

The fundamental plane as a probe for large-scale structure

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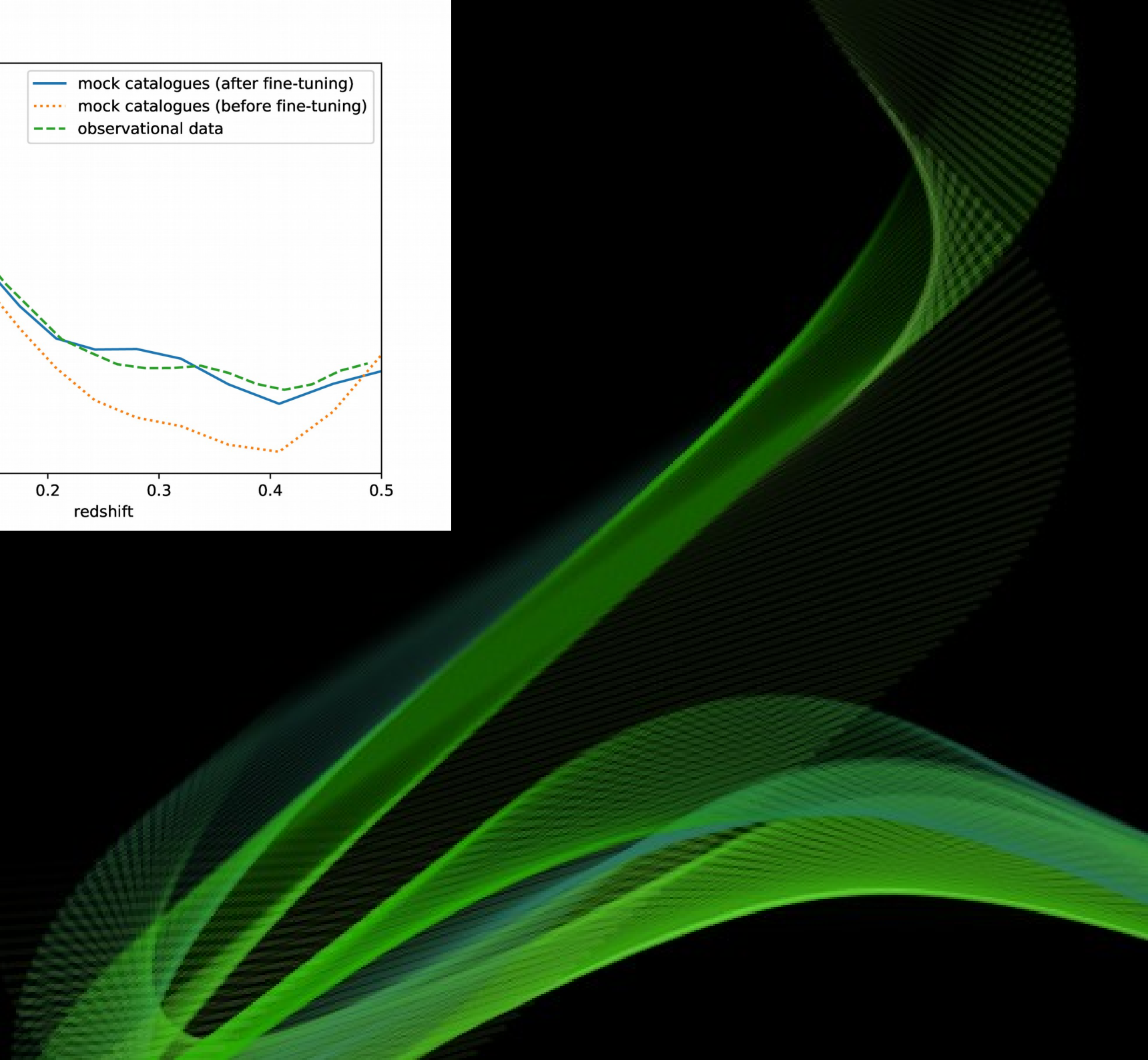
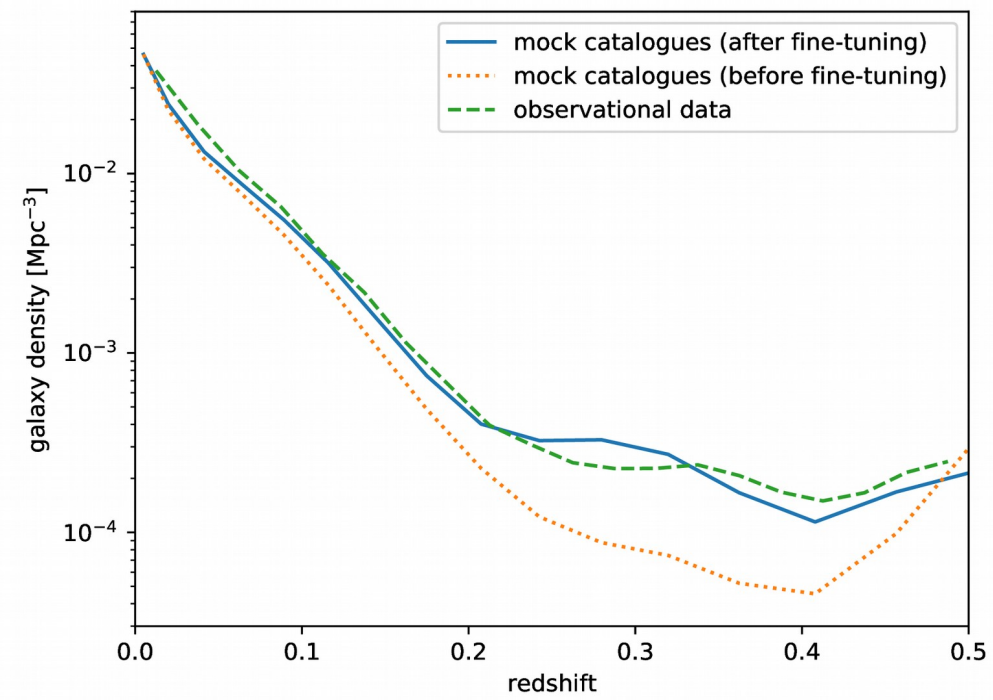


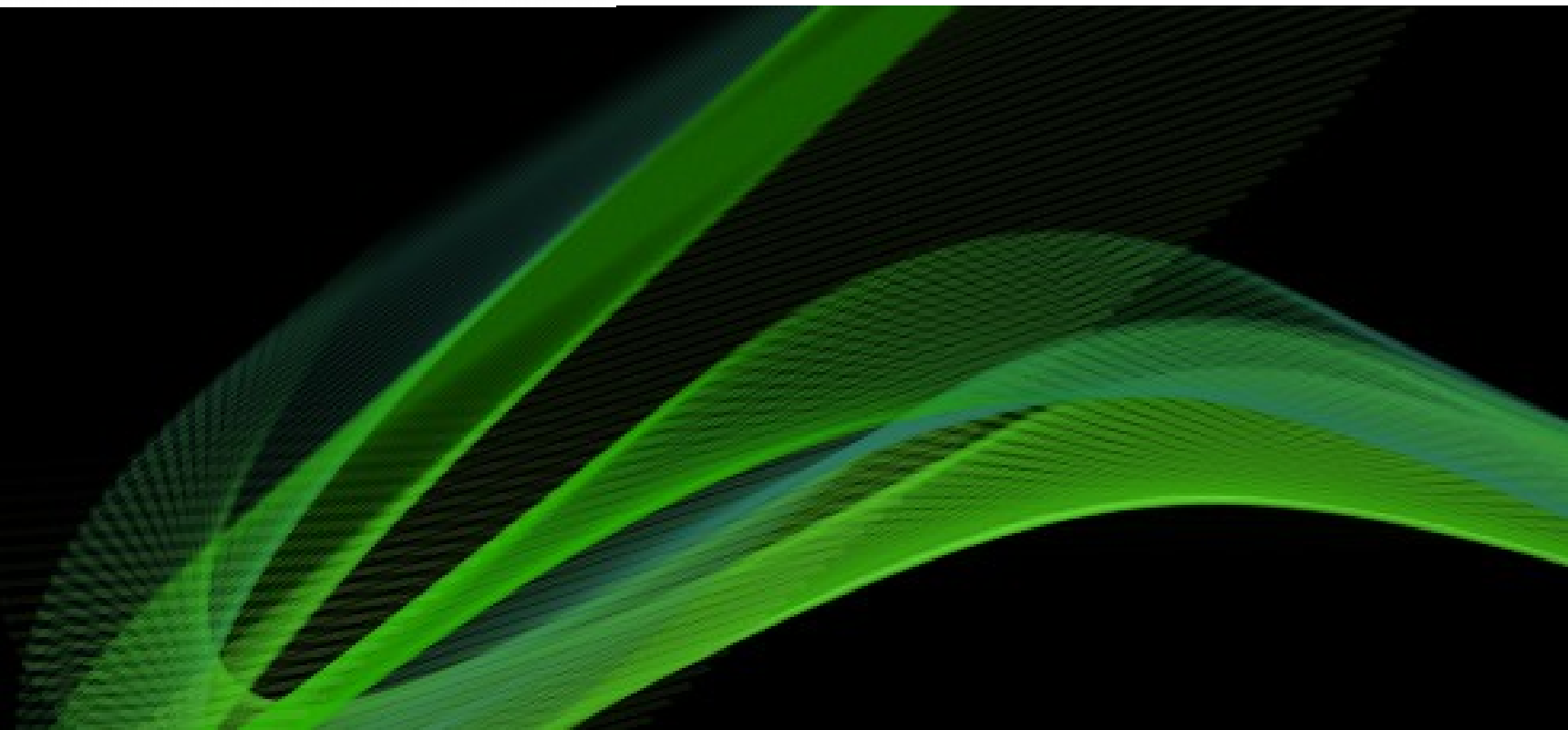
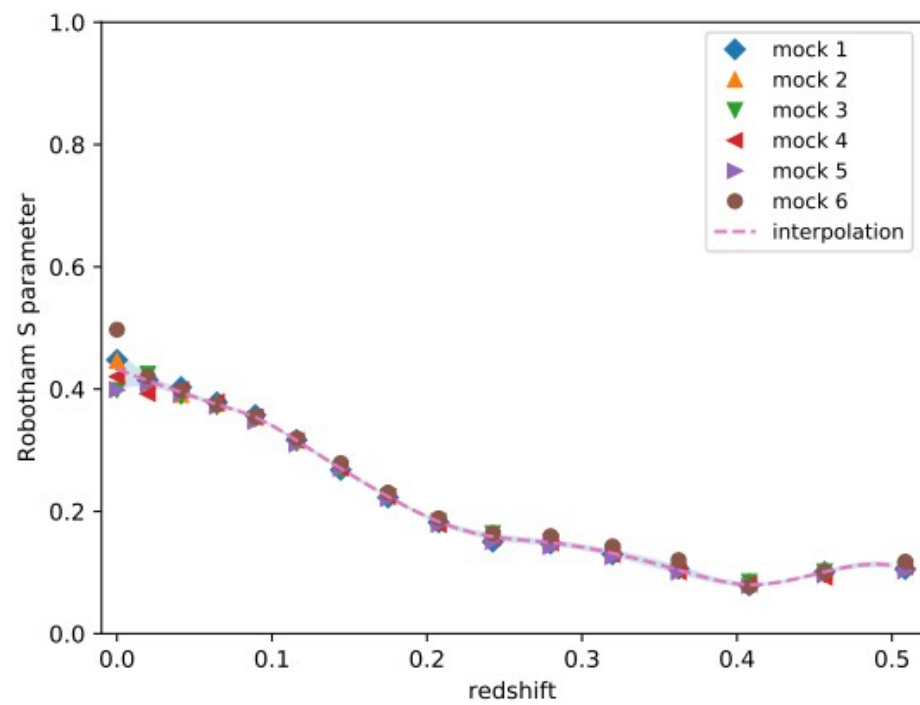
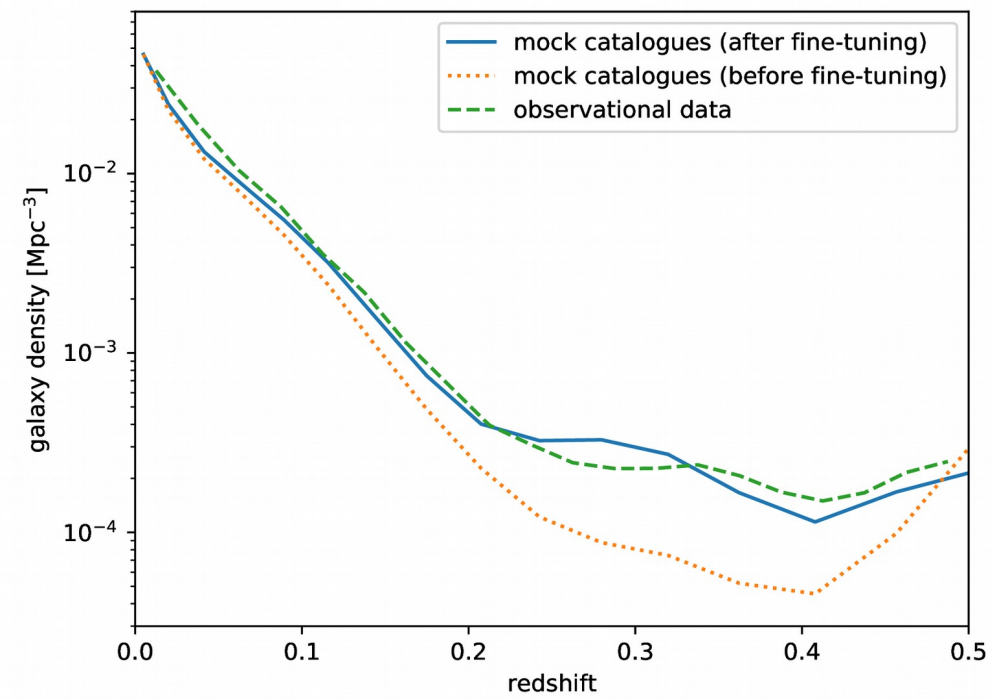
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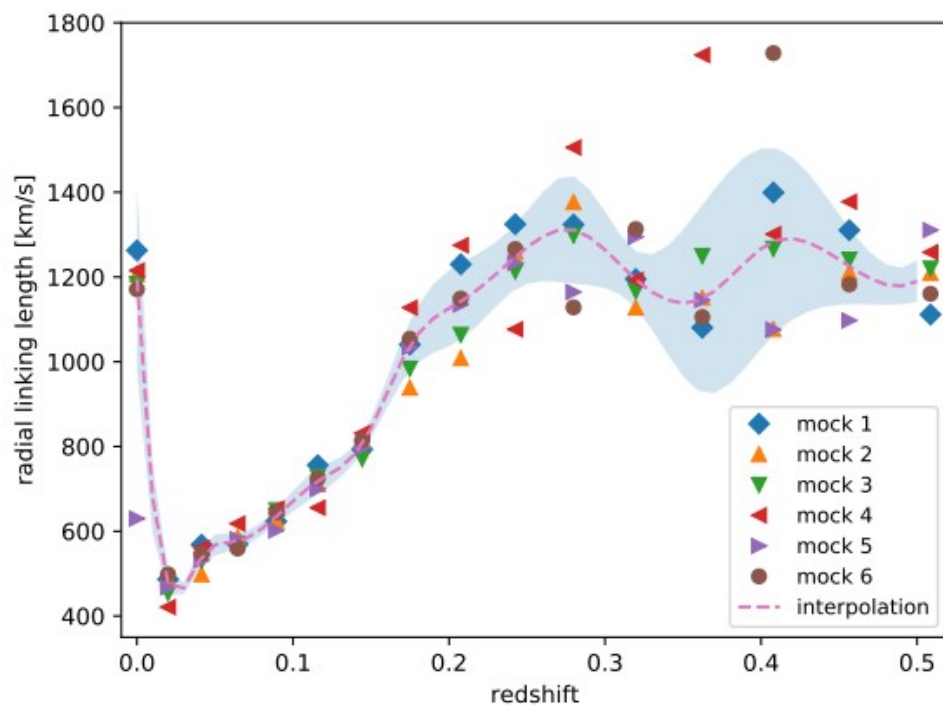
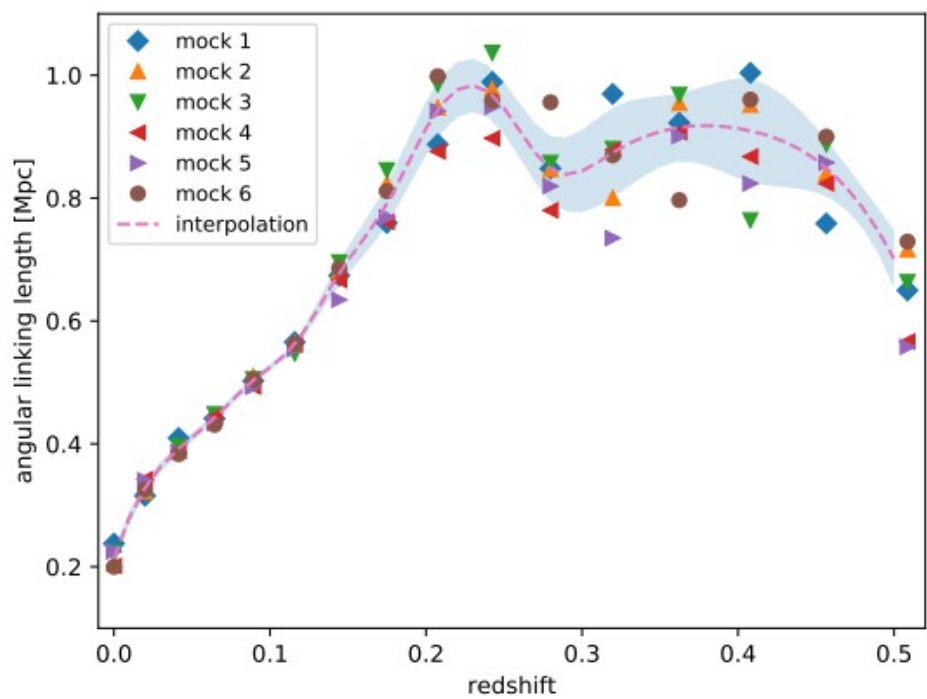
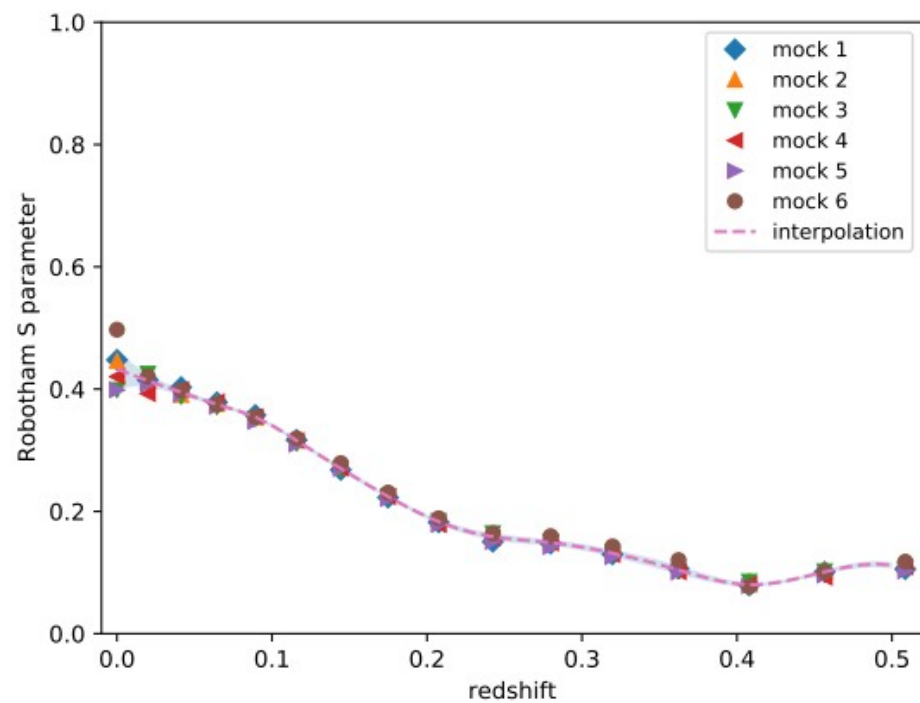
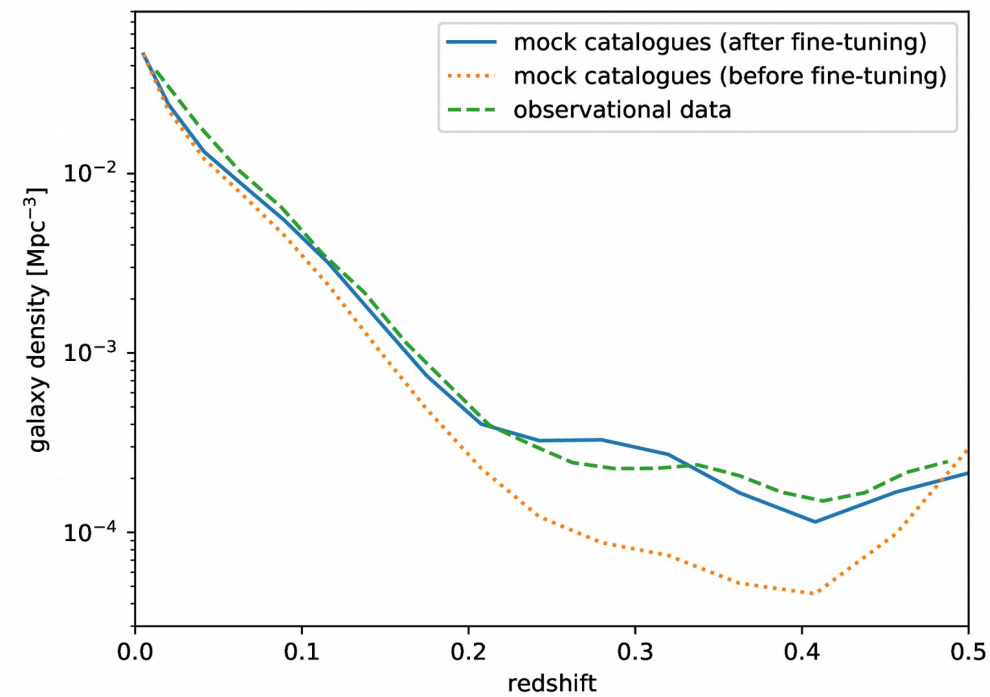


Group catalogue

- 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)

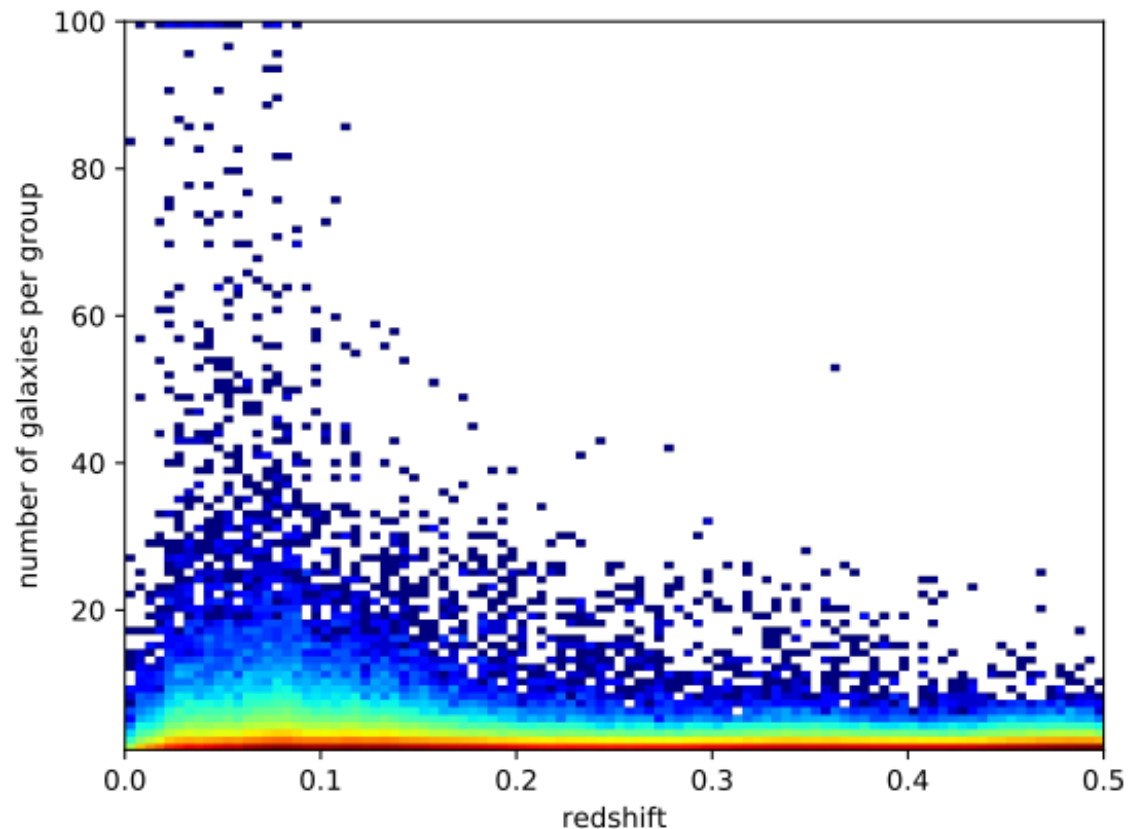






Statistics

- 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

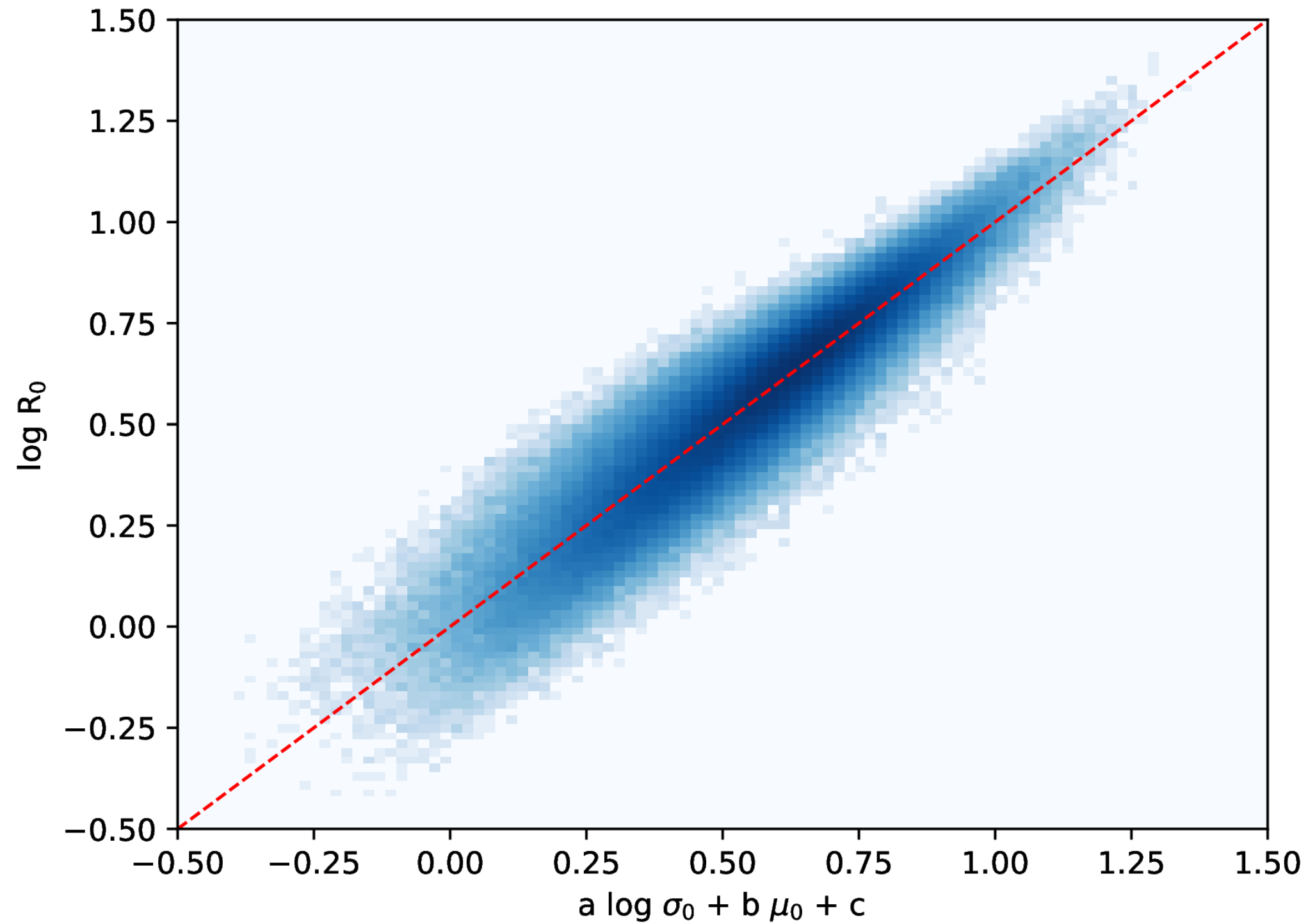
- Empirical relation between two redshift-independent observables and one distance dependent quantity (Dressler+ 1987, Djorgovski&Davis 1987)

$$\log_{10}(R_0) = a \cdot \log_{10}(\sigma_0) + b \cdot \mu_0 + c$$

- Standard rod for early-type galaxies
 - comparing observed sizes with predicted sizes
 - angular diameter distances
- 318 149 suitable ETGs in SDSS DR15
largest dataset every used for the FP

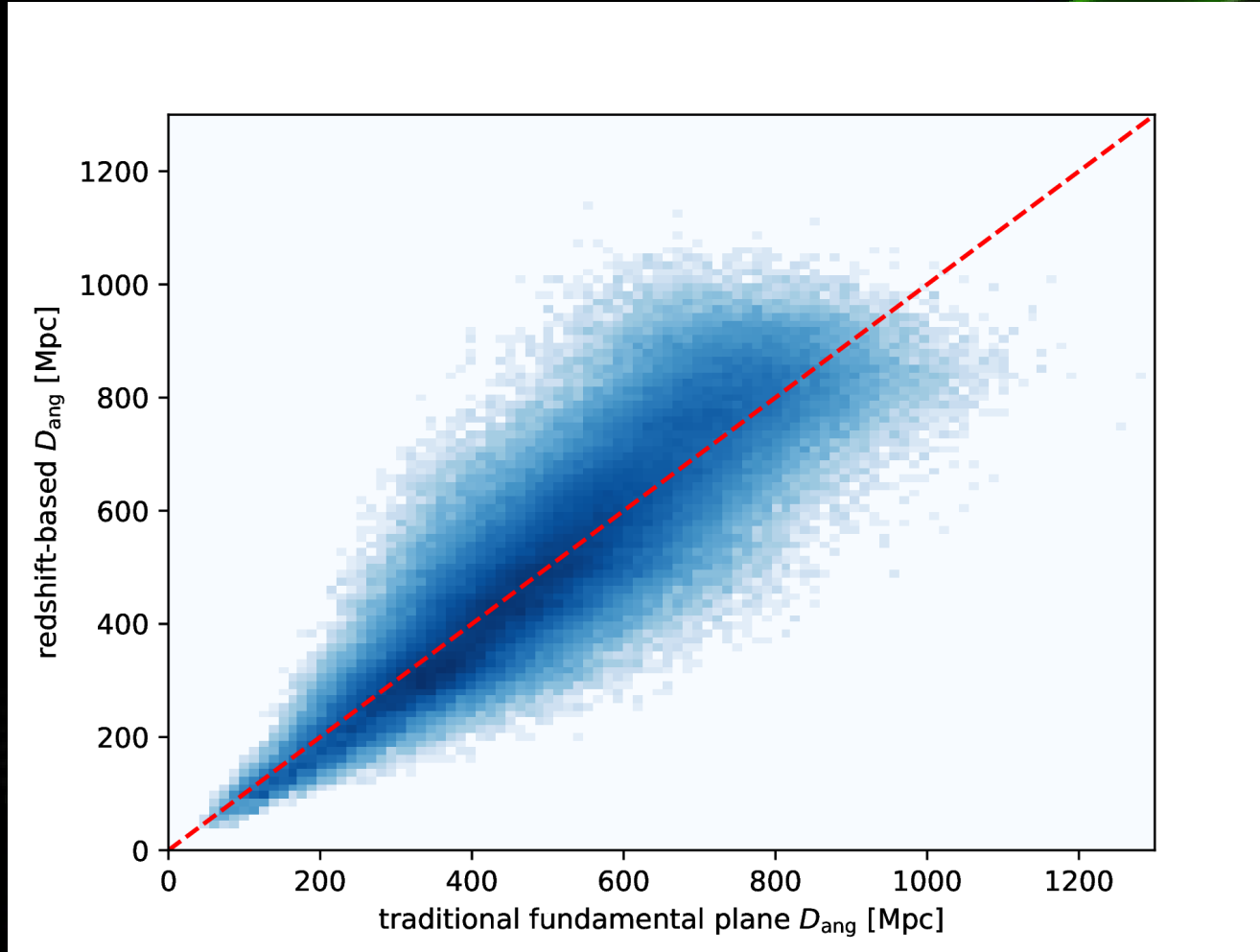
Fitting the traditional fundamental plane

- 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)
- → coefficients will **only work for our sample**
- Currently testing another calibration method (based on Howlett+, submitted)



Fundamental plane distances

- Scatter of 20.4% without the group catalogue
- Scatter of 18.6% with the group catalogue

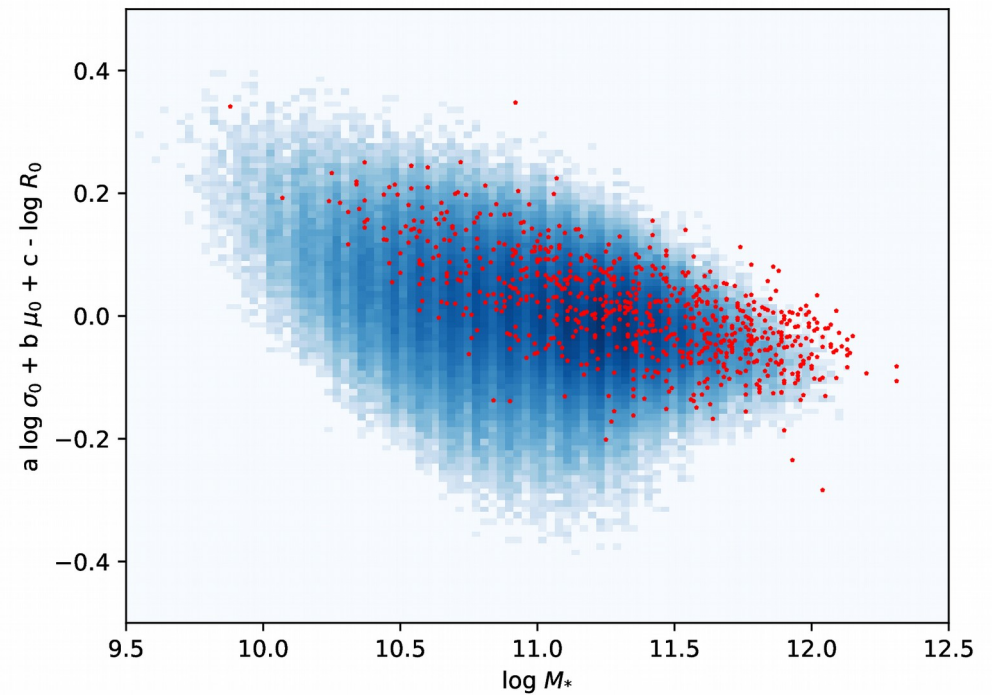
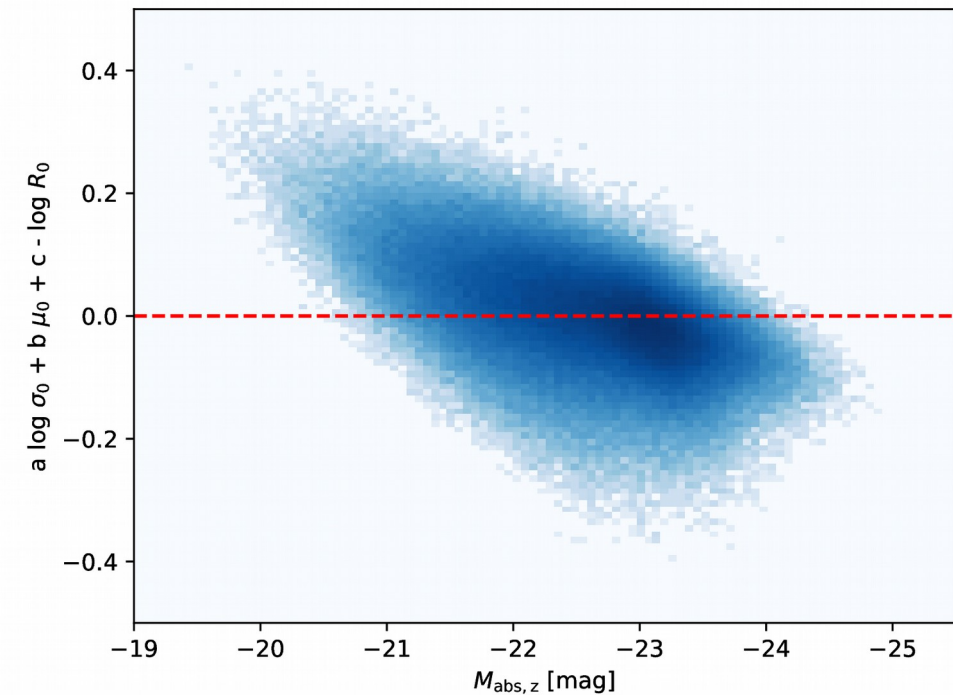


Biases of the traditional fundamental plane

- Hidden redshift dependences
 - Tolman effect correction $\sim (1+z)^4$
 - Evolution correction $\sim Q \cdot z$
- Contributing a systematic error of about $\sim 0.3\%$ on the distance estimates
- Luminosity / stellar mass biases
- Systematic offset for richer groups ... environment (Joachimi+2015) or selection effects
- Malmquist bias correction would also be redshift dependent

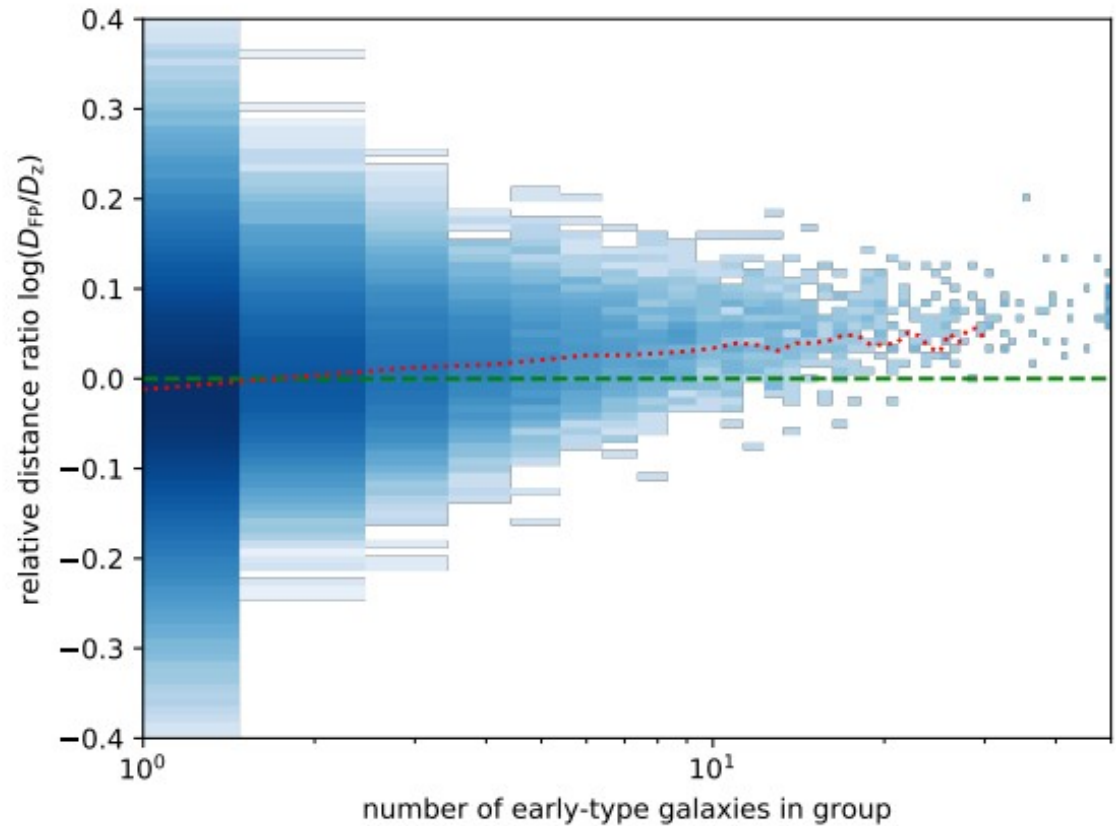
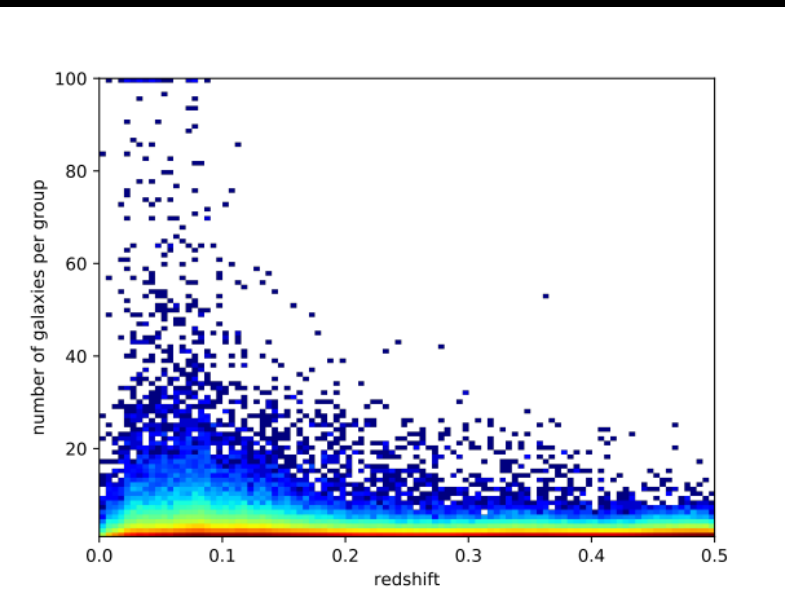
Luminosity / stellar mass biases

- Intrinsically fainter/brighter galaxies are systematically offset from the fundamental plane
- Stellar masses based on Maraston+ 2009 show the same effect, tighter relation with MaNGA data



Group bias

- Systematic offset correlates with the number of detected ETGs in SDSS
- Saturation bias removes brightest nearby galaxies

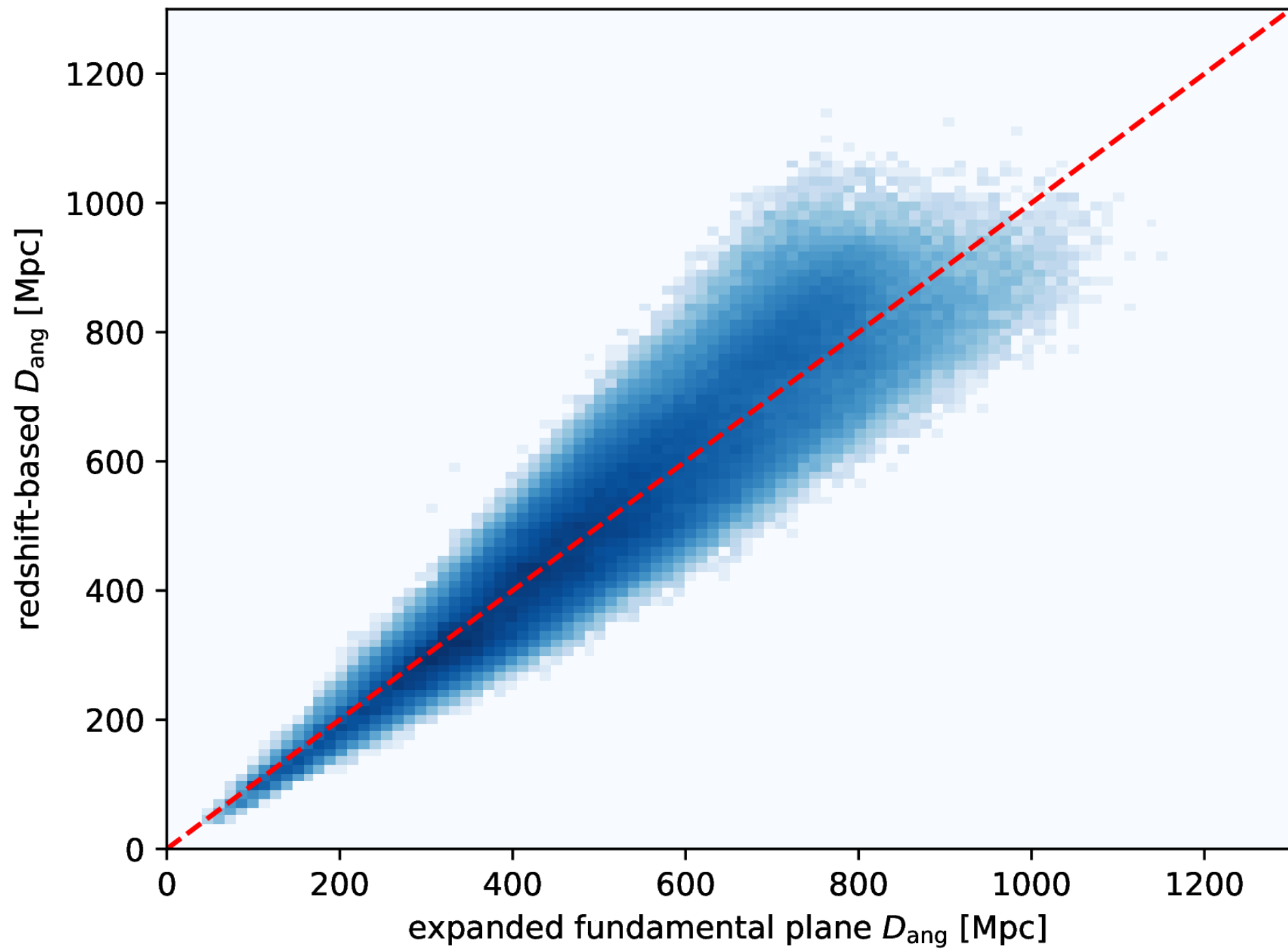


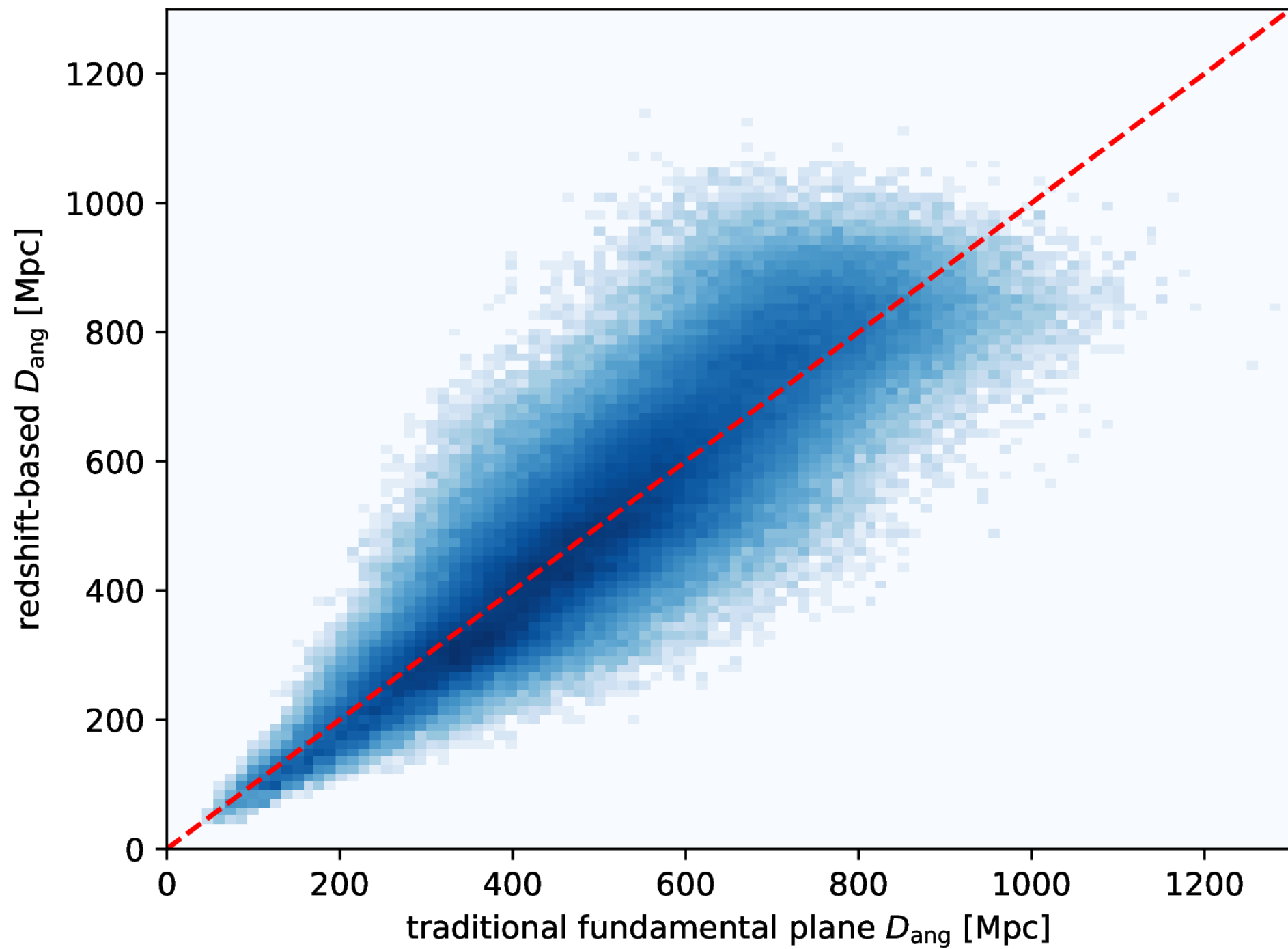
Expanded fundamental plane

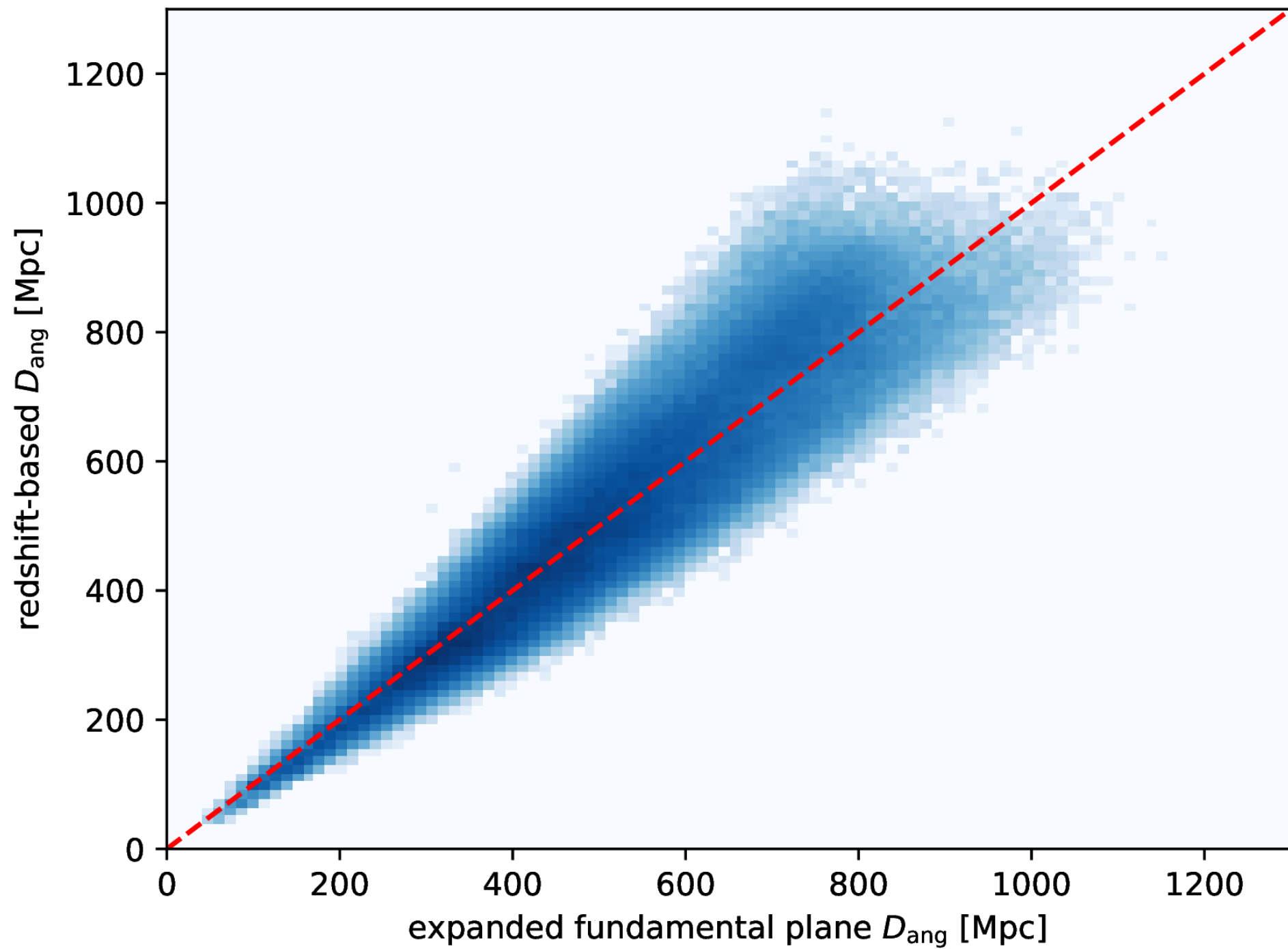
- Including known biases as corrections to the traditional fundamental plane

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

- Expanding the fundamental plane by additional terms
- Significant reduction in scatter and removal of two notable systematic biases





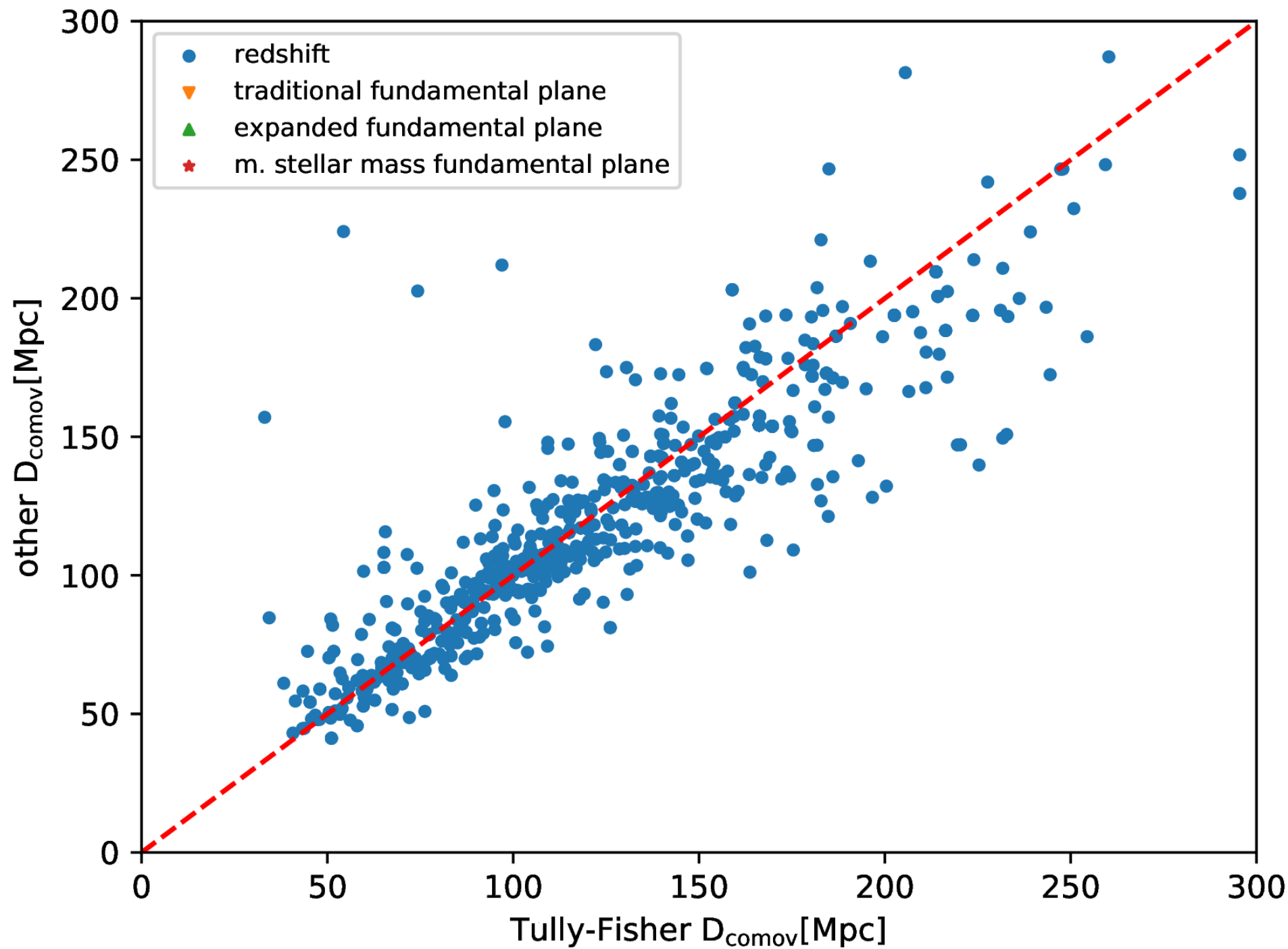


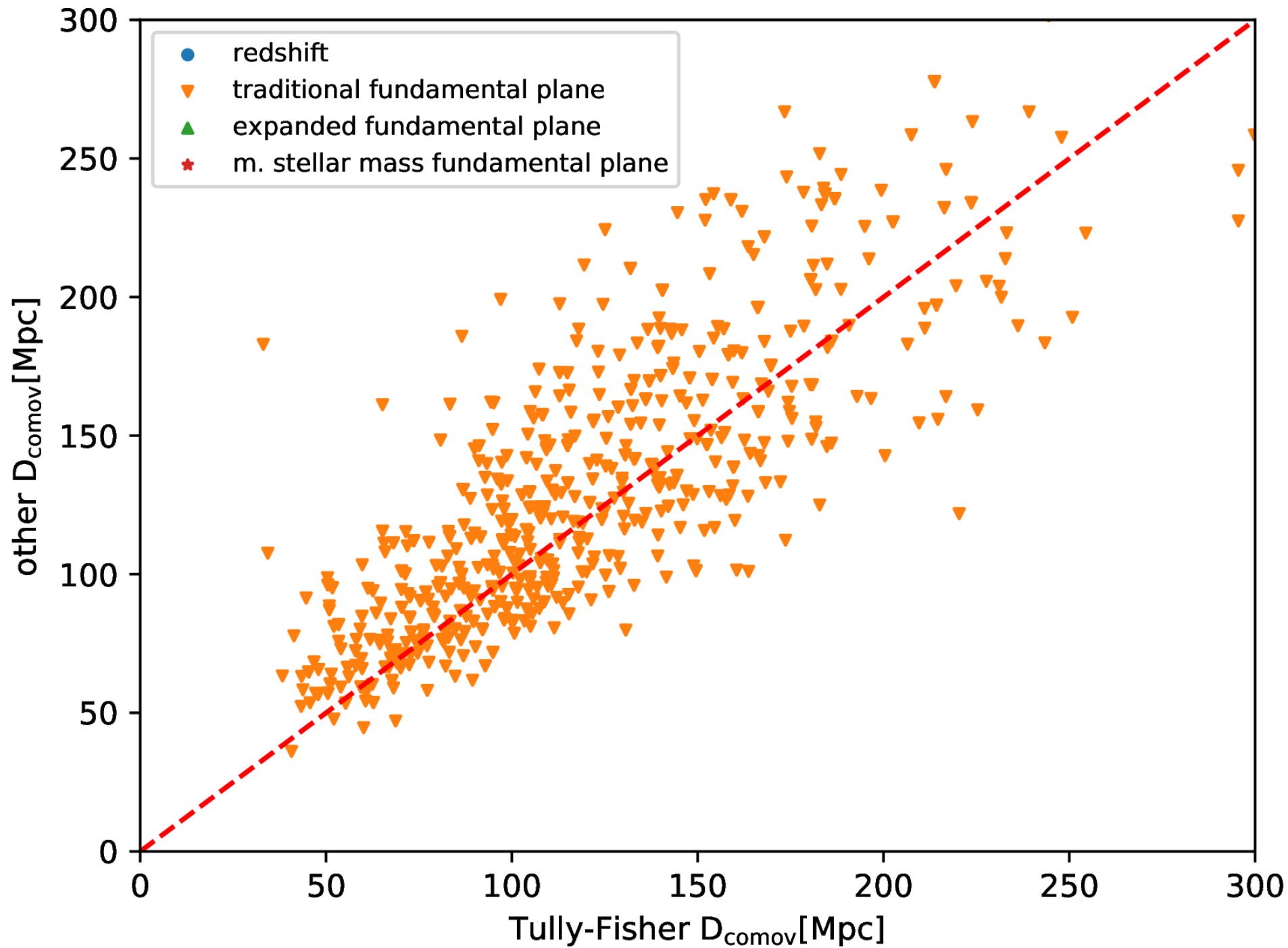
Paying the price

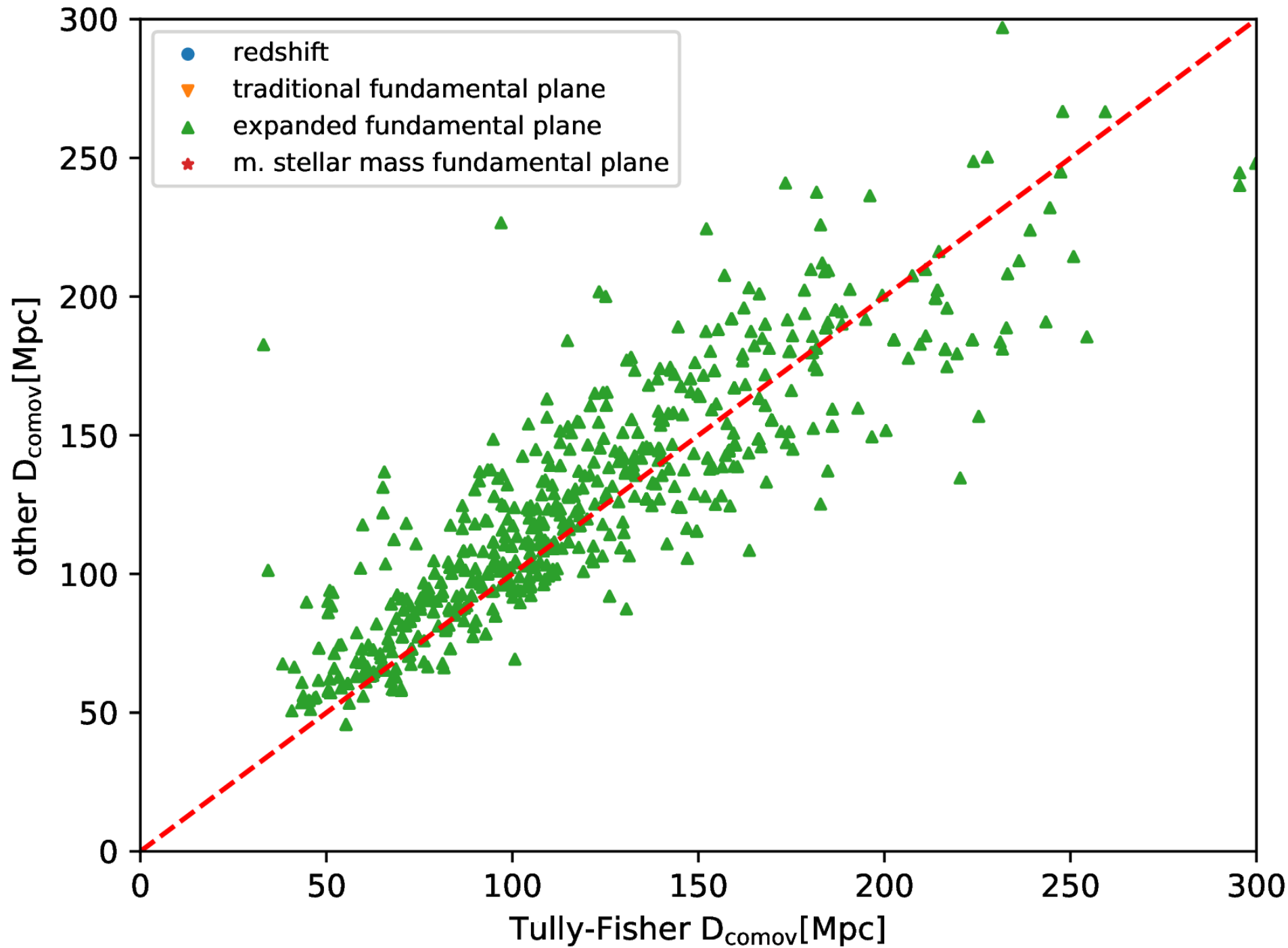
- Overall scatter of 12.8% ... **but**
- Redshift-dependent systematic biases are getting worse
- Up to 2% for nearby galaxies
- But very low at higher redshifts ($z > 0.2$), bias is less than 0.1%
- Could cause minor problems for peculiar motion studies in the future

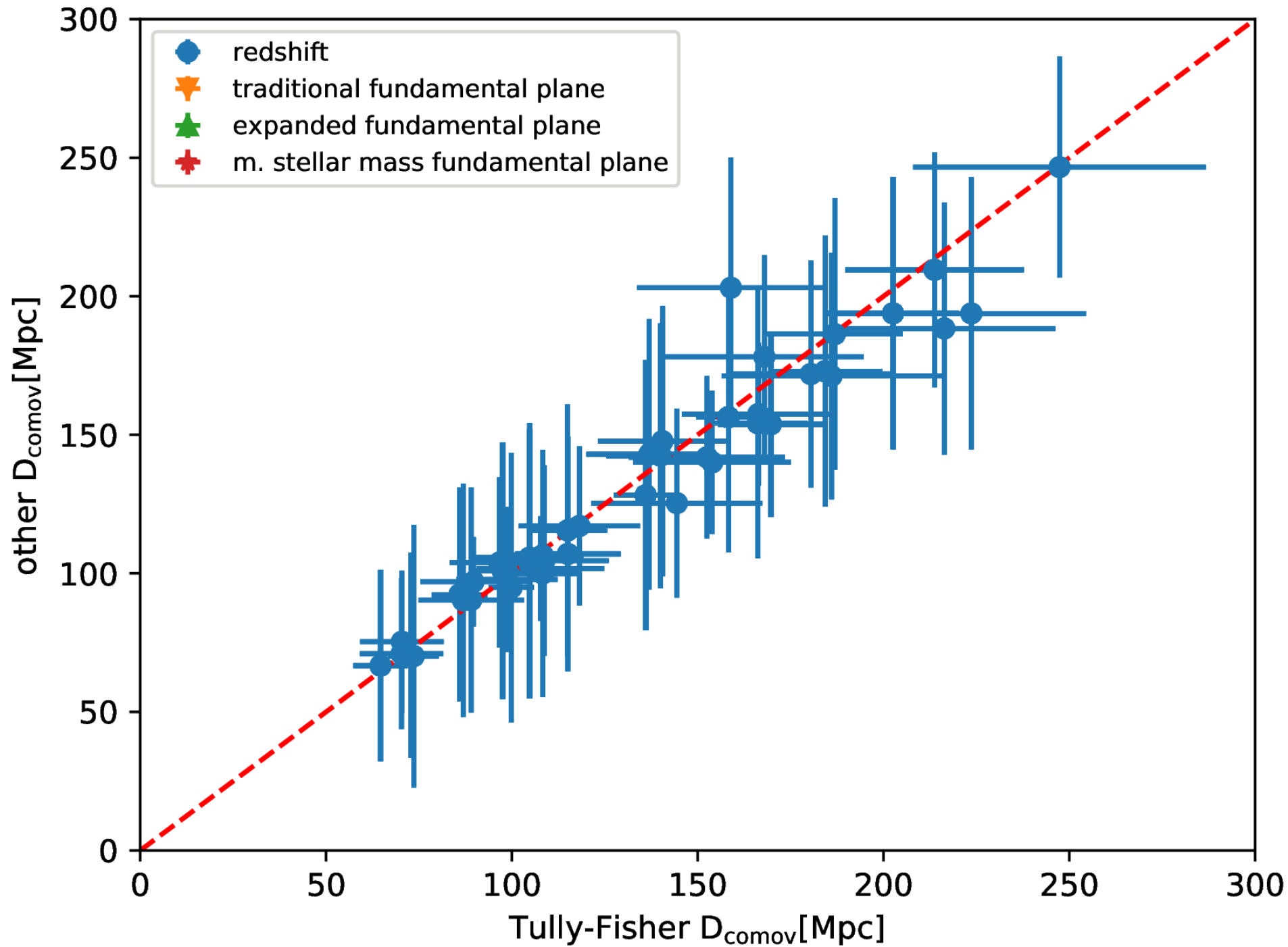
Comparison to the Tully-Fisher relation

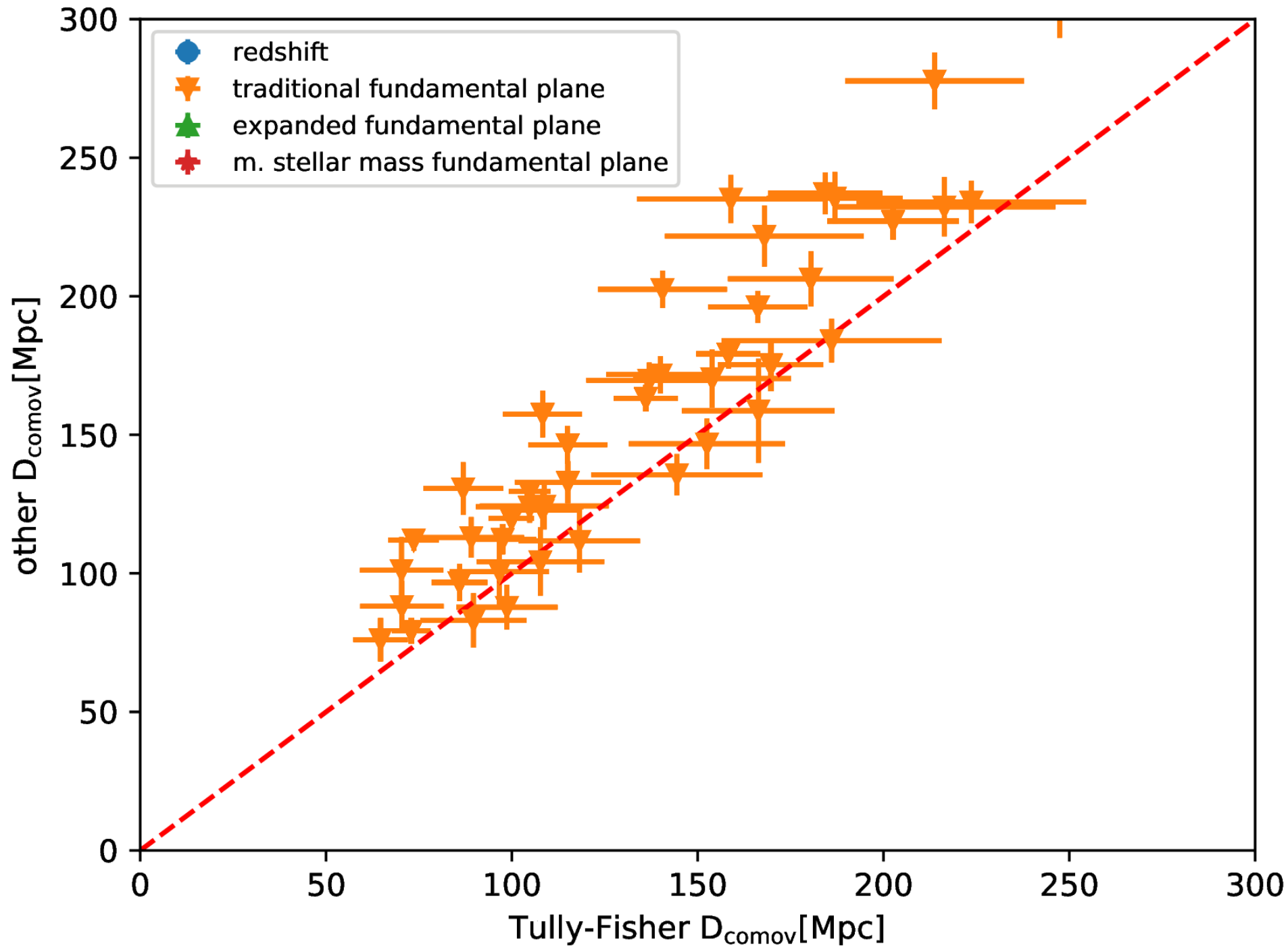
- NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database (NED)
- 20 900 Tully-Fisher relation based distance measurements to 4 481 unique galaxies
- Error weighted average for galaxies that have more than one measurement
- Using our group catalogue to compare them

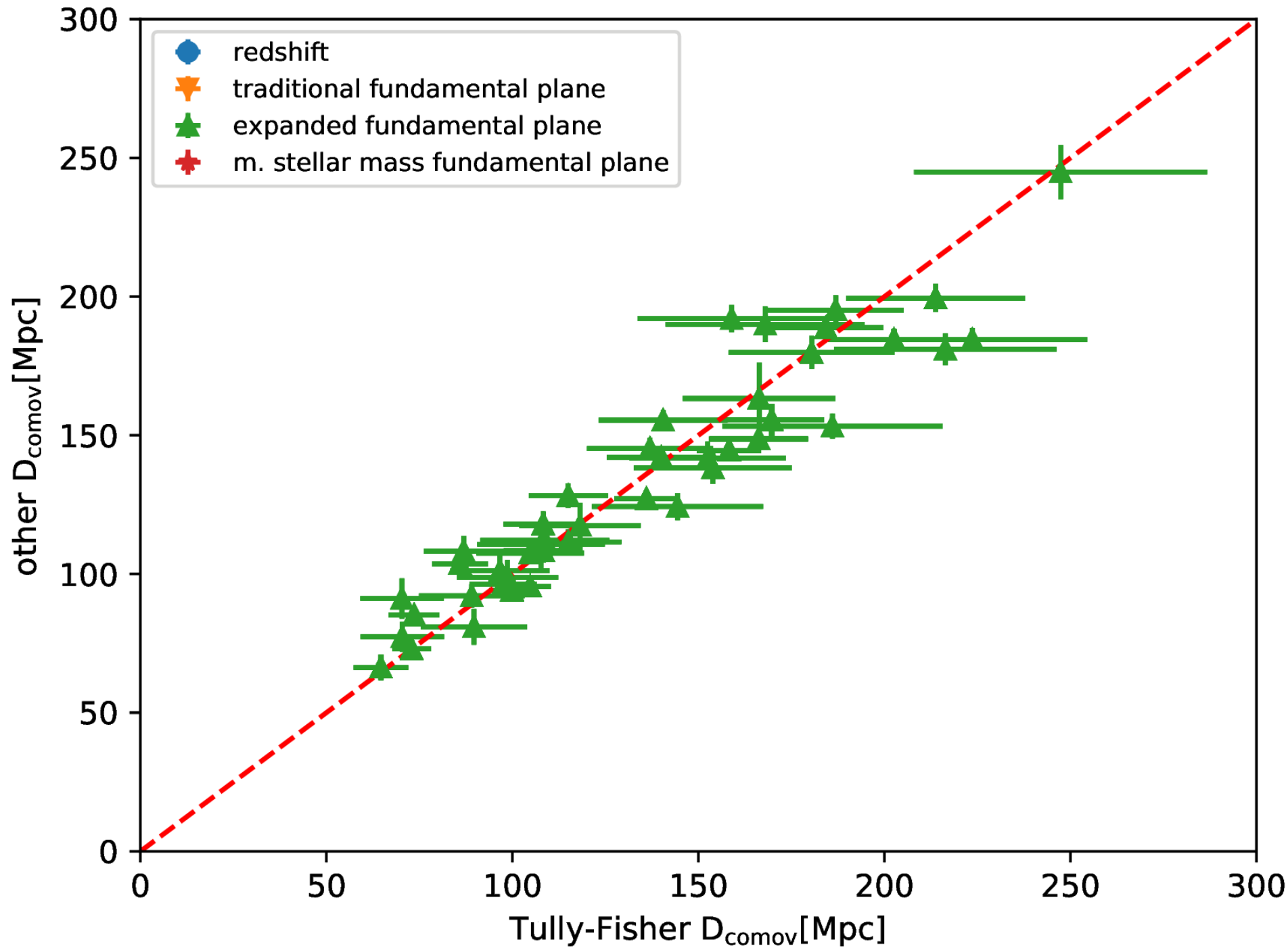






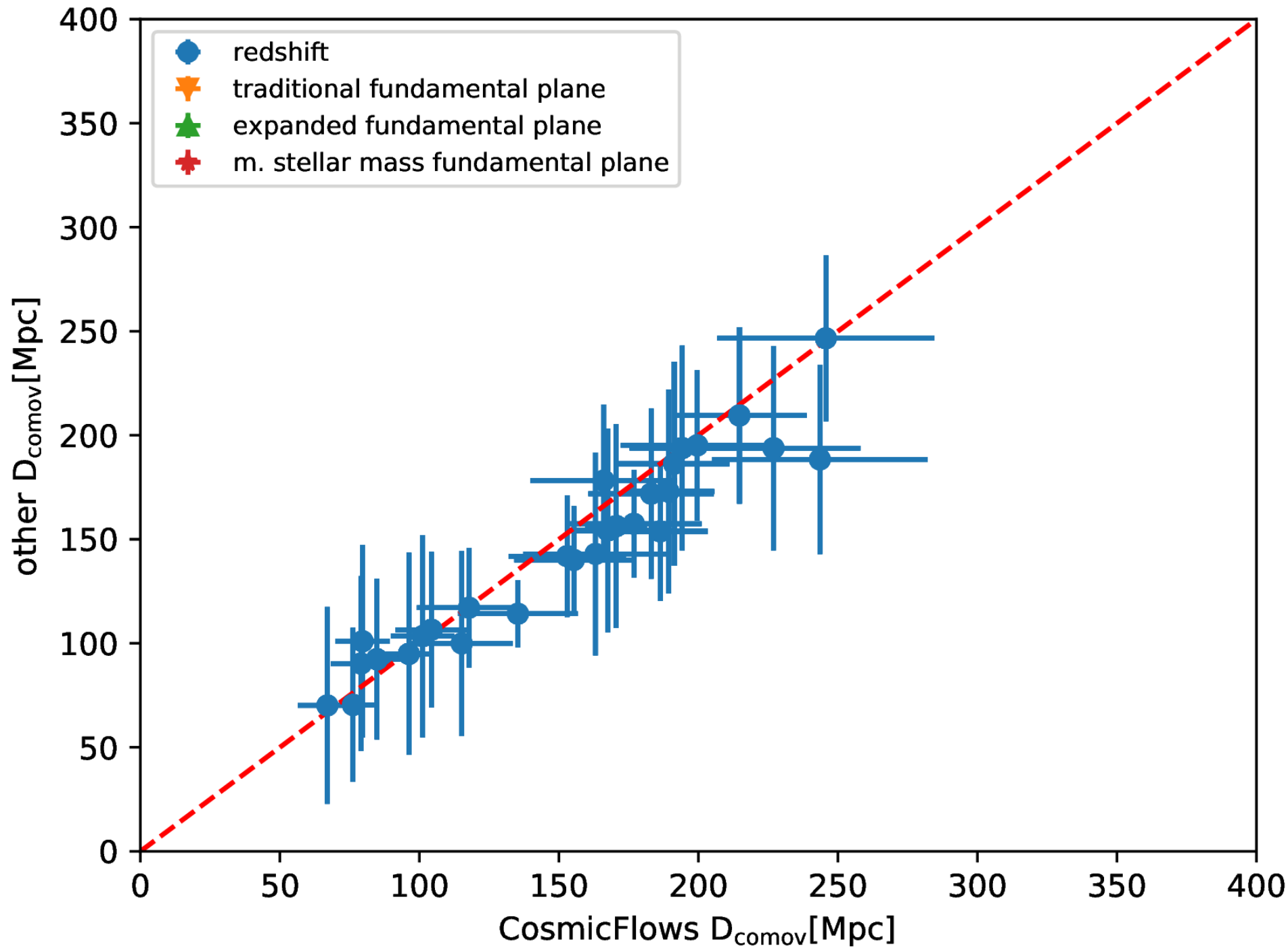


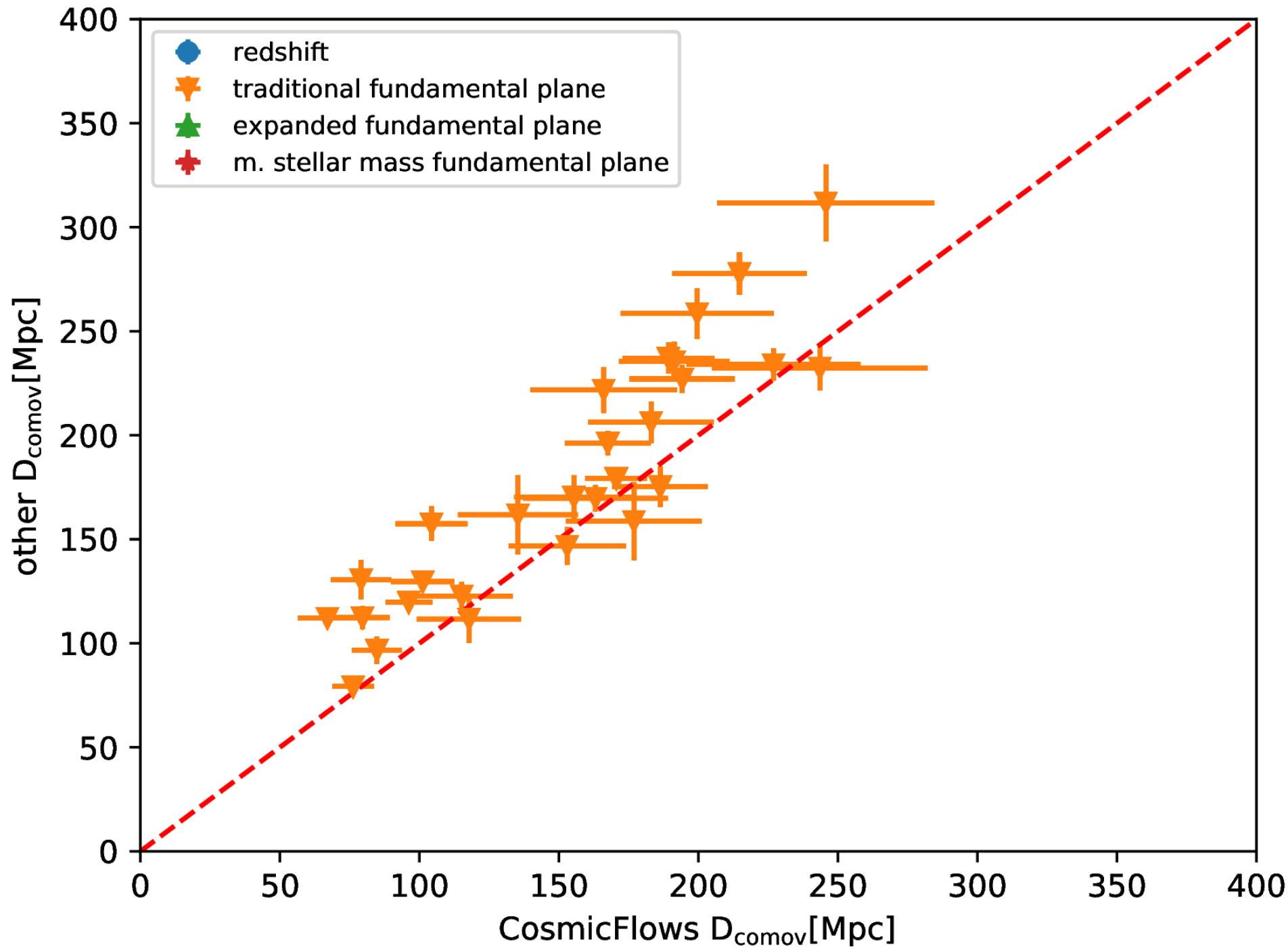


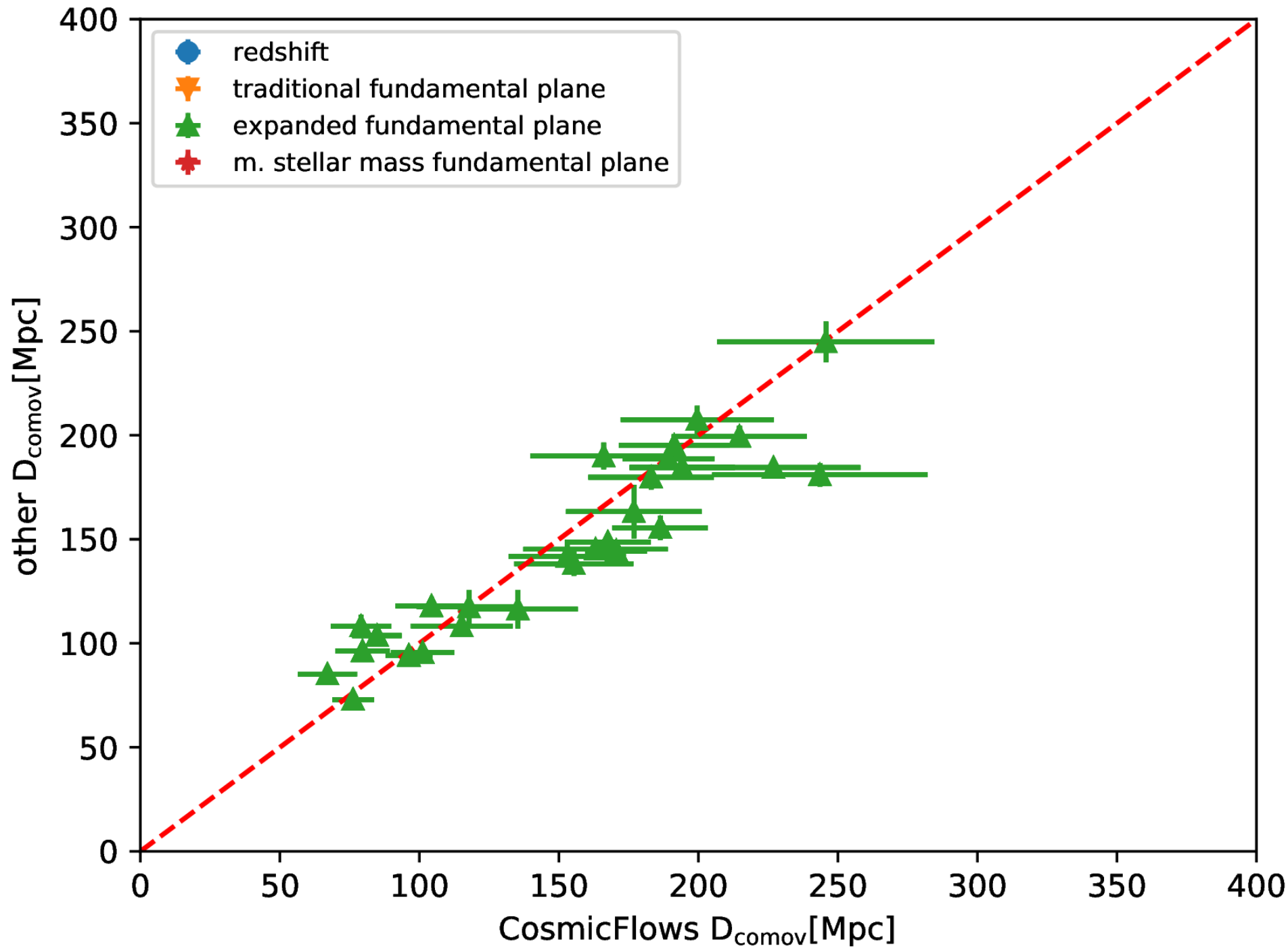


Comparison to the CosmicFlows-3 sample

- 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

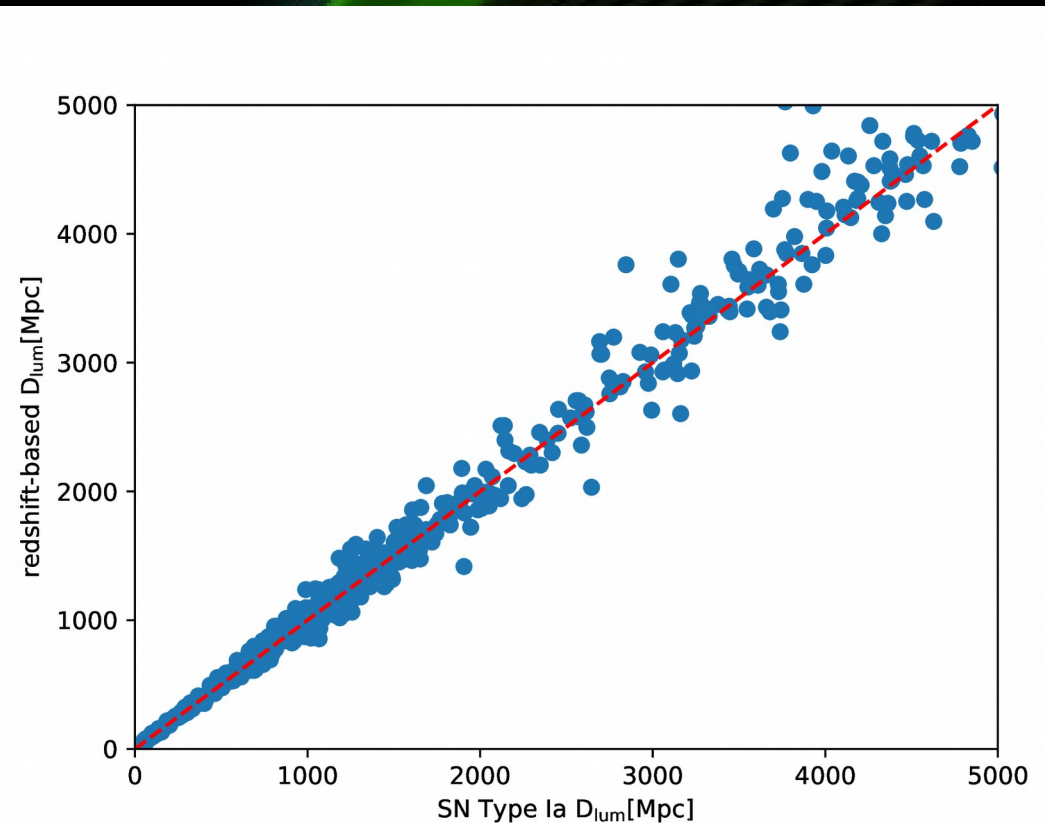


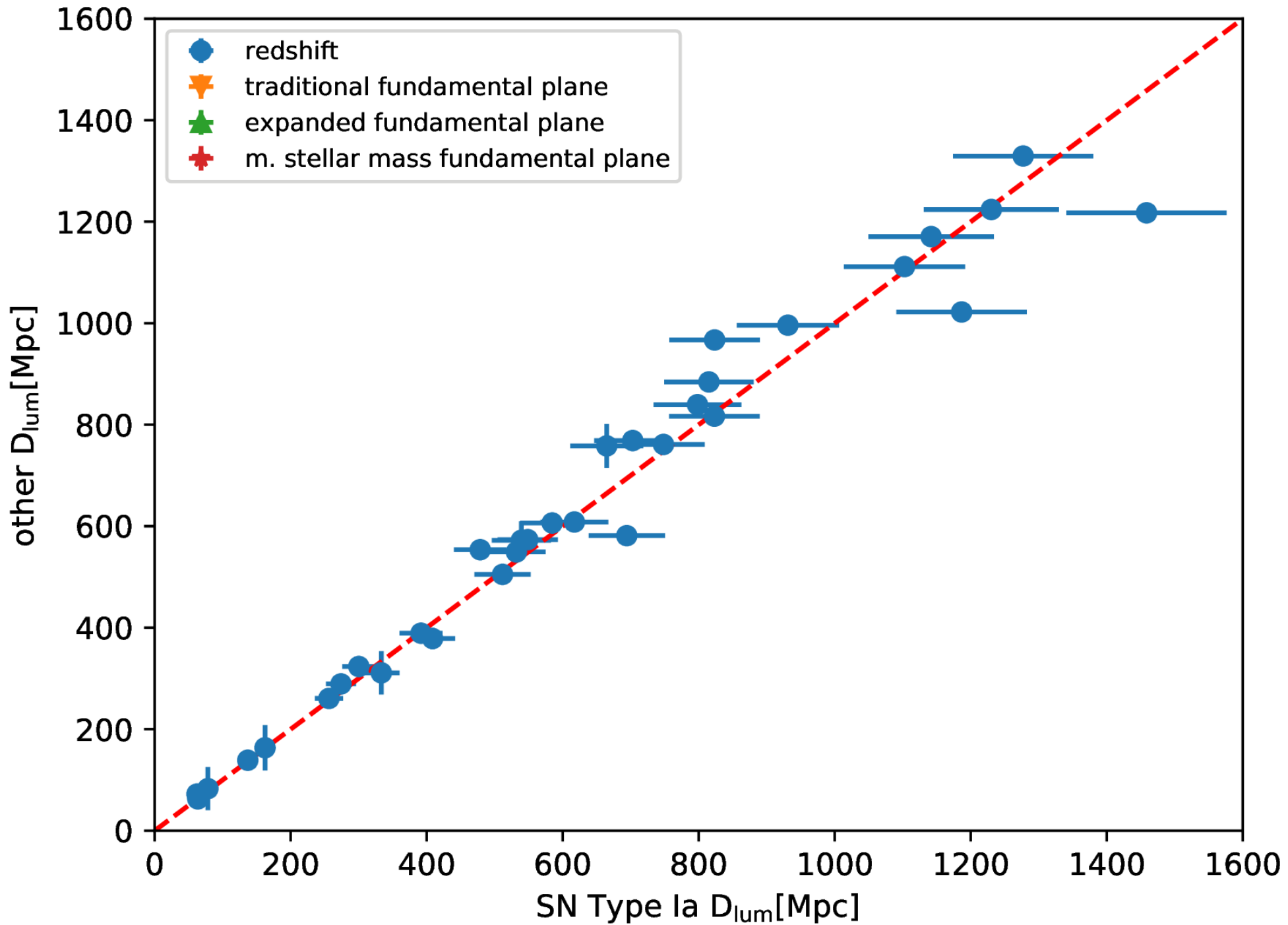


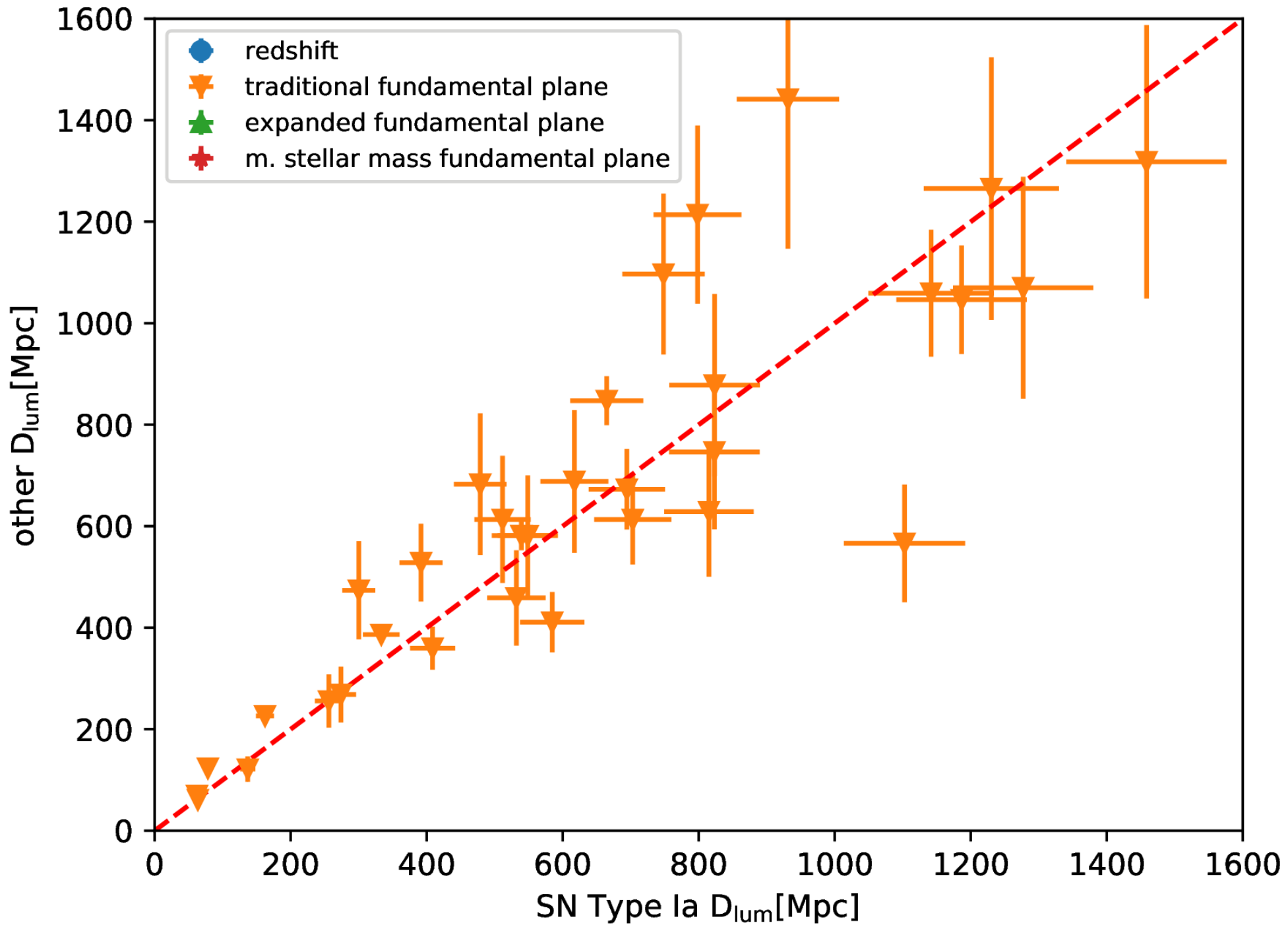


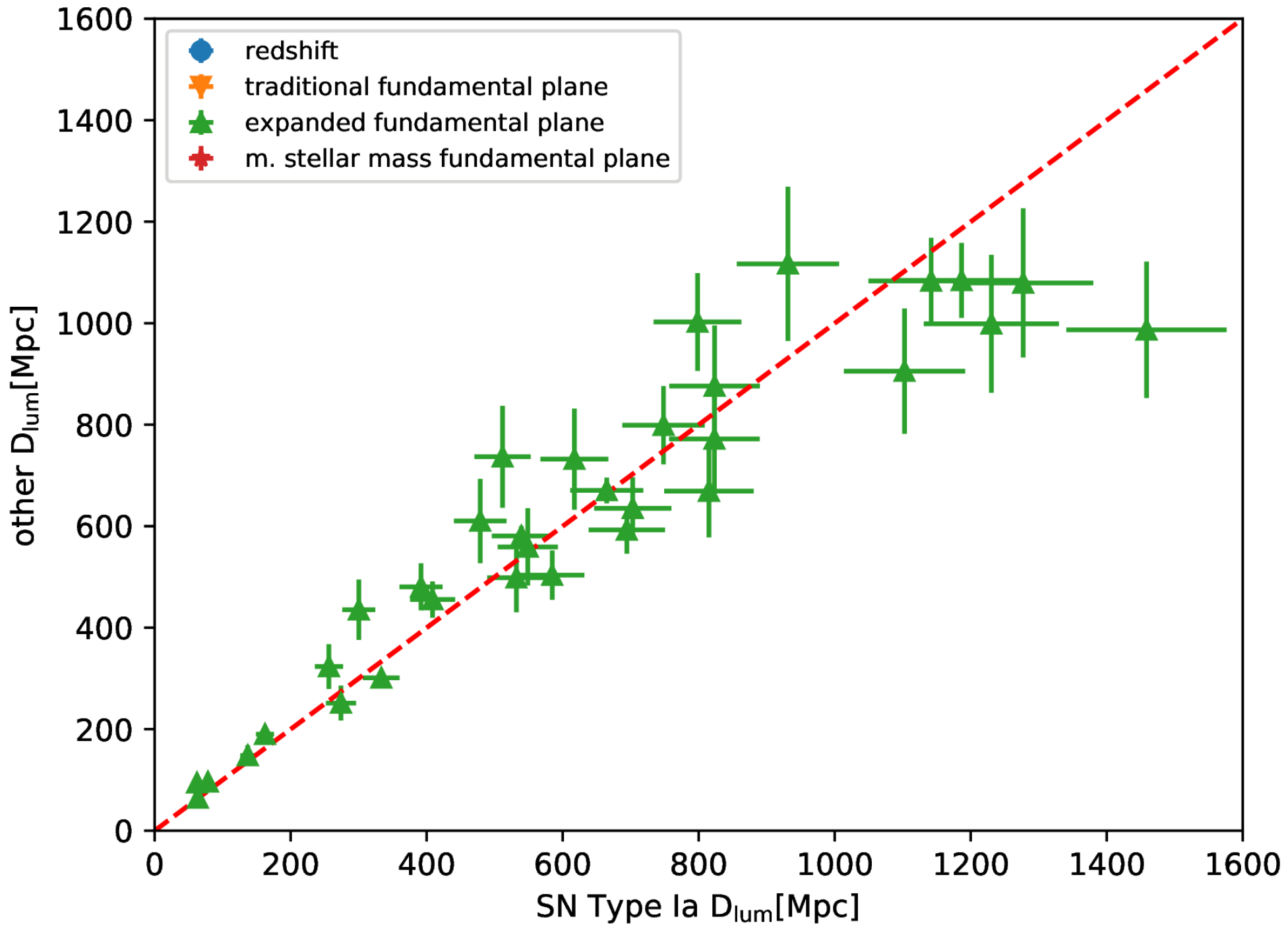
Comparison to supernovae Type Ia

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









Peculiar motions

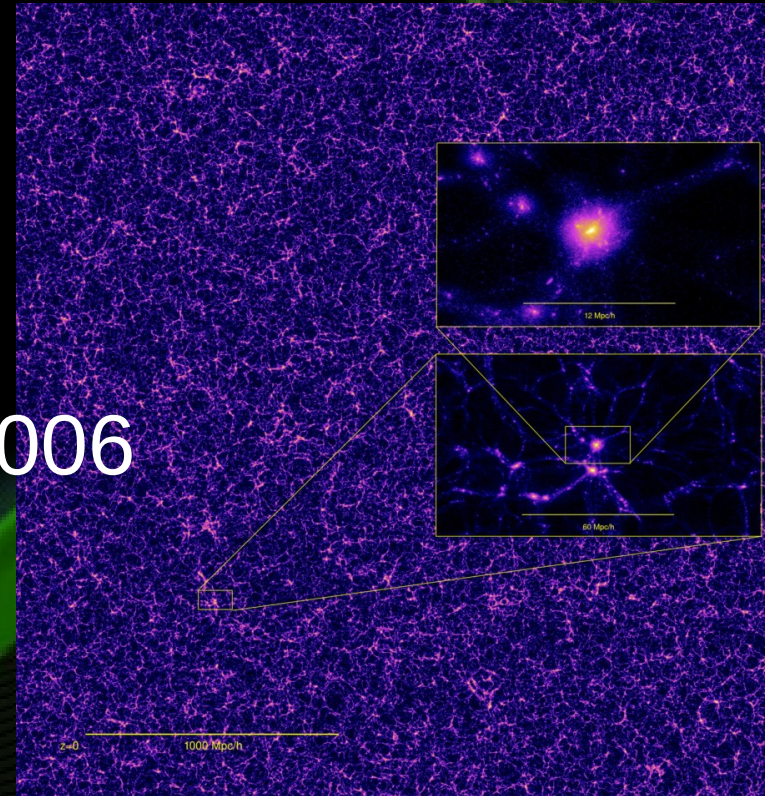
- Focus on rich groups/clusters in the nearby universe (error bars are lower and easier comparison to simulations)
- Comparing redshift-independent distances with redshifts → peculiar velocities
- Handling systematics ... very difficult
- Comparison to CosmicFlows-3
- We will derive mass estimates for the largest structures in the universe
- Studying inflows into clusters (along the filaments)

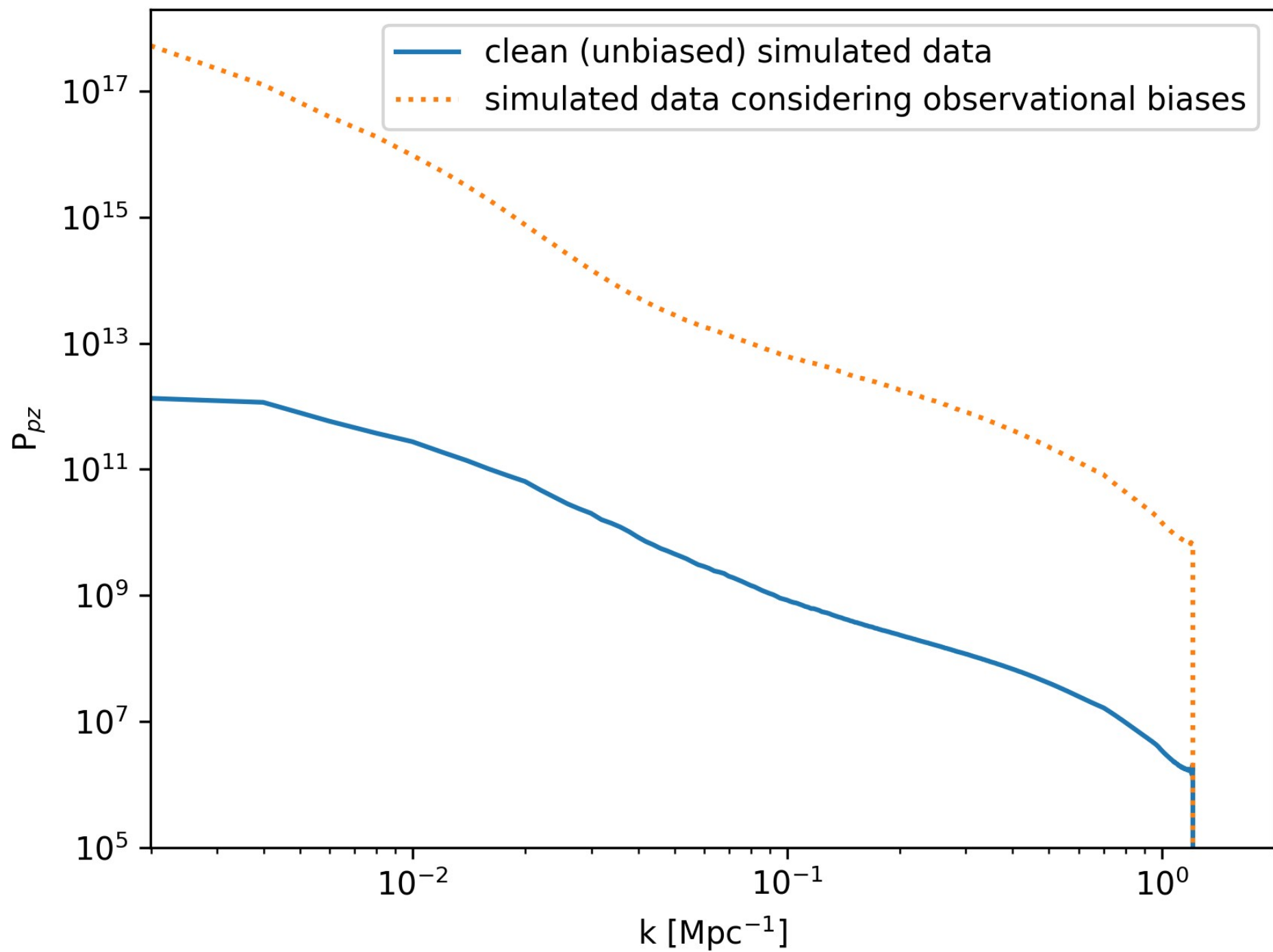
Momentum power spectrum

- HorizonRun 4
 - Huge DM-only simulation:
3150 Mpc/h side-length cube
- method of Park+ 1994, 2000, 2006

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

- 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





Summary

- Group catalogue covering ~1 500 000 galaxies
- ~320 000 fundamental plane distances
- Largest self-consistent set of redshift-independent 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 ... additional improvements will be included in the final paper

Outlook

- Working on peculiar motions and momentum power spectrum (comparison to HorizonRun 4)
- Expanding to full-sky ... we need the Southern Hemisphere
- Our new collaborator is doing the same with 6dFGSv and will also be involved in Taipan.
- Still new to expanding our group catalogue
- Combining data from the Northern and Southern hemisphere
- How deep can we go? (to reasonably use the fundamental plane to study peculiar motions)

The background features a dark, almost black, space filled with vibrant, glowing green lines. These lines are not straight but flow and curve in a dynamic, organic pattern, reminiscent of a stylized plant or a digital data stream. The lines vary in thickness and intensity, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is modern and energetic.

**ANY
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