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astrophysical contexts and other scientists fascinated by the deep implications of the IMF on star formation theories, on the physical conditions of the gas before and after star formation, and on galactic evolution and cosmology. The meeting took place in one of the most beautiful spots of the Tuscan countryside, far from the noise and haste of everyday life. Probing the Environments of Star Formation Using Star Clusters in Nearby Galaxies-Jordan A. Turner 2021 In the hierarchical view of star formation, the densest regions of the interstellar medium (ISM) undergo gravitational collapse to form stars. Typically, many stars are formed in tandem to produce a star cluster. In turn, these star clusters are grouped together to form larger associations of clusters and these form together to shape the large-scale galactic structures like spiral arms. Charting the connection between the star formation at small-scales and the large-scale galactic properties is crucial for understanding the evolution of galaxies. We begin this dissertation in Chapter 1 with an introduction to the current understanding of star formation, the cold gas of the ISM, and how the two are related. We also outline the big-picture questions we seek to answer in this dissertation and the tools needed in these studies. In Chapter 2, we discuss the first step in a joint analysis of Hubble Space Telescope (HST) observations and Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) dust continuum maps. This study aims to correlate the emission from young star clusters with the properties of the observed dust. Chapter 3 sets up the spectral energy distribution modeling effort for the Physics at High Angular Resolutions in Nearby Galaxies-HST (PHANGS-HST) star cluster data pipeline. This chapter goes into great detail on testing, validating, and characterizing how well we can model the star clusters. This modeling provides estimates of the physical properties of the star clusters which are critical for the analysis presented in Chapter 4. In this study, we utilize the PHANGS-HST star cluster catalogs in 11 nearby galaxies combined with the PHANGS--ALMA giant molecular cloud (GMC) catalogs in order to spatially correlate the star clusters with their natal gas clouds. With this correlation, we constrain the timescale for dissipation of the GMCs after the onset of star formation. Dynamics of Young Star Clusters and Associations-Cathie Clarke 2015-09-11 Where do most stars (and the planetary systems that surround them) in the Milky Way form? What determines whether a young star cluster remains bound (such as an open or globular cluster),
or disperses to join the field stars in the disc of the Galaxy? These questions not only impact understanding of the origins of stars and planetary systems like our own (and the potential for life to emerge that they represent), but also galaxy formation and evolution, and ultimately the story of star formation over cosmic time in the Universe. This volume will help readers understand our current views concerning the answers to these questions as well as frame new questions that will be answered by the European Space Agency's Gaia satellite that was launched in late 2013. The book contains the elaborated notes of lectures given at the 42nd Saas-Fee Advanced Course “Dynamics of Young Star Clusters & Associations" by Cathie Clarke (University of Cambridge) who presents the theory of star formation and dynamical evolution of stellar systems, Robert Mathieu (University of Wisconsin) who discusses the kinematics of star clusters and associations, and I. Neill Reid (Space Telescope Science Institute) who provides an overview of the stellar populations in the Milky Way and speculates on from whence came the Sun. As part of the Saas-Fee Advanced Course Series, the book offers an in-depth introduction to the field serving as a starting point for Ph.D. research and as a reference work for professional astrophysicists.

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Jets From Young Stars V-José Gracia 2009-10-30 Studying the complex physical systems of stellar jets necessitates the incorporation of nonlinear effects which occur on a wide variety of length and timescales. One of the primary methods used to study the physics of jets is numerical simulations that apply high performance computing
techniques. Such techniques are also required for analysing the huge modern astrophysical datasets. This book examines those computing techniques. It is a collection of the lectures from the fifth and final school of the JETSET network, "Jets From Young Stars V: High Performance Computing in Astrophysics." It begins with an introduction to parallel programming techniques, with an emphasis on Message Passing Interface (MPI), before it goes on to review grid technology techniques and offer a practical introduction to Virtual Observatory. The second half of the book, then, is devoted to applications of high performance computing techniques, including 3D radiation transfer, to jet and star formation processes. Aimed at graduate students in astrophysics, this book presents state-of-the-art methods, thereby offering interesting new insights to researchers in the field.

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An Introduction to the Sun and Stars-Simon F. Green 2015-02-19

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and solutions, it will not only benefit undergraduate students and lecturers; thanks to the comprehensive coverage of the field, even graduate students and researchers specializing in related fields will appreciate it as a valuable reference work.

The New Cosmos-Albrecht Unsöld 2013-06-29 Astronomy, astrophysics and space research have witnessed an explosive development over the last few decades. The new observational potential offered by space stations and the availability of powerful and highly specialized computers have revealed novel aspects of the fascinating realm of galaxies, quasars, stars and planets. The present completely revised 5th edition of The New Cosmos provides ample evidence of these dramatic developments. In a concise presentation, which assumes only a modest prior knowledge of mathematics and physics, the book gives a coherent introduction to the entire field of astronomy and astrophysics. At the same time it takes into account the art of observation and the fundamental ideas behind their interpretation. Like its predecessors, this edition of The New Cosmos will provide new insight and enjoyment not only to students and researchers in the fields of astronomy, physics and earth sciences, but also to a wide range of interested amateurs.

Galaxies: Interactions and Induced Star Formation-Robert C. Kennicutt Jr. 2006-04-18 This volume contains the written versions of the lectures given at the 26th course of the renowned Saas-Fee series. The book represents a comprehensive and up-to-date review of the field of galaxy interaction. Nowadays, galaxies are no longer seen as immutable objects: they evolve, interact, merge, blaze, and reshape. Dynamic forces can induce powerful stellar activity able to transform the matter composition and morphology of galaxies. The lectures included in this book aim at a better understanding of these remarkable and fascinating phenomena. Though the book is intended for graduate students and young post-docs in astrophysics, it contains more advanced and original material, as well as historical perspectives, which will be of great interest to experts and astronomy teachers also.

Stellar Luminosity Functions as Probes of Star Formation History-Kenneth John Mighell 1990

Introduction to Galaxy Formation and Evolution-Andrea Cimatti 2019-10-17 A comprehensive examination of nearly fourteen billion years of galaxy formation and evolution, from primordial gas to present-day galaxies.
Diffuse Matter from Star Forming Regions to Active Galaxies-T.W. Hartquist 2007-05-02
John Dyson has contributed to the study of the hydrodynamic processes that govern a wide variety of astrophysical sources which he has helped explain. In this volume dedicated to him, introductory reviews to a number of the key processes and to the sources themselves are given by leading experts. The book provides a coherent introduction to the astrophysics of diffuse sources suitable for postgraduate students and researchers in astrophysics.

The First Galaxies-Tommy Wiklind 2012-12-15
New observations of the period between the cosmic recombination and the end of reionization are posing intriguing questions about where the first generations of stars were formed, how the first galaxies were assembled, whether these galaxies have low redshift counterparts, and what role the early galaxies played in the reionization process. Combining the new observational data with theoretical models can shed new light on open issues regarding the star formation process, its role in the reionization of the Universe, and the metal enrichment in galaxies at those early epochs. This volume brings together leading experts in the field to discuss our current level of understanding and what may come in the near future as our observational as well as theoretical tools improve.

The book confronts the theory of how the first stars, black holes, and galaxies formed with current and planned observations. This synthesis is very timely, just ahead of the establishment of major new facilities, such as the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), a next-generation, millimeter/sub-millimeter observatory in the Atacama desert (ALMA), and ground-based Extremely Large Telescopes (ELT). Together, they will revolutionize the study of the most distant objects in the Universe. This volume is aimed at beginning graduate students but can also serve as a reference work for active researchers in the field. Apart from presenting the fundamental concepts involved, it also provides an introduction to the methods and techniques used. The book will also be useful to anyone with an astrophysical background who needs an effective starting point for learning about the first stars and galaxies.

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Gribbin describes the extraordinary things that astronomers are
learning about galaxies, and explains how this can shed light on the
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Star Formation in Merging Clusters of Galaxies-Alison Seiler Mansheim
2016 This thesis straddles two areas of cosmology, each of which are
active, rich and plagued by controversy in their own right: merging
clusters and the environmental dependence of galaxy evolution. While
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subjects are galaxies, and we apply techniques traditionally used to
study the differential evolution of galaxies with environment. Our first
system (Chapter 2) is a cluster merger known as Musket Ball that is in a
post-merging state. Our second system (Chapter 3), referred to as Cl
J0910, is comprised of two clusters that have not yet merged. The order
in which they are presented is intentional because, while it would have
made more sense to study the pre-merger system first, our approach in
Chapter 3 was shaped by what we learned by handling the significantly
more difficult post-merger system. The body of this thesis is drawn from
two papers: Mansheim et al. 2016a and Mansheim et al. 2016b, one on
each system. Both projects benefited from exquisite data sets assembled
as part of the Merging Cluster Collaboration (MC2), and Observations of
Redshift Evolution in Large Scale Environments (ORELSE) survey,
allowing us to scrutinize the evolutionary states of galaxy populations in
multiple lights. Multi-band optical and near-infrared imaging was
available for both systems, allowing us to calculate photometric
redshifts for completeness corrections, colors (red vs. blue) and stellar
masses to view the ensemble properties of the populations in and
around each merger. High-resolution spectroscopy was also available for
both systems, allowing us to confirm cluster members by measuring
spectroscopic redshifts, which are unparalleled in accuracy, and gauge
star formation rates and histories by measuring the strengths of certain
spectral features. We had the luxury of HST imaging for Musket Ball,
allowing us to use galaxy morphology (late-type vs. early-type) as an
additional diagnostic. For Cl J0910, 24[µ]m imaging allowed us to
defeat a most pernicious source of uncertainty (dusty starburst vs.
quiescent). Details on the acquisition and reduction of multi-wavelength

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Data for each system are found within each respective chapter. It is important to note that the research presented in Chapter 3 is based on a letter which had significant space restrictions, so much of the observational details are outsourced to papers written by ORELSE collaboration members. Below is a free-standing summary of each project, drawn from the abstracts of each paper. The Chapter 1 contains an introduction to the topic and motivation to fill a vacuum in knowledge using our hypothesis. Chapter 4, following the meat of the thesis in Chapters 2 and 3, gives closure and looks to the future. In Chapter 2, we investigate star formation in DLSCL J0916.2+2953, a dissociative merger of two clusters at z=0.53 that has progressed 1.1$^{+1.3}_{-0.4}$ Gyr since first pass-through. We attempt to reveal the effects a collision may have had on the evolution of the cluster galaxies by tracing their star formation history. We probe current and recent activity to identify a possible star formation event at the time of the merger using EW(H[delta]), EW[(OII)], and D[subscript n](4000) measured from the composite spectra of 64 cluster and 153 coeval field galaxies. We supplement Keck DEIMOS spectra with DLS and HST imaging to determine the color, stellar mass, and morphology of each galaxy and conduct a comprehensive study of the populations in this complex structure. Spectral results indicate the average cluster and cluster red sequence galaxies experienced no enhanced star formation relative to the surrounding field during the merger, ruling out a predominantly merger-quenched population. We find that the average blue galaxy in the North cluster is currently active and in the South cluster is currently post-starburst having undergone a recent star formation event. While the North activity could be latent or long-term merger effects, a young blue stellar population and irregular geometry suggest the cluster was still forming prior the collision. While the South activity coincides with the time of the merger, the blue early-type population could be a result of secular cluster processes. The evidence suggests that the dearth or surfeit of activity is indiscernible from normal cluster galaxy evolution. In Chapter 3, we examine the effects of an impending cluster merger on galaxies in the large scale structure (LSS) RX Cl J0910 at z =1.105. Using multi-wavelength data, including 102 spectral members drawn from the ORELSE survey and precise photometric redshifts, we calculate extinction-corrected star formation rates and map the specific star formation rate density of the LSS.
galaxies. These analyses along with an investigation of the color-magnitude properties of LSS galaxies indicate lower levels of star formation activity in the region between the merging clusters relative to the outskirts of the system. We suggest gravitational tidal forces due to the potential of merging halos may be the physical mechanisms responsible for the observed suppression of star formation in galaxies caught between the merging clusters.

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Stellar Astrophysics for the Local Group-A. Aparicio 1998-06-13 With the
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The First Galaxies in the Universe-Abraham Loeb 2013 This book provides a comprehensive, self-contained introduction to one of the most exciting frontiers in astrophysics today: the quest to understand how the oldest and most distant galaxies in our universe first formed. Until now, most research on this question has been theoretical, but the next few years will bring about a new generation of large telescopes that promise to supply a flood of data about the infant universe during its first billion years after the big bang. This book bridges the gap between theory and observation. It is an invaluable reference for students and researchers on early galaxies. The First Galaxies in the Universe starts from basic physical principles before moving on to more advanced material. Topics include the gravitational growth of structure, the intergalactic medium, the formation and evolution of the first stars and black holes, feedback and galaxy evolution, reionization, 21-cm cosmology, and more. Provides a comprehensive introduction to this exciting frontier in astrophysics Begins from first principles Covers advanced topics such as the first stars and 21-cm cosmology Prepares students for research using the next generation of large telescopes Discusses many open questions to be explored in the coming decade

Astrophysics: A Very Short Introduction-James Binney 2016-03

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