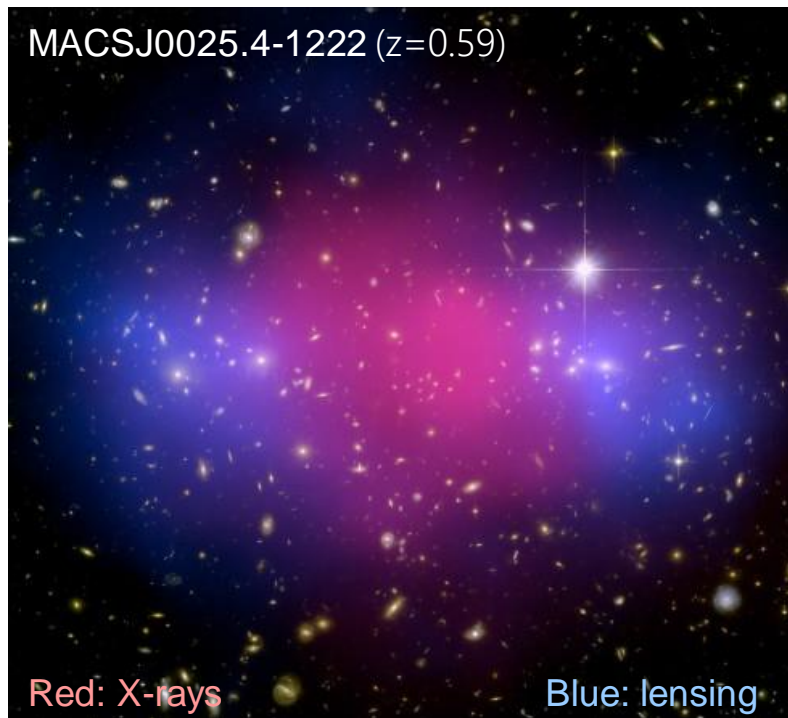


Chandra and Cluster Cosmology

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The largest objects in the Universe

Wu, Hahn & Wechsler 2011

Visualization: R. Kaehler

By comparing the observed internal structure and evolution of galaxy clusters with cosmological model predictions, we can constrain the properties of dark matter and dark energy, as well as gravity, neutrinos, inflation ...

1. The fgas test

Featured work: Mantz et al. 2014, MNRAS, 440, 2077
Mantz et al. 2015, MNRAS, 449, 199
Wright et al. 2019, Ph.D. thesis
Baumont et al. 2019, in prep.

See also e.g. White et al '93; David et al. '95; White & Fabian '95; Sasaki '96; Pen '97; Evrard '97; Mohr et al '99; Ettori & Fabian '99; Grego et al '00; Allen et al. '02, '04, '08,'13; Ettori et al. '03, '09; Sanderson et al. '03; LaRoque et al. '06, Rapetti et al. '08, Galli et al. '12, Lagana et al. '13; Landry et al. '13 ...

Constraining cosmology with f_{gas} measurements

BASIC IDEA: galaxy clusters are so large that their matter content should provide an approximately fair sample of matter content of Universe.

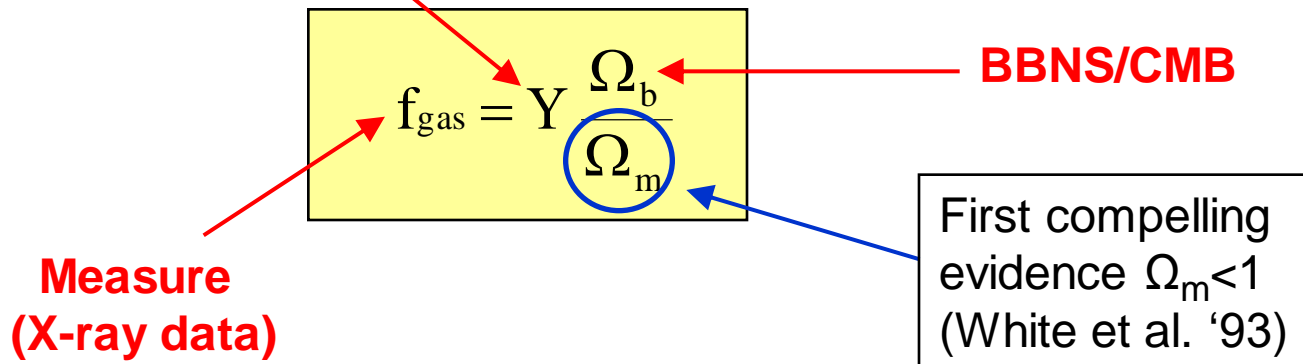
Key measurement:

$$f_{\text{gas}} = \frac{\text{X-ray gas mass}}{\text{total cluster mass}}$$

From X-ray (+ weak lensing) data

Since clusters provide ~ fair samples of the matter content, and the X-ray gas mass dominates the baryonic mass (~10x), we can also write:

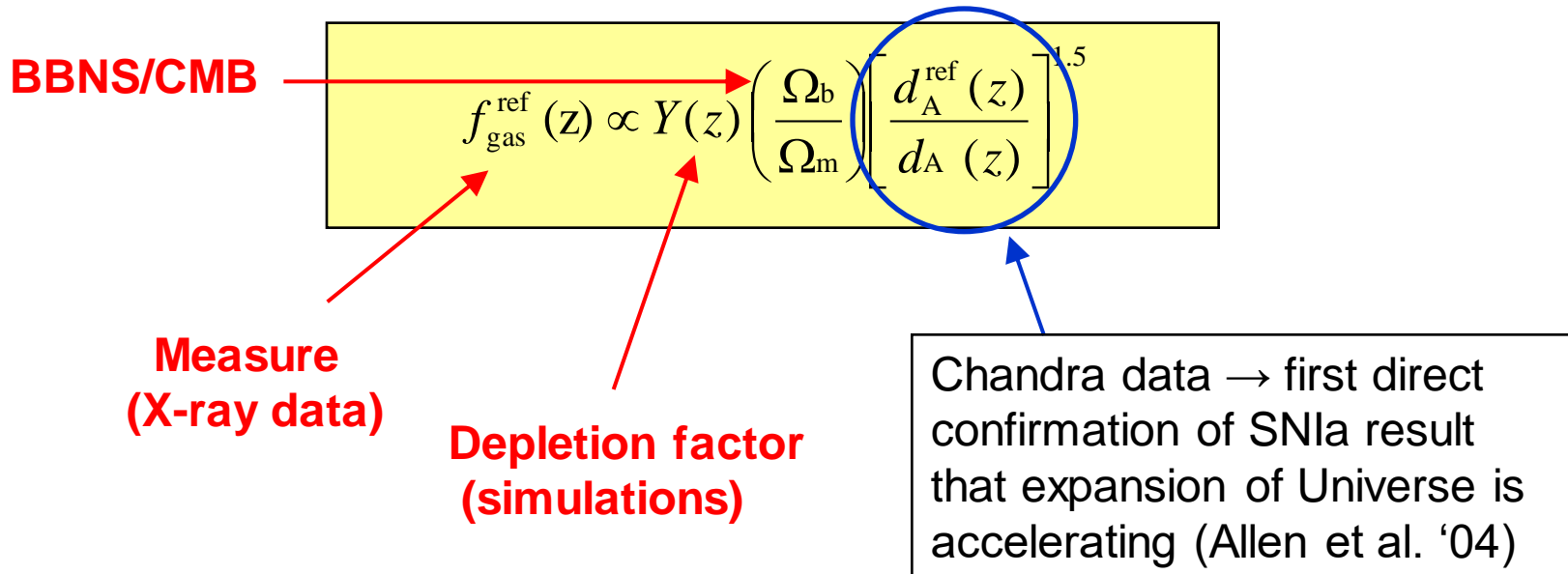
Depletion factor (simulations)



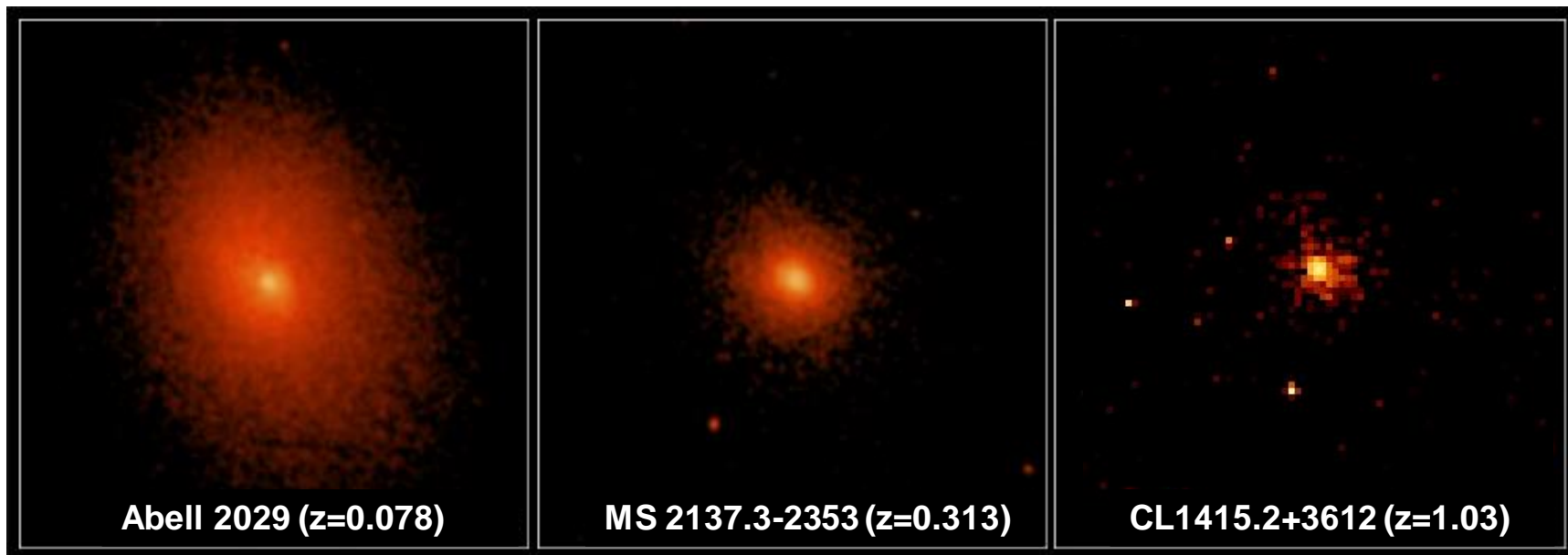
Constraining cosmology with f_{gas} measurements

The measured f_{gas} values depend upon the assumed distances to clusters as $f_{\text{gas}} \propto d^{1.5}$, which brings sensitivity to dark energy through the $d(z)$ relation.

To use this information, need to know $Y(z)$ (intuitively expect $Y(z) \sim \text{constant}$ since massive clusters should provide approx. fair samples at all z).



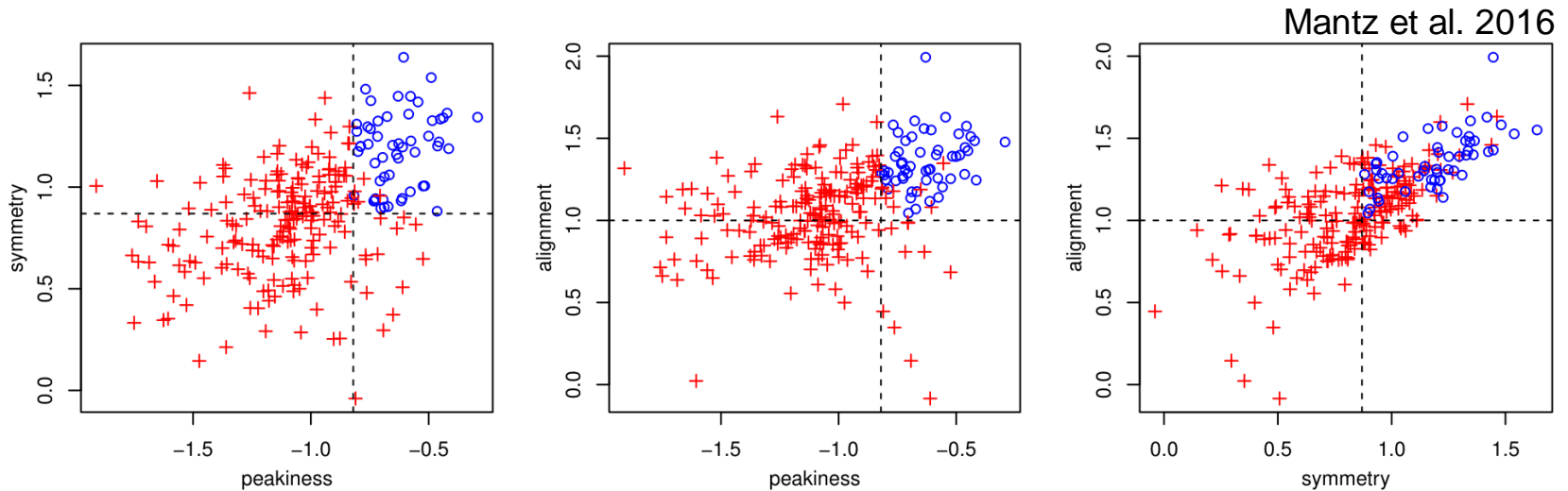
The observations (X-rays)



The entire Chandra archive was searched for observations for the hottest ($kT > 5\text{keV}$), most dynamically relaxed systems. Determination of relaxation based on soft X-ray morphology. This selection is **AUTOMATED, BLIND**.

Restriction to hot, relaxed clusters minimizes systematic effects

Looking for relaxation? Try the SPA

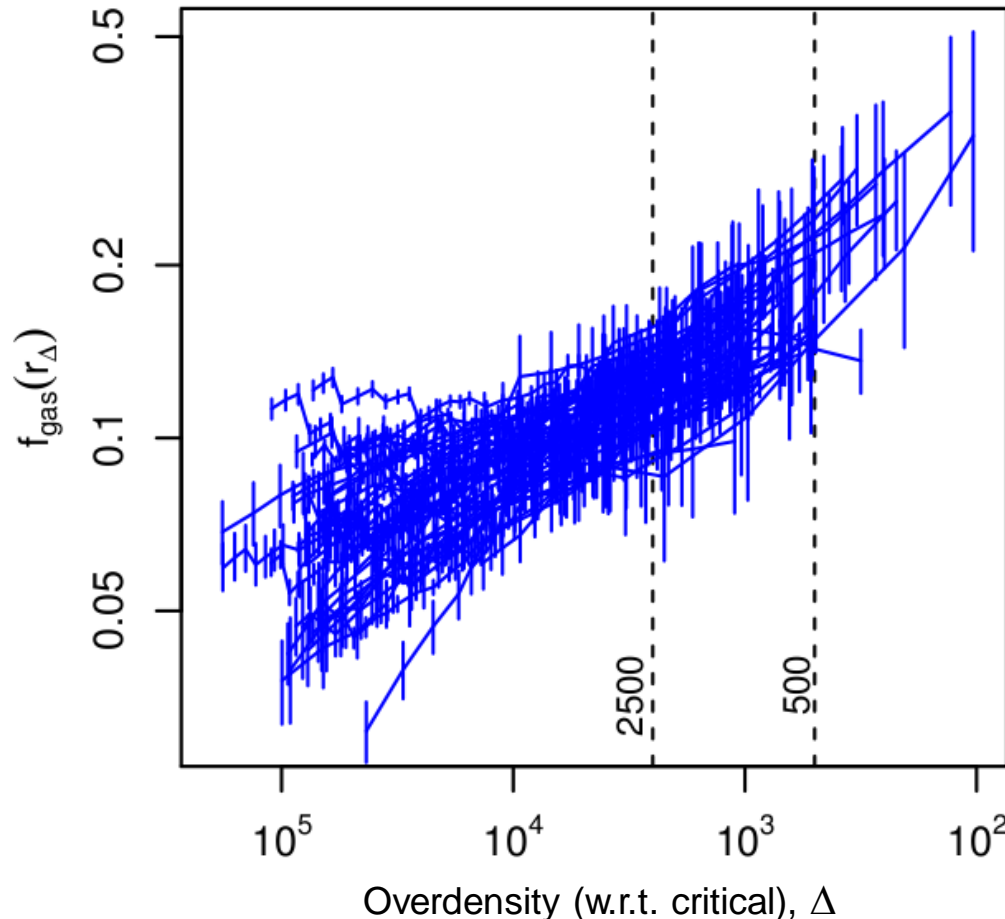


Our identification of the most relaxed systems uses the Symmetry, Peakiness, Alignment (SPA) code. Enables robust comparisons across a range of data quality and redshifts, incorporating rigorous treatment of errors, while avoiding strong assumptions about the cosmological background and cluster masses.

SPA performs better than human experts (lower resultant fgas scatter).

→ 40 systems with $kT > 5\text{keV}$ simultaneously pass all SPA cuts

Chandra f_{gas} profiles

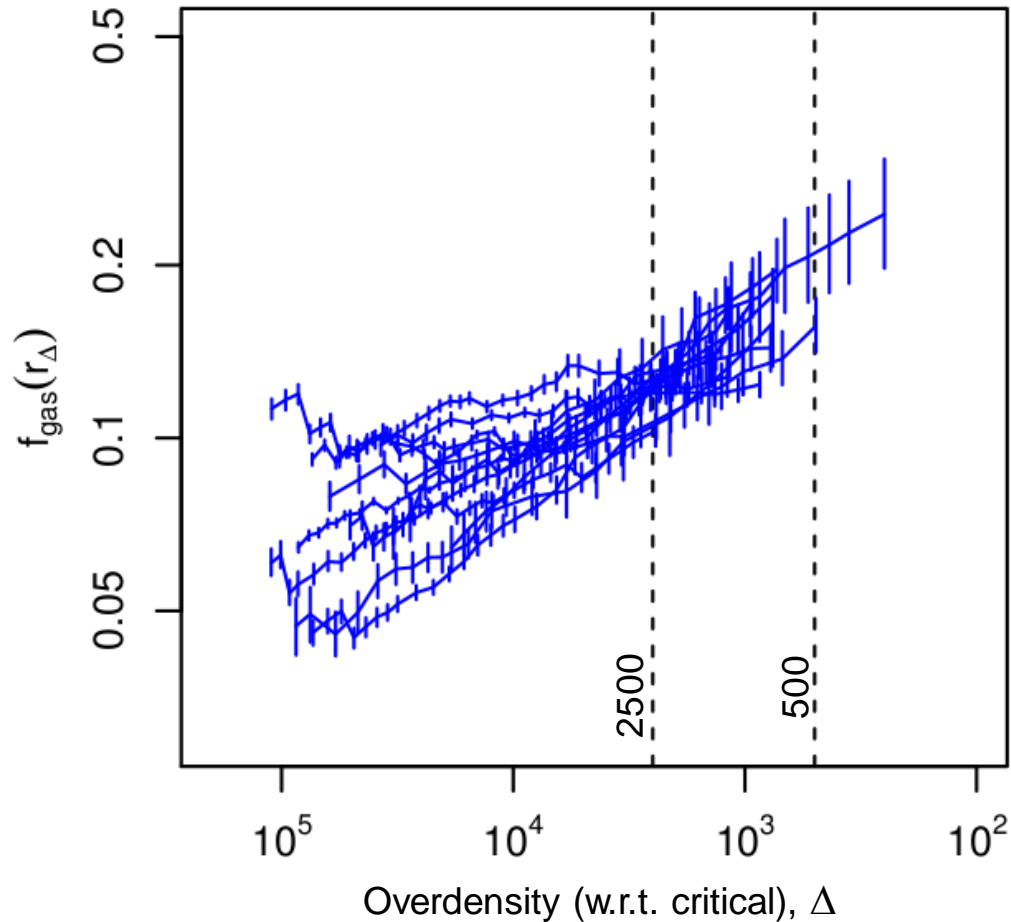


40 clusters

Differential f_{gas} profiles as a function of overdensity, Δ .

Analysis notes: standard assumptions of spherical symmetry and hydrostatic equilibrium employed. NFW mass model assumed (otherwise non-parametric).

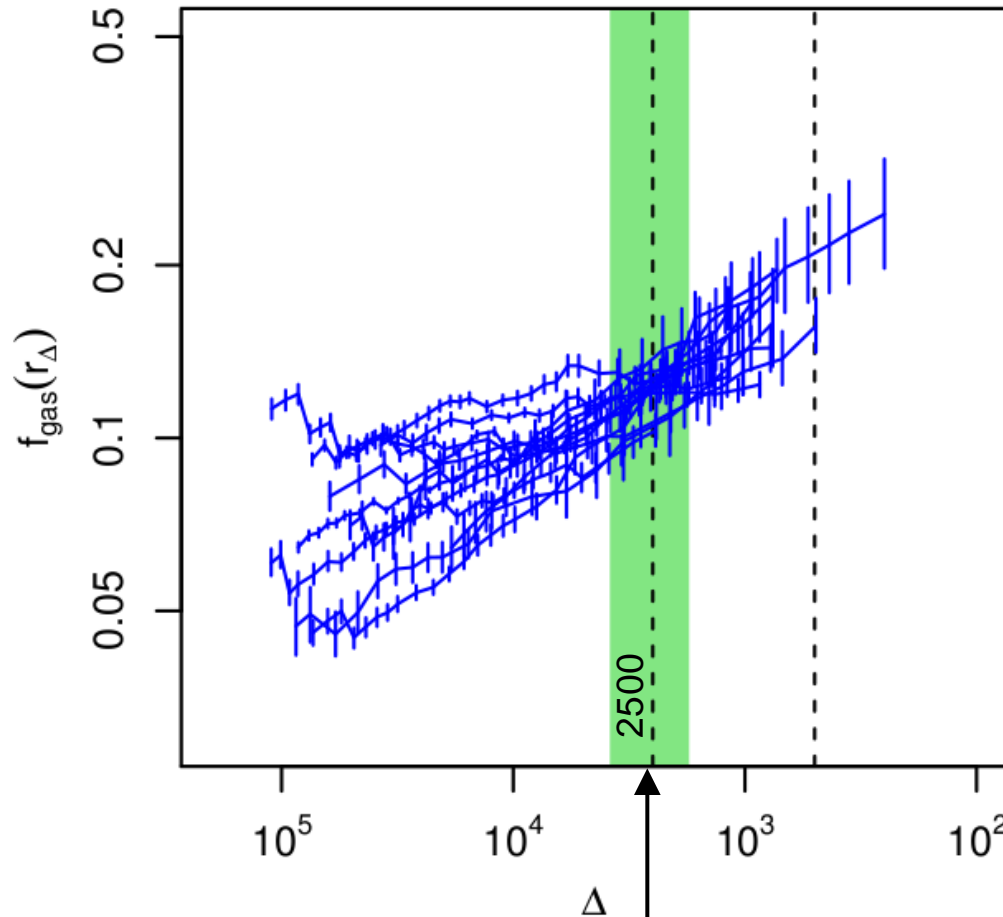
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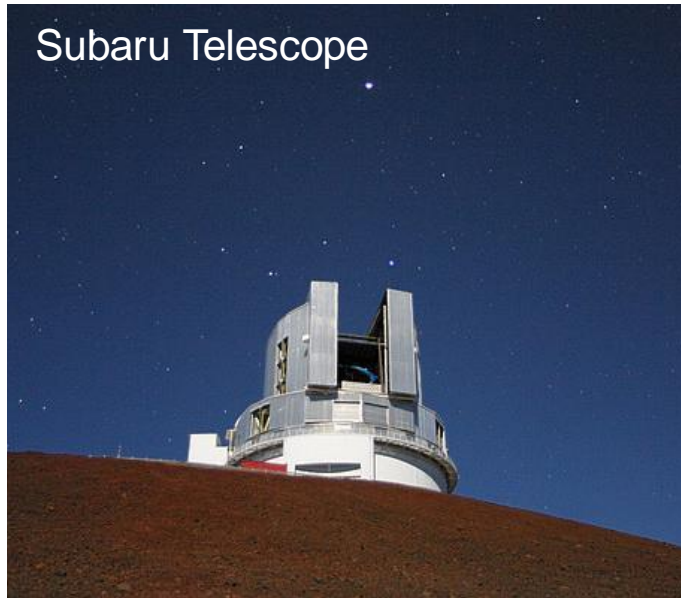
Differential f_{gas} profiles as a function of overdensity, Δ .

Restricting the analysis to a shell near r_{2500} provides a good compromise between statistical precision and intrinsic scatter in the $f_{\text{gas}}(r)$ measurements.

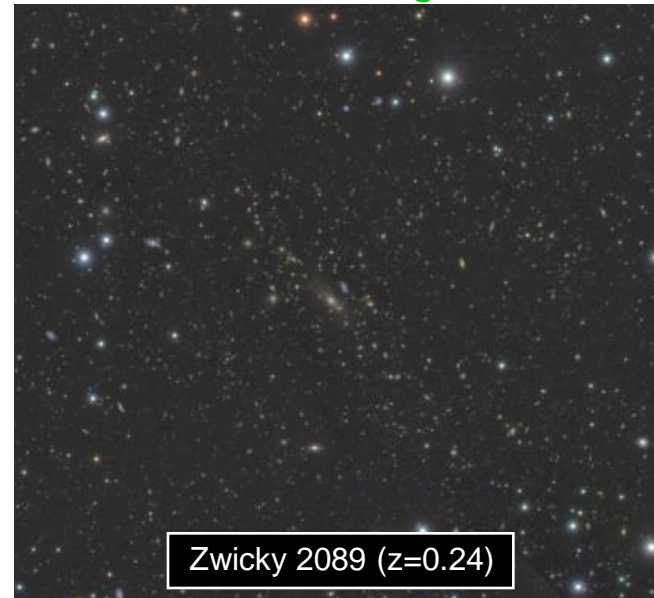
We can also predict the $Y(z)$ robustly at these radii.

Measurement shell (0.8-1.2) r_{2500}

The observations (weak lensing)



Wright et al. 2019



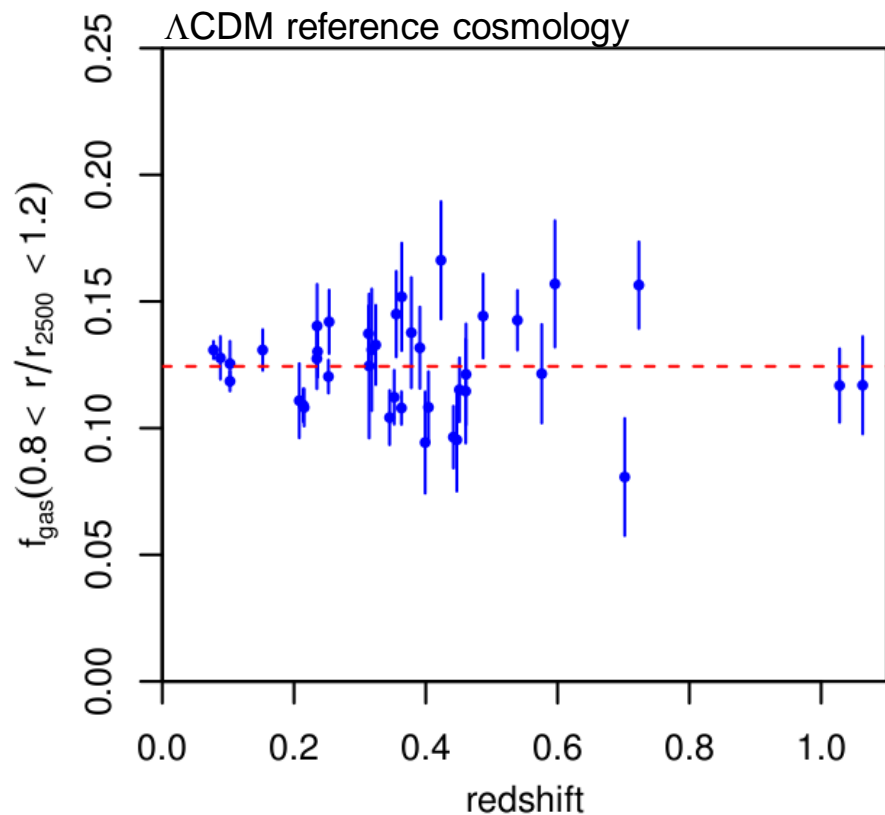
Deep (30-60 min exposures), high quality (0.5-0.7 arcsec seeing), five filter (BVRIZ) Subaru imaging. Updated (WtG2) analysis pipeline uses full photo- z and shape information for individual galaxies \rightarrow exquisite lensing masses with robust systematic control. (LSST pathfinder study.)

WL data for 10/40 systems used to calibrate absolute mass scale

Fitting the model to the $f_{\text{gas}}(z)$ data

$$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{ref}}(z) \propto Y(z) \left(\frac{\Omega_{\text{b}}}{\Omega_{\text{m}}} \right) \left[\frac{d_{\text{A}}^{\text{ref}}(z)}{d_{\text{A}}(z)} \right]^{1.5}$$

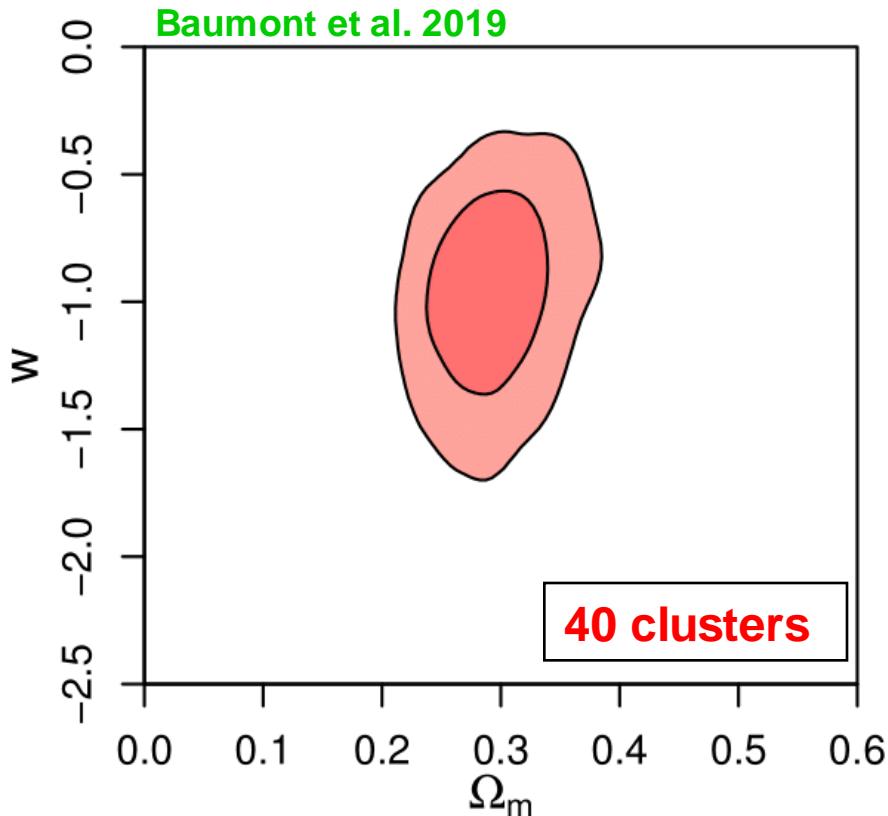
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Results (flat, constant w)

For $(0.8-1.2)r_{2500}$ shell, including priors on $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.02202 \pm 0.00045$ (Cooke et al. '13) and $h = 0.738 \pm 0.024$ (Riess et al. '11).

Best-fit parameters (Λ CDM):

$$\Omega_m = 0.29 \pm 0.03, \quad w = -0.93 \pm 0.24$$

Result limited by WL calibration (10/40 clusters).

Result limited by f_{gas} data.

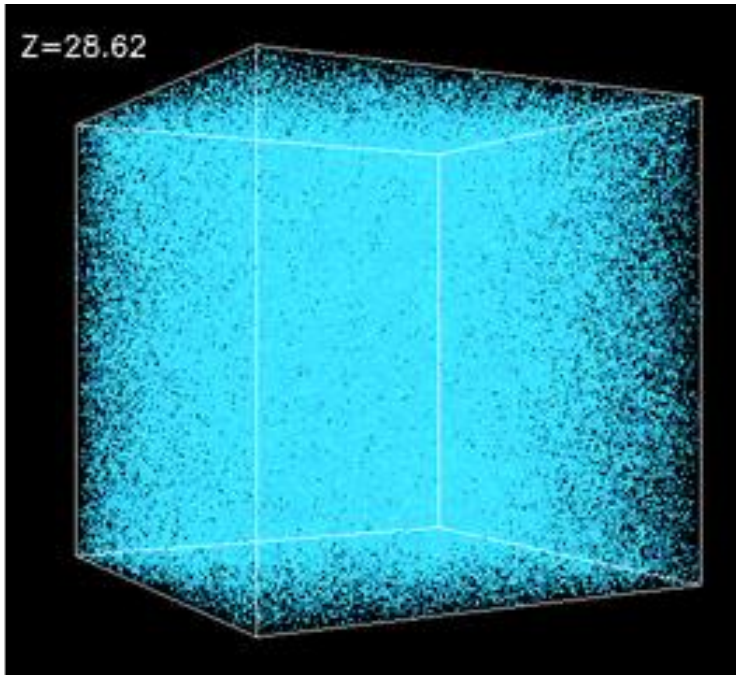
2. Cosmology with Cluster Counts

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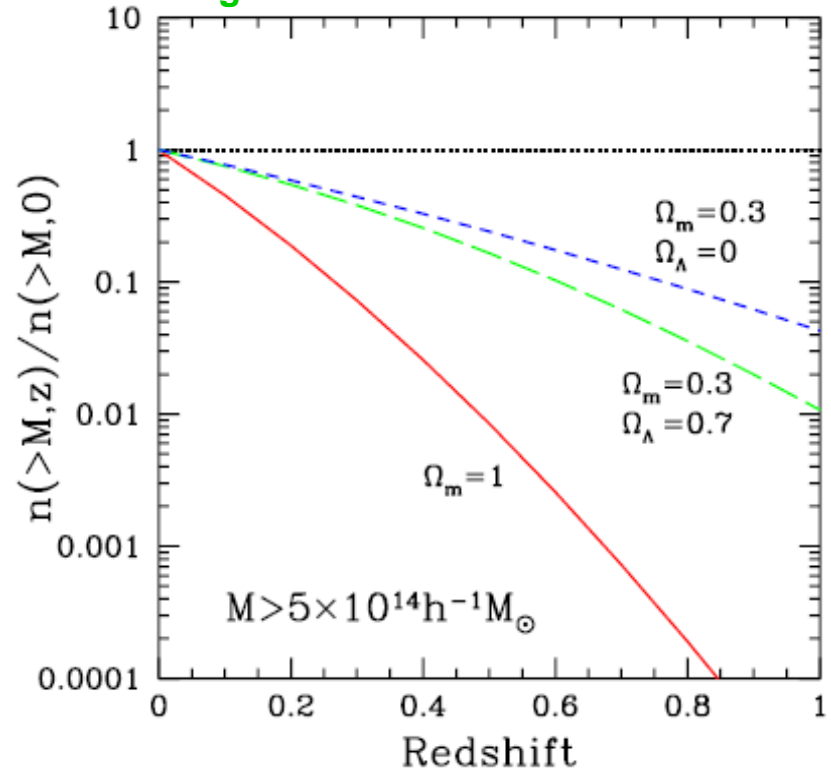
See also e.g. Borgani et al. '01; Reiprich & Bohringer '02; Seljak '02; Viana et al. '02; Allen et al. '03; Pierpaoli et al. '03; Schuecker et al. '03; Voevodkin & Vikhlinin '04; Henry '04; Mantz et al. '08, '10; Vikhlinin et al. 09; Henry et al. '09; Rozo et al. '10; Allen et al. '11; Kravtsov & Borgani '12; Benson et al. '13; de Haan et al. '16; Planck Collaboration et al. '16, '18; Zubelidia & Challinor '19 ...

Cosmology with cluster counts

Kravtsov et al.



Borgani '04



Measurements of number counts of galaxy clusters as a function of mass and redshift provide powerful constraints on cosmological parameters (“... galaxy clusters could emerge as the most powerful cosmological probe”, DOE Cosmic Visions Dark Energy Science report, arXiv:1604.07626)

Ingredients for cosmology with cluster counts

[THEORY] The predicted mass function of clusters, $n(M,z)$, as a function of cosmological parameters (σ_8, Ω_m, w etc).

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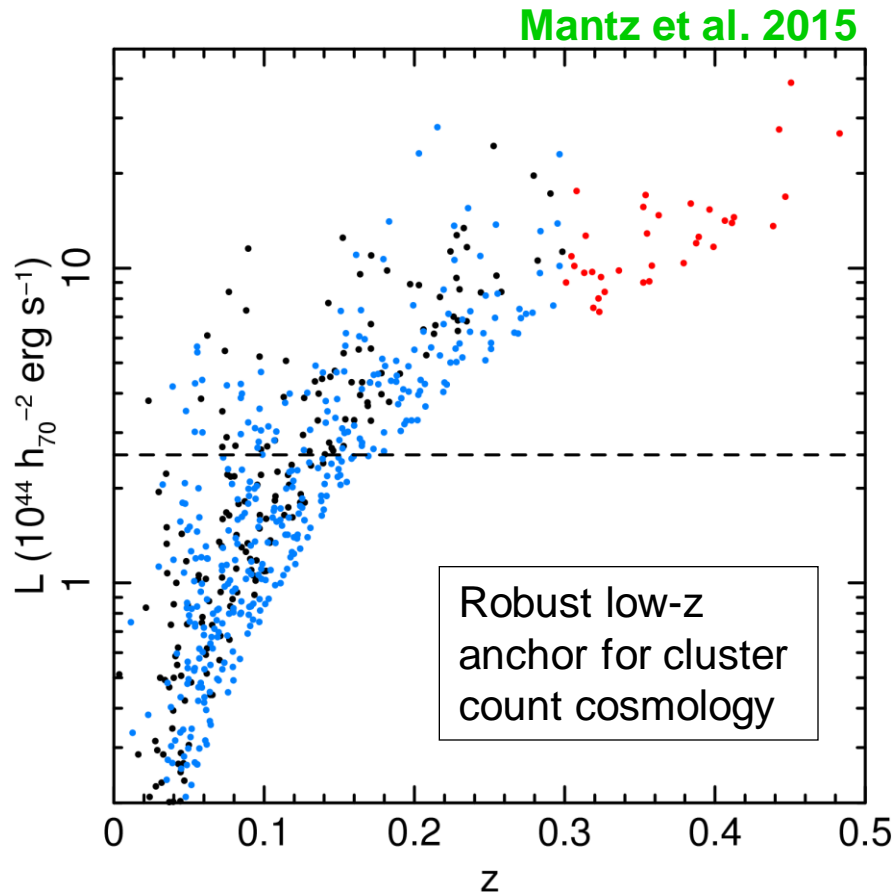
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Cluster surveys based on RASS



BCS (Ebeling et al. '98, '00).
 $z < 0.3$, $F_x > 4.4 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
[northern sky: 201 clusters]

REFLEX (Bohringer et al '04).
 $z < 0.3$, $F_x > 3.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
[southern sky: 447 clusters]

Bright MACS (Ebeling et al. '09)
 $z > 0.3$, $F_x > 2.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$.
[all-sky: 34 clusters]

All three surveys based on [ROSAT All-Sky Survey \(RASS\)](#) (0.1-2.4keV).
To minimize systematics, we use conservative flux limits and only the most luminous systems, with $L_x > 2.5 \times 10^{44} h_{70}^{-2} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ (224 clusters total).

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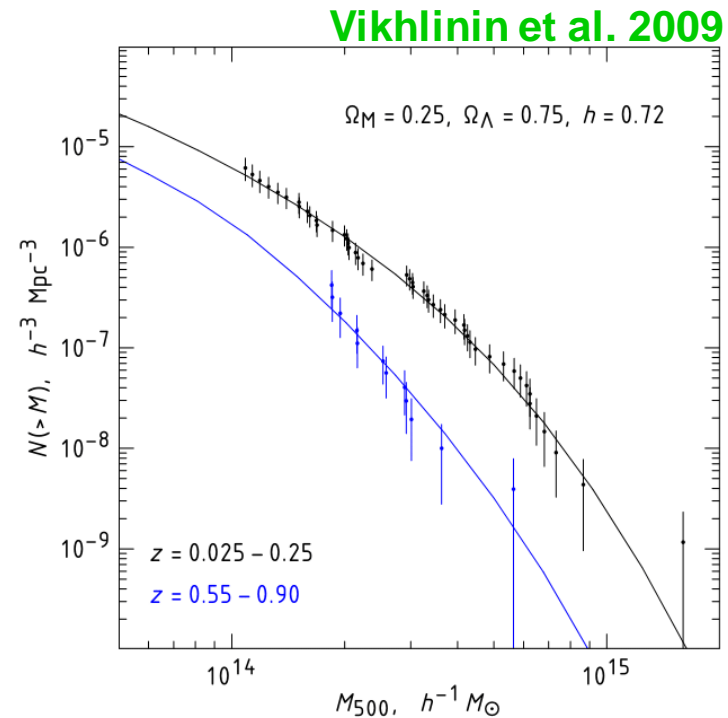
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[MASS-OBSERVABLE RELATION] Well-calibrated scaling relation(s) linking survey observable (e.g. L_x , richness, SZ flux) to M, z .

KEYS: gather high quality follow-up data for the clusters in the actual survey, and separate mass calibration into two parts: relative and absolute calibration (Vikhlinin et al. '09, Mantz et al.'10).

Precise relative mass calibration from X-ray data

X-ray measurements provide low-scatter mass proxies (M_{gas} , T_x , Y_x)
→ tight relation between survey observable and **relative** cluster mass.



For massive clusters:

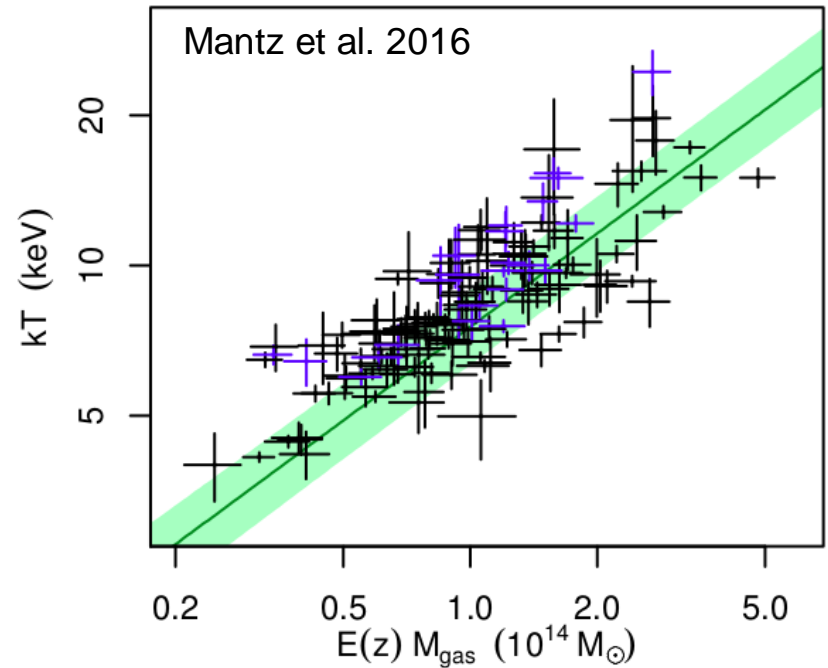
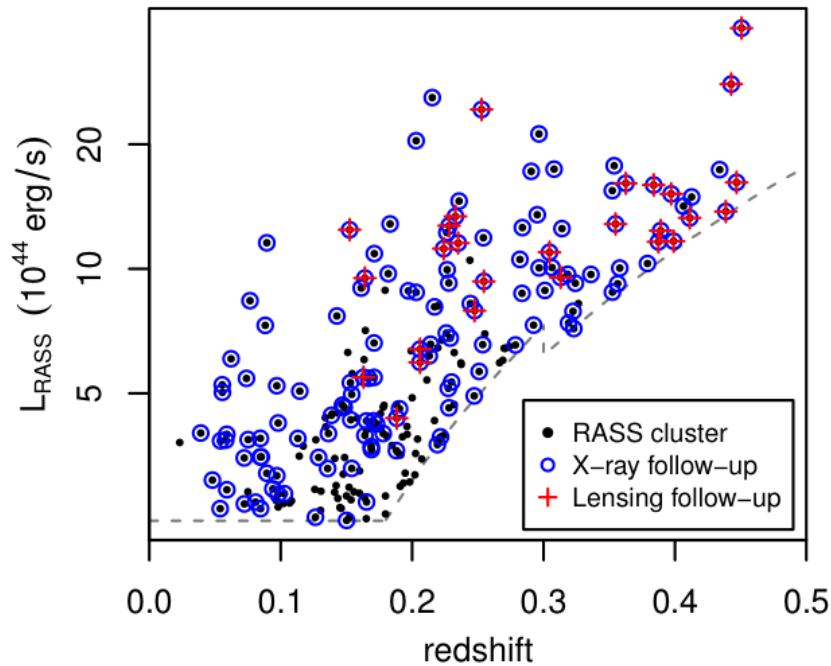
M_{gas}
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T_x
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Y_x
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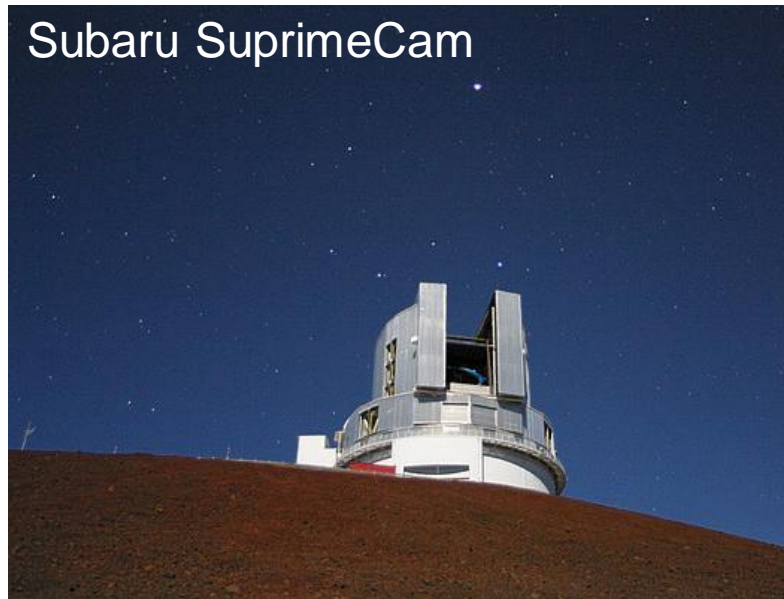
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For the RASS surveys: ~ 10 Ms of Chandra and ROSAT observations for 139/224 survey clusters → re-measure L_x + measure M_{gas} , T_x , Y_x at r_{500} .

Robust absolute mass calibration from weak lensing

Deep, high quality multi-filter (BVRIZ) Subaru imaging for 27/224 clusters → accurate absolute mass calibration from weak lensing (WL) methods



Weighing the Giants (WtG)

Von der Linden et al. 2014

Kelly et al. 2014

Applegate et al. 2014

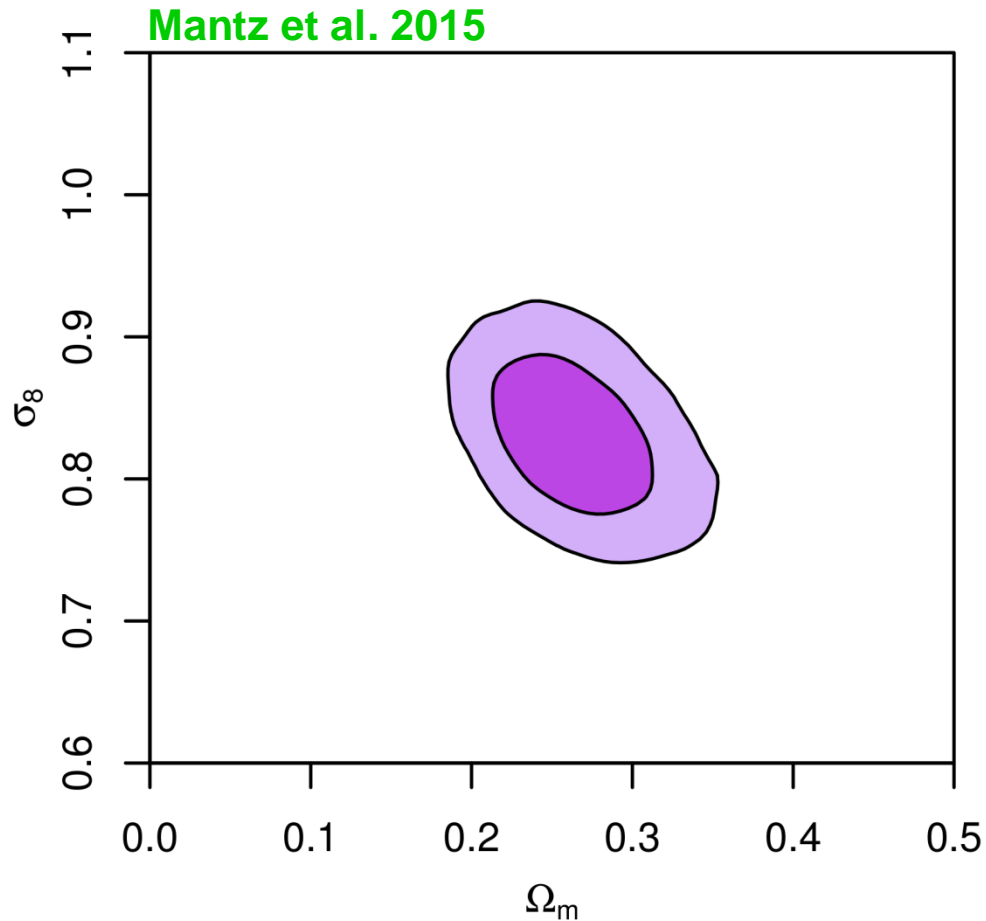
Improved techniques for cluster WL and (to combat experimenter's bias)

BLIND ANALYSIS.

WL masses (measured appropriately) are approximately unbiased on average, with small residual bias being calibrate-able with simulations

WTG → ± 8% absolute mass calibration

Cosmology: results on σ_8 , Ω_m



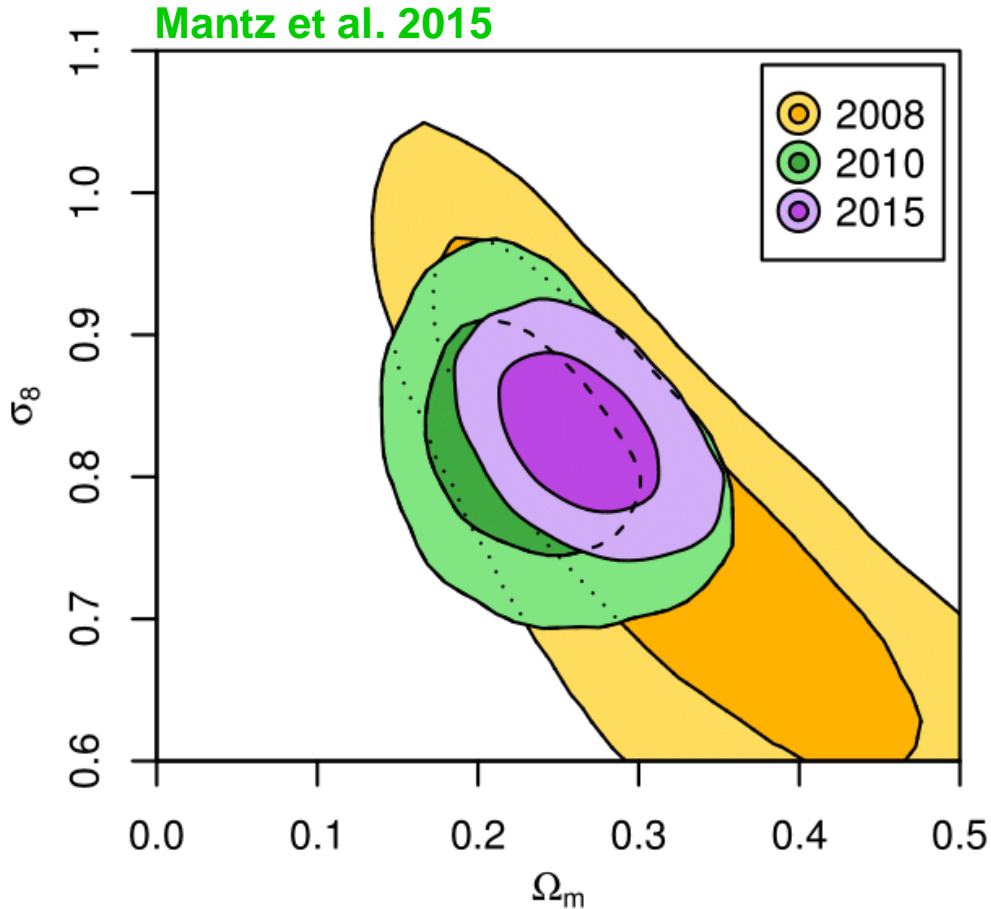
Flat Λ CDM model:

$$\Omega_m = 0.260 \pm 0.030$$

$$\sigma_8 = 0.830 \pm 0.035$$

68% confidence limits,
marginalized over all
systematic uncertainties.
(Standard priors on
 $\Omega_b h^2$ and h included.)

Impact of improved mass calibration



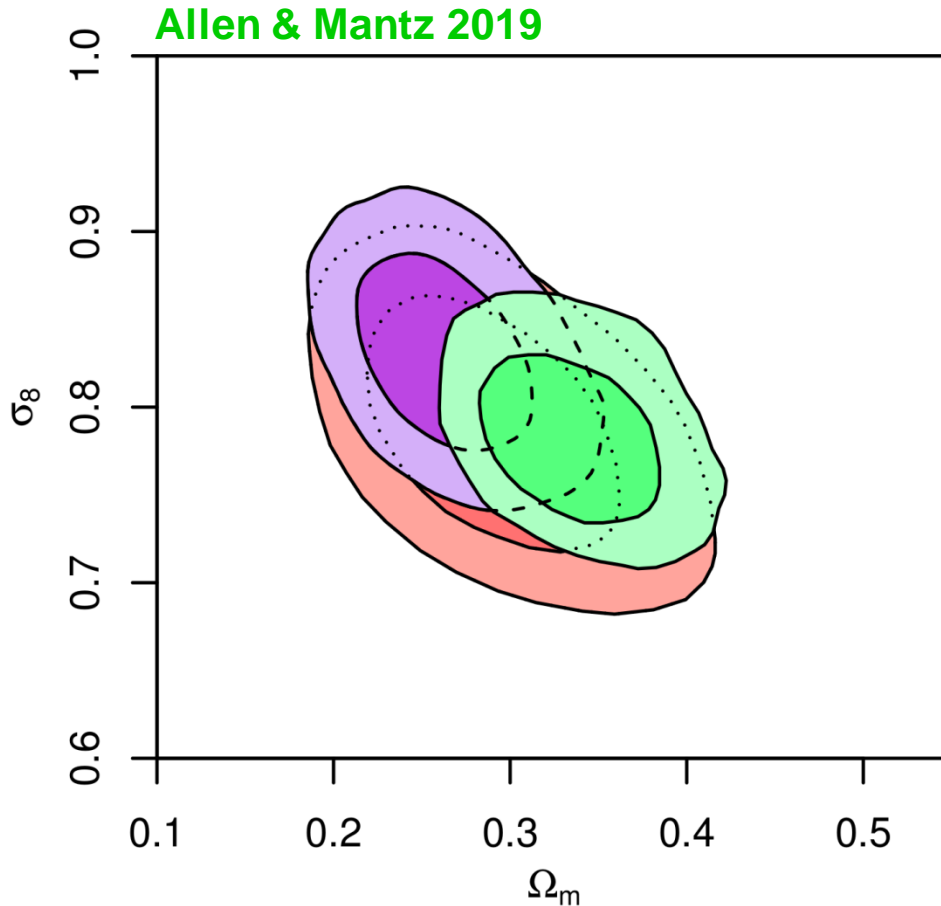
Key advances:

2008→2010: inclusion of low-scatter X-ray mass proxies (+ fgas).

2010→2015: inclusion of Weighing the Giants weak lensing mass calibration.

In combination, X-ray mass proxies + WL mass calibration → substantial boost in cosmological constraining power.

Comparison vs. other cluster experiments



RASS (Chandra+WTG)

Planck clusters (XMM+WTG)

SPT clusters (Chandra+WL)

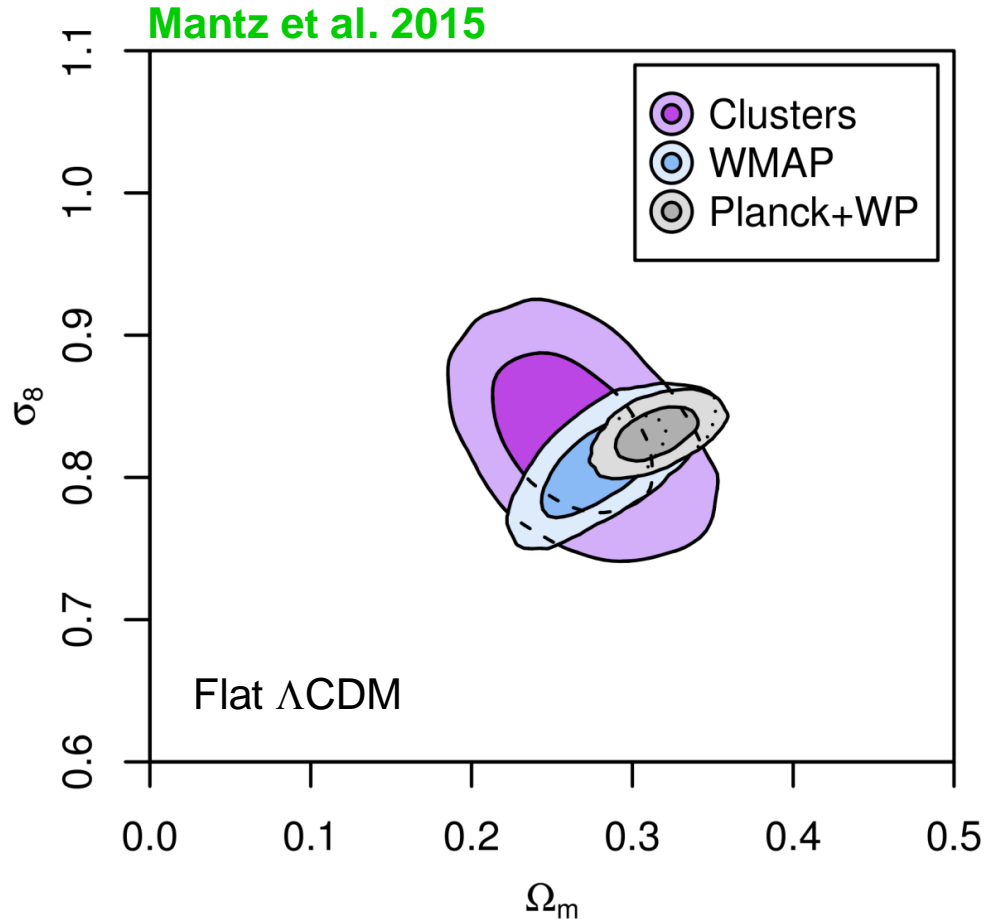
Good agreement between X-ray and SZ cluster counts when employing consistent absolute mass calibration.

Consistent results for Planck clusters also obtained using CMB lensing mass calibration (Zubelidia & Challinor '19).

SPT: de Haan et al. '16

Planck Collaboration '16

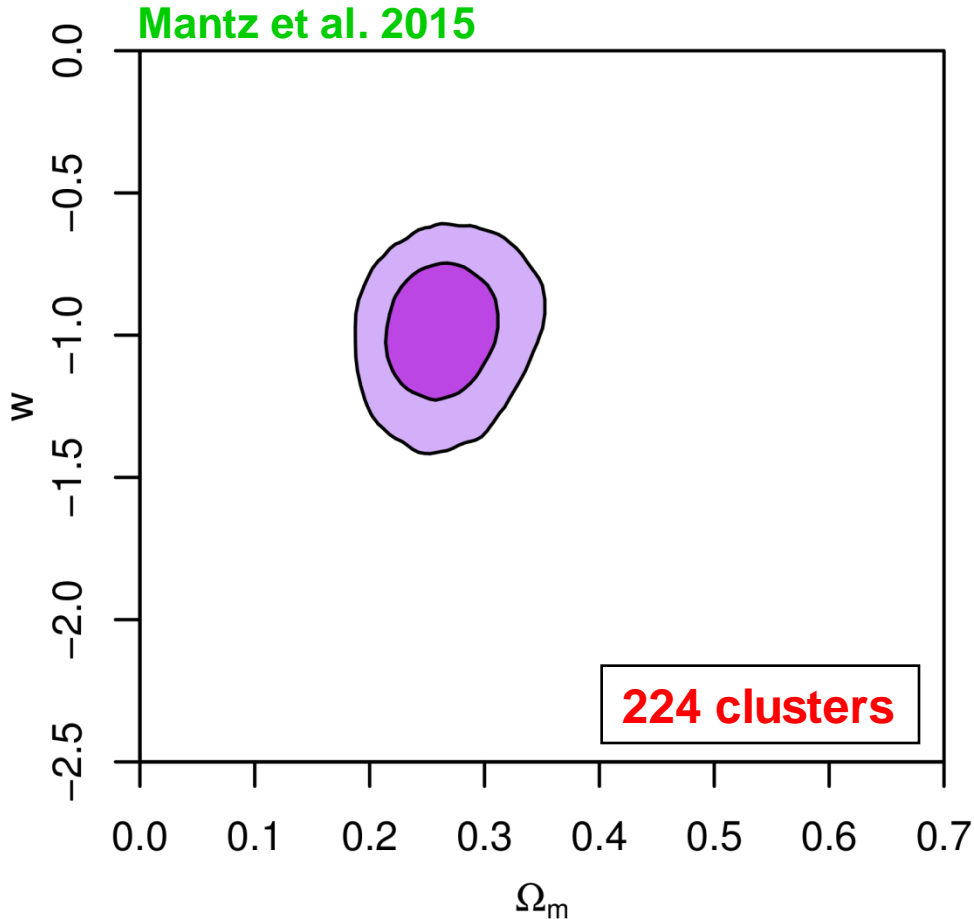
Comparison vs. primary CMB



No tension between constraints from cluster counts and primary CMB (WMAP or Planck) when employing an appropriate statistical framework and robust WL mass calibration.

See also Planck Collaboration '18, Zubelidia & Challinor '19

Results on dark energy (clusters only)



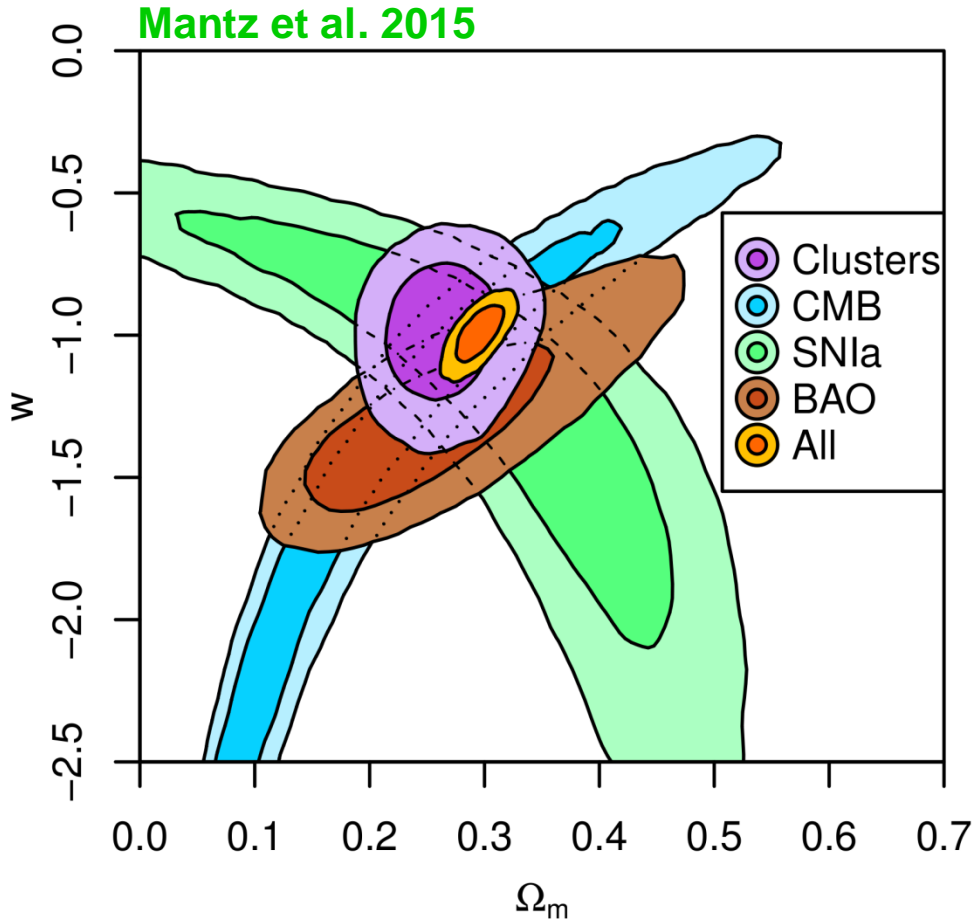
Flat, constant w model:

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_m &= 0.261 \pm 0.031 \\ \sigma_8 &= 0.831 \pm 0.036 \\ w &= -0.98 \pm 0.15\end{aligned}$$

68% confidence limits,
marginalized over all
systematic uncertainties.
(Standard priors on
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Clear detection of the effects of dark energy on structure growth.

Cluster counts vs. independent techniques



Flat, constant w model:

Clusters (Mantz et al. 15)

CMB (WMAP9+SPT+ACT)

SNIa (Suzuki et al. '12)

BAO (Anderson et al. '14)

Combined constraint (68%)

$$\Omega_m = 0.295 \pm 0.013$$

$$\sigma_8 = 0.819 \pm 0.026$$

$$w = -0.99 \pm 0.06$$

**All 4 independent techniques consistent with cosmological constant.
Cluster constraints (highly) competitive with other leading methods.**

3. The Road Ahead

Featured work: Mantz et al. 2019, arXiv:1903.05606
Allen & Mantz 2019, Chandra e-book

Surveys on the near and mid-term horizons



Projects:

Optical/NIR: **DES, HSC**, Euclid, LSST

mm: **SPT3G, AdvACT**, Simons Obs, CMB-S4

X-ray: **eROSITA**

Strengths:

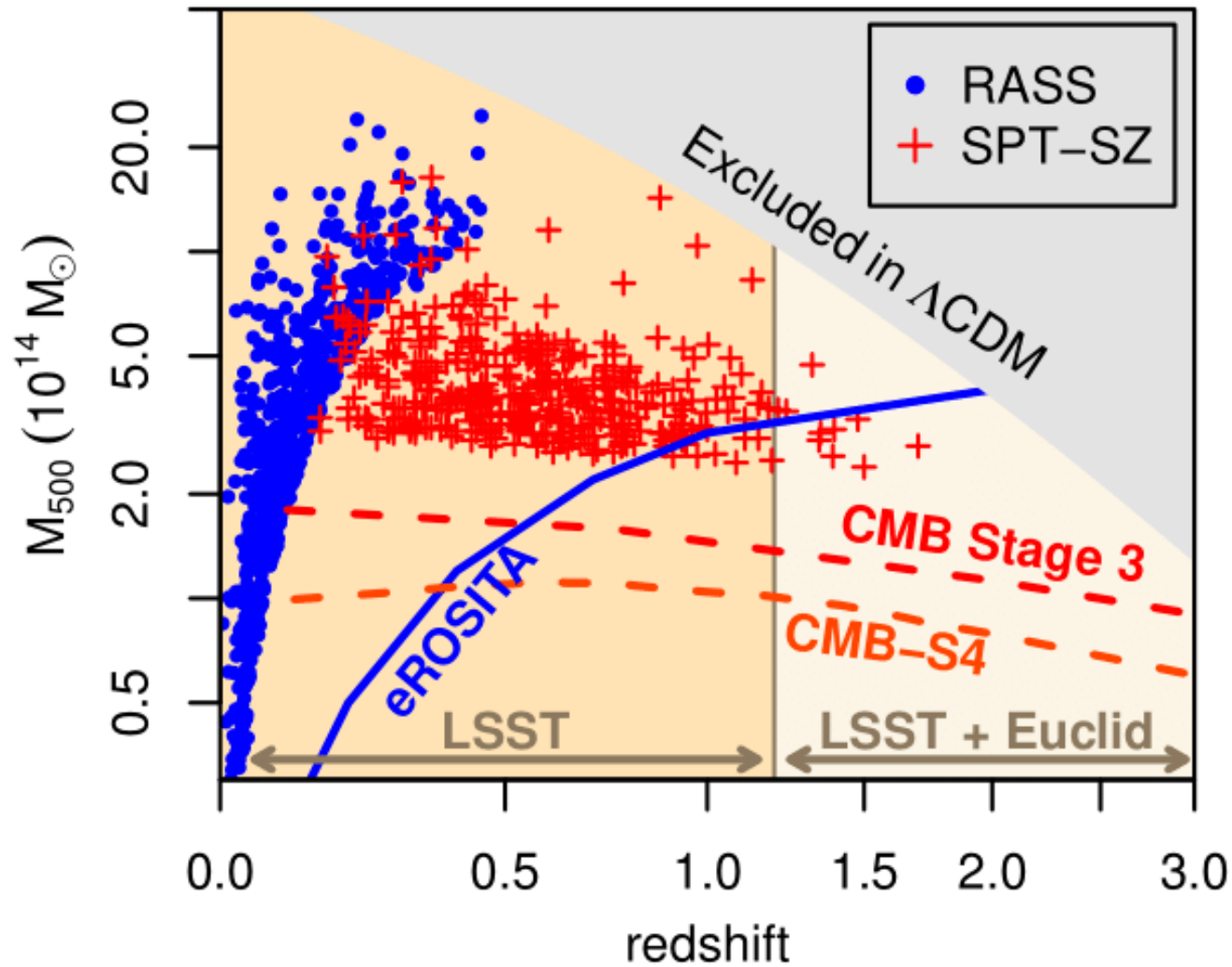
Optical/NIR: cluster finding, photo-zs, WL mass cal.

mm: high-z cluster finding, CMB-WL mass cal.

X-ray: cluster finding, low-scatter mass proxies.

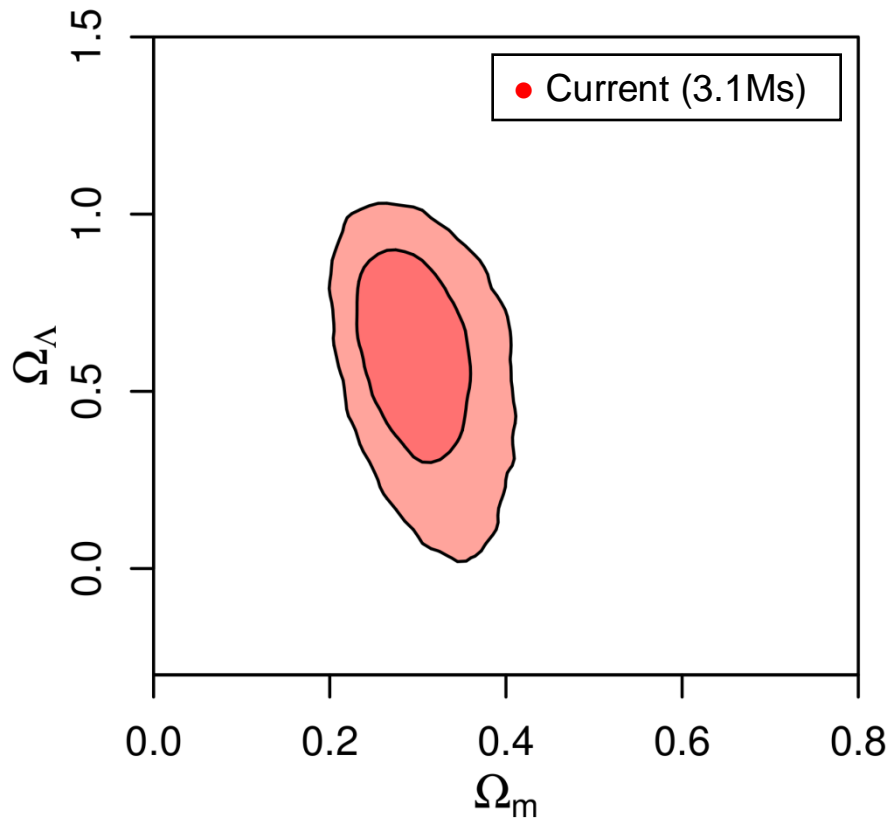
These projects are each powerful (finding 10^5 clusters) but also exceptionally synergistic: **far stronger and more robust in combination than alone.**

The discovery space of near and mid-term surveys



Prospects for the fgas test

Chandra follow-up of newly discovered clusters at intermediate redshifts will enable a powerful extension of the fgas test.

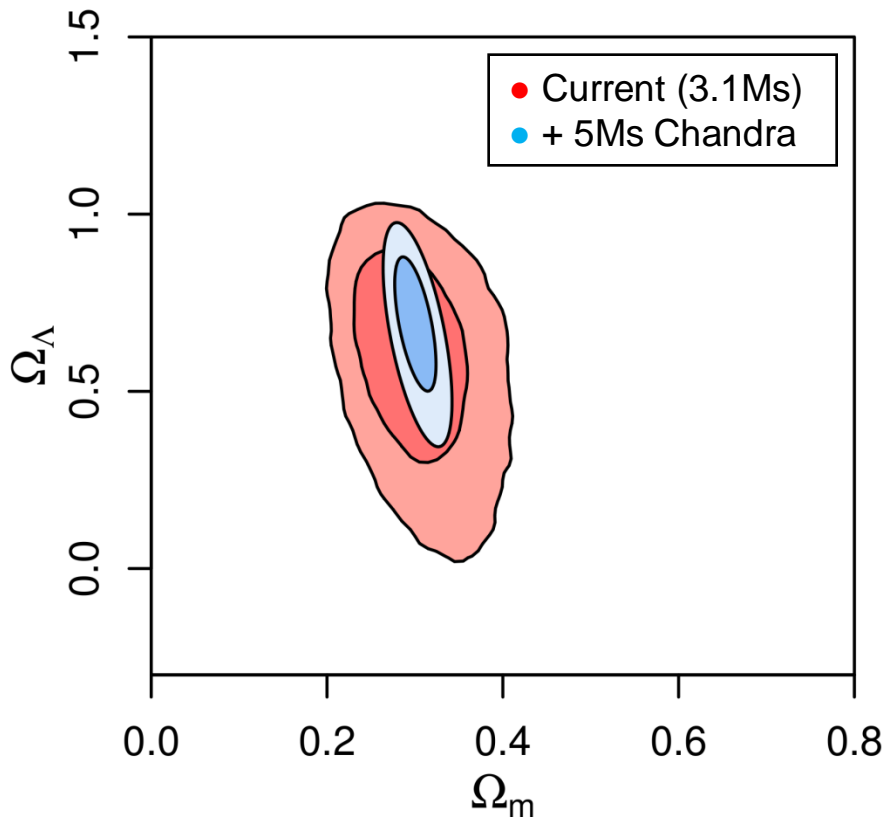


Potential analysis path:

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Blue contours show improved constraints achievable adding 60 clusters (+5 Ms Chandra time) and complete LSST WL coverage.

Note: fgas measurements with Chandra likely limited to $z \leq 1.0$

Chandra and cluster counts (looking forward)

Measurements of low-scatter X-ray mass proxies will continue to be essential for cosmology with cluster counts **at all wavelengths**, bringing unique clarity to the key mass-observable scaling relations (form, scatter, evolution).

For surveys at optical wavelengths, X-ray obs. + representative OIR spectroscopy will be vital in quantifying projection effects.

For SZ surveys, X-ray + radio/mm obs. will be needed to model the impact of radio + SF galaxy contamination.

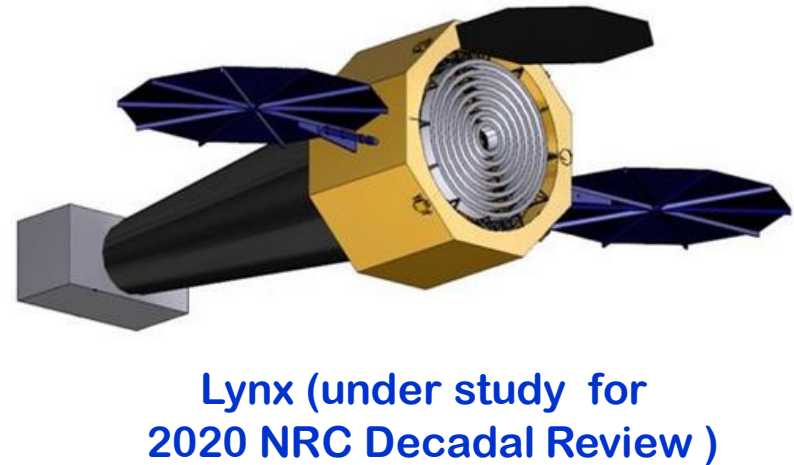
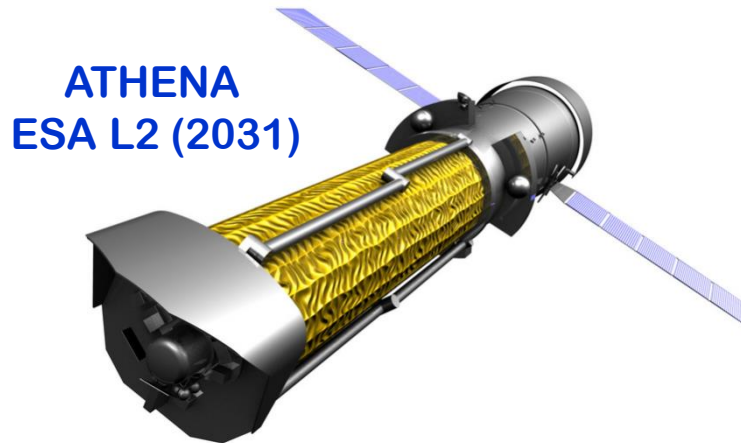
For X-ray surveys, Chandra obs. will be needed to understand the impact of AGN contamination.

In all cases, the addition of low-scatter X-ray mass proxies will also bring a significant boost in cosmological constraining power

Note: mass proxy measurements with Chandra+XMM effectively limited to $z < 1.5$.

Next generation X-ray flagships

The full exploitation of new cluster surveys at the highest redshifts ($z > 1.5$) for cosmology and astrophysics will require new flagship X-ray observatories.



Defining characteristics:

- Large collecting area ($\geq 50x$ Chandra)
- High quality imaging (5" HPD Athena, 0.5" HPD Lynx)
- Wide field imagers + large TES IFUs (+ gratings for Lynx)

Conclusions

Chandra measurements transformed the field of galaxy cluster cosmology.

Chandra fgas measurements → robust measurement of Ω_m and interesting constraints on dark energy by tracing the expansion history of the Universe.

Cluster counts → robust measurements of Ω_m and σ_8 and tight, independent constraints on dark energy from its effect on the growth of cosmic structure.

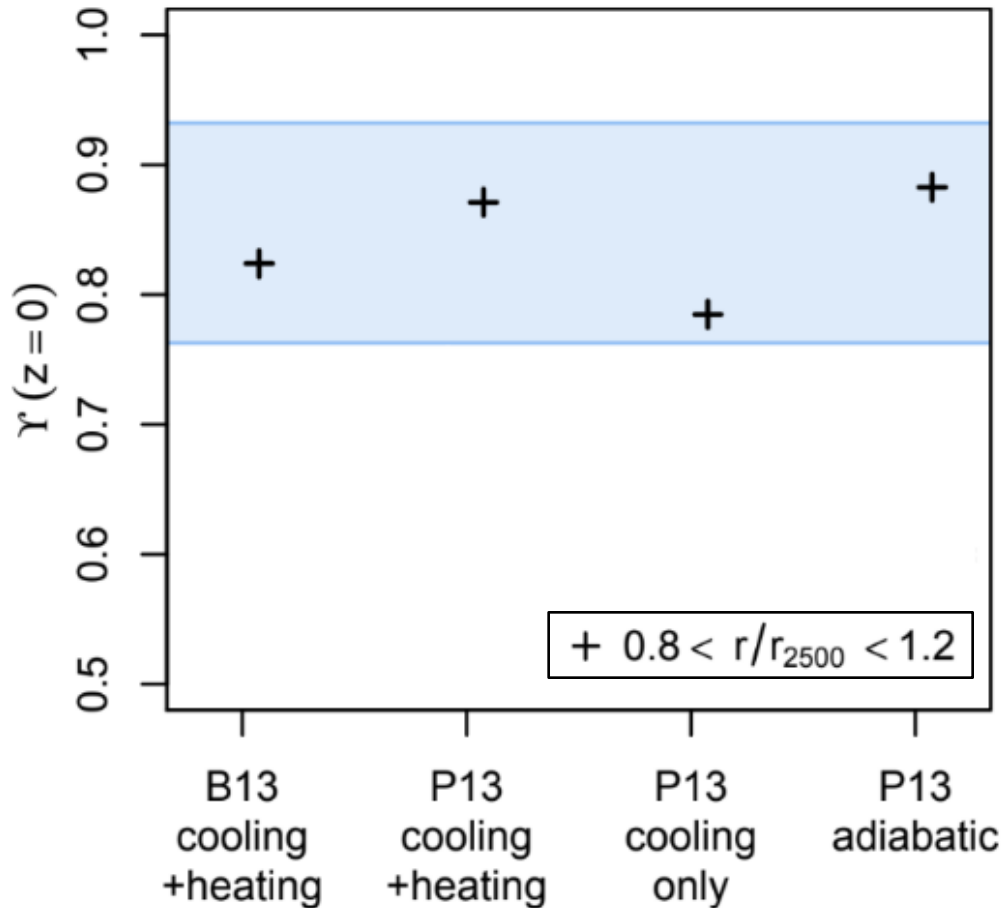
Other studies have provided key insights into the nature of dark matter, gravity, neutrino properties and inflation.

The prospects for improving these constraints with new, multi-wavelength surveys are outstanding. Coordinated analyses, utilizing complementary strengths, will be essential.

Targeted X-ray follow-up with Chandra and XMM-Newton will continue to play a central role throughout the next decade.

Backup slides

The depletion parameter, $Y(r,z)$



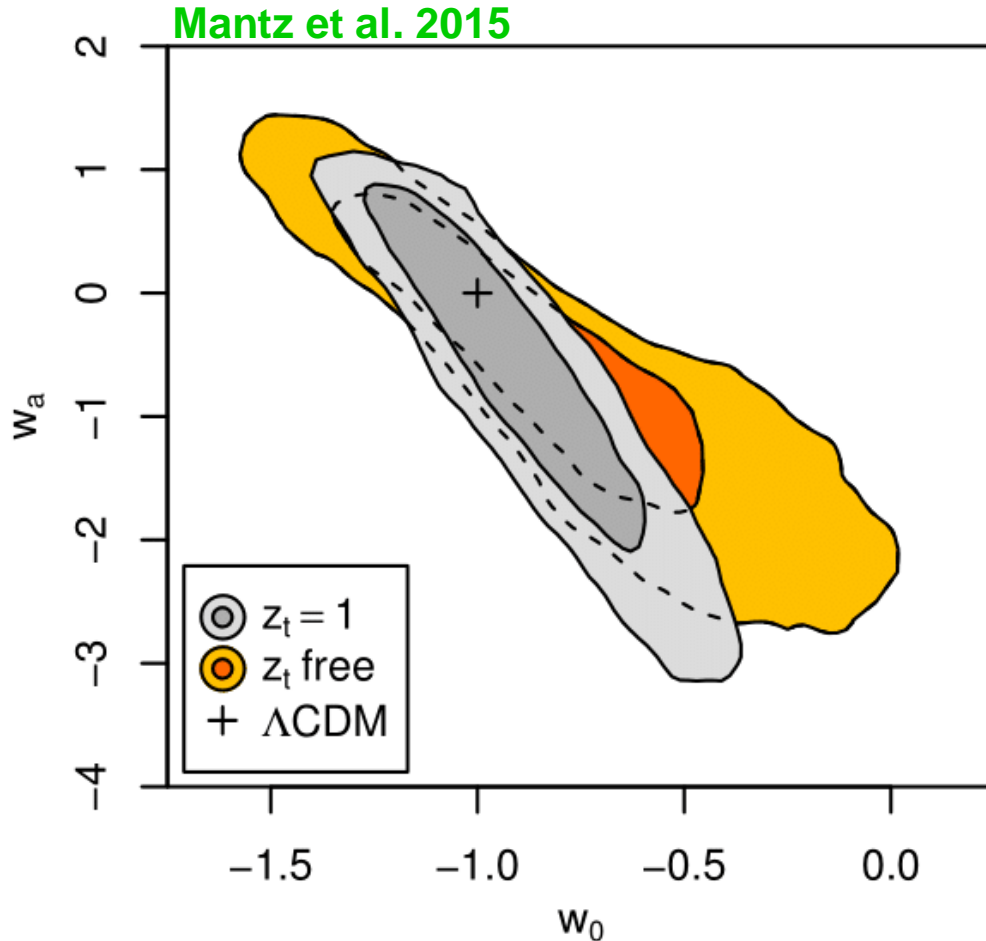
In the centers of clusters, where the effects of gas cooling, star formation and AGN feedback are strong, the gas depletion parameter predicted by hydrodynamical simulations is uncertain.

In the $(0.8-1.2) r_{2500}$ shell, for the hottest ($kT > 5 \text{keV}$) clusters, the predictions are relatively robust (Planelles et al. '13, Battaglia et al. '13)

Parameterizing $Y_{2500} = Y_0(1 + \alpha_Y z)$

$$Y_0 = 0.848 \pm 0.085, \quad \alpha_Y = 0.00 \pm 0.05$$

Evolving dark energy models



Standard evolving DE model

$$w = w_0 + w_a \left(\frac{z}{z + z_{\text{tr}}} \right)$$

Combined constraint (68%)

$$\Omega_m = 0.292 \pm 0.015$$

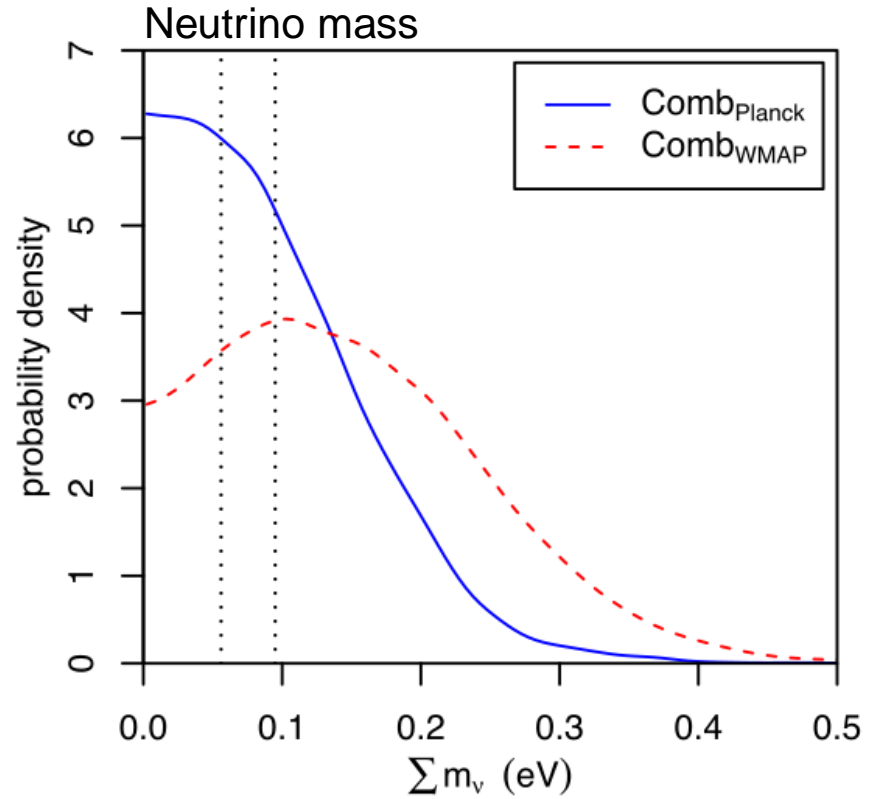
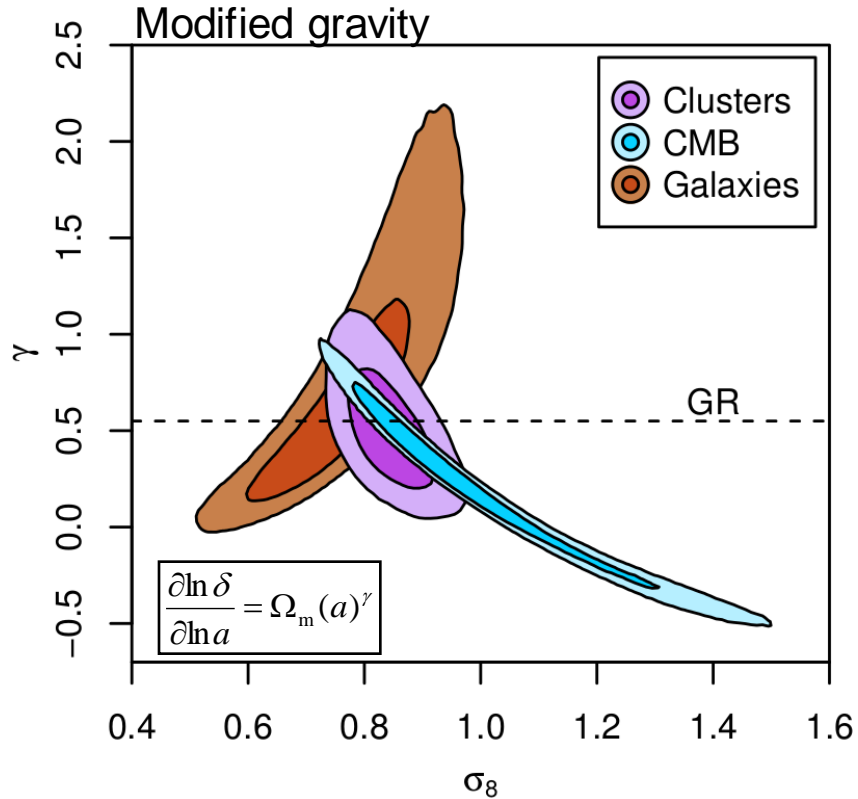
$$\sigma_8 = 0.816 \pm 0.027$$

$$w_0 = -0.93 \pm 0.22$$

$$w_a = -0.4 \pm 1.0$$

Results for evolving DE models consistent with cosmological constant .

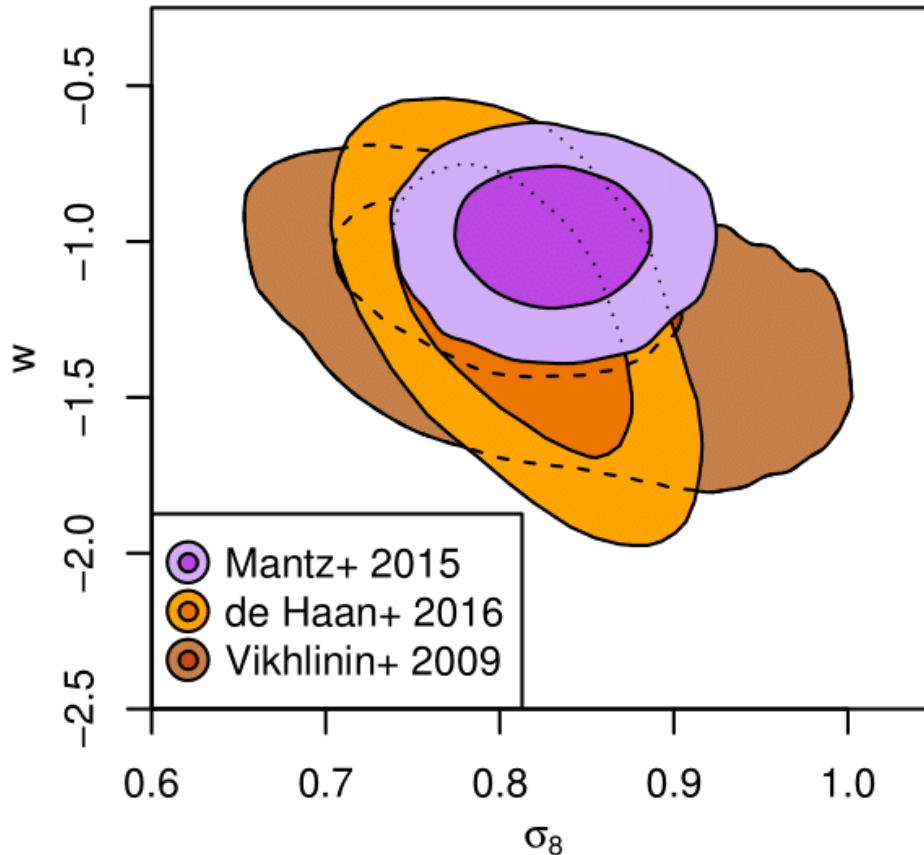
Modified gravity and neutrino masses



Clusters provide powerful constraints on modified gravity and (together with primary CMB data) the species summed neutrino mass.

Results on dark energy from other cluster experiments

Allen & Mantz 2019



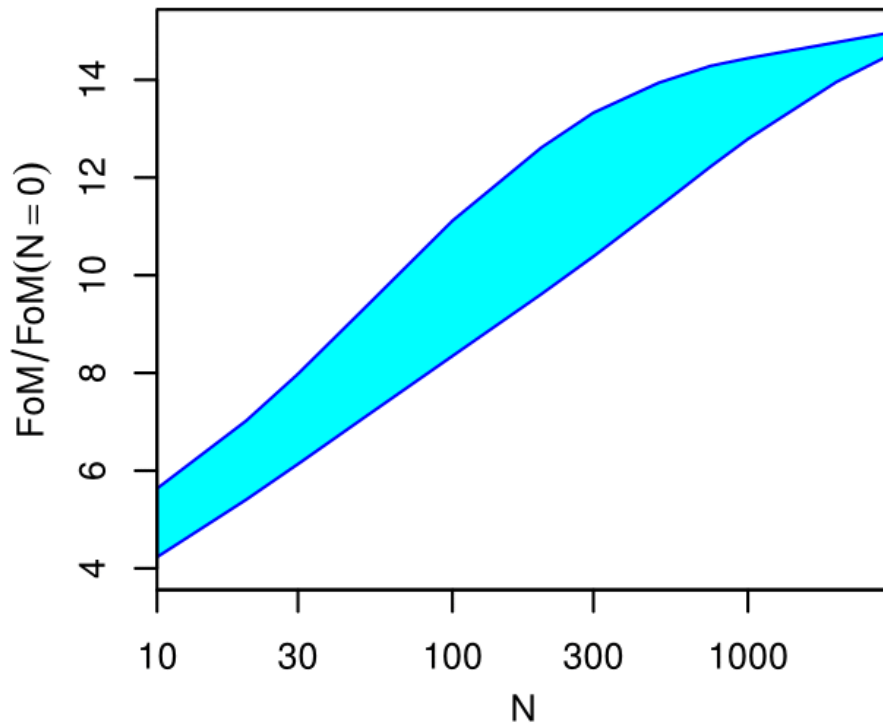
RASS (Mantz et al. '10, '15)
SPT (de Haan et al. '16)
400d (Vikhlinin et al. '09)

All three studies to present results on dark energy from clusters alone consistent with dark energy described by a cosmological constant.

RASS results still provide the tightest constraints to date (sufficient redshift coverage + best mass calibration)

Impact of low-scatter mass proxies on cosmology

X-ray mass proxy measurements will continue to be vital for cosmology with cluster counts, both providing a substantial boost in constraining power and bringing clarity to key mass-observable scaling relations (form, scatter, evolution).



Example analysis path:

- Consider a survey of ~ 5000 massive clusters @ $z < 1.5$
- New X-ray follow-up obs. sample approximately uniformly in $\log M, z$ for $0.4 < z < 1.5$ (archival data at low- z).
- ~ 5 Ms of exposure time per 50 new clusters (approx. equal split of Chandra+XMM).