

Galaxy-dark matter offsets in galaxy clusters and groups of the Illustris simulation

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ABSTRACT

Galaxy clusters, which mainly compose of dark matter (DM), can be rare test beds for the particle properties of DM. However, the continuous merger and accretion events of clusters also complicate the modeling of galaxy clusters. With uncertainties coming from various modeling choices and observational constraints, we need to carefully account for the uncertainties for us to give meaningful quantitative constraints from the studies of galaxy clusters. In this paper, we test various summary statistics of the different components of galaxy clusters by applying them to data from a cosmological simulation, the Illustris simulation. We examine the uncertainties of the different one-point statistics that are intermediate quantities for computing the spatial offsets between the member galaxies and the dark matter components.

Key words: galaxy clusters, dark matter, statistics

1 INTRODUCTION

Galaxies that belongs to a galaxy cluster or group are stochastic samples of the underlying dark matter (DM) mass density. There are many reasonable models for summarizing the overall spatial distribution of cluster components. Each method has different uncertainties. They fall under several categories, 1) mixture models, 2) basis function expansions, such as wavelet methods and 3) non-parametric estimations such as a kernel density estimation.

Not only do the performance of the first two methods depend heavily on model parameters, the data fit also depend quite strongly on the underlying mixture model / wavelet basis. Often times, the most common mixture models and wavelet bases carry symmetry assumptions that may not be valid for galaxy clusters. This is because galaxy clusters have substructures over a wide range of length scales, from galaxy scales of hundreds of pc to fraction of a Mpc. The symmetry assumption will bias the estimate of the point estimate that we are after for non-symmetric clusters.

We quantify the bias and uncertainty associated with the one-point summary statistic for summarizing the physical state of a galaxy cluster. Commonly used one-point statistic of galaxy clusters include: 1) papers reported using centroids but did not state what centroid that they used 2) papers used center of mass 3) papers that used peaks. Uncertainties affect the conclusion for the computation the hypothesis test / parameter estimation. Previous work on quantifying galaxy-DM offsets included What centroids they have used

Physical motivation for using the galaxy density peak

In this paper, we 1) extract realistic observables from the Illustris simulation for comparison with observations, 2) identify practical, objective one-point statistic for summarizing the member galaxy population of a galaxy cluster, 3) give estimates for the off-

sets between the summary statistics of the galaxy population and the DM population. We call this offset as

$$\Delta s \equiv |\mathbf{s}_{\text{gal}} - \mathbf{s}_{\text{DM}}|, \quad (1)$$

where \mathbf{s}_{gal} and \mathbf{s}_{DM} are the two dimensional (2D) spatial locations of the summary statistic of the galaxy population, and the density peak of DM respectively. Finally, we provide the distribution and investigate origin of Δs .

The data that we use: The Illustris simulation one of the most detailed cosmological simulations of our universe. Cold Dark matter. Our paper adopt the same cosmology

The highest resolution Illustris-1 simulation. With a snapshot at $z = 0$. Two sets of halo finder - one is for halo sized stuff the other one for particles Subfind

Terminology halos - what we refer to cluster sized halos identified by RockStar / Subfind

subhalos - galaxy sized observation bands - u, g, r, i, z

2 THE ILLUSTRIS SIMULATION DATA

field of view for wide-view telescopes such as the Subaru supprime camera. Finally, for our final results, we only make use of galaxy clusters / groups that have at least 50 member galaxies after this magnitude cut. This is because of the huge statistical uncertainty of estimating the luminosity peaks for groups with less than 50 member galaxies.

2.1 Selection of the field of view

As a default output from the Illustris simulation, subhalos and particles of each galaxy cluster and group are identified by the Rockstar

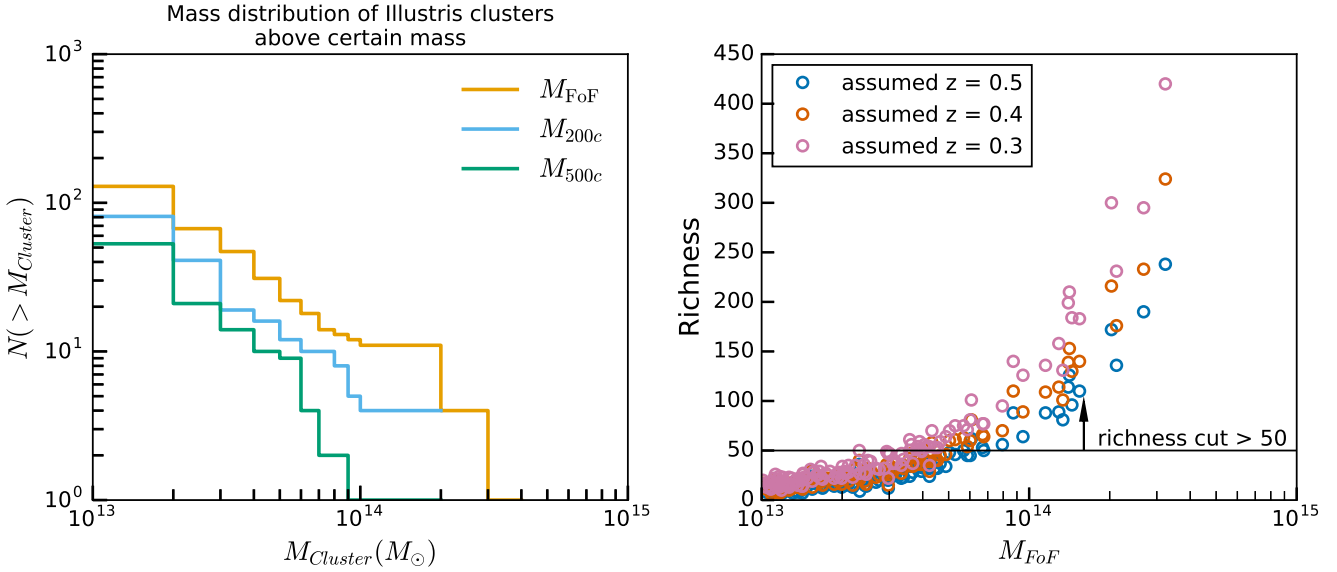


Figure 1. **Left figure:** Mass distribution of the group / cluster sized DM halos for different halo selection schemes. Mass estimates obtained by the Friends-of-Friends RockStar algorithm are labeled as M_{FoF} . Masses centered on the most bound particle within a radius those the average density is 200 or 500 times the critical density of the universe are labeled as M_{200c} and M_{500c} respectively. Discrepancies between the different measures of mass of the clusters indicate the presence of spatially separated substructures for the clusters. (See Fig ?) **Right figure:** Mass-richness relationship. We require clusters to have more than 50 member galaxies that are above observation limit, i.e. apparent $i \leq 24$ when we assume a cosmological redshift of $z = 0.4$, as shown by the richness cut.

halo finder (CITATION). We make use of the member particle / subhalo identification as our default volume selection scheme for each cluster / group. We understand that this choice of volume selection can be more ideal than observational conditions. We make use of this volume selection scheme for baseline comparisons. Furthermore, assuming a conservative line-of-sight (los) distance, i.e. cosmological redshift, of $z = 0.4$, the projected extent for most of the Illustris galaxy clusters, fits inside the field of view of telescopes, such as the Subaru Suprime Camera, which covers a physical area of $\sim 9 \text{ Mpc} \times 7 \text{ Mpc}$.

2.1.1 Spatial Projections

The center findings are all based on two-dimensional (2D) matter projections. In order to represent the projection uncertainty, we sample the projections evenly by using HealPy (CITE), which is a Python wrapper for HealPix (CITE).

2.1.2 Galaxy weights

Not all galaxies are created equal, so they should not be considered with equal importance. Galaxies reside in host halos with different masses and contain different stellar masses. The brightness of galaxies in a cluster are also affected by the cluster environments. For example the star formation rates of cluster galaxies are known to be suppressed by the high concentration of intracluster medium. (CITE) One of the most common weighting schemes employed for galaxy data is to weight by the luminosity in a particular band. We examined

2.1.3 Cluster properties

2.2 Relaxedness of the clusters

On the relaxedness of the clusters. We provide several definitions of non-relaxedness to characterize whether the clusters underwent any recent merger activities. These definitions of non-relaxedness include.

- ratio of mass outside the dominant dark matter halo over the total mass of the galaxy cluster
- distance between the most bound particle from the center of mass as a function of R_{200c} .

3 METHODS FOR SUMMARIZING THE SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF ??

Well known tradeoff Bias-variance tradeoff

Goal: to identify the “center” of the light distribution. Here the adopted tracers for the light distribution are the member galaxies of the cluster and groups.

We compare four ways to identify the light/galaxy centers:

- Centroids
- KDE + peak finder
- Shrinking aperture method
- Brightest cluster galaxy (BCG)

3.0.1 Centroids or center of mass

We follow the usual definition of spatial centroid as

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \mathbf{x}_i. \quad (2)$$

Table 1. Selection criteria for stellar subhalos (member galaxies) for each cluster / group

Data	Selection strategy	Sensitivity	Relevant section
Field of view (FOV)	RockStar halo finder	comparable to FOV of the Subaru Suprime camera	
Observed filter	i -band	consistent over the redder r, i, z bands	
Richness of member galaxies	$i \leq 24$ and $z = 0.4$	sensitive to the assumed cosmological redshift of cluster and the assumed limiting magnitude of telescope	
Two-dimensional projections	even HealPix samples over half a sphere	discussed as results	

Table 2. Comparison between various methods for estimating one-point statistics of the galaxies of a cluster

Method	One-point statistic	Sensitivity to biases	Uncertainty	Relevant section
Centroid	2D spatial averages	High	Low	Not recommended
Shrinking aperture	proxy for density peak	High sensitivity to substructures	Medium	Not recommended
Peak finding from KDE	density peak	Lower sensitivity to substructures	Higher	Relatively computationally demanding but
Brightest cluster galaxy		Sensitive to foreground contaminants	Canonical method	
Most bound particle	bottom of gravitational potential well	may be affected by statistical noise		unobservable but presented for comparison

While the weighted centroids are just:

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_w = \frac{\sum_i w_i \mathbf{x}_i}{\sum_i w_i}, \quad (3)$$

for each spatial dimension and the weights w_i for the i -th galaxy is described in section. Centroids can be biased 1) by subcomponents from merging activities yet do not provide explicit evidence for ongoing merger or accretion, 2) by the field of view.

3.0.2 Cross-validated Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) and the peak finder

We employed a KDE algorithm to infer a smooth density distribution of the galaxies. It is known that the choice of the functional form of the smoothing kernel does not dominate the density estimate \hat{f} as long as the chosen kernel is smooth (CITE). Instead we focus our effort to use cross-validation to obtain the optimal smoothing bandwidth matrices (H).

$$\hat{f}(x; \mathbf{H}) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{K} \left(\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{h}} \right) \quad (4)$$

Specifically, we made use of the KDE function in the statistical package `ks` (Duong) in the R statistical computing environment (R Core Team 2014). Cross validation eliminates free parameters in the KDE and minimizes the asymptotic mean-integrated squared error (AMISE) for a best fit to the data.

After obtaining the KDE estimate, we employed a finite differencing algorithm to find the local maxima. We sorted the local maxima according to the KDE density at the maxima locations and identified the dominant peak.

Spatial location and the density of the subdominant peaks are also stored. We investigated if the presence of subdominant peaks are correlated with Δs .

3.0.3 Shrinking aperture

Another popular method among astronomers for finding the peak of a spatial distribution include what we call a shrinking aperture method. We test if the shrinking aperture method is able to recover the highest peak reliably. This method is dependent on the initial diameter and the initial center location of the aperture. This method does not evaluate if the cluster is consist of several subcomponents so

the peak estimate can be easily biased by substructures. Furthermore, the convergence rate for this iterative algorithm is not analytical and is dependent on the data. We present the convergence criteria for reference. We note that different implementation may result in different performances.

Data: subhalo that satisfy cuts as a galaxy

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initial`center = mean(data`array)
dist`array = euclidean`dist(initial`center, data`array)
apert = get`90th`percentile(dist`array)
while (newCenterDist - oldCenterDist) / oldCenterDist >=
2e-2 do
    new data array = old data array within apert
    newCenter = mean value of new data along each spatial
dimension
end

```

Algorithm 1: Shrinking aperture algorithm

3.0.4 Brightest Cluster Galaxies (BCG)

3.1 Comparison of the methods from test data

In order to examine the performance of commonly used point-estimates of the distribution of the galaxy data, we test them on data drawn from Gaussian mixtures with known mean and variance.

Fig 1. one Normal mixture

Fig 2. one big normal mixture and one smaller normal mixture

Fig 3. three bridged normal mixtures

We compare the properties and performance of each of the methods for finding the peaks of the galaxy and dark matter, except the BCG since it does not rely on the cluster member population. The main factors that affect the performance of the methods depend heavily on statistical fluctuations of the drawn data. Namely, the performance of each method depends on: 1) the number of Gaussian mixture used, 2) the number of data points in each mixture

Due to the statistical nature of the data, it is not enough to just compare the performance from applying each method for one realization of the data. We also provide the 68% and the 95% confidence regions from the different methods for different Monte Carlo realizations.

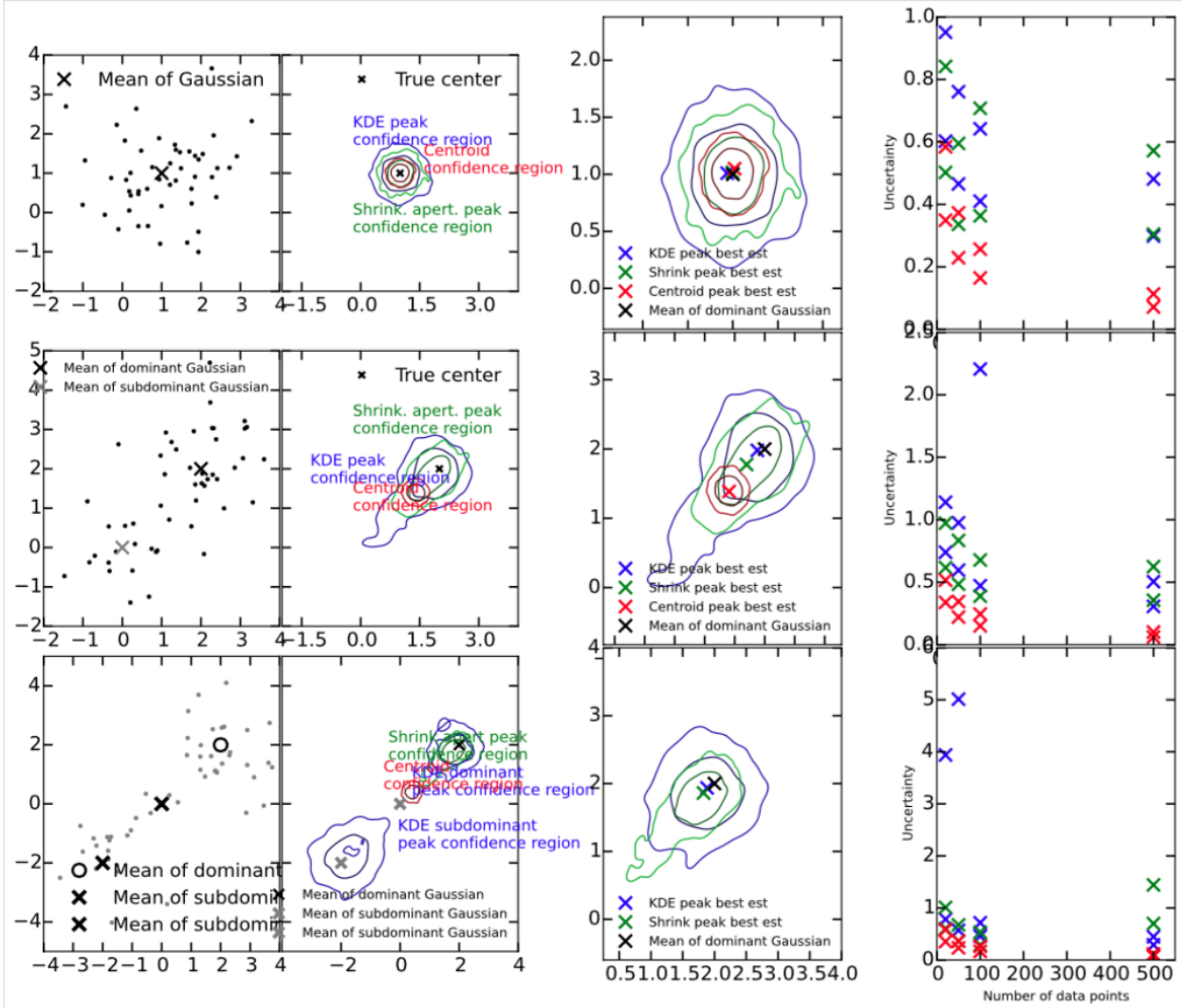


Figure 2.

The details and implementation can be found in our Bitbucket git repository.

4 SECTION II: DM AND THE LENSING KERNEL

To infer the 2D projected density, We reconstructed histograms of Since we have much higher resolution of dark matter, the choice of bin size have smaller impact on the results. The 2D histogram of the dark matter is analogous to a convergence map which is a product of a weak / strong lensing analysis.

4.1 Finding offsets

We computed the projected offsets between the galaxy density peaks inferred from the cross-validated KDE and the dark matter density peak as we have shown that this method gives us the least biased density peak estimates. The viewing angles of the projections are defined by an elevation angle ξ and an azimuthal angle ϕ .

5 RESULTS

5.1 Galaxy-DM Offset in Illustris

5.1.1 Projected offsets

* those between BCG, the most bound particle and the other masses.

5.1.2 Correlations between the offsets and properties of the cluster / groups

6 DISCUSSION

6.1 Comparison to other simulations

6.2 Comparison to other observational studies

Central galaxy paradigm

6.3 Galaxy-DM Offset in Merging Galaxy Clusters

7 SUMMARY

We showed that

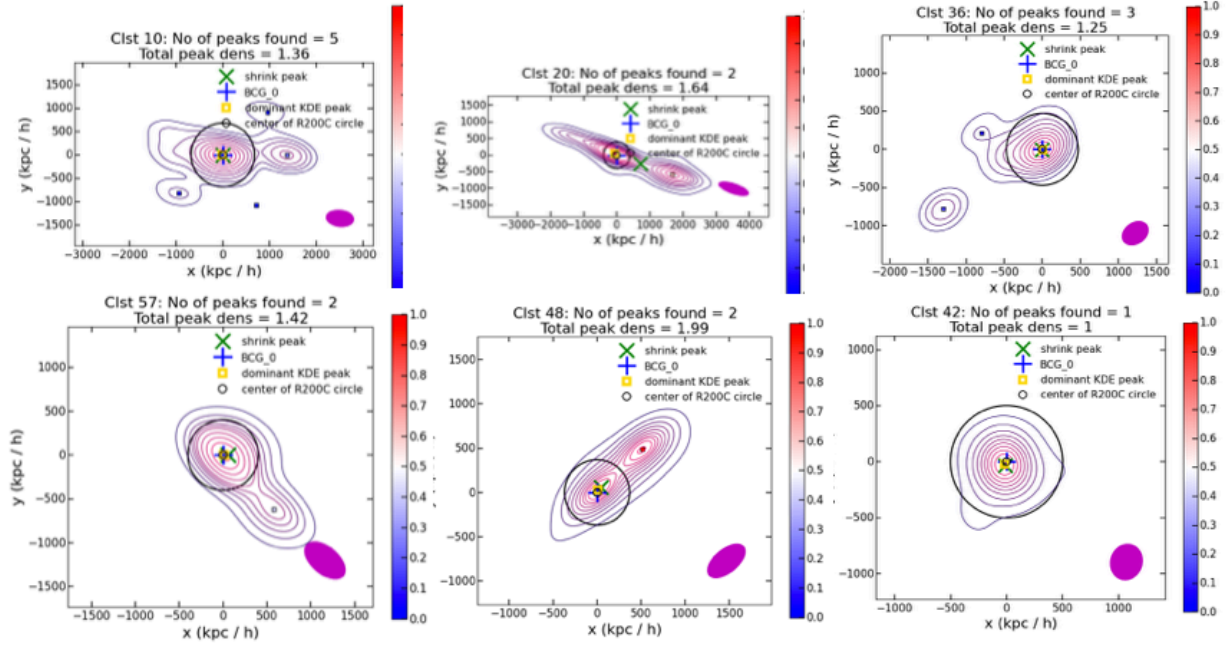


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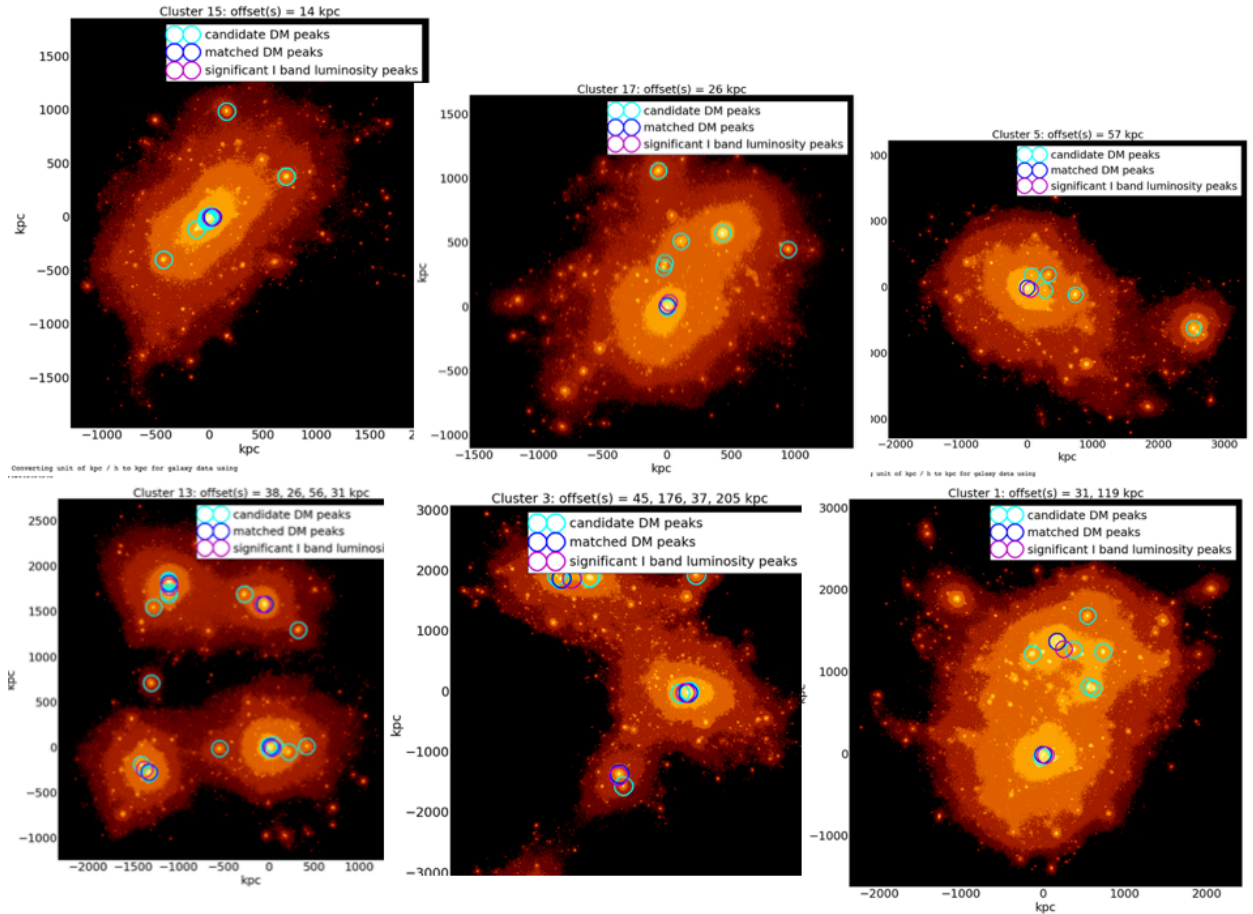


Figure 4.

- the peak finding method To-be-finalized for the density of cluster galaxies is the least biased due to substructures from our test data.
- all existing peak finding methods have non-negligible uncertainty due to the small number of data points. When dealing with small number of cluster samples, the uncertainties of the peak locations should not be ignored.

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APPENDIX A: THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF A GALAXY CLUSTER

State variables are missing. A galaxy cluster is not a closed system.

APPENDIX A: KDE

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