way warrants a special attention, because its proximity ($d = 8.1 \pm 0.1$ kpc, Gravity Collaboration et al. 2019; Do et al. 2019) offers a unique opportunity to study physical processes on scales that are impossible to resolve in external NSCs (at d = 8.1 kpc, 1'' = 0.04 pc). In this section, we, therefore, provide a brief summary of the properties of the Milky Way NSC. For a more comprehensive overview, we refer the reader to the recent reviews by Genzel et al. (2010) and Schödel et al. (2014b).

Neumayer+2020

- Star clusters serve as a good test bed for star formation and evolution theories. *Which theory is more favorable? Under what conditions?*
- Star clusters serve to probe the Galactic structure and evolutionary history. *How did the formation of thick/thin disks proceed?*
- Star clusters are born big; youngest star clusters bear the imprint of molecular cloud structure. *Why do massive stars tend to be centrally concentrated?*
- Low-mass stars are 'evaporated' as the result of mutual gravitational interactions among members (+ external tidal perturbation) *How did a star cluster shape up/down?*
- A cluster eventually dissolves. *Do they die young?*
- Do galactic environments influence the origin of stellar masses? *How is the IMF influenced by the environments?*

Conclusion

- Nothing of an "old" topic
- Time ripe to study star clusters in quality and in quantity
- Gaining ever more knowledge than before of the long known and studied star clusters, with new answers and new questions---larger vs smaller systems; much massive vs very low-mass members; systems in MW vs beyond.
- Expanding the sample of star clusters, including in nearby galaxies; useful in studies of stellar evolution, and Galactic structure/evolution





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Dynamics of Young Star Clusters and Associations



The Birth of Star Clusters





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Lon: 120° 52' 25" E Lat: 23° 28' 07" N Alt: 2,862 m in central Taiwan Sky 21.28 mag/sq" Data: 1,450 hrs/yr

. One-Meter

- . (TAOS 50 cm \times 4)
- . SLT 40
- . LWT40
- . L35

+ Experiments of meteorology, space and earth sciences





Panoramic Survey Telescope And Rapid
Response System (Pan-STARRS)DR2@MAST

PS1 + PS2

Haleakala, HI, USA D=1.8 m; 1.4 Gpix Etendue=50 m²deg² (84 for Subaru/HSC; 319 for LSST)

Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF)

200" (5 m) spectroscopy

DR1@IPAC

Palomar, CA, USA 3750 sq deg an hour to 20.5 mag 48" (1.2 m) sky survey 47 sq deg 60" (1.5 m) classification SEDM



Maunakea Observatory



Exoearth Discovery and Exploration Network (EDEN)



... habitable exoearths around nearby M dwarfs

Exploring our neighborhood one paradise at a time ...



PI: Daniel Apai (U Arizona)



NCU Two-Meter Telescope By 日本西村公司 (Nishimura)

- Planned to install @Lulin, to secure the discoveries of PS1 6 hours lead time; with first-light instruments:
 (1) a 4-color (*rizy*) simultaneous imager, (2) a *JHK* imager
- Hampered by the environment impact study, construction permit, budget cycles ...
- ◆To be installed at VRTS in Chile with ShAO (上海天文台), CAS South America Center for Astronomy (中智中心) and UCN





On the short list as one of the potential sites for the ESO ELT

Overall considerations

- ✓ Sky quality
- ✓ Accessibility, water and power supply
- \checkmark political stability



