

Lucas Gabriel Silva
PhD Student at IAG/USP

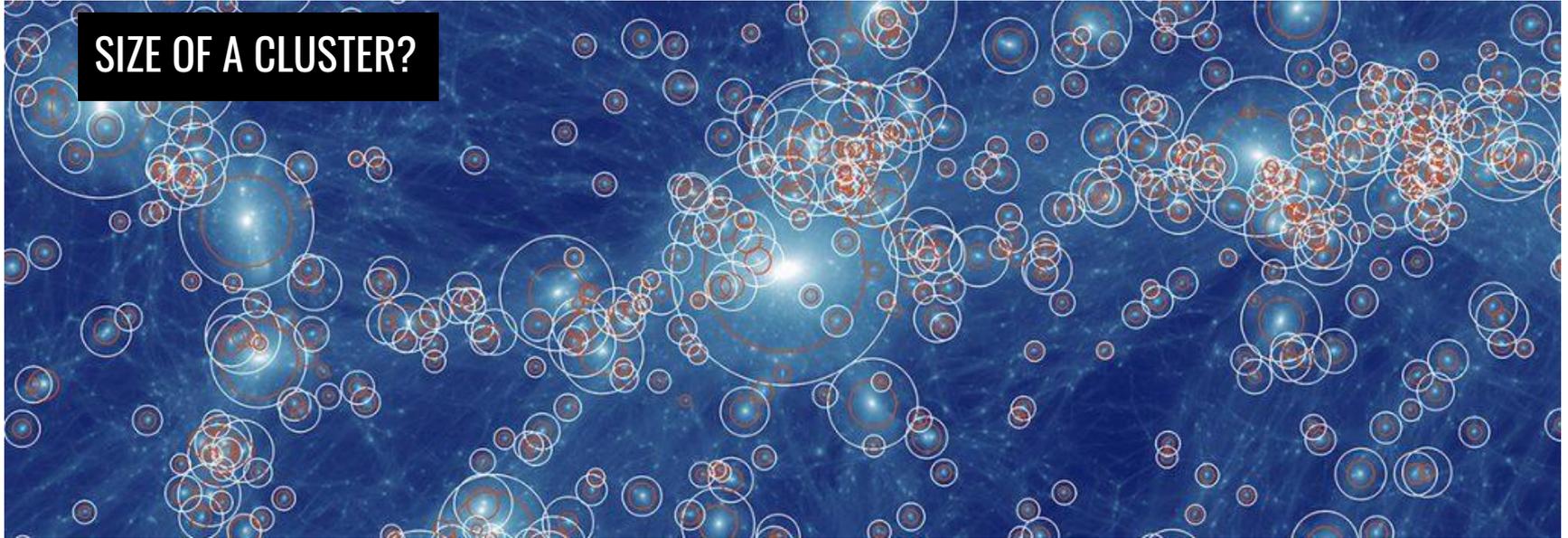


Galaxy Cluster Mass Estimation Through The Splashback Radius.

Gabriel-Silva and Sodr  (submitted)

1. Introduction

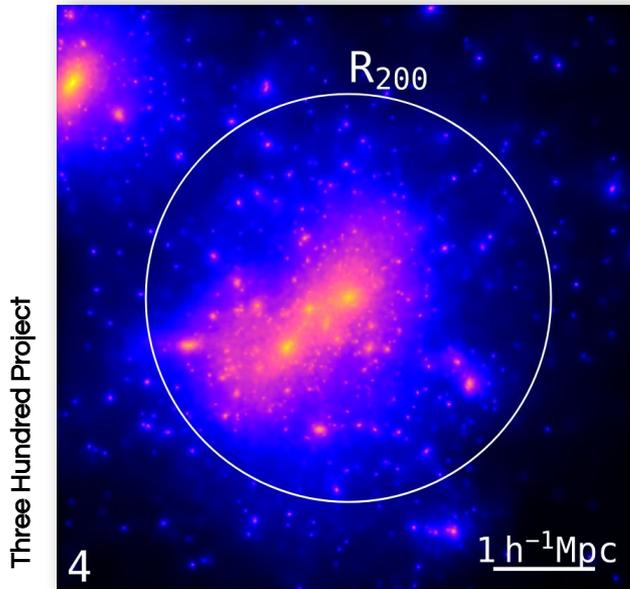
SIZE OF A CLUSTER?



Credit: SPARTA

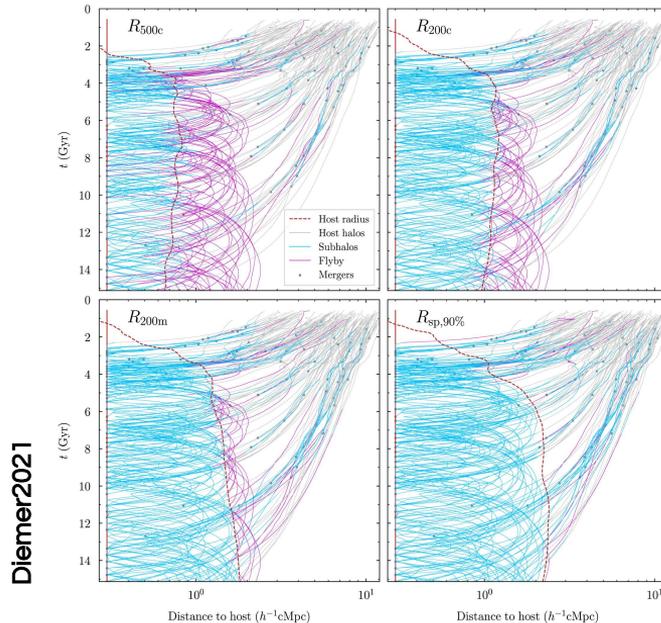
Mass Through Splashback.

Spherical Collapse



- ❑ Traditional definitions of halo boundary come from spherical collapse, where solutions point that the system is “virialized” inside a sphere of density $\sim 200\rho_{\Delta}$, resulting in the R_{200} ;
- ❑ **Problem:** a lot of satellite galaxies found outside R_{200} (Wetzels+2014) and subhalos getting striped even far (Behroozi+2014);
- ❑ **Bigger problem:** any definition which rely on spherical overdensity can result in pseudo-evolution (Diemer+2013);

Solution: Splashback



- ❑ First orbital apocenter of accreted matter;
- ❑ Physical boundary separating the orbiting (~virialized) region from the infalling region;
- ❑ Most natural halo radius: $M_{sp} = M(<R_{sp})$ includes all the matter that was accreted by a given redshift z ;
- ❑ **Not sensitive to pseudo-evolution.**
- ❑ Directly observed by modeling the surface number density (More+2016; Adhikari+2016; Umetsu+2017).

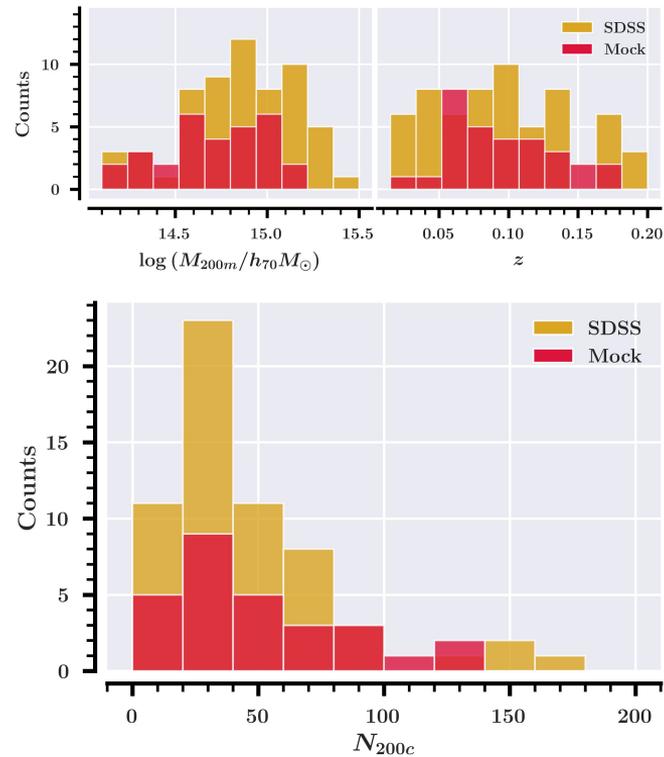
Mass Through Splashback.

2. Data & Methods:

Cumulative distributions

Data

- Weak-lensing mass catalog (Sereno2015, Herbonnet+2020)+ SDSS spectroscopic data (~60 clusters);
- Mock catalog (Araya-Araya+2021) (~30 clusters);
- Cluster membership:**
 - $|\Delta_v| < 3\sigma_v$
 - $r < -20.13$ mag



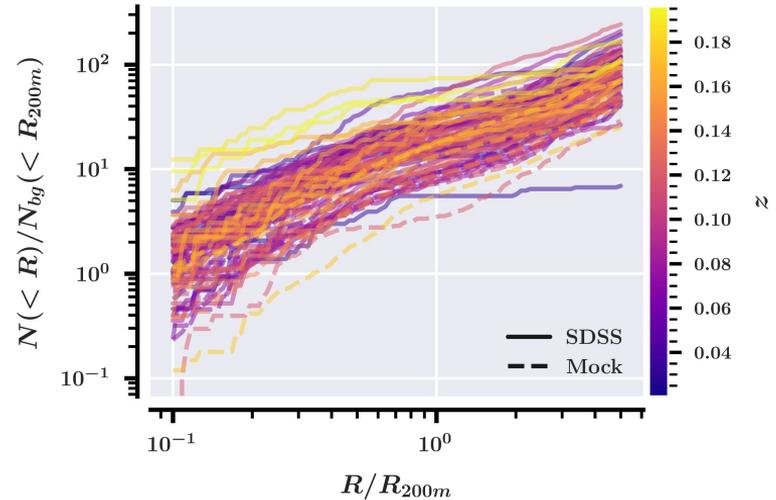
Methods

□ Cumulative model:

- $N(<R) = 2\pi \int \Sigma(R) R dR$
- $\Sigma = \Sigma_{1\text{-halo}} f_t + \Sigma_{2\text{-halo}}$
- $f_t = \exp[-(R/R_t)^t]$
- $\Sigma_{2\text{-halo}} = \rho_m [(R/r_{\text{out}})^{1-\gamma} \beta_{\text{func}} + 1]$
- $\Sigma_{1\text{-halo}} = \text{Sérsic... or NFW...}$

□ Splashback mass:

- $M(<r) = 4\pi \int r^2 M_{200} dr / (4\pi r_s^3 g_c) f_t / [x(1+x)^2]$
- $M_{\text{sp}} \equiv M(<R_{\text{sp}})$



3. Results: Model & Constraints

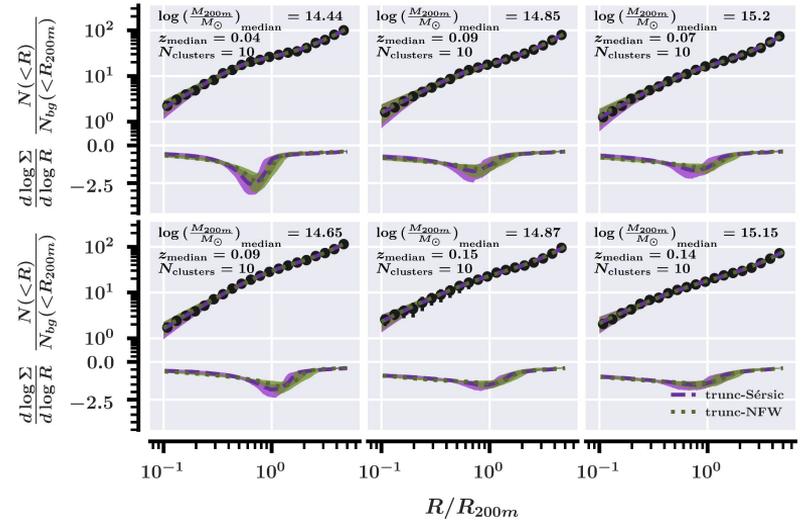
RATIO R_{sp}/R_{200m} ?

Parameter	Value	Type
ρ_s	0–500	Uniform
r_s	0.1–1.5	Uniform
R_t	0.1–8.0	Uniform
τ	4 ± 0.8	Gaussian
ρ_m	0–100	Uniform
r_{out}	1.5	Fixed
γ	1.7 ± 0.4	Gaussian

Mass Through Splashback.

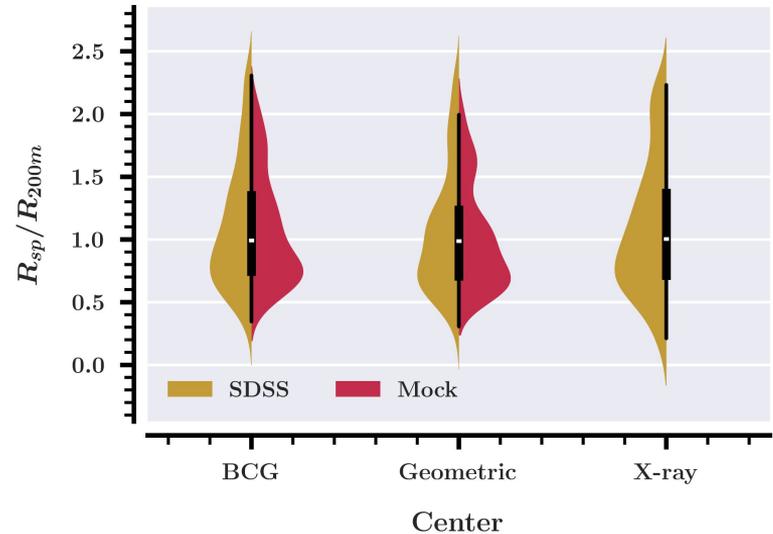
Model Selection

- ☐ Tested on stacked profiles;
- ☐ Similar performances between models;
- ☐ NFW produces larger R_{sp} ;
- ☐ In terms of χ^2 , AIC and BIC, NFW outperforms Sérsic model;
- ☐ Same metrics show that a truncation function better fits the data.



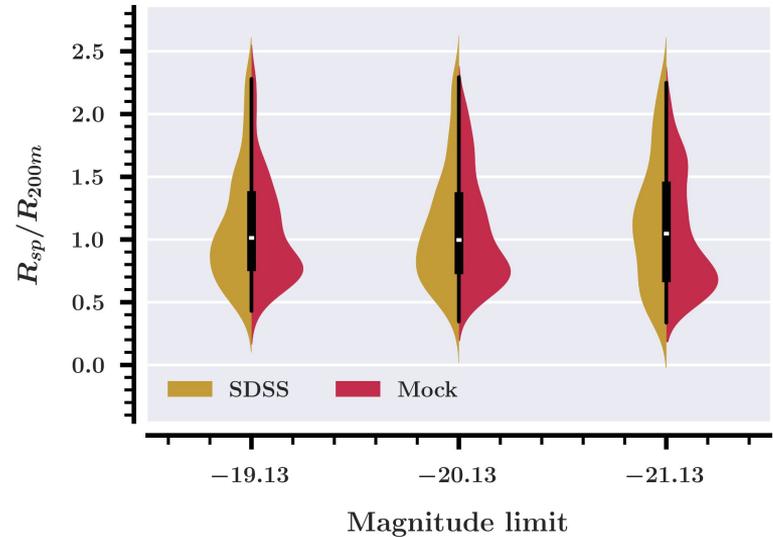
Center Definition

- ❑ The choice of cluster center does not affect the results;
- ❑ Importantly, no highly perturbed clusters in the samples;
- ❑ $R_{sp}/R_{200m} \approx 1$;
- ❑ Miscentering maybe does not play an important role.



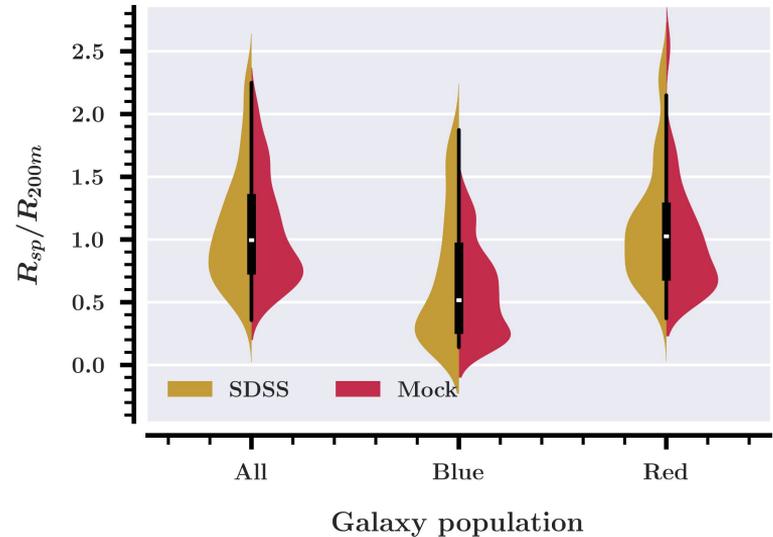
Magnitude Limit

- ❑ Magnitude limit of the sample does not change R_{sp} distributions;
- ❑ $R_{sp}/R_{200m} \approx 1$;
- ❑ Could indicate that Dynamical Friction (DF) does not affect R_{sp} measurements;
- ❑ Importantly, maybe the galaxies selected by these limits are not massive enough to in fact experience DF.



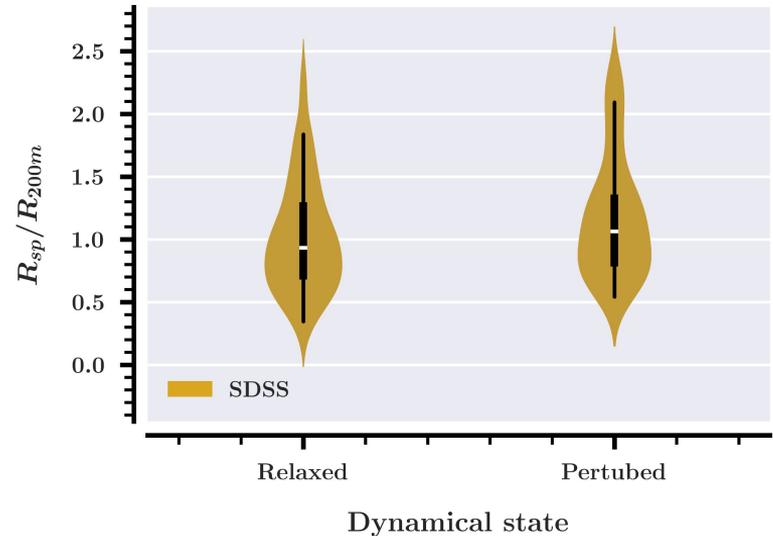
Galaxy Colors

- ❑ Blue galaxies have systematically lower R_{sp} than red galaxies and all population;
- ❑ Similar to Adhikari+2020;
- ❑ Could indicate that blue galaxies are recent infallers and have not reach their orbit apocenter yet.



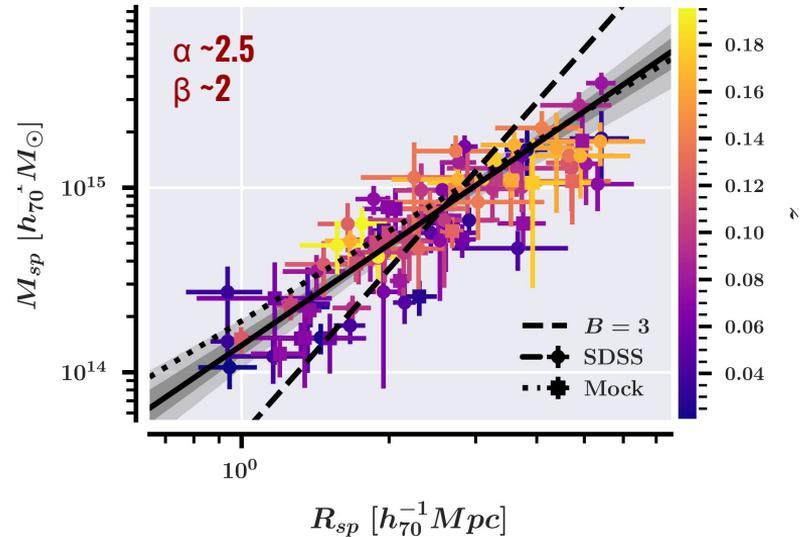
Dynamical State

- Distinction made by:
 - $\Delta m_{1,4} < 1 \text{ mag}$;
 - $D_{X\text{-BCG}} > 0.02R_{200c}$;
- Importantly, no highly perturbed clusters in the sample;
- Perturbed clusters have greater R_{sp}/R_{200m} ratio.



M_{sp} - R_{sp} Relation

- Mass fitting shows redshift dependence:
 - $M_{sp} \propto (1+z)^\alpha R_{sp}^\beta$
- Strong correlation between R_{sp} and M_{sp} (dispersion ~ 0.15 dex);
- Including or not a redshift dependence do not change significantly the results (redshift interval is too small for proper fitting).



Mass Through Splashback.

4. Future

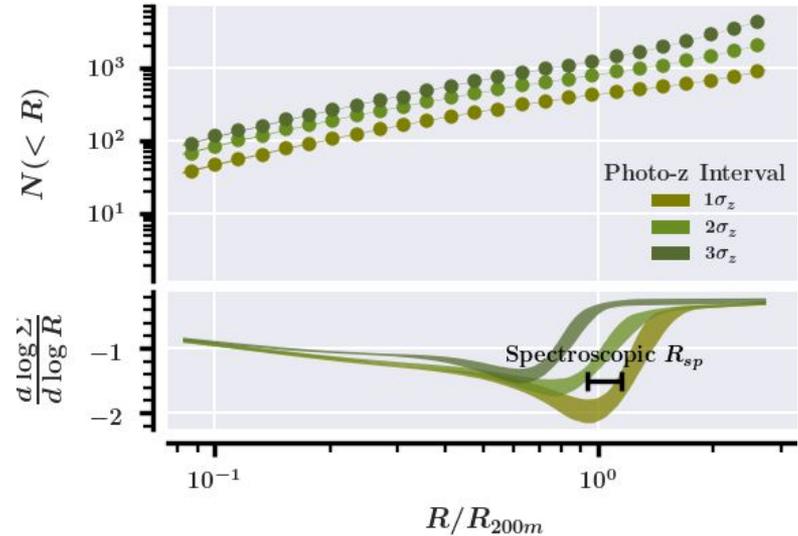
Perspectives:

Photometry?

R_{sp} from Photo-zs

- ☐ Pretty feasible!
- ☐ Contamination impact a lot on the results, lowering the values;
- ☐ By setting a fixed interval and re-calibrating the M_{sp} - R_{sp} relation, we could estimate cluster sizes and masses solely based on photometric information.

Coma Cluster from SDSS



Thank you!



lucasgabriel@usp.br

Expanding The Boundaries Of Dark Matter
Halo Conference
Shanghai, China, 05-29-2025



Lucas Gabriel Silva
PhD Student at IAG/USP