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Assembly bias and splashback in galaxy clusters

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Halo bias as a function of mass and formation time

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Bias increases smoothly with formation redshift

The dependence on formation redshift is strongest at low mass

Such assembly bias is not consistent with excursion set theory, with HOD models or with 10.0% abundance matching models

Bias as a function of v and formation time

Gao & White 2007



Bias as a function of v and concentration

Gao & White 2007



Bias as a function of v and spin

Gao & White 2007



Bias as a function of v and velocity anisotropy



Halo assembly bias

The large-scale bias of halo clustering depends not only on halo mass through $v = \delta_c / D(z) \sigma_o(M)$, but <u>also</u> on

- formation time
- concentration
- substructure content
- spin
- shape
- velocity anisotropy

The dependences on different assembly variables are different and <u>cannot</u> be derived from each other.

These dependences are likely to be reflected in <u>galaxy</u> bias, hence in the matter clustering inferred from observed galaxy clustering.

Halo splashback radius

Low rate of recent accretion

High rate of recent accretion



The splashback radius (- - -) marks the apocentre of the orbits of recently accreted material and corresponds to the outermost dark matter caustic. It is the best simple definition of the boundary of a halo

Halo splashback radius



The splashback radius can be operationally defined as the radius where the spherically averaged mass density profile is steepest.

It occurs at **smaller** radius with a **deeper** slope minimum in halos with larger recent accretion rates.

Observational detection can provide estimates of the mass and recent accretion rates of halos.

Assembly bias and splashback in SDSS clusters

Miyatake et al. 2016PhRvL.116d1301M, Evidence of Halo Assembly Bias in Massive Clusters More et al. 2016ApJ...825...39M, Detection of the Splashback Radius and Halo Assembly Bias of Massive Galaxy Clusters

SDSS/DR8 5-band photometric catalogues analysed with RedMaPPer

→ 8,648 clusters with $0.1 < z_{phot} < 0.33$ and $20 < \lambda < 100$

where λ is a richness, the estimated number of red sequence members with

 $M_i < -19.43 - 5 \log h$; $R < R_c \equiv 1.0 (\lambda / 100)^{0.2} h^{-1} Mpc$

This sample is split into two equal subsamples according to whether

$$\langle R_{mem} \rangle \equiv \sum R p_{mem}$$
 for red sequence members

lies above or below the median at each cluster's z_{phot} and λ

A set of comparison galaxies has $M_i < -19.43 - 5 \log h$ (no colour cuts)

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(i) Profiles differ at $R < 1.0 h^{-1}$ Mpc because of separation of clusters by $\langle R_{mem} \rangle$

(ii) Slope minimum is *deeper* and at *smaller* radii for more concentrated clusters

(iii) Strong assembly bias seen at $R > 2.0 h^{-1} Mpc - b_{low C} / b_{high C} \sim 1.5$

(iii) is confirmed by lensing results, but (ii) is *unexpected* given splashback theory

Galaxies from the Guo et al (2011) Millennium-based galaxy formation simulation, taking all properties from the z = 0.24 output file on the **public** data archive

2,239,661 galaxies with $M_i < -19.43 - 5 \log h$, with 897,604 on red sequence

Project along three orthogonal directions $\rightarrow 1/3$ of SDSS/RedMaPPER volume

Clusters are centred on their most massive galaxy and contain λ red sequence galaxies in excess of background within projected $R_c \equiv 1.0 (\lambda / 100)^{0.2} h^{-1} Mpc$

Choose objects with $20 < \lambda < 100$ \longrightarrow a sample of 8,220 clusters

Split into two equal subsamples according to whether $\langle R_{mem} \rangle$ lies above or below the median at each cluster's value of λ





Millennium drop-off at large R due to finite box size, otherwise good agreement





Good agreement on the relative assembly bias of the two subsamples

Assembly bias and splashback in Millennium clusters



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3D galaxy profiles show similar small-scale features but **smaller** assembly bias The mass profiles in 3D are almost identical to the galaxy profiles



The galaxies which produce higher projected surface densities are typically at differential depths of 10's to 100's of Mpc at $R > 1.0 h^{-1} Mpc$ (\rightarrow the assembly bias signal) and of 100 to 200 h⁻¹ kpc at $R < 300 h^{-1} kpc$ (\rightarrow 2D cluster concentration)





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- When projected across the full Millennium box, the public Guo et al (2011) simulation reproduces the observed assembly bias signal.
- The 3D assembly bias signal around the cluster central galaxies is only about one third of that measured in 2D.
- Most of the 2D assembly bias signal at $R \sim 10$ h⁻¹ Mpc comes from galaxies lying ~ 100 h⁻¹ Mpc in front of/behind the "associated" cluster.
- Stacked projected galaxy number profiles of clusters show features which reflect their operational definition and can confuse splashback detection.