

Missing in Action

Gluhwein mug ..

Reward : 10^6 -body run

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YOUNG CLUSTERS & TIDAL FIELDS

(a love story ;)



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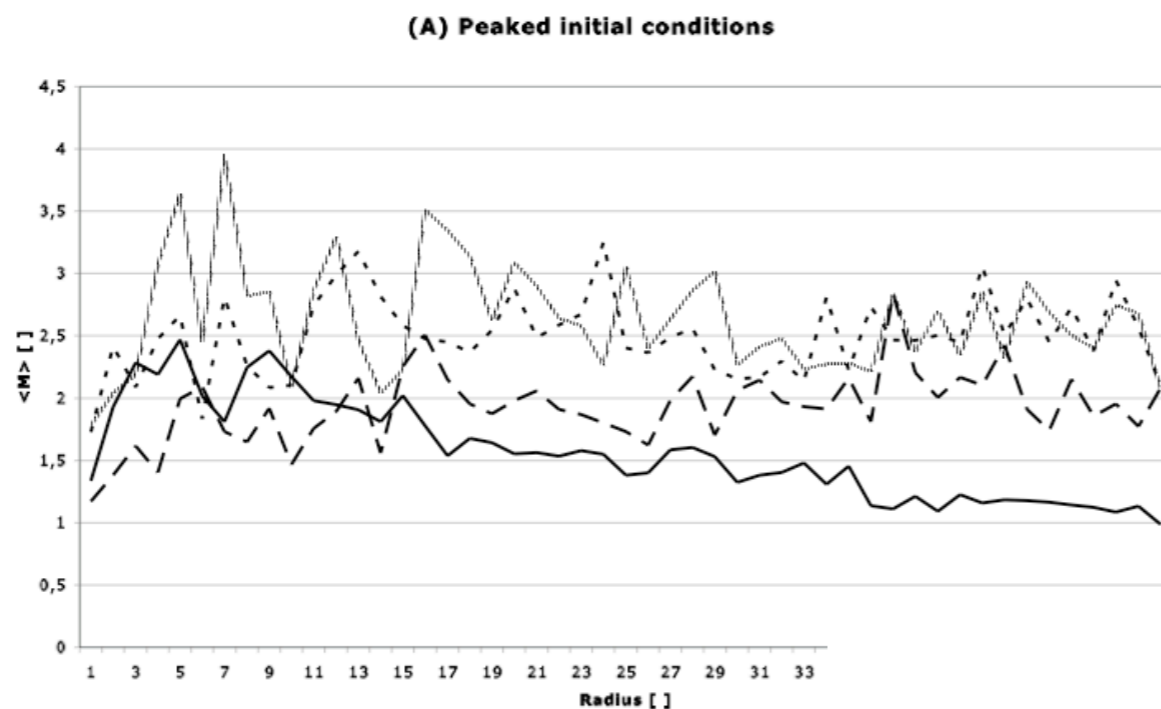
Historical note -

“yesterday, forming clusters was such an easy game to play..”

Until the early 1990's :

- Uniform metal abundances (e.g. Richer et al. 1984, etc)
∴ single formation epoch, great for stellar evolution synthesis
- Star formation through rapid dissipation + seed accretion
∴ rapid accretion, “top-hat” model of relaxation
- Examples: Numerous SPH movies, semi-analytic seed accretion

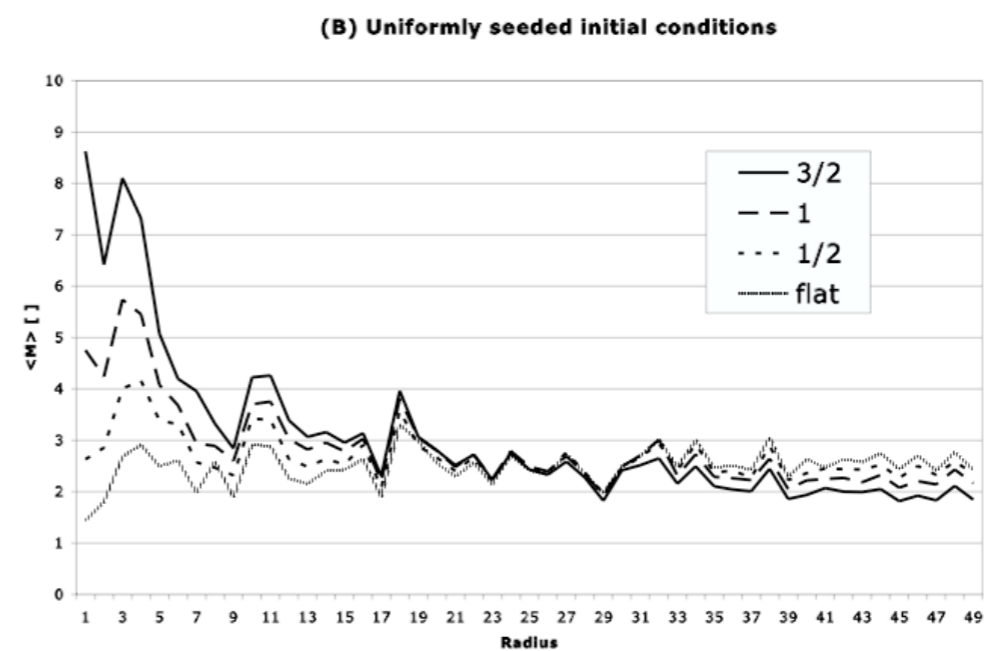
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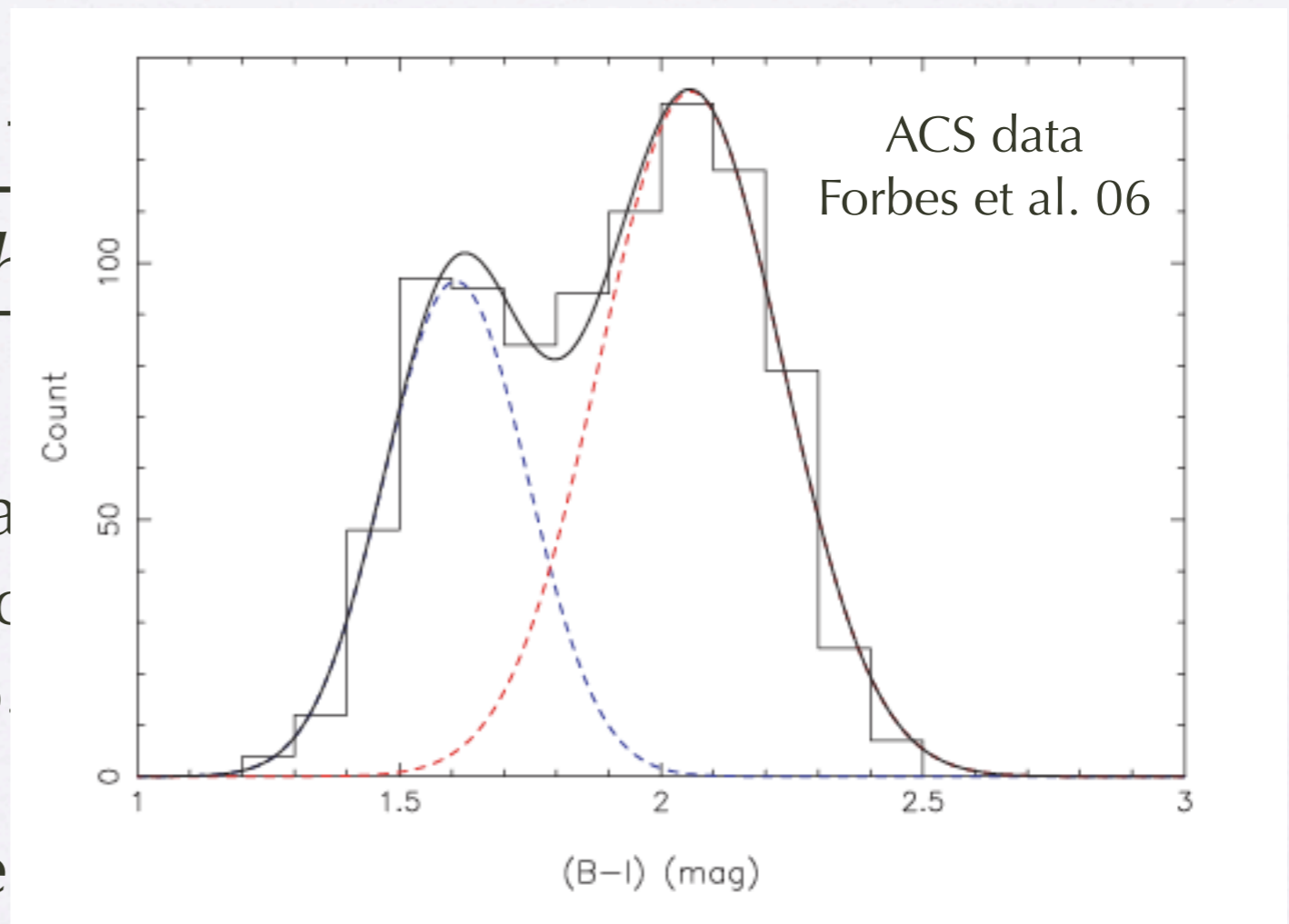
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∴ Hubble Heritage (B. Whitmore)

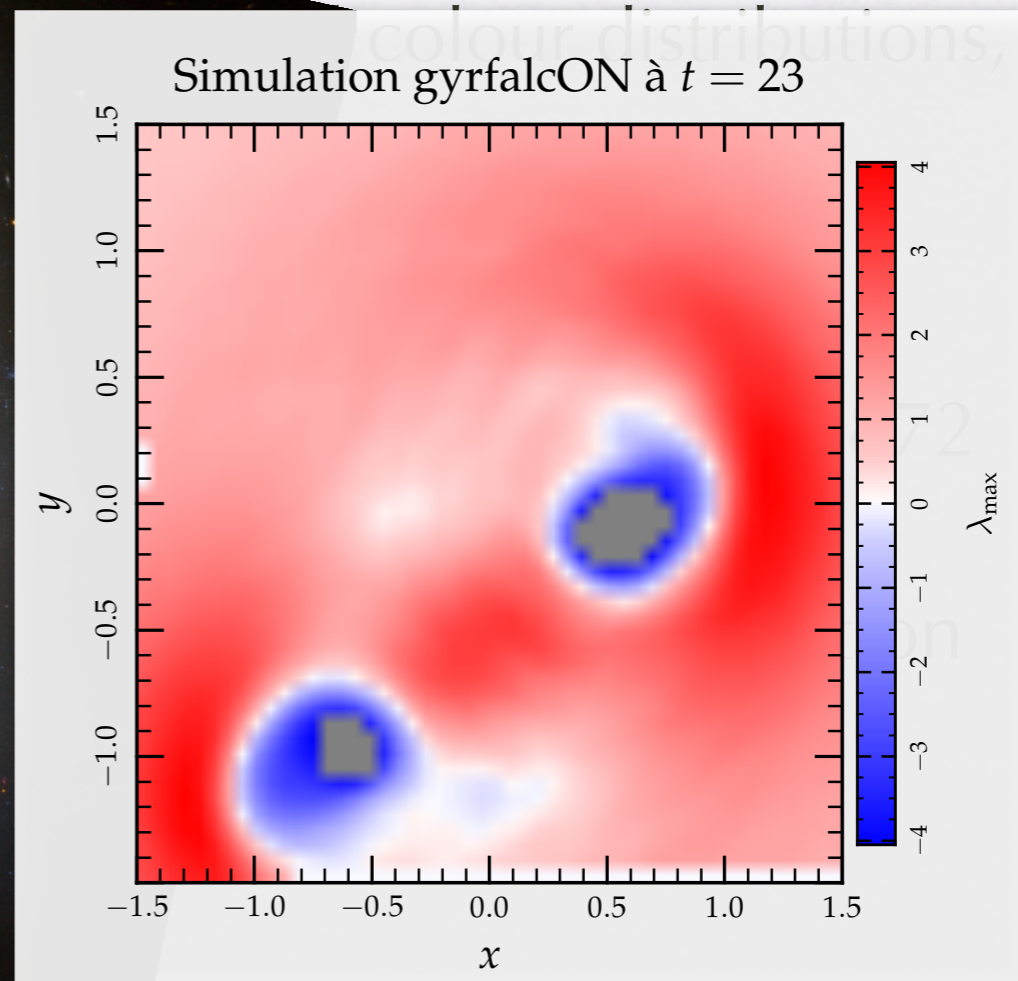
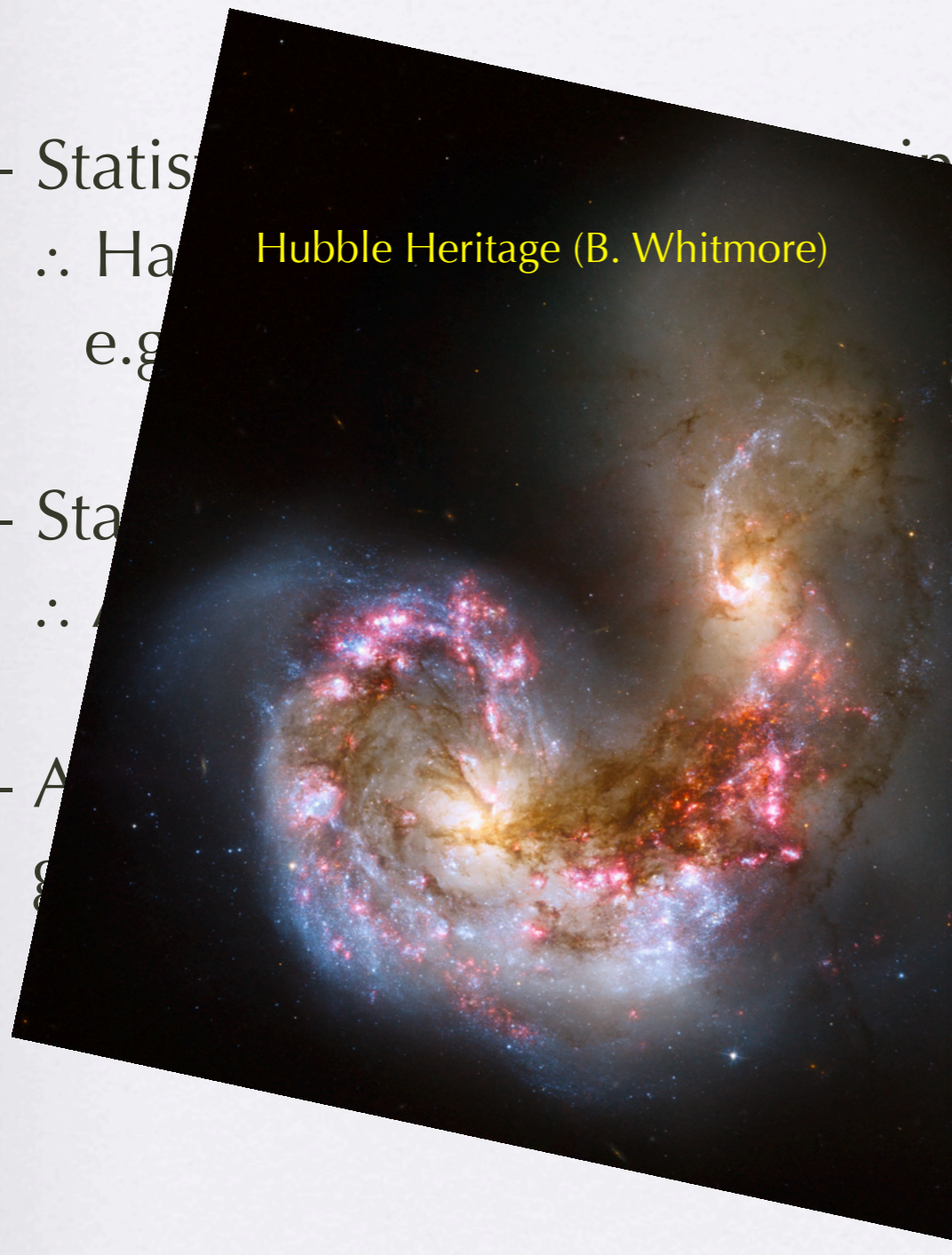
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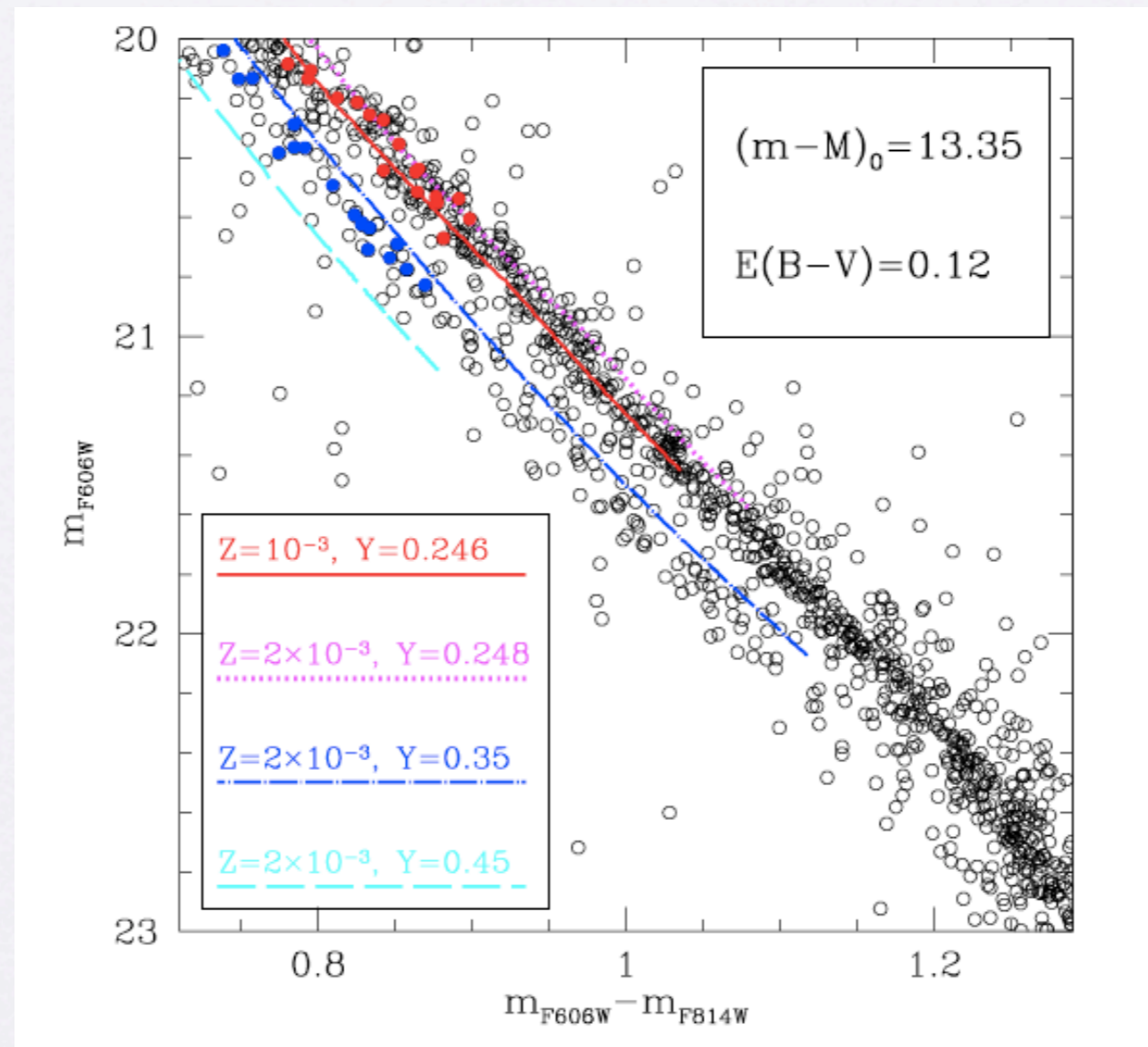
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- Multiple MS threads in GC's e.g. Omega-Cen, c.f. Anderson et al. 1997, 2002; Bedin et al. 2004, etc ..
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Examples: the Eris simulation, Ramses (AMR) (direct)

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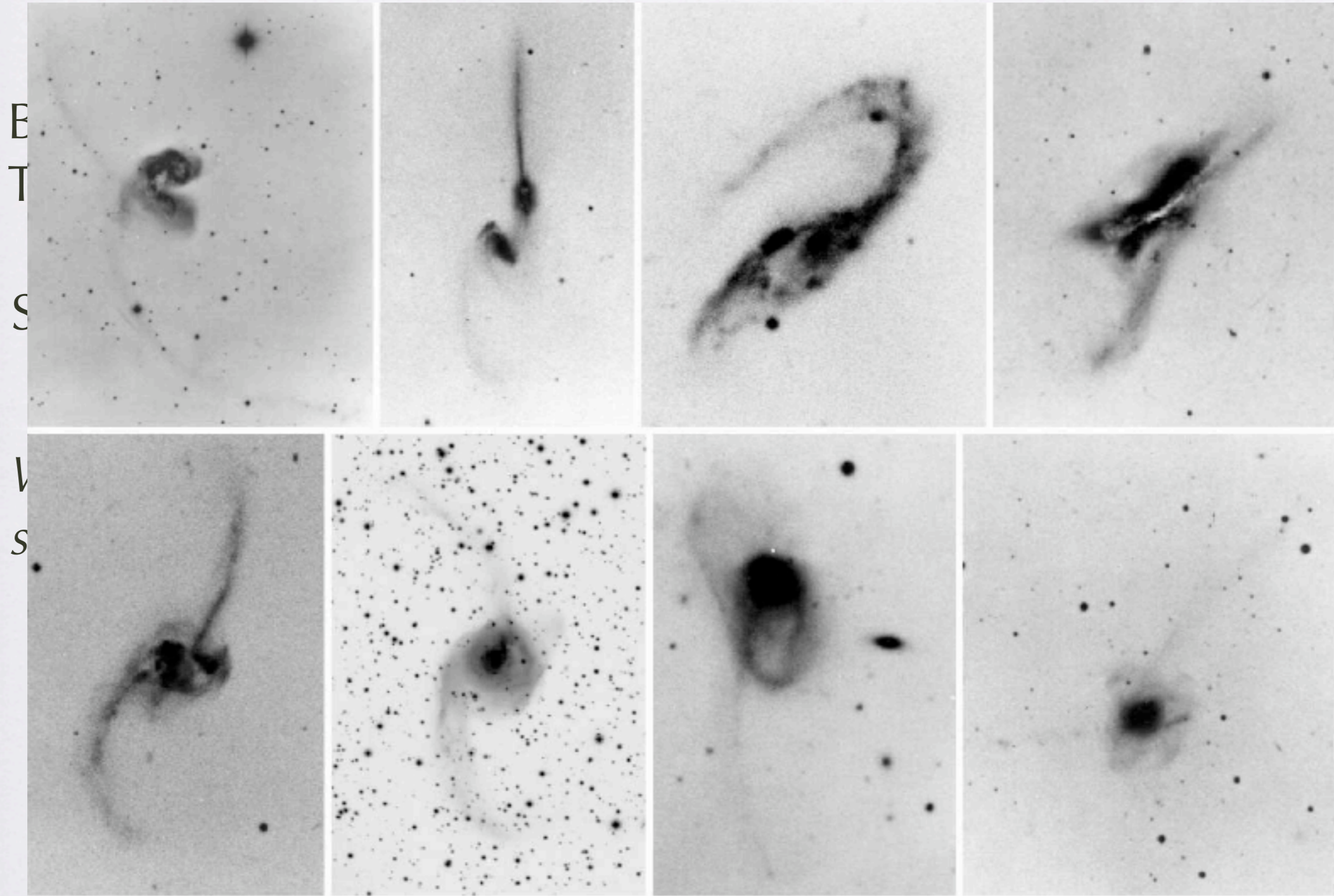
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Barnes (2004) :

The Mice, recover star formation sites from nbody/sph

Schmidt SFR law + divergence of the v-field (convergence, really)

What might trigger "inward motion" on cluster-formation scale, say 100 pc?

Where might ★C's form?

Tidal field as “driver”

Roche radius

$$\Delta(\nabla\Phi_x) \approx l_\star (\nabla^2\Phi_x) = \frac{GM_\star}{l_\star^2}$$

$$\rightarrow l_\star^3 \simeq \frac{GM_\star}{\nabla^2\Phi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathbf{v} &\sim \Delta(R\Omega) = \Delta R\Omega + R\Delta\Omega \\ &= \Delta R(\Omega + R\Omega') \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow l_\star (\Omega + R\Omega') \simeq \sigma_\star \approx \left(\frac{GM_\star}{l_\star}\right)^{1/2}$$

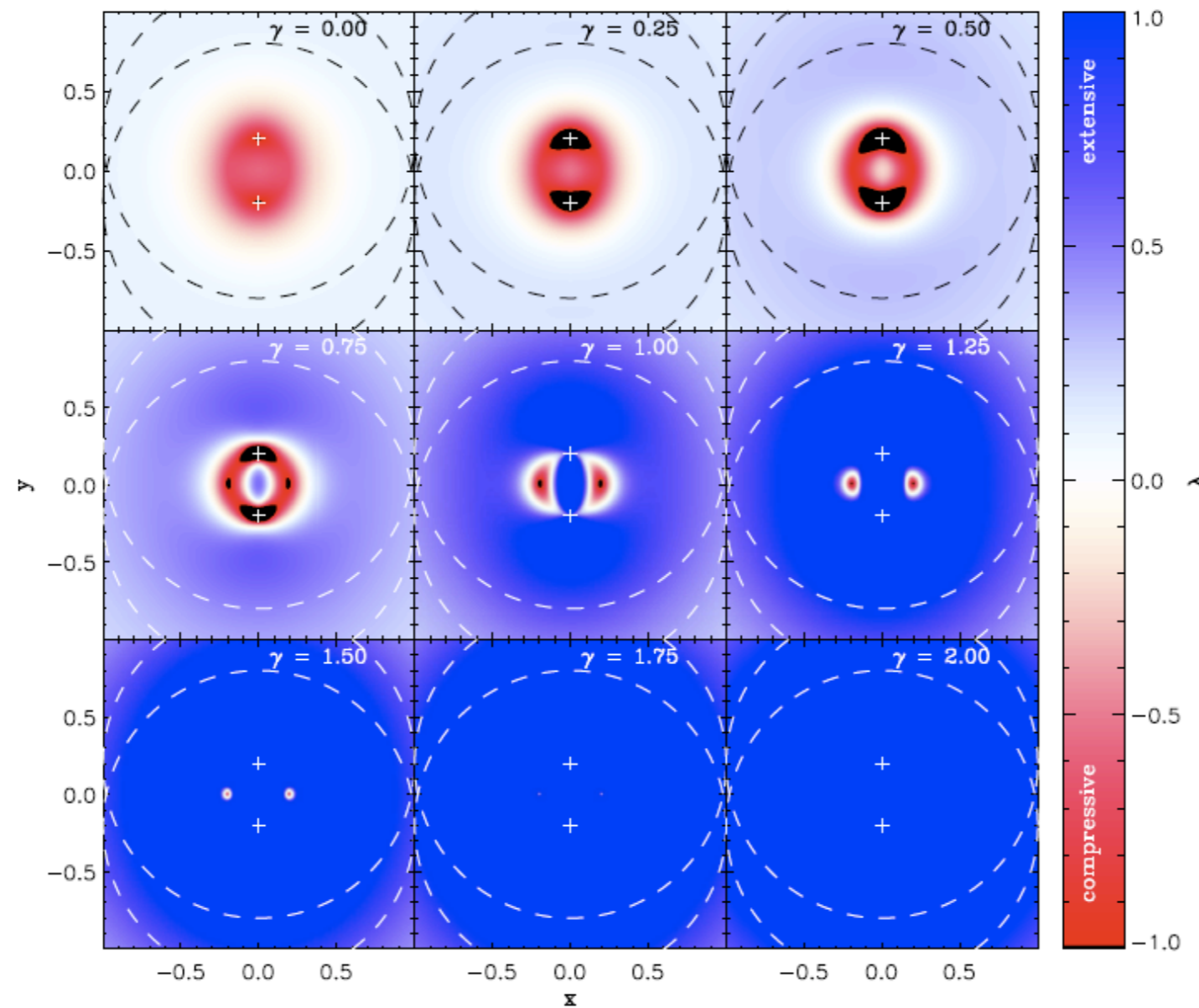
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Shear radius

3D: tensor form

(equal for circular motion)

Outcome = f(d.f.)



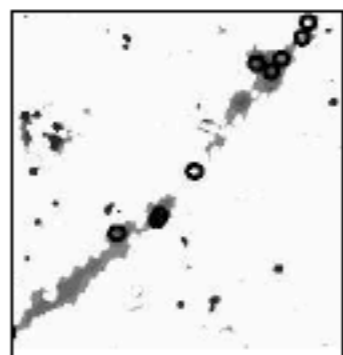
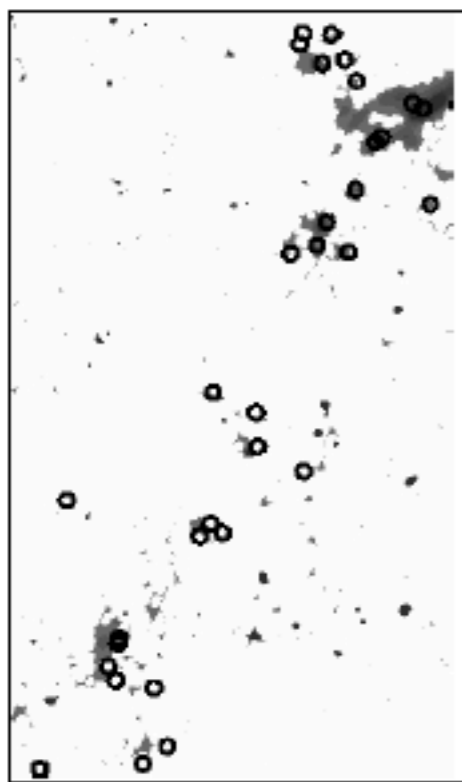
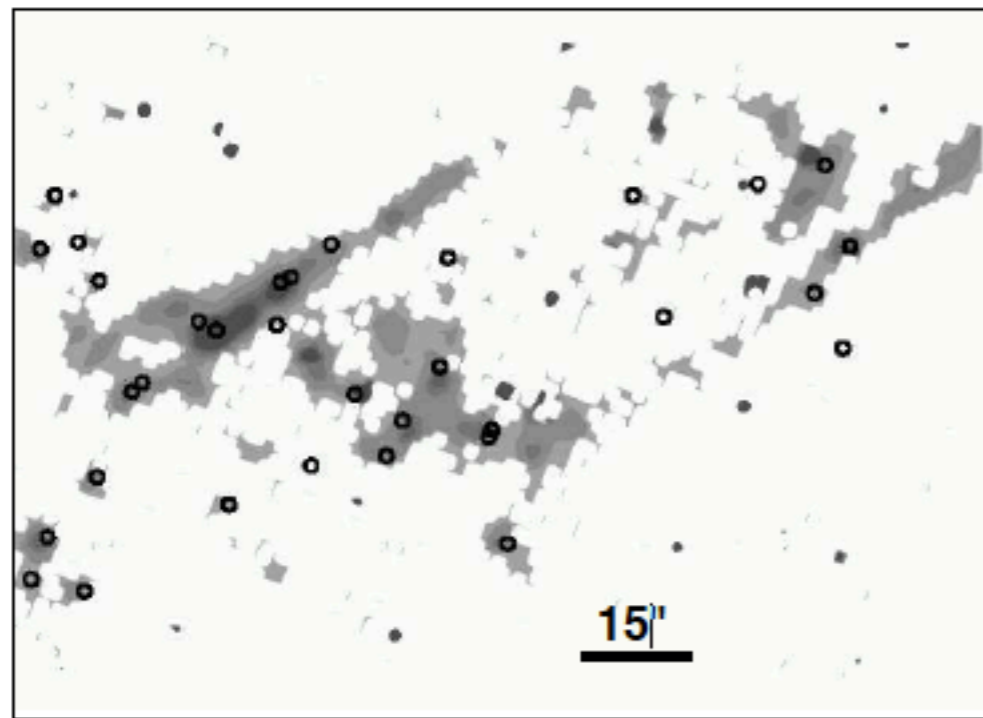
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What \star C's form? Could be "driver"



Bastian et al. 2005

Fig. 10. The young (< 10 Myr) massive ($\gtrsim 10^{4.5} M_{\odot}$)

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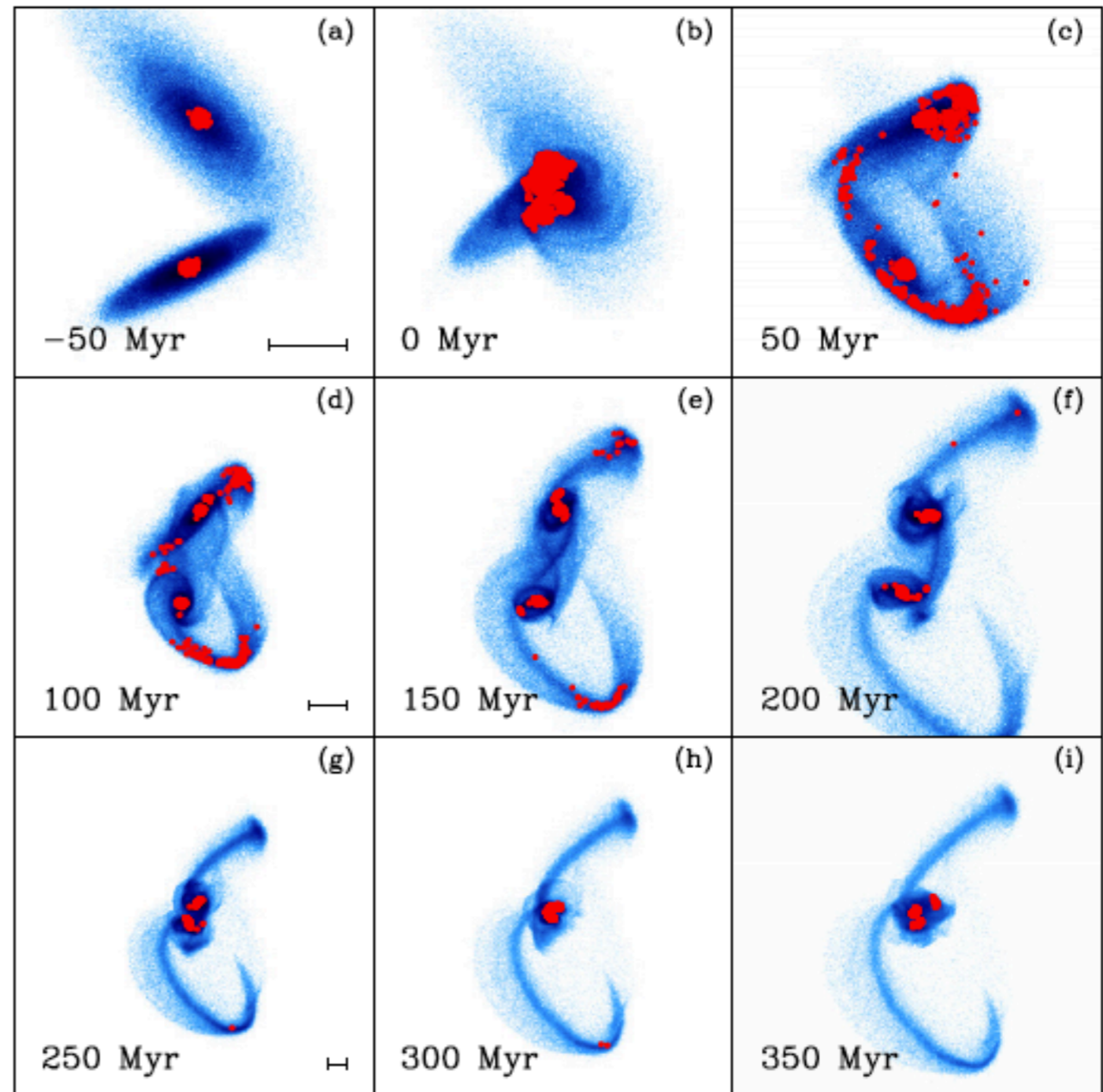
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Tidal

- * .. where the gas goes ..
- * .. which is where the potential is deepest ..
compressive tidal field (



Lifted from Renaud et al. 2009

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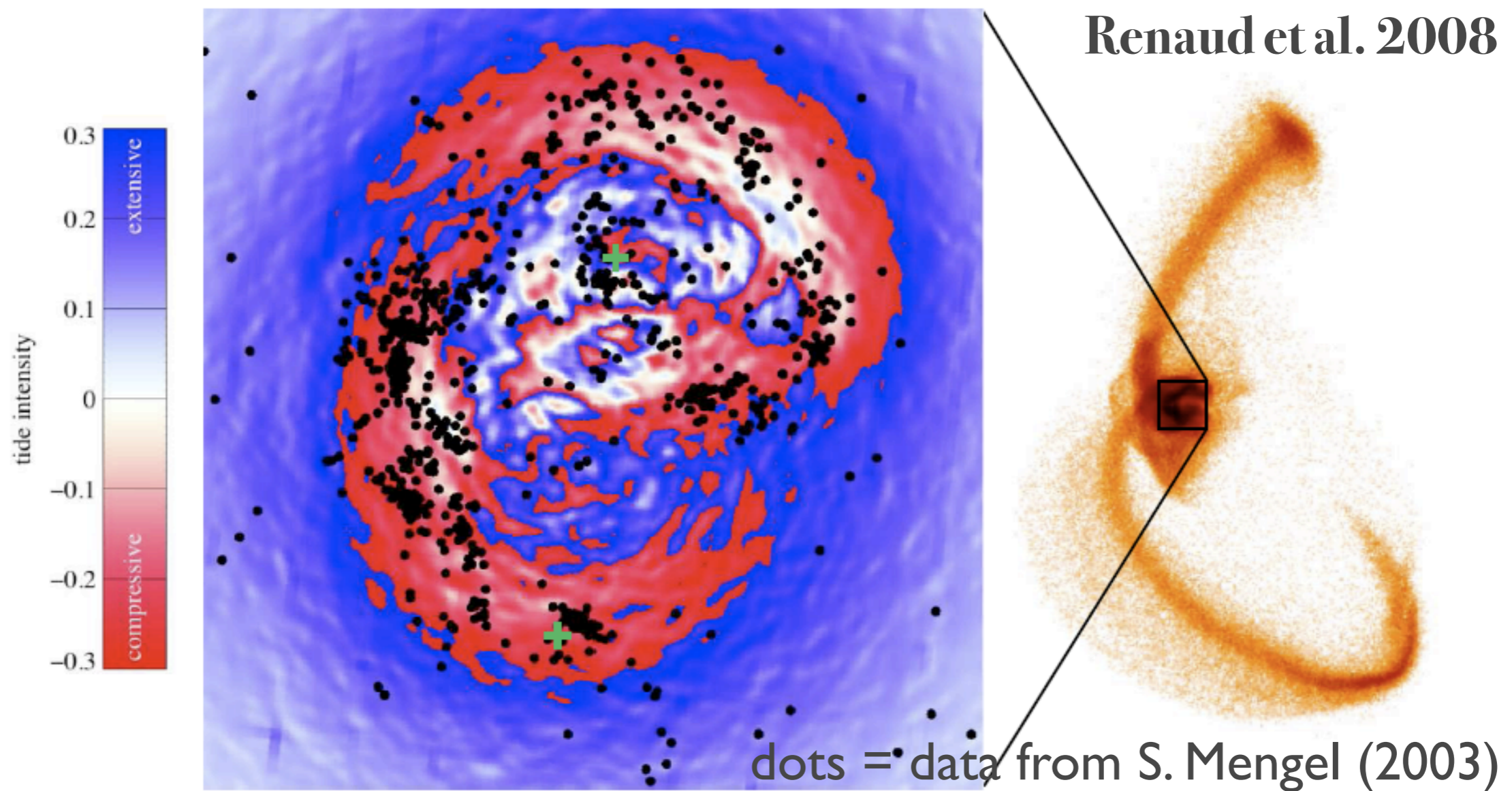
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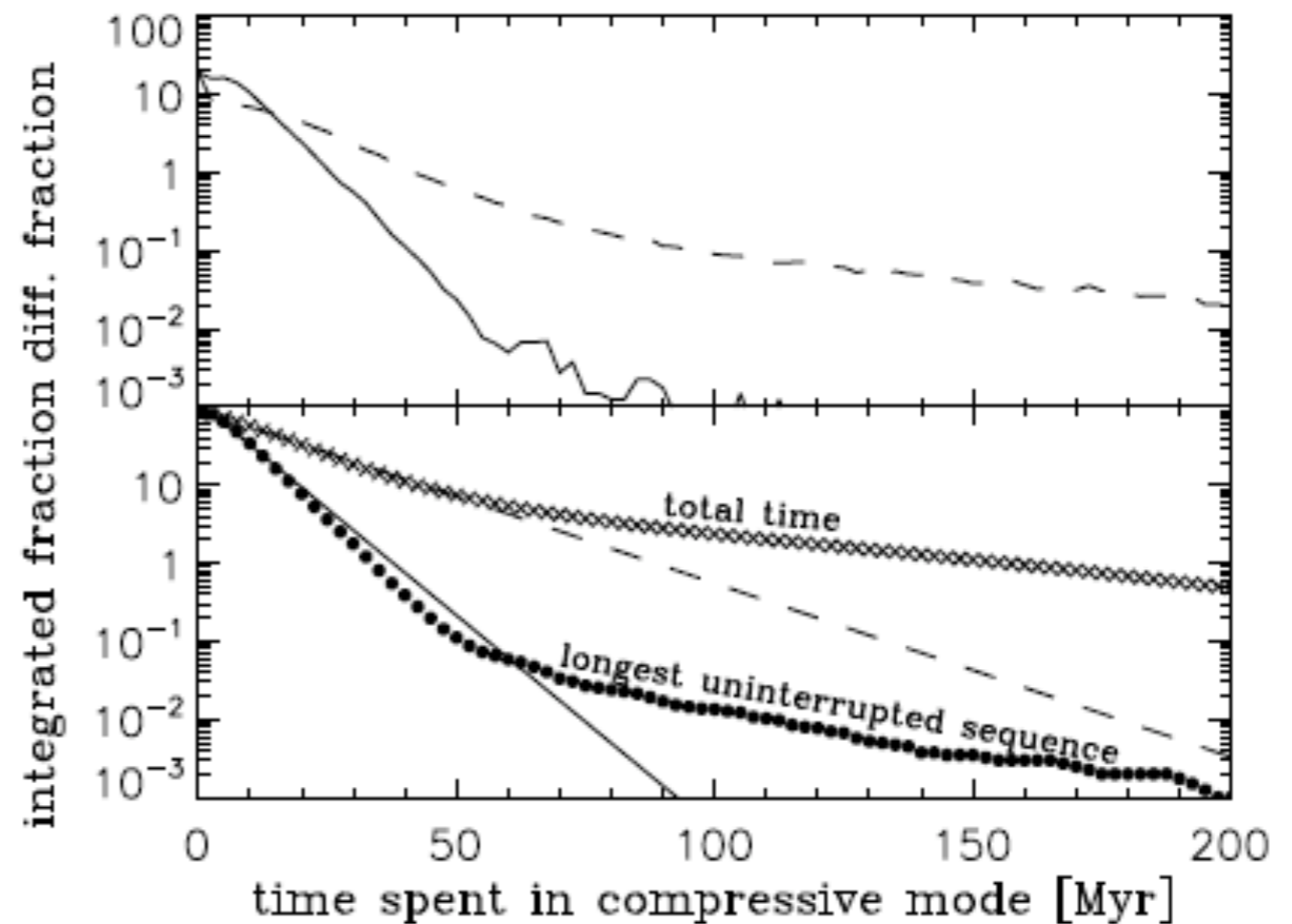
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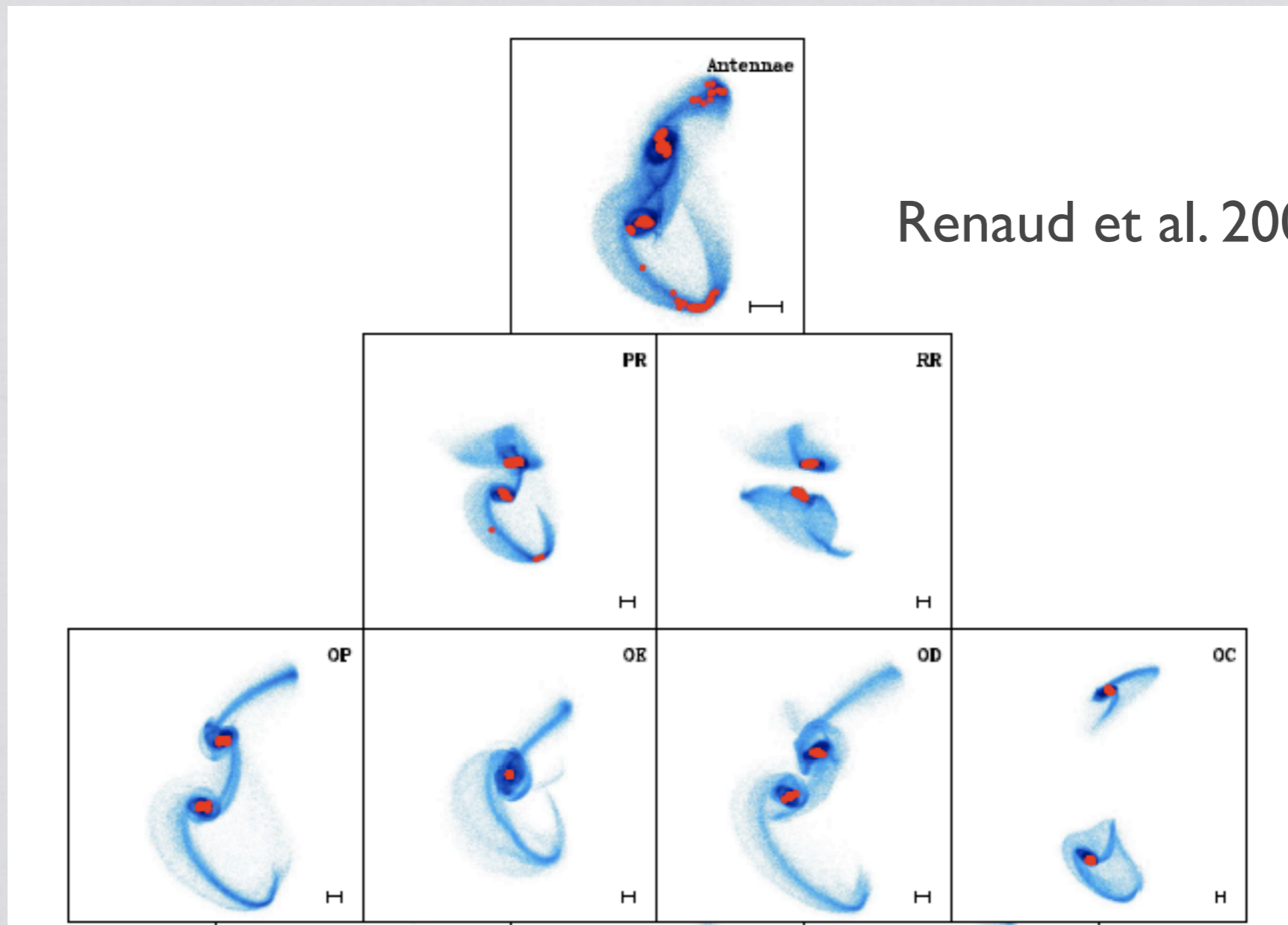
Compressive tidal modes:

statistics point to a log-normal distribution of the duration

- * Characteristic times
~ 10 to 20 Myr
- * valid for major mergers,
i.e. it is scale free (dry
runs)
- * *minimal* time scale given
that there is *no* dissipa-
tion



but... “many” orbital parameters ☹



Renaud et al. 2009 ApJ

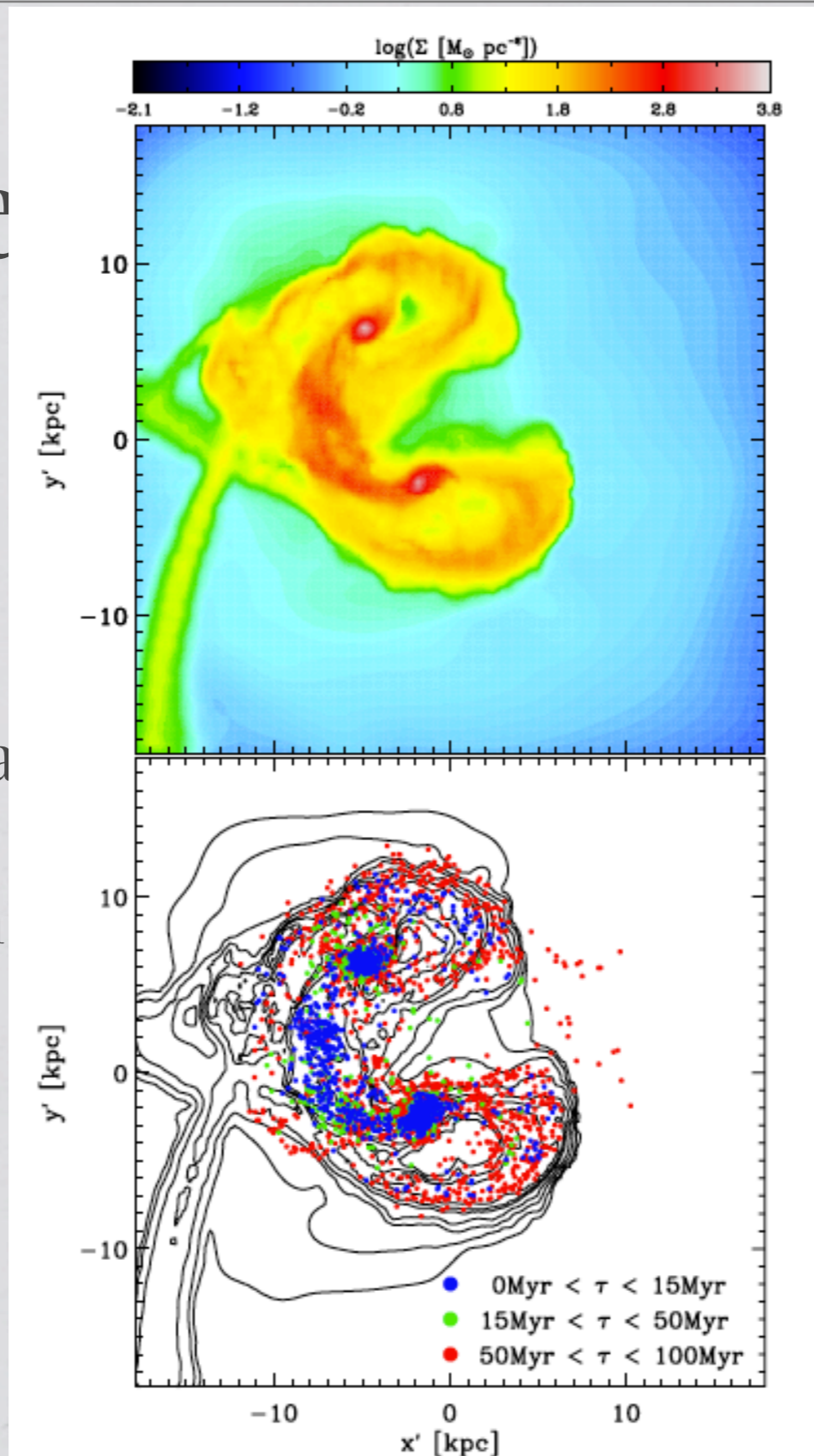
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- * .. where the gas goes .. ? With gas, is the answer better?
- * Example of an sph simulation using Gadget2 (S. Karl et al. 2010)

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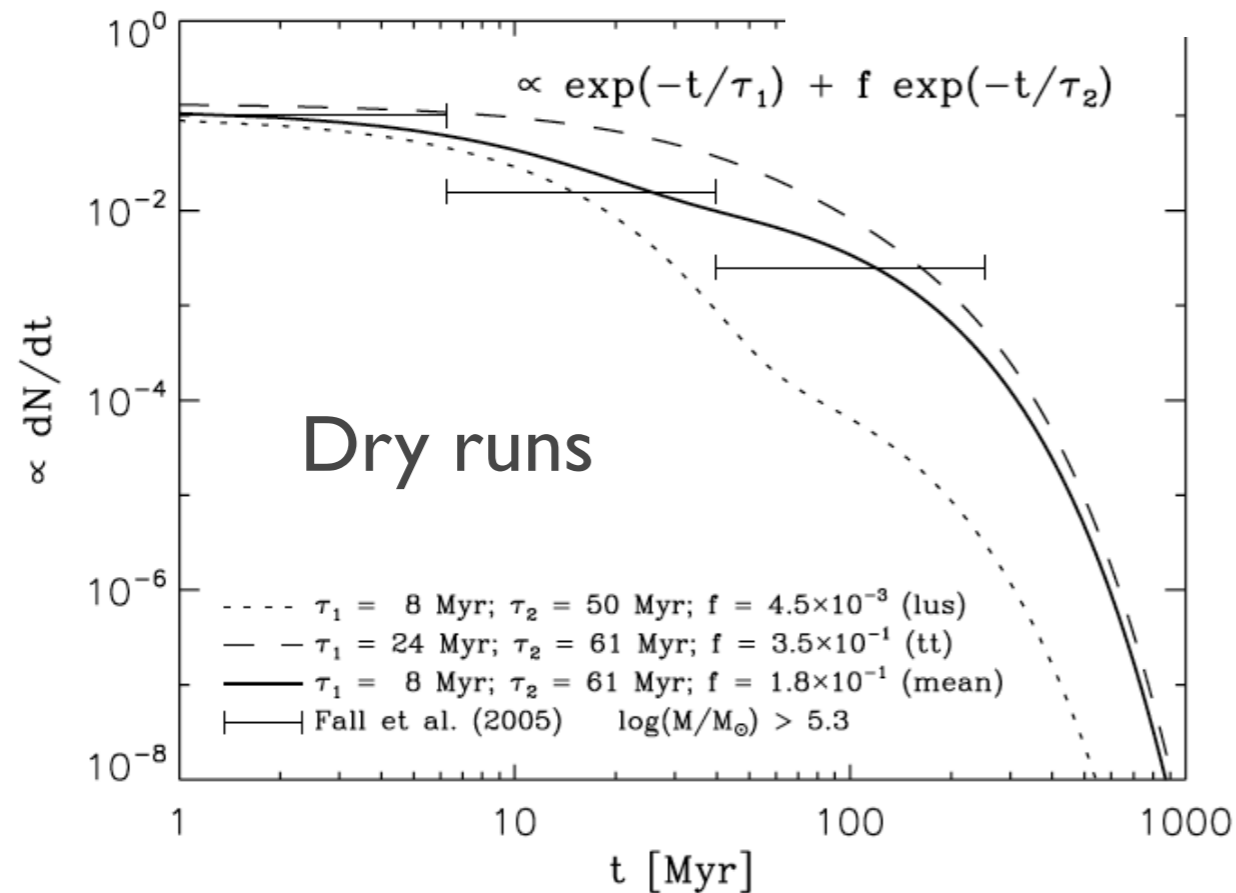
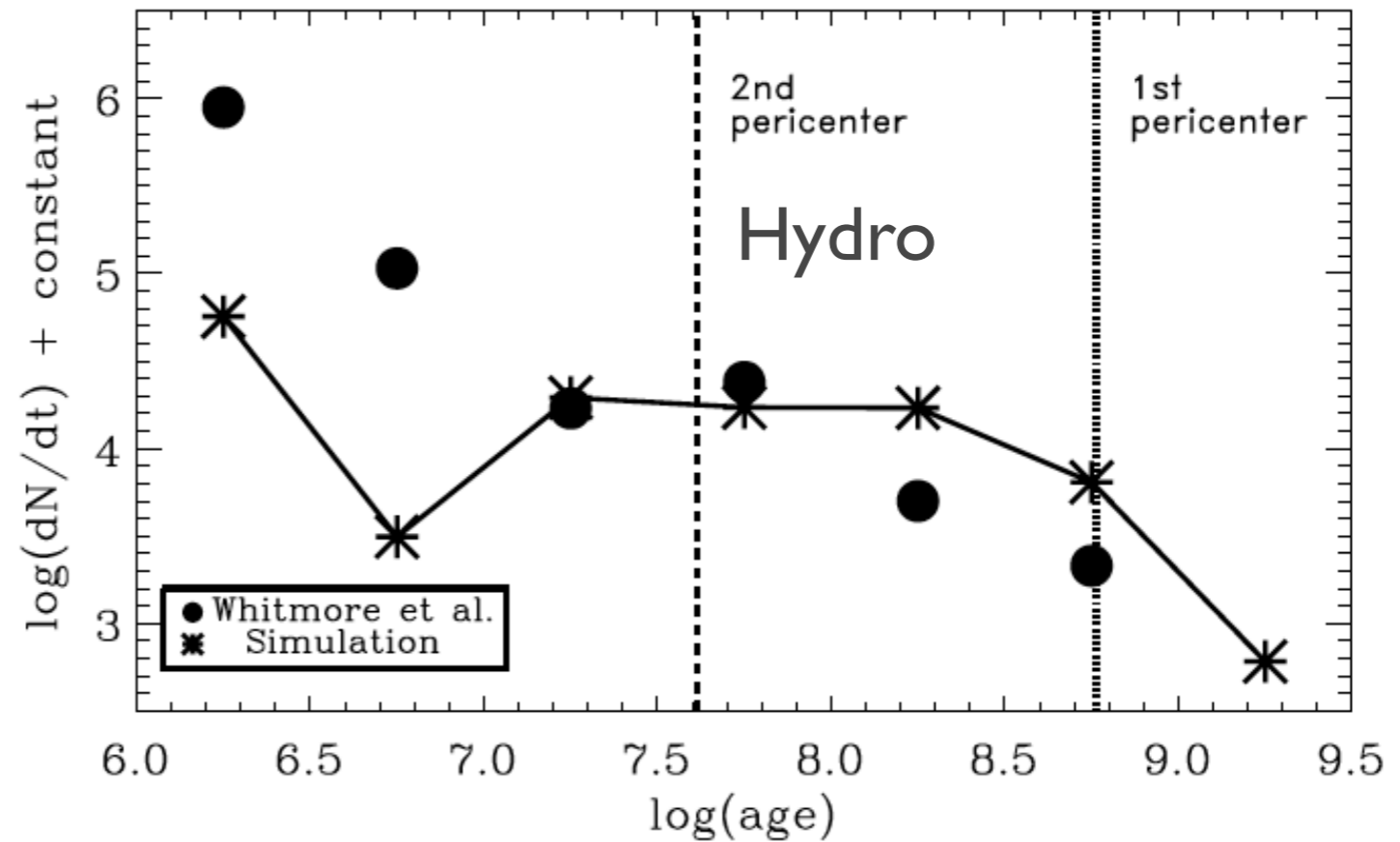
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Recovering the SFR of NGC 4038/39

- * With gas: number of SHP elements above a threshold in density
- * Dry runs: number of bodies in compressive mode at any given time

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Recover

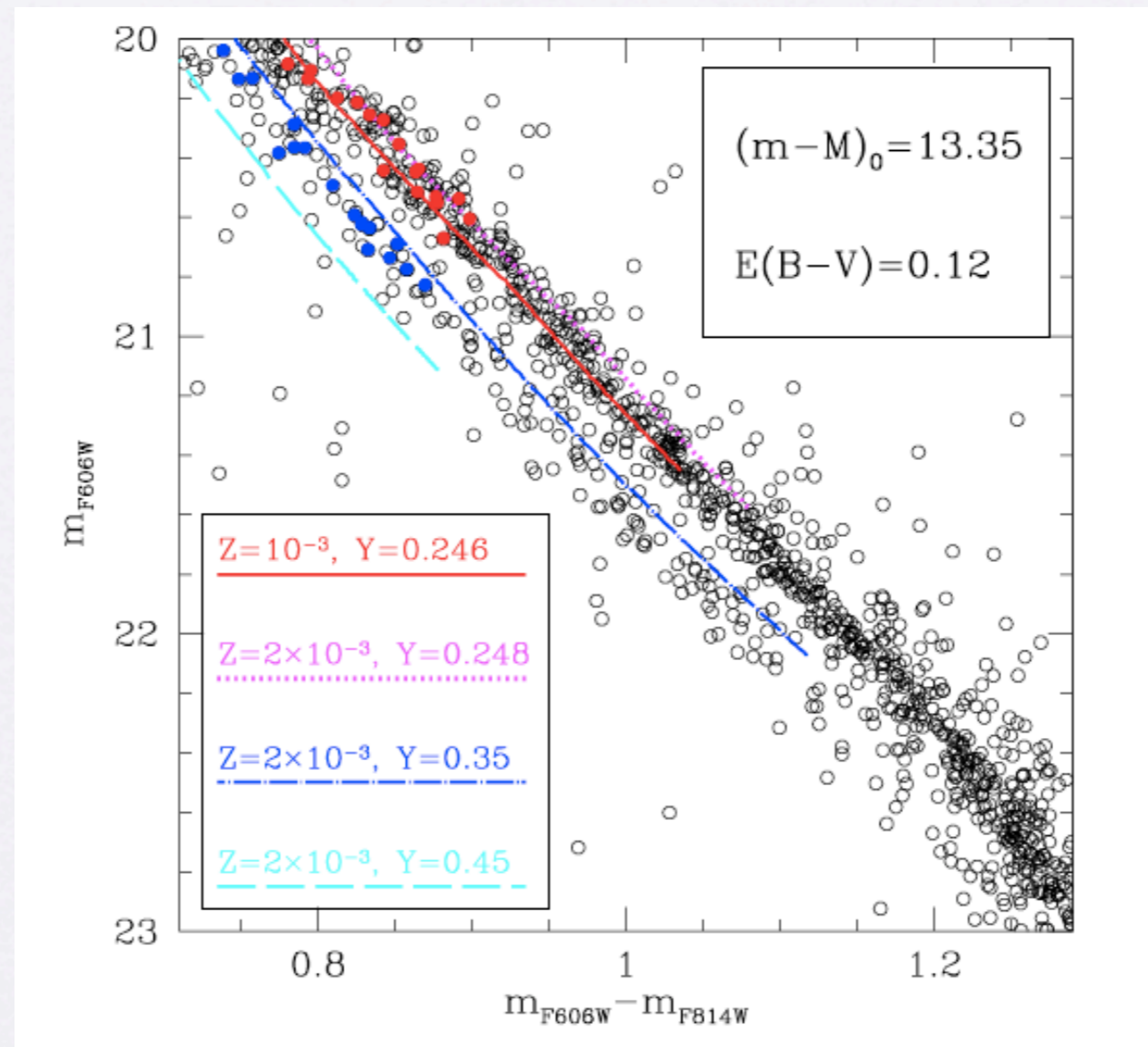


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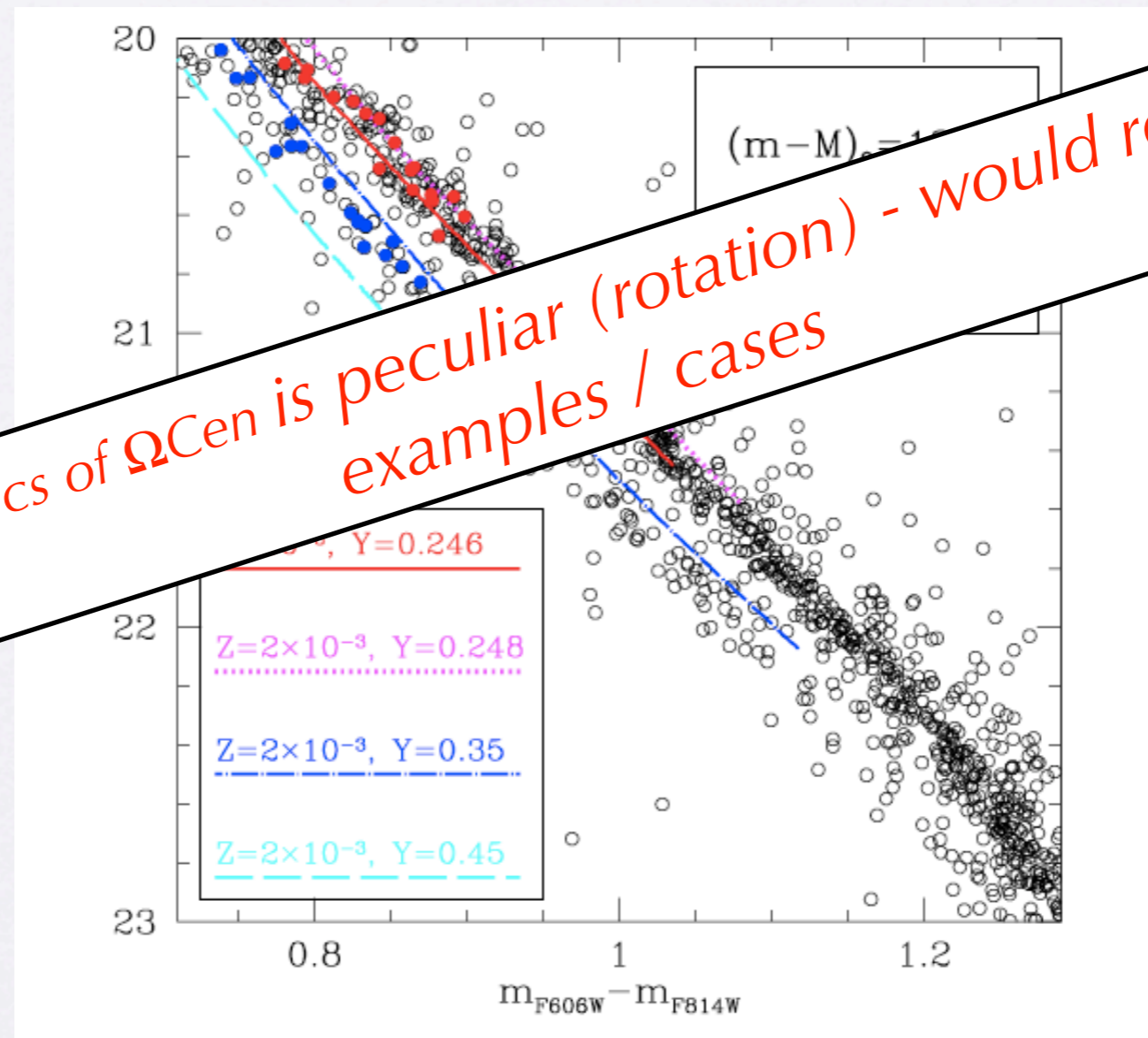


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But the kinematics of Ω Cen is peculiar (rotation) - would require other examples / cases



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Conclusions

- Cluster formation an interplay between local gas dynamics and global galaxy evolution
- The tidal field: compressive modes help trigger the formation of stars (characteristic duration time, magnitude)
- In situ evolution: the *efficiency* with which stars form requires the statistics of turbulence + fragmentation modes