

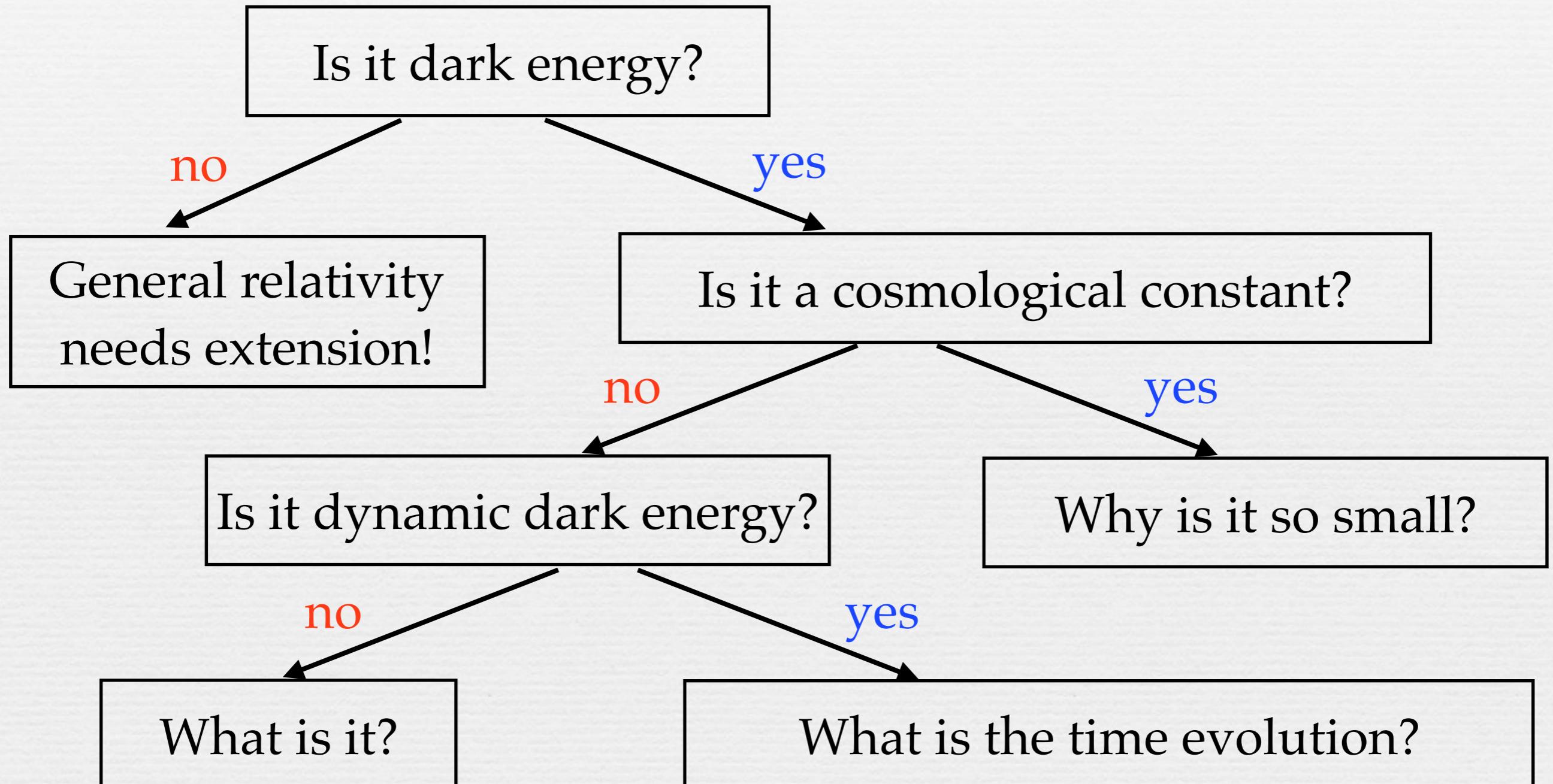
# Covariance matrices for galaxy cluster weak lensing

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# What causes cosmic acceleration?

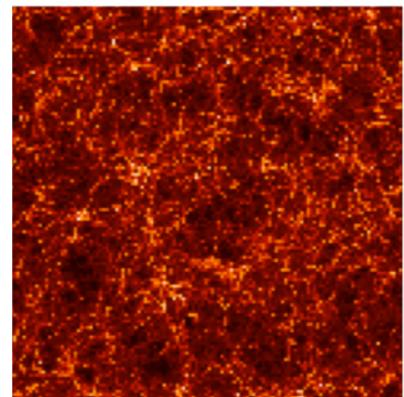


We need measurements other than the expansion rate.

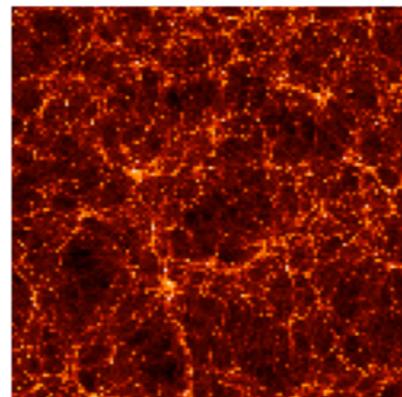
# Dark energy slows down the growth of large-scale structure

30% dark matter;  
70% dark energy

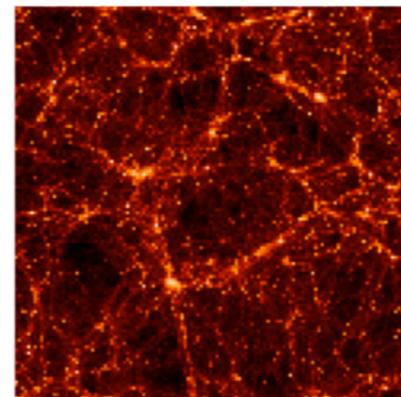
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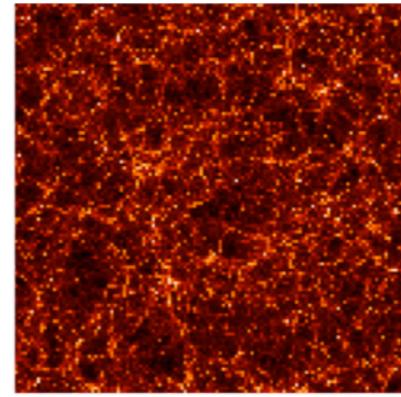
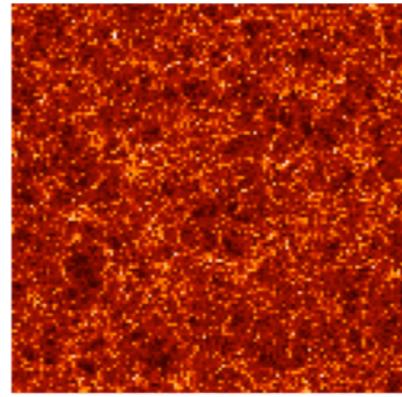
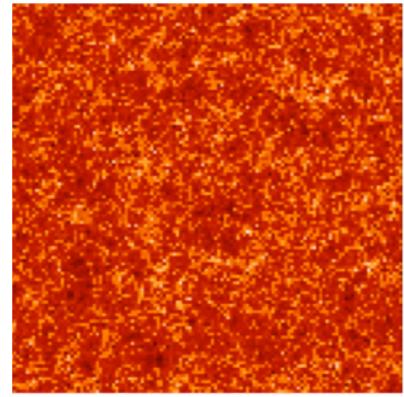


$a=1$  (today)



slower evolution

100% dark matter



faster evolution

Sims: Jenkins et al. (1998)

Counting the density peaks as a function of time can help us constrain dark energy parameters.

# Galaxy clusters: the highest density peaks

Galaxies



2%

Hot gas



10%

Dark matter halo



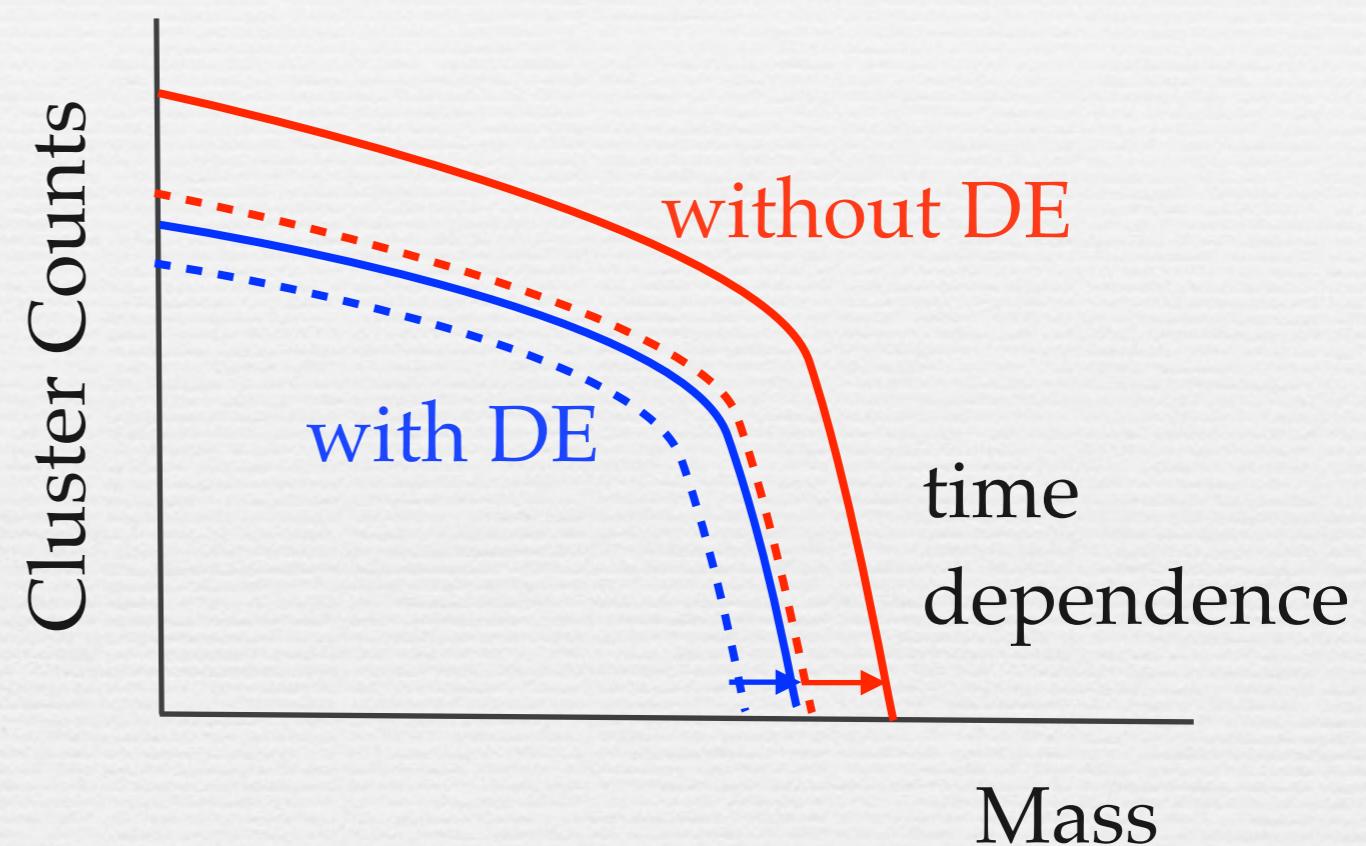
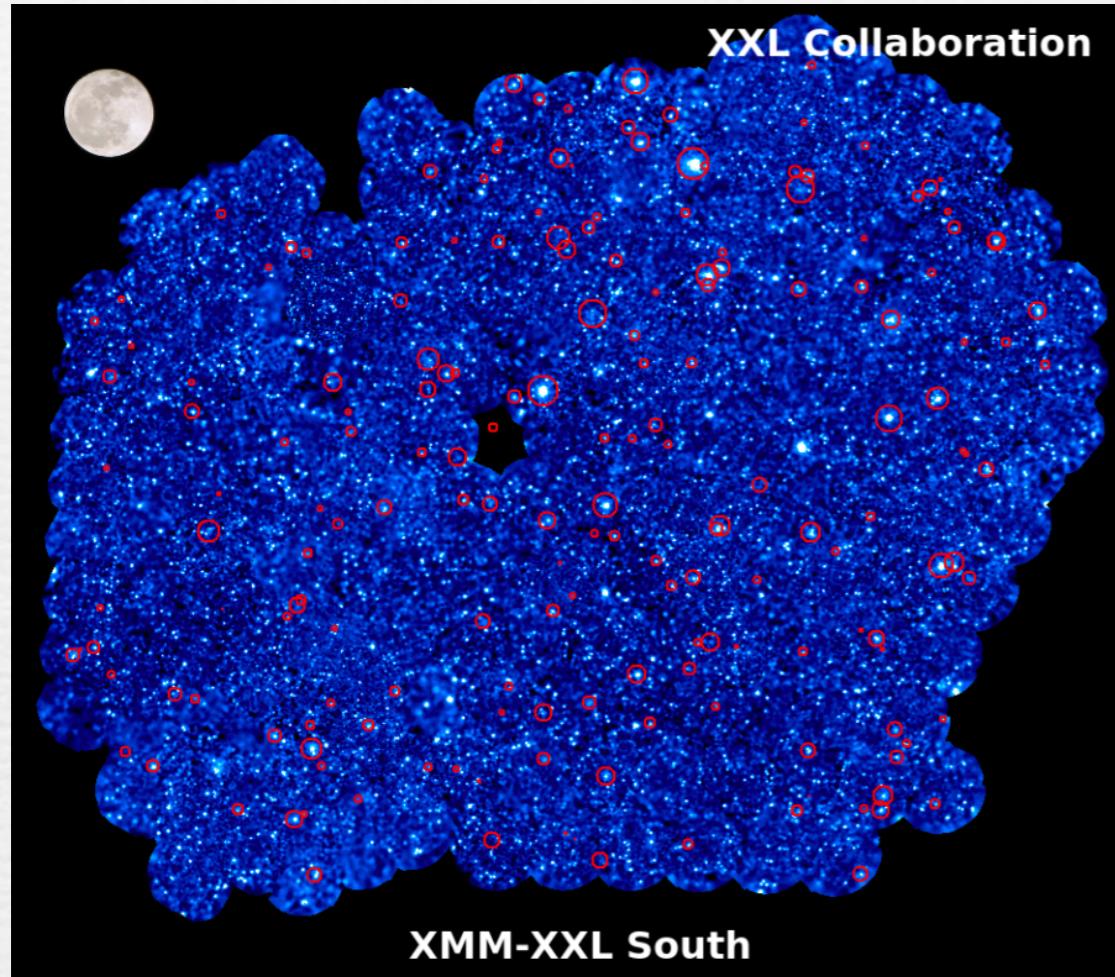
88%

Mass  $\sim 10^{14}$  to  $10^{15} M_{\odot}$

Size  $\sim$  a few million parsecs (Mpc)

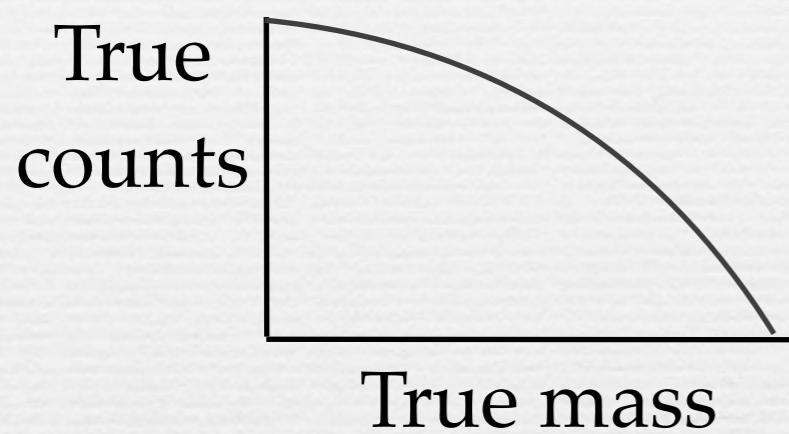
Richness  $\sim$  number of galaxies in a cluster

# Measuring dark energy using the number counts of galaxy clusters



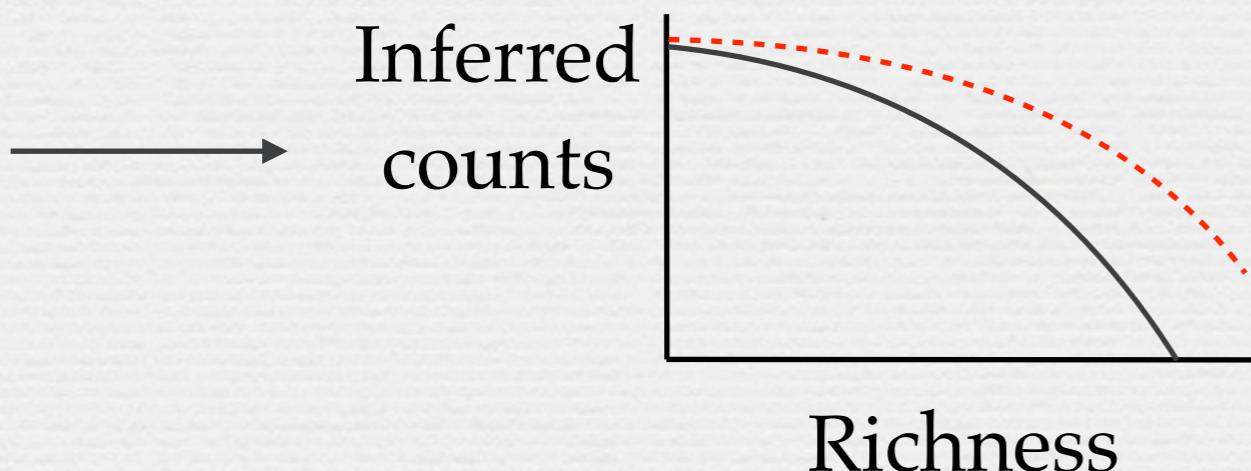
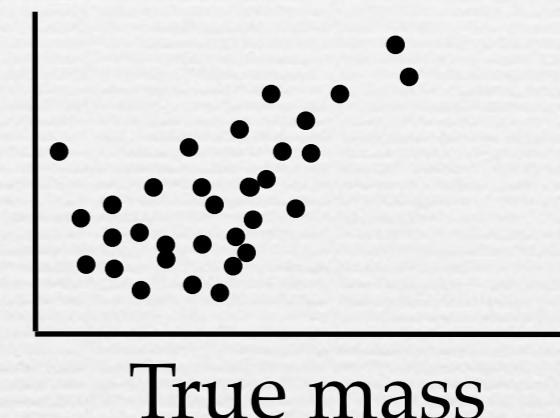
We need to infer cluster mass from observable properties.

# Impact of scatter



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Scatter between mass  
and observable



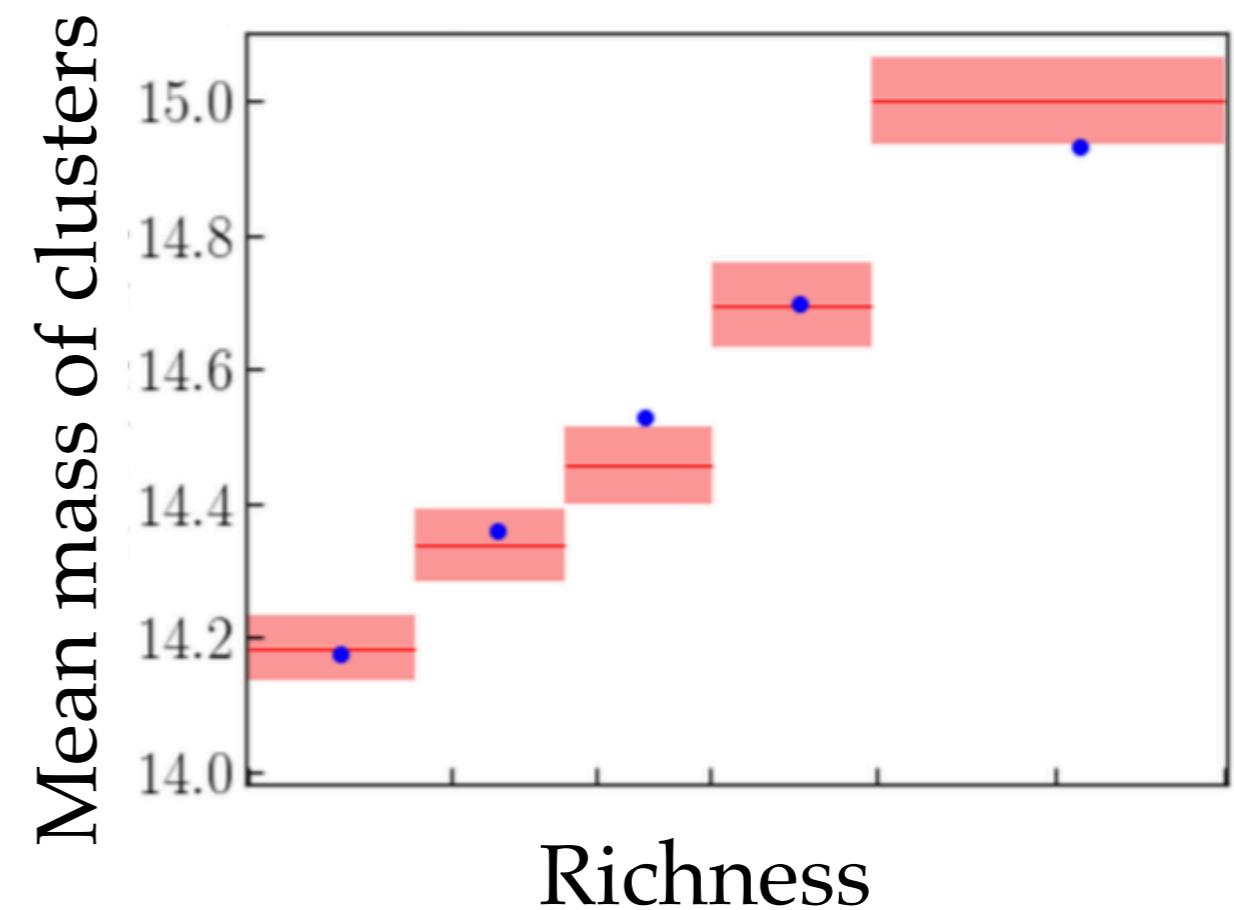
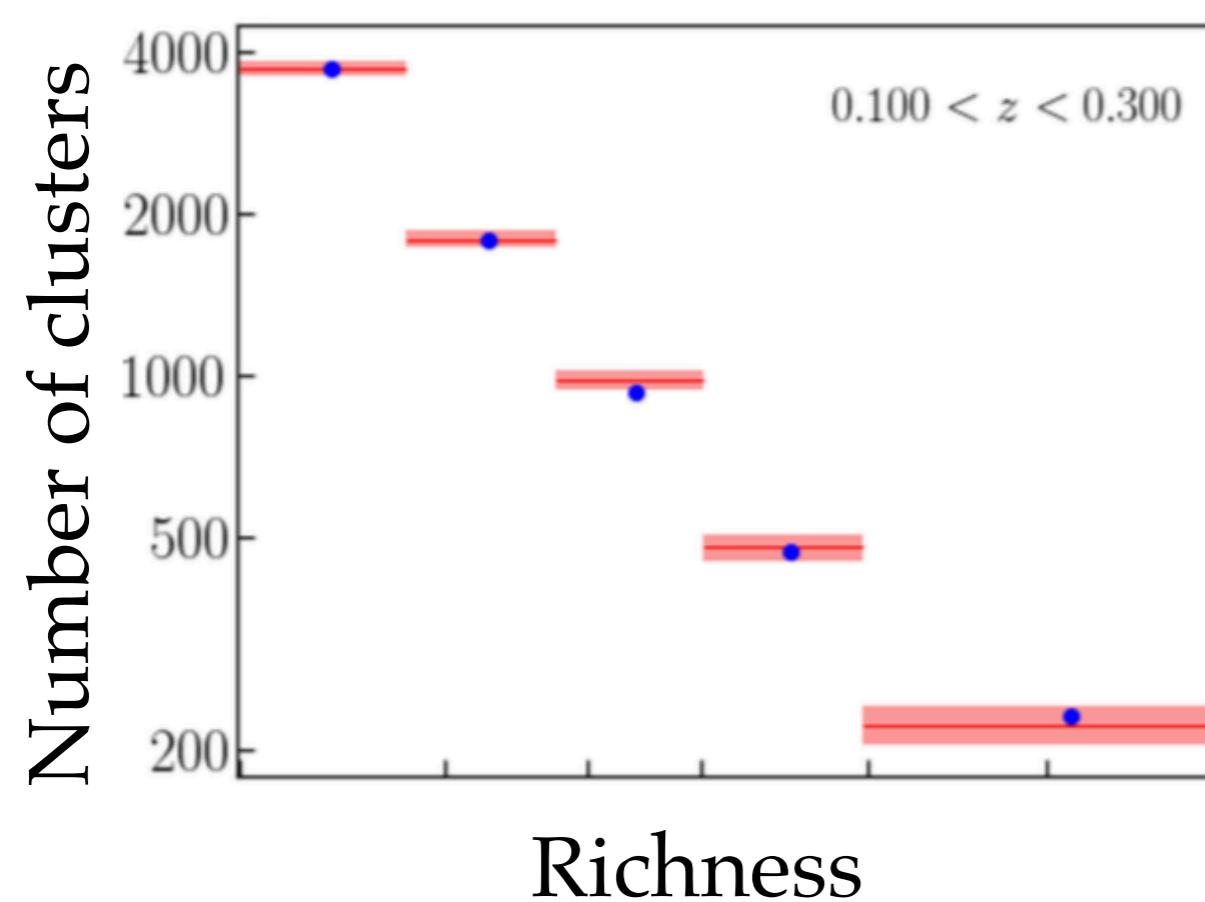
Scatter can mimic  
the effect of low  
dark energy!

# Example from SDSS

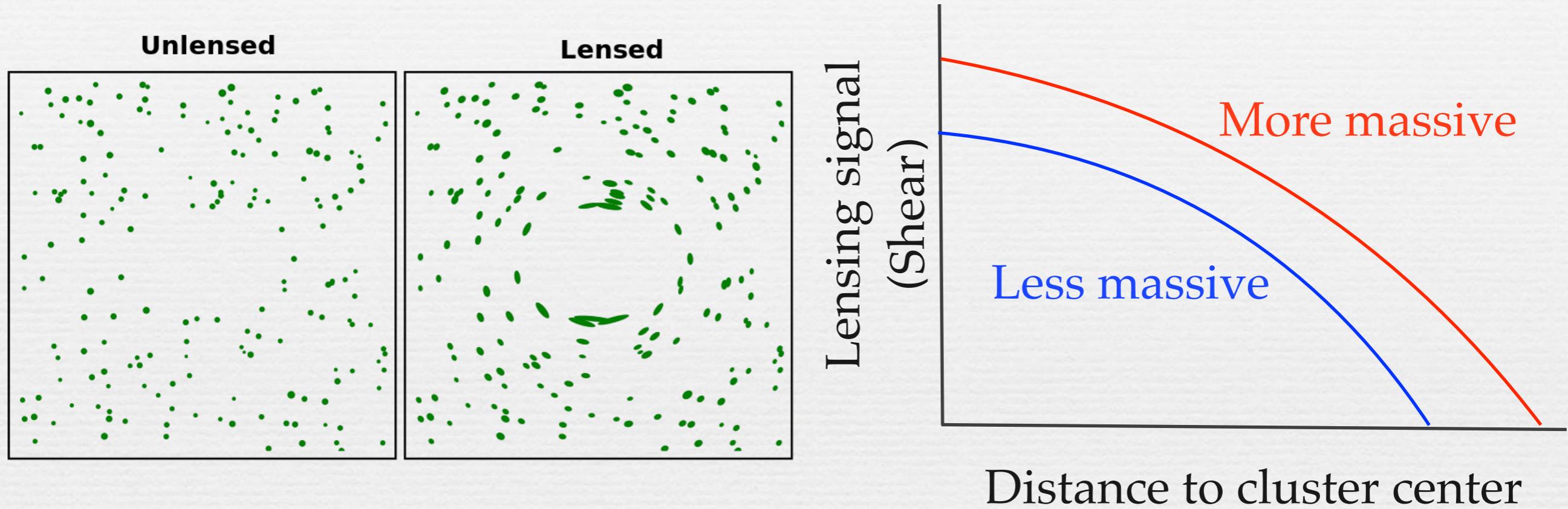
DES results will be published in a few weeks!

Bands: observation. Points: best-fitting model

Mean mass comes from stacked lensing.

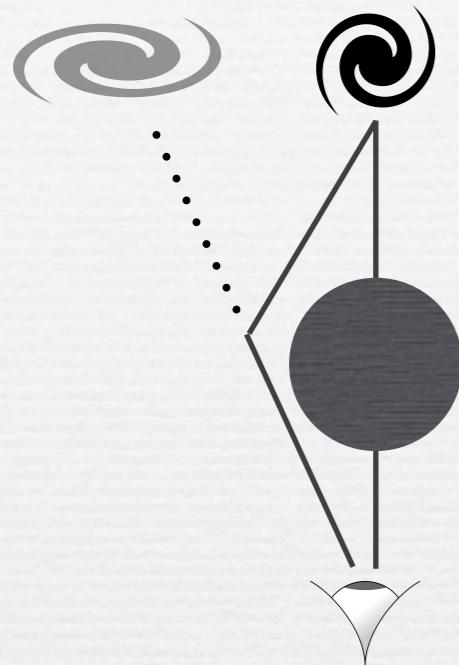


# Inferring cluster mass from weak lensing

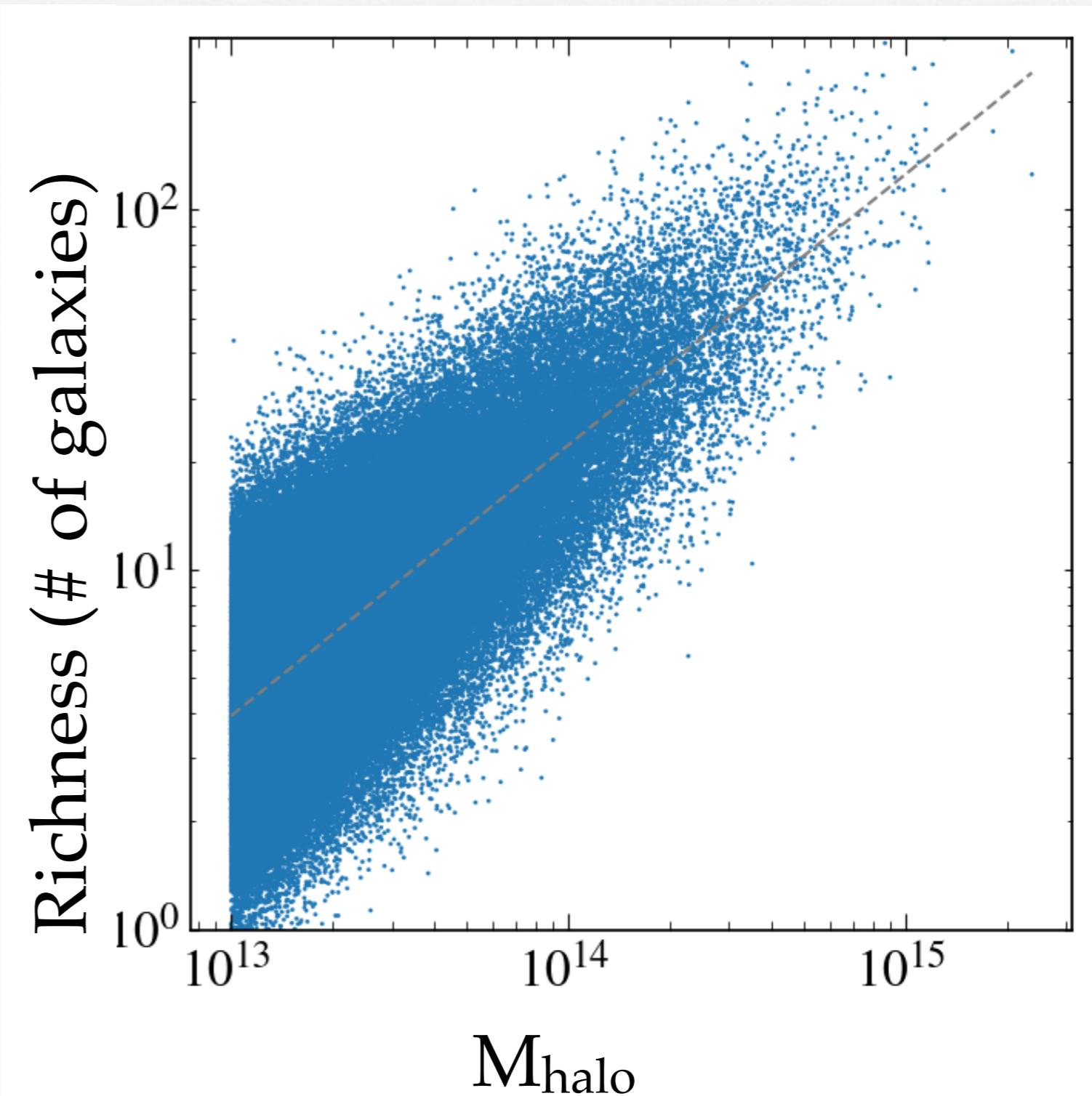


Lensing signal: tangential shear ( $\gamma_t$ )  
 $\propto$  excess surface mass density ( $\Delta\Sigma$ )

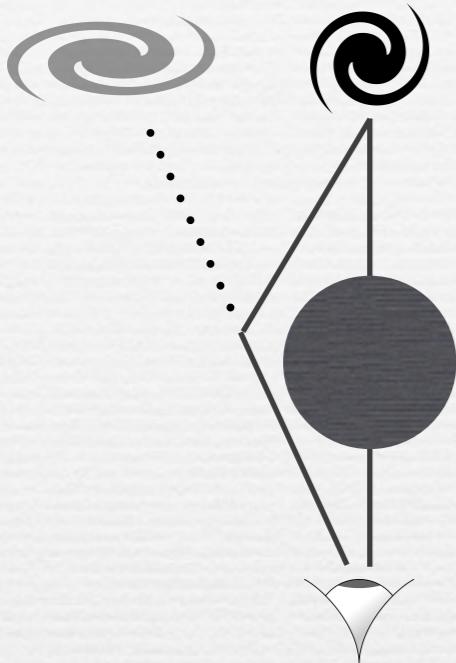
# Stacking the weak lensing effect



Combining the weak lensing signal of clusters of similar “richness” (# of galaxies)

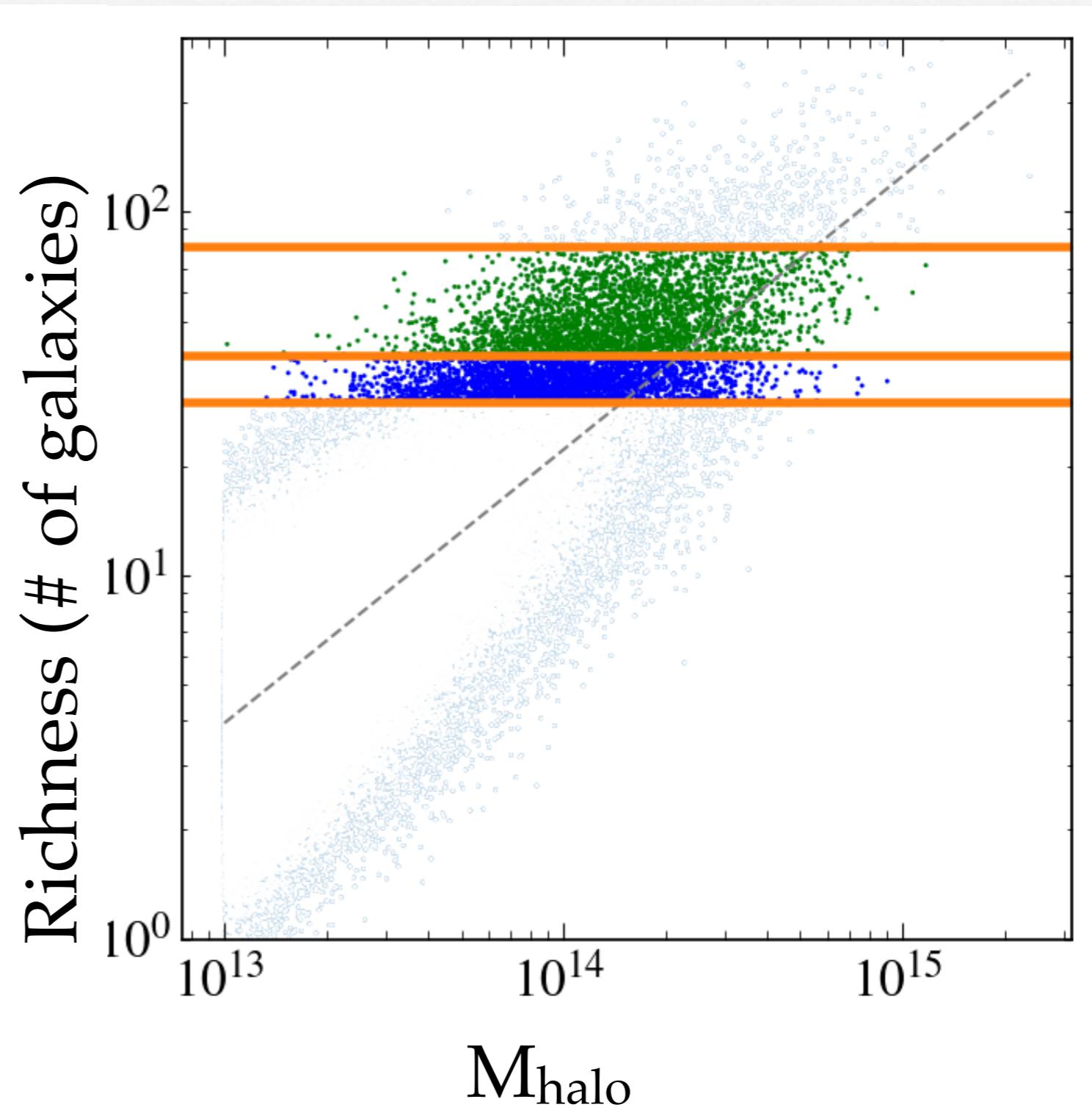


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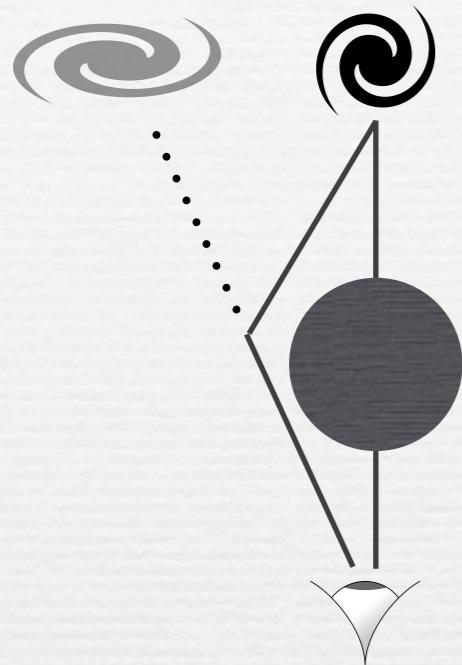


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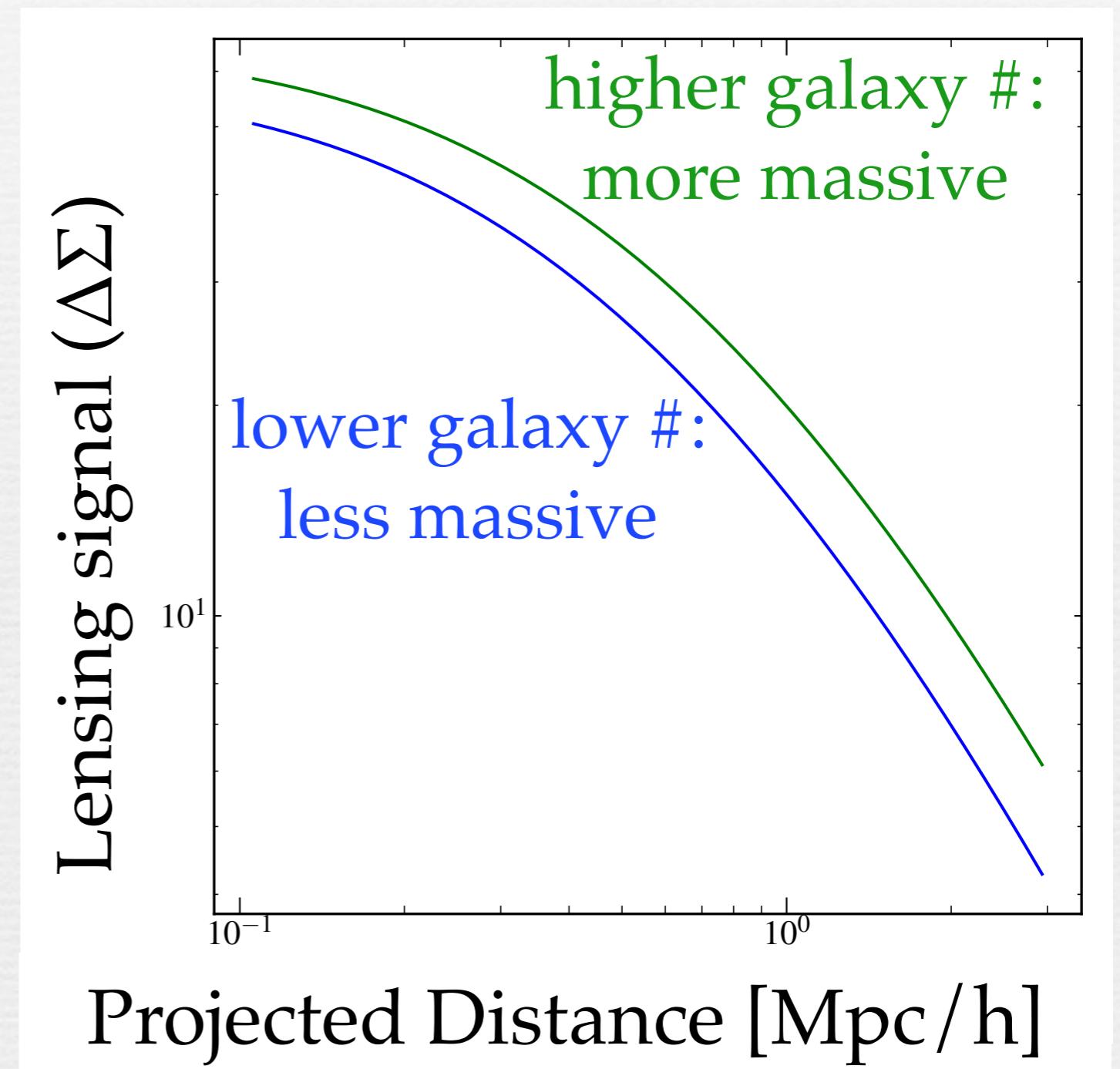


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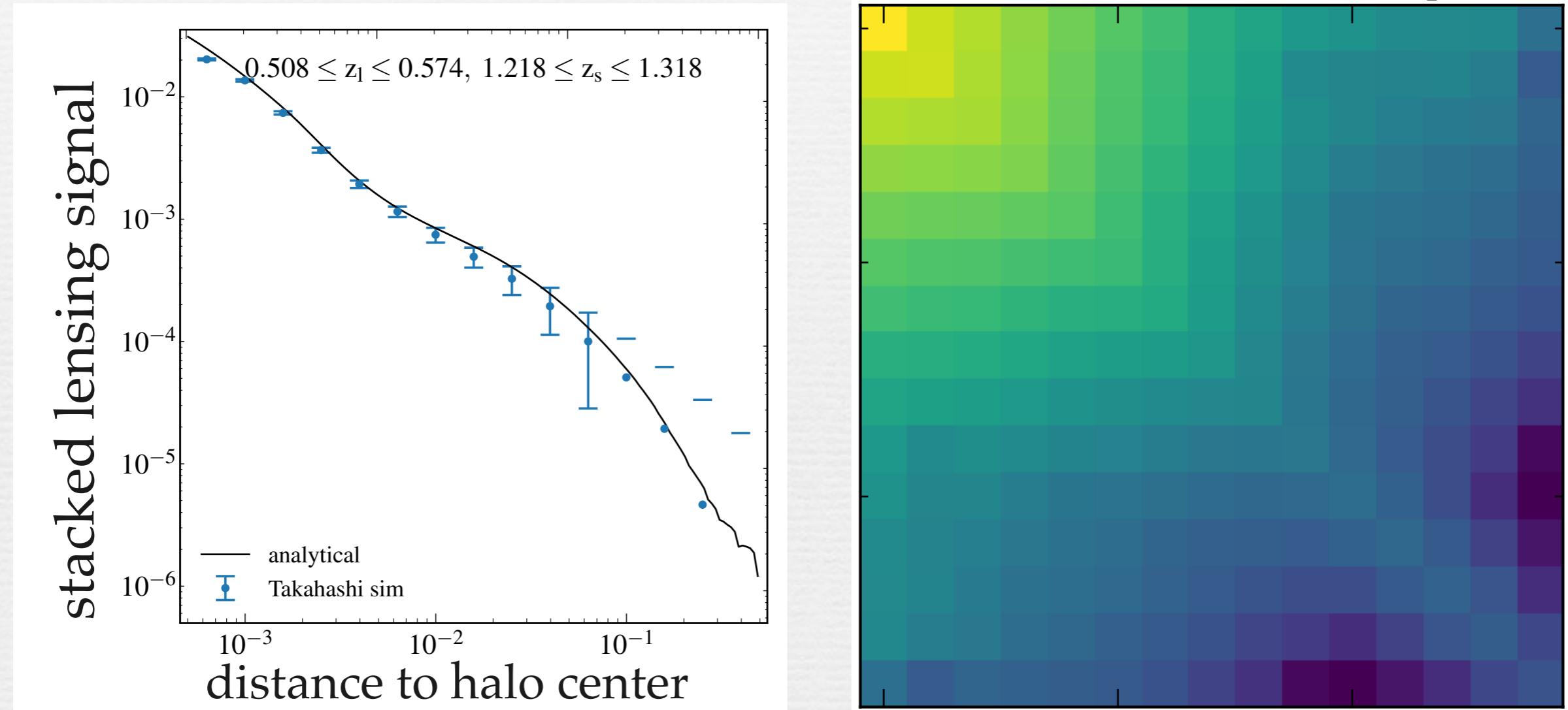


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Deriving the mean mass of clusters in a richness bin from the stacked lensing

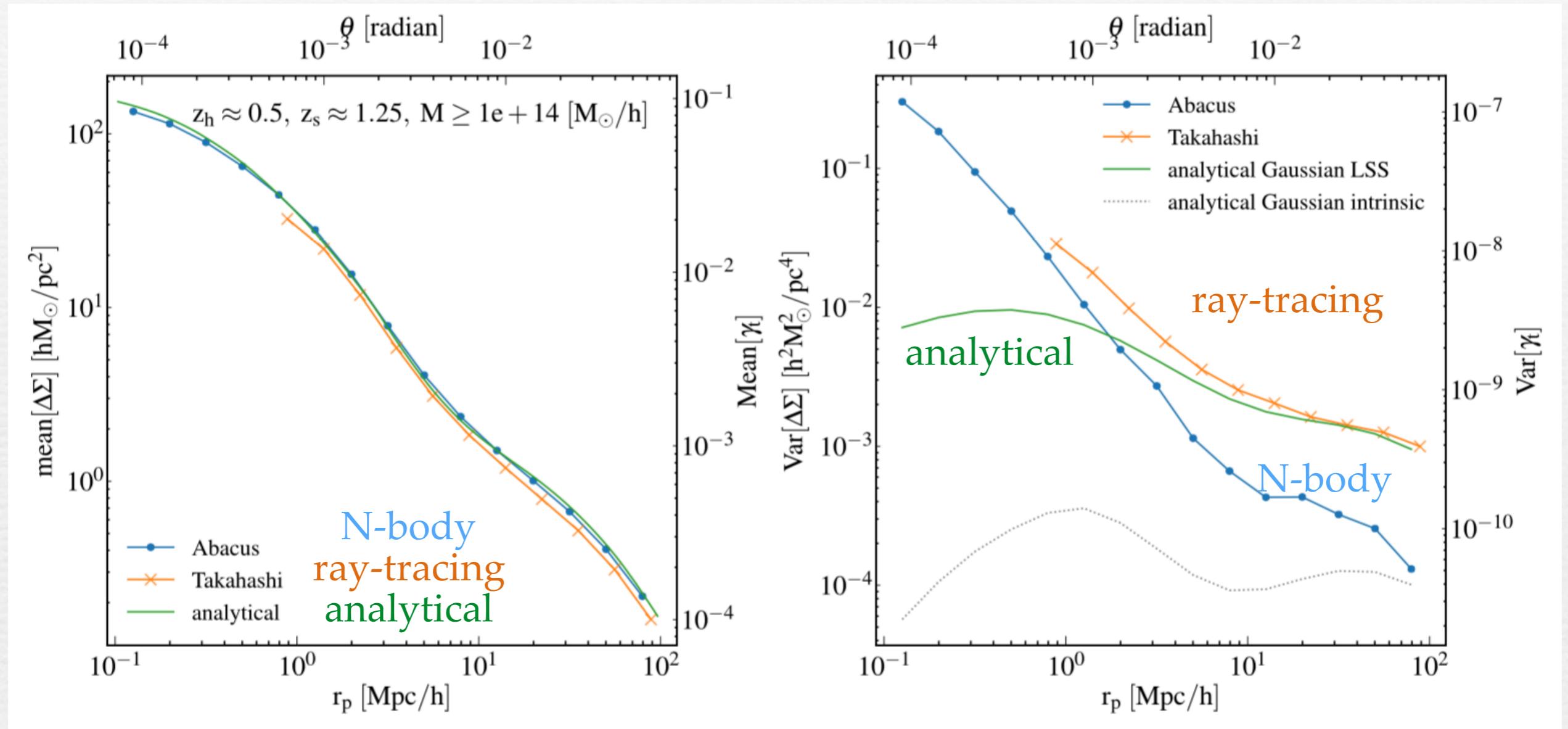


# How do we calculate the error bars if we stack all clusters in our survey?



Ideally, we simulate many realizations of our survey (number of realizations  $\gg$  number of data points) and calculate the covariance among realizations. It's incorrect to use halo-to-halo covariance.

# Simulations vs. Analytical Calculations

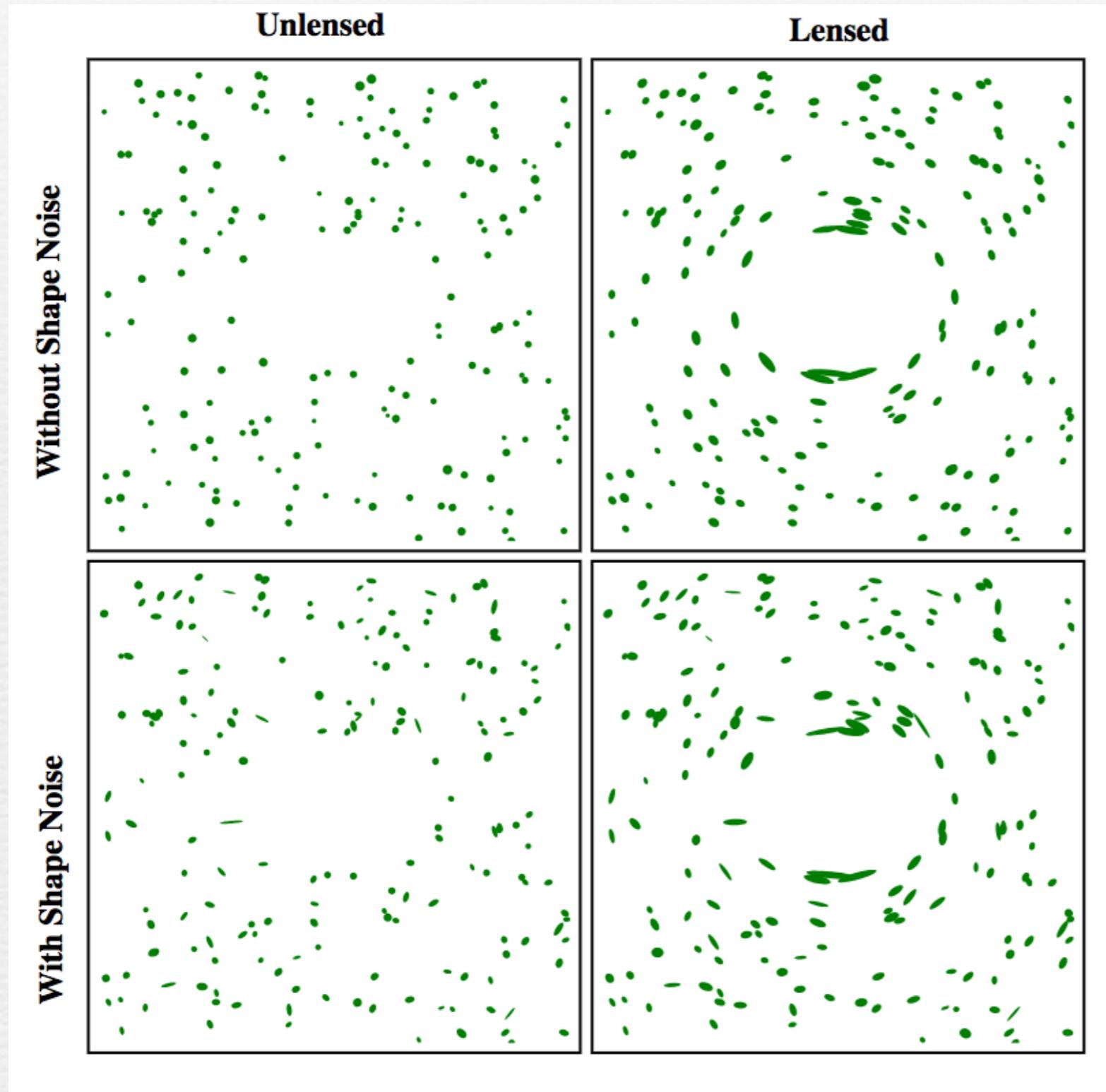


- Analytical calculations: inaccurate at medium / small scales
- Ray-tracing sims: limited to  $> 1$  Mpc, expensive to run
- We combine high-resolution N-body sims with analytical calculations, cross-checking with ray-tracing sims.

# Three major components of cluster lensing covariance matrices

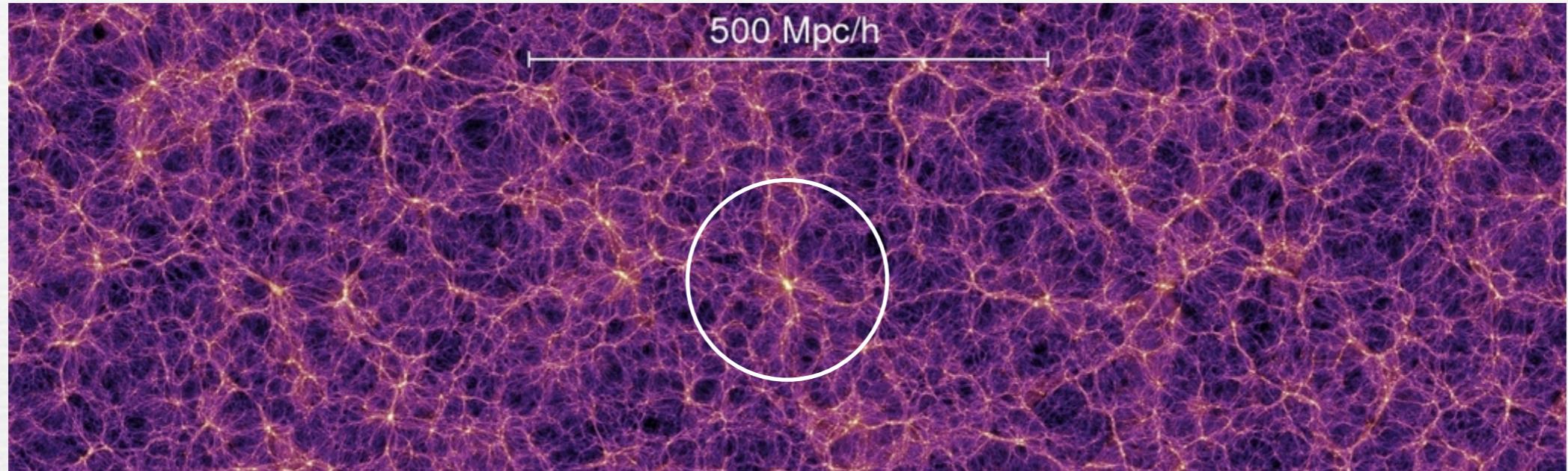
1. Shape noise ( $\sim 1/N_{\text{gal}}$ )
2. Large-scale structure (analytical calculations)
3. Intrinsic variation of halo density profile  
(small-scale, N-body sims)

# Shape noise due to intrinsic galaxy ellipticities



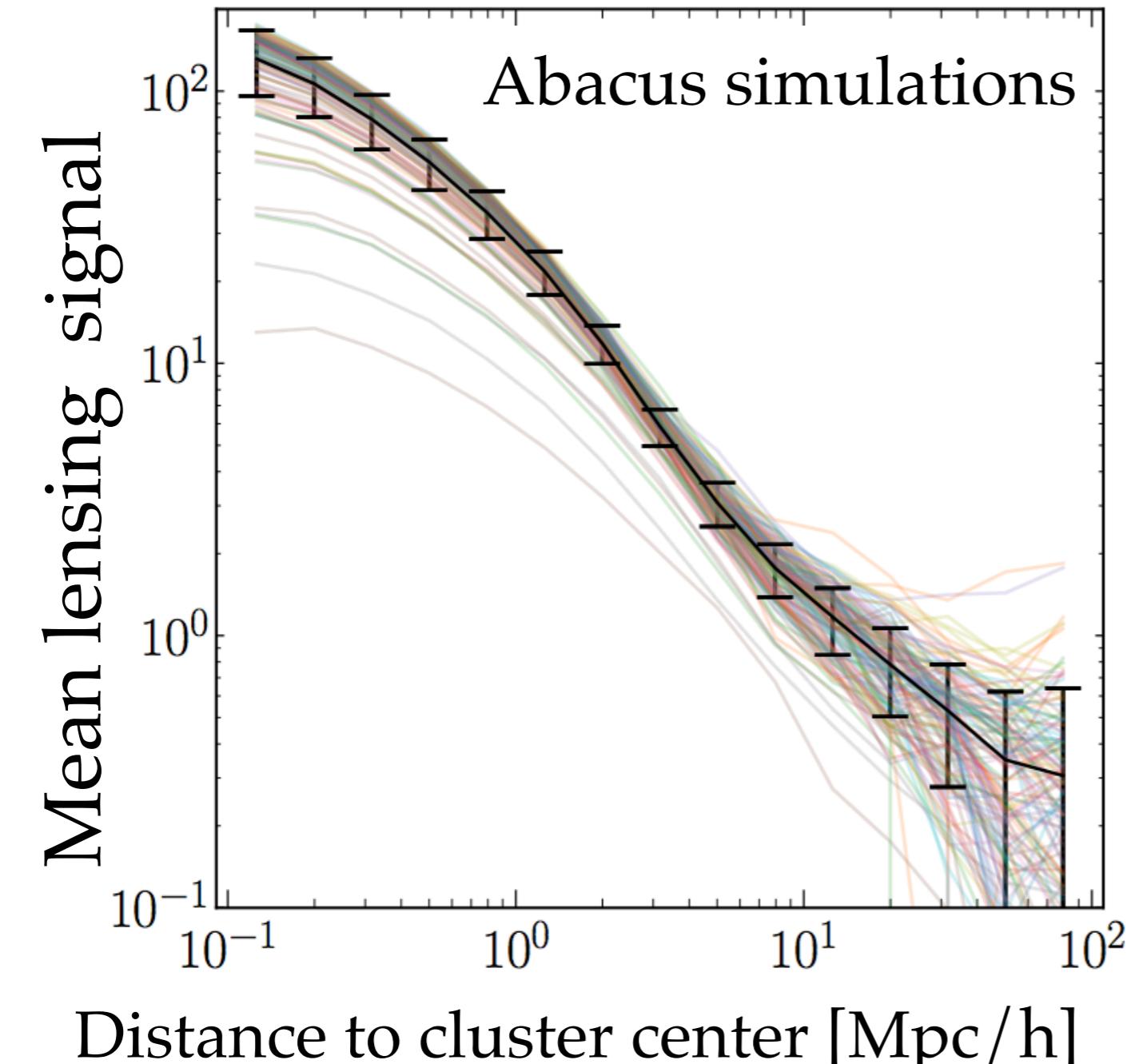
- $\propto 1/N_{\text{gal}}$
- Dominating most of current surveys ( $n_{\text{src}} \sim 10 \text{ gal/arcmin}^2$ )
- Mostly diagonal

# Noise from Large-Scale Structure



- It dominates large-scale lensing error (where cluster signal is low and shape noise is also low).
- It can be calculated analytically assuming Gaussian random field.

# Noise from Intrinsic Variation of Halo Density Profiles

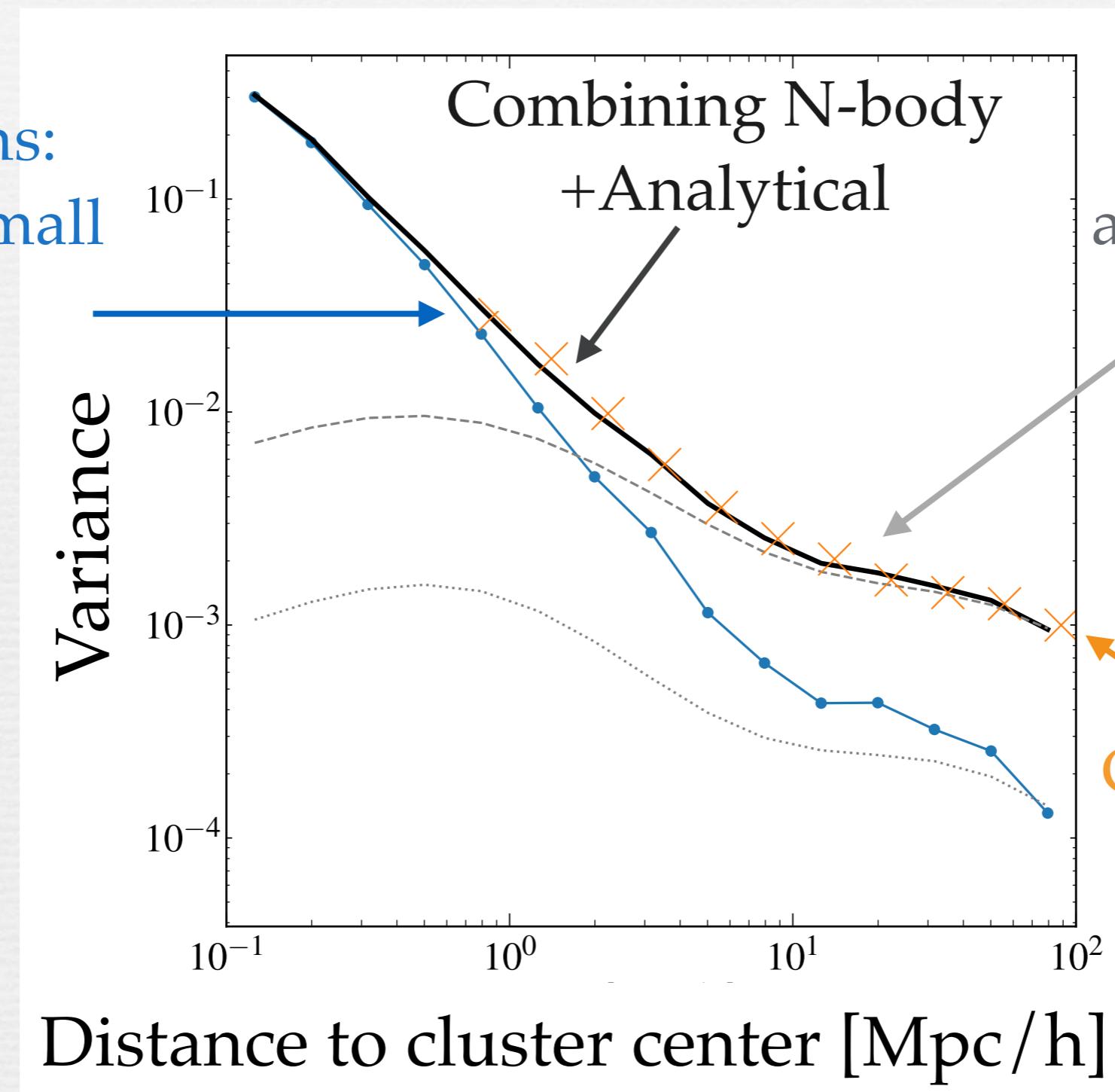


- Halos have diverse projected density profiles due to different concentration, triaxial shape, substructure, etc.

# Combining N-body simulations and analytical calculations

N-body sims:  
accurate at small  
scales

Analytical:  
accurate at large  
scales



# Analytical part: Gaussian random fields

$$\text{Cov}[\gamma_t^h(\theta), \gamma_t^h(\theta')] = \frac{1}{4\pi f_{\text{sky}}} \int \frac{\ell d\ell}{2\pi} J_2(\ell\theta) J_2(\ell\theta')$$

Noise of cluster counts      Noise of shear      cross term (cluster profile)

$$\left[ \left( C_\ell^h + \frac{1}{\bar{n}_L} \right) \left( C_\ell^\kappa + \frac{\sigma_\gamma^2}{\bar{n}_S} \right) + (C_\ell^{h\kappa})^2 \right]$$

Both the cross term and the non-Gaussian contribution are calculated with N-body simulations.

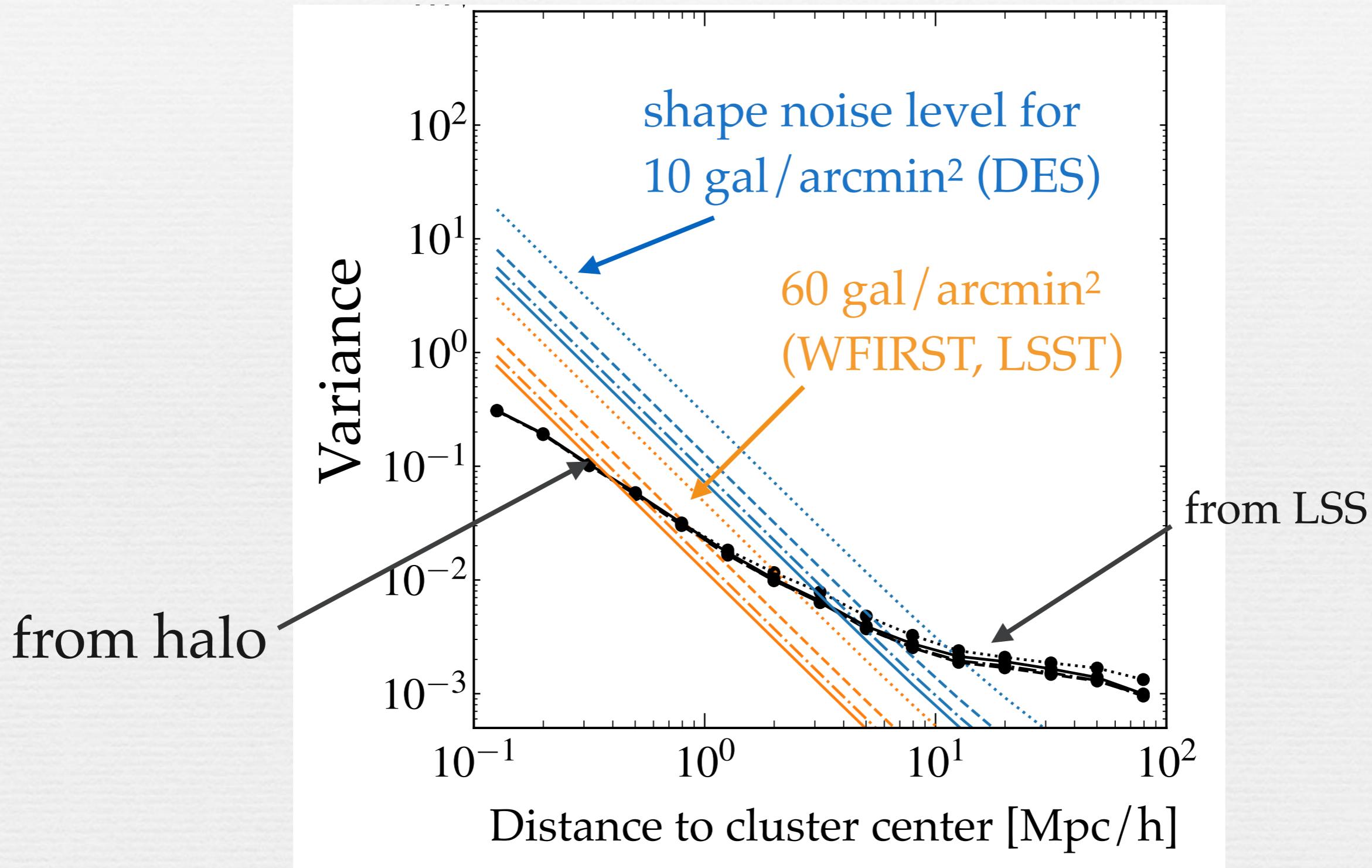
clustering of clusters

cluster shot noise

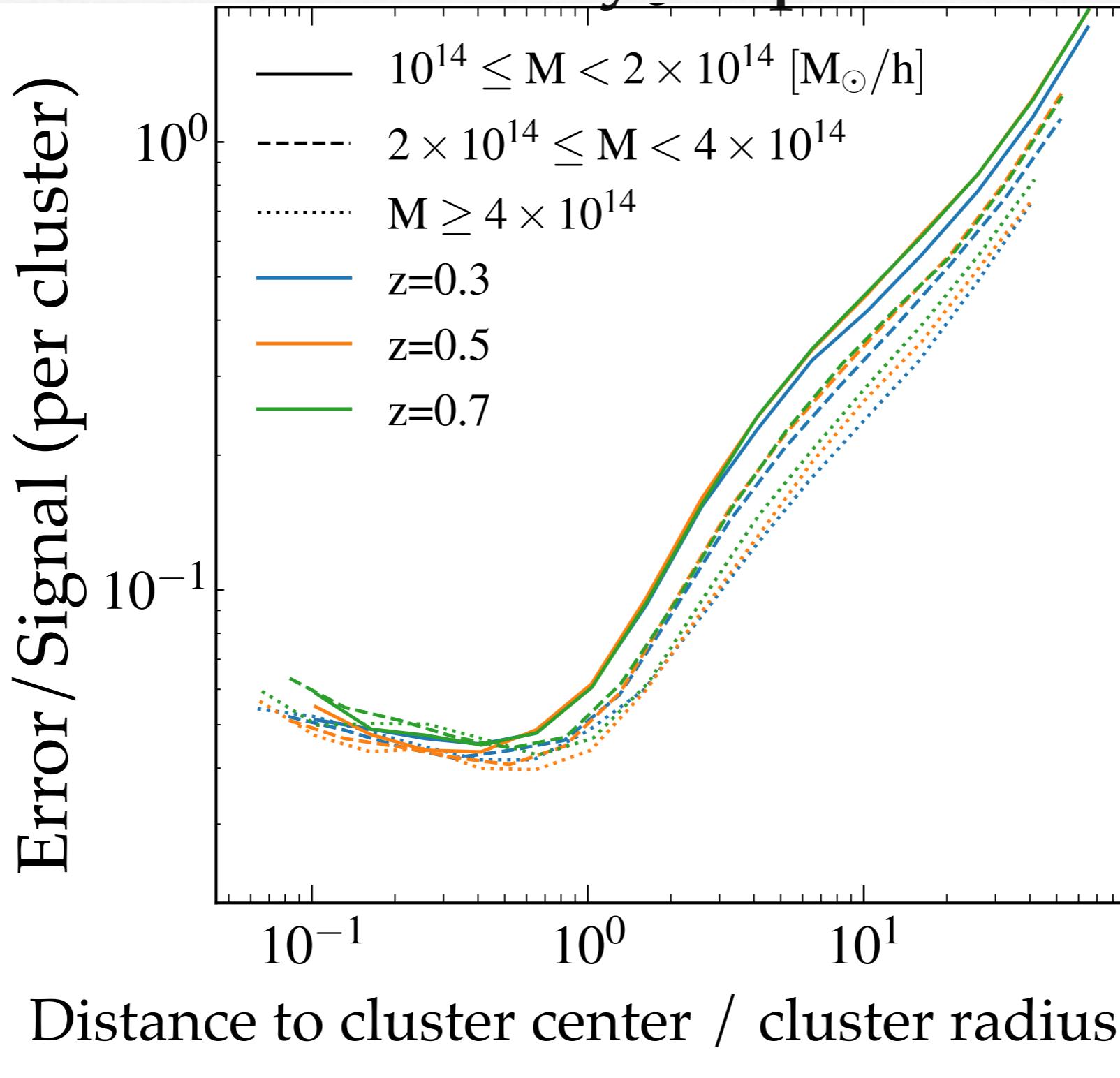
shape noise

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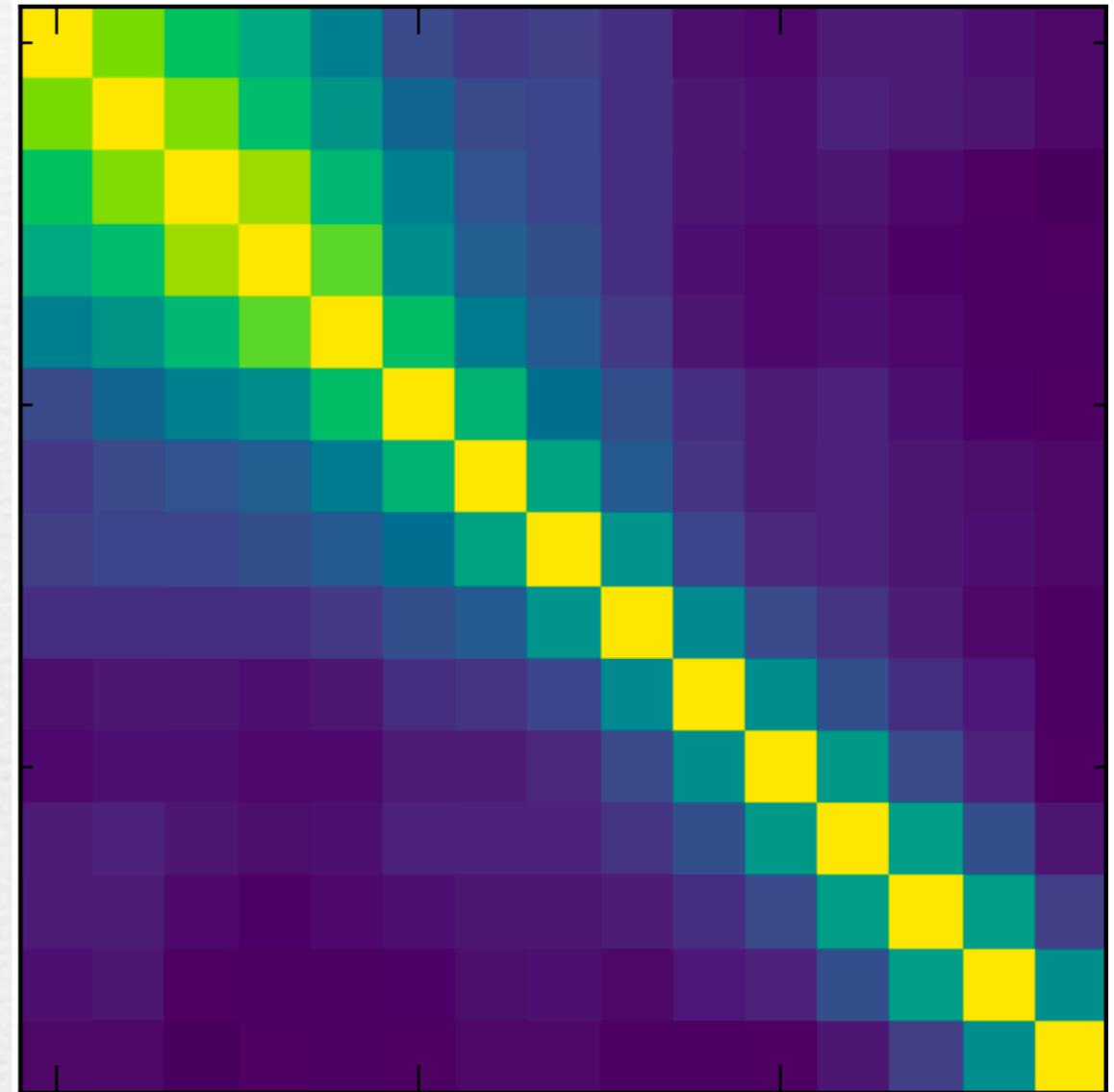
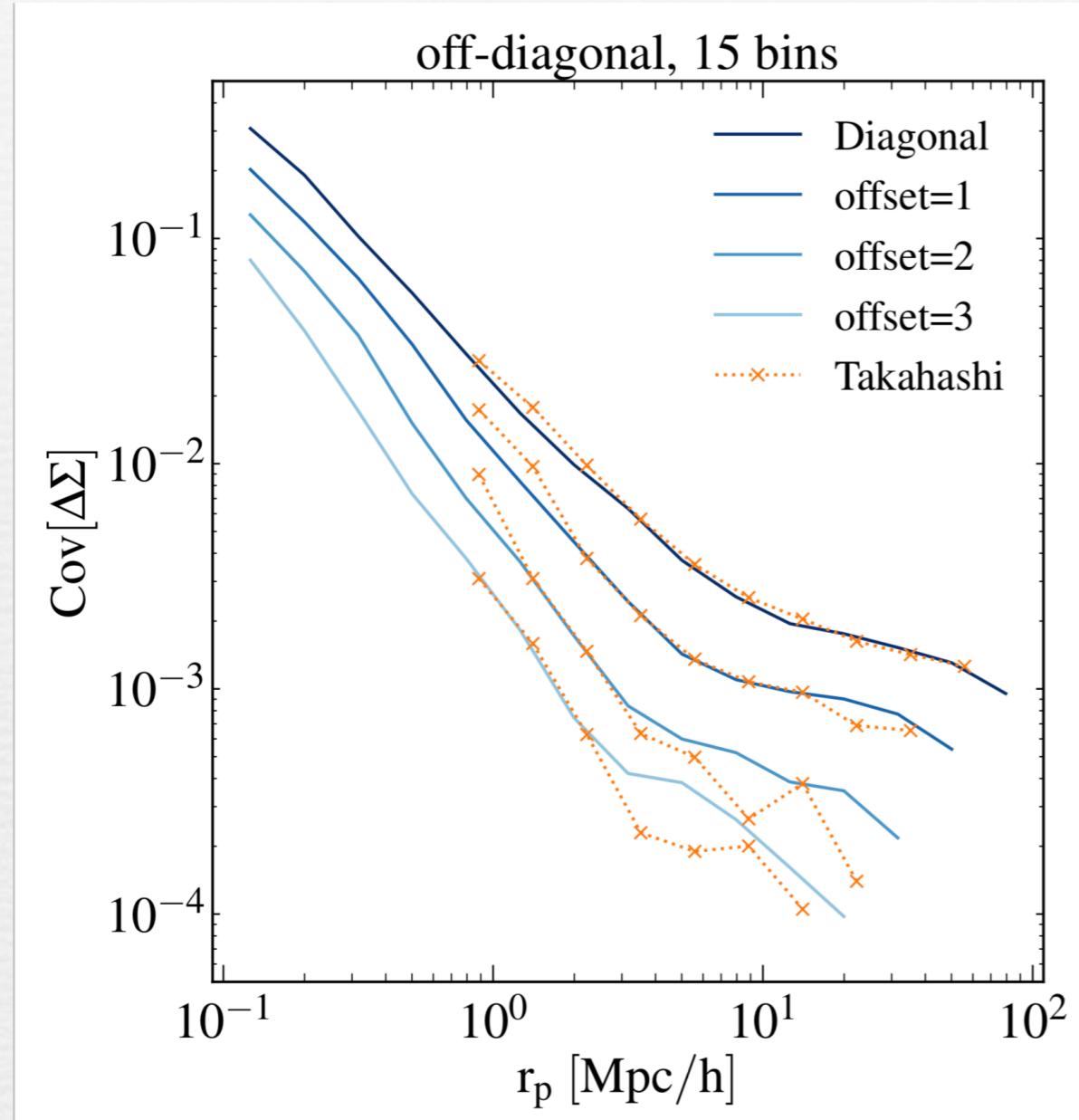
# Importance of shape noise vs. density fluctuations



Fractional error is independent of redshift and weakly depends on mass

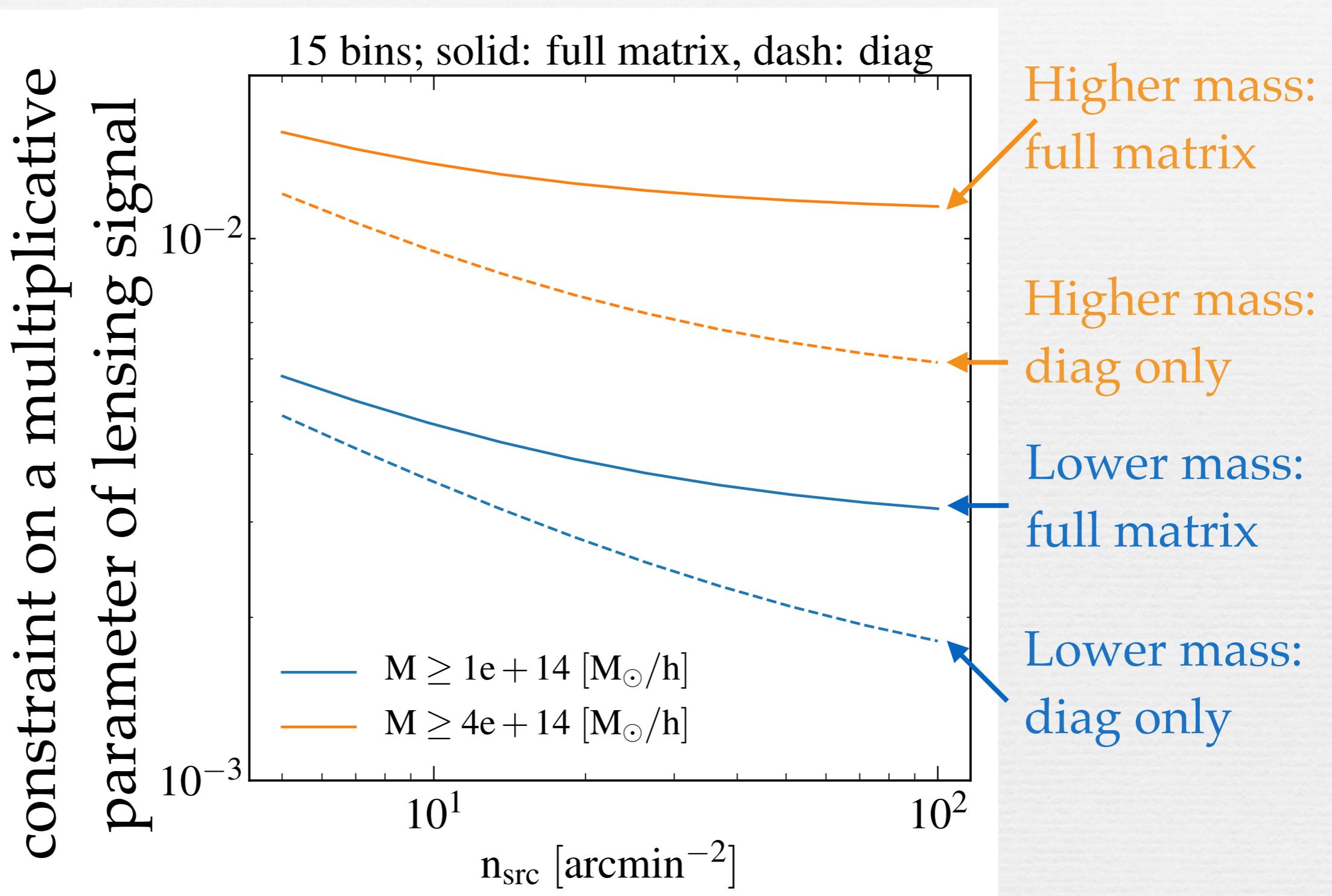


# Diagonal vs. off-diagonal elements



Off-diagonal elements decrease rapidly, especially at large-scales.

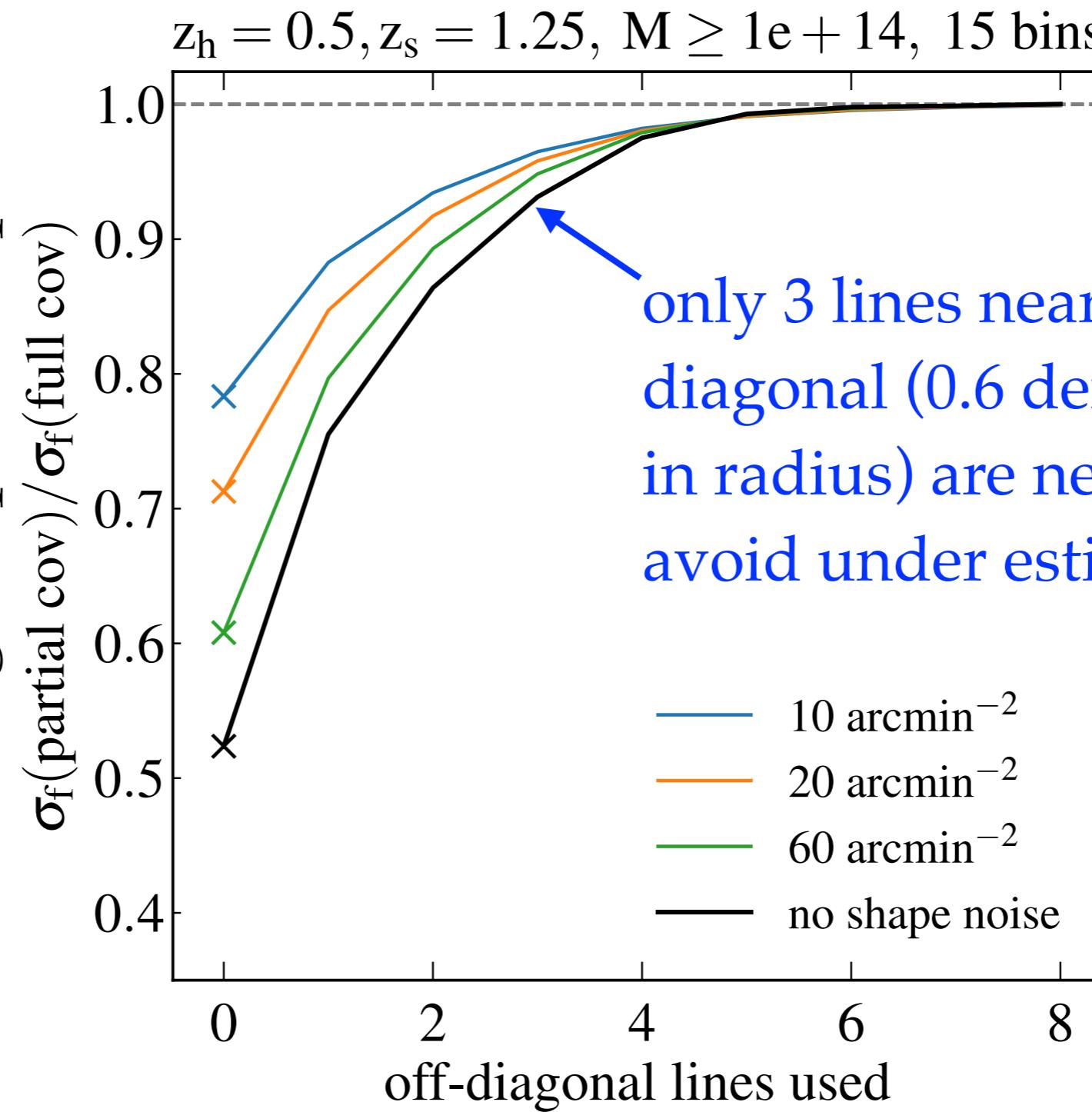
# Importance of diagonal elements



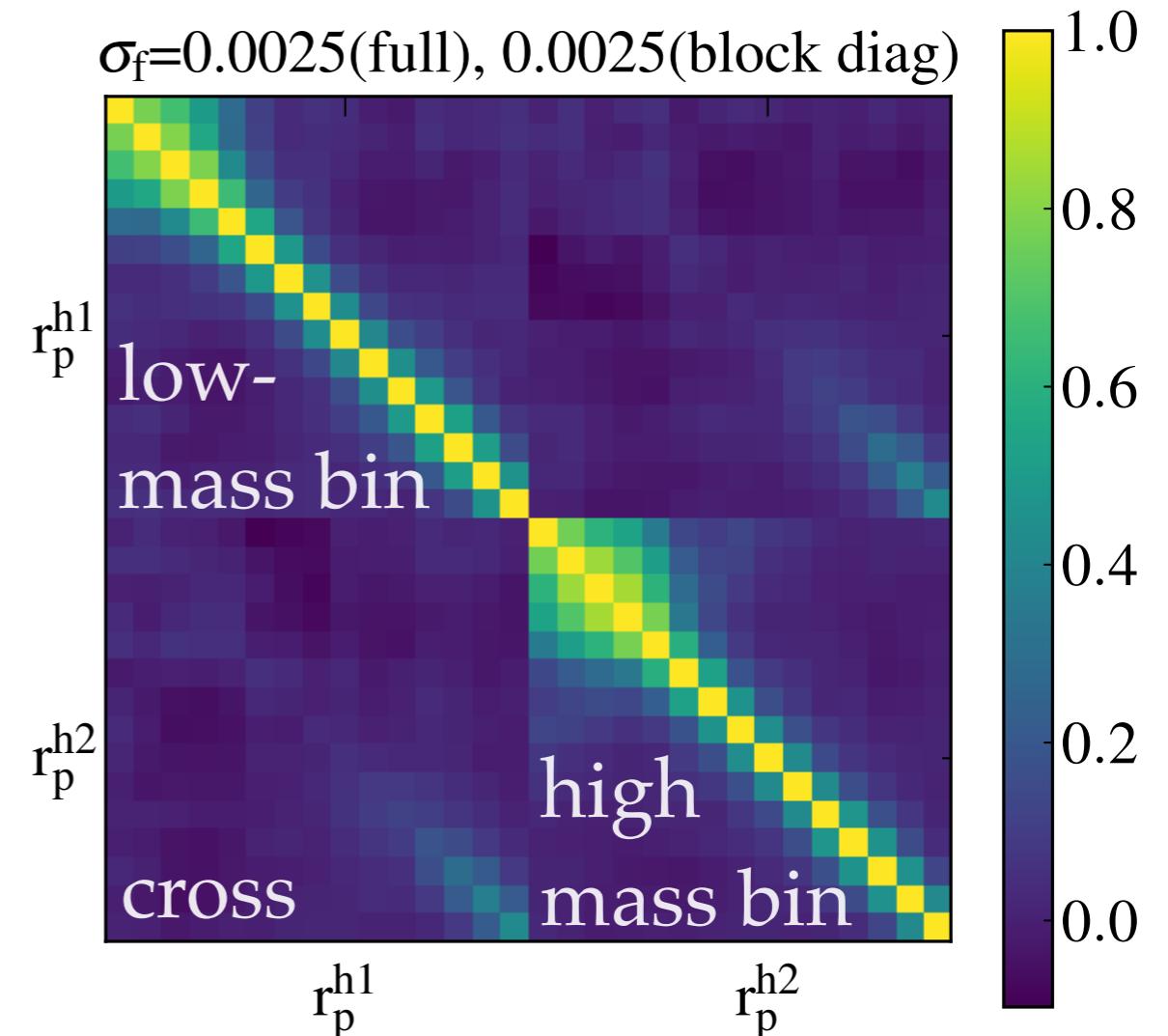
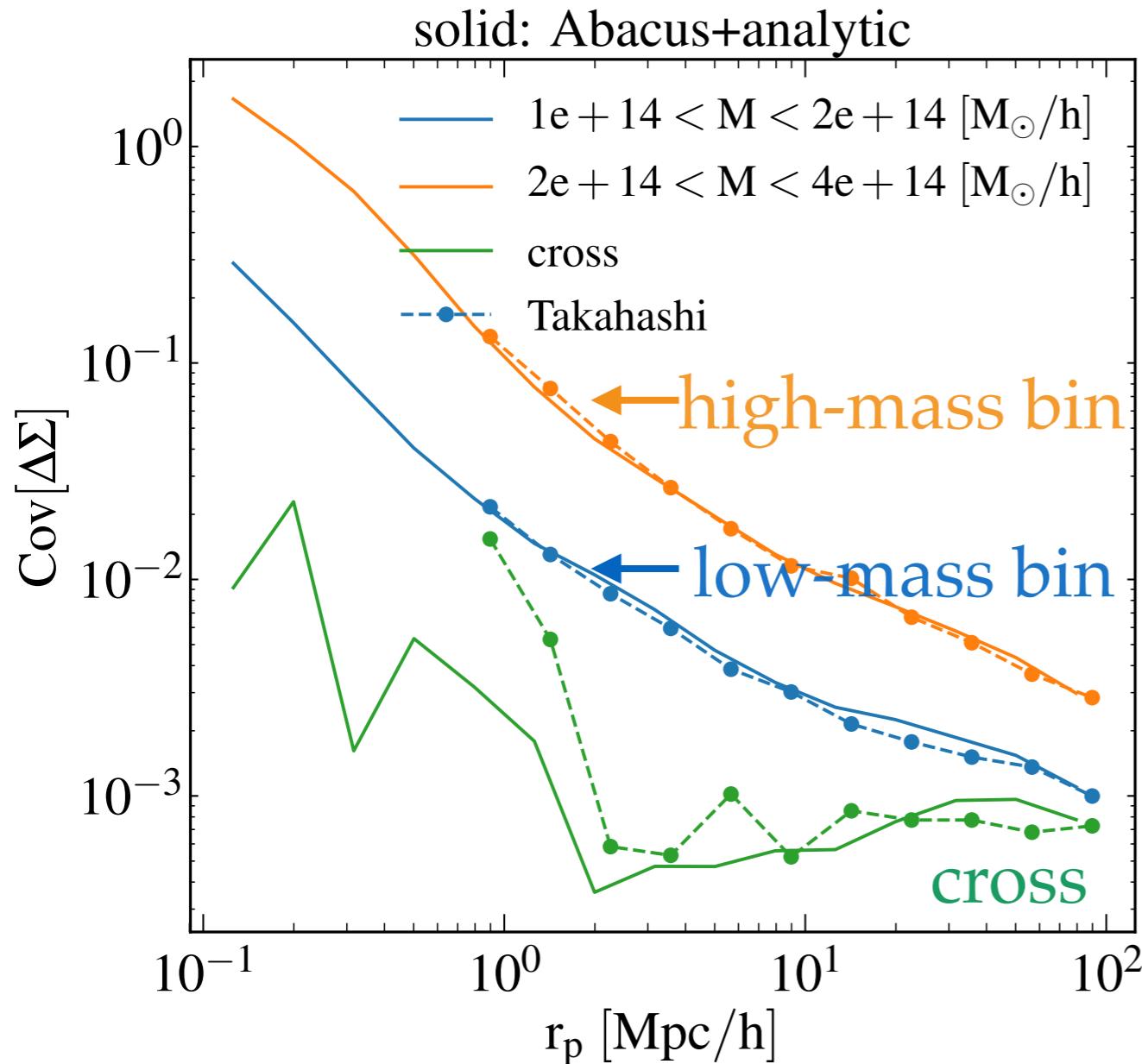
lower shape noise →

# Importance of diagonal elements

Underestimation of error bar  
(for a lensing amplitude para.)



# Cross-mass bin covariance



In the absence of shape noise, the cross-mass covariance is negligible.

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# Can we do cluster cosmology using only correlation functions (without number counts)?

## Cosmology with Stacked Cluster Weak Lensing and Cluster-Galaxy Cross-Correlations

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# Correlations between clusters, galaxies, and dark matter

Cluster lensing

Cluster galaxy  
cross correlation

Galaxy  
auto correlation

$$\Delta\Sigma \propto b_c \sigma_8^2,$$

$$w_{p,cg} \propto b_c b_g \sigma_8^2,$$

$$w_{p,gg} \propto b_g^2 \sigma_8^2,$$

3 unknowns, 3 observables

# Constraining nuisance parameters

Cluster lensing

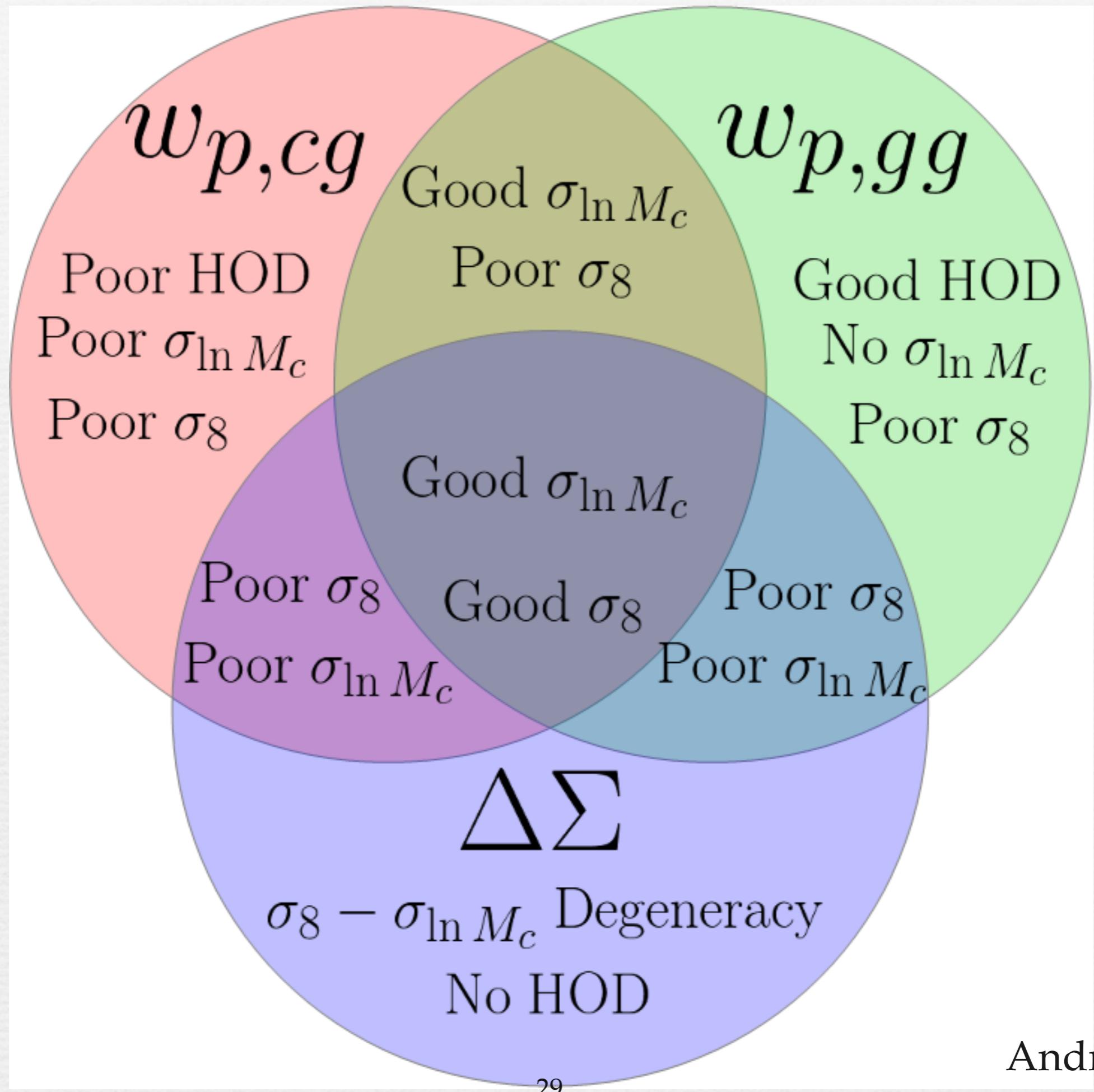
observable-mass relation

Cluster galaxy  
cross correlation

both

Galaxy  
auto correlation

galaxy-halo connection



# Summary

- The number vs. mass of galaxy clusters is a sensitive probe of growth of structure and cosmic acceleration.
- Current surveys like DES are limited by shape noise. For future surveys like LSST and WFIRST, the noise will be dominated by large-scale structure and halo profile variance. We combine simulations and analytical calculations to achieve the required precision.
- Cross-correlation functions of clusters, galaxies, and lensing provide a promising method for constraining scatter and cosmology simultaneously.