

# High-z Massive Clusters and Alternative Cosmological Models

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- General idea and technique
- $\Lambda$ CDM vs. VDE: some results
- Final remarks

# The idea

- Using high- $z$  galaxy clusters to constrain cosmology is a recent idea
- For instance:

Coupled dark energy [Baldi, Pettorino 2010],

Non gaussianity [Hoyle, Verde, Jimenez 2011],

Vector dark energy [Carlesi et al. 2011]

...and many more (sorry if I didn't mention your work!)

# Current observations

- XMMU J2235.3-2557 ( $z = 1.38$ ,  $M = 7.3 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ ),  
[Jee et al. 2009]
- SPT-CL J0546-5345 ( $z = 1.07$ ,  $M = 7.95 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ ),  
[Brodwin et al. 2010]
- SPT-CL J2106-5844 ( $z = 1.18$ ,  $M = 1.27 \times 10^{15} M_{\odot}$ ),  
[Foley et al. 2011]

# The idea

1. Initial gaussian fluctuations
2. Perturbations evolve and collapse
3. Clusters size and number at every  $z$  depends on 1. and 2.

# How to constrain

- Many possible approaches
- Extreme value statistics, monte carlo, number density integration...
- Results agree only qualitatively

# Our Approach

# Cumulative Mass Functions

- Press-Schechter (1974):

$$N(> M) \propto \nu e^{\frac{\nu^2}{2}}$$

- Sheth-Thormen (1999):

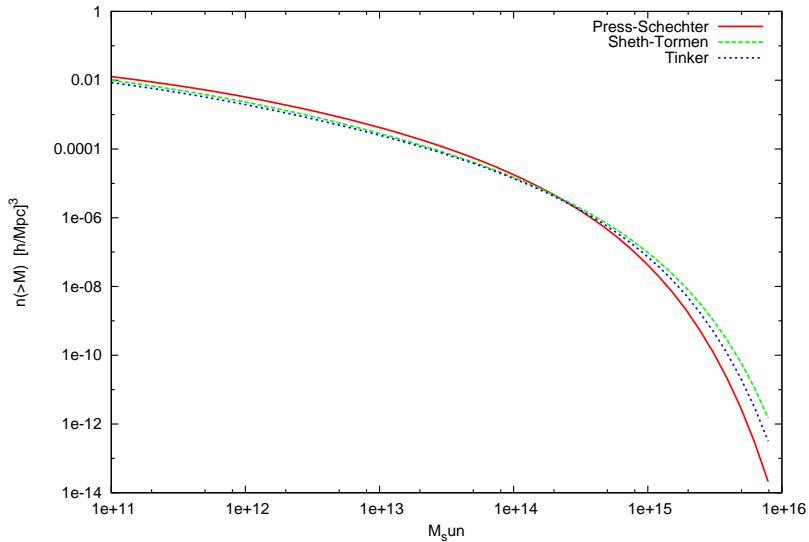
$$N(> M) \propto a\nu\left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{\nu}\right)^c\right)e^{\frac{\nu^2}{2}}$$

- Tinker (2008):

$$N(> M) \propto A\nu\left(1 + \left(\frac{\sigma_M}{b}\right)^c\right)e^{\frac{-c}{\sigma_M^2}}$$



# Mass functions



# Our approach

- Compute the cumulative mass function  $N(> M)$  at different  $z$ s
- Cumulative number density  $n(> M, z)$
- Integrate over comoving volume (survey volume):  
$$\int n(> M, z) dV_c(z)$$

# The VDE Model

- Vector-tensor action <sup>1</sup>:

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{R}{16\pi G} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\mu A_\nu \nabla^\mu A^\nu + \frac{1}{2} R_{\mu\nu} A^\mu A^\nu \right)$$

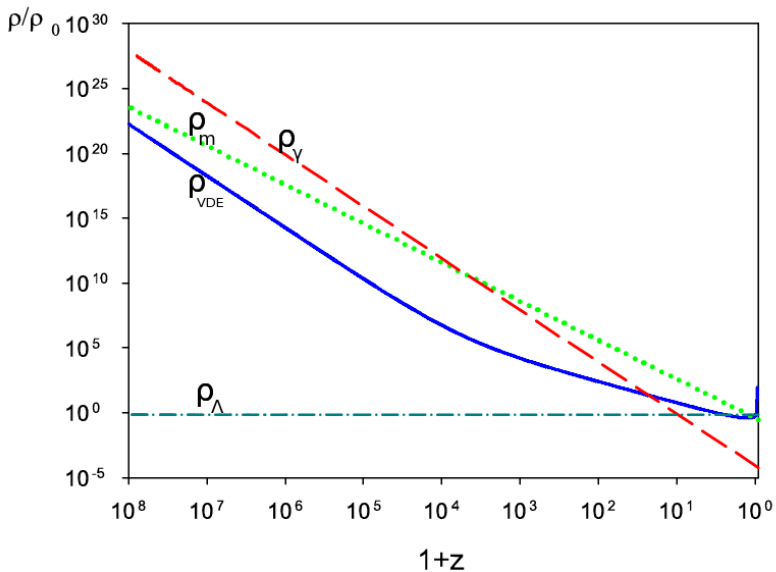
- G only dimensional scale in the model
- No free parameters
- No potential terms <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>J.Beltrán, A.L.Maroto, PRD 78, 063005, 2008

<sup>2</sup>Kiselev, Armendariz '04; Boehmer, Harko '07;  
Mota, Koivisto '07

# Energy densities



# $\Lambda$ CDM vs. VDE cosmology

Parameter	VDE	$\Lambda$ CDM
$\Omega_M$	0.388	0.27
$\omega_0$	-3.53	-1
$\Omega_{DE}$	0.612	0.73
$h$	0.62	0.7
$\sigma_8$	0.83	0.8

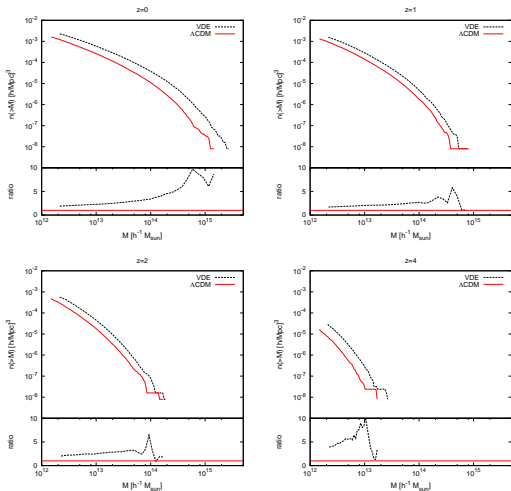
# Mass Functions Computation

Free/model dependent parameters  $\rightarrow$  Tune the CMF using  
 $N$ -body:

Simulation	$N$ particles	Box Size	$M_{particle}$	$\Omega_M$	$\sigma_8$
$\Lambda$ CDM-1	$512^3$	500 Mpc $h^{-1}$	$6.95 \times 10^{10}$	0.27	0.79
$\Lambda$ CDM-2	$512^3$	1000 Mpc $h^{-1}$	$5.55 \times 10^{11}$	0.27	0.79
VDE-1	$512^3$	500 Mpc $h^{-1}$	$1.00 \times 10^{11}$	0.38	0.83
VDE-2	$512^3$	1000 Mpc $h^{-1}$	$8.02 \times 10^{11}$	0.38	0.83

$N$ -bodies mass functions are box-size limited

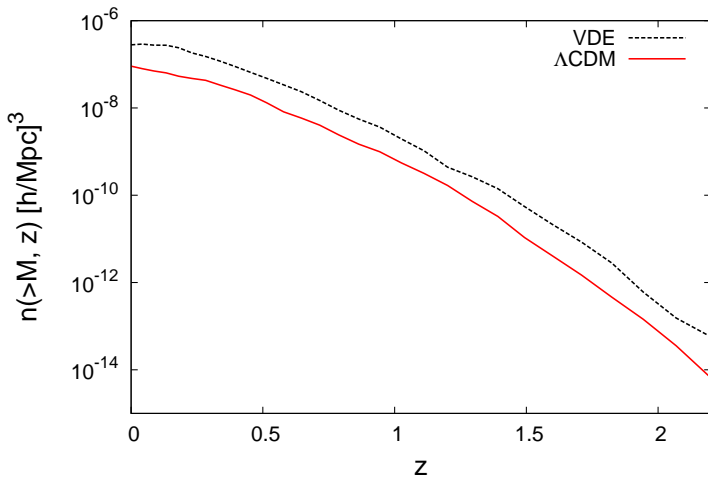
# Cumulative mass function at $z=0,1,2,4$





# Number Density

We use *Sheth-Tormen* to compute  $n(> M_0, z)$  ( $M_0 = 5 \times 10^{14}$ ):



# Expected number of clusters

- Compute  $n(> M_0, z)$  for different  $M_0$ s and different models (VDE,  $\Lambda$ CDM)
- Integrate  $n$  over comoving volume  $V_c$ :

$$dV_c(z) = D_H \frac{(1+z)^2 D_A}{E(z)} d\Omega dz$$

- Obtain expected number of objects  $M > M_0$

$M[10^{14} M_{\odot}]$	$\Delta z$	$\Omega_{\text{survey}} [deg^2]$	$N_{\Lambda\text{CDM}}$	$N_{\text{VDE}}$
$> 10$	$> 1$	2500	0.007	0.02
$> 7$	$> 1$	2500	0.03	0.31
$> 5$	1.38 – 2.2	11	0.005	0.06

- Extremely low number expected in  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$
- Probability substantially enhanced in VDE

# Conclusions

- Powerful and general method
- Mass function parametrization dependent
- Observational tensions with  $\Lambda$ CDM
- Need for new cosmology?