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What are the conditions for making massive star clusters; lessons in the Galactic Centre and the LMC

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Transformational science with ALMA; The Birth and Feedback of Massive Stars, With and Beyond the Galaxy

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Galactic Centre Clusters



Arches Cluster, Quintuplet Cluster, Central Cluster HST•NICMOS, VLT•NOAS•CONICA

Figer et al. 1999; Genzel et al. 2003

Key Issue

- Massive stars form in clusters
- Super clusters of 10⁴ stars are the most extreme sites of numerous massive stars, WR's
- How to form a super cluster

The Galaxy:

- Disk Westerlund 1 and Westerlund 2
- Centre Arches, Quintuplet, central cluster The LMC:

Populous clusters, R136

Car GMC (Yonekura et al. 2005)



Pre-cluster cloud core; requirements

- Compact, dense, massive cores; mass 10^4Mo – 10^5Mo, radius 1pc
- These are rare in the solar vicinity, because a dense core of 10^3Mo quickly forms a cluster and is dissipated e.g., η Carnae
- We need non-star forming dense gas [magnetic field, strong turbulence, etc.]
- Case 1: quick formation of cores by shocks at 10-100km/s and/or
- Case 2: slow formation (3km s-1) but with gas of low-star formation efficiency

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@Las Campanas, alt.2400m

Westerlund 2 super cluster



4500 stars (2WR) Distance : 5kpc +-1kpc Age : 2x10^6yrs

Wd2 NANTEN2 CO J=2-1 Furukawa et al. 2008

11 < VIsr < 21 km/s

0 < VIsr < 10 km/s



Velocity – latitude diagram of Molecular Clouds toward RCW49/Wd2



Integrated longitude 284.1 to 284.5 degree Contour level min. 0.5 K degrees interval 0.15 K degrees

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Two clouds collided and triggered super cluster formation

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The Galactic Centre NANTEN CO J=1-0



Violent gas motion of 50-150 km/s

Sock compression leads to super cluster formation

Loop 1 discovered by NANTEN

Y. Fukui et al. 2006, in Science 314, 106



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Loop 2 discovered by NANTEN







Molecular loops and velocity gradients



Formation of loop by magnetic flotation

Schematic view of the scenario



2D MHD simulations of Parker instability









NANTEN2 CO(J=4-3) Observations toward the Foot Point

NANTEN2(color)+ASTE(contour)



Northern Ophiuchus --- non-star forming gas



S.Nozawa et.al 1991 ApJS, 77, 647 FIG. 3



High UV. by Sco OB1

Higher ionization stronger coupling with magnetic field

No star formation in North Oph and Pipe Except for ρOph and B59

SFE less than 0.1 of Taurus

N Oph: Nozawa et al. 1990 Pipe: Onishi et al. 1999 in PASJ





Active star formation indicators: giant HII regions in the LMC



Types of GMCs (poster by Kawamura et al.) **GMC** evolution time scale



150 pc



Type I no massive star formation 46 clouds

Type II only HII regions

~ 13 Myr

~ 6 Myr

98 clouds

Type III HII regions and young clusters 47 clouds

~ 6 Myr

only young clusters

~ 4 Myr





Sub-mm spectra with NANTEN2



Hot and Dense *T* ~ 80-100 K, *n* ~ 10⁴⁻⁵ cm⁻³

(Pineda, Mizuno et al. 2008)

ATCA interferometric HCO⁺ image (Ott. et al. 2008) 7"=1.7 pc resolution





Slow collapse by high ionization, strong coupling with B field High mass cores of 10⁴Mo

ALMA (2012-) Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array 0.1"-1"(~ 0.1 pc@50kpc)





2nd survey of GMCs in the LMC (Fukui et al. 2008, in ApJS)

- 272 GMCs indentified by finding algorithm, "fitstoprops" (Rosolowsky & Leroy 2006)
- All data (Galactic, SMC) are re-analyzed using the same methods to minimize systematics.
- Cloud properties of GMCs (size, line width, CO luminosity, virial mass) were derived.



Summary

- 1) Super clusters can be formed by rapid shock compression and/or in non-star forming gas
- 2) Shocks can be by cloud collisions or violent motions driven by magnetic instability in the Galactic centre
- 3) Non-star forming gas may happen due to strong magnetic field, higher ionization degrees, violent motions
- 4) ALMA will resolve the pre-cluster cores into 0.1pc scales in the LMC



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