Masses of RCS Galaxy Clusters

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the RCS spectroscopic follow-up survey

- Multi-Object Spectroscopy of galaxies in a subset of the RCS clusters
- select clusters in a wide range of richness
- 0.15 < z < 0.6 for efficient CFH-MOS & Magellan-LDSS2 observations

Targets

36 clusters, ~7600 slits



the RCS spectroscopic follow-up survey

- two masks/field (bright & faint), flanking fields where necessary
 - improved sampling
 - redundant observations
- bandlimiting filter for CFH sample (N×2.5)
- no colour selection criteria







Redshift accuracy



Completeness







Whoppers



RCSI44708+0949.0 z_{sp}=0.20 B_{gc}=1490

Wimps

RCS043644-2812.0 z_{sp}=0.32 B_{gc}=222



RCS112038+2522.0 z_{sp}=0.31 B_{gc}=462



RCS112051+2527.8 z_{sp}=0.26 B_{gc}=498

Clusters and members

- ~7600 slits in 36 fields, 3645 redshifts
- from 10 to 100 members/cluster
- ~1100 cluster members in 35 clusters, covering 0.44 - 3.3 Mpc



Velocity dispersions

clusters

Number of

- Interlopers removed by several schemes, including shifting gapper (Fadda et al. 1996)
- dispersions

 calculated using
 several estimators,
 including the
 "robust" estimator
 (Girardi et al. 1993)



Velocity dispersion vs. richness



Virial radii



Mass-to-light ratios



Ensemble cluster



Ensemble (-late): number density



Ensemble (-late): velocity dispersion



Future work

- M(r) [Jeans analysis, higher moments, caustic]
- Add to CNOC for 2x dataset, split into ensembles of
 - Iow- and high-redshifts (probably no effect)
 - Iow- and high-masses -- are the profiles the same?, concentration scaling as expected?
- M/L (r)
 - trends different for low- and high-mass clusters?
- connection with lensing, populations, etc...