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# Probing hot gas around luminous red galaxies through the Sunyaev–Zel’dovich effect

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## ABSTRACT

We construct the mean thermal Sunyaev–Zel’dovich (tSZ) Comptonization  $y$ -profile around luminous red galaxies (LRGs) in the redshift range  $0.16 < z < 0.47$  from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey Data Release 7 using the *Planck*  $y$ -map. We detect a significant tSZ signal out to  $\sim 30$  arcmin, which is well beyond the 10 arcmin angular resolution of the  $y$ -map and well beyond the virial radii of the LRGs. We compare the measured profile with predictions from the cosmo-OWLS suite of cosmological hydrodynamical simulations. The best agreement is obtained for models that include efficient feedback from active galactic nuclei, over and above feedback associated with star formation. We also compare our results with predictions based on the halo model with a universal pressure profile giving the  $y$ -signal. The predicted profile is consistent with the data when using stacked weak lensing measurements to estimate the halo masses of the LRGs, but only if we account for the clustering of neighbouring haloes via a two-halo term.

**Key words:** galaxies: clusters: intracluster medium – galaxies: haloes – galaxies: groups: general.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

In the standard  $\Lambda$  cold dark matter ( $\Lambda$ CDM) cosmological paradigm, more than 95 per cent of the energy density in the Universe is in the form of dark matter and dark energy, whereas baryonic matter only comprises  $\simeq 5$  per cent (Hinshaw et al. 2013; Planck Collaboration I 2016a). While the evolution of the homogeneous Universe and of small density perturbations is well understood, the details of the complicated structure formation process that results in the observed distribution and properties of galaxies are more elusive. The general picture is that galaxies form at the knots of a dark matter skeleton, but the details of how gas is converted into stars, and how the electromagnetic spectrum of a galaxy arises,

are not well understood. One important tracer of cosmological structure is clusters of galaxies, which are the most massive bound structures and which mark prominent density peaks of the large-scale structure. The distribution and properties of galaxy clusters are therefore powerful tools for understanding both cosmological structure formation and galaxy evolution.

X-ray observations of clusters have discovered that they are intense sources of high-energy radiation that is emitted by a hot gas ( $T \sim 10^7$  K) located between member galaxies. This intergalactic gas [or intracluster medium (ICM)] contains significantly more baryons than are contained in all the stars in the galaxies and indicates a complex dynamical evolution of the ICM regulated by the radiative cooling and non-gravitational heating from stellar sources and, particularly, active galactic nuclei (AGNs). AGN feedback has a wide range of impacts on galaxies and galaxy clusters: the observed relation between the central supermassive black hole mass and the

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stellar bulge velocity dispersion, the regulation of cool cores, and the suppression of star formation in massive galaxies predicted by  $N$ -body simulations (e.g. Schneider 2006; Gitti, Brighenti & McNamara 2012). Thus, the interplay of hot gas with the relativistic plasma ejected by the AGN is key for understanding the growth and evolution of galaxies and the formation of large-scale structure. It has become clear that AGN feedback effects on the ICM must be incorporated in any model of galaxy evolution (e.g. Sijacki et al. 2007; Battaglia et al. 2010; Schaye et al. 2010; Vogelsberger et al. 2013; McCarthy et al. 2014; Steinborn et al. 2015). However, non-gravitational processes such as gas dynamics, heating, and radiative cooling are not well understood. If one is interested in studying the effect of non-gravitational processes specifically then galaxy groups and low-mass clusters are ideal laboratories, since they have shallower gravitational potentials compared to massive clusters and therefore the impact of non-gravitational processes on their formation and evolution may be more noticeable (e.g. Johnson, Ponman & Finoguenov 2009; Dong, Rasmussen & Mulchaey 2010; Giodini et al. 2010; Battaglia et al. 2012; Le Brun et al. 2014).

In addition to X-ray emission, the thermal Sunyaev–Zel’dovich (tSZ; Zeldovich & Sunyaev 1969; Sunyaev & Zeldovich 1970, 1972, 1980) effect provides a way to study hot cluster gas. The tSZ effect arises via a boost to the energy of cool CMB (Cosmic Microwave Background) photons, as they pass relatively energetic hot electrons and provides an excellent tool for studying the thermodynamic state of the ICM. The tSZ effect is proportional to the pressure of the ICM and therefore has a linear dependence on gas density, compared to a quadratic dependence of X-ray emissivity on density. This results in a comparatively increased sensitivity to low-density regions. The degeneracy between density and temperature can be broken by combining other measurements such as X-ray spectral measurements. However, the measurement is challenging due to the relative weakness of the signal and the low resolution of available tSZ maps: The *Planck* satellite provides a reliable map of tSZ signal with the full-sky coverage and high sensitivity (Planck Collaboration XXII 2016b) but with only moderate resolution (10 arcmin beam).

Luminous red galaxies (LRGs) are powerful tracers of the large-scale structure of the Universe. These early-type, massive galaxies, selected on the basis of colour and magnitude, have mainly old stellar populations with little ongoing star formation. LRGs typically reside in the centres of galaxy groups and clusters and have been used to detect and characterize the remnants of baryon acoustic oscillations (BAOs) at low-to-intermediate redshift (Eisenstein et al. 2005; Kazin et al. 2010; Anderson et al. 2014).

Planck Collaboration XI (2013b) detected the tSZ signal from low-mass haloes as low as  $M_h \sim 2 \times 10^{13} M_\odot$  by stacking the *Planck* tSZ map around locally brightest galaxies (LBGs) constructed from SDSS DR7 galaxies. Vikram, Lidz & Jain (2017) and Hill et al. (2018) cross-correlated the *Planck* tSZ map with the SDSS DR4 and DR7 group catalogue from Yang et al. (2007), respectively, and measured the tSZ signal with high signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) over a wide range of objects with  $M_h \sim 10^{11.5-15.5} h^{-1} M_\odot$ .

Surprisingly, Planck Collaboration XI (2013b) found that the scaling relation between the integrated tSZ signal and mass follows a simple self-similar relation down to halo masses as low as  $M_h \sim 2 \times 10^{13} M_\odot$ , apparently indicating that non-gravitational effects are minor even in low-mass haloes. A consistent result was derived by Greco et al. (2015) using aperture photometry, as opposed to the matched filter technique employed in the Planck Collaboration XI (2013b) study. These results effectively imply that the gas fraction is approximately independent of halo mass over the large range of

halo masses sampled. However, direct resolved X-ray observations of galaxy groups and clusters (e.g. Gastaldello et al. 2007; Pratt et al. 2009; Sun et al. 2009; Gonzalez et al. 2013) have consistently shown that galaxy groups are significantly deficient in their gas content compared to massive clusters. Using cosmological hydrodynamical simulations that include AGN feedback and which reproduce the properties of local X-ray groups and clusters, Le Brun, McCarthy & Melin (2015) offered a possible solution to this conundrum. Namely, the relatively coarse resolution of the *Planck* tSZ map effectively prevents a robust measurement of the tSZ flux on scales of  $\lesssim r_{500}$ , which is the region the X-ray observations are generally confined to. Le Brun et al. (2015) demonstrated that they could recover the inferred self-similar result when the simulations were convolved with the *Planck* beam and analysed in the same way as the real data. The upshot of that study is that, when measured within  $r_{500}$ , the gas properties (particularly the gas fraction) of groups and clusters are not self-similar. However, the self-similar scaling is recovered on larger scales, which are well sampled by *Planck*.

The studies mentioned above focused on the integrated tSZ flux within some aperture. However, with the advent of large, publicly-available tSZ maps, it is also important to study how the tSZ signal (and therefore electron pressure) is spatially distributed around galaxies/haloes. For example, Hill et al. (2018) measured the tSZ–galaxy group cross-correlation function and modelled it including signals from correlated haloes (‘two-halo’ term), which was neglected in the Planck Collaboration XI (2013b) study, and found moderate evidence of deviation from self-similarity in the pressure–mass relation. In this way, comparisons of the spatial distribution to models as well as simulations can provide a potentially strong test of their realism and to deduce the importance of particular processes (e.g. gravitational shock heating versus AGN feedback). The aim of this study is to do just this. Specifically, we derive the stacked radial tSZ distribution,  $y(\theta)$ , around LRGs, and we compare it to the predictions of cosmological hydrodynamical simulations and a simple analytic halo model that adopts the so-called universal pressure profile (Arnaud et al. 2010; Planck Collaboration V 2013a) with a significant contribution from nearby clustered haloes.

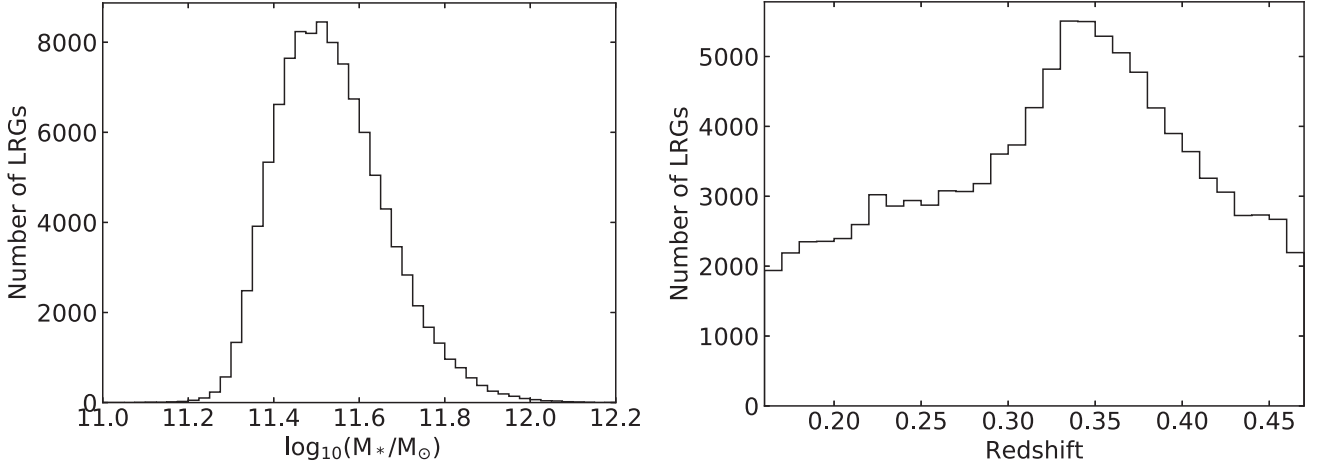
Throughout this work, we adopt a  $\Lambda$ CDM cosmology with parameters from the Planck Collaboration I (2014) data release. All masses are quoted in Solar mass and  $M_\Delta$  is the mass enclosed within a sphere of radius  $R_\Delta$  such that the enclosed density is  $\Delta$  times the *critical* density at redshift  $z$ .

This paper is set out as follows. In Section 2, we describe a model to predict the tSZ signal around LRGs. In Section 3, we summarize the data sets used in our analysis: the SDSS DR7 LRG catalogue, *Planck*  $y$ -map, and the cosmo-OWLS suite of hydrodynamic simulations. In Section 4, we employ a stacking method to measure the average structure around LRG haloes, since the SNR of the *Planck*  $y$ -map is not high enough to trace individual haloes. Our result is compared with the cosmo-OWLS simulations, some of which include AGN feedback, in Section 5.2, and we compare to semi-analytical model predictions in Section 6. In Section 7, we discuss possible systematic errors in our measurements. Finally, we discuss the interpretation of our findings in Section 8 and summarize them in Section 9.

## 2 BASIC FORMALISM

### 2.1 The thermal SZ effect

The tSZ effect is a distortion of the CMB spectrum produced by



**Figure 1.** *Left:* The stellar mass distribution of SDSS DR7 LRGs. *Right:* The redshift distribution of the LRGs.

the inverse Compton scattering of CMB photons off hot electrons along the line of sight, e.g. by ionized gas in the ICM. The change to the CMB temperature,  $\Delta T$ , at frequency  $\nu$  in an angular direction of  $\hat{n}$  is given by

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T}(\nu, \hat{n}) = f \left( \frac{h\nu}{k_B T} \right) y(\hat{n}), \quad (1)$$

where  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $h$  is the Planck constant, and  $T$  is the temperature of the CMB. The frequency dependence of the effect is restricted to the pre-factor  $f$ , where

$$f(x) = x \coth \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) - 4, \quad (2)$$

while the Compton  $y$  parameter contains the angular dependence. The Compton  $y$  parameter is proportional to the line-of-sight integral of electron pressure,  $P_e = n_e k_B T_e$ . Here,  $n_e$  is the physical electron number density and  $T_e$  is the electron temperature. The line-of-sight integral is

$$y(\hat{n}) = \frac{\sigma_T}{m_e c^2} \int P_e(l, \hat{n}) dl, \quad (3)$$

where  $\sigma_T$  is the Thomson cross-section,  $m_e$  is the mass of electron,  $c$  is the speed of light, and  $l$  is the *physical* distance. We ignore relativistic corrections to the tSZ spectrum (e.g. Itoh, Kohyama & Nozawa 1998), which only become non-negligible for the most massive clusters of  $\gtrsim 10^{15} M_\odot$ .

## 2.2 The stacked $y$ -profile

For the calculation of the stacked  $y$ -profile, we follow the method in Fang, Kadota & Takada (2012) and work in the flat-sky and Limber approximation (Limber 1954).

The cross-power spectrum for the tSZ signal and the distribution of galaxy clusters is given by the sum of a ‘one-halo term’, which counts correlation arising within an individual halo, and a ‘two-halo term’, which counts correlation arising due to the environment surrounding a halo (Cooray & Sheth 2002; Komatsu et al. 2002):

$$C_\ell^{yh} = C_\ell^{yh,1h} + C_\ell^{yh,2h}. \quad (4)$$

The one-halo term is given by

$$C_\ell^{yh,1h} = \frac{1}{\bar{n}^{2D}} \int dz \frac{d^2 V}{dz d\Omega} \int dM \frac{dn}{dM}(M, z) \times S(M, z) \tilde{y}_\ell(M, z), \quad (5)$$

where  $d^2 V/dz d\Omega$  is the comoving volume element per steradian and redshift per steradian and  $dn/dM$  is the halo mass function (sometimes denoted  $n(M, z)$  in the literature; the comoving number density of haloes in a mass interval  $dM$ ). We adopt the halo mass function of Tinker et al. (2010) and use ‘HMFcalc<sup>1</sup>’ (Murray, Power & Robotham 2013) for the calculation. The selection function,  $S(M, z)$ , defines the redshift and halo mass. In our work, the halo masses of LRGs are estimated using stellar-to-halo mass (SHM) relations in Section 5.1, which are applied to the stellar mass distribution of LRGs in Fig. 1. The average two-dimensional (2D) angular number density of the selected haloes is calculated via

$$\bar{n}^{2D} = \int dz \frac{d^2 V}{dz d\Omega} \int dM \frac{dn}{dM}(M, z) S(M, z). \quad (6)$$

Here,  $\tilde{y}_\ell(M, z)$  is the 2D Fourier transform of the  $y$ -profile for a halo with a pressure profile  $P_e(x, M, z)$ , given by

$$\tilde{y}_\ell(M, z) = \frac{\sigma_T}{m_e c^2} \frac{4\pi r_s}{\ell_s^2} \int dx x^2 \frac{\sin(\ell x/\ell_s)}{\ell x/\ell_s} P_e(x, M, z), \quad (7)$$

where

$$x = \frac{r}{r_s}, \quad \ell_s = \frac{d_A}{r_s}, \quad (8)$$

and where  $r_s$  is the characteristic scale radius of the pressure profile,  $x = r/r_s$  is the dimensionless radial scale, and  $d_A$  is the angular diameter distance.  $\ell_s = d_A/r_s$  is the associated multipole moment. The two-halo term is given by

$$C_\ell^{yh,2h} = \int dz \frac{d^2 V}{dz d\Omega} W^h(z) W_\ell^y(z) P_m^L \left( k = \frac{\ell}{\chi}, z \right), \quad (9)$$

where  $P_m^L(k, z)$  is the linear matter power spectrum. The function  $W^h(z)$  is defined as

$$W^h(z) = \frac{1}{\bar{n}^{2D}} \int dM \frac{dn}{dM}(M, z) S(M, z) b(M, z), \quad (10)$$

<sup>1</sup><http://hmf.icrar.org/>

and  $W_\ell^y(z)$  is

$$W_\ell^y(z) = \int dM \frac{dn}{dM}(M, z) b(M, z) \bar{y}_\ell(M, z), \quad (11)$$

where  $b(M, z)$  is the halo bias. We take the halo bias from Tinker et al. (2010).

By summing the two- and one-halo terms together, the Fourier-transform of the stacked  $y$ -profile,  $C_\ell^{yh}$ , can be calculated. In our work, we are interested in comparing our model to the angular configuration space stacked  $y$ -profile, which can be obtained from our model via an inverse Fourier transform:

$$\bar{y}(\theta) = \int \frac{\ell d\ell}{2\pi} J_0(\ell\theta) C_\ell^{yh}, \quad (12)$$

where  $J_0$  is the zeroth-order Bessel function. Finally, we convolve our model with the point spread function of the *Planck* beam:

$$\bar{y}(\theta)_{\text{obs}} = \int \frac{\ell d\ell}{2\pi} J_0(\ell\theta) C_\ell^{yh} B_\ell, \quad (13)$$

where  $B_\ell = \exp[-\ell(\ell + 1)\sigma^2/2]$  and  $\sigma = \theta_{\text{FWHM}}/\sqrt{8 \ln(2)}$  with  $\theta_{\text{FWHM}} = 10$  arcmin, which corresponds to the beam of the *Planck*  $y$ -map.

### 2.3 The universal pressure profile

For the electron pressure profile, we adopt the ‘universal’ pressure profile (UPP; Nagai, Kravtsov & Vikhlinin 2007), which is a form of generalized Navarro, Frenk & White (NFW; 1997) profile,

$$\mathbb{P}(x) = \frac{P_0}{(c_{500}x)^\gamma [1 + (c_{500}x)^\alpha]^{(\beta-\alpha)/\gamma}}. \quad (14)$$

Here,  $x = r/R_{500}$  and we remind the reader that  $R_{500}$  relates to 500 times the critical density. The model is defined by the following parameters:  $P_0$ , normalization;  $c_{500}$ , concentration parameter defined at a characteristic radius  $R_{500}$ ; and the slopes in the central ( $x \ll 1/c_{500}$ ), intermediate ( $x \sim 1/c_{500}$ ) and outer regions ( $x \gg 1/c_{500}$ ), given by  $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$ , respectively. The scaled pressure profile for a halo with  $M_{500}$  and  $z$  is

$$\frac{P(r)}{P_{500}} = \mathbb{P}(x), \quad (15)$$

with

$$P_{500} = 1.65 \times 10^{-3} \left[ \frac{H(z)}{H_0} \right]^{8/3} \times \left[ \frac{(1-b)M_{500}}{3 \times 10^{14} (h/0.7)^{-1} M_\odot} \right]^{2/3} \left( \frac{h}{0.7} \right)^2 \text{ keV cm}^{-3}, \quad (16)$$

where  $H(z)$  is the Hubble parameter at redshift  $z$  and  $H_0 = 100h \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  is the present value.  $P_{500}$  is the characteristic pressure reflecting the mass variation expected in a self-similar model of pressure evolution, purely based on gravitation (Arnaud et al. 2010). Note that  $M_{500}$  is the ‘true’ mass from lensing measurements in this paper and  $(1-b)$  is the hydrostatic mass bias, and this hydrostatic mass,  $(1-b)M_{500}$ , corresponds to  $M_{500}$  in Arnaud et al. (2010). For the mass bias, we adopt  $(1-b) \simeq 0.78$  derived from the Canadian Cluster Comparison Project (Hoekstra et al. 2015). Deviation from self-similar scaling appears as a variation of the scaled pressure profile, and as in Arnaud et al. (2010), this variation is expressed as a function of  $M_{500}$ ,

$$\frac{P(r)}{P_{500}} = \mathbb{P}(x) \left[ \frac{(1-b)M_{500}}{3 \times 10^{14} (h/0.7)^{-1} M_\odot} \right]^{\alpha_p}, \quad (17)$$

where  $\alpha_p = 0.12$ . For the parameters of the generalized NFW electron pressure profile, we adopt the best-fitting values of  $[P_0, c_{500}, \gamma, \alpha, \beta] = [6.41, 1.81, 0.31, 1.33, 4.13]$ , estimated from 62 massive nearby clusters ( $10^{14.4} < M_{500} < 10^{15.3} M_\odot$ ) using the *Planck* tSZ and *XMM-Newton* X-ray data in Planck Collaboration V (2013a). The deviation from the self-similar relation ( $\alpha_p$ ) is likely driven by the fact that the gas mass fraction varies with halo mass, with low-mass haloes having lower gas fractions. X-ray observations suggest higher value of  $\sim 0.26$  for the deviation using galaxy groups/clusters with  $10^{13} < M_{500} < 10^{15} M_\odot$  in Gonzalez et al. (2013). A consistent result is obtained in Anderson et al. (2015) using the scaling relation,  $L_X - M_{500}$ , of haloes with  $10^{12.6} < M_{500} < 10^{14.6} M_\odot$ . We will test it with the spatial distribution of pressure ( $y$ ) including a contribution from nearby clustered haloes.

## 3 DATA

We use three data sets in this analysis: the Luminous Red Galaxy catalogue from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey seventh data release<sup>2</sup> (SDSS DR7 LRG,  $N_{\text{LRG}} = 105\,831$ ; Kazin et al. 2010), the *Planck* Comptonization  $y$ -map<sup>3</sup> from the 2015 data release (Planck Collaboration XXII 2016b) and the cosmo-OWLS suite of cosmological hydrodynamic simulations (Le Brun et al. 2014; McCarthy et al. 2014; van Daalen et al. 2014). We describe each briefly in the following subsections.

### 3.1 LRG catalogue

The LRG catalogue provides galaxy positions, magnitudes, and spectroscopic redshifts. Stellar masses of the LRGs are provided in the New York University Value-Added catalogue (NYU-VAGC<sup>4</sup>; Blanton et al. 2005), which are estimated with the  $K$ -correct software<sup>5</sup> of Blanton & Roweis (2007) by fitting the five-band SDSS photometry to more than 400 spectral templates. Most of the templates are based on stellar evolution synthesis models of Bruzual & Charlot (2003), assuming the stellar initial mass function of Chabrier (2003). The stellar masses in the NYU-VAGC catalogue are given in a unit of  $M_\odot h^{-2}$ , and we take  $h = 0.671$  from the *Planck* cosmology (Fig. 1).

### 3.2 Planck $y$ -map

The *Planck* tSZ map is one of the data sets provided in the *Planck* 2015 data release. The map comes in HEALPIX<sup>6</sup> (Górski et al. 2005) format with a pixel resolution of  $N_{\text{side}} = 2048$ . Two types of  $y$ -maps are publicly available: MILCA (Hurier, Macías-Pérez & Hildebrandt 2013) and NILC (Remazeilles, Aghanim & Douspis 2013), both of which are based on multiband combinations of the *Planck* band maps (Planck Collaboration I 2016a). Our analysis is based on the MILCA map, but we obtain consistent results if we use the NILC map.

The 2015 data release also provides sky masks suitable for analysing the  $y$ -maps, including a point-source mask and galactic masks of varying severity: masking 40, 50, 60, or 70 per cent of the sky. We combine the point source mask with the 40 per cent galactic

<sup>2</sup><http://cosmo.nyu.edu/eak306/SDSS-LRG.html>

<sup>3</sup><http://pla.esac.esa.int/pla/#results>

<sup>4</sup><http://sdss.physics.nyu.edu/vagc/>

<sup>5</sup><http://howdy.physics.nyu.edu/index.php/Kcorrect>

<sup>6</sup><http://healpix.sourceforge.net/>



**Table 1.** The baryon feedback models in the cosmo-OWLS simulations. Each model has been run with both *Planck* and *WMAP7* cosmological parameters.

Simulation	UV/X-ray background	Cooling	Star formation	SN feedback	AGN feedback	$\Delta T_{\text{heat}}$
NOCOOL	Yes	No	No	No	No	...
REF	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	...
AGN 8.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	$10^{8.0}$ K
AGN 8.5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	$10^{8.5}$ K
AGN 8.7	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	$10^{8.7}$ K

mask, which excludes  $\sim 50$  per cent of the sky. The mask is applied during the stacking process: for a given LRG, masked pixels in the  $y$ -map near that LRG are not accumulated in the stacked image. We accept the 77 762 LRGs for which 80 per cent of the region within a 40 arcmin circle around each LRG is available. We reject the others in case the mask may bias the measured  $y$ -profile.

### 3.3 Simulations

To compare our results with theory, we analyse the cosmo-OWLS suite of cosmological smoothed particle hydrodynamic (SPH) simulations (Le Brun et al. 2014; McCarthy et al. 2014; van Daalen et al. 2014) in the same manner as the data. The cosmo-OWLS suite is an extension of the Overwhelmingly Large Simulations project (Schaye et al. 2010) designed with cluster cosmology and large-scale structure surveys in mind (see also McCarthy et al. 2017). The cosmo-OWLS suite consists of box-periodic hydrodynamical simulations, the largest of which have volumes of  $(400h^{-1}\text{Mpc})^3$  and contain  $1024^3$  each of baryonic and dark matter particles. The suite employs two different cosmological models: the *Planck* 2013 cosmology (Planck Collaboration I 2014) with

$$\{\Omega_m, \Omega_b, \Omega_\Lambda, \sigma_8, n_s, h\} \\ = \{0.3175, 0.0490, 0.6825, 0.834, 0.9624, 0.6711\},$$

and the *WMAP7* cosmology (Komatsu et al. 2011) with

$$\{\Omega_m, \Omega_b, \Omega_\Lambda, \sigma_8, n_s, h\} \\ = \{0.272, 0.0455, 0.728, 0.81, 0.967, 0.704\}.$$

Each simulation is run with five different models of baryon subgrid physics: ‘NOCOOL’, ‘REF’, ‘AGN 8.0’, ‘AGN 8.5’, and ‘AGN 8.7’, which are summarized in Table 1.

NOCOOL is a standard non-radiative adiabatic model that includes hydrodynamical baryons, but does not produce stars. REF is the OWLS reference model including UV/X-ray background, radiative cooling, star formation, and stellar feedback. The AGN models are built on the REF model and that additionally includes black hole growth and feedback from AGNs. The three AGN models differ only in their choice of the key parameter of the AGN feedback model  $\Delta T_{\text{heat}}$ , which is the temperature by which neighbouring gas is raised due to feedback. Increasing the value of  $\Delta T_{\text{heat}}$  results in more energetic feedback events, and also leads to more bursty feedback, since the black holes must accrete more matter in order to heat neighbouring gas to a higher adiabat. Earlier studies demonstrate that the AGN 8.0 model reproduces a variety of observed gas features in local groups and clusters of galaxies by optical and X-ray data (e.g. Le Brun et al. 2014).

For each simulation, 10 quasi-independent mock galaxy catalogues are generated on 10 light-cones and 10 corresponding  $y$ -maps are generated from periodic boxes of randomly rotated and translated simulation snapshots (redshift slices) along the line-of-sight back to  $z = 3$  (McCarthy et al. 2014). Each of these light-cones

contain about one million galaxies and each spans a  $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$  patch of sky. To compare with data, we convolve the simulated  $y$ -maps with a Gaussian kernel of 10 arcmin in full width at half-maximum (FWHM), corresponding to the beam of the *Planck*  $y$ -map.

## 4 STACKING $Y$ -MAP CENTRED ON LRGs

In this section, we describe our procedure for stacking the *Planck*  $y$ -map against the LRGs and for constructing the mean  $y$ -profile: We place each LRG in our catalogue at the centre of a 2D angular coordinate system of  $-40 \text{ arcmin} < \Delta l < 40 \text{ arcmin}$  and  $-40 \text{ arcmin} < \Delta b < 40 \text{ arcmin}$  divided into  $80 \times 80$  bins. We then linearly interpolate the  $y$ -map on to our grid. For each LRG, we subtract the mean tSZ signal in the annular region between 30 and 40 arcmin as an estimate of the local background signal for that particular LRG. Finally, we stack all LRGs and then divide by the total number of LRGs in our sample.

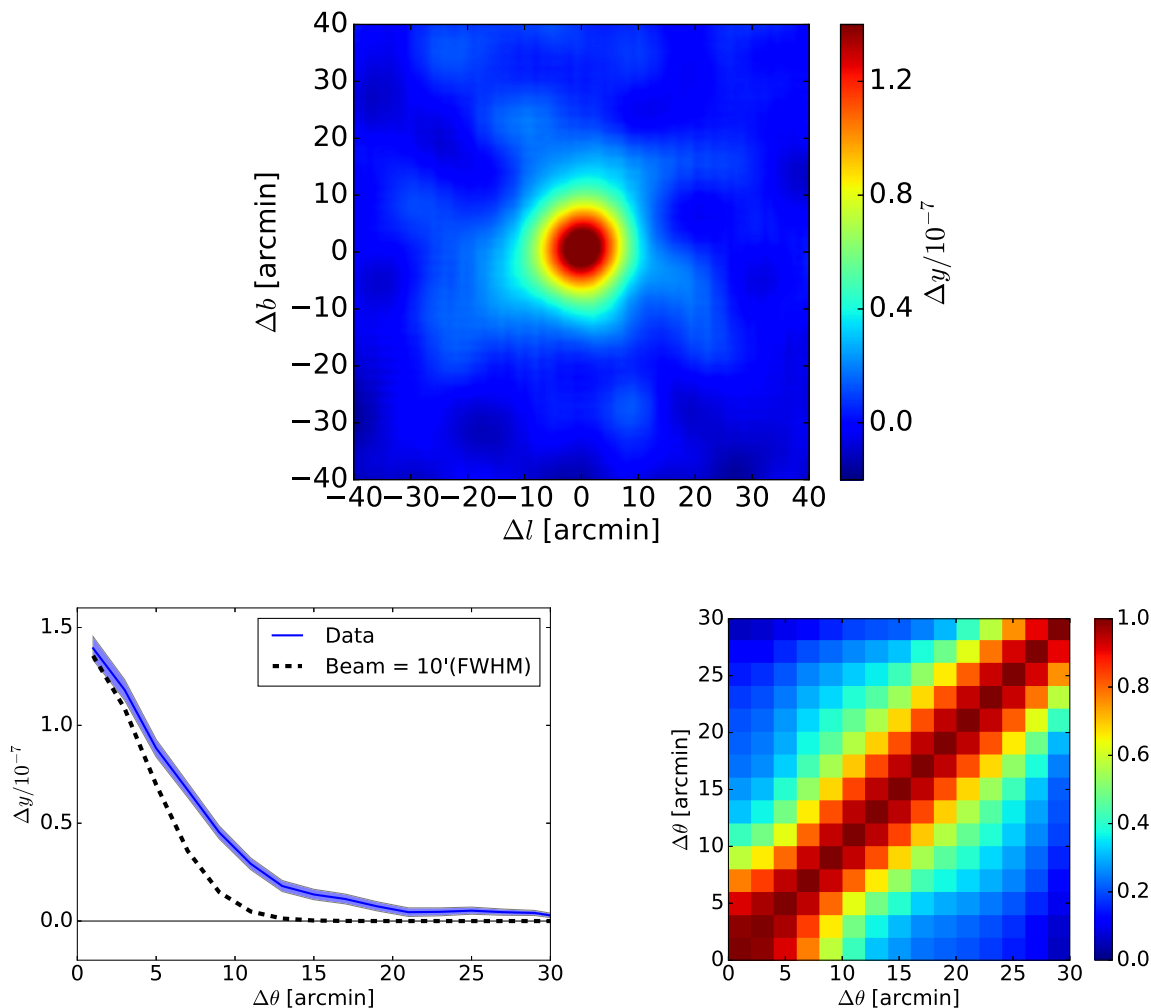
We assess the uncertainties in our measurements through bootstrap resampling. We draw a random sampling of LRGs with replacement and re-calculate an average  $y$ -value for the new set of LRGs. We repeat this process 1000 times and the bootstrapped data produce 1000 average  $y$ -values. The uncertainties are estimated by their rms fluctuation.

The top panel in Fig. 2 shows the average  $y$ -map stacked against the 77 762 LRGs. The bottom left-hand panel in Fig. 2 is the average  $y$ -profile of the LRGs, where width of the blue line represents a  $1\sigma$  statistical uncertainty of the  $y$ -profile. The 10 arcmin Gaussian beam, normalized to the central peak of the measured  $y$ -profile, is shown as a black dashed line for comparison. We detect the tSZ signal out to  $\sim 30$  arcmin, well beyond the 10 arcmin beam of the *Planck*  $y$ -map. The bottom right-hand panel of Fig. 2 shows the correlation matrix between different radial bins of the profile, in which the effect of the beam is seen.

## 5 COMPARISON WITH HYDRODYNAMIC SIMULATIONS

### 5.1 Estimating halo masses of LRGs

In order to compare the  $y$ -profile around the LRGs with simulations, we estimate the halo masses of the LRG haloes using their stellar mass estimates. We do this using the SHM relations from Coupon et al. (2015, C15-SHM) and Wang et al. (2016, W16-SHM). In C15-SHM, the relation is estimated in the CFHTLenS/VIPERS field by combining deep observations from the near-UV to the near-IR, supplemented by  $\sim 70\,000$  secure spectroscopic redshifts, and analysing galaxy clustering, galaxy–galaxy lensing and the stellar mass function. In W16-SHM, the SHM relation is estimated for LBGs in Planck Collaboration XI (2013b) by gravitational lensing measurements with a source galaxy catalogue in Reyes et al. (2012). These empirically derived SHM relations (C15-SHM in



**Figure 2.** *Top:* The average *Planck*  $y$ -map stack, centred on 77 762 LRGs in an angular coordinate system of  $-40 \text{ arcmin} < \Delta l < 40 \text{ arcmin}$  and  $-40 \text{ arcmin} < \Delta b < 40 \text{ arcmin}$  divided in  $80 \times 80$  bins. *Bottom left:* The average  $y$ -profile around the LRGs. The  $1\sigma$  statistical uncertainty is represented via the width of the blue line. The FWHM = 10 arcmin Gaussian beam of the *Planck*  $y$ -map is shown as the black dashed line for comparison, the peak of which is normalized to the centre of the LRGs’  $y$ -profile. *Bottom right:* The correlation matrix between different radial bins of the profile.

magenta and W16-SHM in yellow) are shown in Fig. 3, along with individual, simulated central galaxies from the cosmo-OWLS AGN 8.0 simulation. In the stellar mass range of our LRGs, the mean halo mass estimates from C15-SHM and W16-SHM are consistent with each other. In spite of the large scatter, the AGN 8.0 simulation yields a mean SHM relation (red line in Fig. 3) that is similar to the observed relations.

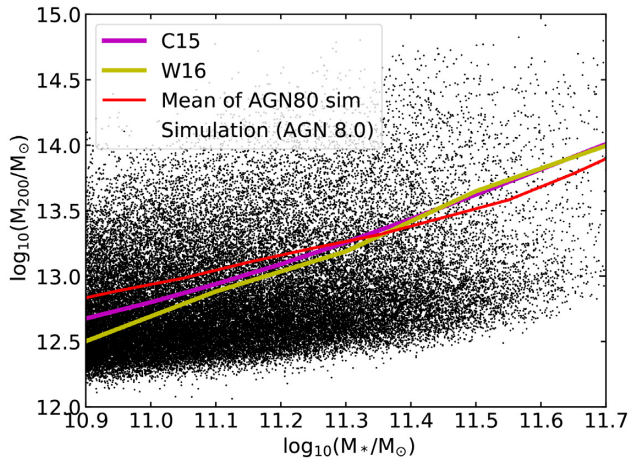
## 5.2 Comparison with simulations

We now compare the average  $y$ -profile to that predicted by the simulations. To do so, we analyse 10 light-cones from each hydrodynamic model of the cosmo-OWLS suite of simulations (Section 3.3) in exactly the same way as we analyse the real data. To identify simulated LRGs, we select simulated haloes with the same halo mass, estimated in Section 5.1, and redshift ranges as in the real data. The average stacked  $y$ -profile in each mass and redshift bin is then constructed from the simulated light-cones. The stacks are then combined, weighted by the total number of LRGs:

$$y(\theta)_{\text{sim}} = \sum_{M_{500}, z} [\bar{y}(\theta, M_{500}, z)_{\text{sim}} \times w(M_{500}, z)_{\text{LRG}}], \quad (18)$$

where  $\bar{y}(\theta, M_{500}, z)_{\text{sim}}$  is the average  $y$ -profile of simulated haloes in a halo mass,  $M_{500}$ , and redshift bin, and  $w(M_{500}, z)_{\text{LRG}}$  is the normalized number of actual LRGs in the same halo mass and redshift bin. Since the field of view of each light-cone ( $25 \text{ deg}^2$ ) is much smaller than the overlapping region of the SDSS and *Planck* surveys ( $\sim 8000 \text{ deg}^2$ ), massive haloes are scarce in the simulations. Due to this scarcity, we restrict the maximum stellar mass of the LRGs (corresponding halo mass) that we take from SDSS in our analysis to  $10^{11.7} M_{\odot}$  ( $M_{500} \sim 10^{14.0} M_{\odot}$ ) in order that we have enough simulated haloes in the mass range of SDSS galaxies. As a result of removing high-mass LRGs, the total number of LRGs available to us is reduced to 66 479. This procedure limits us to LRGs with the stellar mass of  $10^{11.2} \leq M_{*}/M_{\odot} \leq 10^{11.7}$ , which roughly corresponds to halo masses  $10^{13} \leq M_{500}/M_{\odot} \leq 10^{14}$  as shown in Fig. 3. This is not a great loss, considering that we aim to probe baryonic effects that may be more evident in low-mass group and clusters.

The average  $y$ -profile around 66 479 LRGs is compared to cosmo-OWLS simulations with different AGN feedback models in Fig. 4, where the grey lines show the average  $y$ -profiles of the simulations. In the comparison, a clear difference between



**Figure 3.** Black points show the relation between halo and stellar mass of individual central galaxies with  $0.16 < z < 0.47$  from the AGN 8.0 simulation, the mean relation of which is shown in red. There is a large scatter. The three SHM relations for the mean are shown for comparison: C15-SHM (Coupon et al. 2015) in magenta and W16-SHM (Wang et al. 2016) in yellow.

the data and NOCOOL model can be seen, particularly on small angular scales, demonstrating the importance of non-gravitational physics. The incorporation of cooling and heating due to stellar and AGN feedback (AGN 8.0) best matches the data. However, we see a visible trend in that the higher the power of AGN feedback (i.e. increasing the heating temperature, which leads to more violent/bursty feedback), the lower the peak of  $y$ -profile. This is due to the fact that the AGN feedback ejects gas from the centre of haloes outwards, lowering the gas density. We find that the AGN 8.5 and (particularly) AGN 8.7 models yield  $y$ -profiles that lie below what is observed, at least on scales dominated by the one-halo term (see below). A similar result is obtained using the simulations that adopt a *WMAP7* cosmology. This result is consistent with previous studies (e.g. Le Brun et al. 2014), which showed the AGN 8.0 model reproduces a variety of observed gas features in local groups and clusters of galaxies.

Interestingly, no large difference is seen between the REF and AGN 8.0 models, even though Le Brun et al. (2015) show their  $Y$ - $M_{500}$  scalings differ. This can be explained by the fact that the deviation between the REF and AGN 8.0 model only starts to appear below  $M_{500} \sim 10^{13.5} M_{\odot}$ , which roughly corresponds to the average mass of our sample. The similarity of the observed  $y$ -signal is due to the similarity of the gas fractions of these two models at the mass scales explored here. We note, however, that these models differ significantly in their stellar and total baryon fractions and, therefore, comparisons at fixed stellar mass (see Appendix A) show very large differences in the predicted  $y$ -profile. Thus, the relatively good agreement with the REF model is largely fortuitous and is very much a case of getting the right result for the wrong reason. Consistent with the findings of many previous studies, we find AGN feedback is required to prevent excess star formation on the scale of groups and clusters.

## 6 HALO MODEL WITH THE UPP

Using the estimated halo masses of LRGs, we can calculate the average  $y$ -profile around LRG haloes using the halo model and UPP via the procedure described in Section 2.2. The model  $y$ -

profiles for two different halo mass estimates are shown in Fig. 5 as well as the  $y$ -profile around the LRGs and the one from the AGN 8.0 simulation. Note that in this analysis we use light-cones from the AGN 8.0 simulation with a larger field of view of  $10 \times 10 \text{ deg}^2$  but limited to  $z < 1$ . We do this to improve the number of objects as well as background estimates. We choose the AGN 8.0 simulation because it shows the best agreement with the  $y$ -profile around the LRGs.

The predictions from C15-SHM + UPP (magenta) and W16-SHM + UPP (yellow), with the clustering of haloes via a two-halo term properly accounted for (e.g. dash-dotted line in magenta), agree well with the observed  $y$ -profile around the LRGs. Naively, this is a somewhat surprising result, as Le Brun et al. (2015) previously showed that the AGN 8.0 simulation predicts a pressure distribution that differs significantly from the UPP at these mass scales. Yet, the AGN 8.0 model also reproduces our observed stacked profile quite well.

As discussed in Section 5.2, Le Brun et al. (2015) show that the deviation from a power-law relation in the AGN 8.0 simulation begins to appear below  $M_{500} \sim 10^{13.5} M_{\odot}$ , which corresponds roughly to the average mass of our samples. It implies that stronger deviations from the UPP would be seen in lower mass haloes than explored here. In addition, the impact of finite resolution is not negligible in our analysis. In particular, the Planck tSZ maps have an FWHM of 10 arcmin. By comparison, the mean angular size,  $\theta_{500}$ , of the LRGs is 1.6 arcmin, shown in vertical black dashed line in Fig. 5. Beam smoothing therefore prevents us from placing strong constraints on the tSZ distribution on the scales, where the UPP and the simulations differ significantly. Stacked profiles derived from higher resolution tSZ maps (such as those from ACT or SPT, which have FWHM of the order of an arcminute) would be very helpful in this regard.

Interestingly, a comparison of the contributions of the one-halo (dashed line in magenta) and two-halo terms (dash-dotted line in magenta) in Fig. 5 demonstrates that the two-halo term dominates on scales larger than  $\sim 6$  arcmin (see also Hill et al. 2018). Given the angular diameter of  $\theta_{500}$  noted above (note that  $\theta_{200} \approx 2.5$  arcmin), we find that the two-halo term begins to dominate over the one-halo term at approximately  $4r_{500}$  or, roughly, two virial radii. This is what is expected if the halo mass estimates of the LRGs are reliable.

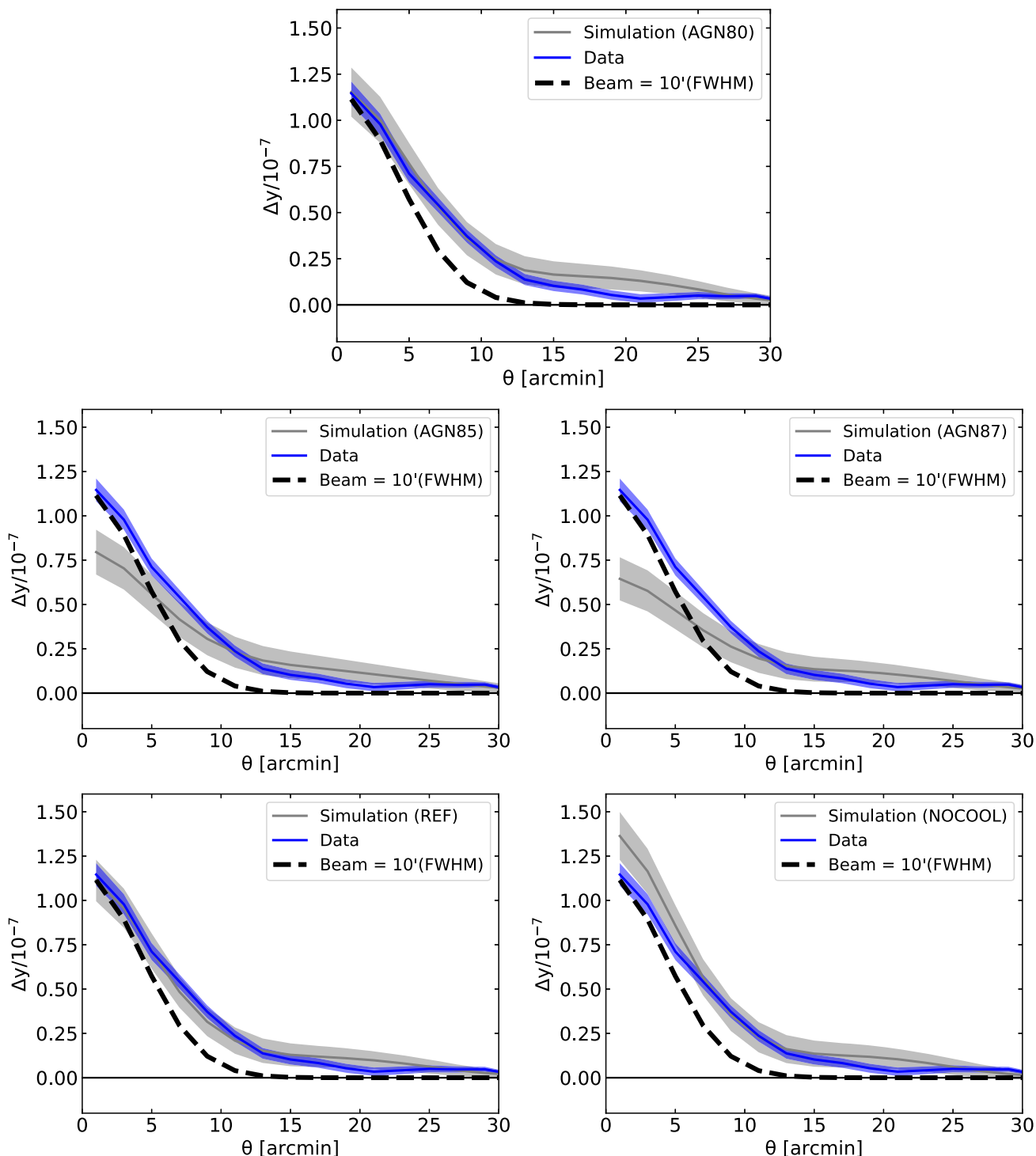
Finally, we estimate the significance of our measured  $y$ -profile to null hypothesis by measuring the SNR. The SNR can be defined as  $\sqrt{\Delta\chi^2} = \sqrt{\chi_{\text{null}}^2 - \chi_{\text{bm}}^2}$ , where  $\chi_{\text{null}}^2$  and  $\chi_{\text{bm}}^2$  refer to the  $\chi^2$  statistics applied to the null hypothesis and our halo model prediction using C15-SHM + UPP (magenta in Fig. 5), respectively. They were computed using the covariance matrix accounting for the correlation between different radial bins. The SNR is estimated to be  $\sim 17.9$ .

## 7 FURTHER TESTS FOR SYSTEMATICS

To gauge the reliability of our results and conclusions, we have performed a few additional tests. In particular, we have examined the potential impact of halo mis-centring on the recovered stacked  $y$ -profile, as well as the potential impact of contamination by the cosmic infrared background (CIB).

If LRGs do not reside at the centres of their host haloes, this will have the effect of artificially lowering our measured  $y$ -profile. Reid & Spergel (2009) estimated 89 per cent of LRGs are central from correlation studies, while Hoshino et al. (2015) found it is only 73 per cent at a halo mass of  $10^{14.5} M_{\odot}$ . We test for this so-called mis-centring effect using the cosmo-OWLS simulations. In



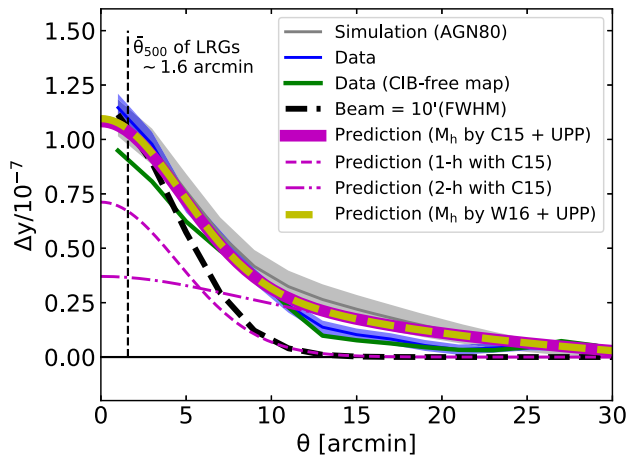


**Figure 4.** The average  $y$ -profile around 66 479 LRGs (blue) is compared to the  $y$ -profiles of the simulated haloes (grey) in different AGN feedback models, respectively. *Top:* AGN 8.0 model. *Middle left:* AGN 8.5 model. *Middle right:* AGN 8.7 model. *Bottom left:* REF model. *Bottom right:* NOCOOL model. For the comparison, we have matched the halo mass and redshift distributions from the simulations to be the same as those in the data. The halo masses of LRGs are estimated using SHM relations in Section 5.1 that is applied to the stellar mass distribution of LRGs in Fig. 1.

the simulations, we artificially shift 27 per cent (worse case above) of simulated haloes used in Fig. 5 by 1 Mpc away from their original positions. Note that 1 Mpc corresponds to  $\approx 3.6$  arcmin at the mean redshift of our LRG sample. We find that the effect of doing this on our stacked  $y$ -profile is only  $\sim 5$  per cent and therefore not

significant. This is likely due to the coarse angular resolution of the *Planck*  $y$ -map.

Aside from mis-centring, we have also explored the potential impact of contamination of the *Planck*  $y$ -map due to CIB (e.g. Planck Collaboration XXIII 2016c). We refer to the study of Yan



**Figure 5.** The average  $y$ -profile around 66 479 LRGs (blue) is compared to the predictions using a halo model with the halo mass function and halo bias (Tinker et al. 2010) and UPP. The halo masses of the LRGs are estimated using either the SHM relation of C15-SHM (magenta) and W16-SHM (yellow). The one-halo (dashed line in magenta) and two-halo (dash-dotted line in magenta) terms are shown separately for the model prediction using the C15-SHM. The  $y$ -profile of the simulated central galaxies in the AGN 8.0 simulation is shown in grey. To show an impact of beam, the average angular size of the LRGs ( $\bar{\theta}_{500} \sim 1.6$  arcmin) is shown in vertical black dashed line. Note that the AGN 8.0 simulation is customized to a larger field of view of  $10^\circ \times 10^\circ$  [deg $^2$ ] but a limited redshift of  $z < 1$  in this figure to improve the number of objects as well as background estimates.

et al. (2018) who have estimated the CIB contamination of the *Planck*  $y$ -maps. Specifically, they subtracted the *Planck* CIB maps (Planck Collaboration XLVIII 2016d) from the *Planck* intensity maps and reconstructed the CIB-free tSZ map. We have repeated this procedure and compare the average  $y$ -profiles of LRGs before and after the CIB subtraction. We find that the amplitude at the locations of our LRG samples is approximately 20 per cent lower with the ‘CIB-free’ tSZ map, which is shown in green line of Fig. 5. Re-comparing to the simulations in Section 5.2 and model predictions in Section 6, this may suggest that somewhat more aggressive AGN feedback (relative to the AGN 8.0 model) is required to match the data. Furthermore, it may provide evidence for a small deviation from the predictions of the UPP. However, since the tSZ effect and CIB signals are known to be correlated (Addison, Dunkley & Spergel 2012; Planck Collaboration XXIII 2016c), the subtraction of the CIB maps will likely have removed some of the tSZ signal itself and the actual CIB contamination would therefore be less than the estimated above. We therefore cannot make definitive statements about the required feedback energetics or the presence of small deviations from the UPP. We stress, however, that our general conclusion (i.e. that efficient feedback from AGN is required to reproduce the observed signal) is insensitive to uncertainties in the treatment of CIB contamination.

## 8 DISCUSSION

This study was partially motivated by an apparently contradictory result between (Planck Collaboration XI 2013b, hereafter P13) and (Anderson et al. 2015, hereafter A15) on the state of hot gas in galaxy group/clusters through scaling relations. A self-similar scaling relation between halo electron pressure and halo mass is valid under the assumption that the galaxy formation process is dominated by gravity; any deviation from this relation points to the presence of

more complex processes such as baryonic feedback effects. Using the LBGs in SDSS DR7, P13 find the self-similar scaling relation in  $Y-M_h$ ; therefore, implying that gravity is dominant even in low-mass haloes and that they incorporate the mean cosmic fraction of baryons as seen in more massive haloes, with the assumption that the gas in low-mass haloes is in a virialized state. On the other hand, A15 finds a steeper scaling than the self-similar scaling relation in  $L_X-M_h$ , suggesting the importance of non-gravitational heating such as AGN feedback. Numerous X-ray studies of galaxy groups also find a deficit of baryons inside low-mass haloes compared to the cosmological mean (e.g. Gastaldello et al. 2007; Pratt et al. 2009; Sun et al. 2009; Gonzalez et al. 2013). These results can be reconciled by the idea that low-mass haloes may contain the cosmic fraction of baryons, just like galaxy clusters, but with a density profile of gas that is less centrally concentrated. In other words, that groups and clusters do reach the same cosmic fraction but only on scales larger than typically probed with X-ray observations (but which can be probed by the tSZ effect). Le Brun et al. (2015) tested the *Planck* result using the cosmo-OWLS simulations and showed that the tSZ flux within  $R_{500}$  is highly sensitive to the assumed pressure distribution of the gas and, given the pressure profiles from the AGN 8.0 model, showed that the self-similar model would not be valid in low-mass haloes, at least on small scales.

We find that the measured  $y$ -profile around LRGs agrees best with the profile measured from the AGN 8.0 simulation, which was shown in previous studies to also provide a good match to the observed X-ray scaling relations of groups and clusters. A model that neglects non-gravitational physics altogether (i.e. NOCOOL) produces observed  $y$ -profiles in excess of what is observed, while models that adopt very violent/bursty AGN feedback lower the predicted  $y$ -profile below that observed on small scales. We also demonstrate that the measured  $y$ -profile around LRGs agrees with the predictions using the UPP, given the SHM relation from C15-SHM (Coupon et al. 2015) or W16-SHM (Wang et al. 2016), estimated by gravitational lensing measurements. This implies that the UPP, estimated for galaxy clusters in the mass range of  $10^{14.4} - 10^{15.3} M_\odot$ , can also be applied to low-mass systems down to  $\sim 10^{13.5} M_\odot$ . However, we cannot rule out small deviations from the UPP due to uncertainties related to CIB contamination for the *Planck*  $y$ -maps (see Section 7).

Interestingly, the AGN 8.0 simulation predicts more extended pressure profiles around low-mass haloes than the UPP (see Le Brun et al. 2015) and also reproduces the observed  $y$ -profile. This apparent inconsistency is explained by the fact that the deviations from the self-similar model in Le Brun et al. (2015) are mainly confined to halo masses below  $M_{500} \sim 10^{13.5} M_\odot$ , which roughly corresponds to the average mass of our sample. Furthermore, the impact of coarse angular resolution of the *Planck*  $y$ -map is not negligible in our analysis: the UPP and AGN 8.0 pressure distributions only differ significantly on scales of  $r \lesssim r_{500}$ , which are well within the beam. Data from higher resolution tSZ maps (such as those from ACT or SPT, which have FWHM of order an arcminute) would be important in this regard.

## 9 CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have presented a stacking analysis of the  $y$ -signal measured by *Planck* around SDSS DR7 LRGs, which are considered to be mostly central galaxies in dark matter haloes. We construct the average  $y$ -profile centred on the LRGs and study the thermodynamic

state of the gas in groups and low-mass clusters. The major results of our analysis are summarized as follows:

(i) We detect a significant tSZ signal out to  $\sim 30$  arcmin well beyond the extent of the 10 arcmin beam of the *Planck*  $y$ -map.

(ii) We compare the average  $y$ -profile around LRGs with the predictions from the cosmo-OWLS suite of cosmological hydrodynamical simulations. This comparison agrees best with simulations that include AGN feedback (AGN 8.0), but not with simulations that do not include non-gravitational physics (NOCOOL) or with simulations with very violet AGN feedback (AGN 8.5, AGN 8.7). This is consistent with other studies showing that the AGN 8.0 model reproduces a variety of observed gas features in optical and X-ray data (e.g. Le Brun et al. 2014). The data also agree with the REF model that includes cooling and heating due to stellar feedback, but no AGN feedback. This can be explained by Le Brun et al. (2015) showing that the deviation between the REF and AGN 8.0 model starts to appear below  $M_{500} \sim 10^{13.5} M_{\odot}$ , which almost corresponds to the average mass of our samples. We note, however, that models that neglect AGN feedback lead to excessive star formation and overcooled massive galaxies. Consequently, an analysis of the stacked  $y$ -profiles in bins of stellar mass (see Appendix) clearly rules out the REF model.

(iii) The average  $y$ -profile around the LRGs is also compared with a prediction using the halo model with a UPP. The predicted  $y$ -profile is consistent with the data, but only if we account for the two-halo clustering term in the model, and if we assume the stellar–halo mass relation from either C15-SHM or W16-SHM, which are estimated using gravitational lensing measurements. This may imply that the UPP, estimated for massive galaxy clusters in the mass range of  $10^{14.4} - 10^{15.3} M_{\odot}$ , can be applicable even in low-mass haloes down to  $\sim 10^{13.5} M_{\odot}$ .

In our analysis, the dominance of the two-halo term in low-mass systems is partially due to the coarse angular resolution of the *Planck*  $y$ -map. We emphasize that more precise measurements with a better angular resolution and sensitivity such as ACTPol (Niemack et al. 2010) and SPTpol (Austermann et al. 2012) will shed further light on the issue and help to clarify the impact of AGN feedback on the formation and evolution of galaxies.

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## APPENDIX: COMPARISON WITH SIMULATIONS WITH STELLAR MASS

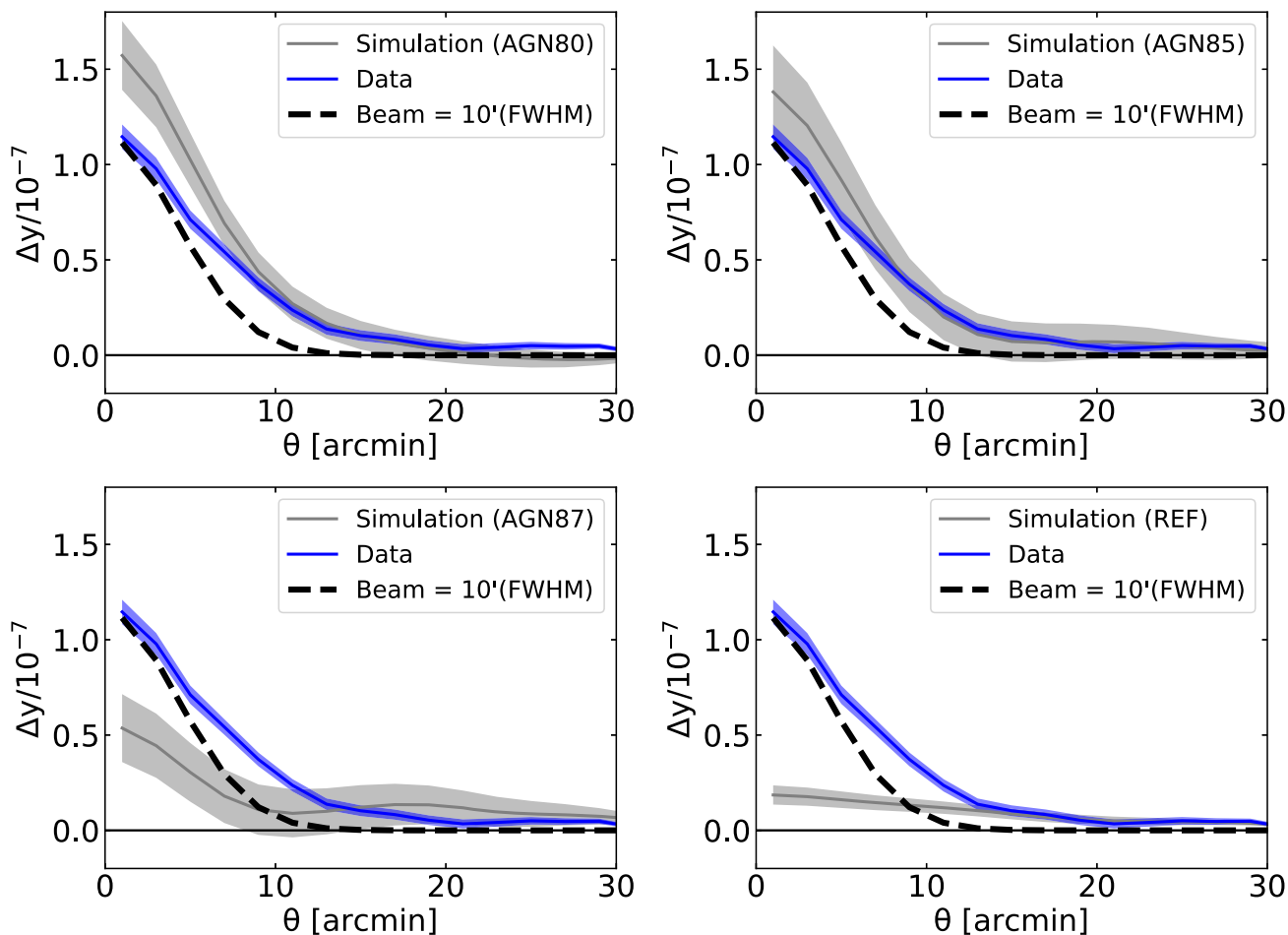
We compare the average  $y$ -profile to simulations using stellar masses, instead of halo masses. To identify simulated LRGs, we select simulated central galaxies with the same stellar mass and redshift ranges as in the real data. The average stacked  $y$ -profile in each stellar mass and redshift bin is then constructed from the simulated light-cones. The stacks are then combined, weighted by the total number of LRGs as described in Section 5.2.

The average  $y$ -profile around 66 479 LRGs is compared to cosmological simulations with different AGN feedback models in Fig. A1, where the grey lines show the average  $y$ -profiles of the simulations. We exclude the NOCOOL model from this comparison, since it does not form galaxies (i.e. no stellar masses). In the comparison, a clear difference between the data and REF model can be seen.

In general, energy released from the centre of a halo heats cluster gas, this in turn prevents cooling and thus the star formation around the central region. Therefore, if we consider haloes of the same total mass, the stellar mass of the central galaxy is decreased as the power of the central AGN is increased. Since we select central galaxies based on stellar mass, lower mass haloes are selected in the REF model compared to the models that include AGN feedback. This is apparent as the lower central peak value of the simulated  $y$ -profiles in the REF model compared to the AGN models. We also see a visible trend in that the higher the power of AGN feedback, the lower the peak of  $y$ -profile. This is due to the fact that the AGN feedback ejects gas from the centre of haloes outward and the overall gas density is lowered. Note that the three AGN models have approximately the same galaxy stellar mass function (McCarthy et al. 2017), so differences in the stacked  $y$ -profiles indicate real differences in the pressure distribution of the hot gas (as demonstrated at fixed halo in the main text).

As a result of this comparison, we can strongly rule out the REF model. Interestingly, in bins of stellar mass, we find that the AGN 8.5 model reproduces the observed  $y$ -profile the best, whereas the comparison at fixed halo mass suggested a somewhat better fit by the AGN 8.0 model (modulo possible CIB contamination, which would affect both comparisons in the same way). This discrepancy may be caused by the fact that the comparison of the simulations to the data is not entirely straightforward. In particular, the methods for estimating stellar masses are different. The stellar mass in the data is estimated by fitting the five-band SDSS photometry to  $\sim 400$  spectral templates and adopting a particular stellar population synthesis package and an assumed stellar initial mass function. On the other hand, the stellar mass for the simulated galaxies is estimated by simply summing the masses of star particles within 30 kpc around central galaxy. In terms of observational systematics alone, the typical uncertainty (excluding uncertainties in the stellar initial mass function) is  $\sim 0.25$  dex in stellar mass (e.g. Behroozi, Conroy & Wechsler 2010). While this may explain the difference in the preference of somewhat different AGN feedback models, note that it cannot reconcile the REF model with the data, as the REF model predicts stellar masses that at least 0.5 dex too large (see fig. 1 of McCarthy et al. 2017).





**Figure A1.** The average  $y$ -profile around LRGs (blue) is compared to the  $y$ -profiles of the simulated central galaxies (grey) in different AGN feedback models, respectively. In each case we have matched the stellar mass and redshift distributions from the simulations to be the same as those in the data. *Top left:* AGN 8.0 model. *Top right:* AGN 8.5 model. *Bottom left:* AGN 8.7 model. *Bottom right:* REF model.

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