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Orbital Evolution of S Stars Due to Resonant Relaxation

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Summary

- We performed N-body simulations of dynamical evolution of the stellar system around the MBH at the Center of the Galaxy.
- **Orbits of S stars evolve from their initial Kepler orbits**
- Precession and inclination evolution take place.
- **The evolution of inclination is due to RR only.**
- We find dependence of the evolution of inclination on cluster properties such as its mass and N .
- **Further observation of inclination evolution of S stars will be a clue to above properties.**

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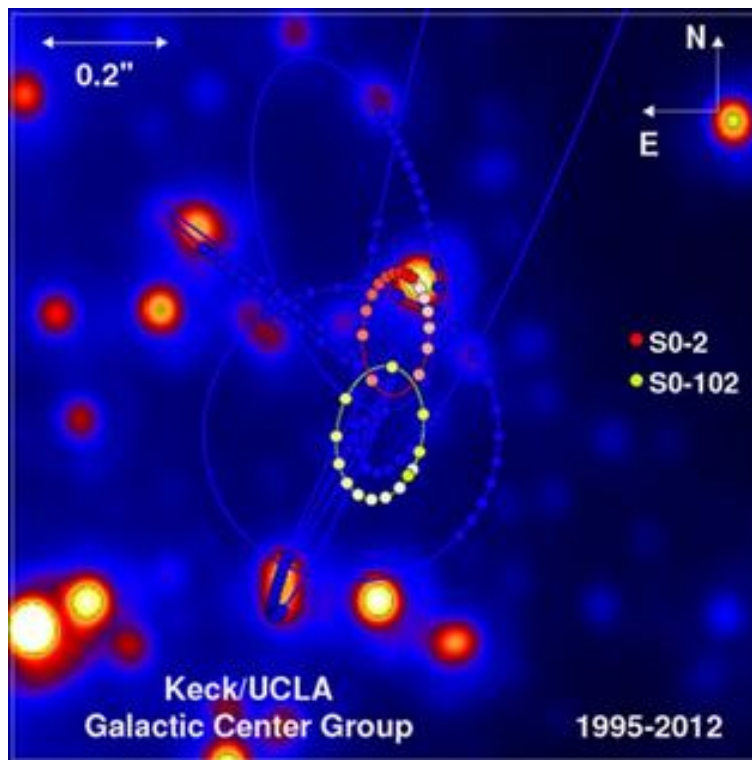
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1. Introduction

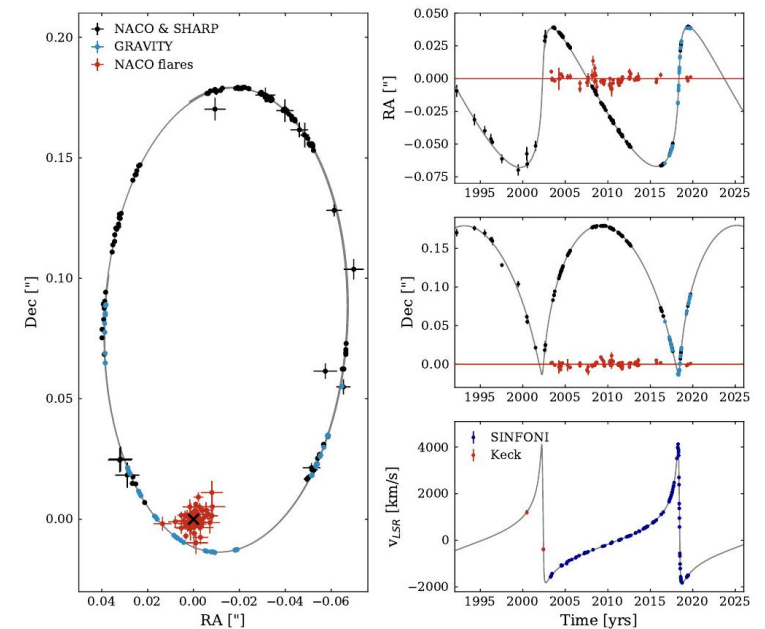
Center of the Galaxy and Orbit of S2 star

Galactic Center



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Orbit of S2



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$$\Delta\phi = 0.003 \text{ [rad/P]}$$

Table E.1. Best-fit orbit parameters.

Parameter	Value	Fit error	MCMC error	Unit
f_{SP}	1.10	0.19	0.21	
f_{RS}	1	Fixed	Fixed	
M_{\bullet}	4.261	0.012	0.012	$10^6 M_{\odot}$
R_0	8246.7	9.3	9.3	pc
a	125.058	0.041	0.044	mas
e	0.884649	0.000066	0.000079	
i	134.567	0.033	0.033	$^{\circ}$
ω	66.263	0.031	0.030	$^{\circ}$
Ω	228.171	0.031	0.031	$^{\circ}$
P	16.0455	0.0013	0.0013	yr
t_{peri}	2018.37900	0.00016	0.00017	yr
x_0	-0.90	0.14	0.15	mas
y_0	0.07	0.12	0.11	mas
vx_0	0.080	0.010	0.010	mas yr $^{-1}$
vy_0	0.0341	0.0096	0.0096	mas yr $^{-1}$
vz_0	-1.6	1.4	1.4	km s $^{-1}$

Notes. The orbital parameters are to be interpreted as the osculating orbital parameters. The argument of periapsis ω and the time of pericentre passage t_{peri} are given for the epoch of last apocentre in 2010.

$$\mathbf{a} = -\frac{GM}{r^3}\mathbf{r} + f_{\text{SP}}\frac{GM}{c^2r^2}\left[\left(4\frac{GM}{r} - v^2\right)\frac{\mathbf{r}}{r} + 4i\mathbf{v}\right] + O[J] + O[Q_2]. \quad (\text{C.1})$$

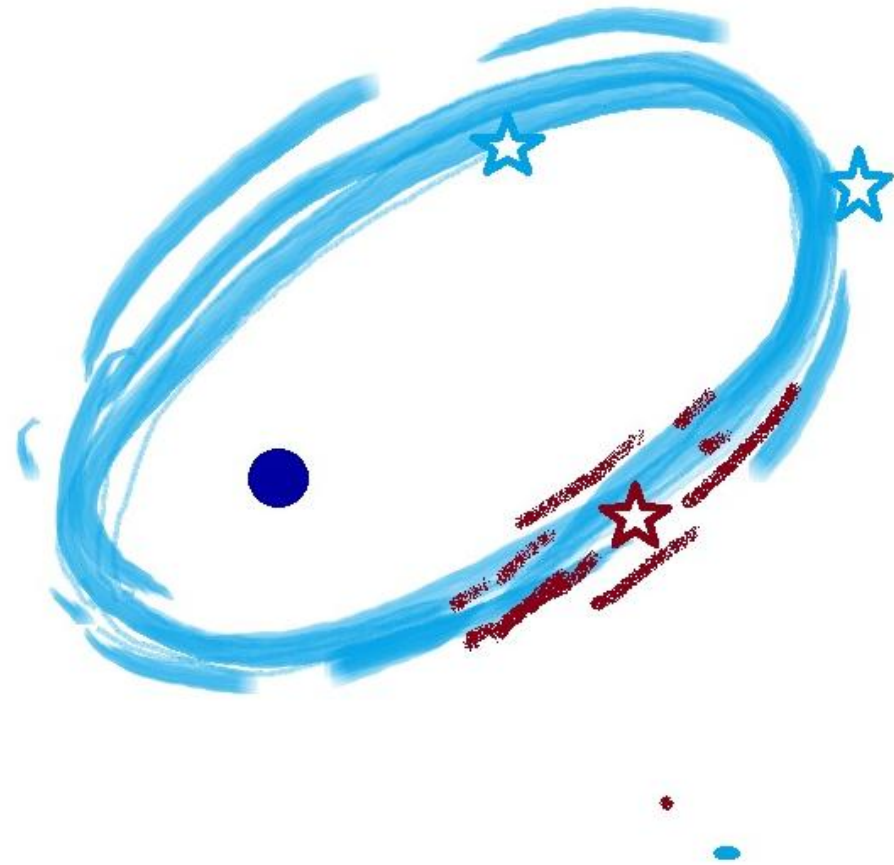
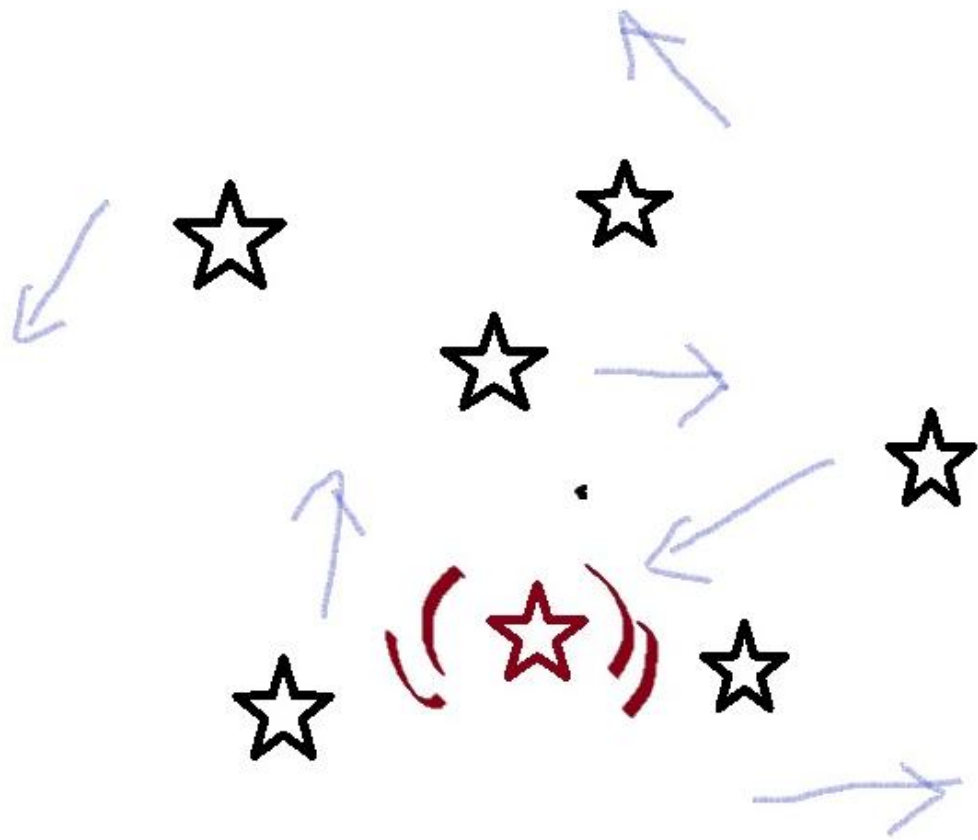
the (first-order) parameterized post-Newtonian (PPN) expansion of GR

Resonant Relaxation (RR)

- **theoretically predicted by Rauch & Tremaine 1996**
 - **relaxation in angular momentum space**
 - **different relaxation from two-body relaxation**
 - **takes place in N-body systems which contains a massive object at the center and its gravitation dominates the system.**

ex.1: planetary system with a host star

ex.2: central region of a nuclear star cluster containing an SMBH



characteristic properties of RR

Timescale :

- $t_{\text{rr}} \sim \frac{m_{\text{BH}}}{m_*} t_{\text{orb}}$

each star :

- $\Delta E \sim 0$
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consequently

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statistical behavior :

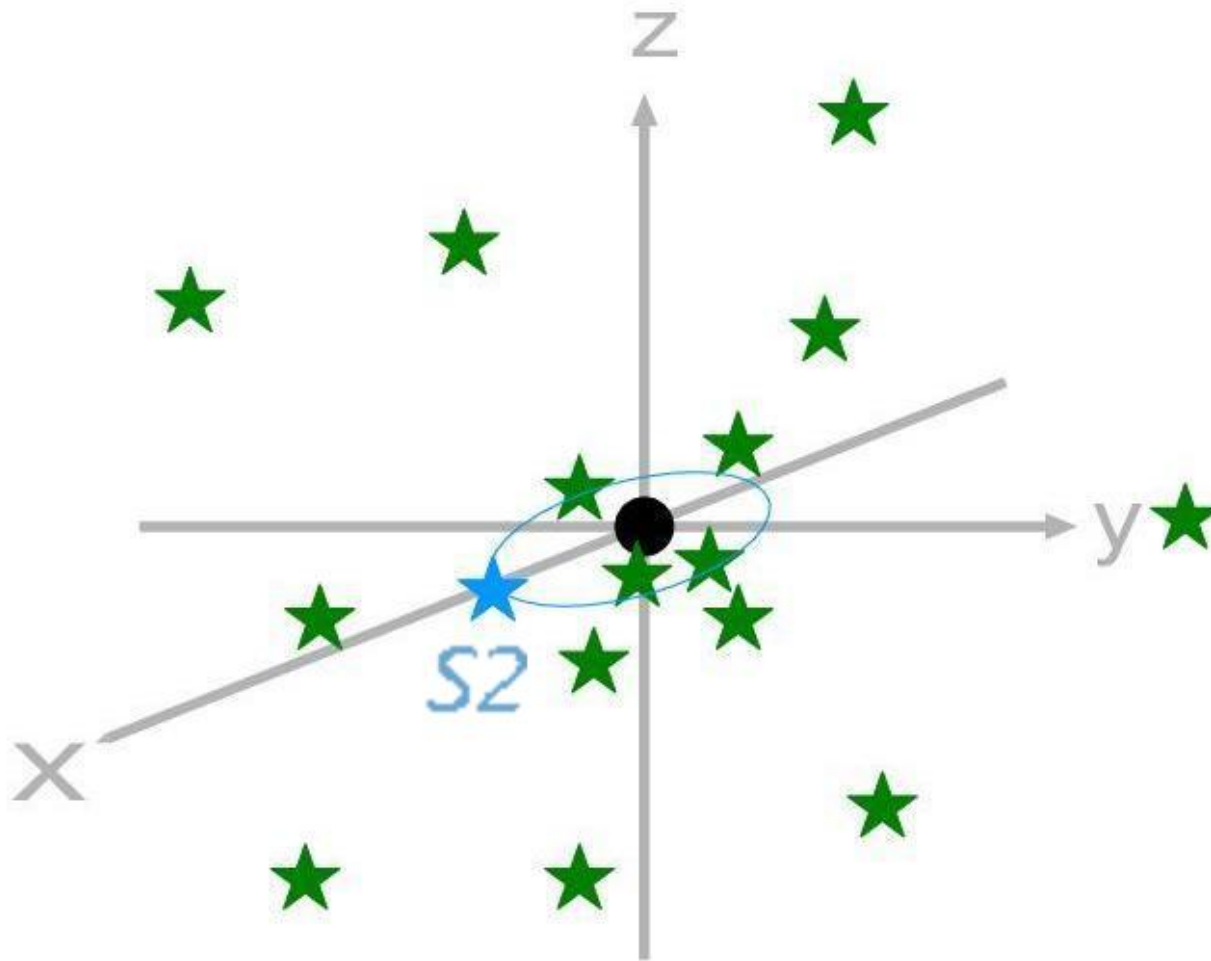
- $\sqrt{\langle |\Delta E|^2 \rangle} \sim 0$
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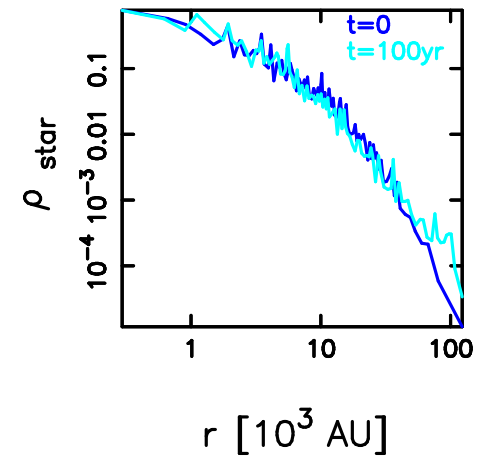
$\langle \rangle$... average of particles

2.1 Model & Initial Condition



density profile

(T.Matsubayashi+ 2007)



Model parameters

- M_{SMBH} : **fix**
- r_0 (*scale length*) : **fix**
- M_{cluster} : **changing**
 - max*: **observational upper limit (Abuter+ 2020)**
 - min*: **theoretical prediction (Alexander+ 2009)**
- N : **changing (i.e.mass ratio : $M_{\text{SMBH}} : M_{\text{star}}$)**
- GR : **w/wo**
- **20 different seed run/model**

2.2 Numerical Method

GPLUM

(Y.Ishigaki+ 2020)

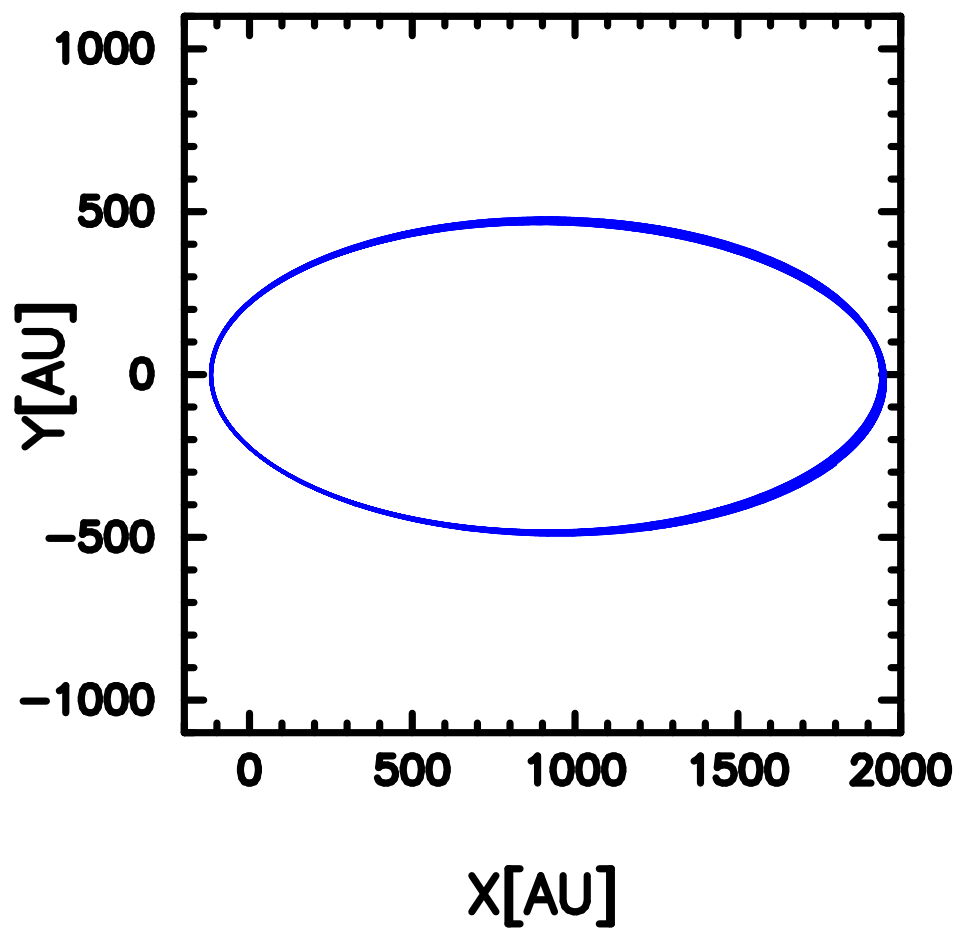


- **a massive body (the Sun, a BH) at the origin**
- **P³T method** (*S.Oshino, Y.Funato, J.Makino, 2011*)
- **FDPS** (*M.Iwasawa+ 2019*)
- *w/wo PN term*

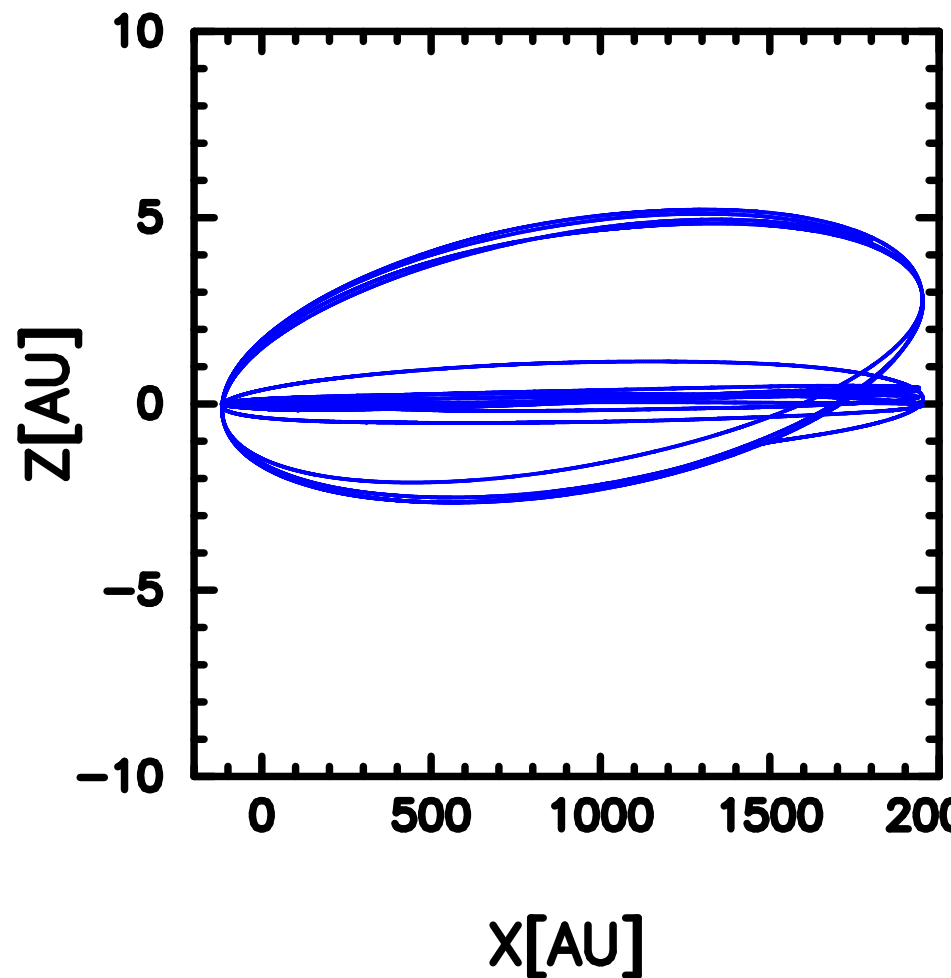
3. Result

an example of orbital evolution

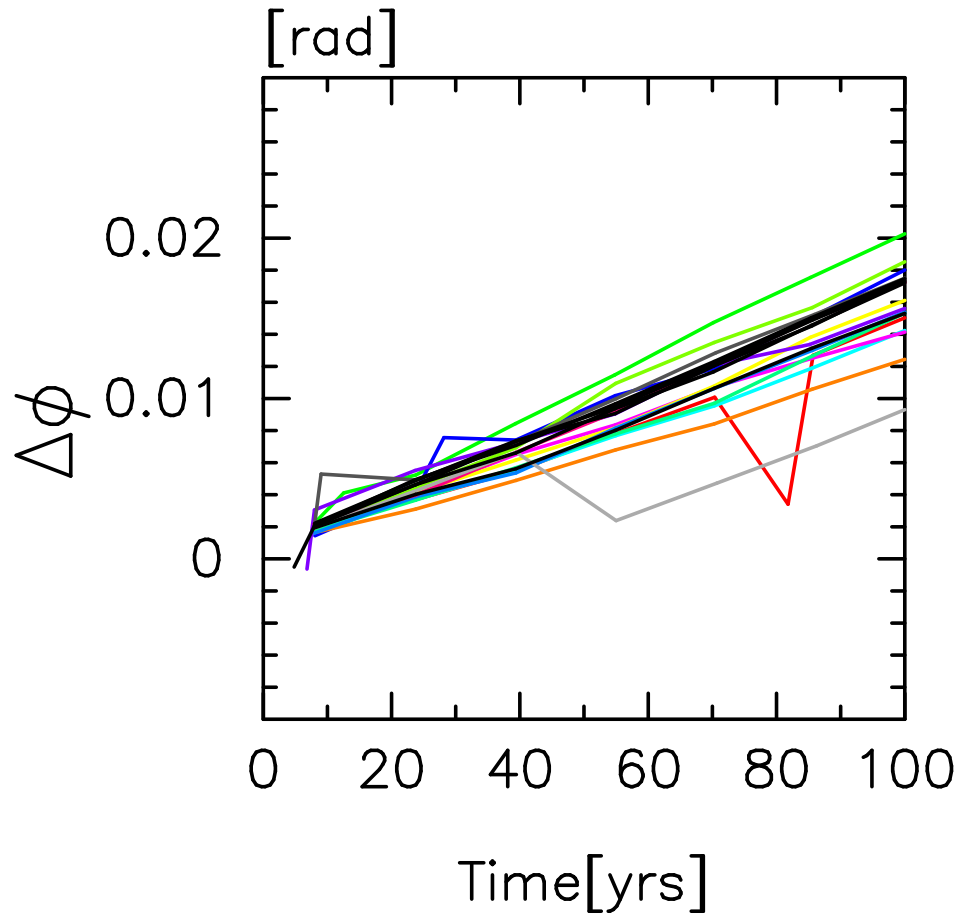
x-y



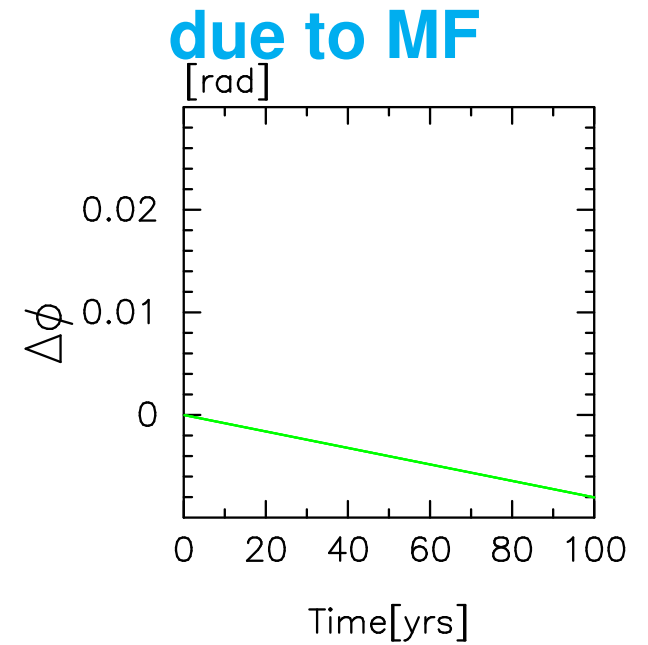
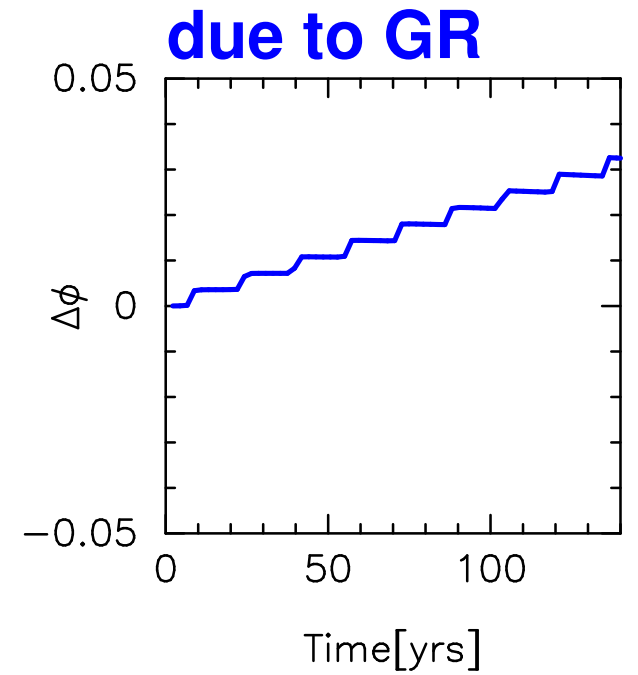
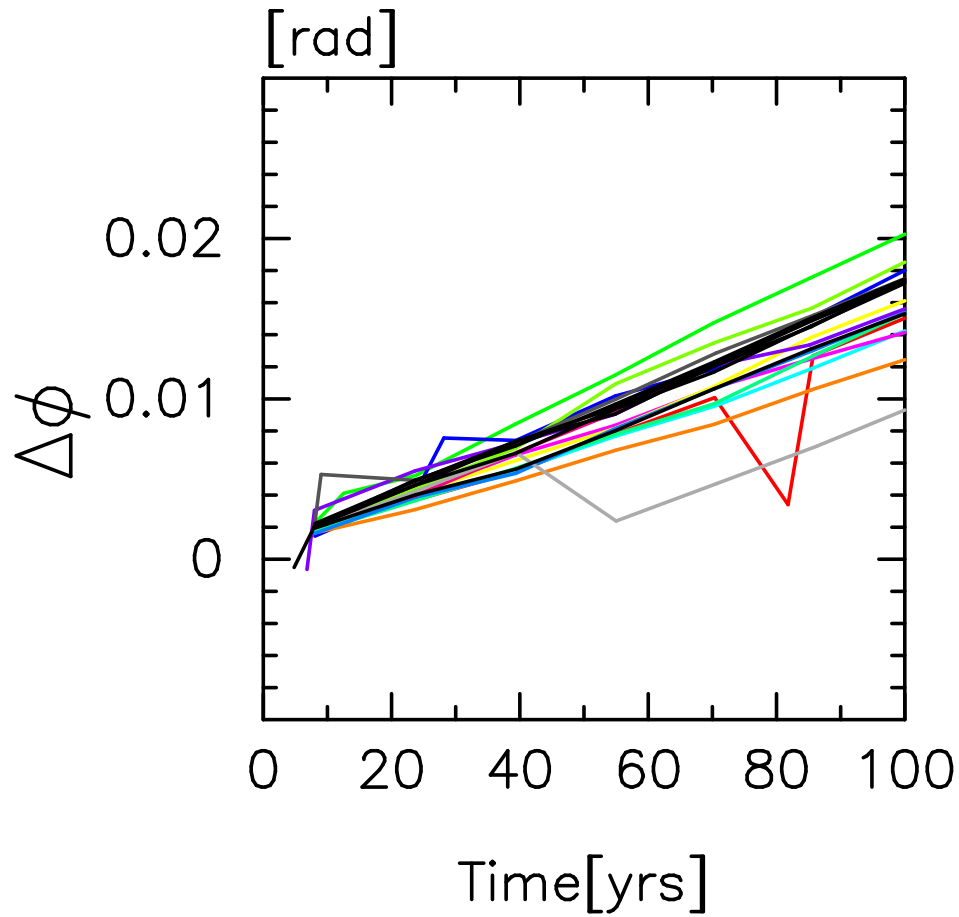
X-Z



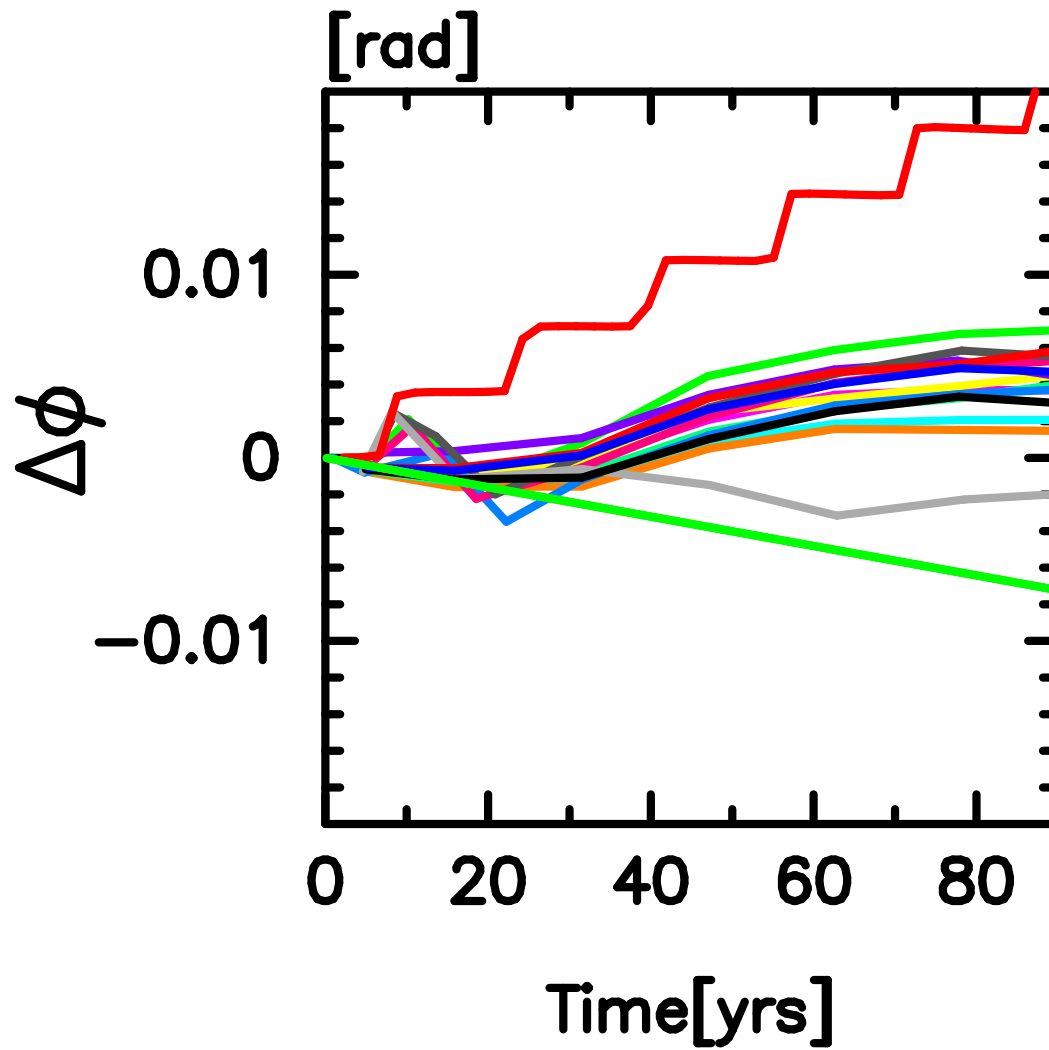
Precession



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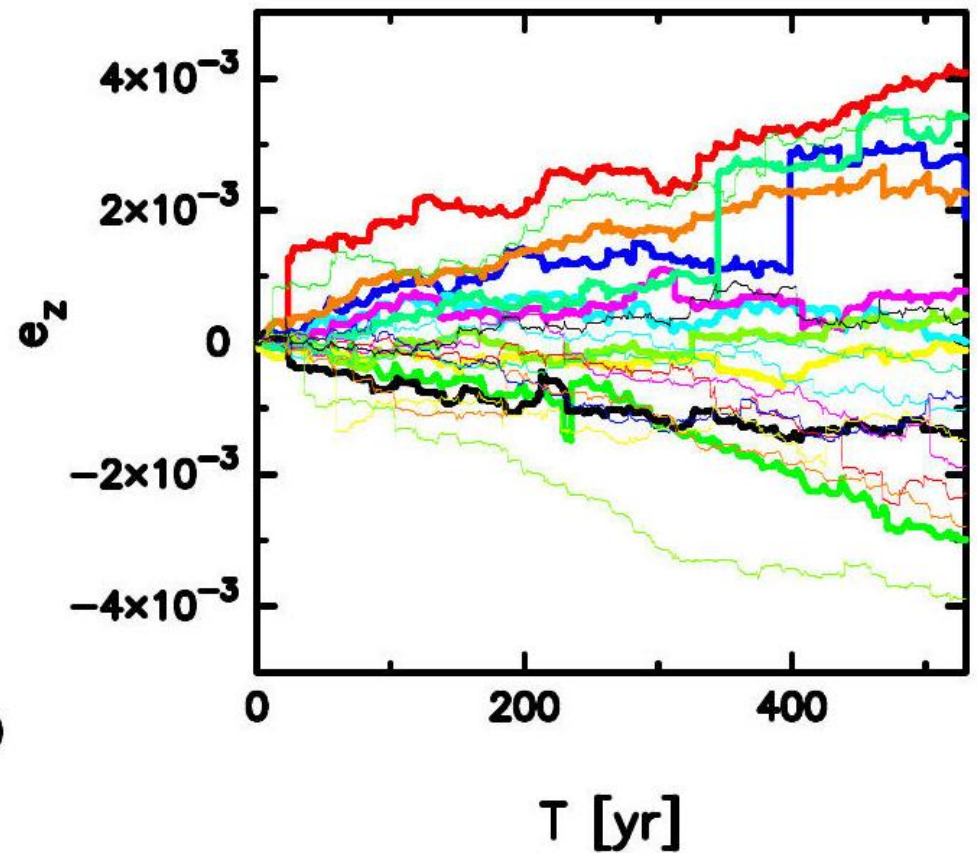
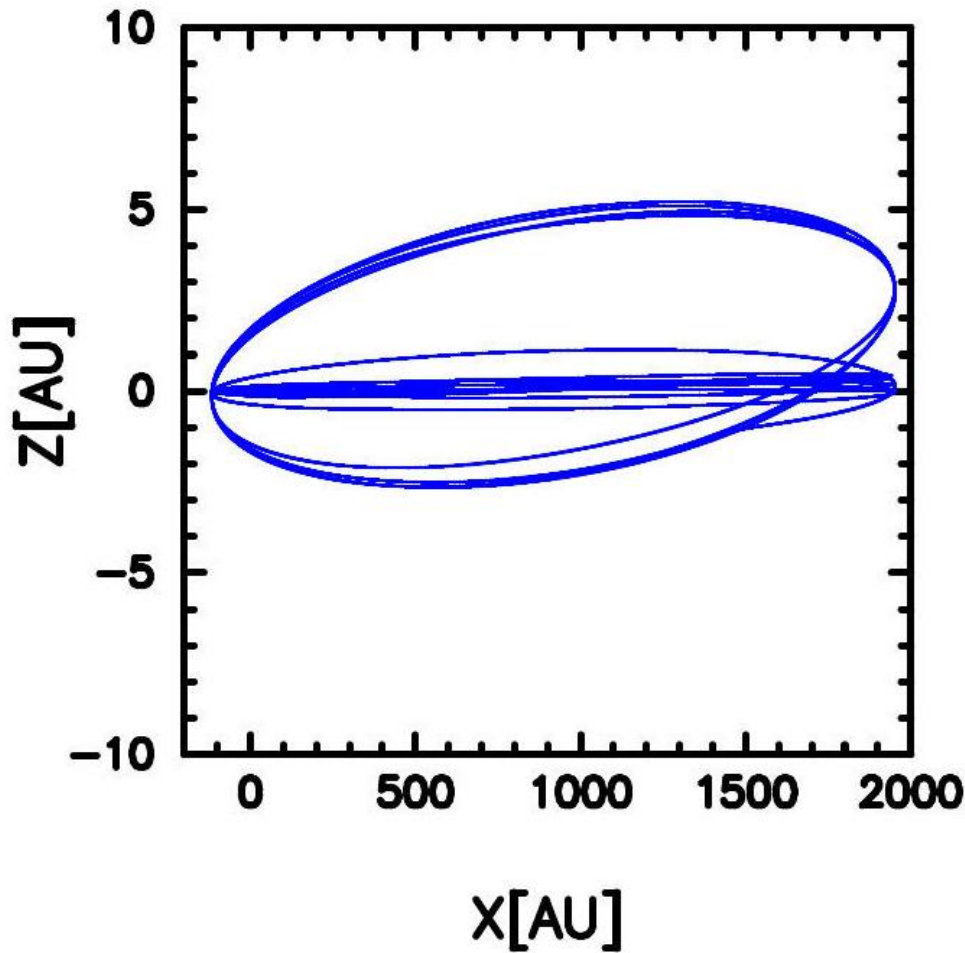
Precession due to RR, GR, MF



z evolution: examples

X-Z

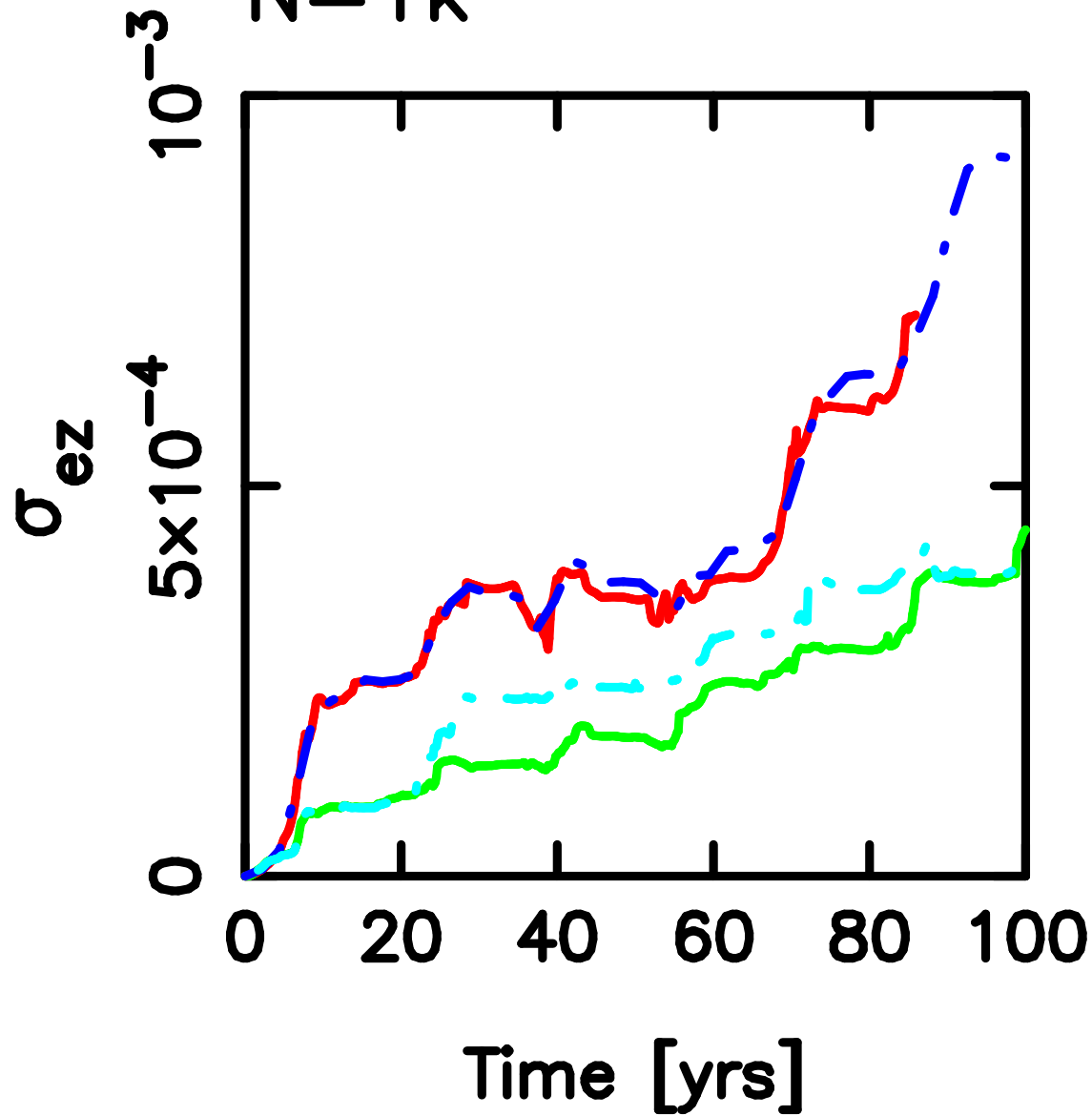
$$t-e_z \doteq \Delta i$$



Here $e_z = \sin(\Delta i) \doteq \Delta i$

variance $\sigma_{ez}^2 = (1/n_{\text{run}}) \sum^{\text{nrun}} (e_z - \langle e_z \rangle)^2$

N=1k



$M_{\text{cl,enc}} \doteq 10^4 M_{\odot}$

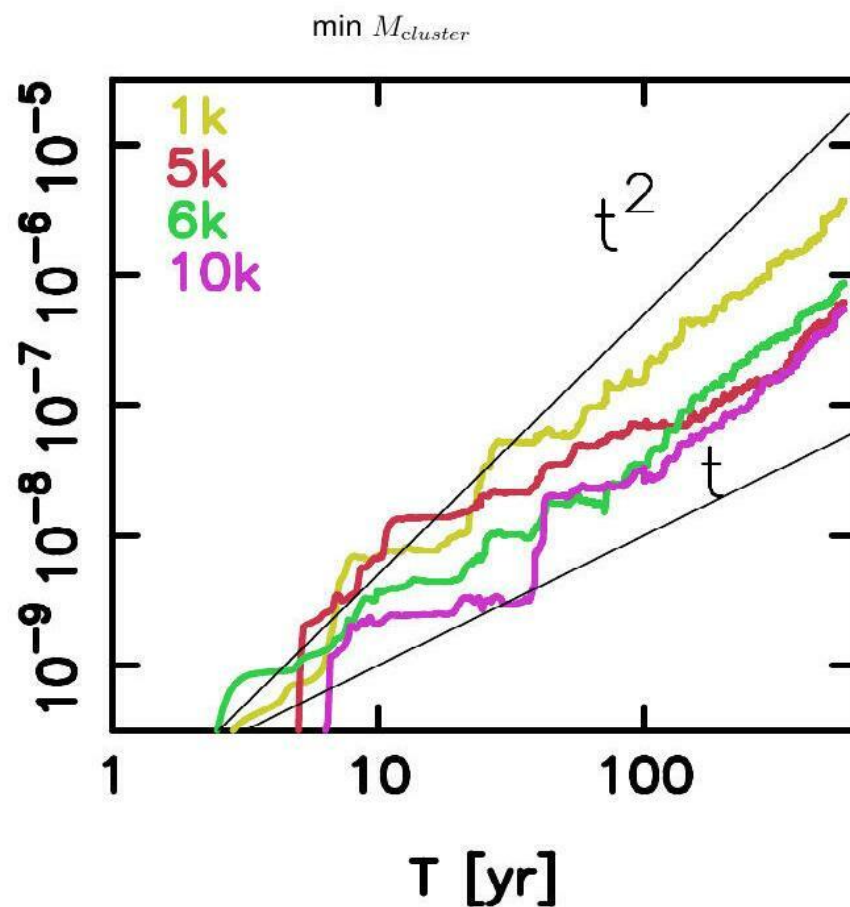
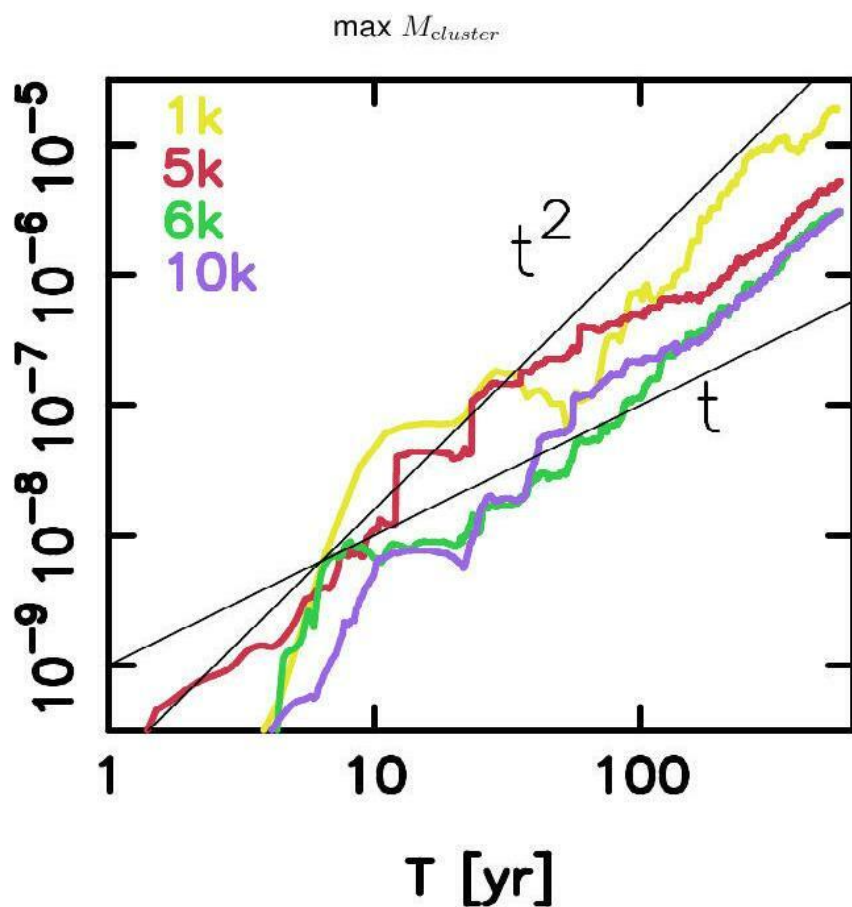
$M_{\text{cl,enc}} \doteq 5 \times 10^3 M_{\odot}$

solid: w PN

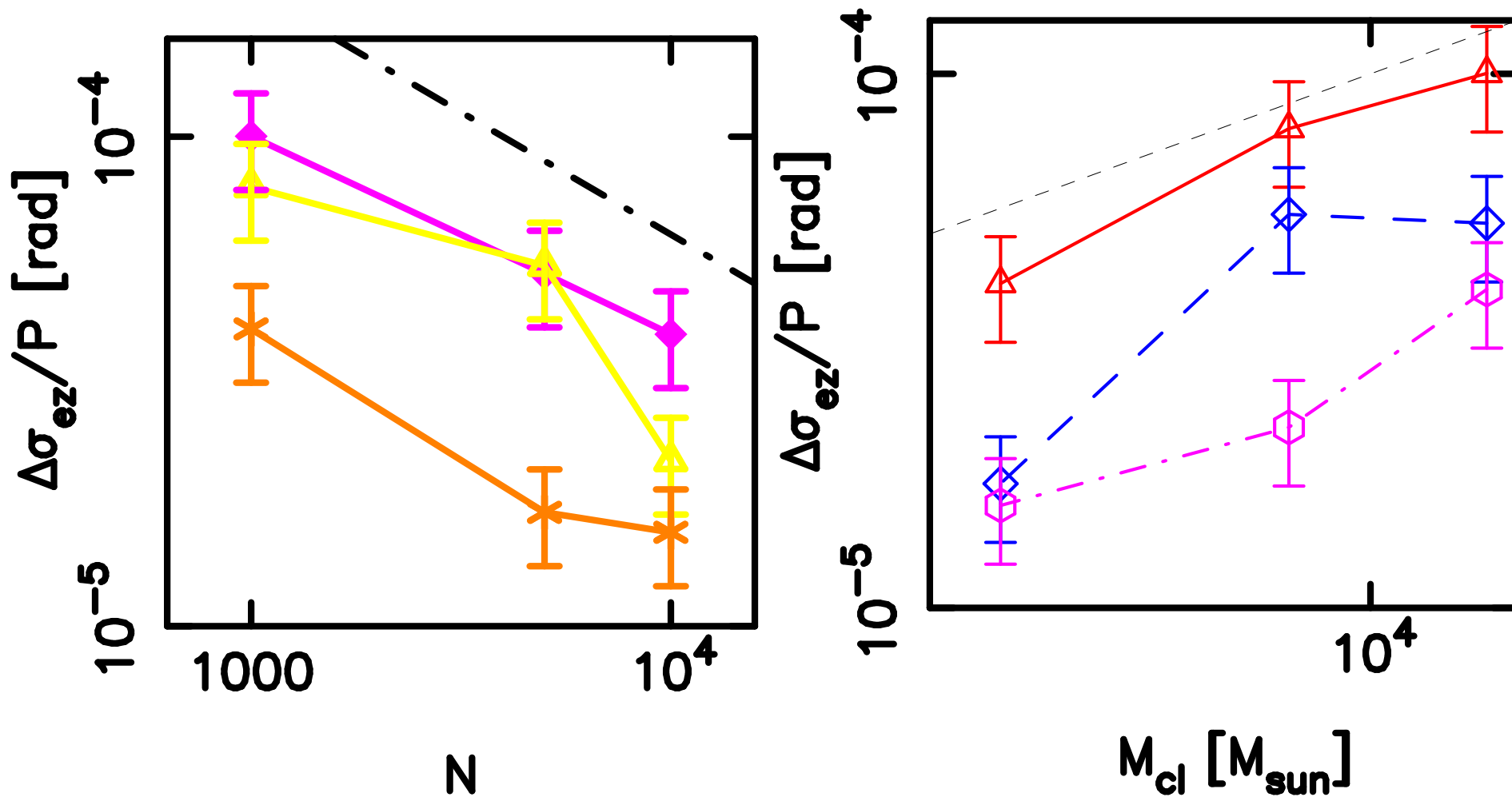
dashed: wo PN

Comparison between cluster models (wo PN)

$$\sigma_{ez}^2 \equiv (1/n_{\text{run}}) \sum^{\text{nrun}} \Delta i^2$$



Dependence on Cluster Properties



$$\propto M_{CL} N^{-1/2}$$

consistent with theoretical prediction by RT96

\rightarrow RR

Summary & Discussion (1)

- We performed N-body simulations of dynamical evolution of the star cluster at the GC.
- **The orbit of S2 evolves from its initial Kepler orbit.**
- Its precession is due to GR, MF and RR.
- **Precession due to RR is $0.01 \sim 0.1$ times of that due to GR.**

Summary & Discussion (2)

- The evolution of inclination is driven by RR.
- **The increasing/decreasing rate of inclination, amplitude of its fluctuation depend on cluster properties: the mass, number of objects.**
- ... composition of stellar and compact objects...
- **Further observation of S2 may be a clue to N .**
- **Observation of inclination evolution of S stars may be a clue to understand the above properties.**

N -body simulations of the cases of mass function including IMBH is in progress.