WHERE IS THE CENTER OF MASS IN GALAXY GROUPS?

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100 kpc

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Motivation for Finding Centers

- BCG properties and galaxy evolution
- Cluster finding
- Mass determination
 - satellite kinematics
 - gravitational lensing
- Halo occupation models
- Sloshing and ICM heating



Measuring mass-concentration and intrinsic alignments

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X-ray Selected Groups



Finoguenov et al. 2007 (+2010 in prep)

Leauthaud et al. 2010

- X-ray position gives RA, Dec (uncertain by up to 32")
- Red sequence overdensity gives z, refined w/ spectroscopic z
- M_{WL} -L_X relation gives radius assuming a mass-conc. relation
- Remove groups with possible projections or overlap

Member Selection with Photometric Redshifts



Identify members using photoz probability distribution + measured field/group densities

Photometric Redshifts

- Photometry in 31 UV/Opt/IR bands
- $\sigma(z_{spec}-z_{phot}) \approx 0.01$ for $m_i < 24$
- ~94000 galaxies with 0<z<1, m_{F814W} < 24.2
- ~3500 total members in 120 groups
- PDF gives good estimate of redshift uncertainty



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Caveats: membership criterion is $\sim 3-5\sigma_v$ for groups varying uncertainties for z_{gal} and z_{group} mocks will improve our characterization of selection (Peter Behroozi, Michael Busha, Risa Wechsler)









Finding Group Centers



Oguri et al. 2010





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- 4. Stack on centers

Good center

Bad center





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- 5. Measure tangential shear in radial bins (0)

Preliminary Results







NFW Central Galaxy Offset NFW Total



Summary

- Galaxy with highest stellar mass near X-ray center appears to be the best tracer of CM for this catalog
- Other tracers can be offset by ~few hundred kpc
- Offsets can be due to:
 interlopers and incompleteness
 scatter in observables
 intrinsic separation?
- To do:

study offset-dependent properties
 satellite and halo concentration