

Central galaxies and satellites in fossil systems

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Outline of the talk

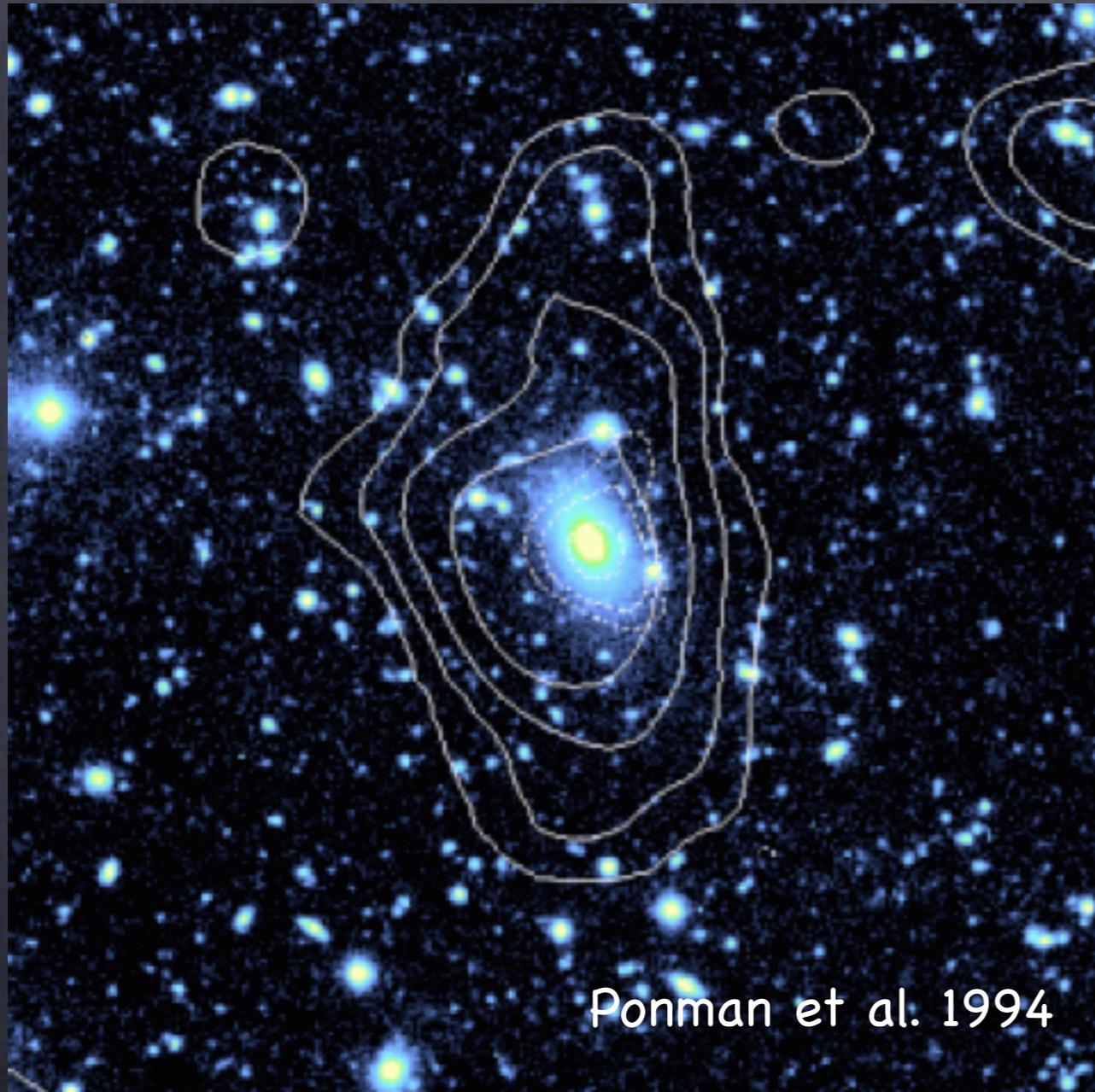
Introduction:

- The FOGO project

Results:

- Scaling relations of FGs
- Scaling relations of BGCs
- Resolved stellar populations in BCGs
- Dependence of the LF on the magnitude gap (Δm_{12})
- Spectroscopic LF of RXJ075243.6+45565
- Substructures in FGs
- Orbits in FGs
- Large-scale structure around FGs

The "Fossil Group Origins" (FOGO) project



Ponman et al. 1994

What is a Fossil System?

Ponman et al (1994) discovered RX J1340.6+4018, a system dominated by an elliptical galaxy.

The giant elliptical is surrounded by an X-ray emitting halo of hot gas suggesting a group-sized halo ($6 \times 10^{13} M_{\odot}$).

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Hubble Collaboration. Acknowledgment: M. West (ESO, Chile)

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Penn State University/G. Garmire, et al. 2006

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First observational results:

- Higher L_x and T_x for the same L_{opt}
- Higher centrally-concentrated DM halos
- Massive BCGs
- Differences in BCGs properties
- Lack of other bright (M^*) galaxies

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Model for the formation of fossil systems:

- Old formation
- Fast and efficient merging of bright galaxies with the BCG
- Few interactions with the cosmic web

Consequences:

- Old and dynamically relaxed systems
- Δm_{12} correlates with the dynamical state
- Fossil relics of the ancient Universe

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Properties of the environment

Are FGs found in peculiar large-
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Integral field spectroscopy with INTEGRAL



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r-band images with ALFOSC



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Additional time: 10 observing nights in the period 2011-2012
at TNG under Spanish and Italian TACS

27 observing hours in semester 2013B at GTC under Spanish
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Long slit spectra with OSIRIS



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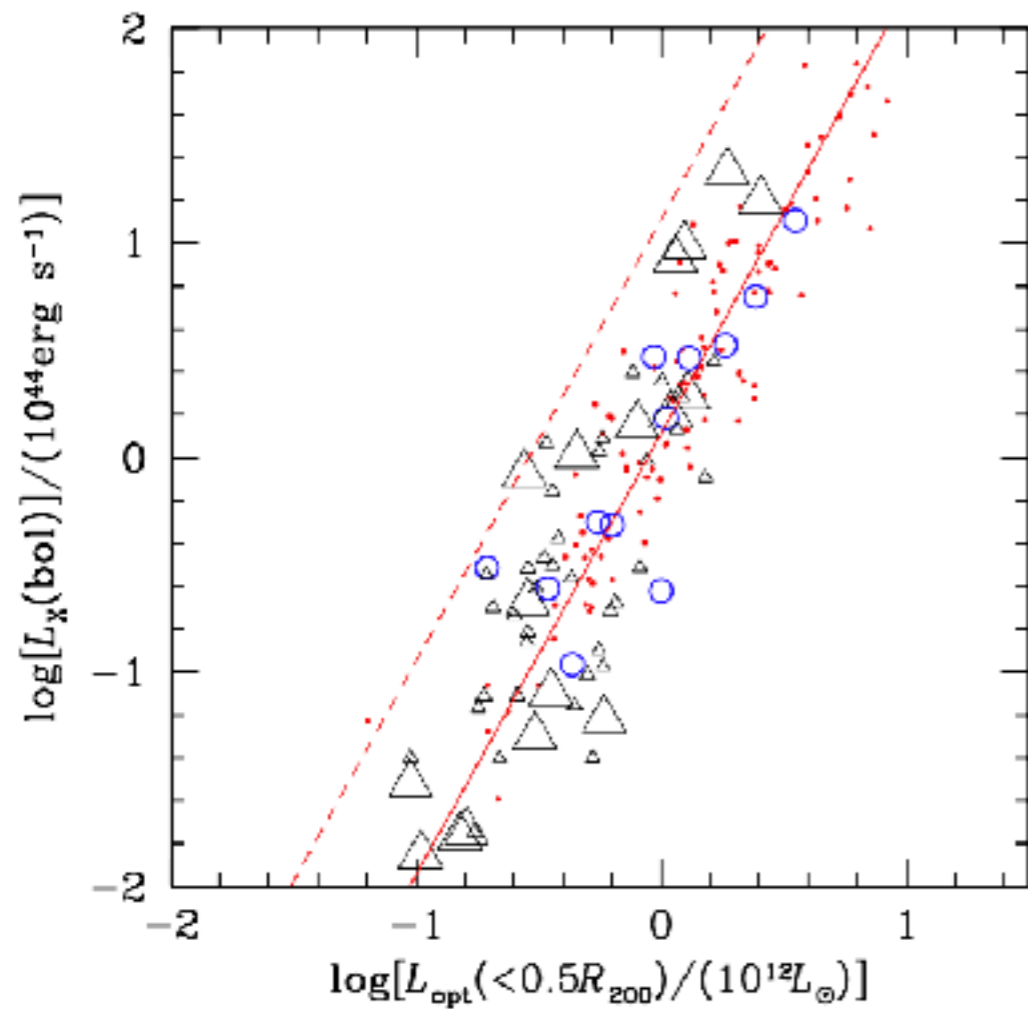


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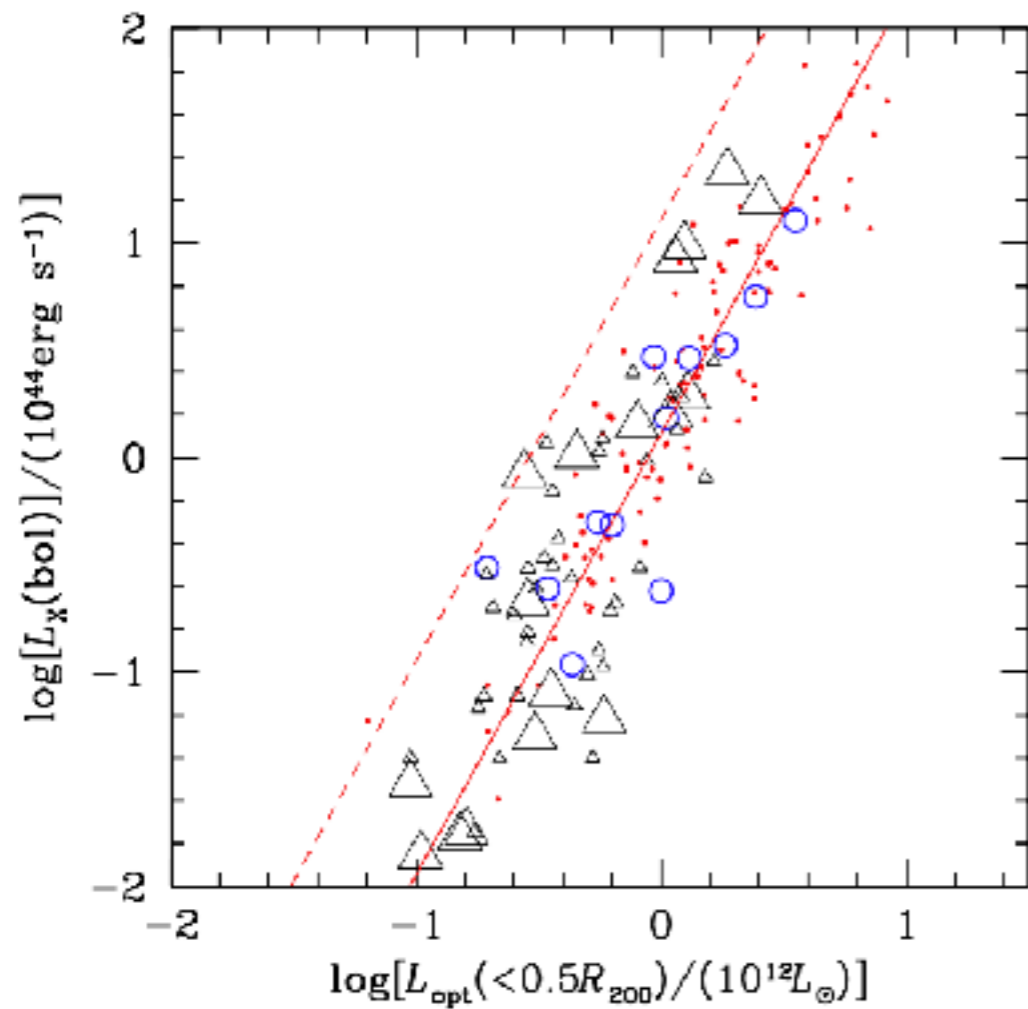


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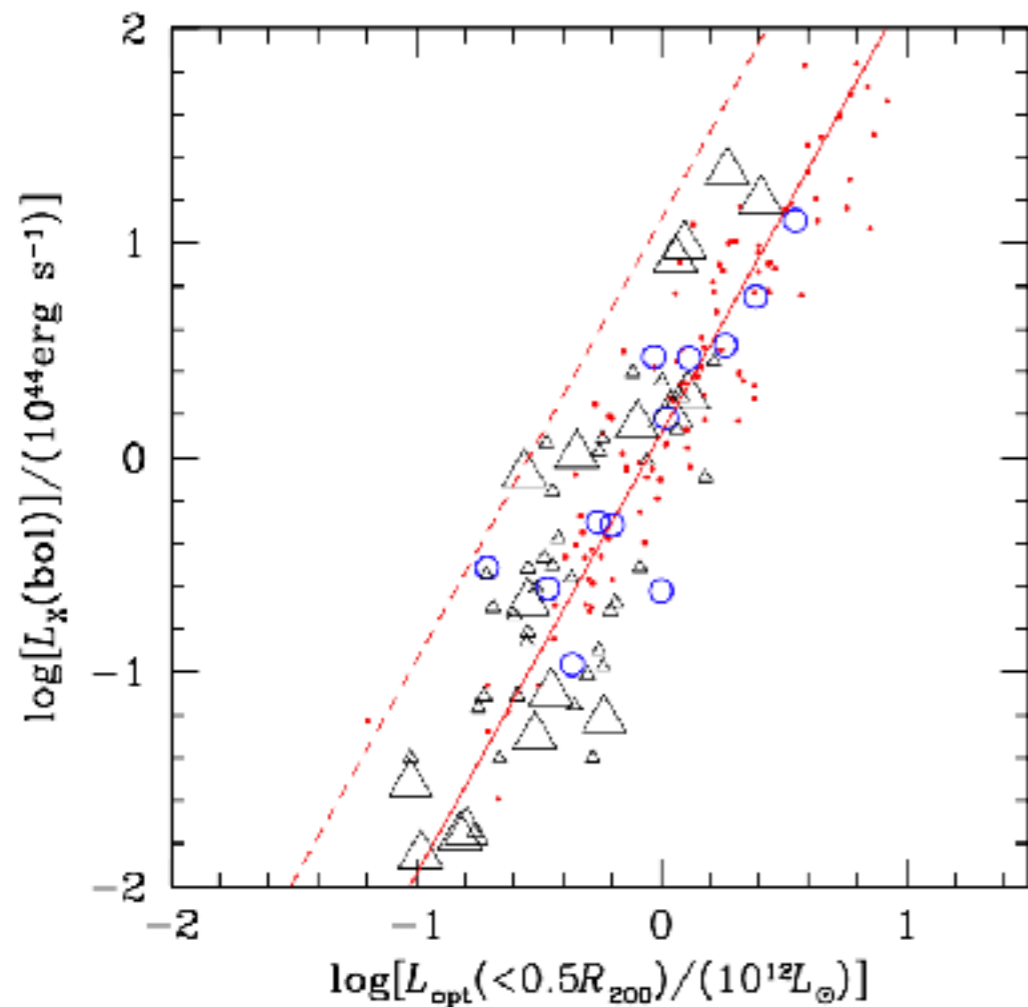


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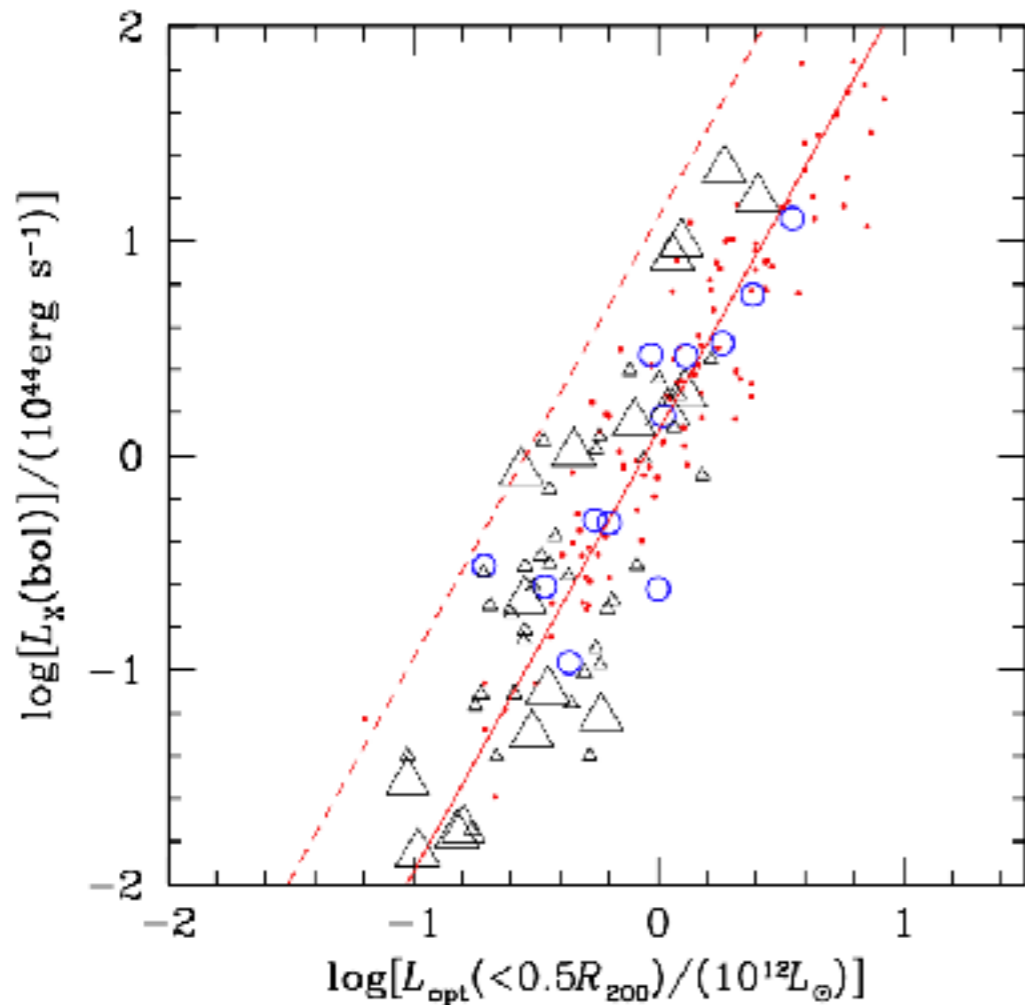


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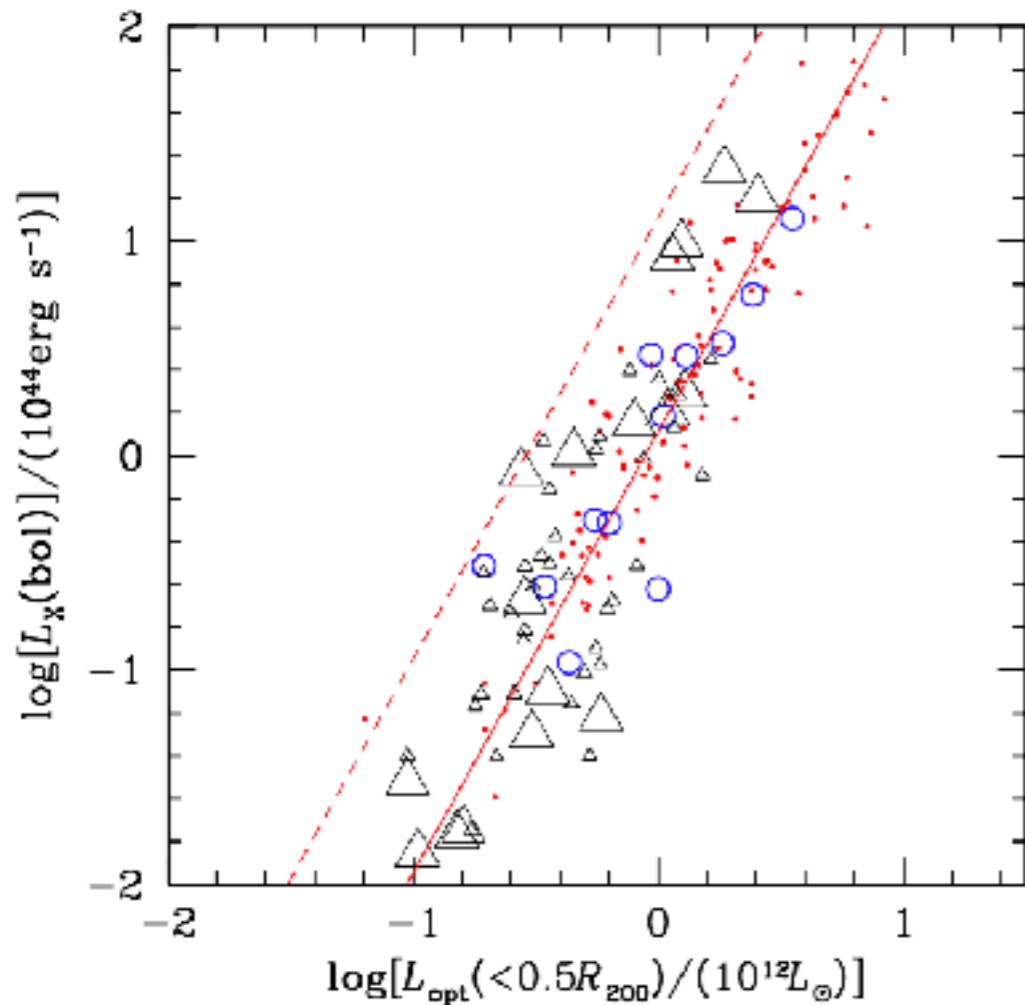


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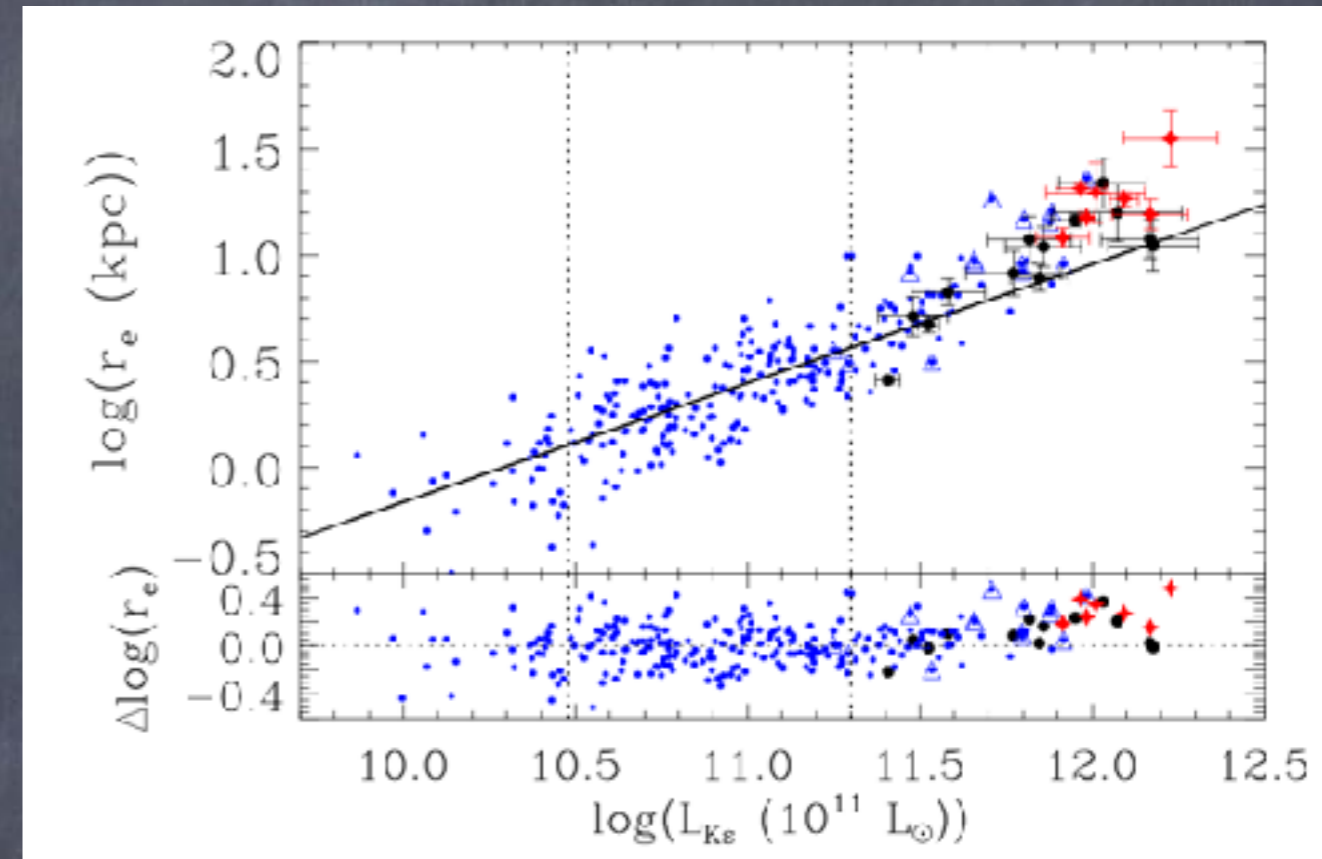
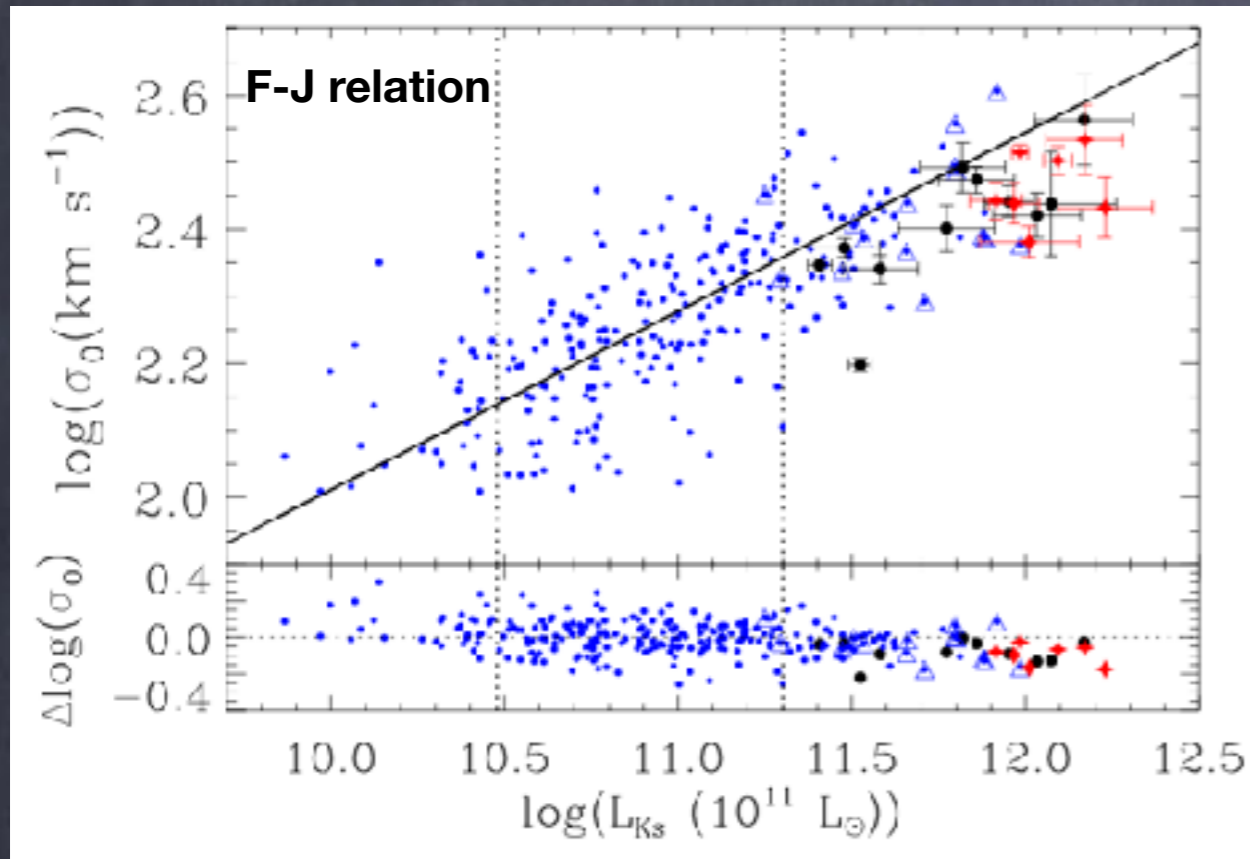
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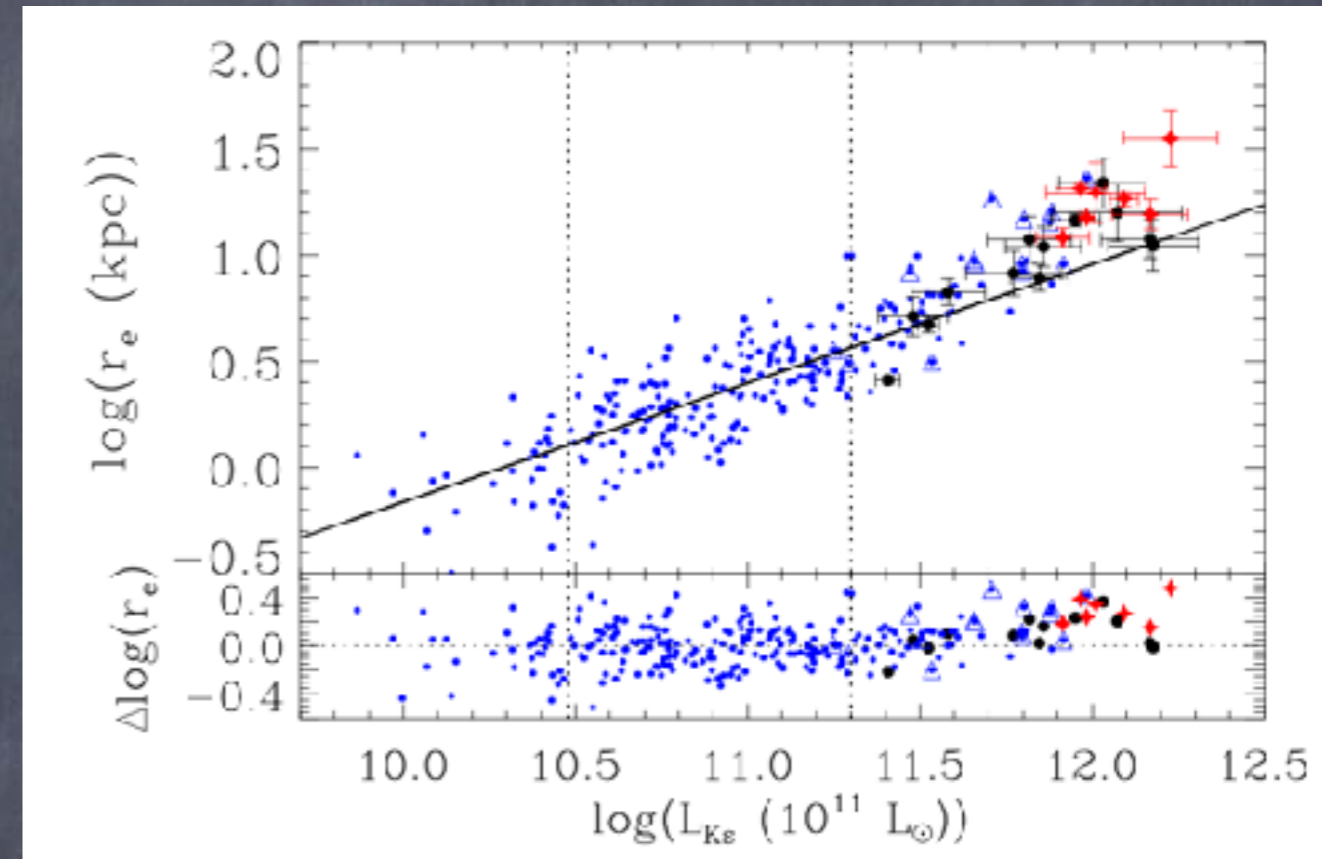
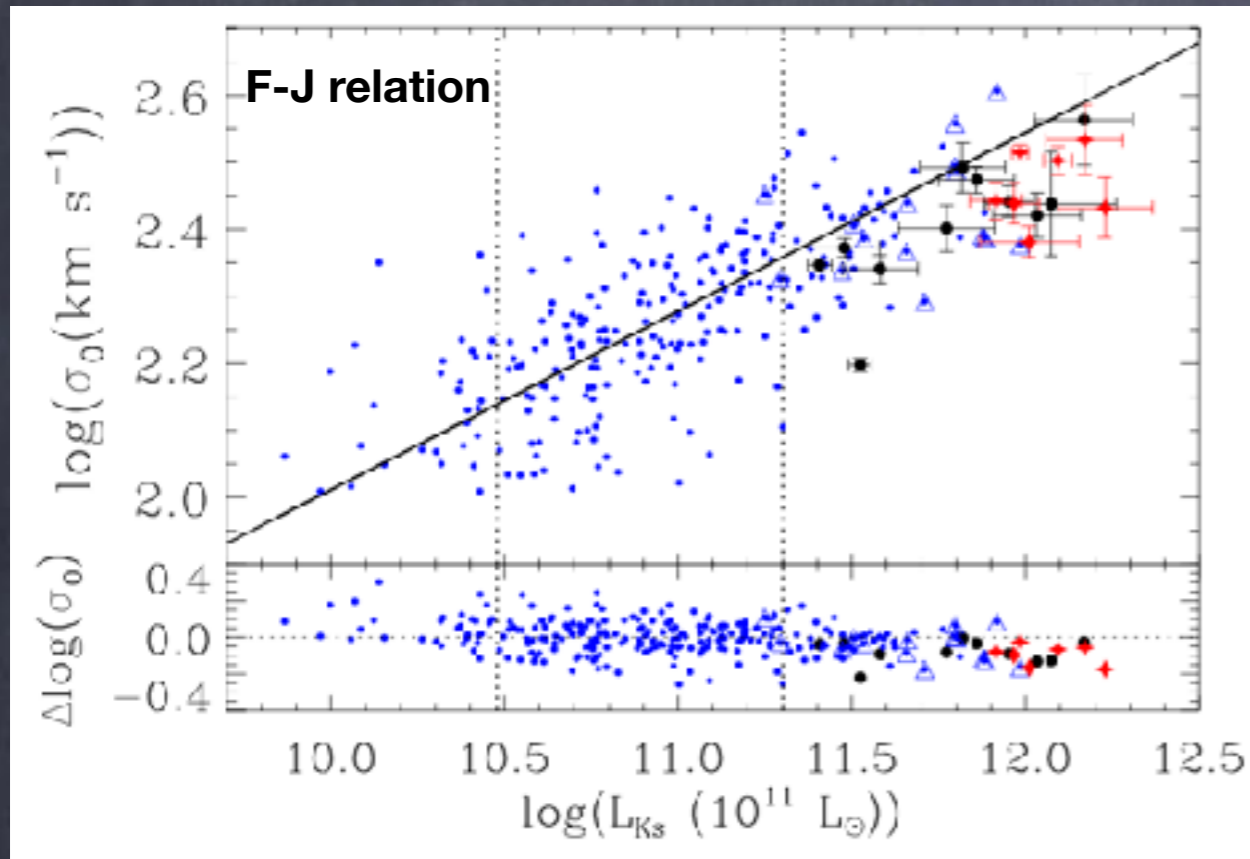
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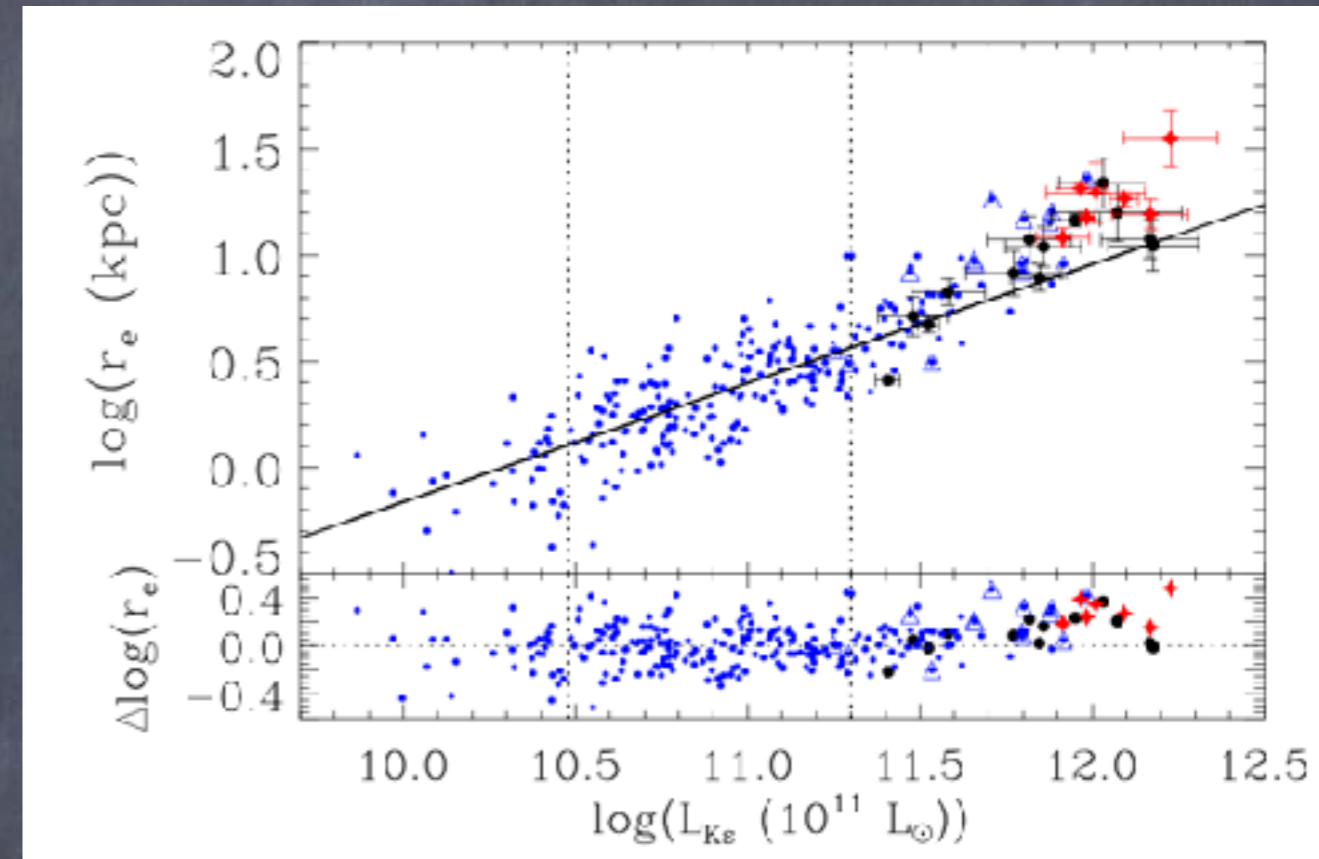
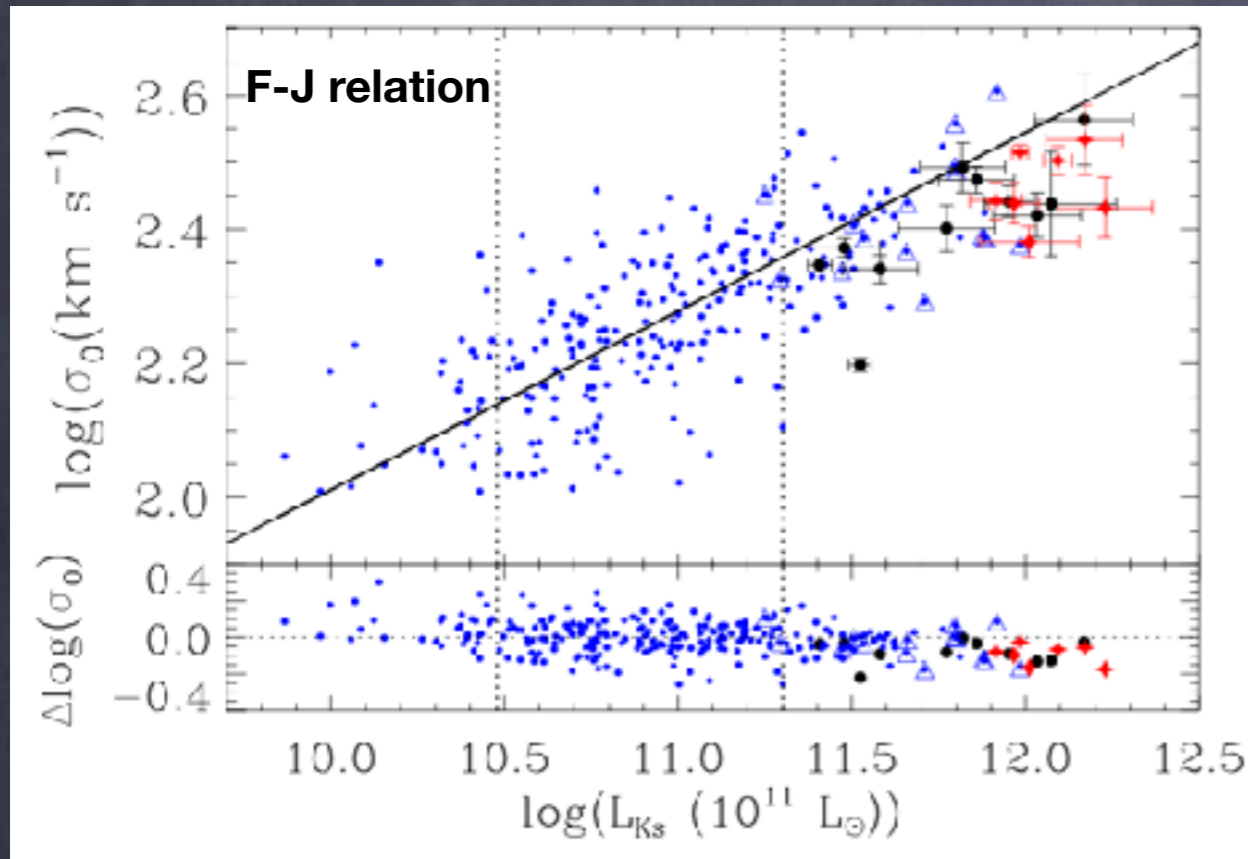


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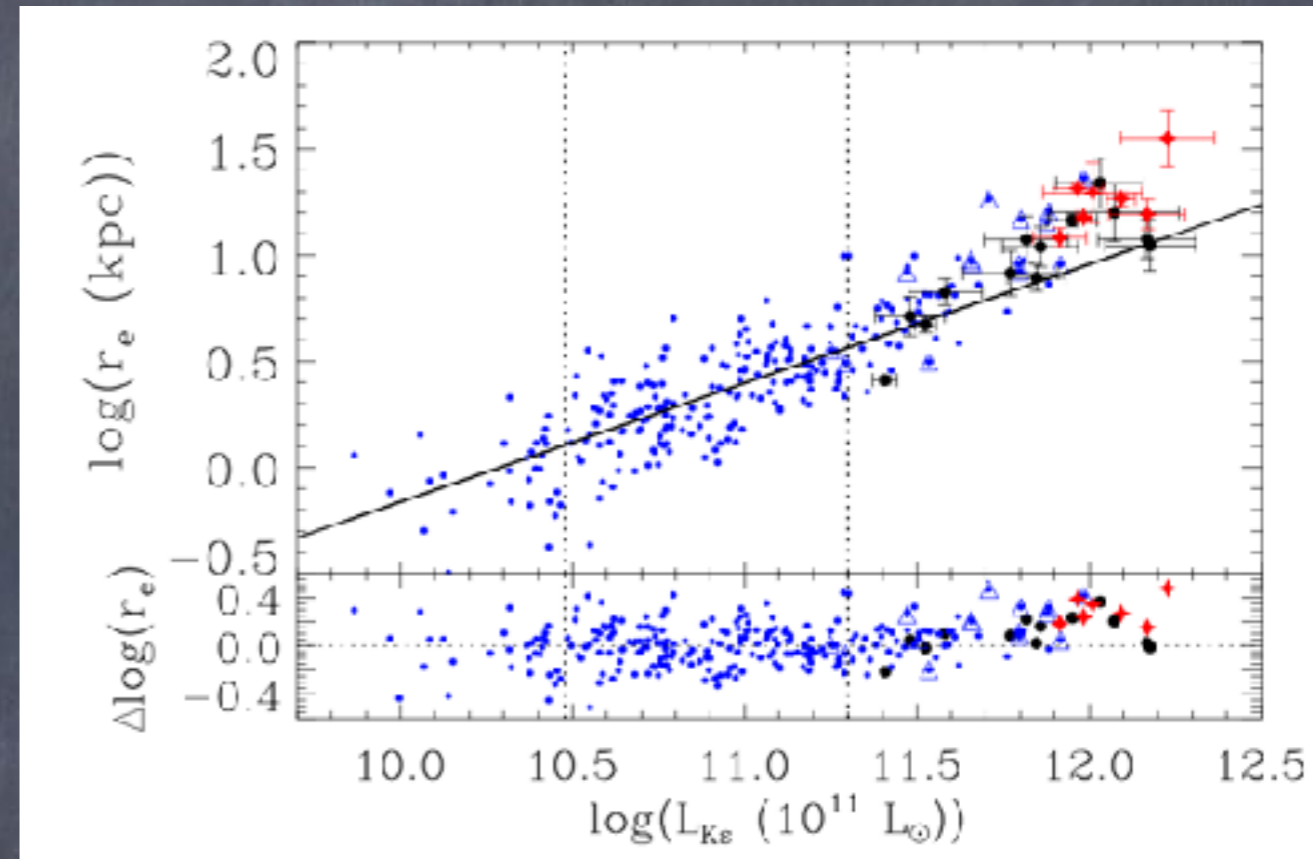
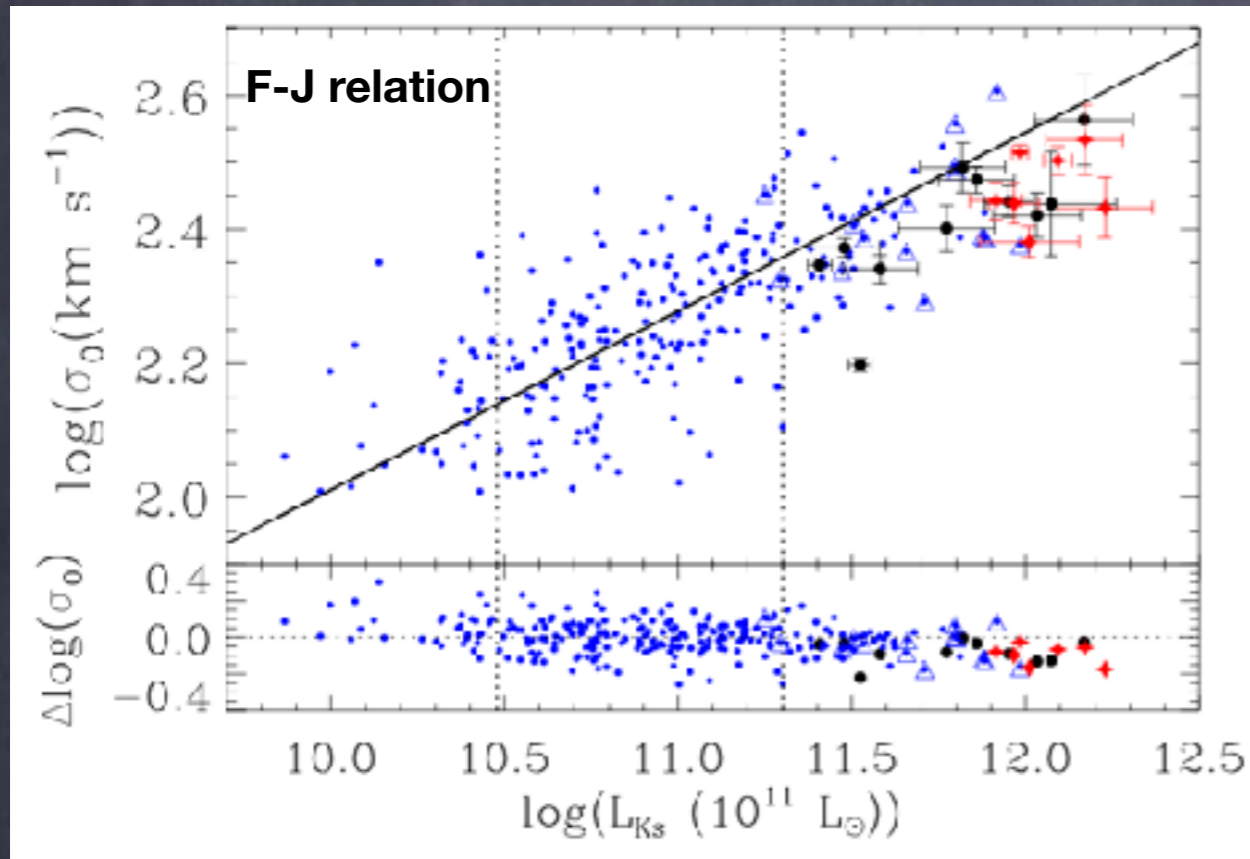
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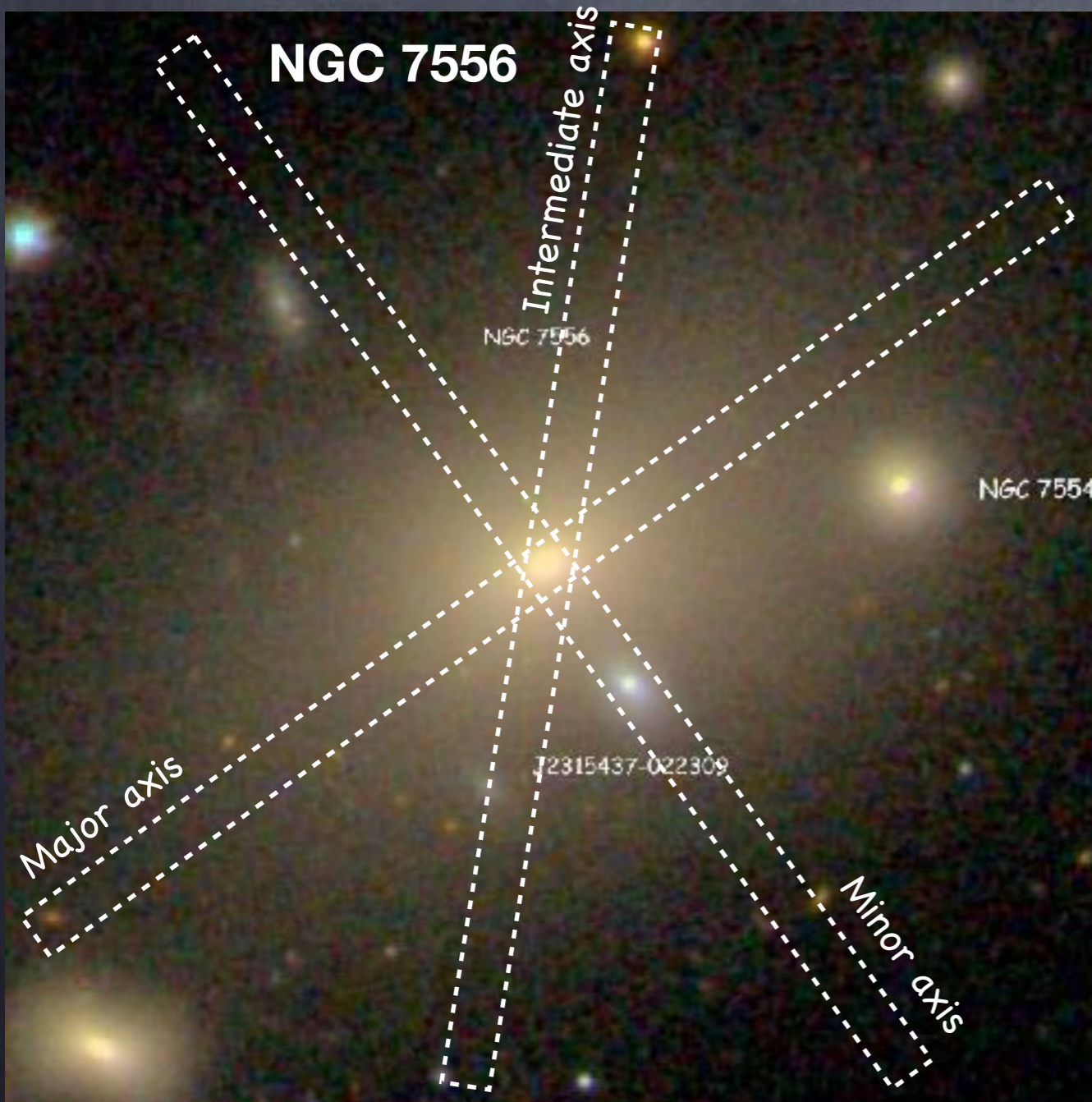


Méndez-Abreu et al. 2012

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Stellar populations of NGC 7556 and NGC 6482

Scientific question: **when** BCGs in FGs were formed?



- BCG of RXC J2315.7-0222 system
- $z = 0.025$
- $L_X = 2.1 \times 10^{43} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
- $R_{200} = 862 \text{ kpc}$
- $M_{200} = 7.4 \times 10^{13} M_{\odot}$
- $\Delta m_{12} = 1.88$ (bona fide FG)
- Cool core system

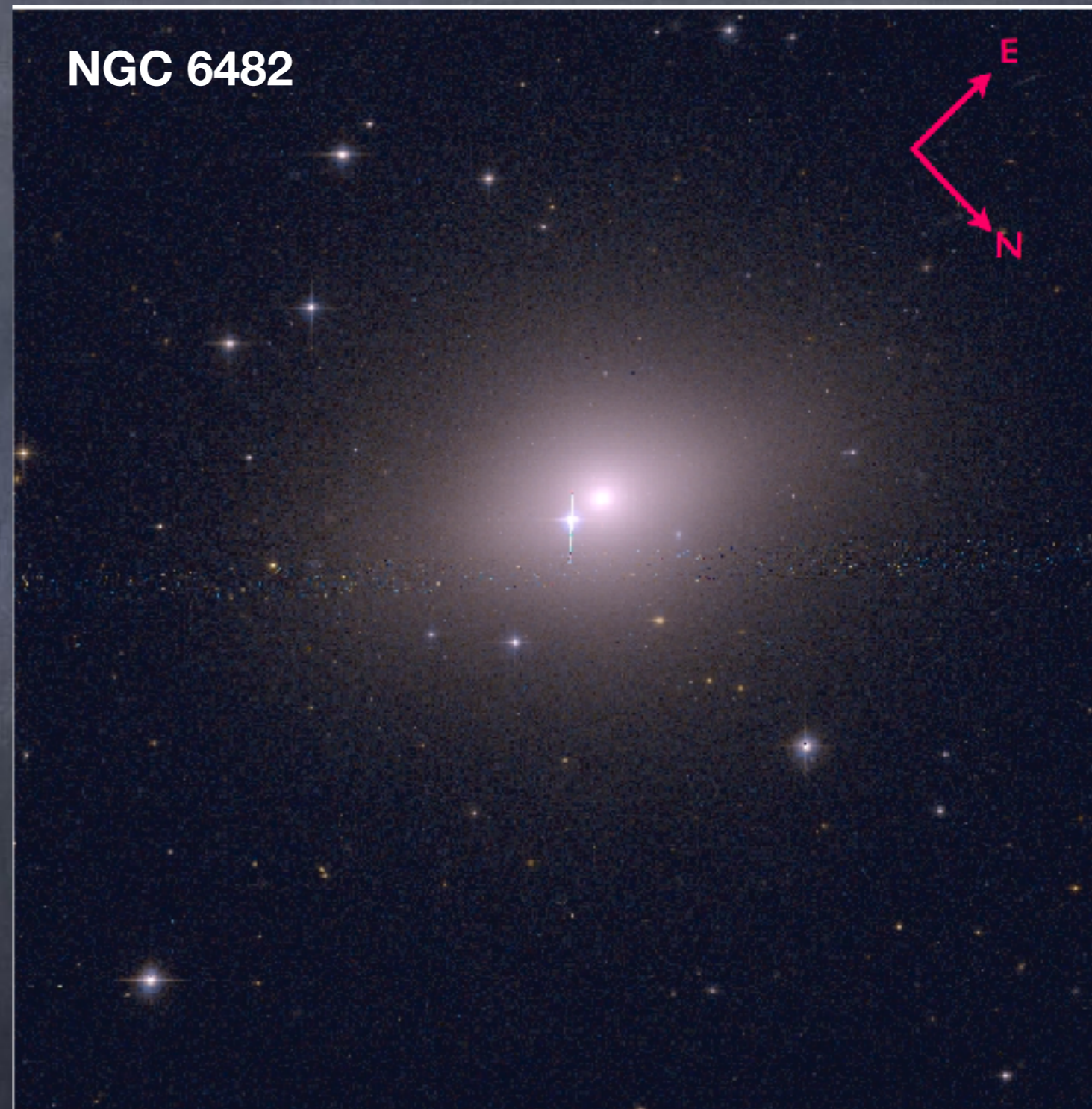
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- BCG of MCXC J1751.7+2304 system
- $z = 0.013$
- $L_X = 1 \times 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
- $R_{200} = 310 \text{ kpc}$
- $M_{200} = 4 \times 10^{12} M_{\odot}$
- $\Delta m_{12} = 2.19$
- Non cool core system

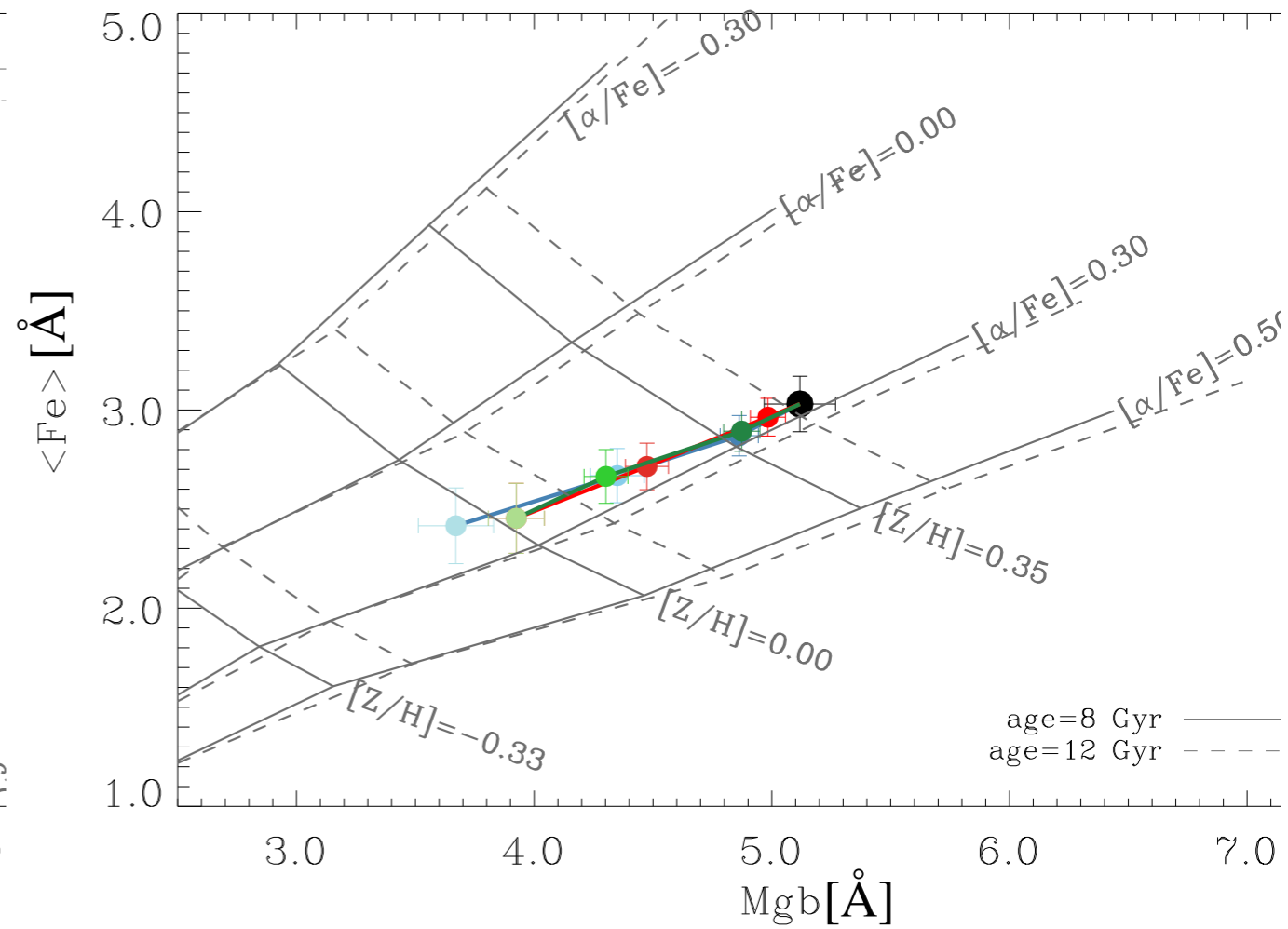
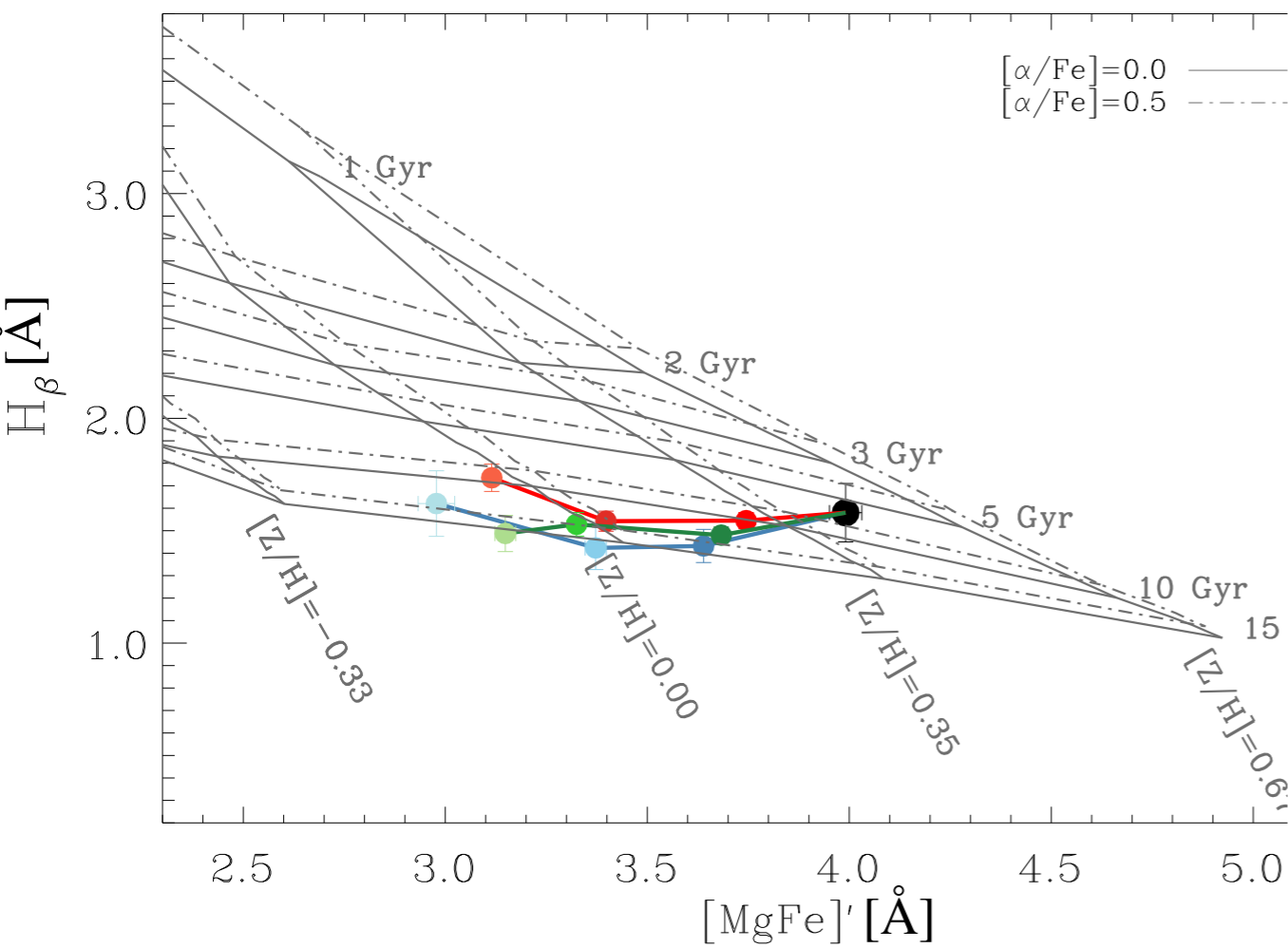
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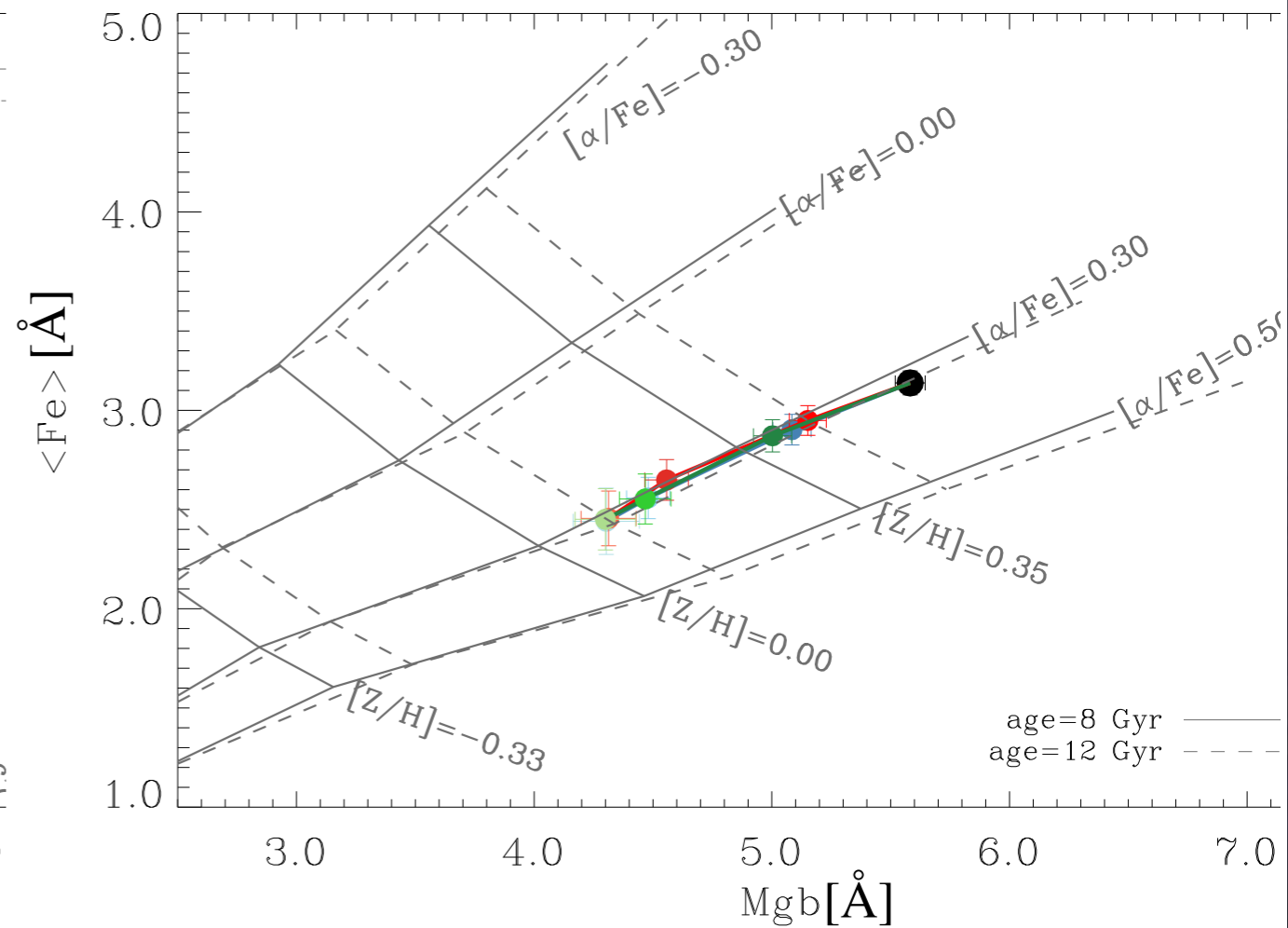
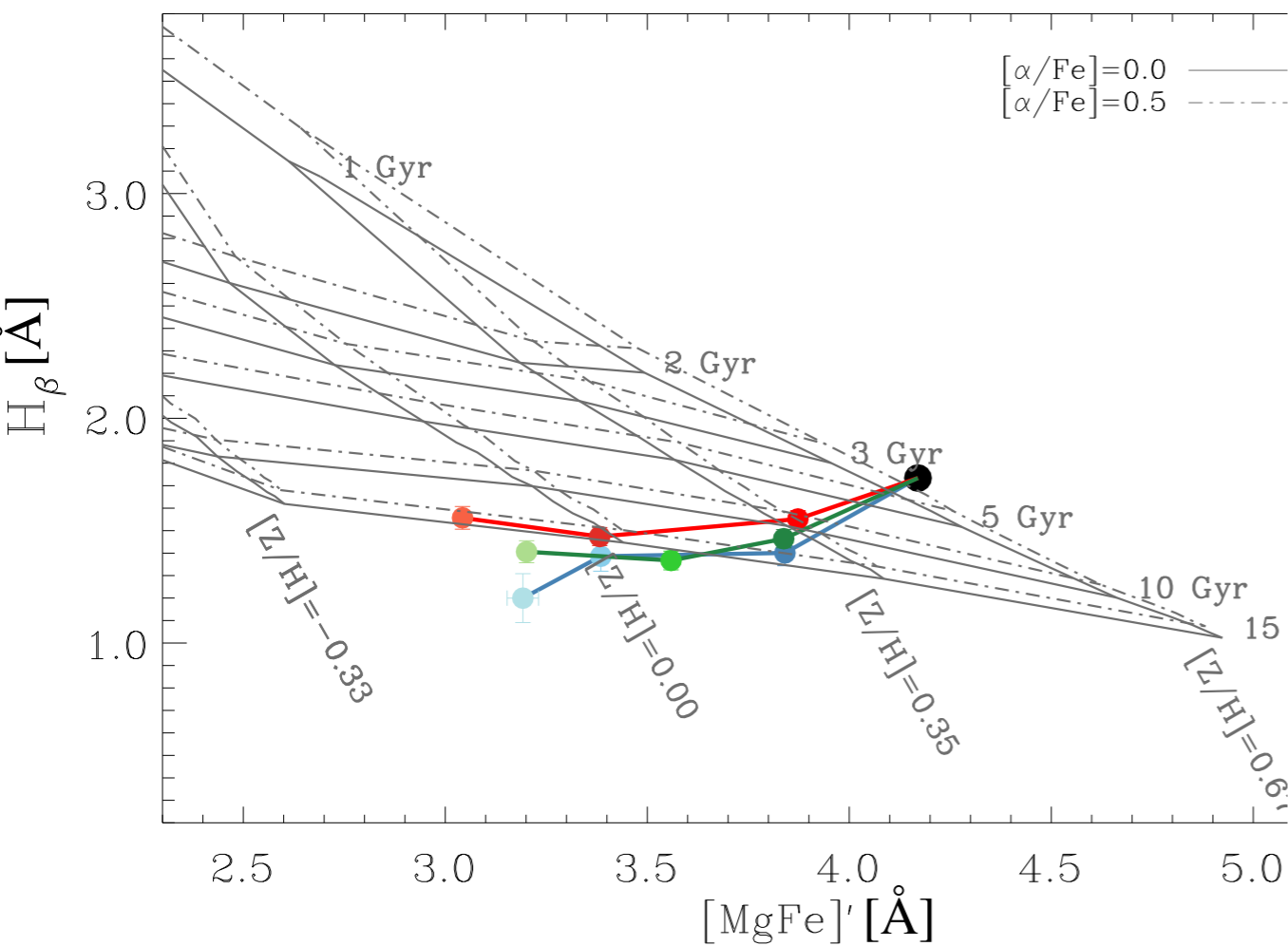
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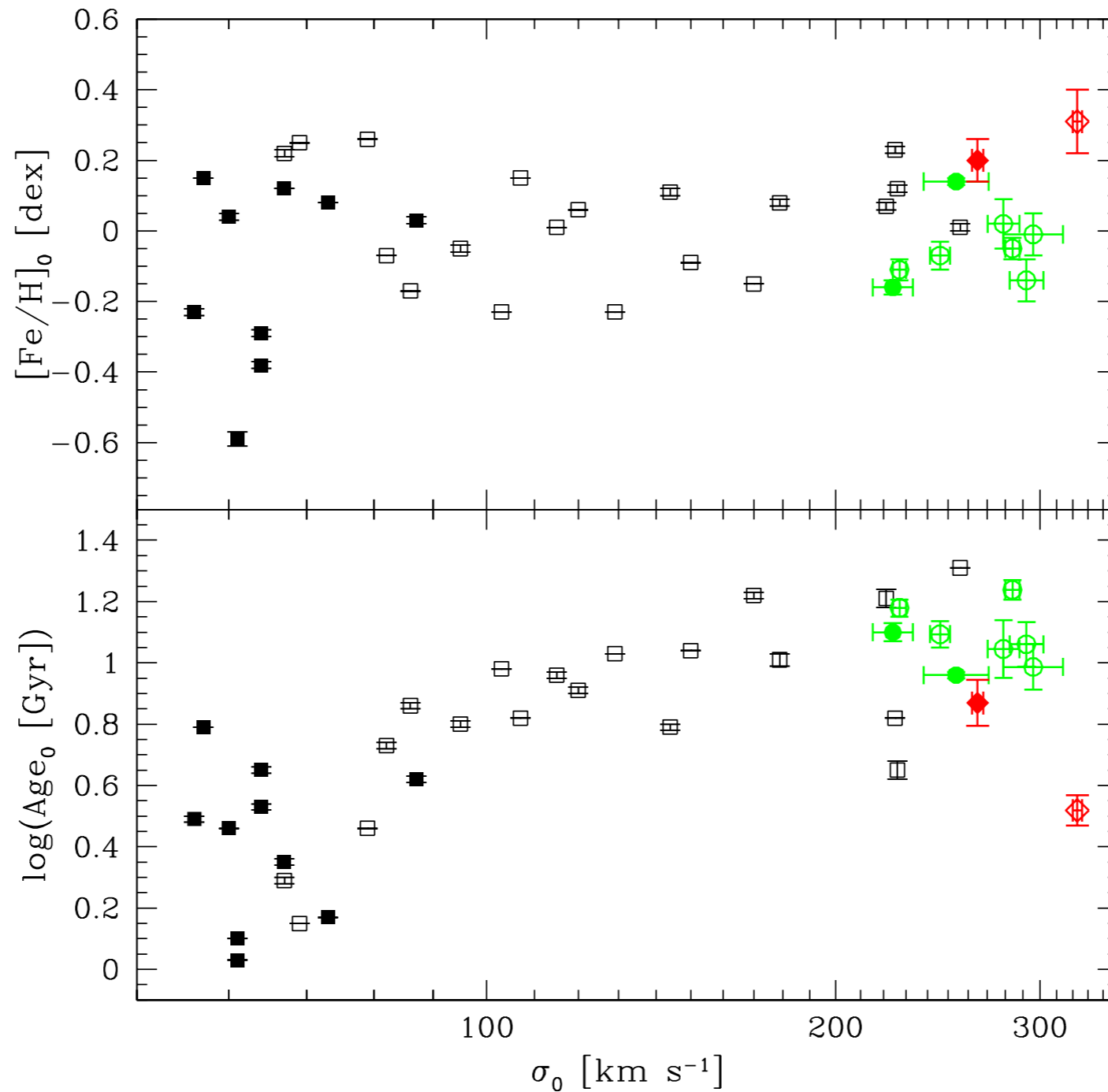
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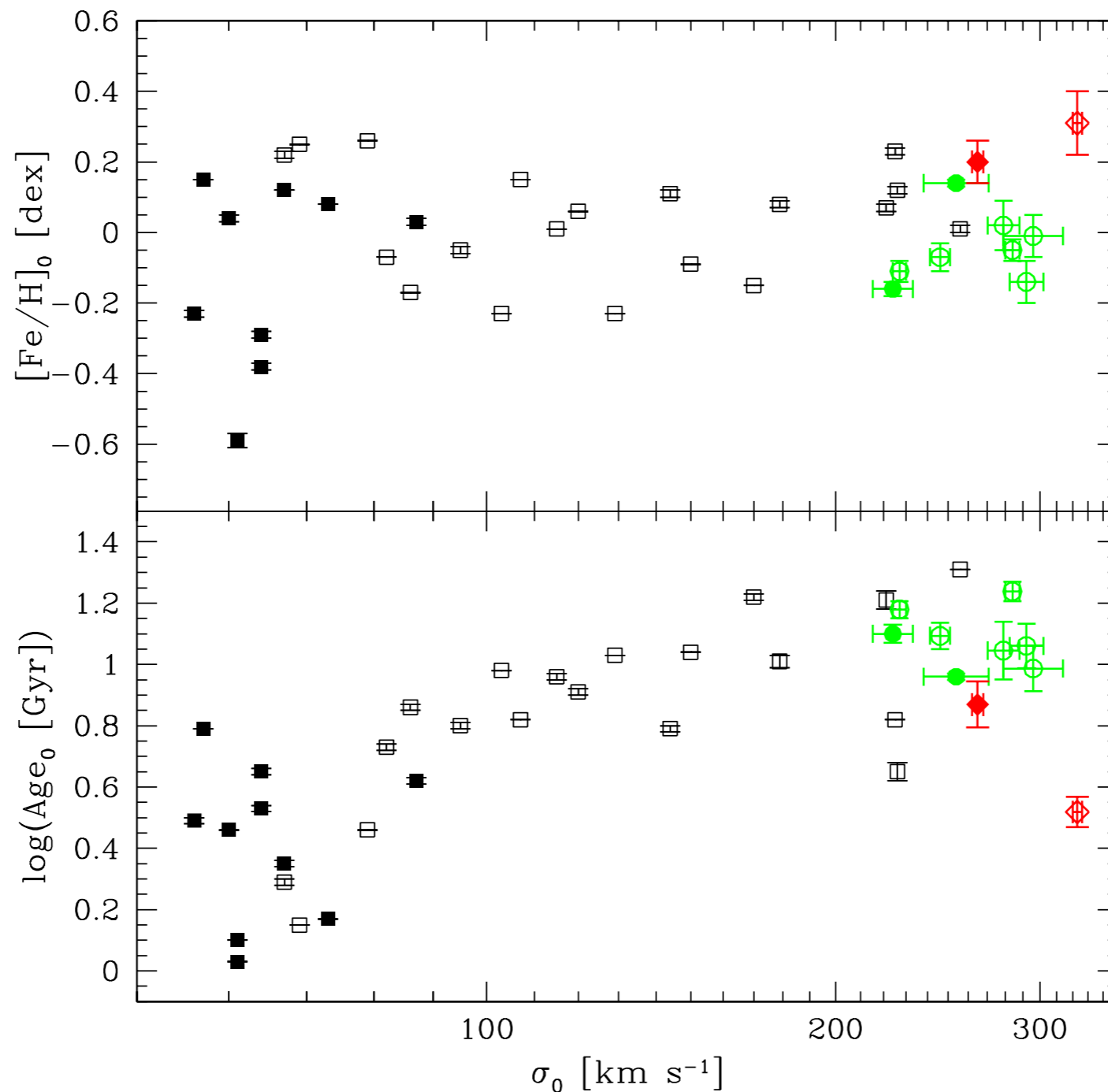
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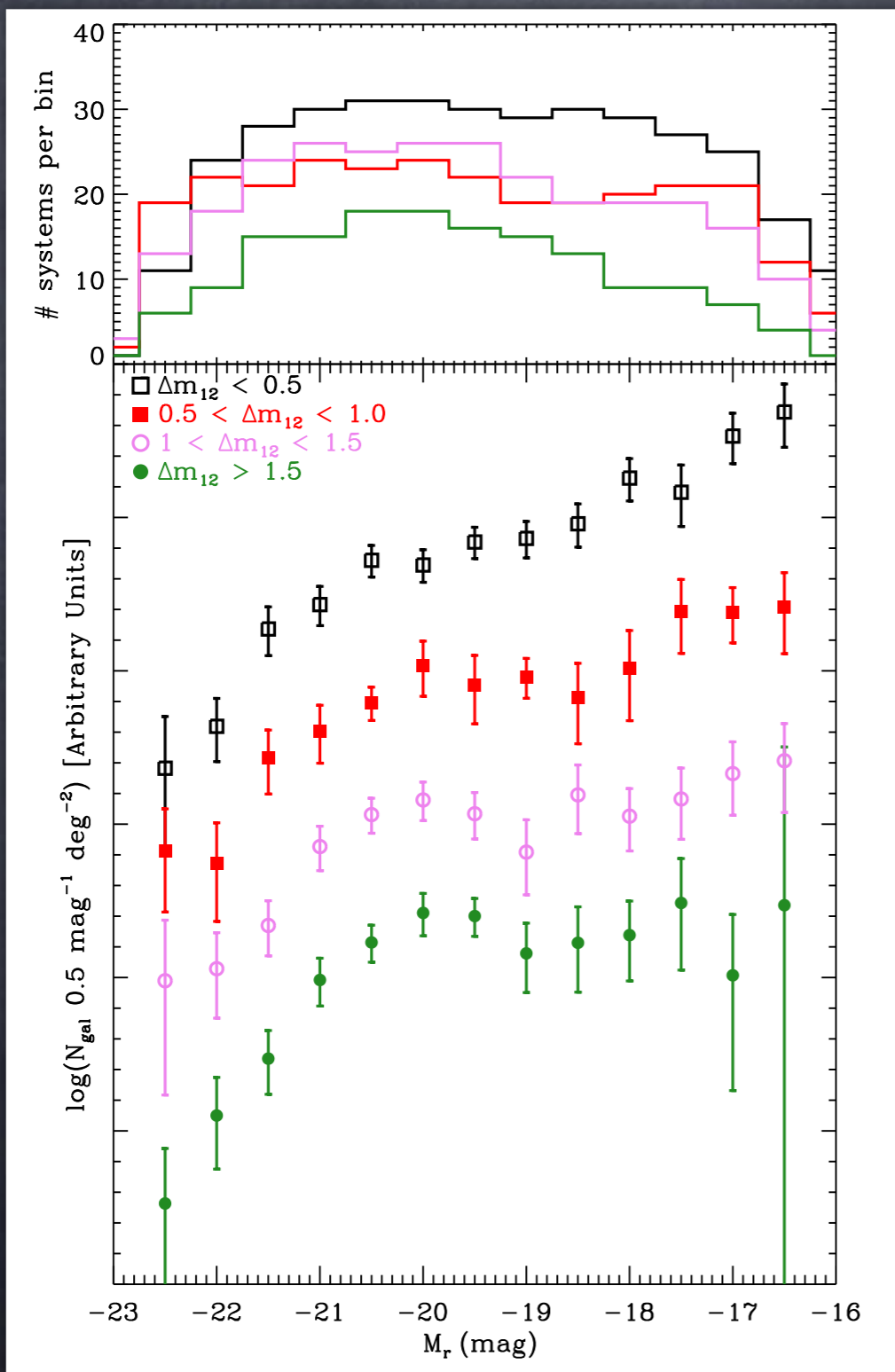


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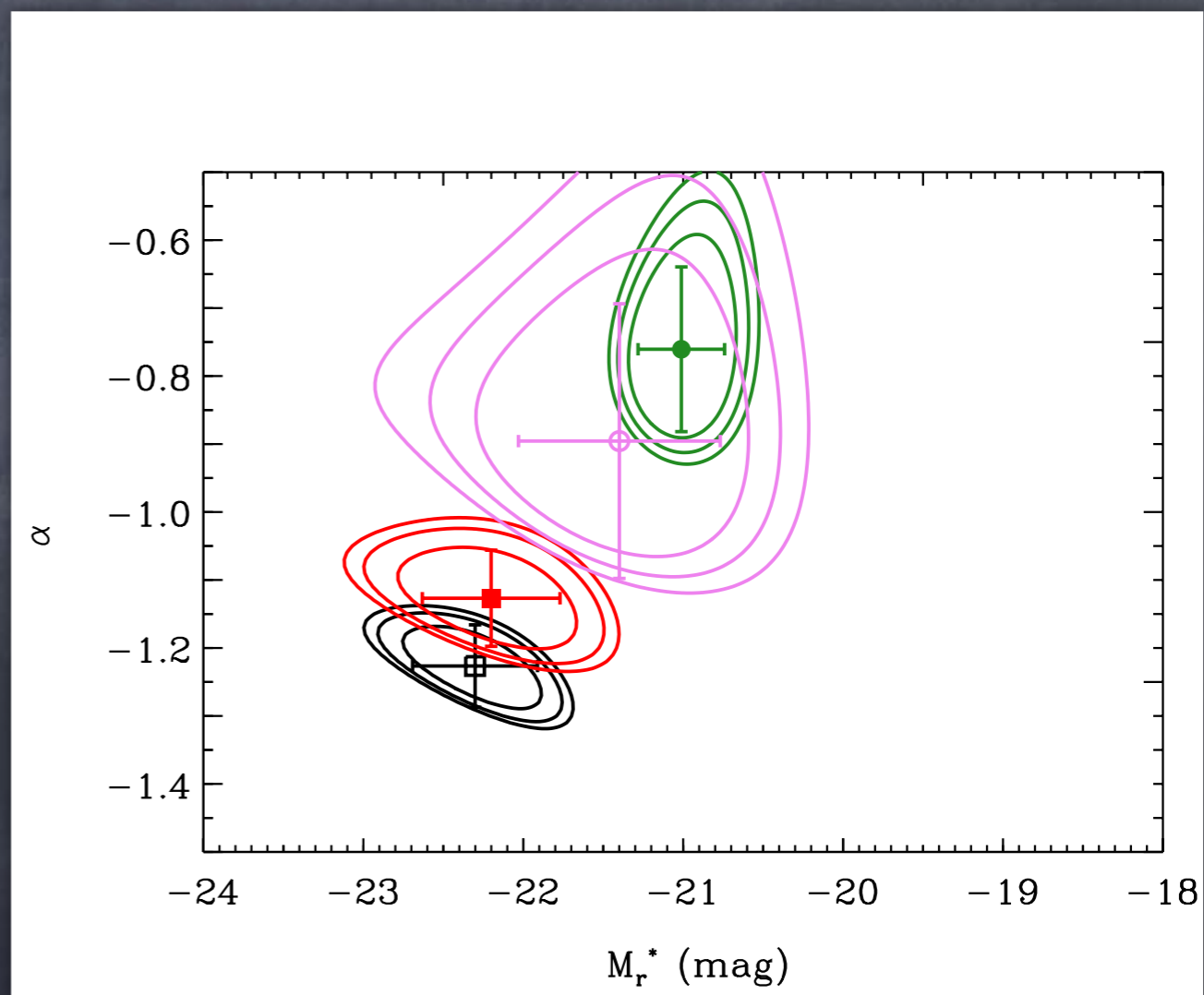
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Luminosity functions in FGs: Dependence of the LF on the magnitude gap

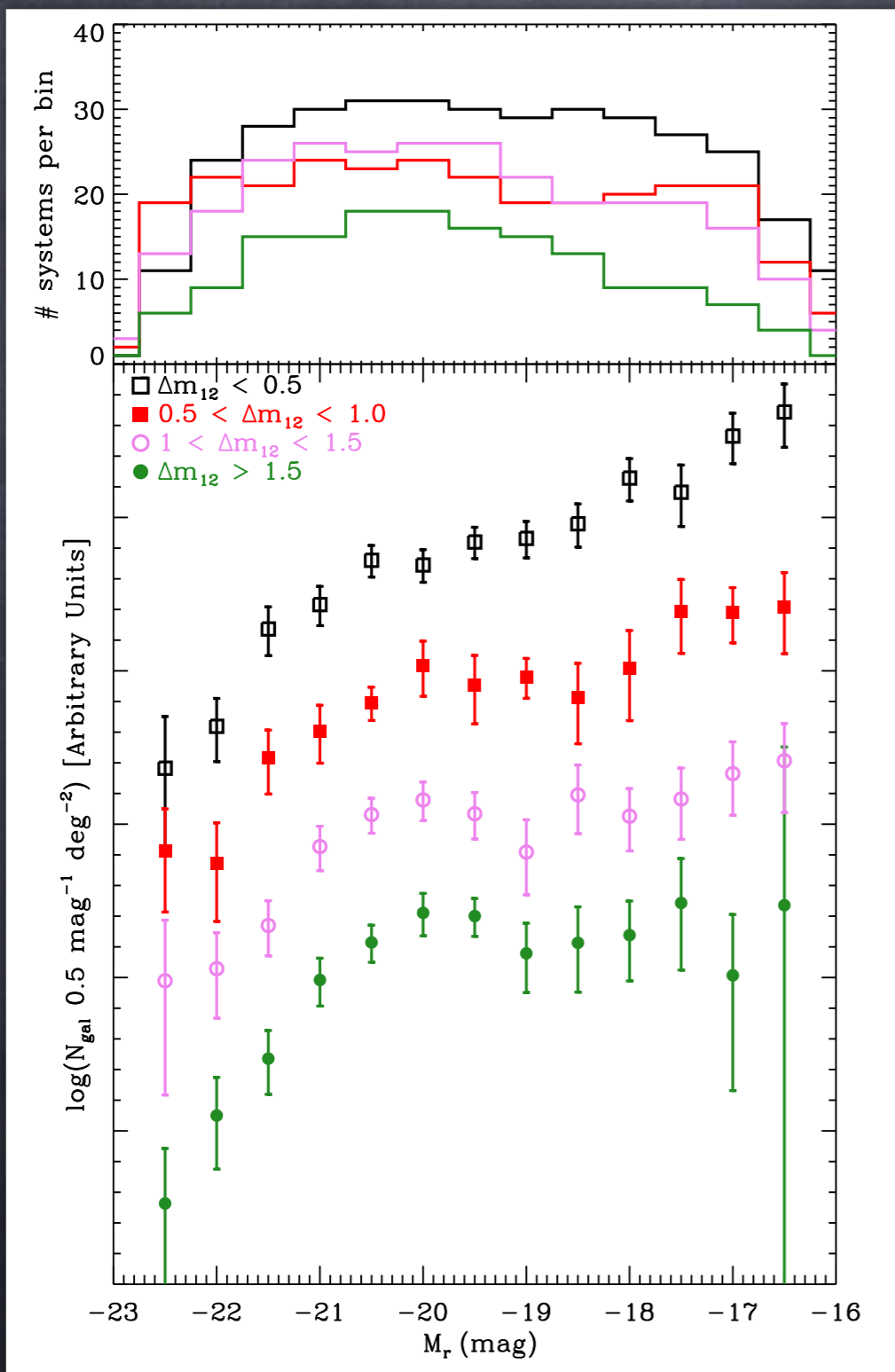


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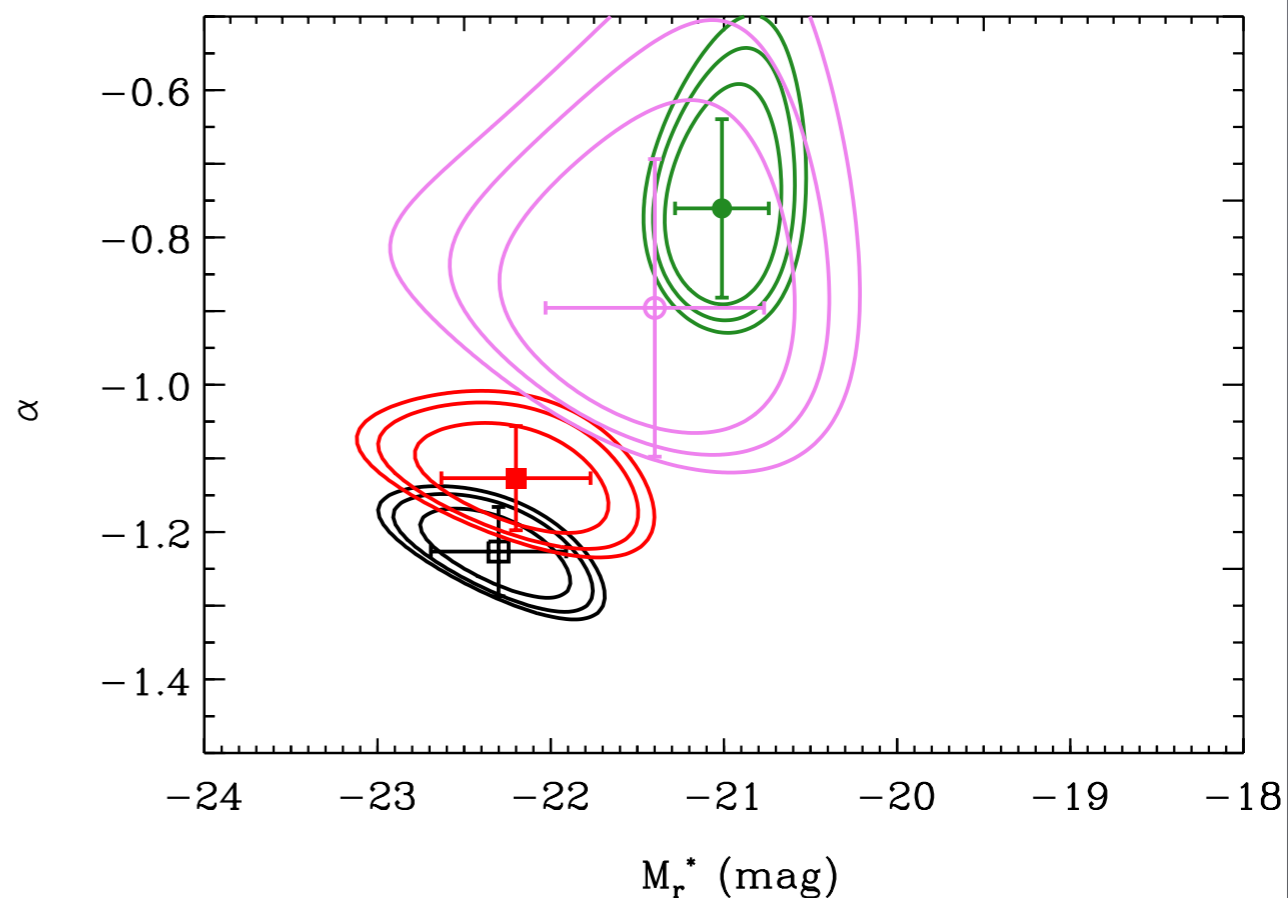
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Zarattini et al. 2015

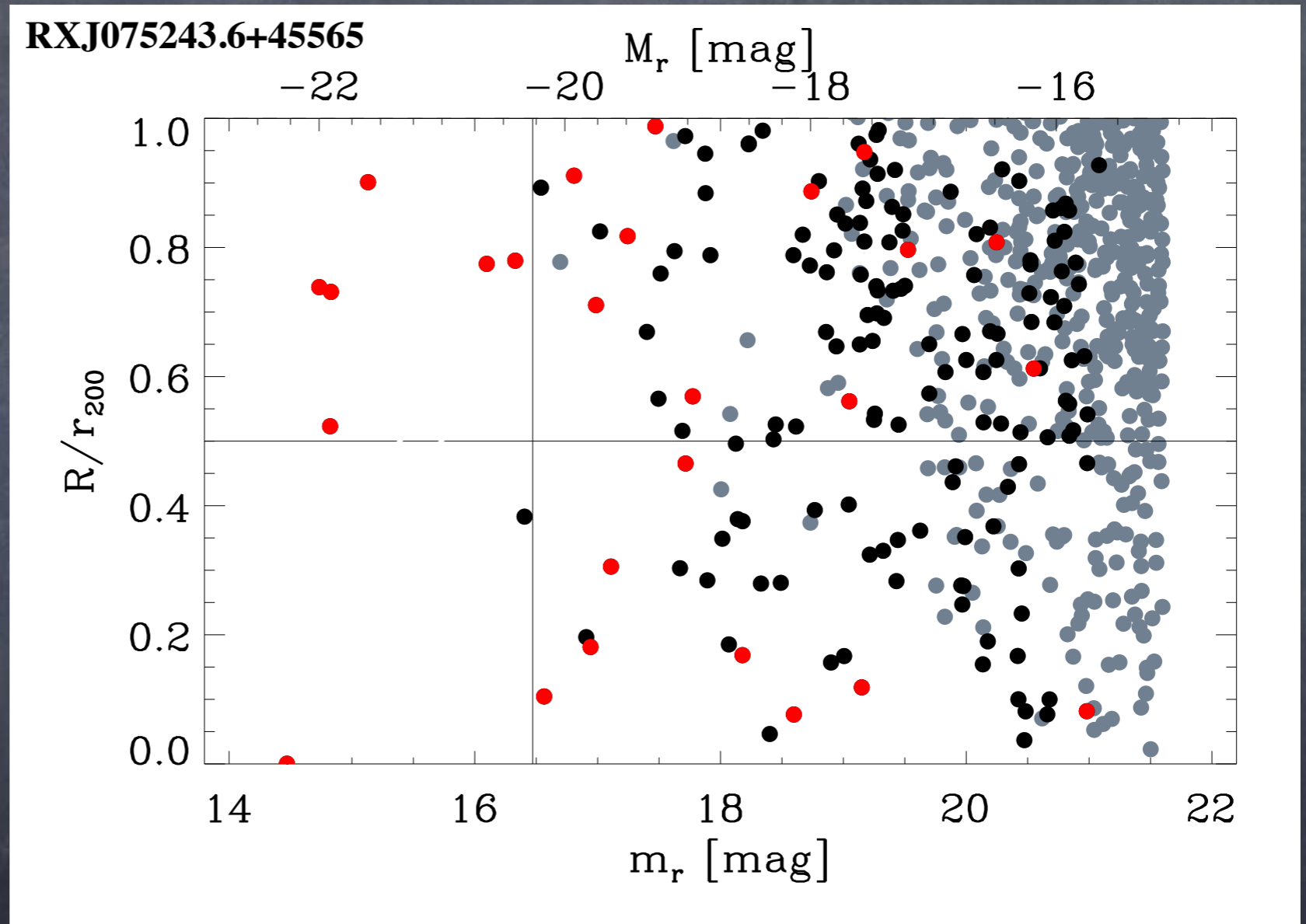


Luminosity functions in FGs: Spectroscopy

Fossil Group **FGS03**

(RXJ075243.6+45565):

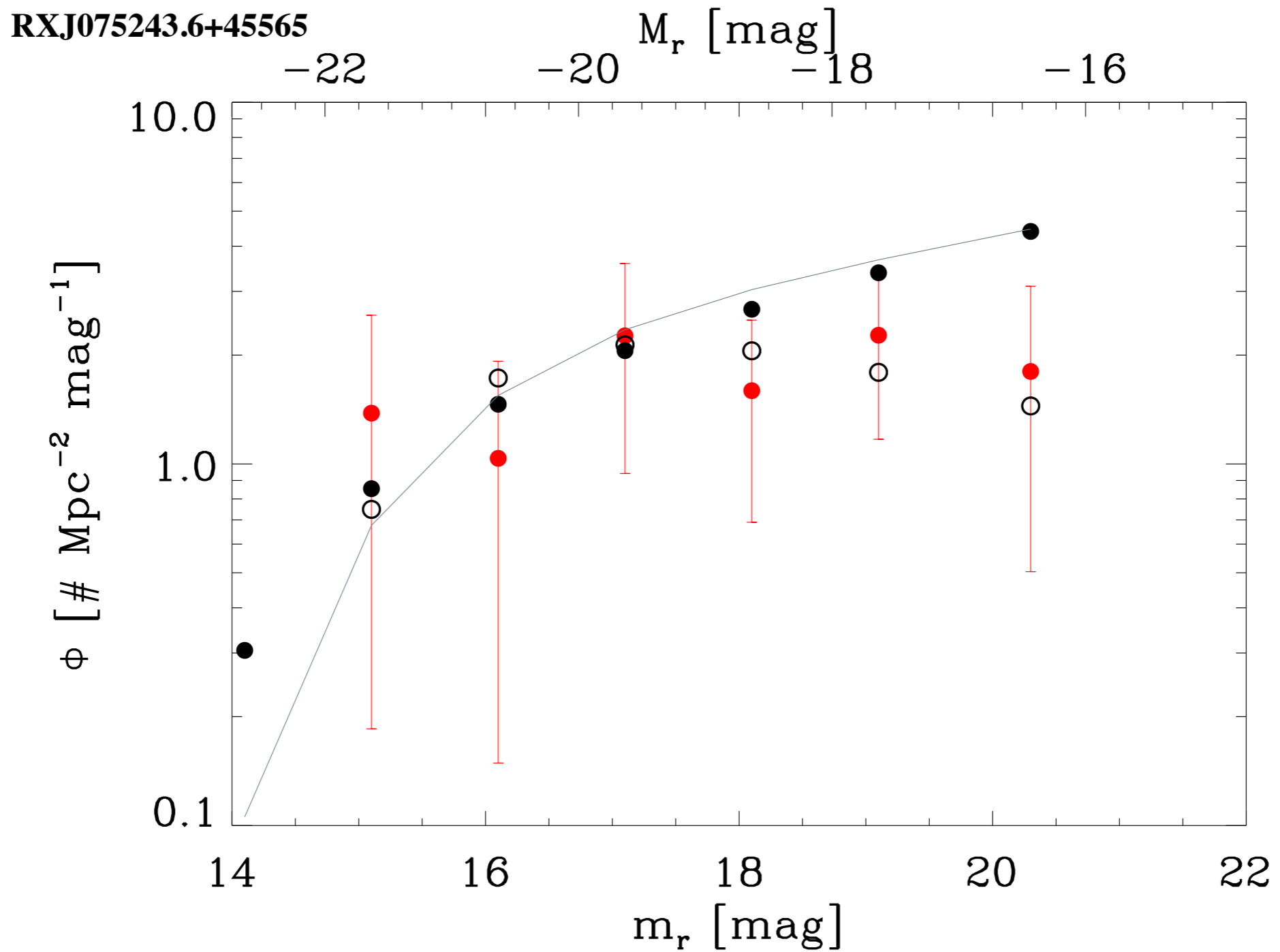
- $z_c = 0.05$
- $\sigma_v = 333$ km/s
- $R_{200} = 0.96$ Mpc
- $L_x = 2.2 \times 10^{43}$ erg/s
- $M_{\text{tot}} = 4.2 \times 10^{13} M_\odot$
- $M_r \text{ BGG} = -22.67$
- $\Delta m_{12} = 2.1$



250 new spectra
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within R_{200}

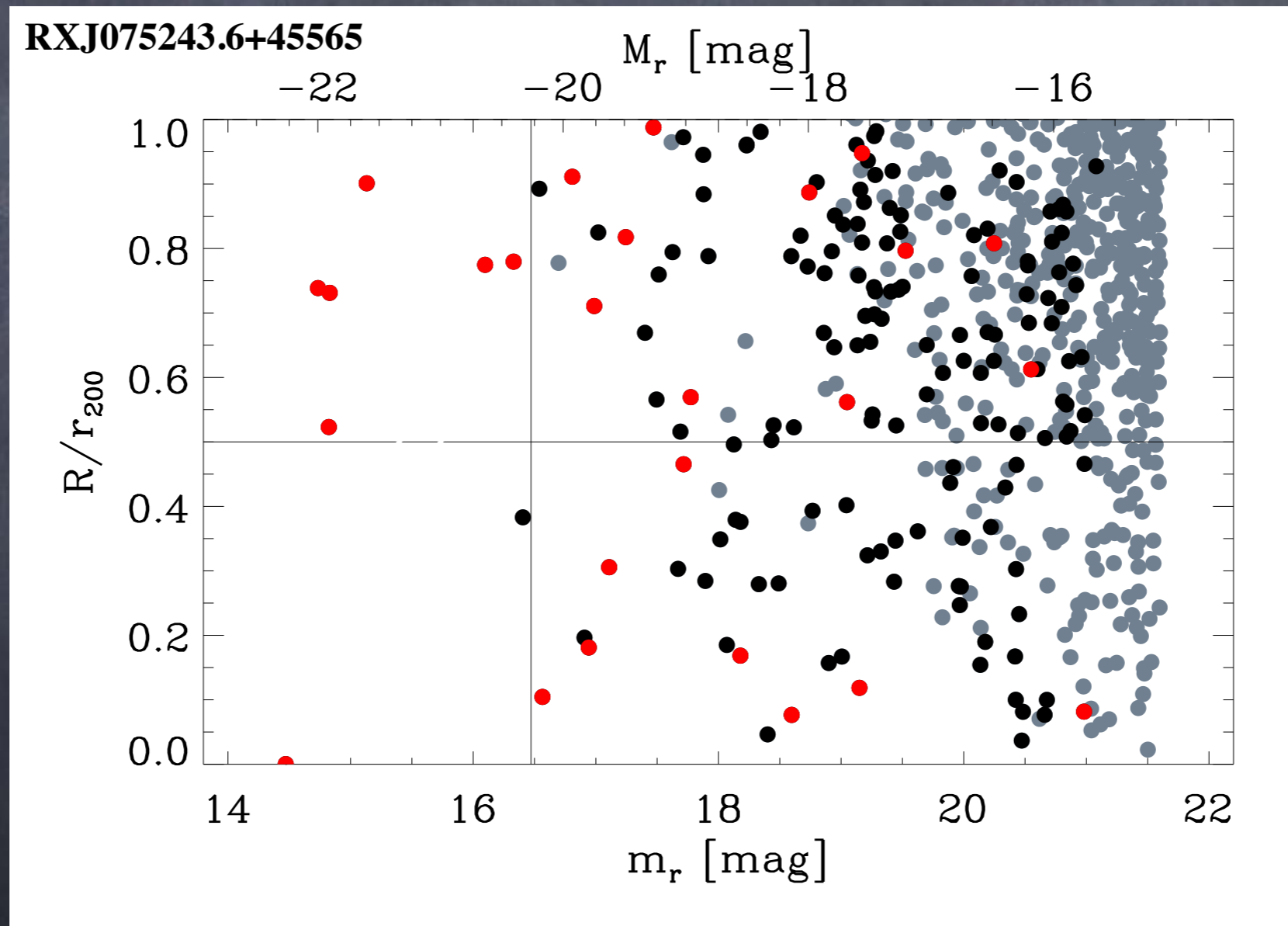
→ **26 members**

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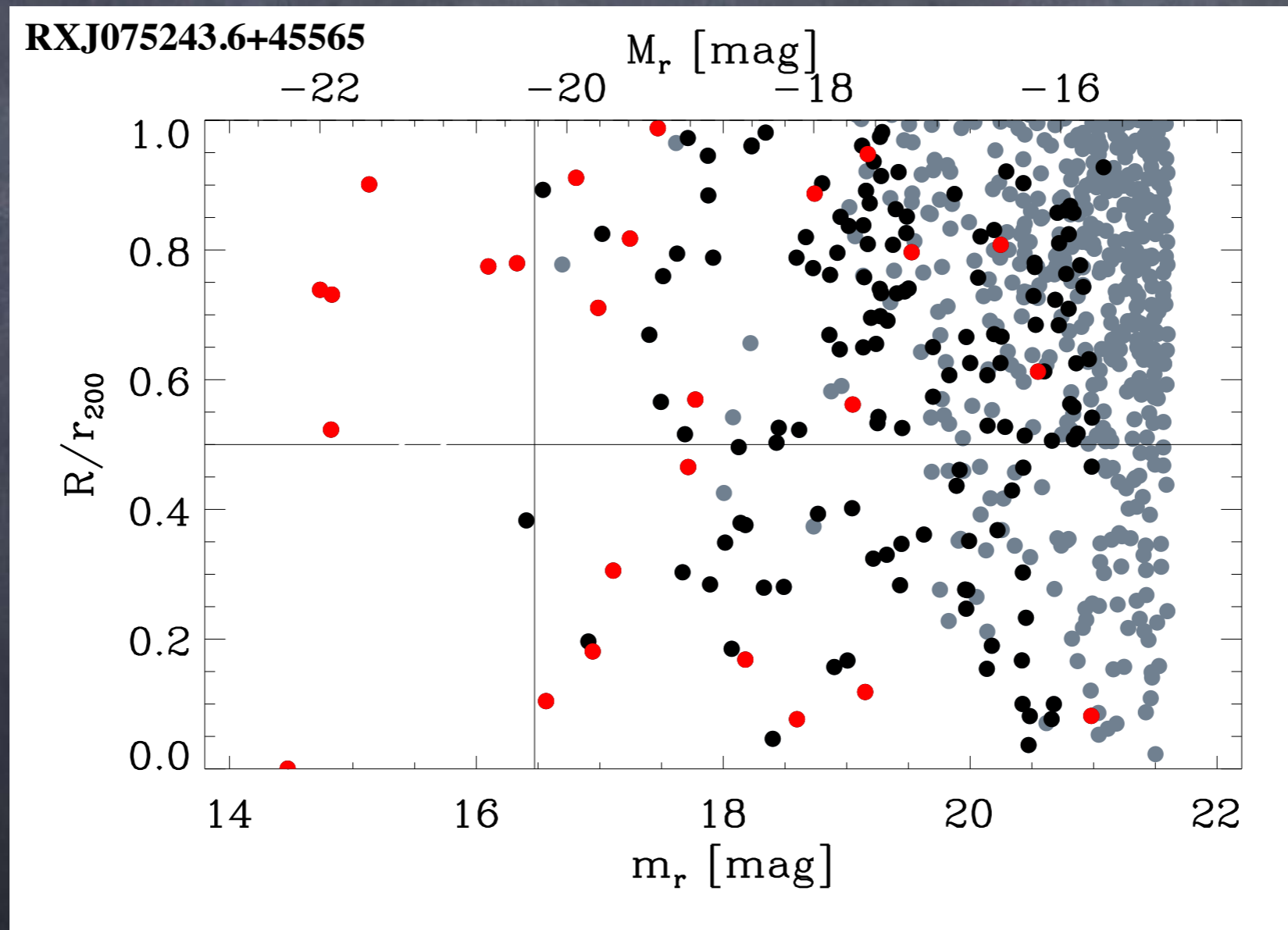
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FGS17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	N	N	0/3
FGS20	1.63E+14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	N	N	0/3
FGS23	2.86E+14	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	1/10
FGS26	2.67E+14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	Y	N	1/3
FGS27	6.69E+14	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	4/10
FGS29	9.66E+13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	N	N	0/3
FGS30	5.57E+14	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	3/10
FGS32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	N	N	0/3
FGS34	8.63E+13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	N	N	1/3

Notes. Column (1): system number as in Santos et al. (2007); Col. (2): system mass as in Zarattini et al. (2014); Col. (3): asymmetry index (c.l. $\geq 99\%$); Col. (4): scale tail index (c.l. $\geq 99\%$); Col. (5): weighted gap (c.l. $\geq 99\%$); Col. (6): 1D-DEDICA (c.l. $> 99\%$); Col. (7): peculiar velocity of the BGG (c.l. $\geq 90\%$); Col. (8): DS test (c.l. $\geq 95\%$); Col. (9): velocity gradient (c.l. $\geq 99\%$); Col. (10): 2D-DEDICA (c.l. $\geq 99\%$ and $\rho_s \geq 0.5$); Col. (11): Voronoi Tessellation and Percolation (c.l. $\geq 99\%$); Col. (12): ellipticity (c.l. $\geq 99.7\%$); Col. (13): fraction of positive tests for each system Y = presence of substructure; N = no substructure; - = not applicable.

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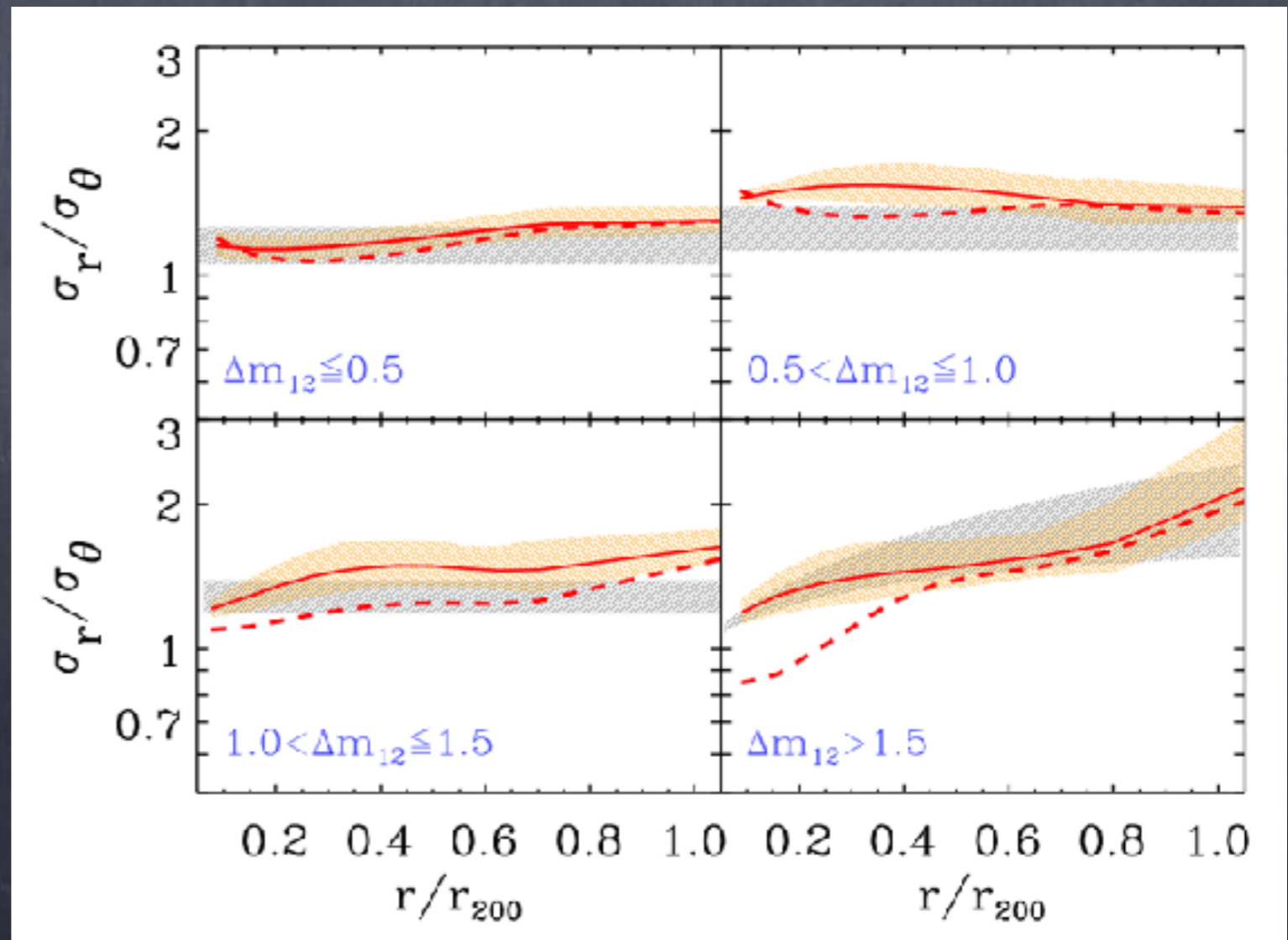
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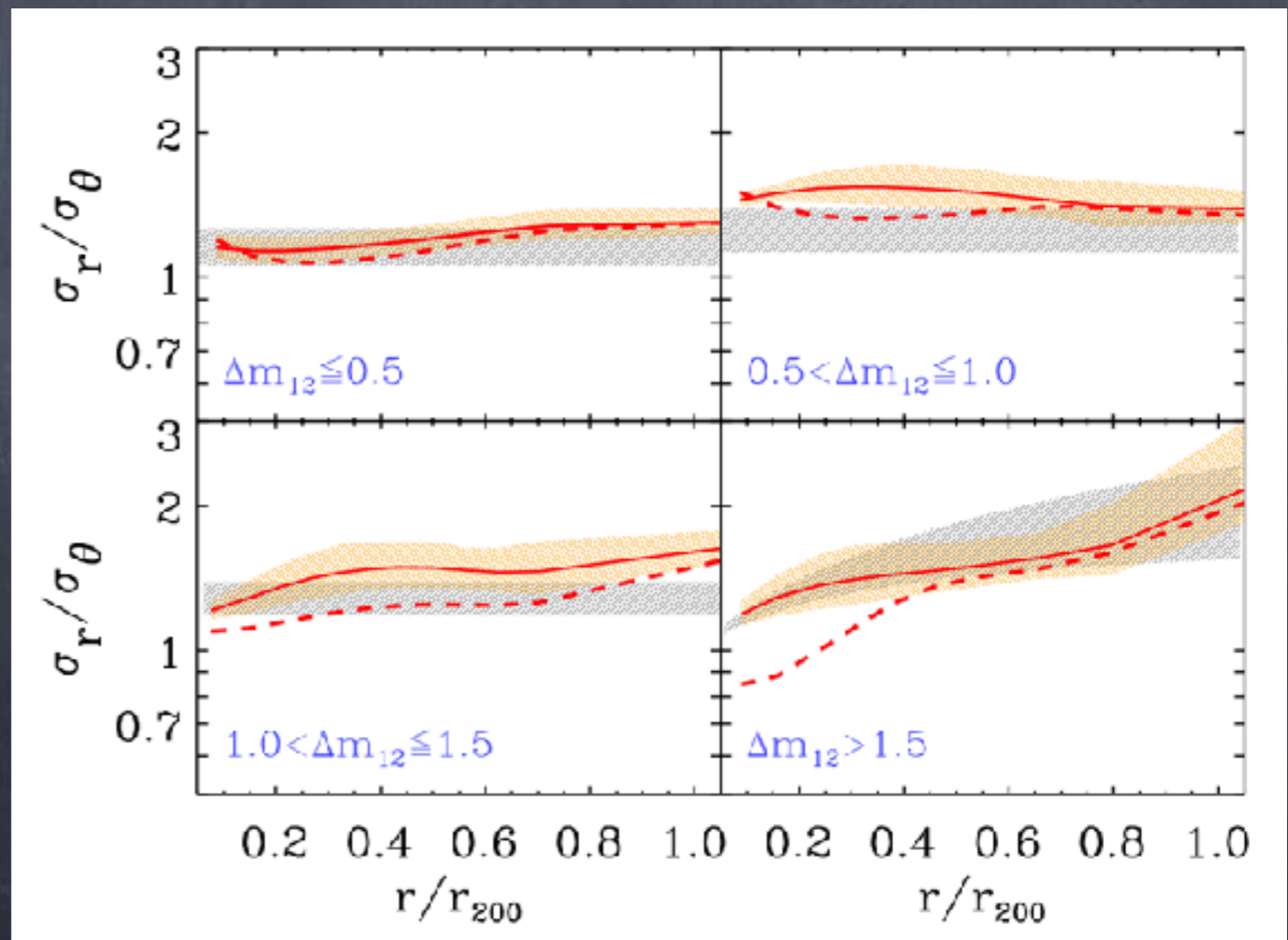
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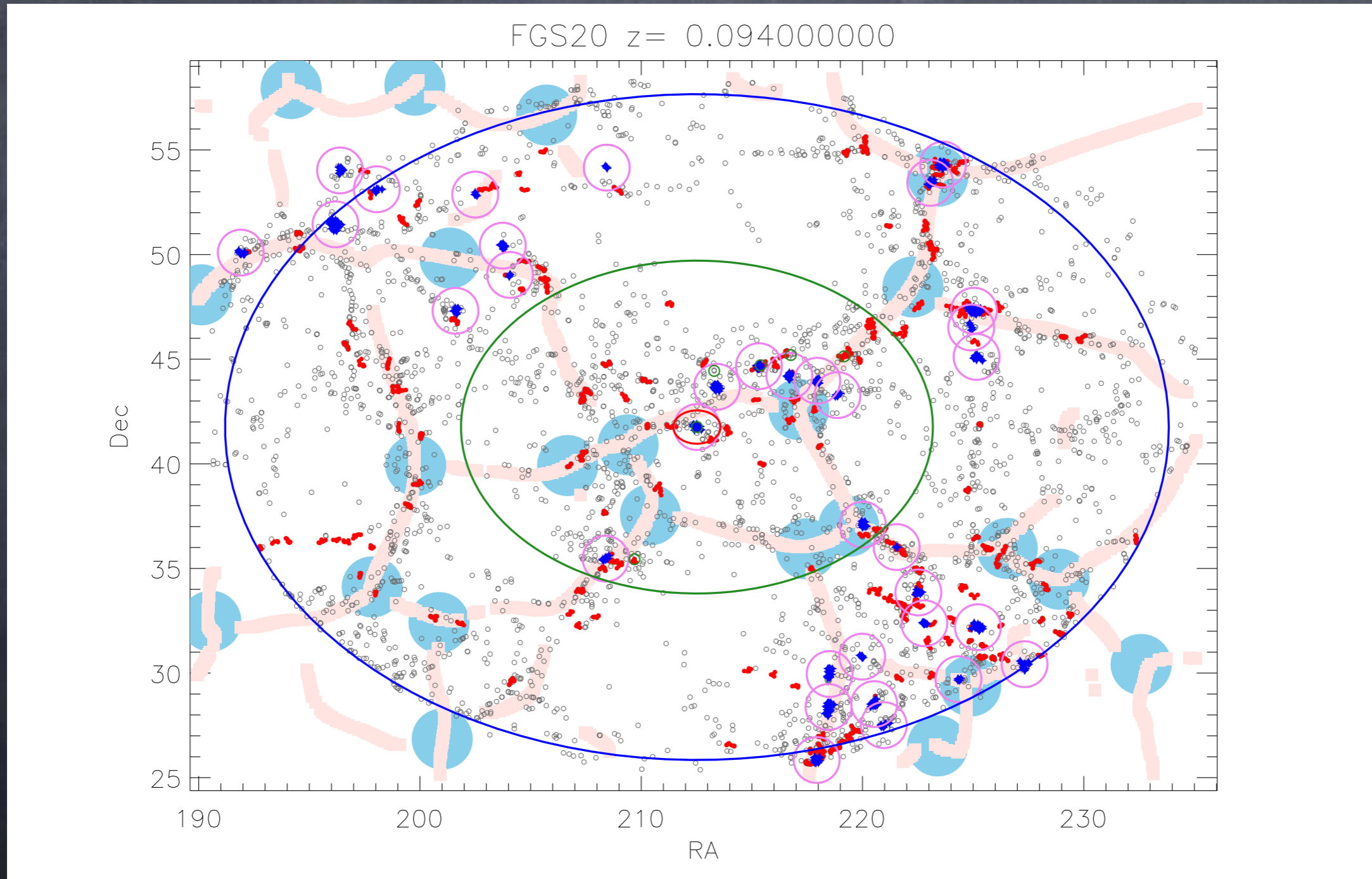
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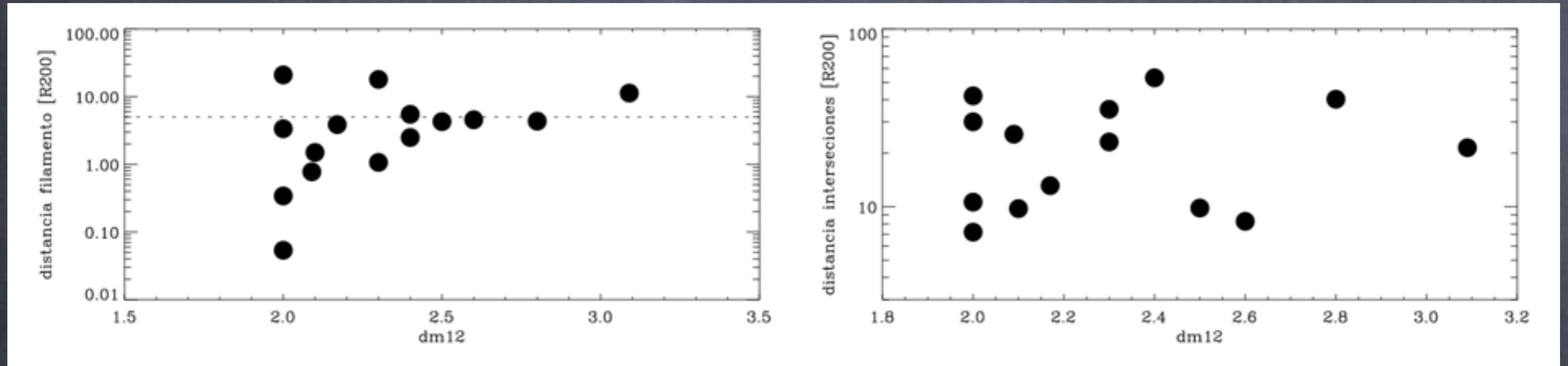
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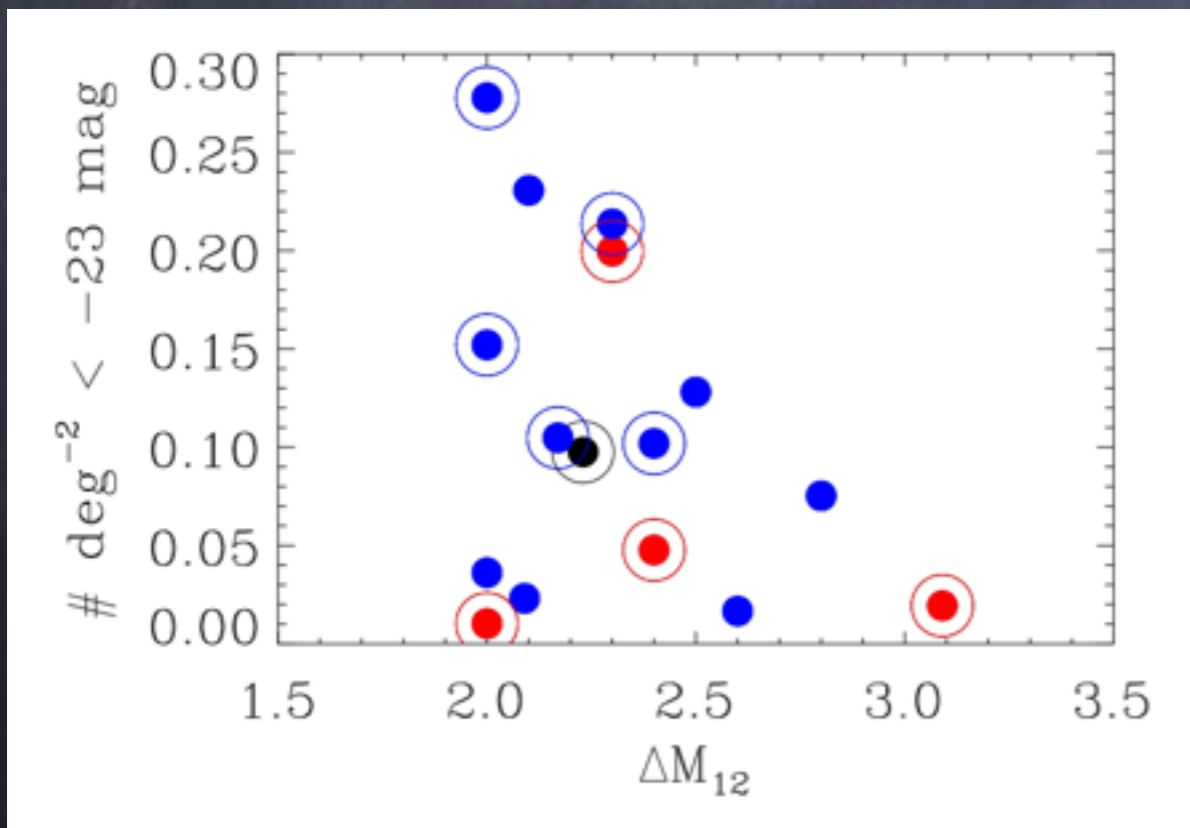
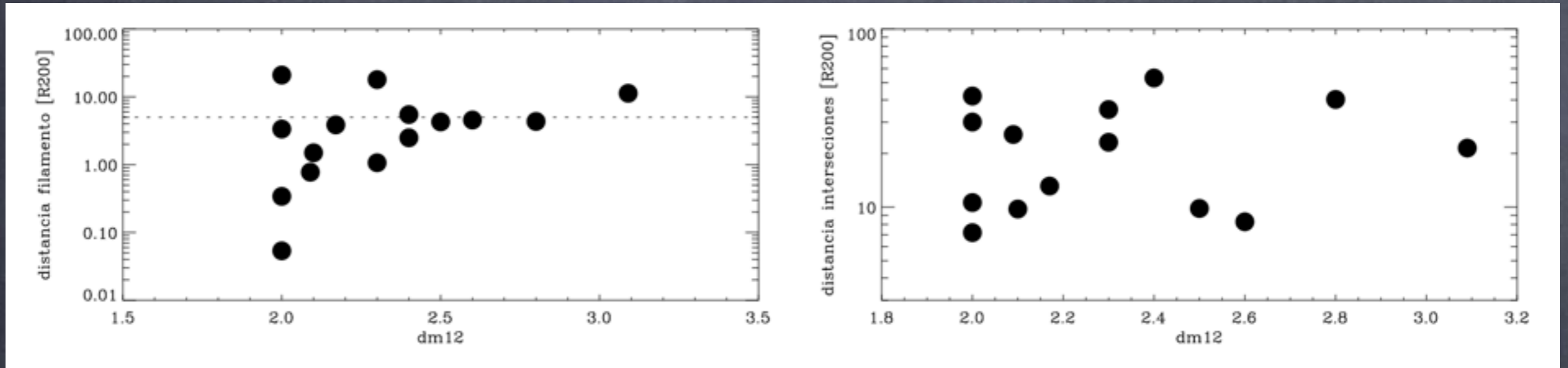
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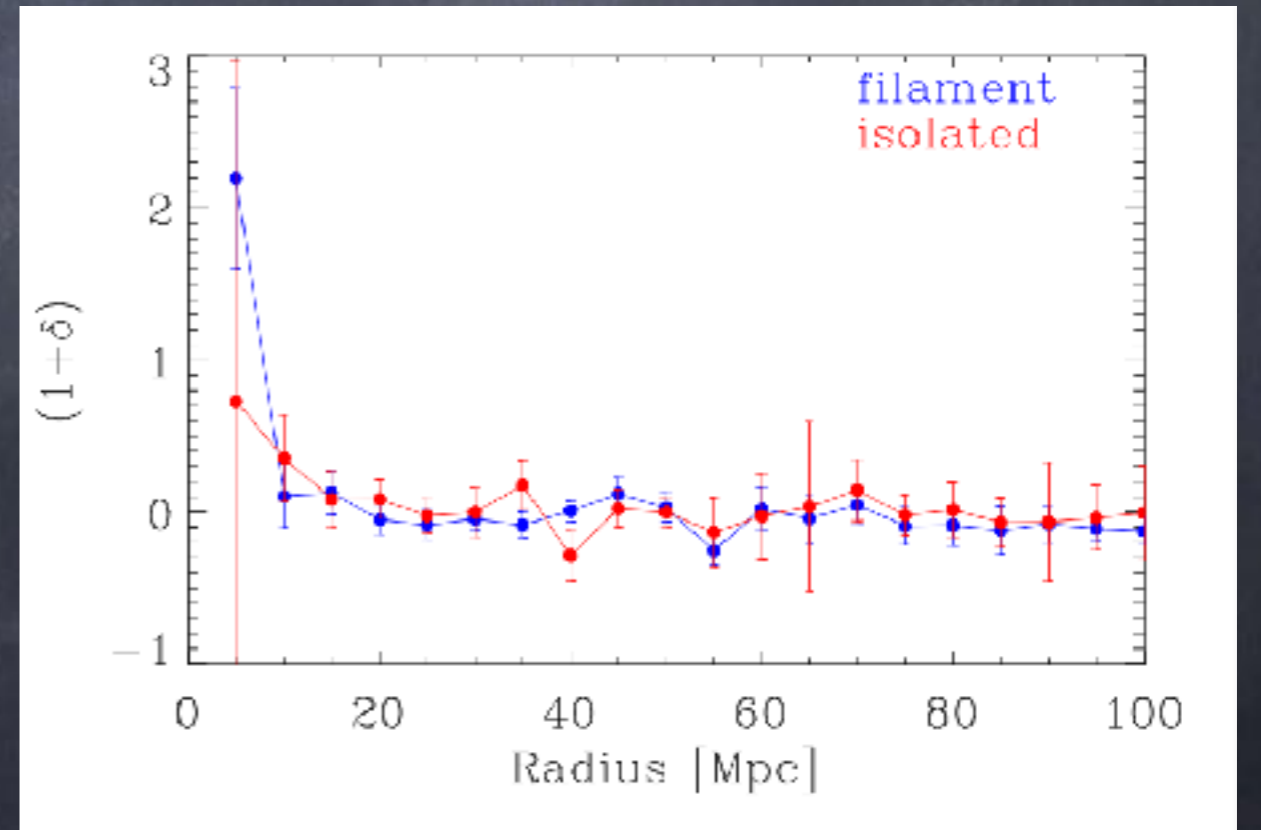
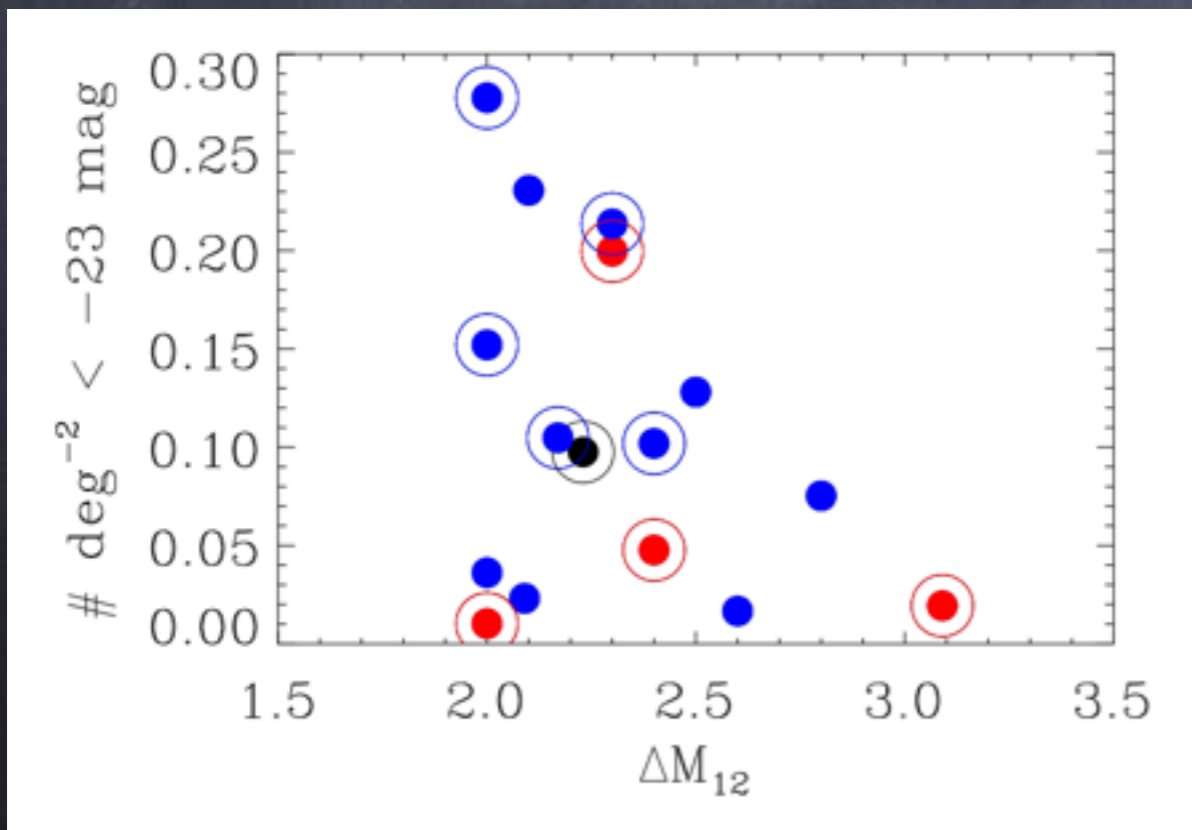
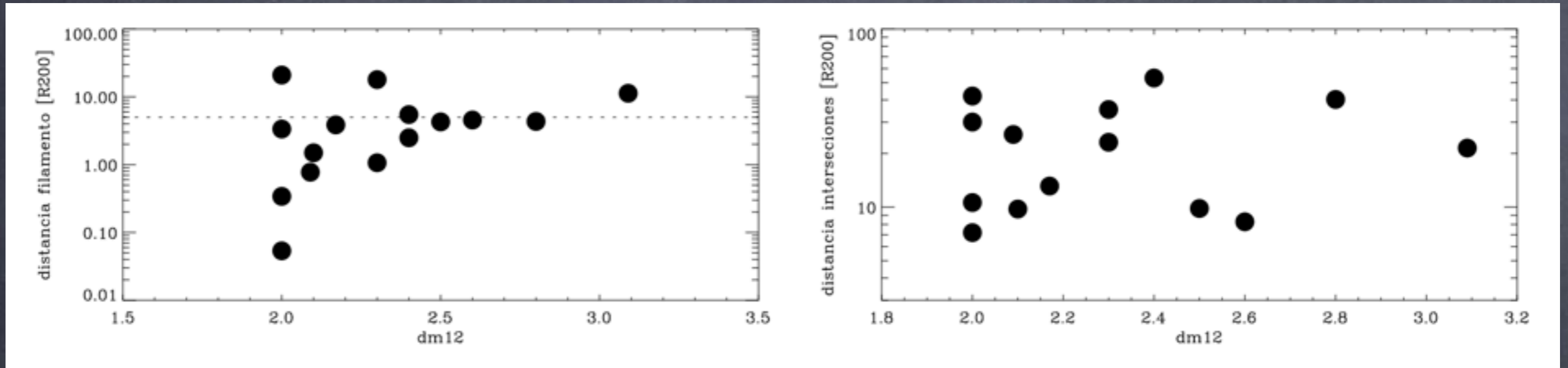
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