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Constraining Cosmology with Galaxy Clusters Discovered by the South Pole Telescope

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The abundance of massive galaxy clusters is a powerful cosmological probe as it depends sensitively upon both the expansion history of the universe and the growth of density fluctuations. To derive precision constraints with these systems a large and well-characterized sample of clusters is required. To produce such a sample, the 10-m South Pole Telescope has been used to conduct high-resolution cosmic microwave background surveys of approximately 1/8 of the sky from which clusters are identified via the Sunyaev- Zel'dovich (SZ) effect. In this talk I will discuss the three completed surveys that have imaged this sky area (the 2500-square-degree SPT-SZ survey, 500-square-deg SPTpol Survey, and 2700-square-degree SPTpol Extended Cluster Survey), the sample of over 1,000 SZ-selected clusters, and our progress in extracting cosmological constraints from these clusters. I will also highlight several multi-wavelength analyses of these systems using optical imaging data from Dark Energy Survey. The results presented in this talk will significantly improve with data from both the ongoing SPT-3G and future CMB-S4 surveys. These surveys will identify an order of magnitude more clusters than previous generation SZ surveys.

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