

AGN in the XMM-LSS clusters

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Background

- AGN phenomenon requires the gas “feeding” of the central SMBH. Triggering is still a matter of debate.
- Secular evolution, merging and galaxy interactions may play the role of AGN’s “triggering” mechanism.
- Dense environment in the clusters may have an enhancive effect on the triggering but...
- High velocities and dense ICM may also play a role.

Previous Results

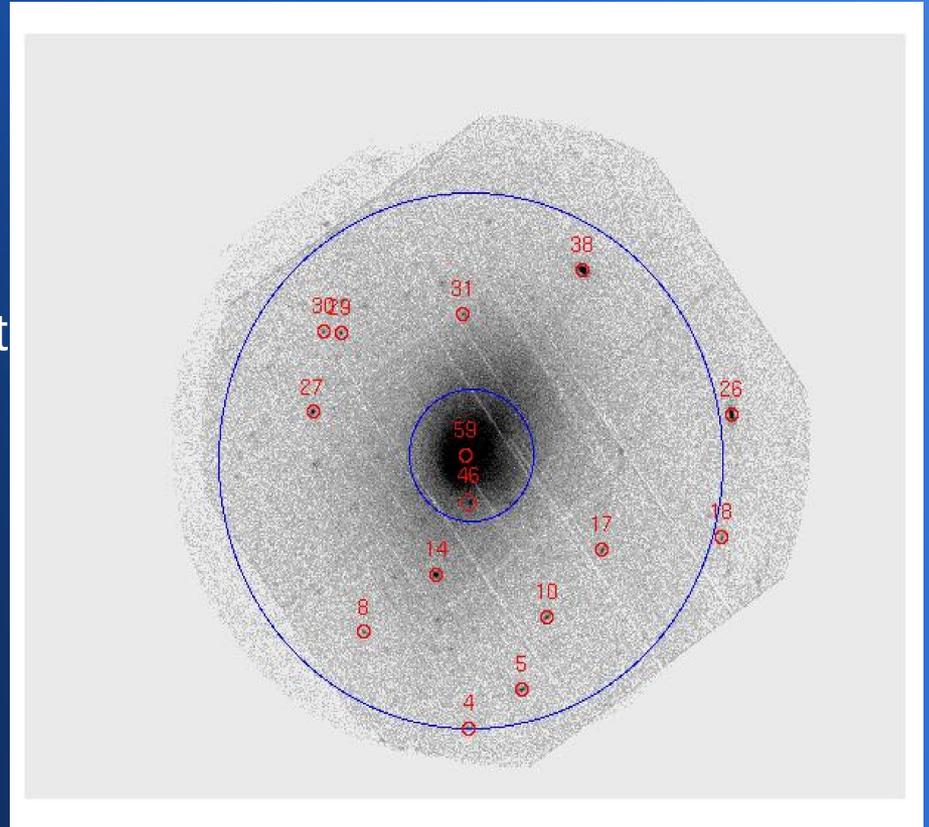
- X-ray point source overdensities reported in the area of clusters (e.g. Cappi et al. 2001; Molnar et al. 2002; D'Elia et al. 2004; Cappelluti et al. 2005; Branchesi et al. 2007; Galametz et al. 2009; Gilmour et al. 2009)
- Spectroscopic confirmation of X-ray sources in some clusters (Martini et al. 2002, 2007, 2009; Johnson et al. 2003; van Breukelen et al. 2009)
- Disconnection of X-ray and optically selected AGN (e.g. Davis et al. 2003; Finoguenov et al. 2004; Arnold et al. 2009)

BUT

Is there an enhancement of AGN activity in clusters with respect to what is expected from the obvious optical galaxy overdensity?

X-ray analysis (Koulouridis & Plionis 2010)

- Sample of 16 Abell clusters in the SDSS area ($>10\text{Ksec}$).
- Search for X-ray point sources within $3r_c < r < 1\text{ Mpc}$ and $L_x > 10^{42}\text{erg/s}$ at the redshift of the cluster.
- r_c was calculated by adjusting a king's profile to the diffuse emission of each cluster.
- Expected number of sources was estimated by using the logN-logS of Kim et al. 2007.



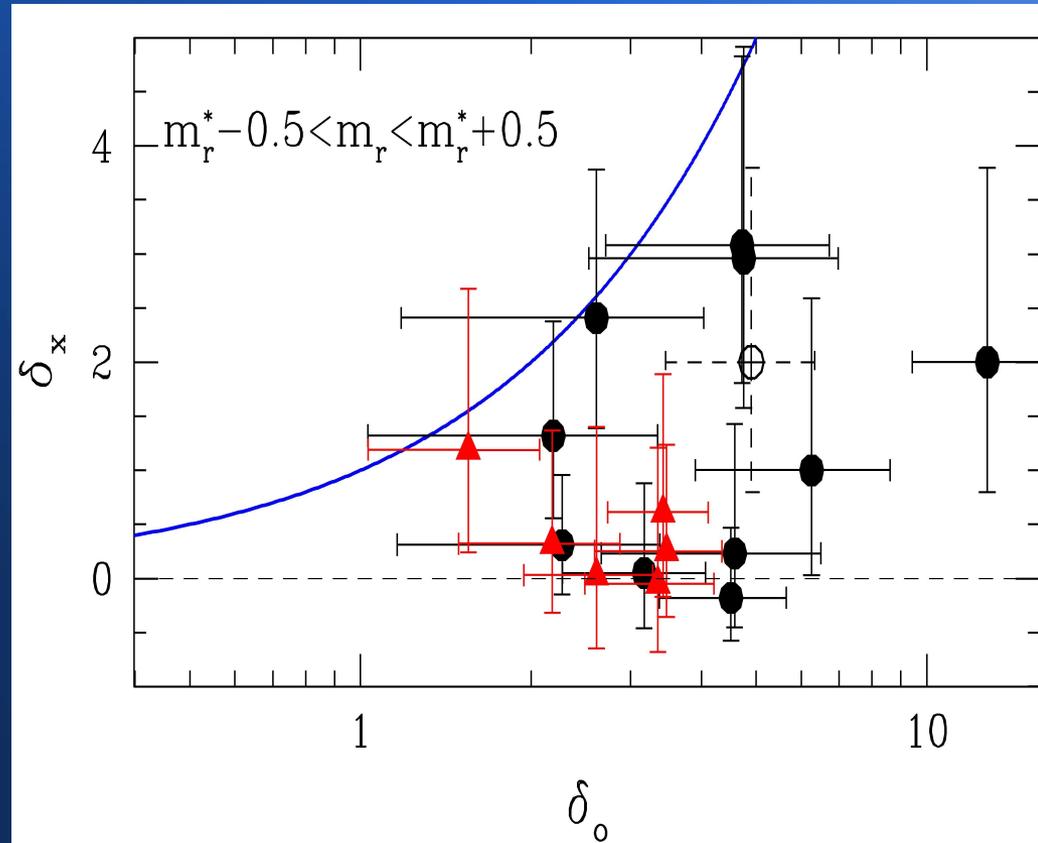
Optical analysis

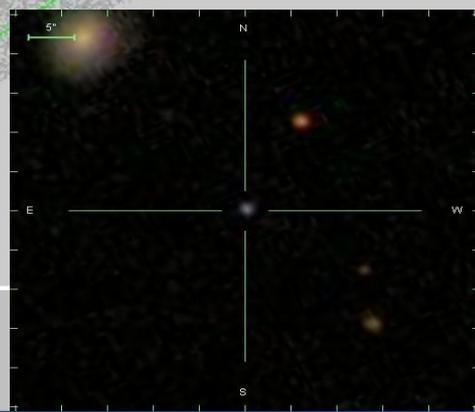
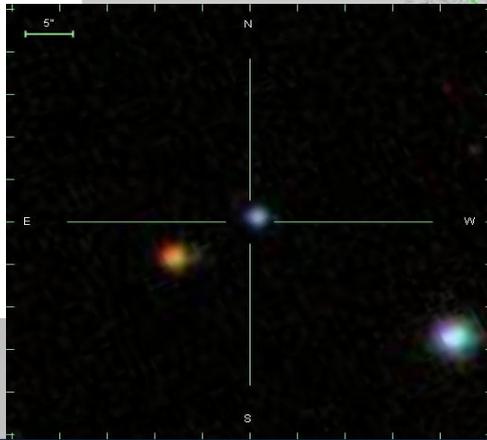
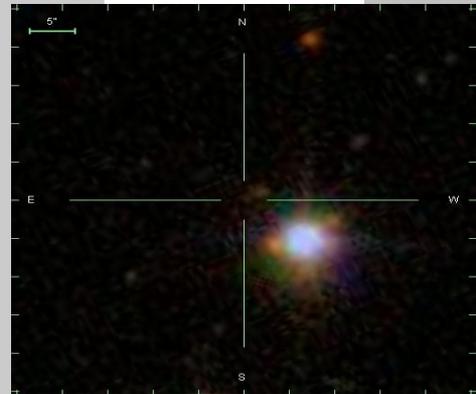
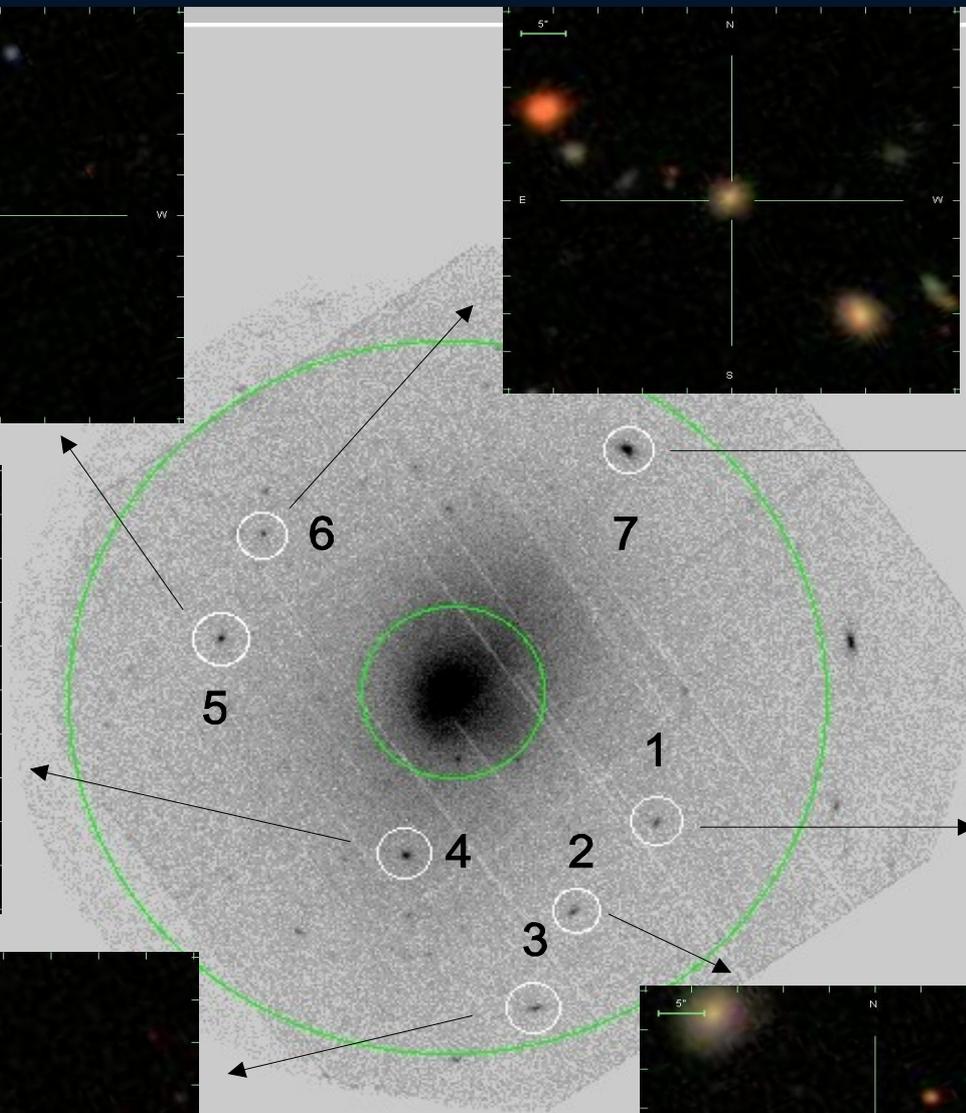
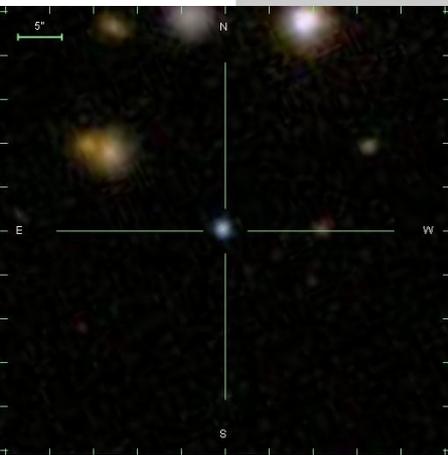
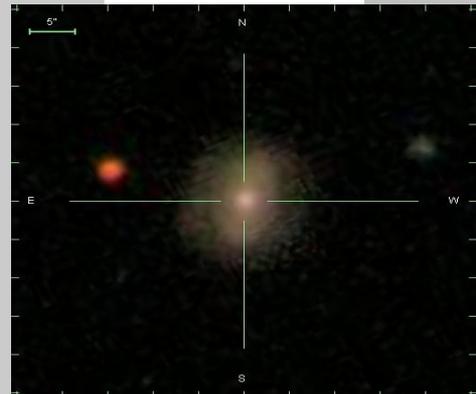
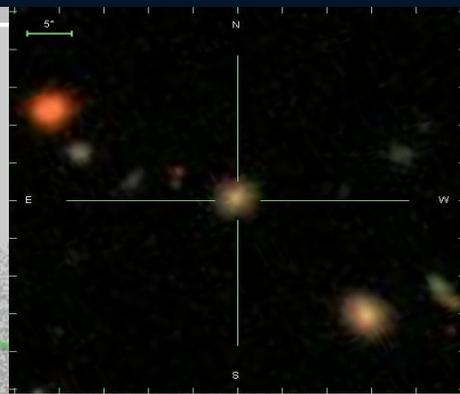
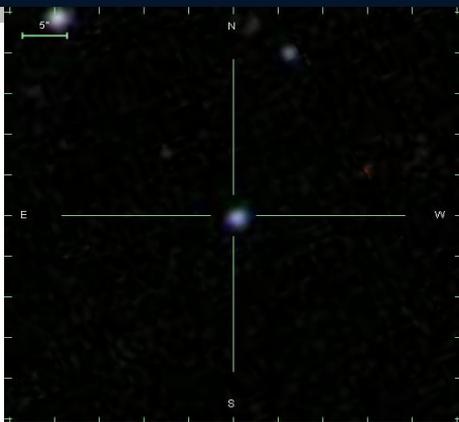
(Koulouridis & Plionis 2010)

- Search in the SDSS for galaxies with $m_r^* - 0.5 < m_r < m_r^* + 0.5$
- Where m_r^* is the r -band magnitude corresponding to M_r^* of the Blanton et al. (2003) luminosity function at the redshift of the cluster.
- Expected number of galaxies was calculated from a 20 deg² region near the equatorial coordinate equator.

Optical analysis (Koulouridis & Plionis 2010)

- Higher optical than X-ray overdensities.
- AGN phenomenon is suppressed in the dense environment of rich clusters.
- Only 6 out of 88 detected X-ray sources are clearly associated with the clusters.





Possible causes of AGN suppression

Cold gas deficiency because of :

- Ram pressure and/or evaporation caused by the infall through the hot ICM.
- Gas stripping by grazing encounters.

Lack of merging because of

High velocity dispersions

Recent Results

- Hwang et al. 2012 (Abell clusters, SDSS spectroscopy): Investigating morphologies they found that AGN activity is triggered by interactions and merging when the gas supply is available.
- Haines et al. 2012 (26 massive clusters) : AGN are entirely drawn from an in-falling population. No virialized AGN galaxies within the cluster halo.
- Taylor et al. : No X-ray point source has verified redshift within the merging cluster DLSCl J0522.2-4820.

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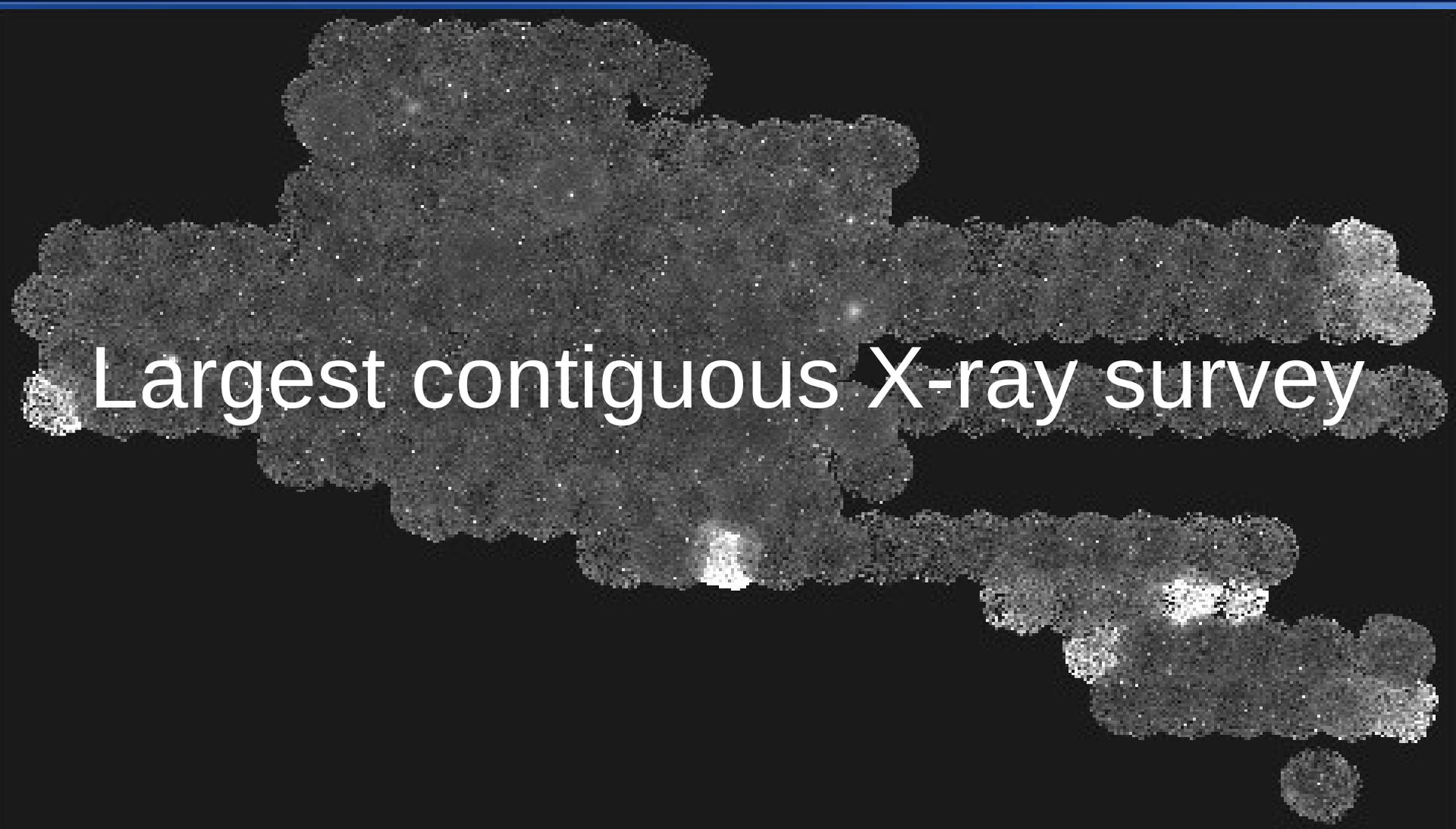
Fassbender, Suhada & Nastasi (2012)

- (22 high-z clusters, $0.9 < z < 1.6$) : 3 (soft-band) and 3.5 (hard-band) excess point sources per cluster up to 4Mpc radius (cumulative radial X-ray source counts).
- reported excess < 1 Mpc and between 2-3Mpc.
- spectroscopic confirmation for some sources in the 2nd hump.
- **AGN activity is mostly occurring along the matter in-fall directions (If the elongation of the cluster points to that directions)**
- Conclusion : low luminosity AGN within 1Mpc triggered by interactions while the excess in the outer regions is triggered by mergers.

Recent Results

- Martini et al. 2013
- 13 clusters $1.0 < z < 1.5$
- Sources $L_x > 10^{44}$ and 10^{43}
- Above $z > 1$ field and cluster AGN are consistent and expected by optical data.
- Redshift evolution.

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Largest contiguous X-ray survey

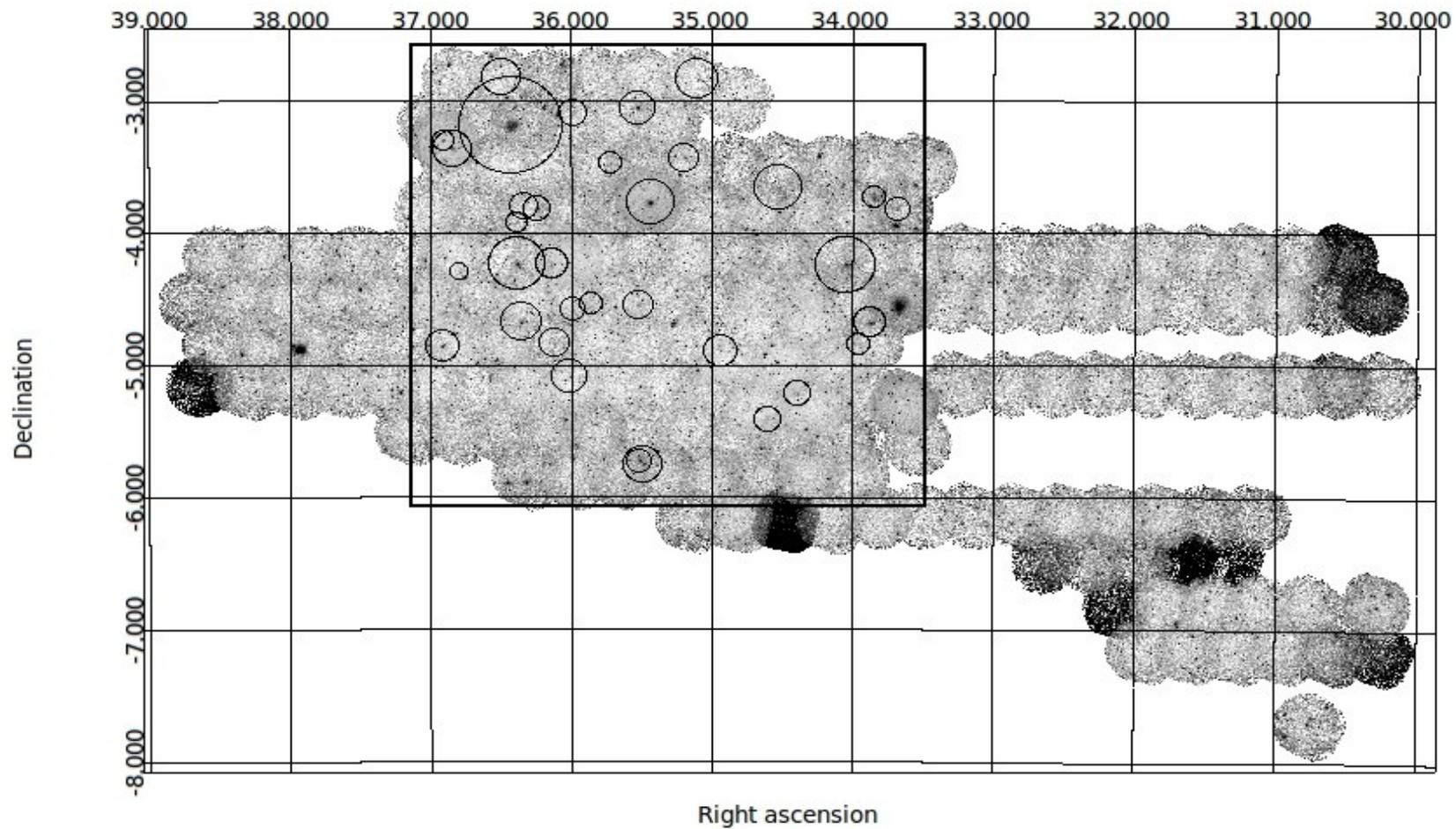
Why the XMM-XXL survey.

- Larger contiguous X-ray survey.
- Complete catalogue of X-ray point sources up to a large distance from the cluster centres.
- Well defined properties of a large fraction of the clusters (e.g. Alshino et al.2010; Adami et al 2010).

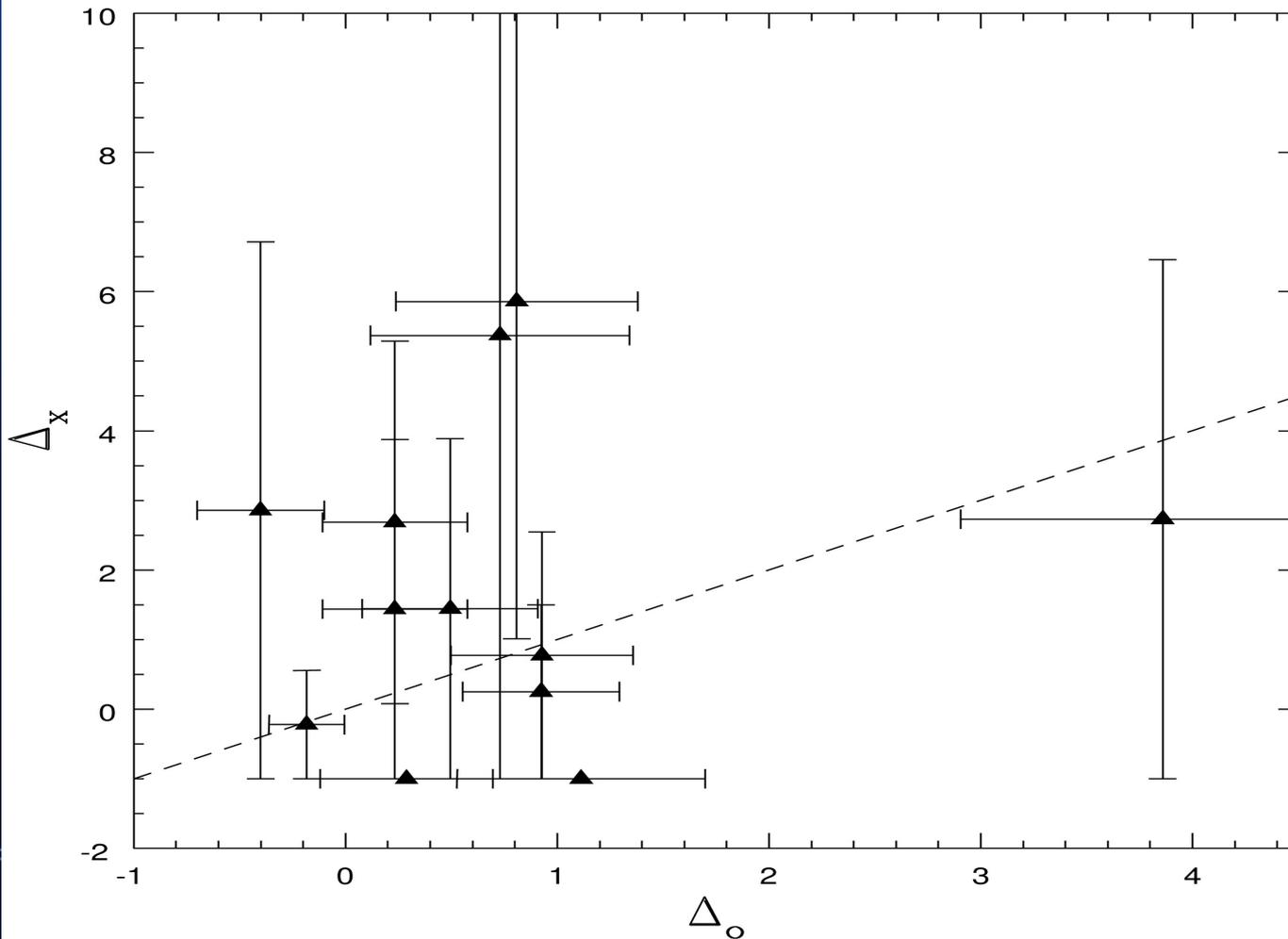
Sample in the XMM-LSS

- 19 clusters below $z = 0.33$ → AGNs with $L_x > 10^{42}$ detectable everywhere.
- 15 high- z ($0.43 < z < 1.05$) clusters.

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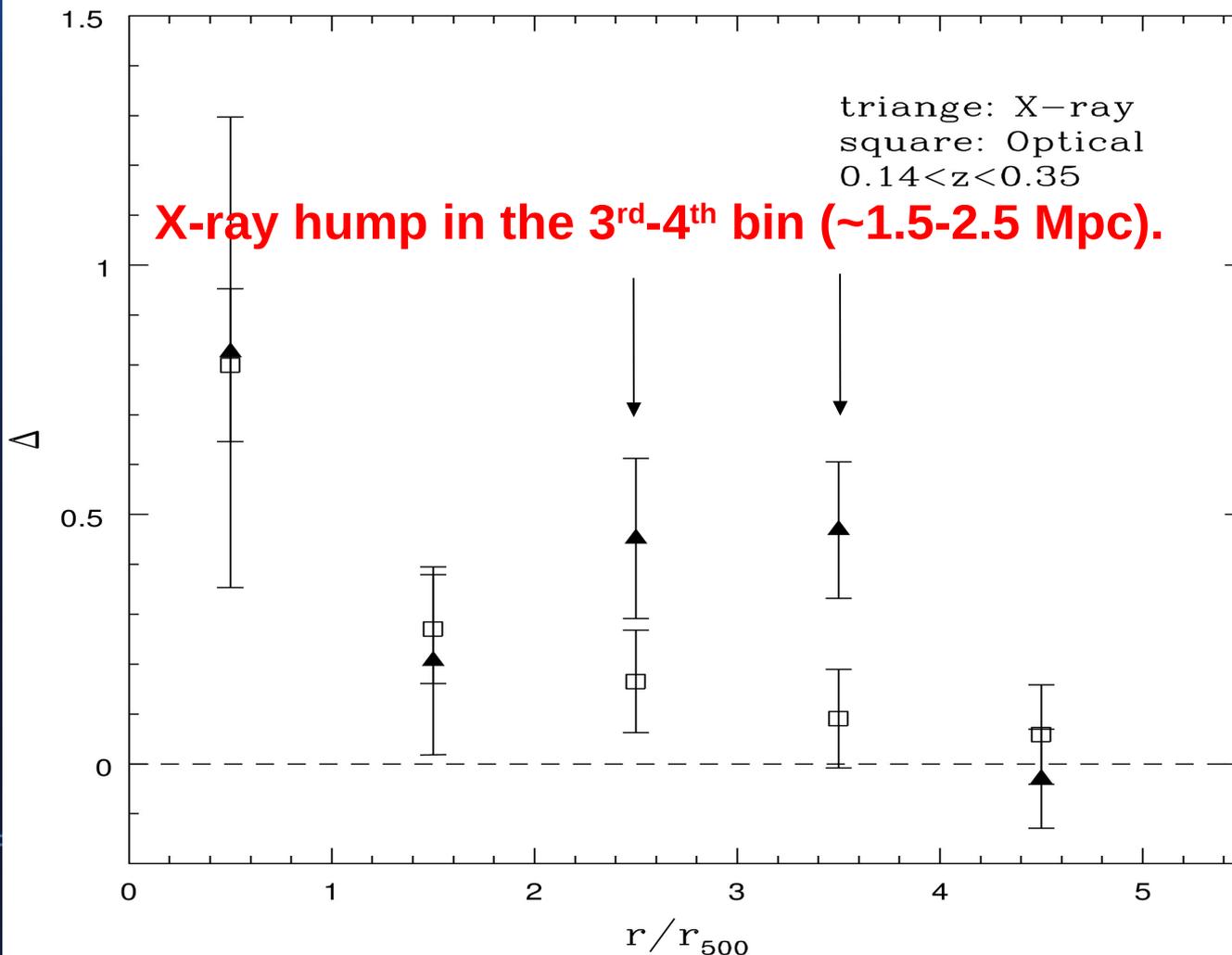


X-ray vs Optical galaxy overdensity up to radius = r500



X-ray overdensities within r_{500} annuli using logN-logS by Elyiv et al. (2012).
optical overdensities using CFHTLS and SDSS photometric redshifts.

19 low-z (0.14-0.35) clusters.



Optical counterparts within r_{500}

