The SPT-GMOS Survey: Velocity Segregation and Calibrating Velocity Dispersion Biases





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Talk Outline

• SPT-GMOS: A spectroscopic survey of SPT-SZ galaxy clusters.

 Science with the SPT-GMOS spectra: velocity dispersions, velocity segregation by galaxy type and luminosity, and other spin-off projects.

 Can we help to calibrate velocity dispersions as a massobservable using comparisons of astrophysical effects (i.e., velocity segregation) in the data vs simulations?



The Data



Bayliss et al. (2016)

Not Just Cluster Members: For Free Get Some Cool Things Like Strongly Lensed Galaxies



Extracting Detailed Information from Stellar Population Fits to Brightest Cluster Galaxies



 $log(Z/Z_{\odot}) = 0.18$

 $\tau_{age} = 7.6 \text{ Gyr}$

 $\sigma \star = 380 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

 $log(Z/Z_{\odot}) = 0.32$

 $\tau_{age} = 8.3 \text{ Gyr}$

Khullar et al., in prep (see also Khullar et al. 2018)

One Spectrum ≠ One Datapoint; the Spectra Contain Information About the Individual Galaxies



Bayliss et al. (2016)





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Different (Spectral) Types of Cluster Member Galaxies Have Different Velocity Distributions



Bayliss et al. (2017a)

Velocity Segregation With Galaxy Luminosity



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Summary So Far

- We have a wealth of spectroscopic data, including velocity dispersion measurements for a substantial fraction (~20-25%) of the SPT-SZ cluster sample, which overlaps w/ other multi-wavelength (SZ, X-ray, WL, HST) data.
- The spectra provide detailed information about the thousands of individual galaxies in our clusters.
- The survey has fed numerous publications:
 - Papers w/ SPT-GMOS spectroscopy as the primary data product:
 - Ruel et al. (2014) First results and velocity dispersion measurements.
 - Bocquet et al. (2015) SPT cluster cosmology w/ joint X-ray+velocity dispersion masses.
 - Bayliss et al. (2016) Full survey and data product release.
 - Bayliss et al. (2017a) Velocity segregation in SPT clusters.
 - Capasso et al. (2018) SPT cluster mass calibration with caustic fitting.
 - Also 23 (and counting) SPT papers using SPT-GMOS spectroscopy alongside and in support of other data.





The velocity bias, written in this way, has a long history in the literature, but as a practical matter it is difficult to measure in a meaningful way.



But when working with real data, what we actually need to know is:



The challenge is to measure this quantity for your data *and* the same simulation. This is hard to do, though it has been heroically attempted (e.g., Saro et al. 2013, Munari et al. 2013). You can measure this in a given simulation, but by itself this quantity is not very useful.



The dispersion we measure is subject to numerous sources of bias, including but not limited too: interlopers radial sampling

target selection

The galaxy dispersion measured in simulations is sensitive to the choices made about handling hydrodynamics and sub-grid physics in a given simulation.

Comparing Phase Space Properties of Different Types of Cluster Member Galaxies: Data and Sims



Haines et al. (2012) simulations [LoCuSS Collaboration]

Gifford, Miller & Kern (2013) simulations

The phase space properties of cluster member galaxies vary systematically as a function of galaxy type, reflecting the formation history of massive clusters.

Can we use this information to approach the issue of calibrating velocity dispersionmass relations from a new angle?

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The phase space properties by galaxy type represent an additional observational test that we can use to try to solve this problem?

Thank you to the conference organizers!

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Other Results/Tangents — Some Other Interesting Projects

