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Expanding the boundaries of dark matter halo
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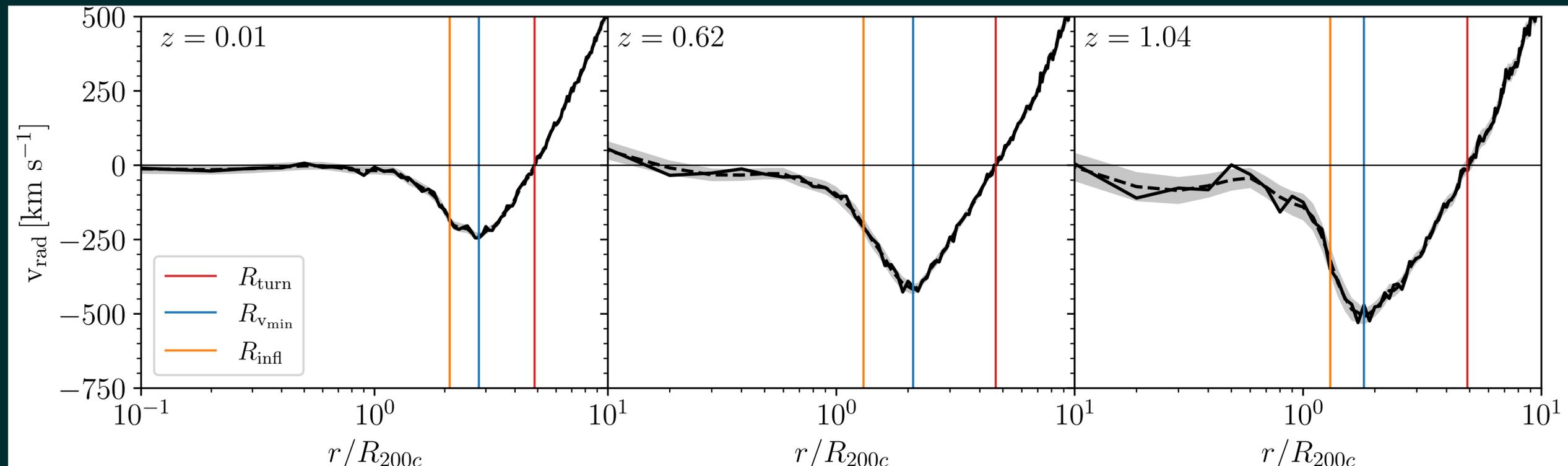
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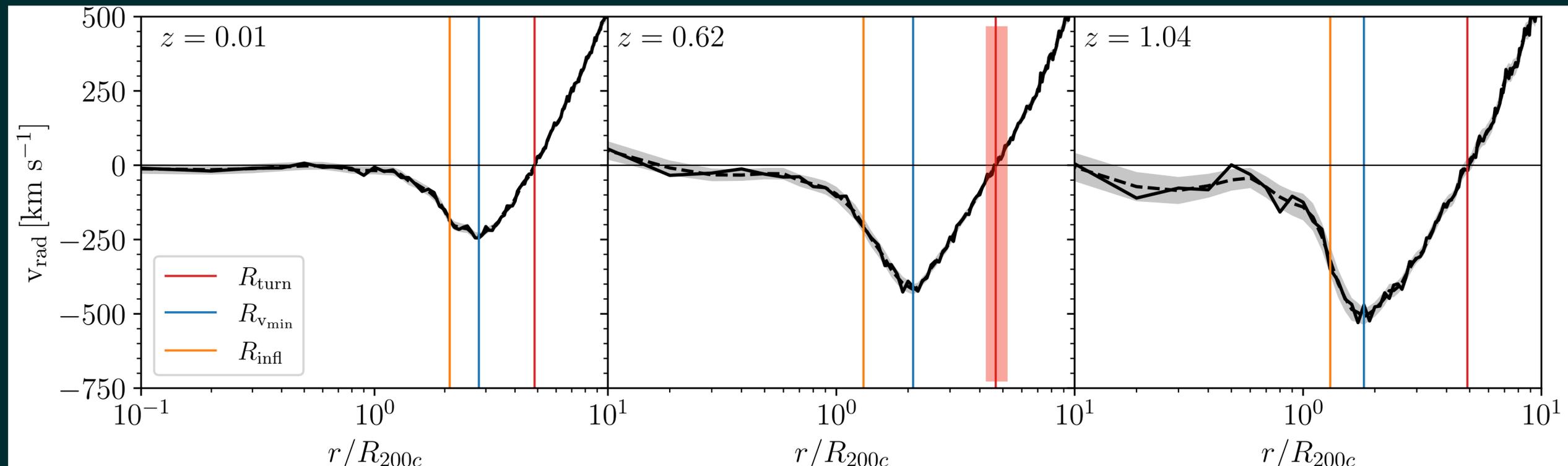
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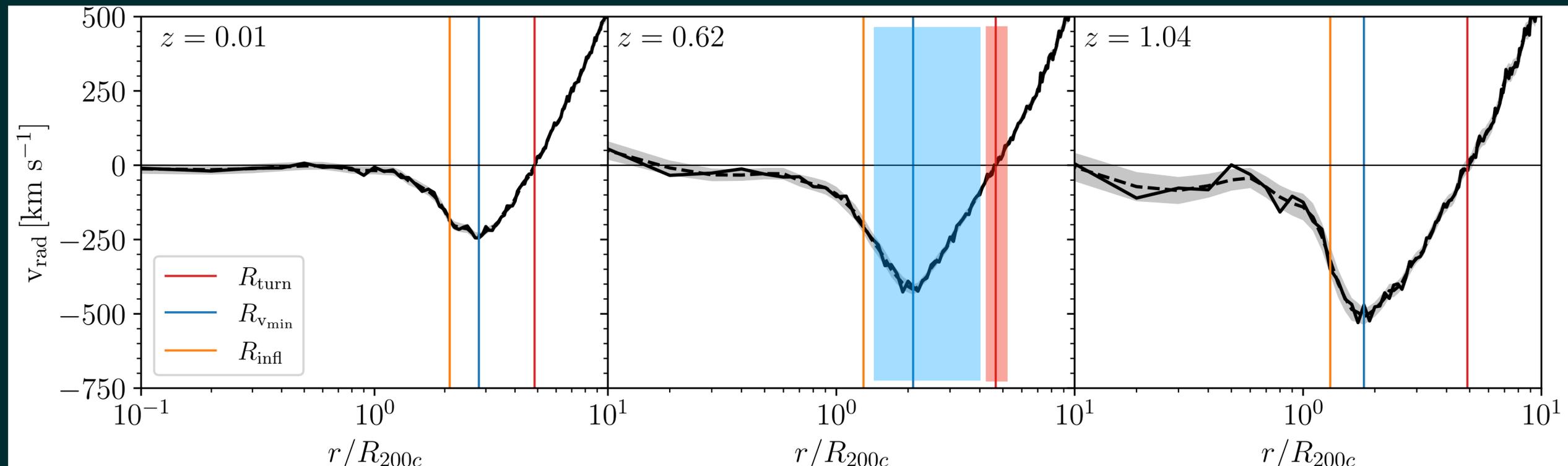
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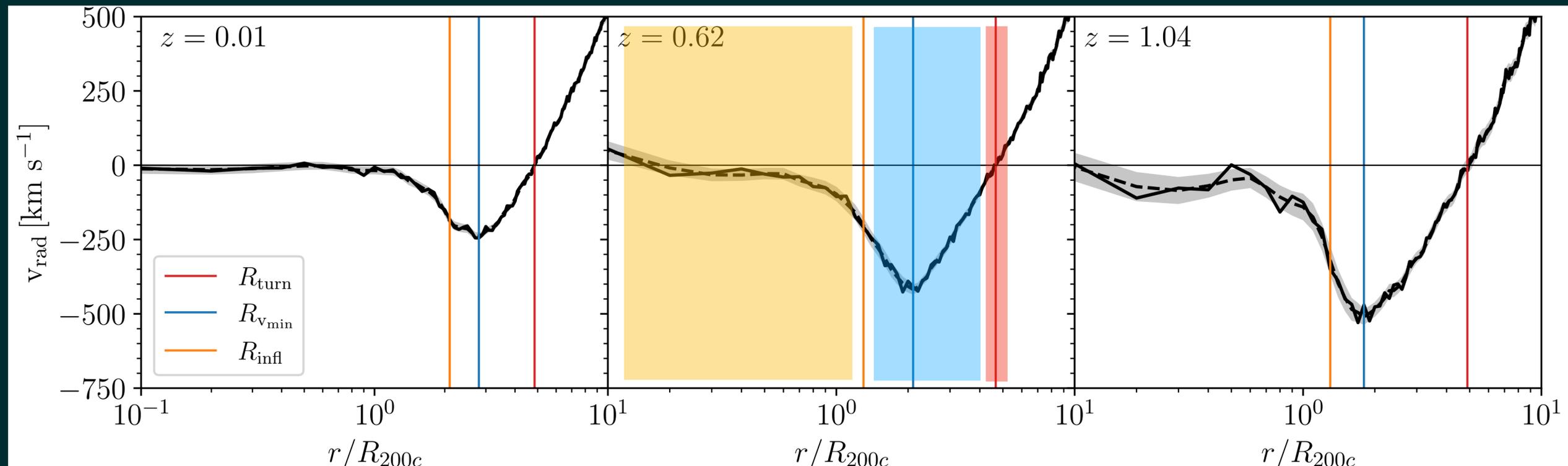
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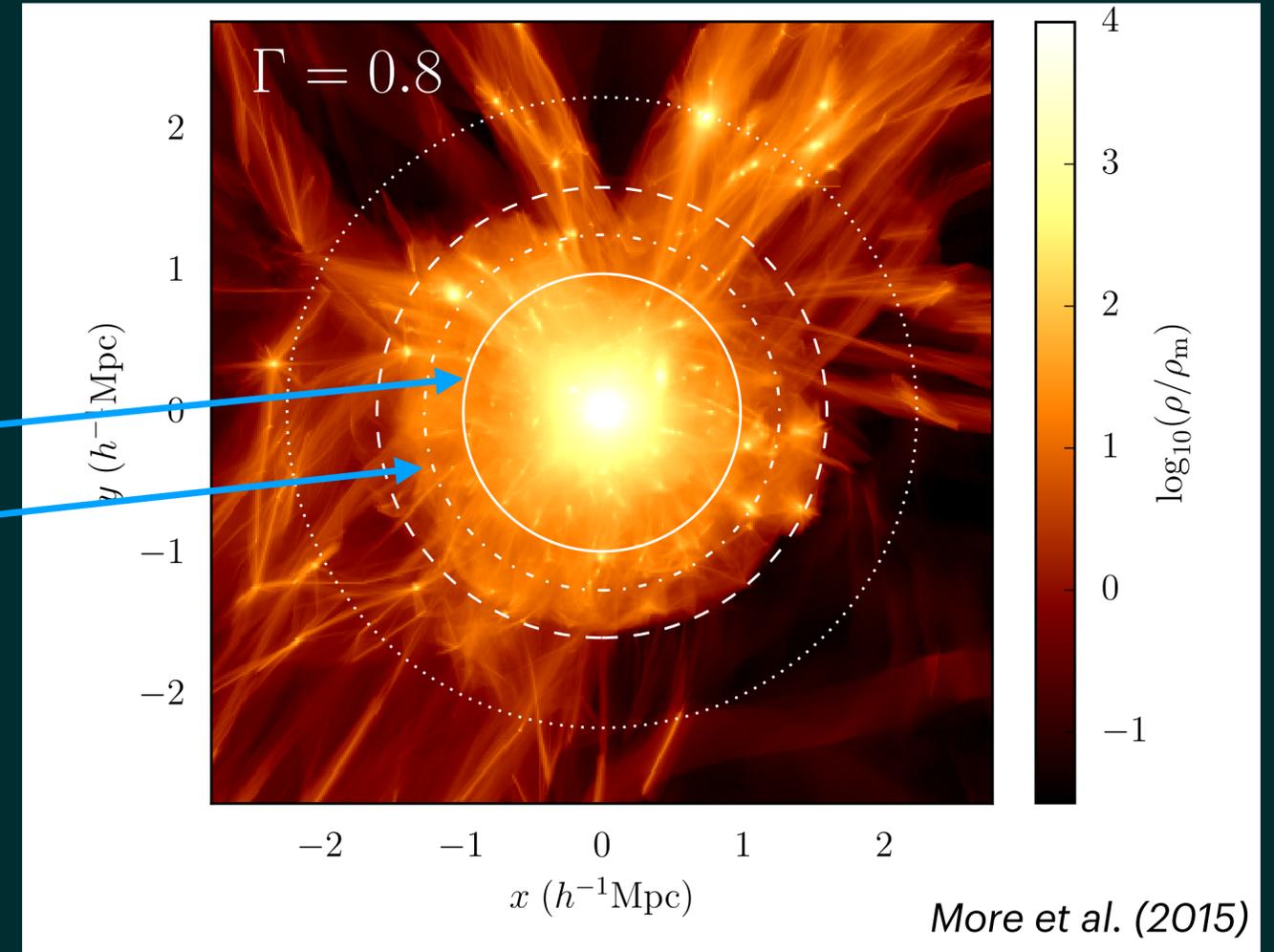
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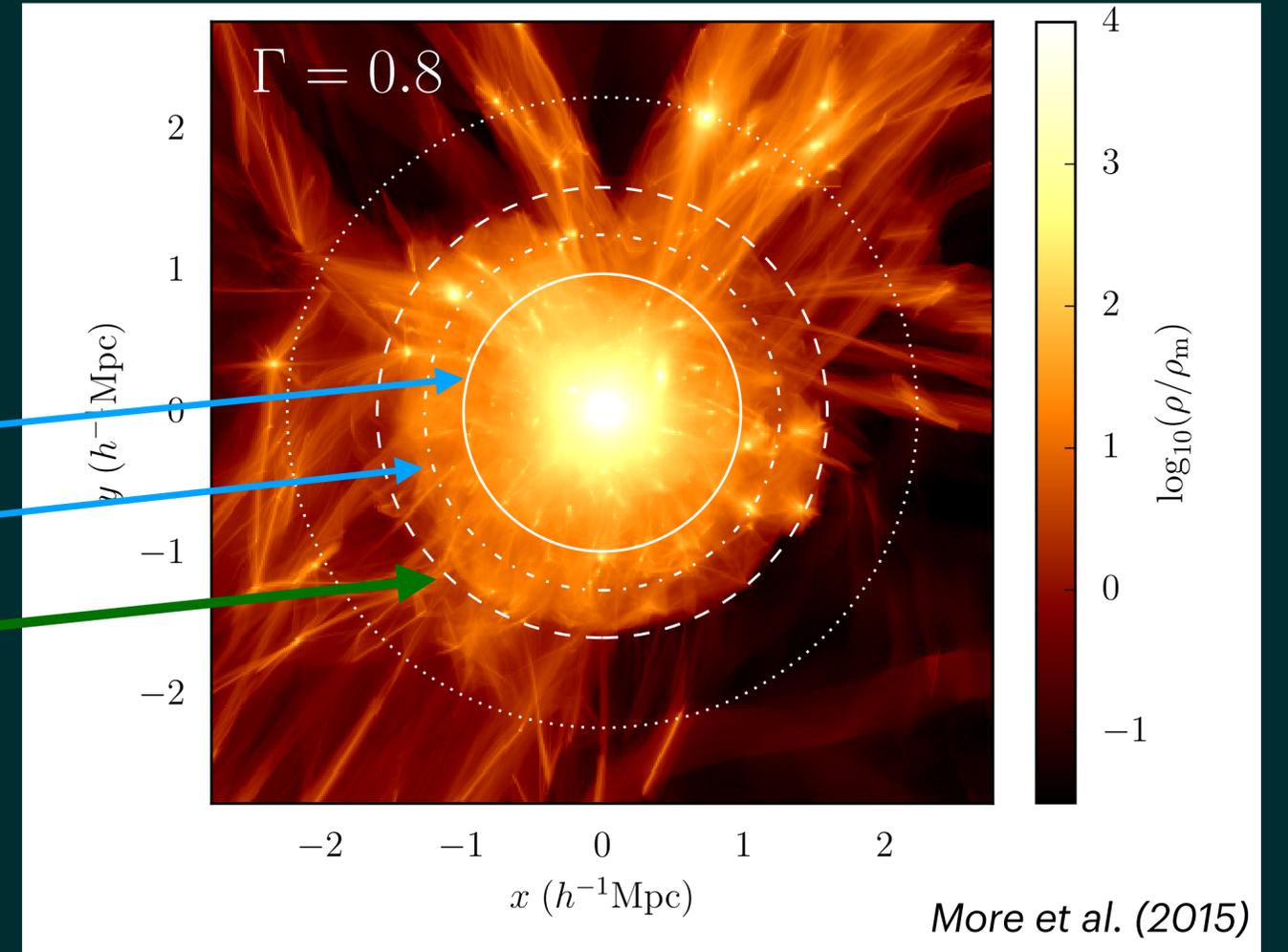
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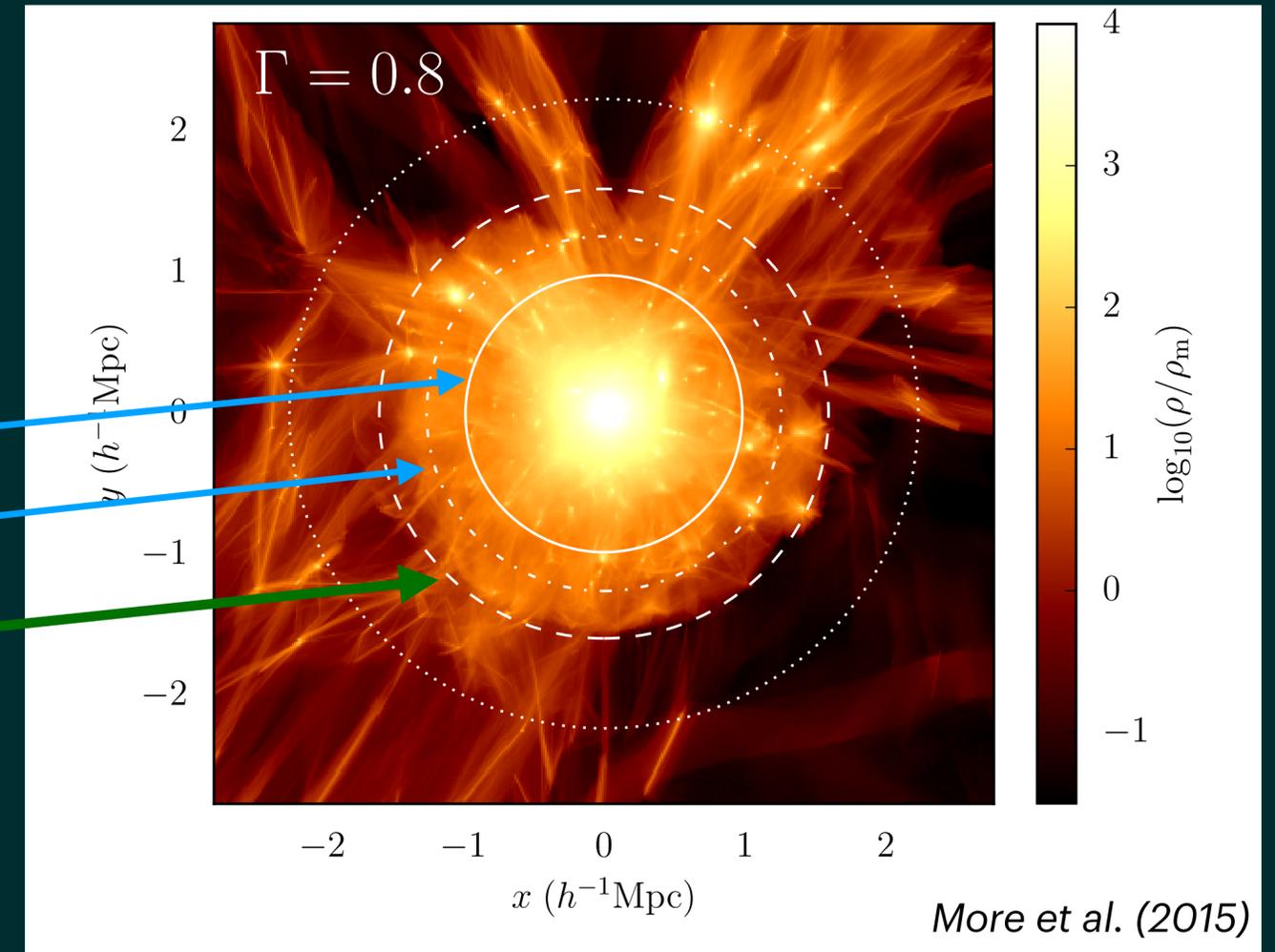
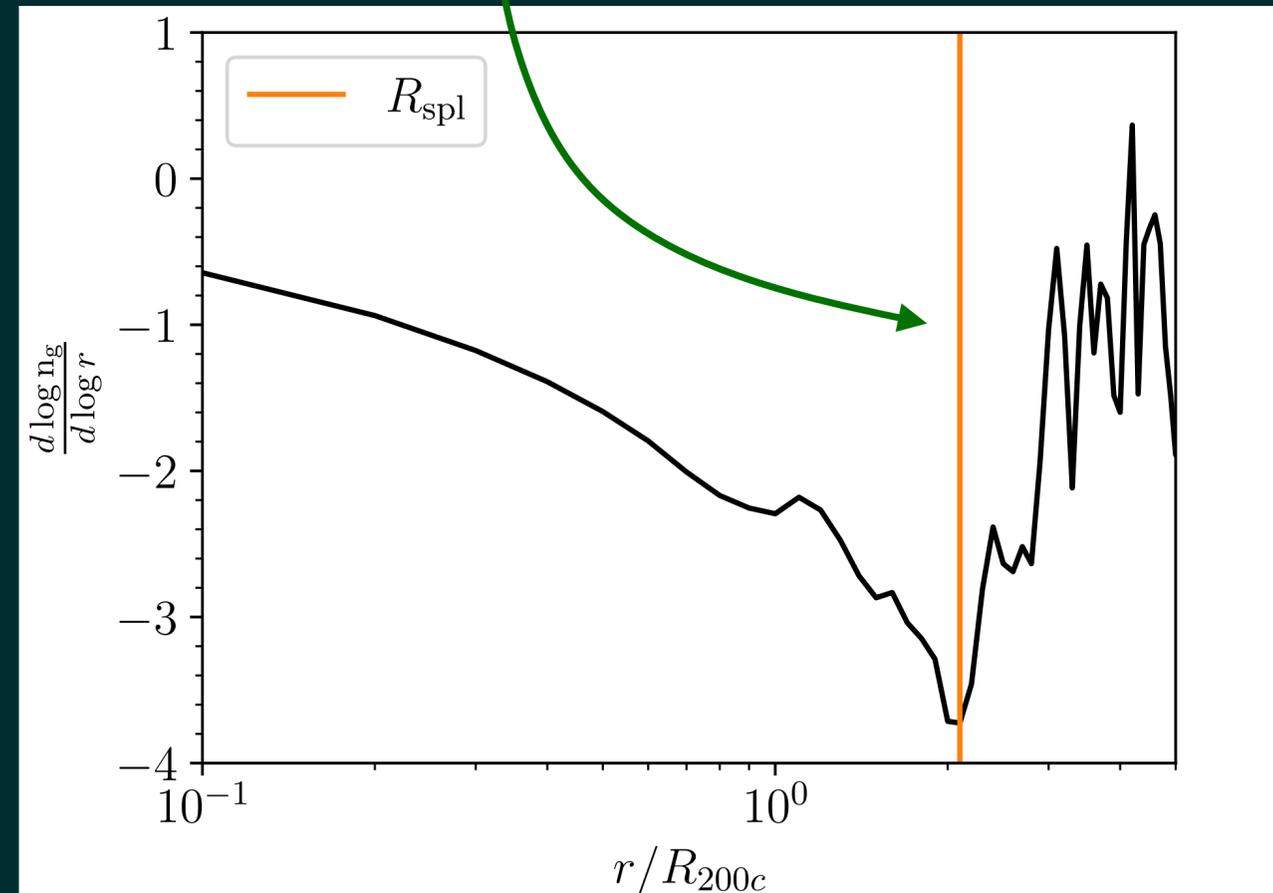
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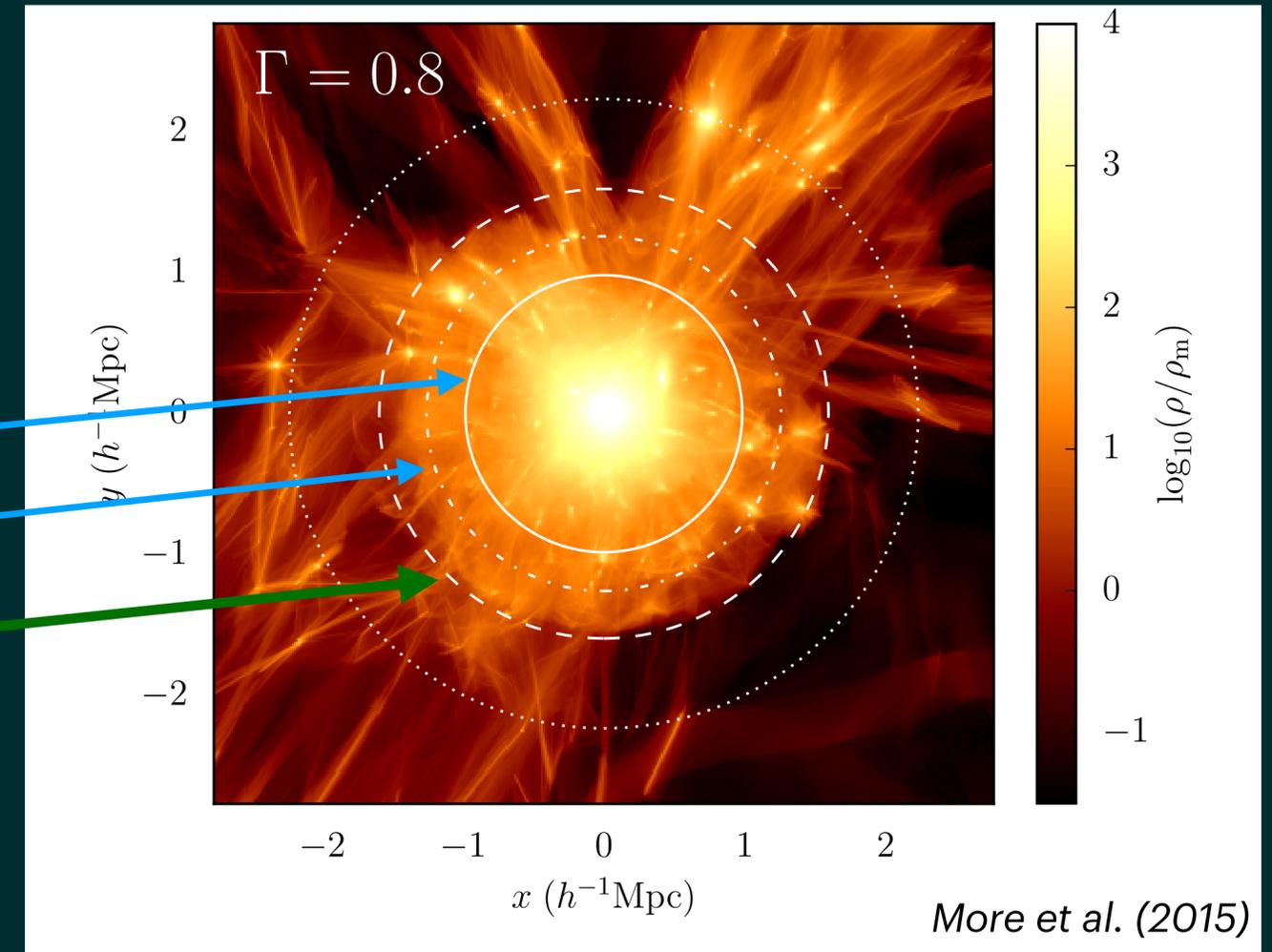
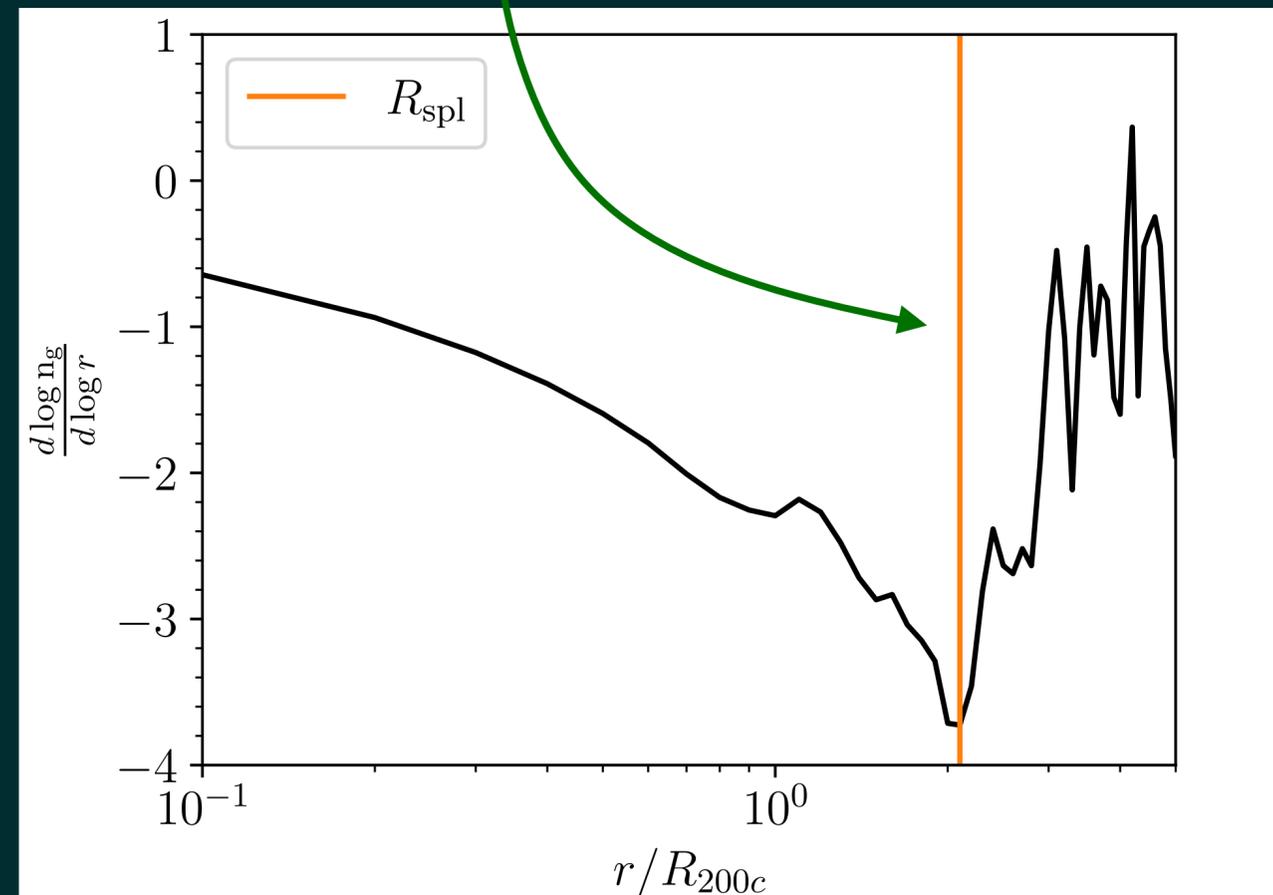
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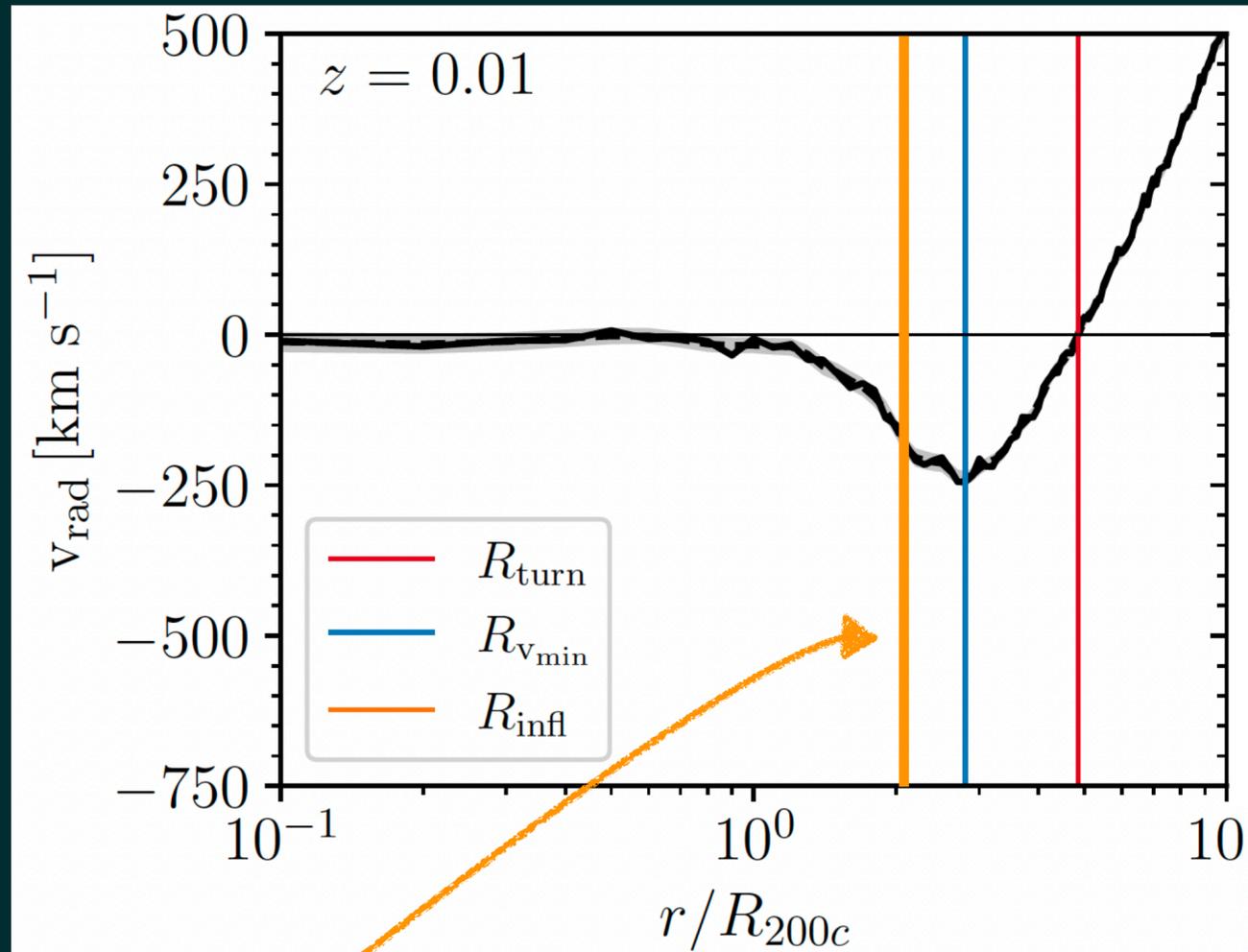
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- Physical meaning studied with **CDM only simulations** (Diemer et al. 2014+)
- Signatures from **galaxies**?

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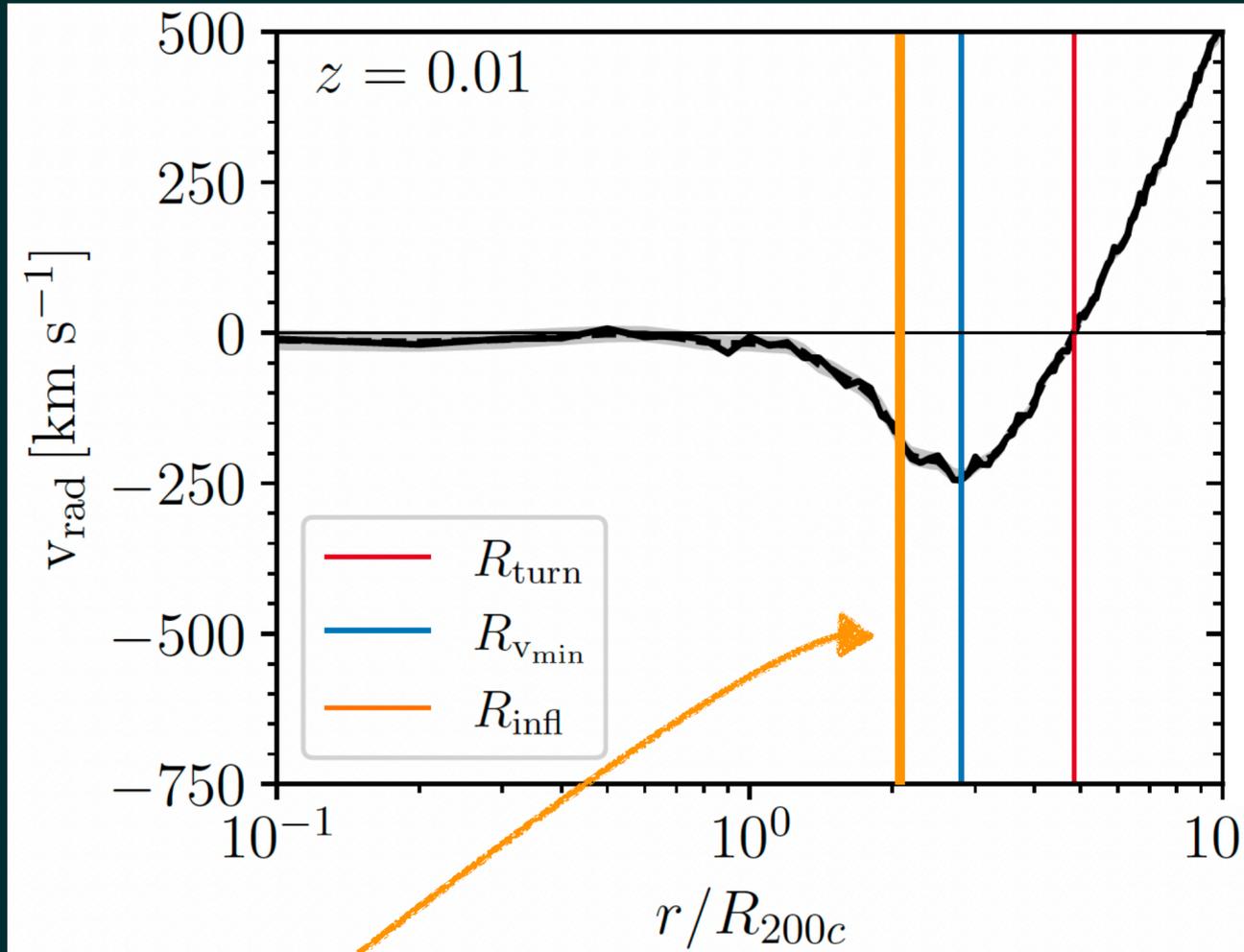
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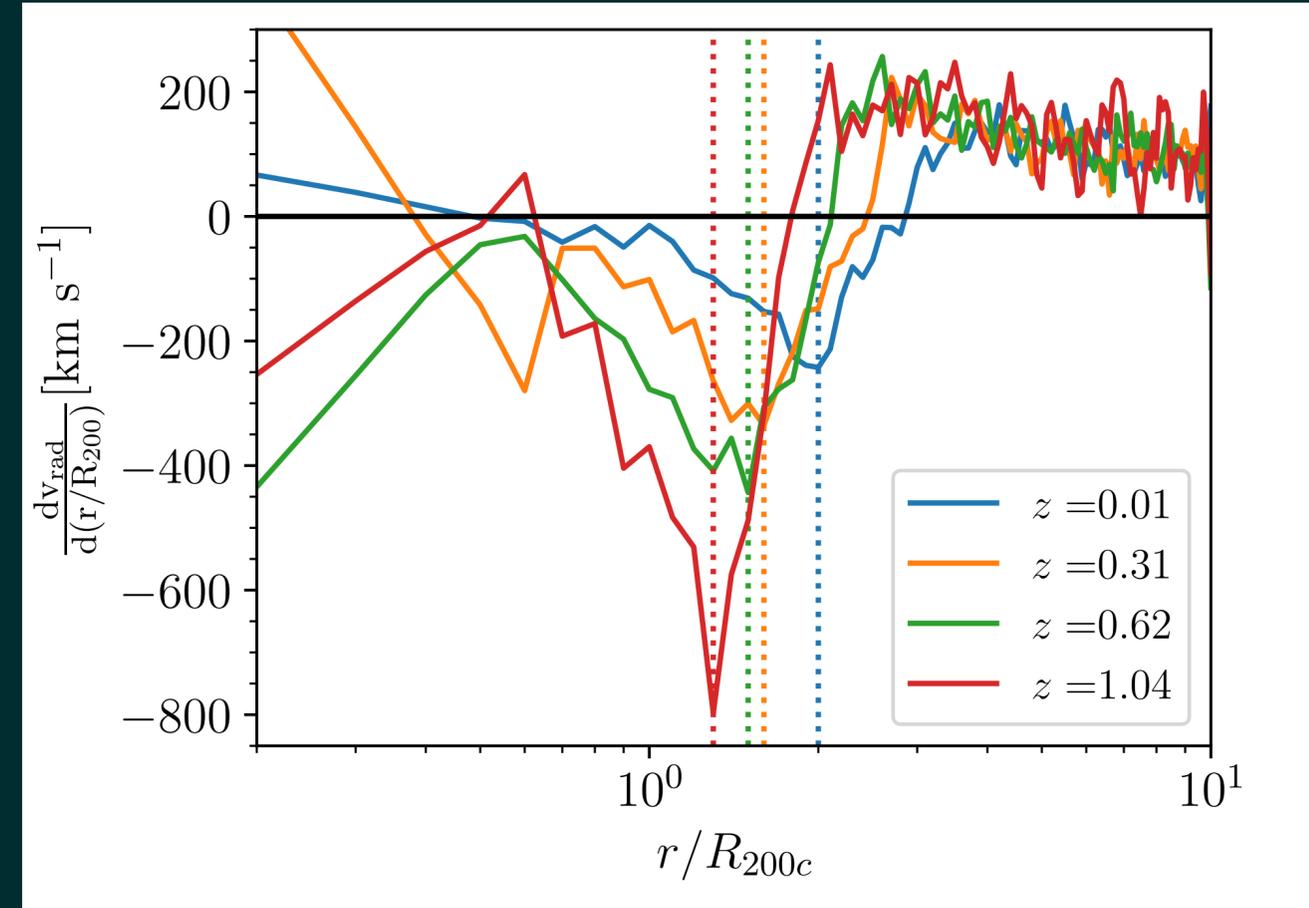
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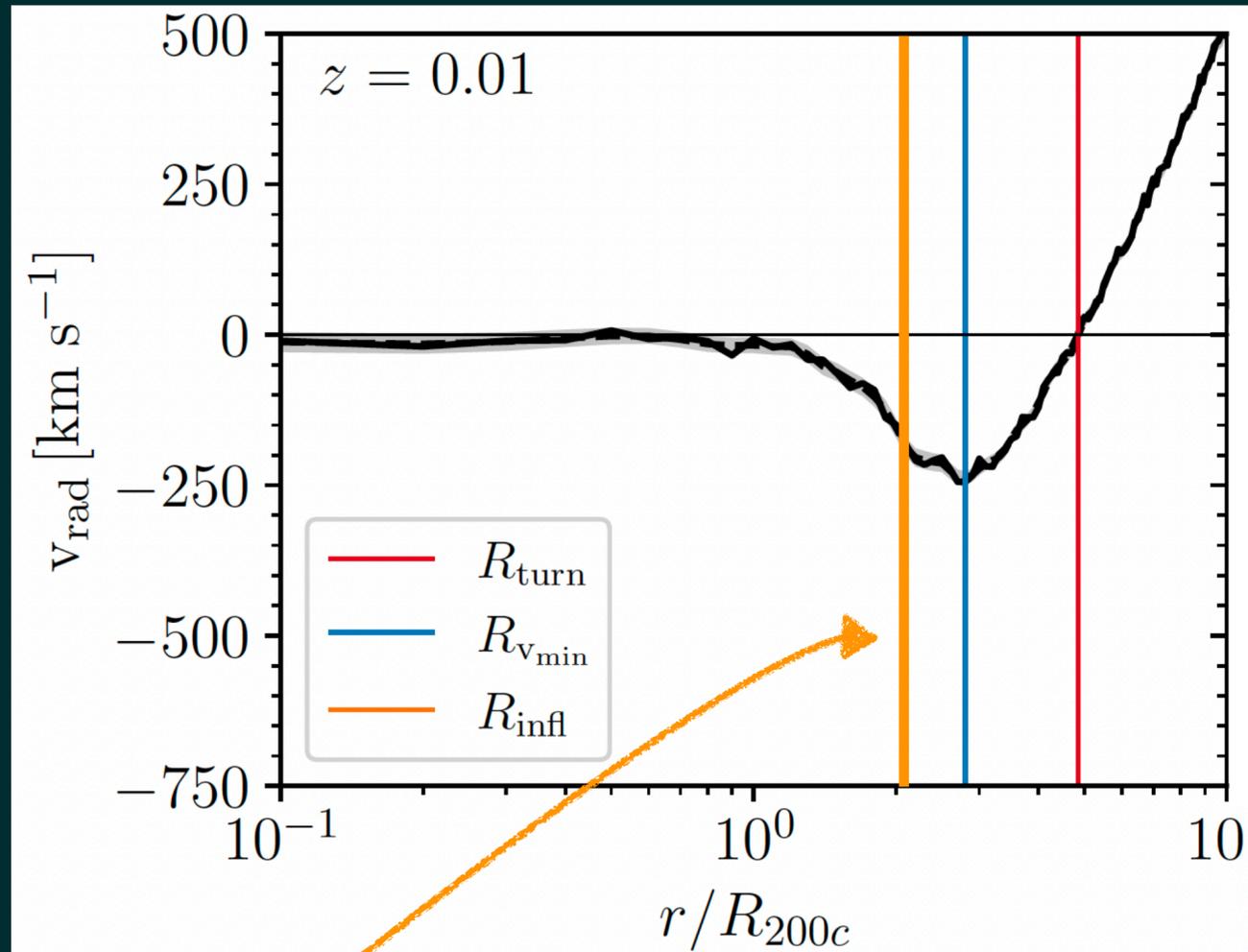


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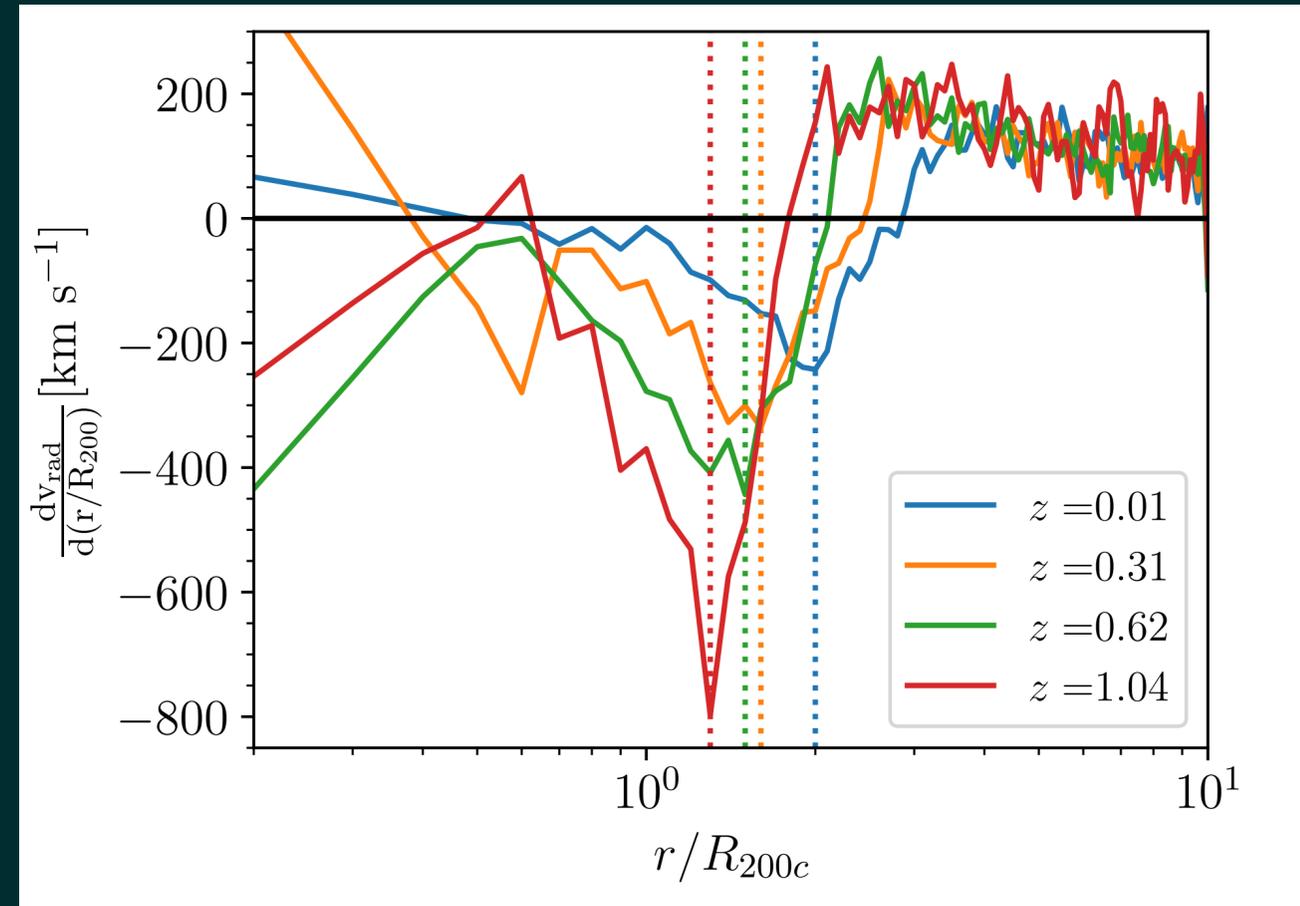
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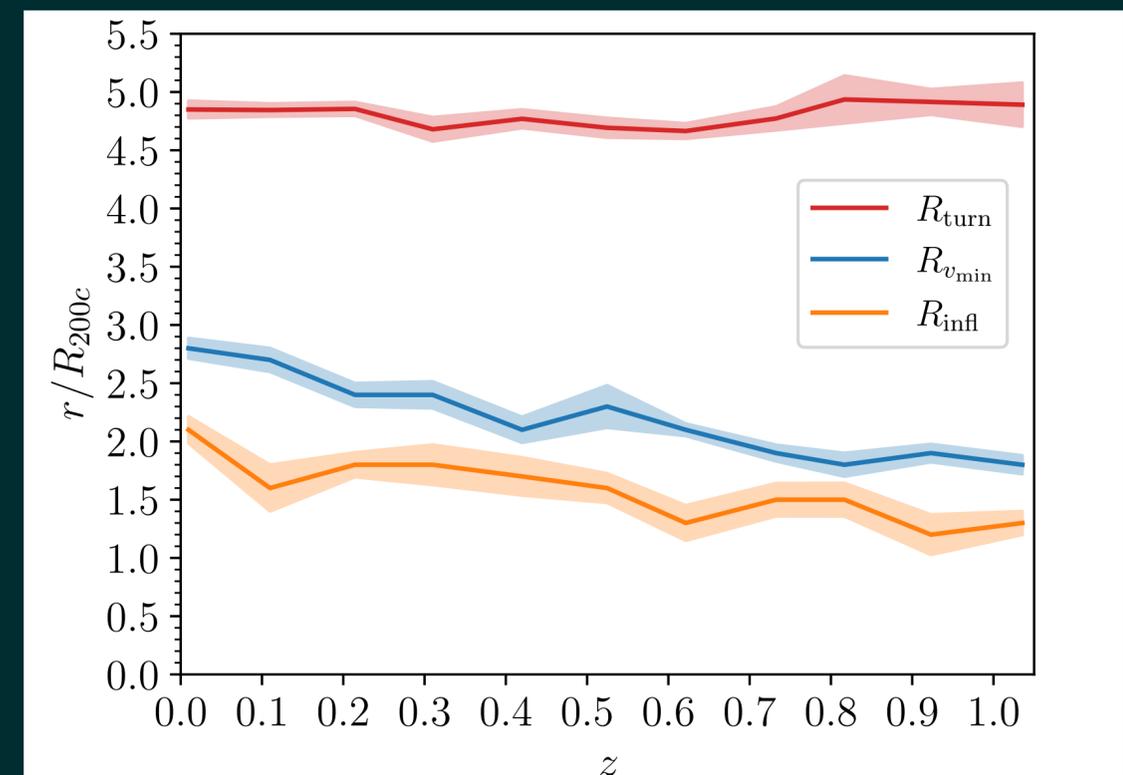
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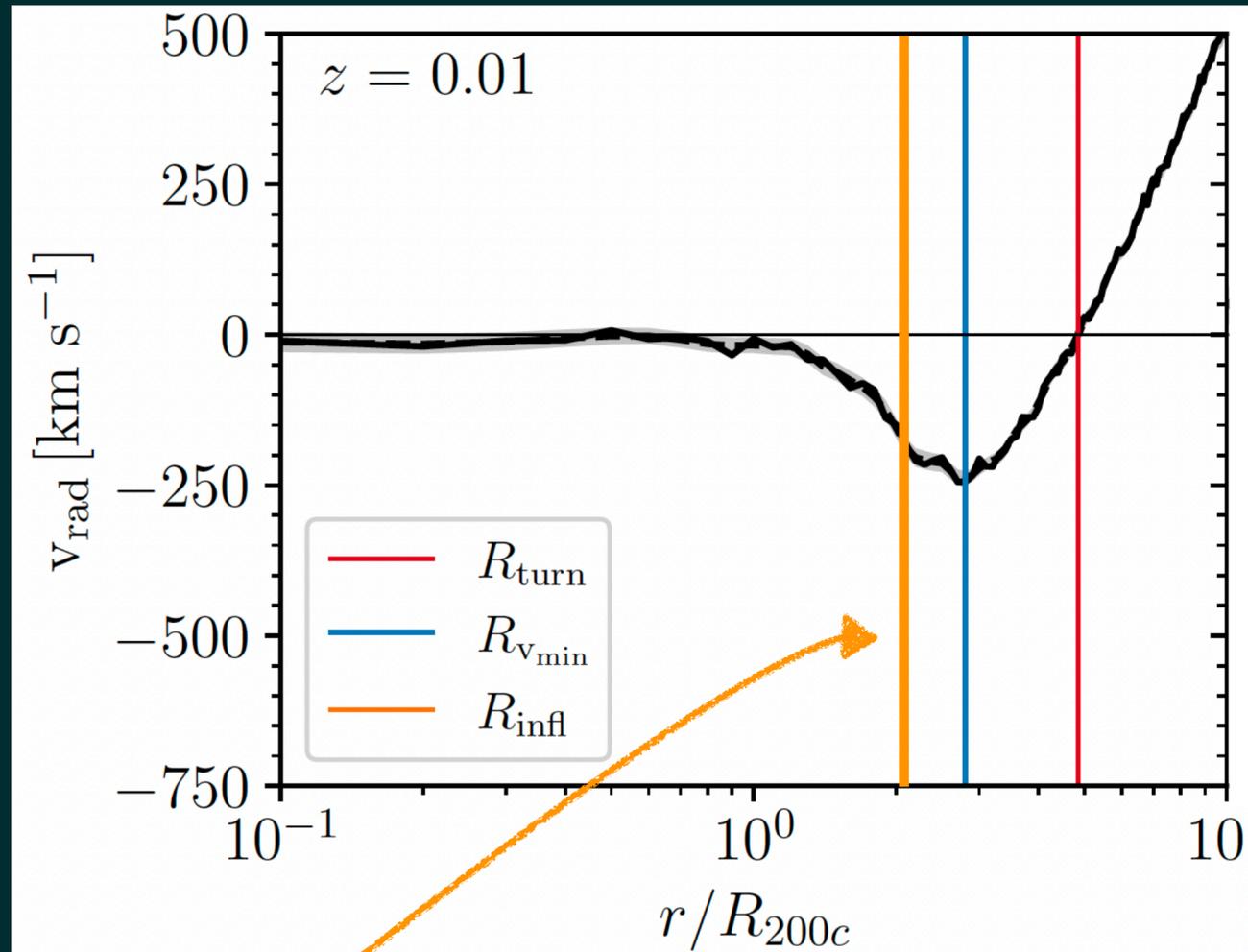
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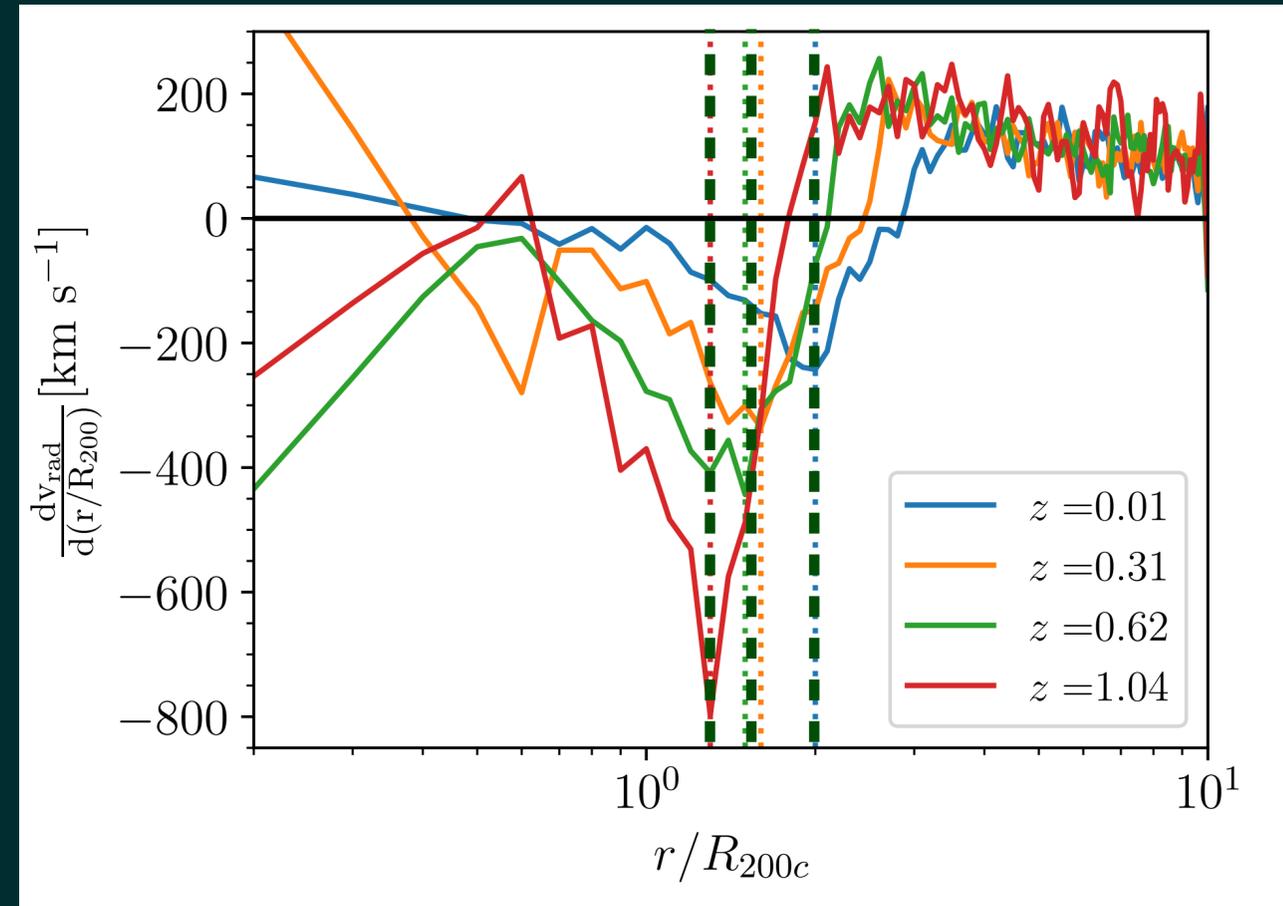


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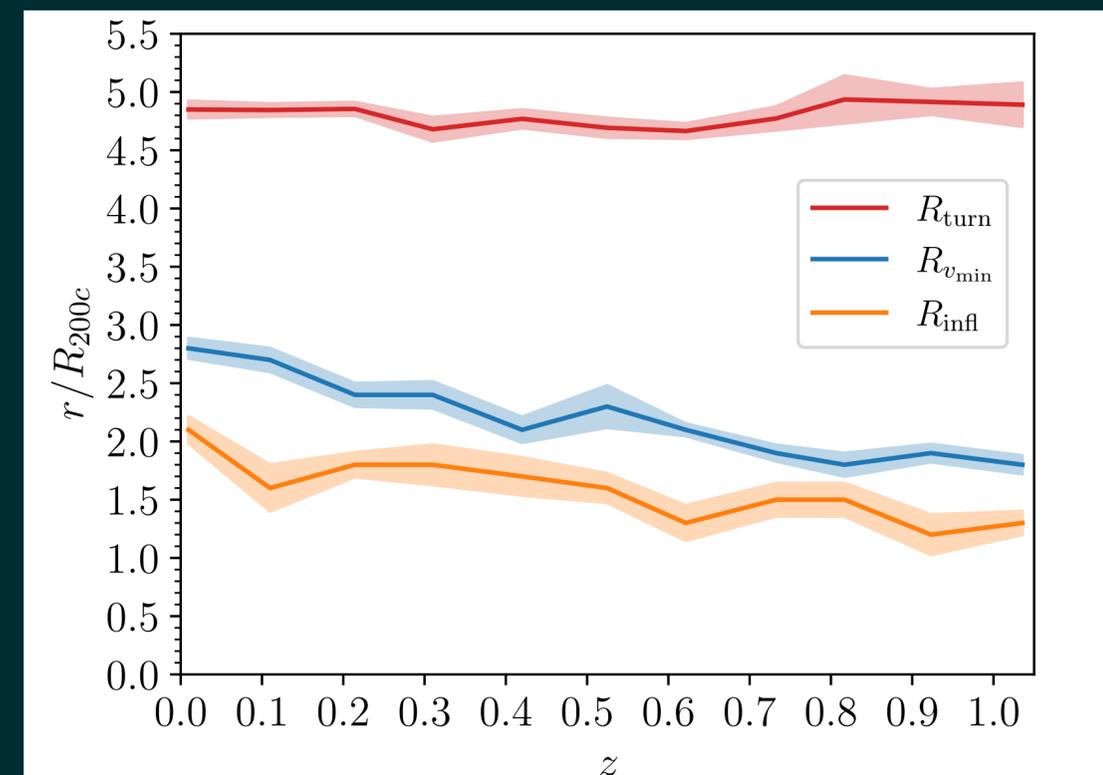


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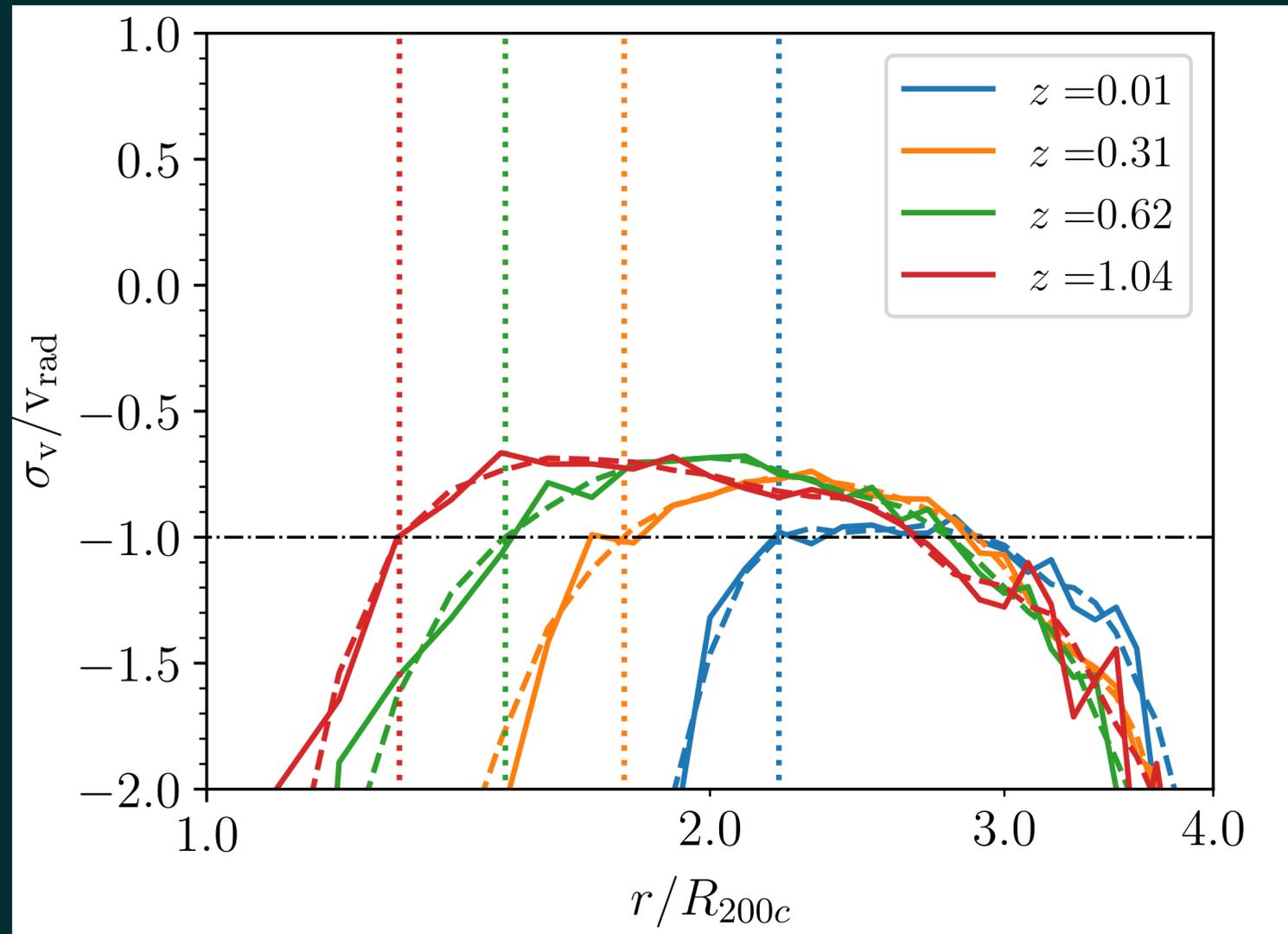
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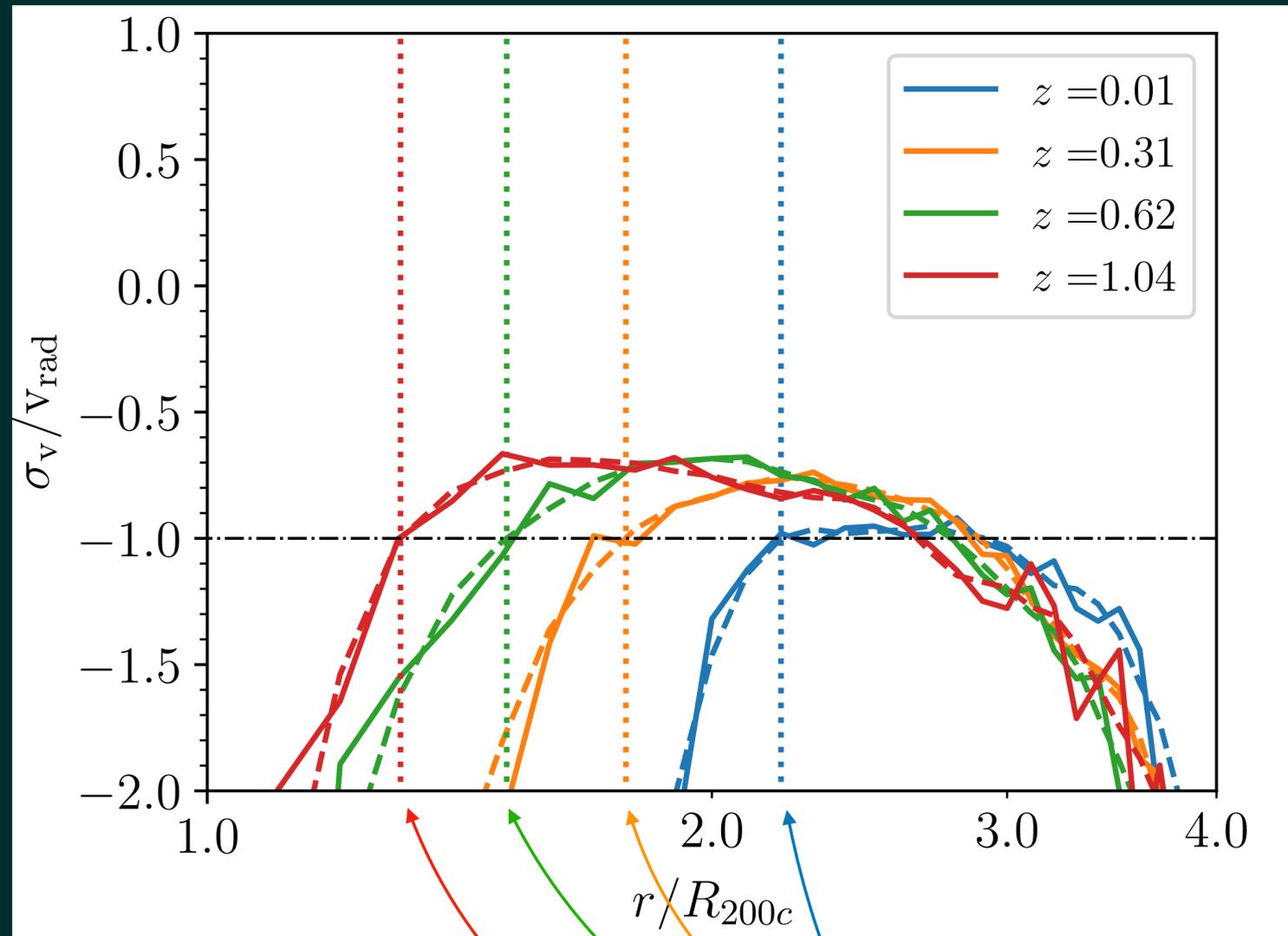


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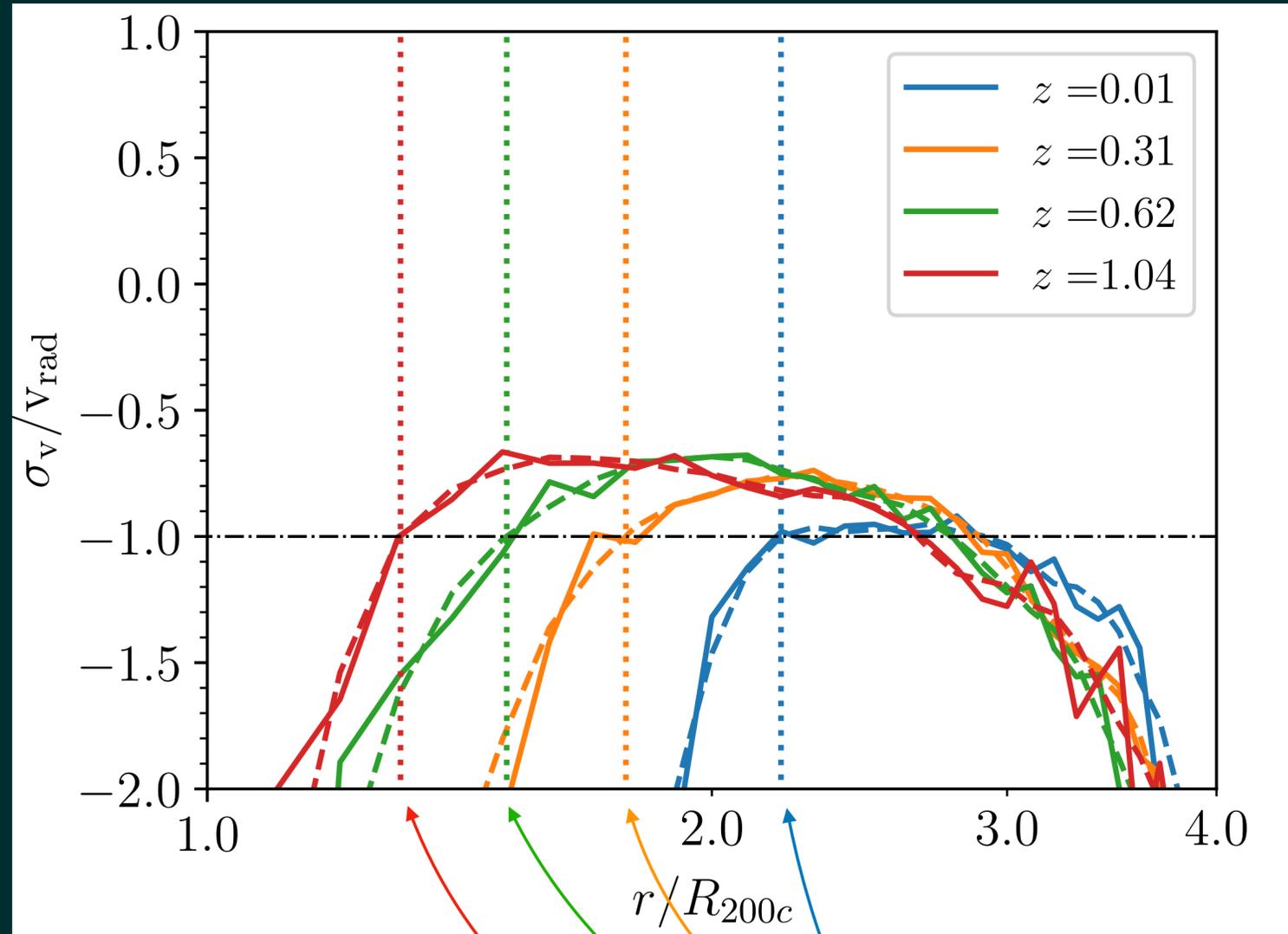


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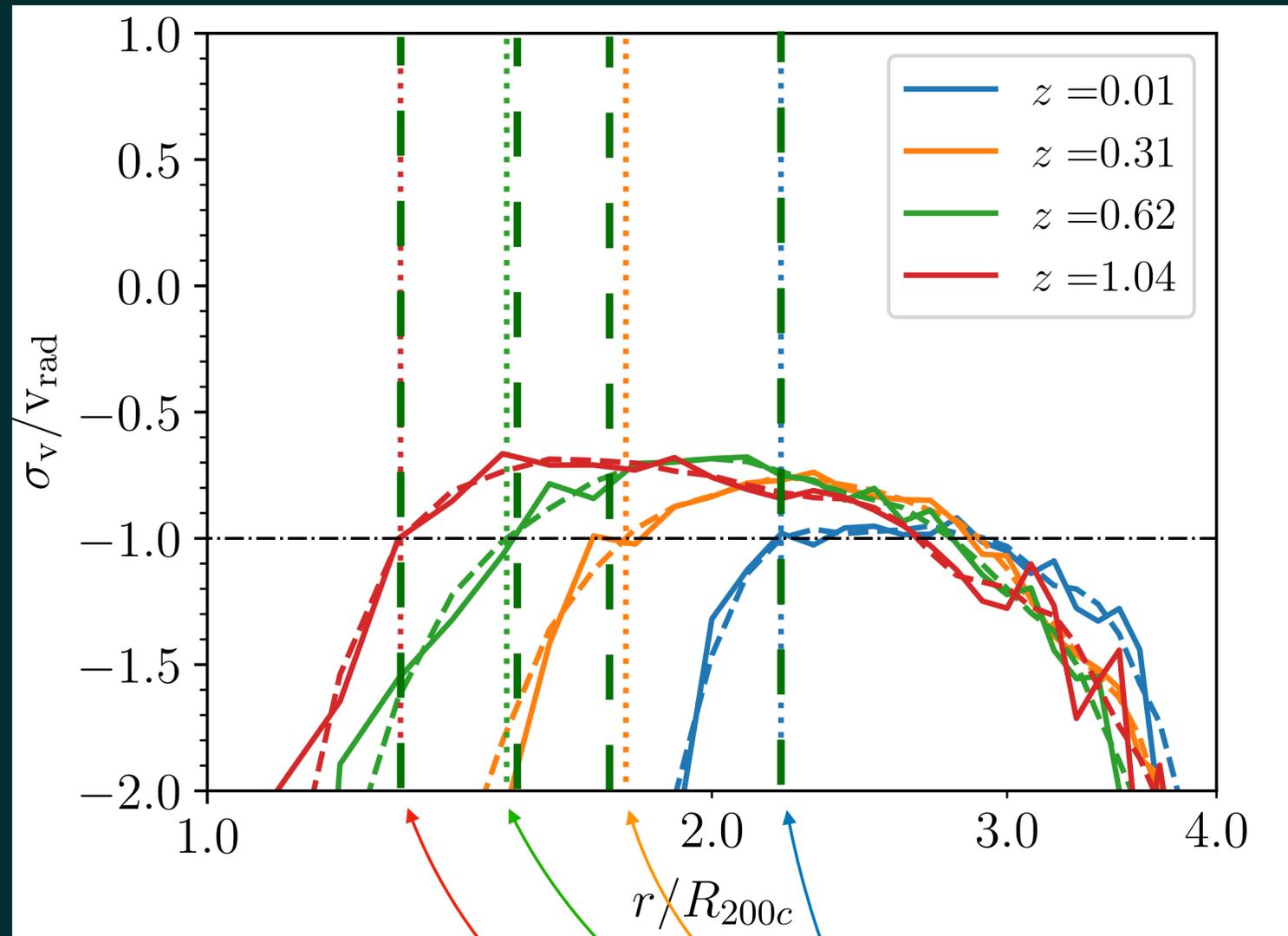
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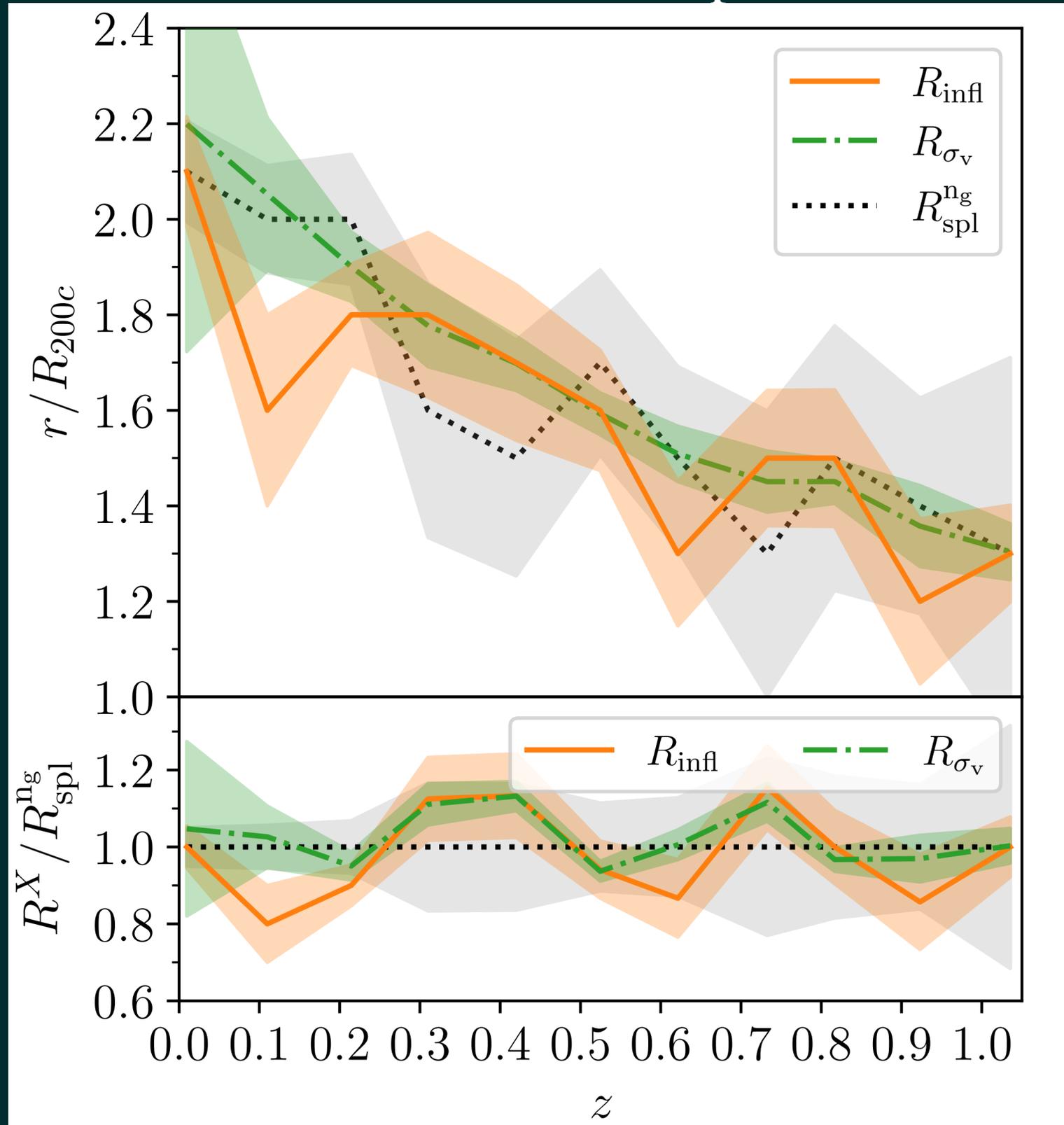
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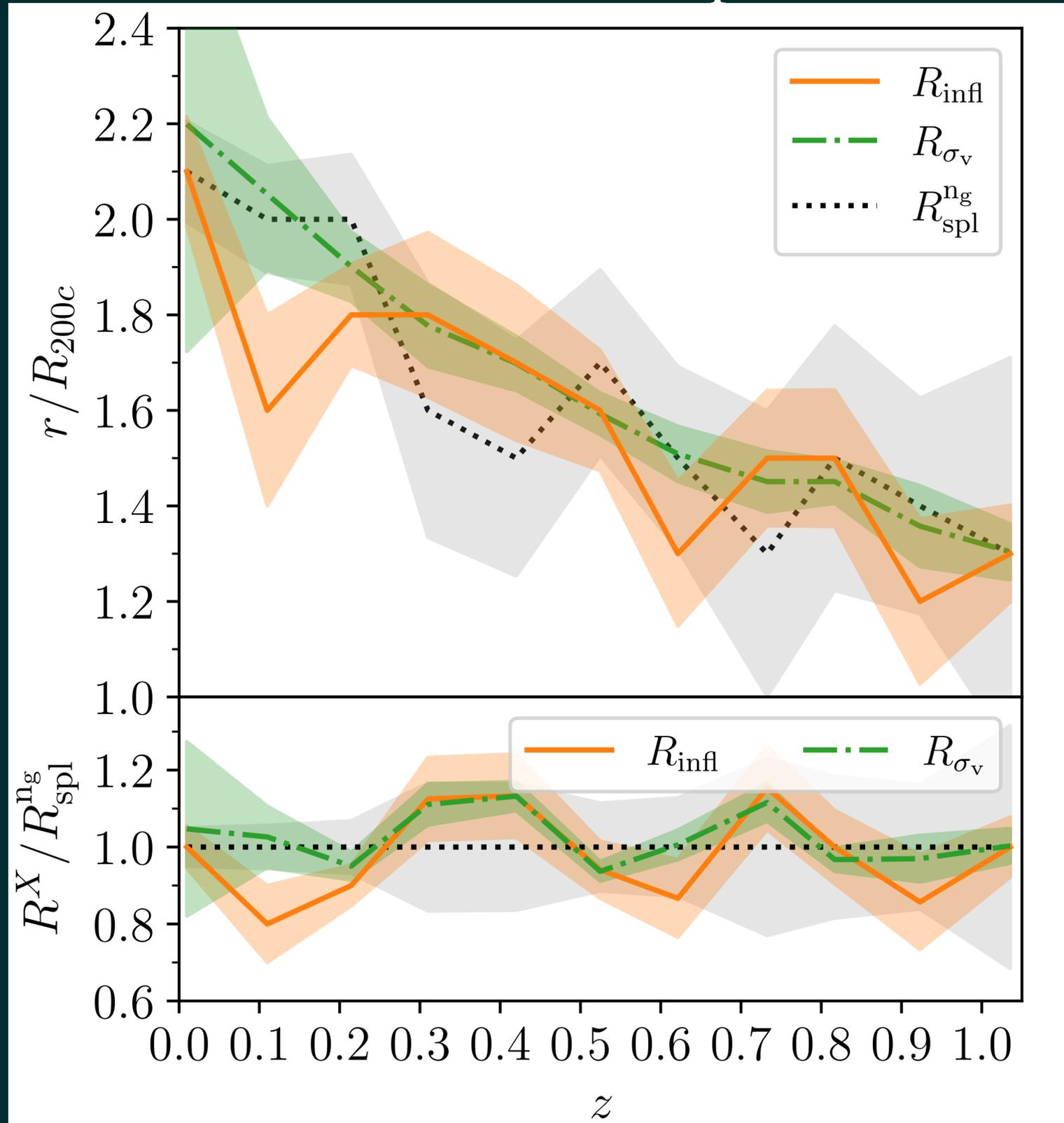
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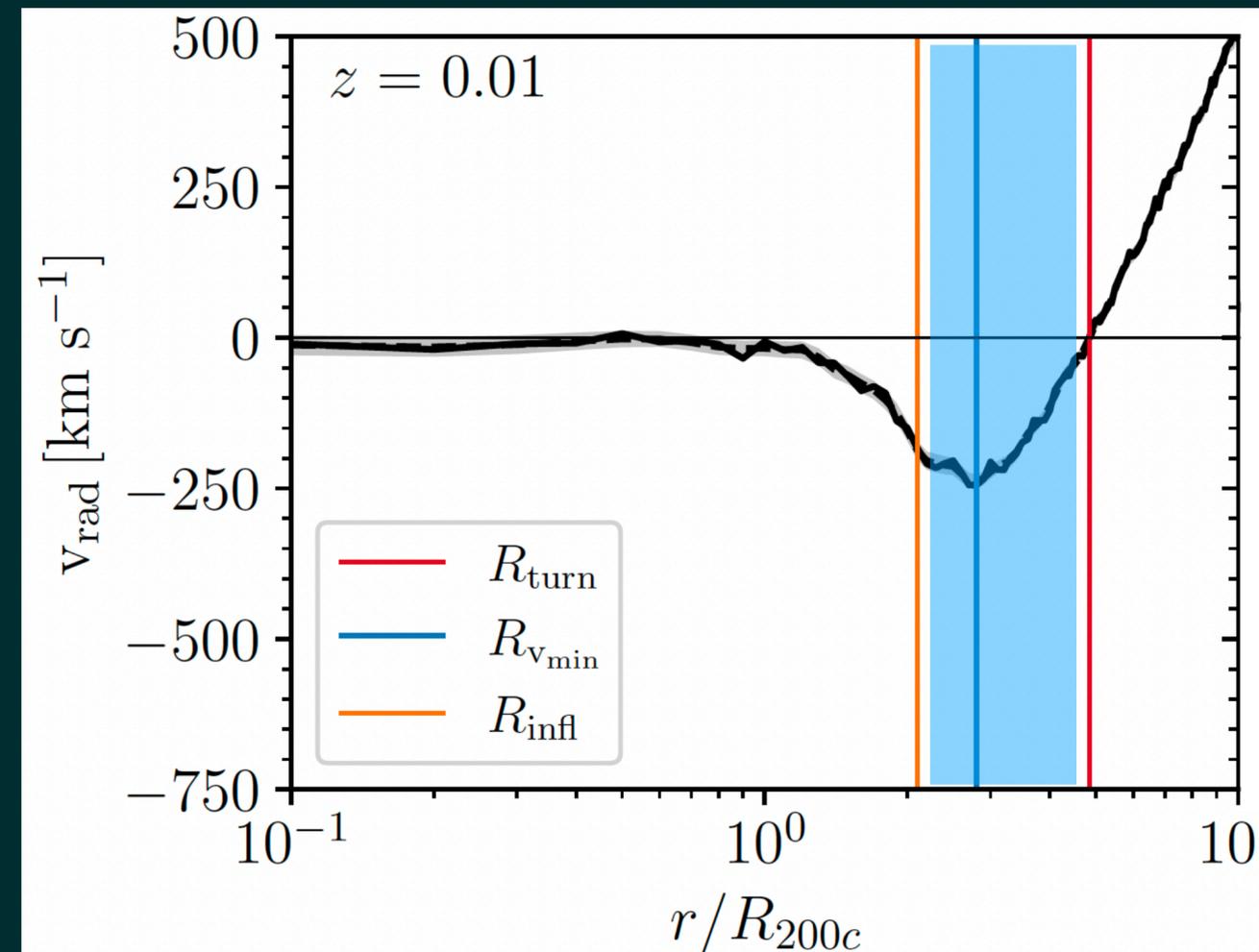
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Dynamical radii and cluster growth

- Infall region: between R_{spl} ($\simeq R_{\text{infl}}$) and R_{turn}
- At $R_{v_{\text{min}}}$ peak in radial velocity \longrightarrow maximum accretion
- $R_{\text{spl}} < R_{v_{\text{min}}} < R_{\text{turn}}$

These radii inform the study of cluster growth
(**mass accretion**)



The growth of clusters

Mass accretion rate (MAR)

sensitive to internal properties, growth model, dark energy



Abell 1689, $z = 0.18$

(Credits: NASA, ESA)



JKCS 041, $z = 1.9$

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From merger trees:
clusters accrete half
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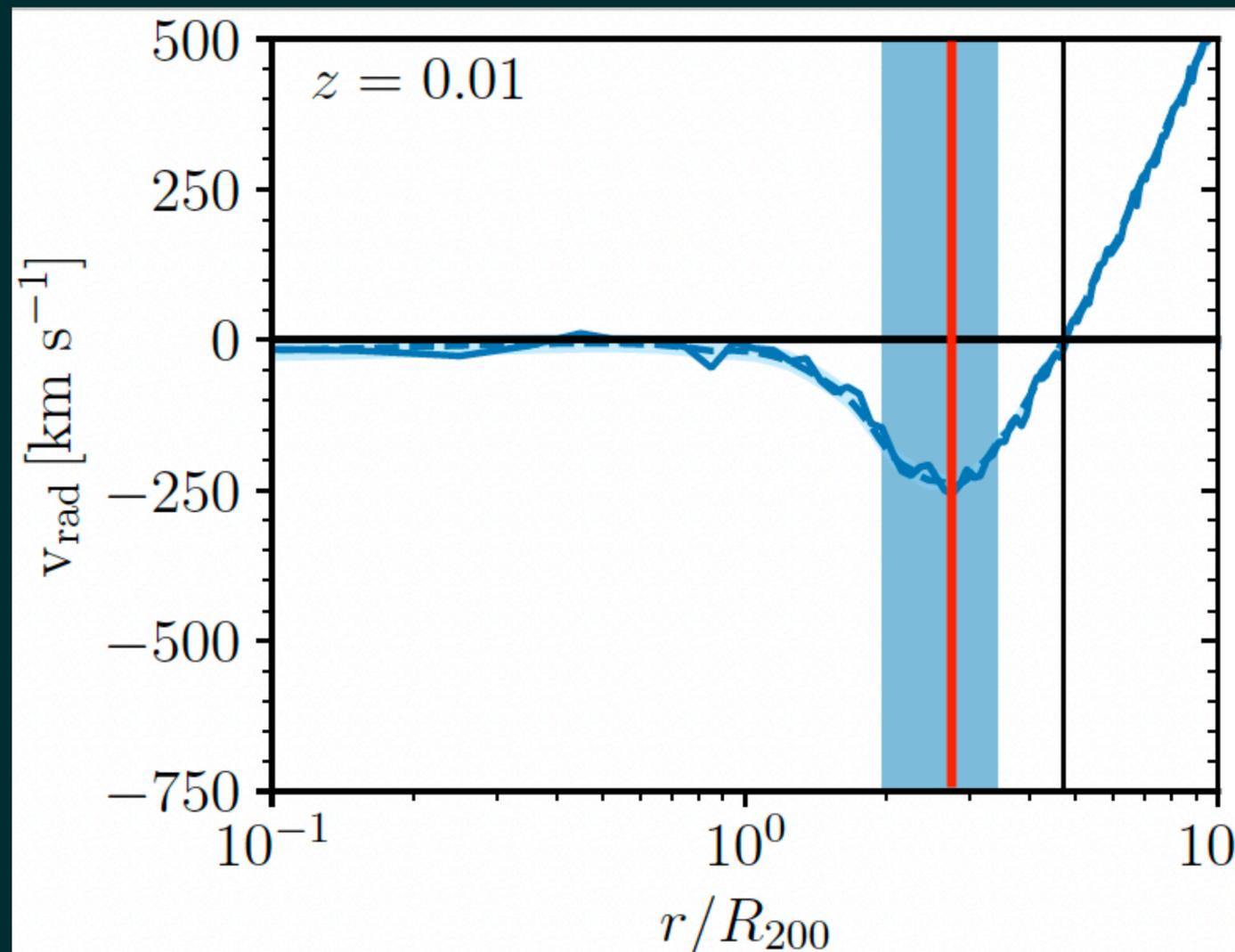
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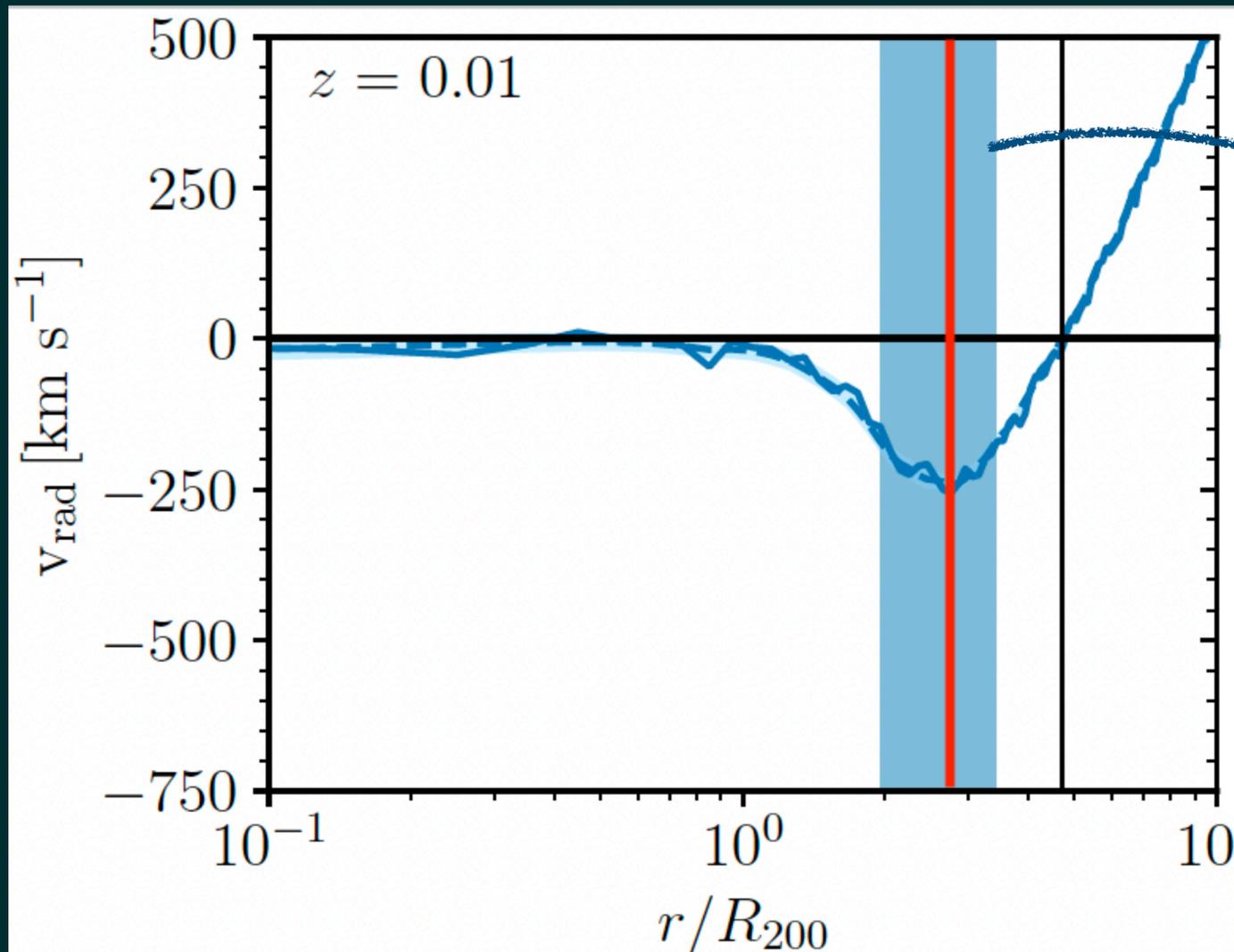
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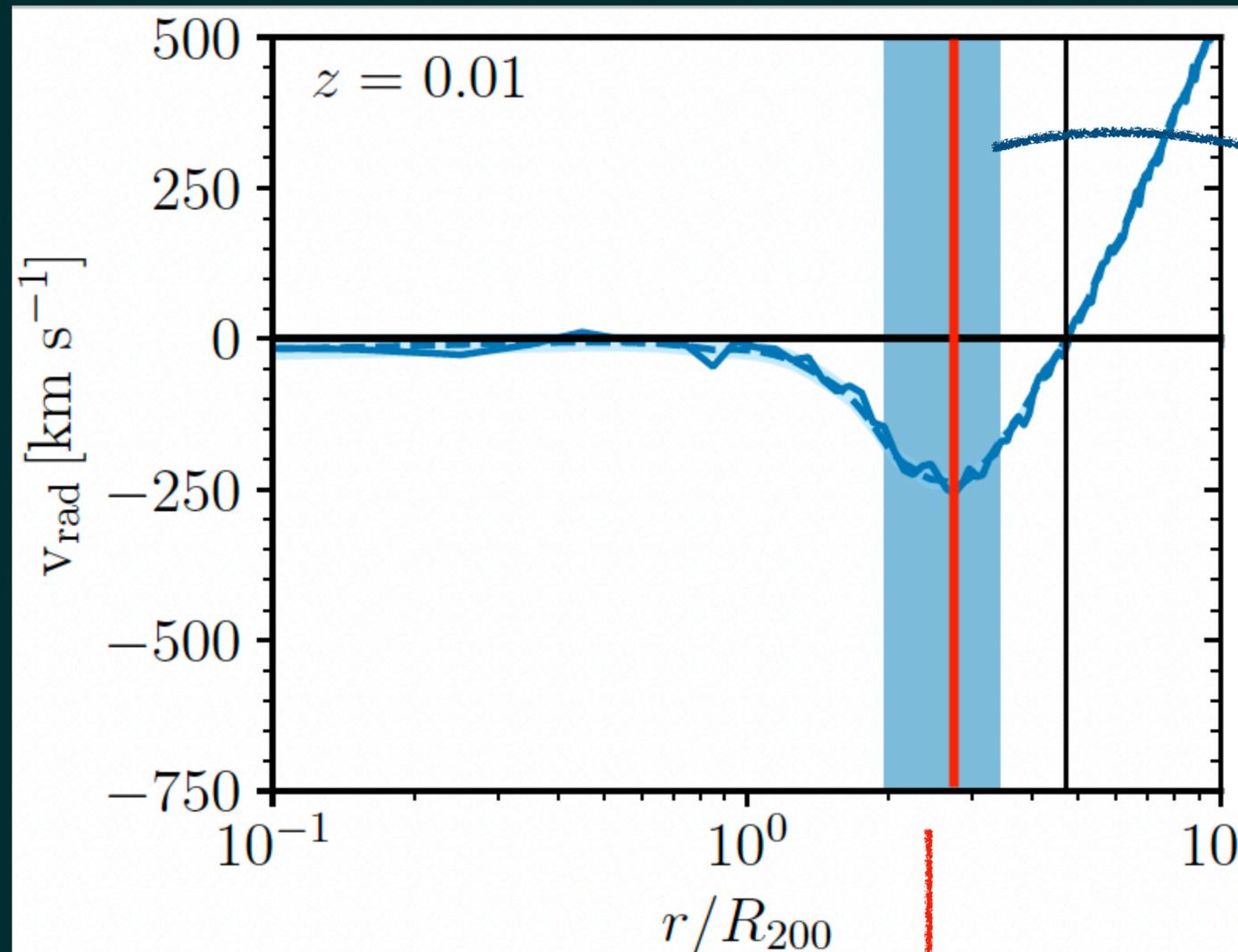
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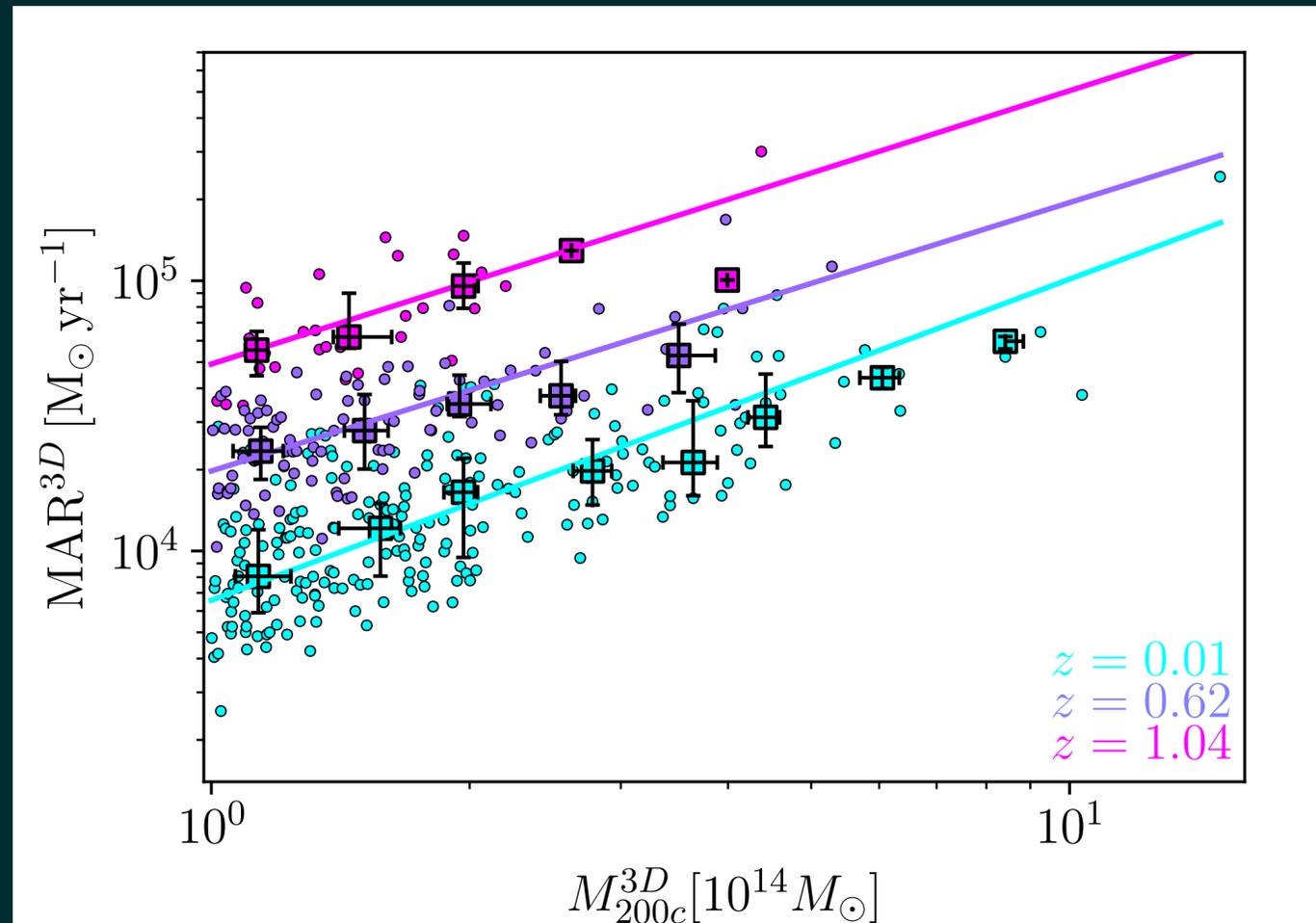
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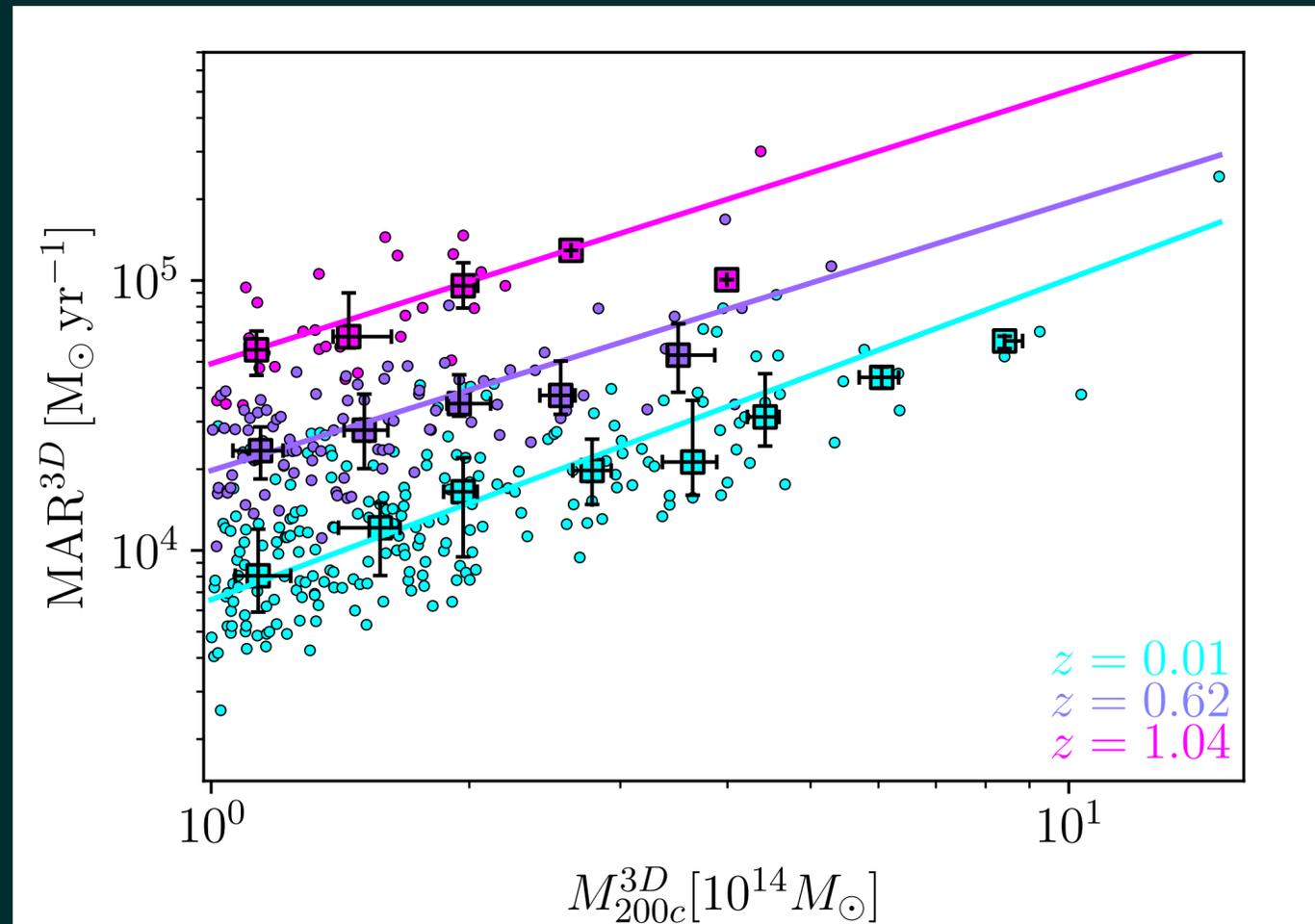


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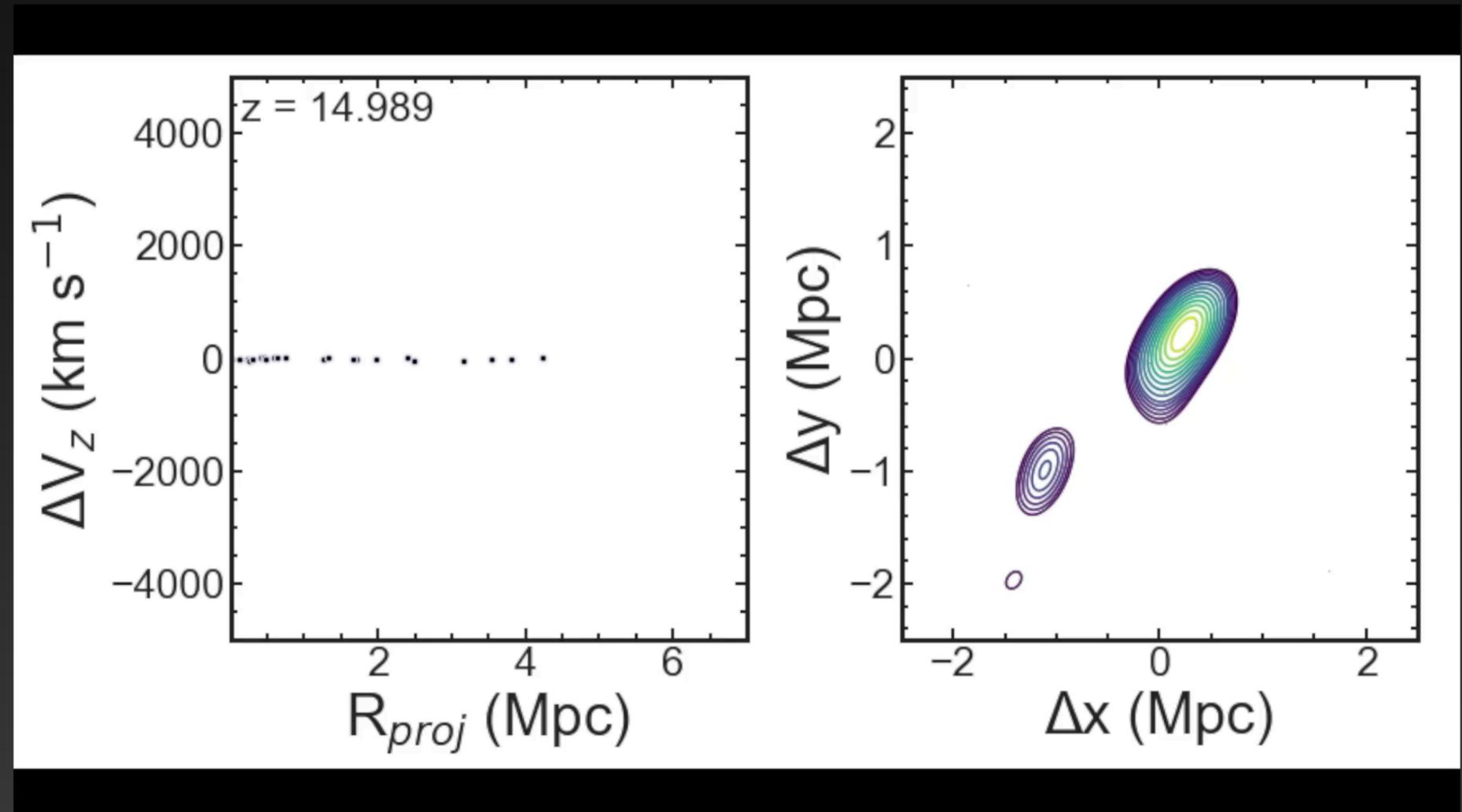
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Backup slides

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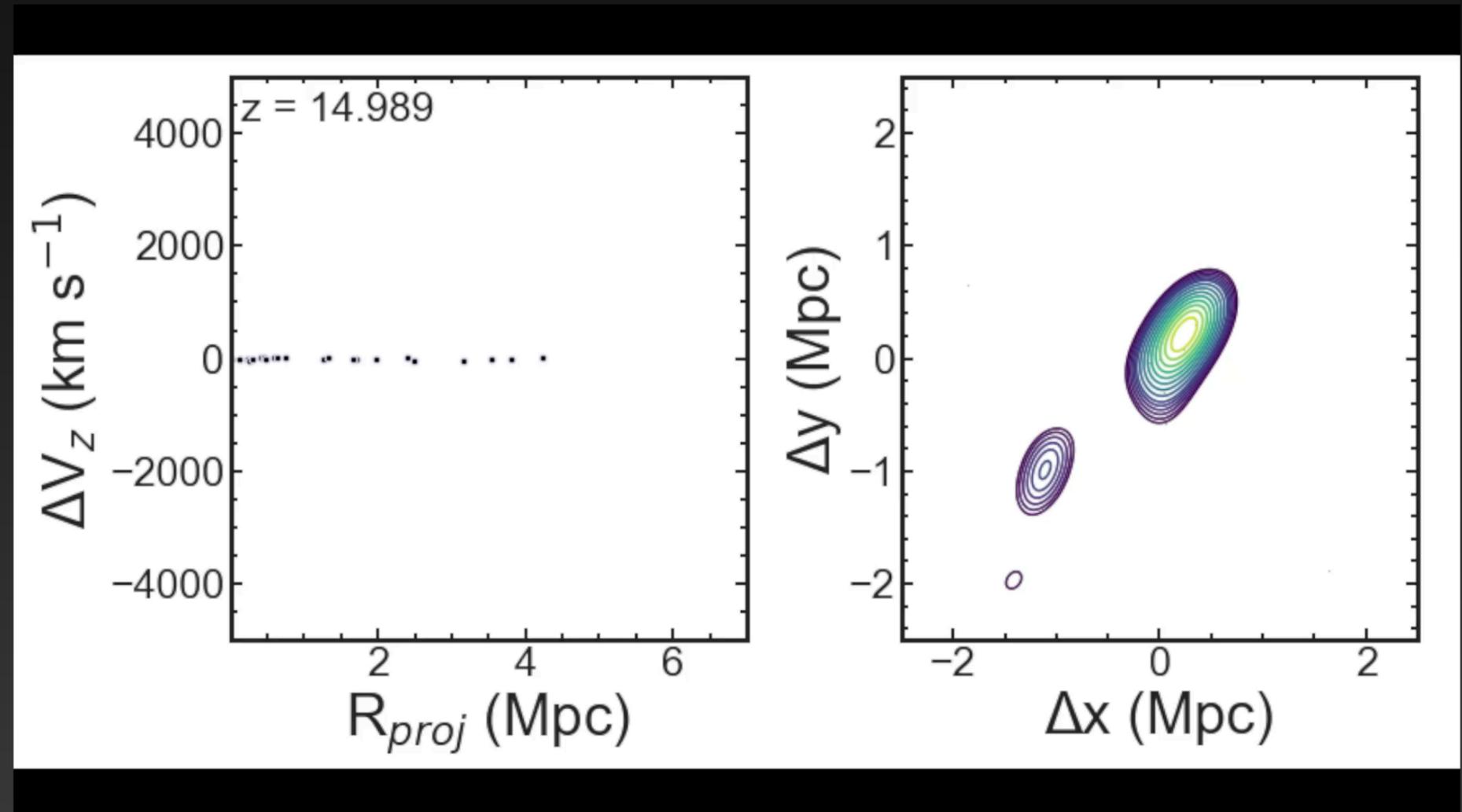
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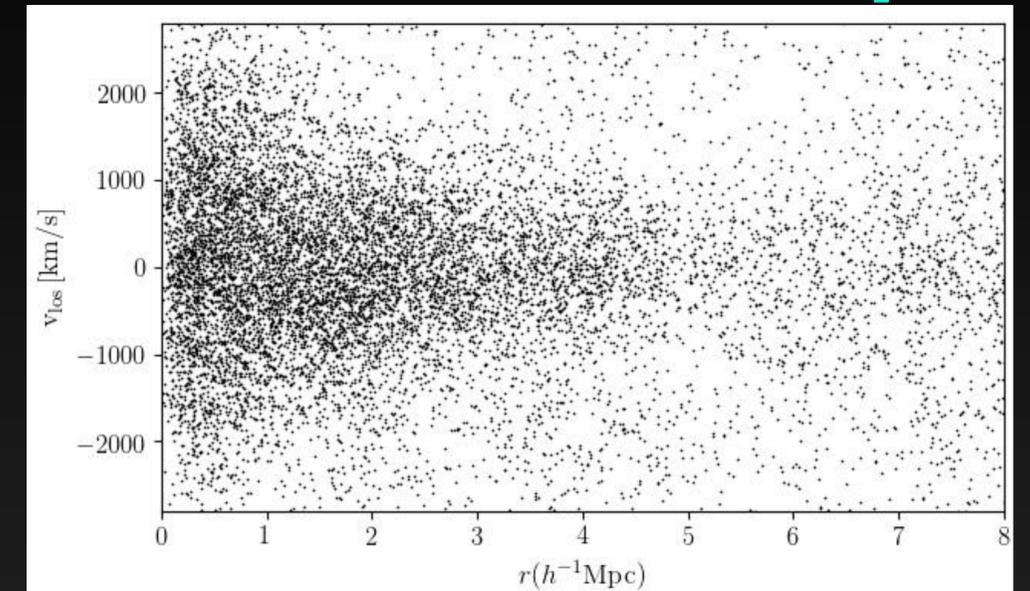
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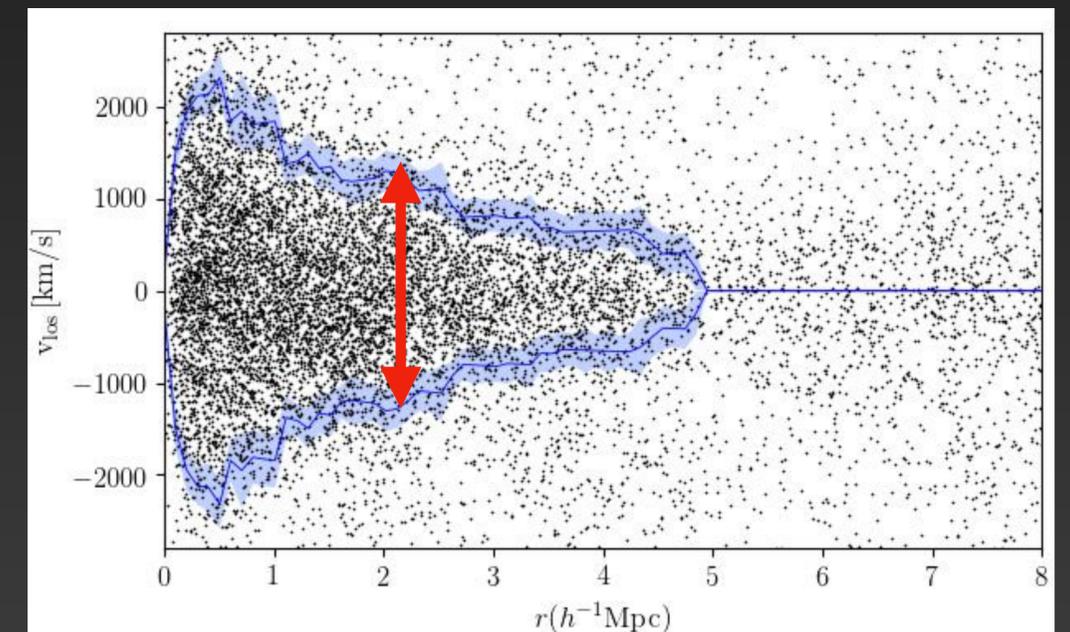


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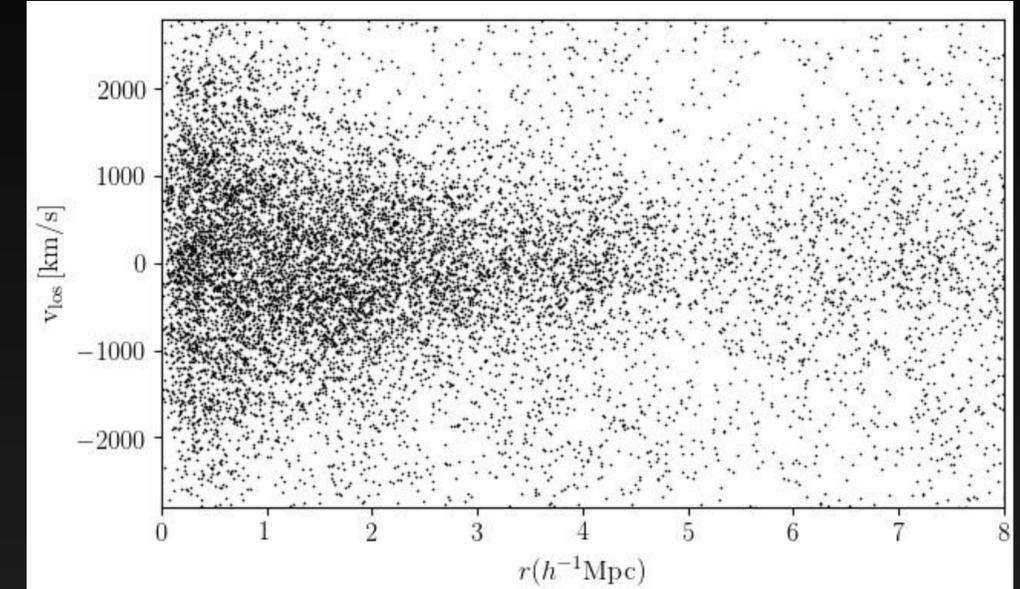
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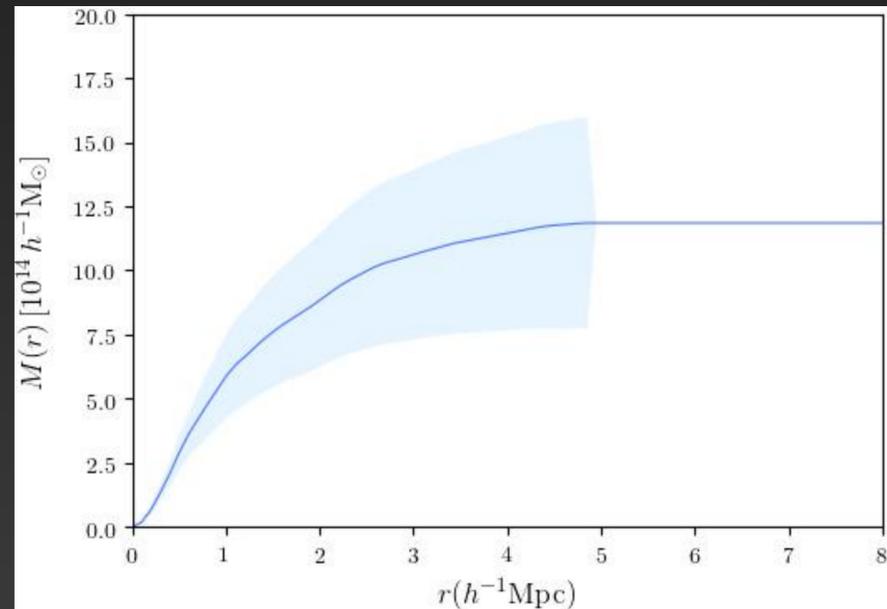


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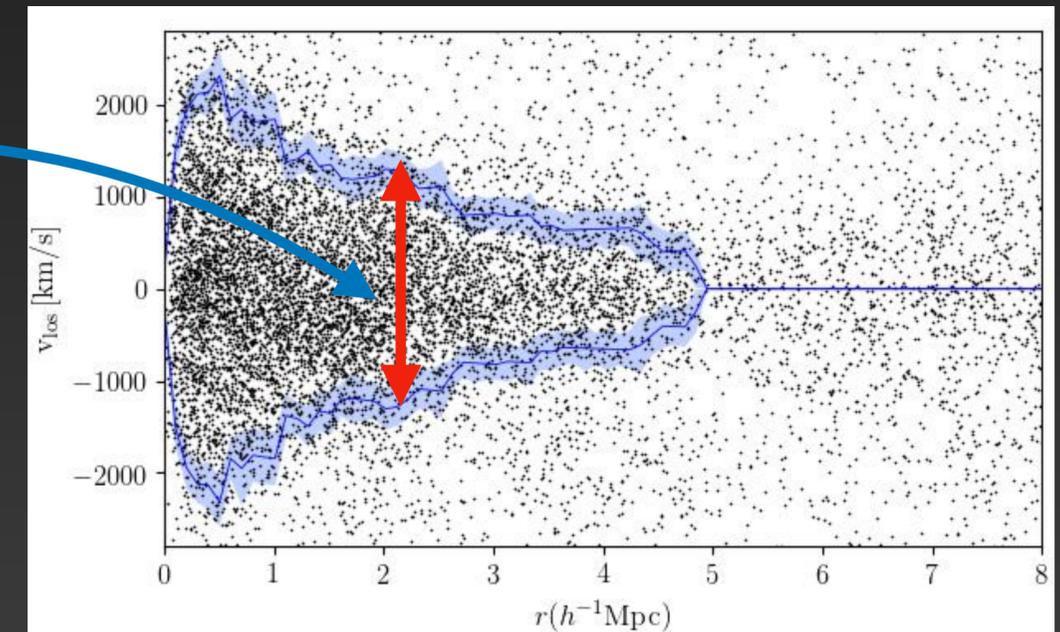


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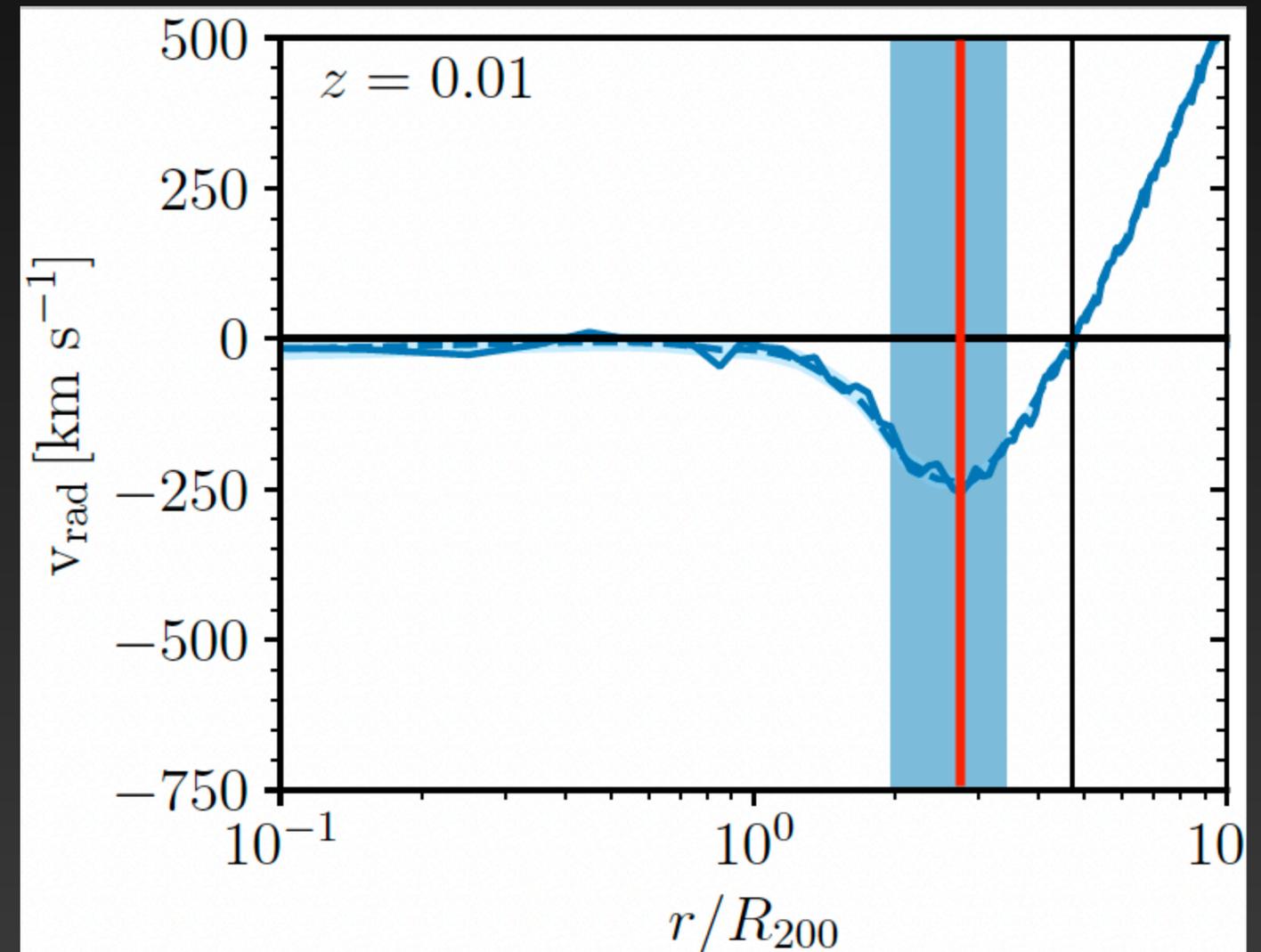
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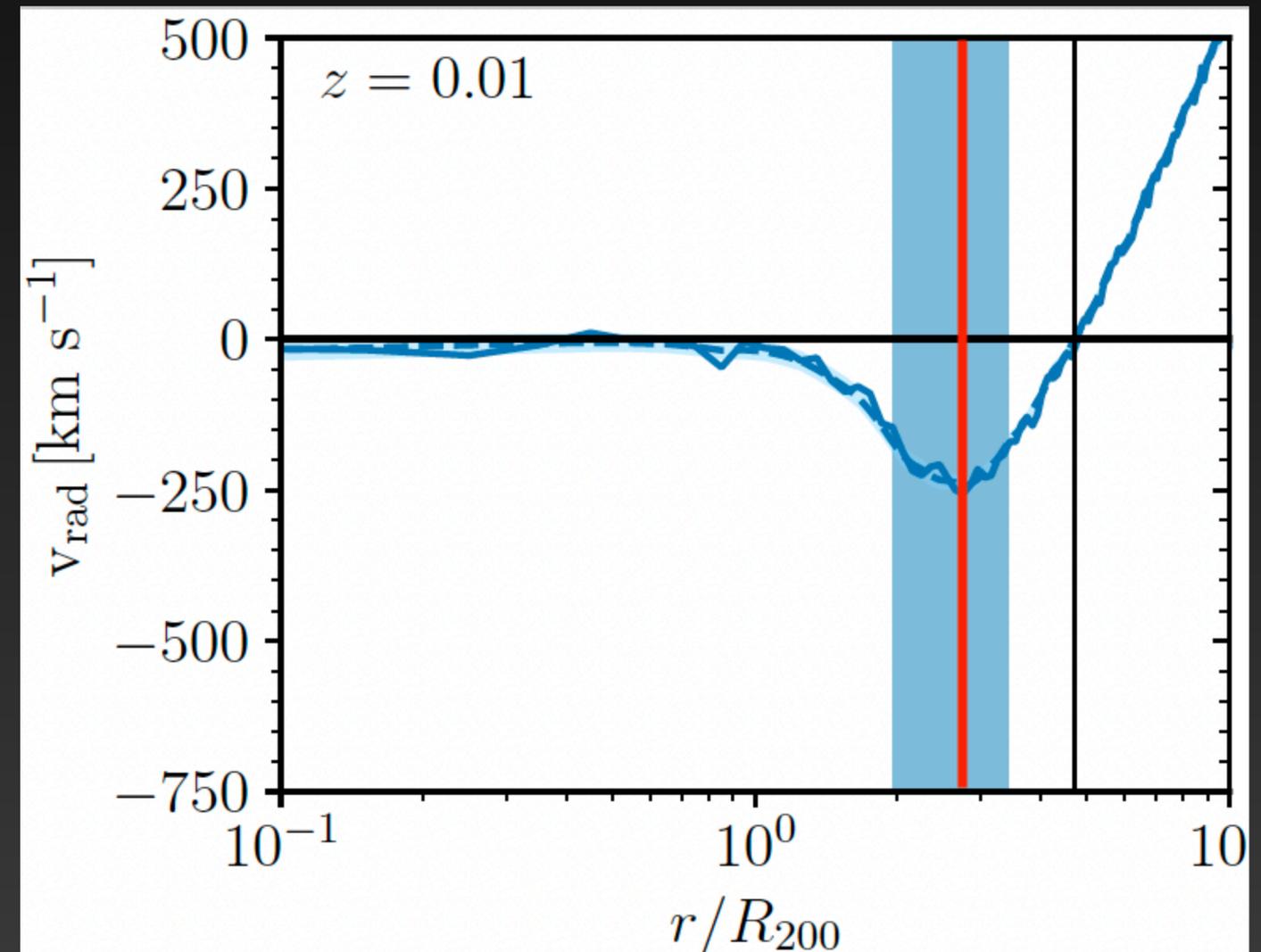
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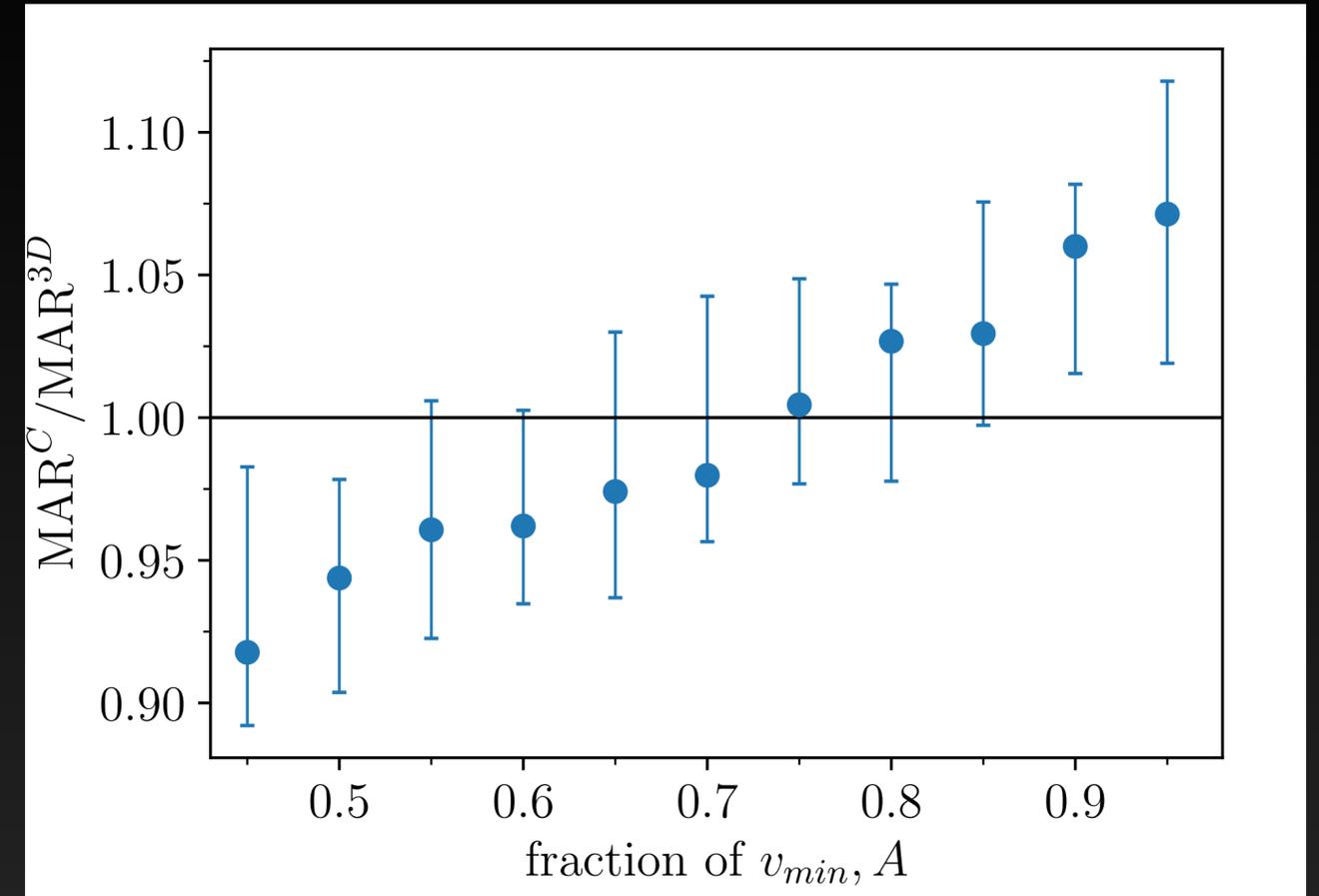
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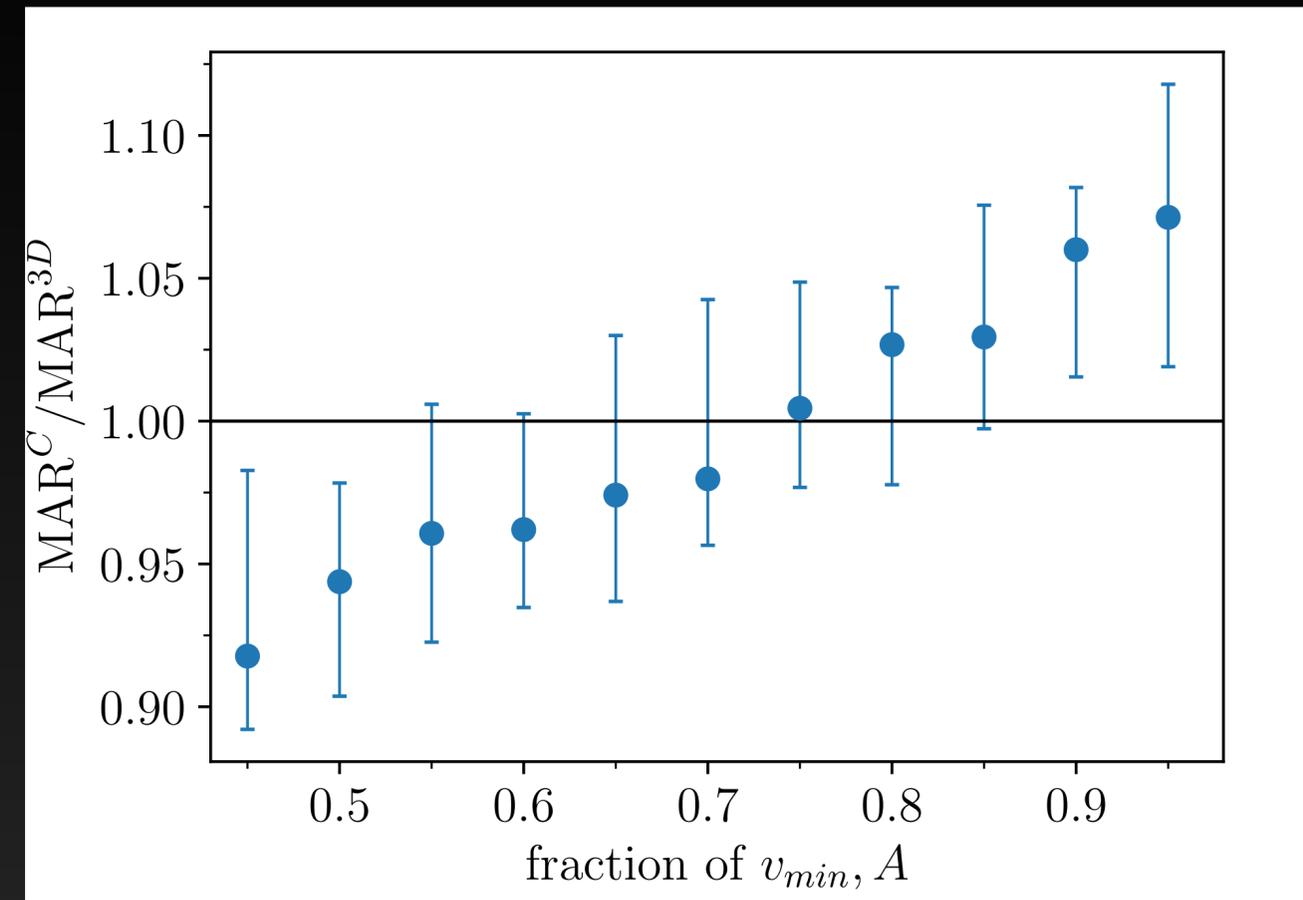
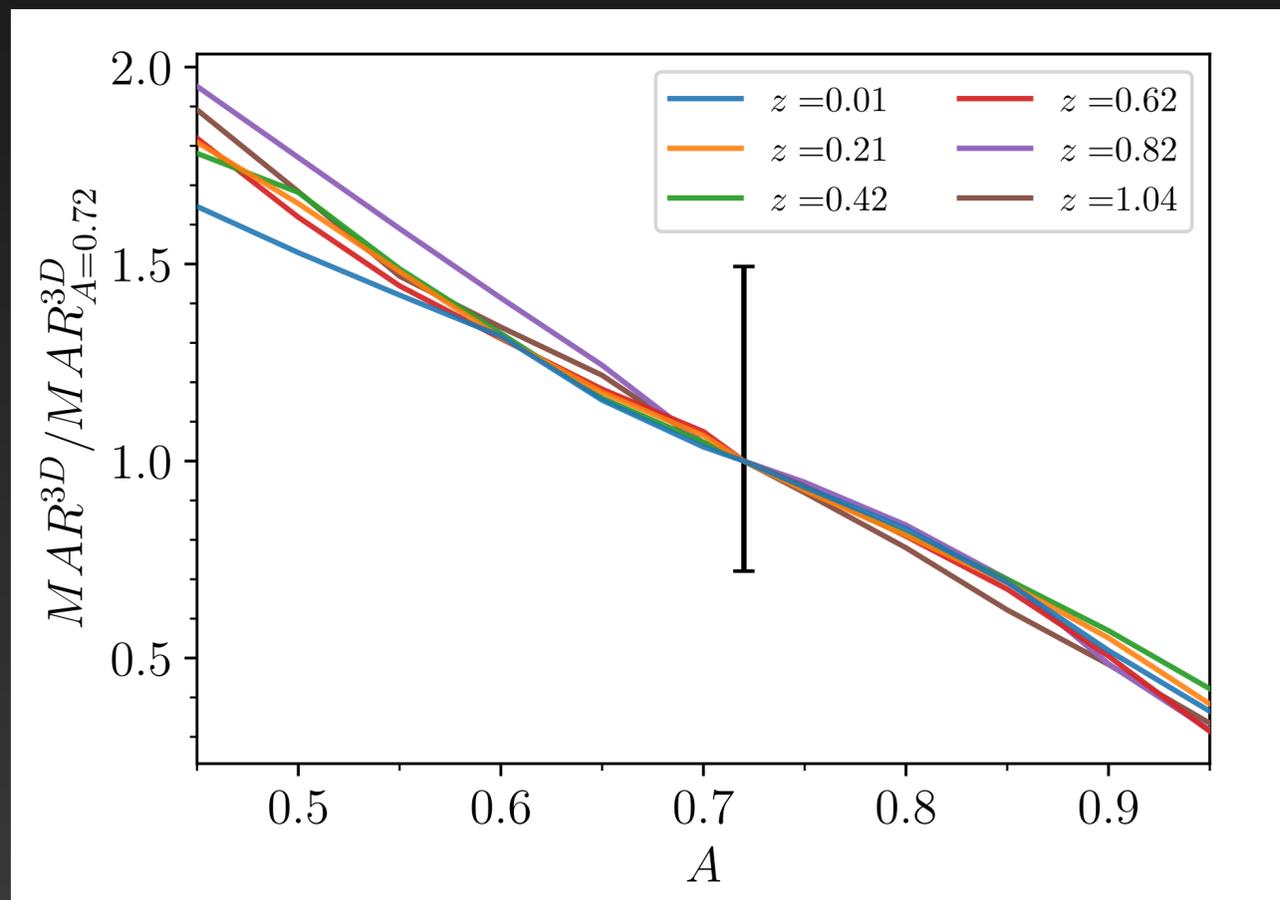


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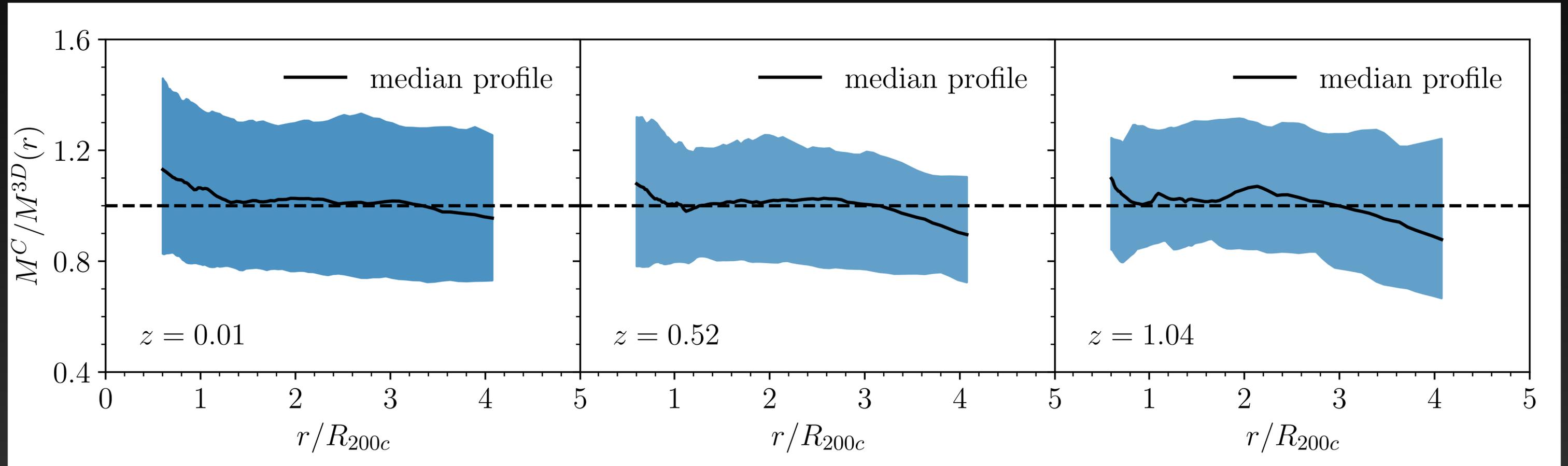
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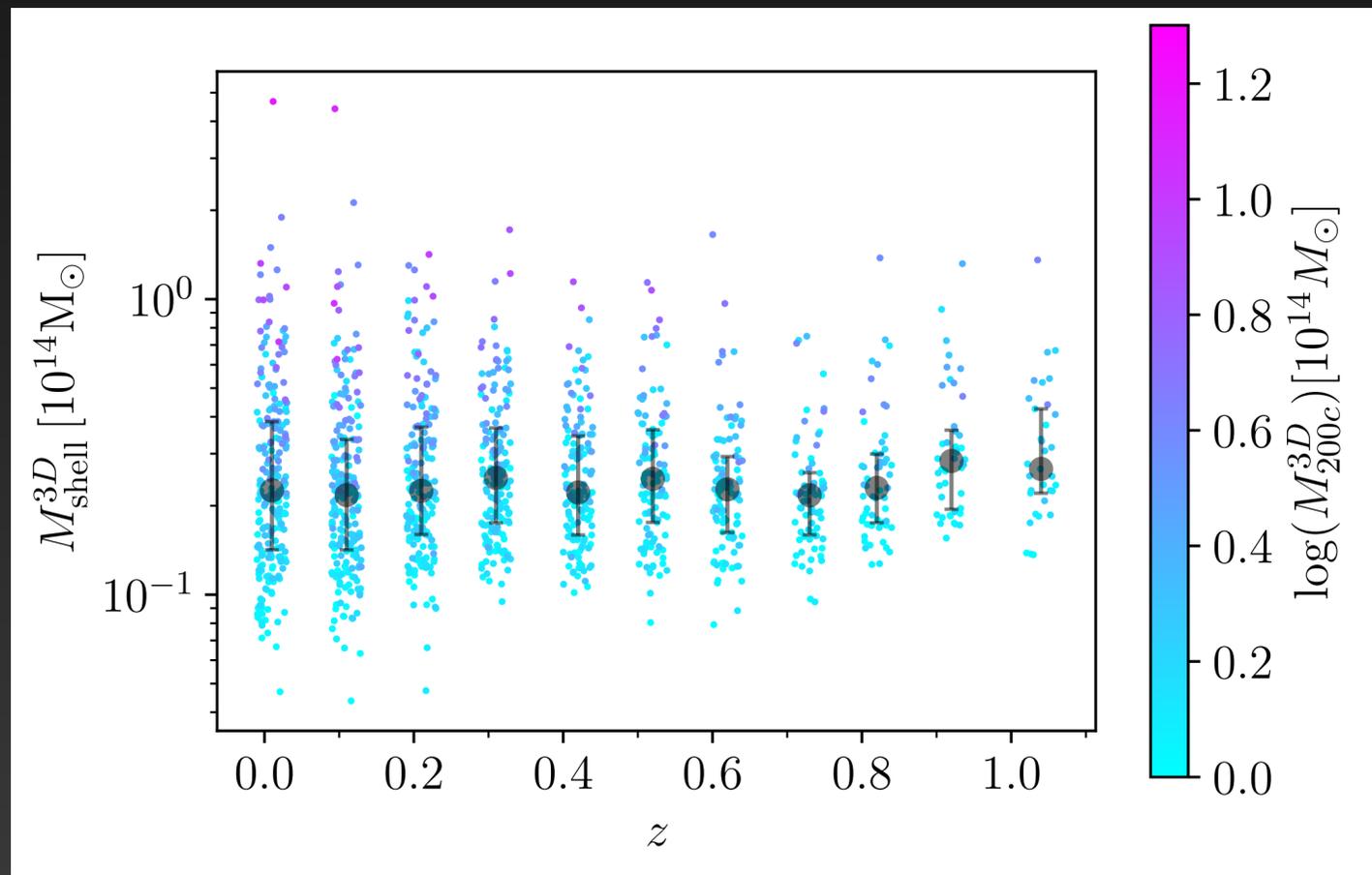
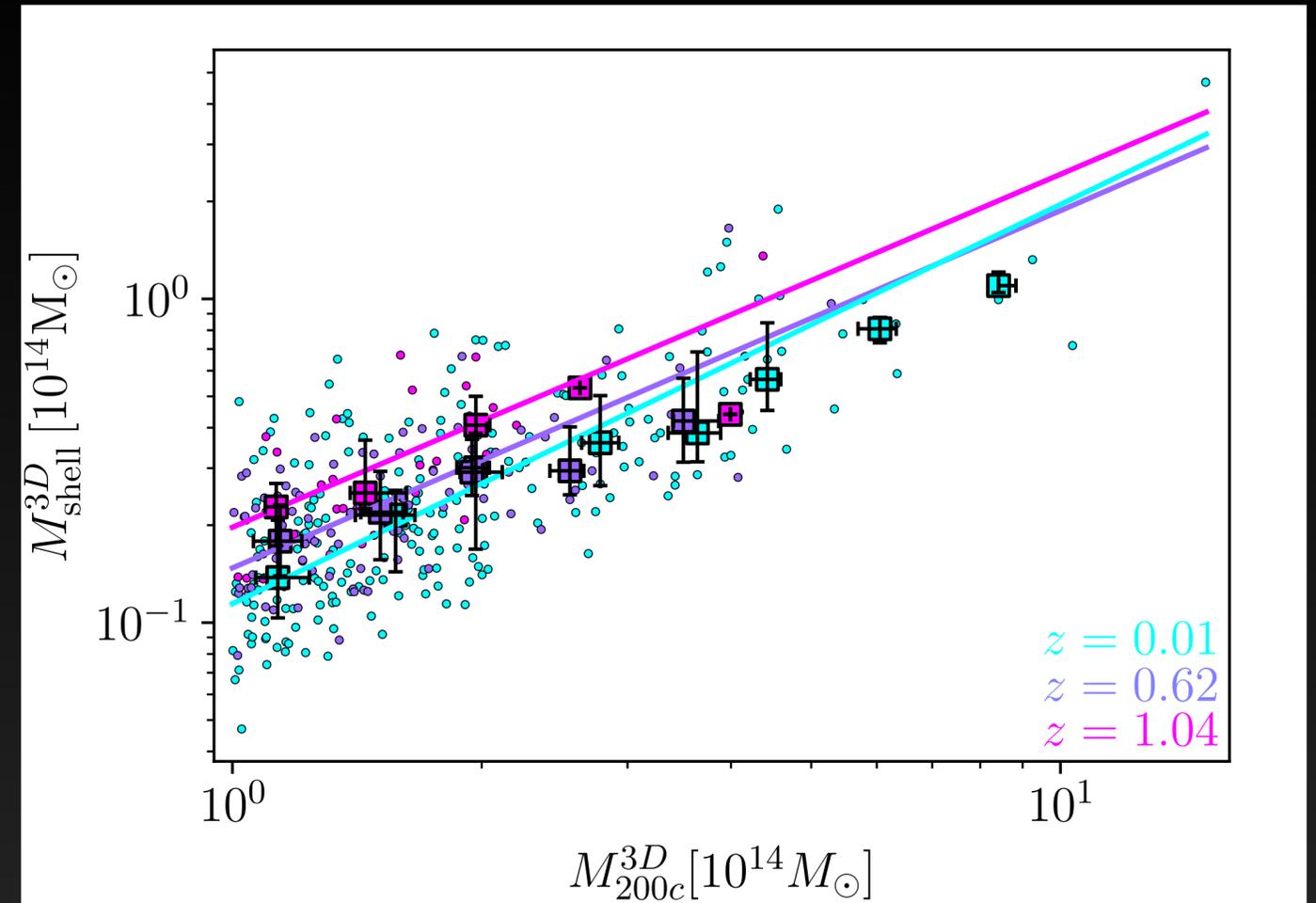
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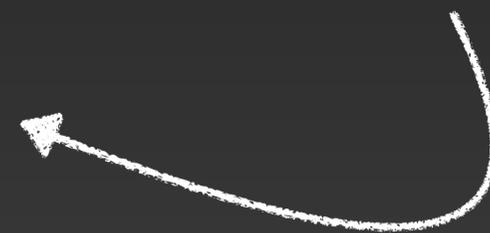
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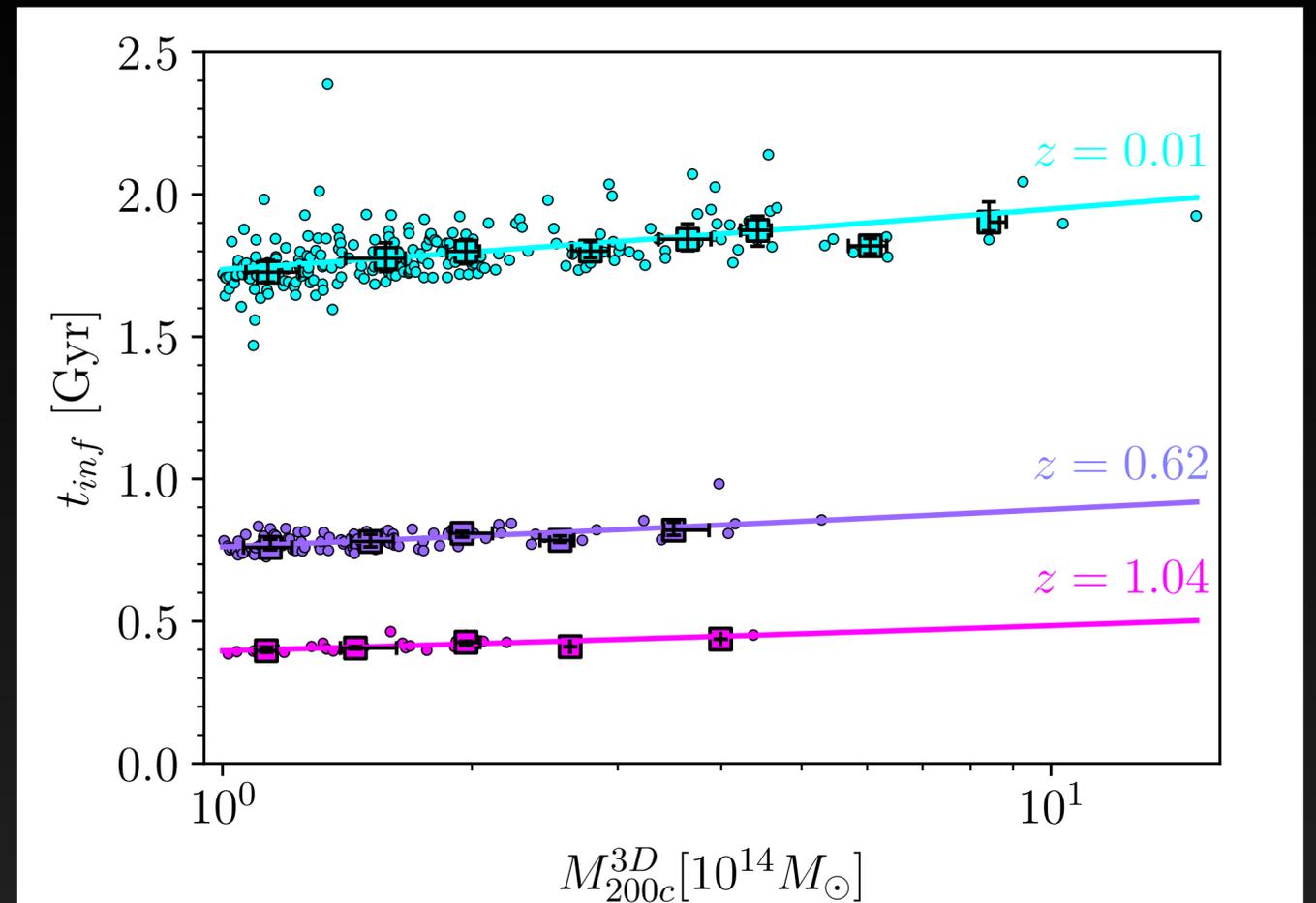
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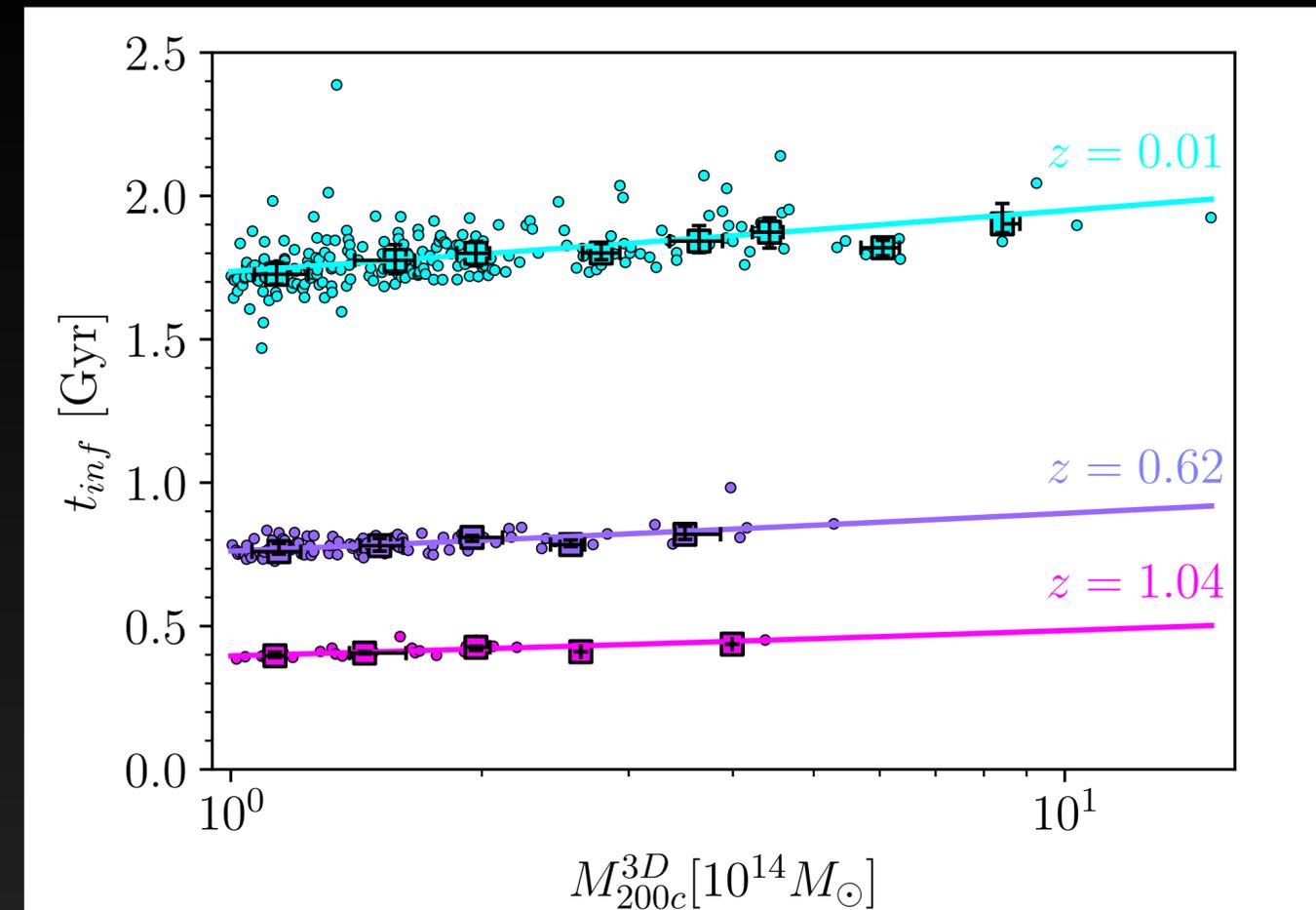
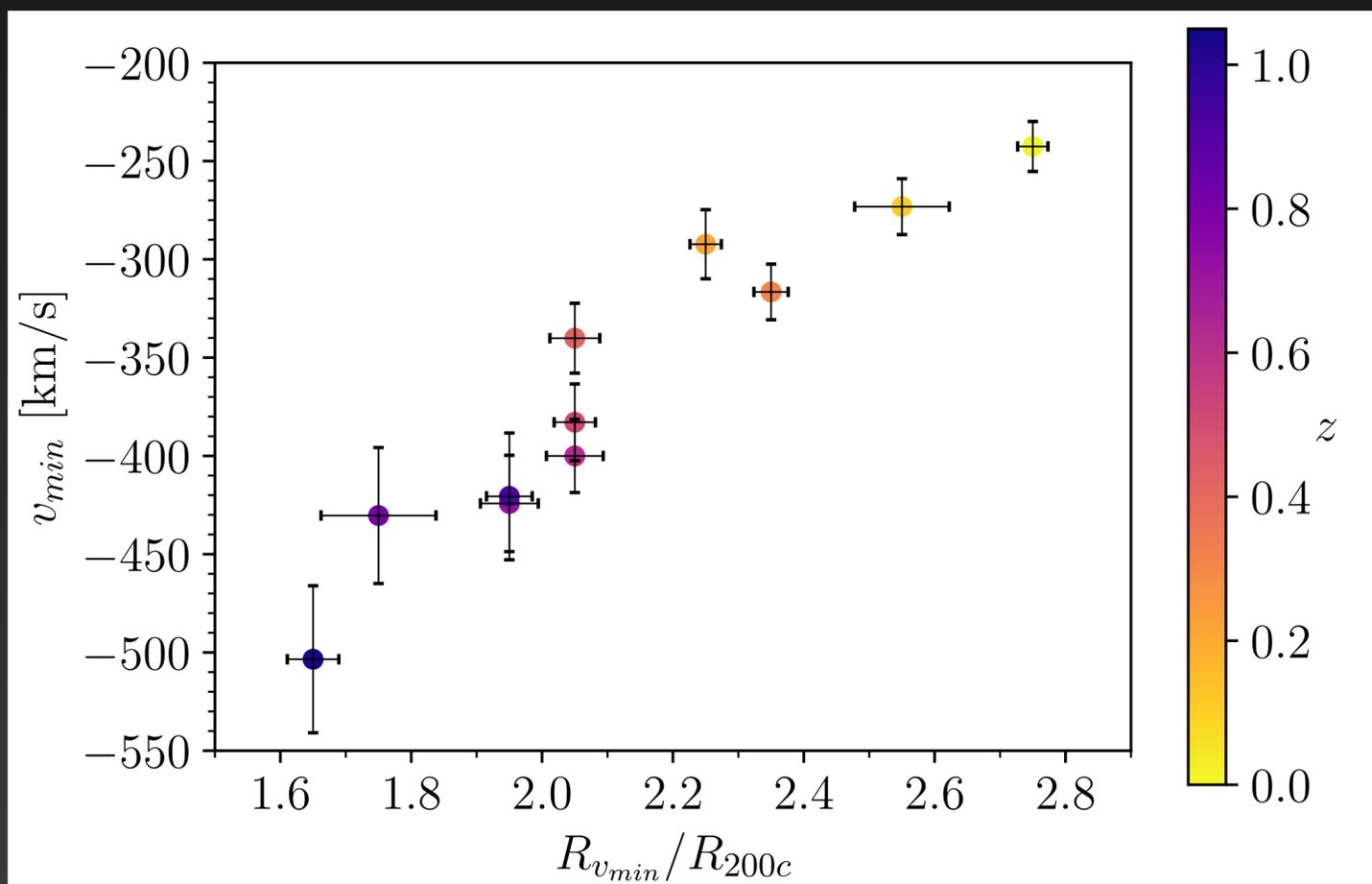


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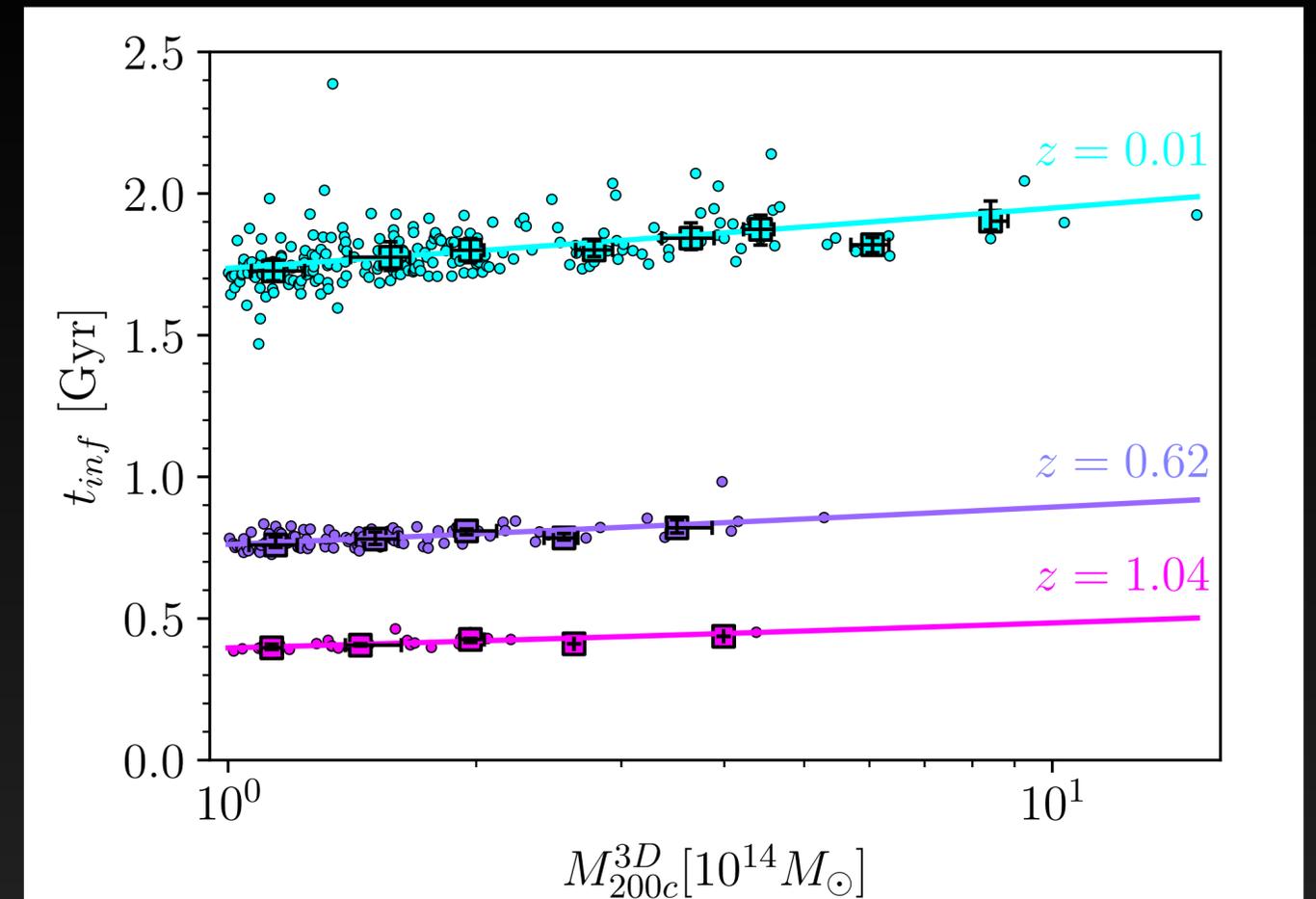
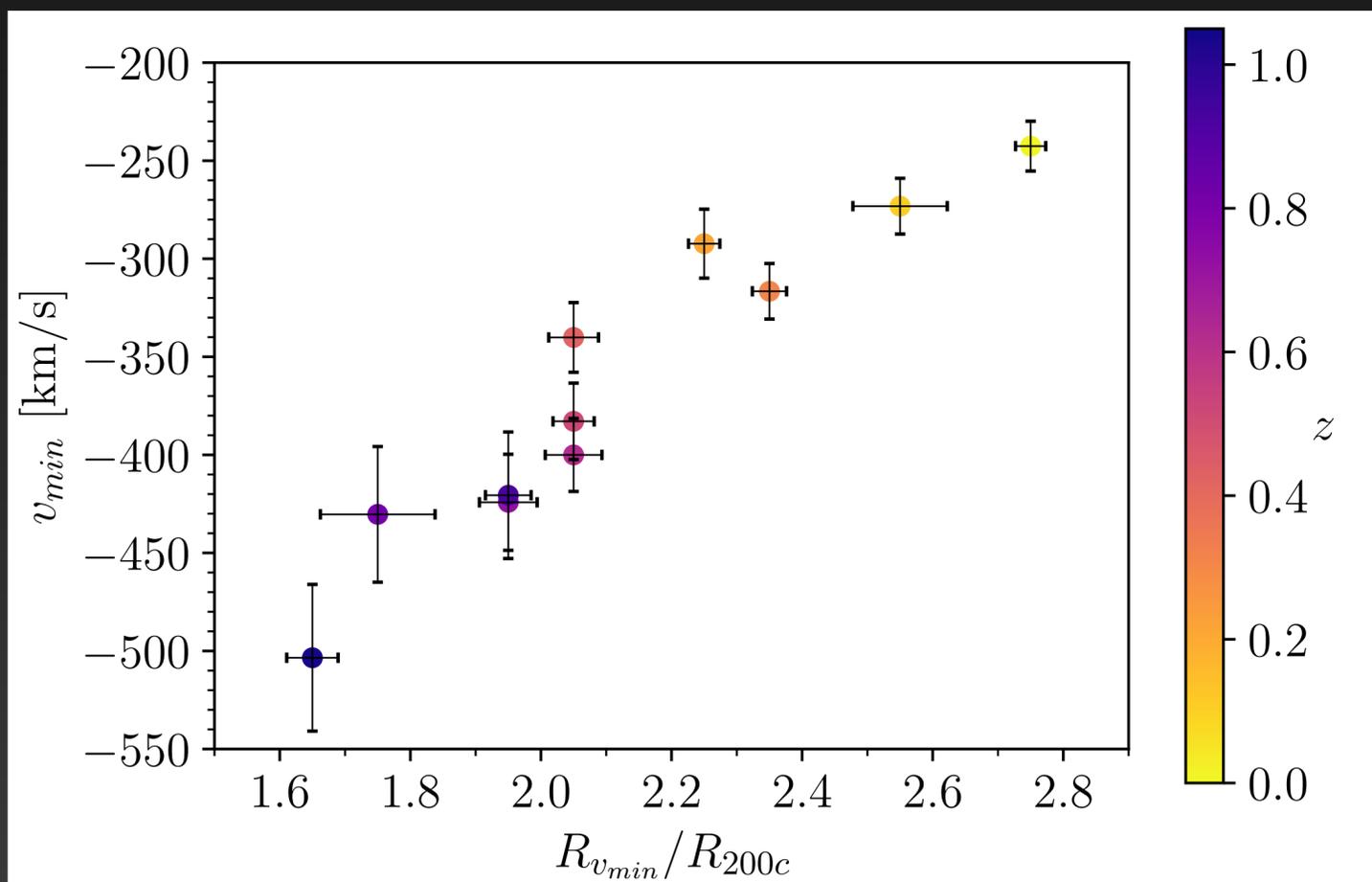


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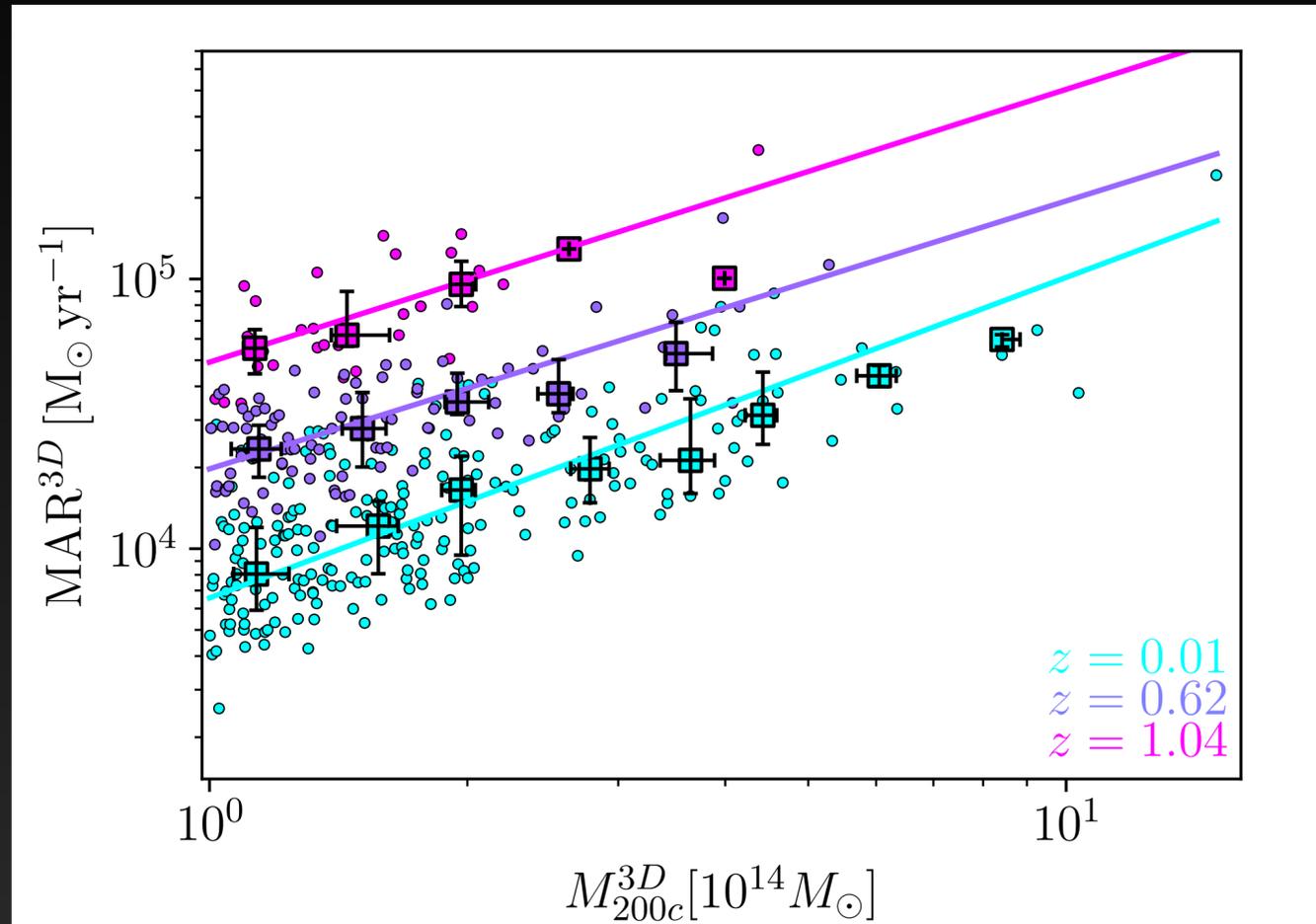


Strong correlation with redshift

Weak correlation with cluster mass

MAR: results

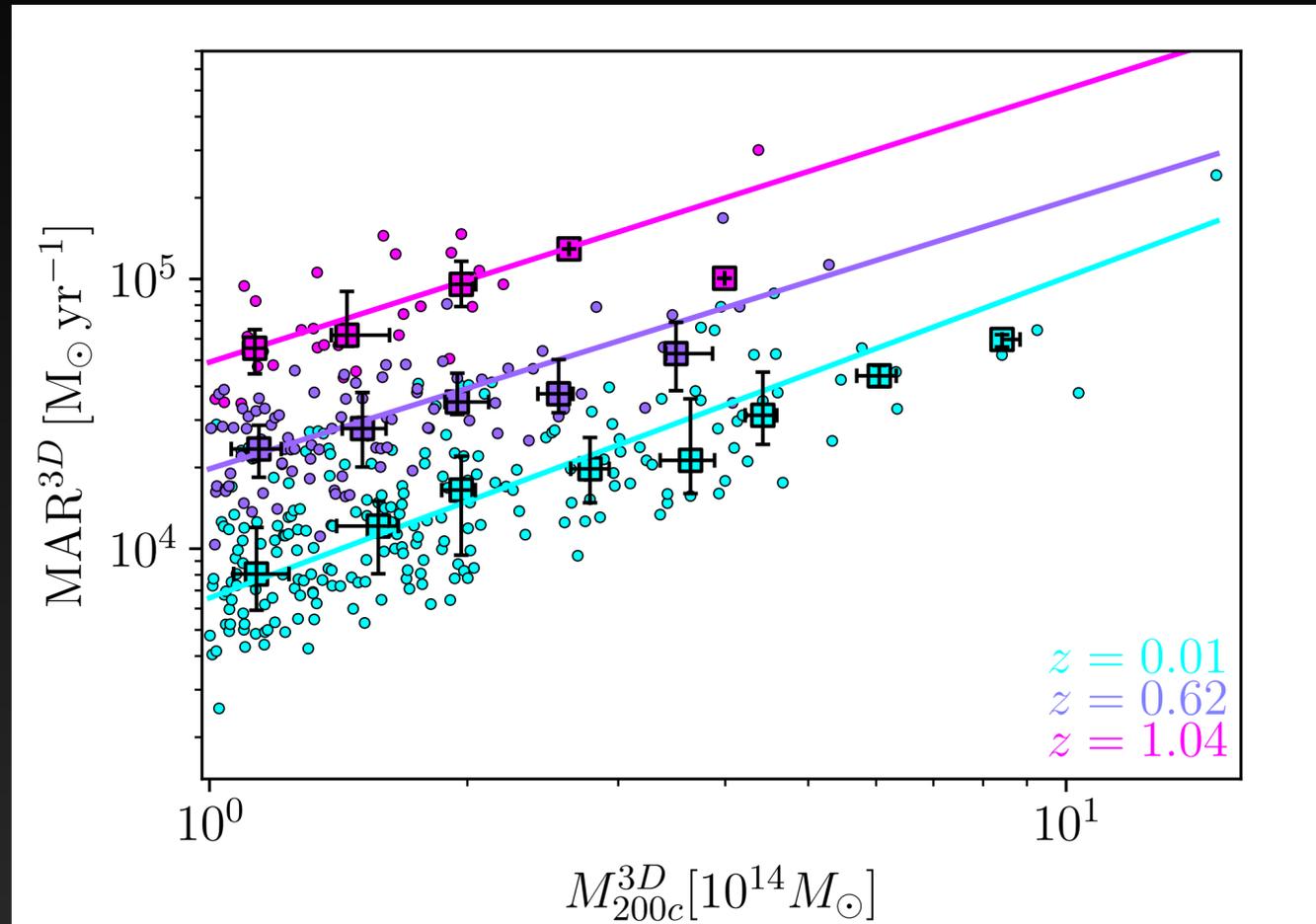
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**Strong correlation with
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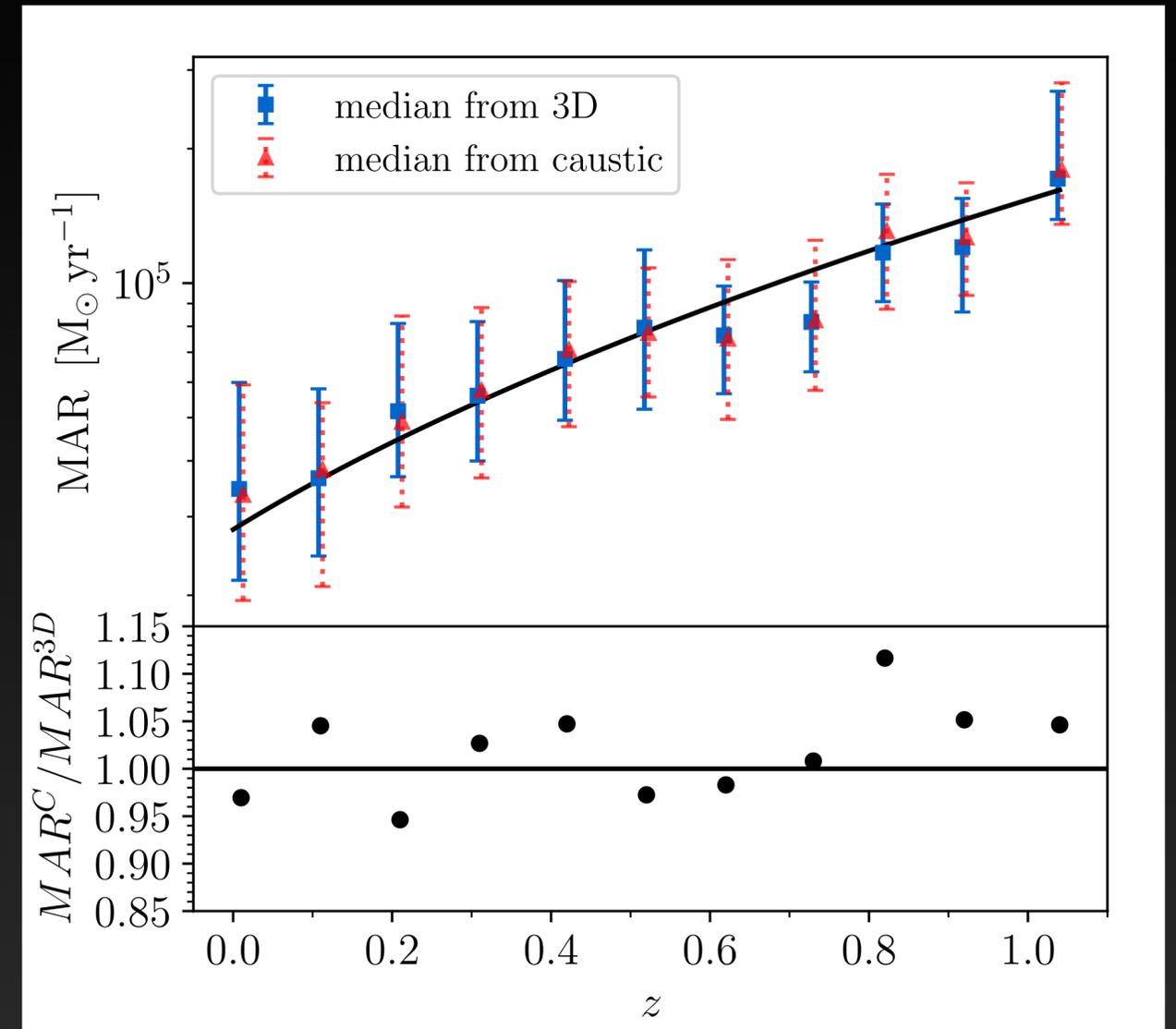
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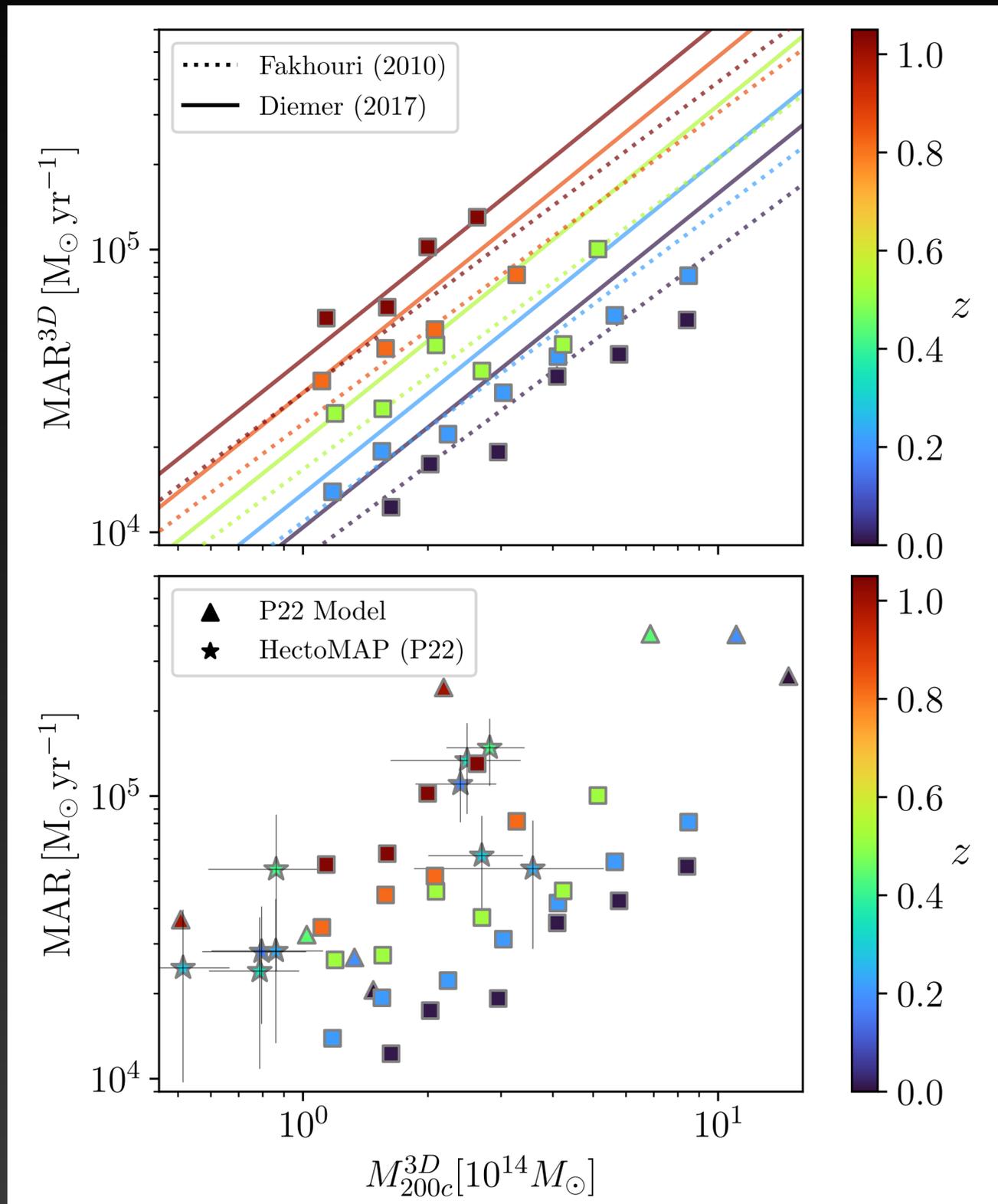
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Caustic MARs agree with true MARs within $\sim 10\%$

Comparison with merger trees and observations



MARs within 1σ from **merger trees**

MARs in **agreement with real clusters** MARs

MAR **correlates** with cluster's mass and redshift, $MAR \sim 10^4 - 10^5 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$

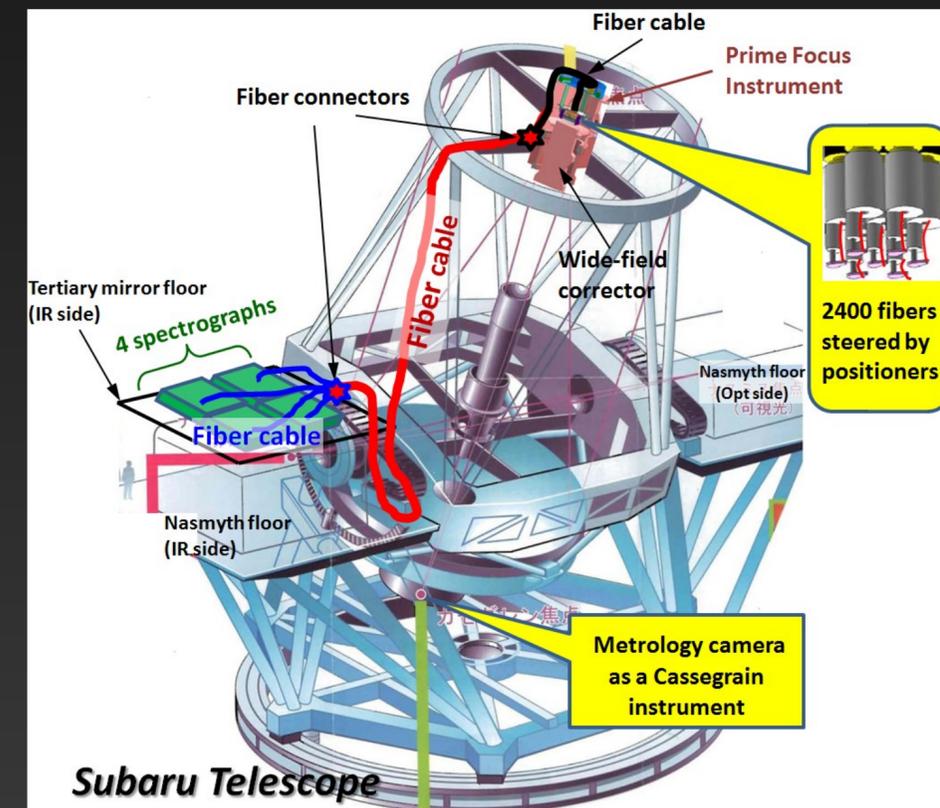
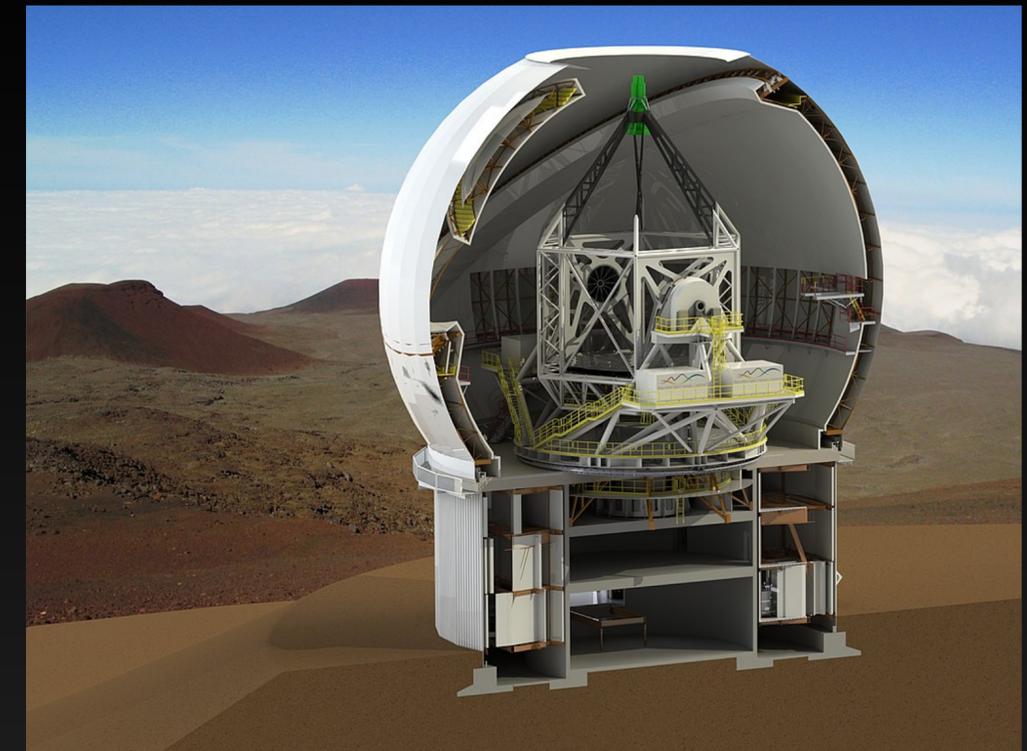
(More details in Pizzardo et al. 2023, A&A, 680, A48)

Future prospects

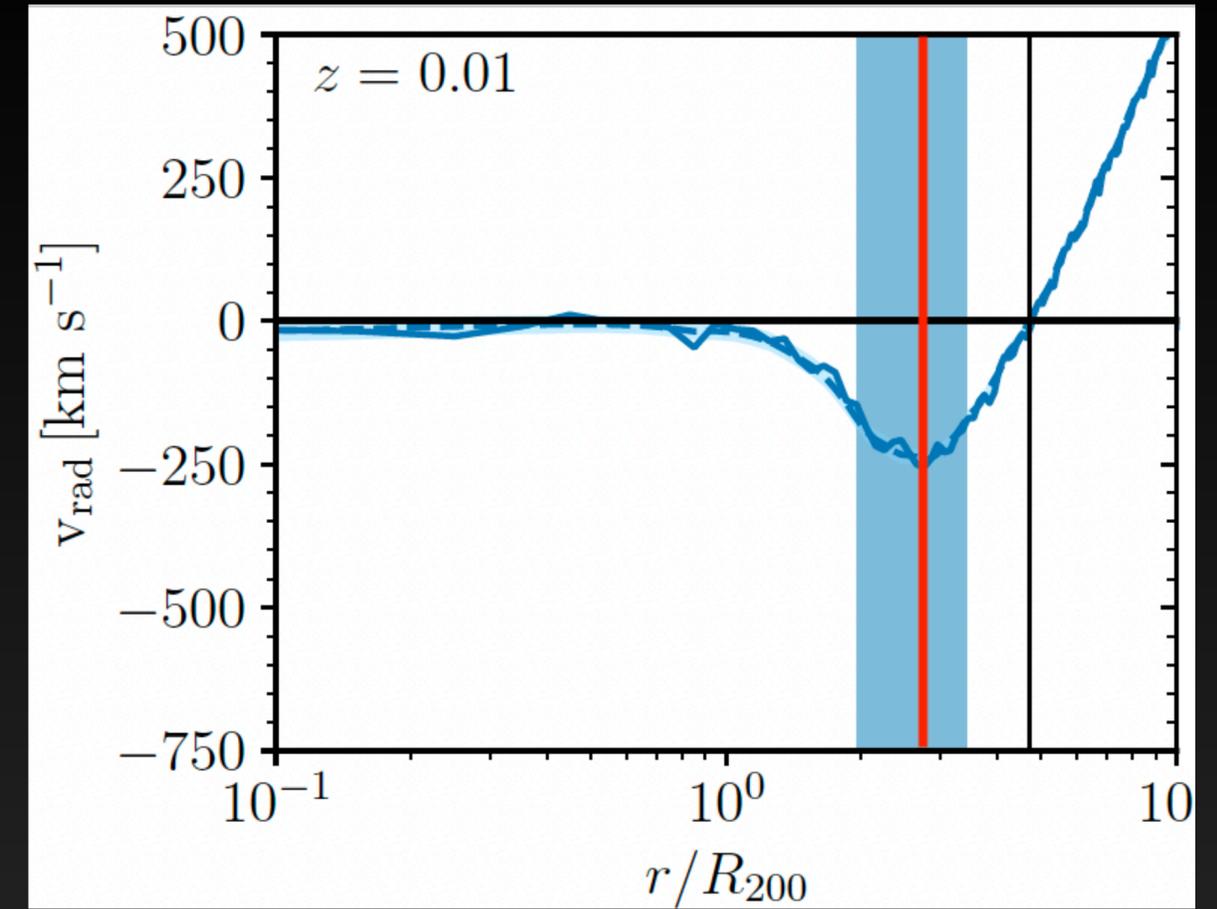
Large samples of clusters with dense spectroscopy up to $\sim 4R_{200c}$ and $z \lesssim 1$ will **enable measurement of MAR**



WEAVE on WHT,
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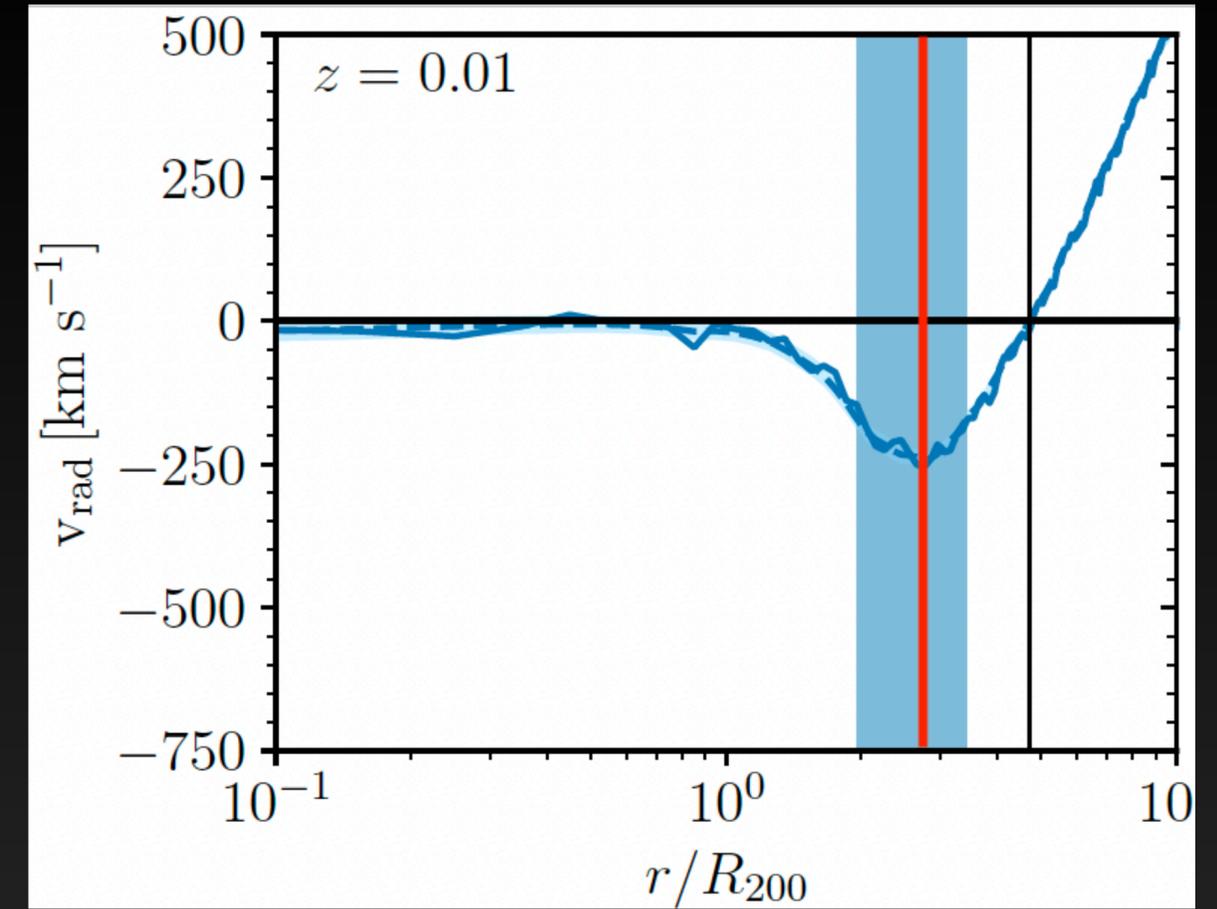


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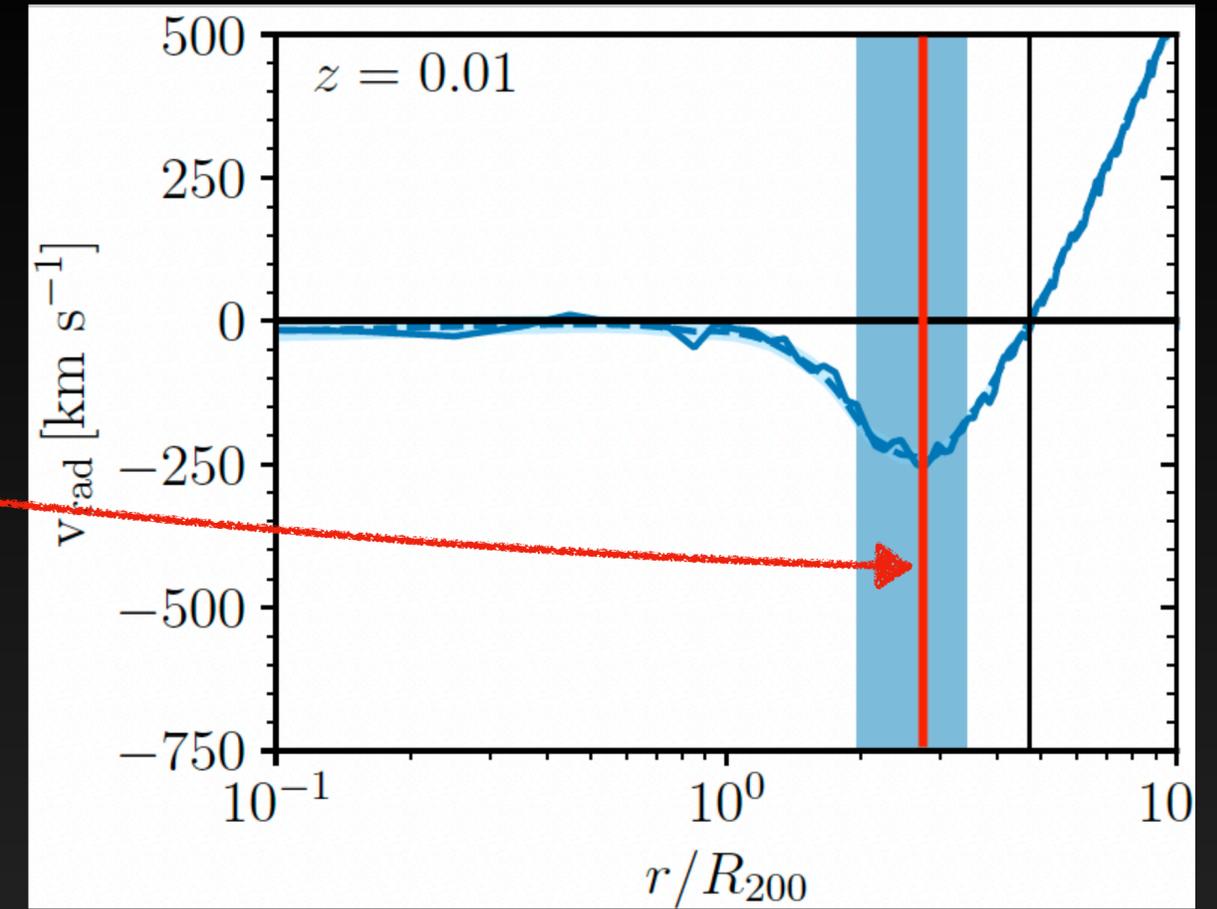
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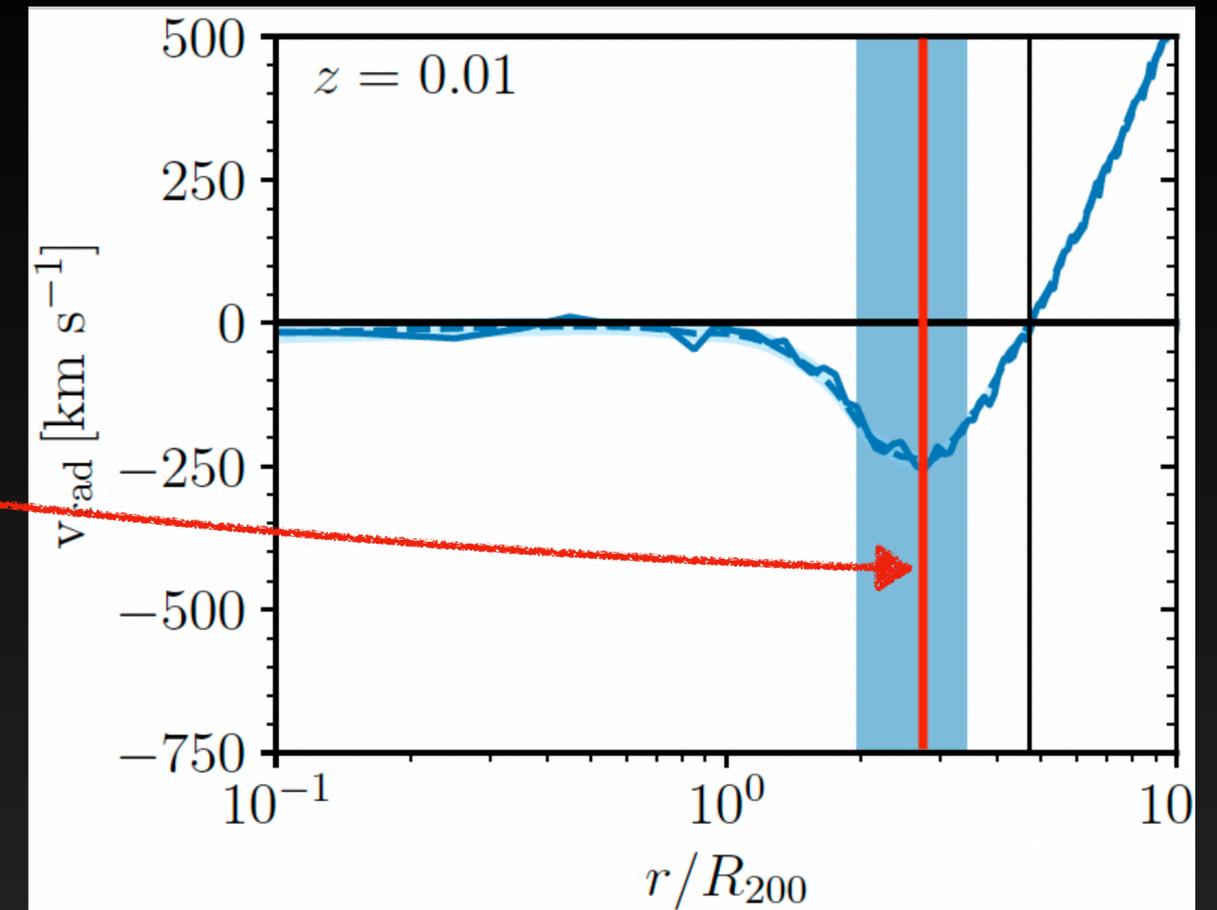
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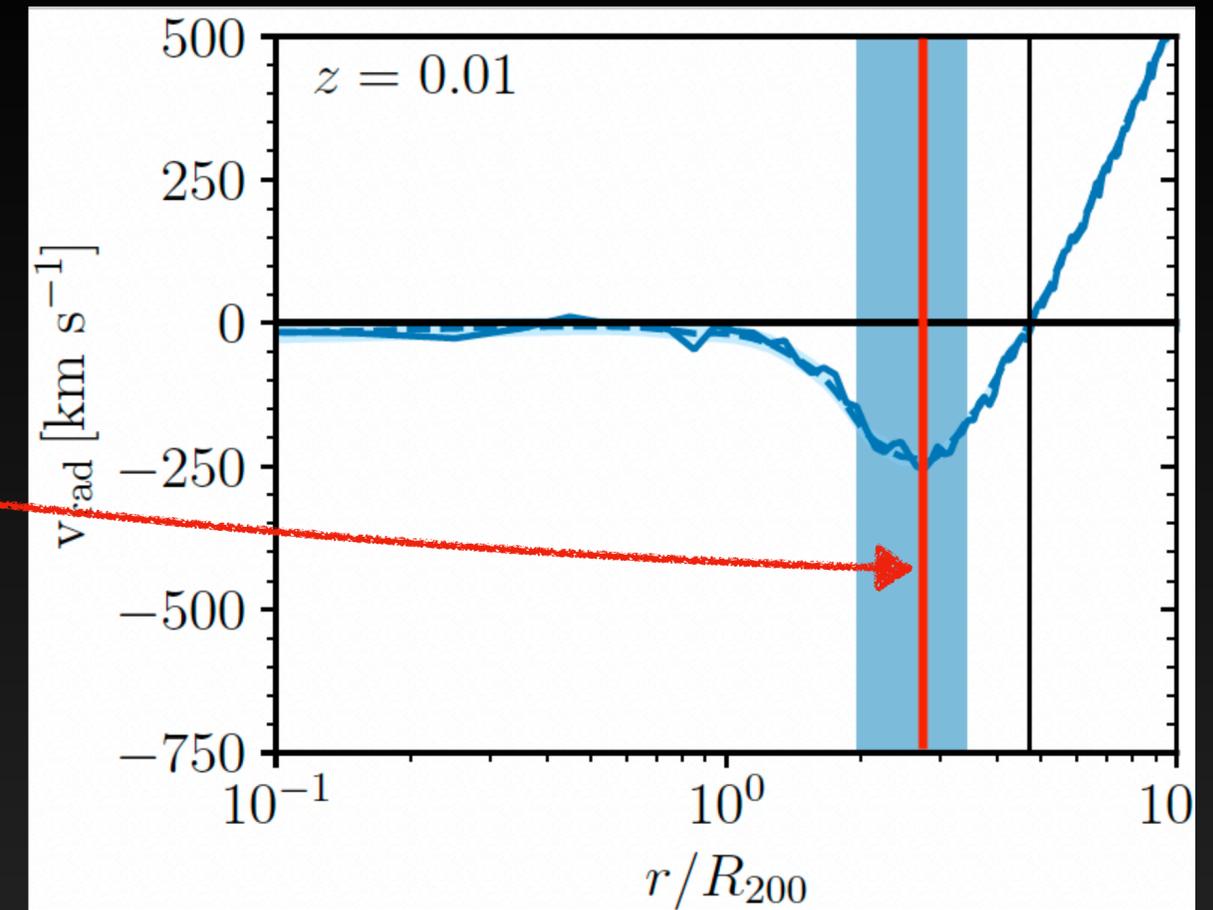


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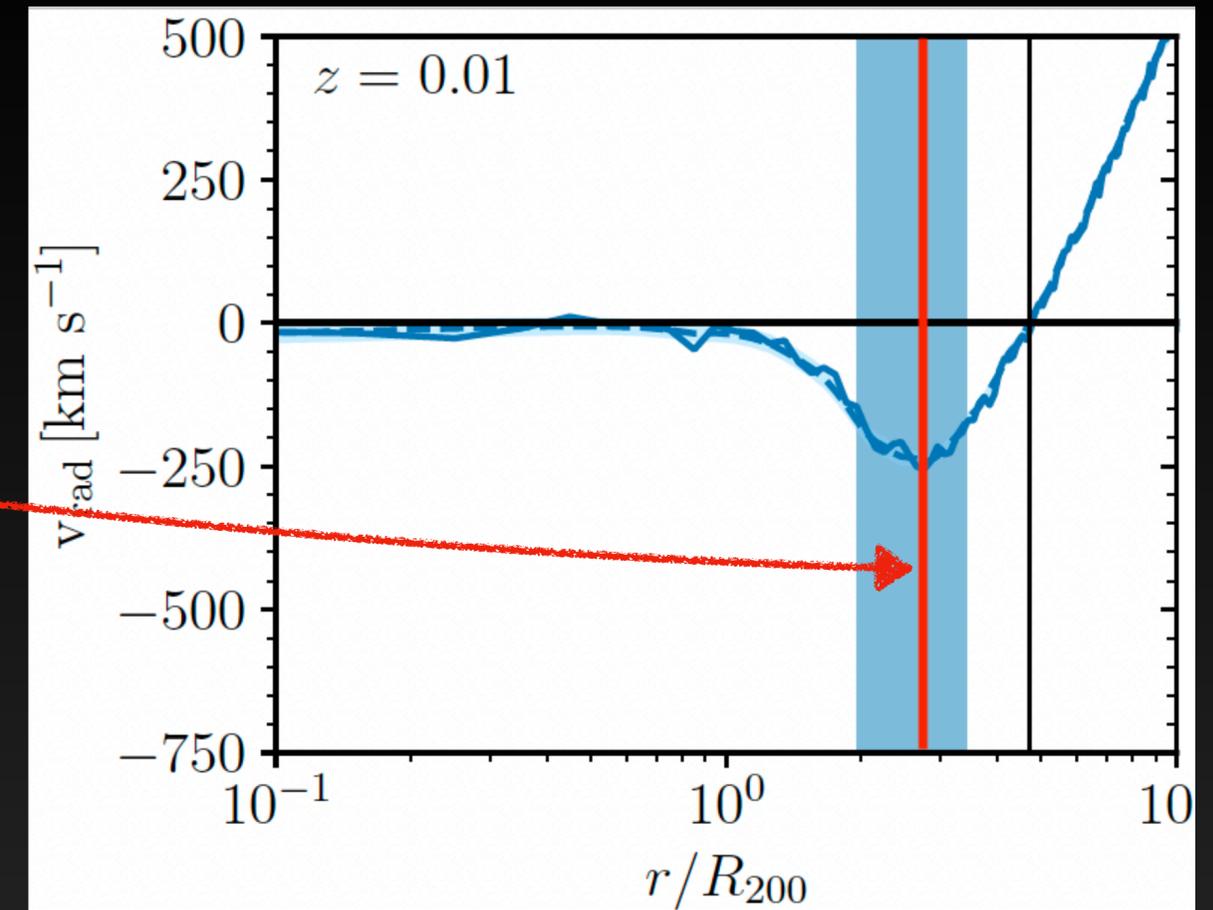
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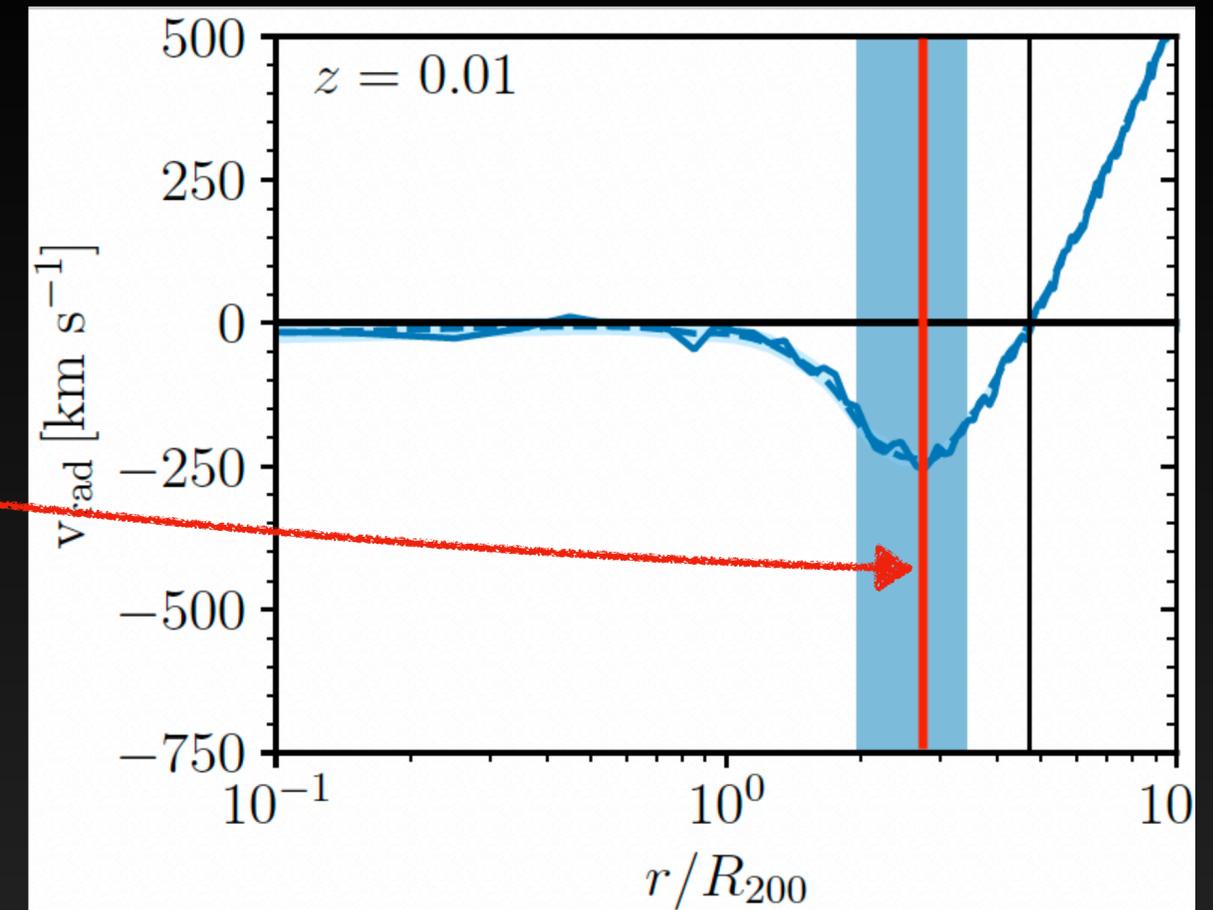
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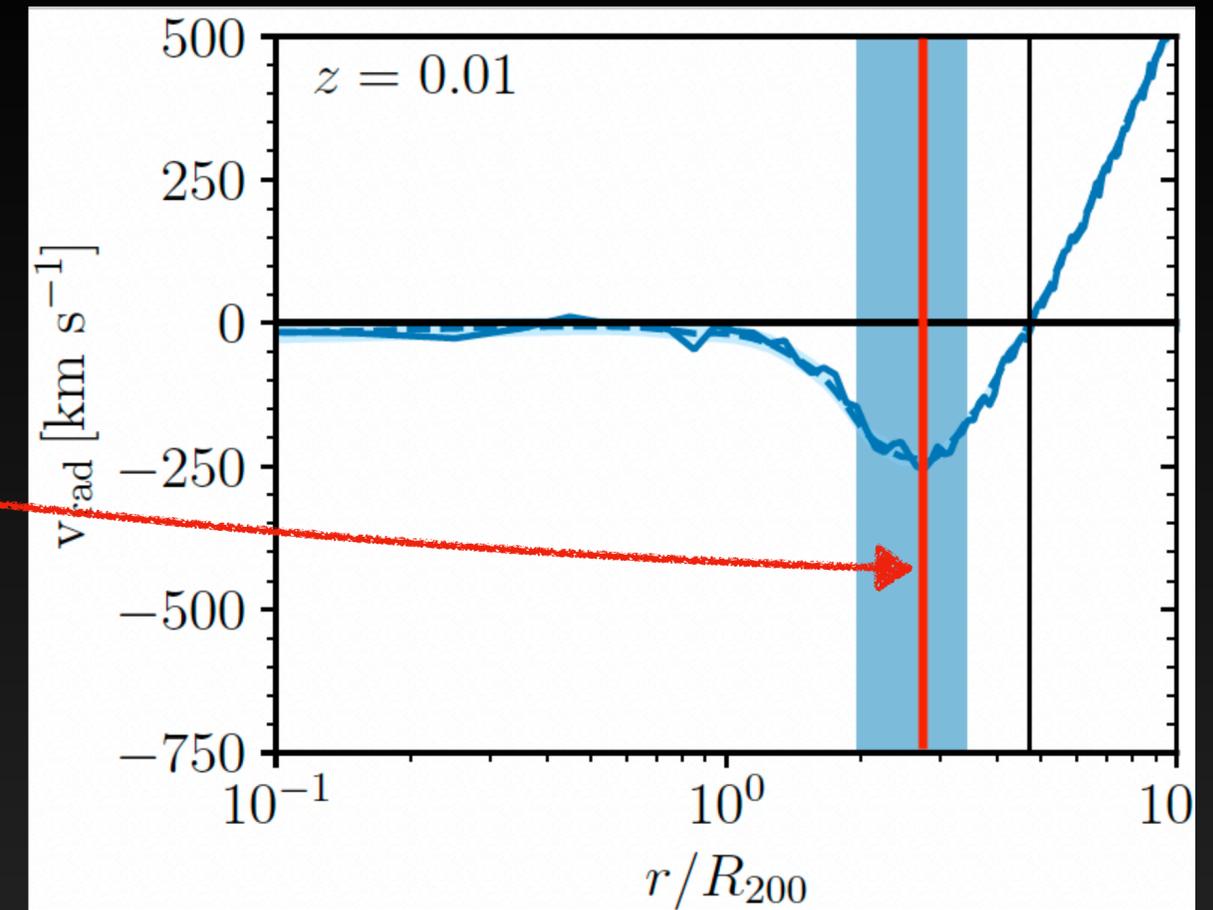
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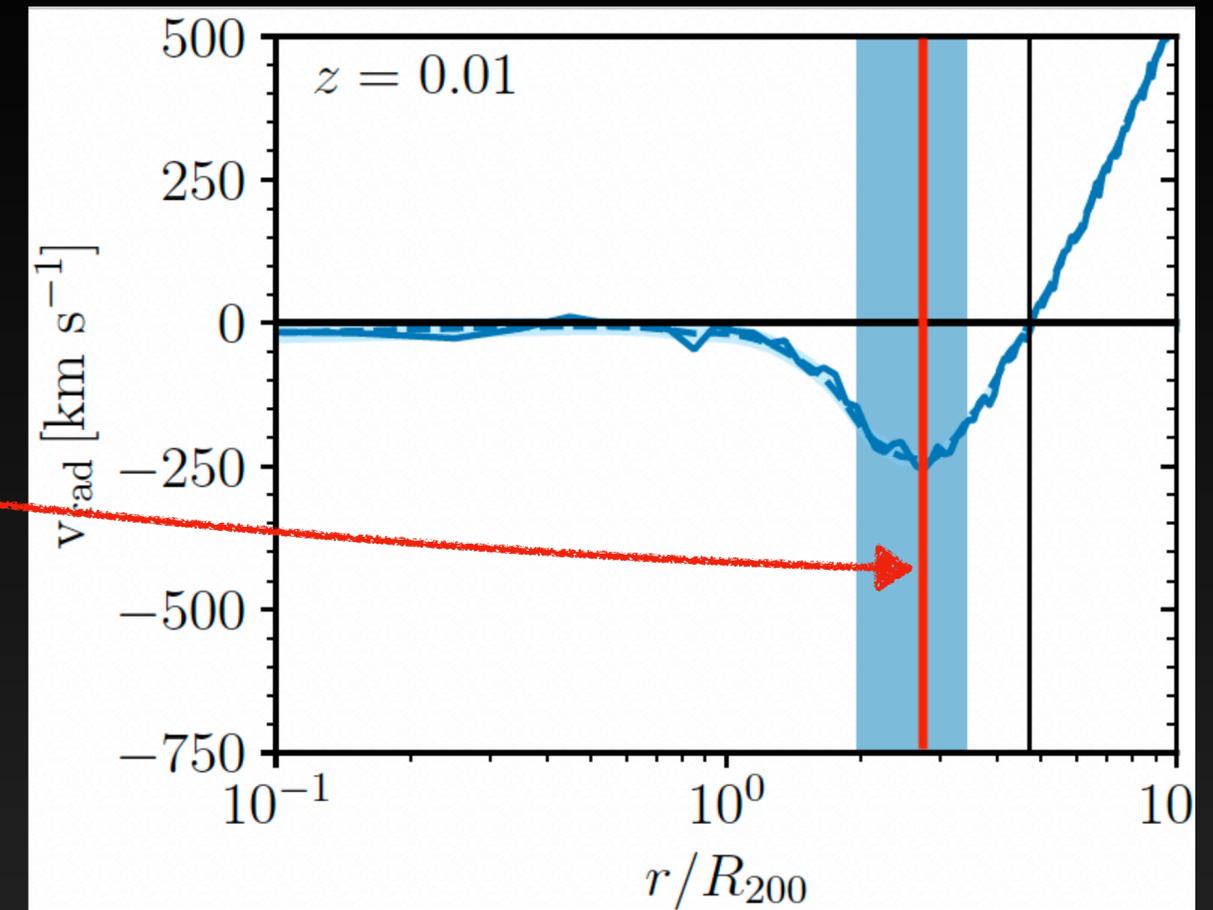
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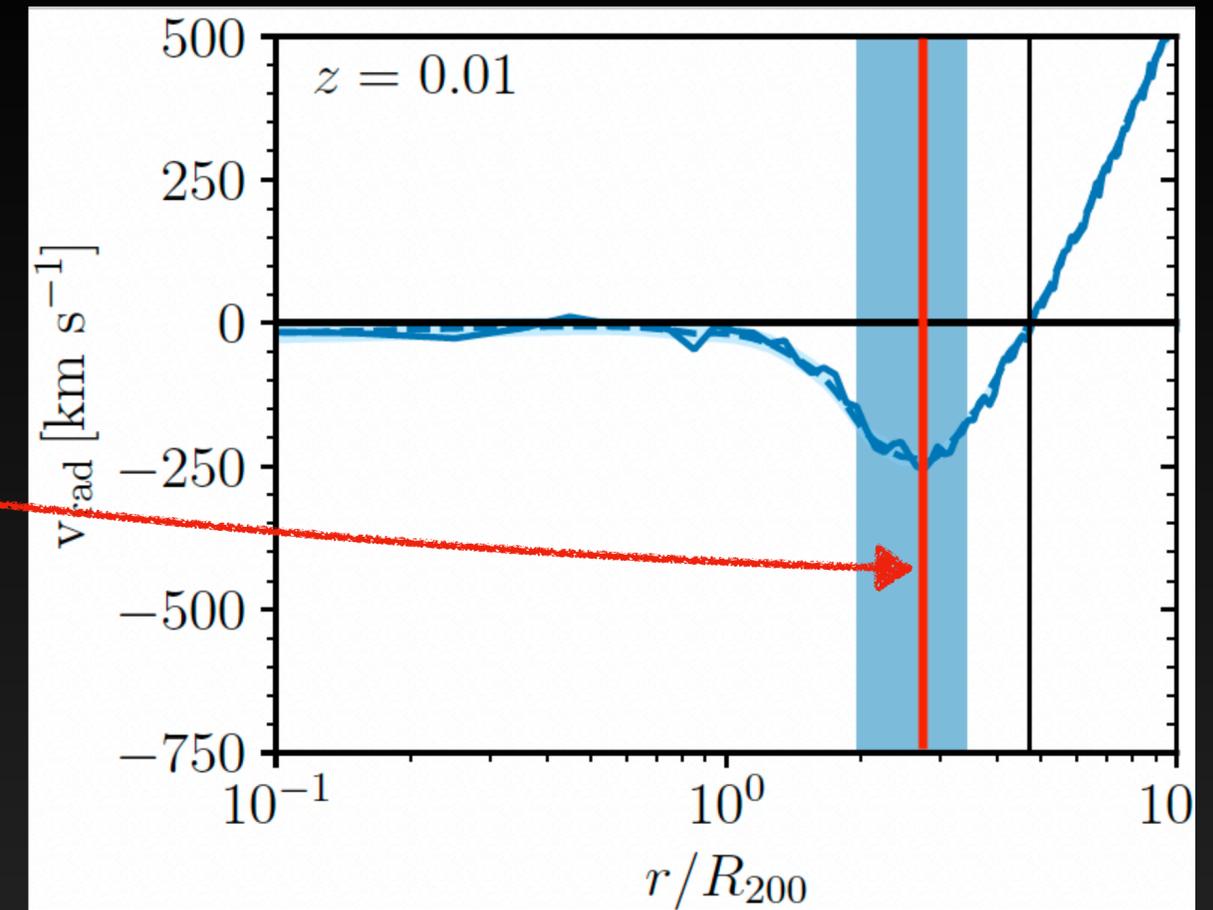
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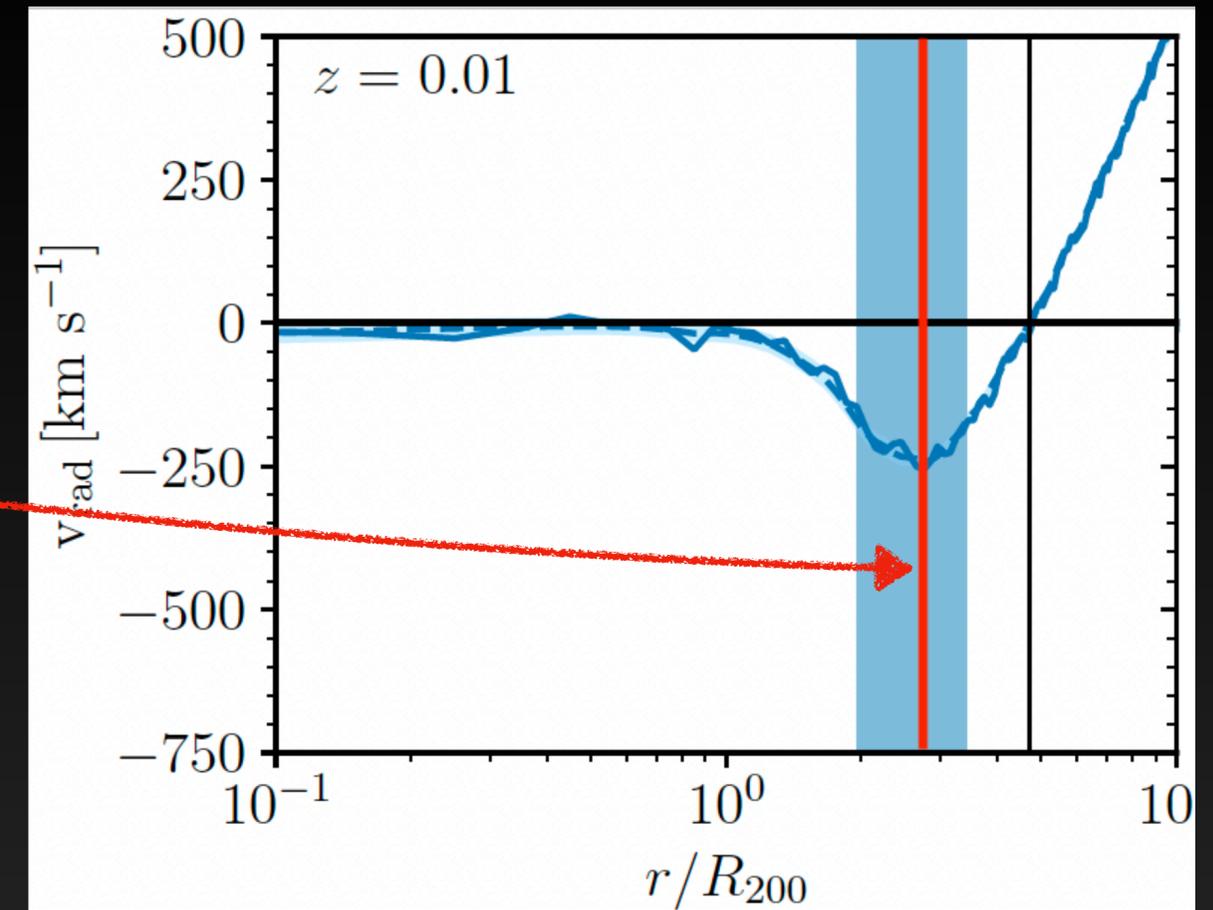
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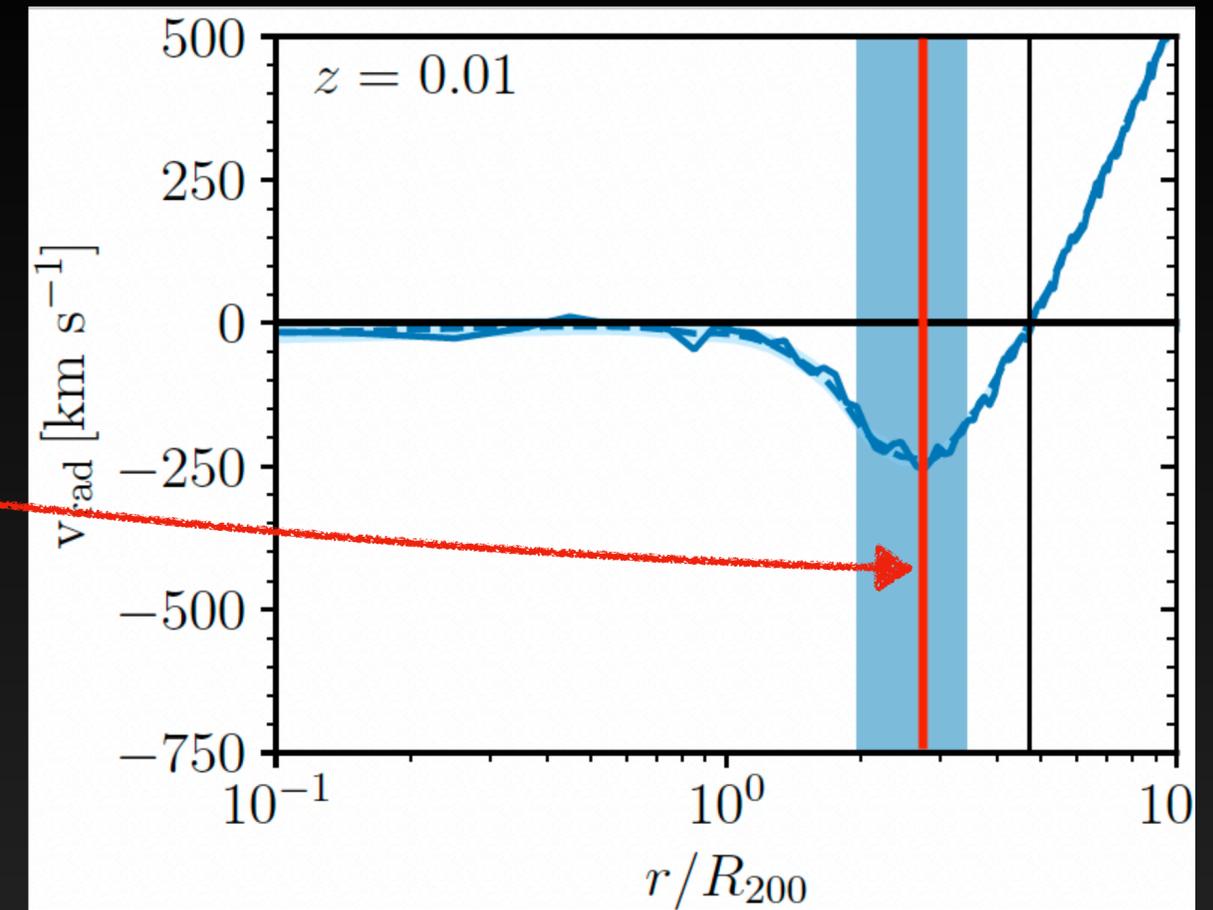
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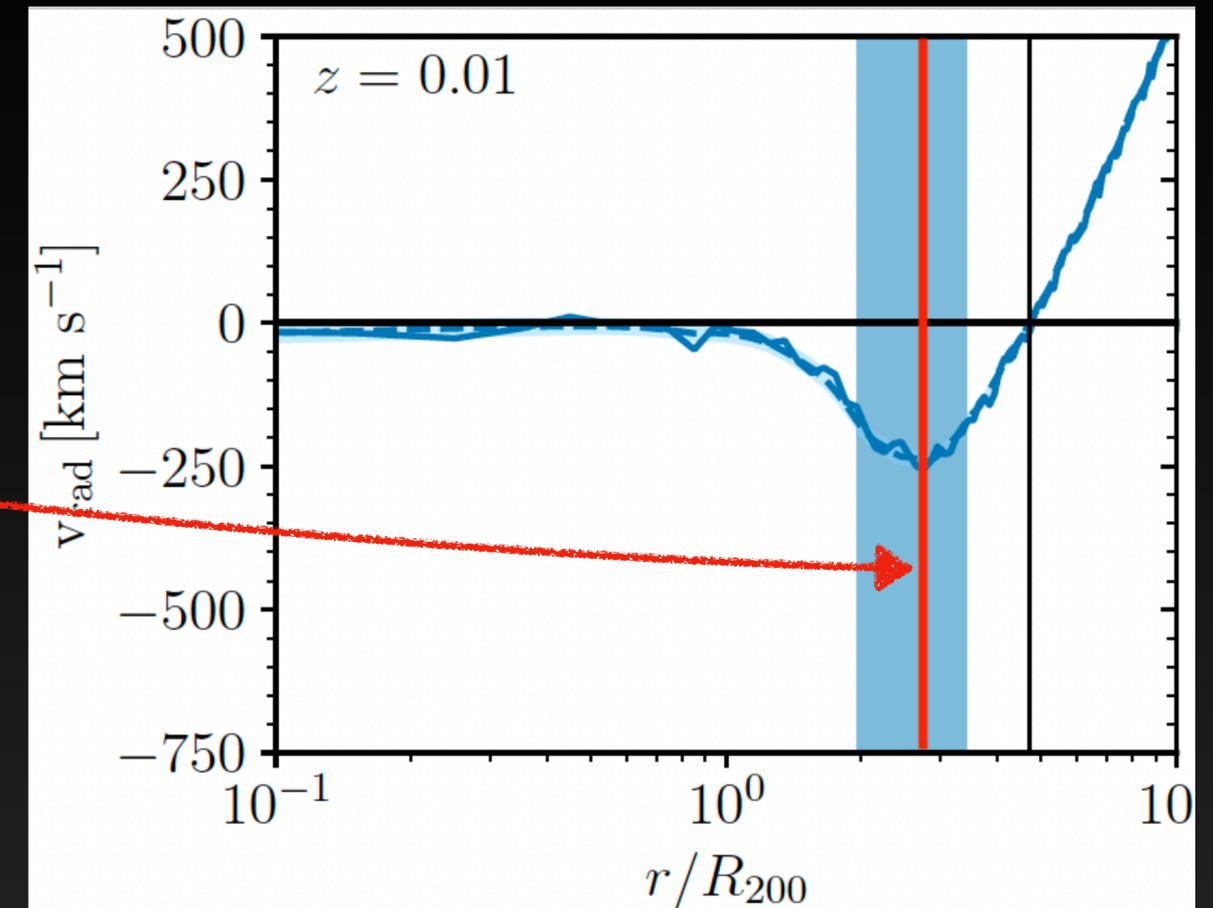
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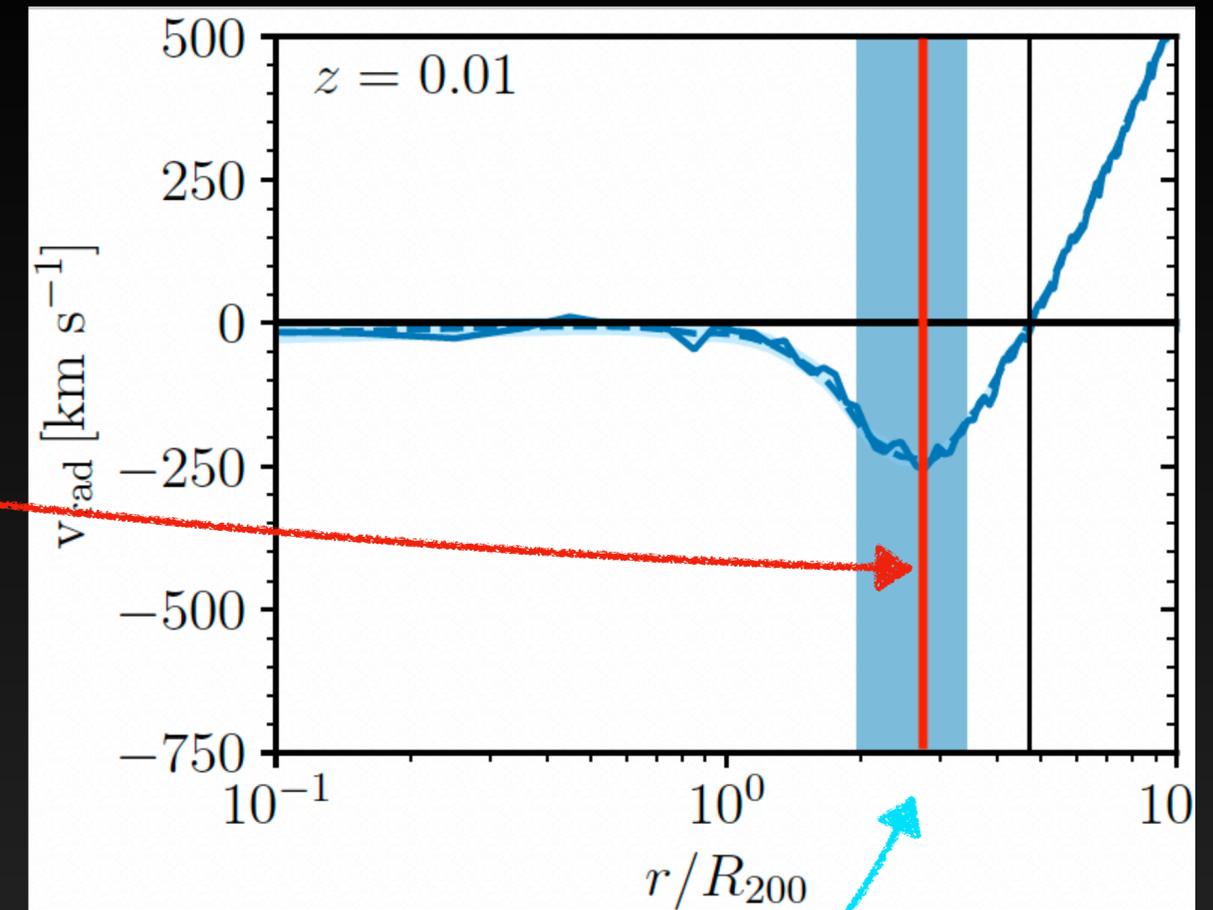
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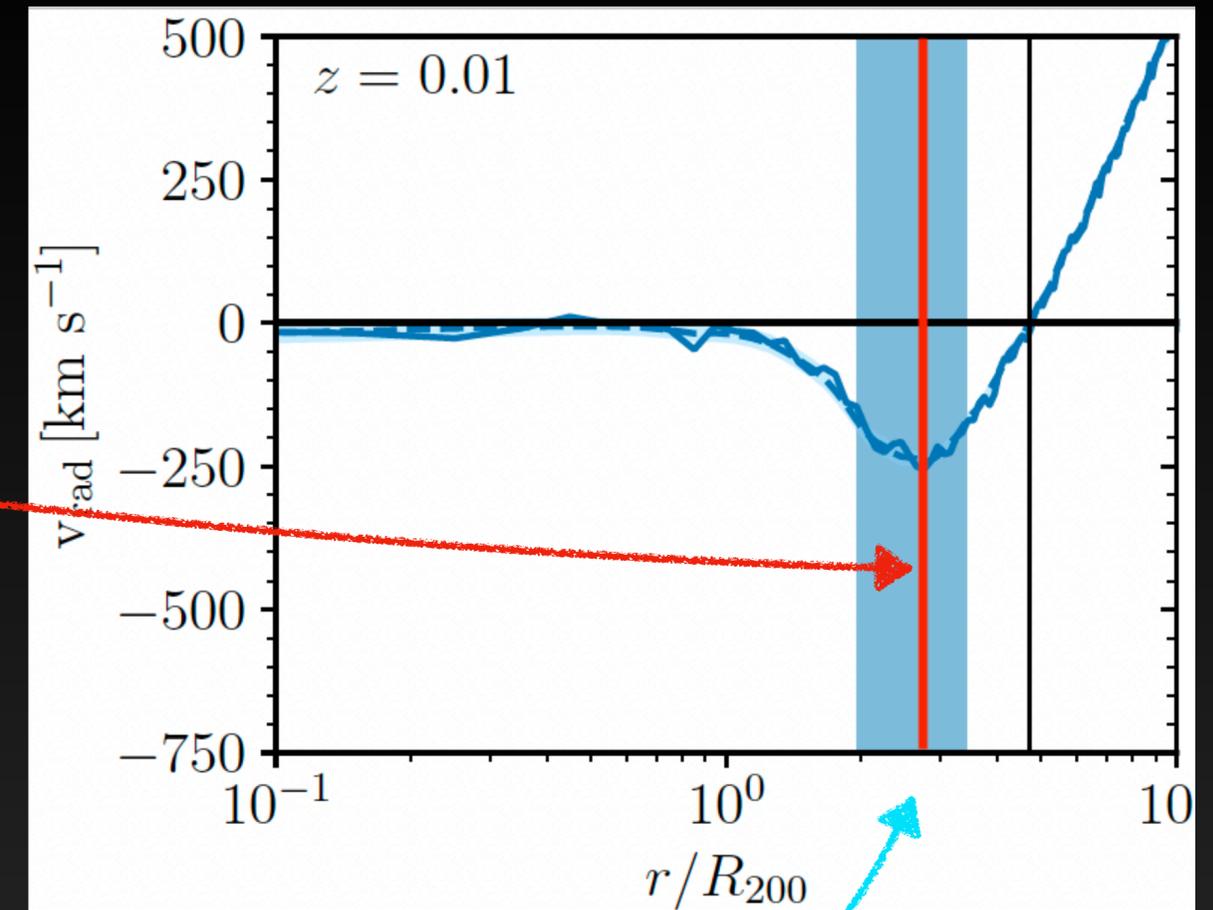
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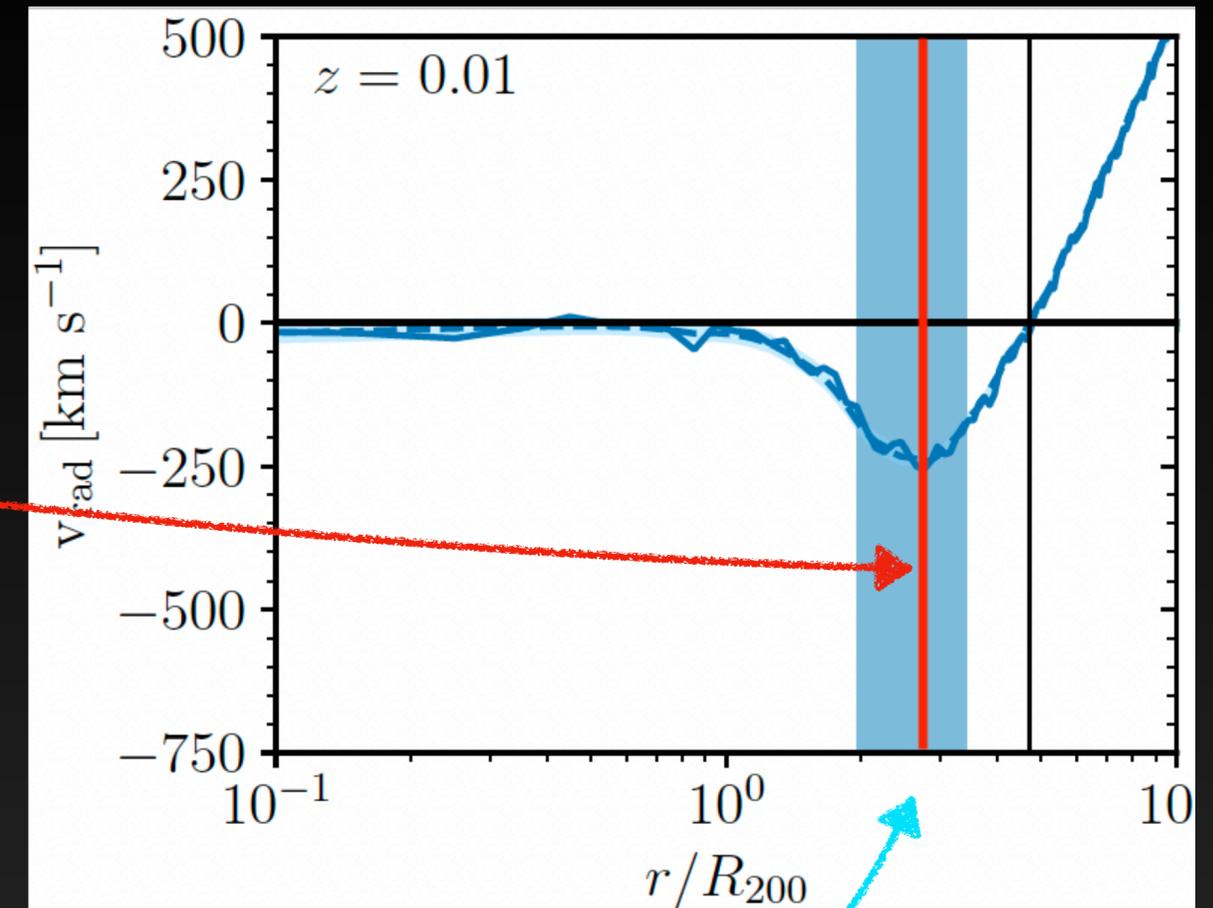
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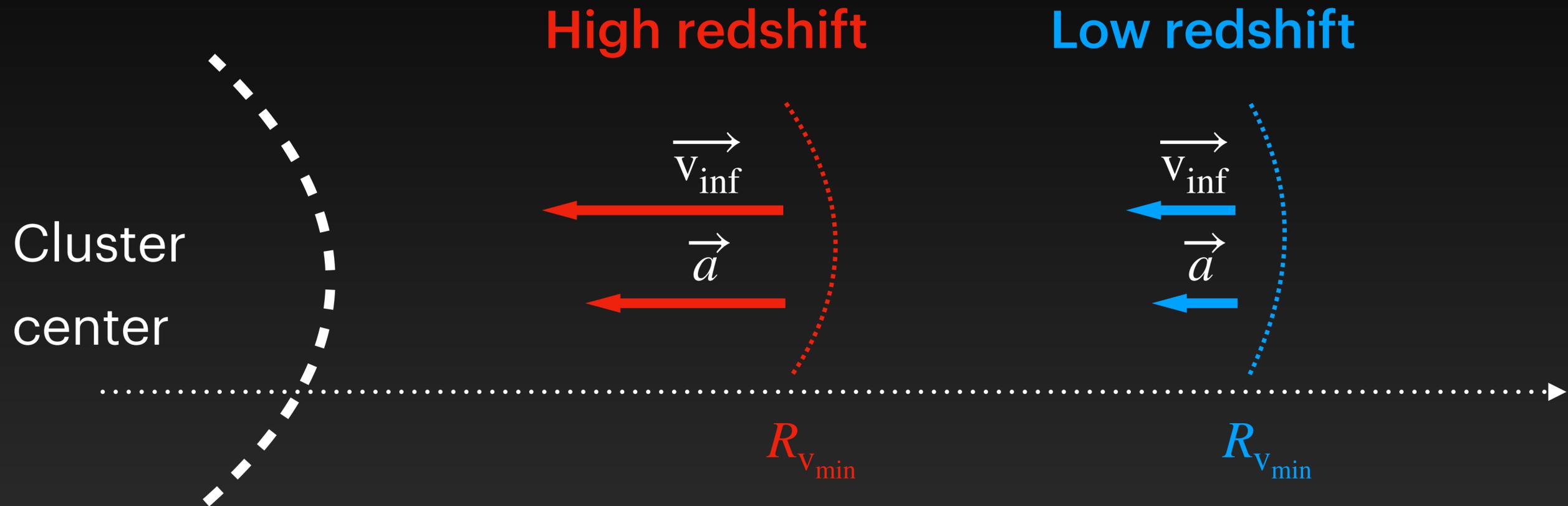
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Infall time: correlation with cluster redshift

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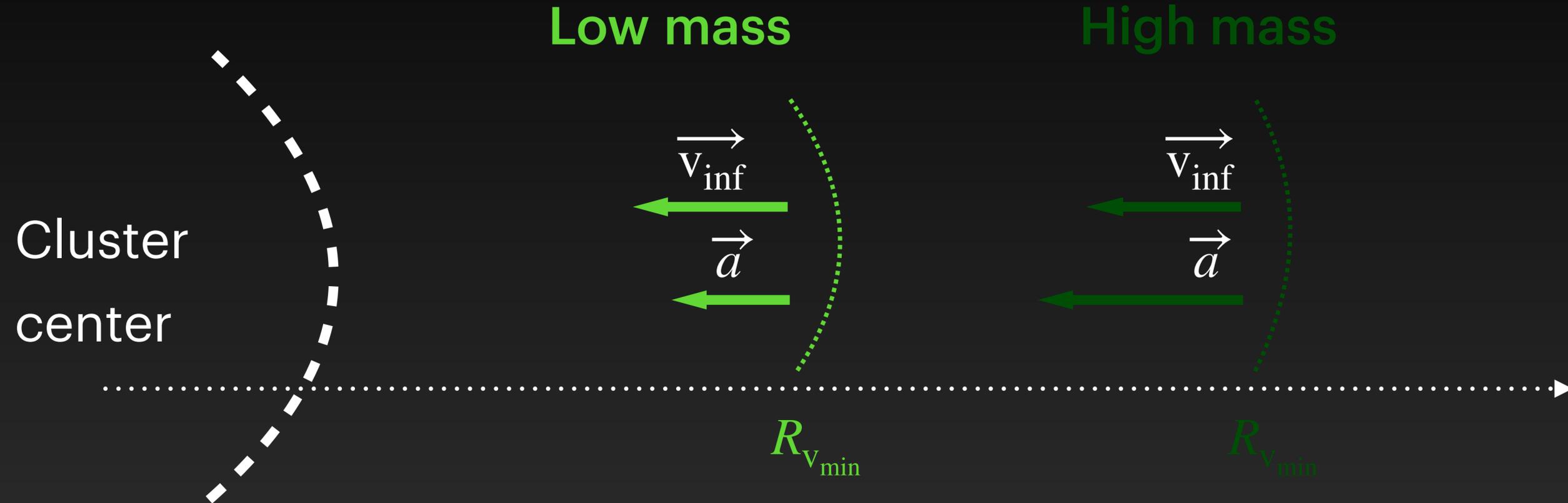
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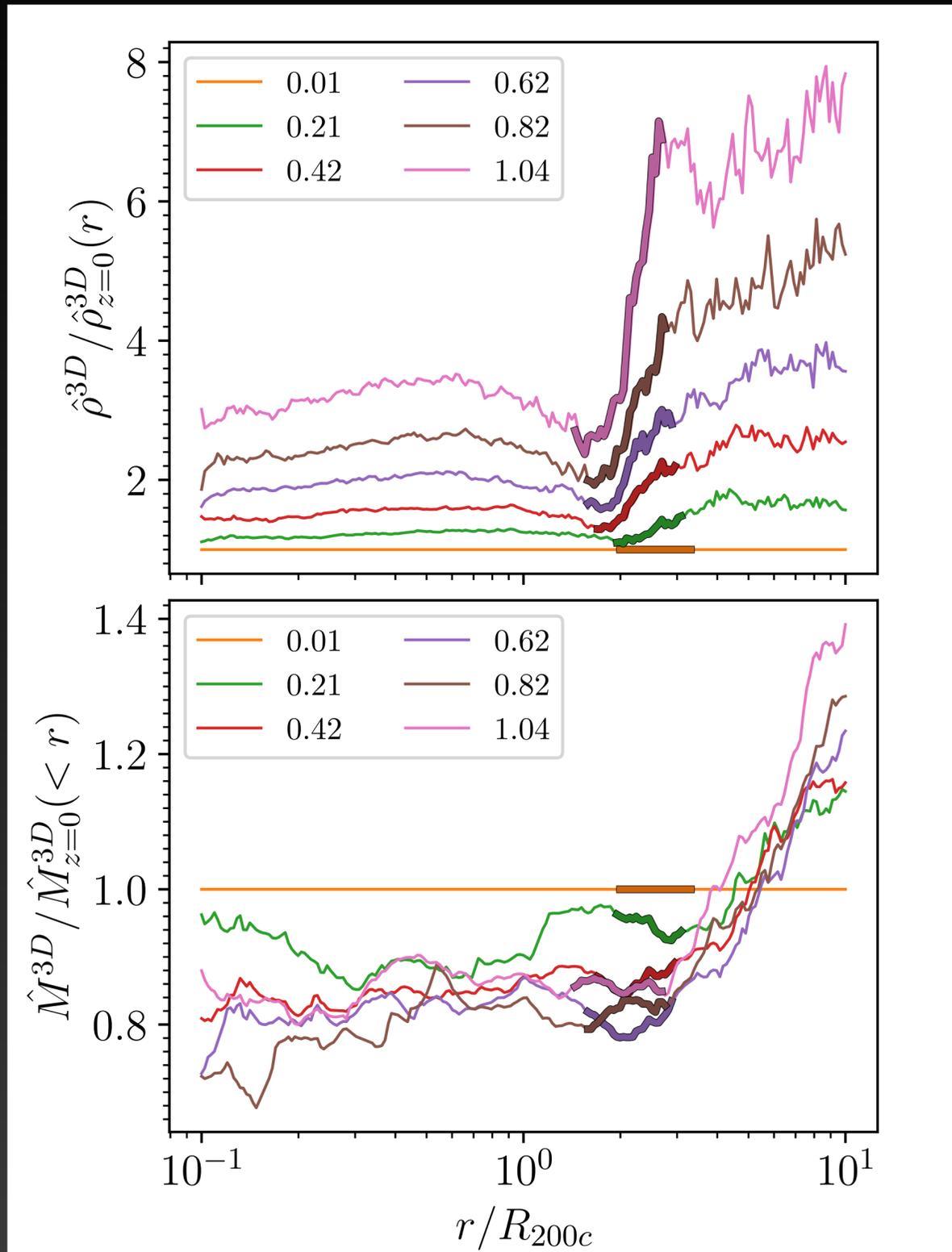
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High-mass clusters: deeper gravitational potential, but more extended infall region

No correlation with mass

Infalling shell: cluster redshift

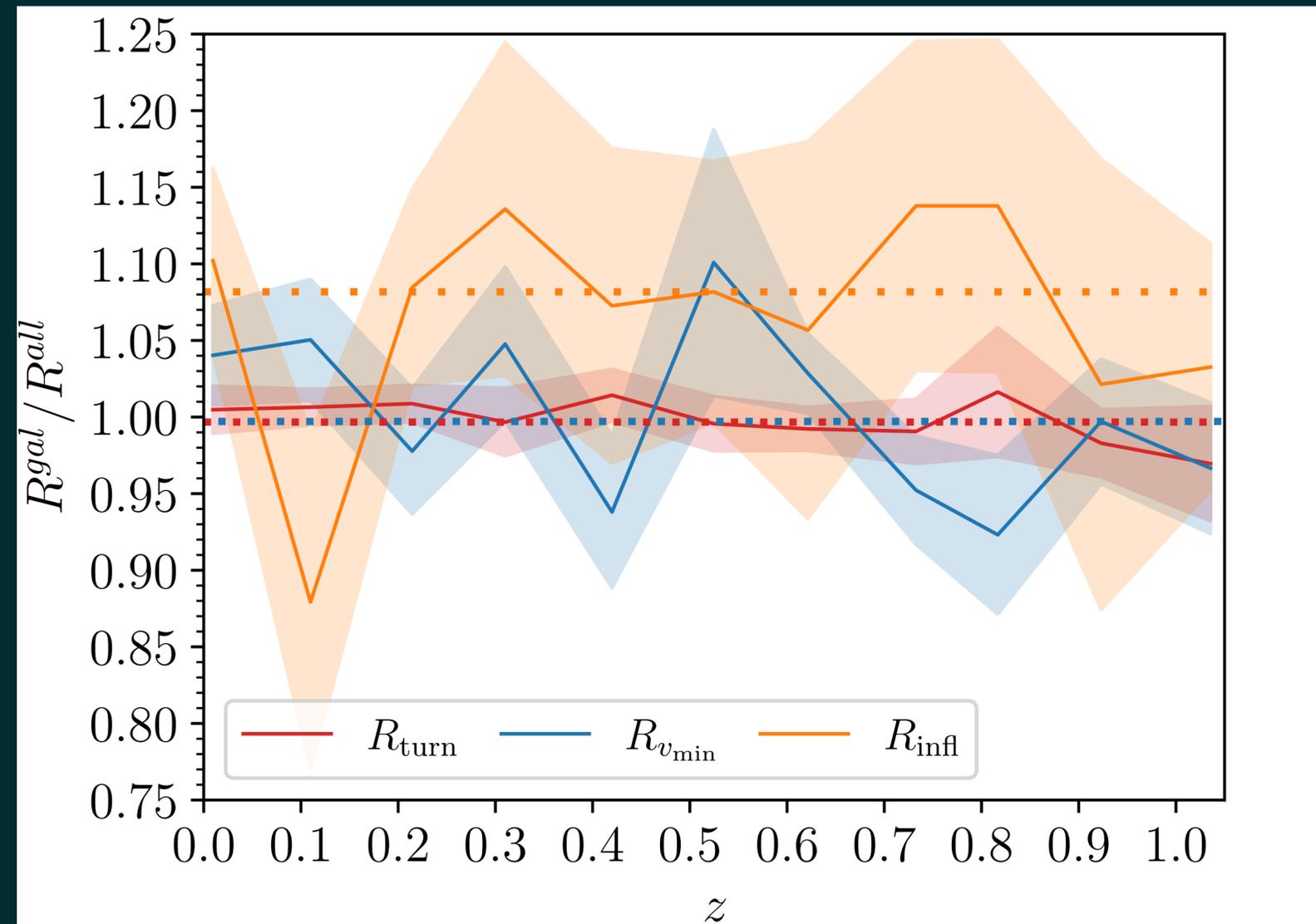


Clusters are denser at higher redshifts, but:

- Physical volume of the shell decreases with increasing redshift
- Mass distributions slightly change with redshift

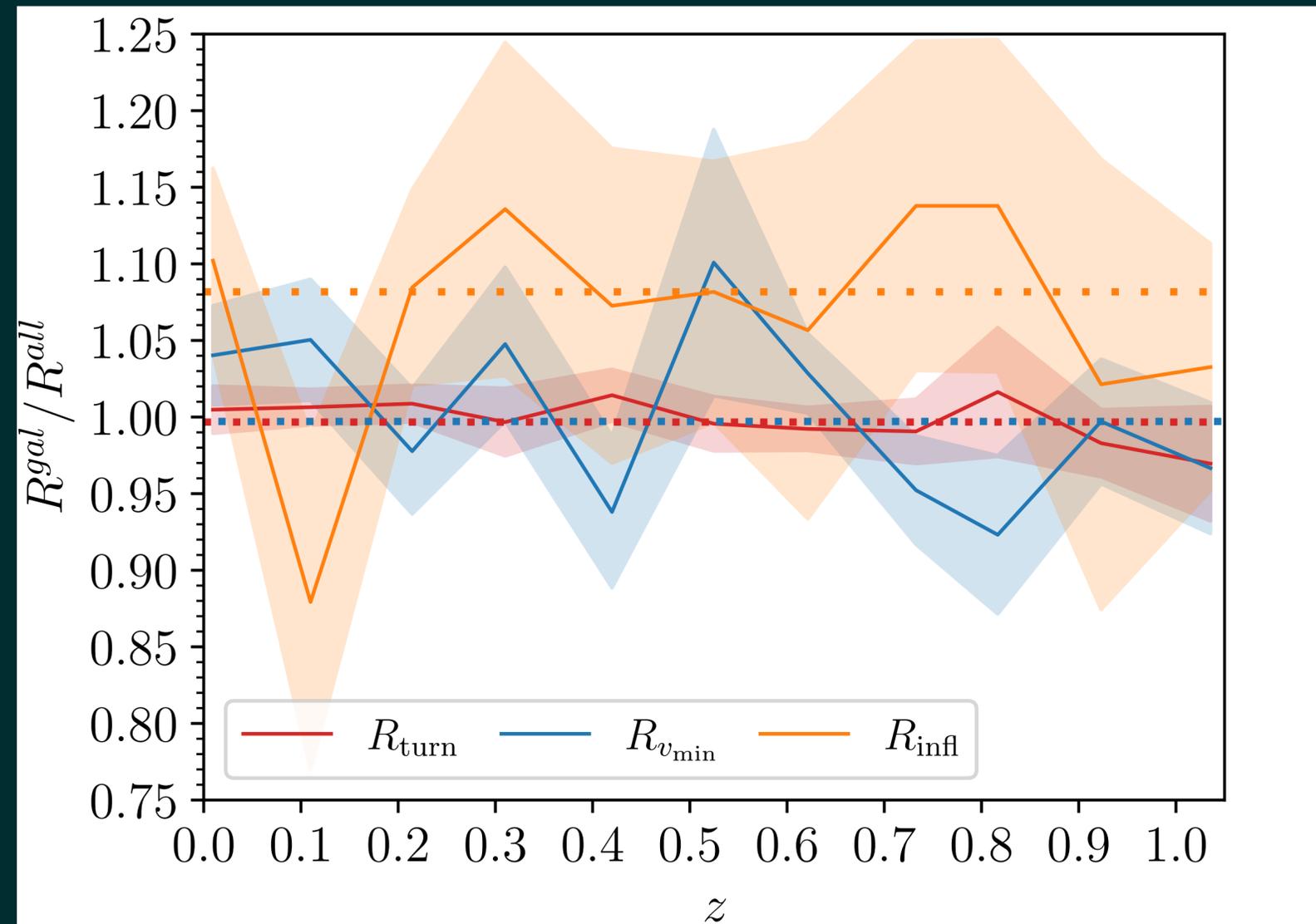
Weak correlation between shell mass and redshift

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