

**LSB (Low Surface Brightness)  
galaxies:  
new hints for dark matter?**

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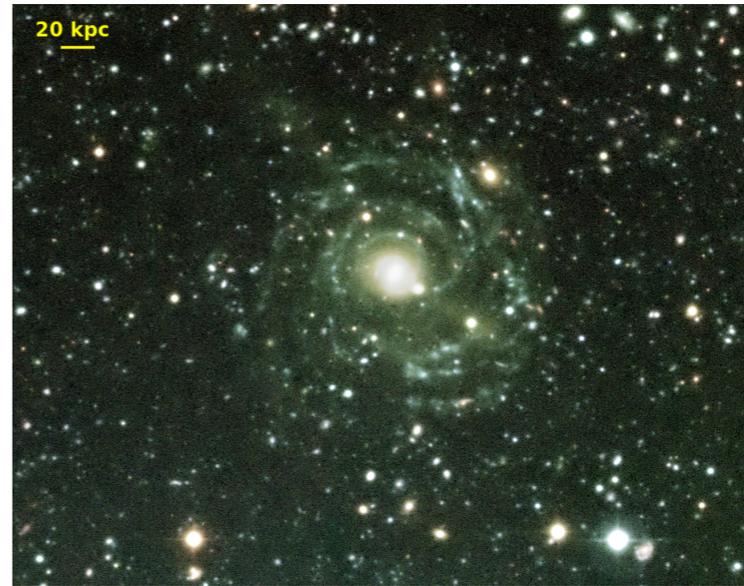


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# LSB galaxies rotation curves

emit much less light per area than normal galaxies

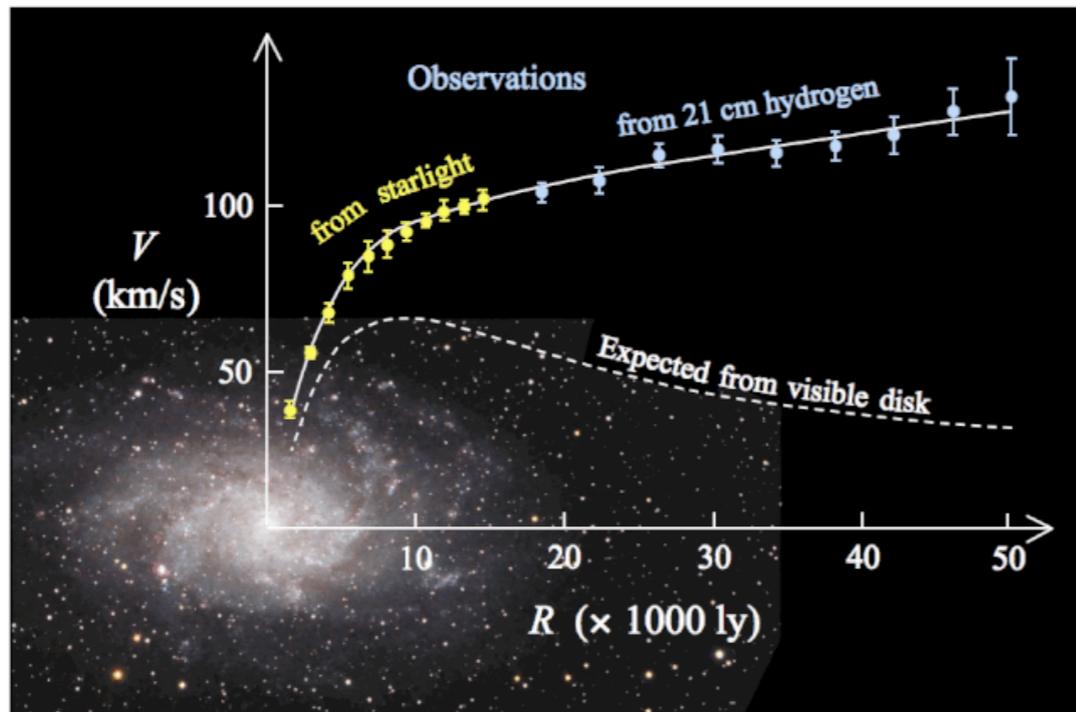
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- ~ Although following the large-scale structure of galaxies, they are **locally** more **isolated** than other galaxies
  - ~ Extended gas disks with low gas surface densities
- ~ Low metallicities makes gas cooling difficult and the stars difficult to form
  - ~ Likely evolving very slowly with very low star formation rates

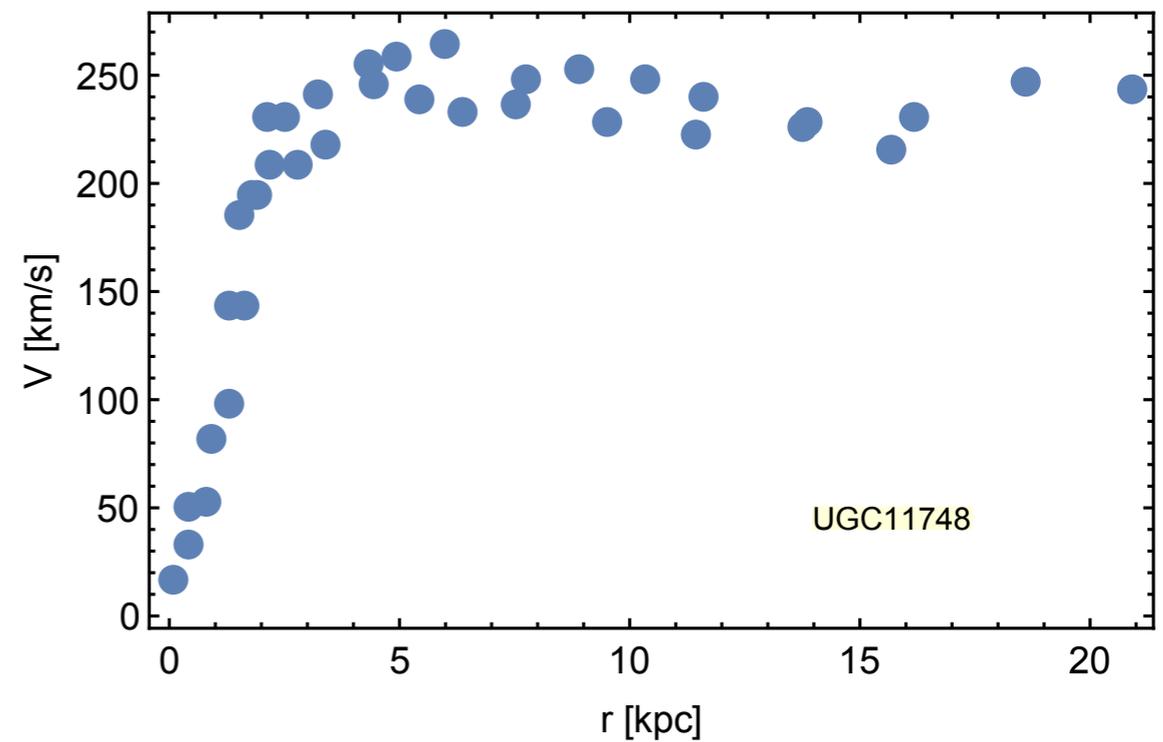
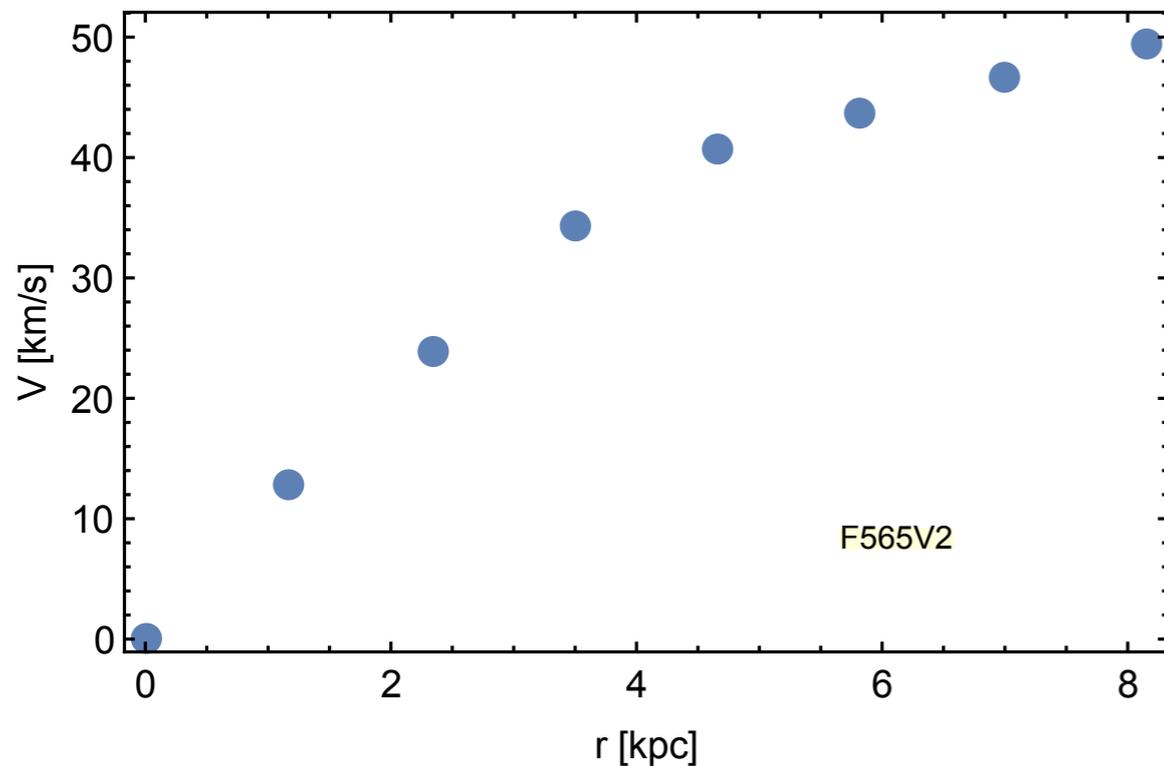
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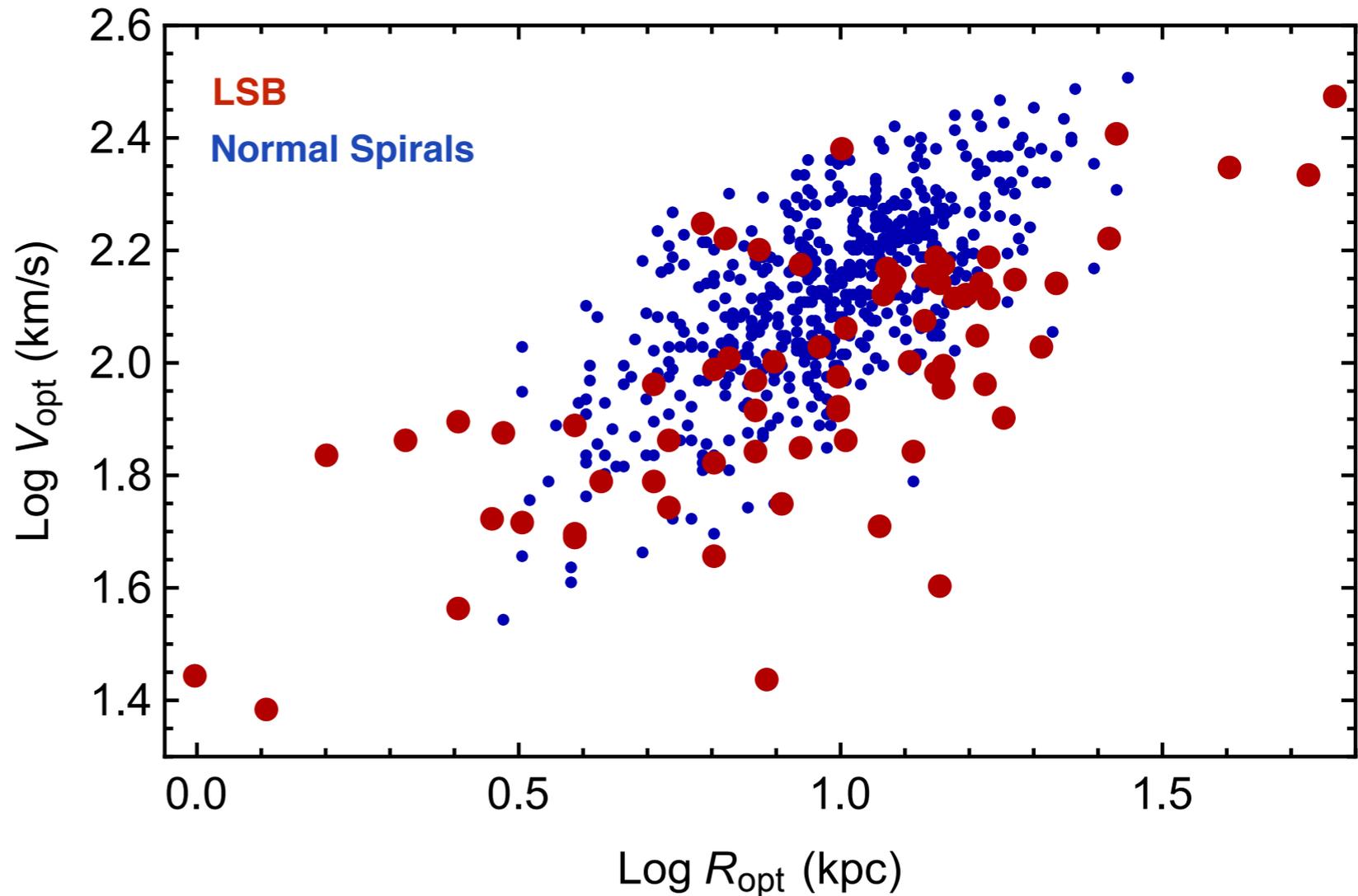
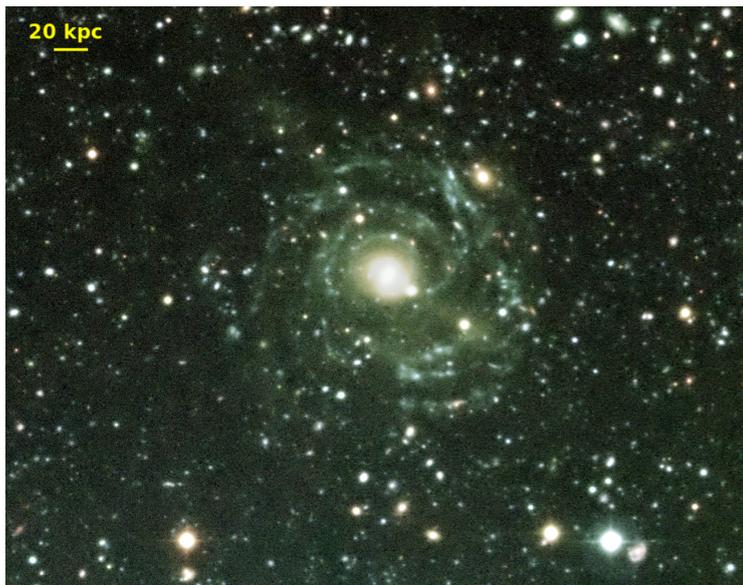
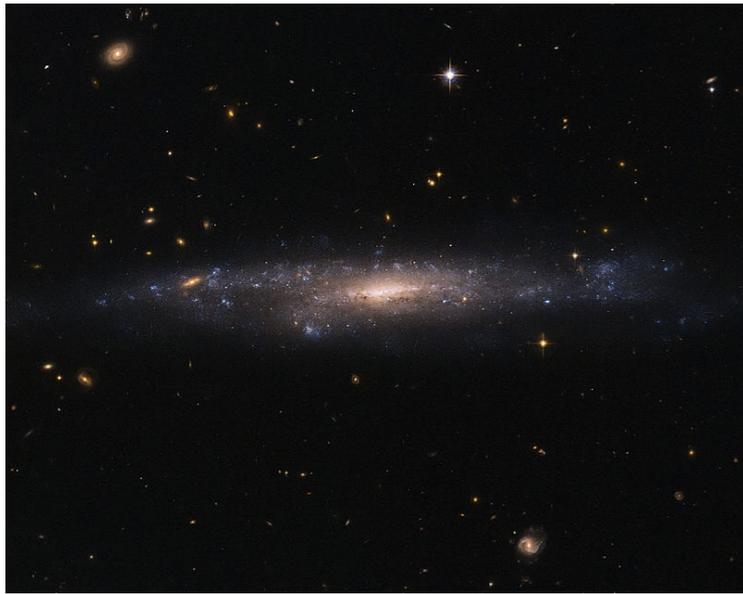
$R_D$  = disk scale length  
exponential stellar disk

$R_{opt} = 3.2 R_D \rightarrow 83\%$  total  
luminosity

$V_{opt} = V(R_{opt})$



# Low Surface Brightness galaxies (LSBs)



72 **Low Surface Brightness** galaxies

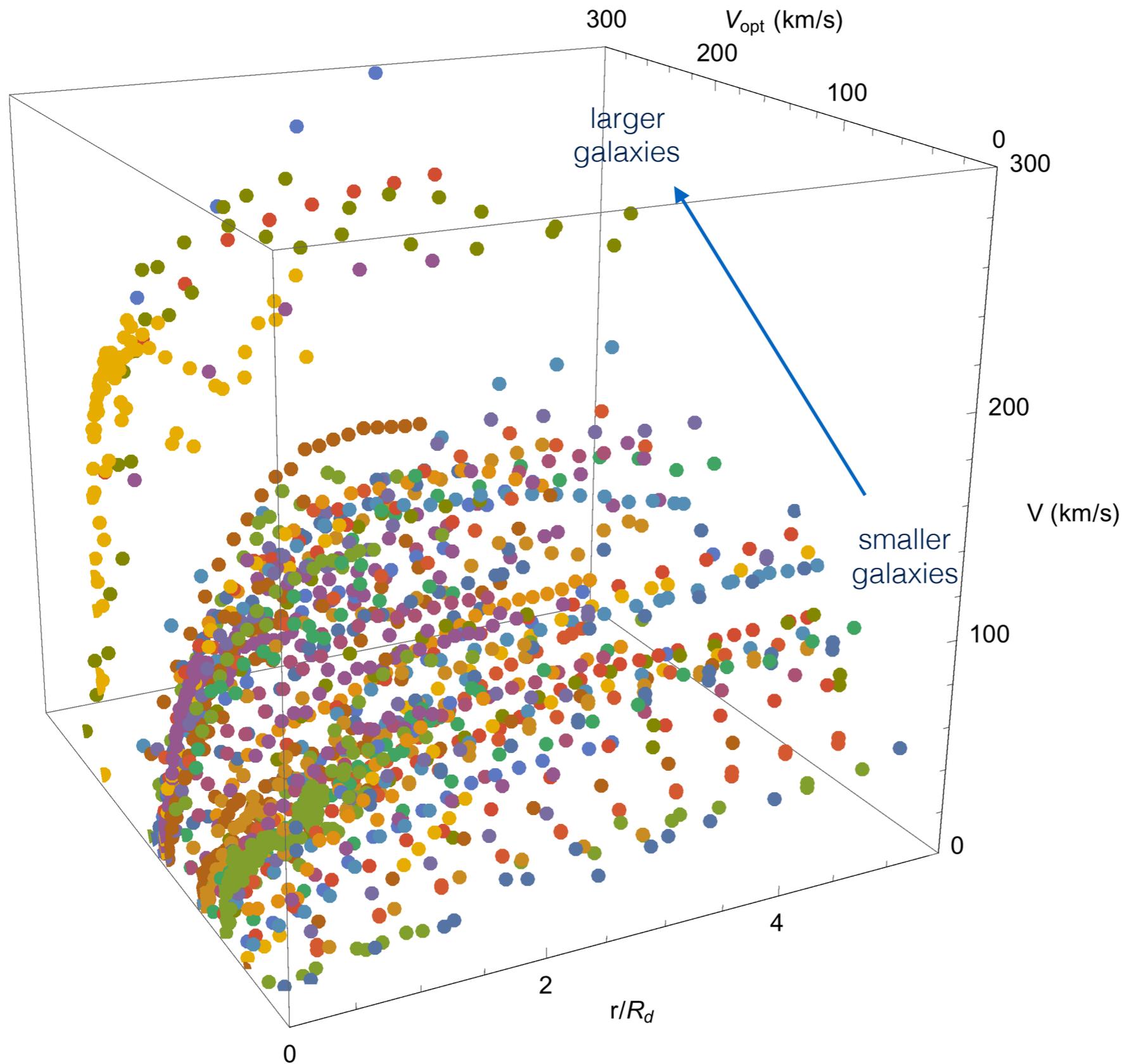
(Di Paolo, Salucci, Erskurt (2018))

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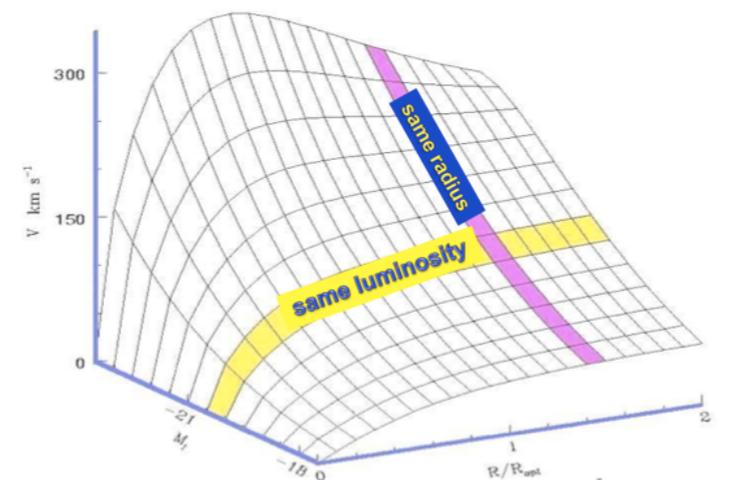
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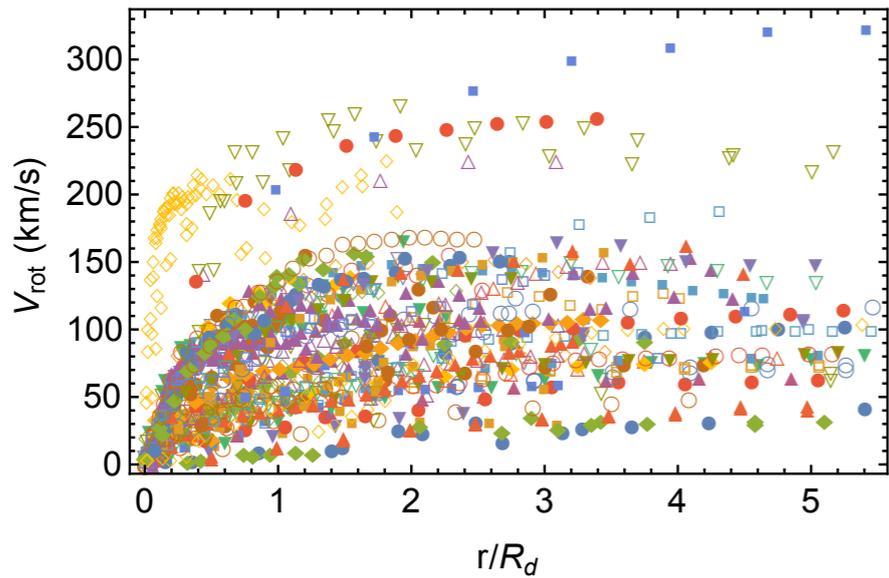


LSBs  
rotation curves  
show  
a  
**universal trend**



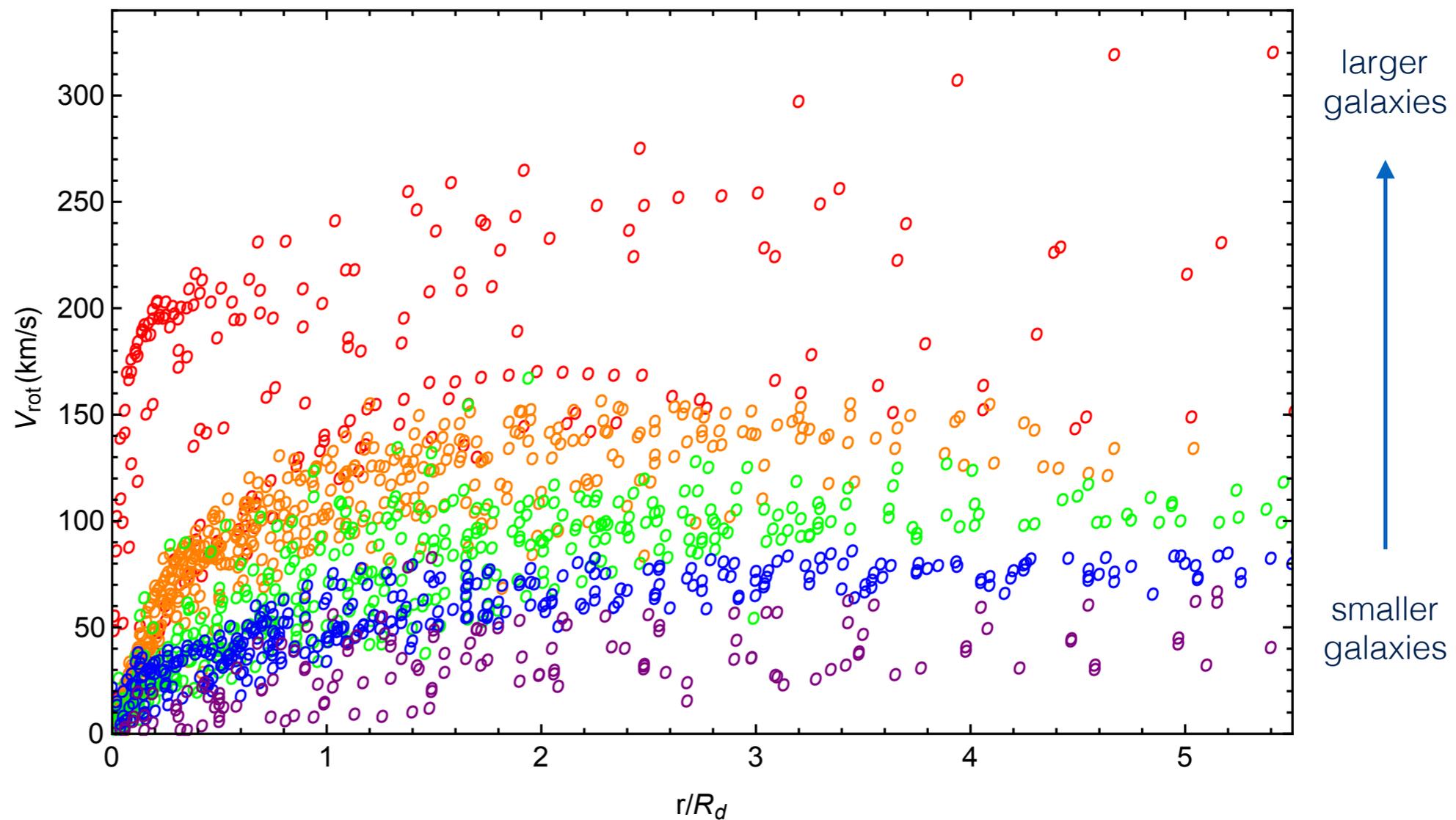
Persic, Salucci, Stel, 2007

# Low Surface Brightness galaxies (LSBs)



Vel.Bin	Vel.Range km/s	N.galaxies	$\langle V_{\text{opt}} \rangle$ km/s	$\langle R_D \rangle$ kpc	N.data
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	24-60	13	43.5	1.7	151
2	60-85	17	73.3	2.2	393
3	85-120	17	100.6	3.7	419
4	120-154	15	140.6	4.5	441
5	154-300	10	205.6	7.9	210

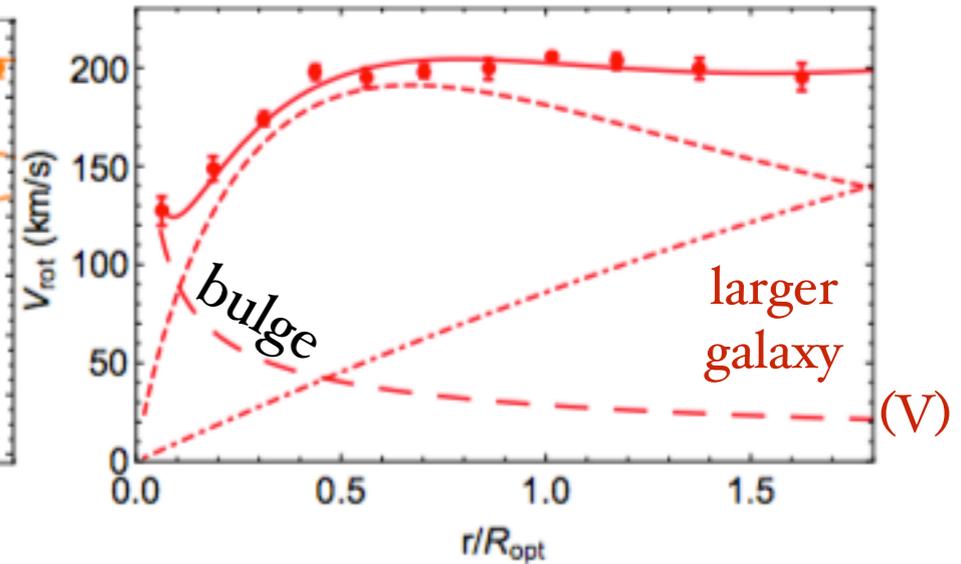
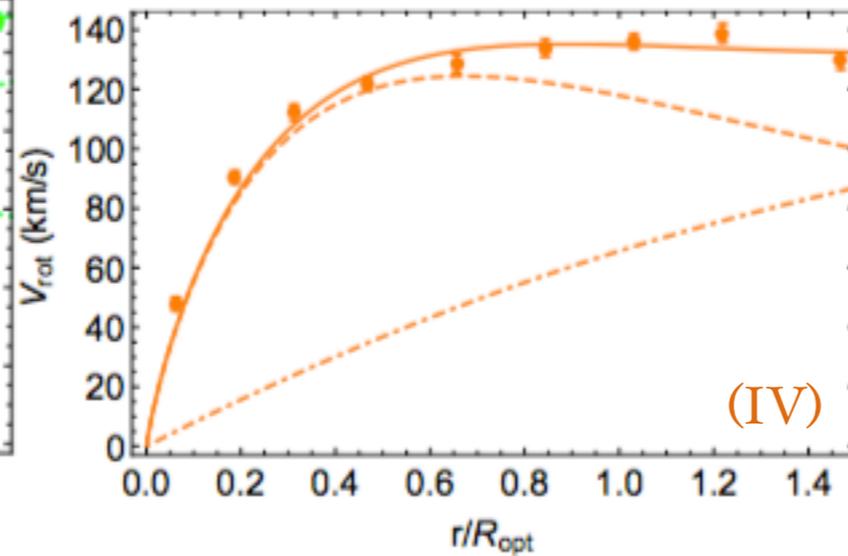
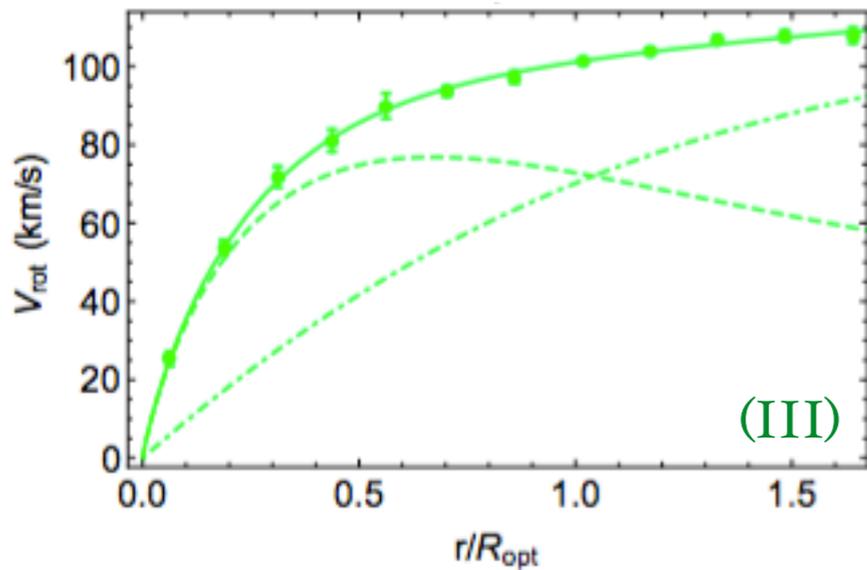
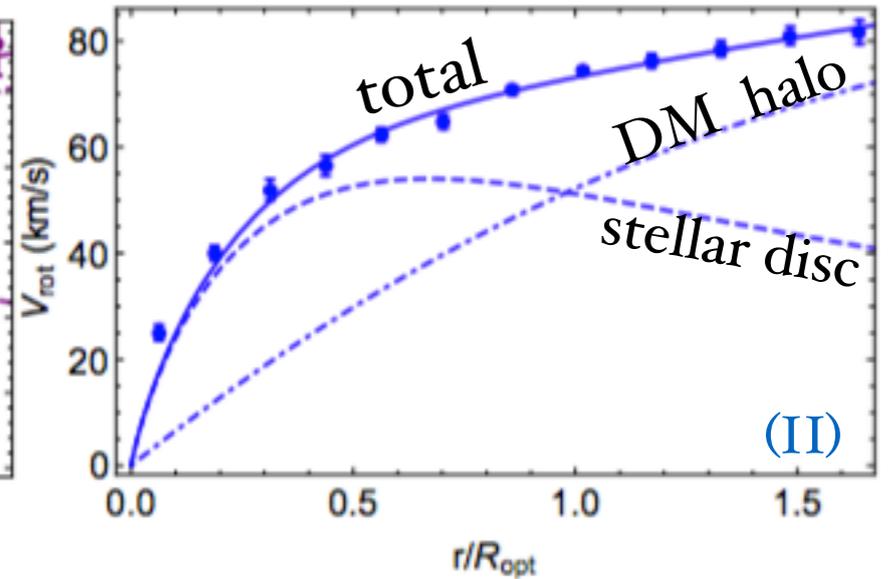
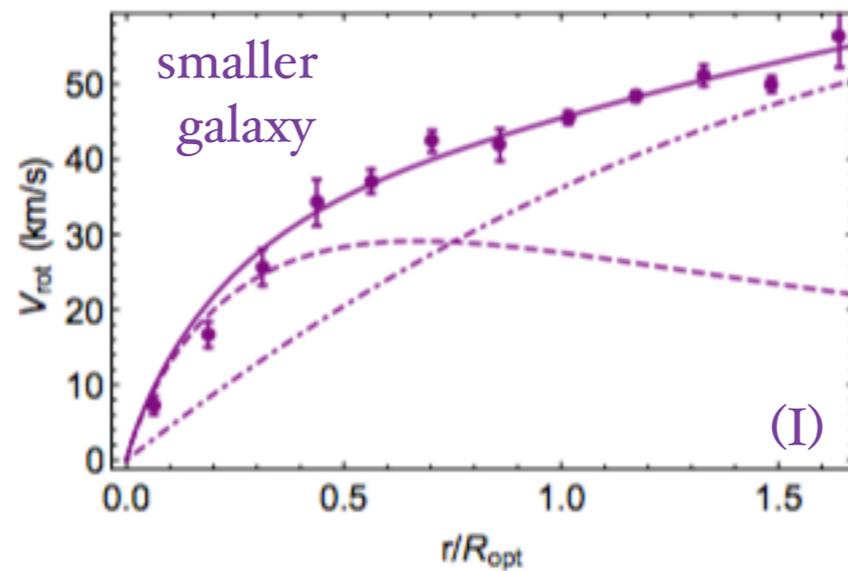
Division in  
5 velocity bins  
inner curvature  
more similar



# Low Surface Brightness galaxies (LSBs)

## Mass Modelling

5 co-added RCs



Fitting model for the co-added RC :

$$V^2(r) = V_d^2(r) + V_{DM}^2(r)$$

↓  
exponential  
stellar disc

↓  
DM spherical  
cored halo  
(Burkert)

**3 free parameters :**

$M_d$  stellar disc mass

$R_c$  DM halo's core radius

$\rho_0$  DM halo's central mass density

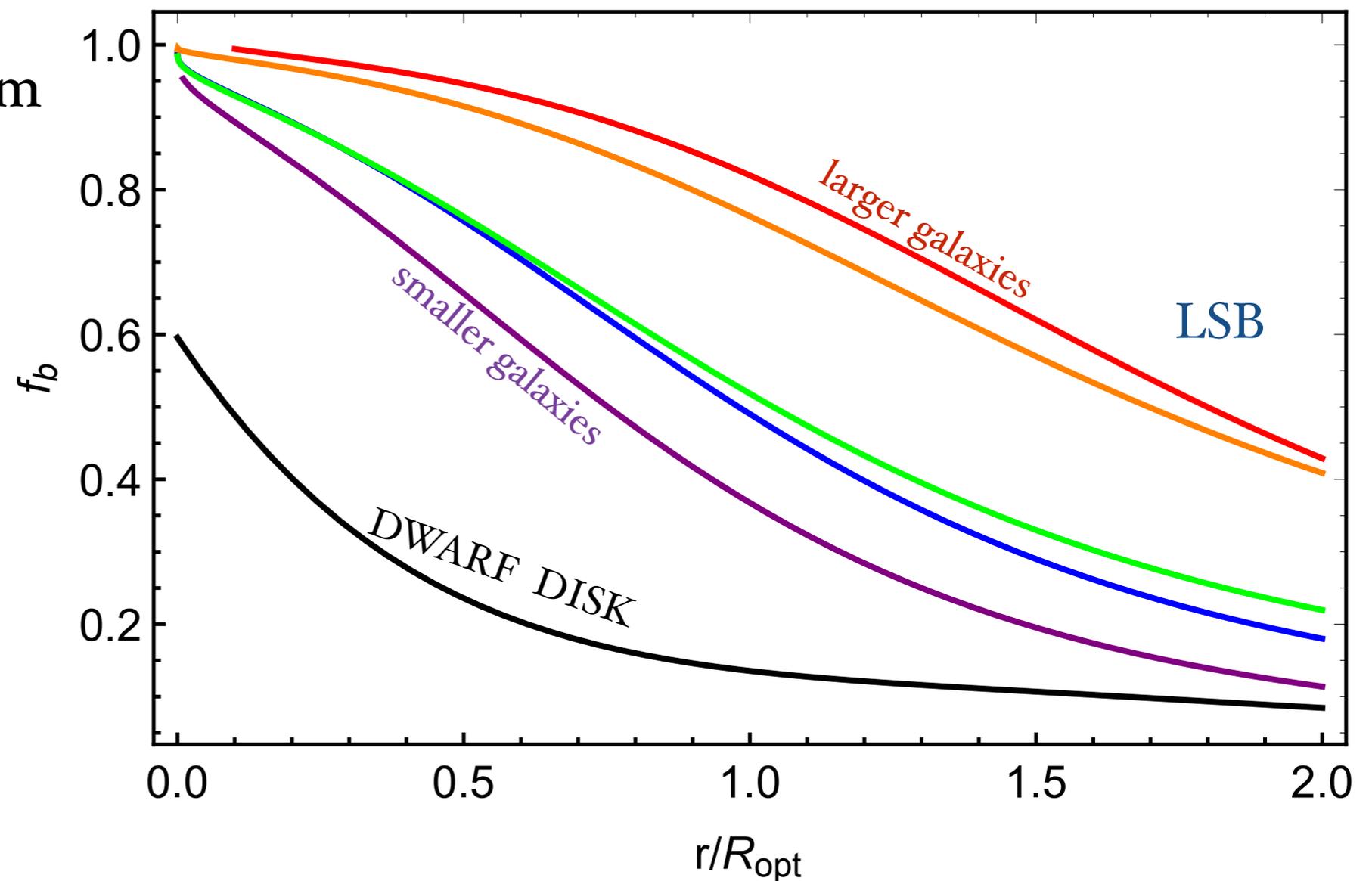
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Contribution to the circular velocity from the i-component:

$$V_i^2(r) = G \frac{M_i(r)}{r}$$

**Baryonic fraction :**

$$f_b(r) = \frac{V_b^2(r)}{V^2(r)}$$



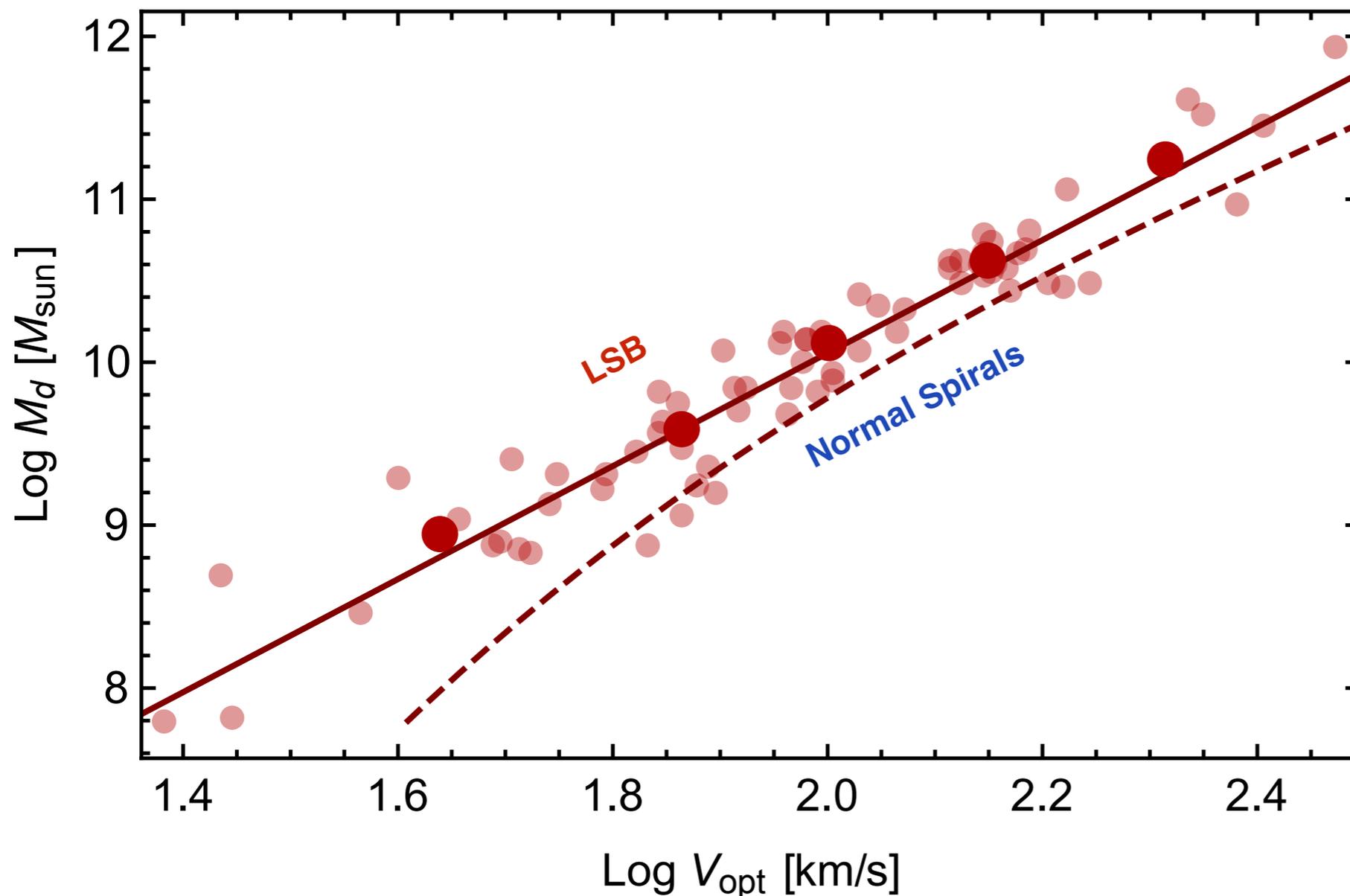
- NOTE:**
- ~ radial dependence of  $f_b$
  - ~ different  $f_b(r)$  in galaxies of different size
  - ~ different  $f_b(r)$  in galaxies of different morphology

# Low Surface Brightness galaxies (LSBs)

## DENORMALIZATION PROCESS



All the basis to construct the **SCALING RELATIONS** are known



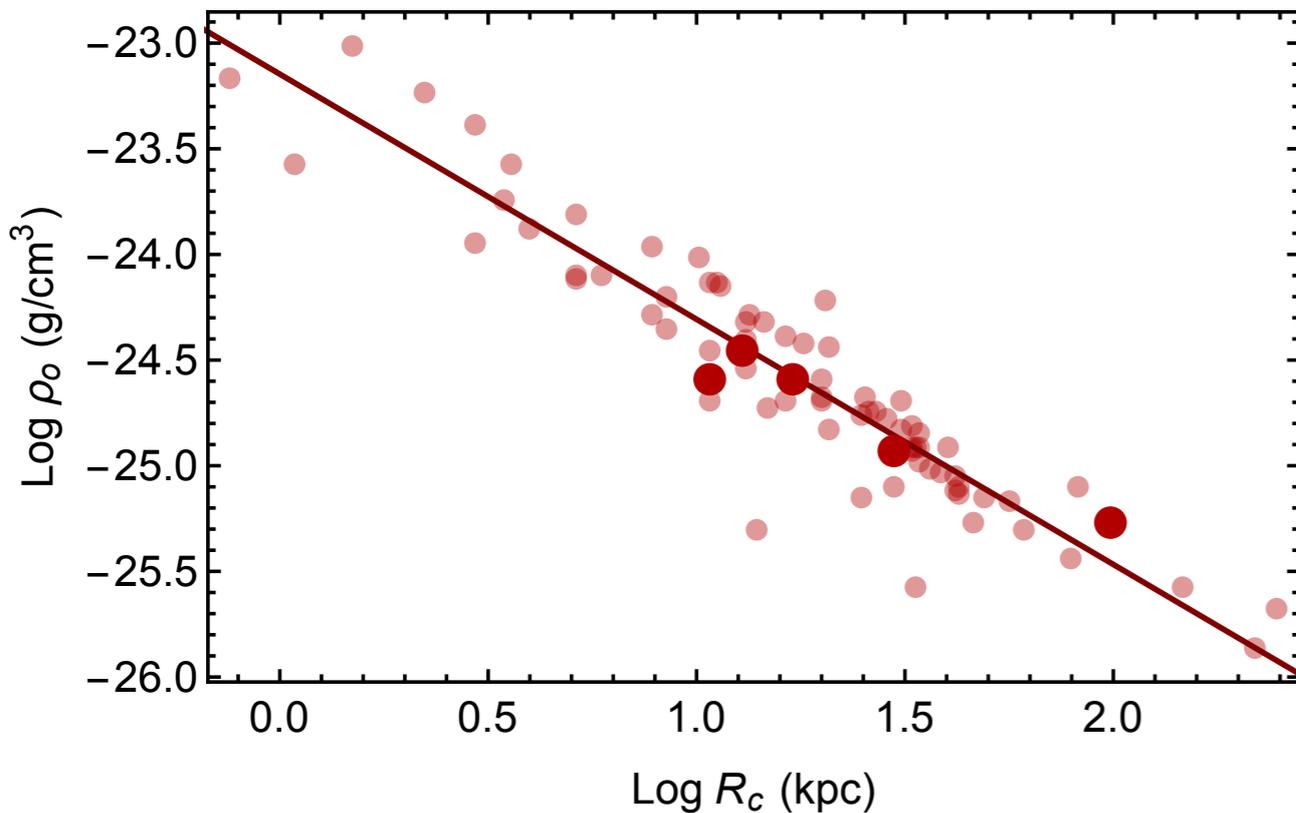
LSBs  
and  
Normal Spirals  
scaling relations



similar,  
but not identical

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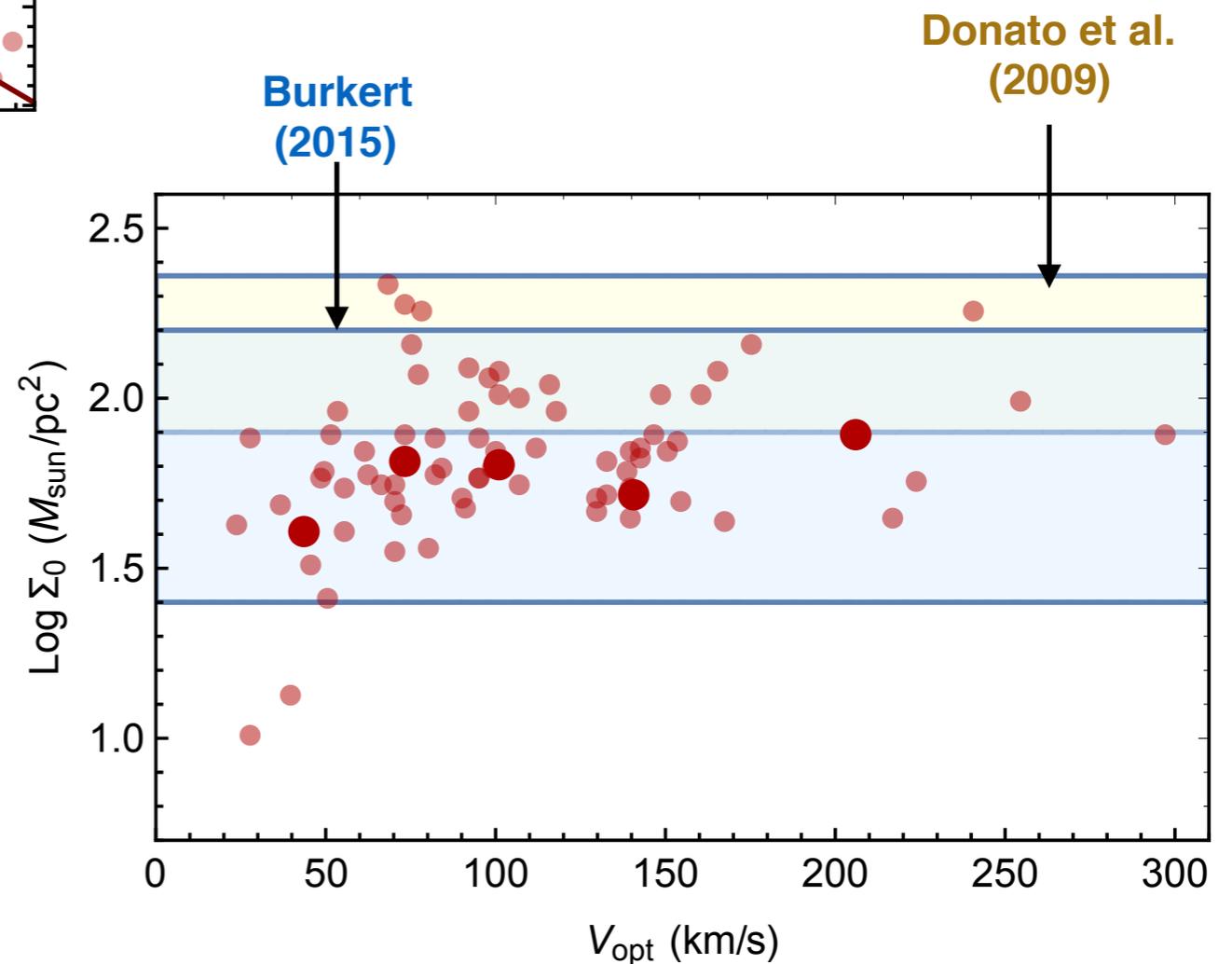
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smaller galaxies,  
higher central DM mass density

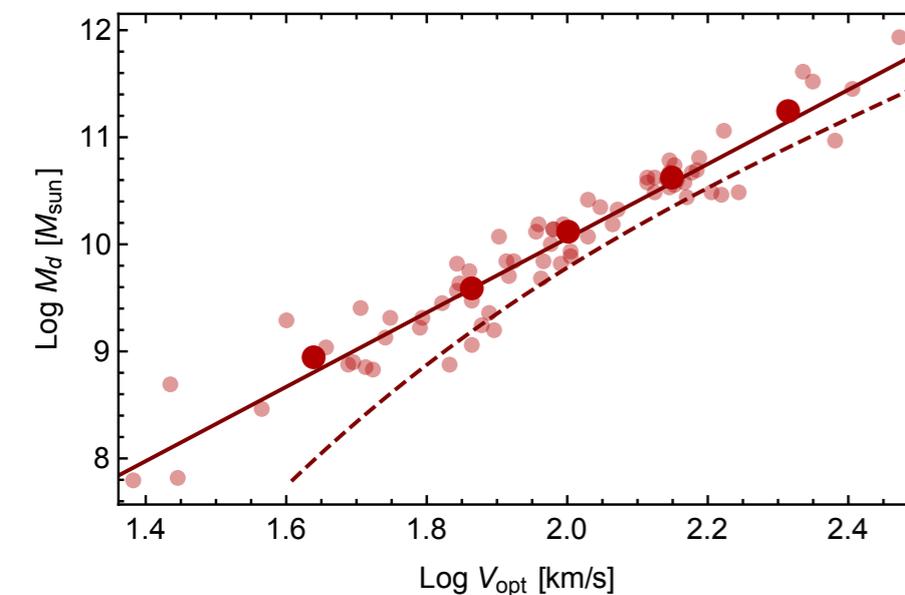
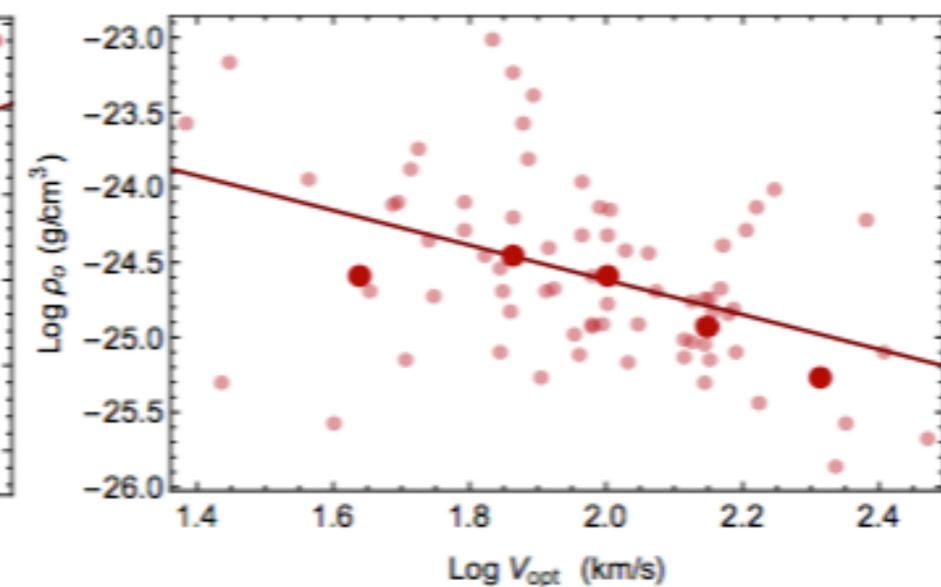
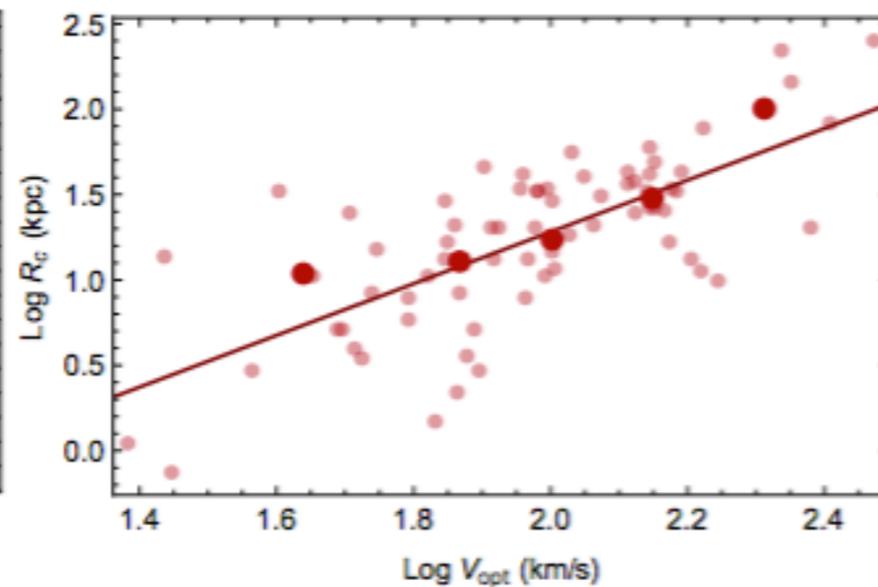
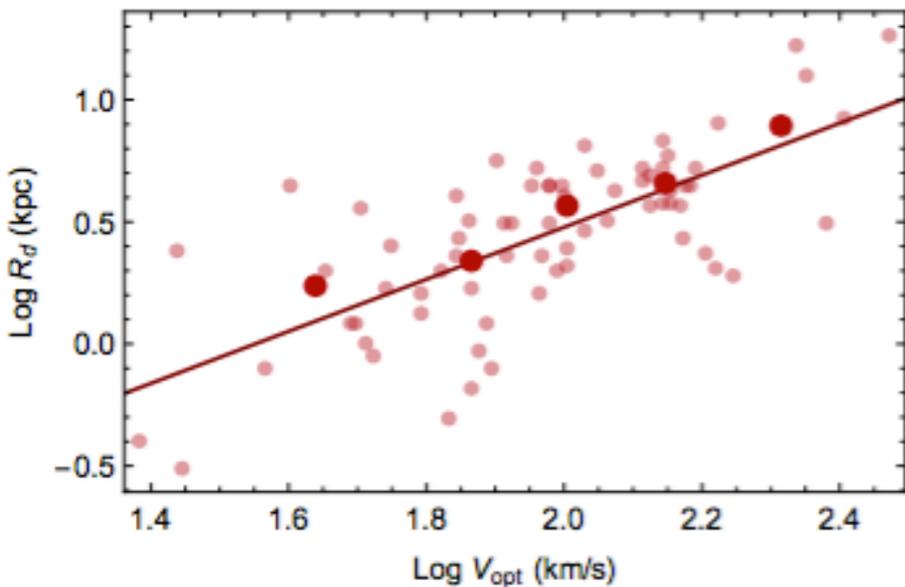
constant surface density

$$\Sigma_0 = \rho_0 R_c$$



# Low Surface Brightness galaxies (LSBs)

All the basis to construct the **Universal Rotation Curve (URC)** are known



From the fitting scaling relations:

$$R_d = f_1(V_{opt})$$

$$R_c = f_2(V_{opt})$$

$$M_d = f_3(V_{opt})$$

$$\rho_0 = f_4(V_{opt})$$



ROTATION CURVE

$$V^2(r) = V_d^2(r) + V_{DM}^2(r)$$

or equally

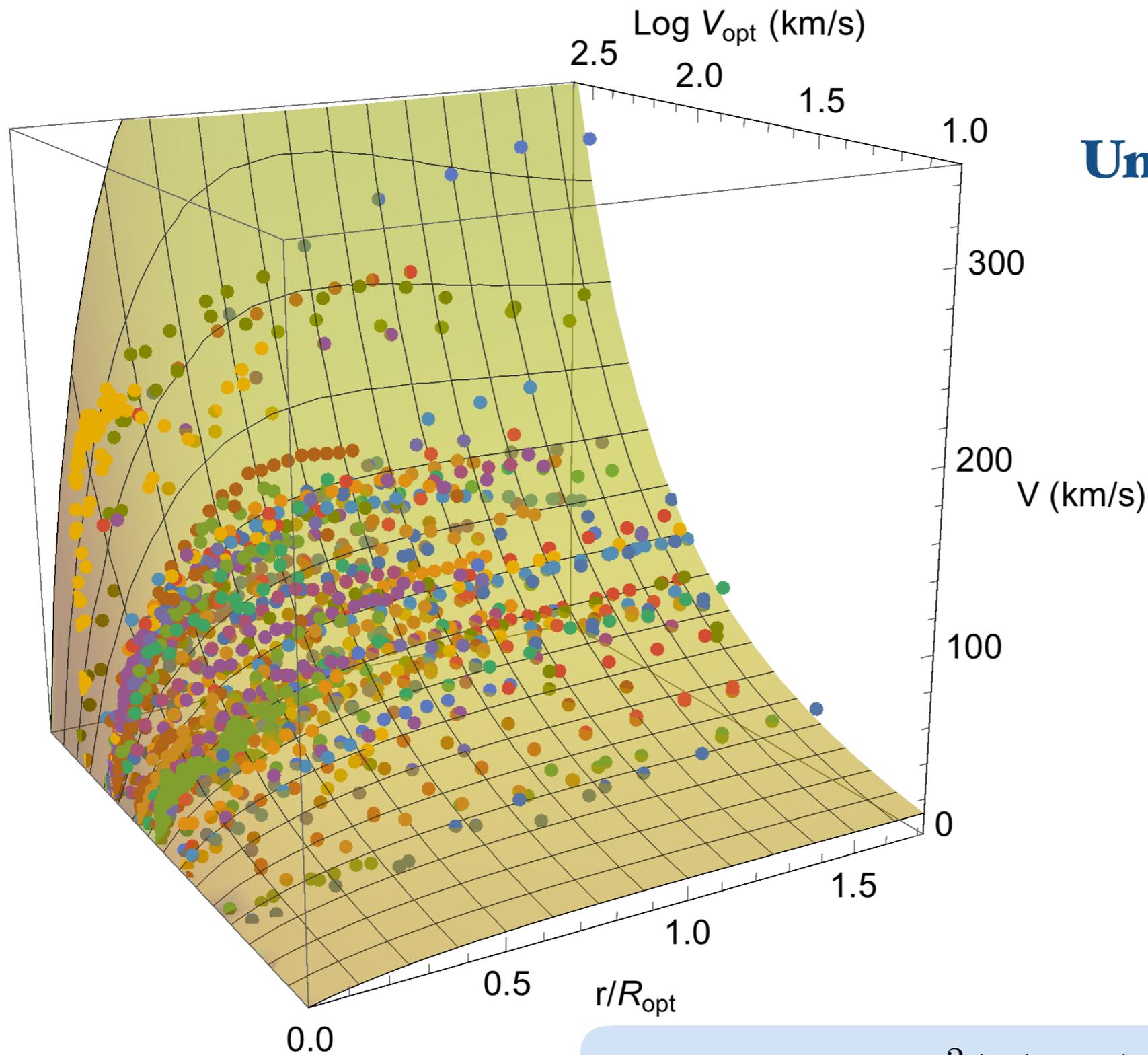
$$V^2(r/R_{opt}) = V_d^2(r/R_{opt}) + V_{DM}^2(r/R_{opt})$$

function of

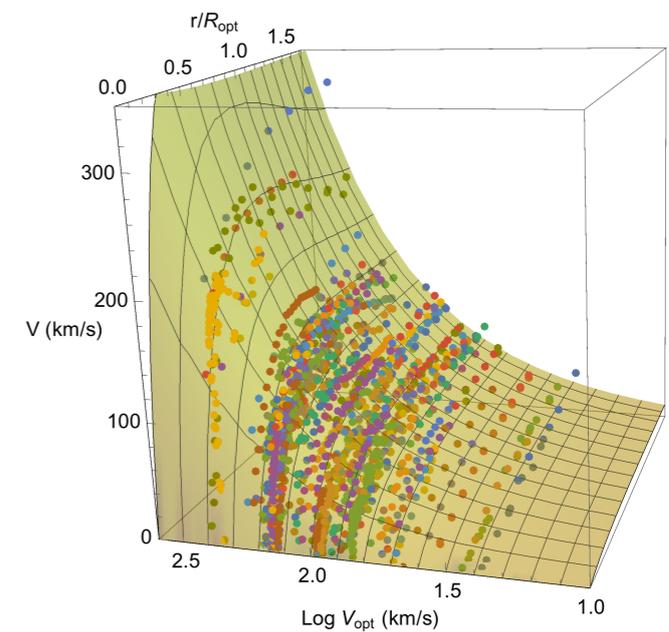
$$R_d, R_c, M_d, \rho_0$$

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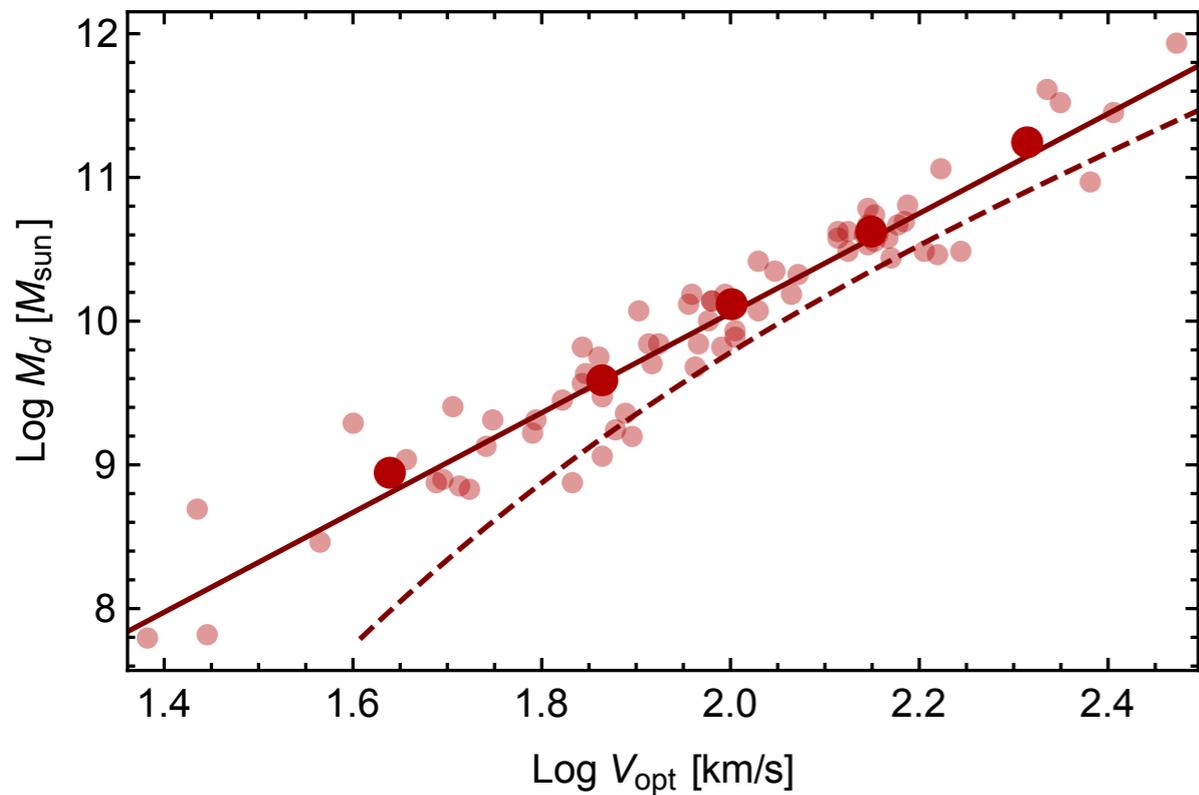
the LSB galaxies  
**Universal Rotation Curve  
(URC)**



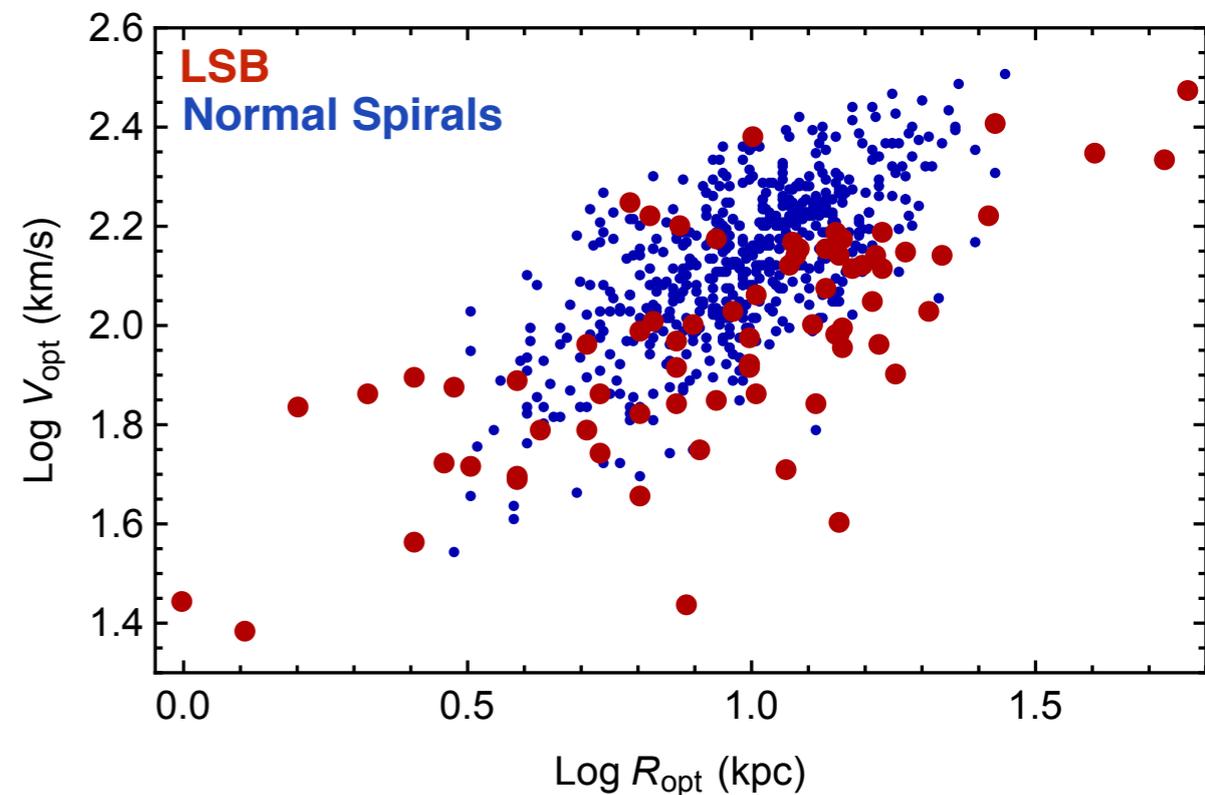
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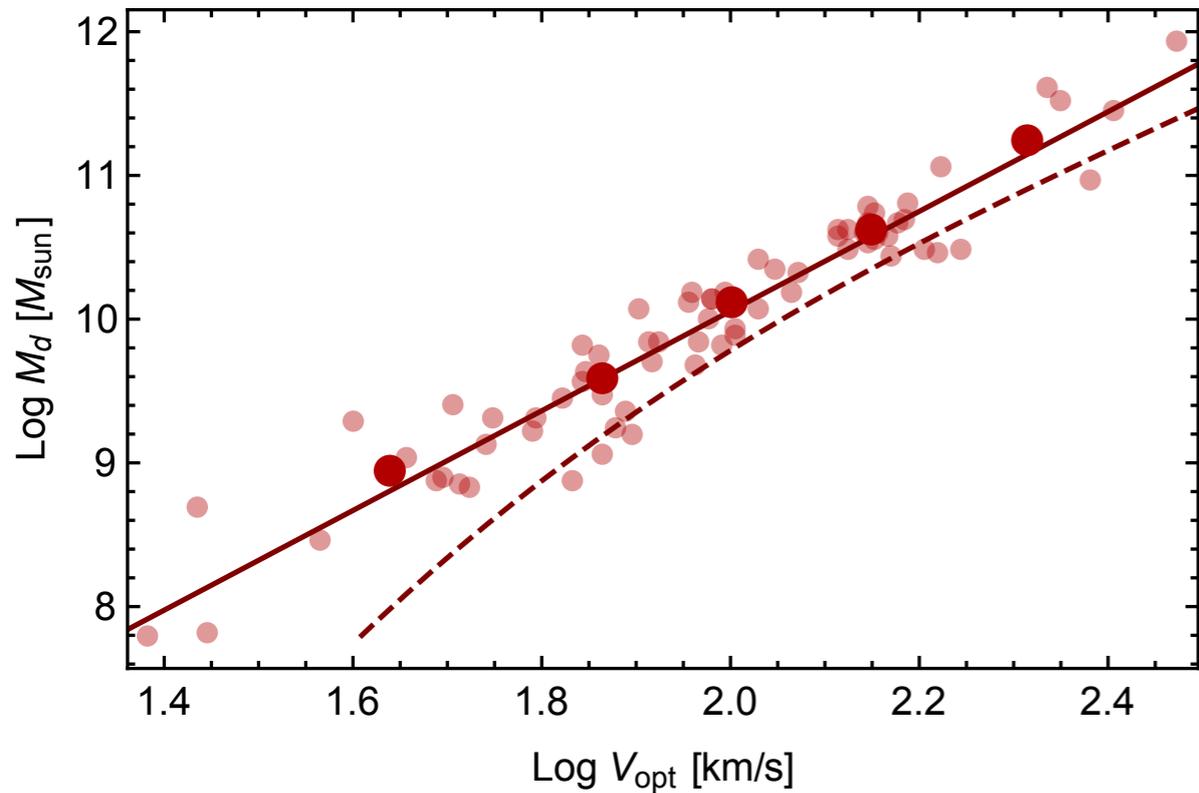


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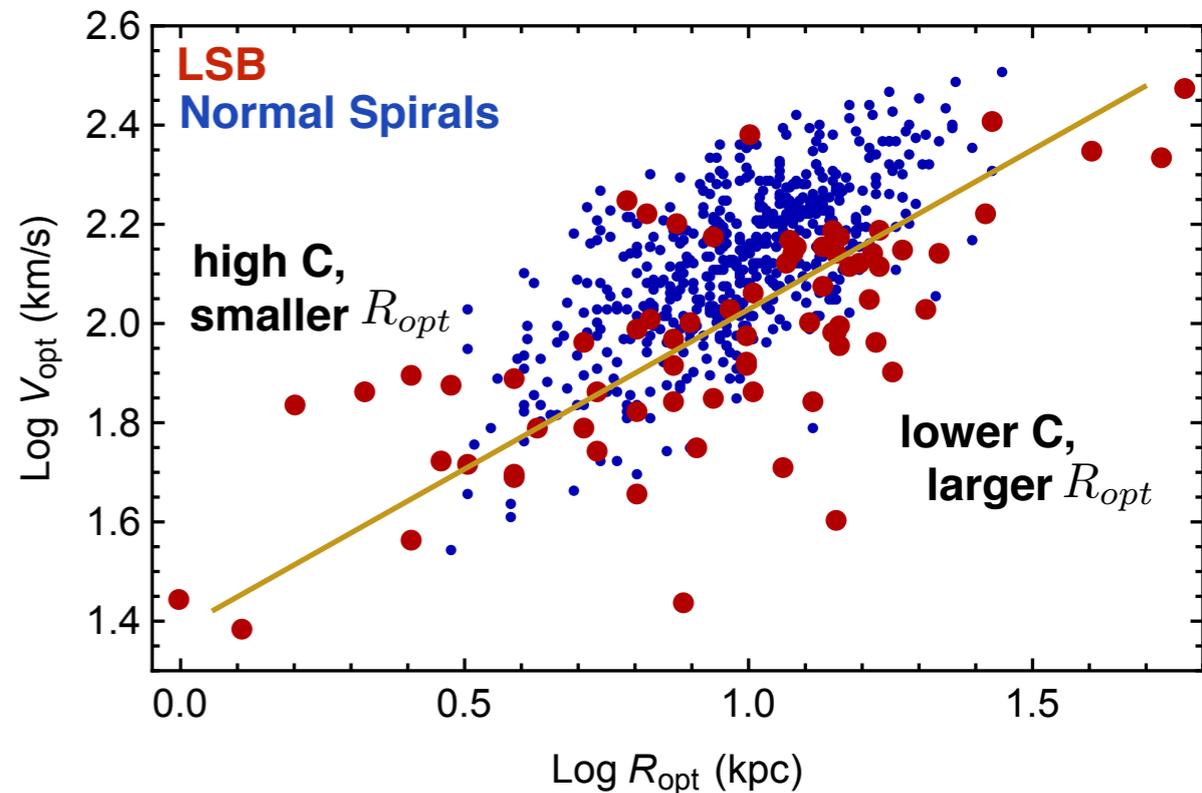


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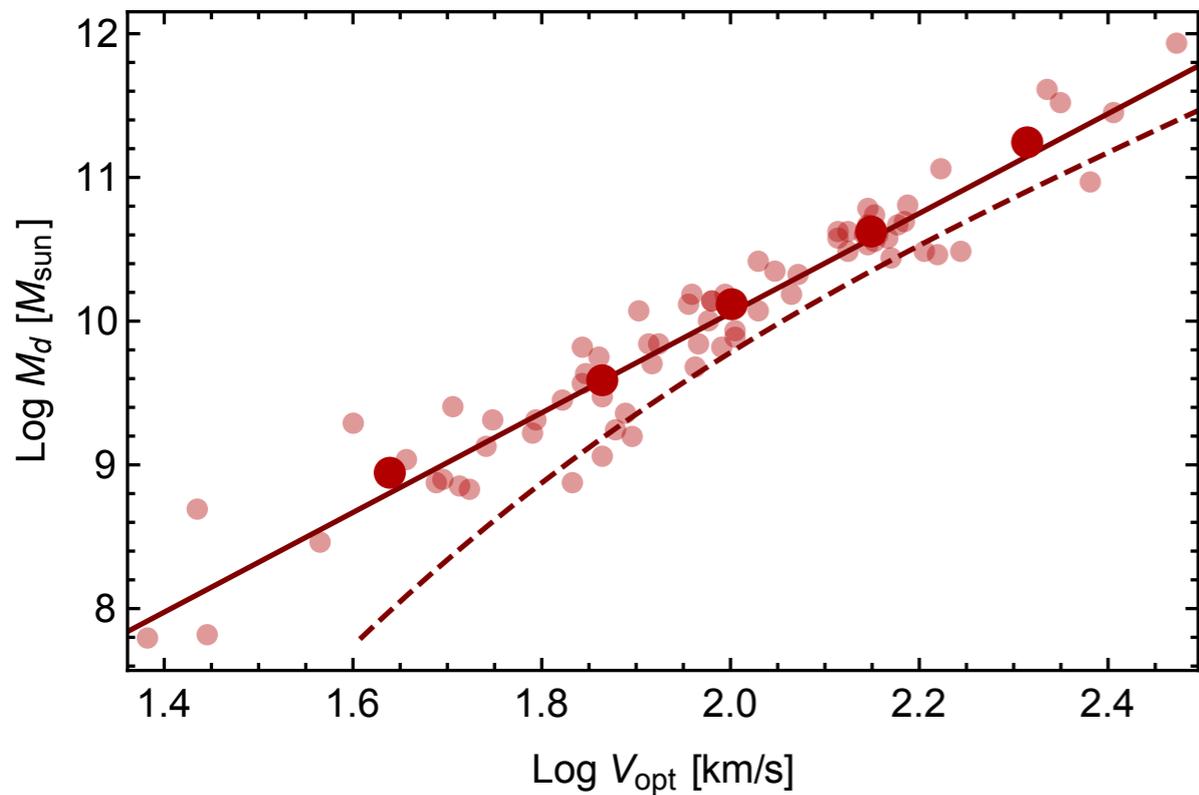
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**COMPACTNESS (C):**  
discrepancy between  
the measured  $R_{\text{opt}}$   
and a mean expected value  $\bar{R}_{\text{opt}}$

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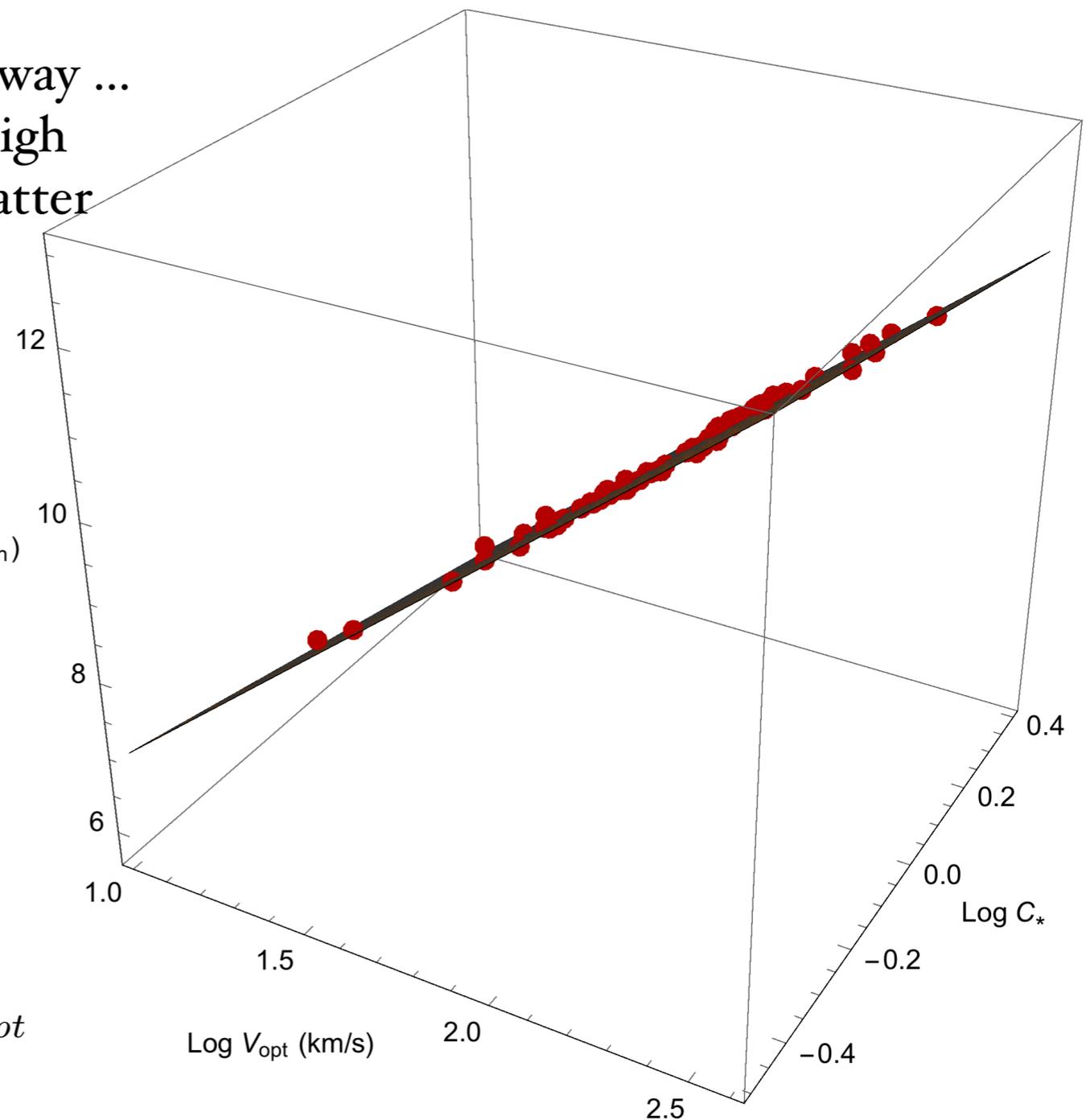
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$\text{Log } M_D (M_{\text{sun}})$

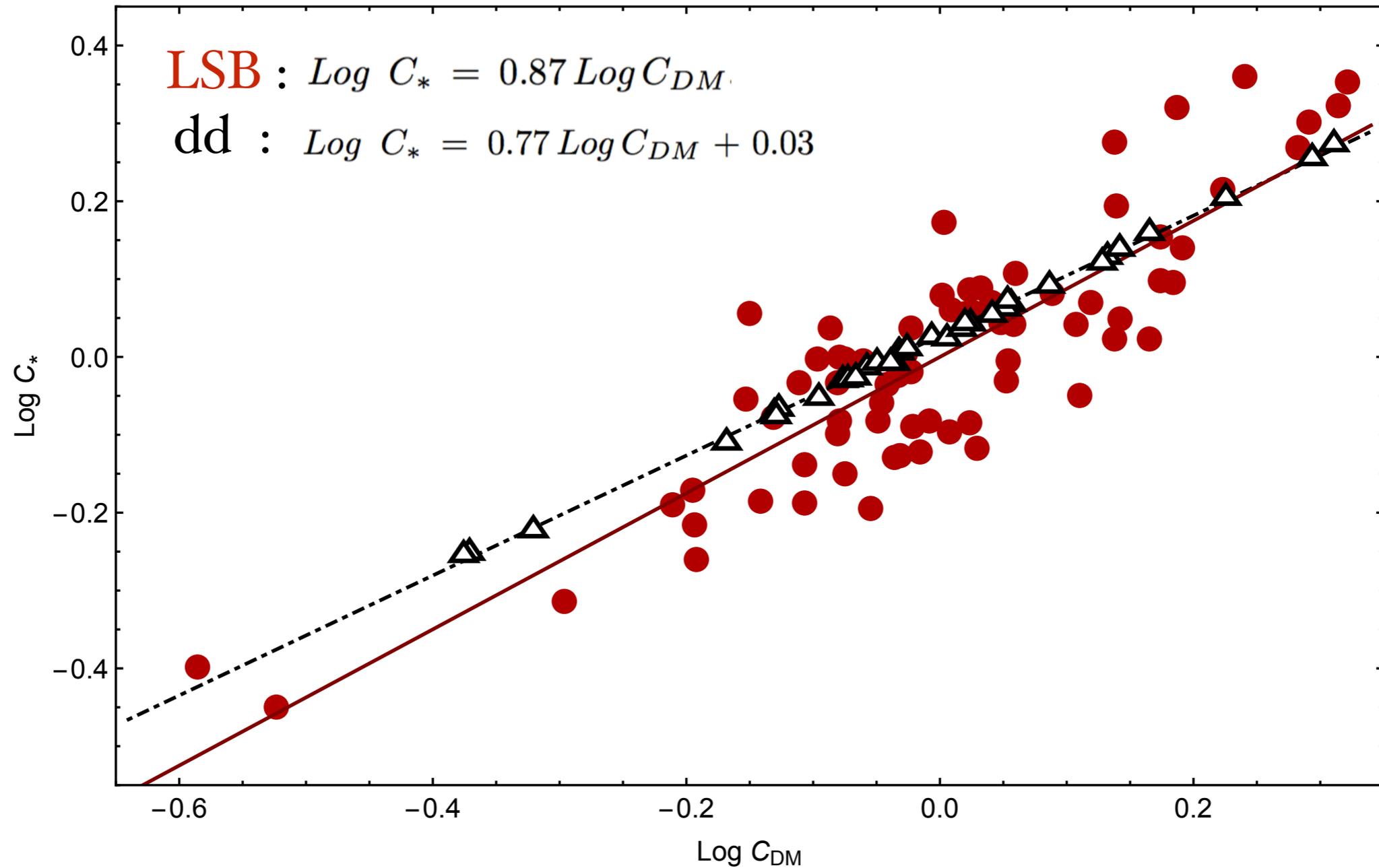
Reduced scatter  
after  
the **COMPACTNESS**  
introduction



important parameter further than  $V_{\text{opt}}$  and  $R_{\text{opt}}$   
in order to have a “better universality” in LSBs



# Compactness



higher stellar compactness



higher DM compactness

*Why?*

# RAR: Gravitational acceleration relation

McGaugh relation between  
gravitational acceleration  $g(r)$   
and  
baryonic acceleration  $g_b(r)$

$$\text{Log } g(r) = \text{Log} \left( \frac{g_b(r)}{1 - \exp\left(-\sqrt{\frac{g_b(r)}{g_{\dagger}}}\right)} \right)$$

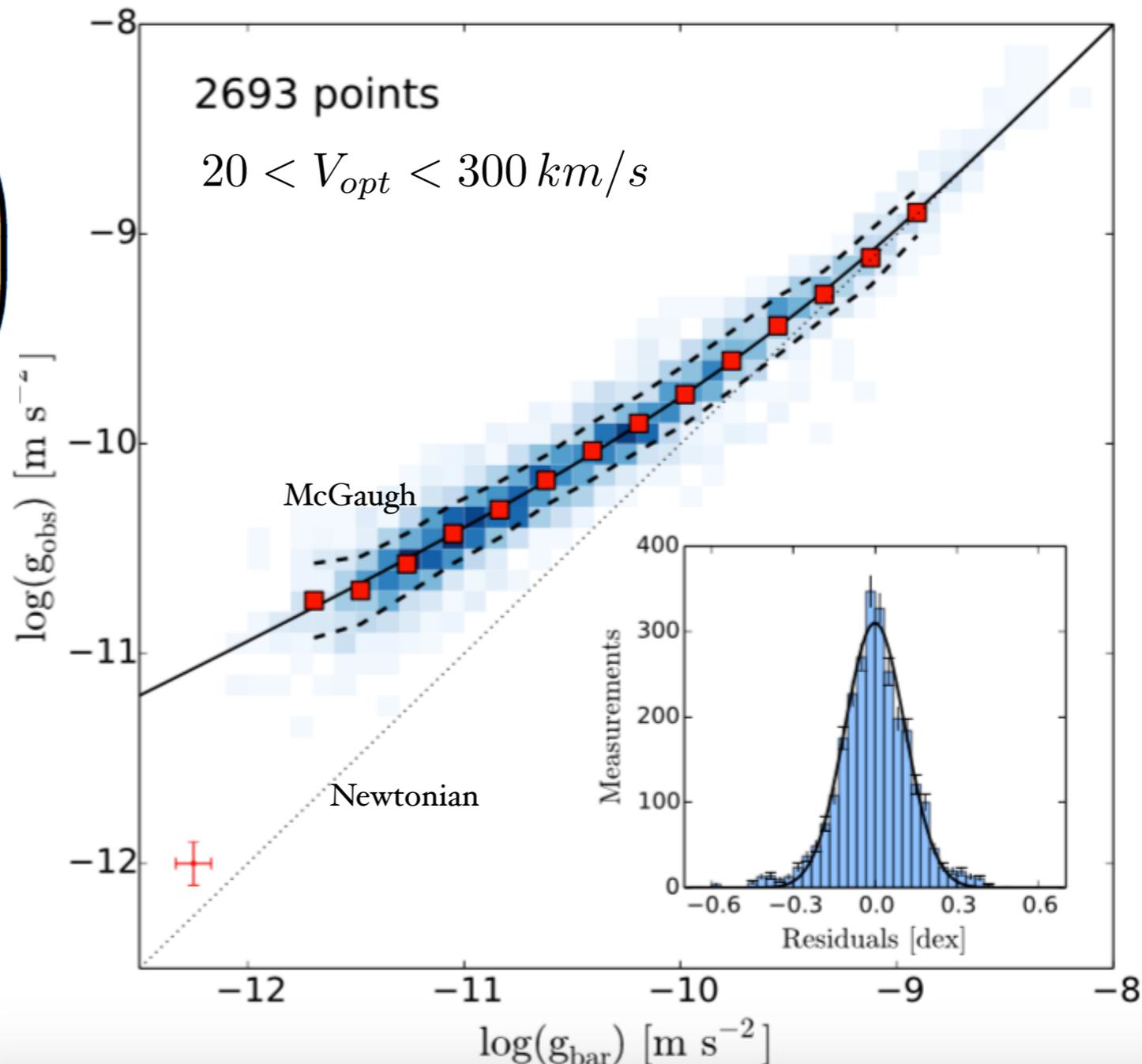
$$g_{\dagger} = 1.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

empirical **universal relation**

$$g = f(g_b)$$

at any radius  
and  
in any object

153 rotationally supported galaxies  
from SPARC sample,  
2963 circular velocity measurements



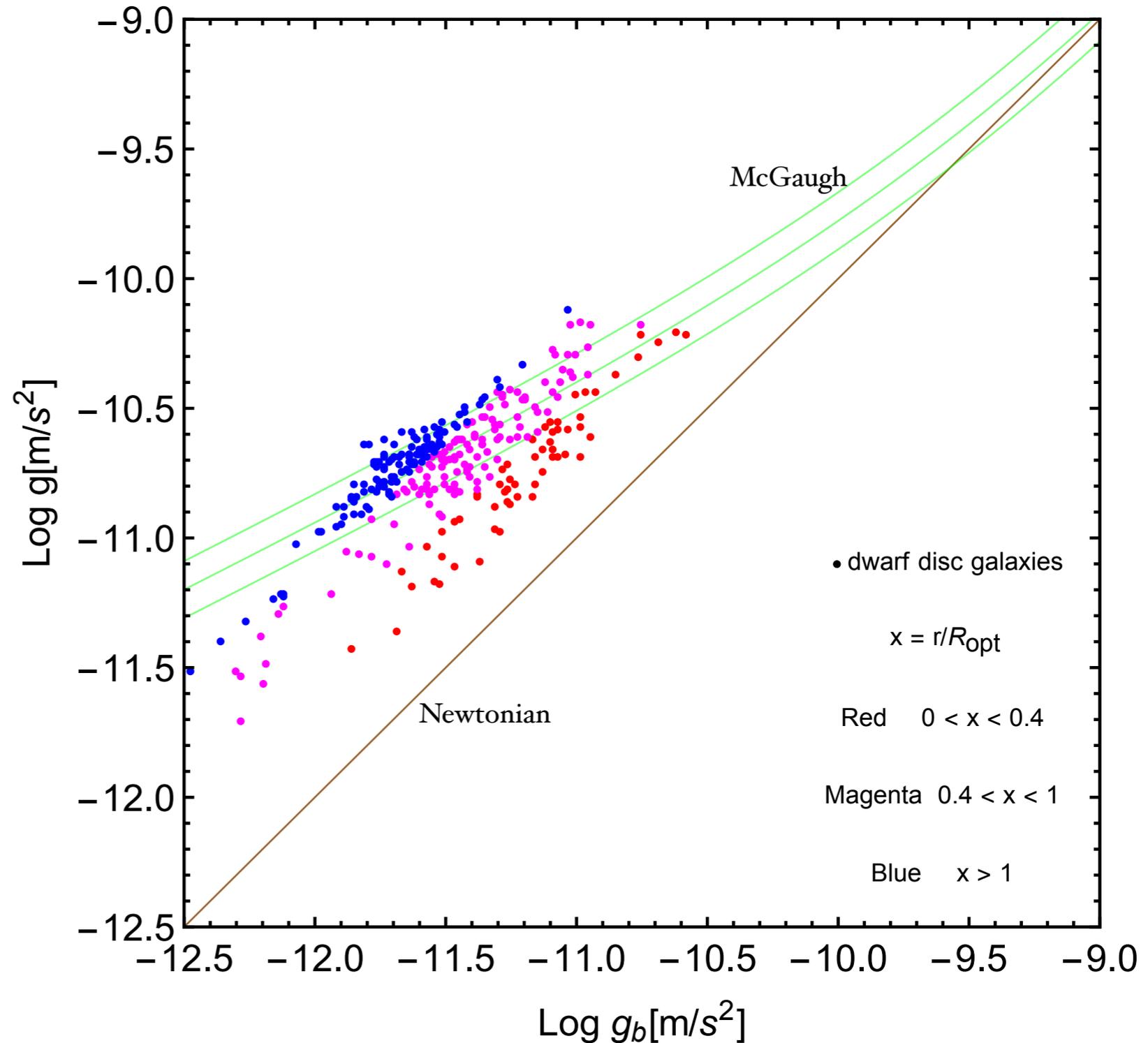
McGaugh et al. (2016)

# RAR: Gravitational acceleration relation

36 **dwarf disk galaxies** (Karukes & Salucci)

303 circular velocity measurements

→  $19 < V_{opt} < 61 \text{ km/s}$



a) McGaugh relation  
breaks down

b) radial dependence

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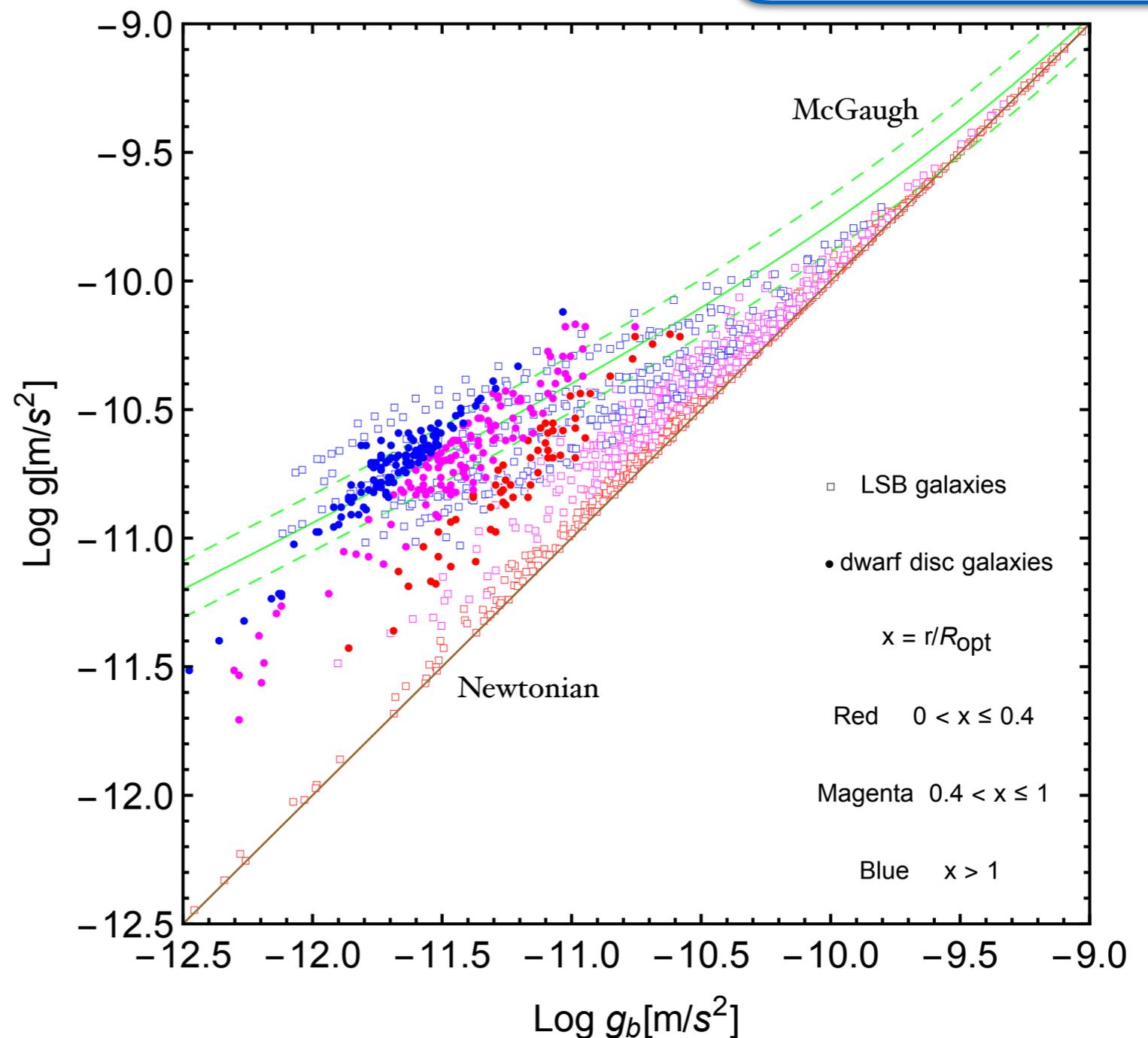
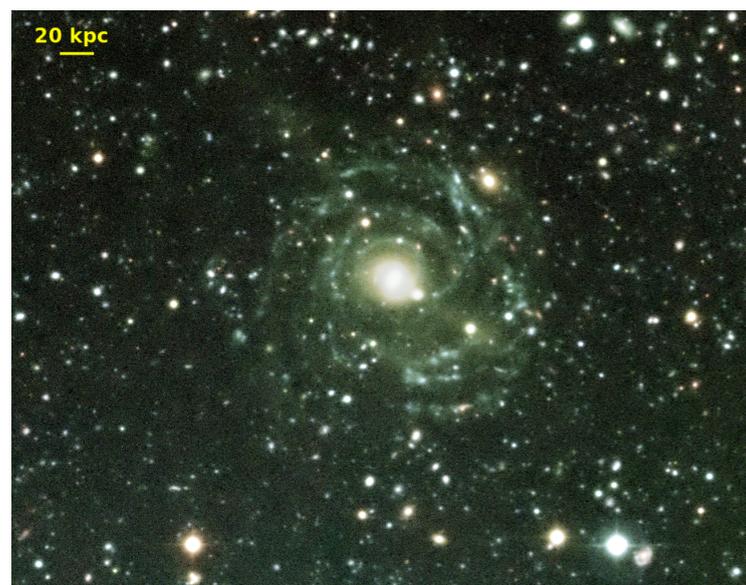
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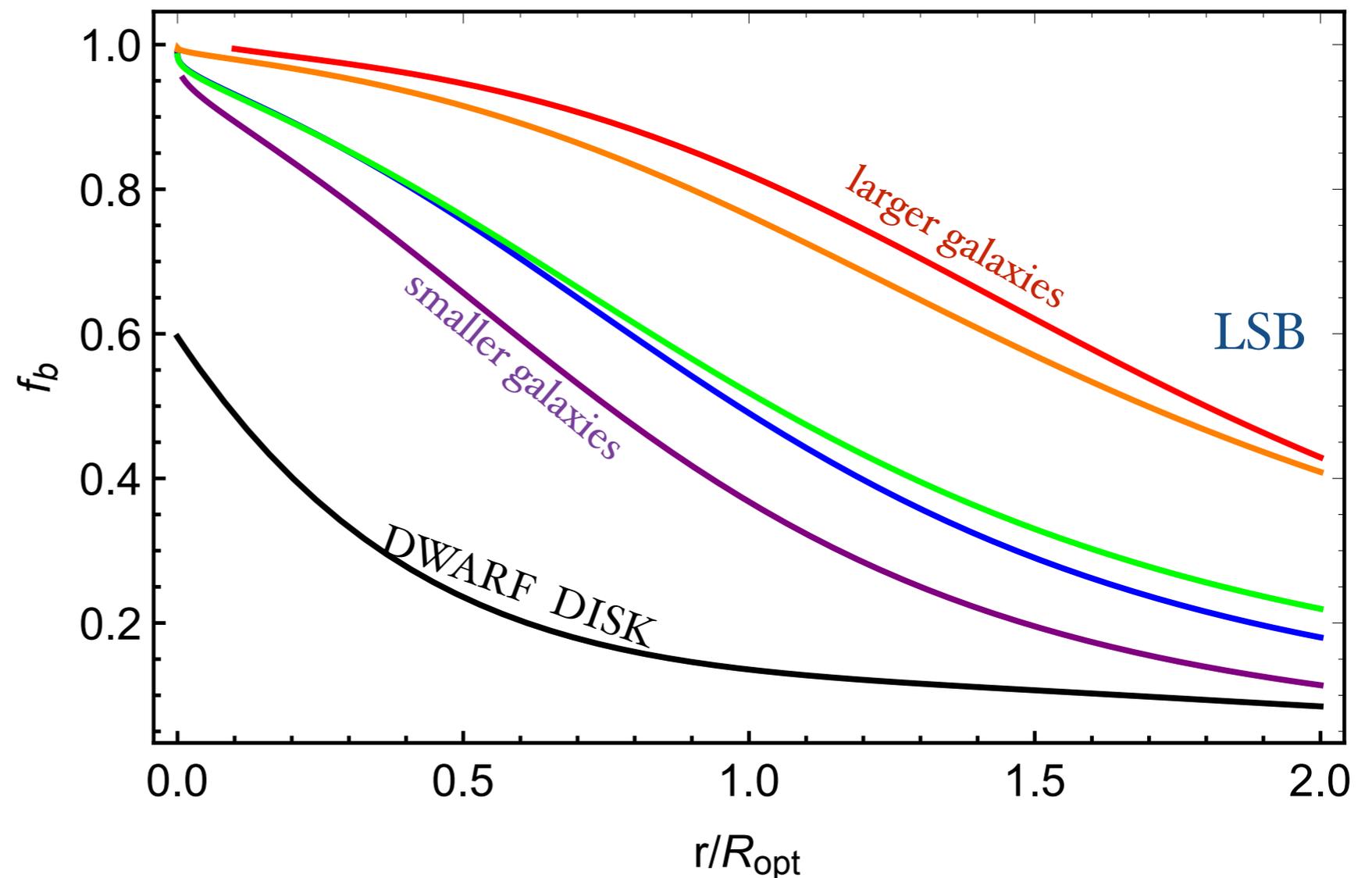


# RAR: Gravitational acceleration relation

## Baryonic fraction

$$f_b(r) = \frac{V_b^2(r)}{V^2(r)}$$

NOTE:  
radial dependence



For all single data measurements  $(r, V(r))$  we evaluate:

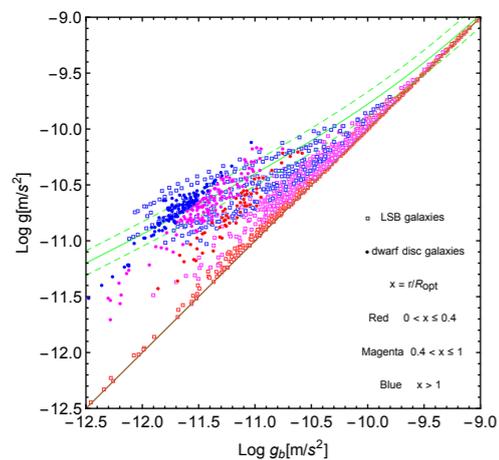
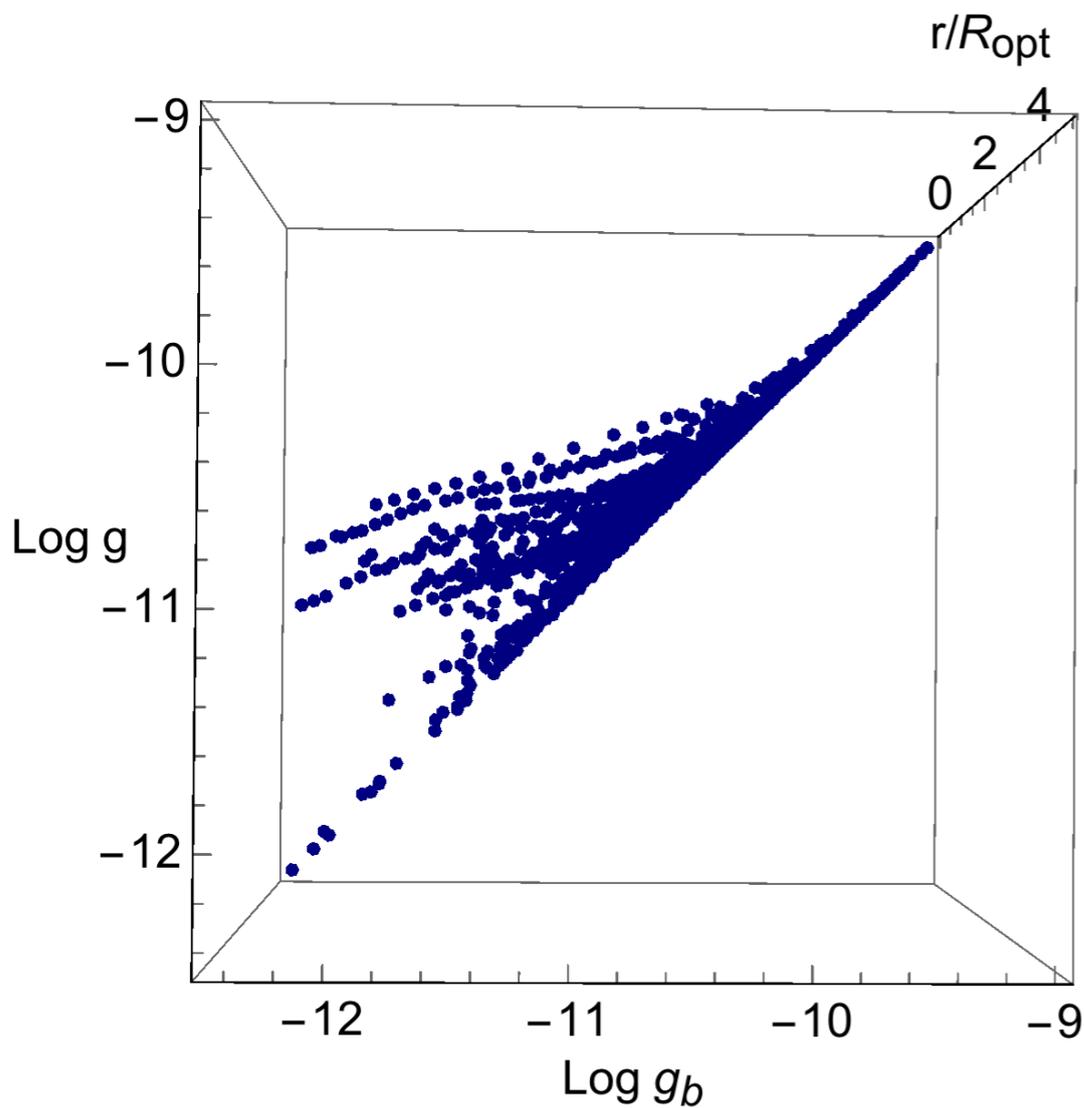
$g(r) = V^2(r)/r$	→	only from observations	(errors $\simeq 10\%$ )
$g_b(r) = f_b(r)g(r)$	→	from observations + curves modelling	(errors $\simeq 20 - 30\%$ )

# $g$ , $g_b$ , $x$ test

*LSB*

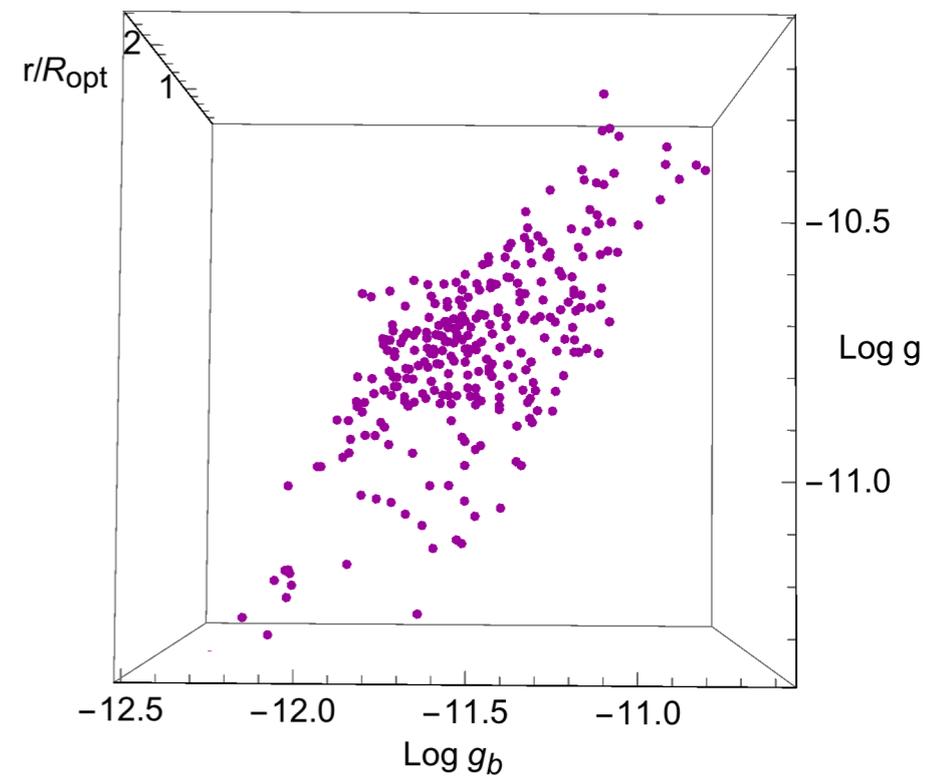
$$x = r / R_{opt}$$

$g$  ,  $g_b$  ,  $x$  test



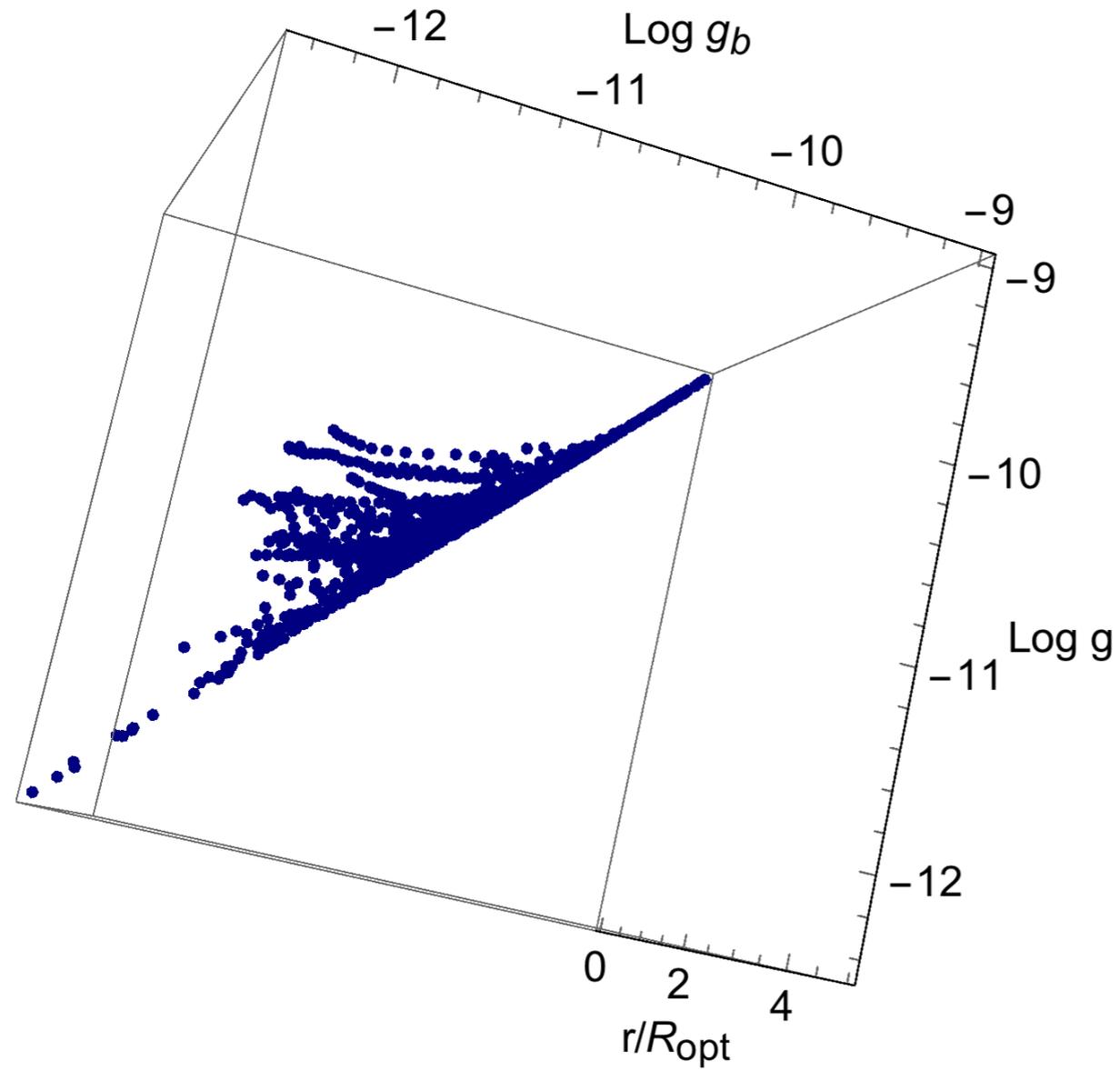
radial dependence

*Dwarf disks*



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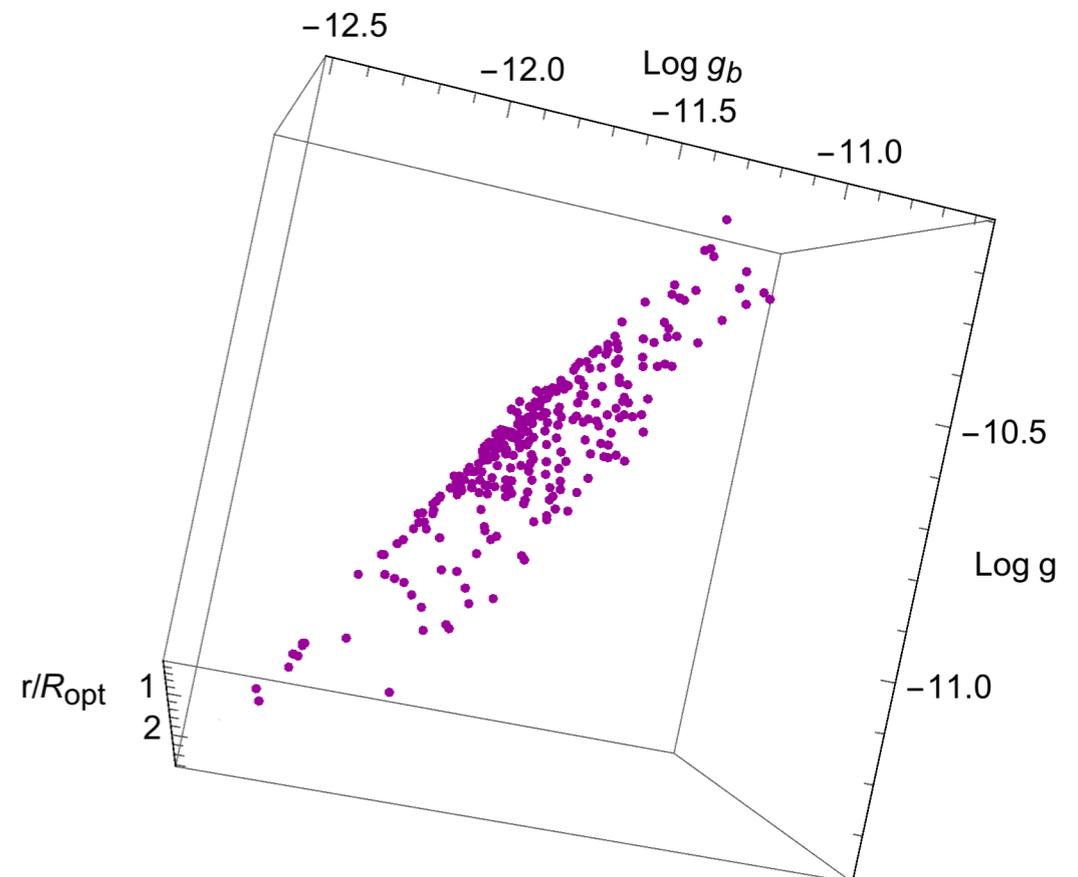
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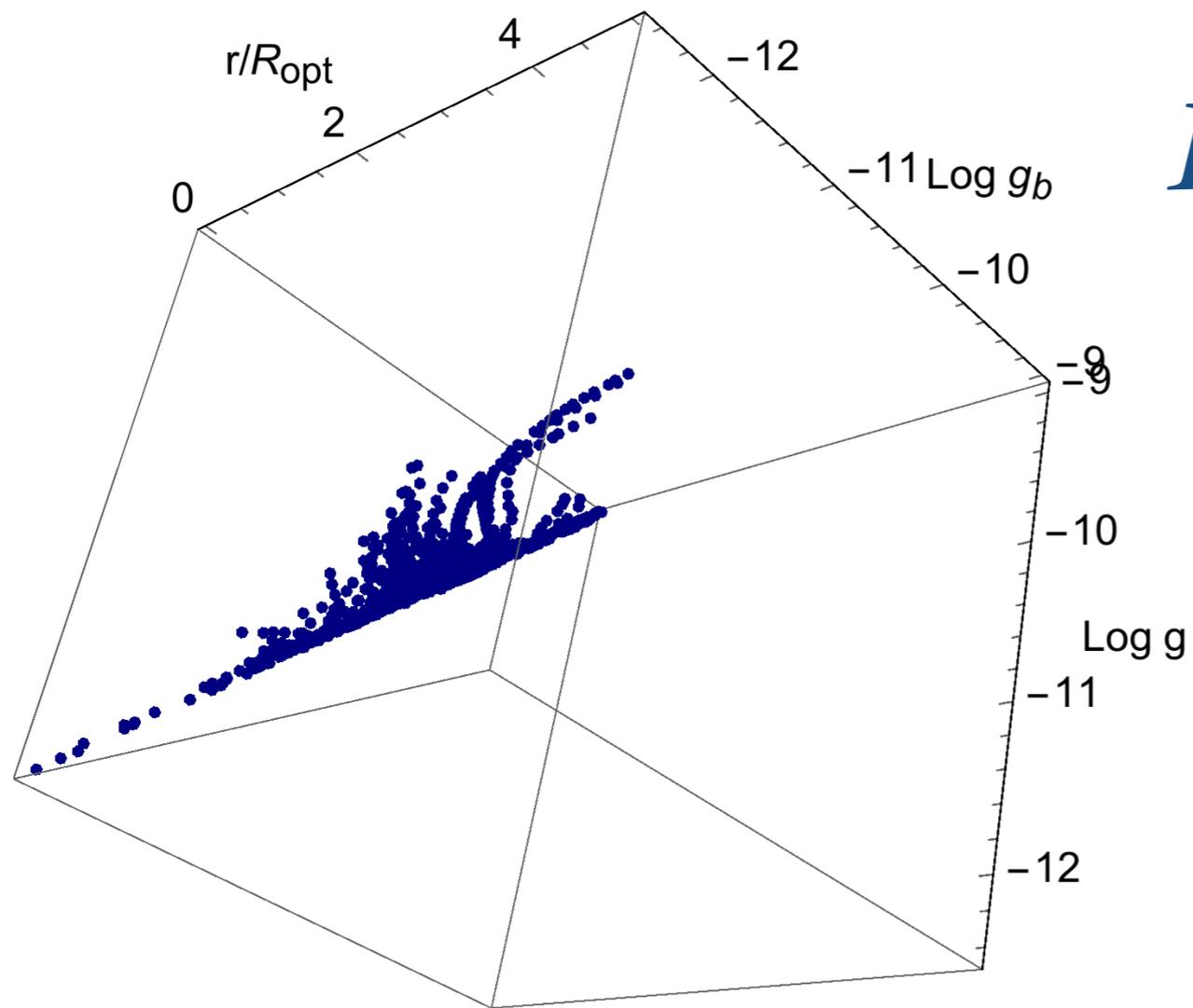
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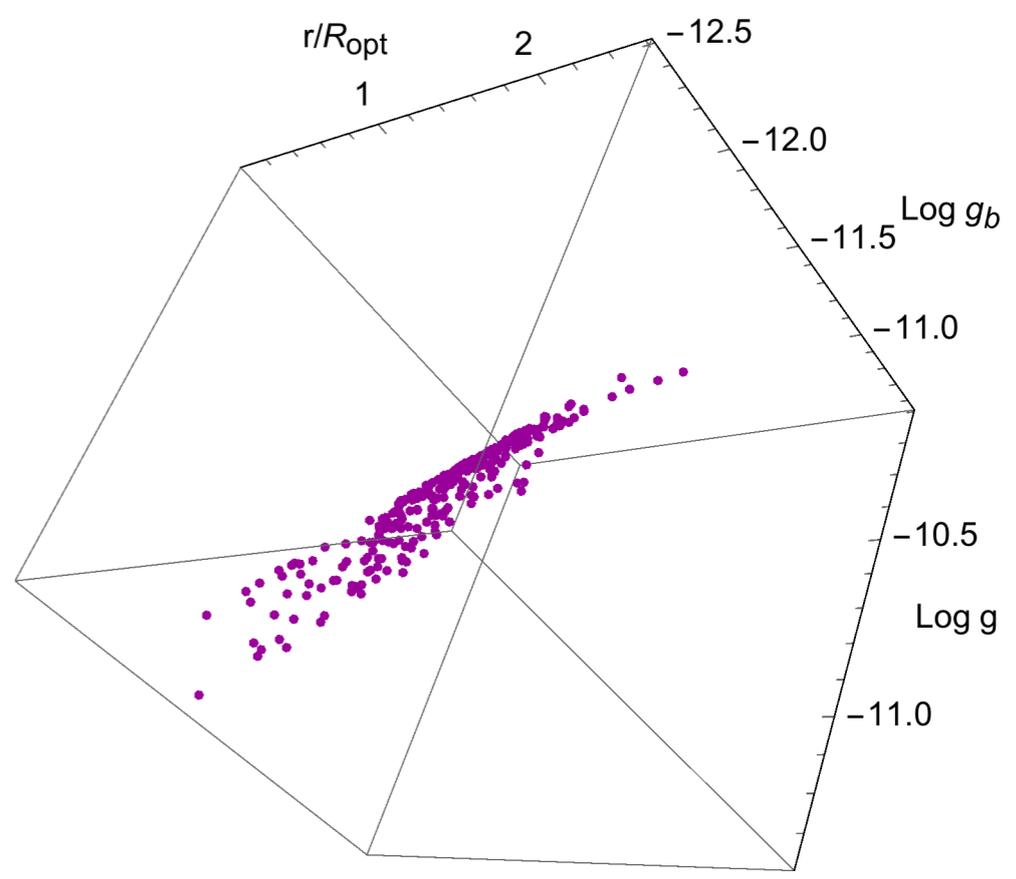


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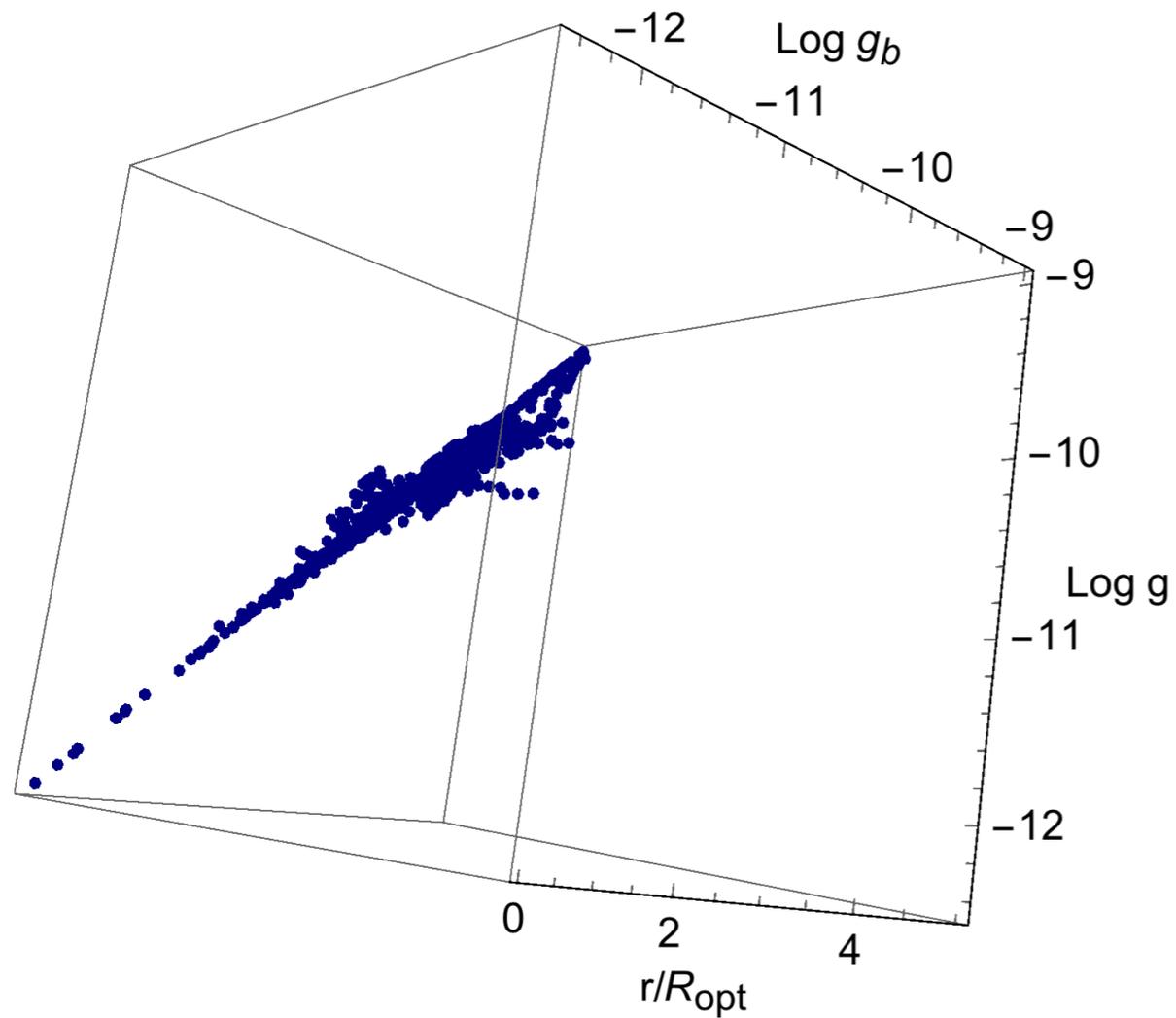
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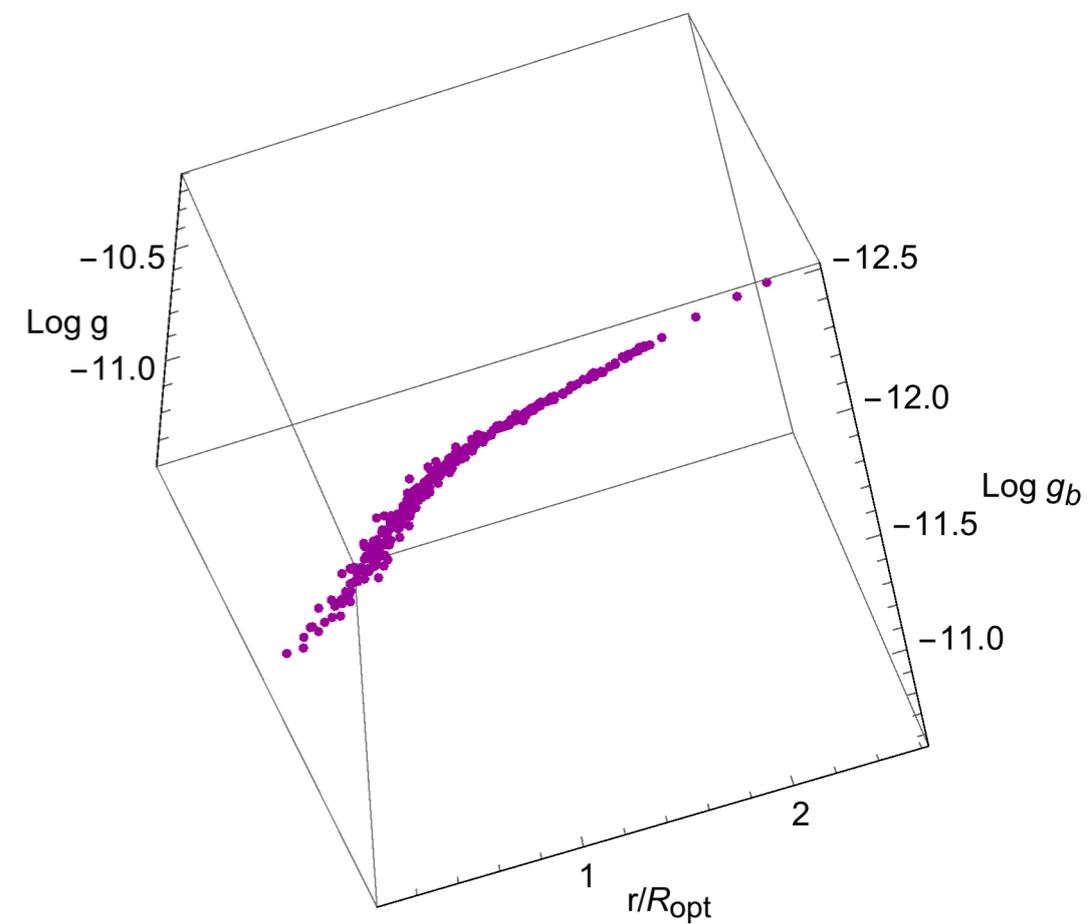
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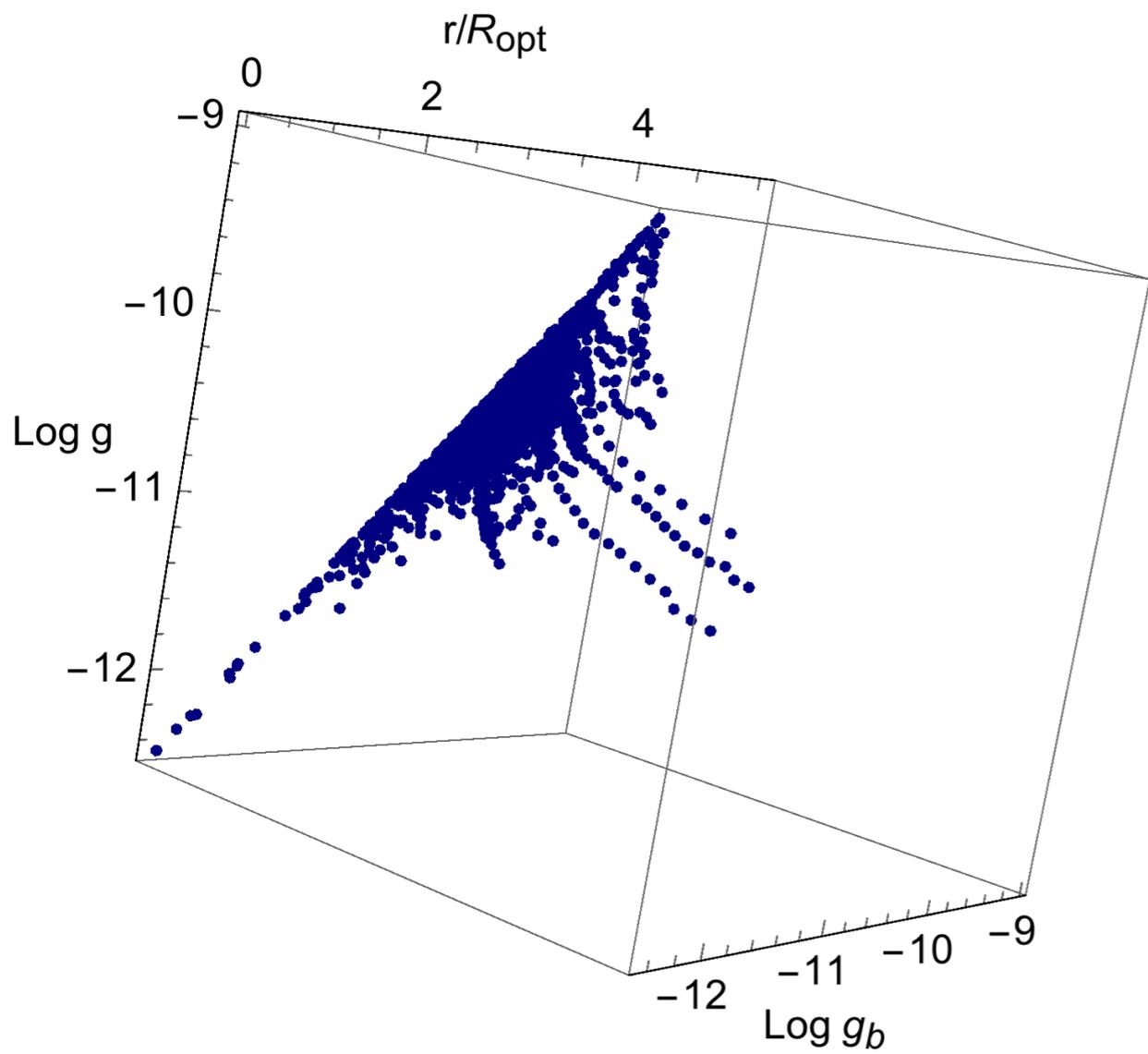
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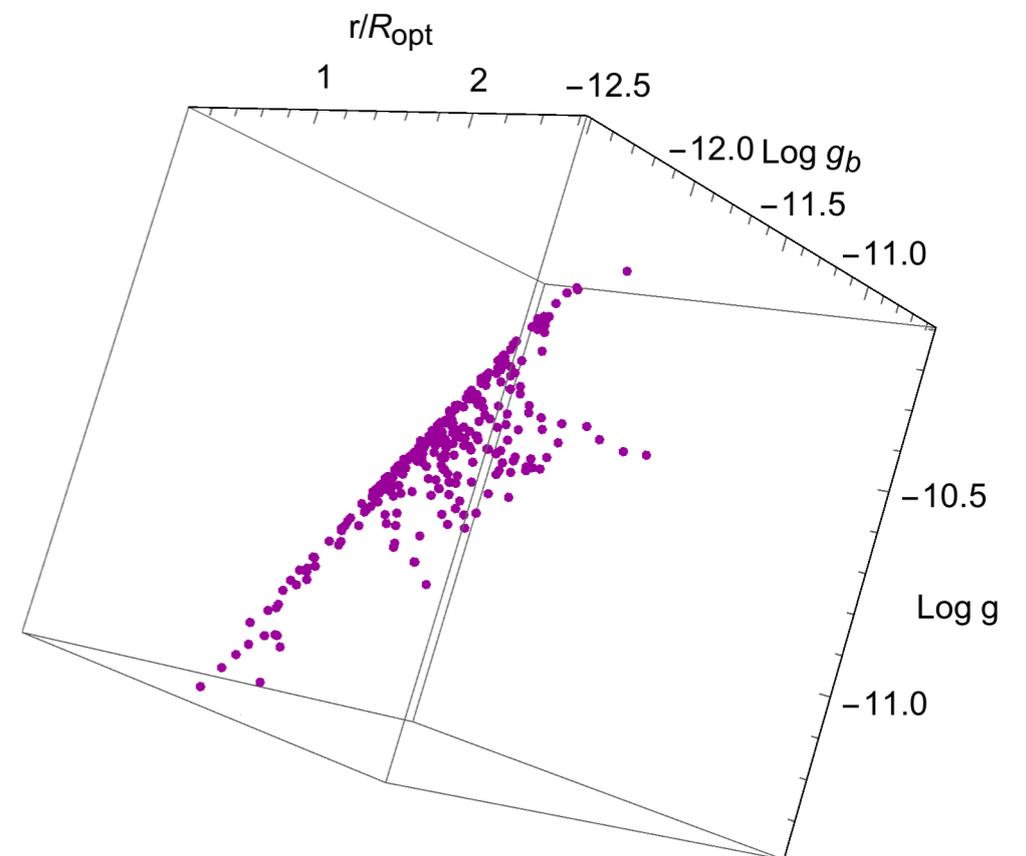
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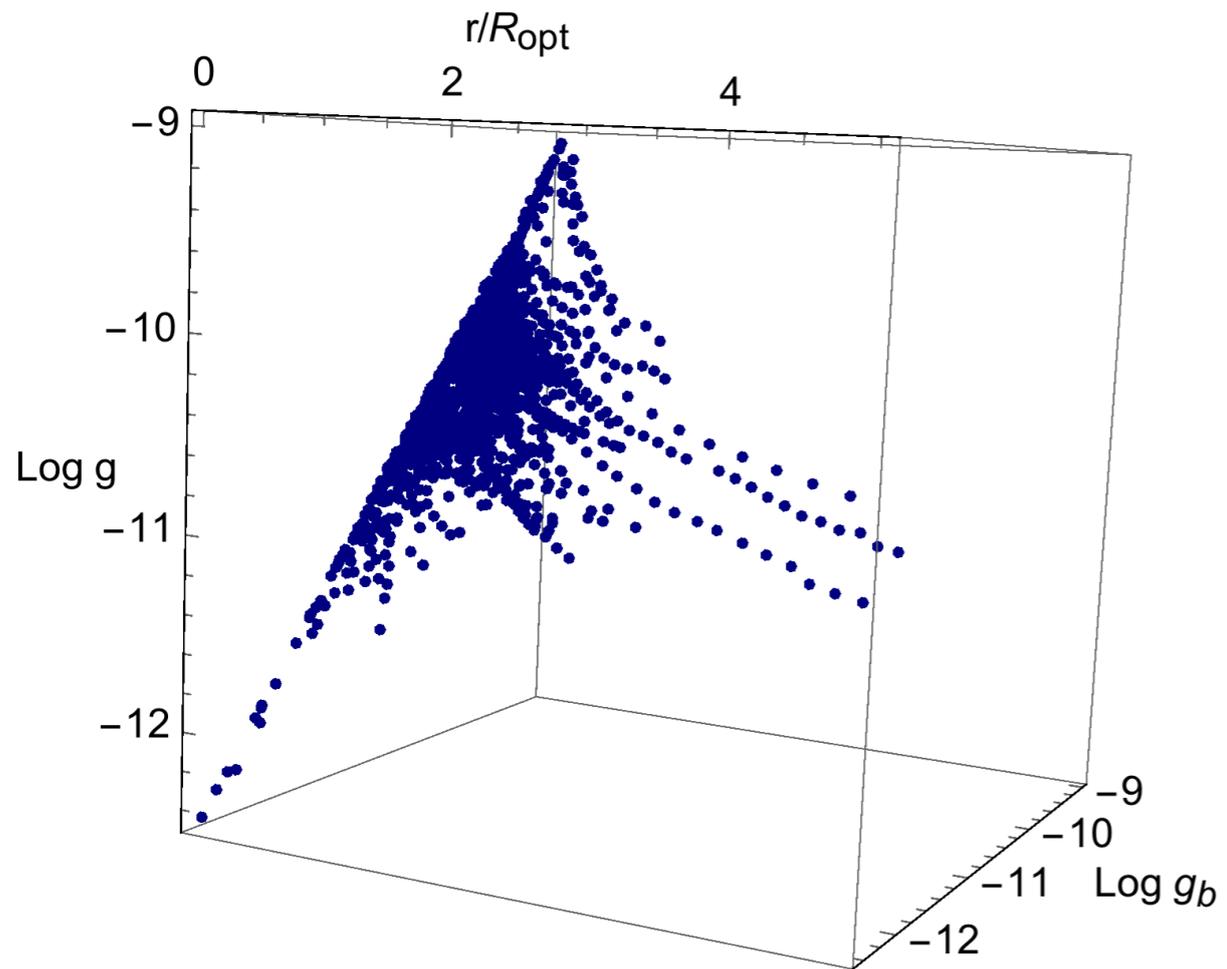
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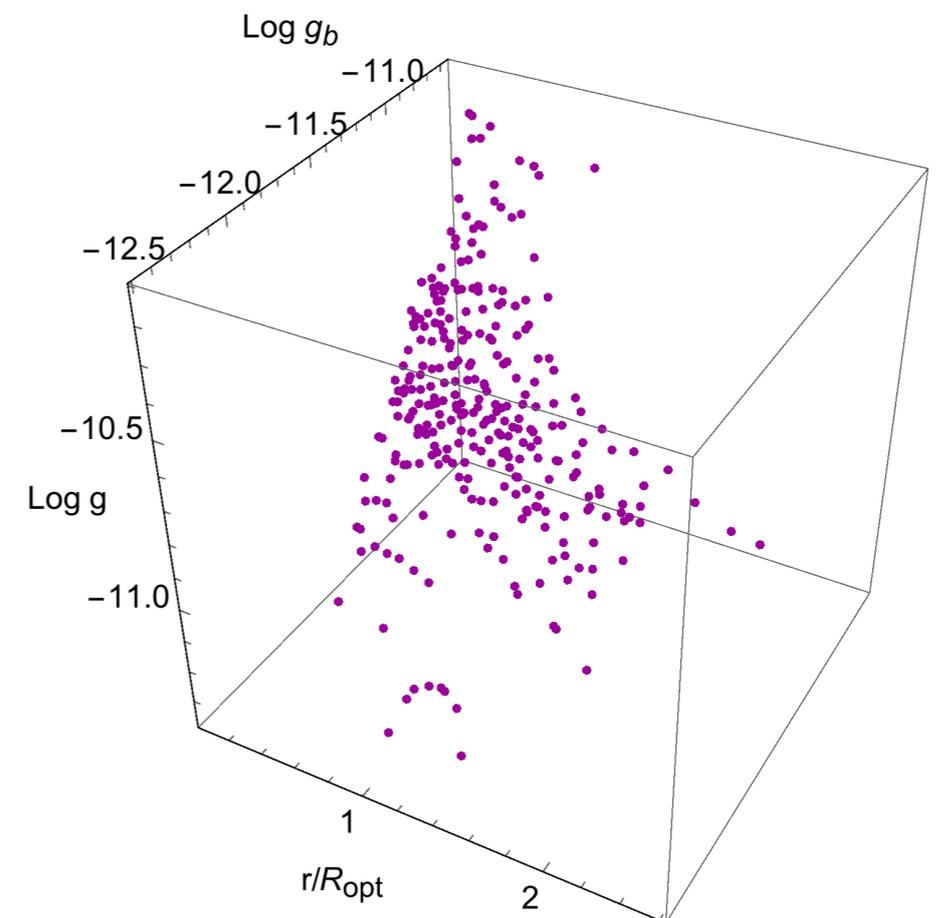
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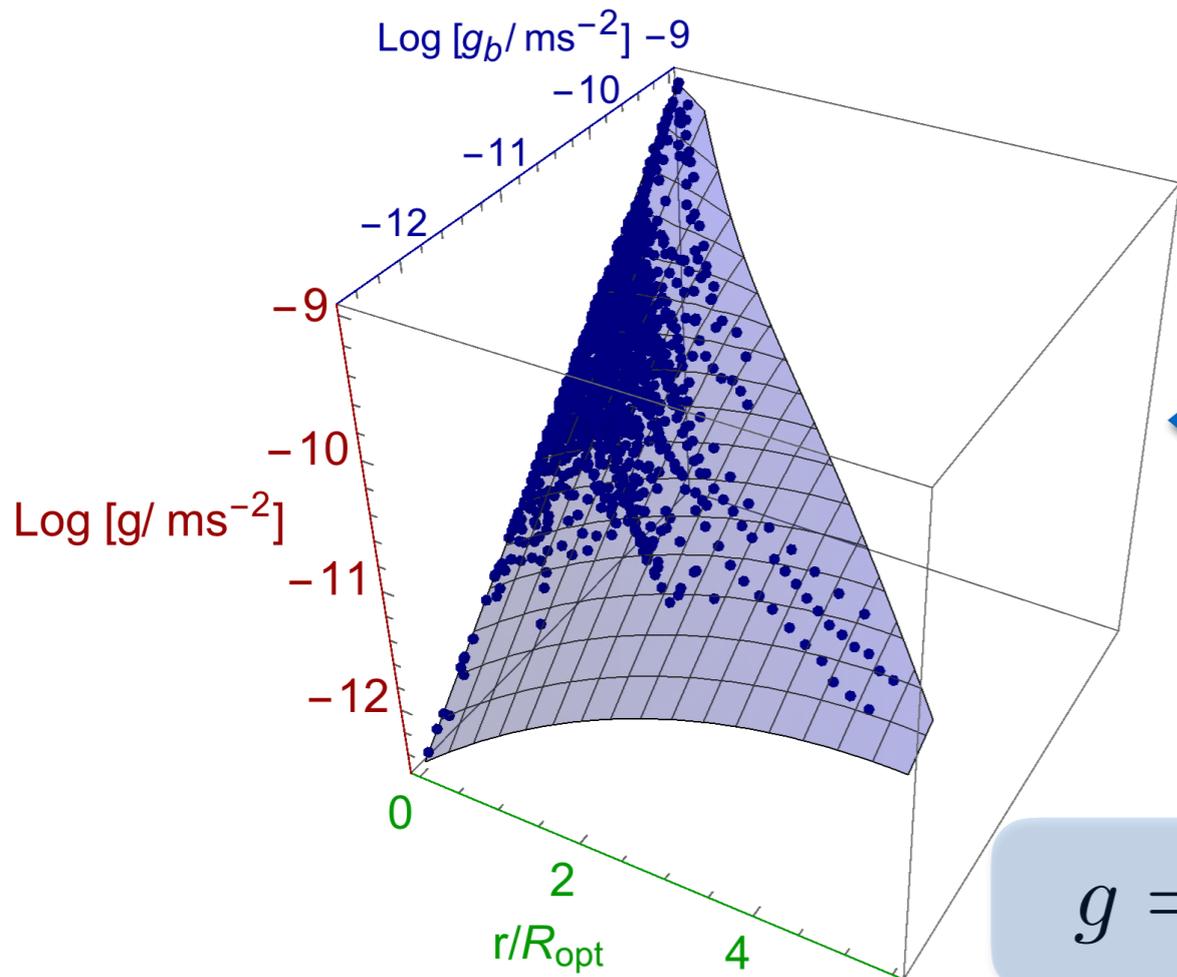
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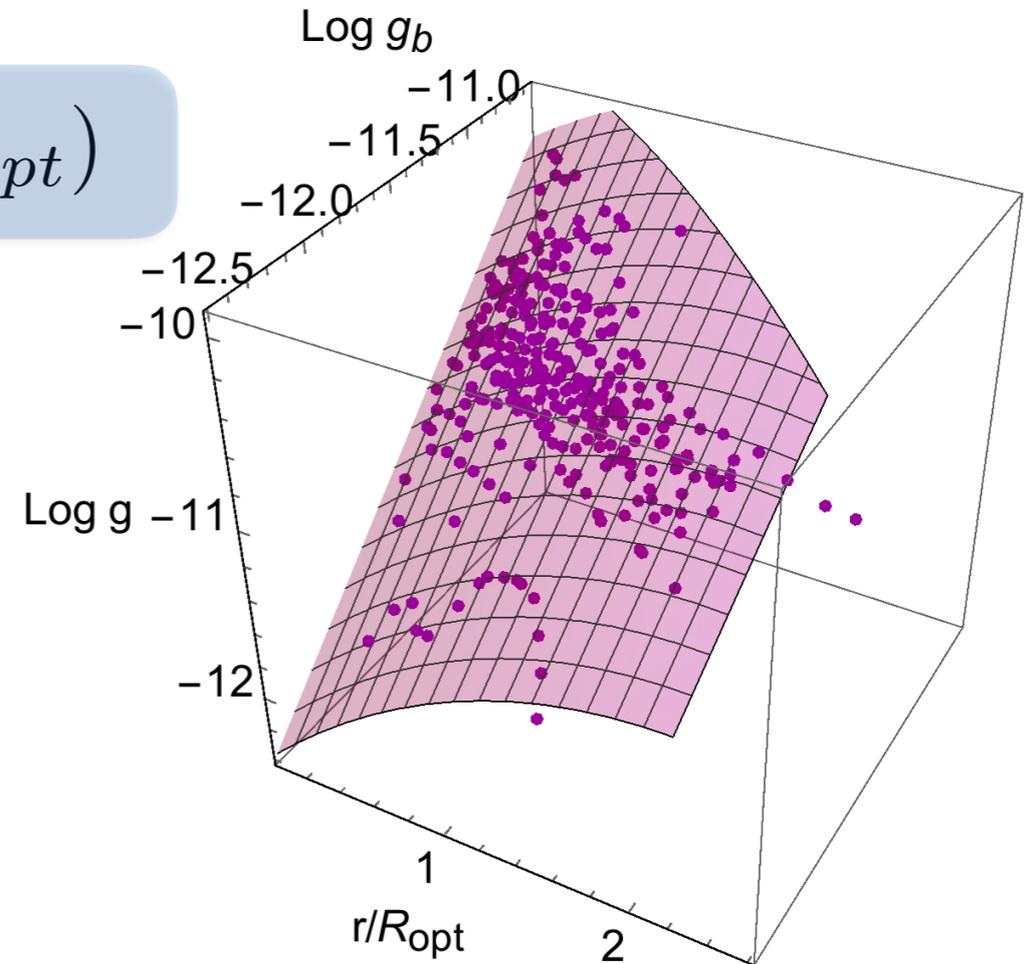
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Log } g_{LSB}(x, \text{Log } g_b) = & (1 + ax) \text{Log } g_b + \\ & + bx \text{Log} [1 - \exp(-\sqrt{g_b(r)/g_{\dagger}})] \\ & + cx + dx^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$g = f(g_b, r/R_{opt})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Log } g_{DD}(x, \text{Log } g_b) = \\ \text{Log } g_{LSB} \left( \frac{x}{l} + h, \frac{\text{Log } g_b}{m} + n \right) + q \end{aligned}$$

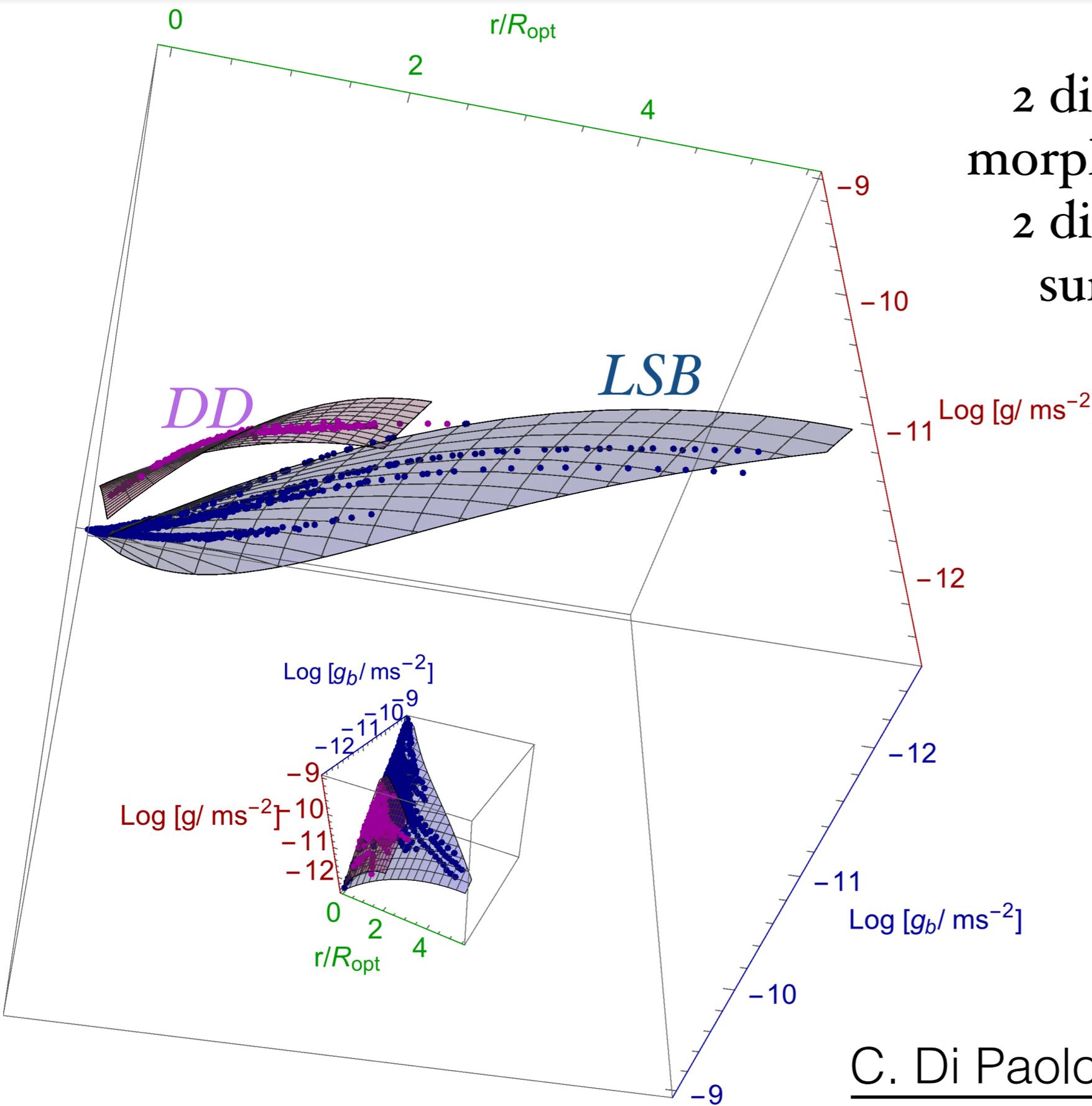
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2 different morphologies,  
2 different surfaces

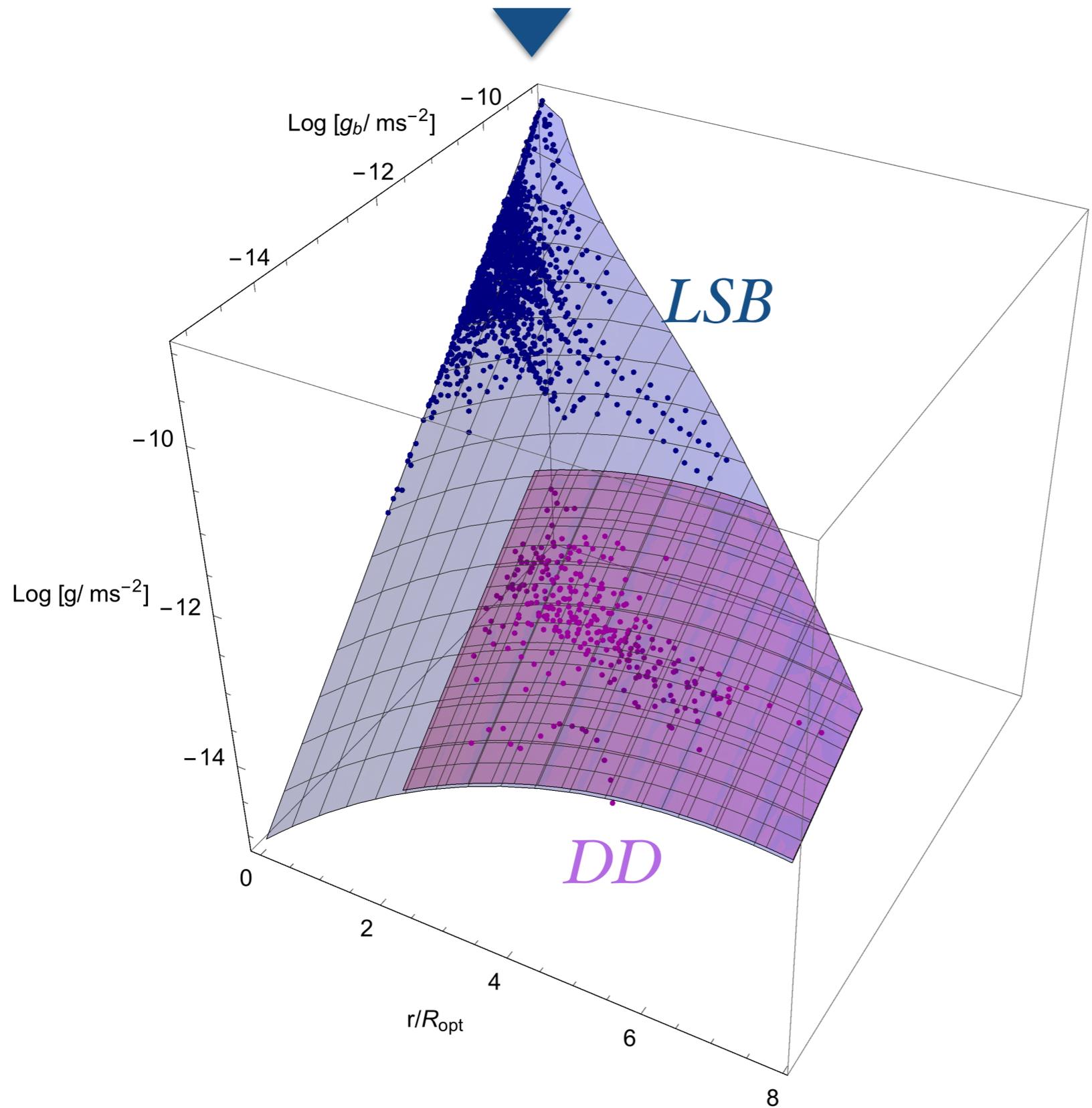
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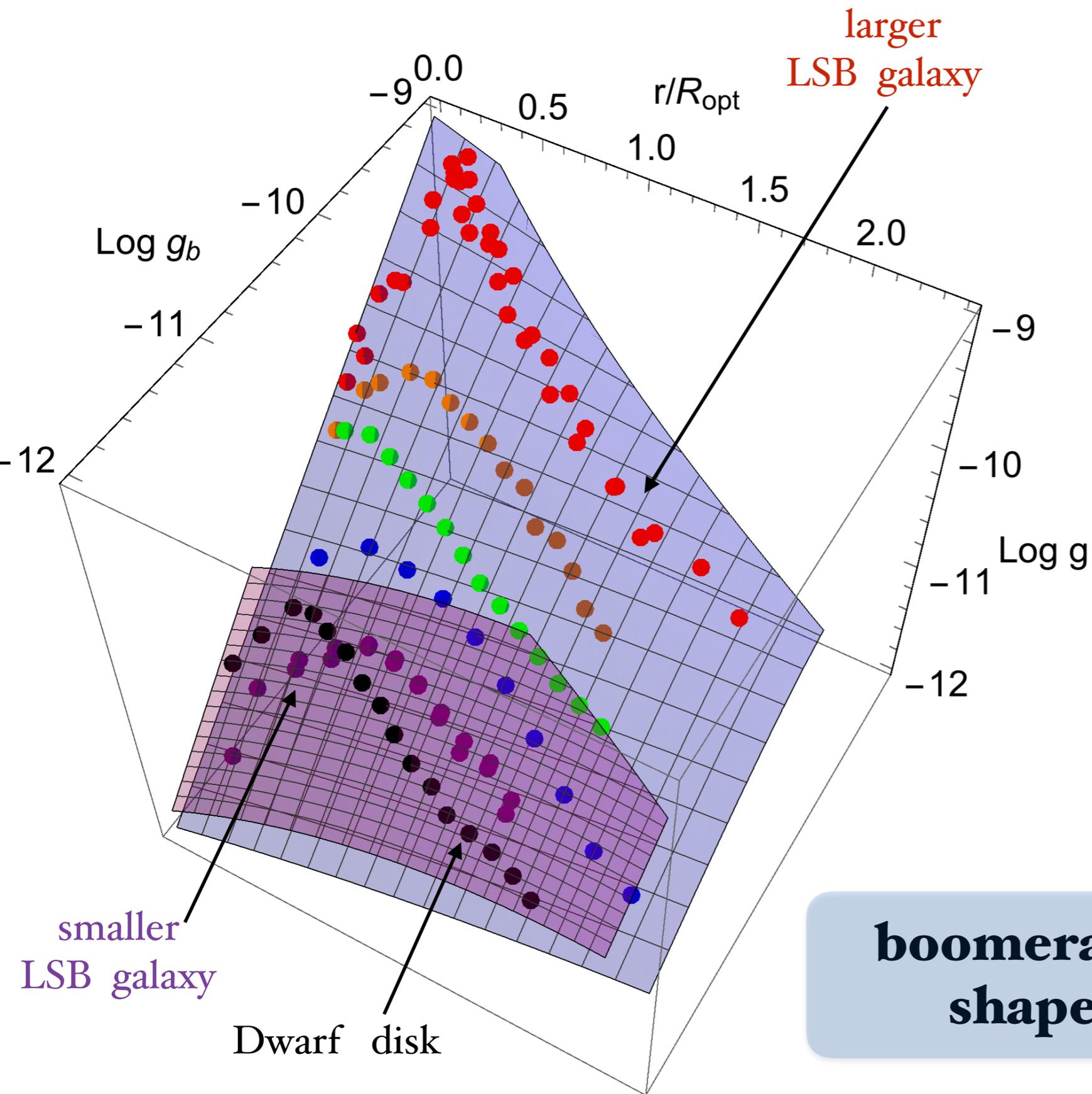
Simple translations and/or dilations

$$x = r / R_{opt}$$



universal relation

# $g, g_b, x$ single galaxies test



a) larger galaxies  $\blacktriangleright$  higher  $g$  and  $g_b$

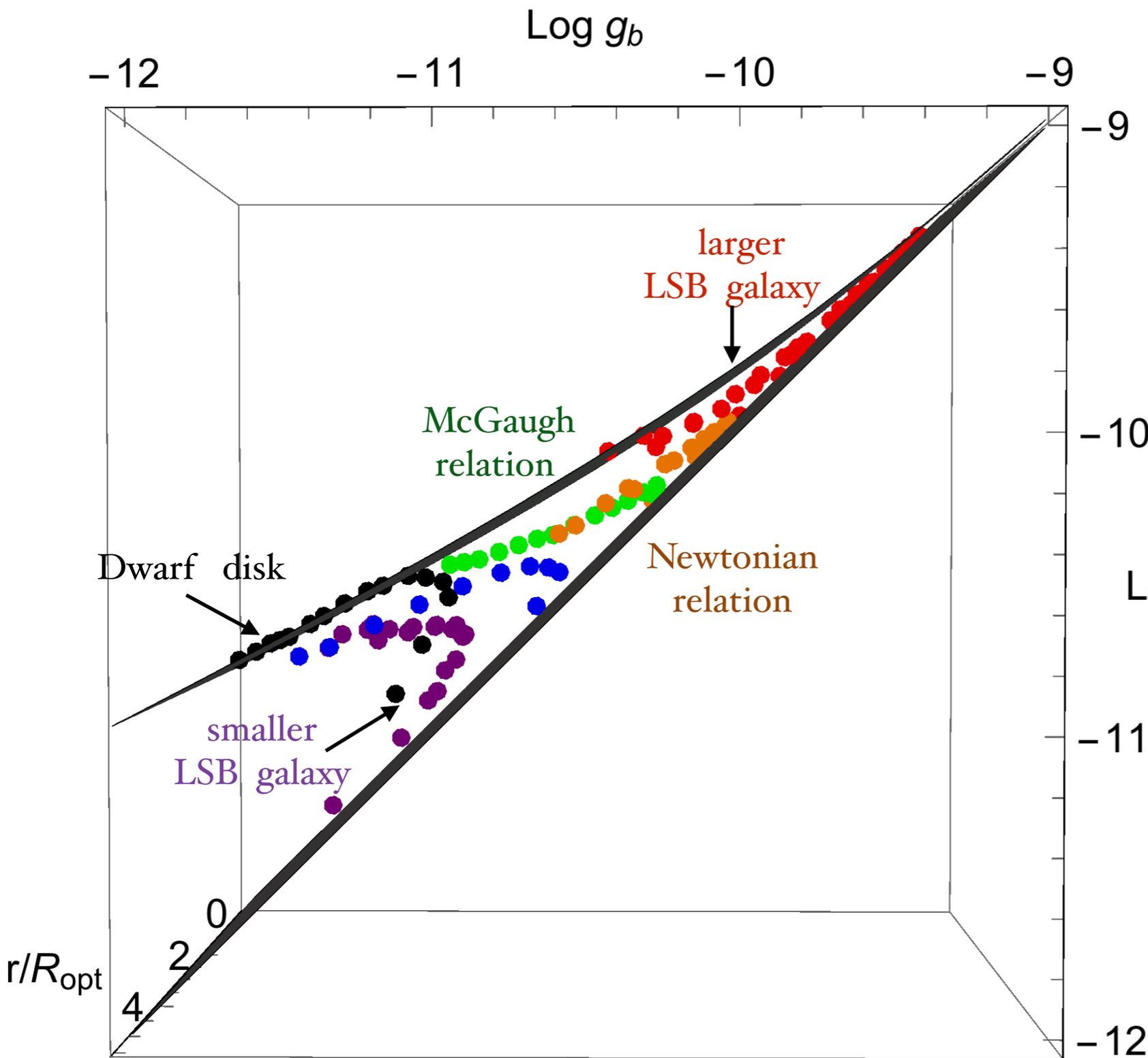
b)  $g \gtrsim g_b$  growth till  $R_D$   
(stellar disk scale length)

$$R_D = R_{\text{opt}}/3.2$$

c)  $g > g_b$  decrease beyond  $R_D$

**boomerang shape**

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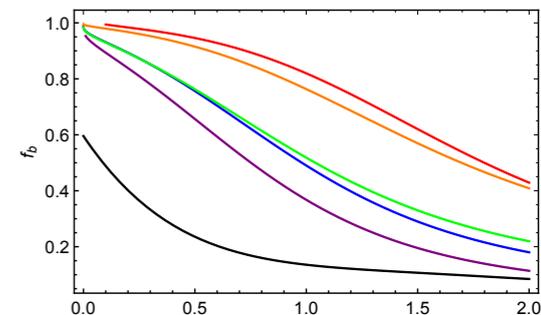


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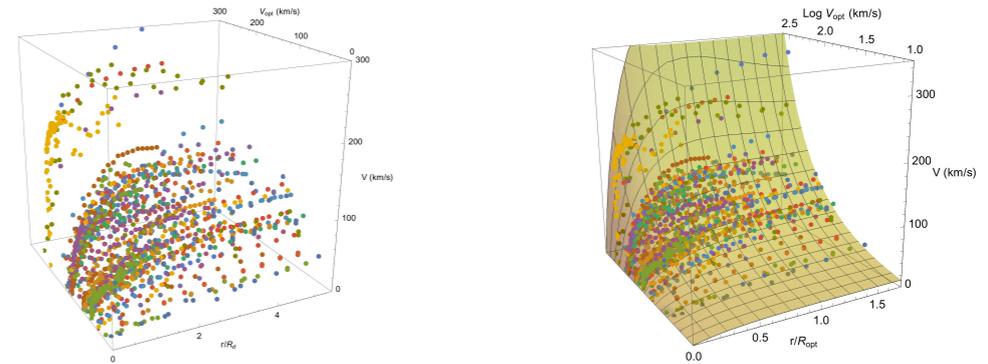
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The results depend on the mass distribution properties

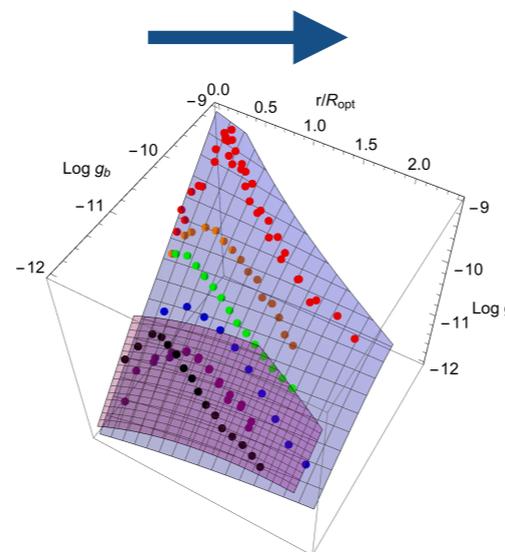


# Conclusions from LSB analysis

- ~ LSB galaxies give rise to the **URC**
- ~ LSB **scaling relations** similar but not identical to normal Spirals ones
- ~ relevance of the **compactness** in LSB galaxies  $\longrightarrow$  **new hints?**



- ~ **phenomenological understanding** of our results and McGaugh results



in the standard **baryonic + dark matter** scenario and mass distribution properties

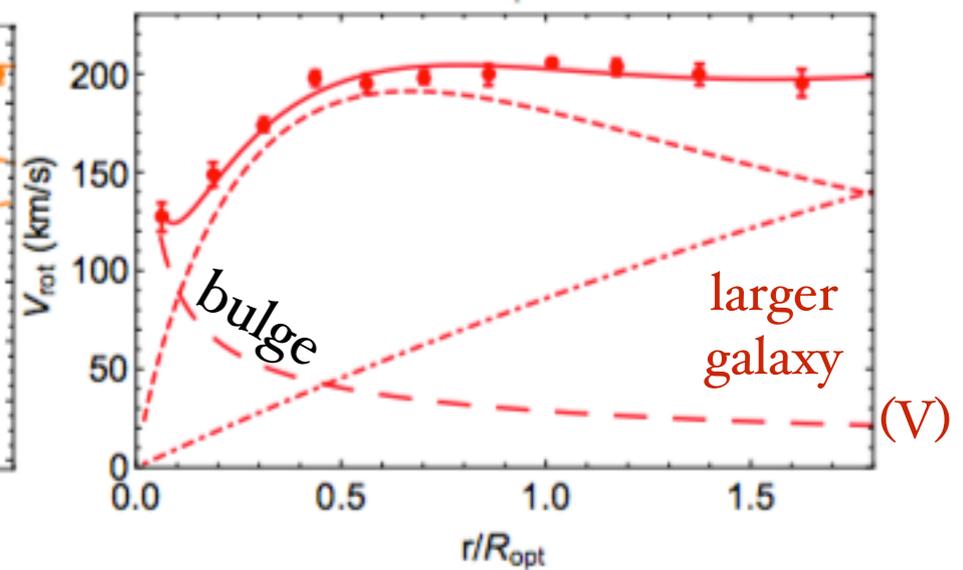
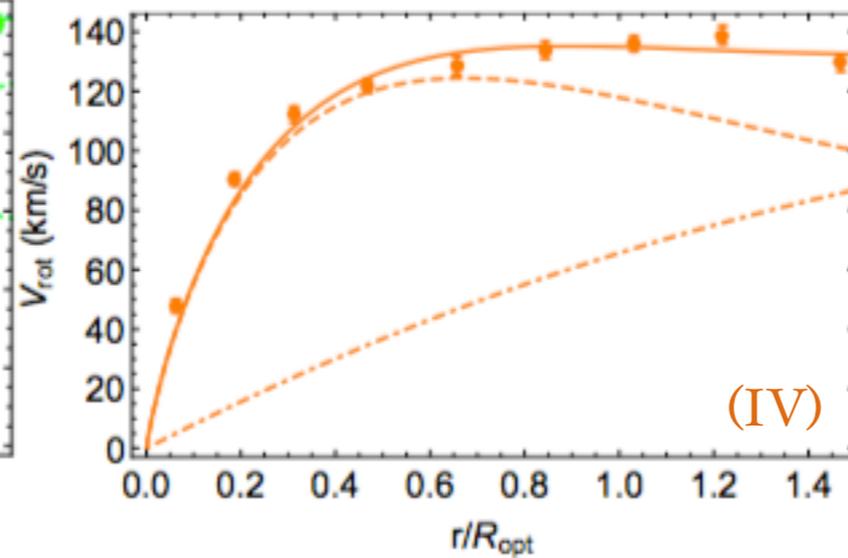
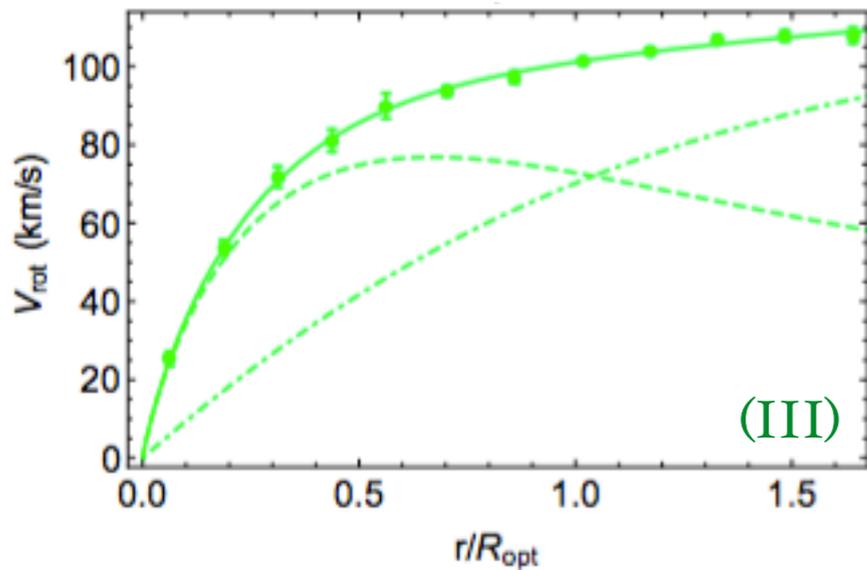
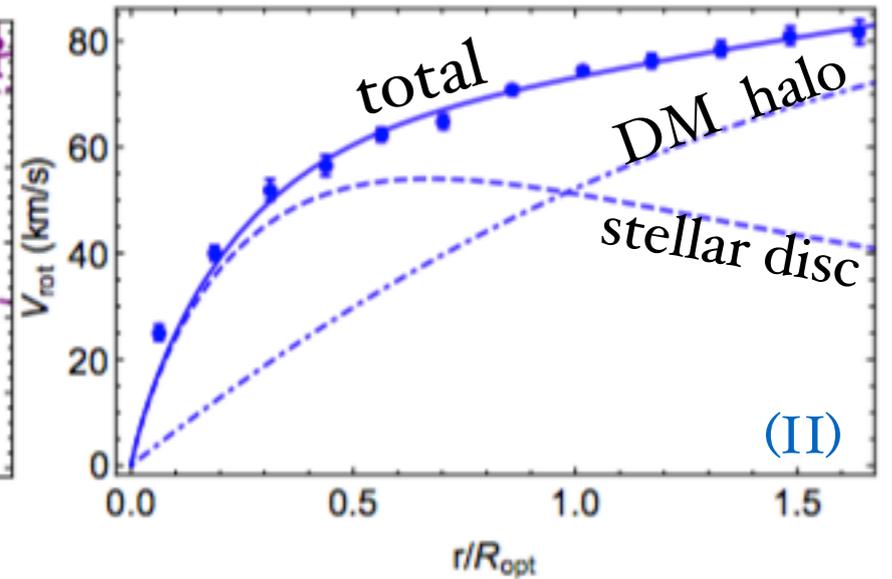
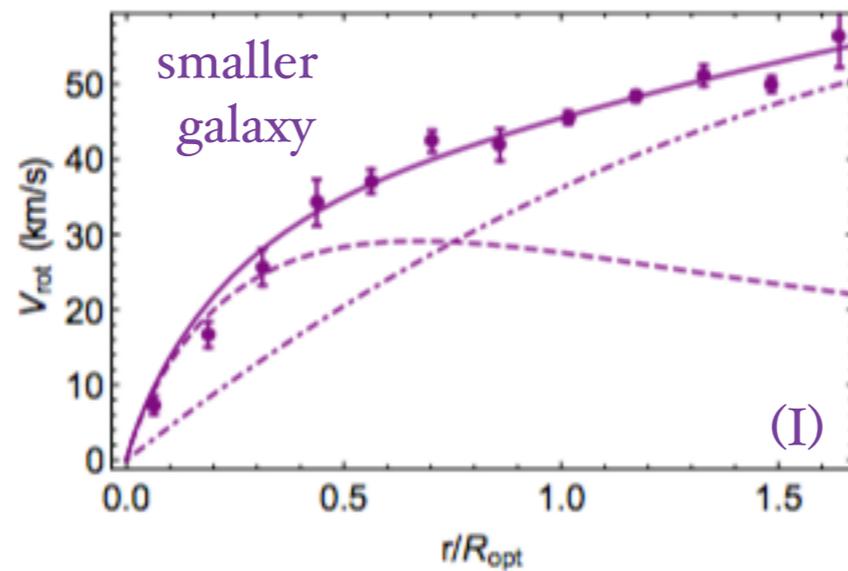
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*Thanks for  
the attention*

# Low Surface Brightness galaxies (LSBs)

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5 co-added RCs



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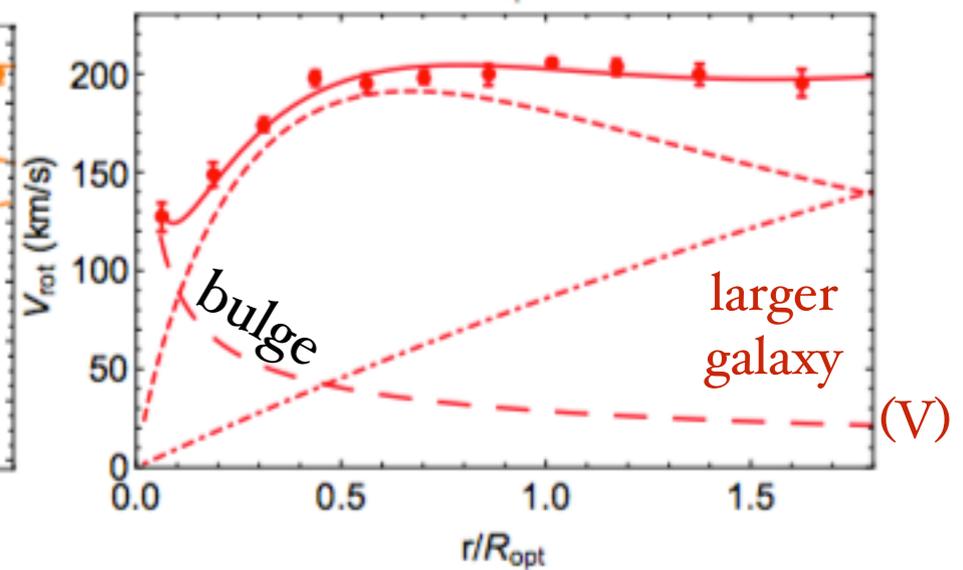
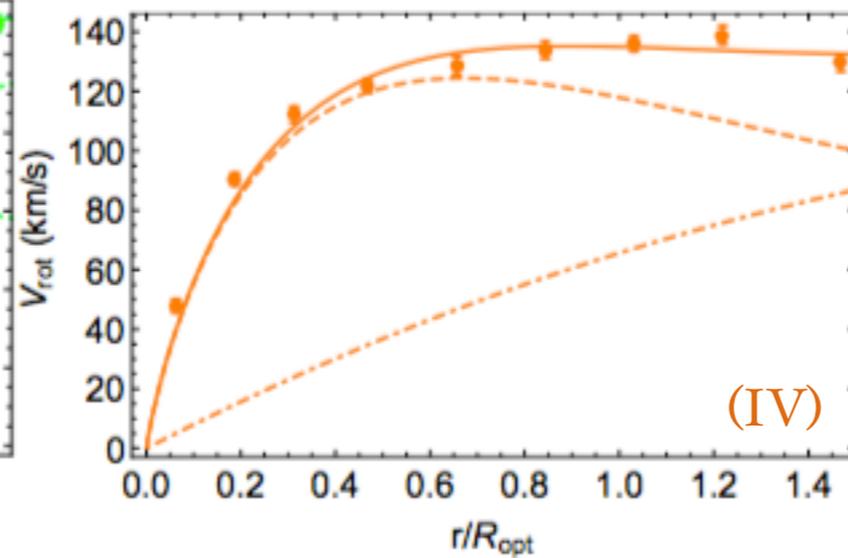
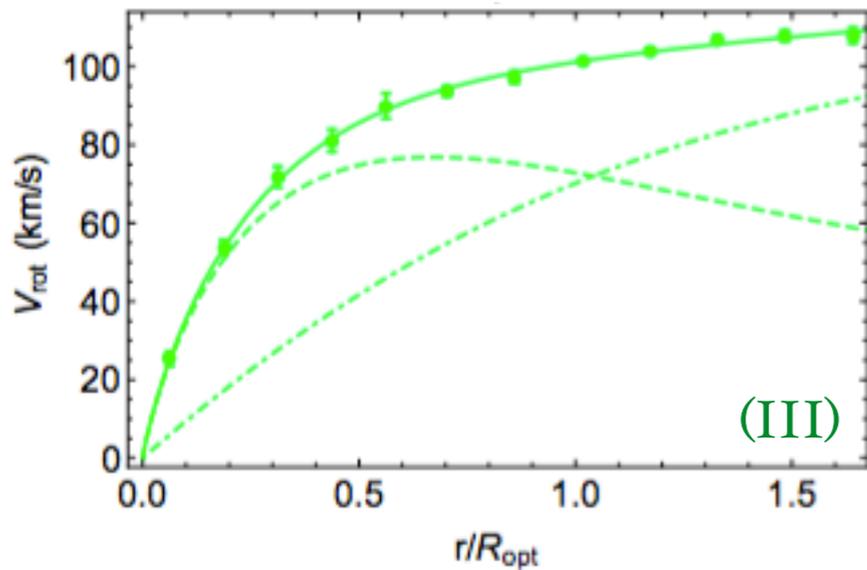
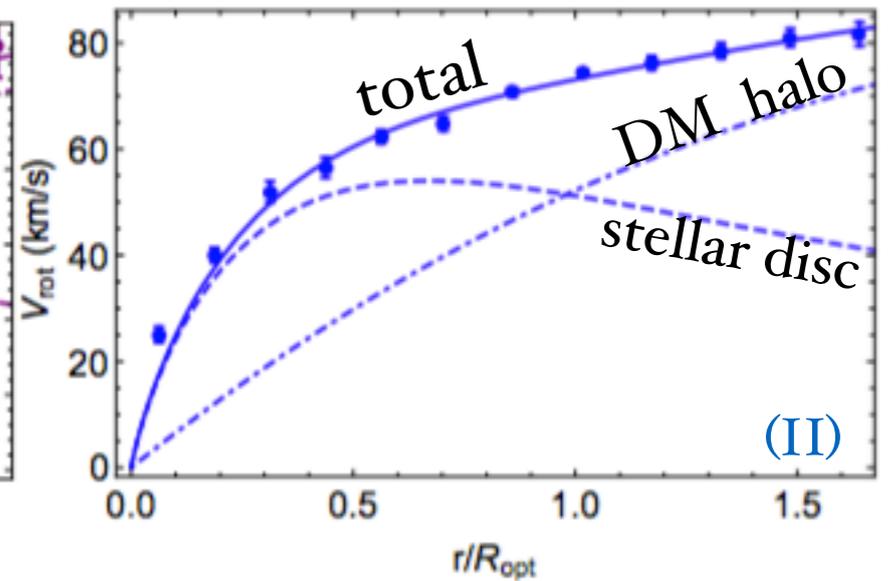
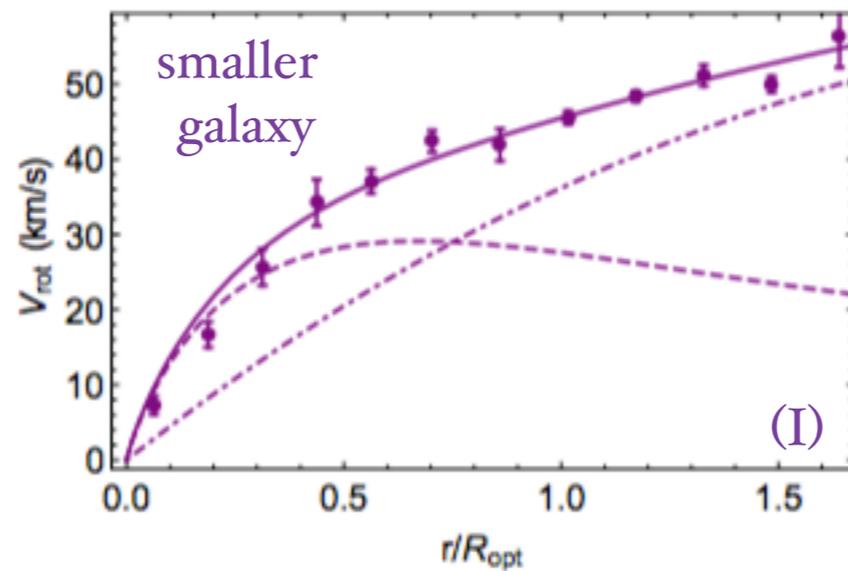
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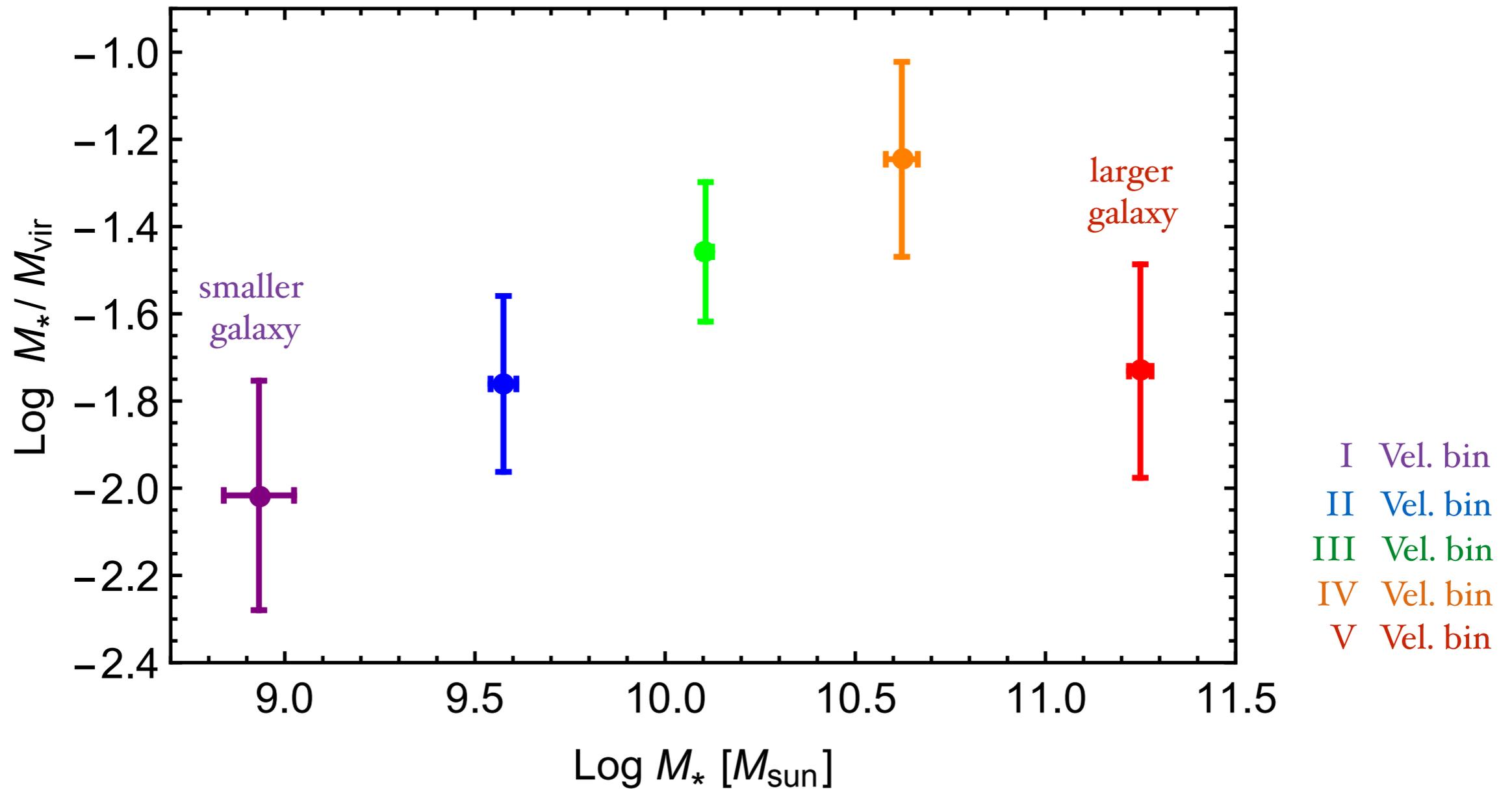
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Baryonic fraction in the whole galaxy



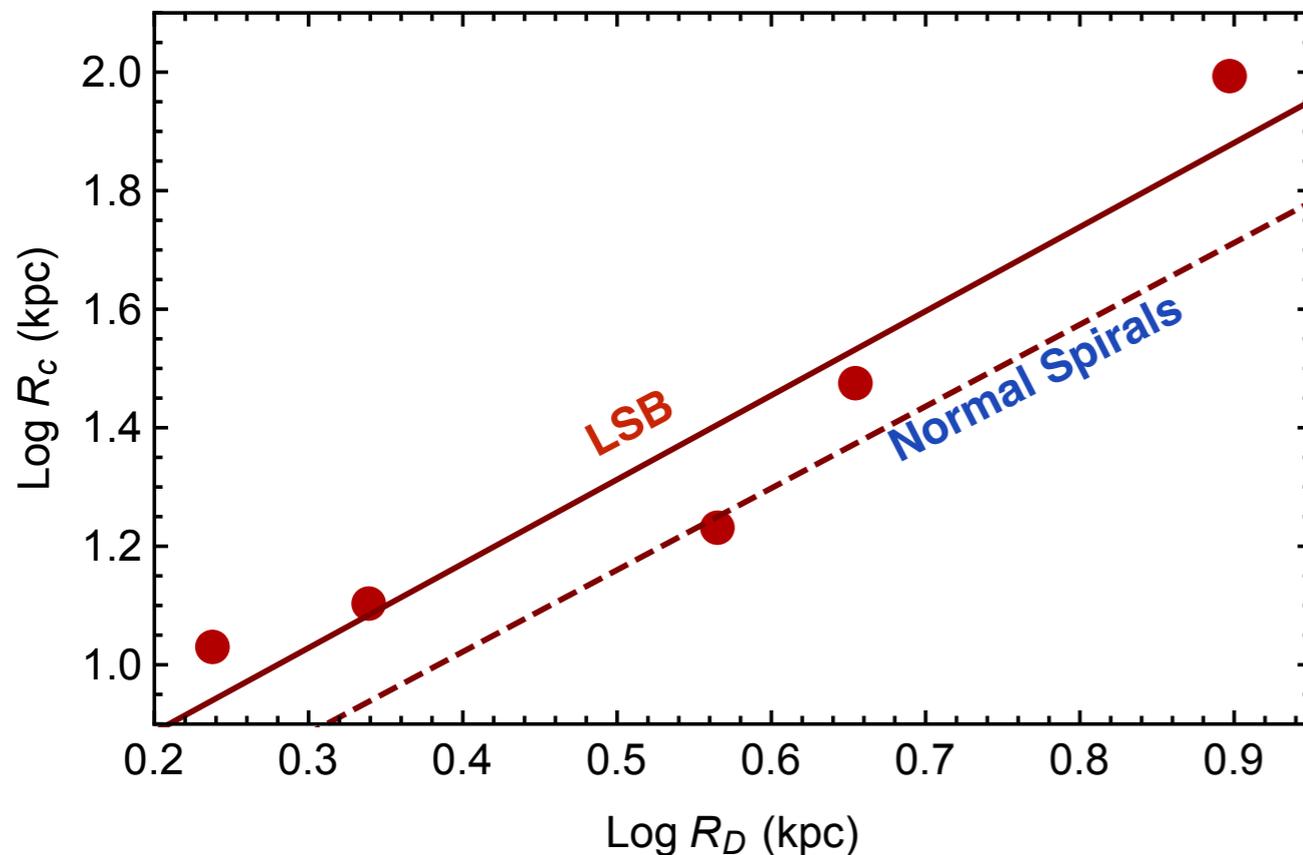
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## DENORMALIZATION

takes into account that all the double normalised RCs are similar to their co-added double normalised RC in **each single velocity bin**

**good approximation:**

the relations obtained for the co-added RCs are assumed to be true also for the single galaxies



$R_c/R_d^{1.42} = const.$   
one relation  
in all velocity bins



$R_c$

$\frac{M_d}{V_{opt}^2 R_{opt}} = const.$   
one different value  
in each velocity bin



$M_d$

$$M_{DM}(R_{opt}) = G^{-1}(1 - \alpha)V_{opt}^2 R_{opt}$$

$\alpha = \frac{V_d^2(R_{opt})}{V^2(R_{opt})}$  = baryonic fraction at optical radius,  
one different value in each velocity bin

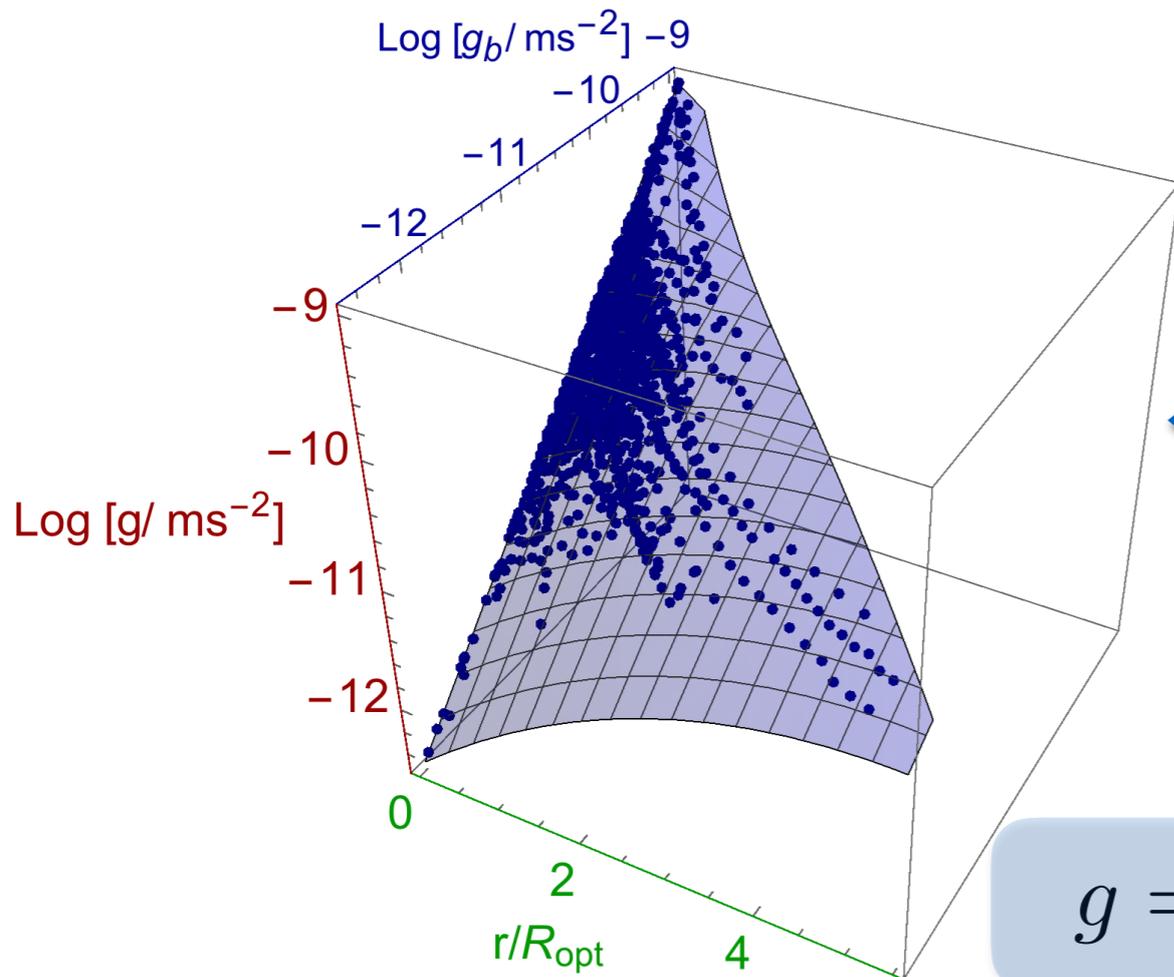


$\rho_0$

$$M_{DM}(r) = 2\pi\rho_0 R_c^3 [\ln(1 + r/R_c) - tg^{-1}(r/R_c) + 0.5\ln(1 + (r/R_c)^2)]$$

for a DM cored  
Burkert profile

# $g, g_b, x$ test



## LSB

$$x = r / R_{opt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Log } g_{LSB}(x, \text{Log } g_b) = & (1 + ax) \text{Log } g_b + \\ & + bx \text{Log} [1 - \exp(-\sqrt{g_b(r)/g_{\dagger}})] \\ & + cx + dx^2, \end{aligned}$$

a	b	c	d
-0.95	1.79	-9.01	-0.05

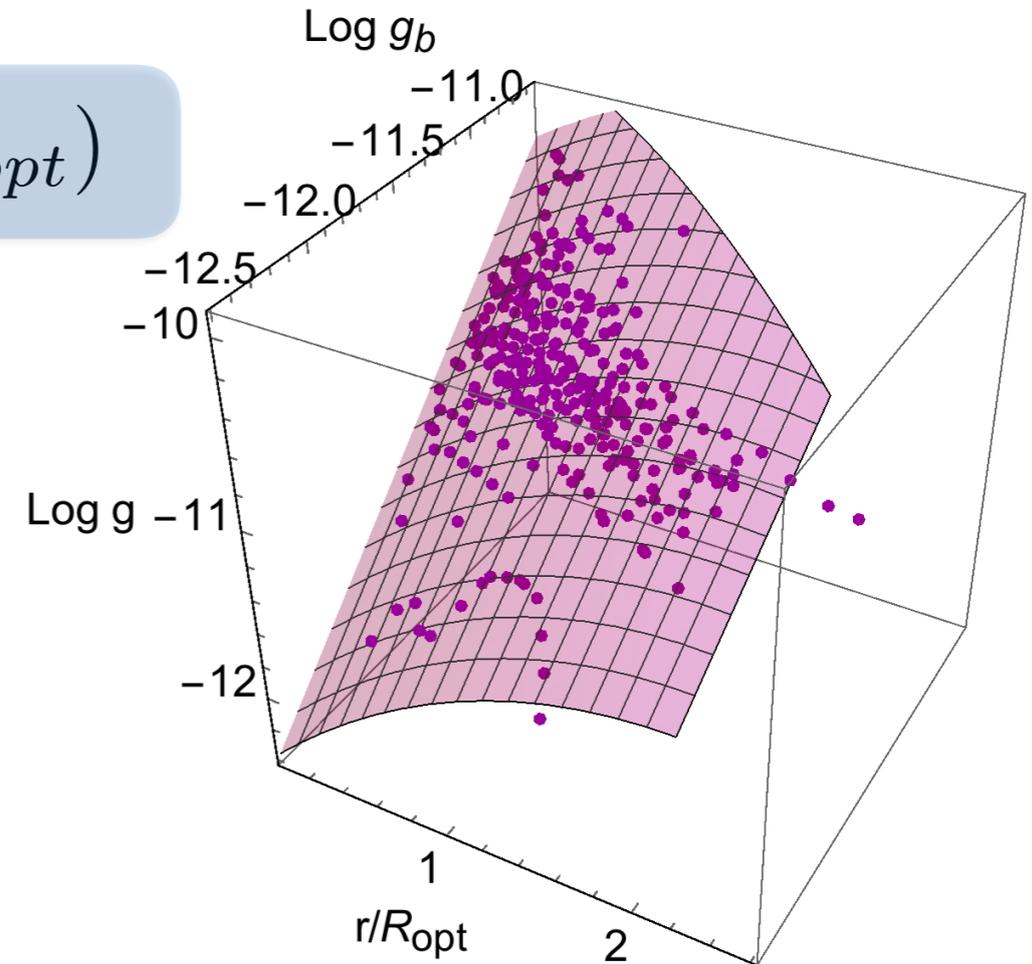
$\sigma : 0.31 \rightarrow 0.05$  dex

$$g = f(g_b, r/R_{opt})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Log } g_{DD}(x, \text{Log } g_b) = \\ \text{Log } g_{LSB} \left( \frac{x}{l} + h, \frac{\text{Log } g_b}{m} + n \right) + q \end{aligned}$$

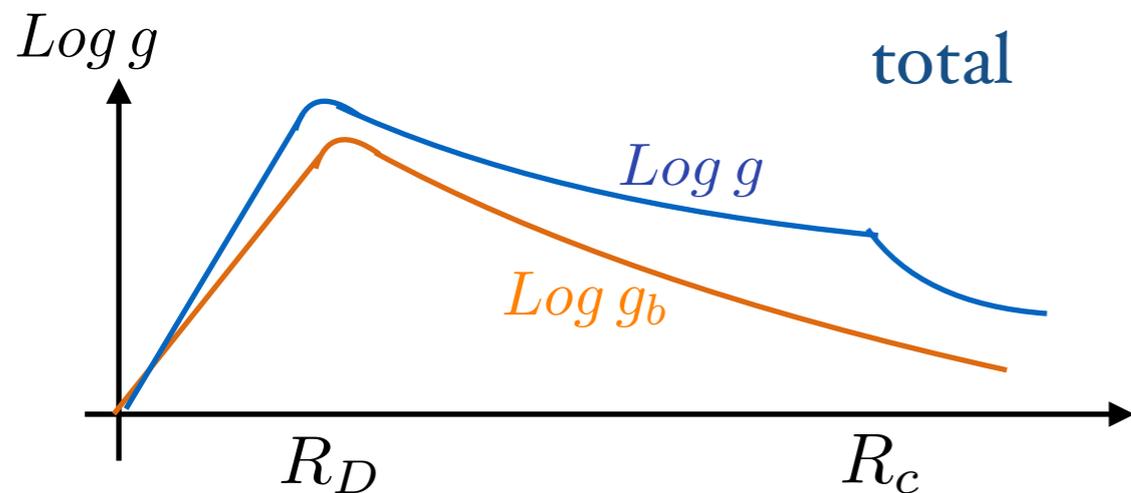
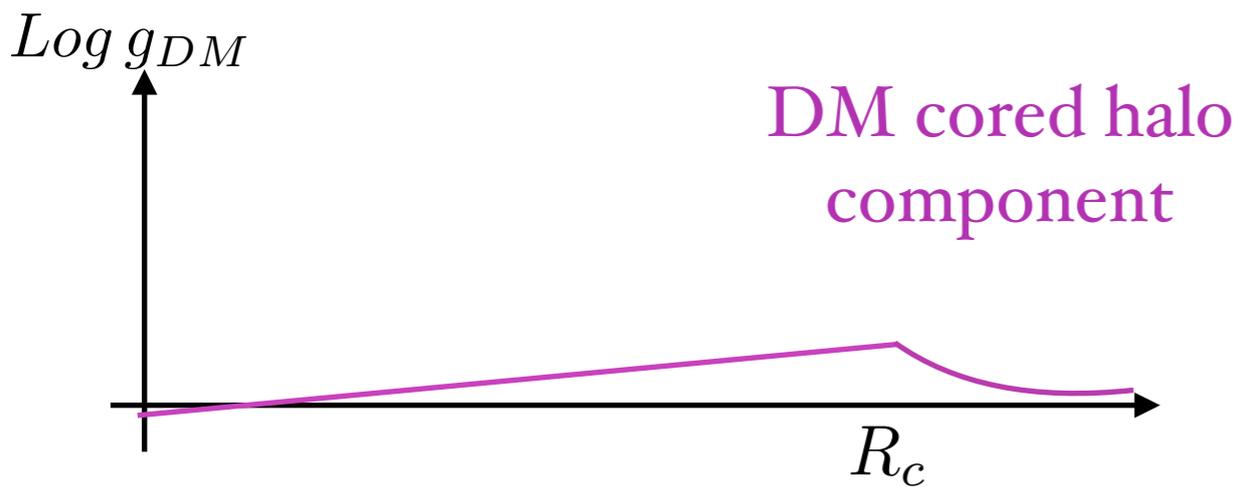
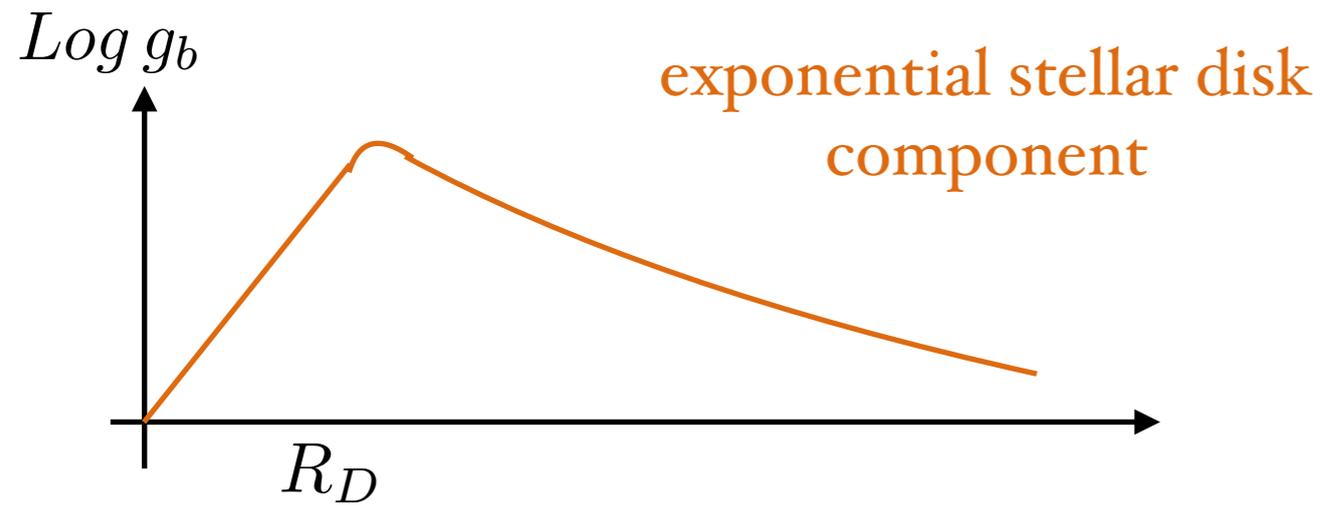
l	h	m	n	q
0.49	2.41	0.74	1.72	1.19

$\sigma : 0.17 \rightarrow 0.03$  dex



## Dwarf disks

# $g$ , $g_b$ , $x$ interpreting the evidence



a) larger galaxies  $\blacktriangleright$  higher  $g$  and  $g_b$

b)  $g \gtrsim g_b$  growth till  $R_D$  (disk scale length)

$\downarrow$   
 $\%$  baryonic matter  $>$   $\%$  dark matter inside  $R_D$

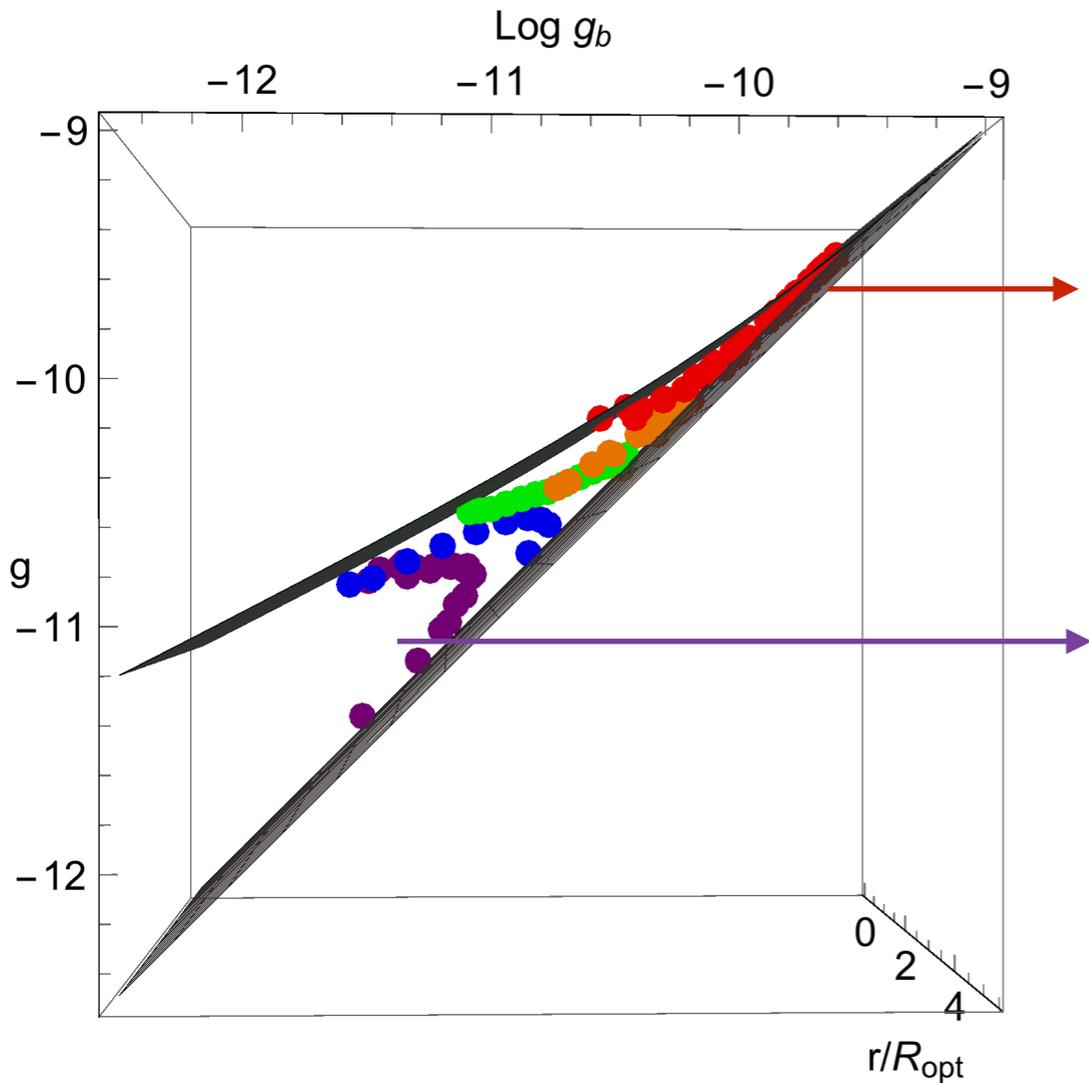
The bulk of matter at high density is inside  $R_D$

c)  $g > g_b$  decrease beyond  $R_D$

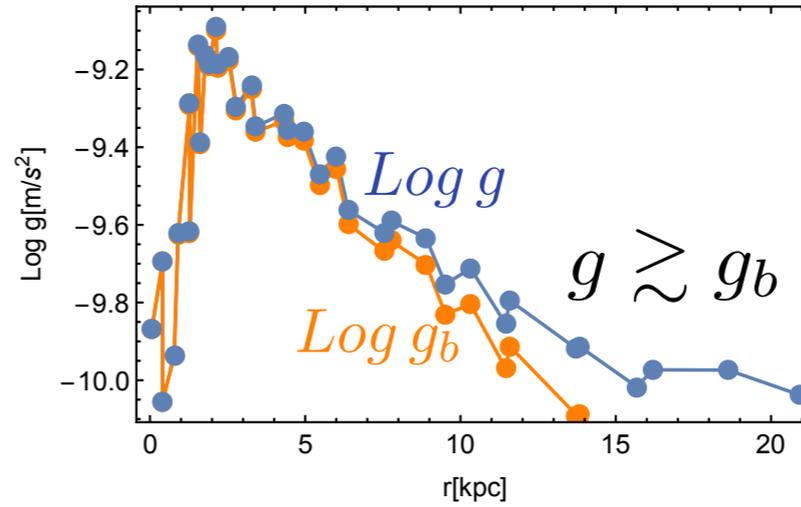
$\downarrow$   
 $\%$  baryonic matter  $<$   $\%$  dark matter in external region

Matter at low density in external region

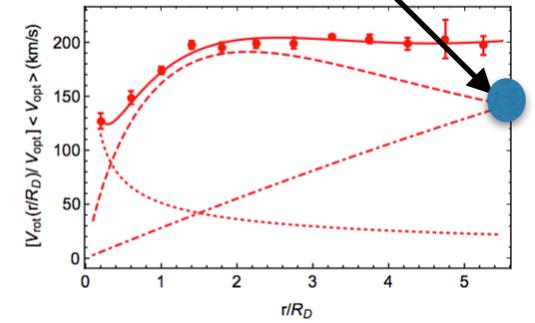
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large LSB galaxy

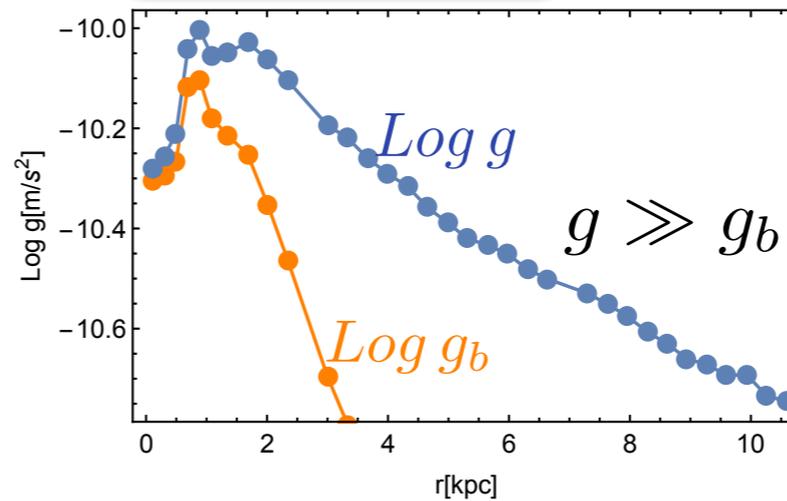


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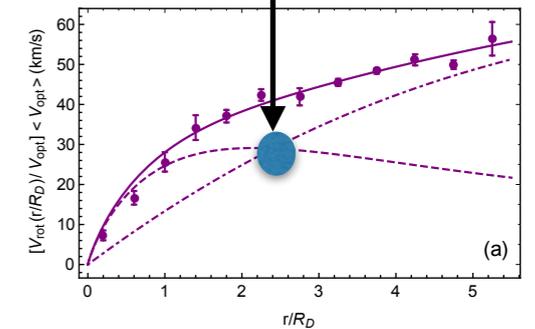


baryonic matter dominant beyond  $\sim R_D$   $g \gtrsim g_b$

small LSB galaxy



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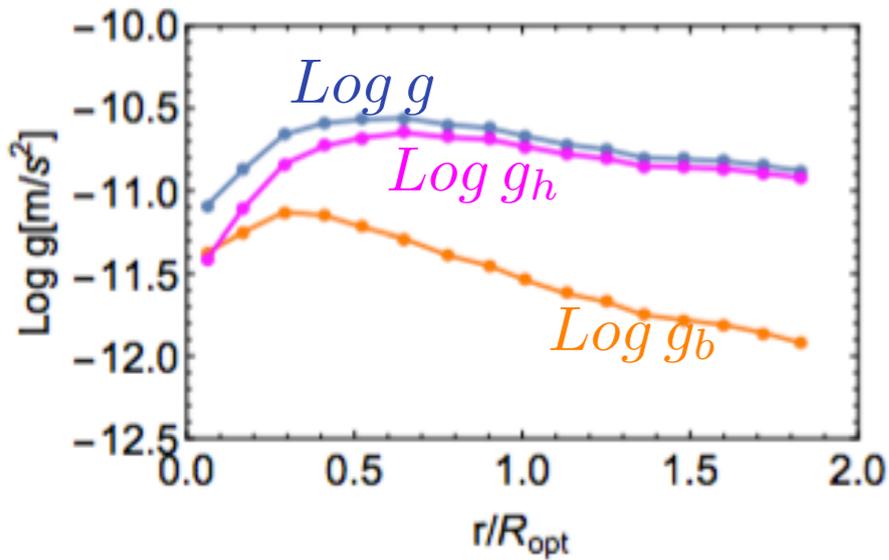


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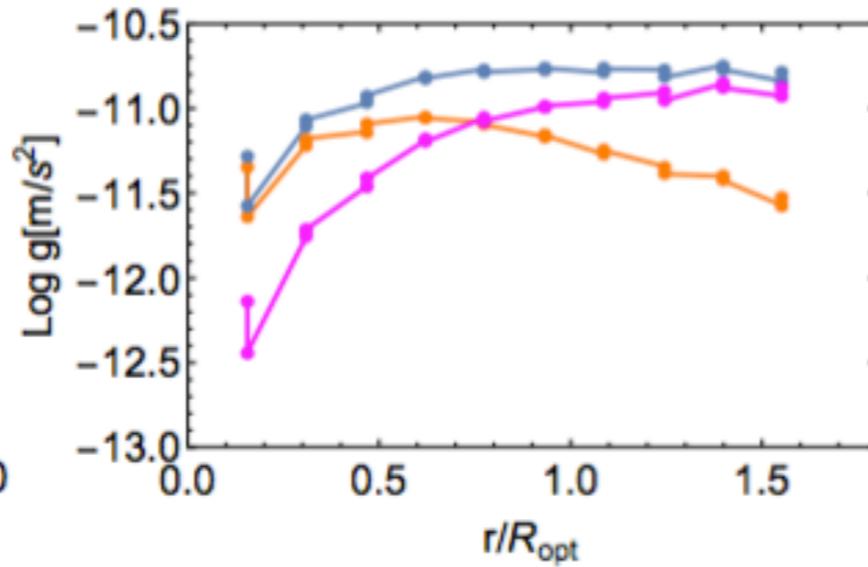
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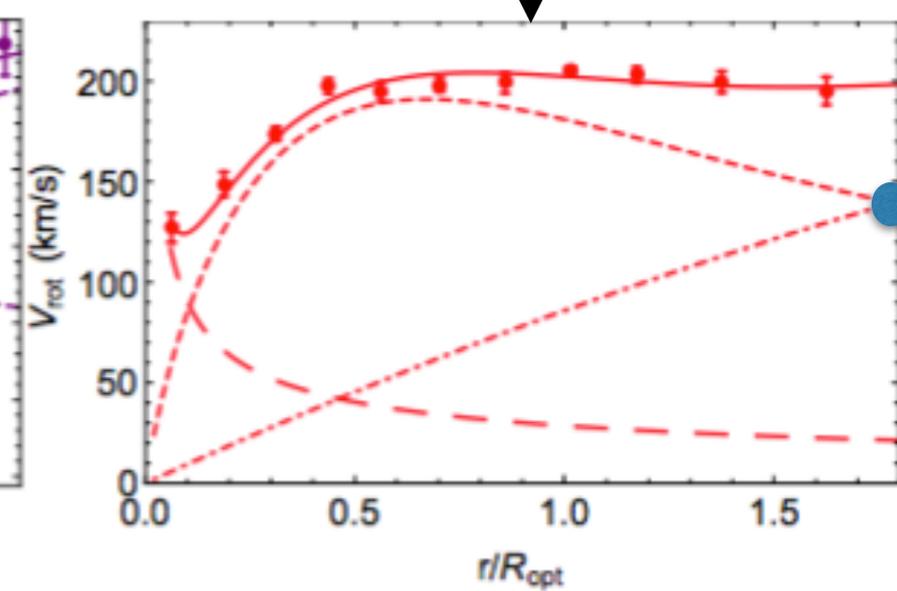
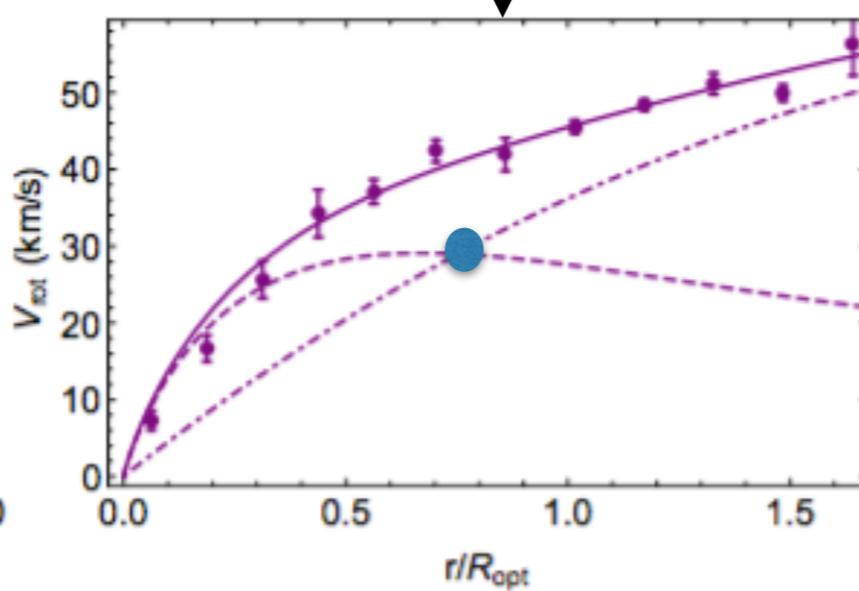
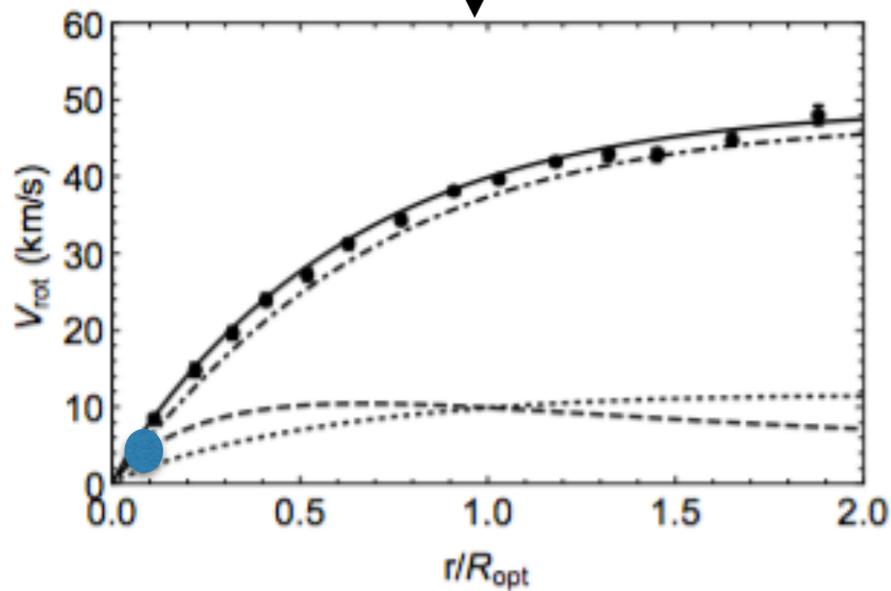
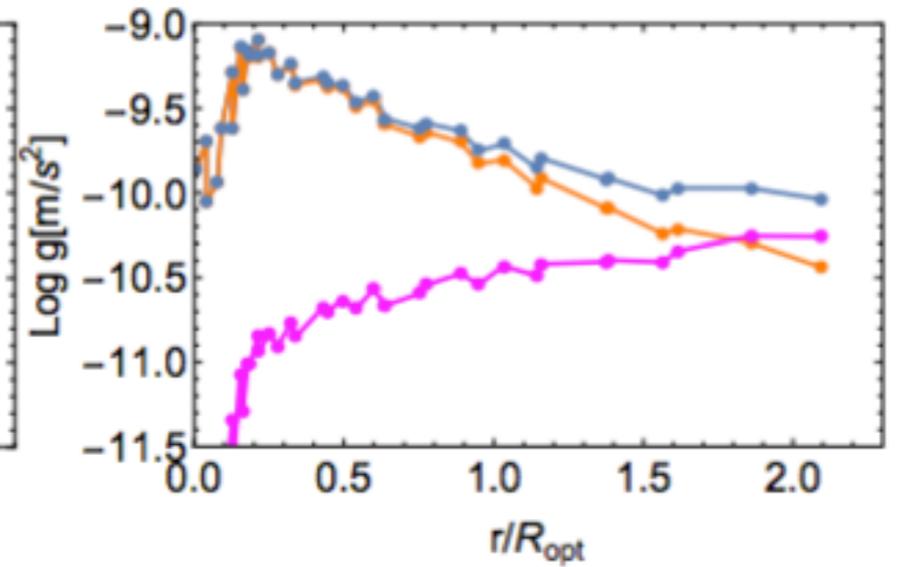
Dwarf Disk



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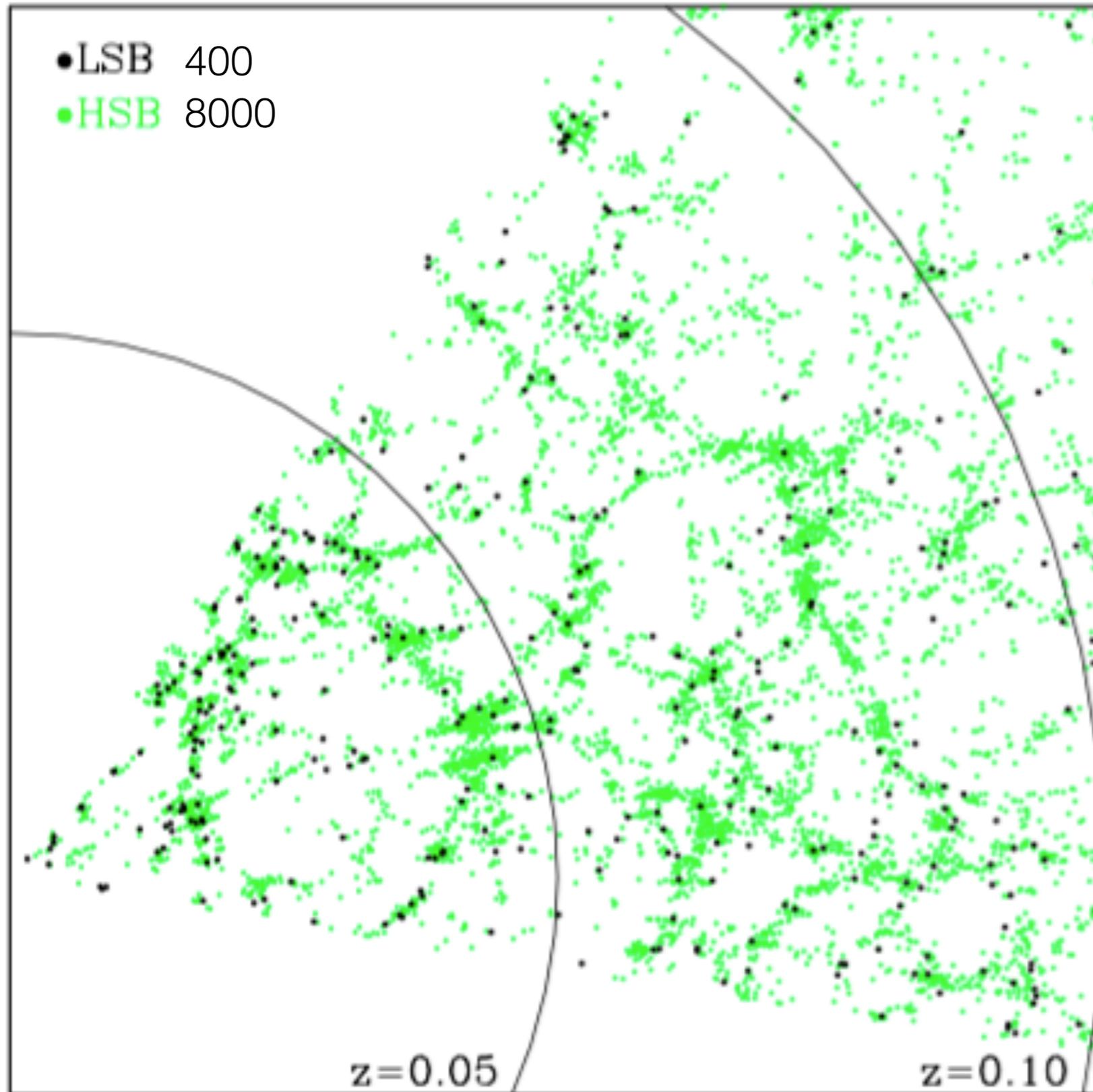
large LSB galaxy



dark matter dominated  
in central region

→  $g \gg g_b$  everywhere in Dwarf Disk

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from SDSS

Rosenbaum & Bomas, 2004