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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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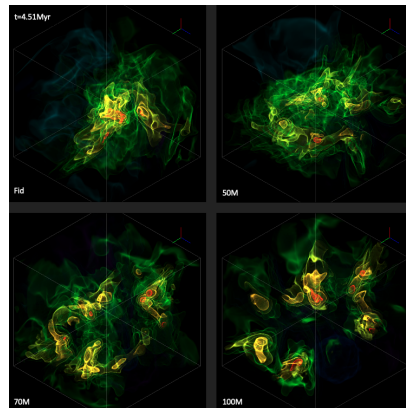
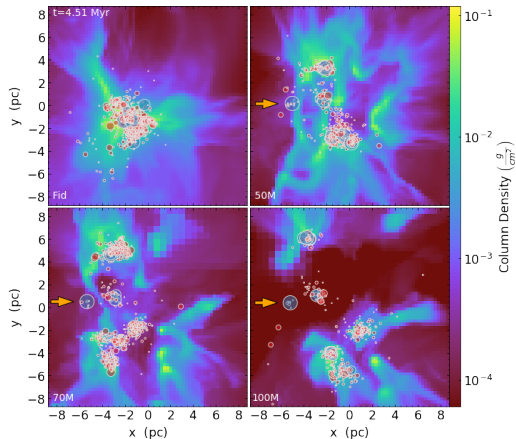
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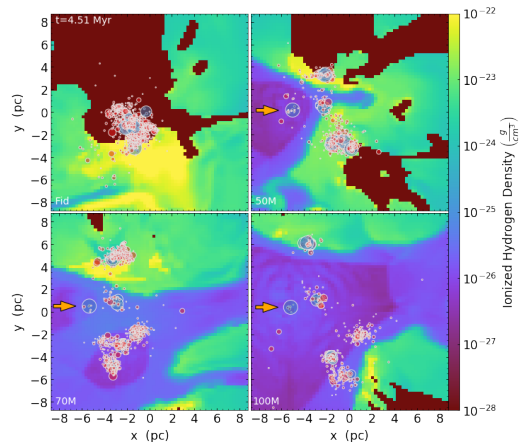
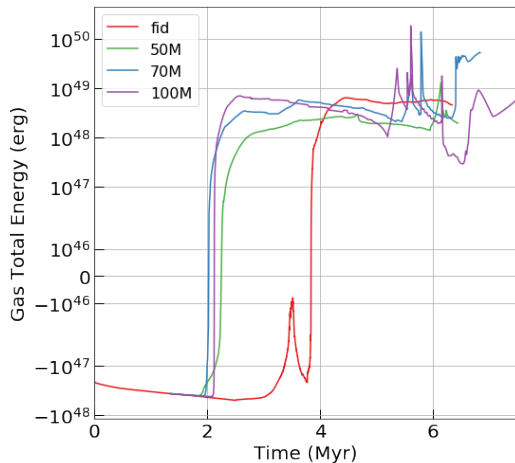
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A Controlled Experiment



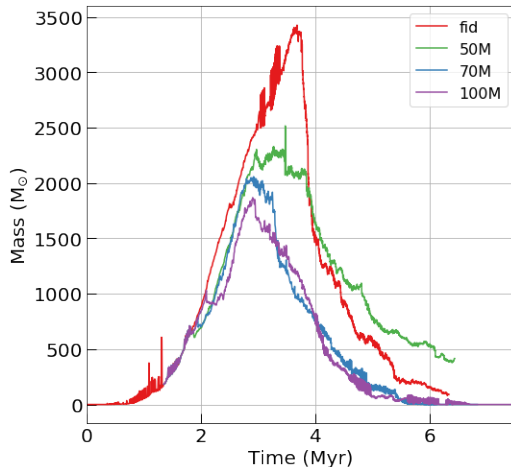
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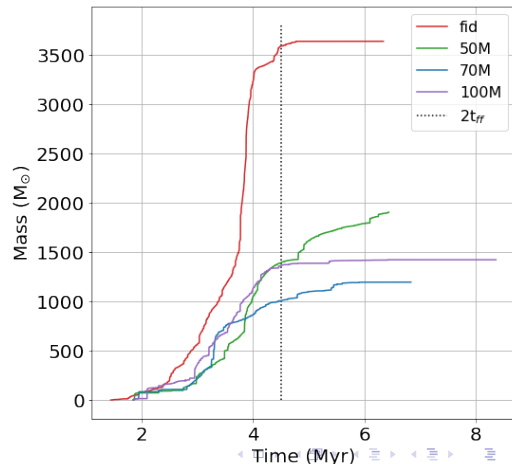


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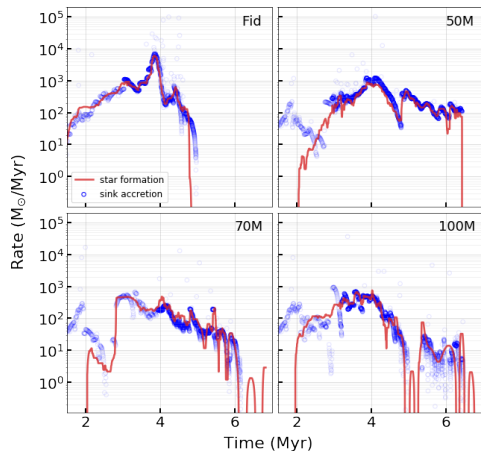
Gas Satisfying Jeans Criterion



Cumulative Stellar Mass

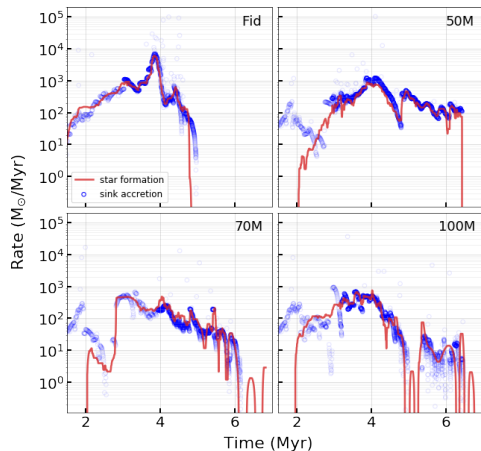


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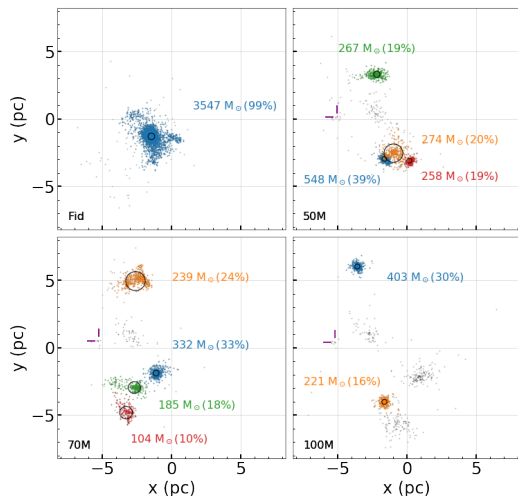
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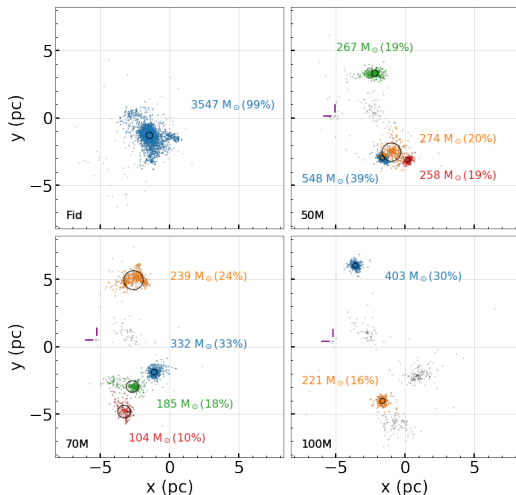
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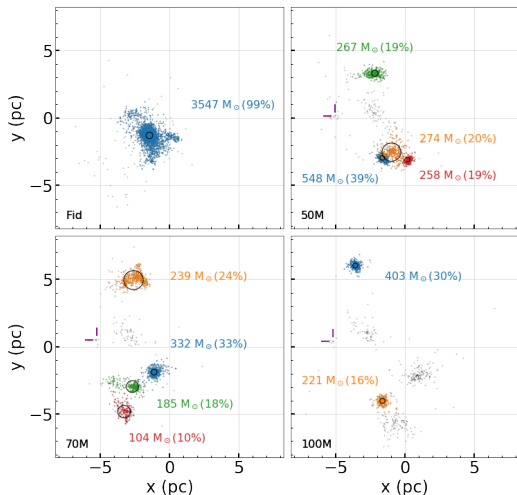
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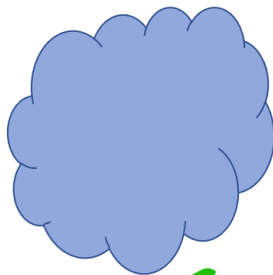
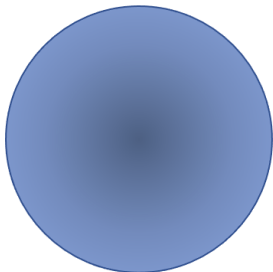
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- Stifle the hierarchical assembly process of massive star clusters, instead promoting the formation of spatially separate and more loosely bound subclusters.

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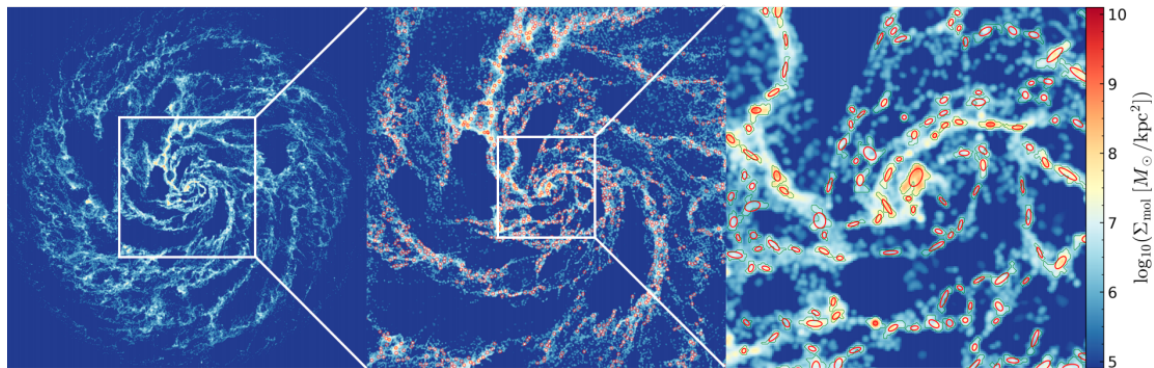
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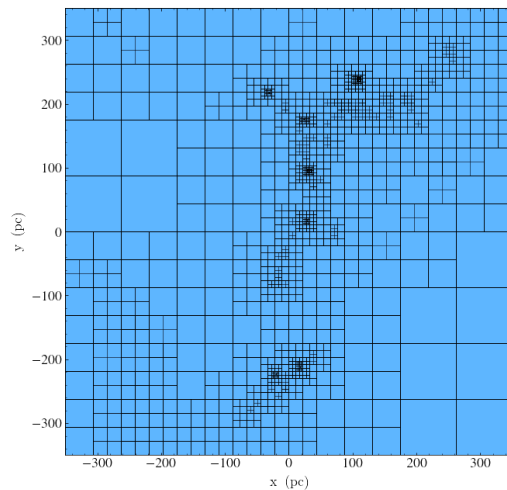
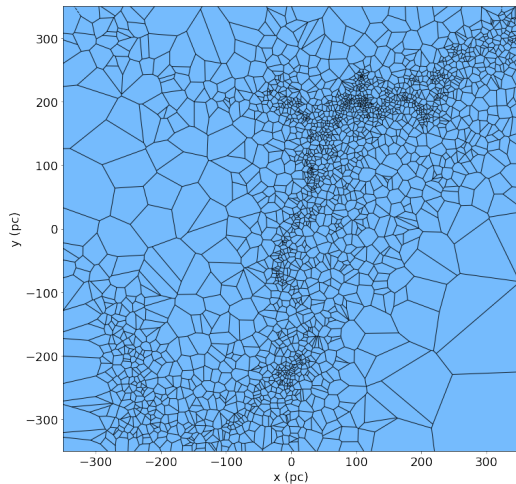
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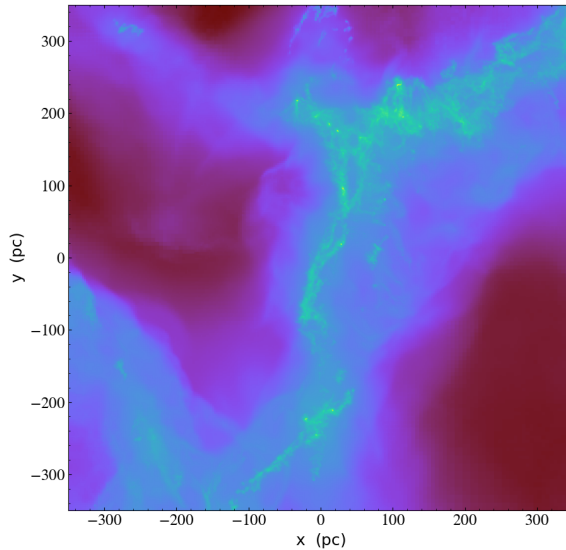


GMC identification⁷

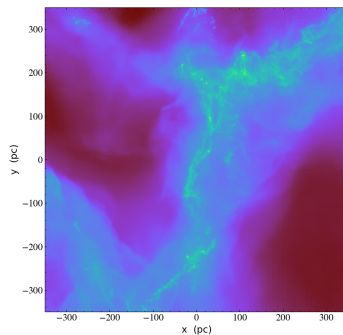
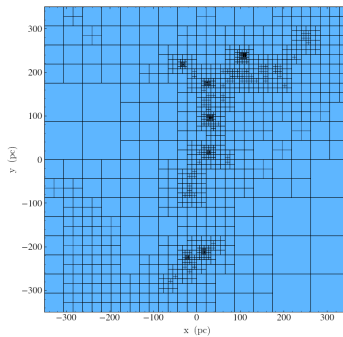
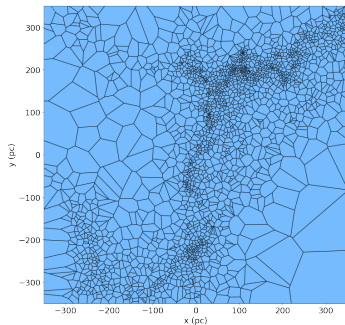
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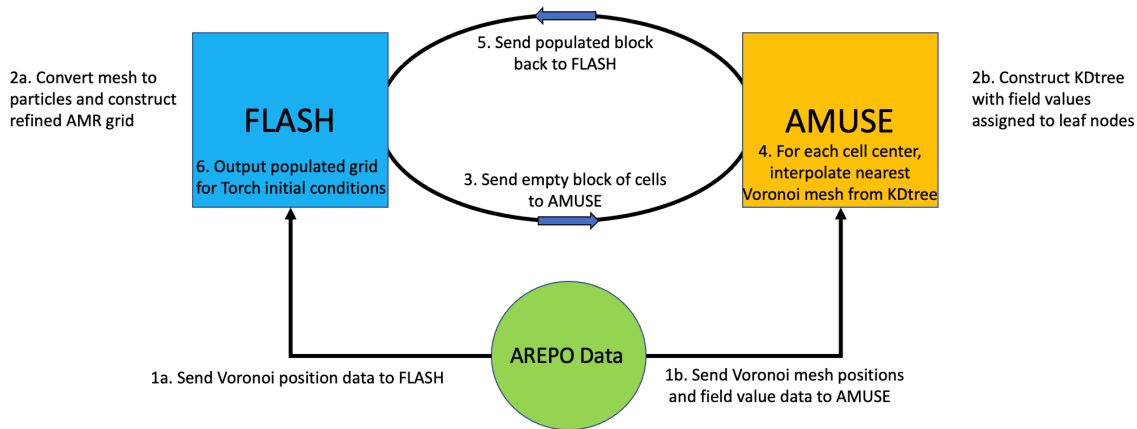




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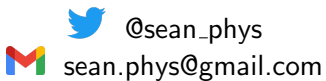
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- Provides an avenue for increased collaboration between entrenched research groups.

Thank You!

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Questions?



Appendix

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