

# Dark matter in galaxies

some observational insights

*“A modern take on classical methods”*

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# The galaxy—halo connection

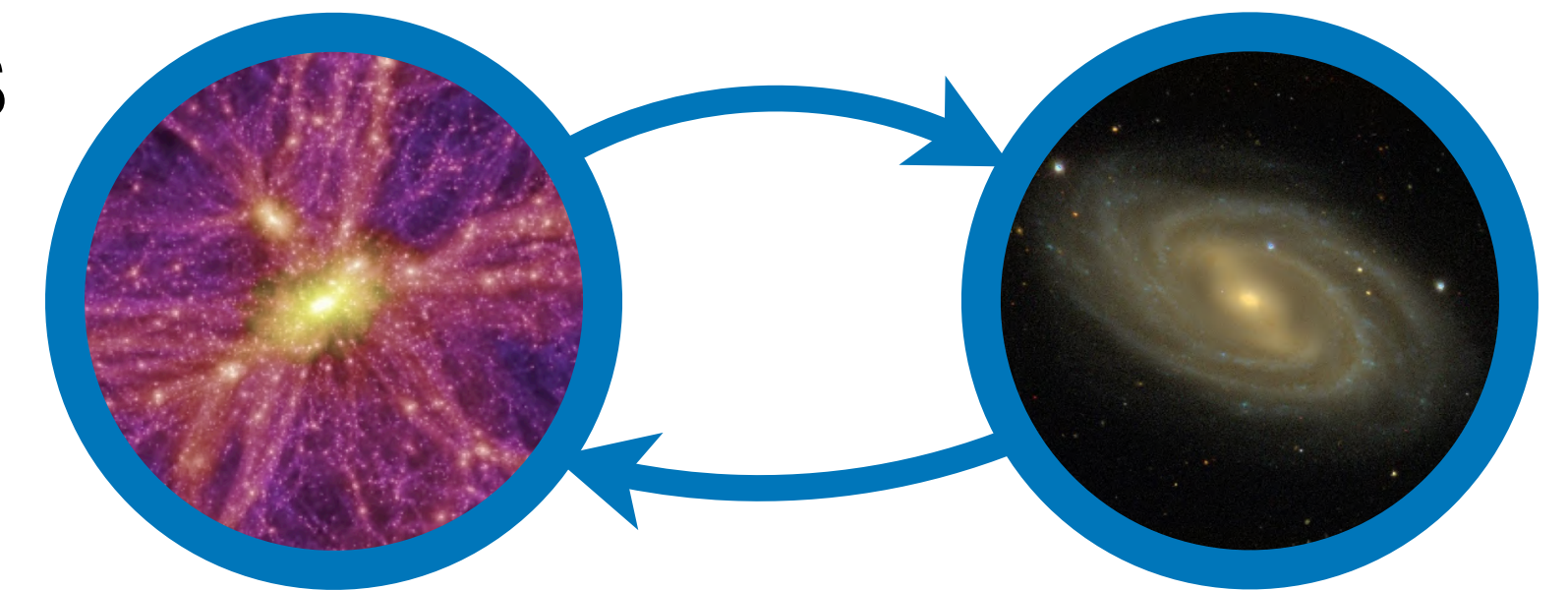
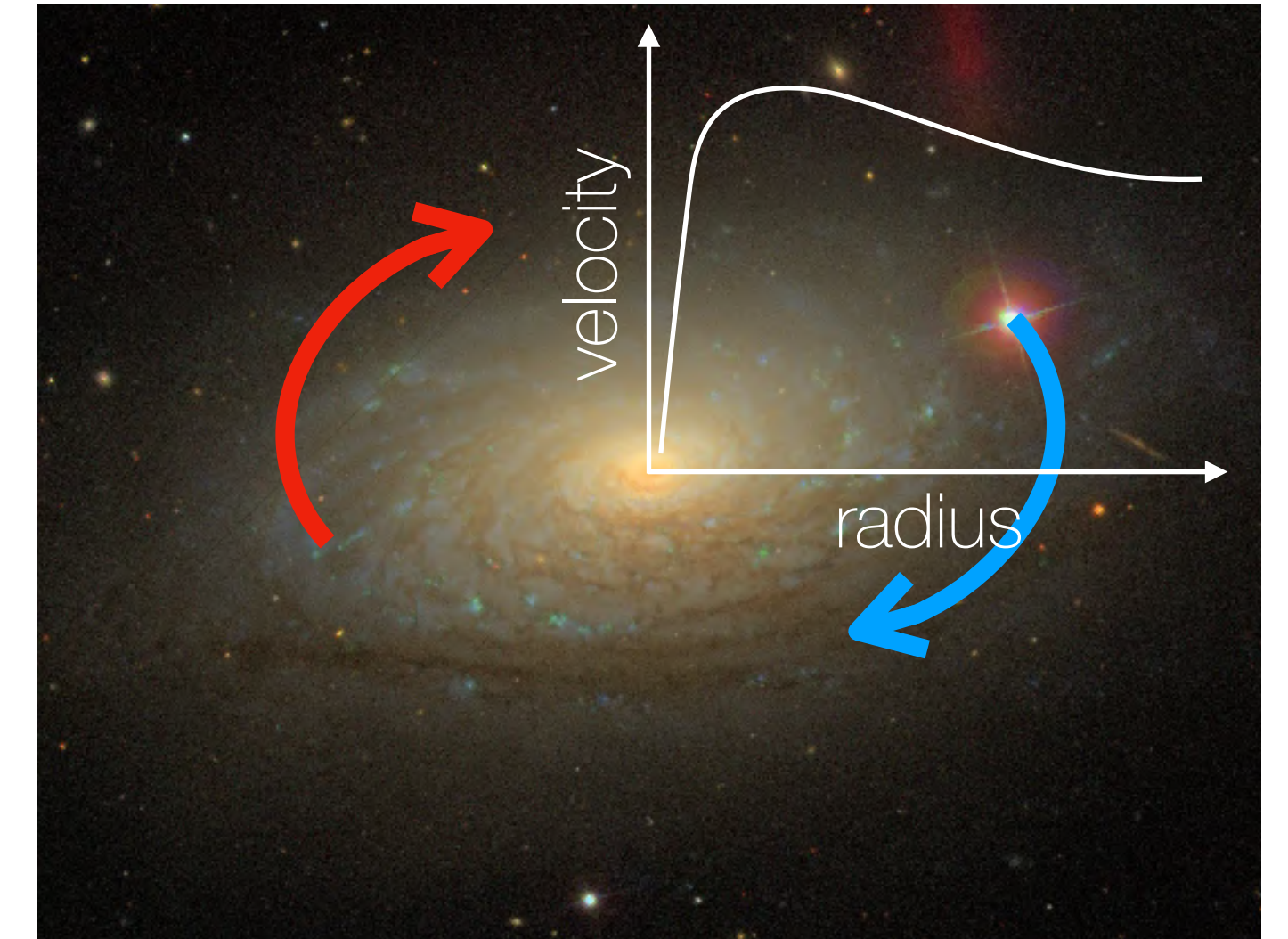
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- How much dark matter is there in galaxies? How is it distributed?
- Can we constrain the properties of DM halos from dynamical observations?
- Can we test LCDM and/or alternative gravity theories, e.g. MOND?
- MOND (Milgrom 1983):  $g \rightarrow \sqrt{a_0 g_N}$  for  $g \ll a_0$

# Observations of galaxy rotation curves

- Main observable: kinematics of stars/gas in galaxies
- For disc galaxies we obtain **rotation curves** from observations
- What do we measure from rotation curve observations?
  - the relation between baryonic mass — dark matter mass  
*both directly and indirectly (via the Tully-Fisher)*



Problematic observations for LCDM / successes for MOND?

- the Tully-Fisher relation
- the mass — light correspondence (a.k.a. RAR, Renzo's Rule)

# Radio interferometric observations

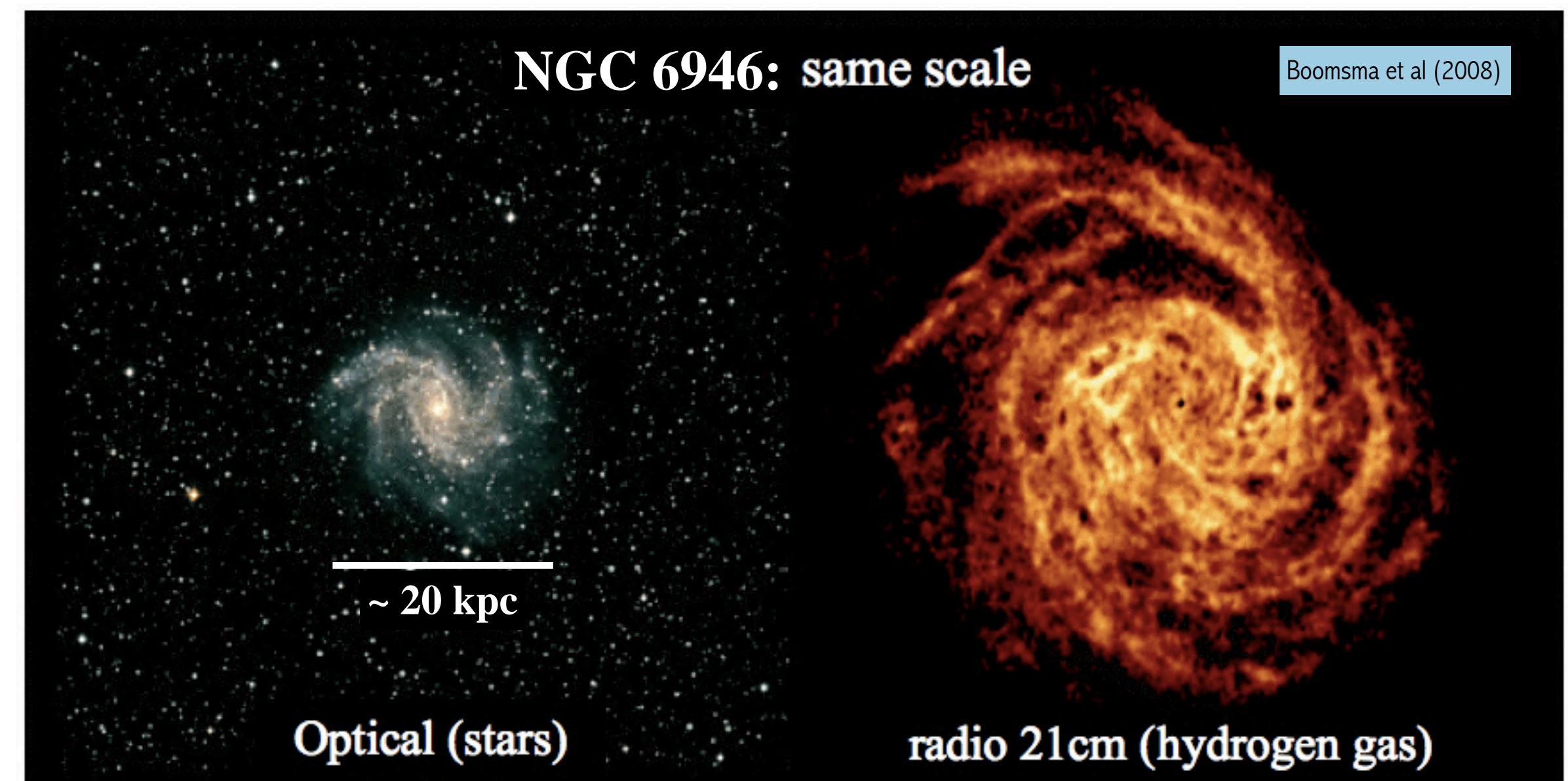
- Rotation curves from radio interferometric observations



- HI 21cm line: cold gas kinematics  $\longrightarrow \nabla\phi$

- Probing  $\nabla\phi$  in the outskirts of galaxies

- Focus on nearby galaxies with superb data  
*high spatial resolution, wide radial coverage*

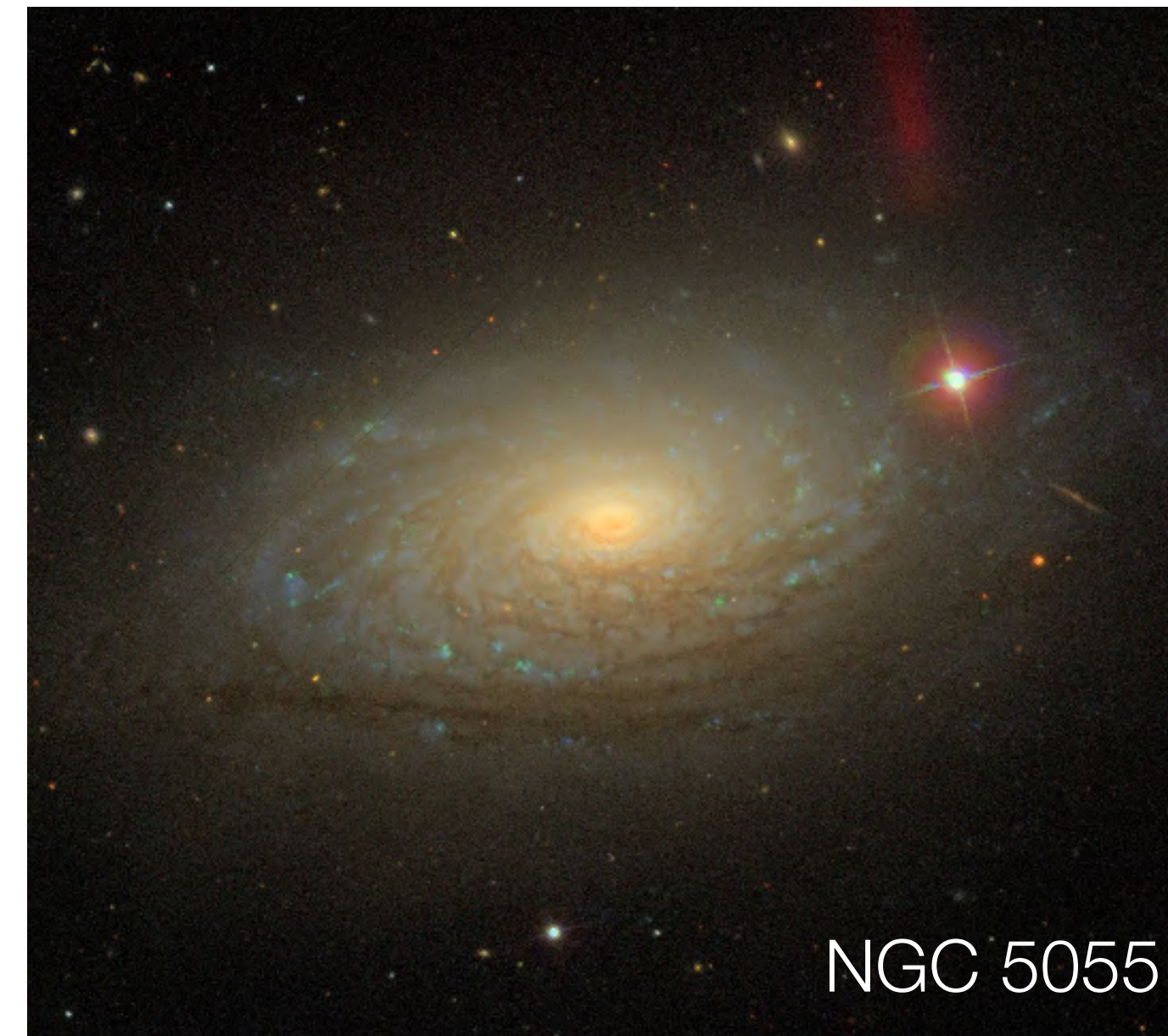


- The field is moving towards high-z, but typically with poor resolution and radial coverage  
*however our inference on DM deteriorates rapidly without extended data*

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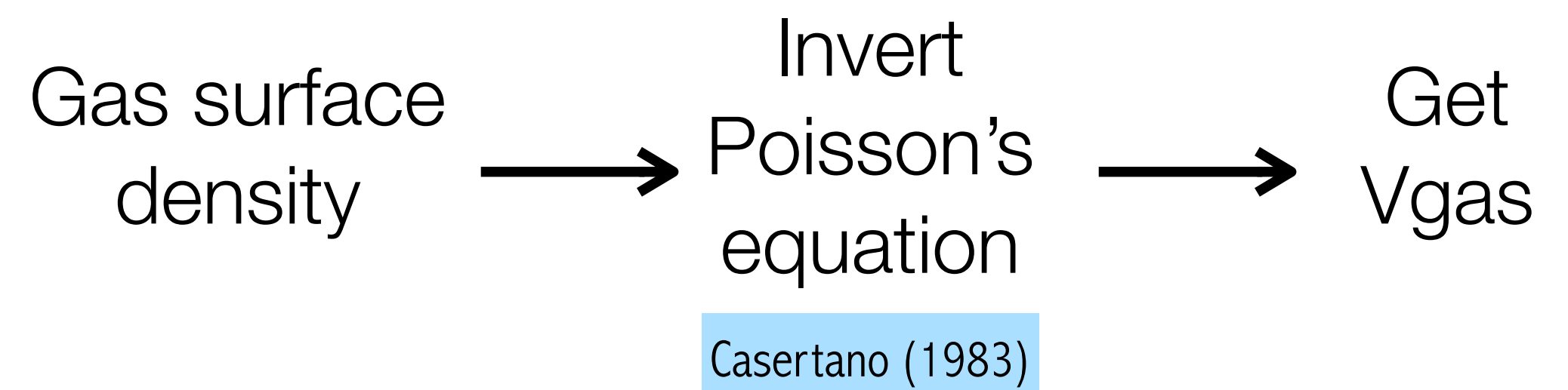
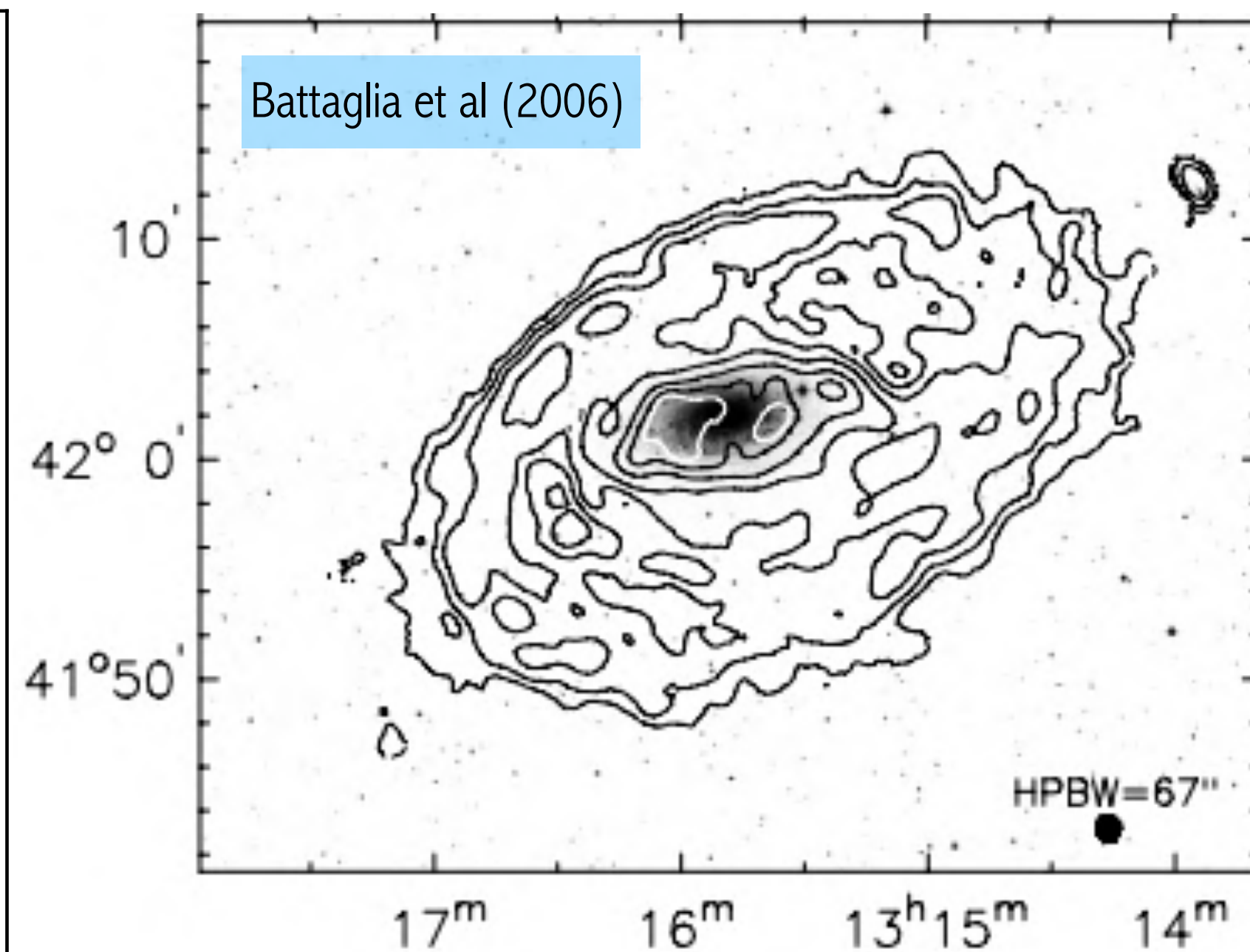
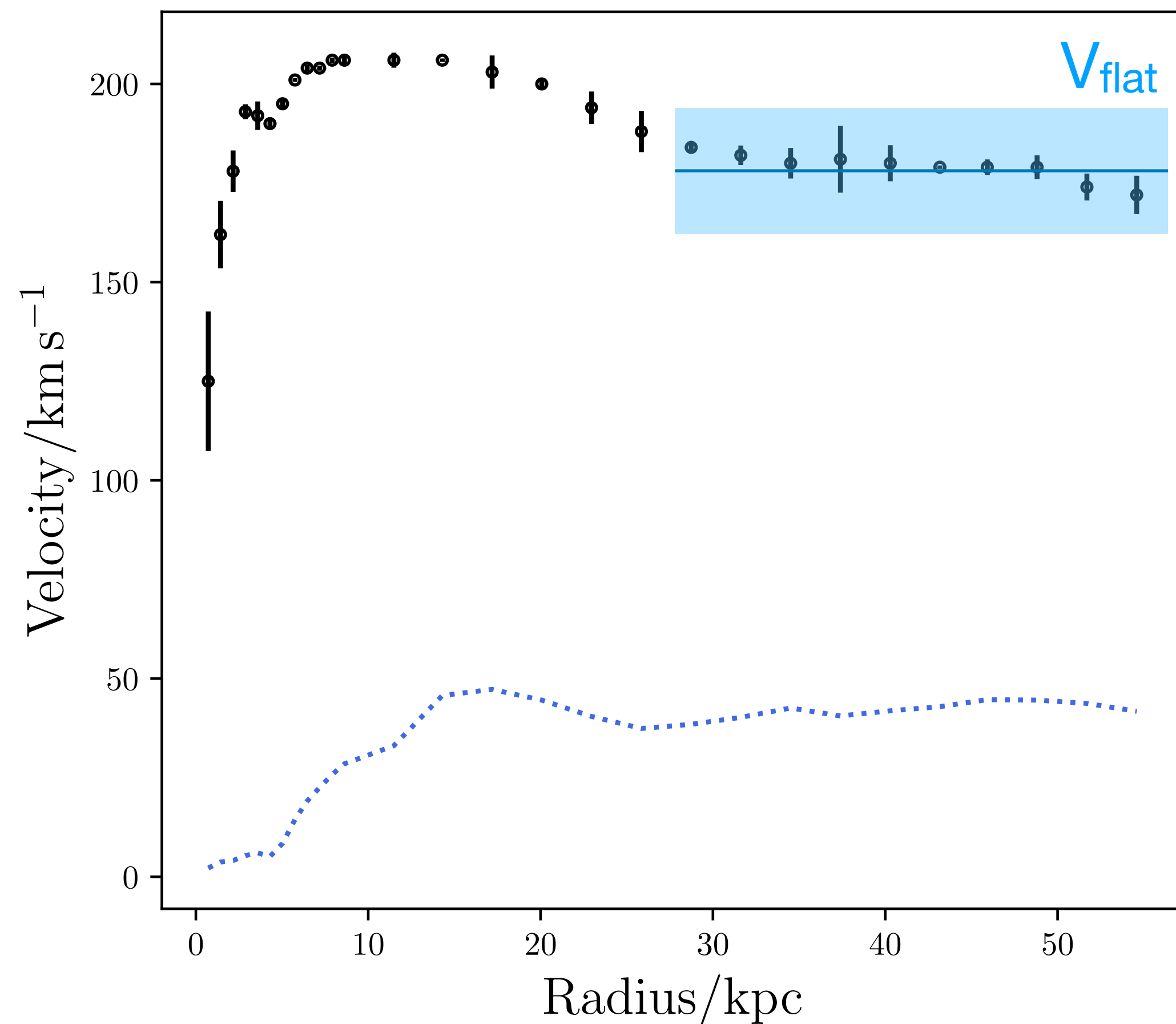


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HI flux



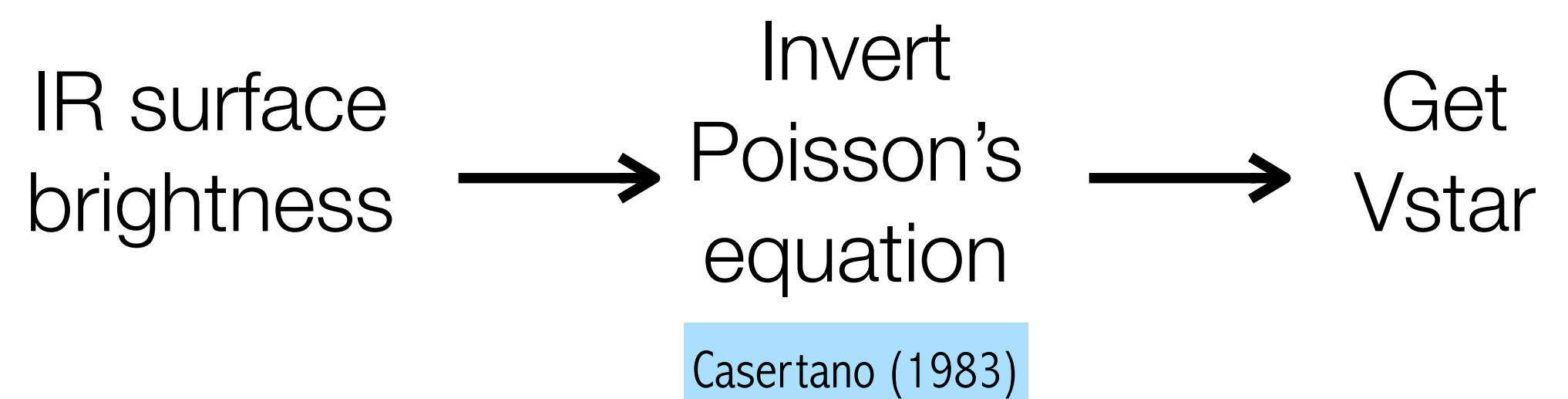
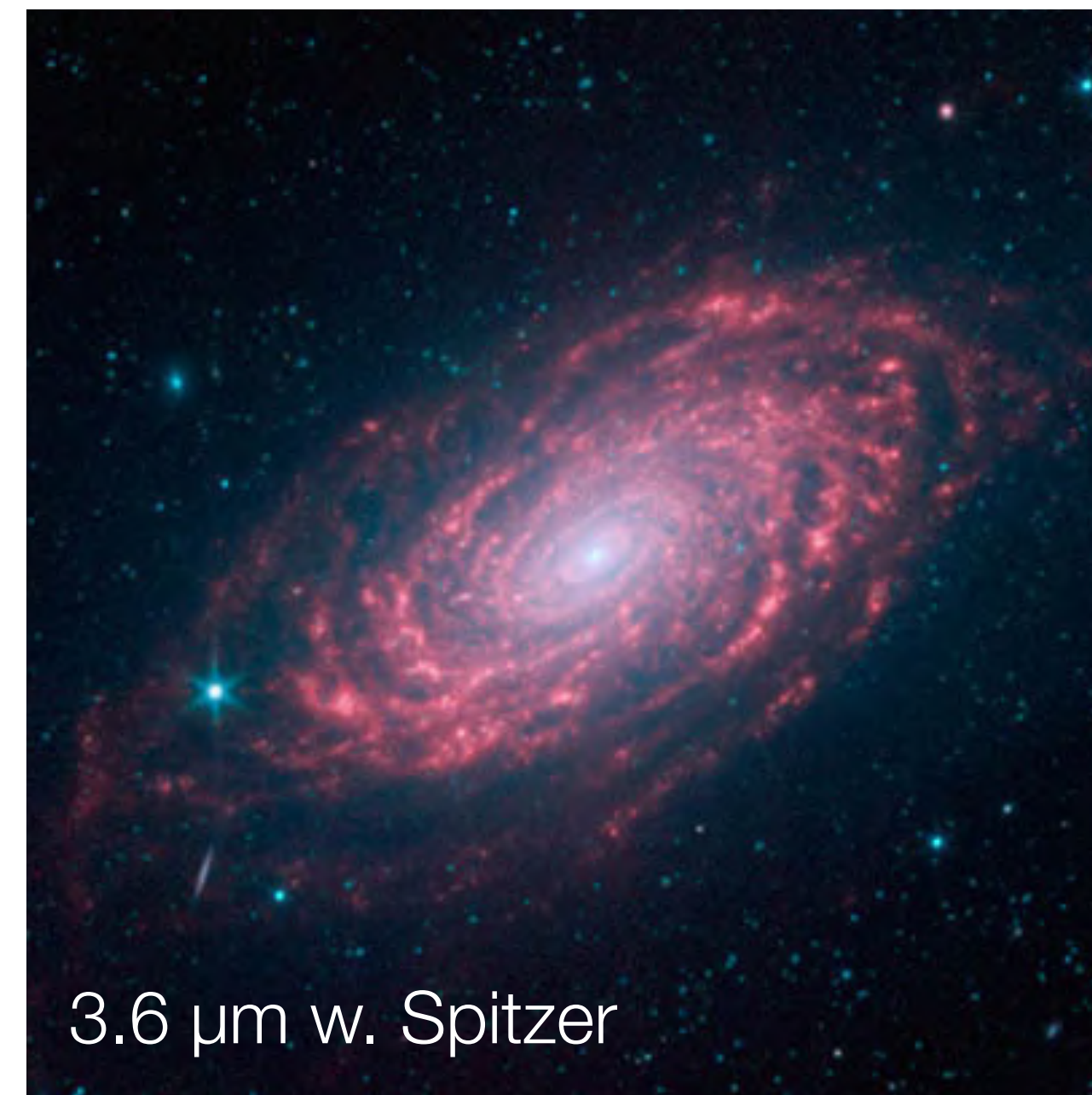
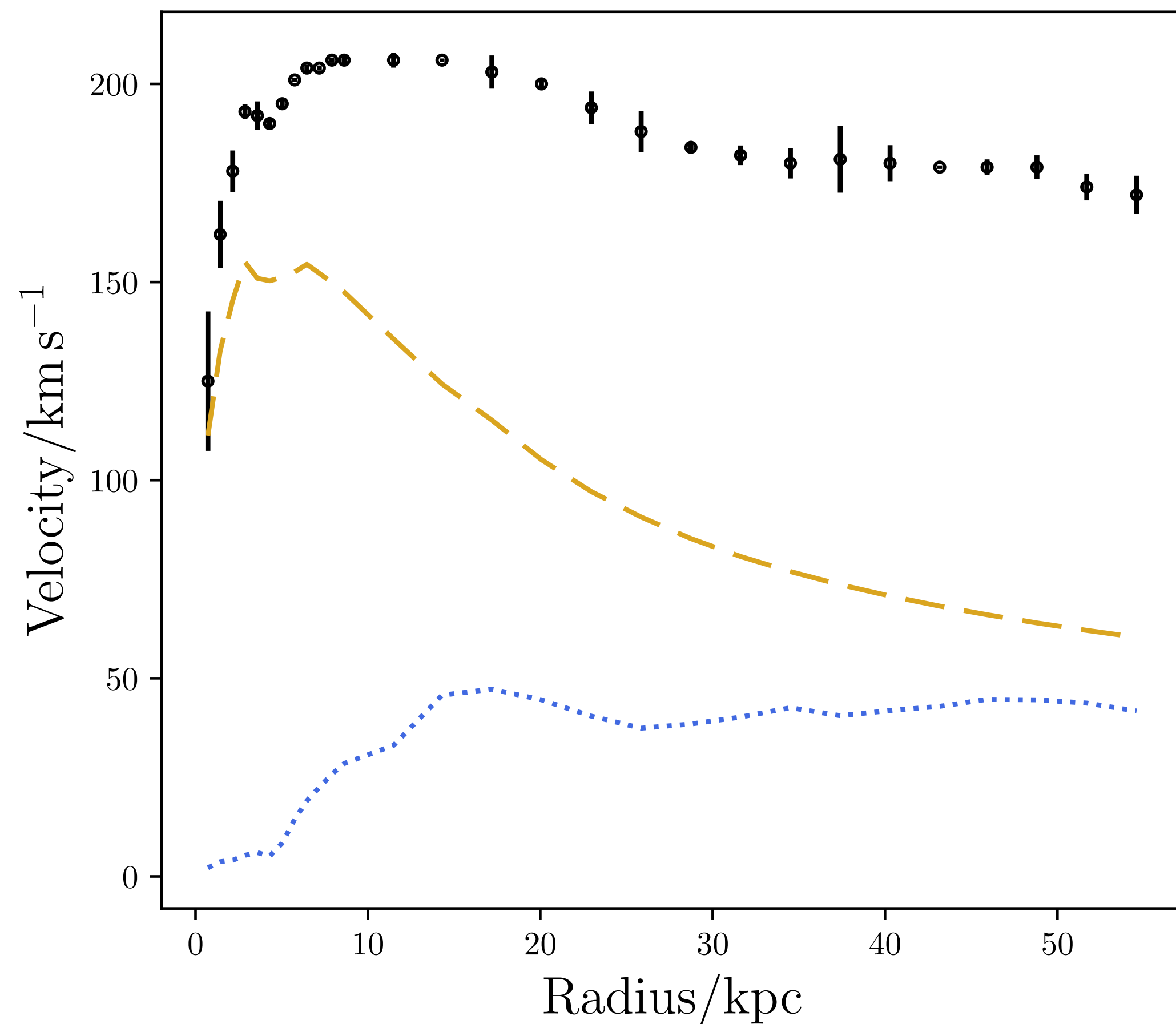
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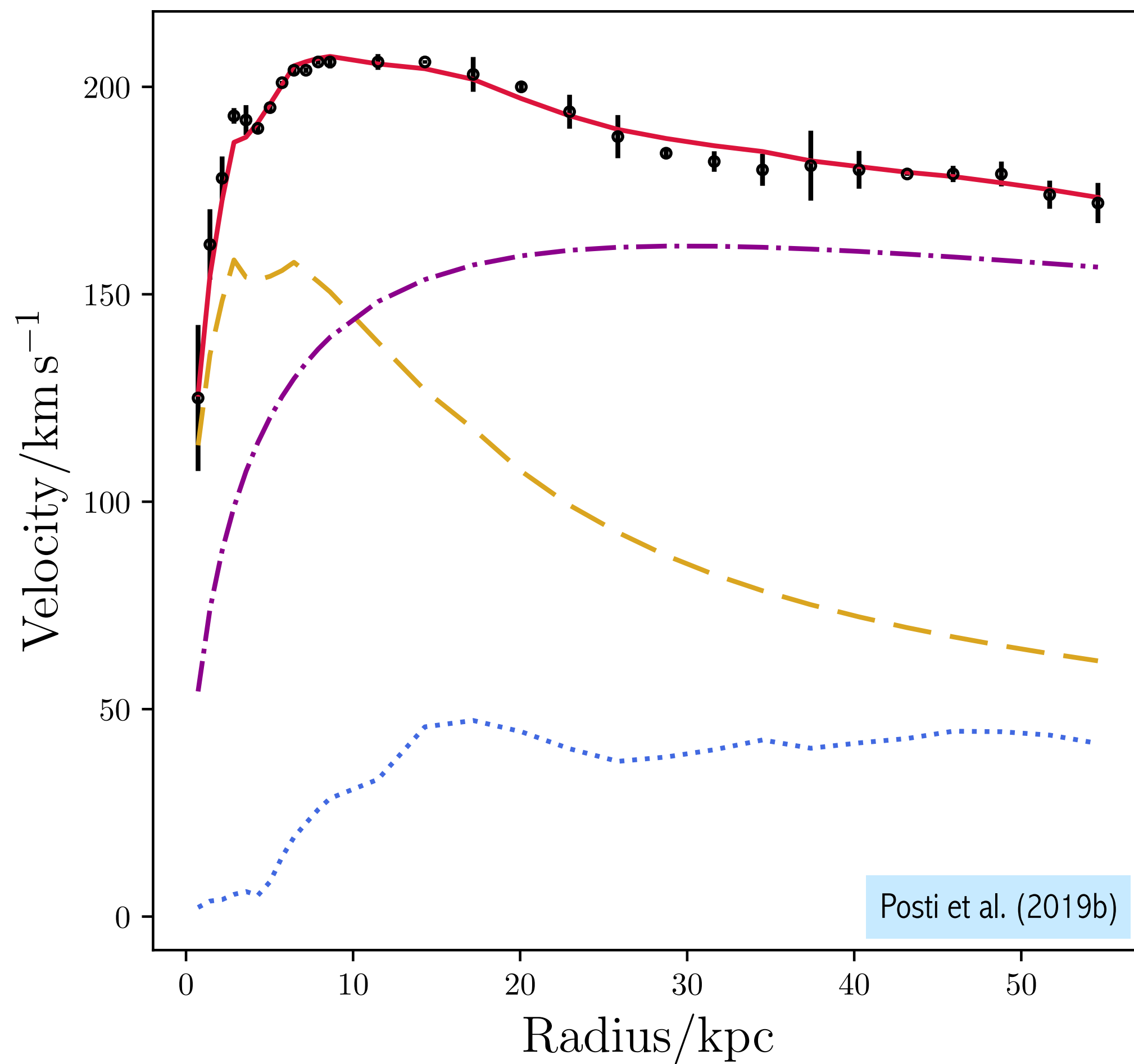
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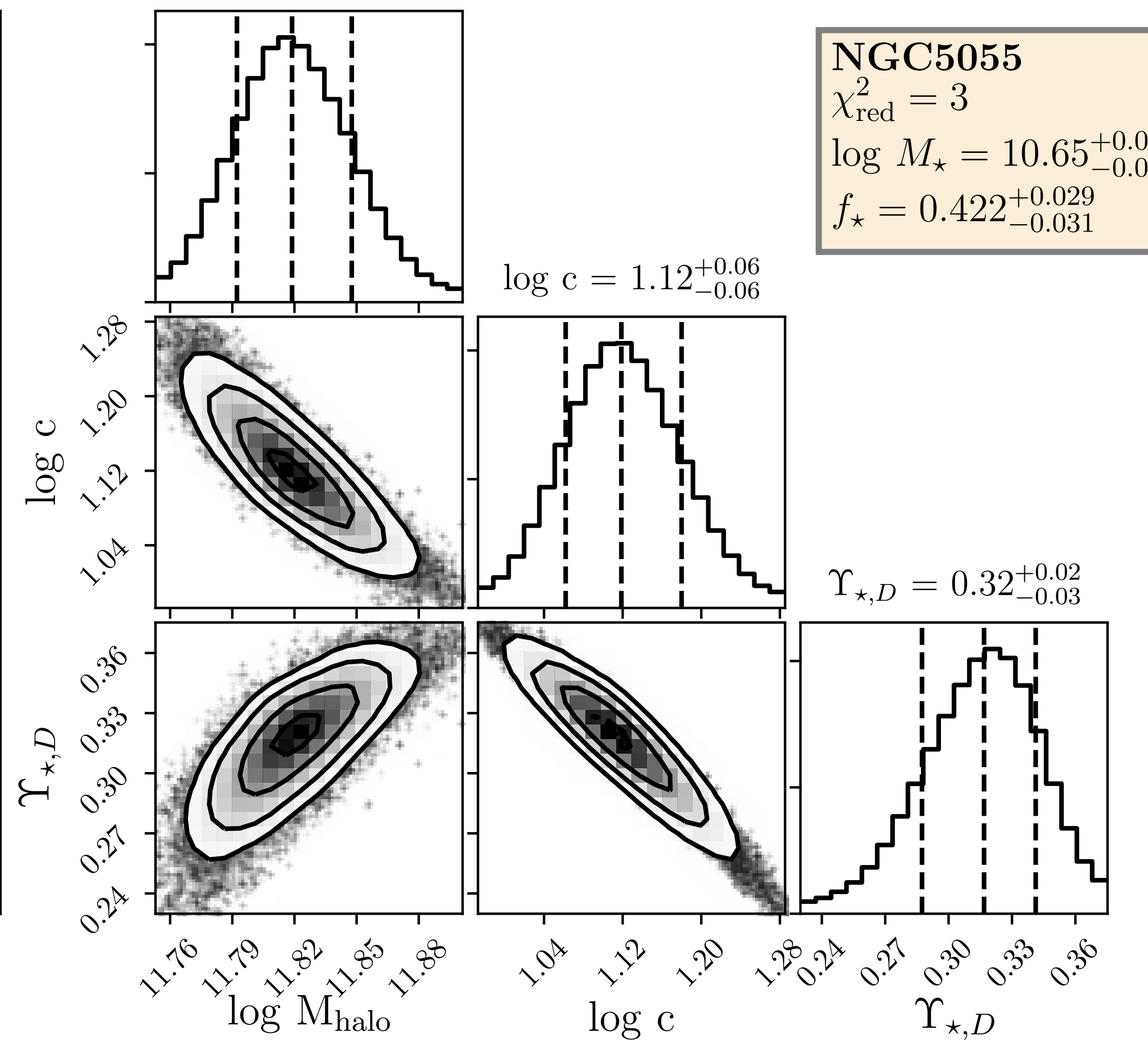
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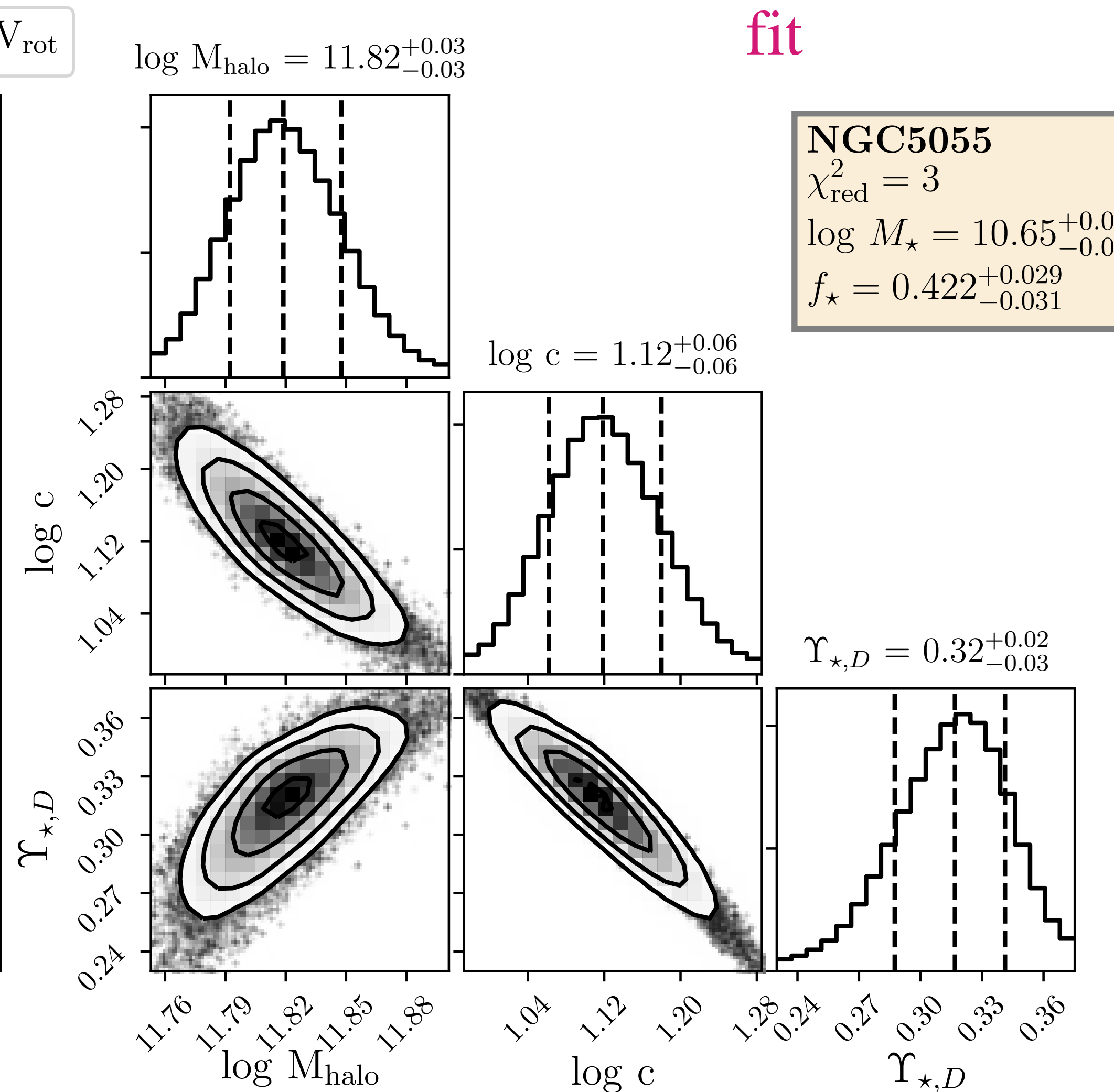
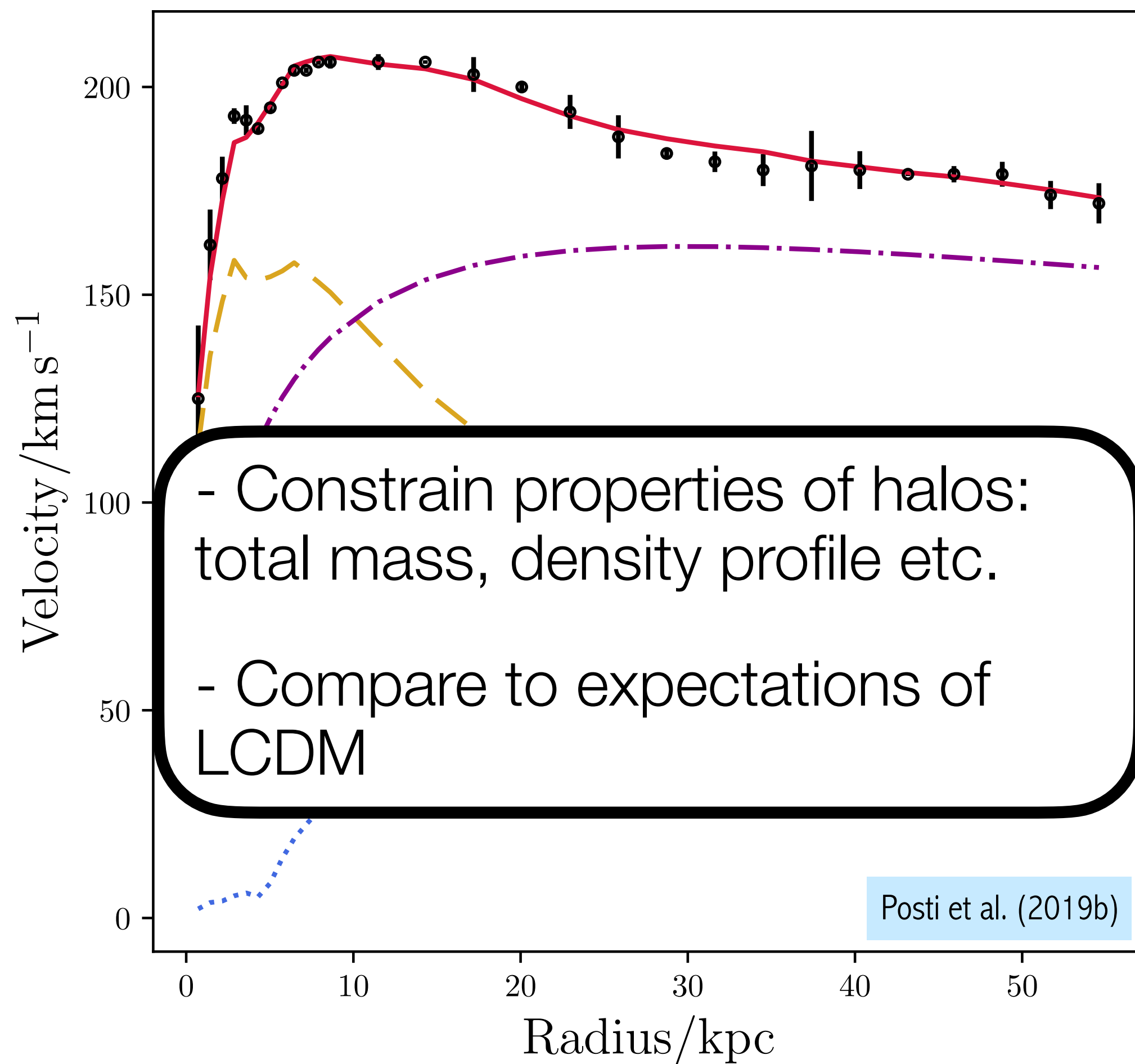
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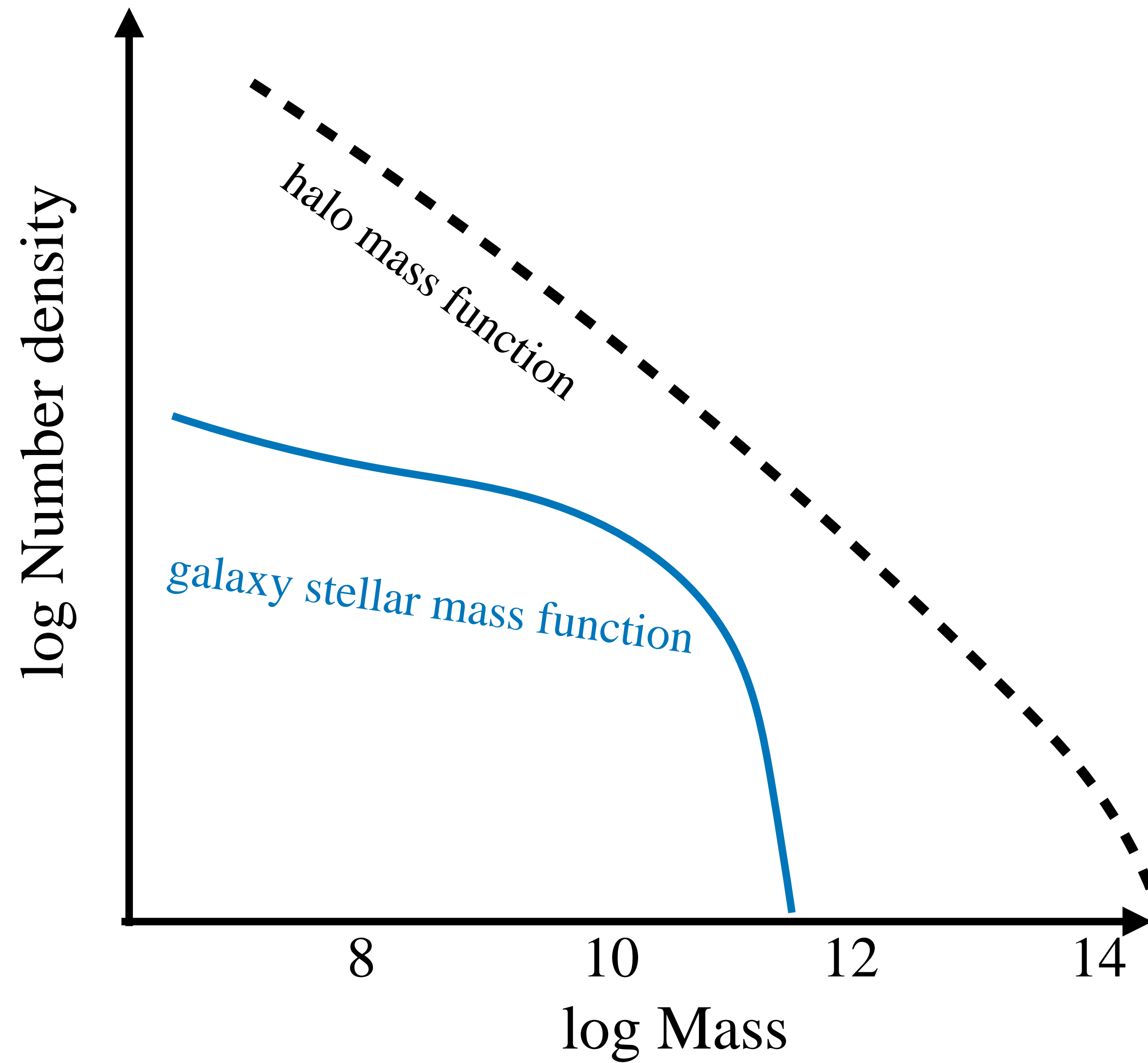
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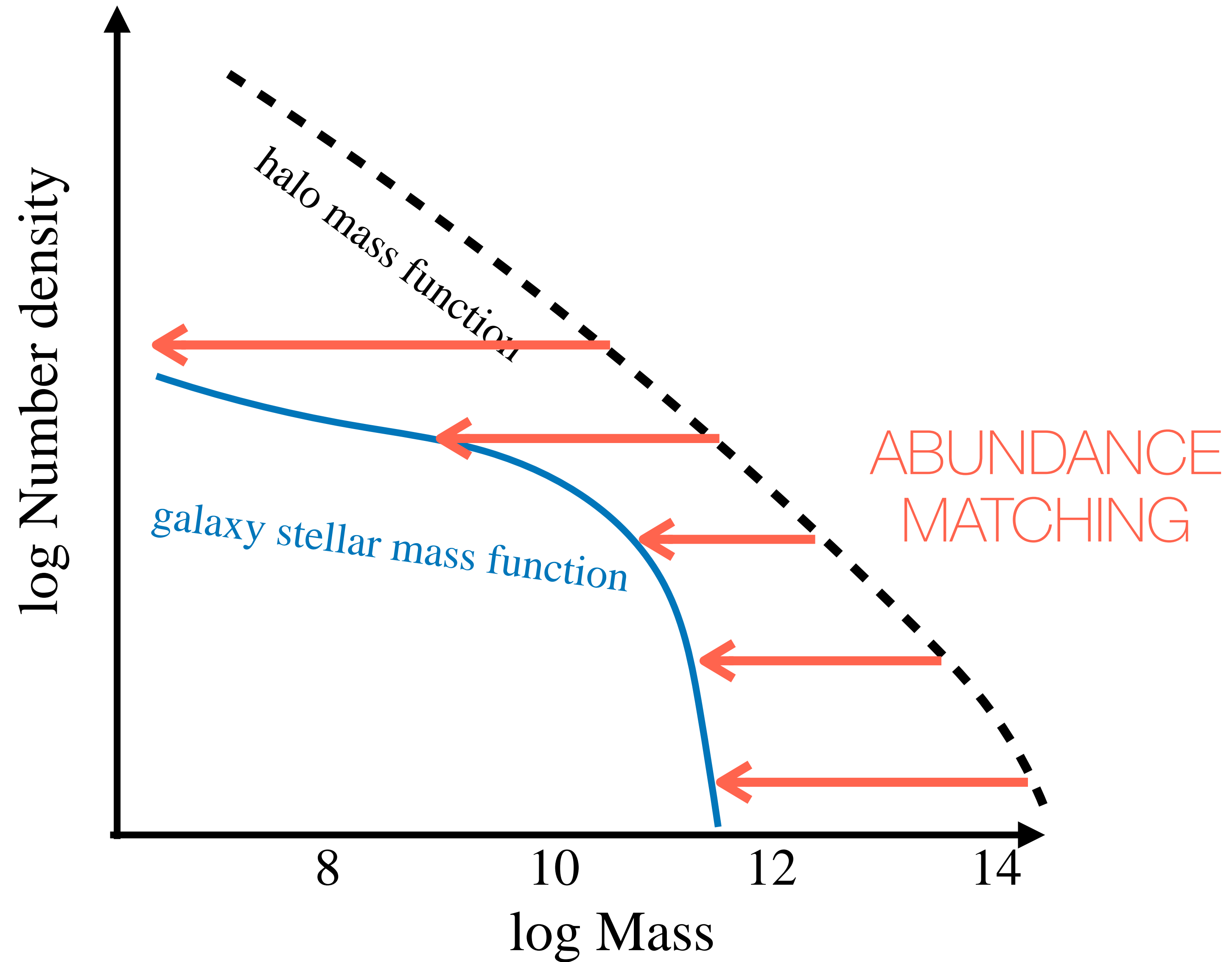
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# The stellar-to-halo mass relation

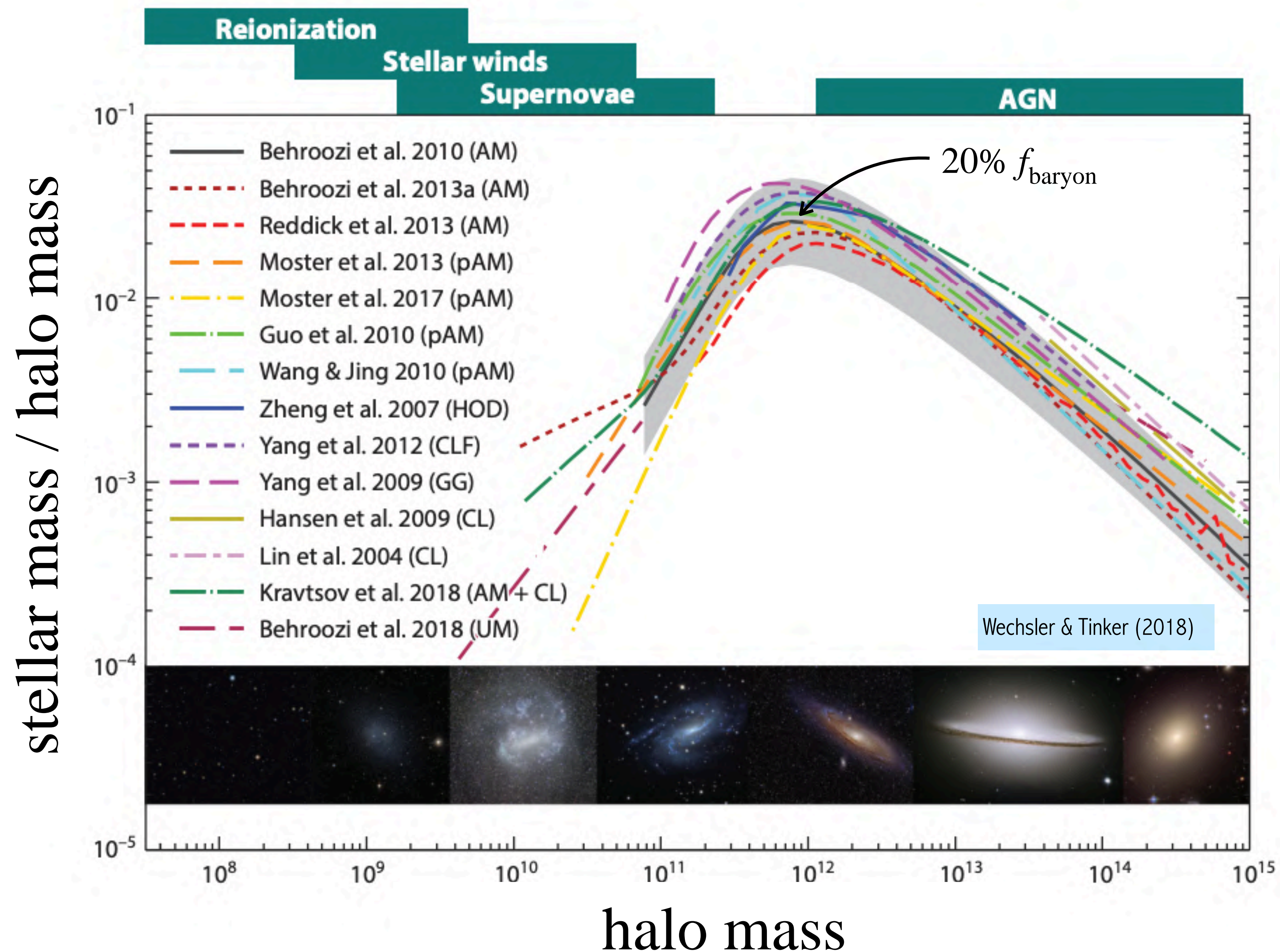
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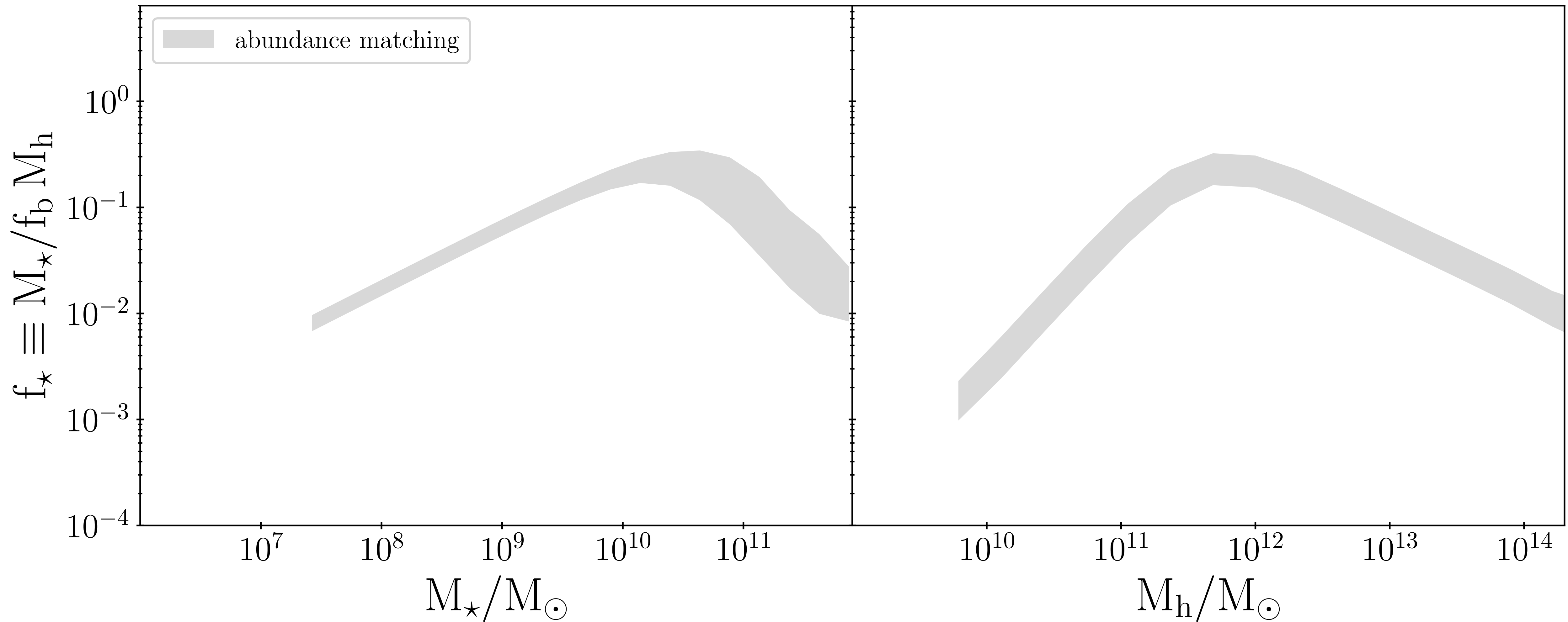
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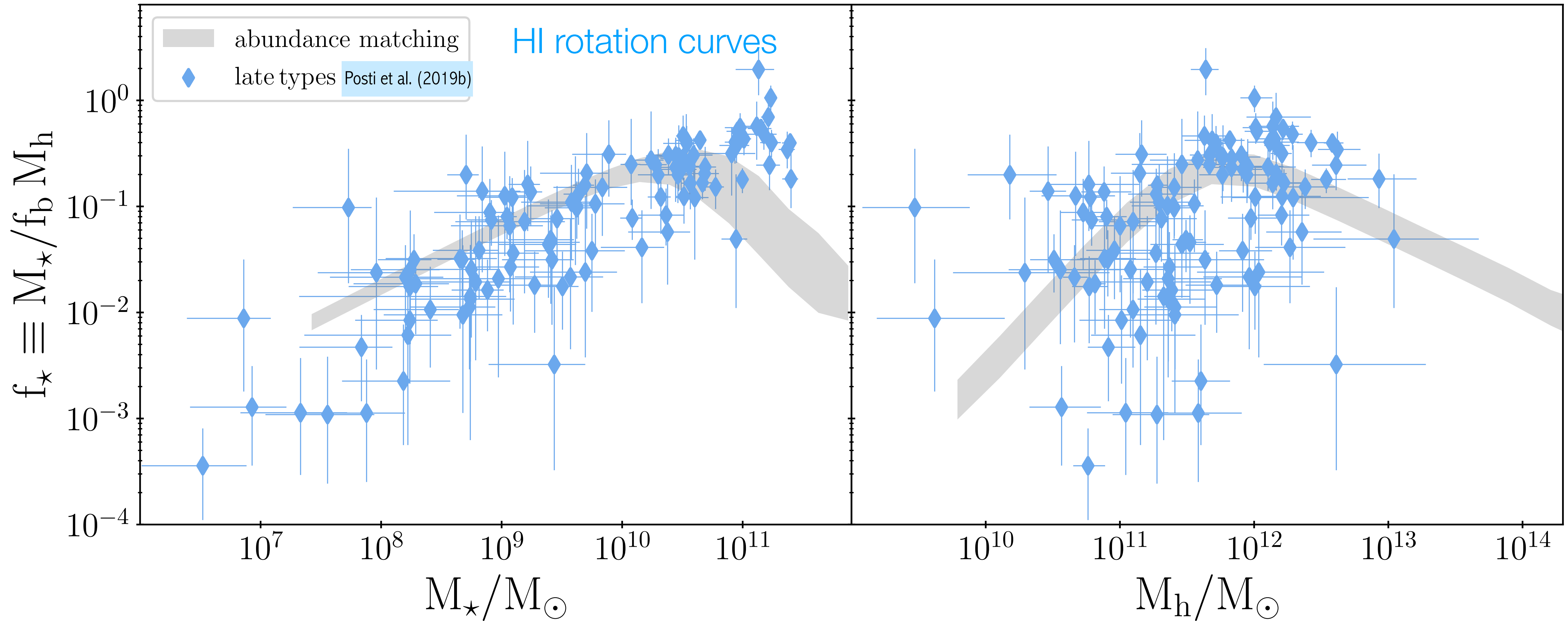
A clear prediction from standard LCDM:

Relation between *baryonic mass* & *dynamical mass* is **highly non-linear**

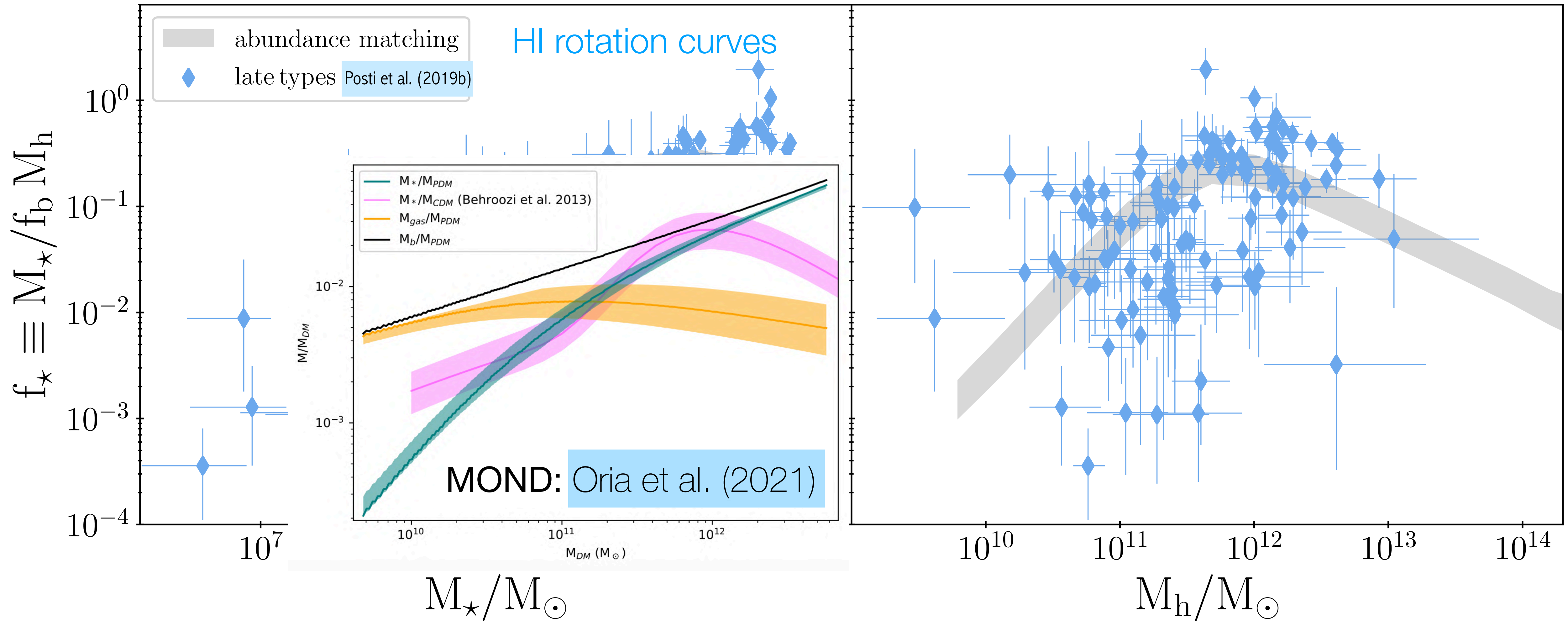
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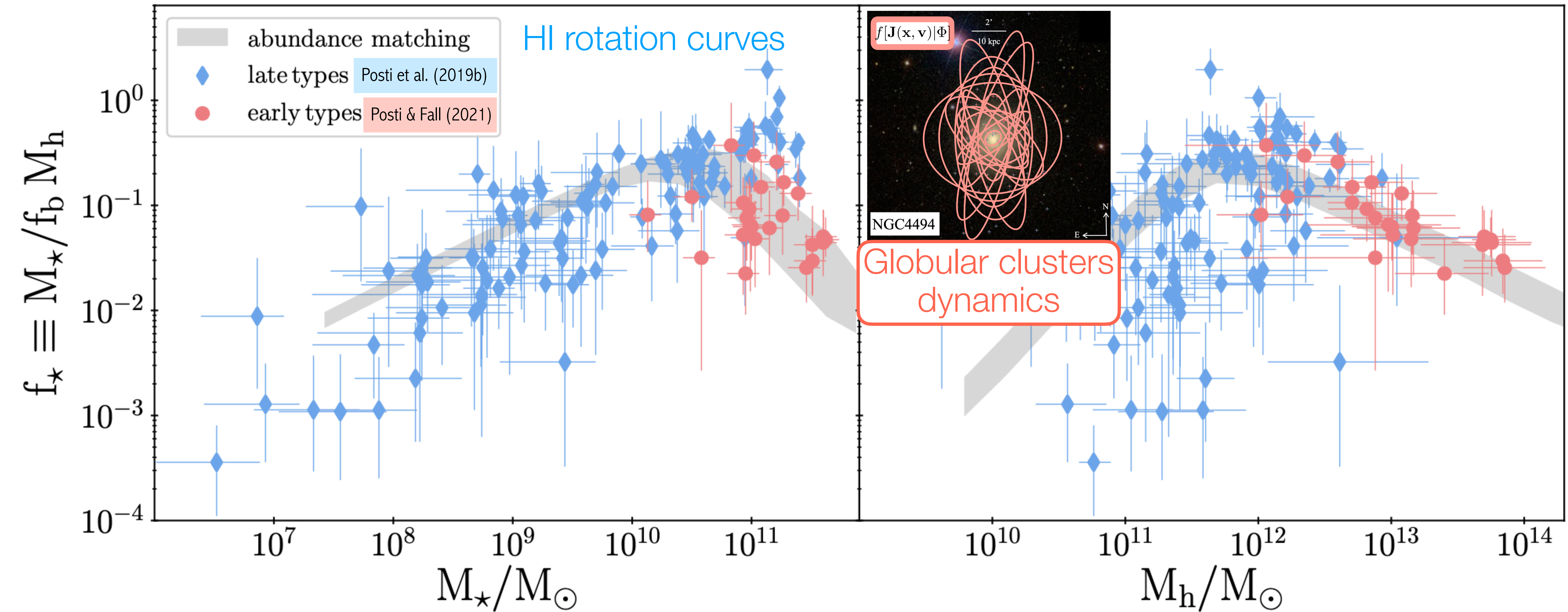
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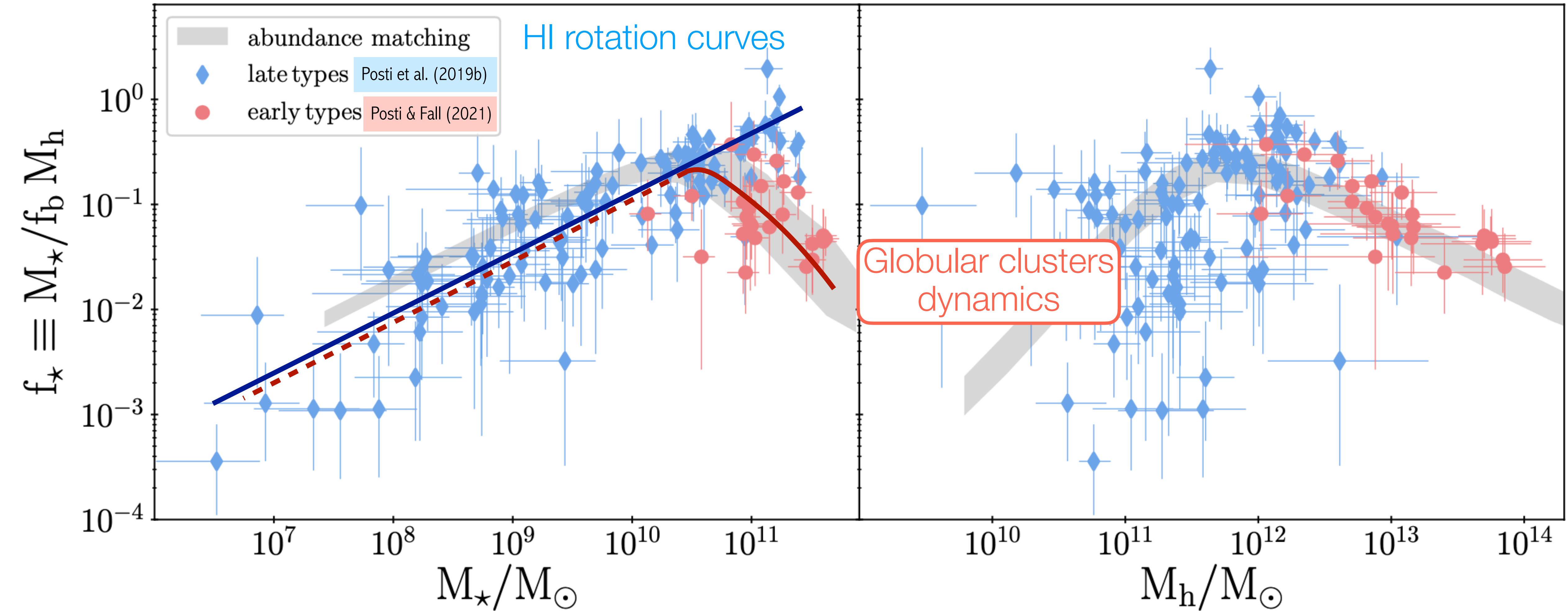


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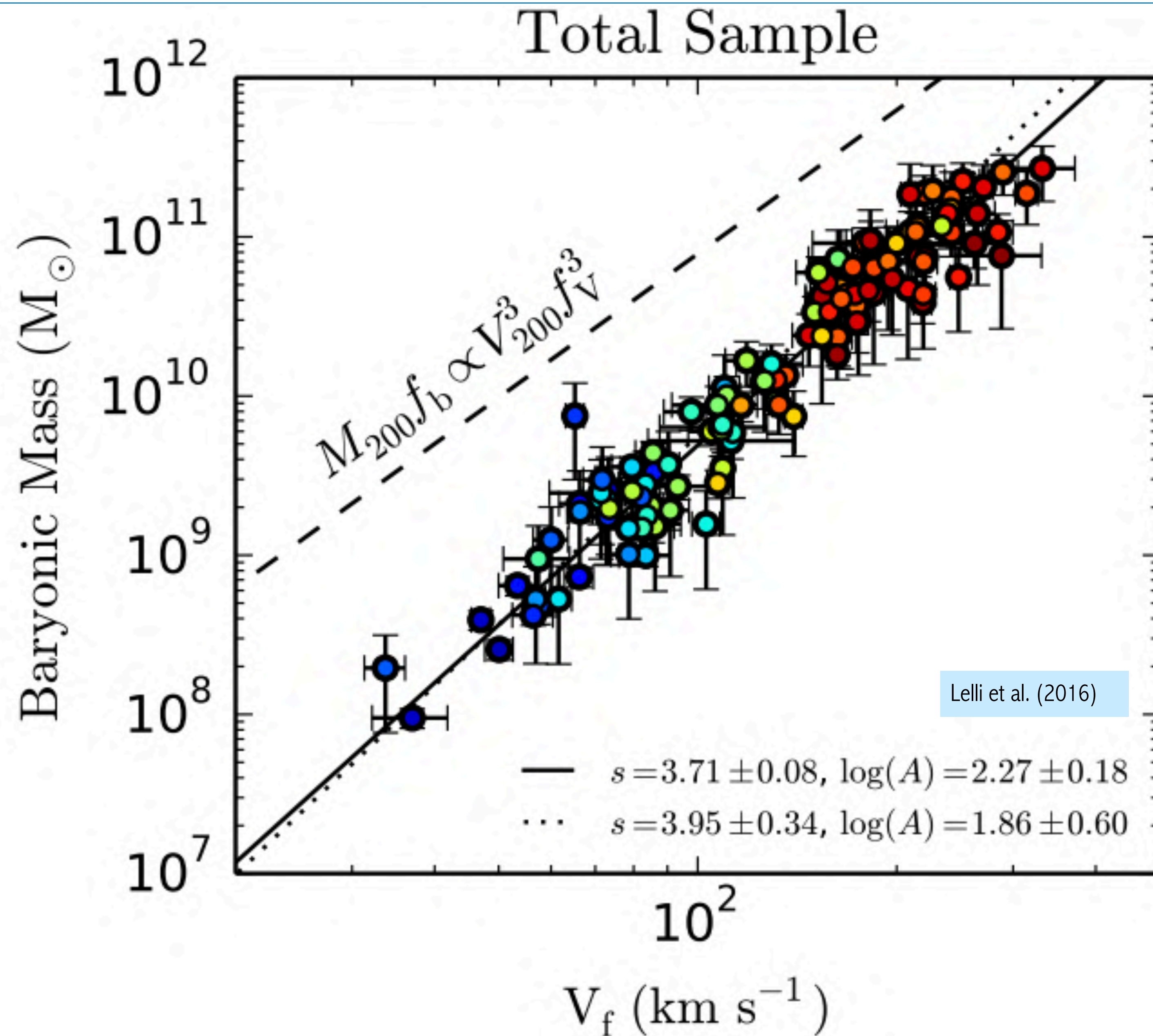




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# The Tully-Fisher relation



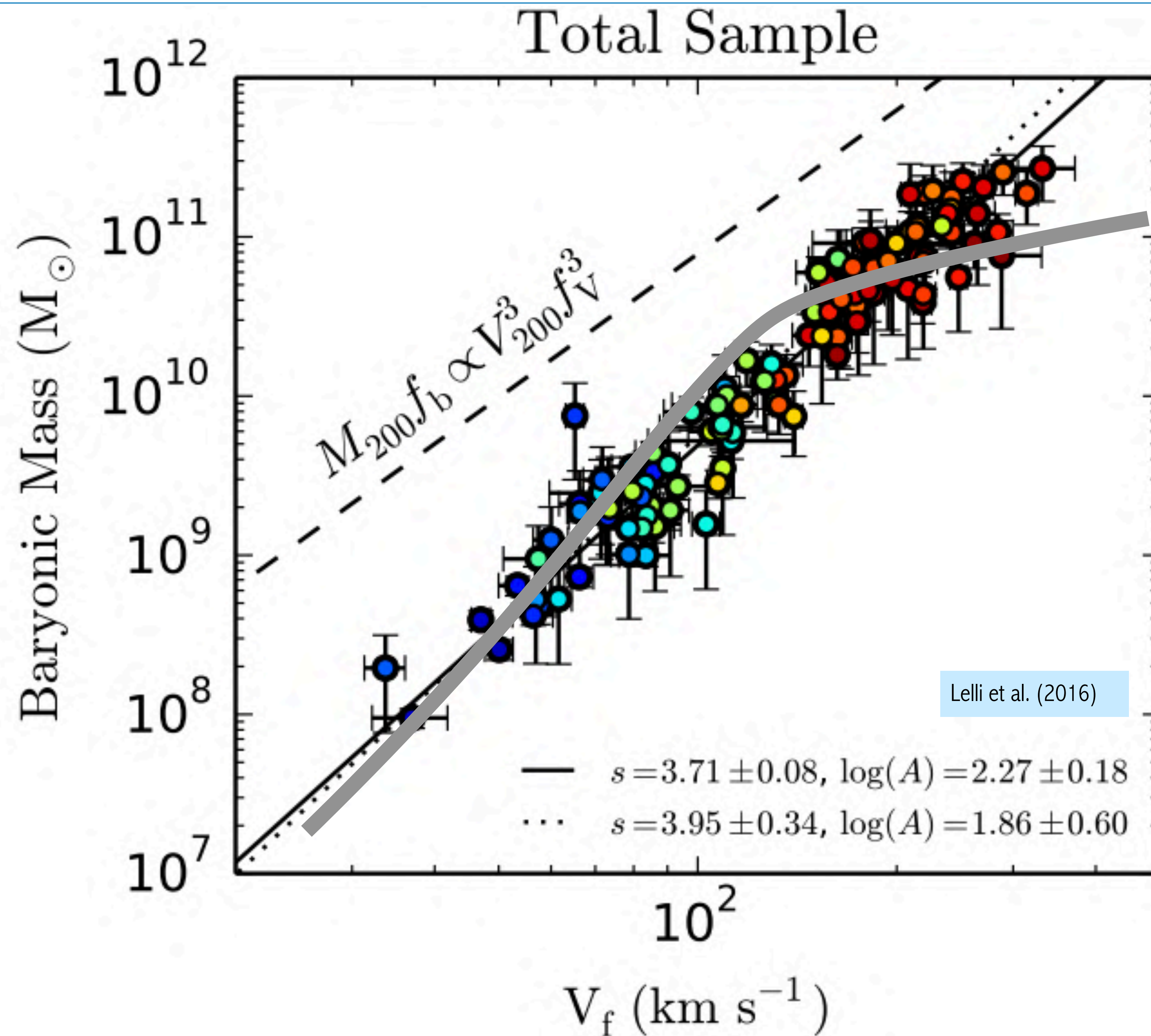
- Tight, simple power law relation between mass & velocity

$$M \sim V_{flat}^4$$

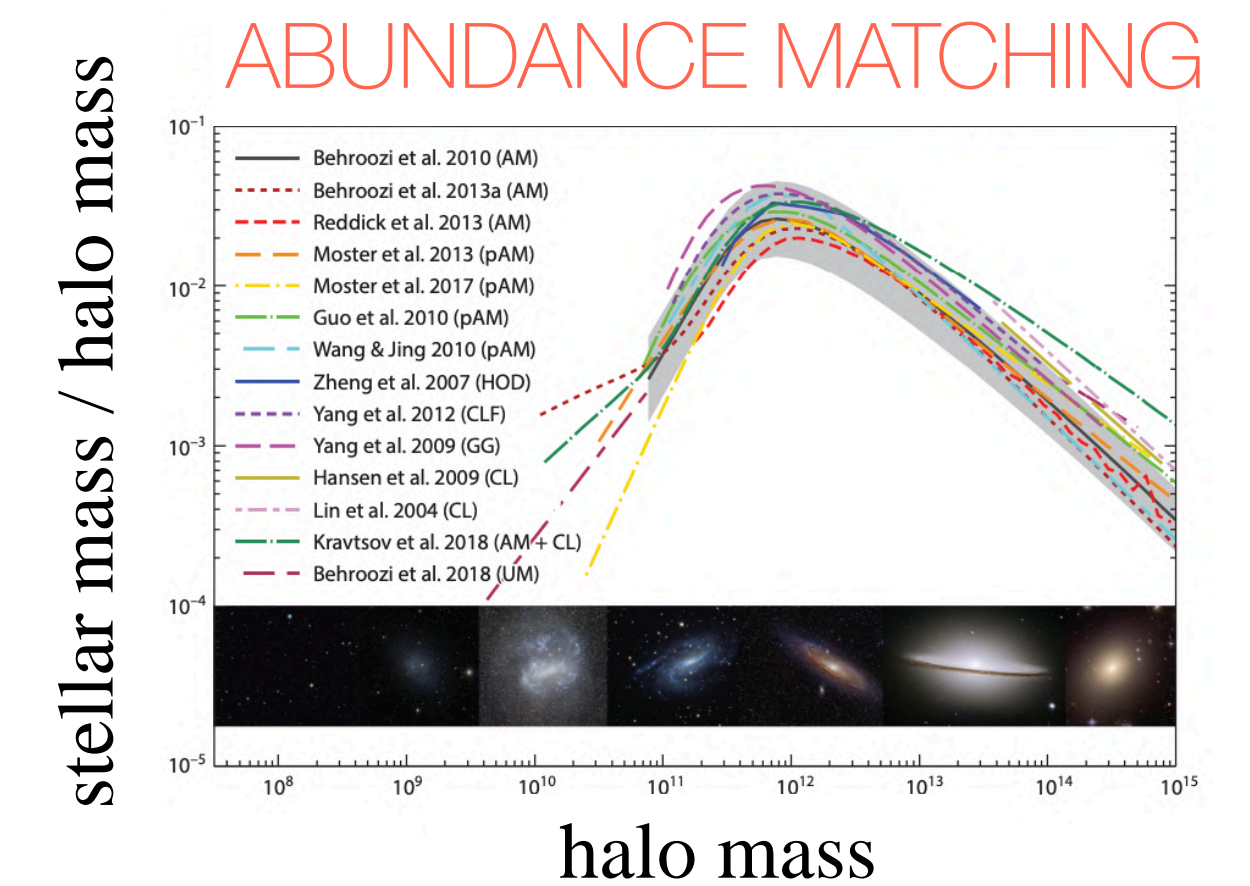
- MOND reproduces this easily, and predicts **no scatter**

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# The Tully-Fisher relation: a problem for LCDM / a success for MOND?

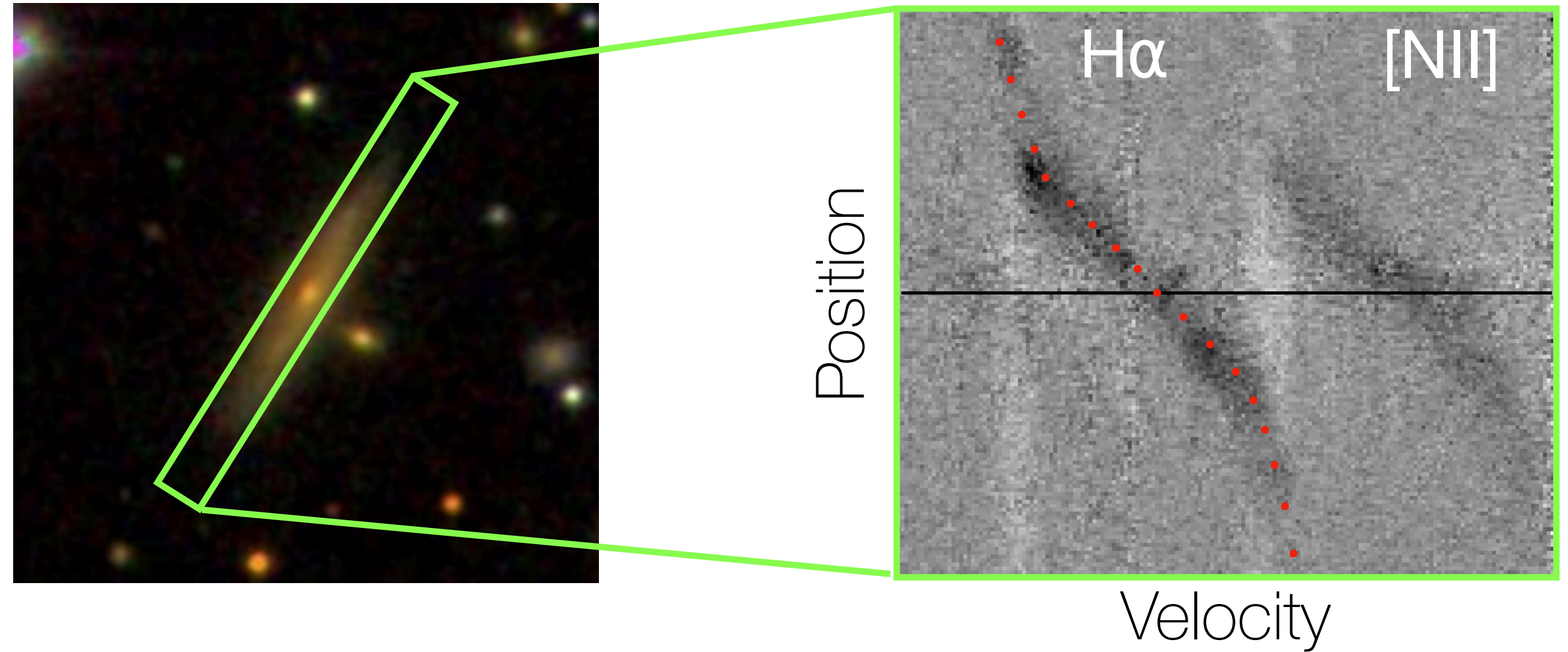
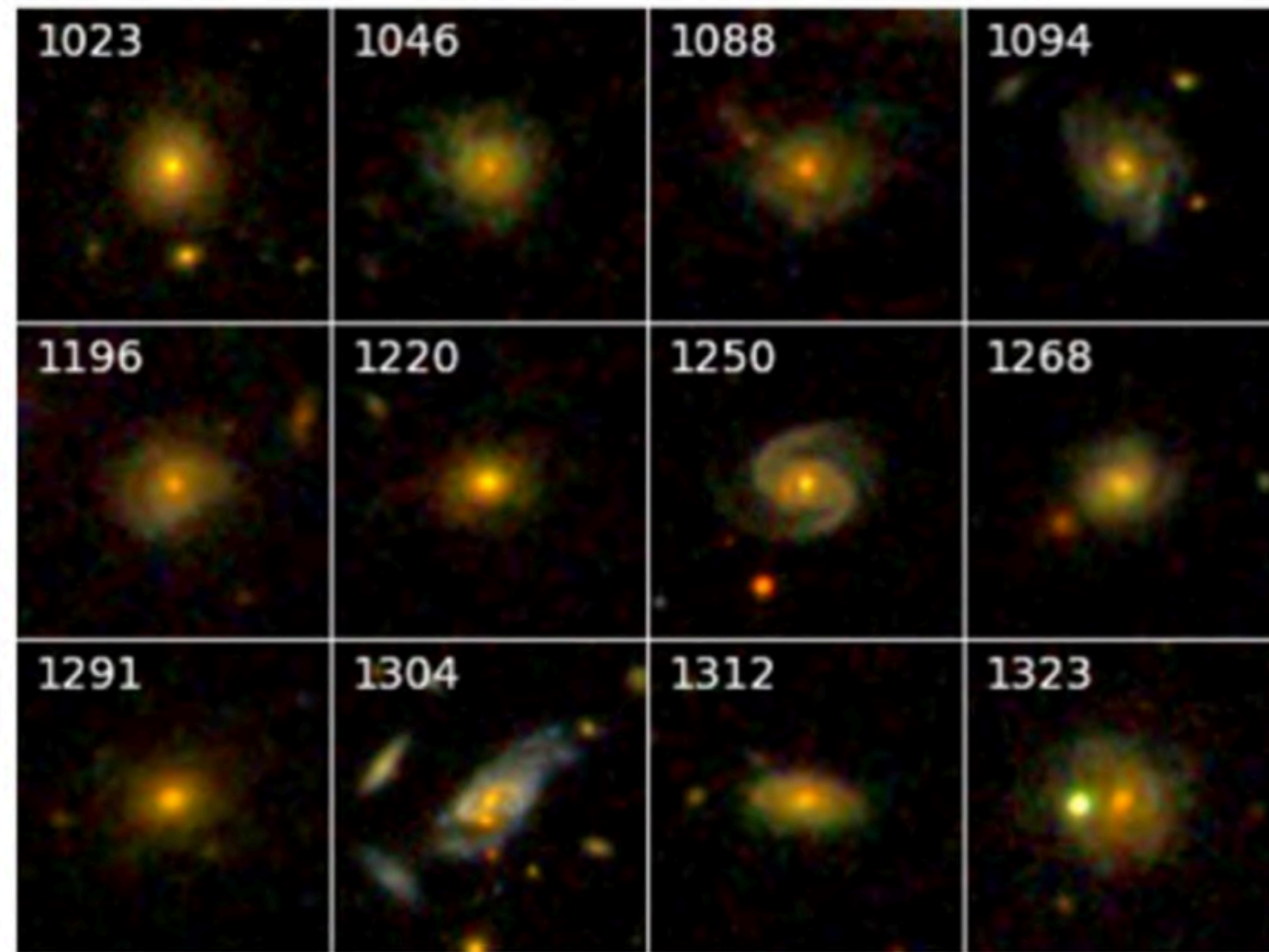


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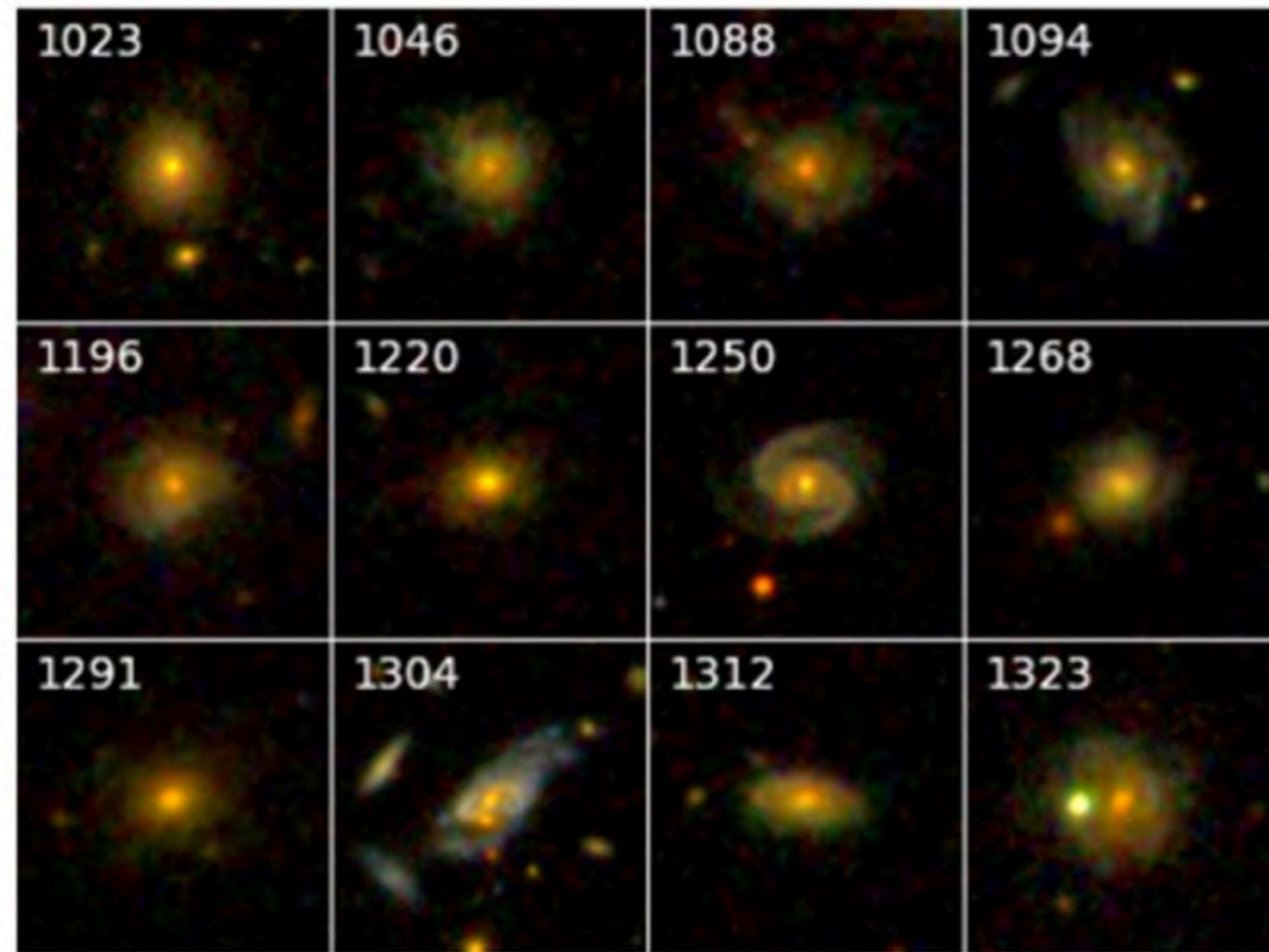
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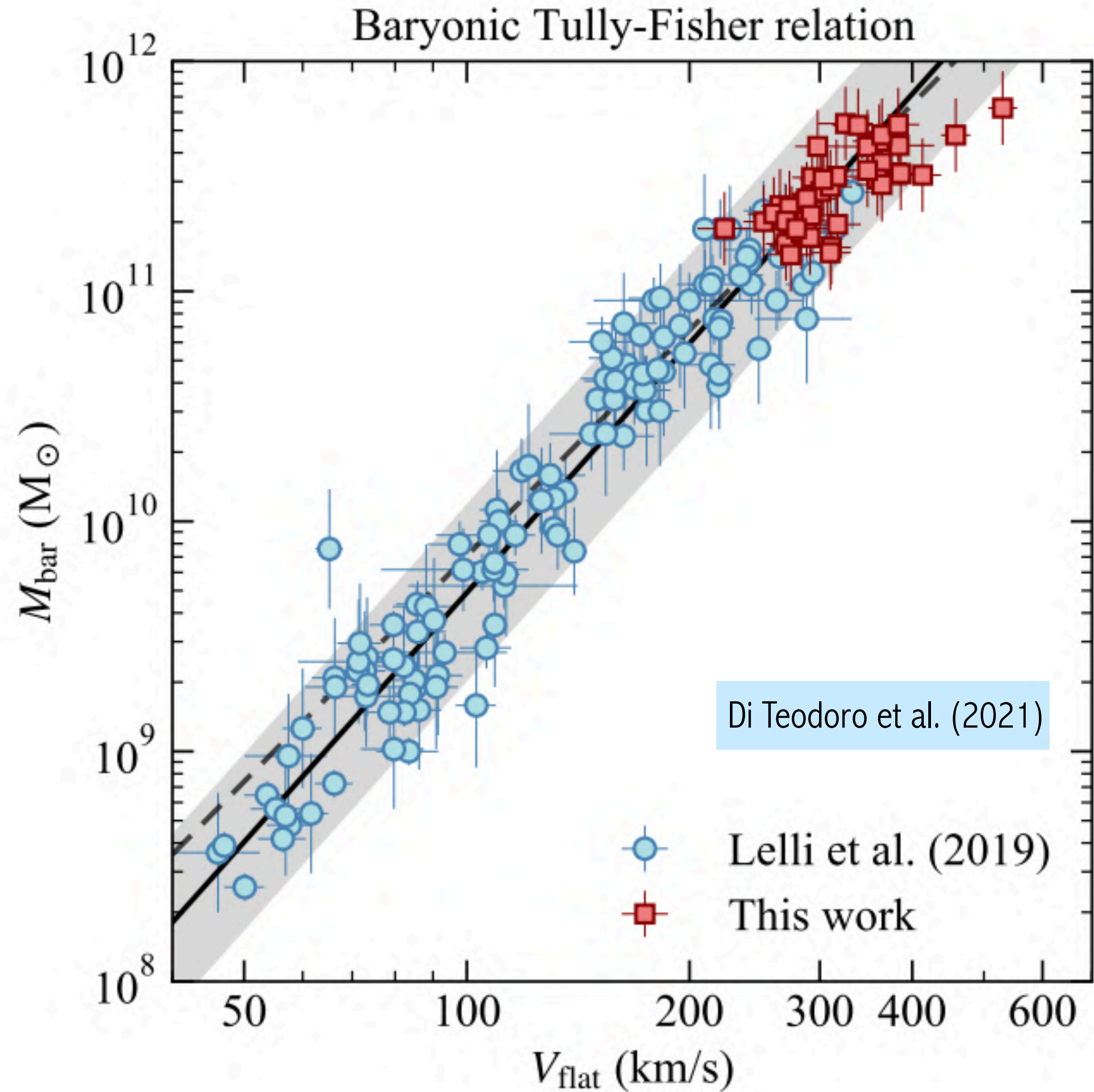
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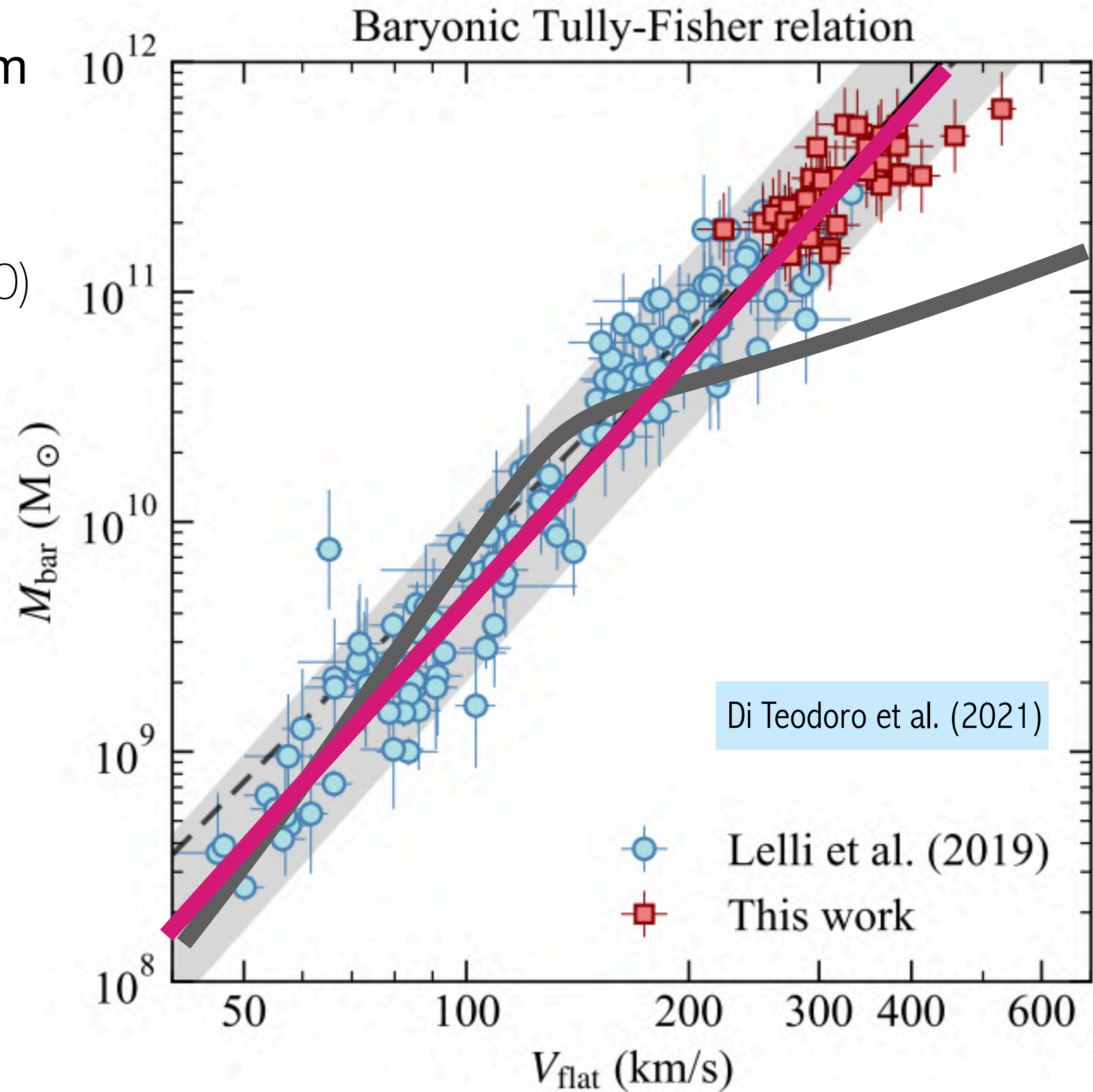
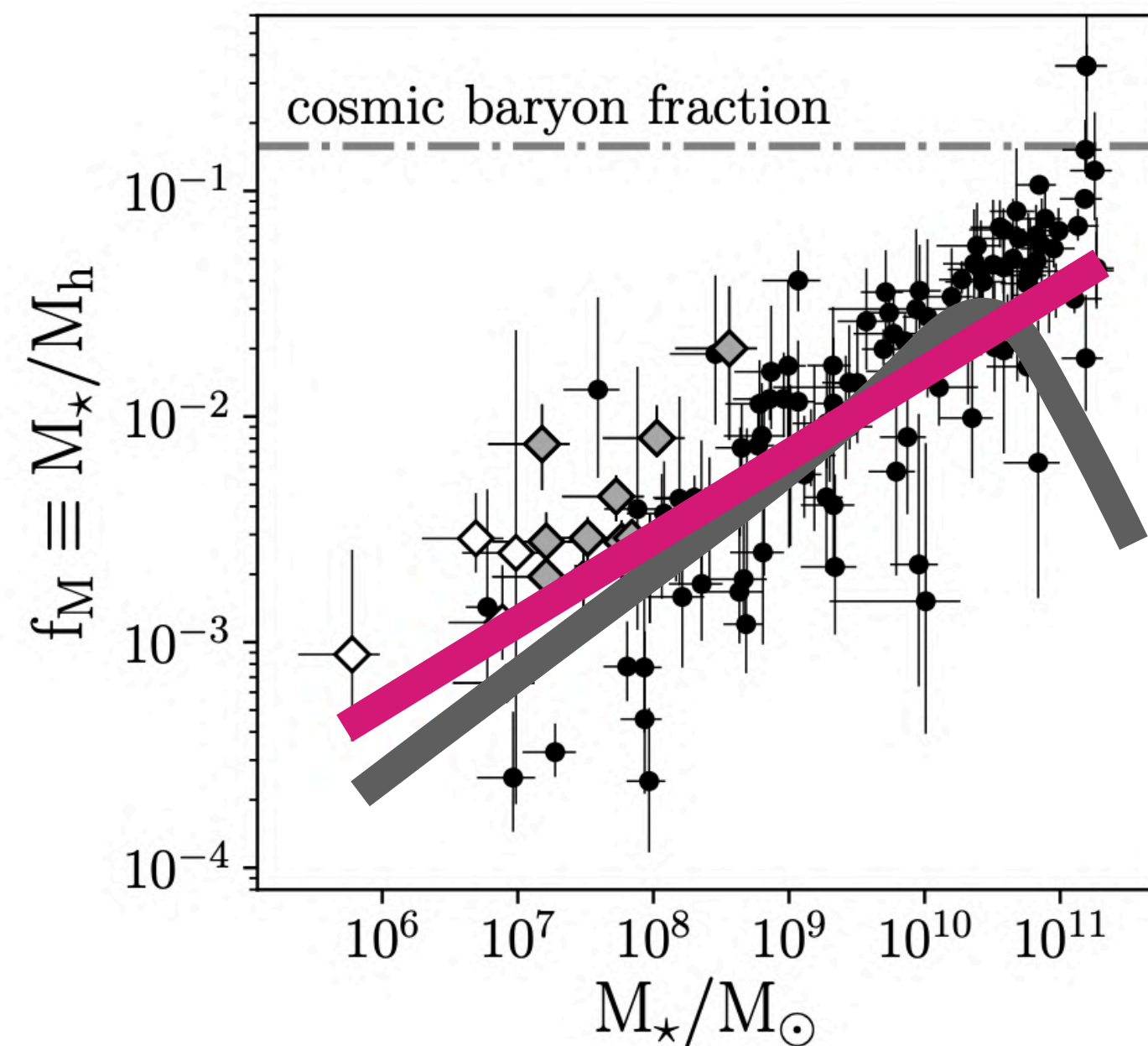


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Is the shape of the Tully-Fisher a problem for LCDM?

- Not really, as long as the stellar-to-halo mass relation of discs is **linear** (Posti+19,20)

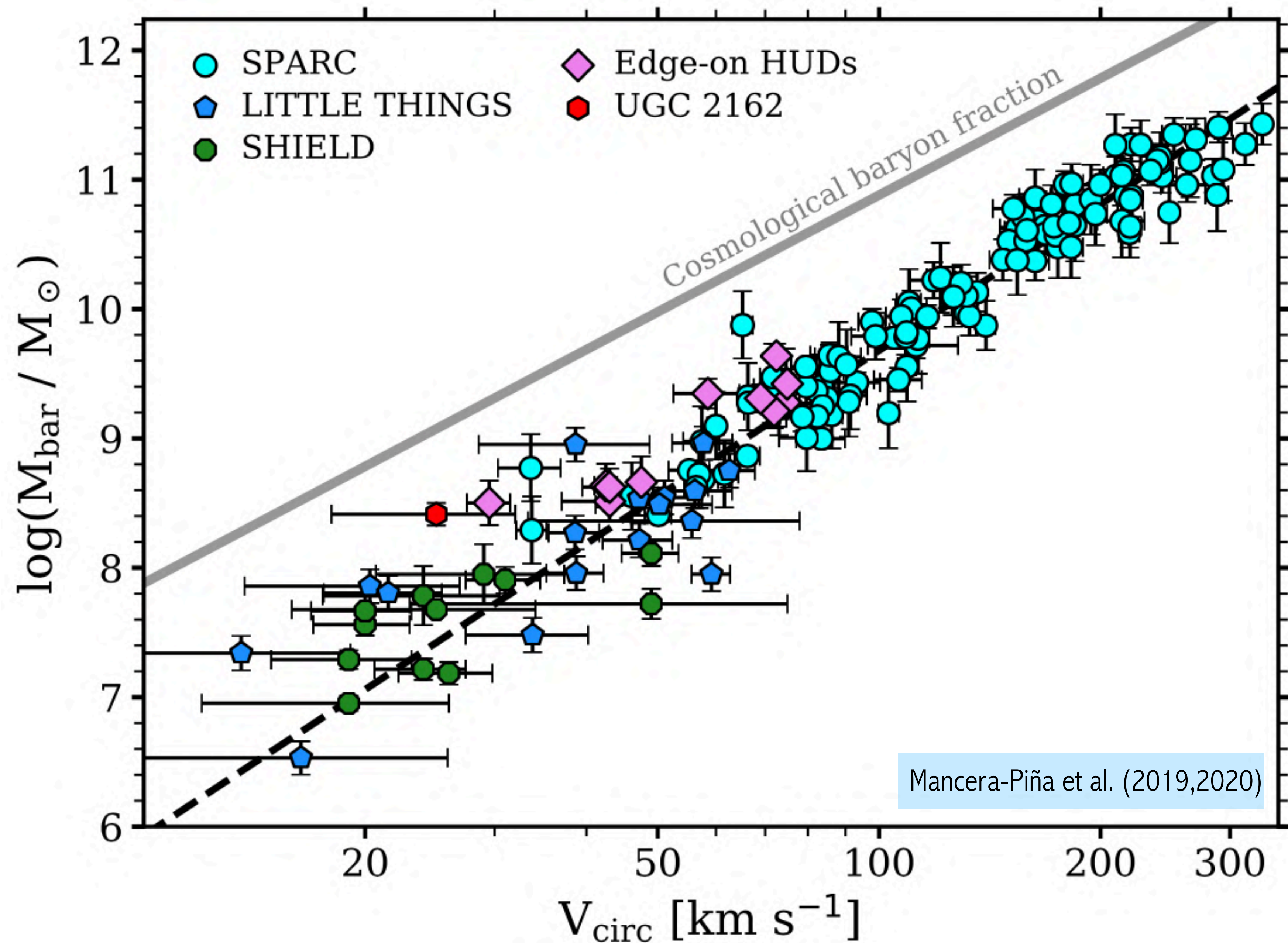
-the scatter however is problematic!



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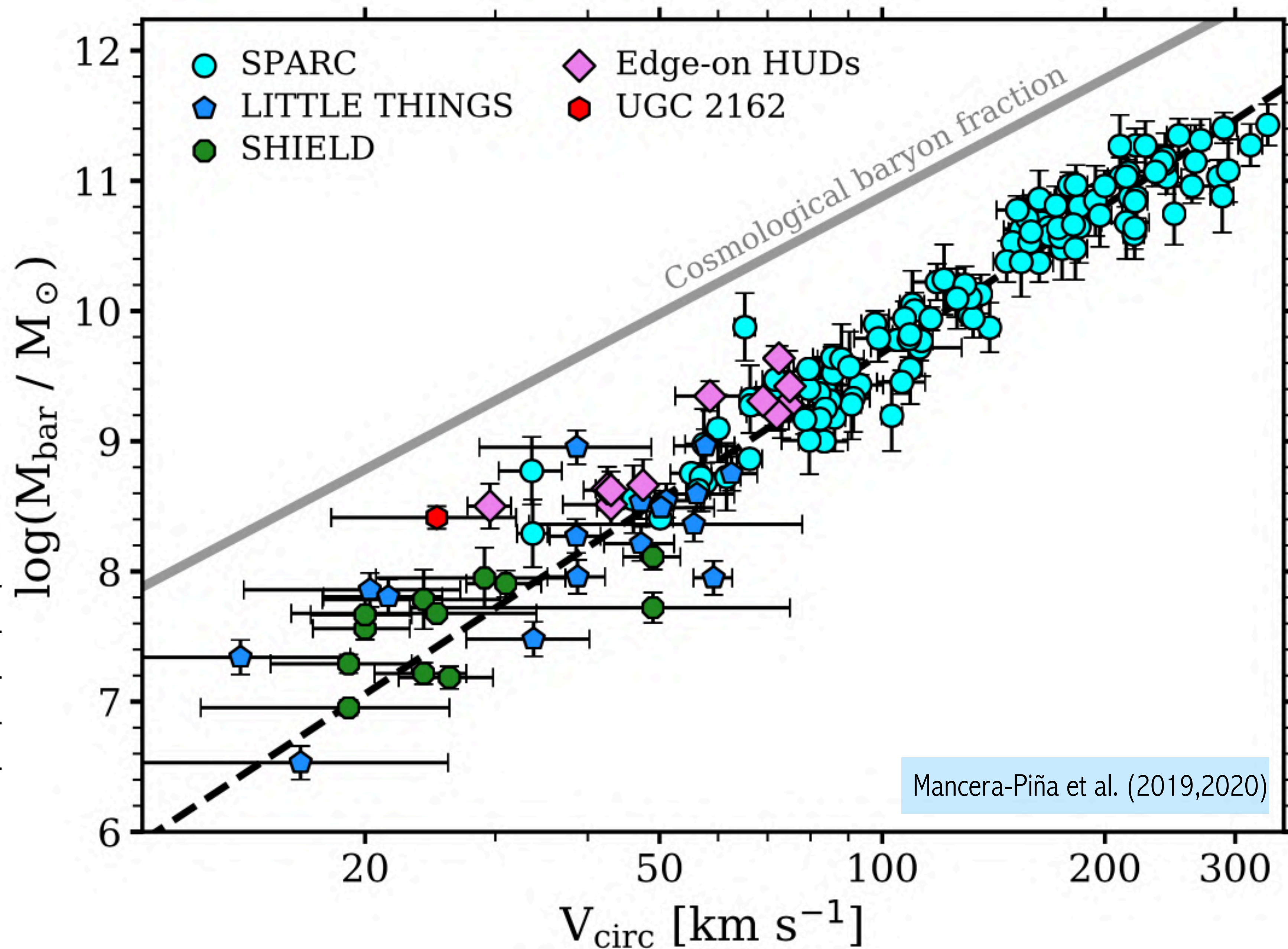
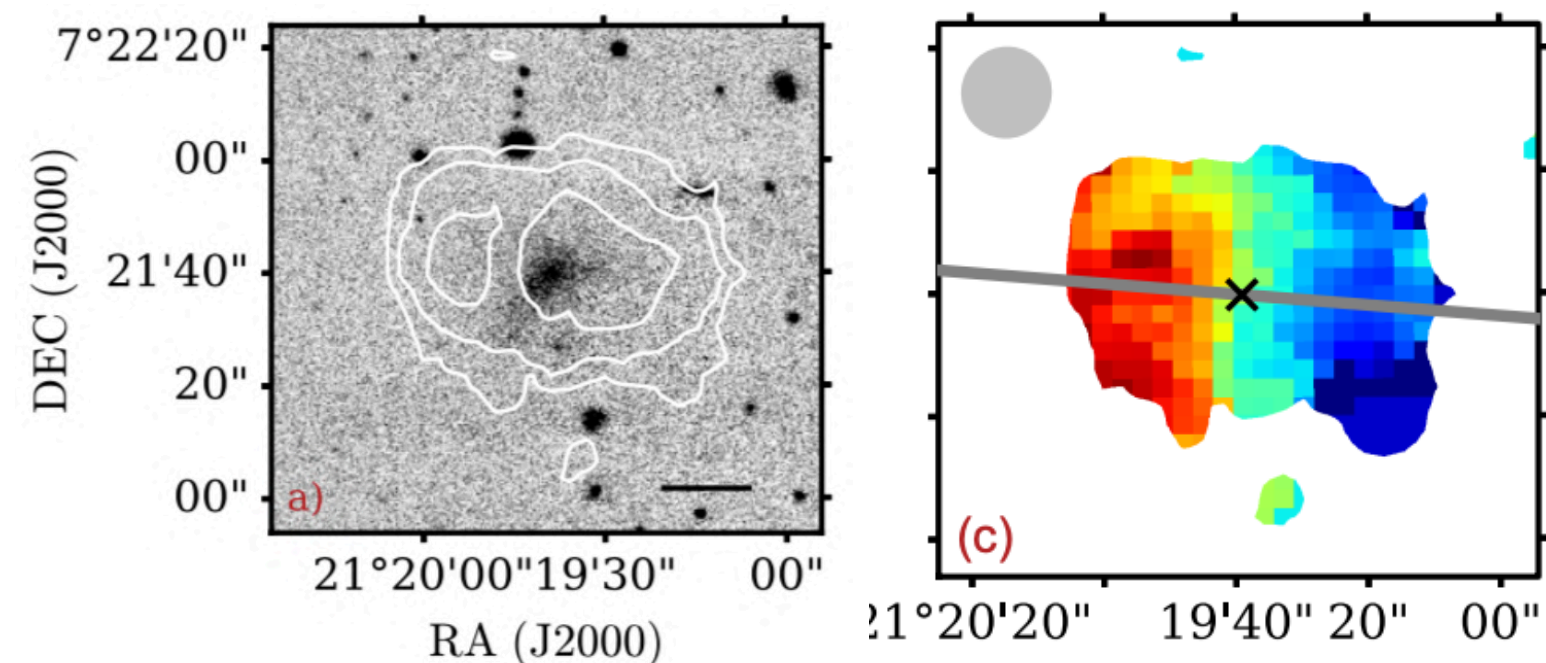


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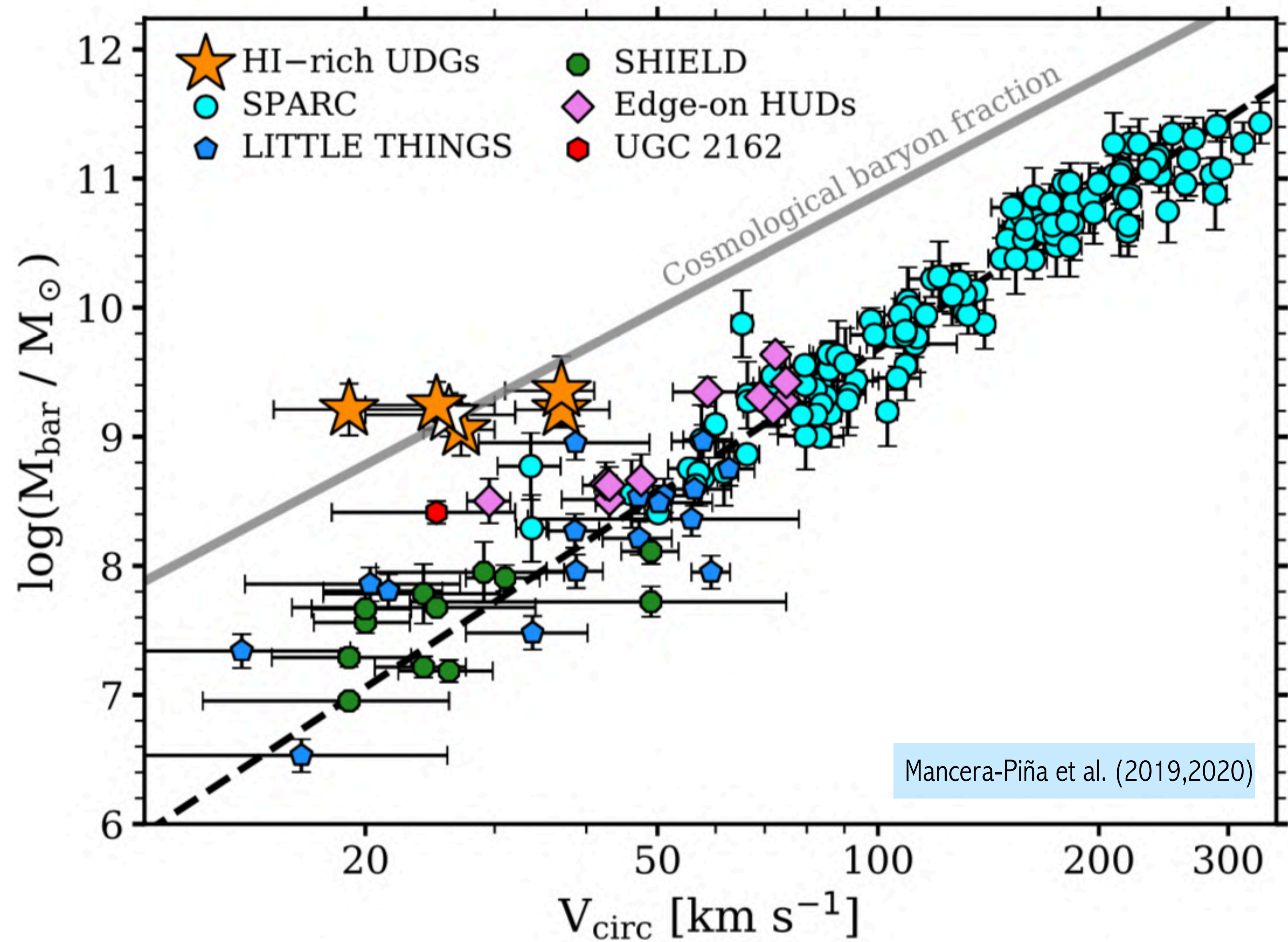
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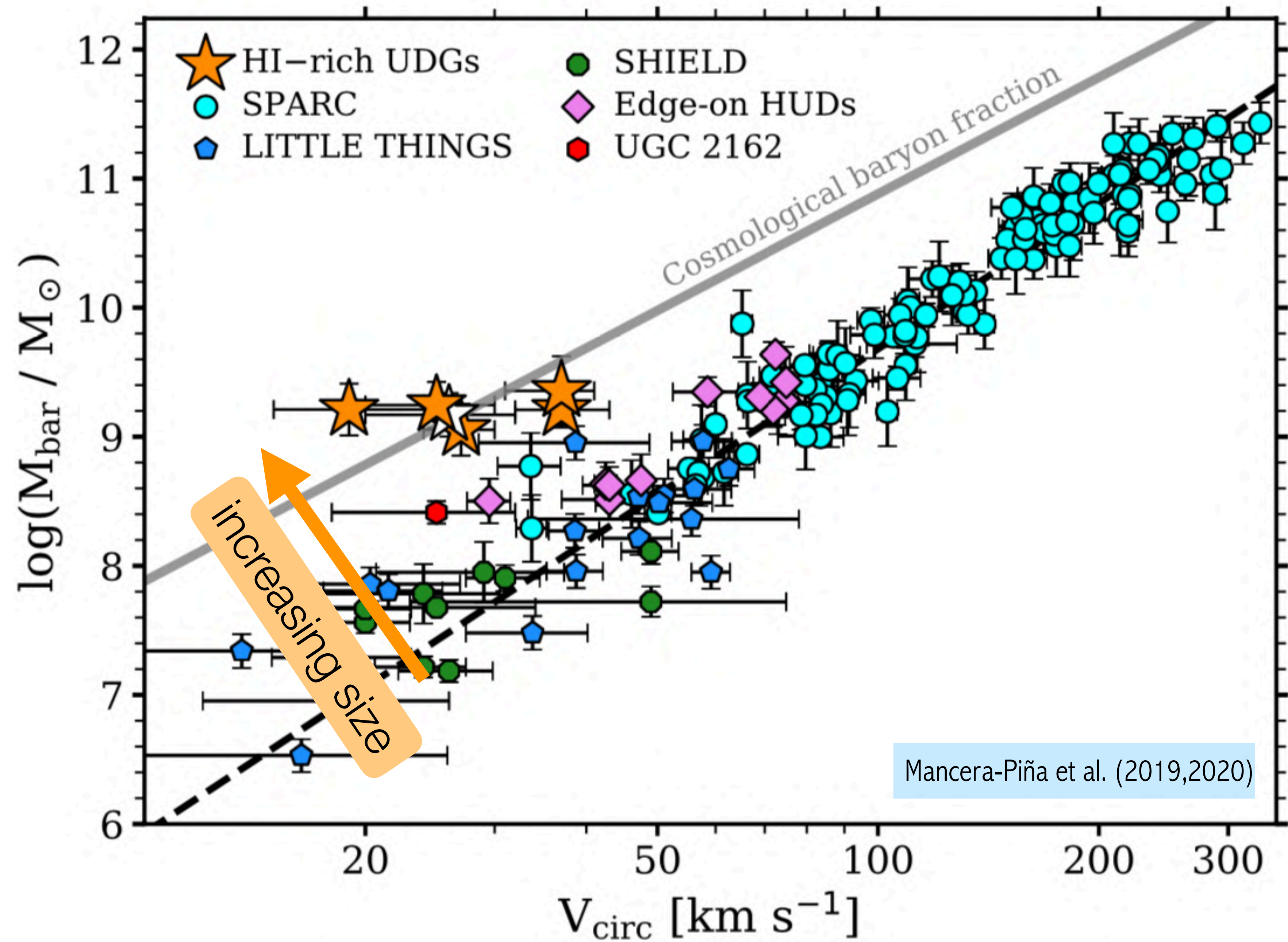
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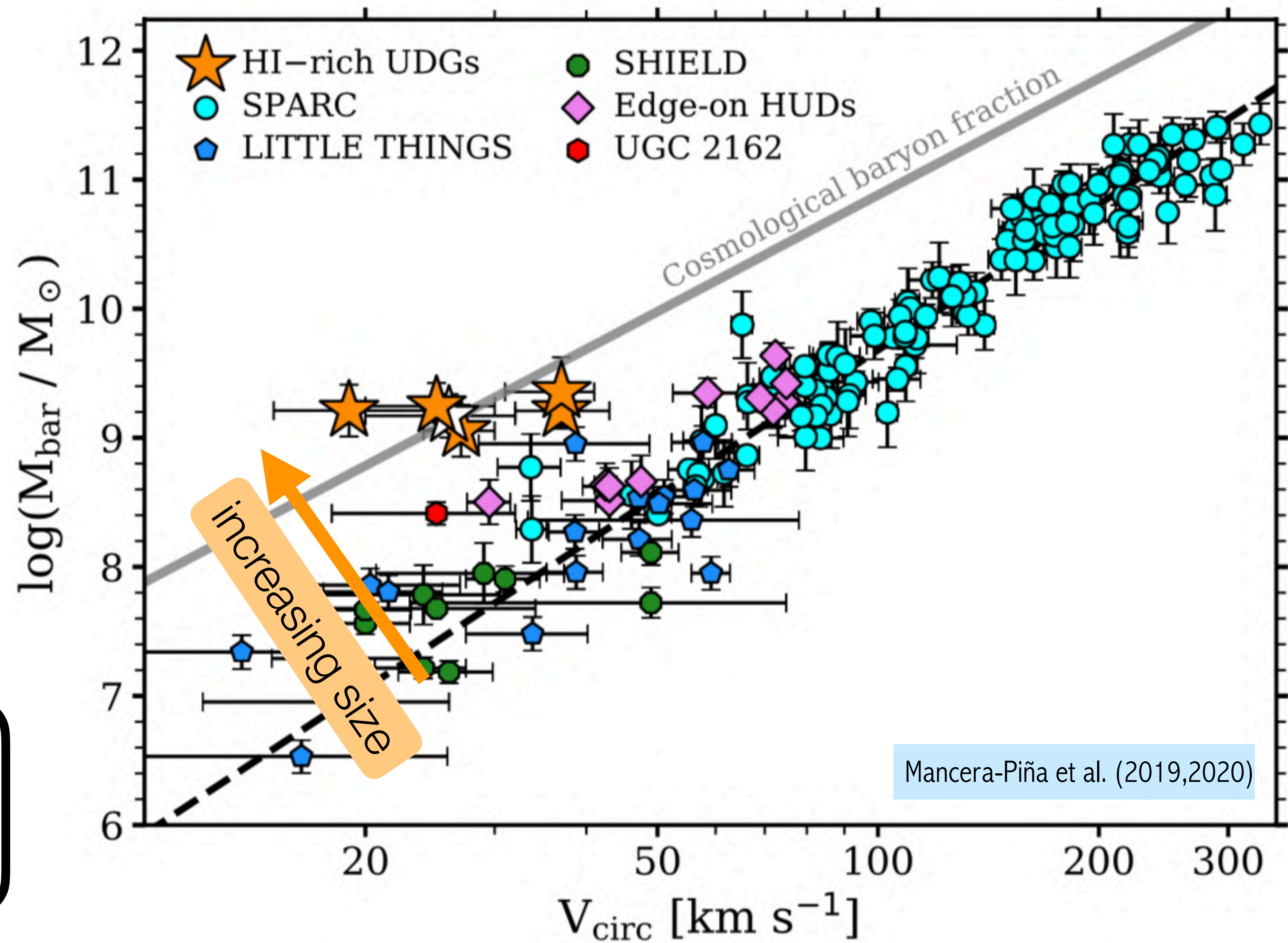
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-  $M_{\text{bar}} \sim M_{\text{gas}}$  is solid, so they have too low  $V_c$  for their mass

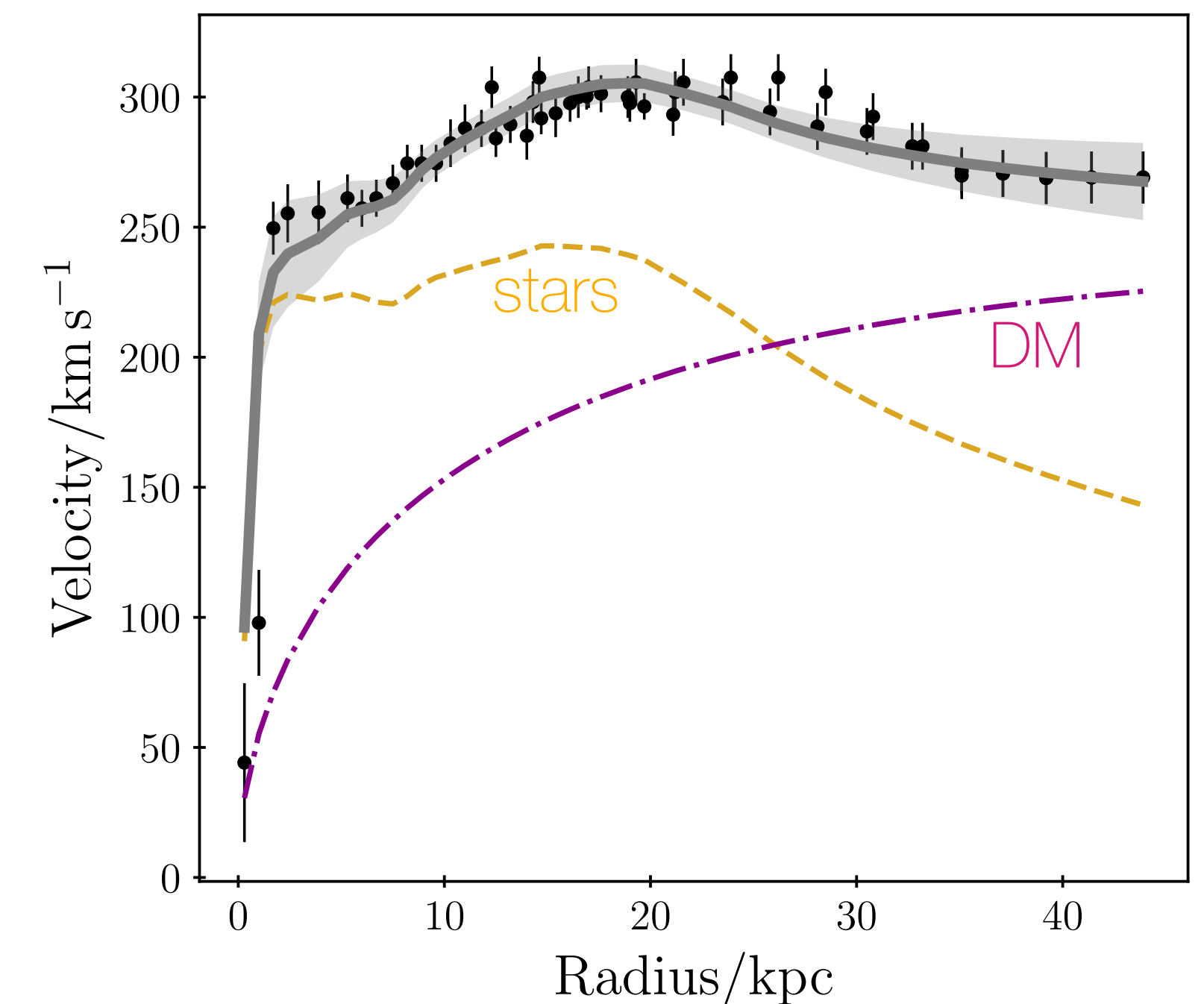
- in LCDM they have no DM

- in MOND they should not exist at all!



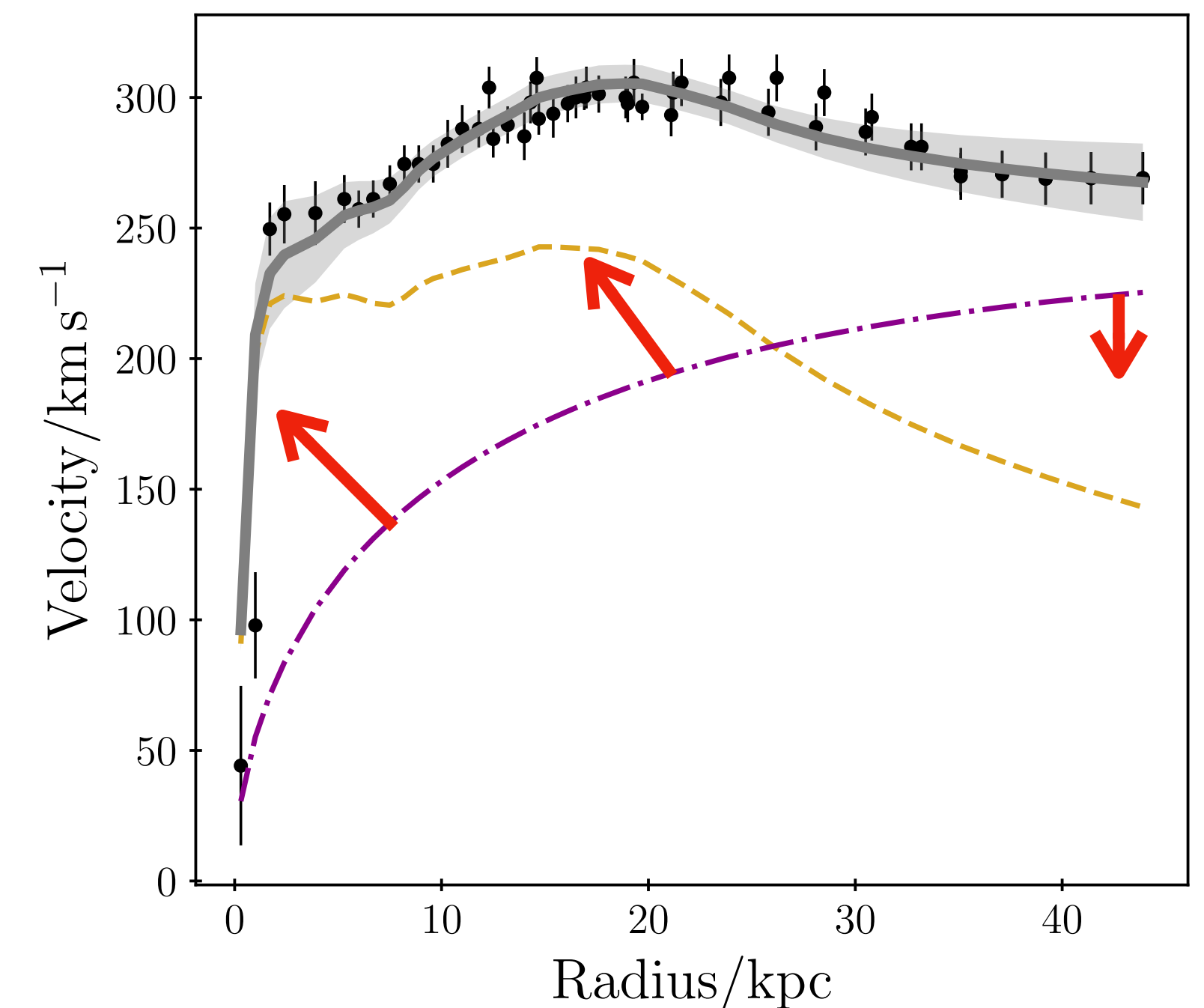
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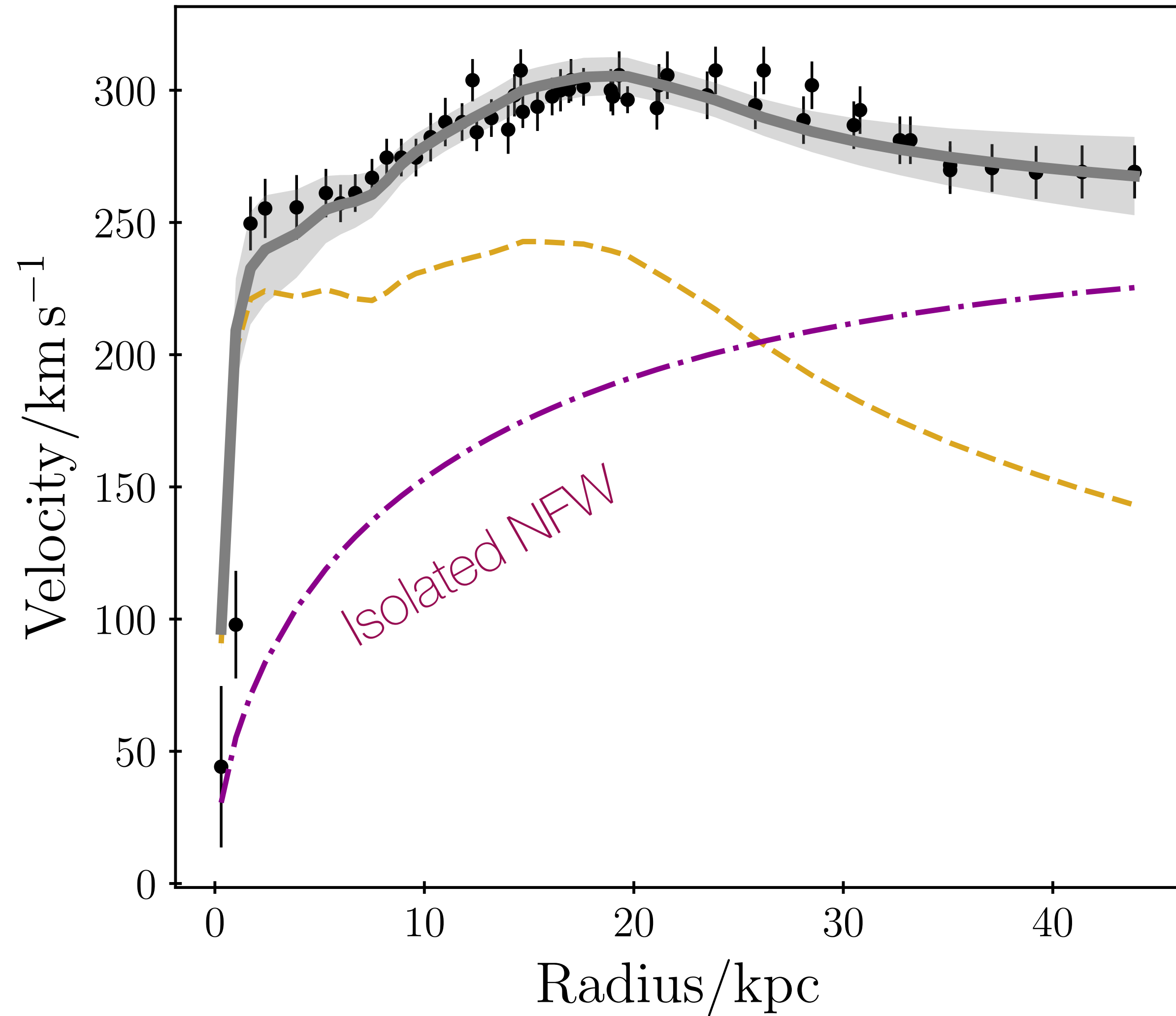
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  - Blumenthal et al. (1986) **adiabatic contraction model**:
    - spherical symmetry
    - all DM particles are on circular orbits
- $r M(r)$  is an adiabatic invariant
- The halo contracts responding to the steady accumulation of gas and stars at the centre
  - How does the DM mass distribution changes in realistic cases?

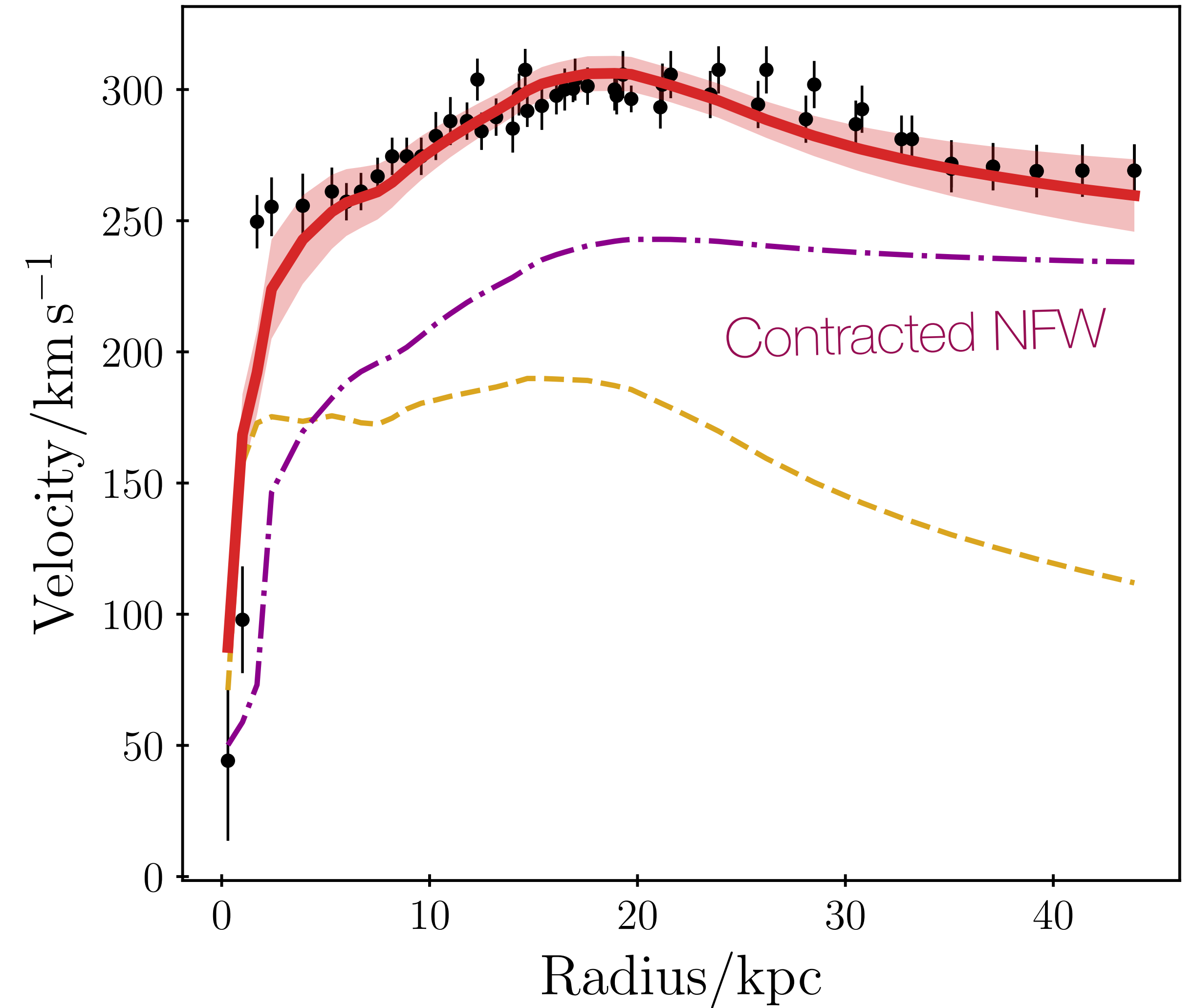


# Adiabatic contraction in high-mass galaxies

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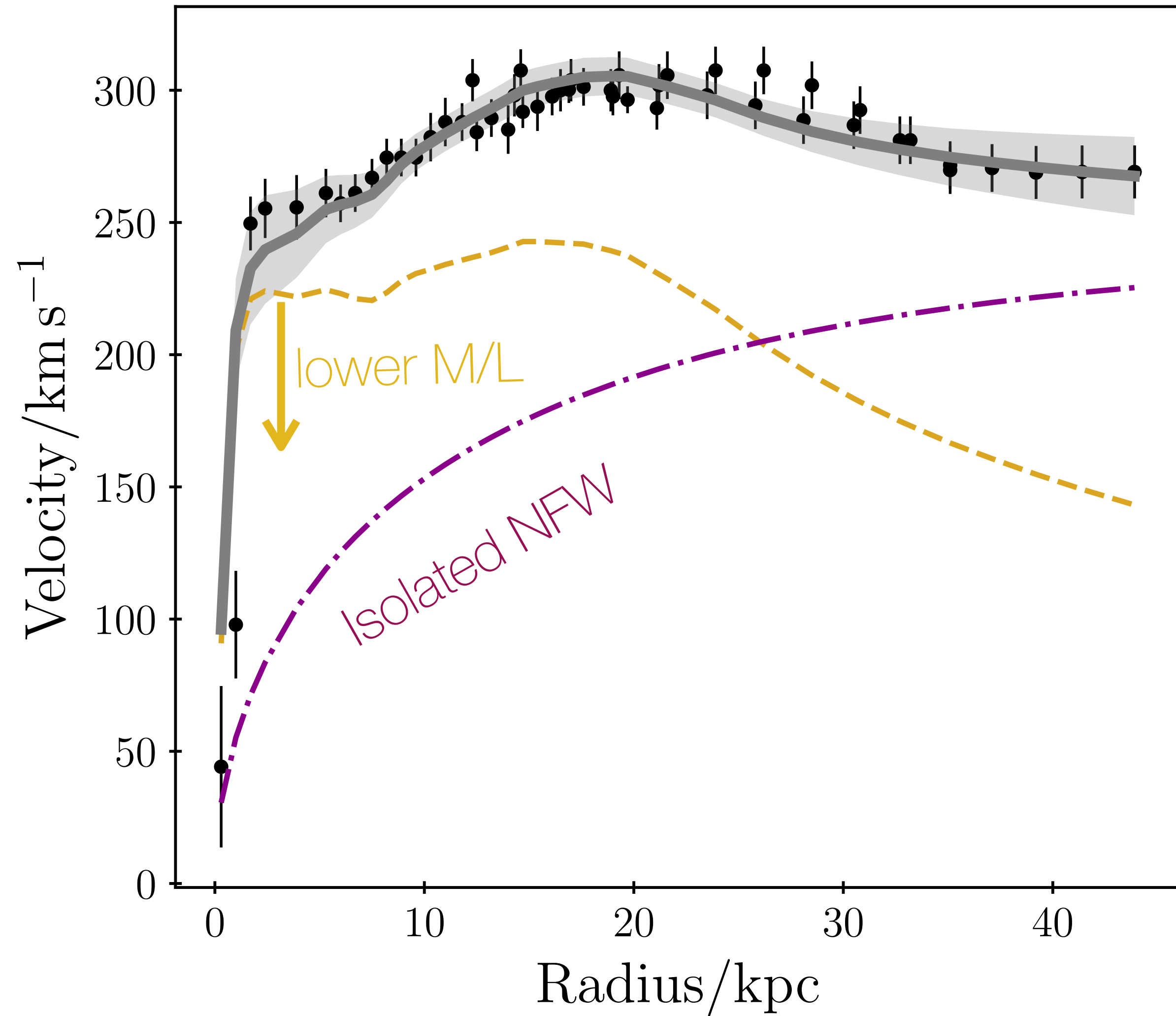


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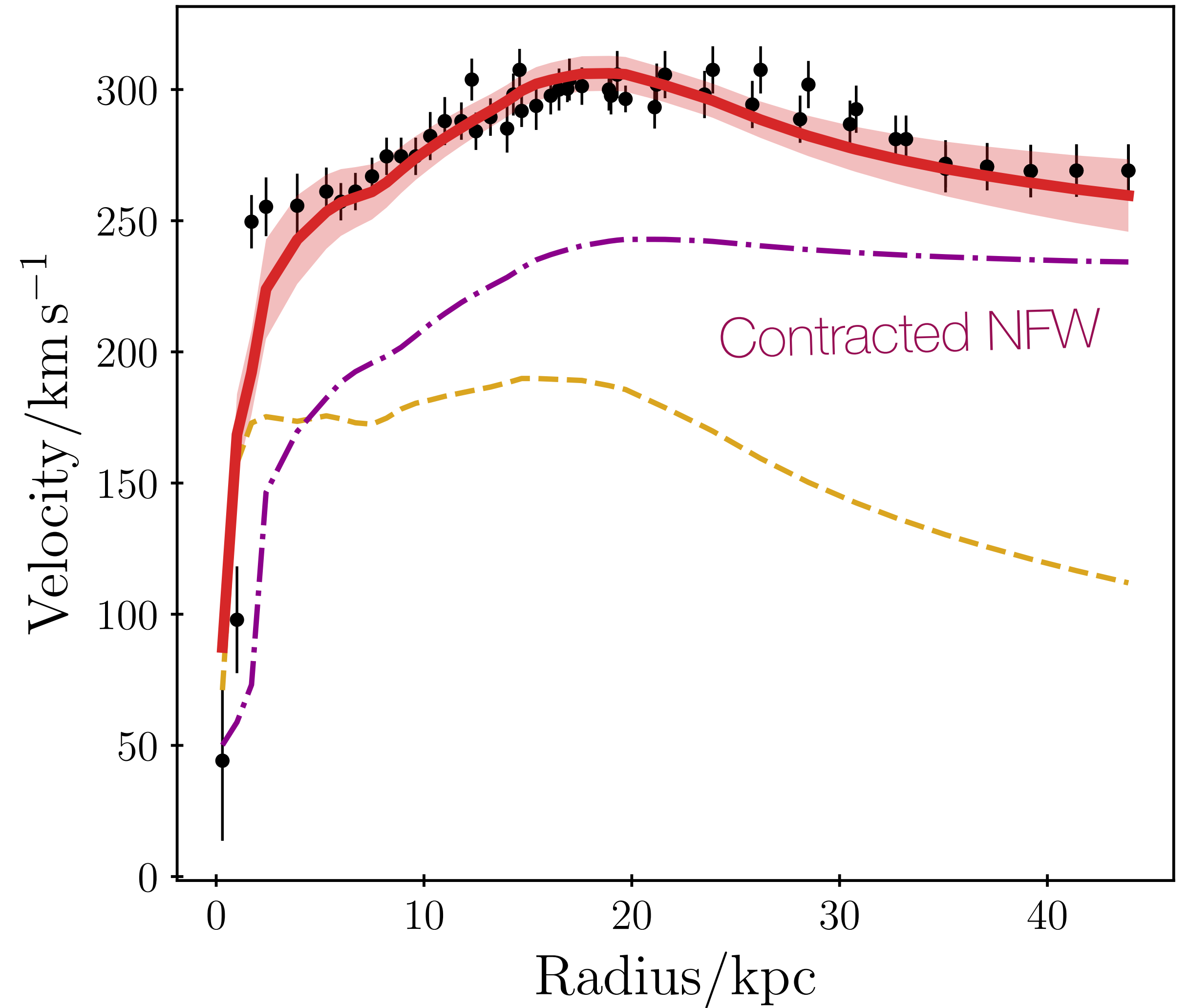


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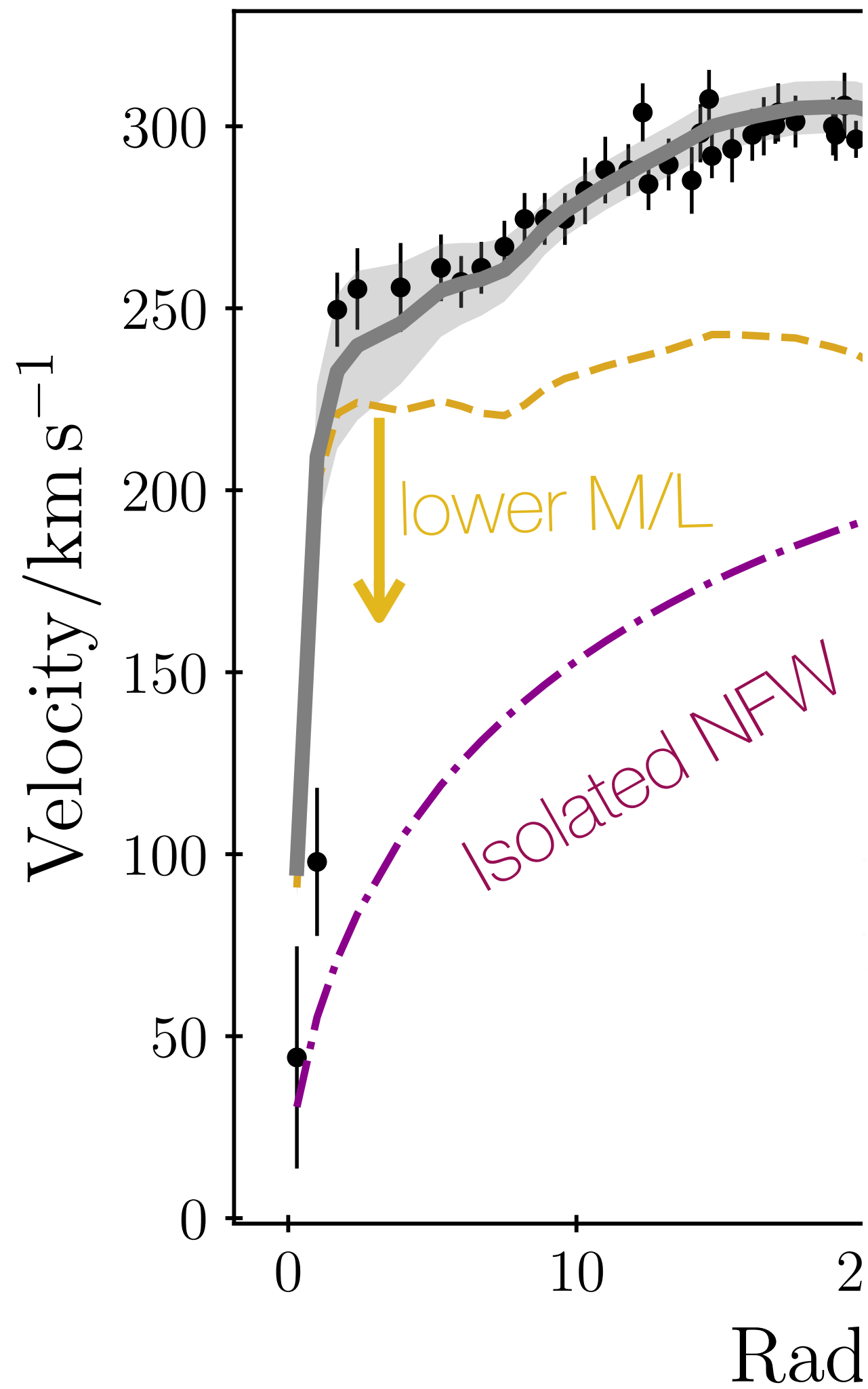


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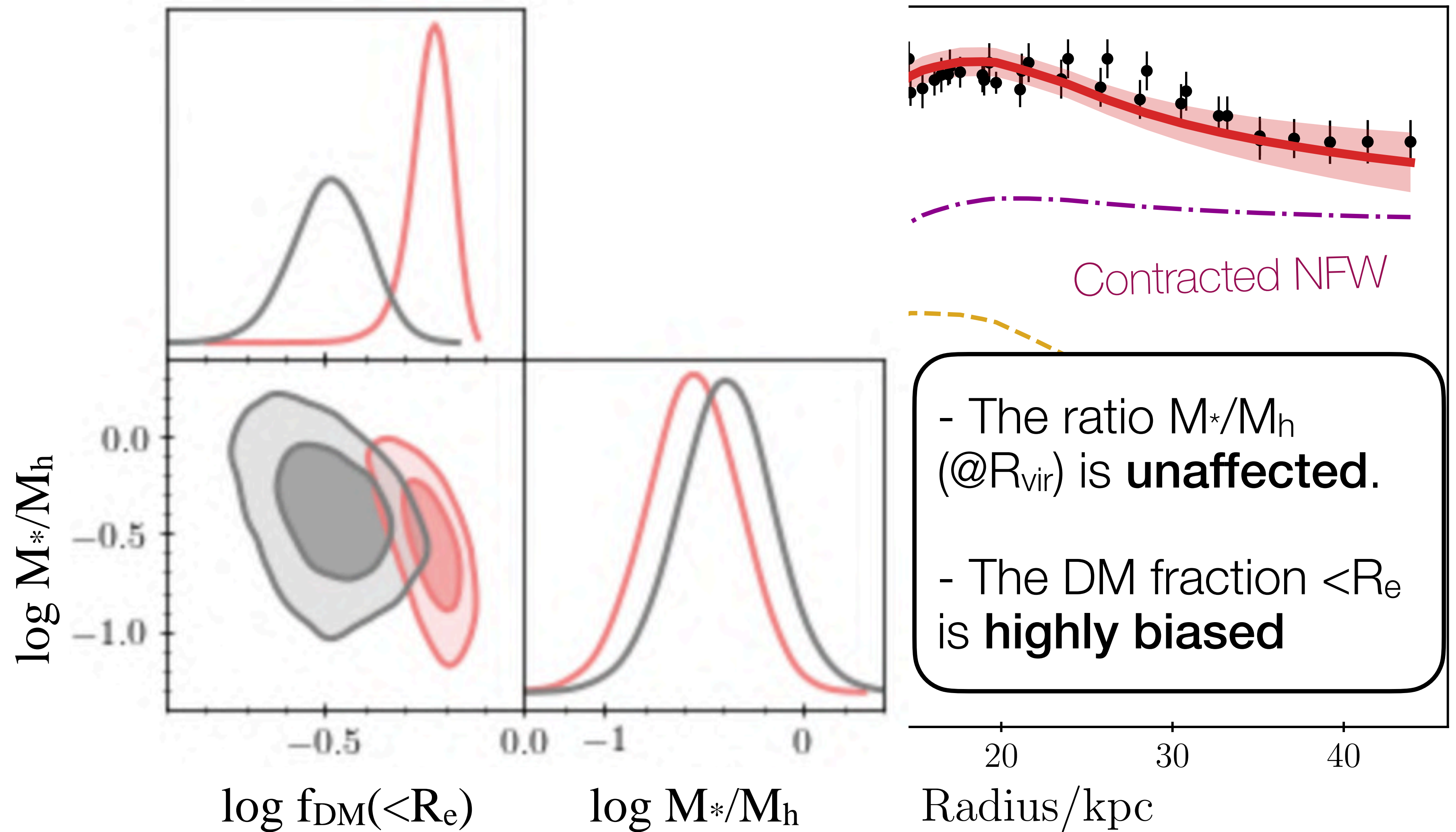


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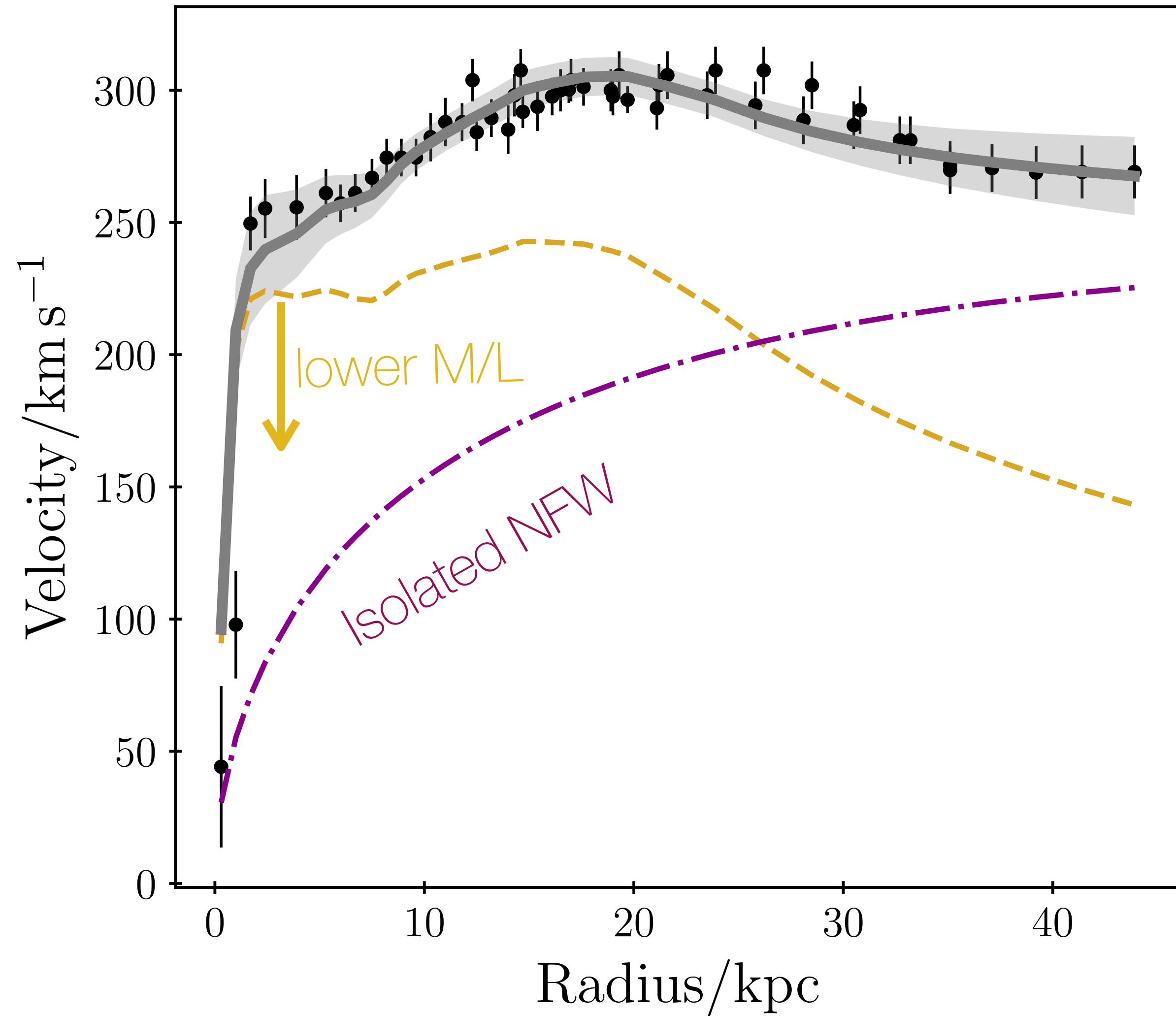
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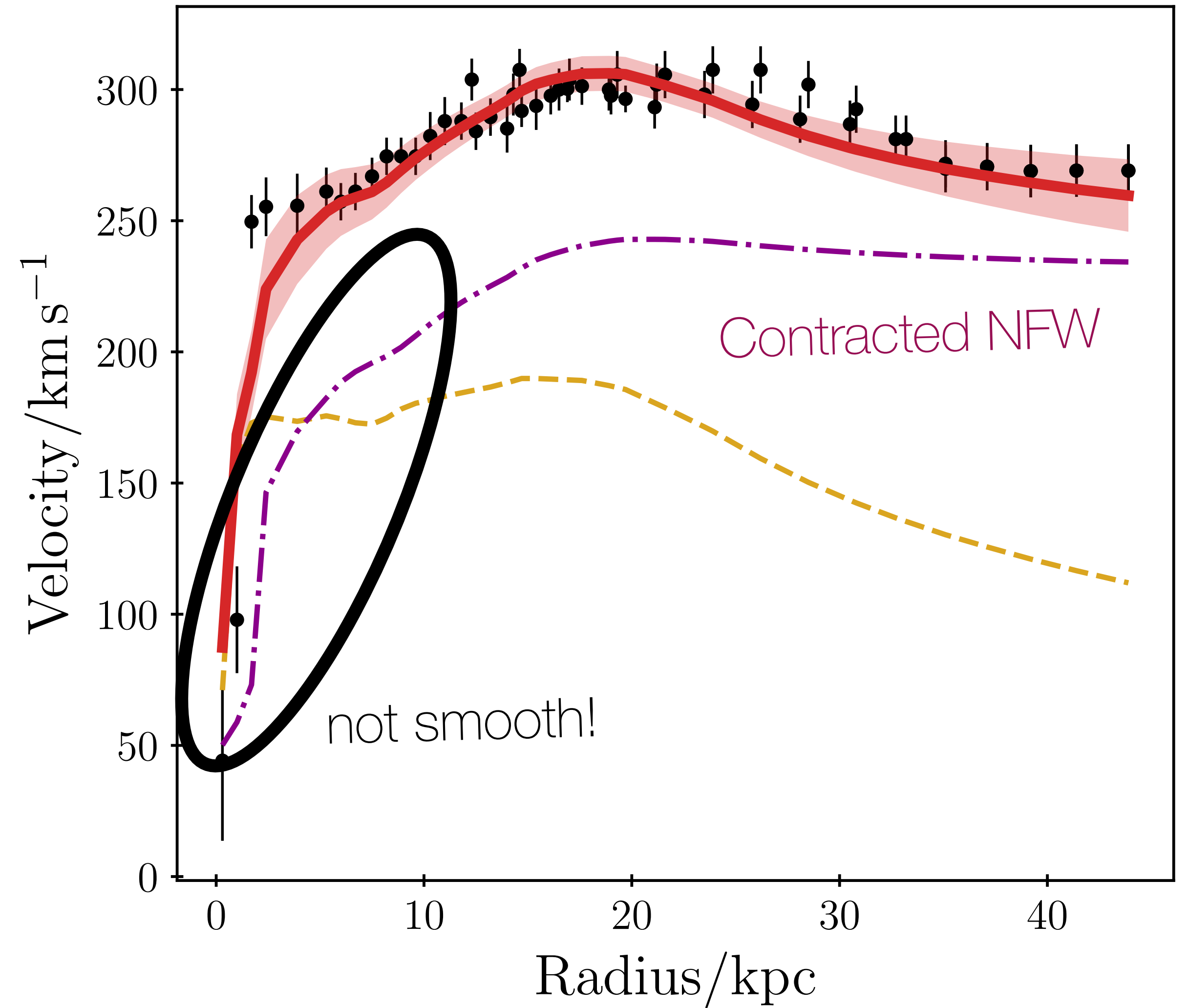


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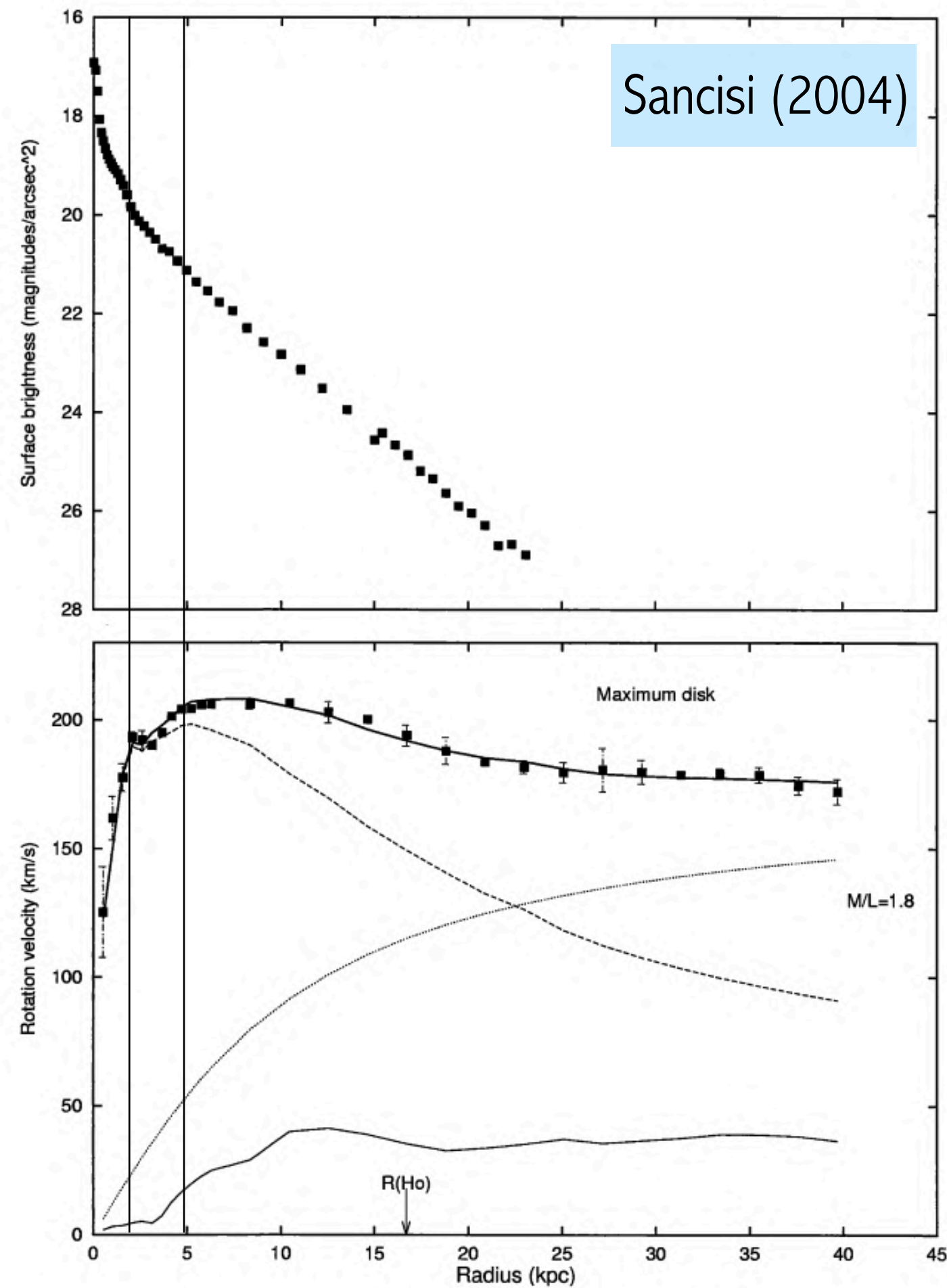


# Renzo's rule

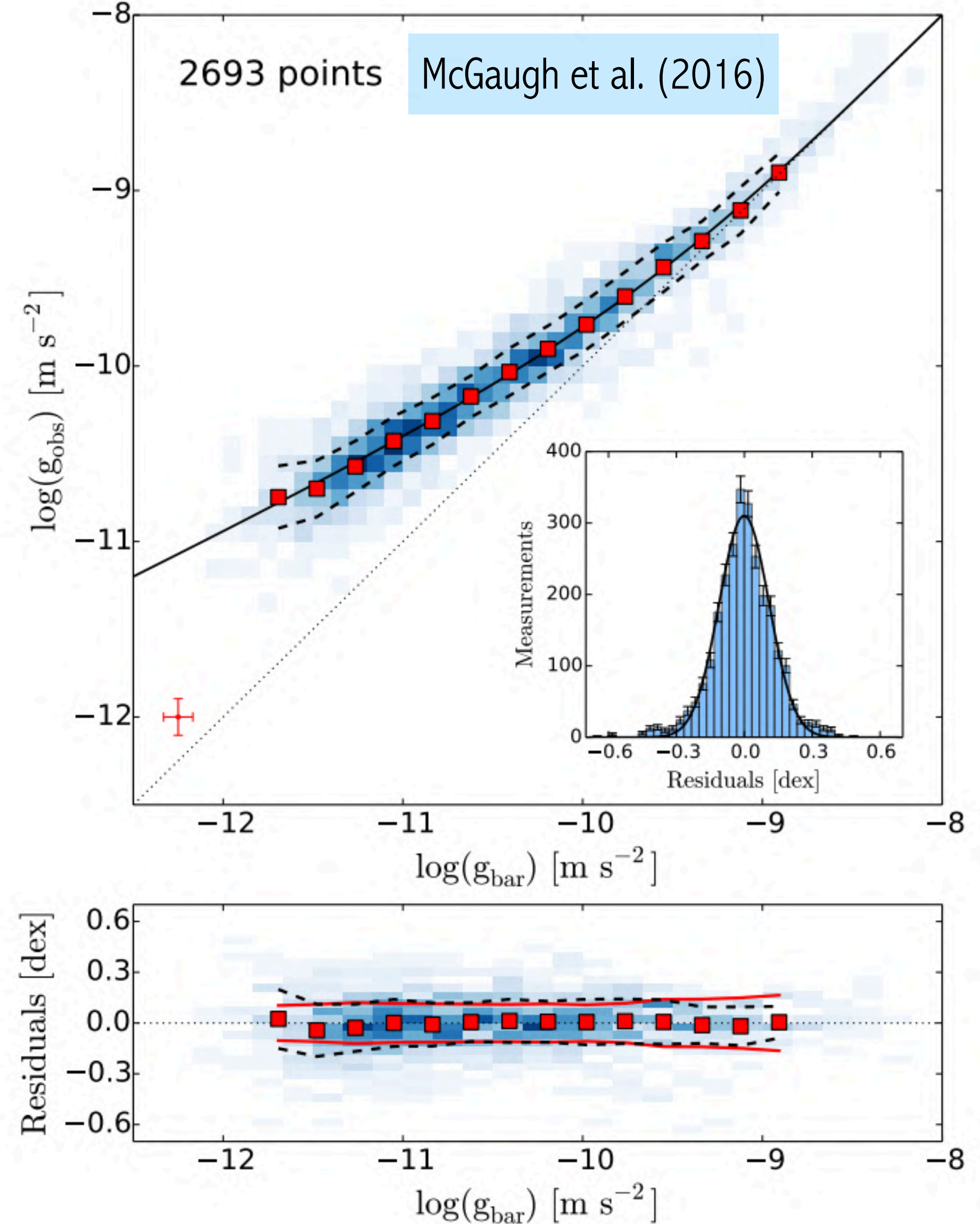
- Renzo's rule (Sancisi 2004):



*“For every feature in the luminosity profile there is a corresponding feature in the rotation curve and viceversa”*



Radial Acceleration Relation (RAR)

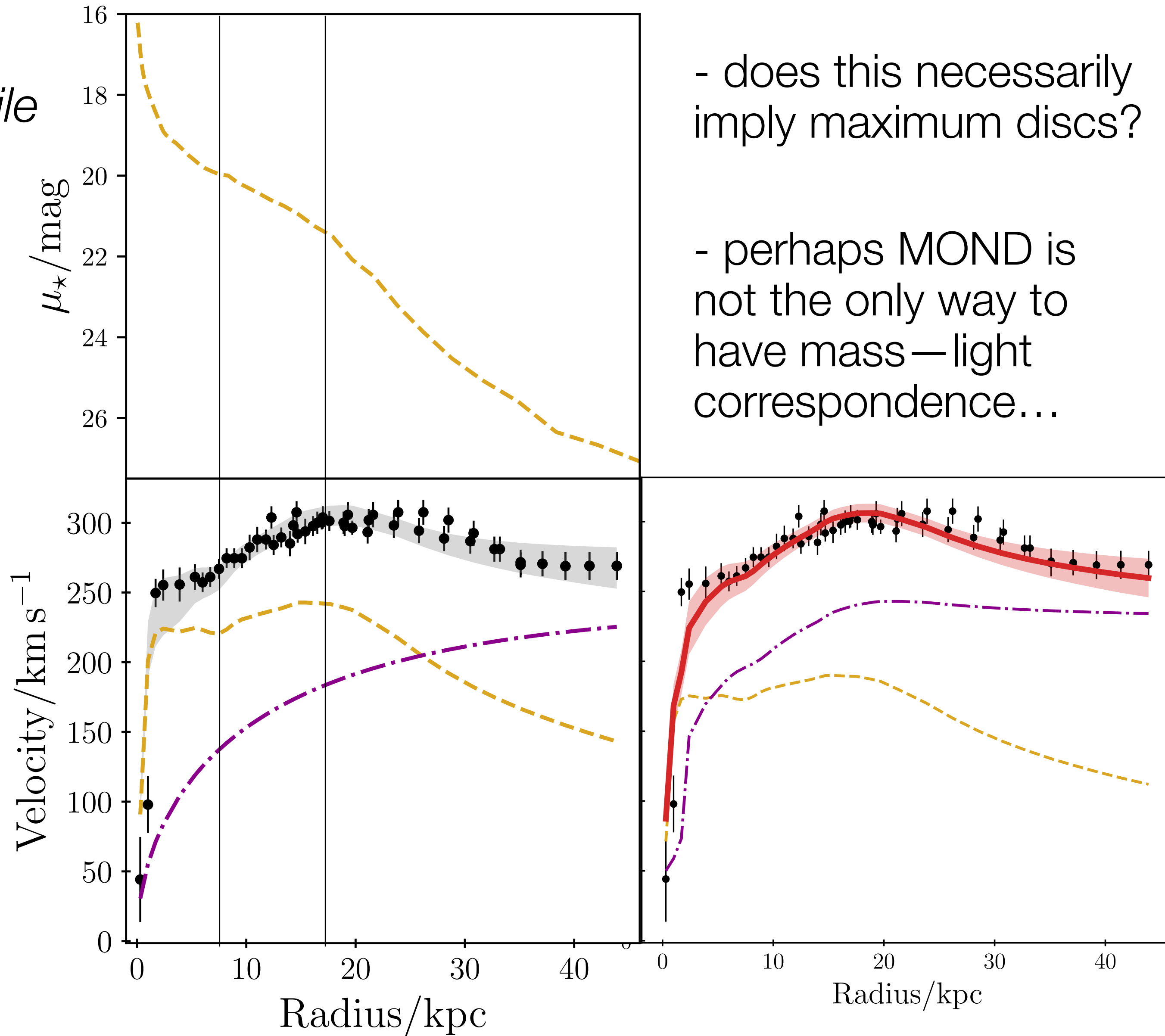
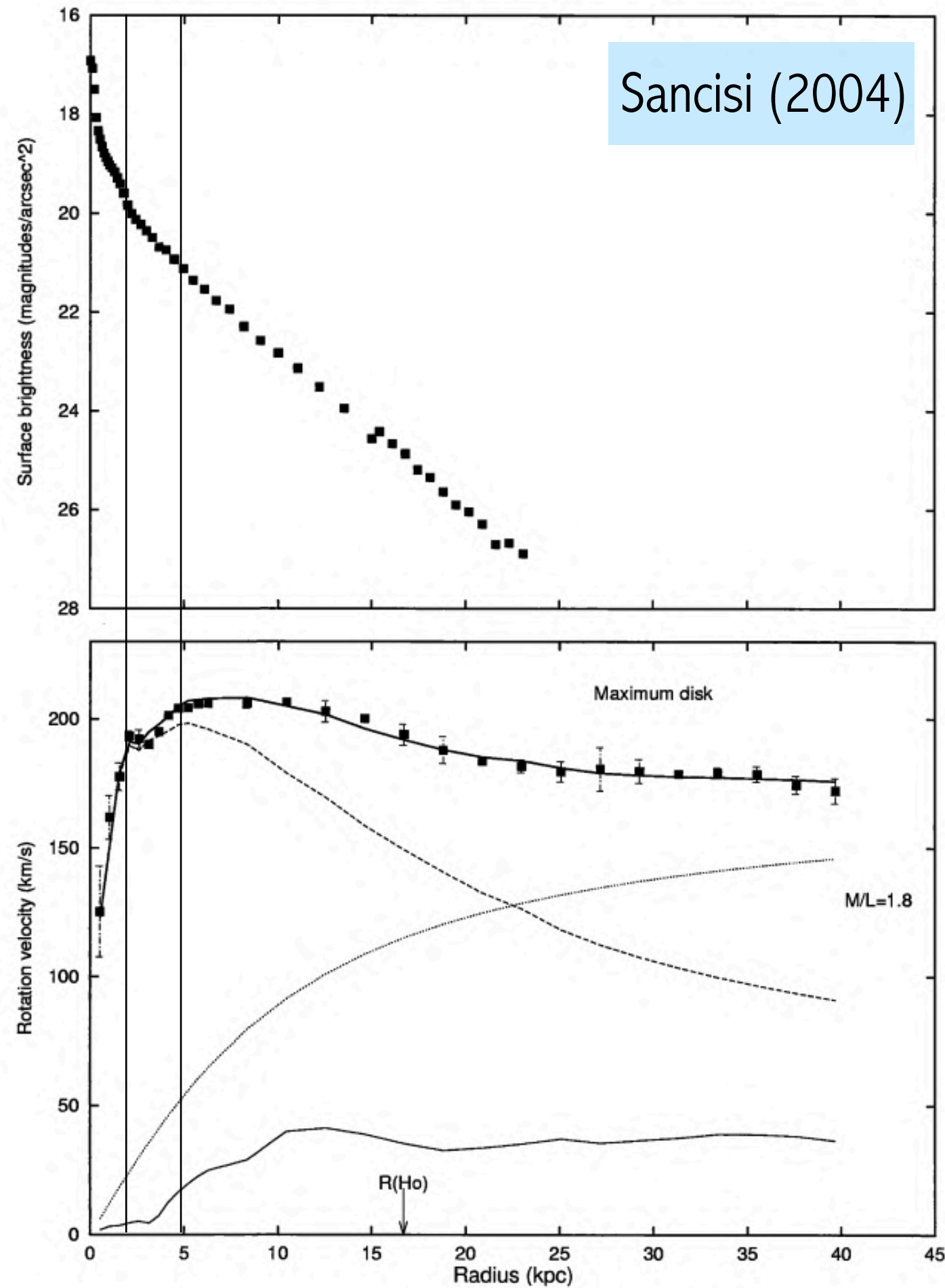


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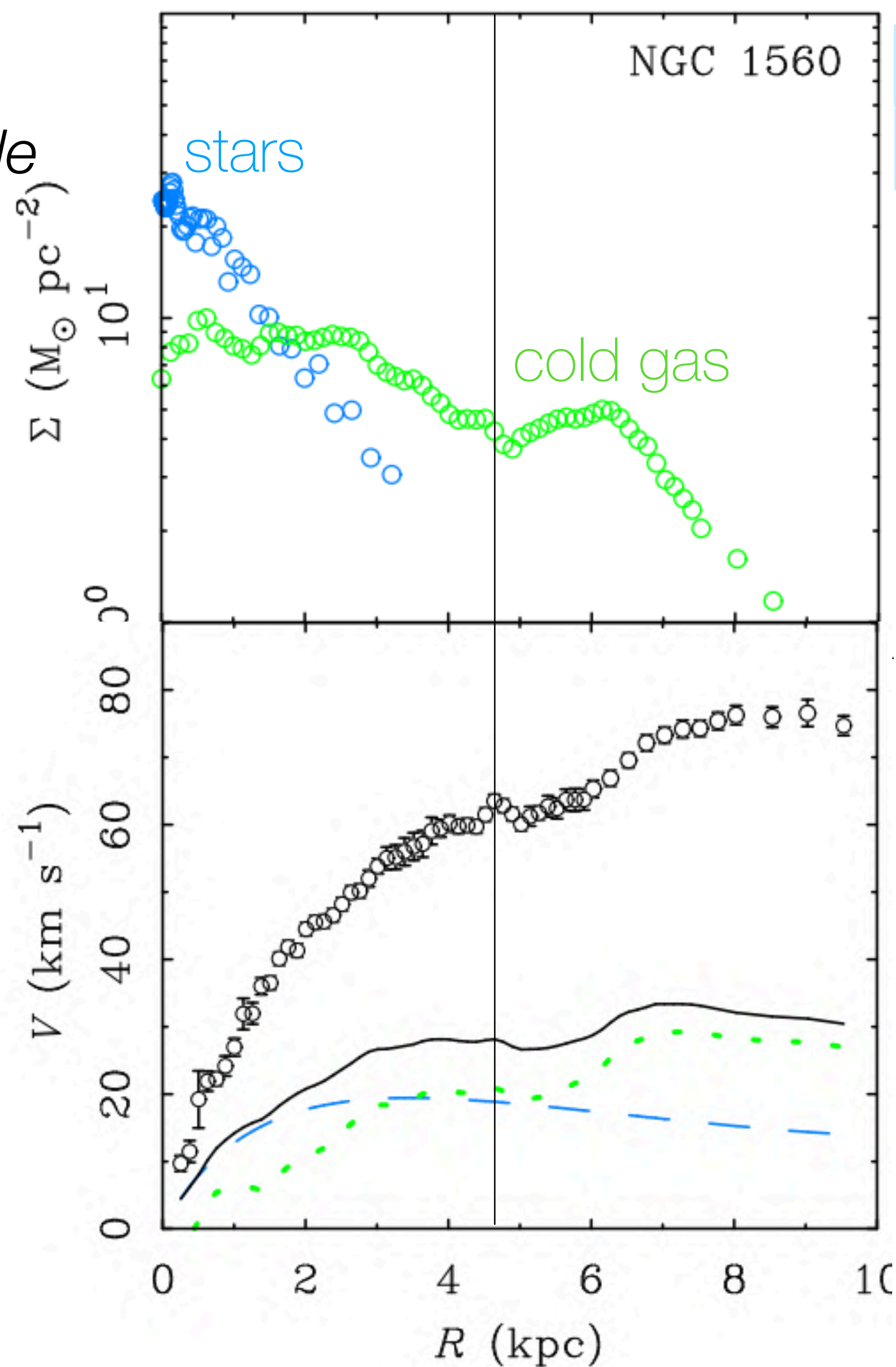


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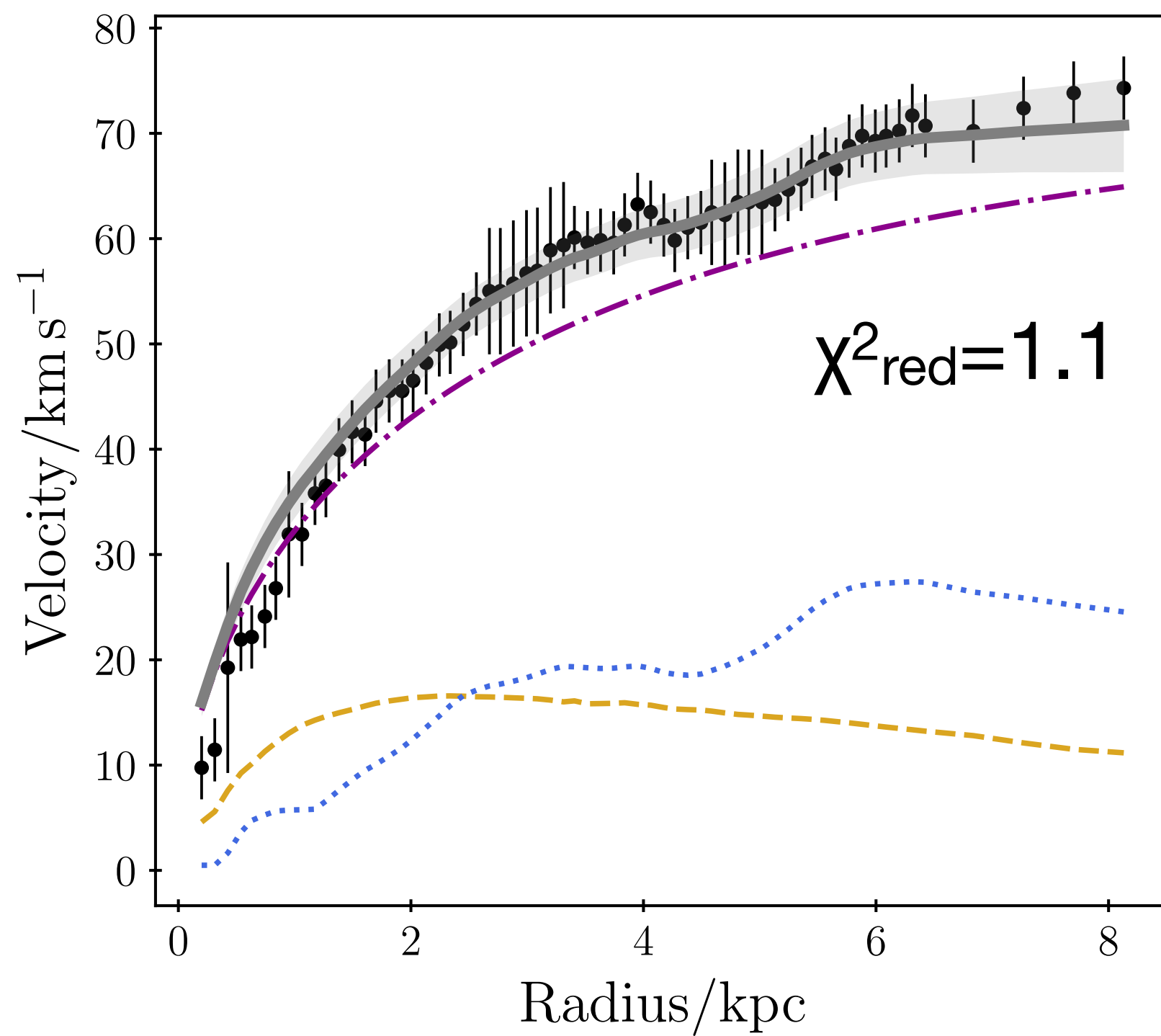


Gentile et al. (2010)

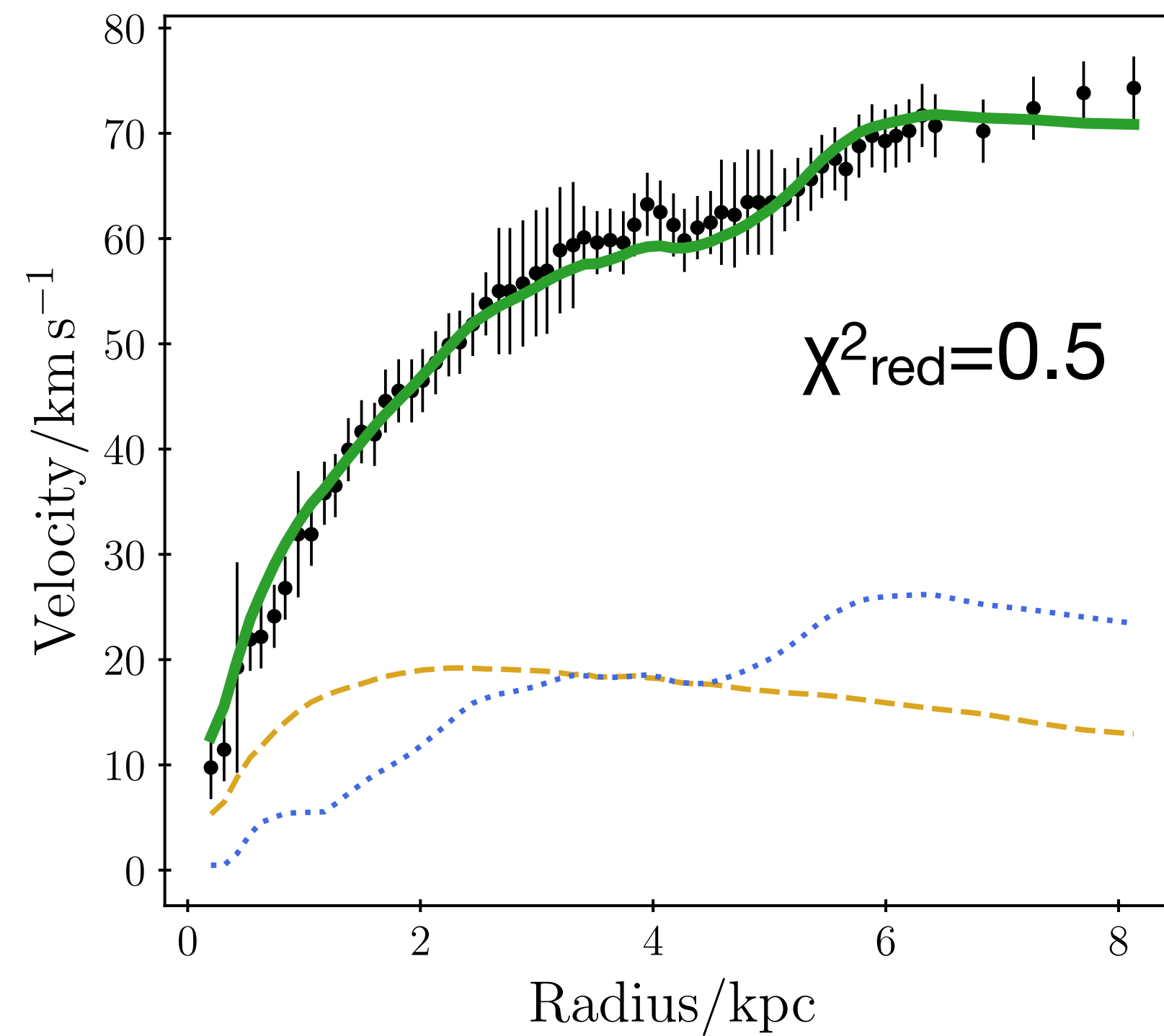
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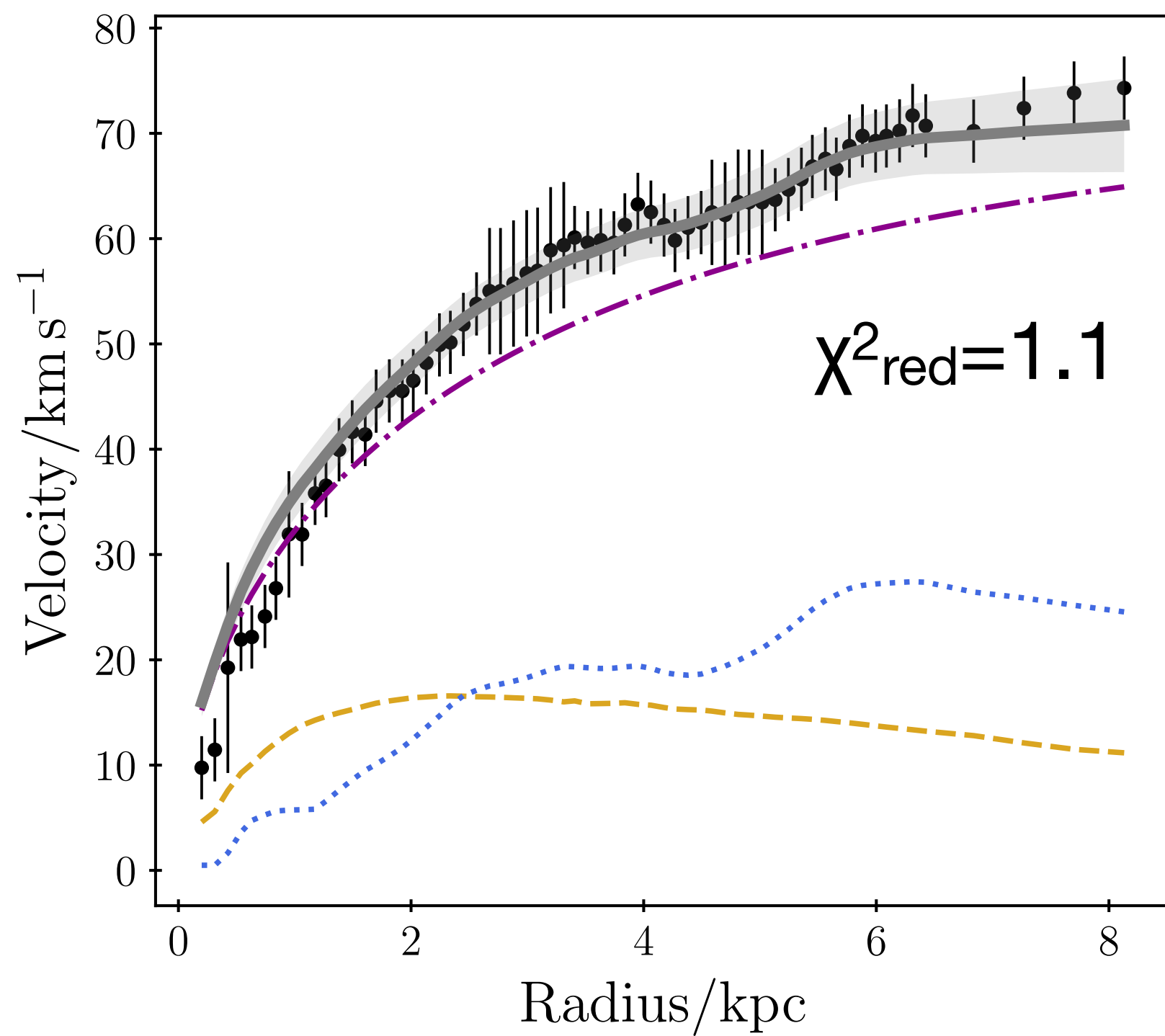


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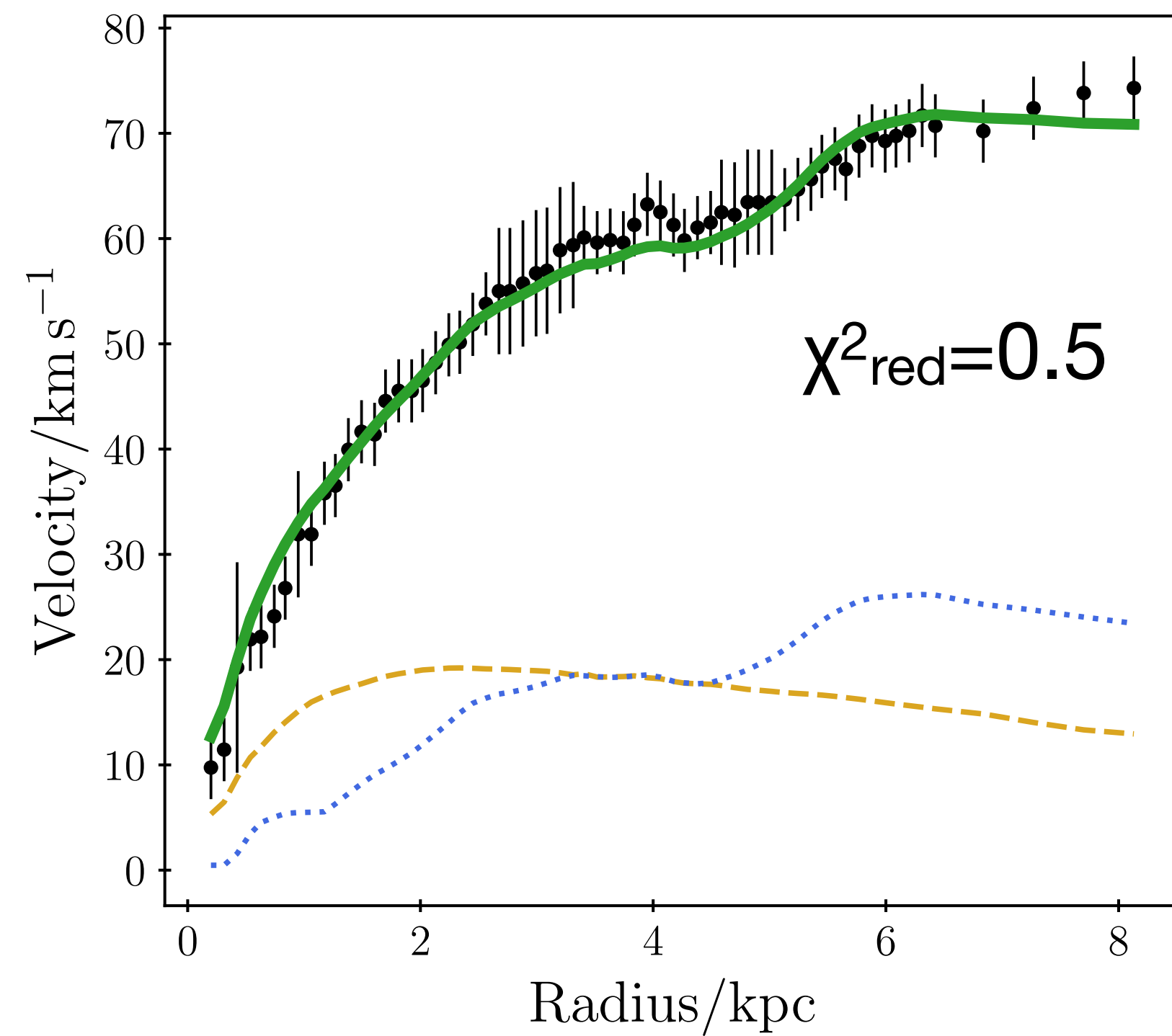


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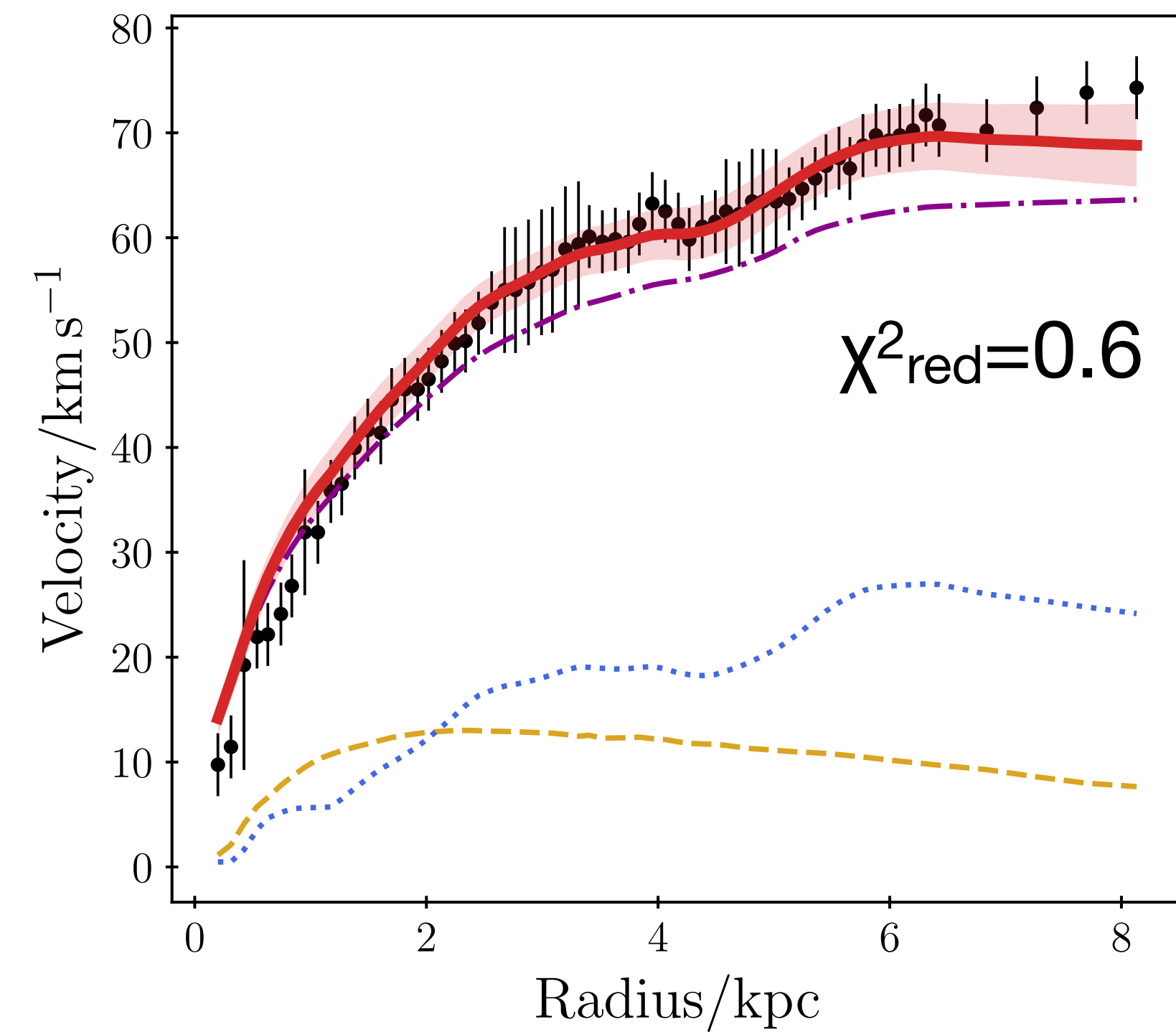
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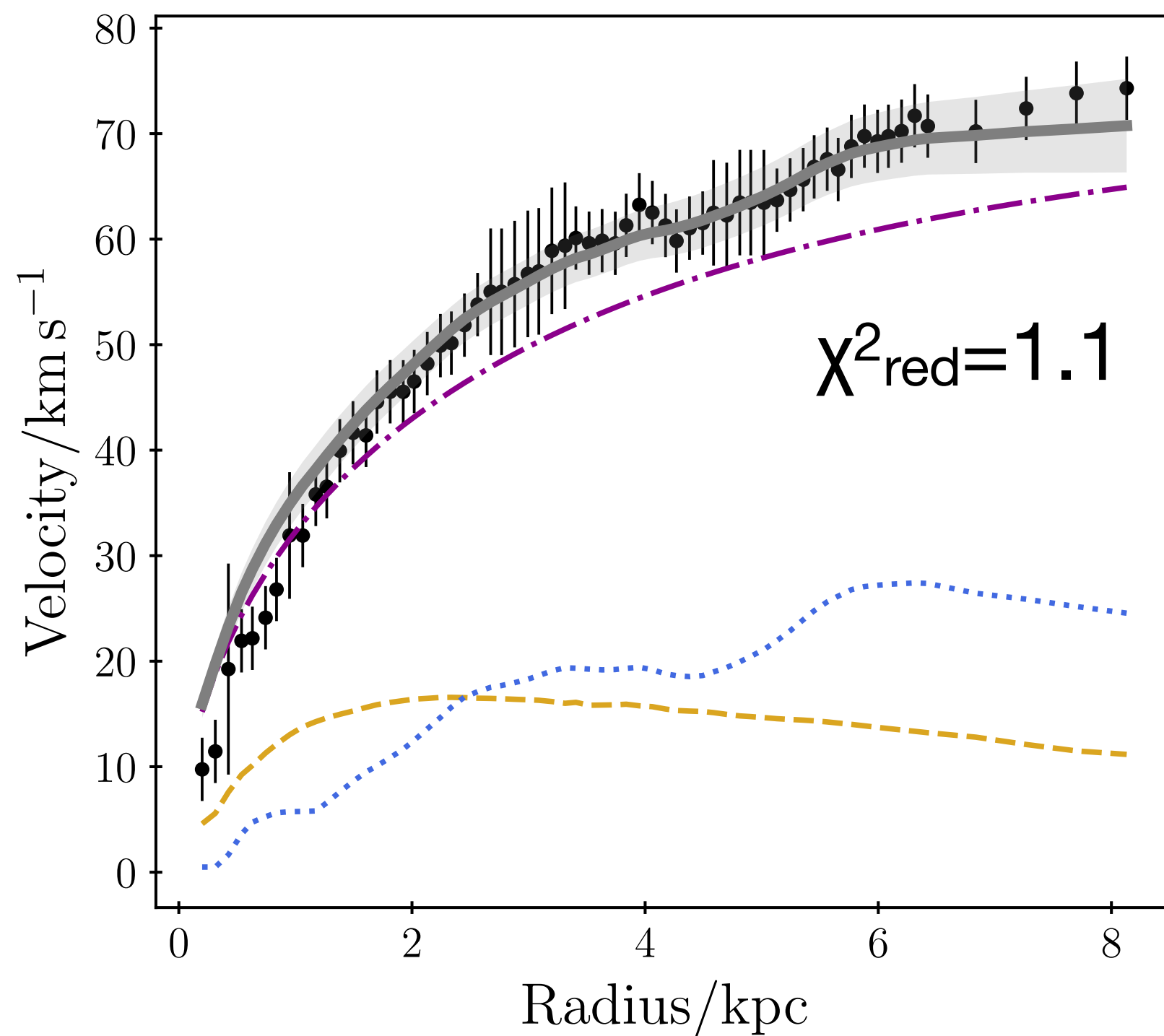


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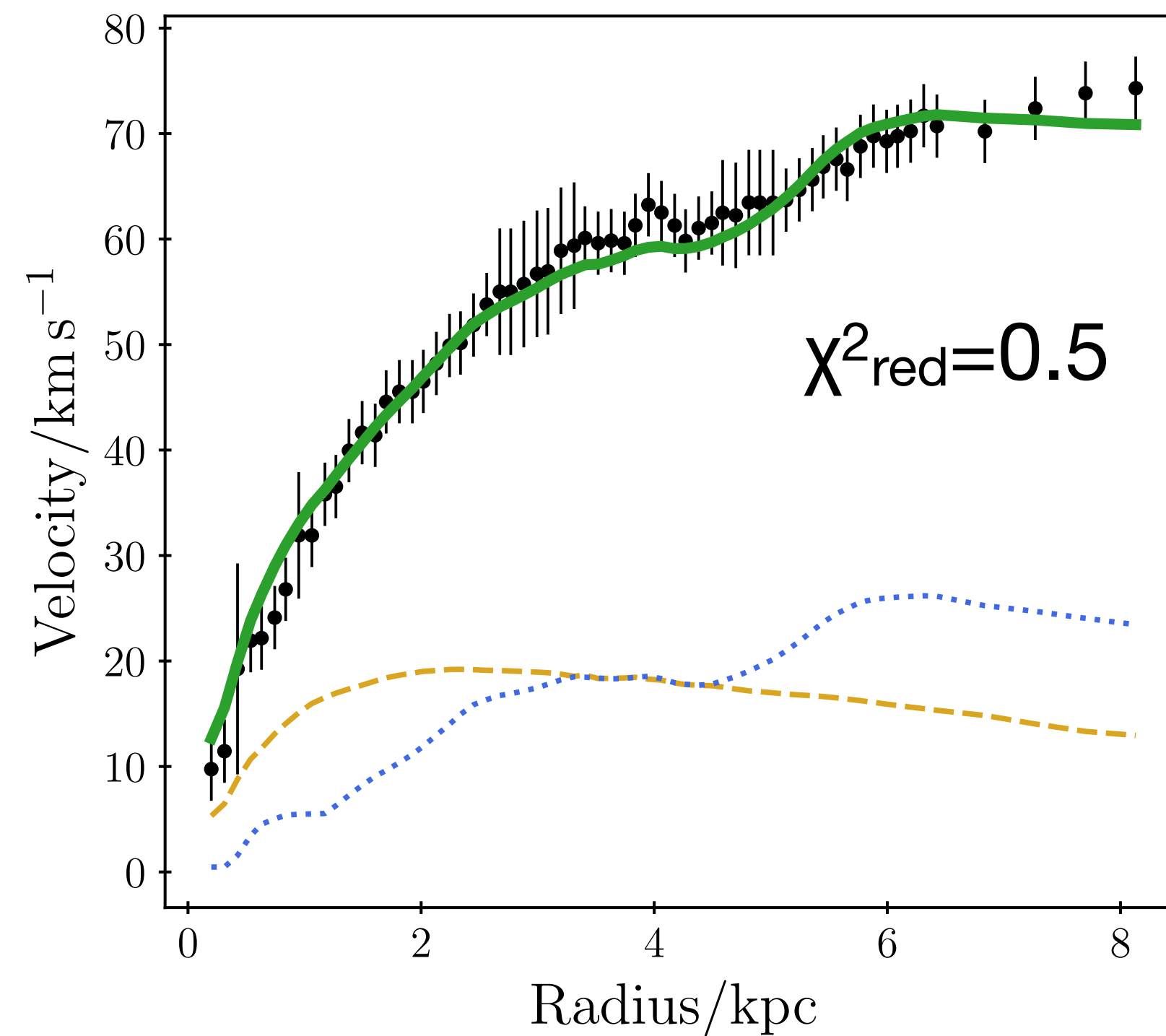


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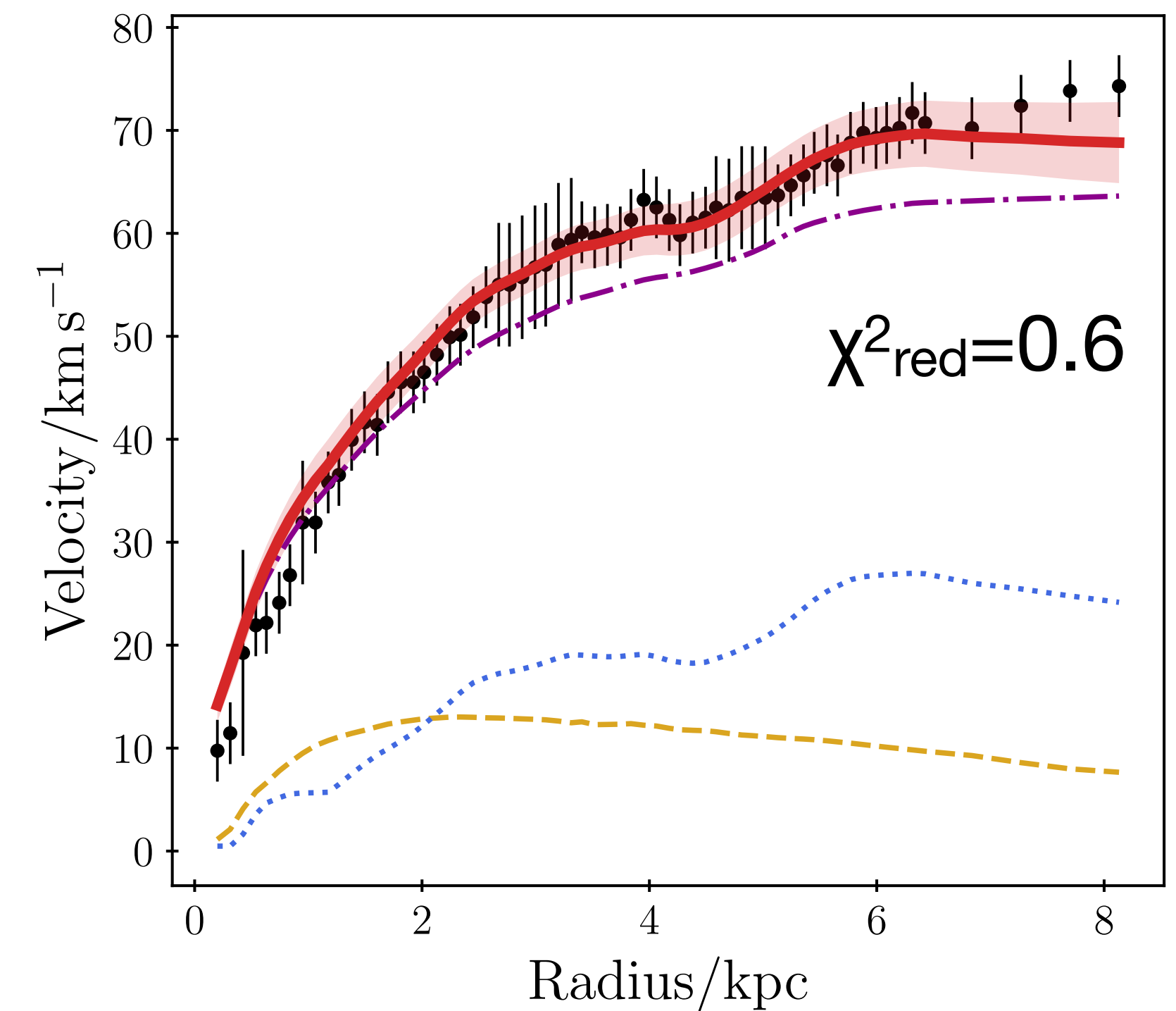
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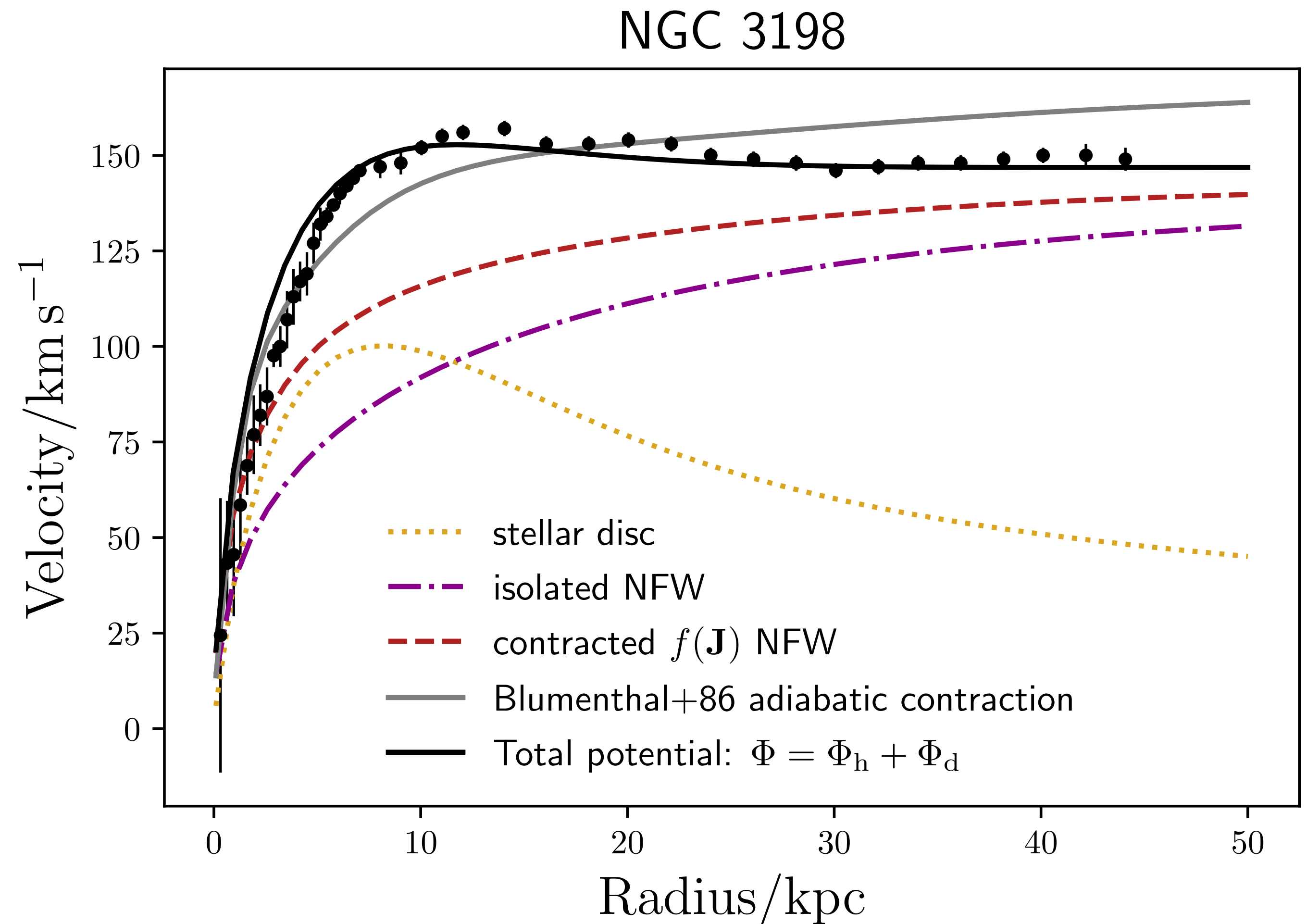
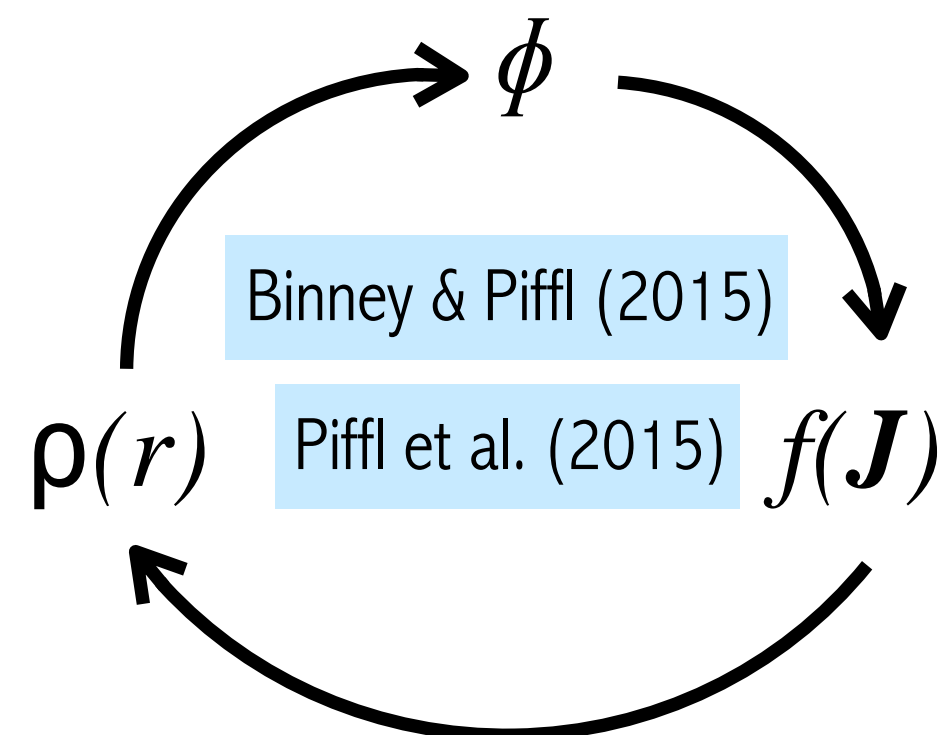
- Perhaps halo contraction can account for Renzo's rule in LCDM

# A better adiabatic contraction model

- How can we overcome Blumenthal's assumptions?

*spherical symmetry, circular orbits*

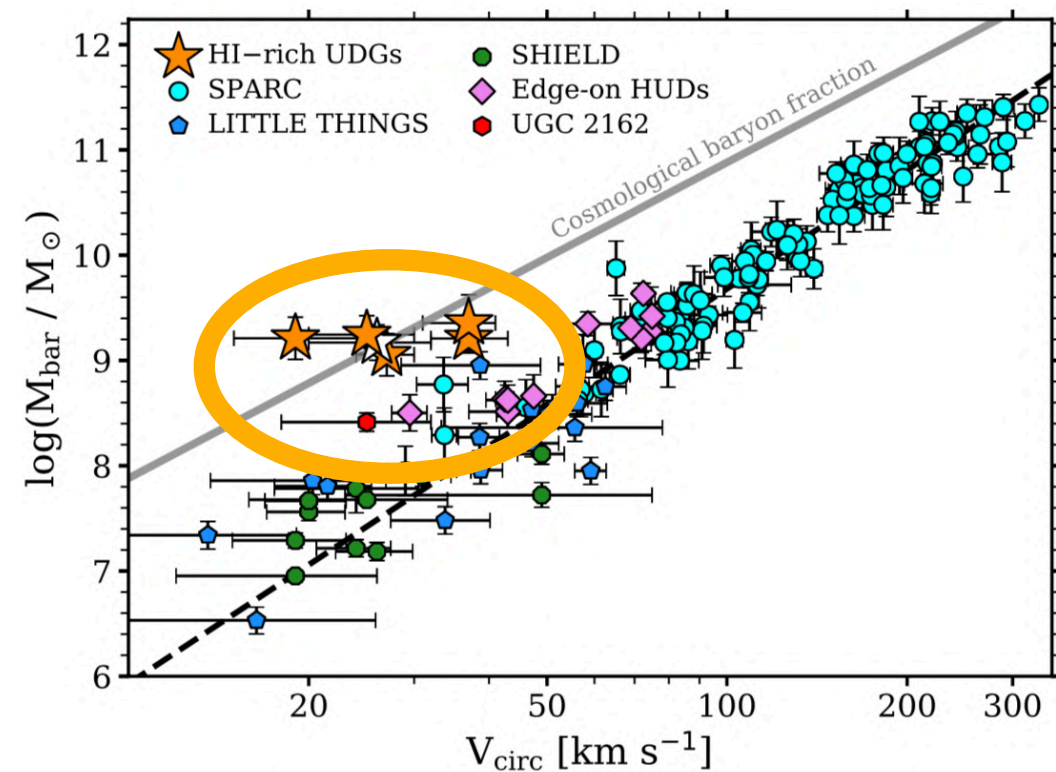
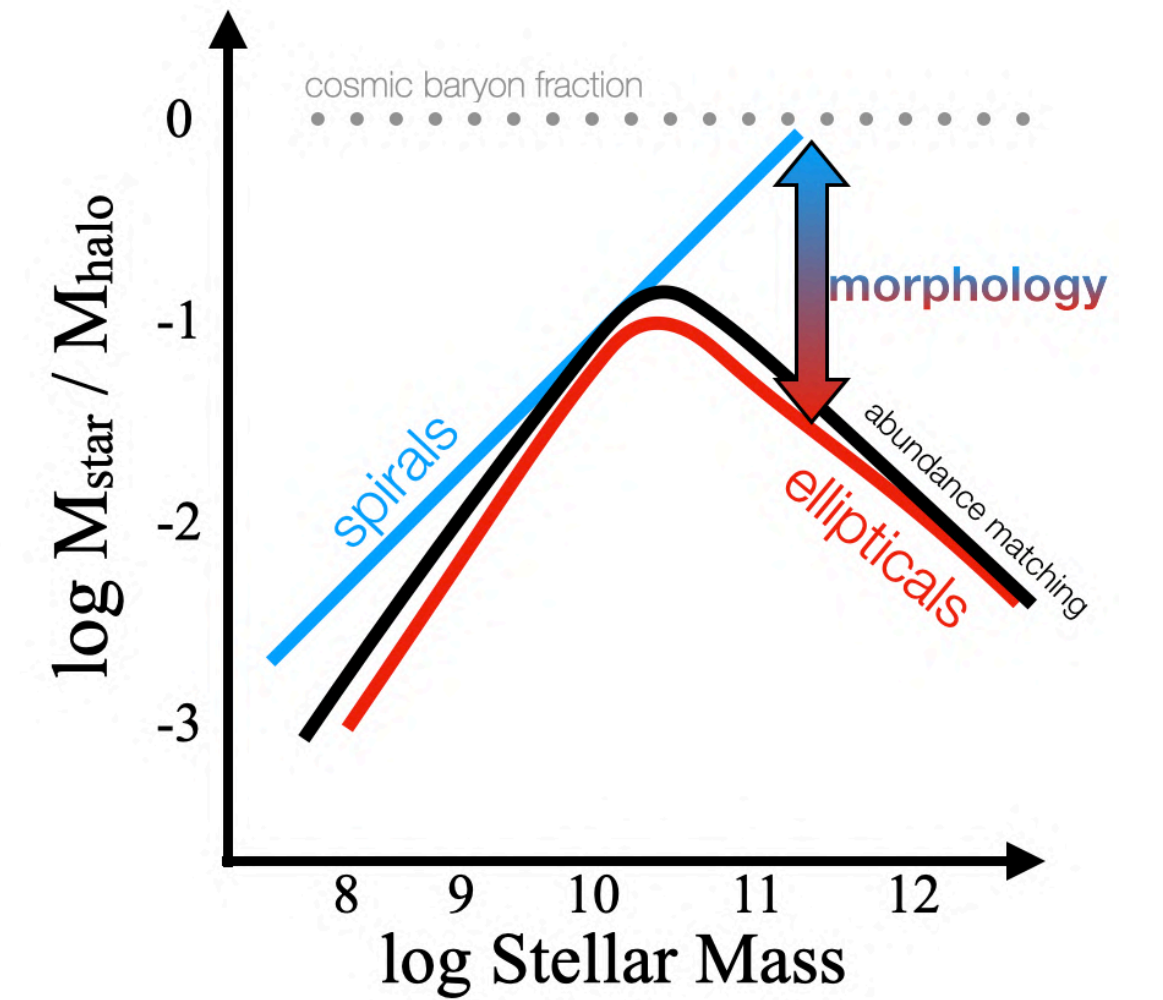
- DM halos with distribution functions  $f(\mathbf{J})$ , depending on action integrals
- Actions  $\mathbf{J}$ , hence the DF  $f(\mathbf{J})$ , are by construction adiabatic invariants
- Set-up an  $f(\mathbf{J})$  NFW, add baryons as external potential, let  $f(\mathbf{J})$  relax to a flattened contracted halo





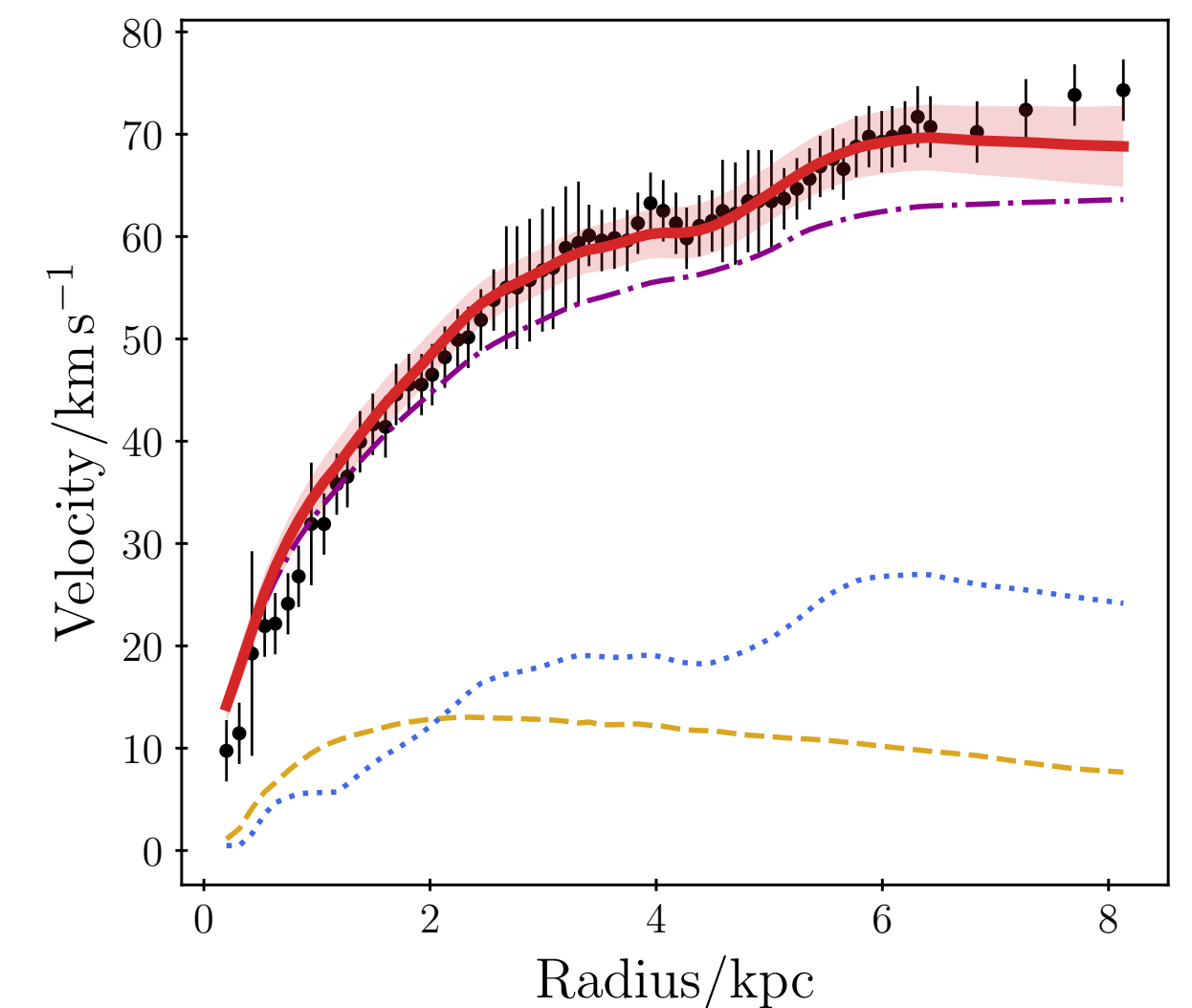
# Take home messages

- Galaxy rotation curves probe the stellar-to-halo mass relation
- Massive **disc** galaxies follow a separate branch from **ellipticals**
- Consistent with the latest Tully-Fisher estimates at high masses



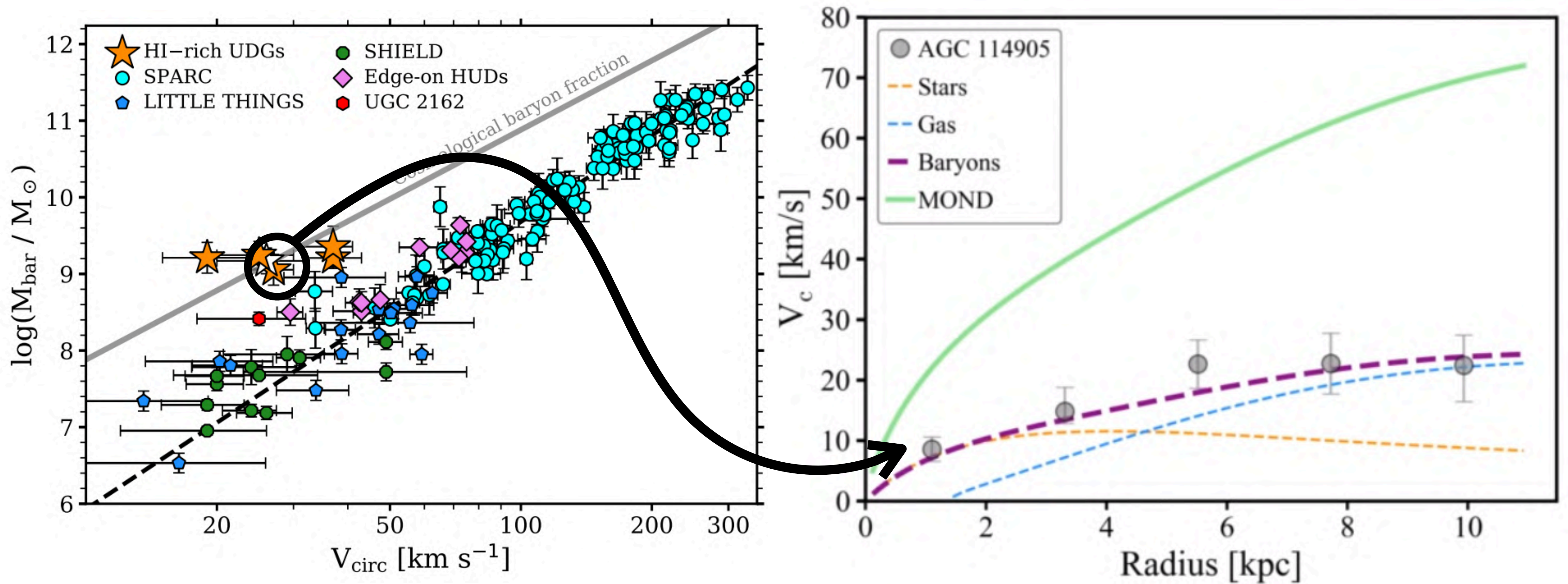
- **Outliers** of the Tully-Fisher at low masses are challenging both for LCDM and even more so for MOND

- **Halo contraction** can severely alter the shape of DM halos
- Might provide a long-sought explanation for Renzo's rule in LCDM





# The low-mass end of the Tully-Fisher



Credit: P. Mancera-Piña