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 σ_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
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 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 β_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 χ^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