

an analysis platform

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(...that works on multiple types of data)

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The Problem:

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In your dataset you have Things.
Things you want to study.
But you have to find these Things.

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But the way you find a Thing isn't necessarily the same way I'd find a Thing.

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So how do we really know we're making fair comparisons?

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And more to the point, if I get a postdoc somewhere else, should I really have to re-learn how to make a slice through a simulation?

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I'd like for it to work with lots of types
of data.

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yt 1.5

yt 1.7

Enzo

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Orion

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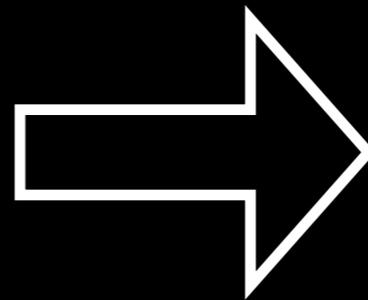
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So how does one add
support for a new code?

Simulation Output

MetaData

Data

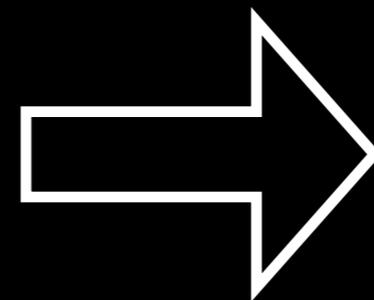


Internal yt structures

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Internal yt structures

Most importantly, grids!

A red arrow pointing from the text 'Most importantly, grids!' towards the 'Internal yt structures' box.

requires

- Understanding parameters and units
- Understanding spatial relationships of data
- Understanding disk IO for data
- Understanding data locality on disk

FLASH

FLASH is a code developed by the ASC
FLASH center to study supernovae.
Lately it has been put to good use for
cosmology.

Block structured AMR.

HDF5 output.

FLASH is an ideal code to put into yt.

Data from John ZuHone

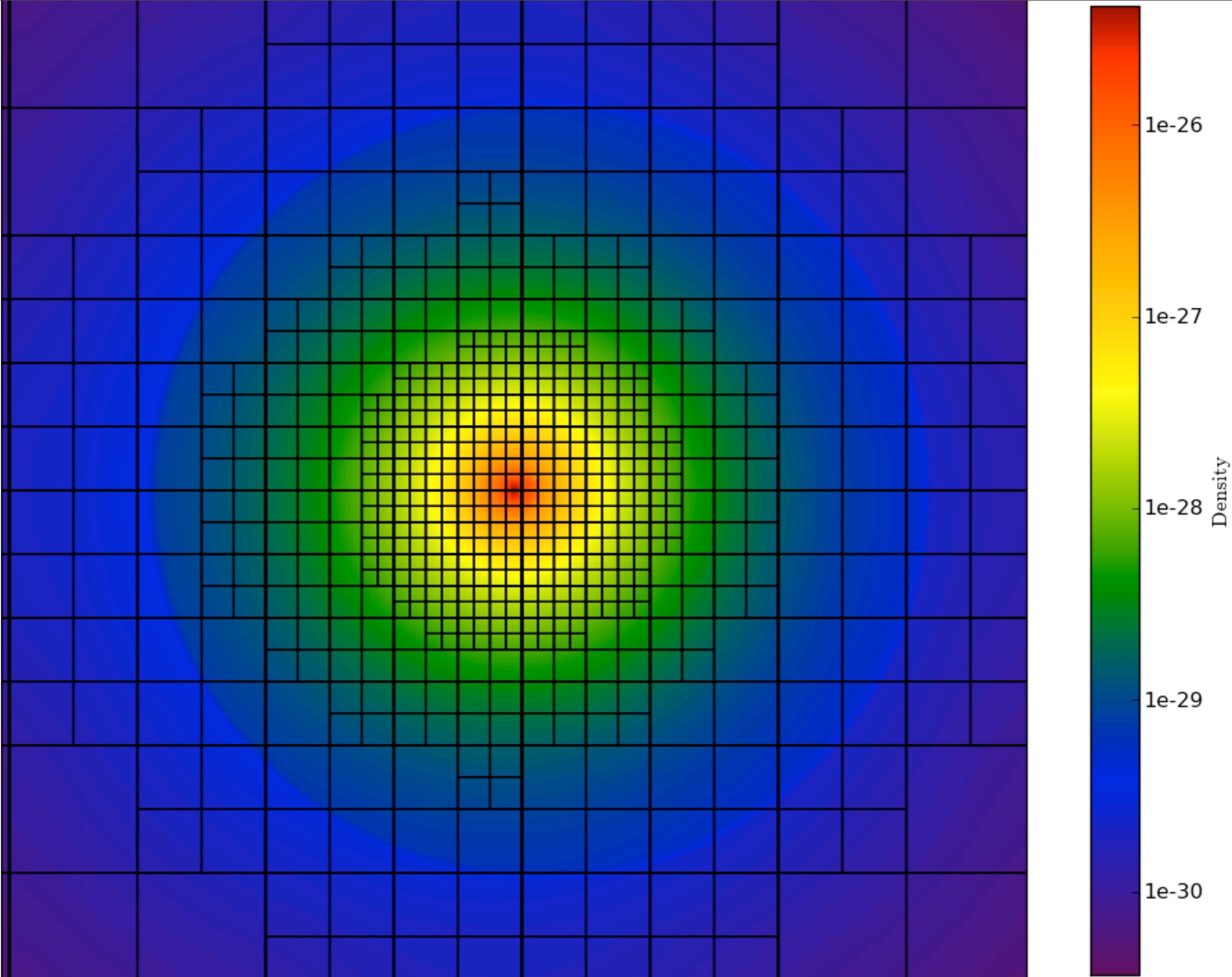
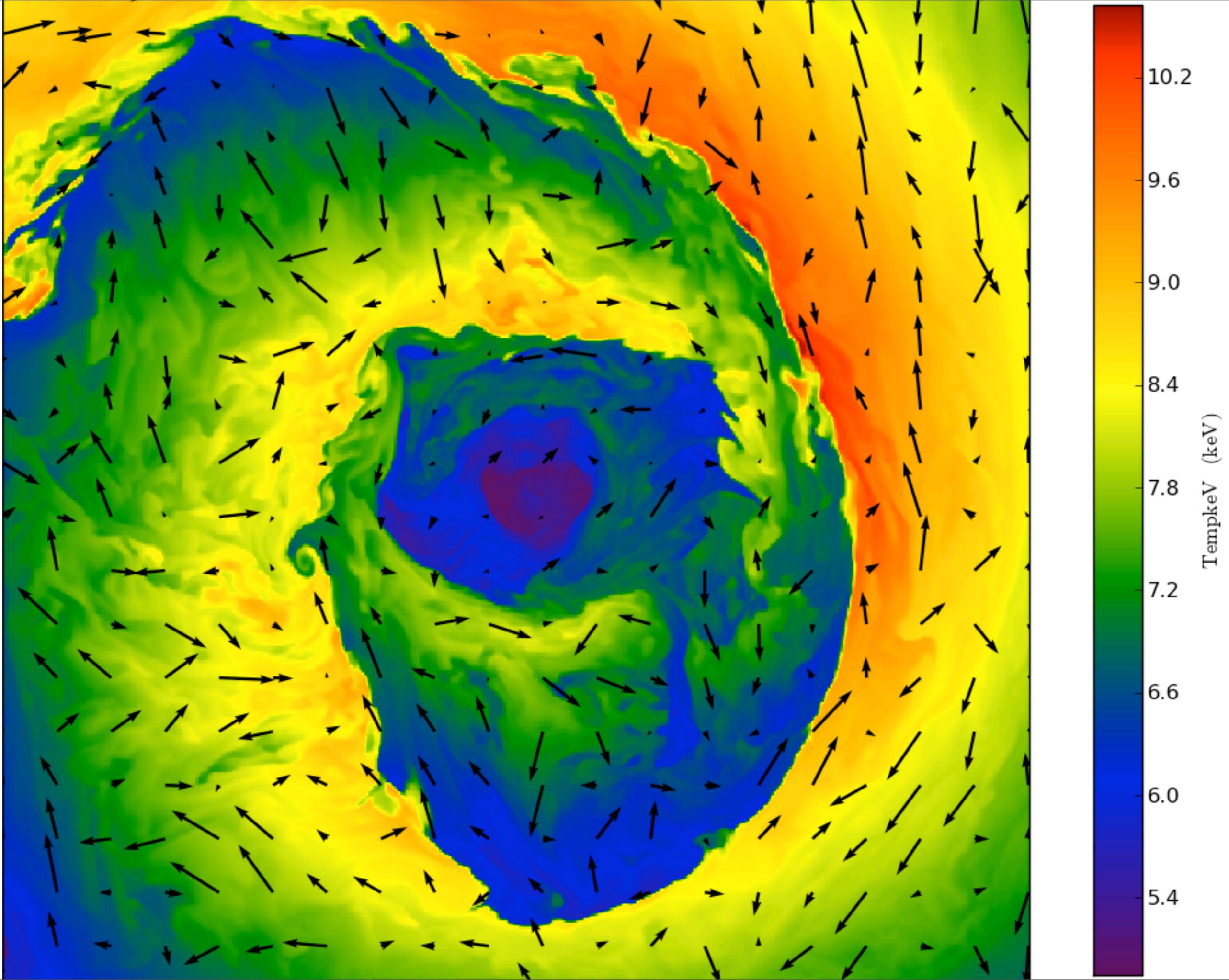
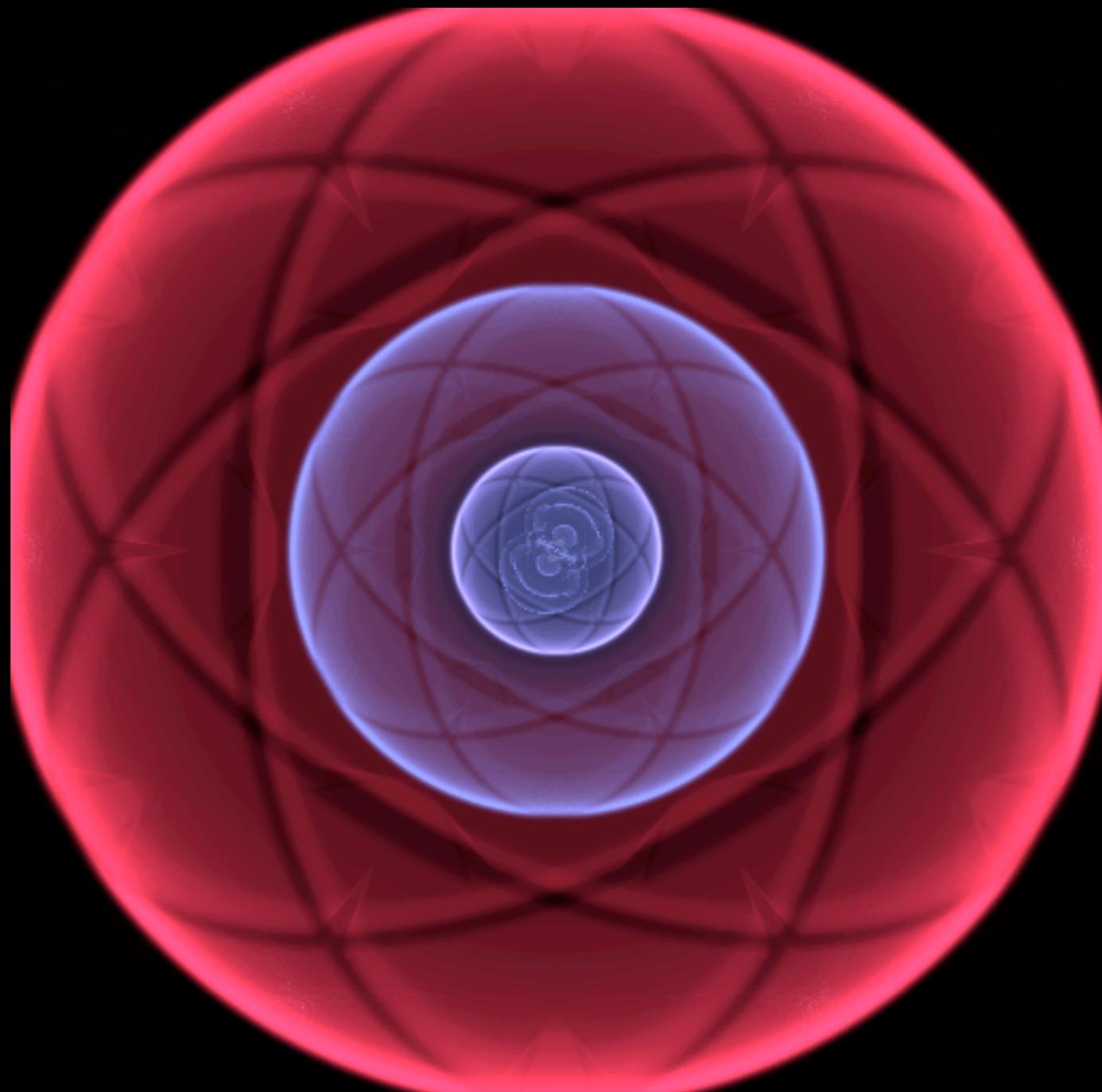


Image from John ZuHone





Movie from Sean Couch.
(Please forgive the artifacts, yt doesn't handle
FLASH boundary conditions very well just yet.)

RAMSES

RAMSES is an octree, cell-based code.

Because yt was designed to operate on patches, it's optimized for few operations on large chunks of data.

process

Phase One:

using Oliver Hahn's RamsesRead++ !

Read in the data, very flatly.

Each oct grid was a yt grid.

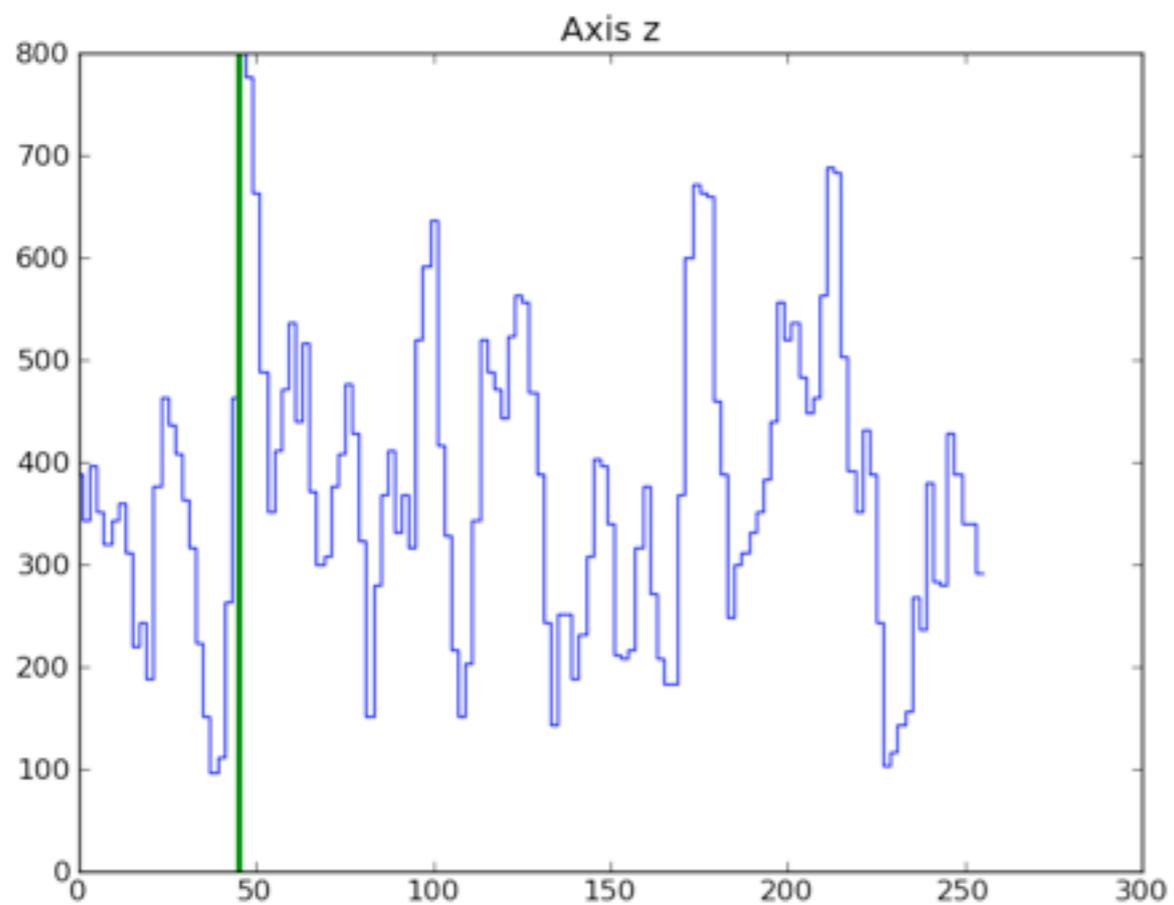
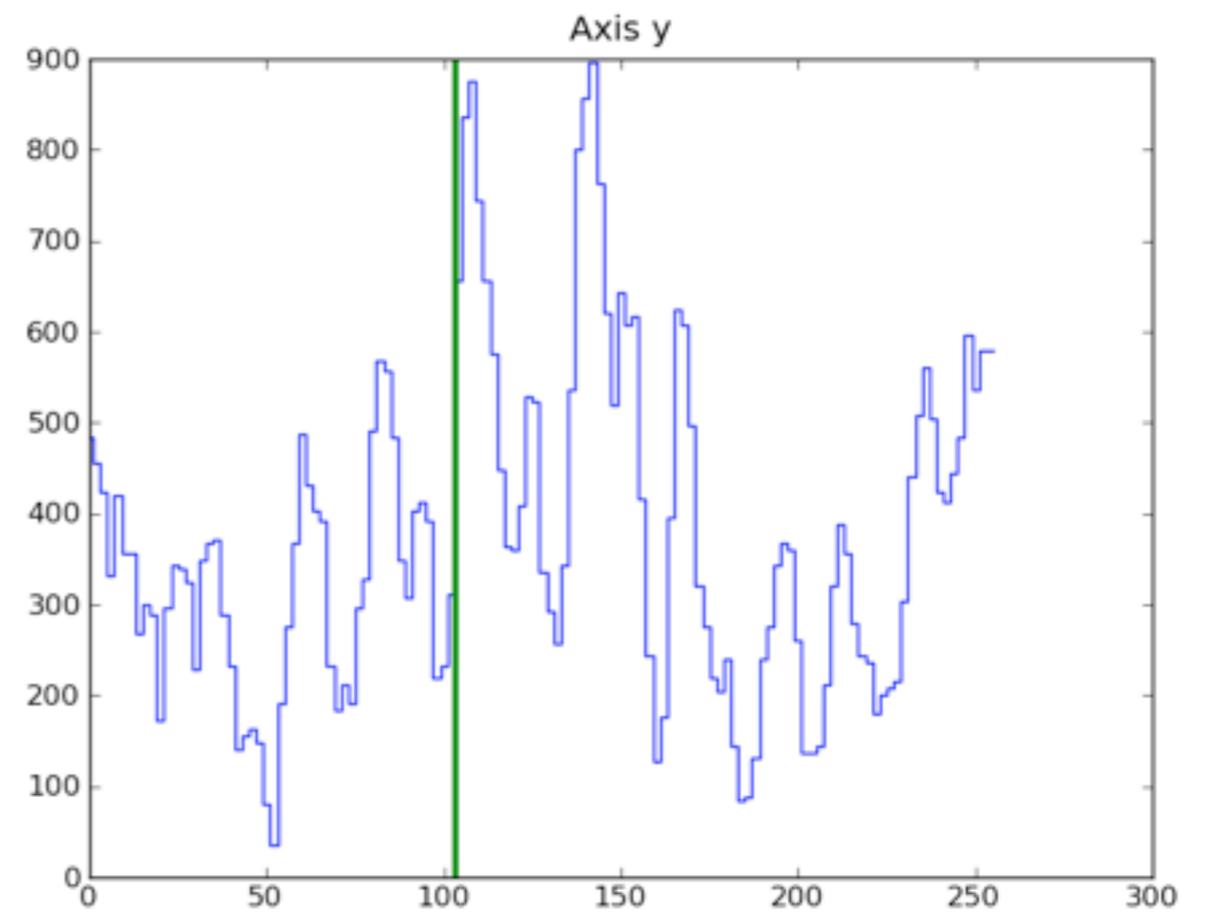
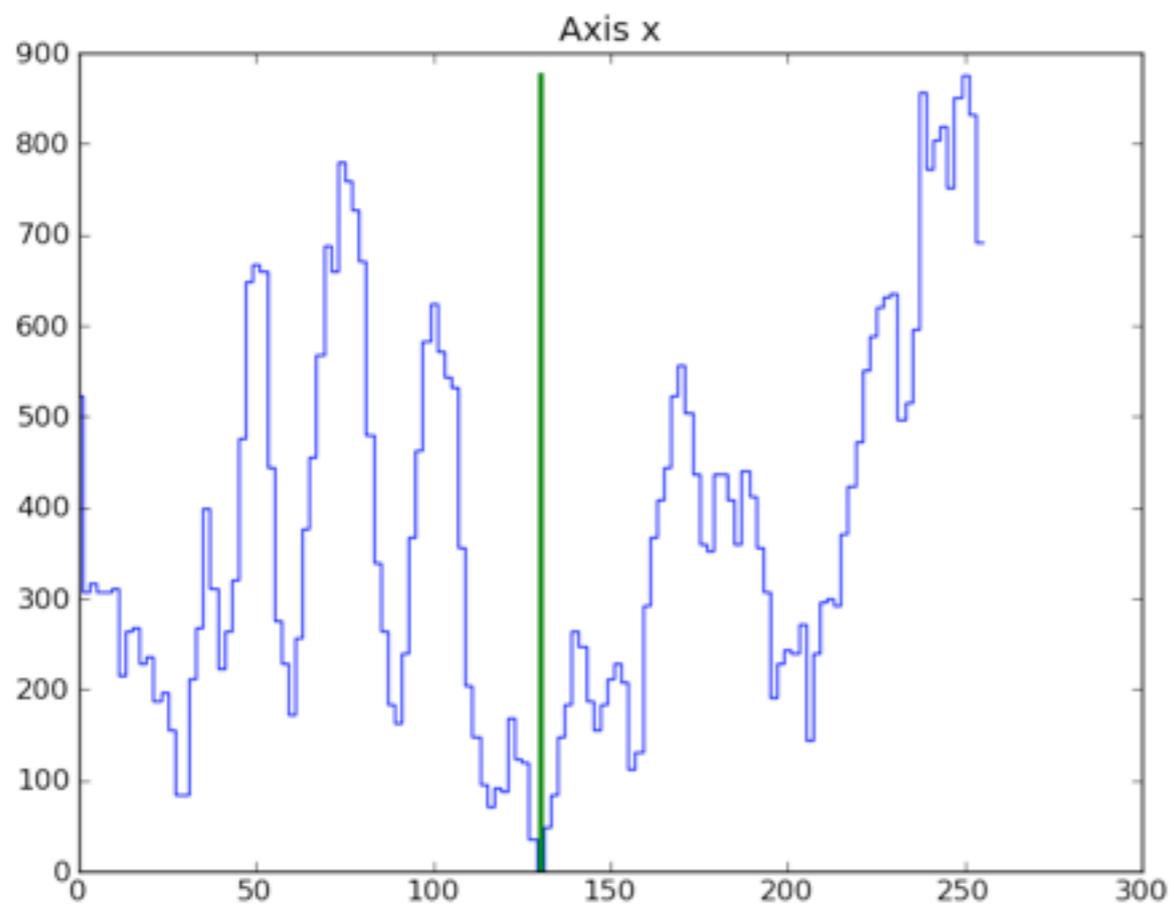
This was prohibitively slow.

Phase Two:

Read in the data, very flatly.

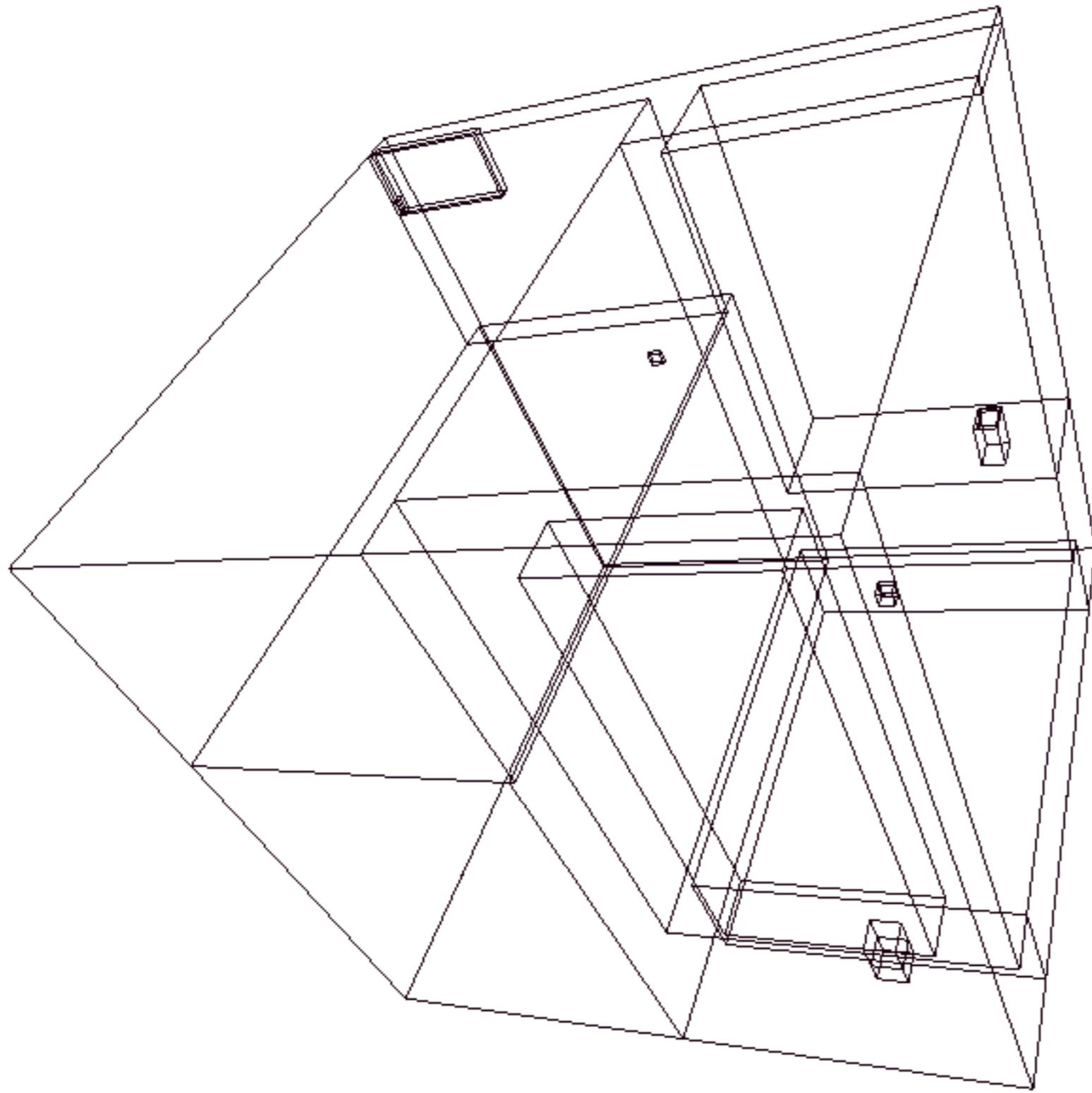
Each oct grid was a proto grid.

Identify clusters.

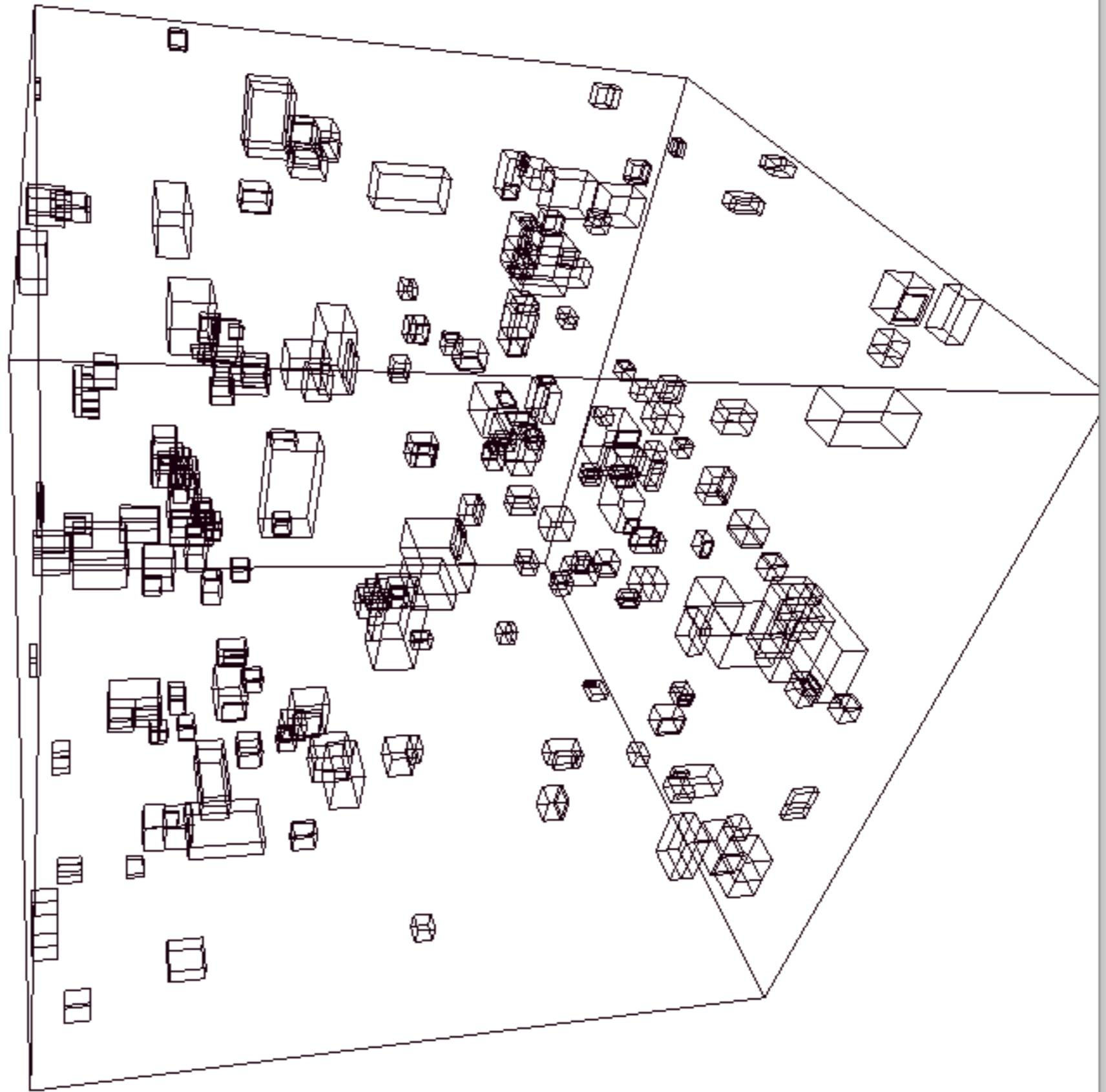


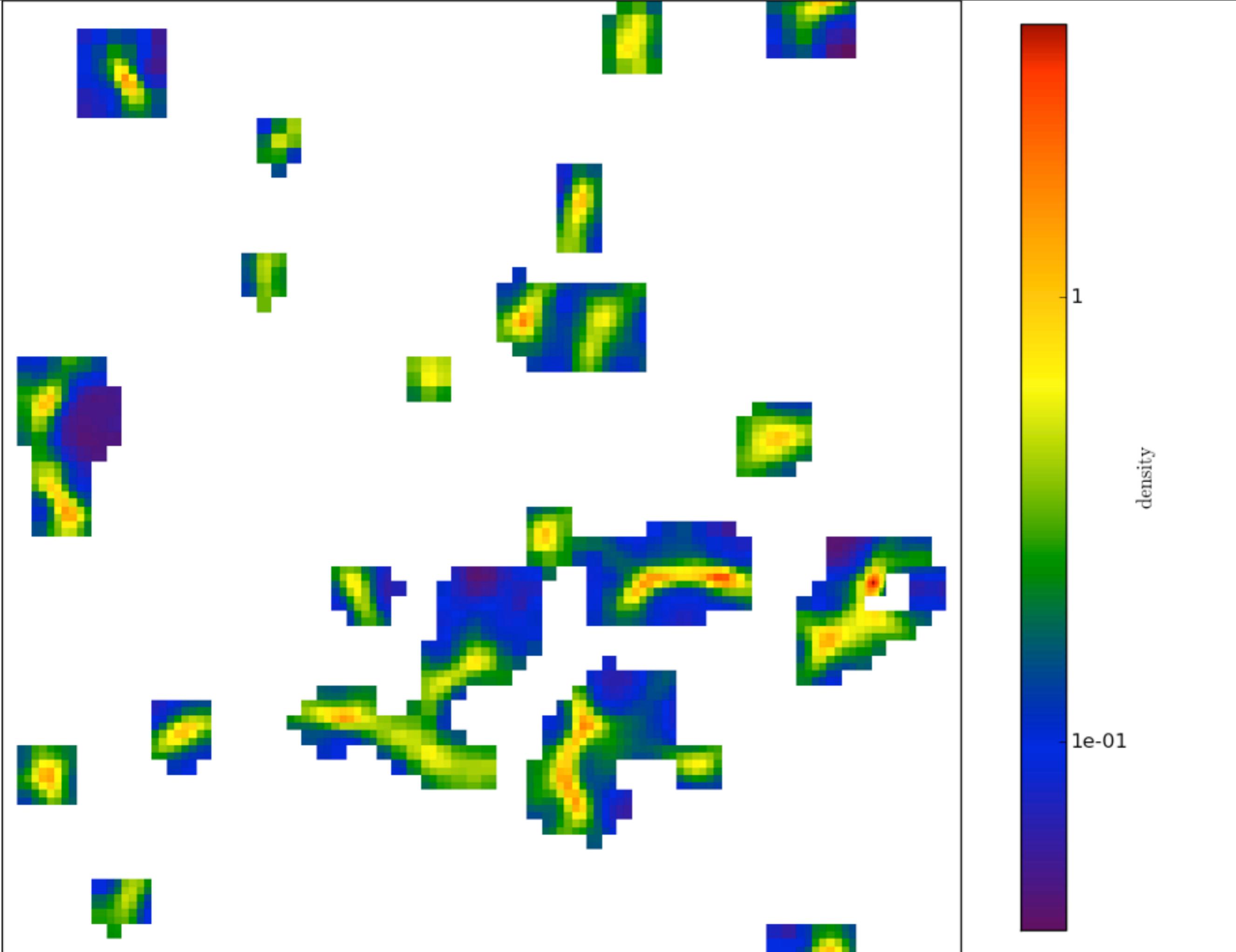
Recursively split until efficiency requirement is met.

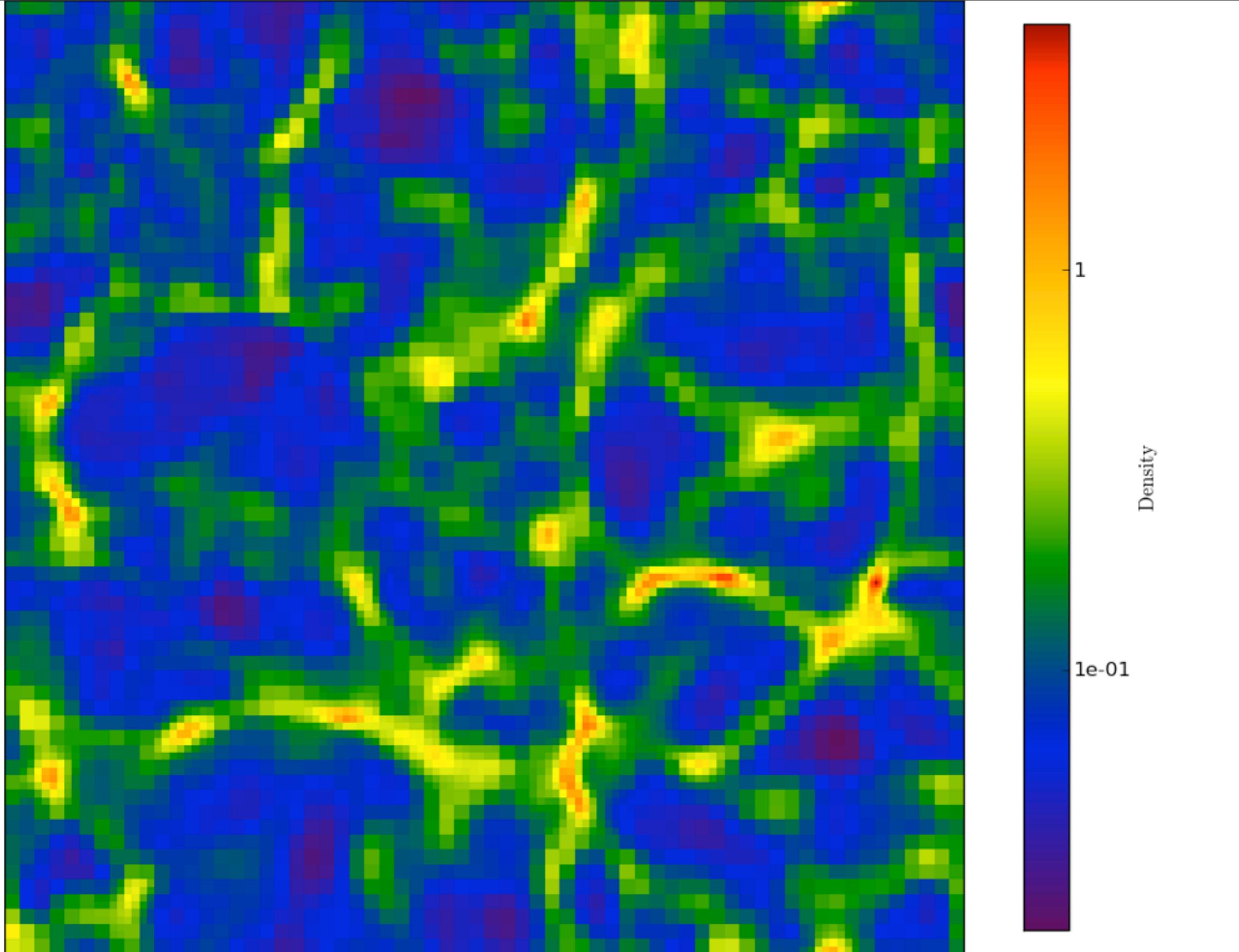
This worked pretty well, but for big datasets it didn't converge.

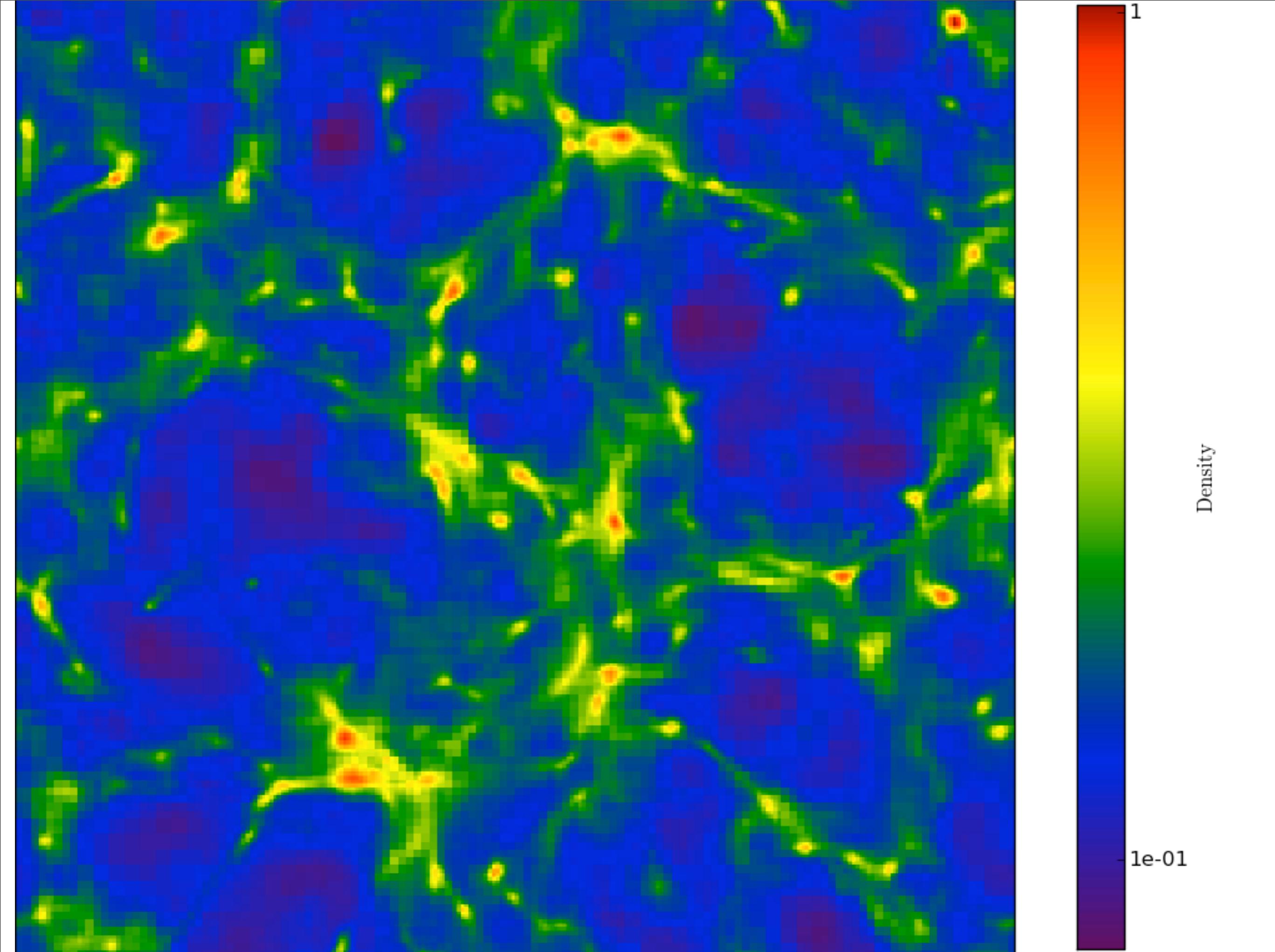


By applying a series of cuts and subdomains,
this process became reasonably speedy.



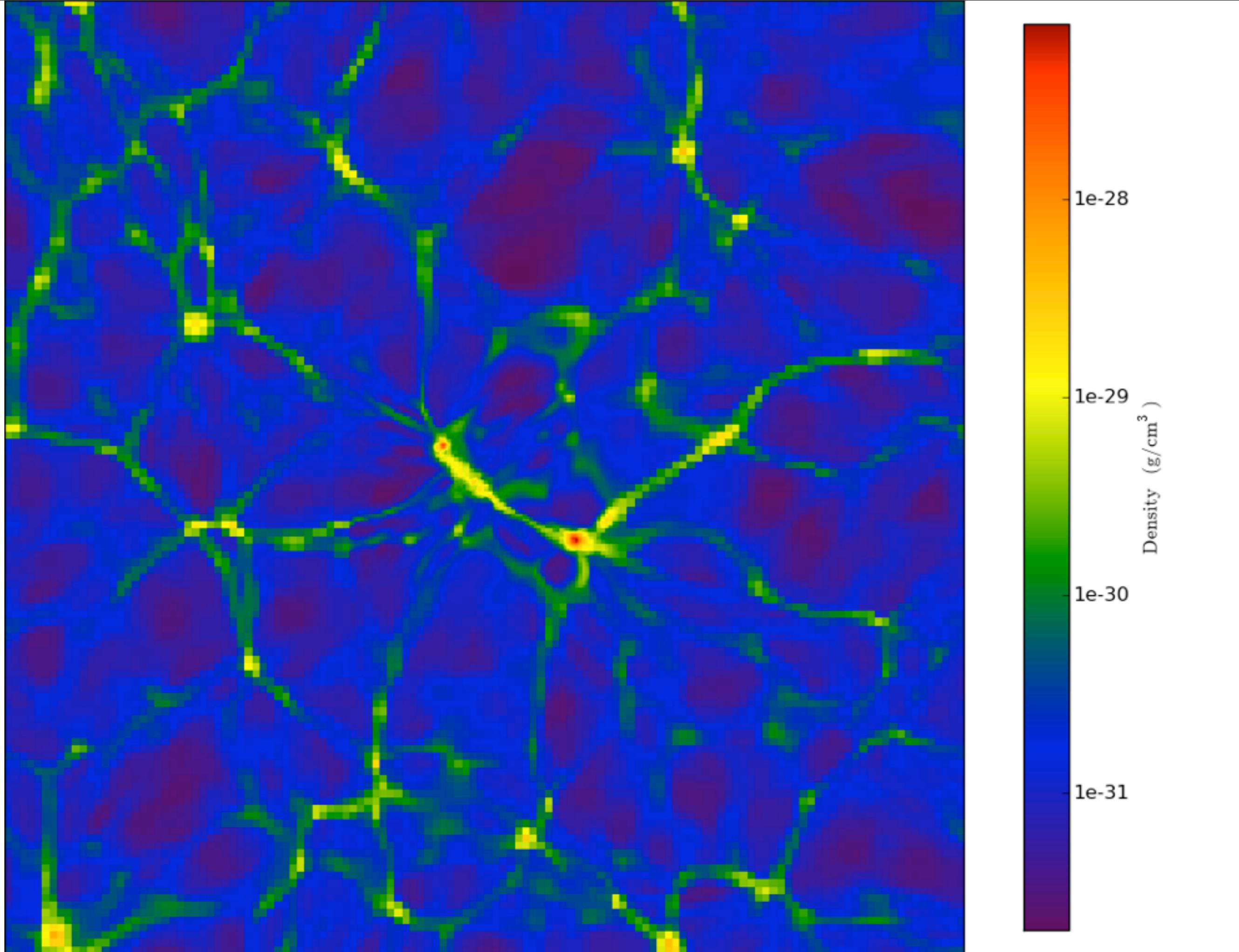


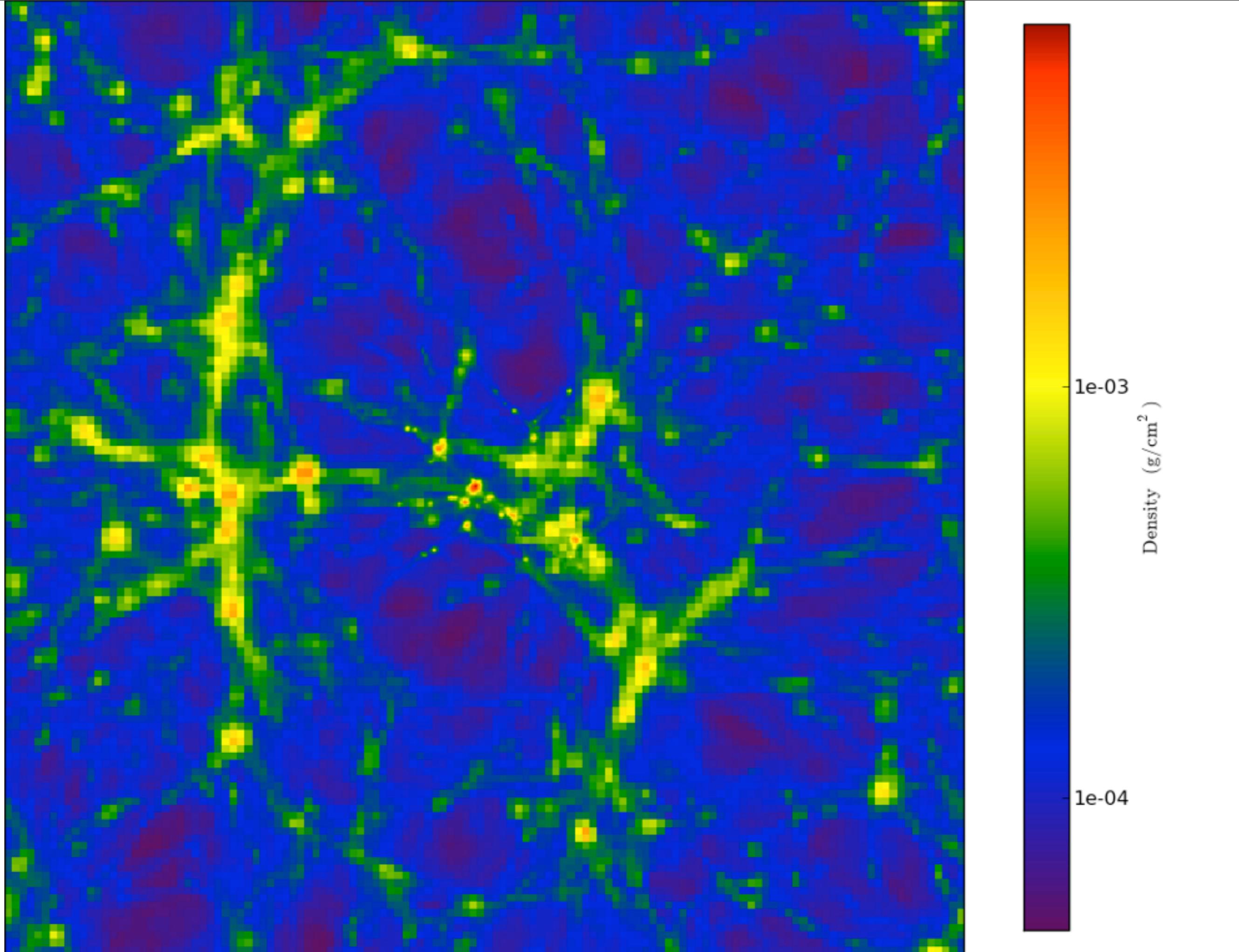




yt can now do cross-code comparisons of
RAMSES, FLASH and Enzo.

(modulo a few bugs with large datasets.)





going forward:

A format for grid and gridded
astrophysical data.

We will implement and
support this in yt 2.0.

Identical scripts,
different data,
reliable cross-code comparisons.

A brief soliloquy about my research efforts!

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(I do more than just yt and enzo development)

**My thesis work was on adding a
new chemical model to Enzo.**

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But in truth, it's pretty fun.

dengo

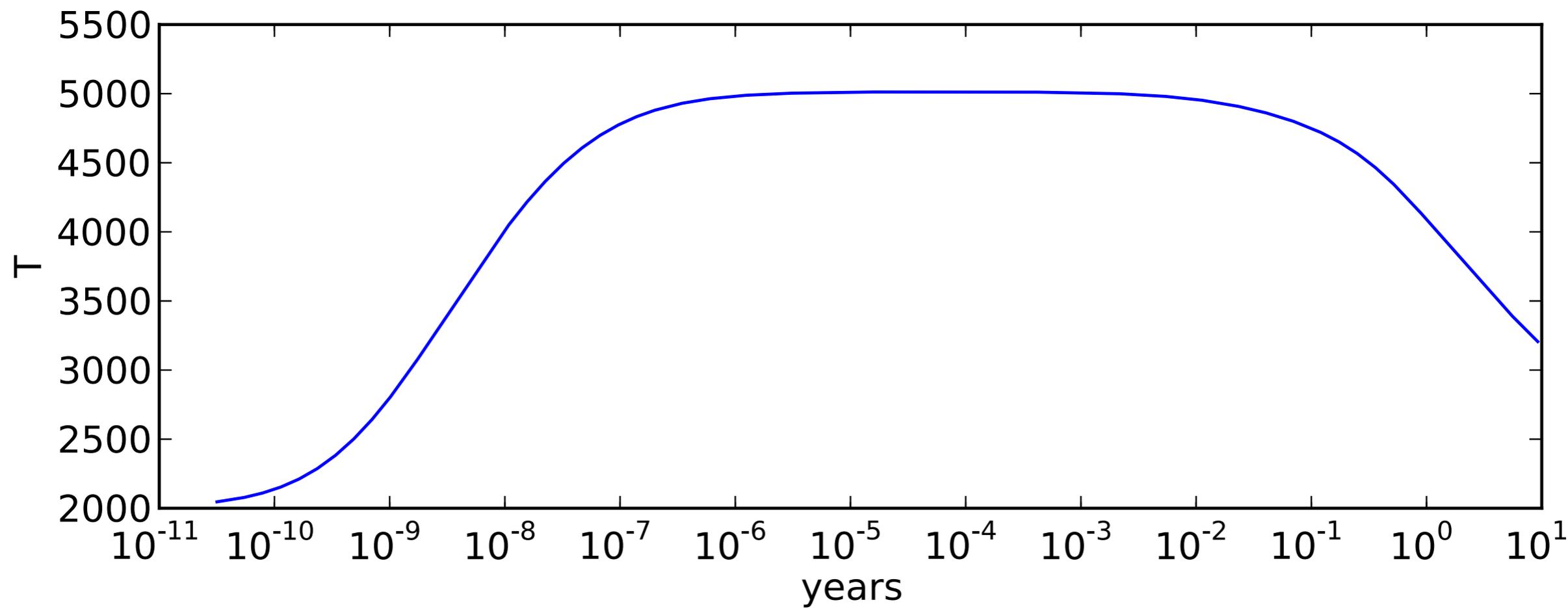
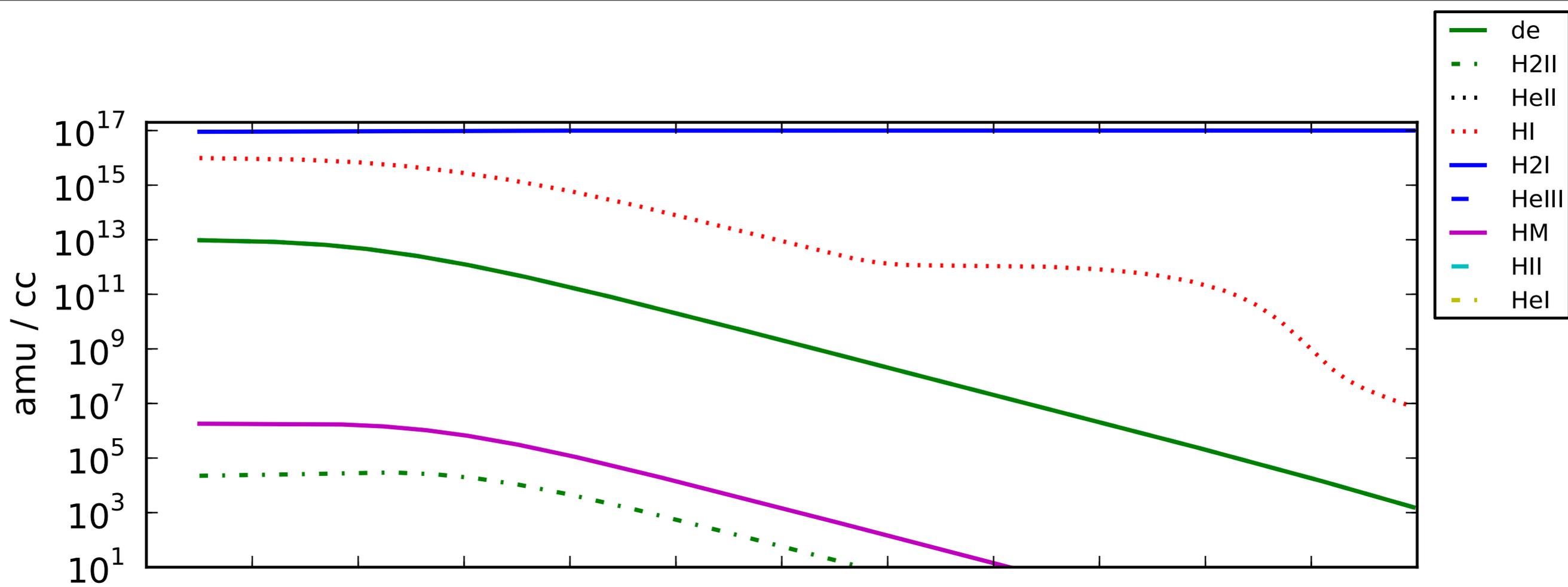
A new package for programmatically describing chemical rate equations and generating solvers to be used in simulation codes.

It's a meta-solver.

```
HI = Species("HI", weight=1)
H2I = Species("H2I", weight=2)
r13 = Reaction("r13", [(1,H2I), (2,HI)], [(3,HI)])
r22 = Reaction("r22", [(3,HI)], [(1,H2I), (1,HI)])
```

This is then used to generate a solver for use in a simulation code, including Jacobian calculation, EOS and cooling.

First implementation: CVODE in Enzo.



released soon...

Thank you.

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