

Mass segregation influence on weighting young star clusters

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Where does it come from ?

- ◆ Observations :

- Half-Light Radius, 1D Dispersion
- Equilibrium ? Tides ?

- ◆ Theory :

$$M = \eta \frac{R_{hl} \sigma_{los}^2}{G}$$

- Half-Mass Radius, 3D Dispersion
- Equilibrium \Rightarrow Virial Theorem

Mass segregation

- ◆ Origin : Thermical equilibrium of different masses (tend to equalize Kinetic energy)
- ◆ Implications : massive particules get lower mean speed
- ◆ Astrophysic : Mean radius decreases for high masses

Implications

- ◆ Dynamical Issue : equilibrium for a multi-mass system ?
- ◆ Observational Issue : Massive stars dominate light flux and thus radius and dispersion estimations.

Characteristic Times

- ◆ Relaxation Time

$$\frac{t_r}{t_{cr}} \simeq 0.138 \left[\frac{r_{hm}}{2r_g} \right]^{3/2} \frac{N}{\ln(0.4N)}$$

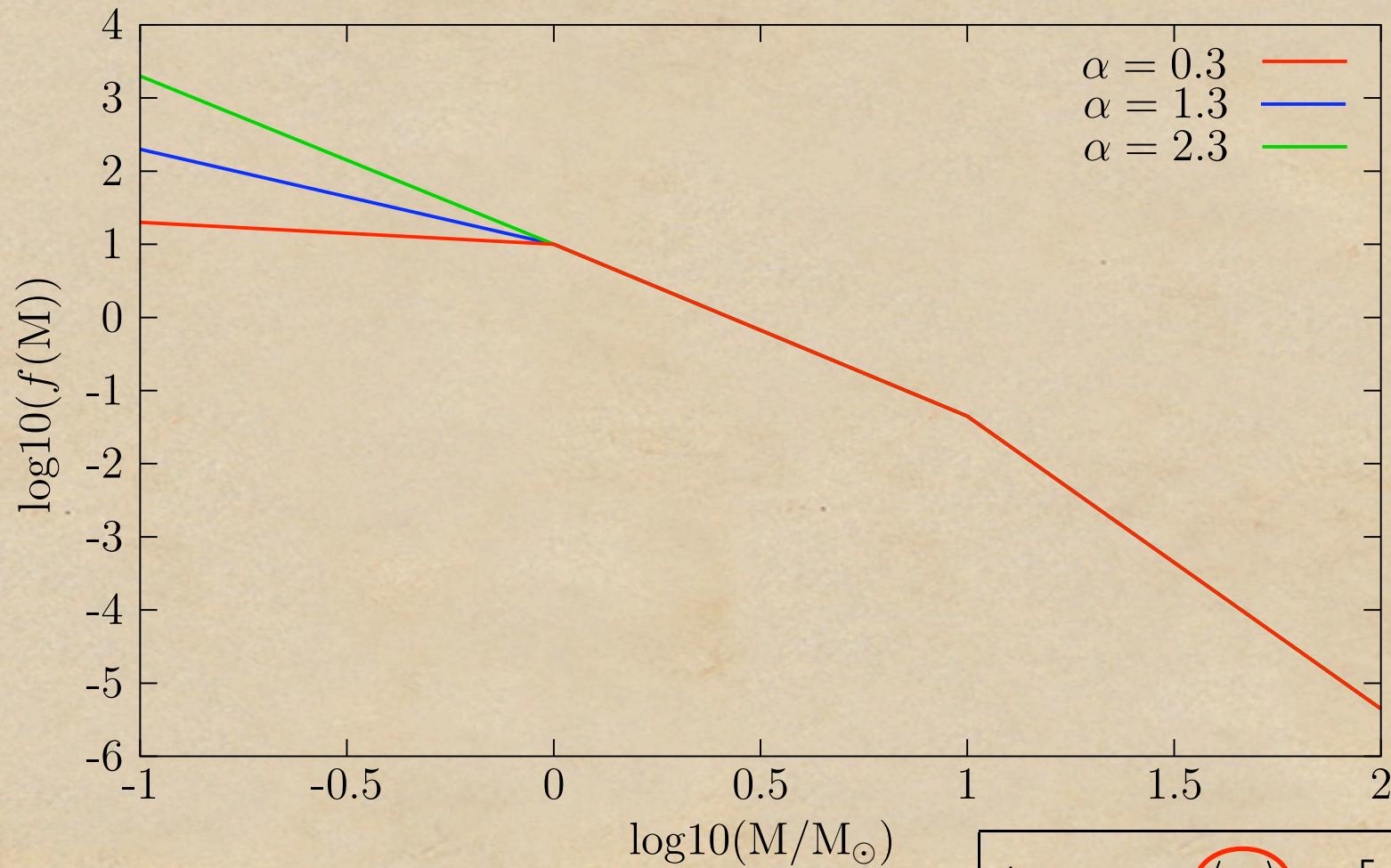
- ◆ Segregation Time

$$\frac{t_{ms}}{t_r} \simeq \frac{\pi}{3} \frac{\langle m \rangle}{m_{max}} \frac{\bar{\rho}}{\rho} \left[\frac{r_{hm}}{r_g} \right]^{3/2}$$

Code & Assumptions

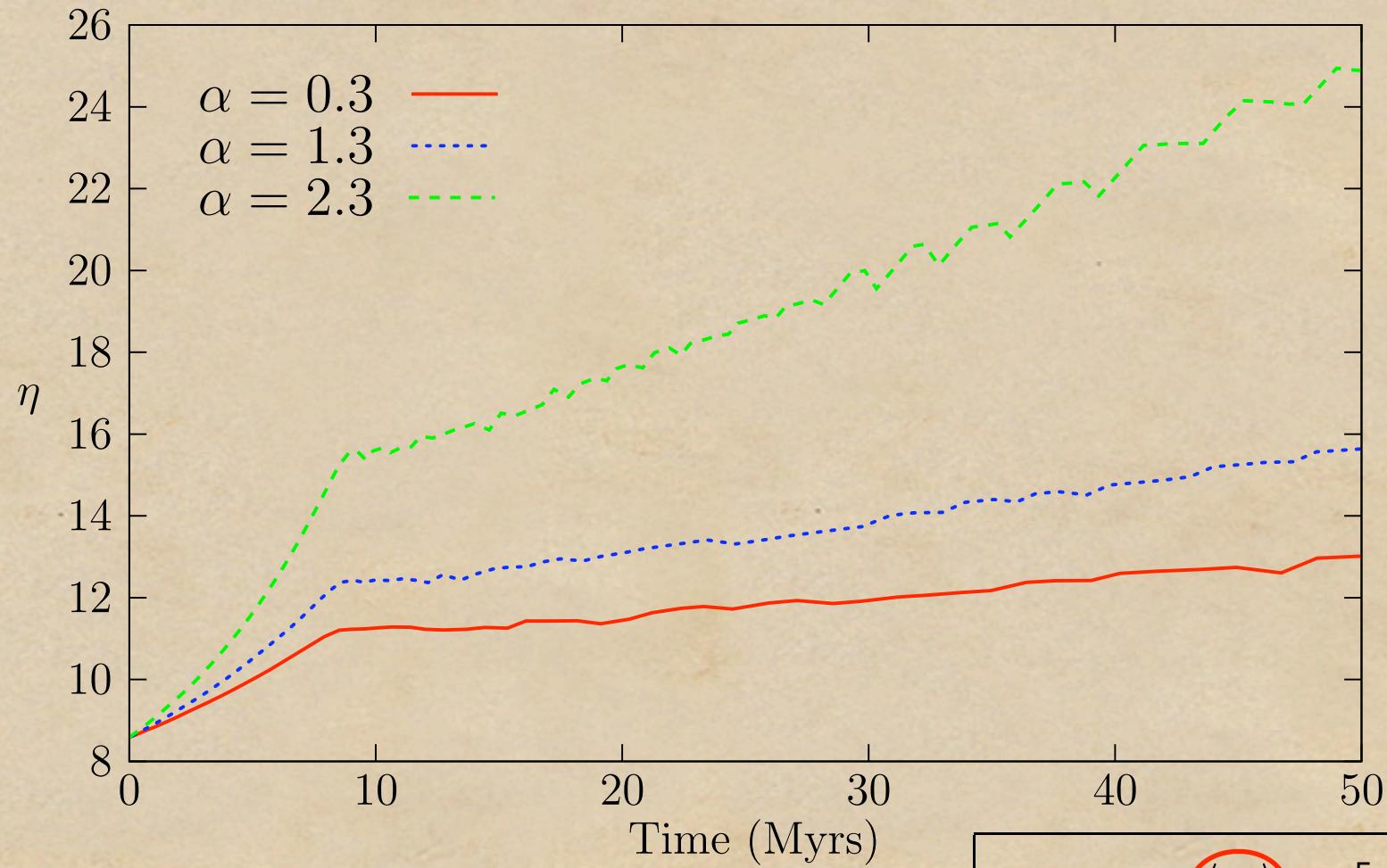
- ◆ Gaseous model:
 - Spedi from R. Spurzem
 - S. Deiters added stellar evolution
- ◆ Spherical and continuous
- ◆ Mass sampling: 35 components
- ◆ THE more massive group dominates
- ◆ Stellar genocide

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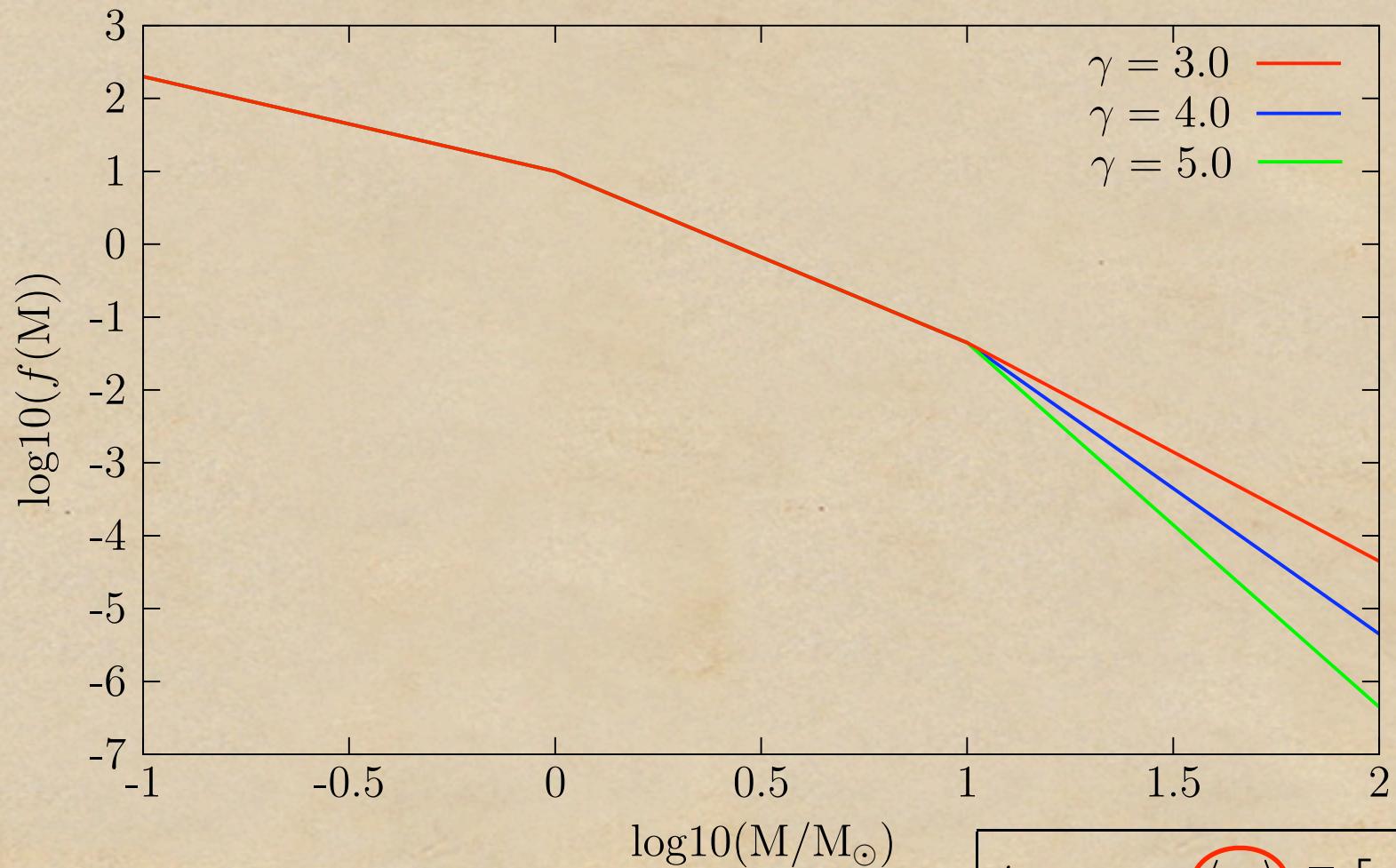
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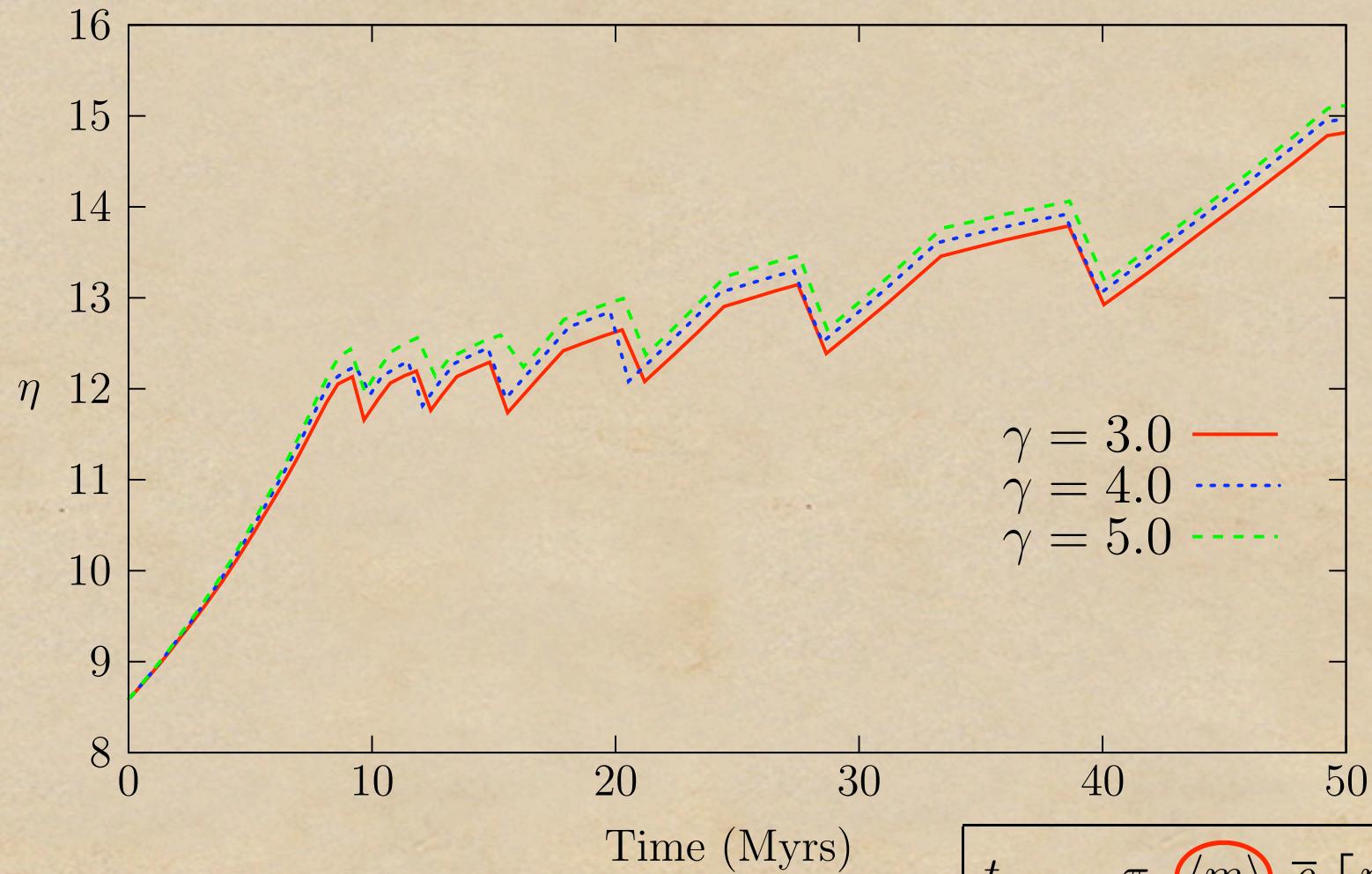
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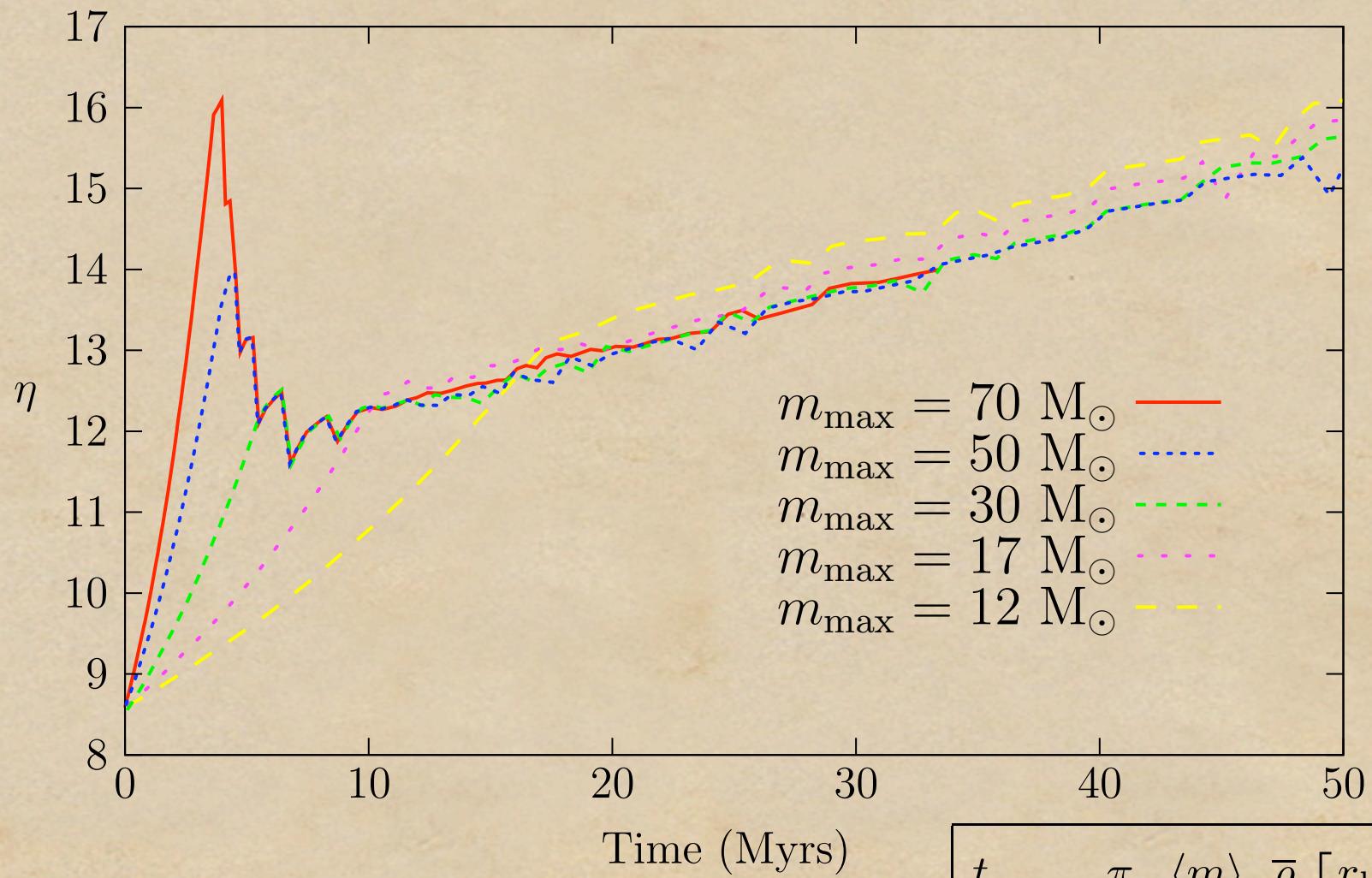
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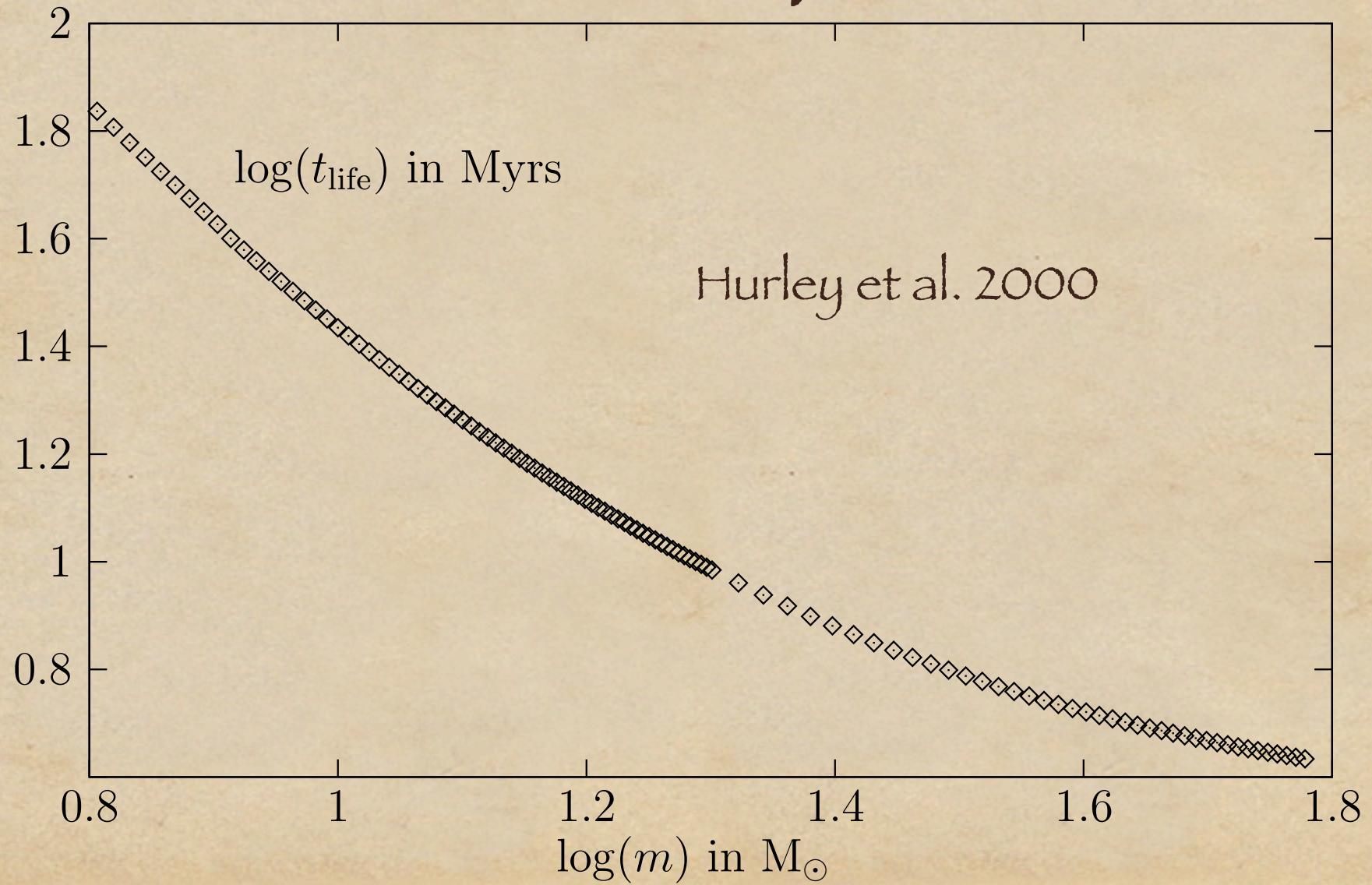
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Mass extension



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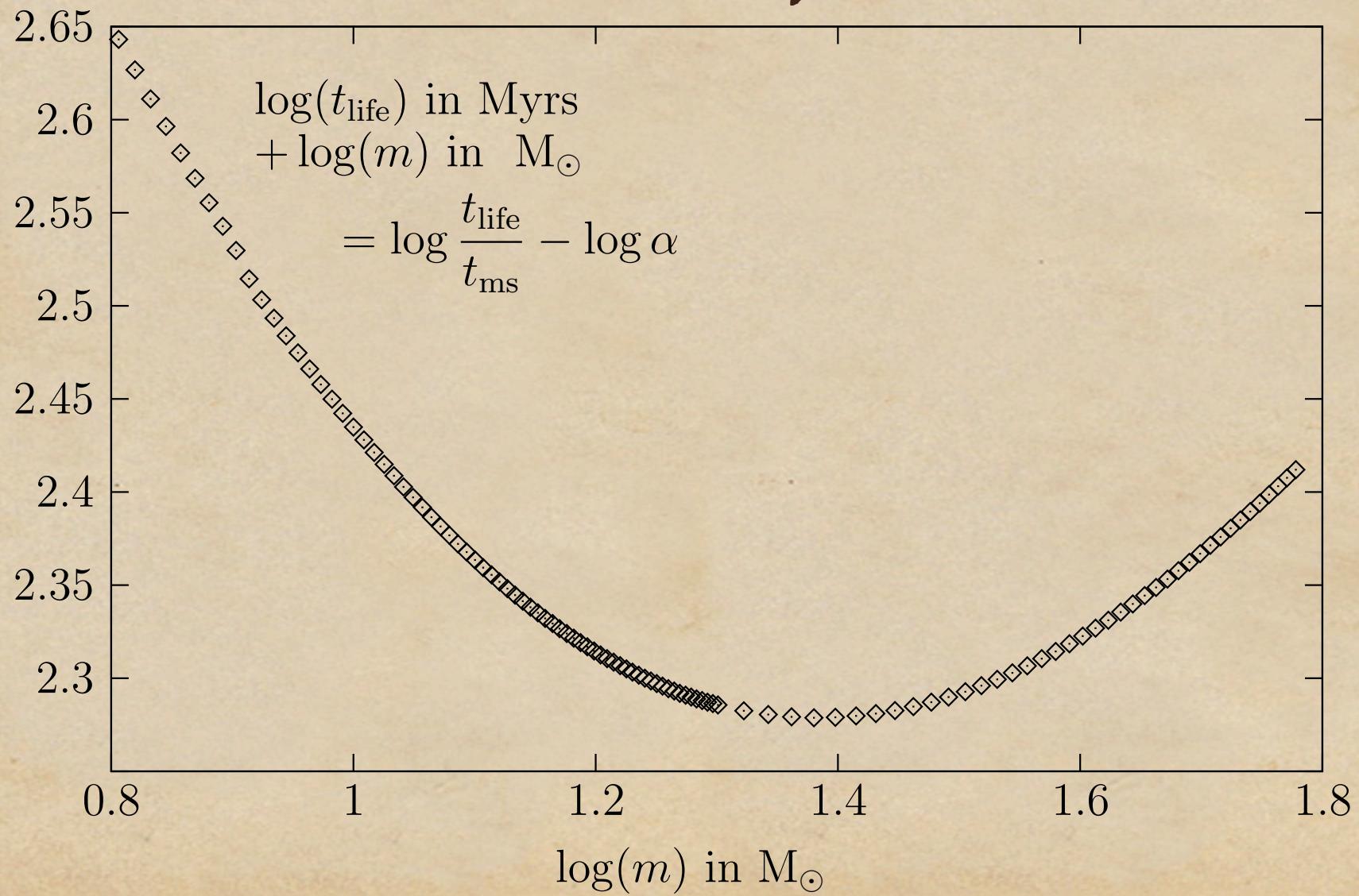
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Exponential growth on timescale $t_{\text{ms}} = \frac{\alpha}{m}$

Comparison life-time vs segregation time

$$\Rightarrow \text{Compare } \exp \left[\frac{t_{\text{life}}}{t_{\text{ms}}} \right]$$

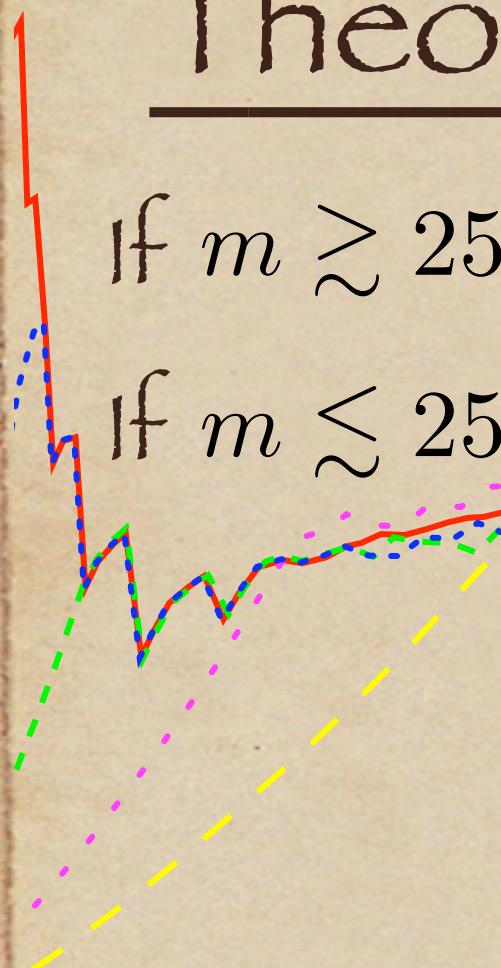
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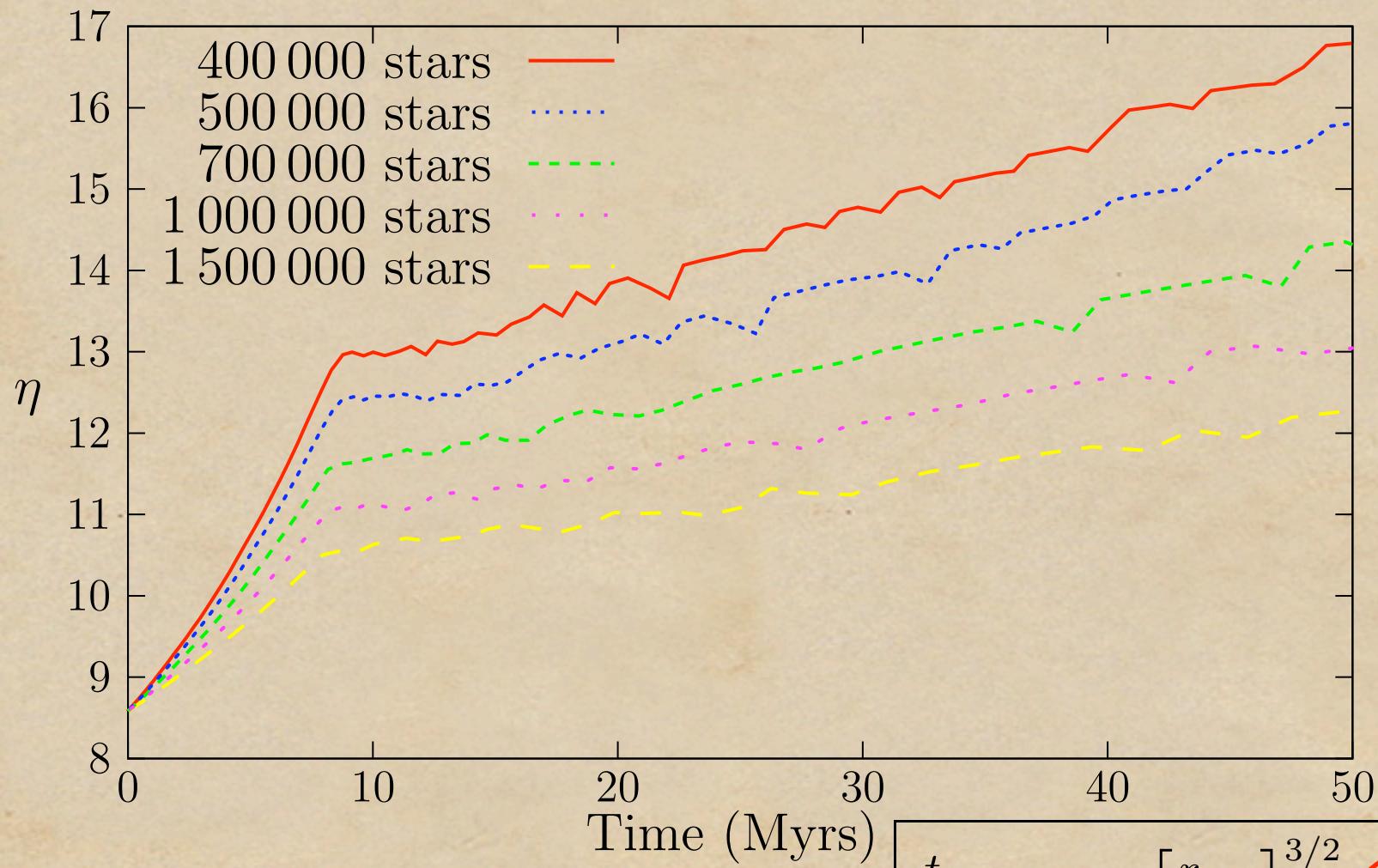
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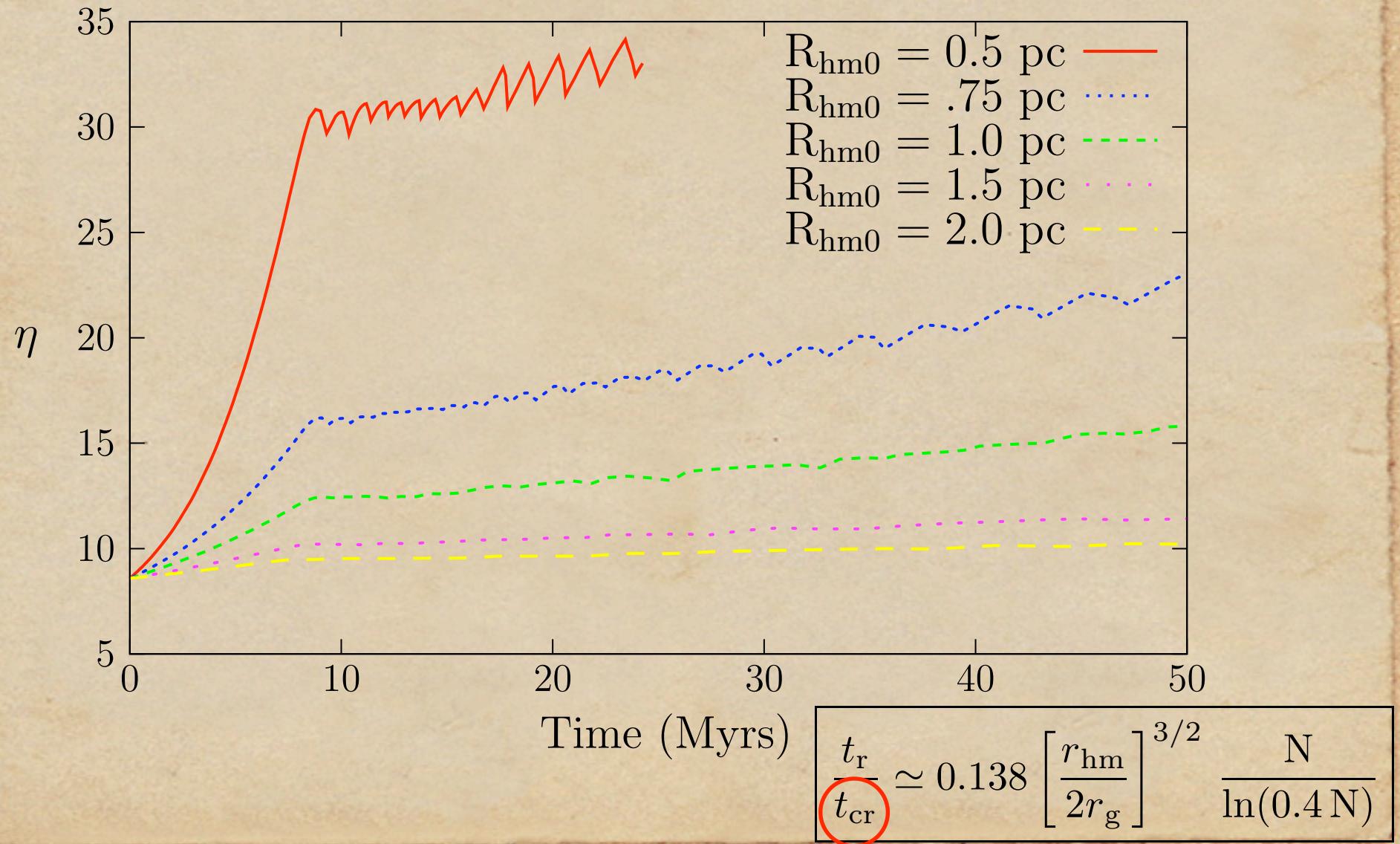
Star number



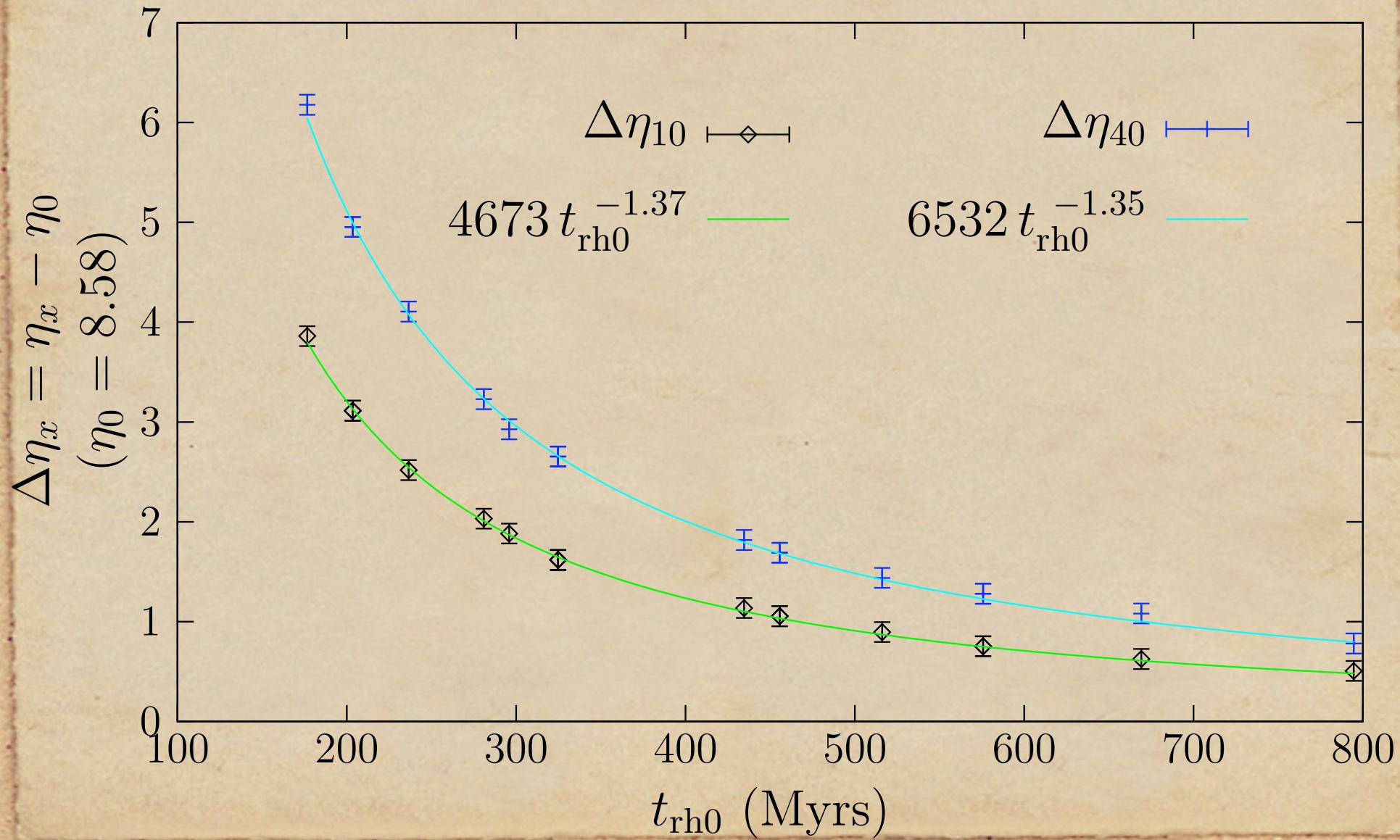
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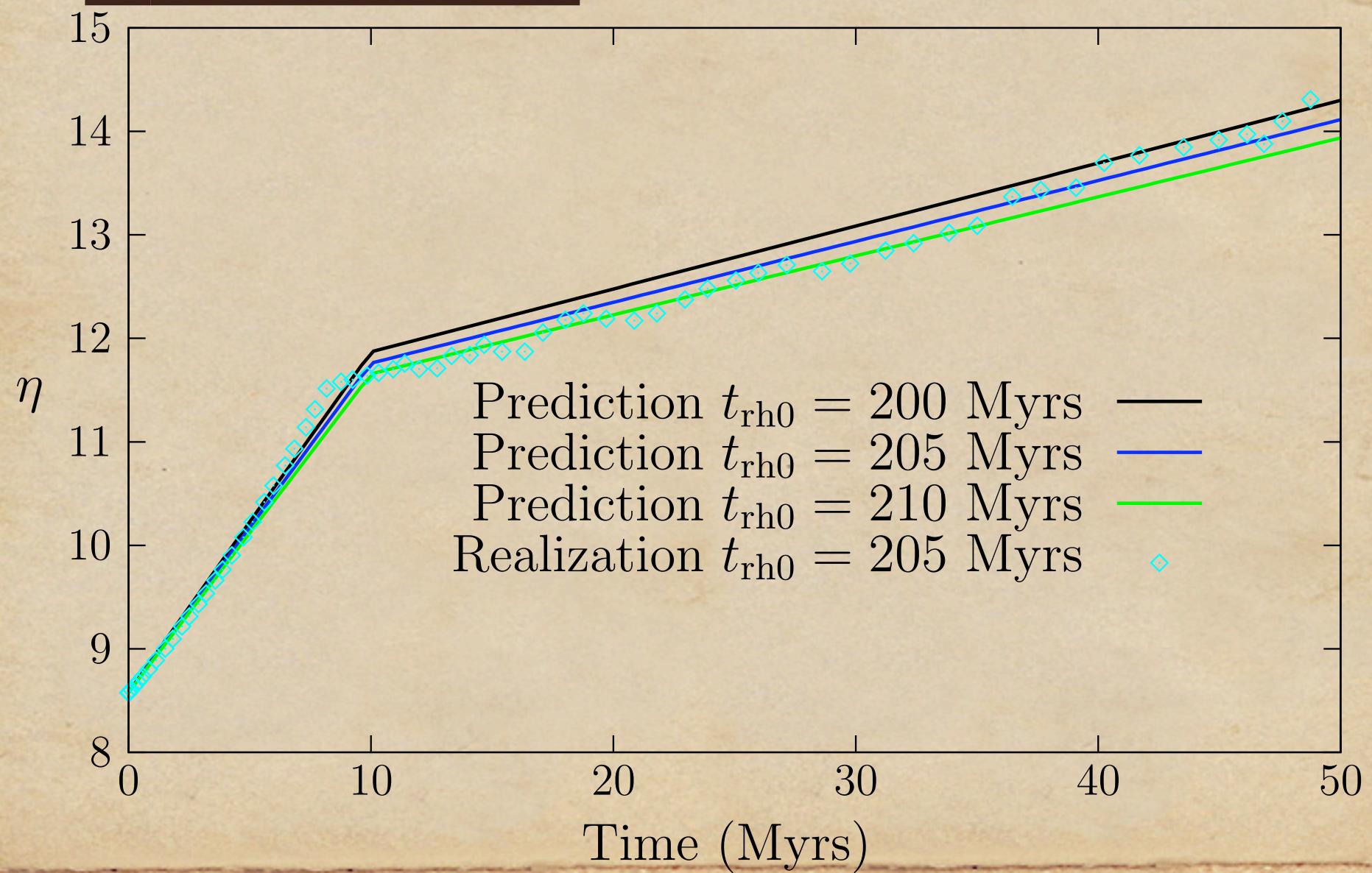
Size \rightarrow crossing Time



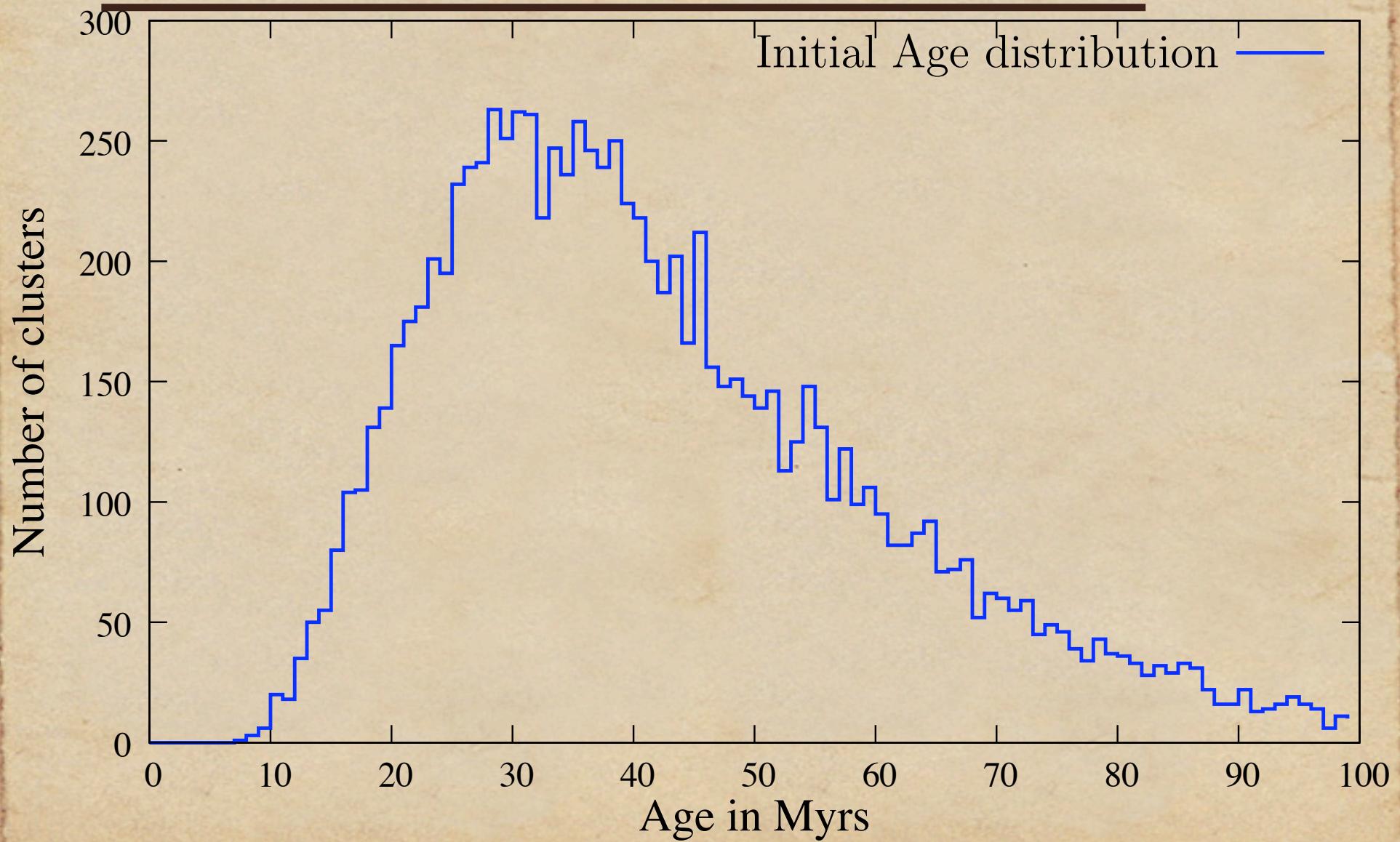
Initial relaxation time



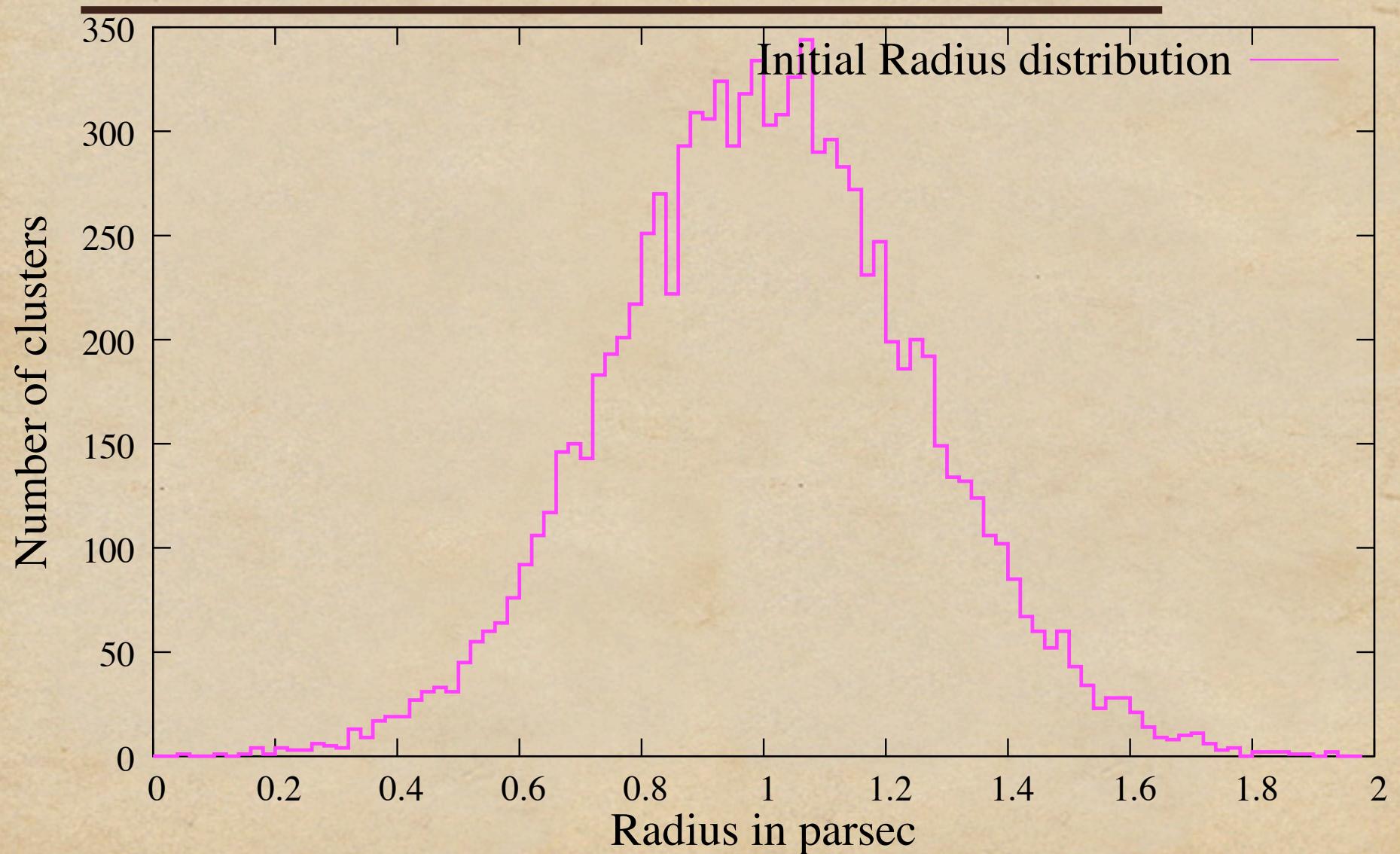
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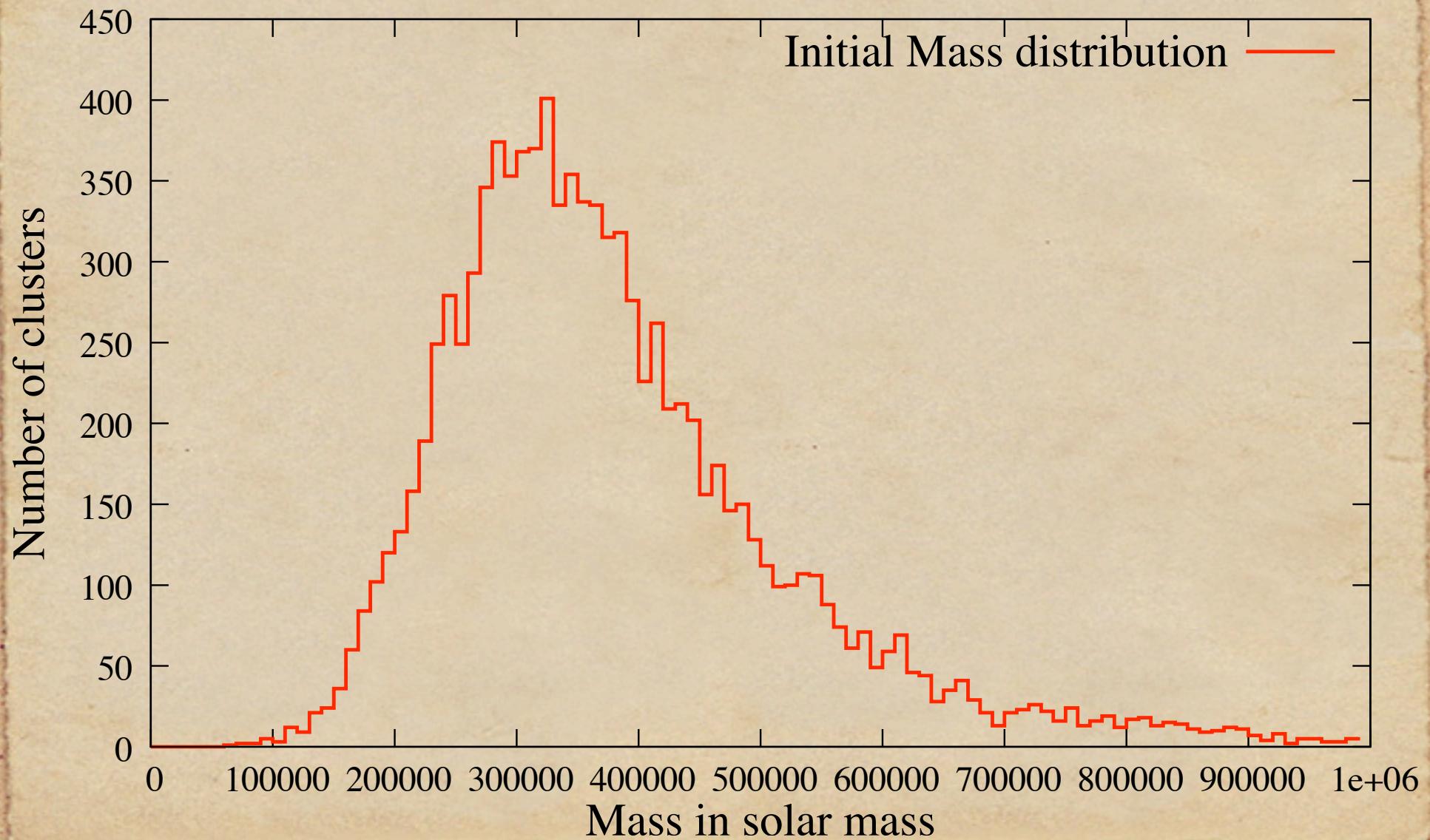
Cluster mass function



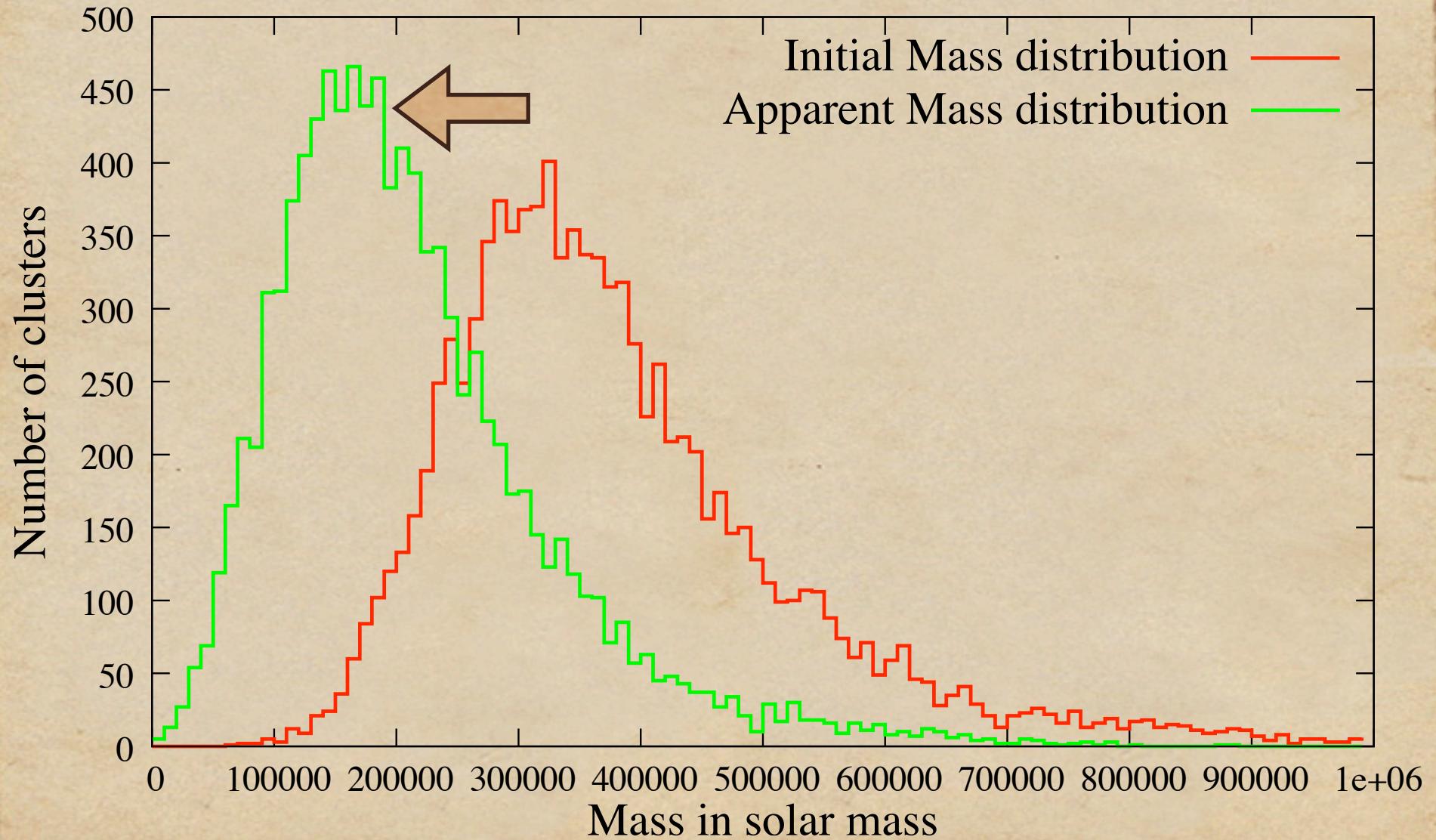
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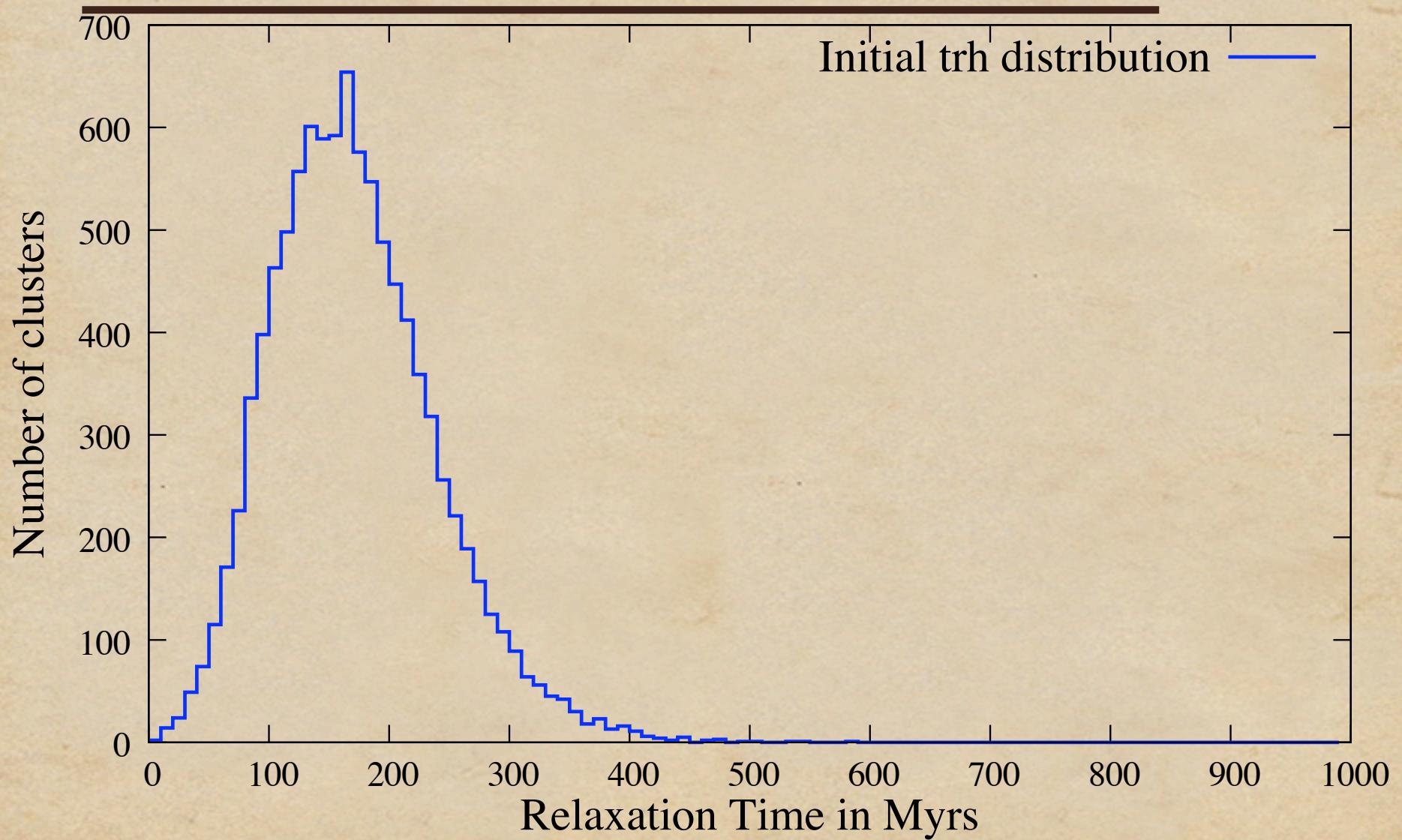
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