# Weighing the Giants : Weak Lensing and X-ray Studies of the most Massive Clusters

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## **Cosmology with clusters**



Rosati et al. 2002

- direct mass detection (weak lensing) too noisy (shear peak statistics?)
- cluster selection in X-rays, SZ, or optical more efficient, complete, pure
- $\rightarrow$  but need to rely on mass proxies

- mass proxies currently calibrated from hydrostatic mass estimates of relaxed clusters
- error budget (on  $\sigma_8$ ) dominated by possible biases in hydrostatic masses
- need to reduce mass calibration uncertainty to < 5% for future cluster count experiments (e.g. eROSITA)
- currently: bias known to  $\sim 10\%$  at  $z \sim 0.25$

Mahdavi et al. 2007

redshift evolution of bias?

#### Method

- $\Rightarrow\,$  compare X-ray and weak lensing mass measurements of a large cluster sample
  - X-ray mass measures:
    - + some have very small scatter: gas mass,  $Y_X$ , core-excised luminosity / temperature
    - may be biased at the 5-10% level
  - weak lensing mass measures:
    - + unbiased (if done right)
    - large scatter

CANNOT select on lensing properties

## The Sample



- massive, X-ray selected clusters used in cosmology analysis of Mantz et al. 2010abc, Rapetti et al. 2010
- MAssive Cluster Survey (MACS) at z > 0.3 (Ebeling et al. 2001,2007,2010)
- Bright Cluster Sample (BCS) at z < 0.3 (Ebeling et al. 1998)
- REFLEX at z < 0.3 (Böhringer et al. 2004)
- optical multi-band imaging ( $\sim$  50 clusters)
  - SuprimeCam @ Subaru (BVRIz)
  - MegaPrime @ CFHT (u)
- Chandra X-ray imaging ( $\sim$  70 clusters)

## **Data challenges**

- need accurate shape measurements and accurate photometry
- 5 generations of SuprimeCam configurations
- some of the issues:
- scattered light correction
- non-linearity
- unstable flat-fields
- stellar halos/ghosts (and other artifacts)
- parts of a chip astrometrically offset (???)
- limited dynamic range
- non-square pixels
- ghosting
- CTE



## Weak lensing: biases / scatter

- substructure, triaxiality:

   → cause scatter, but average mass unbiased
   ✓
   Clowe et al. 2004, Corless & King 2007, Meneghetti et al. 2010

   associated structures (two-halo term):

   → cause scatter, deviation from one-halo at r ≥ 5Mpc
   ✓
   Johnston et al. 2007, Hilbert et al. 2009
- unassociated structures along line-of-sight:
   → cause scatter, but average mass unbiased

Hoekstra 2003

- shear estimates:  $\rightarrow$  can be calibrated from Shear TEsting Program  $\sqrt{}$ Heymans et al. 2006, Massey et al. 2007
- redshifts of background sources:  $\rightarrow$  bias in z leads to bias in mass  $\rightarrow$  not accounting for shape of p(z) can also lead to bias

### Lensing by $z\sim 0.5~{\rm clusters}$



- lensing signal small
- redshift errors  $\rightarrow$  larger shear errors
- foreground contamination
- cluster area small  $\rightarrow$  fewer background sources

## **Background redshift distribution**



COSMOS-30 photo-z's Ilbert et al. 2009

• to first order:

$$g(z) \simeq \beta_s(z)\gamma_{\infty}$$
  

$$\beta_s(z) = \beta(z)/\beta_{\infty}$$
  

$$\beta(z) = \frac{D_{LS}}{D_S}$$

- standard method: color cuts
- apply to cluster field and to standard deep field with good photo-z's
- assume  $\langle \beta_s \rangle$  of standard field for cluster field

two effects:

• larger scatter in  $eta_{
m true}/eta_{
m assumed}$ 

(think galaxy sample)

• cosmic variance: larger scatter in  $\langle \beta_{\rm true} \rangle / \beta_{\rm assumed}$ 



(think cluster sample)

applied color cuts for  $0.2 \ {\rm and} \ 0.5 \ {\rm cluster}$ 

measure  $\beta_{\rm assumed}$  on remaining 8 pointings

test variation of  $\beta_s$  in each pointing

(still too small to properly estimate cosmic variance)

### **Photometric redshifts**

- + avoids scatter/bias from  $\langle \beta_s \rangle$  assumption
- + evaluated per galaxy



- *uBVRIz* photometry; BPZ code (Benitez 2000)
- no training set (most clusters have little spectroscopic data)
- color calibration via stellar locus (High et al. 2009)
- one-point redshift estimate unbiased

#### **Photo-z errors**

if we had p(z) ...

- p(z) has finite width:
  - flux measurement errors
  - intrinsic width
  - template errors
  - prior
- even gaussian p(z) are transformed to non-gaussian distributions of g(z)
- p(z) generally not gaussian
- simple averaging or  $\chi^2$  minimization lead to bias
- need to account for full p(z) distribution



## **Status of analysis**

- goal: unbiased weak lensing masses of X-ray selected clusters
- as demonstrated: several small effects need to be taken into account
- "expected result" (consistency with previous, lower redshift samples)
- $\rightarrow$  "blind analysis", develop algorithms on mock clusters
  - current question:
    - can we trust p(z) returned by photo-z code?
    - if not, can we improve them empirically?

## **Summary**

- future cluster count experiments require mass proxies calibrated to <5% bias
- only observational method: weak lensing mass measurements (unbiased, large scatter) of large cluster samples (possibly biased masses, no scatter)
- this sample: redshift (and mass) range of current and future cluster count experiments
- complementary to low-redshift studies (CCCP, LoCuSS)
- with increasing cluster redshift:
  - source redshifts ever more important
  - color cuts very noisy
  - photo-z's promising way forward, but need to understand errors