

Tracing cosmic evolution with clusters of galaxies

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The most successful cosmological models to date envision structure formation as a hierarchical process in which gravity is constantly drawing lumps of matter together to form increasingly larger structures. Clusters of galaxies currently sit atop this hierarchy as the largest objects that have had time to collapse under the influence of their own gravity. Thus their appearance on the cosmic scene is also relatively recent. Two features of clusters make them uniquely useful tracers of cosmic evolution. First, clusters are the biggest things whose masses we can reliably measure because they are the largest objects to have undergone gravitational relaxation and entered into virial equilibrium. Mass measurements of nearby clusters can therefore be used to determine the amount of structure in the universe on scales of 10^{14} – $10^{15}M_{\odot}$, and comparisons of the present-day cluster mass distribution with the mass distribution at earlier times can be used to measure the rate of structure formation, placing important constraints on cosmological models. Second, clusters are essentially “closed boxes” that retain all their gaseous matter, despite the enormous energy input associated with supernovae and active galactic nuclei, because the gravitational potential wells of clusters are so deep. The baryonic component of clusters therefore contains a wealth of information about the processes associated with galaxy formation, including the efficiency with which baryons are converted into stars and the effects of the resulting feedback processes on galaxy formation. This article reviews our theoretical understanding of both the dark-matter component and the baryonic component of clusters, providing a context for interpreting the flood of new cluster observations that are now arriving from the latest generation of x-ray observatories, large optical surveys, and measurements of cluster-induced distortions in the spectrum of the cosmic microwave background.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Cosmology has recently reached an important milestone. A wide variety of cosmological observations now support a single model for the overall architecture of the observable universe and the development of galaxies and other structures within it. According to this so-called *concordance model*, the geometry of the observable universe is indistinguishable from a flat geometry, implying that its total energy density is very close to the critical density needed to close the universe. The two dominant components of the universe appear to be a nonbaryonic form of dark matter, whose gravity is responsible for structure formation, and a mysterious form of dark energy, whose pressure is currently causing the expansion of the universe to accelerate. The mean density of baryonic matter is about 15% of the total amount of matter, and we can observe the baryonic matter only because the gravitational attraction of nonbaryonic dark matter has drawn the baryonic gas into deep potential wells, where a small fraction of it condenses into stars and galaxies.

This model explains many different features of the observable universe, but it is not entirely satisfying because the nature of the dark matter and the provenance of the dark energy remain unknown. The implications of dark energy for fundamental physics are particularly serious, so we need to be sure that it is absolutely necessary as an explanation of the astronomical observations. In addition, many aspects of galaxy formation remain poorly understood. Dark-matter models successfully account for the spatial distribution of mass in the universe, as traced by the galaxies, but they do not explain all the properties of the galaxies themselves. Dark matter initiates the process of galaxy formation, but, once stars begin to form, supernova explosions and disturbances wrought by supermassive black holes can inhibit further star formation by pumping thermal energy into the universe's baryonic gas.

Clusters of galaxies are a particularly rich source of information about the underlying cosmological model, making possible a number of critical tests. According to the concordance model, clusters are the largest and most recent gravitationally relaxed objects to form because structure grows hierarchically. The universe begins in a state of rapid expansion whose current manifestation is Hubble's law relating a galaxy's recessional velocity v_r to its distance d through Hubble's constant H_0 : $v_r = H_0 d$. Generalizing this feature of the local universe to all of observable space links an object's cosmological redshift $z = (\lambda_{\text{observed}}/\lambda_{\text{rest}}) - 1$ with a unique time $t(z)$ since the

big bang, enabling us to probe the evolution of the universe with observations of distant objects.¹ Gravity drives structure formation in this expanding realm because the matter density has been nearly equal to the critical density during much of cosmic history. Regions whose density slightly exceeds the mean density are therefore gravitationally bound and eventually decouple from the expansion, collapse upon themselves, and enter a state of virial equilibrium in which the mean speeds of the component particles are approximately half the escape velocity. Because density perturbations in the concordance model have greater amplitudes on smaller length scales, small subgalactic objects are the first to decouple, collapse, and virialize. These small objects then collect into galaxies, and galaxies later collect into clusters of galaxies, whose masses now top out at roughly 10^{15} times that of the Sun's ($10^{15} M_\odot$). Thus the growth and development of clusters directly trace the process of structure formation in the universe.

Section II outlines the observable properties of galaxy clusters that enable us to measure their masses. Observables in the optical band include the overall luminosity of a cluster's galaxies, which scales with the overall mass, the velocity dispersion of a cluster's member galaxies, which responds to the depth of the cluster's potential well, and gravitational lensing of background galaxies by the cluster's potential. Observables in the x-ray band include the overall x-ray luminosity of a cluster, coming from the hot gas trapped in the cluster's gravitational potential, the temperature inferred from the x-ray spectrum of that gas, and the abundances of various elements inferred from the emission lines in that spectrum. This hot gas also leaves an imprint on the microwave sky because its electrons Compton scatter the photons of the cosmic microwave background radiation. Microwave observations are therefore an alternative source of information about the hot gas and its temperature.

Once we have measured the masses of a sample of clusters, we can use that sample to study cosmology. Section III explains how the characteristics of the cluster population relate to cosmological models. It begins by summarizing the elements of the concordance model and provides a number of useful analytical approximations to the results of numerical simulations of cluster formation based on this model. Then it covers the dicey middle ground linking those simulations with observations, currently the main source of uncertainty in deriving cosmological parameters from cluster observations. The section concludes with a look at the evolution observed in the cluster population and the constraints that cluster evolution places on cosmological models.

Section IV takes up the subject of the baryonic component of clusters, with two purposes in mind. First, in order to improve the precision of cosmological measurements with clusters, we need to know how the process of

¹In this definition, λ_{rest} is the wavelength of a photon emitted by a distant object, and $\lambda_{\text{observed}}$ is the wavelength it is observed to have when it reaches Earth.

galaxy formation affects the relations used to derive cluster masses from observations of a cluster's hot gas and galaxies. Current numerical simulations accurately reproduce the behavior of the dark component, whose interactions are purely gravitational, but fail to reproduce with similar accuracy the observed behavior of the baryonic component, whose interactions are also hydrodynamical and thermodynamical. These discrepancies between simulations and observations indicate that galaxy formation alters the state of a cluster's hot gas in a way that preserves information about the poorly understood feedback processes that regulated galaxy formation long before the cluster reached its present state. Our second purpose is therefore to try to decipher what the state of the hot gas is saying about the process of galaxy formation, so as to gain insight into those feedback processes. Section V concludes the review with some brief remarks about ongoing and future cluster surveys.

Despite this article's length, it falls somewhat short of being a comprehensive review of cluster physics, which would require more pages than this journal is inclined to provide. Instead, I have tried to assemble a readable introduction to cluster evolution for nonexperts, concentrating on the middle ground connecting theory to observations and distilling the key theoretical results into a set of simple analytical tools useful to observers. For more on the subject of clusters and their evolution, readers should consult Sarazin (1988), Borgani, Mezzetti, *et al.* (2002), Rosati *et al.* (2002), and Mulchaey *et al.* (2004).

II. OBSERVABLE PROPERTIES OF CLUSTERS

Clusters of galaxies might have been called something different if they had first been discovered in a waveband other than visible light, because all the stars in all of a cluster's galaxies represent only a small fraction of a cluster's overall mass. Clusters contain substantially more mass in the form of hot gas, observable with x-ray and microwave instruments. This section outlines how clusters are observed in all three of these wavebands and how those observations reveal a cluster's total mass, which turns out to be about seven times the combined baryonic mass in stars and hot gas (White *et al.*, 1993; David *et al.*, 1995; Evrard, 1997; Allen *et al.*, 2002).

A. Clusters in optical light

Optical identification of galaxy clusters has been going on for quite a long time. By the end of the eighteenth century Charles Messier (1784) and William Herschel (1785) had already recognized concentrations of galaxies in the constellations Virgo and Coma Berenices. Today these are known as the Virgo cluster and the Coma cluster. Optical discoveries of clusters continued to accumulate as observing power grew over the next two centuries (see Biviano, 2001, for a review of the history), culminating with the definitive cluster catalogs of George Abell and collaborators (Abell, 1958; Abell *et al.*, 1989).

Abell's catalogs contain most of the known nearby galaxy clusters and are the foundation for much of our modern understanding of clusters.

Abell recognized that projection effects can complicate the identification of clusters in optical galaxy surveys and therefore was careful in defining his clusters. Working from the Palomar Sky Survey plates, he estimated the distance of each cluster candidate from the apparent brightness of its tenth-brightest member galaxy. He then counted all the galaxies lying within a fixed projected radius and brighter than a magnitude limit two magnitudes fainter than the third-brightest member. The bounding radius, which he determined from the distance estimate, is now known to be ~ 2 Mpc and was the same for all clusters.² In order to compensate for projection effects, he subtracted from his galaxy counts a background level equivalent to the mean number of galaxies brighter than the magnitude limit for the cluster in similarly sized, cluster-free regions of the plate, and retained all cluster candidates with a net excess of 50 galaxies brighter than the limiting magnitude.

Most of the optical cluster identification techniques used today extend and refine Abell's basic approach (e.g., Lumsden *et al.*, 1992; Postman *et al.*, 1996; Dalton *et al.*, 1997), often augmenting it with information about galaxy colors (e.g., Gladders and Yee, 2000; Bahcall, McKay, *et al.*, 2003; Nichol, 2004). These improvements are necessary because the contrast of clusters against the background galaxy counts decreases with cluster distance. Galaxy colors can help identify distant clusters because many cluster galaxies are significantly redder than other galaxies at a similar redshift, owing to their lack of ongoing star formation. The colors of their aging stellar populations therefore place these cluster members on a narrow and distinctive locus, known as the "red sequence," in a plot of galaxy color versus magnitude (see, for example, Gladders and Yee, 2000).

Once suitable cluster candidates are found, their status as true mass concentrations can be checked by measuring the underlying mass. Optical observations offer two complementary ways to perform such measurements, through the orbital velocities of the member galaxies and through the degree to which galaxies lying behind the cluster are lensed by the cluster's gravitational potential. We shall discuss both of these methods after a few more words about how galaxy counts relate to the overall optical luminosities of clusters.

1. Optical richness

To the extent that light traces mass in the universe, the total optical luminosity of a cluster is itself an indicator of a cluster's mass. Measuring the luminosity of every galaxy in a cluster is impractical, especially for distant clusters in which only the brightest galaxies can be observed. However, because the luminosity distribution function of cluster galaxies is nearly the same from

²The megaparsec is astronomers' favored unit of distance on cluster scales: 1 Mpc = 3.09×10^{24} cm = 3.26×10^6 light years.

cluster to cluster, observing the high-luminosity tip of that distribution allows one to normalize the overall galaxy luminosity function for the cluster, yielding estimates for both the cluster's total optical luminosity and its mass.

Abell's catalogs encode this information by placing clusters in categories of *richness* corresponding to the net excess of galaxies brighter than the magnitude limit used to define each cluster. The richest clusters (class 5) contain over 300 galaxies brighter than the magnitude limit, while the poorest (class 1) contain only 50–79 such galaxies. Clusters not quite making Abell's cut (30–49 galaxies above the magnitude limit) were assigned to richness class 0. Within this system, the Coma cluster was originally ranked in richness class 2.

Invoking assumptions about the shape of the luminosity distribution function helps to link richness more directly to a cluster's total luminosity. Cluster galaxies generally adhere to a luminosity distribution function following the form proposed by Schechter (1976), with the number of galaxies in luminosity range dL about L proportional to $L^{-\alpha} \exp(-L/L_*)$, with $\alpha \approx 1$ (see, for example, Balogh, Christlein, *et al.*, 2001). Assuming this distribution function, Postman *et al.* (1996) define a *richness parameter* Λ_{cl} equivalent to the number of cluster galaxies brighter than the characteristic luminosity L_* . They find that Λ_{cl} is highly correlated with Abell's richness measure, but the scatter between richness and Λ_{cl} is large.

Another richness parameter in current use is B_{cg} , the amplitude of the correlation function between the cluster center and the member galaxies (Longair and Seldner, 1979; Yee and López-Cruz, 1999). It is derived from the angular correlation function of galaxies measured down to a given magnitude limit, after removing the background counts, and is normalized by dividing out the expected luminosity distribution function of galaxies integrated down to that magnitude limit. This richness parameter also correlates with Abell's richness, but again the scatter is broad. Yee and Ellingson (2003) show that B_{cg} correlates well with other global properties of clusters, suggesting that richness observations may become an inexpensive way to measure cluster masses, but first the mass-richness relation must be calibrated and the scatter in that relation must be quantified.

2. Galaxy velocities

Once a cluster has been optically identified, obtaining the radial velocities v_r of the cluster galaxies from their redshifts helps in mitigating projection effects and in measuring the cluster's mass. Because the velocity distribution of a relaxed cluster's galaxies is expected to be Gaussian in velocity space, galaxies with velocities falling well outside the best-fitting Gaussian envelope are unlikely to be cluster members and are generally disregarded. Fitting the velocity distribution $\exp[-(v_r - \langle v_r \rangle)^2 / 2\sigma_{\text{1D}}^2]$ to the remaining galaxies then yields a one-dimensional velocity dispersion σ_{1D} for the cluster. If the velocity distribution of a cluster candidate is far

from Gaussian, then it is probably not a real cluster but rather a chance superposition of smaller structures. Obviously, the accuracy of σ_{1D} depends critically on the number of galaxies with measured velocities and the method for identifying and eliminating nonmembers.

Zwicky (1933, 1937) was the first to measure a cluster's velocity dispersion, finding $\sigma_{\text{1D}} \sim 700 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for the Coma cluster. He correctly concluded from this fact and his estimate of the Coma cluster's overall radius that this cluster's mass must be far greater than the observed mass in stars—the first evidence for dark matter in the universe. Shortly thereafter, Smith (1936) showed that the same was true of the Virgo cluster. Zwicky's reasoning involved the virial theorem of classical mechanics, which applies to steady, gravitationally bound systems. Differentiating the system's moment of inertia $I = \sum_i m_i \mathbf{r}_i^2$ twice with respect to time and setting the result to zero produces the virial relation

$$\sum_i m_i \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i^2 = - \sum_i m_i \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}_i. \quad (1)$$

The left-hand side is twice the total kinetic energy of the cluster's particles, and in a spherically symmetric system of mass M with a Gaussian velocity distribution, that kinetic energy is $3M\sigma_{\text{1D}}^2/2$. If the system is isolated, then the right-hand side is equal to the absolute value of the gravitational potential energy, which can be expressed as GM^2/r_G , where

$$r_G \equiv M^2 \left(\sum_i \sum_{i < j} \frac{m_i m_j}{r_{ij}} \right)^{-1} \approx \frac{\pi}{2} M^2 \left(\sum_i \sum_{i < j} \frac{m_i m_j}{r_{\perp,ij}} \right)^{-1} \quad (2)$$

and r_{ij} is the separation between particles i and j . The approximation gives r_G for a spherically symmetric system in terms of the projected particle separations $r_{\perp,ij}$ in the plane of the sky (Limber and Mathews, 1960). According to the virial theorem, the mass of a spherical, isolated cluster should therefore be $M = 3\sigma_{\text{1D}}^2 r_G / G$.

Applying this virial analysis to real clusters is not quite so simple because clusters are not isolated systems—there is no clean boundary separating a cluster from the rest of the universe. Segregating the cluster from the outlying regions with an arbitrary bounding surface alters the interpretation of the right-hand side of Eq. (1). In a steady state, the momentum flux of particles exiting the boundary is equal to that entering, so the bounding surface is formally equivalent to a reflecting wall that adds a pressure correction term, offsetting some of the gravitational potential energy (The and White, 1986; Carlberg, Yee, and Ellingson, 1997). One must also account for objects seen in projection, such as infalling galaxies that have not yet entered into virial equilibrium and interlopers that are not true cluster members—problems that have led to the invention of various kinds of projected mass estimators (Bahcall and Tremaine, 1981; Heisler *et al.*, 1985).

Extensive redshift measurements now allow observers to measure much more than just a cluster's velocity dispersion, enabling detailed studies of a cluster's mass profile and dynamical state. Generally a cluster's velocity

dispersion declines with projected radius, implying that the relationship between projected radius and the mass enclosed within that radius is somewhat shallower than linear in the cluster's outskirts (Rood *et al.*, 1972; Kent and Gunn, 1982; Carlberg, Yee, and Ellingson, 1997). Beyond the approximate virial radius of a cluster, the enclosed mass continues to increase and the galaxies move primarily on infalling radial trajectories (Kaiser, 1987; Regos and Geller, 1989; Diaferio and Geller, 1997; Biviano and Girardi, 2003). Even farther out is a thin region where galaxies are nearly stationary with respect to the cluster, because there the cluster's gravity has just succeeded in reducing the outward Hubble flow to a standstill (Kaiser, 1987; Rines *et al.*, 2003). Eventually these galaxies will fall back toward the cluster and become cluster members.

Because clusters are dynamical systems that have not quite finished forming and equilibrating, the velocity dispersion and virial theorem by themselves do not yield an exact cluster mass measurement. Detailed information on the spatial distribution of galaxy velocities is of great help in measuring the masses of large, nearby clusters, but similar information is very difficult to obtain for the distant clusters so interesting to cosmologists. In lieu of detailed observations, one can use simulations of cluster formation to calibrate the approximate virial relationship between velocity dispersion and cluster mass, but we shall postpone discussion of that procedure to the discussion of dark-matter dynamics in Sec. III.

3. Gravitational lensing

In his remarkable 1937 paper on the Coma cluster, Zwicky also proposed that cluster masses could be measured through gravitational lensing of background galaxies. That technique did not become practical for six more decades but is now one of the primary methods for measuring cluster mass. Lensing is sensitive to the cluster's mass within a given projected radius r_{\perp} because the mass within this radius deflects photons toward our line of sight through the cluster's center. When the deflection angle is small compared to a background galaxy's angular distance from the cluster center, weak lensing shifts each point in the galaxy's image to a slightly larger angular distance from the cluster's center, thereby distorting the image by stretching it tangentially to r_{\perp} . Measuring the weak-lensing distortion of any single galaxy is nearly impossible because the exact shape of the unlensed galaxy is generally unknown. Instead, observers must measure the shear distortion of an entire field of background galaxies, under the assumption that any intrinsic deviations of galaxy images from circular symmetry are uncorrelated.

Many excellent articles explain this weak-lensing technique in more detail (Tyson *et al.*, 1990; Kaiser and Squires, 1993; Hoekstra *et al.*, 1998; Mellier, 1999; Bartelmann and Schneider, 2001). Here we wish only to give a flavor of how a cluster's mass can be measured from the lensing it induces. The deflection angle itself depends on the gradient of the gravitational potential in

the lensing system, meaning that a mass sheet of constant surface density produces no shear and goes undetected. Additional mass that is distributed symmetrically about the line of sight through a cluster's center bends photon paths by an angle twice that expected from Newtonian physics, $4GM(<r_{\perp})/c^2r_{\perp}$, which can be measured from the shear distortion and redshift distribution of the background galaxies. Obtaining a cluster mass from the mass $M(<r_{\perp})$ along the column bounded by r_{\perp} requires additional assumptions about how mass is distributed within this column. A particularly simple mass configuration would be a singular isothermal sphere, in which σ_{1D} remains constant with radius and $M(r)=2\sigma_{1D}^2r/G$ (Sec. III.B.2); notice that the boundary pressure term required in this configuration alters the usual virial relation. The deflection angle for this mass distribution is $4\pi\sigma_{1D}^2/c^2$, independent of radius. In general, however, the cluster potential will not be precisely isothermal, nor will the cluster be perfectly spherical.

Simulations of large-scale structure formation suggest that superpositions of other mass concentrations limit the accuracy of weak-lensing masses, at least for clusters defined to be within spherical volumes. Projected mass fluctuations along the line of sight to a distant cluster can be on the order of $\sim 10^{14}M_{\odot}$ (Metzler *et al.*, 1999, 2001; Hoekstra, 2001). On the other hand, weak-lensing masses are expected to correlate quite well with cluster richness, another measure of the mass within a cylindrical region, raising the possibility that at least some of the projected mass can be accounted for by using galaxy colors to separate these mass concentrations from the cluster in redshift space.

B. Clusters in x rays

Clusters of galaxies are x-ray sources because galaxy formation is inefficient. Only about a tenth of the universe's baryons reside within stars in galaxies, leaving the vast majority adrift in intergalactic space. Most of these intergalactic baryons are extremely difficult to observe, but the deep potential wells of galaxy clusters compress the associated baryonic gas and heat it to x-ray emitting temperatures. The gas temperature inferred from a cluster's x-ray spectrum therefore indicates the depth of a cluster's potential well, and the emission-line strengths in that spectrum indicate the abundances of elements like iron, oxygen, and silicon in the intracluster medium (ICM). Here we outline the primary characteristics of that x-ray emission. For a more detailed discussion of the physics, see Sarazin (1988).

1. X-ray surface brightness

Extended x-ray emission from clusters of galaxies was first observed in the early 1970s (Gursky *et al.*, 1971; Forman *et al.*, 1972; Kellogg *et al.*, 1972), but was correctly attributed to thermal bremsstrahlung several years earlier by Felten *et al.* (1966), who were inspired by a spurious x-ray detection of the Coma cluster. For typical cluster temperatures ($kT \gtrsim 2$ keV) the emissivity

of thermal bremsstrahlung dominates that from emission lines, but below ~ 2 keV that situation reverses, given the typical heavy-element abundances relative to hydrogen which are ~ 0.3 times those found in the Sun. The rate at which the ICM radiates energy can be expressed in terms of a cooling function $\Lambda_c(T)$ computed assuming that collisional ionization equilibrium determines the relative abundance of each ion. Many collisional ionization codes have been developed to compute the emissivity and x-ray spectrum of such gas (see, for example, Raymond and Smith, 1977). Because these cooling processes all involve electrons colliding with ions, the resulting cooling function is usually defined so that either $n_e n_H \Lambda_c(T)$ or $n_e n_{\text{ion}} \Lambda_c(T)$ is the luminosity per unit volume. Tozzi and Norman (2001) give a useful fit to the computations of Sutherland and Dopita (1993) for abundances equal to 0.3 times their solar values. For typical ICM temperatures, $\Lambda_c \sim 10^{-23} \text{ erg cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

In most clusters, the intracluster gas appears to be in approximate hydrostatic equilibrium. Assuming spherical symmetry, the equation of hydrostatic equilibrium can be written

$$\frac{d \ln \rho_g}{d \ln r} + \frac{d \ln T}{d \ln r} = -2 \frac{T_\phi(r)}{T}, \quad (3)$$

where ρ_g is the gas density and $k_B T_\phi(r) = GM(r)\mu m_p/2r$ is the characteristic temperature of a singular isothermal sphere with the same value of $M(r)/r$. Making the additional assumption that the gas is isothermal leads to a classic model for the x-ray surface brightness of clusters known as the beta model (Cavaliere and Fusco-Femiano, 1976). If the velocity distribution of the particles responsible for $M(r)$ is also isothermal with a constant velocity dispersion σ_{1D} , then Poisson's equation implies

$$\frac{d \ln \rho_g}{dr} = -\frac{\mu m_p}{kT} \frac{d\phi}{dr} = \beta \frac{d \ln \rho}{dr}, \quad (4)$$

where the eponymous $\beta \equiv \mu m_p \sigma_{1D}^2 / kT$ (see Sarazin, 1988). Given the approximate isothermal potential of King (1962), $\rho(r) \propto [1 + (r/r_c)^2]^{-3/2}$, in which r_c is a core radius that keeps the profile from becoming singular at the origin, the gas density profile becomes $\rho_g(r) \propto [1 + (r/r_c)^2]^{-3\beta/2}$. The expected x-ray surface brightness profile for an isothermal gas is then $\propto [1 + (r/r_c)^2]^{-3\beta+1/2}$, and fitting this model to the observations gives the best-fit parameters r_c , β_{fit} and the normalization of the gas-density distribution.

Beta models generally describe the observed surface-brightness profiles of clusters quite well in the radial range from $\sim r_c$ to $\sim 3r_c$, with $\beta_{\text{fit}} \approx 2/3$ and $r_c \sim 0.1 r_G$ giving the best fits for rich clusters (Jones and Forman, 1984) and a possible trend toward lower β values in poorer clusters (Horner *et al.*, 1999; Helsdon and Ponman, 2000; Finoguenov, Reiprich, *et al.*, 2001; Sanderson *et al.*, 2003). The x-ray luminosity integrated over radius converges for $\beta > 0.5$, meaning that most of the observed x rays come from a relatively small proportion of the ICM. However, beta models often underestimate the

central surface brightness (Jones and Forman, 1984) and tend to overestimate the brightness at $r \gg r_c$ (Vikhlinin *et al.*, 1999). These discrepancies arise in part because the intracluster medium is not strictly isothermal (Sec. III.C.2) and because real cluster potentials differ from the King model (Sec. III.B.2).

The centrally concentrated surface-brightness profiles of clusters make x-ray surveys very effective at finding cluster candidates. Because x-ray emission depends on density squared, clusters of galaxies stand out strongly against regions of lesser density, minimizing the complications of projection effects (see Rosati *et al.*, 2002, for a recent review). Surveys of x-ray-selected clusters currently extend to $z \approx 1.3$ (Stanford *et al.*, 2001; Rosati *et al.*, 2004), a limit owing to the decline of surface brightness with redshift (Sec. III.A.2). Unfortunately, x-ray luminosity correlates less well than one would like with the optical properties of clusters. Early studies showed that x-ray luminosity correlates with optical richness but with a large scatter (Bahcall, 1977; Mushotzky, 1984), and that situation has not improved much in the intervening decades (Donahue *et al.*, 2002; Gilbank *et al.*, 2003; Kochanek *et al.*, 2003). The optical properties of very luminous x-ray clusters are well behaved (Lewis *et al.*, 1999), but deep optical surveys have found distant cluster candidates that appear to have velocity dispersions much larger than one would guess from their x-ray luminosity (Lubin *et al.*, 2004). These objects may be superpositions of smaller clusters whose joint velocity distribution seems like that of a larger relaxed cluster.

2. Plasma temperature

Clusters in hydrostatic equilibrium have a plasma temperature that is closely related to the overall mass. Measuring that temperature requires higher-quality data than a simple luminosity measurement, because the photons must be divided among multiple energy bins. Ideally, one would like enough data to measure both $T(r)$ and $\rho_g(r)$, in which case Eq. (3) can be solved directly for $M(r)$. Even with the highest-quality data, the derived mass is still slightly model dependent because $T(r)$ and $\rho(r)$ must be determined by deprojecting the surface-brightness information (Fabian *et al.*, 1981; Kriss *et al.*, 1983; White *et al.*, 1997; Pizzolato *et al.*, 2003).

In practice, the quality of the mass measurement depends on what the total number of observed x-ray photons allows. With limited information about the temperature gradient, one can fit a polytropic law³ $T \propto \rho_g^{\gamma_{\text{eff}}-1}$, giving the radial dependence of temperature in terms of an effective adiabatic index γ_{eff} with density as the radial coordinate. However, data on distant clusters often do not allow a temperature gradient to be measured and sometimes are even insufficient to give an accurate temperature. In those cases, one must rely on scaling laws that connect x-ray luminosity with tempera-

³Note that this is *not* an actual equation of state for the gas but only a fitting formula for $T(r)$ as a function of $\rho_g(r)$.

ture and temperature with mass, calibrated with either high-quality observations or numerical simulations of cluster formation that include all the relevant physics (Sec. III.C).

Limitations in the measurement of cluster temperature systematically affect the mass one infers for the cluster. If only a single temperature can be measured, then the isothermal beta model implies

$$\frac{M(r)}{r} = \frac{3\beta k_B T}{G\mu m_p} \frac{(r/r_c)^2}{1 + (r/r_c)^2}. \quad (5)$$

Note that at large radii this relation approaches the one for isothermal gas in a singular isothermal potential, $M(r)/r = 2k_B T / G\mu m_p$, as long as $\beta = 2/3$. However, single temperatures gleaned from a cluster's overall spectrum need to be treated with caution. Global cluster temperatures quoted in the literature are generally spectral-fit temperatures (T_{sp}) obtained by fitting a single-temperature emission model to an overall cluster spectrum containing multiple temperature components. These spectral-fit temperatures are similar to, but not identical to, the cluster's luminosity-weighted temperature T_{lum} , in which each temperature component is weighted by ρ_g^2 . Numerical simulations indicate that both T_{sp} and T_{lum} can differ from the mass-weighted gas temperature T_g and from one another by $\sim 10\text{--}20\%$ (Mathiesen and Evrard, 2001; Mazzotta *et al.*, 2004).

A modest amount of spatially resolved temperature information improves the mass measurement. Allowing for a temperature gradient corresponding to $T \propto \rho_g^{\gamma_{\text{eff}}-1}$ changes the estimated mass to

$$\frac{M(r)}{r} = \frac{3\beta\gamma_{\text{eff}} k_B T(r)}{G\mu m_p} \frac{(r/r_c)^2}{1 + (r/r_c)^2}. \quad (6)$$

Observers are still working toward a consensus on the temperature gradients of clusters (Markevitch *et al.*, 1998; Irwin and Bregman, 2000; De Grandi and Molendi, 2002; Pratt and Arnaud, 2002; Mushotzky, 2004), but measured values of γ_{eff} often range as high as 1.2 (Finoguenov, Reiprich, *et al.*, 2001). Cluster temperatures are extremely difficult to observe in the neighborhood of the virial radius, but extrapolating a $\gamma_{\text{eff}} = 1.2$ gradient to $10r_c$ leads to a gas temperature less than half the core temperature. Including temperature-gradient information can therefore lower the estimated mass for a cluster of temperature T_{lum} by up to $\sim 50\%$.

Despite the potential for systematic uncertainties, the luminosity-weighted temperatures of clusters correlate well with their velocity dispersions. Most of the recent comparisons for low-redshift clusters find that $\sigma_{1D} \propto T_{\text{sp}}^{-0.6}$, slightly steeper than expected if both quantities track cluster mass (Lubin and Bahcall, 1993; Xue and Wu, 2000). Those same comparisons find normalizations of this relation for rich clusters in the range $\beta_{\text{sp}} = \mu m_p \sigma_{1D}^2 / k T_{\text{sp}} = 0.9\text{--}1.0$ (Fig. 1). The discrepancy between β_{sp} and β_{fit} is no cause for concern. It arises because the true mass profile is not a King model and because clusters are not in perfect hydrostatic equilibrium

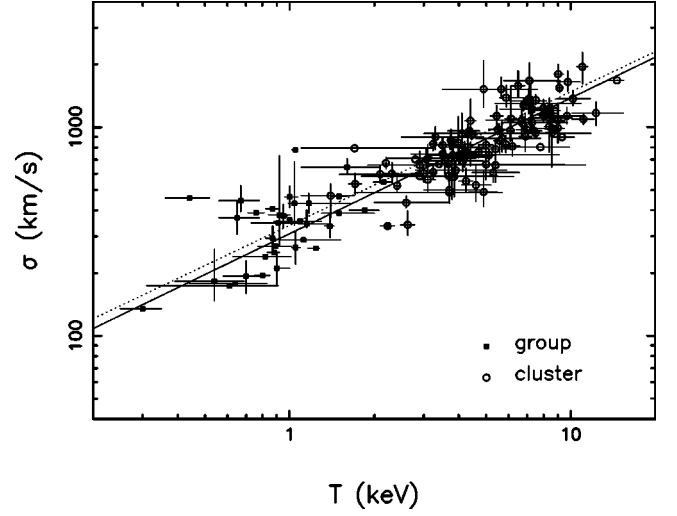


FIG. 1. Relation between velocity dispersion and temperature for a heterogeneous sample drawn from the literature: ■, data on galaxy groups; ○, cluster data; dotted lines, best power-law fits for groups; solid lines, best fits for clusters. The best-fitting relation to the combined sample is $\sigma_{1D} = 10^{2.51 \pm 0.01} \text{ km s}^{-1} (T/1 \text{ keV})^{0.61 \pm 0.01}$, corresponding to $\beta_{\text{sp}} = 0.97$ at 6 keV. From Xue and Wu, 2000.

(Evrard, 1990; Bahcall and Lubin, 1994). More worrisome are recent observations suggesting that the x-ray temperatures of distant optically selected clusters with unusually small x-ray luminosities are also considerably cooler than their velocity dispersions would indicate (Lubin *et al.*, 2004). However, more extensive redshift measurements have shown that at least one of these systems is composed of several smaller systems that have not yet merged to form a single large cluster (Gal and Lubin, 2004).

3. Measuring abundances

Abundances of elements like iron, oxygen, and silicon in the intracluster medium are relatively easy to measure from their emission-line fluxes, as long as the temperature of the line-emitting gas is well defined. Because of the low density of intracluster gas, collisional deexcitation is negligible, so every collisional excitation produces a photon that leaves the cluster. Thus one can fit the optically thin spectrum of a collisionally ionized, single-temperature plasma to the observed spectrum, adjusting the abundances in the model to produce the best fit. The high spectral resolution of today's x-ray observatories, *Chandra* and *XMM-Newton*, allows abundance determinations for individual elements if enough photons can be gathered. Otherwise, the solar pattern of abundance ratios is assumed for elements other than H and He, and the normalization of the overall pattern is fit to the observations. Because the most abundant elements are almost completely ionized in the hottest clusters, these abundance determinations depend heavily on the strength of the *K*-shell emission lines of iron, sometimes the only lines that are measurable.

On average, the overall abundances of heavy elements with respect to hydrogen in clusters are about 0.3 times the solar ratios. Just as with temperature, this determination is weighted toward the cluster core because of the ρ_g^2 emissivity. Spatially resolved observations of Fe K -line emission show that iron abundances, at least, can be higher at the cluster's center, particularly when a giant, central-dominant galaxy is there. This iron excess is consistent with being supernova debris from the giant galaxy's stars (De Grandi *et al.*, 2003). Farther out in clusters, these Fe gradients appear to flatten at ~ 0.3 times the solar level, extending to about $\sim 5r_c$, beyond which point the x-ray surface brightness is too low for accurate abundance and temperature measurements. This abundance level does not seem to have changed substantially from redshift $z \sim 1$ to the present (Donahue *et al.*, 1998, 1999; Tozzi *et al.*, 2003).

The total amount of iron implied by extrapolating this ratio over an entire cluster is quite impressive, exceeding the total amount of iron contained within all the stars in the cluster's galaxies (Renzini, 1997). Explaining how all that iron got into the intracluster medium is challenging. It is comparable to the total amount of iron produced by all the supernovae thought to have exploded during the history of the cluster, and, according to some estimates, it requires a disproportionately large number of massive stars to have formed in order to produce enough supernovae (David *et al.*, 1991; Matteucci and Gibson, 1995; Loewenstein and Mushotzky, 1996; Gibson and Matteucci, 1997; Loewenstein, 2001; Portinari *et al.*, 2003).

Presumably all these supernovae could have driven strong gaseous outflows known as galactic winds that expelled the heavy elements into the intracluster medium (Larson and Dinerstein, 1975; Heckman *et al.*, 1990). However, such powerful galactic winds are hard to produce in numerical simulations of galaxies, because much of the energy released by massive-star (type-II) supernovae is transferred to cool gas within the galaxy, where it is radiated away before it manages to drive a powerful wind (Mac Low and Ferrara, 1999). Alternatively, some of this iron may come from exploding white dwarfs (type-Ia supernovae), whose iron yields are higher than those of type-II supernovae. In either case, the total amount of kinetic energy released by the supernovae that created these elements is enormous, corresponding to ~ 0.3 – 1 keV per particle in the intracluster medium (Finoguenov, Arnaud, *et al.*, 2001; Pipino *et al.*, 2002). Yet, the efficiency of energy transfer from supernovae to the ICM remains an open question (Kravtsov and Yepes, 2000).

In principle, one can probe the origins of elements in the ICM and assess whether massive stars were disproportionately common earlier in time by comparing the abundances of massive-star products, like oxygen, to that of iron, which may come largely from type-Ia supernovae. No clear answer has yet emerged from such studies, which depend heavily on a proper understanding of the gas temperature distribution to get the correct elemental abundances (see, for example, Buote *et al.*, 2003). Some studies have concluded that the relative

abundance patterns in the intracluster medium are near solar, implying that the stellar populations producing those supernovae were similar to those in our own galaxy (Renzini, 2004). Other studies find an excess of oxygen and other elements of similar atomic number, suggesting that the cluster's galaxies produced an unusually large number of massive stars early in the cluster's history (see, for example, Finoguenov *et al.*, 2003).

C. Clusters in microwaves

Hot gas in clusters can also be observed through its effects on the cosmic microwave background. The background itself has a virtually perfect blackbody spectrum (Mather *et al.*, 1990). Soon after the discovery of this background radiation, Weymann (1965, 1966) computed how Compton scattering would distort its spectrum, slightly shifting some of the microwave photons to higher energies as they passed through hot intergalactic gas. Sunyaev and Zeldovich (1970, 1997) then predicted that hot gas in clusters of galaxies would indeed produce such a distortion, now known as the Sunyaev-Zeldovich (S-Z) effect.

1. The Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect

Two decades after this prediction there were only a few marginal detections (Birkinshaw, 1991), but many clusters were detected at high significance in the ensuing decade (Birkinshaw, 1999; Carlstrom *et al.*, 2000). With multiple new and highly capable S-Z instruments coming on line in the next few years, another quantum leap in this area is poised to happen, enabling wide-field cosmological studies of clusters to extend through much of the observable universe (Carlstrom *et al.*, 2002). A number of recent reviews elucidate the details of the S-Z effect (e.g., Birkinshaw, 1999; Carlstrom *et al.*, 2002). Here we summarize only a few fundamentals.

To lowest order, the shape of the distorted spectrum depends on a single parameter proportional to the product of the probability that a photon passing through the cluster will Compton scatter and the typical amount of energy a scattered photon gains:

$$y = \int \frac{k_B T}{m_e c^2} n_e \sigma_T dl, \quad (7)$$

where σ_T is the Thomson cross section and the integral is over a line of sight through the cluster. Because the optical depth of the cluster is small, the change in microwave intensity at any frequency is linearly proportional to $y \ll 1$, with reduced intensity at long wavelengths and enhanced intensity at short wavelengths. Relativistic corrections in hot clusters add a slight frequency dependence to the magnitude of the effect, making cluster temperatures measurable with precise observations of the microwave distortion at several frequencies (see Carlstrom *et al.*, 2002, for a discussion). A cluster's motion with respect to the microwave background produces additional distortion, known as the kinetic S-Z effect,

but here we shall concern ourselves only with the thermal S-Z effect.

Cosmological applications of the thermal S-Z effect in clusters benefit greatly from the fact that the effect is independent of distance, unlike optical and x-ray surface brightness. Thus a dedicated S-Z cluster survey efficiently finds clusters out to arbitrarily high redshifts. Because not all these clusters will be well resolved, the surveys will be measuring an integrated version of the distortion parameter:

$$Y = \int y dA \propto \int n_e T dV, \quad (8)$$

where the first integral is over a cluster's projected surface area and the second is over its volume. The Y parameter therefore tells us the total thermal energy of the electrons, from which one easily derives the total gas mass times its mass-weighted temperature within a given region of space. If these regions can be chosen so that the gas mass is always proportional to the cluster's total mass, then the observable Y can be used as a measure of cluster mass, once the relationship between Y and mass has been calibrated.

The impressive power of the S-Z effect for finding distant clusters also has a significant drawback, namely, sky confusion owing to projection effects. Along any line of sight through the entire observable universe, the probability of passing within the virial radius of a cluster or group of galaxies is of order unity (Voit *et al.*, 2001). Because a cluster's S-Z distortion does not diminish with distance, many of the objects in a highly sensitive S-Z survey will significantly overlap. Information on galaxy colors will help to separate nearby objects from more distant ones, but the implications of sky confusion for making accurate mass measurements are still a matter to be reckoned with (see, for example, White *et al.*, 2002). One way to avoid the problem of sky confusion would be to measure the statistical S-Z properties of clusters in the angular power spectrum of the microwave sky instead of analyzing the clusters themselves (da Silva *et al.*, 2001; Holder and Carlstrom, 2001; Seljak *et al.*, 2001). In fact, this statistical signal may already have been detected (Pearson *et al.*, 2003; Kuo *et al.*, 2004).

2. Comparing Sunyaev-Zeldovich with x-ray observations

Comparisons of a cluster's x-ray and S-Z properties are useful in several different ways. X-ray observations are nicely complementary to S-Z observations of clusters because they give the integral of ρ_g^2 along lines of sight through a cluster in addition to a gas temperature. Assuming that clusters are spherical objects with smooth gas distributions, one can divide the product of temperature and the line-of-sight integral of ρ_g^2 by the observed y value to obtain a cluster's gas density profile. Combining the data in this way can be particularly useful in studying the outskirts of clusters, where the x-ray surface brightness is difficult to observe but the S-Z signal remains substantial. With this density profile in hand, one can then derive the line-of-sight thickness of the cluster from

either the x-ray or the S-Z observations. This type of information could help to solve the S-Z projection problem in fields where there are high-quality x-ray and S-Z data.

If a cluster is indeed spherical, then a comparison of its physical thickness with its apparent angular size directly gives its distance, which can be used to determine the scale and geometry of the universe (Birkinshaw *et al.*, 1991). Deriving the scale of the universe in this way is subject to numerous systematic effects. For example, clusters are not all perfectly spherical. Many appear slightly ellipsoidal in x-ray images, calling for a sample of clusters with random orientations to beat down this systematic effect, although three-dimensional reconstructions are possible with the addition of gravitational-lensing data (Zaroubi *et al.*, 2001). Note also that comparisons of x-ray images to S-Z images would produce nonsensical distances if the intracluster medium were highly clumpy, owing to the ρ_g^2 x-ray emissivity. The fact that cluster distances found in this way are consistent with the standard calibrations of Hubble's law indicates that the x-ray-emitting gas is well behaved and that most clusters are in approximate hydrostatic equilibrium.

III. EVOLUTION OF THE DARK COMPONENT

Cluster masses measured with the techniques outlined in the previous section range from around $10^{14} M_\odot$ to more than $10^{15} M_\odot$, the vast majority of which appears to be dark matter that emits no detectable radiation. Even using alternative theories of gravity, it is difficult to explain the cluster observations without dark matter dominating the overall mass (Sanders, 2003). In contrast, explaining the characteristics of clusters and their evolution with redshift is much easier with models in which nonbaryonic cold dark matter dominates the mass density of the universe.

This section explains how the evolution of the dark component of the universe, including both dark matter and dark energy, is thought to be reflected in the evolution of cluster properties. It begins with a summary of the concordance model for cosmology and some closely related alternatives, all of which are predicated on the existence of nonbaryonic cold dark matter. It then explains how dark matter drives cluster formation in such models, providing some simple analytical approximations to the extensive numerical work that has been done on the subject. These models do a good job of accounting for the basic properties of observed clusters, allowing astronomers to measure several of the parameters in the concordance model using cluster observations, most notably the overall mass density of the universe and the amplitude of the initial spectrum of density perturbations that eventually produces all the structure we observe.

The accuracy of those parameter measurements is currently limited by uncertainties in the relationships between cluster masses and the observable properties that trace those masses. Numerical simulations of cluster formation do not yet provide precise calibrations of these

relations because they do not yet account for all of the thermodynamical processes associated with galaxy formation. The third part of this section surveys the mass-observable relations and how the uncertainties in those relations affect cosmological parameters derived from them. The fourth part of this section examines how the properties of clusters evolve and how fitting that evolution with cosmological models improves the accuracy of the derived cosmological parameters. Even though current surveys of distant clusters contain relatively few objects, they already place strong constraints on the overall matter density. Larger cluster surveys in both the microwave and x-ray bands have the potential to place much stronger constraints on the overall cosmological model, measuring both dark-matter and dark-energy parameters to 5% statistical accuracy, independently of other cosmological observations.

A. A recipe for the universe

Our current understanding of cluster evolution is an outgrowth of the overall cosmological model, whose primary features depend on just a handful of parameters. One set of parameters specifies the global cosmological model, which describes the overall geometry of the universe, the mean density of its contents, and how its scale changes with time. The other important set of parameters specifies the initial spectrum of density perturbations that grew into the galaxies and clusters of galaxies we see today. Here we define both sets of parameters and their roles in the context of the overall model. More extensive and detailed discussions of this recipe for the universe can be found in some of the excellent books on cosmology (e.g., Peebles, 1993; Peacock, 1999).

1. Global dynamics

The expansion of the universe can be characterized by a time-dependent scale factor $a(t)$ proportional to the mean distance between the universe's galaxies. Hubble's law relating the distance d between two galaxies and the speed v at which they appear to move apart can then be written as $v = H(t)d$, where $H(t) = \dot{a}/a$ is the Hubble parameter. Many independent measurements indicate that the value of this parameter at the current time t_0 is $H(t_0) = H_0 = 71 \pm 7 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (Freedman *et al.*, 2001). The value of H_0 , known as Hubble's constant, is often further distilled in the literature into the dimensionless quantity $h = H_0 / (100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1})$. Sometimes this review will use the more suitable alternative $h_{70} = H_0 / (70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1})$ when characterizing observable cluster properties.

On very large scales, the universe appears homogeneous and isotropic. Astronomers therefore assume that the time-dependent behavior of $H(t)$ obeys the Friedmann-Lemaître model of the universe, in which

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G\left(\rho + \frac{3p}{c^2}\right), \quad (9)$$

where $\rho(t)c^2$ is the mean density of mass-energy and $p(t)$ is the pressure owing to that energy density. Local energy conservation requires that

$$\dot{\rho}c^2 = -3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}(\rho c^2 + p), \quad (10)$$

and we can use this expression to integrate the dynamical equation as long as we know the equation of state linking ρ and p . If the equation of state has the form $p = w\rho c^2$, then density changes with the expansion as $\rho \propto a^{-3(1+w)}$. For a single mass-energy component with a constant value of w we therefore obtain

$$\dot{a}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho_0 a^{-(1+3w)} + \text{const}, \quad (11)$$

where ρ_0 is the value of the energy density when $a=1$ and the constant of integration is related to the global curvature of the universe.

It is most convenient to normalize the scale factor so that it equals unity at the current time. Then the cosmological redshift z of radiation from distant objects is simply related to the scale factor of the universe when that radiation was emitted: $a = (1+z)^{-1}$. This definition allows us to link the constant of integration to more familiar parameters, obtaining

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = H_0^2[\Omega_0(1+z)^{3(1+w)} + (1-\Omega_0)(1+z)^2], \quad (12)$$

where Ω_0 is the current energy density ρ_0 in units of the current critical density $\rho_{\text{crit}} = 3H_0^2/8\pi G$.

Several different components of the universe, each with a different equation of state, can influence the overall expansion history. Nonrelativistic particles with a mass density ρ_M contribute negligible pressure, corresponding to $w=0$. The energy density $\rho_R c^2$ in photons and other relativistic particles exerts a pressure with $w=1/3$. Einstein's cosmological constant acts like an energy density $\rho_\Lambda c^2$ that remains constant while the universe expands and therefore exerts a pressure corresponding to $w=-1$. Including each of these components yields the dynamical equation

$$H^2(z) = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = H_0^2[\Omega_M(1+z)^3 + \Omega_R(1+z)^4 + \Omega_\Lambda + (1-\Omega_0)(1+z)^2], \quad (13)$$

where Ω_x is the current mass-energy density in component x in units of ρ_{crit} and $\Omega_0 = \Omega_M + \Omega_R + \Omega_\Lambda$. The value of Ω_x at an arbitrary redshift is given by $\Omega_x(z) = \Omega_x(1+z)^{3(1+w)}[H(z)/H_0]^{-2}$.

Each of these energy-density parameters can be further articulated. The matter density parameter Ω_M consists of a contribution Ω_b from baryons and a contribution Ω_{CDM} from nonbaryonic cold dark matter. The radiation density parameter includes contributions from

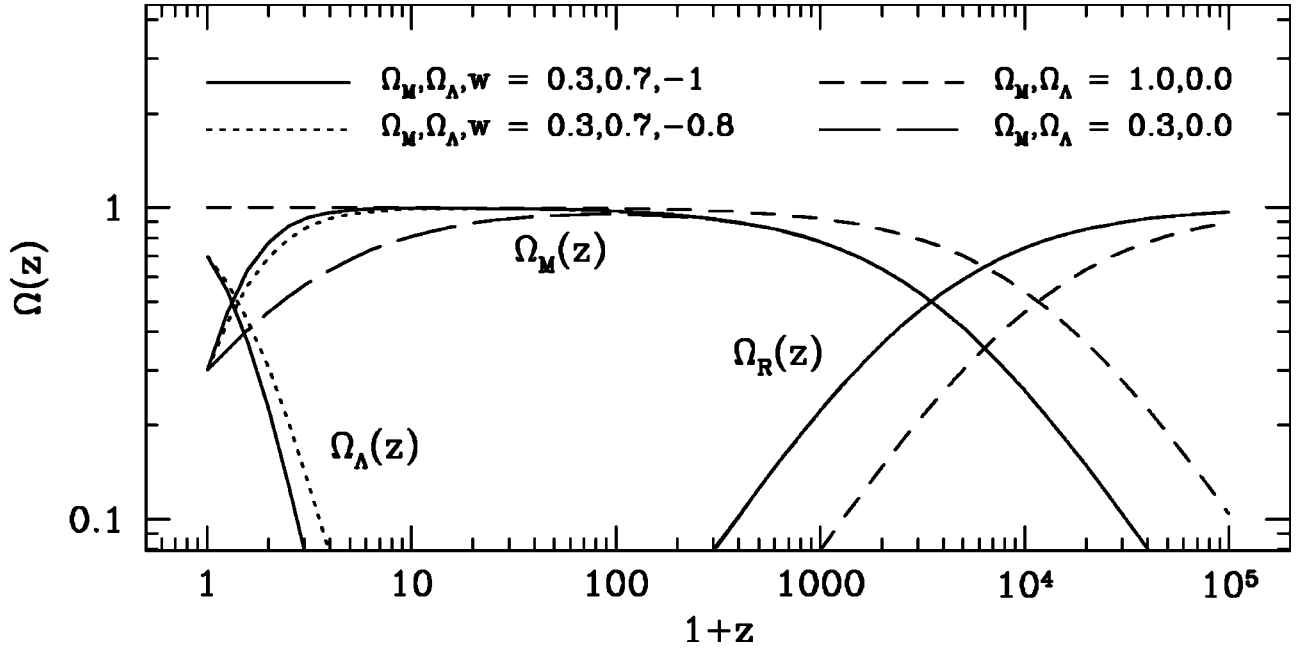


FIG. 2. Evolution of energy densities with redshift for different cosmological models: solid lines, the concordance model with $\Omega_M=0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda=0.7$, and $w=-1$; dotted lines, a dark-energy model with $\Omega_M=0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda=0.7$, and $w=-0.8$; long-dashed lines, an open-universe model with $\Omega_M=0.3$ and $\Omega_\Lambda=0.0$; short-dashed lines, a critical-universe model with $\Omega_M=1.0$ and $\Omega_\Lambda=0.7$. The upper group of lines illustrates $\Omega_M(z)$, the left-hand group of lines illustrates $\Omega_\Lambda(z)$, and the right-hand group of lines illustrates $\Omega_R(z)$. Structure in the universe grows most rapidly while $\Omega_M(z) \approx 1$, because positive density perturbations then exceed the critical density. This period of time occurs between the redshift z_{eq} when $\Omega_M(z_{\text{eq}}) = \Omega_R(z_{\text{eq}})$ and the redshift at which $\Omega_M(z)$ begins to drop. Notice that the redshift z_{eq} is earlier for larger present-day values of Ω_M and that the redshift at which $\Omega_M(z)$ begins to decline depends on the characteristics of dark energy. Observations of clusters and their evolution provide opportunities to constrain the values of Ω_M , Ω_Λ , and w because the timing of both of these epochs influences the properties of the cluster population.

the photons of the microwave background, Ω_{CMB} , and from relic neutrinos produced in the big bang, Ω_ν , as long as they remain relativistic particles. Finally, because the physical origin of the Ω_Λ term remains mysterious, it may not be correct to assume that the energy density responsible for it stays constant with time. In order to check this possibility observationally, one can replace the Ω_Λ term with a generalized dark-energy term $\Omega_\Lambda(1+z)^{3(1+w)}$ and attempt to measure the value of w (Turner and White, 1997; Wang and Steinhardt, 1998).

Recent observations, including the cluster studies we shall discuss later, have provided approximate values for many of these energy-density parameters, allowing us to estimate when each of the various energy components dominated the dynamics (Fig. 2). Dark energy with $\Omega_\Lambda \approx 0.7$ seems to be most important at the current epoch, and because of the scaling of other terms with redshift, it will grow increasingly dominant as time progresses. Nonrelativistic matter appears to have a density corresponding to $\Omega_M \approx 0.3$, implying that matter dominated the dynamics at $z \gtrsim 1$. The radiation term was most important in the distant past, prior to the redshift $z_{\text{eq}} = (\Omega_M/\Omega_R) - 1$ of matter-radiation equality. Neutrinos with masses less than a few eV will be relativistic particles at this epoch, leading to

$$z_{\text{eq}} = 2.37 \times 10^4 \Omega_M h^2 \quad (14)$$

for $T_{\text{CMB}} = 2.73$ K at $z=0$ and three families of neutrinos.

2. Global geometry

Geometry in a universe that is homogenous and isotropic has the same radius of curvature everywhere, but its overall architecture can be either positively curved, flat, or negatively curved, depending on the value of Ω_0 . Because the scale of the universe is changing with time, the most sensible coordinate system to use when describing its geometry is one that expands along with the universe. In such a comoving coordinate system, a radial interval in spherical coordinates has length $a(t)dr$, and the interval corresponding to a small transverse angle $d\psi = \sqrt{d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta \cdot d\phi^2}$ depends on the radius of curvature $a(t)R_\kappa$. For positive curvature, analogous to the surface of a sphere, the transverse interval is $a(t)R_\kappa \sin(r/R_\kappa) d\psi$, and for negative curvature it is $a(t)R_\kappa \sinh(r/R_\kappa) d\psi$.

We can therefore write the Robertson-Walker metric that describes such a universe as

$$c^2 d\tau^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a^2(t) [dr^2 + R_\kappa^2 S_\kappa^2(r/R_\kappa) d\psi^2], \quad (15)$$

where $S_\kappa(x) = \sin x$ for positive curvature ($\kappa=1$), $S_\kappa(x) = \sinh x$ for negative curvature ($\kappa=-1$), and a flat universe ($\kappa=0$) corresponds to $R_\kappa \rightarrow \infty$. The metric can be written in the more familiar form

$$c^2 d\tau^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a^2(t) \left[\frac{dr_\kappa^2}{1 - \kappa r_\kappa^2 / R_\kappa^2} + r_\kappa^2 d\psi^2 \right] \quad (16)$$

with the definition $r_\kappa \equiv R_\kappa S_\kappa(r/R_\kappa)$. Plugging this metric into Einstein's field equations leads to

$$H^2(z) = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G\rho}{3} - \frac{\kappa c^2}{a^2 R_\kappa^2}, \quad (17)$$

which relates the radius of curvature to other cosmological parameters:

$$R_\kappa = \frac{c}{H_0} \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\Omega_0 - 1}}. \quad (18)$$

Notice that the universe at early times is effectively flat as long as $\Omega_M + \Omega_R > 0$ because the horizon size of the observable patch is $\sim c/H(z) \ll (1+z)^{-1} R_\kappa$ for observers at times corresponding to large values of the redshift z .

The low-redshift universe may also be effectively flat, but that is not guaranteed. Consequently both the expansion of the universe and its curvature need to be taken into account when we observe highly redshifted objects like distant clusters of galaxies. Because the metric relates the comoving radial coordinate r to redshift through $dr/dz = -c/H(z)$, the coordinate distance to an object with an observed redshift z is

$$r(z) = c \int_0^z \frac{dz}{H(z)}. \quad (19)$$

Relations involving the divergence of light paths can then be compactly written in terms of $r_\kappa(z) = R_\kappa S_\kappa[r(z)/R_\kappa]$, which reduces to $r(z)$ in a flat universe. For example, the angle subtended at coordinate distance $r(z)$ by the transverse length l becomes

$$\psi = \frac{(1+z)l}{r_\kappa(z)}. \quad (20)$$

In a flat, static universe, an object of physical size l would subtend this same angle if it were at the distance $d_A(z) = r_\kappa(z)/(1+z)$, sometimes called the angular-size distance. Likewise, the comoving volume within a solid angle $d\Omega$ and a redshift interval dz is given by

$$\frac{d^2 V_{\text{co}}}{d\Omega dz} = \frac{c r_\kappa^2(z)}{H(z)}. \quad (21)$$

These formulas are useful to cluster cosmology because they allow us to constrain $H(z)$ and the cosmological parameters that go into it if we know either the transverse sizes of high-redshift clusters or their number density within a given comoving volume. Figure 3 shows how the comoving volume of the universe depends on redshift for several different sets of cosmological parameters.

When surveying the universe for clusters, we also need to know how the geometry and expansion of the universe affect the apparent brightness of a cluster and the galaxies within it. The expansion alone reduces the energy flux received from a distant object by two factors

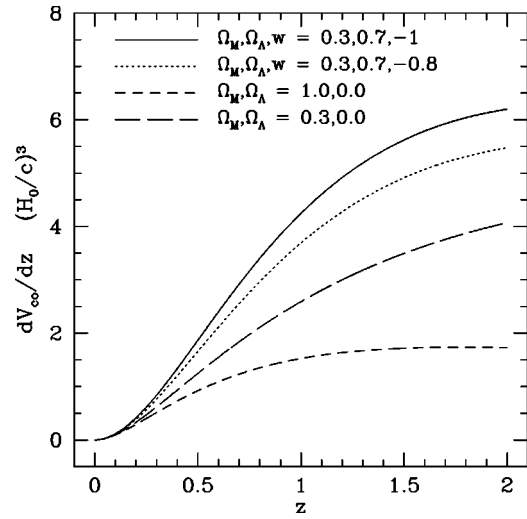


FIG. 3. Redshift dependence of comoving volume in various cosmologies. The quantity dV_{co}/dz is the comoving volume of the entire sky between redshift z and $z+dz$, divided by the redshift interval dz . If clusters were a nonevolving population of objects, one could distinguish between these cosmologies simply by counting the number of clusters on the sky in each redshift interval.

of $1+z$, with one factor coming from the time dilation of the photon flux owing to expansion and the other from the redshift of the photons themselves. The observed energy flux from an object of luminosity L is therefore

$$F = \frac{L}{4\pi(1+z)^2 r_\kappa^2(z)}. \quad (22)$$

We would measure the same flux from an equivalent object in a flat, static universe if it were at a distance $d_L(z) = (1+z)r_\kappa(z)$, sometimes called the luminosity distance. The consequences for surface brightness, equal to flux per unit solid angle, are even more dramatic. In a flat, static universe, an object's surface brightness remains constant, but its surface brightness in an expanding universe is reduced by a factor $d_A^2/d_L^2 \propto (1+z)^{-4}$, meaning that extended objects like clusters are far less bright at high redshifts.

It would be nice if $r_\kappa(z)$ could be expressed analytically for a general cosmology, but in most cases it cannot. However, a useful analytical expression for the divergence factor does exist for the case in which Ω_R and Ω_Λ are negligible (Mattig, 1958):

$$r_\kappa(z) = \frac{2c}{H_0} \frac{\Omega_M z + (\Omega_M - 2)(\sqrt{1 + \Omega_M z} - 1)}{\Omega_M^2(1+z)}. \quad (23)$$

Usually one needs to integrate Eq. (19) numerically and then insert the results into the S_κ function to obtain the rest of the relations.

3. Density perturbations

The very existence of galaxy clusters and the human beings who observe them demonstrates that the universe is not perfectly homogeneous. Therefore the matter

density in the early universe must have been slightly lumpy. At some early time these perturbations away from the mean density $\langle\rho_M\rangle$ correspond to an overdensity field

$$\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\rho_M(\mathbf{x}) - \langle\rho_M\rangle}{\langle\rho_M\rangle} \quad (24)$$

with Fourier components

$$\delta_{\mathbf{k}}(k) = \int \delta(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} d^3x. \quad (25)$$

In the plausible case that $\delta(\mathbf{x})$ is isotropic, it can be characterized by an isotropic power spectrum

$$P(k) \equiv \langle |\delta_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle. \quad (26)$$

If $\delta(\mathbf{x})$ is also a Gaussian random field, then $P(k)$ is a complete statistical description of the initial perturbation spectrum.

The physical meaning of $P(k)$ becomes clearer if we assume it has a power-law form, with $P(k) \propto k^n$, and consider the variance in mass within identical volume elements corresponding to the length scale k^{-1} . For example, let $W(r)$ be a spherical window function that goes quickly to zero outside some characteristic radius r_W and whose integral over all of space is unity. The mass perturbation smoothed over the window is

$$\frac{\delta M}{M}(\mathbf{r}) = \int \delta(\mathbf{x}) W(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}|) d^3x. \quad (27)$$

Using the convolution theorem, we can then write down the variance $\sigma^2 \equiv \langle |\delta M/M|^2 \rangle$ on this mass scale in terms of W_k , the Fourier transform of $W(r)$:

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int P(k) |W_k|^2 d^3k. \quad (28)$$

The variance in mass on scale k for a power-law perturbation spectrum is therefore $\sigma^2 \propto k^{n+3}$, because the windowing averages out modes with $k \gg r_W^{-1}$. Thus the typical mass fluctuation on mass scale $M \propto k^{-3}$ is

$$\frac{\delta M}{M} \propto M^{-(n+3)/6}. \quad (29)$$

Notice that large-scale homogeneity of the universe requires $n > -3$.

It is also illuminating to consider how $P(k)$ relates to fluctuations in the gravitational potential, $\delta\Phi \propto k \delta M$. The potential fluctuations owing to a power-law perturbation spectrum scale as $\delta\Phi \propto k^{(n-1)/2}$. The magnitude of these fluctuations therefore diverges on either the high-mass end or the low-mass end, except in the case of $n = 1$. This special property of the $P(k) \propto k$ power spectrum was noted independently by Harrison (1970), Peebles and Yu (1970), and Zeldovich (1972). Not only is this the most natural power-law spectrum, it also appears to be a good approximation to the true power spectrum of density fluctuations in the early universe. Inflationary models for the seeding of structure in the universe produce a

Gaussian density field with a power-law index close to $n=1$ (Guth and Pi, 1982), which is consistent with the observed fluctuations in the cosmic microwave background (see, for example, Spergel *et al.*, 2003).

4. Growth of linear perturbations

Once the universe has been seeded with density perturbations, they begin to grow because the gravity of slightly overdense regions attracts matter away from neighboring, slightly underdense regions. A complete treatment of perturbation growth is beyond the scope of this review, but some key features can be clarified with a simple toy model consisting of a uniform-density sphere that is slightly denser than its surroundings. The equation of motion for the radius R of an expanding homogeneous sphere is analogous to the one governing the universe as whole. Integrating Eq. (9) with $a=R/R_0$, where R_0 is an arbitrary fiducial radius at which $\rho=\rho_0$, gives

$$\frac{\dot{R}^2}{2} - \frac{4\pi G \rho_0 R_0^{3+3w}}{3} R^{-(1+3w)} = \epsilon. \quad (30)$$

The constant of integration ϵ in this equation is again related to spatial curvature but can also be interpreted as the net specific energy of the sphere.

Now consider the behavior of two nearly identical spheres that both begin expanding from $R=0$ at $t=0$ but have specific energies that differ by a small amount $\delta\epsilon \ll \dot{R}^2/2$. As these two spheres evolve, their radii will become slightly different by an amount $R_2 - R_1 = \delta R$, which satisfies the equation

$$\int_0^R \frac{dR_1}{\dot{R}_1} = \int_0^{R+\delta R} \frac{dR_2}{\dot{R}_2}. \quad (31)$$

In the linear regime, we can make the substitution $\dot{R}_2^{-1} = (1 - \dot{R}_1^{-2} \delta\epsilon) \dot{R}_1^{-1}$. If we then take the sphere of radius R_1 to be representative of the universe at large, we obtain

$$\frac{\delta R}{R} = \frac{\delta\epsilon}{R_0^2} \frac{a}{\dot{a}} \int_0^a \frac{da}{a^3}. \quad (32)$$

Because $\delta\rho/\rho = -3(1+w)\delta R/R$, this model leads to the following growth function for linear perturbations:

$$D(a) \propto \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \propto \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \int_0^a \frac{da}{a^3}, \quad (33)$$

which is conventionally normalized so that $D(a)=1$ at $z=0$. Notice that the rate of perturbation growth implied by $D(a)$ does not depend on the scale of the perturbation, implying that density perturbations on all scales grow in unison.

This expression for the growth function is identical to those obtained through more rigorous arguments (e.g., Heath, 1977; Peebles, 1993). In a matter-dominated universe, perturbation amplitudes grow in proportion to the scale factor a . In a radiation-dominated universe, they grow $\propto a^2$. Handy numerical algorithms for computing

$D(a)$ can be found in Hamilton (2001). A good approximation for the general case with a constant dark-energy density is

$$D(z) = \frac{5\Omega_M(z)}{2(1+z)} \left\{ \Omega_M(z)^{4/7} - \Omega_\Lambda(z) + \left[1 + \frac{\Omega_M(z)}{2} \right] \times \left[1 + \frac{\Omega_\Lambda(z)}{70} \right] \right\}^{-1} \quad (34)$$

(see Lahav *et al.*, 1991; Carroll *et al.*, 1992).

If the dark-energy density is homogeneous but not constant in time, then the dark-energy density in the perturbed sphere of radius R_2 does not depend on its radius. In that case, one must solve a differential equation to determine the evolution of $\delta \equiv \delta\rho/\rho$ in the linear regime. Differentiating $R_2 = R_1(1 - \delta/3)$ twice with respect to time and keeping only the lowest-order terms leads to

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\delta} = 4\pi G\rho_M(z)\delta \quad (35)$$

in a universe with negligible radiation density. Wang and Steinhardt (1998) derive a useful approximation to the growth function by defining α_w such that

$$\frac{d \ln \delta}{d \ln a} = [\Omega_M(z)]^{\alpha_w}. \quad (36)$$

For a slowly varying equation of state, $|dw/d\Omega_M(z)| \ll [1 - \Omega_M(z)]^{-1}$, they find that

$$\alpha_w = \frac{3}{5 - w/(1 - w)} + \frac{3}{125} \frac{(1 - w)(1 - 3w/2)}{(1 - 6w/5)^3} \times [1 - \Omega_M(z)] \quad (37)$$

to lowest order in $1 - \Omega_M(z)$. Using this expression for α_w in the integral

$$D(a) \approx a \exp \left(\int_a^1 \{1 - [\Omega_M(z)]^{\alpha_w}\} \frac{da}{a} \right) \quad (38)$$

reproduces the growth function obtained from numerical integration of Eq. (33) to better than 1% for $\Omega_M(z) > 0.2$.

These growth functions are valid only as long as pressure gradients do not alter the dynamics of the perturbation. Pressure effects are not an issue when the scale of a perturbation is larger than the Hubble length cH^{-1} . In that regime, the growth functions found by solving Eqs. (33) and (35) remain valid. Yet, as the universe ages, it encompasses perturbations of increasingly large scale, and additional physical effects enter the picture.

The bad news is that a variety of processes alter the scale-free nature of the original perturbation spectrum. The good news is that the imprint of these processes on $P(k)$ can tell us a great deal about the contents and dynamics of the universe. During the radiation-dominated era of the universe ($z > z_{\text{eq}}$), pressure effects begin to alter the growth of a given mode when its wavelength is finally contained within the horizon length $\sim cH^{-1}$. Then

radiation pressure can effectively resist gravitational compression, inhibiting further growth of modes at that wavelength. Instead, these modes in the coupled photon-baryon fluid begin to oscillate as acoustic waves and eventually damp, owing to photon diffusion out of higher-density, higher-temperature regions. Perturbation growth in the dark-matter component therefore stalls near the amplitude at which the perturbations were first contained within the horizon, because the gravitationally dominant photon component no longer spurs mode growth. These perturbations then resume growing at z_{eq} , when matter begins to dominate the dynamics. The transition from radiation domination to matter domination therefore imprints a bend in $P(k)$ on a length scale corresponding to the horizon scale at z_{eq} .

Perturbation growth is scale independent during the matter-dominated era only insofar as the matter can be considered cold on the scale of the perturbation. If the characteristic velocities of the matter particles are not small compared to the escape velocity from the perturbation, then both pressure forces and particles streaming out of denser regions can damp small-scale perturbations. Each effect of this type imprints its own characteristic feature on $P(k)$.

All of these scale-imprinting effects that alter $P(k)$ from the time the primordial power spectrum is created until the present day are typically subsumed into a single quantity known as the transfer function, defined to be

$$T(k) \equiv \frac{\delta_k(z=0)}{\delta_k(z)D(z)}, \quad (39)$$

where the symbol k refers to comoving modes with wave number $(1+z)k$ in physical space, a convention implicit throughout this review. The redshift z in this definition is assumed to be large enough that $\delta_k(z)$ reflects the original power spectrum imprinted by inflation or some other process. The transfer function therefore represents all the alterations of the original power spectrum that subsequently occur, except for those involving mode growth in the nonlinear regime. If the primordial spectrum is a power law of index $n_p \approx 1$, then the power spectrum of linear perturbations at $z=0$ is $P(k) \propto k^{n_p} T^2(k)$.

5. The cold-dark-matter power spectrum

The most successful models for the formation of large-scale structures like clusters of galaxies assume that cold dark matter (CDM) is responsible. Particles that interact only through gravity exert negligible pressure, and, if their random velocities are small, then they will not be able to escape from incipient potential wells on the scales of interest. That is, they will be too “cold” to damp the relevant perturbations by freely streaming out of them. Thus the transfer function for a universe containing only radiation and cold dark matter has just one feature, corresponding to the wave number of the mode that enters the horizon at the matter-radiation equality redshift z_{eq} , with a comoving size $l_{\text{eq}} \sim cH_0^{-1}(\Omega_M z_{\text{eq}})^{-1/2} \sim 20(\Omega_M h^2)^{-1}$ Mpc.

Growth of modes with smaller comoving wavelengths temporarily stalls from the redshift at which they enter the horizon until z_{eq} . Because radiation dominates the universe during this time interval, the comoving size of the horizon scales as a , while the growth function scales as a^2 . Short-wavelength perturbations therefore miss out on a growth factor $\sim (kl_{\text{eq}})^2$, corresponding to the square of the change in scale factor from the time a perturbation enters the horizon to the time of matter-radiation equality. Growth of long-wavelength modes, on the other hand, does not stall at all. The behavior of the CDM transfer function in the two extremes is $T(k) \approx 1$ for $k \ll l_{\text{eq}}^{-1}$ and $T(k) \approx (kl_{\text{eq}})^{-2}$ for $k \gg l_{\text{eq}}^{-1}$. For $n_p=1$, these scalings translate to $\delta M/M \sim M^{-2/3}$ on large scales and to $\delta M/M \sim \text{const}$ on small scales, meaning that structure formation in a CDM universe is hierarchical, with small-scale perturbations reaching the nonlinear regime before larger-scale ones.

Numerical computations are needed to derive the exact CDM transfer function, but many authors have provided useful analytical fits to those numerical results. One such expression is

$$T(k) = \frac{\ln(1 + 2.34q)}{2.34q} [1 + 3.89q + (16.1q)^2 + (5.46q)^3 + (6.71q)^4]^{-1/4}, \quad (40)$$

with $q = k(\Omega_M h^2)^{-1}$ Mpc (Bardeen *et al.*, 1986). Allowing for trace populations of baryons and massive neutrinos alters the CDM power spectrum in minor but interesting ways. For example, a small proportion of baryons lowers the apparent dark-matter density parameter, causing a shape-preserving shift in the CDM transfer function (Peacock and Dobbs, 1994). This shift can be reproduced by setting $q = k(\Gamma h)^{-1}$ Mpc, so that it includes a shape parameter $\Gamma = \Omega_M h \exp[-\Omega_b(1 + \sqrt{2h}/\Omega_M)]$ (Sugiyama, 1995). Fitting formulas accommodating additional modifications owing to baryons and massive neutrinos can be found in Eisenstein and Hu (1998, 1999).

6. Power-spectrum normalization

The preceding sections give the theoretical expectations for the shape and growth rate of the density perturbation spectrum but do not specify its normalization. Because inflationary theories do not make firm predictions about the amplitude of the primordial power spectrum, the normalization of $P(k)$ must be determined observationally. For example, measurements of the present-day mass distribution of the universe indicate that $\delta M/M \approx 1$ within comoving spheres of radius $8h^{-1}$ Mpc (Sec. III.C), as suggested by early galaxy surveys showing that the variance in galaxy counts was of order unity on this length scale (Davis and Peebles, 1983).

This feature of the universe is the motivation for expressing the power-spectrum normalization in terms of the quantity σ_8 , where

$$\sigma_8^2 = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int P(k) |W_k|^2 d^3k \quad (41)$$

is the variance defined with respect to a top-hat window function $W(r)$ having a constant value inside a comoving radius of $8h^{-1}$ Mpc and vanishing outside this radius. When using this formula, one must keep in mind that $P(k)$ refers to the power spectrum of linear perturbations evolved to $z=0$ according to the growth function $D(z)$, which is valid only for small perturbations. There are other ways of characterizing the power-spectrum normalization, but σ_8 is the most widely used parameter.

7. Summary of cosmological parameters

At the beginning of this section, we promised a recipe that would encapsulate the overall cosmological model in two small sets of parameters. The set governing the global behavior of the universe consists of H_0 , Ω_M , Ω_b , Ω_R , Ω_Λ , and w . The set governing the initial density perturbation spectrum consists of σ_8 and n_p . The shape parameter Γ is not a free parameter in standard cold-dark-matter models but is sometimes treated as a free parameter in order to test variants of the standard model.

In the concordance model, also known as the Λ CDM model, to denote cold dark matter with a cosmological constant, these parameters are all assigned values close to the most likely values implied by observations:

- *Hubble's constant.* The consensus value of this parameter, measured primarily from the expansion rate of the local universe, is $H_0 = 71 \pm 7 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (Freedman *et al.*, 2001).
- *Matter density.* Several different methods involving clusters indicate that $\Omega_M \approx 0.3$ (Secs. III.C and III.D.3). Combining the results of distant supernova observations and observations of temperature patterns in the microwave background gives a similar value for this parameter. Figure 4 shows one example of these mutual constraints in the Ω_M - Ω_Λ plane.
- *Baryon density.* The abundances of light elements formed during primordial nucleosynthesis indicate that $\Omega_b = 0.02h^{-2}$, equal to $\Omega_b = 0.04$ for the value of Hubble's constant given above (Burles *et al.*, 2001). This value is consistent with the baryon density inferred from the fluctuations in the cosmic microwave background (Spergel *et al.*, 2003).
- *Radiation density.* The energy density Ω_R in electromagnetic radiation is simply calculated from the microwave background temperature $T_{\text{CMB}} = 2.728 \pm 0.004$ (Fixsen *et al.*, 1996) and Hubble's constant. Neutrinos may also contribute to the energy density in relativistic matter, if their masses are sufficiently small, but this contribution is currently too small to affect the global dynamics.

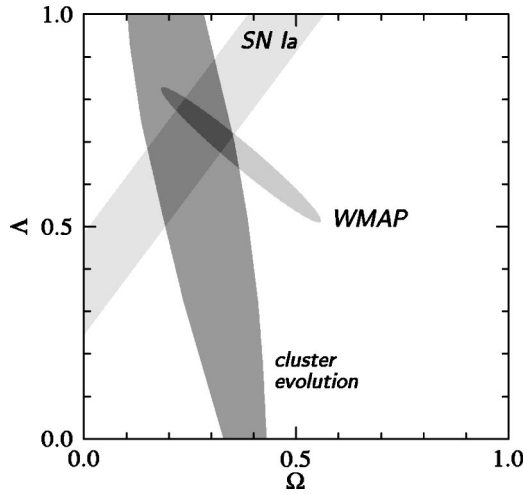


FIG. 4. Cosmological constraints from cluster evolution (Vikhlinin *et al.*, 2003), supernovae (Riess *et al.*, 1998; Perlmutter *et al.*, 1999), and WMAP observations of the cosmic microwave background (Spergel *et al.*, 2003). The horizontal axis labeled Ω gives the value of Ω_M ; the vertical axis labeled Λ gives the value of Ω_Λ . These particular constraints from cluster evolution are based on the baryonic mass function of clusters (Sec. III.D.3), but other measures of cluster evolution give similar results. The complementarity of these constraints is evident from the figure, and the common region of overlap near $\Omega_M=0.3$ and $\Omega_\Lambda=0.7$ is reassuring evidence of consistency in the overall picture. Figure courtesy of Alexey Vikhlinin.

- *Dark-energy density.* Observations of distant supernovae imply that the expansion of the universe is accelerating at a rate consistent with a constant dark-energy density corresponding to $\Omega_\Lambda \approx 0.7$ (Riess *et al.*, 1998, 2004; Perlmutter *et al.*, 1999). Combining the matter density inferred from clusters with the flat geometry inferred from temperature patterns in the microwave background corroborates this result (Bahcall *et al.*, 1999; see also Fig. 4).
- *Dark-energy equation of state.* Observations of microwave background patterns, when combined with observations of large-scale structure, are consistent with Einstein's cosmological constant ($w=-1.0$) but not with $w \geq -0.8$ (Spergel *et al.*, 2003). Alternatively, combining cluster surveys with observations of distant supernovae leads to similar constraints, $w = -0.95^{+0.30}_{-0.35}$ (Schuecker *et al.*, 2003). However, theoretical arguments suggest that the parameter w may be redshift dependent (Peebles and Ratra, 2003).
- *Normalization of density perturbations.* The cluster observations discussed in Secs. III.C and III.D.3 indicate that the power-spectrum normalization falls into the range $\sigma_8 \approx 0.7-1.0$. This range is consistent with both structures in the cosmic microwave background and other observations of large-scale structure.
- *Slope of primordial perturbation spectrum.* All available information indicates that $n_p \approx 1$. Constraints from observations of the microwave background,

when combined with optical observations of large-scale structure, give $n_p = 0.97 \pm 0.03$ (Spergel *et al.*, 2003).

- *Shape parameter of perturbation spectrum.* The concordance values of Ω_M , Ω_b , and H_0 given above imply $\Gamma \approx 0.2$, which agrees with the value of Γ derived from observations of large-scale structure (see, for example, Peacock and Dodds, 1994; Schuecker *et al.*, 2001; Szalay *et al.*, 2003), an important element of self-consistency in the concordance model.

Several other closely related models have been pursued during the last two decades, but none of them has proven as successful in explaining such a large number of observations. Here are a few variants, some of which will be discussed later in connection with the parameter constraints derived from cluster surveys:

- *Standard cold dark matter (SCDM).* In this model, the universe is assumed to be flat, with no dark energy, so $\Omega_M=1$ and $\Omega_\Lambda=0$. For this value of the matter density, measurements of large-scale structure, including clusters, imply that $\sigma_8=0.4-0.5$ (Sec. III.C). However, the shape parameter implied for this model, given the observed Hubble constant, is $\Gamma \approx 0.7$, which conflicts with observations of large-scale structure (Szalay *et al.*, 2003). Also, this value of Ω_M leads to a baryon-to-dark-matter ratio $f_b=\Omega_b/\Omega_M$ that is inconsistent with cluster observations (Sec. III.C.7).
- *Tilted cold dark matter.* One way to make models with $\Omega_M=1$ more consistent with large-scale structure observations is to assume that the primordial perturbation spectrum is “tilted” so that it is significantly shallower than $n_p=1$ (see, for example, Cen *et al.*, 1992). However, such models conflict with the strong constraints on n_p inferred from microwave background observations.
- *Ad hoc power spectrum (τ CDM).* Another option for making $\Omega_M=1$ models more consistent with observations is to arbitrarily adjust the shape of the perturbation spectrum to fit the observations. One such realization is the τ CDM model (Jenkins *et al.*, 1998), which sets $\Omega_M=1$, $\sigma_8=0.5$, and $\Gamma=0.2$, even though there is little physical justification for having such a low value of Γ in a cosmology with such a large matter density (but see White *et al.*, 1995).
- *Open cold dark matter (OCDM).* There is also the option of accepting the evidence that $\Omega_M \approx 0.3$ but dispensing with dark energy ($\Omega_\Lambda=0$) so that the universe has an open geometry. In this case, the perturbation spectrum can be identical to the one in the Λ CDM concordance model, but the growth rate of those perturbations differs because of the changed expansion rate at late times.

This review does not consider models involving forms of dark matter other than cold dark matter, but it does consider models with generalized forms of dark energy

having $w \neq -1$. Current cluster surveys are not yet large enough to place strong constraints on this equation-of-state parameter but they might provide much stronger constraints in the coming decade (Sec. III.D.4).

B. Cluster formation

Cluster formation from perturbations in the density distribution of cold dark matter is a hierarchical process. Small subclumps of matter are the first pieces of the cluster to deviate from the Hubble flow and undergo gravitational relaxation because the density perturbations have larger amplitudes on smaller mass scales. These small pieces then merge and coalesce to form progressively larger structures as perturbations on larger mass scales reach the nonlinear regime. A full understanding of the details of this hierarchical merging process requires numerical simulations, but simplified, spherically symmetric models of cluster formation illustrate many of the important concepts. This part of the review shows how a cluster would grow from a spherically symmetric mass perturbation and then refines the details of that simplified approach, based on what we have learned from numerical simulations.

1. Spherical collapse

The most basic features of cluster formation can be understood in terms of a spherically symmetric collapse model (Gunn and Gott, 1972; Fillmore and Goldreich, 1984; Bertschinger, 1985). In such a model, the matter that goes on to form a cluster begins as a low-amplitude density perturbation that initially expands along with the rest of the universe. The perturbation's gravitational pull gradually slows the expansion of that matter, eventually halting and reversing the expansion. A cluster of matter then forms at the center of the perturbation, and the rate at which additional matter accretes onto the cluster depends on the distribution of density with radius in the initial perturbation.

In a geometry that is perfectly spherically symmetric, the behavior of an individual mass shell in the presence of a homogeneous generalized dark-energy field follows the equation of motion

$$\ddot{r}_{\text{sh}} = -\frac{GM_{\text{sh}}}{r_{\text{sh}}^2} - \frac{1+3w}{2}\Omega_{\Lambda}H_0^2(1+z)^{3(1+w)}r_{\text{sh}}, \quad (42)$$

where r_{sh} is the shell radius and M_{sh} is the mass enclosed within r_{sh} . Throughout the early evolution of a spherical perturbation, the value of M_{sh} within a given mass shell remains constant. Thus, if the dark-energy term is negligible, the radius of a mass shell obeys the parametric solution $r_{\text{sh}} = r_{\text{ta}}[(1 - \cos \theta_M)/2]$, $t = t_c[(\theta_M - \sin \theta_M)/2\pi]$, with a turnaround radius $r_{\text{ta}} = [(2GM_{\text{sh}}t_c^2)/\pi^2]^{1/3}$ for a shell that collapses to the origin at time t_c . The solution for $\Omega_{\Lambda} \approx 0.7$ and $w \approx -1$ is not much different because the dark-energy term remains $\leq 15\%$ of the matter term during the trajectory of all shells that collapse to the origin by the present time. If greater accuracy is needed,

a shell's trajectory can be computed numerically from Eq. (42).⁴

Once a shell collapses, the mass within it no longer remains constant. Because the dark matter within a collapsing shell is collisionless, shells on different trajectories can easily interpenetrate. The radii of collapsed shells in this idealized geometry therefore oscillate symmetrically about the origin, and the amplitudes of these oscillations modestly decrease with time, as mass associated with other collapsed shells accumulates within the oscillations' turning points (Gunn, 1977).

The accretion process in real clusters is not so symmetric. Instead, gravitational forces between infalling clumps of matter produce a time-varying gravitational potential that randomizes the velocities of the infalling particles, yielding a Maxwellian velocity distribution in which temperature is proportional to the particle mass. This process, known as "violent relaxation" (Lynden-Bell, 1967), leads to a state of virial equilibrium in which the total kinetic energy E_K is related to the total gravitational potential energy E_G through the equation

$$E_G + 2E_K = 4\pi P_b r_b^3, \quad (43)$$

where P_b is the effective pressure owing to infalling matter at the boundary r_b of the collapsed system (Sec. II.A.2). Setting P_b to zero yields the usual form of the virial theorem for gravitationally bound systems.

A common toy model for estimating the location of a cluster's outer boundary is the *spherical top-hat model*, which assumes that the perturbation leading to a cluster is a spherical region of constant density. All of the mass shells in such a perturbation move in unison and collapse to the origin simultaneously. The virial theorem therefore suggests that the bounding radius of the cluster after it collapses and relaxes should be in the neighborhood of half the turnaround radius. Numerical simulations indeed show that particle velocities within this radius are generally isotropic and those outside this radius are generally infalling, but the boundary between the isotropic and infalling regions is not particularly distinct (Evrard, 1990; Navarro and White, 1993).

The spherical top-hat model has actually led to several different definitions for the virial radius of a cluster. If one assumes that all the mass in the original top-hat perturbation ends up within $r_{\text{ta}}/2$, then the mass density in that region is $6M/\pi r_{\text{ta}}^3$. In a matter-dominated universe with zero dark energy, this density is equal to $\Delta_v = 8\pi^2/(Ht)^2$ times the critical density $\rho_{\text{cr}} \equiv 3H^2/8\pi G$. Thus, for a flat, matter-dominated universe in which $Ht = 2/3$, the mean density of a perturbation that has just collapsed is taken to be $18\pi^2 \approx 178$ times the critical den-

⁴Here we are making the standard assumption that the collapsing dark matter has no effect on the local dark-energy density (see, for example, Wang and Steinhardt, 1998; Weinberg and Kamionkowski, 2003). If in fact the dark-matter collapse alters the local properties of dark energy, the dynamics could be somewhat altered (Mota and van de Bruck, 2004).

sity. A useful approximation for Δ_v in a flat universe with a nonzero cosmological constant ($w=-1$) is

$$\Delta_v = 18\pi^2 + 82[\Omega_M(z) - 1] - 39[\Omega_M(z) - 1]^2 \quad (44)$$

(Bryan and Norman, 1998). Because the outer radius of a real cluster is not distinct, one pragmatic definition of the virial radius is then the radius r_v within which the mean matter density is $\Delta_v \rho_{cr}$ (Eke *et al.*, 1996). However, the numerical value of Δ_v in a flat, matter-dominated universe has inspired other definitions. A common alternative is the scale radius r_{200} , within which the mean matter density is $200\rho_{cr}$. Another frequently used scale radius is r_{180m} , within which the mean matter density is 180 times the mean background density $\Omega_M(z)\rho_{cr}$. As long as $\Omega_M(z) \approx 1$, both of these scale radii are nearly identical to r_v , but because $\Omega_M \approx 0.3$ at the present time, these radii are now somewhat different, with $r_{200} < r_v < r_{180m}$. This multiplicity of definitions for the radius of a cluster is a potential source of confusion, but, as we shall see below, each of these scale radii can be particularly well suited to certain applications.

2. Cluster mass profiles

Observations of galaxy clusters have long indicated that the velocity dispersion of a cluster's galaxies remains relatively constant with distance from the cluster's center, implying an underlying mass-density profile $\rho_M(r) \propto r^{-2}$. The simplest analytical cluster model consistent with such a density profile is the singular isothermal sphere, in which the velocity dispersion σ_v is constant and isotropic at every point and $\rho_M(r) = \sigma_v^2 / 2\pi G r^2$ (e.g., Binney and Tremaine, 1987). This model is useful for making analytical estimates of cluster properties, but it is incomplete because the total mass diverges linearly with radius.

Numerical simulations of cluster formation produce dark-matter halos whose density profiles are shallower than isothermal at small radii and steeper than isothermal at large radii. A generic form for representing these profiles is

$$\rho_M(r) \propto r^{-p}(r + r_s)^{p-q}, \quad (45)$$

where the parameters p and q describe the inner and outer power-law slopes and the radius r_s specifies where the profile steepens. Groups that have fit such profiles to simulated clusters disagree about the best values of p and q but typically find $1 \leq p \leq 1.5$ and $2.5 \leq q \leq 3$. Specific examples include the Navarro-Frenk-White profile, with $p=1$ and $q=3$ (Navarro *et al.*, 1997), the Moore profile, with $p=1.5$ and $q=3$, and the Rasia *et al.* (2003) profile, with $p=1$ and $q=2.5$. Both optical and x-ray observations indicate that density profiles of this sort are good representations of the underlying mass profiles of clusters, at least outside of the innermost regions (Carlberg, Yee, Ellingson, Morris, *et al.*, 1997; Pratt and Arnaud, 2002; Lewis *et al.*, 2003). The asymptotic inner slope p is currently a matter of great observational interest, as the cuspieness of dark-matter density profiles at r

$=0$ is one of the acid tests of the CDM paradigm for structure formation (see Navarro *et al.*, 2003, and references therein). However, we shall not discuss that issue here because the global properties of clusters depend little on the value of p . In this review, we shall use the Navarro-Frenk-White profile when necessary because it remains the most widely used fitting formula for representing the results of cosmological simulations.

The transition of the density profile from shallow to steep can also be expressed in terms of a concentration parameter $c = r_b/r_s$, which expresses the bounding radius of the cluster in units of r_s . Because the concentration parameter depends on r_b , numerical values of c depend somewhat on whether the bounding radius is taken to be r_v , r_{200} , r_{180m} , or something similar. However, these radii are not vastly different because they are generally several times larger than r_s , meaning that the enclosed mass is not rapidly diverging in the neighborhood of the virial radius. Typical concentration parameters for simulated clusters are in the range $c \sim 4-10$, with a scatter in $\ln c$ of 0.2–0.35 (Jing, 2000). Also, lower-mass objects tend to have higher halo concentrations because they formed earlier in time, when the overall density of the universe was greater (Navarro *et al.*, 1997; Bullock *et al.*, 2001; Eke *et al.*, 2001).

3. Defining cluster mass

Even with these more sophisticated forms for the density profile, mass still diverges with radius. Thus a cluster's mass and all the relations linking that mass to other observable quantities depend on how one chooses to define a cluster's outer boundary. One would like to define that boundary so as to maximize the simplicity of the relationships between cluster mass and other observables, but no single definition is best for all applications.

The easiest way to link observations to theoretical models is through definitions taking the mass of a cluster to be M_Δ , the amount of matter contained in a spherical region of radius r_Δ whose mean density is $\Delta \cdot \rho_{cr}$. It is also common for cluster mass to be defined with respect to the background mass density, so that the mean density of matter within the virial radius is $\Delta \cdot \Omega_M(z)\rho_{cr}$, but applying this definition to observations requires prior knowledge of Ω_M . Spherical top-hat collapse suggests that Δ_v is a good choice for the density threshold. However, observers often prefer to raise that threshold to $\Delta=200$ or even $\Delta=500$ for two reasons. The properties of a cluster are easier to observe in regions where the density contrast is higher, and simulations show that the region within r_{500} is considerably more relaxed than the region within r_v .

As an example of such definitions in action, consider the relation between velocity dispersion and the virial mass M_v obtained by truncating a singular isothermal sphere at the virial radius r_v :

$$M_v = f_\sigma \frac{4\sigma_v^3}{GH\Delta_v^{1/2}}, \quad (46)$$

where the factor f_σ is a parameter that can be adjusted to account for the fact that clusters are not perfect isothermal spheres (Evrard, 1989; Eke *et al.*, 1996; Bryan and Norman, 1998). The presence of this parameter is a reminder that the derivation of this relation should not be taken too literally. Truncation of the mass distribution at r_Δ formally implies a nonzero boundary pressure that shifts the virial relation for this configuration so that $E_K = -3E_G/4$, which is inconsistent with the definition of r_v (Voit, 2000). This functional form for the M_v - σ_v is useful primarily as a fitting formula that accounts for most of the cosmology-dependent changes in the normalization of the relation. However, because the density profiles of dark-matter halos defined in this way depend on both mass and redshift, the correction factor f_σ is not a universal constant.

Recent work has shown that defining a cluster's mass using the threshold $\Delta=200$ leads to an M_{200} - σ_v relation that is remarkably independent of cosmology. Evrard (2004) finds that the relation

$$M_{200} = \frac{10^{15} h^{-1} M_\odot}{H/H_0} \left(\frac{\sigma_v}{1080 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right)^3 \quad (47)$$

is an excellent fit to a wide range of simulated clusters sampled over a wide range of redshifts. This relation is equivalent to setting $f_\sigma=1.2$ and $\Delta_v=200$ in Eq. (46).

Conversions between M_v and M_Δ defined with respect to an arbitrary Δ are straightforward as long as a cluster's concentration parameter is known. From the definitions of these masses, we have

$$\frac{M_\Delta}{M_v} = \frac{\Delta}{\Delta_v} \left(\frac{r_\Delta}{r_v} \right)^3, \quad (48)$$

and the halo concentration gives the relationship between r_Δ and r_v . Hu and Kravtsov (2003) have provided a useful approximation for this relation in the case of a Navarro-Frenk-White profile. Recasting their formulas in slightly different notation, one can write the halo concentration c_Δ , defined with respect to r_Δ , in terms of the concentration c_v , defined with respect to r_v :

$$c_\Delta = \frac{1}{\left[a_1 f_c^{2p_c} + \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} + 2f_c}, \quad (49)$$

with $f_c = (\Delta/c_v^3 \Delta_v)[\ln(1+c_v) - c_v/(1+c_v)]$, $p_c = a_2 + a_3 \ln f_c + a_4 (\ln f_c)^2$ and $(a_1, \dots, a_4) = (0.5116, -0.4283, -3.13 \times 10^{-3}, -3.52 \times 10^{-5})$. Plugging the ratio $r_\Delta/r_v = c_\Delta/c_v$ given by this approximation into Eq. (48) converts cluster masses with an accuracy of $\sim 0.3\%$ for the halo concentrations typical of clusters.

Some other definitions of cluster mass are useful in certain contexts but are more difficult to relate to the top-hat collapse model. For example, observers who measure cluster mass using gravitational lensing or the total optical luminosity are essentially measuring cluster

mass within a cylinder along the line of sight rather than a sphere. In principle, these observations can be linked with cluster masses defined with respect to a cylindrical boundary, but the relationships between those cylindrical masses and models of structure formation are not as well understood as their spherical counterparts. On the theoretical side, the masses of clusters identified in numerical simulations are sometimes defined using a "friends-of-friends" algorithm that links neighboring mass particles (Davis *et al.*, 1985). However, clusters defined in this way often have irregular boundaries (White, 2001), making this sort of definition difficult to apply to observations. Masses defined within spheres also have their shortcomings, particularly when two clusters are just beginning to merge, but in general provide the most direct link between cosmological models and observations.

4. Cluster mass function

Some of the most powerful constraints on current cosmological models come from observations of how clusters evolve with time. Because cosmological time scales are so long, we cannot observe how individual clusters evolve but rather observe how the demographics of the entire cluster population changes with redshift. An important conceptual tool in this effort is the *cluster mass function*, $n_M(M)$, which gives the number density of clusters with mass greater than M in a comoving volume element. Notice that the cluster mass function inevitably depends on how one defines cluster mass.

Combining spherical top-hat collapse with the growth function for linear perturbations has led to a widely used semianalytical method for expressing the cluster mass function in terms of cosmological parameters. Press and Schechter (1974) pioneered the basic approach, which was refined and extended by Bond *et al.* (1991), Bower (1991), and Lacey and Cole (1993). This class of models simplifies the problem of structure formation by assuming that all density perturbations continue to grow according to the linear growth rate $D(z)$, even when their amplitudes become nonlinear. When perturbations are treated in this way, their variance on mass scale M as a function of redshift is

$$\sigma^2(M, z) = \frac{D^2(z)}{(2\pi)^3} \int P(k) |W_k(M)|^2 d^3k, \quad (50)$$

where $W_k(M) = 3(\sin kr_M - kr_M \cos kr_M)/(kr_M)^3$ with $r_M = (3M/4\pi\Omega_M\rho_{\text{crit}})^{1/3}$ is the Fourier-space representation of a top-hat window function that encloses mass M . The normalization of $P(k)$ is set so that $\sigma(M_8, 0) = \sigma_8$ for $M_8 \equiv (8h^{-1} \text{ Mpc})^3 H_0^2 \Omega_M / 2G = 6.0 \times 10^{14} \Omega_M h^{-1} M_\odot$. These perturbations are then assumed to collapse and virialize when their density contrast $\delta = \delta\rho/\rho$ exceeds a critical threshold δ_c .

Suppose the initial density perturbations are Gaussian with a variance $\sigma^2(M, z)$ that declines monotonically with mass. Then, according to the Press-Schechter approach, the probability that a region of mass M exceeds

the collapse threshold at redshift z is $\text{erfc}[\delta_c/\sqrt{2}\sigma(M, z)]$, where $\text{erfc}(x)$ is the complementary error function. Implicit in this expression is the notion that all the mass in the universe belongs to collapsed, virialized objects when viewed on sufficiently small mass scales. It then follows that the cluster mass function on scale M at redshift z is

$$n_M(M, z) = \frac{\Omega_M \rho_{\text{cr0}}}{M} \text{erfc}\left[\frac{\delta_c}{\sqrt{2}\sigma(M, z)}\right]. \quad (51)$$

This expression implies that the shape of the mass function depends only on $\sigma(M, z)$ and remains invariant with respect to the characteristic collapsing mass scale $M_*(z)$, at which $\sigma(M_*, z) = \delta_c$. Observers often work with the mass function in a differential form, such as $dn_M/d \ln M$, but theorists prefer expressing the differential form in terms of the shape-governing function $\sigma(M, z)$. Then the differential mass function takes the form

$$\frac{dn_M}{d \ln \sigma^{-1}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\Omega_M \rho_{\text{cr0}}}{M} \frac{\delta_c}{\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{\delta_c^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]. \quad (52)$$

Both of these forms for the mass function can be straightforwardly extended to cases in which the perturbations are non-Gaussian (Robinson *et al.*, 2000).

The value of the critical threshold δ_c was originally inferred from spherical top-hat collapse. Expanding the parametric solution for spherical collapse in powers of θ_M leads to the following relation at early times:

$$r_{\text{sh}} \approx \left(\frac{9GMt^2}{2}\right)^{1/3} \left[1 - \frac{1}{20} \left(\frac{12\pi t}{t_c}\right)^{2/3}\right]. \quad (53)$$

The leading term in this expression characterizes the behavior of a critical-density sphere and the second term describes how the evolution of a slightly overdense sphere deviates from that of a critical-density sphere. Assuming that this deviation grows according to Eq. (53) until the moment of collapse and virialization ($t=t_c$) gives the value of the critical threshold in a flat universe with $\Omega_M=1$: $\delta_c=3(12\pi)^{2/3}/20 \approx 1.686$. Generalizing this treatment to cases in which $\Omega_M \neq 1$ produces only minor differences in δ_c for interesting values of the cosmological parameters (Lacey and Cole, 1993; Eke *et al.*, 1996).

The preceding derivation of the cluster mass function is not terribly rigorous, but it is useful because adopting $\delta_c=1.686$ leads to mass functions that agree reasonably well with those derived from numerical simulations. Treating perturbation collapse as ellipsoidal rather than spherical improves that agreement (Sheth *et al.*, 2001). Sheth and Tormen (1999) have shown that the expres-

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dn_M}{d \ln \sigma^{-1}} = A_s \sqrt{\frac{2a_s}{\pi}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{a_s \delta_c^2}\right)^{p_s}\right] \frac{\Omega_M \rho_{\text{cr0}}}{M} \frac{\delta_c}{\sigma} \\ \times \exp\left[-\frac{a_s \delta_c^2}{2\sigma^2}\right], \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

with $A_s=0.3222$, $a_s=0.707$, and $p_s=0.3$, is quite an accurate representation of the mass functions from several

different numerical simulations. However, because semi-analytical mass functions like these are not rigorously derived, they are essentially just fitting formulas that conveniently express the simulation results and should be treated cautiously outside the cosmological models against which they have been tested.

A particularly well-tested fitting formula for cluster mass functions has been provided by Jenkins *et al.* (2001). Combining results for simulated clusters spanning a mass range from $<10^{12}M_\odot$ to $>10^{15}M_\odot$ and sampled at a number of different redshifts, they found that the form of $dn_M/d \ln \sigma^{-1}$ was nearly invariant if they defined cluster mass to be M_{180m} , the mass within a sphere of mean density $180\Omega_M(z)\rho_{\text{cr}}$. When this definition of cluster mass is used, the formula

$$\frac{dn_M}{d \ln \sigma^{-1}} = A_J \frac{\Omega_M \rho_{\text{cr0}}}{M} \exp[-|\ln \sigma^{-1} + B_J|^{\epsilon_J}] \quad (55)$$

with $A_J=0.301$, $B_J=0.64$, and $\epsilon_J=3.82$, reproduces the cluster mass function to $\sim 20\%$ accuracy for all the cosmologies tested, including Λ CDM, τ CDM, and OCDM. In this expression, A_J governs the fraction of the total mass in collapsed objects, e^{B_J} functions as a collapse threshold analogous to δ_c , and ϵ_J stretches the mass function to fit the simulations. The Sheth-Tormen mass function of Eq. (54) fits these same numerical simulations nearly as well.

The exponential sensitivity to mass and redshift evident in these expressions for the cluster mass function is both a blessing and a curse. On the one hand, it makes cluster counts and their evolution with redshift a very powerful probe of cosmological parameters. Figure 5, showing the cluster mass function and its evolution with time for five different cosmologies, illustrates how sensitive mass-function evolution is to the matter density. On the other hand, any systematic errors in the measurement of cluster mass, including inconsistencies in the definition of cluster mass, are also exponentially amplified by the steepness of the mass function.

5. Cluster bias

Another observable feature of the cluster population, closely related to the mass function, is the tendency of galaxy clusters to cluster with one another. Fluctuations in the number density of clusters on large scales are observed to be more pronounced than the fluctuations of the underlying matter density (Bahcall and Soneira, 1983; Klypin and Kopylov, 1983; Postman *et al.*, 1992; Collins *et al.*, 2000; Bahcall, Dong, *et al.*, 2003). In other words, the fractional deviation of $dn_M/d \ln \sigma^{-1}$ from its mean value within a given volume of the universe is observed to be larger than $\delta\rho/\rho$ in that same volume. The ratio $b(M)$ between the perturbation in the number density of clusters of mass M and the perturbation amplitude of the matter density is known as the *bias parameter*, and it is taken to be independent of length scale, as long as that length scale is much larger than a cluster.

Cluster bias can be interpreted as a modulation of the collapse threshold by long-wavelength density modes

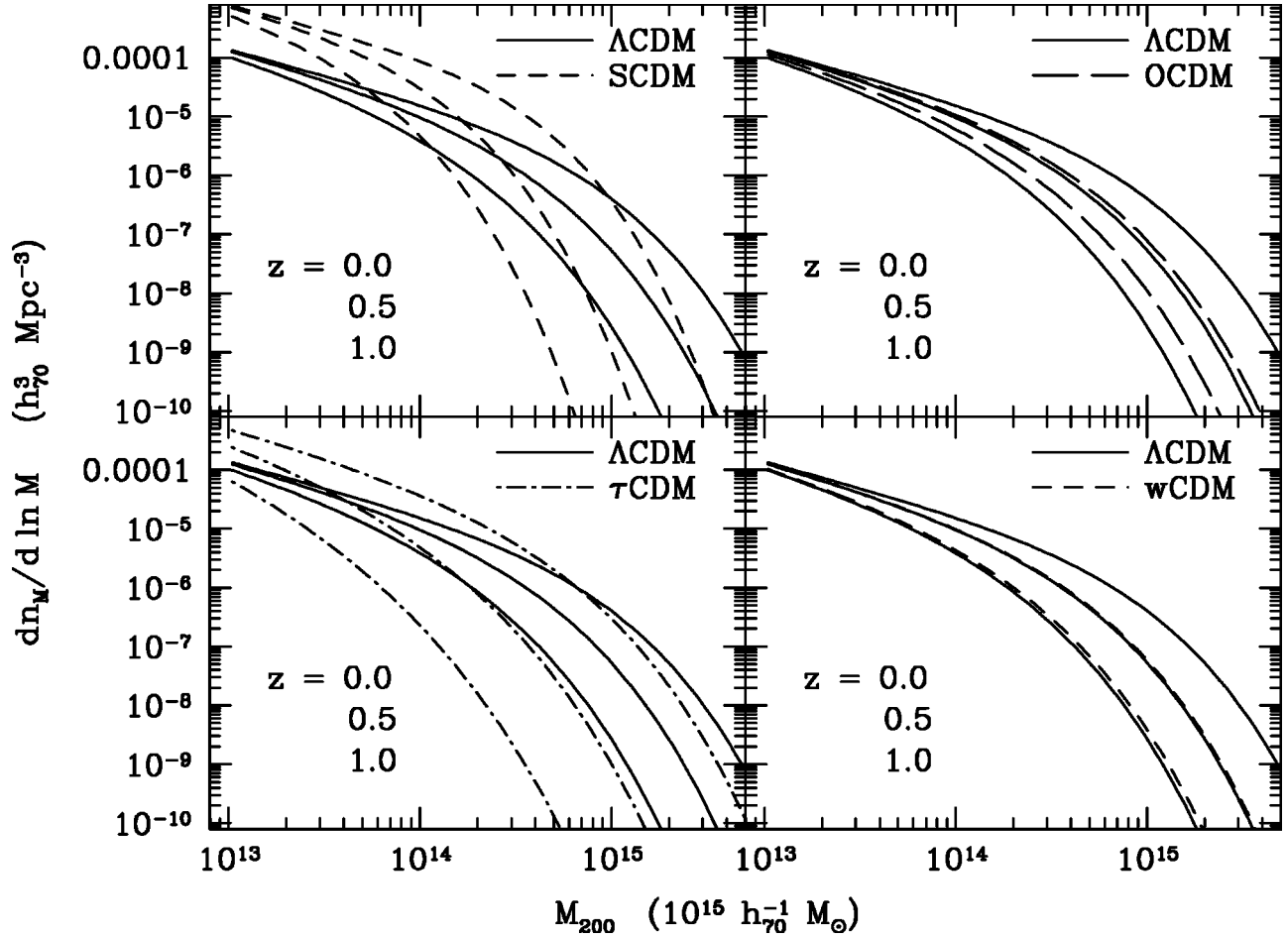


FIG. 5. Mass-function evolution in five different cosmologies. The fiducial model in all cases is the Λ CDM model with $\Omega_M=0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda=0.7$, $w=-1$, and $\sigma_8=0.9$. Upper left: panel compares cluster evolution in the Λ CDM case with a standard cold-dark-matter model (SCDM) having $\Omega_M=1.0$, $\Omega_\Lambda=0.0$, and $\sigma_8=0.5$. Evolution in the SCDM case is much more dramatic, and the steeper slope of the mass function strongly disagrees with observations of local clusters (Reiprich and Böhringer, 2002). Lower left: retaining $\Omega_M=1.0$ and $\Omega_\Lambda=0.0$ while adjusting the power spectrum so that $\Gamma=0.21$ gives a τ CDM model in which the slope of the low-redshift mass function is more acceptable, but the evolution is still very strong. Upper right: dispensing with dark energy while keeping the matter density low gives an OCDM model ($\Omega_M=0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda=0$, $\sigma_8=0.9$) with less evolution than the Λ CDM case because structure formation starts to ramp down earlier in time (see Fig. 2). Lower right: dark energy in a w CDM model identical to the Λ CDM model except with $w=-0.8$ also slows cluster evolution relative to the Λ CDM case.

(Kaiser, 1984; White *et al.*, 1987; Cole and Kaiser, 1989). The idea here is that a long-wavelength density enhancement of amplitude $\delta\rho/\rho=\epsilon$ lowers the effective collapse threshold for smaller-scale structures to $\delta_c-\epsilon$, thereby inducing an offset in $dn_M/d \ln \sigma^{-1}$ from its mean value on mass scale M . This contribution adds to the perturbation ϵ in cluster number density owing to the amplitude of the large-scale mode. Dividing the sum of these two offsets by ϵ leads to an expression relating the bias parameter to the mass function (Mo and White, 1996; Sheth and Tormen, 1999):

$$b(M) = 1 - \frac{d}{d\delta_c} \left[\ln \left(\frac{dn_M}{d \ln \sigma^{-1}} \right) \right]. \quad (56)$$

Plugging in the Sheth-Tormen mass function of Eq. (54) produces

$$b(M) = 1 + \frac{1}{\delta_c} \left[\frac{a_s \delta_c^2}{\sigma^2} - 1 + \frac{2p_s}{1 + (a_s \delta_c^2 / \sigma^2)^{p_s}} \right]. \quad (57)$$

Hu and Kravtsov (2003) show that the parameter values $a_s=0.75$ and $p_s=0.3$ accurately reproduce the bias of cluster-sized halos seen in large-scale numerical simulations, when cluster mass is taken to be M_{180m} . Notice that small values of $\sigma(M)$ lead to large values of $b(M)$, meaning that rare, high-mass objects are much more likely to be found in regions of the universe where the surrounding matter density is higher than average.

C. Measuring the cluster mass function

Equations (52), (54), and (55) illustrate why cosmologists are so enthusiastic about the cluster mass function. Dividing an accurate measurement of the mass function by $\Omega_M \rho_{cr0}$ directly leads to an accurate measurement of

the primordial power spectrum $\sigma(M)$ on mass scales $\sim 10^{14} - 10^{15} M_\odot$. Furthermore, any uncertainty in ρ_{cr0} scales out of the power spectrum's normalization, because measured values of cluster number density scale as h^3 , making the quantity $M_8 \rho_{\text{cr0}}^{-1} (dn_M/d \ln \sigma^{-1})$ independent of h . One is left with only a degeneracy between σ_8 and Ω_M . Taking the logarithmic derivative of Eq. (52) with respect to σ at constant M shows that the mass function is roughly $\propto \sigma^2$ in the region where $\sigma \approx 1$. Hence the measured level of that normalization in the local universe reflects the parameter combination $\sigma_8 \Omega_M^\alpha$, with $\alpha \approx 0.5$.

This degeneracy can be broken in three ways. First, one can simply measure Ω_M or σ_8 in some other way. Second, one can measure the cluster mass function over a range of masses and rely on a precise measurement on the mass function's shape to break the degeneracy, assuming that the CDM power spectrum (Sec. III.A.5) is valid. Or, third, one can measure the evolution of the cluster mass function, which is highly sensitive to Ω_M . We shall explore that option in more depth in Sec. III.D, but first we need to examine some of the obstacles to accurate mass-function measurements.

1. Linking mass with observables

In order to measure the mass function using a large sample of clusters, we need to relate cluster mass to an easily observable quantity. Doing this properly requires a consistent definition of mass (Sec. III.B.3) and a well-calibrated relation linking that mass to some observable, but which mass definition works best? Expressions like the Jenkins mass function [Eq. (55)] appear to be cosmologically invariant when cluster masses are defined with respect to the background mass density (e.g., $M_{180\text{m}}$; see Sec. III.B.4). On the other hand, the structure of a cluster, as reflected in its dark-matter velocity dispersion, seems to be cosmologically invariant when cluster masses are defined with respect to the critical mass density (e.g., M_{200} ; see Sec. III.B.3). To paraphrase Evrard (2004), Nature appears to do *accounting* relative to the mean mass density and *dynamics* relative to the critical density.

Because simulations suggest that dynamical quantities like the galaxy velocity dispersion and the x-ray-determined gas temperature should be more tightly correlated with M_{200} than with $M_{180\text{m}}$, we shall take M_{200} to be the primary definition of cluster mass. Methods like those outlined in Sec. III.B.3 can then be used to convert a mass function in M_{200} to one in $M_{180\text{m}}$. Alternatively, one can fit the results of large-scale simulations to determine a cosmology-dependent correction to the Jenkins mass function for use with the mass definition M_{200} . Evrard *et al.* (2002) have done that, finding that substituting $A_J = 0.27 - 0.07(1 - \Omega_M)$, $B_J = 0.65 + 0.11(1 - \Omega_M)$, and $\epsilon_J = 3.8$ into Eq. (55) reproduces the M_{200} mass function in simulations at $z=0$. Despite the tight relationship between M_{200} and the dark-matter velocity dispersion in simulations, the link between M_{200} and observable quan-

ties is still a potentially large source of systematic error. Even if the galaxy velocity dispersion were identical to that of the dark matter, accurately measuring that dispersion within a sphere of radius r_{200} requires an enormous number of data to minimize projection effects (Rines *et al.*, 2003).

To see how systematic errors corrupt the mass-function measurement, consider the general case for a generic observable X . Suppose a cluster survey determines the comoving number density distribution $dn_M/d \ln X$ within logarithmic bins of the observable. Converting this distribution to a mass function $dn_M/d \ln \sigma^{-1}$ via the chain rule requires, at minimum, knowledge of the normalization and effective power-law index $\alpha_X \equiv d \ln X / d \ln M$ of the M_{200} - X relation over the observed range in X , as well as the effective power-law index $\alpha_M \equiv d \ln \sigma^{-1} / d \ln M$ of the mass fluctuations. Fitting a semianalytic expression for the mass function like Eq. (55) to the observations for a fixed value of Ω_M then determines $\sigma_{\text{fit}} = \sigma(M_{\text{fit}})$ on a particular mass scale M_{fit} , and consequently determines $\sigma_8 \approx (M_{\text{fit}}/M_8)^{\alpha_M} \sigma_{\text{fit}}(M_{\text{fit}})$.

Any systematic offset $\Delta M/M$ in the normalization of the M_{200} - X relation produces a corresponding offset in the measured power-spectrum normalization:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta \sigma_8}{\sigma_8} &= \left(\alpha_M + \frac{d \ln \sigma_{\text{fit}}}{d \ln M_{\text{fit}}} \right) \frac{\Delta M}{M} \\ &= \alpha_X \left[\alpha_M + \frac{1}{\epsilon_J (\ln \sigma^{-1} + B_J)^{\epsilon_J - 1}} \right] \frac{\Delta X}{X} \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

(Voit, 2000; Evrard *et al.*, 2002; Seljak, 2002). The second line of this equation assumes that σ_{fit} has been determined using the Jenkins mass function of Eq. (55). On the mass scale of rich clusters ($\geq 10^{14.5} M_\odot$), Evrard *et al.* (2002) find that the factor in parentheses is ≈ 0.4 , implying that a systematic 25% error in mass would lead to a 10% error in the measurement of σ_8 . Below this mass scale the factor in parentheses increases, leading to an even larger error in the power-spectrum normalization for a given mass offset (Huterer and White, 2002).

Dispersion in the value of the mass-tracing observable for clusters of fixed mass is another important source of uncertainty that must be dealt with carefully because of the exponential slope of the mass function (Pierpaoli *et al.*, 2003). Significant scatter boosts the normalization of $dn_M/d \ln X$ over the expectation for the no-scatter case, as the overall number of lower-mass clusters scattering to higher values of X far exceeds the number of higher-mass clusters scattering in the opposite direction. Underestimating this scatter leads to an overestimate of σ_8 that can be particularly severe if the scatter has a long non-Gaussian tail to large values of X . Situations in which such a tail could arise include merger shocks that substantially boost the temperature and luminosity in a significant subset of x-ray-selected clusters (Ricker and Sarazin, 2001; Randall *et al.*, 2002) and superpositions of galaxies that boost the apparent richness and velocity dispersion in an optically selected sample (Haarlem *et al.*, 1997).

Surveys that probe deep into the universe for clusters must also cope with redshift evolution in the mass-observable relation. That is, if $M_{200} \propto X^{\alpha_X}(1+z)^{b_X}$, then one needs to know the value of b_X . This source of uncertainty affects both the mapping of X onto mass for individual clusters and the number density one infers for clusters of a given mass from a survey based on the observable X .

A sufficiently large cluster survey can circumvent many of these systematic problems through self-calibration (Levine *et al.*, 2002; Hu, 2003; Majumdar and Mohr, 2003, 2004). This procedure treats all parameters describing the systematic uncertainties in such things as the scatter, normalization, and evolution of the mass-observable relation as free parameters in the overall cosmological model. By fitting a large number of clusters spanning a wide range in redshift to this overall model, one can determine not only the global cosmological parameters but also the most likely values of the free parameters in the mass-observable relation. However, treating the systematic uncertainties in this way has a cost. Each free parameter that is added weakens the statistical constraints on the cosmological measurements (Majumdar and Mohr, 2003).

2. Mass-temperature relation

Among the observables that trace cluster mass, x-ray temperature has received considerable recent attention because it is closely related to the depth of a cluster's potential well and can be readily observed to $z \sim 1$ with current x-ray telescopes (Sec. II.B.2). Henry and Arnaud (1991) pioneered the technique of measuring the cluster mass function with x-ray temperatures, using cluster temperatures determined at $z \approx 0$ with the *Einstein*, *Exosat*, and *HEAO/OSO* satellites. Cluster temperatures measured with the *ASCA* satellite improved the precision of this measurement (Ikebe *et al.*, 2002), and temperatures measured with the *Chandra* and *XMM-Newton* telescopes should improve that precision even more. Because the data are now of such high quality, systematic uncertainty in the link between mass and temperature is the main factor limiting this technique.

Mass and temperature ought to be simply related for a cluster in hydrostatic equilibrium. The gas temperature of a singular isothermal sphere with mass M_{200} inside radius r_{200} is

$$\begin{aligned} k_B T_{200} &= \frac{GM_{200}\mu m_p}{2r_{200}} \\ &= \frac{\mu m_p}{2} [10GM_{200}H(z)]^{2/3} \\ &= (8.2 \text{ keV}) \left(\frac{M_{200}}{10^{15} h^{-1} M_\odot} \right)^{2/3} \left[\frac{H(z)}{H_0} \right]^{2/3}. \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

Realistic departures from hydrostatic equilibrium can be assessed with simulations of structure formation that include hydrodynamics, but they do not have a large effect on the mass-temperature relation. These models indeed

find that gas temperature scales with $M_{200}^{2/3}$, so that $T \approx T_{200}$, with a scatter of only 10–15 % (see, for example, Evrard *et al.*, 1996; Frenk *et al.*, 1999). However, to calibrate the mass-temperature relation more precisely, we need a more specific definition of temperature.

Clusters are not perfectly isothermal, so any single number specifying a cluster's gas temperature is some sort of weighted mean. The luminosity-weighted mean temperature T_{lum} obtained by weighting each gas parcel's temperature by $\propto \rho_g^2$ is a popular choice for comparing theory with observations because each temperature component contributes in proportion to its photon flux in the cluster's overall spectrum (Sec. II.B.2). The spectral-fit temperature T_{sp} has not yet received much attention in theoretical work because it depends somewhat on the procedure used to fit the spectrum, but Mazzotta *et al.* (2004) have recently developed a temperature weighting scheme for theoretical models that appears to track T_{sp} quite closely.

A bewildering variety of parameters has been used in the literature to express the mass-temperature relation's normalization. Here we shall express the normalization of the M_{200} - T_{lum} relation in terms of T_{lum}/T_{200} . This choice has two advantages: It does not link the normalization to any particular mass or temperature scale, and $T_{\text{lum}}/T_{200}=1$ for both a singular isothermal sphere and an isothermal beta model with $\beta=2/3$.

Uncertainty in this normalization factor is currently the single most important issue afflicting cluster mass-function measurements with x-ray observations. Table I provides some recent observational and theoretical calibrations of this relation, in three different groups. The first group gives calibrations from hydrodynamical simulations that do not account for galaxy formation, which generally fall into the range $T_{\text{lum}}/T_{200}=0.8\text{--}1.0$. In some cases, an M_{500} - T_{lum} relation has been converted to M_{200} , assuming $M_{200}=1.4M_{500}$, appropriate for halo concentration $c=5$. The second group gives calibrations inferred from observations, which fall into the range $T_{\text{lum}}/T_{200}=1.1\text{--}1.4$. In other words, clusters of a given temperature seem to be 30% to 60% less massive than one would expect from the simulations. Apparently galaxy formation changes the normalization of the M_{200} - T_{lum} relation, for reasons discussed in detail in Sec. IV, although some of this discrepancy may also stem from systematic offsets in the observational interpretation. The third group of normalization factors, which tend to lie in between the first two groups, comes from simulations that attempt to account for the effects of galaxy formation. Given this uncertainty in the mass-temperature normalization, the systematic uncertainty in σ_8 values derived from cluster temperatures is about 25%, because $\sigma_8 \propto (T_{\text{lum}}/T_{200})^{3/5}$ according to Eq. (58) for rich clusters (Evrard *et al.*, 2002).

Efforts are underway to reconcile the observed normalization of the M_{200} - T_{lum} relation with theoretical expectations. Some of the discrepancy probably arises from systematic errors in the masses derived from x-ray observations. Hydrostatic equilibrium is usually as-

TABLE I. Normalization of the mass-temperature relation.

	T_{lum}/T_{200}^a
Models without radiative cooling	
Navarro <i>et al.</i> (1995)	0.99
Evrard <i>et al.</i> (1996) ^b	0.91
Bryan and Norman (1998)	0.80
Thomas <i>et al.</i> (2001)	0.98
Muanwong <i>et al.</i> (2002) ^c	0.57
Muanwong <i>et al.</i> (2002) ^d	0.90
Observations	
	T_{lum}/T_{200}^a
Horner <i>et al.</i> (1999) ^e	$(1.08 \pm 0.04) T_6^{-0.19}$
Horner <i>et al.</i> (1999) ^f	$(1.40 \pm 0.16) T_6^{-0.02}$
Nevalainen <i>et al.</i> (2000) ^g	$(1.20 \pm 0.12) T_6^{-0.20}$
Finoguenov, Reiprich, and Böhringer (2001) ^{b,h}	$(1.18 \pm 0.10) T_6^{-0.33}$
Finoguenov, Reiprich, and Böhringer (2001) ^{b,i}	$(1.26 \pm 0.11) T_6^{-0.19}$
Finoguenov, Reiprich, and Böhringer (2001) ^{b,j}	$(1.33 \pm 0.18) T_6^{-0.02}$
Models with radiative cooling	
	T_{lum}/T_{200}^a
Muanwong <i>et al.</i> (2002)	$0.79 T_6^{-0.31}$
Muanwong <i>et al.</i> (2002) ^k	$0.88 T_6^{-0.09}$
Borgani, Murante, <i>et al.</i> (2003) ^b	$(1.03 \pm 0.03) T_6^{-0.06}$
Borgani, Murante, <i>et al.</i> (2003) ^{b,l}	$(1.24 \pm 0.03) T_6^{-0.06}$

^a $T_6 \equiv k_B T_{\text{lum}}/6 \text{ keV}$.^bConversion from M_{500} assumes $M_{200} = 1.4 M_{500}$.^c T_{lum} computation includes gas with cooling time $< 6 \text{ Gyr}$.^d T_{lum} computation excludes gas with cooling time $< 6 \text{ Gyr}$.^eMasses estimated using isothermal beta model.^fMasses estimated using polytropic beta model.^gConversion from M_{1000} assumes $M_{200} = 2.0 M_{1000}$.^hFull sample, masses from isothermal beta model.ⁱFull sample, masses from polytropic beta model.^jSubset with $k_B T_{\text{lum}}$, polytropic beta model.^k T_{lum} computed with cooling cores removed.^lMasses inferred from polytropic beta-model fits.

sumed, but the turbulent velocities in simulated clusters can sometimes be $\sim 20\text{--}30\%$ of the sound speed, in which case the hydrostatic assumption would lead to masses underestimated by $\sim 10\text{--}15\%$ (Ricker and Sarazin, 2001; Rasia *et al.*, 2003). In addition, the beta-model formalism often used to derive cluster mass may have systematic problems. Applying this model to simulated clusters tends to underestimate their masses (Muanwong *et al.*, 2002; Borgani *et al.*, 2003; see the last line of Table I), and recent *XMM-Newton* observations suggest that the correction for temperature gradients may be excessive (Pratt and Arnaud, 2002, 2003; Mushotzky, 2004).

Alternative mass measurements would be very helpful in solving these problems. Calibration of the mass-temperature relation with lensing observations has met with mixed success. Weak-lensing measurements of massive, relaxed clusters agree with the masses derived from x-ray data under the assumption of hydrostatic equilibrium (Allen *et al.*, 2001). However, that agreement seems

to be poorer for less relaxed clusters (Smith *et al.*, 2003). Measurements of cluster mass from the galaxy velocity field in and around a few very-well-observed clusters also tend to support the x-ray-derived masses (Rines *et al.*, 2003). Because the calibration may depend systematically on how clusters are selected, self-calibration of a large cluster survey may ultimately be the best way of calibrating the $M_{200}\text{--}T_{\text{lum}}$ relation. A thorough understanding of how galaxy formation affects that relation would help reduce the number of free parameters that need to be calibrated, thereby reducing the statistical uncertainties achievable with self-calibration.

3. Mass-luminosity relation

X-ray luminosity also correlates well with cluster mass and is easier to measure than x-ray temperature, allowing for mass-function measurements using much larger cluster samples. However, the correlation between mass and luminosity is not as tight as that between mass and

TABLE II. Luminosity-temperature relation at $z \approx 0$.

Source	L_6^a	α_{LT}
Edge and Stewart (1991)	6.3 ± 1.3	2.62 ± 0.10
David <i>et al.</i> (1993)	5.6 ± 0.9	3.37 ± 0.05
Markevitch (1998) ^b	6.4 ± 0.6	2.64 ± 0.27
Allen and Fabian (1998) ^c	5.7 ± 3.4	2.92 ± 0.45
Allen and Fabian (1998) ^d	14.6 ± 7.3	3.08 ± 0.58
Arnaud and Evrard (1999) ^e	5.9 ± 0.4	2.88 ± 0.15
Xue and Wu (2000)	7.6 ± 1.2	2.79 ± 0.08
Novicki <i>et al.</i> (2002)	6.0 ± 4.2	2.82 ± 0.43
Ettori <i>et al.</i> (2002)	7.3 ± 1.8	2.54 ± 0.42

^aBolometric x-ray luminosity is $L_X = L_6(T_{\text{lum}}/6 \text{ keV})^{\alpha_{LT}}$ with L_6 in units of $10^{44} h_{70}^{-2} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$.

^bCores of clusters excised to avoid cool cores.

^cClusters without cores.

^dClusters with cool cores.

^eSample avoids clusters with cool cores.

temperature, having a scatter of $\sim 50\%$ (Reiprich and Böhringer, 2002). Additionally, the normalization and slope of the relation depend heavily on the physics of galaxy formation (Sec. IV.C). Because our understanding of the connection between galaxy formation and a cluster's x-ray luminosity is not yet mature enough to calibrate the mass-luminosity relation with simulations, we need to rely solely on observational calibrations.

One common way to calibrate the mass-luminosity relation is to combine the mass-temperature relation with the observed luminosity-temperature relation (see, for example, Borgani *et al.*, 1999). On cluster scales, the relation between the total (bolometric) x-ray luminosity and T_{lum} is approximately a power law. Normalizing the relation at 6 keV, in the heart of the temperature range for rich clusters, leads to the expression $L_X = L_6(T_{\text{lum}}/6 \text{ keV})^{\alpha_{LT}}$, and Table II gives some representative values of L_6 and α_{LT} . Excising the central regions of clusters, out to about 100 kpc in radius, reduces the scatter in the relation because cooling and nongravitational heating processes affect the temperature and luminosity of these regions differently from cluster to cluster (Fabian *et al.*, 1994; Allen and Fabian, 1998; Markevitch, 1998; Voit *et al.*, 2002).

The power-law index of the L_X - T_{lum} relation clearly indicates that galaxy formation has affected the L_X - T_{lum} relation. If the density distribution of intracluster gas within r_{200} were self-similar, independent of cluster mass, then one would expect bremsstrahlung emission to give $L_X \propto \rho_g M_{200} T_{\text{lum}}^{1/2} \propto T_{\text{lum}}^2$ (Kaiser, 1986). The steepness of the observed power-law index indicates that nongravitational processes have raised the entropy of the intracluster gas, making it harder to compress, particularly in the shallower potential wells of cool clusters. This excess entropy therefore lowers the luminosities of all clusters by lowering the mean gas density and steepens the L_X - T_{lum} relation, because the impact of excess entropy decreases as cluster temperature rises (Evrard and Henry, 1991; Kaiser, 1991; see also Sec. IV.C).

Calibrating the mass-luminosity relation by coupling the mass-temperature relation with the observed luminosity-temperature relation leads, not surprisingly, to values of σ_8 that are similar to those derived from the mass-temperature relation alone and are subject to the same systematic uncertainties that plague the mass-temperature calibration. There is, however, a route to the mass-luminosity calibration that circumvents the middle step involving the mass-temperature relation.

The mass-luminosity relation can be calibrated more directly with high-quality x-ray imaging and temperature data on a complete sample of clusters. Reiprich and Böhringer (2002) have done this with *ROSAT* imaging data and *ASCA* temperatures, finding

$$L_X = 10^{45.0 \pm 0.3} h_{70}^{-2} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \left(\frac{M_{200}}{10^{15} h_{70}^{-1} M_{\odot}} \right)^{1.8}. \quad (60)$$

Their mass calibration assumes that the cluster gas is in hydrostatic equilibrium and obeys an isothermal beta model. The masses they derive are therefore higher than those one would find after correcting for a possible negative-temperature gradient at large radii but do not account for any turbulent pressure support. With this mass-luminosity relation, they find a cluster mass function whose normalization corresponds to $\sigma_8 = 0.68(\Omega_M/0.3)^{-0.38}$.

Furthermore, because their observed cluster sample extends over two decades in mass, Reiprich and Böhringer (2002) attempted to break the σ_8 - Ω_M degeneracy by fitting the mass function's shape with a CDM power spectrum, finding a best fit of $\Omega_M = 0.12^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$ and $\sigma_8 = 0.96^{+0.15}_{-0.12}$, with $\Omega_M < 0.31$ at the 3σ level. The unusually low best-fit value of Ω_M arises because their derived mass function is shallower than that expected for $\Omega_M = 0.3$. However, Pierpaoli *et al.* (2003) have applied that same L_X - M_{200} relation to the larger *REFLEX* cluster sample (Böhringer *et al.*, 2002), finding $\sigma_8 = 0.86^{+0.12}_{-0.16}$ and $\Omega_M = 0.23^{+0.10}_{-0.06}$. Results similar to these latter values are

also found from the mass-luminosity relation when cluster evolution is used to break the σ_8 - Ω_M degeneracy (Sec. III.D).

4. Mass-richness relation

Optical telescopes have gathered much larger cluster samples than have x-ray telescopes, but deriving a mass function from these samples is not so straightforward. Projection effects complicate both the measurement of cluster mass and the computation of the sample volume associated with a given mass. Clusters in optical surveys are selected on the basis of richness, which depends on the number of galaxies observed within a certain projected radius from the center of the cluster (Sec. II.A.1). Thus, even if optical luminosity traces mass exactly, galaxy concentrations lying outside r_{200} but projected along the same line of sight can boost the apparent mass, introducing non-Gaussian uncertainties in the mass-richness relation. Likewise, the effective volume associated with a given cluster mass in a richness-selected survey is harder to quantify than in a survey with a definite x-ray flux cutoff. Nevertheless, when richness is rigorously defined, it correlates well with a cluster's x-ray properties (Yee and Ellingson, 2003). However, the scatter between optical richness and x-ray luminosity is still large compared with the accuracy to which one would like to derive cosmological parameters (Donahue *et al.*, 2001, 2002; Gilbank *et al.*, 2003; Kochanek *et al.*, 2003).

Measuring cluster masses purely on the basis of galaxy-count richness necessitates a different approach to defining a cluster's radius and therefore its mass. Because traditional measures of richness depend on the radius within which galaxies are counted, they are defined with respect to a fixed physical radius, independent of mass, at each redshift. For this reason, observations of cluster richness are sometimes compared with simulations on the basis of cluster masses measured within a constant physical or comoving radius (Bode *et al.*, 2001). Deriving a mass-richness relation from simulations of galaxy formation also involves an observational calibration of the cluster mass-to-light ratio, which according to Eq. (59) introduces a systematic uncertainty in σ_8 that is $\sim 40\%$ of the uncertainty in the mass-to-light conversion.

Making such a comparison with the early clusters from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, Bahcall, McKay, *et al.* (2003) find a mass-function normalization implying $\sigma_8 = 0.69 \pm 0.07 (\Omega_M/0.3)^{-0.6}$. Adding mass-function shape information to break the degeneracy leads to $\Omega_M = 0.19^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$ and $\sigma_8 = 0.9^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$, which is in reasonably good agreement with the x-ray-derived values. Unfortunately, because there is as yet no simple parametric form, analogous to the Jenkins mass function, giving the mass function defined with respect to a fixed radius, it is not clear how to self-calibrate the associated mass-richness relation to high accuracy with a large survey.

5. Velocity dispersion and mass

Velocity dispersion is the optical analog to x-ray temperature. Thus one would expect a mass function defined on the basis of velocity dispersion to coincide with those defined with respect to cluster temperature. Measurements of rich clusters indicate that $\sigma_{1D}^2 = (1.0 \pm 0.1) k_B T_{lum} / \mu m_p$ (e.g., Xue and Wu, 2000, Sec. II.B.2), which reassuringly suggests that both quantities accurately trace mass. On the other hand, Evrard *et al.* (2002) have pointed out that combining this relation with the observational calibration of the M_{200} - T_{lum} relation ($T_{lum} \approx 1.2 T_{200}$) leads to a puzzle. While it might be possible for nongravitational effects associated with galaxy formation to boost T_{lum} , it is more difficult to imagine why nongravitational effects would boost the galaxy velocity dispersion by a similar factor.

Mass functions derived from velocity dispersion measurements also suggest that the masses derived from those measurements are larger than those derived from x-ray data. Using the virial theorem with a pressure correction term (Sec. II.A.2), Girardi *et al.* (1998) derive a cluster mass function from velocity dispersions whose normalization indicates $\sigma_8 = (1.01 \pm 0.07) (\Omega_M/0.3)^{-0.43}$, implying an overall number density at a given cluster mass about two times larger than the x-ray measurements. A discrepancy in σ_8 as large as 30% could arise if the optically determined masses were over 50% larger, but the actual mass discrepancies appear not to be quite so large. Reiprich and Böhringer (2002) find that in the 42 clusters they have in common with Girardi *et al.* (1998) the virial masses are 25% larger, on average, than the x-ray masses. Another factor that could contribute to this discrepancy is scatter in the M_{200} - σ_{1D} relation. An underestimate of the scatter would drive up the inferred mass-function amplitude, raising the best-fitting value of σ_8 .

Part of the discrepancy between the optical and x-ray-determined masses may stem from how velocity dispersions are observed. Because σ_{1D} declines with projected radius, its observed value will depend on the cutoff radius. Also, any foreground or background interlopers projected onto the cluster can contaminate the velocity-dispersion measurement. Ideally, one would like to cut off the measurement at a spherical boundary with radius r_{200} , inside of which the relation between dark-matter velocity dispersion and mass is well calibrated, but the large number of galaxy velocities needed to measure accurately the mass profile near the virial radius make this approach impractical for large cluster samples. In a small sample of eight rich clusters, Rines *et al.* (2003) have used an average of almost 200 galaxy velocities per cluster, extending to well beyond r_{200} , to measure the mass M_{200} within r_{200} . The masses they find are consistent with both the x-ray-determined masses and the virial theorem including a surface-pressure correction.

6. Weak lensing and mass

Weak lensing is a very promising method for measuring cluster masses that is independent of a cluster's

baryon content, dynamical state, and mass-to-light ratio. The main systematic problem in weak-lensing mass measurements comes from the lensing done by excess mass outside the virial radius but along the line of sight through the cluster (Metzler *et al.*, 1999, 2001; Hoekstra, 2001). So far, weak lensing's main contribution to cluster studies has been to assist in the calibration of other mass estimators (see, for example, Allen *et al.*, 2001).

Techniques for compiling cluster samples selected on the basis of weak lensing are still in their infancy. Only a few clusters with confirmed spectroscopic redshifts have been detected in weak-lensing surveys (e.g., Wittman *et al.*, 2001, 2003; Dahle *et al.*, 2003; Schirmer *et al.*, 2003). However, deep optical surveys covering wide patches of the sky should turn up many more such clusters in the coming decade. In the meantime, smaller weak-lensing surveys sensitive to large-scale structure are complementing the cluster work because they provide values of σ_8 that are independent of the cluster measurements. Numbers currently in the literature span approximately the same range as those derived from clusters, going from $\sigma_8 = (0.72 \pm 0.08)(\Omega_M/0.3)^{-0.57}$ (Jarvis *et al.*, 2003) on the low end to $\sigma_8 = (0.97 \pm 0.14)(\Omega_M/0.3)^{-0.44}$ (Bacon *et al.*, 2003) on the high end.

7. Baryons and mass

Yet another technique for measuring the cluster mass function relies on the constancy of the ratio of baryons to dark matter in massive clusters. X-ray observations from *Chandra* indicate that the ratio of hot baryonic gas to total gravitating matter within a given radius asymptotically approaches $(0.113 \pm 0.005)h_{70}^{-3/2}$ in relaxed, high-mass clusters (Allen *et al.*, 2002). Correcting for the baryons in stars, whose mass is approximately $0.16h_{70}^{1/2}$ times that of the hot gas (Sec. IV.D) raises the overall ratio of baryons to dark matter in clusters to $f_b = 0.13$ for $h_{70} = 1.0$.

This ratio is itself one of the best tools for measuring Ω_M (White *et al.*, 1993; David *et al.*, 1995; Evrard, 1997; Allen *et al.*, 2002). No known hydrodynamic process can drive a large proportion of a rich cluster's baryons out of the cluster's deep potential well. Thus the ratio of baryons to dark matter in a cluster is expected to be similar to the global ratio in the universe. Dividing the mean baryon density $\Omega_b = 0.045h_{70}^{-2}$, consistent with both the abundances of light elements (Burles *et al.*, 2001), and microwave background fluctuations (Spergel *et al.*, 2003), by the baryon fraction f_b implies $\Omega_M \approx 0.3$. Allen *et al.* (2002) find $\Omega_M = 0.30^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$ after marginalizing over the uncertainties in Ω_b and Hubble's constant.

One can also use the ratio of baryons to dark matter to constrain dark energy (Sasaki, 1996; Pen, 1997). Measurements of this ratio in clusters depend on the relationship between transverse size and redshift, which depends on both Ω_M and Ω_Λ (Sec. III.A.2). If the actual ratio remains constant with redshift, then the measured ratios will be independent of redshift only if the correct values of Ω_M and Ω_Λ are used in the measurement. Allen *et al.* (2004) have recently shown that the mea-

sured baryon-to-dark-matter ratio in a sample of 26 clusters, ranging up to $z \approx 0.9$, is consistent with the low-redshift ratio for $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.94^{+0.21}_{-0.23}$ (see also Allen *et al.*, 2002; Ettori *et al.*, 2003). However, the degree to which the actual ratio is redshift independent is not yet known.

If the ratio of baryons to dark matter were completely independent of cluster mass and radius, then measurements of the baryon mass inside a radius containing a mean baryon density of $200f_b\rho_{cr}$ would directly give M_{200} . The cluster mass function could then be determined by measuring the baryon masses within a given scale radius (Vikhlinin *et al.*, 2003; Voevodkin and Vikhlinin, 2004). In fact, the baryon fraction is not quite constant in clusters, probably owing to the same galaxy-formation effects that shift the M - T and L - T relations (Sec. IV.C). For example, Mohr *et al.* (1999) find that the ratio of gas mass to dark matter is $\propto T_{lum}^{0.36 \pm 0.22}$ in clusters cooler than about 6 keV and is statistically inconsistent with a constant value at the 99% level. Other studies concur that the proportion of hot gas in low-mass clusters is smaller than that in high-mass clusters (Neumann and Arnaud, 2001; Sanderson *et al.*, 2003).

After correcting for this effect, Voevodkin and Vikhlinin (2004) infer a cluster mass function from the baryon mass function signifying $\sigma_8 = 0.72 \pm 0.04$ for the assumed cosmology ($\Omega = 0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$, and $h = 0.71$). Furthermore, the shape parameter $\Gamma = 0.13 \pm 0.07$ of the mass function is consistent with the CDM power spectrum given the assumed values of Ω_M and h . Notice that this value of σ_8 agrees with those derived from the observationally calibrated M_{200} - T_{lum} and M_{200} - L_X relations, even though it does not explicitly rely on those calibrations.

D. Evolution of the mass function

Measurements of evolution in the cluster mass function can considerably tighten all these constraints on cosmological parameters. What we actually observe, of course, is the dependence on redshift of the observables that trace the cluster mass function. For a given cluster sample we can measure the number of clusters dN within a given solid angle $d\Omega$ and redshift interval $[z, z + dz]$ that fall into the range $[X, X + dX]$ of the observable X . With full knowledge of the mass-observable relation $M(X, z)$ and its scatter as a function of redshift, we could then derive the redshift distribution

$$\frac{d^3N}{dM d\Omega dz}(M, z) = \frac{dn_M}{dM}(M, z) \cdot \frac{d^2V_{co}}{dz d\Omega}(z) \quad (61)$$

for clusters of mass M directly from the observations. This distribution of clusters with redshift would then provide strong constraints on cosmological models through both the mass-function evolution factor dn_M/dM and the comoving volume factor $d^2V_{co}/d\Omega dz$ from Eq. (21).

As the reader probably suspects by now, our ability to constrain cosmological parameters through the redshift distribution of clusters is currently limited by our understanding of evolution in the mass-observable relations.

However, this problem is not as severe as one might expect because the evolution in the mass function itself is so dramatic, especially for $\Omega_M \approx 1$. This part of the review discusses what we have learned about structure formation and cosmological parameters by observing cluster evolution. It begins with a description of how mass-function evolution depends on cosmological parameters and then considers the complications arising from evolution of the observables themselves. It concludes with a summary of current constraints on Ω_M from cluster evolution and a look at the prospects for measuring Ω_Λ and w with large cluster surveys.

1. Dependence on cosmology

Evolution of the mass function is highly sensitive to cosmology because the matter density controls the rate at which structure grows. When the mass function can be expressed in terms of formulas like Eqs. (52), (54), or (55), its evolution is controlled entirely by the growth function $D(z)$, which is a well-defined function of Ω_M , Ω_Λ , and w (Sec. III.B.4). Small-amplitude density perturbations grow as $D(z) = (1+z)^{-1}$ when $\Omega_M(z) \approx 1$, but perturbation growth stalls when $\Omega_M(z) \ll 1$. This effect manifests itself most strongly in high-mass clusters because they are the latest objects to form in a hierarchical cosmology with a CDM-like power spectrum (Evrard, 1989; Peebles *et al.*, 1989; Oukbir and Blanchard, 1992; Eke *et al.*, 1996; Viana and Liddle, 1996). The exponential dependence of the mass function on $\sigma(M, z) = D(z)\sigma(M, 0)$ makes the effect quite dramatic for objects sufficiently massive that $\sigma(M, 0) < 1$.

Dependence of the mass function on Ω_Λ and w is a little more subtle. These parameters affect mass-function evolution by altering the redshift at which $\Omega_M(z)$ departs significantly from unity for a given value of Ω_M at $z=0$ (Haiman *et al.*, 2001). The time at which dark energy begins to dominate the dynamics of the universe is later for both smaller values of Ω_Λ and smaller (more negative) values of w (see Fig. 2), leading to greater evolution of the mass function between $z \sim 1$ and the present (Wang and Steinhardt, 1998; Weller *et al.*, 2002; Battye and Weller, 2003).

Measurements of how the mass function changes with redshift can provide additional information about Ω_Λ and w through the expansion rate of the universe. If the mass function of clusters is precisely known, then number counts of clusters exceeding a given mass in each redshift interval dz reveal the volume associated with that redshift interval and can be used to determine the dynamics of the universe's expansion. The number of clusters with mass $>M$ on the celestial sphere in the redshift interval dz is given by

$$\frac{dN}{dz}(M) = \frac{4\pi r_K^2(z)c}{H(z)} n_M(M, z). \quad (62)$$

Figure 6 shows this number-redshift distribution for several different cosmological models. Notice that the statistical power of cluster surveys is ultimately limited by

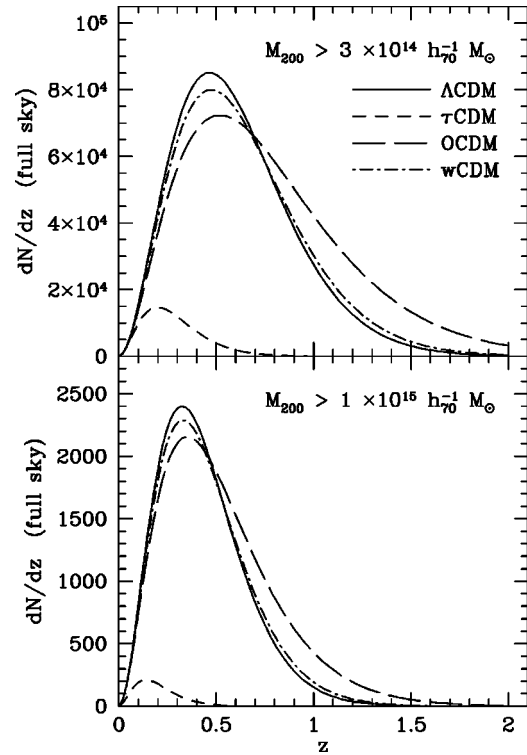


FIG. 6. Predicted number of clusters on the sky as a function of redshift in different cosmologies. Upper panel shows the number of clusters per unit redshift with $M_{200} > 3 \times 10^{14} h_{70}^{-1} M_\odot$ over the entire sky. Notice that there are a few tens of thousands of such clusters on the sky in models with $\Omega_M = 0.3$, most of them at $z < 1$. There are many fewer massive clusters at $z > 0.5$ in the τ CDM model with $\Omega_M = 1$ because cluster evolution is so rapid in that case. The lower panel shows the numbers of clusters with $M_{200} > 1 \times 10^{15} h_{70}^{-1} M_\odot$. Differences between models with $\Omega_M \approx 0.3$ but differing values of Ω_Λ and w should be detectable in large cluster surveys containing $\sim 10^4$ clusters and extending to $z \sim 1$.

the total number of massive clusters in the observable universe, which is of order 10^5 .

2. Evolution of the observables

All of the mass-observable relations discussed in Sec. III.C evolve with redshift, partly because the definition of M_{200} is pinned to the critical density and partly because of galaxy-formation physics. Clusters of a given mass are hotter earlier in time because their matter density is larger; both T_{200} and the square of the dark-matter velocity dispersion for a fixed value of M_{200} vary with redshift as $H^{2/3}(z)$ (Sec. III.C.2). One therefore expects T_{lum} and the square of the galaxy velocity dispersion to depend on redshift in the same way, but it is possible that the physics of galaxy formation adds additional redshift evolution that must be accounted for in precise cosmological measurements. Galaxy formation plays a more explicit role in the mass-richness and M_{200} - L_X relations, because the optical luminosities of galaxies evolve with time and because the physics of galaxy

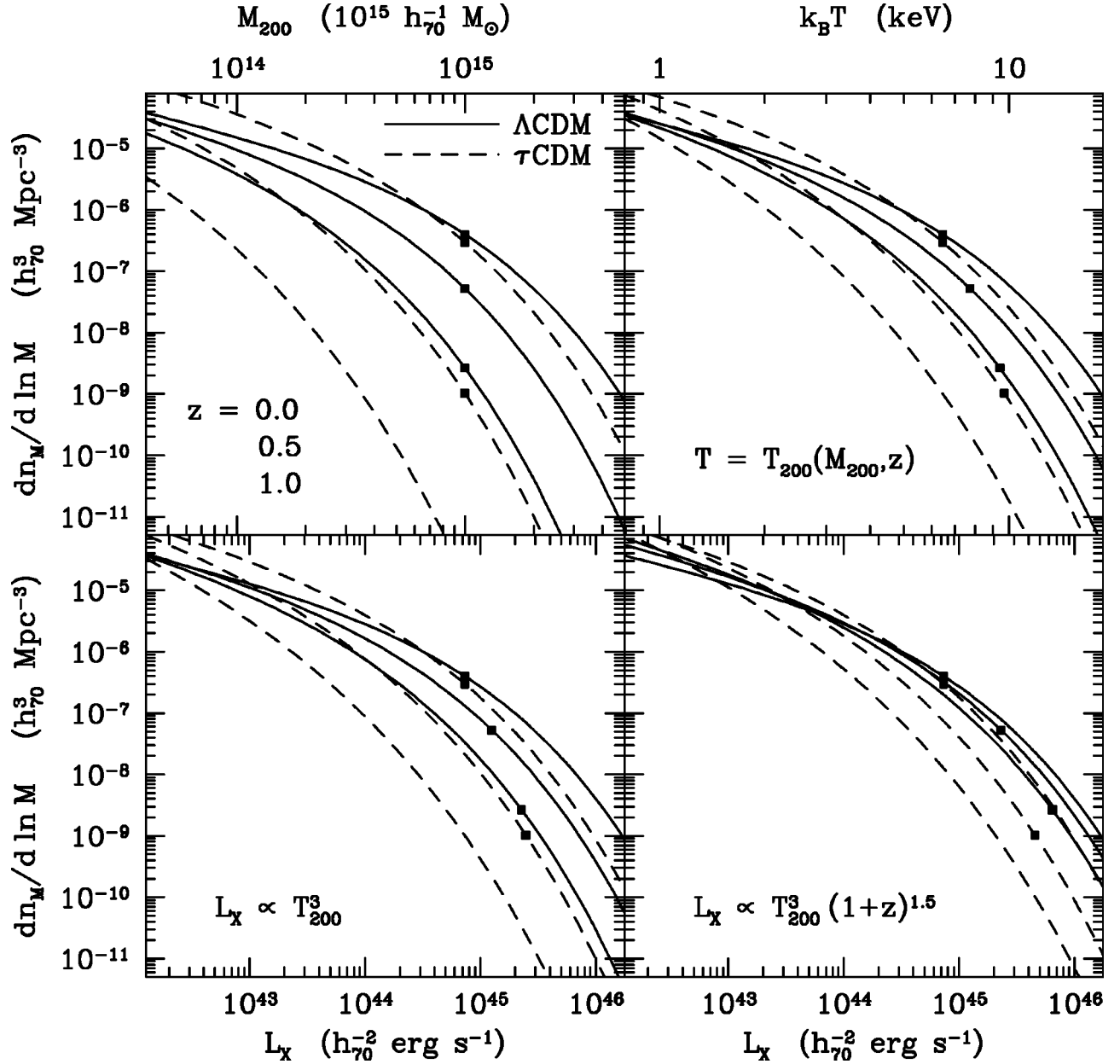


FIG. 7. Evolution of the cluster mass function and its manifestations in temperature and luminosity: solid lines, Λ CDM ($\Omega_M=0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda=0.7$, $w=-1$, $\sigma_8=0.9$); dashed lines, τ CDM ($\Omega_M=1.0$, $\Gamma=0.21$, $\sigma_8=0.5$). Upper left: evolution of the mass function is far more pronounced in τ CDM than in Λ CDM because it is so sensitive to the current matter density. Each set of three lines shows the differential mass function $dn_M/d \ln M$ at $z=0, 0.5$, and 1.0 , from top to bottom; black squares show the value of the mass function at a fiducial mass of $10^{15} h_{70}^{-1} M_\odot$. Upper right: the same mass functions plotted against temperature, assuming $T = T_{200}(M_{200}, z)$. Notice that the higher-redshift curves have shifted to the right, weakening the evolution in temperature space, because clusters of a given mass have higher temperatures at higher redshifts. In order to convert these curves to temperature functions, one would need to convolve them with the scatter in the mass-temperature relation and multiply by $d \ln M / d \ln T \approx 1.5$. The lower two panels show these same curves as a function of luminosity, assuming $L_X = (6 \times 10^{44} h_{70}^{-2} \text{ erg s}^{-1}) \times (T_{200}/6 \text{ keV})^3$ at $z=0$ and two different redshift dependences of the L_X - T relation. Lower left: without L_X - T evolution, the curves are just relabeled versions of the ones in the upper-right panel. Lower right: the strong L_X - T evolution [$L_X \propto T^3(1+z)^{1.5}$], however, shifts the three curves in the Λ CDM case nearly on top of one another at $L_X \approx 10^{44} h_{70}^{-2} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$. Convolution of these curves with the dispersion in the mass-luminosity relation and multiplying by $d \ln M / d \ln L \approx 0.5$ converts them to luminosity functions.

formation alter the L_X - T_X relation (Sec. IV.C). Scatter in the mass-observable relation might also be larger at higher redshifts, given that the proportion of relaxed clusters may well be smaller earlier in time.

As an example of how mass-observable evolution affects observations of mass-function evolution, consider

its effects on x-ray surveys. The upper left of Fig. 7 shows how the cluster mass function evolves for two different cosmologies, a standard Λ CDM model ($\Omega_M=0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda=0.7$, $w=-1$, $\sigma_8=0.9$) and a τ CDM model ($\Omega_M=1.0$, $\Omega_\Lambda=0.0$, $\sigma_8=0.5$, $\Gamma=0.21$) whose power spectrum has been adjusted by hand so that its shape is similar to that

of the Λ CDM model, as required by observations of large-scale structure (Sec. III.C). Mass-function evolution is quite pronounced in both models but is far stronger in the τ CDM model.

Evolution in the mass-temperature relation weakens the observed amount of cluster evolution when cluster number density is plotted as a function of temperature. The upper right of Fig. 7 shows the result of using a M_{200} - T_{lum} relation with $T_{\text{lum}}/T_{200}=1$ and zero dispersion. Because clusters of a given mass are hotter at earlier times, the higher-redshift curves have translated to higher temperatures, compared with their positions in the upper left panel. Additional mass-temperature evolution exceeding that predicted by the virial theorem, and corresponding to values of T_{lum}/T_{200} that increase with redshift, would further reduce the evolution, but there is currently no evidence for such evolution.

Redshift-dependent changes in the luminosity-temperature relation can have additional evolution-softening effects. The $L_X \propto T_{\text{lum}}^3$ power-law form of the relation appears to remain the same with redshift, but the amount of evolution in the normalization is uncertain. Early assessments suggested no evolution in the normalization (Mushotzky and Scharf, 1997; Borgani *et al.*, 1999; Donhaue *et al.*, 1999). The lower right of Fig. 7 shows the evolution of cluster number density plotted against luminosity for a nonevolving normalization and $L_X = 6 \times 10^{44} h_{70}^{-2} \text{ erg s}^{-1} (T_{\text{lum}}/6 \text{ keV})^3$, again with no dispersion. These curves differ from the temperature-function curves only in the labeling of the horizontal axis. More recent results indicate that higher-redshift clusters of a given temperature are more luminous, with an evolving relation $L_X \propto T_{\text{lum}}(1+z)^{b_{LT}}$, where $0.5 \leq b_{LT} \leq 1.5$ (Vikhlinin *et al.*, 2002; Ettori *et al.*, 2003; Lumb *et al.*, 2003; see Sec. IV.C.4). Figure 7 shows the same distribution functions for $b_{LT}=1.5$, at the high end of the suggested range. The extra redshift dependence in this case slides the high-redshift curves even further to the right, roughly compensating for all of the evolution in the underlying mass function.

These examples underscore the importance of constraining evolution in the mass-observable relations, even if the observables could be perfectly measured. In addition, one must bear in mind that the observations themselves can introduce spurious redshift dependences in the mass-observable relations, largely because distant clusters are more difficult to observe than nearby ones. Optical projection effects become progressively harder to deal with at high redshift, complicating observations of richness and velocity dispersion. Observations of weak lensing have fewer background galaxies to measure, and the decline in x-ray surface brightness makes cluster temperature measurements more difficult. In many ways, the Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect is the most promising observable for characterizing high-redshift clusters because its magnitude does not depend on redshift (Sec. II.C).

There are three basic ways to deal with evolution in the normalization and perhaps the scatter of a mass-observable relation:

- Assume a model for the evolution of the relation. Numerical simulations can be very helpful in providing a model for evolution of the normalization and scatter of mass-observable relations, but they give accurate results only if they include all the relevant physics.
- Assume a parametric form for the mass-observable relation inspired by theoretical models and try to calibrate it directly with observations. The normalization of the relation is usually assumed to be proportional to either $(1+z)$ or $H(z)$ raised to a power determined by a fit to observations. In practice, however, the mass-observable relations for distant clusters are not directly calibrated. What we have instead are relations that link one easily observed quantity, such as x-ray luminosity, to another that is more closely related to mass, like x-ray temperature or the weak-lensing distortion.
- Assume a parametric form for the mass-observable relation and apply self-calibration techniques to a large cluster survey to find the most likely parameters describing mass-observable evolution (Levine *et al.*, 2002; Hu, 2003; Majumdar and Mohr, 2003, 2004). Parameters involving redshift-dependent scatter in the relation can also be included in such an analysis. This technique is very promising but requires large surveys of distant clusters, which are not yet in hand. Its accuracy is limited by the number of free parameters needed to describe the mass-observable relations—the fewer, the better. Having a realistic physical model for mass-observable evolution helps boost the accuracy achievable with self-calibration by reducing the number of unknown parameters.

A decade from now, when much larger cluster samples will be available, self-calibration will probably be the best way to calibrate the mass-observable relations. In the meantime, it would be wise to spend some effort on direct observational calibrations through cross-comparisons of multiple mass-tracing observables.

3. Constraints on dark matter

Surveys of distant clusters find modest evolution in their comoving number density fully consistent with cosmological models in which $\Omega_M \approx 0.3$. Because the rate of mass-function evolution at moderate redshifts ($z \lesssim 0.5$) is governed primarily by the overall matter density, this conclusion does not depend strongly on the value of Ω_Λ . Here we focus on the constraints on Ω_M derived from x-ray surveys, whose observables— L_X , T_X , and baryonic mass—are related to the spherical mass M_{200} through simple parametric relations.

Evolution in the x-ray temperature function was first observed by Henry (1997), who showed that the comoving number density of $\sim 5 \text{ keV}$ clusters at $z \sim 0.35$ was only slightly smaller than it is today. Assuming standard evolution of the mass-temperature relation, Eke *et al.* (1998) derived matter-density constraints $\Omega_M = 0.38 \pm 0.2$

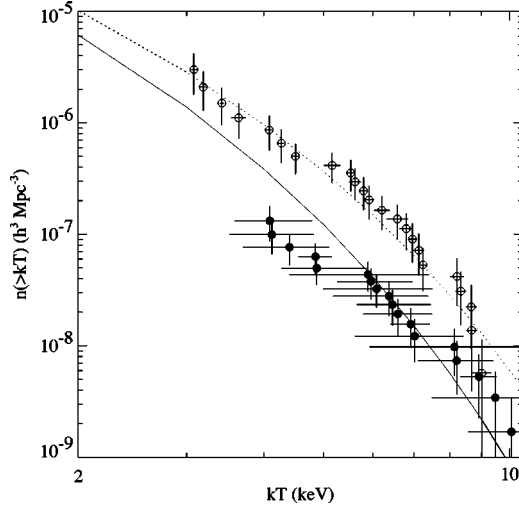


FIG. 8. Observed evolution in the integrated cluster temperature function $n(>kT)$ giving the comoving number density of clusters with temperatures exceeding kT : \circ , low-redshift temperature function from a sample of clusters with mean redshift $z=0.051$; \bullet , observed temperature function of clusters with a mean redshift of $z=0.429$. The data points in each case are correlated because $n(>kT)$ at a given temperature is a cumulative function depending on all data points at higher temperatures. Dotted line, predicted temperature functions at $z=0.051$; solid line, $z=0.429$ for the best-fitting model: $\Omega_M=0.28$, $\Omega_\Lambda=0.98$, $\sigma_8=0.68$. Figure from Henry, 2004.

for $\Omega_\Lambda=1-\Omega_M$ and $\Omega_M=0.44\pm 0.2$ for $\Omega_\Lambda=0$ from these data, using a maximum-likelihood analysis to take full advantage of the sparse temperature data. More conservative analyses that simply counted clusters hotter than a given temperature found weaker constraints (Viana and Liddle, 1999). Henry (2000, 2004) provided a complete discussion of the cluster temperature data and the maximum-likelihood analysis technique (see Fig. 8).

Temperature measurements of a handful of hot clusters at higher redshifts have shown that the rate of cluster temperature evolution remains modest at higher redshifts (Donahue, 1996; Donahue *et al.*, 1998, 1999; Henry, 2000). The comoving number density of ≥ 8 keV clusters at $z\sim 0.5-0.8$ is no less than about one-tenth of its current value, in strong disagreement with the standard expectation in an $\Omega_M=1$ universe (see Fig. 7). Including these hot, distant clusters in the analysis further strengthens the constraints on the matter density, ruling out $\Omega_M=1$ at the 3σ level for standard mass-temperature evolution (Bahcall and Fan, 1998; Donahue *et al.*, 1998; Donahue and Voit, 1999; Evrard *et al.*, 2002). In order for such hot clusters to exist in a flat, matter-dominated universe, the mass-temperature relation would have to evolve in a nonstandard way, with an increase in either the scatter or the normalization at $z\geq 0.5$. Evrard *et al.* (2002) have shown that the τ CDM mass function of Fig. 7 is consistent with the temperature-function observations only if the mass-temperature normalization factor T_{lum}/T_{200} is ~ 1.5 times higher at $z\sim 0.5$ than at present. Such a big change seems unlikely in light of alternative observations of these hot, high-redshift clusters that

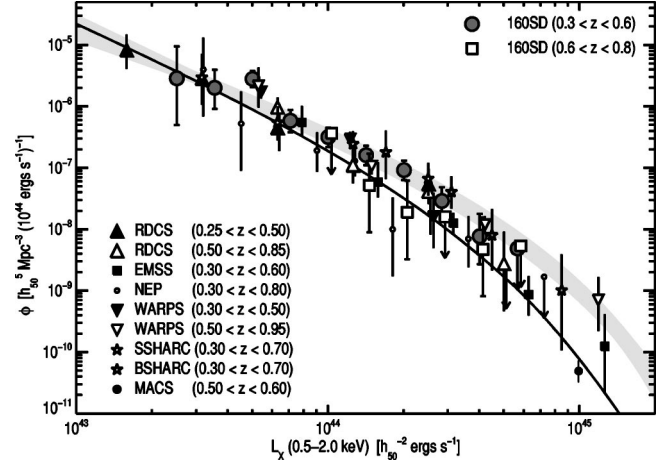


FIG. 9. Observed evolution in the cluster luminosity function, from many different cluster surveys spanning the range $0 \leq z \leq 1$. The vertical axis gives the luminosity functions derived from these surveys in terms of $\phi \equiv dn/dL_X$, and the shaded region shows the luminosity function at $z \approx 0$. Significant evolution is seen only at $L_X \geq 10^{45}$ erg s $^{-1}$, consistent with Λ CDM models with a moderate amount of evolution in the L_X - T relation (see Fig. 7). From Mullis *et al.*, 2004.

agree with the large masses inferred from the standard normalization (Luppino and Gioia, 1995; Donahue *et al.*, 1998; Tran *et al.*, 1999).

Observations of evolution in the x-ray luminosity function have greater statistical power because many more clusters have known luminosities than have known temperatures, but uncertainties in luminosity-temperature evolution dilute the constraints they place on Ω_M . Many x-ray surveys (see Fig. 9) have shown that the comoving number density of clusters at a given luminosity changes very little from redshift $z\sim 0.8$ to the present for $L_X \leq 10^{44}$ erg s $^{-1}$; significant evolution is seen only for clusters with $L_X \geq 10^{45}$ erg s $^{-1}$ (Rosati *et al.*, 2002; Mullis *et al.*, 2004). Evolution this mild is generally expected in cosmological models with $\Omega_M \approx 0.3$. Strong evolution in the luminosity-temperature relation must occur in models with $\Omega_M=1$ for the observed evolution in the luminosity function to be so weak (see Fig. 7). An extensive analysis by Borgani *et al.* (2001) of luminosity-function evolution in the *ROSAT* Deep Cluster Survey, which extends to $z\sim 1$, indicates that $\Omega_M=0.35^{+0.13}_{-0.10}$, where the error bars signify the 1σ confidence interval. Models with $\Omega_M=1$ fall outside the 3σ confidence interval, even when the normalization of the luminosity-temperature relation is allowed to vary with redshift as $L_X \propto T_{\text{lum}}(1+z)$.

The evolution of the baryon mass function observed with x-ray telescopes agrees with the conclusions drawn from the luminosity and temperature functions. Vikhlinin *et al.* (2003) have measured the baryon mass function in a sample of clusters at $z\sim 0.5$, finding that the comoving number density of massive clusters at that redshift is roughly one-tenth of the current value. This result im-

plies $\Omega_M = 0.25 \pm 0.1$ (1σ confidence interval) for $\Omega_\Lambda = 1 - \Omega_M$.

Optical studies concur that cluster evolution has been relatively modest since $z \sim 0.5$, buttressing the conclusion that $\Omega_M < 1$. In fact, the evolution of optically selected clusters appears even milder than the evolution in x-ray-selected clusters (Postman *et al.*, 2002), which would imply an even smaller value of Ω_M . However, it is not yet clear how much of this discrepancy arises from differences between the projected masses measured by optical surveys and the spherical masses measured by x-ray surveys.

4. Constraints on dark energy

Existing cluster surveys, taken by themselves, do not yet place strong constraints on dark energy, but that situation is likely to change in the coming decade, with the advent of large, deep cluster surveys in the optical, x-ray, and microwave bands. Currently, the most interesting information that clusters provide about dark energy comes from combining the results of cluster surveys with other information. If the overall geometry of the universe is indeed flat, as seems quite evident from the temperature patterns in the cosmic microwave background (see, for example, Spergel *et al.*, 2003), then the matter density inferred from clusters implies $\Omega_\Lambda = 1 - \Omega_M = 0.7 \pm 0.1$, in agreement with measurements of Ω_Λ from the supernova magnitude-redshift relation (Riess *et al.*, 1998; Perlmutter *et al.*, 1999). Geometrical arguments involving clusters provide weaker support for this conclusion. If the baryon fraction of clusters at a given temperature is assumed to remain constant with time, then the transverse sizes of clusters as a function of redshift can be used to constrain the geometry of the universe. Studies using such methods disfavor $\Omega_\Lambda = 0$ (Mohr *et al.*, 2000; Arnaud *et al.*, 2002; Allen *et al.*, 2004).

Large cluster surveys extending to $z \sim 1$ have the potential to place much stronger constraints on the dark-energy parameters Ω_Λ and w , independent of other information, as long as these surveys are large enough to permit self-calibration of the mass-observable relationships (Holder *et al.*, 2001; Levine *et al.*, 2002; Weller *et al.*, 2002). The accuracy achievable with self-calibration depends critically on the nature of cluster evolution, because the self-calibration procedure requires evolution of the relevant mass-observable relation to be expressed in a parametric form. Constraints on the cosmological parameters are considerably weaker if the actual evolution does not follow the assumed parametric form. However, cross-calibration of mass-observable evolution through intensive supplementary observations of a small subset of the large survey restores much of the potential inherent in self-calibration (Majumdar and Mohr, 2003).

Including information on cluster bias inherent in a large cluster survey further tightens the constraints on dark energy. Because the tendency of clusters to cluster with one another depends in a simple way on the cosmological model (Sec. III.B.5), folding this information into the self-calibration procedure improves the accu-

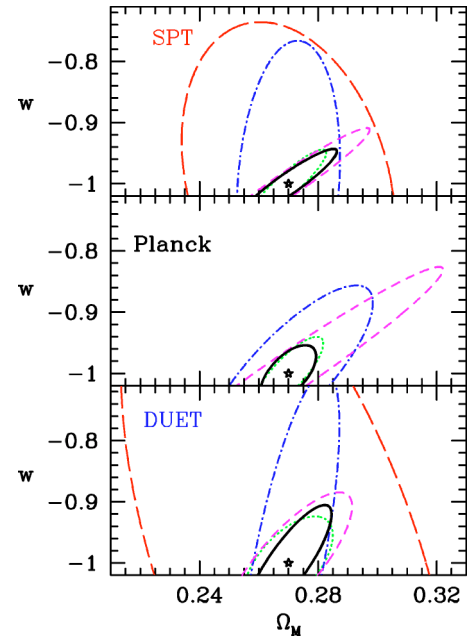


FIG. 10. (Color in online edition) Expected constraints on cosmological parameters from self-calibrated surveys. The SPT and *Planck* surveys will find 20 000–30 000 clusters through the Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect. DUET is a proposed x-ray survey designed to find $\sim 20\,000$ clusters. Dotted lines, the expected constraints on w and Ω_M from self-calibration if redshift evolution of the cluster observables behaves exactly according to the standard scaling relations, allowing the redshift dependences of those scaling relations to be fixed; long-dashed lines, loosening of constraints when redshift evolution is determined as part of the self-calibration; dot-dashed lines, tightening of constraints when information about cluster bias is included in the calibration. Solid lines, best-case scenario in which the self-calibration includes both information about cluster bias and supplementary followup calibrations of a small subset of the survey. From Majumdar and Mohr, 2004.

racy with which cosmological parameters can be measured (Majumdar and Mohr, 2004). Figure 10 shows how the estimated constraints on Ω_M and w tighten when information about cluster bias is added. It assumes that the universe is flat ($\Omega_\Lambda = 1 - \Omega_M$) and considers three different planned cluster surveys: two large Sunyaev-Zeldovich surveys (SPT and *Planck*) and a large x-ray survey (DUET), each of which will find 20 000–30 000 clusters to $z \gtrsim 1$ (see Majumdar and Mohr, 2004, for details). In the most optimistic cases, the parameters Ω_M , Ω_Λ , and w will be measured with $\sim 5\%$ accuracy.

A large survey also minimizes the sample variance that arises from cluster bias (Evrard *et al.*, 2002; Hu and Kravtsov, 2003). Because clusters tend to be clustered, the variance in the number of clusters within small sample volumes is larger than the Gaussian expectation, adding systematic uncertainty to the measured mass function. This effect is generally not large for current cluster surveys but should be taken into account if one is designing a cluster survey for making high-precision cosmological measurements.

In summary, observations of cluster evolution already constrain the density of gravitating matter to be $\Omega_M \approx 0.3 \pm 0.1$, meaning that $\Omega_\Lambda \approx 0.7 \pm 0.1$ if the universe is flat. Using this value of Ω_M to break the Ω_M - σ_8 degeneracy leads to $\sigma_8 \approx 0.7$ – 1.0 , depending on the mass-temperature calibration. The major source of uncertainty in all these cosmological parameters is not the statistics of the survey but rather uncertainties in the normalization and rate of evolution in the mass-observable relations. In order to better understand these relations and how they evolve, we need to know how galaxy formation affects the evolution of the stuff we can observe—the baryons in clusters. That is where we turn our attention next.

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE BARYONIC COMPONENT

Those who are cosmologists at heart are interested in how galaxy formation affects the intracluster medium, primarily because they would like to know how to measure cluster masses more accurately. Those who are astronomers at heart are interested in the intracluster medium as well, but for them its main attraction is that the hot gas contains valuable information about the physical processes that govern galaxy formation. Clarifying the connections between galaxy formation and the mass-observable relations is therefore important to both of these lines of research.

One of the nagging mysteries in our current picture of the universe is why so few of the universe's baryons have turned into stars (White and Rees, 1978; Cole, 1991; White and Frenk, 1991). Numerical simulations of cosmological structure formation that include baryonic hydrodynamics and the radiative cooling processes that lead to galaxy formation predict that $\approx 20\%$ of the baryons should have condensed into galaxies, but fewer than $\sim 10\%$ have been found in the form of stars (Balogh, Pearce, *et al.*, 2001). Some form of feedback, involving supernovae and perhaps outflows from active galactic nuclei, seems to have stymied condensation, but we are still largely ignorant about how this feedback works.

Galactic winds like those observed from nearby starburst galaxies, in which multiple clustered supernovae are driving the powerful outflows, are likely to be important in regulating early star formation, but observational constraints on the mass and energy flux in such winds are sketchy at best (Martin, 1999; Heckman, 2002), particularly at high redshift (Pettini *et al.*, 2000, 2001; Adelberger *et al.*, 2003). These galactic winds presumably had a dramatic impact on the intergalactic medium and subsequent galaxy formation, with effects that may have persisted until the present day (Benson and Madau, 2003; Oh and Benson, 2003). Likewise, quasars and other forms of activity driven by black-hole growth in the nuclei of young galaxies may have produced powerful outflows with lasting consequences for the intergalactic gas, but the energy input from these objects is still highly uncertain (Voit, 1994, 1996; Inoue and Sasaki, 2001; Nath and Roychowdhury, 2002; Scannapieco and Oh, 2004).

Unfortunately, the low-redshift intergalactic medium, where most of the universe's baryons are thought to reside, is notoriously hard to observe. Because the majority of this gaseous matter remains undetected, it is sometimes referred to as the “missing baryons” (see, for example, Cen and Ostriker, 1999). A handful of quasars are bright enough beacons for probing the missing baryons via absorption-line studies with the ultraviolet spectrographs on the Hubble Space Telescope (Shull *et al.*, 1996; Penton *et al.*, 2002), and that number will increase if the Cosmic Origins Spectrograph is installed on Hubble. However, the inferences drawn from such studies depend critically on the uncertain heavy-element abundance and ionization state of these intergalactic clouds (Tripp *et al.*, 2000; Shull *et al.*, 2003).

Clusters of galaxies are still the only places in the universe where we have anything approaching a complete accounting of intergalactic baryons, their thermal state, and their heavy-element enrichment. Thus observations of the intracluster medium can provide unique insights into the cooling and feedback processes that govern galaxy formation. In order to interpret the signatures of galaxy formation in the intracluster medium, we need to understand how the thermodynamic properties of today's clusters are linked to the physics of the intergalactic baryons at $z \gtrsim 2$, the epoch of galaxy formation.

This section of the review discusses the current understanding of the interactions between galaxy formation and the intracluster medium, focusing in particular on how those interactions affect the mass-observable relations so crucial to cosmology. It begins by outlining the properties that clusters would have if radiative cooling of the universe's baryons and subsequent galaxy formation were suppressed. Because these properties do not agree with observations, radiative cooling and galaxy formation must somehow have altered the structure of the intracluster medium, with important consequences for the mass-observable relations. The middle of this section summarizes some of the recent progress that has been made in understanding the role of galaxy formation and its impact on the observable properties of clusters. The section concludes with a brief discussion of the existing constraints on baryon condensation in clusters.

A. Structure formation and gravitational heating

People who study clusters of galaxies are sometimes asked how the x-ray-emitting gas gets so hot. The answer to that question is simple. If radiative cooling is negligible, then gravitationally driven processes will heat diffuse gas to the virial temperature of the potential well that confines it. A tougher question would be to ask why the intracluster medium has the density that it does. In order to answer that question, one needs to know what produces the entropy of the x-ray-emitting gas. Without galaxy formation in the picture, shocks driven by hierarchical structure formation are the only source of entropy for the intracluster medium, and this mode of entropy production leads to clusters whose density and temperature structures are nearly self-similar.

1. Intracluster entropy

Entropy is of fundamental importance for two reasons: it determines the structure of the intracluster medium, and it records the thermodynamic history of the cluster's gas. Entropy determines structure because high-entropy gas floats and low-entropy gas sinks. A cluster's intergalactic gas therefore convects until its isentropic surfaces coincide with the equipotential surfaces of the dark-matter potential. Thus the entropy distribution of a cluster's gas and the shape of the dark-matter potential well in which that gas sits completely determine the large-scale x-ray properties of a relaxed cluster of galaxies. The gas density profile $\rho_g(r)$ and temperature profile $T(r)$ of the intracluster medium in this state of convective and hydrostatic equilibrium are just manifestations of its entropy distribution.

This review adopts the approach of other work in this field and defines “entropy” to be

$$K \equiv \frac{k_B T}{\mu m_p \rho_g^{2/3}}. \quad (63)$$

The quantity K is the constant of proportionality in the equation of state $P = K \rho_g^{5/3}$ for an adiabatic monatomic gas and is directly related to the standard thermodynamic entropy per particle, $s = k_B \ln K^{3/2} + s_0$, where s_0 is a constant that depends only on fundamental constants and the mixture of particle masses. Another quantity frequently called “entropy” in the cluster literature is $S = k_B T n_e^{-2/3}$. In order to avoid confusion with the classical definition of entropy, we shall call this quantity K_e . For the typical elemental abundances in the intracluster medium, one can convert between these definitions using the relation

$$K_e = k_B T n_e^{-2/3} = 960 \text{ keV cm}^2 \left(\frac{K}{10^{34} \text{ erg cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-5/3}} \right). \quad (64)$$

A cluster achieves convective equilibrium when $dK/dr \geq 0$ everywhere, and the entropy distribution that determines the gas configuration in this state can be expressed as $K(M_g)$, where the inverse relation $M_g(K)$ is the mass of gas with entropy $< K$.

Comparisons between the entropy distributions of clusters that differ in mass can be simplified by casting those distributions into dimensionless form (see, for example, Voit *et al.*, 2002). Combining the mean density of dark matter within the scale radius r_{200} , the global baryon fraction $f_b = \Omega_b / \Omega_M$, and the characteristic halo temperature T_{200} gives the characteristic entropy scale

$$K_{200} = \frac{k_B T_{200}}{\mu m_p (200 f_b \rho_{cr})^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2\pi G^2 M_{200}}{15 f_b H(z)} \right]^{2/3}. \quad (65)$$

For $f_b = 0.022 h^{-2}$, this entropy scale reduces to

$$K_{e,200} = 362 k_B T_{lum} \text{ cm}^2 \left(\frac{T_{200}}{T_{lum}} \right) \times \left[\frac{H(z)}{H_0} \right]^{-4/3} \left(\frac{\Omega_M}{0.3} \right)^{-4/3}. \quad (66)$$

Writing the entropy scale in this way makes explicit the fact that the observed temperature of a cluster is not necessarily a reliable guide to the characteristic entropy K_{200} of its halo. If the intracluster medium of a real cluster is either hotter or cooler than T_{200} , then one must apply the correction factor T_{200}/T_{lum} when computing the cluster's value of K_{200} .

2. Entropy generation by smooth accretion

One way to approach the problem of gravitationally driven entropy generation is through spherically symmetric models of smooth accretion, in which gas passes through an accretion shock as it enters the cluster (Knight and Ponman, 1997; Tozzi and Norman, 2001; Voit *et al.*, 2003). If the incoming gas is cold, then the accretion shock is the sole source of intracluster entropy. If, instead, the incoming gas has been heated before passing through the accretion shock, then the Mach number of the shock is smaller, and the intracluster entropy level reflects both the amount of preheating and the production of entropy at the accretion shock.

Let us first consider the case of cold accreting gas, in which the pressure and entropy of the incoming gas are negligible. Suppose that mass accretes in a series of concentric shells, each with baryon fraction f_b , that initially comove with the Hubble flow as in the spherical collapse model of Sec. III.B.1. In this simple model, a shell that initially encloses total mass M reaches zero velocity at the turnaround radius r_{ta} and falls back through an accretion shock at a radius r_{ac} in the neighborhood of the virial radius $r_{ta}/2$.

Because the cold accreting gas is effectively pressureless, the equations that determine the post-shock entropy are

$$\dot{M}_g = 4\pi r_{ac}^2 \rho_1 v_{ac}, \quad (67)$$

$$v_{ac}^2 = \frac{2GM}{r_{ta}}, \quad (68)$$

$$k_B T_2 = \frac{1}{3} \mu m_p v_{ac}^2, \quad (69)$$

$$\rho_2 = 4\rho_1, \quad (70)$$

where $\dot{M}_g = f_b \dot{M}$ is the gas accretion rate, ρ_1 is the pre-shock gas density, T_2 and ρ_2 are post-shock quantities, and the accretion radius has been set to $r_{ac} = r_{ta}/2$. Equations (69) and (70) are restatements of the jump conditions for strong shocks, assuming that the post-shock velocity is negligible in the cluster rest frame (Landau and Lifshitz, 1959; Cavaliere *et al.*, 1997) and Eq. (68) is exact only for cosmologies with $\Omega_\Lambda = 0$.

The post-shock entropy produced by smooth accretion of cold gas at time t is therefore

$$K_{\text{sm}} = \frac{v_{\text{ac}}^2}{3(4\rho_1)^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\pi G^2}{f_b} \right)^{2/3} \left[\frac{d \ln M}{d \ln t} \right]^{-2/3} (Mt)^{2/3}. \quad (71)$$

Because the entropy generated at the shock front increases monotonically with time, such an idealized cluster never convects, but rather accretes shells of baryons as if they were onion skins. The resulting entropy distribution in dimensionless form is

$$\frac{K_{\text{sm}}(M_g)}{K_{200}} = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{15}{2} \right)^{2/3} (H_0 t_0)^{2/3} \times \left[\frac{d \ln \eta}{d \ln t} \right]^{-2/3} \left[\frac{\eta t(\eta)}{t_0} \right]^{2/3}, \quad (72)$$

where $\eta \equiv M_g(t)/f_b M_{200}(t_0)$ is effectively a radial coordinate corresponding to the amount of gas accreted by time t divided by the amount accreted by the present time t_0 . Given these assumptions, the entropy profile arising from smooth accretion of cold gas depends entirely on the mass accretion history $M(t)$, and the profiles of objects with similar accretion histories should be self-similar with respect to K_{200} .

This simple model yields entropy distributions whose overall shape agrees with cluster observations (Voit *et al.*, 2003). The rate at which a cluster accretes matter through hierarchical structure formation depends on the growth function $D(t)$ and the power-law slope $\alpha_M \equiv d \ln \sigma^{-1} / d \ln M$ of the perturbation spectrum on the mass scale of the cluster: $M(t) \propto [D(t)]^{1/2\alpha_M}$ (Lacey and Cole, 1993; Voit and Donahue, 1998). Clusters ranging in mass from $10^{14} M_\odot$ to $10^{15} M_\odot$ grow roughly as $M(t) \propto t$ to $M(t) \propto t^2$ in the concordance model (Tozzi and Norman, 2001; Voit *et al.*, 2003). Plugging these growth rates into Eq. (72) leads to entropy distributions between $K \propto M_g$ and $K \propto M_g^{4/3}$. Throughout much of a cluster, the gas mass encompassed within a given radius rises approximately linearly with radius (Sec. II.B.1), meaning that the $K(r)$ relation should be slightly steeper than linear. Numerical models of smooth accretion by Tozzi and Norman (2001) find $K(r) \propto r^{1.1}$. The entropy profile observed outside the core regions of clusters also obeys $K(r) \propto r^{1.1}$ (Pratt and Arnaud, 2002, 2003), but the extent to which this agreement is coincidental is not clear.

If the accreting gas is not cold, then the intracluster entropy profile produced by smooth accretion has an isentropic core with an entropy level similar to the pre-shock entropy (Balogh *et al.*, 1999; Tozzi and Norman, 2001). A nonzero initial entropy level K_1 changes the cold-accretion model outlined above by altering the jump conditions represented by Eqs. (69) and (70). When K_1 is no larger than the entropy generated at the accretion shock, then the entropy profile created by smooth accretion of warm gas can be closely approximated by adding $0.84K_1$ to the entropy profile $K_{\text{sm}}(M_g)$ from the cold-accretion case (Dos Santos and Doré,

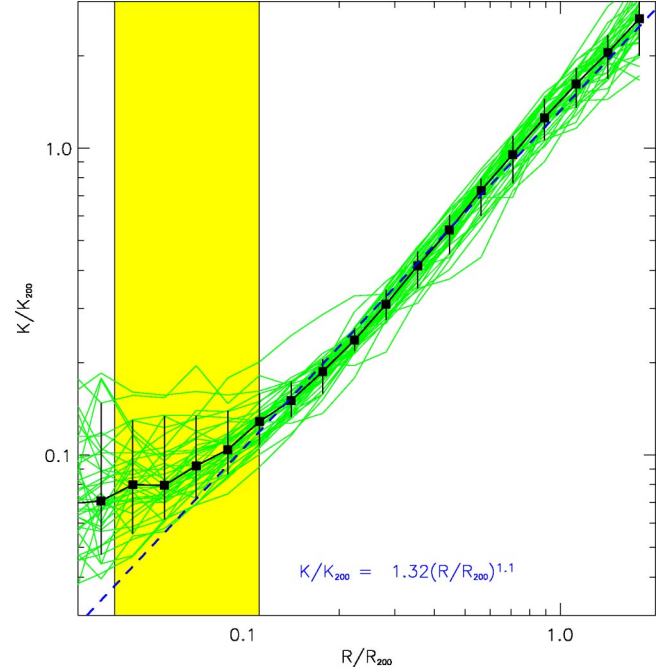


FIG. 11. (Color in online edition) Dimensionless entropy K/K_{200} as a function of scale radius r/r_{200} for 30 clusters simulated without radiative cooling or feedback: ■, the median profile; dashed line, the power-law relation $K/K_{200} = 1.32(r/r_{200})^{1.1}$. Most of the entropy profiles shown lie close to this relation in the radial range $0.1 \lesssim r/r_{200} \lesssim 1.0$. At smaller radii, the entropy profiles generally flatten, and their dispersion increases. This flattening is likely to be a real effect, as it sets in well outside the shaded box showing the gravitational softening length of the simulation.

2002; Voit *et al.*, 2003). If K_1 is larger than K_{sm} , then the accretion shock is weak or nonexistent, and accretion is nearly adiabatic, leading to an isentropic entropy profile with the constant value K_1 .

3. Entropy generation by hierarchical merging

In real clusters the accreting gas is lumpy, not smooth, which transforms the nature of entropy generation. Incoming gas associated with accreting sublumps of matter enters the cluster with a wide range of densities. There is no well-defined accretion shock, but rather a complex network of shocks as different lumps of infalling gas mix with the intracluster medium of the main halo. Numerical simulations of this process beginning with cosmological initial conditions produce clusters that have nearly self-similar entropy structure (e.g., Navarro *et al.*, 1995), as expected from the scaling properties of hierarchical structure formation (Kaiser, 1986).

Figure 11 shows entropy profiles of 40 clusters generated with a numerical simulation of a Λ CDM cosmology, including hydrodynamics but not radiative cooling (Kay, 2004; Voit *et al.*, 2005). The masses of these clusters span more than a factor of 30, but when their entropy profiles are divided by the appropriate value of K_{200} , they lie nearly on top of one another, at least outside the approximate core radius $0.1r_{200}$. This result is not unique to

the simulation method. All codes with sufficiently high resolution find that nonradiative clusters have approximately self-similar entropy structure and, consequently, self-similar density and temperature structure (Frenk *et al.*, 1999; Voit *et al.*, 2005).

The self-similarity of the entropy profile in nonradiative clusters is a very useful point of comparison for investigating the effects of galaxy formation. Deviations from this baseline profile are likely to be due to a combination of radiative cooling and the feedback processes that ensue. Voit *et al.* (2005) find that a good representation of the baseline entropy profile produced outside the cores of clusters by hierarchical structure formation is given by the power law $K_{\text{PL}} = (1.32 \pm 0.2) K_{200} (r/r_{200})^{1.1}$. Specifying the baseline entropy profile within the cluster core ($< 0.1 r_{200}$) is more difficult, both because there is more dispersion in that region among simulated clusters and because the results there depend somewhat on the hydrodynamical method used in the simulations.

Another notable aspect of self-similarity in nonradiative clusters is that the gas density profile and the dark-matter density profile outside $0.1 r_{200}$ have virtually identical shapes (Navarro *et al.*, 1995; Frenk *et al.*, 1999). This feature leads to another useful approximation to the entropy profiles of nonradiative clusters (Bryan, 2000). One can specify the gas density profile by assuming that it obeys a Navarro-Frank-White density profile (Sec. III.B.2) with the same concentration as the dark matter and a total baryon mass $f_b M_{200}$ within r_{200} and then compute the temperature profile that would keep the gas in hydrostatic equilibrium. The temperature and density profiles in this kind of model approximately obey the polytropic relation $T(r) \propto [\rho(r)]^{\gamma_{\text{eff}}-1}$, with $\gamma_{\text{eff}} \approx 1.1-1.2$ (Komatsu and Seljak, 2001; Voit *et al.*, 2002). Combining them produces an alternative baseline entropy profile that depends on the concentration parameter c_{200} of the dark-matter halo and that this review will denote as $K_{\text{NFW}}(r)$.

Despite the complexity of the shock structure in hierarchical accretion, the numerically simulated entropy profiles are similar in shape to those created by smooth accretion models (Borgani, Rosati, *et al.*, 2001; Borgani, Governato, *et al.*, 2002). However, these profiles have lower overall entropy levels than the smooth accretion profiles (Voit *et al.*, 2003). Figure 12 demonstrates this point by comparing the two approximations, K_{PL} and K_{NFW} , of simulated nonradiative clusters with two entropy profiles drawn from smooth accretion models, one from the numerical computations of Tozzi and Norman (2001) and the other from Eq. (72), assuming $M \propto t^{3/2}$ and $H_0 t_0 = 1$, which are reasonable assumptions for Λ CDM models.

The likely reason for this discrepancy is that smooth accretion maximizes entropy production because it minimizes the mean mass-weighted density of accreting gas (Ponman *et al.*, 2003; Voit *et al.*, 2003). Smoothing the accreting gas does not change the accretion velocity but does reduce the mean density of accreting gas lumps. Because post-shock entropy scales as $v_{\text{ac}}^2 \rho_1^{-2/3}$, the mean

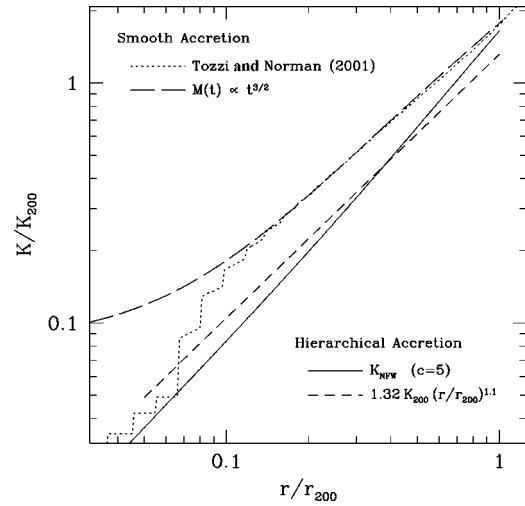


FIG. 12. Entropy profiles from smooth accretion and hierarchical accretion. Smoothing of the gas accreting onto a cluster boosts entropy production while maintaining the characteristic $K(r) \propto r^{1.1}$ entropy profile. The two lower lines show approximate entropy profiles produced by (short-dashed line) hierarchical accretion, including the power-law expression from Fig. 11 and (solid line) the K_{NFW} model described in the text, with $c_{200}=5$. The two upper lines show entropy profiles resulting from smooth accretion models, including (dotted line) a profile computed by Tozzi and Norman (2001) for a $10^{15} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$ cluster with 300 keV cm^2 of preheating and radiative cooling implemented and (long-dashed line) a profile computed from Eq. (72) and preheating amounting to $0.1 K_{200}$. The two smooth models run roughly parallel to the hierarchical accretion models but their normalizations are ~ 1.5 times higher.

entropy of lumpy accreted gas is therefore less than in the smooth-accretion case. This effect of smoothing might not be entirely academic, because the observed entropy profiles of low-temperature clusters show a similar entropy boost relative to the baseline profile (Voit and Ponman, 2003; Voit *et al.*, 2005).

4. Observed entropy profiles

Astronomers have known for more than a decade that the structure of the intracluster medium in real clusters cannot be self-similar because the luminosity-temperature relation of clusters does not agree with self-similar scaling (Edge and Stewart, 1991; Evrard and Henry, 1991; Kaiser, 1991; Sec. III.C.3). Only within the last couple of years has the nature of that deviation from self-similarity become clear. High-quality cluster observations with the XMM-Newton satellite are showing that intracluster entropy profiles have the $K(r) \propto r^{1.1}$ shape characteristic of gravitational structure formation outside of the core, but the overall normalization of these profiles scales as $T_{\text{lum}}^{2/3}$ instead of T_{lum} , as in the baseline profiles (Pratt and Arnaud, 2003). Analyses of much larger cluster samples observed with earlier x-ray telescopes have arrived at the same conclusion. Instead of self-similarity with $K(r/r_{200}) \propto T_{\text{lum}}$, Ponman *et al.* (2003) find altered similarity with $K(r/r_{200}) \propto T_{\text{lum}}^{2/3}$ at both

the core radius $0.1r_{200}$ and farther out in clusters, at the scale radius $r_{500} \approx 0.66r_{200}$. The question to be answered is therefore how galaxy formation and feedback manage to produce such a shift in the overall normalization of cluster entropy profiles without substantially changing their shape.

B. Galaxy formation and feedback

In the decade since astronomers became aware of similarity breaking in clusters there have been many numerical simulations devoted to understanding it. Our understanding of this problem remains incomplete because including galaxy formation in cosmological models of cluster formation is a formidable computational challenge, requiring codes that simulate three-dimensional hydrodynamics spanning an enormous dynamical range in length scales and that track a large number of physical processes. The volume required to model a cosmologically significant sample of clusters is of order 10^{26} cm in linear scale. Individual galaxies have sizes $\sim 10^{23}$ cm, star-forming regions within those galaxies can be as small as 10^{19} cm, and the stars themselves are only $\sim 10^{11}$ cm in size. Sophisticated hydrodynamical techniques are now able to model the formation of the first stars from cosmological initial conditions (Abel *et al.*, 2002), but are far from being able to track in detail the formation of an entire galaxy's worth of stars, let alone all the feedback processes that can occur.

For the time being, the difficulty of solving this problem from first principles means that modelers have to be selective about the physical processes and conditions that merit modeling. Important clues to what the essential processes are can be gleaned from the observed characteristics of clusters. This part of the review sifts through some of those clues, showing that radiative cooling is likely to be the process that sets the entropy scale of similarity breaking but that radiative cooling cannot act alone. Otherwise, too much baryonic matter would condense into stars and cold gas clouds.

1. Preheating

Early approaches to the problem of similarity breaking in clusters postulated that some sort of heating process imposed a universal minimum entropy—an *entropy floor*—on the intergalactic gas before it collected into clusters (Evrard and Henry, 1991; Kaiser, 1991). Imposing a global entropy floor helps to bring the theoretical L_X - T_{lum} relation into better agreement with observations because this extra entropy makes the gas harder to compress in cluster cores, where entropy is smallest, particularly in the shallower potential wells of low-temperature clusters. This resistance to compression breaks cluster similarity by lowering the core density and therefore the x-ray emissivity in low- T clusters more than in high- T clusters, thereby steepening the L_X - T_{lum} relation.

According to this preheating picture, the core entropy level and scaling relations of clusters should reflect the

global entropy floor produced at early times. Initial measurements of entropy at the core radius $r_{0.1}$ demonstrated that low-temperature clusters had greater amounts of entropy than expected from self-similarity and suggested that the level of the entropy floor was $\sim 135 \text{ keV cm}^2$ (Ponman *et al.*, 1999; Lloyd-Davies *et al.*, 2000). This result matched well with numerical simulations of cluster formation with preheating levels of 50 – 100 keV cm^2 that produced clusters with approximately the right L_X - T_{lum} relation (Bialek *et al.*, 2001).

However, simple preheating now appears to be too crude an explanation for similarity breaking. In the preheating picture, low-temperature clusters should have large isentropic cores (Balogh *et al.*, 1999; Tozzi and Norman, 2001), but this prediction disagrees with the observations showing that the shapes of cluster entropy profiles do not depend significantly on temperature (Sec. IV.A.4). In addition, the abundant evidence for intergalactic gas at $\lesssim 10^5 \text{ K}$ from quasar absorption-line studies clearly shows that preheating cannot be global at $z \gtrsim 2$, and the preheating models themselves do not explain why the level of the entropy floor should be $\sim 135 \text{ keV cm}^2$.

2. Radiative cooling

In contrast, the observed entropy scale of similarity breaking emerges naturally from the process of radiative cooling. Intergalactic gas both inside and outside of clusters radiates thermal energy at a rate given by the cooling function $\Lambda_c(T)$, described in more detail in Sec. II.B.1. Cooling that radiates an energy Δq per particle reduces the entropy by $\Delta \ln K^{3/2} = \Delta q / k_B T$. Thus the equation expressing these radiative losses can be written

$$\frac{dK^{3/2}}{dt} = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{K_c^{3/2}(T)}{t_0}, \quad (73)$$

where

$$K_c(T) = \left[\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{n_e n_p}{\rho^2} \right) \frac{(k_B T)^{1/2} \Lambda_c(T)}{(\mu m_p)^{1/2}} \right]^{2/3} t_0^{2/3} \quad (74)$$

is the entropy level at which constant-density gas at temperature T radiates an energy equivalent to its thermal energy in the time t_0 . The latter formula reduces to

$$K_c(T) \approx 81 \text{ keV cm}^2 \left(\frac{t_0}{14 \text{ Gyr}} \right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{T}{1 \text{ keV}} \right)^{2/3} \quad (75)$$

when pure bremsstrahlung cooling is assumed.

The fact that the entropy threshold below which gas cools within the universe's lifetime is close to the entropy floor inferred from clusters with $\sim 2 \text{ keV}$ temperatures suggests that radiative cooling sets the entropy scale for similarity breaking (Voit and Bryan, 2001). Voit and Ponman (2003) further quantify this point. Figure 13 shows how entropy measurements at $0.1r_{200}$ in a large sample of clusters (Ponman *et al.*, 2003) compare with the cooling threshold $K_c(T)$ for gas with heavy-element abundances equal to 30% of their solar values relative to hydrogen. Both the measured core entropies and the en-

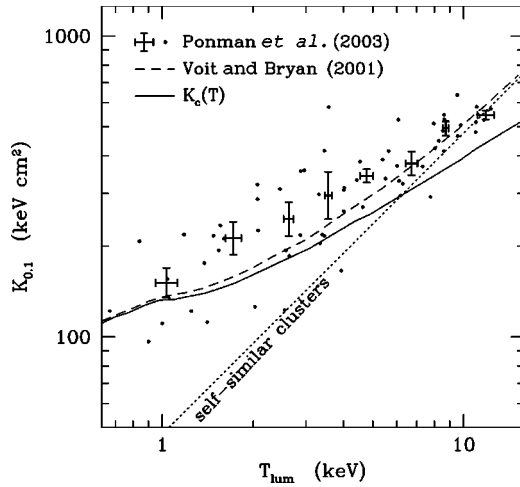


FIG. 13. Comparison of entropy measured at $0.1r_{200}$ and the cooling threshold in a large sample of clusters: small points, entropy $K_{0.1}$ measured at $0.1r_{200}$ in a sample of 64 clusters; points with error bars, the mean entropy measurement in temperature bins of eight clusters each; dotted line, mean entropy predicted by simulations of clusters without radiative cooling of feedback; solid line, value of the cooling threshold $K_c(T)$ computed for heavy-element abundances 0.3 times their solar values and $t_0 = 14$ Gyr; dashed line, entropy predicted at $0.1r_{200}$ by the simple analytical model. From Voit and Ponman, 2003.

tropy threshold for cooling scale as $T^{2/3}$, and they are approximately equal, although the scatter in the data is quite significant.

Section IV.C.1 below shows that radiative cooling also accounts well for the scaling relations of global x-ray properties like L_X and T_{lum} with mass. However, casting Eq. (75) in dimensionless form illustrates why at least some feedback must compensate for cooling:

$$\frac{K_c(T)}{K_{200}} \approx 0.2(Ht)^{2/3} \left[\frac{H(z)}{H_0} \right]^{2/3} \left(\frac{T}{1 \text{ keV}} \right)^{-1/3}. \quad (76)$$

The cooling threshold in low-temperature clusters at the present time is $\sim 20\%$ of the characteristic entropy K_{200} , and it is greater than that if emission-line cooling from heavy elements is included. At earlier times, the dimensionless cooling threshold is even higher, meaning that a large proportion of the baryons belonging to the progenitor objects that ultimately assembled into present-day clusters should have condensed into stars or cold gas clouds. This is one of the manifestations of the classic overcooling problem of hierarchical galaxy formation (White and Rees, 1978; Cole, 1991; Blanchard *et al.*, 1992). Because the observed mass ratio of stars to hot gas in clusters is only about 10% (Sec. IV.D), wholesale baryon condensation does not seem to have happened.

Recognition of this overcooling problem led Voit and Bryan (2001) to propose a way for radiative cooling to determine the entropy scale of similarity breaking without acting alone. The basic idea is that gas with entropy less than $K_c(T)$ cannot persist indefinitely. It must either cool and condense or be heated until its entropy exceeds $K_c(T)$. At any given time, feedback is triggered by con-

densing gas parcels with entropy less than the cooling threshold and acts until those parcels are eliminated by either cooling, heating, or some combination of the two. Thus the joint action of cooling and feedback imprints an entropy scale corresponding to the cooling threshold, regardless of how strong the feedback is. This kind of effect has now been seen in a number of numerical simulations that include cooling and differing forms of feedback (Borgani, Governato, *et al.*, 2002; Davé *et al.*, 2002; Borgani, Murante, *et al.*, 2003; Kay *et al.*, 2003; Valdarnini, 2003).

The fact that similarity breaking is not very sensitive to the efficiency of feedback is good news for cosmologists but bad news for astrophysicists. It offers hope that we can understand the mass-observable relations of clusters without solving all the messy astrophysical problems of feedback. Yet, it also implies that the mass-observable relations alone do not tell us much about the nature of that feedback. Instead, we must look to the spatially resolved entropy profiles of clusters (Voit and Ponman, 2003; Kay, 2004) and the ratio of condensed baryons to hot gas in clusters (Balogh, Pearce, *et al.*, 2001; Borgani, Governato, *et al.*, 2002; Borgani, Mutante, *et al.*, 2003; Kay *et al.*, 2003).

3. Feedback from supernovae

Supernovae are the most obvious candidates for supplying the feedback that suppresses condensation, but it is not clear that supernova heating and the galactic winds it drives can provide enough entropy to keep the fraction of condensed baryons below about 15%. Heavy-element abundances in clusters imply that the total amount of supernova energy released during a cluster's history amounts to $\sim 0.3\text{--}1$ keV per gas particle in the intracluster medium (Finoguenov, Arnaud, and David, 2001; Pipino *et al.*, 2002). The amount of energy input needed to explain the mass-observable relations while avoiding overcooling is ~ 1 keV (Wu *et al.*, 2001; Voit *et al.*, 2002; Tornatore *et al.*, 2003) at the upper end of the range inferred from heavy elements, but the transfer of supernova energy to the intracluster medium must be highly efficient, which seems unlikely (Kravtsov and Yepes, 2000). Supernova energy would have to be converted almost entirely to thermal energy with very little radiated away.

In order to avoid radiative losses, supernova heating must raise the entropy of the gas it heats to at least 100 keV cm^2 . An evenly distributed thermal energy input of order 1 keV would therefore have to go into gas significantly less dense than 10^{-3} cm^{-3} to avoid such losses. Gas near the centers of present-day clusters, not to mention the galaxies where supernovae occur, is denser than that, particularly at earlier times when most of the star formation happened. Simulations that spread supernova feedback evenly therefore produce too many condensed baryons in clusters (Borgani, Governato, *et al.*, 2002). Artificial algorithms that target supernova feedback at gas parcels that would otherwise cool are more successful at preventing overcooling (Kay *et al.*,

2003). However, efforts to implement a more realistic version of targeted feedback in the form of galactic winds are still not entirely successful at preventing overcooling (Borgani, Murante, *et al.*, 2003).

It remains to be seen whether supernova feedback alone can account for the observed entropy profiles of clusters. Voit *et al.* (2003) and Ponman *et al.* (2003) have proposed that entropy input from galactic winds preceding the accretion of gas onto clusters could lead to a form of entropy amplification that would explain the observations. If galactic winds are strong enough to significantly smooth out the lumpiness of the local intergalactic gas, then the mode of accretion of this gas onto clusters will be closer to smooth accretion than to hierarchical accretion, thereby boosting the entropy generated through accretion shocks without changing the profile's characteristic shape. This effect is a plausible explanation for the altered similarity of the observed entropy profiles, but it has not yet been thoroughly tested in simulations. Intriguing results by Kay (2004) show that an extremely targeted feedback model, in which supernovae heat the local gas to 1000 keV cm^2 , successfully reproduces both the normalization and shape of the observed entropy profiles.

4. Feedback from active galactic nuclei

If supernovae cannot prevent overcooling, then perhaps supermassive black holes in the nuclei of galaxies are what stop it (Valageas and Silk, 1999; Wu *et al.*, 2001; Cavaliere *et al.*, 2002). The omnipresence of supermassive black holes at the centers of galaxies (Magorrian *et al.*, 1998) and the excellent correlation of their masses with the bulge and halo properties of the host galaxy (Ferrarese and Merritt, 2000; Gebhardt *et al.*, 2000) strongly suggest that the growth of black holes in the nuclei of galaxies goes hand-in-hand with galaxy formation. Furthermore, the centers of many clusters with low-entropy gas whose cooling time is less than the age of the universe also contain active galactic nuclei that are ejecting streams of relativistic plasma into the intracluster medium (Burns, 1990). It is therefore plausible that supermassive black holes at the centers of clusters provide feedback that suppresses further cooling whenever condensing intracluster gas accretes onto the central black hole.

Such a feedback loop is attractive and consistent with the circumstantial evidence, but the precise mechanism of heating remains unclear. The bubbles of relativistic plasma being inflated by the active galactic nuclei in clusters appear not to be expanding fast enough to shock-heat the intracluster medium because the rims of the bubbles are no hotter than their surroundings (Fabian *et al.*, 2000; McNamara *et al.*, 2000). Also, if active galactic nuclei simply injected heat energy into the center of a cluster, then one would expect to see a flat or reversed entropy gradient in clusters with strong nuclear activity, indicating that convection is carrying heat outward. Instead, the entropy gradients in these cluster cores increase monotonically outward (David *et al.*,

2001; Horner *et al.*, 2004). One possibility is that heating is episodic (Kaiser and Binney, 2003) and that we have not yet found a cluster in the midst of an intense heating episode. Another is that heating is somehow spread evenly throughout the cluster core in a way that maintains the entropy gradient (Brüggen and Kaiser, 2002; Ruszkowski and Begelman, 2002). Yet another possibility is that bursts of relativistic plasma drive sound waves into the intracluster medium that eventually dissipate into heat (Fabian *et al.*, 2003).

Unfortunately, none of these heating mechanisms has yet been tested in the context of cosmological structure formation, so we do not know their overall impact on either baryon condensation or the global entropy profiles of clusters. Also, many aspects of the relationship between cosmology and nuclear activity in galaxies remain highly uncertain. A major role for quasar feedback is plausible. However, the connection between the growth of central black holes in galaxies and galaxy formation itself is not well understood, and the efficiency with which black holes convert accretion energy into outflows is unknown.

5. Transport processes

Heat-transport processes like thermal conduction and turbulent mixing may also mitigate radiative cooling because gas that condenses sets up a temperature gradient along which heat energy can flow. In gas without magnetic fields, electrons conduct heat along temperature gradients giving a heat flux $\kappa_s \nabla T$, with $\kappa_s \approx 6 \times 10^{-7} T^{5/2} \text{ erg cm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-7/2}$ (Spitzer, 1962), the so-called Spitzer rate, valid when the scale length of the temperature gradient is longer than the electron mean free path. Clusters with central cooling times less than H_0^{-1} indeed tend to have positive temperature gradients within the central $\sim 100 \text{ kpc}$, raising the possibility that heat conduction at least partially balances radiative losses. Many models for conduction in cluster cores have been developed (e.g., Tucker and Rosner, 1983; Bertschinger and Meiksin, 1986; Bregman and David, 1988; Rosner and Tucker, 1989; Sparks, 1992), but conduction does not satisfactorily balance radiative cooling. Temperature-gradient observations are inconsistent with steady-state balance between cooling and conduction in a number of cluster cores (Horner *et al.*, 2004; Voit and Fabian, 2004). However, mixing of hot gas with cooler gas facilitated by intracluster turbulence (Kim and Narayan, 2003) or active galactic nucleus (AGN) activity (Brüggen and Kaiser, 2002) could enhance the effectiveness of heat conduction.

It is possible that cooling, conduction, feedback, and perhaps mixing as well are all needed for a complete solution that explains the observed core temperature gradients without overcooling. Conduction that balances cooling in a steady state has often been dismissed on the grounds that it is not stable enough to preserve the observed temperature and density gradients for periods of order $\geq 1 \text{ Gyr}$ (Cowie and Binney, 1977; Fabian, 1994). Because of conduction's extreme sensitivity to tempera-

ture, it is difficult for radiative cooling and conduction to achieve precise thermal balance with a globally stable temperature gradient (Bregman and David, 1988; Soker, 2003). On the other hand, conduction would have to be suppressed by at least two orders of magnitude for radiative cooling to produce the observed gradients (Binney and Cowie, 1981; Fabian *et al.*, 1981). Recent theoretical analyses of conduction have concluded that this level of suppression is unrealistically high (Malyshkin, 2001; Malyshkin and Kulsrud, 2001; Narayan and Medvedev, 2001). Combining cooling, conduction, and feedback offers a way out of this dilemma. Hybrid models in which conduction compensates for cooling in the outer parts of the core, while feedback from an active galactic nucleus compensates for it in the inner parts, have had some success in reproducing the observations (Ruszkowski and Begelman, 2002; Brighenti and Mathews, 2003).

C. Galaxy formation and cluster observables

Earlier we saw that the x-ray properties of the self-similar clusters produced by purely gravitational structure formation do not agree with observations (Sec. IV.A). Observed clusters of a given mass appear to be hotter than their theoretical counterparts and also less luminous, especially at the cool end of the cluster temperature range. Such disagreements have been worrisome to cosmologists who would like to understand what governs the cluster observables used to measure mass, but these problems are on their way to being solved. Both analytical work and hydrodynamical simulations performed during the last several years are showing that the observed L_X - T_{lum} , M_{200} - T_{lum} , and L_X - M_{200} relations are natural outcomes of galaxy formation. Significant uncertainties remain, but the theoretical foundation for the mass-observable relations essential for probing cosmology with clusters is growing firmer.

1. Role of cooling

Radiative cooling turns out to be the most important process to include. While it might seem paradoxical, allowing the intracluster medium to radiate thermal energy actually causes its luminosity-weighted temperature to rise. The reason for this behavior is that cooling selectively removes low-entropy gas from the intracluster medium, raising the mean entropy of what remains (Knight and Ponman, 1997; Bryan, 2000; Pearce *et al.*, 2000). In nonradiative cluster simulations, the entropy of gas in the vicinity of the cluster core is below the cooling threshold K_c . This aspect of nonradiative models is unphysical, because gas with entropy less than K_c would radiate an amount of energy greater than its total thermal energy content over the course of the simulations. When cooling is allowed to occur, this low-entropy core gas condenses out of the intracluster medium and is replaced by higher-entropy core gas having a higher temperature, a lower density, and therefore a lower luminosity.

A simple analytical model illustrates the effect of the cooling threshold on the L_X - T_{lum} and M_{200} - T_{lum} relations (Voit and Bryan, 2001; Voit *et al.*, 2002; Wu and Xue, 2002). The model assumes that the intracluster entropy distribution in the absence of galaxy formation would be the $K_{\text{NFW}}(M_g)$ distribution derived from the density profile of the dark matter. Because condensation and feedback both act to eliminate gas below the cooling threshold, the model simply truncates the entropy distribution at $K_c(T_{200})$ and discards all the gas with lower entropy. One can interpret this gas removal either as condensation or as extreme feedback that heats the sub-threshold gas to a much higher entropy level. This cooling and feedback need not occur at the center of the cluster. In a hierarchical cosmology, much of the low-entropy gas cools, condenses into galaxies, and produces feedback long before the cluster is finally assembled.

Computing the hydrostatic configuration of the modified entropy distribution in the original dark-matter potential gives L_X and T_{lum} as a function of the mass M_{200} and concentration c_{200} of the dark-matter halo. Figures 14 and 15 show that the resulting L_X - T_{lum} and M_{200} - T_{lum} relations generally agree well with observations but may slightly overpredict L_X for objects cooler than ~ 2 keV and do not account for the large scatter at low temperatures. There are no free parameters in this model, other than the cosmological parameters, because the M_{200} - c_{200} relation and the age of the universe used to compute K_c depend only on cosmology, and the heavy-element abundance used to compute the cooling threshold is taken from observations.

Numerical simulations in which feedback is either weak or nonexistent produce clusters whose properties are quite similar to the ones in this simple analytical model. Early numerical investigations of cooling in individual clusters gave inconclusive results (Suginohara and Ostriker, 1998; Lewis *et al.*, 2000), but simulations by Muanwong *et al.* (2001) showed that adding cooling to a large-scale cluster simulation could give an L_X - T_{lum} relation like the observed one. Subsequent numerical work has confirmed that result (e.g., Borgani, Governato, *et al.*, 2002; Davé *et al.*, 2002; Kay *et al.*, 2003; Valdarnini, 2003). Adding radiative cooling to the cosmological model produces good agreement with observations at all cluster temperatures $\gtrsim 2$ keV.

Even when the simulations implement strong feedback, the x-ray scaling relations change remarkably little from the cooling-only case (Borgani, Governato, *et al.*, 2002; Kay *et al.*, 2003). The main effect on the L_X - T_{lum} relation of adding strong feedback to simulations that already include cooling is to slightly reduce the luminosity of cool ($\lesssim 2$ keV) clusters, bringing them into better agreement with observations. This insensitivity to the efficiency of feedback is another strong indication that the cooling threshold governs the entropy scale for similarity breaking.

One point of disagreement among the analytical models, the simulations, and the observations concerns the central temperature gradient. Many observed clusters

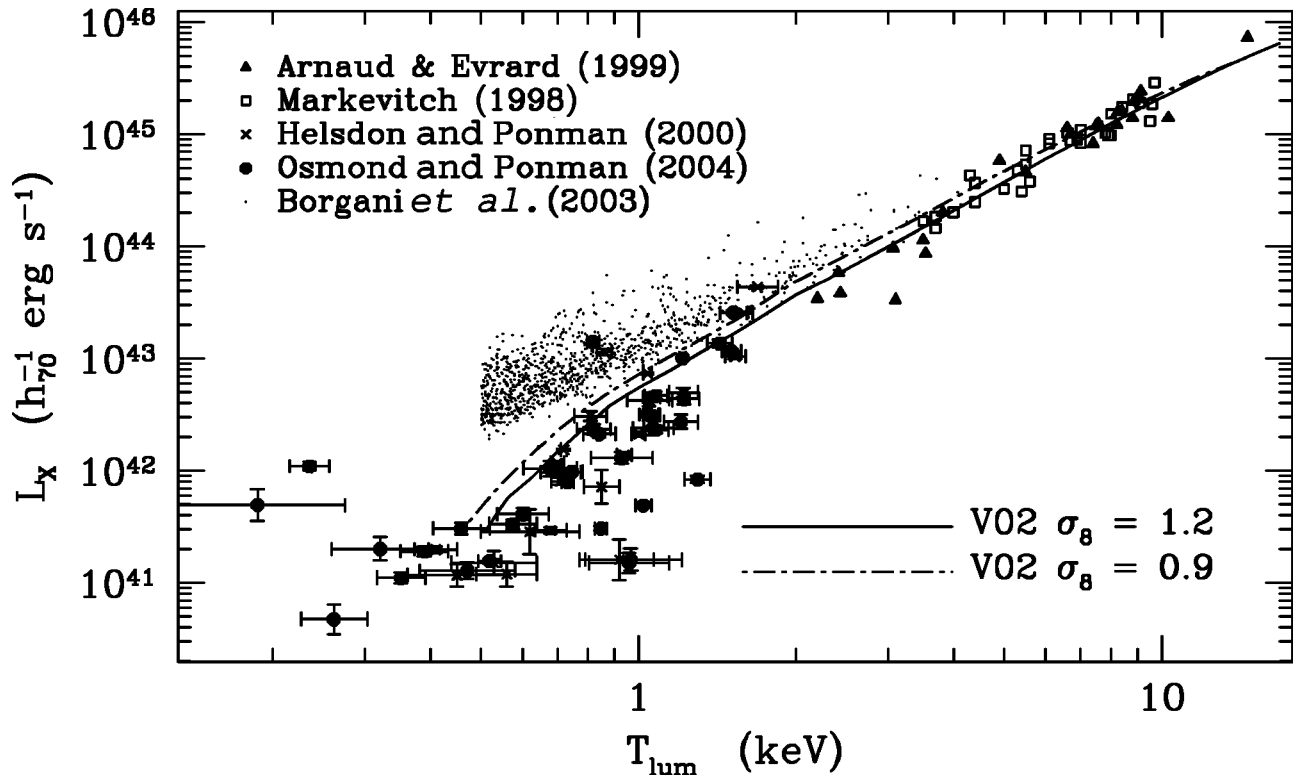


FIG. 14. Luminosity-temperature relation: \blacktriangle , data from Arnaud and Evrard (1999), who avoided clusters with cool cores; \square , cluster data from Markevitch (1998) with cool cores excised; \times , group data from Helsdon and Ponman (2000) and solid octagons, from Osmond and Ponman (2004), which were not corrected for cool cores; small points, simulated clusters from Borgani *et al.* (2003). These simulations implement radiative cooling and supernova feedback in the form of galactic winds. Lines show modified-entropy models from Voit *et al.* (2002) with entropy truncated at the cooling threshold. There is a slight dependence on σ_8 in these models because higher values of σ_8 lead to dark-matter halos with more concentrated cores. Both the analytical and numerical models agree well with the data at $k_B T_{\text{lum}} \gtrsim 2$ keV. Agreement is not as good at lower temperatures, but the reasons for the disagreement are unclear. More feedback may be needed in the numerical models to suppress the luminosities, and the large scatter in the observations at ≤ 1 keV may reflect a wide range in the effectiveness of feedback.

have a relatively small amount of gas in their cores whose cooling time is less than the age of the universe, and in those clusters the core temperature gradient is generally positive ($dT/dr > 0$). In the simple analytical models outlined above, no gas is allowed to be below the cooling threshold, resulting in a core that is nearly isentropic and thus has a negative temperature gradient ($dT/dr < 0$). Likewise, simulations with cooling and feedback tend to have flat or negative temperature gradients in the neighborhood of the core radius (~ 100 kpc).

This problem deserves attention because elevated core temperatures in models with cooling are what bring the theoretical M_{200} - T_{lum} relation into agreement with observations. Making the analytical model slightly more realistic brings the predicted temperature gradient into better agreement with observations. The discontinuous cooling threshold applied by the simplest models is overly crude because it completely removes gas just below the threshold, while gas just above the threshold does not cool at all. Instead, cooling acts upon the entropy distribution as described by Eq. (73). Voit *et al.* (2002) show that modifying the baseline profile K_{NFW} , using this equation with $T = T_{200}$ for a time t_0 , leads to an

entropy distribution that reproduces the observed temperature gradients.

Simulations involving pure cooling do not agree with this result. The temperature-gradient discrepancy between analytical models and simulations in the pure-cooling case is still not understood, but may have something to do with the implicit stability of the cooling process in the analytical model. In that model the present-day intracluster medium is, by definition, spherically symmetric with a positive entropy gradient, whereas thermal instabilities in the simulations that lead to a more heterogeneous entropy pattern at each radius may be at the root of the negative temperature gradient. Perhaps the observations are telling us that a stabilizing influence, like conduction, erases small-scale thermal instabilities without shutting off global cooling.

2. Role of feedback

The primary role of feedback is to regulate how many baryons condense into stars and cold gas clouds. As mentioned in the discussion of cooling, strong feedback does not have a large effect on the L_X - T_{lum} relation, aside from a slight decrease in the luminosity of low-

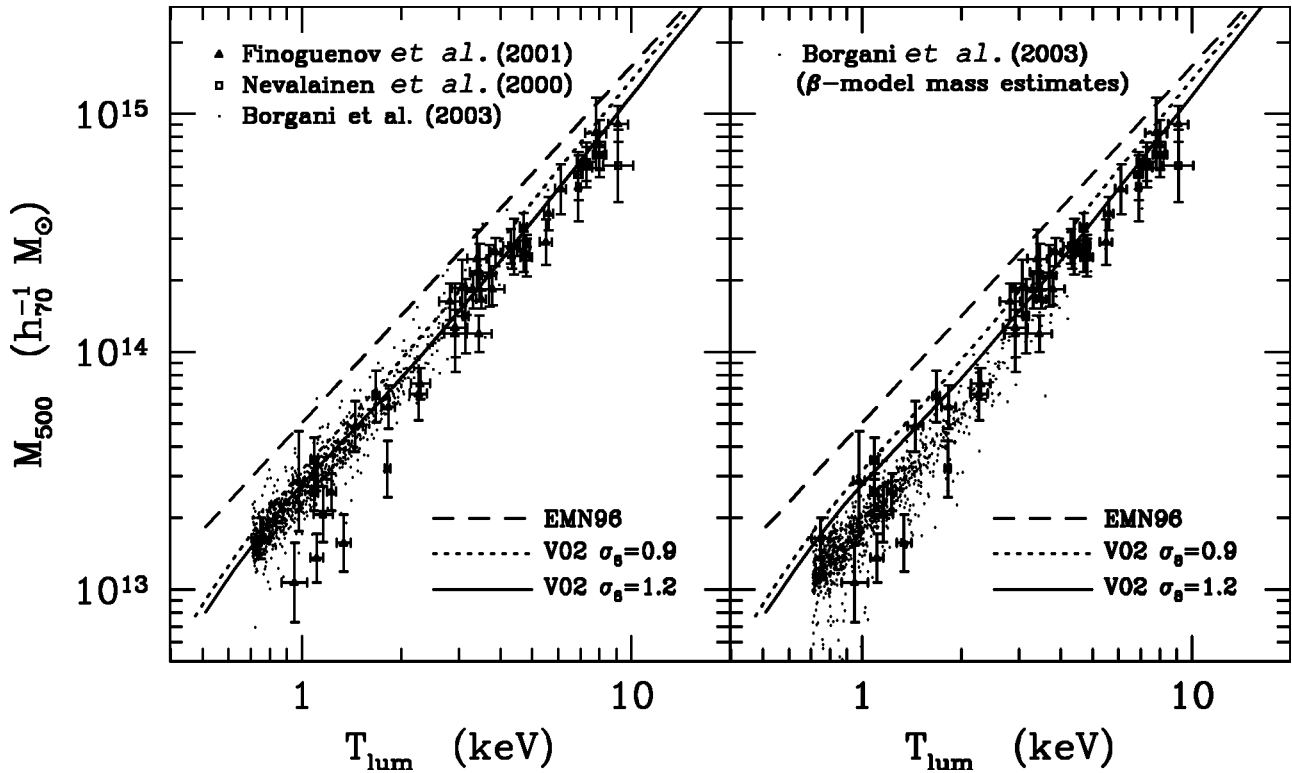


FIG. 15. Mass-temperature relation: Large data points show cluster data from Finoguenov, Reiprich, *et al.* (2001) and Nevalainen *et al.* (2000), in which cluster masses were inferred from fitting polytropic beta models (see Sec.); dashed lines, M_{500} - T_{lum} relation measured in clustered simulated without cooling and feedback by Evrard *et al.* (1996), which clearly disagree with the data points. The other lines show the M_{500} - T_{lum} relations predicted by the analytical models of Voit *et al.* (2002), which agree much better with the data. There is a slight difference between models with $\sigma_8=0.9$ (dotted lines) and $\sigma_8=1.2$ because higher values of σ_8 lead to clusters with higher halo concentrations that produce slightly higher temperatures. Tiny points show data for clusters simulated by Borgani *et al.* (2003) with radiative cooling and feedback in the form of supernova-driven galactic winds. The left-hand panel uses the actual values of M_{500} , which agree with the analytical models. The right-hand panel uses values of M_{500} inferred from fitting polytropic beta models to the observations, which underestimate true cluster masses, especially at low temperature, suggesting there may be a systematic observational bias in this method of mass measurement.

temperature clusters, as long as it is strong enough to shut off cooling in the gas parcels that it affects. However, moderate feedback that heats gas to $\lesssim 100 \text{ keV cm}^2$ can boost L_X because it does not allow the core gas to cool, but rather maintains it in an entropy state that allows it to radiate considerable thermal energy (Kay *et al.*, 2003).

Some preheating and feedback models adequately explain the scaling relations without explicitly including cooling (e.g. Balogh *et al.*, 1999; Bialek *et al.*, 2001; Tozzi and Norman, 2001; Babul *et al.*, 2002). In these models, the minimum entropy level introduced by heating is typically a free parameter that is adjusted to give the best-fitting L_X - T_{lum} relation. The value of this best-fitting entropy level turns out to be 100–400 keV cm^2 , approximately corresponding to the level of the cooling threshold. This correspondence is consistent with the idea that the amount of heating needed to explain the mass-observable relation is determined by the need to shut off cooling, in which case cooling still sets the entropy scale of similarity breaking, even when it is not explicitly included in the model (Voit *et al.*, 2002).

From the standpoint of the mass-observable relations, the most important effect of feedback itself has to do

with cluster richness. In both the simulations and the analytical models, pure cooling leads to a larger fraction of condensed baryons in cool clusters (Muanwong *et al.*, 2001; Borgani, Governato, *et al.*, 2002; Davé *et al.*, 2002; Voit *et al.*, 2002; Borgani, Murante, *et al.*, 2003), implying that these objects might have a higher star-to-baryon ratio and therefore a lower mass-to-light ratio. There are some observational indications that the ratio of stellar luminosity to mass in clusters is a function of mass (Lin *et al.*, 2003), but not all such studies agree. This issue will need to be settled in order for optical richness measurements to deliver high-precision mass functions (Sec. IV.D).

3. Role of smoothing

A full understanding of the L_X - T_{lum} relation may involve feedback indirectly, through its smoothing effects on the intergalactic medium (Sec. IV.A.3). If the observed preservation of $K(r) \propto r^{1.1}$ entropy profiles is indeed due to smoothing of the intergalactic medium followed by accretion onto clusters, then the present-day entropy profiles of clusters are evidence that galactic winds were widespread prior to the accretion of gas into

today's clusters. Rather than just affecting the core entropy of clusters, a modest amount of entropy produced by early winds may have been amplified by smooth accretion, boosting the entire entropy profile by a common factor determined by the cooling threshold (Voit and Ponman, 2003). If that is indeed what happened, then it would explain the observed alteration of cluster similarity, such that $K(r/r_{200}) \propto T_{\text{lum}}^{2/3}$ (Ponman *et al.*, 2003; Pratt and Arnaud, 2003), which leads directly to the relation $L_X \propto T_{\text{lum}}^3 (T_{200}/T_{\text{lum}})^{1.5}$ for pure bremsstrahlung emission, in agreement with the observations.

4. Predictions for evolution

Preheating, the cooling threshold, and the altered similarity indicative of smoothing affect the time-dependent behavior of the L_X - T_{lum} relation differently, offering a way to gather further information about their relative influence on cluster structure. By defining

$$\hat{L} = \int_0^{r/r_{200}} \left(\frac{\rho_g}{200 f_b \rho_{\text{cr}}} \right)^2 \hat{r}^2 d\hat{r}, \quad (77)$$

one can express the scaling of a cluster's integrated x-ray luminosity as

$$L_X \propto \Lambda_c(T_{\text{lum}}) M_{200} \rho_{\text{cr}} \hat{L} \quad (78)$$

$$\propto T_{\text{lum}}^2 \left(\frac{T_{200}}{T_{\text{lum}}} \right)^{3/2} H(z) \hat{L}, \quad (79)$$

where the first line assumes the cluster is approximately isothermal and the second line is an approximation that assumes pure bremsstrahlung emission. The self-similar case,

$$L_X \propto T_{\text{lum}}^2 H(z), \quad (80)$$

is well known to be a poor description of the data because its power-law slope at $z \approx 0$ is too shallow.

The modified-entropy models of Voit *et al.* (2002) show that enforcing a minimum core entropy level K_{min} breaks self-similarity in such a way that $\hat{L} \propto K_{\text{min}}^{-3/2} T_{200}^{3/2} H^{-2}$, if K_{min} is a significant fraction of the cluster's characteristic entropy K_{200} . In the pure preheating case, K_{min} is assumed to be independent of both cluster mass and redshift, leading to

$$L_X \propto T_{\text{lum}}^{3.5} \left(\frac{T_{200}}{T_{\text{lum}}} \right)^3 \frac{1}{H(z)}. \quad (81)$$

In other words, pure preheating steepens the L_X - T_{lum} a little more than necessary but causes high-redshift clusters to be less luminous than one would expect from their temperatures because the entropy floor K_{min} is a larger proportion of K_{200} earlier in time. This prediction appears to conflict with recent observations indicating evolution in the opposite direction (Vikhlinin *et al.*, 2002).

Tying the minimum entropy scale to the cooling threshold $K_c \propto T_{\text{lum}}^{2/3} t^{2/3}$ helps to solve this problem because it leads to

$$L_X \propto T_{\text{lum}}^{2.5} \left(\frac{T_{200}}{T_{\text{lum}}} \right)^3 \frac{1}{H(z) t(z)}. \quad (82)$$

In this case, a little bit of tilt in the T_{lum}/T_{200} relation, consistent with observations (see Table I), is needed to sufficiently steepen the L_X - T_{lum} relation, and the sense of the evolution agrees with observations. In a Λ CDM universe, the redshift dependence of the luminosity normalization is $H^{-1} t^{-1} \sim (1+z)^{0.5} \sim H^{0.75}$ out to $z \sim 0.5$.

Altered similarity models linked to the cooling threshold are in better agreement with the L_X - T_{lum} slope but produce less evolution. Assuming intracluster density profiles that scale as $\rho_g(r/r_{200}) \propto (T_{\text{lum}}/K_c)^{3/2}$ yields

$$L_X \propto T_{\text{lum}}^3 \left(\frac{T_{200}}{T_{\text{lum}}} \right)^3 \frac{1}{H^3(z) t^2(z)}. \quad (83)$$

The normalization of luminosity in this relation varies as $H^{-3} t^{-2} \sim (1+z)^{0.3} \sim H^{0.5}$ to $z \sim 0.5$.

Observations of evolution in the luminosity-temperature relation are not yet precise enough to distinguish between these latter two possibilities. The usual procedure is to compare the L_X - T_{lum} relation measured in a significantly redshifted cluster sample to the relation measured at $z \approx 0$. Vikhlinin *et al.* (2002) were the first to detect evolution, finding $L_X(T_{\text{lum}}) \propto (1+z)^{b_{LT}}$ with $b_{LT} = 1.5 \pm 0.3$, assuming a Λ CDM cosmology. These authors compared the low-redshift sample of Markevitch (1998) to a collection of 22 clusters in the redshift range $0.4 < z < 0.8$. Lumb *et al.* (2003) found a similar amount of evolution, $b_{LT} = 1.52^{+0.24}_{-0.27}$, using a smaller sample of eight clusters at $z \approx 0.4$, but not all studies find such strong evolution, which exceeds the predictions of the basic models outlined above. For example, Ettori *et al.* (2003) find $b_{LT} = 0.62 \pm 0.28$ for a sample of 28 clusters at $z > 0.4$, using the Markevitch (1998) sample as the low-redshift baseline and $b_{LT} = 0.98 \pm 0.20$ relative to the Arnaud and Evrard (1999) low-redshift baseline. Furthermore, the strength of the evolution found by Ettori *et al.* (2003) becomes smaller for high-redshift clusters, consistent with no evolution at all ($b_{LT} = 0.04 \pm 0.33$) when they include only their 16 clusters with $z > 0.6$ in the comparison with the Markevitch sample. Apparently, there are some systematic uncertainties in these evolution measurements that need to be accounted for.

D. Constraints on baryon condensation

The ultimate test for feedback models is whether they account for both the proportion of condensed baryons to hot gas in clusters and any dependence of that proportion on cluster mass. In order to apply that test, we would like to have firm numbers for the condensed baryons in clusters, but such measurements can be difficult. Even if the amount of starlight were perfectly measured, converting integrated starlight to stellar mass involves uncertain assumptions about both the star formation history of a cluster and the distribution function of stellar masses at birth, a quantity known as the initial mass function. Any variation in the star formation history or

initial mass function with cluster mass can lead to spurious systematic trends in the cluster mass function inferred from cluster richness.

Baryons contained in cold clouds are even harder to constrain because gaseous matter in this form can be nearly invisible, if it is sufficiently cold (Ferland *et al.*, 1994, 2002). However, it seems unlikely that large numbers of baryons exist in such a form, at least in rich clusters. Adding the number of baryons inferred from starlight to the amount of hot gas observed in rich clusters accounts for nearly all the baryons expected from the global ratio of baryons to dark matter, leaving little room in the baryon budget for cold gas clouds.

The situation is less clear in lower-mass clusters and groups of galaxies, in which the proportion of hot gas to dark matter is significantly smaller. Summing the masses of stars and hot gas accounts for only about half the expected number of baryons in some cases, yet there is no observational evidence for large quantities of cold gas (Waugh *et al.*, 2002). Circumstantial evidence argues against there being large reservoirs of cold baryons in groups. Presumably, the rich clusters in which we now see virtually all the baryons were hierarchically assembled from objects like the baryon-poor groups of galaxies we observe today. If large numbers of baryons in their higher-redshift counterparts were locked away in some cold, condensed form, then how were they released when these groups of galaxies merged to form large clusters?

A more complete accounting of intracluster baryons, especially in low-mass systems, is sorely needed in order to test the various feedback models described in Sec. IV.B. The rest of this section summarizes some of the recent work on constraining the number of condensed intracluster baryons in the form of stars, the prospects for measuring baryon condensation through the Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect, and x-ray observations of nearby clusters that may help solve the puzzles surrounding condensation and feedback.

1. Mass and light in clusters

Inferences of stellar mass from the observed starlight are generally based on a mass-to-light ratio expressed in solar units. That is, the mass-to-light ratio of the Sun in all wavebands equals unity. Because young stellar populations tend to emit large amounts of blue light that quickly dies out as the population ages, most recent assessments of the stellar mass in clusters have concentrated on measurements of infrared starlight in the K band at roughly $2\ \mu\text{m}$. Observing starlight in this band minimizes the uncertainties owing to a cluster's star formation history. The old stellar populations characteristic of elliptical galaxies tend to have a K -band mass-to-light ratio $Y_K \approx 0.8\ h_{70}^{-1}$, and mass-to-light ratios in spiral and irregular galaxies can be up to a factor of 2 smaller (Bell and de Jong, 2000). For the mix of galaxies seen in clusters, Lin *et al.* (2003) estimate that the mean mass-to-light ratio ranges from $Y_K = 0.7h_{70}^{-1}$ to $0.8h_{70}^{-1}$ as cluster temperature climbs from 2 to 10 keV. From this mass-

to-light ratio, they infer that the fraction of intracluster baryons in stellar form is $f_* \approx 0.1$ for rich clusters (see also Balogh, Pearce, *et al.*, 2001). Notice that this value is about half that predicted by current simulations of cluster formation including strong feedback, a discrepancy that could become even larger with higher-resolution simulations (Borgani, Murante, *et al.*, 2003).

Many studies, but not all of them, suggest that the fraction of condensed baryons in stars may be a function of cluster mass. The ratio of K -band light to total cluster mass within r_{500} found by Lin *et al.* (2003) is $Y_K = (47 \pm 3)h_{70}(M_{500}/3 \times 10^{14}h_{70}^{-1}M_\odot)^{0.31}$, which translates to a temperature dependence $Y_K \propto T_{\text{lum}}^{0.5 \pm 0.1}$. The ratio of stellar mass to total mass in this study therefore ranges from $\sim 2.2\%$ at $10^{14}h_{70}^{-1}M_\odot$ to $\sim 1.2\%$ at $10^{15}h_{70}^{-1}M_\odot$. Similar trends with shallower slopes are seen at other wavelengths. Bahcall and Comerford (2002) find that the ratio of total mass to starlight in the heart of the visible spectrum (V -band) is $Y_V \propto T_{\text{lum}}^{0.3 \pm 0.1}$. In blue light (B band), Girardi *et al.* (2002) find $Y_B \propto M^{0.25}$. However, other studies have found no significant dependence on mass. According to Kochanek *et al.* (2003), the K -band mass-to-light ratio inside r_{200} scales as $Y_K \propto M_{200}^{-0.10 \pm 0.09}$.

2. Intergalactic stars

Measurements of the total stellar luminosity in clusters generally focus on the light from galaxies, but what about stars that are not in galaxies? At least some of a cluster's stars float unmoored in the spaces between a cluster's galaxies (Ferguson *et al.*, 1998). These stars are thought to have originated in galaxies but were later stripped from their homes by tidal forces during a close encounter with another galaxy. Current observational limits, however, indicate that no more than 10–20% of a cluster's stars are outside of galaxies (Durrell *et al.*, 2002), implying that failing to account for intergalactic stars does not lead to large errors in measured mass-to-light ratios.

3. Global Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect

If the baryons missing in low-mass clusters are not in condensed form, then they must be in the form of hot gas beyond the regions detectable with x-ray telescopes. If that is indeed the case, then the best way of finding them may be through the Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect. Section II.C.1 showed that the integrated microwave distortion from a cluster scales with the electron temperature of the cluster and the overall mass in hot electrons. If a significant proportion of baryons have condensed, then the associated electrons are also locked away in cold clouds, where they do not contribute to the Sunyaev-Zeldovich signal.

Simulations of cluster formation that include cooling indicate how the mean value of the y distortion owing to clusters depends on cooling and feedback processes. Models by da Silva *et al.* (2001) produce $y = 3.2 \times 10^{-6}$ in the nonradiative case, dropping to $y = 2.3 \times 10^{-6}$ in the case of radiative cooling without feedback. The differ-

ence between the radiative and nonradiative cases is somewhat smaller when feedback is implemented. White *et al.* (2002) find $y=2.5 \times 10^{-6}$ in the nonradiative case and $y=2.1 \times 10^{-6}$ when both cooling and feedback are turned on. Testing for baryon condensation in this way may eventually be possible, but the mean value of the Sunyaev-Zeldovich distortion is also very sensitive to other cosmological parameters, such as σ_8 , which will have to be very well constrained before we can use the global y parameter to test feedback models.

4. Cooling flows in clusters

Cores of present-day clusters are among the best places in the universe to observe the interplay between condensation and feedback. Gas at the centers of many clusters can radiate an amount of energy equal to the thermal energy of the cluster in less than a billion years, yet most of that gas is not condensing (see Donahue and Voit, 2004, for a recent review). Early interpretations of clusters with central cooling times less than the age of the universe suggested that the core gas gradually condensed and was replaced by the surrounding material in an orderly flow of cooling gas (Cowie and Binney, 1977; Fabian and Nulsen, 1977; Mathews and Bregman, 1978). The mass condensation rates inferred from x-ray imaging ranged as high as $\sim 10^2\text{--}10^3 M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$, implying that the cores of these “cooling-flow” clusters should contain $\gtrsim 10^{12} M_\odot$ in the form of condensed baryons. However, exhaustive searches for this mass sink generally have not found stars forming at such a high rate (McNamara and O’Connell, 1989; O’Connell and McNamara, 1989), nor have they found sufficiently large collections of cold baryonic clouds to account for the deposited mass (Braine and Dupraz, 1994; McNamara and Jaffe, 1994; O’Dea *et al.*, 1994, 1998; Voit and Donahue, 1995).

Now x-ray spectroscopy itself is showing that condensation proceeds at a considerably slower rate, if it happens at all. The central gas in clusters with short cooling times appears to reach temperatures $\sim T_{\text{lum}}/2$, but very little x-ray line emission is seen from gas at $\leq T_{\text{lum}}/3$ (Peterson *et al.*, 2001, 2003). Some sort of heating mechanism seems to be inhibiting condensation below this temperature. There are plenty of candidates for resupplying the radiated heat energy—supernovae, outflows from active galactic nuclei, electron thermal conduction, and turbulent mixing have all been suggested (see Sec. IV.B)—but there is still no consensus on the relative importance of these mechanisms.

A reduced amount of condensation still appears to be occurring. For example, plenty of circumstantial evidence links short central cooling times with star formation at the centers of clusters. Objects whose central cooling time is less than the age of the universe frequently contain emission-line nebulae whose properties suggest that they are energized primarily by hot, young stars (Johnstone *et al.*, 1987; Voit and Donahue, 1997). Nebulae like these are never seen in clusters where the central cooling time is greater than the universe’s age (Hu *et al.*, 1985). Also, objects with prominent nebulae

tend to have abundant cool molecular hydrogen gas, the seed material for star formation (Donahue *et al.*, 2000; Edge, 2001; Edge and Frayer, 2003). Efforts to estimate the star formation rate from the ultraviolet light emanating from the centers of clusters indicate that it may be consistent with the current upper limits on the condensation rate drawn from x-ray spectroscopy (McNamara *et al.*, 2004).

An understanding of what regulates condensation and star formation at the centers of present-day clusters will help to solve more than just the overcooling problem of galaxy formation. It is also relevant to an aspect of bright galaxies that remains difficult to understand. The luminosity distribution function of galaxies cuts off very sharply at the high-luminosity end, far more sharply than called for in standard models of galaxy formation. Extremely powerful feedback can produce a sharp cut-off, but the amount of energy input required seems to implicate active galactic nuclei as the primary feedback source (Benson *et al.*, 2003; Scannapieco and Oh, 2004). Alternatively, thermal conduction might produce a sharp cutoff because its efficiency rises so rapidly with temperature (Fabian *et al.*, 2002; Benson *et al.*, 2003). As the halo of a massive galaxy grows and its characteristic temperature rises through a critical threshold $\sim 10^7$ K, conduction can strongly suppress further cooling and star formation if it is not inhibited by magnetic fields. Detailed studies of cluster cores will be needed to test these possibilities. Early efforts are indicating that conduction might not be efficient enough to prevent overcooling (Dolag *et al.*, 2004; Jubelgas *et al.*, 2004).

V. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The next decade of research into cluster evolution promises to be very exciting. Large optical surveys like the Sloan Digital Sky Survey are greatly increasing the number of well-studied clusters of galaxies in the low-redshift universe. Deep surveys looking for the Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect will be finding thousands of clusters to distances well beyond a redshift of $z=1$. The *Chandra* and *XMM-Newton* x-ray observatories are providing our most detailed look yet at the intracluster medium, its thermodynamical state, and some of the feedback processes that regulate condensation of intergalactic gas into galaxies and stars. Also, dedicated x-ray satellite missions to survey a large fraction of the sky for distant clusters are currently being planned.

Making the most of these opportunities will require cooperation between observers in those different wavebands, and theoretical modeling that closely links those cluster observables to cosmological parameters. Optical and infrared followup of Sunyaev-Zeldovich surveys will be critical in order to determine the redshifts of the cluster candidates. X-ray followup of a subset of the Sunyaev-Zeldovich clusters will also be necessary to establish how the thermodynamics of galaxy formation affects evolution of the mass-observable relations in the microwave band. Concentrated efforts to observe a calibration set of clusters in all of these wavebands will be

very valuable in helping to establish how well the various observables trace mass and the scatter in each of these observables at a given mass.

If the Λ CDM concordance model is indeed a good description of the overall architecture of the universe and its initial perturbation spectrum, then the parameters describing the cosmological context in which galaxy formation happens ought to be precisely established within this decade. Studies of cluster evolution will be just one part of this overall effort, which also includes distance determinations to high-redshift supernovae, increasingly sensitive observations of the cosmic microwave background, and mapping of large-scale structure. However, consistency between the dynamics of cluster evolution and the geometry of the universe, as measured with supernova and microwave observations, will stand as a particularly critical test of the overall model. With success, most of the remaining secrets about galaxy formation—other than what dark matter and dark energy actually are—will concern baryons and their complex cooling and feedback processes.

Our understanding of what baryons do is rapidly progressing, thanks in large part to large-scale cosmological simulations on massively parallel computers. Clusters and their evolution place unique constraints on those models because clusters are the only places in the universe where the majority of the baryons emit detectable radiation, revealing their thermodynamic state and elemental abundances. Galaxy formation has clearly left its mark in the intracluster medium, but we are just beginning to decipher what it has written there in the gases between the galaxies. Perhaps in ten more years there will be as much optimism about understanding the baryonic side of galaxy formation as there is now about understanding the darker side.

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