

# Effects of Early Forming Massive Stars

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- What about *when* massive stars form? Using our computational model we test the effects of early forming massive stars.

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# Torch

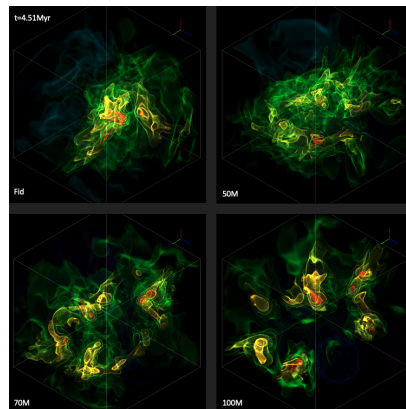
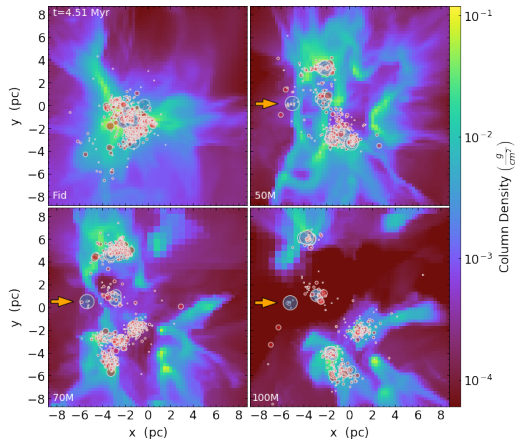
## Stars from gas

- Couples N-body, stellar evolution, and feedback in AMUSE with self-gravitating magnetized gas in MHD code FLASH.
- Resolved dynamics of stars and gas; study star cluster formation within collapsing GMCs.
- Form stars from sink particles which each have a randomized star mass list sampled from the Kroupa IMF.<sup>[3]</sup>

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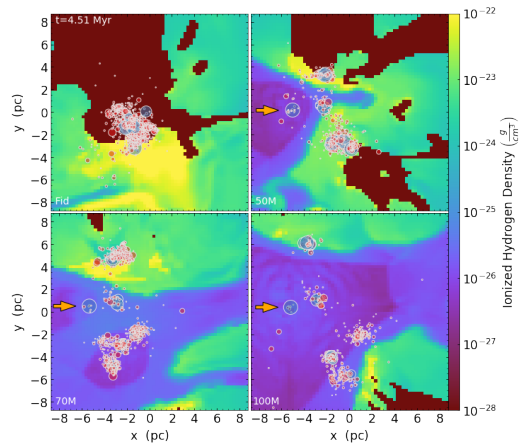
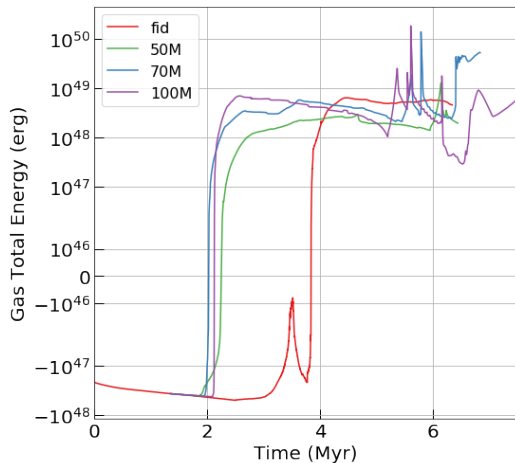
<sup>3</sup>Kroupa 2001

# A Controlled Experiment



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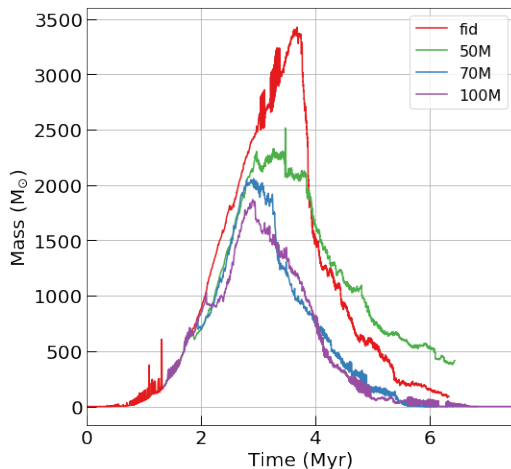
# Effects on Gas Energy



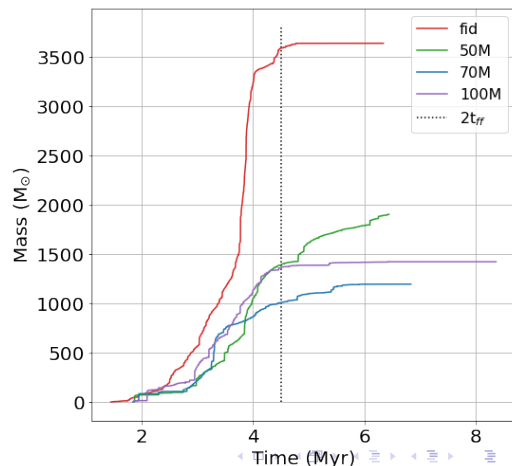


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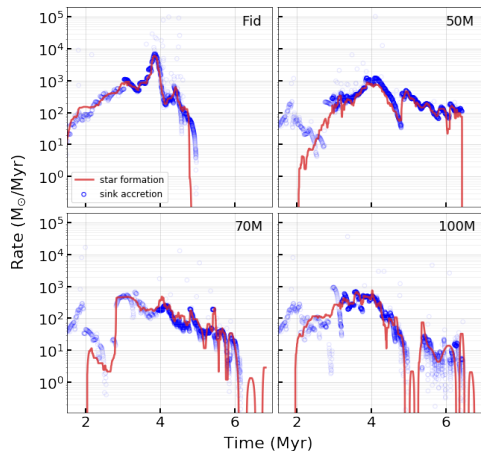
## Gas Satisfying Jeans Criterion



## Cumulative Stellar Mass

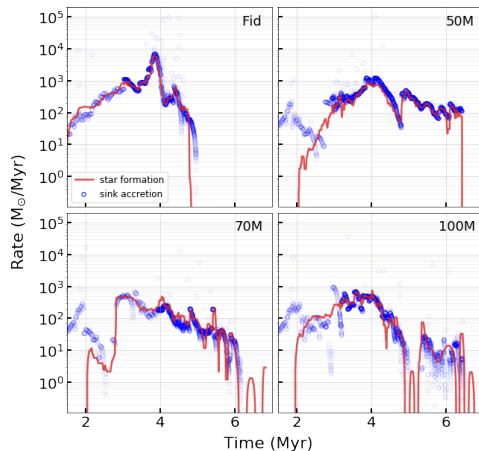


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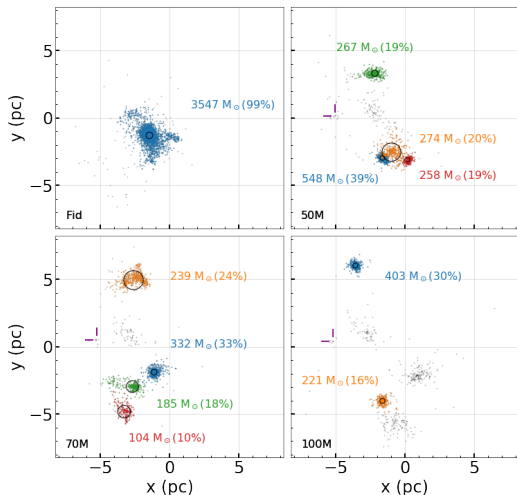
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Run	$\langle \epsilon_{ff} \rangle$
Fid	0.23
50M	0.08
70M	0.03
100M	0.04

# Effects on Star Clustering, Cluster Assembly



- DBSCAN to identify cluster with at least 50% bound members and 100  $M_{\odot}$  at  $2\tau_{\text{ff}}$ .
- Clusters in runs with early massive stars are less massive and more fragmented compared to the fiducial run.

Run	Mass in Clusters $10^3 M_{\odot}$	Frac Mass $M_c / M_{\text{tot}}$	$r_h$ MMC pc	$E_{\text{bind}}$ MMC $10^{46}$ erg
Fid	3.6	0.99	0.25	-140
50M	1.4	0.97	0.17	-12
70M	0.86	0.85	0.21	-4.2
100M	0.62	0.46	0.18	-3.8

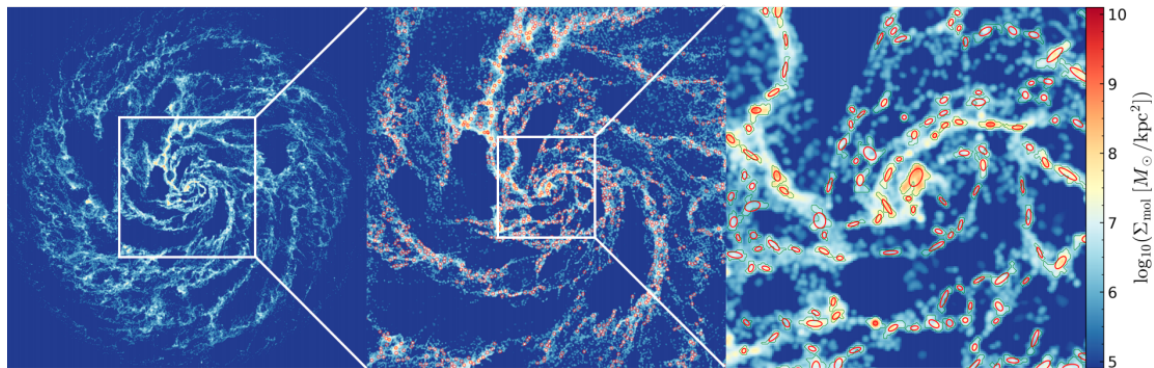
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- Significantly disrupt the natal gas structure, resulting in premature unbinding of GMC.
- The star formation rate per free-fall time is suppressed by up to a factor of seven, reducing the total mass of stars formed.
- Stifle the hierarchical assembly process of massive star clusters, instead promoting the formation of spatially separate and more loosely bound subclusters.

# The Problem with Initial Conditions

- Self consistent galactic scale simulations with resolution down to sub-tenth parsec scales and include Nbody individual stellar dynamics and individual stellar feedback all at once? A little tough.
- Creating our own isolated clouds from scratch? “Creative liberties...”

# Clouds from Galactic Simulations

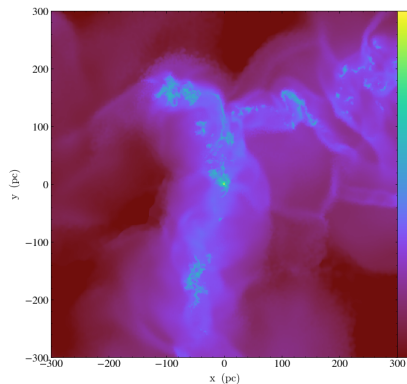


GMC identification<sup>4</sup>

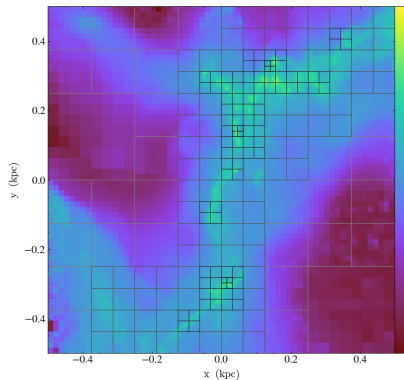
<sup>4</sup>Li, H. et al. 2020

# From AREPO to FLASH

Try CIC Mapping?

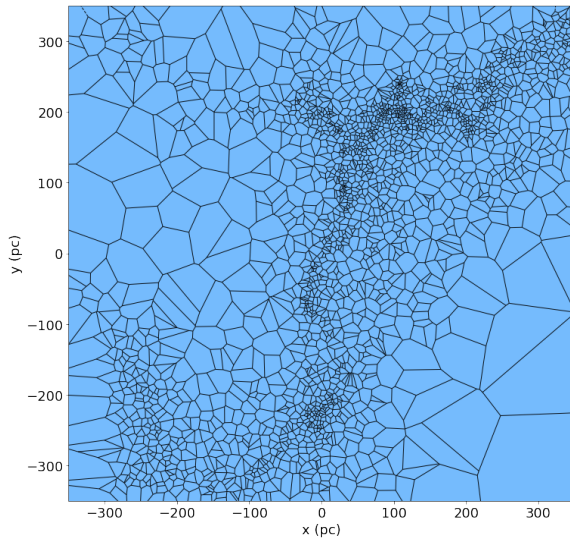


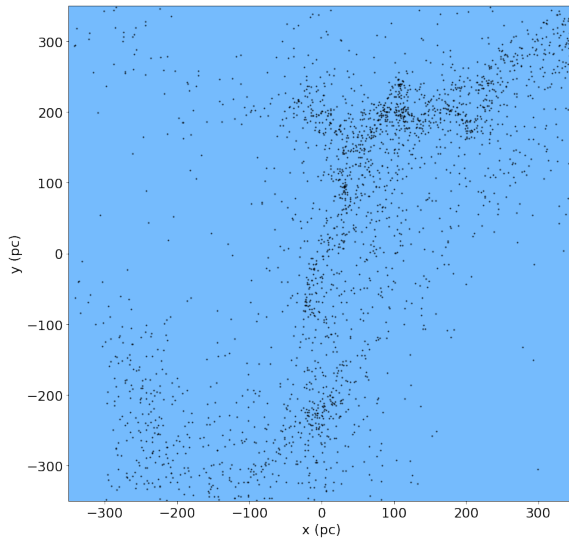
Cloud from raw AREPO data  
represented using SPH kernels

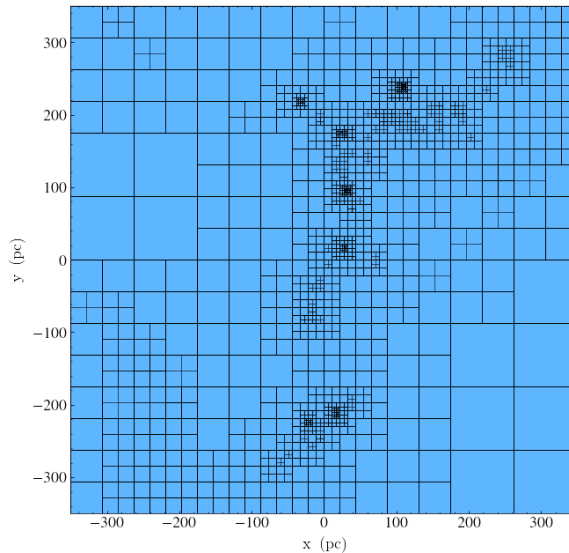


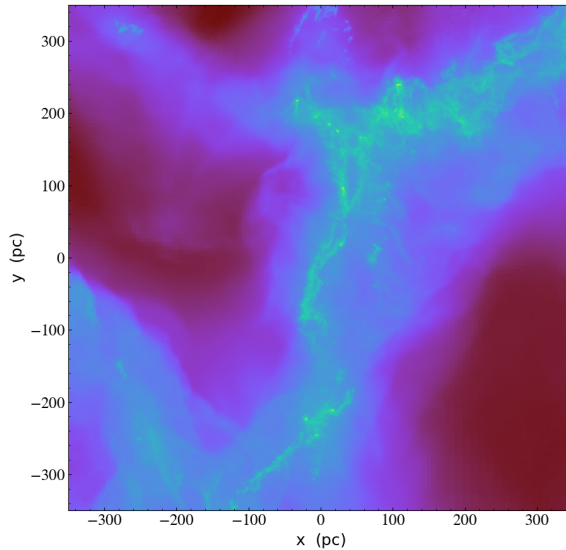
Cloud-in-cell mapping onto AMR  
FLASH grid



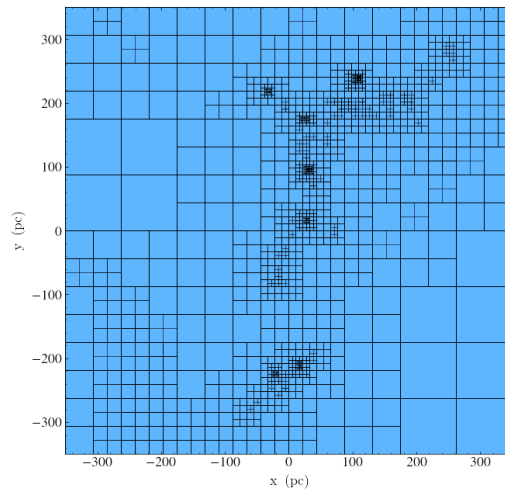
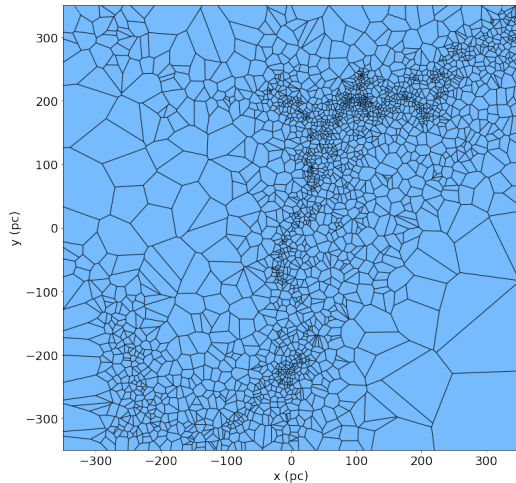




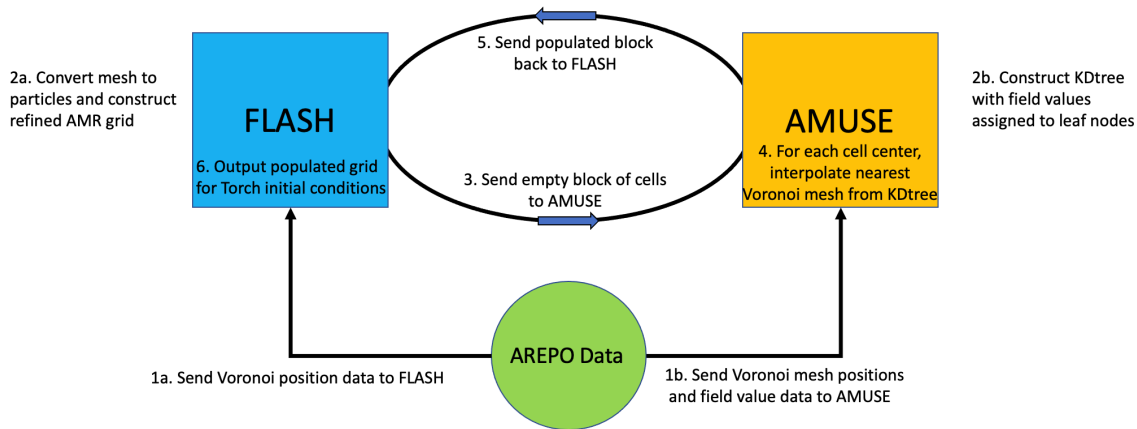




# Voronoi Mesh to AMR Grid



# VorAMR: Logic path



# VorAMR: The Big Wins

- Significantly expands Torch's horizon and moves Torch to "completion".
- Opens wide avenue of collaboration; code bases do not have to be exclusive!
- More accurate visualizations (no more estimating Voronoi meshes as SPH kernels in yt).

Thank You!  
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Questions?



# Appendix

$$\epsilon_{\text{ff}} = \dot{M}_* \frac{t_{\text{ff}}}{M_g} \quad (1)$$