# Gravitational Redshift of Galaxies in Clusters







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# Outline

- The landscape of galaxy surveys
- Testing GR with SNIa (DES) and BAO (DESI)
- Gravitational Redshifts (Grav-z) of galaxies in clusters
- Prospects for Grav-z from DESI

#### Einstein's General Relativity (1915)



- Matter tells space-time how to curve.
- Space-time tells matter how to move.

John Wheeler



#### Einstein's 1917 Lambda

142 – Sitzung der physikalitetoaathematischen Kinsse vom 8. Februar 1917 –

#### Kosmologische Betrachtungen zur allgemeinen Relativitätstheorie.

Von A. Einstein.

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Modified Newtonian

$$\nabla^2 \phi - \lambda \phi = 4\pi \kappa \rho$$

Modified GR

$$G_{\mu\nu} - \lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -\kappa (T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}T)$$

In a static universe:

$$\lambda = rac{\kappa 
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#### Einstein (February 1917)

English translation: http://einsteinpapers.press.princeton.edu/vol6-trans/433?ajax

See review O'Raifeartaigh et al. (1701.07261)



# Big Data in Astronomy



| Survey     | Data per<br>night/day | Galaxies                        | Cost    | Scientists |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------|
| DES        | 1 TeraB               | ~300 Million<br>(all observed)  | ~\$100M | ~400       |
| DESI       | 40 GigaB              | ~40 Million<br>(being observed) | ~\$100M | ~900       |
| Rubin-LSST | 15 TeraB              | ~Billions                       | ~\$1.0B | ~1000      |
| Euclid     | 850 GigaB             | ~Billions                       | ~\$1.5B | ~1500      |
| SKA        | 1 PetaB               | ~Billions                       | ~\$1.3B | ~1000      |

How many surveys should one join?



## The tale of two surveys:

Dark Energy Survey (DES) & Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI)



Mayall 4-Meter Telescope

- Modern instruments on old twin 4m telescopes:
   DES (imaging) on Blanco (Chile) and DESI (spectroscopy)
   on the Mayall (Kitt Peak)
- DES Fermilab-led; DESI LBL-led & international partners
- UCL built both optical correctors
- DES completed 6 seasons in 2019 →
   300M galaxy images and thousands of SN
- DESI started observations in 2020 40M galaxy+qso spectra



#### **Galaxy Surveys**



Euclid

Rubin-LSST

#### Key Probes of Dark Energy: expansion and growth of structure



#### Standard Candles and Rulers

Clusters

Weak Lensing



JWST image

## 1500 DES Yr5, Supernovae la



# Results from 1500 DES Supernovae Ia (Yr5, Jan 2024)



arXiv:2401.02929 From DES SN+ 3x2pt + SDSS BAO + Planck  $(\Omega_{\rm M}, w) = (0.321 \pm 0.007, -0.941 \pm 0.026).$  (1+z) time dilation in SN Ia light curve width Einstein was right!

White & DES, arXiv:2406.05050\_0

## DESI Y1 BAO results (April 2024)



The measurement of the dark energy equation of state w is a key science goal of DESI. Assuming the wCDM model where the equation-of-state parameter is constant in time, we find  $w = -0.99^{+0.15}_{-0.13}$  from DESI alone, and  $w = -0.997 \pm 0.025$  from the combination of DESI BAO, CMB, and SN Ia results from the Pantheon+ compilation, in good consistency with  $\Lambda$ CDM. This result does not appreciably change when the Pantheon+ data are replaced

#### Consistent with LCDM, but time variation of w is still possible

Einstein was right that Lambda exists, but at a different value! (accelerated rather than sta<mark>tic universe)</mark>

#### The speed of GW from GW170817

- Time delay of 1.7 second between the Gamma Ray Burst and the GW event
- This implies |c<sub>GW</sub>- c<sub>Light</sub> |/ c<sub>Light</sub> <10<sup>-15</sup>
- Einstein was right again!
- This rules out some (but not all) modified gravity models



Abbott et al, ApJ Lett, 2017 arXiv:1710.05834

### Grav-z in clusters: another test of GR, on Mpc scales









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## The Equivalence Principle in clusters: do we test the EP or GR?



IWST cluste

- GR: Galaxy motions and gravitational redshift of photons experience the same underlying gravitational potential.
- However, there are non-GR models that assume the EP.

e.g. Wojtak et al. (2011); Bekenstein & Sanders (2011); Bonvin & Fleury (2018) 14

#### Grav-z vs. scale



Wojtak et al. (2011)

## Grav-z results

| Authors          | Galaxies<br>Associated with<br>the clusters | clusters | ∆ (km/sec)               |
|------------------|---|----------|--------------------------|
| Wojtak+ 2011     | 125k  | 7.8k     | -7.7 +-3.0               |
| Sadeh+ 2015      | 60.6k                                       | 12.6k    | <mark>-11</mark> (+7,-5) |
| Mephta+ 2021     | 10k   | 2.5k     | <b>-13.5</b> (+- 4.7)    |
| Rosesselli+ 2022 | 50k   | 3k       | <b>-11.4</b> (+-3.3)     |
| DESI             | 500k  | 25k      | In prep                  |

 $\Delta = cz_g$  may depend on cluster mass and redshift range

#### Grav-z results from SDSS



Sadeh, Feng & OL (2016)

Rosselli+ (2022)



#### Other effects (Kaiser 2013, Zaho+ 2013)

- Transverse Doppler effect
- Light-cone effect

$$1 + z_{\text{pec}} \simeq 1 + \frac{v_{\text{los}}}{c} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{v^2}{c^2}$$

• Surface brightness modulation effect

$$\bar{\Delta} = \bar{\Delta}_{gz} + \bar{\Delta}_{TD} + \bar{\Delta}_{LC} + \bar{\Delta}_{SB}$$

## Systematics in Grav-z

- Cluster definition and centre
- galaxy cluster membership
- Redshift uncertainties
- Stacking
- Theoretical uncertainties

#### Phase-space diagram from SDSS



Stacked 3k clusters, with 50k associated galaxies

#### Phase-space diagram from DESI Yr1



#### Stacked 25k clusters, with 500k associated galaxies

#### DESI redshift errors from repeat observations



Yu et al., arXiv:2306.06313 22



## **Application to DESI**

- 25k Clusters
- 500k galaxies as cluster members
- Improves S/N by a factor 3 wrt to SDSS samples
- Phase space diagram for DESI is in place
- Controlling systematics
- Nearly there with results for the shift  $\Delta$ !

# Summary

- So far, cosmological surveys are spectacularly consistent with GR (subject to some 'tensions').
- Several measurements of gravitational redshift in clusters using SDSS are consistent with GR/EP a for shift of about ~10 km/sec on Mpc scale.
- Understanding systematics is crucial.
- Measurement from DESI is nearly there.
- Check consistency with relativistic corrections in the field.
- New tests of GR/EP are needed!

