

The Connection between Simulations, Dynamical Models and Observations

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(theoretically) (observationally)



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Observations

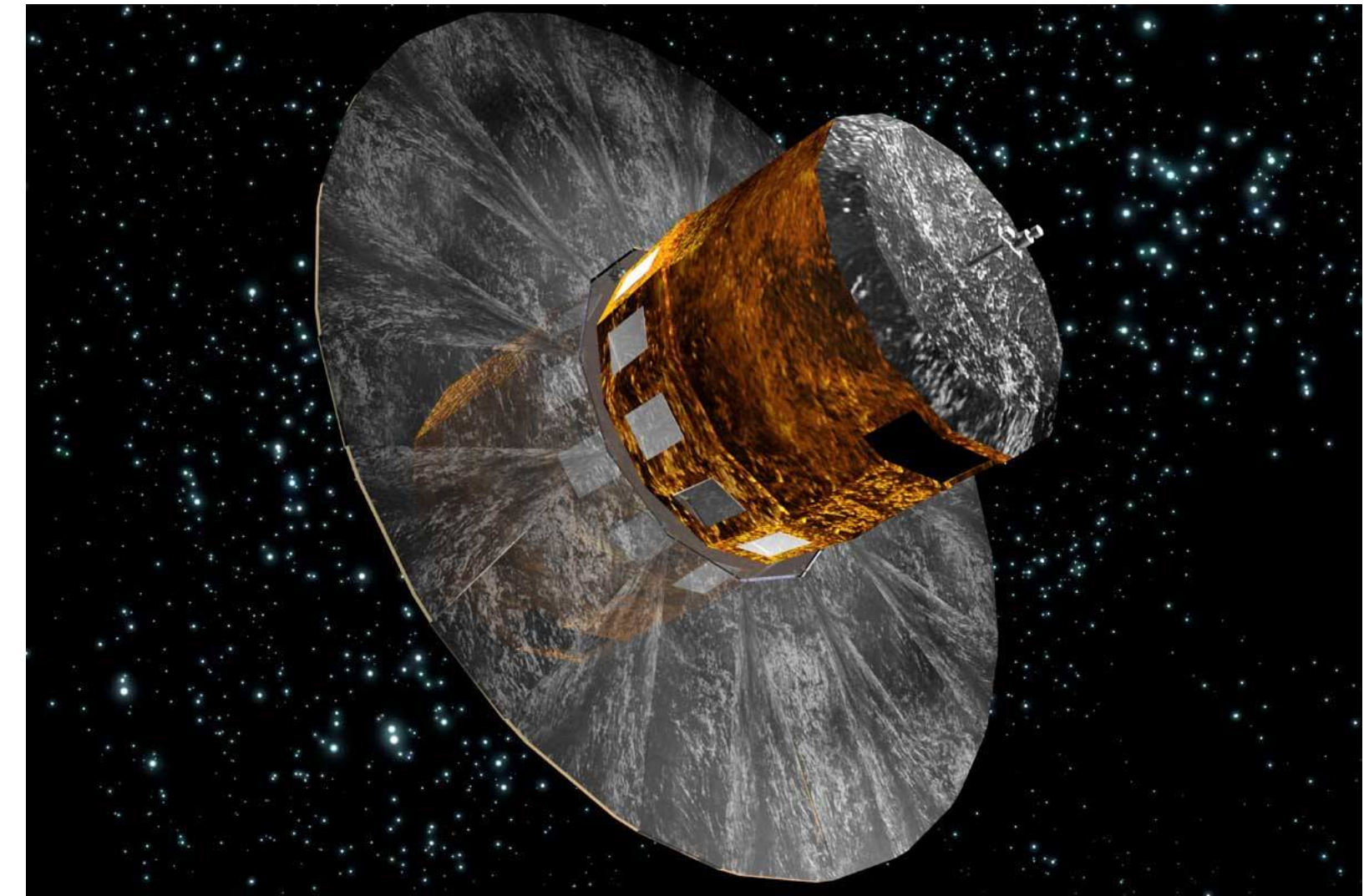
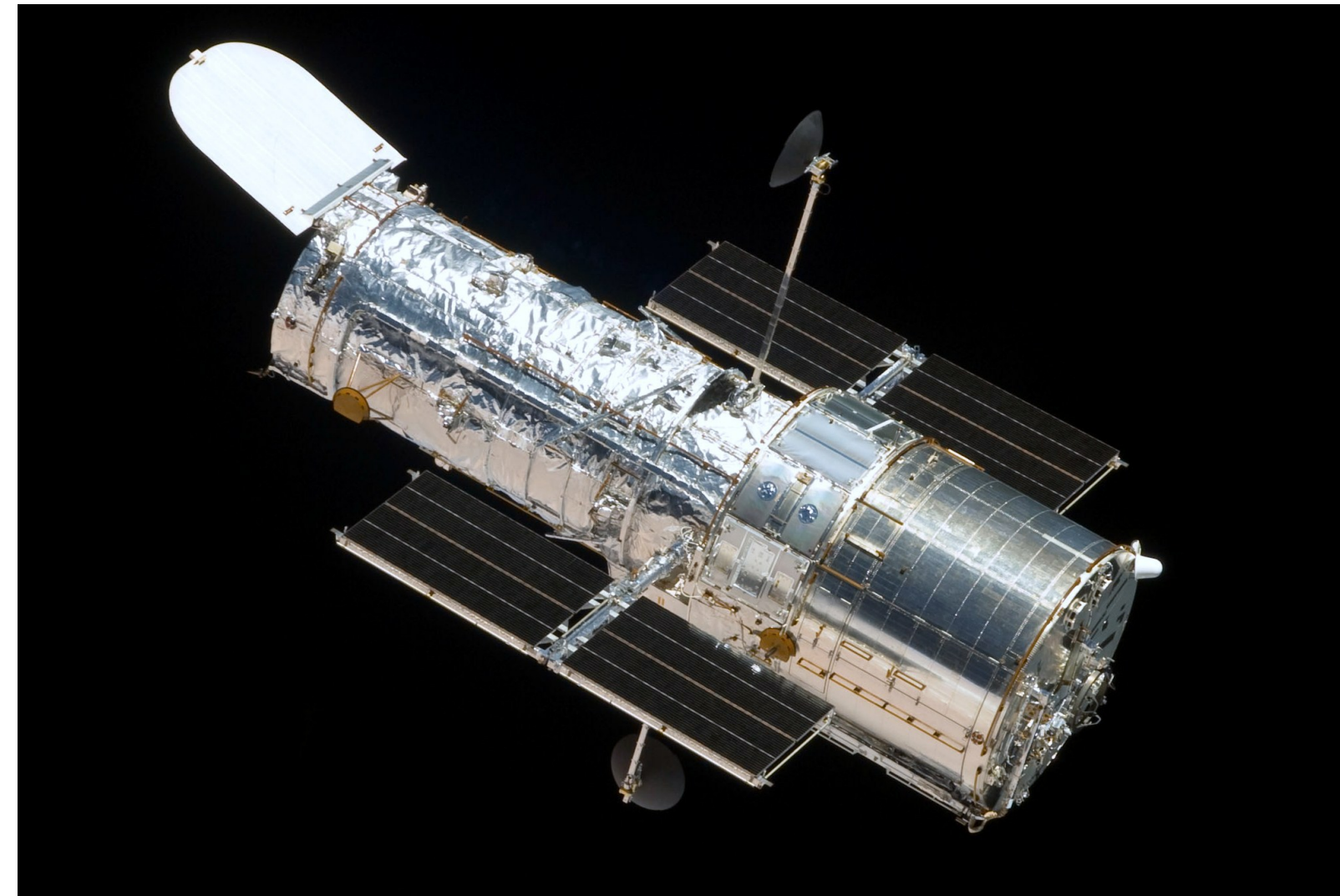
Dynamical
Models

N-body
Simulations

Observations

current state of the cluster

Observations: Kinematics



line-of-sight
velocities

*e.g. Kamann+ 2018,
Baumgardt+ 2018*

HST

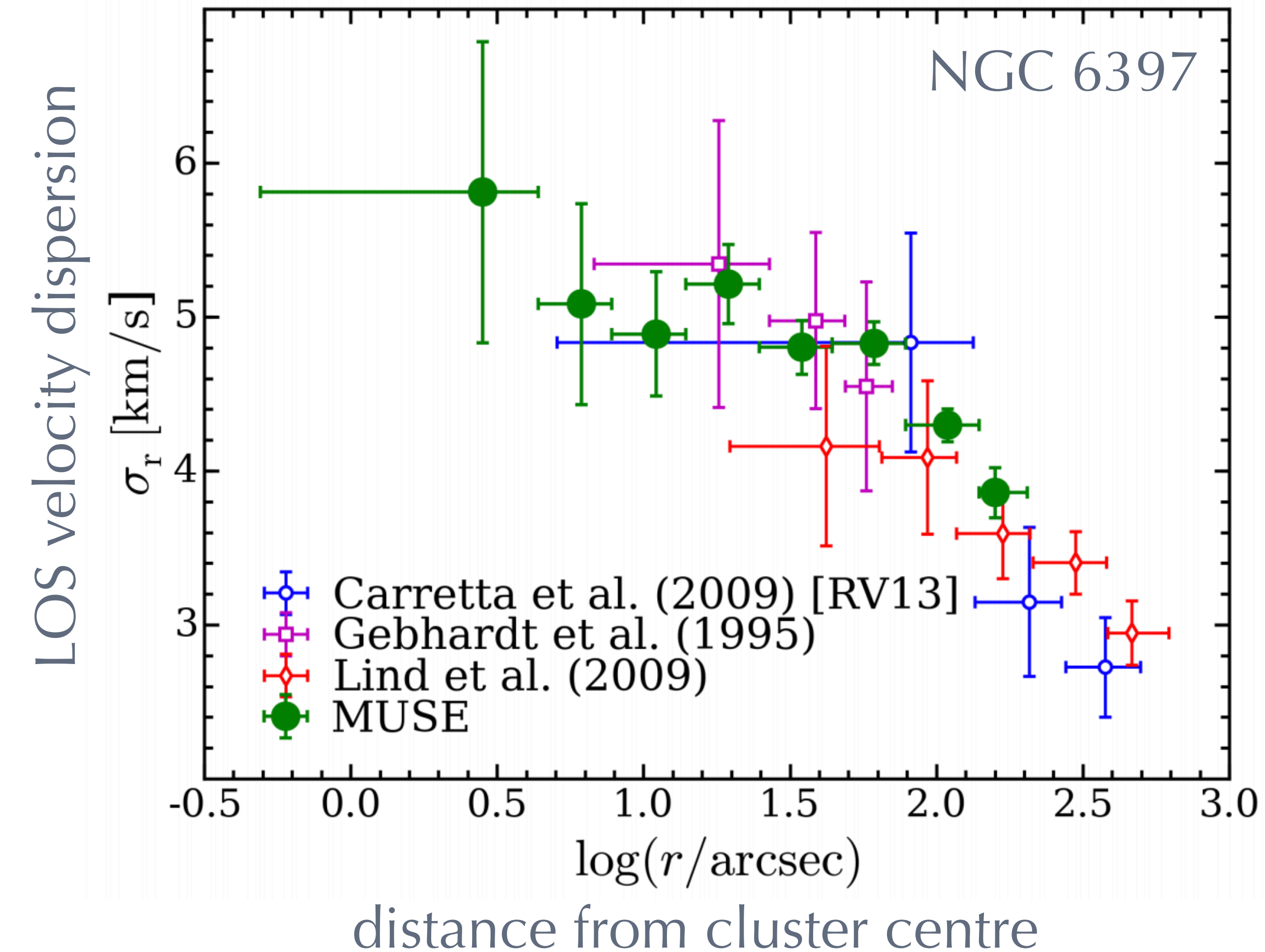
*e.g. Bellini+ 2014,
Libralato+ 2018*

proper
motions

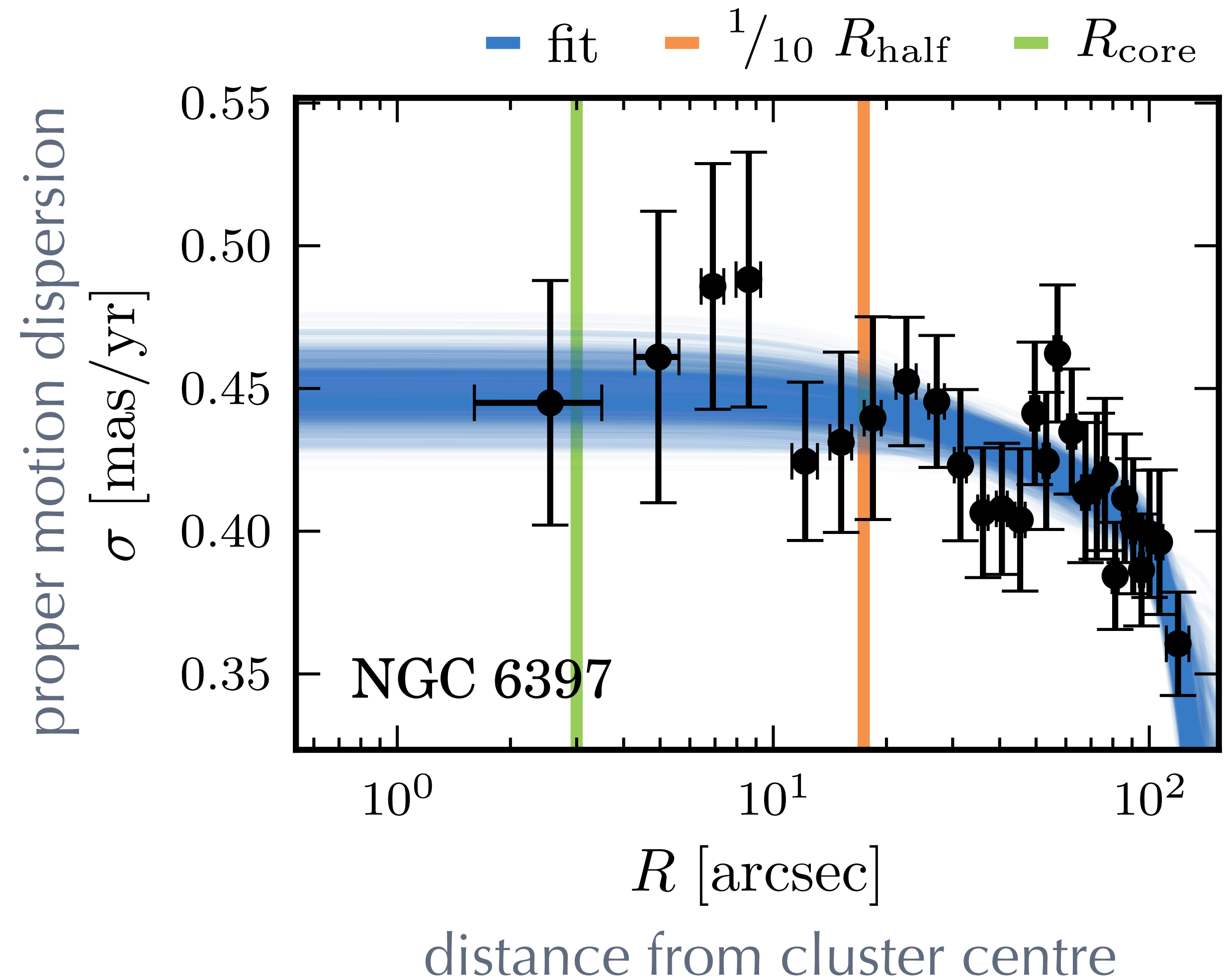
Gaia

e.g. Baumgardt+ 2019

Kinematics: Velocity Dispersions

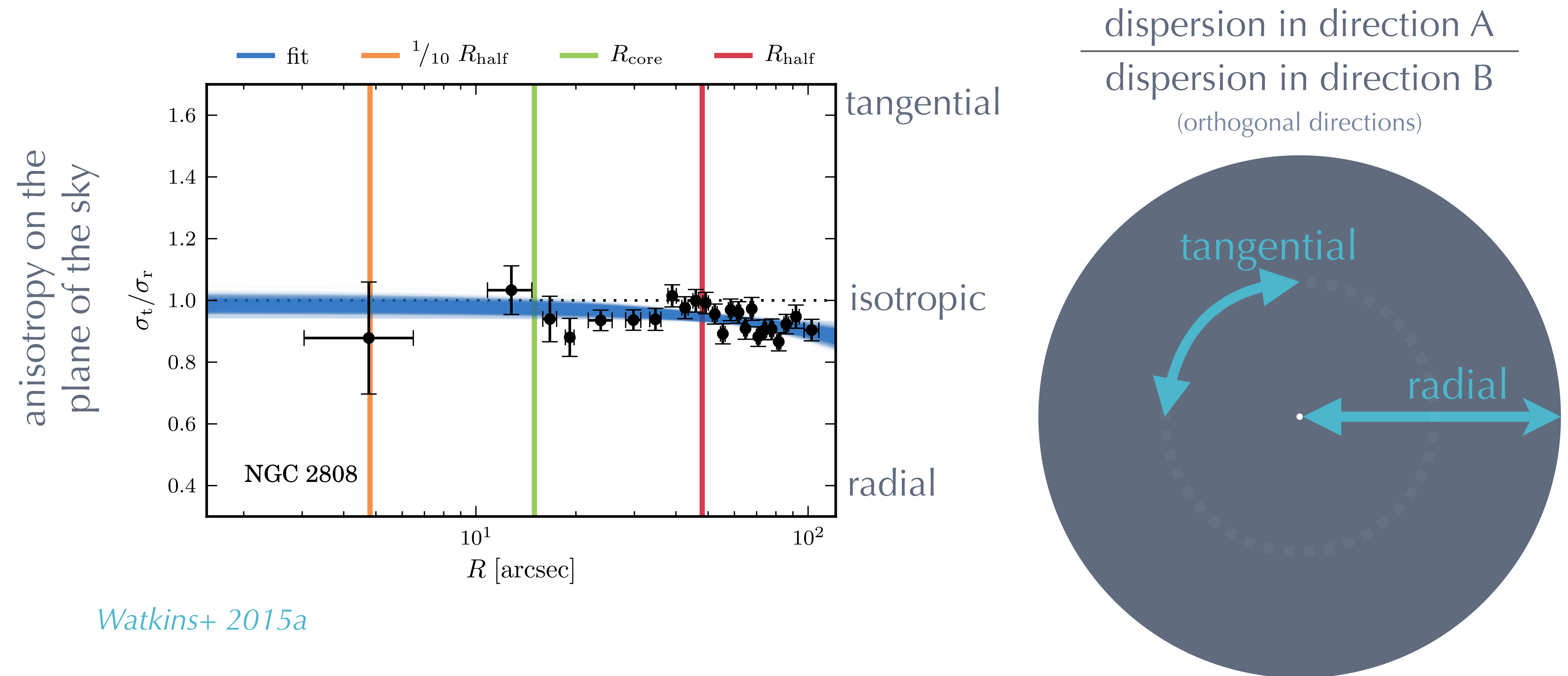


Kamann+ 2018



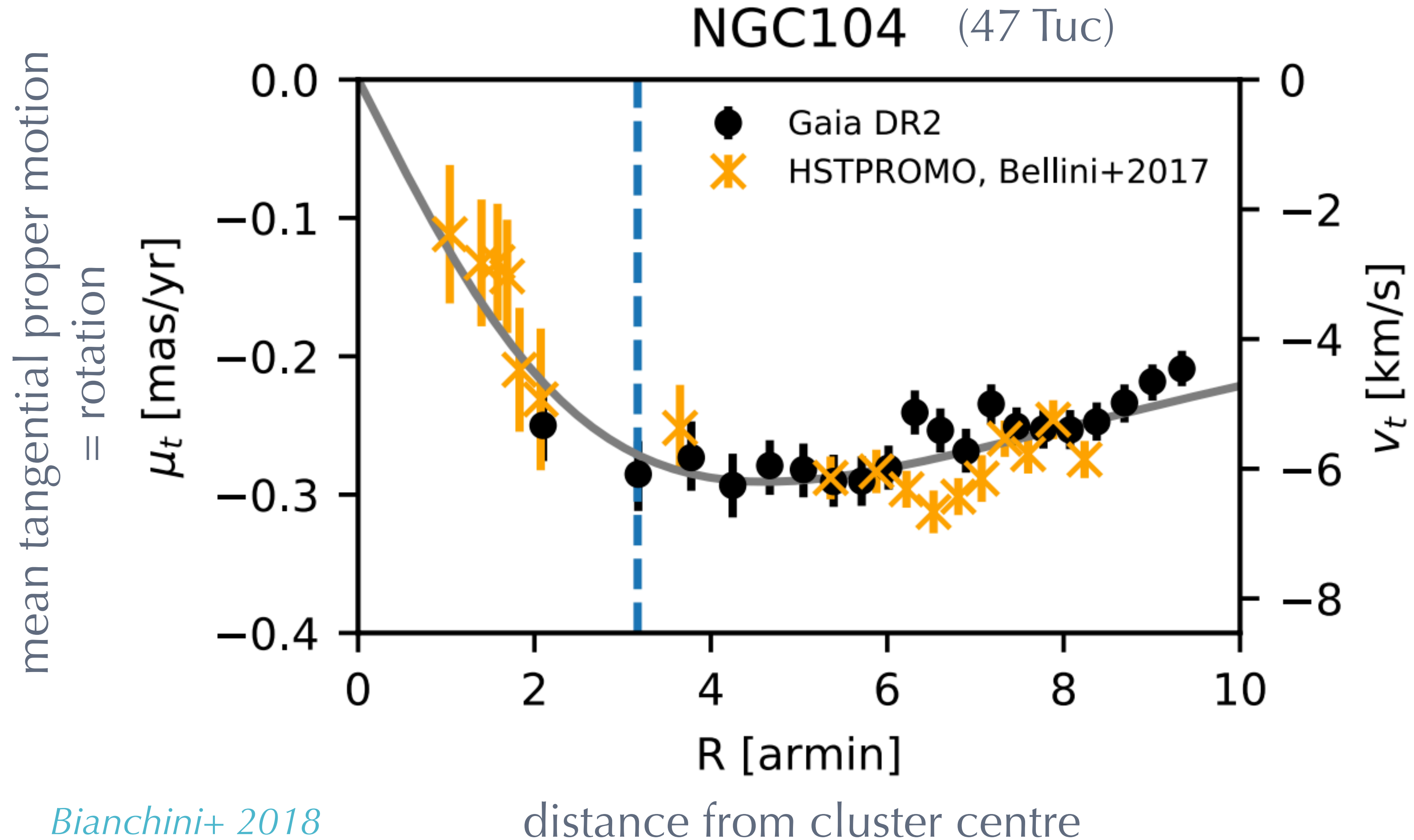
Watkins+ 2015a

Kinematics: Anisotropy



Watkins+ 2015a

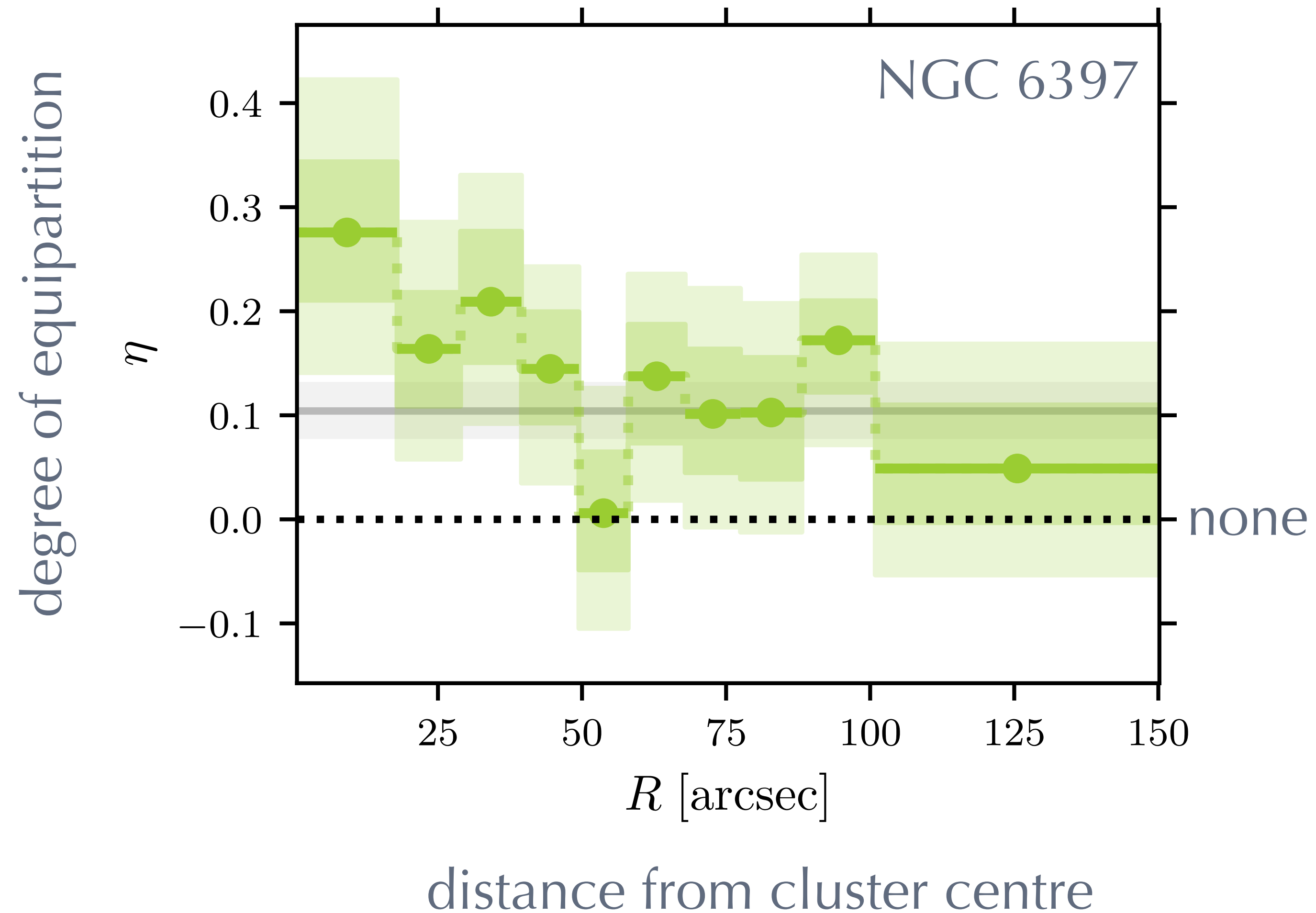
Kinematics: Rotation



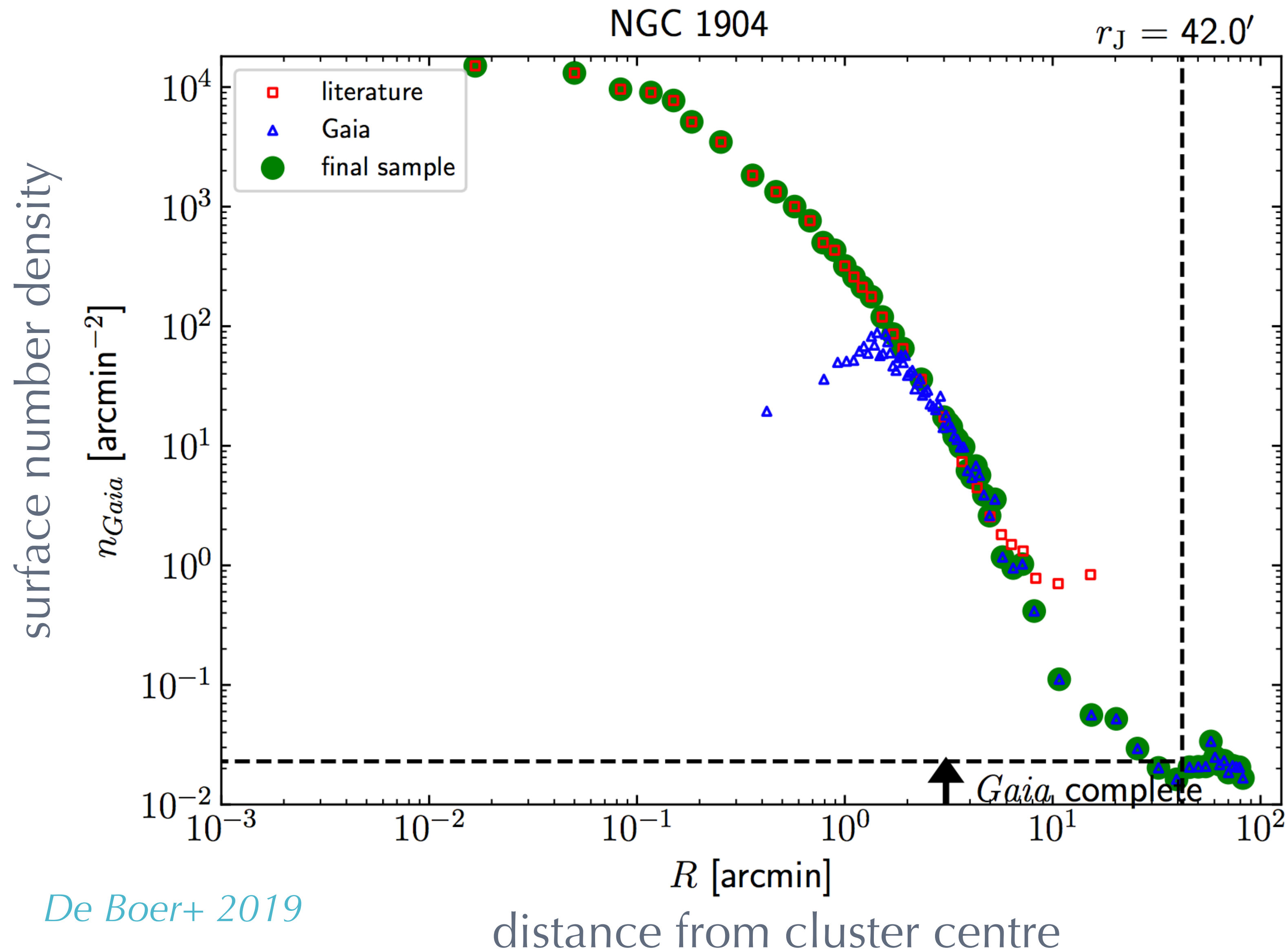
Kinematics: Energy Equipartition

$$\sigma \sim m^{-\eta}$$

0.5 = full



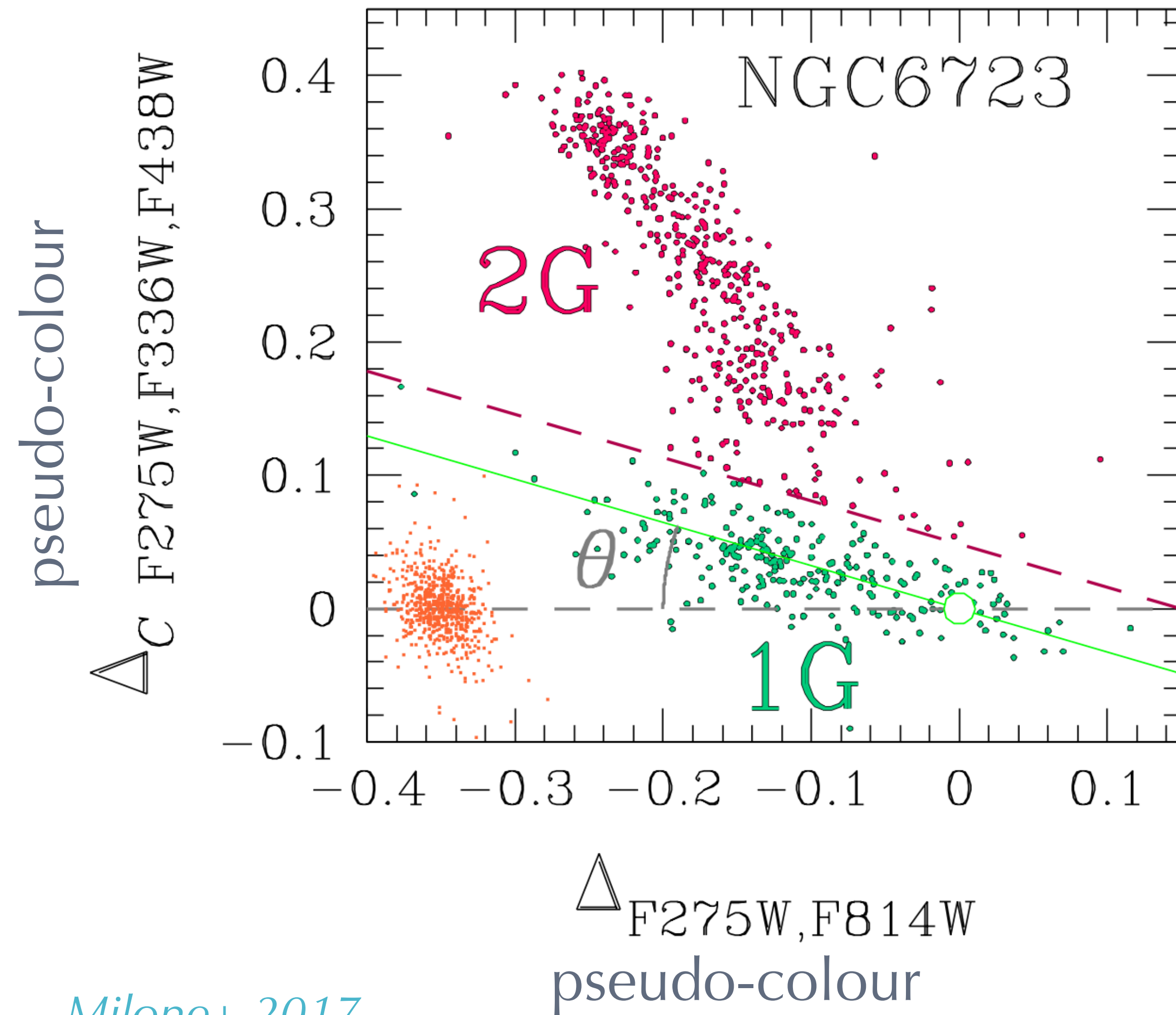
Observations: Number Density/Surface Brightness



De Boer+ 2019

Spoilers:
!!
Dynamical
Models

Observations: colours / abundances



Milone+ 2017

Dynamical Models

underlying physics:

why are stars moving as they are?

Dynamical Models: Different Flavours

Jeans

Distribution
Function (DF)

Schwarzschild
(orbit fitting)

Jeans equations

energy & angular momentum
(or actions & angles)

orbits

~fast

~fast

SLOW

maybe unphysical

always physical

always physical

mass + tracer density ++ → kinematics

Observations

physics

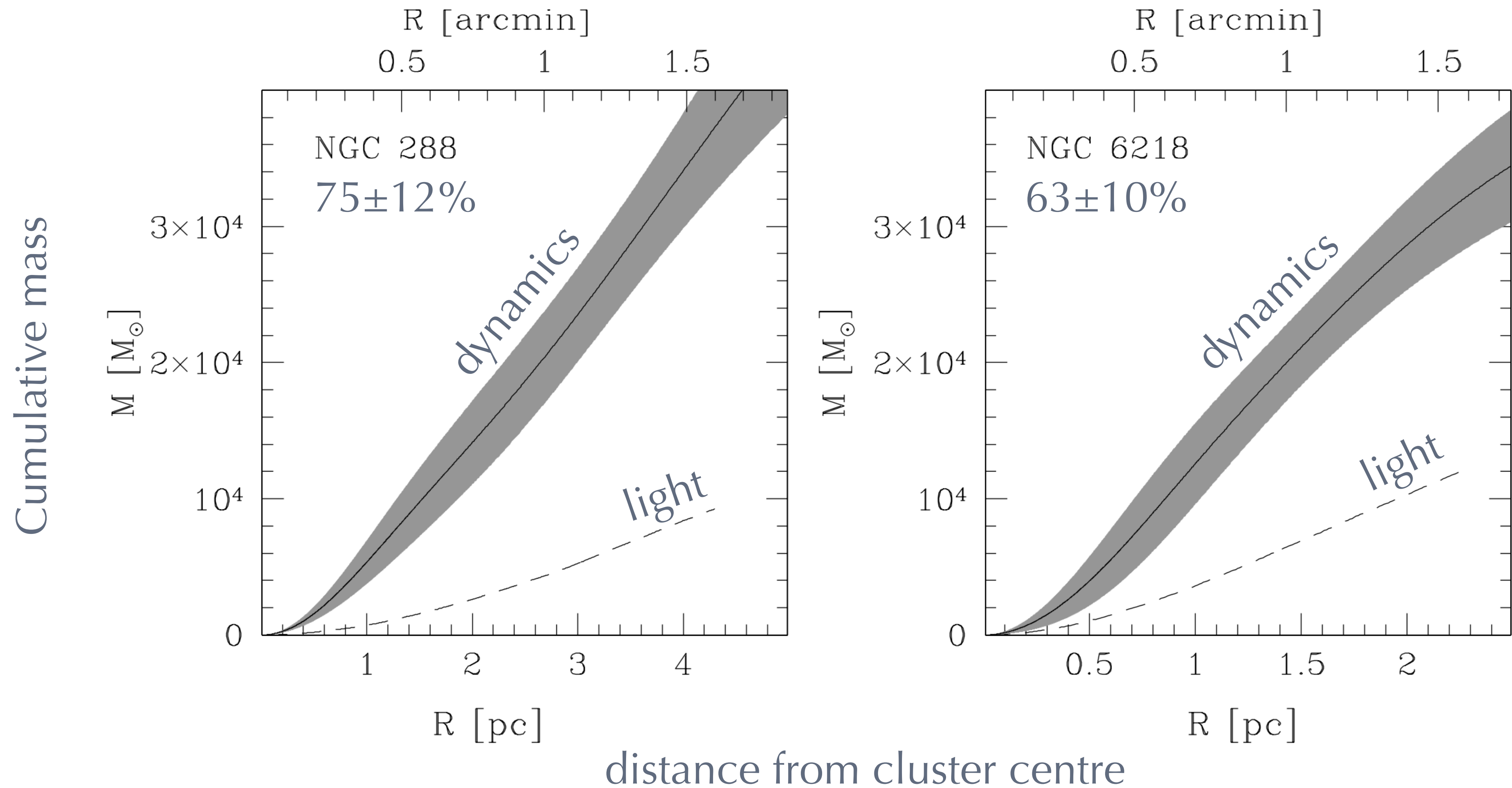
mass/potential

Dynamical
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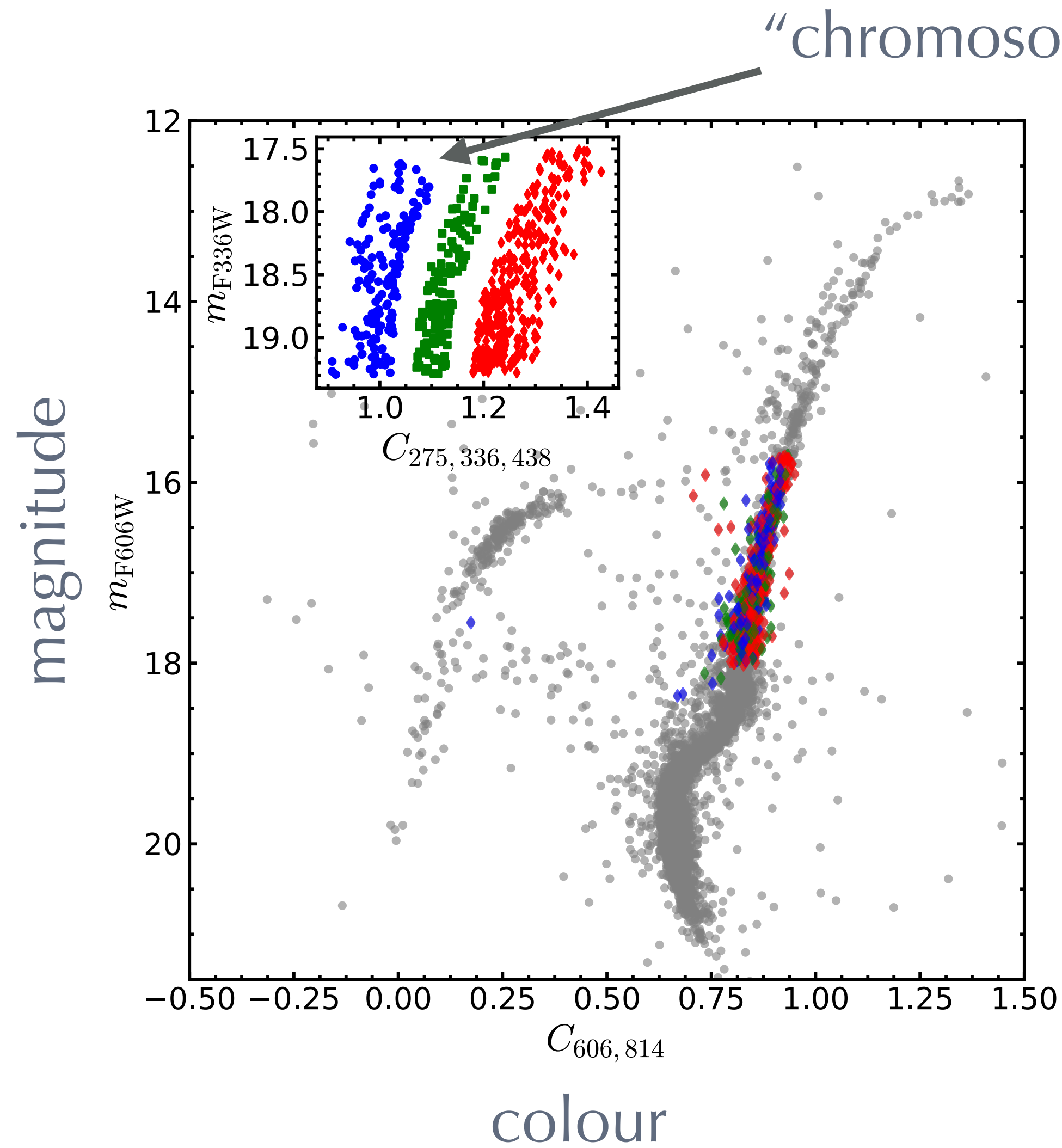
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Simulations



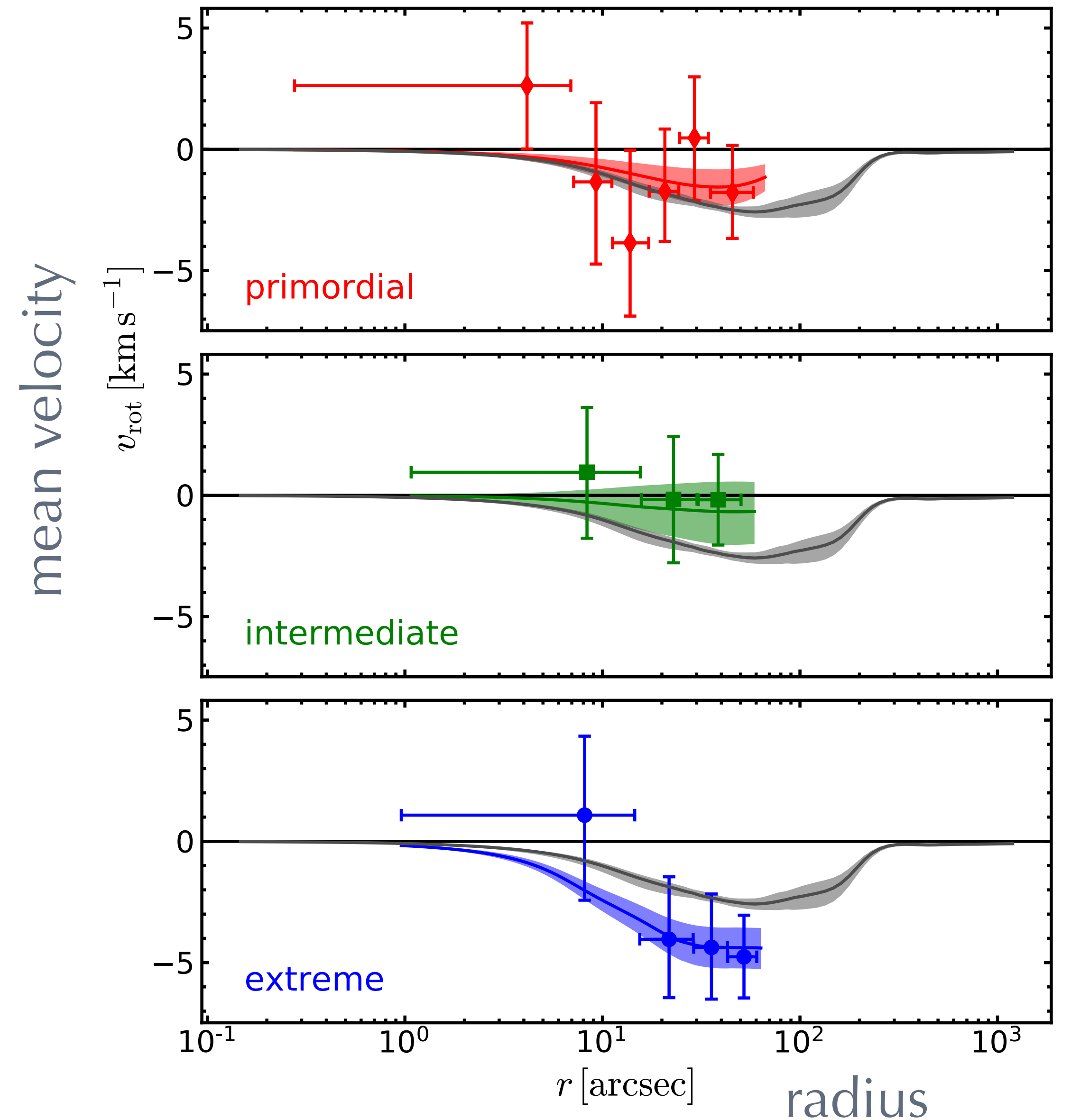
Observations + Models: Mass



Observations + Models: Chemo-dynamics



Kamann+ in preparation



Simulations

how clusters change over time

Simulations: Different Flavours

N-body

N particles interacting and moving under their own gravity

stellar evolution (types, luminosities, masses)

few-body interactions

Monte Carlo

Fokker-Planck

Hydrodynamic

...

Simulations: N-body

Initial conditions

Primordial binaries

Intermediate mass black hole?

Remnant retention

Environment/tidal field

Number of particles

M4: 484 710 particles

Heggie 2014

Dragon: 10^6 particles (x4)

Wang+ 2016

Observations

physics

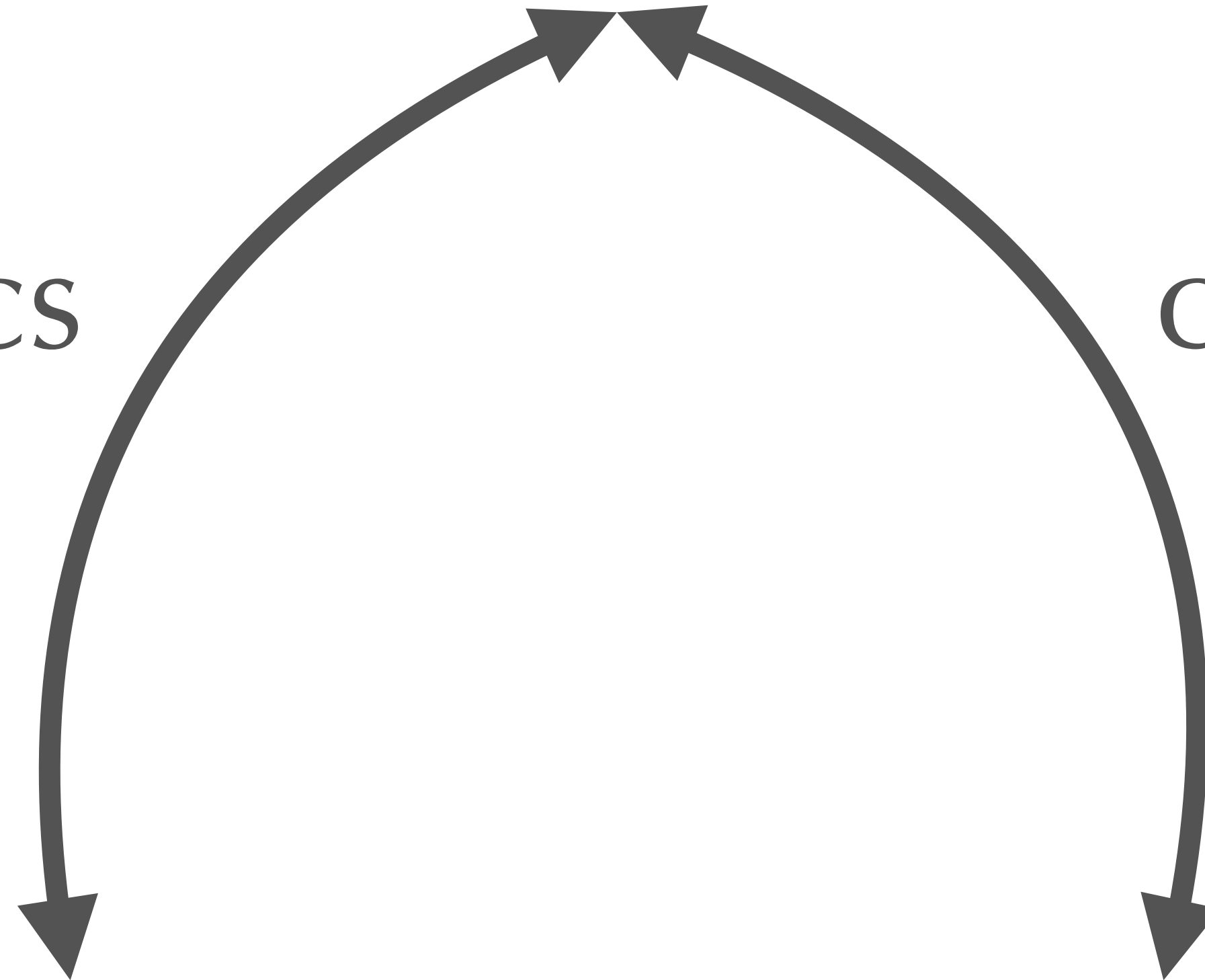
mass/potential

context

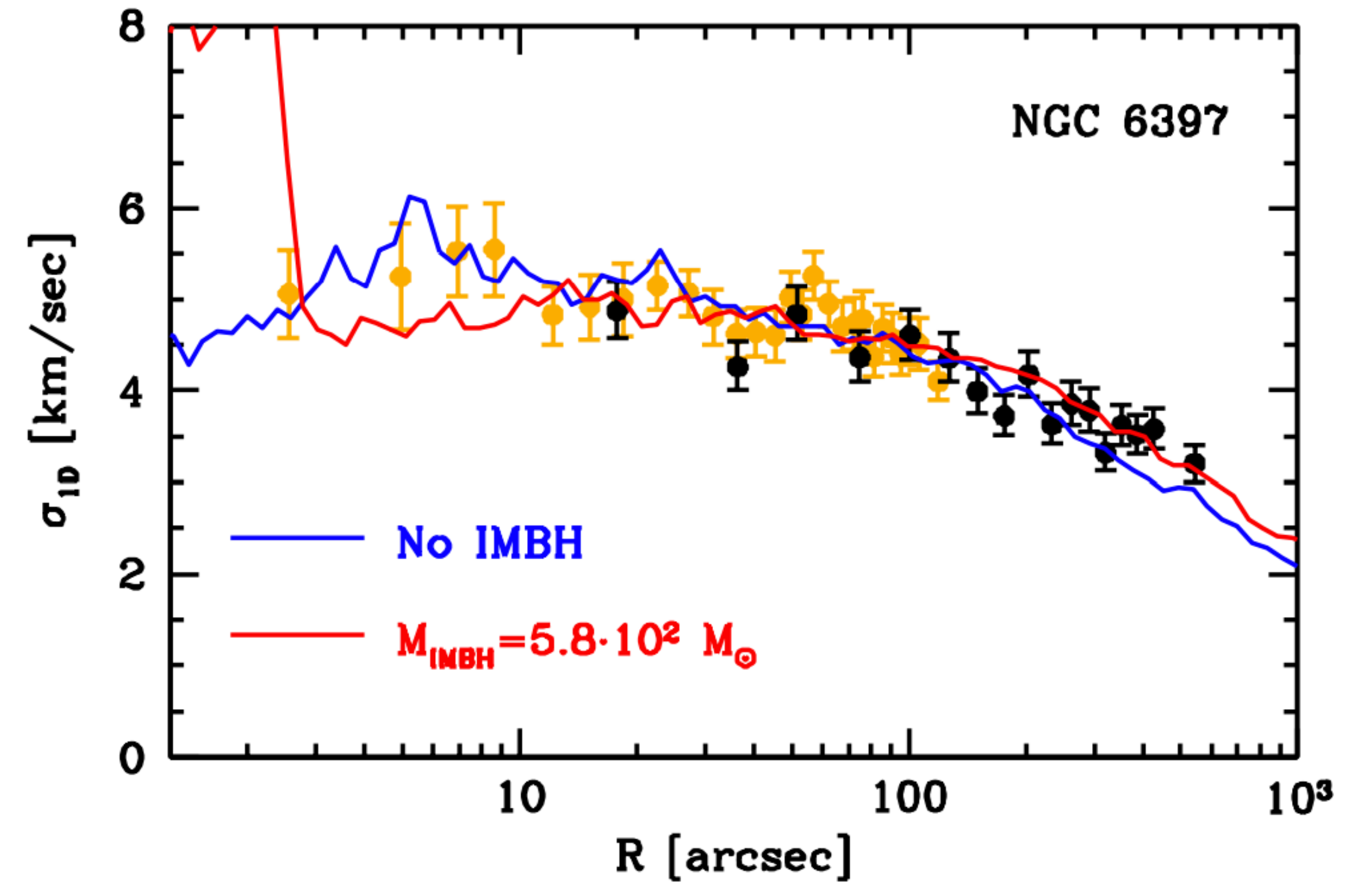
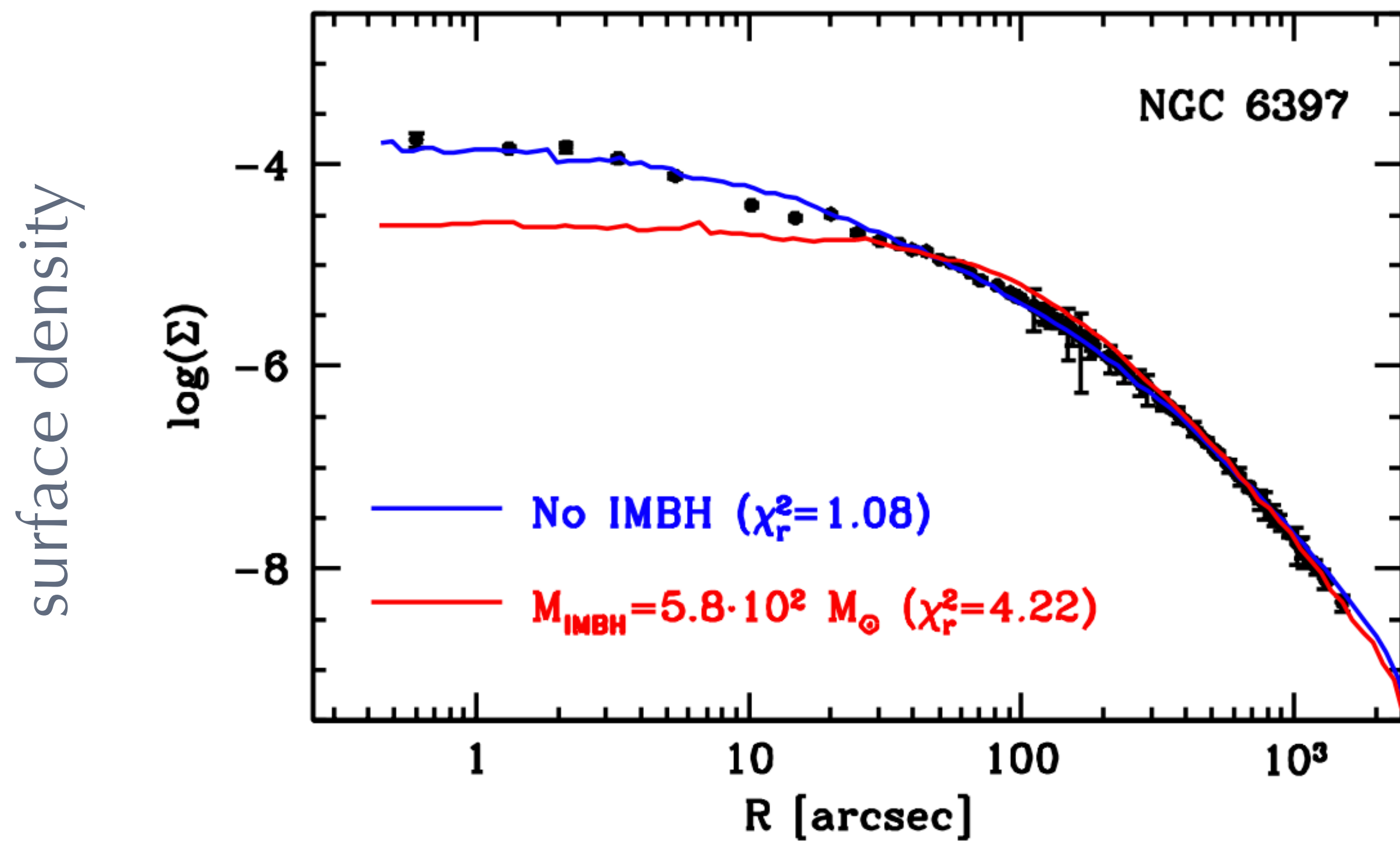
cluster history

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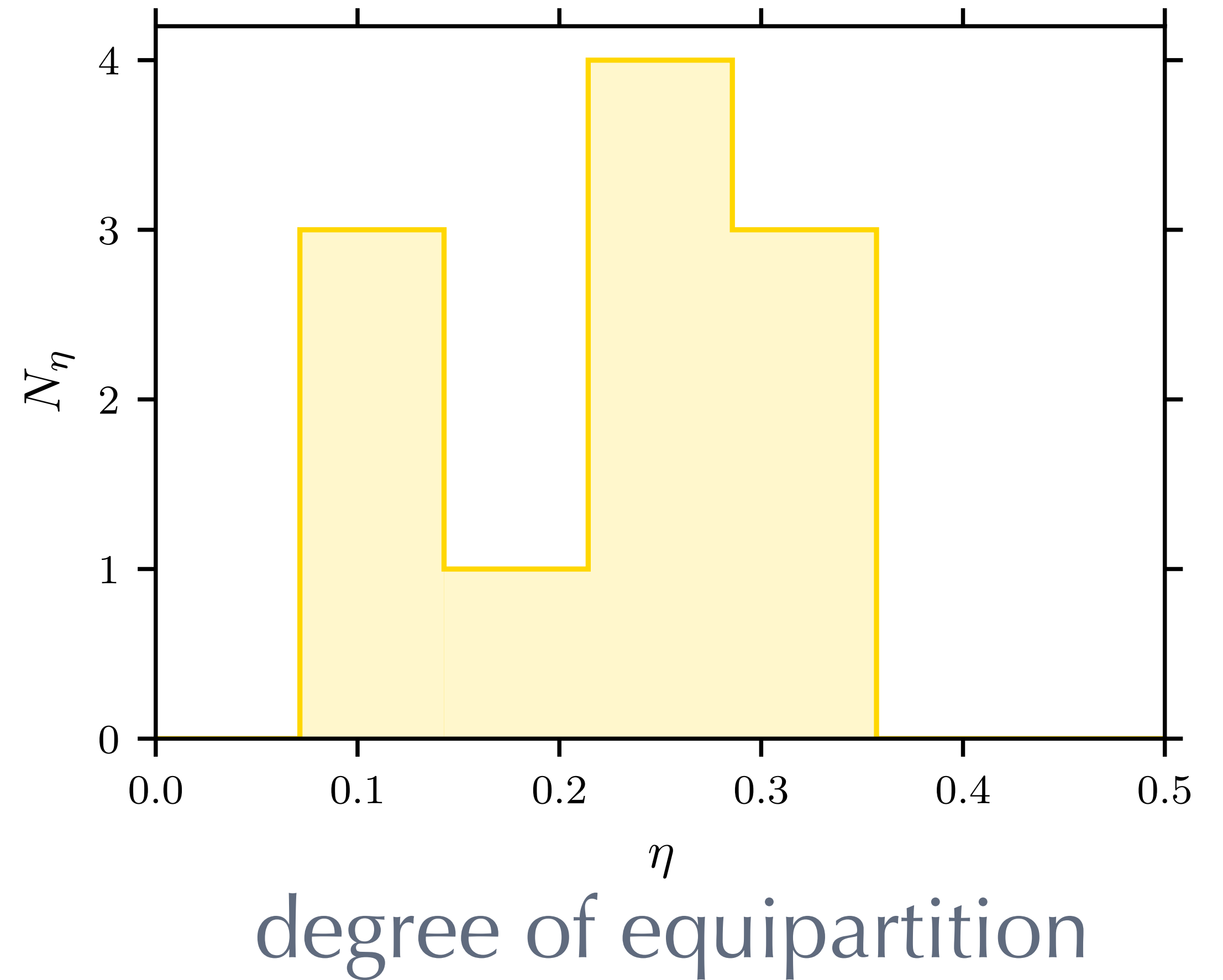
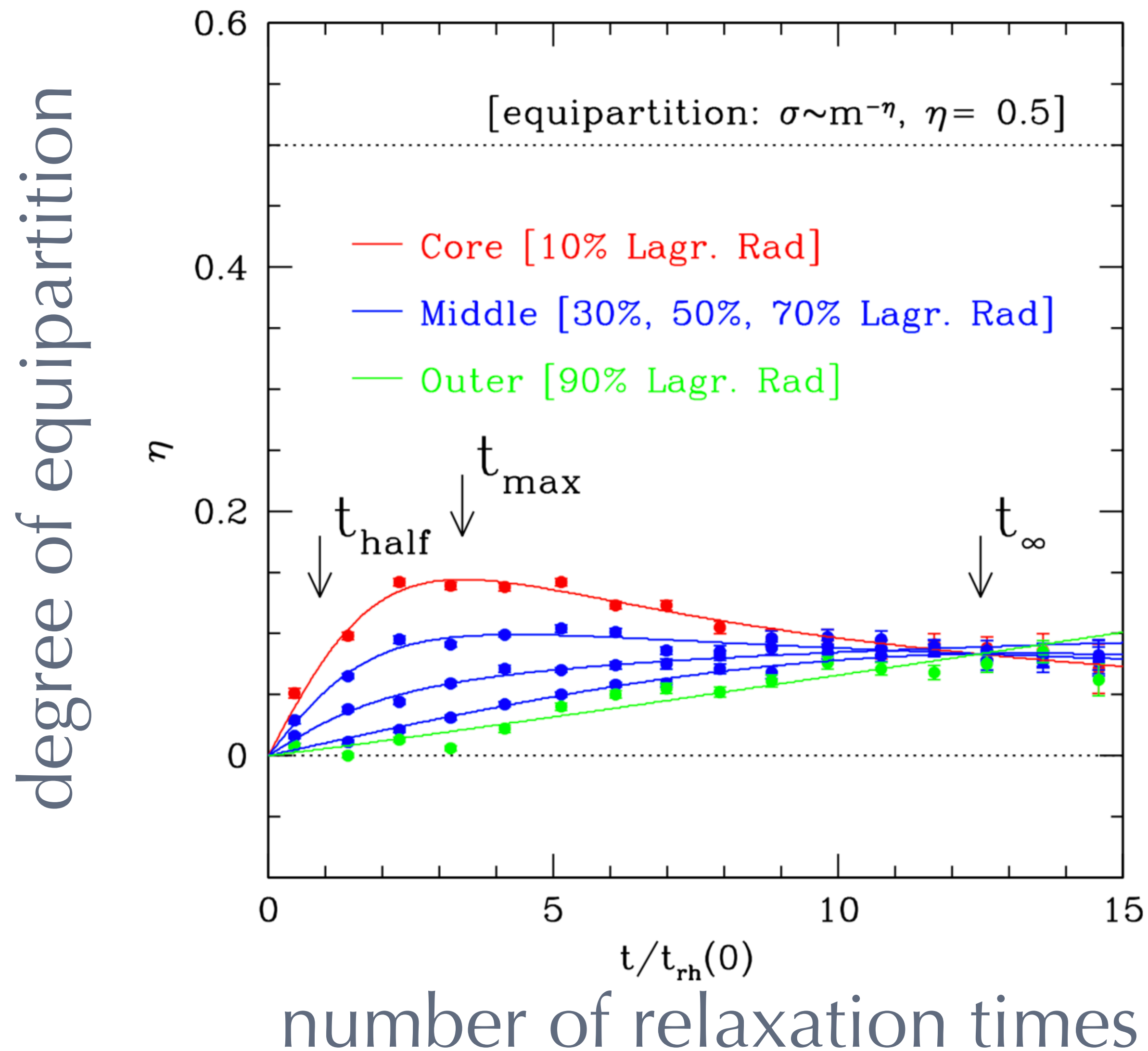


Observations + Simulations: Mass (again)



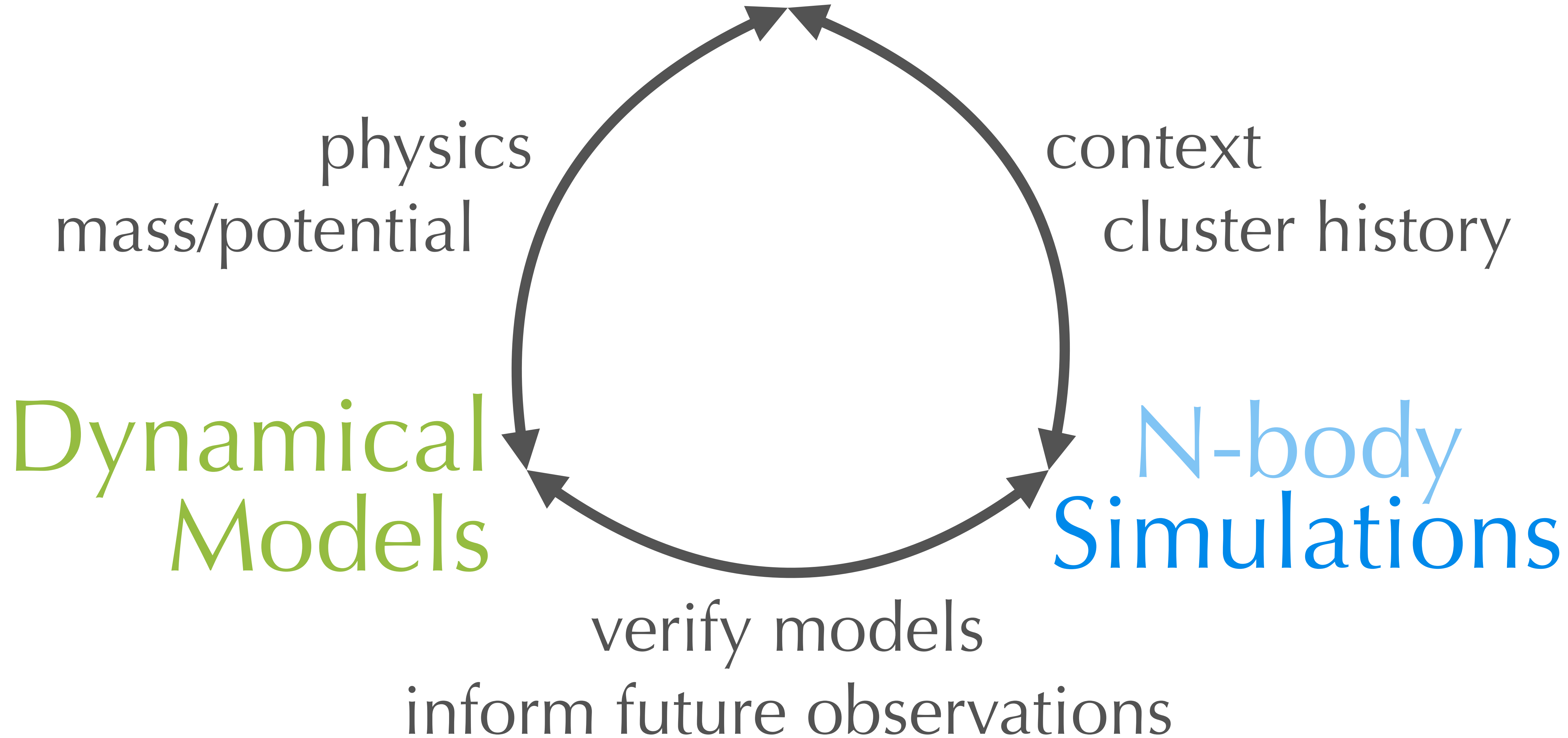
distance from cluster centre

Observations + Simulations: Evolution



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Observations



Simulations + Models: Model Comparison

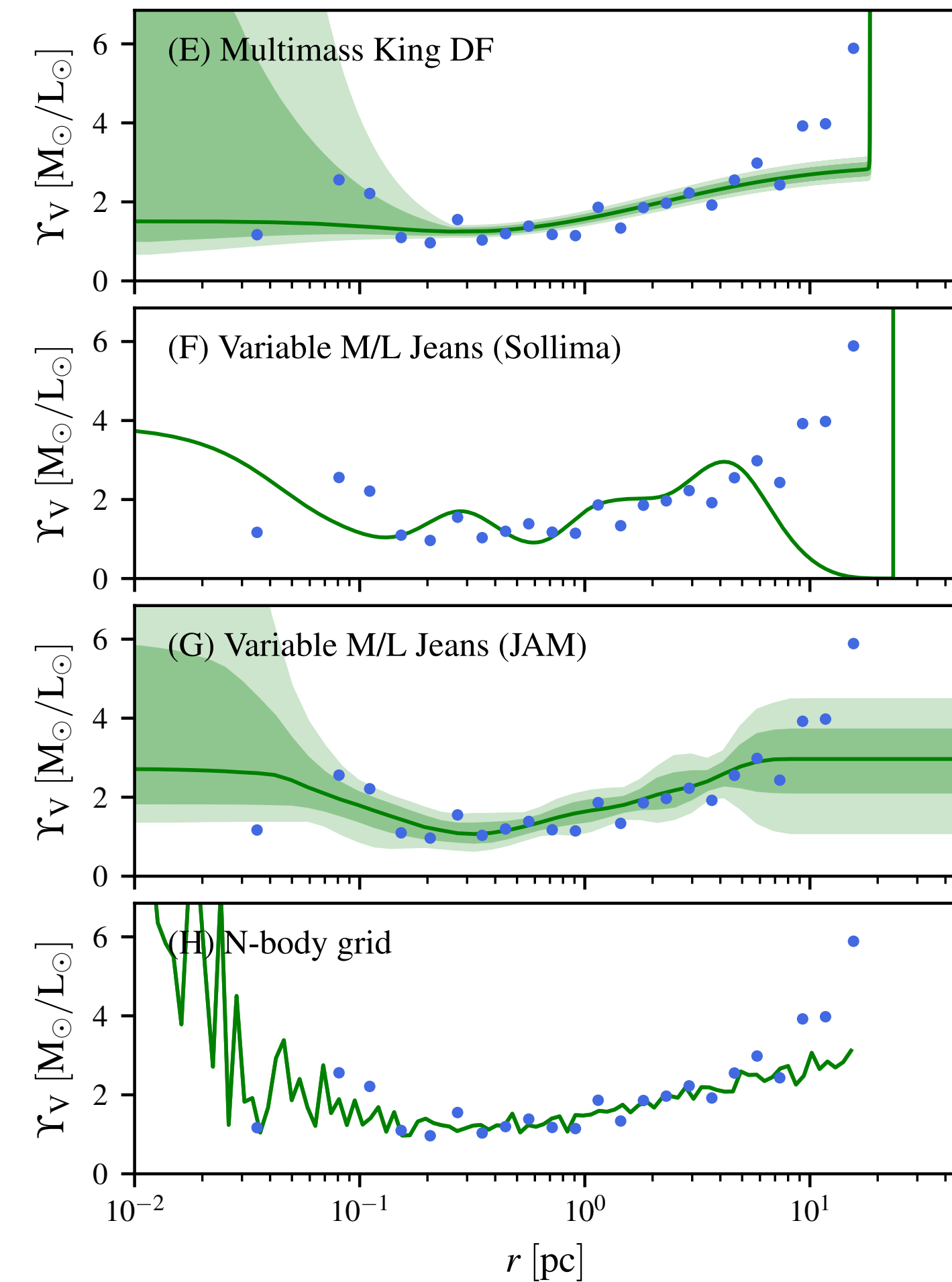
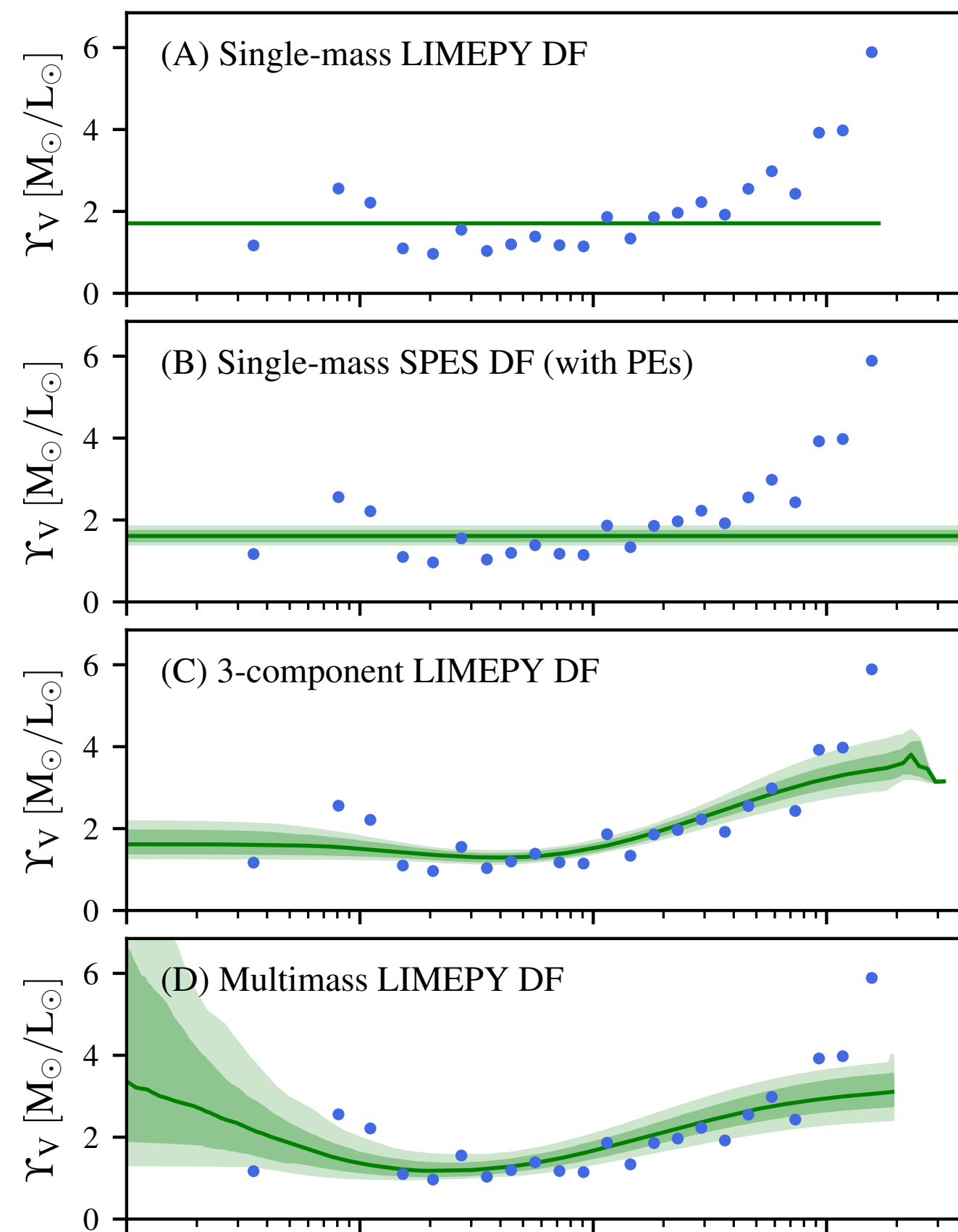
N-body simulation of M4

Heggie 2014

Mock observations:

- ★ Surface brightness
- ★ LOS
- ★ HST PMs
- ★ Gaia PMs

Hénault-Brunet, Gieles, Sollima, Watkins, Zocchi, Claydon, Pancino, Baumgardt 2019



Simulations + Models: Model Verification

Can we detect an IMBH?

Yes!

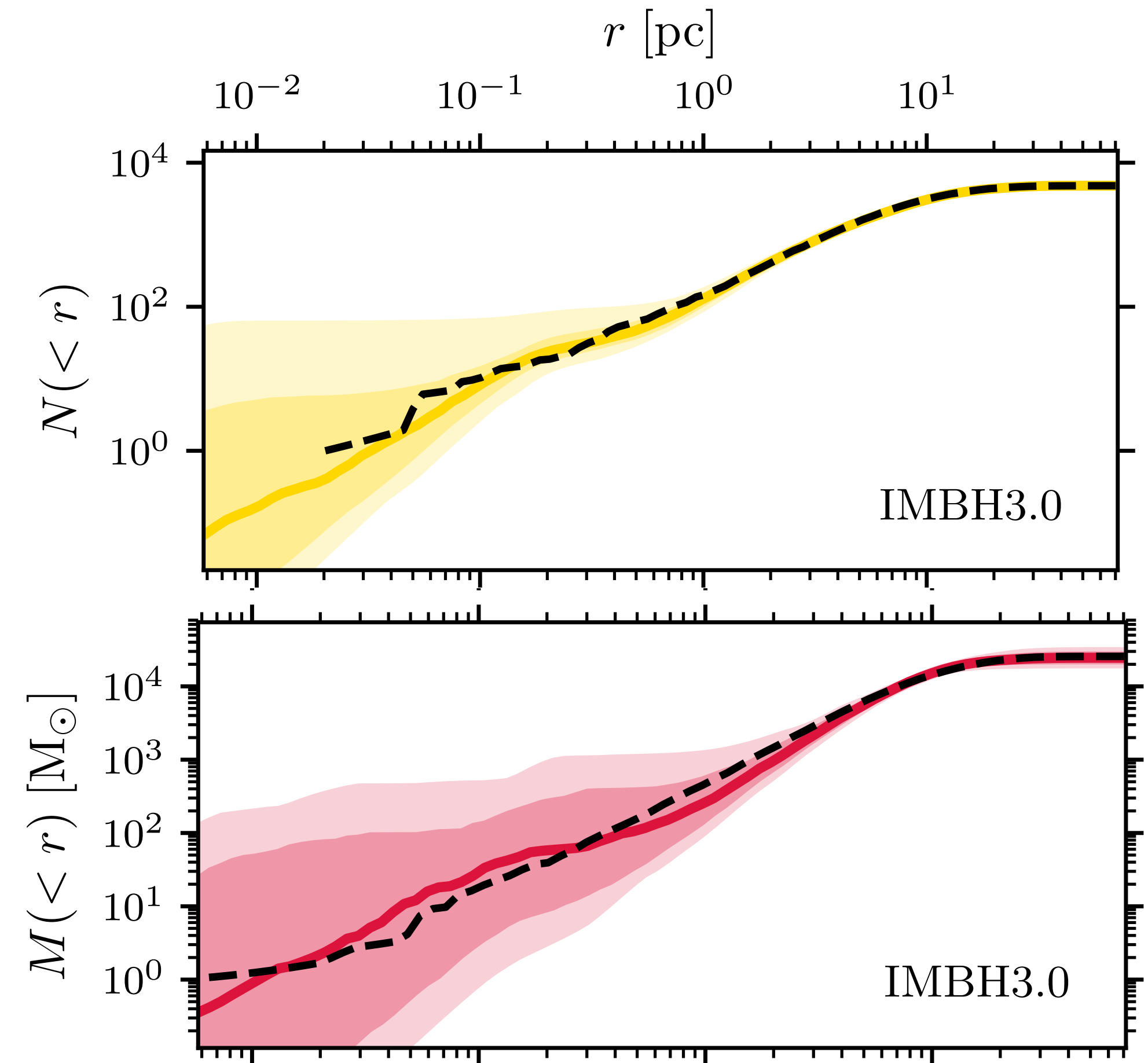
How?

By getting the rest of the cluster right.

Can mass-segregated remnants mimic an IMBH?

No.

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Simulations + Models: Inform observations

What data do we need?

Optimise sample size or uncertainties?

Stay tuned!

Observations

