

# LoCuSS. The splashback radius of massive galaxy clusters and its dependence on cluster merger history

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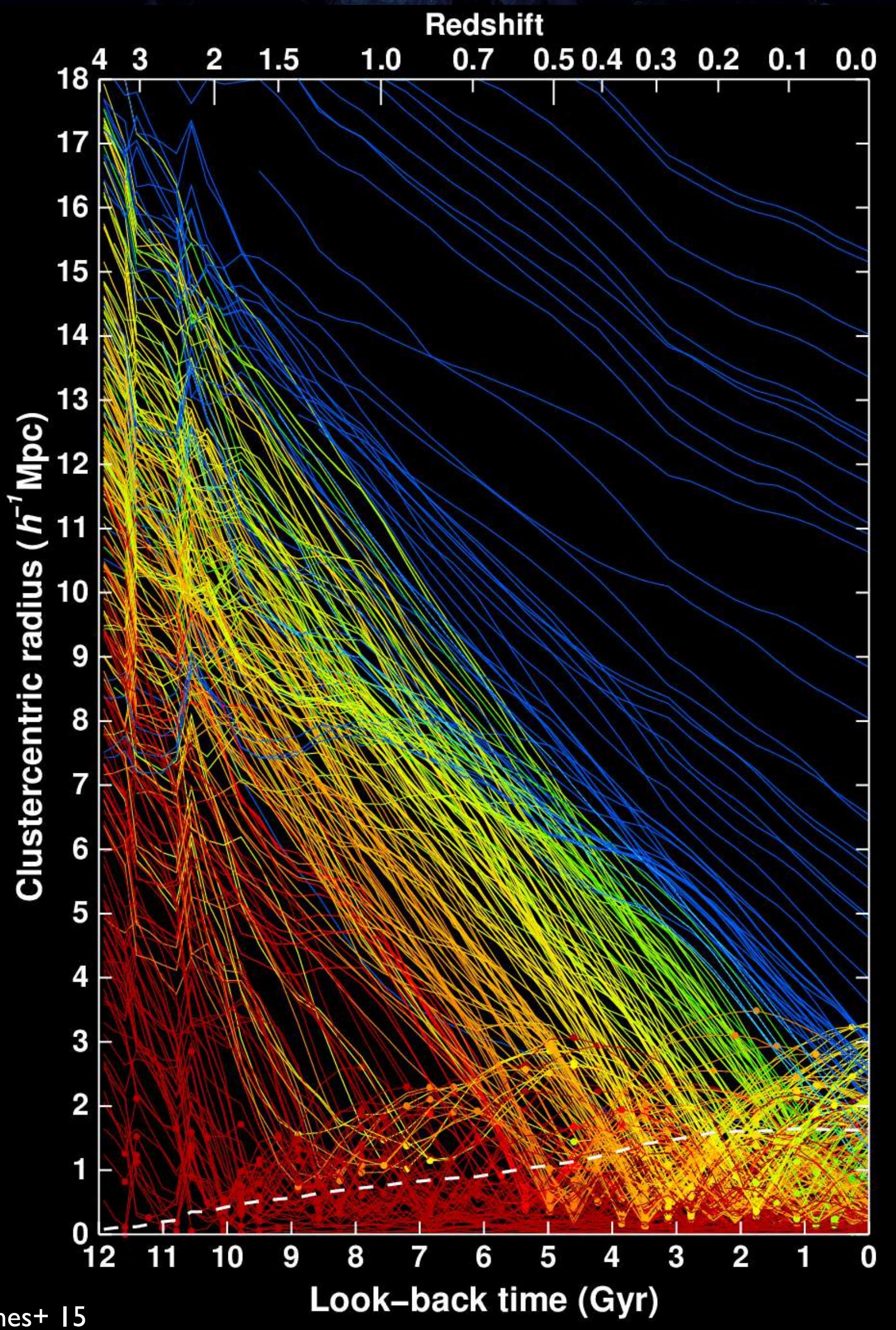
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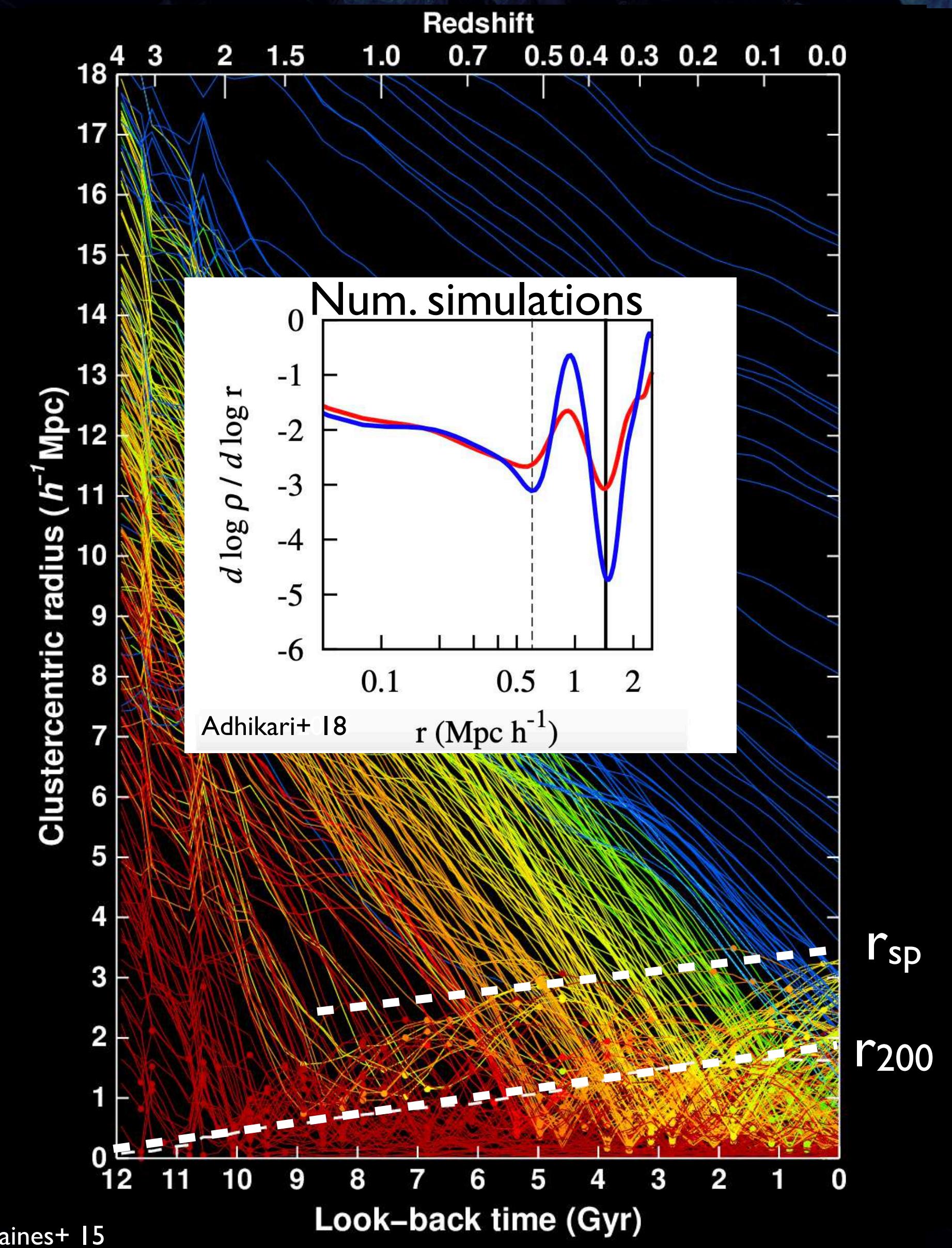
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MB+21, ApJ 911, 136B (Arxiv:2010.05920)  
Galaxy Cluster Formation II, June 15th

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## Theory

Filmore & Goldreich 84  
Bertschinger 85  
Diemer & Kravtsov 14  
Adhikari+ 14, 18  
Shi+ 16a,b  
Diemer+ 17  
Banerjee+ 20  
Mansfield & Kravtsov 20  
Sugiura+ 20  
Deason+ 20, 21  
Diemer 20, 21  
Contigiani+ 21  
Zhang+ 21  
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## Observations

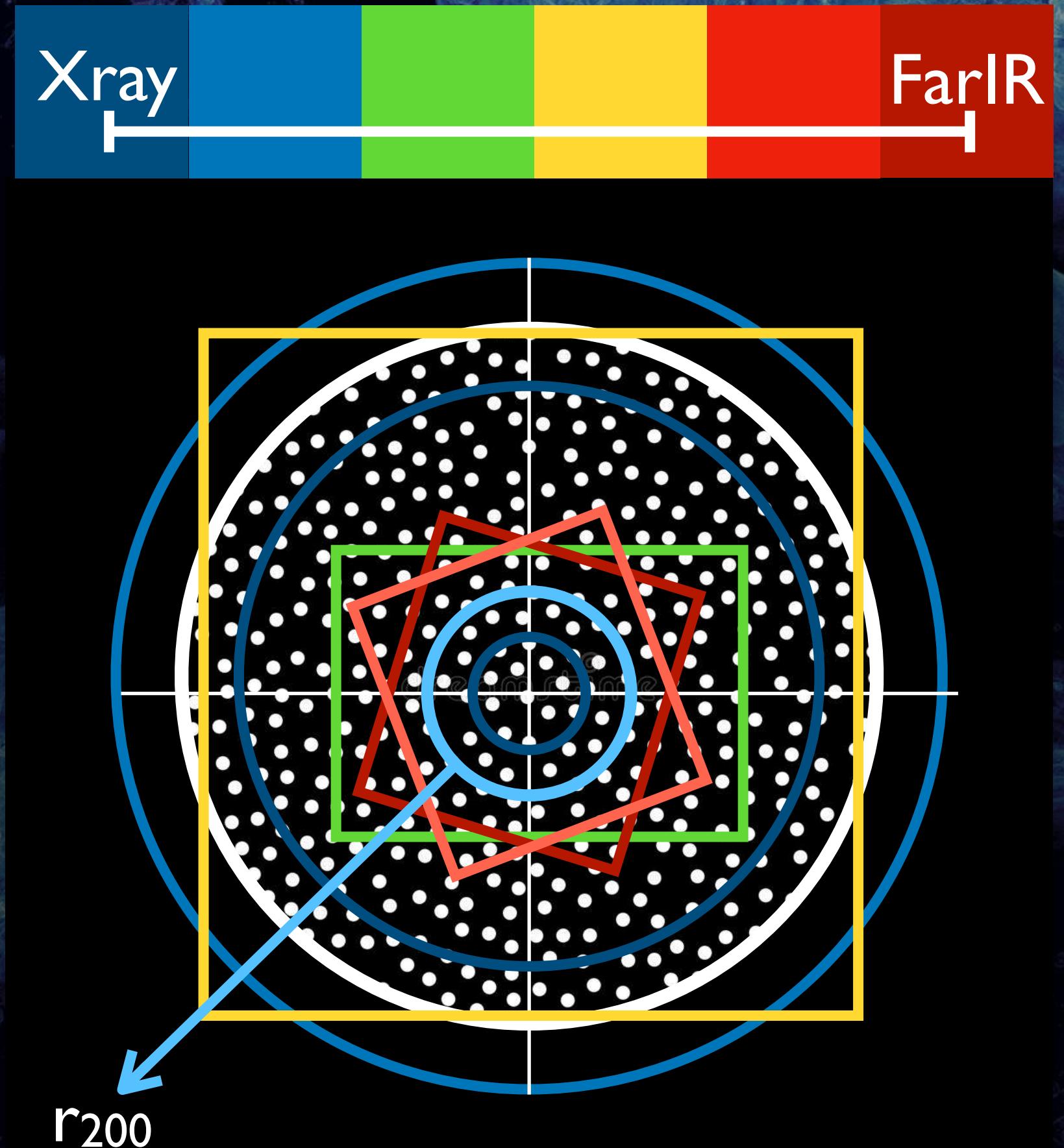
Tully 15  
Patej & Loeb 16  
More+ 16  
Adhikari+ 16  
Umetsu & Diemer 17  
Baxter+ 17  
Busch & White 17  
Nishizawa+ 18  
Chang+ 18  
Zuercher & More 19  
Shin+ 19  
Murata+ 20  
Adhikari+ 21  
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The background of the slide features a complex, organic pattern of blue and purple fractal-like clusters against a black background. These clusters resemble galaxies or microscopic organisms, with intricate internal structures and branching filaments.

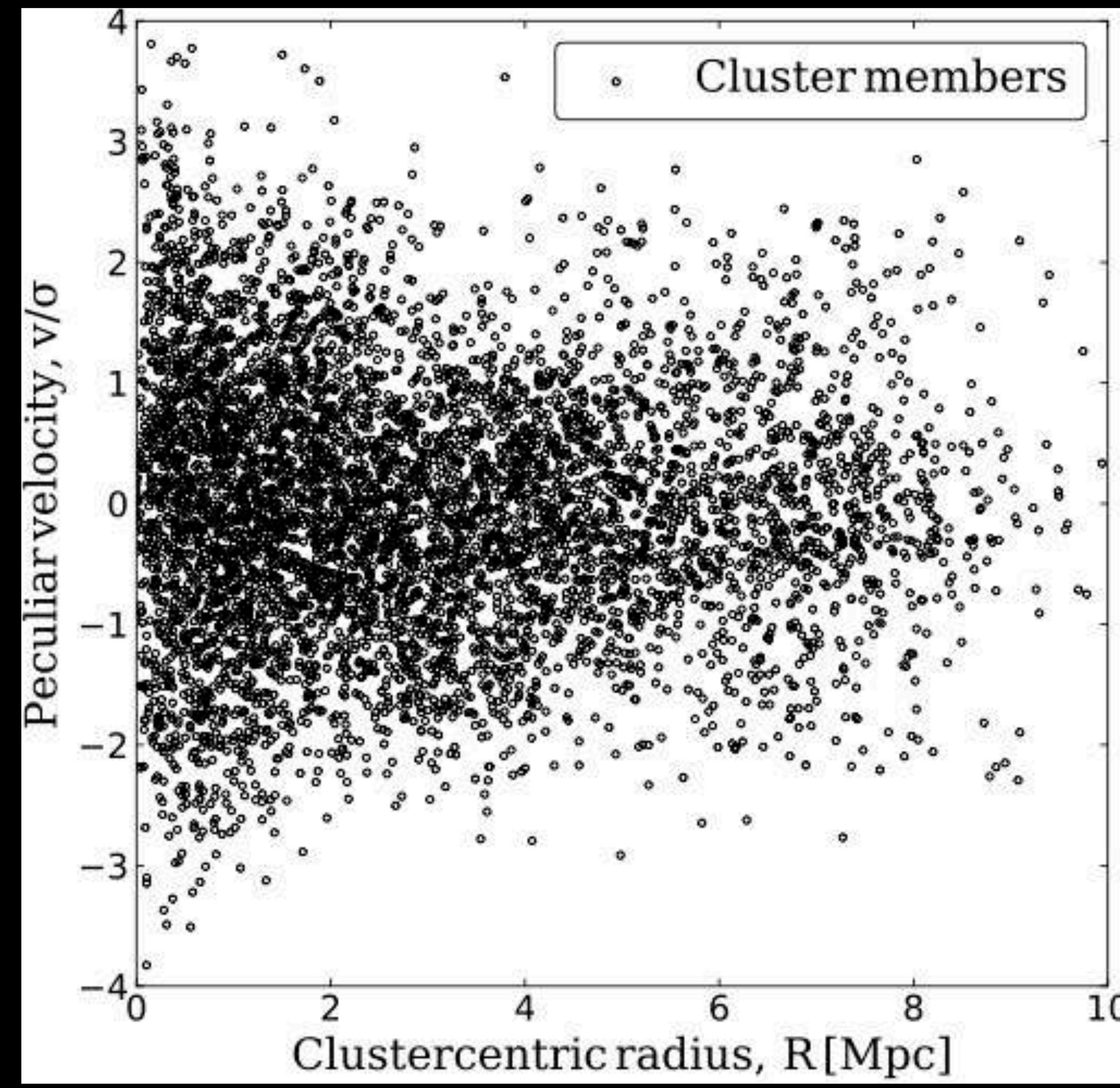
Towards the unification of clusters' physics  
across all scales

# LoCuSS survey

- Multi-wavelength survey of 30 X-ray luminous clusters at  $0.15 < z < 0.30$
- $10^4$  spectr. confirmed cluster members up to  $\sim 3r_{200}$  and down to  $M_* \approx 2 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$  (80 % completeness)
- No morphological bias, weak dependence on SFR and SFH thanks to mid-IR colour selection of spectr. targets

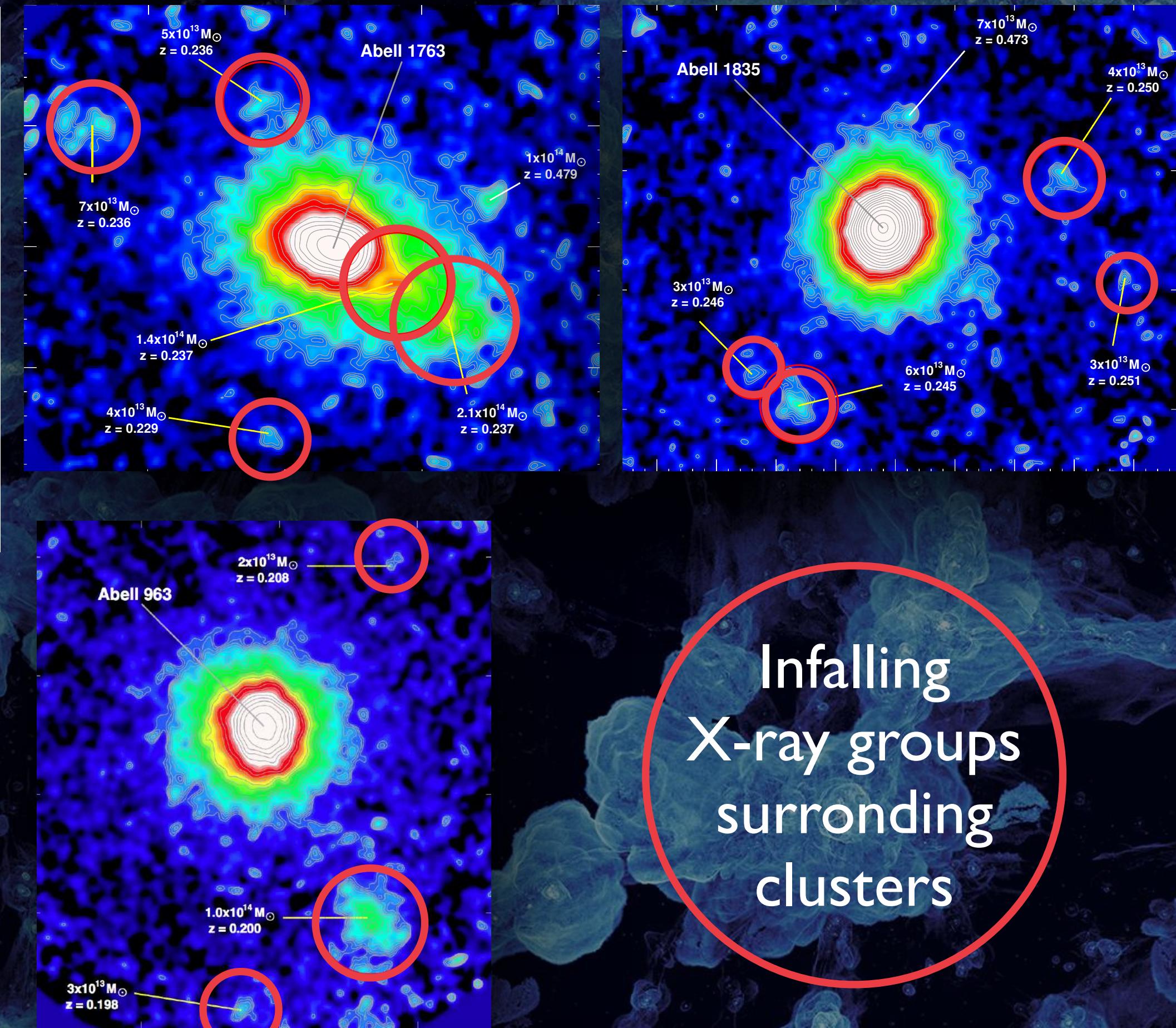
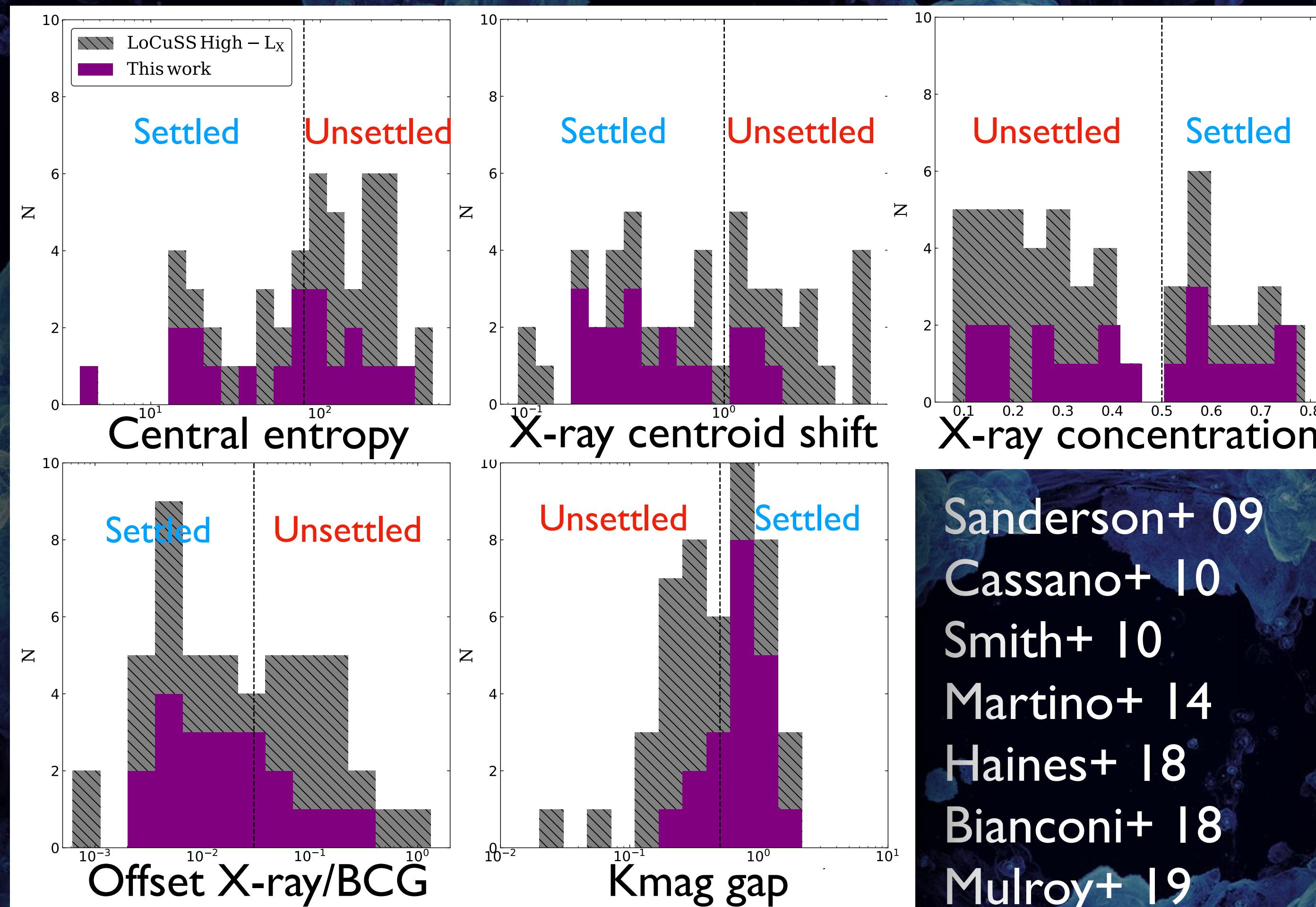


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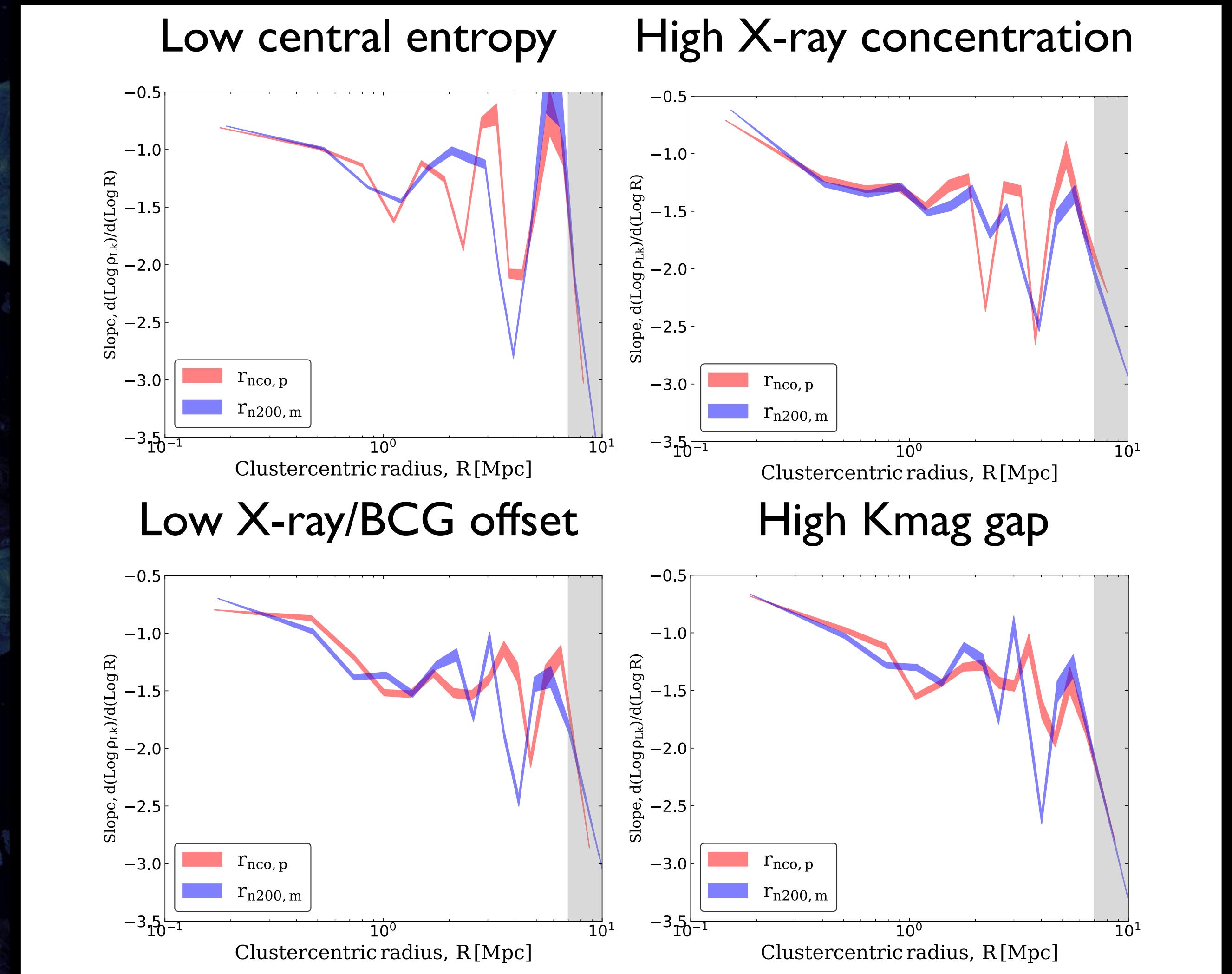
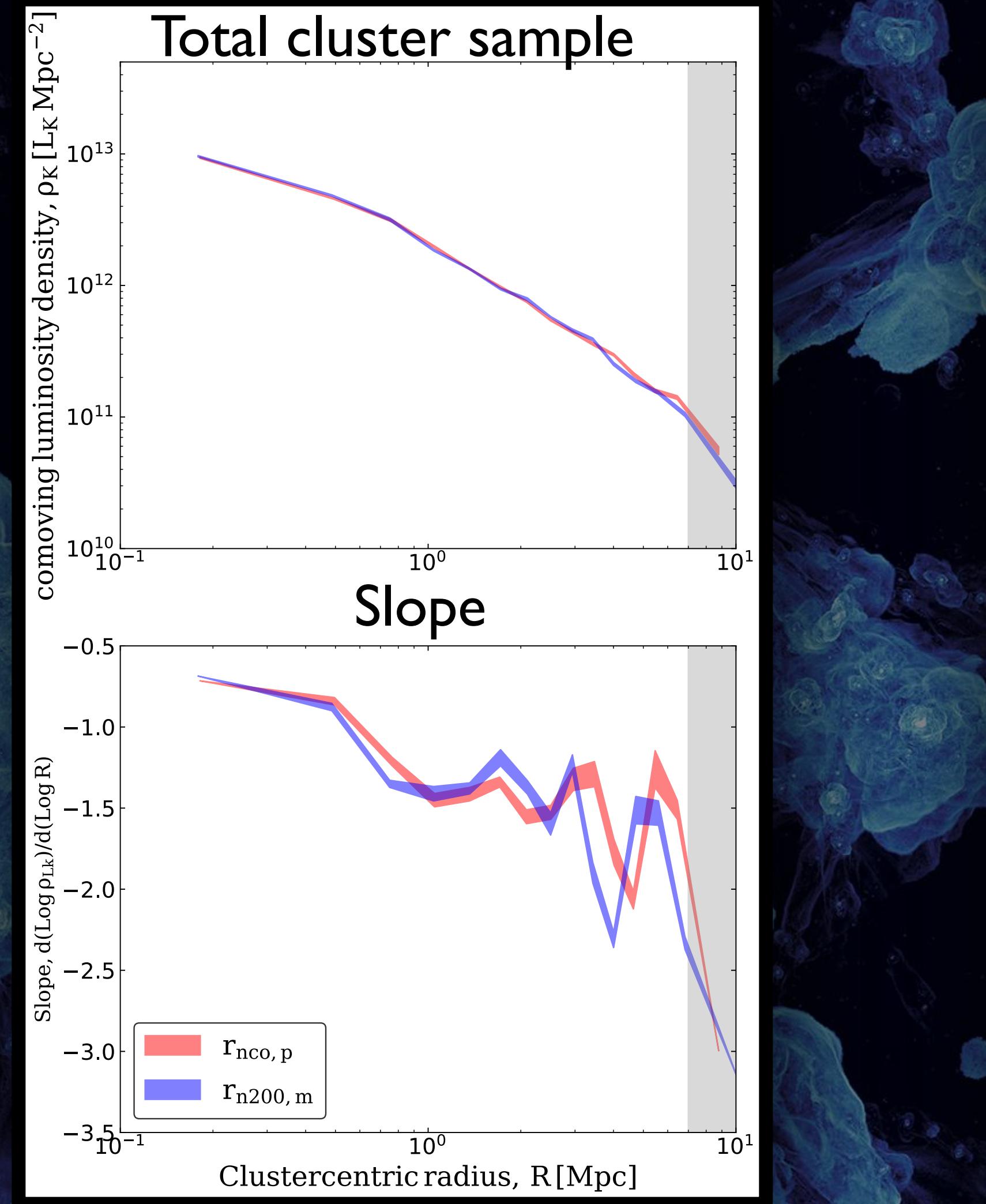


- Armitage+ 18: stellar mass-limited galaxy sample is good tracer of the cluster gravitational potential
- Shirasaki+ 21: LoCuSS galaxy velocity dispersion is consistent with  $\Lambda$ CDM out to  $\sim 8$  Mpc

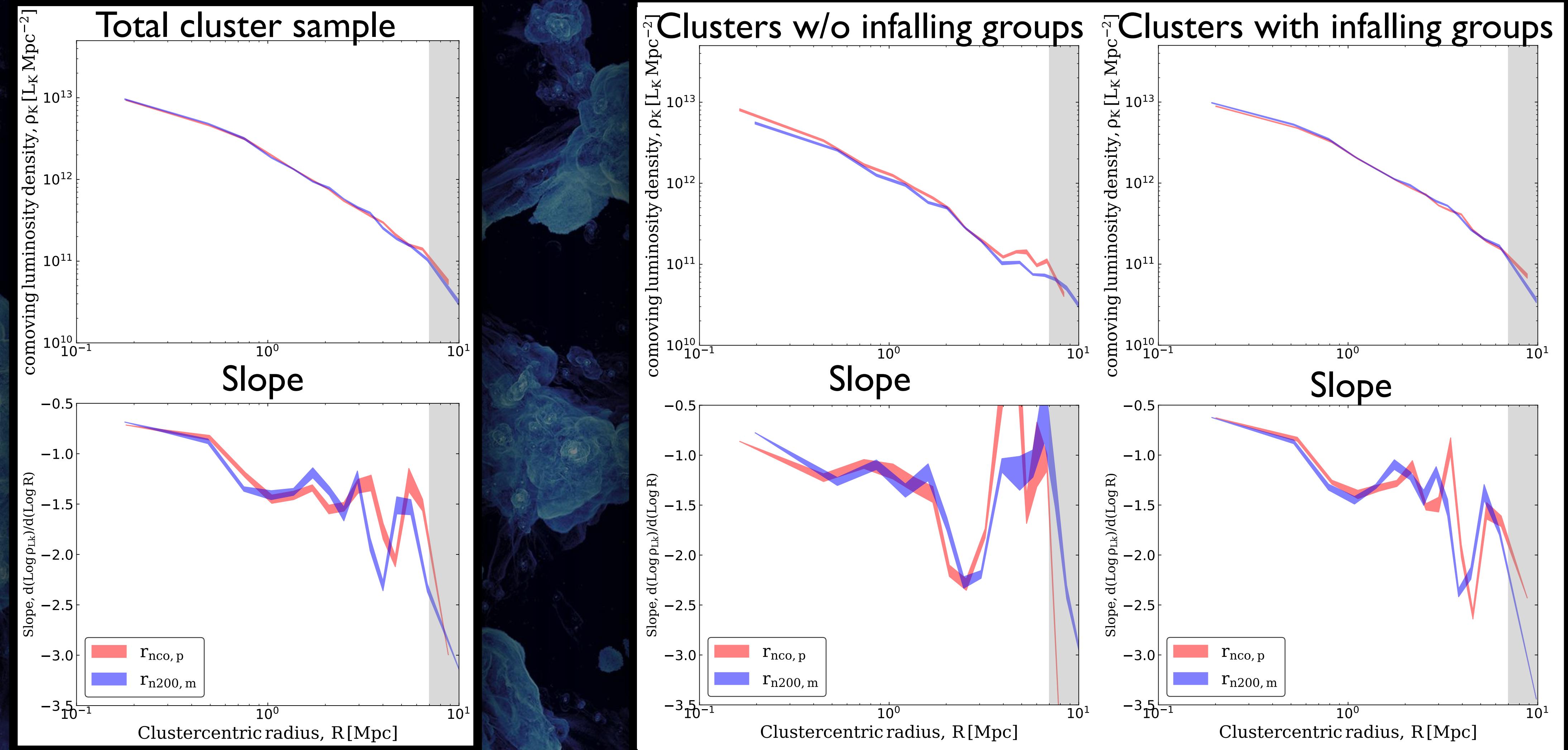
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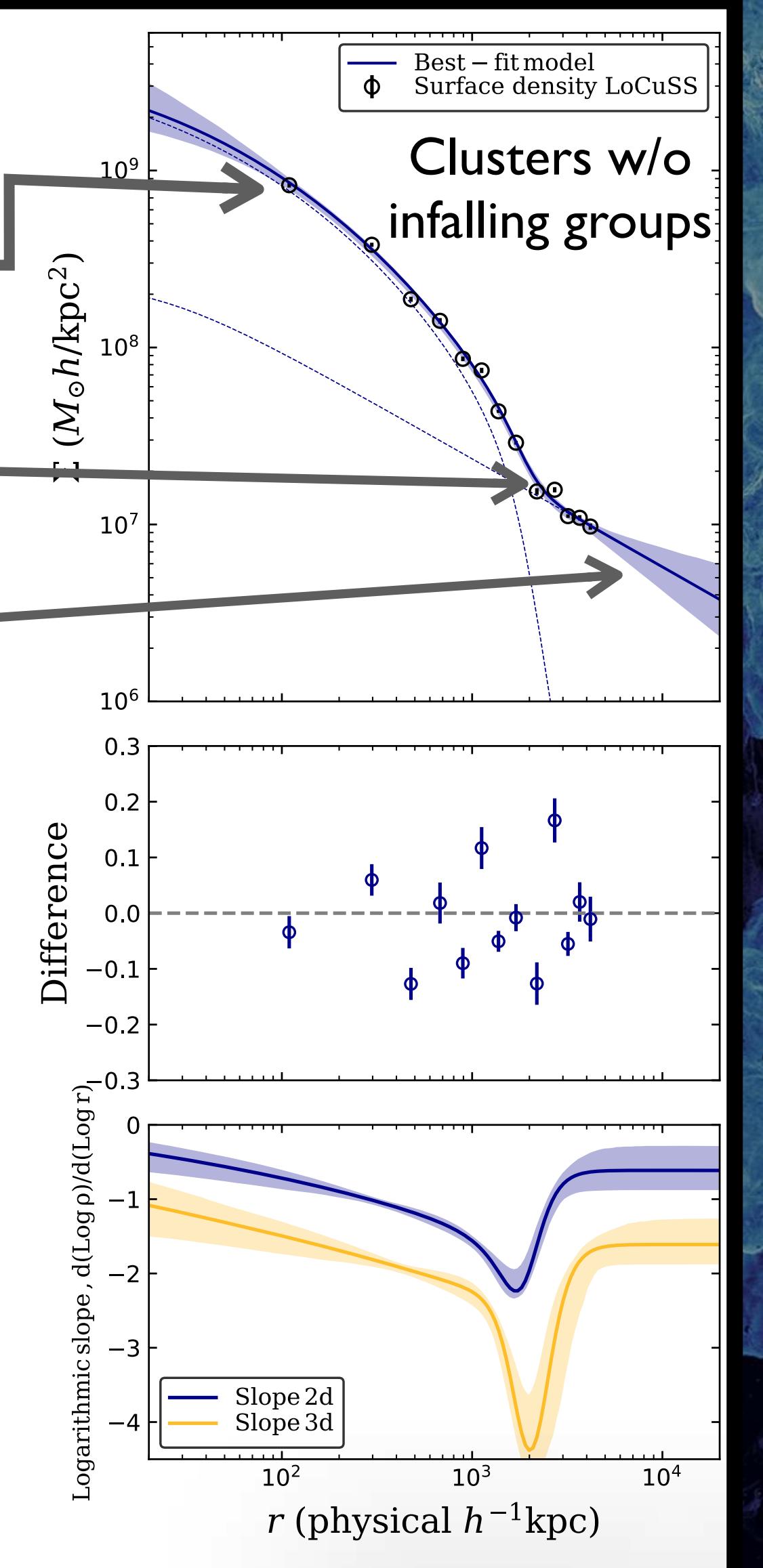


# Results: model confirmation

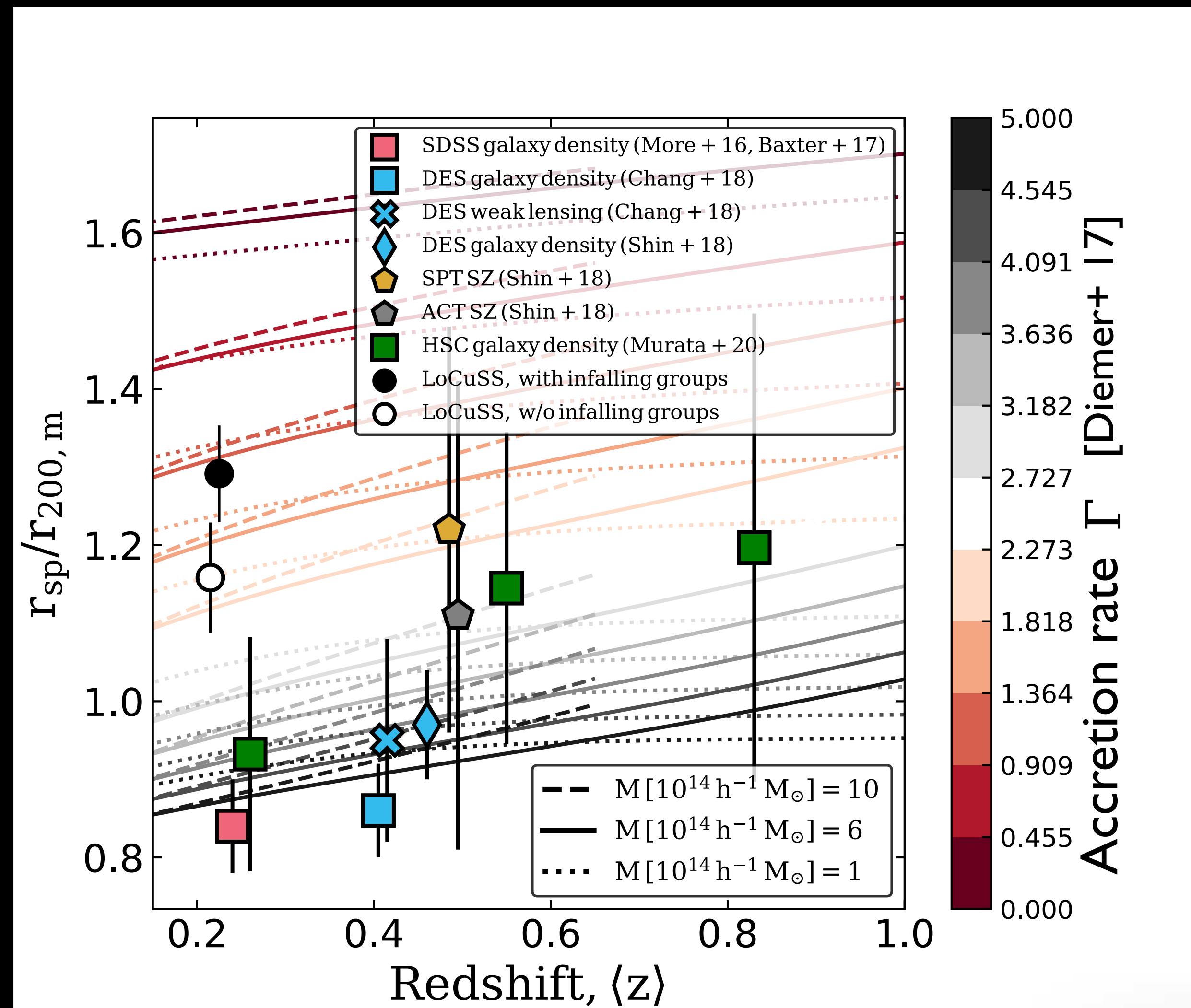
$$\rho(r) = \rho_{\text{Ein}}(r) \times f_{\text{trans}}(r) + \rho_{\text{infall}}(r),$$
$$\rho_{\text{Ein}}(r) = \rho_s \exp \left\{ -\frac{2}{\alpha} \left[ \left( \frac{r}{r_s} \right)^\alpha - 1 \right] \right\},$$
$$f_{\text{trans}}(r) = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{r}{r_t} \right)^\beta \right]^{-\gamma/\beta},$$
$$\rho_{\text{infall}}(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{1/\Delta + (r/r_{\text{pivot}})^{s_e}}$$

Collapsed  
Splashback  
Infall

- Model (Diemer+ 14) fit+validation from Bayesian evidence using nested sampling algorithm CPNest (Veitch+ 2017)
- Splashback model more descriptive of data than model without transition



# Results: detection comparison



Discussion on systematics in  
splashback observations:  
Busch & White 2017  
Sunayama & More 2019  
Murata+ 20

# Conclusions

- Extensive multi-wavelength spectroscopical campaign **precursor** of next-generation cluster science
- **First** detection of the **splashback feature** (above  $5\sigma$ ) using spectroscopically confirmed cluster members
- Clusters classified as old/dynamically inactive show **stronger** splashback feature
- **Evidence** of dynamical state and accretion history affecting location and depth of the splashback feature
- Fundamental dynamical properties of clusters **reverberate** across vastly different physical scales

The background of the image is a complex, organic fractal pattern in shades of blue and purple. It features numerous irregular, rounded shapes of varying sizes, some with internal circular or hexagonal patterns, resembling a microscopic view of a biological tissue or a cloud formation. The overall texture is highly detailed and organic.

Thank you