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Gas and multiple evolution in young star clusters and other gas-rich environments

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I will discuss how gas affects the evolution of multiple star systems in young star clusters and other gas-rich environments. In particular, gas can shrink and circularize wide binaries, potentially explaining observed changes in binary properties with star cluster age. Additionally, gas can trigger instabilities in multiple systems. Finally, gas may trigger the formation of binaries and higher-order multiples from initially unbound stars. I will present results from both semi-analytic calculations and hydrodynamic simulations.

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