

Gravitational theory and the tidal tails of open star clusters

*"From star clusters to field populations:
survived, destroyed and migrated clusters"*

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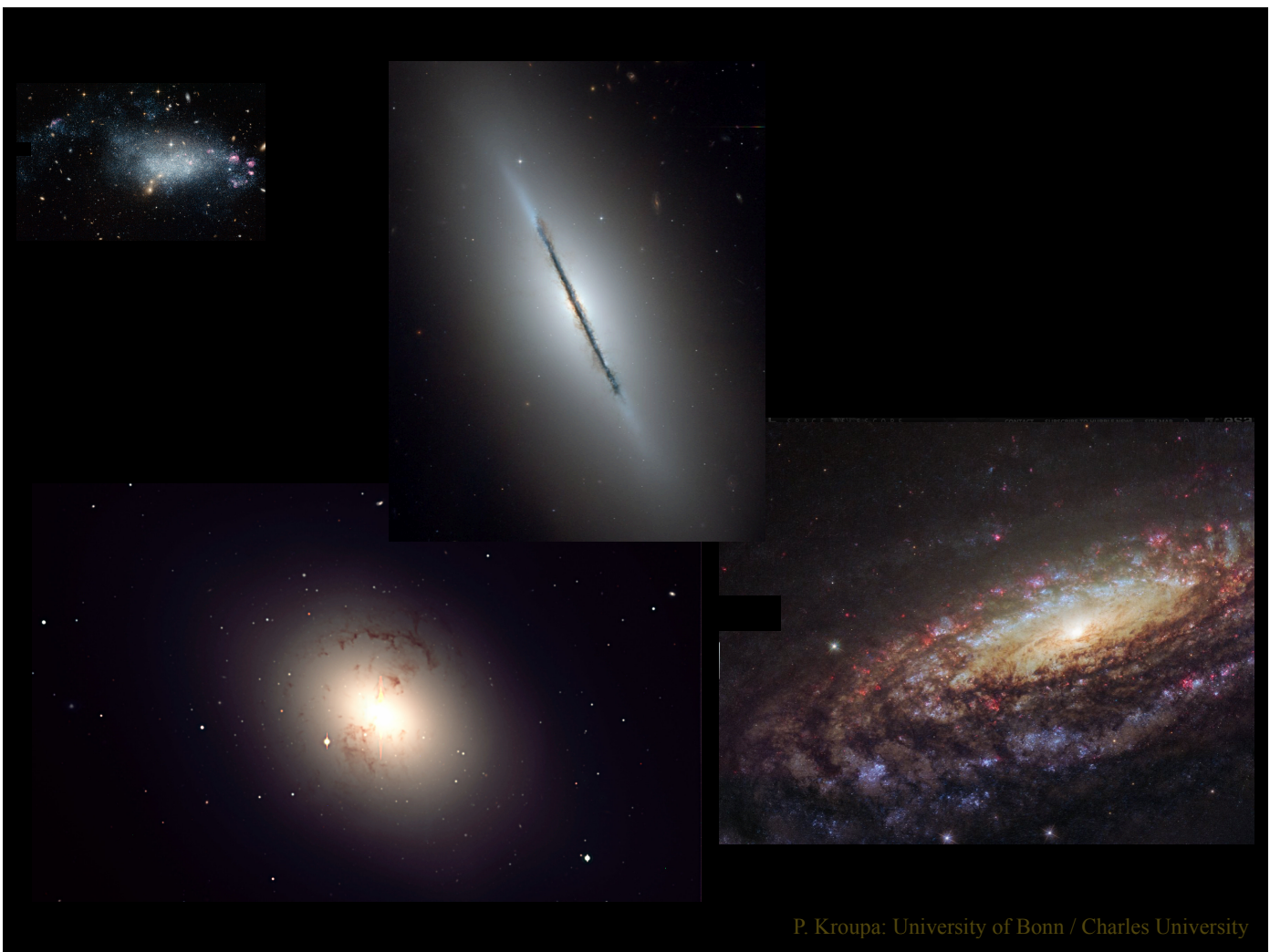
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Problem :
calculate
the stellar and binary
populations
in
galaxies of different types

Are they statistically the same ?



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**Embedded star clusters
are the
fundamental building blocks
of
galaxies**

(Kroupa 1995a,b; Lada & Lada
2003; Kroupa 2005, ESASP;
Dinnbier et al. 2021)

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The Galileo Conjecture

Stars form in
embedded clusters,

some evolve to

open clusters

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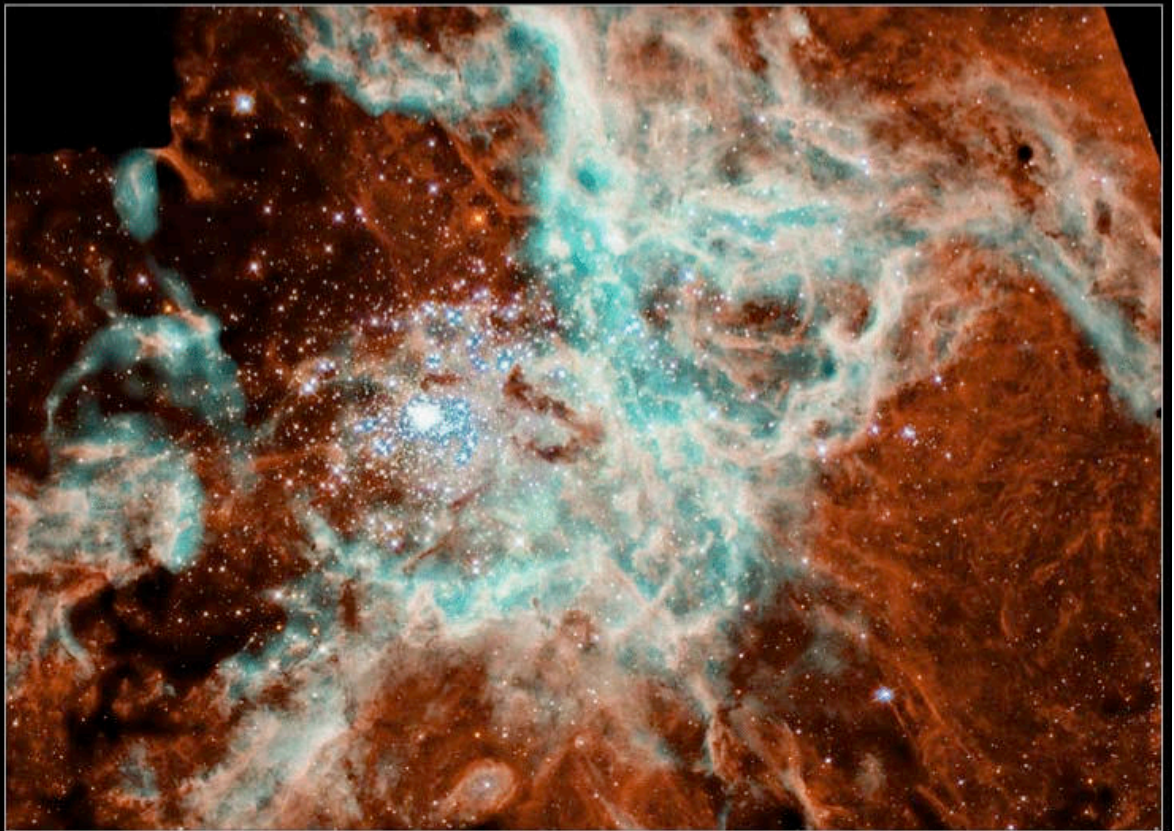
Example:

The Orion Nebula Cluster

0.5kpc away
1 Myr old
 10^3 Msun heavy
2 pc across



50kpc away
2 Myr old
 10^5 Msun heavy
2 pc across



30 Doradus in the Large Magellanic Cloud
Hubble Space Telescope • WFPC2

NASA, N. Walborn (STScI), J. Maíz-Apellániz (STScI), and R. Barbá (La Plata Observatory, Argentina) • STScI-PRC01-21

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Here we entertain the Alison-Sills-Approximation (ASA):



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with stellar mass
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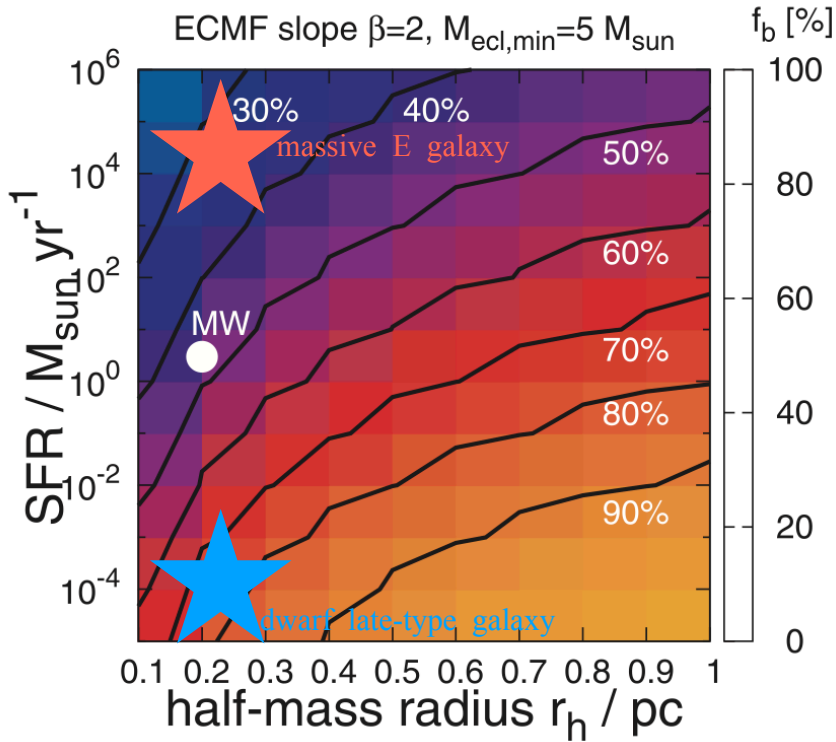
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Weidner et al. 2004; Schulz et al. 2015, 2016

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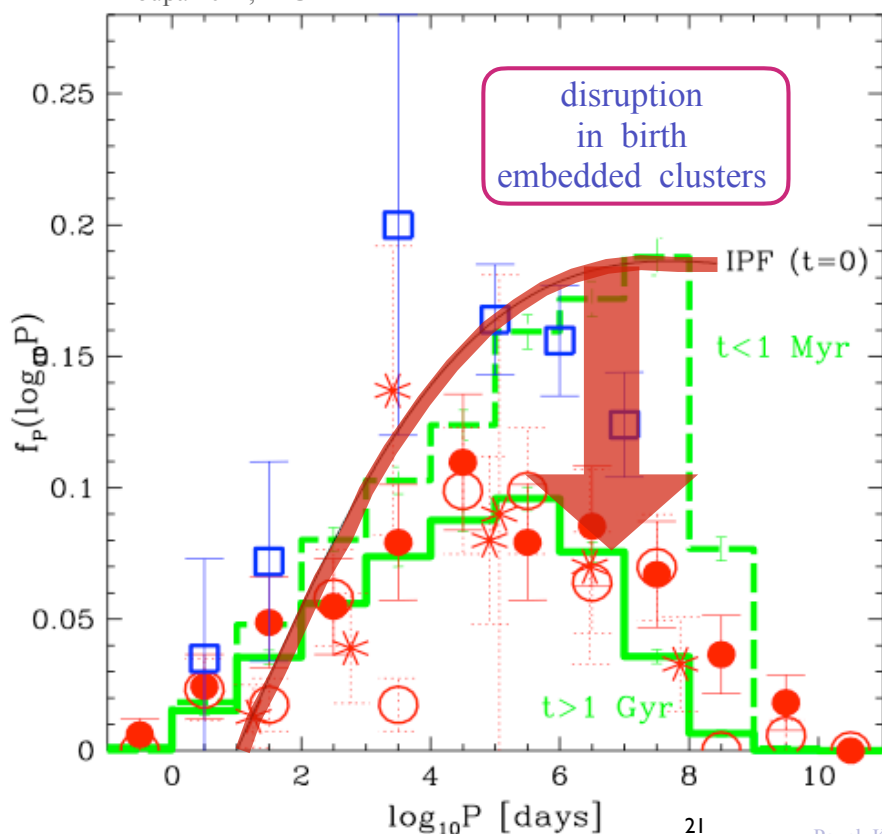
Marks & Kroupa 2011

Thus we have the *prediction* :
 massive E galaxies : $f_b \approx 0.30$
 MW-type galaxies : $f_b \approx 0.55$
 dwarf late-types : $f_b \approx 0.80$

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Kroupa 2011, IAU



All stars form as binaries with the canonical birth

binary population:

$$f_{P,\text{birth}} = 2.5 \frac{lP - 1}{45 + (lP - 1)^2}$$

with $lP_{\text{max}} = 8.43$

with subsequent pre-main sequence adjustments (*eigenevolution*) for $P < 10^3$ d systems

Kroupa 1995b; Belloni et al. 2017

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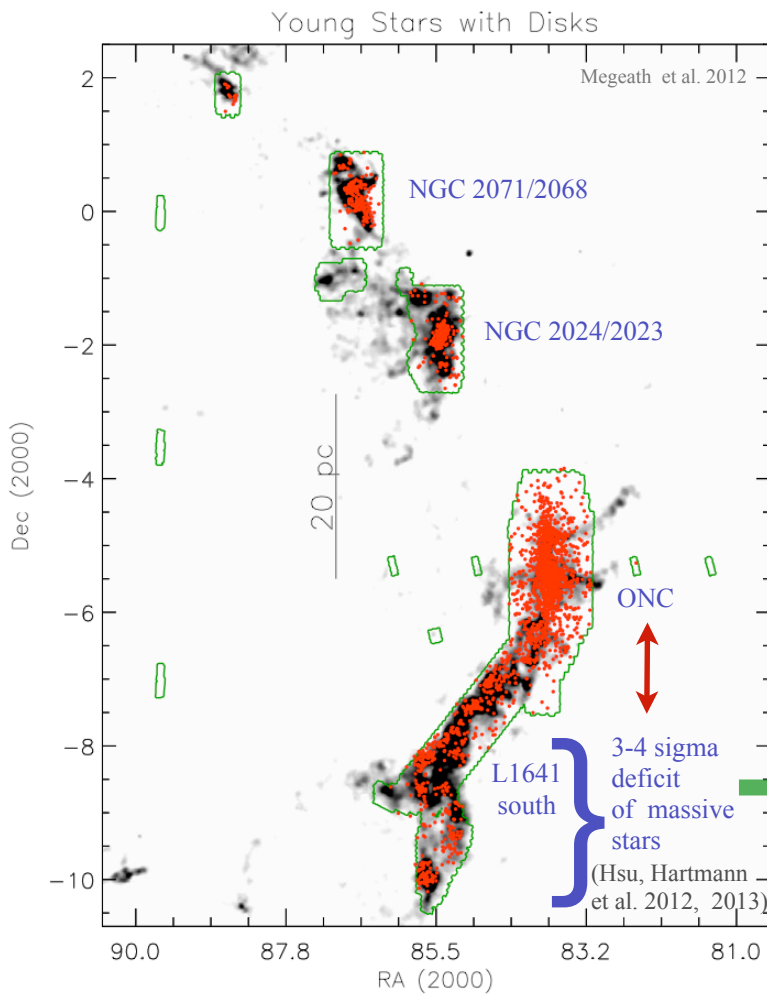
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Marks et al. 2012



Lack of O stars

Many small / low-mass groups or clusters do not yield the same IMF as one massive cluster



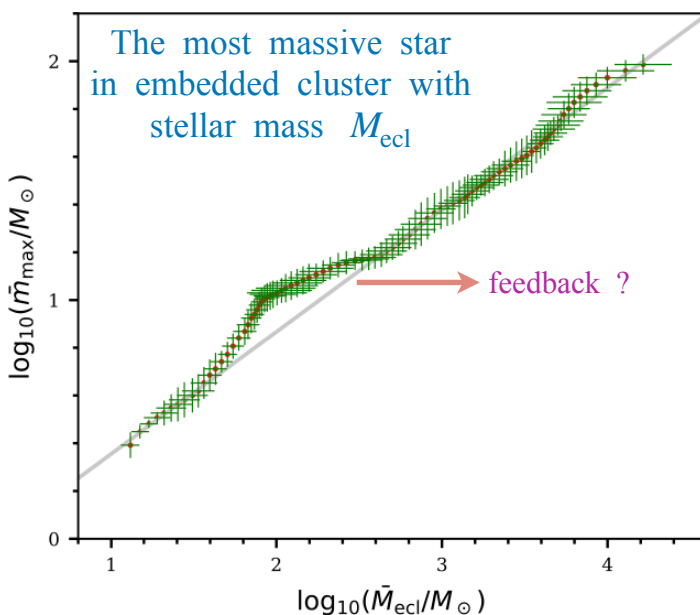
stochastic IMF in each group is ruled out.



The $m_{\max}(M_{\text{ecl}})$ relation

Weidner & Kroupa 2005, 2006; Weidner et al. 2010

Yan, Jerabkova et al. 2023



← physical maximum stellar mass ?

$$m_{\max,*} \approx 150 M_{\odot}$$

(Weidner & Kroupa 2004;

Figer 2005;

Oey & Clarke 2005,

Koen 2006;

Maiz Appellaniz et al. 2007)

Fig. 6. Average position of the observational data for the groups of ten nearest points in the $m_{\max} - M_{\text{ecl}}$ relation. The linear grey line highlights that the clusters with a mass of between $10^{1.8} M_{\odot} = 63 M_{\odot}$ and $10^{2.6} M_{\odot} = 400 M_{\odot}$ depart from the linear relation.

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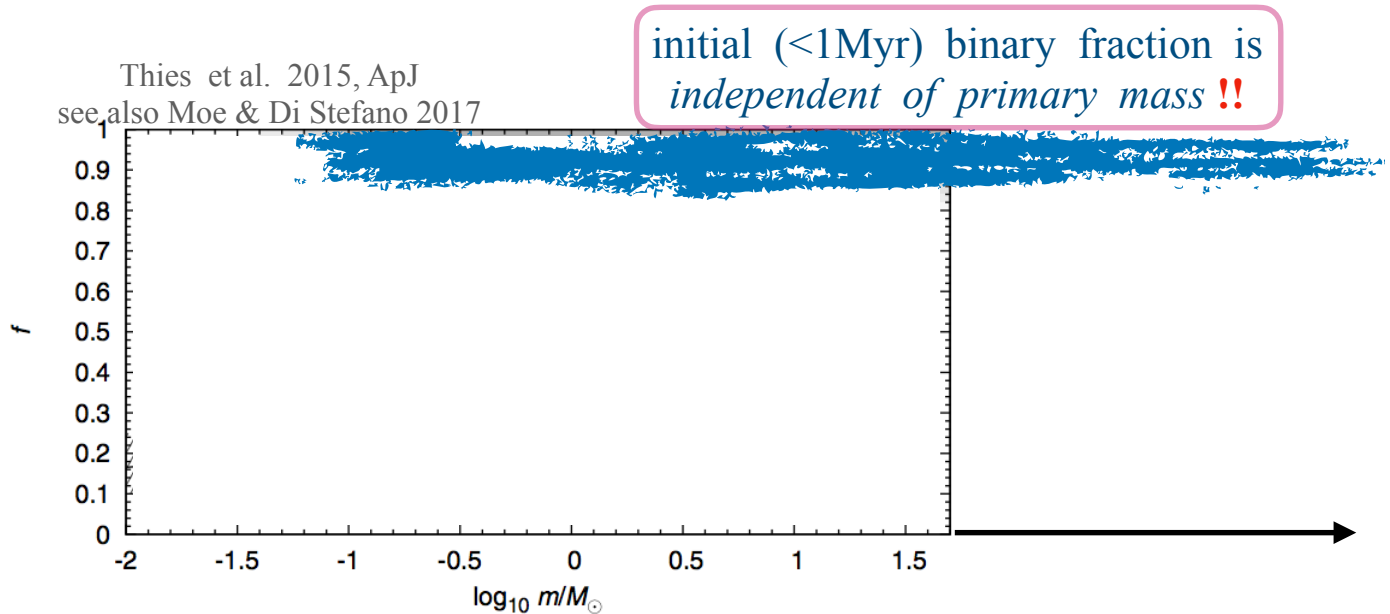
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Initial binary-star
distribution
functions
(periods, mass ratios, eccentricities)

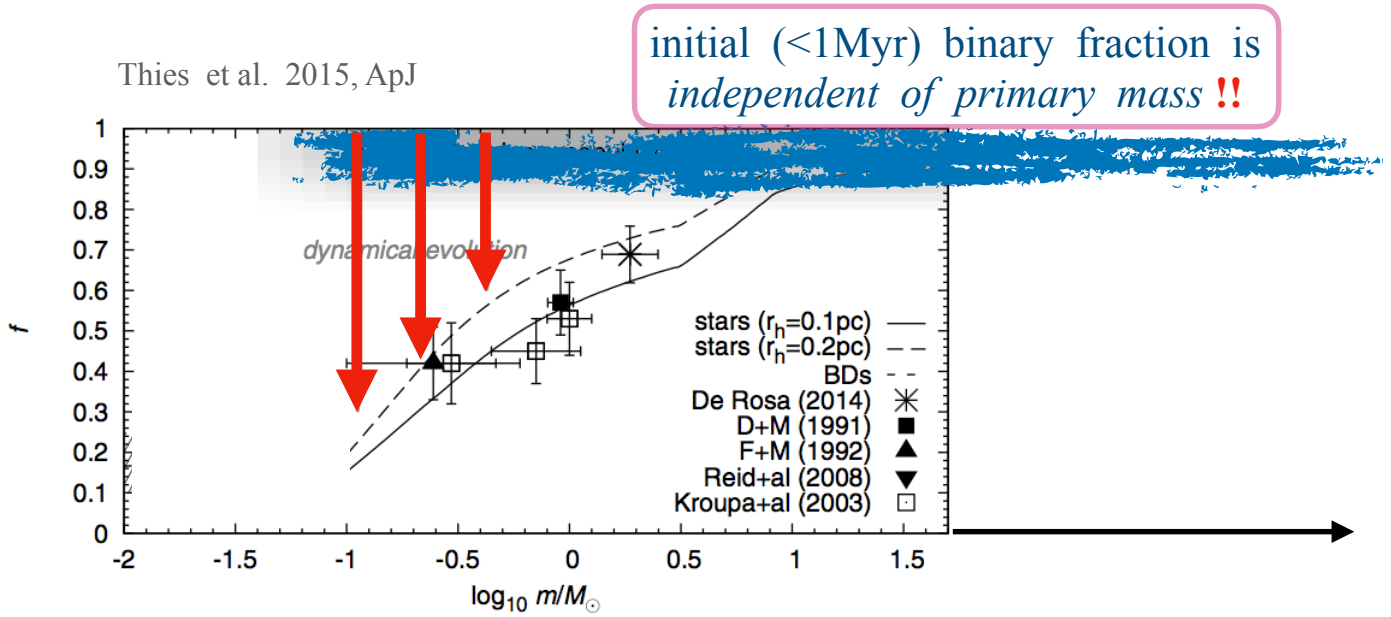


Kroupa 1995a,b;
Belloni et al.

The binary fraction in dependence of primary mass



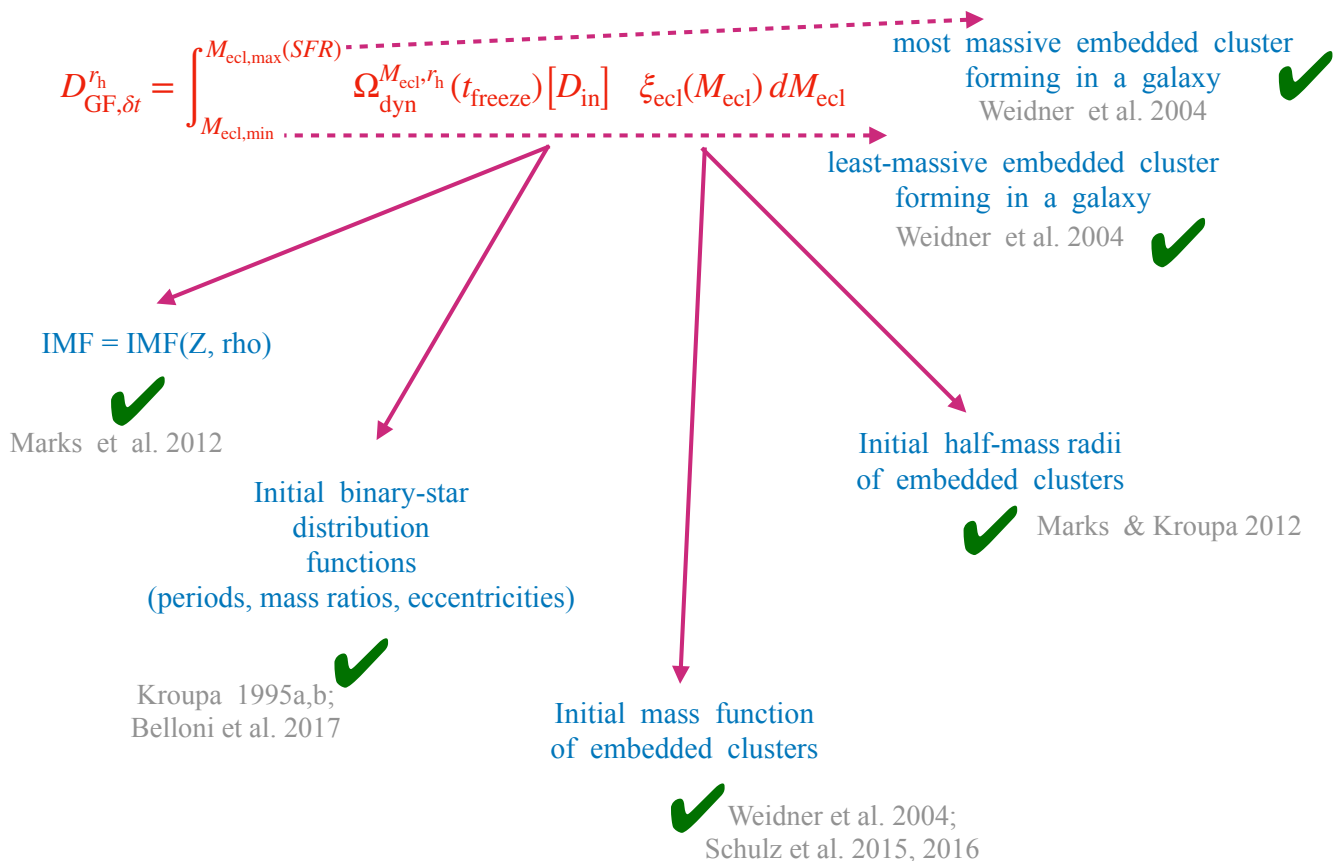
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The embedded clusters,
must expand significantly

to reach the radii of
open clusters

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By fitting Nbody models to well-observed star clusters,
universal numbers emerge

		M_{ecl}
Small embedded clusters in Taurus-Aurigae	Kroupa et al. 2003	$\approx 10 M_{\odot}$
Orion Nebula Cluster (ONC) and Pleiades	Kroupa et al. 2001	$\approx 10^3 M_{\odot}$
NGC 3603	Banerjee & Kroupa 2013; 2014; 2015; 2017; 2018	$\approx 10^4 M_{\odot}$
R136	Banerjee & Kroupa 2013; 2014; 2015; 2017; 2018	$\approx 10^5 M_{\odot}$

$$\tau_{\text{gas}} \approx \frac{r_{\text{h}}}{10 \text{pc/Myr}}$$

gas flows out at sound speed

$$\Delta\tau_{\text{gas}} \approx 0.6 \text{ Myr}$$

embedded + UCHII region lifetime

$$SFE \approx \frac{1}{3}$$

star-formation efficiency in embedded cluster

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ONC

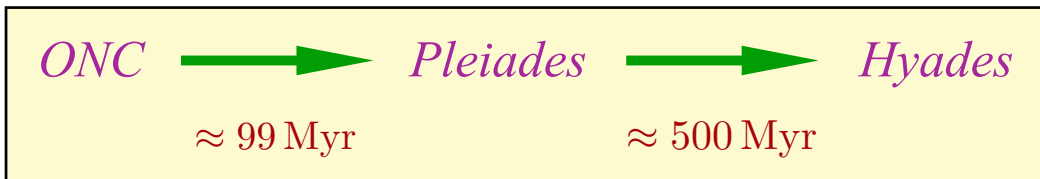
Pleiades ($\approx 1/3 N$)
+ EP ($\approx 2/3 N$)



≈ 100 Myr



We thus have



(Kroupa, Aarseth & Hurley 2001; Portegies Zwart et al. 2001; Kroupa 2005)

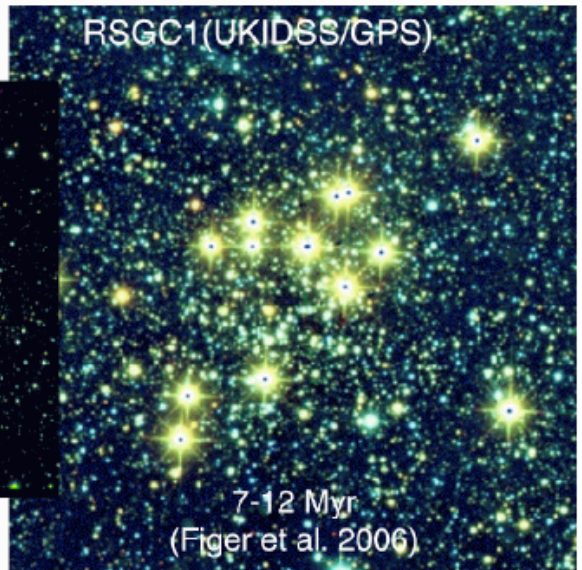
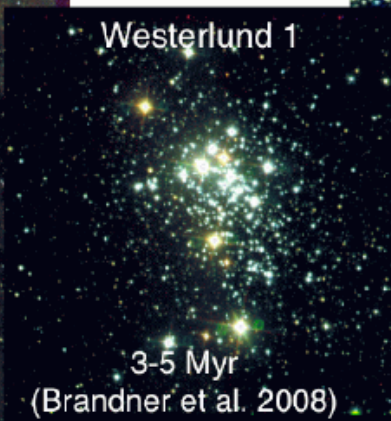
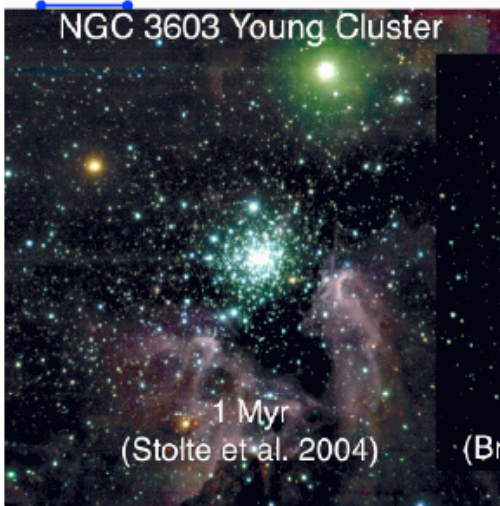
with an *inflation* in R .

Brandner, astro-ph/0803.1974

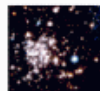
Banerjee & Kroupa 2017

Near-infrared observations, plotted to the same physical scale

1 pc



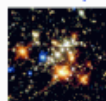
Arches



2 Myr

(Stolte et al. 2005)

Quintuplet



3-6 Myr

(Figer et al. 1999)

$$\dot{M}_{\text{cluster}} < 0$$

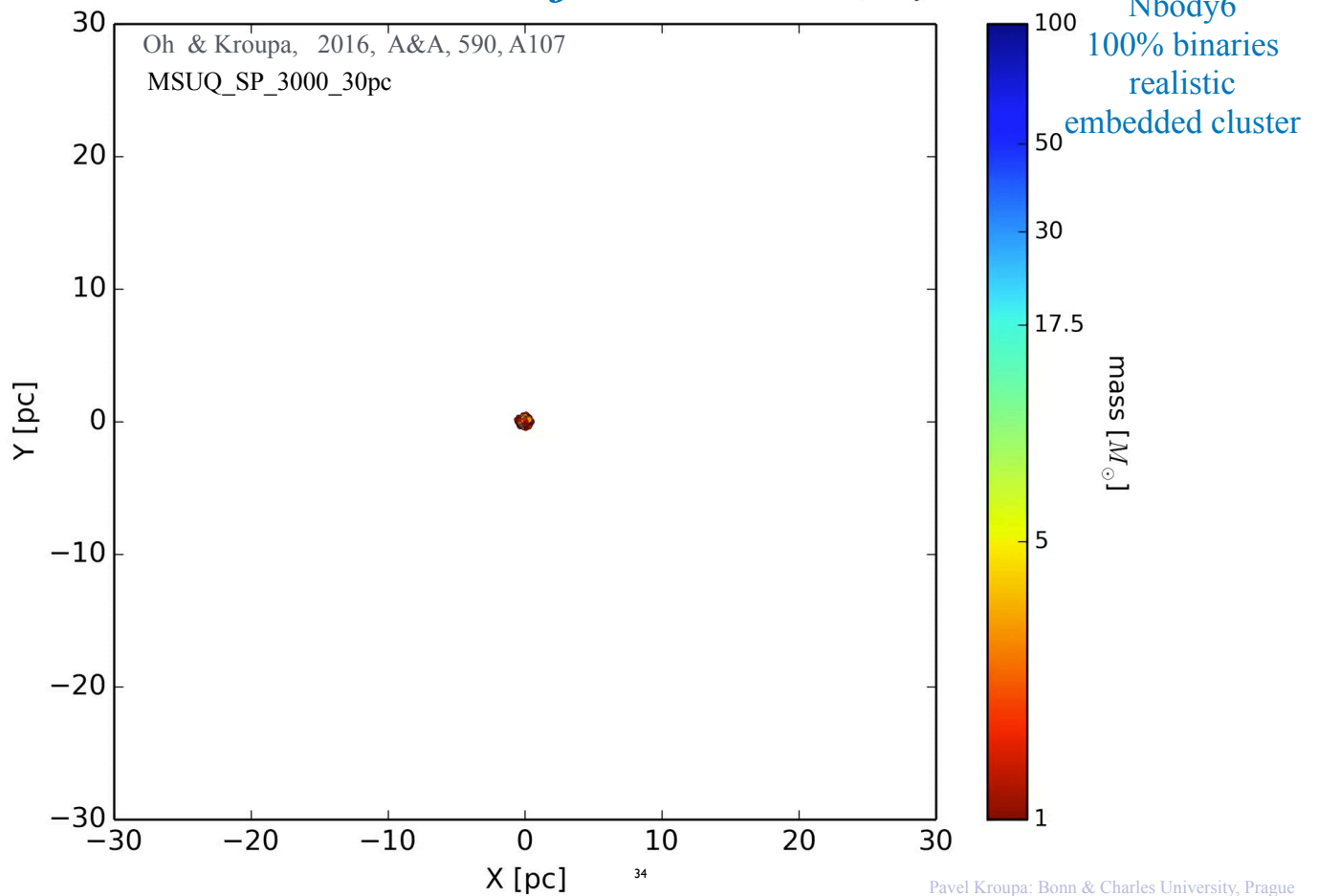
How do star clusters
lose their stars ?

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Ejection

0.000 Myr

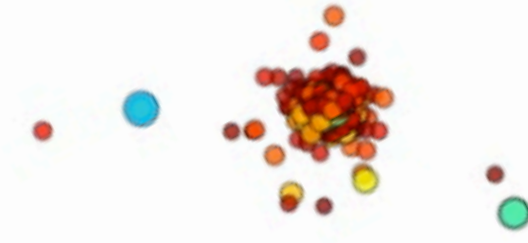


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Ejection

Oh & Kroupa, 2016, A&A, 590, A107

MSUQ_SP_3000_30pc Nbody models



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Monoceros R2 cluster

(Carpenter et al. 1997, AJ 114, 198)



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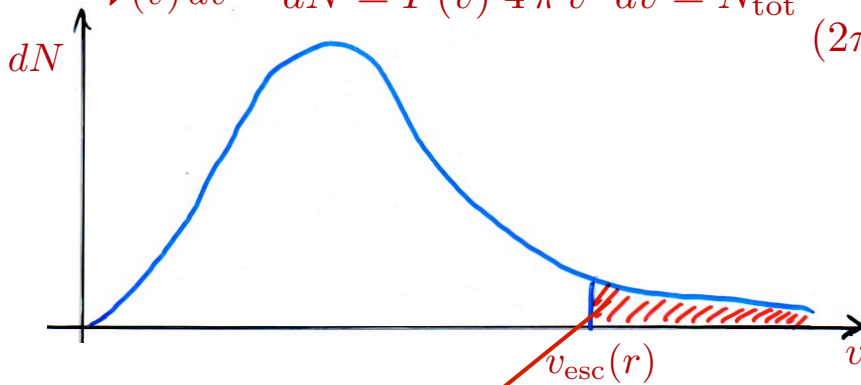
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Evaporation

Assume, for simplicity: the cluster consists of single stars of equal mass m .

At a given radius r in the cluster the stars have, approximately, a *Maxwell-Boltzmann* distribution of speeds:

$$\mathcal{V}(v) dv = dN = F(v) 4\pi v^2 dv = N_{\text{tot}} \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-\frac{v^2}{2\sigma^2}} 4\pi v^2 dv$$



$$\frac{dM_{\text{cl}}}{dt}(t) = m \frac{dN}{dt}(t)$$

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Evaporated stars
leave their
open clusters
through
tidal tails

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New method developed by Tereza Jerabkova in 2021 allowing *the tidal tails of open clusters* to be mapped to their tips.

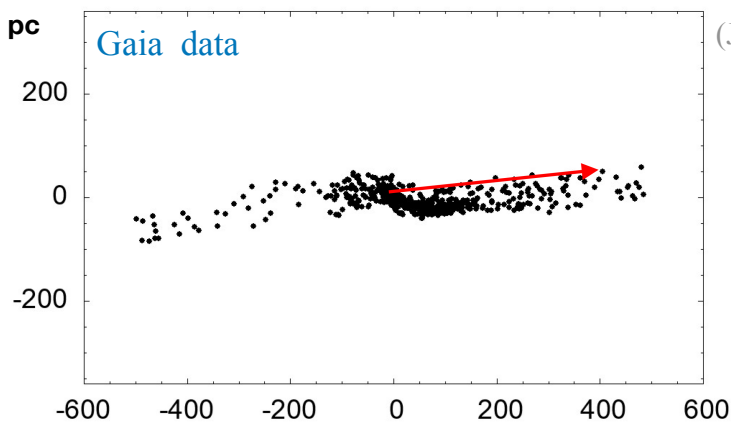
The Jerabkova Compact Convergent Point (CCP) method.

(Jerabkova et al. 2021)

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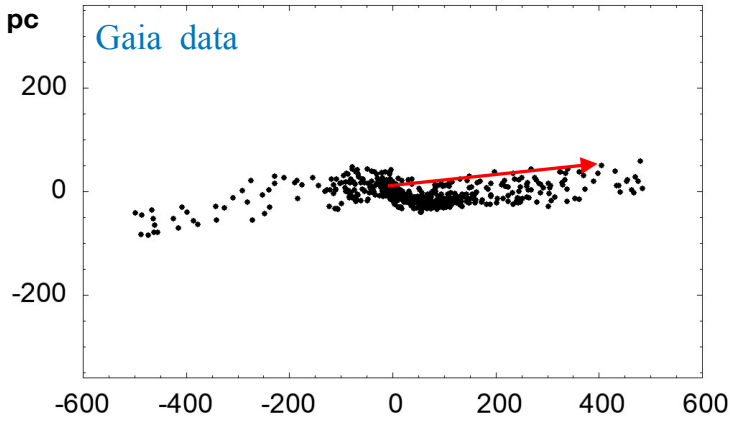
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Hyades

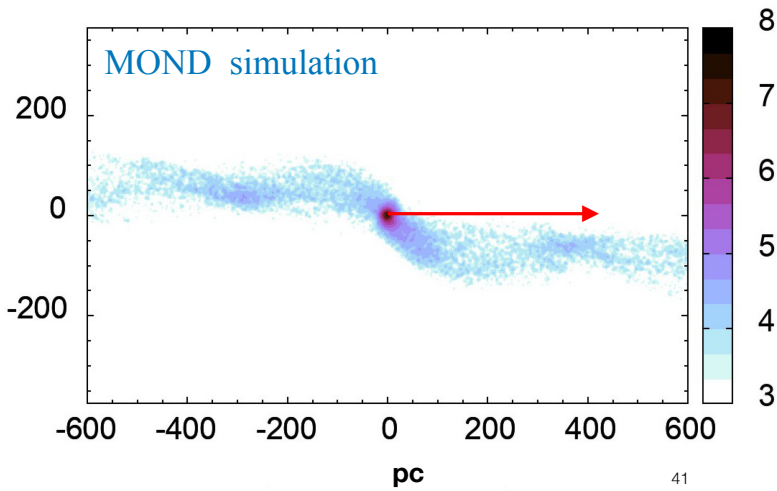
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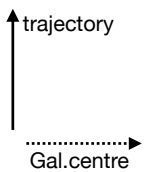


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Evaporation in Newtonian and Milgromian gravitation



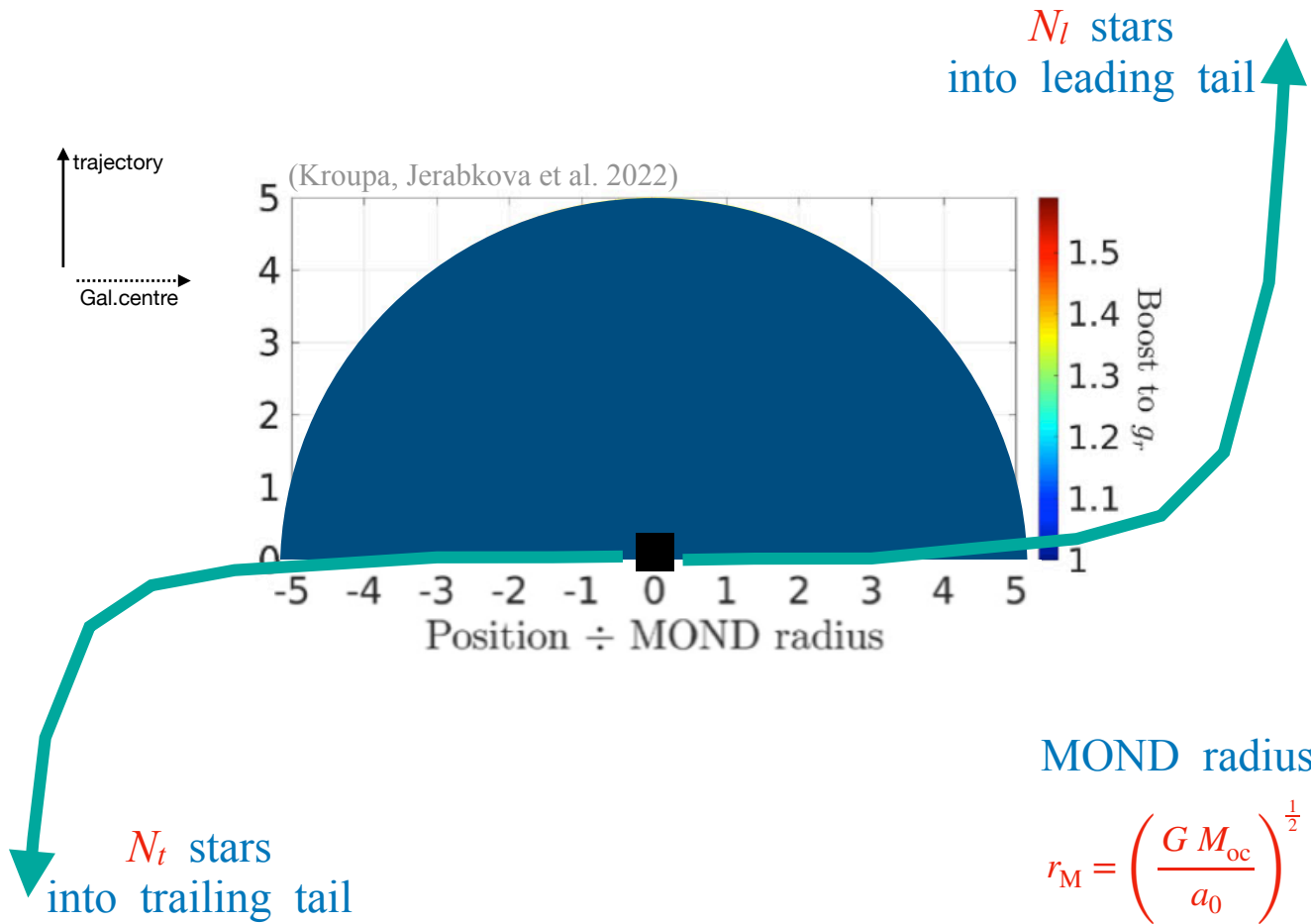
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open star cluster

MOND radius :

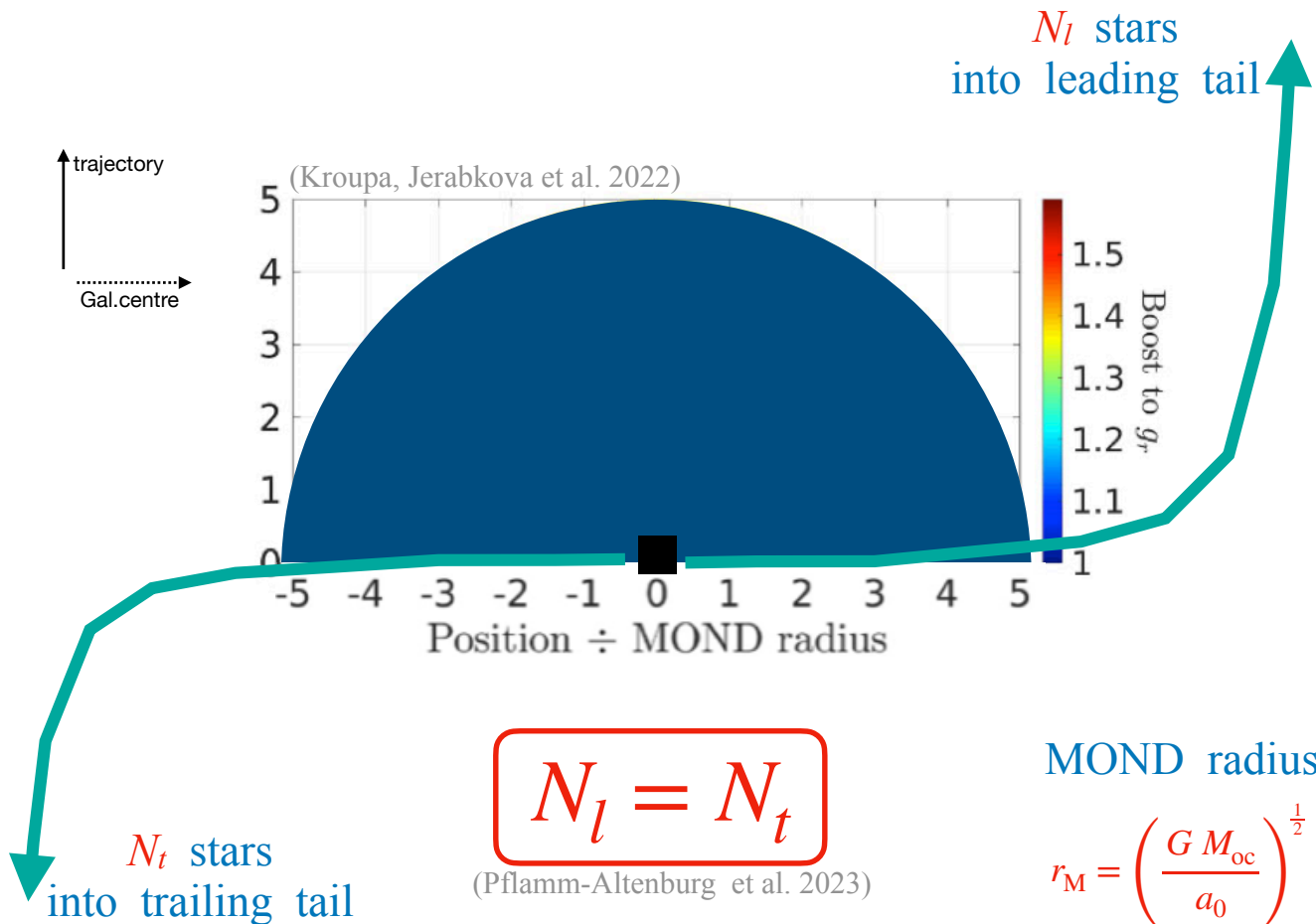
$$r_M = \left(\frac{G M_{oc}}{a_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Newtonian case



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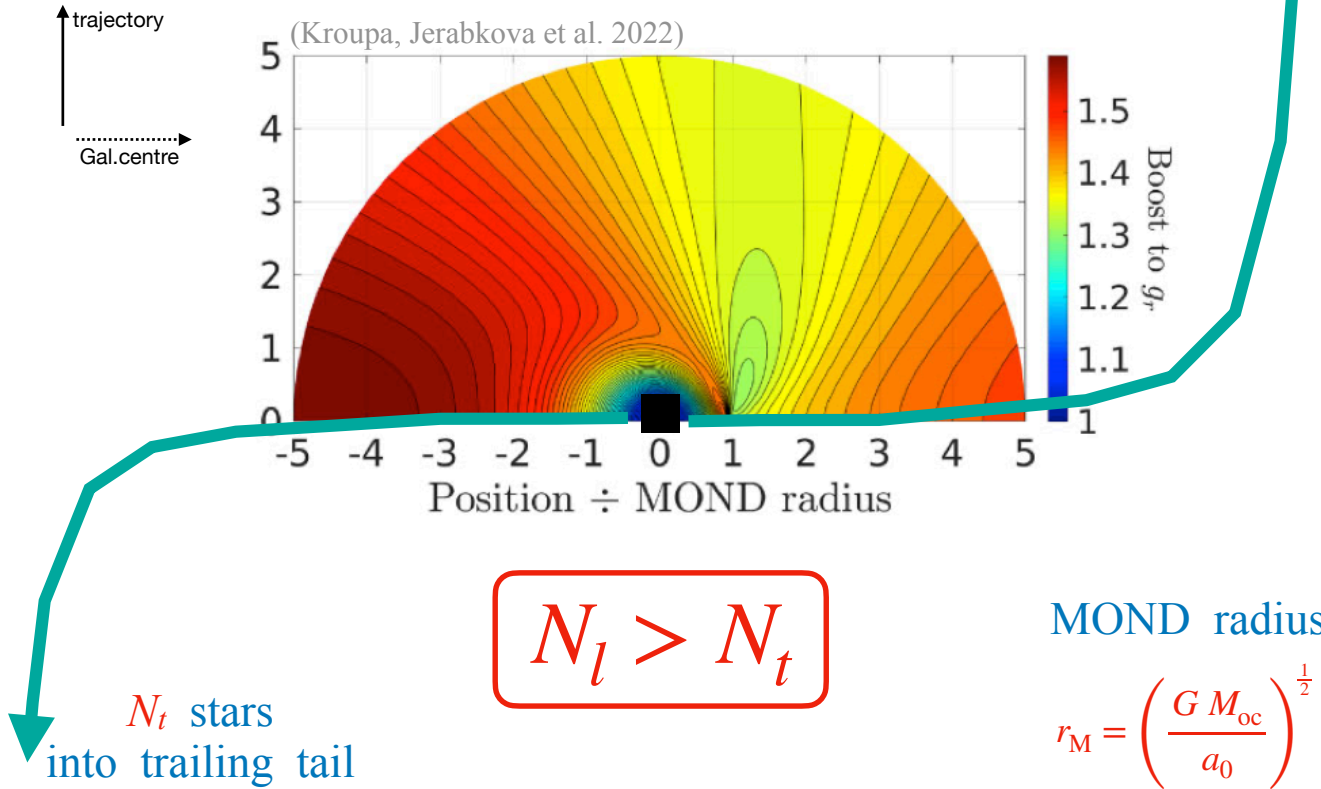
(Pflamm-Altenburg et al. 2023)

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MOND predictions

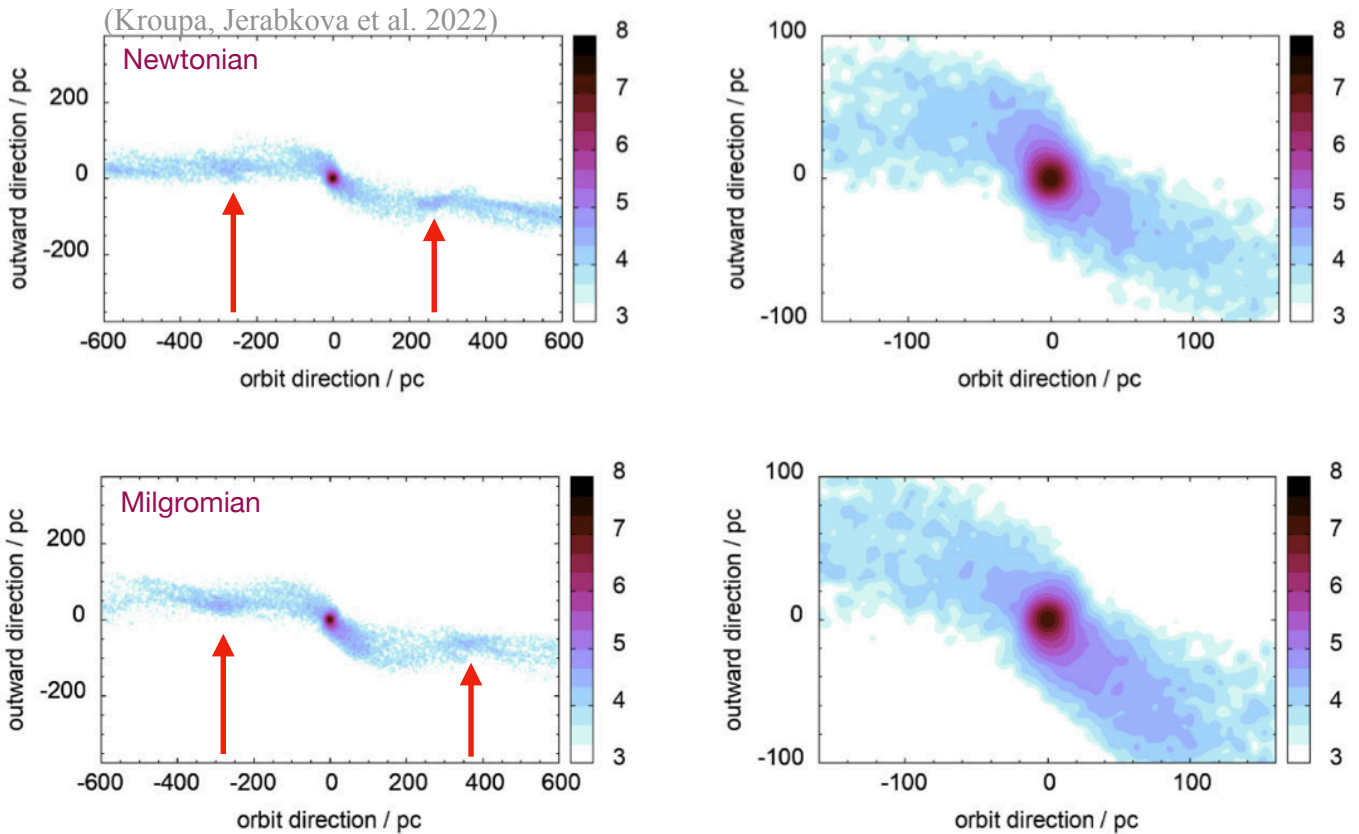
of new phenomena

N_l stars
into leading tail



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Leading Kuepper-overdensity further from cluster in Milgromian case

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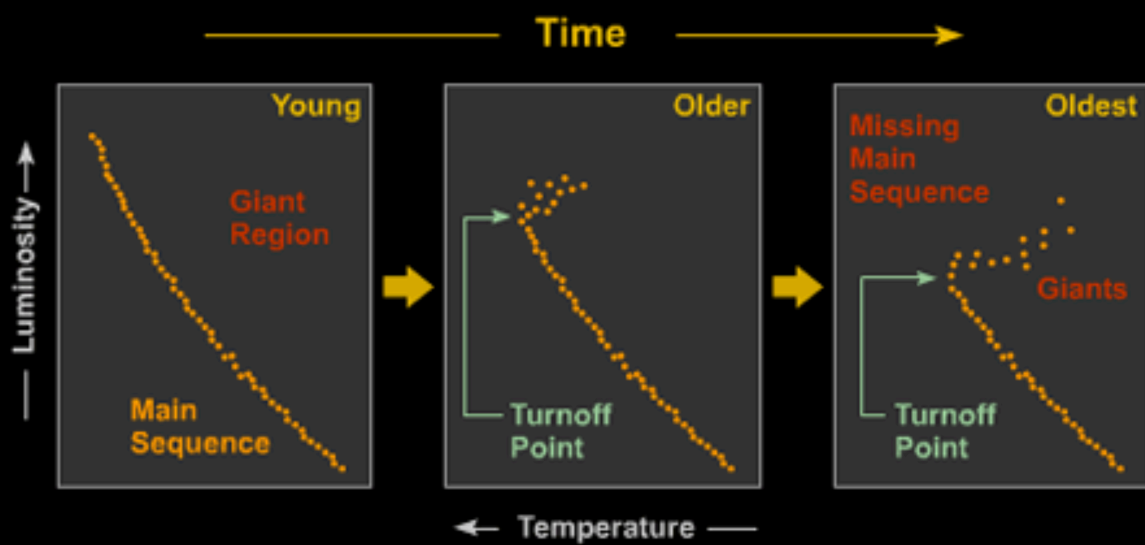
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Age-dating methods of open star clusters

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Astrophysical age-dating



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New age-dating methods of open star clusters

See also yesterday's talk on
dynamical and evaporative age-dating
by Nuria Miret Roig

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Age-dating with tidal tails The Dinnbier method

Dinnbier et al.

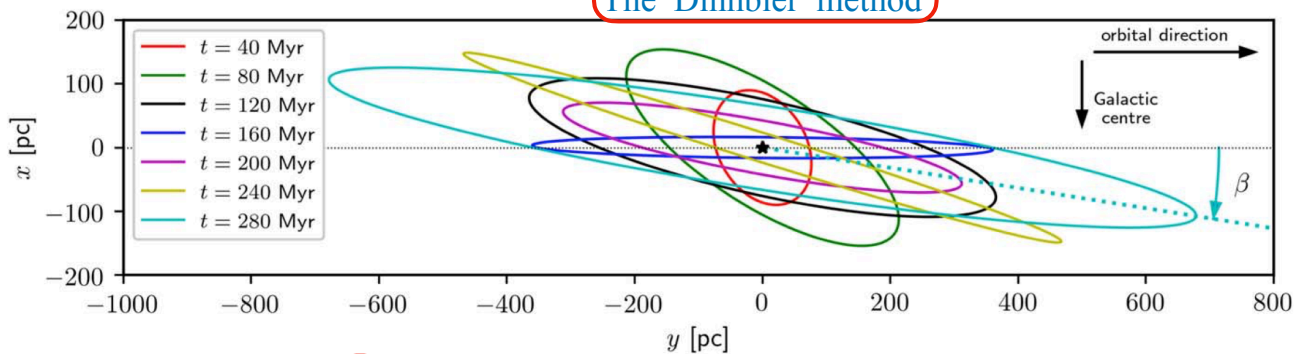
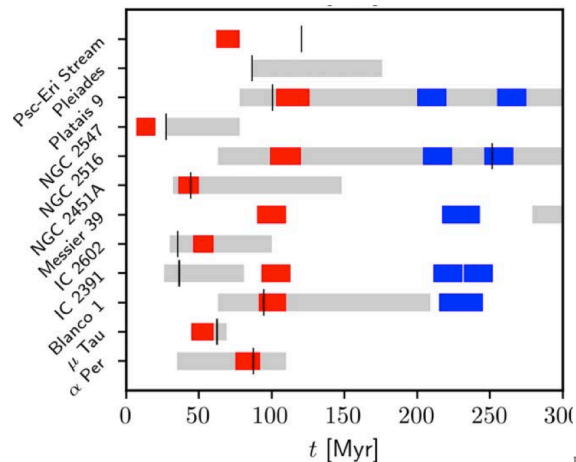
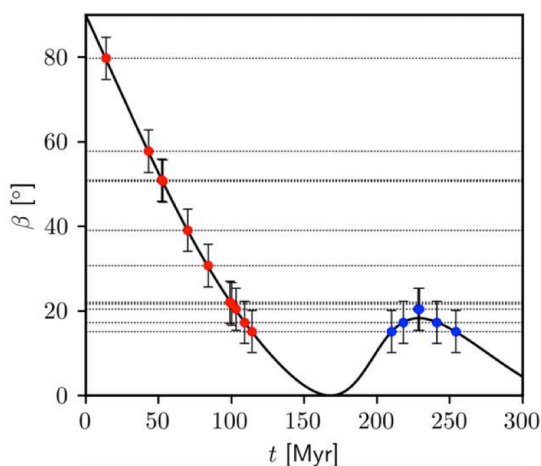
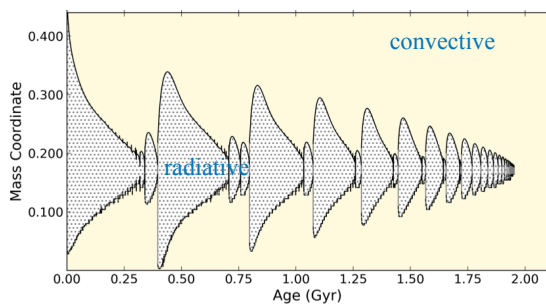
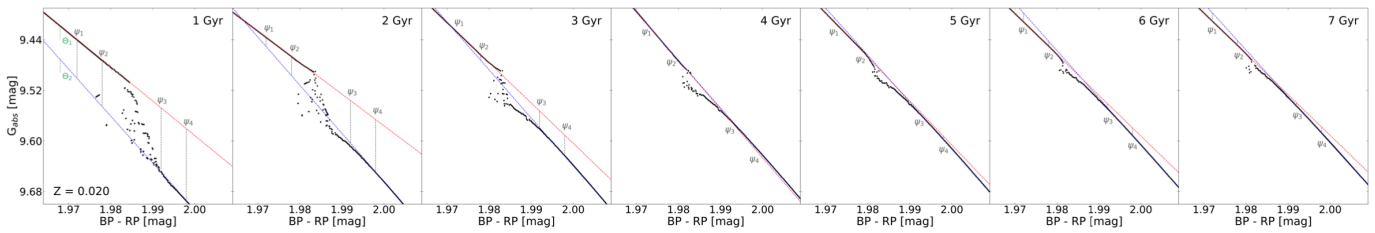


Figure 1. The orientation and shape of tidal tail I as calculated according to Equations (1) and (2) for stars escaping at $\tilde{v}_{e,1} = 2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and for the conditions at the solar circle. The age of the tail is indicated by the color. The star cluster is located at the center of the coordinate system (the black star), and it orbits the Galaxy in the direction indicated at upper right. As the cluster and tail age, the direction of the long axis of the tidal tail changes from pointing almost toward the Galactic center (at $t = 40 \text{ Myr}$) to the direction of the cluster motion (at $t = 160 \text{ Myr}$), and with increasing tilt again afterward. Also note that the shape and aspect ratio of the tidal tail undergo complicated changes with time. The dotted cyan line shows the definition of the tail tilt angle β .



Age-dating with the *kissing instability* in Mdwarf stars

(Mansfield & Kroupa 2021; 2023)



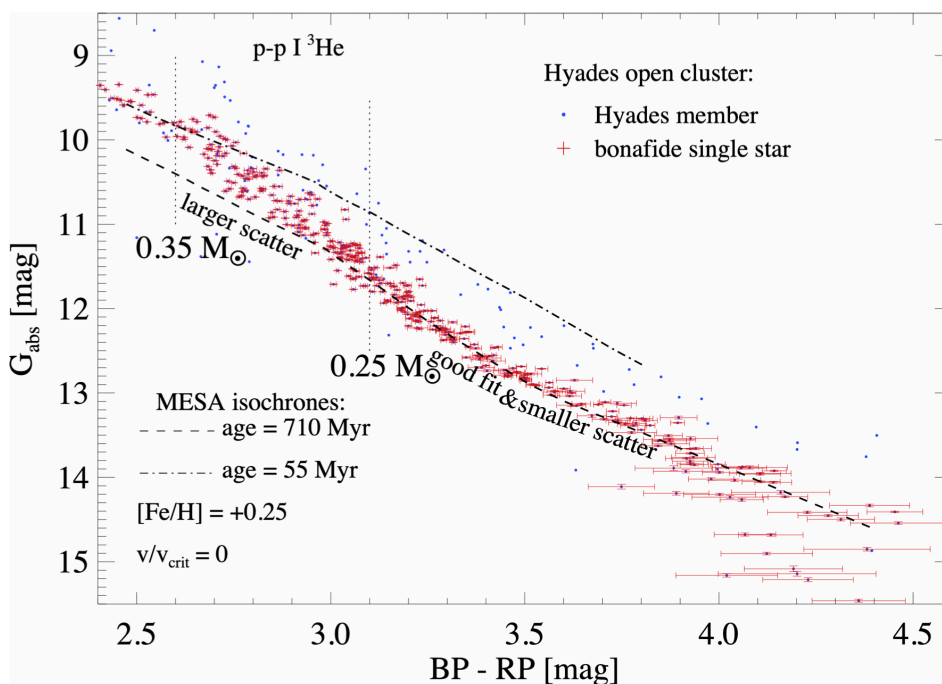
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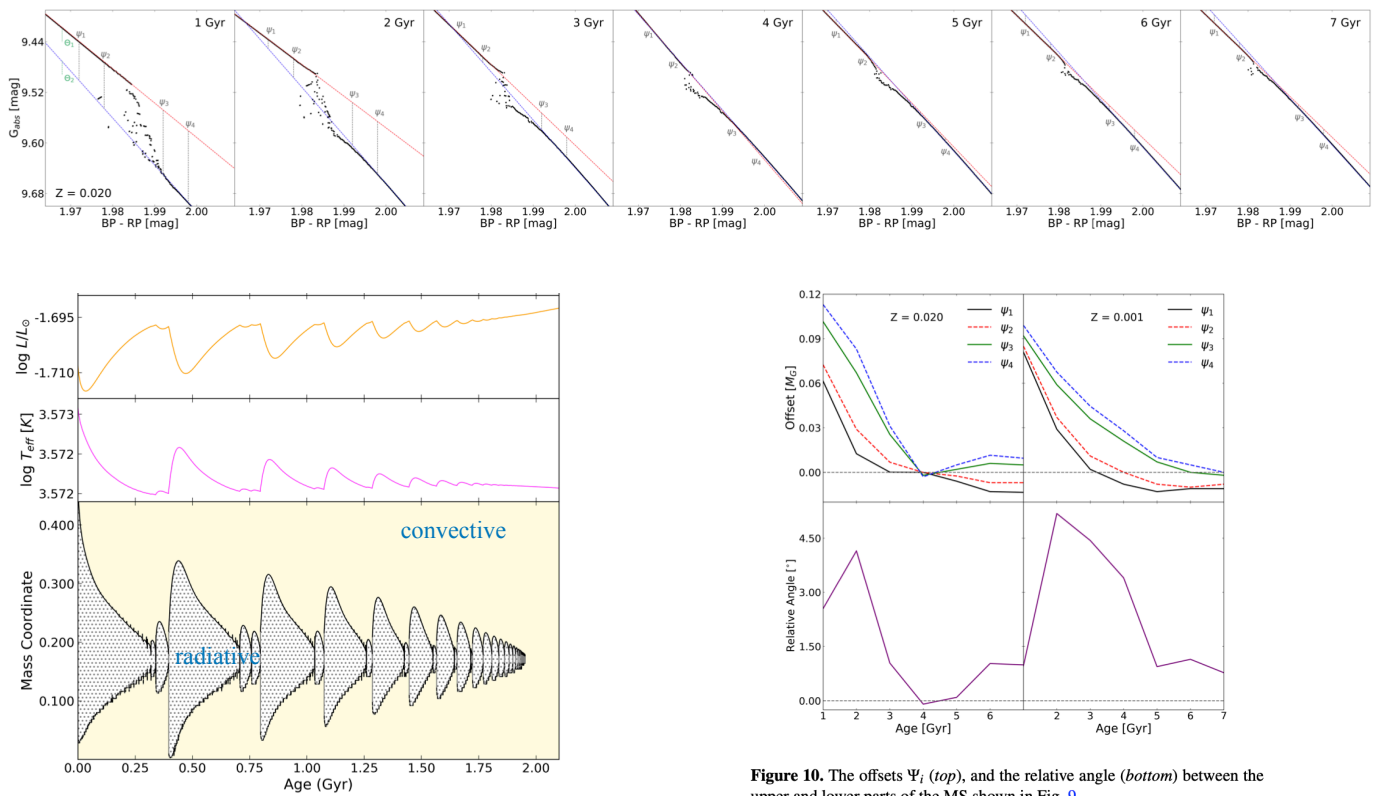


Figure 10. The offsets Ψ_i (top), and the relative angle (bottom) between the upper and lower parts of the MS shown in Fig. 9.

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Conclusions

Can compute stellar and binary populations in whole galaxies
For this initial distribution functions reasonably well known

Need: all stars form as binaries in embedded clusters
(The Galileo Conjecture)

---> yesterday's talk by Franta Dinnbier

New Jerabkova CCCP method to map extended tidal tails of open clusters

---> talk by Henri Boffin

Tidal tails asymmetric ==> Milgrom, and not Newton

---> talk by Jan Pflamm-Altenburg

Age-dating: tidal tail I angle (The Dinnbier method)
and kissing instability in Mdwarfs

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