

Fundamental plane distances: providing observational data for cosmological tests

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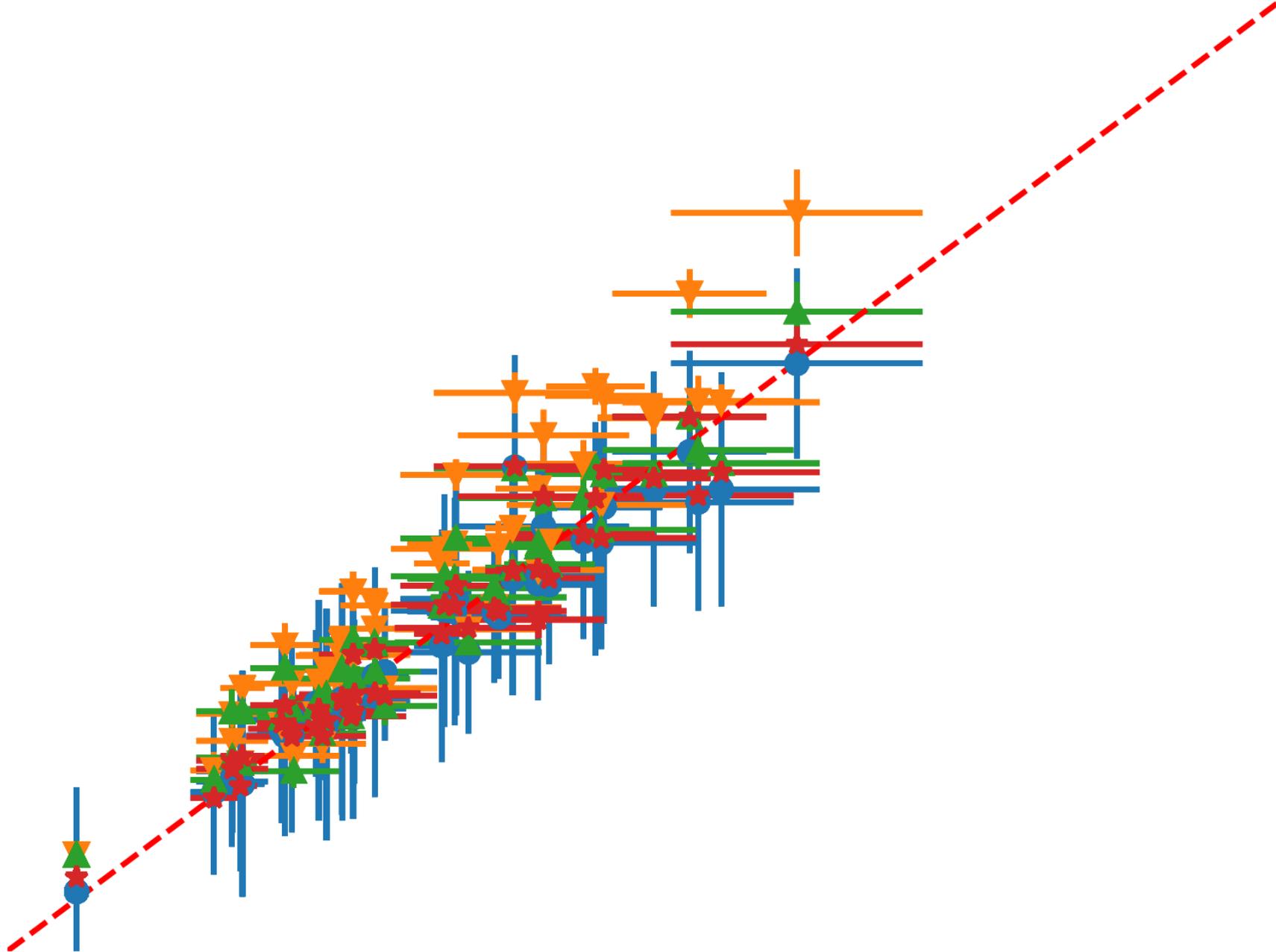


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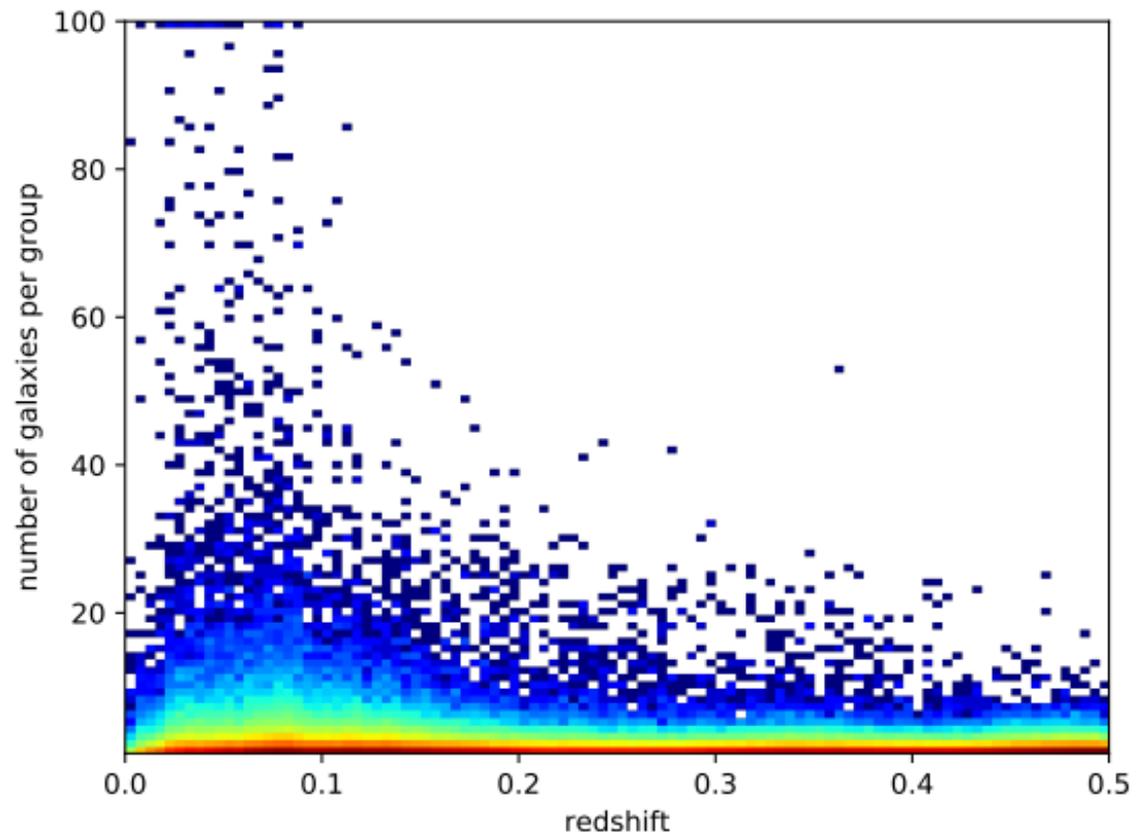


Group catalogue

- Improving our special purpose group catalogue from Saulder+2016 and expanding it beyond $z=0.1$
- SDSS DR15
 - SDSS spectroscopic footprint (9 376 square degree)
 - Redshift up to $z=0.5$
- 2MRS (2MASS Redshift Survey)
 - Within the SDSS coverage
 - Compensate for the saturation bias of SDSS
- Linking length optimized using mock catalogues derived from the Millennium simulation (WMAP7 rerun by Guo+2011)

Statistics

- 1 480 600 galaxies in our group catalogue
- 997 161 individual galaxies (or groups with only one detectable member)
- 165 132 groups
- 3 467 clusters with $N \geq 10$
- 25 clusters with $N \geq 100$



Traditional fundamental plane

- Empirical relation between two redshift-independent observables and one distance dependent quantity (Dressler+ 1987, Djorgovski&Davis 1987)

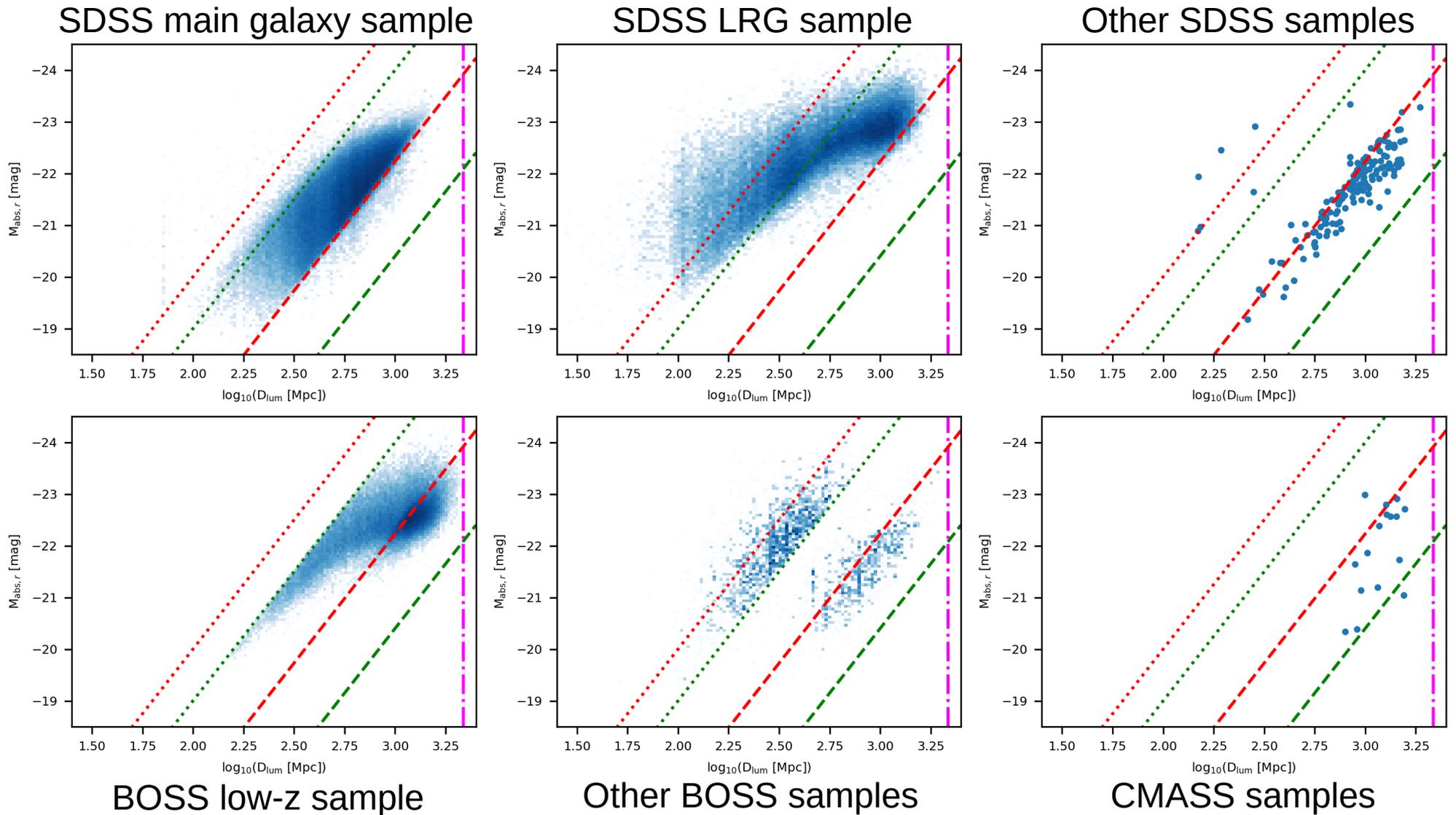
$$\log_{10}(R_e) = a \cdot \log_{10}(\sigma_0) + b \cdot \mu_e + c$$

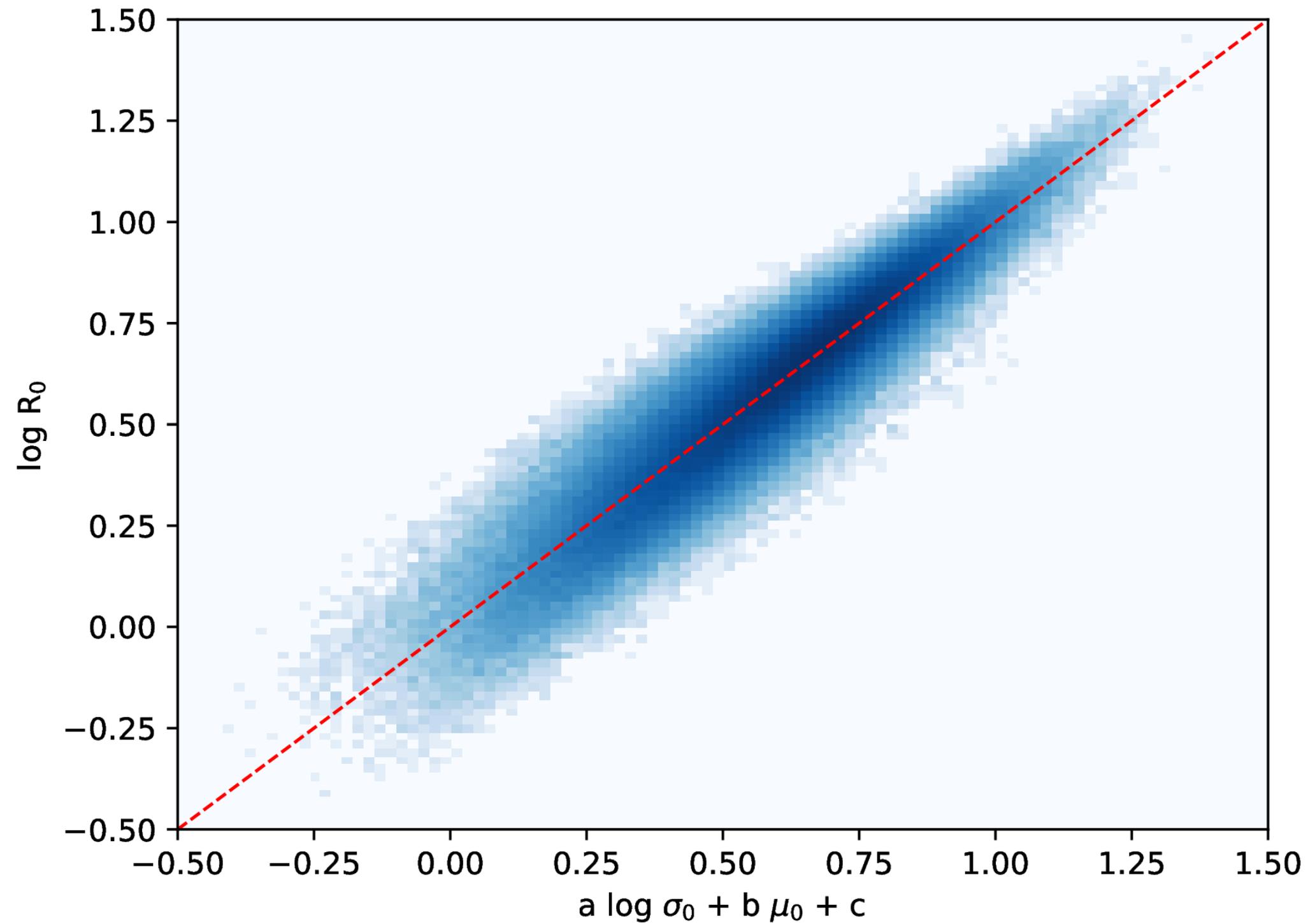
- Standard rod for early-type galaxies → comparing observed sizes with predicted sizes → angular diameter distances
- 317 285 suitable ETGs in SDSS DR15
largest dataset every used for the FP

Fitting the traditional fundamental plane

- Applying basic calibrations and corrections to the data retrieved from SDSS
- Direct fit (minimizing the scatter in radii (Sheth&Bernardi 2013)) using least squares
→ fundamental plane coefficients
- We INTENTIONALLY did NOT correct for the Malmquist bias (typical done using volume weighting)
- Because of the complex composition of our sample

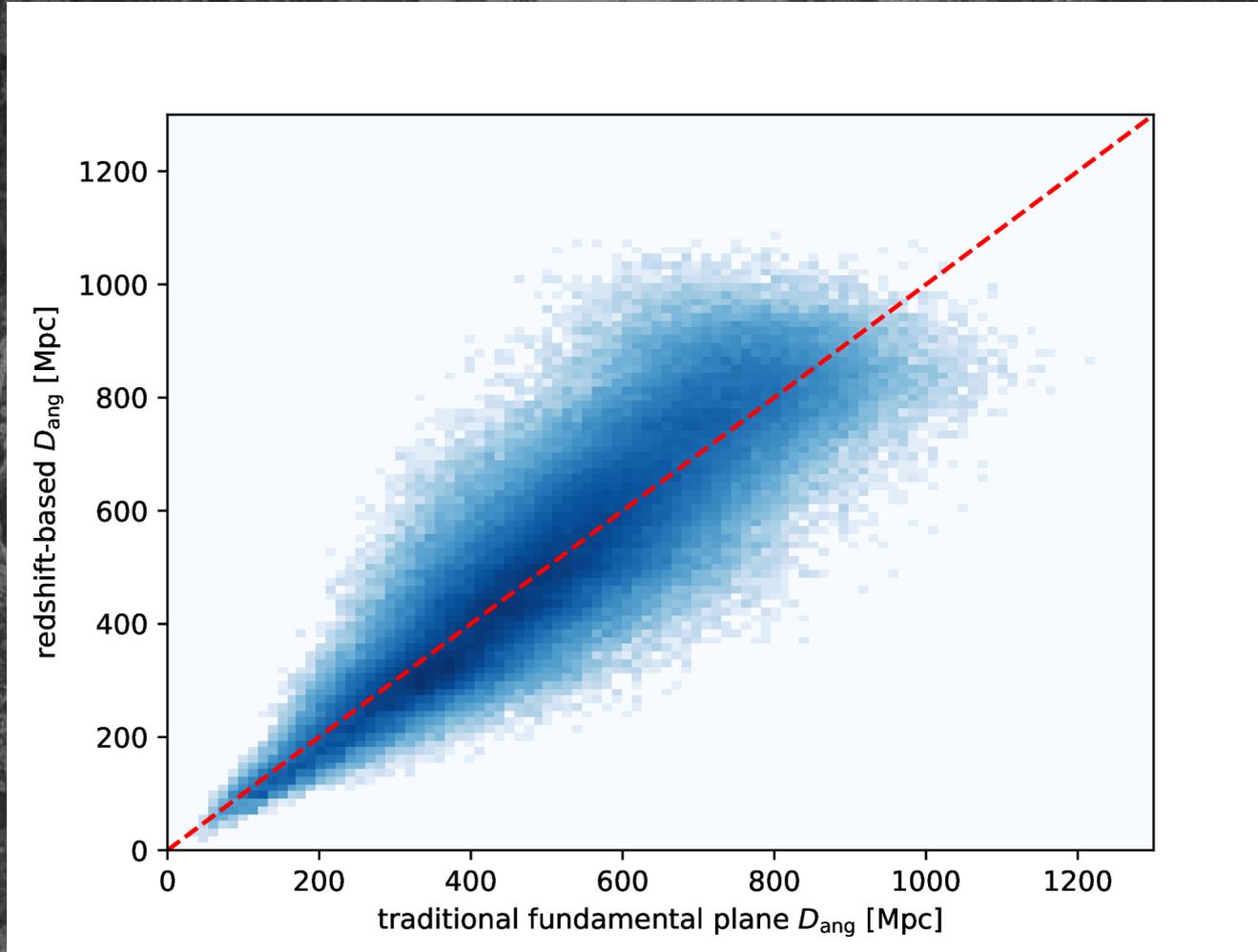
Subsets of our ETG sample





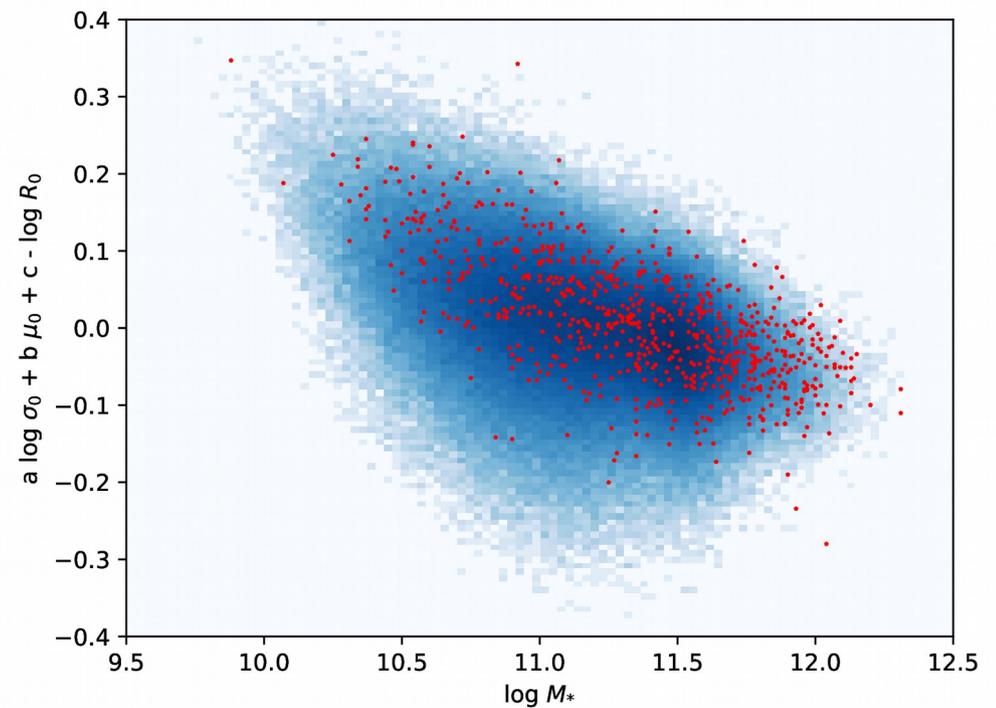
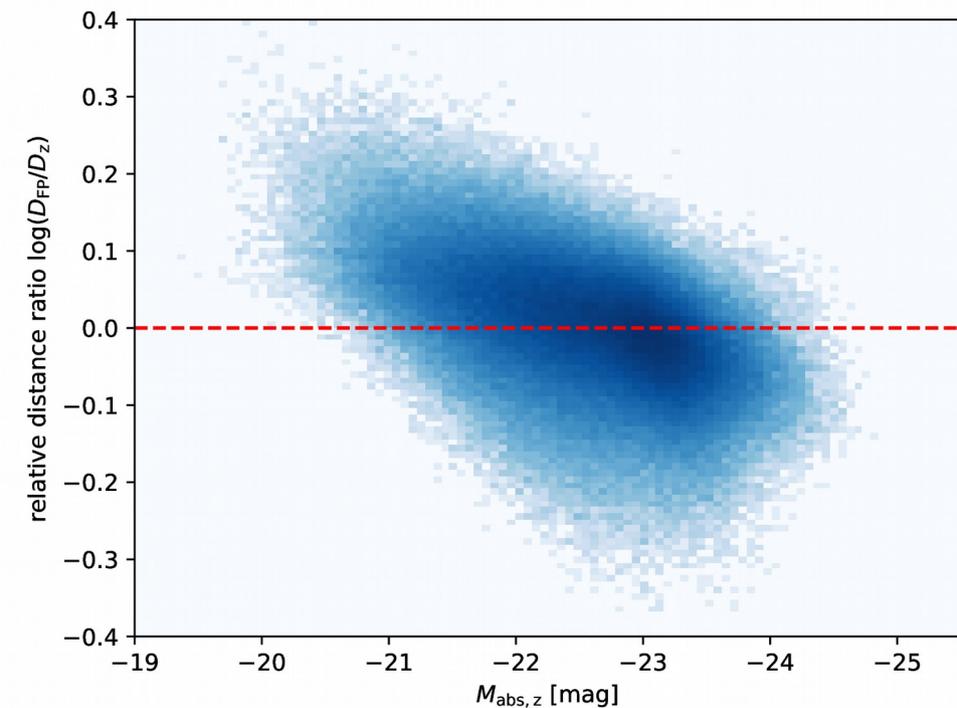
Fundamental plane distances

- Scatter of 20.2% without the group catalogue
- Scatter of 18.4% with the group catalogue



Luminosity / stellar mass biases

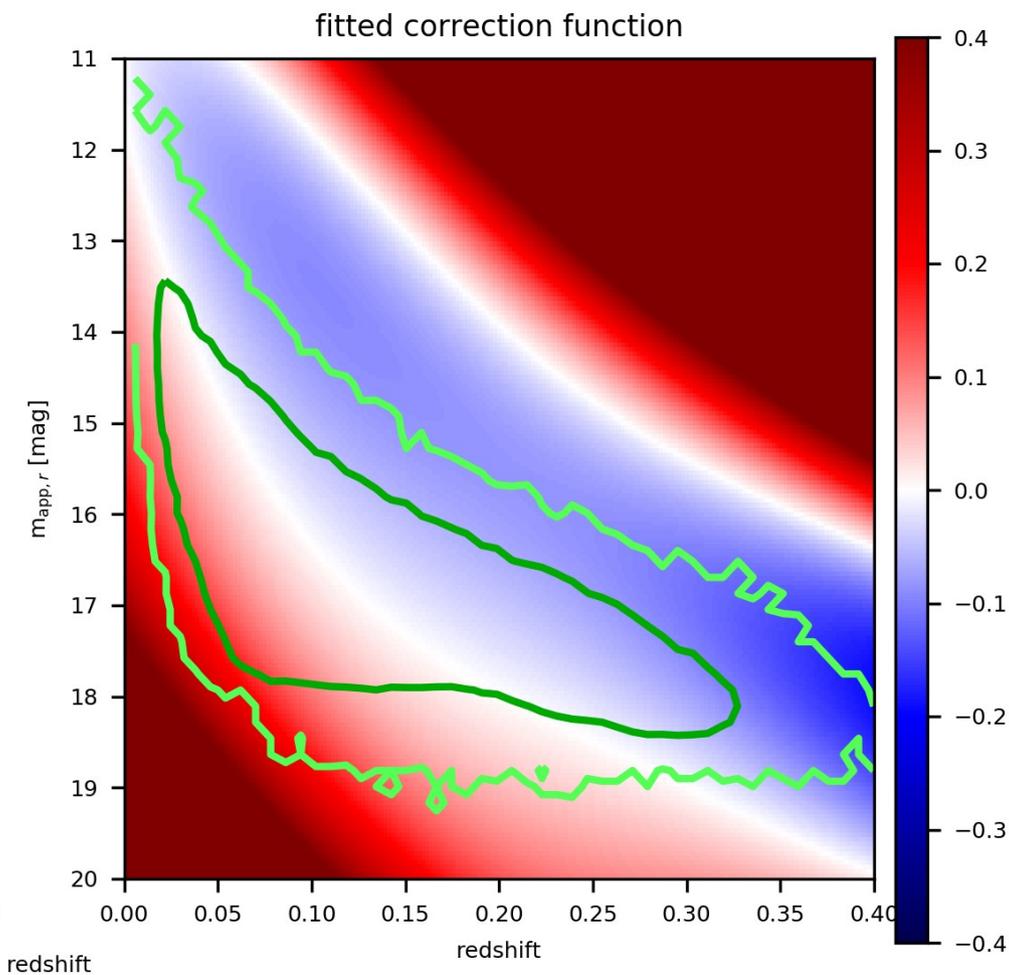
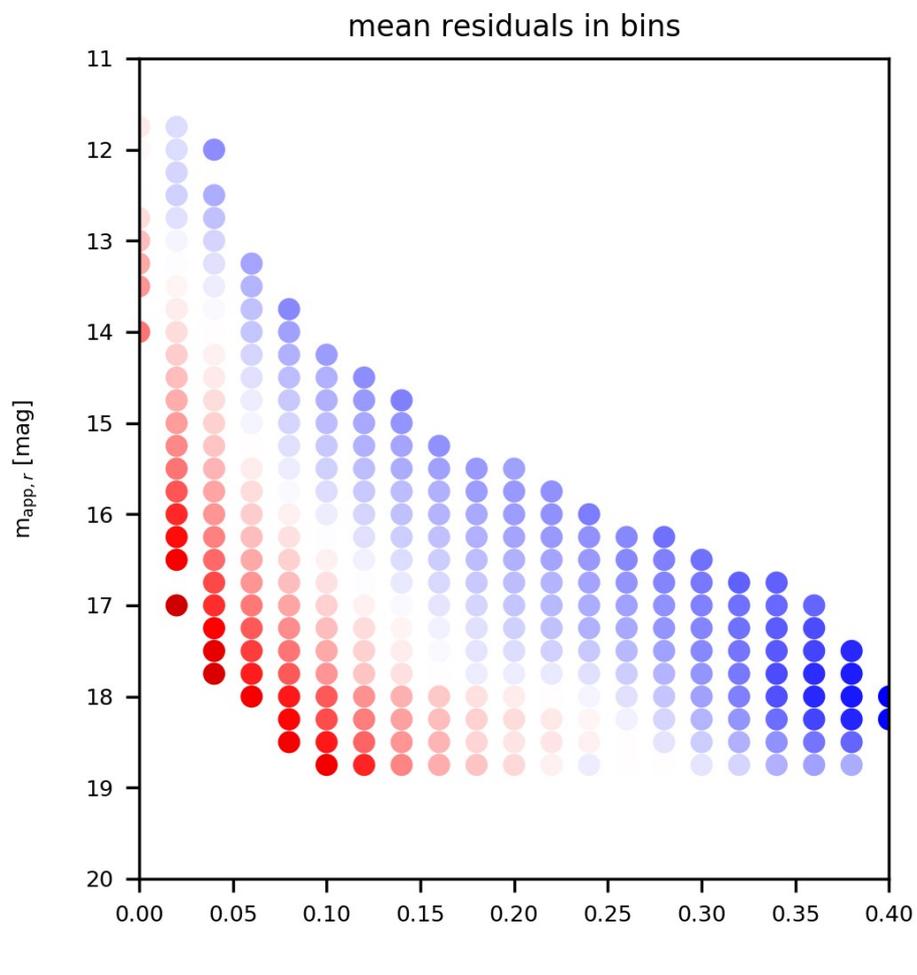
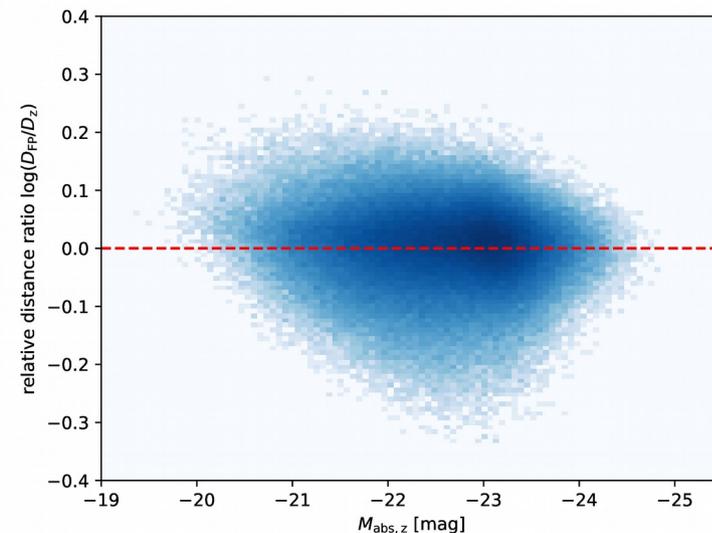
- Intrinsically fainter/brighter galaxies are systematically offset from the fundamental plane
- Stellar masses based on the Wisconsin method (Chen+ 2012) show the same effect, tighter relation with MaNGA data



Corrected fundamental plane

- Studying the mean FP residuals in the in the (apparent) magnitude-redshift plane
- Clear trends, but complex functions
- Fitted with a 2D-polynomial f_{cor}
- $\log_{10}(R_{e,\text{cor}}) = a \cdot \log_{10}(\sigma_0) + b \cdot \mu_e + c + f_{\text{cor}}(m,z)$

- Reduced scatter to 14.5%
- Luminosity bias removed

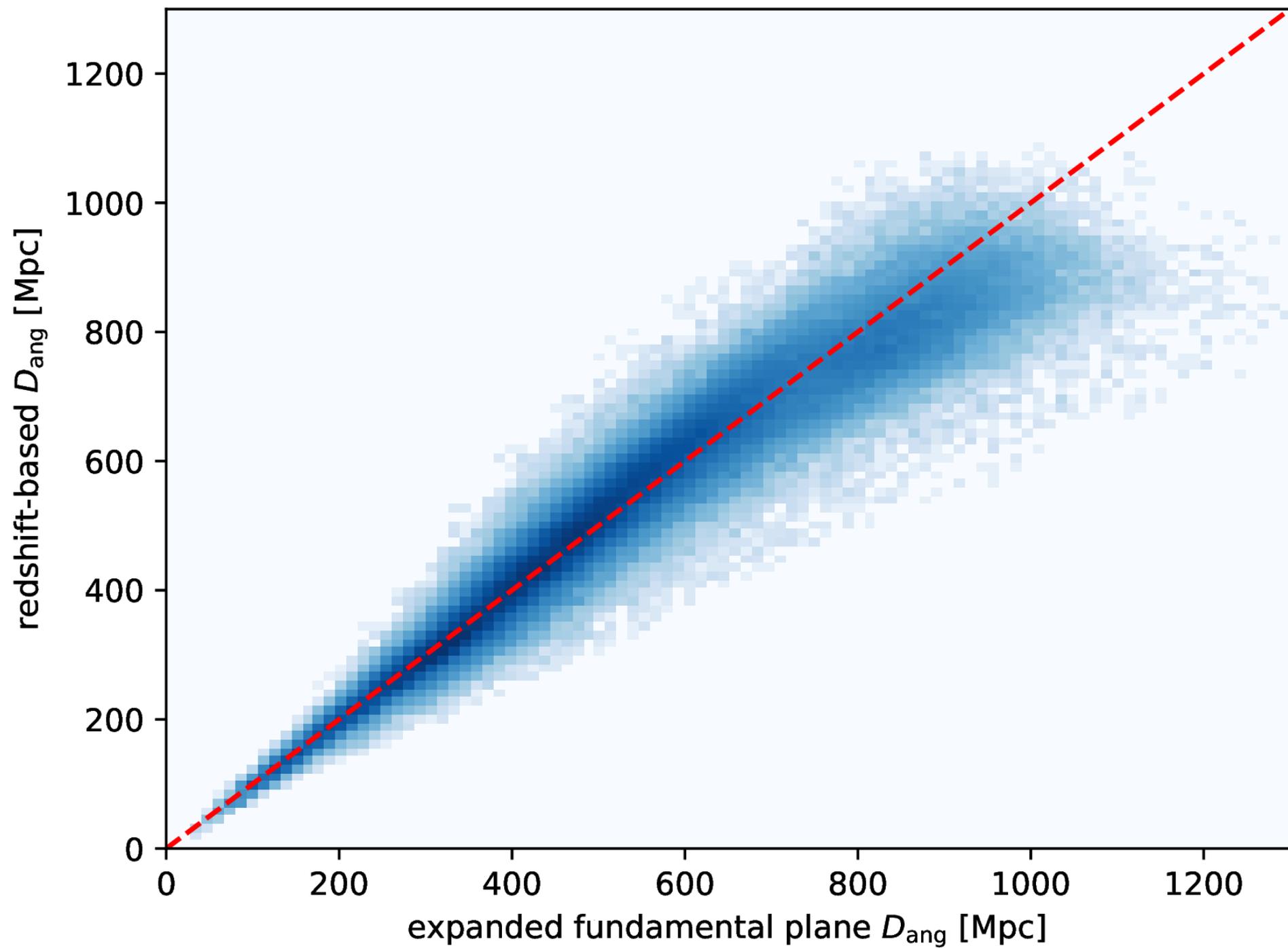


Expanded fundamental plane

- Alternative way to adjust for the biases
- Expanding the FP by the stellar mass

$$\log_{10}(R_0) = a_{\text{exp}} \log_{10}(\sigma_0) + b_{\text{exp}} \mu_0 + d_{\text{exp}} \log_{10}(M_*) + c_{\text{exp}}$$

- Photo-spectroscopical measured stellar mass using the method of Chen+2012 (from SDSS)
- Significant reduction in scatter \rightarrow 9%
- Removes systematic offsets at low redshifts as well

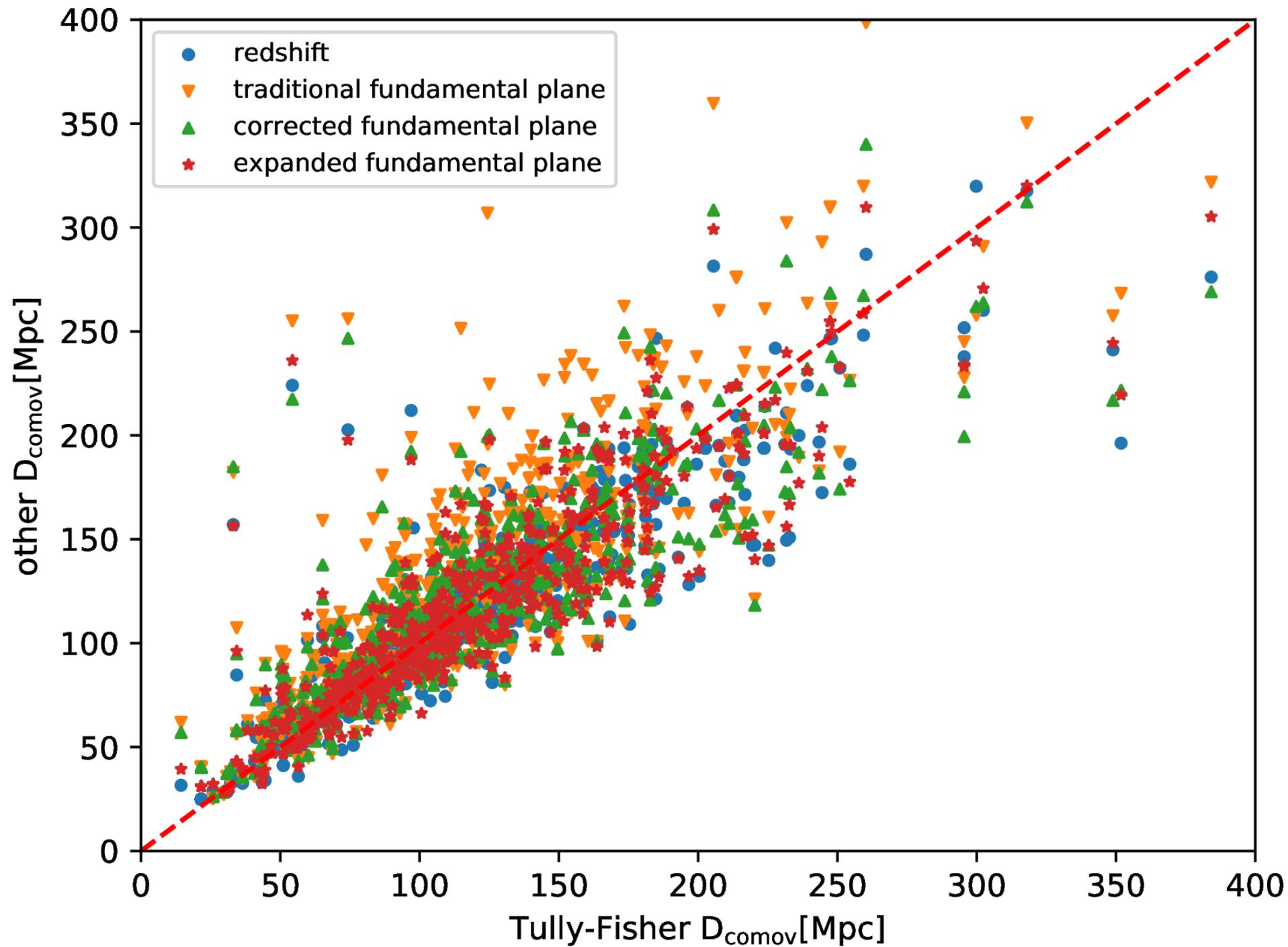


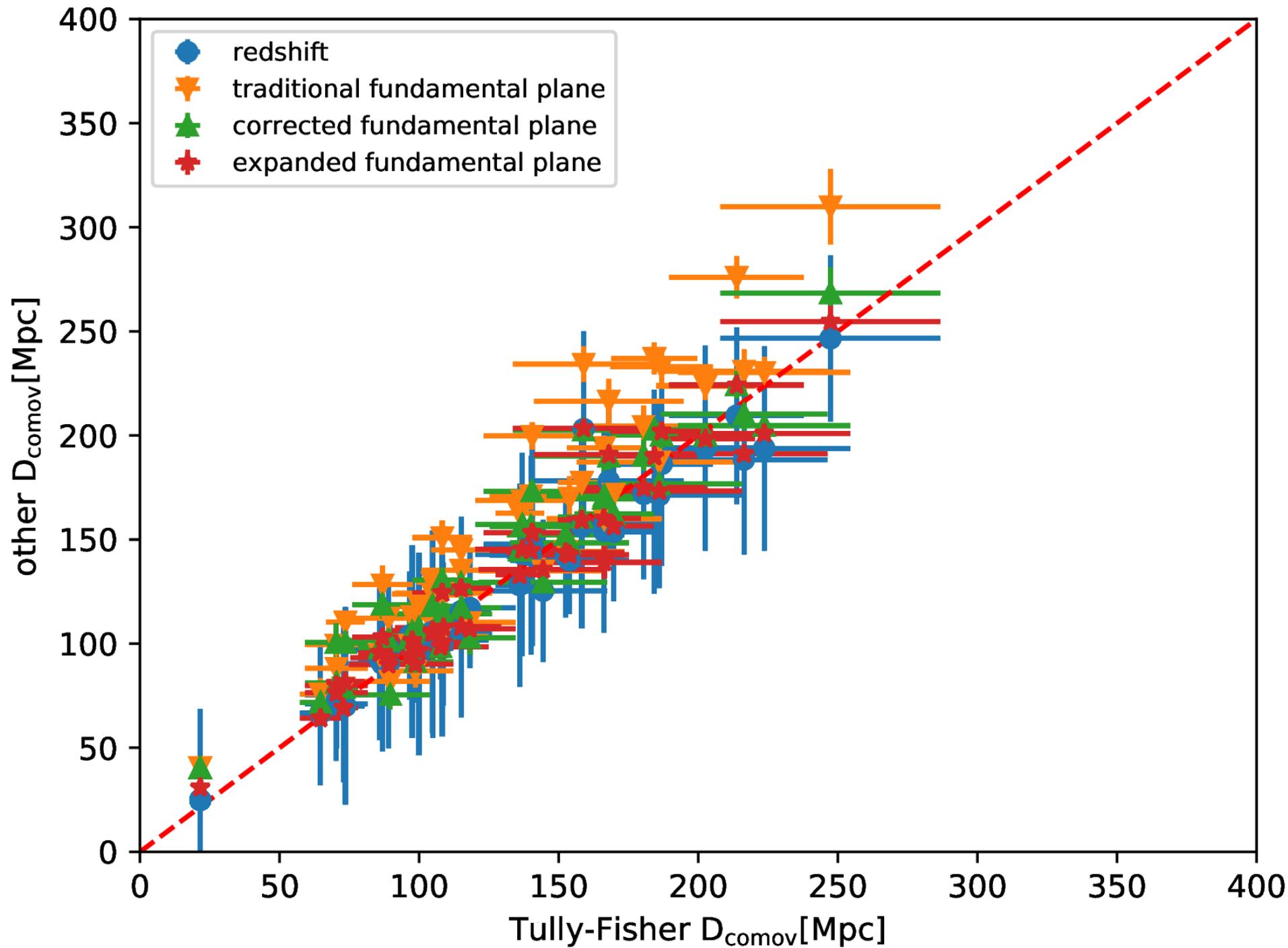
Paying the price

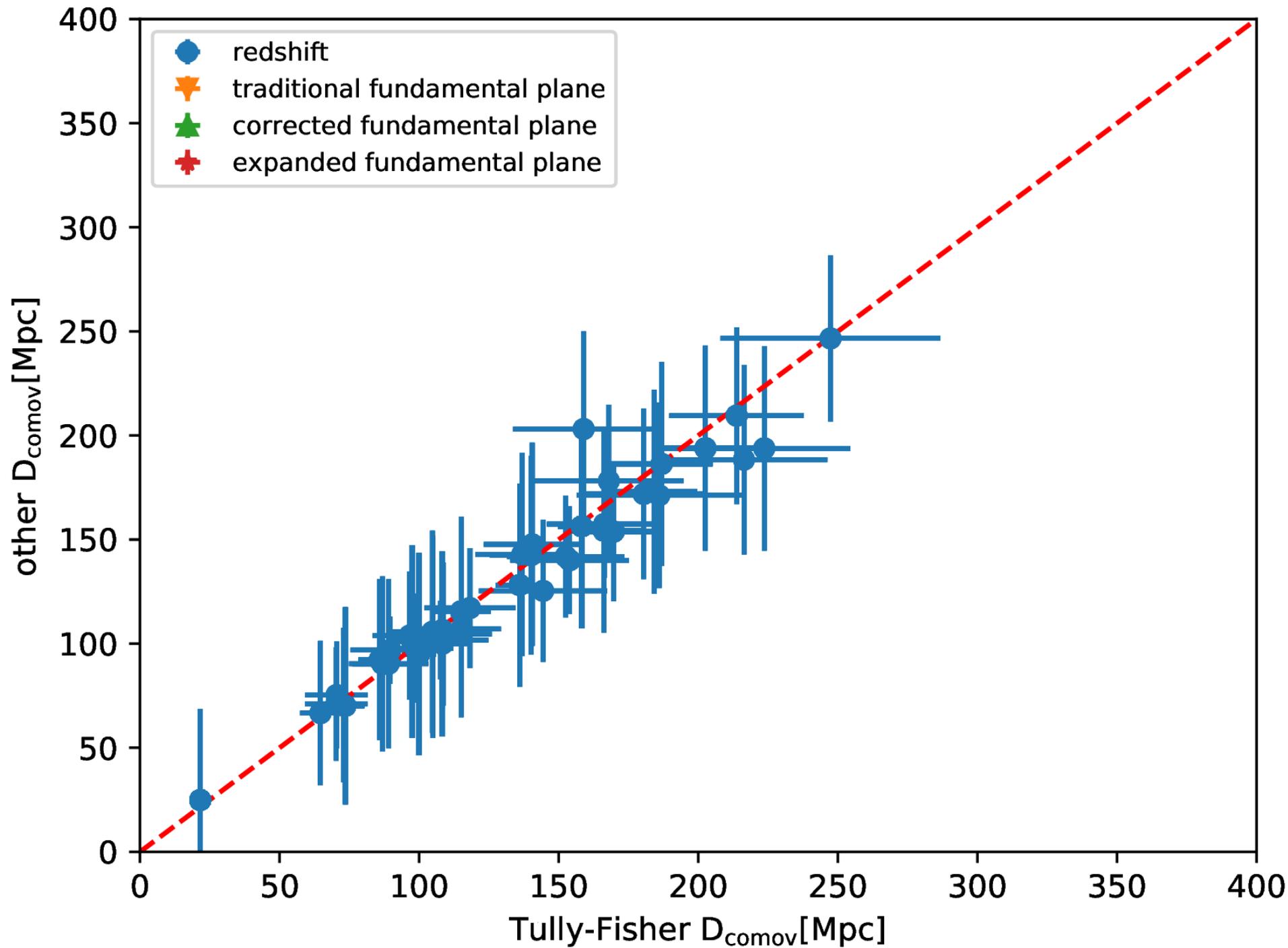
- Overall scatter of 9% ... **but**
- Redshift-dependent systematic biases are getting worse
- Up to 2% for nearby galaxies
- But very low at higher redshifts ($z > 0.2$), bias is less than 0.1%
- Could cause problems for peculiar motion studies in the future

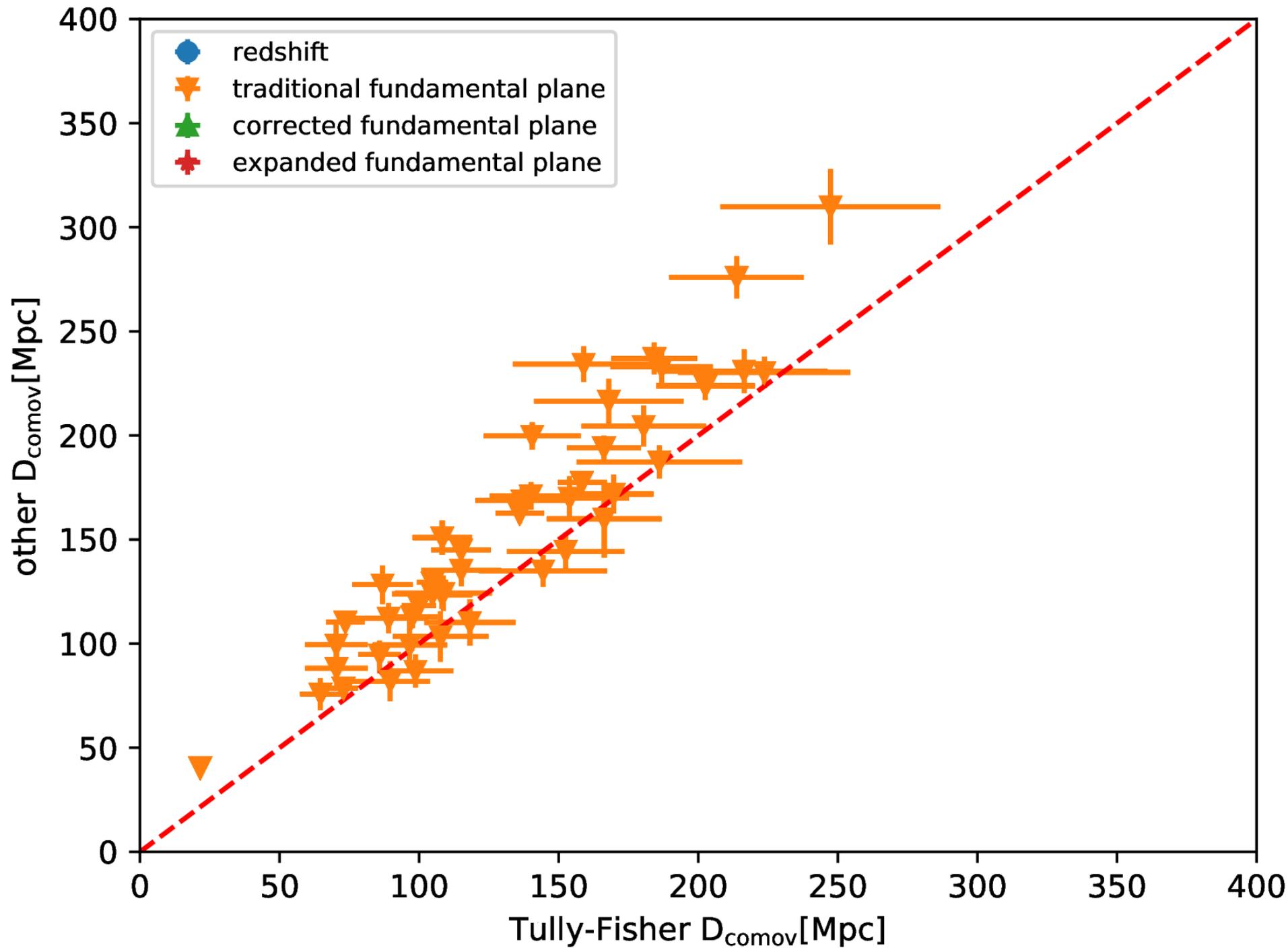
Comparison to the Tully-Fisher relation

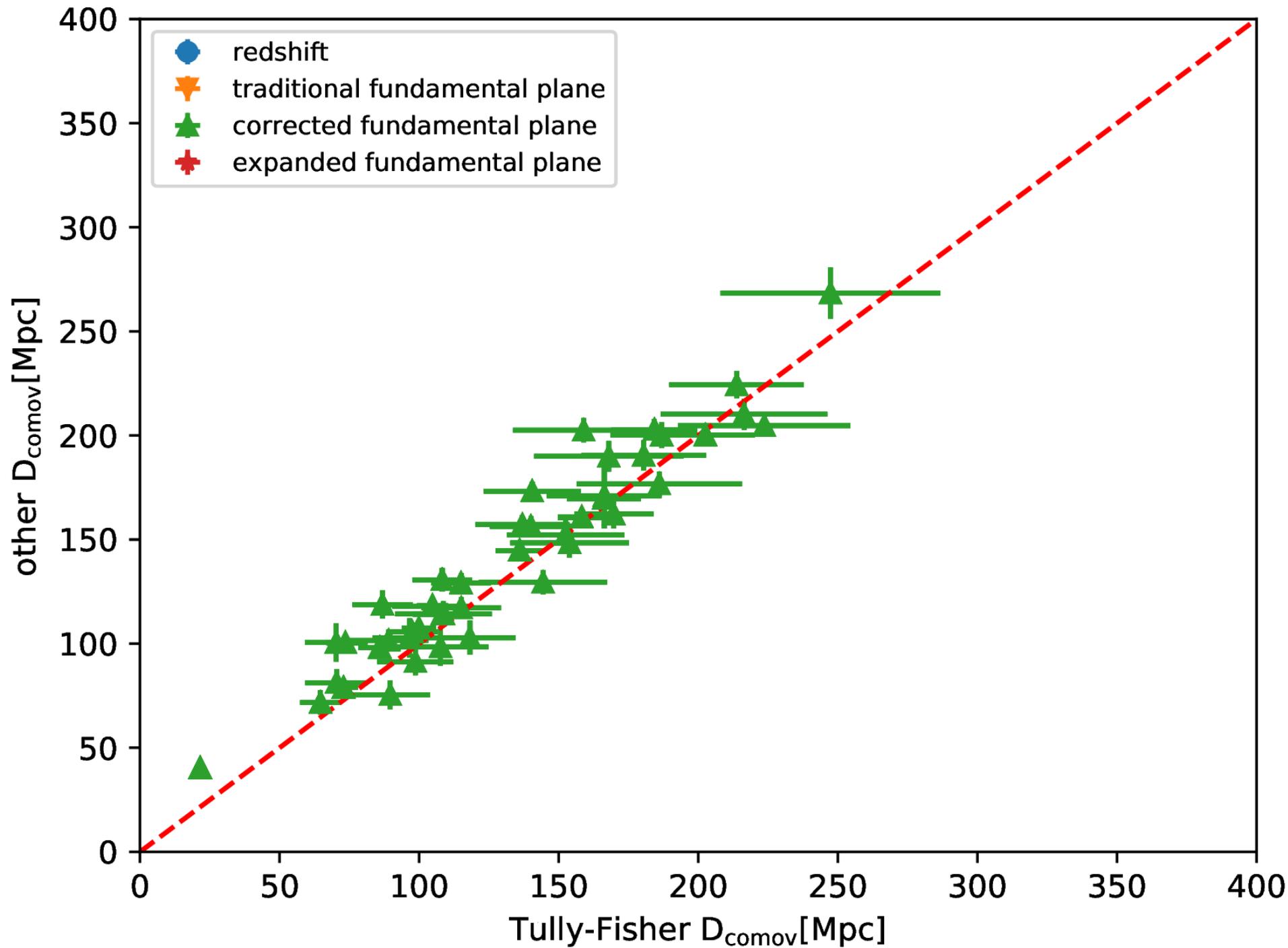
- NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database (NED)
- 20 900 Tully-Fisher relation based distance measurements to 4 481 unique galaxies
- Error weighted average for galaxies that have more than one measurement
- Using our group catalogue to compare them

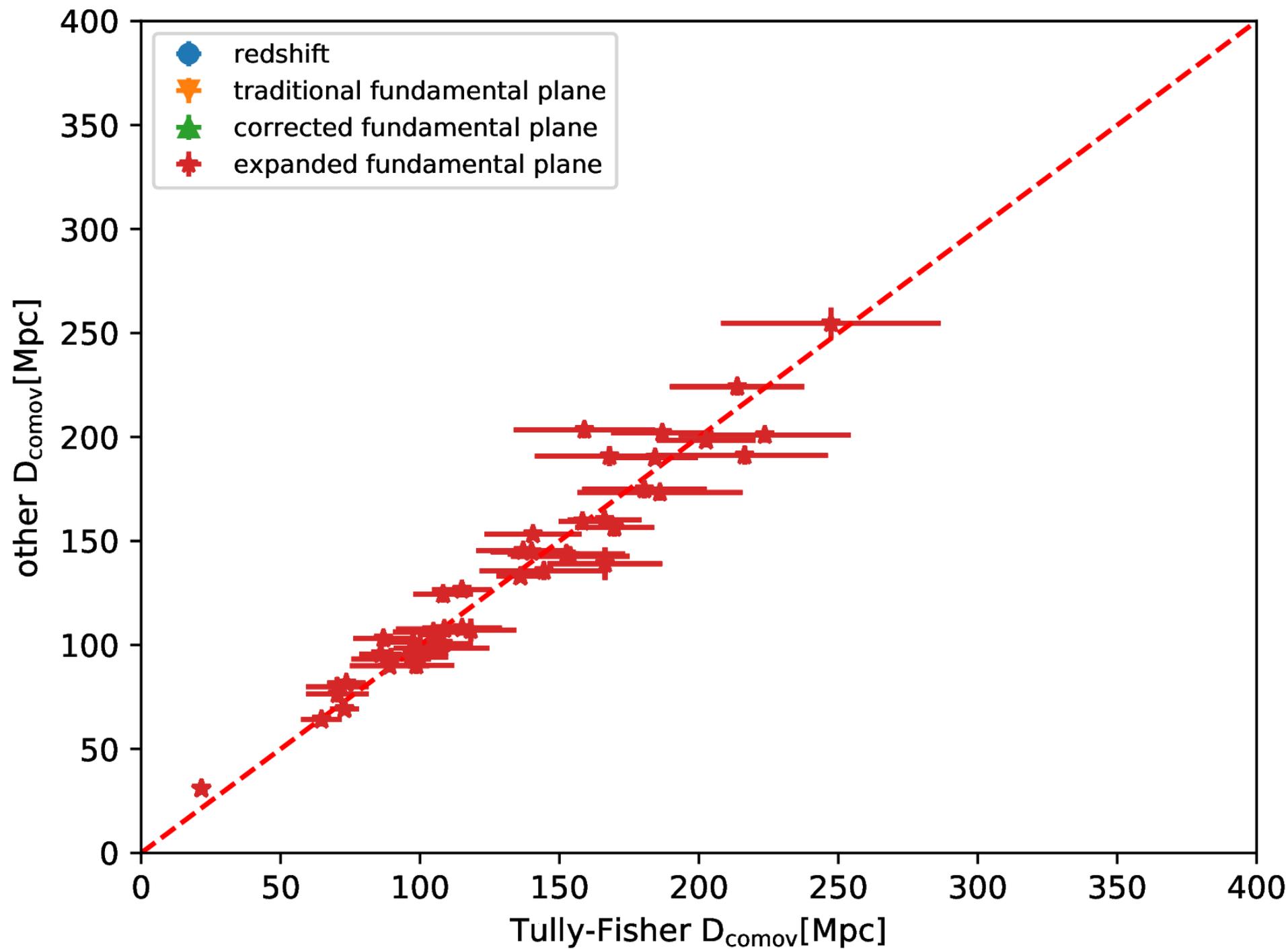






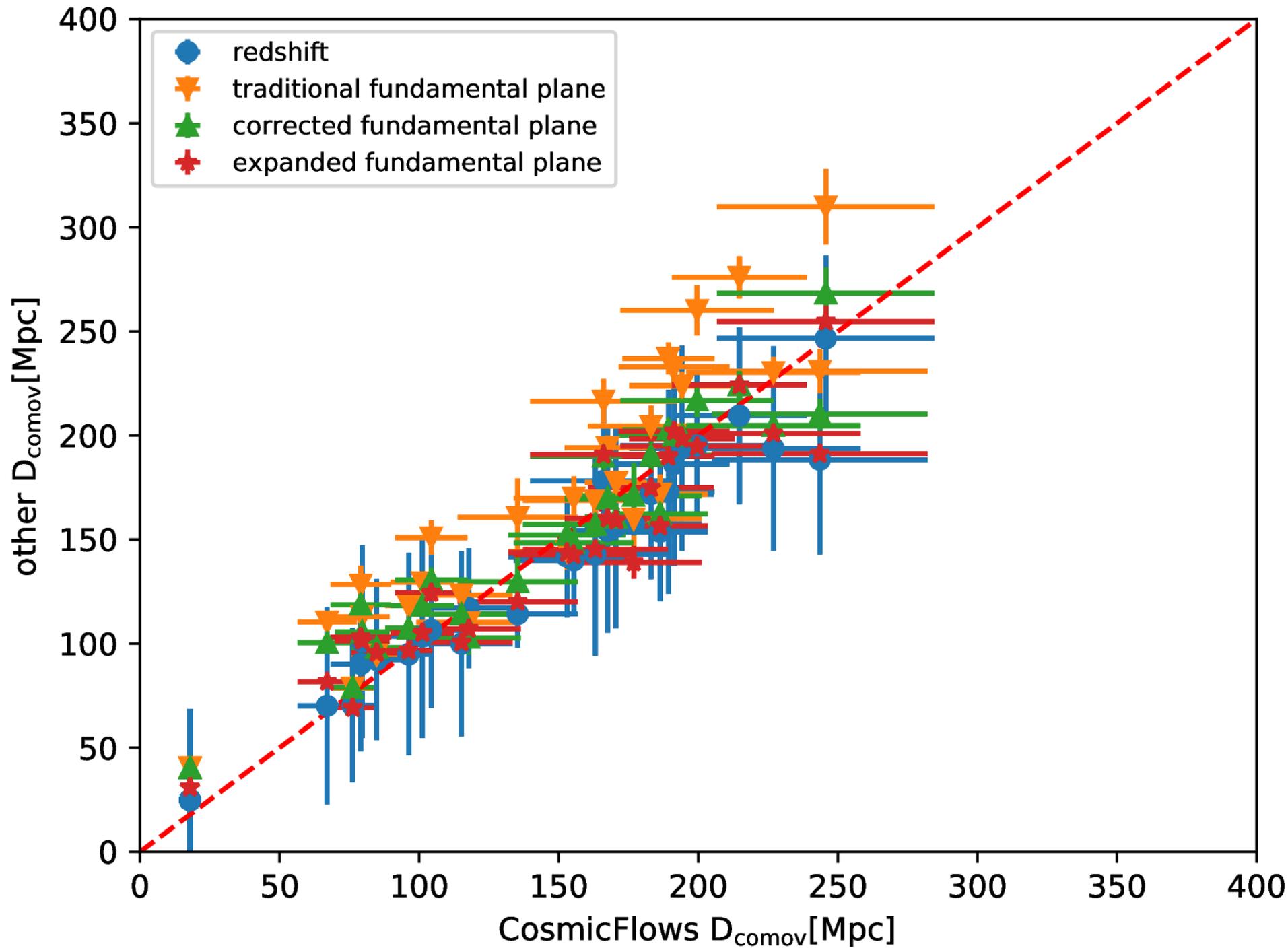


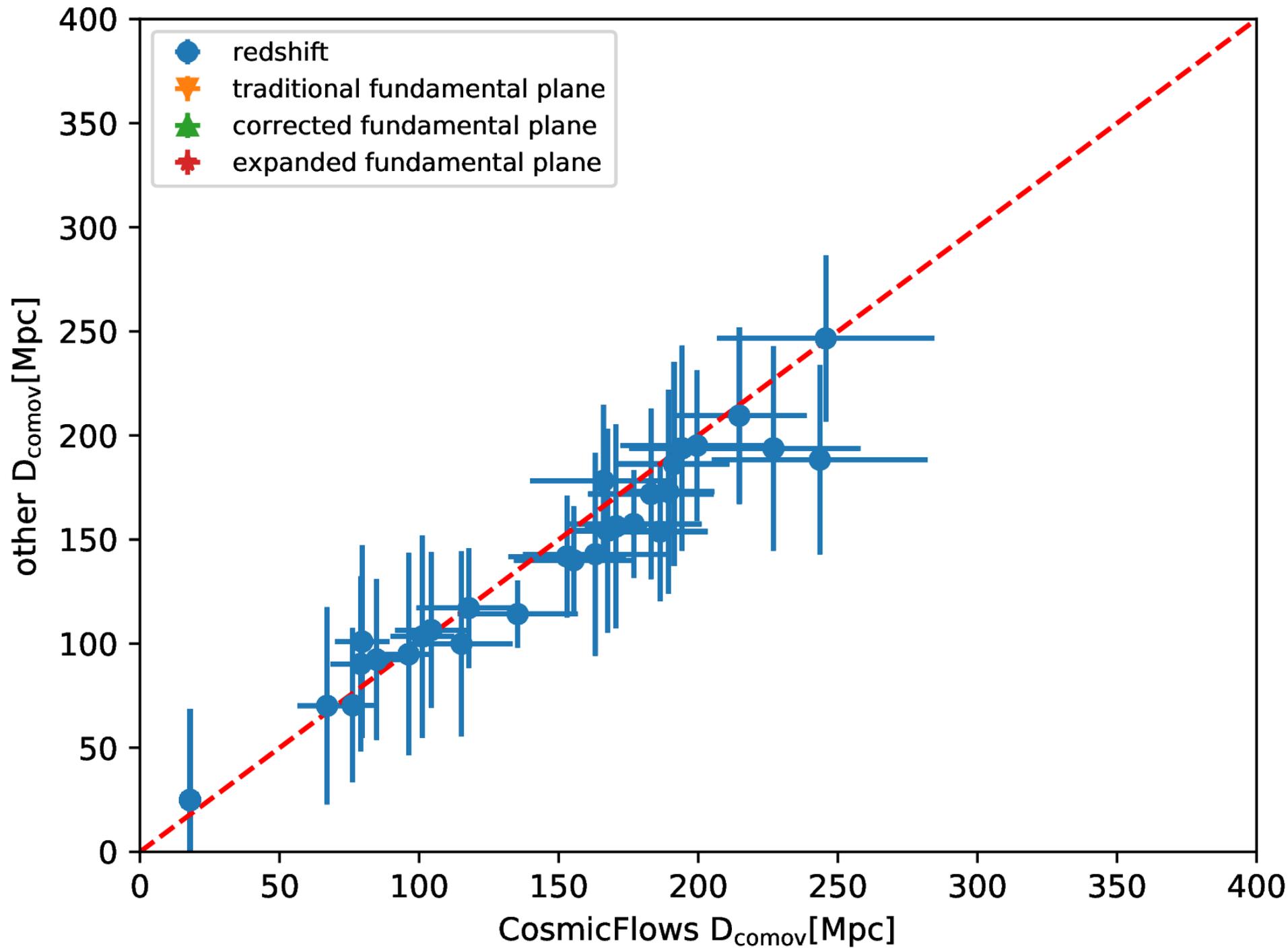


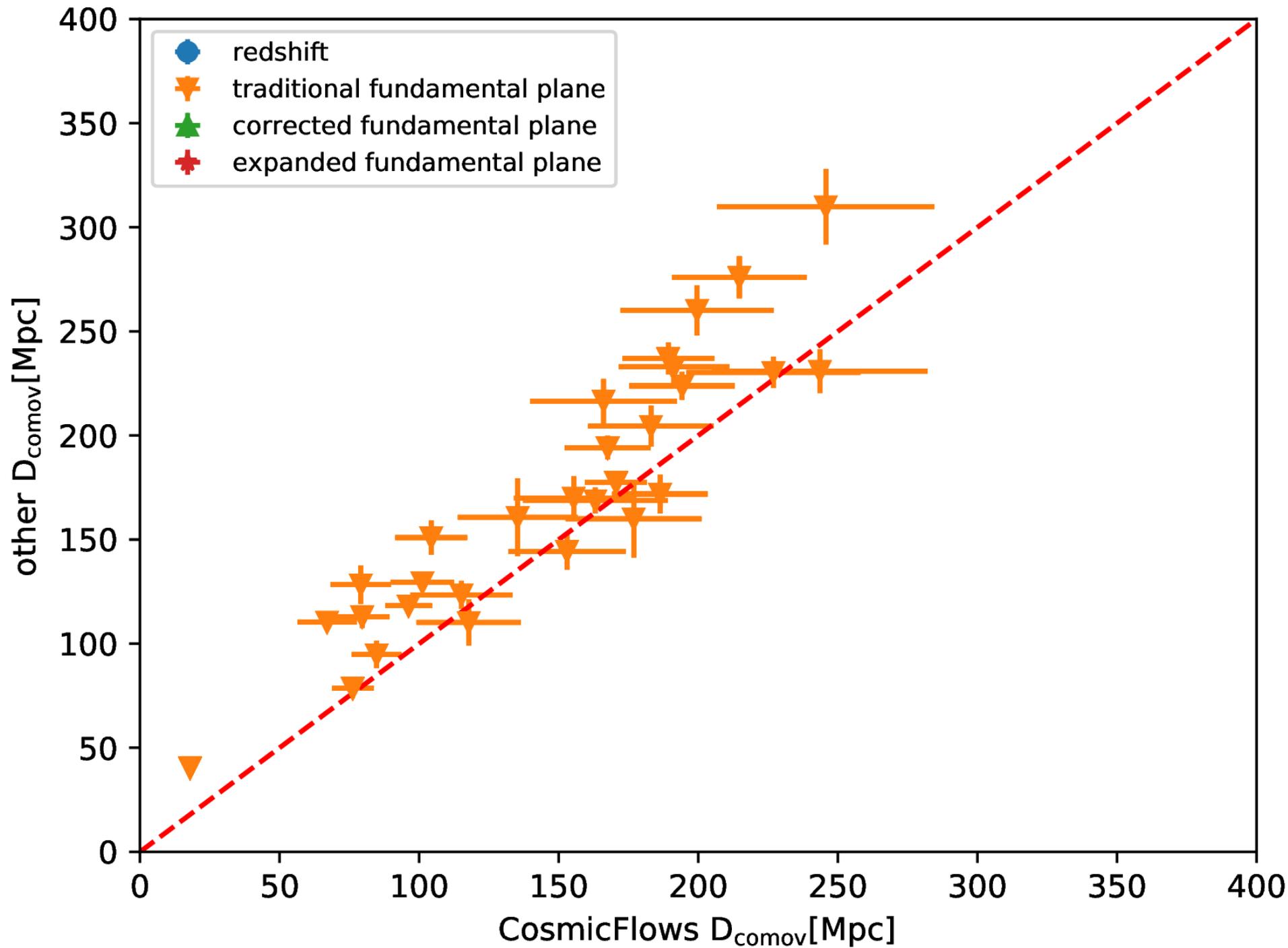


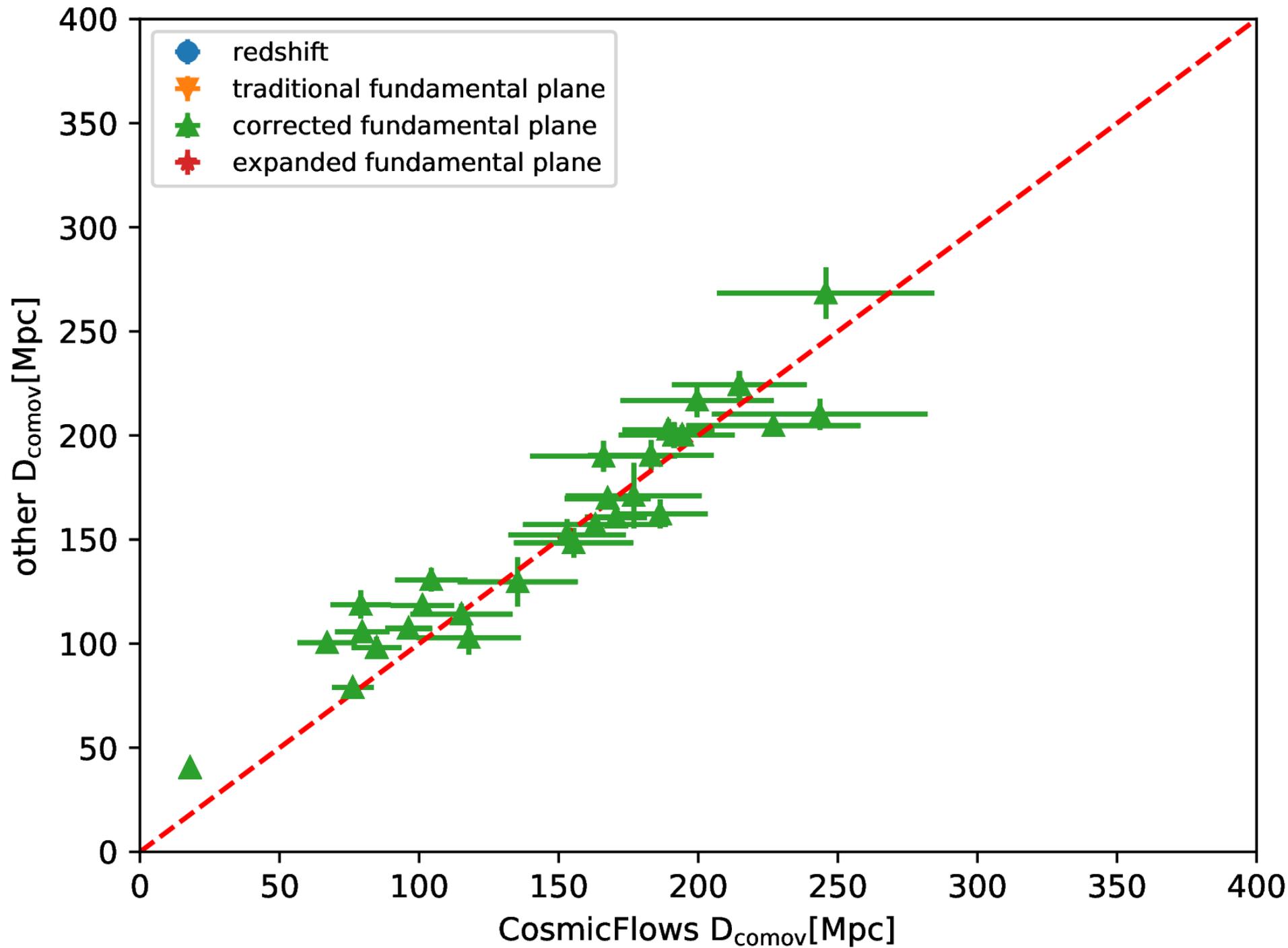
Comparison to the CosmicFlows-3 sample

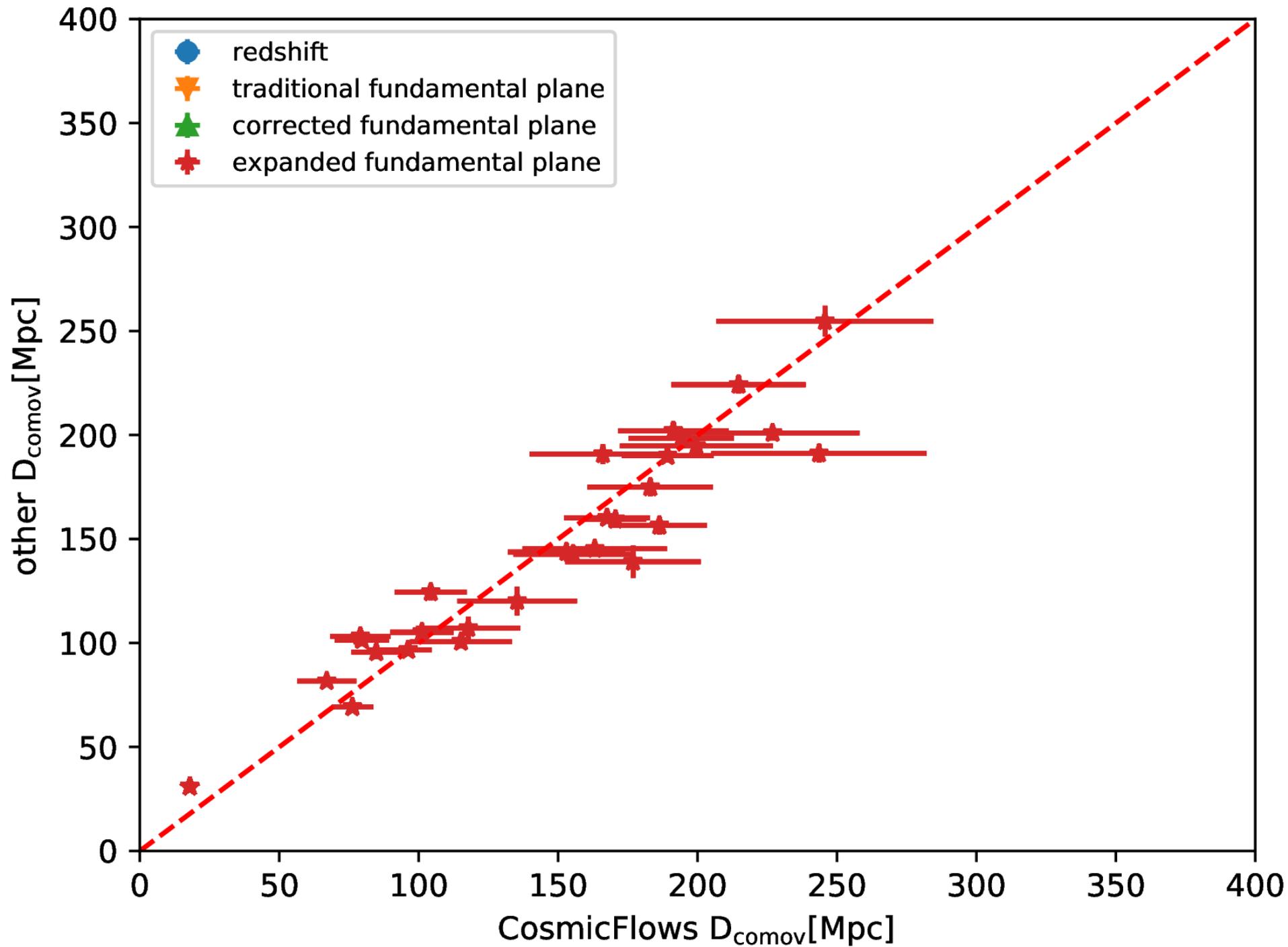
- A well-calibrated sample of distances in the local universe (Tully+2016)
- Uses a large range of different distance indicators: Tully-Fisher relation, surface brightness fluctuations, fundamental plane, tip of the red giant branch, ...
- We exclude their fundamental plane data
- Using our group catalogue to compare the samples





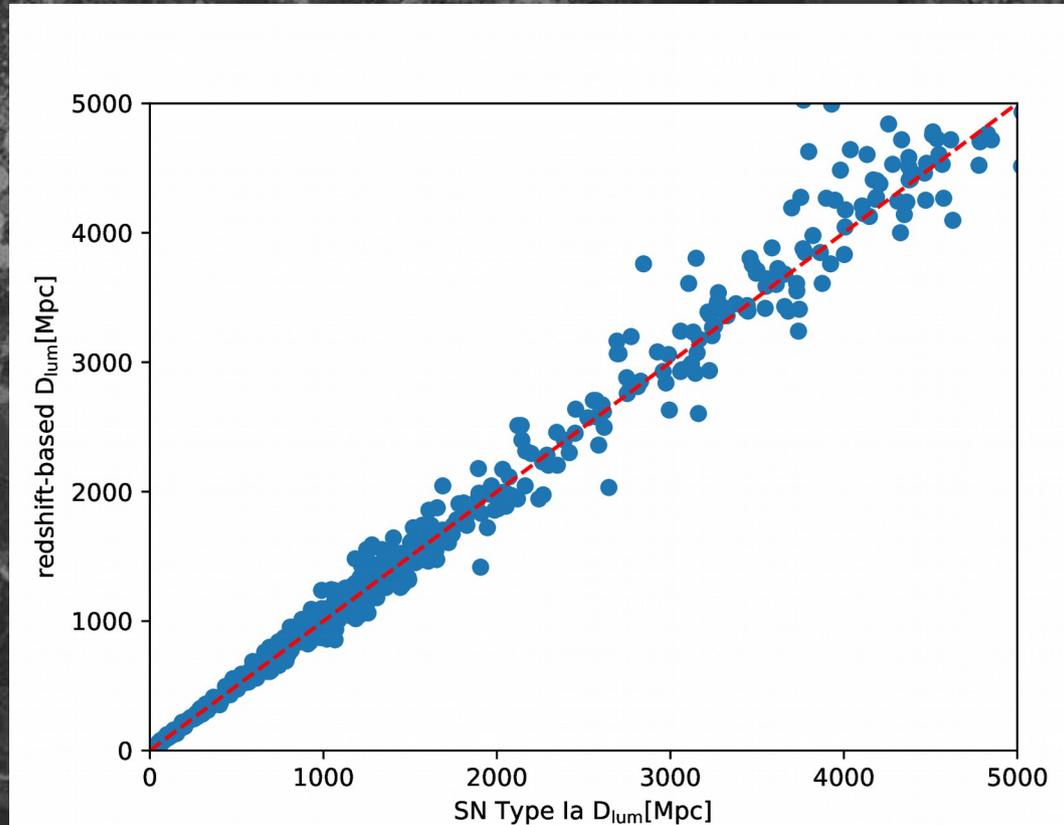


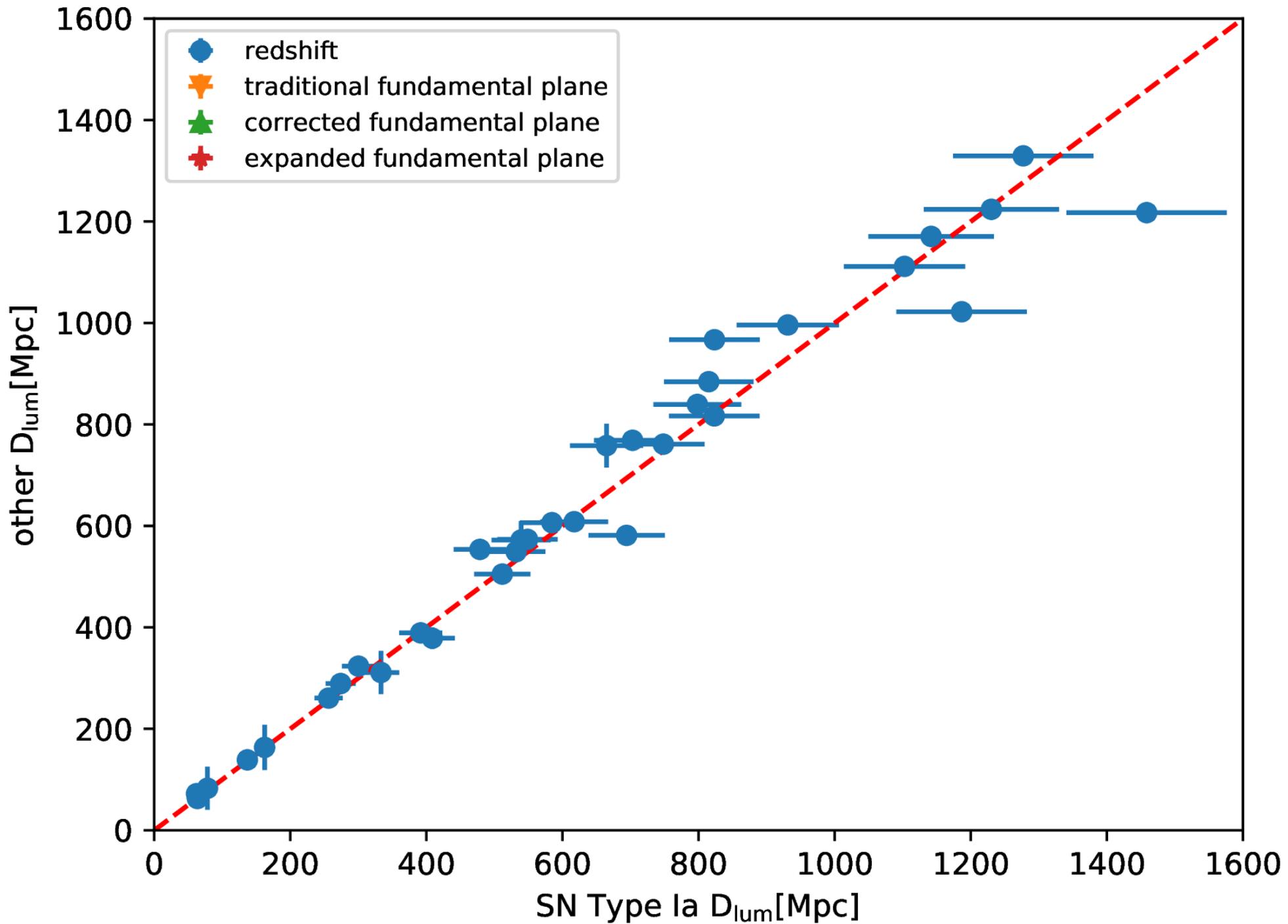


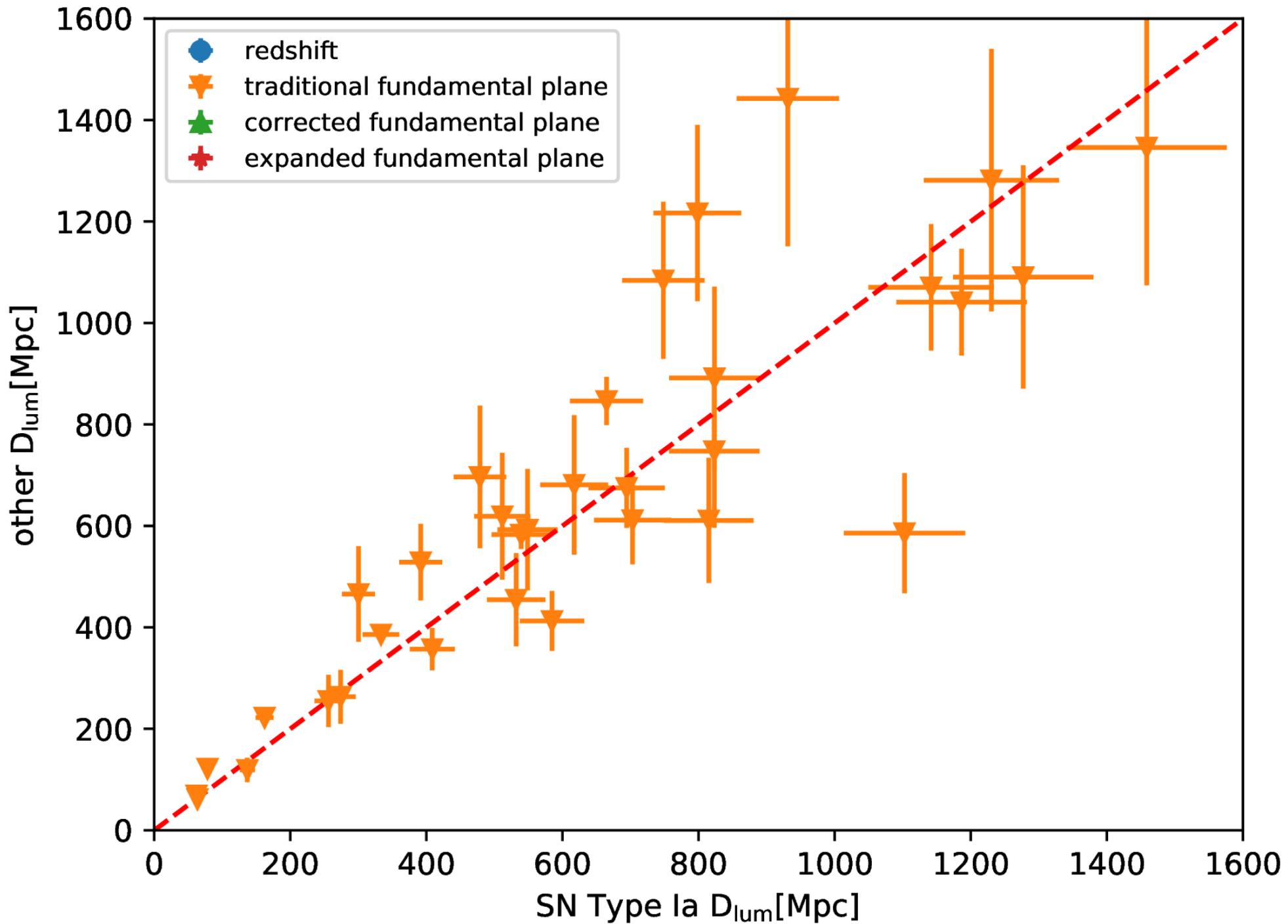


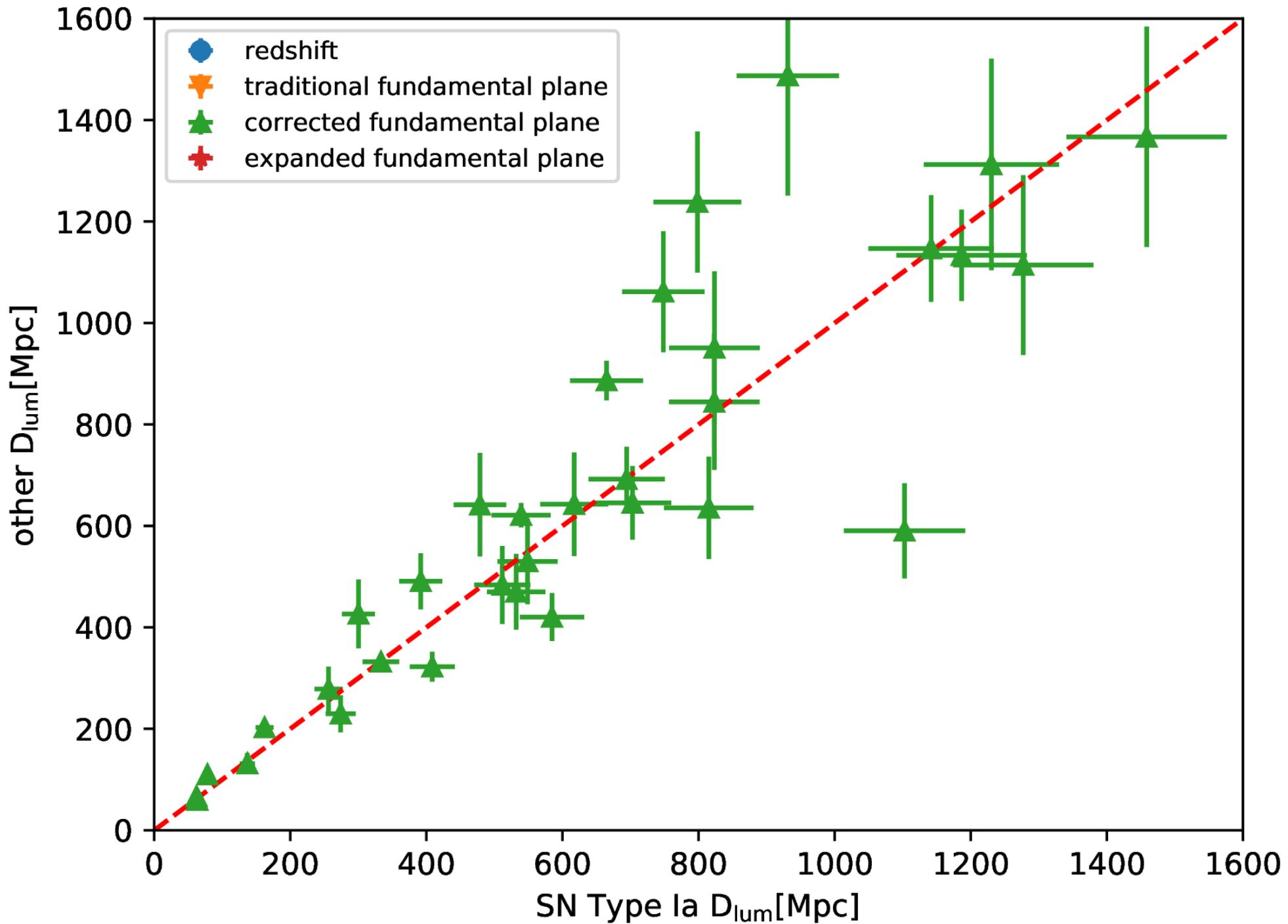
Comparison to supernovae Type Ia

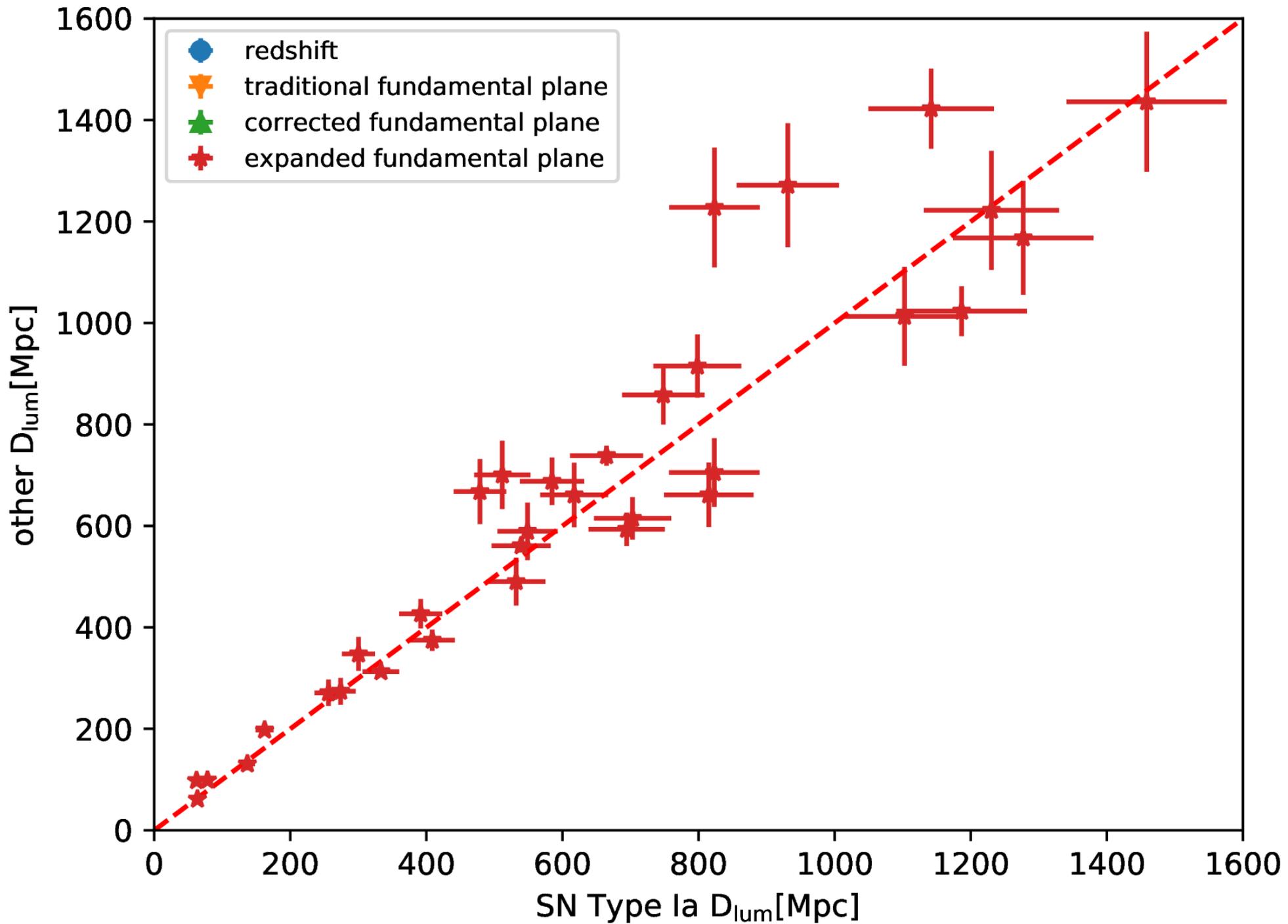
- Sample of Betoule+ 2014 containing 740 SN Type Ia (consistently calibrated)
- 33 of these supernovae in our ETGs
- Scatter of supernova distances about $\sim 8\%$

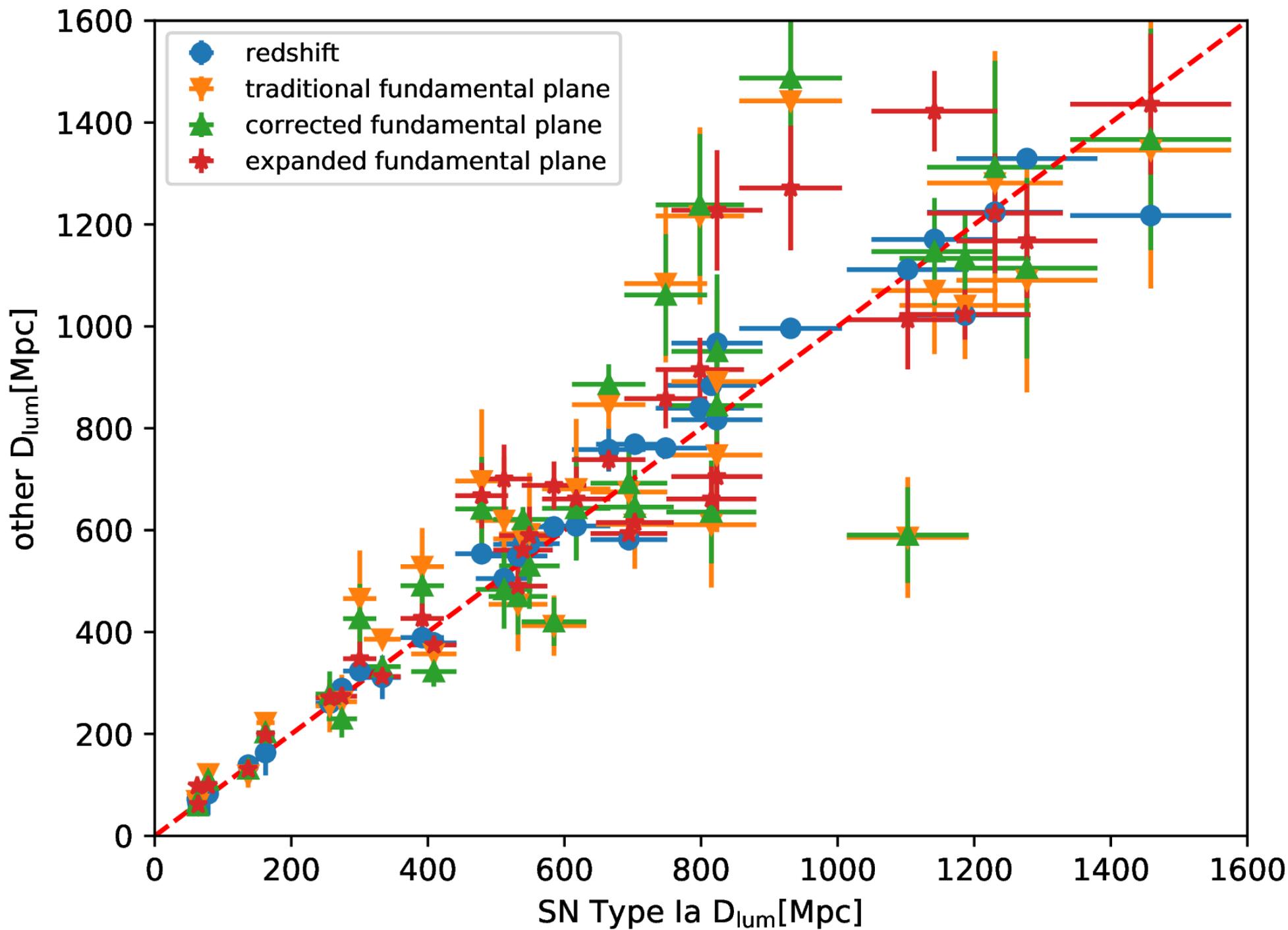










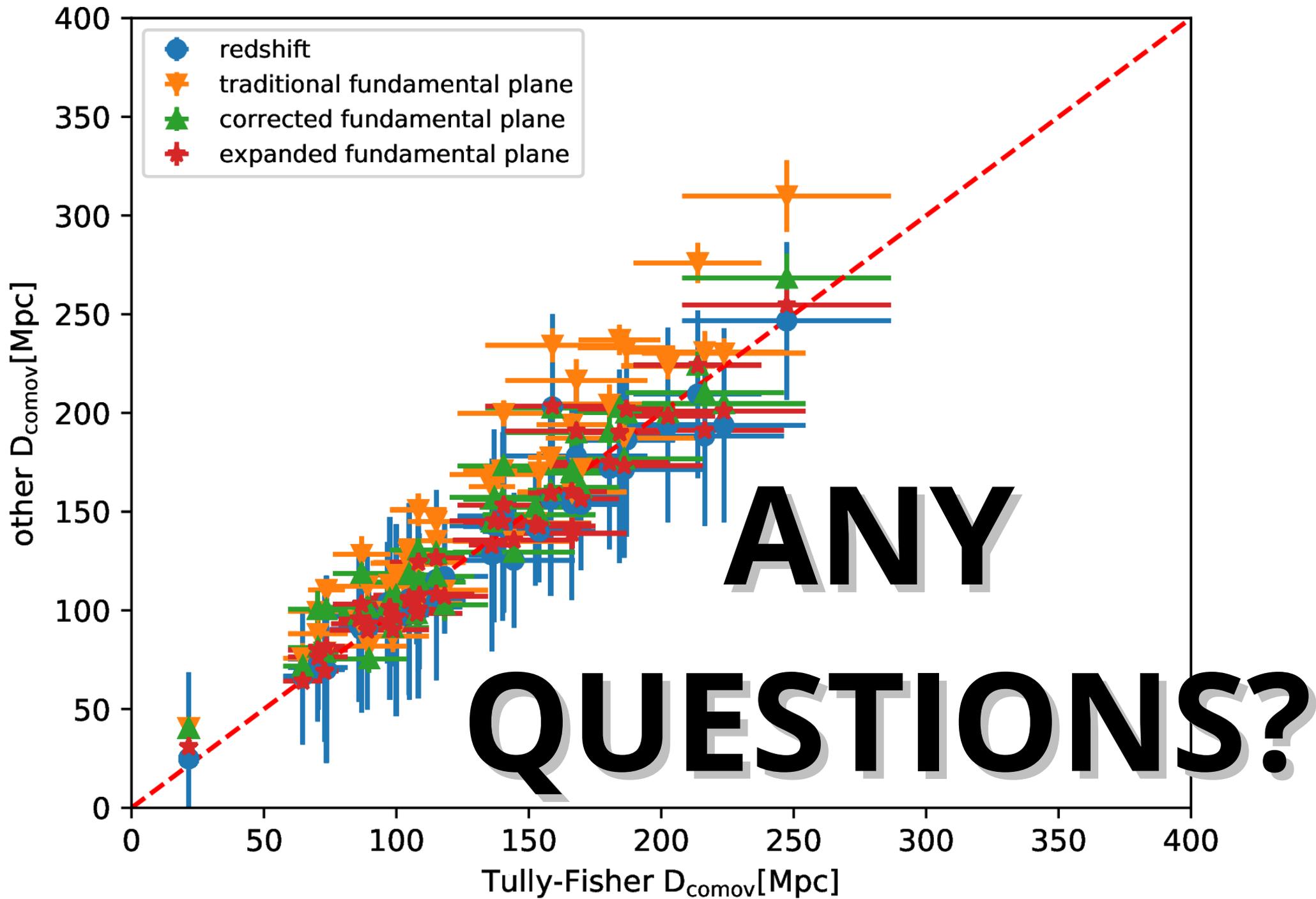


Summary

- Group catalogue covering ~1 500 000 galaxies
- ~317 000 fundamental plane distances
- Largest self-consistent set of redshift-indepenent distances ever produced
- Fundamental plane calibrations suffer from biases → looking for the best solution
- Comparison to Tully-Fisher relation, CosmicFlows-3, and Supernova Type Ia distances
- Presented in **Saulder+, submitted**

Outlook

- Improved subsamples using Bayesian statistics (methods from Howlett+, submitted)
- **Applications:**
 - Momentum Power Spectrum (with Park C.)
 - Correlations with clusters from LOFAR data (with Schwarz D.)
 - **Your ideas ... I am open to suggestions!**



**Additional slides
for possible questions**

Momentum power spectrum

- HorizonRun 4

- Huge DM-only simulation:
- 3150 Mpc/h side-length cube

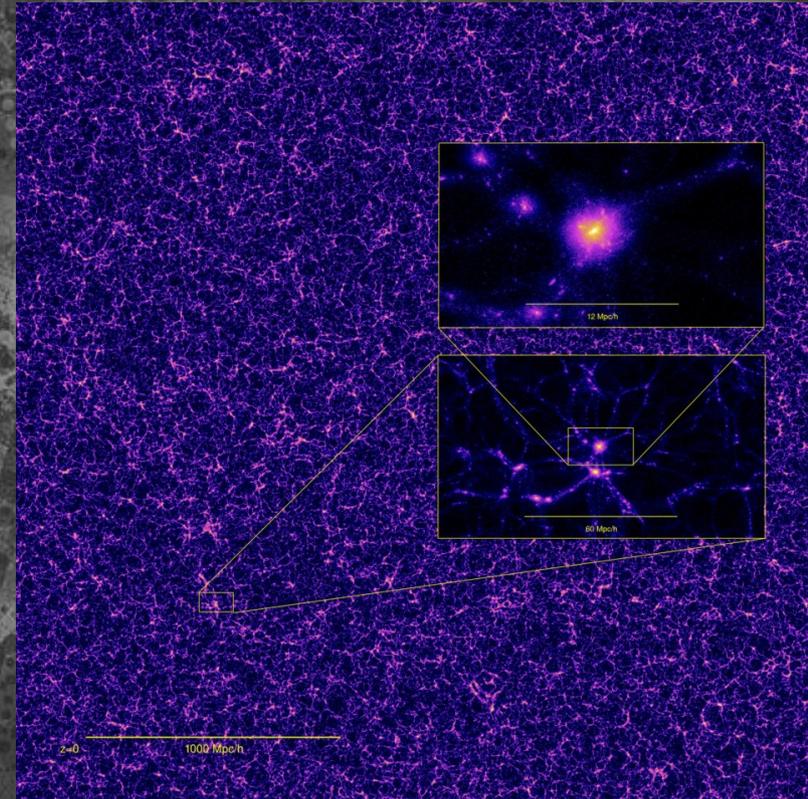
- method of Park+ 1994, 2000, 2006

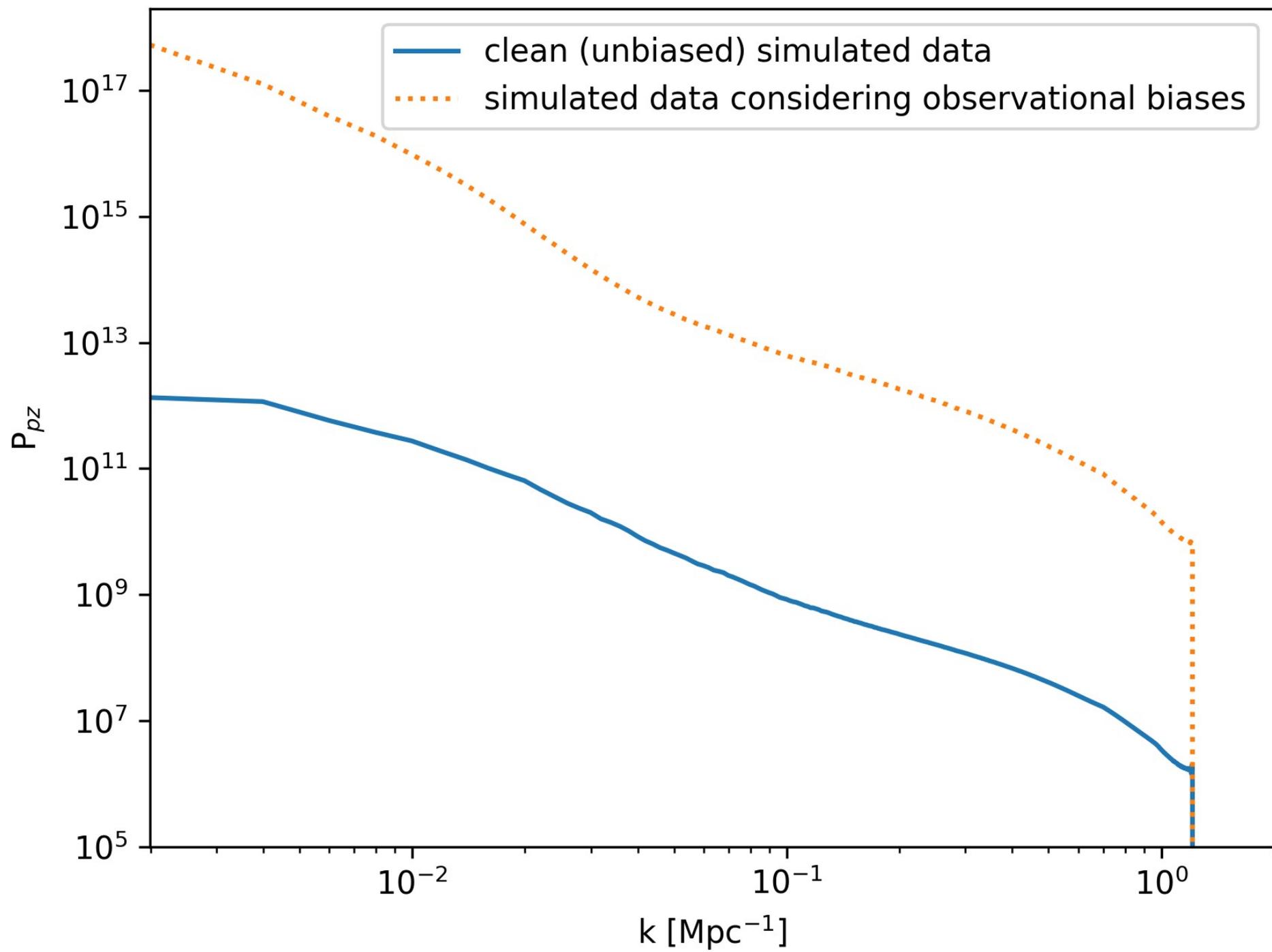
$$\begin{aligned}
 P_p(k) &\approx P_v(k) + P_{\delta v}(k) \\
 &= (DHf)^2 \frac{P_\delta(k)}{k^2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (D^2 Hf)^2 \int \frac{d^3 k'}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{k^2}{k'^2 |k - k'|^2} P_\delta(k') P_\delta(|k - k'|).
 \end{aligned}$$

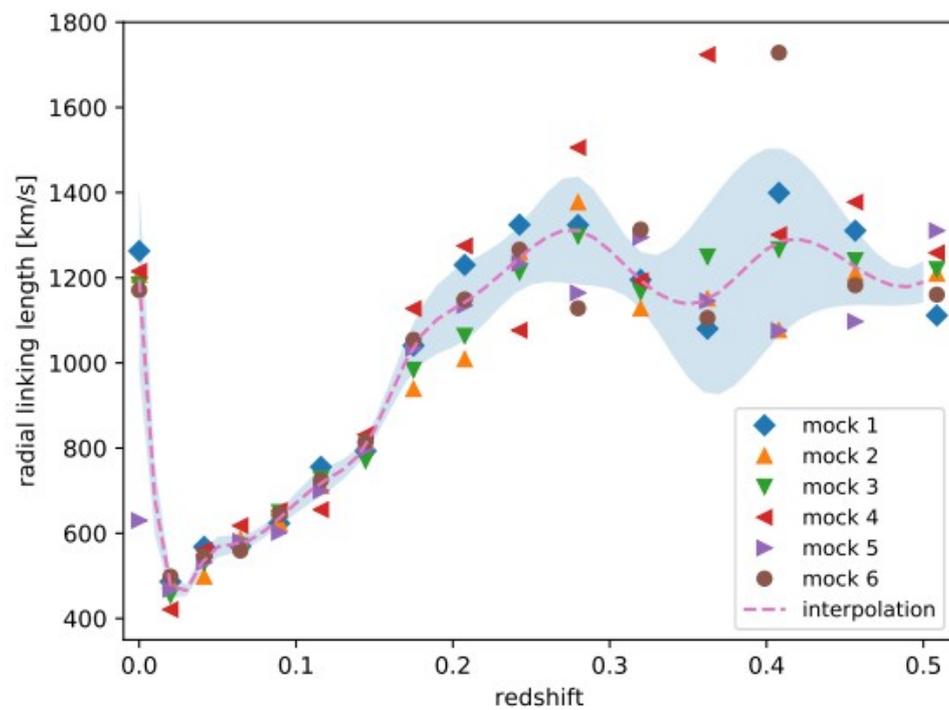
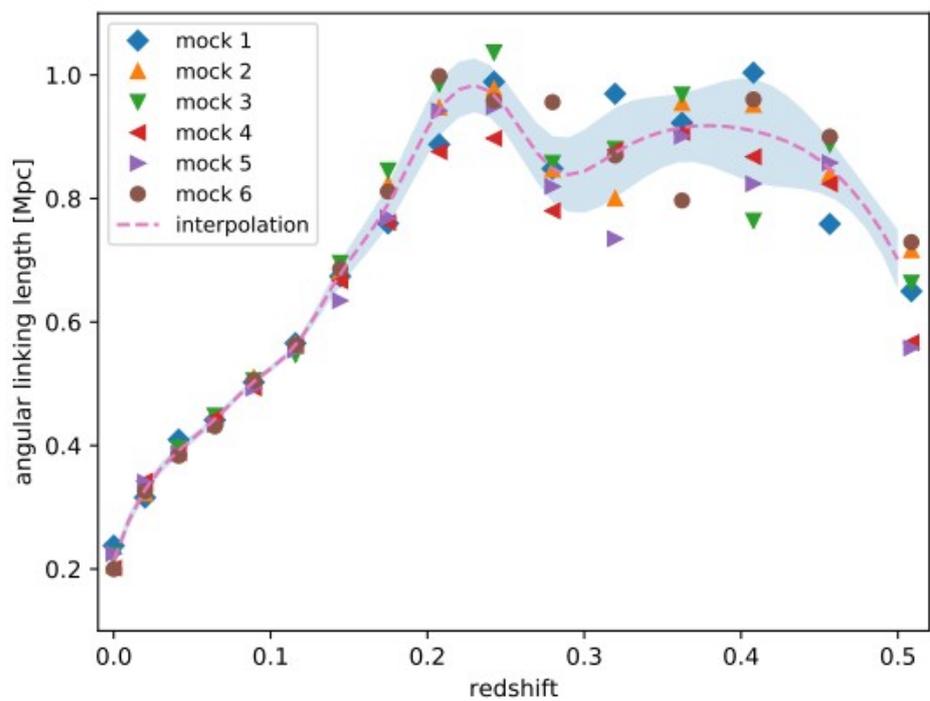
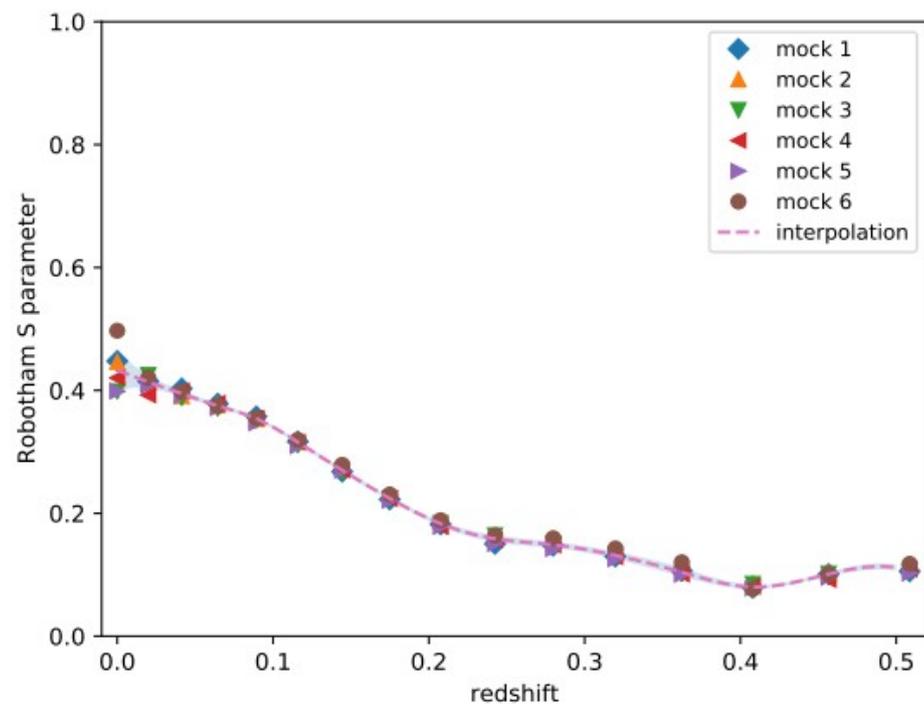
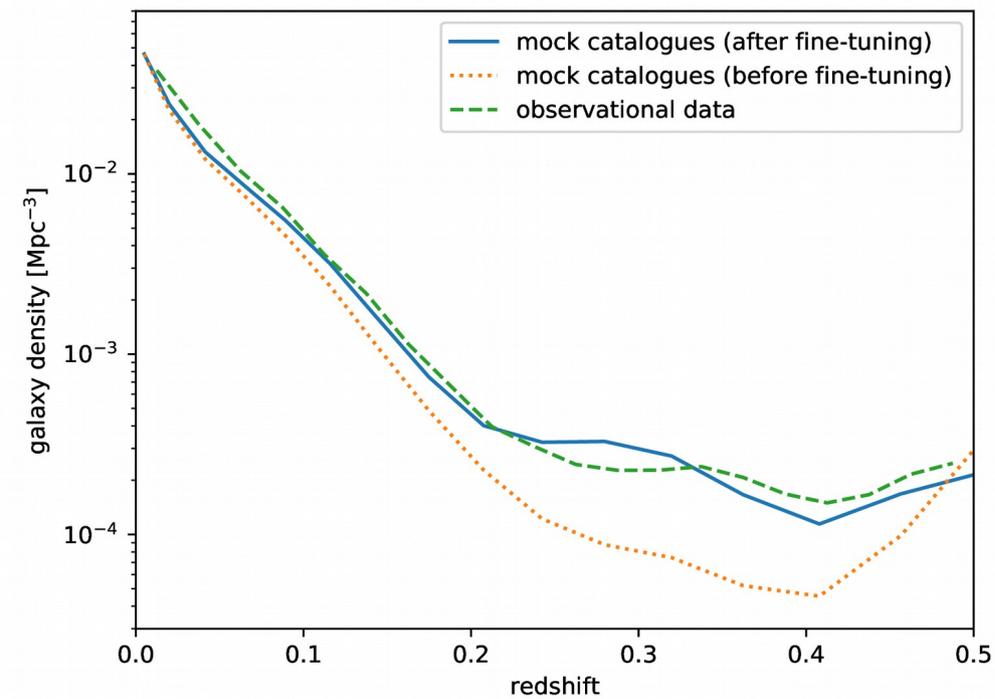
- Measuring β_S : $\beta_S(k) = \frac{P_p^{\text{obs}}(k)}{P_p^{\text{der}}(k)}$

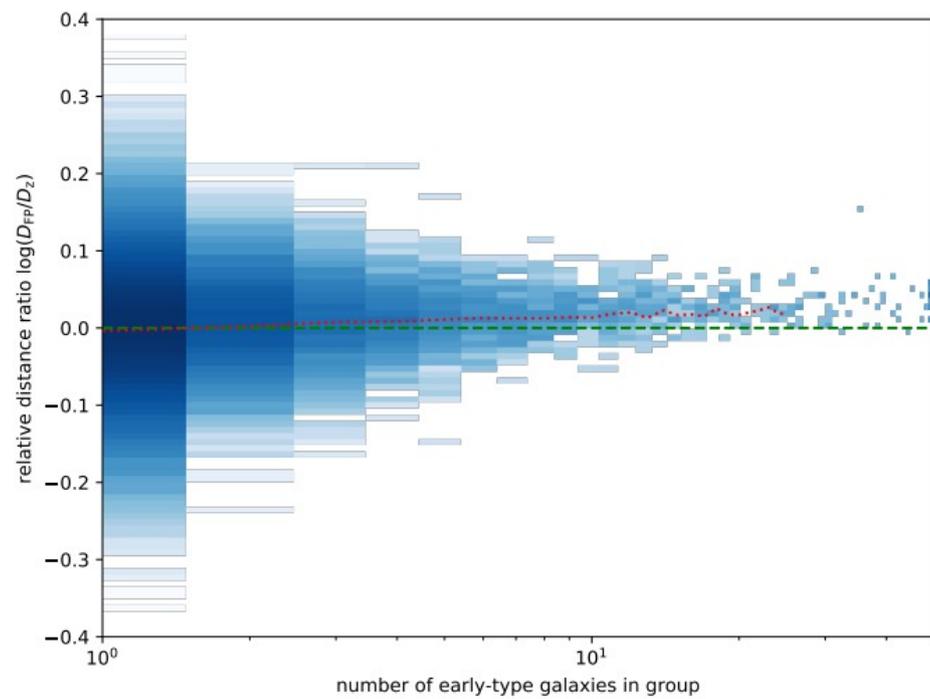
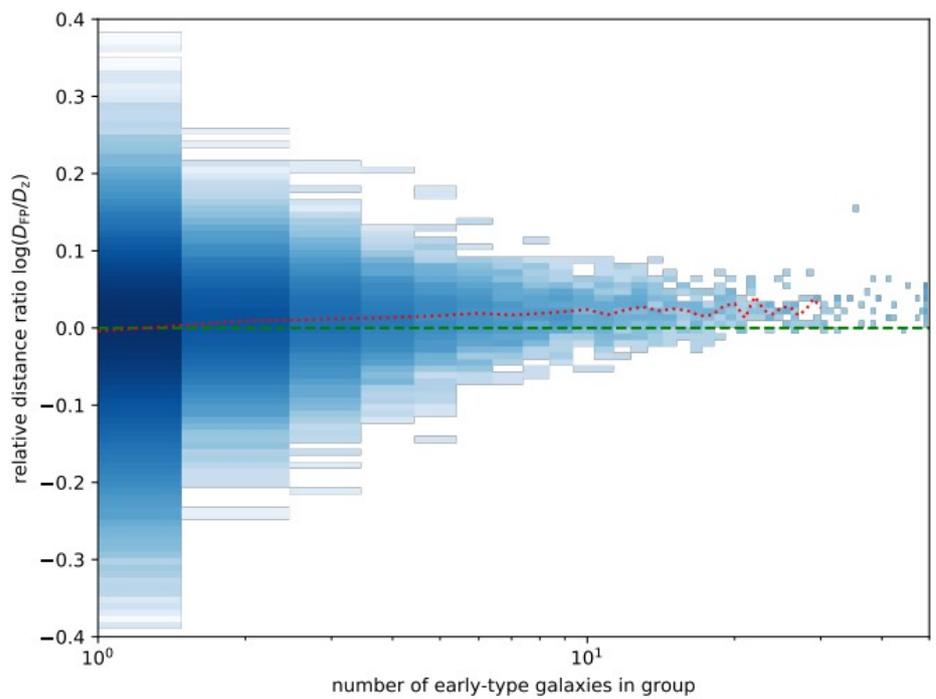
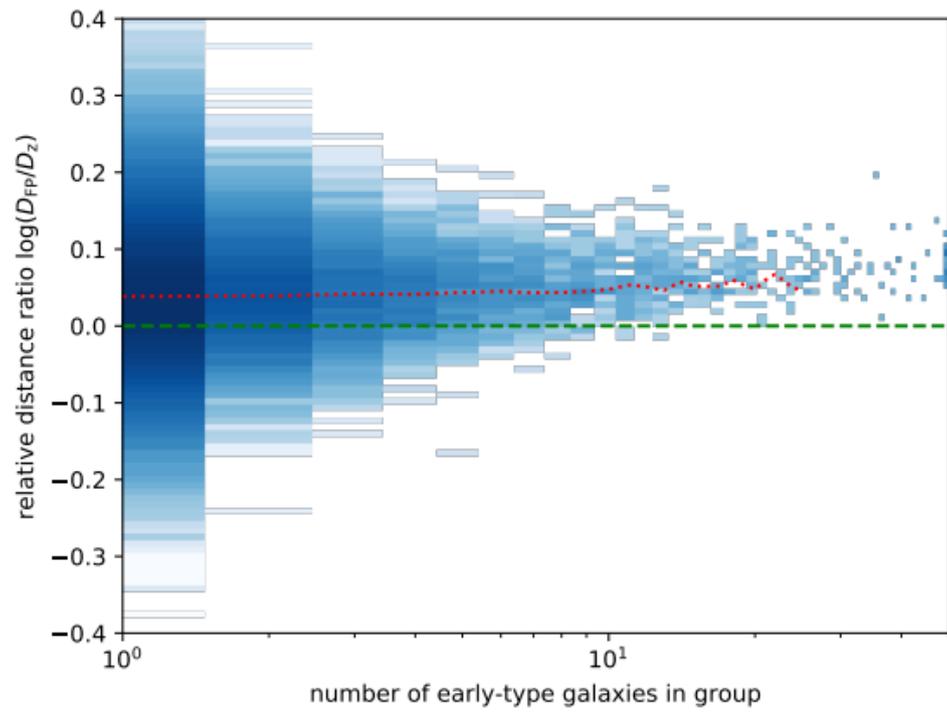
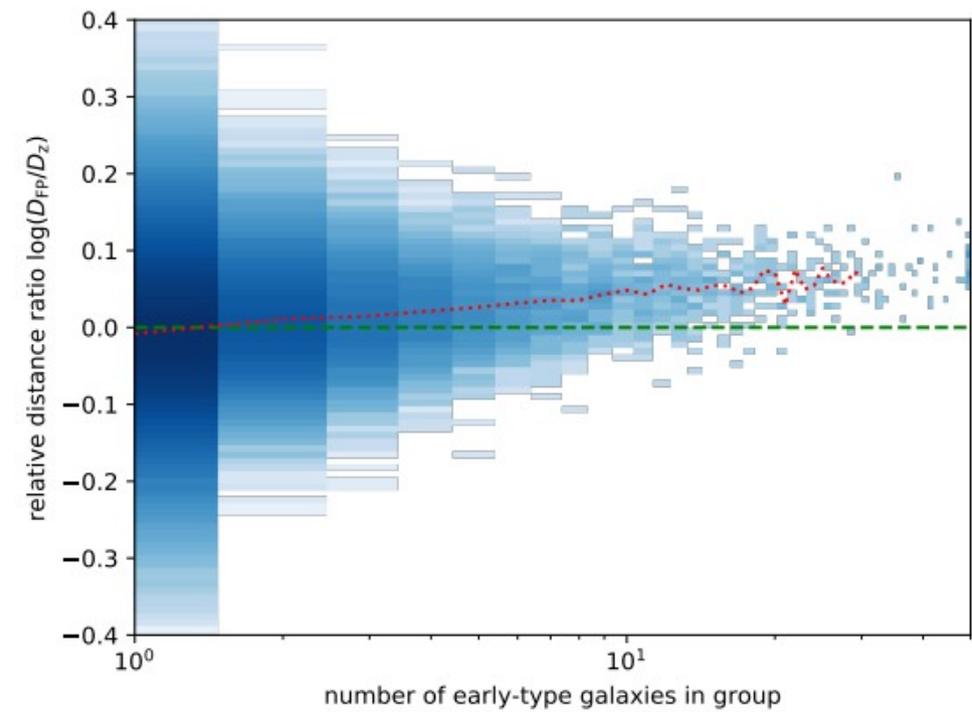
$$\beta_S = \Omega_m^{0.6} / b_S$$

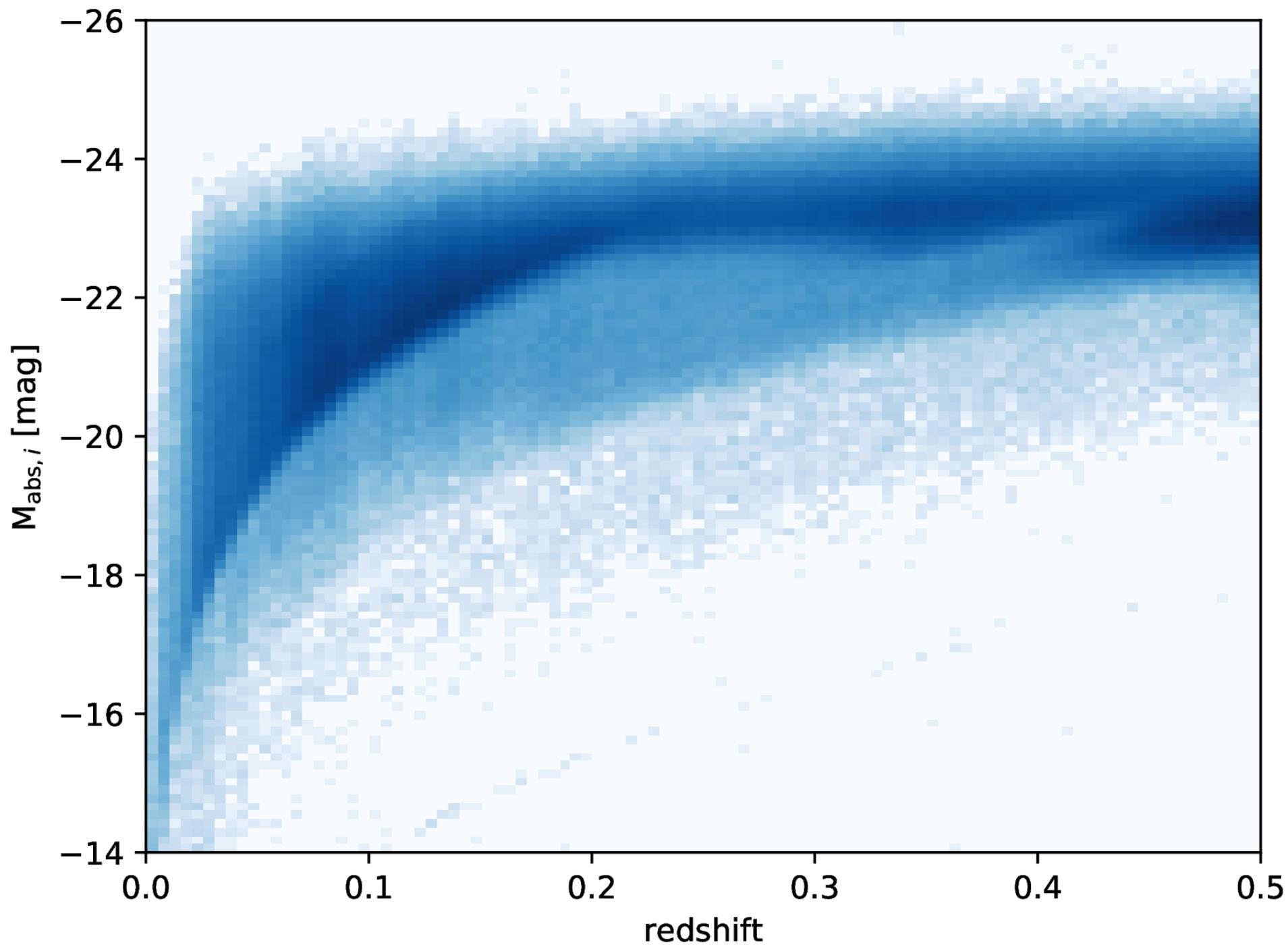
- Prediction from the simulation assuming the uncertainties of the fundamental plane

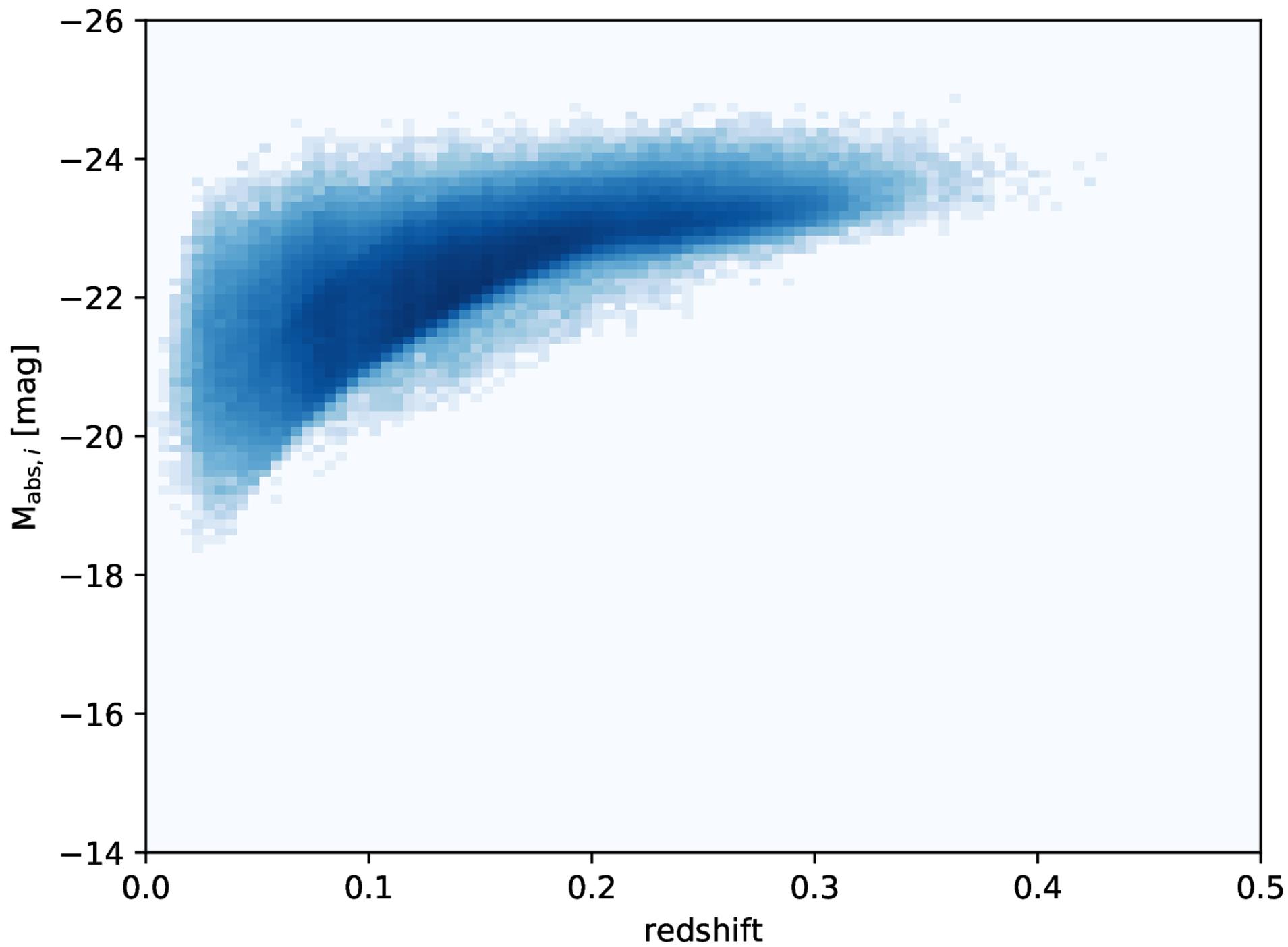


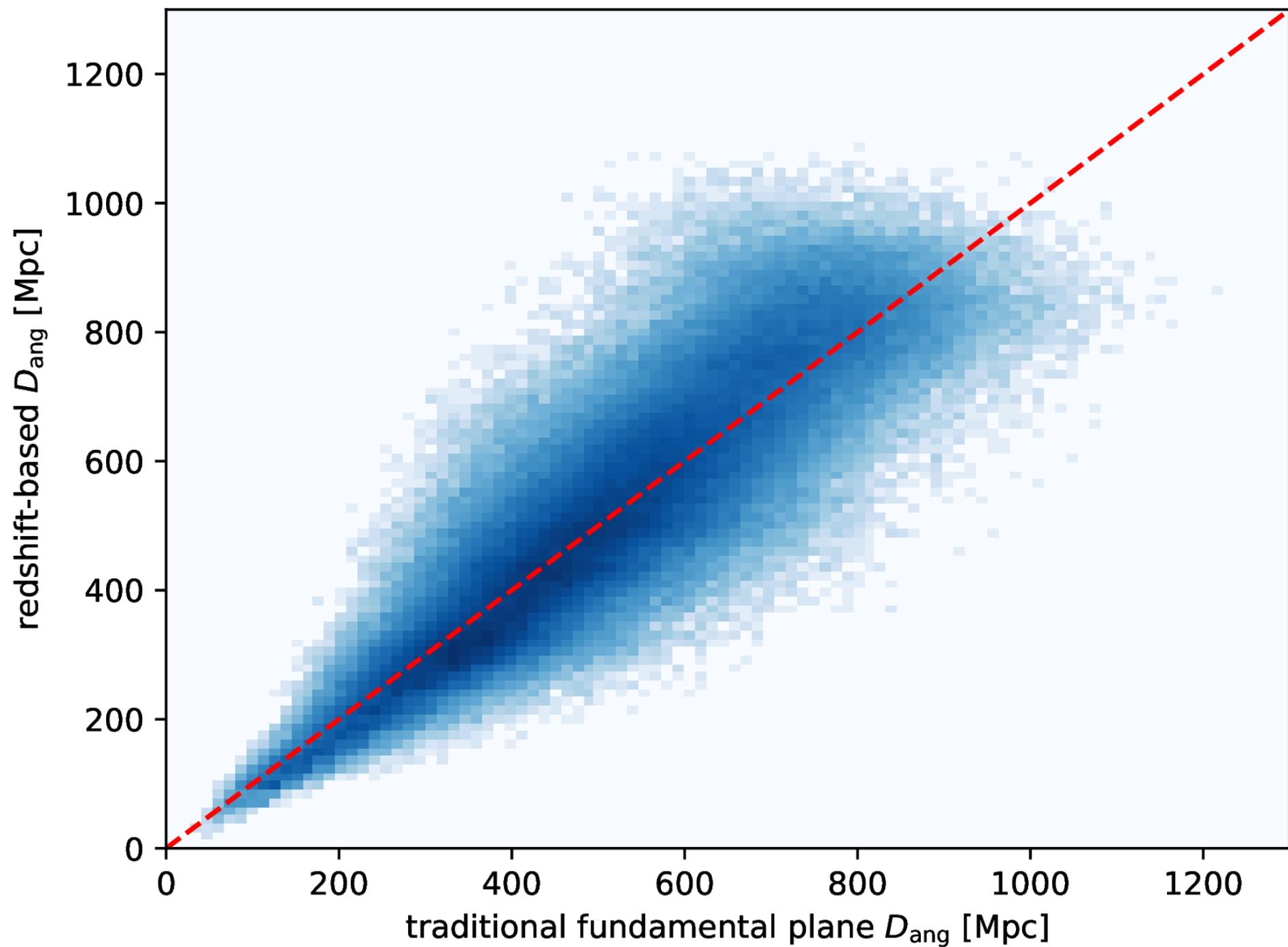


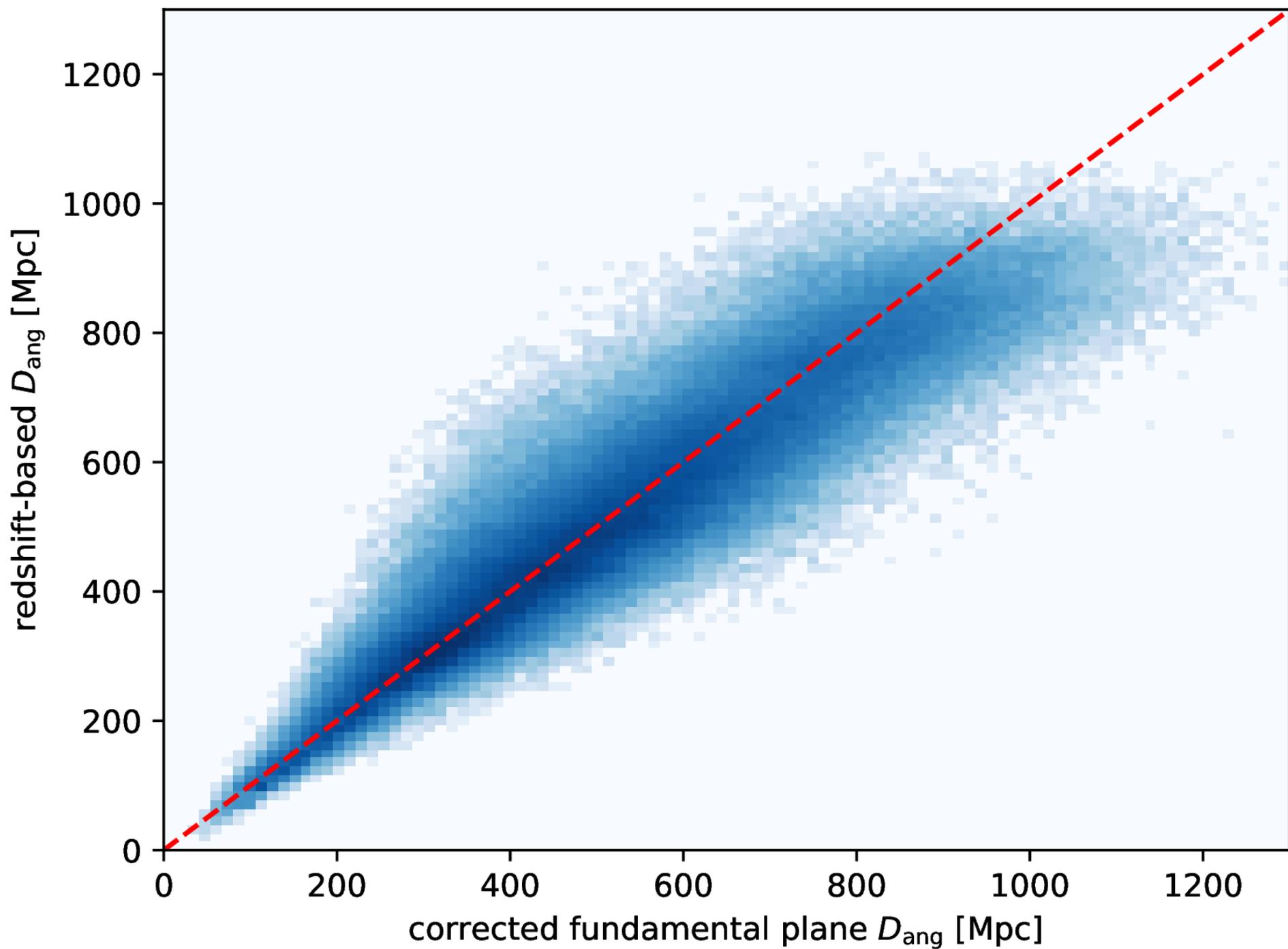


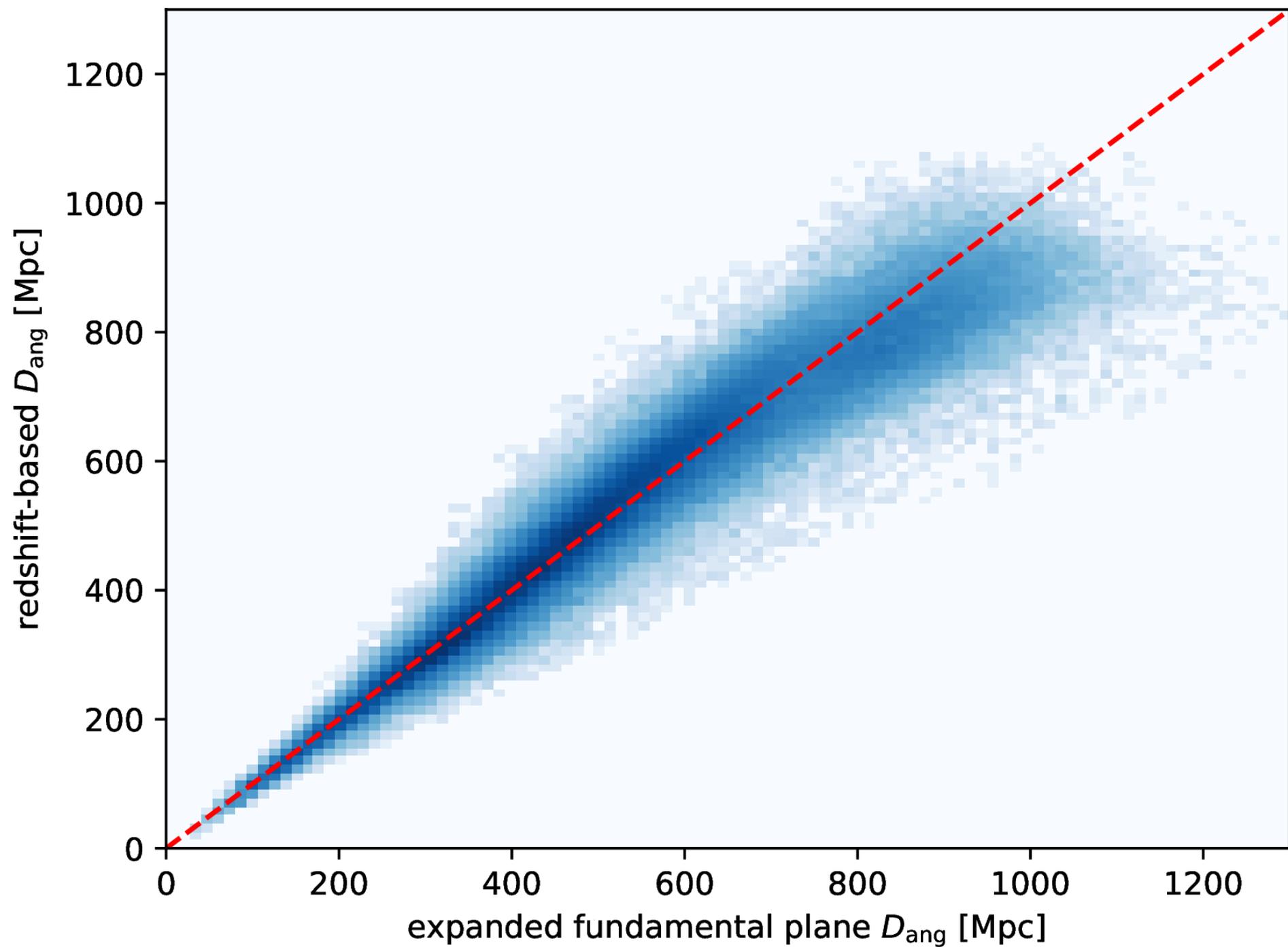












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