

Should I Stay or Should I Go: Stellar Wind Retention and Expulsion in Massive Star Clusters

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ABSTRACT

Mass and energy injection throughout the lifetime of a star cluster contributes to the gas reservoir available for subsequent episodes of star formation and the feedback energy budget responsible for ejecting material from the cluster. In addition, mass processed in stellar interiors and ejected as winds has the potential to augment the abundance ratios of currently forming stars, or stars which form at a later time from a retained gas reservoir. Here we present hydrodynamical simulations that explore a wide range of cluster masses, compactnesses, metallicities and stellar population age combinations in order to determine the range of parameter space conducive to stellar wind retention or wind powered gas expulsion in star clusters. We discuss the effects of the stellar wind prescription on retention and expulsion effectiveness, using MESA stellar evolutionary models as a test bed for exploring how the amounts of wind retention/expulsion depend upon the amount of mixing between the winds from stars of different masses and ages. We conclude by summarizing some implications for gas retention and expulsion in a variety of compact ($\sigma_v \gtrsim 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) star clusters including young massive star clusters ($10^5 \lesssim M/M_\odot \lesssim 10^7$, $\text{age} \lesssim 500 \text{ Myrs}$), intermediate age clusters ($10^5 \lesssim M/M_\odot \lesssim 10^7$, $\text{age} \approx 1 - 4 \text{ Gyrs}$), and globular clusters ($10^5 \lesssim M/M_\odot \lesssim 10^7$, $\text{age} \gtrsim 10 \text{ Gyrs}$).

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1 INTRODUCTION

Whether and when gas is retained within a star cluster, along with inter-cluster and intra-cluster gas heating mechanisms determines the star formation history of the cluster. Many cluster properties can be responsible for gas retention or expulsion in a cluster – the cluster’s compactness, cluster mass, ability to cool effectively, mass and temperature of gas reservoir, and efficiency of internal and external heating mechanisms. As it thought that most stars form in clusters (e.g. Lada & Lada 2003) the study of which parameters and mechanisms are important at different cluster evolutionary times is crucial to understand when favorable conditions for star formation arise throughout a cluster’s lifetime.

Observations of young massive clusters (YMCs), intermediate age clusters (IACs) and globular clusters (GCs) potentially give us insights into gas retention at different times within massive star clusters (e.g. Bastian & Lardo 2017). Additionally, if GCs evolve from YMCs and IACs as some have suggested (Longmore et al. 2014; Kruijssen 2015) then observations of each type of system provides clues to the origin of the high level of occurrence of multiple subpopulations with different abundance ratios within present day GCs.

Variations in the abundances of He, Mg, C, N, O, Mg, Na and Al in main sequence stars (Gratton et al. 2001; Briley et al. 2002; Cohen et al. 2002; Cannon et al. 1998; Pancino et al. 2010b) and RGB stars (Snedden et al. 2004) within the majority of Galactic

globular clusters suggest a complex enrichment history during the formation of stars within these systems. In addition, the observed anti-correlations between several elements (Na-O and Mg-Al; Kraft et al. 1993; Ivans et al. 1999; Carretta et al. 2006, 2009a; Conroy 2012) require a significant fraction of the enriching material to be processed at temperatures $> 10^7 \text{ K}$ in order for the CNO, Na-Ne and Mg-Al cycles to be activated (Karakas & Lattanzio 2007; Ventura & D’Antona 2008b). As the anomalous population is responsible for 30–70 of the stellar content of the globular clusters (e.g. Carretta et al. 2009b) any scenario invoked to explain this complex star formation history must also account for the pollution of a significant portion of the stellar population or the removal of the majority of the unpolluted first generation of stars. Additionally, the spatial distributions of anomalous stars, individual stellar abundance spreads, limits on the initial mass of globular clusters and various other constraints must be considered in any process capable of producing multiple episodes of star formation in YMCs if they are indeed the progenitors of current globular clusters (Bastian et al. 2013a; Kruijssen 2015).

Several mechanisms have been proposed to explain these abundance variations. While some rely directly on gas retention and protracted enrichment of populations of stars formed after the initial burst of star formation (Prantzos et al. 2007; Ventura & D’Antona 2008a,b; Pflamm-Altenburg & Kroupa 2009; D’Ercole et al. 2010; Conroy et al. 2011) others rely on enrichment processes which occur during one main star formation event (Bastian et al. 2013a; de Mink et al. 2009; Denissenkov & Hartwick 2014; Prantzos & Charbonnel 2006). Whether directly or indirectly, stellar winds can play an important role in the retention or expulsion of gas during

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enrichment processes - if hot stellar winds thermalize efficiently with other sources of gas they can drive material out of a star cluster, while if cold stellar winds are added to the intercluster medium they can aid in the rapid cooling of the gas and help to trigger star formation. Thus, a careful study of gas retention and expulsion from stellar winds is a necessary component of understanding what cluster potential parameters and ages are favorable for gas retention, and what combinations lead to an overall expulsion of gas from the system.

In the context of wind retention in proto-globular clusters, there have been several one dimensional simulations of gas over a small range of wind and cluster parameters, particularly for slow AGB winds ($v_w = 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ in the presence of supernovae and star formation (e.g. D’Ercole et al. 2008). Additionally, a parametric study of the role of cluster mass and compactness has been done, albeit using only a limited range of structural parameters (Vesperini et al. 2010). There have also been several detailed three dimensional studies focused on stellar wind retention/expulsion in star clusters (GCs; Calura et al. 2015; Priestley et al. 2011 T Tauri/Herbig Ae/Be star clusters; Rodríguez-González et al. 2008 OB clusters; Rogers & Pittard 2013 however, to study the interaction of a wide range of stellar wind parameters from various stellar population ages along with a variety of stellar cluster masses and compactnesses the required full simulation suite over all parameter space in three dimensions would be computationally prohibitive.

Because of their shallow potentials, careful treatment of stellar winds within star clusters is essential to properly model their gas retention and expulsion abilities in both one and three dimensions. Many models assume and rely on slow winds from the interiors of AGB envelopes to drive large amounts of stellar wind retention in the cores of young massive clusters (e.g. D’Ercole et al. 2008). However, observations of fast winds from the upper envelope layers of evolved stars complicate this picture (Mauas et al. 2006). In addition, thermalization of evolved stellar winds with the faster winds of the more numerous main sequence stars may be effective at expelling gas from stellar clusters (Smith 1999).

Adding to the complexity of the evolution of these systems is the existence of many other mechanisms beyond stellar winds that can be responsible for the deposition of mass into massive star clusters at different times in their evolutionary history. If the cluster does not form in isolation, accretion of external gas could pollute enriched material and thus change the abundance patterns of forming stars (Pflamm-Altenburg & Kroupa 2009; D’Ercole et al. 2010; Naiman et al. 2011; Conroy 2012). If this non-isolated cluster moves too quickly through its background medium, ram pressure stripping could remove the majority of the gas from these systems, effectively quenching star formation (Naiman et al. 2009; Priestley et al. 2011). Additionally, any low level gas produced later in the star cluster’s life may be stripped from passages through its host galaxy’s disk, depending on its particular orbital parameters (de Silva et al. 2009; Martell & Smith 2009; Pancino et al. 2010a).

Early in a star cluster’s evolution there are a multitude of additional sources of energy injection that might be responsible for heating the intercluster gas. Both SNII and SNIa can add energy and heavy elements to a star cluster in the first tens to hundreds of Myrs of a star’s lifetime, and, under certain conditions, can effectively drive all gas out of these young clusters (Krause et al. 2013) while classical novae can drive out gas in all but the most massive clusters at slightly later times (Moore & Bildsten 2011). Accretion onto compact stellar remnants is another possible avenue to clear gas rapidly in young star clusters (Leigh et al. 2013). Lyman-Werner flux serves as a means to heat intercluster gas and keep stars from forming during the first

few Myrs of a star cluster’s life (Conroy & Spergel 2011; Conroy 2012; Krause et al. 2013) and gas heating by UV radiation from a population of white dwarfs serves as a possible avenue to expel intercluster gas at late times (McDonald & Zijlstra 2015). Indeed, there exists many means to expel gas from recently formed clusters to distances on the order of hundreds of parsecs (Bastian et al. 2014; Hollyhead et al. 2015).

In the work presented here we focus on predominately using stellar winds as the sole source of mass and energy in the formation of isolated star clusters and only briefly touch on the effects of extra sources of mass and energy. Throughout the majority of this paper we remain agnostic about the origin of the abundance spreads observed in present day GCs and their possible evolution from YMCs and IACs, and instead endeavor to study the role that the mass loss and energy injection from stellar winds plays in determining whether significant gas is retained or expelled from a star cluster given the cluster’s mass, compactness, and age. The paper is outlined as follows: In section 2 we review our implemented hydrodynamical scheme. Section 3 describes our stellar evolutionary models generated with the MESA (Paxton et al. 2011) code, paying careful attention to the prescriptions used to describe the mass loss and wind velocities emanating from stars of different masses. This section also describes how the results for individual stars of different masses are combined into average mass and energy loss prescriptions from a population of stars, under different assumptions about the effective thermalization of winds from different stellar populations. In section ?? we present the resultant stellar wind mass retention for star clusters with a variety of masses, compactnesses and ages. Section ?? briefly discusses the effects of other heating mechanisms beyond those from stellar winds on the removal of material from star clusters and touches on the effects of different gas metallicities on the cooling properties of intercluster gas. Finally, we end with a discussion of the application of our results to gas retention and star formation in present day YMCs, IACs, and GCs presented in section 4 and summarize our conclusions in section 5.

2 HYDRODYNAMICAL METHODS AND INITIAL SETUP

To examine the ability of clusters to effectively retain the winds emanating from their evolving stellar members, we simulate mass and energy injection in isolated core potentials under the assumption of spherical symmetry (Quataert 2004; Hueyotl-Zahuantitla et al. 2010). The one-dimensional hydrodynamical equations are solved using FLASH, a parallel, adaptive mesh refinement hydrodynamical code (Fryxell et al. 2000). The winds from the closely packed stellar members are assumed to shock and thermalize such that density and energy contributions can be treated as source terms in the hydrodynamical equations.

The stellar cluster potentials are modeled as Plummer models (Brüns et al. 2009; Pflamm-Altenburg & Kroupa 2009)

$$\Phi_g = - \frac{GM_c}{[r^2 + r_c^2(\sigma_v)]^{1/2}} \quad (1)$$

for a given total mass, M_c and velocity dispersion, $\sigma_v = (3^{3/4}/\sqrt{2})^{-1} \sqrt{GM_c/r_c}$. While the shape of the potential can have an effect on the radial distribution of gas inside the core (Pflamm-Altenburg & Kroupa 2009; Naiman et al. 2011) the overall amount of gas accumulated in the cluster is relatively unchanged by the exact form of its potential. For the sake of simplicity, we assume the potential does not change appreciably over the period of gas accumulation.

In addition to following the dynamics of the gas under the influence of Φ_g the self gravity of the gas is computed using FLASH's multipole gravity module. We fix our resolution to 6400 radial cells for each model, with linearly equidistant spacing between the minimum (r_{\min} and maximum (r_{\max} radius. The resolution within the computational domain is set by the core radius, r_c to ensure that we are adequately resolving the core and that the cluster's potential is effectively zero at the outer boundary (cell centers are then approximately $r_{\min} \sim 0.02 r_c$ and $r_{\max} \sim 65 r_c$

Given this potential and assuming spherical symmetry, at a time t_n we construct the conservation of mass, momentum, and energy in a more general form starting from those in (Hueyotl-Zahuanitla et al. 2010; Priestley et al. 2011)

$$\rho(r, t_n) = \rho(r, t_{n-1}) + q_m(r, t_n) dt(t_n, t_{n-1}) \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(r, t_n) = & v(r, t_{n-1}) \rho(r, t_{n-1}) / \rho(r, t_n) + a_g(r, t_{n+1}) dt(t_n, t_{n-1}) \\ & + p_{\text{non-uniform}}(r_{i-1}, r_{i+1}) / \rho(r, t_n) + p_{\sigma}(r_{i+1}, r_{i-1}) / \rho(r, t_n) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(r, t_n) \epsilon(r, t_n) = & \frac{1}{2} \rho(r, t_{n-1}) v(r, t_{n-1})^2 + \rho(r, t_{n-1}) \epsilon(r, t_{n-1}) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \rho(r, t_n) v(r, t_n)^2 + q_{\epsilon}(r, t_{n-1}) dt(t_n, t_{n-1}) - Q(r, t_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where $\rho(r, t)$, $u(r, t)$ and $\epsilon(r, t)$ are the gas density, pressure, radial velocity and internal energy density, respectively. The term $a_g(r, t)$ includes the gravitational effects of both the stellar cluster potential (Φ_g and the self gravity of the gas. Here, $Q(r, t) = n_i(r, t) n_e(r, t) \Lambda(T, Z)$ is the cooling rate for gas with ion and electron number densities $n_i(r, t)$ and $n_e(r, t)$ and $\Lambda(T, Z)$ is the cooling function for gas at temperature T and metallicity Z . We use $\Lambda(T, Z)$ from Gnat & Sternberg (2007) for $T > 10^4$ K and Dalgarno & McCray (1972) for $10 \leq T \leq 10^4$ K

The $q_m(r, t)$ and $q_{\epsilon}(r, t)$ terms in equations (1315 are used here to mediate the total rate of mass and energy injection at a time t in a cluster's history. For N stars each with average mass loss rate at time t of $\langle \dot{M}(t) \rangle$ and wind energy injection rate $\frac{1}{2} \langle \dot{M}(t) \rangle \langle v_w(t)^2 \rangle$ we have

$$\dot{M}(t)_{w, \text{total}} = N \langle \dot{M}(t) \rangle = \int 4\pi r^2 q_m(r, t) dr \quad (5)$$

and

$$\dot{E}(t)_{w, \text{total}} = \frac{1}{2} N \langle \dot{M}(t) \rangle \langle v_w(t)^2 \rangle = \int 4\pi r^2 q_{\epsilon}(r, t) dr \quad (6)$$

such that $q_{\epsilon}(r, t) = \frac{1}{2} q_m(r, t) \langle v_w(t)^2 \rangle$. For simplicity, we neglect the effects of mass segregation on the positions of main sequence and evolved stars and assume $q_m(r, t) \propto n(r)$ such that $q_m(r, t) = A(t) r^{-2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\Phi_g}{dr} \right)$. Here, $A(t) = \langle \dot{M}(t) \rangle / (4\pi G \langle M_{\star} \rangle)$ with the average mass of a star given by $\langle M_{\star} \rangle$

The momentum term accounting for a non-uniform distribution of stellar wind ejected momentum within the cluster, $p_{\text{non-uniform}}$ can be derived assuming the momentum flowing into (out of) the i cell is the integral over the momentum from the sides of stars facing outward (inward) in the $i-1$ $i+1$ cell: $d\vec{p}_{\text{non-uniform}, \pm} = \pm q_m(r_{i-1/i+1}, t) v_w dt / d\Omega \hat{r}$ where \hat{r} is the unit vector pointing radially outward from the cluster's center. This assumes the momentum flux carried by the wind from each individual star is isotropic. Integrating over the outward (inward) solid angles

assuming the spherical symmetry of the individual stellar winds gives $\vec{p}_{\text{non-uniform}, \pm} = \pm \frac{1}{2} q_m(r_{i-1/i+1}, t) v_w dt \hat{r}$. Given our expression for q_m for the i cell this is expressed as:

$$p_{\text{non-uniform}}(r_i) = v_w f_c [G(r_{i-1}, r_c) - G(r_{i+1}, r_c)] dt \quad (7)$$

where

$$G(r_j, r_c) = \left(1 + \frac{r_j^2}{r_c^2} \right)^{-5/2} \quad (8)$$

and

$$f_c = \left(\frac{3M_c}{8\pi r_c^3 \langle M_{\star} \rangle} \right) \quad (9)$$

The second of the extra momentum terms, p_{σ} arises from the fact that the stars are moving, and because the distribution of stars is not uniform, this extra momentum is not distributed uniformly throughout the cluster. Following a procedure similar to deriving equation 7 with $d\vec{p}_{\sigma, \pm} = \pm q_m(r_{i-1/i+1}, t) \sigma(r_{i-1/i+1}) dt / d\Omega \hat{r}$ and $\sigma = \sqrt{GM(<r)/r}$ this momentum term can be expressed as:

$$p_{\sigma}(r_i) = \sqrt{\frac{GM_c}{r_c^3}} f_c [F(r_{i-1}, r_c) - F(r_{i+1}, r_c)] dt \quad (10)$$

where

$$F(r_j, r_c) = r_j \left(1 + \frac{r_j^2}{r_c^2} \right)^{-13/4} \quad (11)$$

Instead of $p_{\text{non-uniform}}$ and p_{σ} many authors include an extra term in the energy equation 4 on the order of $\frac{1}{2} n(r) \sigma^2$ where σ is the velocity dispersion of the stars within the cluster and $n(r)$ is the stellar density to account for the fact that the stars are moving (Faulkner & Freeman 1977; Smith 1999; D'Ercole et al. 2008; Priestley et al. 2011). In compact clusters, this extra energy injection term heats the gas, potentially delaying star formation until enough mass has been accumulated in the central regions to cool efficiently and subsequently trigger star formation. However, including such a term without accounting for how this energy loss would slow a star's motion violates conservation of energy over the lifetime of the star cluster and therefore we do not include it here, instead relying on p_{σ} to include the effects of stellar motion in our prescription.

A final source of energy from stars orbiting within our clusters arises from the interaction of stellar motion induced shocks and stellar winds. The energy injection rate for shocked gas of density ρ_g around a star of mass M_{\star} moving at velocity σ_v is given by $\dot{E}_s \approx (1/2) \rho_g \sigma_v^2 \mathfrak{R}$. Here, the gas interaction rate at the bow shock generated by the moving star, $\mathfrak{R} = \sigma_v \Sigma$ can be estimated from the bow shock radius of the star (Wilkin 1996) $\Sigma \approx \pi R_0^2 = \pi \dot{M} v_w / (4 \rho_g \sigma_v^2)$ where \dot{M} is the mass loss from a single star at stellar wind velocity v_w . Assuming the energy injection from a star's stellar wind is given by $\dot{E}_w = (1/2) \dot{M} v_w^2$, then the ratio of injection rates can be written simply as

$$\dot{E}_s / \dot{E}_w \approx \sigma_v / (4 v_w). \quad (12)$$

Thus, appreciable changes in the heating rates caused by the motion of the stars are only expected when the cluster velocity dispersion is larger than $4 v_w$. For the cluster velocity dispersions discussed here, this term is negligible and thus it is not included.

Additionally, we find the p_{σ} and $p_{\text{non-uniform}}$ terms contribute to the momentum equation minimally. As both terms are proportional to q_m and either v_w or σ_v it is expected that they should contribute to

the hydrodynamics only at early times with the intercluster density, ρ_{gas} is much smaller than $q_m dt$ in clusters which can only retain very small amounts of material ($\rho_{\text{gas}} \ll q_m dt$ for all time), and for very fast winds and compact clusters. For the parameters we will be concerned with in this paper we find these effects are of the order of a few percent. While both terms aid, albeit minimally, to removing material from the cluster at large radii, within the core the p_σ term contributes to funneling gas into the center of the star cluster.

Once we drop the minimally contributing momentum terms from equations (3 and (4 we revert to the equations typically seen in other works (Priestley et al. 2011; Hueyotl-Zahuantila et al. 2010)

$$\rho(r, t_n) = \rho(r, t_{n-1}) + q_m(r, t_n)dt(t_n, t_{n-1}) \quad (13)$$

$$v(r, t_n) = v(r, t_{n-1})\rho(r, t_{n-1})/\rho(r, t_n) + a_g(r, t_{n+1})dt(t_n, t_{n-1}) \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(r, t_n)\epsilon(r, t_n) &= \frac{1}{2}\rho(r, t_{n-1})v(r, t_{n-1})^2 + \rho(r, t_{n-1})\epsilon(r, t_{n-1}) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}\rho(r, t_n)v(r, t_n) + q_\epsilon(r, t_{n-1})dt(t_n, t_{n-1}) - Q(r, t_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

We also neglect the effects of external mass accumulation, which can be an important source of gas when clusters reside in cool, dense ISM gas (Naiman et al. 2009, 2011; Priestley et al. 2011; Conroy 2012). In addition to ignoring shock heating of the gas caused by the motion of the stars derived in equation 12 we ignore other specific heating sources such as photoionization or supernova, but discuss the overall effects of additional energy injection in the cluster in §??

In cases where catastrophic cooling occurs, we assume star formation is triggered if the Jeans length of the collapsing gas is smaller than the central resolution element, or if $t_{\text{cool}} \lesssim t_{\text{dyn}}$. To estimate the gas evolution during the star forming period, our cooling prescription is modified following Truelove et al. (1997) by turning off energy losses and allowing the gas to evolve adiabatically. Such a method approximates the transition of an isothermally collapsing cloud to an optically thick, adiabatically evolving protostellar cluster while forgoing the computationally expensive three dimensional radiative transfer calculations required to treat this problem accurately. Because we do not include an explicit star formation prescription, we allow such unstable regions to evolve for a few sound crossing times before halting the simulation. With this implementation, a decrease in density of approximately one order of magnitude or more occurs without the influence of cooling. While this decrease results in a significant suppression of mass accumulation within the cluster, some gas may be retained until it is either stripped by external mechanisms or displaced by supernovae from the second generation of stars, approximately 10 Myrs after they form.

3 STELLAR EVOLUTION AND MASS LOSS ON THE HR DIAGRAM

The final ingredients to be specified in our simulations are the time dependent average mass loss rates and wind velocities, which in turn determine the mass and energy injection rates, q_m and q_ϵ . Because our simulations are spherically symmetric, these rates must encompass the average mass loss properties of the stellar population as a whole.

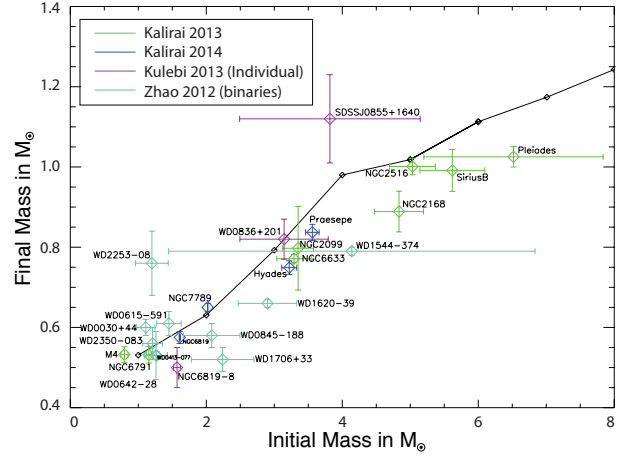


Figure 1. Initial final mass relation from observations and MESA calculations. The Kalirai 2013 and Kalirai et al. 2013 points are averaged over the total observed white dwarfs in each respective cluster, while the Kulebi et al. 2013 and Zhao et al. 2012 points are taken from individual observations.

3.1 Mass Loss Rates and Wind Velocities from Individual Stars: Prescriptions vs. Observations

To compute the individual mass loss rates, $\dot{M}(M_\star, t)$ and wind velocities, $v_w(M_\star, t)$ as both a function of the mass of the star, M_\star and its age, t we use the MESA stellar evolution models (Paxton et al. 2011). MESA is used to follow the evolution of a grid of stellar models with $M_\star = 0.1 M_\odot - 20 M_\odot$ from ZAMS to either the white dwarf stage, end of the AGB phase, or compact object creation.

The mass and kinetic energy injection can vary by orders of magnitude throughout a star's lifetime, therefore, to constrain our MESA models we compare our calculated mass loss rates and wind velocities with observed quantities throughout the HR diagram.

3.1.1 Mass Loss Rates

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3.1.2 Wind Velocities

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3.2 Average Mass Loss and Wind Velocities as Model Inputs

To finalize our mass and energy injection prescriptions it is necessary to derive an averaged mass loss rate and wind velocity during each phase of cluster evolution which includes contributions from the stars that significantly contribute to the mass and kinetic energy injection into the cluster. The averaged prescription we present here has the added benefit of minimizing the effects of the poorly constrained, rapidly varying, final stages of a star's life (Pooley & Rappaport 2006).

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4 APPLICATIONS TO VARIOUS STAR CLUSTERS

We have thus far kept our discussion of stellar wind retention in star clusters generalized to star clusters with different combinations of ages, masses and velocity dispersions. In what follows we discuss

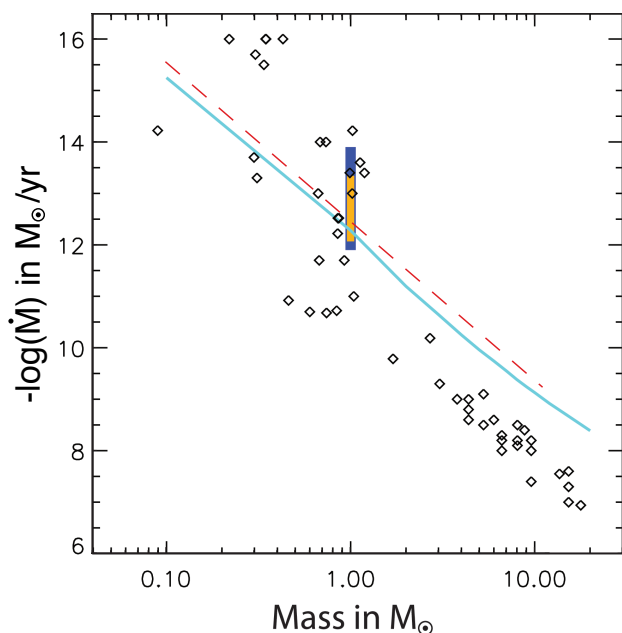


Figure 2. Mass loss rate estimates along the main sequence as a function of initial stellar mass. Observational estimates are plotted as black diamonds (Cranmer & Saar 2011; de Jager et al. 1988; Searle et al. 2008; Waters et al. 1987; Debes 2006; Badalyan & Livshits 1992; Morin et al. 2008). The blue rectangle denotes the estimated variations in the solar mass loss rate (Wood et al. 2005), and the yellow rectangle shows the observed variations in the mass loss rate of the Sun as a function of its X-ray activity (Cohen 2011). The blue line shows the main sequence mass loss rate prescription used by MESA and the often derived analytical prescription is shown with the dashed red line.

the implications of gas retention on three specific groups of star clusters - Young Massive Clusters, Intermediate Age Clusters, and Globular Clusters - and provide limits on how stellar wind retention can effect their star formation histories.

4.1 Young Massive Clusters: Age ≤ 1 Gyr

Young, massive star clusters (YMCs) are ubiquitous in the nearby Small and Large Magellanic Clouds (Goudfrooij et al. 2014) and are also found in recent (\lesssim mergers like the Antennae galaxies (Whitmore et al. 2007) As one of the candidates for proto-Globular Clusters, the gas content and star formation histories of these objects are a subject of much interest (e.g. Portegies Zwart et al. 2010)

4.1.1 Current Gas Content

During the time span of the typical ages of YMCs (10s-100s Myrs) Figures ?? - ?? show little mass retention and star formation in all but the most compact stellar clusters. This results from the fast winds from main sequence O and B stars as shown in Figure ?? for ages $\lesssim 20$ and the lack of sufficient gas accumulation time to initiate runaway cooling and collapse for clusters with $20 \lesssim \text{age/Myrs} \lesssim 500$ For clusters with large velocity dispersions, $\sigma_v \gtrsim 35 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ while some

gas mass is retained and star formation is triggered, less than ≈ 2 of the original cluster's mass is available for star formation.

In such clusters we expect several additional mechanisms to add significantly to the energy injection rate in the intercluster gas. As shown in Calura et al. (2015) SNe can be an effective avenue to assist in the removal of gas from stellar clusters, though in some systems SNe alone may not be able to fully remove gas from young clusters (Krause et al. 2013) In addition, accretion onto compact objects may be able to clear gas within YMCs on time scales as small as 10 Myrs (Leigh et al. 2013) Finally, Lyman-Werner flux from massive stars further inhibits star formation by dissassociating molecular hydrogen in these young systems (Tenorio-Tagle et al. 1986; Conroy & Spergel 2011; Krause et al. 2013) Therefore, we conclude that our estimates of gas retention on the order of a few percent are upper limits for the total mass retained from stellar wind ejecta within YMCs.

Such a small amount of gas retention is broadly consistent with both observations and more complex simulations. Recent observations which show little gas in all but the most compact clusters (Bastian & Strader 2014; Cabrera-Ziri et al. 2015; Kruijssen 2015; Longmore 2015) though observations at high redshift are challenging (Longmore 2015) Our results are also consistent with analytic and three dimensional simulations of which find that the majority of gas mass is removed by 1 – 14 (Calura et al. 2015; Kruijssen 2015)

4.1.2 Previous and Ongoing Star Formation

Our results of little to no star formation in Figures ?? - ?? over the several hundreds of Myrs timespan are broadly consistent with the results of Bastian et al. (2013b) which show no ongoing star formation in 130 YMCs with masses ranging from $10^4 < M/M_\odot < 10^8$ and ages $10 < \text{age/Myrs} < 1000$ and Martocchia et al. (2018) who only find MSPs in clusters with ages $\gtrsim 2$ though our level of predicted star formation may be too low to be detectable in the majority of YMCs (Peacock et al. 2013) Our limit of $\sigma_v \gtrsim 35 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ is a slightly higher limit for velocity dispersion than that derived observationally from assuming eMSTO features in IACs (Goudfrooij et al. 2014) are due to an age spread. Such a discrepancy can be alleviated if assumed evolution of the velocity dispersion changes more dramatically from YMC to IAC stage than assumed in Goudfrooij et al. (2014) or if the eMSTO feature is due to a population of rapidly rotating main sequence stars (Cabrera-Ziri et al. 2016; Bastian et al. 2016; Piatti & Bastian 2016) or other stellar evolutionary affects (Bastian & Lardo 2017) While Li et al. (2016) see evidence for past star formation in IACs which are less massive and more diffuse clusters than predicted by our simulations, their suggestion that these episodes of star formation may have been triggered by the accumulation of gas from the clusters as they orbited within the gaseous disk of their host galaxy is not necessarily inconsistent with this work as we assume our stellar wind material is accumulated in star clusters in isolation. Previous work has shown that cold gas accretion may indeed be a viable avenue for significant gas retention and star formation (Naiman et al. 2009; Conroy et al. 2011; Conroy & Spergel 2011; Priestley et al. 2011; Naiman et al. 2011; Conroy 2012) however our detailed treatment of the interplay between these two gas accumulation processes is left to a subsequent paper.

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5 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

We have presented a grid of spherically symmetric simulations of gas retention and expulsion due to stellar winds within star clusters.

While previous work has estimated the ability of star clusters to retain stellar winds (D’Ercole et al. 2008, 2010; Vesperini et al. 2010; Conroy & Spergel 2011; Conroy et al. 2011) calculations have so far been under taken over a smaller range of cluster properties and stellar ages, typically with lower stellar wind velocities than those argued for in this work. Motivated by this, we have calculated gas retention in star clusters of various ages, stellar mass and compactness. Additionally, we include a discussion of the choice of the kinetic energy injection proxy, taken here as the wind velocity, v_w and its relation to the observed distribution of outflow velocities observed in field and globular cluster AGB and RGB stars.

Our main conclusions are the following:

- We conclude that in compact star clusters a choice of $v_w = v_{\text{esc}}$ best reproduces both the observations of stellar winds and the assumed level of mixing between stellar wind and the intercluster medium.
- Given our assumptions about the mass loss rates and wind velocities emanating from stars residing in clusters, we find the optimum time for gas retention is approximately 1-2 Gyrs. However, depending on how efficiently the slow winds from AGB/RGB stars mix with the fast winds from the numerous main sequence cluster members, and how effectively gas is cleared after each episode of star formation within the cluster, we find star formation may not be triggered within this optimum time span as the gas may be too hot.
- We find significant gas retention can occur when cluster velocity dispersions are high, $\sigma_v \gtrsim 25 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, but the amount of gas retained drops as the velocity dispersion grows due to the efficient funneling of gas to the central regions of the cluster and subsequent triggering of star formation for very compact clusters.
- We compare our results with observations of young massive clusters (YMCs), intermediate age clusters (IACs) and globular clusters (GCs). We find our models generally agree with observations. We predict little gas retention and star formation in YMCs and GCs. Our models predict higher levels of gas retention in IACs ($\approx 10\%$ of the stellar mass). However, we caution that both the lack of observations of isolated IAC systems and the lack of inclusion of all the sources of thermal and kinetic energy in star clusters in this age range makes any conclusions drawn from our models preliminary.
- Finally, we discuss the implications of our models on the assumed evolutionary sequence of YMC \rightarrow IAC \rightarrow GC resulting in observations of multiple sub-populations with different levels of light element enhancement in present-day GCs. The majority of proposed origins for these sub-populations rely on some amount of gas retention in the age range few-100s of Myrs. However, we find hot stellar winds are effective at driving material from the cluster during this time frame for all but the most massive and compact clusters. This result is problematic for the AGB wind retention scenario (D’Ercole et al. 2008, 2010; Conroy et al. 2011; Conroy & Spergel 2011) invoked to explain the abundance anomalies observed in present day Galactic globular clusters, but if hot stellar winds can effectively thermalize with the intercluster medium during this time, our models pose problems for gas retention in the early disk accretion (Bastian et al. 2013b) and fast rotating massive stars (Krause et al. 2013) scenarios as well.

In this work, we have also tried to minimize the effect of external

mass inflow by considering star clusters in isolation. This is certainly not the case for clusters moving through cold, dense environments, as they can potentially amass a significant amount of gas from their surroundings (Naiman et al. 2009, 2011) or clusters moving quickly through hot halo gas or the galactic disk (Priestley et al. 2011). If the star clusters reside within cold gas, stellar winds and exterior inflows in such clusters could combine to create even larger central density enhancements (Naiman et al. 2009; Pflamm-Altenburg & Kroupa 2009; Naiman et al. 2011; Conroy et al. 2011). Additionally, one dimensional spherically symmetric models cannot accurately model all multi-dimensional phenomena. For example, these simulations are not able to follow the effects of cool fragments which may exist in otherwise hot gas, thereby overestimating the effects of hot gas expelling material from the cluster (Krause et al. 2012). A self consistent treatment of both interior and exterior gas accumulation in multi-dimensional simulations, which includes the effects of compact object accretion, tidal stripping, photoionization, and pulsar heating will be presented elsewhere.

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