The mass and galaxy distribution around SZ-selected clusters

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ABSTRACT

We present measurements of the radial profiles of the mass and galaxy number density around Sunyaev–Zel’dovich (SZ)-selected clusters using both weak lensing and galaxy counts. The clusters are selected from the Atacama Cosmology Telescope Data Release 5 and the galaxies from the Dark Energy Survey Year 3 data set. With signal-to-noise ratio of 62 (45) for galaxy (weak lensing) profiles over scales of about 0.2–20 h−1 Mpc, these are the highest precision measurements for SZ-selected clusters to date. Because SZ selection closely approximates mass selection, these measurements enable several tests of theoretical models of the mass and light distribution around clusters. Our main findings are: (1) The splashback feature is detected at a consistent location in both the mass and galaxy profiles and its location is consistent with predictions of cold dark matter N-body simulations. (2) The full mass profile is also consistent with the simulations. (3) The shapes of the galaxy and lensing profiles are remarkably similar for our sample over the entire range of scales, from well inside the cluster halo to the quasilinear regime. We measure the dependence of the profile shapes on the galaxy sample, redshift, and cluster mass. We extend the Diemer & Kravtsov model for the cluster profiles to the linear regime using perturbation theory and show that it provides a good match to the measured profiles. We also compare the measured profiles to predictions of the standard halo model and simulations that include hydrodynamics. Applications of these results to cluster mass estimation, cosmology, and astrophysics are discussed.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Galaxy clusters are the largest gravitationally bound objects in the universe. Their virialization is not considered complete as most clusters are actively accreting matter even at the present epoch. Clusters have a rich merging history and an anisotropic structure that makes the definition of their halo boundary challenging. Nevertheless, the averaged profiles of a large sample of clusters are smooth and isotropic. The splashback radius refers to a sharp drop in the mass density profile of dark matter haloes, near the first apocenters of infalling matter. The splashback radius was proposed as a physical boundary of dark matter haloes by Diemer & Kravtsov (2014) using N-body simulations via stacked mass profiles of haloes at different redshifts and stages of evolution and investigated in several further studies (e.g. Adhikari, Dalal & Chamberlain 2014; More, Diemer & Kravtsov 2015; Shi 2016; Diemer et al. 2017; Mansfield, Kravtsov & Diemer 2017). Its application to data holds great promise for astrophysical and cosmological studies with clusters. Note that the existence of ‘back-splashed’ galaxies has been known for many years (e.g. Gill, Knebe & Gibson 2005; Mahajan, Mamon & Raychaudhury 2011; and the references therein).

The density profiles of cluster haloes can be probed observationally in several ways, for example, by studying the distribution of galaxies in haloes, or by stacked measurements of the weak gravitational lensing of background galaxies around haloes to get the matter distribution essentially directly. More et al. (2016) used the projected galaxy number density profile around redMaPPer (RM; Rykoff et al. 2014) galaxy clusters identified in data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS; Aihara et al. 2011) to present the first evidence for a splashback feature. Subsequently, evidence for the feature was established by Baxter et al. (2017) using the projected galaxy number density profiles around two samples of SDSS-identified clusters, and by Chang et al. (2018) using the galaxy density and weak lensing profiles around RM clusters identified in the first year of Dark Energy Survey (DES) data (see also Umetsu & Diemer 2017; Contigiani, Hoekstra & Bahé 2019b; Murata et al. 2020; and Bianconi et al. 2021). Note that Tomooka et al. (2020) also measured a sharp radial transition at the edge of galaxy clusters in the line-of-sight velocity dispersion of tracer galaxies around RM clusters in the SDSS spectroscopic survey. Also note that splashback-like features in individual clusters were discussed in previous studies (Rines et al. 2013; Patej & Loeb 2015; Tully 2015).

In all of the cases involving photometric surveys, the evidence for the splashback feature came from identifying the presence of a sharp steepening in the projected halo (galaxy/dark matter) density profiles. Interestingly, for clusters identified via the RM algorithm, and for measurements using the projected galaxy number density profile around clusters, the location of splashback is about 20 per cent (≈3σ) smaller than predictions from N-body simulations (More et al. 2016; Baxter et al. 2017; Chang et al. 2018).

Busch & White (2017), Zu et al. (2017), and subsequent work explored whether cluster-finding algorithms like RM can imprint artificial splashback-like features into cluster density profiles via selection effects. They pointed out that the chance projection of galaxies, especially in the cluster outskirts, can affect the measured galaxy density profile, biasing the measurements made with optically selected clusters. Zu et al. (2017) also showed that projection preferentially occurs in dense regions, causing a correlation between the large-scale overdensity and the concentration inferred with the member galaxies. Chang et al. (2018) investigated possible systematics involved with the RM cluster-finding algorithm by varying the member-searching aperture around clusters. They found that the location of the splashback was somewhat sensitive to the size of the aperture. Murata et al. (2020) examined the splashback feature from an independent optical cluster finder in the Hyper Supreme-Cam (Aihara et al. 2018) data and found the splashback feature to be more consistent with simulations than RM.

To avoid these complexities of optically selected clusters in Shin et al. (2019), we used SZ-selected clusters correlated with galaxies and found no evidence for selection artefacts. We found that the splashback radius measured around SZ-selected clusters is consistent with N-body simulations of cold dark matter (CDM; see also Zärcher & More 2019). Finally, in previous studies with SZ-selected clusters (Shin et al. 2019; Adhikari et al. 2020), we also studied the density profiles of galaxies split by galaxy colours, extending the formalism in Baxter et al. (2017), Chang et al. (2018), and used it to constrain the quenching time-scales of the galaxy star formation inside the clusters.

In this paper, we use SZ-selected clusters and measure the mass density profile and the splashback radius around SZ-selected galaxy clusters using weak gravitational lensing. The goal of this work is to measure the projected radial mass density profile using weak lensing and compare it with the projected galaxy number density distribution and theoretical predictions for these profiles. Our analysis relies on a catalogue of galaxy clusters (Hilton et al. 2021) that have been observed via their SZ signal in millimetre-wave maps from the ACT Data Release 5 (ACT DR5; Naess et al. 2020) by the Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT; Fowler et al. 2007; Thornton et al. 2016). SZ selection is essentially redshift independent, and appears closer to halo mass selection than optical cluster finders because of the smaller scatter in the relationship between cluster mass and observable and lower bias over the mass range probed so far. Moreover, clusters selected with the SZ effect suffer less from systematic effects such as line-of-sight projections and triaxiality than optically selected clusters (e.g. Shin et al. 2019). As a caveat, we note that detailed studies with mock cluster catalogues from simulated SZ maps are still needed to confirm these conclusions. We cross-correlate the cluster positions with galaxies from DES Year 3 (DESY3; the data taken in the first 3 yr of the survey) data and with the lensing shear measured from background galaxies in the same data set (The Dark Energy Survey Collaboration 2005; Sevilla-Noarbe et al. 2021; Gatti et al. 2021).

Weak lensing gives us a direct probe of the matter distribution and the gravitational potential of the cluster halo that is traced by the visible galaxies. Therefore, the comparison between the galaxy number density profile and mass distribution opens up the opportunity to study how processes that exclusively affect galaxies, as, for example, tidal disruptions, harassment, and ram-pressure stripping alter their relative clustering. Comparison between the matter and galaxy distributions can also help understand the nature of gravity (Schmidt 2010; Adhikari et al. 2018; Contigiani, Vardanyan & Silvestri 2019a). Direct comparison of the mass density profile measured through weak lensing with predictions from N-body simulations of CDM and hydrodynamical simulations will allow us to understand the impact of baryonic physics on cluster profiles. We can constrain the effects of dark matter interactions by studying the small central region where cores are expected to form in certain dark matter models (see Buckley & Peter 2018 for a review) and also beyond it, in the outskirts where the matter profile can be significantly steeper than in CDM (Banerjee et al. 2020). Finally, Xhakaj et al. (2020) also show that measuring the mass distribution directly from lensing can help constrain cluster accretion rates.

Here, we present the first simultaneous measurements of the mass density and the galaxy number density profiles of SZ-selected...
clusters from the ACT DR5 (Hilton et al. 2021) and make some initial comparisons with CDM and hydrodynamical simulations. The paper is organized as follows. The input data catalogues from DES and ACT are described in Section 2. Modelling of measurements of the profiles is presented in Section 3 and the interpretation of the results in Section 4. We conclude in Section 5. Throughout this paper, \( r \) represents 3D halo-centric radius, while \( R \) represents the projected 2D radius, while all radii are represented in comoving units. For cosmological calculations, we assume a flat \( \Lambda \)CDM cosmology with \( \Omega_m = 0.3 \) and \( h = 0.7 \).

2 DATA

2.1 The ACT DR5 SZ-selected cluster sample

The cluster sample used in this study is selected from the ACT DR5 cluster catalogue (Hilton et al. 2021), which consists of 4195 SZ-selected galaxy clusters, detected with S/N > 4 in a survey area of 13211 deg\(^2\). The clusters were detected by applying a multifrequency matched filter to 98 and 150 GHz maps, constructed from ACT observations obtained from 2008 to 2018 (see Naess et al. 2020 for details of the map-making procedures). Optical confirmation, removal of false detections, and redshifts for the ACT DR5 clusters come from a variety of large area optical/IR surveys from which the locations of the brightest cluster galaxies (BCGs) are determined, with 4600 deg\(^2\) covered by DES. We use the locations of the BCGs as the cluster centres for our calculation.\(^1\)

In this work, we use the clusters with redshifts between 0.15 and 0.7, and S/N > 4, and select those that lie inside the DESY3 footprint. There are 1002 clusters in the resultant fiducial cluster sample. We show the redshift, mass, and S/N distributions of our cluster sample in Fig. 1. The mean mass and the redshift of the sample are \( M_{500c} = 2.72 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_\odot \) and 0.46, respectively, where \( M_{500c} \) is the mass inside the radius at which the average interior density is 500 times the critical density, \( \rho_c \). We make use of the mass estimates inferred from the cluster SZ signals that have been rescaled according to a richness-based weak-lensing mass calibration procedure, as described in Hilton et al. (2021). To facilitate comparison with other work, we also show the distribution of \( M_{200m} \) in the figure, where \( M_{200m} \) is the mass inside the radius at which average interior density equals 200 times the mean mass density of the universe. Our stacked cluster profiles average over all masses in the sample. Since the mass function steeply falls with halo mass for such massive clusters, we have checked with simulations that features in the profile are barely degraded by the averaging and recover the profile of the mean mass of the sample. As a test with the data, we also show results from splitting the sample on estimated cluster mass and redshift (see Appendix A).

For some applications, we make use of results from mock ACT DR5 cluster catalogues as random points. These are generated by sampling from the Tinker et al. (2008) mass function, applying an SZ-signal–mass relation, and comparing the predicted signals with randomly chosen positions in the SZ-signal noise map generated by the cluster finder. The scaling relation parameters are chosen such that the number of S/N > 6 clusters in these mock catalogues approximately matches the number of clusters observed in the real data within the DES footprint, where the real sample is approximately 100 per cent pure and complete in terms of redshift follow-up (see section 3.3 of Hilton et al. 2021).

2.2 DES Year 3 galaxy catalogue

The galaxies and their shapes to be correlated with our cluster sample are obtained from the DESY3 data. DES (The Dark Energy Survey Collaboration 2005) is a multicolour imaging survey covering ~5000 square degrees of the South Galactic Cap. Using the 570-megapixel Dark Energy Camera (Flaugher et al. 2015) mounted on the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory (CTIO) 4m Blanco telescope in Chile, it images the sky in \( grizY \) filters. The DES Data Management (DESDM) system (Sevilla et al. 2011; Morganson et al. 2018) processes the raw images; the high-quality galaxy catalogue (Y3GOLD) is generated (Sevilla-Noarbe et al. 2021) after careful analysis of the galaxy images including image detrending and processing, photometric calibration, and object classification. The final products of Y3GOLD comprises 390 million galaxies reaching up to \( i_{AB} \sim 23 \) at S/N \( \sim 10 \). In this analysis, we make use of the Single Object Fitting photometry for which we refer readers to Sevilla-Noarbe et al. (2021).

When calculating the galaxy density profile (Section 3.2), following Shin et al. (2019) and Adhikari et al. (2020), we apply further selection criteria to the galaxies after filtering out stars and photometric failures: apparent magnitude cut \( m_i < 22.5 \), and colour...
cuts $-1 < m_g - m_r < 3$, $-1 < m_r - m_i < 2.5$ and $-1 < m_i - m_z < 2$ to exclude galaxies with extreme colours that may result in catastrophic failures in photo-z estimation (Crocc et al. 2018). We further require galaxies to have errors in the i-band magnitude smaller than 0.1. To ensure the completeness of the galaxy sample, we select a sky footprint that is sufficiently deep for our limiting magnitude cut $m_i = 22.5$, which gives a sky area of $\sim 4460$ deg$^2$. The resulting galaxy catalogue that we use in this study contains about 54 million galaxies.

When calculating the galaxy profile at different redshifts (Section 3.2), we require that the i-band absolute magnitude ($M_i$) is smaller than $-19.87$ (which corresponds to the apparent magnitude cut at the maximum redshift used, $z = 0.7$) using distance modulus. The absolute magnitude cut ensures greater consistency of the galaxy sample at different redshifts (see Section 4.6 for a caveat on this).

2.3 DES Y3 galaxy shape catalogue

The weak lensing shape catalogue associated with the Y3GOLD galaxies is obtained using the METACALIBRATION algorithm (Huff & Mandelbaum 2017; Sheldon & Huff 2017) and presented in Gatti et al. (2021). Here, we provide a brief summary of how METACALIBRATION determines the shapes of galaxies and their relationship to the WL shears.

METACALIBRATION in DESY3 measures the shapes of galaxies in $ri$ bands. The DESY3, shear catalogue covers 4143 square degrees of the sky, with a source number density of 5.59 gal/arcmin$^2$ and shape noise of 0.261. The shape of a galaxy is defined as a two-component ellipticity, $e = e \exp 2i \phi$, where $\phi$ is the angle from the x-axis of the coordinate system to the major axis of the galaxy and $|e| = (1 - q)(1 + q)$ with $q$ representing the axial ratio of the minor to the major axis. We refer readers to Gatti et al. (2021) for details. After the cuts on signal-to-noise ratio, size, and the magnitude, the final number of the galaxies that have passed these cuts is about 100 million.

METACALIBRATION relates the measured shapes of the galaxies, $e$, to the true shear from gravitational lensing, $\gamma$, by the response matrix, $\mathcal{R}$. That is

$$\langle\gamma\rangle = \langle\mathcal{R}\rangle^{-1}\langle e\rangle,$$

where the angled brackets denote the ensemble average. In other words, the response $\mathcal{R}$ represents the response of the measured galaxy shapes to the true shear. In addition, the galaxy shapes depend on the specific galaxy sample selection. Therefore, METACALIBRATION calculates an additional response term, the selection response, $\mathcal{R}_s$, which represents the response of measured shapes specific to the selected galaxy sample. The total response then becomes $\mathcal{R} + \mathcal{R}_s$. Note that the response is a $2 \times 2$ matrix, but it is well represented by the average of the diagonal components, which we adopt here (following, e.g., Pratt et al. 2018).

Note that we are not considering a few per cent level multiplicative shear biases inferred from image simulations in MacCrann et al. (2020). These biases mainly arise from blending of source galaxies, which is not fully accounted for by the METACALIBRATION method. However, since the main focus of this study is the shapes of cluster density profiles, such multiplicative biases can be safely overlooked.

2.4 Photometric redshift

As described in Sevilla-Noarbe et al. (2021), the redshifts of the galaxies are estimated using the Bayesian Photometric Redshifts (BPZ) algorithm (Benítez 2000; Hoyle et al. 2018) which fits the galaxy magnitudes in $griz$ bands to SED templates. Note that we do not directly use the galaxy photo-z’s for our cross-correlation analyses; therefore, the details of BPZ are not of primary interest in this paper. In Section 4.4, we do use the galaxy redshift distribution to estimate the large-scale galaxy bias that normalizes the theoretical predictions. The comparison of theory to measurements has 10 per cent level uncertainties due to a combination of factors that include photo-z’s. The uncertainty in the photo-z estimates could also induce a multiplicative bias in the measured WL profile (McClintock et al. 2019), which could bias the mass estimation at a level well below the statistical error (in particular in the comparison of the inferred splashback radius to theory). The main focus of this study is on the shapes of the cluster density profiles that are immune to such multiplicative biases.

2.5 Simulations

We use our observational results with DM-only simulations, we use particle data from the Multidark Planck (MDPL2) simulation$^2$ (Klypin et al. 2016) at $z = 0.49$; this is the publicly available snapshot that is closest to the mean redshift (0.46) of our cluster sample. The MDPL2 is an N-body simulation with 3840$^3$ particles that simulate a $1^3 h^{-3}$Gpc$^3$ volume using the Planck Cosmology (Planck Collaboration VI 2020). The halo catalogues have been generated using the Rockstar halo finder and the halo histories are generated, using the Consistent trees algorithm (Behroozi et al. 2013b). We select a sample of clusters that match the distribution of halo mass of our sample. We extract particles out to a radius of 50 Mpc $h^{-1}$ around the haloes from a downscaled set of particles at the mean redshift of our cluster sample and compare the measured density profiles to the data. To emulate the accurate redshift weighting of our observed sample, apart from using MDPL2, we also use a lower resolution simulation with the same volume but with 1024$^3$ particles. We use dark matter particle data from 30 snapshots in the interval 0.15 $< z < 0.7$ to match the mass and redshift distribution of our simulation clusters to the observed cluster sample.

We also make preliminary comparisons with hydrodynamical simulations. We use the IllustrisTNG simulations (Nelson et al. 2015) to study the matter and projected galaxy number density profiles around clusters. IllustrisTNG is a state-of-the-art cosmological, magnetohydrodynamical simulation that uses the AREPO code (Springel 2010) to evolve a universe with dark matter and baryons. In particular, we use the TNG300 simulation that simulates a 300$^3 h^{-3}$Mpc$^3$ cosmological volume. Given the smaller volume of the simulation, we do not have a large number of cluster mass haloes at the mass range explored in data. Therefore we study all clusters with $M_{200m} > 10^{14} M_{\odot} h^{-1}$ in units of $r/200m$, where $r_{200m}$ is the radius that encloses 200 times the background matter density and $M_{200m}$ is the mass enclosed within it. Our sample has 89 clusters at the mean redshift of the sample, $z = 0.49$, which is the closest publicly available snapshot to our mean cluster redshift. We study both the cluster–matter and the cluster–galaxy cross-correlation as described in Section 4.4.

$^2$https://www.cosmosim.org/cms/simulations/mdpl2/
3 MODELLING AND MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY

3.1 Models for WL and galaxy number density profiles

We model the weak lensing and projected galaxy number density profiles by integrating the spherically symmetric 3D cluster density profile along the line of sight. Our model for the 3D density profile is based on the fitting formula proposed by Diemer & Kravtsov (2014, hereafter DK14). The density profile is written as the sum of two components:

\[ \rho(r) = \rho_{\text{coll}}(r) + \rho_{\text{outer}}(r), \]

where

\[ \rho_{\text{coll}}(r) = \rho_{\text{in}}(r) f_{\text{trans}}(r), \]

\[ \rho_{\text{outer}}(r) = \rho_{0} \exp \left( -\frac{2}{\alpha} \left[ \left( \frac{r}{r_{s}} \right)^{\alpha} - 1 \right] \right), \]

\[ f_{\text{trans}}(r) = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{r}{r_{t}} \right)^{\beta} \right]^{-\beta}, \]

and

\[ \rho_{\text{outer}}(r) = \rho_{0} \left[ \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{max}}} + \left( \frac{r_{0}}{r_{0}} \right)^{\theta} \right]^{-1}. \]

Here, \( \rho_{\text{in}}(r) \) is an Einasto profile (Einasto 1965) truncated by \( f_{\text{trans}}(r) \) near the splashback radius, representing the contribution from material that is in orbit around the cluster. The contribution from nearby matter not in orbit around the cluster is represented by \( \rho_{\text{outer}}(r) \), which is dominated by infalling matter. Its profile is close to a pure power law, as expected from the spherically collapse model. Since \( \rho_{\text{outer}} \) is unlimited, the maximum values that \( \rho_{\text{outer}} \) can reach at the centre of haloes, preventing \( \rho_{\text{outer}} \) from dominating \( \rho_{\text{in}} \) at small radii (Diemer 2018). We set \( \tau_{\text{max}} = 20 \), and confirm that the choice of \( \tau_{\text{max}} \) does not affect the model fitting significantly as long as \( \rho_{\text{coll}} \) dominates over \( \rho_{\text{outer}} \) at small radii. We fix \( r_{0} = 1.5 \, h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \), since it is degenerate with \( \rho_{0} \) at large radii and \( \rho_{\text{outer}} \) becomes negligible at small radii compared to \( \rho_{\text{coll}} \).

The parameters of the model are \( \rho_{0}, \alpha, r_{s}, r_{t}, \gamma, \beta, \rho_{0}, \) and \( s_{s} \).

We integrate the 3D profile along the line of sight to compute the projected density profile, \( \Sigma(R) \), at projected distance \( R \). This integral is performed between \( l_{\text{max}} = \pm 40 \, h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \), where \( l \) is the distance along the line of sight to the cluster, with the origin centred on the cluster. It is given by

\[ \Sigma_{o}(R) = \int_{l_{\text{min}}}^{l_{\text{max}}} \rho(\sqrt{R^{2} + l^{2}}) \, dl. \]

So far we have assumed that the true cluster centre is known. However, in practice we take the brightest central galaxy (BCG) as the cluster centre, which may not always be the true centre of mass.\(^3\) The effect of such miscentring is to modify the density profile, particularly at small radii. We write the measured density profile as the sum of a miscentred and correctly centred component:

\[ \Sigma(R) = (1 - f_{\text{mis}}) \Sigma_{o}(R) + f_{\text{mis}} \Sigma_{\text{mis}}(R), \]

where \( \Sigma_{\text{mis}} \) is the profile of the miscentred haloes, and \( f_{\text{mis}} \) is the fraction of miscentred haloes. Following e.g. Rykoff et al. (2016), \( \Sigma_{\text{mis}}(R) \) can be modelled as

\[ \Sigma_{\text{mis}}(R) = \int dR_{\text{mis}} P(R_{\text{mis}}) \Sigma_{\text{mis}}(R|R_{\text{mis}}), \]

where \( P(R_{\text{mis}}) \) is the probability distribution of a halo to be miscentred by a distance \( R_{\text{mis}} \) from the true centre and

\[ \Sigma_{\text{mis}}(R|R_{\text{mis}}) = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\sqrt{R^{2} + R_{\text{mis}}^{2} + 2R R_{\text{mis}} \cos \phi}} \frac{1}{\Delta_{1}/\Sigma_{1}} \, d\Sigma. \]

Following Rykoff et al. (2016), we assume \( \Sigma_{1} = c_{\text{mis}} R_{\text{s}} \) and \( R_{s} = (\lambda/100)^{1.2} \), where \( \lambda \) is the cluster richness. Since \( R_{s} \) changes slowly with \( \lambda \), we can for simplicity evaluate \( \Sigma_{1} \) at the mean richness of the sample. We calculate the mean richness by matching the ACT DR5 clusters to those detected by DES, finding that the mean richness of our cluster sample is \( \lambda = 66 \). Miscentring introduces two new free parameters – \( f_{\text{mis}} \) and \( c_{\text{mis}} \) – into our model.

The weak lensing measurements, \( \Delta \Sigma \), are sensitive to the shape of the profile inside the radius of \( 0.2 h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \), below which we do not have any measurements. This is because

\[ \Delta \Sigma(R) = \bar{\Sigma}(R) - \bar{\Sigma}(R), \]

where

\[ \bar{\Sigma}(R) \equiv \frac{2}{R} \int_{0}^{R} dR' \bar{\Sigma}(R'). \]

The non-locality of the weak lensing measurements is somewhat undesirable, since it introduces correlation between the model profile at small scales and large scales. To reduce this, we separate the contribution of \([0, 0.2] h^{-1}\text{Mpc}\) from the integral

\[ \Delta \Sigma(R) = \frac{2}{R} \left( \bar{\Sigma}(R) + \int_{R_{\text{min}}}^{R_{\text{max}}} dR' \bar{\Sigma}(R') \right) - \bar{\Sigma}(R), \]

where \( \bar{\Sigma} \equiv \int_{0}^{R_{\text{max}}} dR' \bar{\Sigma}(R') \), \( R_{\text{min}} = 0.2 h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \), and we set \( \bar{\Sigma} \) as an additional free parameter in the model when fitting \( \Delta \Sigma \).

3.2 Measurement of the WL profile

The tangential shear of a background galaxy around the centre of a DM halo lens is given as

\[ \gamma_{\ell} = -\gamma_{\perp} \cos 2\phi - \gamma_{\parallel} \sin 2\phi, \]

where \( \gamma_{\perp} \) and \( \gamma_{\parallel} \) are the two shear components in a Cartesian coordinate system, and \( \phi \) is the position angle of the source galaxy with respect to the \( x \)-axis of the system.

The tangential shear is then related to the 2D surface density profile of the halo as

\[ \Delta \Sigma(R) = \tilde{\gamma}_{\ell}(R) \Sigma_{\ell}(z_{l}, z_{s}), \]

where \( z_{l} \) and \( z_{s} \) represent the redshifts of the lens (the DM halo) and the source, \( \tilde{\gamma}_{\ell}(R) \) the mean tangential shear at the radius of \( R \), and

\[ \Sigma_{c}^{-1}(z_{l}, z_{s}) = \frac{4\pi G}{c^{2}} (1 + z_{l}) \chi(z_{l}) \left[ 1 - \frac{\chi(z_{l})}{\chi(z_{s})} \right] \]

is the inverse critical density in comoving units, with \( \chi(z) \) representing the comoving distance to the redshift \( z \) (see equation 12 for the definition of \( \Delta \Sigma(R) \)).
The cross component of the shear of a background galaxy is defined as
\[ \gamma_{x} = \gamma_{1} \sin 2\phi - \gamma_{2} \cos 2\phi. \] (18)

Note that, for any isotropic lens, \( \Delta \Sigma_{x} = \tilde{\gamma}_{x} \Sigma_{x}(z_{i}, z_{j}) \) is zero by angular symmetry in the weak-lensing regime (Schneider 2005). We thus use the measurement of \( \Delta \Sigma_{x} \) as a null test.

We measure \( \Delta \Sigma(R) \) using the estimator
\[ \Delta \tilde{\Sigma}(R) = \frac{\sum_{ij} s_{ij} \gamma_{ij}(R)}{\sum_{ij} s_{ij} \Sigma_{i,j}^{-1} \left( \tilde{z}_{i}, \tilde{z}_{j} \right)} \left( R_{\text{cl}} + R_{\text{r}} \right), \] (19)
where \( i \) represents the lenses, \( j \) the sources, \( R_{\text{cl}} \) the shear response from METACALIBRATION, \( R_{\text{r}} \) the selection response, and
\[ s_{ij} = \alpha_{ij} \Sigma_{i,j}^{-1} \left( \tilde{z}_{i}, \tilde{z}_{j} \right) \] (20)
is the weight applied to optimize the measurement, where \( \alpha_{ij} \) is the square inverse of the measured shear uncertainty of the \( j \)th source (see section 4.3 in Gatti et al. 2021 for details). Note that the selection response terms do not apply to individual galaxies, but to the full sample of source galaxies. Here, \( \Sigma_{i,j}^{-1} \) represents the inverse critical density with the redshift of the source randomly chosen from the probability distribution given by the BPZ photo-z estimation algorithm, and \( \Sigma_{i,j}^{-1} \) evaluated at the mean redshift from BPZ. In addition, we exclude source galaxies whose photo-z’s lie within \( \Delta z = 0.1 \) of the lens cluster, to reduce the contamination from the foreground galaxies to the source catalogue. Then the measured \( \Delta \tilde{\Sigma}(R) \) is related to the projected 2D density profile by equation (12). See McClintock et al. (2019) for a detailed validation of this estimator.

We stack the clusters and calculate \( \Delta \tilde{\Sigma}(R) \) in 15 cluster-centric radial bins between 0.2 and 30 h^{-1}Mpc, evenly spaced in log-space. Below 0.2h^{-1}Mpc, the crowding of galaxies near the centres of the clusters hinders robust measurements of the background shears so that \( \Delta \Sigma(R) \) becomes uncertain. Therefore, we exclude the region below 0.2h^{-1}Mpc from our WL measurement. Also, the DK14 model that we use was calibrated with simulations only up to \( \sim 9h_{\text{cl}} \) (or \( \sim 16h_{\text{cl}} \) for the mass and redshift of our clusters). We use this as the maximum scale in our model fitting for \( \Sigma_{cl} \); for the WL profile, we include one additional data point (maximum \( R = 21.5h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \)) because \( \Delta \Sigma(R) \) depends on the surface density at all radii smaller than \( R \) so it is weighted towards smaller scales.

Also, to remove possible additive biases on the shear and reduce uncertainties on large scales, we calculate the \( \Delta \tilde{\Sigma}(R) \) around the random points (20 times the number of the clusters) and subtract it from the signal around the clusters. We refer readers to section 4.1.3 of McClintock et al. (2019) and the references therein for detailed justification of it. Wu et al. (2019) show that statistical errors of cluster weak lensing at large scales are dramatically reduced by subtracting the profile around random points.

We use \texttt{treecorr} (Jarvis, Bernstein & Jain 2004) to produce \( \Delta \tilde{\Sigma}(R) \). The covariance matrix for the measurement is estimated using the jackknife method (Norberg et al. 2009), with 100 patches having similar areas, which gives \( \sim 45 \text{ deg}^{2} \) per patch.

### 3.3 Boost factor correction

The photo-z estimation for our galaxy sample comes with non-negligible errors. Because of this error, the galaxies that are at or in front of the clusters would leak into our source sample and therefore dilute the WL signal. Thus, in order to make a robust estimation of the surface density profile using WL, one must correct for this contamination in the source sample. This is so-called boost factor correction, which we call \( B(R) \) and which we use to multiply our \( \Delta \Sigma \) estimator:
\[ \Delta \tilde{\Sigma}_{\text{corr}} = B \Delta \tilde{\Sigma}. \] (21)

There are two methods generally used. In the first method (Sheldon et al. 2004; Mandelbaum, Seljak & Hirata 2008), weighted counts of the source galaxies around the lens sample and around random positions are calculated and one takes the fraction between them:
\[ B(R) = \frac{N_{\text{rand}}}{N_{\text{lens}}} \sum_{ij} s_{ij} \gamma_{ij}(R). \] (22)

where \( N_{\text{lens}} \) and \( N_{\text{rand}} \) represent the number of lenses and random points, respectively, and \( i, j \) run over lenses, source galaxies, and random points, respectively.

In the second method (Varga et al. 2019), one decomposes the probability distribution of the source galaxy redshifts into two parts: the contamination part and the true source distribution part:
\[ P(z|R) = f_{cl}(R) P_{\text{cont}}(z|R) + (1 - f_{cl}(R)) P_{\text{bg}}(z), \] (23)
where \( f_{cl}(R) \) is the fraction of the contamination as a function of radius, \( P_{\text{cont}}(z|R) \) the probability distribution of the contaminating galaxies at radius \( R \), \( P_{\text{bg}}(z) \) the probability distribution of the true background source sample. Here, \( P_{\text{bg}}(z) \) is calculated around the random points and we assume a Gaussian distribution for \( P_{\text{cont}}(z|R) \) (see section 3.2.5 of Varga et al. 2019 for the validation of the Gaussian assumption). Therefore, the free parameters in this method are \( f_{cl}(R) \) and the width of \( P_{\text{cont}}(z|R) \) for which we can find the best-fitting value, given \( P_{\text{bg}}(z) \) and \( P(z|R) \) from the data. The boost factor is related to \( f_{cl}(R) \) as,
\[ B(R) = \frac{1}{1 - f_{cl}(R)}. \] (24)

In Varga et al. (2019), it is shown that the \( P(z) \) decomposition method correctly retrieves the true values of the boost factor, whereas the counting-based method (equation 22) tends to underestimate the boost factor. Hence, in this paper we use the \( P(z) \) decomposition method as our fiducial choice. We have checked that the choice of the boost factor does not alter our results as it makes only a small difference to the inner profile. The covariance matrix of the boost factor is estimated via the jackknife method using the same configuration as in the previous section.

### 3.4 Measurement of the projected galaxy number density profile

We follow the method in Chang et al. (2018) and Shin et al. (2019) to measure the projected galaxy profile around clusters in our sample. We first cross-correlate the ACT DR5 cluster sample (Section 2.1) with the DES Y3 galaxy sample (Section 2.2) in narrow redshift bins of \( \Delta z = 0.025 \) using the Landy–Szalay estimator (Landy & Szalay 1993). We apply this redshift binning only to the cluster sample, assuming they are located at the mid-point of the corresponding bin. We have checked that this approximation does not change the measured data points significantly, given the level of the uncertainty of the data. To avoid the uncertainty of the photo-z estimation, we assume that all galaxies are located at the cluster redshift and apply an additional cut on the absolute magnitude, \( M_{r} < -19.87 \), which corresponds to the apparent magnitude cut, \( m_{r} < 22.5 \), at the maximum redshift of 0.7 to ensure the same maximum luminosity of galaxies over the whole range of redshift (0.15 < \( z < 0.7 \)). The correlation function then automatically selects the galaxies that are...
physically correlated with the clusters, while uncorrelated galaxies (at different redshifts) are not reflected in the correlation. In this way, we avoid the systematic errors induced by the uncertainty of the galaxy photo-z estimates.

To obtain the mean correlation function over all redshift, \( \omega(R) \), the computed correlation functions for each redshift bin, \( \omega_i(R, z_i) \), are averaged with the number of clusters in each redshift bin as weights:

\[
\omega(R) = \frac{\sum N_{cl,i} \omega_i(R, z_i)}{\sum N_{cl,i}},
\]

where \( N_{cl,i} \) is the number of clusters in the \( i \)th redshift bin. This \( \omega(R) \) is related to the average mean-subtracted projected galaxy profile around the cluster sample as

\[
\Sigma_{\delta}(R) = \bar{\Sigma}_g \omega(R),
\]

where \( \bar{\Sigma}_g \) represents the average surface density of the galaxy sample:

\[
\bar{\Sigma}_g = \frac{\sum N_{cl,i} \Sigma_{\delta,i}}{\sum N_{cl,i}},
\]

with \( \Sigma_{\delta,i} \) being the average surface density of the galaxies used in each redshift bin.

\( \Sigma_{\delta}(R) \) is calculated in 25 radial bins between 0.2 and 60 h\(^{-1}\)Mpc, evenly spaced in comoving log-space, using \texttt{treecorr} (Jarvis et al. 2004). Similar to the scale cut for lensing in Section 3.2, we use radial bins larger than \( \sim 0.2h^{-1}\)Mpc, since below that scale the BCG and intracluster light and the crowding of galaxies may interfere with galaxy detection. We also exclude bins larger than \( \sim 16h^{-1}\)Mpc from the fitting since they lie above 9\( r_{vir} \), which is the radial range over which the theoretical model of Diemer & Kravtsov (2014) was calibrated with simulations. The covariance matrix of \( \Sigma_{\delta}(R) \) is estimated using the jackknife method (Norberg et al. 2009), with 100 patches of similar size as before. We have generated data points with different numbers of jackknife patches (50 and 150) and checked that our data points are stable up to \( \sim 40h^{-1}\)Mpc.

## 3.5 Model fitting

We adopt a Gaussian likelihood for the profile measurements:

\[
\log \mathcal{L}[(\vec{d}, \vec{m} \bar{\Theta})] = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \vec{d} - \vec{m}(\bar{\Theta}) \right]^T C^{-1} \left[ \vec{d} - \vec{m}(\bar{\Theta}) \right],
\]

where \( \vec{d} \) represents the data vector (\( \Delta \Sigma \) or \( \Sigma_{\delta} \)), \( \vec{m}(\bar{\Theta}) \) the model evaluated at parameters \( \bar{\Theta} \), and \( C \) is the covariance estimated using the jackknife resampling method. The posterior on the model parameters is then

\[
\log \mathcal{L}[(\vec{d}, \vec{m} \bar{\Theta})] = \log \mathcal{L}[(\vec{d}, \vec{m} \bar{\Theta})] + \log \mathcal{L}[(\vec{d}, \vec{m} \bar{\Theta})] \]

where \( \mathcal{L}[(\vec{d}, \vec{m} \bar{\Theta})] \) are the priors applied on \( \Theta \).

Previous analyses (Hilton et al. 2021) have indirectly used weak lensing to calibrate the mass-observable relation for the ACT clusters; for all the clusters, the WL correction factor of 1/(0.71 ± 0.07)\(^4\) is applied to the mass from the SZ mass-observable relation. The average uncertainty on the mass, \( M_{500c} \), from these measurements is \( \sim 23\) per cent which includes the statistical uncertainty as well as that from the WL correction factor. To be conservative, we assume the

\[^4\]The ratio of the mean mass derived from the mass–richness–relation of the DES \textsc{redmapper} clusters (McClintock et al. 2019), to that from the SZ mass–observable relation.

### Table 1. Prior range of each model parameter (see equations 2–6). \( \mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2) \) represents a Gaussian prior with mean \( m \) and standard deviation \( \sigma \) (see Sections 3.1 and 3.5). \( r_s \) and \( r_t \) are in a unit of \( h^{-1}\)Mpc.

| Parameter | Prior | Description |
|-----------|-------|-------------|
| \( \log \left( \frac{r_s}{\text{Mpc}} \right) \) | \([-5.5, 5.5] \) | \( \Delta \Sigma \) amplitude of the Einasto profile |
| \( \log \left( \frac{r_t}{\text{Mpc}} \right) \) | \([-5.5, 5.5] \) | \( \Sigma_{\delta} \) amplitude of the Einasto profile |
| \( \log \alpha \) | \( \log(0.2), 0.6^2 \) | Parameter of the Einasto profile |
| \( \log \beta \) | \( \log(0.5), 5.0^2 \) | Scale radius of the Einasto profile |
| \( \log \gamma \) | \( \log(0.5), 2.5^2 \) | First slope parameter of \( f_{\text{trans}} \) |
| \( \log \left( \frac{\bar{\Sigma}_g}{\text{Mpc}^{-2}} \right) \) | \([-5.5, 5.5] \) | Second slope parameter of \( f_{\text{trans}} \) |
| \( s_{\text{trans}} \) | \([0.1, 100.0] \) | Log-slope of \( f_{\text{trans}} \) |
| \( \ln \alpha_{\text{mis}} \) | \(|-1.13, 0.22^2| \) | Miscentring amplitude |
| \( \alpha_{\text{mis}} \) | \(|0.22, 0.11^2| \) | Miscentring fraction |
| \( \log \left( \frac{r_f}{\text{Mpc}} \right) \) | \([-5.5, 5.5] \) | Inner mass contribution (WL) |

uncertainties of the individual masses are 100 per cent correlated. We then use this mass information as a prior on our model fitting. We apply a Gaussian prior on the total mass of the profile, \( M_{500c} = 2.72 ± 0.68 \times 10^{14}h^{-1}\)M\( _\odot \) (25 per cent uncertainty). The \( M_{500c} \) is calculated at the mean redshift of the clusters (0.455) with the mass-concentration relation from Diemer & Joyce (2019), which gives \( R_{500c} = 0.96h^{-1}\)Mpc for our mass.

We adopt priors on the model parameters (Section 3.1) that are similar to those of Chang et al. (2018) and Shin et al. (2019). The applied priors are listed in Table 1. The only changes with respect to Shin et al. (2019) are that the minimum of \( r_s \) is 0.5\( h^{-1}\)Mpc, since we are certain that for clusters with our mass the transition between the 1-halo and the infall regime happens above that radius and that we require \( r_t > r_s \). Our adopted priors on the miscentring parameters are identical to those for \textsc{redmapper} clusters (Rykoff et al. 2016), since we adopt the BCG locations measured by \textsc{redmapper} as the cluster centre. For those that do not have the \textsc{redmapper} counterparts, we use SZ centres. However, the fraction of those without the \textsc{redmapper} counterparts is negligible, so that it does not affect our fitting. We refer the reader to Appendix C for tests on the effect of miscentring and the priors on the model parameters.

We sample the model posterior using the affine invariant Markov Chain Monte Carlo method introduced by Goodman & Weare (2010) and implemented in the \textsc{emcee} package (Foreman-Mackey et al. 2013). Note that the number of parameters is 10 for \( \bar{\Sigma}_g \) and 11 for \( \Delta \Sigma \), while the number of data points is 20 for \( \Sigma_{\delta} \) and 14 for \( \Delta \Sigma \). Thus for the lensing fits, the number of parameters is approaching the number of data points. One of our main goals is to use model fits that smoothly approximate the measured data points and allow us to estimate the correct logarithmic slope profiles. This exercise is valid and useful even for a large number of model parameters. The convergence of the MCMC chains is confirmed by splitting our chains into five pieces and comparing the results.

## 4 RESULTS

### 4.1 Mass profiles from lensing

We begin by presenting the results of our lensing measurements and the corresponding profile fits. The top panel of Fig. 2 shows the measured cross component of the lensing signal (\( \Delta \Sigma \)) for our sample of clusters, which serves as a null test of our lensing measurements. This measurement is consistent with zero as expected: null-\( \chi^2/\text{dof} = 14.7/15 \), where 15 is the number of data points. The
fitted model parameters are listed in Table 2 including the results from the sample split tests described in Appendices A and B.

We then calculate the 3D logarithmic slope (dlog \( \rho(r)/\text{dlog } r \)) of the matter profile using the constrained halo model parameters from the MCMC chain and identify the splashback radius as the location of the minimum slope. In the right-hand panel of Fig. 3, the shaded region represents the 68 per cent credible interval for the 3D logarithmic slope of the matter density profile inferred from \( \Delta \Sigma \). The red cross represents the 68 per cent credible interval for the splashback radius, \( r_{sp} \), and the corresponding slope at \( r_{sp} \). The 1\( \sigma \) constraint on \( r_{sp} \) from WL is \( 2.20^{+0.54}_{-0.46}h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \), and that of the logarithmic slope at \( r_{sp} \) is \(-3.42^{+0.54}_{-0.40}\).

Also shown in the same figure with the black dash–dotted line is the 3D logarithmic slope of the DM particle profile around the haloes from the MDPL2 N-body simulation at the mean redshift of our sample. In addition, the DM profile from a lower resolution simulation for which we match the redshift distribution to our cluster sample is plotted as a black dashed line (see Section 2.5). The splashback radii of the simulation profiles are \( r_{sp} = 2.03h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \) at the mean redshift, and \( r_{sp} = 2.12h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \) for the redshift-matched simulation haloes. As can be seen in the figure, the splashback radius from the WL profile agrees with that from the N-body simulations well within 1\( \sigma \). Also, plotted as the olive green line is the theoretical prediction of the NFW profile having the same mean mass and the redshift as ours. One can see that the logarithmic slope of the \( \rho_{\text{coll}} \) (1-halo term, shaded in light red) is steeper by over \( \sim 2.5\sigma \) (99.7 per cent of the posterior) than the slope (\( \sim 2.7 \)) of the NFW profile at \( r_{sp} \), which can be taken as evidence for a splashback-like truncation of the density profile (Baxter et al. 2017).

### 4.2 Galaxy number density profiles

In the left-hand panel of Fig. 5, the blue data points with error bars show the measured galaxy profile (\( \Sigma_g \), Section 3.4), for which the total S/N is 65. The 1\( \sigma \) range from MCMC model fitting (best fit \( \chi^2/\text{dof} = 2.63/7 \)) is overplotted as the blue shaded region. Note that the fit is reasonable up to about 9\( r_{\text{vir}} \sim 16h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \), which is the

![Figure 3](https://academic.oup.com/mnras/article-fig/507/4/5758/6366263?figure=fig3)

**Figure 3.** Left-hand panel: The measured \( \Delta \Sigma \) profile of SZ-selected clusters is shown by the points in red with error bars, along with the 68 per cent confidence interval from MCMC fitting of the DK14 model (red band). The dashed red curve is the best-fitting model. The grey band shows the corresponding model fit for the galaxy profile (the measurements are shown in Fig. 5), rescaled to match the amplitude of the WL measurement. Right-hand panel: The logarithmic slope of the 3D matter profile from model fitting of the weak lensing measurements. The shaded band shows the 68 per cent confidence region, with the red cross being the 1\( \sigma \) constraints on the splashback radius, \( r_{sp} \), and the corresponding slope. The profile of DM particles around mass-matched haloes in the N-body simulation (Section 2.5) is shown by the black curves. The dash–dotted line is the logarithmic slope profile for simulated clusters at the mean redshift of our sample and the dashed line is the profile of simulated clusters with the complete redshift weighting. The lighter-shaded region shows the contribution of the ‘collapsed’ (analogous to the one-halo) term in the fit. We also plot the theoretical NFW profiles for our mass and redshift values, calculated with the COLOSSUS package (Diemer 2018), as the olive green line.
regime of validity of the DK14 model (see Sections 3.1 and 3.4). The best-fitting curve (blue dashed) deviates from the measurements above $\sim 16 h^{-1}$Mpc as shown above for the WL profile (Section 4.1). We discuss the implication of this finding in Section 4.4 where other models to describe cluster-galaxy correlations are presented.

### 4.3 Comparison between mass and galaxy profiles

We now turn to a comparison of the lensing and galaxy profiles. The left-hand panel of Fig. 4 shows the 3D profiles of the matter and total matter density obtained from the best-fitting models. The y-axis for the galaxy density in this figure has been rescaled to minimize the difference between the matter and galaxy redshift distributions (the scaling factor is 5.16). The shapes of the profiles show remarkable agreement over all scales shown in the figure. The right-hand panel of Fig. 4 compares the 3D logarithmic slope of the WL profiles (red), and that of the projected galaxy number density profile (blue). The crosses in the figure represent the 1σ ranges of the splashback location for the galaxy density profile (blue) and the WL profile (red). The fit gives $r_{sp}$ of the galaxy profile: $20.71^{+0.26}_{-0.26} h^{-1}$Mpc. It is in good agreement with that of the WL profile which gives $22.0\pm0.54 h^{-1}$Mpc. The logarithmic slope at the splashback radius is also in agreement: for galaxies the slope at $r_{sp}$ is $-3.40^{+0.17}_{-0.17}$ and for weak lensing it is $-3.42^{+0.16}_{-0.40}$. The latter is well within the range of slopes expected for the cluster mass haloes from simulations and corresponds to peak height $v \approx 2.5^5$ and accreting mass at a moderate rate of $1 < \Gamma < 2$, where $\Gamma = \Delta \log (M_{cl})/\Delta \log (a)$ (see figs 5 and 10 in DK14).

The agreement between the galaxy number density profile and the WL profile indicates that our galaxy sample ($M_{c} < -19.87$) closely follows the underlying matter distribution for our fiducial cluster sample. This agreement was anticipated in the more direct comparison in the left-hand panel of Fig. 3.

We discuss the implication of these findings in Section 5. We also explore how different a luminosity selection for the galaxies, along with other data splits, might affect our results in Appendix A. Next we compare model predictions for the galaxy profile with the measurement from data.

\[ \frac{d\rho}{d\vartheta} = \frac{\rho_c}{\sqrt{3}} - 1.686 \times \frac{d\vartheta}{\Delta \vartheta}, \] where $\delta_c = 1.686$ is the critical overdensity for collapse and $\sigma(M, z)$ the rms density fluctuation in a sphere of radius $R$. See e.g. section 2.3 of Diemer & Kravtsov (2014) for details.

### 4.4 Models of cluster-galaxy correlations

We present exploratory comparisons of our measurements and predictions based on different theoretical approaches. First, we match the DK14 model with perturbation theory (PT) on large scales. We call this approach Hybrid PT as it uses PT for the galaxy and cluster bias parameters and the non-linear matter correlation function calibrated from N-body simulations.

#### 4.4.1 Hybrid perturbation theory

Using the Limber approximation and neglecting the uncertainty in the cluster and galaxy redshift distributions, $\Sigma_g(R)$ can be computed as:

\[ \Sigma_g(R) = \xi_g \int dz \frac{\rho_{g}(R, z)}{\Delta \vartheta} \frac{w_{\rho}(R, z)}{\vartheta}, \]

where $\rho_{g}(R, z)$ is the normalized redshift distribution of clusters shown in Fig. 1, $\rho_{g}(R, z)$ is the normalized redshift distribution of galaxies, which we obtain from the Bpz photo-z estimates and

\[ w_{\rho}(R, z) = \int dl \xi_{cg}(\sqrt{\vartheta^2 + l^2}), \]

where $\xi_{cg}(z)$ is the 3D cluster galaxy correlation function. Using our hybrid PT-based model of galaxy bias, $\xi_{cg}$ can be written as:

\[ \xi_{cg}(r) = \frac{1}{A_{\text{norm}}} \rho(r), \quad r < r_{\text{patch}} \]

where $\rho(r)$ is defined in equation (2) and $A_{\text{norm}} = \xi_g \int dz \frac{\rho_{g}(R, z)}{\Delta \vartheta}$ is a normalization which ensures that on small scales, the projected galaxy density ($\Sigma_g$) estimate from this model converges to equation (8) and 26. We set $r_{\text{patch}} = 15 h^{-1}$Mpc. We test two different PT models for galaxy and cluster bias to estimate ($\xi_{cg}^{PT}$): the first is the linear bias model, and the second expands the galaxy and cluster bias using 1-loop PT. Thus:

\[ \xi_{cg}^{PT}(r) = \begin{cases} \rho^{1}(r) \, \xi_{cg}^{NL}(r), & r_{\text{patch}} \geq r, \\ \rho^{1}(r) \, \xi_{cg}^{NL}(r), & r_{\text{patch}} < r, \end{cases} \]

where

\[ \rho^{1}(r) = \begin{cases} 1, & \rho < r_{\text{patch}}, \\ 0, & \rho \geq r_{\text{patch}}, \end{cases} \]

The various bias parameters introduced above can be motivated as follows. Assuming isotropy and homogeneity, the overdensity
of biased tracers of matter, such as clusters and galaxies, can be described using scalar quantities constructed from the matter density, the divergences of the velocity and the gravitational potential field. At linear order, only the gravitational evolution of the matter density contributes which results in a simple expression for the cluster-galaxy correlation that depends only on their large scale linear biases, \( b^{(1)} \).

Including all the terms contributing up to third order results in the 1-loop PT prediction which adds three extra parameters: the second order tracer-bias \( b^{(2)} \), shear bias \( b^{(s)} \) and non-local bias \( b^{(3nl)} \) for both clusters and galaxies. The explicit functional form of the 1-loop PT prediction as implemented here follows McDonald & Roy (2009), Saito et al. (2014), and Pandey et al. (2020).

The matter correlation function (\( \xi(M_M) \)) used in our PT model is estimated using the \textsc{halofit} fitting function (Takahashi et al. 2012). We incorporate the effects of miscentring by using the same methodology as detailed in Section 3.1. We assume \( b^{(1)} = 5.5 \) and \( b^{(3)} = 1.8 \) as our fiducial choice of the effective linear bias of clusters and galaxies respectively. These bias values can in principle be obtained from the auto correlation of the clusters and galaxies, but here we obtain approximate values as follows. Our estimate of \( b_z \) is obtained from the Tinker et al. (2010) fitting function for the mean mass and redshift of our cluster sample. The galaxy bias is bounded from above by measurements of the auto-correlation of redMaGiC galaxies in DES (Rozo et al. 2016; Elvin-Poole et al. 2018) over the same redshift range. For the 1-loop PT curve, we assume the bias parameters \( b^{(1)} \) and \( b^{(3)} \) to be equal to their co-evolution value (McDonald & Roy 2009; Saito et al. 2014) for both clusters and galaxies.\(^5\) The second order bias parameter for clusters (\( b^{(2)} \)) is estimated using the relation calibrated from N-body simulations as described in Lazeyras et al. (2016). For the galaxies, we approximate the second order bias using the calibration described in Pandey et al. (2020) which used DES mocks.

The resulting model predictions are shown in the left-hand panel of Fig. 5. We show our fiducial result from Section 4.2 (blue), overplotted with the fit from the PT models. It is evident that both the PT models fit the data above 15\( h^{-1}\)Mpc and match the DK14 fit with the choice of bias parameters shown. Also note that the linear and 1-loop PT models differ at approximately the 10 per cent level; these differences are degenerate with the uncertainties in the photometric redshifts of galaxies and their bias values. We defer a more detailed modelling and validation of cluster-galaxy and cluster-matter correlations over all scales to a future study.

4.4.2 HOD-based models

Our second approach is an analytical and simulation-based calculation of \( \Sigma_g \) using the halo occupation distribution (HOD) framework (e.g. Cooray & Sheth 2002). The results are shown in the right-hand panel of Fig. 5. As in Salcedo et al. (2020) we recast the standard 5 parameter HOD in terms of the galaxy number density \( n_g \) and ratios of the standard mass-parameters \( (M_f/M_{\text{min}}) \) and \( (M_f/M_1) \). We use the standard approach of modelling central and satellite galaxies’ HODs separately (e.g. Kravtsov et al. 2004; Zheng et al. 2005, 2011), which allows us to additionally model the incompleteness of the central galaxy sample:

\[
\langle N_g | M_h \rangle = f_{\text{cen}} \langle N_{\text{cen}} | M_h \rangle + \langle N_{\text{sat}} | M_h \rangle, \tag{33}
\]

where the parameter \( f_{\text{cen}} \) expresses the level of central incompleteness. We also allow the satellite galaxy profile to differ from that of the matter,

\[
c_{\text{gal}} = A_{\text{cen}} c_{\text{halo}} \tag{34}
\]

where \( c_{\text{halo}} = r_{\text{c}} / r_{\text{c}} \) is the halo concentration. Finally, we characterize the cluster mass–observable relation as a linear relation with a constant lognormal scatter \( \sigma_{M_c} \),

\[
\ln M_{\text{obs}} = \ln M_b + \sigma_{M_c} \times N(0, 1). \tag{35}
\]

To analytically compute \( \Sigma_g \) we first compute the real-space cluster-galaxy correlation function \( \xi_{cg} \) as an effective sum of one- and two-halo terms,

\[
\xi_{cg} = \left( \xi_{1h}^w \right)^{\alpha} + \left( \xi_{2h}^w \right)^{\alpha} \tag{36}
\]

where \( \alpha \) controls the smoothness of the transition between one-halo and two-halo contributions. We choose \( \alpha = 2 \) as our fiducial choice but also show the impact of changing this value; the choice \( \alpha = 2 \) is similar to simply choosing the maximum of the two terms at a given mass.

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\(^{5}\) The co-evolution value referred to here is obtained by equating the Eulerian and Lagrangian prescription of galaxy biasing, which results in \( b^{(1)} = 4/3 (b^{(1)} - 1) \) and \( b^{(3)} = (b^{(1)} - 1) \).
radius per Hayashi & White (2008). The line of sight integral of this total $\xi_{cg}$ is used to obtain the predicted $\Sigma_g$. The two-halo term is given by,

$$\xi_{cg}^{2h} = b_2 h_{cg} \xi_{cg,mm},$$

(37)

where the respective bias factors are written as,

$$b_2 = \frac{1}{n_2} \int_0^\infty dM_b \frac{dn_b}{dM_b} (N_g|M_b)b_3(M_b),$$

(38)

$$b_c = \frac{1}{n_c} \int_0^\infty dM_b \frac{dn_b}{dM_b} b_4(M_b)\psi(M_b),$$

(39)

and $\psi(M_b)$ is the cluster selection function as

$$\psi(M_b) = \int dM_{obs} P(M_{obs}|M_b) H (M_{obs} - M_{min}^{obs}),$$

(40)

where $H$ is the Heaviside step function. The one-halo term is given by

$$1 + \xi_{cg}^{1h}(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi r^2 n_c n_b} \int_0^\infty dM_b \langle N_{sat}(M_b)|N_{cen} = 1 \rangle \times I'(\frac{r}{R_{eq}(M_b)}c_{cg}(M_b)) \frac{1}{R_{eq}(M_b)dM_b} \psi(M_b),$$

(41)

where $I$ is the normalized radial distribution of galaxies within the splashback radius of the haloes. The splashback radius is equal to $1.1 \times r_{200m}$ (see Table 3), where $r_{200m}$ is the radius at which average interior density of the halo equals 200 times the mean mass density of the universe. In the calculation of these two terms, we utilize the halo mass function $dn/dM_b$ of Tinker et al. (2008), the halo bias function $b(M_b)$ of Tinker et al. (2010), and the fitting formula for the linear matter power spectrum of Eisenstein & Hu (1998).

We also compute a simulation based estimate of $\Sigma_g$. To do this we populate haloes identified in the MDPL2 simulation with the ROCKSTAR halo finder (Behroozi, Wechsler & Wu 2013a) from the $z = 0.5$ particle snapshot (see Section 2.5). The relatively high resolution of MDPL2 is required to accurately model $\Sigma_g$ for our galaxy sample. Mock galaxies and cluster catalogues are created as in Salcedo et al. (2020). Using these mock catalogues we directly compute $\xi_{cg}$ using $corrfunc$ (Sinha & Garrison 2017) and integrate to obtain $\Sigma_g$.

The results in Fig. 5 (right-hand panel) show that the HOD predictions are in reasonable agreement with the measured profile. There are scale dependent features (relative to the lensing profile) in the transition region between the one-halo and two-halo terms ($\sim 2 h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$) — these show some tension with the measurements. The two analytical predictions shown by the dashed curve correspond to different ways of combining the one- and two-halo terms. They use $\alpha = 1, 2$ in equation (36). The $\alpha = 2$ case is very close to another alternative in which the larger of the two terms is used. We also note that the sharp feature near the virial radius is due to the truncation of the one-halo term; other plausible prescriptions would alter this feature.

The figure also shows that there are some differences between the lensing profile and these error bars are meant to be representative of the error in the two analytical predictions shown by the dashed curve correspond to different ways of combining the one- and two-halo terms. They use $\alpha = 1, 2$ in equation (36). The $\alpha = 2$ case is very close to another alternative in which the larger of the two terms is used. We also note that the sharp feature near the virial radius is due to the truncation of the one-halo term; other plausible prescriptions would alter this feature.

The detailed inferences about the HOD-based model await future work. For all the theoretical model comparisons, we also plan to compare with measurements in narrower redshift bins, and with careful characterization of the photo-z estimates for better comparison with the redshift-dependent model predictions.

### 4.5 Comparison with N-body and hydrodynamical simulations

Comparison of the predictions of cosmological simulations for the overall shape of both the radial matter density and galaxy number density profiles and our measurements in Fig. 4 shows that they
agree well. Nevertheless, there are hints of interesting differences: the predicted dark matter profile slope, for example, is slightly shallower than the measured matter profile slope at $r \lesssim 1h^{-1}\text{Mpc.}$ The estimated slope of the galaxy number density profile is also somewhat steeper than the predicted slope of the matter density profile at $r \lesssim 1h^{-1}\text{Mpc.}$

The latter result is interesting because previous studies have generally concluded that the predicted number density profile of subhaloes that are expected to host cluster satellite galaxies is less concentrated and shallow than the DM profile in the central regions. However, it was also recognized that the shape of the radial distribution of subhaloes is sensitive to how subhaloes are selected. For example, Nagai & Kravtsov (2005) used $N$-body+hydrodynamics simulations to show that the number density profile of galaxies is shallow if galaxies are selected by their subhalo mass, but is close to the DM profile if galaxies are selected by their stellar mass or by a subhalo property that is relatively insensitive to resolution and tidal stripping effects.

This is consistent with more recent simulations as shown in Fig. 6, where we compare our measurements with the profiles extracted from the IllustrisTNG simulations (Pillepich et al. 2018; Nelson et al. 2019). The mean cluster mass in this measurement is lower from the IllustrisTNG simulations (Pillepich et al. 2018; Nelson et al. 2019). The mean redshift in this measurement is slightly lower than that of the total matter in the IllustrisTNG simulations (Pillepich et al. 2018; Nelson et al. 2019). The mean redshift in this measurement is slightly lower than that of the total matter in the IllustrisTNG simulations (Pillepich et al. 2018; Nelson et al. 2019).

Figure 6. Comparison of galaxy and mass profiles in the IllustrisTNG simulations. Upper panel: The 3D galaxy number density profiles around haloes with mass ($M_{200m} > 10^{14}h^{-1}\text{M}_\odot$) for three different magnitude cuts (see legend), with the best-fitting model fits shown as the smooth curves. The lower two samples (solid curves) bracket the selection of the galaxy sample from data. Lower panel: the logarithmic slope of the galaxy number density profile if galaxies are selected by their subhalo mass, but is close to the DM profile if galaxies are selected by their stellar mass or by a subhalo property that is relatively insensitive to resolution and tidal stripping effects.

Table 3. The splashback radius $r_{sp}$ from previous studies as well as this paper. Note that we normalize $r_{sp}$ by $r_{200m}$ for easier comparison.

| Reference                  | Measurement  | Sample           | Mean Mass [$10^{14}h^{-1}\text{M}_\odot$] | Mean redshift | Optical $r_{sp}/r_{200m}$ | X-ray $r_{sp}/r_{200m}$ | $r_{SZ sp}/r_{200m}$ |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Baxter et al. (2017)       | Galaxy profile | SDSS RM          | $M_{200m} = 1.9$                        | 0.24          | 0.85 ± 0.06                | –                      | –                   |
| Chang et al. (2018)        | Galaxy profile | DES RM           | $M_{200m} = 1.8$                        | 0.41          | 0.82 ± 0.05                | –                      | –                   |
| Chang et al. (2018)        | Weak lensing | DES RM           | $M_{200m} = 1.8$                        | 0.41          | 0.97 ± 0.15                | –                      | –                   |
| Murata et al. (2020)       | Galaxy profile | HSC CAMIRA       | $M_{200m} = 1.7$                        | 0.57          | 1.14 ± 0.14                | –                      | –                   |
| Contigiani et al. (2019b)  | Weak lensing | CCCP X-ray       | $M_{200m} = 14$                         | 0.28          | –                          | 1.34 ± 0.45             | –                   |
| Bianconi et al. (2021)     | Galaxy profile | LoCuss X-ray     | $M_{200m} = 14.1$                       | 0.23          | –                          | 1.74 ± 0.34             | –                   |
| Shin et al. (2019)         | Galaxy profile | SPT SZ           | $M_{200m} = 5.3$                        | 0.49          | –                          | –                      | 1.2 ± 0.26           |
| Shin et al. (2019)         | Galaxy profile | ACT SZ           | $M_{200m} = 5.8$                        | 0.49          | –                          | –                      | 1.1 ± 0.28           |
| Zürcher & More (2019)      | Galaxy profile | Planck SZ        | $M_{200m} = 6.2$                        | 0.18          | –                          | –                      | 0.9 ± 0.13           |
| This work                 | Weak lensing | ACT SZ           | $M_{200m} = 4.8$                        | 0.46          | –                          | –                      | 1.1 ± 0.21           |
| This work                 | Galaxy profile | ACT SZ           | $M_{200m} = 4.8$                        | 0.46          | –                          | –                      | 1.1 ± 0.29           |
| This work                 | Matter profile | MDPL2 $N$-body   | $M_{200m} = 4.8$                        | 0.48          | –                          | –                      | 1.07 ± 0.06          |

$^7$See Appendix B for the comparison between the results for $M_l < -20$ and $M_l < -19$ galaxy samples.
orbits are preferentially tidally disrupted at pericenter and do not reach splashback. We defer a detailed study of this effect to future work. In a recent study of the splashback radius in IllustrisTNG (O’Neil et al. 2021), the galaxy sample used contained all objects that live in subhaloes above $10^6 h^{-1} \text{M}_{\odot}$, including galaxies that are much fainter than our observed sample; for this sample they find that the splashback radius is in better agreement with that measured from the mass profile. We confirm this result in Fig. 6 that the red curve corresponding to the faintest simulation galaxy sample has a splashback radius that agrees with the mass profile.

Budzynski et al. (2012) also showed that models based on cosmological N-body simulations that included modelling of ‘orphan’ galaxies to account for the loss of subhaloes in simulated catalogues due to resolution, also generally produced galaxy number density profiles close to those of matter or even steeper. Recently, Green, van den Bosch & Jiang (2021) presented a systematic study and calibration of the resolution and ‘artificial disruption’ effects on the number density profile of subhaloes in cosmological simulations. They showed that if resolution effects are corrected for, the subhalo number density profile is close to that of the matter distribution, while if a modest contribution of artificial disruption is additionally accounted for, the predicted number density profile is even mildly steeper than the matter density profile (see e.g. their fig. 7).

Recent observational results of Shin et al. (2019), where we studied the galaxy distribution around SZ-selected clusters showed that the radial number density profile of galaxies is at least as steep as the dark matter density profile from simulations. Shin et al. (2019) has a similar cluster-mass selection as this work. The results presented here are consistent with these results and are also consistent with recent simulation studies corrected for resolution effects.

4.6 Additional sources of uncertainty

We discuss next several caveats regarding our analysis, which could be addressed in the future studies. First, the WL mass correction factors that are multiplied to the SZ-obtained mass (see Hilton et al. 2021) are obtained from a comparison to richness-based mass calibration of DES Y3 redMaPPer clusters, using those matched between the ACT DR5 and the DES Y3. The correction factor is a constant independent of the S/N, and is calculated by taking the mean ratio of the richness-based WL mass and the SZ mass, using clusters with S/N > 6. However, the true correction factor could be dependent on the S/N of the clusters. Also, when taking the mass-richness relation from the DES Y3, one introduces a large scatter between the richness and the mass.

The use of jackknife resampling to estimate our covariance matrix may also introduce additional uncertainty into our analysis. It is known that the jackknife resampling method underestimates the covariance at large scales (Norberg et al. 2009; Singh et al. 2017). We have done tests by varying the number of jackknife patches to check that the effect is small for the range of scales used in our study. Analytical methods could in principle be used to improve our covariance estimates at large scales.

Besides, the uncertainty on the photometric redshift and systematics in the shear measurements such as blending of galaxies can induce multiplicative biases to the measured WL profile (e.g. McClintock et al. 2019; MacCrann et al. 2020). Nevertheless, multiplicative biases could not alter the shape of the measured density profile. Since the focus of this study is to constrain the shapes of the halo density profiles, our result is robust against such biases.

We have also explored the sensitivity of our results to the priors we impose on model parameters. These priors are motivated from simulations (e.g. Diemer & Kravtsov 2014; More et al. 2016). In Appendix C, we test that relaxing these priors does not affect the main conclusions of our analysis.

To ensure we select a similar set of galaxies over the redshift range (0.15–0.7), we have applied an absolute magnitude cut ($M_i < -19.87$), using distance modulus. However, since galaxy SEDs are not flat, two identical galaxies sharing the same SED but at different redshift will have different i-band magnitudes. Therefore, our absolute magnitude cut does not completely ensure similar selections of galaxies over redshift. This effect could be avoided via accurate SED fitting and K-correction (Blanton & Roweis 2007). However, given the photo-$z$ uncertainties of the individual galaxies in our sample, such corrections are not applied. We leave further investigations of these effects to follow-up papers.

5 DISCUSSION

5.1 Summary

We have measured the weak lensing and projected galaxy number density profiles around SZ-selected clusters using data from ACT DR5 and DES Y3. We compare the two profiles in Fig. 4 (Sections 3.2 and 3.4) having fit them to the DK14 model (Diemer & Kravtsov 2014) which in turn is based on N-body simulations. Our main findings are as follows.

We measure the splashback radius, $r_{sp}$, from the weak lensing mass profiles – the first such measurement from SZ-selected clusters. To reiterate, the splashback feature forms the boundary between the virialized and infalling matter around haloes. We find that the splashback radius measured from weak lensing is in good agreement with that measured from the galaxies in our sample of clusters, as shown in Fig. 4. This figure also shows that the depth of the splashback feature agrees well between the two measurements.

The mass profile inferred from our lensing measurements is in agreement with the profiles of cluster haloes in N-body simulations. In contrast, measurements of $r_{sp}$ around optically selected clusters have been shown to be sensitive to parameters used in optical cluster selection methods (More et al. 2016; Baxter et al. 2017; Chang et al. 2018; Murata et al. 2020). The profile shapes of these clusters have also shown possible evidence of selection effects as discussed in Section 1. In Table 3, we summarize the measurements of the splashback radius from previous studies.

In addition to the location of splashback, the full profile of the projected mass agrees with that of galaxies over scales $\sim$0.2–20$h^{-1}$ Mpc. This result is somewhat surprising as non-linear effects, such as merging and tidal disruption that can modify the radial distribution of galaxies are expected to alter the galaxy profile within and around the cluster halo, and scale-dependent galaxy bias is expected to do so in the quasilinear regime at $\sim$10$h^{-1}$ Mpc.

Our results may be understood in part by noting that clusters are rare peaks in the matter distribution that dominate their environment. The turn-around region around cluster mass haloes can extend up to $\sim 5r_{vir}$, within which the galaxies and dark matter infall under the cluster potential. Hence their dynamics is determined primarily by the cluster’s gravity, with the dark matter and galaxies acting as tracers. Therefore, barring an overall scaling determined by the underlying bias of the galaxy sample relative to the dark matter, the shapes of the dark matter profile and the galaxy profile may be very similar, as observed. A detailed model for the intermediate infall region around haloes based on the gravitational collapse
of matter on to the halo is in preparation (Garcia et al. preparation).

Within the splashback radius the agreement between the galaxy profile and dark matter profile has somewhat different implications. The bulk of the population (DM or galaxies) within splashback is orbiting in the cluster potential. Unlike dark matter, galaxies are expected to undergo tidal disruptions and merge into the central BCG. However, our results show that for cluster mass haloes a significant number of galaxies survive in the inner regions such that the overall population traces the dark matter on the scales considered in this paper. Note that the quenching of galaxies in the cluster environment changes their colours (see e.g. the difference in red and blue galaxy profiles in Adhikari et al. 2020), but our results imply that the total number of galaxies in luminosity bins is largely preserved.

We have shown preliminary results on different approaches to modelling cluster galaxy correlations (Sections 4.4 and 4.5). The three models we consider are (1) DK14 combined with perturbation theory on large scales, (2) Standard HOD based halo modelling, and (3) Hydrodynamical simulations. The results are shown in Figs 5 and 6. They demonstrate that the first of the three approaches can fit the measured profiles from deep inside the halo to the linear regime. The scale dependence in the quasilinear regime predicted by second order perturbation theory is testable with higher precision measurements. The second approach, based on the standard halo model and assigning galaxies using HODs, typically shows scale-dependent features in the galaxy profile (relative to matter) in the transition from the 1- to 2-halo regime. However, within our uncertainties, the HOD approach provides a reasonable fit to the data. The galaxy profiles from the IllustrisTNG hydrodynamical simulations (matched to our magnitude cuts) are also broadly consistent with the data, though with some modest deviations (Fig. 6). We leave for future work a detailed investigation of these models.

To summarize, we find that although galaxy clusters are highly non-linear objects, their dominance of the gravitational field over significantly large distances may be responsible for the observed simplicity of galaxy and mass profiles.

5.2 Future directions and caveats

SZ-selected clusters offer promise in comparing measurements with theoretical predictions based on halo mass selection. Our results show the agreement between data and CDM simulations (along with the IllustrisTNG hydrodynamical simulations). The location of splashback in the galaxy and matter profiles agrees with that from the N-body simulations, with an uncertainty of about 20 per cent for WL and 9 per cent for galaxies. This must be further validated with detailed simulated analyses that represent the noise properties of the data, which can also test whether the true profiles of clusters are recovered independent of the cosmological model.

The splashback radius can be used to define cluster masses. Since this radius represents the dynamical boundary of the cluster, it cleanly separates the true ‘1-halo’ term. Moreover, Diemer (2020) shows that defining the cluster boundary with this radius has the advantage of a more universal mass function. Therefore, given a cluster sample binned in an observable such as SZ signal-to-noise ratio, one can use the splashback radius to carry out its lensing mass calibration. Higher precision measurements from the full DES survey and other upcoming surveys will enable these applications, with improvements expected in cosmological analyses that use cluster counts and cluster clustering.

We have found that the mass and galaxy profiles of SZ-selected clusters are remarkably similar up to an overall scaling. Further tests of this similarity using higher precision measurements are warranted. If agreement between the two continues to hold, the galaxy profile (which can be measured at higher signal-to-noise ratio) can provide priors on the shape of the mass profile. This could be useful for lensing mass calibration, because once the shape of the DM profile is set by the priors, cluster mass estimation boils down to constraining only the amplitude of the DM profile. Such priors could be particularly useful for obtaining halo masses from observations of lensing of the cosmic microwave background (CMB; Baxter et al. 2015; Madhavacheril et al. 2015). It is difficult to use low-resolution CMB observations to constrain the shape of cluster mass profiles; a prior on the shape from galaxy observations would therefore likely improve CMB lensing mass constraints. Surveys that do not have lensing measurements available may be able to use the galaxy profiles to obtain mass estimates of cluster samples, provided the galaxy population is similar to the ones studied here.

Diemer & Kravtsov (2014) and subsequent work also show that the location of the splashback radius normalized by $r_{200m}$ is a strong function of the mass accretion rate of the clusters. Given the measurements of the splashback radius over a wide redshift range, we can extend our parameter space to incorporate a model for the accretion rate dependence of the splashback radius and constrain the distribution of the mass accretion rates of different cluster samples; this can help us better understand the halo formation history and construct accurate halo models for cluster studies.

Various astrophysical processes inside clusters such as tidal disruption, dynamical friction and star formation quenching can alter the shape of the galaxy profiles. By splitting the galaxy and the cluster sample into bins of, for example, galaxy magnitude, galaxy colour, cluster redshift, cluster mass and cluster environment, we can test how these processes affect the formation of galaxy profiles and their relationship to the DM halo as well as to the large scale structure. By comparing such measurements with N-body/hydrodynamical simulations and models, one can better understand the physics involved in halo formation.

The mass profiles measured using weak lensing can be used to constrain baryonic models on cluster scales (Huang et al. 2019; Schneider et al. 2019). The mass profiles are also sensitive to dark matter models such as self-interacting dark matter (SIDM) models. SIDM can increase the central density of the dark matter profile within the scale radius and cause it to steepen significantly in the region between the scale radius and the virial radius of the halo (Banerjee et al. 2020). While our mass profiles are currently statistically consistent with cold dark matter, we note that a steeper profile between 0.2 and 1 Mpc $h^{-1}$ as expected for realistic SIDM models is not ruled out by our current measurements. We defer a detailed investigation of the constraints obtained from current measurements to a future study.

Our preliminary results on models for cluster-galaxy correlations are encouraging, in that the models describe the galaxy and mass profiles reasonably well. This motivates detailed theoretical investigations to produce accurate models that work for different galaxy samples and clusters across some range in mass and redshift. The redshift evolution is not an issue we have investigated beyond the redshift split test shown in the Appendix A; this can be done better with the full DES survey data. Section 4.6 discusses additional sources of uncertainty in our measurement and models. Beyond these, open questions remain about the universality of the galaxy profile shape for samples with different luminosity and redshift cuts. The DK14 model has a large number of free parameters; exploring tighter priors based on theory is a useful exercise for future work. Finally, the agreement with lensing is only as good as the lensing
error bars, which exceed 20 per cent beyond about 10 Mpc. Improved measurements will enable more stringent tests at both large and small scales.

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The projected galaxy number density profiles around the ACT DR5 clusters. The shaded regions represent the 1σ ranges from the MCMC model fitting (Section 3.5). In each panel, the black curve represents our fiducial SNR > 4, z = [0.15, 0.70] measurement. Top: Projected galaxy number density profiles of the clusters split by redshift at 0.45: z = [0.15, 0.45] (red) and z = [0.45, 0.70] (blue). Middle: Projected galaxy number density profiles of the clusters split by mass: the high-mass sample (⟨M₅₀₀c⟩ = 3.75 × 10¹⁴ h⁻¹ M☉, red) and the low mass sample (⟨M₅₀₀c⟩ = 2.14 × 10¹⁴ h⁻¹ M☉, blue). Bottom: Projected galaxy number density profiles of the clusters with galaxies split by magnitude: the low-luminosity sample (−20.87 < M_i < −19.87, red) and the high-luminosity sample (M_i < −20.87, blue).

Finally, we split our cluster samples into high- and low-mass samples at the median mass. The results are shown in the middle panel of Fig. A1. There is no significant difference between these two samples. We leave further analysis of such tests to future studies.

APPENDIX B: THE PROFILE OF DIMMER GALAXIES

So far we have used galaxies with M_i < −19.87 as our fiducial choice. This absolute magnitude cut corresponds to the apparent magnitude cut (m_i < 22.5) at the maximum redshift (z = 0.7). If we limit our maximum redshift to z = 0.475, m_i < 22.5 corresponds to the absolute magnitude cut M_i < −18.85, about one magnitude dimmer than our fiducial galaxies. It allows us to examine dimmer galaxies, and to make a comparison with the profiles from IllustrisTNG simulations shown in Fig. 6. The result for the slope profile of this dim sample is shown in Fig. B1 and compared to our fiducial sample using a similar maximum redshift (z = 0.45). The two profiles exhibit similar shapes and splashback radii, unlike the case for IllustrisTNG simulations, in which the density profiles of galaxies with M_i < −19 and M_i < −20 display somewhat discrepant shapes.

APPENDIX C: EFFECT OF MISCENTRING AND OTHER MODEL PARAMETERS

The miscentring parameters for the galaxy and lensing profiles may differ somewhat – the uncertainty on the lensing parameters is large so the differences in the parameters are not statistically significant. We have compared the measured profiles (with no miscentring correction) to the best fits and found that miscentring affects only the first 2–3 points (see Fig. C1). So, even if there was an error in the
miscentring, the agreement of the inferred 3D density profiles would hold beyond the first few bins.

To test how much the priors (see Table 1) affect our fitting result, we apply 2 times wider priors to the MCMC chain. The result is shown in the Fig. C2. We confirm that the wider priors do not change our result significantly.

Finally, we test how much the projection length \( l_{\text{max}} \) affects our fitting, by changing it to \( l_{\text{max}} = 20 h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \). The result is shown in the Fig. C3. While it does not alter our result significantly, we note that the outer slope gets altered by \( \sim 1\sigma \). It suggests that one should use caution when interpreting the outer slope parameter \( s_e \).

**APPENDIX D: COVARIANCE MATRICES**

In Fig. D1, we show the normalized covariance matrices (correlation matrices) for the WL profile \( \Delta \Sigma \) (see Section 3.2) and the galaxy surface density profile \( \Sigma_g \) (see Section 3.4). Note that the covariance matrix for \( \Delta \Sigma(R) \) includes the contribution from the boost factor correction (see Section 3.3). It is close to diagonal, as it is dominated by shape noise.

**APPENDIX E: CONSTRAINED PARAMETERS**

In Fig. E1, we show the 2D contours of the constrained parameters for \( \Delta \Sigma \) from the MCMC fitting (see Sections 3.2 and 3.5). Also, in Fig. E2 we show a similar plot for the fitting of \( \Sigma_g \).

We note that the \( \beta \) and the \( \gamma \) parameters are largely dominated by the priors (see Table 1). However, we have checked that loosening the priors on those parameters does not change our conclusion qualitatively (see Appendix C). Also, this choice of the prior on \( \beta \) and \( \gamma \) is well motivated and calibrated by simulations in Diemer & Kravtsov (2014) and validated in previous studies (e.g. Baxter et al. 2017; Chang et al. 2018).
Figure E1. The constrained parameters from the model fit of $\Delta \Sigma$ (see Sections 3.2 and 3.5). We refer readers to Table 1 for the units of the parameters.
Figure E2. The constrained parameters from the model fit of $\Sigma_{\text{g}}$(see Sections 3.4 and 3.5). We refer readers to Table 1 for the units of the parameters.
