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Abstract. We present a comparison between weak-lensing and x-ray mass estimates of a sample of numerically simulated clusters. The sample consists of the 20 most massive objects at redshift $z = 0.25$ and $M_{\text{vir}} > 5 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot} h^{-1}$. They were found in a cosmological simulation of volume $1 h^{-3} \text{Gpc}^3$, evolved in the framework of a WMAP-7 normalized cosmology. Each cluster has been resimulated at higher resolution and with more complex gas physics. We processed it through SkyLens and X-MAS to generate optical and x-ray mock observations along three orthogonal projections. The final sample consists of 60 cluster realizations. The optical simulations include lensing effects on background sources. Standard observational tools and methods of analysis are used to recover the mass profiles of each cluster projection from the mock catalogue. The resulting mass profiles from lensing and x-ray are individually compared to the input mass distributions. Given the size of our sample, we could also investigate the dependence of the results on cluster morphology, environment, temperature inhomogeneity and mass. We confirm previous results showing that lensing masses obtained from the fit of the cluster tangential shear profiles with Navarro–Frenk–White functionals are biased low by $\sim 5\text{--}10\%$ with a large scatter ($\sim 10\text{--}25\%$). We show that scatter could be reduced by optimally selecting clusters either having regular morphology or living in substructure-poor environment. The x-ray masses are biased low by a large amount ($\sim 25\text{--}35\%$), evidencing the presence of both non-thermal sources of pressure in the intra-cluster medium (ICM) and temperature inhomogeneity, but they show a significantly lower scatter than weak-lensing-derived masses. The x-ray mass bias grows from the inner to the outer regions of the clusters. We find that both biases are weakly correlated with the third-order power ratio, while a stronger correlation exists with the centroid shift. Finally, the x-ray bias is strongly connected with temperature inhomogeneities. Comparison with a previous analysis of simulations leads to the conclusion that the values of x-ray mass bias from simulations are still uncertain, showing dependences on the ICM physical treatment and, possibly, on the hydrodynamical scheme adopted.

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1. Introduction

Galaxy clusters are important test sites for cosmology and astrophysics. Firstly, they are ideal laboratories for studying how the dark matter behaves in a dense environment and evolves in the nonlinear regime. Secondly, their mass function is highly sensitive to cosmology, since its evolution traces the growth of the linear density perturbations with exponential magnification (Press and Schechter 1974, Jenkins *et al* 2001, Sheth and Tormen 2002, Warren *et al* 2006). Indeed, clusters are the most massive gravitationally bound structures in the Universe and, in the framework of the hierarchical structure formation scenario, they are also the youngest systems formed to date. Therefore, clusters are a mine of cosmological information, a large fraction of which is contained in the mass profile of these structures. Several methods can be used to determine the matter distribution in galaxy clusters. Two widely used approaches are based on x-ray and lensing observations.

X-ray observations allow the cluster mass profiles to be derived by assuming that these systems are spherically symmetric and that the emitting gas is in hydrostatic equilibrium (e.g. Henriksen and Mushotzky 1986, Sarazin 1988, Ettori *et al* 2002). This method has the advantage that, since the x-ray emissivity is proportional to the square of the electron density, it is not very sensitive to projection effects of masses along the line of sight to the clusters. However, it is still

not well established how safely the hydrostatic equilibrium approximation can be made (Rasia *et al* 2004, 2006, hereafter R06).

As the highest mass concentrations in the Universe, galaxy clusters are the most efficient *gravitational lenses* on the sky. Their matter distorts background-galaxy images with an intensity that increases from the outskirts to the inner regions. Strong distortions occur in the cores of some massive galaxy clusters, leading to the formation of ‘gravitational arcs’ and/or to the formation of systems of multiple images of the same source. Weak distortions, which can only be measured statistically, are impressed on the shape of distant galaxies that lie on the sky at large angular distances from the cluster centers (e.g. Bartelmann and Schneider 2001). Both these lensing regimes can be used to map the mass distribution in galaxy clusters. Gravitational lensing can directly probe the cluster *total mass* without any strong assumptions on the equilibrium state of the lens. Further, mass profiles can be measured over a wide range of scales, from $\lesssim 100$ kpc out to the virial radius. However, lensing measures the projected mass instead of the three-dimensional (3D) mass and it is sensitive to projection effects, such as triaxiality and additional concentrations of mass along the line of sight.

Given the pros and cons of each method, we can conclude that lensing and x-ray are complementary in many ways. In particular, the comparison of these two mass estimates can greatly help in improving the accuracy of the measurements and understanding the systematic errors.

Numerical simulations provide a unique way to investigate the performance of the lensing and x-ray techniques for measuring the mass profiles of galaxy clusters. Several studies were conducted in the past that made use of relatively simple descriptions of galaxy clusters and simulation setups, but still were able to assess some fundamental limits of these techniques and possibly suggest improvements (see, e.g., Metzler *et al* 2001, Piffaretti *et al* 2003, Clowe *et al* 2004, Rasia *et al* 2004, Becker and Kravtsov 2011). Over the last few years, using the increasing number of observational constraints and profiting of the huge increment of computational efficiency, the simulations have become even more sophisticated and can now include a large number of realistic and important features. These improvements regard both the description of the physical processes determining the evolution of the cosmic structures (see Borgani and Kravtsov 2009 for a review) and the interface between simulations and observations. In particular, a few pipelines have been developed that produce simulated observations of the numerically modeled clusters at different wavelengths (Nagai *et al* 2007, Meneghetti *et al* 2008, Rasia *et al* 2008, Heinz and Brüggén 2009). These pipelines can simulate observations with a variety of existing and future instruments and include most observational noises that typically affect and limit real measurements. Thus, they are ideal for testing data reduction pipelines (Mazzotta *et al* 2004, Rasia *et al* 2006, Nagai *et al* 2007).

In Meneghetti *et al* (2010) (M10 hereafter) we combined our optical simulator, SkyLens (Meneghetti *et al* 2008), with our x-ray one, XMAS (Gardini *et al* 2004, Rasia *et al* 2008), to study the systematic effects in mass measurements encountered following standard lensing and x-ray analysis. In that work, we used three simulated clusters and study them along three independent lines of sight. In this paper, we extend that work to a much larger sample. We consider 60 mock optical and x-ray images (20 independent clusters for three orthogonal lines of sight). Throughout the paper the quoted errors correspond to 1σ level.

The paper is structured as follows. Section 2 contains a short review of the results obtained in previous numerical studies, especially in M10. Section 3 presents a description of the simulated clusters. Sections 4 and 5 describe the lensing and the x-ray simulation pipelines and the

methods of analysis. We present the results in section 6, where we first discuss the lensing and x-ray mass estimates individually. We show how the bias and the scatter of the mass measurements depend on the cluster morphology and environment in section 7. Finally, we discuss our results in section 8.

2. Previous studies

2.1. Strong lensing

In M10, we used the parametric code *Lenstool* to construct mass models from the multiple image systems detected in synthetic Hubble Space Telescope (HST) observations. In the region where strong-lensing constraints were found (within the Einstein radius), the mass profiles recovered agree with the input mass distributions with an accuracy of a few per cent. Similar results were obtained by Jullo *et al* (2007) testing the performances of *Lenstool* with lens models produced using semi-analytical methods. The strong-lensing models are constructed by combining a main halo component and additional massive clumps associated with star clumps (the galaxies of the cluster). Fundamental in this process is the modeling of the central galaxy, BCG (Comerford *et al* 2006, Donnarumma *et al* 2009, 2011). M10 demonstrated that a wrong parameterization of the BCG leads to a severe under- or over-estimate of the strong-lensing masses extrapolated at large radii. Indeed, when the central galaxy was excluded during the creation and analysis of the synthetic optical images, both the bias and scatter were largely reduced. Discrepancies were seen already at R_{2500} , a radius that is typically 2–3 times larger than the Einstein radius. The parameterization of the BCG is also important for a more realistic estimate of the lensing cross-section: its presence increases the strong-lensing signal up to 20% in cluster size haloes (Giocoli *et al* 2011).

The necessity of having an accurate model for the BCG in order to extrapolate the strong-lensing mass at large radii makes the comparison between strong-lensing and x-ray mass estimates highly uncertain. Indeed, x-ray emission from the central region (~ 70 – 100 kpc) is often excluded from the x-ray analysis because it is more difficult to model (see, e.g., Vikhlinin *et al* 2006).

2.2. Weak lensing

The weak-lensing analysis is based on the measurement of the shape of galaxies in the background of the clusters, whose ellipticity can be used to estimate the shear produced by the lens. Details of the weak-lensing analysis can be found in section 4. In M10, we found that fitting the reduced tangential shear profile with a Navarro–Frenk–White (NFW; Navarro *et al* 1997) functional or using the aperture mass densitometry produces quite similar results. The measured projected mass is accurate at the level of $\sim 10\%$ for those clusters that do not show any massive substructures nearby. Two lens planes presented massive clumps just *outside* the virial radius of the cluster. This dilutes the shear tangential to the main cluster clump even at smaller radii. As a consequence, the mass profiles of these two lenses were severely under-estimated. Such a problem affects the methods where the shear is measured tangentially. Instead, we tested whether techniques that combine strong and weak lensing, such as those by Cacciato *et al* (2006) and by Merten *et al* (2009), are not influenced. To reconstruct the lensing potential the latter method uses an adaptive grid (see also Bradač *et al* 2005, Diego *et al* 2007, Merten 2011) and

naturally incorporates the effects of substructure. As a result, the scatter in the projected mass measurement is reduced and limited to $\lesssim 10\%$.

The main causes of substantial scatter in the deprojected masses are triaxiality and the presence of substructure. Under the standard assumption of spherical symmetry, 3D masses are over- or under-estimated, depending on the orientation of the cluster major axis with respect to the line of sight. For systems whose major axis points toward the observer, masses are typically over-estimated. The opposite occurs for clusters elongated in the plane of the sky. In M10, the resulting scatter of our sample is of the order of $\sim 17\%$. For clusters with substructure, the unknown location of the substructure along the line of sight also makes the 3D mass estimate highly unsure.

More recently, Becker and Kravtsov (2011) used a large number of simulated halos extracted from a large cosmological box to discuss the accuracy of weak-lensing masses measured by fitting the cluster shear profiles with NFW models. Their results are consistent with ours. Given the large size of their sample, they significantly probe that weak-lensing masses measured by fitting the tangential shear profiles are biased low, concluding that the NFW model is actually a poor description of the actual shear profiles of clusters at the radii used in the fitting. At the radius enclosing an over-density of 500 times the critical density of the Universe, R_{500} , they found that the bias amounts to $\sim 10\%$ for both clusters at $z = 0.25$ and $z = 0.5$. They varied the integration length to see the dependence on large-scale structure on the deflection field, the scatter found using our integration length (i.e. $20 h^{-1}$ Mpc) is comparable to ours.

Within the integration depth we chose, the large-scale structure can be considered correlated. If the integration length is larger, we will include also uncorrelated structures. Their effects on the weak-lensing mass estimates have been discussed in detail in several papers: uncorrelated structures introduce a noise in the mass estimates and their contribution to the total error budget is comparable to the statistical errors (Cen 1997, Metzler *et al* 1999, Hoekstra 2001, 2003, White and Vale 2004, Hoekstra *et al* 2011). Becker and Kravtsov (2011) specifically showed that the scatter in the weak-lensing masses of low-mass halos increases more than that for high-mass halos as a function of line-of-sight integration length because the high-mass halos generate more shear than the low-mass halos. The large-scale structure has different impacts depending on the redshift of the lenses and on the depth of the observations (Hoekstra 2003).

Finally, Becker and Kravtsov (2011) also discussed how the scatter and the bias change under varying number density of background sources, n_g . They show that as the number density increases, the shape noise contribution (due to the intrinsic ellipticity of the sources) to the scatter decreases and eventually becomes subdominant with respect to the intrinsic scatter in weak-lensing mass measurements. For clusters at $z = 0.25$, the total scatter on M_{500} changes from $\sim 37\%$ for $n_g = 10$ gals arcmin $^{-2}$ to $\sim 25\%$ for $n_g = 40$ gals arcmin $^{-2}$. As for the bias, they found that fitting the NFW functional form within R_{500} can reduce the bias by $\sim 5\%$.

2.3. X-ray

Regarding the x-ray analysis, we tested two different approaches in M10 that we dubbed the *backward* and *forward* methods.

The *backward* procedure assumed *a priori* a functional form for the mass (such as NFW), spherical symmetry and hydrostatic equilibrium (equation (26) in M10):

$$-G\mu m_p n_{\text{gas}} M_{\text{tot}}(< r)/r^2 = dP/dr = d(n_{\text{gas}} \times T)/dr, \quad (1)$$

where G is the gravitational constant, $\mu = 0.59$ is the mean molecular weight in amu, m_p is the proton mass, k is the Boltzmann constant, and n_{gas} and T are the gas density and temperature profiles. These are estimated at once by geometrically de-projecting the measured x-ray surface brightness and temperature data. The 3D temperature is computed following the recipe of Mazzotta *et al* (2004). More details can be found in Ettori *et al* (2002), Morandi *et al* (2007), R06 and M10.

The *forward* method, instead, uses complex parametric formulae to fit the projected surface brightness and temperature profiles. Subsequently, the analytic 2D expressions are de-projected assuming sphericity and, finally, the total mass is computed through equation (1).

The two methods are based on the same basic hypothesis: spherical symmetry and hydrostatic equilibrium. They differ for the quantity they analytically parameterized. The first method imposes a fixed mass profile (usually NFW), whereas the second one uses parametric formulae for the surface brightness and the temperature distributions (see section 5.2). In this way, the forward approach has smoother radial profiles to be derived, but also more parameters. The two procedures consistently reconstruct both the total and the gas masses, as we demonstrated. For this reason, here we limit our x-ray analysis to the forward method (presented in more detail later on in the paper). The x-ray masses were shown to systematically underestimate the true mass of the simulated clusters by 5–20% with an average bias of 10% between R_{2500} and R_{200} and a scatter of 6%. The gas masses reconstructed were usually 5% higher than the true ones within the region with sufficient signal. Thanks to the high exposure time used (500 ks) and the field of view of the images, we compared the mass profiles up to R_{200} .

M10 results were similar to the findings of Nagai *et al* (2007). In the same fashion, the authors created mock x-ray images of 16 objects simulated with an adaptive mesh code. The exposure time was 1 Ms and the field of view selected extended well beyond R_{200} . Processing the images, they followed the forward method. In their whole sample, the average difference between the total mass and the x-ray derived mass was 16% at R_{500} with a scatter of 9%, decreasing to $13 \pm 10\%$ for regular systems.

Rasia *et al* (2006) studied a smaller sample of five objects. We follow the backward method assuming different parameterizations for the total mass: β model either isothermal or with polytropic temperature profile, NFW and the model presented by Rasia *et al* (2004). Under the condition of perfect background subtraction, we found an averaged bias of 23 at R_{500} and 20.6% at R_{2500} . The causes of the bias were double: the neglect contribution of the gas bulk motions to the total energy budget and the temperature bias towards lower values of the x-ray temperatures. The contribution of the last factor was confirmed by Piffaretti and Valdarnini (2008) who analyzed more than 150 SPH-simulated clusters. Both papers found a temperature bias of 10–15% (see also Rasia *et al* 2005). Ameglio *et al* (2009) pointed out the direct correlation between this bias and the cluster mass (or temperature): the bias is higher in most massive systems because they have a larger spread in temperature.

3. Simulations

Our analysis is based on 20 simulated clusters identified at $z = 0.25$, all having virial mass $M_{\text{vir}} > 5 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$ at that redshift, and each observed along three orthogonal projection directions. These clusters belong to the set of radiative simulations presented by Fabjan *et al* (2011), whose initial conditions have been described in detail by Bonafede *et al* (2011). The

Lagrangian regions around each of these clusters have been identified within a low-resolution N -body cosmological simulation, which followed 1024^3 DM particles within a box having a comoving side of $1 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ Gpc}$. The cosmological model assumed is a flat Λ CDM one, with $\Omega_m = 0.24$ for the matter density parameter, $\Omega_{\text{bar}} = 0.04$ for the contribution of baryons, $H_0 = 72 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ for the present-day Hubble constant, $n_s = 0.96$ for the primordial spectral index and $\sigma_8 = 0.8$ for the normalization of the power spectrum, thus consistent with the CMB WMAP7 constraints (Komatsu *et al* 2011). Within each Lagrangian region mass resolution is increased following the zoomed initial condition (ZIC) technique (Tormen *et al* 1997). Resolution is progressively degraded outside such regions so as to save computational time, while preserving a correct description of the large-scale tidal field. Within the high-resolution region, it is $m_{\text{DM}} = 8.47 \times 10^8 M_\odot \text{ h}^{-1}$ and $m_{\text{DM}} = 1.53 \times 10^8 M_\odot \text{ h}^{-1}$ for the masses of the DM and gas particles, respectively.

Simulations have been carried out using the TreePM/SPH GADGET-3 code, a newer and more efficient version of the GADGET-2 code originally presented by Springel (2005). A Plummer equivalent softening length for the computation of the gravitational force in the high-resolution region was fixed to $\epsilon = 5 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ kpc}$ in physical units at redshift $z < 2$, whereas it was fixed in comoving units at higher redshift. As to the computation of hydrodynamic forces, we assume the SPH smoothing length to reach a minimum allowed value of 0.5ϵ . Our simulations include metal-dependent radiative cooling and cooling/heating from a spatially uniform and evolving UV background, according to the prescription presented by Wiersma *et al* (2009). Following the star-formation model of Springel and Hernquist (2003), gas particles whose density exceeds a given threshold value are treated as multi-phase particles, where a hot ionized phase coexists in pressure equilibrium with a cold phase, which is the reservoir for star formation. We also include a detailed description of metal enrichment from different stellar populations, using the model originally described by Tornatore *et al* (2007). The effect of supernovae feedback is included through the effect of galactic winds having a velocity of 500 km s^{-1} .

The cluster significant radii (R_{2500} , R_{1000} , R_{500} , R_{200} , R_{vir})¹⁹ and the corresponding masses are listed in table 1. To compute these quantities we chose as center the minimum of the potential well, as was done by Rasia *et al* (2011). In the following, we will refer to these numbers as the *true* or the *intrinsic* values.

4. Weak Lensingsec: lensing

4.1. SkyLens simulations

To simulate their lensing effects on a population of background sources, we process the halos using our well-tested optical simulation pipeline SkyLens (e.g. Meneghetti *et al* 2008, 2011 and M10). Here, we briefly summarize the basic steps toward the realization of the simulated images; see the above-mentioned papers for further details.

We begin selecting particles falling into a cylinder centered on the cluster and having its width and depth set equal to 10 and $20 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$, respectively. This ensures including in the simulation the effects of filaments apart from the cluster and of additional mass clumps that could produce additional shear signal. Since we are focusing on high-resolution re-simulated clusters, we do not include the effects of uncorrelated large-scale structures. As a matter of fact,

¹⁹ R_Δ and M_Δ are the radius and the mass of the sphere whose density is Δ times the critical density at the cluster redshift.

Table 1. True radii in h^{-1} kpc and masses in $h^{-1}10^{14}M_{\odot}$ at different overdensities ($\Delta = 2500, 1000, 500, 200, \text{vir}$).

Cluster	R_{2500}	R_{1000}	R_{500}	R_{200}	R_{vir}	M_{2500}	M_{1000}	M_{500}	M_{200}	M_{vir}
CL1	388	669	989	1561	1988	2.089	4.277	6.900	10.852	12.394
CL2	491	823	1161	1731	2241	4.227	7.948	11.170	14.796	17.76
CL3	341	558	790	1181	1515	1.410	2.484	3.510	4.702	5.489
CL4	314	513	747	1204	1615	1.099	1.923	2.974	4.979	6.641
CL5	415	654	925	1495	1962	2.557	3.985	5.637	9.518	11.921
CL6	437	719	1010	1557	2048	2.966	5.296	7.342	10.772	13.543
CL7	396	656	934	1476	1949	2.218	4.021	5.807	9.169	11.698
CL8	404	655	921	1487	1951	2.357	4.003	5.563	9.367	11.719
CL9	372	615	857	1277	1647	1.830	3.315	4.480	5.941	7.046
CL10	393	708	1052	1637	2075	2.163	5.051	8.299	12.514	14.091
CL11	458	739	1019	1528	1943	3.427	5.751	7.546	10.187	11.565
CL12	317	568	836	1343	1763	1.131	2.617	4.171	6.902	8.640
CL13	304	541	868	1405	1827	1.005	2.257	4.655	7.913	9.621
CL14	452	723	998	1503	1930	3.289	5.381	7.079	9.686	11.346
CL15	373	608	902	1467	1965	1.847	3.200	5.238	9.008	11.971
CL16	400	653	911	1392	1822	2.278	3.970	5.392	7.691	9.547
CL17	370	616	892	1459	1891	1.809	3.332	5.052	8.863	10.662
CL18	277	475	700	1147	1504	7.584	1.528	2.444	4.303	5.365
CL19	289	513	780	1249	1585	0.858	1.922	3.380	5.551	6.279
CL20	403	660	920	1410	1858	2.337	4.092	5.544	7.993	10.121

the importance of matter along the line of sight is fairly small for rich clusters at intermediate redshifts, like those in our sample, provided that the bulk of the sources are at high redshift compared to the cluster (see section 1).

We project the mass distribution (i.e. the selected particles) on a *lens plane* at the redshift of the cluster, $z_L = 0.25$. For each cluster in the sample we derive three lens planes, corresponding to the projections (named 1, 2 and 3) along the three axes of the simulation box. The final number of lens planes used in this study is 60. This is a factor of ~ 7 larger than the sample investigated previously in M10.

The deflection field of each cluster is determined by tracing a bundle of 4096×4096 light rays from the observer position through the lens plane (see M10 for the description of the tree code). The final deflection matrix is used to further trace the light rays toward the background sources, allowing us to reconstruct their distorted images. In short, the code uses a set of real galaxies decomposed into shapelets (Refregier 2003) to model the source morphologies on a synthetic sky. In the current version of the simulator, the shapelet database contains ~ 3000 galaxies in the z -band from the GOODS/ACS archive (Giavalisco *et al* 2004) and ~ 10000 galaxies in the B, V, i, z bands from the *Hubble-Ultra-Deep-Field* (HUDF) archive (Beckwith *et al* 2006). Most galaxies have spectral classifications and photometric redshifts available (Benitez 2000, Coe *et al* 2006), which are used to generate a population of sources whose luminosity and redshift distributions resemble those of the HUDF.

SkyLens allows us to mimic observations with a variety of telescopes, both from space and from the ground. For this work, we simulate wide-field observations, on which we carry out

a weak-lensing analysis, using the SUBARU Suprime-Cam. All simulations include realistic background and instrumental noise. The galaxy colors are realistically reproduced by adopting 22 SEDs to model the background galaxies, following the spectral classifications published by Coe *et al* (2006).

Compared to M10, here we use a different setup. Firstly, we assume an exposure time of 2000 s in the *I*-band, which is a factor of three shallower than in M10. This is aimed at testing the weak-lensing analysis under more realistic conditions. Secondly, we use real stars observed with SUBARU to model the PSF. The PSF model is characterized by an FWHM of $\sim 0.6''$. M10 used an isotropic Gaussian PSF instead. For all lens planes, we produce wide-field images covering a region of $2400'' \times 2400''$ around the cluster center. This allows us to measure the shear signal up to a distance of $\sim 3.5 h^{-1}$ Mpc at $z = z_L$, well beyond the virial radius of any cluster in the sample.

4.2. Weak-lensing analysis

The weak-lensing measurements are made using the standard Kaiser–Squires–Broadhurst (KSB) method, proposed by Kaiser *et al* (1995) and subsequently extended by Luppino and Kaiser (1997) and by Hoekstra *et al* (1998). The galaxy ellipticities are measured from the quadrupole moments of their surface brightness distributions, corrected for the PSF and used to estimate the reduced shear under the assumption that the expectation value of the intrinsic source ellipticity vanishes.

In this study, we use the publicly available pipeline KSBf90 by C Heymans²⁰ to process our images and measure the shear fields. The final galaxy catalogues are constructed by selecting only the galaxies with signal-to-noise ratio $S/N > 10$ (as provided by SExtractor; Bertin and Arnouts 1996), half-light radius larger than 1.15 times the PSF size and reduced shear $|g| < 1$. Given the above-mentioned exposure time and seeing conditions, the effective number density of galaxies in the final shear catalogues is $\sim 17 \text{ arcmin}^{-2}$. In observations exploiting a depth similar to our simulated images, the number of sources available for the lensing analysis may be smaller because the light emission from cluster galaxies (not included in these simulations) is a potential contaminant. These non-lensed galaxies bias low the lensing signal if they are accidentally included in the shear catalogues. Color-based techniques (e.g. Medezinski *et al* 2007, 2010) allow us to separate the foreground and the background galaxy populations efficiently, but, to be conservative, several sources that may have a dubious classification are usually excluded from the lensing catalogues. Among them are several background galaxies.

In M10, we considered several methods of measuring the total mass using the observed shear field. As discussed above, we found that the most precise mass measurements are obtained by combining weak and strong lensing non-parametrically (see e.g. Merten *et al* 2009). The disadvantage of this approach is that it is very expensive both in terms of the time needed to carry out the analysis and in terms of data requirements. The identification of the strong-lensing features, used to constrain the model in the inner region, usually requires deep and high-resolution HST imaging. Moreover, strong-lensing clusters are relatively rare and known to be affected by many biases (Hennawi *et al* 2007, Meneghetti *et al* 2010, 2011). Fitting the tangential shear profiles with functionals describing the cluster density profiles is a very common and easy alternative to measure the mass (e.g. Hoekstra *et al* 2000, Clowe and Schneider 2002, Jee *et al* 2005, Dahle 2006, Bardeau *et al* 2007, Kubo *et al* 2007, Paulin-Henriksson *et al* 2007, Oguri

²⁰ <http://www.roe.ac.uk/~heyman/KSBf90/Home.html>

et al 2009, Okabe *et al* 2010, Romano 2010, Umetsu *et al* 2011, Zitrin 2011). Further, this method can be applied to clusters down to relatively small mass limits and in the absence of strong-lensing features.

Here, we assume that the density profiles of clusters are well described by the Navarro–Frenk–White profile (Navarro *et al* 1997),

$$\rho_{\text{NFW}}(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{r/r_s(1+r/r_s)^2}, \quad (2)$$

where ρ_s and r_s are the characteristic density and the scale radius, respectively. The characteristic density is often written in terms of the concentration parameter, $c_{200} = r_{200}/r_s$, as

$$\rho_s = \frac{200}{3} \rho_{\text{cr}} \frac{c_{200}^3}{[\ln(1+c_{200}) - c_{200}/(1+c_{200})]}. \quad (3)$$

We derive the mass by fitting the 1D reduced tangential shear profile with the corresponding NFW functional (Bartelmann 1996, Wright and Brainerd 2000, Meneghetti *et al* 2003).

The tangential shear profile is derived from the data by radially binning the galaxies and averaging the tangential component of their ellipticity within each bin. The tangential and cross components are, respectively, defined as

$$\epsilon_+ = -\text{Re}[\epsilon e^{-2i\phi}] \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_\times = -\text{Im}[\epsilon e^{-2i\phi}]. \quad (4)$$

The angle ϕ specifies the direction from the galaxy centroid toward the center of the cluster, which we identify with the most bound particle in the simulation. When averaging over many galaxies, the expectation value of the intrinsic source ellipticity vanishes, and the reduced tangential shear is given by $g_+ = \langle \epsilon_+ \rangle$. In contrast, in the absence of systematics the averaged cross component of the ellipticity should be zero.

5. X-ray

5.1. X-MAS simulations

Before producing the x-ray synthetic catalogue, we have applied the technique described in appendix A to remove over-cooled particles. Subsequently, our clusters are processed through X-MAS to obtain *Chandra* mock images. The characteristics of this software package are described in detail in other works (Gardini *et al* 2004, Rasia *et al* 2008). To create the photon event file, we assumed the ancillary response function (ARF) and redistribution matrix function (RMF) typical of the ACIS-S3 detector aimpoint. We consider the redshift as that of the simulated timeframe ($z = 0.25$) and the metallicity constant and as equal to 0.3 solar with respect to the tables of Anders and Grevesse (1989)²¹. The field of view of our images has a side of 16 arcmin. For our cosmology and redshift, this corresponds to $2561 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ kpc}$. All the clusters have their R_{500} regions within the field of view (see table 1), even if some of them at that radius do not emit a sufficient number of photons to allow a precise spatial and spectral analysis (see more in the next section). We account for the emission by all the particles within a depth of 10 Mpc along the line of sight direction and centered on the cluster. The exposure time chosen is 100 ks. This setting differs from what was adopted in M10: the reduction of the exposure time allows a more realistic comparison with observed data. In the final event files, we

²¹ The helium abundance used in the plasma emission was modified from $9.77\text{e-}02$ to $7.72\text{e-}2$ to be consistent with the hydrogen mass fraction used as input in the GADGET-3 code.

add a contribution for the galactic absorption by a *WABS* model with $N_H = 5 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$. As in M10, we do not include the influence of the background since R06 proved that its net effect is to enlarge the error on the mass estimates without introducing an extra bias. Furthermore, new background models are capable of predicting the spatial variation of the Chandra background with an accuracy better than 1% (Bartalucci *et al* 2012).

We note that tools such as *X-MAS* are not suitable for addressing calibration problematics since the same response files are used both to create and to analyze the data. In this sense, in our analysis we assume a perfect knowledge of the instrument calibration and the results do not depend on the instrument reproduced. In the analysis of real observational data, systematic instrumental uncertainties are highly important, in particular in the situation of high statistics (a high number of counts). To treat them correctly one needs to include them in the analysis. Lee (2011) have recently provided a Bayesian statistical method to tackle this problem.

5.2. X-ray analysis

Using the *CIAO* tool (Fruscione *et al* 2006), we extract soft band images in the [0.7–2] keV band. We apply the wavelet algorithm of Vikhlinin *et al* (1998) to identify clumps. These and any major substructure have been masked and excluded from the following analysis. The surface brightness profiles are centered in the x-ray centroid (Rasia *et al* 2011) and account for 15–30 linearly spaced annuli with at least 100 counts. The innermost annulus is selected outside the central 10% of R_{500} , the outermost one is always beyond R_{1000} and reaches R_{500} in the majority of the cases (see table 3). The radial coverage is comparable to recent observations, some of which extend beyond R_{500} (Neumann 2005, Leccardi and Molendi 2008, Ettori and Balestra 2009, Vikhlinin *et al* 2009). The temperature profile is calculated in 6–10 annuli spanning over the same radial range of the surface brightness profile. The minimum number of photons per temperature annulus is 1000. The spectra are grouped and fitted by a single-temperature MEKAL model in the XSPEC package (Arnaud 1996). The statistics used is χ^2 and the energy band considered is [0.8–7] keV. In the pipeline the values of galactic absorption, redshift, hydrogen column density and metallicity are fixed equal to the input ones.

To compute the total mass from the x-ray analysis, we follow the ‘forward’ method of M10 (see also Vikhlinin *et al* 2006). The surface brightness and the temperature profiles are fitted by the analytic formulae:

$$n_p n_e = n^2 \frac{(r/r_c)^{-\alpha}}{[1 + (r/r_c)^2]^{3\beta - \alpha/2}} \frac{1}{[1 + (r/r_s)^\gamma]^{\epsilon/\gamma}}; \quad T = T_0 \frac{(r/r_t)^{-a}}{[1 + (r/r_t)^b]^{c/b}}. \quad (5)$$

Since we exclude the cluster central part from our analysis, we do not model the cooling core region as was done by Vikhlinin *et al* (2006). This excision is common in both simulations (e.g. M10, Nagai *et al* 2007) and observations (e.g. Vikhlinin *et al* 2009, Ettori *et al* 2010) to avoid, in the former case, the influence of the over-cooled central region and, in the latter case, the presence of central active galaxy, cool-core regions, gas sloshing. The 2D analytic formulae are deprojected and the total mass is recovered by assuming hydrostatic equilibrium, which from equation (1) can be written as

$$M_X(< r) = - \frac{kT(r)r}{G\mu m_p} \left(\frac{d \ln \rho}{d \ln r} + \frac{d \ln T}{d \ln r} \right), \quad (6)$$

where T and ρ are the deprojected 3D analytic profiles. Following this procedure, we obtain the x-ray mass that we compare with the true mass of the simulated cluster. The uncertainties in

the estimate of this mass, eM_X , were obtained through Monte Carlo simulations. In each Monte Carlo realization, surface brightness and temperature profiles were varied within their measured errors. Each time a new mass was then derived. The resulting uncertainty was defined as the standard deviation computed over 100 such realizations.

6. Results

6.1. Weak-lensing mass estimates

Weak lensing allows us to measure the mass of the cluster projected on the plane of the sky. The NFW analytic formula of the integral along the line of sight of the mass contained in a cylinder is $M(R_{2D}) = 4\rho_s r_s^3 h(x)$, where $x = R_{2D}/r_s$ and

$$h(x) = \ln \frac{x}{2} + \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} \arctan \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} & (x > 1), \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \operatorname{arctanh} \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}} & (x < 1), \\ 1 & (x = 1). \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

The profile parameters r_s and ρ_s are obtained from fitting the tangential shear profile, as discussed above.

Unfortunately, in most cosmological applications the projected mass is not the quantity of interest. Rather, we need to measure the 3D mass. To derive it by de-projecting the 2D mass, one needs to make *strong* assumptions about the shape of the cluster, which is usually assumed spherical. In this case, the NFW model is given by

$$M(r) = 4\pi r_s^2 \rho_s \left[\ln(1+y) - \frac{y}{1+y} \right], \quad (8)$$

where $y = r/r_s$. With both the 2D and the 3D masses we associate errors, $eM_{\text{WL},2D}$ and $eM_{\text{WL},3D}$, computed by propagating the errors on r_s and ρ_s , as obtained from fitting the tangential shear profiles.

In the following, we show how well we measure projected and de-projected mass profiles of the clusters in our sample. In both cases, the quality of the mass measurement is assessed by means of the ratio Q_{WL} between the measured and the true mass: $Q_{\text{WL}} = M_{\text{WL}}/M_{\text{true}}$. The uncertainty on this ratio, $eM_{\text{WL}}/M_{\text{true}}$, accounts only for the errors in the weak-lensing mass since the true mass is perfectly known from simulations. The weighted mean of both the 2D and the 3D weak-lensing bias radial profiles, $\langle Q_{\text{WL}} \rangle$, is shown by the solid red line in figure 1. Its scatter is quantified by the standard deviation of its distribution, and is represented by the shaded yellow region. In formulae:

$$\langle Q_{\text{WL}} \rangle = \frac{\sum_i Q_{\text{WL},i}(R/R_{\text{vir},i}) \times eM_{\text{WL},i}}{\sum_i eM_{\text{WL},i}} \quad \text{and} \quad (9)$$

$$\text{scatter} = \left[\frac{\sum_i (Q_{\text{WL},i}(R/R_{\text{vir},i}) - \langle Q_{\text{WL}} \rangle)^2 \times eM_{\text{WL},i}}{\sum_i eM_{\text{WL},i}} \right]^{0.5}$$

The profiles are plotted in units of R_{vir} . The over-imposed crosses refer to the weighted averaged Q_{WL} computed at the significant radius of each object, with average computed at a radius corresponding to a fixed over-density Δ , $(R_{\Delta,i}/R_{\text{vir},i})$, and not over the whole radial profile $(R/R_{\text{vir},i})$. They are located at the respective averaged over-density radii. The cross

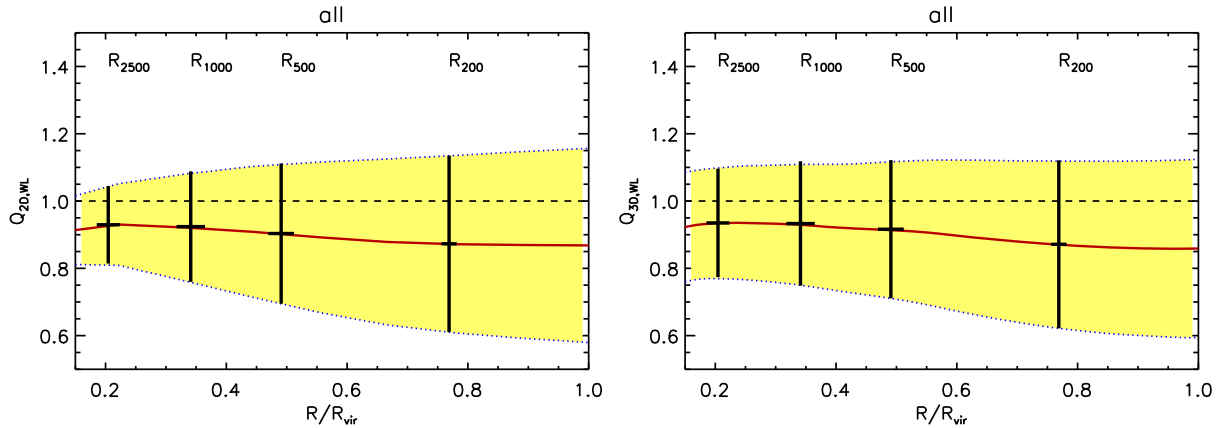


Figure 1. Comparison between weak-lensing and true masses using all clusters in the sample (60 lens planes). The solid lines in the left and right panels show the average ratios between 2D- and the 3D-weak-lensing masses and the true masses, respectively. These are plotted as a function of the distance from the cluster center in units of the virial radius. The crosses in each panel mark the average locations of various over-density radii and their amplitude is the weighted average bias at each significant radius. The yellow-shaded region marks the standard deviation at each radius.

horizontal bars show the dispersion around the radii in units of R_{vir} . The quantitative version of figure 1 is reported in table 2, where we present all our results. Each value of $Q_{3\text{D},\text{WL}}$ and its corresponding uncertainty is listed in table B.1 of appendix B.

Two important conclusions emerge from this analysis. Firstly, the mass measured fitting the reduced tangential shear profile with an NFW functional is biased low. The bias amounts to $\sim 7\text{--}10\%$ between R_{2500} and R_{500} and reaches $\sim 13\%$ for larger distances from the cluster center. Secondly, the scatter in both 2D and 3D masses ranges between $\sim 10\%$ at small radii and $\sim 25\%$ at larger radii, being 20% at R_{500} .

These results agree with the findings of M10 and Becker and Kravtsov (2011), confirming that the weak-lensing analysis via the KSB pipeline does not introduce significant systematics.

6.2. X-ray mass estimates

Contrary to the optical mass measurements, the x-ray mass derivation gives directly the 3D mass profile. Therefore, we can straightforwardly define the ratio between the x-ray mass and the true ones: $Q_X = M_X/M_{\text{true}}$.

Similarly to weak-lensing analysis, we compute the weighted average of Q_X over the whole sample and the standard deviation of the distribution (equation (9)). In figure 2, we plot the values only within R_{500} , which is the radius reached by most of the surface brightness and temperature profiles (table 3). The cross shown at R_{200} is the result of the extrapolation of the analytic formulae. In the third part of table 2, we report the weighted-averaged Q_X and its scatter. Each Q_X value and its corresponding uncertainty are listed in table B.2 of appendix B.

Figure 2 confirms some previous findings that we will synthesize here postponing a more profound discussion to section 8.

Table 2. Weighted average mass bias, Q_{WL} and Q_X , and their standard deviation for the whole sample and the different sub-samples based on x-ray and environmental classification. The environmental classification is performed on the visual inspection of both intrinsic simulated maps, I. Poor, and on optical synthetic images, O. Poor (see section 7 for details).

Radius	All cluster		Regular		I. Poor		O. Poor		
	Bias	rms	Bias	rms	Bias	rms	Bias	rms	
	$(1 - Q_{2D,WL}) \times 100$								
R_{2500}	7.0	11.5	7.9	11.0	4.4	4.3	7.0	9.5	
R_{1000}	7.6	16.5	8.7	15.8	1.7	3.3	6.0	12.6	
R_{500}	9.7	20.8	10.1	19.5	0.0	5.0	4.9	16.4	
R_{200}	12.7	26.2	12.8	23.1	-4.2	7.0	4.1	22.2	
	$(1 - Q_{3D,WL}) \times 100$								
R_{2500}	6.5	16.1	6.9	9.5	3.0	13.3	6.2	15.2	
R_{1000}	6.7	18.5	8.2	12.8	4.5	12.2	5.2	16.4	
R_{500}	8.4	20.5	8.9	16.9	3.5	11.3	4.8	16.7	
R_{200}	12.8	25.0	13.3	22	0.0	9.8	5.8	20.0	
	$(1 - Q_X) \times 100$								
R_{2500}	23.9	11.0	19.0	7.6	21.9	4.9	20.8	8.2	
R_{1000}	27.5	7.9	25.6	7.8	22.5	2.2	26.4	6.2	
R_{500}^a	33.0	9.4	34.4	10.4	26.1	7.7	33.1	8.8	

^a The x-ray measures are extrapolated for some clusters.

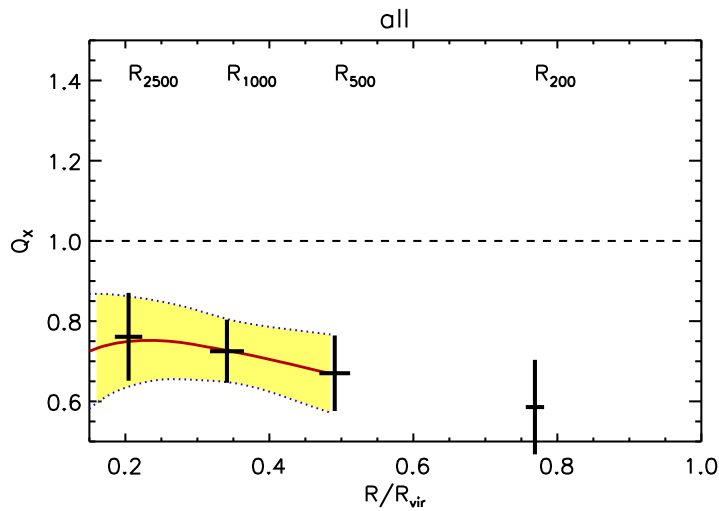


Figure 2. Comparison between x-ray and true masses using the whole sample. The meaning of lines, crosses and shaded regions is the same as in figure 1.

The average x-ray mass is consistently underestimating the true mass. The x-ray bias is about 25% at the center and 30–35% at R_{500} . The decline in the most external regions is expected since the cluster outskirts present a more dramatic lack of hydrostatic equilibrium (Lau *et al* 2009) and a stronger influence of gas clumpiness (Nagai and Lau 2011). The presence of

Table 3. Per cluster and projection, we checked those whose x-ray data are available at R_{500} (first column); those that are morphologically regular, $P_3/P_0 < 2 \times 10^{-7}$ and $w < 0.03$ (second column); those that *intrinsically* lie in a poor environment; and those that *observationally* are recognized as lying in a poor environment.

Cluster	Projection 1				Projection 2				Projection 3			
	$R_{500,X}$	$P_3/P_0, w$	I.p.	O.p.	$R_{500,X}$	$P_3/P_0, w$	I.p.	O.p.	$R_{500,X}$	$P_3/P_0, w$	I.p.	O.p.
CL1	√-	-	-	√	√	√	-	-	√	-	-	-
CL2	-	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	-	√	√
CL3	√	-	-	-	√	√	-	-	√	-	√	-
CL4	√	-	-	-	√	-	-	√	√	√	-	-
CL5	-	√	√	-	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-
CL6	-	-	-	-	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	√
CL7	√	-	√	√	√	√	-	√	√	-	√	√
CL8	-	-	-	-	-	√	-	√	√	√	-	√
CL9	-	√	√	√	-	√	-	-	-	√	-	-
CL10	-	-	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CL11	√	-	√	√	√	√	-	√	√	-	√	-
CL12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	√	-	-	-	-
CL13	√	-	-	-	√	-	-	-	√	-	-	-
CL14	√	-	-	-	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	-
CL15	-	-	-	-	√	-	-	-	√	-	-	√
CL16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CL17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CL18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CL19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CL20	√	-	-	-	√	√	-	-	√	-	-	-

gas clumps affects the x-ray mass determination in two ways: it shallows the surface brightness profile and cools x-ray temperature (see more on this in section 8). Massive systems, as the ones studied in this paper, are expected to be still growing and therefore far from an equilibrium state. Moreover, the temperature bins in the external regions, where the temperature profile declines more steeply, are usually larger, containing more temperature structures. Finally, the large bias on the most external region has to be taken with caution since it is not the result of a measurement but of an extrapolation. The dispersion around the average is quite small. The standard deviation is less than 10% at all radii apart from R_{2500} where it is 12%. These numbers are two or three times smaller than those related to the gravitational lensing.

7. Cluster classification

We investigate in this section the efficiency in reducing bias and scatter on both x-ray and gravitational lensing masses of two selecting criteria. We create different sub-samples determined by the morphology of the x-ray images or by the presence of substructures on their environment.

7.1. Masses and x-ray morphology

To limit the impact of the non-thermal processes on the x-ray mass estimates, clusters are often selected on the basis of their appearance. The literature is rich in studies where clusters have been classified into *relaxed*, or *regular*, and *unrelaxed*, or *disturbed*, because of their x-ray morphology (e.g. Zhang *et al* 2008, Vikhlinin 2009). Most of the time, the classification is done ‘visually’, i.e. simply quantifying the regularity of an object from the x-ray image in the soft band. More objective criteria, proposed in the past, are the *power ratios*, *centroid-shift*, *asymmetry* and *fluctuation parameters* and *hardness ratio*. We test all of them and present our result here.

Third-order power ratio and centroid shift. Buote and Tsai (1995) suggested to decompose the surface brightness distribution in multipoles. The high-order multipoles, usually normalized by the monopole and called *power ratios*, are used to quantify the contribution of different scale components (asymmetries and substructures) to the surface-brightness power spectrum relative to the large-scale smooth cluster emission. Most information in the power spectrum is contained in the first four multipoles. P_0 is the monopole. The power ratio P_1/P_0 measures the dipole of the x-ray emission, which is zero if measured with respect to the x-ray centroid. The power ratio P_2/P_0 measures the ellipticity (quadrupole). The third-order power ratio P_3/P_0 can be used to quantify asymmetries and is the best indicator of clusters with multimodal distributions. Substructures on smaller scales contribute to higher-order multipoles.

Another indicator of the dynamical state and of the asymmetry of the x-ray emission is the *centroid-shift*, i.e. the shift of the surface brightness centroid in apertures of increasing size. This parameter points out the dynamical state of the cluster as well as the asymmetry. Following Poole *et al* (2006) and Maughan *et al* (2008), we define the centroid-shift as

$$w = \frac{1}{R_{\max}} \times \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (\Delta_i - \langle \Delta \rangle)^2}{(N-1)}}, \quad (10)$$

where R_{\max} is the radius of the largest aperture, and $\Delta_i = \vec{R}_{c,i} - \vec{R}_{c,\max}$ is the shift of the centroid in the i th aperture with respect to the centroid in the largest aperture, $\vec{R}_{c,\max}$. $\langle \Delta \rangle$ is the mean value of the various Δ_i and the sum is done over all the N apertures with radii up to R_{\max} . In this work, we assumed $N = 17$ apertures with radii ranging between $R_{\min} = 0.15 \times R_{500}$ and $R_{\max} = R_{500}$.

The third-order power ratio and the centroid shift were shown to be effective in classifying clusters by two recent works of Cassano *et al* (2010) and Böhringer *et al* (2010). Clusters are located in a rather well-defined region in the P_3/P_0 - w plane: objects with small centroid shift and small P_3/P_0 are classified as ‘regular’. The majority of them are cool core systems, not very dynamically active and showing absence or very little radio emission. For all these reasons, often, these objects are referred to as ‘relaxed’.

In this work, we compute the power ratio, P_3/P_0 , and the centroid-shift, from the signal of the region within R_{500} of the masked images. In this way, we can evaluate the ‘irregularity’ of the actual portion of the image that we use to retrieve the mass. Both the values and their uncertainties are derived from Monte Carlo simulations. We create 100 new images where the photons are re-distributed accordingly to a Poisson statistics. We evaluate the estimators in each image. Finally, we extract the medians and the 16th and 84th percentile of the Monte Carlo distributions to represent the final values of the morphological estimators and their uncertainties.

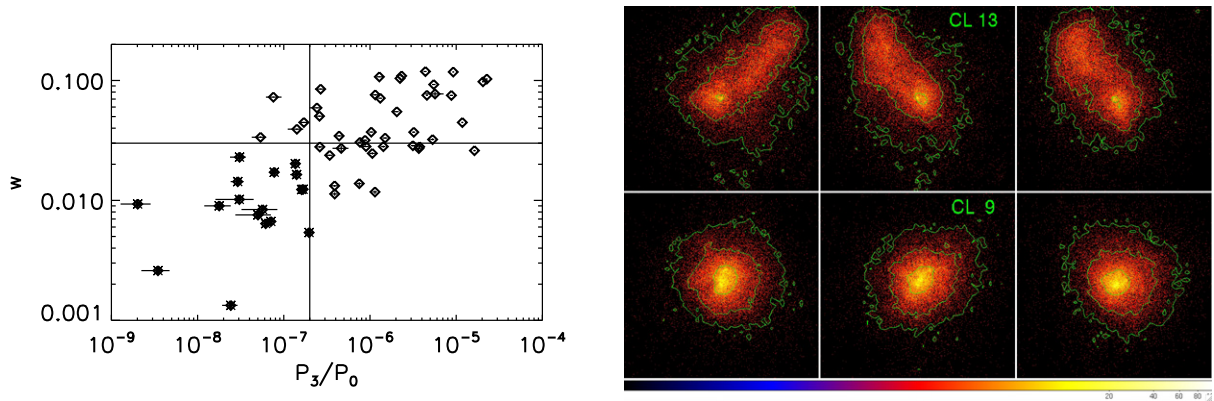


Figure 3. On the left: the distribution of clusters in the $P_3/P_0 - w$ plane. The asterisks represent clusters classified as regular. On the right: soft x-ray images of a disturbed cluster and a regular one seen along the three projections: CL13 on the top and CL9 at the bottom. To emphasize the morphology we over-plotted the iso-flux contours in green.

The third-order power ratios and the centroid shifts of our sample with their uncertainties are shown in the left panel of figure 3. We recognize the region with *regular* systems by slightly relaxing the criteria adopted by Cassano *et al* (2010). In our work, we define a cluster to be regular when $w < 0.03$ and $P_3/P_0 < 2 \times 10^{-7}$. Our choice is motivated by the fact that our aperture is equal to R_{500} , thus larger than the 500 kpc aperture radius analyzed by Cassano *et al* (2010). Reducing this radius, they naturally measured lower values of the morphological estimators and, in particular, of the power ratios (Böhringer *et al* 2010).

The 17 regular objects are denoted by asterisks in the figure. In most cases, these are systems with small companions or some minor irregularity in the surface brightness map. The full classification is listed in table 3 below the column ‘ $P_3/P_0, w$ ’. Two extreme examples are represented in the right panel of figure 3. The x-ray images of the most disturbed system of our sample (CL 13) are shown on the top panels, while the bottom panels refer to a relaxed cluster (CL 9).

The uncertainties on our parameters are smaller than those of Böhringer *et al* (2010) because of the better spatial resolution of Chandra with respect to XMM-Newton (see Böhringer *et al* 2010), for a detailed discussion of the influence on spatial resolution or point-spread function). The comparison of their work with that of Cassano *et al* (2010), based on Chandra data, confirms this statement. The large exposure time assumed in our mock observations ensures a high counts statistics and therefore a further reduction on the uncertainties. If future missions will reproduce the great spatial resolution of Chandra, both power-ratios and centroid shifts will be available with sufficient accuracy for a large number of objects, thus allowing highly detailed studies of cluster morphologies.

We now proceed by checking whether the lensing and true masses biases improve when selecting only the x-ray regular systems. Similarly to figure 1, we show in figure 4 Q_{WL} as a function of the distance from the cluster center for the sub-samples of regular systems. Quantitative results are listed in table 2 including those for Q_X .

The scatter on lensing bias is reduced by 20–40%. However, the bias itself worsens with respect to the whole sample. *Clearly, a selection based on the x-ray morphology is not optimal for lensing purposes.* The reason for this behavior can be explained by comparing

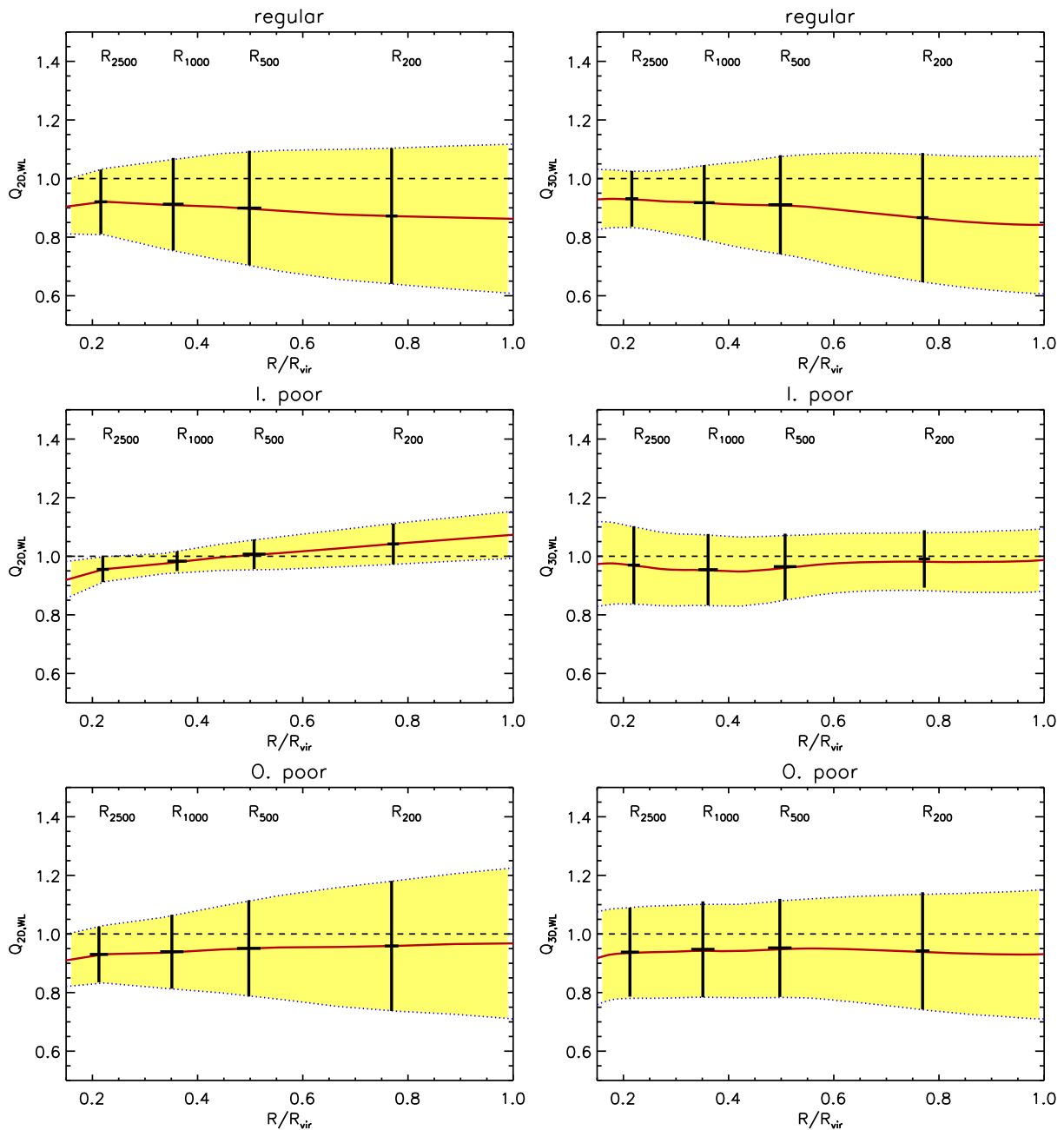


Figure 4. Average ratios between 2D and 3D weak-lensing masses and true masses for different sub-samples: regular objects (on the top), a cluster classified as lying in a poor environment from the intrinsic maps (central panels) and from the optical maps (lower panels). The meaning of lines, crosses and shaded regions is similar to that in figure 1.

tables 3 and B.1. Among the x-ray regular clusters, there are three images (projection 2 of CL1, CL9 and CL20) whose lensing measurements are severely under-estimated. All of them present in the outskirts of the optical images filaments or falling substructures, which do not have any obvious counterpart in the x-ray images or are lying outside the Chandra field of view.

Table 4. Best-fit relation of the form $Y = A + B \times X$ computed assuming errors in both X and Y . The variable Y represents the mass biases, while X indicates the morphological estimators, in the first part of the table, and the temperature bias, in the second one. The signs + and – refer to significantly positive or negative slopes.

(Y, X)	R_{2500}		R_{1000}		R_{500}	
	A $\pm \sigma_A$	B $\pm \sigma_B$	A $\pm \sigma_A$	B $\pm \sigma_B$	A $\pm \sigma_A$	B $\pm \sigma_B$
Q_X, w	0.79 ± 0.01	-0.88 ± 0.18	-0.73 ± 0.005	$-0.200.10$	-0.68 ± 0.0049	-0.27 ± 0.091
$Q_X, P_3/P_0$	0.51 ± 0.03	-0.04 ± 0.005	-0.67 ± 0.02	$-0.0070.003$	-0.71 ± 0.020	0.006 ± 0.003
$ 1 - Q_{3D,WL} , w$	0.10 ± 0.02	1.30 ± 0.47	$+0.11 \pm 0.02$	1.54 ± 0.50	$+0.12 \pm 0.03$	1.68 ± 0.56
$ 1 - Q_{3D,WL} , P_3/P_0$	0.32 ± 0.08	0.03 ± 0.01	$+0.32 \pm 0.10$	0.02 ± 0.02	0.28 ± 0.12	0.01 ± 0.02
Q_X, Q_T	-0.49 ± 0.15	1.48 ± 0.17	$+0.13 \pm 0.10$	1.04 ± 0.11	-0.21 ± 0.10	1.10 ± 0.12

Jeltema *et al* (2008) and Piffaretti and Valdarnini (2008) claimed to find a significant trend of the x-ray masses bias on the morphological estimators. We investigate this aspect further by including an analysis of the biases in the weak-lensing mass reconstruction. For this purpose, we considered the absolute values of $|1 - Q_{3D,WL}|$ to evaluate the dependence for any deviation. A linear fit between the mass biases and the morphological estimators has been computed accounting for measurement errors in both variables. The results are reported in table 4. The centroid shift performs better than the third order power ratio. The slopes of the Q - w relations are always significantly different from zero with the correct sign (negative for the x-ray bias and positive for the weak-lensing deviations). The best-fit values are similar to those found by Jeltema *et al* (2008) and Piffaretti and Valdarnini (2008). We further quantify the correlation between the mass biases and P_3/P_0 or w by means of the Pearson correlation coefficient. We always find a negative correlation, being the values between -0.3 and -0.4 for w and around -0.2 and -0.3 for P_3/P_0 .

In figure 5, we present the best combinations: $Q_X - w$ for R_{2500} and $|1 - Q_{3D,WL}| - w$ for R_{1000} and R_{500} . The top panels are similar to figure 3, where the different colors and symbols refer to different values of the mass bias. The red triangles refer to clusters whose x-ray mass biases, Q_X , are within 20% or whose weak-lensing-masses deviations, $|1 - Q_{3D,WL}|$, are within 10%. In all three top panels, we distinguish no segregation of colors. This implies that a better estimate of the total mass (red triangles) does not necessarily come from regular clusters defined on the basis of P_3/P_0 and w values. However, for the centroid shift, even if this condition is not necessary, it is sufficient at all radii: the weighted-average bias for clusters whose centroid shift is lower than 0.3 is 15–20% lower than those with $w > 0.06$ (see the difference on horizontal lines in the central panels). As confirmation, the third-order power ratio weakly discriminates between good and bad estimates.

Other morphological indicators. On top of the two estimators discussed, we tested other pieces of x-ray evidence used in the literature to identify the disturbed morphology. Zhang (2010) and Okabe *et al* (2010) (Locuss collaboration) considered the *asymmetry* and *fluctuation parameters* as introduced by Conselice (2003). Originally these parameters were created to quantitatively measure the distribution of stellar light in galaxies. The Locuss collaboration used them in 12 clusters observed by XMM-Newton. The two parameters are

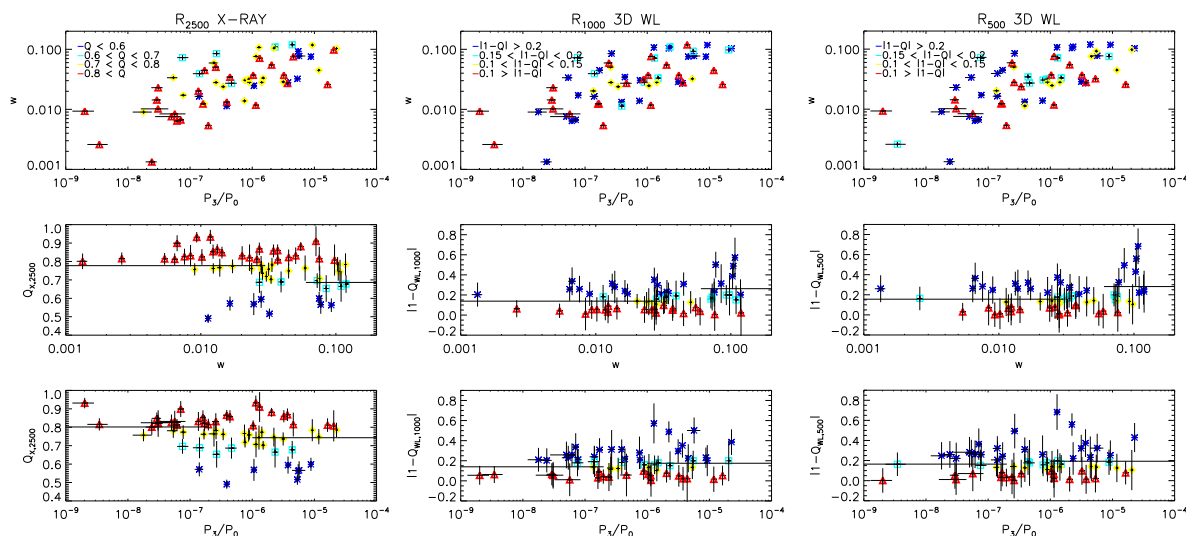


Figure 5. The mass biases versus the power ratio P_3/P_0 and the centroid shift. In the first column the bias shown refers to x-ray mass estimates computed within R_{2500} . In the second and third columns, we plot the absolute deviation of the 3D weak-lensing mass bias computed at R_{1000} and R_{500} , respectively. With red triangles and blue asterisks we show the weakest and strongest mass biases. The intermediate situations are shown with yellow rhombi and cyan squares. In the central and lower panels, we separate the dependence of the bias by each morphological estimator. The horizontal lines represent the weighted average of the bias for particular values of the parameters (w below 0.03 and above 0.06; P_3/P_0 below 2×10^{-7} and above 10^{-6}).

defined as $A = \Sigma(|I - R|)/\Sigma I$ and $F = \Sigma(I - B)/\Sigma I$, where I is the [0.7–1.2] keV soft image, R and B are the same image rotated by 180° , the first, and smoothed, the second. The smoothing kernel used by the Locuss collaboration was equal to 2 arcmin or 400 kpc at redshift $z = 0.2$. We choose three values for the FWHM of the smoothing Gaussian kernel: 320, 40 and 20 kpc. The first one is similar to the one previously used in the literature; the other two are smaller to take into account that our synthetic images, mimicking the Chandra ACIS-S3 detector, have better spatial resolution.

Subsequently, we tested two *hardness ratio indicators*. Gitti *et al* (2011) built hardness ratio maps, obtained by dividing a hard-band image ([1.5–7.5 keV]) by a soft image ([0.3–1.5] keV), to identify the presence of cold gas in Hydra A, a 3–4 keV cluster at redshift $z \sim 0.05$. Similarly, we define two parameters $H1 = \Sigma(H - S)/\Sigma S$ and $H2 = \Sigma(H/S)$, where H and S are the hard and soft images smoothed with a Gaussian of FWHM= 320 and 50 kpc.

Finally, we consider the distance between the centers, ΔC , used in our x-ray and weak-lensing analysis. In the former case, we considered the x-ray centroid, while in the latter we used the center of the BCG, which is also coincident with the minimum of the DM-potential well. A shift between the two centers might testimony a recent merger able to separate the two components, as for the Bullet cluster (Markevitch *et al* 2004).

All these parameters have been compared with the x-ray and weak lensing bias measures. For the weak-lensing case, we consider both the values of $Q_{3D,WL}$ and $|Q_{3D,WL} - 1|$ to evaluate

the general deviation from the true mass. As done for the centroid-shift and the third-order power ratio, we measured the correlation between all the parameters and the biases. We found that *none* of the new parameters is more strongly related to the bias than the *centroid shift* and the *third-order power ratio*. On the opposite, their Pearson correlation coefficient is always smaller than 0.1 in absolute values.

7.2. Masses and cluster environment

As shown in M10, the scatter in WL mass measurements is due to substructures and triaxiality. The combination of x-ray and lensing data may help us to further identify the most spherical systems or to correct the mass estimates for triaxiality effects (Serenio *et al* 2010, Morandi *et al* 2011). However, these techniques are still model-dependent and subject to strong assumptions. Furthermore, they require a certain amount of handling of the data which cannot be applied to a large sample of objects. Substructures, instead, may be more easily identified.

To classify clusters on the basis of the level of substructures in their surroundings, we *visually* inspect the projected mass maps of each cluster in our sample. We identify the objects whose environment is poor of substructures within a region of $5 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$ around their centers. At first, we look directly at the intrinsic density map from the simulations. We find ten cluster projections that match this criterion. We named this sample ‘I. poor’ (Intrinsically poor). Often a regular cluster is not part of the poor environment class (see characterizations in table 3). This is easily explained by the presence of substructures outside the x-ray field of view which is limited to $\sim 2.5 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$. One such cluster is the already mentioned projection 2 of CL9. Despite being x-ray regular (figure 3) it shows evidence of filaments in its surroundings, causing a strong underestimate of the weak-lensing masses in that projection (see table B.1). This is the main reason why some x-ray regular objects show a large weak-lensing bias: they are lying in a rich environment that cannot be detected in the x-ray images.

The mass bias of the clusters classified as ‘I. poor’ is reported in table 2 and is shown in the middle panels of figure 4 for the weak-lensing masses. The exciting result is that the projected true masses are almost exactly recovered. For these systems Q_{WL} deviates from unity by only a few per cent for the 2D mass and by less than 5% for the 3D mass. The scatter is strongly reduced, especially among the 2D masses, being only of the order of $\sim 5\%$ over a wide range of radii. *This is smaller than that found in M10 combining SL and WL non-parametrically.* For the 3D masses, the scatter at the most external radii (R_{500} and R_{200}) decreases by $\sim 50\text{--}60\%$ with respect to the whole sample and by 20–40% with respect to the systems with regular x-ray morphology. As shown in M10, this residual bias is caused by triaxiality. It may be alleviated by means of introducing a parameter describing the elongation along the line of sight in the fitting model. This requires a combination of different probes, as proposed by Morandi *et al* (2011) and Serenio *et al* (2010), who combine lensing and x-ray data. However, a large uncertainty remains, due to possible non-thermal pressure in the ICM, which is degenerate with the cluster triaxiality.

As a second step, we *visually* inspect the projected mass maps reconstructed from the synthetic weak-lensing observations. The method used for the reconstruction is described by Cacciato *et al* (2006) and Merten *et al* (2009), although we do not make use of the SL systems in this test. This approach, even if more ‘observationally oriented’, is still subjective. Furthermore, the visual classification is more challenging because the resolution smears out possible features and the noise in the optical images reduces the detectability of clumps. Clusters

that appear isolated in the reconstructed mass maps are called ‘O. poor’. This classification is also presented in table 3. The results on the weak-lensing and x-ray mass biases are reported in table 2 and shown in the bottom panels of figure 4. The *net* improvement in terms of bias and scatter of both the 2D and 3D masses is now much less evident, but still masses are better recovered than in the sub-sample of x-ray regular clusters. In particular, the bias is reduced by about a factor of two at R_{500} and R_{200} , for both 2D and 3D masses.

Note from table 2 that the x-ray bias and scatter does not vary substantially in the three samples (regular, I. poor and O. poor). This outcome is expected because, in general, x-ray masses have small scatter. The intra-cluster medium is generally more spherical than the DM or the galaxy distribution, especially outside the core (Lau *et al* 2011). As a consequence, the x-ray method is less prone to triaxiality. This implies that removing/adding a few objects, as long as they are not very disturbed, does not significantly change the result.

8. Discussion and conclusion

This paper is an extension of the work of M10. We compared galaxy cluster masses derived from gravitational lensing and x-ray using 20 new massive halos simulated at high resolution including radiative gas physics. Each halo was observed along three different lines of sight and located at redshift 0.25. We used an optical and an x-ray simulator, namely SkyLens and X-MAS, to build both optical and x-ray mock images mimicking Subaru and Chandra observations, respectively. To perform the weak-lensing analysis, we measured the galaxy shapes using the KSB method and we derived the masses by fitting the tangential shear profiles using NFW functionals. For the x-ray, instead, we used the forward approach described in M10 and derived the mass under the hypothesis of hydrostatic equilibrium. Then, we selected a subsample of regular clusters on the basis of the x-ray morphological estimators (the third moment of power ratios and the centroid shift). We further classified the objects in our sample based on the presence of substructures in the cluster environment. This classification was based on the *visual* inspection of both the true and the lensing-reconstructed projected mass maps of the systems under investigation.

In the following, we discuss our main results:

Q_{WL} and Q_X for the whole sample. The weak-lensing mass bias is less than 10% within R_{500} , and grows to 13% in the most external region. The x-ray bias is around 25% in the central region and increases to 33% at R_{500} . The scatter of the bias is always higher by at least a factor of two for weak lensing than for x-ray mass measurements. The weak-lensing bias and its large scatter are caused by the presence of substructures in the cluster surroundings and by the triaxiality of the systems. The x-ray bias, instead, is mainly due to the lack of hydrostatic equilibrium, the presence of clumps (in the external regions) and temperature dis-homogeneity (see further discussion).

Q and morphological parameters. We evaluate the effectiveness of some morphological estimators in reducing the mass bias. We found that a selection based on centroid shift ($w < 0.03$) and third order power ratio ($P_3/P_0 < 2 \times 10^{-7}$) reduces the x-ray bias, especially in the central regions. This selection has no effect on the weak-lensing bias itself but decreases the scatter by 20–40% (see table 2). Among the different morphological parameters used to identify disturbed morphologies (including asymmetry and fluctuation parameters, two hardness ratios and the optical-x-ray center offset), the only one that shows a mild correlation with the bias is

the centroid shift. This is true also for the weak-lensing masses bias. In terms of future x-ray missions, an optimal use of the centroid shift to identify ‘ideal’ clusters for maximizing the efficiency of the mass measurements would require an imaging quality comparable to that of Chandra, but over a larger field of view so that the areas probed by x-ray and optical observations become comparable.

Q_{WL} substructures. We established already that weak-lensing methods based on single-model fitting can severely fail to measure the mass of clusters in the presence of massive substructures (M10). Working on single objects, the effect of substructures could be minimized by adopting multi-halo fitting techniques (Okabe *et al* 2011), provided that substructures can be clearly identified as peaks in the weak-lensing maps. Filtering techniques might also offer the possibility to mitigate the effect of structures perturbing the cluster shear profiles (e.g. Gruen *et al* 2011). We verified that removing from the sample those clusters which live in environments rich in substructures allows us to minimize both the bias and the scatter in the weak-lensing mass estimates. Unfortunately, the identification and characterization of the substructures is a very difficult task. We leave the study of substructures detectability for a future work. Several galaxy surveys are planned for the next years which will scan large portions of the sky (see, e.g., The Dark Energy Survey Collaboration 2005, LSST Science Collaborations *et al* 2009, Refregier *et al* 2010). The data are expected to provide galaxy number densities in the range 15–40 gals arcmin⁻², allowing us to measure the shear signal of several thousands of clusters. Having deep and sharp observations over a large field of view and with good spatial resolution would make it possible to detect substructure in a more efficient way than what was presented in this analysis, thus enabling us to virtually identify all the relevant substructures. Detection and mass measurements of sub-structures are already possible in the Coma cluster (Okabe *et al* 2010). Methods based on higher-order lensing distortion measurements (lensing flexion) also seem very promising (e.g. Okura *et al* 2007, Velandier *et al* 2011).

Q_{WL} triaxiality. Triaxiality introduces a further scatter and bias in the 3D lensing mass estimates. Even minimizing the impact of substructures, by restricting the analysis to the poor environment clusters, we note a tendency to underestimate the total mass on average. This is due to the fact that a large fraction of the systems in the sample is mostly elongated on the plane of the sky. Under these circumstances, we expect to under-estimate the mass in the de-projection phase (see, e.g., Feroz and Hobson 2011). Conversely, the mass is over-estimated in clusters seen along their major axis. Studies based on simulations showed that clusters forming in a CDM framework are generally prolate systems (Shaw *et al* 2006, Allgood *et al* 2006, Lau *et al* 2011). For such mass distributions there is a larger chance to infer a smaller mass within a given radius from the projected density field and this explains both the presence of the 2D bias and its increase after the de-projection. This result depends on the selection of our sample which is mass limited. If our clusters were chosen for their lensing signals and in particular for strong gravitational lensing, we would have had more objects strongly aligned along the line of sight (e.g. Meneghetti *et al* 2010). Then, the measured masses would have been over-estimated on average.

Q_X and Q_{WL} and dependence on cluster mass. The mass range in our sample is too narrow to make a robust statistical analysis on the dependence of Q_X and Q_{WL} on the cluster masses. However, we can attempt to evaluate this effect by averaging these values on the three most (CL2, CL10 and CL11, all with $M_{500} > 7.5 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$) and least massive systems (CL 4, CL18 and CL19, all with $M_{500} < 3.5 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$). The main result is that the bias $Q_{3\text{D},\text{WL}}$ of

the smallest clusters drops by almost a factor of 5 going from R_{2500} ($\langle Q_{3D,WL} \rangle = 0.94 \pm 0.20$) to R_{200} ($\langle Q_{3D,WL} \rangle = 0.83 \pm 0.39$), while for massive clusters there is no change in the bias, always equal to 0.95. This indicates that at large distances from the cluster center, the mass estimates of the least massive clusters will be affected by a stronger bias compared to those of the most massive systems. This is not surprising, because M10 already showed that when the tangential shear is used to measure the mass at a given radius, additional sources of shear, such as massive substructures, located outside that radius lead to an under-estimate of the mass. The impact of such perturbers is obviously more significant in clusters of smaller mass. Repeating the same test for the x-ray bias we do find the opposite trend. The bias of larger systems goes from $\langle Q_X \rangle = 0.77$ at R_{2500} to $\langle Q_X \rangle = 0.70$ at R_{500} (with error of the order of 0.05), while that of smaller objects is constantly equal to 0.74. This can be ascribed to two main reasons: the massive objects are the most disturbed ones and they have a complex temperature structure (Ameglio *et al* 2009). Its importance for x-ray mass determination will be investigated further in the next paragraph.

Q_X and temperature distribution. The values of Q_X that we find in this work are consistent with what was previously found in R06. In M10, we find smaller deviations the average bias being around 10%. There are some differences between this paper and M10 which could affect the analysis, such as five times smaller exposure time and a narrower field of view. However, we believe that most of the difference is not due to the x-ray preparation and analysis but to the physics adopted in the simulation. The simulations analyzed in M10 included a description of thermal conduction, which is instead set to zero in the simulations presented here and in those analyzed by R06.

Before elaborating more on the effect of changing the physical description of the ICM, we recall that the x-ray mass is derived from the hydrostatic equilibrium equation (equation (1)) where three terms are present: the derivative of the gas density, the derivative of the temperature and the temperature itself at the radius considered. The over- or under-estimate of the temperature leads to an over- or under-estimate of the x-ray mass of identical amplitude. If the temperature structure is spherically homogenous, the measured temperature will be independent of the method used to derived it. However, when the plasma presents temperature structures in the annulus, the x-ray measurements are biased low because the x-ray detectors of Chandra and XMM-Newton have a higher efficiency on the soft band and, thus, weight more colder gas (Mazzotta *et al* 2004). In the presence of inhomogeneity, the x-ray temperature is therefore lower than the mass-weighted one. As a consequence, the hydrostatic masses computed directly using the intrinsic gas density and mass-weighted temperatures of the simulated clusters are higher than those obtained following entirely the x-ray procedure. This is illustrated in figure 6, where we plot the values of Q_X reported in table 2 in black and a similar ratio related to intrinsic calculation in red. For all clusters, the *intrinsic bias* is $12.6 \pm 5.9\%$, $18.3 \pm 4.5\%$ and $22.6 \pm 5.1\%$ at the three radii, respectively. In the case of regular and poor systems, these values decrease to $\sim 10\%$, $\sim 15\%$ and $\sim 17\%$ and are in agreement with previous works based only on intrinsic evaluation of the hydrostatic equilibrium mass using the mass-weighted temperature (e.g. Rasia *et al* 2004, Jeltama *et al* 2008, Piffaretti and Valdarnini 2008, Ameglio *et al* 2009, Lau *et al* 2009).

To stress more the dependence of the x-ray mass bias on the temperature difference, we plot on the right panels of figure 6 Q_X versus $Q_T = T_X/T_{MW}$ for the three x-ray significant over-densities. The uncertainty associated with the temperature bias is equal to 1σ error obtained from the spectroscopic analysis. The over-plotted line is the best fit to the relation:

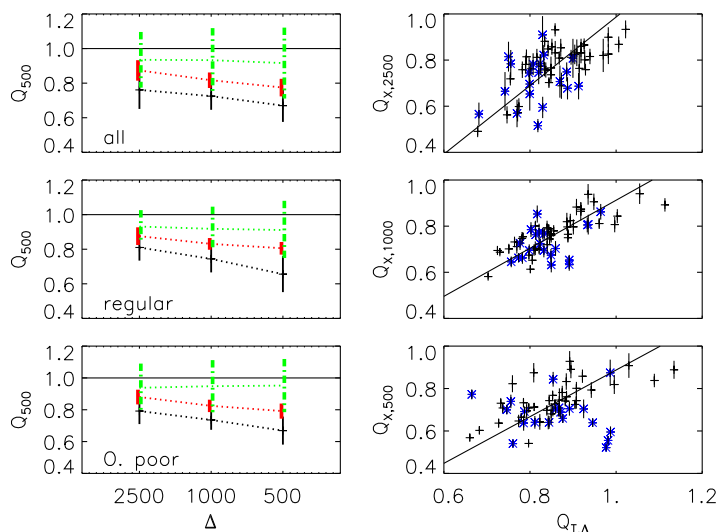


Figure 6. Left panel: Q_X (black), intrinsic Q_X assuming mass-weighted temperature (red) and $Q_{3D,WL}$ (green) for all clusters, only regular and only in a poor environment. The values and scatter of Q_X and $Q_{3D,WL}$ are reported in table 2, while those of the intrinsic hydrostatic-mass bias are listed on the text (section 8). Right panel: the relation between Q_X and $Q_T = T_X/T_{MW}$ at the three significant radii: R_{2500} (top panel) R_{1000} (central panel), and R_{500} (bottom panels). The lines represent the best fit in the form of $Q_X = A + B \times Q_T$ excluding the very disturbed clusters (blue asterisks).

$Q_X = A + B \times Q_T$ calculated excluding very disturbed objects (blue asterisks) and considering the errors in both coordinates. The values of B , for R_{2500} , R_{1000} and R_{500} , are largely different from zero (see table 4) and very close to 1. The biases are strictly correlated one to the other, showing Pearson coefficients equal to -0.7 , -0.8 and -0.7 .

These results also suggest an explanation for the difference between our results and those of Nagai *et al* (2007): their average bias is consistent with M10 and lower than the result of this paper. Their analysis and procedure are almost identical to ours; therefore our results can be compared straightforwardly, although, the instrument setting is slightly different (they consider reproducing synthetic observation of ACIS-I and not ACIS-S3). Indeed in both our works, the choice of the instrument is not as important as in real observation. Our mock images are, by construction, not affected by any calibration issues since we assume the same response files when generating and analyzing the images. In this condition of perfect calibration, we could have some differences only if the shape of the responses will be extremely different in shape (not in normalization), e.g. if an instrument weights a lot more plasma at 5 keV with respect to the plasma at 8 keV. However, as demonstrated by Mazzotta *et al* (2004) in their figure 8 the detectors on board Chandra and XMM-Newton give consistent answers in this respect. Furthermore, Nevalainen *et al* (2010) in a study focused on real data showed that both the Coma Cluster and A1795 have broad band temperatures consistent within the 3% statistical uncertainties and broad band fluxes may differ by up to 2–3%. We therefore exclude the possibility that the difference between our results and Nagai *et al* (2007) can be due to the instrument chosen.

As for the difference with respect to M10, as already mentioned the analysis presented in that paper was based on simulations that included the effect of thermal conduction, with the conduction coefficient set to one-third of the Spitzer value. As discussed by Dolag *et al* (2004), thermal conduction in hot clusters is quite effective not only in removing cold blobs, but also in making the thermal structure of the ICM more homogeneous. This leads to an increase of the spectroscopic temperature and therefore of the hydrostatic mass.

As to the comparison with Nagai *et al* (2007), while their simulations do not include thermal conduction, they are based on a Eulerian Adaptive Mesh Refinement hydrodynamical scheme. As discussed by several authors (e.g. Agertz *et al* 2007, Mitchell *et al* 2009, Vazza *et al* 2011), Eulerian hydrodynamics leads to a more efficient mixing of gas entropy. Therefore, one expects in Eulerian simulations that a low-entropy gas residing in high-density clumps becomes more efficiently mixed, than in SPH simulations, to the high-entropy ICM. Again, this should result in a more homogenous temperature distribution, with a smaller bias introduced in the estimate of x-ray temperature.

To summarize, our x-ray mass biases derived intrinsically assuming hydrostatic equilibrium and mass-weighted temperature are comparable to previous results. Following the x-ray approach, instead, we confirm the findings of R06 but we find a stronger bias in comparison to M10 and Nagai *et al* (2007). The further $\sim 10\text{--}15\%$ is caused by temperature inhomogeneity (see also Piffaretti and Valdarnini 2008, Ameglio *et al* 2009). This result highlights that, while hydrodynamical simulations are powerful tools to *understand biases* in observational mass estimates, a detailed assessment of this bias (e.g. its precise value) is still uncertain depending on the physical processes included in the simulations and on their numerical description. In this respect, we recall that none of the recent theoretical studies on x-ray mass biases includes the effect of feedback from AGNs.

Lensing and x-ray masses comparison. We compare the gravitational lensing masses with the x-ray masses following the same fitting procedure as that described by Mahdavi *et al* (2008) and M10; see these references for a detailed description. In brief, for each over-density Δ , we define a parameter, a_Δ , as $M_X = a_\Delta \times M_{3D,WL}$. The error associated corresponds to 68% confidence level. In table 5, we report our results for all clusters and for the relaxed sample. We compared the lensing masses (green crosses in figure 6) to both the x-ray strictly derived masses (black crosses in figure 6) and the intrinsic ones (red crosses in figure 6). For reference, we include the values found in M10 and in two observational papers: Zhang *et al* (2008) for the Locuss sample and Mahdavi *et al* (2008) for the CCCP sample.

Our intrinsic results are consistent within the errors with the observational data, especially for regular clusters. Our ‘observed’ x-ray to weak-lensing mass ratios are, instead, consistent only with Mahdavi *et al* (2008) for R_{1000} and R_{500} . In all the other cases, our ratios are lower than the observed ones. This is due, once again, to the temperature inhomogeneity detected in our simulated clusters.

This last comparison has **three** consequences. On the one hand, it could be that SPH codes generate more temperature structures, i.e. deviation from a spherically symmetric temperature distribution, than present in real clusters (Sijacki *et al* 2011). Unfortunately, current x-ray telescopes cannot provide detailed temperature maps for a large sample of clusters with enough spatial resolution to confirm or dismiss this hypothesis. Indeed, previous observational techniques to evaluate temperature structures (Bourdin and Mazzotta 2008, Zhang *et al* 2009) have been applied to a limited number of nearby objects. Increasing the size of the samples for which detailed observational studies are carried out would provide a unique opportunity to test

Table 5. a_{Δ} values for different over-densities and their uncertainty for our sample (first four rows), Meneghetti *et al* (2010) (fifth row), Zhang *et al* (2008) (sixth and seventh rows) and Mahdavi *et al* (2008) (eighth row). For each of our samples, we report the values obtained from the x-ray analysis of the mock catalogue and those derived directly from the simulations, i.e. using the mass-weighted temperature in the hydrostatic equilibrium equation.

	R_{2500}	R_{1000}	R_{500}
All	0.83 ± 0.02	0.80 ± 0.02	0.75 ± 0.02
All-intrinsic	0.94 ± 0.02	0.88 ± 0.02	0.83 ± 0.02
Regular	0.87 ± 0.03	0.81 ± 0.04	0.75 ± 0.04
Regular-intrinsic	0.94 ± 0.03	0.91 ± 0.03	0.88 ± 0.03
M10	0.90 ± 0.04	0.86 ± 0.02	0.88 ± 0.02
Locuss all	1.00 ± 0.07	0.97 ± 0.05	0.99 ± 0.07
Locuss relaxed	1.04 ± 0.08	0.96 ± 0.05	0.91 ± 0.06
CCCP all	1.03 ± 0.07	0.90 ± 0.09	0.78 ± 0.09

the reliability of simulations in describing the complexity of the ICM thermal structure. Another possible way to explain the mismatch between our results and the observations is that weak-lensing masses of real clusters suffer from some additional bias. For example, as mentioned above, the contamination of shear catalogues by foreground galaxies may bias low the masses. The impact of this source of contamination and its possible correction using color-selection techniques is currently under investigation. Finally, it is likely that the inclusion of AGN should significantly reduce the temperature in-homogeneity. In that case, the x-ray temperatures will be closer to the mass-weighted ones, leading to 5–10% difference between x-ray and weak-lensing masses (see table 5).

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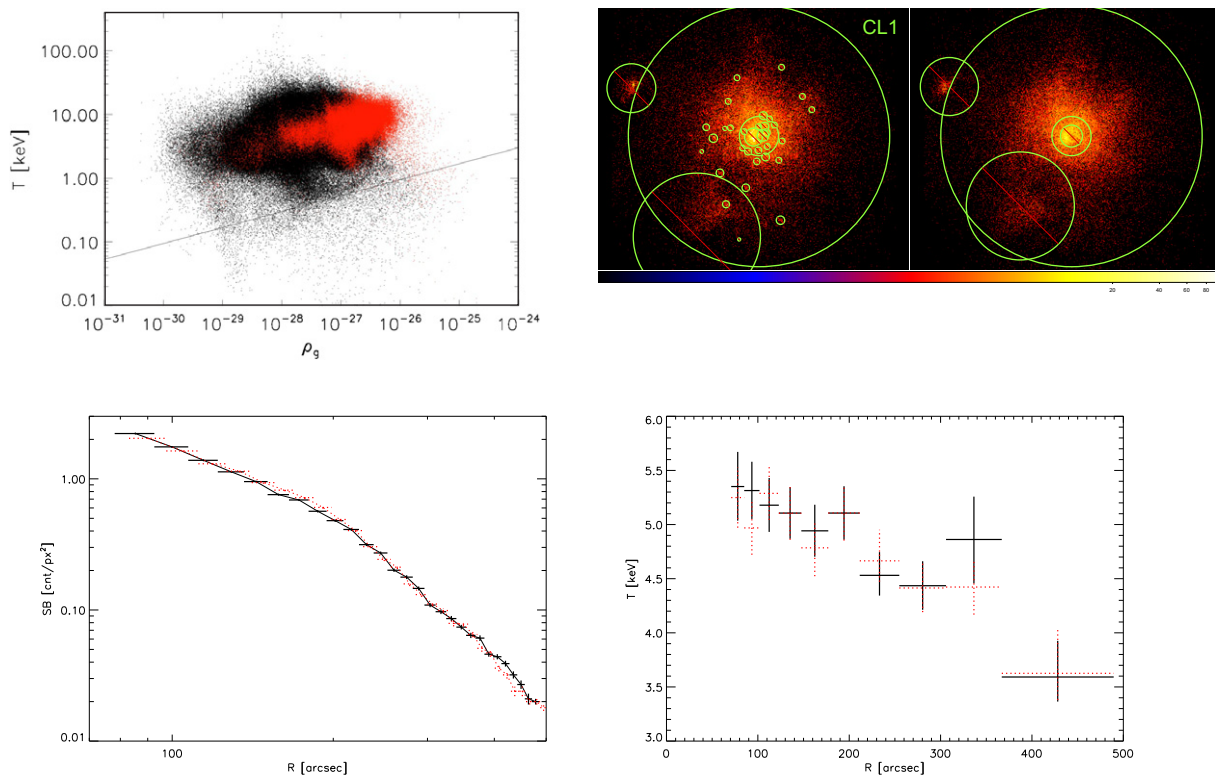


Figure A.1. In the top right panels, we show the soft x-ray images ($[0.7\text{--}2]$ keV) of CL1 with the over-cooled particles included and excluded in the creation of the synthetic image. The top right panel shows the space-density plane for the same cluster where each dot is a particle. Red dots are the particles inside 10% of R_{500} . The condition expressed in equation (A.1) is represented by the black line. In the bottom panels we compare the surface brightness profiles of the two soft x-ray images once excluded the regions marked (on the left) and the temperature profiles on the right.

Appendix A. The cold-particles-cut method

A common characteristic of hydrodynamical simulations of galaxy clusters is that gases associated with merging galaxies or small groups keep their identity for a longer time within the hot ICM atmosphere. This is especially true for simulations including radiative cooling, without an efficient feedback mechanism, and for simulations based on SPH, which provide a rather inefficient mixing between high- and low-entropy gas phases. These structures are revealed in the x-ray images as compact sources of dense gas, which are characterized by a strong emission. The majority of them are located in the vicinity of the cluster center. A consequence of the over-cooling problem is also that the central galaxy shows an extremely powerful x-ray peak. Since the presence of these features is mostly due to unaccounted for physical processes, the standard procedure is to exclude them after their identification through a wavelet-detection algorithm (Vikhlinin *et al* 1998) and to excise the central 15% of R_{500} (R06, Nagai *et al* 2007, Rasia *et al* 2008).

This procedure to remove high-density cold gas clumps is rather time-consuming, in particular for bright clusters, as those we are analyzing here, since they host a large number

Table B.1. $Q_{3D,WL}$ and uncertainties at different over-densities ($\Delta = 2500, 1000, 500, 200$).

Cluster	Proj.	$Q_{WL,2500}$	$eM_{WL,2500}$	$Q_{WL,1000}$	$eM_{WL,1000}$	$Q_{WL,500}$	$eM_{WL,500}$	$Q_{WL,200}$	$eM_{WL,200}$
CL1	1	0.6833	0.1086	0.7700	0.1013	0.8168	0.1260	0.9045	0.1980
CL1	2	0.8517	0.0939	0.7605	0.1095	0.6793	0.1218	0.6209	0.1368
CL1	3	1.2358	0.0894	1.1995	0.1003	1.1348	0.1229	1.1018	0.1563
CL2	1	0.8879	0.0551	0.8618	0.0720	0.8673	0.0902	0.9271	0.1190
CL2	2	1.1038	0.0531	1.0424	0.0714	1.0306	0.0884	1.0820	0.1139
CL2	3	0.8285	0.0554	0.8202	0.0712	0.8358	0.0910	0.9061	0.1233
CL3	1	0.8288	0.1303	0.8092	0.1520	0.7933	0.1793	0.8226	0.2255
CL3	2	0.8594	0.1388	1.0555	0.1329	1.2216	0.1563	1.5281	0.2558
CL3	3	0.9560	0.1207	0.9623	0.1399	0.9627	0.1715	1.0194	0.2262
CL4	1	0.9539	0.1526	1.0058	0.1631	0.9762	0.1907	0.9058	0.2299
CL4	2	1.1896	0.1530	1.2796	0.1609	1.2606	0.1894	1.1909	0.2347
CL4	3	0.8191	0.1763	0.9889	0.1633	1.0707	0.1754	1.1380	0.2526
CL5	1	1.0187	0.0822	1.0885	0.1103	1.0790	0.1352	0.9535	0.1524
CL5	2	0.9999	0.0833	1.0656	0.1098	1.0541	0.1350	0.9290	0.1532
CL5	3	0.7505	0.0919	0.8772	0.1075	0.9301	0.1383	0.8959	0.1817
CL6	1	1.0115	0.0771	0.9470	0.0979	0.9218	0.1156	0.8726	0.1330
CL6	2	0.8944	0.0838	0.7891	0.1009	0.7407	0.1127	0.6739	0.1215
CL6	3	1.0089	0.0712	1.0969	0.0876	1.1777	0.1182	1.2504	0.1662
CL7	1	1.2435	0.0805	1.2160	0.1077	1.1889	0.1318	1.1044	0.1539
CL7	2	0.8814	0.0987	0.7962	0.1198	0.7397	0.1338	0.6483	0.1411
CL7	3	0.8838	0.0924	0.8727	0.1116	0.8589	0.1354	0.8038	0.1601
CL8	1	0.8335	0.0970	0.7703	0.1192	0.7275	0.1341	0.5987	0.1333
CL8	2	0.9627	0.0855	0.9692	0.1115	0.9671	0.1371	0.8510	0.1531
CL8	3	0.8433	0.0961	0.7901	0.1184	0.7527	0.1359	0.6256	0.1386
CL9	1	0.9297	0.1026	0.9437	0.1206	0.9889	0.1532	1.0755	0.2074
CL9	2	0.7573	0.1195	0.6639	0.1383	0.6366	0.1563	0.6290	0.1807
CL9	3	0.8340	0.1133	0.7418	0.1325	0.7171	0.1524	0.7151	0.1799
CL10	1	1.2901	0.0940	1.2083	0.0902	1.1570	0.1125	1.1863	0.1541
CL10	2	0.6441	0.1026	0.5124	0.1044	0.4414	0.1115	0.4103	0.1257
CL10	3	0.9038	0.0976	0.8409	0.0931	0.8014	0.1136	0.8178	0.1527
CL11	1	0.8060	0.0715	0.8404	0.0934	0.8888	0.1207	0.9449	0.1599
CL11	2	0.9677	0.0661	1.0629	0.0851	1.1634	0.1170	1.2880	0.1692
CL11	3	1.0703	0.0662	1.0653	0.0912	1.0938	0.1146	1.1242	0.1442
CL12	1	0.9912	0.1403	0.8486	0.1421	0.7792	0.1618	0.7000	0.1830
CL12	2	0.8985	0.1681	0.8670	0.1346	0.8613	0.1578	0.8458	0.2117
CL12	3	0.8050	0.1632	0.8206	0.1338	0.8481	0.1560	0.8731	0.2204
CL13	1	0.7265	0.1903	0.7989	0.1543	0.7491	0.1496	0.7926	0.2234
CL13	2	1.1241	0.1710	1.2254	0.1398	1.1396	0.1427	1.1953	0.2151
CL13	3	1.4571	0.1467	1.5012	0.1290	1.3240	0.1432	1.3141	0.1979
CL14	1	0.7052	0.0775	0.6879	0.0998	0.6892	0.1189	0.6833	0.1406
CL14	2	0.8859	0.0718	0.9445	0.0938	1.0020	0.1223	1.0601	0.1631
CL14	3	0.8582	0.0695	0.9242	0.0925	0.9869	0.1212	1.0523	0.1628
CL15	1	0.5843	0.1164	0.6148	0.1276	0.5712	0.1451	0.5154	0.1696
CL15	2	0.9911	0.1000	0.9838	0.1259	0.8737	0.1410	0.7492	0.1523
CL15	3	1.2096	0.1026	1.3084	0.1158	1.2424	0.1398	1.1479	0.1740

Table B.1. (Continued.)

Cluster	Proj.	$Q_{\text{WL},2500}$	$eM_{\text{WL},2500}$	$Q_{\text{WL},1000}$	$eM_{\text{WL},1000}$	$Q_{\text{WL},500}$	$eM_{\text{WL},500}$	$Q_{\text{WL},200}$	$eM_{\text{WL},200}$
CL16	1	1.0100	0.0889	1.0497	0.1075	1.0976	0.1388	1.1350	0.1837
CL16	2	0.8213	0.0964	0.9480	0.1037	1.0663	0.1388	1.2055	0.2124
CL16	3	0.7075	0.1008	0.6486	0.1204	0.6265	0.1381	0.5920	0.1557
CL17	1	0.7084	0.1252	0.8665	0.1157	0.9788	0.1385	1.0575	0.2264
CL17	2	1.2043	0.0962	1.1826	0.1174	1.1280	0.1408	0.9769	0.1573
CL17	3	0.9235	0.1151	0.9787	0.1174	0.9862	0.1440	0.9129	0.1813
CL18	1	1.0900	0.1865	0.9420	0.2121	0.8231	0.2282	0.6701	0.2286
CL18	2	0.6677	0.2273	0.8004	0.2031	0.8942	0.2001	0.9848	0.2770
CL18	3	0.7849	0.2333	1.0221	0.2300	1.2313	0.2086	1.5211	0.2555
CL19	1	1.0025	0.1936	0.6878	0.1931	0.5067	0.1724	0.3975	0.1580
CL19	2	1.1994	0.1679	1.1137	0.1603	0.9976	0.1787	0.9378	0.2160
CL19	3	0.6173	0.2038	0.4284	0.1990	0.3175	0.1778	0.2566	0.1679
CL20	1	1.0924	0.0816	1.1033	0.1075	1.1363	0.1362	1.1429	0.1710
CL20	2	0.7797	0.0930	0.7427	0.1157	0.7371	0.1374	0.7103	0.1597
CL20	3	0.7763	0.0983	0.7041	0.1177	0.6783	0.1345	0.6322	0.1492

of sub-clumps. As a more efficient approach, we explore a method to exclude *a priori* particles that have a short cooling time. These particles, which have a high density and low temperature, can be identified in a well-determined region of the phase diagram of temperature, T_p , and gas densities, ρ_p . Empirically, we found that *all* clusters in our sample have a separated phase of cooling particles that satisfy the following condition:

$$T_p < N \times \rho_{\text{gas},p}^{0.25}. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

The normalization factor, N , depends on the mass of the cluster being higher for the more massive systems. In our sample, it does not vary substantially since the mass range considered is relatively small. Therefore, we consider a fixed value of N equal to 3×10^6 with density expressed in units of (g cm^{-3}) and temperature in keV. This normalization is conservative, meaning that *all* the particles belonging to a genuine hot phase of *all* our cluster lie above the relation set by this limit. The exponential factor, 0.25, depends on the polytropic index. If we assume that the pressure, $P \equiv \text{constant} \times T \times \rho_{\text{gas}}$, is related to the gas density through the polytropic equation: $P \propto \rho_{\text{gas}}^\gamma$, we obtain $T \propto \rho_{\text{gas}}^{\gamma-1}$. The polytropic index, γ , physically can vary between $\gamma = 1$ (isothermal plasma) and $\gamma = 5/3$ (adiabatic gas) (see Sarazin 1988 for a review). For simulated clusters, the polytropic index lies between 1.15 and 1.25 (Ascasibar *et al* 2003, Rasia *et al* 2004, Ostriker *et al* 2005, Bode *et al* 2009), constraining the exponential factor in equation (A.1) between 0.15 and 0.25.

This prescription to remove gas particles belonging to a cold phase is visually illustrated in the top panels of figure A.1. The right panel shows all the particles centered on CL1, in a field of view of $16 \times 16 \text{ arcmin}^2$ and within 10 Mpc h^{-1} along the line of sight (projection 1). The corresponding x-ray synthetic soft energy image is in the central panel. The black line in the right panel corresponds to the cut applied in our sample (see equation (A.1)). Only the particles above that line contribute to the x-ray emission shown in the second soft map (right panel), which is the image used for the analysis presented in this work. The small green circles are the regions identified and removed with the wavelet algorithm. The annuli in the two images have

Table B.2. Q_X and uncertainties at different over-densities ($\Delta = 2500, 1000, 500, 200, \text{vir}$).

Cluster	Proj.	$Q_{X,2500}$	$eM_{X,2500}$	$Q_{X,1000}$	$eM_{X,1000}$	$Q_{X,500}$	$eM_{X,500}$	$Q_{X,200}$	$eM_{X,200}$
CL1	1	0.5987	0.0356	0.6742	0.0182	0.6956	0.0251	0.7059	0.0266
CL1	2	0.5715	0.0378	0.7003	0.0220	0.7613	0.0281	0.7834	0.0338
CL1	3	0.5626	0.0371	0.6521	0.0176	0.7251	0.0222	0.8064	0.0268
CL2	1	0.8315	0.0515	0.8194	0.0383	0.7456	0.0555	0.6555	0.0366
CL2	2	0.8144	0.0319	0.6965	0.0248	0.6401	0.0322	0.5914	0.0256
CL2	3	0.7025	0.0236	0.8240	0.0296	0.8581	0.0314	0.7965	0.0506
CL3	1	0.6887	0.0567	0.8736	0.0287	0.8902	0.0417	0.8032	0.0485
CL3	2	0.8202	0.0721	0.9378	0.0447	0.8330	0.0389	0.7032	0.0352
CL3	3	0.7640	0.0686	0.8644	0.0403	0.9281	0.0484	0.8785	0.0463
CL4	1	0.7069	0.0698	0.8624	0.0340	0.8742	0.0620	0.7890	0.0555
CL4	2	0.7663	0.0486	0.7678	0.0254	0.7130	0.0186	0.6313	0.0327
CL4	3	0.8315	0.0580	0.7934	0.0303	0.7331	0.0225	0.6350	0.0196
CL5	1	0.7620	0.0282	0.7040	0.0298	0.6425	0.0368	0.5195	0.0373
CL5	2	0.8483	0.0319	0.6946	0.0198	0.5683	0.0162	0.4005	0.0199
CL5	3	0.7613	0.0316	0.7014	0.0221	0.6028	0.0182	0.4334	0.0246
CL6	1	0.8118	0.0368	0.7468	0.0281	0.6951	0.0359	0.6008	0.0594
CL6	2	0.7735	0.0371	0.7198	0.0406	0.6805	0.0515	0.5928	0.0470
CL6	3	0.7582	0.0357	0.6871	0.0113	0.6370	0.0217	0.5637	0.0373
CL7	1	0.8576	0.0350	0.7882	0.0209	0.7269	0.0234	0.6348	0.0303
CL7	2	0.8009	0.0421	0.7499	0.0208	0.7406	0.0244	0.6904	0.0321
CL7	3	0.8312	0.0450	0.7615	0.0324	0.6952	0.0270	0.5708	0.0221
CL8	1	0.7812	0.0386	0.7116	0.0301	0.6472	0.0292	0.4972	0.0489
CL8	2	0.8534	0.0388	0.7670	0.0292	0.6985	0.0296	0.5493	0.0307
CL8	3	0.7571	0.0330	0.6133	0.0162	0.5413	0.0099	0.4218	0.0114
CL9	1	0.8245	0.0424	0.7967	0.0186	0.8011	0.0302	0.8192	0.0539
CL9	2	0.8990	0.0432	0.8827	0.0355	0.8227	0.0401	0.6596	0.0313
CL9	3	0.8261	0.0433	0.9058	0.0353	0.8744	0.0457	0.6831	0.0260
CL10	1	0.7187	0.0286	0.7751	0.0247	0.7814	0.0315	0.7281	0.0636
CL10	2	0.7466	0.0510	0.7628	0.0226	0.7024	0.0189	0.6600	0.0395
CL10	3	0.9098	0.0809	0.6453	0.0234	0.5407	0.0168	0.4864	0.0285
CL11	1	0.7586	0.0256	0.8068	0.0334	0.8190	0.0447	0.7335	0.0419
CL11	2	0.8156	0.0333	0.7969	0.0327	0.7432	0.0221	0.6238	0.0267
CL11	3	0.8087	0.0289	0.7443	0.0257	0.6972	0.0251	0.6203	0.0236
CL12	1	0.6647	0.0834	0.6625	0.0257	0.6402	0.0299	0.6069	0.0597
CL12	2	0.5686	0.0597	0.6319	0.0323	0.7051	0.0329	0.7190	0.0489
CL12	3	0.6961	0.0397	0.6948	0.0299	0.6915	0.0239	0.5577	0.0353
CL13	1	0.7840	0.0598	0.7031	0.0322	0.5553	0.0204	0.5161	0.0257
CL13	2	0.8149	0.0647	0.6742	0.0270	0.5217	0.0151	0.4848	0.0226
CL13	3	0.5658	0.0499	0.6951	0.0259	0.6389	0.0198	0.6488	0.0334
CL14	1	0.8654	0.0285	0.8114	0.0237	0.7431	0.0380	0.5746	0.0299
CL14	2	0.9314	0.0285	0.8010	0.0223	0.7091	0.0230	0.5769	0.0261
CL14	3	0.8812	0.0239	0.7542	0.0167	0.6650	0.0155	0.5473	0.0251
CL15	1	0.7851	0.0393	0.7670	0.0248	0.6591	0.0214	0.5374	0.0213
CL15	2	0.7488	0.0411	0.8052	0.0323	0.7042	0.0441	0.5387	0.0442
CL15	3	0.8219	0.0430	0.7730	0.0374	0.6408	0.0298	0.4896	0.0245

Table B.2. (Continued.)

Cluster	Proj.	$Q_{X,2500}$	$eM_{X,2500}$	$Q_{X,1000}$	$eM_{X,1000}$	$Q_{X,500}$	$eM_{X,500}$	$Q_{X,200}$	$eM_{X,200}$
CL16	1	0.8596	0.0329	0.8435	0.0303	0.8379	0.0317	0.8107	0.0435
CL16	2	0.9331	0.0387	0.9406	0.0445	0.9082	0.0580	0.7638	0.0492
CL16	3	0.8681	0.0341	0.8923	0.0291	0.8883	0.0424	0.7895	0.0448
CL17	1	0.5160	0.0286	0.6332	0.0265	0.6884	0.0297	0.5743	0.0313
CL17	2	0.4908	0.0248	0.5815	0.0120	0.7308	0.0249	0.8929	0.0582
CL17	3	0.5947	0.0462	0.6626	0.0201	0.7002	0.0227	0.6082	0.0428
CL18	1	0.6868	0.0571	0.8068	0.0429	0.8437	0.0348	0.6430	0.0663
CL18	2	0.8076	0.0845	0.7850	0.0322	0.7393	0.0318	0.6284	0.0580
CL18	3	0.6776	0.0481	0.8526	0.0370	0.7726	0.0236	0.4716	0.0443
CL19	1	0.6531	0.0722	0.7239	0.0227	0.7090	0.0427	0.7159	0.0834
CL19	2	0.7823	0.0473	0.6532	0.0221	0.5951	0.0265	0.6032	0.0423
CL19	3	0.7441	0.0654	0.7260	0.0291	0.6371	0.0357	0.5712	0.0379
CL20	1	0.7731	0.0307	0.7315	0.0229	0.7085	0.0243	0.6335	0.0269
CL20	2	0.8122	0.0322	0.7795	0.0251	0.7680	0.0225	0.7132	0.0298
CL20	3	0.7365	0.0356	0.7646	0.0240	0.7930	0.0370	0.7807	0.0320

radii equal to $0.15 \times R_{500}$ and R_{500} . The difference between the two emission maps is evident. Our cutting technique allow us to clean the image from about 30 small blobs while it does not affect the emission of the clusters or of the large sub-clumps. To test this last statement, we analyzed both synthetic images (considering and excluding the over-cooled particles) for three clusters in our sample. In the six resulting images, we run the wavelet algorithm to identify the x-ray peaks and exclude them. Subsequently, we extract both surface brightness and temperature profiles and confirm that the cutting technique does not introduce any bias. In the bottom panels of figure A.1, we plot the comparison for CL1, projection 0. Both the surface brightness profiles and the temperature profiles are consistent with each other.

Appendix B. Measured masses

In tables B.1 and B.2, we report the values of $Q_{3D,WL}$ and Q_X computed at different radii: R_{2500} , R_{1000} , R_{500} and R_{200} . Uncertainties are computed following the procedure described in sections 6.1 and 5.2, respectively.

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