Caught in the Act! Embedded Star Clusters Accreting and Expelling gas in He₂₋₁₀



warm gas (red), optical-near IR (blue)

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1970'S-discovered star formation and protostellar outflows

SF slow, inefficient, gas disperses



Galactic clusters, SFE<0.01—*no* bound clusters today in MW

Two possible fates for very particle of gas in collapsing GMC: accrete onto star, or be dispersed by stellar & protostellar activity. Which will dominate?

> Rapid, efficient SFclusters? Extragalactic only!!

High pressure conditions of starbursts -> rapid and efficient collapse-> cluster creation



observationally: very compact, strong IR, thermal radio, thick@6cm,Giant UC HII regions



Local Starburst Galaxies: Young Super Star Clusters 0.5-10 Myr old Embedded (A_V~ 2-50 mag) 10²-10⁴ OB stars, 10⁴-10⁶ MO, 1-10 pC



Great Nebula in NGC 5253—proto-GC, 10⁶ M_o, 1Myr—QUENCHED—no cluster wind!





He2-10: Showcase of Young Super Star Clusters

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Star Clusters with Many Ages and Stages of Formation

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SSCs young to old and west to east

Two giant clouds, each ~10xW49 mass, 100x W49 stellar content



but very different activity and evolutionary stages



CO moment 0 contours, thermal radio

W cloud: HII regions, clusters *immersed in molecular gas;* gas on dark lanes E cloud-partly or entirely emerged, 2-3 still embedded, gas patchy





E: disorganized velocity, colliding patches? W: elongated clouds accreting onto clusters-cluster Emergence is well underway assembly still in process

CO Moment 1 left, radio thermal right

Molecular Gas Kinematics

Ionized Gas Kinematics





E cloud—uniform velocity field, much at >V_{escape}, wings

Unique Data !!- TeXes, who else?? Need R~10⁵ !!

[NeII] 12.8mu, 4 km/s, 0.3" res (TeXes on Gemini)







W cloud: discrete velocity features associated with accreting gas, < V_{escape}, no wings-Quenching Candidate!!

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Backstory: Cloud Collisions, Filament Creation and Star Formation



streamers?filaments?spiral arms?



Simulations of Colliding cloudlets



Cloudlets collide, **create filaments**, trigger star formation?



Summary? –No Summary (yet)–all ongoing workobservations must continue!! HIGH RESOLUTION IS CRUCIAL!!!!! "Check the answers in the back of the book FIRST"