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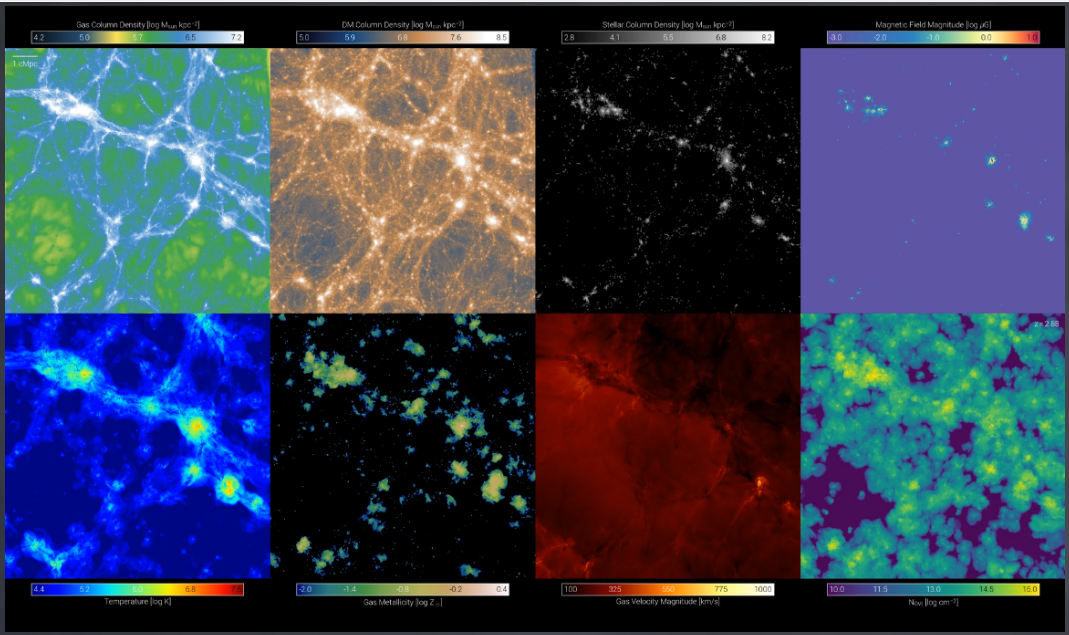
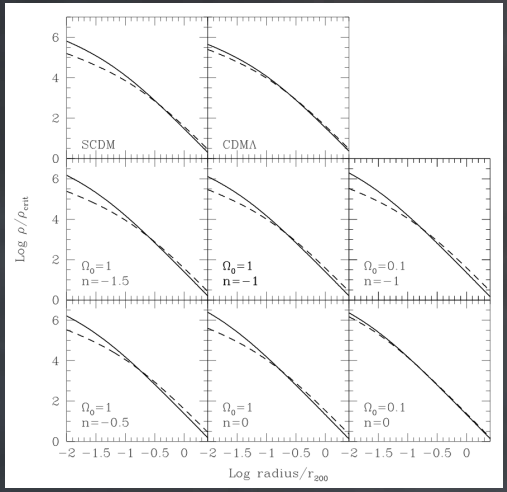
Formation and evolution of a galaxy cluster



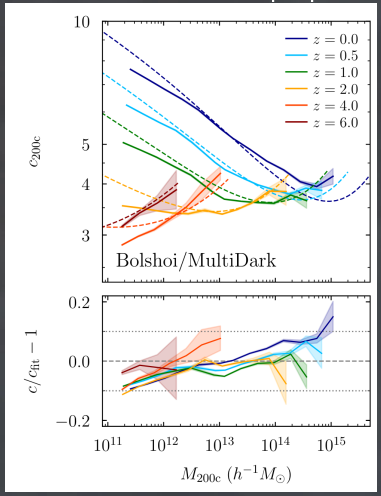
Illustris TNG Simulation

The mass profiles of collapsed halos

ΛCDM predicts that halos of all scales should share the same structural properties



Navarro et al. 1997



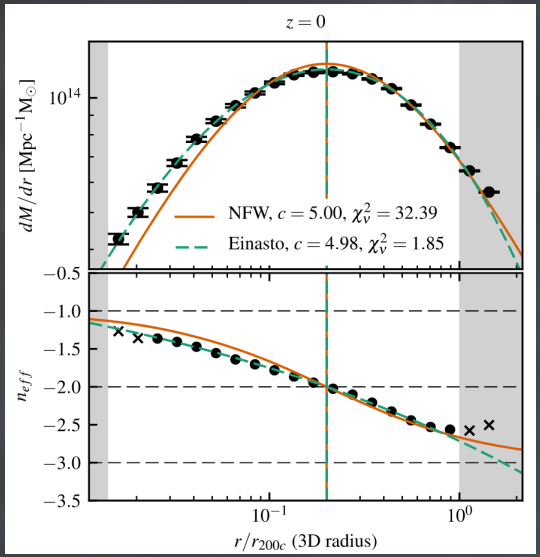
Diemer & Joyce 2018

$$\rho_{NFW}(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{(r/r_s)(1+r/r_s)^2}$$

The Einasto profile

A more general form of DM profiles is the Einasto profile,

$$\rho(r) = \rho_{-2} \exp\left[-\frac{2}{\alpha}\left(\left(\frac{r}{r_{-2}}\right)^{\alpha} - 1\right)\right]$$



Child et al. 2018

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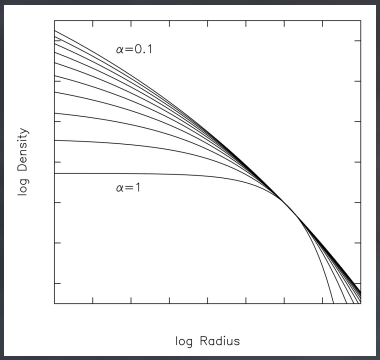
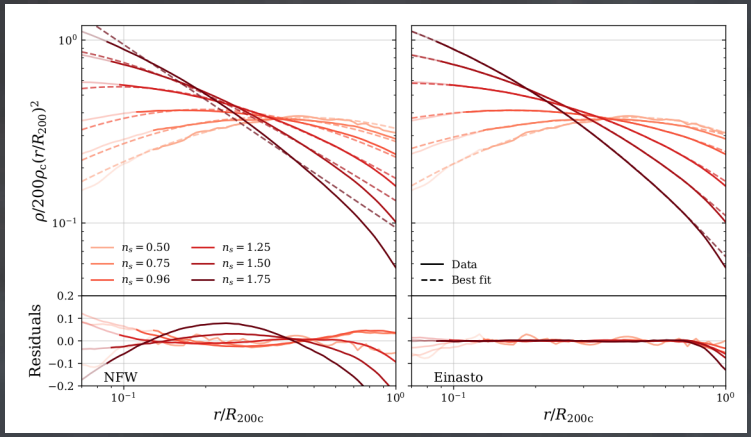
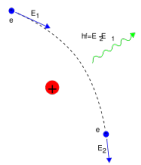




Brown et al. 2020

The Einasto index α depends on the slope of the primordial matter power spectrum n_s

Joint X-ray/Sunyaev-Zeldovich observations

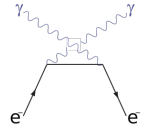


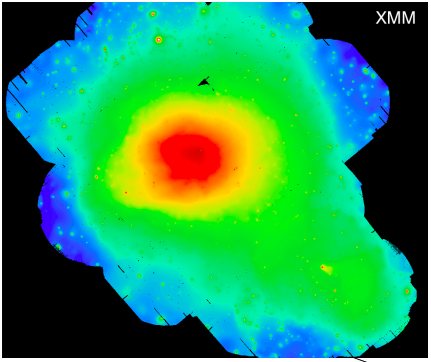
X-ray

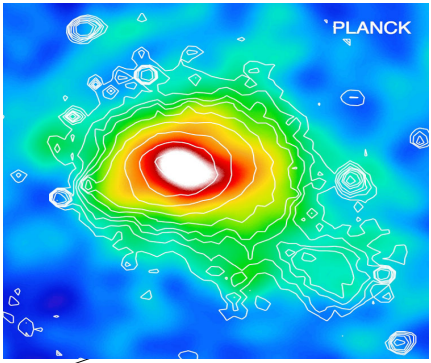
$$\epsilon_X \sim \int n_e^2 T^{1/2} dl$$

Sunyaev-Zel'dovich

$$y \sim \int P_e dl$$



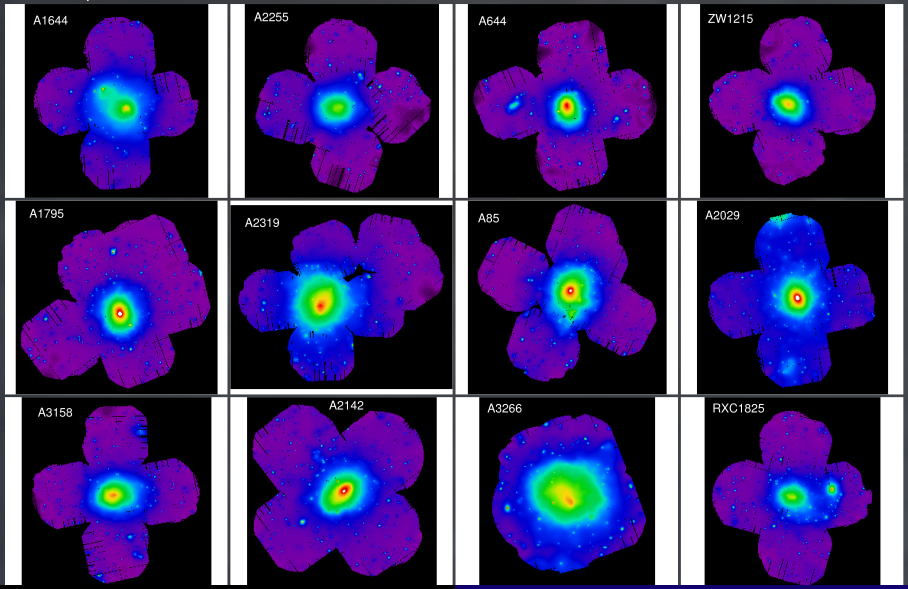




$$kT = P_{SZ}/n_X, K = P_{SZ} n_X^{-5/3}, \frac{dP_{SZ}}{dr} = -\rho_X \frac{GM(<r)}{r^2}$$

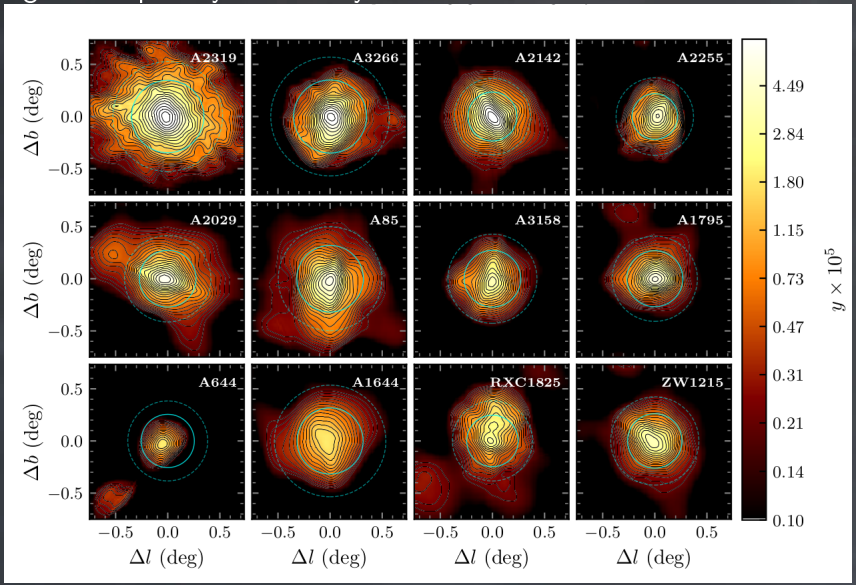
The X-COP project

X-COP (PI: Eckert) is a very large program on XMM to follow up Planck clusters with the highest S/N



SZ observations with Planck

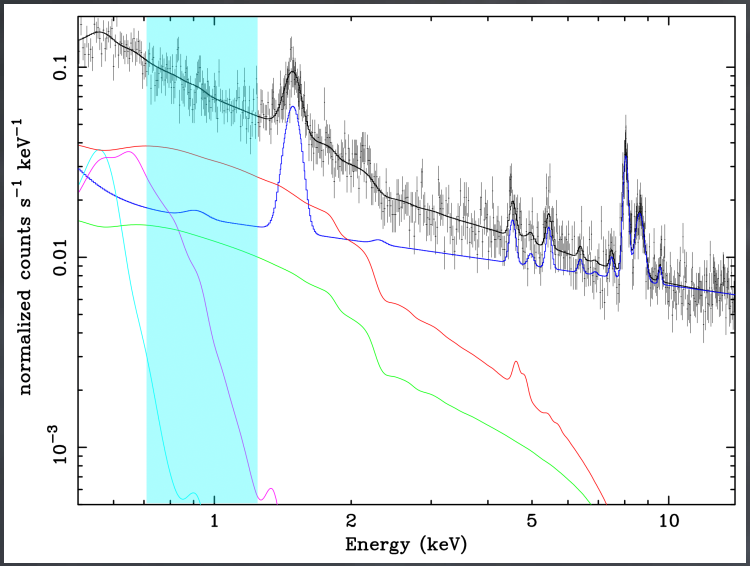
All our targets are spatially resolved by *Planck*



Baldi, ..., DE, ..., 2019

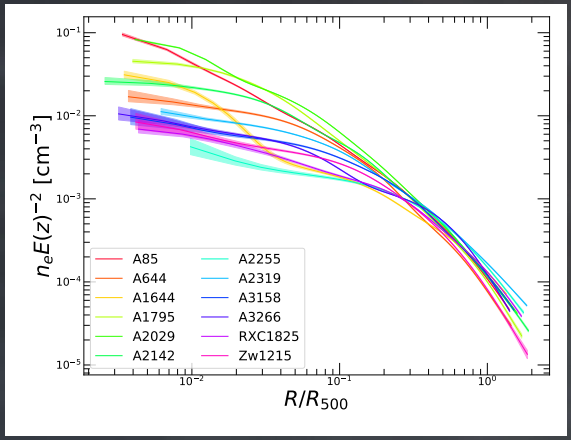
The X-COP strategy

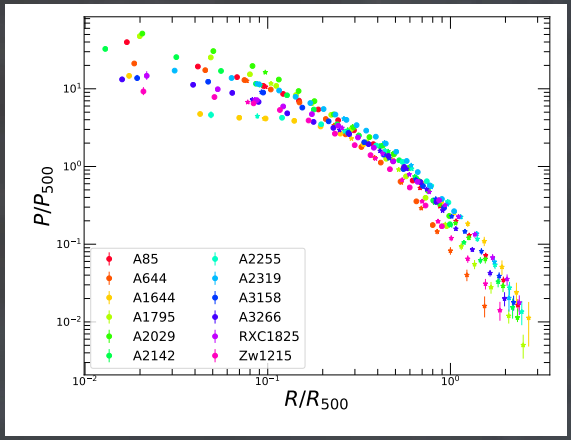
XMM has a large FOV and collecting area... but also a high and variable background



In the [0.7-1.2] keV band the signal-to-background ratio is maximized

X-ray and SZ profiles

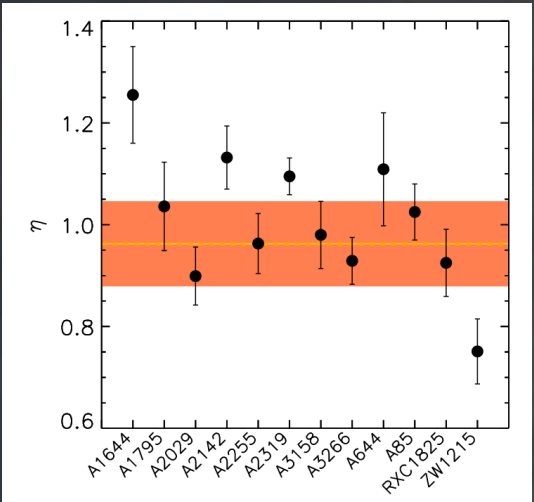


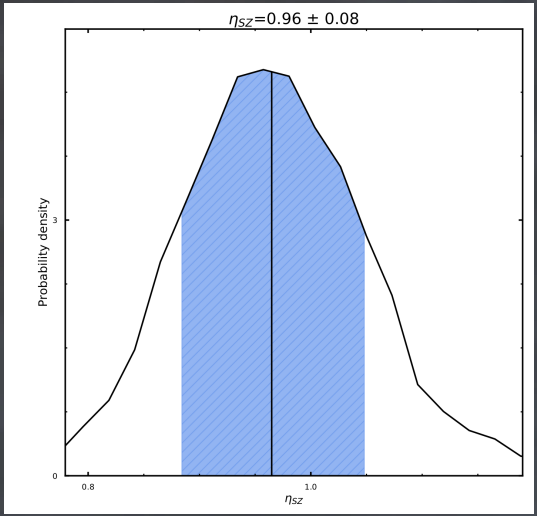


Ghirardini, DE et al. 2019

Our profiles extend to $1.8R_{500}$ (n), $2.3R_{500}$ (P), and $0.9R_{500}$ (T)

Consistency between X-ray and SZ data

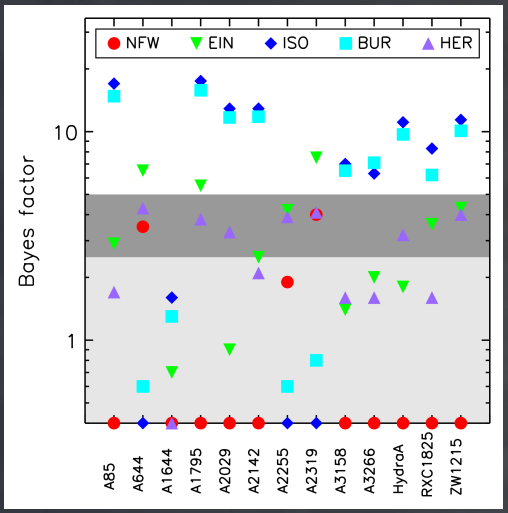


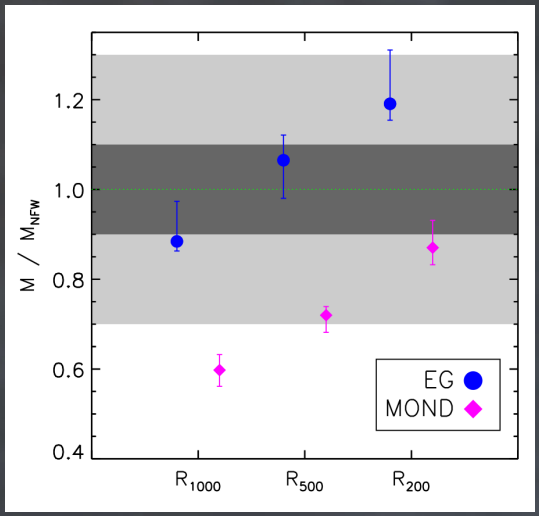


We measure on average $\eta_{SZ} = \frac{P_{SZ}}{k_B T_X n_e} = 0.96 \pm 0.08$

Mass profile comparison

In Ettori et al. 2019 we found that NFW is generally a better fit to the X-COP data than competing models



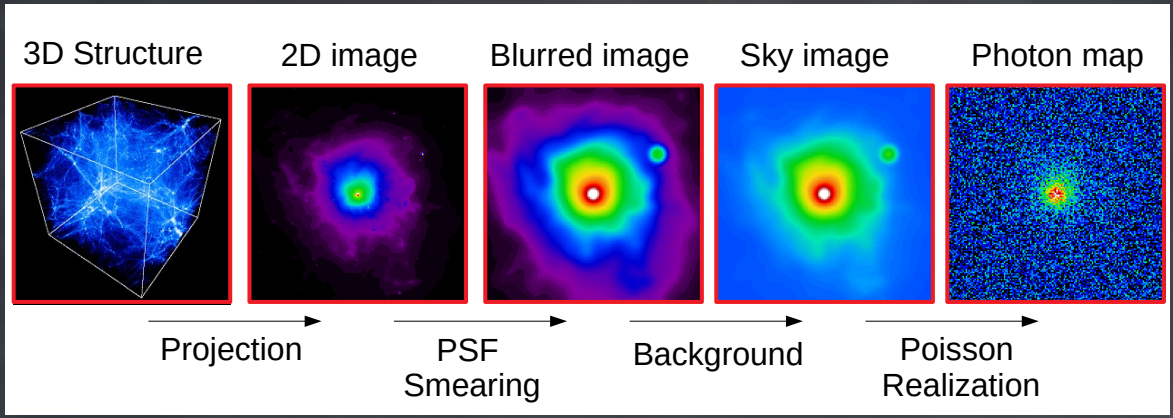


Ettori, DE, et al. 2019

Here the Einasto index was fixed to $\alpha = 0.2$

Derojection and PSF deconvolution

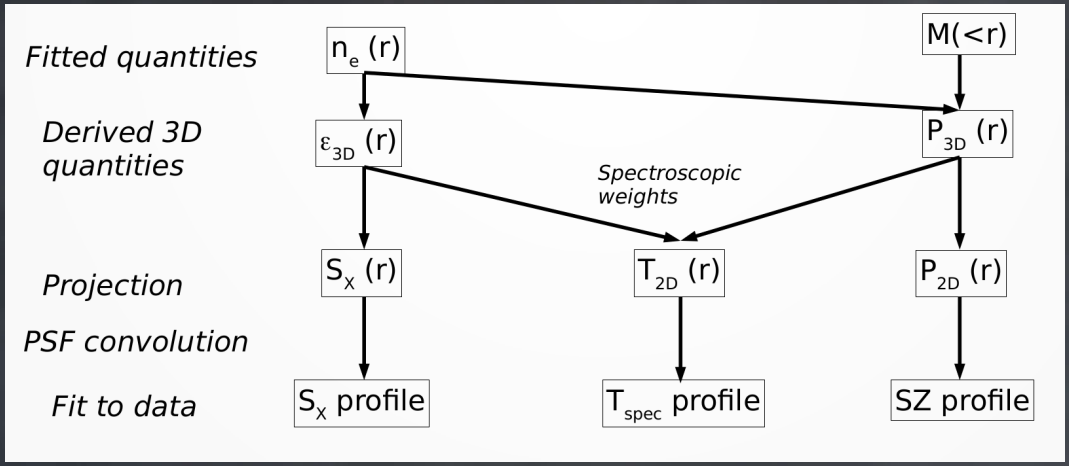
In practice we have access to *projected* and *PSF-blurred* quantities



Eckert et al. 2020

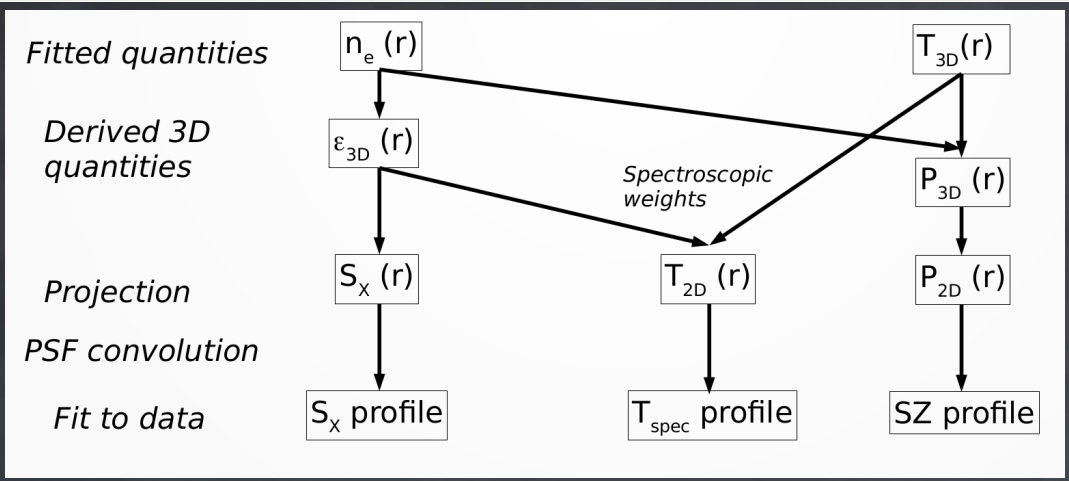
We decompose the 3D profile as a linear combination of basis functions and forward fit the model to the observed counts

Mass modeling scheme



We assume a functional form for the mass (Einasto, NFW) and forward-model it to the data, jointly fitting X-ray and SZ observables

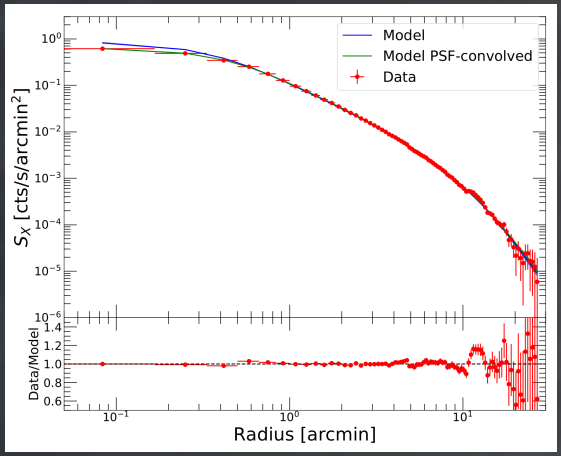
Non-parametric log-normal mixture reconstruction

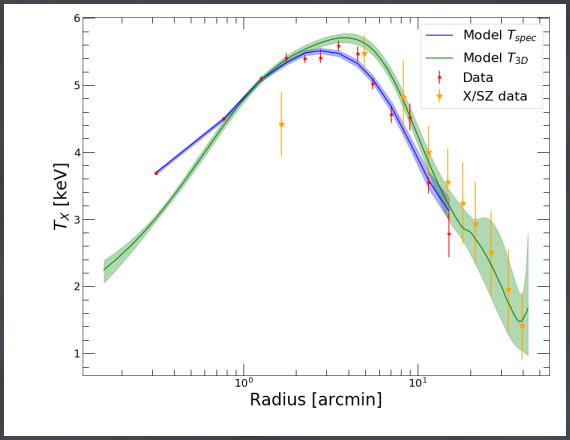


As a comparison point we apply a *non-parametric* method by describing the 3D temperature profile as a linear combination of log-normal functions

$$T_{3D}(r) = \sum G_i \mathcal{N}(\ln \mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$$

Example: A1795





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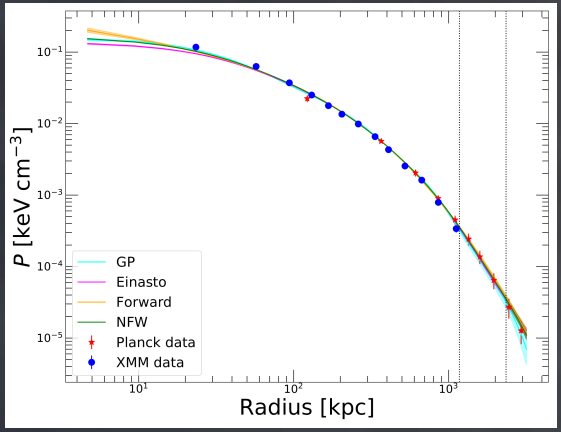

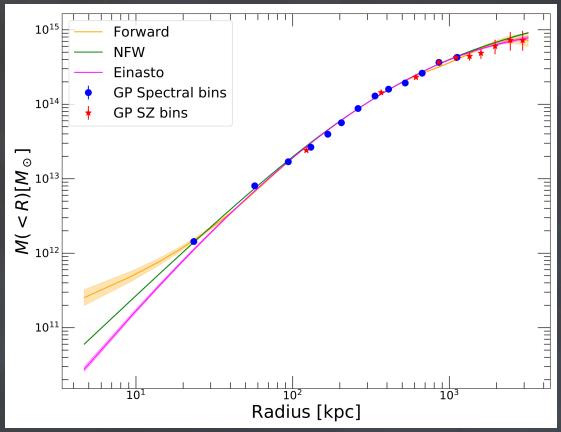

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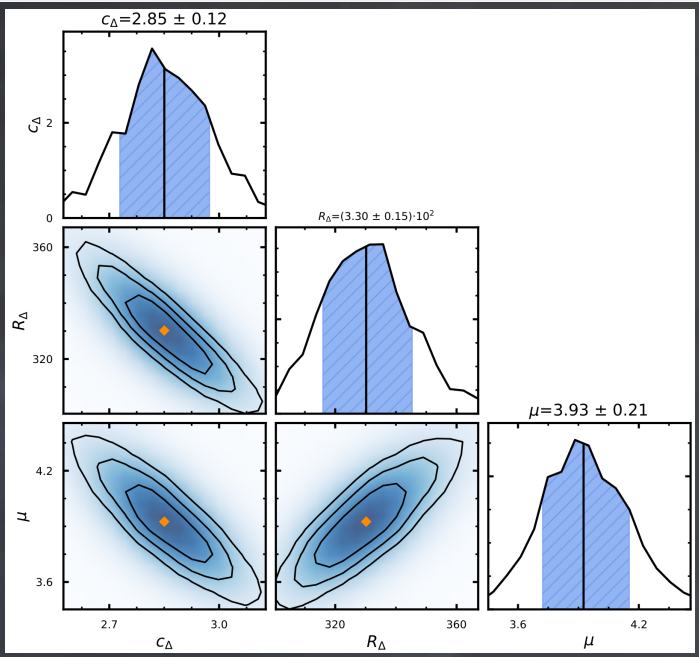
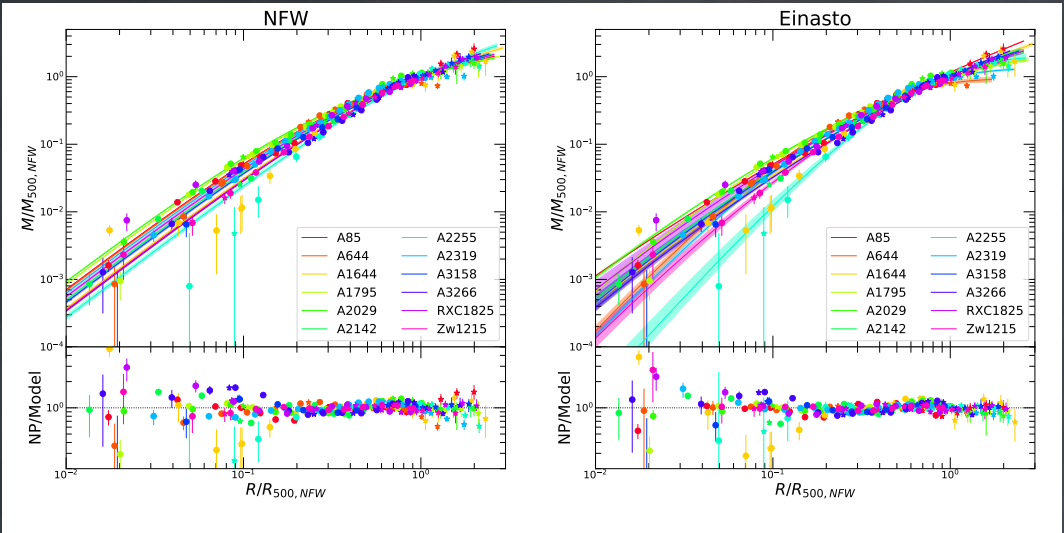
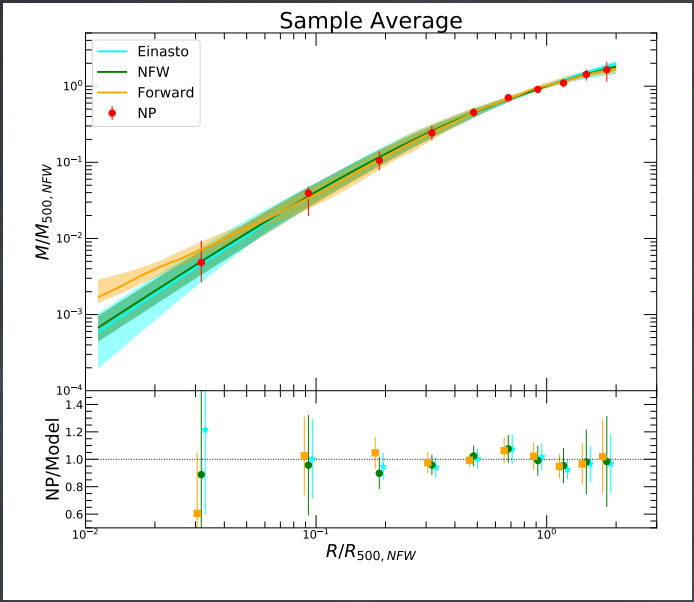


Einasto vs NFW reconstruction



There is *more variety* in the DM profiles than can be captured with NFW only

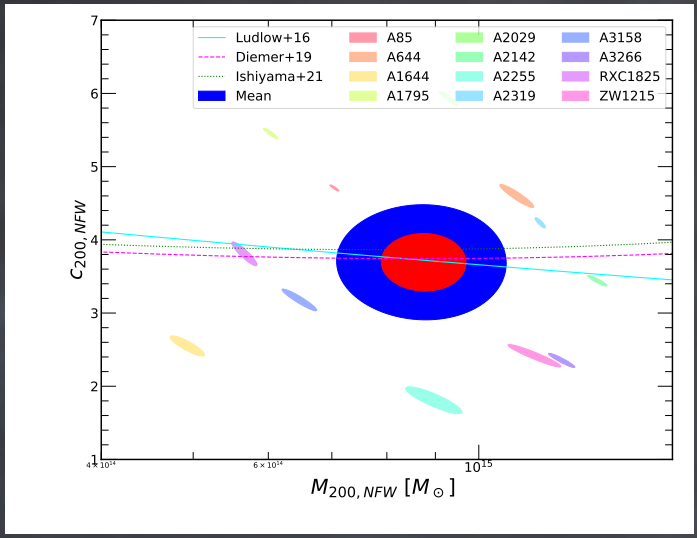
NFW closely traces the average mass profiles



The median profiles look closely like NFW, differences less than 10% at all radii

The mass-concentration relation

In ΛCDM the relation between halo mass and NFW concentration should follow a well know relation



Our measurements exactly match the ΛCDM prediction

Mass profiles in self-interacting DM

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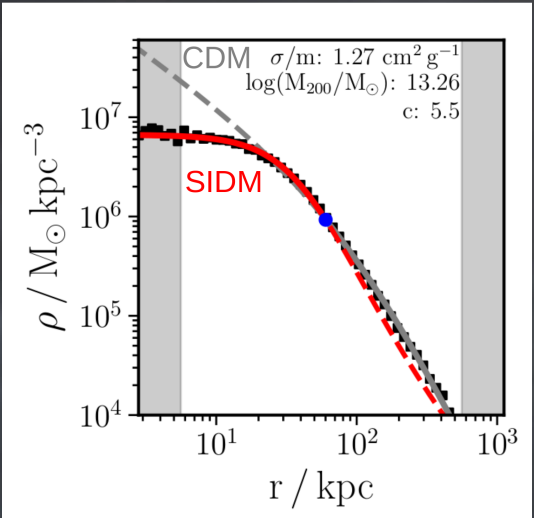

Robertson et al. 2020

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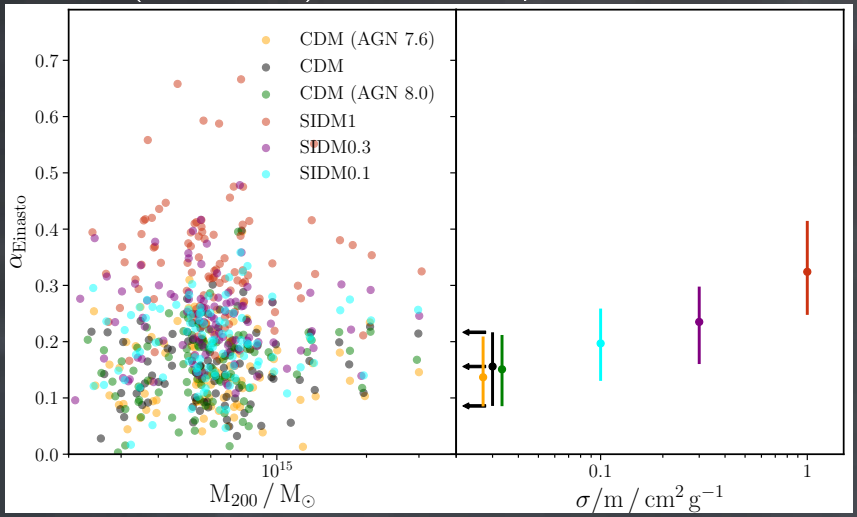

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The Einasto index α is sensitive to σ_{DM-DM}

Einasto index of X-COP clusters

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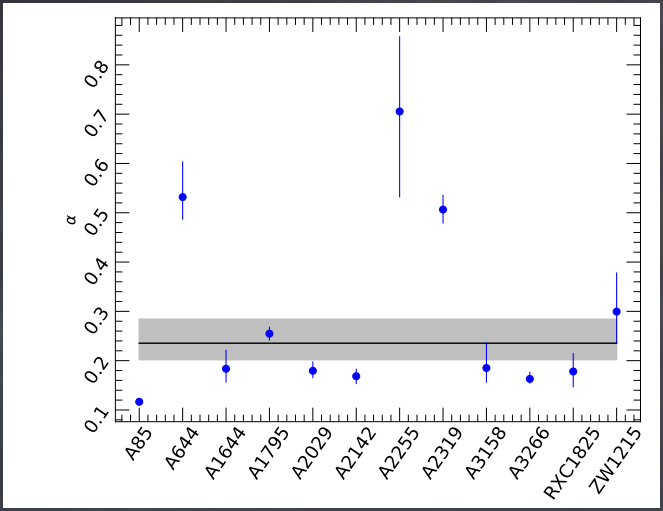

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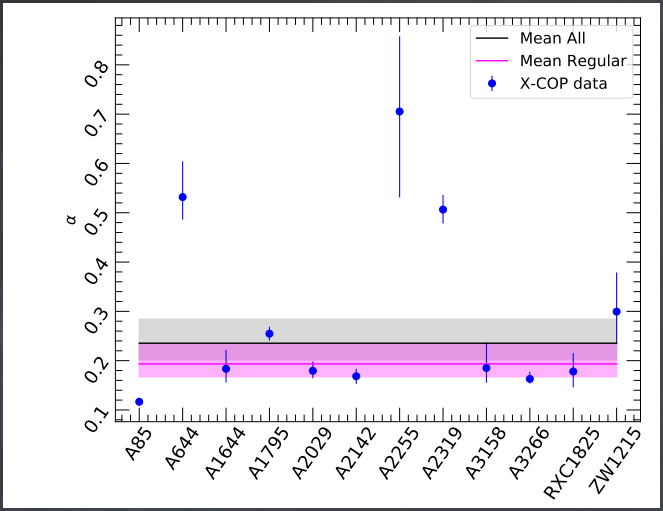

To minimize systematics (mis-centering, HSE bias, deviations from sphericaly symmetry...) we select only the regular X-ray clusters, $w < 0.02$

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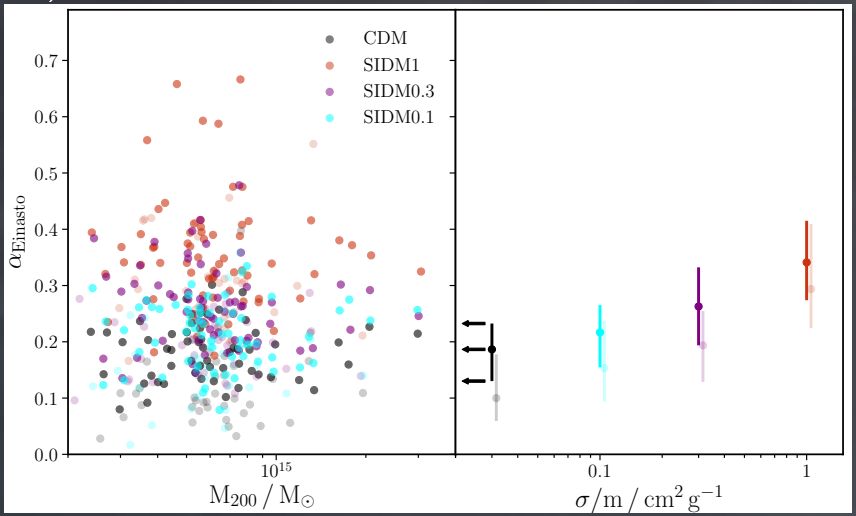

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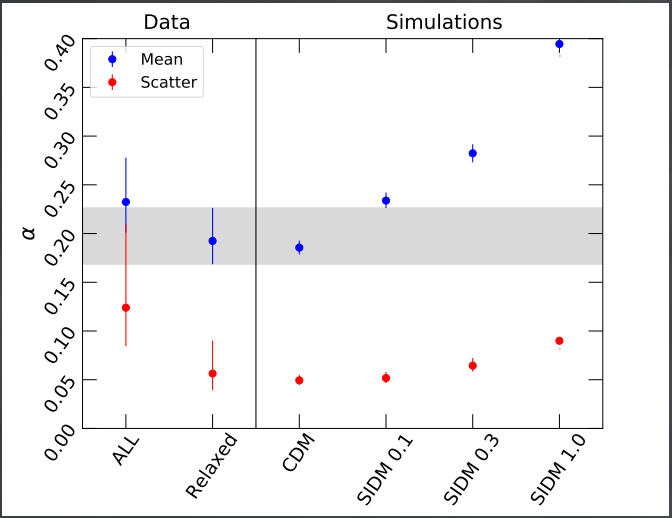

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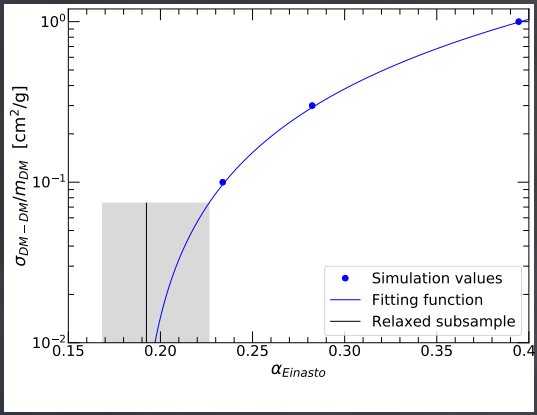

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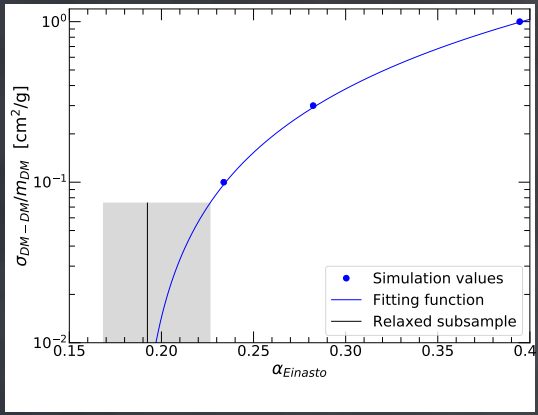

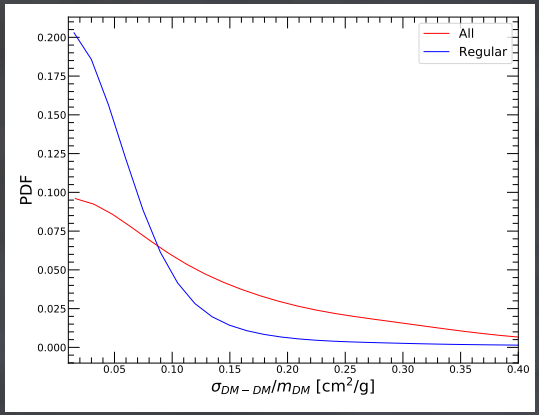

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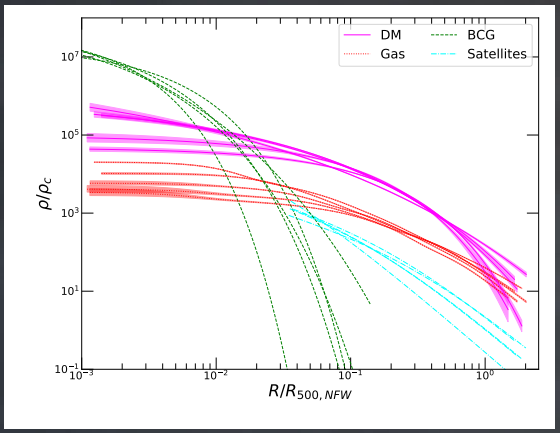
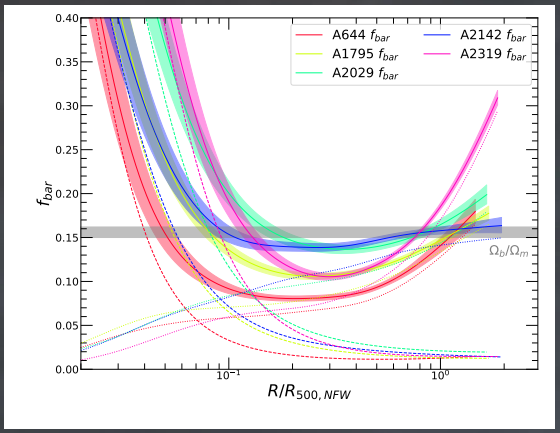
Using the regular sample we set an upper limit $\sigma_{DM-DM} < 0.13$ cm^2/g

DM vs baryonic components

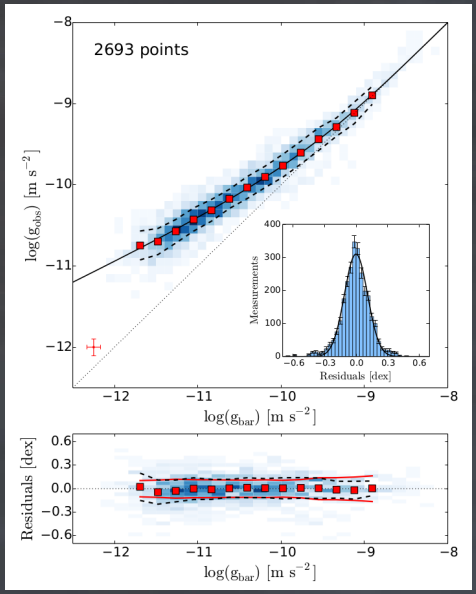
For a subset of systems we directly measured all the relevant baryonic components: gas, BCG, and satellites





A universal radial acceleration relation?

- Similar calculations were made for galaxy rotation curves, i.e. comparing the observed gravitational force with that expected from baryons only
- When plotted in terms of gravitational force, it looks like the scale where deviation from baryonic expectations occurs doesn't depend on galaxy mass or type (McGaugh et al. 2016)



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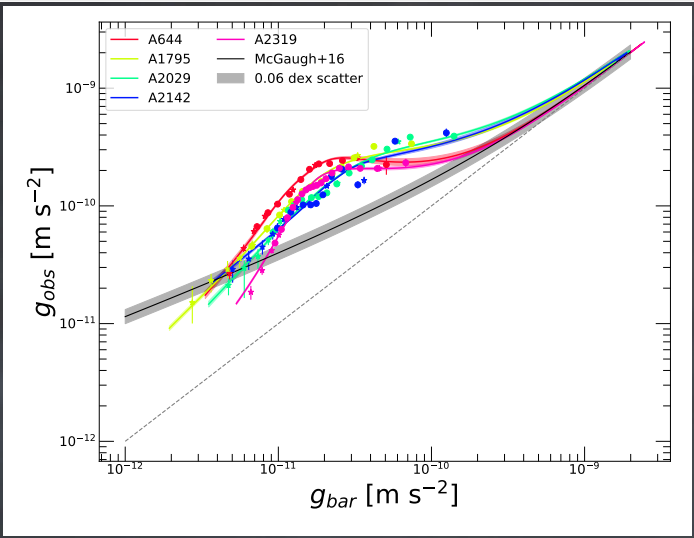
What about galaxy clusters?



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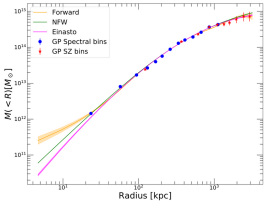
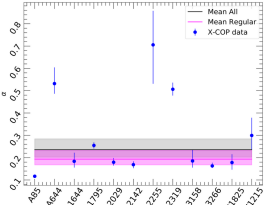
The relation between baryonic and total acceleration *is not universal*, and thus it does not derive from a fundamental property of gravity

Take home message

We put together a framework to set constraints on the gravitational field from joint X-ray and SZ data



With X-COP data we provide precise measurements of the Einasto index α



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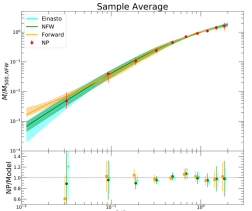
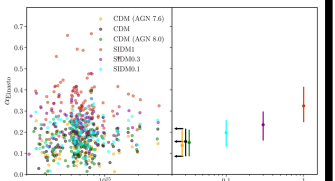


The Einasto index α is sensitive to the dark matter self-interaction cross section



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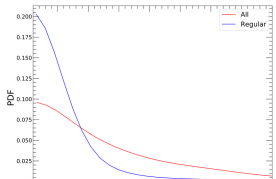

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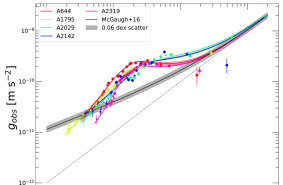

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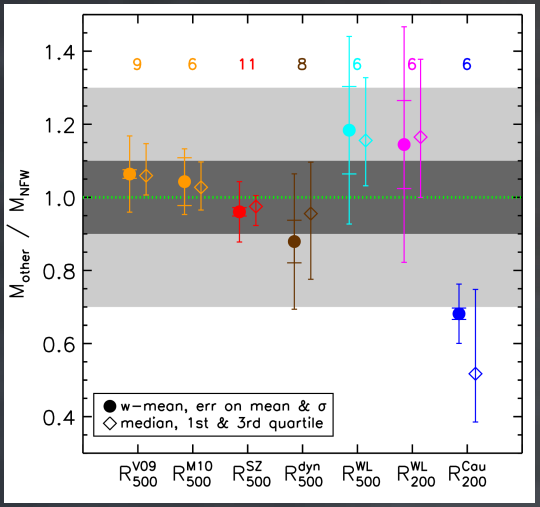
HSE bias in X-COP clusters



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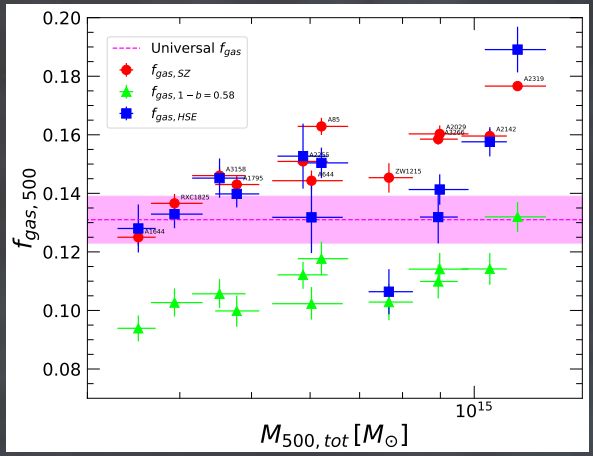

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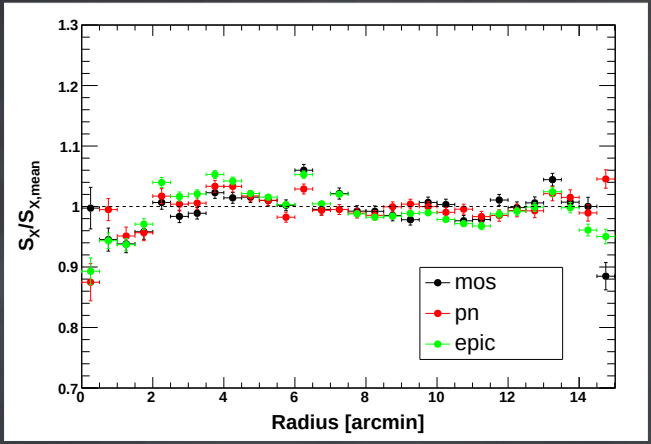
Beating systematics in background subtraction

We analyzed a set of ~ 500 blank-sky XMM pointings and estimated the reproducibility of the background



When modeling all known XMM background components we reach a precision of 3% on background subtraction

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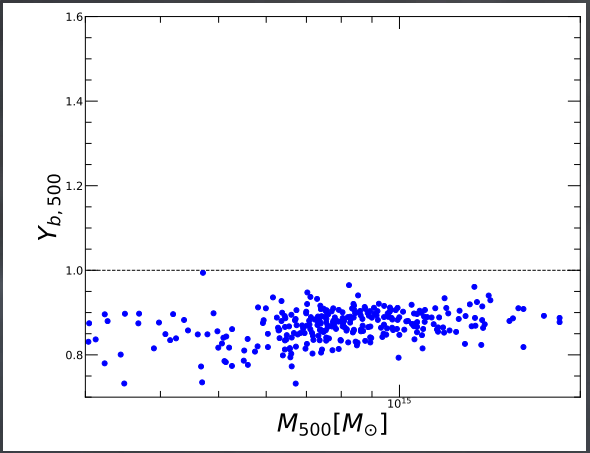

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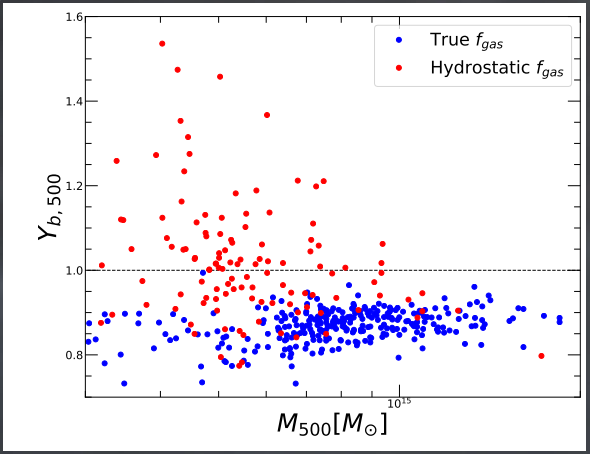
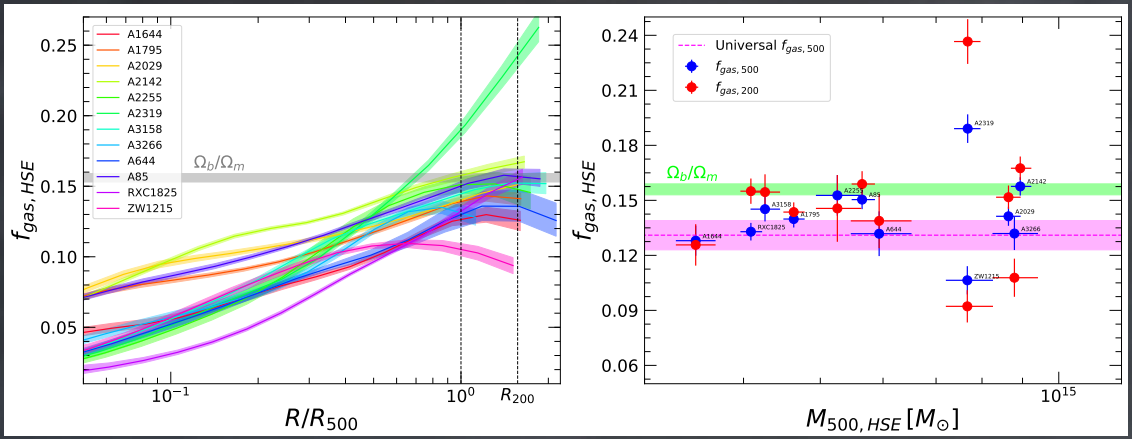


- The value of Y_{bar} is nearly independent of the adopted baryonic physics (Planelles et al. 2014)
- Considering the (well-measured) stellar fraction, we set $f_{gas} = Y_b \frac{\Omega_b}{\Omega_m} - f_\star$

Testing hydrostatic equilibrium with f_{gas}



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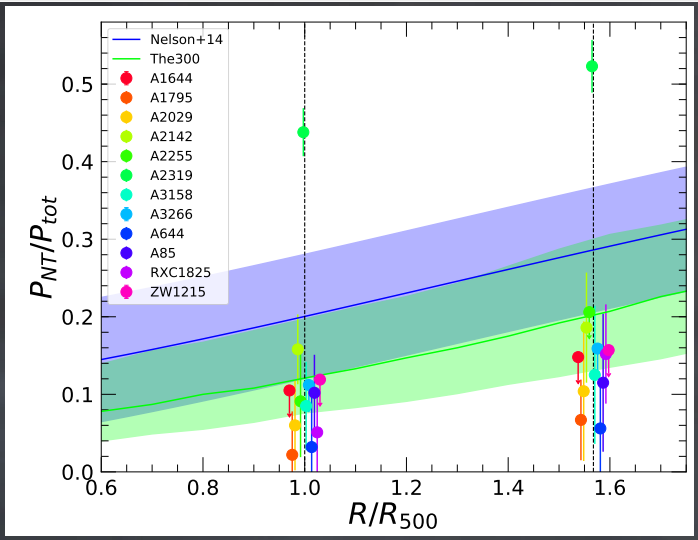
Median [percentiles] for the full sample:

- $f_{gas,500} = 0.141$ [0.131,0.154]
- $f_{gas,200} = 0.149$ [0.121,0.161]

Non-thermal pressure support vs simulations



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With one exception (A2319) the level of NT pressure is *lower* than predicted

Median $P_{NT,500} = 6\%$, $P_{NT,200} = 10\%$

The case of A2319

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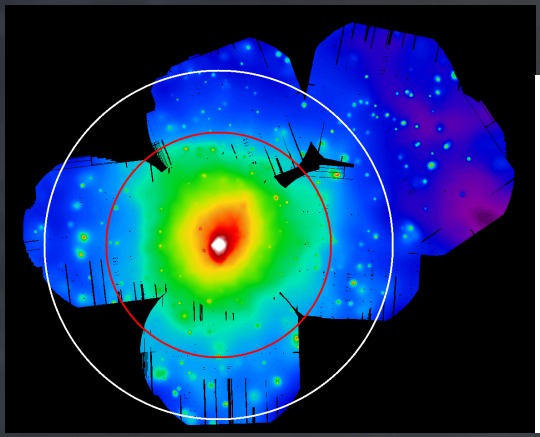

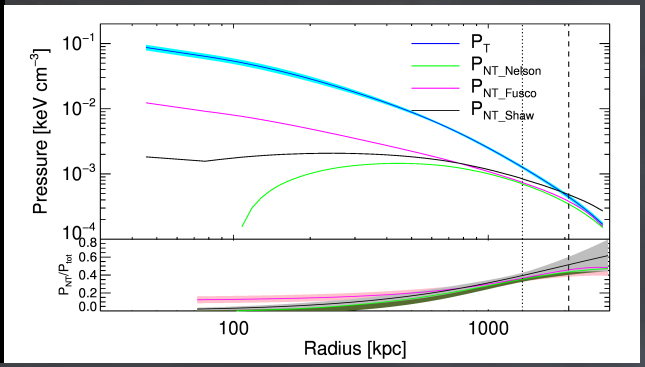

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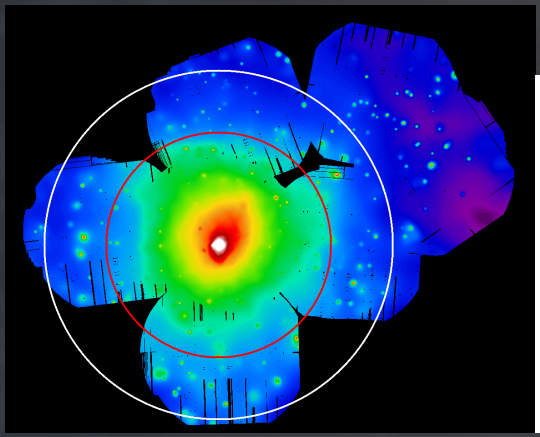

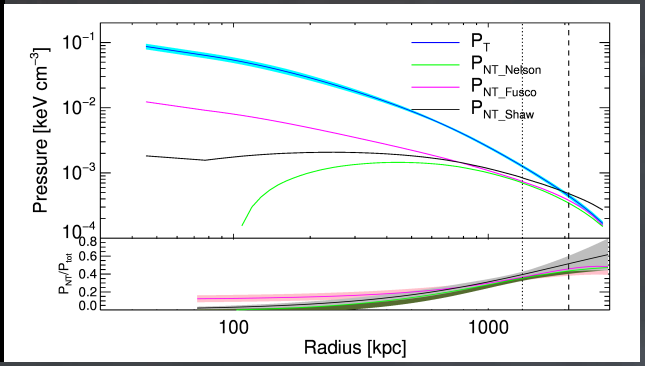

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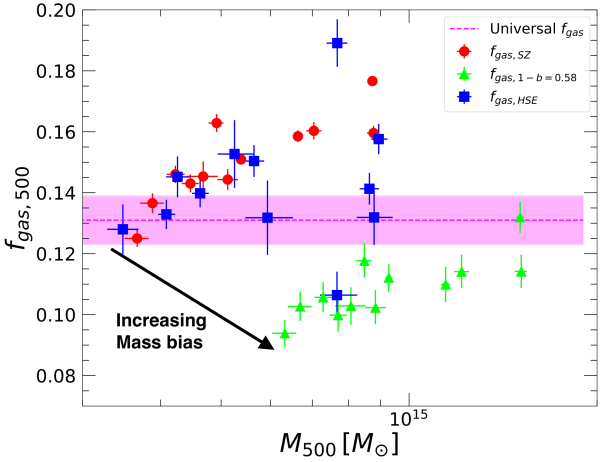
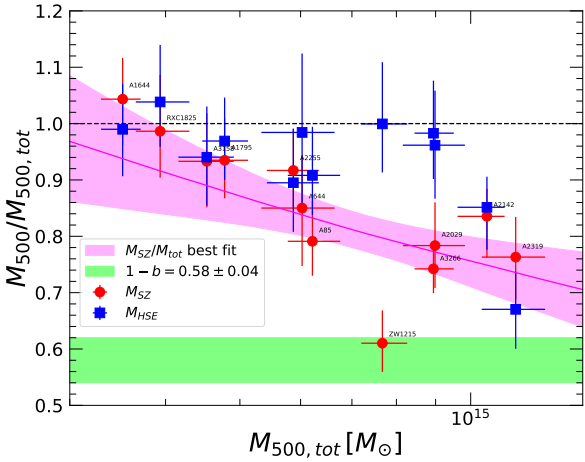
A2319 is probably in a transient phase of high NT pressure ($\sim 40\%$)

Non-thermal pressure and hydrostatic bias

We compared our masses corrected for NT pressure with hydrostatic masses





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- On average we measure $M_{HSE}/M_{tot} = 0.94 \pm 0.04$
- *Planck* masses are slightly biased low, $M_{SZ}/M_{tot} = 0.85 \pm 0.05$
- $1-b = 0.58 \pm 0.04$ would imply a very low $f_{gas} = 10.5\%$