Why are there Stars?

with Steven Stahler, Professor of Astronomy, UC-Berkeley



The Formation of Stars



A one-hour multimedia presentation for Marin Middle and High School Students

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On a clear night, the sky is filled with countless stars. Our Sun is one of them. How do these objects form? In recent decades, astronomers have begun answering this very old question. This progress has occurred despite the fact that the youngest stars are invisible to the eye and even to most telescopes. Along the way, we have learned how planets like the Earth are created as part of the stellar birth process.

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