



Dynamics of disk and elliptical galaxies in Refracted Gravity

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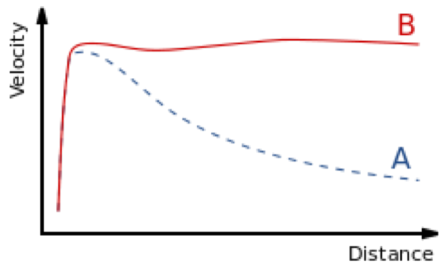
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1. Introduction



Coma cluster [NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope](#).



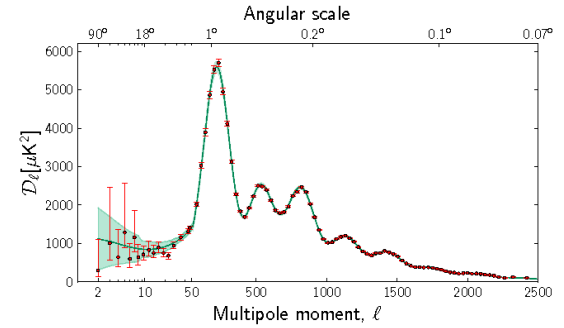
$v(R)$ trend expected (A, keplerian fall) and observed (B) [wikipedia.org](#).

**MASS DISCREPANCY
PROBLEM
80–90%**

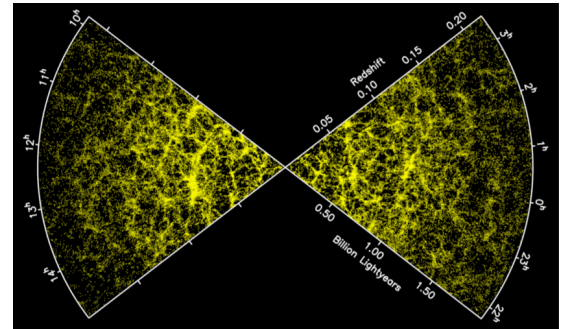


DARK MATTER

MODIFIED GRAVITY



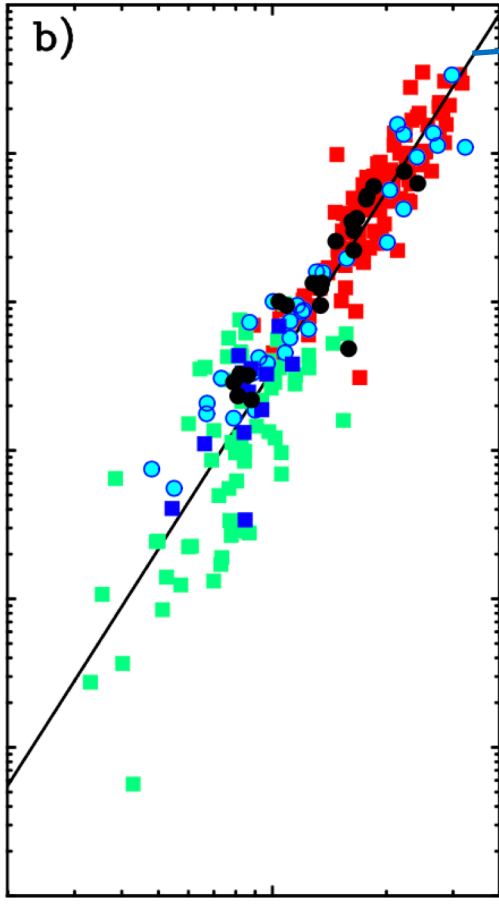
CMB power spectrum [physics.stackexchange.com](#).



Large scale structure [roe.ac.uk](#).

WHY MODIFIED GRAVITY?

BARYONIC TULLY-FISHER RELATION



Baryonic mass

$\log M_d$

$\log V_c$

Asymptotic flat rotation velocity

McGaugh et al. (2000)

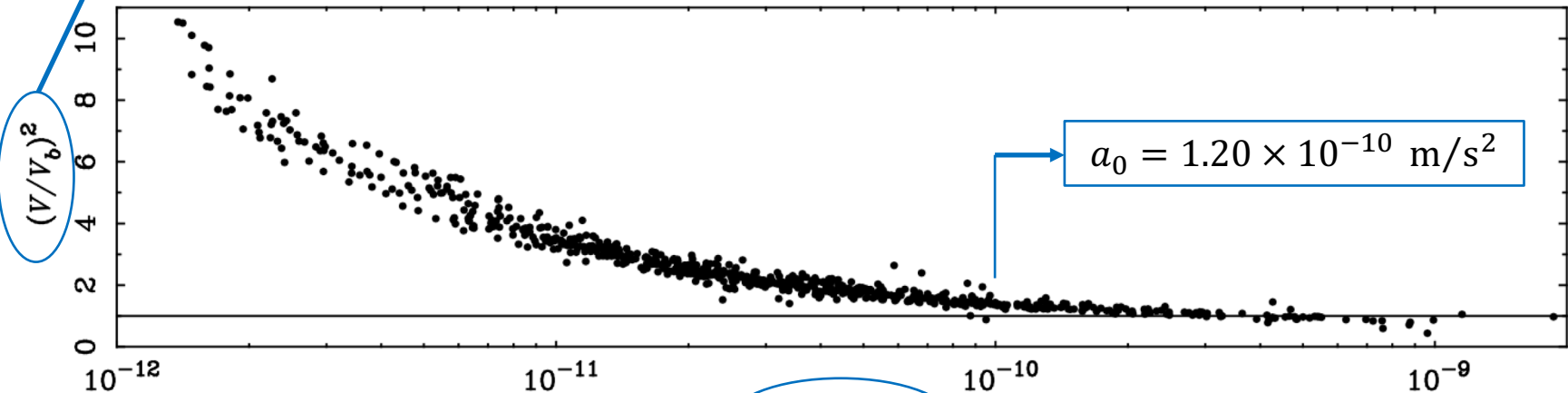
$$M_d = AV_c^4$$

$$A = 47 \pm 6 \frac{M_\odot s^4}{\text{km}^4} \sim (Ga_0)^{-1}$$

$$a_0 = 1.20 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m/s}^2$$

Mass discrepancy = $\left(\frac{v_{\text{observed}}}{v_{\text{baryonic}}}\right)^2$

MASS DISCREPANCY-ACCELERATION RELATION



$(V/V_b)^2$

$g_N \text{ (m s}^{-2}\text{)}$

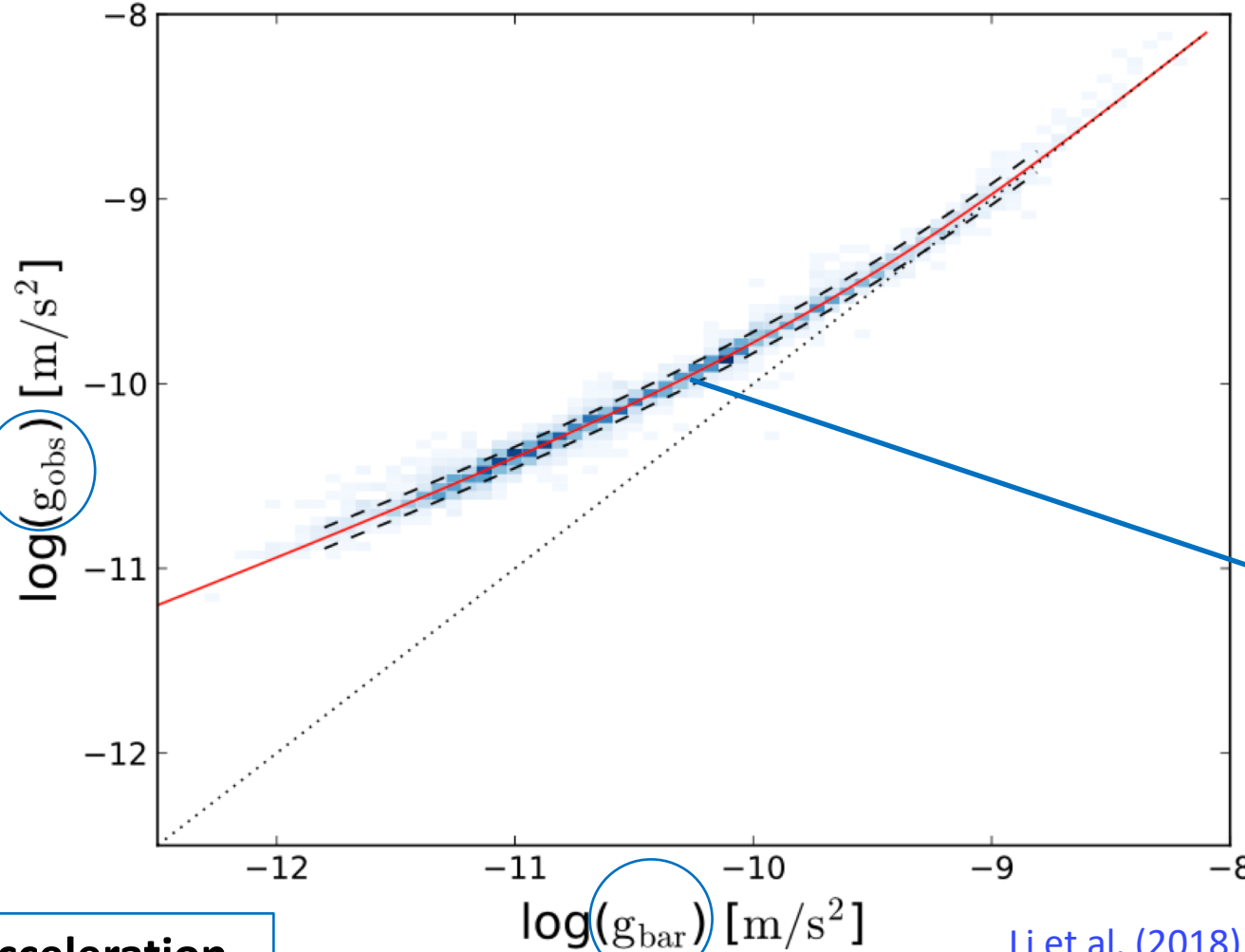
$a_0 = 1.20 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m/s}^2$

Famaey & McGaugh (2012)

Newtonian acceleration due to baryons

$$\frac{\partial \phi_N}{\partial R} \leftarrow \nabla^2 \phi_N = 4\pi G\rho$$

RADIAL ACCELERATION RELATION



Centripetal acceleration =

$$\frac{v_{\text{obs}}(R)^2}{R}$$

$\log(g_{\text{obs}})$ [m/s²]

Newtonian acceleration due to baryons

$$\frac{\partial \phi_{\text{N}}}{\partial R} \leftarrow \nabla^2 \phi_{\text{N}} = 4\pi G\rho$$

$\log(g_{\text{bar}})$ [m/s²]

Li et al. (2018)

$$g_{\text{obs}}(R) = \frac{g_{\text{bar}}(R)}{1 - \exp(-\sqrt{g_{\text{bar}}(R)/g_{\dagger}})}$$

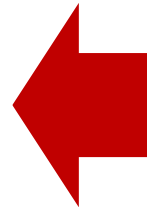
$$g_{\dagger} = 1.20 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m/s}^2 \simeq a_0$$

McGaugh et al. (2016)

2. Refracted Gravity (RG)

Classic theory of gravity inspired to electrodynamics in matter not resorting to dark matter

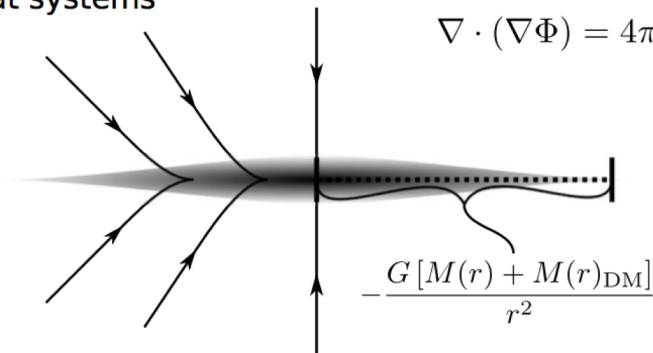
DARK MATTER PRESENCE



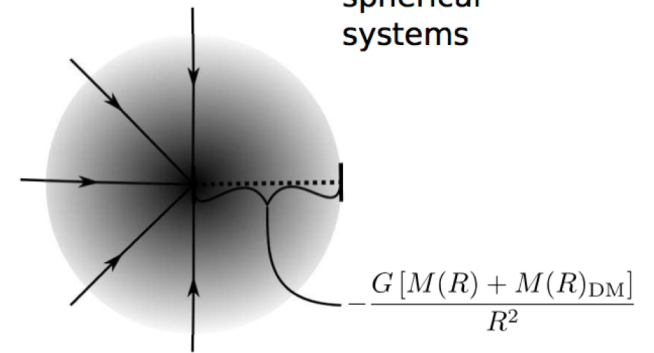
Newtonian gravity

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla\Phi) = 4\pi G(\rho + \rho_{DM})$$

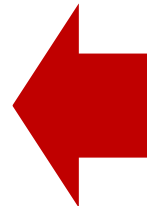
flat systems



spherical systems

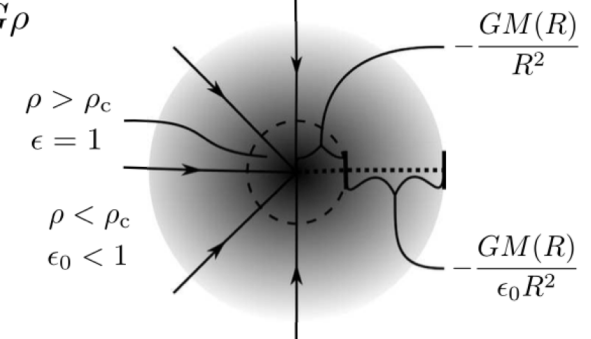
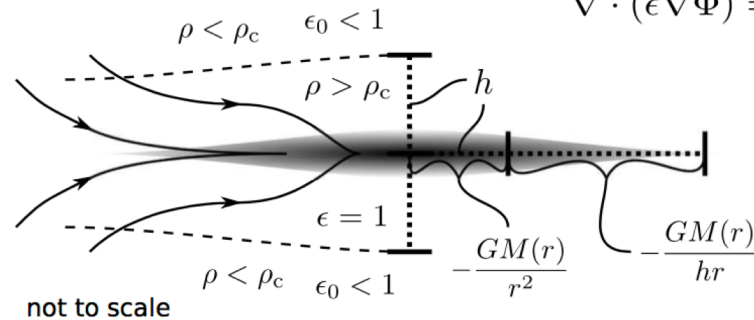


FIELD LINES FOCUSSED



Refracted gravity

$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla\Phi) = 4\pi G\rho$$



MODIFIED POISSON EQUATION

$$\nabla \cdot [\epsilon(\rho)\nabla\phi] = 4\pi G\rho$$

GRAVITATIONAL PERMITTIVITY

$$1 \text{ for } \rho \gg \rho_c$$

$$\epsilon_0 \text{ for } \rho \ll \rho_c$$

$$0 \leq \epsilon_0 \leq 1$$

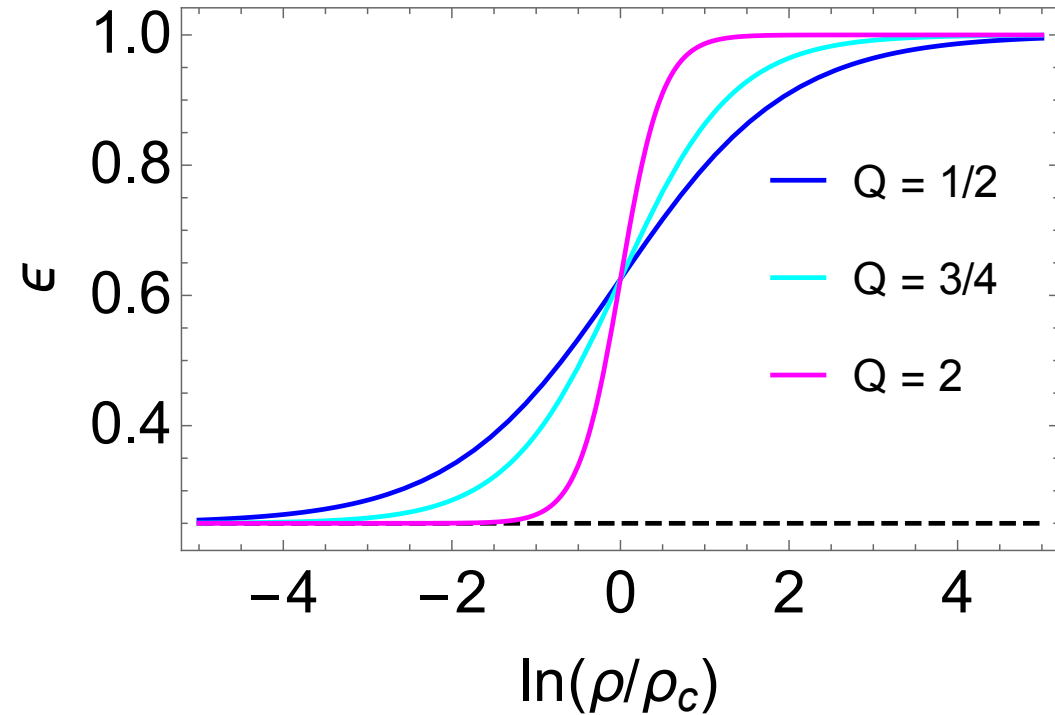
Arbitrary choice for the gravitational permittivity

$$\epsilon(\rho)$$

$$\epsilon(\rho) = \epsilon_0 + (1 - \epsilon_0) \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \tanh \left[\ln \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_c} \right)^Q \right] + 1 \right\}$$

with $\{\epsilon_0, Q, \rho_c\}$ free universal parameters

Matsakos & Diaferio (2016), **Cesare et al. (2020)**



Cesare et al. (2020)

3. Disk galaxies: the DiskMass Survey

- Analysis in **Cesare et al. (2020)**
- 30 disk galaxies from the **DiskMass Survey (DMS)** (Bershady et al. 2010a)
- Density model:

a) **Stellar disk:** $\rho_d(R, z) = \frac{\Upsilon}{2h_z} I_{d,\text{interp}}(R) \exp\left(-\frac{|z|}{h_z}\right)$

b) **Spherical stellar bulge:** $\rho_b(r) = -\frac{\Upsilon}{\pi} \int_r^{+\infty} \frac{dI_b(R)}{dR} \frac{dR}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}}$, where

$$I_b(R) = I_e \exp\left\{-7.67 \left[\left(\frac{R}{R_e}\right)^{1/n_s} - 1\right]\right\}$$

c) **Atomic and molecular gas:** $\rho_{\text{atom,mol}}(R, z) = \Sigma_{\text{atom,mol,interp}}(R) \delta(z)$

- Successive Over Relaxation **Poisson solver** to obtain RG potential
- **MCMC** to estimate the M/L, Υ , the disk-scale height, h_z , and the three RG parameters, ϵ_0 , Q and ρ_c
 - From rotation curves
 - From rotation curves and vertical velocity dispersions

UGC 7917



Bershady et al. (2010a)

3.1 Rotation curves and vertical velocity dispersions

$$\nabla \cdot [\epsilon(\rho)\nabla\phi] = 4\pi G\rho$$

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ROTATION CURVE

$$v(R, z = 0) = \sqrt{R \frac{\partial\phi(R, z)}{\partial R}}$$

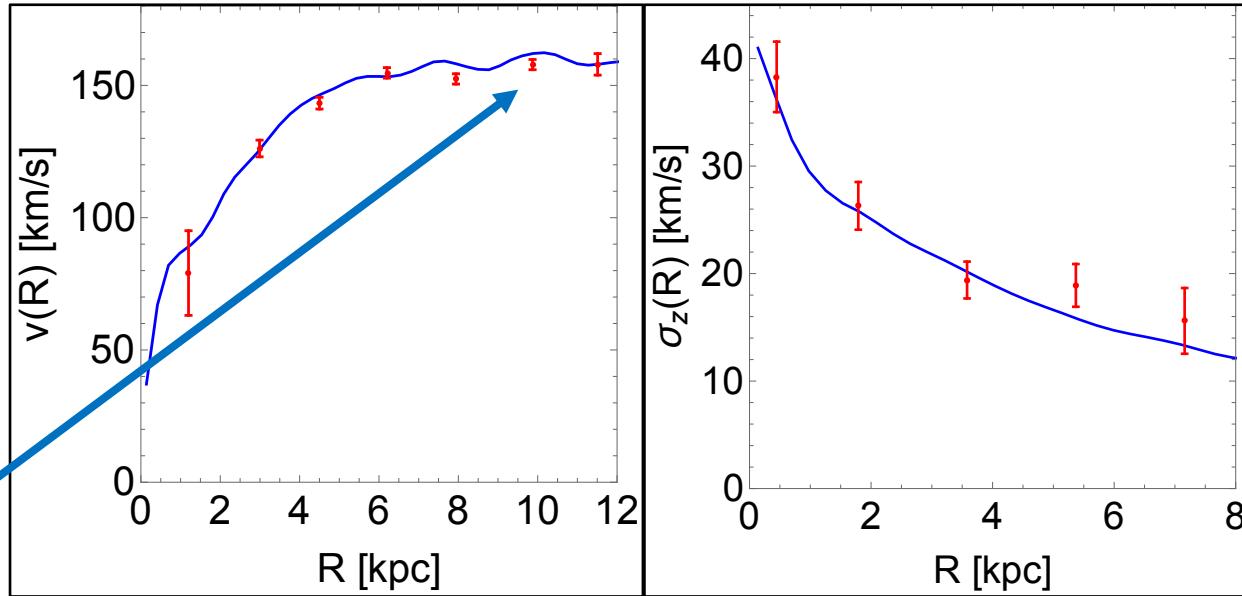
VERTICAL VELOCITY DISPERSION PROFILE

$$\sigma_z^2(R) = \frac{1}{h_z} \int_0^{+\infty} \left[\int_z^{+\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{|z'|}{h_z}\right) \frac{\partial\phi(R, z')}{\partial z'} dz' \right] dz$$

From Jeans analysis

(Nagai & Miyamoto 1976; Nipoti et al. 2007)

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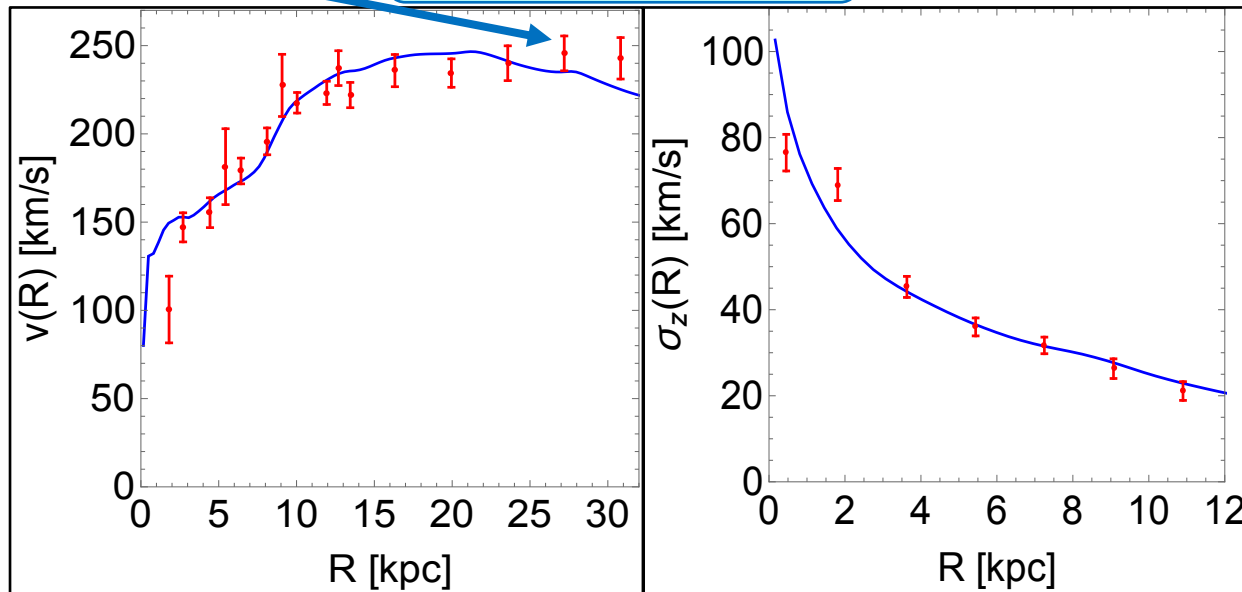


Flat trend
recovered

Renzo's rule

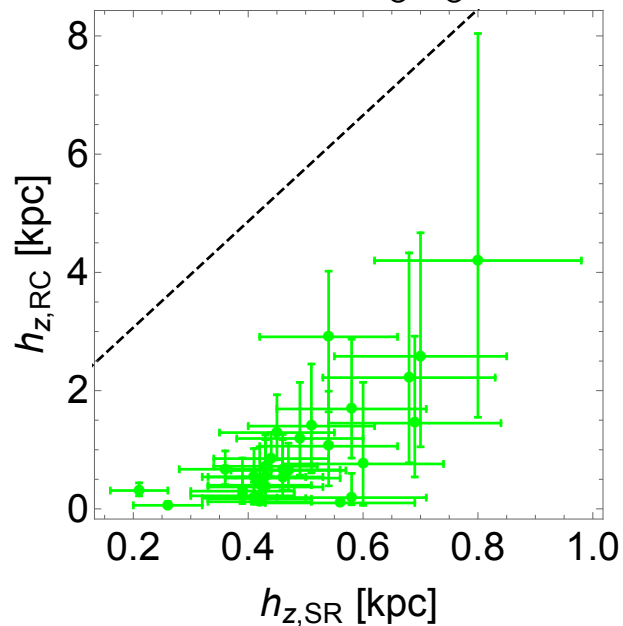
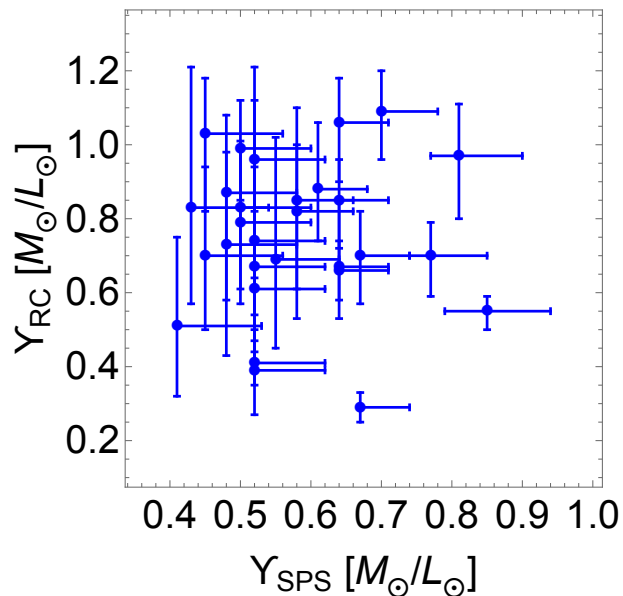
Good description of
kinematic profiles

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Cesare et al. (2020)

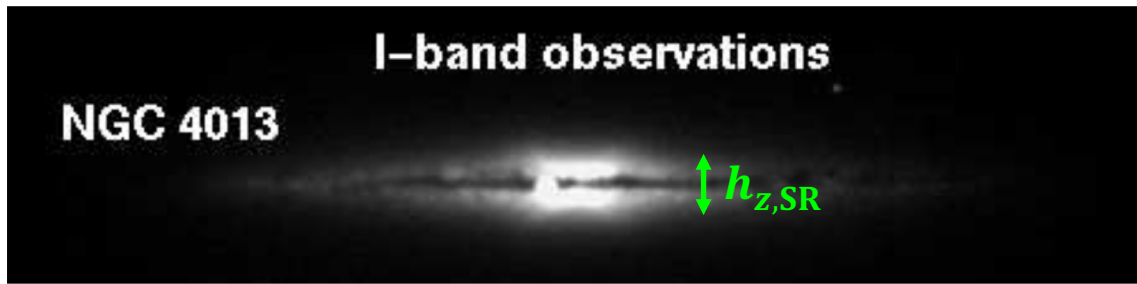
ROTATION CURVES ALONE



Cesare et al. (2020)



Good agreement with SPS models in both cases



Xilouris et al. (1999)



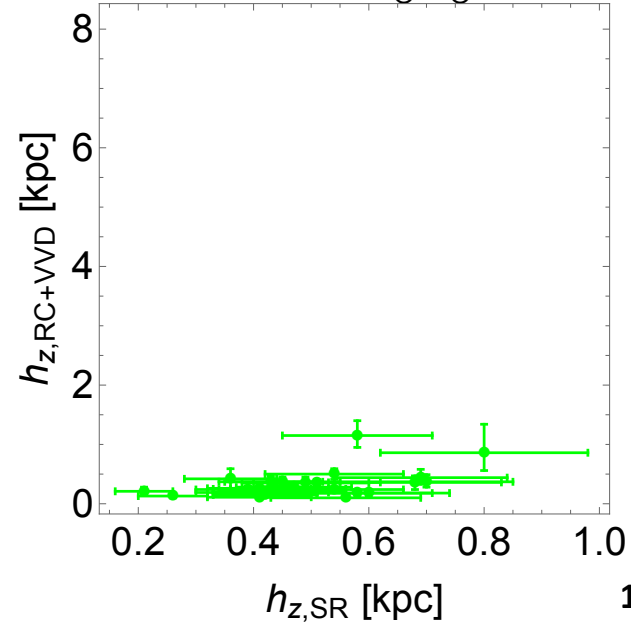
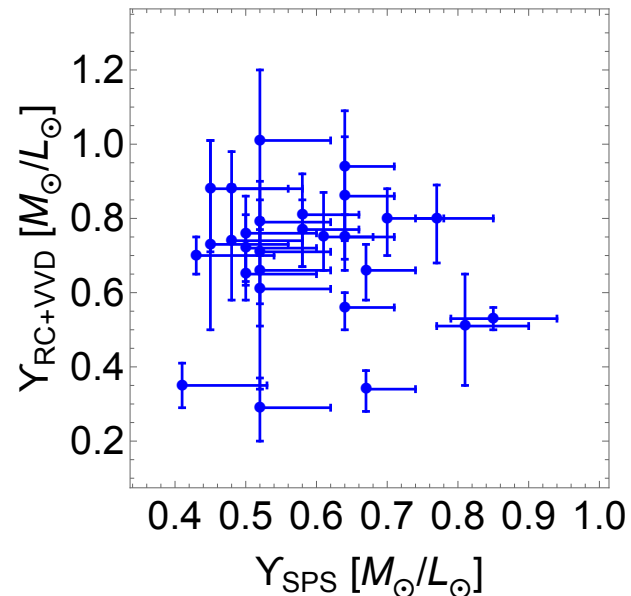
h_z decreases

Same result in Angus et al. (2015) with QUMOND



Observational bias (Milgrom 2015, Aniyani et al. 2016)

ROTATION CURVES AND VERTICAL VELOCITY DISPERSIONS



3.2 A universal combination of RG parameters

- $\{\epsilon_0, Q, \rho_c\}$ **FREE UNIVERSAL PARAMETERS**

IDEAL APPROACH

- Exploration of the 63-dimensional parameter space with the MCMC:

$$\{\epsilon_0, Q, \rho_c\} + 2 \times 30 \{\mathbf{Y}, h_z\}$$

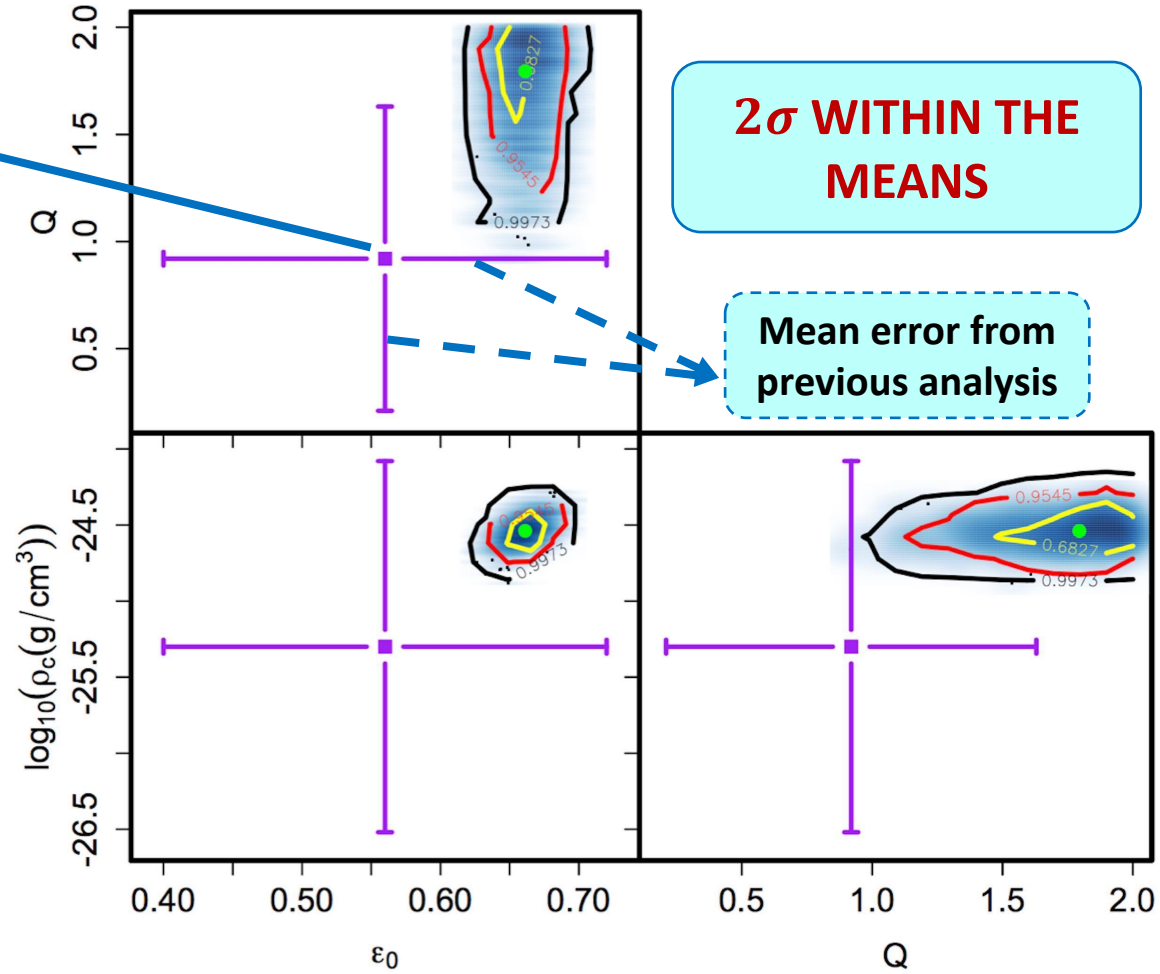
ADOPTED APPROACH

- \mathbf{Y} and h_z estimated with the previous analysis
- Exploration of the 3-dimensional parameter space $\{\epsilon_0, Q, \rho_c\}$ with the MCMC
- Parallel code from **Cesare, Colonnelli & Aldinucci (2020)** and on GitHub (<https://github.com/alpha-unito/astroMP>).

Mean RG parameter from previous analysis

2 σ WITHIN THE MEANS

Mean error from previous analysis



3.3 The Radial Acceleration Relation

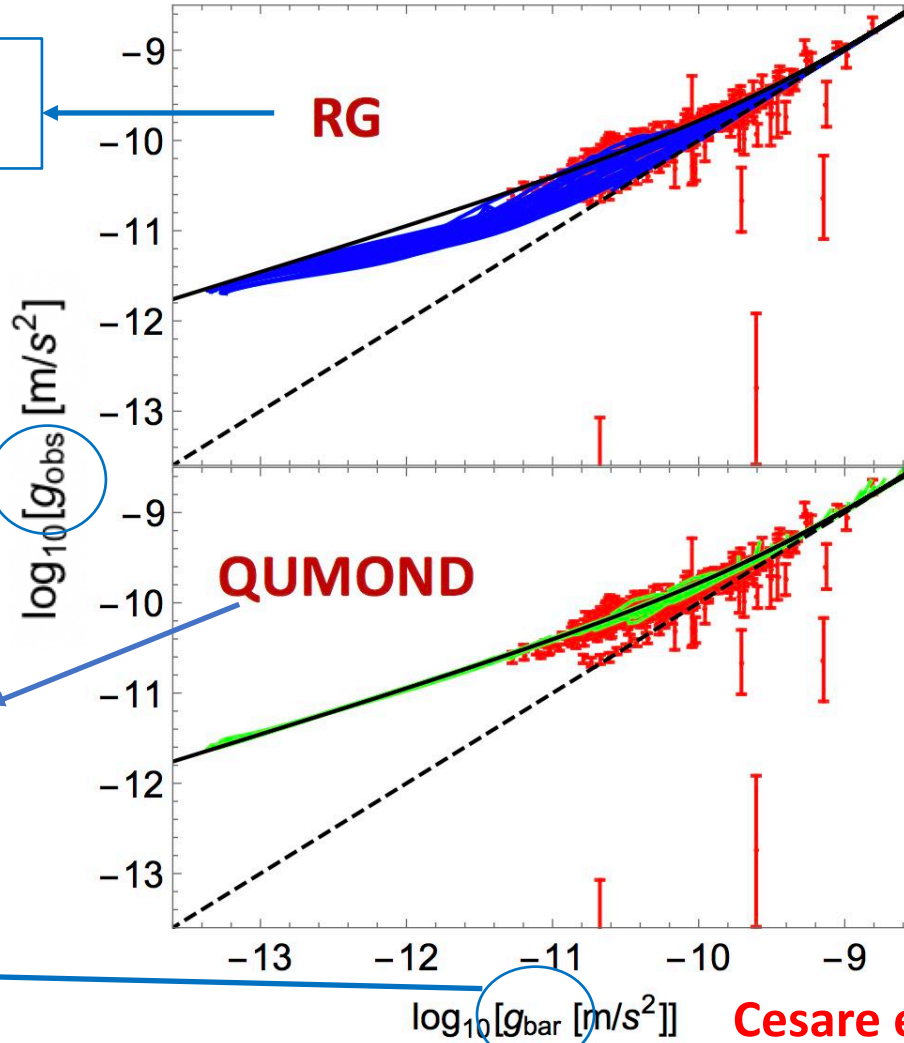
$$\frac{\partial \phi_{\text{RG}}}{\partial R} \leftarrow \nabla \cdot [\epsilon(\rho) \nabla \phi] = 4\pi G \rho$$

$$\frac{v_{\text{obs}}(R)^2}{R}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_{\text{QUMOND}}}{\partial R} \leftarrow \nabla^2 \phi_{\text{QUMOND}} = \nabla \cdot \left[v \left(\frac{|\nabla \phi_{\text{N}}|}{a_0} \right) \nabla \phi_{\text{N}} \right]$$

$$v \left(\frac{|\nabla \phi_{\text{N}}|}{a_0} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{|\nabla \phi_{\text{N}}|/a_0}} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_{\text{N}}}{\partial R} \leftarrow \nabla^2 \phi_{\text{N}} = 4\pi G \rho$$



Correlation between RAR residuals and galaxy properties

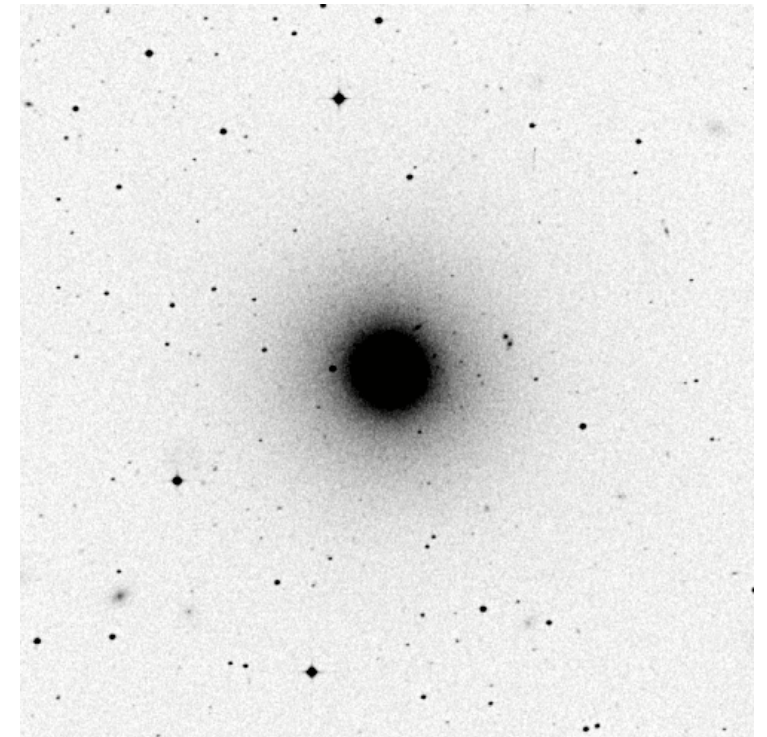
Sample dependence or RG issue?

SCATTER OF THE RAR

4. Elliptical galaxies

- Monotonically increasing relation between elliptical galaxies ellipticities and mass-to-light ratios (Deur 2014) → naturally predicted by the RG framework
- SLUGGS survey probes the kinematics of galaxies up to $\sim 10 R_e$ thanks to the detection of globular clusters (GCs): suitable sample to test this prediction

NGC 1407



https://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/uri/NED::Image/gif/1994DSS...1...0000:/Bd/NGC_1407:l:IIIaJ:dss1

4.1 The test case of NGC 1407: ongoing analysis

- Elliptical E0 galaxy (minor-to-major axis ratio $q = 0.95$)
- Three kinematic tracers: stars, blue GCs and red GCs

VELOCITY DISPERSION MODEL (from Jeans analysis)

$$V_{\text{rms},t}^2(R') = \frac{2}{I_t(R')} \int_{R'}^{+\infty} K\left(\beta_t, \frac{r}{R'}\right) v_t(r) \frac{d\phi}{dr} r dr$$

$t = \text{tracer}$
(stars, blue GCs
and red GCs)

**Surface
brightness/
number
density**

Sérsic profile

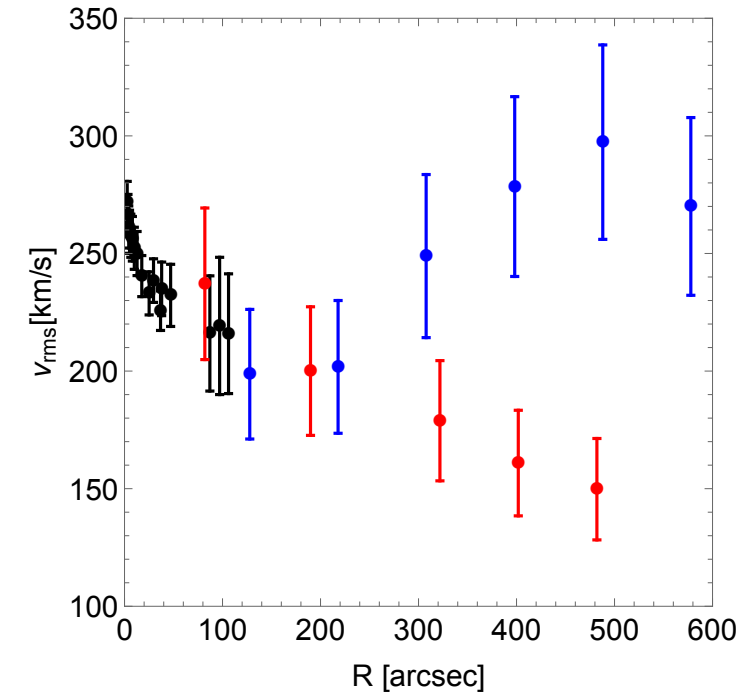
**Orbital
anisotropy:**
 $\beta = 1 - \frac{\sigma_\theta^2}{\sigma_r^2}$

**3D
luminosity/
number
density**

3D mass density (stars only)

**Gravitational
potential**

$$\nabla \cdot [\epsilon(\rho)\nabla\phi] = 4\pi G\rho$$



Adjusted from Pota et al. (2015)

5. Future projects

- Extension of the current analysis to elliptical galaxies with different ellipticities belonging to SLUGGS and ePN.S surveys
- Dwarf galaxies and GCs
- Galaxy clusters (two encouraging results in [Matsakos & Diaferio \(2016\)](#))
- Covariant formulation of the theory ([Sanna et al. in preparation](#))
- Linear perturbation theory for the density field
- Power spectrum of the CMB anisotropies
- Formation and evolution of cosmic structures (N-body simulations)

6. Conclusions

- RG properly reproduces the kinematics of DMS galaxies
- Introducing the vertical velocity dispersions we obtain disk scale heights smaller than observations → **observational bias, not issue of the theory**
- A unique combination of $\{\epsilon_0, Q, \rho_c\}$ is likely to be found to properly describe DMS kinematic profiles
- RG predicts a RAR with the correct asymptotic limits, with too large intrinsic scatter and with correlations between residuals and galaxy properties → further investigation with **SPARC** (Lelli et al. 2016)
- RG could potentially describe systems with different degrees of flatness
- RG can compete with other theories of gravity to describe the dynamics on galactic scale, deserving further investigation

THANK YOU FOR THE ATTENTION! 😊