

# The distance duality relation test from the ACT cluster and type Ia supernova data

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**Abstract** The validity of the cosmic distance-duality (DD) relation is investigated by using 91 measurements of the gas mass fraction of galaxy clusters recently reported by the Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT) and the luminosity distance from the Union2.1 type Ia supernova (SNIa) sample independent of any cosmological models and the value of the Hubble constant. We consider four different approaches to derive the gas mass function and two different parameterizations of the DD relation, and find that they have very slight influences on the DD relation test and the relation is valid at the  $1\sigma$  confidence level. We also discuss the constraints on  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , which represent the effects of the shapes and colors of the light curves of SNIa, respectively. Our results on  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are different from those obtained from the  $\Lambda$ CDM model and the galaxy cluster plus SNIa data.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

About eighty years ago, Etherington (1933) proved, with two basic assumptions that photons travel along a null geodesic and the photon number is conserved, the famous distance reciprocity law

$$\frac{D_L}{D_A}(1+z)^{-2} = 1, \quad (1)$$

which relates the luminosity distance (LD)  $D_L$  to the angular diameter distance (ADD)  $D_A$ , and is thus also called the distance duality (DD) relation. This reciprocity law is valid for all cosmological models based on Riemannian geometry and is a fundamental keystone for the interpretation of observational data in cosmology.

However, it is plausible that one of the conditions underlying the DD relation may be violated (Csáki et al. 2002; Brax et al. 2013; Avgoustidis et al. 2010, 2012; Bassett & Kunz 2004; Uzan et al. 2004). Therefore, it is necessary and important to check the validity of the DD relation directly from astronomical observations. Based on the  $\Lambda$ CDM model, Uzan et al. (2004) first used the 18 ADD galaxy cluster samples (Reese et al. 2002) to perform this check and found that the DD relation is consistent with observations at the  $1\sigma$  confidence level (CL). This result was further confirmed by de Bernardis et al. (2006) with a bigger galaxy cluster sample (Bonamente et al. 2006).

Meanwhile, if the galaxy cluster data from different models used to describe the galaxy clusters, such as the elliptical and spherical  $\beta$  models (Bonamente et al. 2006; De Filippis et al. 2005), are considered, then it has been found that the consistency between the validity of the DD relation and the elliptical and spherical  $\beta$  models occurs at the  $1\sigma$  and  $3\sigma$  CLs, respectively (Holanda et al. 2011). In addition, the DD relation was found to be valid at the  $2\sigma$  CL from the type Ia supernova (SNIa) standard candles and the standard rulers from the cosmic microwave background (CMB) and baryon acoustic oscillation (BAO) measurements (Lazkoz et al. 2008). Once current CMB observational data were used, Ellis et al. (2013) discovered that the DD relation cannot be violated by more than 0.01% between decoupling and today. However, all of these results are model-dependent since they are usually obtained by comparing the observed values with the corresponding theoretical ones in an assumed cosmological model.

For a model-independent check on the DD relation, Equation (1) shows that the observed LD and ADD of some objects at the same redshift are needed. Current observations indicate that the LD can be estimated by means of a standard candle, such as an SNIa, and the values of ADD can be obtained from the X-ray plus Sunyaev-Zel'dovich (SZ) effect exhibited by galaxy clusters, the gas mass fraction measurement in galaxy clusters, or BAO

observations. However, the redshifts of the observed LD and ADD do not usually match. Recently, Holanda et al. (2010) proposed a method to circumvent this problem, in which for a given galaxy cluster data point, one SNIa whose redshift is the closest to the cluster's within the range  $\Delta z = |z - z_{\text{SNIa}}| < 0.005$  is selected, and found that the DD relation is valid at the  $2\sigma$  CL for the Constitution SNIa (Hicken et al. 2009) and the elliptical galaxy cluster sample (Bonamente et al. 2006), but is violated for the Constitution SNIa and the spherical galaxy cluster sample (De Filippis et al. 2005) beyond the  $3\sigma$  CL. Replacing the Constitution SNIa data set with the Union2 data set (Amanullah et al. 2010), the consistency between the DD relation and observations was improved to be  $1\sigma$  CL for the elliptical model, and  $3\sigma$  CL for the spherical model (Li et al. 2011). Similar results have also been obtained in (Holanda et al. 2012b; Nair et al. 2011; Fu et al. 2011; Cao & Liang 2011; Holanda 2012; Holanda et al. 2012a; Lima et al. 2011; Cardone et al. 2012; Li et al. 2013; Holanda & Busti 2014; Jhingan et al. 2014; Meng et al. 2012; Liang et al. 2013; Gonçalves et al. 2015a, 2012) with different methods to match the redshifts of the observed LD and ADD data. In addition, the Gaussian process has been used to test the DD relation (Hees et al. 2014; Zhang 2014).

When testing the DD relation, the observed LD is provided by the SNIa data released with the distance modulus  $\mu$ , which depends on four nuisance parameters:  $H_0$ ,  $M$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , where  $H_0$  is the Hubble constant,  $M$  is the SNIa's peak absolute magnitude, and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  represent the effects of the shapes and colors respectively of the light curve of SNIa. Usually,  $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  is taken, and  $M$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are determined in a given cosmological model. Using the BAOs to provide the ADD and the Union2.1 SNeIa (Suzuki et al. 2012), Wu et al. (2015) analyzed the effect of the uncertainty of  $H_0$  on the DD relation test by letting  $H_0$  be a free parameter, and found that the value of  $H_0$  significantly affects the result. In addition, Yang et al. (2013) proposed an improved method to overcome the defect that the distance moduli of SNeIa are dependent on a given cosmological model and Hubble constant, and found that the DD relation is consistent with galaxy clusters and SNeIa at the  $1\sigma$  CL.

Recently, the Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT) survey reported the latest cluster mass data sample from 91 galaxy clusters (Hasselfield et al. 2013), and proposed four models to estimate the corresponding cluster mass  $M_{500}$ , which determines the value of  $f_{\text{gas}}$  by a semi-empirical relation (Vikhlinin et al. 2009). Here,  $M_{500}$  is defined as the mass measured within the radius  $R_{500}$ , at which the enclosed mean density is 500 times the critical density at the cluster redshift. By combining the 91 measurements of the gas mass fraction of the galaxy clusters from ACT and the Union2.1 SNIa compilation, Gonçalves et al. (2015b) tested the validity of the DD relation and found that it can be verified within the  $1\sigma$  CL. However, the distance moduli of Union2.1 data that are used to derive the LD in Gonçalves et al. (2015b) are given with

$H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  and  $M$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are determined in a flat  $\Lambda$ CDM model, which indicates that the result remains model-dependent. In this paper, we plan to reanalyze the validity of the DD relation from the 91 data points related to gas mass function of the galaxy clusters from ACT and the SNIa data with the method in which  $M$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are allowed to be free parameters. For the SNIa data, we also use the Union2.1 compilation (Suzuki et al. 2012).

## 2 OBSERVATIONAL DATA

We use two observational data sets to check the validity of the DD relation. One is the gas mass fraction ( $f_{\text{gas}}$ ), obtained from the  $M_{500}$  data sets provided by the ACT galaxy cluster survey. The other is the LD ( $D_L$ ) derived from the Union2.1 SNIa sample.

### 2.1 The Gas Mass Fraction $f_{\text{gas}}$

The gas mass fraction is defined as  $f = M_{\text{gas}}/M_{\text{tot}}$  (Sasaki 1996), where  $M_{\text{gas}}$  is the gas mass and  $M_{\text{tot}}$  is the total mass (including baryonic mass and dark matter) of a galaxy cluster. The ratio  $f_{\text{gas}}$  is constant over cosmic history since  $M_{\text{gas}}$  depends on the gravitational potential of a galaxy cluster. The gas mass  $M_{\text{gas}}(< R)$  within a radius  $R$  can be derived by X-ray observations and is related to the distance through  $M_{\text{gas}}(< R) \propto D_L D_A^{3/2}$  (Sasaki 1996). However, the total mass  $M_{\text{tot}}$  within a given radius  $R$  can be written as  $M_{\text{tot}}(< R) \propto D_A$ . Thus, from the definition of the gas mass fraction, we have that

$$f = M_{\text{gas}}/M_{\text{tot}} \propto D_L D_A^{1/2}. \quad (2)$$

If the DD relation is valid, the usual expression in the literature  $f_{\text{gas}} \propto D_A^{3/2}$  can be obtained.

Following Gonçalves et al. (2012), we assume that the general expression of the gas mass function has the form

$$f_{\text{gas}}(z) = N \frac{D_A^{*1/2} D_L^*}{D_A^{1/2} D_L}. \quad (3)$$

Here, the symbol \* denotes the corresponding quantities in the fiducial model, which is the  $\Lambda$ CDM with  $\Omega_{M0} = 0.3$  in our analysis.  $N$  is a normalization factor, which contains all the information involved in the astrophysical modeling of the cluster. Since it is a nuisance quantity in our analysis, we marginalize over it.

The observed value of  $f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{obs}}$  can be obtained from the total mass by using the following semi-empirical relation (Vikhlinin et al. 2009)

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{obs}} &\equiv (0.7/h)^{-1.5} \tilde{f}_{\text{gas}}^{\text{obs}} \\ &= (0.7/h)^{-1.5} [0.130 + 0.039 \log_{10} M_{15}], \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where  $M_{15}$  is the total mass of the cluster  $M_{500}$  in the units of  $10^{15} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$ . Apparently, the key point is to obtain a reliable and precise value of the total mass of the cluster  $M_{500}$ . The ACT team (Hasselfield et al. 2013) used

four different approaches to estimate  $M_{500}$  from the cluster SZ signal strength. The first method proposed by the ACT team adopts a one-parameter family of possible solutions for the Universal Pressure Profile (UPP) with associated scaling laws, derived from X-ray measurements of nearby clusters, as a baseline model. The cluster mass obtained using this method is termed  $M_{500}^{\text{UPP}}$ . The second one is based on the structure formation simulations of Bode

et al. (2012), where the density and temperature of the intracluster medium are modeled as a virialized ideal gas ( $M_{500}^{B12}$ ). The third one considers non-thermal pressure and an adiabatic model described in Trac et al. (2011) ( $M_{500}^{\text{non}}$ ). The last method uses the galaxy velocity dispersions to estimate dynamically the cluster mass (Sifón et al. 2013) ( $M_{500}^{\text{dyn}}$ ).

## 2.2 SNIa

The SNIa is regarded as a standard candle in our universe, which provides a direct measurement of the cosmic expansion history. Usually, SNIa data are released in the form of the distance modulus  $\mu$ , which is relative to the LD through the expression

$$\mu = 5 \log_{10} \frac{D_L}{\text{Mpc}} + 25. \quad (5)$$

In astronomy, the peak absolute magnitudes  $M$  of SNeIa are nearly identical. If the rest-frame peak magnitude  $m^{\text{max}}$  is known, then the distance modulus ( $\mu$ ) can be obtained by the formula  $\mu = m^{\text{max}} - M$ . However, the peak luminosities of different SNeIa are not exactly the same and are related to the shapes and colors of the light curves of the SNeIa (Guy et al. 2005). So, the formula for the distance modulus needs to be corrected, which depends on the light curve fitting method, such as MLCSC2K2 (Jha et al. 2007) or SALT2 (Guy et al. 2007), proposed to parameterize the light curves of SNIa. For the SALT2 light curve fitter, which has been used in the Union2 and Union2.1 SNIa samples, the modified distance modulus formula has the form

$$\mu_B(\alpha, \beta, M_B) = m_B^{\text{max}} - M_B + \alpha x - \beta c \equiv \tilde{\mu}_B(\alpha, \beta) - M_B, \quad (6)$$

where  $M_B$  and  $m_B^{\text{max}}$  correspond to the absolute and observed peak magnitudes in the rest frame  $B$  band, respectively.  $x$  is the stretch factor, which describes the effects of shapes of light curves on  $\mu$ , and  $c$  is the color parameter, which denotes the influences of the intrinsic color and reddening by dust.

In our analysis, the data set used for SNeIa is the Union2.1 compilation (Suzuki et al. 2012) which contains 580 data points distributed in the redshift range ( $0.01 < z < 1.41$ ). In obtaining the observed  $\mu$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $M_B$  are fitted by minimizing the residuals in the Hubble diagram in the framework of the  $\Lambda$ CDM model with  $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ . Here, we allow  $M_B$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  to be free parameters and treat them as nuisance ones.

## 3 THE METHOD AND RESULTS

To check the validity of the DD relation from observations, we parametrize it as

$$\frac{D_L}{D_A}(1+z)^{-2} = \eta(z), \quad (7)$$

and consider two different parameterizations

$$\eta(z) = 1 + \eta_1 z, \quad \eta(z) = 1 + \eta_2 \frac{z}{1+z}, \quad (8)$$

with  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  being two constants that need to be constrained. If the observational data allow  $\eta_1 = 0$  and  $\eta_2 = 0$ , the DD relation is valid. Clearly, the observed  $D_L$  and  $D_A$  at the same redshift are needed. However, the observed LD from SNeIa and ADD from the gas mass function of galaxy clusters usually do not share the same redshift. Here, we use the following method to match them. For a data point representing a given galaxy cluster, we select the corresponding SNIa point with its redshift being the closest to the cluster's within the range  $\Delta z = |z_{\text{SNIa}} - z_{\text{cluster}}| \leq \Delta$ .

In order to reduce the systematic error from the difference in redshift between the SNIa and the gas mass function of a galaxy cluster, a very small value of  $\Delta$  ( $\Delta = 0.001$ ) is considered. Only 55 galaxy cluster data satisfy this selection criterion ( $\Delta z \leq 0.001$ ). Thus, to keep almost all data from the gas mass function of galaxy, we consider another larger value of  $\Delta$  ( $\Delta = 0.01$ ) to select the SNIa. In this case there are 90 galaxy cluster data satisfying the selection criterion except for the cluster ACT@CCL J0342.0+0105 (Hasselfield et al. 2013), which gives  $\Delta z = 0.013$ .

Combining Equations (3), (5) and (7), one can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\text{cluster}}(\eta, N_h, z) &= \frac{5}{3} \log_{10} \frac{N^2(1+z)^6 D_A^{*3} \eta(z)}{f_{\text{gas}}^2} + 25 \\ &= \frac{5}{3} \log_{10} \frac{(1+z)^6 D_A^{*3} \eta(z)}{\tilde{f}_{\text{gas}}^2} + \frac{10}{3} \log_{10}(N_h) + 25 \\ &\equiv \tilde{\mu}_{\text{cluster}}(z, \eta) + \frac{10}{3} \log_{10}(N_h),\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$

which is the distance modulus of a galaxy cluster data point built from the measurement of  $\tilde{f}_{\text{gas}}$  and the DD relation. Here,  $N_h = N(h/0.7)^{3/2}$ .

Now, we use the  $\chi^2$  statistic to constrain  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2(\alpha, \beta, M_{BN}, \eta) &= \sum_i \frac{[\mu_B(\alpha, \beta, M_B; z_i) - \mu_{\text{cluster}}(\eta, N_h; z_i)]^2}{\sigma_{\text{total}}^2(z_i)} \\ &= \sum_i \frac{[\tilde{\mu}_B(\alpha, \beta; z_i) - \tilde{\mu}_{\text{cluster}}(\eta; z_i) - M_{BN}]^2}{\sigma_{\text{total}}^2(z_i)},\end{aligned}\quad (10)$$

where

$$M_{BN} = M_B + \frac{10}{3} \log_{10}(N_h) \quad (11)$$

and the uncertainty  $\sigma_{\text{total}}^2(z_i)$  is given by

$$\sigma_{\text{total}}^2(z) = \sigma_m^2(z) + \alpha^2 \sigma_x^2(z) + \beta^2 \sigma_c^2(z) + \left[ \frac{10\sigma_{\tilde{f}_{\text{gas}}}(z)}{3 \ln 10 \tilde{f}_{\text{gas}}(z)} \right]^2. \quad (12)$$

Here  $\sigma_m$ ,  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_c$  and  $\sigma_{f_{\text{gas}}}$  are the errors of  $m_B^{\text{max}}$ ,  $x$ ,  $c$  and  $f_{\text{gas}}$  respectively.

The joint probability density of these parameters can be obtained from Equation (10),

$$P(\alpha, \beta, M_{BN}, \eta) = A \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \chi^2(\alpha, \beta, M_{BN}, \eta)\right), \quad (13)$$

where  $A$  is a normalization coefficient, which makes  $\int P d\alpha d\beta dM_{BN} d\eta = 1$ . Since  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $M_{BN}$  are nuisance parameters, we integrate over them to obtain the probability distribution of  $\eta$

$$P(\eta) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P(\alpha, \beta, M_{BN}, \eta) d\alpha d\beta dM_{BN}. \quad (14)$$

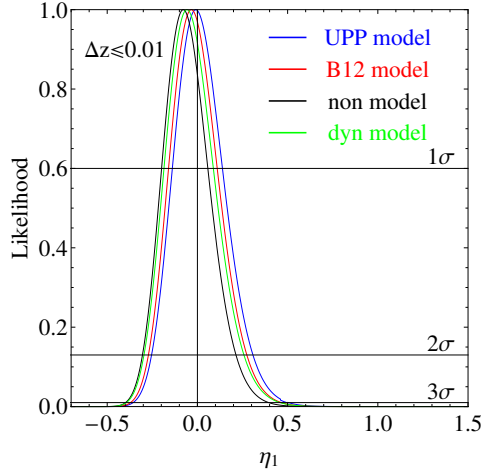
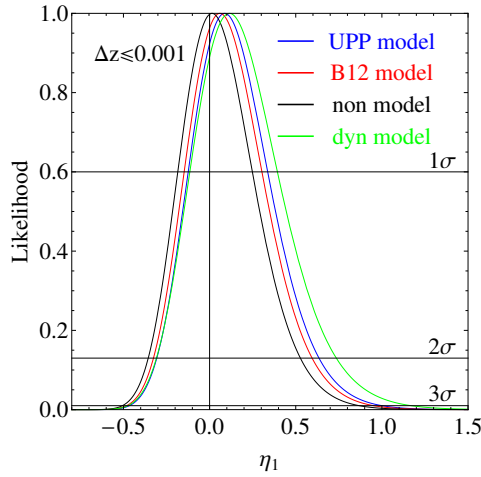
Actually, it is unnecessary to integrate  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $M_{BN}$  from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$ . For instance, the value of  $A$  for these parameters in a  $4\sigma$  interval is the same as that in a  $6\sigma$  interval when the result is accurate to  $10^{-6}$ . Thus we just calculate the values of  $\chi^2(\alpha, \beta, M_{BN}, \eta)$  for these parameters in a suitable interval instead of an infinite interval. The last step is to calculate  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$  CLs of the parameter, which satisfy  $\chi^2 - \chi_{\text{min}}^2 \leq 1$  and  $\chi^2 - \chi_{\text{min}}^2 \leq 4$ , respectively (Press et al. 1992).

Using the above procedure, the best-fitting values of  $\eta$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $M_{BN}$  are obtained when  $\chi^2$  take its minimum value. The probability distributions of  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are derived from Equation (14), which are shown in Figures 1–4.

Figures 1 and 2 present the results of  $\eta_1$  with  $\Delta z \leq 0.01$  and  $\Delta z \leq 0.001$ , respectively. Figures 3 and 4 are the results of  $\eta_2$  with  $\Delta z \leq 0.01$  and  $\Delta z \leq 0.001$ , respectively. We can see that the DD relation is consistent with the observations at the  $1\sigma$  CL except for the case of the constraint on  $\eta_2$  from the gas mass function obtained by the UPP method which supports this relation at the  $2\sigma$  CL. The same as what was obtained by Yang et al. (2013), the best-fitting values of  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are positive

when  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $M_{BN}$  are allowed to be free parameters. However, this is different from what is given in Gonçalves et al. (2015b) where the best-fitting values of  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are negative, which are determined with  $M_B = -19.321$ ,  $\alpha = 0.121$  and  $\beta = 2.47$  obtained from the  $\Lambda$ CDM model with  $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ . Thus, different values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $M_B$  have apparent effects on the DD relation test, which is similar to what was obtained by Wu et al. (2015) where it was found that the validity of the DD relation sensitively depends on the value of  $H_0$ .

In Tables 1–4, the best-fitting values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $M_{BN}$  and their  $1\sigma$  CLs are shown. Figures 5–10 show the allowed regions in planes  $(\eta_i, \alpha)$ ,  $(\eta_i, \beta)$  and  $(\eta_i, M_{BN})$  with


**Fig. 1** Likelihood distribution of  $\eta_1$  when  $\Delta z \leq 0.01$ .

**Fig. 2** Same as Fig. 1, but for  $\Delta z \leq 0.001$ .

**Table 1** Constraints on  $\eta_1$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $M_{BN}$  with  $\Delta z \leq 0.01$ 

data set		$\eta_1$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$M_{BN}$
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{UPP}} + \text{SNIa}$	the best-fitting values	0.111	0.161	2.756	-22.462
	$1\sigma$	$0.111^{+0.129}_{-0.115}$	$0.163^{+0.026}_{-0.025}$	$2.784^{+0.220}_{-0.205}$	$-22.466^{+0.038}_{-0.040}$
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{non}} + \text{SNIa}$	the best-fitting values	0.027	0.161	2.776	-22.345
	$1\sigma$	$0.027^{+0.119}_{-0.105}$	$0.162^{+0.026}_{-0.025}$	$2.804^{+0.220}_{-0.205}$	$-22.349^{+0.037}_{-0.038}$
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{dyn}} + \text{SNIa}$	the best-fitting values	0.019	0.155	2.777	-22.378
	$1\sigma$	$0.020^{+0.128}_{-0.092}$	$0.157^{+0.027}_{-0.026}$	$2.810^{+0.241}_{-0.225}$	$-22.382^{+0.040}_{-0.044}$
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{B12}} + \text{SNIa}$	the best-fitting values	0.079	0.159	2.752	-22.392
	$1\sigma$	$0.079^{+0.125}_{-0.111}$	$0.161^{+0.026}_{-0.024}$	$2.780^{+0.220}_{-0.205}$	$-22.396^{+0.038}_{-0.040}$

$i = 1$  or  $2$ . One can see that the constraints on  $M_{BN}$  are independent of the parameterizations and the values of  $\Delta(z)$ , but they are affected by different methods used to derive the gas mass function, and tension appears at the  $1\sigma$  CL between the UPP model (Hasselfield et al. 2013) and the one given in (Trac et al. 2011). Different parameterizations and different methods used to obtain the gas mass function have slight effects on the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , but they are strongly affected by the values of  $\Delta(z)$ .  $\Delta z \leq 0.01$  favors large values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . It is just opposite for  $\Delta z \leq 0.001$ .

In the Union2.1 SNIa sample (Suzuki et al. 2012), the distance modulus is given with  $\alpha = 0.121 \pm 0.007$  and  $\beta = 2.47 \pm 0.06$  at the  $1\sigma$  CL obtained from the flat  $\Lambda$ CDM model. The value of  $\alpha$  is less than our result. The value of  $\beta$  is also less than ours from  $\Delta z \leq 0.01$ , but it is larger when  $\Delta z \leq 0.001$ . In addition, Yang et al. (2013) found that at the  $1\sigma$  CL  $\alpha = 0.34^{+0.08}_{-0.06}$  and  $\beta = 4.19^{+0.58}_{-0.62}$  for the galaxy cluster data from the spherical model, and  $\alpha = -0.04^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$  and  $\beta = 4.35^{+1.20}_{-1.73}$  in the case of the elliptical model, which are apparently different from our results.

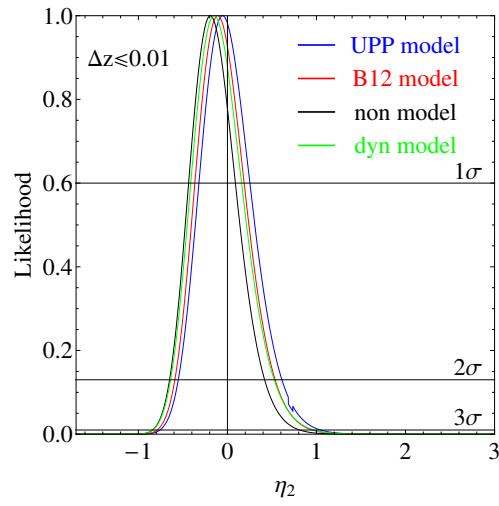


Fig. 3 Likelihood distribution of  $\eta_2$  when  $\Delta z \leq 0.01$ .

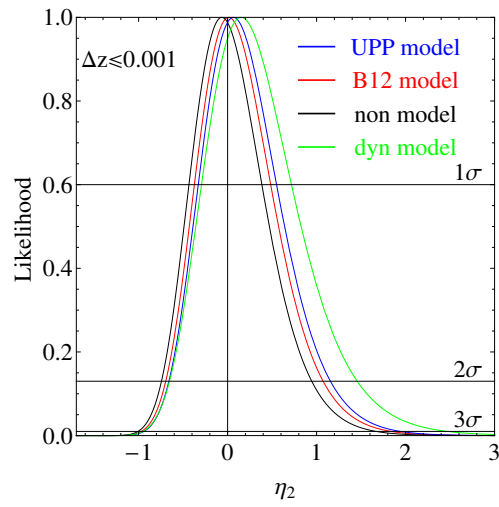


Fig. 4 Same as Fig. 3, but for  $\Delta z \leq 0.001$ .

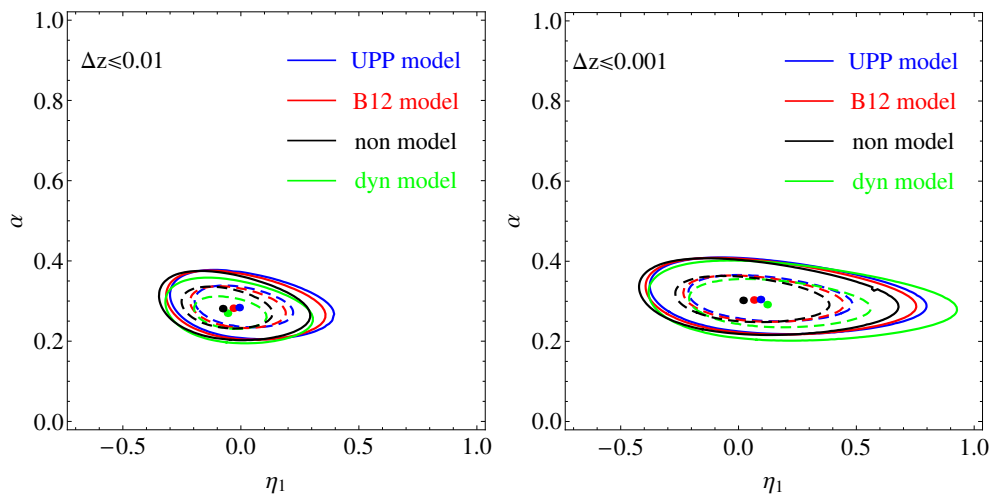


Fig. 5 Confidence regions at the  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$  levels in the plane  $(\eta_1, \alpha)$ .



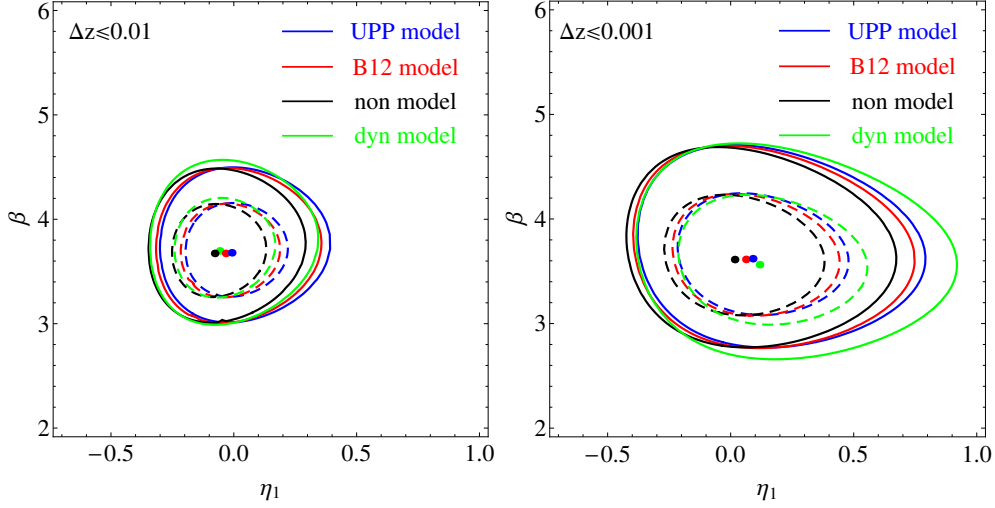
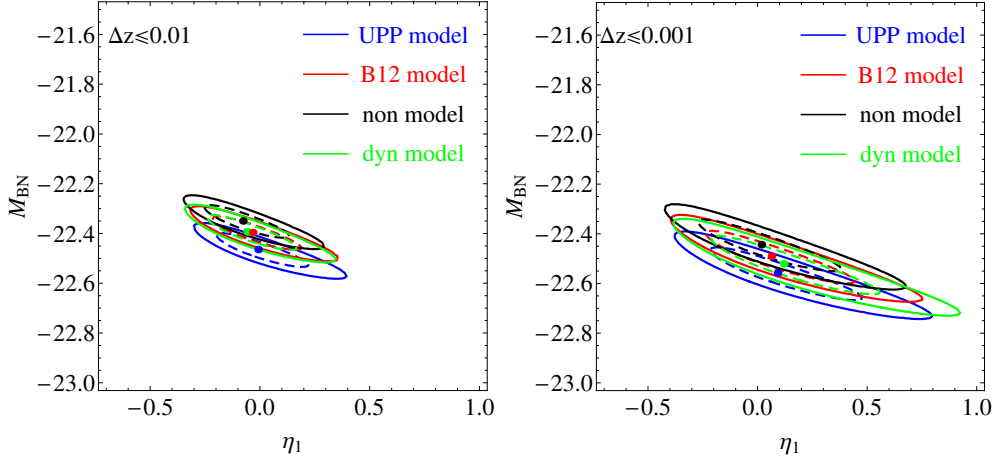

 Fig. 6 Same as Fig. 5, but for the plane  $(\eta_1, \beta)$ .

 Fig. 7 Same as Fig. 5, but for the plane  $(\eta_1, M_{BN})$ .

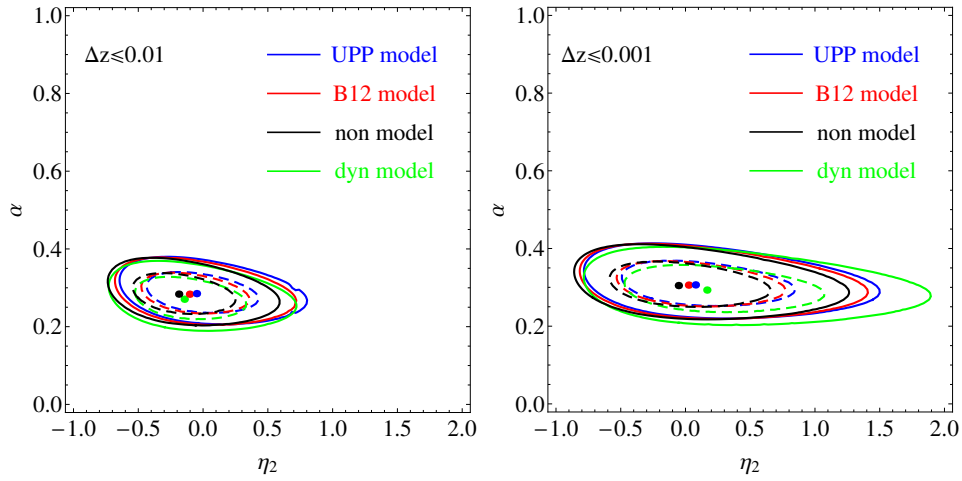
 Table 2 Constraints on  $\eta_1$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $M_{BN}$  with  $\Delta z \leq 0.001$ 

data set		$\eta_1$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$M_{BN}$
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{UPP}} + \text{SNIa}$	the best-fitting values	0.155	0.137	2.392	-22.484
	$1\sigma$	$0.155^{+0.194}_{-0.166}$	$0.140^{+0.027}_{-0.027}$	$2.431^{+0.252}_{-0.231}$	$-22.491^{+0.054}_{-0.059}$
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{non}} + \text{SNIa}$	the best-fitting values	0.061	0.138	2.422	-22.365
	$1\sigma$	$0.061^{+0.181}_{-0.155}$	$0.140^{+0.028}_{-0.026}$	$2.461^{+0.254}_{-0.233}$	$-22.372^{+0.054}_{-0.058}$
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{dyn}} + \text{SNIa}$	the best-fitting values	0.0537	0.128	2.328	-22.399
	$1\sigma$	$0.057^{+0.201}_{-0.169}$	$0.131^{+0.029}_{-0.026}$	$2.375^{+0.277}_{-0.253}$	$-22.409^{+0.061}_{-0.066}$
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{B12}} + \text{SNIa}$	the best-fitting values	0.118	0.136	2.392	-22.414
	$1\sigma$	$0.118^{+0.188}_{-0.162}$	$0.139^{+0.028}_{-0.026}$	$2.431^{+0.252}_{-0.231}$	$-22.421^{+0.084}_{-0.058}$

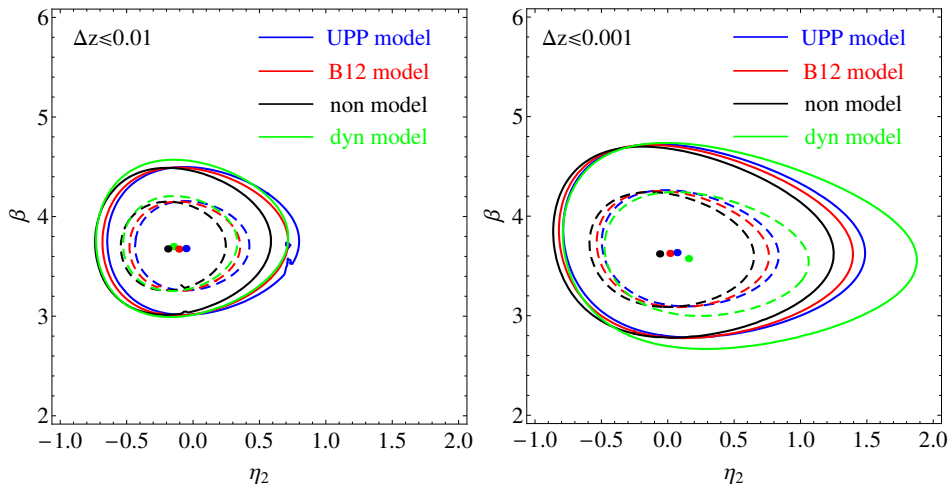
#### 4 DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

The distance reciprocity law is a relation between the LD and ADD, and plays a very important role in astrophysics and cosmology. To check the validity of the DD relation, the observed  $D_L$  and  $D_A$  at the same redshift are needed. The observed  $D_L$  can be provided by the SNIa sample, and the observed  $D_A$  can come from the

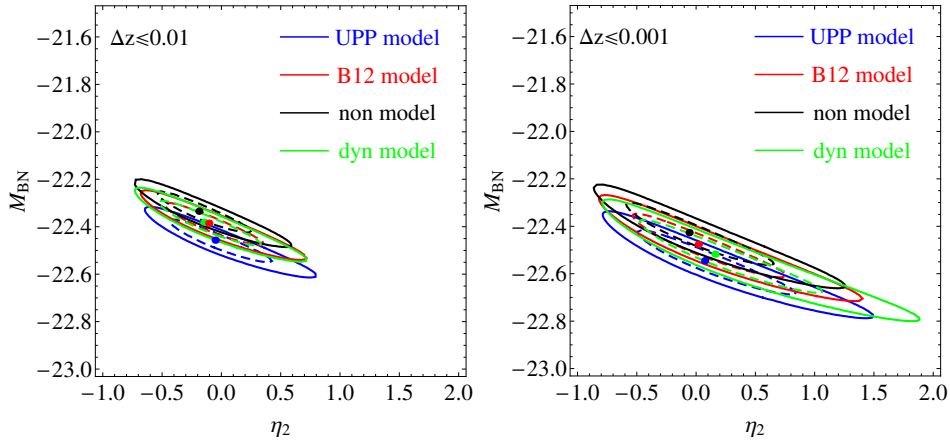
galaxy clusters or BAO observations. Recently, the ACT survey reported the largest gas mass function data set of galaxy clusters. Combining this sample with the Union2.1 SNIa data, Gonçalves et al. (2015b) tested the DD relation and found that it is accommodated at the  $1\sigma$  CL. However, in Gonçalves et al. (2015b), the observed luminosity distance is determined in the  $\Lambda$ CDM model with  $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ , and it has been found that the



**Fig. 8** Confidence regions at the  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$  levels in the plane  $(\eta_2, \alpha)$ .



**Fig. 9** Same as Fig. 8, but for the plane  $(\eta_2, \beta)$ .



**Fig. 10** Same as Fig. 8, but for the plane  $(\eta_2, M_{BN})$ .

test of the DD relation is sensitively dependent on the value of  $H_0$  (Wu et al. 2015).

In this paper, we generalize the Gonçalves et al. (2015b) work by using the observed  $D_L$  from the Union2.1 SNIa sample independent of any cosmological models and

the value of  $H_0$ . We consider four different approaches to obtain the gas mass function and two different parameterizations of the DD relation given in Equation (8). We find that the DD relation is valid at the  $1\sigma$  CL except for the case of the constraint on  $\eta_2$  from the gas mass function ob-



**Table 3** Constraints on  $\eta_2$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $M_{BN}$  with  $\Delta z \leq 0.01$ 

data set		$\eta_2$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$M_{BN}$
	the best-fitting values	0.284	0.159	2.751	-22.484
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{UPP}} + \text{SNIa}$	$1\sigma$	$0.281^{+0.289}_{-0.252}$	$0.160^{+0.026}_{-0.024}$	$2.778^{+0.219}_{-0.204}$	$-22.488^{+0.050}_{-0.055}$
	the best-fitting values	0.102	0.160	2.778	-22.356
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{non}} + \text{SNIa}$	$1\sigma$	$0.100^{+0.263}_{-0.230}$	$0.161^{+0.026}_{-0.025}$	$2.806^{+0.218}_{-0.205}$	$-22.361^{+0.048}_{-0.052}$
	the best-fitting values	0.081	0.154	2.780	-22.388
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{dyn}} + \text{SNIa}$	$1\sigma$	$0.081^{+0.287}_{-0.246}$	$0.156^{+0.027}_{-0.025}$	$2.812^{+0.240}_{-0.224}$	$-22.394^{+0.054}_{-0.059}$
	the best-fitting values	0.209	0.158	2.750	-22.409
$f_{\text{gas}}^{B12} + \text{SNIa}$	$1\sigma$	$0.207^{+0.279}_{-0.243}$	$0.159^{+0.026}_{-0.024}$	$2.777^{+0.218}_{-0.204}$	$-22.413^{+0.049}_{-0.054}$

**Table 4** Constraints on  $\eta_2$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $M_{BN}$  with  $\Delta z \leq 0.001$ 

data set		$\eta_2$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$M_{BN}$
	the best-fitting values	0.395	0.135	2.389	-22.515
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{UPP}} + \text{SNIa}$	$1\sigma$	$0.392^{+0.427}_{-0.353}$	$0.138^{+0.027}_{-0.026}$	$2.426^{+0.252}_{-0.229}$	$-22.524^{+0.071}_{-0.080}$
	the best-fitting values	0.197	0.137	2.423	-22.386
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{non}} + \text{SNIa}$	$1\sigma$	$0.195^{+0.390}_{-0.324}$	$0.140^{+0.027}_{-0.027}$	$2.462^{+0.252}_{-0.232}$	$-22.396^{+0.071}_{-0.076}$
	the best-fitting values	0.193	0.128	2.333	-22.422
$f_{\text{gas}}^{\text{dyn}} + \text{SNIa}$	$1\sigma$	$0.198^{+0.454}_{-0.362}$	$0.131^{+0.029}_{-0.026}$	$2.380^{+0.277}_{-0.253}$	$-22.422^{+0.068}_{-0.106}$
	the best-fitting values	0.313	0.135	2.391	-22.440
$f_{\text{gas}}^{B12} + \text{SNIa}$	$1\sigma$	$0.310^{+0.412}_{-0.342}$	$0.138^{+0.027}_{-0.026}$	$2.429^{+0.250}_{-0.230}$	$-22.450^{+0.071}_{-0.078}$

tained by the UPP method which supports this relation at the  $2\sigma$  CL. We also discuss the constraints on  $M_{BN}$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . The constraints on  $M_{BN}$  are mainly affected by different methods used to derive the gas mass function, and disagreement appears at the  $1\sigma$  CL between the UPP model (Hasselfield et al. 2013) and the one given in Trac et al. (2011). However, these different methods have slight effects on the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , which are apparently influenced by the values of  $\Delta(z)$ . Our results on  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are different from those obtained from the  $\Lambda$ CDM model (Suzuki et al. 2012) and the galaxy cluster plus SNIa data (Yang et al. 2013).

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