

Consequences of Gas Expulsion from Massive Clusters –

Theory meets Observation

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Result of gas expulsion depends on

- **Star formation efficiency**

Tutukov 1978, Hills 1980, Mathieu 1980, Adams 2000, Geyer & Burkert 2001, Kroupa et al. 2001, Boily & Kroupa 2003, Bastian & Goodwin 2006, Converse & Stahler 2011 ... **many more**

- **Duration of gas expulsion phase (rapid vs. slow)**

Lada et al. 1984

- **Virial state before expulsion** Aarseth 1972, ... Allison & Goodwin 2011

- **Spatial distribution before expulsion (clumping, central concentration)** Fellhauer & Kroupa 2005

How important is gas expulsion?

Different points of view

- Lada & Lada 2003: **Gas expulsion very important!**

Number counts of embedded and exposed cluster:

Infant mortality:

90% of all clusters dissolve before they are 10 Myr old

- Bastian (2011): **Gas expulsion in clusters is not important**

(multiepoch high-resolution spectroscopy

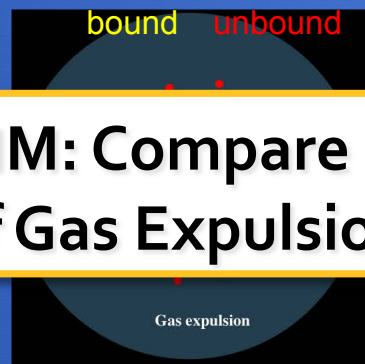
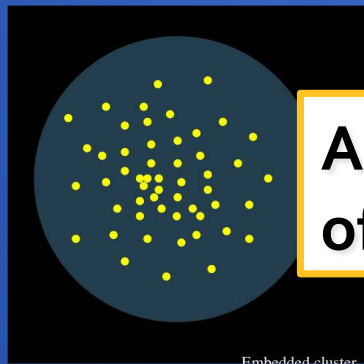
NGC 3603, Westerlund 1, Arches, R136)

Schematics of gas expulsion

Bound embedded system

Gas expulsion:
Mixture of bound and unbound stars

Bound cluster separated from unbound population



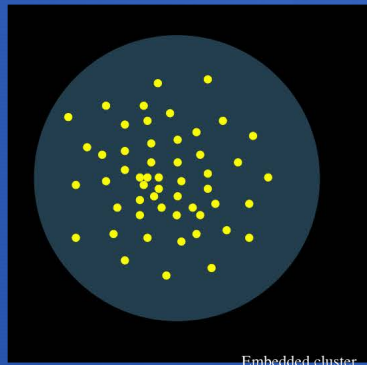
AIM: Compare Simulations to Observations
of Gas Expulsion Phase → Massive clusters

Lada&Lada (2003)

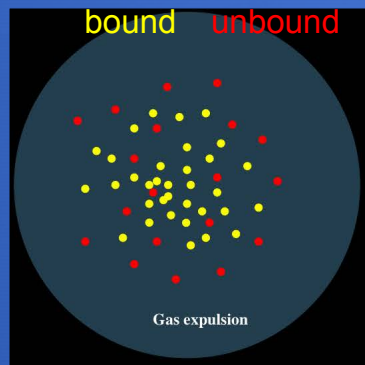
„only the remnants of clusters more massive than **500 M_{sun}**
can be detected after gas expulsion“

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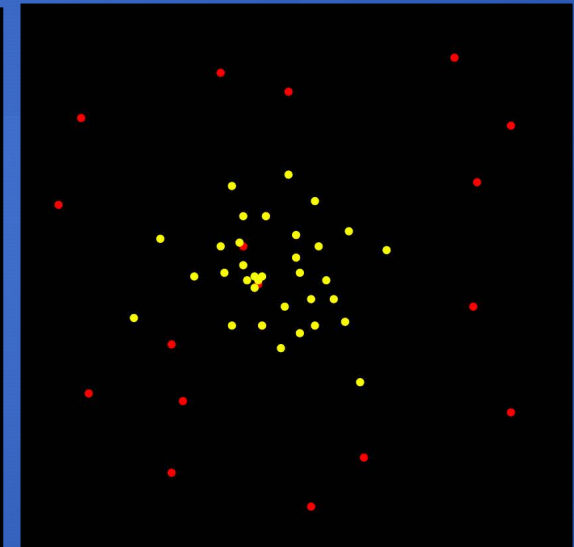
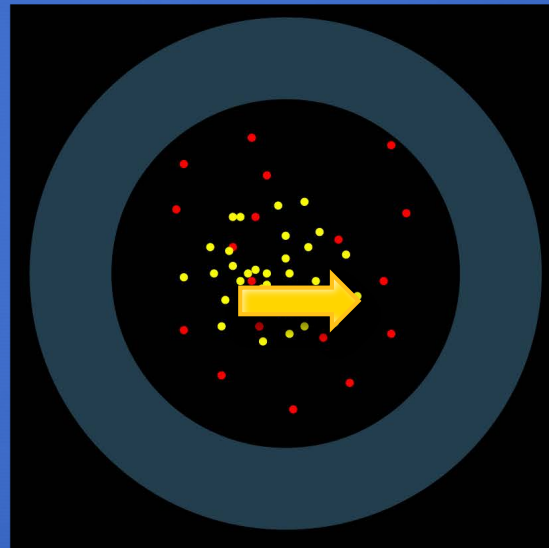
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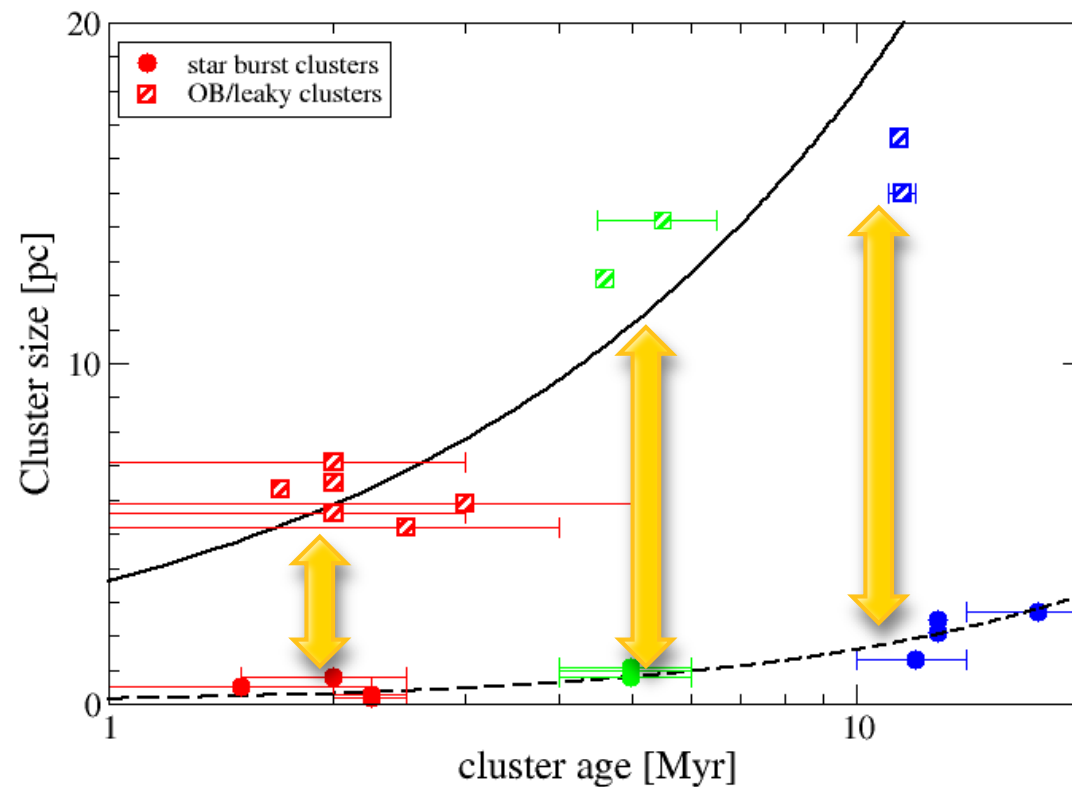
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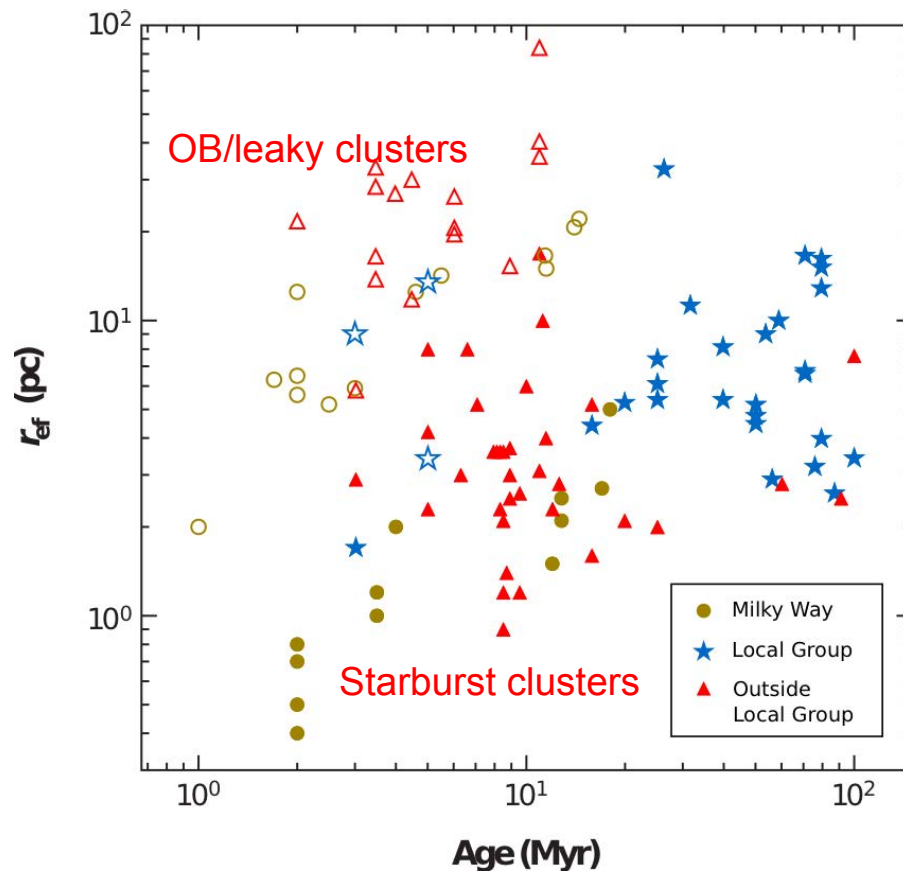
Massive Clusters in the Milky Way



Two distinctly
Different sizes
for
Starburst and
OB/leaky clusters

This difference
increases
with cluster age

Two groups



Two sequences in

- Milky Way
- Local Group
- Outside

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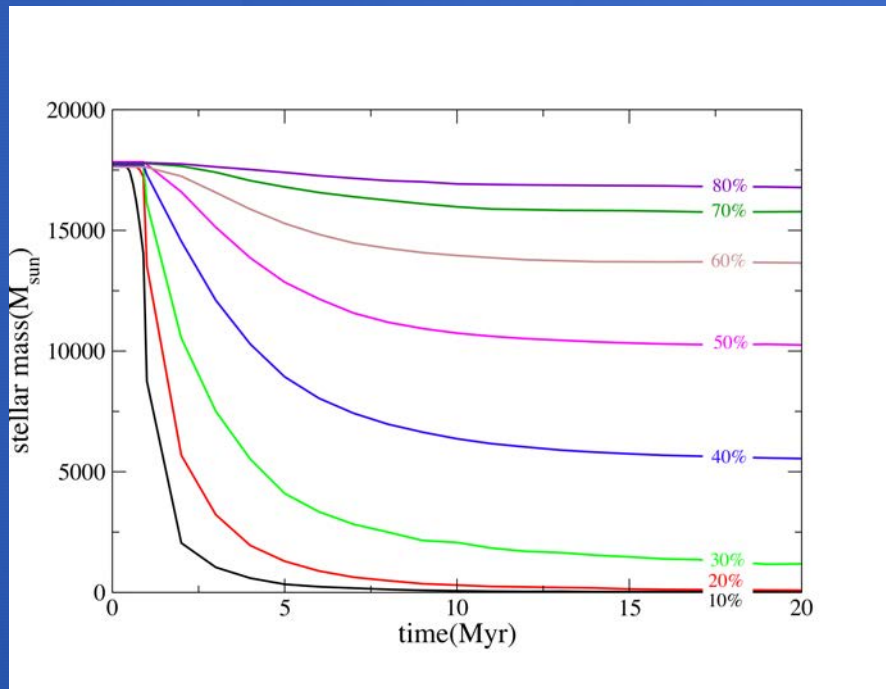
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Gas expulsion in massive clusters: theory vs observations



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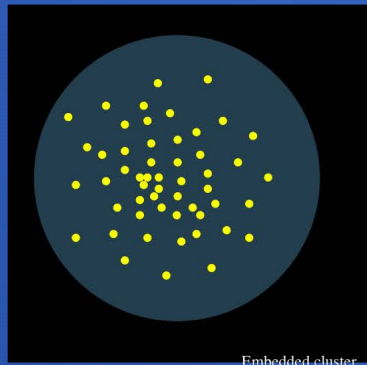
Simulation parameters:

- 30 000 stars,
- IMF
- King profile ($W = 9$)
- Half-mass radius: 1.3 pc
- 15-20 realizations
(error < 3%)
- Nbody6gpu

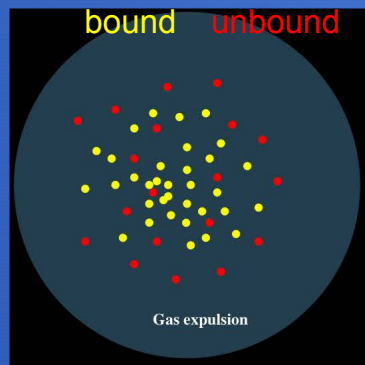
- **Difference between dynamical and true mass**
- **SFE < 30%** **Massive expansion** **Most of mass lost**
- **SFE > 30%** **small change in cluster size**
clusters retain a large portion of their mass

Schematics of gas expulsion

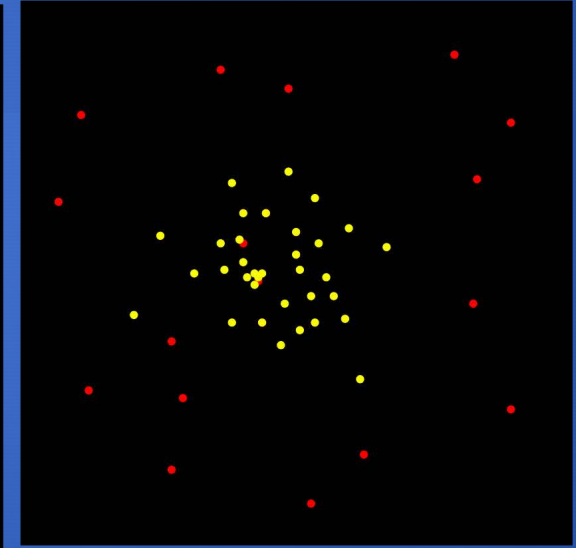
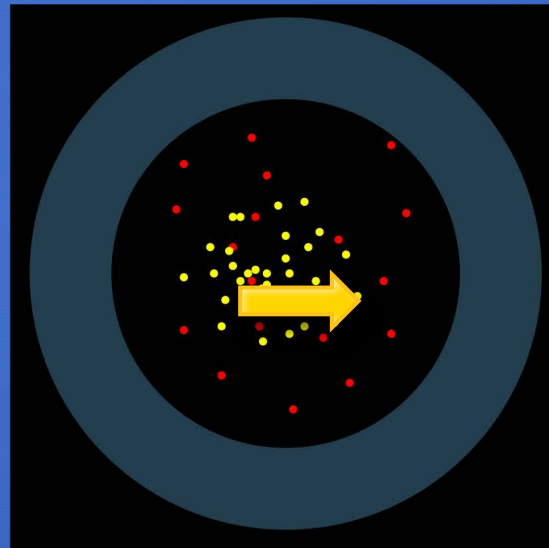
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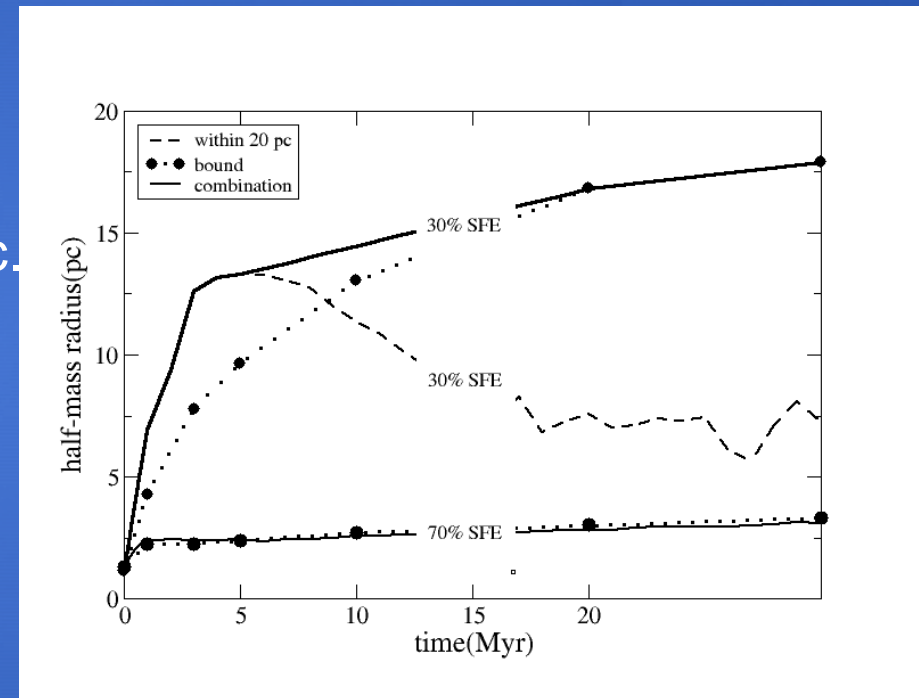
Observed cluster size ?

Observed cluster size depends to some extent on observational method used

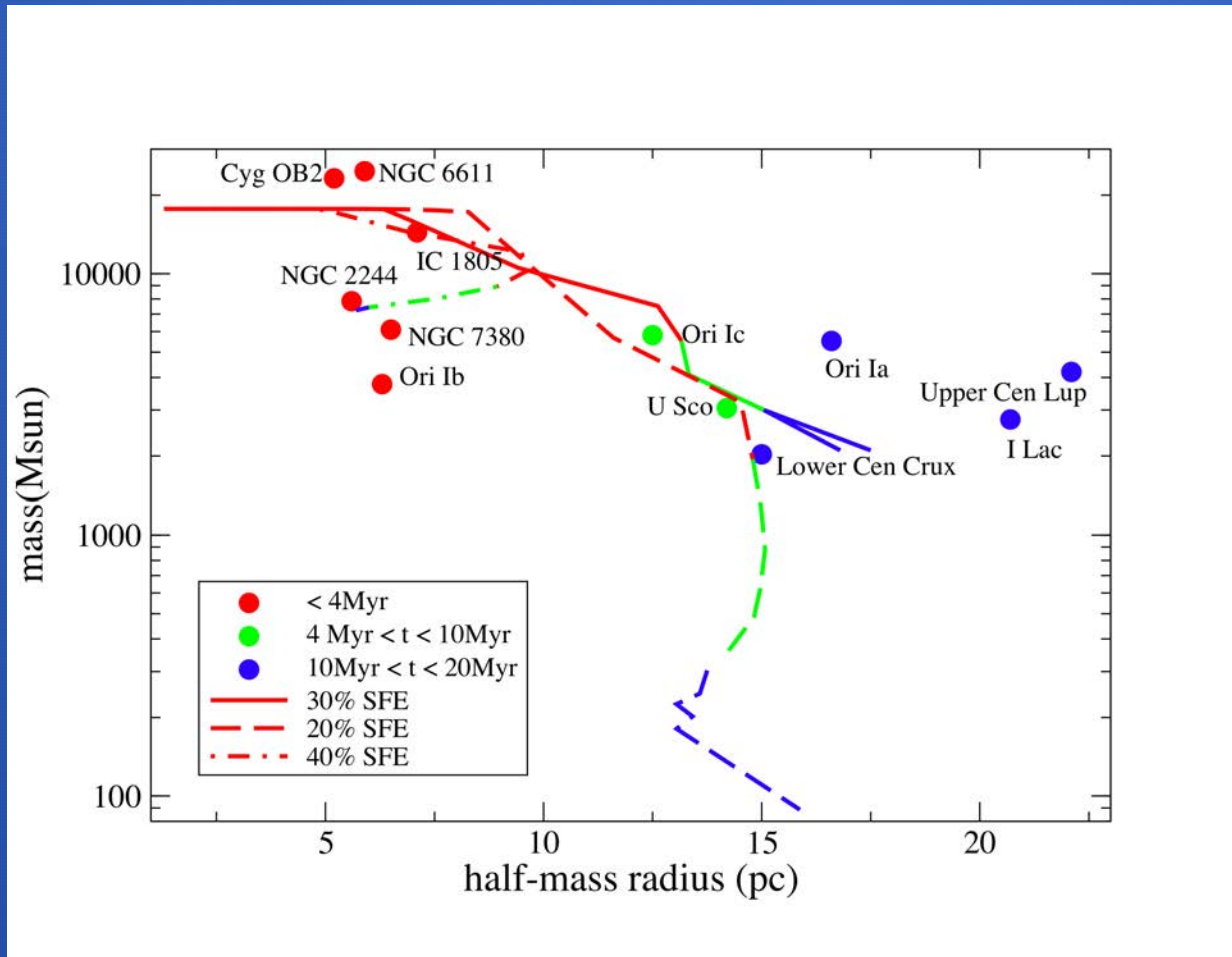
(cluster membership, velocity data etc.)

Here

- initially stars within 20 pc
- later size of the bound remnant
- in between: interpolation



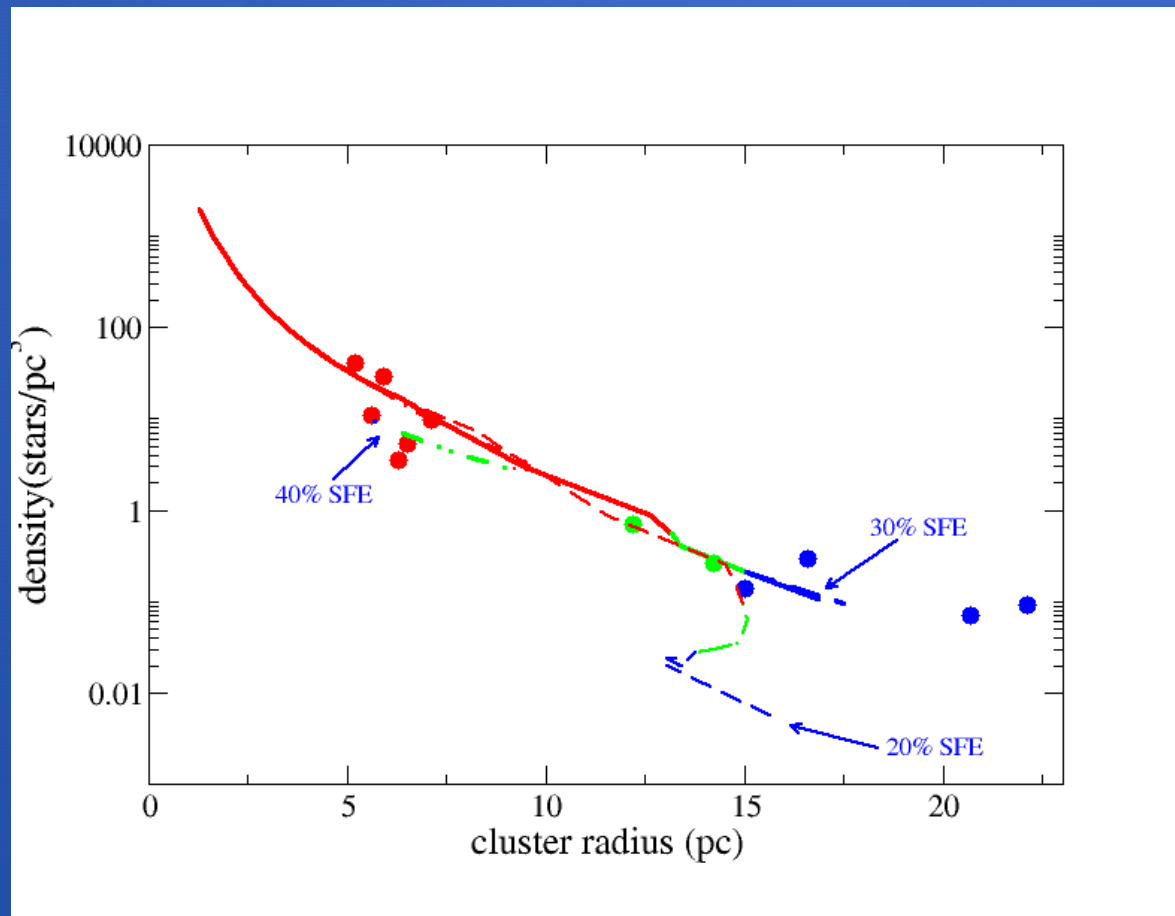
Mass vs radius



Observed massive cluster sequence corresponds to **30% SFE**

Corresponds to estimates of maximum SFE from gas content in embedded clusters in solar neighbourhood

Density vs radius

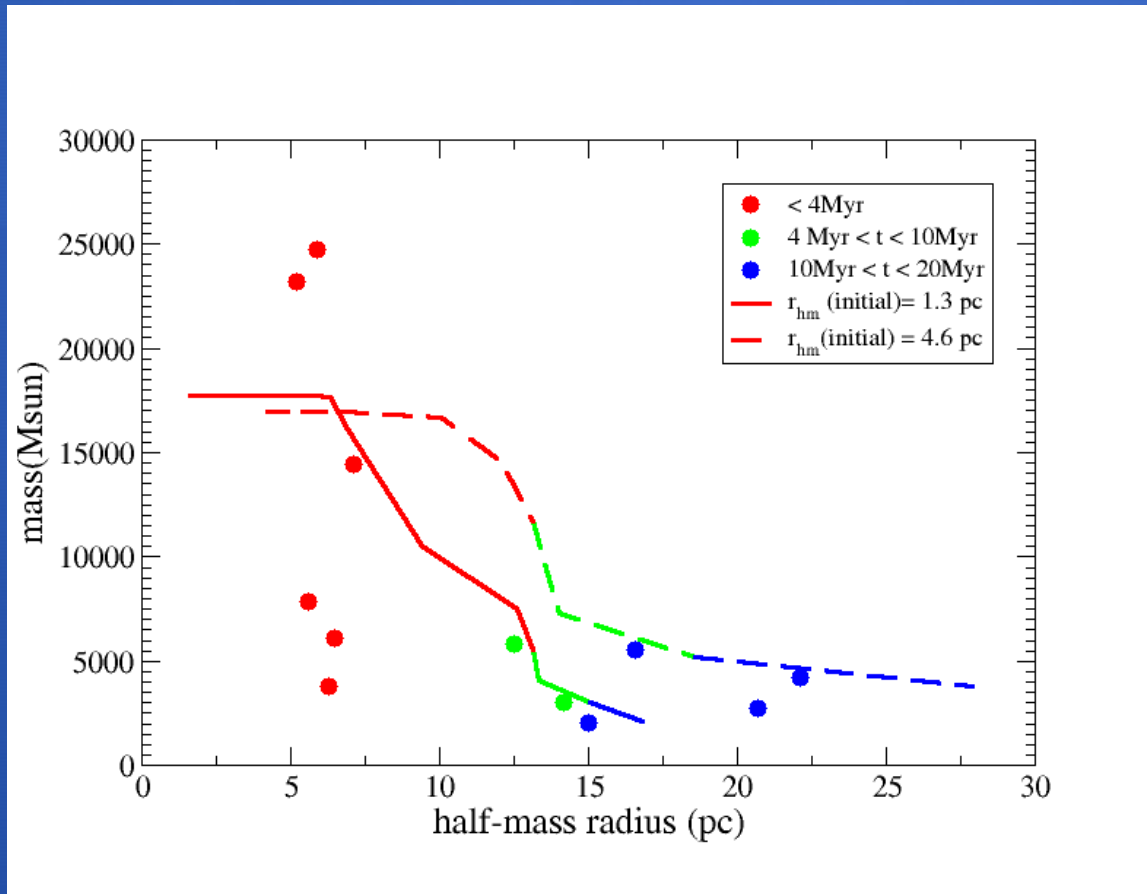


Clusters with 20% and less SFE would be difficult to detect at $t_c > 10\text{Myr}$

Is the cluster sequence a selection effect of the clusters with high SFEs?

>27% of massive clusters follow this sequence

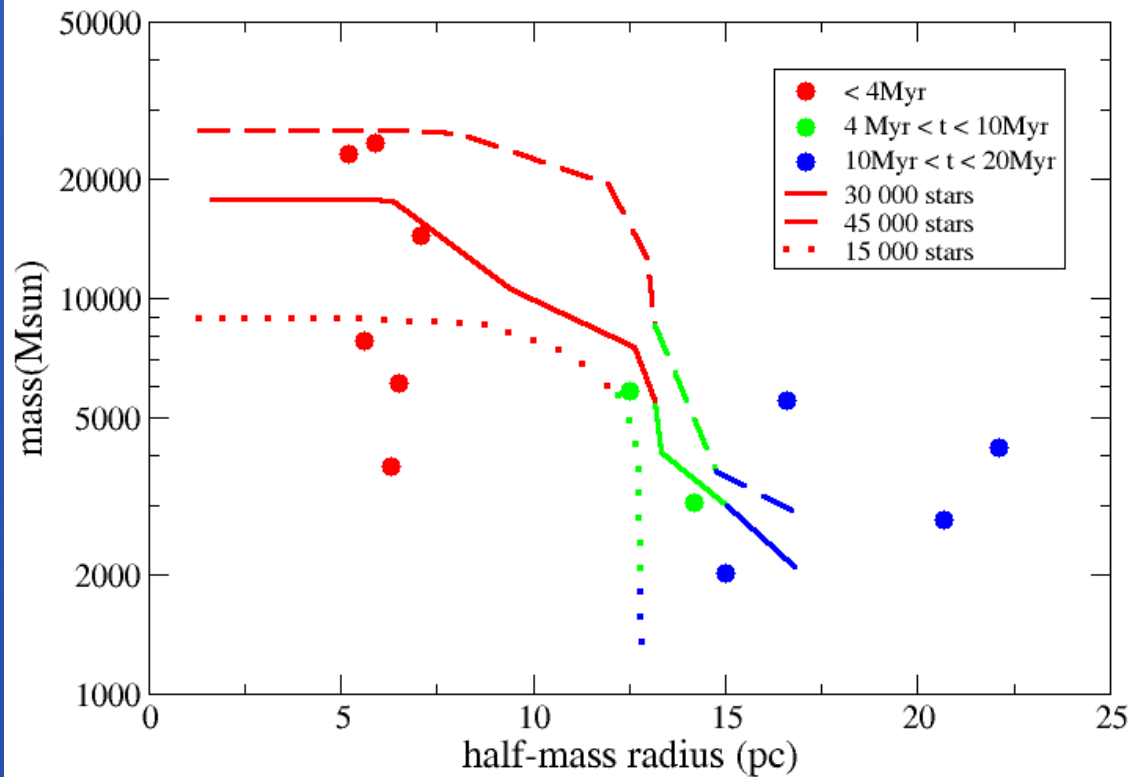
Initial radius



Size at onset of
Gas expulsion

1-3 pc

Initial cluster mass

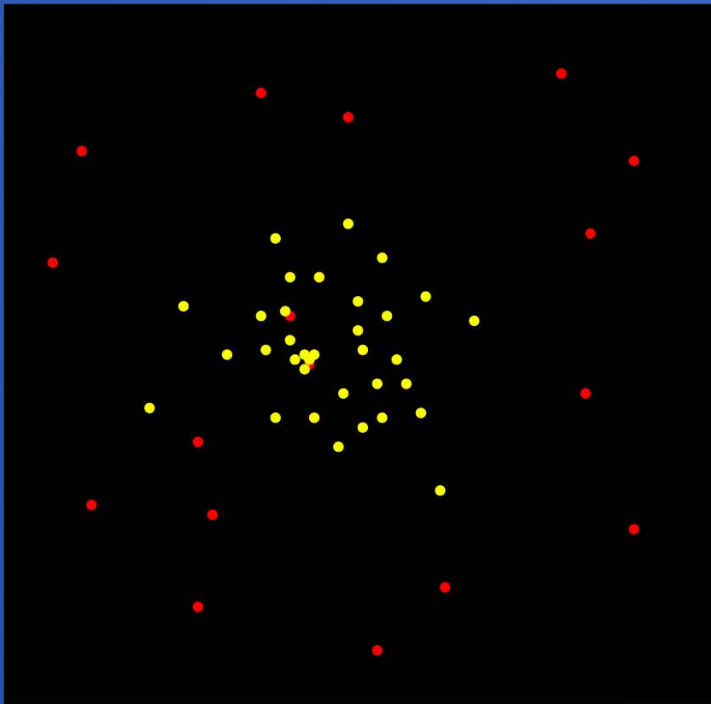


Clusters with
 $M_{\text{initial}} < 10\,000 M_{\text{sun}}$
not observed at
 $t_c > 10\text{Myr}$



>53% of clusters
with $M > 10\,000 M_{\text{sun}}$
follow observed
sequence

Gas expulsion in leaky clusters



- Size at onset of gas expulsion: 1-3pc
- Full cluster expansion currently only observable for $M > 10\,000 M_{\text{sun}}$
- At least 53% of clusters with $M > 10\,000 M_{\text{sun}}$ follow observed sequence
- Form mostly with $\sim 30\%$ SFE
- A single massive OB associations feeds 15000-25000 stars within 10-20Myr into the field population
- Remnant: cluster consisting of $\sim 1000-3000$ stars within 20pc - leaky cluster

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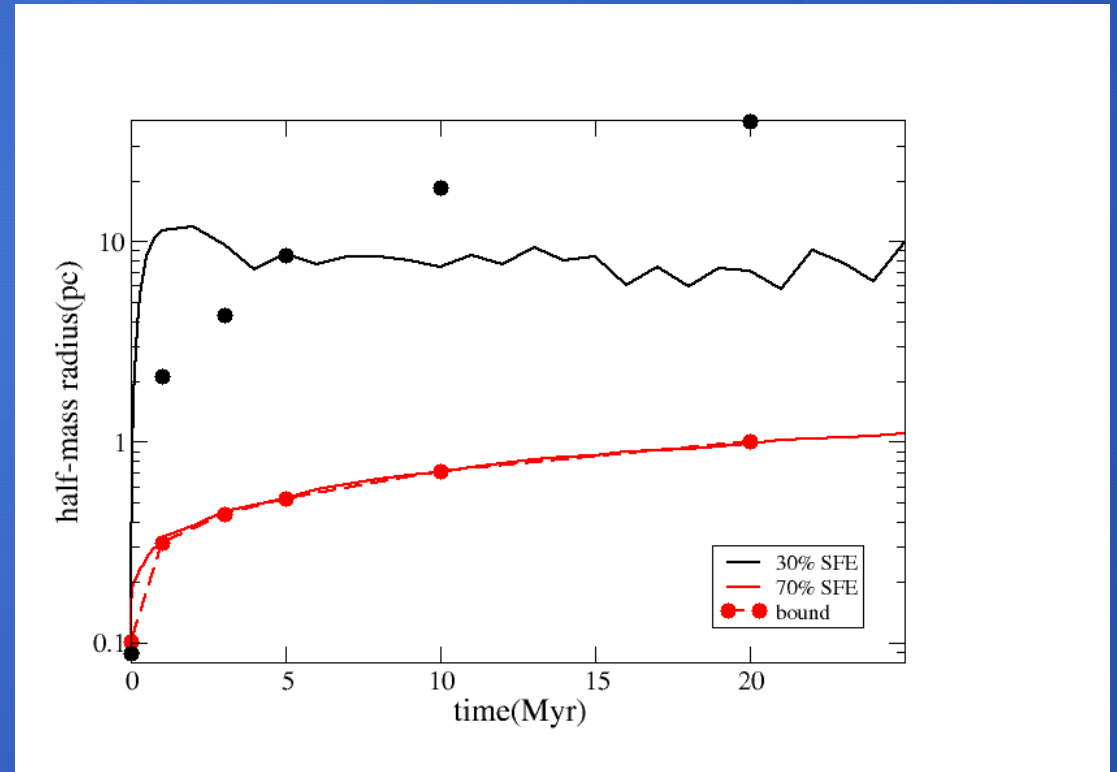
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OB associations

Starburst clusters: radial expansion

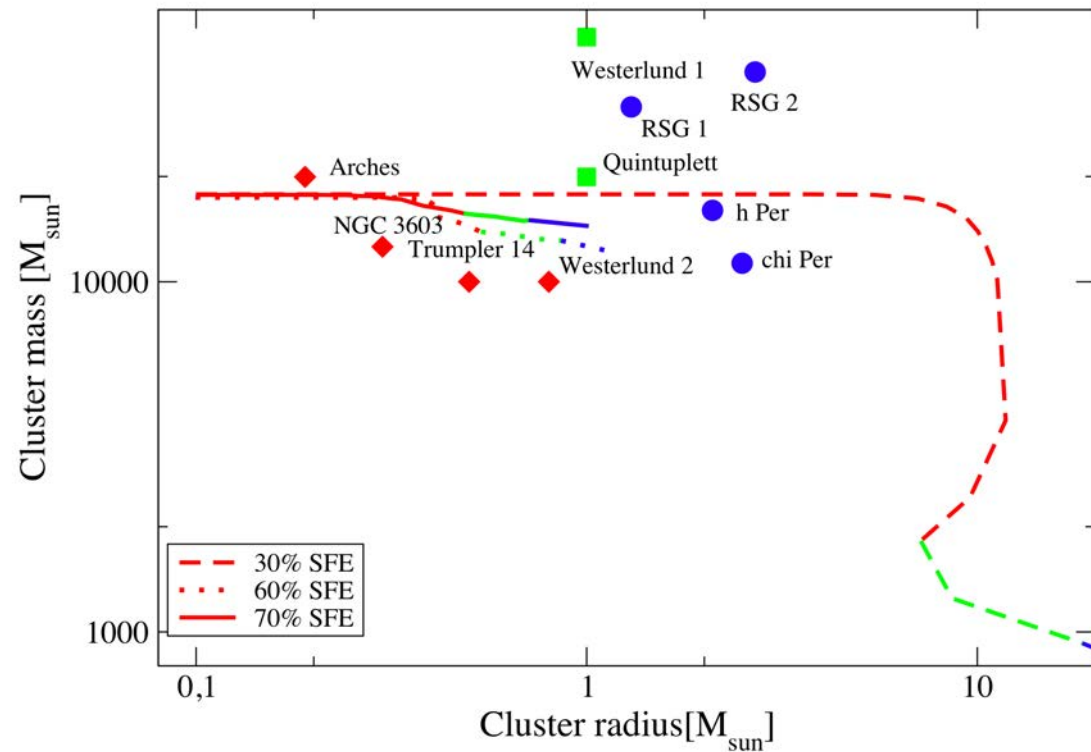
Simulation parameters:

Cluster members 30 000 stars
Cluster mass: 15 000 Msun
Initial size: 0.1pc
Profile: King W=9
IMF Kroupa (2001)

Size treated in same way as before

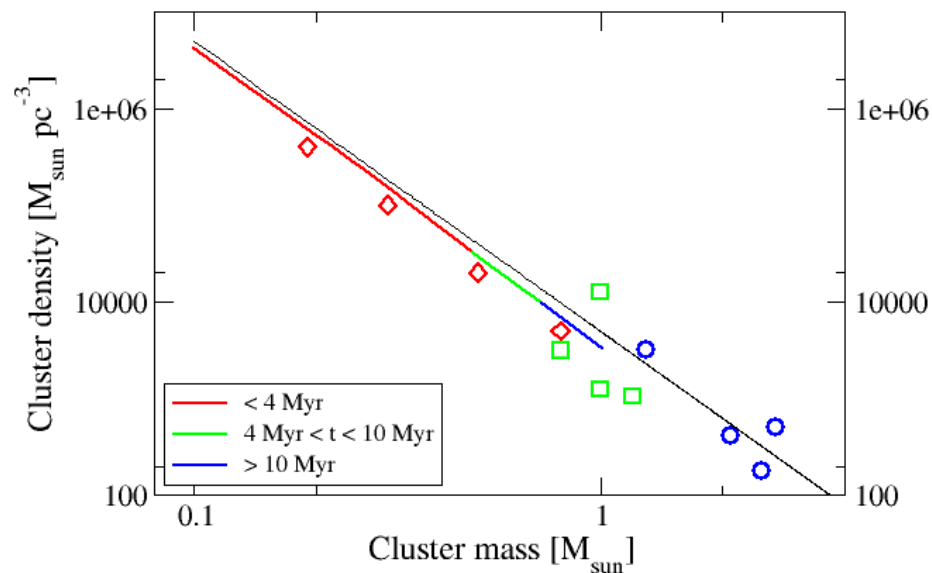


Starburst: Mass vs Radius



Star burst
cluster sequence
corresponds to
60-70% SFE

Density vs Radius



Clusters with SFE < 50%
not observable for $t > 5-10 \text{ Myr}$

At least 40% of starburst
clusters follow sequence

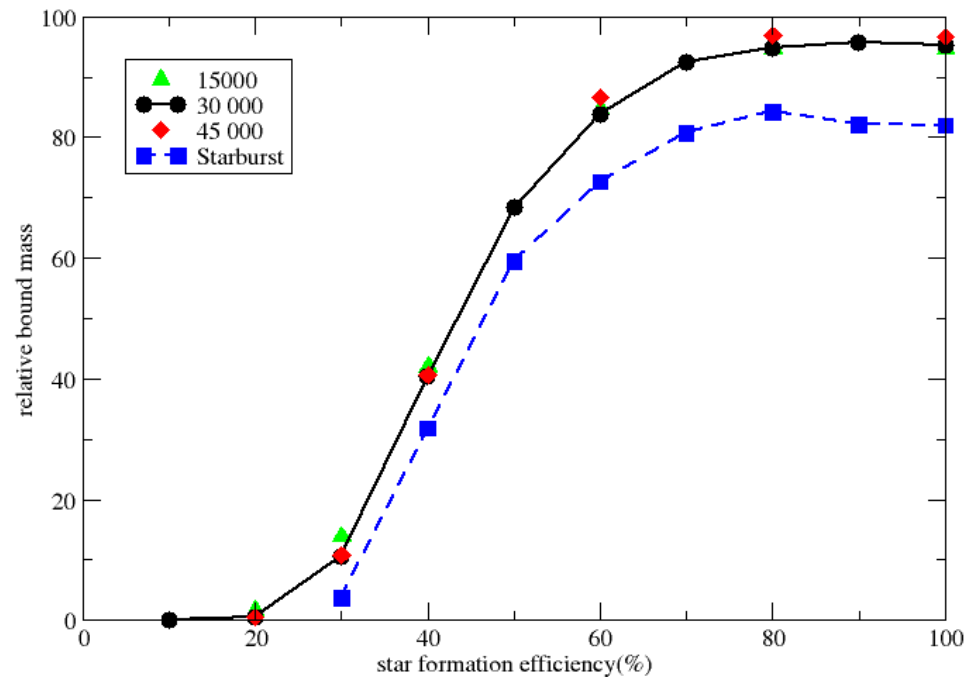
SFE 60-70%

Higher SFEs close to Galactic
Center and spiral arms?

Or

Do we observe only central
part of very young starburst
clusters?
30% SFE result

Ejection loss as driver for expansion



OB/Leaky clusters:
5-8% loss by ejection

Starburst clusters:
20 % loss by ejection

Driving force behind
Cluster expansion

Gas expulsion in Starburst clusters

- Size at onset of gas expulsion: 0.1 – 0.2 pc
- Encounters become important for cluster expansion
- at least 40% of clusters follow observed sequence
- Form mostly with ~ 60 - 70% SFE

Summary

- Observed sequences show the development after gas expulsion process
- At least 53% of OB associations/leaky clusters have 30% SFE
- At least 40% of starburst clusters have 60-70% SFE
- Gas expulsion dominates OB association/leaky cluster dynamics
- Gas expulsion less important for starburst clusters, here encounter dynamics dominates