



# Dynamics of disk and elliptical galaxies in Refracted Gravity

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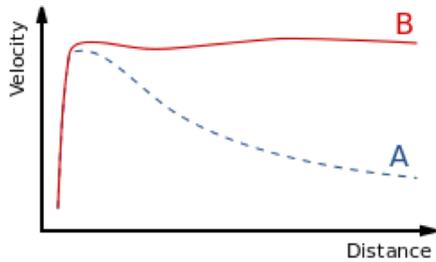
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# 1. Introduction



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



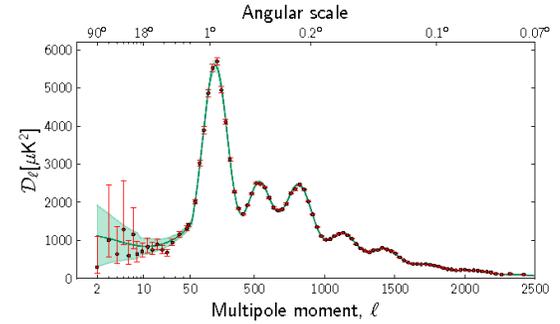
$v(R)$  trend expected (A, keplerian fall) and observed (B) [wikipedia.org](#).

**MASS DISCREPANCY  
PROBLEM  
80–90%**

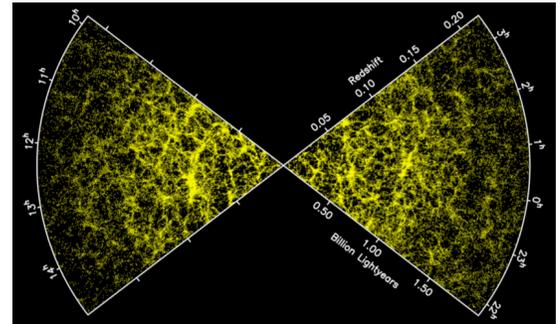


**DARK MATTER**

**MODIFIED GRAVITY**



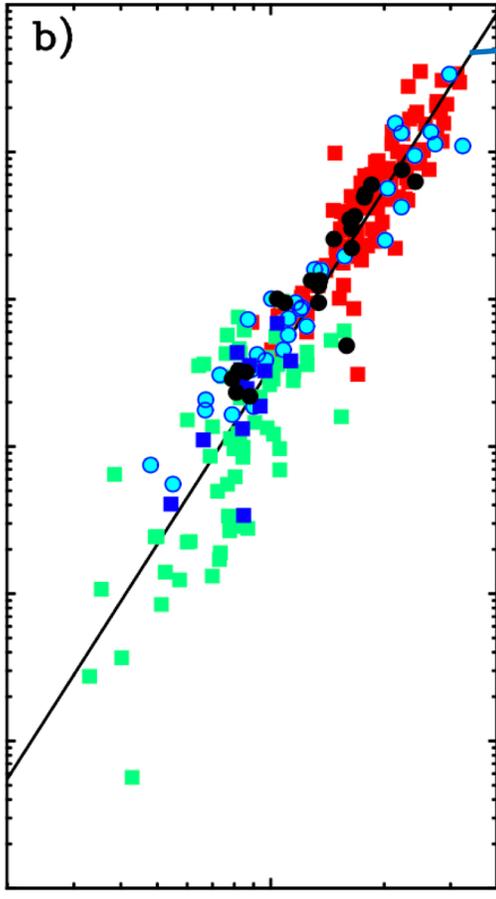
CMB power spectrum [physics.stackexchange.com](#).



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)

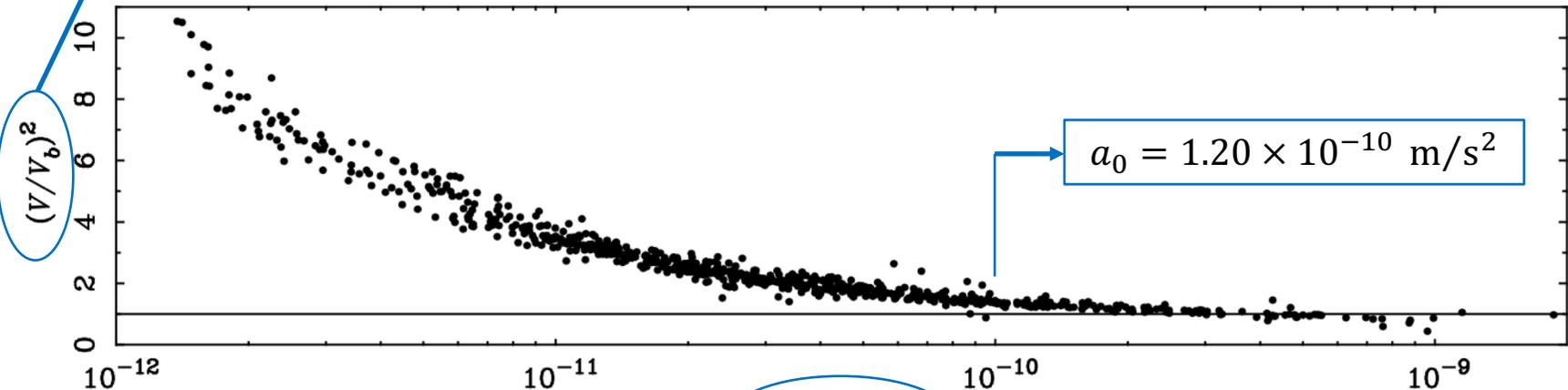
$$M_d = AV_c^4$$

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

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

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

## MASS DISCREPANCY-ACCELERATION RELATION



$(V/V_b)^2$

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

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

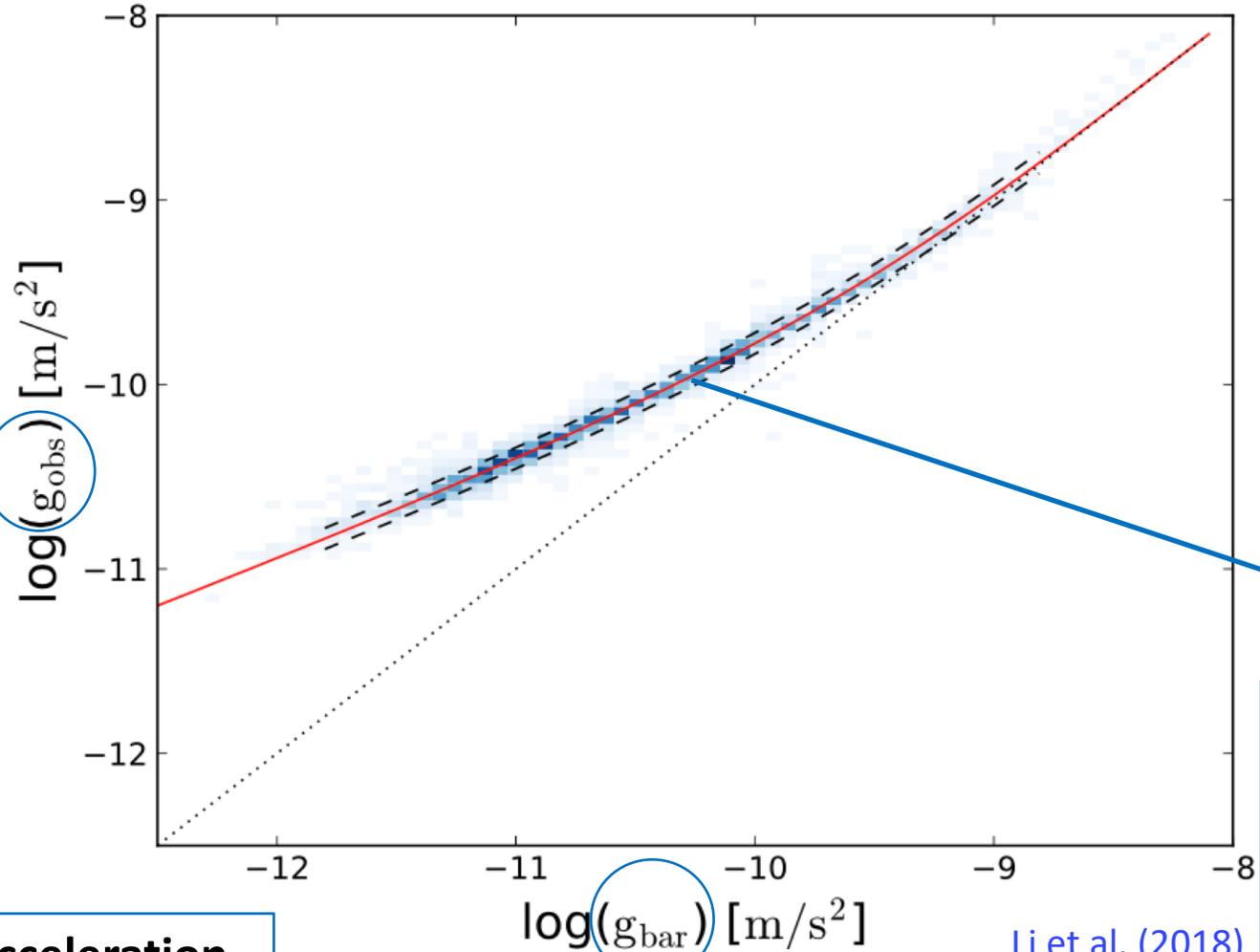
Famaey & McGaugh (2012)

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



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

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

Li et al. (2018)  
McGaugh et al. (2016)

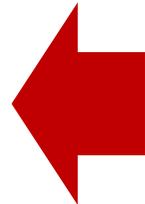
Newtonian acceleration due to baryons

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

# 2. Refracted Gravity (RG)

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

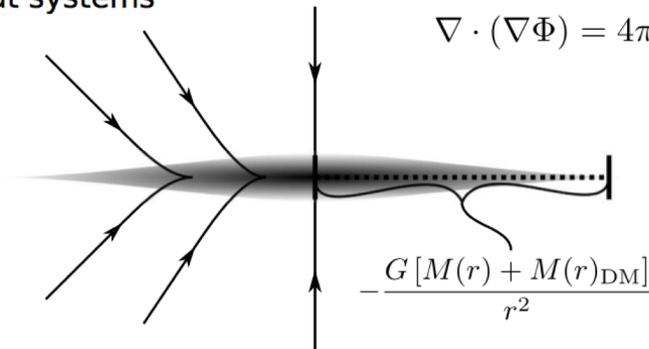
**DARK MATTER PRESENCE**



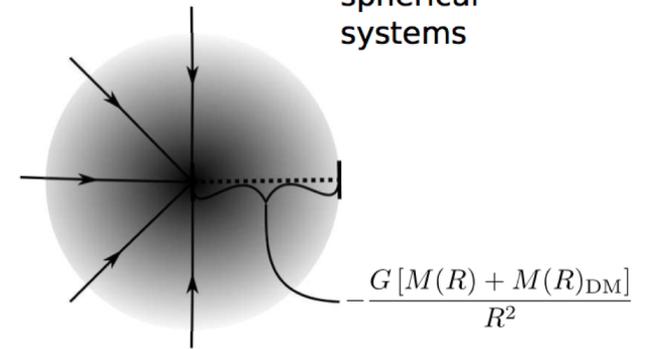
## Newtonian gravity

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

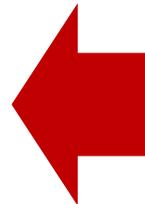
flat systems



spherical systems

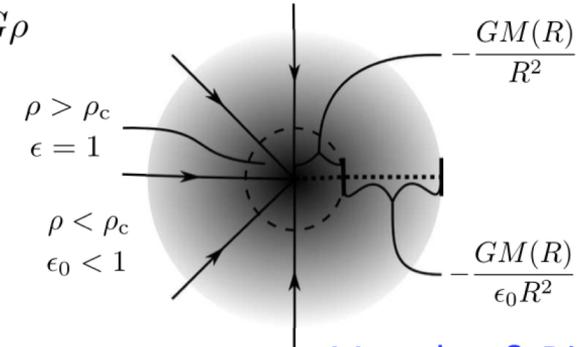
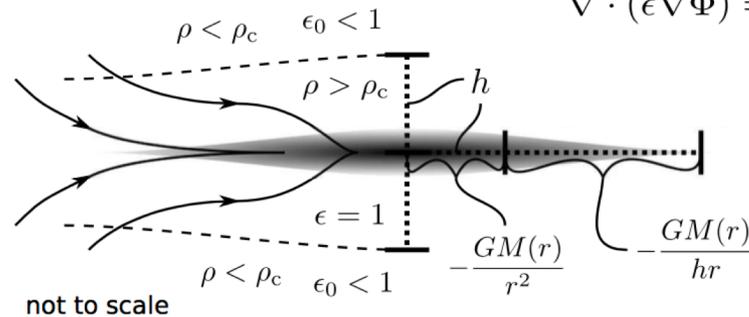


**FIELD LINES FOCUSING**



## 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

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

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

$$0 < \epsilon_0 \leq 1$$

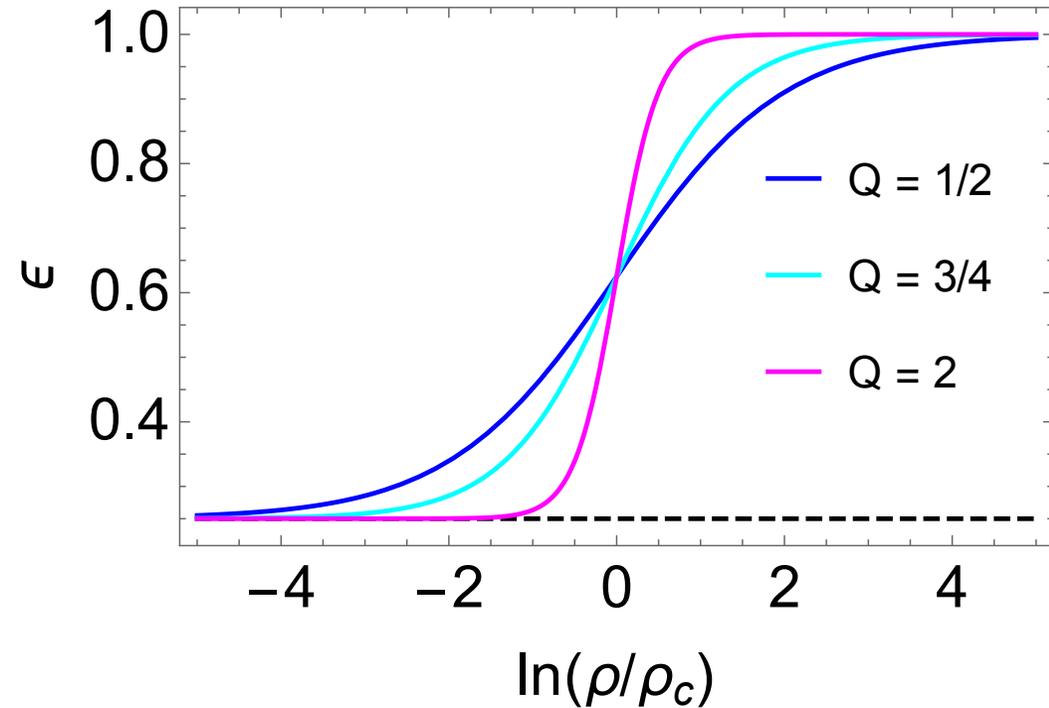
**Arbitrary choice for the gravitational permittivity**

$$\epsilon(\rho)$$

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

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

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



**Cesare et al. (2020b)**

# 3. Disk galaxies: the DiskMass Survey

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

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

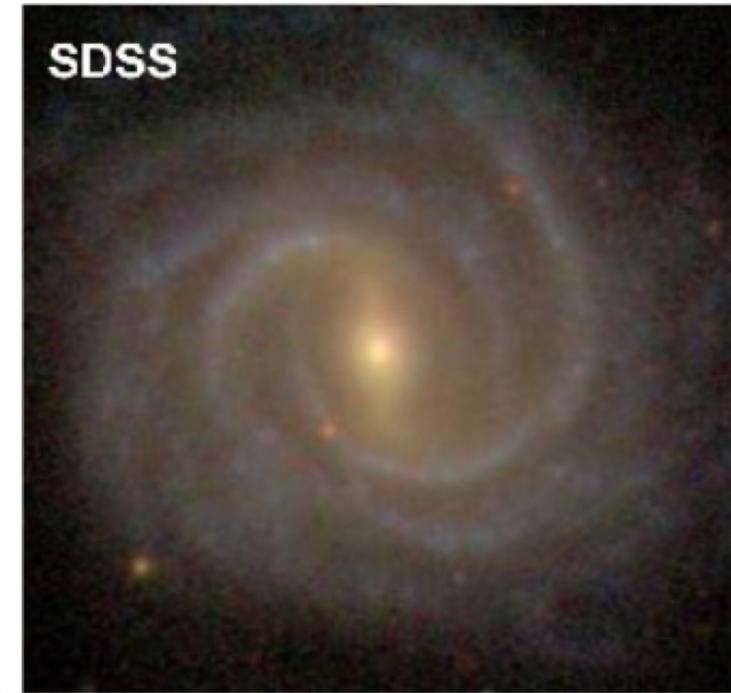
b) **Spherical stellar bulge:**  $\rho_b(r) = -\frac{\Upsilon}{\pi} \int_r^{+\infty} \frac{dI_b(R)}{dR} \frac{dR}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}}$ , where

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

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,  $\Upsilon$ , the disk-scale height,  $h_z$ , and the three RG parameters,  $\epsilon_0$ ,  $Q$  and  $\rho_c$ 
  - From rotation curves
  - From rotation curves and vertical velocity dispersions

UGC 7917



Bershady et al. (2010a)

# 3.1 Rotation curves and vertical velocity dispersions

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

$\phi$

## ROTATION CURVE

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

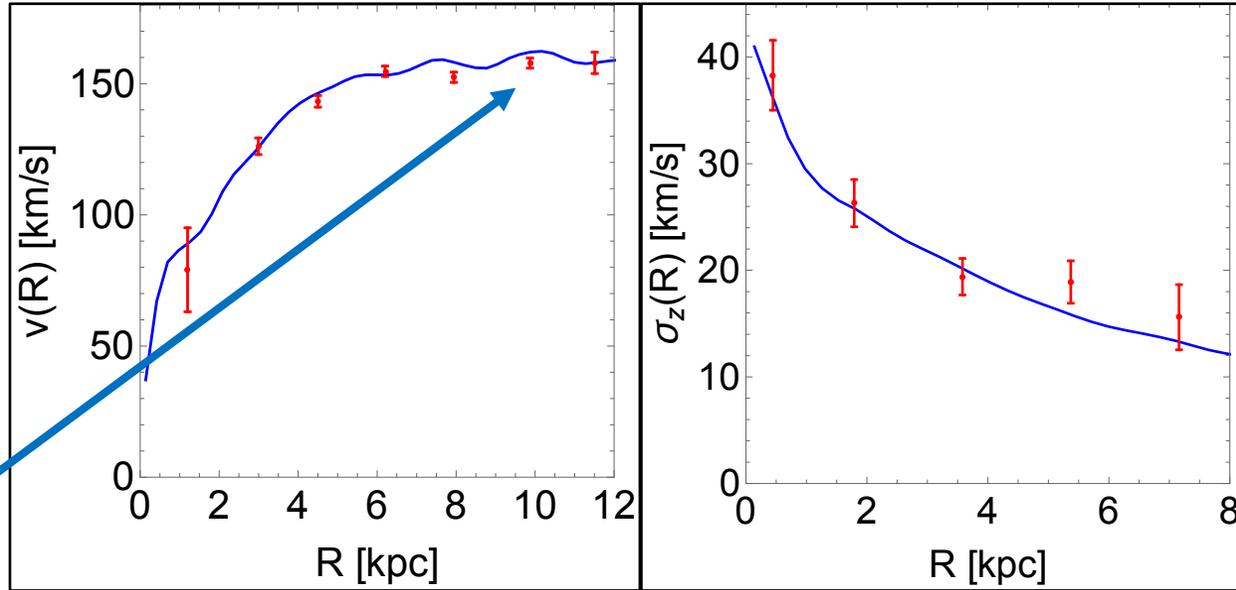
## VERTICAL VELOCITY DISPERSION PROFILE

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

From Jeans analysis

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

## UGC 3091

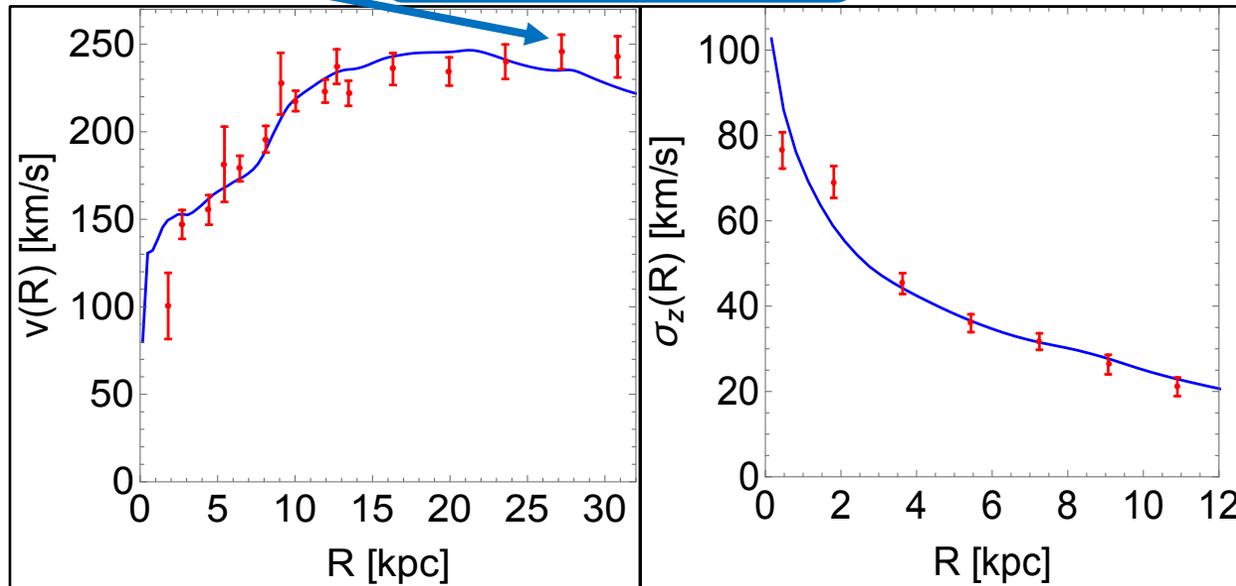


Flat trend  
recovered

Renzo's rule

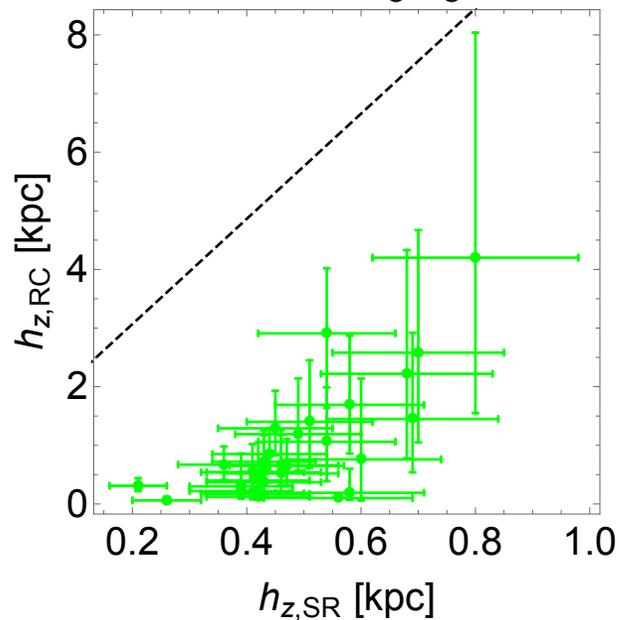
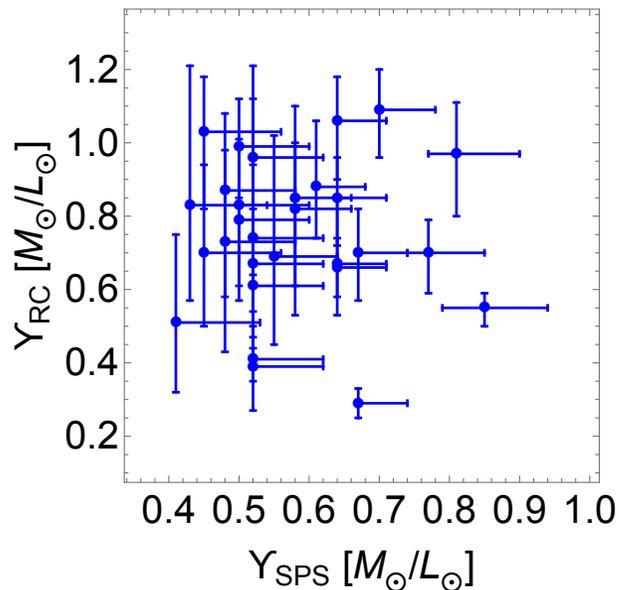
Good description of  
kinematic profiles

## UGC 4256



Cesare et al. (2020b)

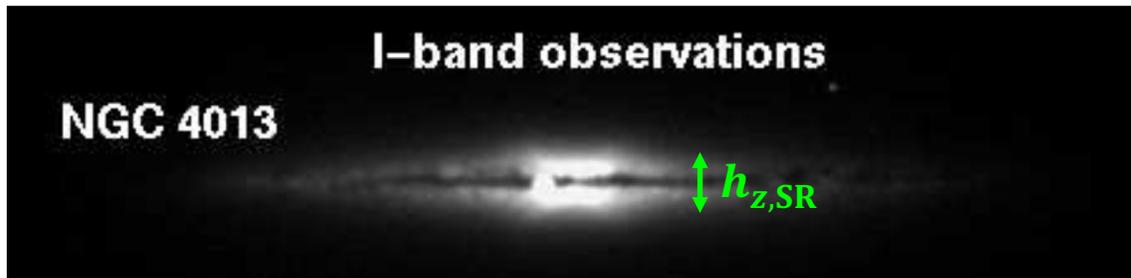
### ROTATION CURVES ALONE



Cesare et al. (2020b)



Good agreement with SPS models in both cases



Xilouris et al. (1999)



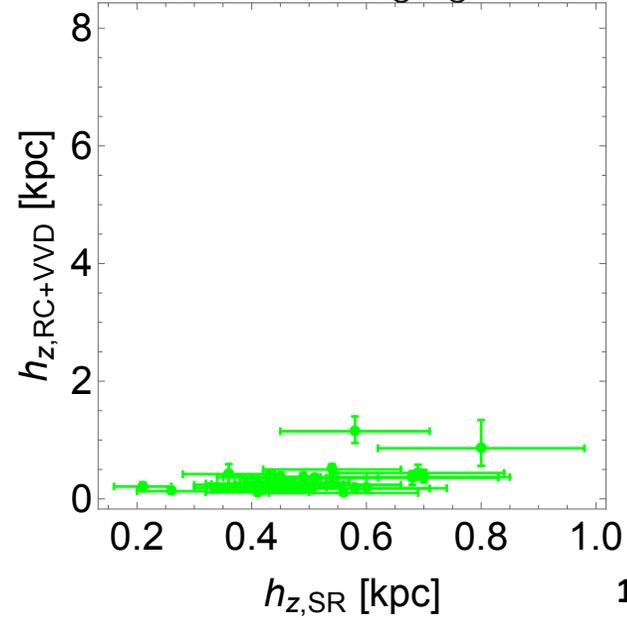
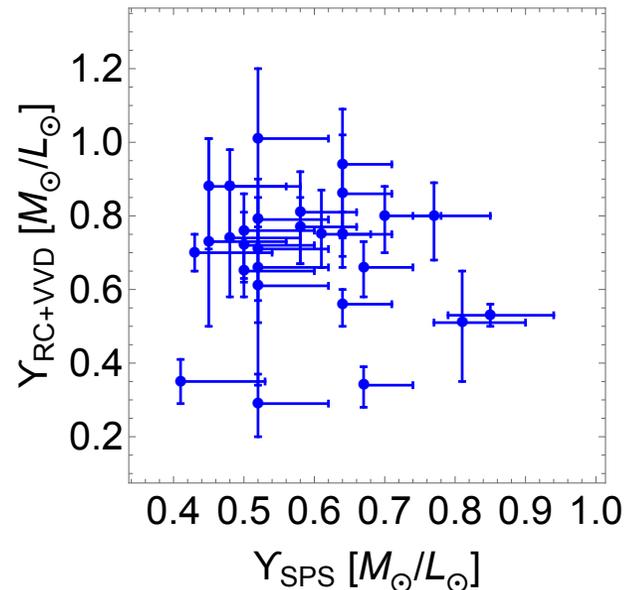
$h_z$  decreases

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:

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

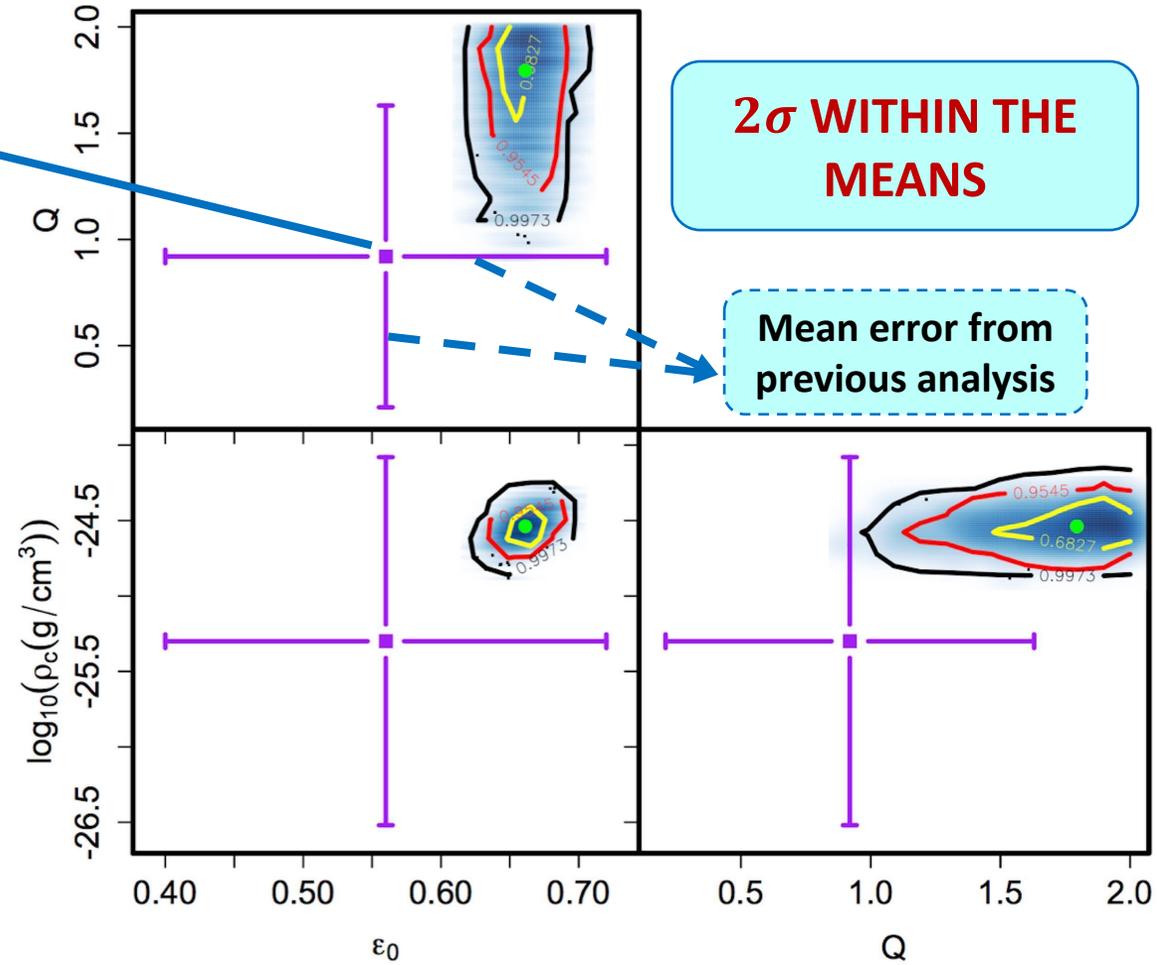
## ADOPTED APPROACH

- $Y$  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 (2020a)** and on GitHub (<https://github.com/alpha-unito/astroMP>).

Mean RG parameter from previous analysis

**2σ WITHIN THE MEANS**

Mean error from previous analysis



# 3.3 The Radial Acceleration Relation

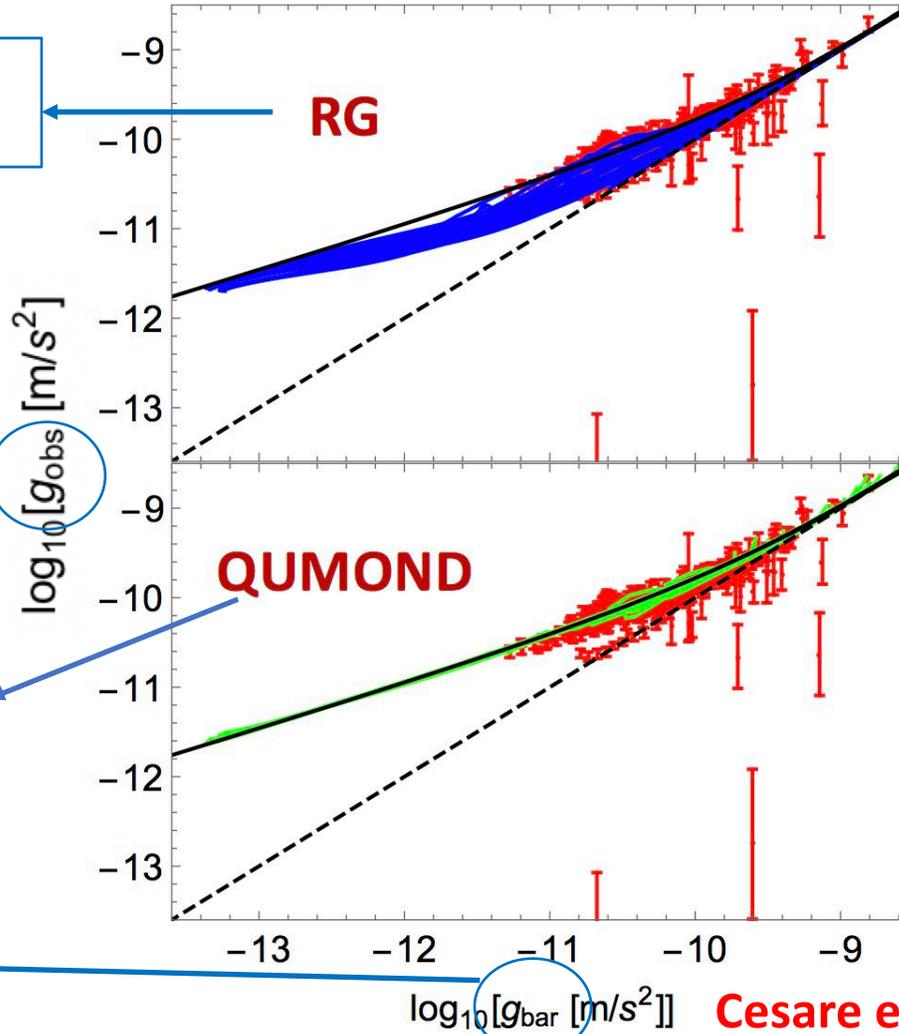
$$\frac{\partial \phi_{\text{RG}}}{\partial R} \leftarrow \nabla \cdot [\epsilon(\rho) \nabla \phi] = 4\pi G \rho$$

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

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

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

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



Correlation between RAR residuals and galaxy properties

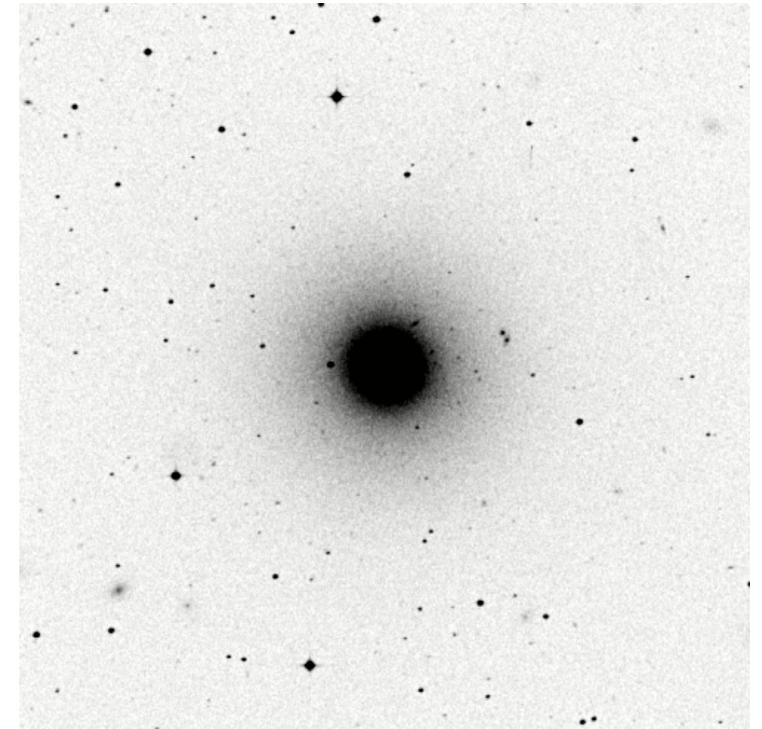
Sample dependence or RG issue?

SCATTER OF THE RAR

# 4. Elliptical galaxies: three E0 galaxies in the SLUGGS survey

- Analysis in **Cesare et al., in prep.**
- 3 E0 galaxies from the SLUGGS survey: NGC 1407, NGC 4486 (M87), and NGC 5846
- Spherical systems:  $\varepsilon \in [0,0.15] \Leftrightarrow q = 1 - \varepsilon \in [0.85,1]$
- Kinematics probed up to  $\sim 10 R_e$  thanks to the detection of GCs
- Two populations of GCs (blue and red)  $\Rightarrow$  stronger constraint for RG

NGC 1407



[https://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/uri/NED::Image/gif/1994DSS...1...0000:/Bd/NGC\\_1407:l:IIIaJ:dss1](https://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/uri/NED::Image/gif/1994DSS...1...0000:/Bd/NGC_1407:l:IIIaJ:dss1)

# 4.1 The mass model

Model, at the same time, of the root-mean-square velocity dispersion of the stars, the blue GCs, and the red GCs in each E0 galaxy from spherical 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  
of stars/number  
density of GCs

3D luminosity  
(number) density  
of stars (GCs)

Gravitational  
field

Orbital anisotropy:

$$\beta = 1 - \frac{\sigma_\theta^2}{\sigma_r^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{\epsilon(\rho)} \frac{GM(< r)}{r^2}$$

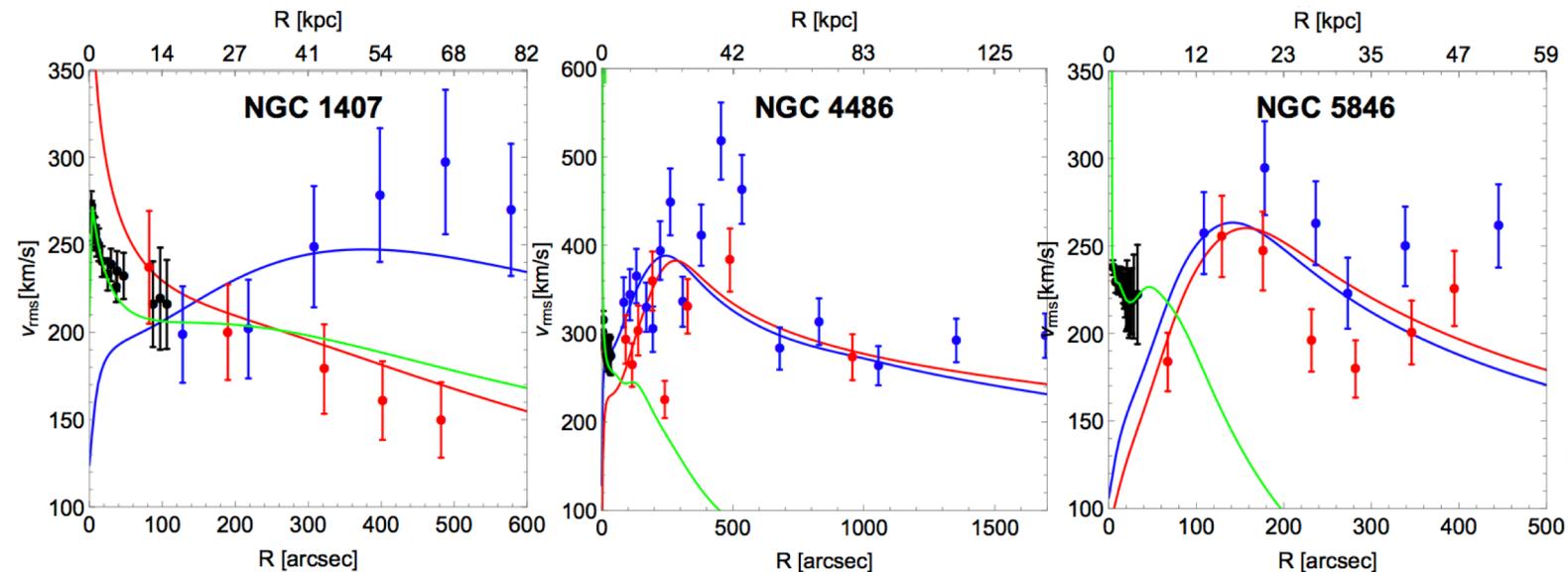
3D mass/mass density  
(stars + gas + SMBH)

**7 free parameters:**

- Stellar M/L:  $\Upsilon$
- Three RG parameters:  $\epsilon_0$ ,  $Q$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_c = \log_{10} \rho_c$
- Three anisotropy parameters:  $\mathcal{B}_t = -\log_{10}(1 - \beta_t)$

# 4.2 Results

- Global good description of the kinematic profiles of the three tracers with mass-to-ratios consistent with SPS models and anisotropy parameters consistent with the literature (Pota et al. 2015)
- Some points of the kinematic profiles of blue GCs in NGC 4486 and NGC 5846 not interpolated: systems treated as isolated and not embedded in larger systems
- RG parameters consistent between the individual galaxies ( $1\sigma$ ) and with the DMS ( $Q, \mathcal{P}_c$ ;  $3\sigma$ )
- $10\sigma$  tension between the  $\epsilon_0$  from the three E0 galaxies and the DMS



Cesare et al., in prep.

# 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 can model the kinematics of both flattened and spherical systems
- RG can compete with other theories of gravity to describe the dynamics on galactic scale, deserving further investigation

**THANK YOU FOR THE ATTENTION! 😊**