A model for multiproperty galaxy cluster statistics

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ABSTRACT

The massive dark matter haloes that host groups and clusters of galaxies have observable properties that appear to be lognormally distributed about power-law mean scaling relations in halo mass. Coupling this assumption with either quadratic or cubic approximations to the mass function in log space, we derive closed-form expressions for the space density of haloes as a function of multiple observables as well as forms for the low-order moments of properties of observable-selected samples. Using a Tinker mass function in a Λ cold dark matter cosmology, we show that the cubic analytic model reproduces results obtained from direct, numerical convolution at the 10 per cent level or better over nearly the full range of observables covered by current observations and for redshifts extending to $z = 1.5$. The model provides an efficient framework for estimating effects arising from selection and covariance among observable properties in survey samples.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Counts of galaxy clusters provide constraints on cosmological parameters (e.g. Voit 2005; Allen, Evrard & Mantz 2011, and references therein), and test fundamental theories of gravity and cosmic acceleration (e.g. Weinberg et al. 2013). Such studies typically use cluster samples identified via optical (Rozo et al. 2010), X-ray (Henry et al. 2009; Mantz et al. 2010), or thermal Sunyaev–Zel’dovich (SZ; Benson et al. 2013; Planck Collaboration 2013; Sievers et al. 2013) signatures of the baryons in the haloes that host cluster phenomena. These analyses are empowered by simulation studies that calibrate the space density as a function of halo mass, known as the mass function, within a given cosmology (Tinker et al. 2008; Bhattacharya et al. 2011; Murray, Power & Robotham 2013).

Modelling the expected counts of clusters in a wide-area observational survey requires combining the mass function with a statistical model that expresses the likelihood for a halo of mass $M$ at redshift $z$ to have some intrinsic observable signal, $S$, detectable in the survey. Evidence from observations (Arnaud, Pointecouteau & Pratt 2005; Maughan 2007; Pratt et al. 2009; Vikhlinin et al. 2009; Zhang et al. 2011; Ettori 2013; Ruel et al. 2013; Salimbeni et al. 2013; Maughan 2014) and simulations (Evrard et al. 2008; Stanek et al. 2010; Fabjan et al. 2011; Munari et al. 2013; Jiang et al. 2014; Le Brun et al. 2013; Biffi et al. 2014) support a model in which the scaling law behaviour is power law with mass in the mean, with approximately lognormal variance.

While scaling behaviour of cluster properties has been studied for decades (see Giodini et al. 2013, for a recent review), most works have focused on correlating pairs of observed signals, {$(S_2, S_1)$}, or on studying how a single observable scales with mass, {$S_1, M$}. Simulations provide a natural environment for the latter, since the true halo mass is known. For observations, mass estimates are made indirectly from measured signals, for example through assumption of virial or hydrostatic equilibrium, and this methodology introduces the potential for bias and additional variance that must be calibrated (e.g. Rasia et al. 2012; Battaglia et al. 2013; Nelson et al. 2014). Alternatively, masses can be inferred through inversion of a given observable–mass relation. In this way, an observable serves as proxy for halo mass.

Evidence of biases in mass proxies can arise from comparisons among different observable signals. Planck satellite measurements of the thermal SZ effect in the optically selected maxBCG sample (Planck Collaboration 2011) led to a detailed re-examination of X-ray, SZ, and optical scaling relations by Rozo et al. (2014a,b, 2014c). That study concluded that the Planck $Y_{SZ}$ mass calibration was biased low by a few tens of per cent, a finding supported by independent weak gravitational lensing estimates of Planck clusters (von der Linden et al. 2014), although other studies are less supportive (Israel et al. 2014).

Rozo et al. (2014b) present a model for multivariate signal counts and other statistics under the assumption of a locally power-law
mass function. That model was employed to interpret a combined set of X-ray, SZ, and optical data, resulting in a set of preferred scaling relations presented in Rozo et al. (2014b, see their table 4).

In this paper, we present a non-local extension of that model that expands its scope to effectively cover the complete dynamic range of properties displayed by the population of galaxy clusters. Within a Λ cold dark matter (ΛCDM) cosmology, we show that the mass function of the massive haloes that host groups and clusters of galaxies can be represented by a low-order polynomial (in log space) to a typical accuracy of a few per cent, comparable to its calibrated level of precision from N-body simulations. Convolving this mass function representation with a multivariate Gaussian of logarithmic halo properties at fixed mass and redshift results in analytic expressions for the space density as a function of multiple observables and other derivative statistics. By offering a fast method for estimating survey sample and follow-up study outcomes, this formalism is intended to complement data analysis methods based on similar model assumptions (Maughan 2014).

We employ a halo mass convention of $M_{500c}$, the mass within a spherical region encompassing 500 times the critical density, $\rho_c(z)$, but the analytic expressions can be applied using any choice of halo mass convention. We use $M_{500c}$ to be consistent with the scaling laws presented in Rozo et al. (2014c). In Section 2, we derive expressions for multi-observable cluster population statistics using low-order polynomial approximations of the mass function in log space. These are then applied to X-ray and SZ statistics in Section 3. In Section 4, we discuss some of the model’s strengths and limitations, and we summarize our results in Section 5.

2 MODEL FOR LOW-ORDER MOMENTS

We first develop expressions for the space density of clusters as a function of observables such as temperature or luminosity, then compute first and second moments for properties of samples selected by a specific observable. Our model expands the results presented in Rozo et al. (2014b) and uses slightly different notation.

Consider a set of $N$ bulk observable properties $S_a$, where $a \in \{1, N\}$; these observables can be, for example, X-ray luminosity, $L_X$, temperature, $T_X$, gas thermal energy measured in the X-ray or SZ flux, $Y_X$ or $Y_{SZ}$, number of galaxies, $N_{gal}$ or $\lambda$, inferred lensing mass $M_{Ein}$, etc., measured within some characteristic radius. Let $S_a \equiv \ln (S_a)$ represent the natural logarithms of these properties in some chosen basis of units (for example, $10^{44}$ erg s$^{-1}$ for X-ray luminosity).

We assume power-law forms for the observable–mass scaling relations. Choosing a halo pivot mass scale, $M_p$, at some fiducial redshift (values discussed below), and letting $\mu \equiv \ln (M/M_p)$, the vector of log-observables, $s$, scales in the mean with mass as

$$\langle s \mid \mu \rangle = \pi + \alpha \mu,$$

where the vectors $\pi$ and $\alpha$ are the normalizations and slopes of the relevant scaling laws. We consider redshift-dependent normalizations, $\pi(z)$, which scale in a self-similar manner (Böhringer, Dolag & Chon 2012). While the slopes may also be redshift dependent, we take them as constant here.

Individual haloes drawn from the cosmic population deviate from this mean behaviour in a manner that we assume is lognormal. At all redshifts, the full probability density function (PDF), $P(s \mid \mu)$, is described by a covariance matrix with elements $C_{ab} = \langle (s_a - \langle s_a \mid \mu \rangle)(s_b - \langle s_b \mid \mu \rangle) \rangle$, and where $C_{aa} = \sigma^2_a$ is the intrinsic log variance of the $a$th observable. We assume this covariance to be independent of mass and redshift.

2.1 First-order (local) mass function

The model of Rozo et al. (2014b) uses a first-order Taylor expansion of the mass function, $n(lnM)$ (with dimension of number density per ln($M$)), around some pivot mass $M_p$,

$$n_1(\mu) = A e^{-\beta_1 \mu},$$

where $A$ and $\beta_1$ are the local amplitude and (negative) slope of the mass function evaluated at the pivot, $\mu = 0$. Note that $A$ and $\beta_1$ are functions of redshift, cosmology, and pivot location, as explained in Section 3. The subscript on the space density indicates the first-order nature of the mass function expansion.

Using equations (1) and (2), Bayes theorem in the form $P(\mu|s) = P(s|\mu)P(\mu)/P(s)$ allows us to obtain the mean and variance of the log mass selected by a fixed combination of observables. In the first-order approximation to the mass function, this probability is Gaussian, with mean and variance

$$\langle \mu \mid s \rangle = \left[ \alpha^T C^{-1} (s - \pi) - \beta_1 \right] \sigma^2_{\mu|1},$$

$$\sigma^2_{\mu|1} = (\alpha^T C^{-1} \alpha)^{-1}.$$

In the case of a single observable quantity $s_a$, these expressions reduce to $\langle \mu \mid s_a \rangle = (s_a - \pi_a)/C_{\mu a} - \beta_1 C_{\mu a, a}$ and $\sigma^2_{\mu|a} = (\sigma_{s a}/\alpha_a)^2$. The mean mass is biased low relative to the assumed scaling by an amount given by the product of the local slope of the mass function and the mass variance of the chosen observable.

Space density of multiple observables. Convolving equation (2) with the lognormal likelihood, $P(s|\mu)$ yields the halo number density as a function of the full vector of observable properties as

$$n_1(s) = A_1 \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (s - \pi)^T C^{-1} (s - \pi) - \frac{\langle \mu \mid s \rangle^2}{\sigma^2_{\mu|1}} \right],$$

$$A_1 = A \sigma^2_{\mu|1} \left( 2\pi e^{\mu^2/2} \right)^{-1/2}.$$

Observables-selected samples. Now consider selecting a sample by a certain observable, $s_a$. With the full space density above, we can derive the PDF of any second observable, $s_b$, by $P(s_b | s_a) = n(s_b)/n(s_a)$. The result is also Gaussian with mean and variance as

$$\langle s_b \mid s_a \rangle = \pi_b + \sigma_b / \alpha_b \left( \langle \mu \mid s_a \rangle + \beta_1 r_{ab} \sigma_{\mu|b} / \sigma_{\mu|a} \right),$$

$$\sigma^2_{\mu|b} = \sigma^2_{\mu|a} + \sigma^2_{\mu|b} - 2 \sigma_{\mu|a} \sigma_{\mu|b} / \sigma_{\mu|a},$$

where $r_{ab}$ is the correlation coefficient between properties $s_a$ and $s_b$ at fixed mass. When the intrinsic correlation of these observables is non-zero, then a shift in the mean of $s_b$ is induced that is similar in form to the bias of equation (3) but with opposite sign if $r_{ab}$ is positive. This effect can be understood by the fact that the dominant lower mass haloes that scatter upwards into the chosen $s_a$ bin will also have a positive deviation from the mean $s_b$ if $r_{ab}$ is positive. If $r_{ab}$ is negative, the effect is reversed.

Along with these purely observable properties, one can compute the correlation coefficient between mass and $s_b$ for samples chosen by $s_a$, finding

$$r_{(\mu|s_a), b} = \sigma_{\mu|b} / \left( \sigma_{\mu|a} / \sigma_{\mu|b} - r_{ab} \right)^{1/2}.$$

In the case of uncorrelated observables ($r_{ab} = 0$), a positive correlation between mass and $s_b$ is induced by the fact that haloes with lower mass that scattered up into the $s_a$ bin will also have lower $s_b$, and vice-versa. In the limit that the selection property, $s_a$, is a much better mass proxy than $s_b$ such that $\sigma_{\mu|a} / \sigma_{\mu|b} \gg 1$, then the
correlation of $s_b$ and mass takes on the opposite sign of the intrinsic correlation, $r_{ab}$. Relative to the mean behaviour in the selection bin, haloes of lower mass, $\Delta \mu < 0$, will have positively enhanced selection signal at that mass, $\Delta s_a > 0$, and then $\Delta s_b \simeq r_{ab} \Delta s_a \simeq -r_{ab} \Delta \mu$.

2.2 Higher order (non-local) mass functions

The first-order model functions well over a relatively narrow range in mass or observable near the chosen pivot point. We now wish to extend the range of the model by introducing quadratic and cubic terms into the mass function approximation. We derive here exact expressions for the quadratic case, and approximate expressions for the cubic case, and show below that the latter are accurate to better than 10 per cent for a wide range of halo mass scales and redshifts.

The second-order model uses a mass function

$$n_2(\mu) = A e^{-\beta_0 \mu - \frac{1}{2} \beta_2 \mu^2},$$

where $\beta_2$ is the magnitude of the second derivative of the mass function at the pivot mass scale, which is negative for massive haloes in $\Lambda$CDM cosmologies.

The convolution remains analytic, and the halo number density as a function of multiple observables retains the form of equation (5), but adding local curvature reduces the weight of lower mass haloes scattered upwards into the signal bin. Consequently, the Gaussian distribution of halo mass at fixed observable properties has a compressed mean and variance relative to the first-order treatment as

$$\langle \mu | s \rangle_2 = x_i \langle \mu | s \rangle_1,$$

$$\sigma^2_{\mu,s_2} = x_i \sigma^2_{\mu|s_1},$$

where the compression factor, $x_i = (1 + \beta_2 \sigma^2_{\mu|s_1})^{-1}$, is less than unity and is well approximated by $1 - \beta_2 \sigma^2_{\mu|s_1}$ for most of the applications discussed below.

Consider again the case of two observables $s_a$ and $s_b$. The PDF of having observable $s_b$ in a population selected by observable $s_a$ also remains Gaussian, and the expressions written in mass equivalents are somewhat simpler. Letting $\delta_i = (s_i - \mu_i)/\sigma_i$, then the mean and variance for the second-order mass function approximation are

$$\langle \delta_i | s_b \rangle_2 = x_i \left[ \langle \mu | s_a \rangle_1 + \langle \beta_1 + \beta_2 \delta_i \rangle r_{ab} \sigma_{\mu|s_1} \sigma_{\mu|s_1} \right],$$

$$\sigma^2_{\delta_i s_2} = x_i \left[ \sigma^2_{\delta_i s_1} + \beta_2 \sigma^2_{\mu|s_1} \sigma^2_{\mu|s_1} (1 - r_{ab}^2) \right].$$

The first expression indicates that the mean observable now senses the curvature in the mass function through the $\beta_2 \delta_i$ term, where recall that $\delta_i$ is measuring the equivalent log-mass distance from the pivot location.

In the limit of uncorrelated observables ($r_{ab} = 0$), the second expression reduces to $x_i \sigma^2_{\mu|s_1} + \sigma^2_{\mu|s_1}$, as it should since the mass function curvature affects the mass variance in the selection variable but not that of the non-selection variable.

Finally, the correlation coefficient between mass and property $s_b$ at fixed $s_a$ is now given by

$$r_{\mu(s_i)s_2} = \frac{\sigma_{\mu|s_1} \sigma_{\mu|s_1} - r_{ab}}{(1 - r_{ab})^2 + (\sigma_{\mu|s_1}^2 - r_{ab}^2)}.$$

For uncorrelated observables, this expression again reduces to equation (8) with $\sigma^2_{\mu|s_2}$ replacing $\sigma^2_{\mu|s_1}$.

In the appendix, we show a further extension to the third order, with $n_3(\mu) = A e^{-\beta_0 \mu - \frac{1}{2} \beta_2 \mu^2 - \frac{1}{3} \beta_3 \mu^3}$.

3 APPLICATIONS TO OBSERVABLE CLUSTER PROPERTIES

We now evaluate the utility of the above expressions by comparing their predictions to expectations calculated via explicit local convolution of the Tinker mass function (Tinker et al. 2008). For hot gas observables, we examine the X-ray luminosity at soft-photon energies, $L_X$, and the total gas thermal energy as determined by the thermal SZ, $Y_{SZ}$. These cases represent examples of relatively high- and low-scatter mass proxies, respectively. We also examine the case optical richness, $N_{gal}$, a relatively high-scatter proxy for which the correlation with hot gas properties at fixed mass is currently poorly understood.

We perform analysis at $z = 0.23$, the redshift where local mass–observable relations used here are calibrated, and also at $z = 1.5$. The higher redshift is chosen to be representative of the outer reaches of near-term cluster surveys and is also an epoch at which the mass function is both steeper and more strongly curved compared to low redshift, aspects that make the higher order corrections more important.

3.1 Mass function and log-space polynomial fits

The Tinker mass function employs an updated version of the normalized mass function parametric, $f(\sigma)$, in the form originally calibrated for CDM cosmologies by Sheth, Mo & Tormen (2001) and Jenkins et al. (2001) as

$$n_{Tinker}(\mu, z) = \frac{dn}{d\mu} = \frac{\bar{n}_m(z)}{M} \frac{d \ln \sigma^{-1}(M, z)}{d\mu} f(\sigma),$$

where $\bar{n}_m(z)$ is the mean cosmic matter density and $\sigma^2(M, z)$ is the linearly evolved variance of matter density fluctuations filtered on a mass scale $M = M_p e^\mu$, both evaluated at redshift $z$. In this work, we use the mass function calculator published by Murray et al. (2013) and employ the Tinker fit for $f(\sigma)$ (Tinker et al. 2008) using the CAMB transfer function of a Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe 7 (WMAP7) cosmology. The cosmological parameters for the $\Lambda$CDM model are: scaled Hubble constant, $h = 0.704$, baryon, CDM, and dark energy parameters of $\Omega_0 = 0.226$, $\Omega_X = 0.728$, respectively, spectral index, $n_s = 0.967$, and present amplitude of matter density fluctuations, $\sigma_8 = 0.81$.

At our two fiducial redshifts, we compute the coefficients $A$, $\beta_1$, $\beta_2$, and $\beta_3$ by taking numerical derivatives of $n_{Tinker}(\mu, z)$ at the chosen pivot mass. Values of the pivot mass, $M_p$, in units of $10^{14} M_\odot$ along with the fit parameters are shown in Table 1. At higher redshifts, the mass function steepens and becomes more strongly curved. For observables with large mass variance, the second-order compression factor, $1 + \beta_2 \sigma^2_{\mu|s_1}$, can be important since $\beta_2 = 0.70$ and 1.22 at redshifts $z = 0.23$ and 1.5, respectively.

Table 1. Mass function expansion parameters at two redshifts for a WMAP7 cosmology. The pivot mass, $M_p$, is in units of $10^{14} M_\odot$, and the amplitude, $A$, is in units of $10^{-6}$ Mpc$^{-3}$.

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### 3.2 Scalings for $L_X$, $Y_{SZ}$, and $N_{gal}$

As specific examples of scaling laws we use results derived in the paranchromatic study of Rozo et al. (2014c). In that work, $L_X$ is the X-ray luminosity in the rest-frame [0.1, 2.4] keV band, expressed in units of $10^{44}$ erg s$^{-1}$ and measured within a cylindrical aperture of radius $R_{500c}$. The thermal SZ signal, $D_\lambda^2 Y_{SZ}$, where $D_\lambda$ is the angular distance of the source, is given in units of $10^{-5}$ Mpc$^2$ and is measured within the spherical aperture of radius $R_{500c}$. The optical richness, $N_{gal}$, is the count of red sequence galaxies determined by the maxBCG cluster-finding algorithm within an estimated sphere of radius $R_{200c}$ (Koester et al. 2007).

We use the observable–mass parameters, $\pi_x$, $\alpha_x$, and $\sigma_{ln S_x}$, at $z = 0.23$ given in Table 4 of Rozo et al. (2014c). The parameters, with normalizations rescaled to our choice of pivot mass, $2 \times 10^{14} M_\odot$, are summarized in Table 2. At $z = 1.5$, we employ self-similar scalings for normalizations of $L_X$ and $Y_{SZ}$ discussed below.

For the optical richness, we use a simple inversion of the scaling of lensing mass at fixed $N_{gal}$ and consider both the published value of the scatter as well as a more optimistic value that is appropriate for the multicolour richness estimator, $\lambda$ (Rykoff et al. 2012; Rozo & Rykoff 2014). The improvement of a factor of 4 in variance has significant implications that we illustrate below.

### Table 2. Observable–mass scaling parameters at $z = 0.23$ and pivot mass, $M_p = 2 \times 10^{14} M_\odot$, from Rozo et al. (2014c).

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<td>$D_\lambda^2 Y_{SZ}$</td>
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<td>1.71</td>
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<td>$N_{gal}$</td>
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<td>0.94</td>
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### 3.3 Application to cluster number counts

We first compare the approximate analytical formulae, $n_i(\ln S)$, to $n_{Tinker}(\ln S)$, where the latter quantity is obtained by explicit convolution of the Tinker mass function, $\int n_{Tinker}(\mu) P(\ln S|\mu) d\mu$.

In Fig. 1, we show the X-ray luminosity function at redshifts $z = 0.23$ and 1.5, derived using the parameters in Tables 1 and 2. The normalization of the high-redshift $L_X-M$ relation is scaled using the assumption that the soft-band luminosity at fixed mass scale in a self-similar fashion, $L_X(\mu) \sim H(\mu)^{\beta_1}$ (Böhringer et al. 2012). While the first-order model is locally accurate, the second- and third-order models extend the accuracy over increasingly wider ranges of X-ray luminosity. The third-order model traces well the local Tinker convolution results across more than two decades in mass.

In Fig. 2, we evaluate the accuracy of the different orders for all observables listed in Table 2. Values of the properties range from 0.03 to 100 for $L_X/10^{44}$ erg s$^{-1}$ and $D_\lambda^2 Y_{SZ}/10^{-5}$ Mpc$^2$ and from 3 to 1000 for $N_{gal}$.

At first order, the first-order counts always overestimate the Tinker-convolved estimates. The normalization error is approximately $1 - \sqrt{\pi} \sigma_{\mu_{Tinker}}/2$, the first-order approximation is thus most accurate for $Y_{SZ}$ at low redshift and worst for $N_{gal}$ at high redshift. With $x_1 = 0.80$, the first-order $N_{gal}$ counts at $z = 1.5$ lie more than 10 per cent above the Tinker convolution, even near the pivot point. When the optical richness scatter is reduced by a factor of 2 (dotted grey lines), the first order improve dramatically. In all cases, the range within which the first-order estimates are accurate is limited to a factor of a few close to the pivot location.

At second order, the dynamic range over which the counts lie within 5 per cent of the Tinker expectations widens, reaching nearly a decade for $Y_{SZ}$ and $L_X$ at low redshift. The approximation is always better at low redshifts where the second and third derivatives, $\beta_2$ and $\beta_3$, of the mass function are lower. Note that the zero crossing is shifted upwards from the pivot location by an amount that scales with the signal variance.

The third-order approximation is accurate to within 5 per cent in number over more than two decades in both $L_X$ and $Y_{SZ}$, with the larger errors only occurring at high signal values that correspond to $M_{100}$ masses above 1 and $0.5 \times 10^{15} M_\odot$ at low and high redshift, respectively. Such massive haloes are quite rare, with space densities of roughly 20 and 0.2 Gpc$^{-3}$ at $z = 0.23$ and 1.5. For statistical cluster samples that typically reach space densities many times higher, the third-order model is capable of yielding highly accurate estimates of counts as a function of observable properties.

One can always vary the pivot mass scale in order to improve the quality fit over a certain range of signal. However, even with a tuned pivot, the first- and second-order models cannot reach 10 per cent accuracy over the wide dynamic range of observables covered by current surveys. In particular, unless the pivot mass scale is chosen to be very high, it is very difficult for these models to obtain good accuracy at large masses and high redshifts.

### 3.4 Observable-selected sample expectations

Dedicated follow-up observations or joint studies of overlapping surveys at different wavelengths can allow multiple properties to be measured for clusters selected by a particular observable. Here, we explore expectations for such secondary properties based on the different orders of the multivariate model of Section 2.

![Figure 1](https://example.com/fig1.jpg)

**Figure 1.** Comoving space density of haloes as a function of $L_X$ evaluated at redshift $z = 0.23$ (upper curves) and 1.5 (lower), assuming self-similar redshift evolution of the X-ray normalization for the latter. Black lines show expectations from local convolution of the Tinker mass function, while the dotted (grey), dot–dashed (green), and dashed (red) curves show our analytic expressions based on first-, second-, and third-order mass function expansions, respectively. Pivot masses of $M_p = 2$ and $1 \times 10^{14} M_\odot$ are used at $z = 0.23$ and 1.5, respectively, and the latter are offset by a factor of 0.1 in $L_X$ for clarity. Deviations of the approximations from the direct Tinker convolution are plotted in Fig. 2.

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fractional error in number counts, \( \delta_{nm}(\ln S) = n_{gal}(\ln S)/n_{Tinker}(\ln S) - 1 \), are shown for first-, second-, and third-order expansions of the log-space mass function (top to bottom) at \( z = 0.23 \) (left) and 1.5 (right). The observable signals \( S \) represented are X-ray luminosity, \( L_X \) (blue solid lines), the SZ flux, \( D_A^2 Y_{SZ} \) (green dashed), and the optical richness, \( N_{gal} \), using either the high-scatter value, \( \sigma_{\mu} = 0.45 \) (grey solid) or low value, \( \sigma_{\mu} = 0.23 \) (grey dotted). Signals are plotted relative to the log-mean values, \( S_p \), expected at the pivot mass scales of 2 and 1 \( \times 10^{14} \) M\(_{\odot} \) (left and right, respectively) using parameters in Table 2.

By sensing the local mass function curvature, the second-order estimate, equation (12), corrects the first-order logarithmic mean by roughly \( \alpha_0 (x_a - 1) \approx -0.07 \), which reduces, but does not fully eliminate, the discrepancy with the local Tinker convolution. The third-order succeeds in matching the local Tinker probability with high accuracy.

Fig. 3 shows an example for low redshift (\( z = 0.23 \)) in the form of the SZ thermal decrement expected for clusters selected at fixed X-ray luminosity. We chose a relatively bright luminosity of \( L_X = 10^{45} \) erg s\(^{-1} \) at \( z = 0.23 \) as inferred from direct convolution of the Tinker mass function (black line) or from the approximate model using first- (grey dotted), second- (green dot–dashed), and third-order (red dashed) forms.

Selecting at an X-ray luminosity below, rather than above, the pivot luminosity, \( L_{p} \), results in different behaviour because the corrections at odd and even orders have different sign. Selecting at \( L_X = L_{p} / A \), where \( A > 1 \), the first-order mean \( \ln D_A^2 Y_{SZ} \) lies lower than the Tinker expectation, but the overshoot is smaller in magnitude than for the case of selecting at \( L_X = A L_{p} \). The second-order correction then slightly overcorrects, with the mean above the Tinker estimate. The third-order applies a small, negative correction to closely align with the Tinker value.

### 3.5 Covariance between high-scatter mass proxies

As a final demonstration of the model, we explore the relatively poor mass proxies, \( N_{gal} \) and \( L_X \), with \( \ln M \) scatter of 0.45 and 0.25, respectively (Table 2). There are currently no theoretical or empirical constraints on the covariance between cold and hot baryons at fixed halo mass and redshift, so there is complete freedom in choosing the correlation coefficient, \( r \), linking their deviations about the mean scaling behaviours.

From equation (12), with the aforementioned mass scatter for the two proxies, the shift in \( \ln N_{gal} L_X \) as \( r \) is varied from \(-0.5 \) to 0.5 will be of the order of 0.11 times the magnitude of the local logarithmic slope of the mass function. At a mass scale of \( 5 \times 10^{14} \) M\(_{\odot} \), the latter is of order three, implying a shift of roughly

\[ r = \frac{\ln N_{gal} L_X}{\ln M} \]
30 per cent. In addition, the variance, equations (7) and (13), is maximized when the properties strongly anticorrelate while it is minimized as \( r \to 1 \).

In the top panel of Fig. 4, we show the likelihood of optical richness at \( z = 0.23 \) for haloes selected to have an X-ray luminosity of \( 2.5 \times 10^{44} \) erg s\(^{-1}\) and assumes the log-mass scatter at fixed richness of 0.45, appropriate for the original maxBCG sample \( N_{\text{gal}} \) rich estimator. The lower panel selects haloes with \( D_{\lambda}^{2} Y_{SZ} = 3 \times 10^{-5} \) Mpc\(^2\) and assumes a log-mass scatter at fixed richness of 0.23, appropriate for the improved \( \lambda \) rich estimator. In both panels, the different PDFs arise from different choices of correlation coefficient between richness and the selection variable, as indicated by the legend. The third-order, log-space approximation to the mass function is used in all calculations.

4 DISCUSSION

We have emphasized an application of the model to the massive haloes that host galaxy clusters at late cosmic times, but the mathematical framework is general, so the model could be applied at earlier epochs to describe phenomenology associated with the high-mass end of the mass function. Galaxies and quasars at redshifts of a few or early star formation at redshifts of tens are potential applications. The key requirements are observables or properties that of haloes that scale as power laws with halo mass in the mean, with variability described by a lognormal covariance.

Applied to groups and clusters, the third-order model is essentially global in scope. Compared to local Tinker convolution estimates, the cubic approximation achieves better than 10 per cent accuracy over nearly the whole signal ranges covered by current observations, and for redshifts \( z < 1.5 \). This level of accuracy is comparable to the current level of systematic uncertainty in the mass function derived from simulations, particularly when the effects of baryon physics are included (Stanek, Rudd & Evrard 2009; Cusworth et al. 2014; Martizzi et al. 2014; Cui, Borgani & Murante 2014).

The pivot location sets the range of accuracy for the lower order approximations. Since the third-order approximation is based on a Taylor expansion of \( e^{-\beta z / \mu} \) at \( z = 0 \), it is expected that the pivot location is appropriate at the pivot point. For the pivots chosen here, this occurs only for very rare, massive systems with \( M_{500} \gtrsim 10^{15} \) M\(_{\odot}\). To achieve the widest possible dynamic range, the second-order approximations could be interpolated using multiple pivot points, \( M_{500} \), requiring values of \( \beta_1(M_{500}, z) \) and \( \beta_2(M_{500}, z) \) to be provided. For light-cone applications, these derivatives could be modelled as low-order polynomials in redshift.

The pivot masses we employ at the two demonstration redshifts correspond closely to those satisfying a fixed sky surface density condition, \( dN(>M)/dz = \text{const.} \), in a \( \Lambda \)CDM cosmology (Evrard et al. 2002; Mortonson, Hu & Huterer 2011). For cluster survey applications, this would seem a natural choice.

While power-law scaling with lognormal covariance is supported for intrinsic properties of clusters, the available evidence is often limited. In particular, covariance among different signals is poorly understood (Maughan 2014) and there are few constraints as to whether the slope and variance of a particular signal’s scaling with mass is indeed constant with mass and redshift, as is assumed here (e.g. Balaguera-Antolínez et al. 2012, provided a hint of evidence for curvature in the \( L_X-M \) relation). Redshift dependences are easily incorporated into the existing framework by writing the slopes, \( \alpha(z) \), intercepts, \( \beta(z) \), and covariance, \( C(z) \), as explicit functions of \( z \). Extensions to the model that incorporate weak mass dependence in the scaling parameters are also possible.

We interpret the model covariance as reflecting that of intrinsic halo properties, but observed properties of clusters inevitably include some contribution from projection effects and other sources.
of noise. If these additional sources combine with intrinsic scatter to produce a lognormal form of property covariance, then model presented here remains directly applicable. The measured covariance matrix in this case will be a mixture of intrinsic and extrinsic sources. Characterizing these effects, particularly SZ and optical projection, deserves further investigation (White, Cohn & Smit 2010; Angulo et al. 2012; Noh & Cohn 2012).

5 SUMMARY

Using polynomial log-space approximations to the high-mass end of the cosmic mass function, we present analytic forms for statistics of multi-observable properties of the haloes that host groups and clusters of galaxies. The model employs scaling laws between observables and mass that are power law in the mean with lognormal covariance.

The model provides closed-form expressions for cluster counts as a function of multiple observables and for conditional likelihoods of observable-selected samples. Comparing to a locally convolved Tinker mass function, we show that the first-order model is generally accurate within a narrow range near the pivot mass, except for very high mass-scatter proxies. The second- and third-order extensions provide increasingly wider coverage in observables irrespective of the mass scatter. The third-order model is nearly global in scope.

The mass variance in a particular observable determines many expected features, as does the covariance between pairs of observables at fixed mass. As multiwavelength surveys and dedicated follow-up campaigns provide increasingly rich, uniform samples of clusters, opportunities to apply this model to better constrain the statistical properties of massive haloes will become apparent. Such knowledge will provide useful constraints on the physical processes that govern baryon evolution in massive haloes.

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APPENDIX A: THIRD-ORDER MODEL

A1 Multiproperty halo number density

The accuracy gained in going from \( n_1(s) \) to \( n_2(s) \) motivates a third-order approach. We thus now consider

\[
n_3(\mu) = Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta_1\mu^2 - \frac{1}{6}\beta_3\mu^3},
\]

(A1)

where \( \beta_1 = -[(d^2/d\mu^2)\ln n_{obs}(\mu)](\mu = 0) > 0 \). We could not find a closed-form solution at this order, so we instead consider the approximation that limits the mass range to be near enough to the pivot point so that

\[
n_3(\mu) \simeq n_2(\mu) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{6} \beta_3\mu^3 \right).
\]

(A2)

Convolving this approximated form of \( n_3(\mu) \) with \( P(s|\mu) \) yields

\[
n_3(s) = n_2(s) \left\{ 1 - \frac{\beta_1}{2} \left( \sigma_{\mu|s,2}^2(\mu|s) + \frac{1}{3}(\mu|s)^3 \right) \right\}.
\]

(A3)

One can see clearly that the signal range will be limited from above by the requirement that the space density be non-negative.

A2 Selecting on an observable property

We have \( P_3(s_0|s_a) = n_3(s_a, s_0)/n_3(s_a) \), which, using the previous formula, gives

\[
P_3(s_0|s_a) = P_2(s_0|s_a)
\]

\[
\times \left[ 1 - \frac{\beta_1}{2} \left( \sigma_{\mu|s_0,2}^2(\mu|s_0) + \frac{1}{3}(\mu|s_0)^3 \right) \right].
\]

(A4)

We can calculate analytically the mean and variance of \( P_3(s_0|s_a) \), which gives

\[
\langle s_0|s_a \rangle = K_1 J_1 - K_2 C (J_2 + DJ_3)
\]

\[- K_3 C^3 (J_3 + 3DJ_4 + 3D^2J_5 + D^3J_7) - \langle s_0|s_a \rangle^3.
\]

(A5)

where

\[
\sigma_{\mu|s,3}^2 = K_1 J_2 - K_2 C (J_3 + DJ_5)
\]

\[- K_3 C^3 (J_3 + 3DJ_4 + 3D^2J_5 + D^3J_7) - \langle s_0|s_a \rangle^3,
\]

(A6)

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