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Mapping substructure in the *HST* Frontier Fields cluster lenses and in cosmological simulations

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ABSTRACT

We map the lensing-inferred substructure in the first three clusters observed by the *Hubble Space Telescope* Frontier Fields (HSTFF) Initiative: Abell 2744 ($z = 0.308$), MACSJ 0416, ($z = 0.396$) and MACSJ 1149 ($z = 0.543$). Statistically resolving dark matter subhaloes down to $\sim 10^{9.5} M_{\odot}$, we compare the derived subhalo mass functions (SHMFs) to theoretical predictions from analytical models and with numerical simulations in a Lambda cold dark matter (LCDM) cosmology. Mimicking our observational cluster member selection criteria in the HSTFF, we report excellent agreement in both amplitude and shape of the SHMF over four decades in subhalo mass ($10^9\text{--}10^{13} M_{\odot}$). Projection effects do not appear to introduce significant errors in the determination of SHMFs from simulations. We do not find evidence for a substructure crisis, analogous to the missing satellite problem in the Local Group, on cluster scales, but rather excellent agreement of the count-matched HSTFF SHMF down to $M_{\text{subhalo}}/M_{\text{halo}} \sim 10^{-5}$. However, we do find discrepancies in the radial distribution of subhaloes inferred from HSTFF cluster lenses compared to determinations from simulated clusters. This suggests that although the selected simulated clusters match the HSTFF sample in mass, they do not adequately capture the dynamical properties and complex merging morphologies of these observed cluster lenses. Therefore, HSTFF clusters are likely observed in a transient evolutionary stage that is presently insufficiently sampled in cosmological simulations. The abundance and mass function of dark matter substructure in cluster lenses continues to offer an important test of the LCDM paradigm, and at present we find no tension between model predictions and observations.

Key words: galaxies: clusters: general – galaxies: haloes – cosmology: theory – dark matter – large-scale structure of Universe.

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1 INTRODUCTION

While the bulk of the matter content of our Universe is inventoried to be dark matter (DM) – cold, collisionless particles that drive the formation of all observed structure – its nature remains elusive. Fortunately, observational cosmology provides us with luminous probes that none the less enable us to map DM on a range of scales, namely galaxies that reside at the centres of DM haloes. The gravitational influence exerted by DM, as reflected dynamically (in the motions of stars in a galaxy or galaxies in a cluster) and in the deflection of light rays from distant sources, yields insights into its spatial distribution and role in structure formation in the universe. In particular, gravitational lensing offers a unique and powerful probe of the detailed distribution of DM, as it is achromatic and independent of the dynamical state of the object producing the lensing. Lensing of faint, distant background galaxies by clusters of galaxies, the most recently assembled massive structures that are extremely DM dominated (~ 90 per cent of their content), results in dramatic observational effects that can be studied in two regimes. Strong lensing – which creates highly distorted, magnified and occasionally multiple images of a single source – and weak lensing – which results in modestly yet systematically deformed shapes of background galaxies – provide robust constraints on the projected distribution of DM within lensing clusters (Natarajan & Kneib 1997; Bradač et al. 2005; Limousin et al. 2007b; Merten et al. 2009; Umetsu et al. 2016). Lensing by clusters has many other applications, as it allows, in combination with multiwavelength data, studies of the masses and assembly history of clusters (Clowe, De Lucia & King 2004; Merten et al. 2011; Eckert et al. 2015), and probes faint, distant galaxy populations that would otherwise be inaccessible to observation. The luminosity function of galaxies at very high redshift derived from lensing has been instrumental for studies of the re-ionization of the universe; for a status report see the review by Finkelstein (2016) and references therein; as well as recent results in Bradač et al. (2014), Atek et al. (2014), Bouwens et al. (2014), Coe, Bradley & Zitrin (2015), Laporte et al. (2015) and McLeod, McLure & Dunlop (2016). In addition, cosmography – mapping the geometry of the universe – has been demonstrated to be another powerful application of gravitational lensing that provides constraints on dark energy complementary to those from other probes (Jullo et al. 2010; D’Aloisio & Natarajan 2011; Caminha et al. 2016a). Exploiting strong gravitational lensing, we here present a test of the currently accepted Lambda cold dark matter (LCDM) paradigm and its implementation in cosmological simulations from the abundance and properties of substructure in massive clusters.

The high resolution of the imaging cameras aboard the *Hubble Space Telescope* (*HST*) has transformed this field in the last two decades (detailed in a review by Kneib & Natarajan 2011), allowing the secure identification of multiply imaged systems that provide critical constraints on the mass model, from deep imaging data. While data from the Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS) and the Wide-Field Planetary Camera 2 (WFPC2) tremendously advanced early studies of gravitational lensing by clusters compared to ground-based work, *HST*’s on-going Frontier Fields (HSTFF) programme has truly revolutionized this area of research (Lotz 2015). As part of the HSTFF program, six clusters ranging in redshift from $z = 0.3$ to 0.55 have been selected for a total of 140 orbit observations per cluster with the ACS in the *F435W*, *F606W* and *F814W*, as well as with WFC3/IR in the *F105W*, *F125W*, *F140W* and *F160W* passbands. In addition to these multifilter data, coordinated observational efforts in other wavelengths with dedicated

Spitzer and *Chandra* programs coupled with ground-based spectroscopic follow-up of cluster galaxies and lensed images are in the process of compiling exquisite and comprehensive data sets for these cluster lenses.¹

In this paper, we study the detailed distribution of substructure derived directly from mass models constrained by more than a hundred lensed images each gleaned from the HSTFF imaging data for Abell 2744, MACSJ 0416.1–2403 (hereafter MACSJ 0416; Mann & Ebeling 2012) and 65 images for MACSJ 1149.5+2223 (hereafter MACSJ 1149; Ebeling et al. 2010). These three clusters, spanning a redshift range 0.308–0.554, also represent various stages of cluster mass assembly. All three clusters have complex mass distributions involving the on-going merger of several subcomponents (Jauzac et al. 2014, 2015b, 2016; Lam et al. 2014; Diego et al. 2015; Wang et al. 2015; Medezinski et al. 2016). Merging clusters with complex interaction geometries like in these three cases turn out to be more efficient as lenses compared to relaxed clusters, as they generate a larger number of multiply lensed systems (Owers et al. 2011; Wong et al. 2012, 2013). While lensing is independent of the dynamical state of the cluster, the efficiency of lensing is enhanced when subclusters merge due to the resultant higher surface mass densities produced (Natarajan et al. 1998; Torri et al. 2004). The positions, magnitudes and multiplicities of lensed images provide strong constraints for the mass modelling of cluster lenses. In addition, to calibrate the strength of the lensing signal, the redshifts of the images need to be known either spectroscopically or photometrically. In the case of highly magnified objects, the HSTFF filter set choice provides photometric redshifts with reasonable accuracy. Follow-up spectroscopy by several independent groups has been on-going for the bright, highly magnified multiple images in these clusters as well as for faint objects with GTO/Multi-User Spectroscopic Explorer (MUSE) observations for Abell 2744 and MACSJ 0416. In this paper, we present the best-to-date model for the mass distribution in these three clusters from which we derive properties of the DM substructure content. The inferred substructure – also referred to as the subhalo mass function (SHMF thereafter) – is then compared with mimicked ‘measurements’ from simulated clusters in the Illustris cosmological boxes (Vogelsberger et al. 2014a, details are available at <http://www.illustris-project.org/>); as well as analytic estimates that take halo-to-halo scatter into account. This exercise offers a concrete and powerful test of the standard LCDM model, its implementation in cosmological simulations and our analytic calculational framework.

The motivation for this entire exercise is to carefully examine if any gaps emerge between theoretical predictions in LCDM and the observationally inferred degree of substructure. Earlier work on lower mass scales – namely galaxy scales – had claimed a crisis in LCDM due to the discrepancy in abundance between predicted and observed substructure (Klypin et al. 1999; Moore et al. 1999). Convincing resolutions to this ‘crisis’ have since been proposed, that implicate the paucity of observed substructures to their intrinsic faintness as well as our lack of understanding of the efficiency of star formation in the smallest DM haloes (Read & Gilmore 2005; Pontzen & Governato 2014; Di Cintio & Lelli 2016; Wetzel et al. 2016) reflecting our ignorance of the detailed relationship between baryons and DM. Alternative, less persuasive explanations for the mismatch challenging the collisionless nature of DM have also been proposed (Rocha et al. 2013; Lovell et al. 2014). Given that LCDM is a hierarchical theory it is imperative to explore if

¹ For further details see <http://www.stsci.edu/hst/campaigns/frontier-fields/>

any such discrepancy is replicated on the next higher mass scale, on that of clusters. For this purpose, the HSTFF data set offers unique leverage due to the large range in the SHMF that it permits scrutiny of. Utilizing strong lensing to reconstruct the detailed mass distribution of clusters, here we present the detailed substructure distribution in the first three HSTFF clusters, Abell 2744, MACSJ 0416 and MACSJ 1149. In this work, we derive the mass function of subhaloes from the lensing data and compare these results with those obtained from the high-resolution Illustris cosmological N -body simulations and analytic predictions. Here, we present the detailed comparison with zoom-in simulations of two clusters that are as massive – with a virial mass of $\sim 10^{15} M_{\odot}$ – as the HSTFF targets considered here. These Illustris clusters will hereafter be referred to as *iCluster Zooms*, specifically the one with a mass of $\sim 10^{15.3} M_{\odot}$ as *iCluster Zoom 1* and the one with mass $\sim 10^{14.8} M_{\odot}$ as *iCluster Zoom 2*. We also include in our study a larger sample of less massive simulated clusters with masses between 10^{14} and $10^{15} M_{\odot}$ that form in the small box size of the Illustris suite. We will refer to these systems as the 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes*. We chose the Illustris simulations for comparison with results from our lensing data because they represent the state of the art regarding the treatment of baryonic physics. Moreover, they allow us to mimic several key aspects of the observations, thereby enabling a detailed and robust comparison. We note, however, the important caveat is that the massive, actively merging cluster lenses targeted by the HSTFF project are in a dynamical state for which there is no equal in any of the currently simulated volumes. We also compare our lensing determined SHMF to the analytical prediction for parent haloes with masses of $\sim 10^{15} M_{\odot}$ to understand the impact of cosmic variance. The HSTFF data allow probing the SHMFs down to several orders of magnitude below previous studies and offer the best current tests of the abundance and properties of substructure in the LCDM model.

This paper is structured as follows: in Section 2, we describe the predictions for substructure in the LCDM model; followed by a synopsis of previous work in Section 3. In Section 4, the general methods we employ to derive SHMFs are described, after which the overall mass models for Abell 2744, MACSJ 0416 and MACSJ 1149 inferred from the HSTFF are described in Section 5. In Section 6, we present and discuss the derived SHMFs. We then provide a brief description of the Illustris suite of simulations in Section 7, before detailing the comparison of the lensing-derived subhalo properties with those from the simulations and analytic methods (in Section 8). We close the paper in Section 9 with a discussion of the implications of our results for the LCDM model.

2 LCDM SUBSTRUCTURE PREDICTIONS

Cold dark matter (CDM) predicts the existence of copious substructure within collapsed haloes of all masses. As a description of the underlying world model that best describes our universe, the LCDM model has been incredibly successful, tested with several observational probes ranging from the measured properties of the fluctuations in the cosmic microwave background Radiation to the observed abundance, clustering and properties of galaxy populations. Precision measurements of cosmological parameters have now determined that we appear to live in a collisionless, CDM-dominated, dark-energy-driven accelerating expanding universe (Hinshaw et al. 2013). However, despite this highly successful paradigm for structure formation, in the past two decades attention has been drawn to challenges on ‘small scales’ where discrepancies between the theory and observations appeared to lurk. There

are two related small-scale problems that continue to be active areas of study. The first pertains to the long-standing and debated question of whether the rotation curves of low surface brightness galaxies are compatible with the LCDM model and the second concerns the abundance of substructure on galaxy scales. The work presented in this paper addresses the second issue. The substructure crisis, as it was originally referred to, noted that the amount of DM substructure theoretically predicted on Milky Way scale galaxies was highly discrepant with the number of observationally detected satellites – believed to be hosted by DM subhaloes – in the Local Group. Interestingly, both the substructure problem and the mismatch of rotation curves of low surface brightness galaxies came to the fore only when high-resolution N -body simulations could be performed with subkpc to parsec scale spatial resolutions. These higher resolution simulations in which the inner profile of DM haloes could also be studied revealed that these DM haloes on galaxy, group and cluster mass scales were filled with a large number of self-bound DM satellites. This plethora of clumpy structure had not been seen in earlier lower resolution studies in which all haloes appeared to be significantly smoother (Madau, Diemand & Kuhlen 2008; Helmi et al. 2011). We now know that in fact the existence of vast amounts of substructure is a generic prediction of hierarchical structure formation in LCDM models where assembly of collapsed mass structures occurs via a merging hierarchy during which a large fraction of the infalling dense clumps survive as dynamically distinct substructures inside virialized haloes until late times albeit after dynamical modification via tidal stripping, tidal heating and dynamical friction. And clusters of galaxies as the most recently assembled mass structures retain copious amounts of bound substructures within them.

Recent work comparing the abundance of simulated satellites to those observationally detected in the Milky Way (with a mass of $\sim 10^{12} M_{\odot}$), do suggest that we have detected all the substructure associated with the most massive subhaloes bound to the Milky Way halo and what we might be missing are likely only the extremely faint galaxy population – though an increasing number of these are also being found in deeper images (Deason et al. 2014; Torrealba et al. 2016). The paucity of the detection of these galaxies can be explained by a combination of factors: their faintness makes them observationally challenging to detect and the efficiency of star formation in such low-mass DM host haloes might be suppressed due to baryonic physics. The leading hypothesis is that the reason for the existence of a sea of low-mass DM haloes being largely devoid of stars has to do with the physics of feedback processes in galaxy formation. For instance, feedback processes wherein the photoionizing UV background or the expelling of gas via strong, powerful supernovae winds lead to highly inefficient star formation can and are largely believed to explain away the substructure problem on galaxy scales (Wetzel et al. 2016). Independent of prior disagreements on galaxy scales, the shape and amplitude of the SHMF within clusters offers a powerful probe of the LCDM model. Any deviations from theoretical predictions of LCDM on these scales could be used as a diagnostic of the nature of DM and perhaps signal new physics. In the LCDM model, structure aggregates via gravity and is essentially scale free, and the best-fitting functional form to the subhalo abundance per unit parent halo mass can be written as

$$\frac{dn}{dm} = 10^{-3.2} \left(\frac{m}{M_{\odot}} h^{-1} \right)^{-1.9} \quad (1)$$

(Gao et al. 2004; van den Bosch, Tormen & Giocoli 2005). Since abundant substructure is endemic to LCDM, if there was a real

substructure problem on galaxy scales, it is expected to be replicated on cluster scales. Therefore, testing substructure predictions on cluster scales offers an extremely critical analysis of the LCDM model. The subhalo mass range over which such an inventory can be performed directly impacts the degree of accuracy to which the LCDM model can be tested. To perform this test, here we obtain the mass spectrum of clumps in these HSTFF lensing clusters. These observationally determined quantities are directly compared with results of cosmological simulations and analytic estimates from theoretical calculations. Contrary to galaxy scales, in clusters we expect many more DM substructures to host visible galaxies, making the comparison of the SHMF less sensitive to uncertainties in the physics of galaxy formation. All the while, we however need to keep in mind that dynamically similar counter-parts to the HSTFF clusters are not available either in the Illustris volume or in any other simulated volume at present, even if comparable mass clusters like *iCluster Zooms* are available. The veracity of this expectation is also tested in our analysis here. Despite this, full consistency with the abundance of optically detected member galaxies, substructures in the LCDM simulations and subhaloes detected by lensing can be expected and asked for; and finding strong concordance can be viewed as a stringent test of the LCDM paradigm. This is precisely what we attempt in this paper.

In earlier analytic work on the calculation of the SHMFs in the context of hierarchical CDM theories, van den Bosch et al. (2005) have computed the substructure content on cluster mass scales. Their work and findings are relevant here for the interpretation of our results of the lensing-determined SHMF and comparison with those derived from the Illustris *iCluster Zooms* and the 10^{14} *Illustris Clusters* samples. In a two-step process that takes into account the assembly of clusters, (van den Bosch et al. 2005) first derive the masses of subhaloes at the time of their initial accretion using Monte Carlo realizations of their merger histories. Subsequent to being accreted these subhaloes are subject to a variety of processes that lead to mass-loss, namely dynamical friction, tidal stripping and tidal heating. While the detailed mass-loss is apt to depend on the motions of individual subhaloes within the cluster, they find that an average mass-loss rate can be computed by simply averaging over all possible orbital configurations. Coupled with the additional assumption that the distribution of orbits is actually independent of the host/parent halo mass, they express the average mass-loss rate as a function of two key variables: the mass ratio of the subhalo to the parent halo and redshift. This result is natural as it intuitively suggests that the formation time of the massive parent halo is an important variable. Comparing the predictions of this model with high-resolution DM-only cosmological simulations to calibrate this picture, they found that contrary to earlier claims, the SHMF does depend on the mass of the parent halo. Both the slope and the normalization of the SHMF depend on the formation time of the parent halo, and explicitly depend on the ratio of the parent halo mass to the characteristic non-linear mass scale. Therefore, in early assembling clusters, in-falling subhaloes are subject to dynamical modification for longer and since the most massive clusters form later in hierarchical CDM, their subhaloes experience less stripping. One of the advantages of this formalism is the ability to easily compute and quantify the halo-to-halo variation that can be expected in the absence of an ensemble of simulated clusters to average over. Estimating cosmic variance is challenging for simulations that are limited by the essential compromise between box size and resolution which results in the paucity of high-mass clusters. The estimated halo-to-halo variance depends as expected on the detailed mass accretion history during the process of cluster assembly. During the

assembly of massive clusters, there are two effects that need to be understood – the mass-loss suffered by individual infalling subhaloes all the while as the parent host halo itself gains mass due to cosmic accretion as part of its growth in a DM-dominated universe. van den Bosch et al. (2005) find that the recent cosmic accretion history is what is most relevant, in fact, cosmic accretion in the previous Gyr or so. As predicted by their model, this dependence is what is reflected in the observed halo-to-halo scatter. The predictions of this model for LCDM are specially salient to examine the trends with parent halo mass and we compare our lensing-derived SHMFs with these analytic predictions.

3 DERIVING SUBSTRUCTURE FROM CLUSTER LENSING DATA

In order to derive the SHMF from lensing data, we adopt the methodology that we have developed over the last decade for analysing cluster lensing data. We start with modelling the mass distribution in the cluster with a set of large- and small-scale self-similar parametric mass profiles. The cluster itself is visualized as a composite of large-scale smooth mass components with several small-scale subclumps, which are both modelled with the analytic pseudo-isothermal elliptical mass distribution (PIEMD) profile (Natarajan & Kneib 1997; Limousin et al. 2007b). The small-scale subhaloes in our conception of the cluster are associated with the locations of bright, early-type cluster galaxies under the explicit assumption that light traces mass. This is entirely akin to the process by which we will derive the substructure for the *iCluster Zooms* as well as the Illustris 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes* as described below. The location, brightness and redshifts of the magnified, multiply imaged background sources are used in Abell 2744, MACSJ 0416 and MACSJ 1149 to statistically quantify the masses of subclumps using a Bayesian scheme. Deploying an MCMC method, we are then able to derive a family of best-fitting models modulo the assumed priors for the choice of parametric profiles including the self-similar scaling and the association of mass with light. In this work, we also explore a couple of distinct scaling relations to characterize the relation between mass and light for cluster galaxies to examine the dependence of these assumptions on our final results.

3.1 Determination of cluster members

Cluster membership for galaxies in these clusters was determined using methods described in detail in Richard et al. (2014). Here, we summarize the key steps. Galaxy catalogues were first generated using SExtractor (Bertin & Arnouts 1996) and cluster membership was assigned using complementary colour–magnitude diagrams ($m_{F606W} - m_{F814W}$ versus m_{F814W} and $m_{F435W} - m_{F606W}$ versus m_{F814W}). Spectroscopically confirmed cluster members were used to identify the red sequence; cluster membership was assigned to all galaxies that lie within 3σ of a linear fit to the red sequence. We used a fixed value for the dispersion, obtained by collapsing the red sequence along the best linear fit down to the (preset) limiting magnitude. We are thus effectively fitting a superposition of many Gaussians of ever increasing width with a single Gaussian. We note that a moving sigma that becomes smaller as we move along the red sequence towards the BCG would not result in a very different galaxy selection: usually the gap between the red sequence and the green valley galaxies widens too. For MACS J0416, we used the cluster member catalogue of Grillo et al. (2015) which comprises 175 galaxies, 63 of them spectroscopically identified and the remaining 112 selected using a spectro-photometric method described in detail in their paper (see also Rosati et al. 2014; Balestra

et al. 2016). This catalogue was provided to the lens-modelling community by C. Grillo and the Cluster Lensing And Supernova survey with Hubble (CLASH) collaboration in the context of the magnification map-making project in 2015 September.² For Abell 2744 and MACSJ 1149, our selection is based on spectroscopically confirmed members from Owers et al. (2011) and Ebeling, Ma & Barrett (2014), respectively. For all three clusters, the selection technique adopted to select cluster members from our galaxy catalogues extends to a uniform limiting bolometric luminosity of $0.01 L_*$. Despite this uniform cut, we find that this yields a differing number of cluster galaxies for each of the clusters due to the range that they span in redshift. For MACS J0416, note that we used the catalogue of mostly spectroscopically confirmed galaxies provided by Grillo and co-workers.

The $F814W$ magnitudes of the resulting set of cluster members range from 18.49 to 26.3 in Abell 2744 (563 galaxies), from 19.04 to 23.91 in MACS J0416 (175 galaxies) and from 18.96 to 25.66 in MACS J1149 (217 galaxies). The galaxies thus selected were included as small-scale perturbers in our high-fidelity lensing models. The details of these mass models are given in Jauzac et al. (2015b) for Abell 2744, Jauzac et al. (2014) for MACS J0416 and Jauzac et al. (2016) for MACS J1149. We note that the models for Abell 2744 and MACS J0416 have been updated since their publication as part of the 2015 mass-mapping effort using new spectroscopic redshifts for multiple-image systems, and the cluster member catalogue of Grillo et al. (2015). We describe the resulting changes in detail in the following section. In addition, as part of the data sharing for this map-making project we have used spectroscopic redshifts for multiple-image families in these clusters that were provided by other teams including the GLASS collaboration and K. Sharon's team (Johnson et al. 2014; Schmidt et al. 2014; Treu et al. 2016). Our cluster member selection is by construction incomplete at large cluster-centric radii and at low luminosities as outlined above.

3.2 Mass modelling: methodology

In this section, we outline the modelling framework, and note that further details can be found in several earlier papers (Natarajan & Kneib 1997; Natarajan et al. 1998) and a more recent review (Kneib & Natarajan 2011). In order to extract the properties of the population of subhaloes in cluster lenses, as mentioned above, the range of mass scales is modelled using a parametric form for the surface mass density profile of the lens. Motivated by the regularity of X-ray surface brightness maps of clusters, we envision the cluster as composed of a superposition of several smooth large-scale gravitational potentials and smaller scale perturber potentials that are associated with the locations of bright early-type cluster members:

$$\phi_{\text{tot}} = \sum_i \phi_{s_i} + \sum_n \phi_{p_n}, \quad (2)$$

where ϕ_{s_i} are the gravitational potentials of the smooth components and ϕ_{p_n} are the potentials of the n subhaloes associated with the n cluster galaxies treated as perturbers. The lensing amplification matrix A^{-1} can also be decomposed into contributions from the main clump and the perturbing potentials:

$$A^{-1} = (1 - \sum_i \kappa_{s_i} - \sum_n \kappa_{p_n}) I - \sum_i \gamma_{s_i} J_{2\theta_{s_i}} - \sum_n \gamma_{p_n} J_{2\theta_{p_n}}, \quad (3)$$

where κ is the magnification and γ is the shear. The quantity relevant to lensing is the projected surface mass density. The distortion

induced by the overall potential with the smooth and individual galaxy-scale haloes modelled self-similarly as linear superposition of two PIEMD distributions, has the following form:

$$\frac{\Sigma(R)}{\Sigma_0} = \frac{r_0}{1 - r_0/r_t} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{r_0^2 + R^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_t^2 + R^2}} \right), \quad (4)$$

with a model core-radius r_0 and a truncation radius $r_t \gg r_0$. The projected coordinate R is a function of x, y and the ellipticity,

$$R^2 = \frac{x^2}{(1 + \epsilon)^2} + \frac{y^2}{(1 - \epsilon)^2}, \quad \text{where } \epsilon = \frac{a - b}{a + b}. \quad (5)$$

Coupling these analytic forms with further assumptions about the fidelity with which mass traces light described in the next subsection, the SHMF is derived using strong-lensing constraints from the HSTFF observations for these three clusters.

3.3 Relating mass to light

One of the key features and facilities of parametric modelling is the flexibility afforded in modelling the precise relationship between mass and light. Guided by empirically observed correlations between internal properties of individual, bright, early-type cluster galaxies, we adopt those to couple the mass of the DM subhalo to the properties of the galaxy it hosts in our modelling scheme. In addition, we also assume that the ellipticity and the orientation of the DM subhaloes associated with the early-type cluster members is aligned with that of the galaxies themselves. These simple assumptions are inputs while generating the best-fitting lensing mass model for the cluster. The adopted set of physically motivated, empirically determined scaling laws for relating the DM distribution of the subhaloes to the light distribution of the cluster galaxies are

$$\frac{\sigma_0}{\sigma_{0*}} = \left(\frac{L}{L_*} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}; \quad r_0 = \left(\frac{L}{L_*} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}; \quad r_t = \left(\frac{L}{L_*} \right)^{\alpha}. \quad (6)$$

These scalings lead to a set of models for cluster members where the total mass M_{ap} enclosed within an aperture r_{*} and the total mass-to-light ratio M/L scale with the total luminosity as

$$M_{\text{ap}} \propto \sigma_{0*}^2 r_{*} \left(\frac{L}{L_*} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} + \alpha}, \quad M_{\text{ap}}/L \propto \sigma_{0*}^2 r_{*} \left(\frac{L}{L_*} \right)^{\alpha - 1/2}, \quad (7)$$

where α determines the typical size scale of the galaxy halo. For a value of $\alpha = 0.5$, the model galaxy has constant mass-to-light ratio with luminosity though not as a function of radius within. Here, we first explore $\alpha = 0.5$ as in previous work, as this leads to a scaling law that is empirically motivated by the Kormendy and the Faber–Jackson relations for early-type galaxies (Faber & Jackson 1976; Kormendy 1977; Limousin et al. 2007a; Natarajan et al. 2009). The Kormendy relation relates the spatial scale to the luminosity, while the more general form of the Faber–Jackson relation is used to relate the velocity dispersion to the luminosity. In practice, the constant mass-to-light ratio relation for $\alpha = 0.5$ has proven to provide a good fit, and so far strong-lensing data have not ruled out this hypothesis. With a choice of $\alpha = 0.8$, we would have ended up with the Fundamental Plane relation $M/L \sim L^{0.3}$ (Jorgensen, Franx & Kjaergaard 1996; Halkola, Seitz & Pannella 2006). In recent work, however, modelling cluster galaxies similarly using data of the lensing cluster Abell 383 and combining with measured values for the central velocity dispersion for a handful of galaxies, Monna et al. (2015) report reasonable agreement with $\alpha = 0.5$ in the case of one galaxy. In more recent work, with velocity dispersion measurements for five galaxies near a strongly lensed arc in the cluster

² <https://archive.stsci.edu/prepds/frontier/>

Abell 611, they report departure from scaling relations indicated by the galaxy to galaxy variation in the estimated truncation radii (Monna et al. 2017). The conclusion is that the efficiency for tidal stripping varies for galaxies, in fact, such a systematic difference between early and late types was found for cluster galaxies in the merging lensing cluster Cl 0024+14 by Natarajan et al. (2009). We explore $\alpha = 0.5$ as well as the scaling between mass and light that is found in the Illustris simulation with the assumed subgrid models for modelling galaxy formation. In this paper, in addition to using the scalings implied by the Faber–Jackson and Kormendy laws, we also derive the SHMF from observational data under the assumption that light traces mass as it does in the Illustris full physics run. Writing out the general scaling relations as $\sigma \propto L^a$ and $r_t \propto L^b$ and $M/L \propto L^c$; the Faber–Jackson case corresponds to $a = 0.25$; $b = 0.5$; $c = 1$ and in Illustris we find $a = 0.18$; $b = 0.16$; $c = 0.49$. Adopting this new set of scaling laws, we re-ran LENSSTOOL to obtain the best-fitting mass distribution for all three clusters and extracted the resultant SHMF. In the results section of the paper, we plot the SHMFs derived for both these sets of assumed scaling laws. We are thus able to assess if and how this assumption of how light traces mass impacts our results. We note that the evidence thus far from other independent studies of the relationship between mass and light strongly support the fact that light traces mass effectively both on cluster scales (Kneib et al. 2003) and on galaxy scales (Mandelbaum et al. 2006; Newman, Ellis & Treu 2015). The Bayesian evidence for the best-fitting mass models for these two sets of scaling laws are virtually indistinguishable. This suggests that the SHMF we have derived even from the high-quality HSTFF data is not very sensitive to our detailed assumption of how light traces mass.

4 PREVIOUS LENSING SUBSTRUCTURE TESTS OF LCDM CLUSTERS

In earlier work, we quantified substructure derived from WFPC2 observations of lensing clusters and compared results with cosmological simulations. The results of the first attempt to do so were presented in Natarajan & Springel (2004) and subsequently in Natarajan, De Lucia & Springel (2007). Results reported in both of these papers used *HST* WFPC2 imaging and a comparison with the *Millennium simulation*. In the first paper, results of the direct comparison of the lensing-derived substructure mass function with that obtained from the simulated clusters using only DM particles was performed. In the second paper, a semi-analytic model for galaxy formation was painted on to the DM-only *Millennium simulation* that enabled mimicking of the selection criteria adopted in the lensing analysis. That is, the DM haloes hosting the brightest cluster members were extracted from the simulation after the semi-analytic model had been implemented to ‘form’ realistic galaxies.

In Natarajan et al. (2007), we presented high-resolution mass models for five *HST* cluster lenses, and performed a detailed comparison of the SHMF, the velocity dispersion and aperture radii function with an ensemble of cluster-sized haloes selected from the *Millennium simulation* including an implementation of a semi-analytic model for the galaxy formation detailed in De Lucia et al. (2006). The construction of the mass models combining strong- and weak-lensing data for these massive clusters was performed using the same galaxy–galaxy lensing techniques outlined in the methodology section here. As described above, the goal was to quantify substructure under the assumption that bright early-type cluster galaxies are robust tracers. We derived the SHMF within a limited mass range $10^{11} - 10^{12.5} M_{\odot}$ in the inner

regions of these clusters. Upon detailed comparison with simulated *Millennium* clusters, remarkably we found consistency with the abundance of substructure given that they are completely independently determined. For the cases of clusters that were active mergers the match with simulations was less good.

In both earlier works discussed above, we were sensitive only to substructures in a small mass range $\sim 10^{11} - 10^{12.5} M_{\odot}$. The mass spectrum of substructure over this mass range, and other subhalo properties retrieved from the lensing data were found to be consistent with the theoretical predictions of LCDM from the simulations. While this agreement suggested that there was no substructure ‘crisis’ as claimed earlier in LCDM per se, to draw a more robust conclusion, a wider range of subhalo mass scales needed to be probed. And this is precisely what the HSTFF data affords us as we report below.

5 HST FRONTIER FIELDS CLUSTER-LENS MASS MODELS

Using the extremely deep and high-resolution HSTFF data for the massive lensing clusters Abell 2744, MACSJ 0416 and MACSJ 1149 that were made publicly available on the Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes Archive³ at the Space Telescope Science Institute as part of the Frontier Fields Initiative, our collaboration CATS (Clusters As TelescopeS) identified all the multiple-image systems and constructed comprehensive mass distributions for all three clusters including small-scale clumps modelled as described above. Including the positions, brightnesses and measured spectroscopic redshifts where available for the lensed images in the ACS field of view, all our constructed mass models have already been published (Jauzac et al. 2014, 2015a, 2016), and were built using the LENSSTOOL software in its parametric mode (Jullo et al. 2007). Below, we provide a synopsis of the features of these mass models along with updates since their publication in order to illustrate the high data quality and resultant unprecedented precision of these models. The gain in precision of the overall mass model also enables more accurate characterization of the subhalo masses.

5.1 Mass distribution in Abell 2744

We constructed a high-precision mass model of galaxy cluster Abell 2744 at $z = 0.308$, based on a strong-gravitational-lensing analysis of the entire HSTFF imaging data set, that includes both the ACS and WFC3 observations. With the depth of this data set in the visible and near-infrared, we identified 34 new multiply imaged background galaxy systems listed in Jauzac et al. (2015b), bringing the total up to 61, leading to a final tally of 181 individual-lensed images. While doing so, we corrected earlier erroneous identifications and inaccuracies in the positions of multiple systems in the northern part of the cluster core, namely the image System 3. We then culled the multiple images that were less reliable after which running LENSSTOOL with 54 multiply imaged systems (154 total images) that were determined to be the most secure ones amongst the 61 listed in Jauzac et al. (2015b). We modelled the cluster with two large-scale DM haloes plus smaller galaxy-scale perturber haloes associated with 733 individual cluster member galaxies. Our best-fitting model, which only uses strong-lensing constraints, predicts image positions with an rms error of 0.79 arcsec, that corresponds to an improvement of almost a factor of 2 over previous modelling attempts for this

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Table 1. Abell 2744 best-fitting PIEMD parameters for the two large-scale DM haloes, as well as for the L^* elliptical galaxy. The model is built using 113 multiple images, includes 563 galaxy-scale perturbers. The best-fitting rms is 0.70 arcsec. Coordinates are quoted in arcseconds with respect to $\alpha = 3.586\,259$, $\delta = -30.400\,174$. Error bars correspond to the 1σ confidence level. Parameters in brackets are not optimized. The reference magnitude for scaling relations is $\text{mag}_{F814W} = 19.44$.

Component	No. 1	No. 2	L^* elliptical galaxy
ΔRA	$-4.8^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$	$-15.5^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	–
ΔDec	$4.0^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$	$-17.0^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$	–
e	0.30 ± 0.004	0.60 ± 0.01	–
θ	$64.2^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	$40.5^{+0.4}_{-0.5}$	–
r_{core} (kpc)	$205.0^{+1.3}_{-1.5}$	$39.6^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$	[0.15]
r_{cut} (kpc)	[1000]	[1000]	$18.0^{+0.6}_{-1.0}$
σ (km s $^{-1}$)	1296^{+3}_{-5}	564^{+2}_{-2}	154.3 ± 1.8

cluster. We find the total projected mass inside a 200 kpc aperture to be $2.162 \pm 0.005 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$. This gain in the accuracy of the mass modelling translates directly into an overall improvement of a factor 4 in the derived magnification map for the high-redshift lensed background galaxies that are brought into view by the cluster lens. Further details of this best-fitting model can be found in Jauzac et al. (2015b). We note that this model reconstruction extends radially out only to a fraction of the virial radius of Abell 2744 to $\sim 0.5 R_{\text{vir}}$. Table 1 below lists the details of the best-fitting lensing mass model for Abell 2744.

In 2015 September, several selected independent lensing teams were asked to provide Hubble Frontier Fields (HFF) mass models to the community through a mass mapping challenge. For this purpose, data were shared, including a large number of spectroscopic redshifts from Wang et al. (2015), as well as new measurements from K. Sharon’s team (Johnson et al. 2014). With this additional data, we revised our previously published mass model described above, after a group vote to select multiply imaged families, only keeping the most secure ones (voted as Gold, Silver and Bronze by all lensing teams) and more securely identified cluster members. While our overall mass model did not change much from the one presented by Jauzac et al. (2015b), we now include only 113 multiple images for the modelling. The best-fitting mass model for the cluster comprises two cluster-scale haloes as before, and 563 galaxy-scale perturbers. This final model predicts image positions with an even lower global rms error of 0.70 arcsec, with similar mass estimation and precision on both mass and magnification as our initial HSTFF model. The virial radius for Abell 2744 lies at ~ 2 Mpc and our mass model reliant on the HSTFF data extends out only to $\sim 0.5 R_{\text{vir}}$. Substructure derived from this updated model is used here in our comparison with the *iCluster Zooms* as well as the *Illustris* $10^{14} M_{\odot}$ *Illustris Haloes* and analytic predictions.

5.2 Mass distribution in MACSJ 0416

MACSJ 0416 (at $z = 0.397$) was discovered as part of the Massive Cluster Survey (MACS; Ebeling, Edge & Henry 2001) and is classified as a merging system based on its double-peaked X-ray surface brightness distribution (Mann & Ebeling 2012). Due to its exceedingly large Einstein radius, MACSJ 0416 was selected as one of the five high-magnification clusters in the CLASH (Postman et al. 2012), thus providing *HST* imaging in 16 bands from the UV

Table 2. MACSJ0416 best-fitting PIEMD parameters for the two large-scale DM haloes, as well as for the L^* elliptical galaxy. The model is built using 139 multiple images, includes 175 galaxy-scale perturbers. The best-fitting rms is 0.54 arcsec. Coordinates are quoted in arcseconds with respect to $\alpha = 64.038\,1013$, $\delta = -24.067\,4860$. Error bars correspond to the 1σ confidence level. Parameters in brackets are not optimized. The reference magnitude for scaling relations is $\text{mag}_{F814W} = 19.8$.

Component	No. 1	No. 2	L^* elliptical galaxy
ΔRA	$-5.9^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	$23.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	–
ΔDec	$3.5^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	$-43.4^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	–
e	0.77 ± 0.01	0.64 ± 0.01	–
θ	$147.3^{+0.6}_{-0.7}$	$126.8^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	–
r_{core} (kpc)	$72.8^{+3.5}_{-2.5}$	$95.8^{+2.8}_{-2.5}$	[0.15]
r_{cut} (kpc)	[1000]	[1000]	$27.5^{+4.6}_{-4.1}$
σ (km s $^{-1}$)	729^{+16}_{-9}	974^{+13}_{-8}	190.9 ± 7.3

to the near-IR, with a typical depth of 1 orbit per passband. As expected for a highly elongated mass distribution quite typical of merging clusters, many multiple-image systems are produced and detected. The first detailed mass model of this complex merging cluster system was based on CLASH data, and was published by Zitrin et al. (2013). This cluster was then selected as one of the six HSTFF targets. We constructed a high-precision mass model of the galaxy cluster MACSJ 0416, based on a strong gravitational-lensing analysis of the HSTFF imaging data. Taking advantage of the unprecedented depth provided by *HST/ACS* observations in three passbands, we identified 51 new multiply imaged galaxies, quadrupling the previous census and bringing the grand total to 68, yielding a total of 194 individual-lensed images. Having selected a subset of the 57 most securely identified multiply imaged systems, we obtain a best-fitting mass model for the inner core of the cluster, consisting of two large-scale DM haloes and 98 accompanying galaxy-scale haloes (Jauzac et al. 2014). This model predicts image positions with an rms error of 0.68 arcsec, which constitutes an improvement of almost a factor of 2 over previous, pre-HFF mass models of this cluster. We find the total projected mass inside a 200 kpc aperture to be $(1.60 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$, a measurement that offers a three-fold improvement in precision from Jauzac et al. (2014). The virial radius of MACSJ 0416 extends out to ~ 2.3 Mpc, here we note that the lens model reconstruction using HSTFF data extends radially out only to a fraction of the virial radius to $\sim 0.3 R_{\text{vir}}$. Table 2 below lists the details of the best-fitting lensing mass model for MACSJ 0416.

As for the case of Abell 2744, we revised our published strong-lensing mass model taking advantage of spectroscopic redshifts provided by the GLASS collaboration (Hoag et al. 2016; Wang et al., in preparation) as well as considering the votes from all other lensing teams on the selection of secure multiple images. We also replaced our initial colour–magnitude–selected cluster member catalogue with the Grillo et al. (2015) catalogue as mentioned earlier. Our current mass model from which we derive the SHMF presented here now includes 139 multiple images. Our best-fitting mass model comprises two cluster-scale haloes, combined with 175 galaxy-scale perturbers, and predicts the image positions with an rms error of 0.54 arcsec. In a recent preprint, Caminha et al. (2016b) present an updated mass model that includes additional spectroscopic redshifts from archival MUSE data, and they report that the cluster galaxy catalogue and the inferred subhalo population are in good agreement with their earlier catalogue that we have used here.

Table 3. MACSJ1149 best-fitting PIEMD parameters inferred for the five DM clumps considered in the optimization procedure. Clumps no. 6 and no. 7 are galaxy-scale haloes that were modelled separately from scaling relations, to respectively model the BCG of the cluster as well as the cluster member responsible for the four multiple images of *SN Refsdal*. The model is built using 65 multiple images, includes 217 galaxy-scale perturbers. The best-fitting rms is 0.91 arcsec. Coordinates are given in arcseconds with respect to $\alpha = 177.398\,7300$, $\delta = 22.398\,5290$. Error bars correspond to the 1σ confidence level. Parameters in brackets are not optimized. The reference magnitude for scaling relation is $\text{mag}_{F814W} = 20.65$.

Clump	Δx	Δy	e	θ	r_{core} (kpc)	r_{cut} (kpc)	σ (km s^{-1})
No. 1	$-1.95^{+0.10}_{-0.19}$	$0.17^{+0.15}_{-0.22}$	0.58 ± 0.01	$30.58^{+0.35}_{-0.51}$	$112.9^{+3.6}_{-2.1}$	[1000]	1015^{+7}_{-6}
No. 2	$-28.02^{+0.26}_{-0.17}$	$-36.02^{+0.27}_{-0.21}$	0.70 ± 0.02	$39.02^{+2.23}_{-1.69}$	$16.5^{+2.7}_{-3.9}$	[1000]	331^{+13}_{-9}
No. 3	$-48.65^{+0.13}_{-0.49}$	$-51.35^{+0.30}_{-0.22}$	0.35 ± 0.02	$126.48^{+7.11}_{-4.42}$	$64.2^{+6.8}_{-9.6}$	[1000]	286^{+24}_{-16}
No. 4	$17.62^{+0.28}_{-0.18}$	$46.90^{+0.36}_{-0.28}$	0.15 ± 0.02	$54.66^{+3.51}_{-4.83}$	$110.5^{+1.2}_{-2.1}$	[1000]	688^{+9}_{-17}
No. 5	$-17.22^{+0.17}_{-0.18}$	$101.85^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$	0.44 ± 0.05	$62.29^{+5.14}_{-4.61}$	$2.1^{+0.5}_{-0.1}$	[1000]	263^{+8}_{-7}
No. 6	[0.0]	[0.0]	[0.2]	[34.0]	$3.95^{+0.57}_{-0.89}$	$92.08^{+6.50}_{-7.91}$	284 ± 8
No. 7	[3.16]	[-11.10]	0.22 ± 0.02	$103.56^{+7.09}_{-7.95}$	[0.15]	$43.17^{+1.34}_{-1.02}$	152^{+2}_{-1}
L^* elliptical galaxy	–	–	–	–	[0.15]	$52.48^{+2.17}_{-0.89}$	148^{+2}_{-3}

5.3 Mass distribution in MACSJ 1149

For the cluster MACSJ 1149 at $z = 0.545$, our current model best fit to the HSTFF lensing observations includes 12 new multiply imaged galaxies, bringing the total to only 22, comprising therefore a total of 65 individual lensed images. Unlike the first two HFF clusters, Abell 2744 and MACSJ 0416, MACSJ 1149 does not appear to be as powerful a lens (see Jauzac et al. 2016, for a more detailed discussion). As suggested in our pre-HFF models of the cluster (Richard et al. 2014), the inferred mass distribution here is exceedingly complex requiring five separate large-scale components whose spatial distribution and low masses make this cluster the least efficient and the least well constrained lens of the sample considered here. Our best-to-date model, which is due for significant improvements comprises of five large-scale clumps and 217 galaxy-scale mass components. Our best-fitting model predicts image positions with an rms of 0.91 arcsec which is larger than the rms for our reconstructions of the mass in Abell 2744 and MACSJ 0416. We estimate the total projected mass inside a 200 kpc aperture to be $(1.840 \pm 0.006) \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$. The integrated mass however reaches comparable precision with our models of the other two clusters. Off-set from the centre, the supernova *SN Refsdal* was detected in this cluster. Models from several independent groups including ours predicted that six multiple images would be produced (Grillo et al. 2015; Kelly et al. 2015; Rodney et al. 2015; Sharon & Johnson 2015). The mass model used to infer the SHMF here successfully predicted the appearance of the one of the multiple images seen in 2015 December. The virial radius of MACSJ 1149 is ~ 2 Mpc and we note here that our lensing model reconstruction extends radially out only to a fraction of the virial radius to $\sim 0.3 R_{\text{vir}}$. Table 3 below lists the details of the best-fitting lensing mass model for MACSJ 1149.

6 MAPPING SUBSTRUCTURE IN ABELL 2744, MACSJ 0416 AND MACSJ 1149

With the exquisite data from the HSTFF program for these clusters, and during the process of constructing the highest resolution mass models to date, we obtained constraints on subhaloes associated with cluster member galaxies. Using the `LENSTOOL` software, the mass is partitioned into the large-scale clumps and galaxy-scale subhaloes as permitted by the input observed lensing constraints. `LENSTOOL` uses a Bayesian scheme with an MCMC algorithm to provide the best-fitting suite of models given the priors while delineating the degeneracies amongst model parameters (Jullo et al. 2007).

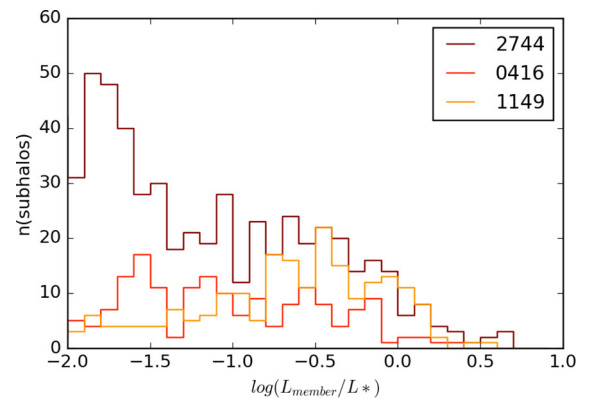


Figure 1. The cluster galaxy luminosity selection for our analysis in Abell 2744, MACSJ 0416 and MACSJ 1149. As seen here clearly, the larger number of identified strong lensing systems and their modelling plus the lower redshift of Abell 2744 allows us to probe more cluster galaxies down to $0.01 L^*$, while the smaller number of strong lensing systems identified in MACSJ 0416 and MACSJ 1149 provide constraints on fewer cluster members down to the same limit luminosity cut. We use the selected number of 563 cluster galaxies in Abell 2744, 175 in MACSJ 0416 and 217 in MACSJ 1149 in all further analysis presented in this work.

In Fig. 1, we plot the luminosity distribution of the selected cluster members in all three clusters. We adopted a uniform luminosity cut and selected all cluster members with $L > 0.01 L^*$. This however yields different numbers for each cluster given their redshifts. With HSTFF data and our selected perturbing cluster members, we are able to now push down to two orders of magnitudes in mass below previous work in the determination of the SHMF. Here, we present in Fig. 2 the derived mass function of substructure over a mass range that spans $\sim 10^{9.5} - 10^{13} M_{\odot}$ derived from the HSTFF data. This is remarkable as the $10^{9.5} M_{\odot}$ clumps correspond to the DM haloes associated with extremely low luminosity cluster members that are essentially dwarf galaxies.

In Fig. 3, we explicitly show thumbnails of low-luminosity cluster members that lie close to multiple-image systems in all three clusters. In many instances (of which only three are shown in Fig. 3), these low-luminosity cluster galaxies that lie in close proximity to multiply imaged systems are needed to accurately reproduce the geometry of some of the lensed images. Therefore, we include all low-luminosity cluster members down to $0.01 L^*$ in the lens modelling in our catalogue of cluster members. And these clearly get folded in and contribute to output of our Bayesian analysis. This

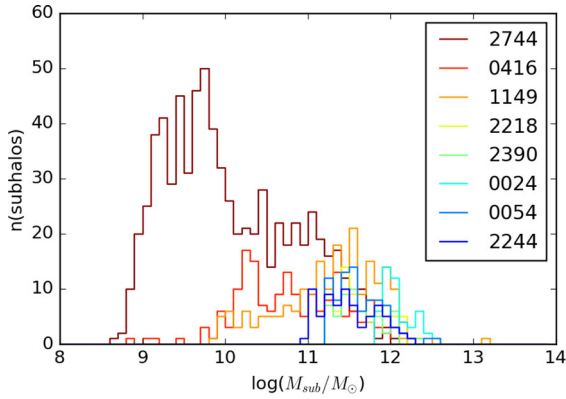


Figure 2. The comparison of the SHMF derived from our current analysis of HSTFF data for Abell 2744, MACSJ 0416 and MACSJ 1149 with prior determinations from shallower *HST* data for the massive lensing clusters Abell 2218, CL0024, CL0054, Abell 2390 and CL2244 that are at a similar redshift range.

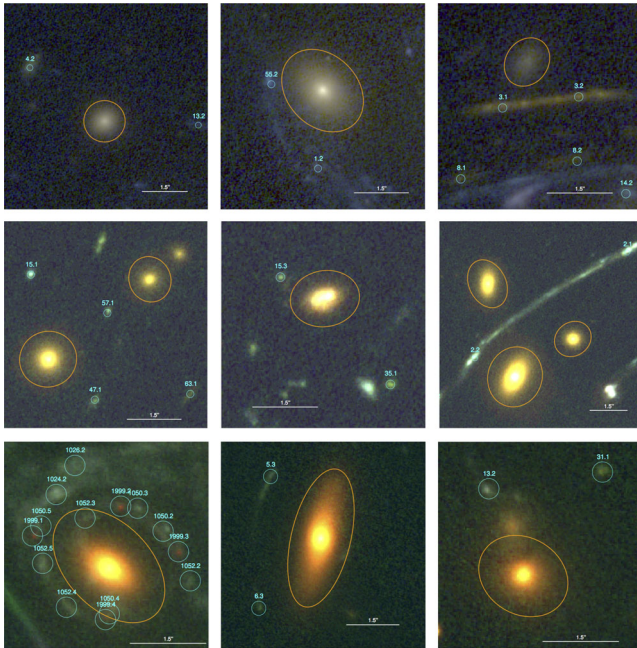


Figure 3. Low-luminosity cluster member galaxies that are included in the modelling as they are required to reproduce the observed multiple-image configurations. Here, we show three panels with examples from each of the three cluster lenses studied here Abell 2744, MACSJ 0416 and MACSJ 1149. The deeper HSTFF data reveal fainter cluster members as well as fainter lensed sources.

mass range of galaxies has not been accessible with any prior data set of cluster lenses (Morishita et al. 2017). We have also determined and overplot the errors arising from modelling in the derived SHMF for all three clusters. To compute these, we used the standard deviation on the derived output values of the fiducial parameters (r_{1*} and σ_{0*}) for each cluster member from large number of models rather than just the best-fitting model from the Bayesian analysis. As is apparent from Fig. 2, the HSTFF data do provide unique insights on the smallest galaxy haloes that contribute to cluster lensing. We note that our completeness extends to $\sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ in subhalo masses. While the mass function at lower masses is far from complete as is clear from the plots, we are for the first time obtaining an inventory, even if partial, on these scales within cluster lenses. These

deep HSTFF data have offered a dramatic gain compared to earlier determinations of the small-scale substructure within clusters from WFPC2 data.

Note that there is a lot of cluster to cluster variation in the amount of substructure, and this is primarily due to the particulars of the geometry – the direction of elongation of the mass distribution, the differences in environment, redshift as well as dynamical state. Abell 2744 for instance, is a complex system with three other comparable mass subclusters actively undergoing a merger while MACSJ 0416 consists of two large-scale clumps that also appear to be merging. MACSJ 1149 on the other hand has the least number of multiple images and the most complex mass distribution that at present is best fit with five merging subclusters; however, these five components are all much less massive compared to the ones inferred to be merging in Abell 2744 and MACSJ 0416.

7 THE ILLUSTRIS SIMULATIONS

In this work, we compare the lensing data to a series of galaxy clusters simulated in a full cosmological context with the code AREPO (Springel 2010) that includes gravity, the hydrodynamics of gas and a series of subgrid prescriptions for star formation and feedback implementing the physics of galaxy formation. These constitute our full physics runs (abbreviated as FP). Here, we focus on comparing our lensing-derived SHMFs with the following sets of simulations: (i) a sample of cluster-scale haloes with masses of about $10^{14} M_{\odot}$ [in fact, we select haloes with masses $\geq 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ extracted from the Illustris Simulation (Genel et al. 2014; Vogelsberger et al. 2014a; Nelson et al. 2015)]; and (ii) zoom simulations of two massive cluster haloes with masses of $7 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ and $2 \times 10^{15} M_{\odot}$, respectively, chosen from the iCluster Simulation Suite (Popa et al., in preparation; Pillepich et al., in preparation). These will be referred to hereafter as 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes* and *iCluster Zooms*. Both sets follow collisionless DM and an equal initial number of baryons, and include an identical set of physically motivated subgrid models to implement galaxy formation (Torrey et al. 2014; Vogelsberger et al. 2014b). In both instances, the simulations have been set up and run with cosmological parameters consistent with WMAP9 results (Hinshaw et al. 2013), from an initial redshift of $z = 126$ to $z = 0$. In this work, we will also make use of the corresponding DM-only runs, with identical initial conditions as the full physics runs described above but performed by taking only gravity into account. Illustris represents a state-of-the-art simulation of a 106.5 Mpc^3 cosmological box and it is currently one of the highest resolution cosmological runs which simultaneously follows the evolution of haloes and galaxies all the way up to objects with total mass of about $2 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ (with a gravitational spatial resolution of about 1 kpc and DM mass resolution of about $6 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$). From these runs 136 snapshots of output data are available, 36 of which are at redshift $z < 0.6$ and with an average time resolution of about 150–200 Myr. More information on the Illustris Simulation Suite can be found at <http://www.illustris-project.org>.

The *iCluster Zooms* extend the massive range of the Illustris box to haloes of about $10^{15} M_{\odot}$. To compare with the HSTFF cluster lenses, here we use the $10^{15.3} M_{\odot}$ [*iCluster Zoom 1*] and the $10^{14.8} M_{\odot}$ [*iCluster Zoom 2*]. These *iCluster Zooms* that were selected from the *Millennium XXL* simulation box (with a size of 4.1 Gpc a side) and then re-simulated with AREPO and WMAP9-consistent cosmology with the so-called zoom technique utilizing the same Illustris galaxy formation model (Angulo et al. 2012, see Popa et al., in preparation; Pillepich et al., in preparation for more details). For these runs 256 output snapshots are available, with 73

snapshots below $z \sim 0.6$ with an average time spacing of about 70–80 Myr. Cluster-scale haloes in both the Illustris and iClusters Simulations are identified using the friends-of-friends algorithm (Davis et al. 1985); bound subhaloes within them are then identified using the SUBFIND algorithm (Springel, Yoshida & White 2001), which in turn provides subhalo catalogues for the numerically determined SHMFs. The key motivation to choose the 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes* and *iCluster Zooms* for comparison to HSTFF data derives from the fact that they have been generated using a state-of-the-art baryonic and galaxy formation model which has been shown to reproduce fairly realistic populations of galaxies and which therefore allows us to straightforwardly mimic the luminosity selection criteria applied to the observational data. By contrast, in earlier such comparison work with cosmological simulations utilizing the *Millennium* run, we had to contend with post-hoc semi-analytic prescriptions for galaxy formation to replicate our selection criteria. Moreover, current availability of the full physics runs as well as the DM-only counterparts in the Illustris suite also offer us a unique handle to assess the effects of baryonic physics on the underlying SHMFs.

The lensing-derived enclosed mass within an aperture of 200 kpc is $\sim 2.1 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ for Abell 2744; mass within an aperture of 200 kpc is $\sim 1.6 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ for MACSJ 0416 and within 200 kpc is $\sim 1.8 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ for MACSJ 1149. Only the $10^{15.3}$ *iCluster Zoom* run is truly comparable in terms of mass, and indeed in what follows the comparison between the FF data and simulations will be mostly focused on substructure derived from this halo. Yet, despite the overall mismatch in cluster masses of the Illustris box haloes, the 10^{14} *Illustris clusters* sample can provide a sense for the statistics as it comprises a total of 325 clusters across the entire redshift range $z = 0.2$ – 0.6 , which we analyse and compare with the HSTFF sample to study the dependence of the SHMF on the parent halo mass.

The *iCluster Zooms* employ a fixed comoving softening length for the highest resolution DM particles $\epsilon_{\text{DM}} = 2.84$ kpc; a softening length for baryonic collisionless particles (stars and black holes) that is capped at a maximum value of $\epsilon_{\text{baryon}} = 1.42$ kpc. An adaptive softening scheme is adopted for the gas cells, wherein the softening length is proportional to the cell size. The mass resolution for the gas cells located in the high-resolution region are successively refined to lie within a factor of 2 of the mass of baryonic particles (roughly $10^7 M_{\odot}$ while the masses of the high-resolution DM particles are kept fixed at $\sim 5.8 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$). An appropriately cascading scale is adopted for the medium- and low-resolution DM particles that get refined at subsequent levels. Details of the refinement scheme and the re-simulation methodology can be found in Popa et al. (in preparation) and Pillepich et al. (in preparation).

Cataloguing the abundance and mass spectrum of subhaloes bound to these selected cluster-scale haloes, we compare these LCDM-predicted properties to those derived directly from the lensing data. For each selected simulated cluster from the 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes*, the SHMF was computed and the mean and standard deviation computed for the entire sample of clusters. In order to estimate the variance from the *iCluster Zooms*, we computed the dispersion adopting the following method. We compute the SHMF for each zoom cluster at ≈ 20 snapshots, corresponding to the $z_{\text{cluster}} \pm 0.1$. Each SHMF is then scaled by the ratio of the halo mass at the cluster redshift snapshot to that at the given i -th snapshot, thus correcting for evolution with halo mass. The minimum and maximum SHMF thus obtained define the boundaries of the scatter that is plotted. Given that we have only two massive clusters that are truly comparable to the HSTFFs, this is the scheme we adopted to arrive at a rough estimate of the scatter.

From the 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes* and *iCluster Zooms*, we selected only the subhaloes that hosted luminous cluster members. We compare the data and simulations within the same projected area as spanned by the HSTFF lens models. The lens models extend out only to a fraction of the virial radius to only about ~ 30 – 50 per cent. Within this region, we then count match by mimicking the selection of the same number of bright galaxies from the simulation and construct the mass function of their host DM subhaloes. The results of the comparisons of the count-matched subhaloes are detailed in the next section. In order to make an abundance-matched comparison with our HSTFF data sets, we selected the subhaloes that hosted the 733 brightest galaxies in the *iCluster Zooms* and the 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes* for Abell 2744, 175 galaxies for comparison with MACSJ 0416 and 217 for MACSJ 1149. Ideally, we would have liked to adopt the same magnitude cut for cluster members in Illustris as done with the observational data in the K band to select the equivalent simulated cluster members. However, since the Illustris simulations are unable to match the observed luminosity function of cluster galaxies at these epochs we do not adopt this scheme. Work to improve the match with observed cluster galaxies is actively on-going within the Illustris collaboration (Pillepich et al., private communication). Instead, what we do is simply select the DM subhaloes that host the equivalent number of brightest cluster galaxies to compare with the lensing data. This in turn best mimics our observational selection. An important point has been made recently in the literature about the systematics introduced by the choice of halo-finder algorithm used in the determination of bound subhaloes from simulations and therefore the SHMF. Onions et al. (2012), Knebe et al. (2013) and van den Bosch & Jiang (2016) have shown that SHMFs determined by different halo finders agree only to within ~ 20 per cent at the low-mass end. At the massive end of the SHMF, they report that subhalo finders that identify using density criteria in configuration space can underpredict by more than an order of magnitude. We need to be attentive to these systematic effects arising from different methods used to identify subhaloes while interpreting our results. It is known that there is evolution in the properties of bound subhaloes with parent halo mass (van den Bosch et al. 2005). Therefore, to illustrate this dependence on cluster mass, we also examined the subhalo properties in Illustris clusters with lower masses in the range of $10^{13.5}$ – $10^{14} M_{\odot}$, even lower than those considered in the 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes*. In order to understand the effect of halo-to-halo variance on the high-mass end of the SHMFs, we used analytic predictions for a cluster halo with mass $\sim 10^{15} M_{\odot}$ within the equivalent spatial region that best reflects the Field of View (FOV) of HSTFF data.

Finally, it has to be noted that highly efficient massive lenses like those selected in the HSTFF sample tend to have complicated mass distributions, enhanced surface mass densities due to interactions and on-going mergers that in fact make them desirable targets for study. The peculiar dynamics of these merging subclusters, with several components interacting, reflect rare geometries and phase-space configurations: that are not available in the entire Illustris box and amongst the *iCluster Zooms* even though the zoom runs have comparable masses to the HSTFF clusters studied here.

8 COMPARISON WITH ILLUSTRIS SIMULATIONS

To compare the results of the lensing analysis with Illustris simulations, we focus primarily on the *iCluster Zooms*, particularly on the more massive *iCluster Zoom 1*. A DM-only run as well as

one implementing the full physics was performed for the *iCluster Zooms*. We also study the $10^{14} M_{\odot}$ *Illustris Haloes* in the box, with $M > 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ within $\delta z \pm 0.1$ in redshift of each of the HSTFF clusters ($z \sim 0.3$ – 0.6). Our analysis is centred on comparison with the *iCluster Zooms*.

First, we compare the lensing derived SHMFs for each of the three HSTFF clusters studied here with that derived from *iCluster Zoom 1* over the same projected area as the data at the appropriate redshift. The ACS image footprint corresponds in radius to approximately one-third to one-half the virial radius for these clusters. We select subhaloes in *iCluster Zoom 1* and for the $10^{14} M_{\odot}$ *Illustris Haloes* from within the corresponding projected radii corresponding to the ACS footprint for each cluster. We then proceed to make a member galaxy count-matched comparison after imposing this radial cut. This selection of subhaloes associated with the number of brightest cluster galaxies in each of these cluster lenses is referred to as the count-matched SHMF hereafter. We caution here that it is known that the luminosity function of real clusters is not appropriately reproduced by these simulations at the present time.

Substructure is ubiquitous in the *iCluster Zooms* as well as in the $10^{14} M_{\odot}$ *Illustris Haloes* clusters and the SHMF as predicted by LCDM is dominated by low-mass haloes in terms of their abundance. The HSTFF data have helped us push the mass scale of detected subhaloes down by two orders of magnitude. However, we still have a resolution limit of $10^{9.5} M_{\odot}$, even prior to which incompleteness sets in as seen in Fig. 2. In simulated LCDM clusters, the substructure mass function extends well below this limit than we cannot probe in these cluster lenses even at this exquisite depth. Given this we make two kinds of selections within simulations: (i) an abundance-/count-matched version – wherein we select the DM subhaloes associated with the brightest 563, 175 and 217 cluster galaxies as in Abell 2744, MACSJ 0416 and MACSJ 1149, respectively; and (ii) a selection that includes all subhaloes with masses $M > 10^9 M_{\odot}$ that contain a luminous component. In the *Illustris* $10^{14} M_{\odot}$ *Illustris Haloes* (run that includes the full subgrid physics), we have 137 clusters at the redshift ($z \sim 0.3$) of Abell 2744; 117 clusters at the redshift ($z \sim 0.4$) of MACSJ 0416 and 66 clusters at the redshift ($z \sim 0.5$) of MACSJ 1149. We now proceed to compare the SHMF derived from the HSTFF data with those derived from the appropriate redshift *iCluster Zoom 1* snapshot for each of the three clusters.

First, we find that the SHMFs derived within $0.5 R_{\text{vir}}$ from the DM-only *iCluster Zoom 1* snapshot and the full physics *iCluster Zoom 1* snapshot shown in Fig. 4 are remarkably similar over the mass scales probed here. Both these SHMFs derived from the *iCluster Zoom 1* run are also in very good agreement with the lensing-derived SHMF for Abell 2744 at the high-mass end and the diverge at the masses below $10^{10} M_{\odot}$ due to the incompleteness in the lensing data. Further as seen in Fig. 5, the lensing-derived SHMFs with different assumptions for the fidelity of how light traces masses are also fairly similar. This suggests that given the current quality of data in the HSTFFs, the SHMF is fairly robust and cannot constrain the details of how galaxies populate DM haloes for subhaloes more massive than $10^{10} M_{\odot}$. Differences start to appear at lower subhalo masses. In Fig. 6, we note that the count-matched SHMFs from Abell 2744 and *iCluster Zoom 1* are in excellent agreement both in amplitude and shape over four orders of magnitude in subhalo mass, from 10^9 to $10^{13} M_{\odot}$, with a slight excess seen at $\sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$, which we show can be completely accounted for when cosmic variance can be more accurately taken into account with the analytic calculation of the SHMF.

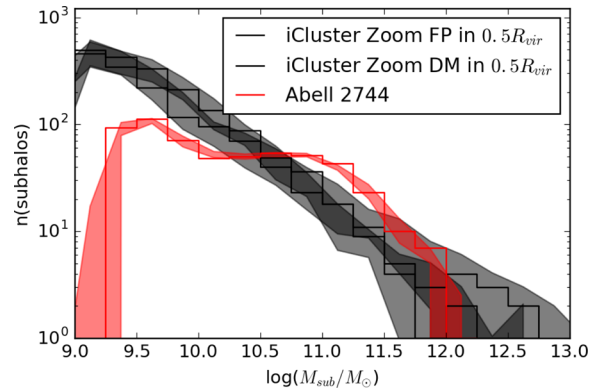


Figure 4. Comparison of the SHMF derived for Abell 2744 (with overplotted modelling errors derived from the dispersion in N -Bayesian realizations for the key fiducial parameters r_{1*} and σ_{0*}) with dark matter only and full physics *Illustris iCluster Zooms*: the SHMF derived from the HSTFF data (red histogram) for Abell 2744 is plotted along with that derived from the *iCluster Zooms*. The DM-only run is plotted as a solid black histogram with the dispersion marked in the dark grey band and the full physics run (grey histogram) and corresponding dispersion shown as the light grey band. Subhaloes within $0.5 R_{\text{vir}}$ that corresponds to the FOV of ACS over which the lensing model has been reconstructed are extracted from *iCluster Zoom 1*. The full physics run of *iCluster Zoom 1* includes subgrid models for the physical processes that are relevant to galaxy formation. From the full physics run, we have selected only subhaloes that host a stellar component.

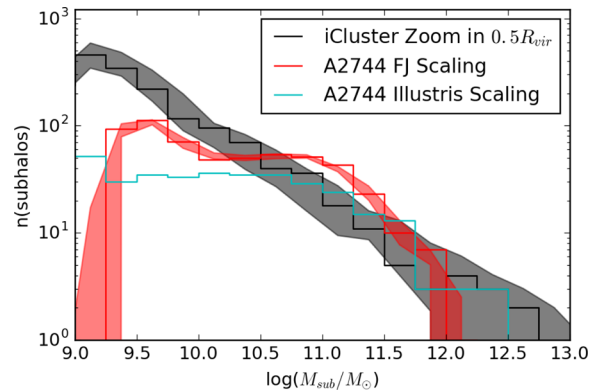


Figure 5. Comparing lensing-derived SHMFs (with estimated model errors) for different assumptions relating mass to light: here, we plot the SHMFs derived from the best-fitting lensing model for Abell 2744 using the Faber–Jackson and Kormendy luminosity scaling laws (FJ scaling), with that derived for the best-fitting lens model using the scaling laws from the full physics run of the *Illustris* simulations (Illustris scaling).

In Fig. 7, we plot the SHMF derived for the cluster lens Abell 2744 for the two scaling laws; that derived from *iCluster Zoom 1* as well as the analytically calculated SHMF for a $10^{15} M_{\odot}$ cluster halo that now includes an estimate of the halo-to-halo scatter shown as the dull green band in Fig. 7. We note the excellent agreement between the various independently determined SHMFs consistent with our estimate of cosmic variance.

We now examine the dependence of the SHMF on parent halo mass using the $10^{14} M_{\odot}$ *Illustris Haloes* in Fig. 8. As expected theoretically from the work of van den Bosch et al. (2005), the peak of the SHMF is sensitive to parent halo mass and tends to shift towards higher subhalo masses for more massive parent haloes. The slope at the high-mass end, however, appears to converge independent of the parent halo mass. The trends clearly show that the SHMF for Abell

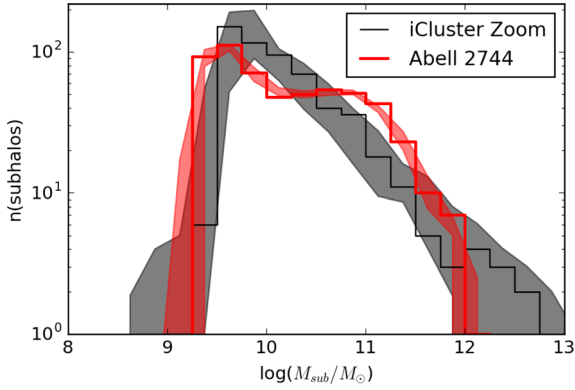


Figure 6. Comparison of the count-matched SHMF derived for Abell 2744: the SHMF from the HSTFF data (red histogram) and the count-matched SHMF from *iCluster Zoom 1* are plotted. Here, mimicking the observational selection, only the DM subhaloes associated with the brightest 563 cluster galaxies that lie within $0.5 R_{\text{vir}}$ in the snapshot at $z \sim 0.3$ of *iCluster Zoom 1* are plotted.

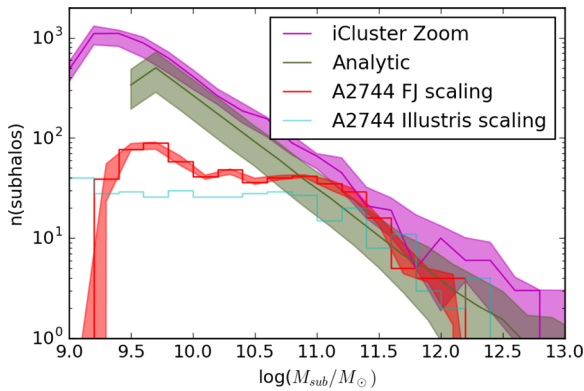


Figure 7. Comparison with the analytically predicted SHMF: the lensing-derived SHMF (with model errors) for the two independent scaling laws is overlotted along with the analytically calculated SHMF for a cluster halo with mass equivalent to that of Abell 2744. This analytic estimate includes the halo-to-halo scatter that is shown in the dull green band.

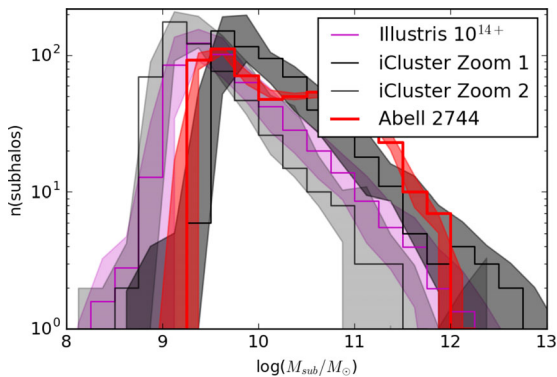


Figure 8. Comparison of the SHMF derived for Abell 2744 (count-matched) with that of the SHMF derived from simulated massive clusters in Illustris to show dependence on parent halo mass. Here, we plot the SHMF from the HSTFF data (red histogram) and the count-matched SHMF from the two simulated zoomed in massive clusters with masses of $10^{15.3} M_{\odot}$ *iCluster Zoom 1* and $10^{14.5} M_{\odot}$ *iCluster Zoom 2* as well as from a larger sample of $137 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ *Illustris* clusters. Once again mimicking the observational selection, only the DM subhaloes associated with the brightest 563 cluster galaxies that lie within $0.5 R_{\text{vir}}$ – count matched to the HFF-derived SHMF for Abell 2744 – are plotted.

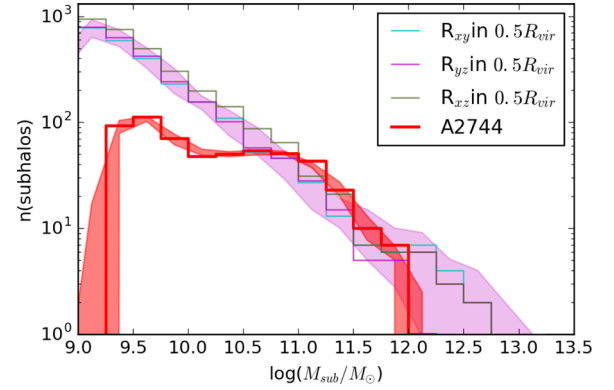


Figure 9. Projection effects on the derived SHMF from simulations: here, we plot the SHMF derived from the zoomed in Illustris cluster *iCluster Zoom 1* derived by projecting along three distinct axes within $0.5 R_{\text{vir}}$. Note that the dispersion arising from projection effects is negligible.

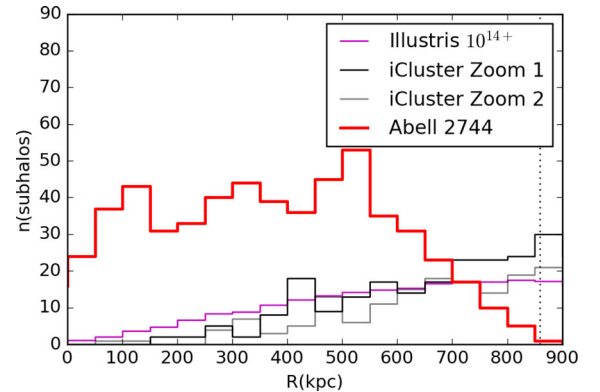


Figure 10. Radial distribution of the SHMF derived from *iCluster Zoom 1* compared to that of the lensing derived SHMF for Abell 2744 from the HSTFF data (red histogram). The snapshot was selected from the full physics run of *iCluster Zoom 1*. We clearly see that galaxies in *iCluster Zoom 1* are not as centrally concentrated as Abell 2744.

2744 agrees best with that derived from the equivalent total mass cluster – the *iCluster Zoom 1* run. We investigate the role of various projections from the *iCluster Zoom 1* run to assess their contribution to the error budget in the derived SHMFs. For Abell 2744 as shown in Fig. 9, we note that the SHMF derived from three independent projections from the *iCluster Zoom 1* snapshot converge for subhalo masses $> 10^{10.5} M_{\odot}$ and the agreement in both slope and amplitude are excellent at the high-mass end. Although the *iCluster Zoom 1* snapshot at $z \sim 0.3$ clearly offers the appropriate mass equivalent for the cluster lens Abell 2744, we find that there is considerable discrepancy when comparing the radial distribution of subhaloes, shown in Fig. 10. Simulated galaxies and consequently their host subhaloes appear to be much less concentrated in the inner regions compared to the real galaxies in Abell 2744. The mismatch in the radial distribution suggests that mass segregation is more efficient in observed cluster lenses while tidal stripping, tidal heating and dynamical friction might be overefficient in simulations, leading to the dramatic reduction in the masses of in-falling subhaloes. Some of this disagreement could also arise from systematics introduced by algorithmic limitations of subhalo finders as noted earlier. What is clear though is that the HSTFF clusters represent transitory merging states of massive clusters that are not captured in simulation outputs. While the lensing signal itself is independent of the dynamical state

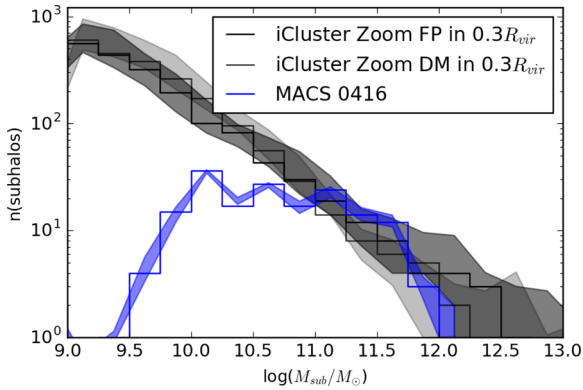


Figure 11. Comparison of the SHMF derived for MACSJ 0416 (with over-plotted modelling errors derived from the dispersion in N-Bayesian realizations for the key fiducial parameters r_{18} and σ_{0*}) from the HSTFF data (blue histogram) with that derived from the DM-only run of *iCluster Zoom 1* plotted as a solid black histogram with $\pm 1\sigma$ dispersion as the dark grey region. We also plot data from the SHMF derived from the full physics run of *iCluster Zoom 1* (dispersion around mean marked in lighter grey) within $0.3R_{\text{vir}}$ that is equivalent to the ACS FOV over which the lensing model has been reconstructed. From the full physics run of *iCluster Zoom 1*, we have selected all DM subhaloes that host a stellar component to derive the SHMF plotted here. The snapshots at $z \sim 0.4$ are plotted to compare with MACSJ 0416.

of a cluster, the transient complex dynamics during an on-going merging event appears to alter the radial distribution of substructure significantly. In order to probe the role of the dynamical state, in future work, we intend to perform zoom-in runs while tracking the anatomy of the merger process by writing out output files more densely sampled in time, in particular just prior to and right after major subcluster mergers.

The mass distribution for MACSJ 0416 is the best constrained of the three HSTFF clusters studied here since cluster membership has been largely spectroscopically determined. Abell 2744 has a larger number of identified cluster members (namely 563), though fewer of them are spectroscopically confirmed, while for MACSJ 0416 despite having fewer selected cluster galaxies (numbering 175), they are all spectroscopically confirmed to be in the cluster. Proceeding to compare the overall abundance and count-matched version of the SHMF for MACSJ 0416, once again we find excellent agreement with the appropriate redshift snapshot over the equivalent projected area corresponding to within $0.3R_{\text{vir}}$ of *iCluster Zoom 1* grown in an LCDM cosmology. Once again at the high-mass end of the SHMF, both the DM-only snapshot and the full physics snapshot from *iCluster Zoom 1* agree rather well with the lensing-derived SHMF (Fig. 11). We note for MACSJ 0416 as well, the weak dependence of the lensing-derived SHMFs on the assumed scaling laws that are adopted to relate light and mass in the lensing inversion (Fig. 12). There is once again, as for Abell 2744, strikingly good agreement between observations and simulations when we select DM subhaloes associated with the equivalent number of brightest cluster galaxies. In Fig. 6, the SHMF derived from *iCluster Zoom 1* is number matched with the observational selection for Abell 2744 and includes only the DM haloes that host the brightest 563 cluster galaxies. The same is done with the appropriate redshift snapshot of *iCluster Zoom 1*, wherein only DM subhaloes hosting the brightest 175 galaxies within $0.3R_{\text{vir}}$ are selected for comparison with the MACSJ 0416 data, shown in Fig. 13. The match is again excellent overall, and here too, we note a slight excess in the number of subhaloes derived from the HSTFF data compared to those selected

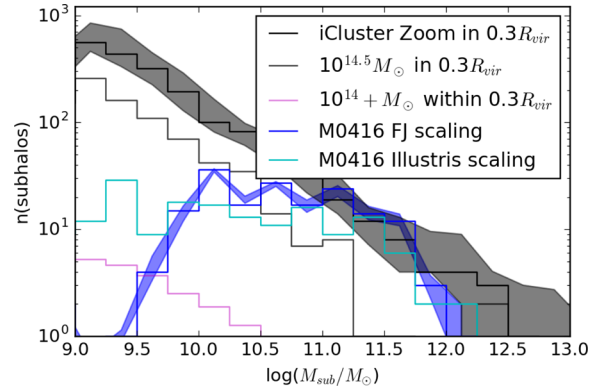


Figure 12. Comparing lensing-derived SHMFs (with model errors) for different assumptions relating mass to light: here, we plot the SHMFs derived from the best-fitting lensing model for MACSJ 0416 using the Faber–Jackson and Kormendy luminosity scaling laws, with that derived for the best-fitting lens model using the scaling laws from the full physics run of *iCluster Zoom 1*.

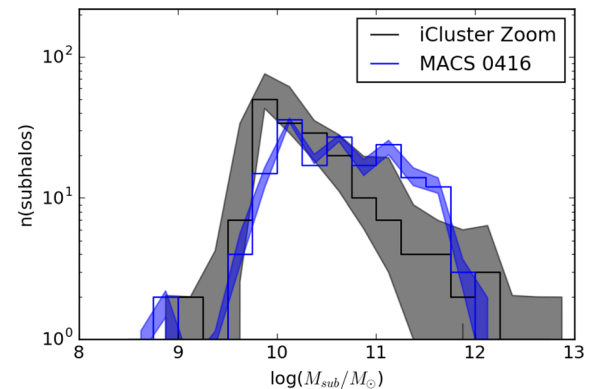


Figure 13. Comparison of the count-matched SHMF derived for MACSJ 0416 from the HSTFF data (blue histogram) with that derived from *iCluster Zoom 1* (the $z \sim 0.4$ full physics run snapshot) now mimicking the observational selection. Here, only subhaloes that are associated with the brightest 175 cluster galaxies (number matched to the HSTFF data of MACSJ 0416 are included within $0.3R_{\text{vir}}$) in the solid black histogram. The 1σ cluster-to-cluster variation is once again plotted as the grey region.

from *iCluster Zoom 1* at $\sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ as in the case for Abell 2744. However, upon overplotting the analytically determined SHMF that includes an estimate of the halo-to-halo scatter (Fig. 14), the excess is entirely consistent with what is expected from cosmic variance. We find the same trends and dependence of the SHMF with parent halo mass for MACSJ 0416 (Fig. 15) as we did for Abell 2744. And once again projection effects do not scupper the robustness of the SHMF as a diagnostic of the underlying cosmological model (Fig. 16). The radial distribution of subhaloes, that is essentially the radial distribution of early-type bright galaxies in MACSJ 0416 is not reproduced by the simulated cluster *iCluster Zoom 1*. Once again, we find that subhaloes are more diffusely distributed in *iCluster Zooms* compared to the more concentration distribution seen in MACSJ 0416 (Fig. 17).

In recently published work, Grillo et al. (2015) independently determined substructure properties for MACSJ 0416 employing the same methodology outlined here. The pre-HSTFF data mass model that they construct for this cluster using shallower CLASH survey data includes far fewer strong lensing constraints compared to our analysis here. However, for our analysis of the HSTFF

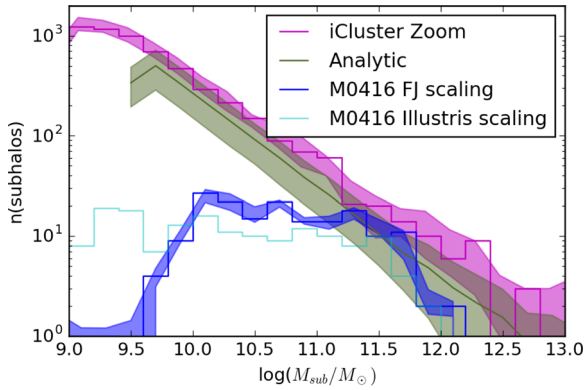


Figure 14. Comparison with the analytically predicted SHMF: the lensing derived SHMF (with model errors) for the two independent scaling laws is overlotted along with the analytically calculated SHMF for a cluster halo with mass equivalent to that of MACSJ 0416. This analytic estimate includes the halo-to-halo scatter that is shown in the dull green band.

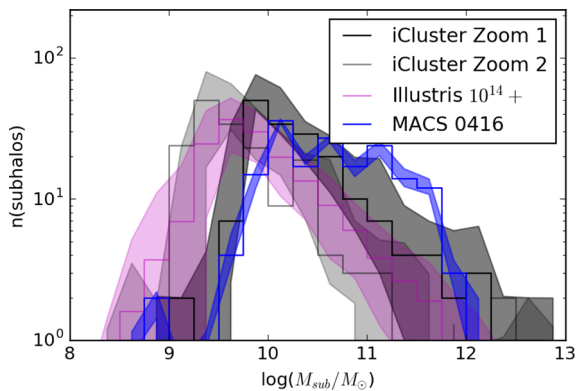


Figure 15. Comparison of the SHMF derived for MACSJ 0416 from the HSTFF data (blue histogram) with that derived from the two massive zoomed-in simulated clusters *iCluster Zooms* (the $z \sim 0.4$ full physics run snapshots) and the 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes* of $M > 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ mimicking the observational selection in all of them. Here, only subhaloes that host the brightest 175 cluster galaxies (number matched to the HSTFF data of MACSJ 0416 are included) selected from the simulations. The 1σ cluster-to-cluster variations are once again plotted as the bands.

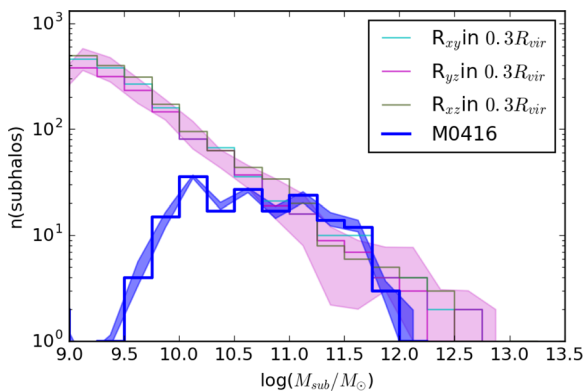


Figure 16. Projection effects on the derived SHMF: here, we plot the SHMF derived from *Illustris* clusters derived by projecting along several distinct axes within $0.3 R_{\text{vir}}$. We note that projection effects cannot account for slight excess seen in the observationally determined SHMF in MACSJ 0416 (blue histogram) and the determinations from *iCluster Zoom 1*.

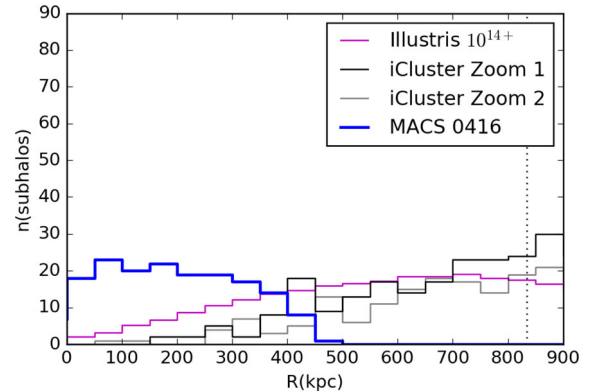


Figure 17. Radial distribution of the SHMF derived from simulated *Illustris* clusters (10^{14} *Illustris Haloes*) as well as the two zoomed-in *iCluster Zooms* compared to that of the lensing-derived SHMF for MACSJ 0416 from the HSTFF data (blue histogram). Once again the most massive 117 simulated clusters selected at $z = 0.3-0.5$ from the 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes* and the two massive zoomed-in cluster snapshots of the full physics run were selected. As clearly seen from the radial distribution of the count-matched subhaloes that galaxies in *Illustris* are not as centrally concentrated as MACSJ 0416. The radial distribution of subhaloes in *Illustris* are significantly more diffuse even when compared to the *iCluster Zooms*.

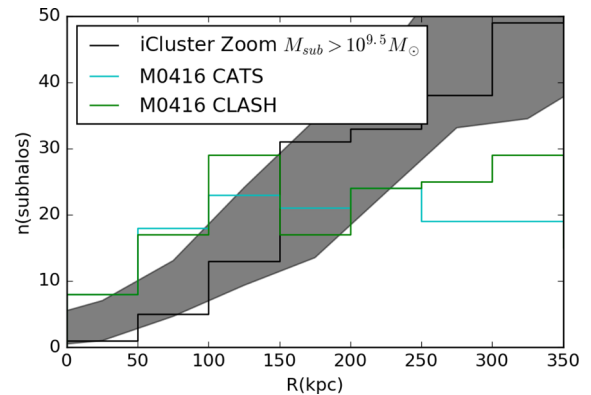


Figure 18. Comparison of subhalo properties in MACSJ 0416 inferred from lens modelling in this work and from the CLASH collaboration (Grillo et al. 2015) with that derived from the $10^{15} M_{\odot}$ cluster from the *Illustris* suite – the radial distribution of subhaloes.

data of MACSJ 0416 presented here, we have used their cluster galaxy catalogue as mentioned earlier. Adopting the same modelling methodology as us using *LENSTOOL*, their best-fitting mass model also comprised of two large-scale components and 175 galaxy-scale components. Upon comparison of the derived mass function of DM substructure with a DM-only cosmological simulation, they report a paucity of massive subhaloes in the inner regions of simulated LCDM clusters compared to the shallower CLASH data of MACSJ 0416. However, as noted above, with the deeper HSTFF data for MACSJ 0416 and performing a count-matched comparison with the full physics *iCluster Zoom 1* snapshot, we find an excellent overall match with a slight excess that is fully accounted for by cosmic variance at subhalo masses of $\sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ as well as systematics that derive from the choice of halo-finding algorithm adopted for subhalo selection. In Figs 18 and 19, we compare the radial distribution of subhaloes and their velocity dispersion distribution reported by Grillo et al. (2015) with our estimates derived from the *iCluster Zoom 1* run. We find very good agreement with the overall lens modelling of MACSJ 0416 and consequently the inferred

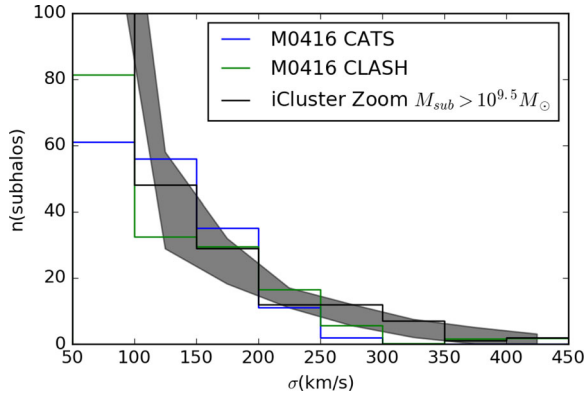


Figure 19. Comparison of subhalo properties in MACSJ 0416 inferred from lens modelling in this work and from the CLASH collaboration (Grillo et al. 2015) with that derived from the $10^{15} M_{\odot}$ cluster from the Illustris suite – the velocity dispersion function of subhaloes. We find very good agreement between the two best-fitting mass models and the *iCluster Zooms*

subhalo properties with their work. However, our better constrained mass model that incorporates many more observational constraints from the HSTFF data and comparison with *iCluster Zoom 1* that includes galaxy formation enables a more careful, detailed study of the SHMF. There are slight difference in the masses attributed to individual subhaloes by the best-fitting models produced pre-HFF by Grillo et al. (2015) and our work here with HSTFF data for MACSJ 0416, despite using the same lens inversion and analysis methodology. This is not unexpected, as the choice of priors adopted in the lens modelling does impact the final best-fitting models that are derived. A comprehensive study comparing various mass modelling methodologies and their accuracy in the reconstruction of a simulated cluster where all components are known was undertaken recently, and the results of this extremely illuminating exercise are presented in Meneghetti et al. (2016). In this study, our model reconstruction of the simulated cluster *Ares* using the methodology described and adopted here was found to recover nearly unbiased substructure masses with good accuracy (as shown in fig. 16 of Meneghetti et al. 2016).

We present the results of similar comparisons now for MACSJ 1149 (shown in Figs 20–26). As mentioned above, the mass distribution for the MACSJ 1149 is least well constrained at the moment. This cluster is currently being followed-up with concerted spectroscopic campaigns led by several groups. Data sharing to obtain the best-to-date mass model and magnification map is expected to commence after the summer of 2016. Besides, in terms of gross properties although this cluster is the least massive, yet it appears to have an extremely complex spatial distribution. Its lower mass than Abell 2744 and MACSJ 0416, makes it a significantly less efficient gravitational lens. MACSJ 1149 appears to have an order of magnitude fewer multiply imaged sources identified at present and this of course directly translates into a less well-determined mass distribution and therefore a less well-constrained SHMF. Comparisons are once again drawn between the *iCluster Zoom 1* snapshot at $z \sim 0.55$ and equivalent projected area of the HSTFF data footprint which corresponds to $\sim 0.5 R_{\text{vir}}$. While the SHMFs derived from the DM-only snapshot and the full physics run snapshot of *iCluster Zoom 1* are in good agreement with each other, there is considerable discrepancy with the lensing-derived SHMF as seen in Figs 20 and 21. There is a notable excess in the abundance of lensing-derived subhaloes in the mass bin ranging from $10^{11} - 10^{12} M_{\odot}$ in the SHMF, and this remains prominent even in the count-matched

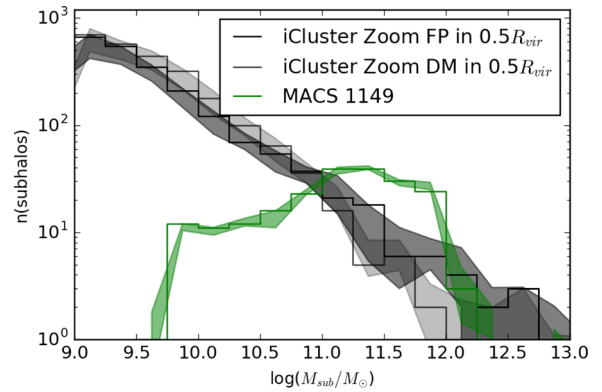


Figure 20. Comparison of the SHMF derived for MACSJ 1149 (with over-plotted modelling errors derived from the dispersion in N -Bayesian realizations for the key fiducial parameters r_{1*} and σ_{0*}) from the HSTFF data (green histogram) with that derived from the DM only snapshot of *iCluster Zoom 1* plotted as a solid black histogram with $\pm 1\sigma$ dispersion as the grey region. The $z \sim 0.55$ snapshot of *iCluster Zoom 1* was chosen to match the redshift of MACSJ 1149. We also plot data of the SHMF derived from the full physics run of *iCluster Zoom 1* (dispersion around mean marked in lighter grey) within $0.5 R_{\text{vir}}$ that is equivalent to the ACS FOV over which the lensing model has been reconstructed.

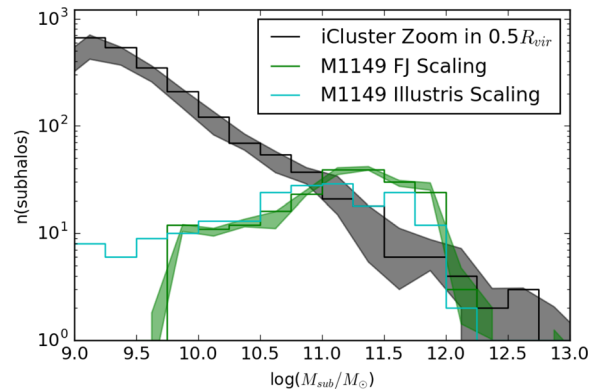


Figure 21. Comparing lensing-derived SHMFs for different assumptions relating mass to light: here, we plot the SHMFs (with model errors) derived from the best-fitting lensing model for MACSJ 1149 using the Faber–Jackson and Kormendy luminosity scaling laws, with that derived from the best-fitting lens model using the scaling laws from the full physics run of *iCluster Zoom 1*.

version plotted in Fig. 22. In the case of MACSJ 1149, this excess cannot be explained even when cosmic variance is taken into account with the analytic calculation (see Fig. 23). The unparalleled complexity of MACSJ 1149 and the fact that the *iCluster Zooms* are not dynamically equivalent can account for this discrepancy. The evolution of the SHMF with parent halo mass seen in Fig. 24 is also more dramatic – this is of course not unexpected as this is the highest redshift cluster analysed here and it is likely still very much in the process of assembly. The subhalo excess persists when comparing with various projections of *iCluster Zoom 1* (see Fig. 25). Finally, we note that the radial distribution of subhaloes from the simulations is more concentrated in this case (Fig. 26). Given that the MACSJ 1149 has the least tightly constrained lensing mass model at present while having the most complex geometry of the three HSTFF clusters studied here, the slight disagreement between observations and simulations does not signal any tension with the LCDM paradigm. Once a more accurate mass model can

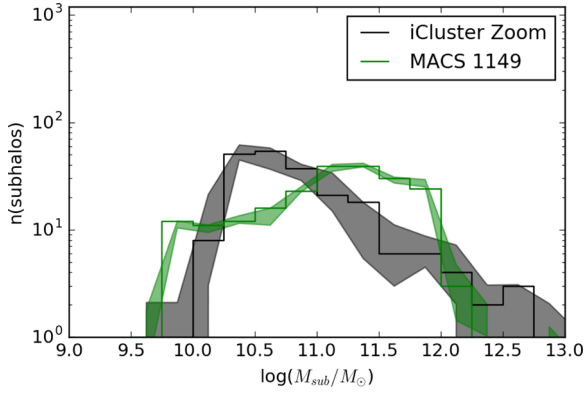


Figure 22. Comparison of the count-matched SHMF derived for MACSJ 1149 from the HSTFF data (green histogram) with the *iCluster Zoom 1* snapshot. Once again the *iCluster Zoom 1* snapshot from the full physics run was selected; however, here only the DM subhaloes associated with the brightest 217 cluster galaxies – number matched within $0.5R_{\text{vir}}$ to the HFF-derived SHMF are plotted.

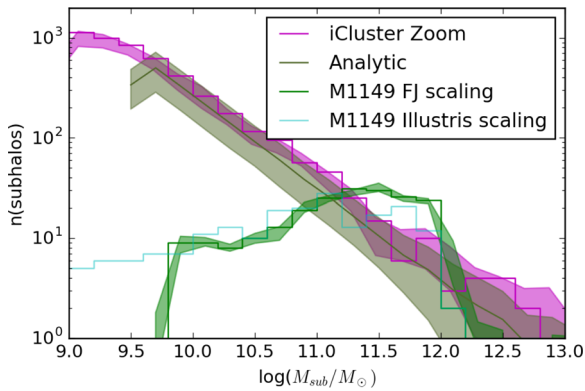


Figure 23. Comparison with the analytically predicted SHMF: the lensing-derived SHMF (with model errors) for the two independent scaling laws is overlotted along with the analytically calculated SHMF for a cluster halo with mass equivalent to that of MACSJ 1149. This analytic estimate includes the halo-to-halo scatter that is shown in the dull green band. Note that the excess in substructure abundance seen in the mass range between 10^{11} and $10^{12} M_{\odot}$ cannot be fully accounted for with cosmic variance alone.

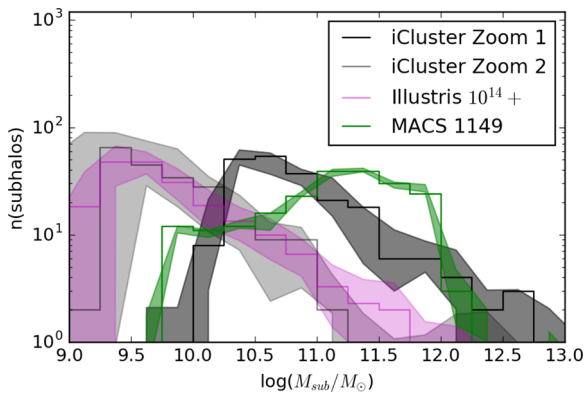


Figure 24. Comparison of the SHMF derived for MACSJ 1149 from the HSTFF data (green histogram) with that derived from the two *iCluster Zooms* as well the larger sample 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes* with $M > 10^{14+} M_{\odot}$ clusters now mimicking the observational selection. Here, only subhaloes that host the brightest 217 cluster galaxies (number matched to the HSTFF data of MACSJ 1149 are included) are selected from the simulations. The 1σ cluster-to-cluster variations are once again plotted as the bands.

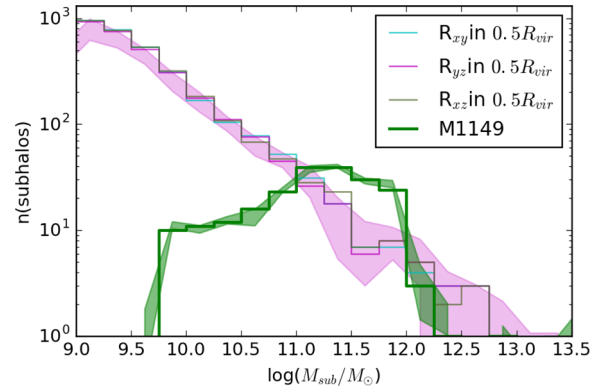


Figure 25. Projection effects on the derived SHMF: here, we plot the SHMF derived from the *iCluster Zoom 1* snapshot derived by projecting along several distinct axes within $0.5R_{\text{vir}}$ with the lensing-derived SHMF for MACSJ 1149.

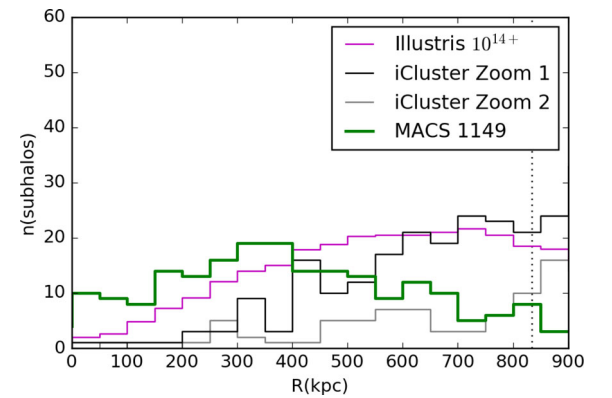


Figure 26. Radial distribution of the SHMF derived from simulated *Illustris* clusters and *iCluster Zoom 1* compared to that of the lensing-derived SHMF for MACSJ 1149 from the HSTFF data (green histogram). Once again the most massive 66 simulated clusters with $M > 10^{14+} M_{\odot}$ were selected at $z = 0.45-0.65$ from the *Illustris* simulation box comprising 10^{14} *Illustris Haloes* that were selected from the full physics run of *Illustris*. We also plot the radial distribution of the count-matched subhaloes from two *iCluster Zooms*. We clearly see in this case that surprisingly, galaxies in the simulations do better mimic the distribution in MACSJ 1149 in the inner regions than for the other two HSTFF cluster lenses.

be constructed, it would be instructive to re-do the above analysis, which we hope to tackle in future work once spectroscopic data is available to tighten model constraints.

Finally, we present the 3D visualization of the substructure distribution derived from the HSTFF data for all three clusters in Figs 27–29.

9 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

One of the key predictions of the standard Λ CDM model is the presence of abundant substructure within collapsed, virialized haloes. The SHMF and other substructure properties like their radial distribution and velocity dispersion functions can be determined both analytically and derived from high-resolution N -body simulations. Despite gaps in our understanding of the physics of galaxy formation, translating from observations of galaxies in clusters to the derived DM substructure using cluster lenses has offered an important test of the Λ CDM paradigm. Several criteria must be met by a large-scale numerical simulation of structure formation in order to

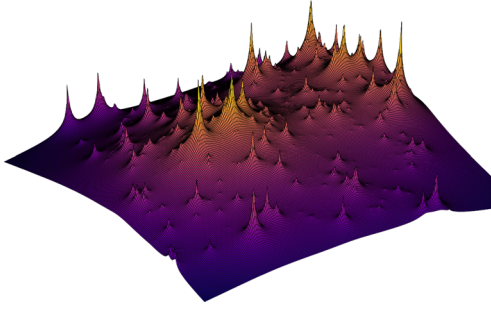


Figure 27. 3D visualization of the lensing-derived substructure distribution for Abell 2744.

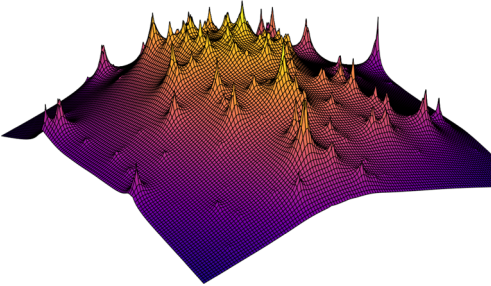


Figure 28. 3D visualization of the lensing-derived substructure distribution for MACSJ 0416.

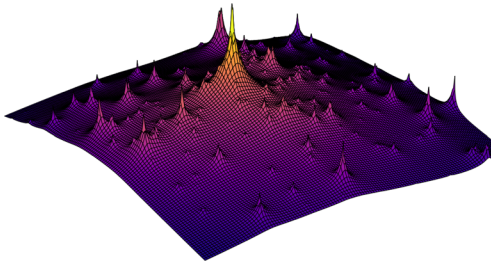


Figure 29. 3D visualization of the lensing-derived substructure distribution for MACSJ 1149.

permit a meaningful comparison with observations like the ones discussed by us here. Specifically, the comparison of a lensing-derived SHMF with DM-only simulations (as performed in previous works) does not enable robust testing of the predictions of the LCDM paradigm. For the analysis presented in this paper, it was thus crucial to choose simulations that self-consistently include the effects of baryonic physics. We chose the Illustris suite of simulations which deploys the moving-mesh code `AREPO` and includes subgrid models for galaxy formation and feedback. And importantly, we need to be able to mimic our observational selection when extracting information from the simulation. Zoom-in re-simulations of clusters whose mass is comparable to that of the HSTFF lenses (*iCluster Zooms*), extracted from the *Millennium XXL* simulation and re-run with `AREPO` by the Illustris collaboration, provide appropriate simulated counterparts to the HSTFF clusters as demonstrated here.

Reflecting the relatively small footprint of the HSTFF data, the lensing-derived mass models for all three cluster lenses studied here cover only the innermost regions. Within this area (and at redshifts matched to those of our HSTFF lenses), we find excellent agreement over four decades in mass (down to $M \sim 10^{9.5-10} M_{\odot}$) between the count-matched SHMFs for Abell 2744 and MACSJ 0416 and those derived from the *iCluster Zooms* of comparable mass. Observed

cluster lenses with extremely well-calibrated, high-resolution lensing mass reconstructions appear to have the same degree of substructure over four decades in mass compared to that found in a comparable mass simulated cluster evolving in an LCDM universe. We find that down to $\sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$, mass and light appear to trace each other well. This might signal that light does effectively trace mass or that the current best-to-date SHMFs derived even from the high-resolution HSTFF data cannot discriminate between disparate scaling laws since these encapsulate many complex processes that involve the interplay of baryons and DM. Even deeper data than the HSTFF might appear to be needed to provide new insights into the efficiency of galaxy formation. In order to explore and examine the detailed relationship between mass and light, we perform a variety of comparisons of the lensing-derived substructure mass function with that computed for the simulated cluster. We note a small excess in the abundance of subhaloes at masses $M \sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ for all three clusters studied here; in the case of Abell 2744 and MACSJ 0416 this mild discrepancy can be entirely accounted for by cosmic variance, as evidenced in the comparison with the analytic prediction that estimates the halo-to-halo scatter and expected systematics arising from the choice of halo-finding algorithms. The agreement with simulations is poorer for the HSTFF target MACSJ 1149, possibly because the mass distribution for this complex assembling structure is significantly less well constrained by the existing lensing data, which show fewer strong-lensing features, with less comprehensive spectroscopic confirmation than is available for the two other clusters studied here. Despite its scale-free nature, in LCDM the SHMF depends on the total mass of the parent halo, a trend demonstrated clearly by us over a range of redshifts from $z \sim 0.3$ to 0.55.

The observed radial distribution of subhaloes, however, is discrepant with predictions of simulations for all three of our target clusters. Possible reasons for this mismatch are limitations arising from approximations and assumptions made in subgrid physics models, for example overefficient active galactic nucleus (AGN) feedback that may preferentially suppress star formation in more massive haloes and overefficient tidal stripping of infalling galaxies. We stress again that selection for maximal lensing strength (as applied for the HSTFF) strongly favours dynamically complex and extremely massive systems. Our careful comparison of subhalo properties suggests that the single *iCluster Zoom* run used in the comparison fails to fully capture the dynamical complexity of disturbed, merging systems with rapidly evolving geometries. In fact, we suspect that suitable counterparts (i.e. systems that match the HSTFF clusters in mass and explore the full range of dynamical states) do not exist in any available simulation volume. Most importantly, our analysis demonstrates that the HSTFF clusters are likely observed in short-lived, transient states that can be isolated in simulations only through deliberately selected zoom-in runs with extremely dense temporal sampling. Finally, from the discrepancies between observation and simulation in the radial distribution of subhaloes, it appears that tidal stripping and dynamical friction are overefficient in current simulations.

Clusters as massive as those deliberately selected for the HSTFF sample are extremely rare in the universe and hence unlikely to appear in present-day cosmological simulations. For example, despite its vast volume of $(500 \text{ Mpc})^3$, the *Millennium simulation* contains no cluster analogous to the Bullet Cluster. In fact, the likelihood of finding a subcluster merger of total mass, relative velocity and merging geometry comparable to the Bullet Cluster was estimated at $\sim 10^{-7}$ in LCDM by Springel & Farrar (2007). In a recent

paper, comparing with the Millenium XXL simulation, Schwinn et al. (2016), report not finding any cluster scale haloes with the equivalent number and radial distribution of massive substructures ($> 5 \times 10^{13} M_{\odot}$) similar to what is inferred from the HSTFF data of Abell 2744. Using extreme value statistics, they conclude that a simulation volume ten times larger than the Millennium XXL would be needed to find a cluster equivalent to Abell 2744.

In addition, cosmological simulations (including the Illustris suite) that employ AGN feedback mechanisms to regulate star formation in massive galaxies are known to inadequately reproduce the observed luminosities, sizes and masses of cluster galaxies at the present time. Therefore, the disagreements that we find can be entirely explained by the paucity of simulated clusters that can be considered appropriate equivalents in both mass and complexity to the HSTFF clusters and our incomplete understanding of galaxy formation. In summary, we find that the concordance LCDM model provides an excellent description of the properties and abundance of substructure detected via strong gravitational lensing on cluster mass scales.

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