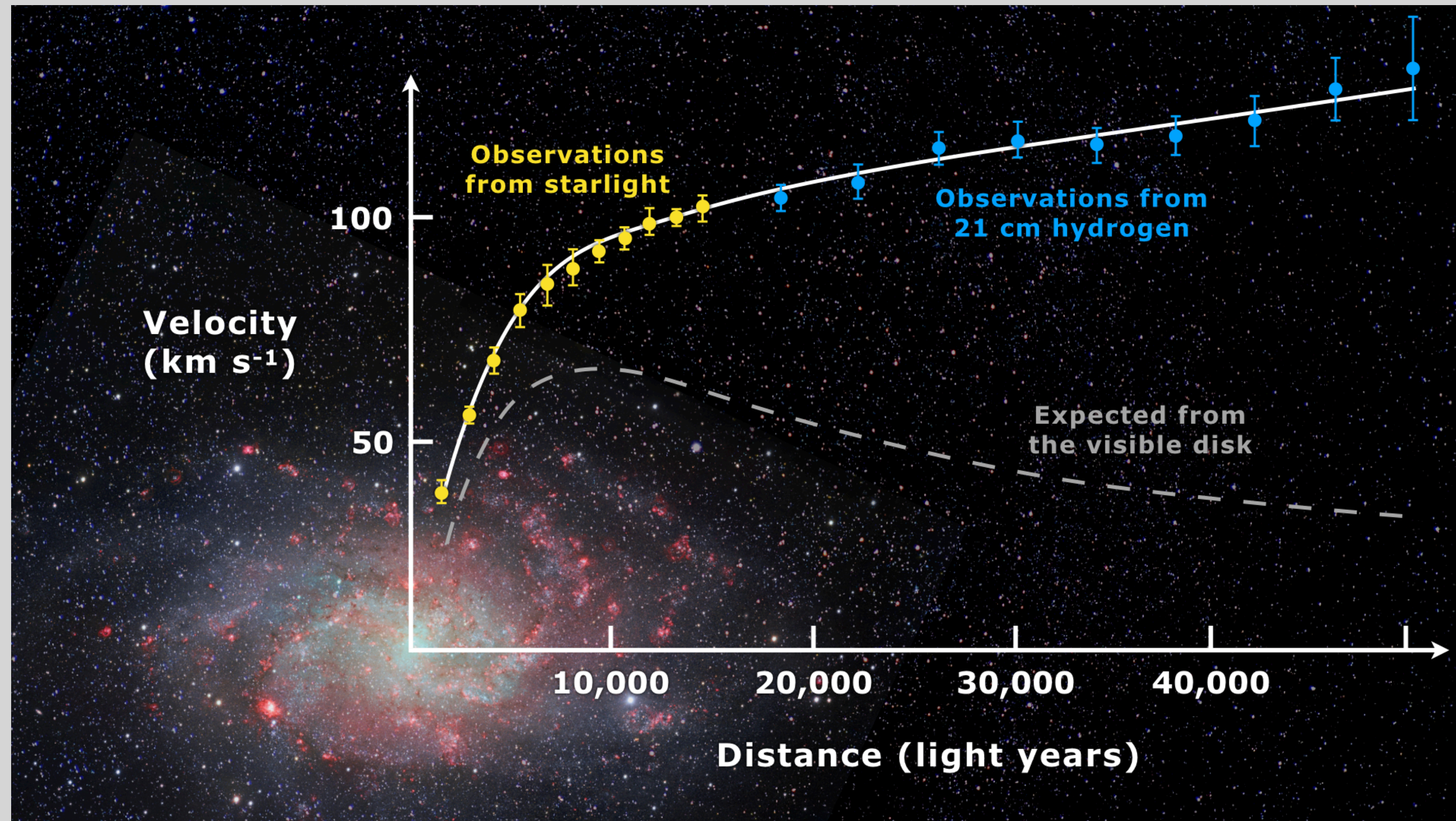


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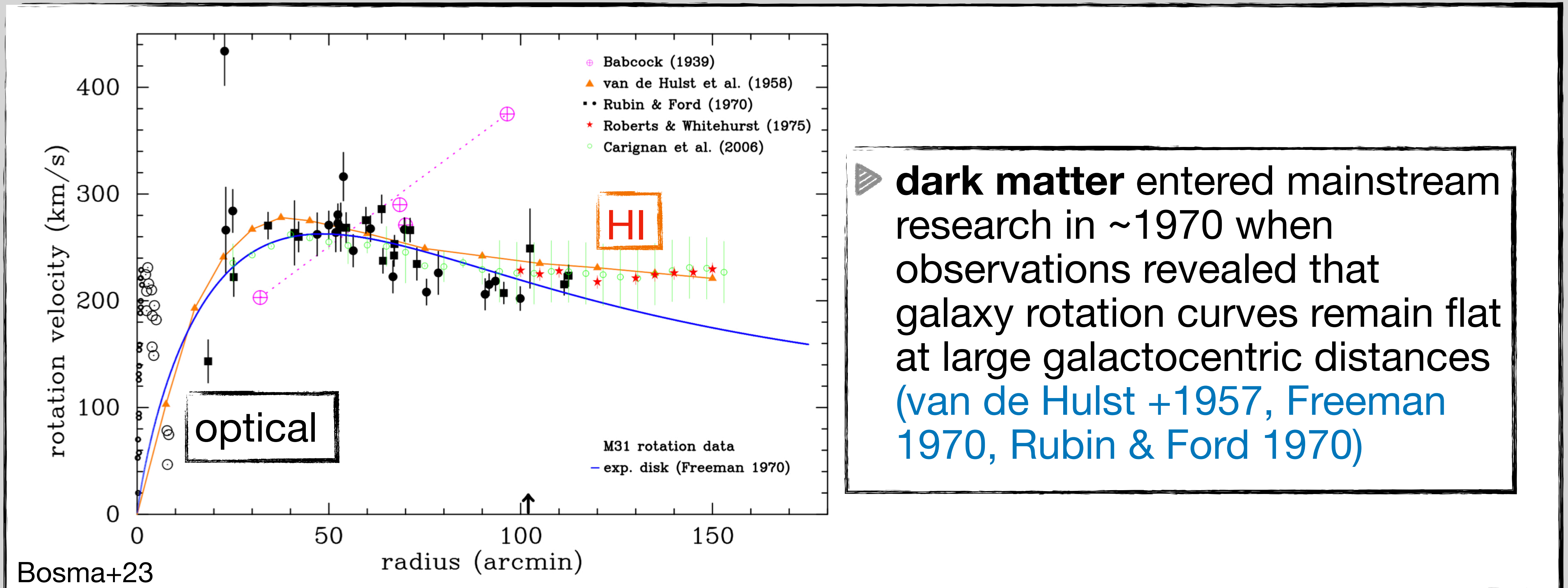


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“**mass discrepancy problem**” in galaxies and cosmology has been around since ~1930 (Oort 1932 and Zwicky 1933).



► **dark matter** entered mainstream research in ~1970 when observations revealed that galaxy rotation curves remain flat at large galactocentric distances (van de Hulst +1957, Freeman 1970, Rubin & Ford 1970)

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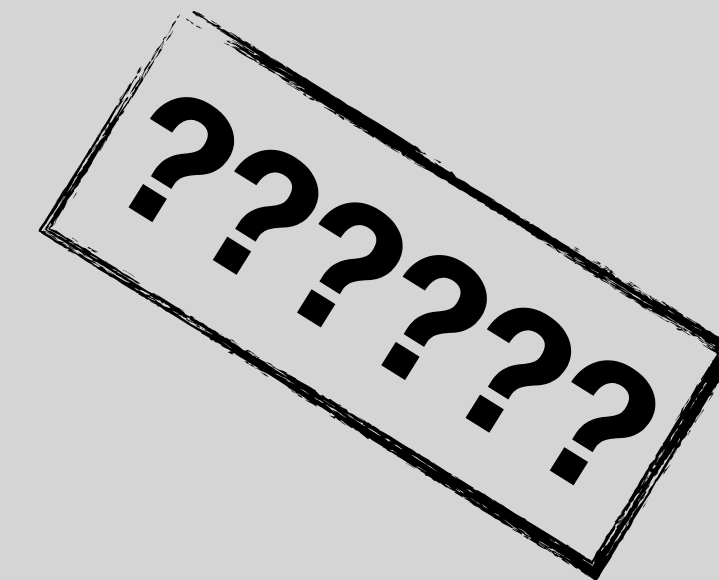
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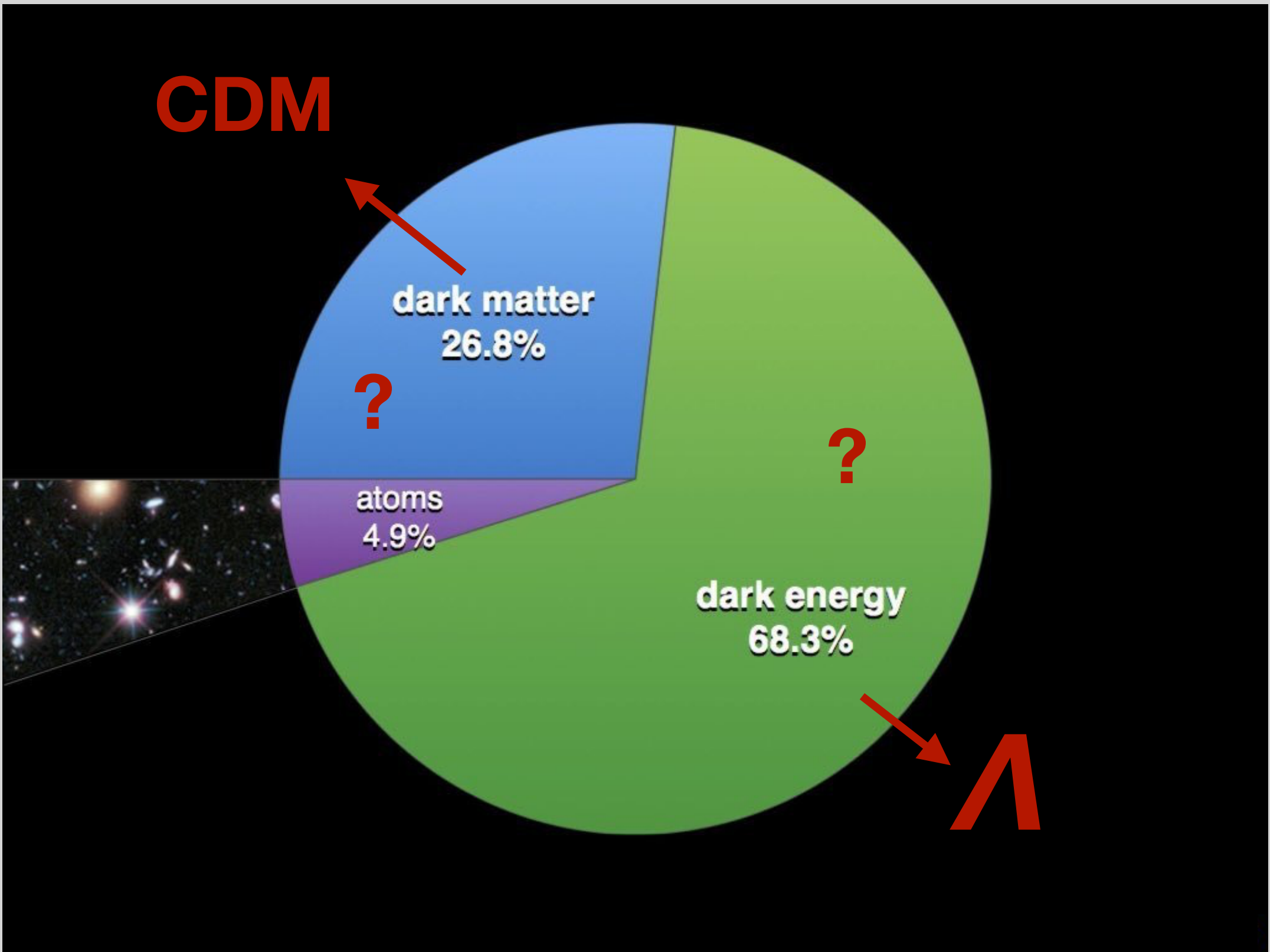
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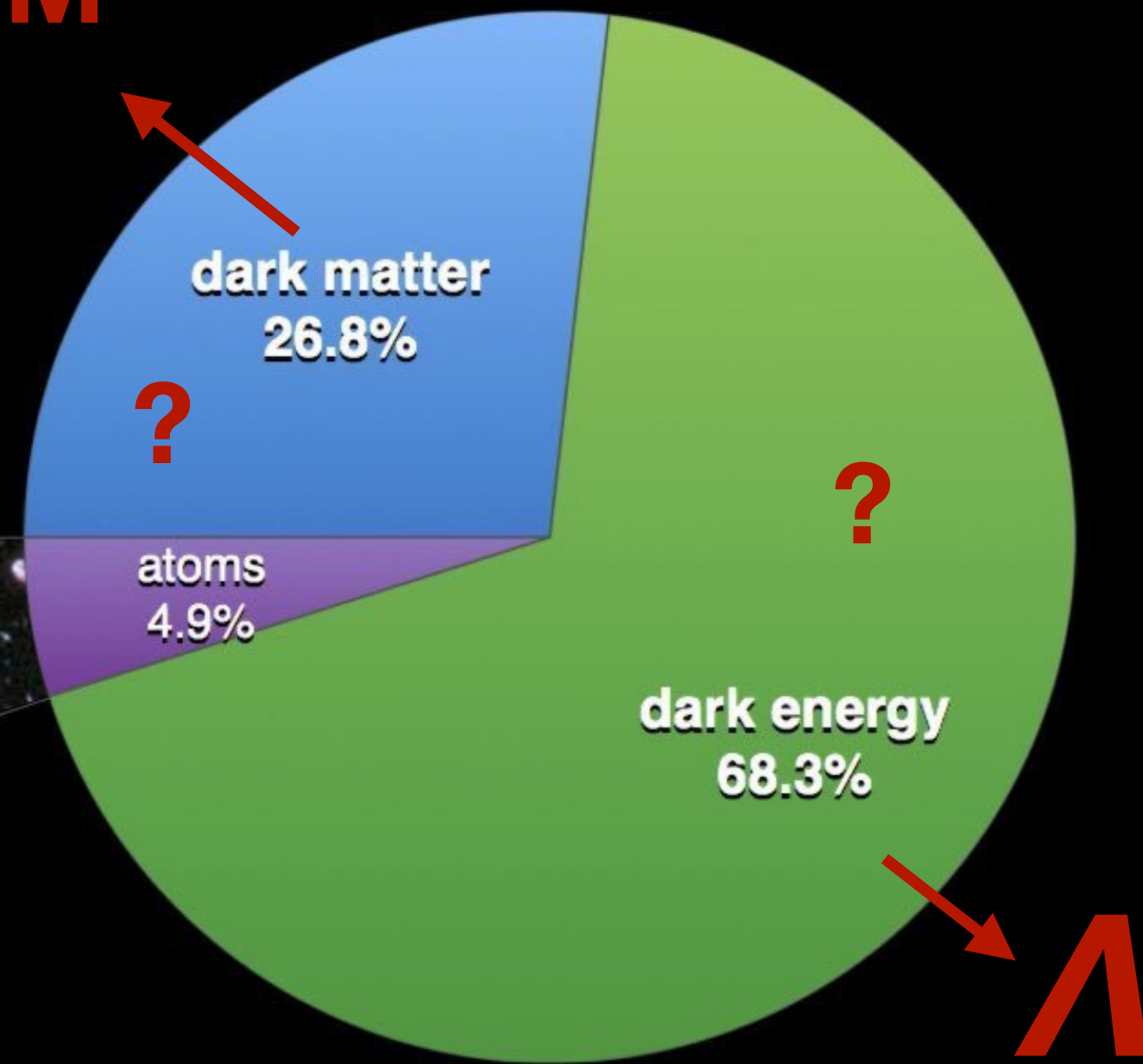


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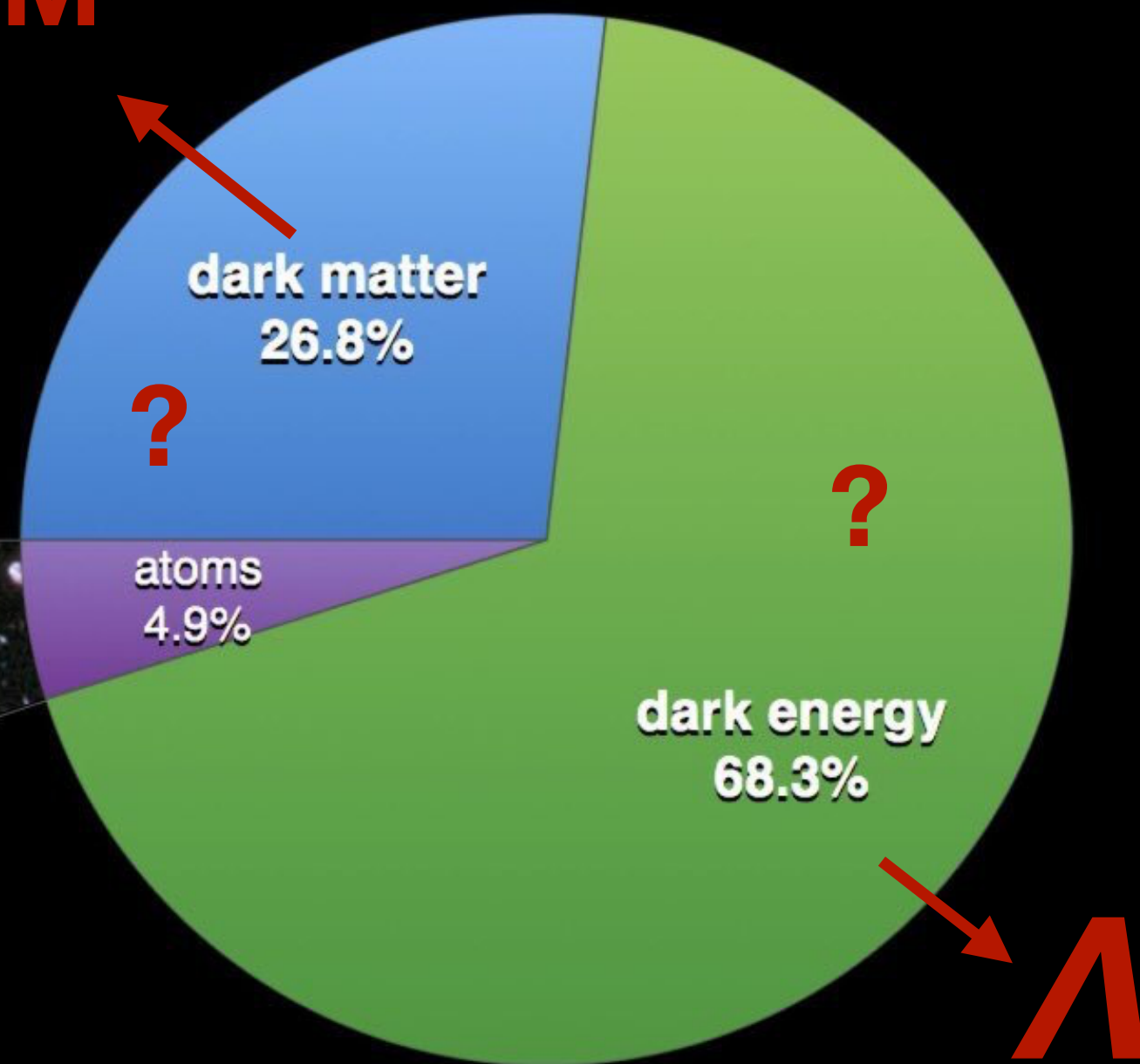
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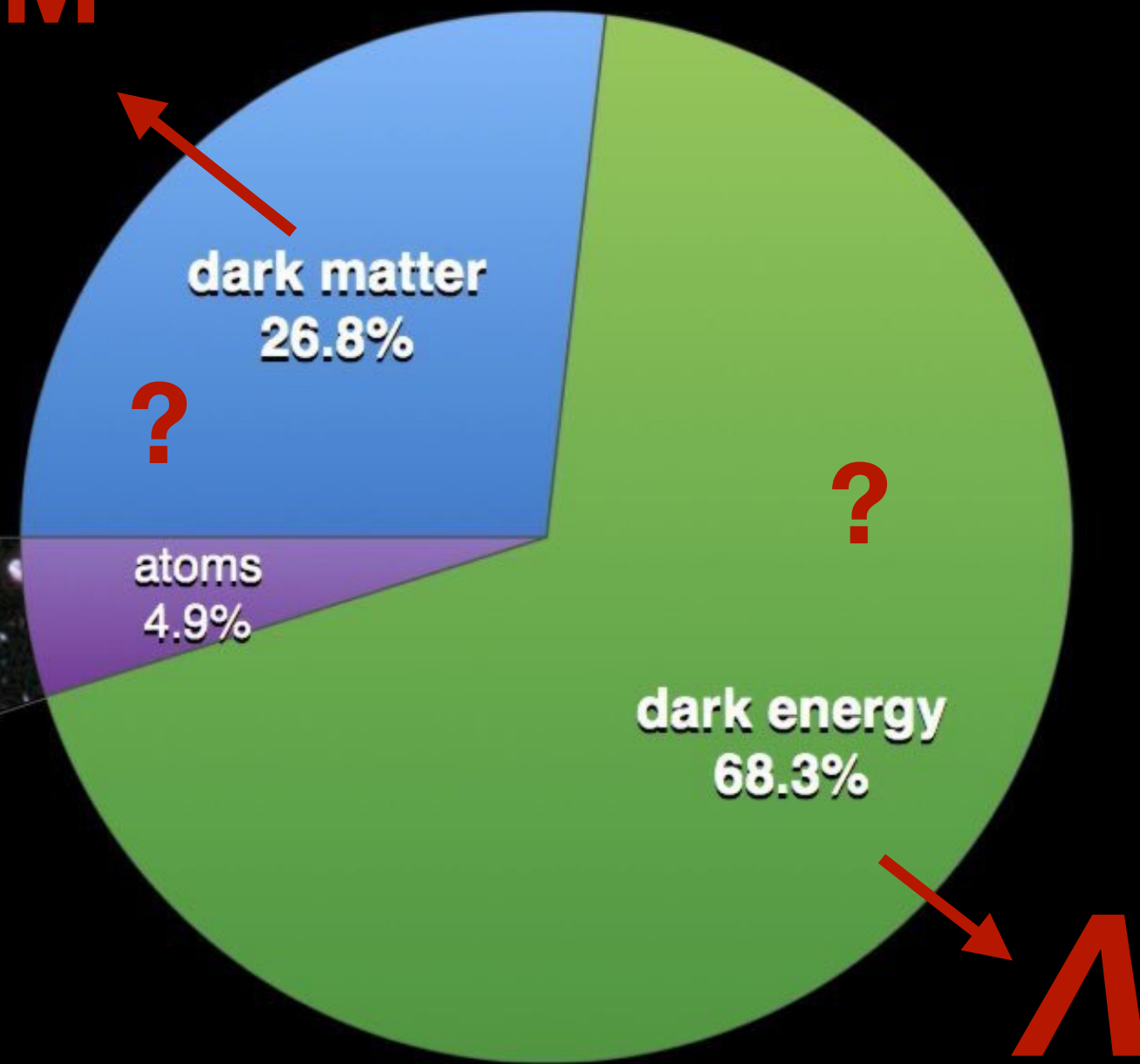
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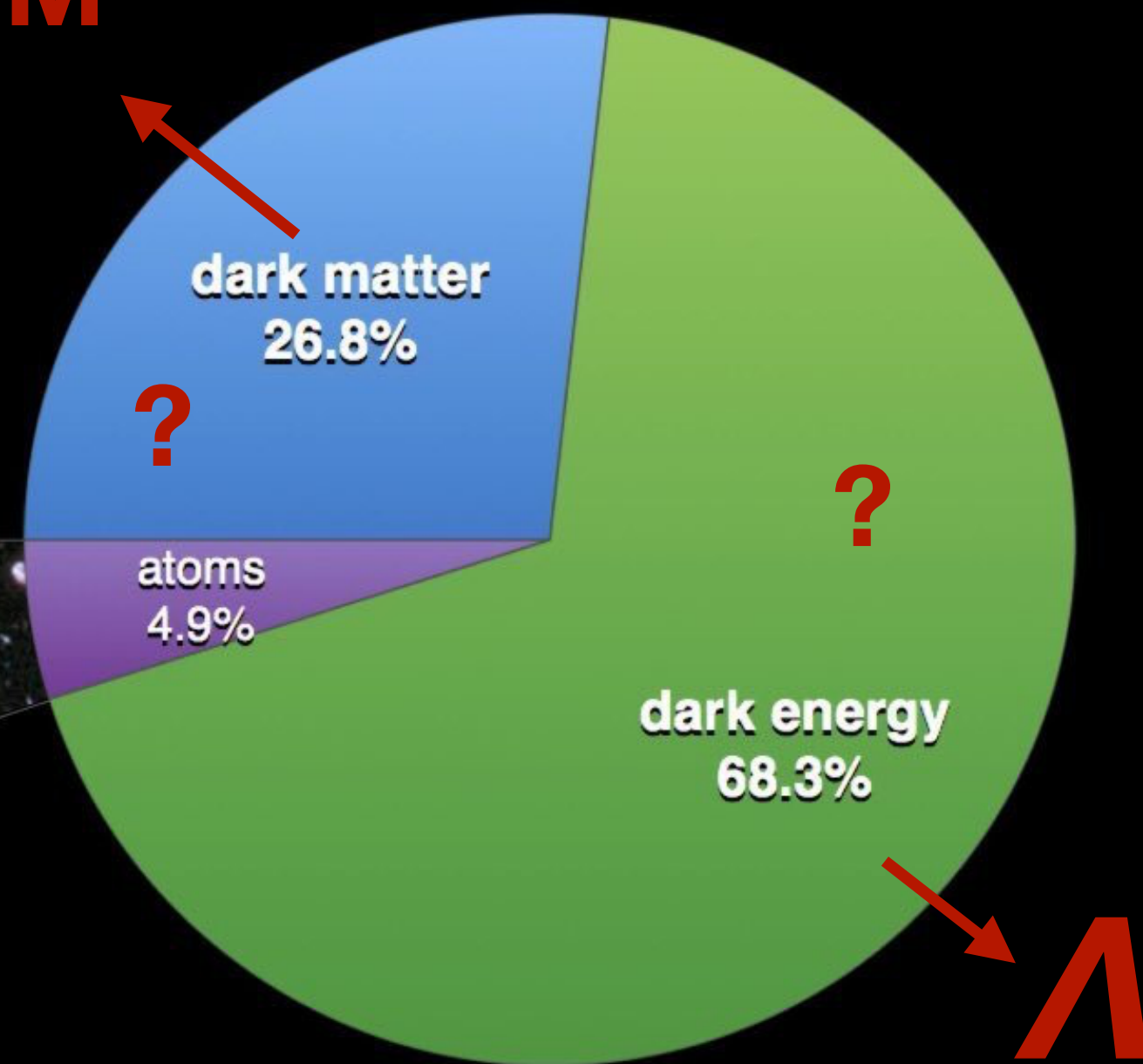
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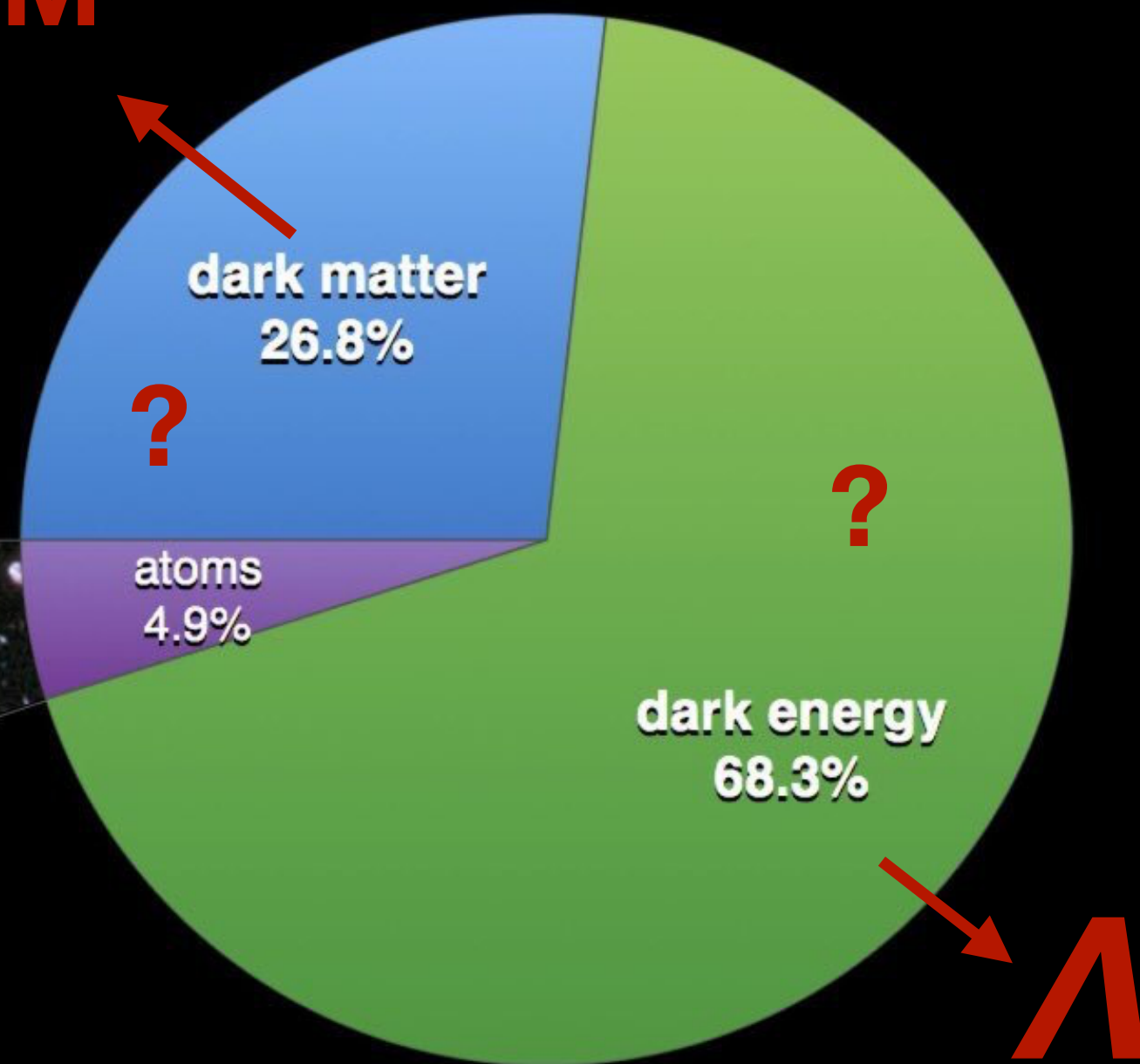
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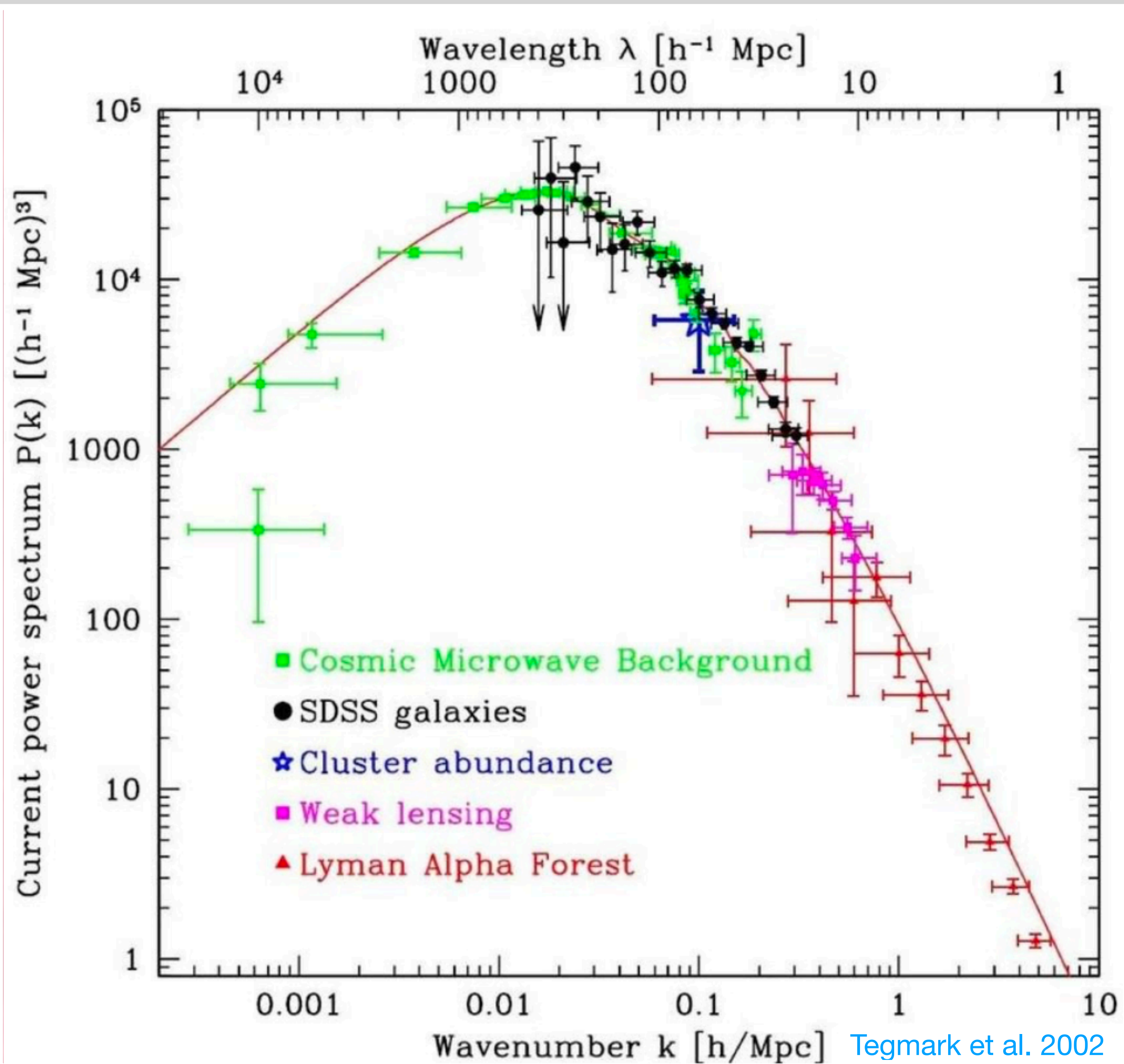
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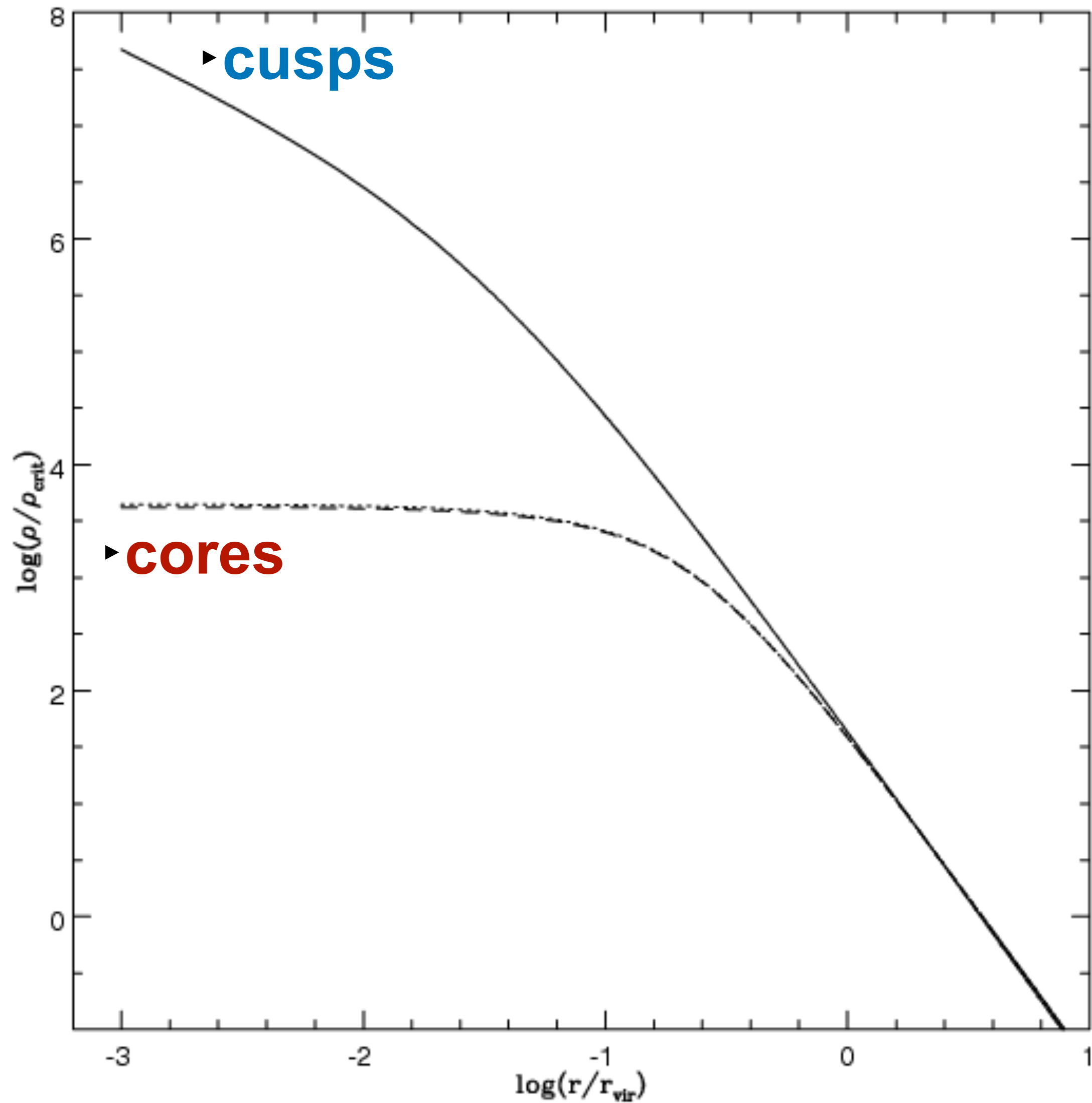
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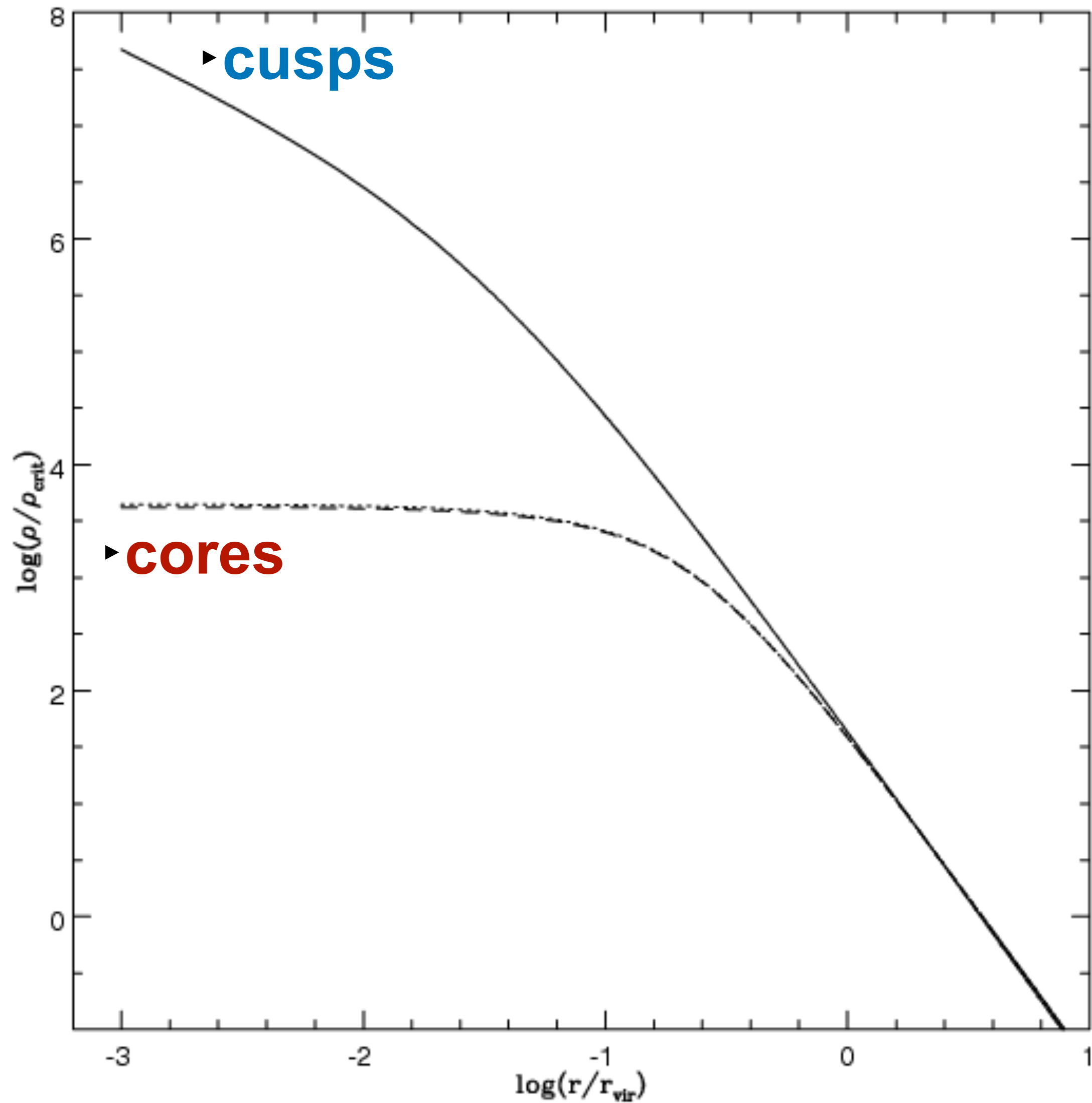
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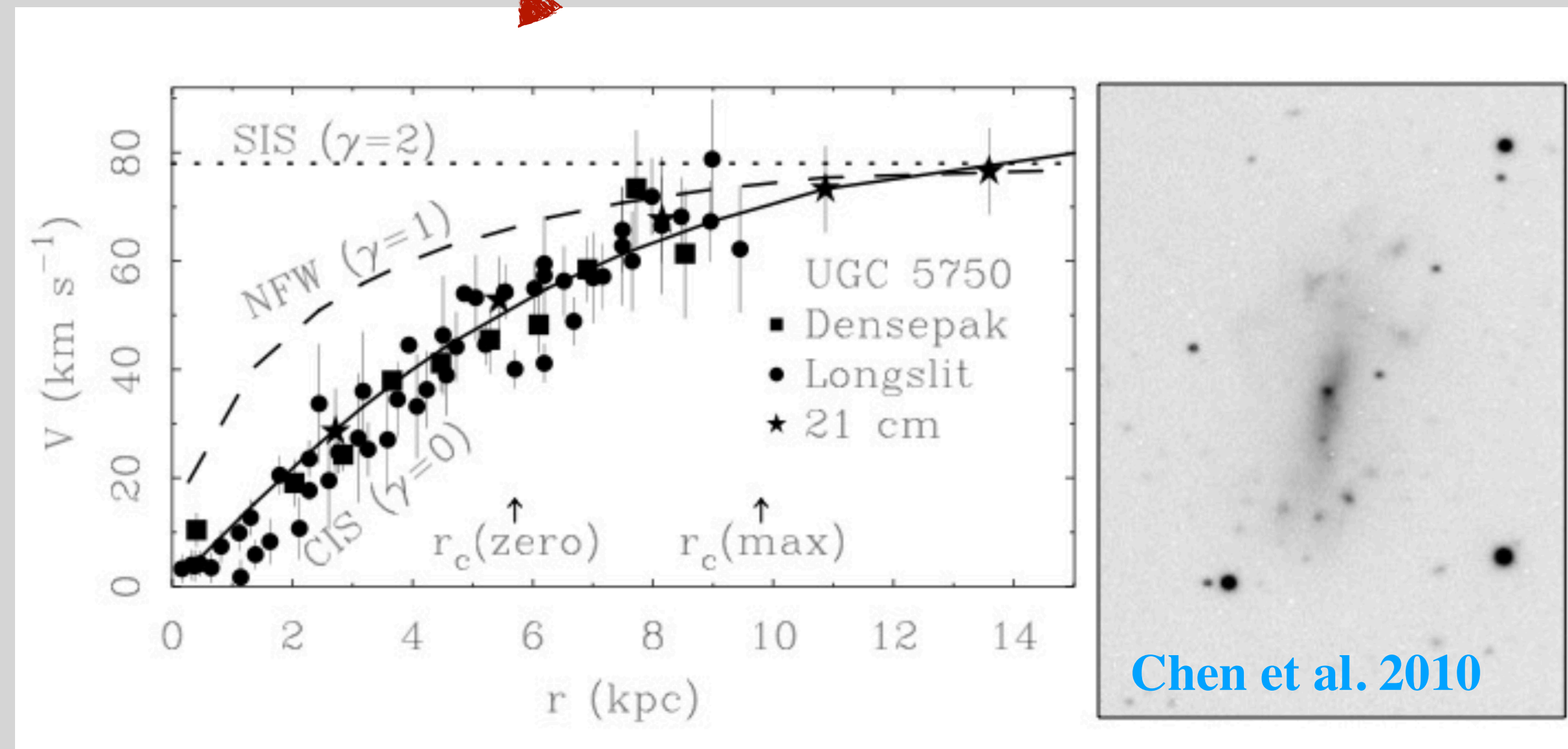


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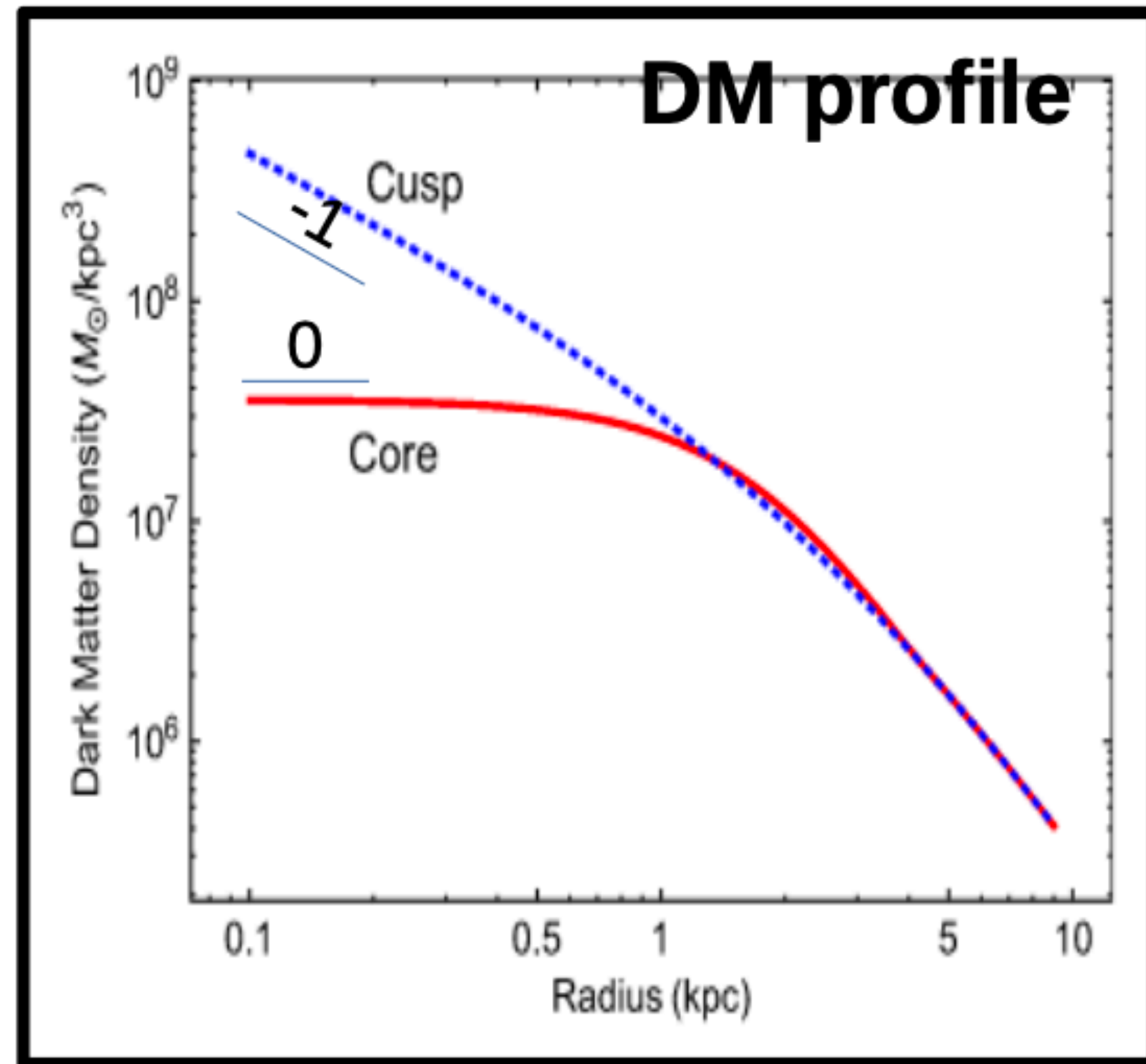
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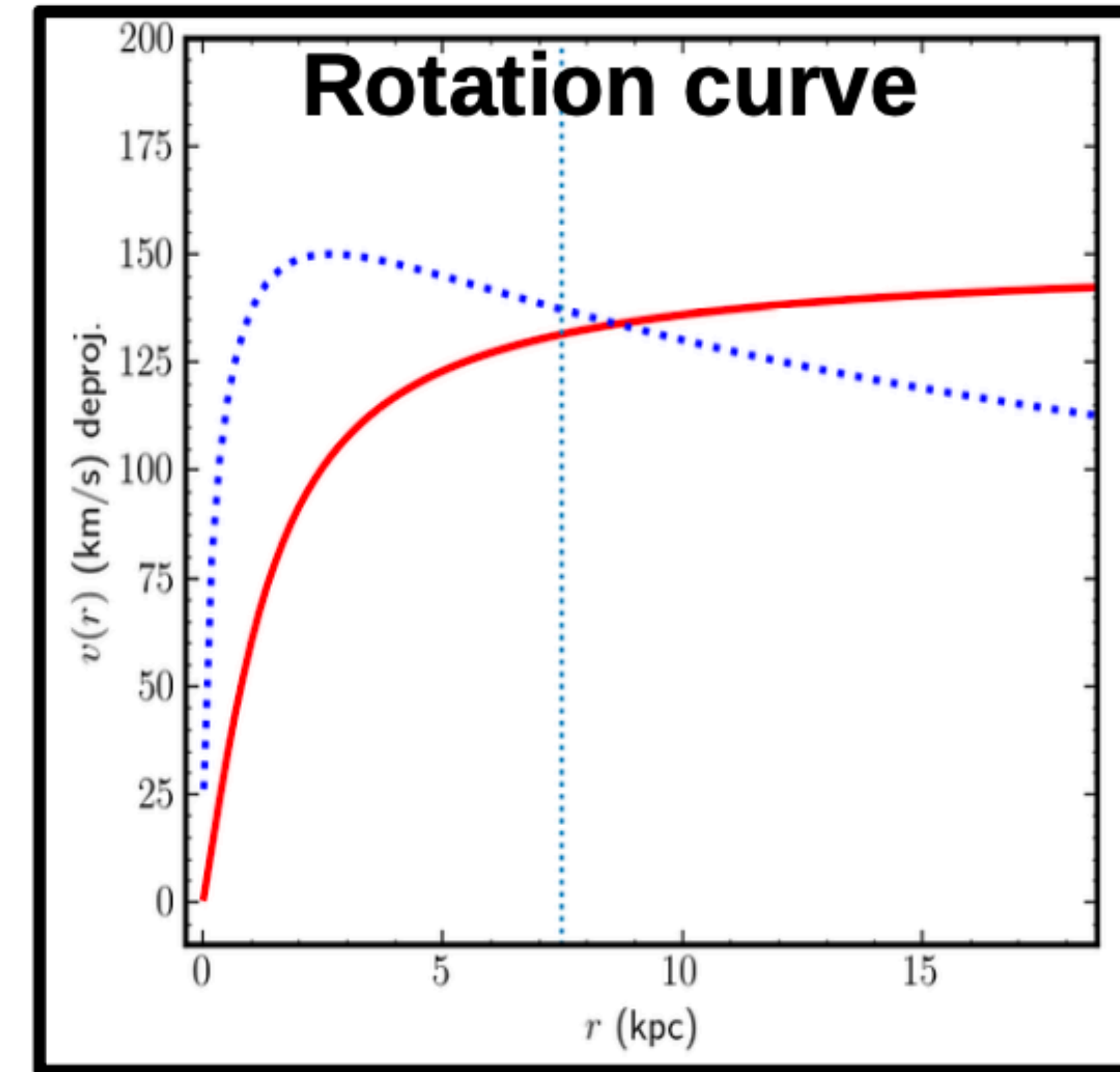
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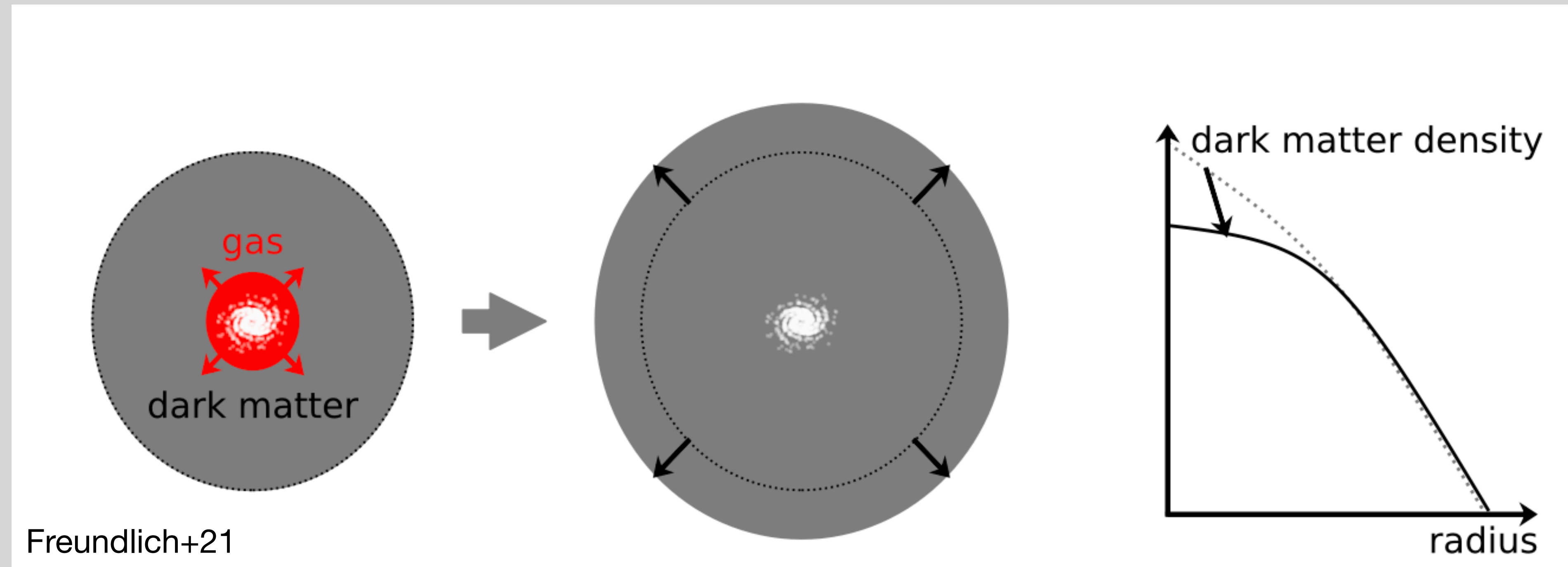


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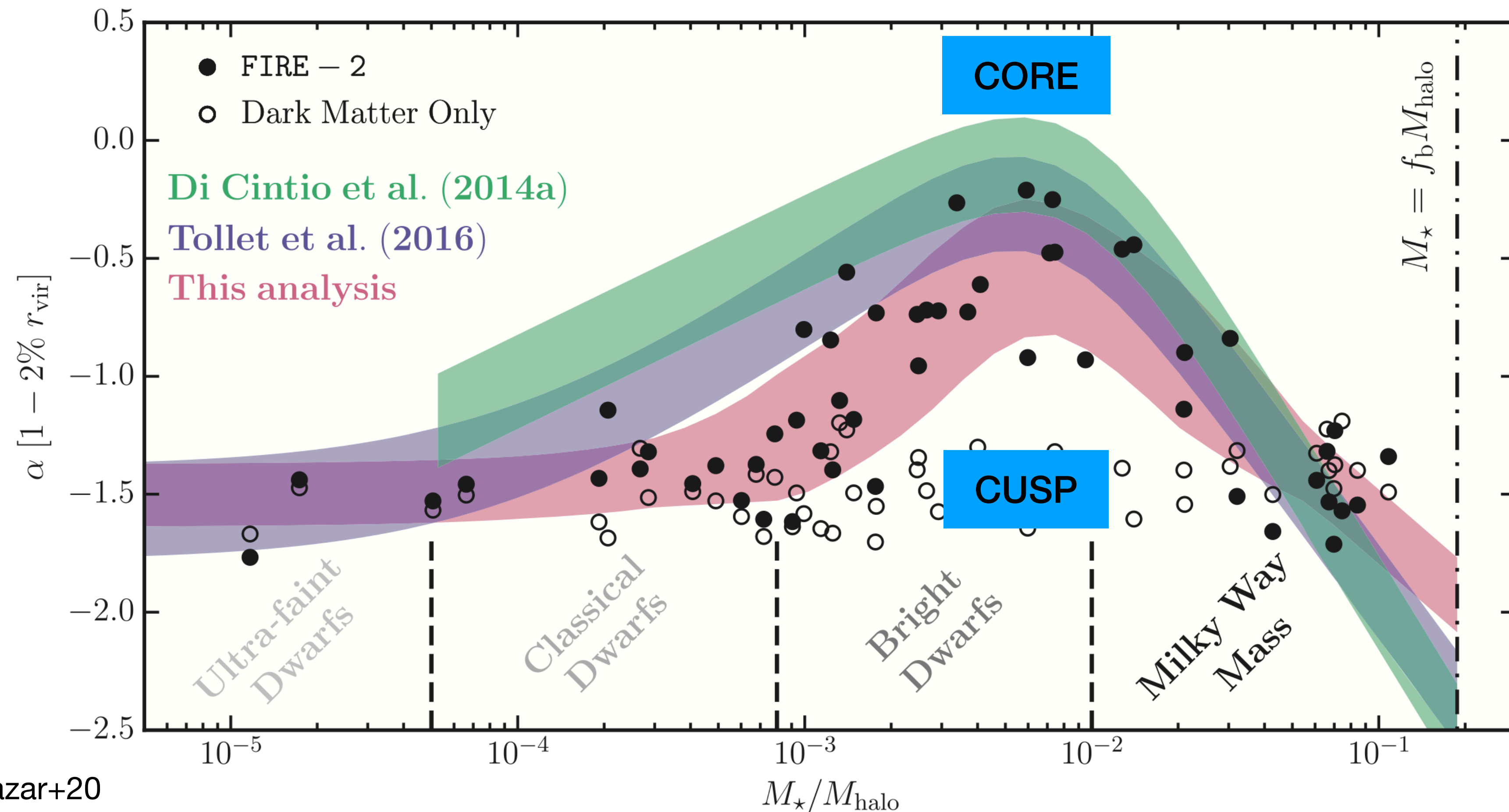
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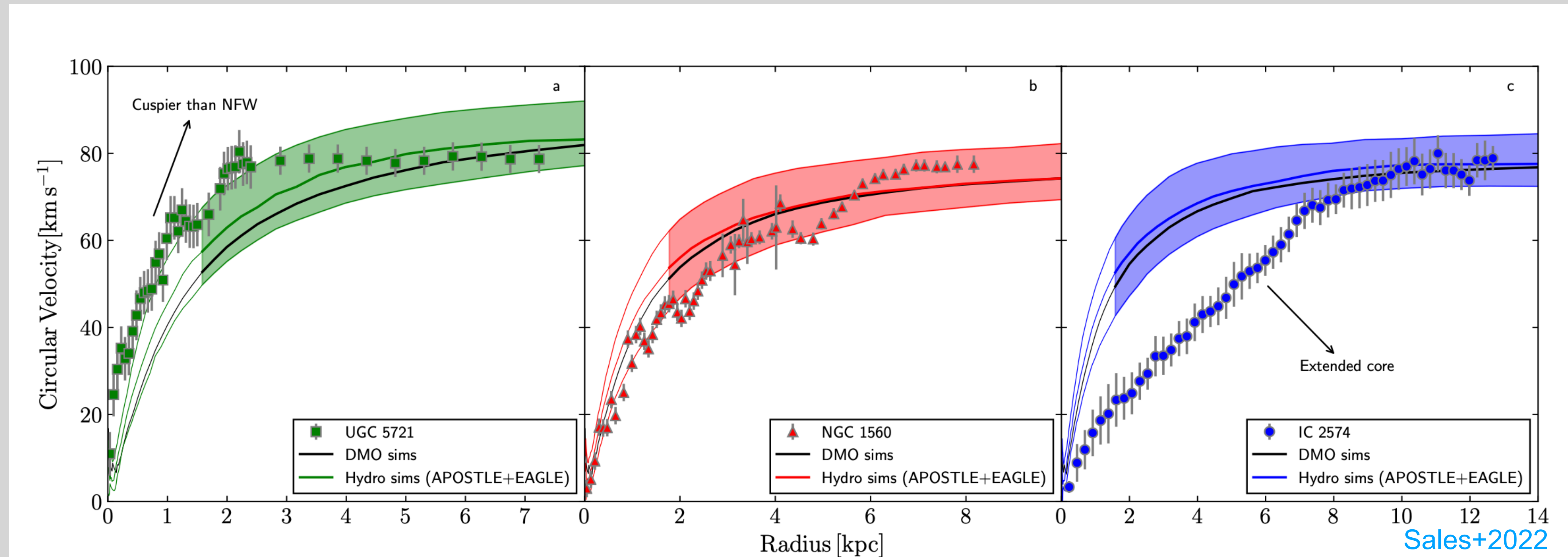
Hydrodynamical simulations with stellar feedback



Lazar+20

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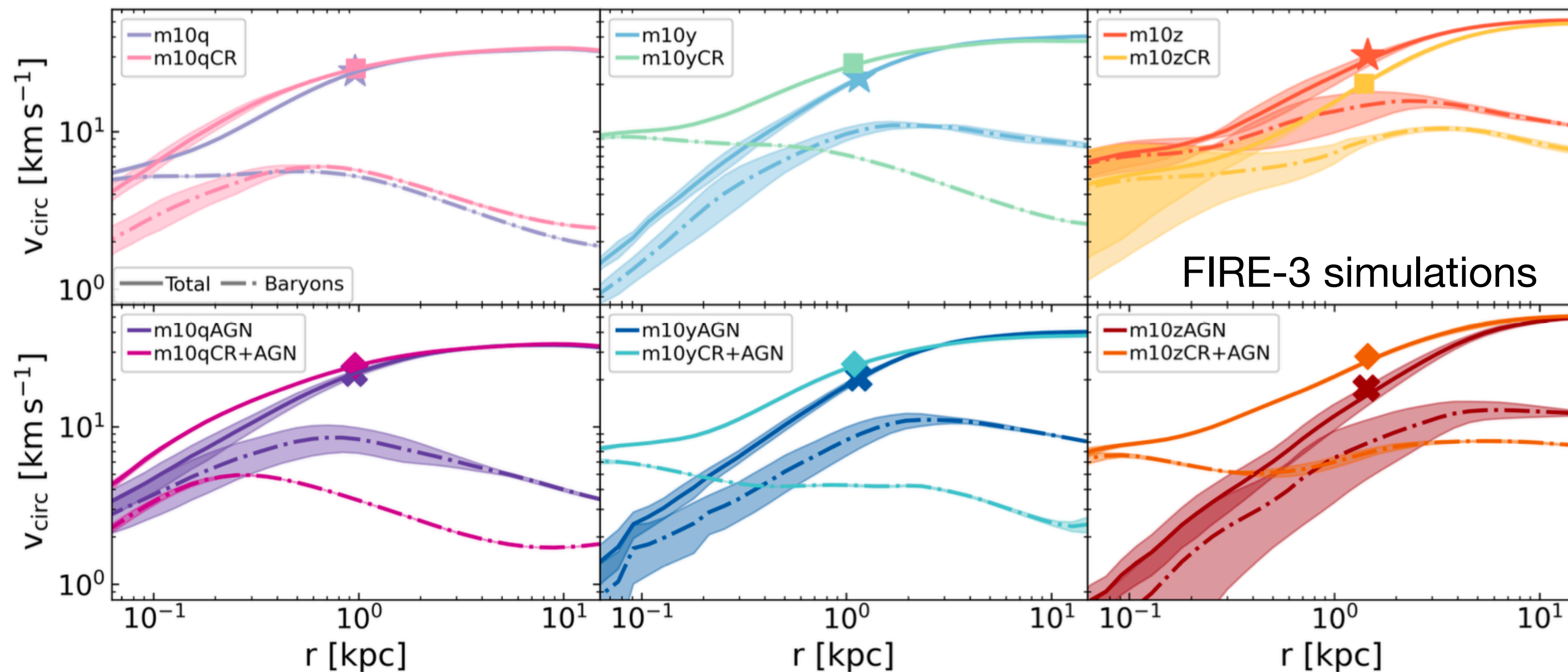
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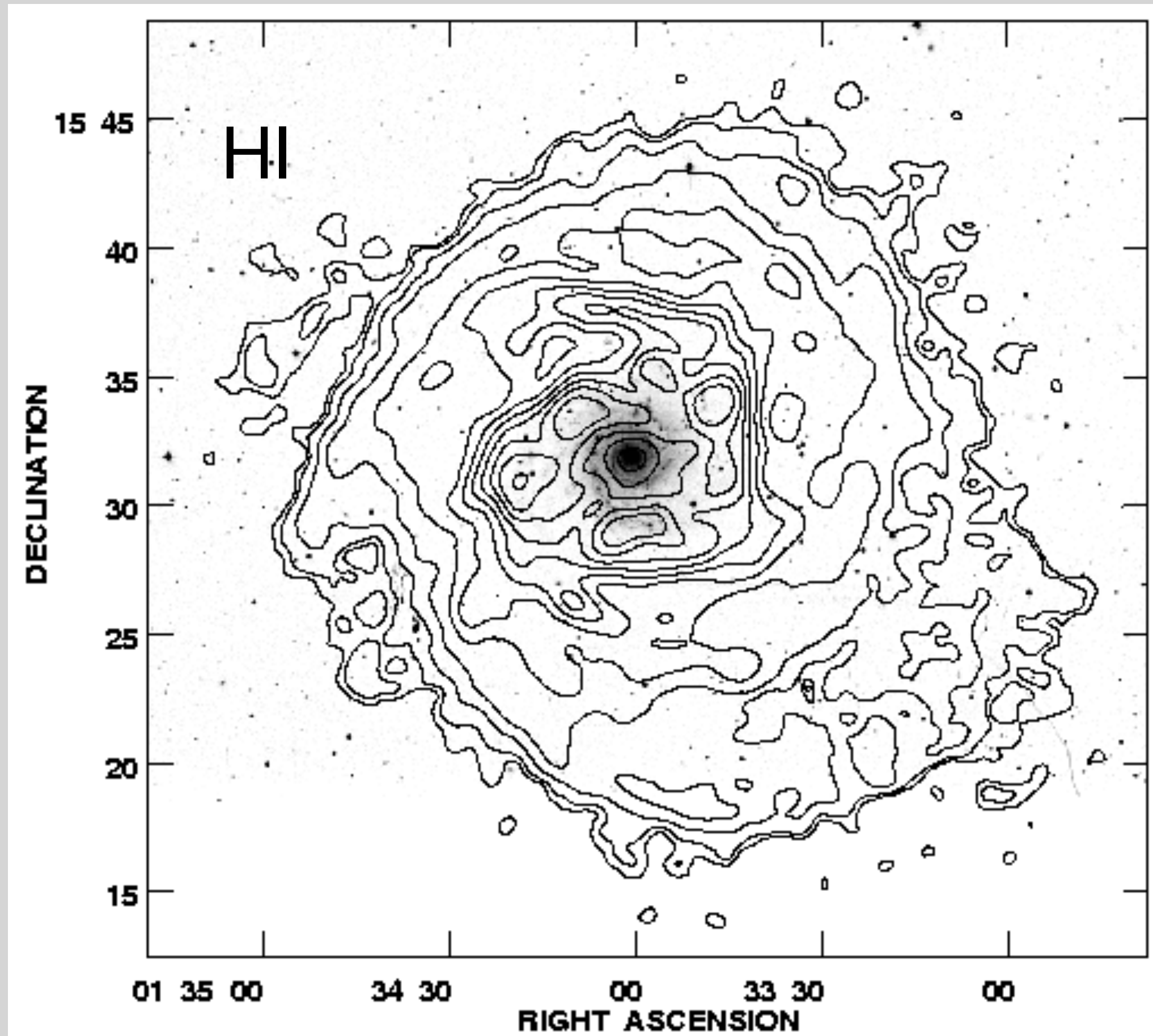
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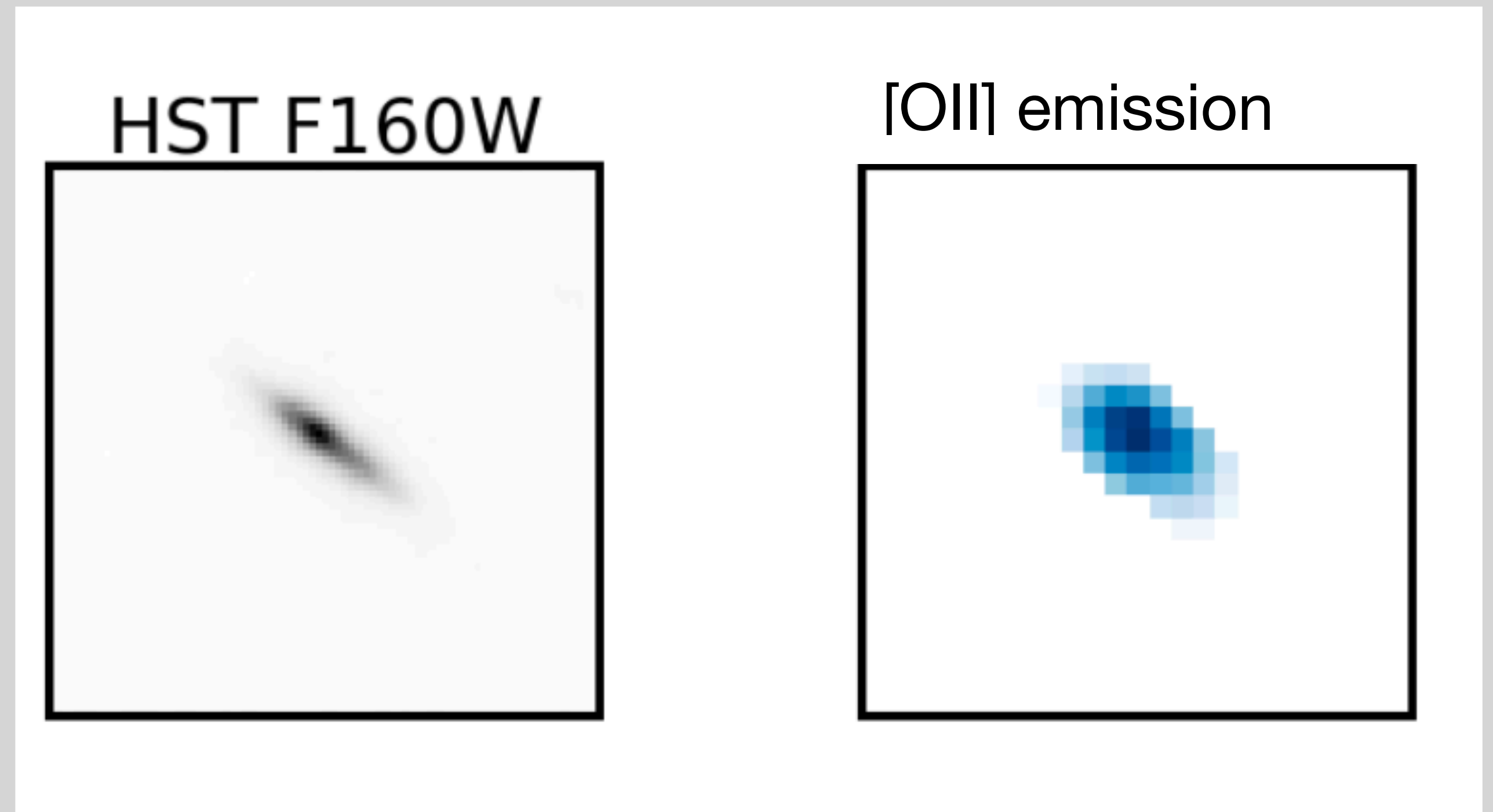
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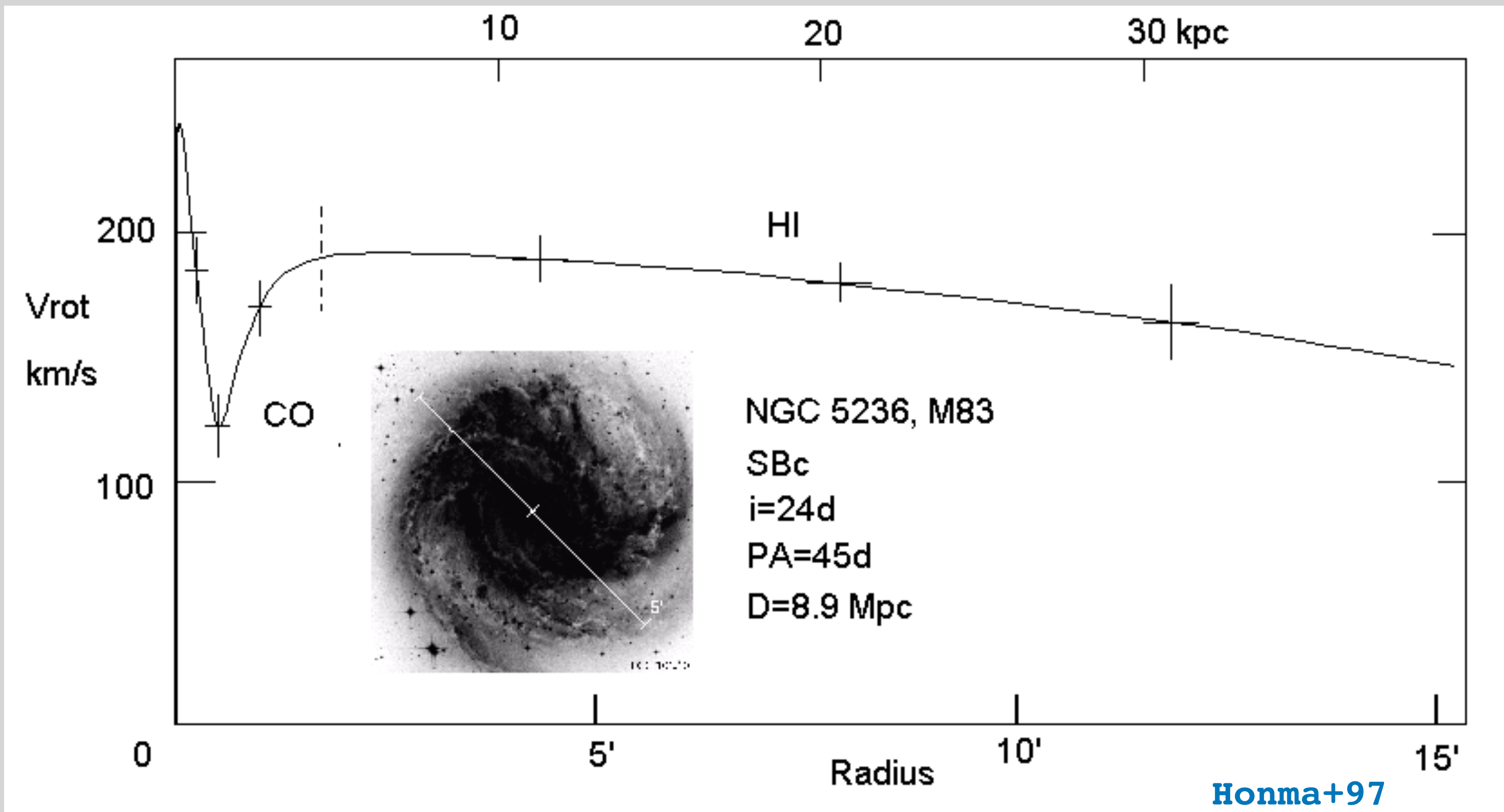
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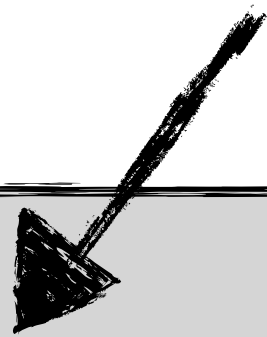
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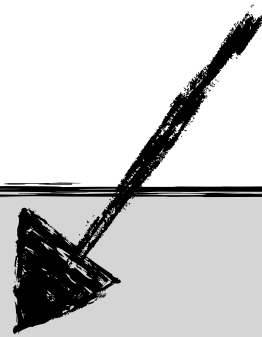
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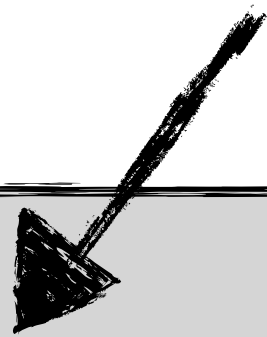


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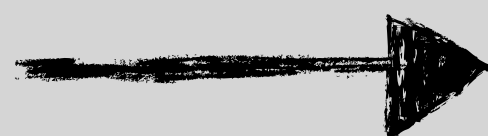
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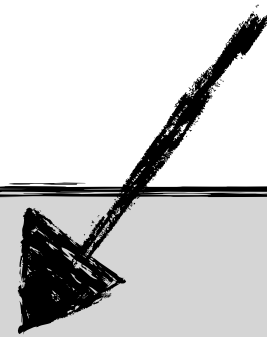
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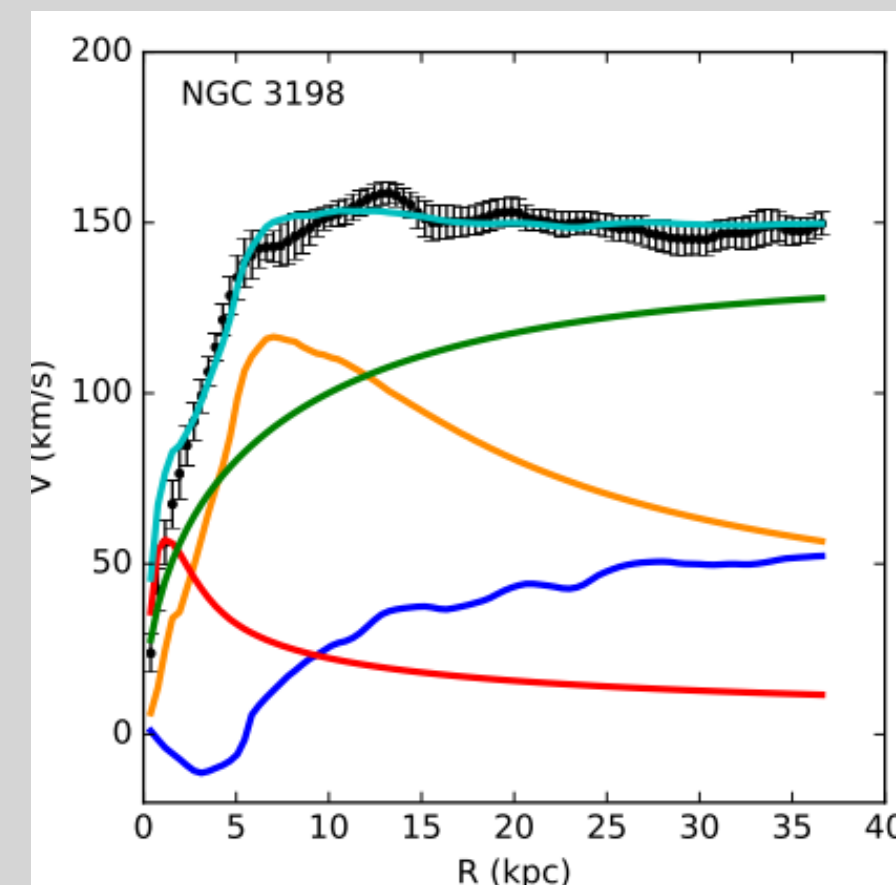
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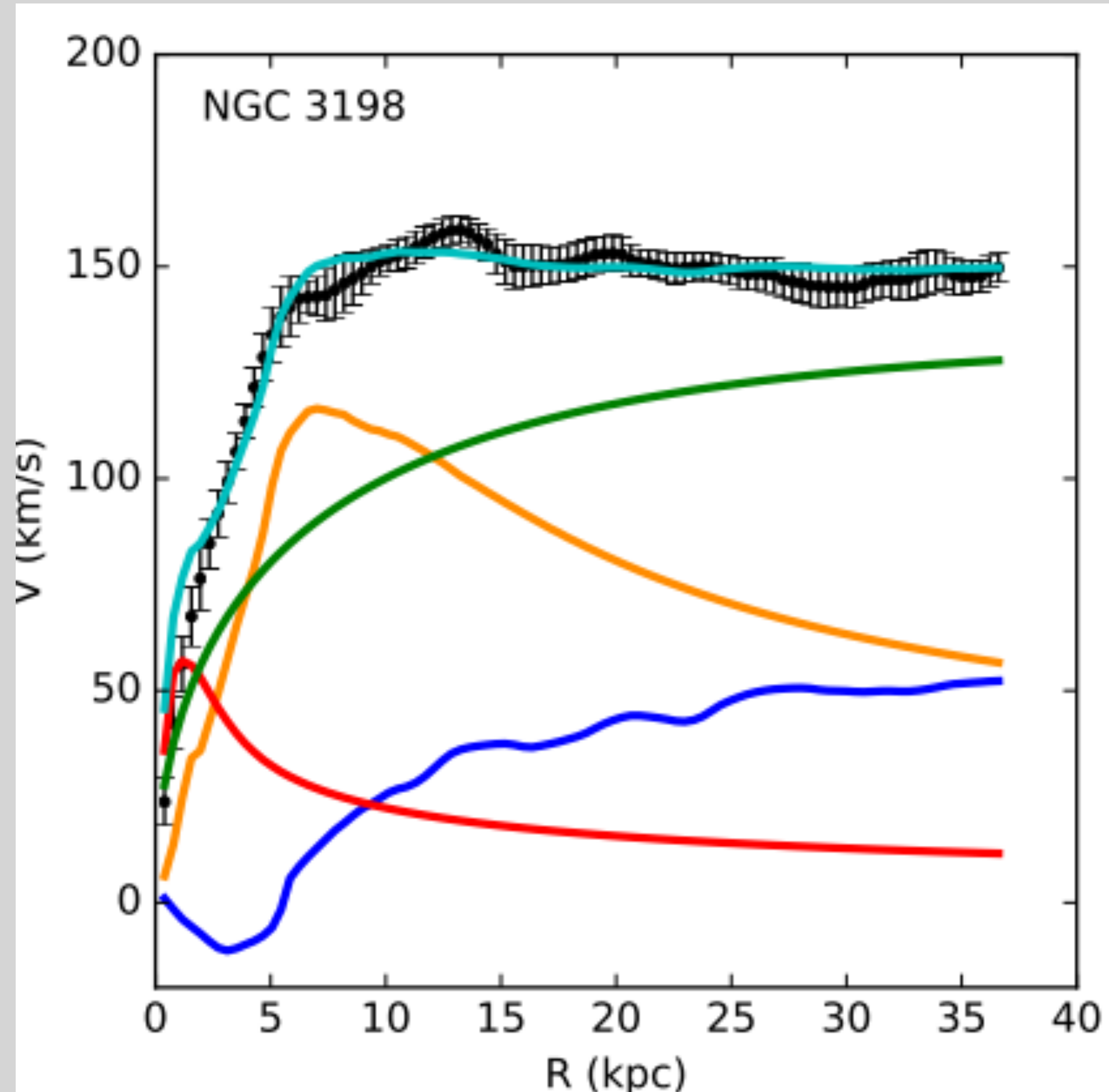


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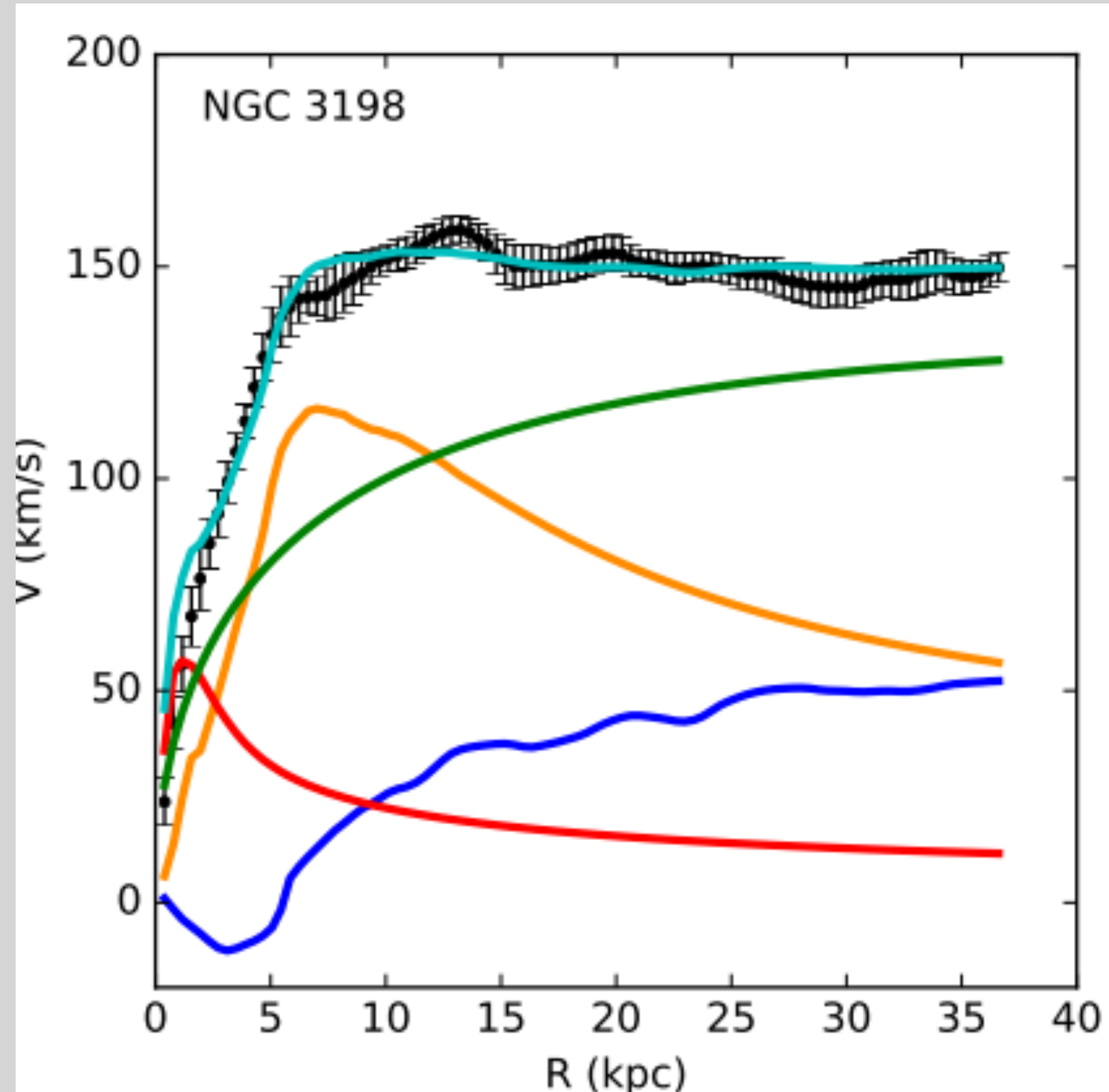
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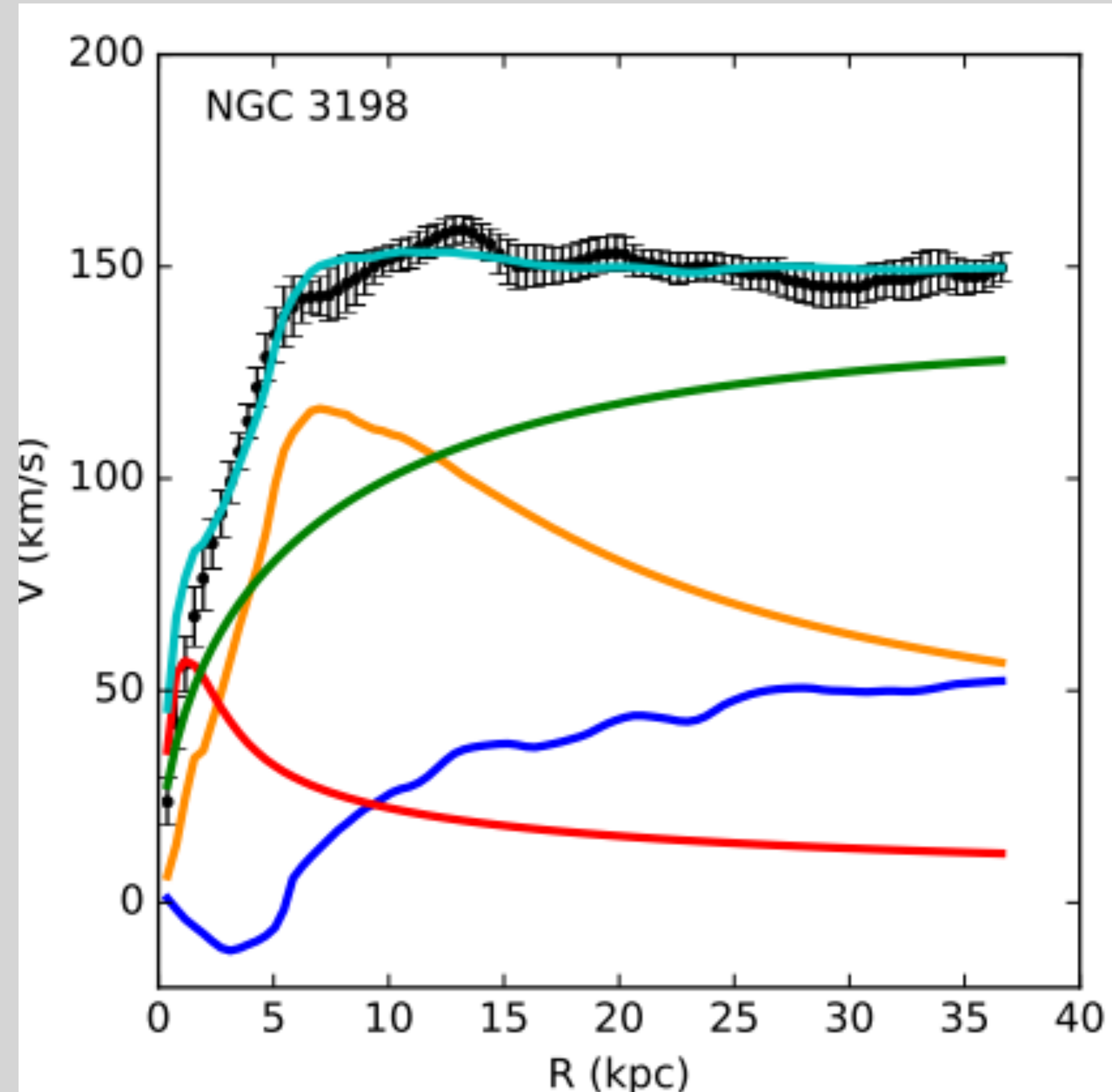
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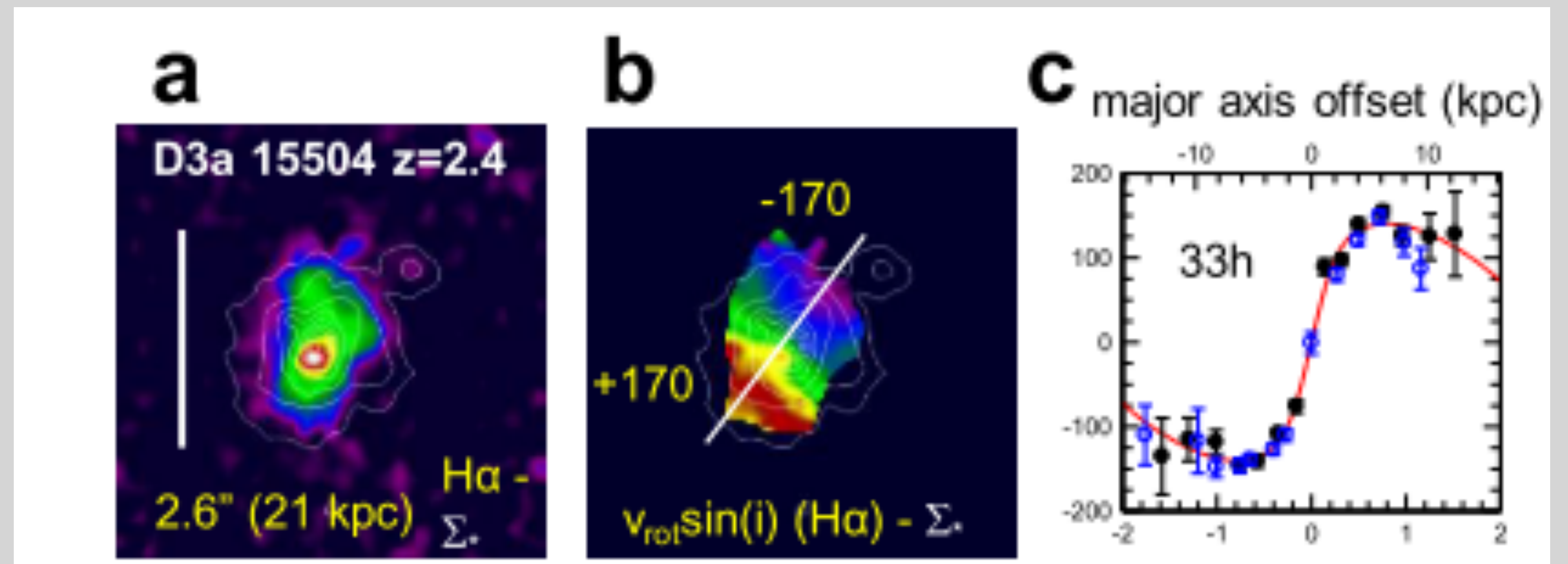
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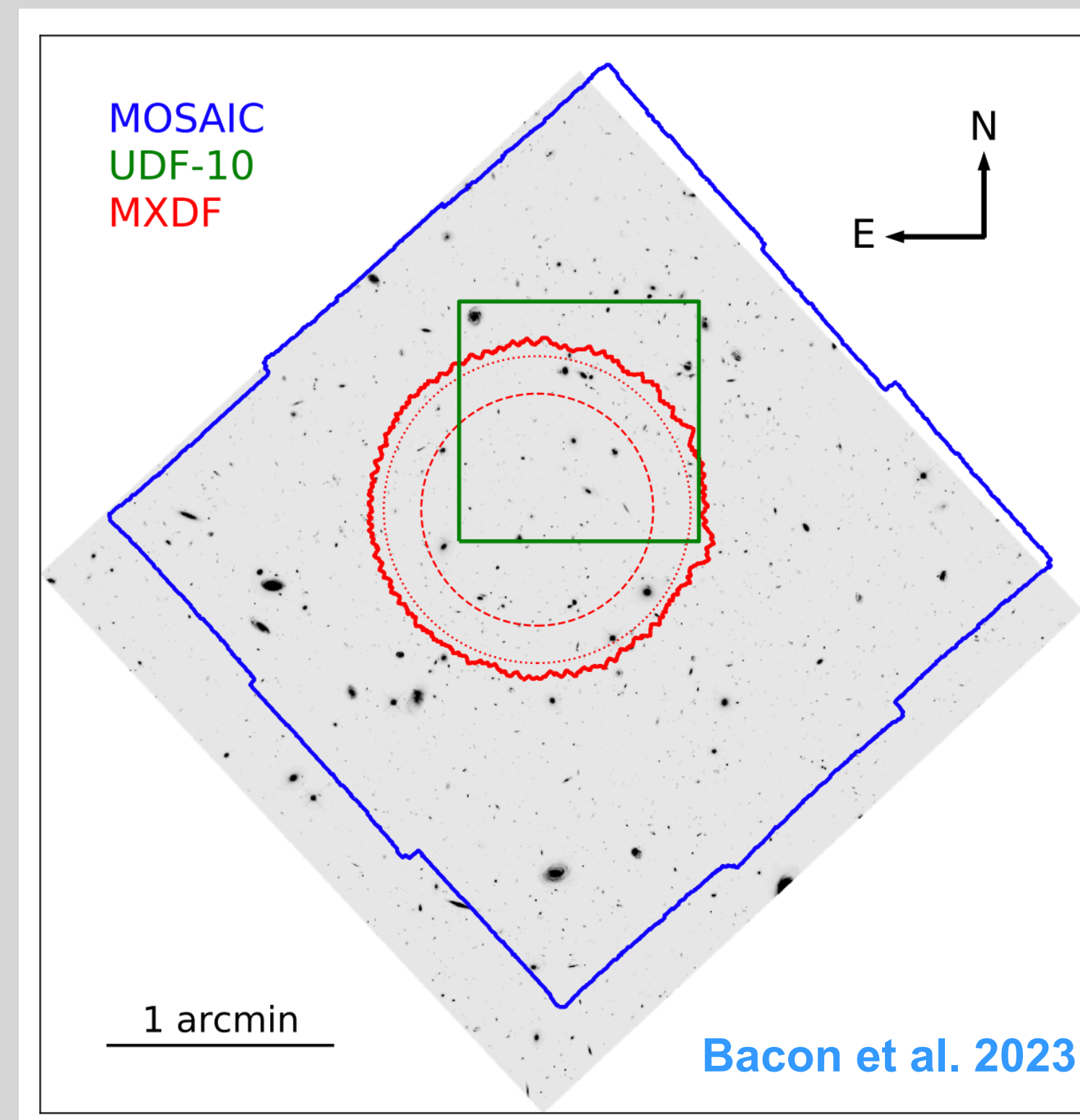
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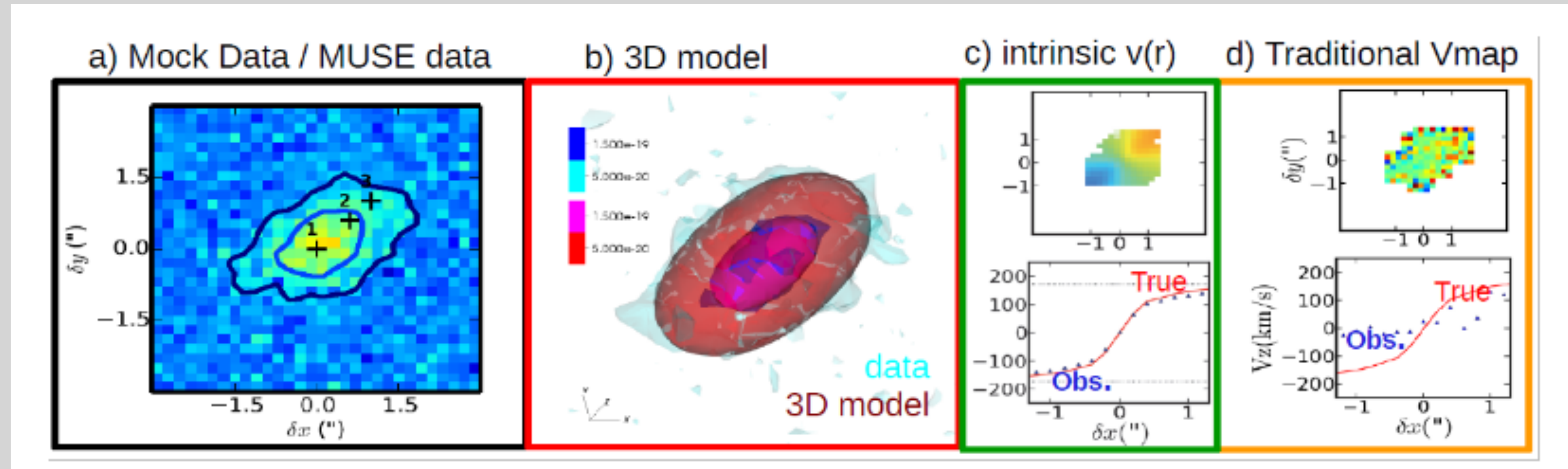
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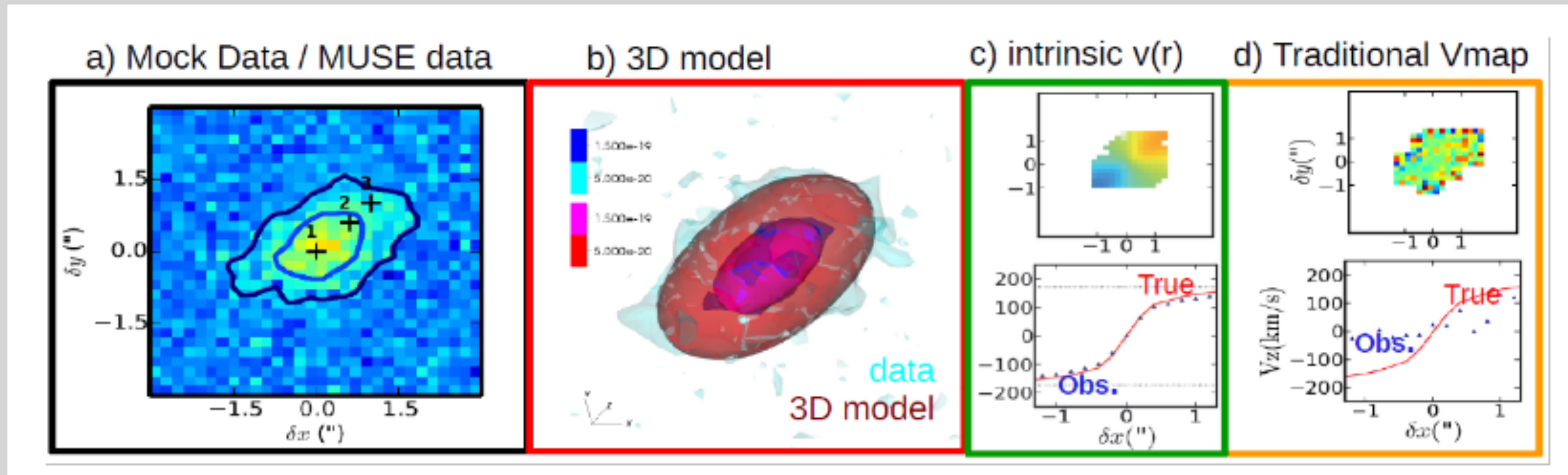
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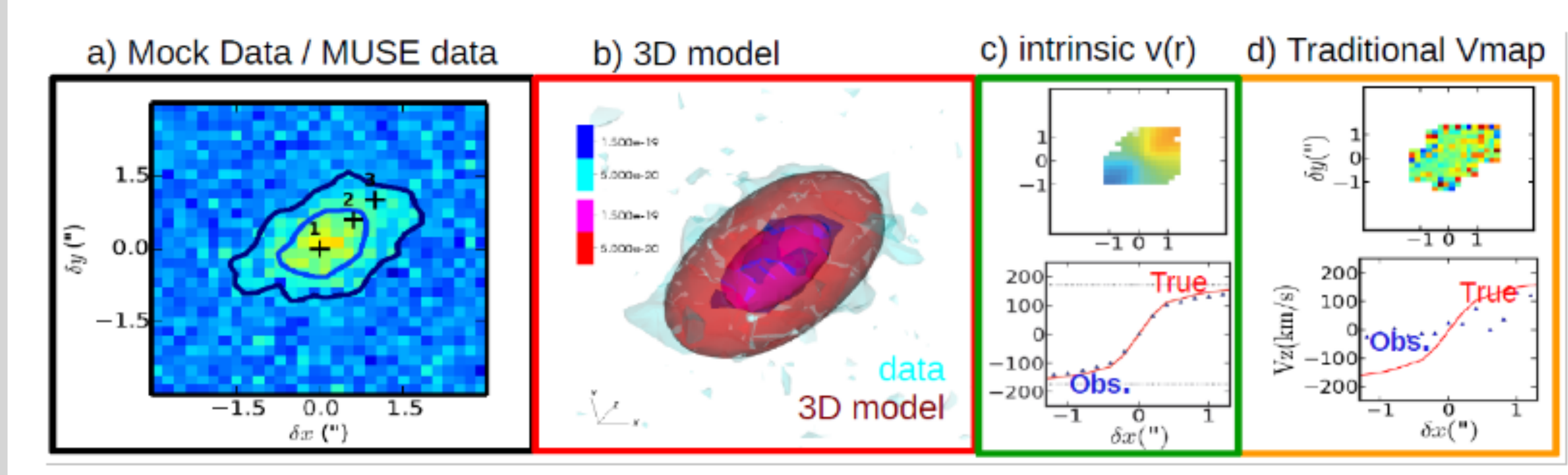


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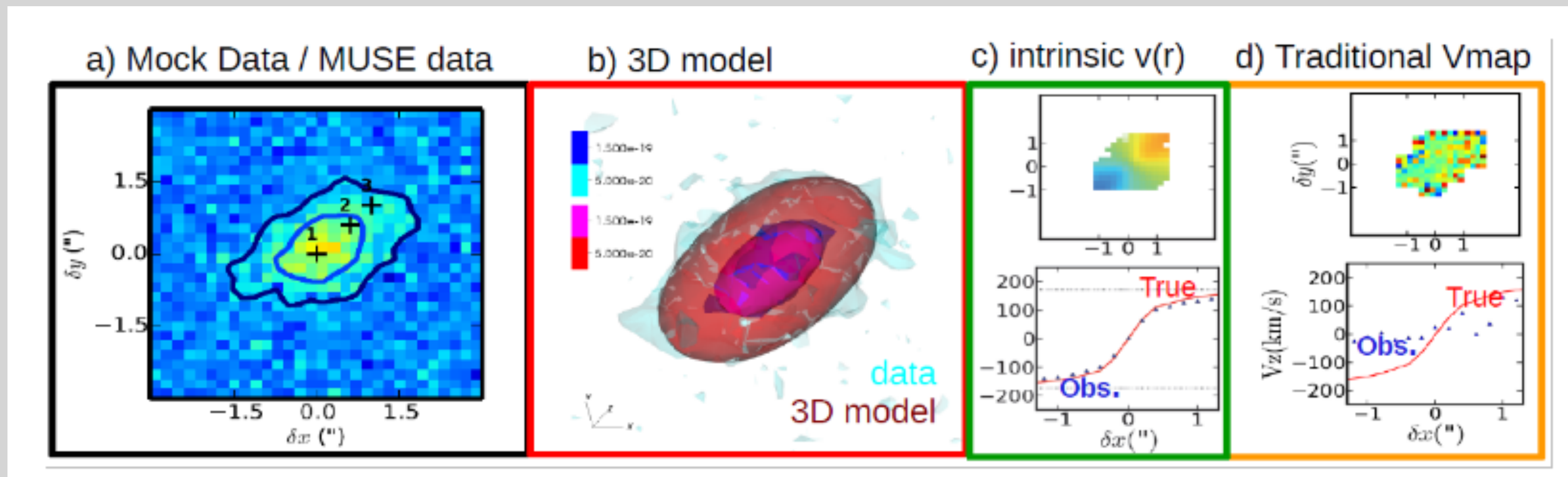
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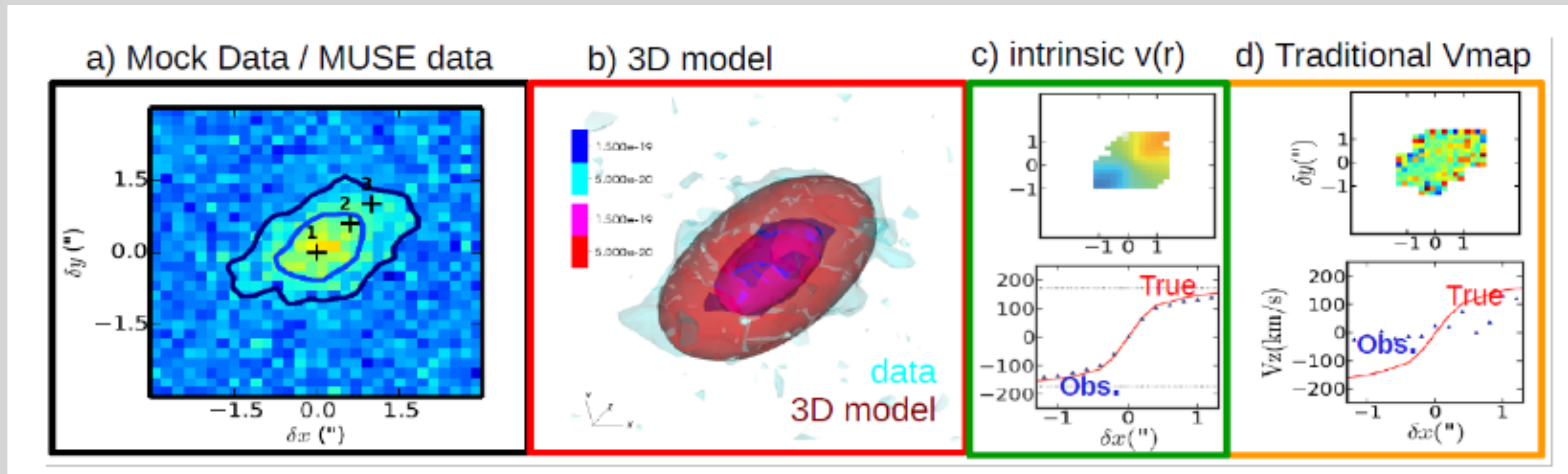
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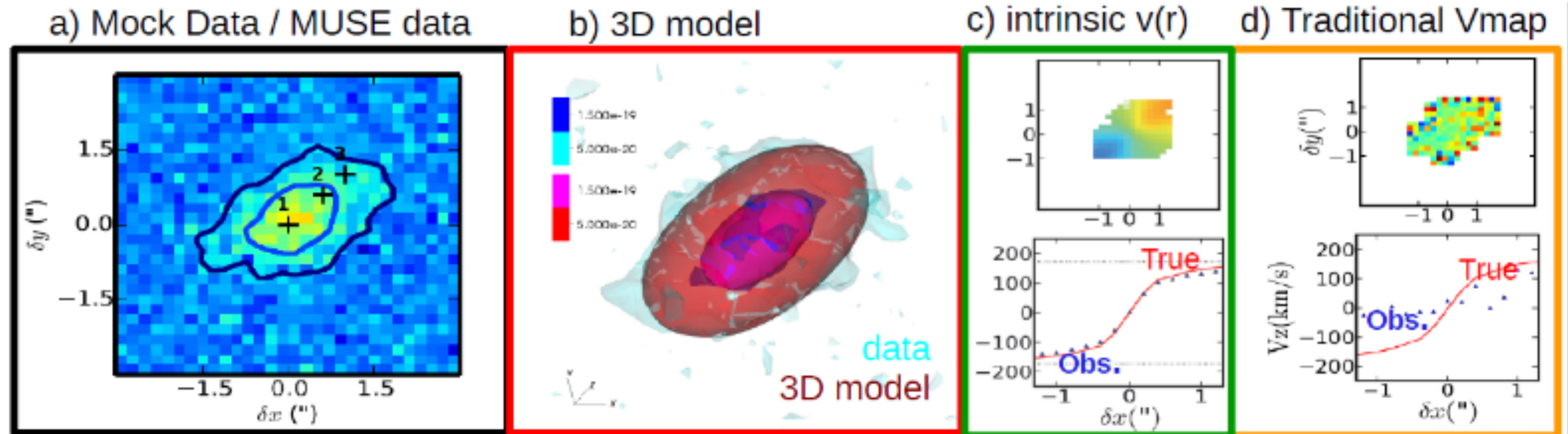
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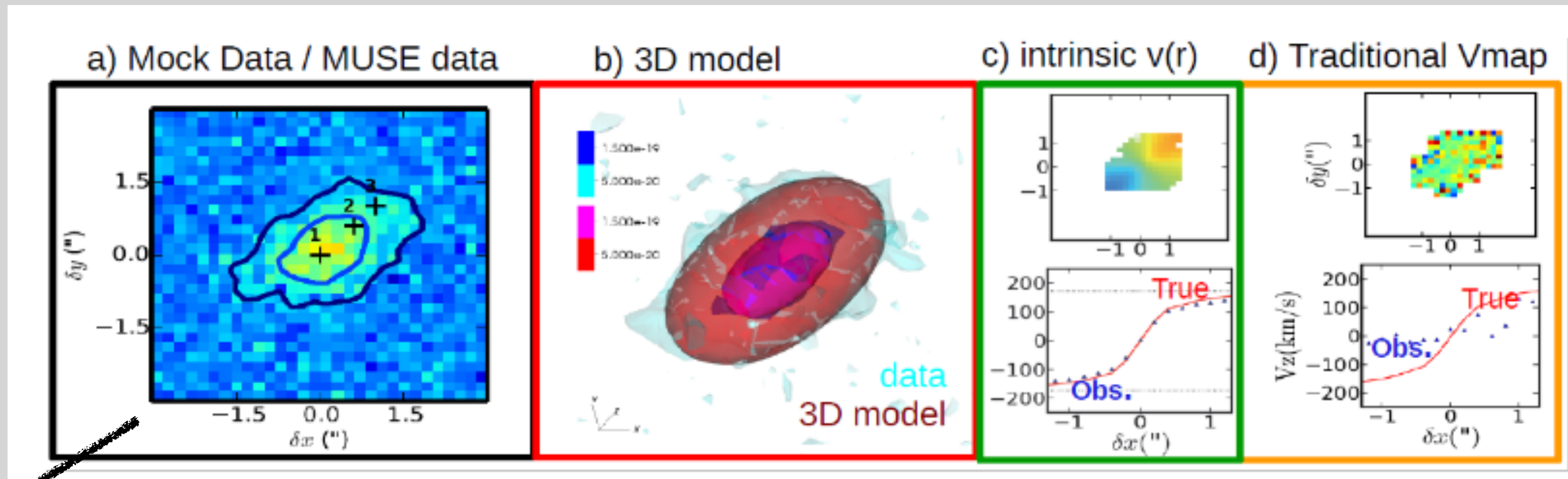
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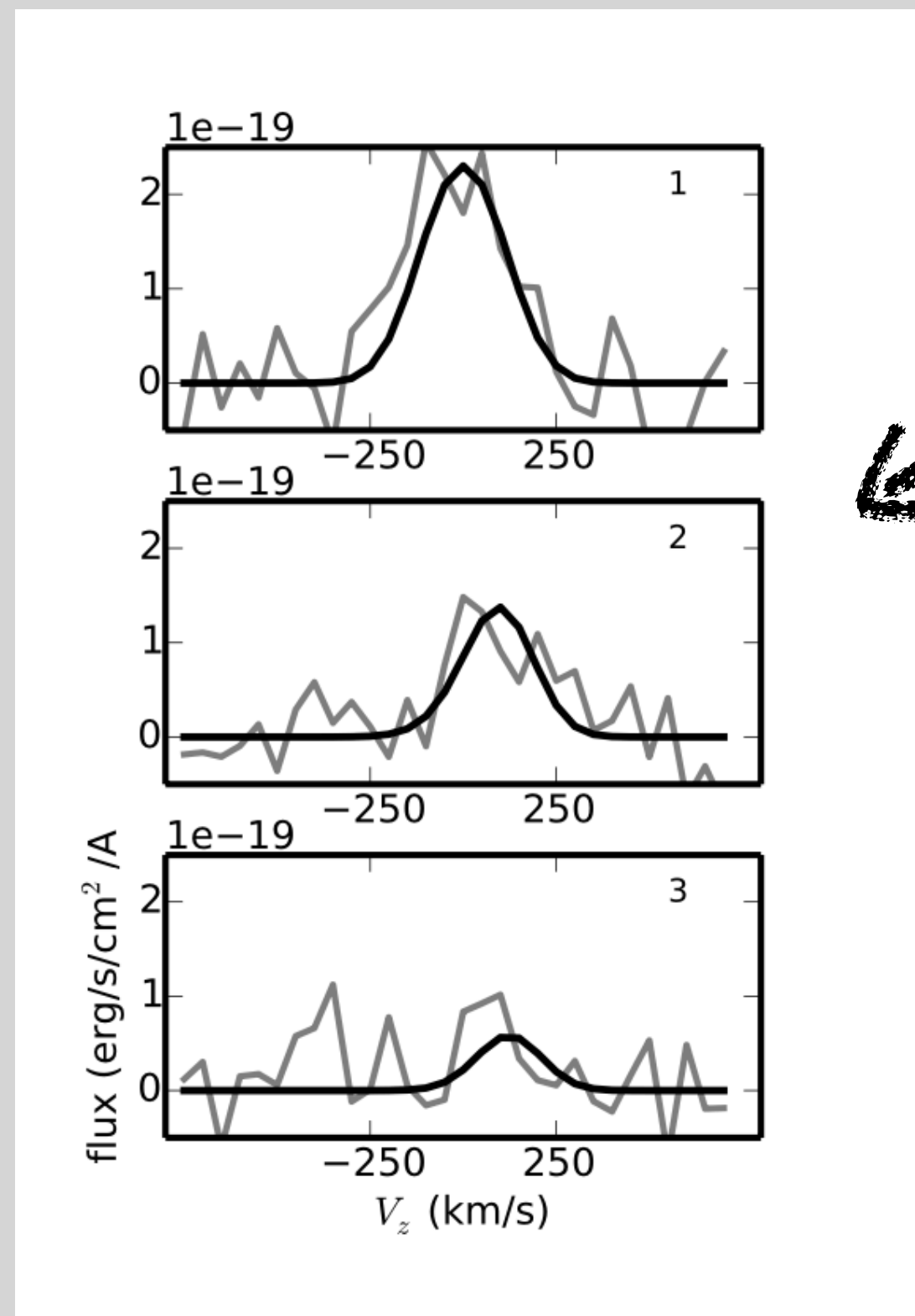
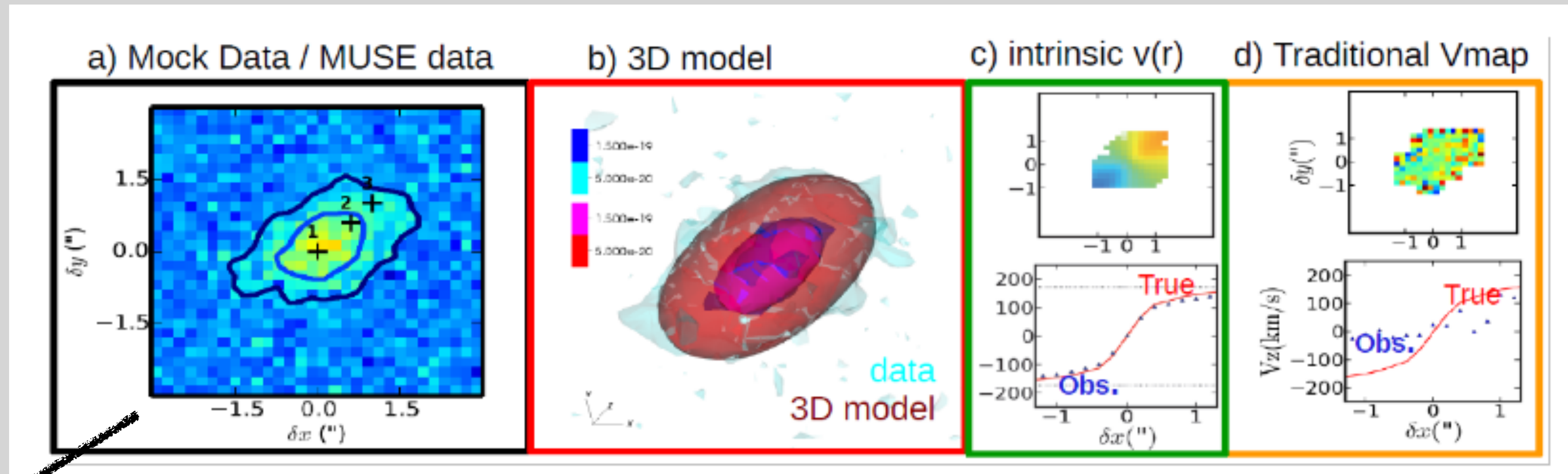
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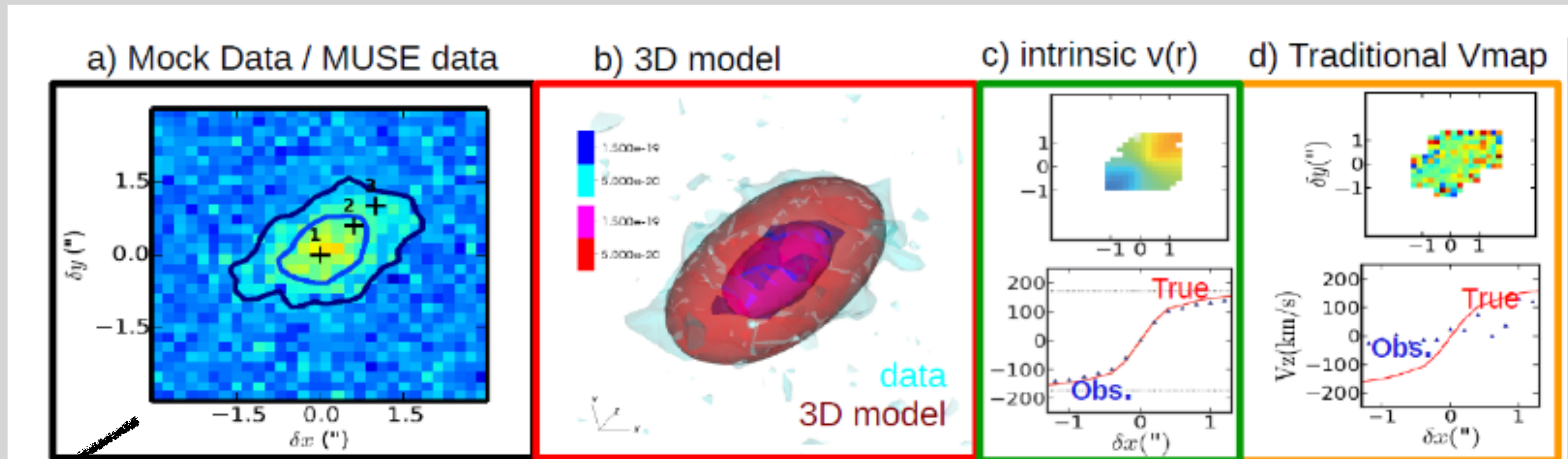
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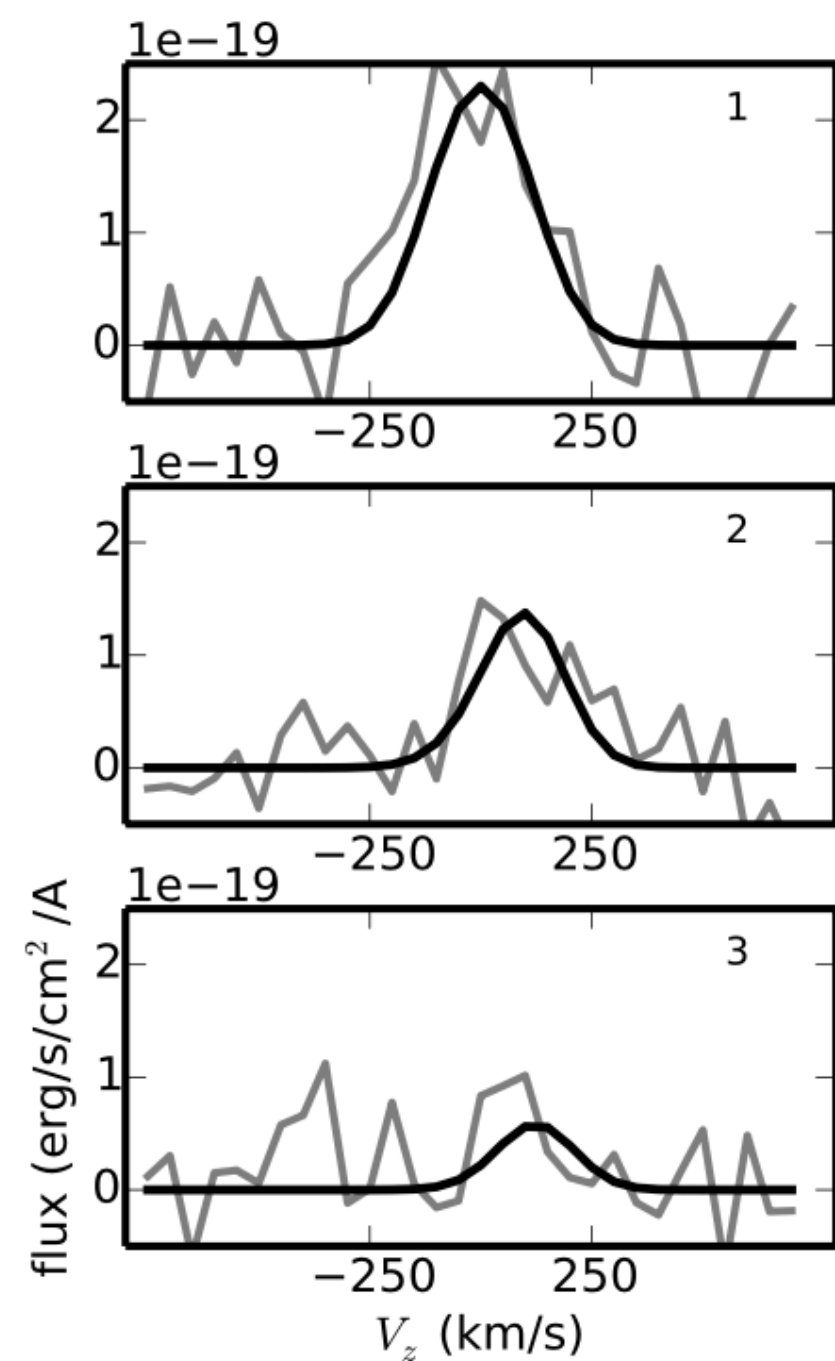
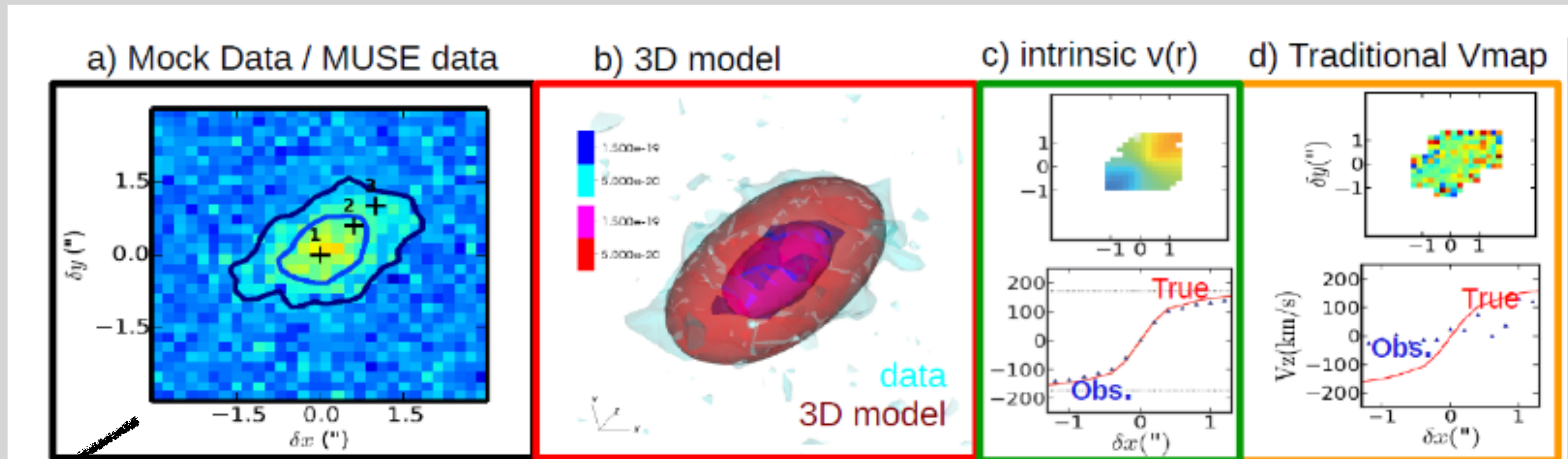
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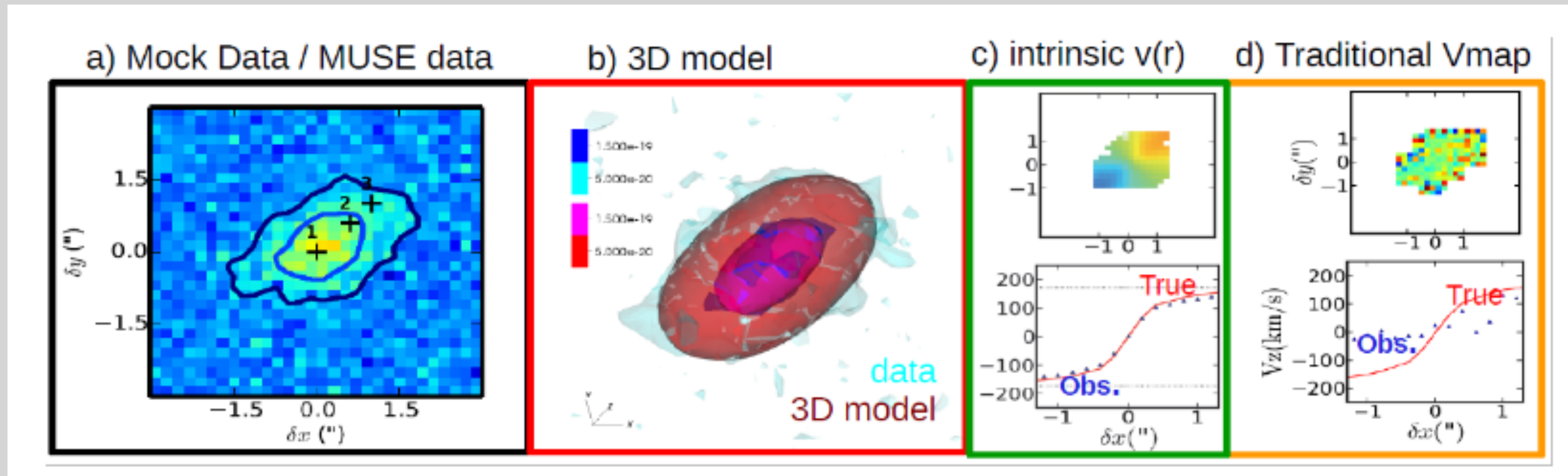
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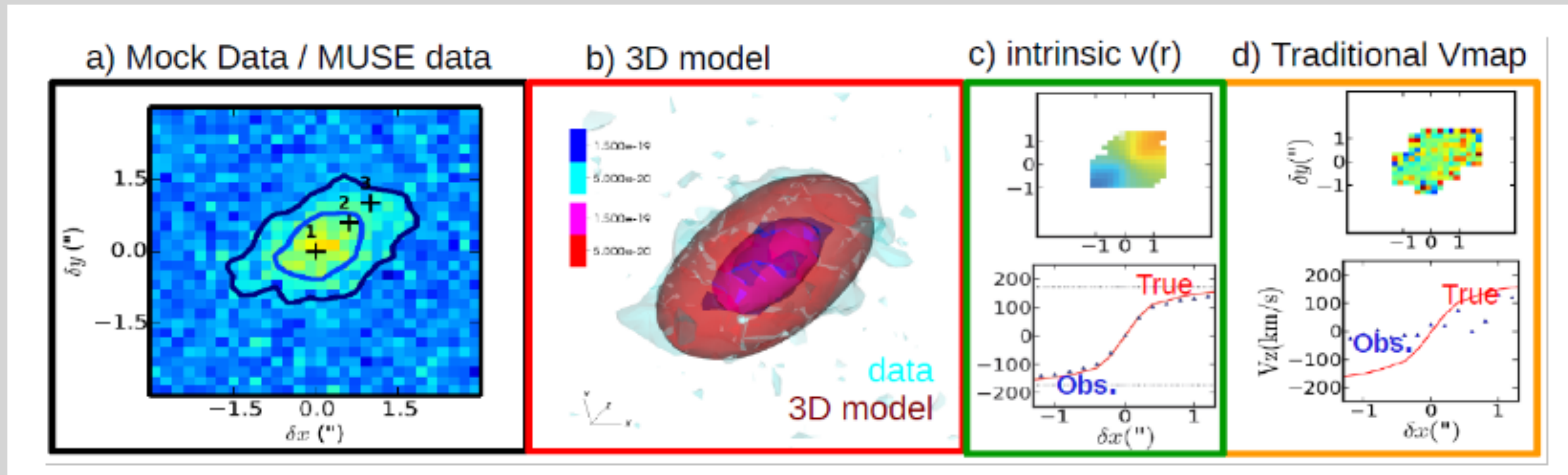


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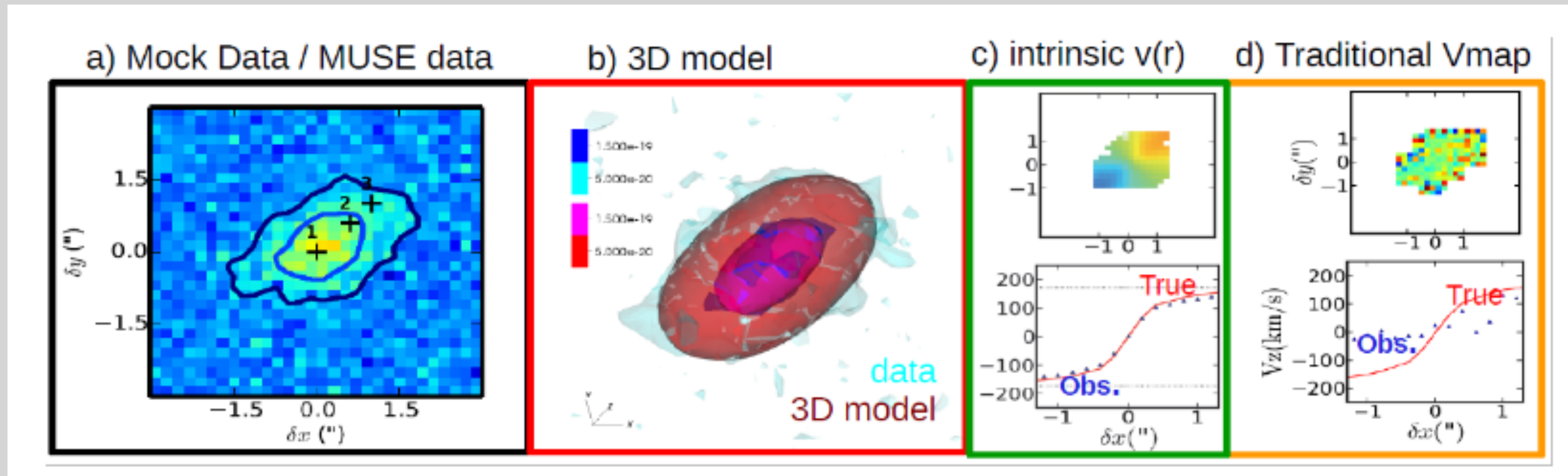


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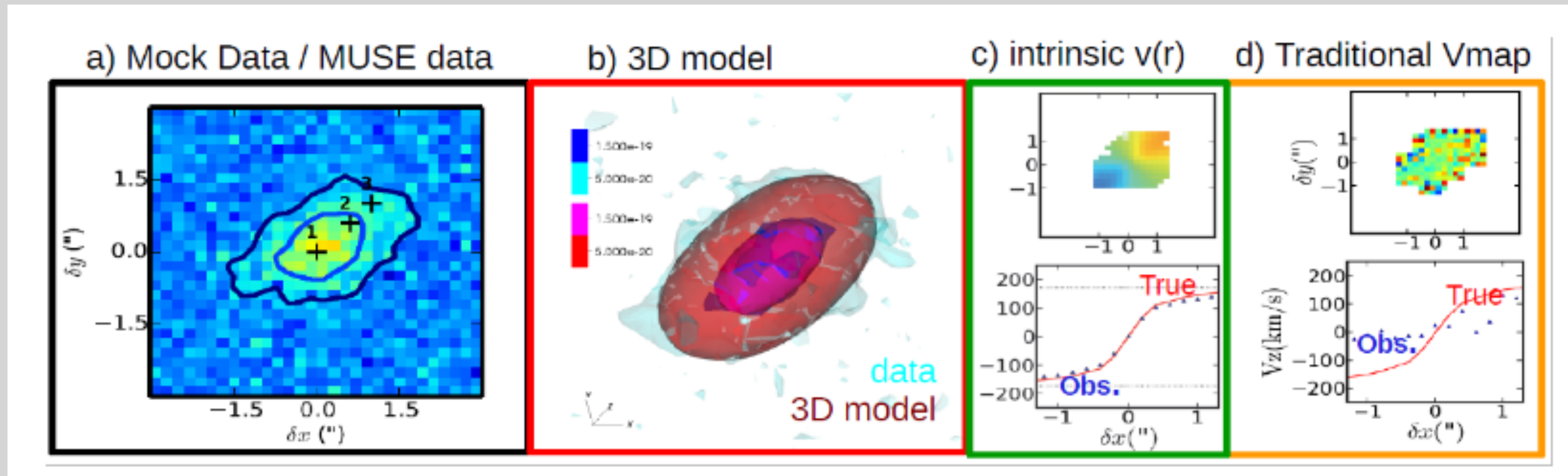
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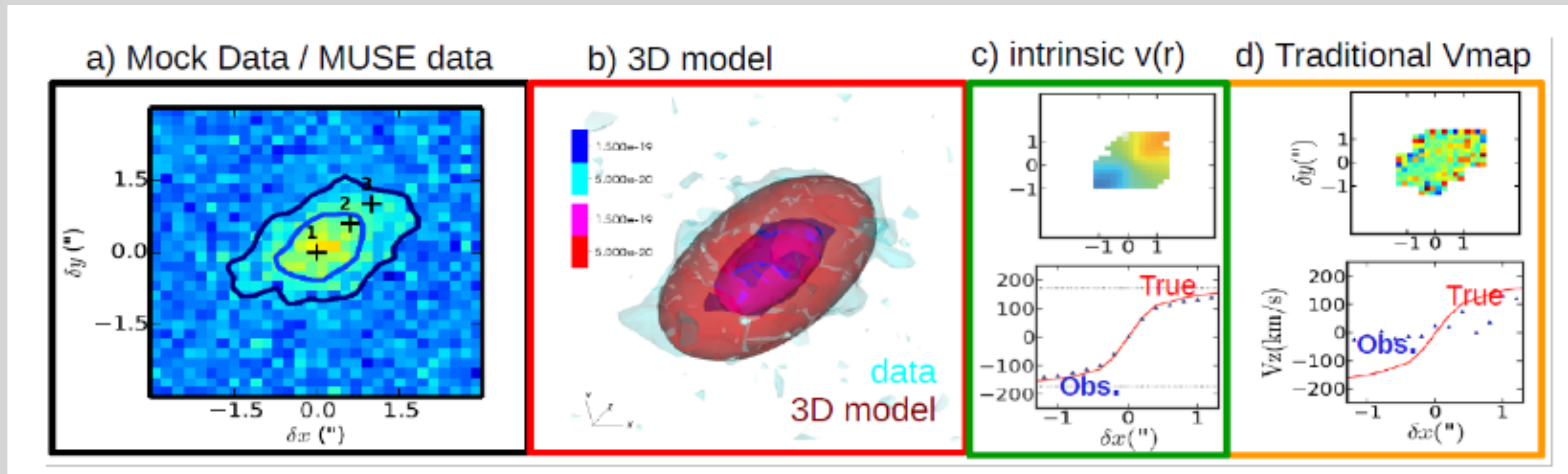
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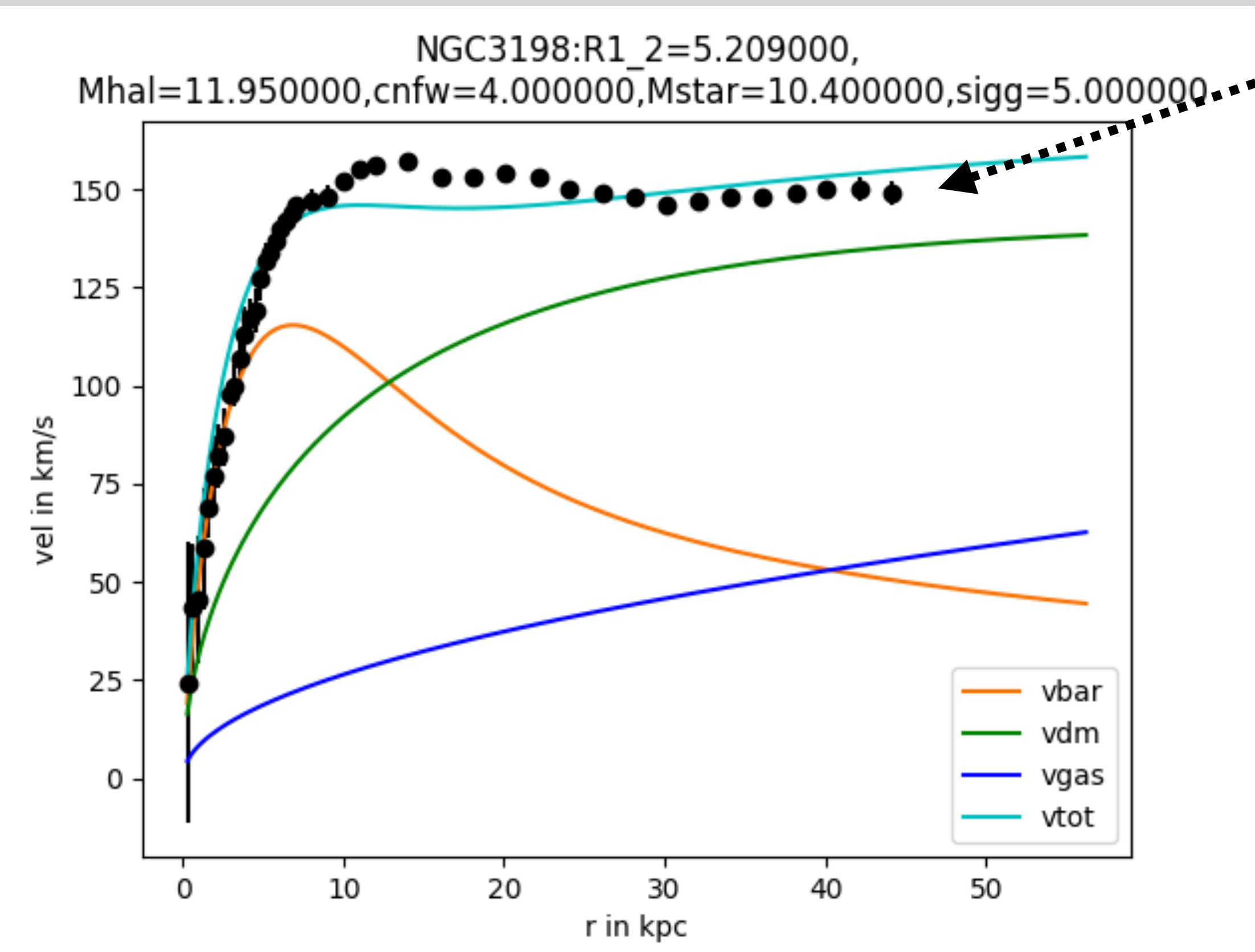
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Using 3D forward modelling: Under the hood



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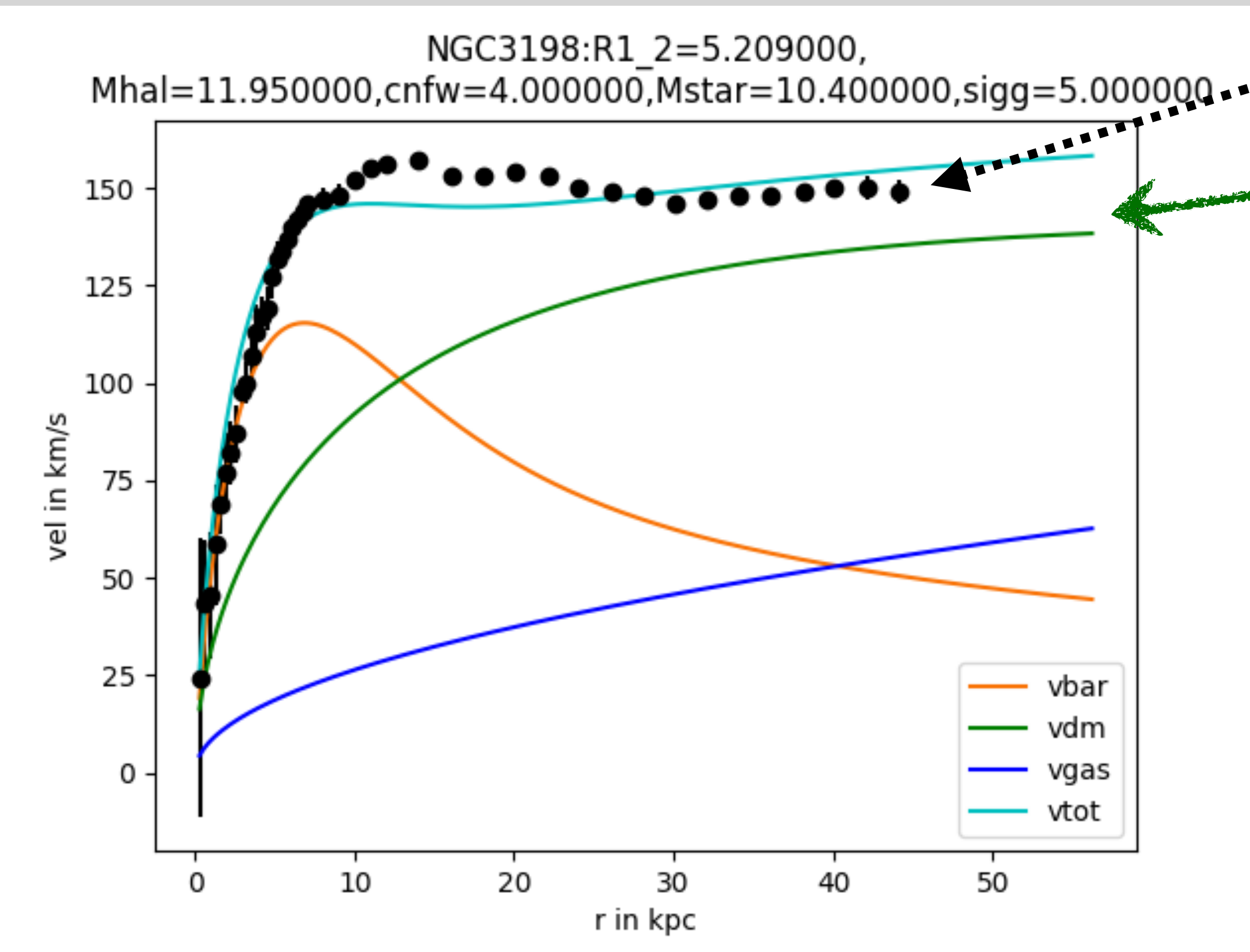


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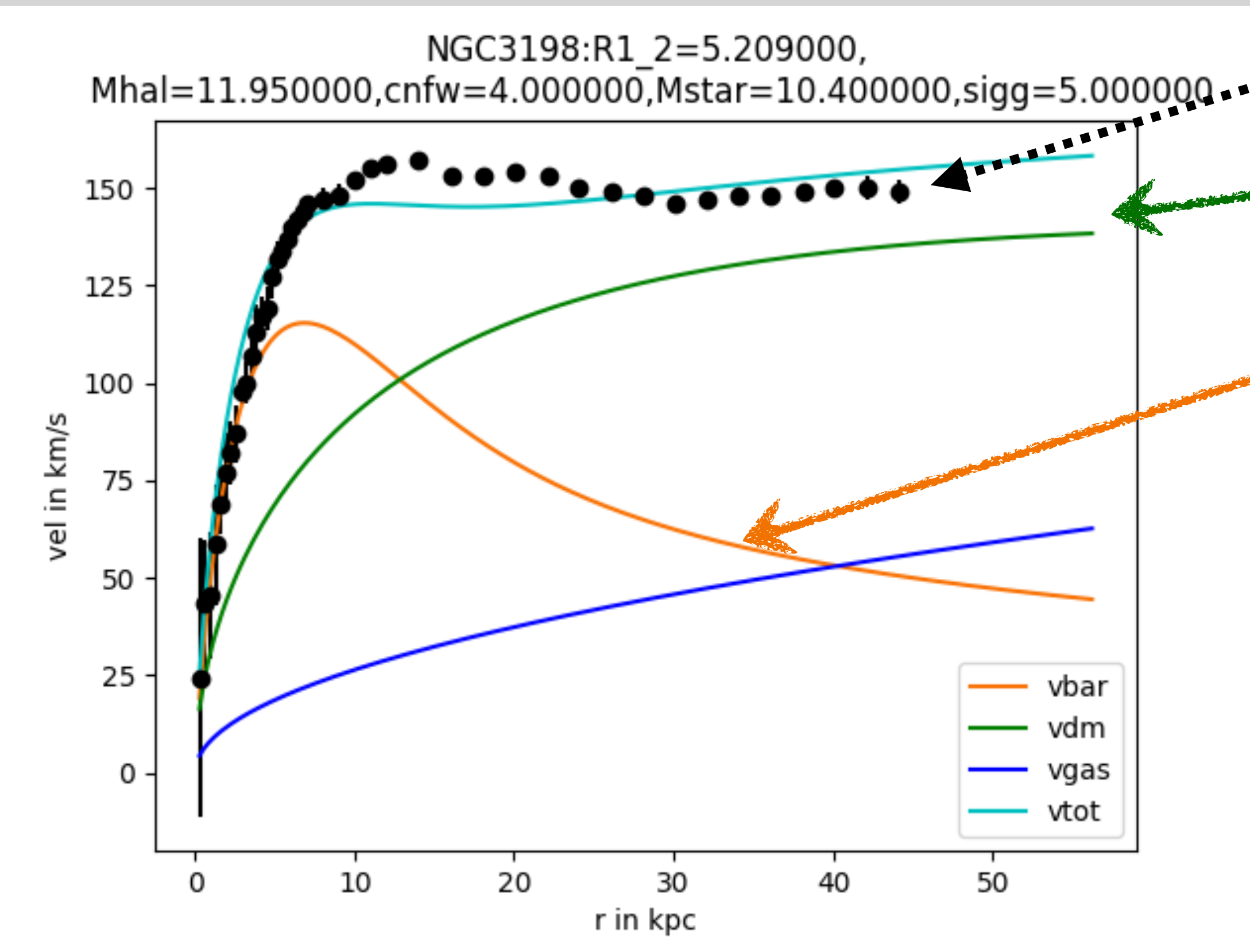


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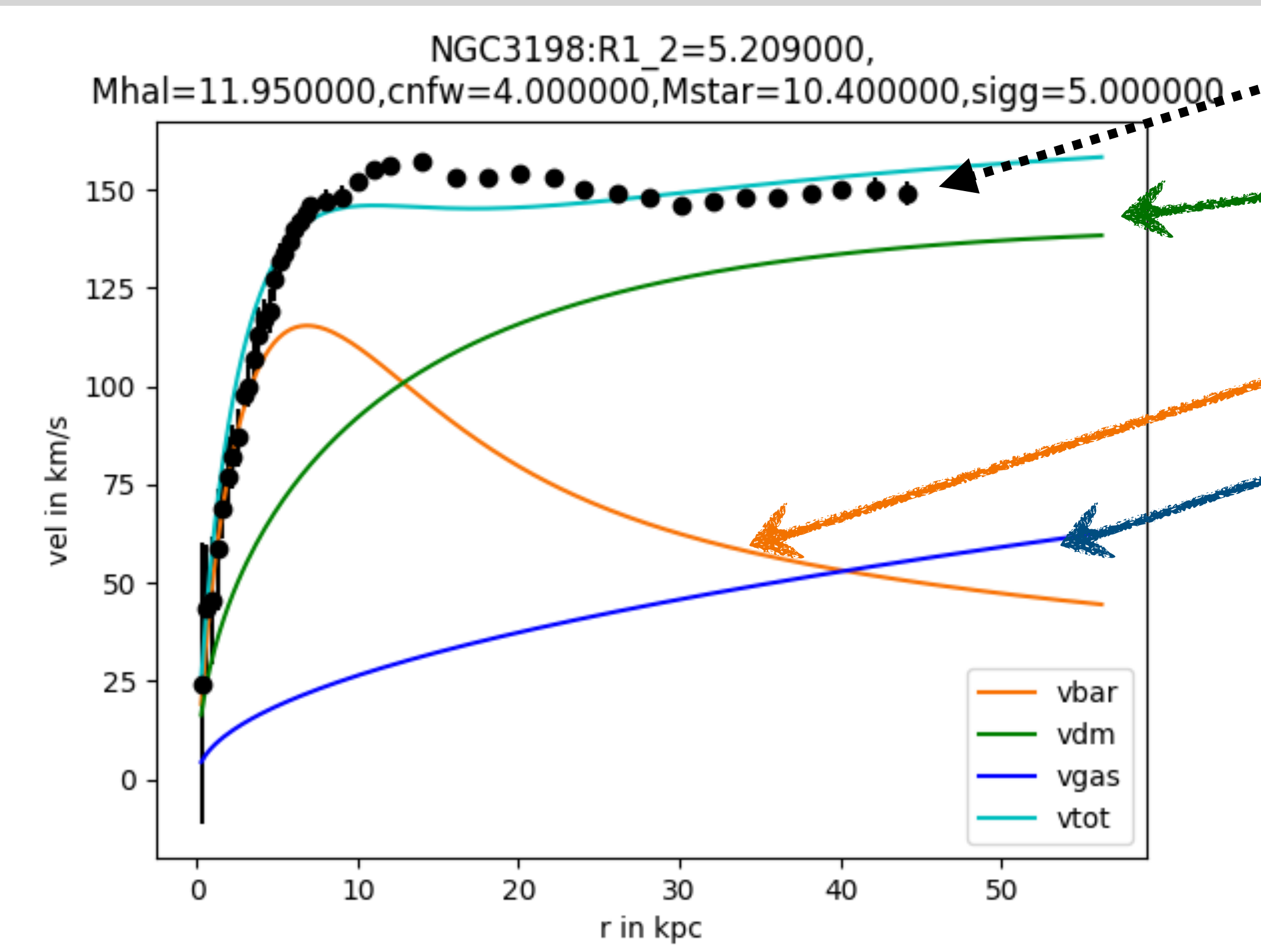


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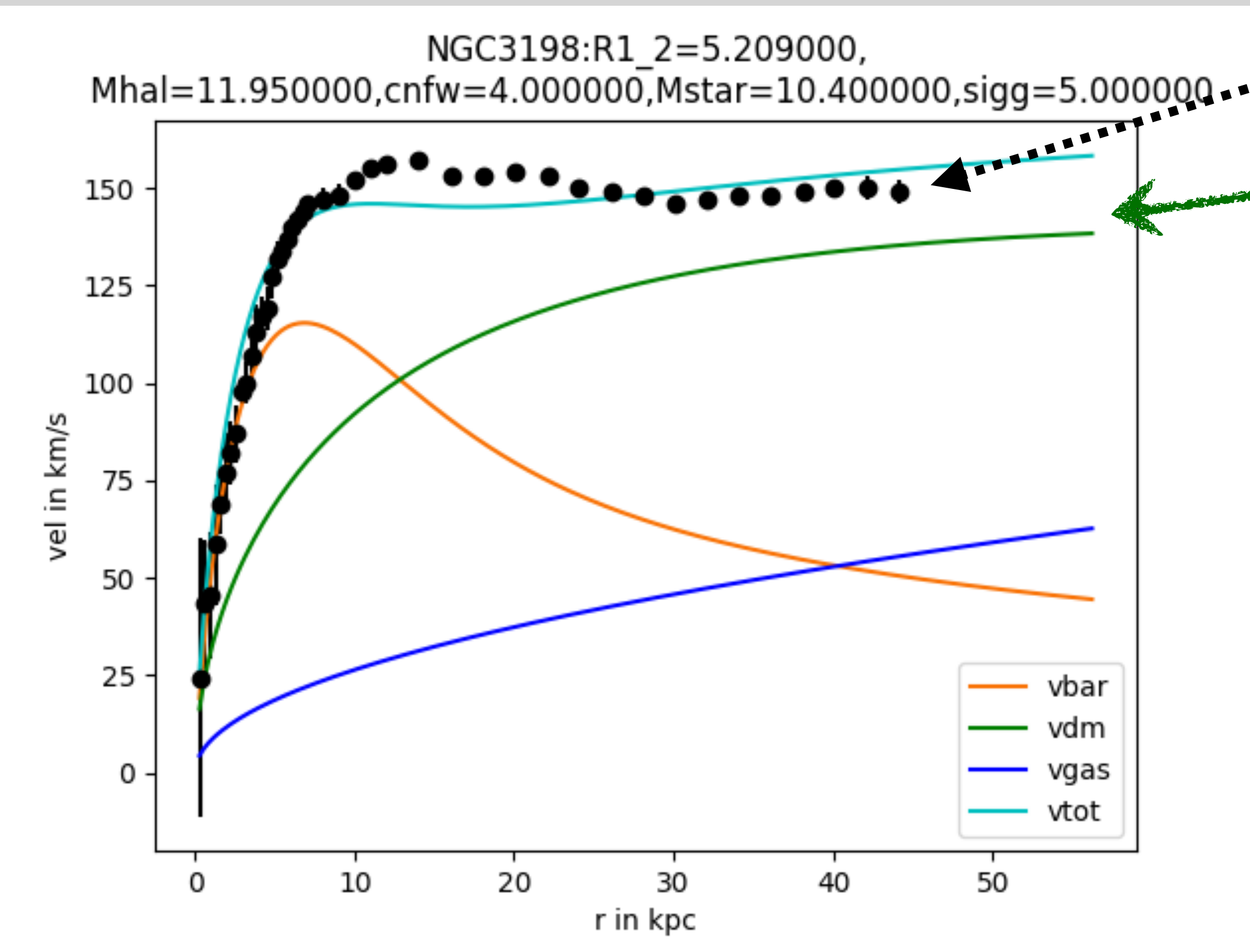


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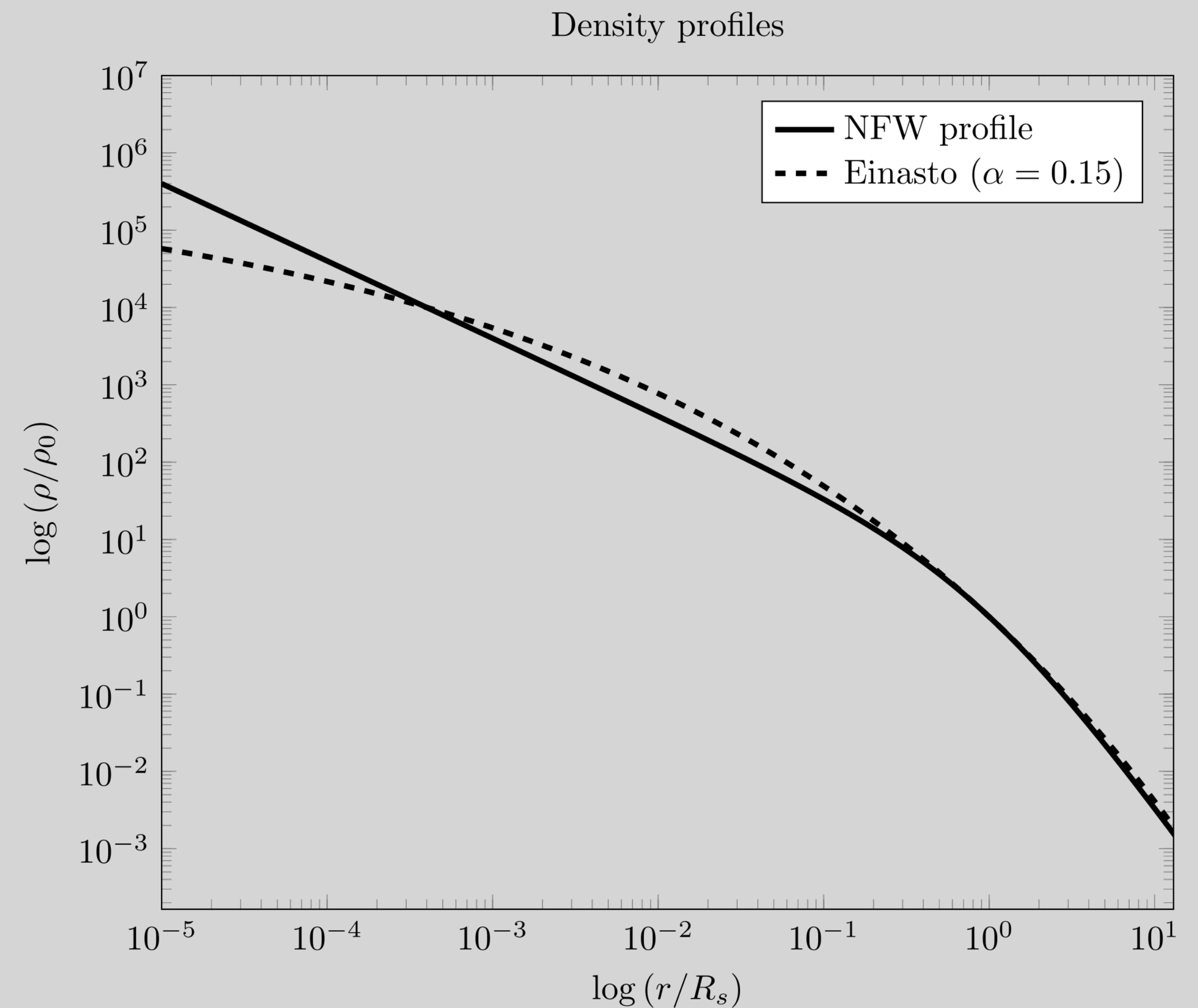
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Examples of Halo profiles - from N-body simulations

CUSP

$$\rho_{\text{NFW}}(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{\left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right) \left(1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)\right)^2}$$

$$C_{200} = r_{200}/r_s$$



Navarro, Frenk, White 1997

Examples of Halo profiles - from hydrodynamical simulations

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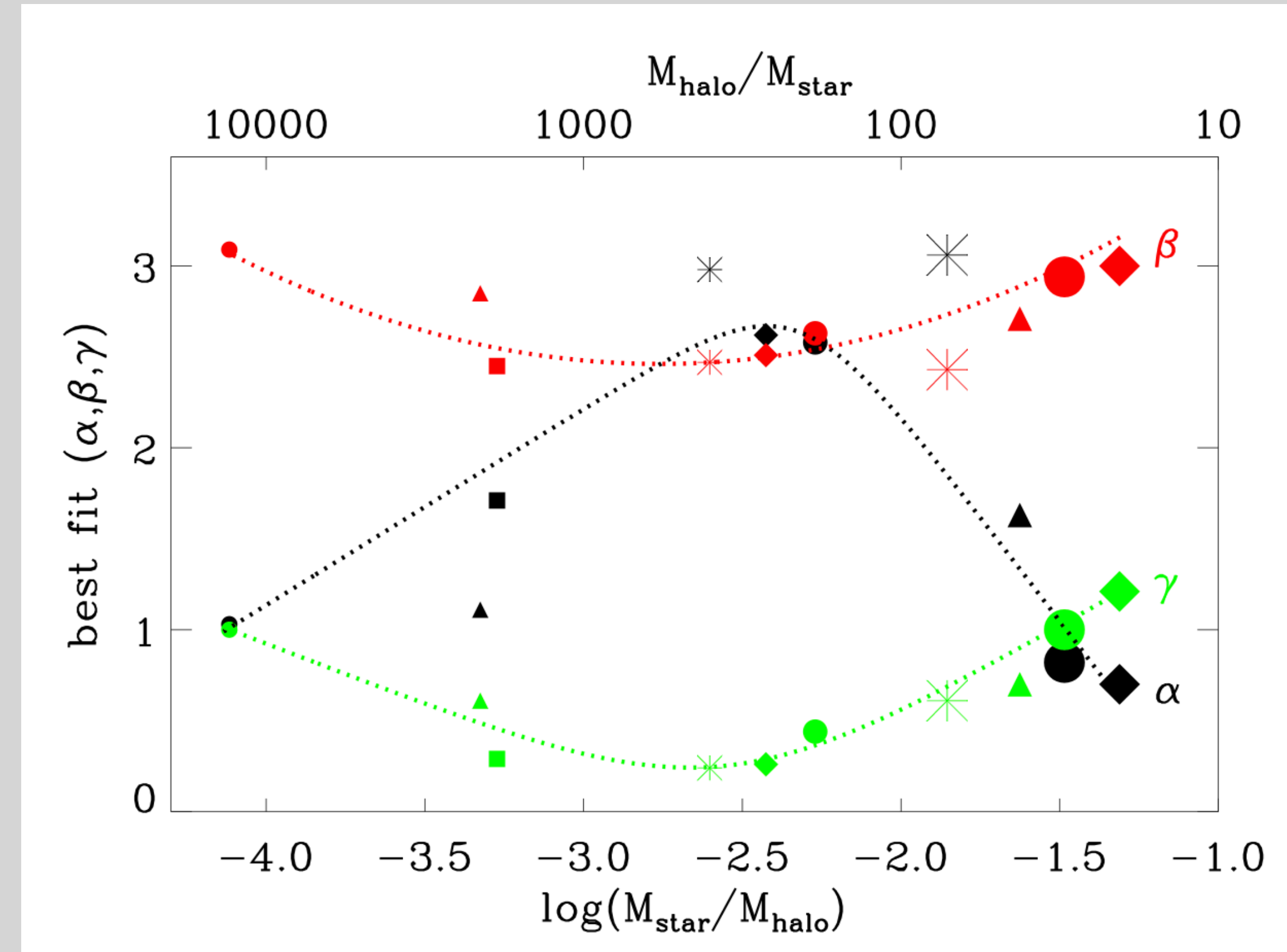
$$\rho_{\text{DC14}}(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{\left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)^\gamma \left(1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)^\alpha\right)^{(\beta-\gamma)/\alpha}}$$

$$\alpha = 2.94 - \log[(10^{X+2.33})^{-1.08} + (10^{X+2.33})^{2.29}],$$

$$\beta = 4.23 + 1.34X + 0.26X^2,$$

$$\gamma = -0.06 + \log[(10^{X+2.56})^{-0.68} + 10^{X+2.56}].$$

$$X = \log(M_\star / M_{\text{halo}})$$



Di Cintio et al. 2014

➔takes into account the response of dark matter to baryonic processes

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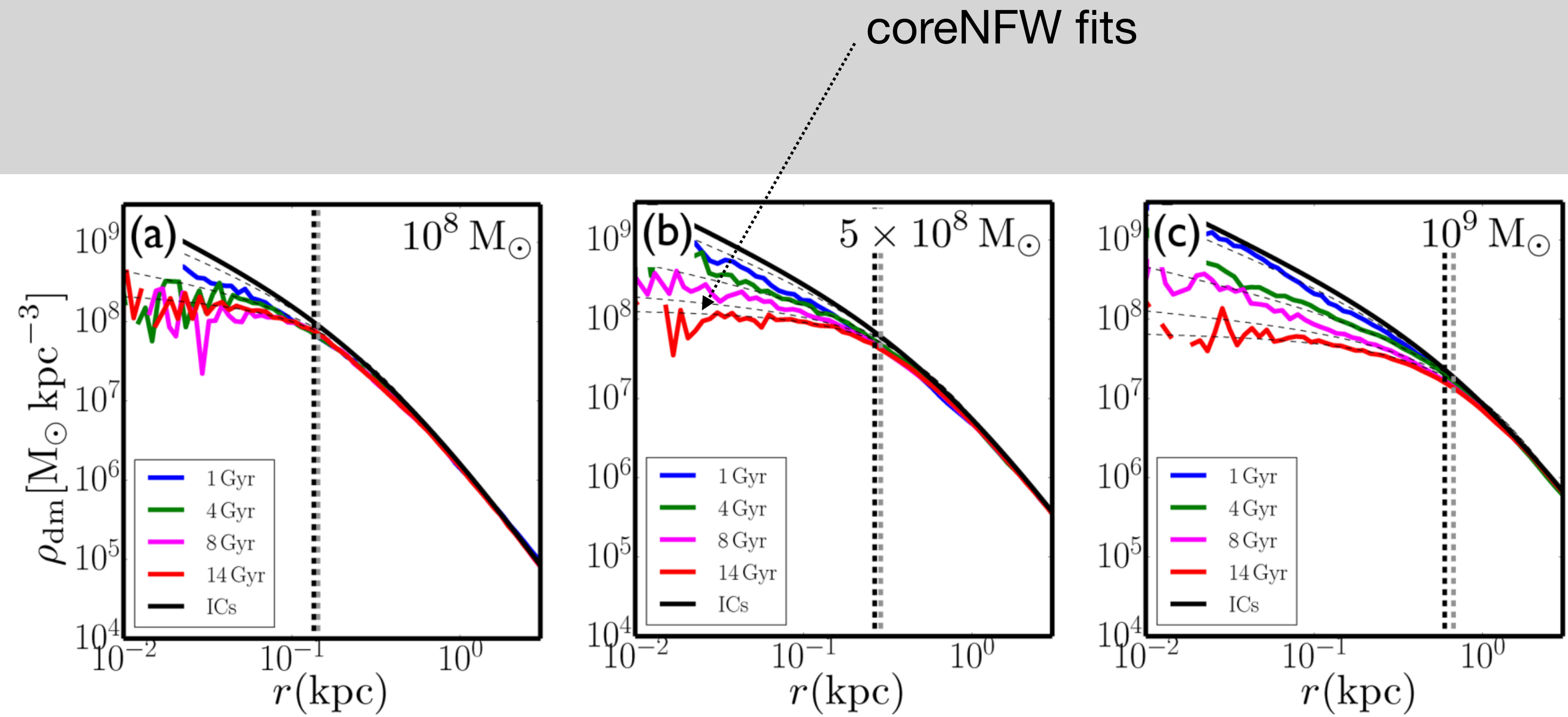
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$$\rho_{\text{cNFW}} = f^n(r)\rho_{\text{NFW}} + \frac{nf^{n-1}(r)(1-f^2(r))}{4\pi r^2 r_c} M_{\text{NFW}}$$

where

$$f^n(r) = \tanh(r/r_c)^n$$

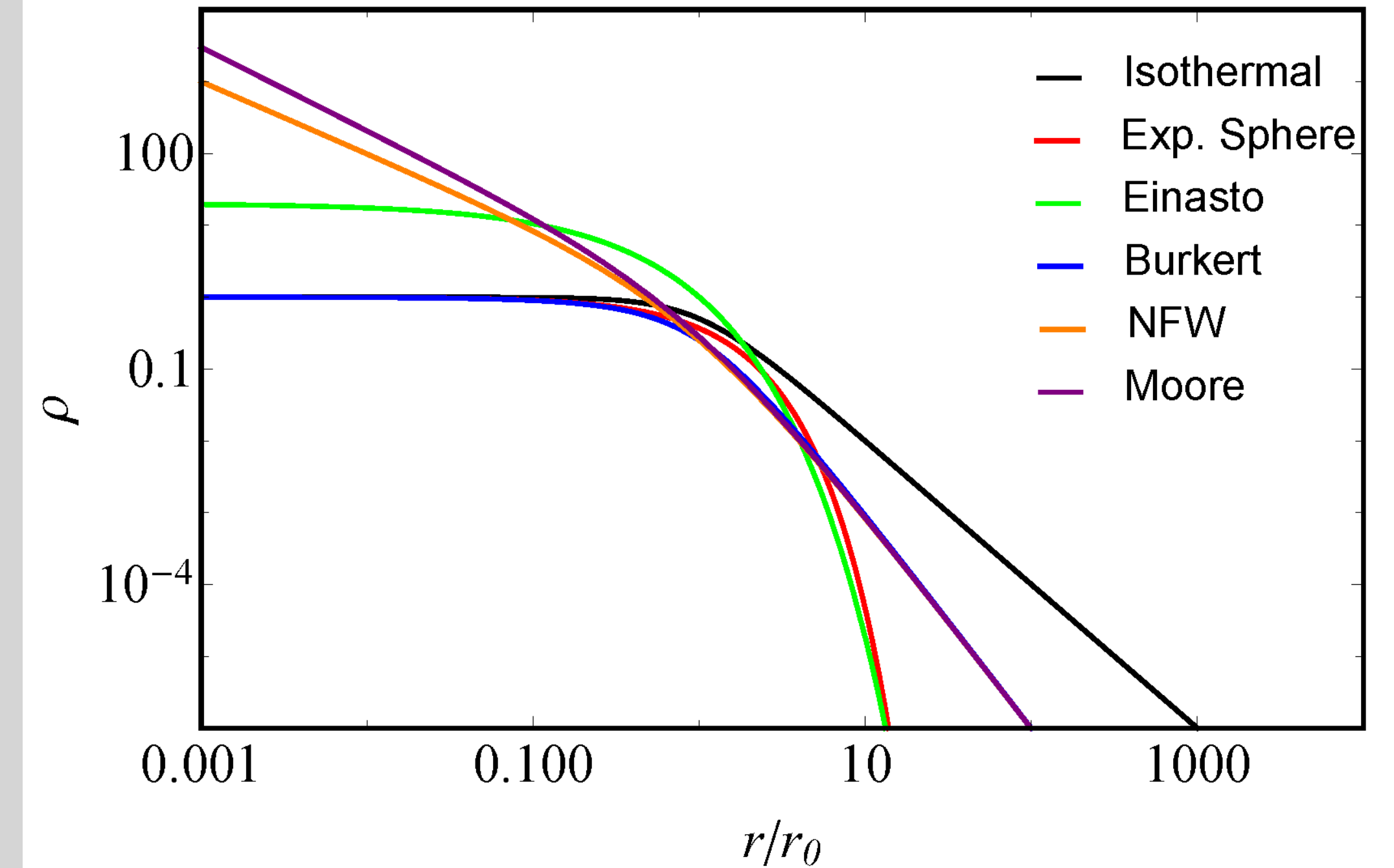
Read et al. 2016



➔ captures the dark matter core growth as a function of star formation time

Examples of Halo profiles - many more

- ➔ Einasto (Navarro et al. 2004)
- ➔ Burkert Profile (Burkert 1995)
- ➔ Moore Profile (Moore et al. 1999)
- ➔ Isothermal Profile (Binney & Tremaine 1987)
- ➔ Hernquist Profile (Hernquist 1990)
- ➔ Zhao Profile (Zhao 1996)
- ➔ Dekel-Zhao Profile (Freundlich et al. 2020)
- ➔ cNFW Profile (Peñarrubia et al. 2012)
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- ➔ etc

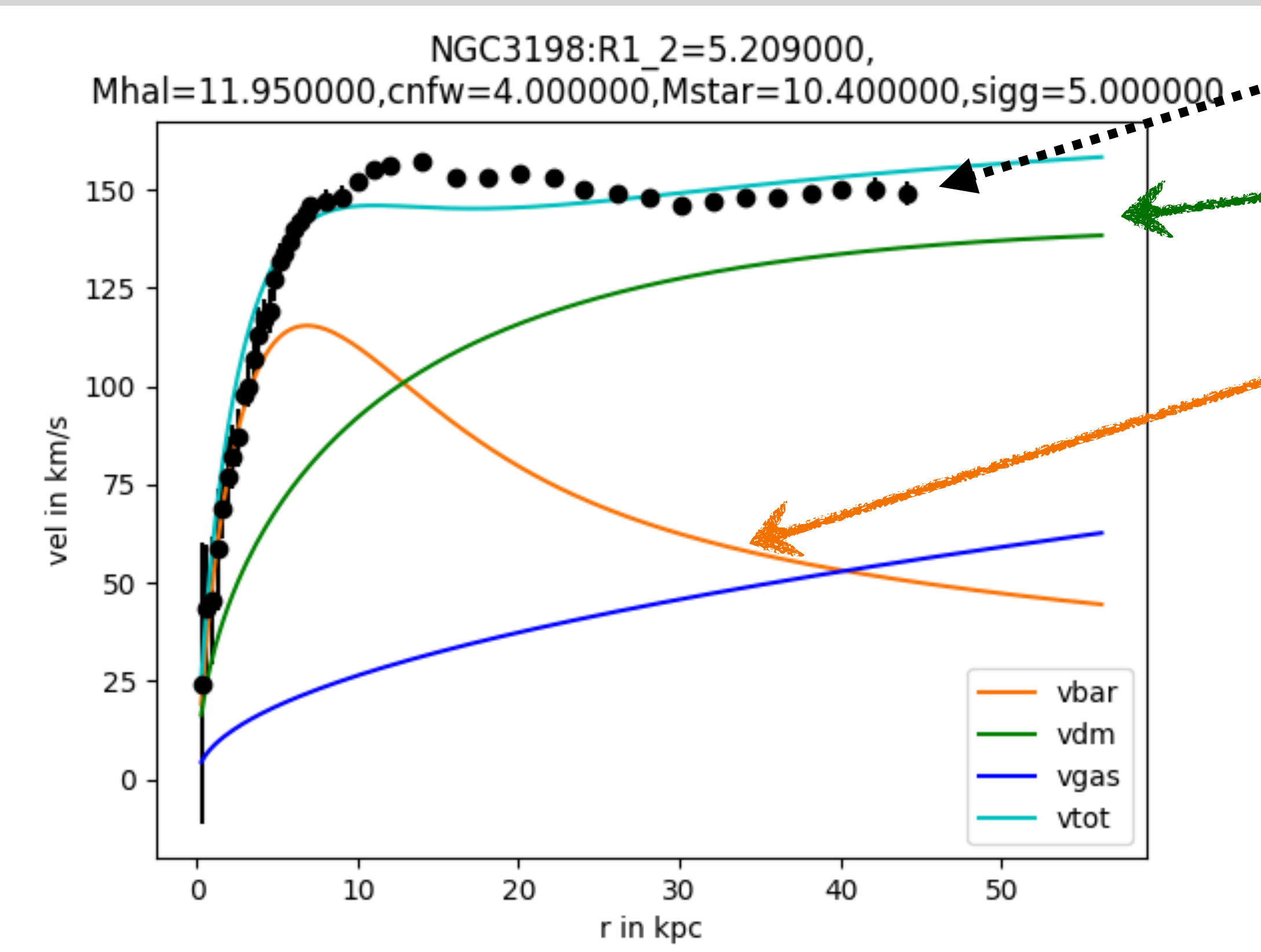


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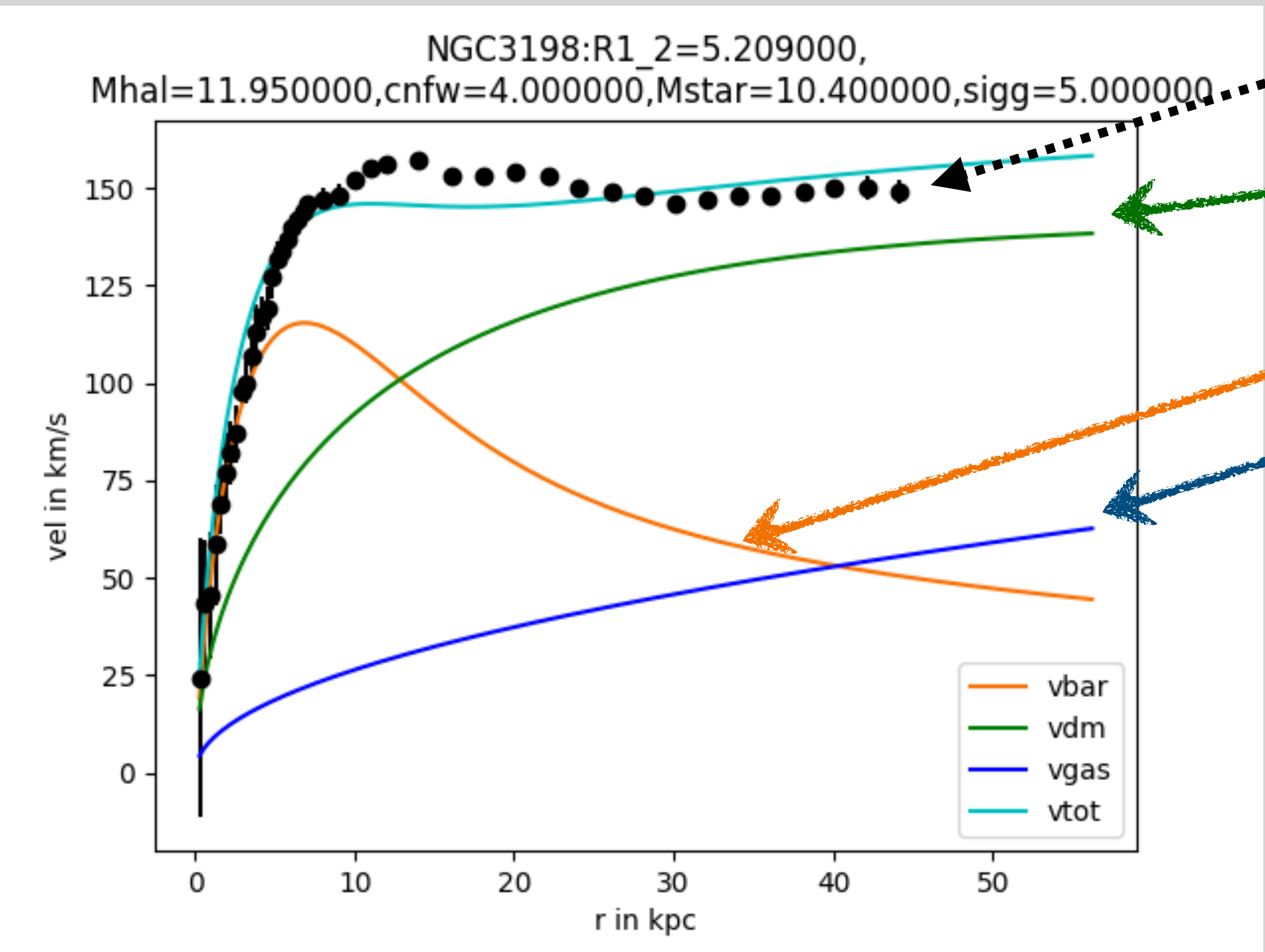
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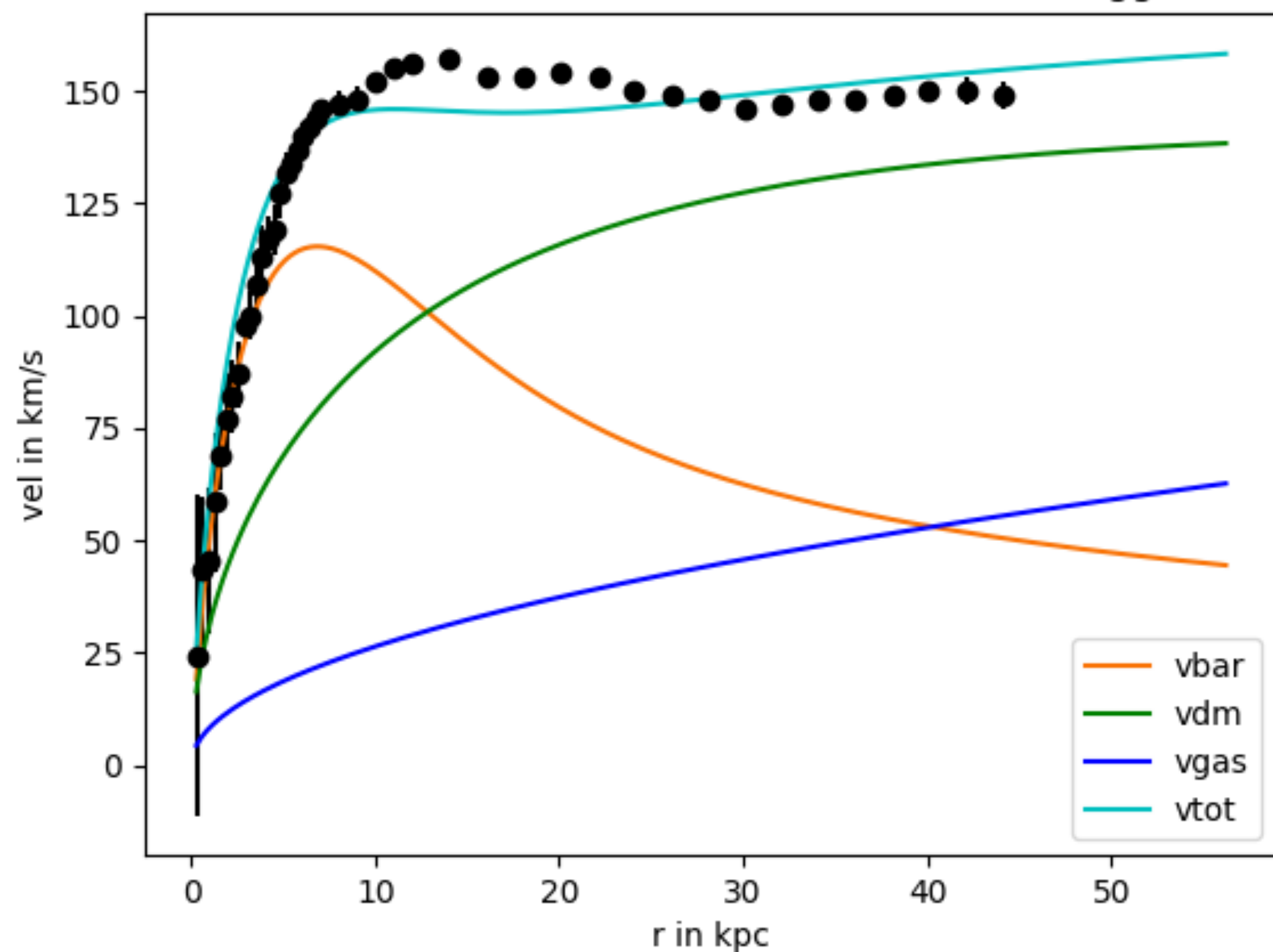
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NGC3198:R1_2=5.209000,
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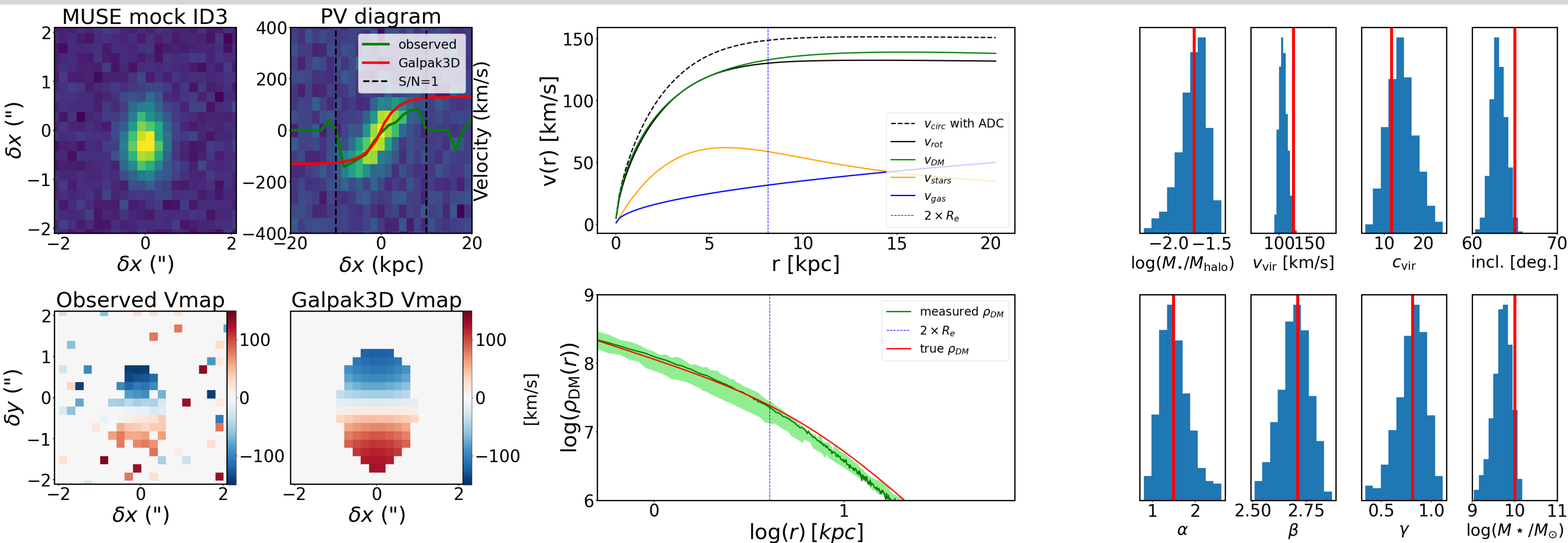
→ 13 - 15 free parameters

($x, y, z, \text{incl}, \text{PA}, M^*, M_{\text{vir}}, C_{\text{vir}}, \text{sig}0, R_e, n, \dots$)

→ all optimised simultaneously directly on the 3D IFU cube

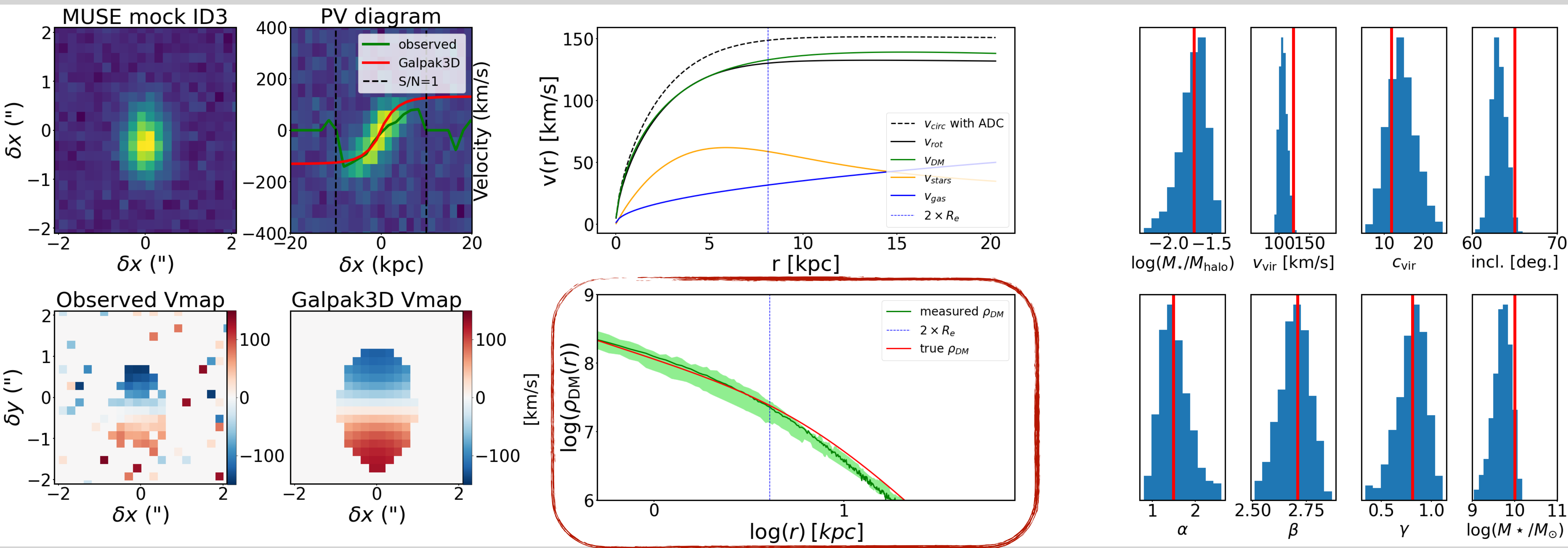
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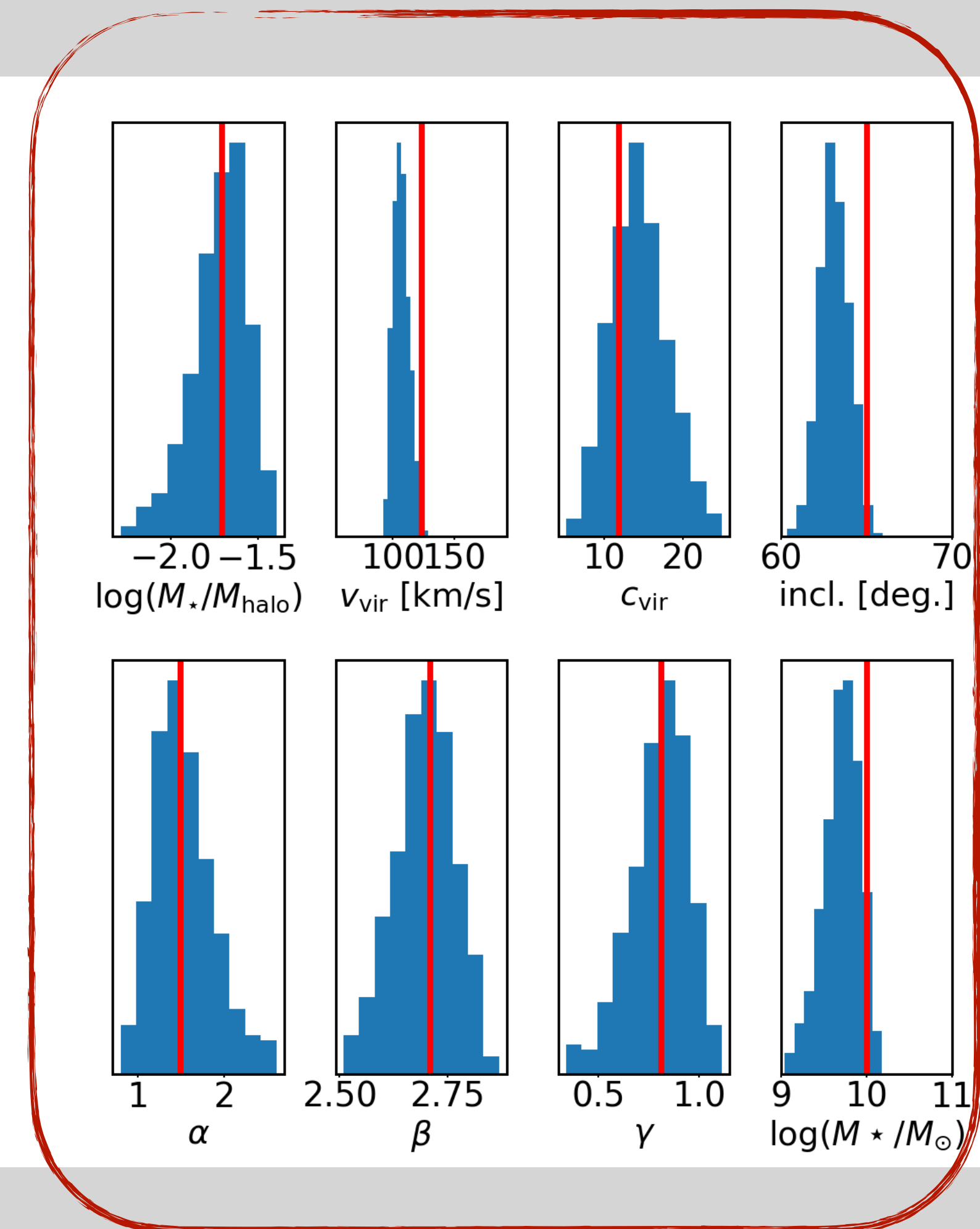
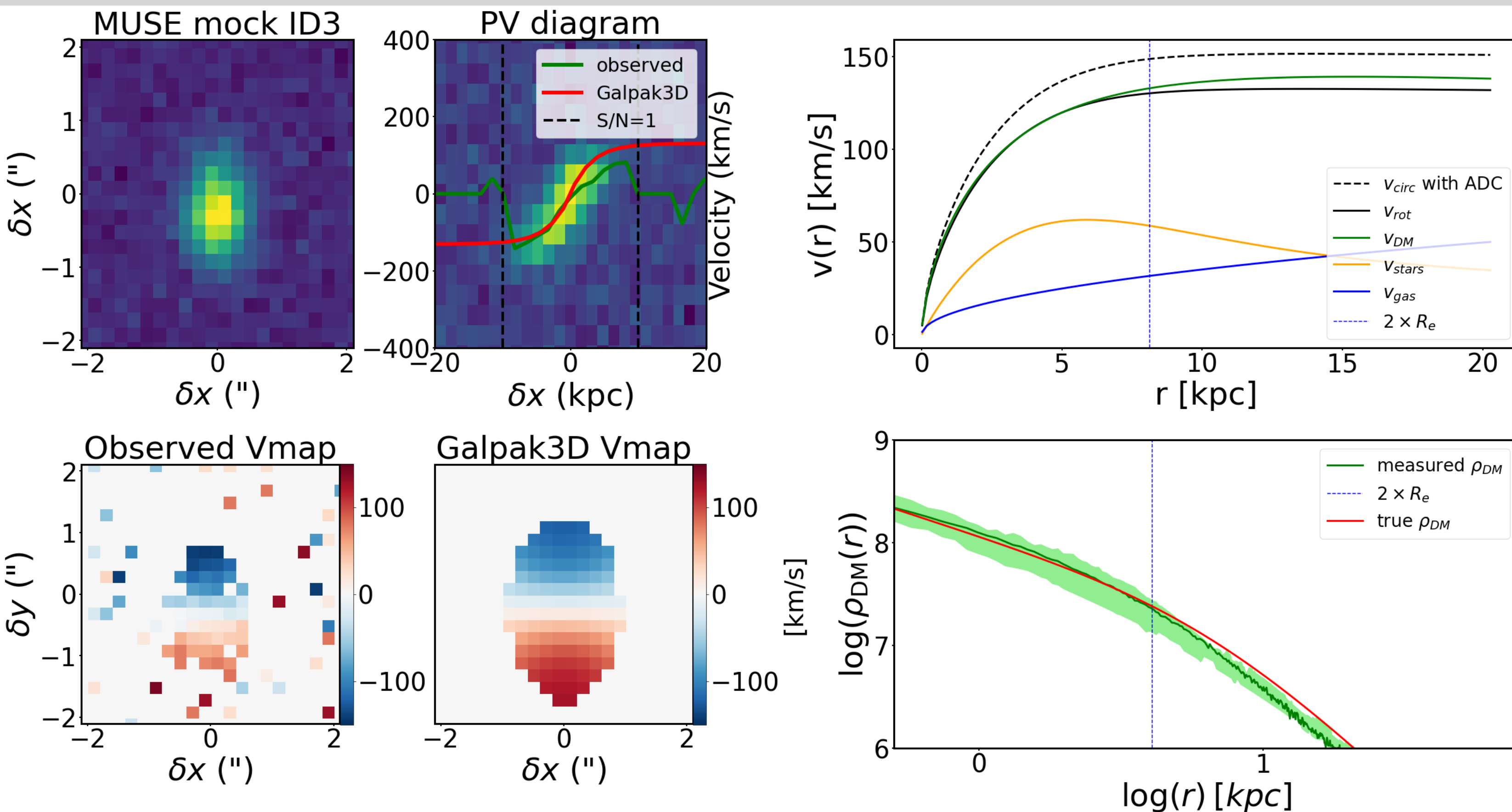
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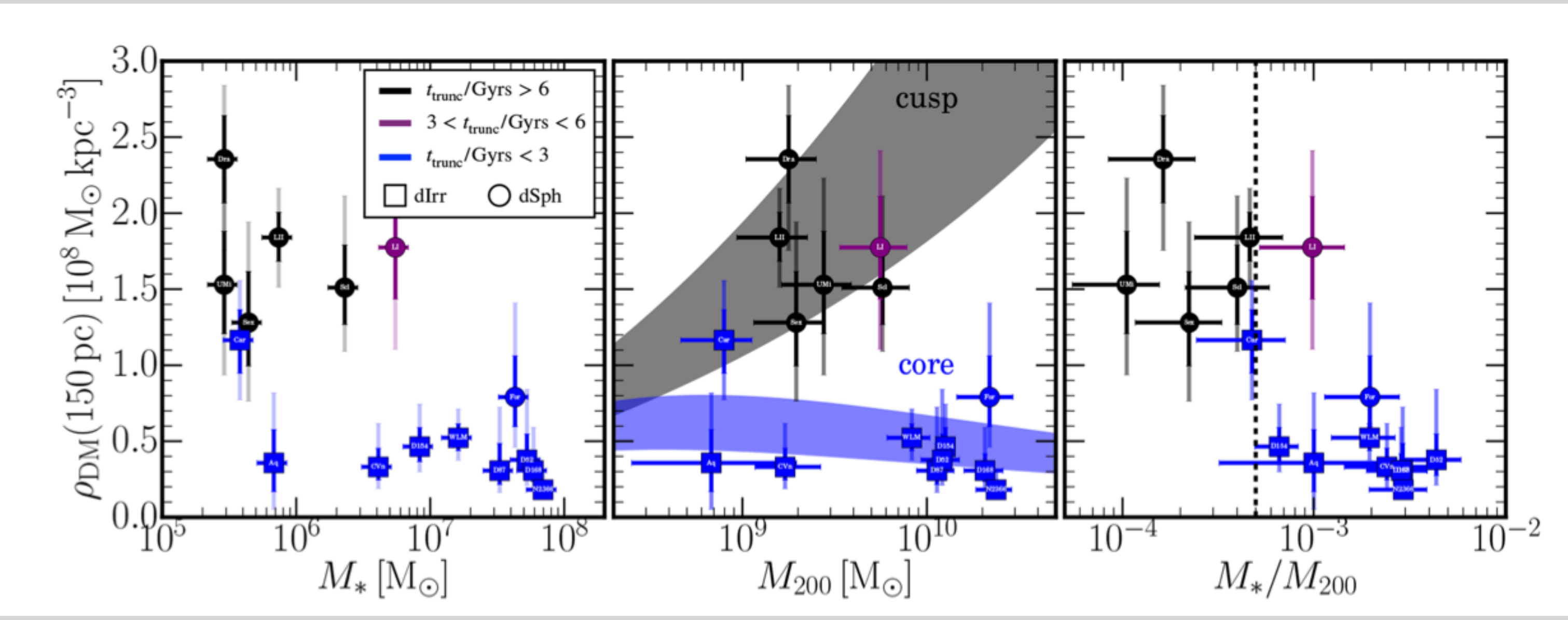
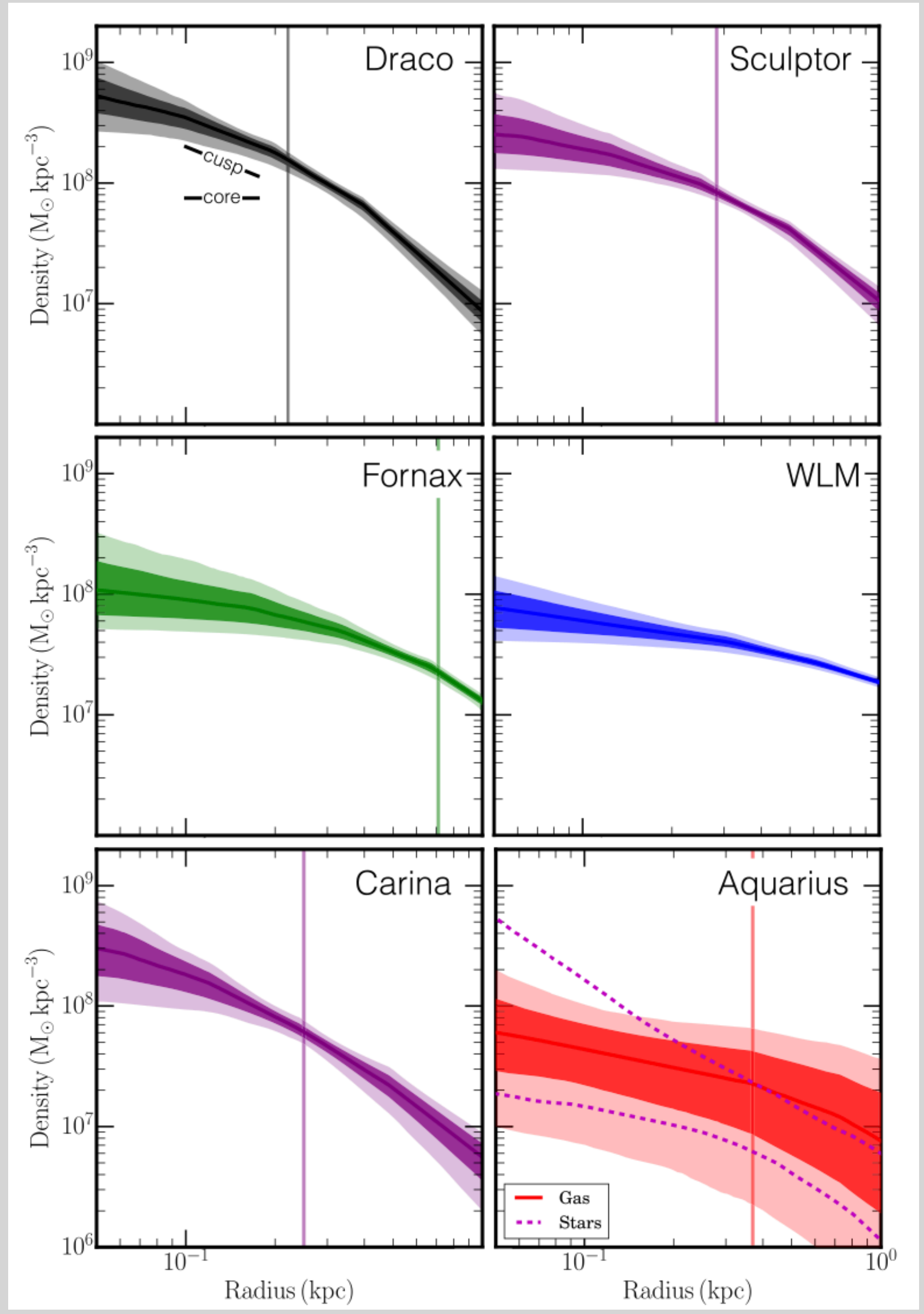
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State-of-the-art (z=0): Read et al. 2019

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- ▶ Use NFW & coreNFW
- ▶ Investigate SFHs

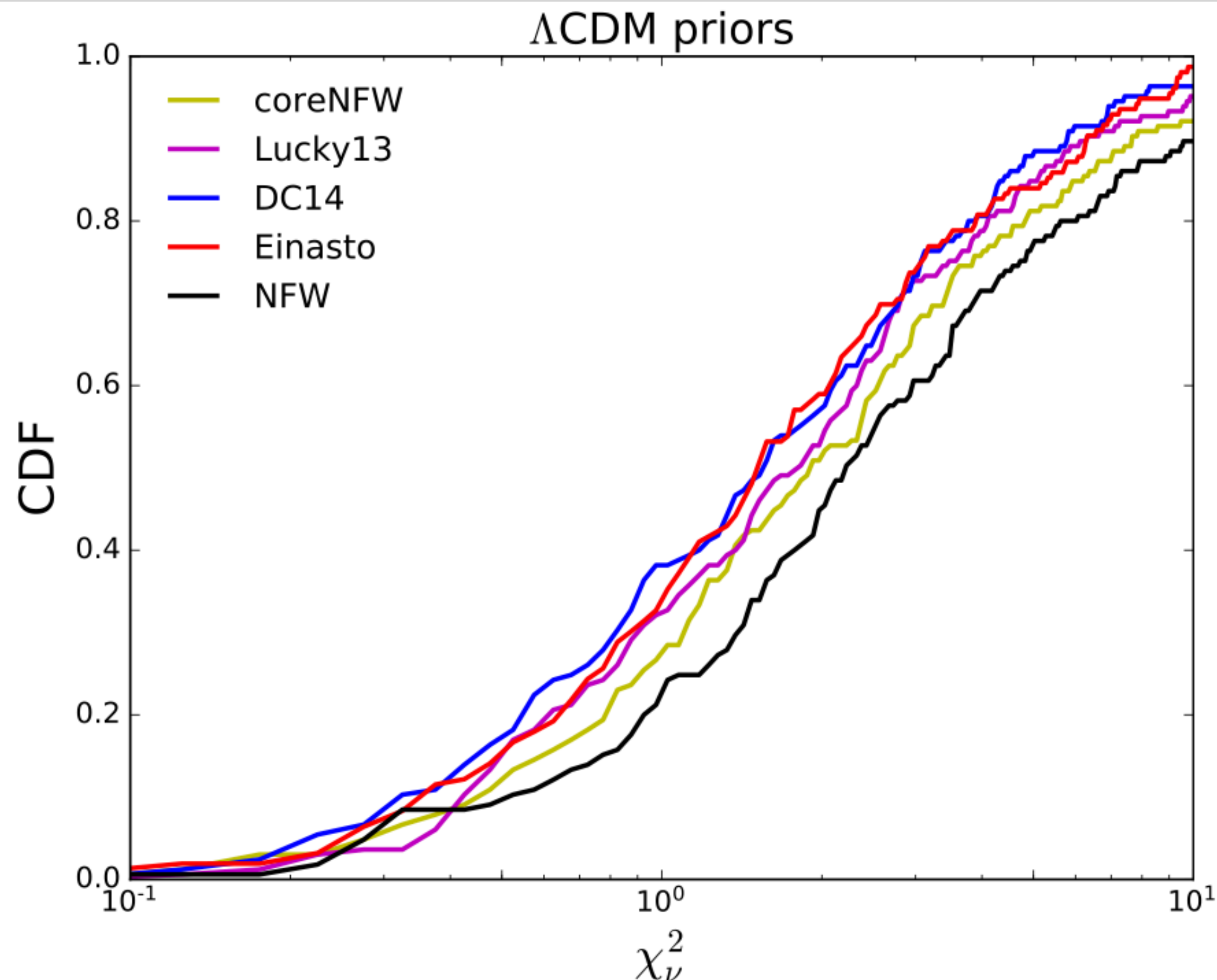
➔ Find evidence that galaxies which stopped forming stars over 6 Gyr ago show cusps, while those with more extended star formation cores



State-of-the-art ($z=0$): SPARC sample - Li+2020

1D

- ▶ Rotation curve decomposition for 175 local galaxies (SPARC sample - Ha+HI)
- ▶ Model DM halo with: (1) NFW; (2) Di Cintio +2014 profile; (3) pseudo-isothermal; (4) Burkert; (5) Einasto; (6) cored-NFW; and (7) Lucky13



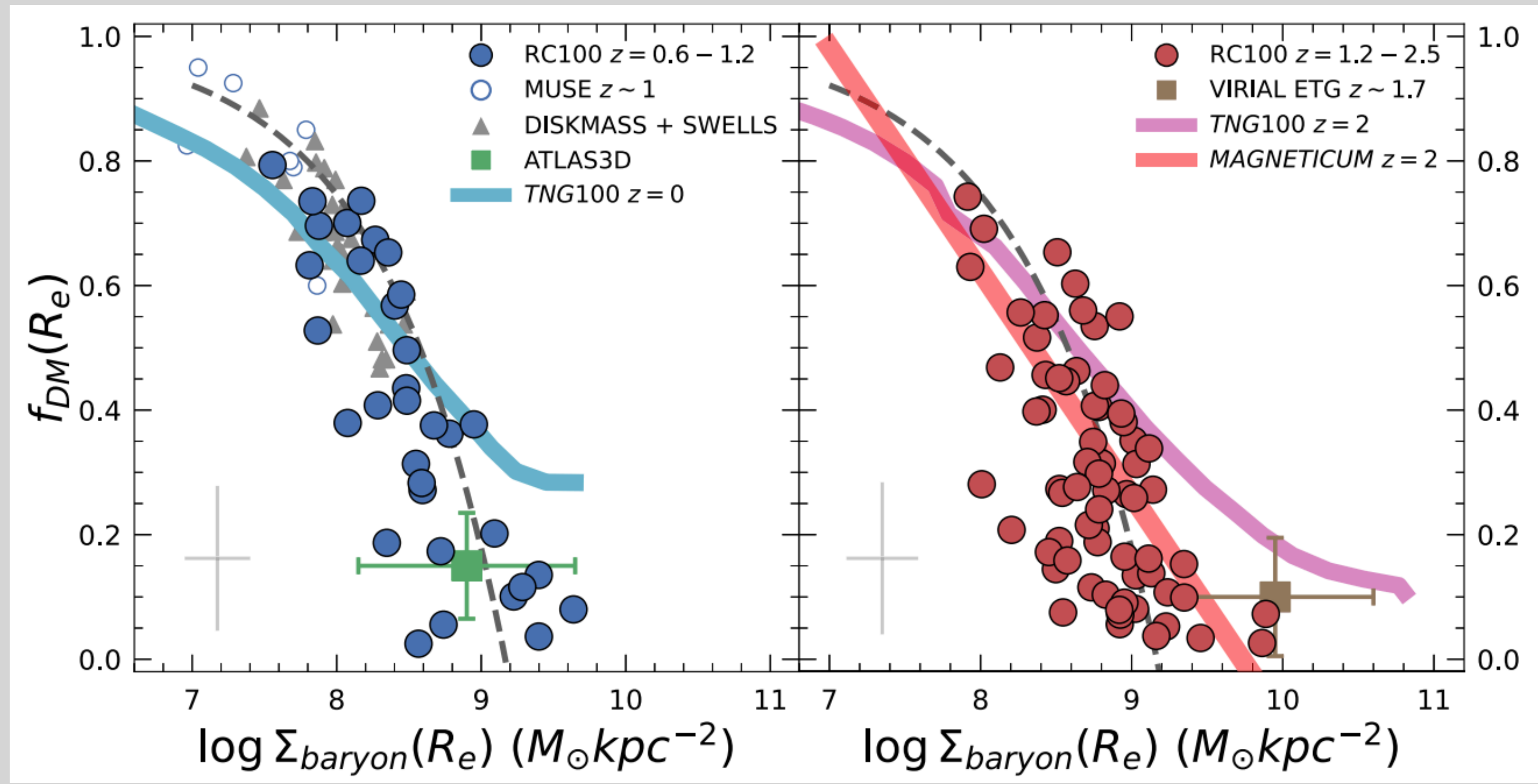
➔ Find evidence that cored profiles, such as Burkert, coreNFW, DC14, Einasto, and pISO, provide better rotation curve fits than the cuspy NFW profile

➔ Recover halo mass–concentration & stellar mass–halo mass relations

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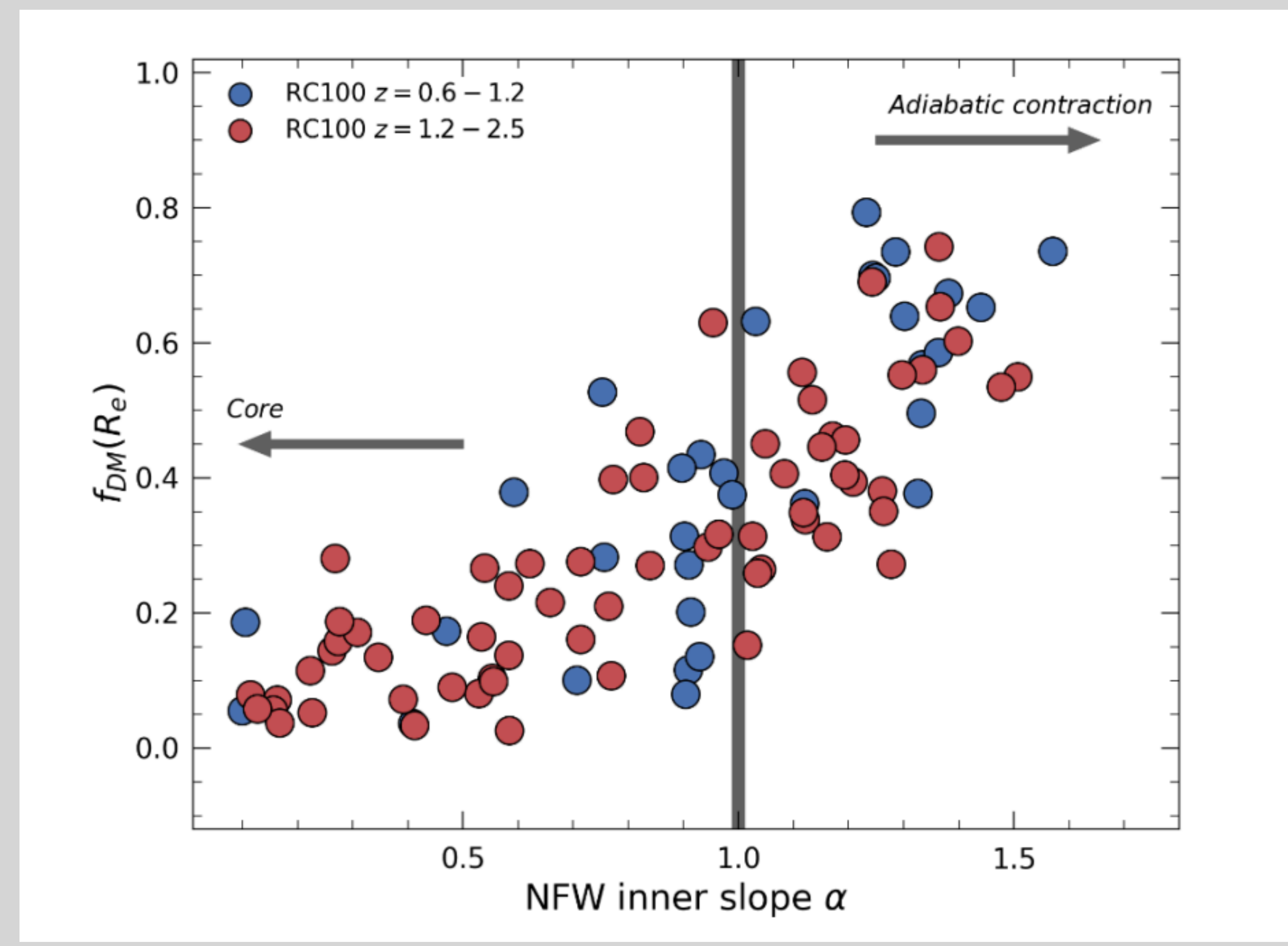
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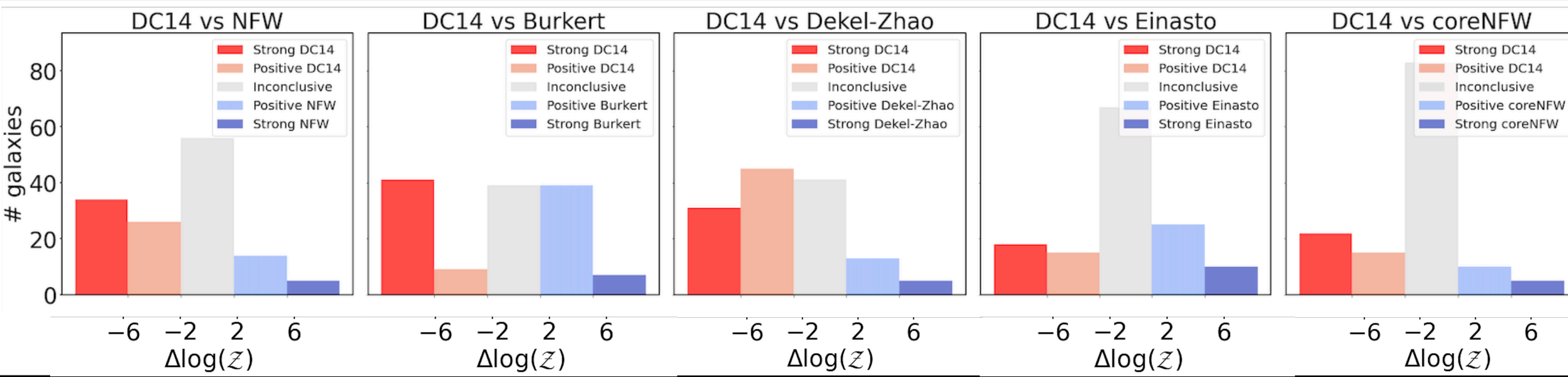


At $z \sim 1$ - MUSE Hubble Ultra Deep Field Survey: Ciocan, Bouché +2024

submitted

► Rotation curve decomposition for 136 galaxies with $0.3 < z < 1.5$ and $7 < \log(M^*/M_\odot) < 11$

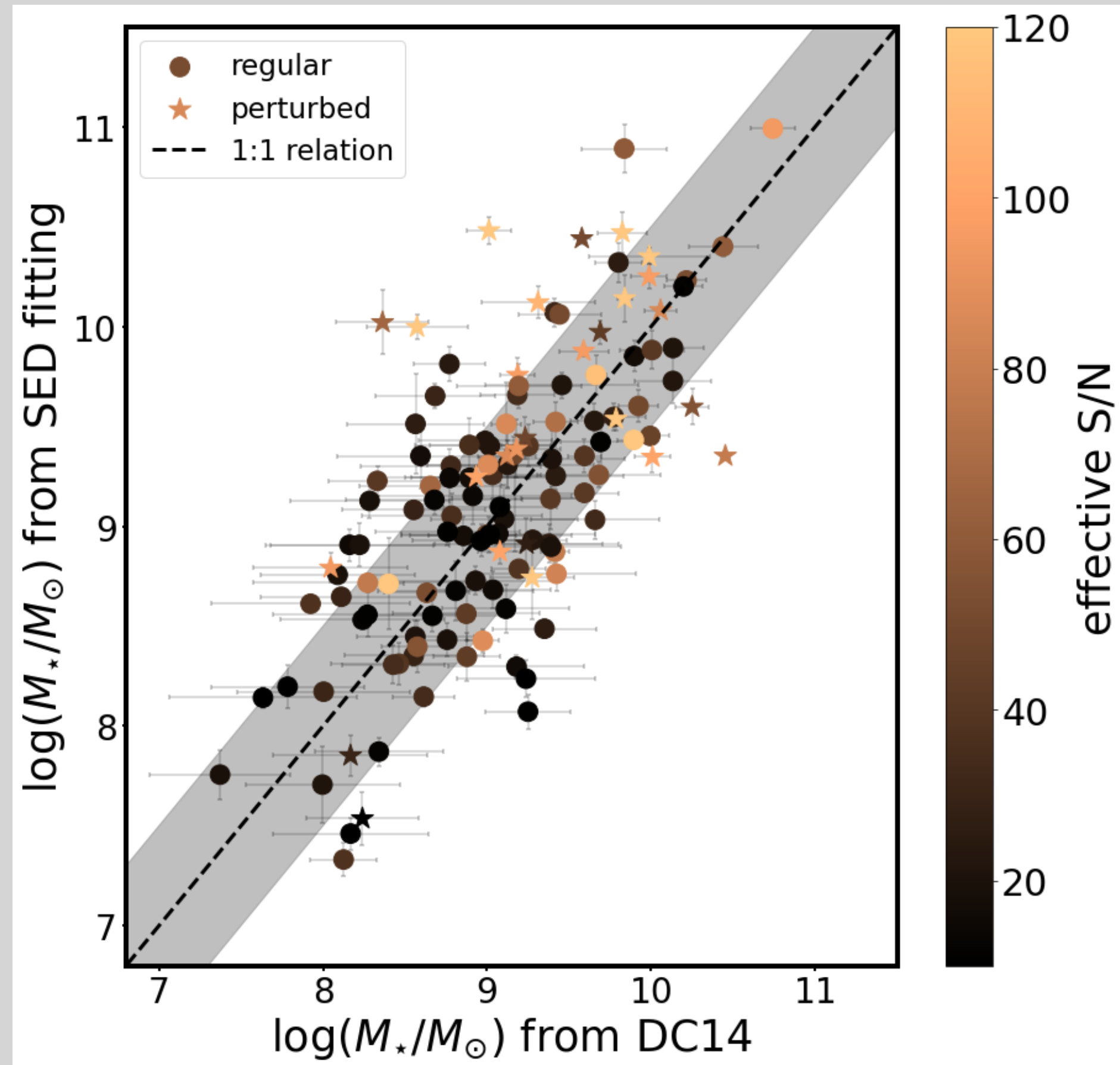
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► Bayesian model comparison: Di Cintio +2014 profile represents the data better

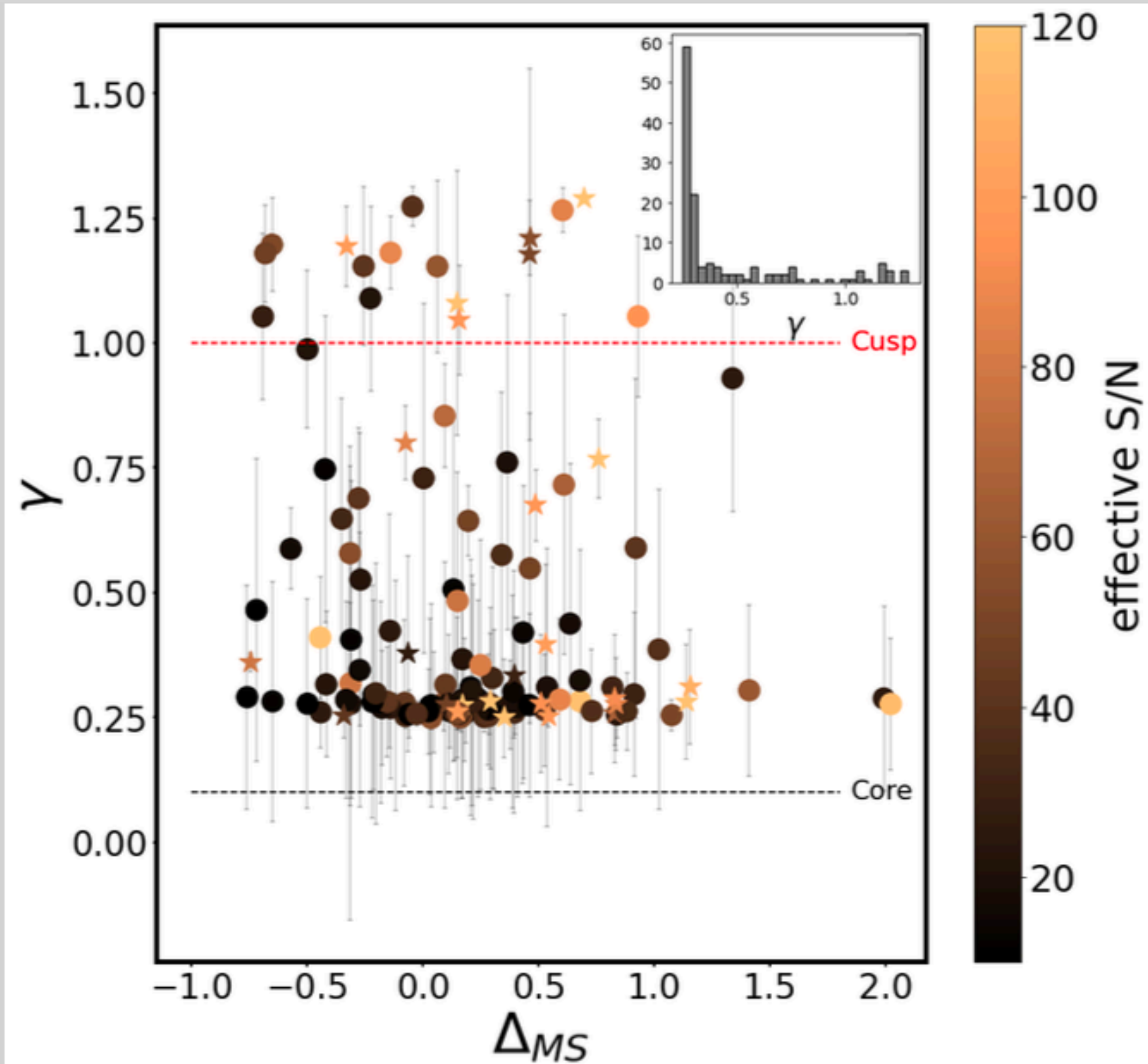


Consistency checks for DC14



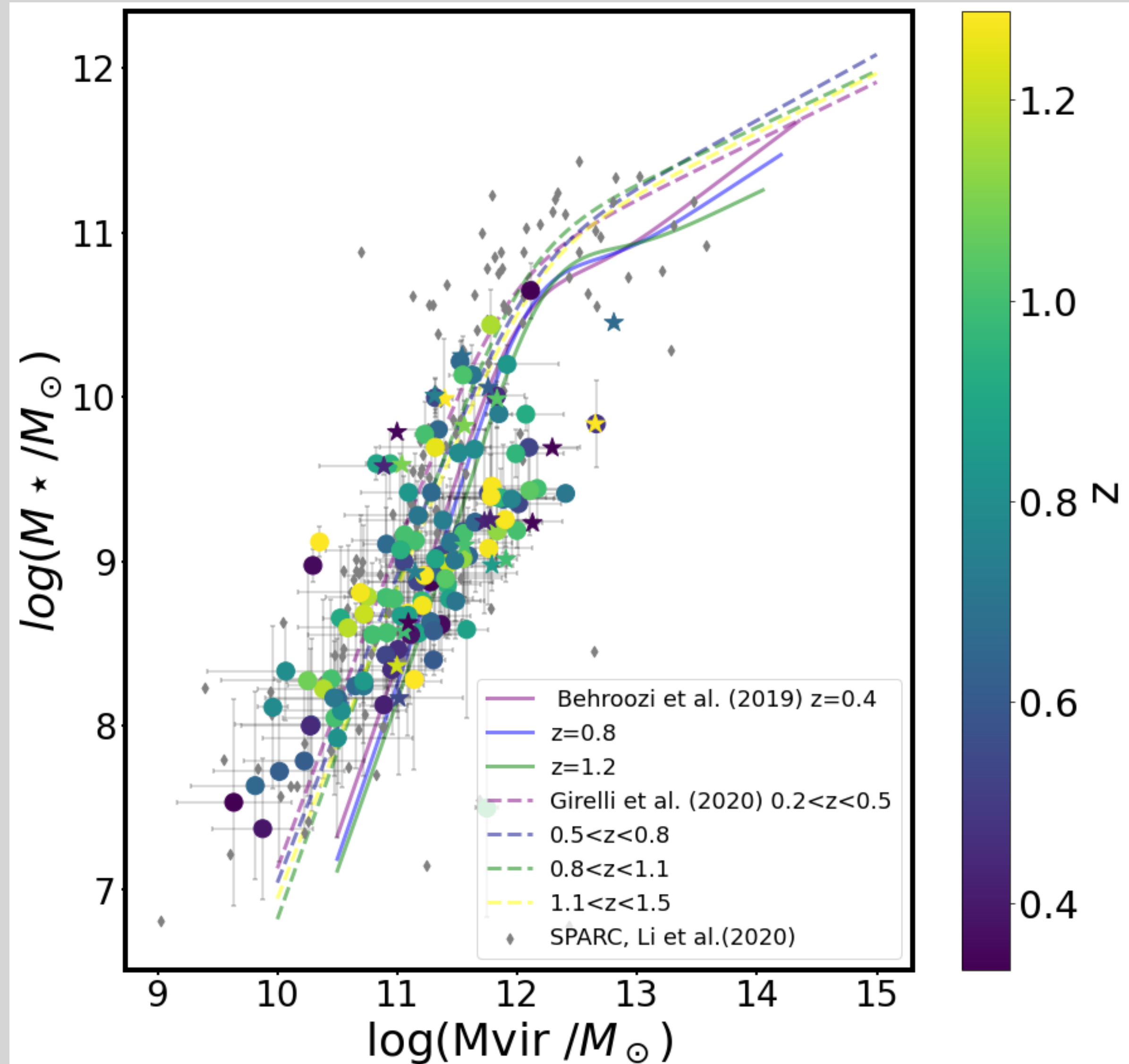
➔ The kinematically inferred M^* agree with the ones derived from photometry

- ▶ **Dark matter inner slope vs offset from star forming main sequence**



➔ 66% shows cored dark matter density profiles
➔ No correlation between the dark matter inner slope and the star formation activity of the sample

► Stellar mass - halo mass relation



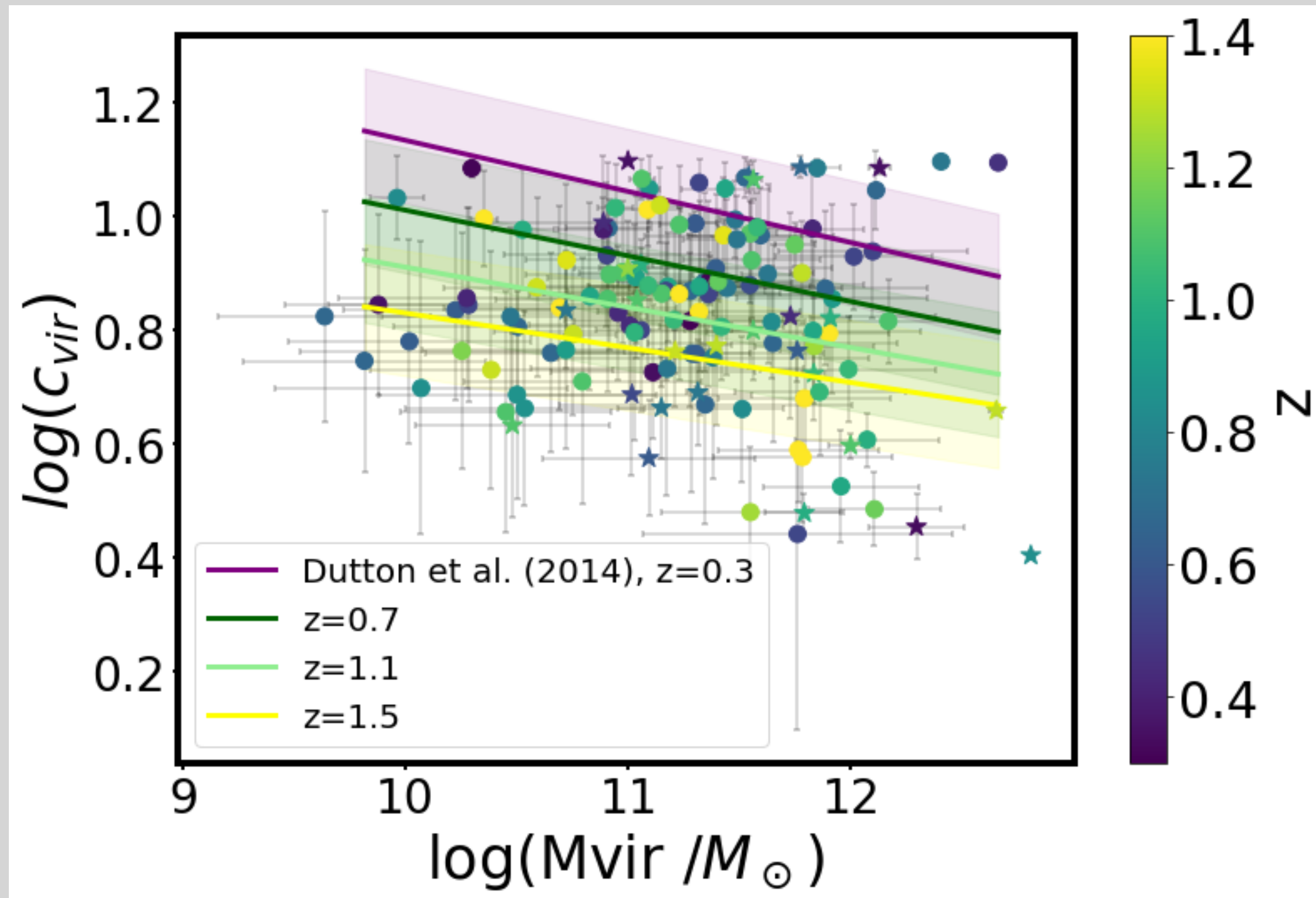
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3D

GalPaK
galaxy parameters and kinematics

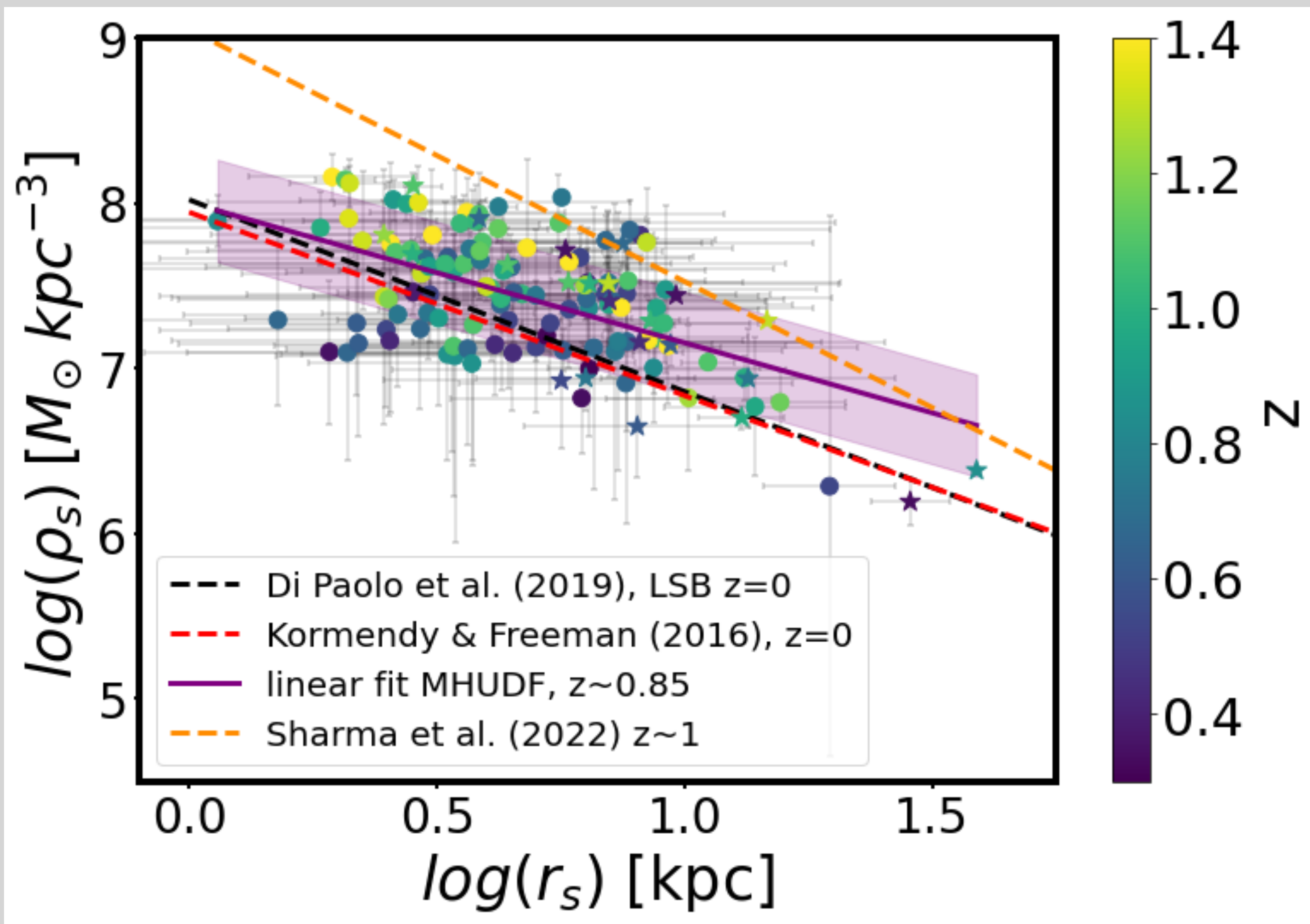
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► Concentration - halo mass relation



► in agreement with the predictions from Dutton et al. 2014, but with larger scatter

► Halo scale radius - density relation



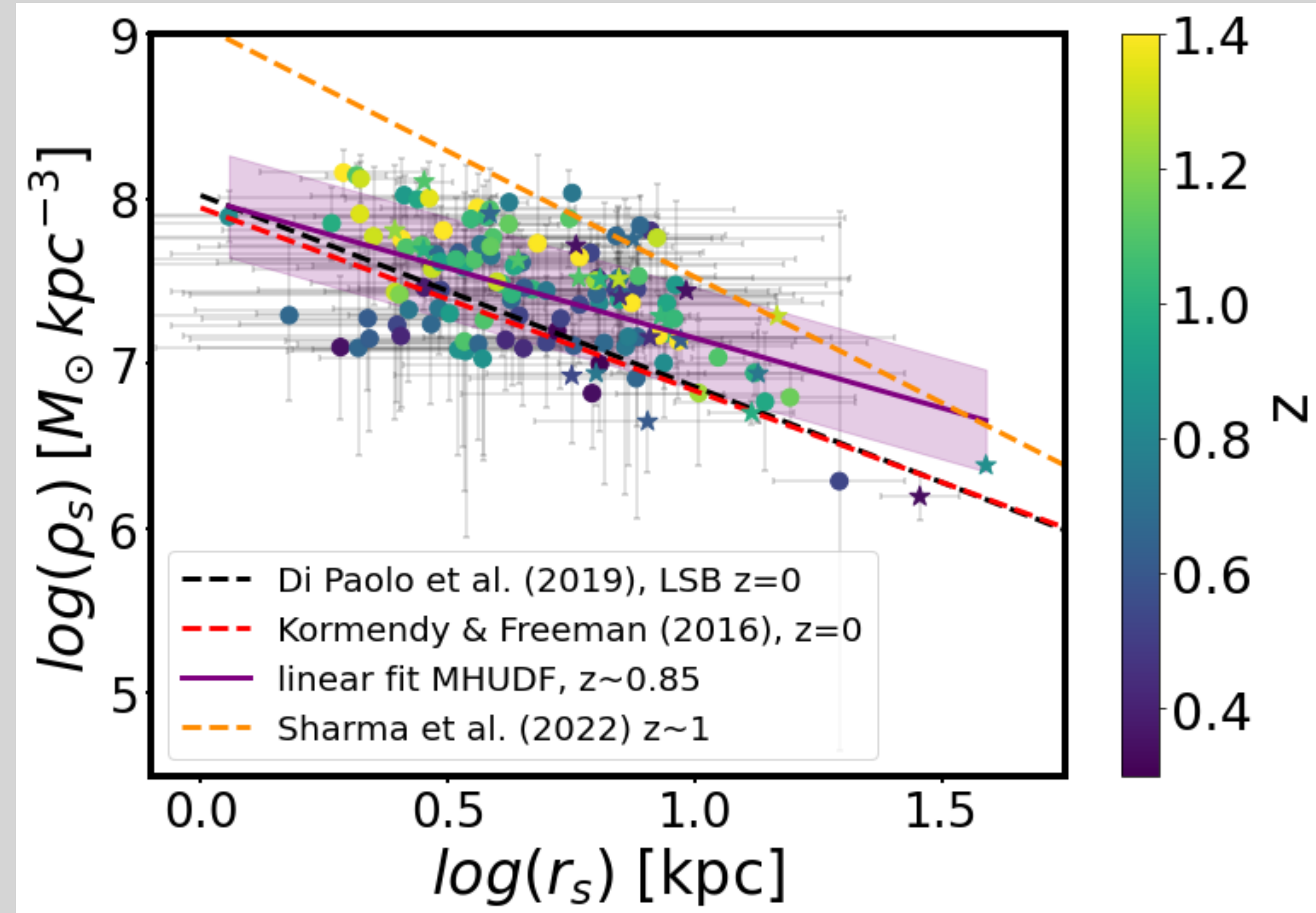
$$\rho \propto R^{-3(3+n)/(5+n)}$$

(Djorgovski 1992)

$$n \sim -2$$

► anticorrelation results from the expected scaling relation of DM predicted by hierarchical clustering

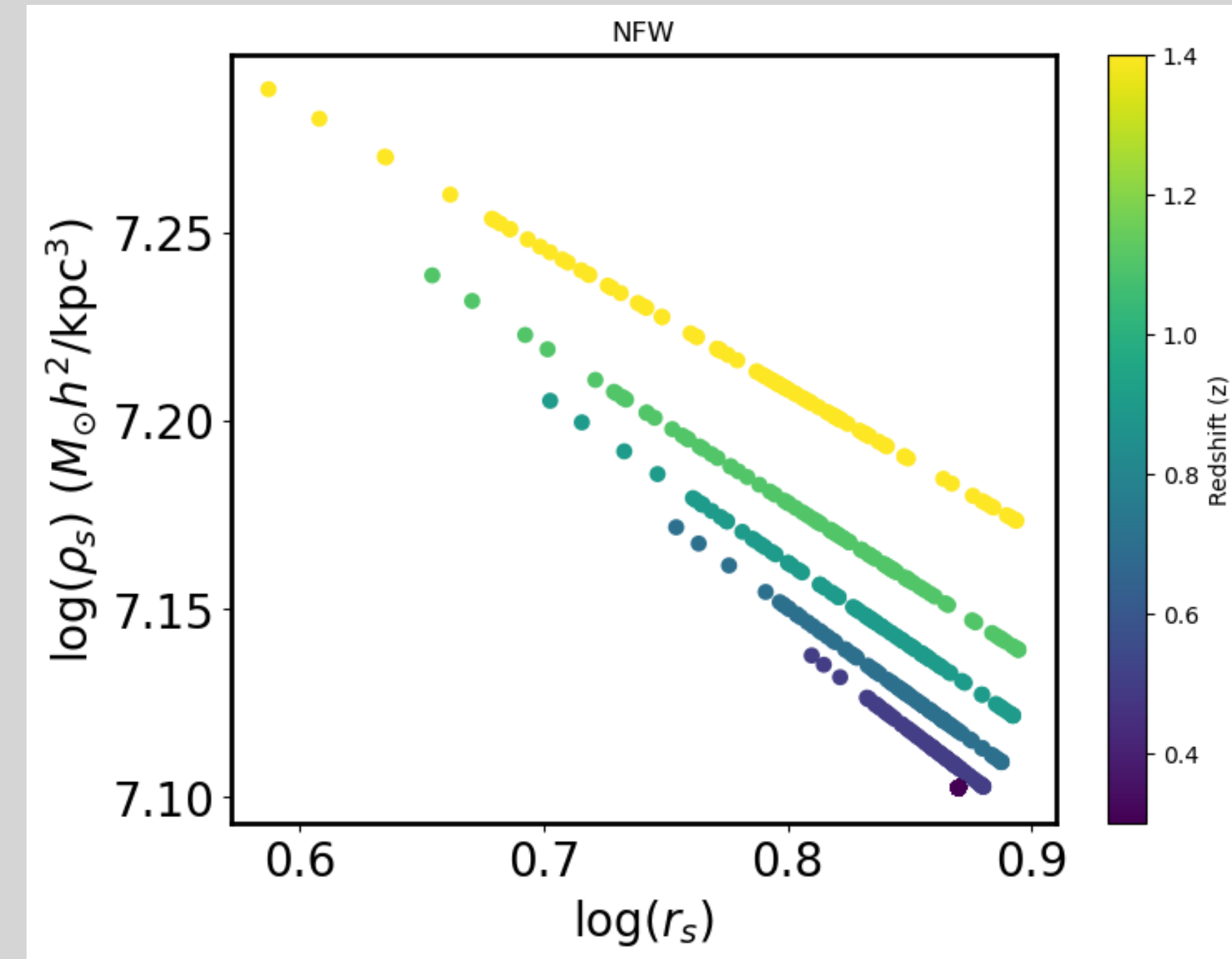
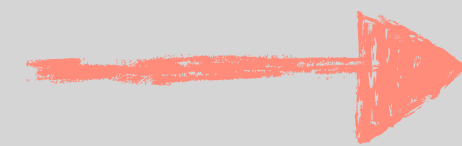
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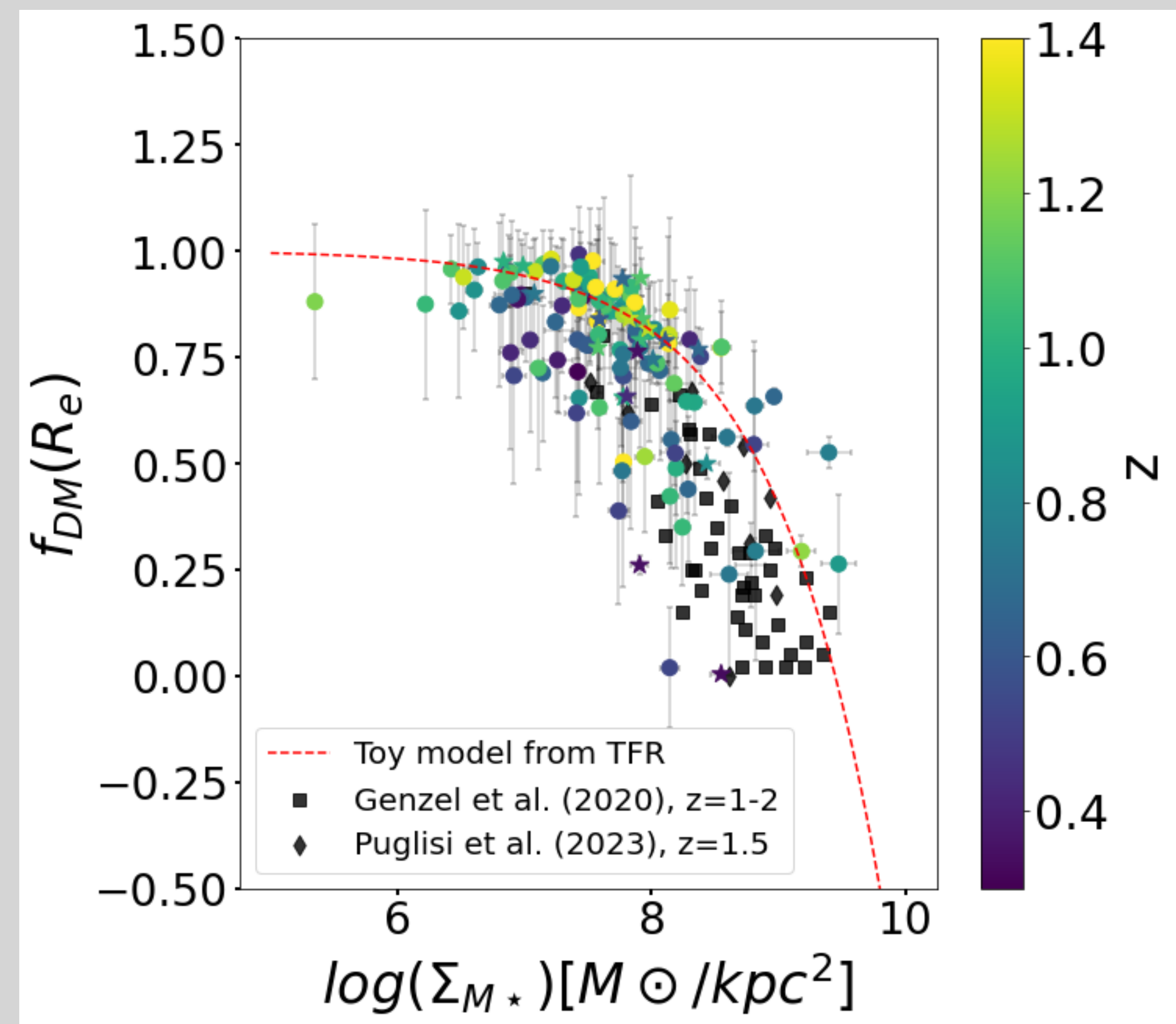
Diffmah
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Colossus
(Diemer+2018)



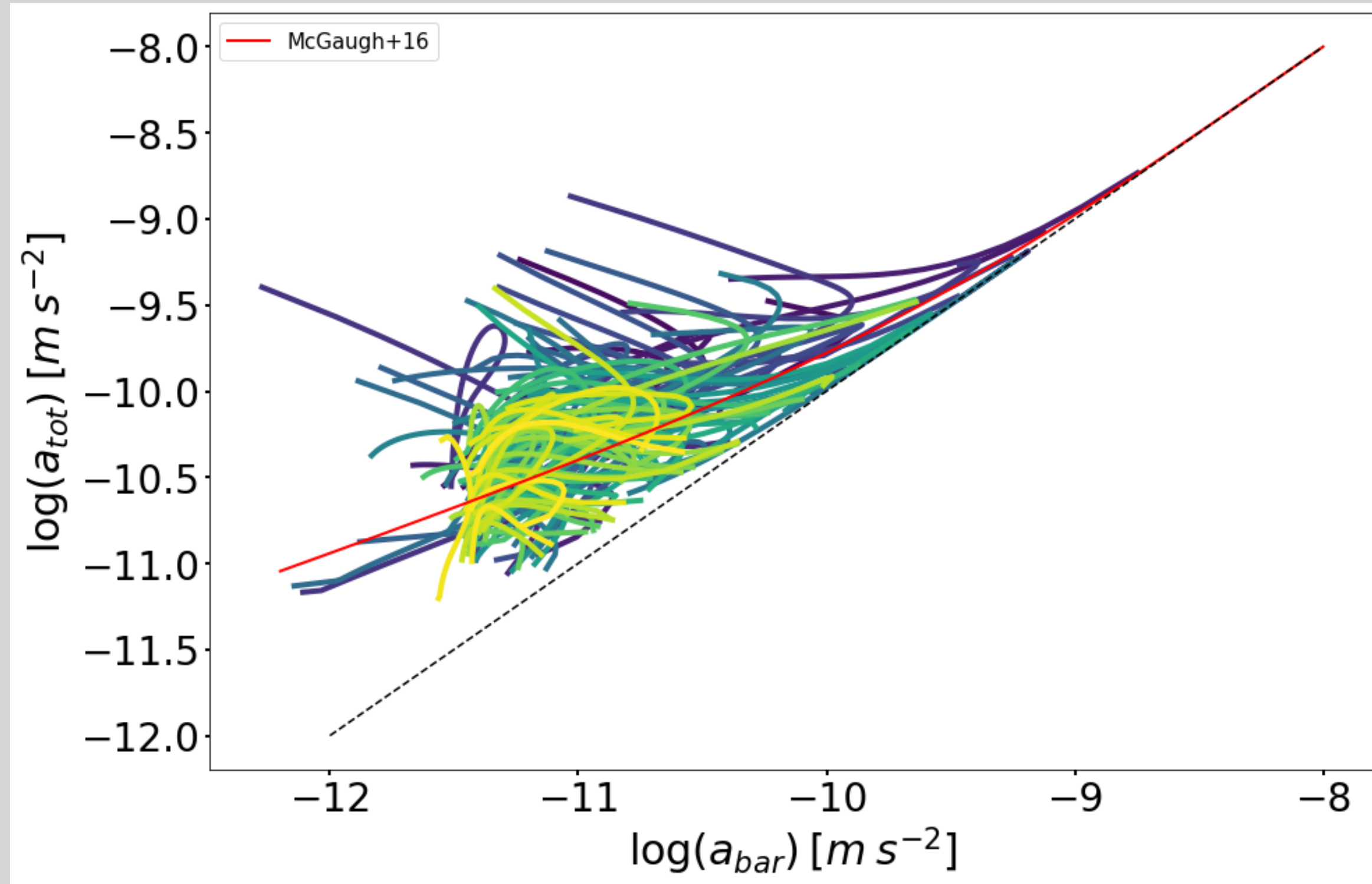
► evolution of halo characteristic density with z

► Dark matter fraction - stellar mass surface density relation

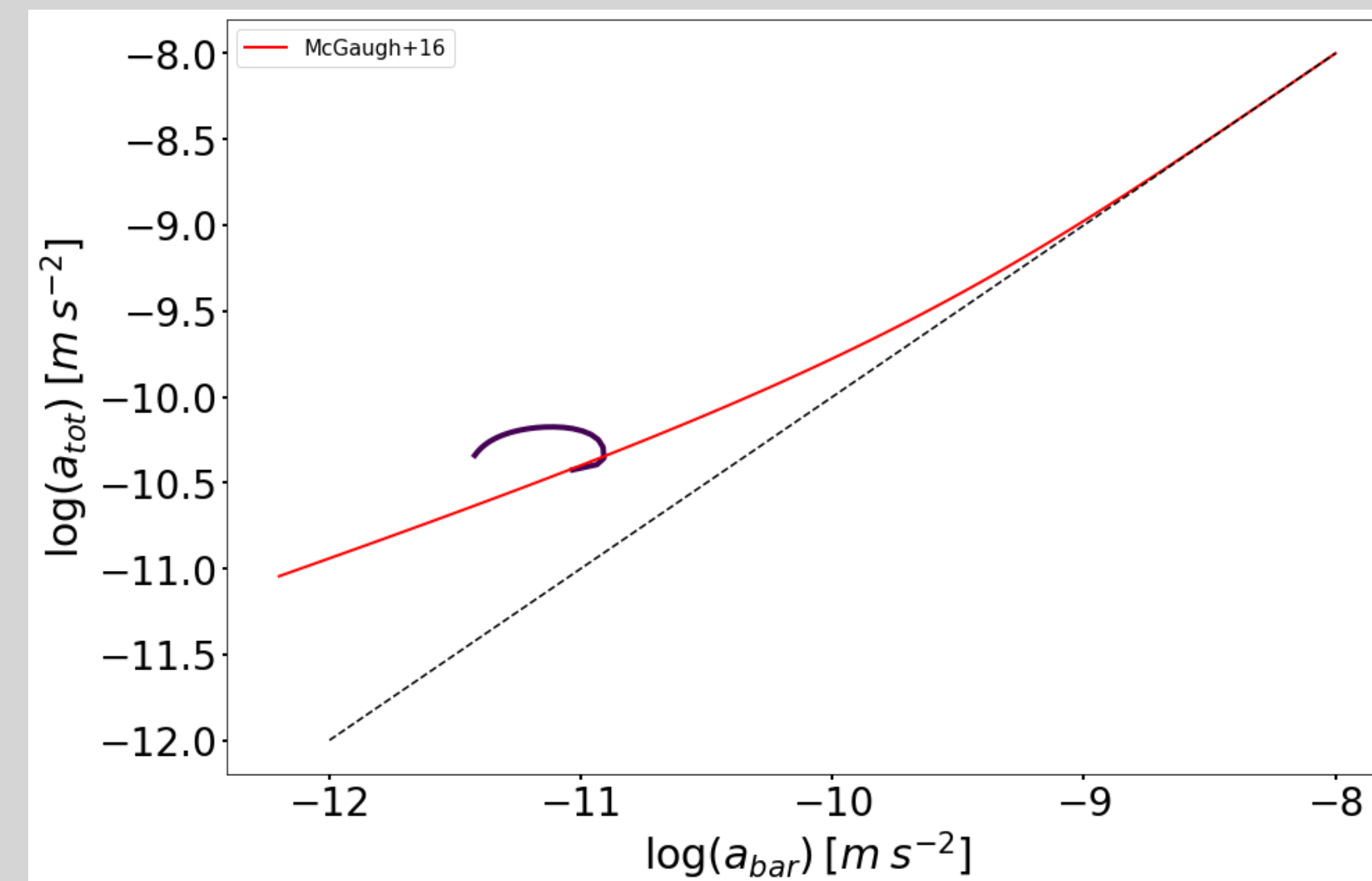
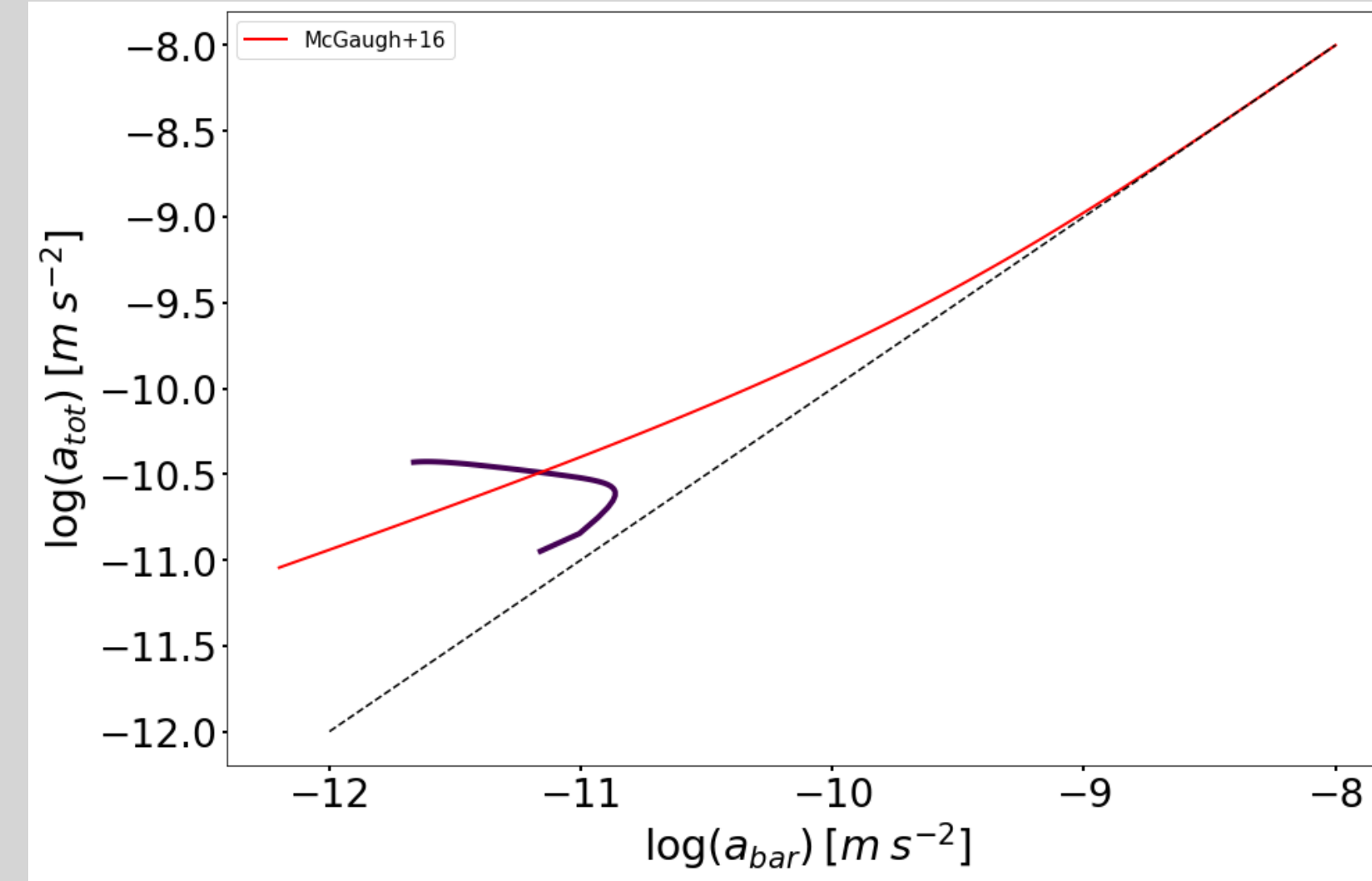


► 89% of the sample has dark matter fractions larger than 50% within R_e

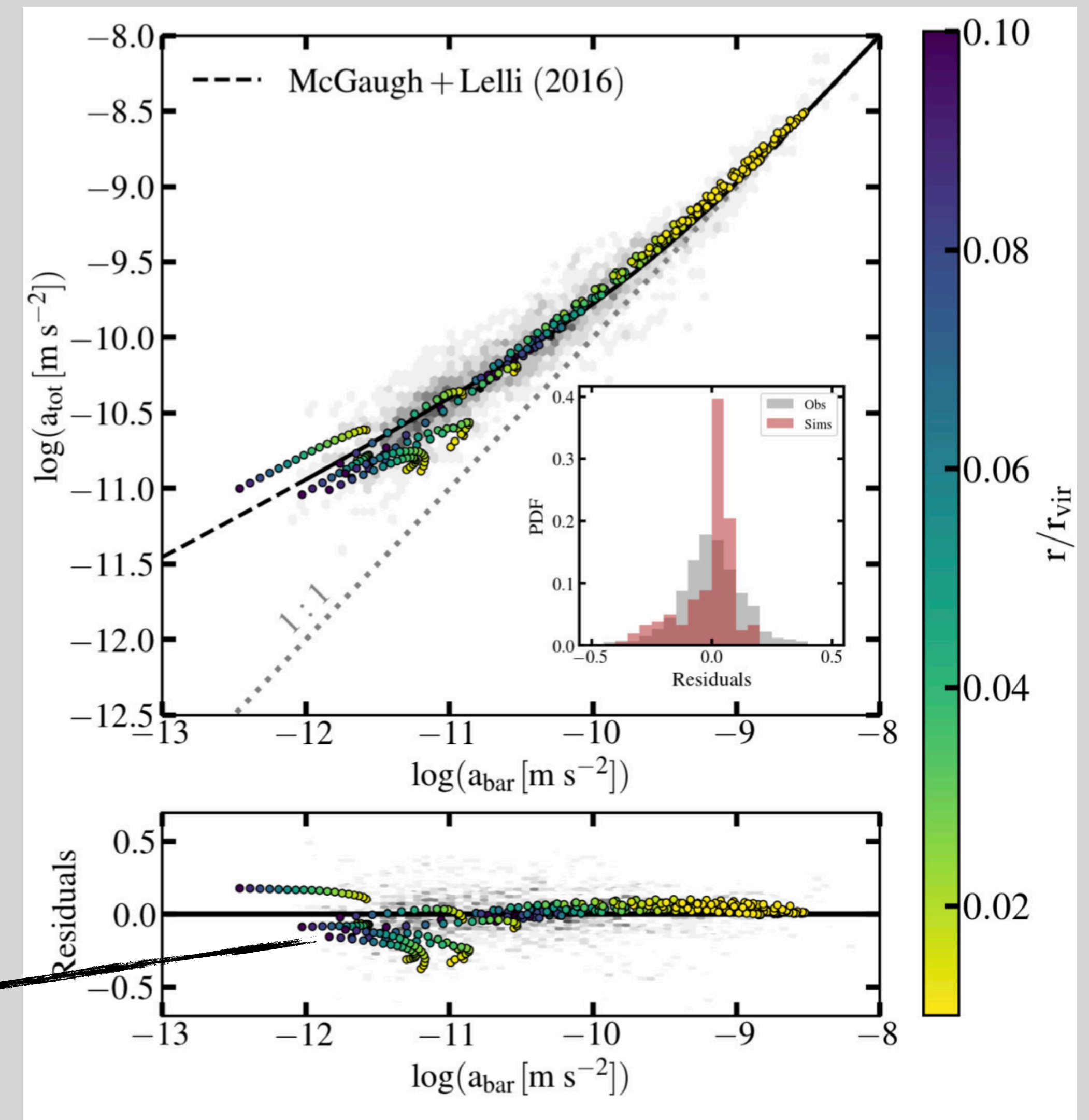
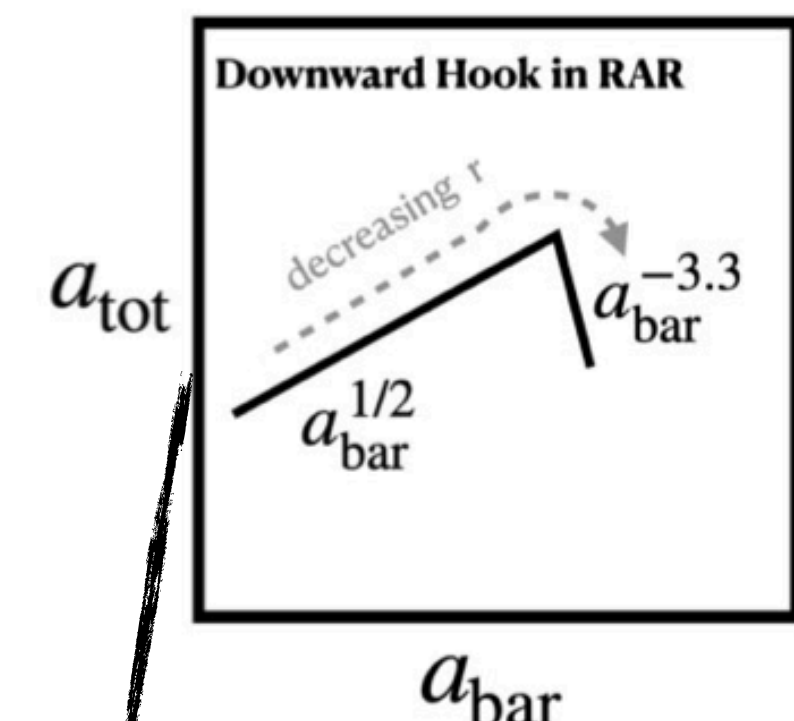
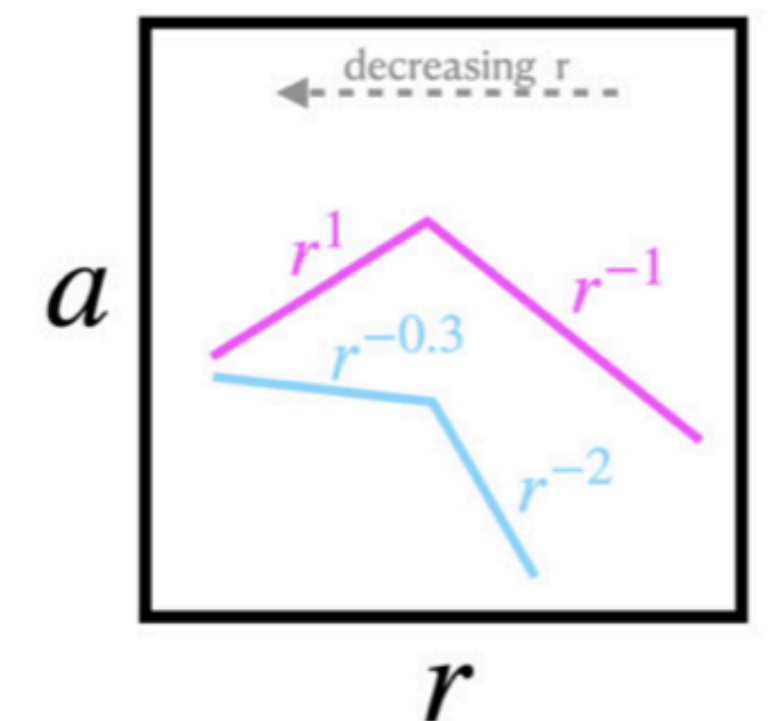
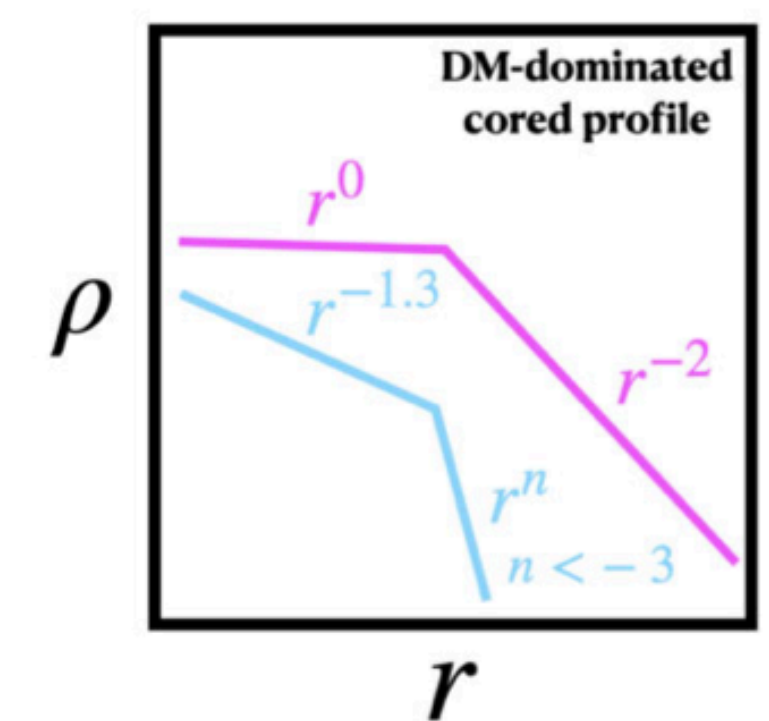
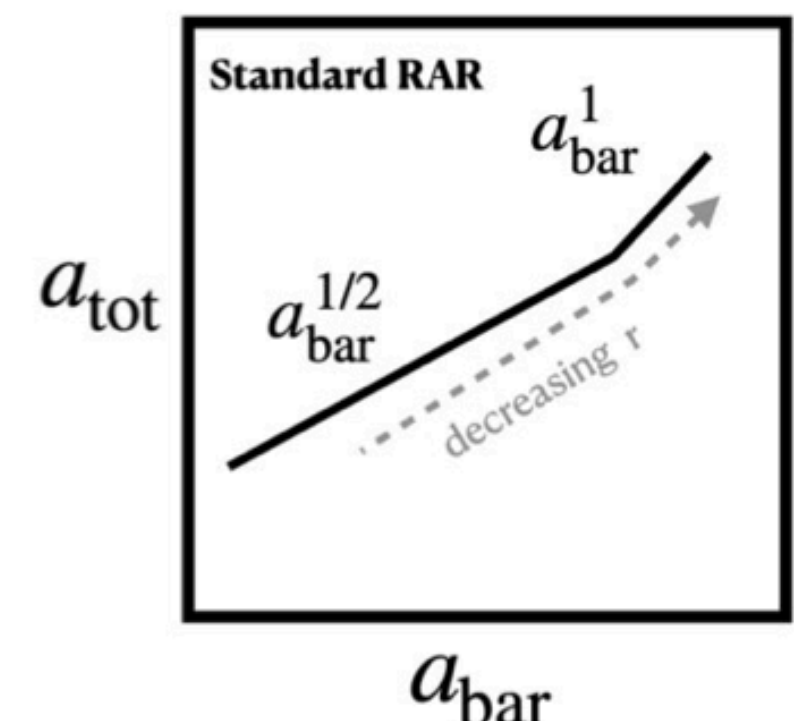
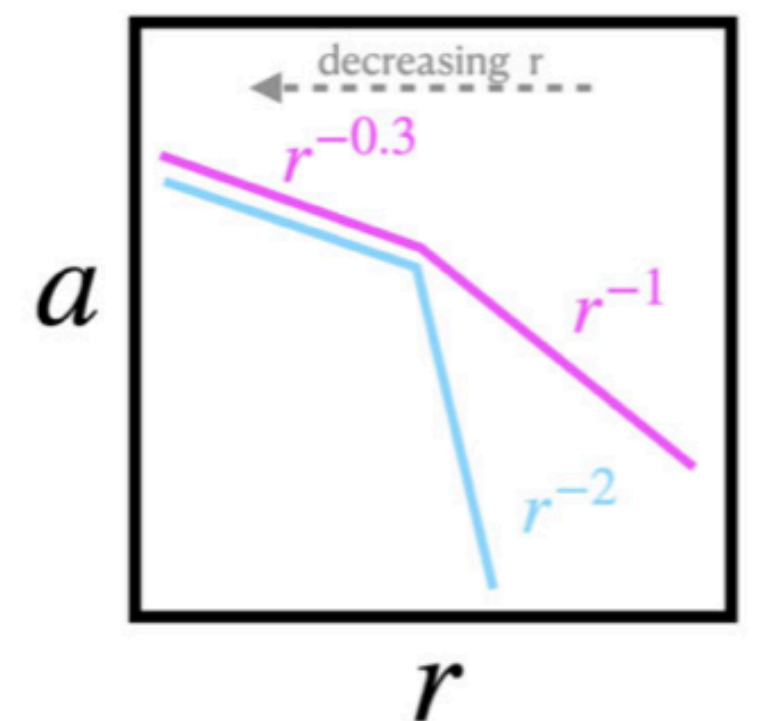
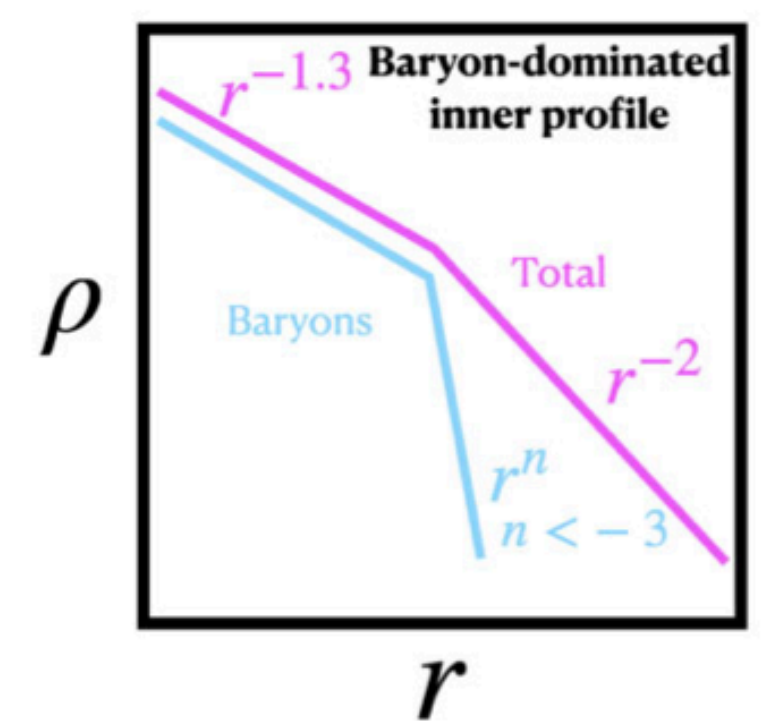
► RAR relation



► For cored galaxies



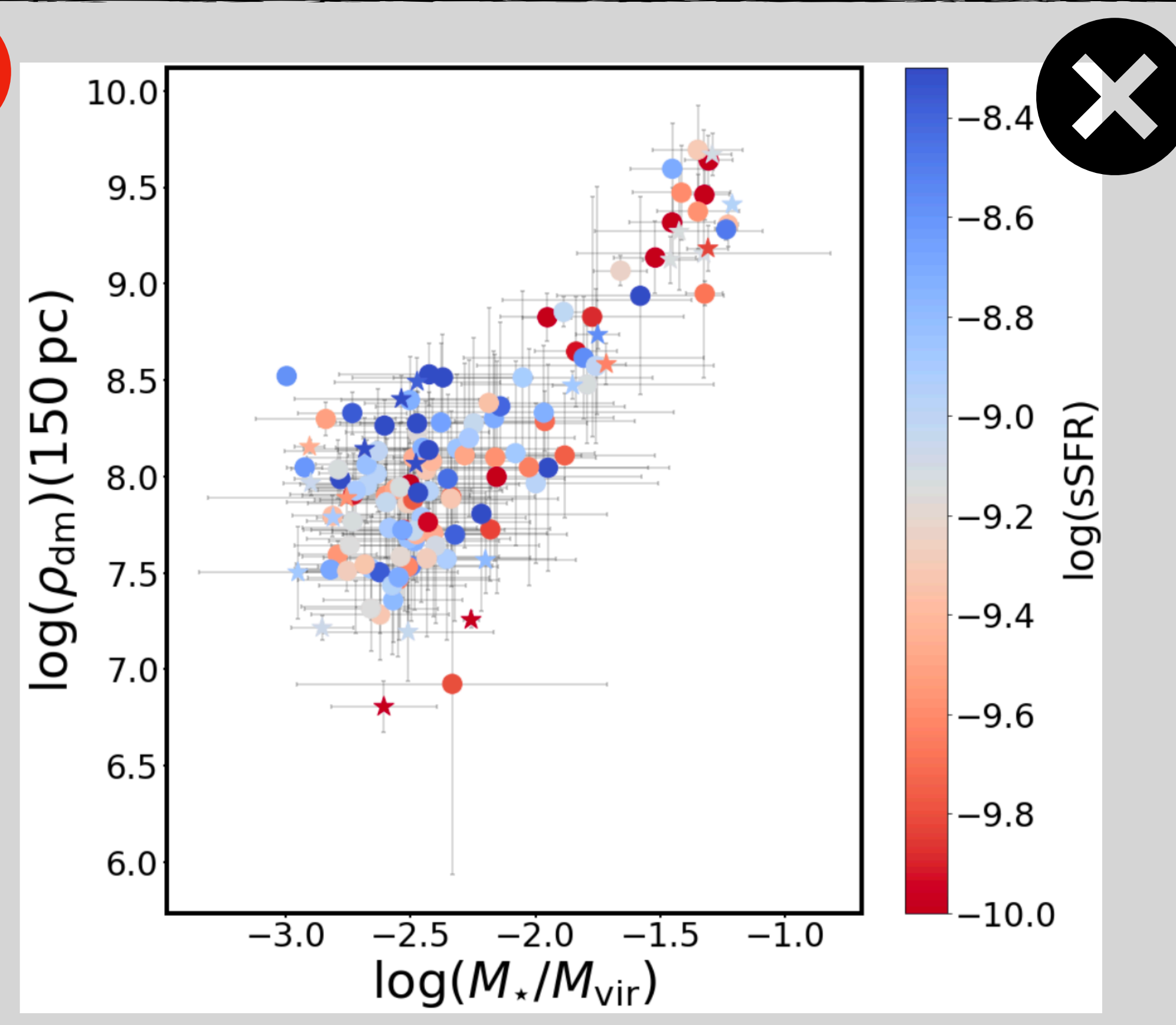
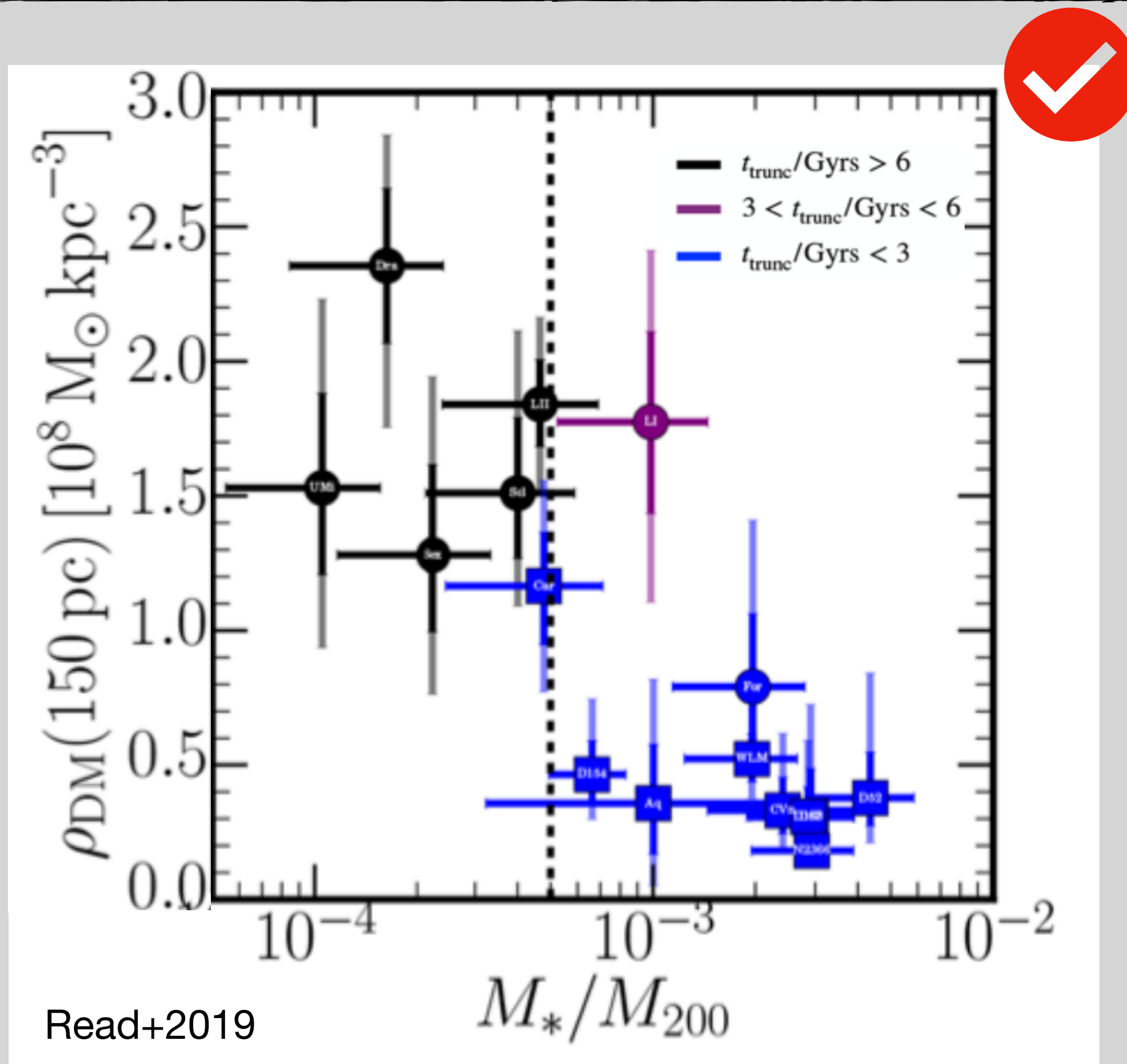
► RAR relation -predictions from FIRE-2 simulations (Mercado+24)



expected in Λ CDM but not in MOND

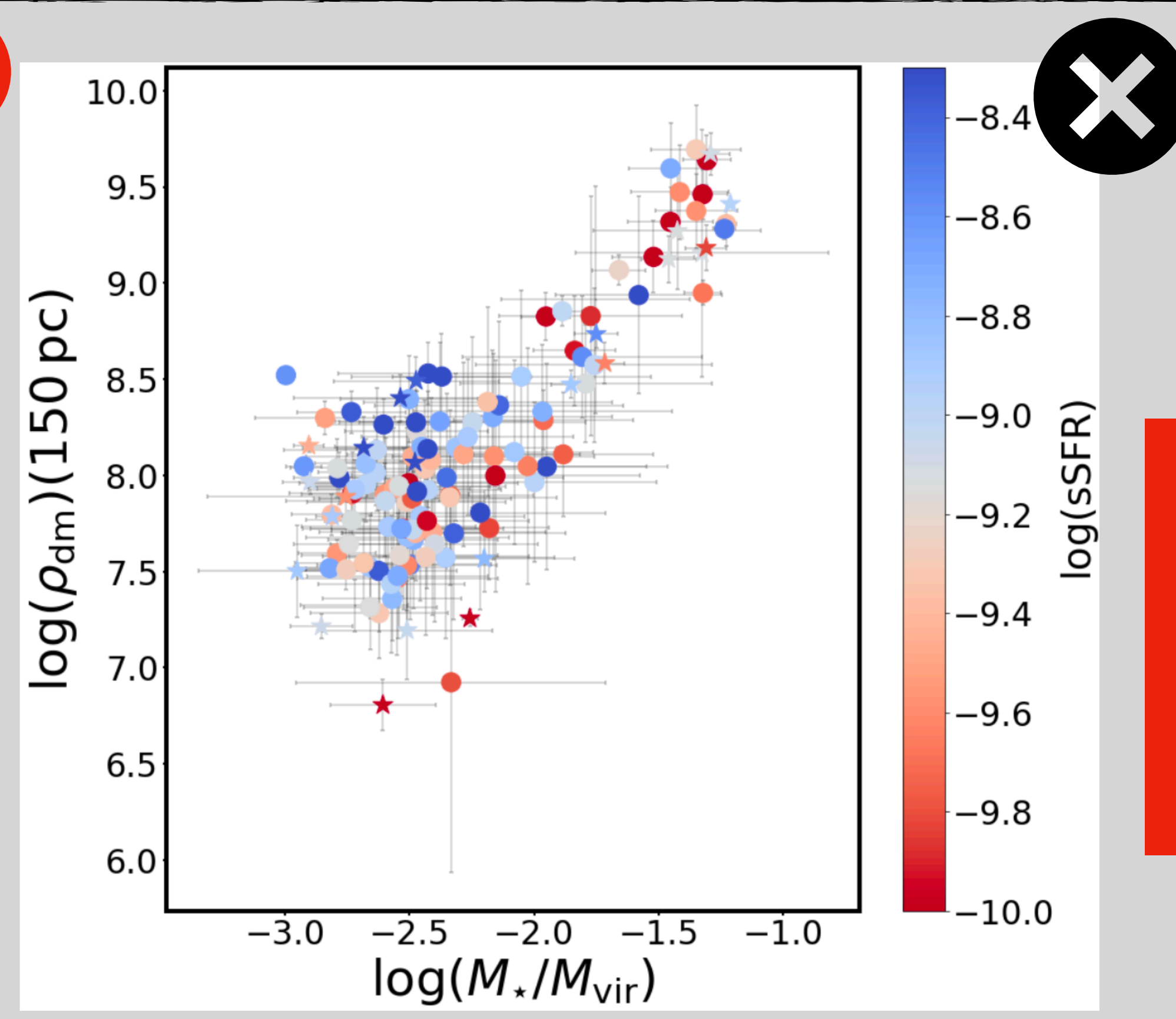
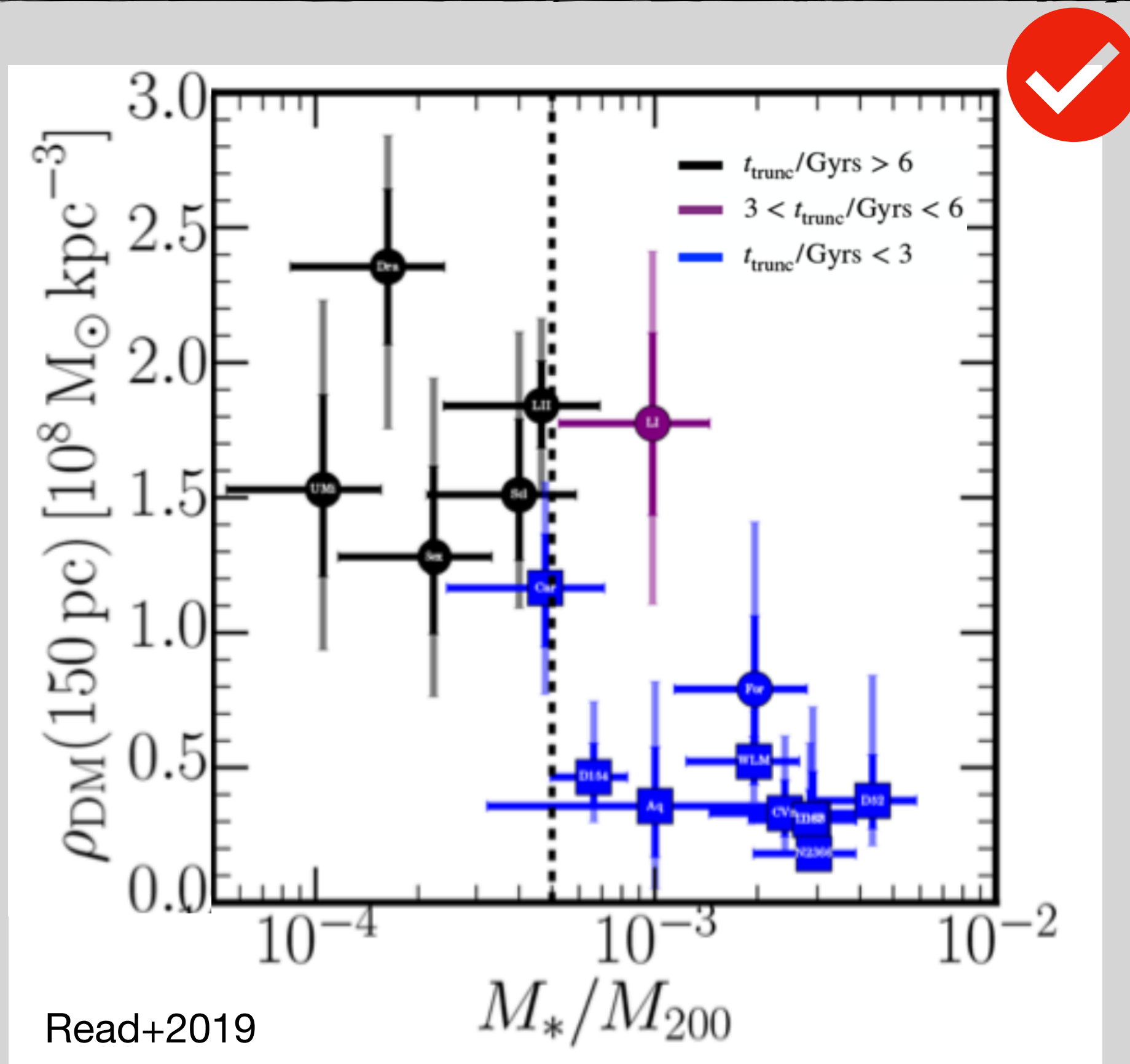
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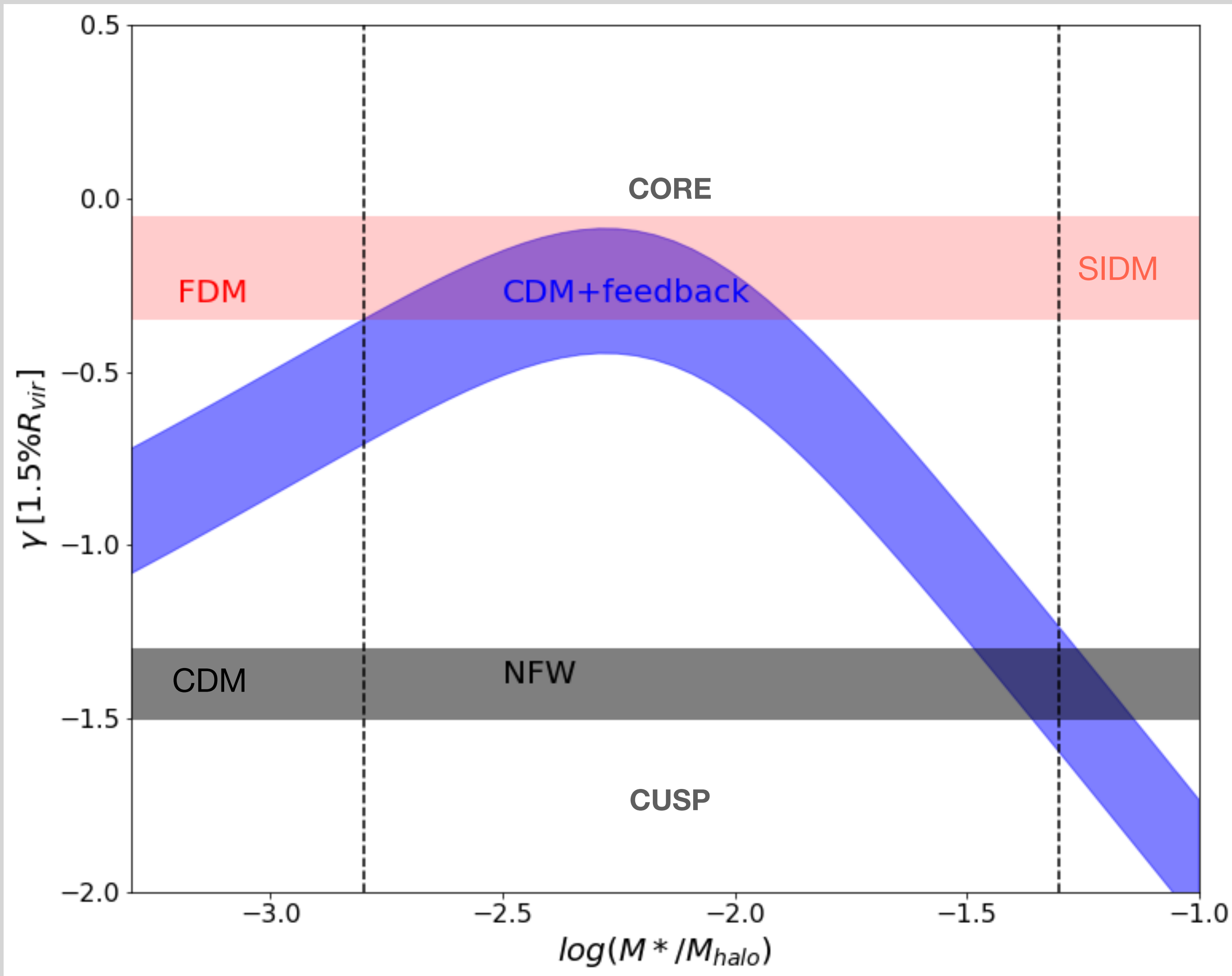
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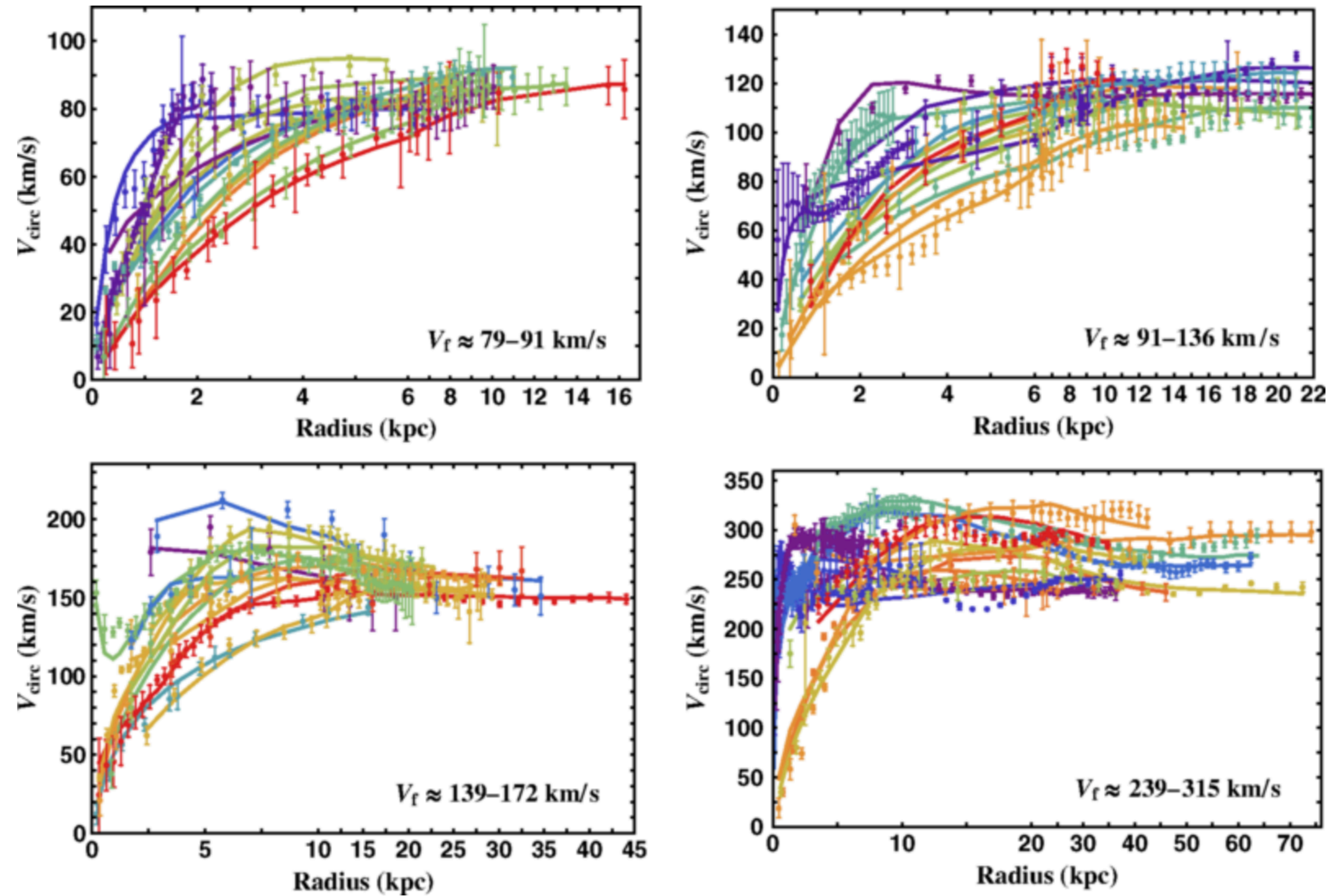


➡ alternative models of dark matter:

- ▶ **self-interacting dark matter** (Spergel +2000)
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Diversity of Rotation Curves: alternative solutions

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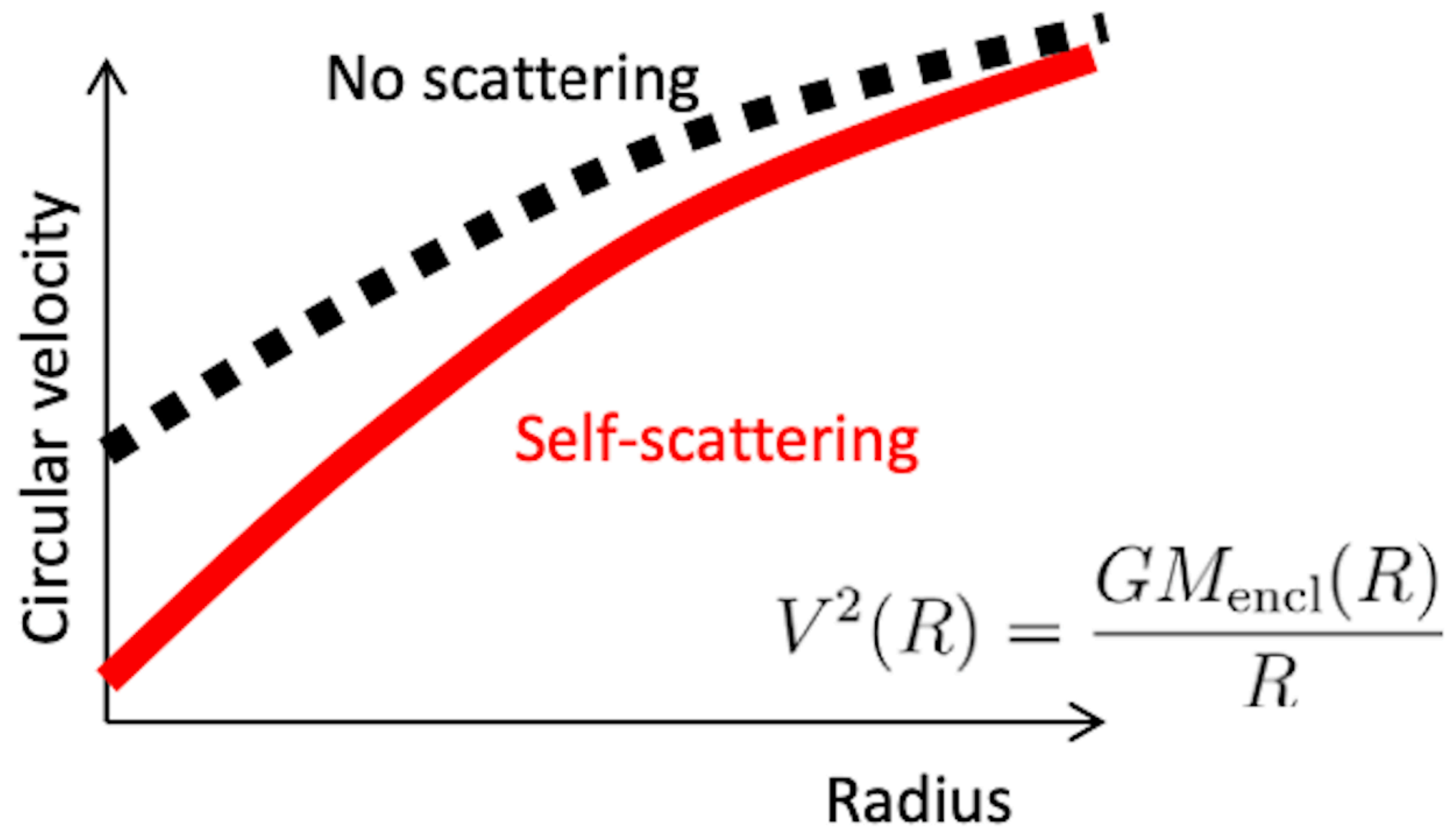
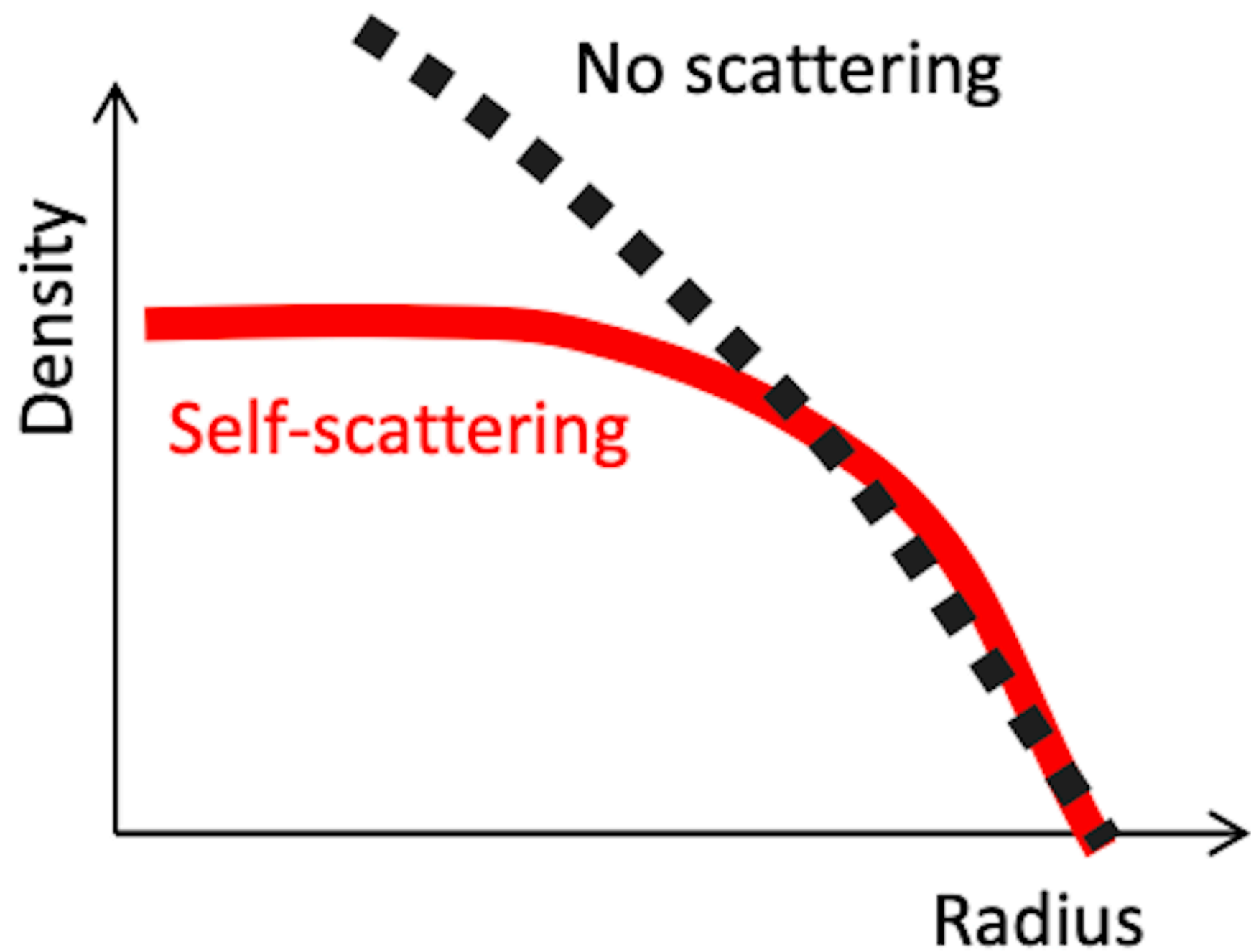


➡ alternative models of DM:
▶ **self-interacting dark matter**

Ren +2019, Kamada+2017

Self Interacting Dark Matter

➔the particles have a significant self-interaction cross section



Self-interactions solve core-vs-cusp
Particles get scattered out of dense halo centers

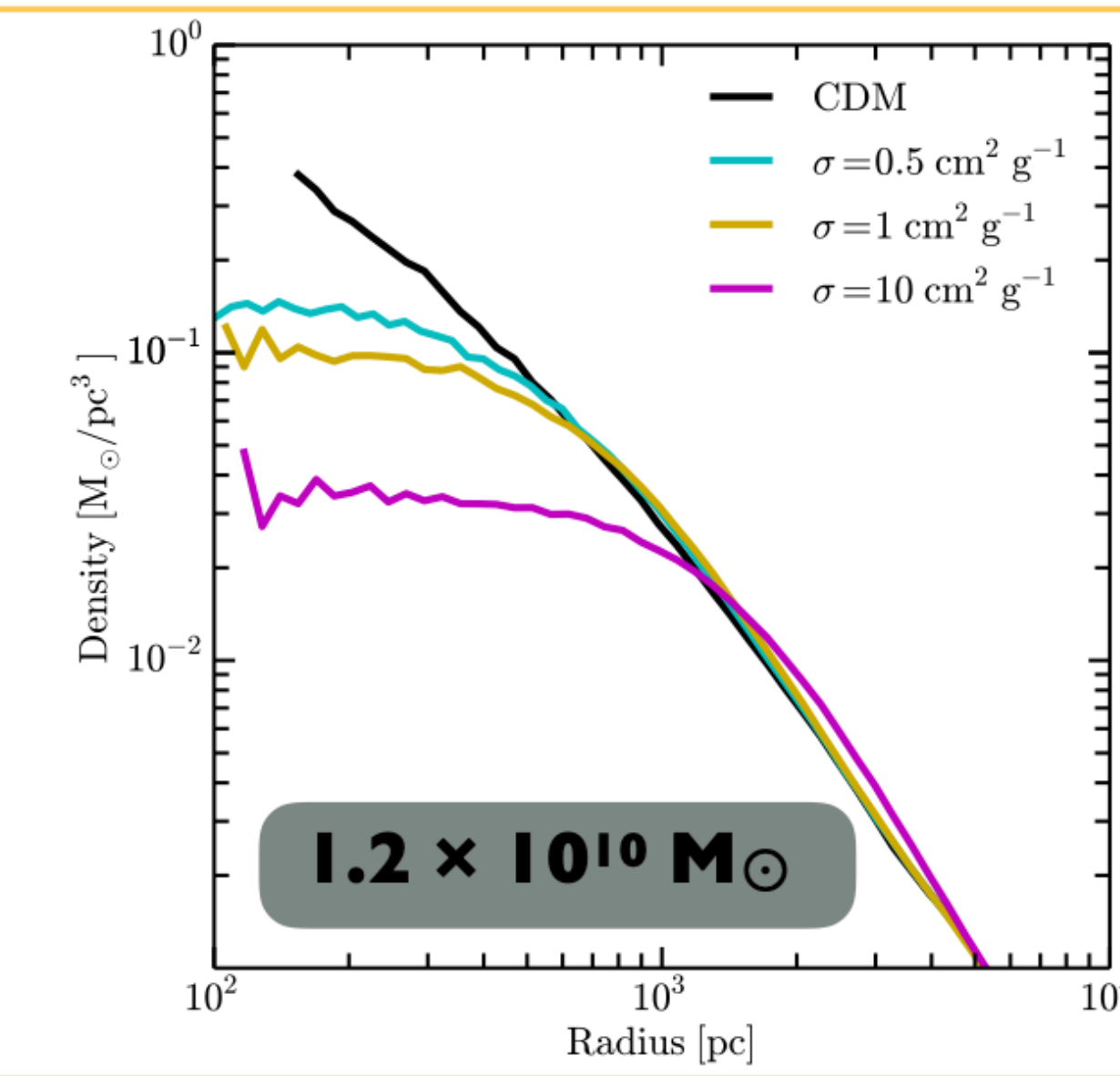
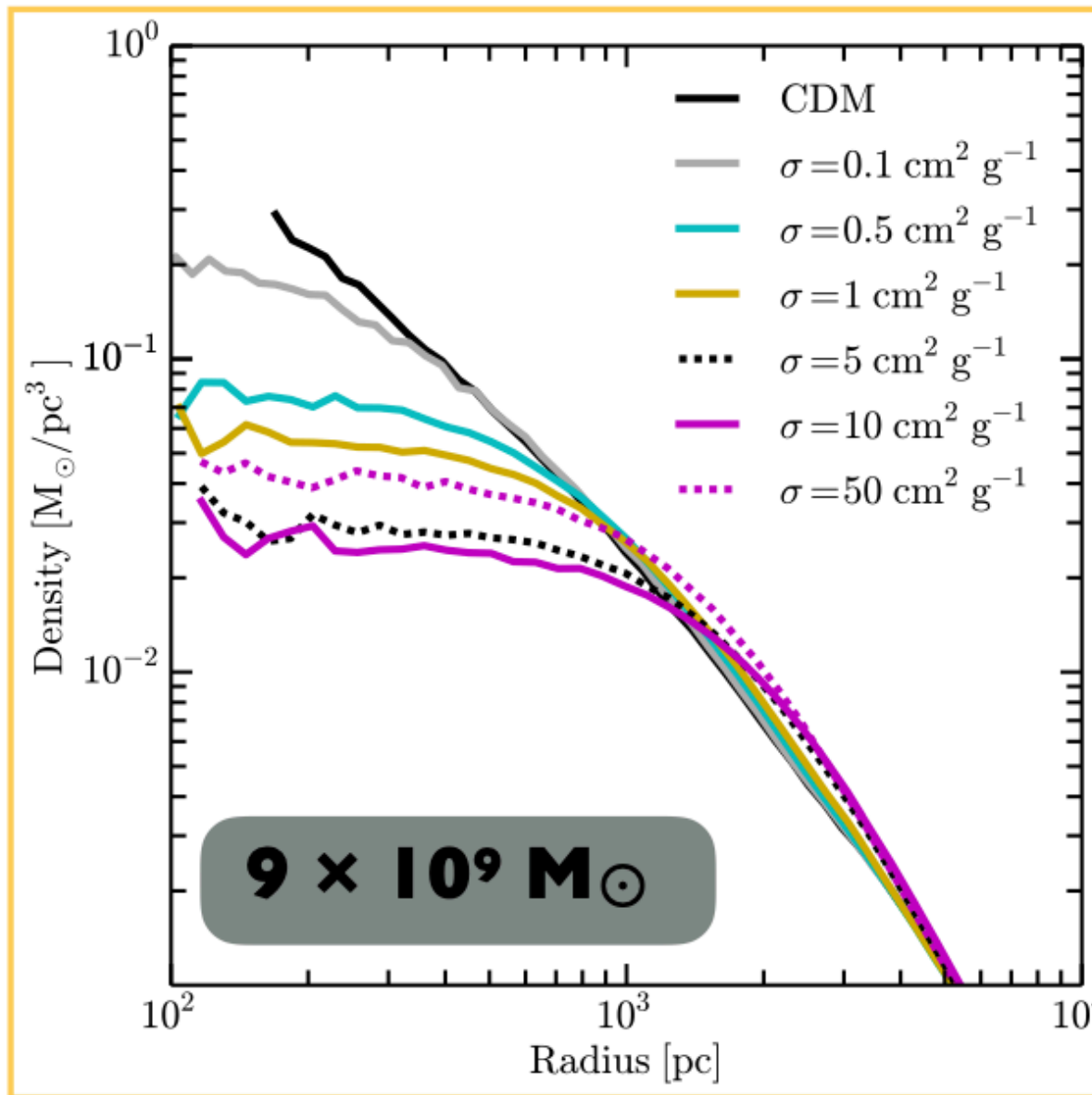
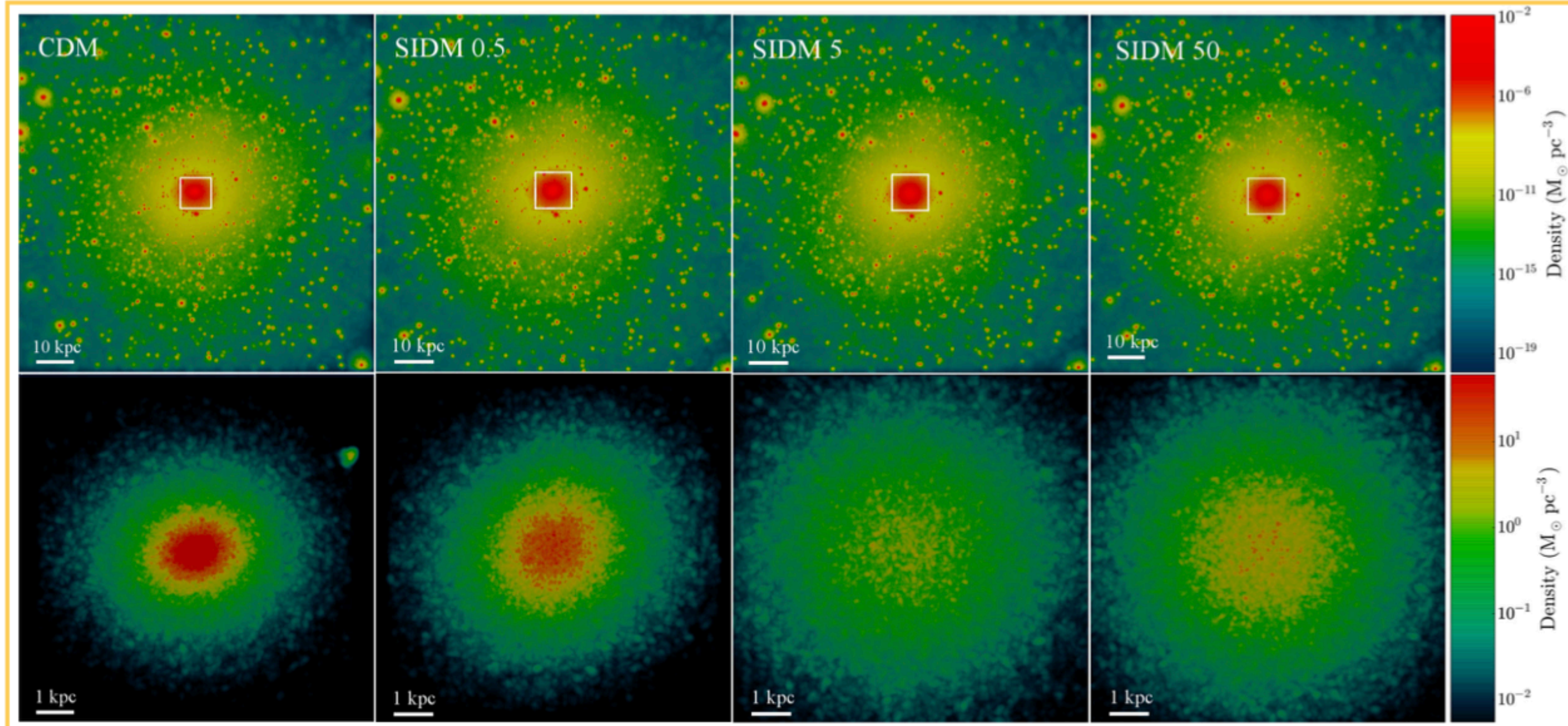
Self Interacting Dark Matter

parameter governing the rate of DM particle interactions is the cross section per unit mass, σ/m_χ

σ/m_χ : velocity dependent

$\sigma/m \sim 0.5 - 50 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ to form kpc core in dwarf galaxy

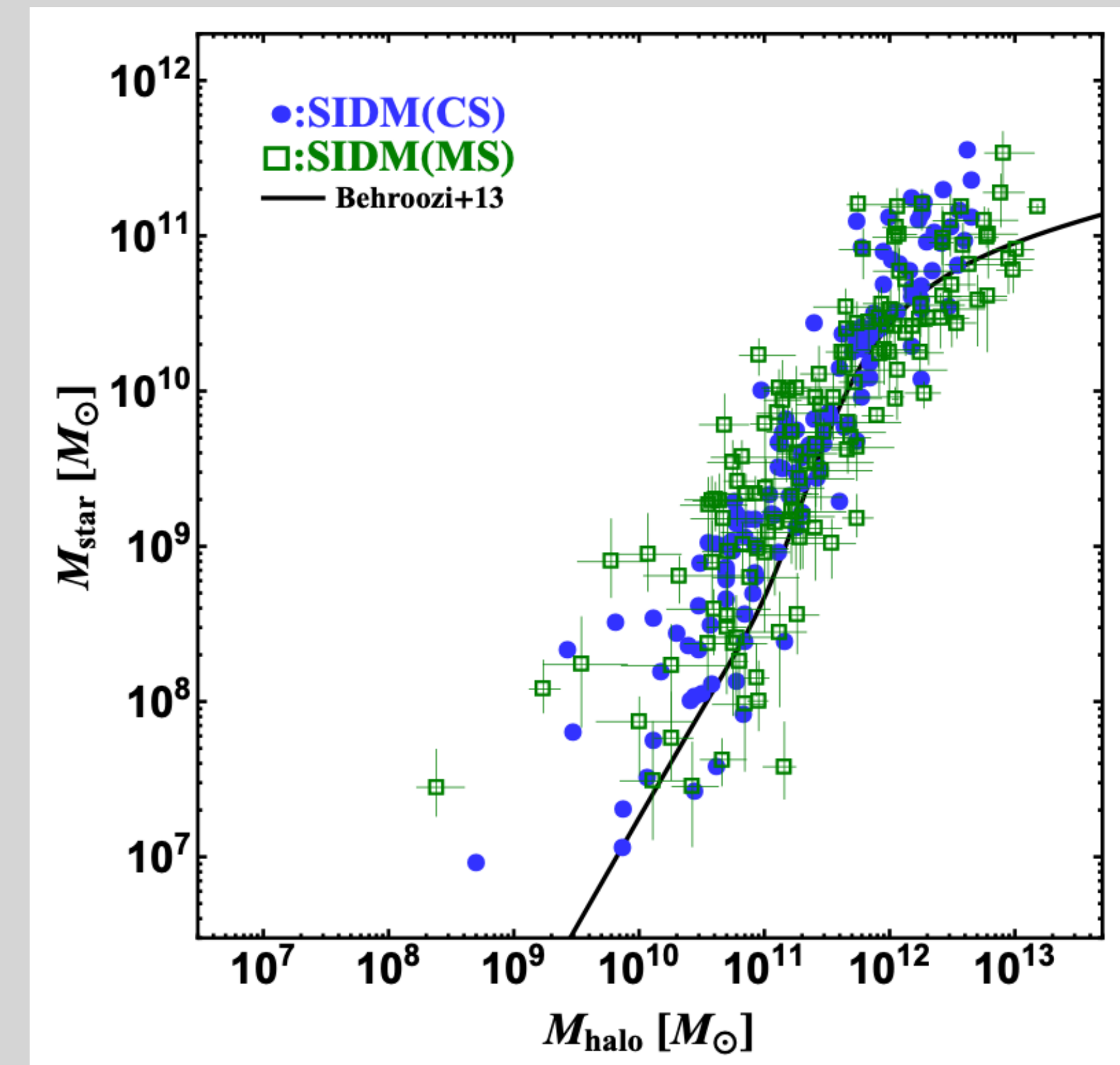
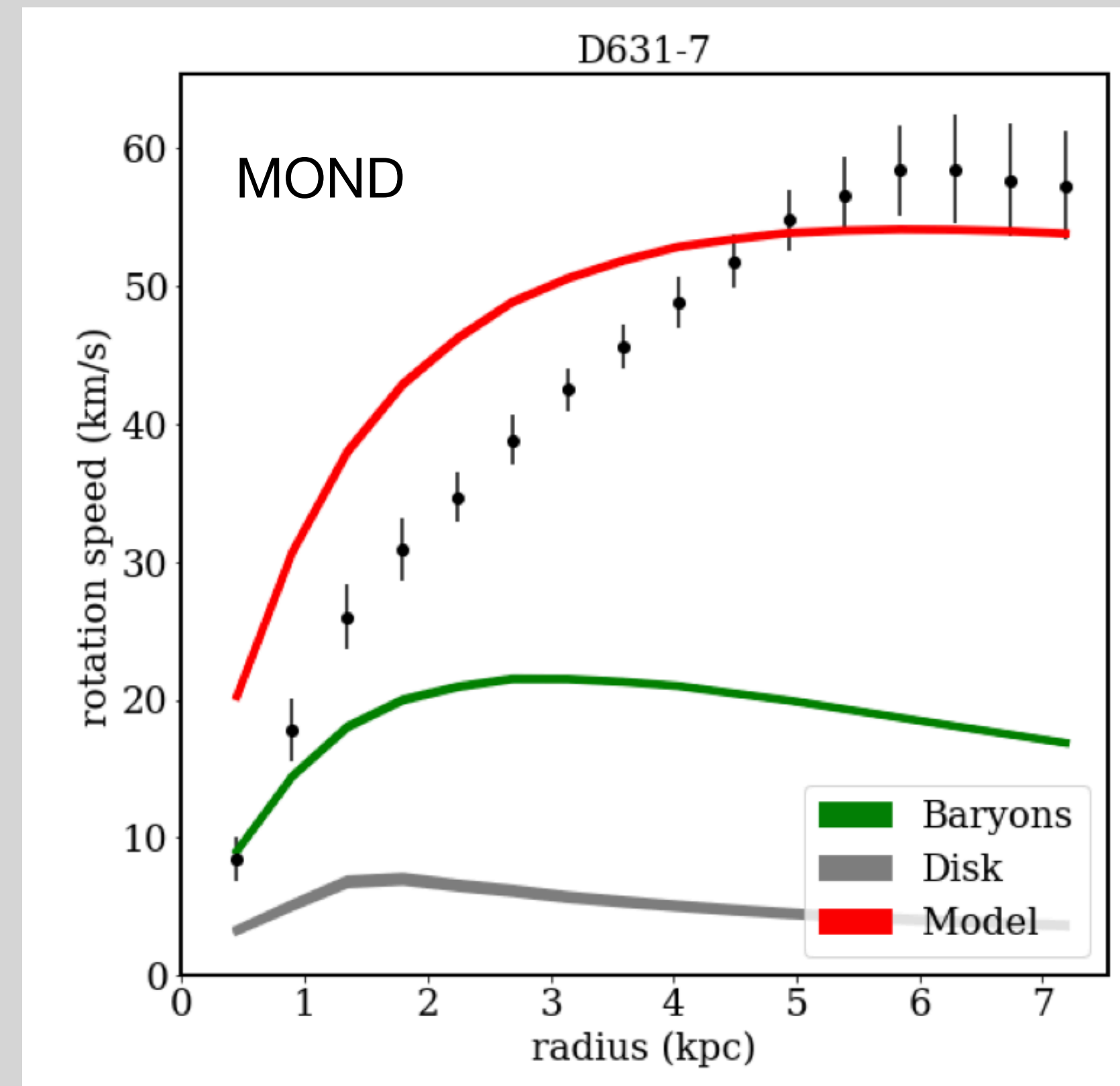
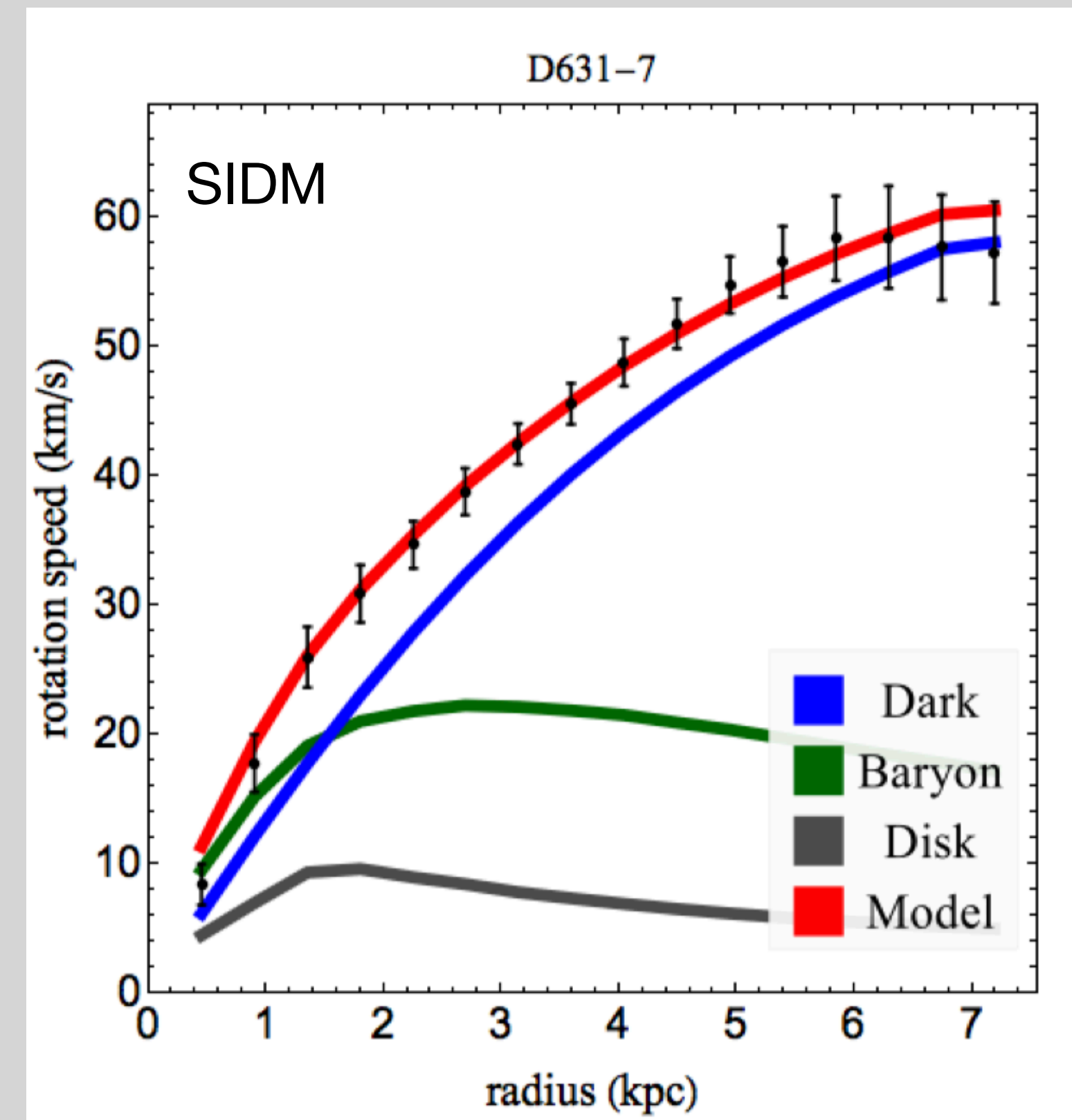
shares the success of Λ CDM on large scales



Elbert et al.2015

Self interacting Dark Matter and rotation curves: Ren +2018

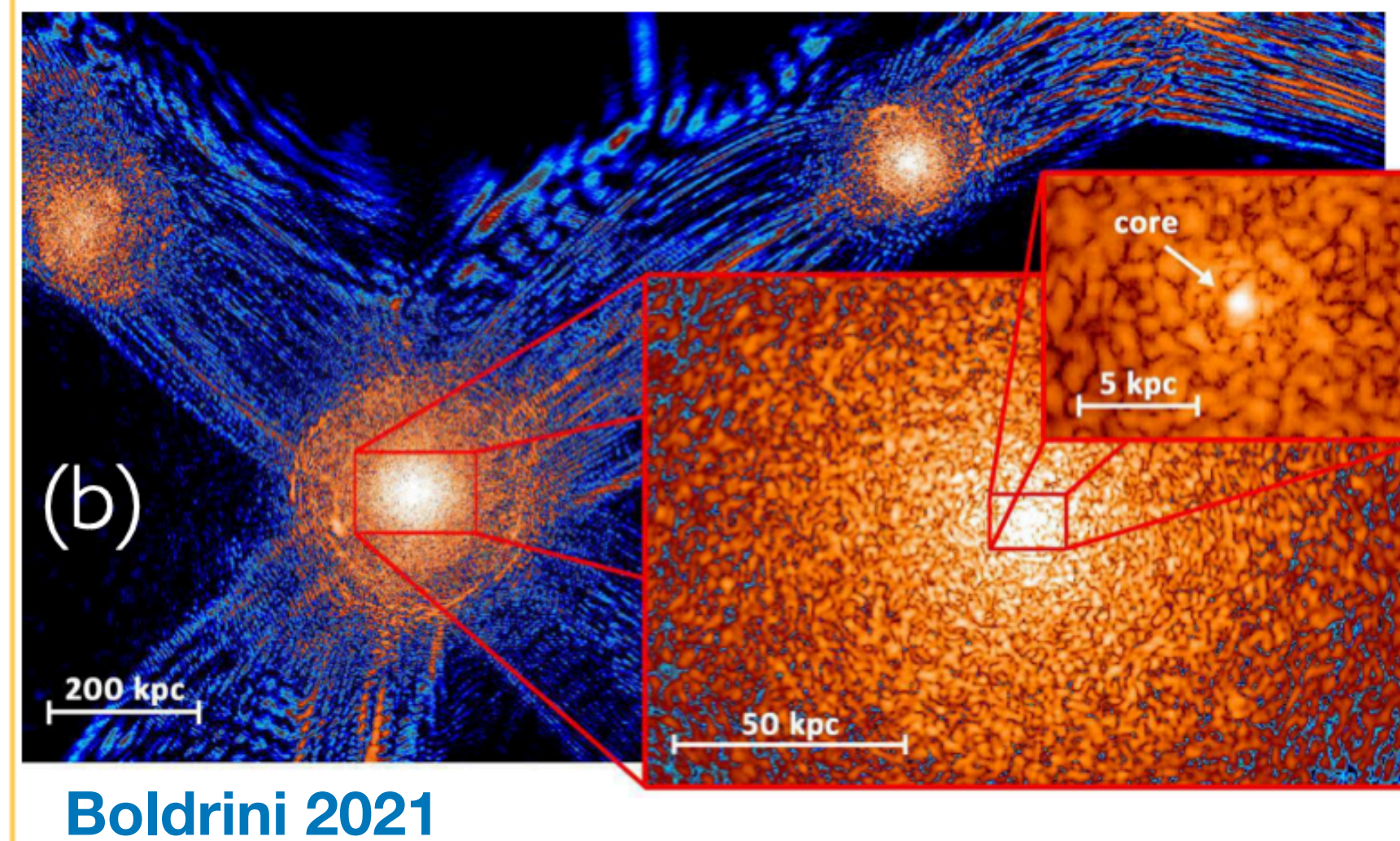
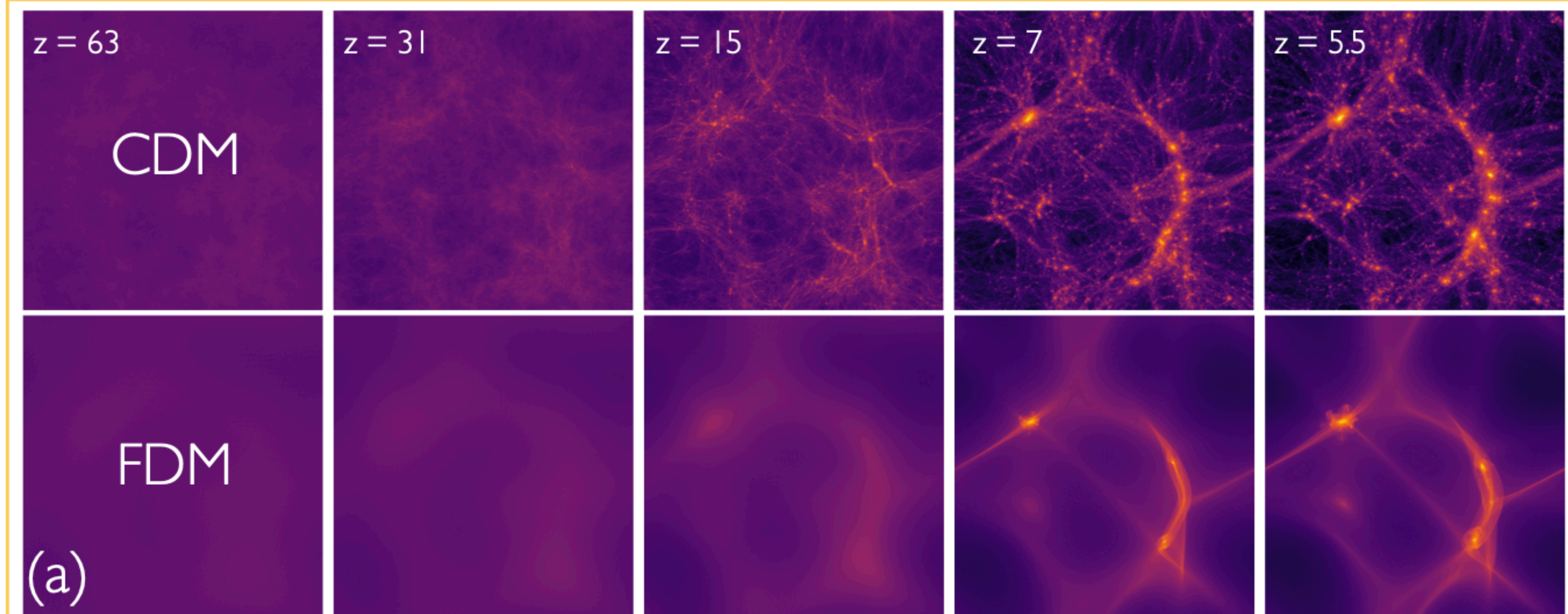
- ▶ Rotation curve decomposition for 135 local galaxies (SPARC sample - Ha+HI)
- ▶ Constant $\sigma/m = 3 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$



- ➔ SIDM offers better fits to the RCs than MOND
- ➔ halos are fully consistent with the Planck cosmology

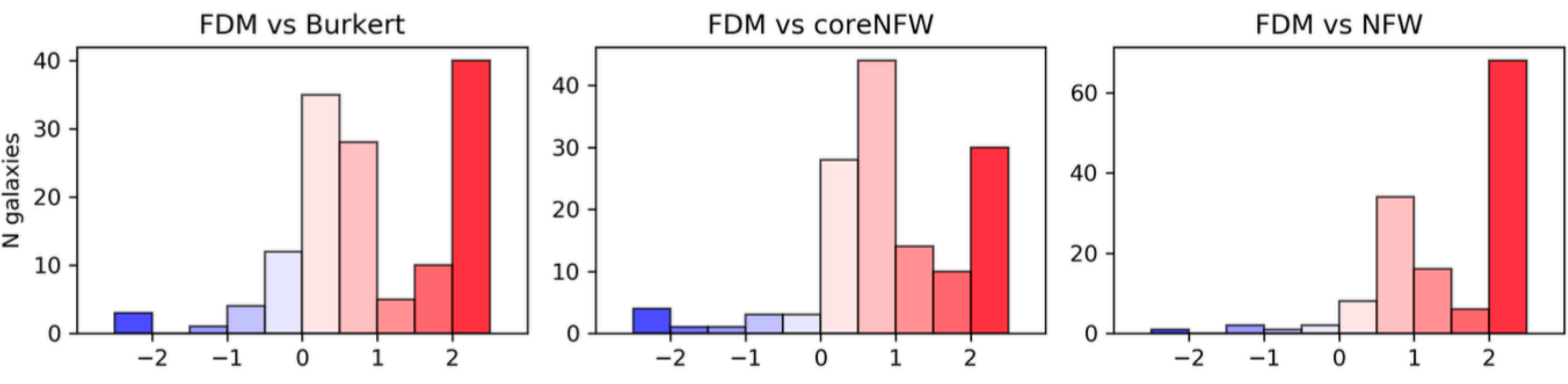
Fuzzy dark matter

- ➔ Ultralight scalar field with no self-interactions in the non-relativistic limit
- ➔ suppresses structure formation on small scales
- ➔ wave nature leads to quantum pressure, preventing cusps
- ➔ form a Bose-Einstein condensate soliton

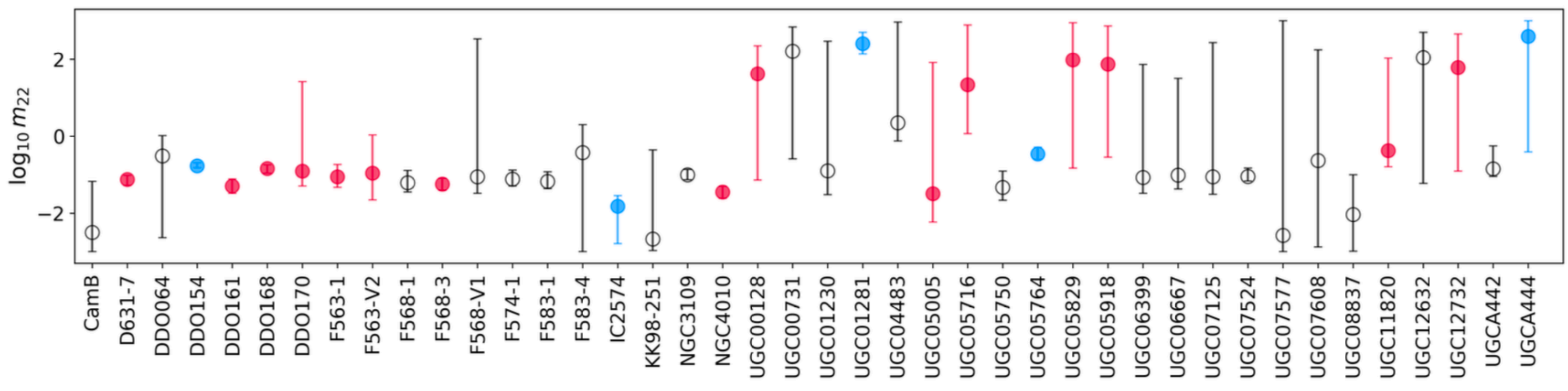


Fuzzy dark matter and Rotation Curves: Khelashvili+23

- ▶ Rotation curve decomposition for 175 local galaxies (SPARC sample - Ha+HI)
- ▶ Model DM halo with (1) NFW; (2) coreNFW; (3) Burkert and (4) fuzzy DM



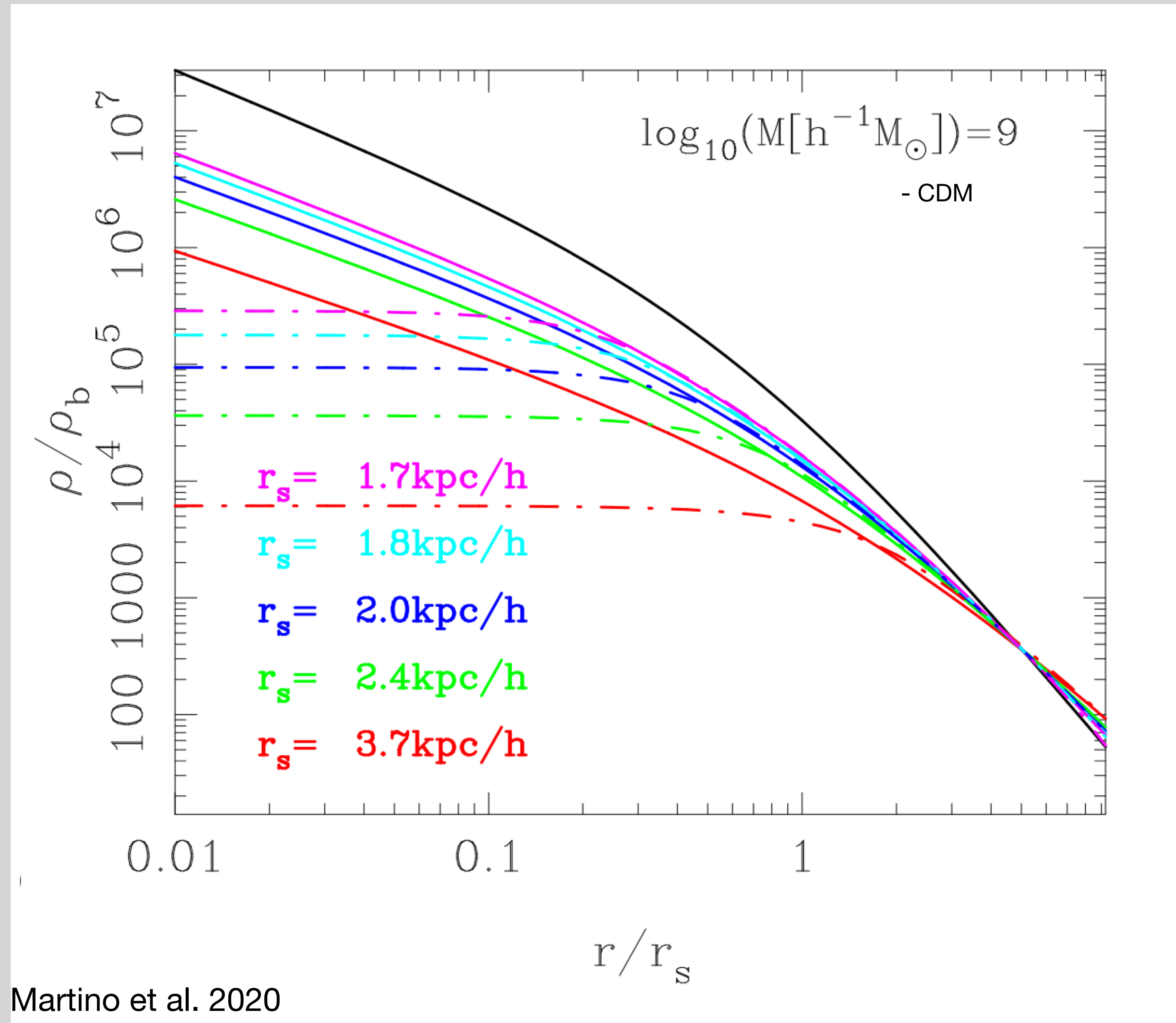
➔ Fuzzy DM preferred by >50% of the sample



➔ No single value for the particle mass that provides a good fit for all galaxies

Warm Dark Matter

- ➔ WDM particles decouple when they are still relativistic
- ➔ erase primordial fluctuations on subgalactic scales
- ➔ reduce phase-space density resulting in the formation of cores

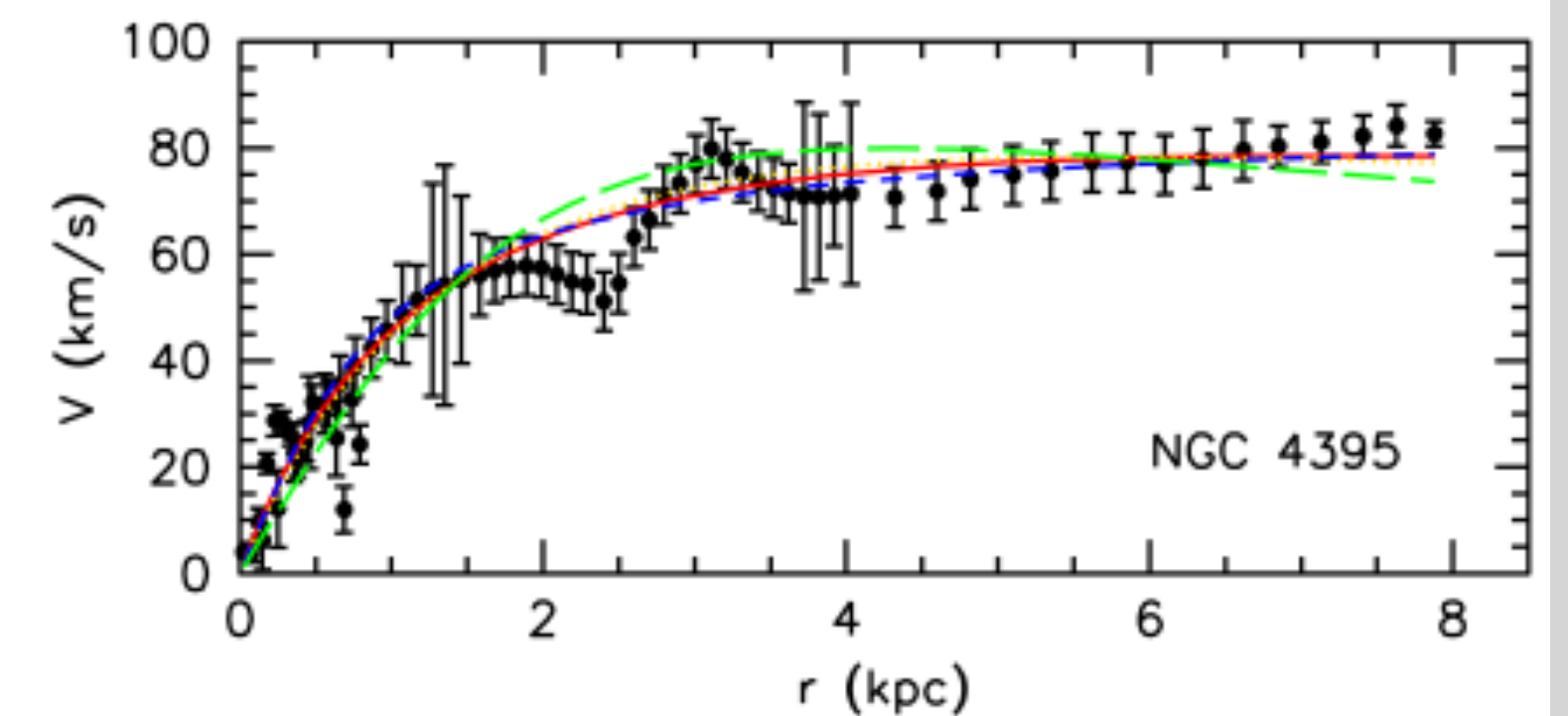
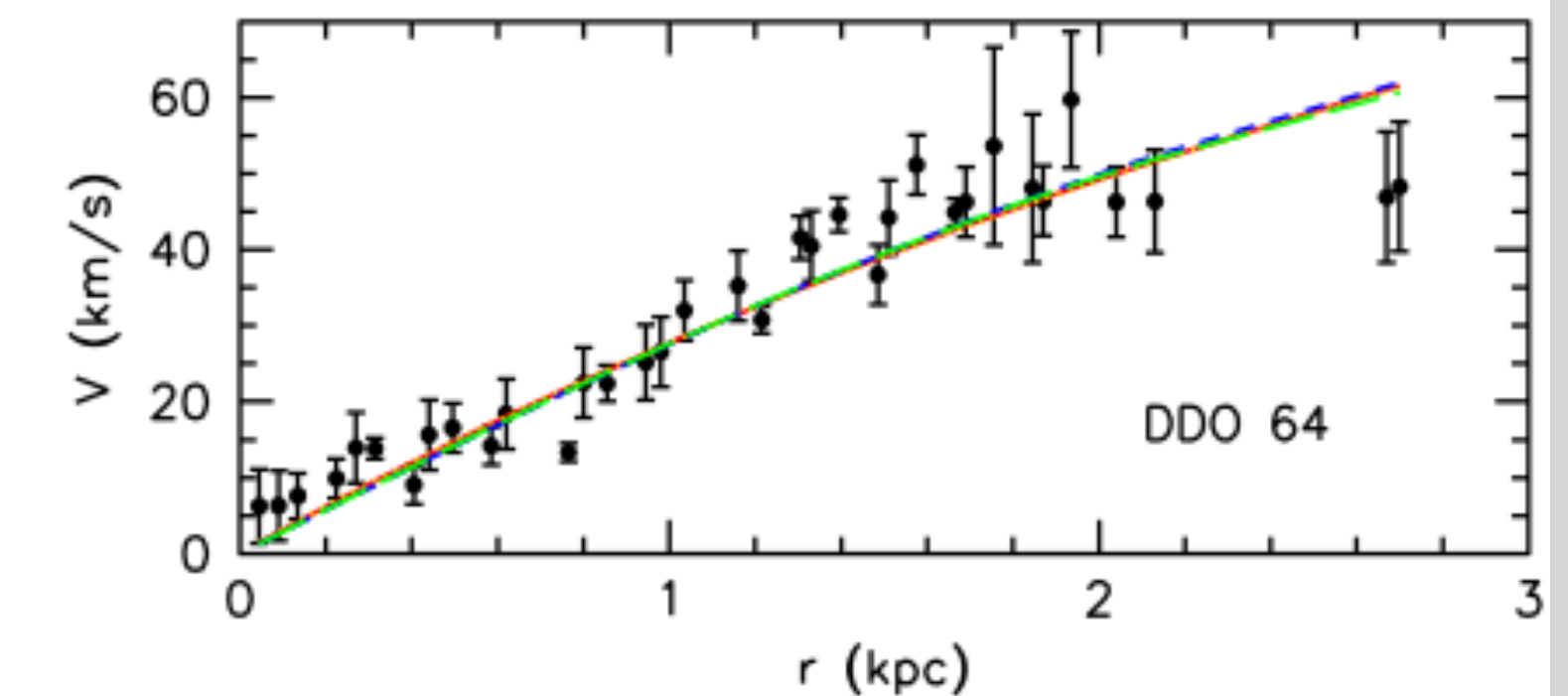
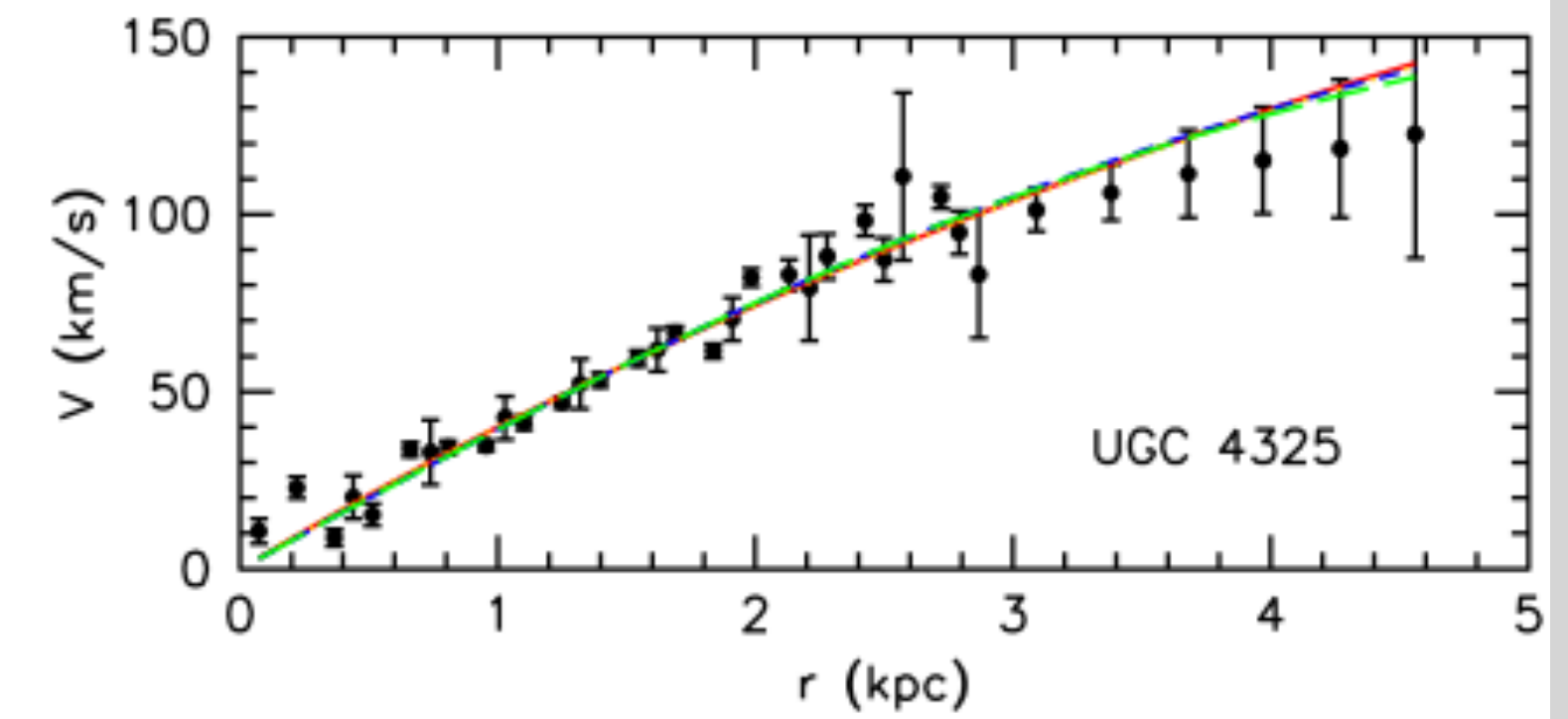
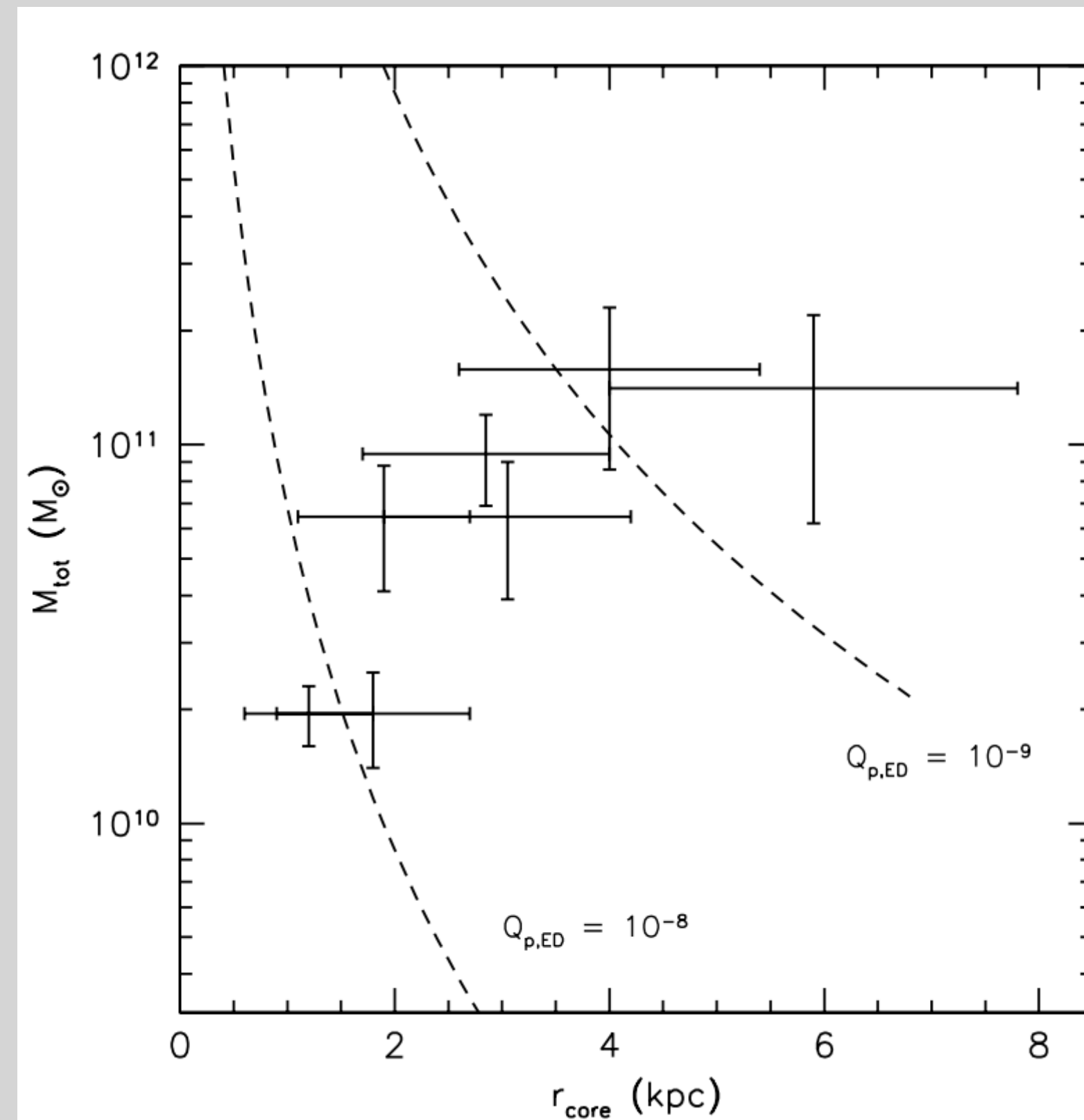


Warm Dark Matter and Rotation Curves: Kuzio de Naray+2010

- ▶ use rotation curves of 9 local low surface brightness galaxies
- ▶ test WDM, non-thermal WDM, and SIDM

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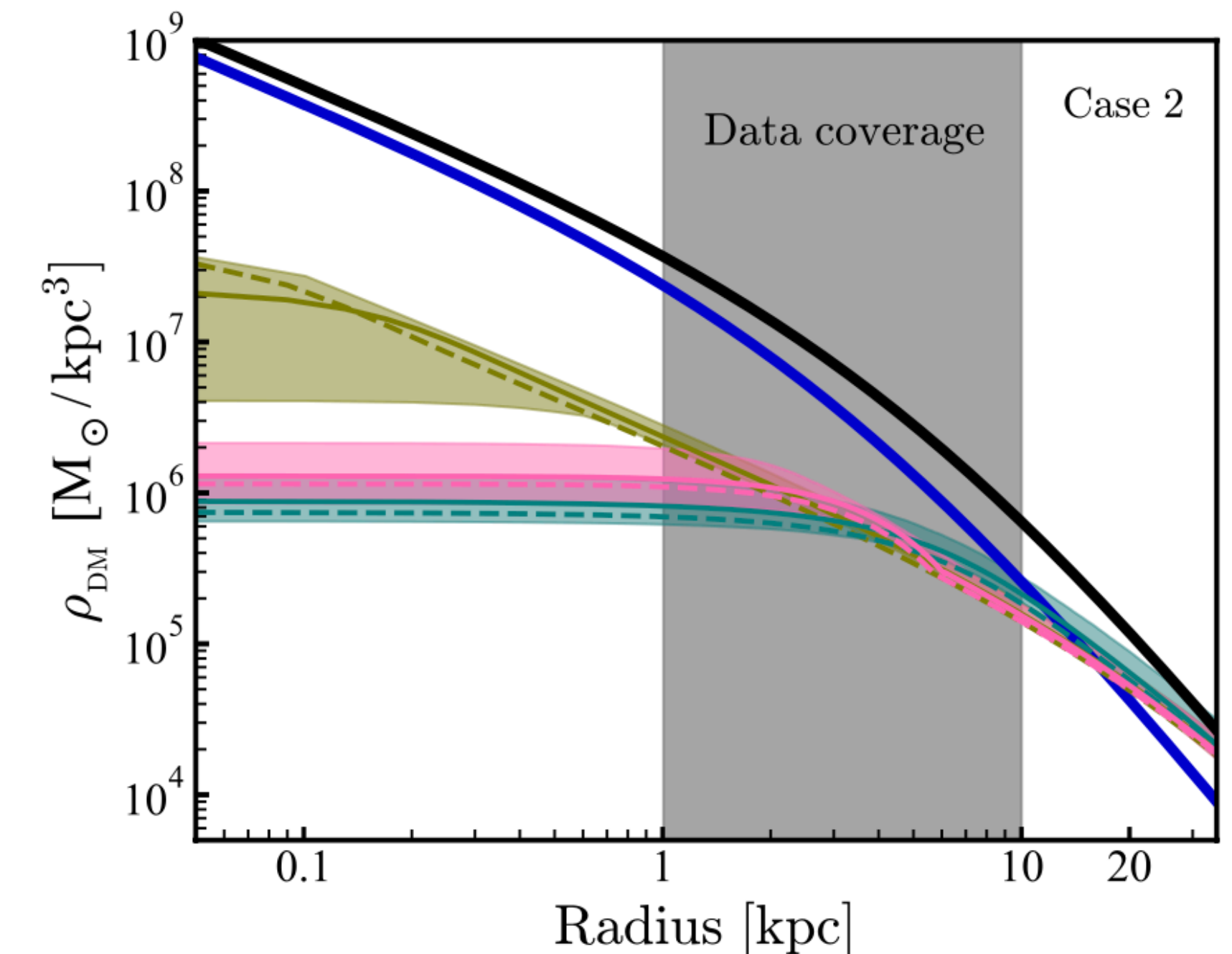
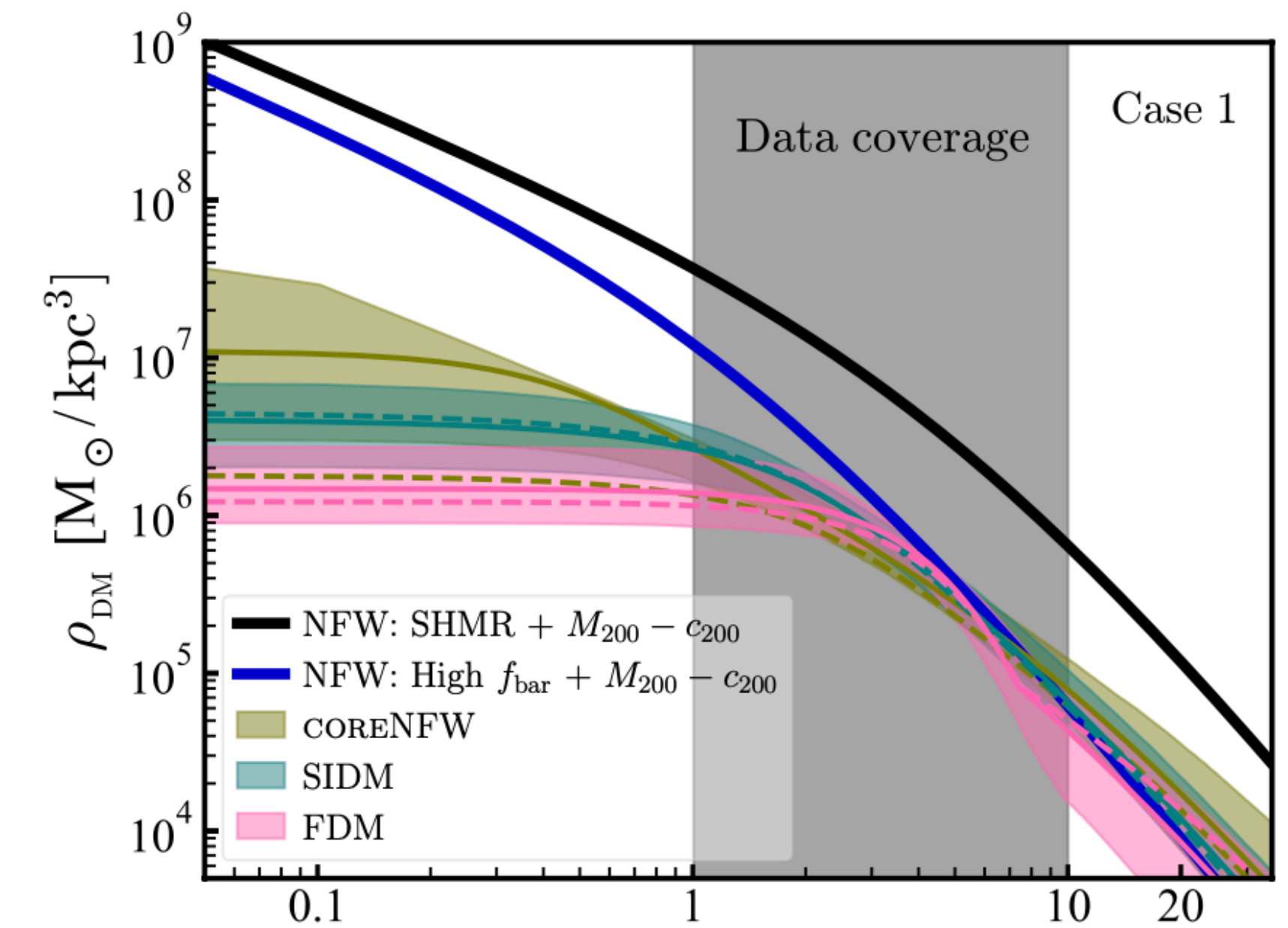


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Mancera Piña et al.(2024)

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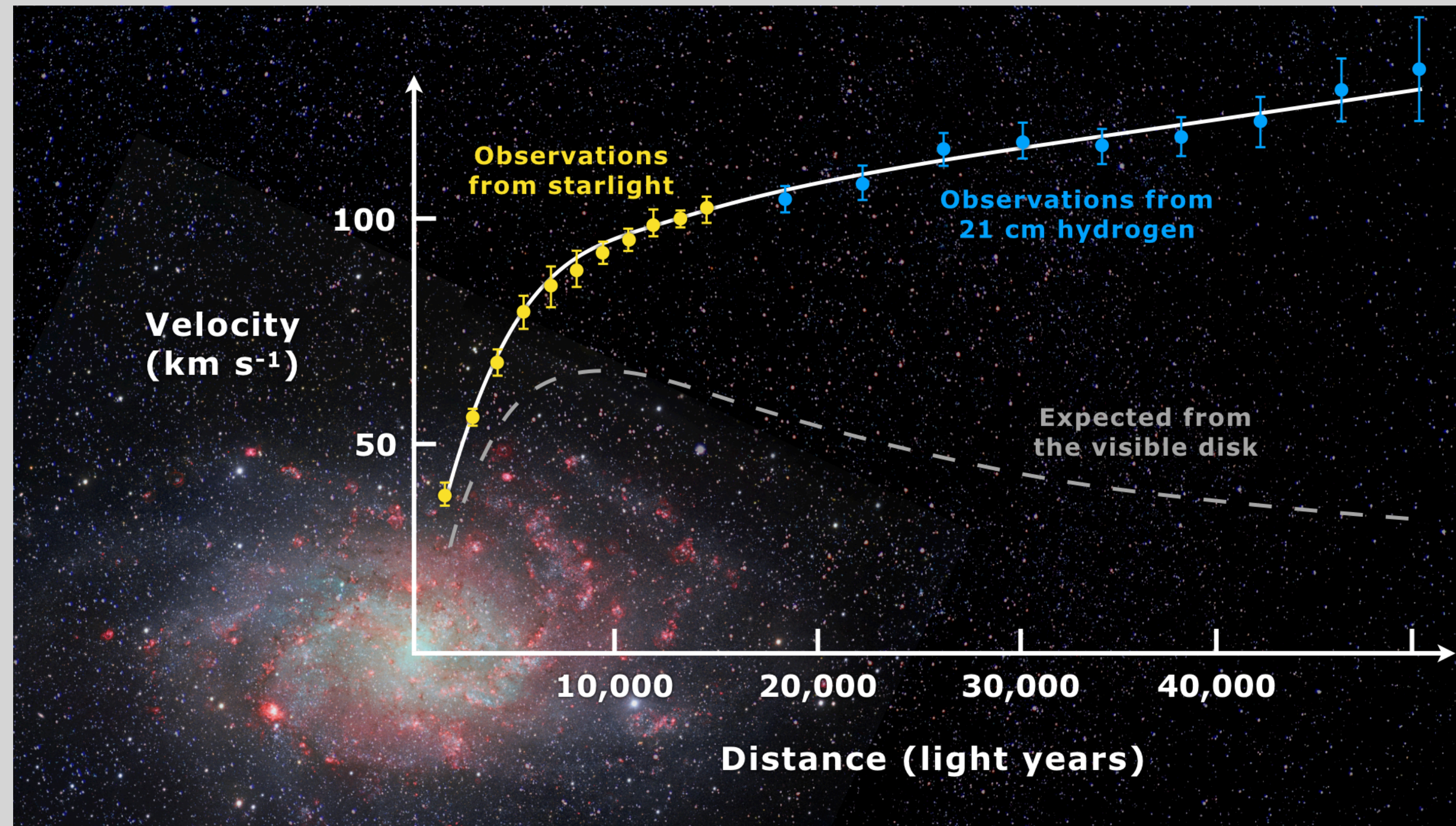
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Thank you for your attention!



Extra

Using 3D forward modelling: Under the hood



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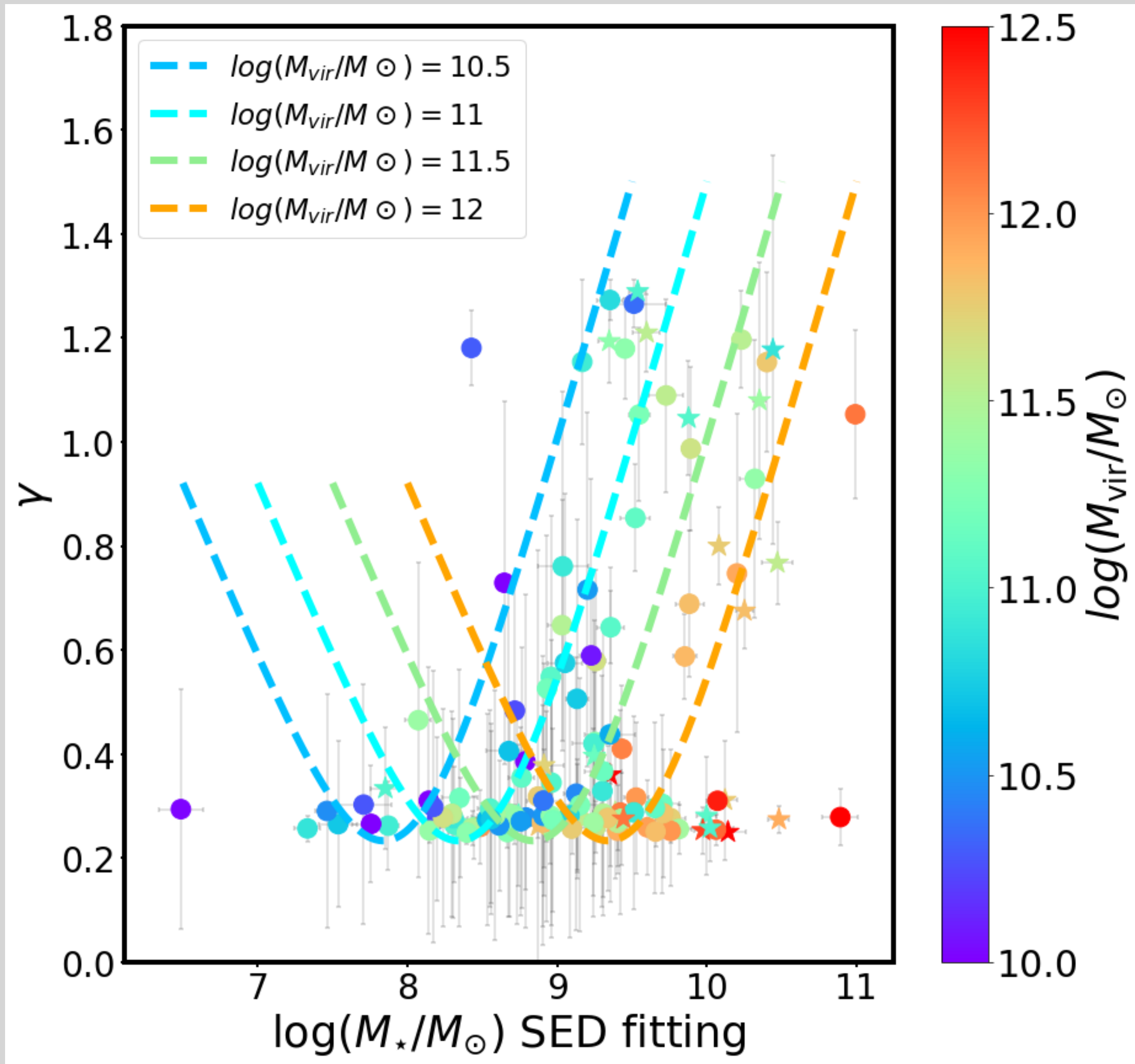
$$v_c(r)^2 = v_{\text{DM}}(r)^2 + v_{\text{disk}}(r)^2 + v_{\text{HI}}(r)^2$$

- 1) DM: different Dark Matter halo profiles
- 2) Disk: $I(r)$: Sersic n (OII,Ha); Freeman Disk
- 3) gas: HI gas (marginalized)
- 4) **pressure support correction (asymmetric drift correction)**

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- **13 - 15 free parameters** ($x,y,z,\text{incl},\text{PA},M^*,M_{\text{vir}},c_{\text{vir}},\text{sig}0,\text{Re},n,\dots$)
- all optimised simultaneously directly on the 3D IFU cube

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