

MOND: An Alternative to Particle Dark Matter

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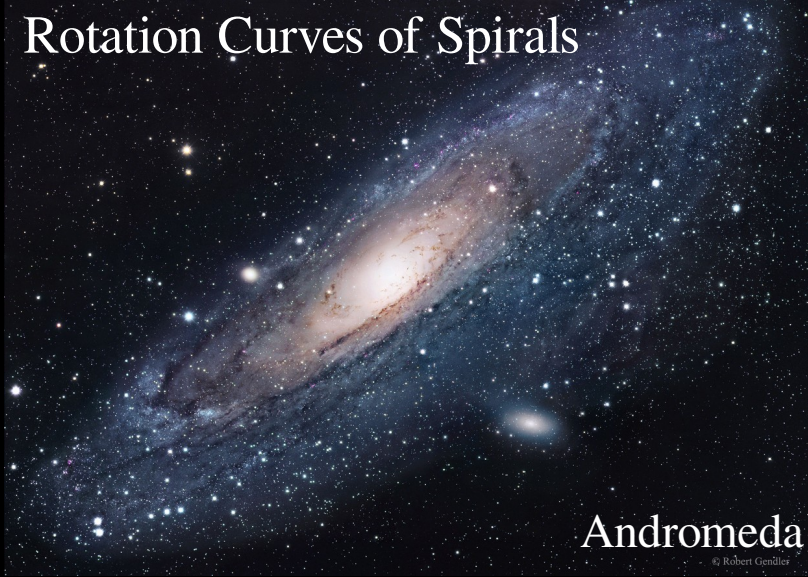
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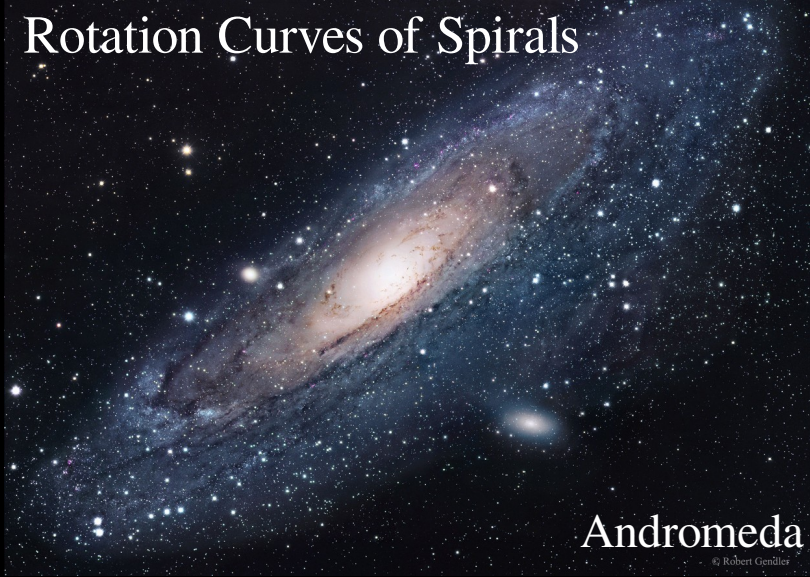
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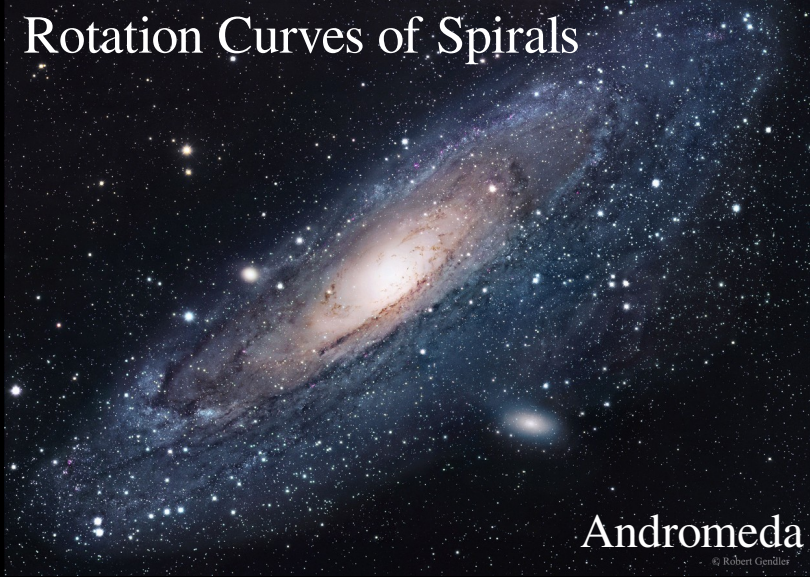
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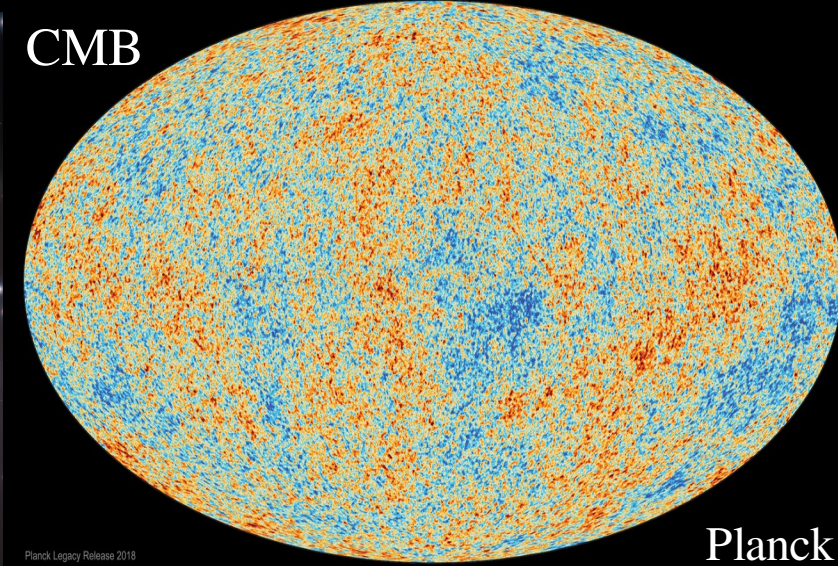
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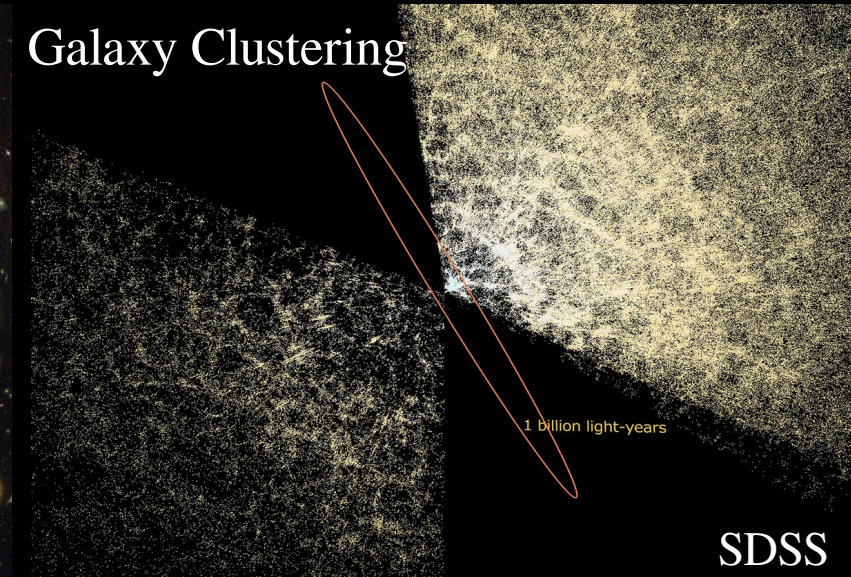
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Galaxy Clustering



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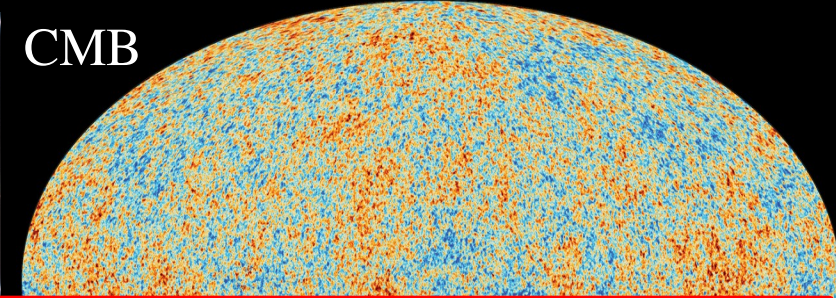
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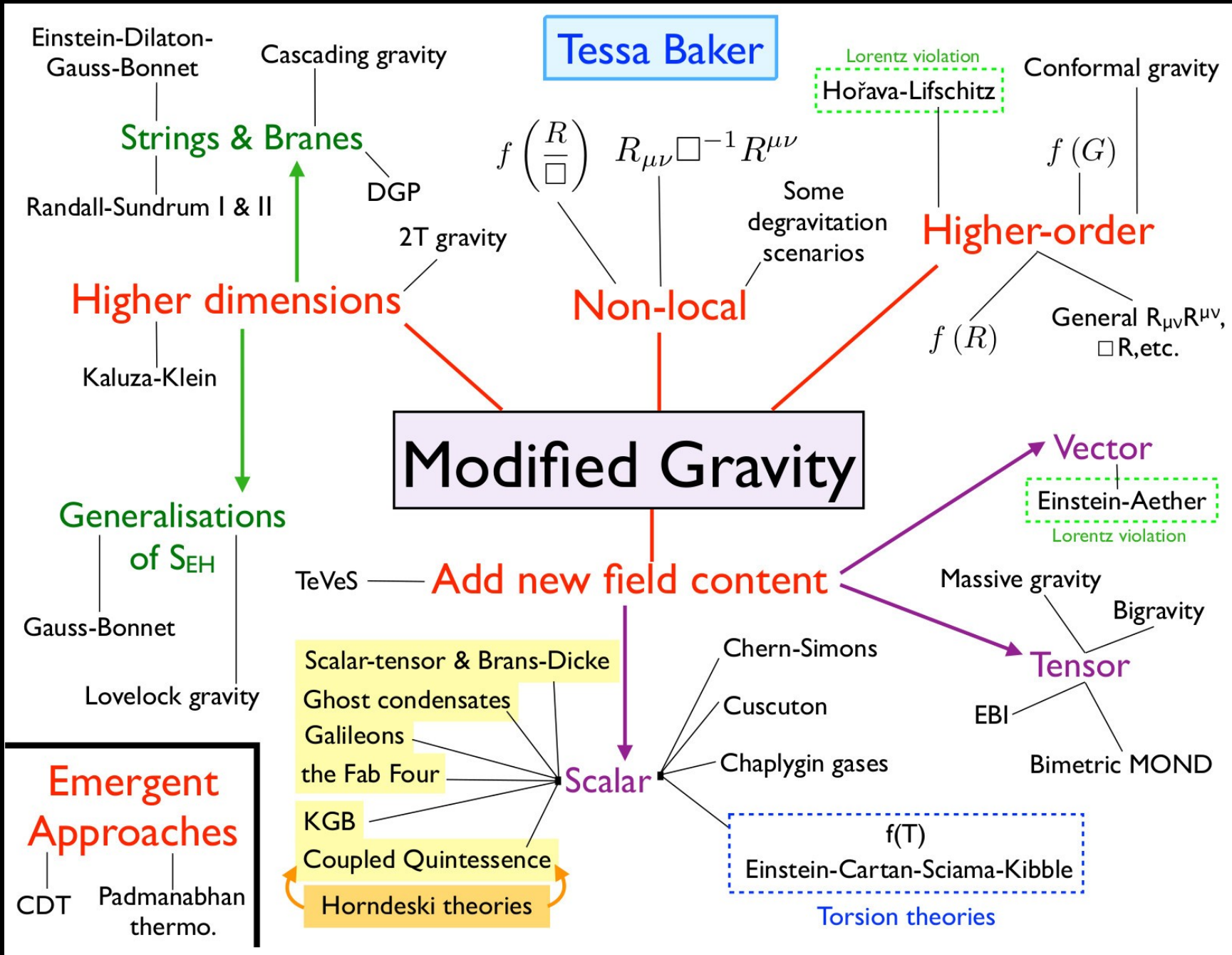
Standard Laws of Gravity (Einstein & Newton) +
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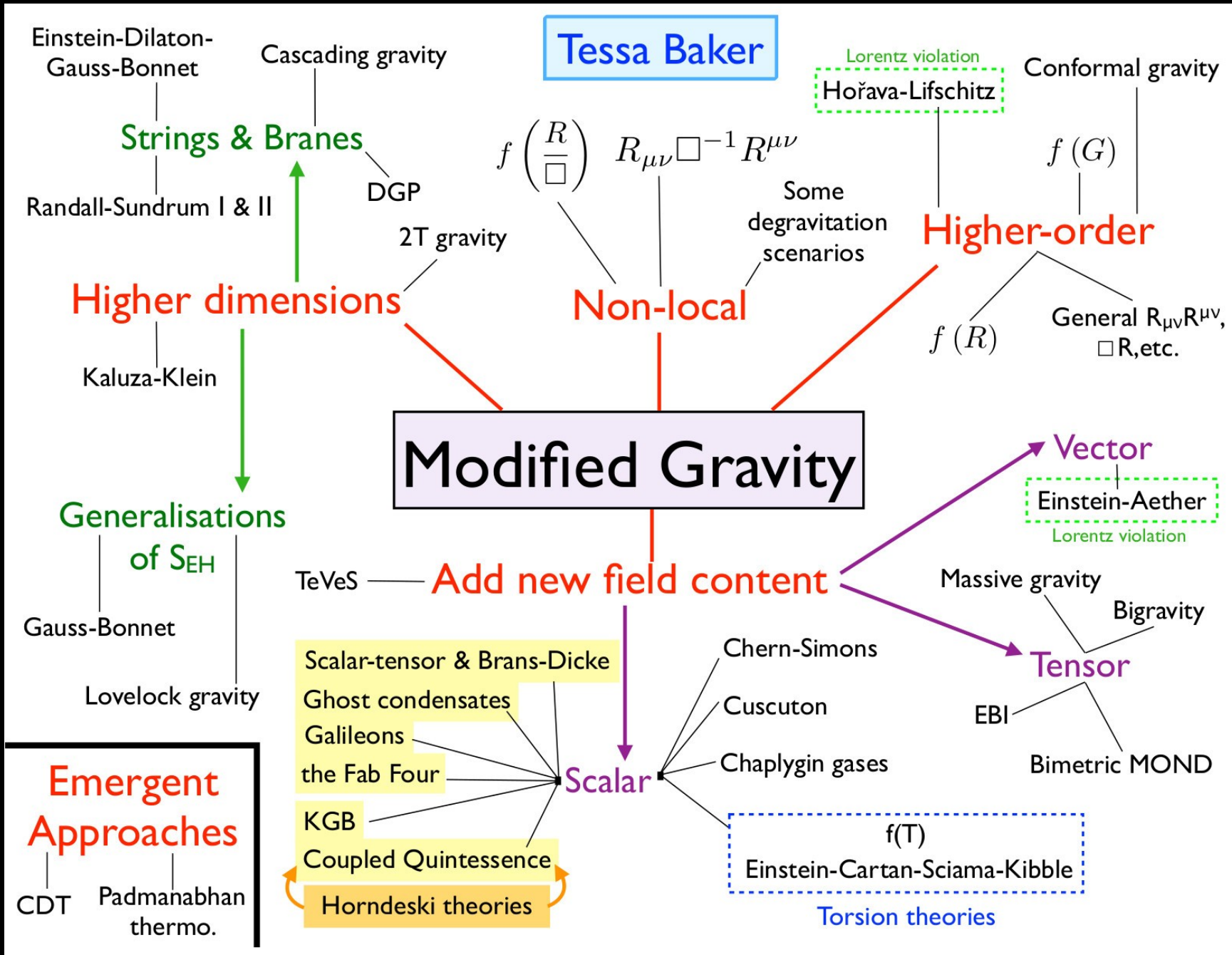
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I will focus on Milgromian Dynamics (aka MOND). Empirically motivated alternative to CDM

Tentative Roadmap of the Lecture:

I. The general MOND paradigm

→ Results on galaxy scales

II. Non-relativistic Lagrangian MOND theories

→ Results on galaxy scales & galaxy cluster scales

III. Relativistic Lagrangian MOND theories

→ Results on cosmological scales

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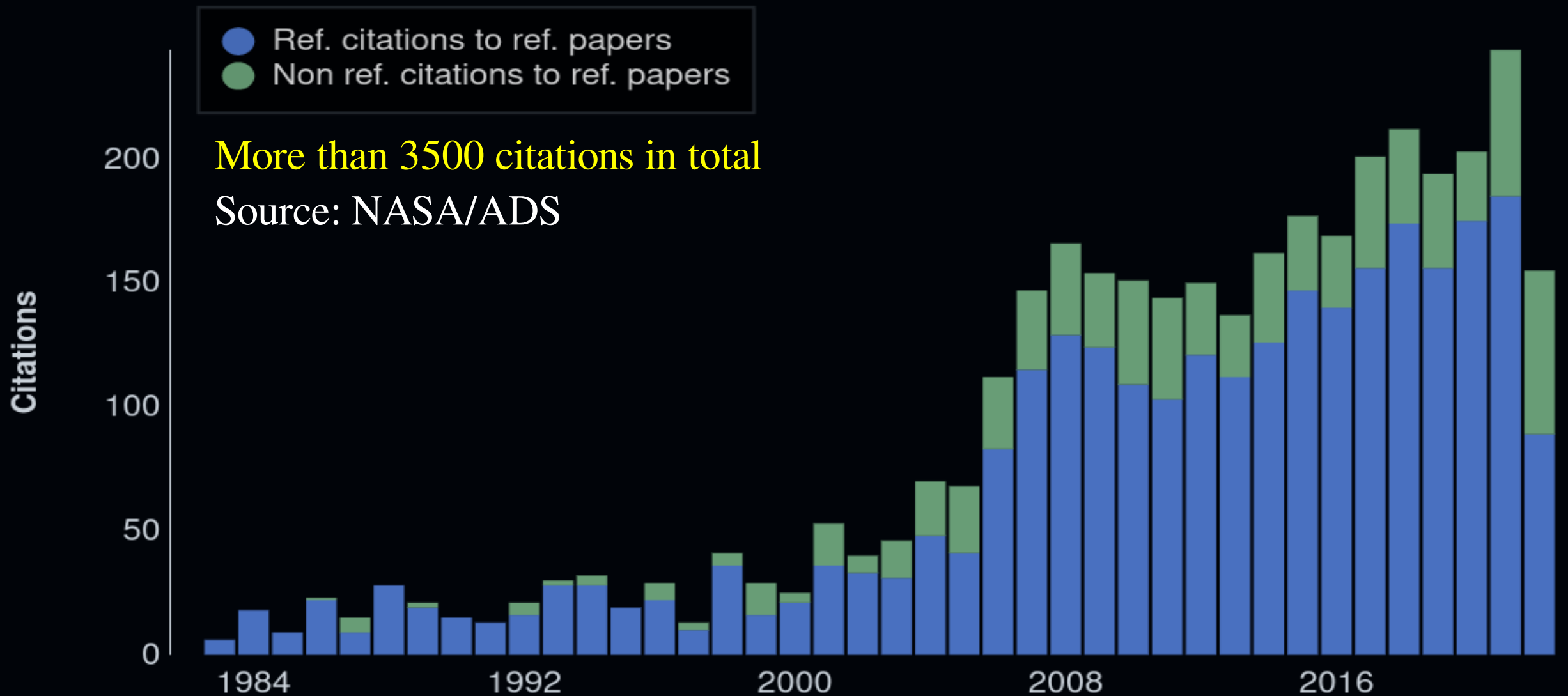
MOND = Modified Newtonian Dynamics or MilgrOmiaN Dynamics



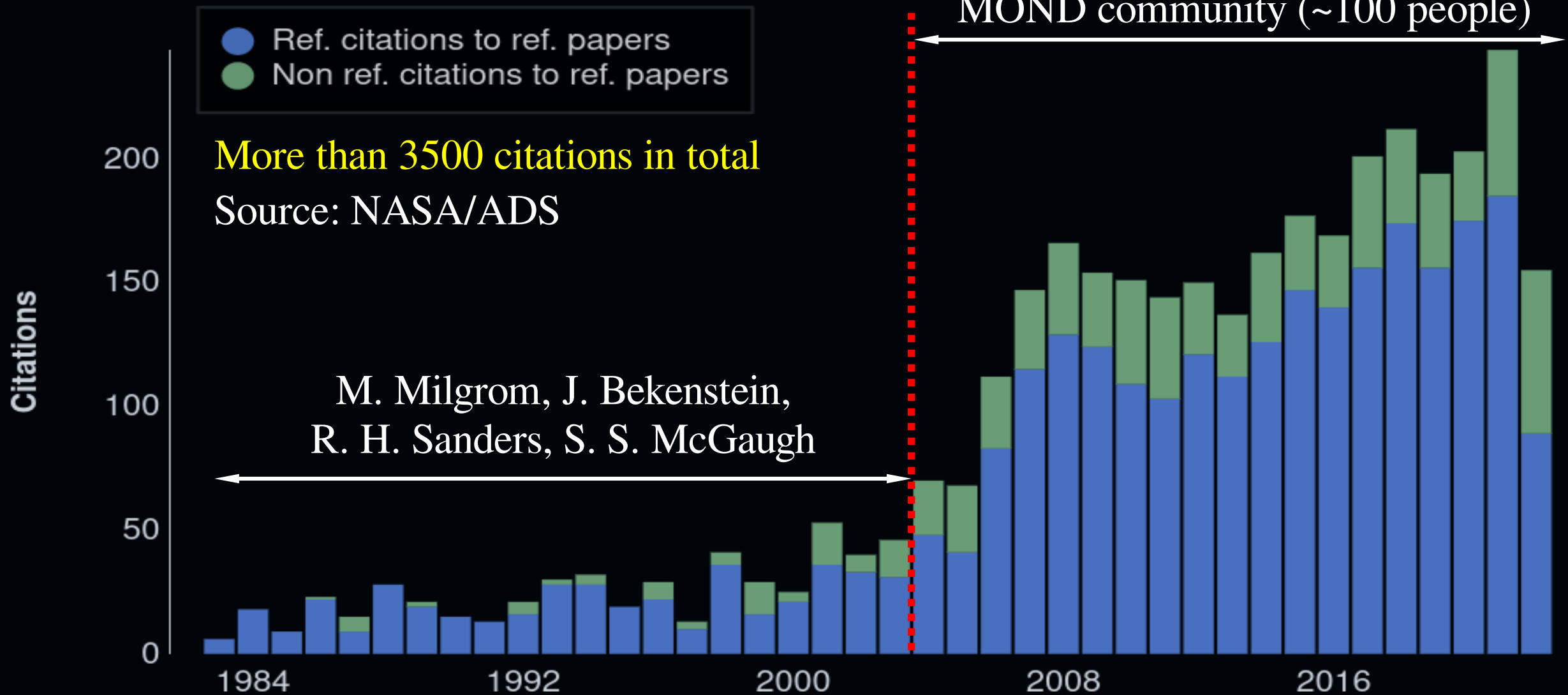
Proposed by Moderhai Milgrom (1983a, b, c, ApJ).

MOND is a **general paradigm** that includes different theories at the non-relativistic & relativistic level.

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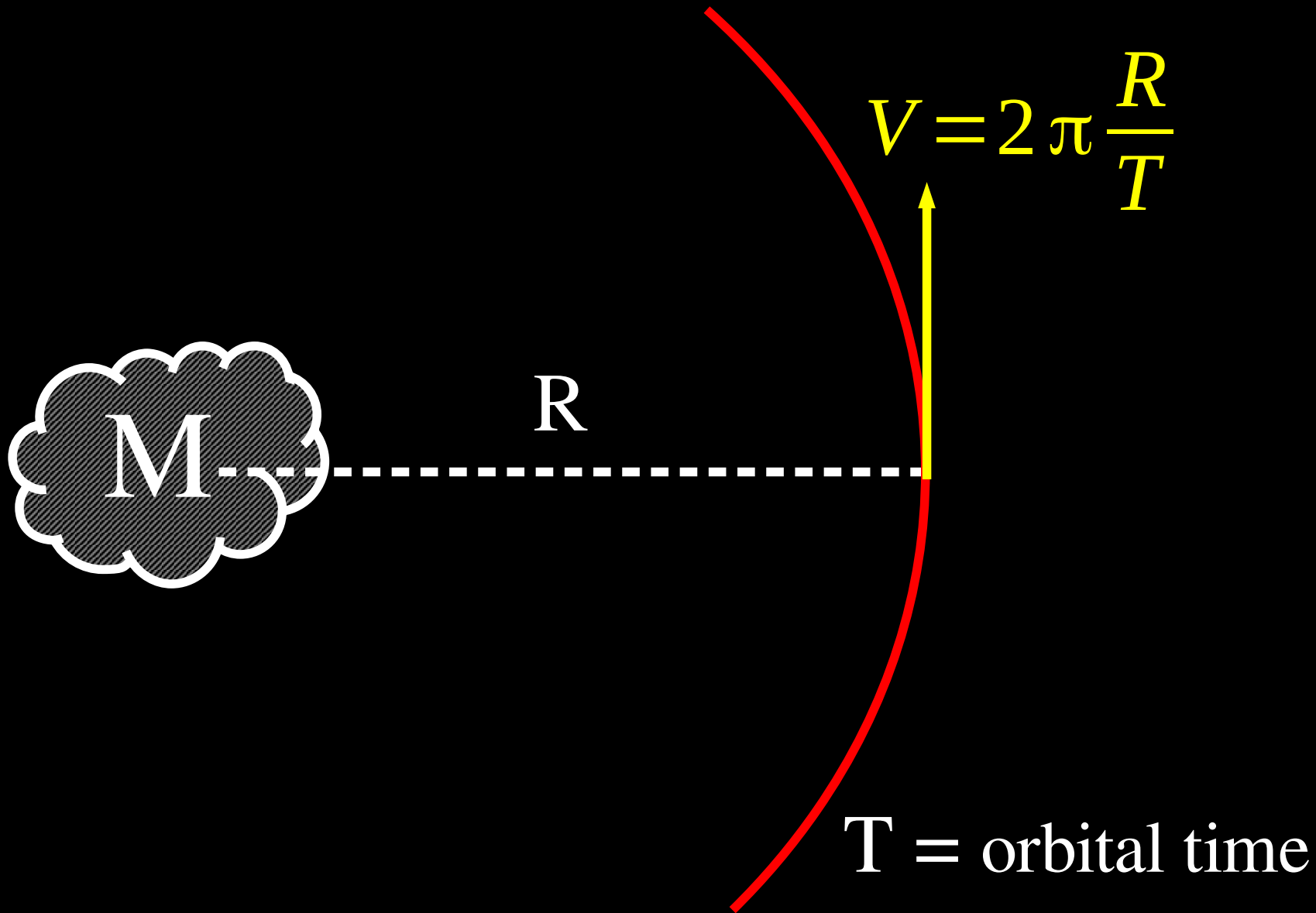
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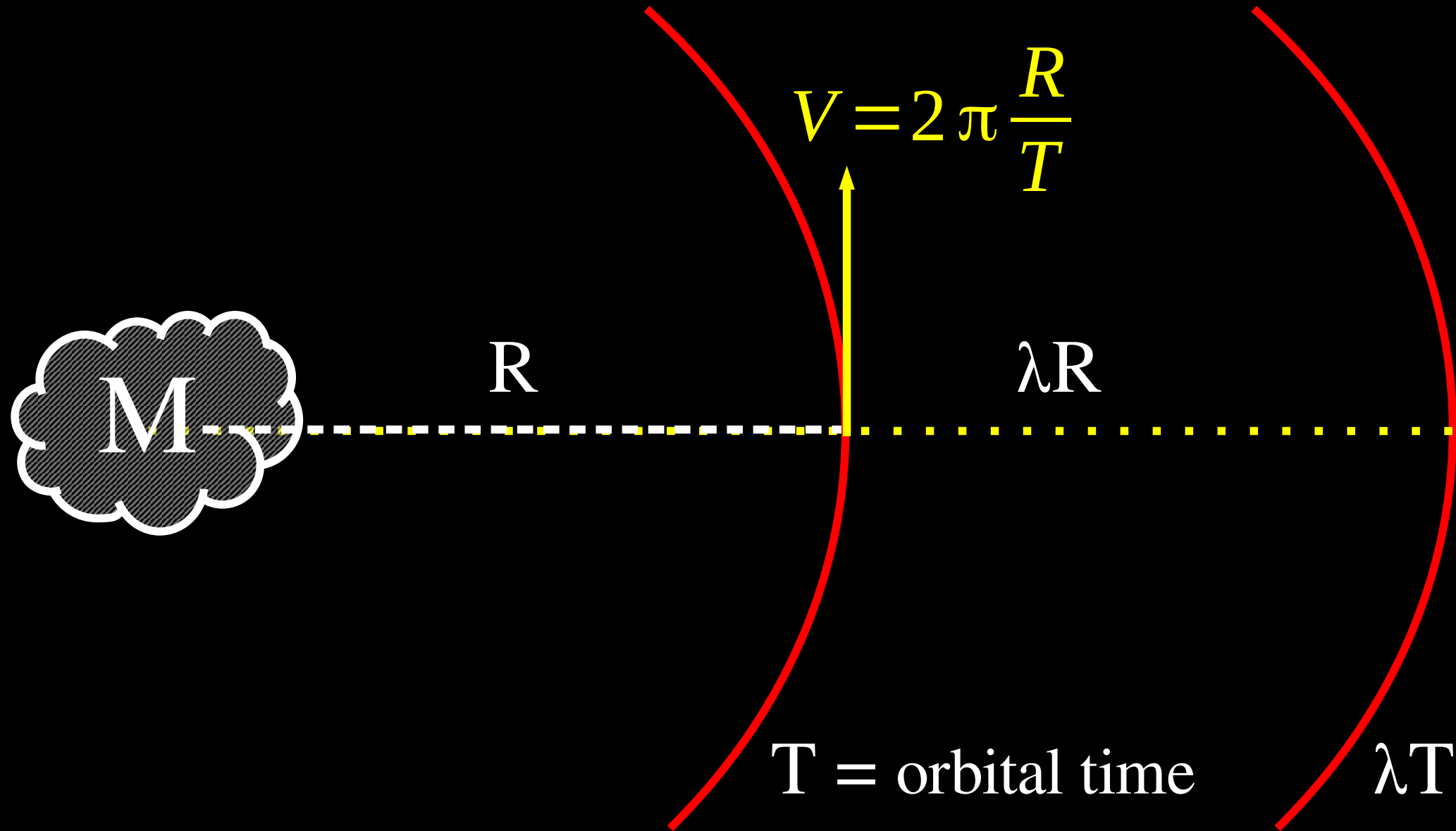
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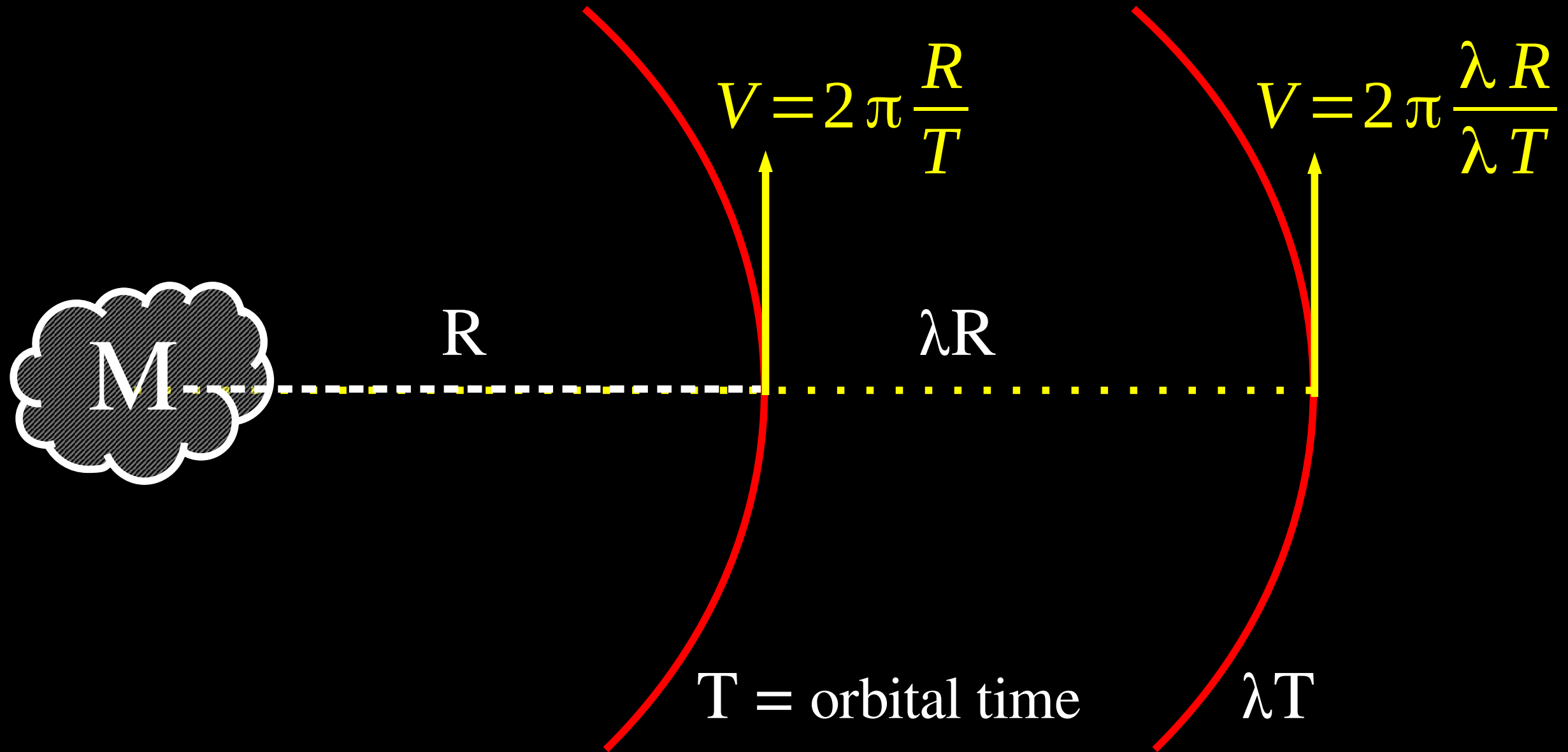
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40 year ago!

ABSTRACT

I use a modified form of the Newtonian dynamics (inertia and/or gravity) to describe the motion of bodies in the gravitational fields of galaxies, *assuming that galaxies contain no hidden mass*, with the following main results.

1. The Keplerian, circular velocity around a finite galaxy becomes independent of r at large radii, thus resulting in asymptotically flat velocity curves.

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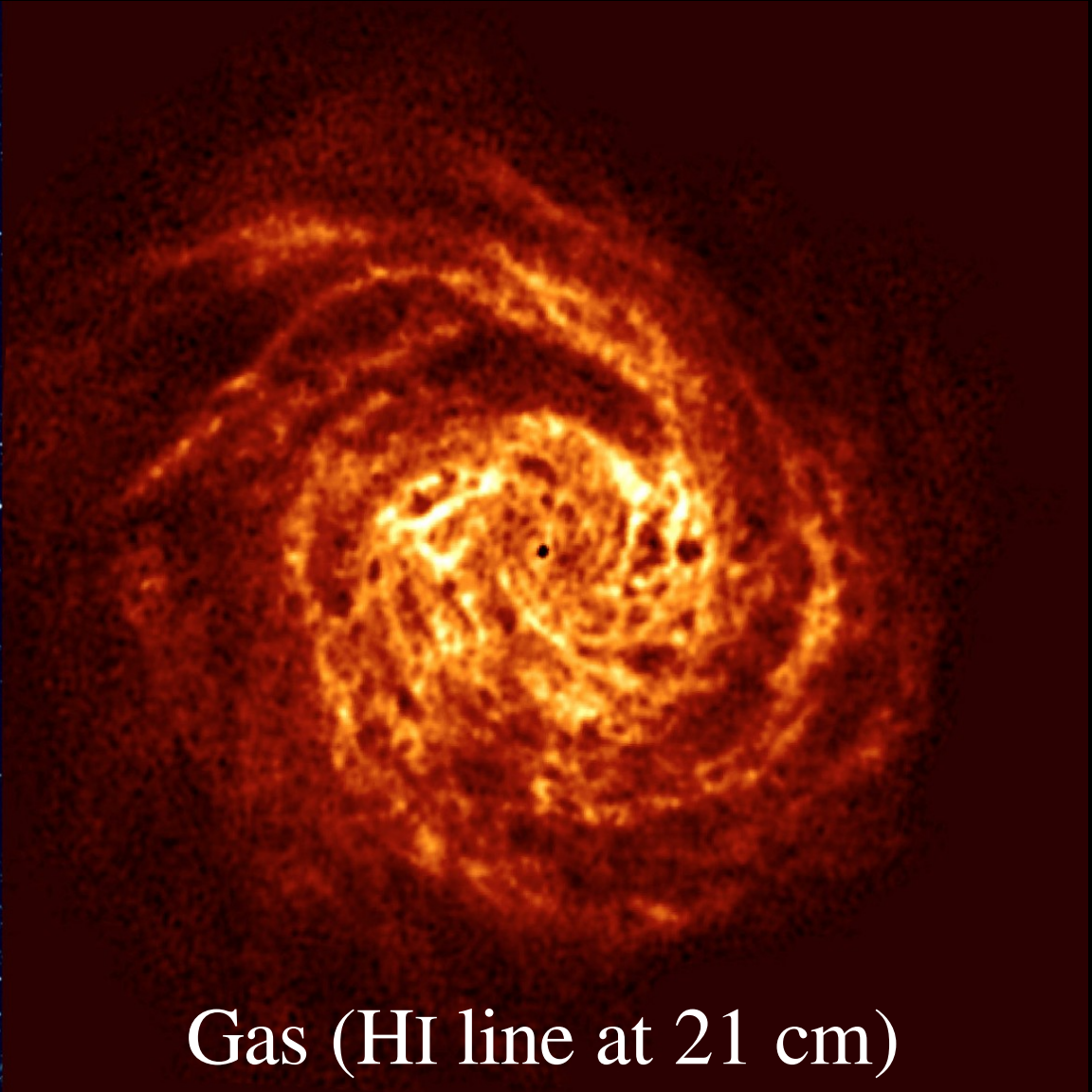
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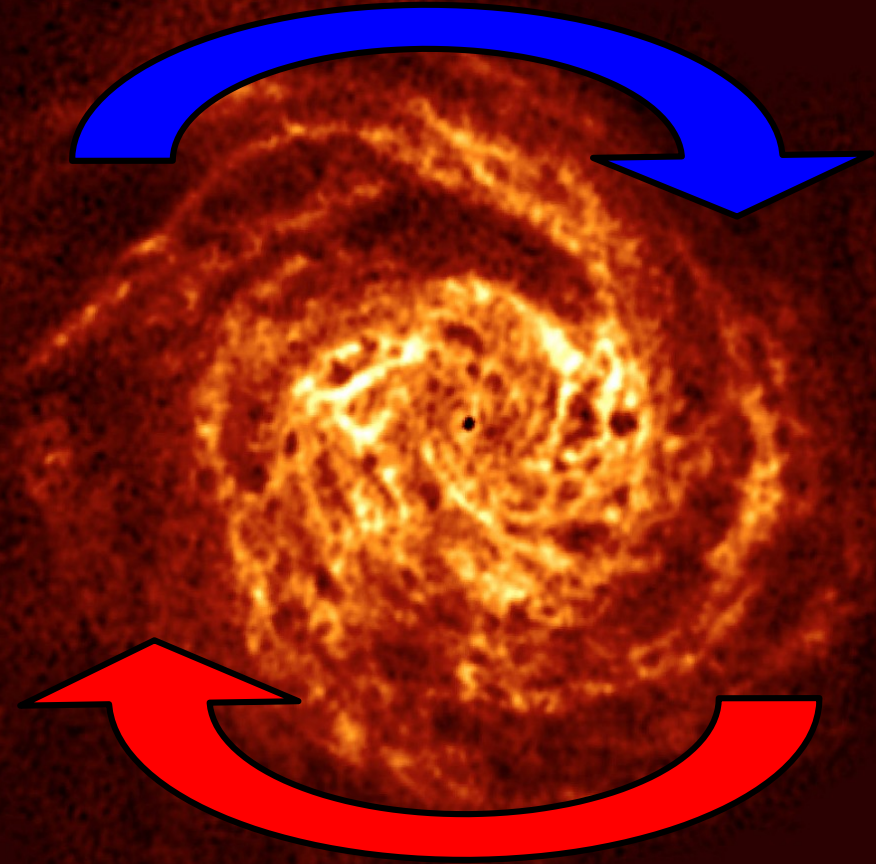
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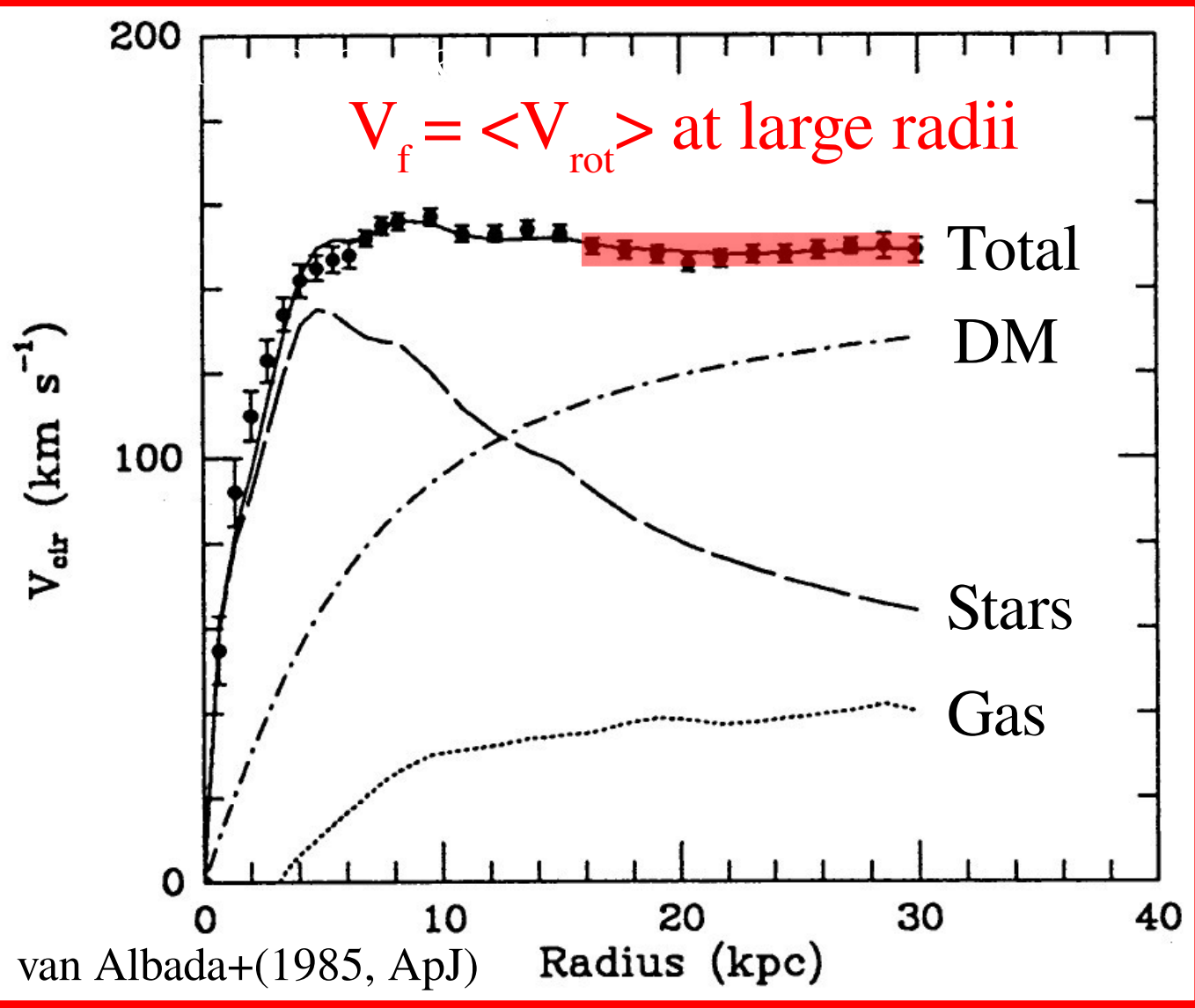
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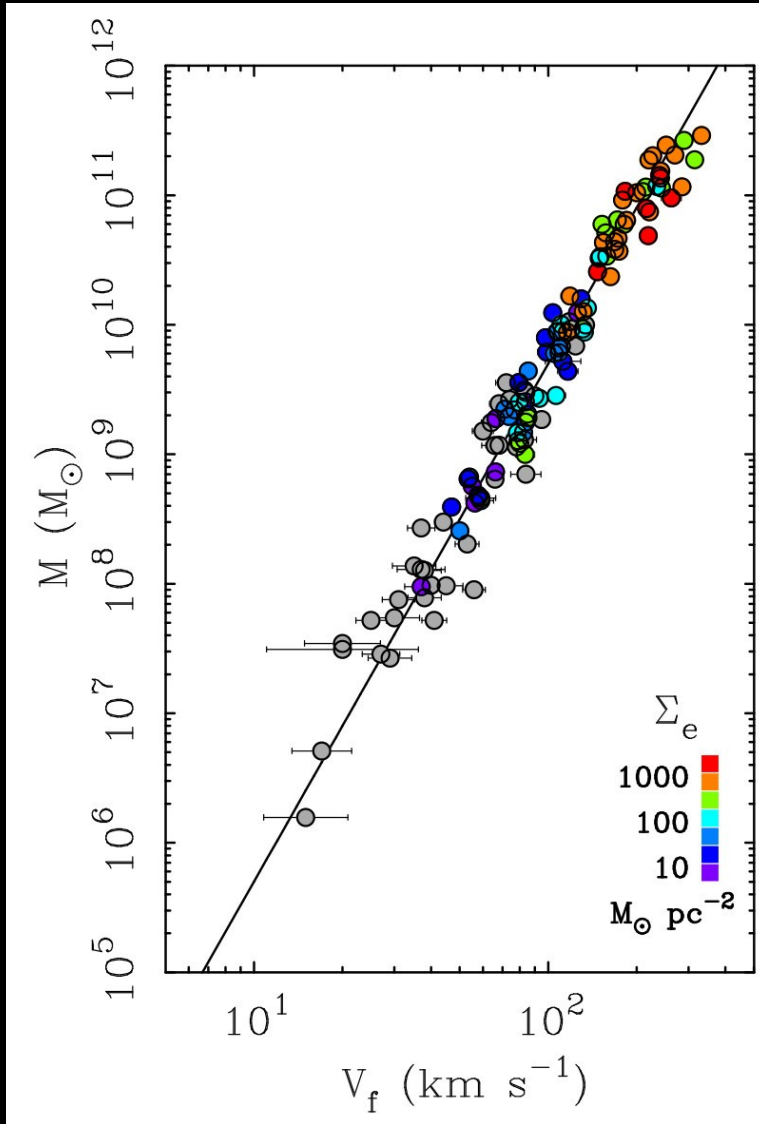
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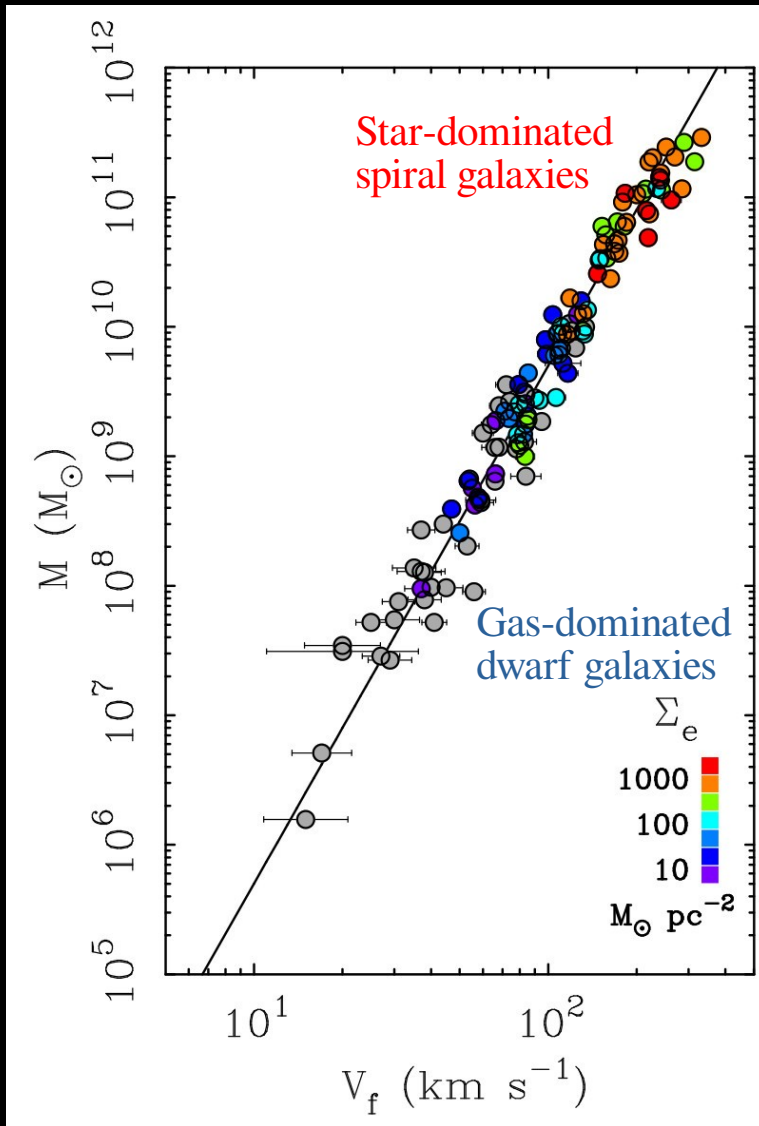
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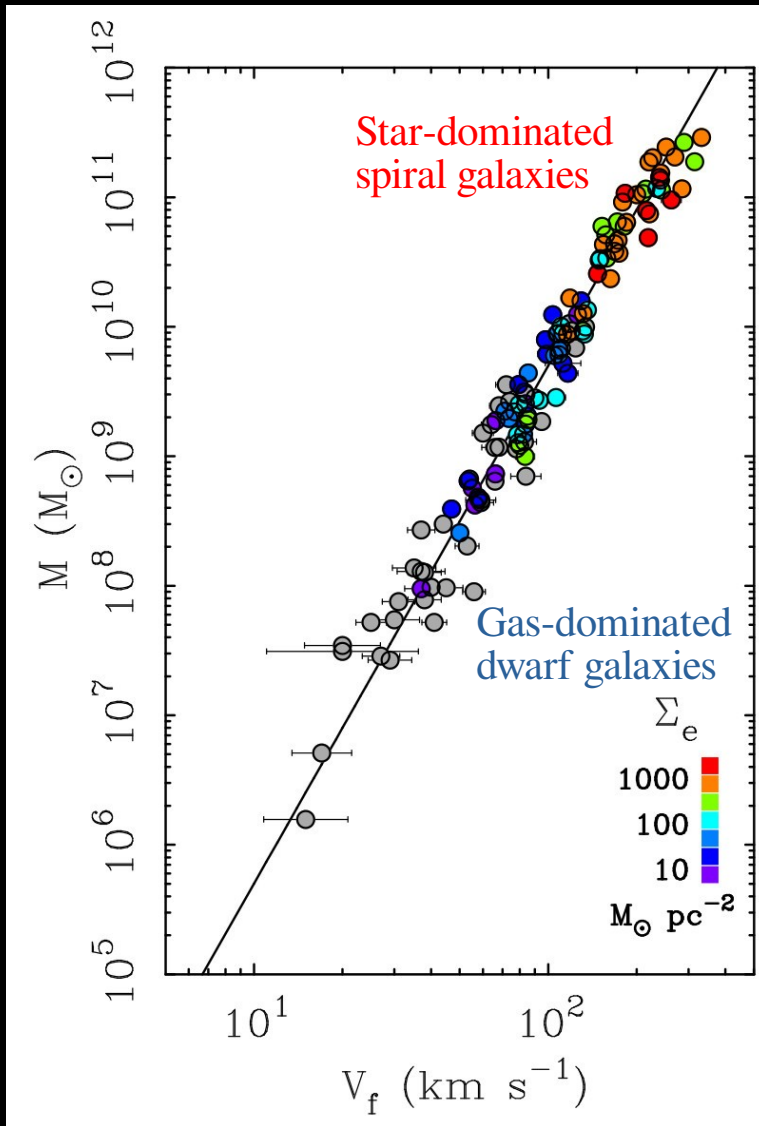
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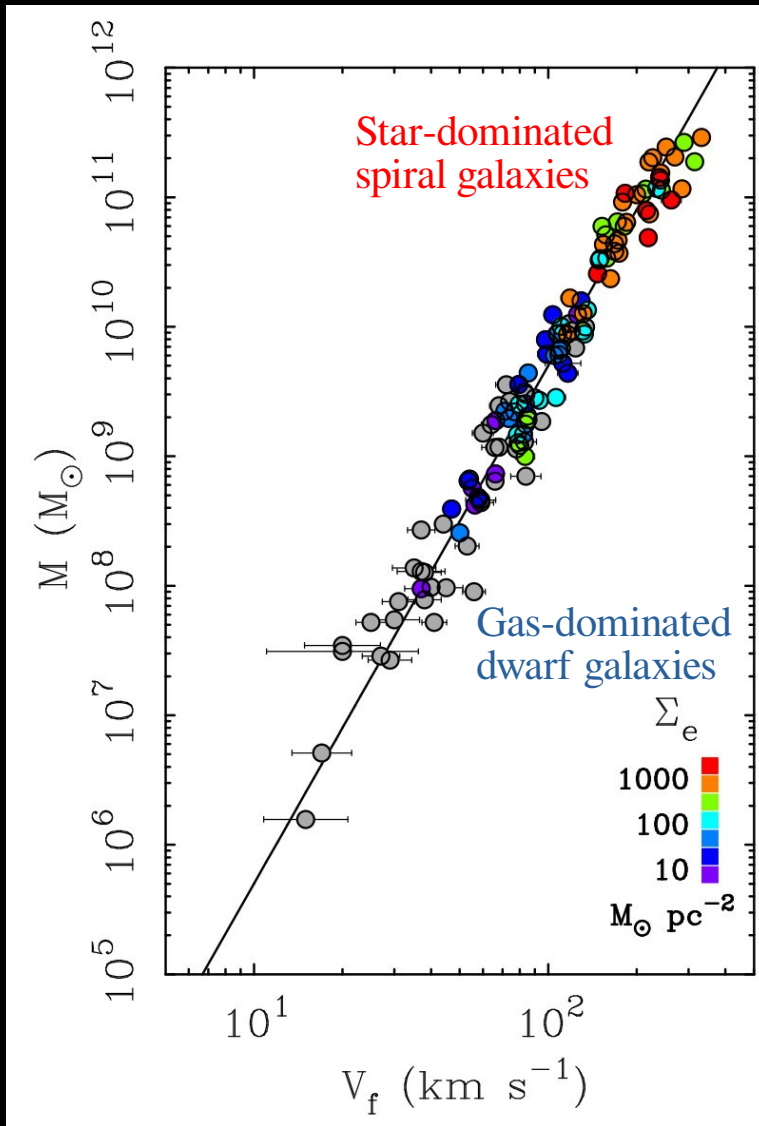
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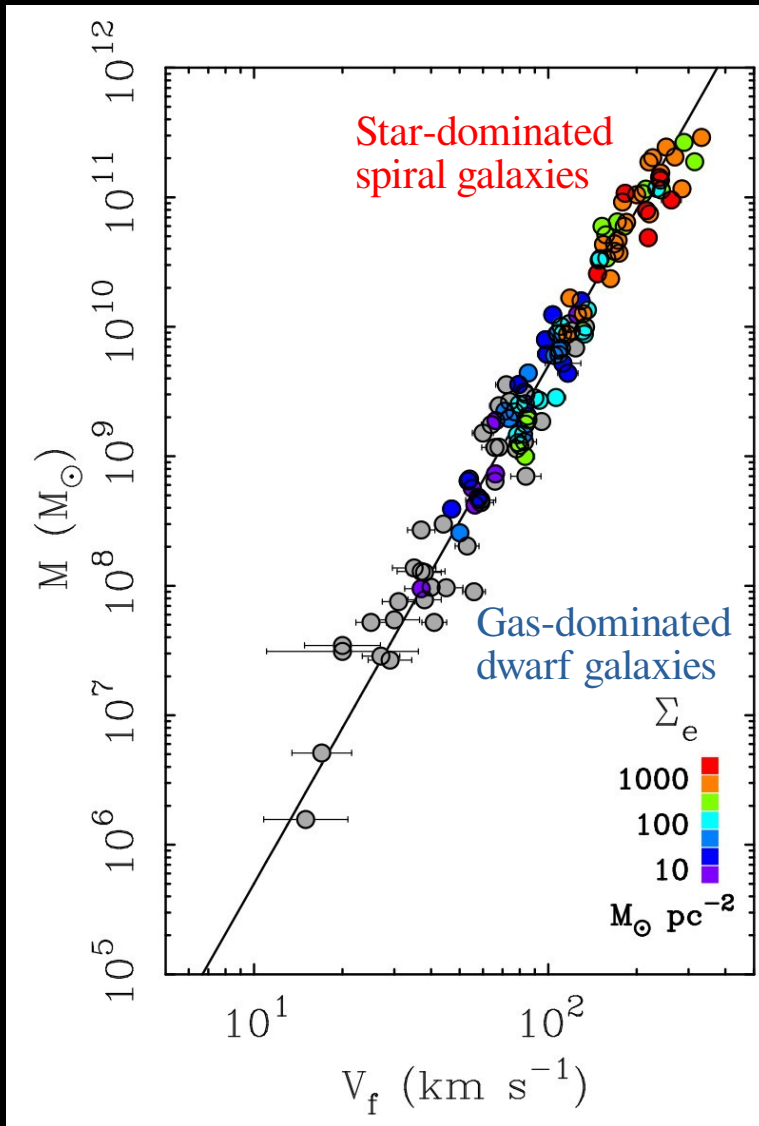
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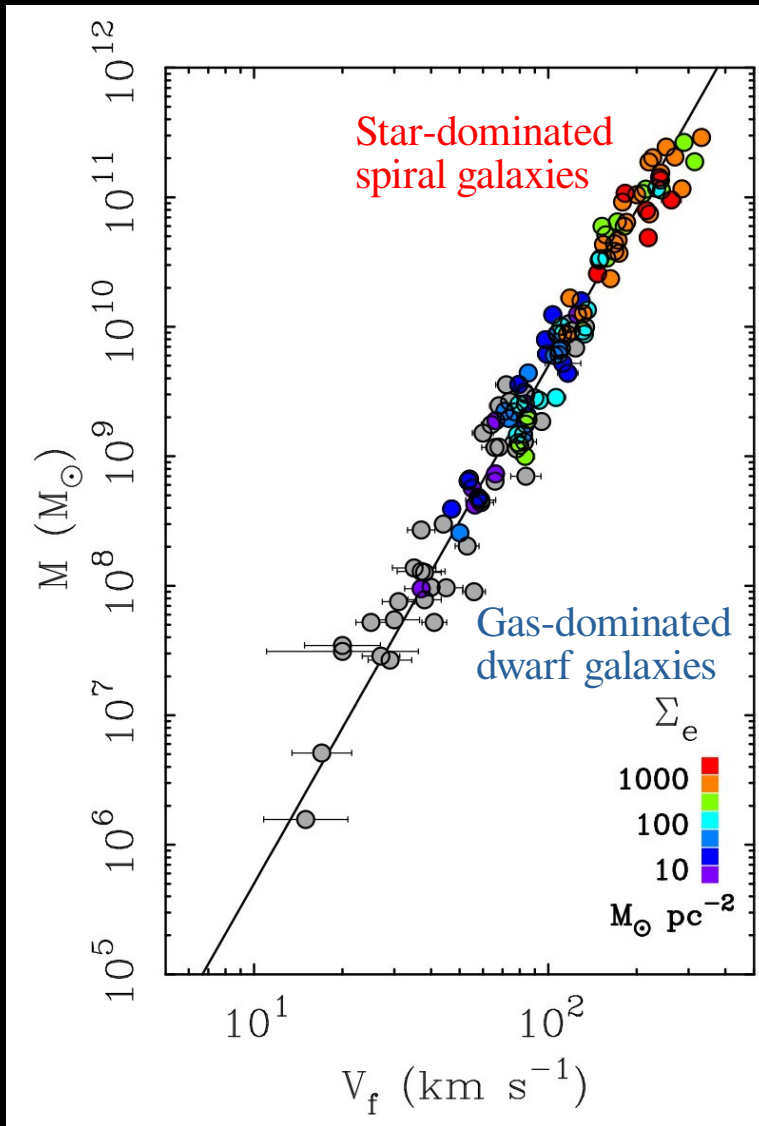
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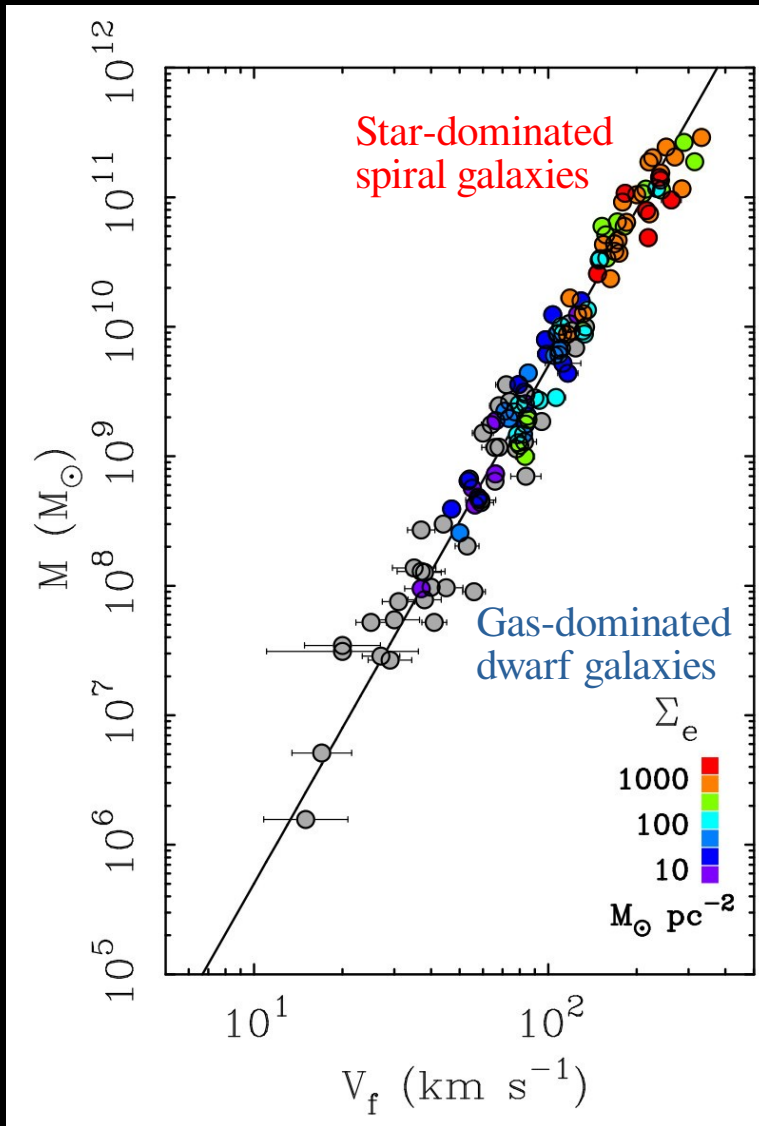
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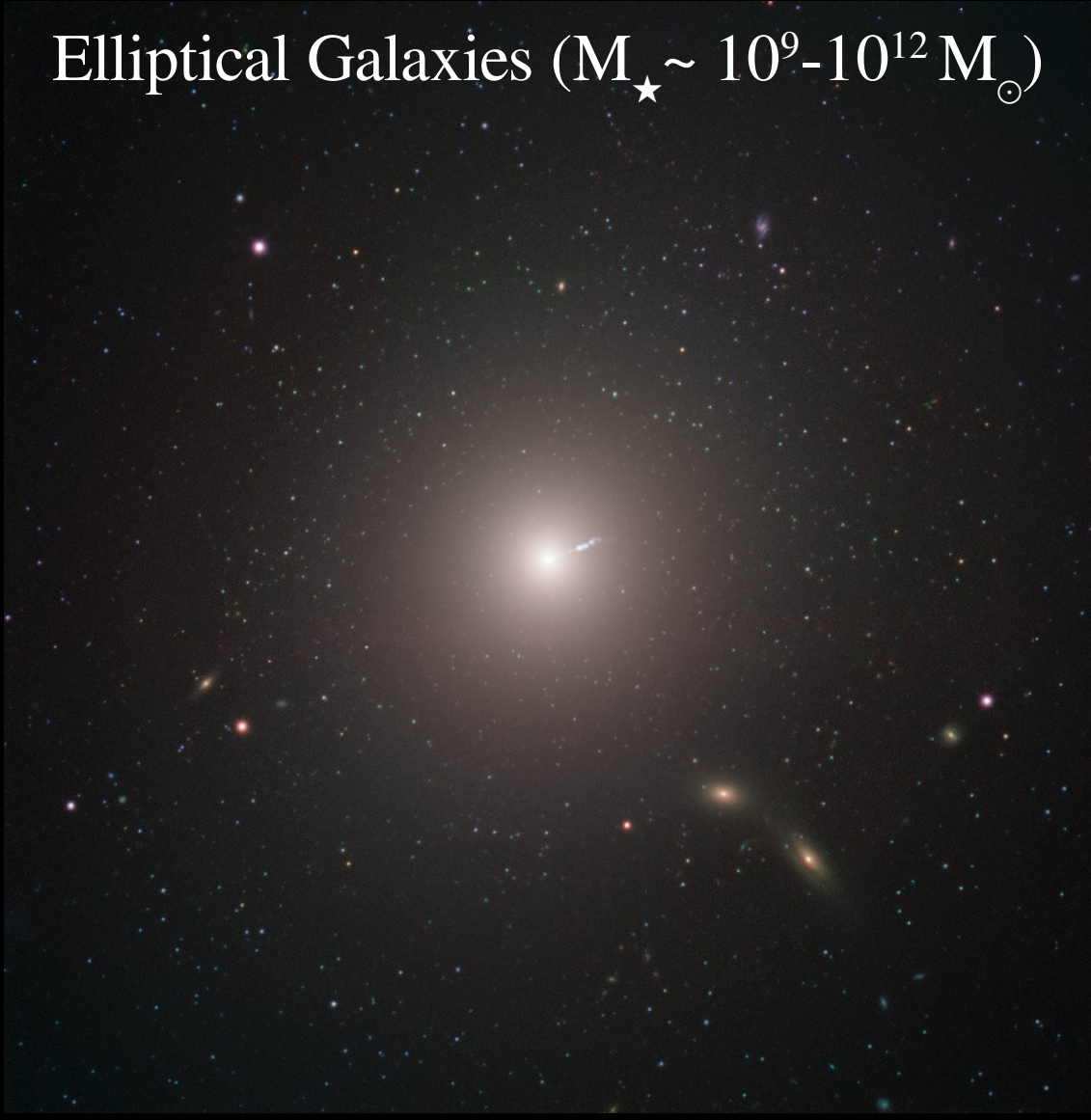
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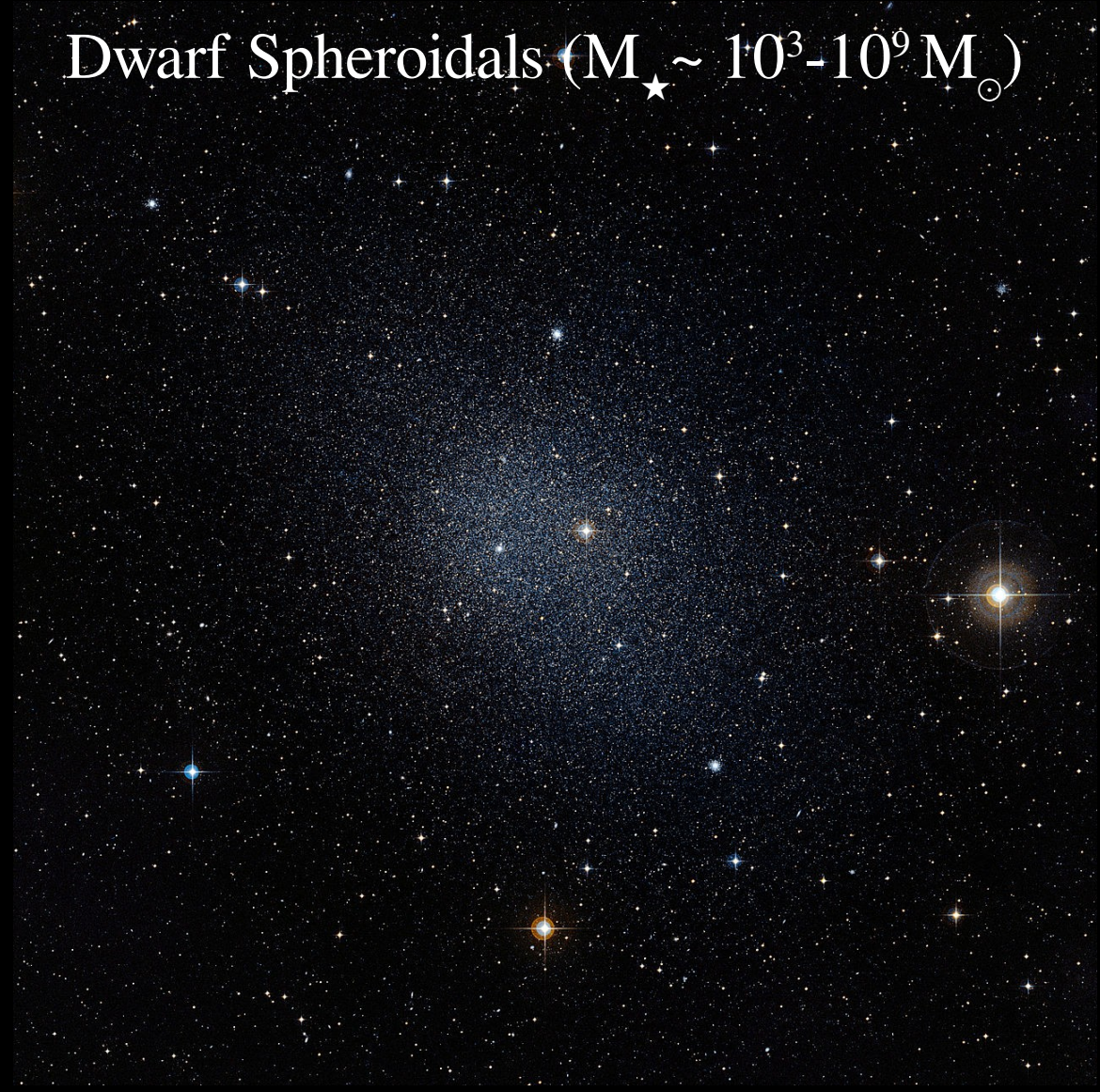
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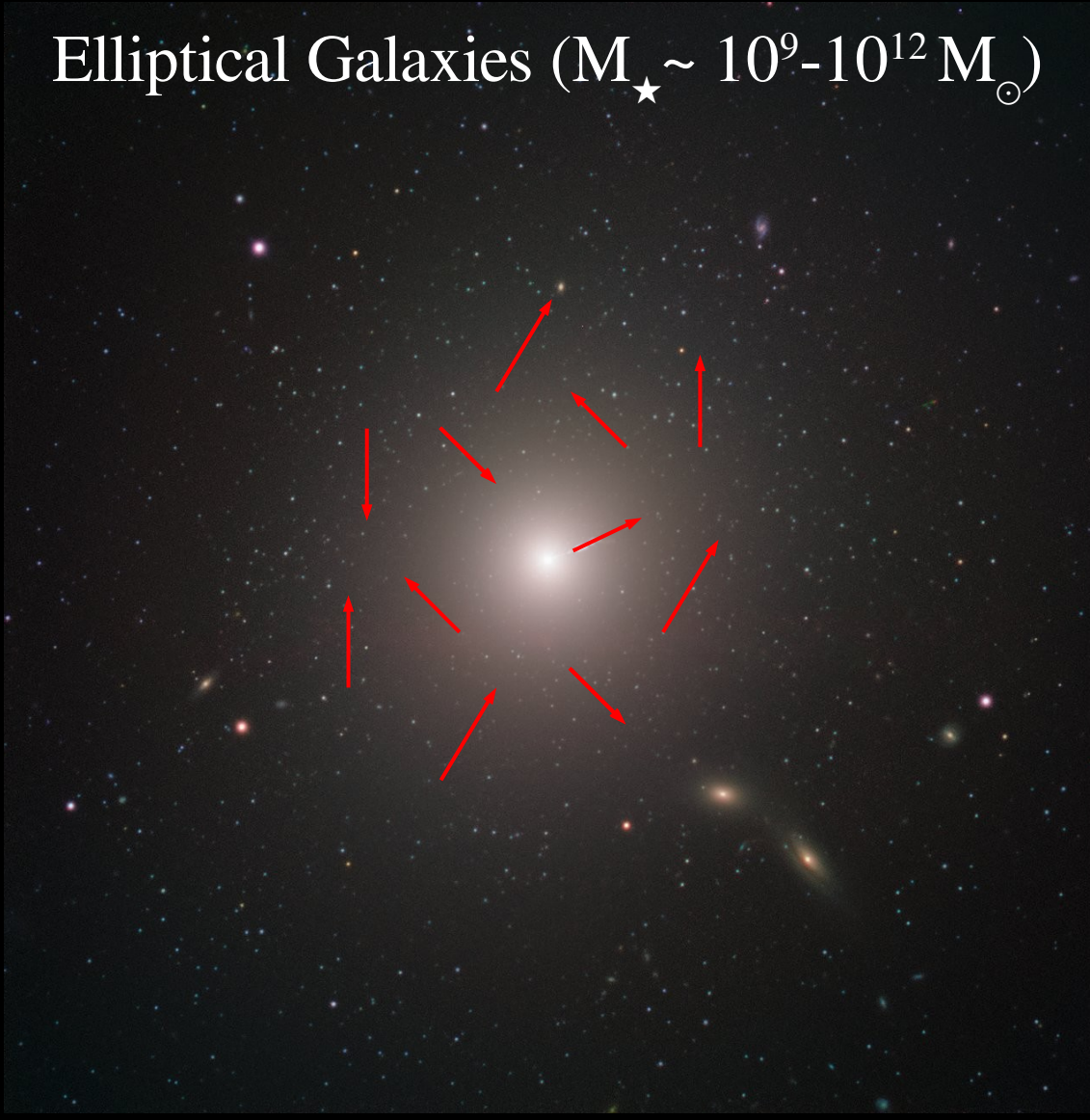


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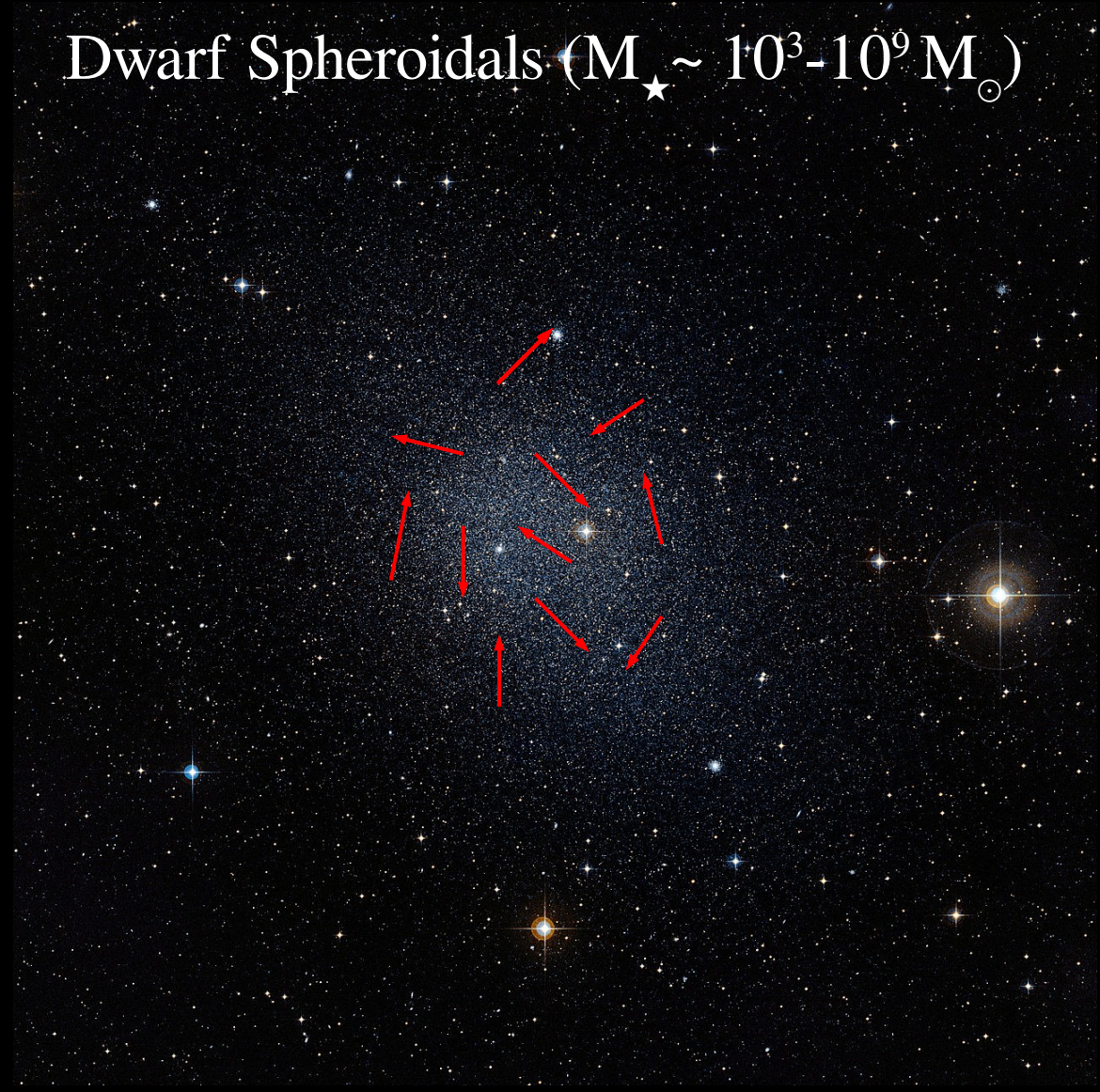


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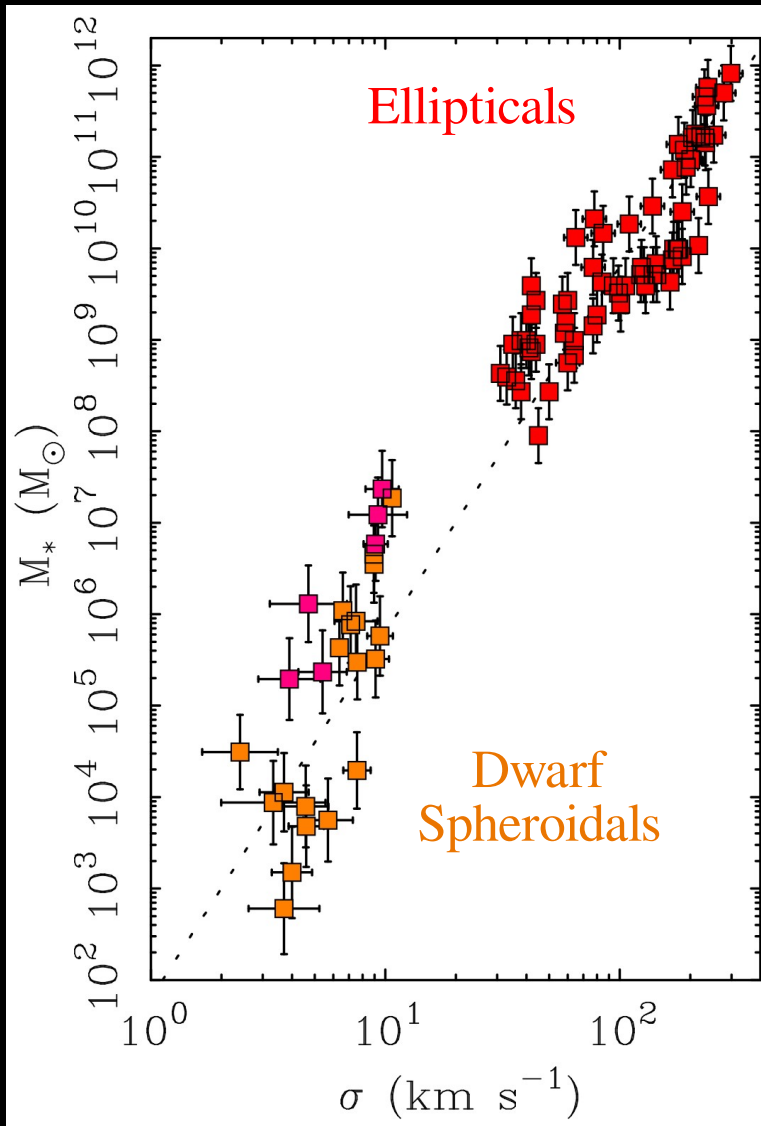
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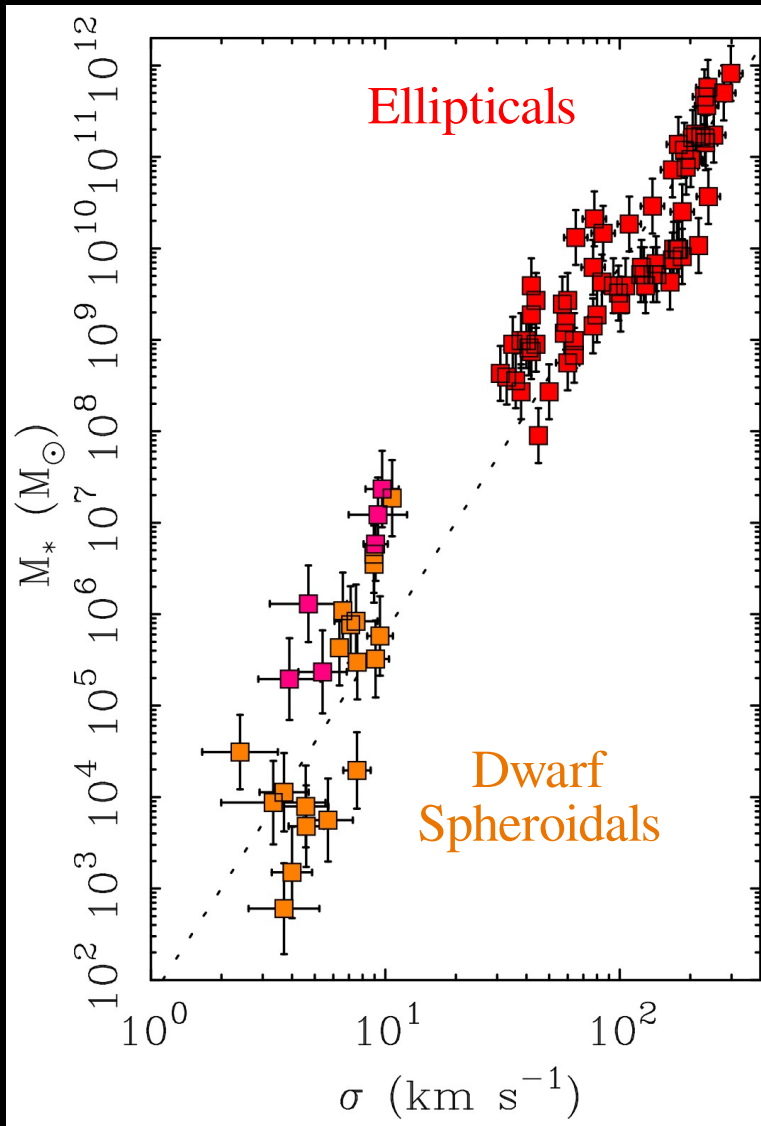
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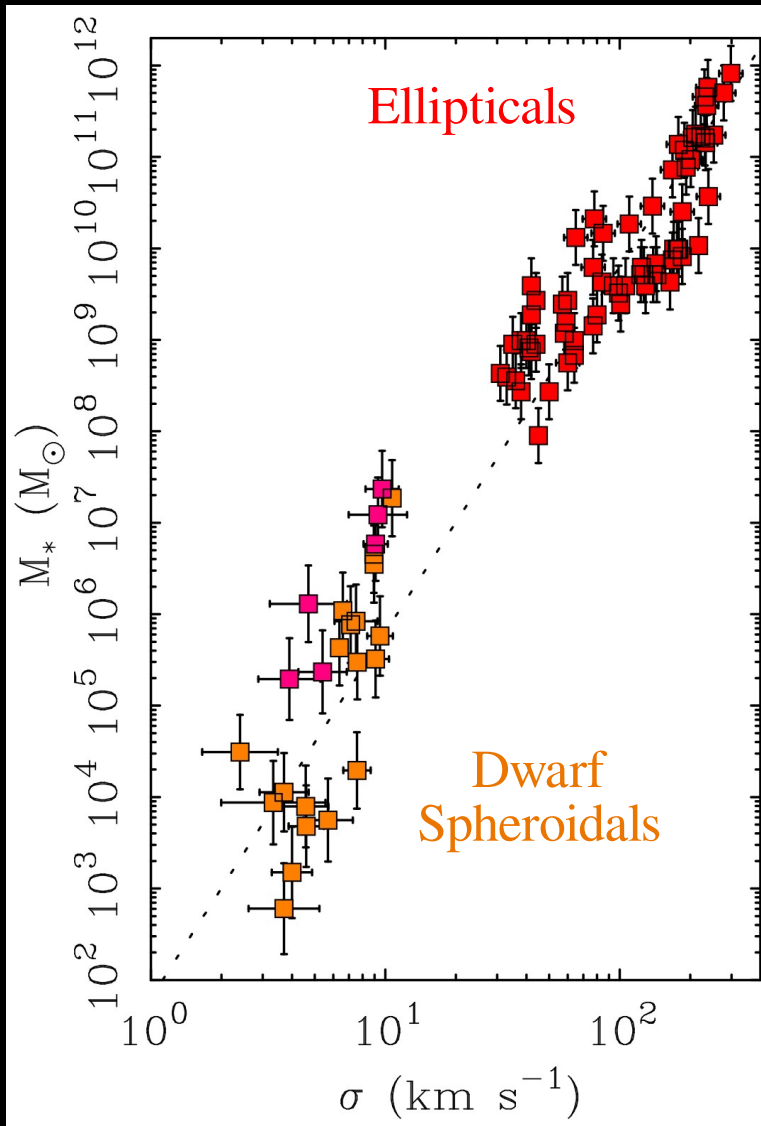


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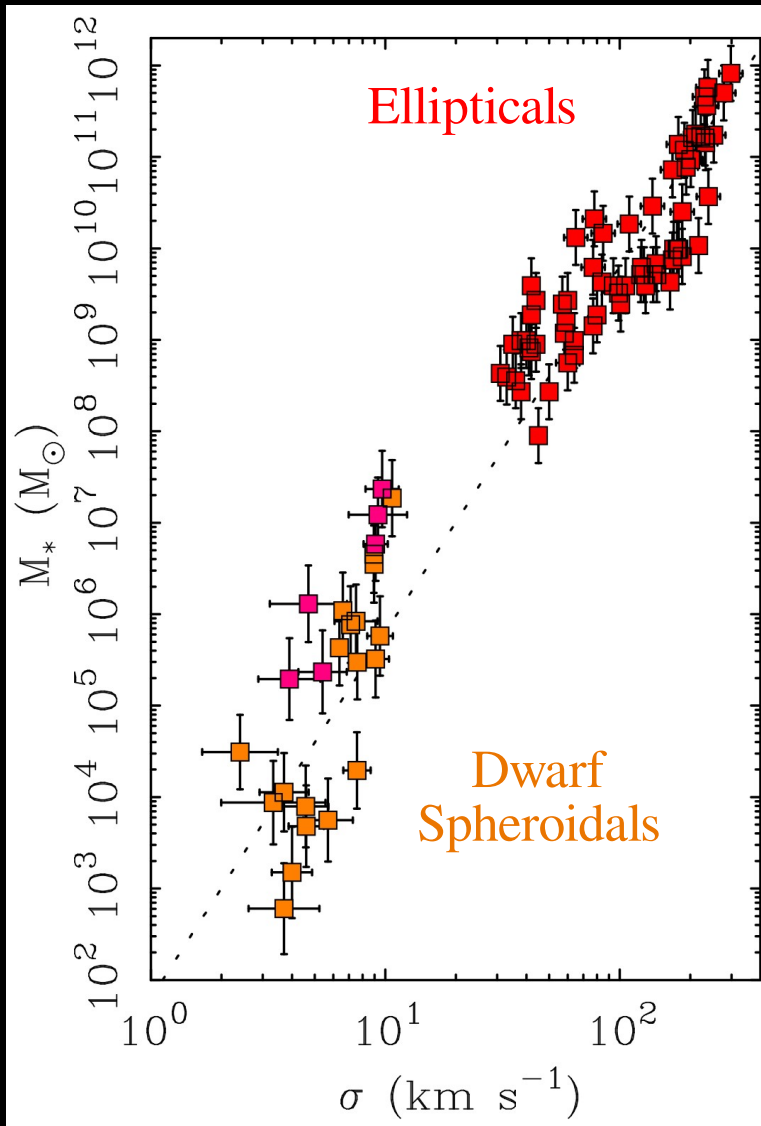
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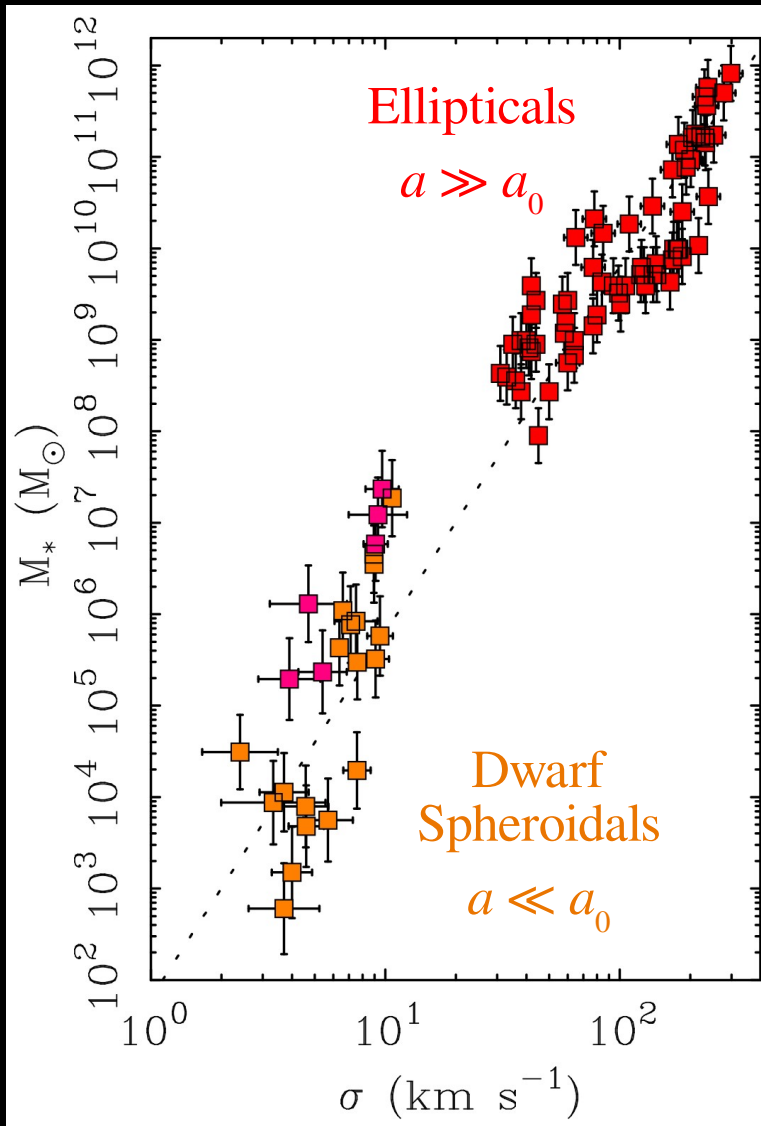
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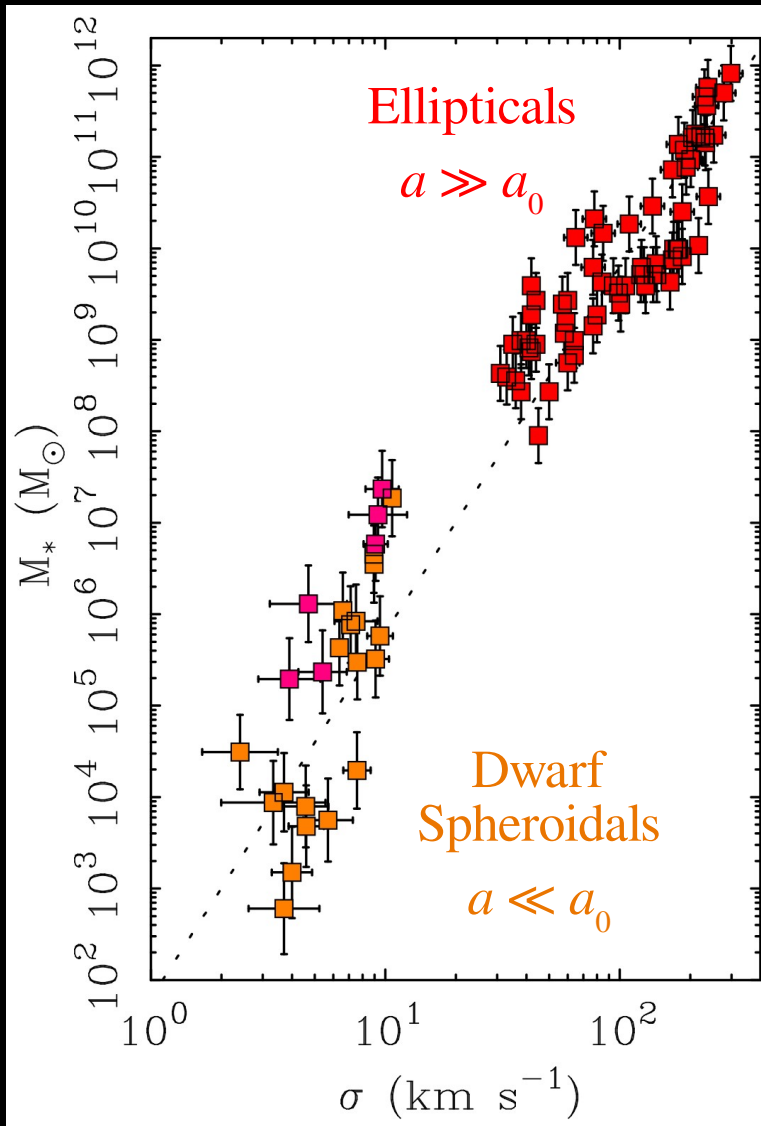
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(Djorgovski & Davis 1987; Dressler 1987)

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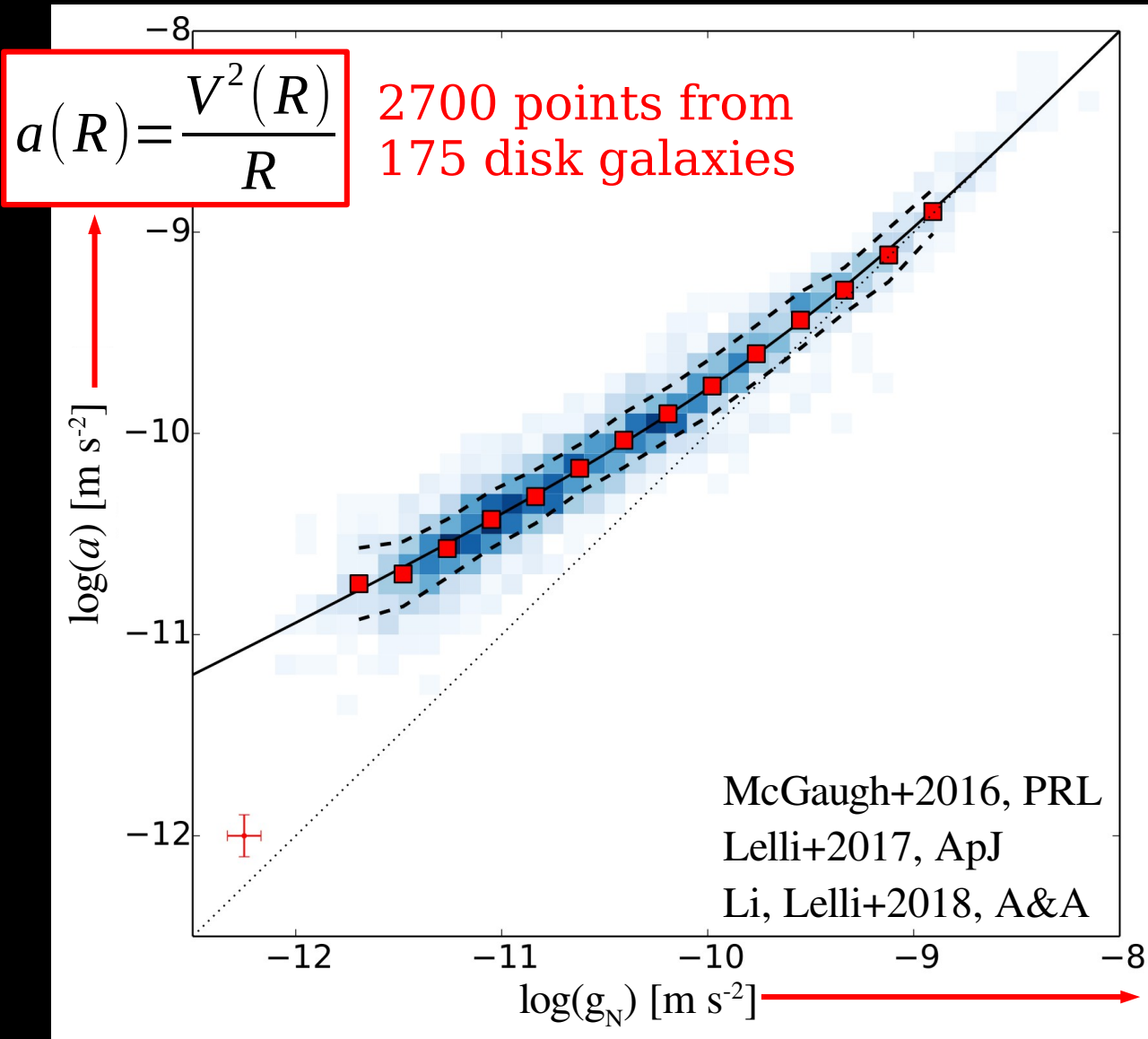
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Interpolation functions are common in Physics. Examples:

- **Lorentz factor γ (via c)**: Newton's second law \leftrightarrow special relativity
- **Planck's law for the blackbody radiation (via \hbar)**: Rayleigh-Jeans \leftrightarrow Wein regimes
- **Probability for quantum tunnelling (via \hbar)**: classical mechanics \leftrightarrow quantum theory

MOND postulates specify only asymptotic limits of μ . Which function to choose?

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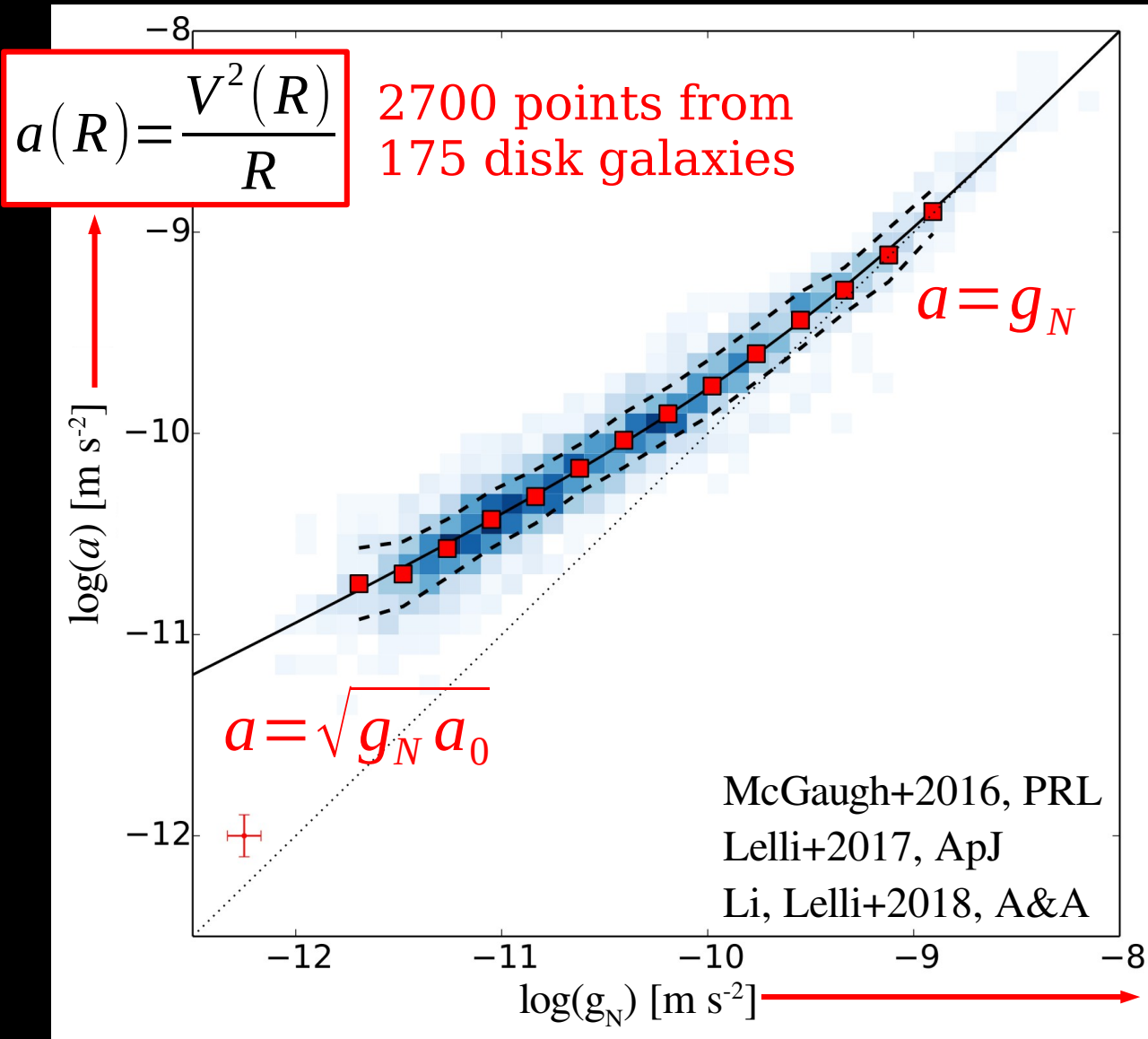


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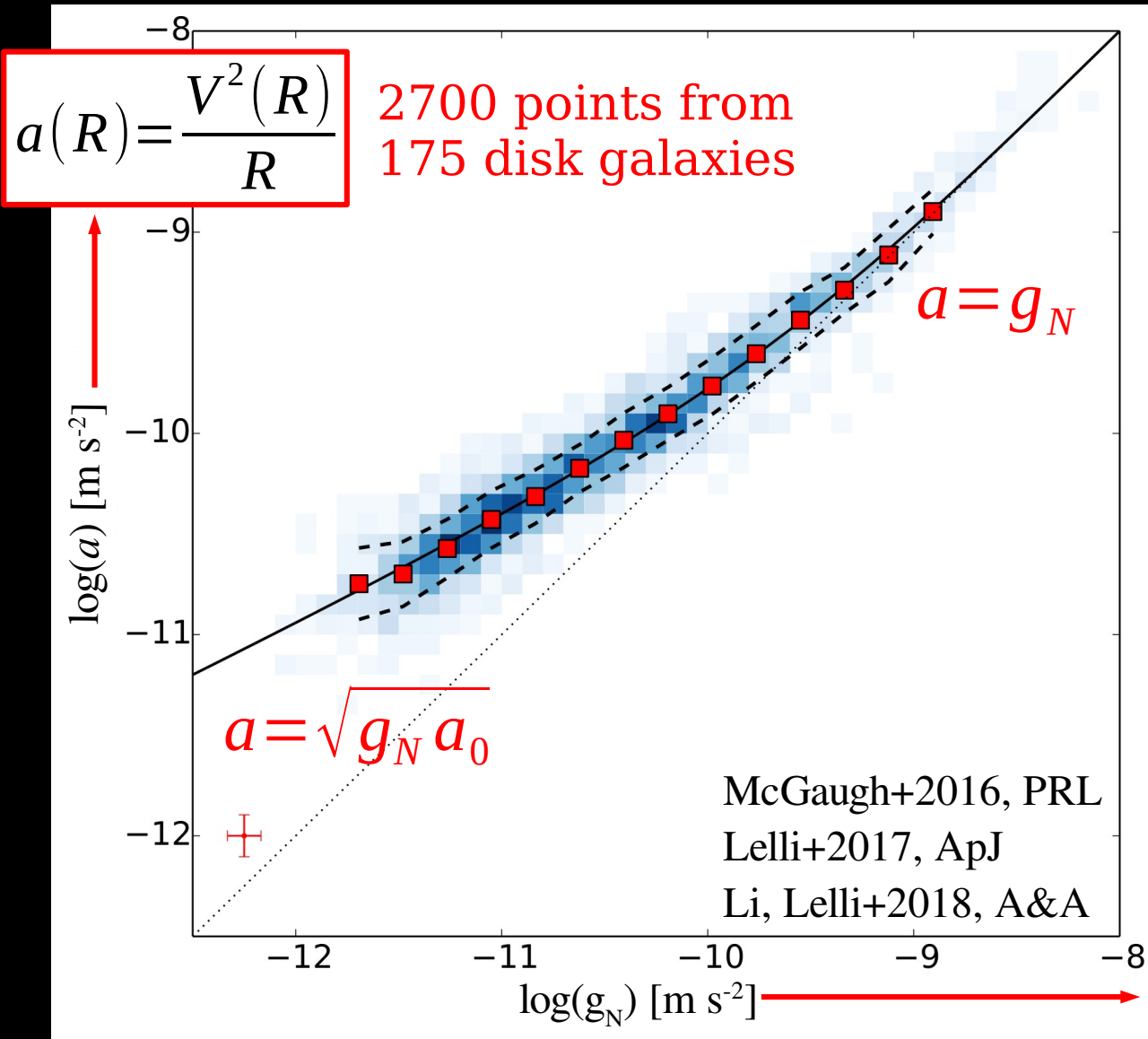
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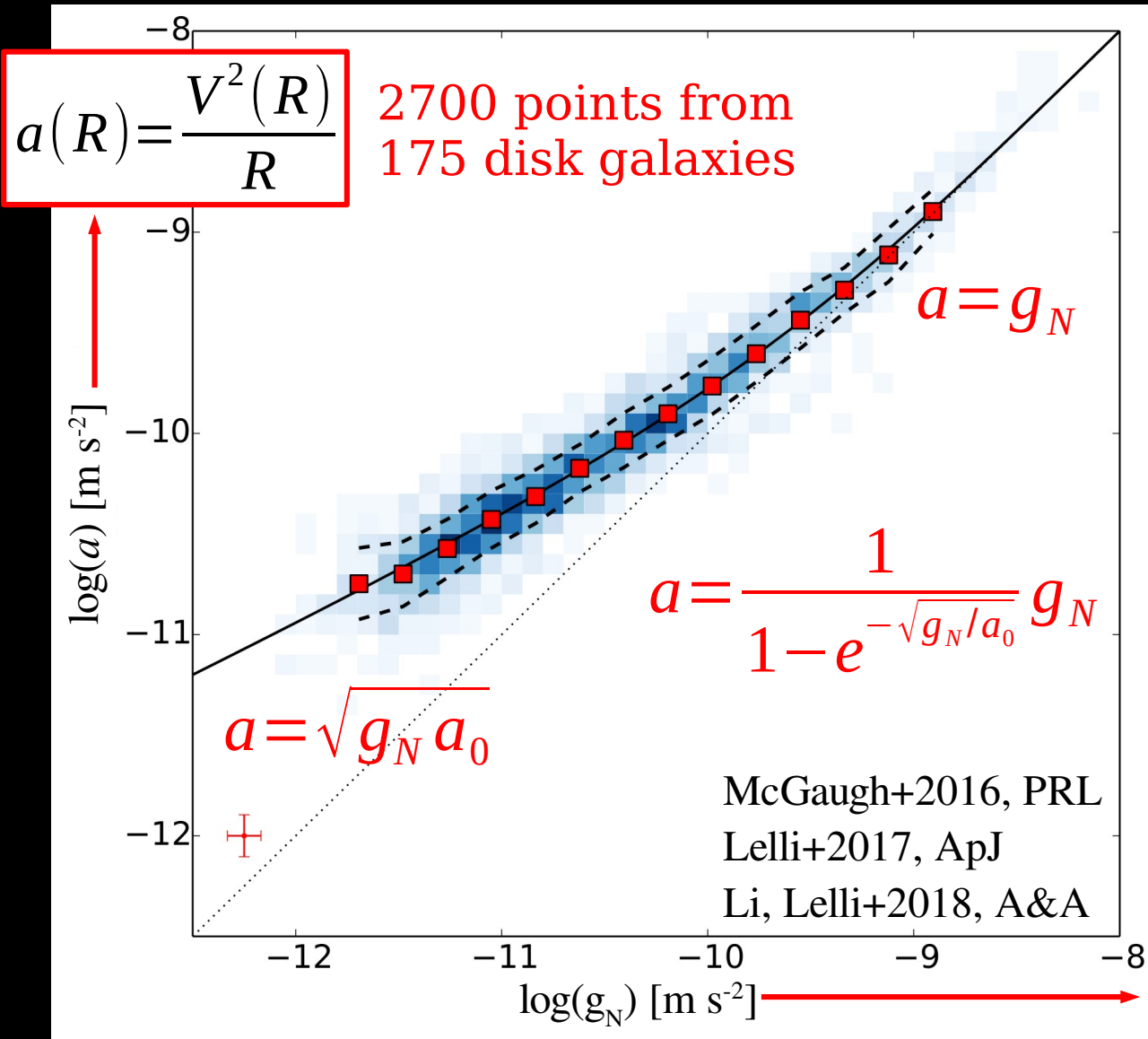
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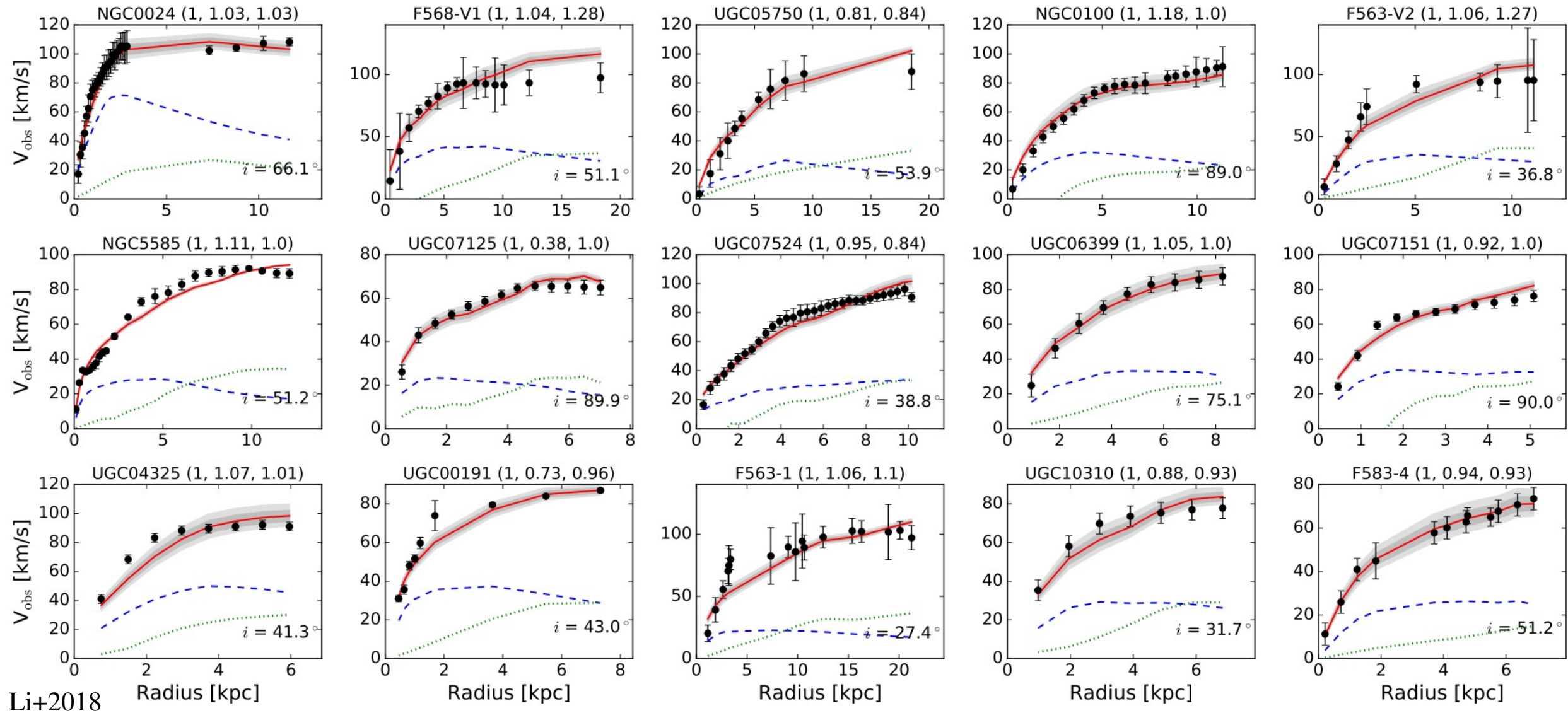
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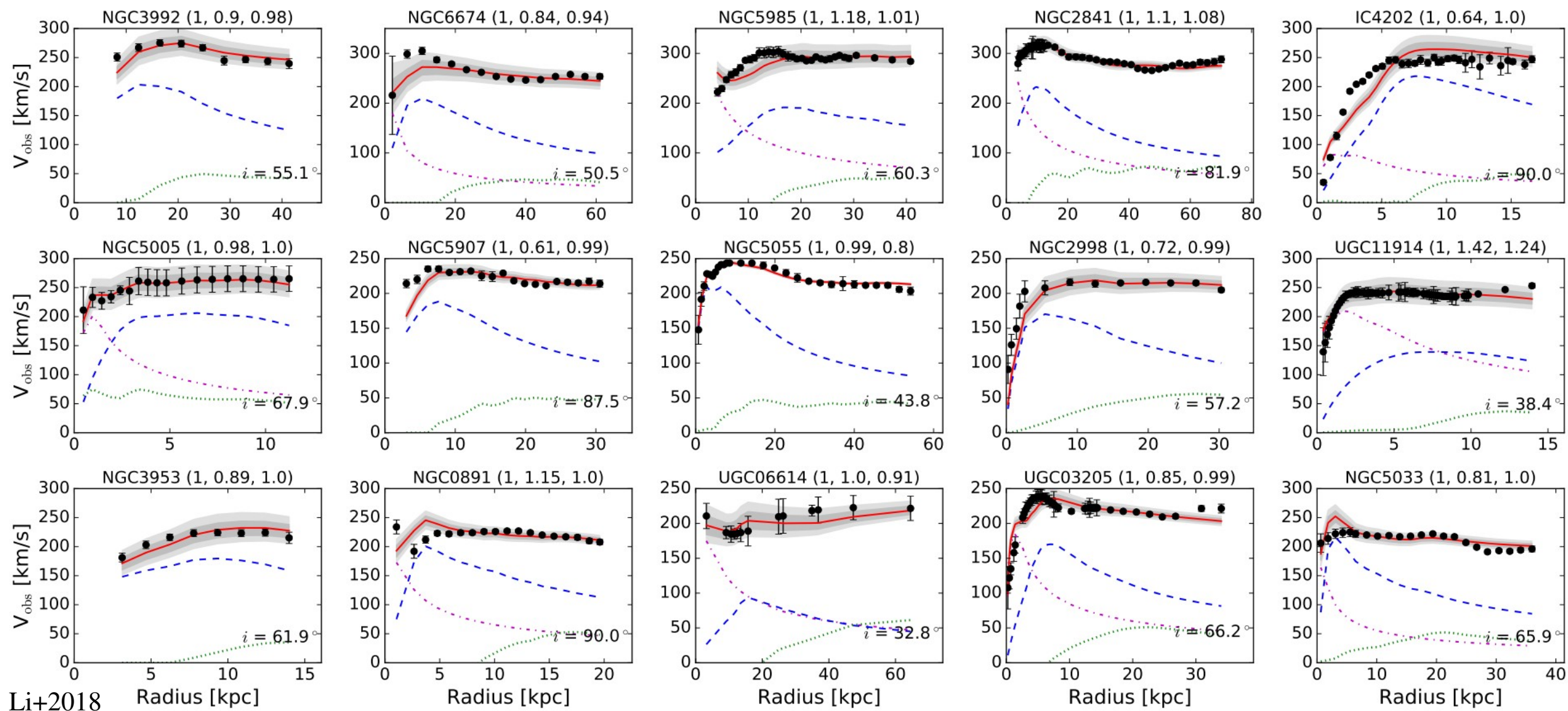
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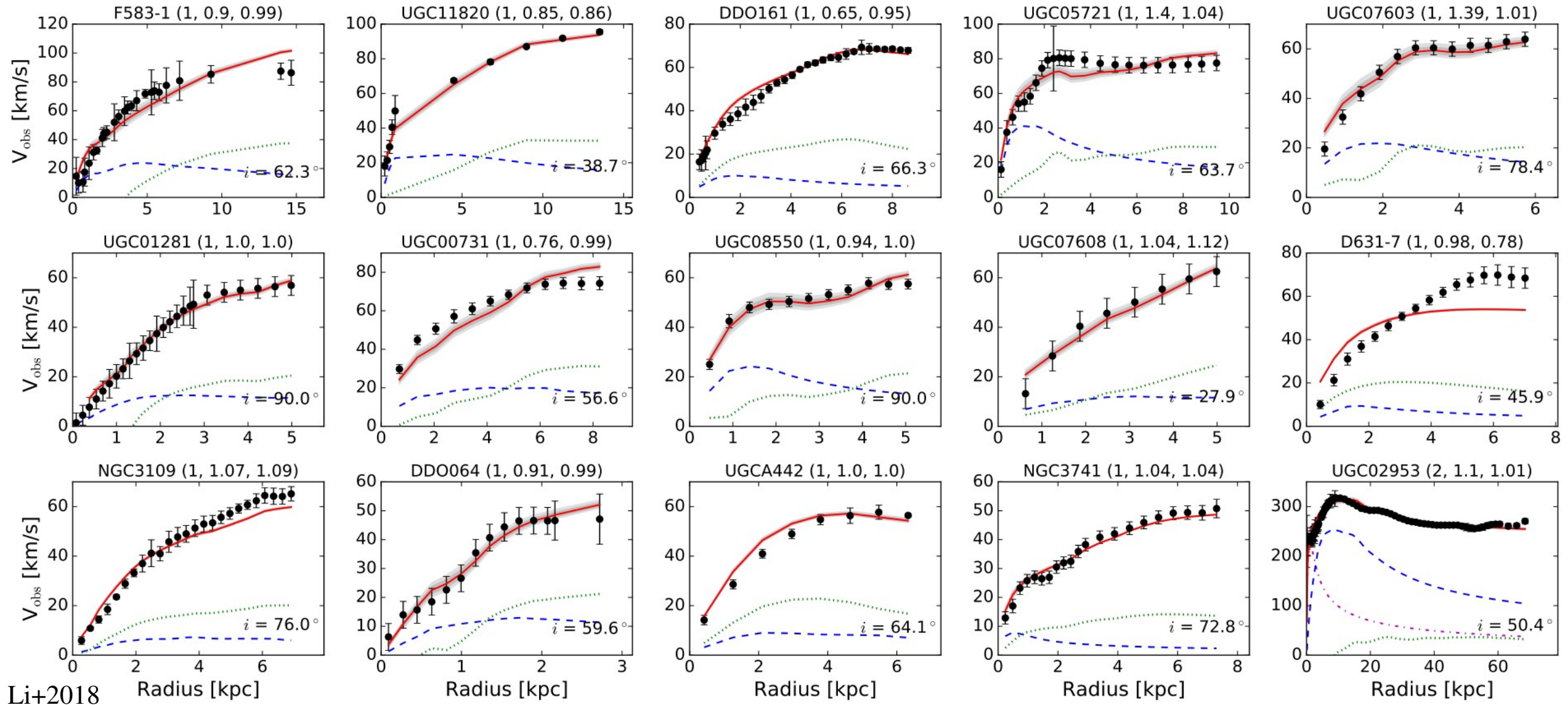
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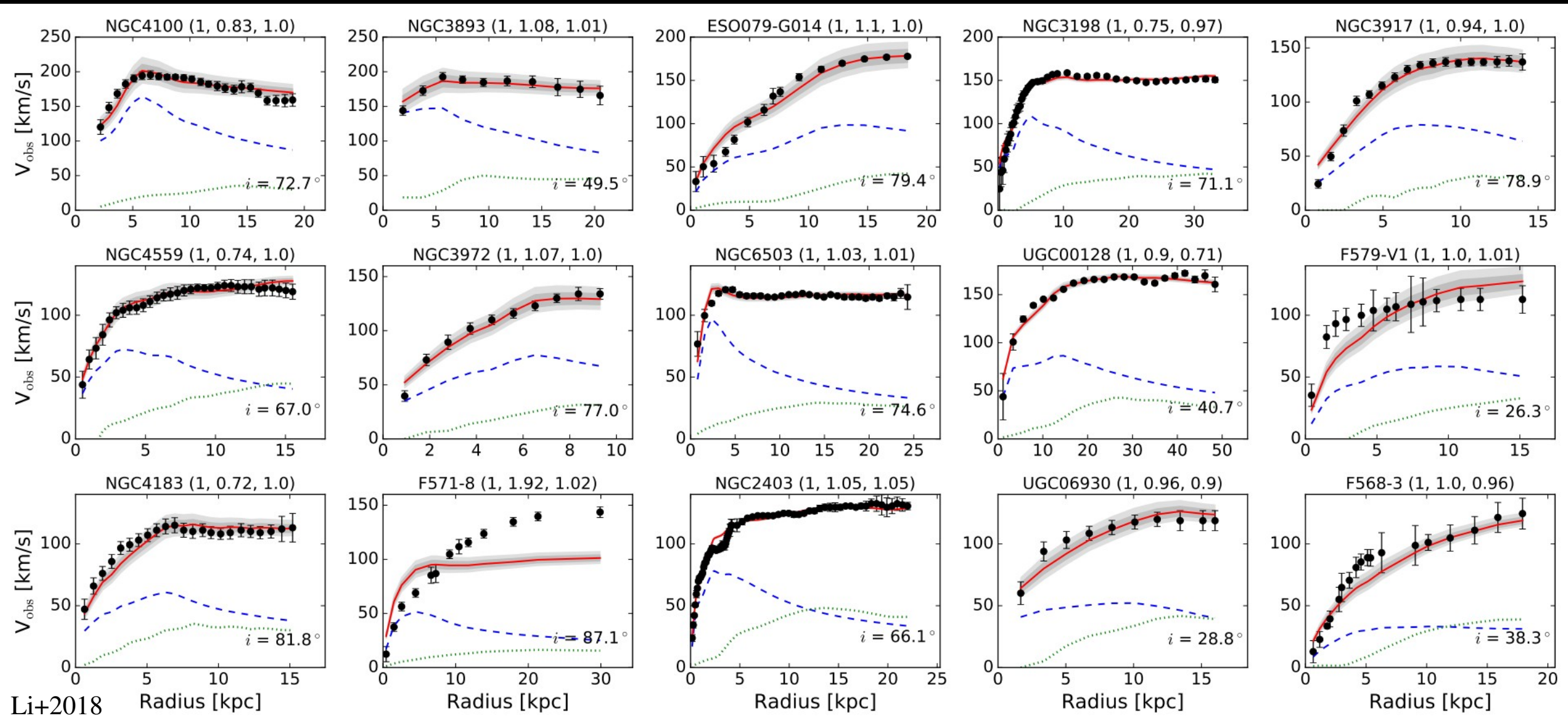
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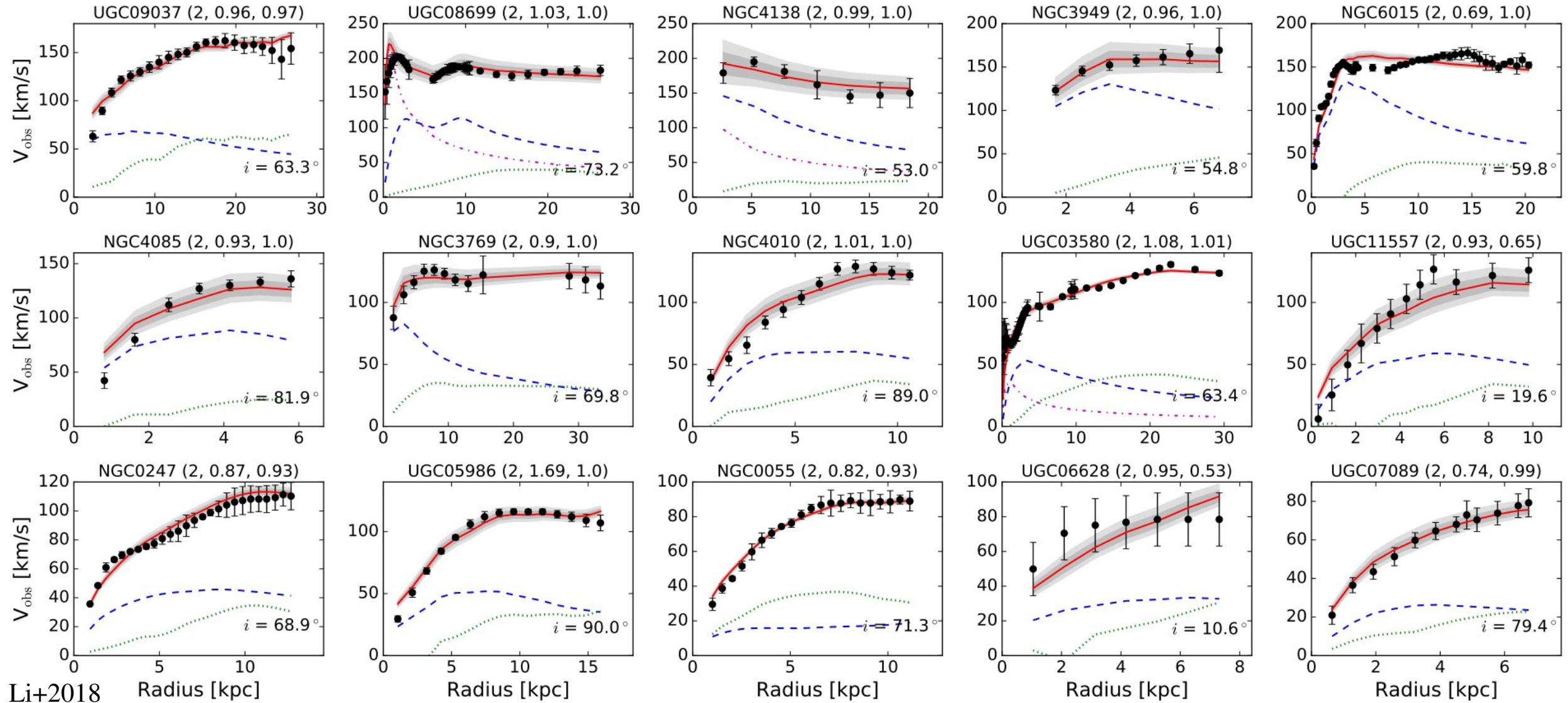
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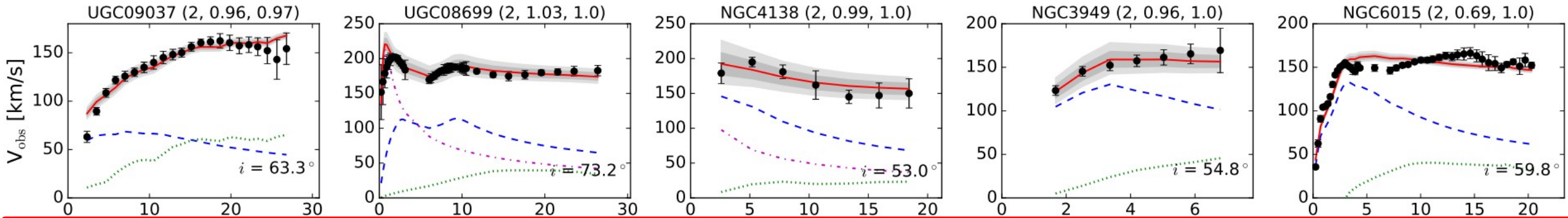
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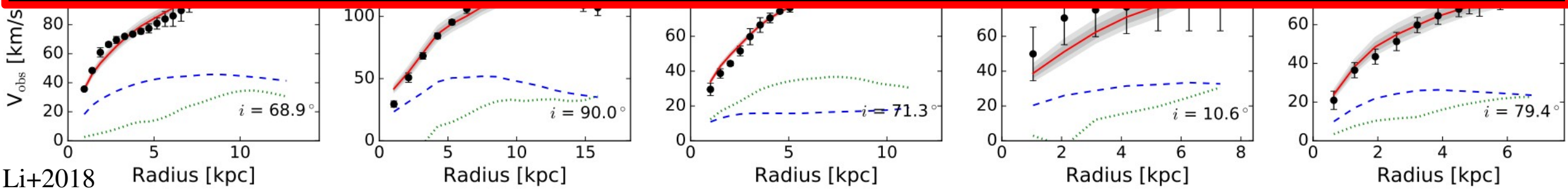
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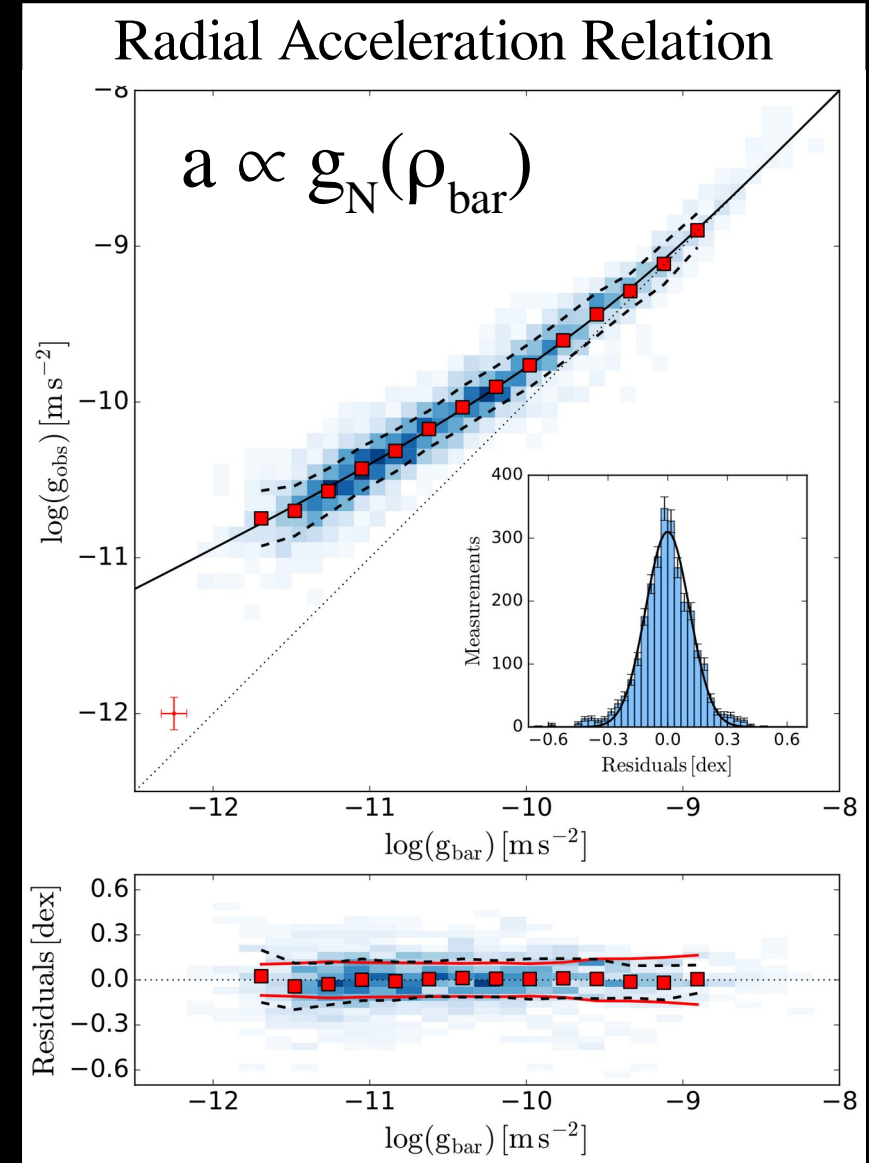
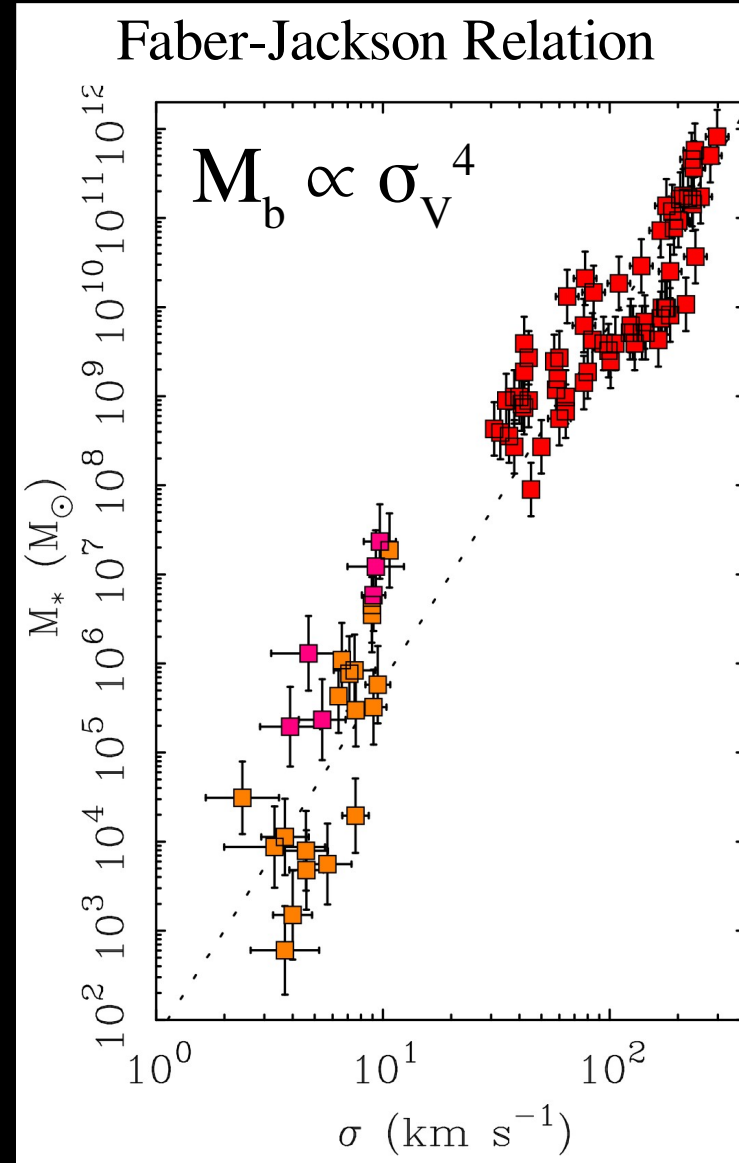
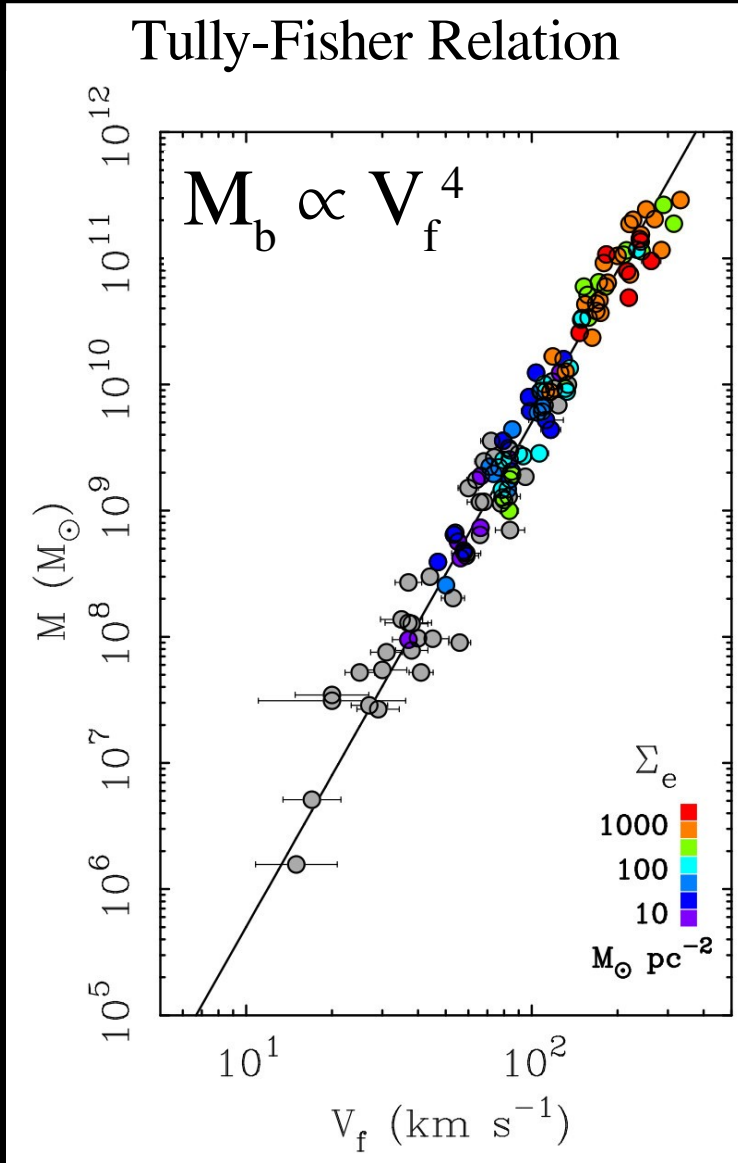
Let's stop here... but this is just half of the dataset!

(see Li, Lelli, McGaugh et al. 2018, A&A)

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Empirical Kepler-like laws of galaxies: emergence of $a_0 + \text{Baryon} \leftrightarrow \text{DM}$



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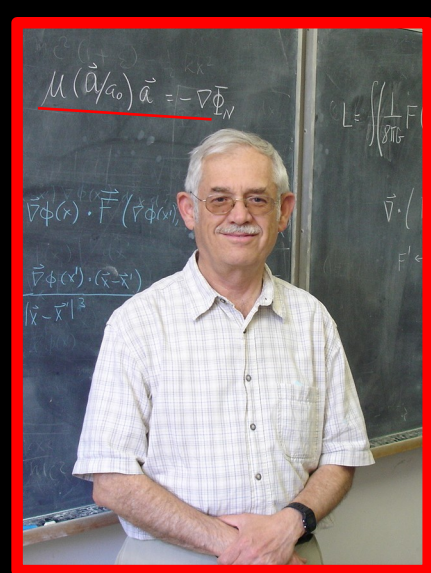
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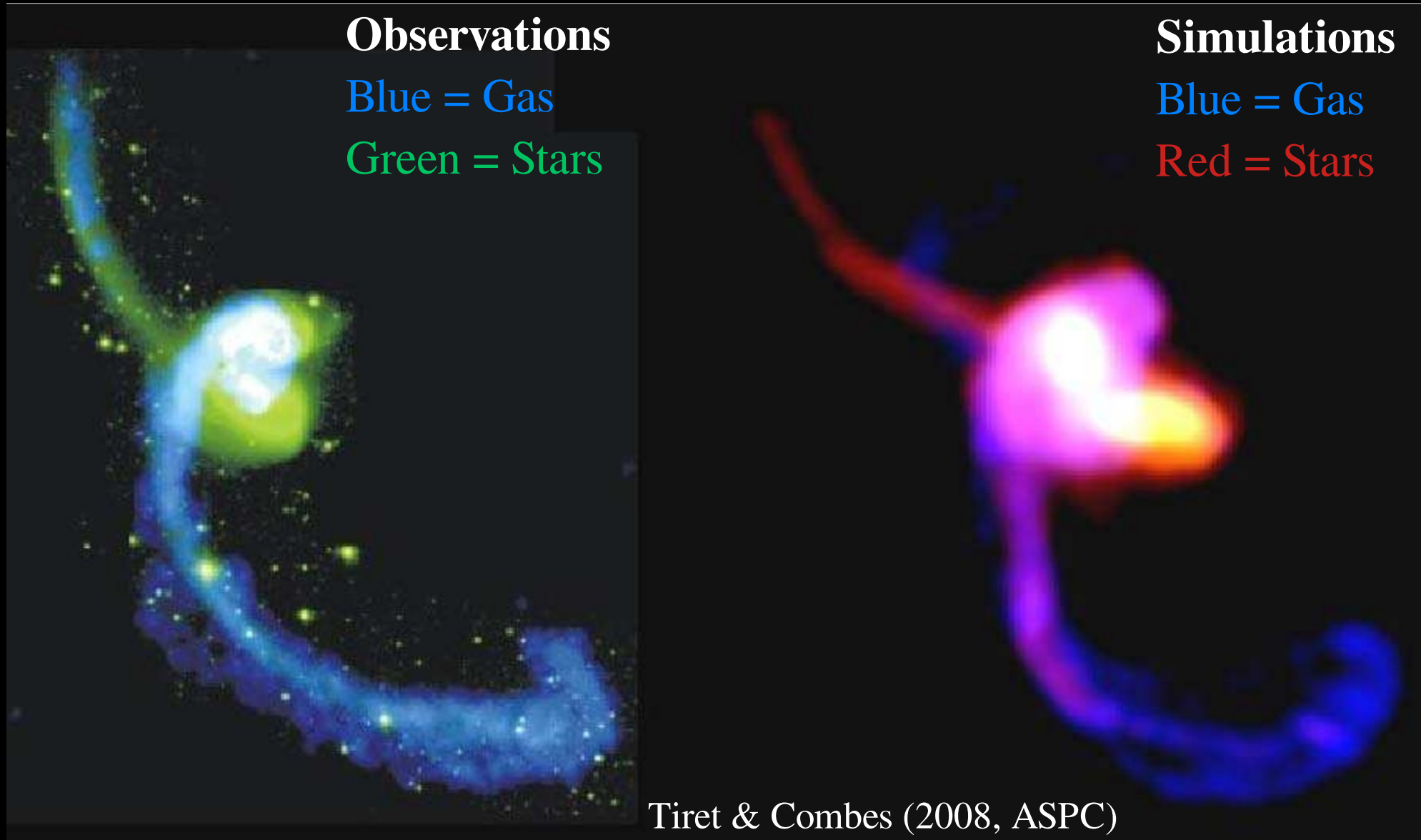
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Modified Poisson's Equation

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Application of AQUAL: The Antennae Merging Galaxies



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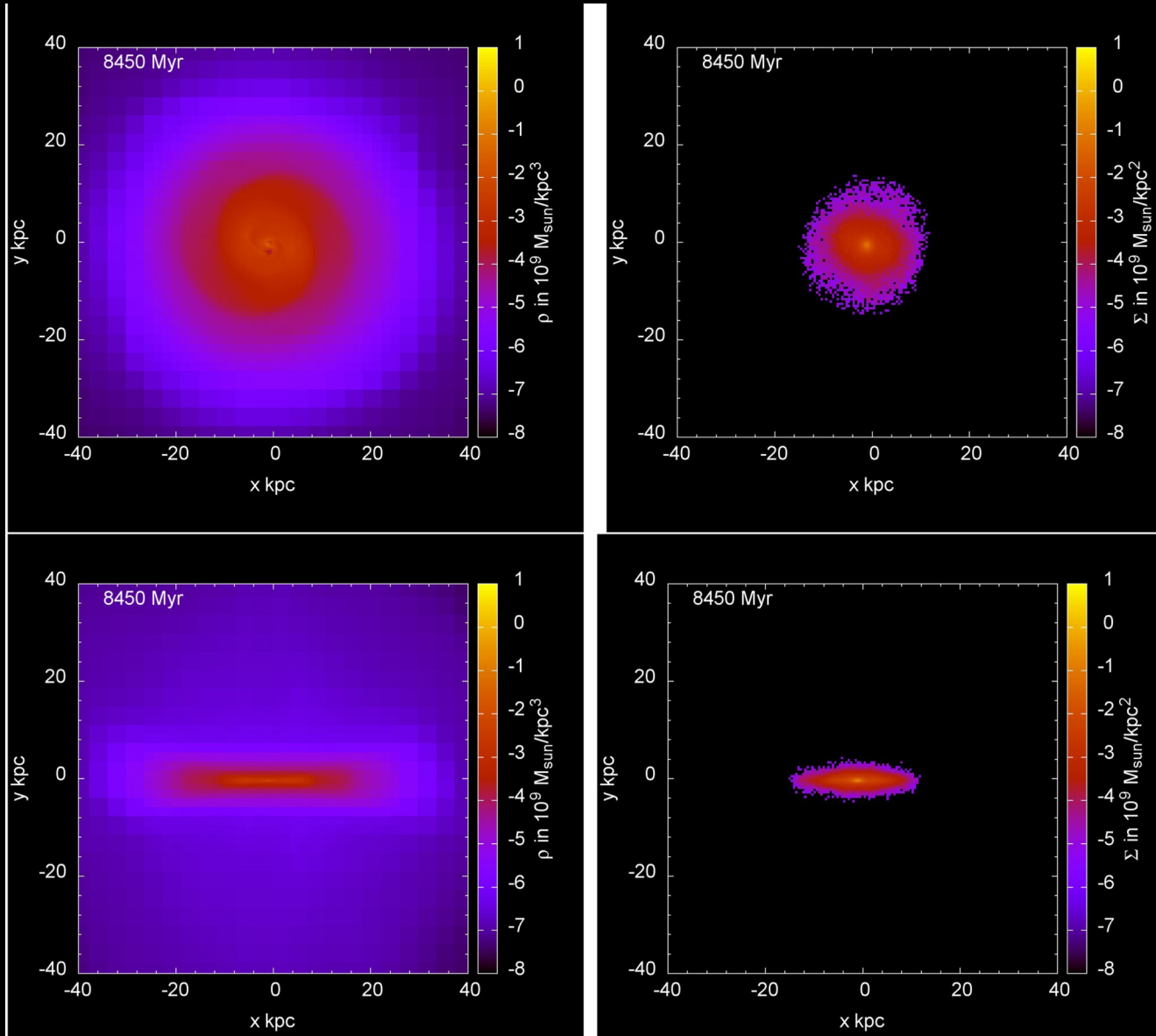
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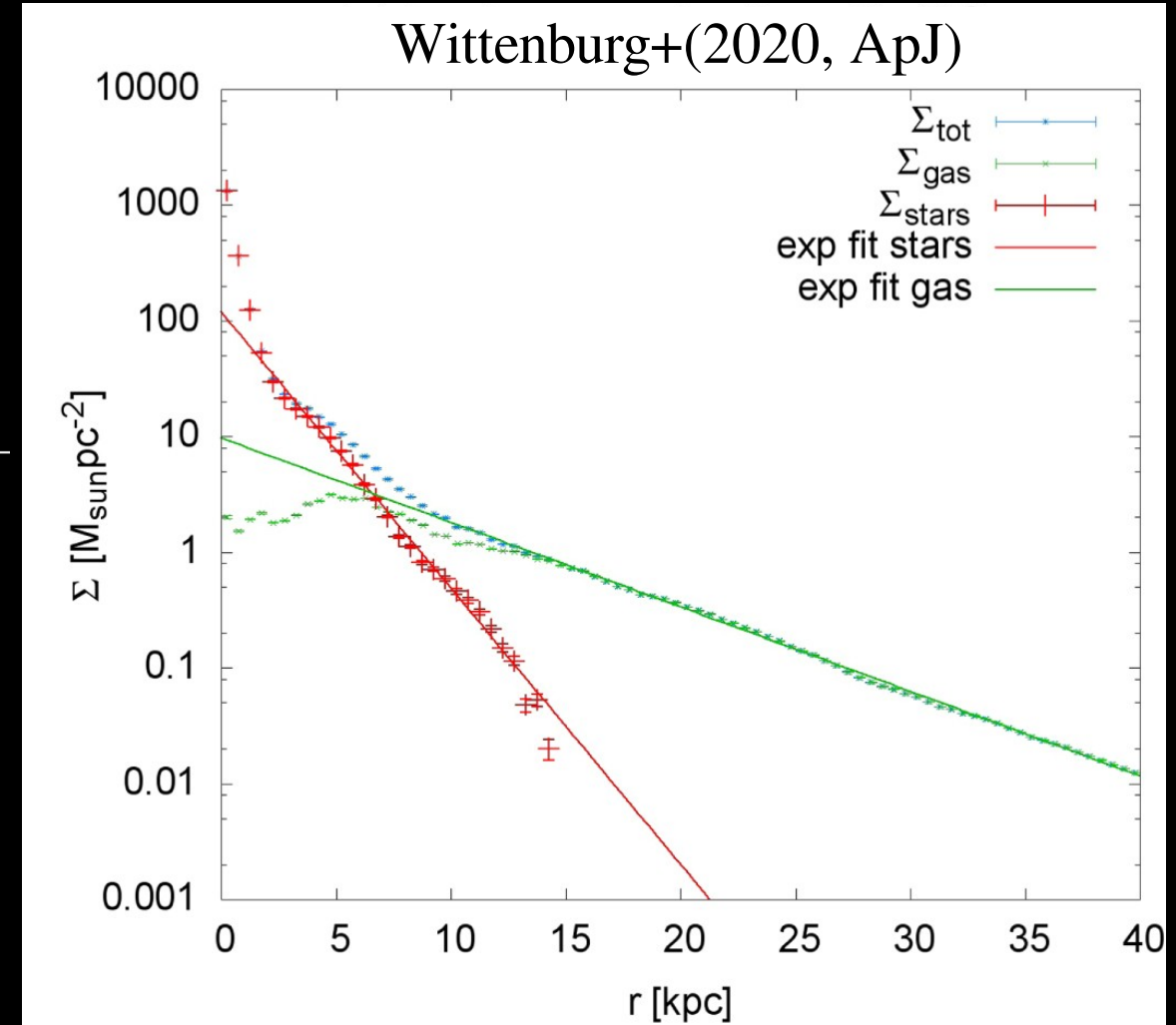
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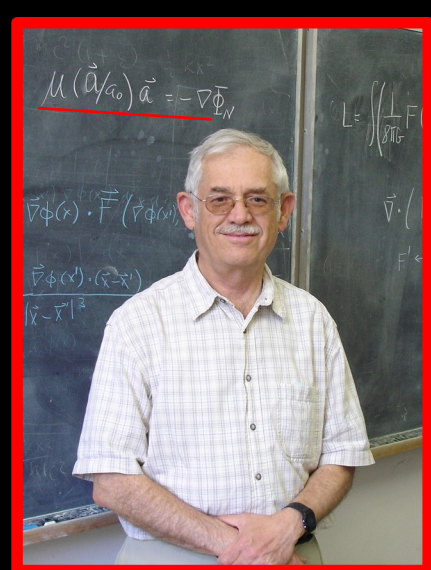
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Application of QUMOND: Formation of Galaxy Disks



Gas collapse \rightarrow Exponential disk





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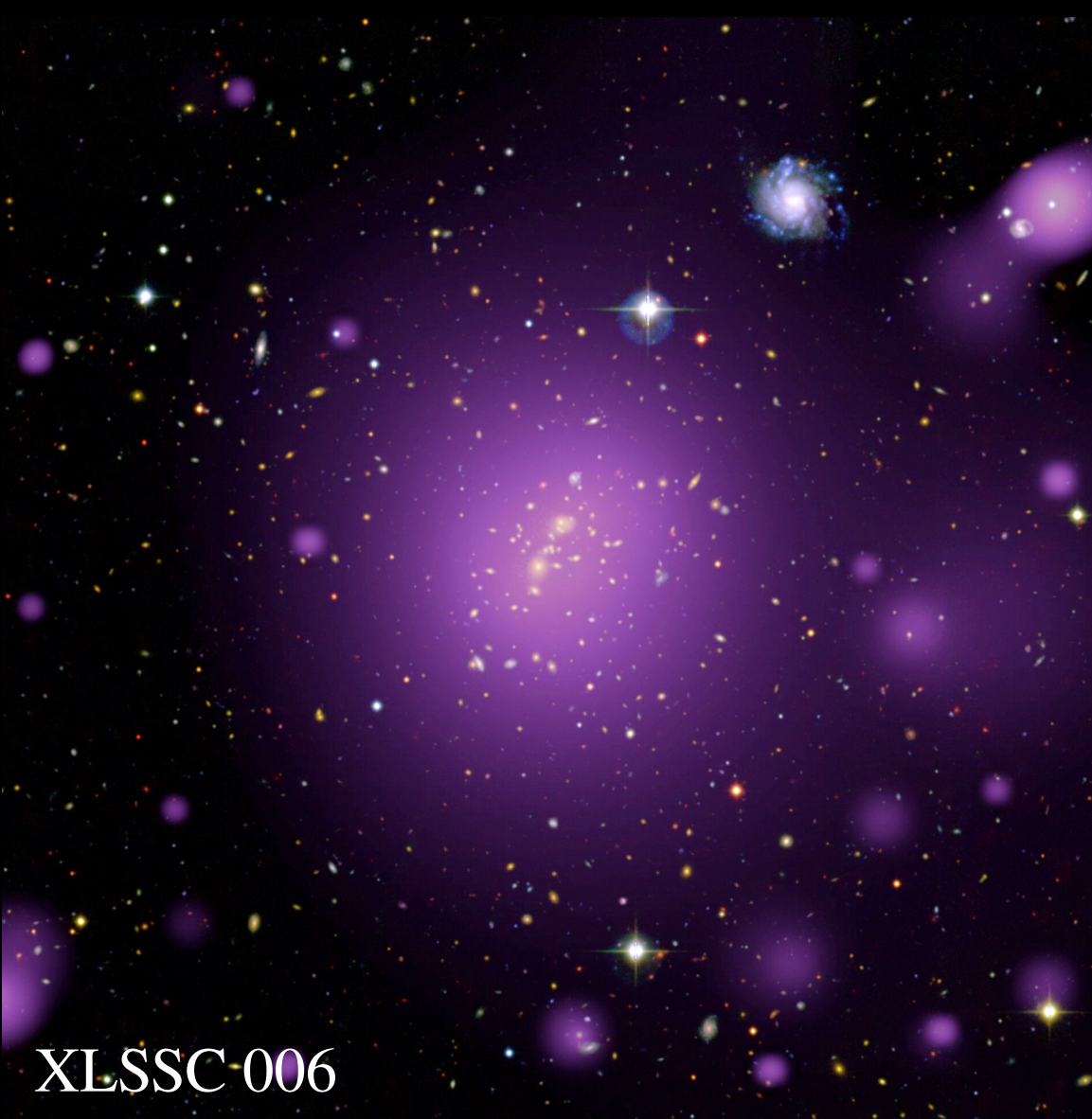
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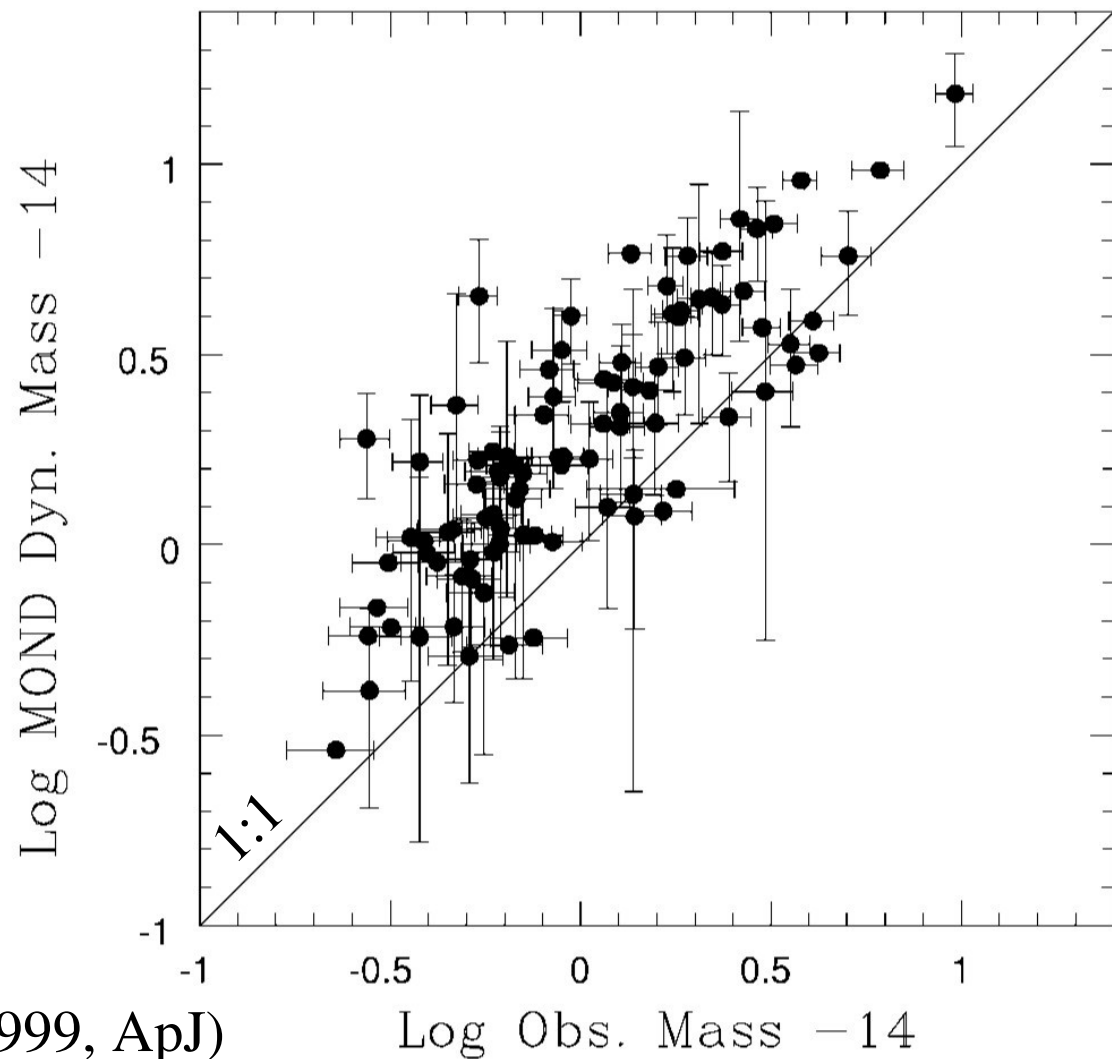
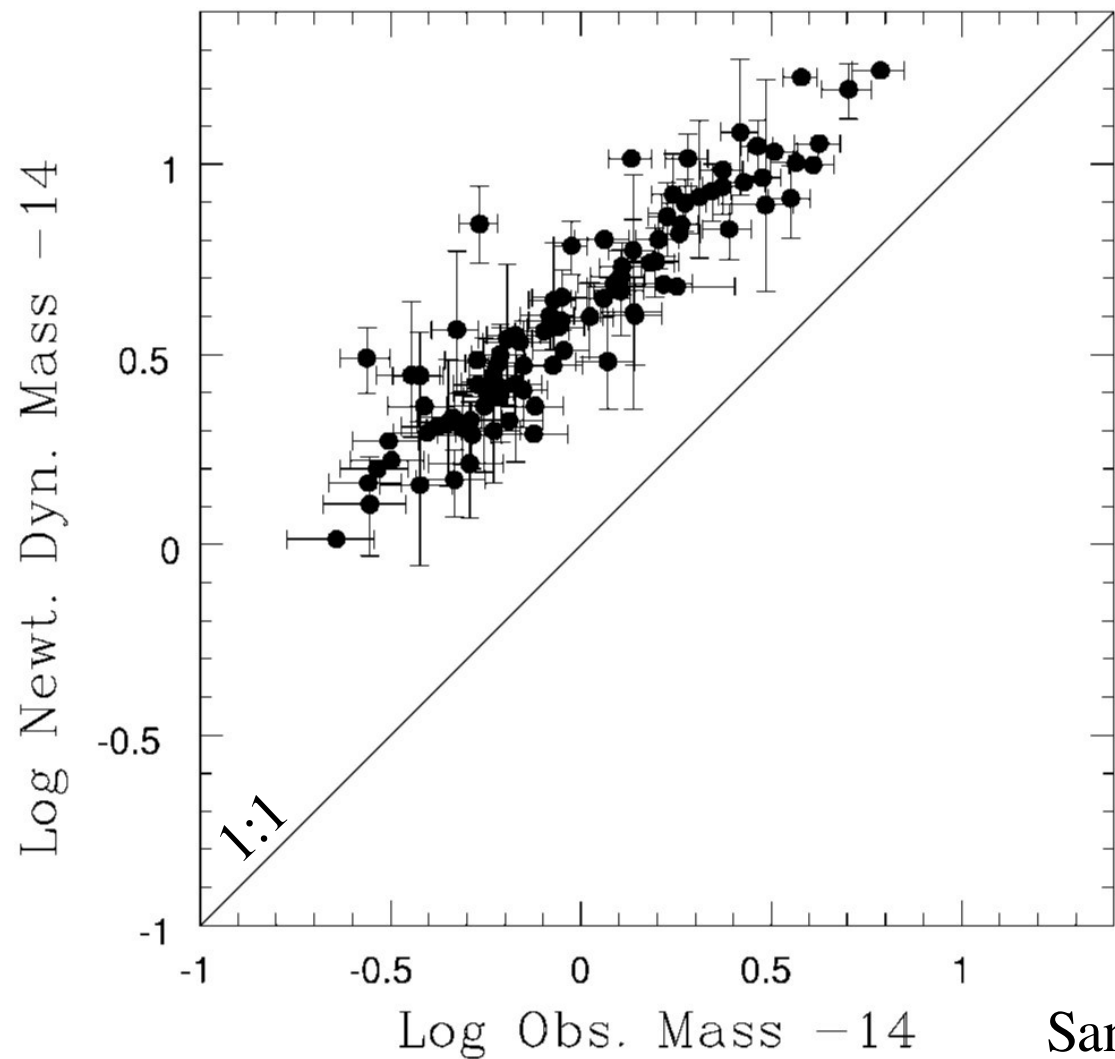
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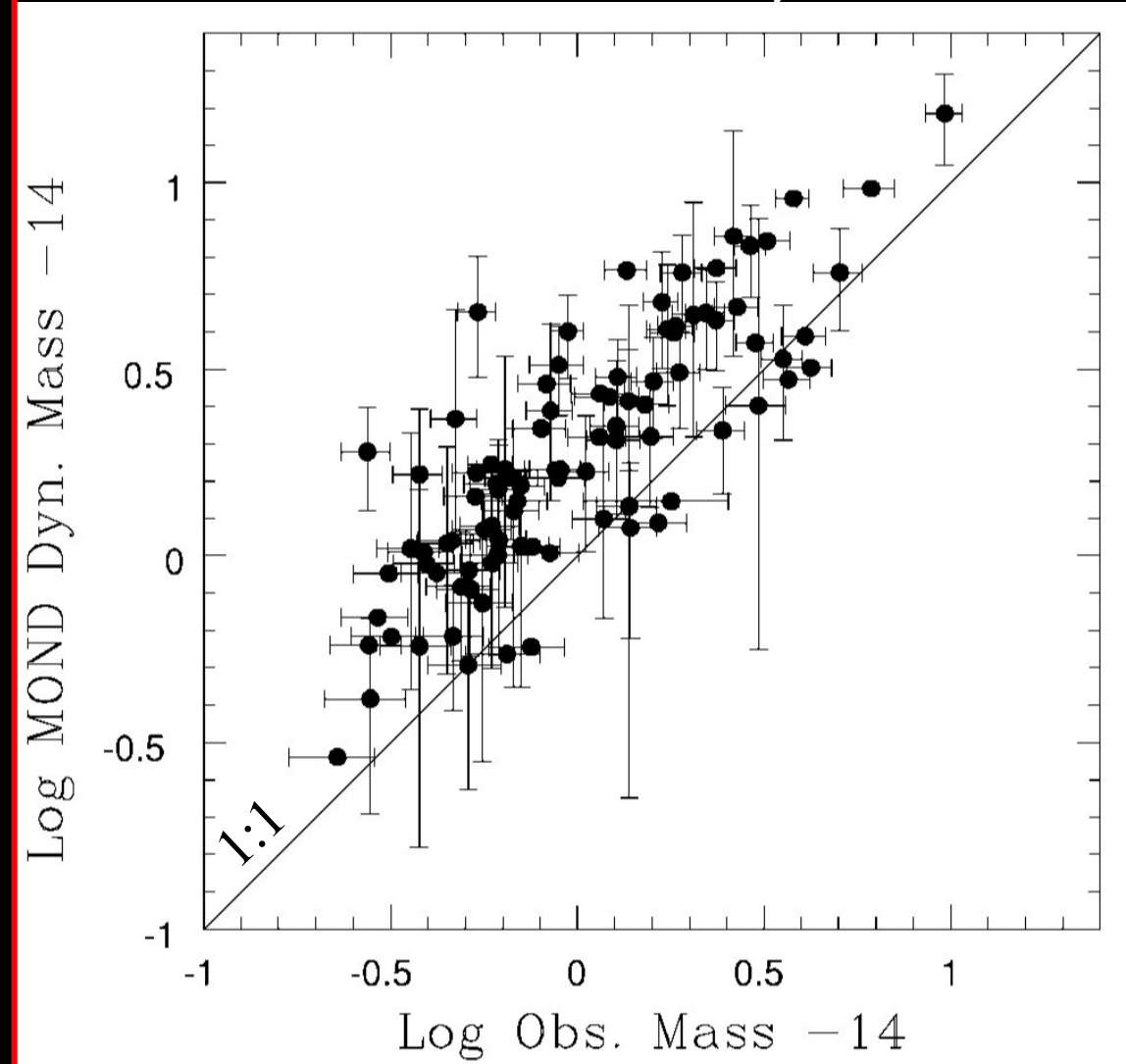


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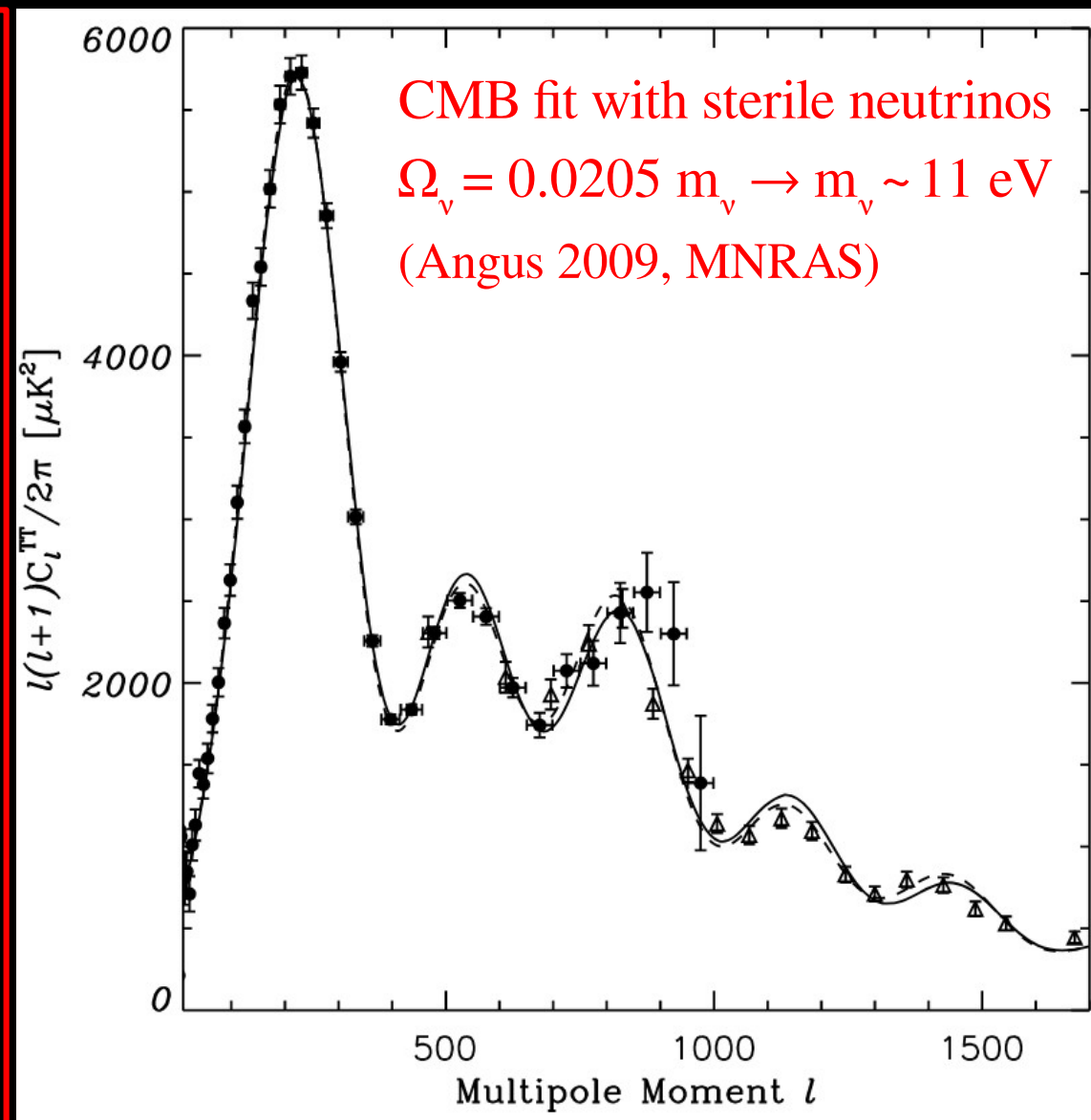
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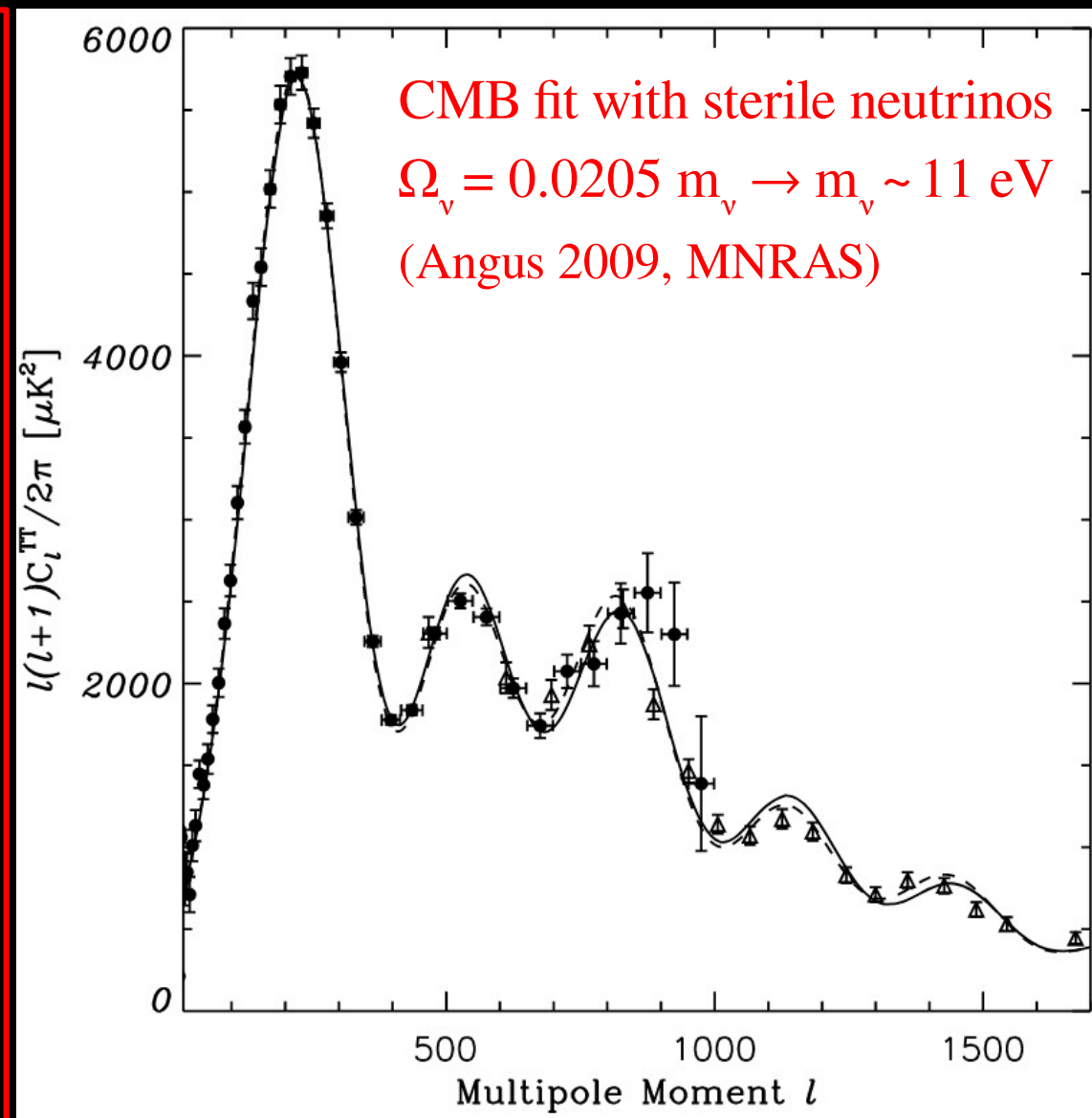
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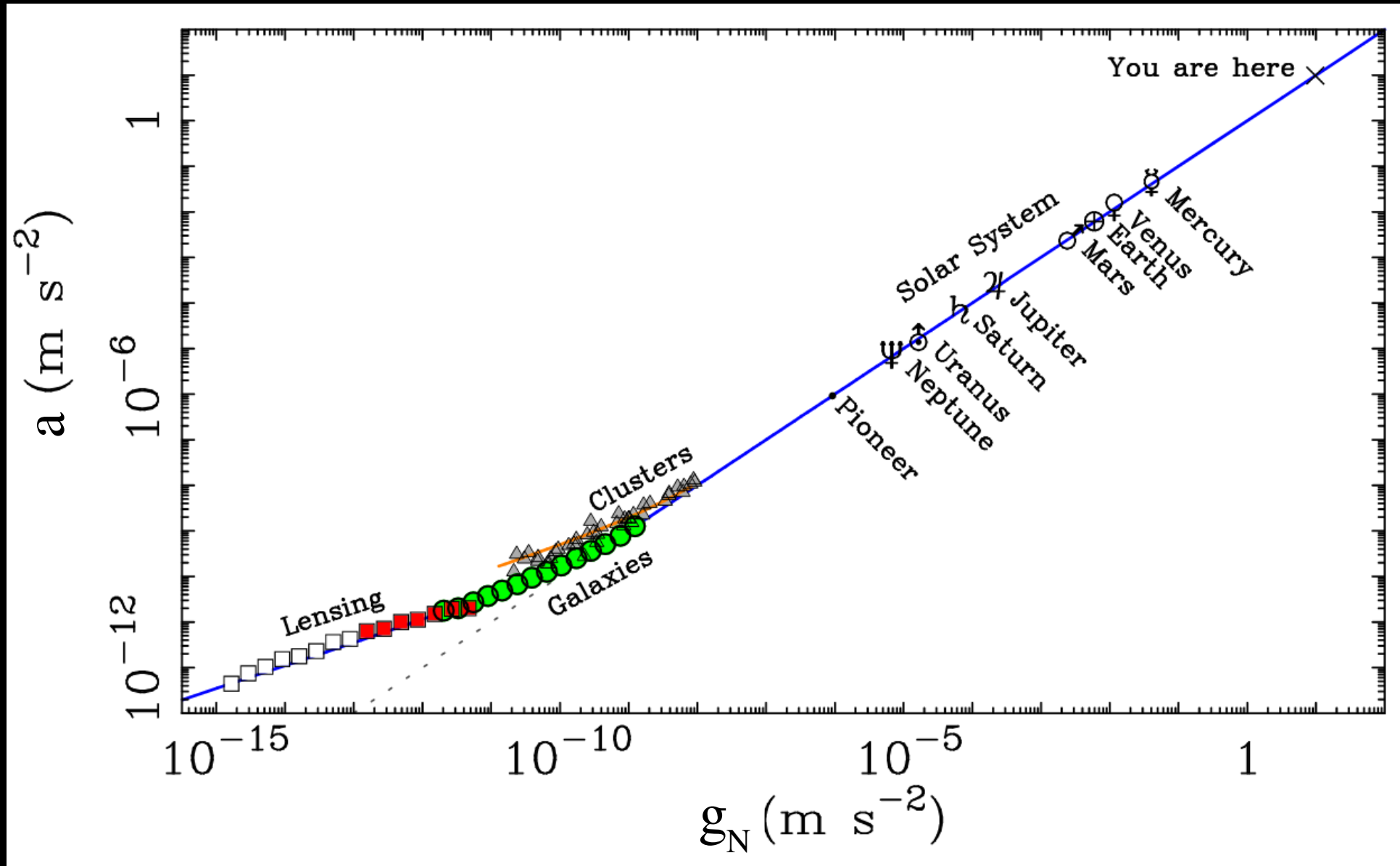
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(Zhao & Famaey 2012, PRD)



Putting Galaxy Clusters in context on the RAR



III. Relativistic MOND theories

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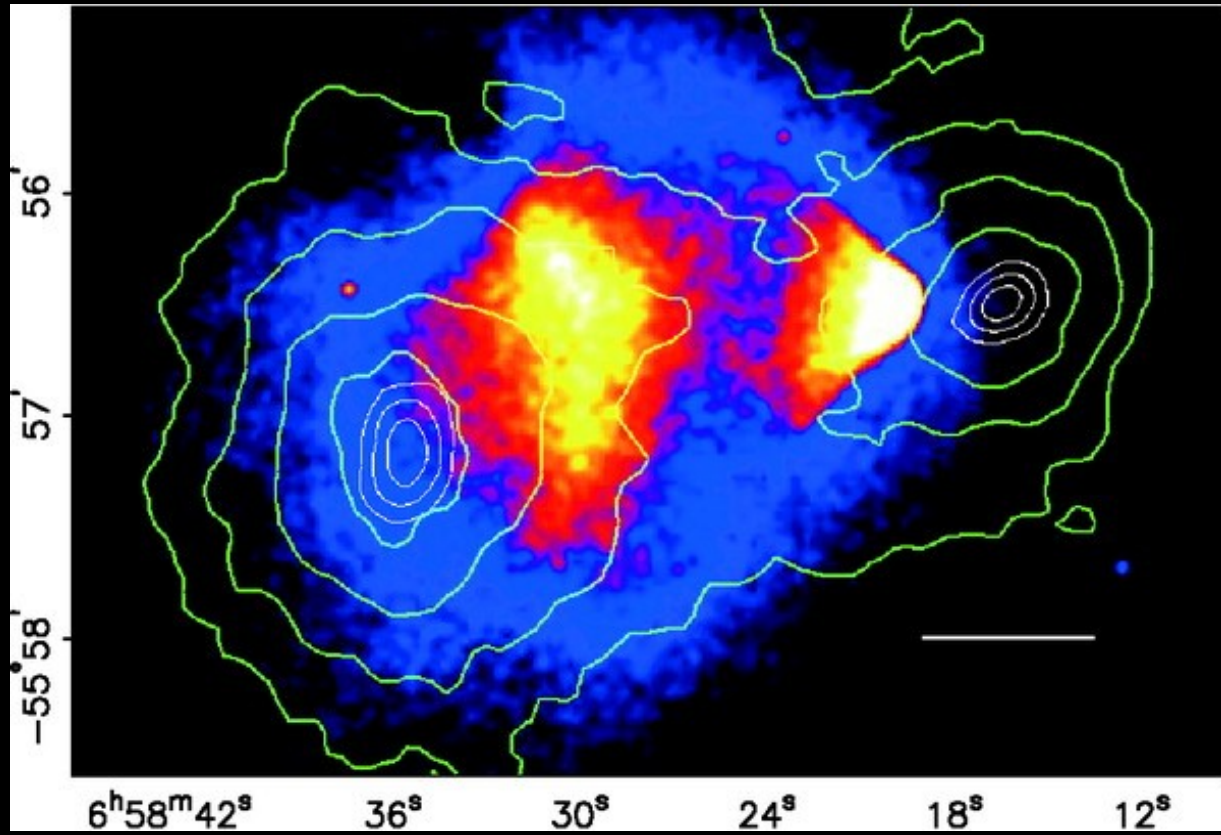
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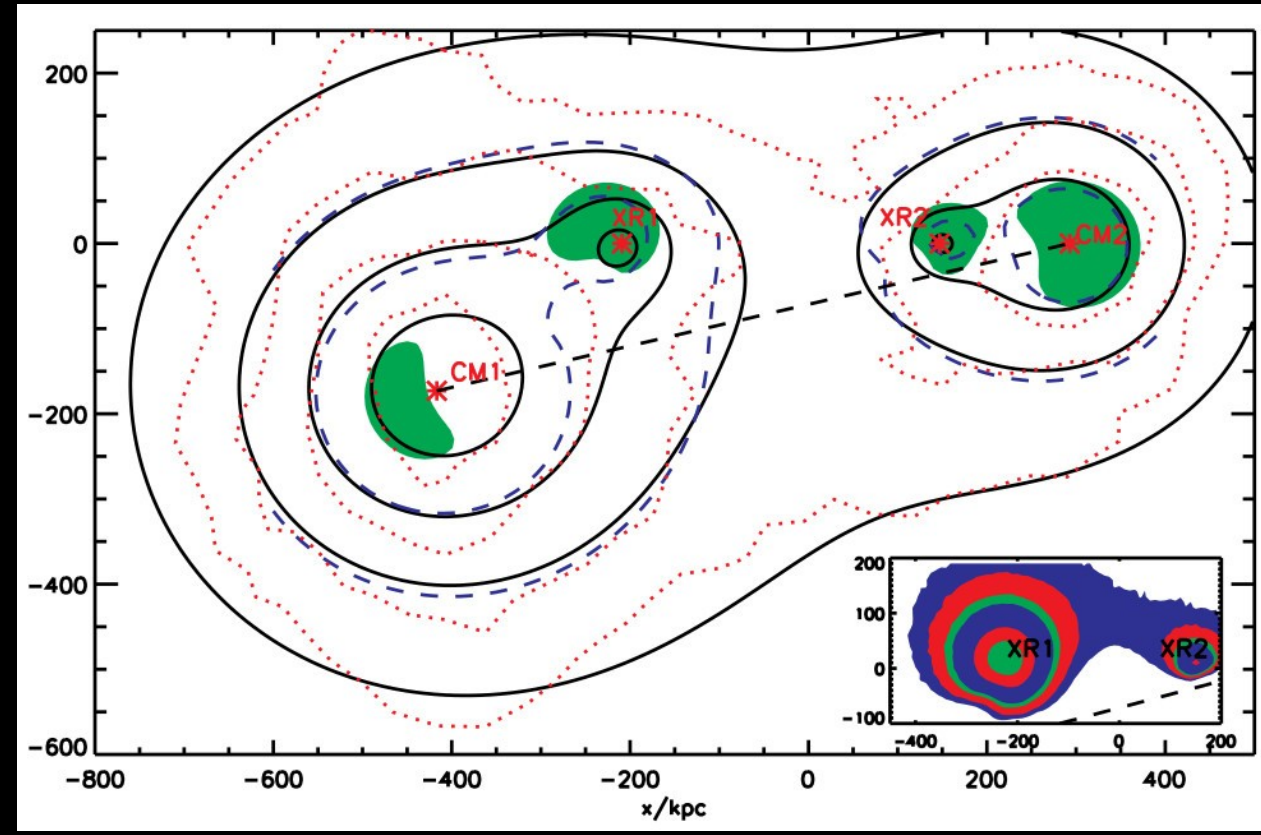
Matter follows a “physical metric” given by a disformal transformation:

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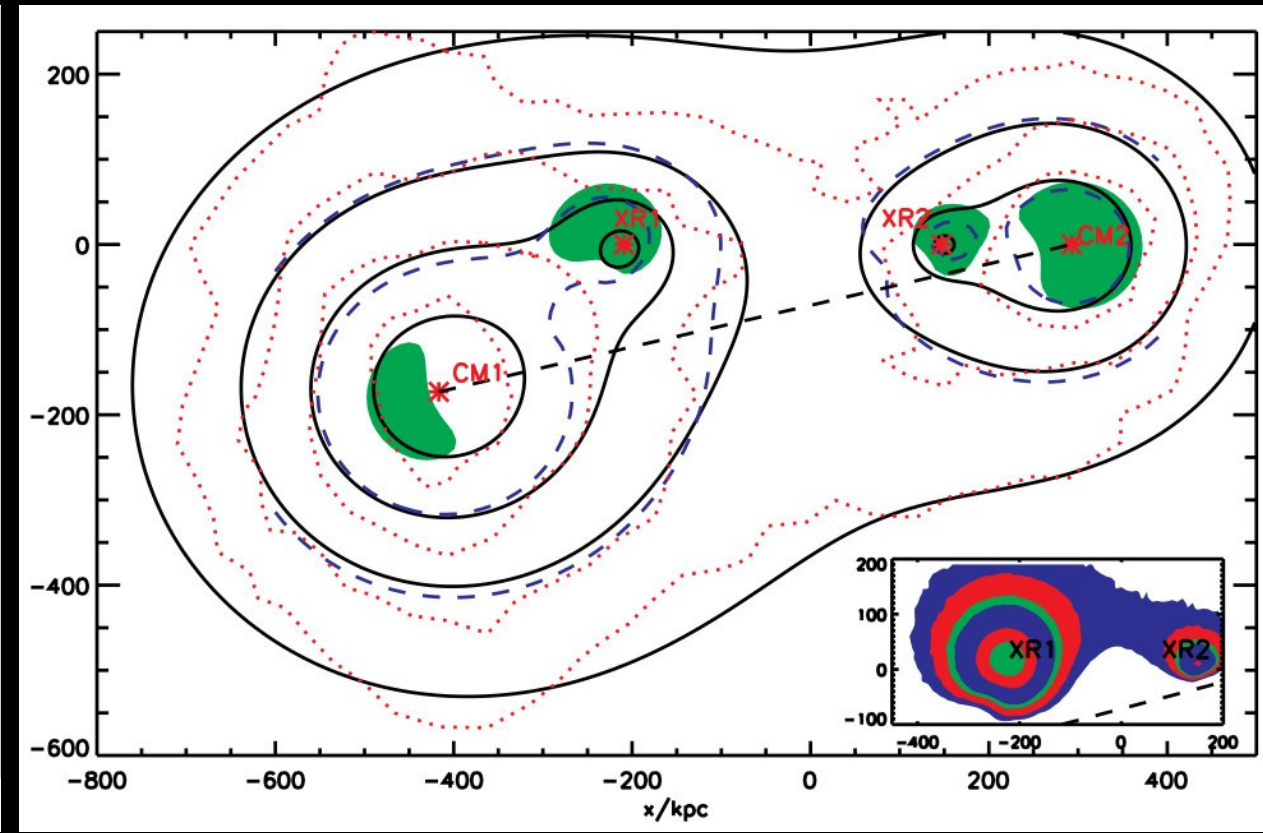
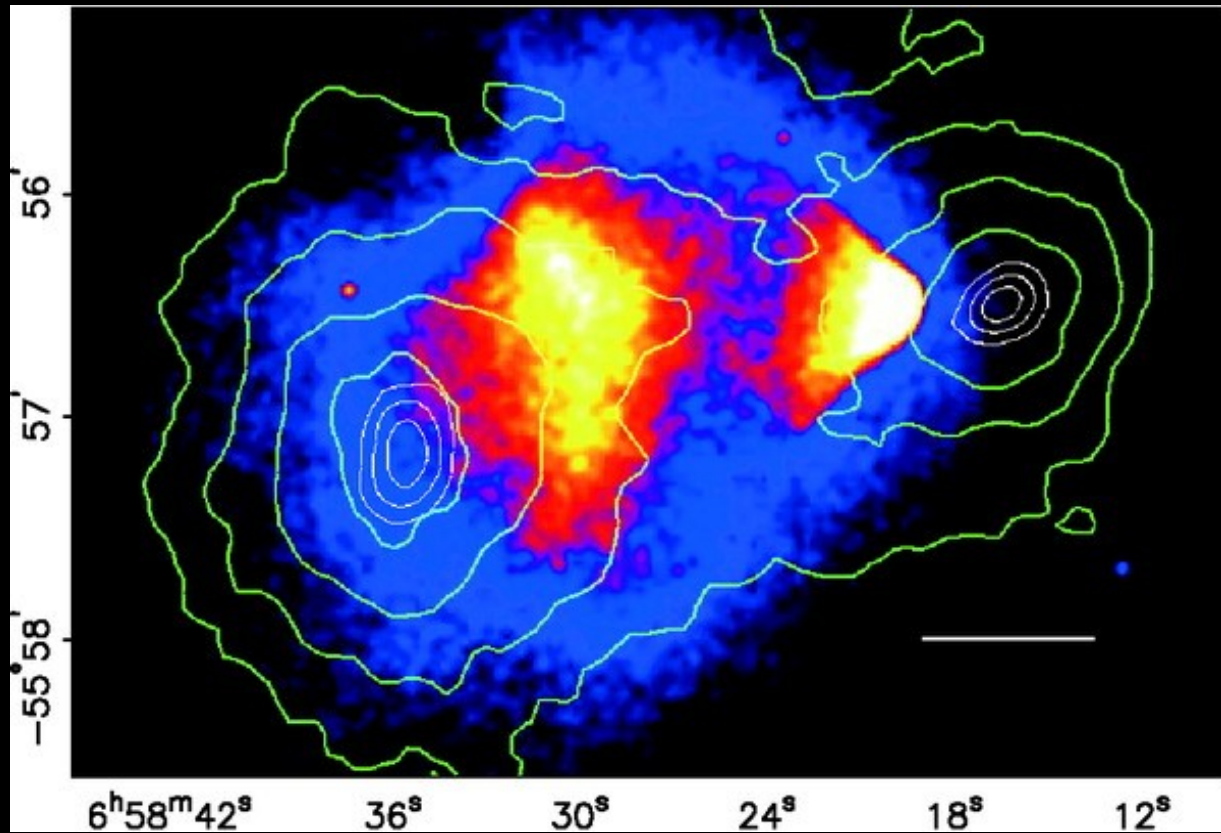


OBSERVATIONS (Clowe+2004, ApJ)
Green: Observed lensing map (total mass)
Blue/Red/Yellow: X-ray emission (hot gas)



MOND (Angus+2006, MNRAS; 2007, ApJ)
Red: Observed lensing convergence map
Black: MOND model with 2eV neutrinos
Blue: total surface densities (baryons + ν)

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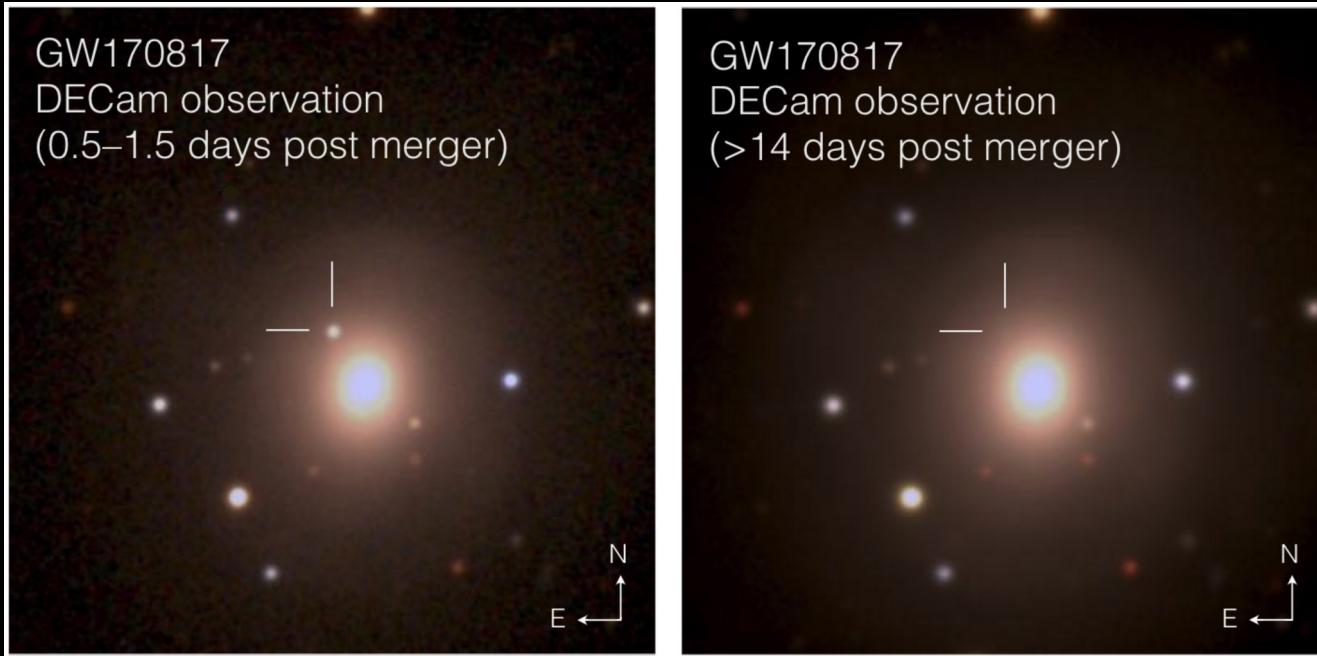


X-ray bow shock → High collision speed of ~ 4500 km/s

Very rare ($p \sim 10^{-7}$) in Λ CDM simulations (Farrar & Rosen, 2006, PRL)

But natural in MOND simulations (Angus & McGaugh 2008, MNRAS)

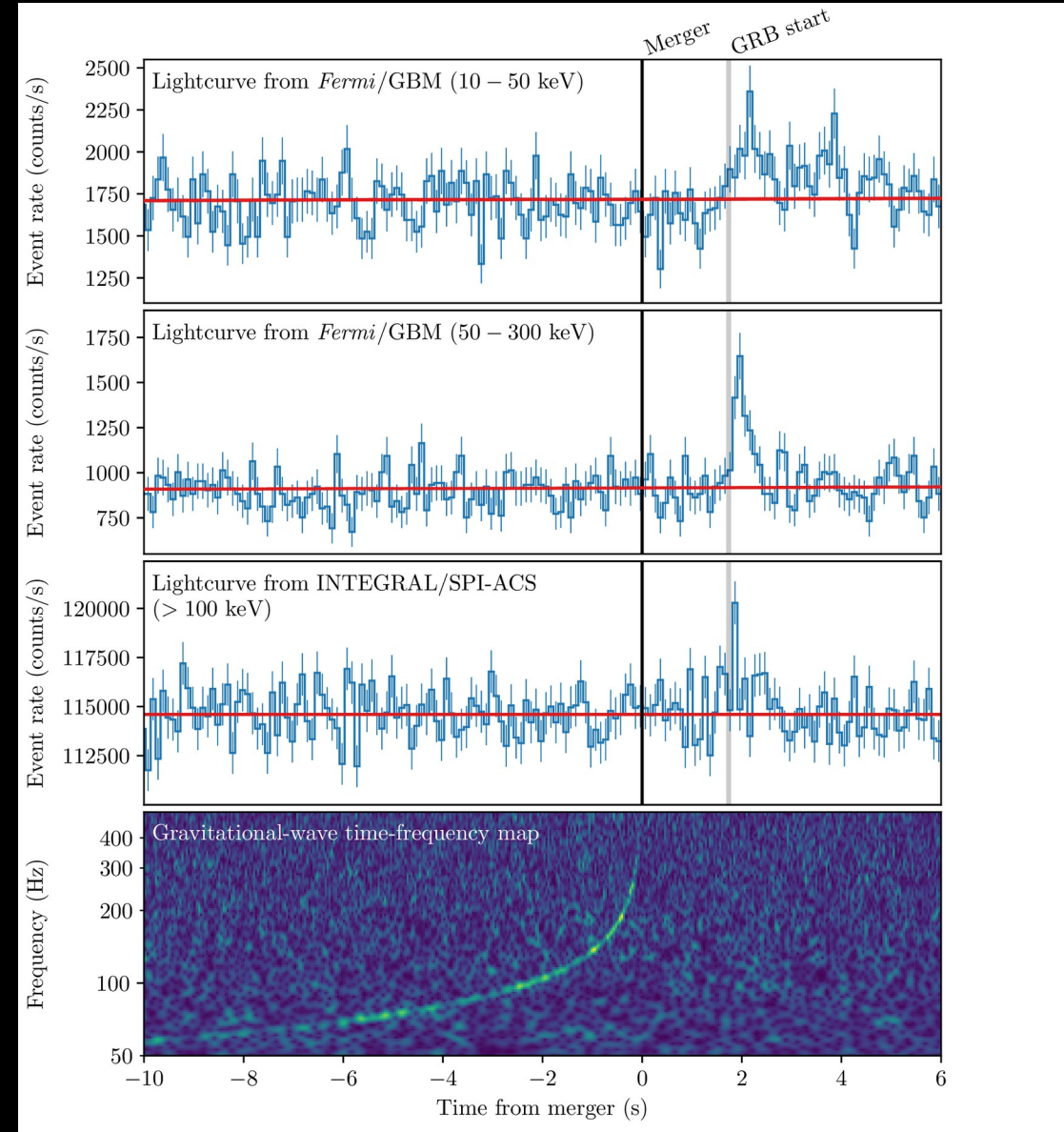
TeV ν S is ruled out by kilonova discovery (GW170817)



Gravitational wave signal immediately followed by gamma-ray signal:

$$|c_{\text{GW}} - c_{\text{EM}}| < 10^{-15} c_{\text{EM}}$$

But TeV ν S predicted $c_{\text{GW}} \neq c_{\text{EM}}$!



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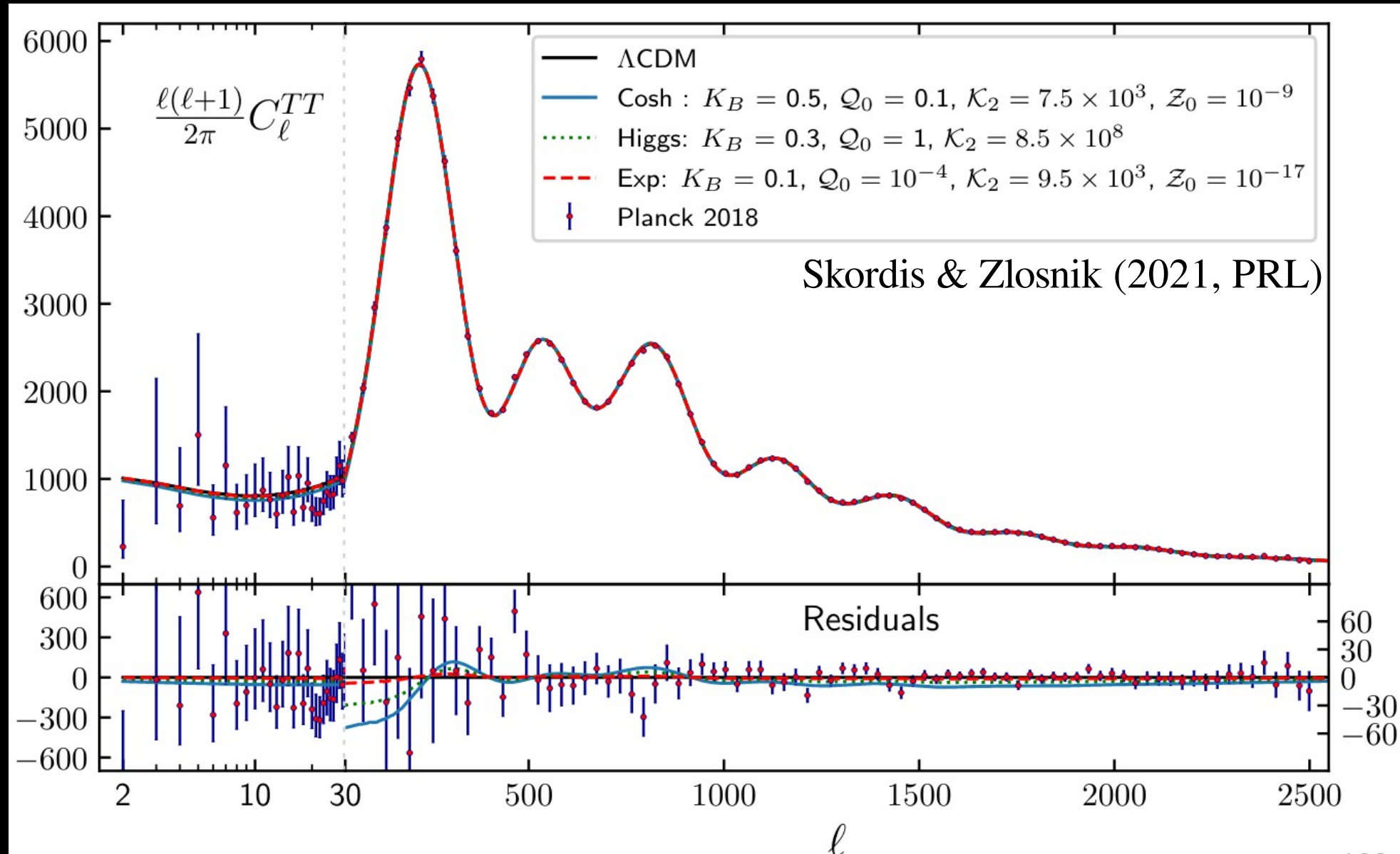
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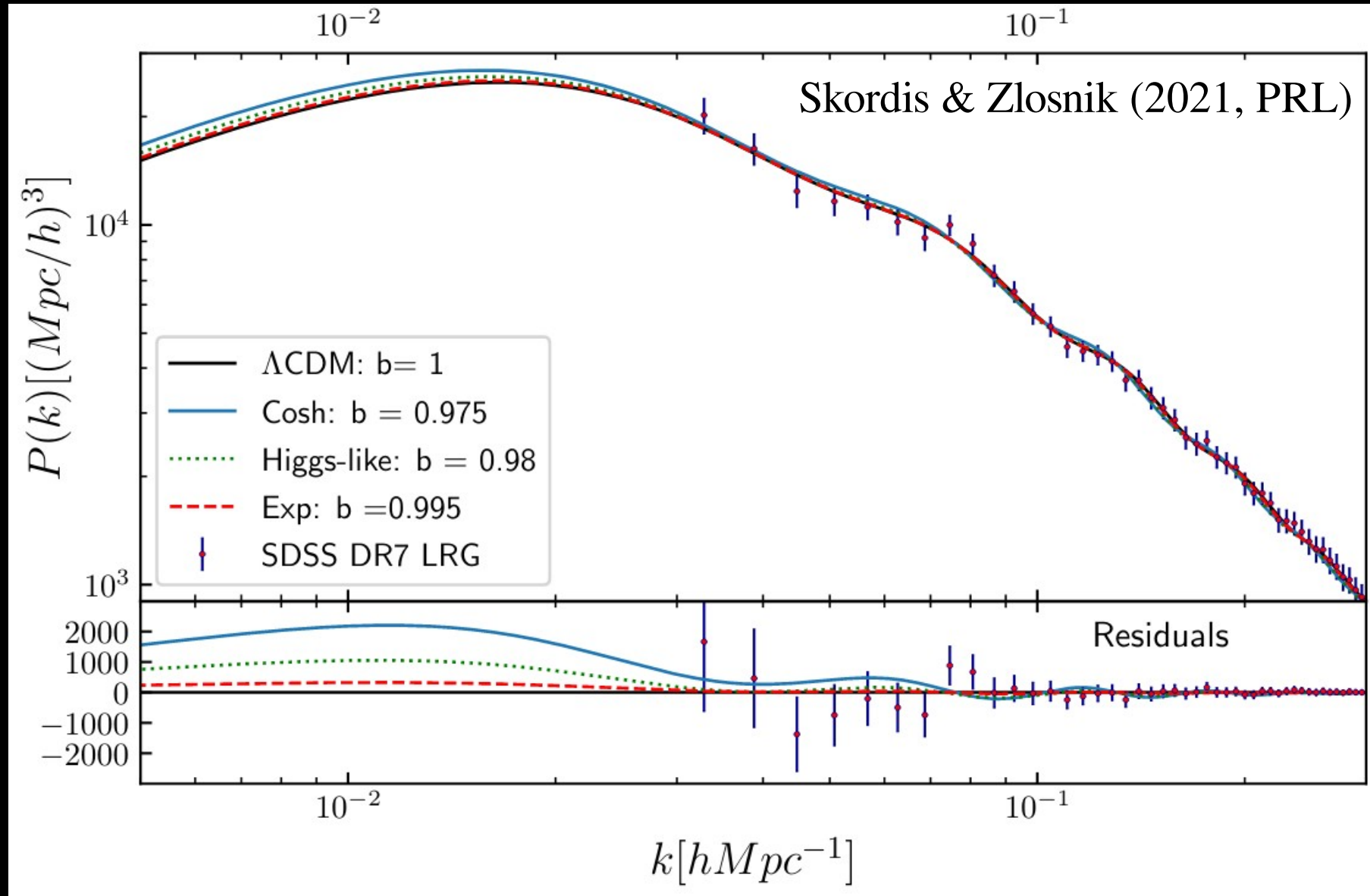
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- (2) AQUAL in non-rel. limit when $|\nabla\Phi| \ll a_0$ in *quasi-static situations*
- (3) Gravitational lensing without dark matter
- (4) Tensor mode of GW propagates at the speed of light
- (5) FLRW background with the same expansion history as LCDM

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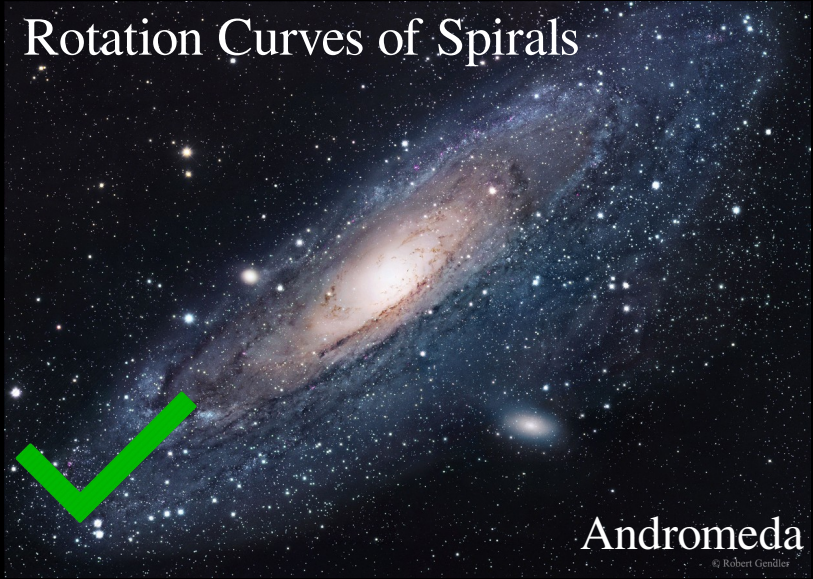
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Status of MOND at Various Scales

Galaxy Scales (~1-100 kpc)

Rotation Curves of Spirals



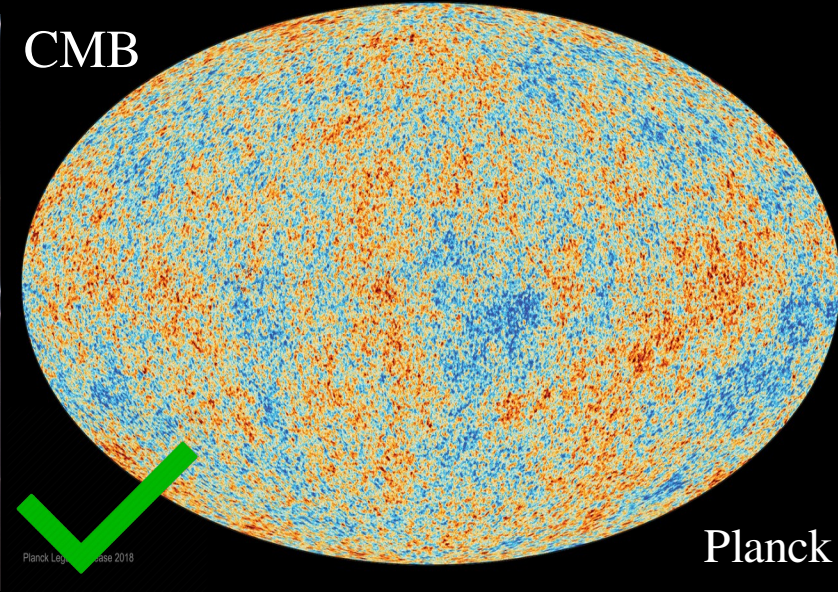
Groups/Clusters Scales (~1-5 Mpc)

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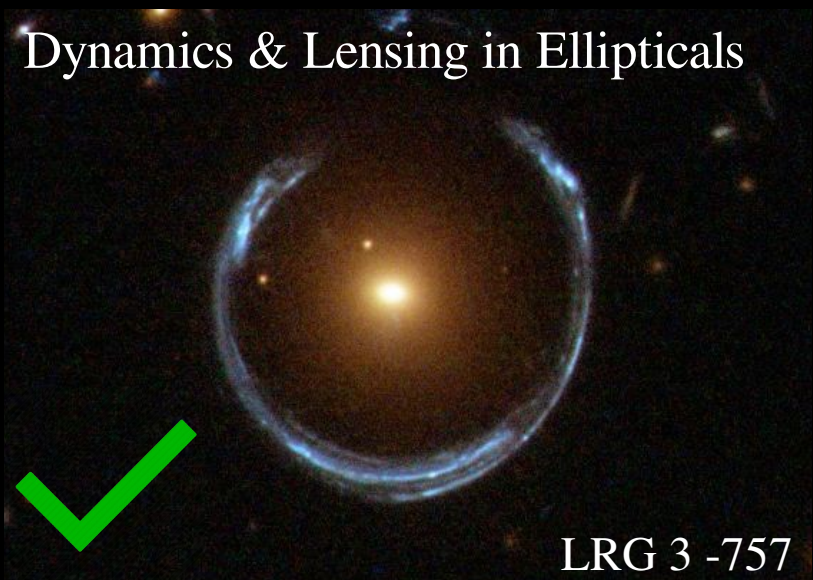


Cosmological Scales (>100 Mpc)

CMB



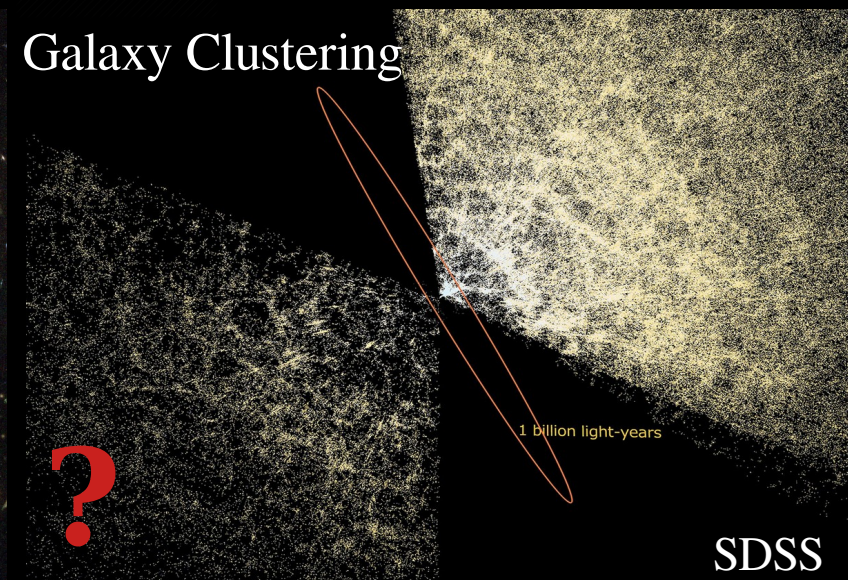
Dynamics & Lensing in Ellipticals



Dynamics & Lensing in Clusters



Galaxy Clustering



Further readings on MOND

 Springer Link

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Modified Newtonian Dynamics (MOND): Observational Phenomenology and Relativistic Extensions

Famaey & McGaugh, 2012, *Living Reviews in Relativity*, 15, 10

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 MDPI

Review

From Galactic Bars to the Hubble Tension: Weighing Up the Astrophysical Evidence for Milgromian Gravity

Banik & Zhao, 2022, *Symmetry*, 14, 7, 1331

A PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACH TO MOND

David Merritt



More Slides

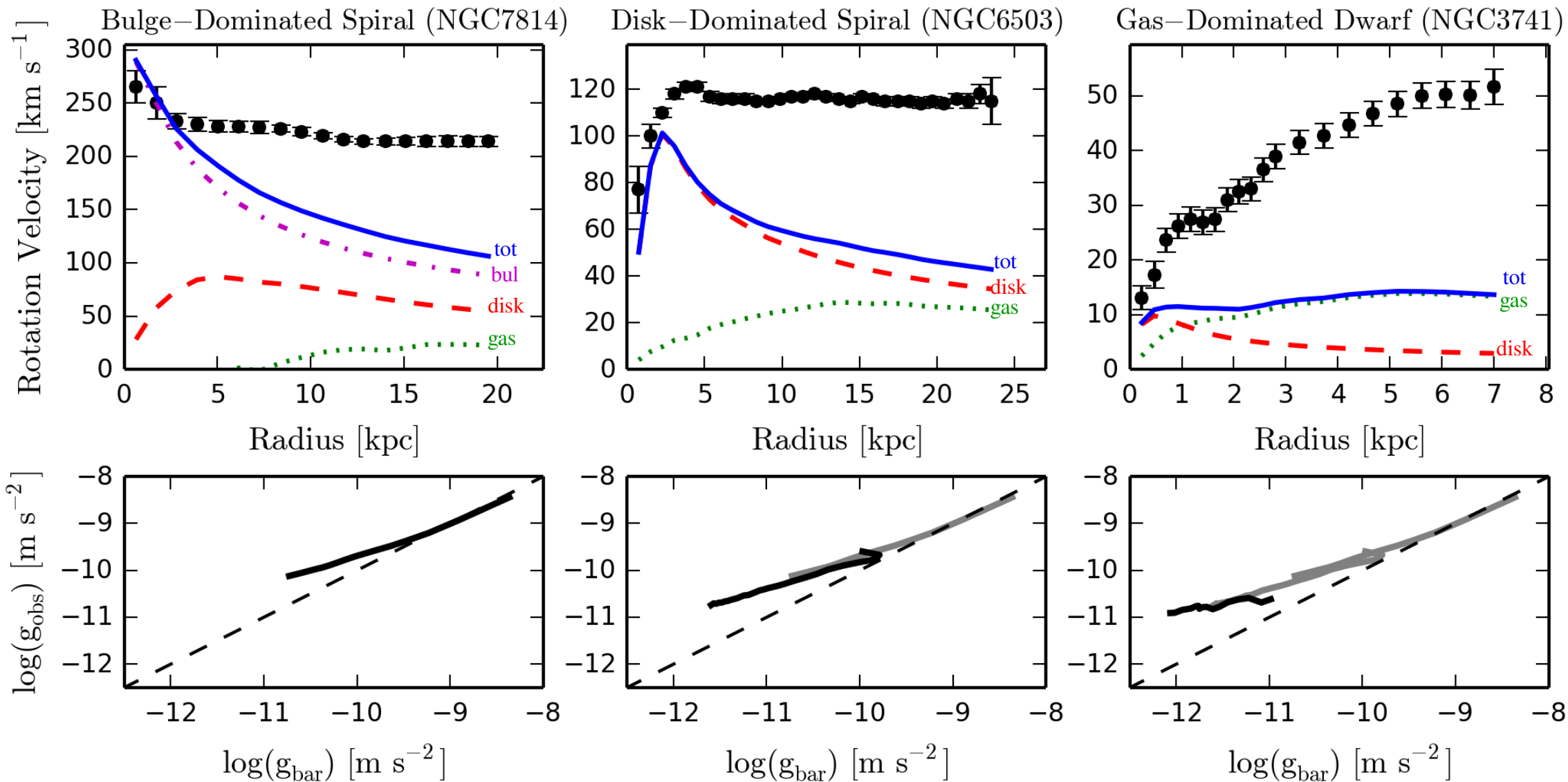
MOND is predictive → can be falsified (Popper is happy)

Λ CDM is reactive → can reproduce almost everything
a-posteriori (after the observations)

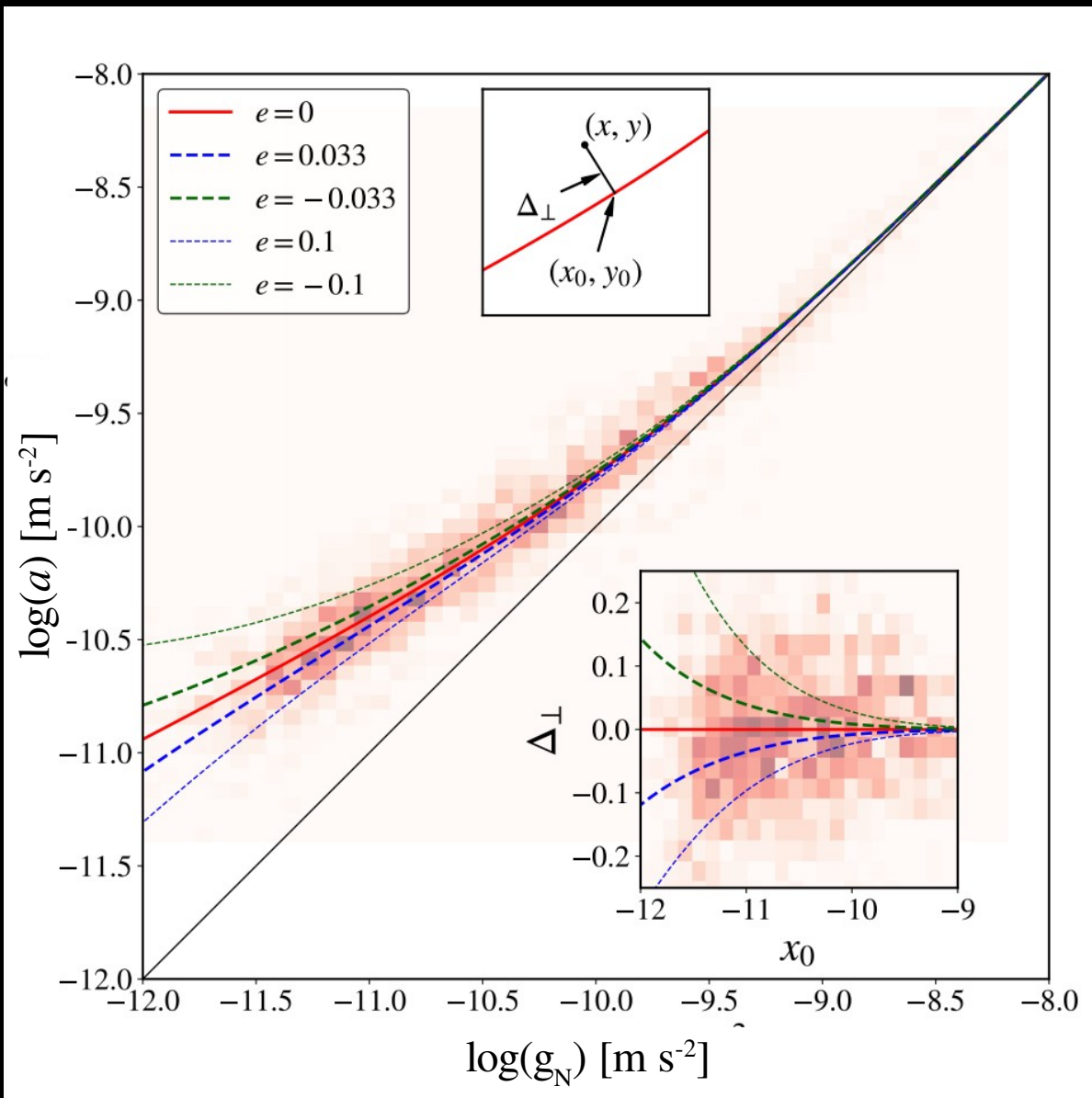
Why did MOND get any prediction right?

If MOND turns out to be wrong, galaxy formation in Λ CDM (baryonic physics) must work in a precise way to mimic the MOND phenomenology on galaxy scales.

Galaxies lie on the same RAR *despite* their diversity



External field effect (EFE): implications for the RAR



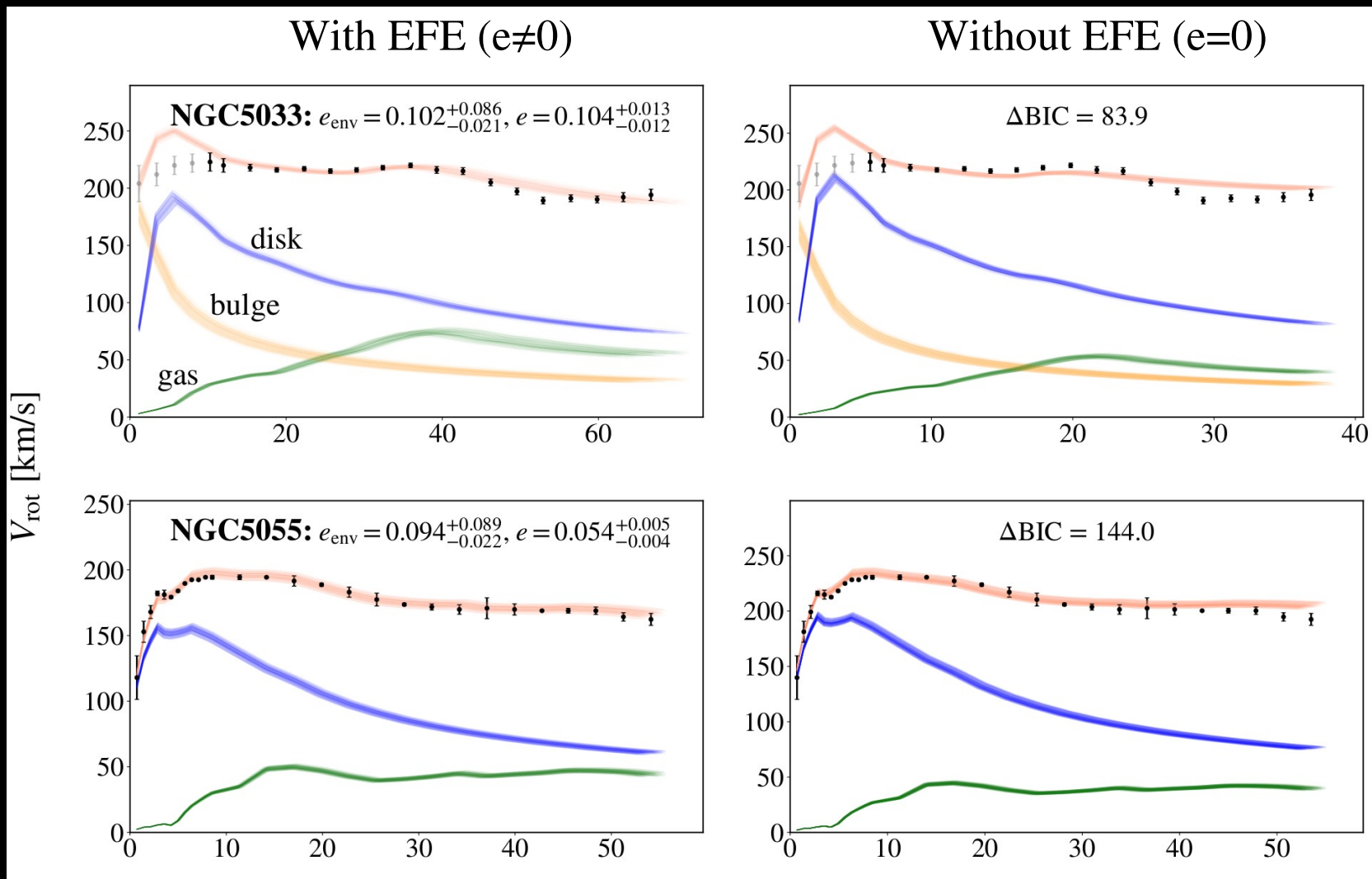
- For truly *isolated* galaxies:

$$a = v_0 (g_{N,int} / a_0) g_{N,int}$$
- For galaxies subjected to $e = g_{N,ext} / a_0$:

$$a = v_e (g_{N,int} / a_0; e) g_{N,int}$$
- RAR should be a family of curves depending on the galaxy environment
- We can fit RCs to infer the value of e and independently estimate e_{env} from the galaxy large-scale environment.

Chae, Lelli, Desmond et al. (2020)

EFE is weak: individual detections only in extreme cases



NGC 5033



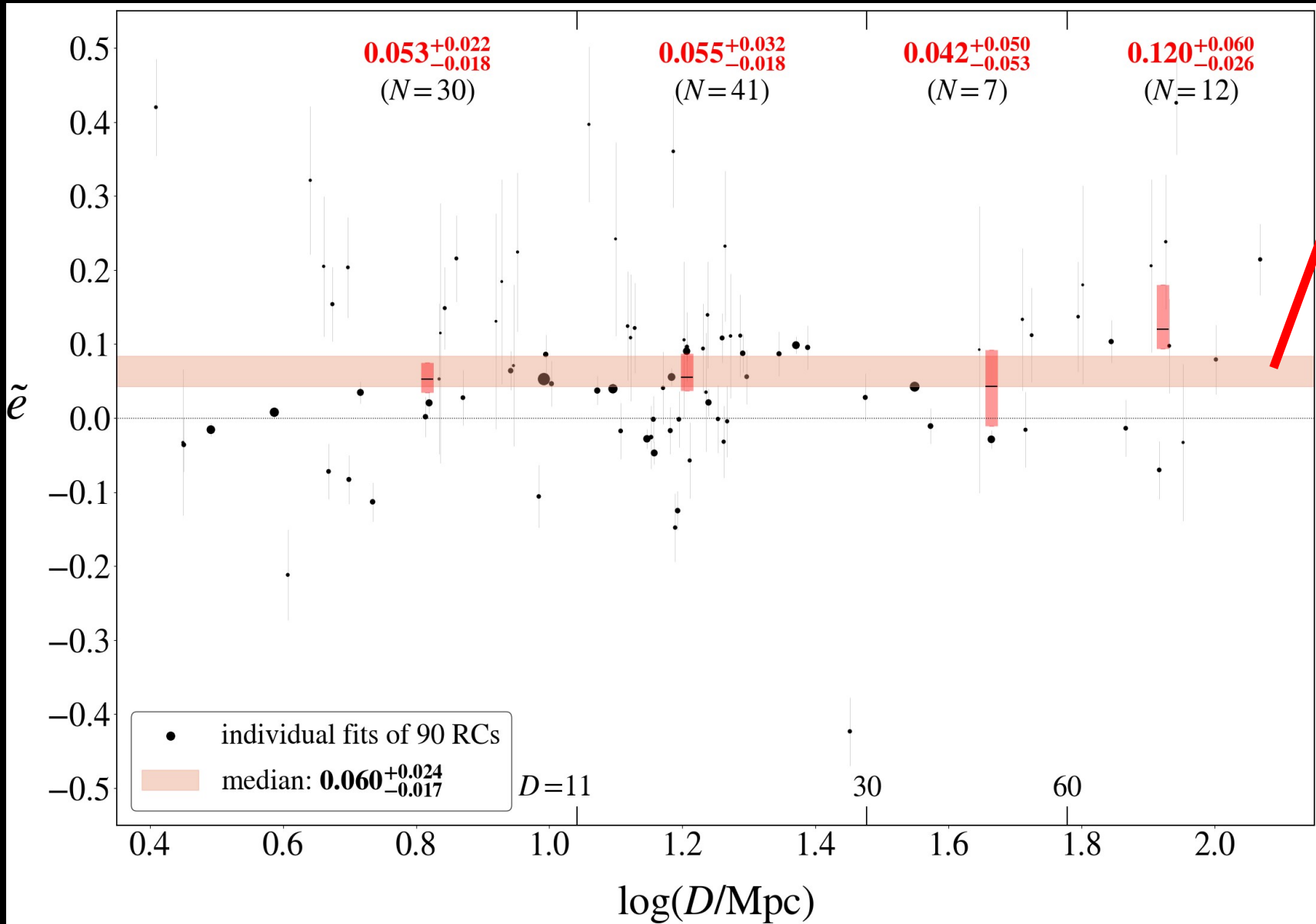
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Chae+2020, 2021

Statistical approach: $EFE > 0$ at $>4\sigma$ and agrees with LSS

$$\frac{g_{ext}}{a_0} \leftarrow \tilde{e}$$

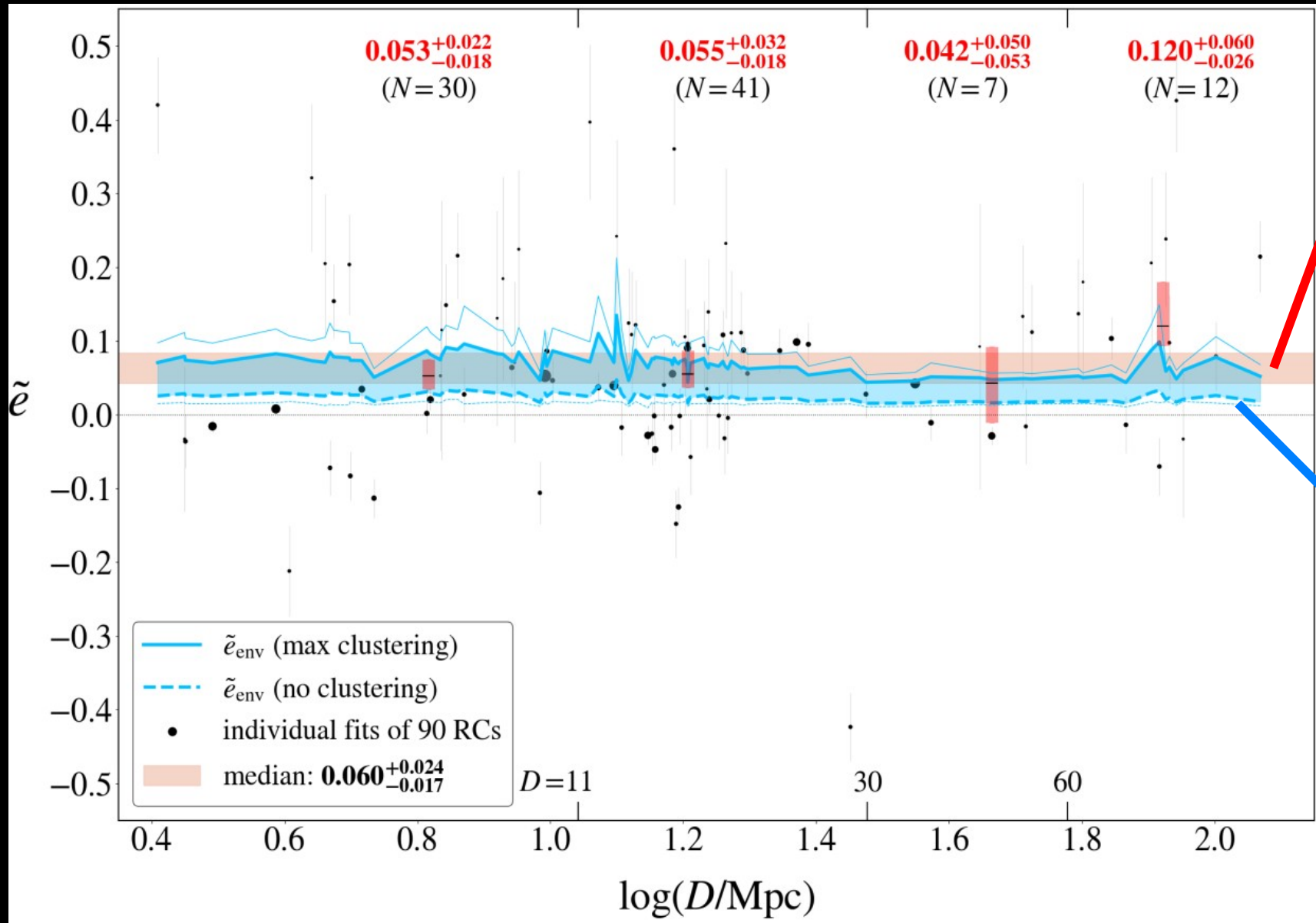


From Rotation
Curve Fits

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From Rotation
Curve Fits

From Baryon
Large Scale
Structure

Chae+2020, 2021

MOND External Field effect (EFE)

MOND is non-linear \rightarrow both internal ($g_{N,int}$) and external ($g_{N,ext}$) fields

For non-isolated systems, three possibilities:

(1) $g_{N,ext} \ll g_{N,int} \ll a_0$

\rightarrow MOND regime (e.g. nearly isolated galaxies)

(2) $g_{N,int} \ll a_0 \ll g_{N,ext}$

\rightarrow Newtonian regime (e.g. star clusters in the inner MW)

(3) $g_{N,int} \ll g_{N,ext} \ll a_0$

\rightarrow Newton with $G_{eff} \sim G a_0 / g_{N,ext}$ (e.g. some satellites of MW)

EFE is a general MOND prediction but details depend on the specific theory

MOND – Cosmology Connection?

Two numerical coincidences (Milgrom 1983a, ApJ; Milgrom 1999, PhLA):

$$a_0 \sim \frac{H_0 \cdot c}{2\pi} \quad H_0 = \text{Hubble constant} \rightarrow \text{maybe } a_0(t) \sim H(t) ?$$

$$a_0 \sim \frac{c^2 \sqrt{\Lambda/3}}{2\pi} \quad \Lambda = \text{Cosmological constant} \rightarrow \text{relation to Dark Energy?}$$

IF this numerology has some deeper, fundamental meaning:

either the state of the Universe at large enters in local dynamics, or

the same parameters enters both Cosmology (Λ) and local dynamics (a_0).

MOND as Modified Inertia (Milgrom 1994, Annals of Physics)

$$\vec{A}[\vec{x}(t); a_0] = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi_N \quad \bar{A} \text{ is a functional of the full trajectory } \bar{x}(t) \text{ with dimension of m/s}^2.$$

For $a \gg a_0$, $A \rightarrow a = d^2x/dt^2$ (Newton's 2nd Law).

In MOND no full theory yet setting A from varying S but **two general results** (Milgrom 1994):

(A) IF we impose the Newtonian and MOND limits at high and low accelerations + Galilei Invariance \rightarrow Eq. of motions are the same in all inertial frames: $\vec{x}(t) \rightarrow \vec{x}(t) + \vec{v}_0 t$

Theory is **time non-local**: $\vec{A}[\vec{x}(t), a_0] \neq F\left(\frac{d^i \vec{x}}{dt^i}; i=1, 2, \dots, N\right)$

Accelerations at (\bar{x}, t) depend on the **full orbital history!**

(B) For purely circular orbits: $\vec{a} \mu\left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right) = \vec{g}_N$ holds exactly (e.g. RAR for disk galaxies)

The **interpolation function** is a **derived concept** valid for circular orbits

Lovelock-Grigore Theorem:

GR (+ Λ) is the only theory that satisfy these assumptions:

- 1- Geometry is Riemannian
- 2- The Action depends only on $g_{\mu\nu}$
- 3- It is diffeomorphism invariant
- 4- It is local
- 5- It leads to 2nd order field equations

Path towards a relativistic version of MOND

