The cluster counts tension : calibration issue or new physics ?

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The standard model of cosmology

The ACDM paradigm: a simple model, with many successes...



... but rests on pillars "shrouded in darkness":







Most economical model, but many alternatives exist

Clusters as cosmological probes

Clusters of galaxies:

- · Largest structures in the Universe \rightarrow closer to linear regime than 1-pt GCF
- Exponentially sensitive to growth rate of structure \rightarrow great probes of DE

Use as cosmological probe:

- Main principle : compare predicted and observed N(M,z)
- (Fairly) robust framework for predicting abundances ↔ "mass function" (Press & Schechter 1974 and "successors")

Obstacles:

- Detecting/identifying clusters in data (what even *is* a cluster ??)
- Total mass is not an observable : proxies (temperature, richness, ...)
 & "scaling laws" required → no consensus on those laws

Planck Sunyaev-Zel'dovich cluster sample : 439 clusters detected via their imprint in CMB T map



SZ abundances in tension with CMB constraints...



...but depends on crucial details of the analysis:

$$E^{-\mathcal{B}}(z) \left[\frac{D_{\rm A}^2(z) \bar{Y}_{500}}{10^{-4} \,{\rm Mpc}^2} \right] = Y_* \left[\frac{h}{0.7} \right]^{-2} \left[\frac{(1-b) M_{500}}{6 \times 10^{14} \,M_{\odot}} \right]^{\alpha} +$$

SZ scaling law established by X-ray observations assuming hydrostatic equilibrium : fiducial (1-b) = 0.8

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An independent local X-ray sample

Ilić, Blanchard, Douspis, 2015, A&A :

- Built robust, flux-limit sample of ~80 local X-ray clusters (z < 0.1)
- · Constructed an observed local N(T)

Cosmological analysis :

- T_x -M scaling law with simple assumptions (viral theorem + cluster definition)
- \cdot New likelihood module in CosmoMC + CMB data
- Calibration/amplitude is left free
 → New parameter in the cosmological analysis, "let the data decide what it prefers"



$$T = A_{T-M} (h M_{\Delta})^{2/3} \left(\frac{\Omega_m \Delta(z)}{178}\right)^{1/3} (1+z)$$

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Results :

 $M_{\rm SZ}$ [10¹⁵ $M_{\rm Sol}$]

0.1



• Subset of clusters both in X-ray and SZ → derive equivalence between A_{T-M} and (1-b)

1.0



 $M_{y} [10^{15} M_{ool}]$

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- Reanalysis of SZ (& X-ray) clusters sample in broader cosmological context
- Same philosophy : calibration(s) as free parameters, let CMB + Clusters decide what they prefer
- Two extensions to LCDM explored:

$$\sum m_{\nu} \neq 0$$

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Phenomenological modification of gravity

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- Simple modification of growth rate of structures at late times
- "gamma" parametrisation not appropriate for CMB
- \cdot Implemented in the mass function (only) at power spectrum level

$$P_{\rm m,MG}(k,z,\gamma) = P_{\rm m}(k,z) \left(\frac{D(z_*)}{D(z)} \frac{D_{\rm MG}(z,\gamma)}{D_{\rm MG}(z_*,\gamma)}\right)^2$$

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<u>What happens to our previous conclusions in</u> <u>these new contexts ?</u>

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<u>Massive neutrinos do not solve the tension</u>

Phenomenological modification of gravity as a solution :



- Strong correlation between calibration and gamma
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Phenomenological modification of gravity as a solution :

+ massive neutrinos



<u>Standard calibration compatible only at the >2 sigma level</u> (but with significant deviation from standard cosmology)

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Conclusions and perspectives

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- Remarkable consistency across all cosmological scenarios and clusters samples considered
- · Non-standard calibration (1-b) \sim 0.6 observationally preferred
- $\cdot\,$ Neutrinos cannot solve the CMB-Clusters tension
- · If standard calibration (1-b) \sim 0.8 confirmed, significant departure from ΛCDM required

Perspectives :

- New surveys (Euclid, LSST) → increased statistics, deeper samples
- New mass calibration opportunities (lensing measurements)
- Application of machine learning techniques ?

Thank you for your attention !