Joint cosmology and mass calibration from thermal Sunyaev-Zel'dovich cluster counts and cosmic shear

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We present a new method for joint cosmological parameter inference and cluster mass calibration from a combination of weak lensing measurements and the abundance of thermal Sunyaev-Zel'dovich (tSZ) selected galaxy clusters. We combine cluster counts with the spherical harmonic cosmic shear power spectrum and the cross-correlation between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear. These correlations constrain the cluster mass-observable relation. We model the observables using a halo model framework, including their full non-Gaussian covariance. Forecasting constraints on cosmological and mass calibration parameters for a combination of LSST cosmic shear and Simons Observatory tSZ cluster counts, we find competitive constraints for cluster cosmology, with a factor of 2 improvement in the dark energy figure of merit compared to LSST cosmic shear alone. We find most of the mass calibration information will be in the large and intermediate scales of the cross-correlation between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear. Finally, we find broadly comparable constraints to traditional analyses based on calibrating masses using stacked cluster lensing measurements, with the benefit of consistently accounting for the correlations with cosmic shear.

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I. INTRODUCTION

After the immense progress achieved in the past three decades, observational cosmology is about to undergo transformational changes once again. A number of highprecision, wide-field experiments across the electromagnetic spectrum will soon start operations. Examples include the Rubin Observatory Legacy Survey of Space and Time $(LSST)$,¹ Euclid,² and the Roman Telescope³ in the optical, as well as the Simons Observatory⁴ (SO) and CMB Stage 4 (S4) in the microwave, which will deliver galaxy samples of unprecedented size as well as high-precision measurements of cosmic microwave background (CMB) anisotropies, respectively. As the data volume of cosmological surveys increases, these experiments will become increasingly dominated by systematic rather than statistical uncertainties, which will require the development of novel analysis methods.

Galaxy clusters constitute the most massive bound objects in the Universe, and their abundance as a function of mass is a powerful probe of cosmology, which has the potential to tightly constrain the amplitude of matter fluctuations, σ_8 , and the fractional matter density today, Ω_m (see, e.g., [\[1,2\]](#page-20-0)). However, this exciting cosmological probe has so far received less attention compared to, e.g., cosmic shear or galaxy clustering, as it has been limited by systematic uncertainties related to the determination of cluster masses (see, e.g., Refs. [\[1](#page-20-0)–3] for a discussion).

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 1 <https://www.lsst.org/>.

 $²$ [https://www.euclid-ec.org/.](https://www.euclid-ec.org/)</sup>

³<https://roman.gsfc.nasa.gov/>.

[https://simonsobservatory.org/.](https://simonsobservatory.org/)

Galaxy clusters can be detected by several different techniques: (i) in the optical by looking for large overdensities in the galaxy distribution; (ii) in the microwave, through their imprint on the observed CMB temperature anisotropies, the thermal Sunyaev-Zel'dovich (tSZ) effect [\[4\]](#page-20-1); and finally (iii) in the x ray through the emission of the hot gas trapped inside these clusters. All of these methods measure an observable that is connected to mass, such as richness λ , tSZ decrement Y, and gas temperature and density T , ρ . The uncertainty in the mass-observable relation is the largest systematic uncertainty in cosmological analyses of galaxy clusters and needs to be calibrated using external data. Weak gravitational lensing is sensitive to all matter in the Universe, and therefore, the lensing signal for galaxies located behind a given cluster can be used to infer cluster halo masses and calibrate the massobservable relation (e.g., [\[2\]\)](#page-20-2). Examples of recent cosmological analyses of galaxy clusters include Refs. [\[5](#page-20-3)–8], which use CMB data from the Atacama Cosmology Telescope⁵ (ACT), the South Pole Telescope⁶ (SPT), and Planck, respectively, as well as Refs. [\[9,10\]](#page-20-4), which use x-ray data from Chandra and optical data from the Dark Energy Survey^{\prime} (DES), respectively.

In addition, several recent works have investigated joint constraints on cosmology and cluster mass calibration: for example, Ref. [\[11\]](#page-20-5) forecasted constraints from a joint analysis of CMB S4 cluster abundances and LSST weak lensing, Ref. [\[12\]](#page-20-6) focused on a combination of cluster weak lensing with galaxy clustering and the cross-correlation between cluster and galaxy overdensity, and finally Ref. [\[13\]](#page-20-7) took a different approach: focusing only on power spectra, the authors investigated the potential of multiwavelength analyses to jointly constrain cosmology and properties of the intracluster medium.

In this work, we focus on the abundance of galaxy clusters detected through the tSZ effect in CMB temperature anisotropy maps. Building on previous work [\[14](#page-20-8)–16], we propose a new method for joint cosmological parameter inference and cluster mass calibration from a combination of weak lensing measurements and tSZ cluster abundances. Specifically, we combine cluster number counts with the spherical harmonic cosmic shear power spectrum and the cross-correlation between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear. We use a halo model [\[17](#page-20-9)–20] framework for modeling the observables and their full non-Gaussian covariance. Using this framework, we forecast constraints on cosmological and mass calibration parameters for a combination of LSST and SO and investigate the different sources of cosmological and astrophysical information. Finally, we compare our results to those obtained with more traditional tSZ mass calibration methods, which are based on stacked measurements of cluster weak lensing (for a summary of the method, the reader is referred to, e.g., Ref. [\[11\]](#page-20-5); for examples of stacked weak lensing analyses, see, e.g., Refs. [\[21,22\]](#page-20-10)). Although we focus on forecasting the constraining power of future experiments in this work, the methods presented here are equally applicable to joint analyses of current surveys, such as ACT, SPT, and DES.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. [II](#page-1-0), we present the cosmological observables used in our analysis. Section [III](#page-4-0) outlines the theoretical modeling of the observables within the halo model, and in Sec. [IV,](#page-6-0) we derive expressions for the joint covariance between the probes considered. Section [V](#page-8-0) describes our fiducial assumptions for forecasting joint constraints from LSST and SO, and Sec. [VII](#page-10-0) describes the forecasting methodology. We present our results in Sec. [VIII](#page-12-0) and conclude in Sec. [IX](#page-16-0). Implementation details are deferred to the Appendixes.

II. OBSERVABLES

In this work, we investigate the potential of joint analyses of tSZ cluster number counts and cosmic shear to simultaneously calibrate cluster masses and constrain cosmological parameters. To this end, we focus on combining cluster number counts \mathcal{N}_{cl} with cosmic shear power spectra $C_{\ell}^{\gamma\gamma}$ and cross-correlations between cluster overdensity $\delta_{\rm cl}$ and cosmic shear, $C_{\ell}^{\delta_{\rm cl}}$. In the following, we describe these observables in more detail. Unless stated otherwise, all theoretical predictions in this work assume a flat cosmological model, i.e., $\Omega_k = 0$.

A. tSZ cluster number counts

1. Cluster detection

The modeling of both the thermal Sunyaev-Zel'dovich signal and cluster detection in this work closely follows Ref. [\[11\]](#page-20-5). We give a brief summary below but refer the reader to Ref. [\[11\]](#page-20-5) for more details.

The thermal Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect is a secondary anisotropy of the CMB due to inverse Compton scattering of CMB photons with energetic, free electrons in galaxy clusters (for a review of tSZ cosmology, see, e.g., [\[3\]](#page-20-11)). The tSZ effect leads to a characteristic spectral distortion of the CMB blackbody spectrum that is proportional to the integrated pressure along a given direction θ , given by (see, e.g., [\[3,23\]](#page-20-11))

$$
\frac{\Delta T}{T_{\rm CMB}}(\nu,\boldsymbol{\theta}) = f(\nu) \frac{\sigma_T}{m_e c^2} \int \, \mathrm{d}l \, P_e(l,\boldsymbol{\theta}) \equiv f(\nu) y(\boldsymbol{\theta}). \tag{1}
$$

In this equation, $f(v)$ is defined as $f(v) = x \coth x/2 - 4$ with $x=h\nu/k_BT_{CMB}$, where T_{CMB} denotes the CMB temperature and h and k_B are the Planck and Boltzmann constants, respectively. Furthermore, m_e denotes electron mass, σ_T is the Thompson cross section, $P_e(l, \theta)$ denotes

 5 <https://act.princeton.edu/>.

⁶<https://pole.uchicago.edu/>.

<https://www.darkenergysurvey.org/>.

the three-dimensional cluster pressure profile, and dl is the line-of-sight distance in direction θ . Finally, we have defined the dimensionless Compton-y parameter $y(\theta)$, which determines the amplitude of the tSZ signal. We model $P_e(l, \theta)$ following Ref. [\[11\],](#page-20-5) adopting the analytic pressure profile from Ref. [\[24\]](#page-20-12) with the parameter values given in Ref. [\[11\].](#page-20-5)

Following Ref. [\[11\]](#page-20-5), we assume that a matched-filter applied to a CMB map is used to define a cluster. For each detected cluster, we define the spherical aperture tSZ flux as [\[25\]](#page-20-13)

$$
Y_{500} = \frac{4\pi}{D_A^2(z)} \int_0^{R_{500}} dr \, r^2 \frac{\sigma_T}{m_e c^2} P_e(r), \tag{2}
$$

where $D_A(z)$ denotes the physical angular diameter distance and R_{500} is the radius where the density equals 500 times the critical density of the Universe at the cluster redshift z. The quantity Y_{500} is not directly observable as it depends on R_{500} , which is poorly constrained from CMB data alone. Several different approaches to relating a given measurement of the integrated Compton-y parameter to Y_{500} have been employed in the literature (see, e.g., [\[5,26,27\]](#page-20-3)). In the following, we briefly review the approach taken by the ACT Collaboration [\[5,28\],](#page-20-3) referring the reader to the references for a description of alternative methods. In this approach, the integrated Compton-y parameter is obtained from CMB maps filtered on a fixed angular scale. These measurements can be related to Y_{500} by assuming a fiducial cluster pressure profile as well as a cosmological model. As an alternative to using a fixed filter scale, CMB surveys can be combined with overlapping optical or x-ray surveys (e.g., e ROSITA 8), which provide estimates for R_{500} . In this work, we do not consider Y_{500} -modeling uncertainties for simplicity.

For a given multifrequency CMB experiment, the uncertainties in measuring Y_{500} , denoted $\sigma_N(M, z)$, are determined by the noise and resolution of the different frequency maps. These uncertainties depend on the number of CMB map pixels covered by a given cluster, which depends on the angle subtended by R_{500} and thus the cluster halo mass M . Therefore, the quantity $\sigma_N(M, z)$ is mainly determined by M. In order to compute $\sigma_N(M, z)$, we again follow Ref. [\[11\]](#page-20-5) and refer the reader to that work for further details.

2. Mass-observable relation

As the quantity Y_{500} is obtained by integrating the Compton-y parameter over the cluster's extent, it is a measure for the total thermal energy of the cluster. We thus expect Y_{500} to be a measure for the cluster halo mass M .⁹

 8 [https://www.mpe.mpg.de/eROSITA.](https://www.mpe.mpg.de/eROSITA)

The relation between the mean flux \bar{Y}_{500} and the underlying halo mass M is the main systematic uncertainty in tSZ cluster cosmology. In this work, we follow Refs. [\[11,25,29\]](#page-20-5) and model this relation as

$$
\bar{Y}_{500}(M_{500}, z) = Y_* \left[\frac{M_{500}}{M_*} \right]^{\alpha_Y} e^{\beta_Y \log^2(M_{500}/M_*)} (1+z)^{\gamma_Y} \times E^{2/3}(z) \left[\frac{D_A(z)}{100h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}} \right]^{-2}, \tag{3}
$$

where log denotes natural logarithm and M_{500} is the mass enclosed within the radius where the density equals 500 times the critical density of the Universe at the cluster redshift. The quantities α_Y and β_Y account for the first and second order mass dependence and γ_Y parametrizes a redshift dependence, additional to that expected from self-similar evolution. Furthermore, Y_* and M_* are con-
stants and $F(z) = H(z)/H$. The quantities $H(z)$ and H . stants and $E(z) = H(z)/H_0$. The quantities $H(z)$ and H_0 denote the Hubble parameter and its present day value, respectively. The distribution of true tSZ fluxes is usually assumed to take a log-normal form around their mean Y_{500} , i.e., (e.g., [\[25\]\)](#page-20-13)

$$
p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}|M_{500}, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\log Y_{500}}(M, z)} \times e^{-(\log Y_{500}^{\text{true}} - \log \bar{Y}_{500}(M_{500}, z))^2/2\sigma_{\log Y_{500}}^2(M, z)},
$$
\n(4)

where we have introduced the intrinsic mass- and redshiftdependent scatter $\sigma_{\log Y_{500}}(M, z)$, which we model as [\[11\]](#page-20-5)

$$
\sigma_{\log Y_{500}}(M,z) = \sigma_{\log Y_0} \left[\frac{M_{500}}{M_*} \right]^{\alpha_{\sigma}} (1+z)^{\gamma_{\sigma}}.
$$
 (5)

In the above equation, α_{σ} and γ_{σ} parametrize the mass and redshift dependence of the intrinsic scatter, respectively.

3. Cluster number counts

The probability to observe a galaxy cluster at redshift z with mass M , true tSZ amplitude Y_{500}^{true} , and observed tSZ amplitude Y_{500}^{obs} is given by

$$
p(M, z, Y_{500}^{\text{true}}, Y_{500}^{\text{obs}}) = p(Y_{500}^{\text{obs}}) p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}} | Y_{500}^{\text{obs}}) p(M, z | Y_{500}^{\text{true}}).
$$
\n(6)

Using

$$
p(M, z|Y_{500}^{\text{true}}) = \frac{p(M, z)}{p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}})} p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}|M, z), \tag{7}
$$

we can rewrite Eq. [\(6\)](#page-2-0) as

 \mathcal{H} Here *M* denotes a generic mass definition and we transform between definitions as needed. The procedure chosen to transform between mass definitions is outlined in Appendix [A.](#page-17-0)

$$
p(M, z, Y_{500}^{\text{true}}, Y_{500}^{\text{obs}})
$$

=
$$
\frac{p(Y_{500}^{\text{obs}})}{p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}})} p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}} | Y_{500}^{\text{obs}}) p(M, z) p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}} | M, z).
$$
 (8)

Here $p(M, z)$ denotes the normalized halo mass function (as we are computing the probability to observe a cluster), $p(Y_{\text{500}}^{\text{true}}|M, z)$ is the probability that a cluster of $Y_{\text{500}}^{\text{true}}$ at redshift z has halo mass M and finally $p(Y_{\text{500}}^{\text{true}})$ redshift z has halo mass M, and finally $p(Y_{500}^{\text{obs}}|Y_{500}^{\text{true}})$
 $p(Y_{500}^{\text{obs}}|Y_{500}^{\text{true}})$ and the survey spectrum Fragment z has halo mass W , and many $p(x_{500})r_{500} - p(Y_{500}^{obs})/p(Y_{500}^{true})p(Y_{500}^{true})$ denotes the survey-specific
cluster selection function. The selection function quantifies cluster selection function. The selection function quantifies the probability of measuring Y_{500}^{obs} for a true tSZ flux Y_{500}^{true} and is determined by the experimental uncertainties discussed in Sec. [II A 1](#page-1-1).

If we instead set $p(M, z)$ to the unnormalized halo mass function, i.e., $p(M, z) = \frac{dn}{dM}$, then Eq. [\(8\)](#page-2-1) gives us the number of detected clusters with M , z, Y_{500}^{obs} , Y_{500}^{true} . Therefore, the observed number of thermal Sunyaev-Zel'dovich detected galaxy clusters in redshift bin i with $z \in [z_{i,\text{min}}, z_{i,\text{max}}]$ and tSZ signal amplitude bin α with $Y_{500}^{\text{obs}} \in [Y_{500,\alpha}^{\text{obs,min}}, Y_{500,\alpha}^{\text{obs,max}}]$ becomes

$$
\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\alpha}^i := \mathcal{N}_{\text{cl}}(\Delta Y_{500,\alpha}^{\text{obs}}, \Delta z_i)
$$
\n
$$
= \Omega_s \int_{z_{i,\text{min}}}^{z_{i,\text{max}}} dz \frac{c}{H(z)} \frac{dV}{d\chi} \int dM \frac{dn}{dM} \int dY_{500}^{\text{true}}
$$
\n
$$
\times \int_{Y_{500,\alpha}^{\text{obs,max}}}^{Y_{500,\text{max}}^{\text{obs,max}}} dY_{500}^{\text{obs}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{obs}} | Y_{500}^{\text{true}}) p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}} | M, z), \qquad (9)
$$

where we have integrated over halo mass and Y_{500}^{true} , which are not directly observable. Here, $dV/d\chi=\chi^2$ denotes the comoving volume element in comoving distance, and we have performed the integration over a solid angle, which for a survey covering a sky fraction f_{sky} yields $\Omega_s = 4\pi f_{\text{sky}}$. Defining the integrated survey selection function for Y_{500}^{obs} bin α as

$$
S_{\alpha}(Y_{\text{true}}, M, z) = \int_{Y_{500,\alpha}^{\text{obs,max}}}^{Y_{500,\alpha}^{\text{obs,max}}} dY_{500}^{\text{obs}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{obs}} | Y_{500}^{\text{true}}), \qquad (10)
$$

we finally obtain

$$
\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\alpha}^{i} = \Omega_s \int_{z_{i,\text{min}}}^{z_{i,\text{max}}} dz \frac{c}{H(z)} \frac{dV}{dy} \int dM \frac{dn}{dM}
$$

$$
\times \int dY_{500}^{\text{true}} P(Y_{500}^{\text{true}} | M, z) S_{\alpha}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}, M, z). \tag{11}
$$

Using the results derived in Sec. [II A 1,](#page-1-1) we can obtain an expression for $S_{\alpha}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}},M,z)$. Let us assume a detection
threshold for clusters given by $a\sigma_{\alpha}(M,z)$ where $\sigma_{\alpha}(M,z)$ threshold for clusters given by $q\sigma_N(M, z)$, where $\sigma_N(M, z)$ denotes the noise in the Y measurement for a cluster of halo mass M at redshift z and q is the detection level.¹⁰ This leads to [\[25\]](#page-20-13)

$$
S_{\alpha}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}, M, z) = \int_{\max(q\sigma_N, Y_{500,\alpha}^{\text{obs,min}})}^{Y_{500,\alpha}^{\text{obs,max}}} dY_{500}^{\text{obs}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{obs}} | Y_{500}^{\text{true}}). \quad (12)
$$

Assuming a Gaussian distribution for $p(Y_{500}^{\text{obs}} | Y_{500}^{\text{true}})$ given
by [25] by [\[25\]](#page-20-13)

$$
p(Y_{500}^{\text{obs}} | Y_{500}^{\text{true}}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_N(M, z)} e^{-(Y_{500}^{\text{obs}} - Y_{500}^{\text{true}})^2 / 2\sigma_N^2(M, z)}, \quad (13)
$$

we finally arrive at [\[25\]](#page-20-13)

$$
S_{\alpha}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}, M, z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[erf \left(\frac{Y_{500,\alpha}^{\text{obs,max}} - Y_{500}^{\text{true}}}{\sqrt{2} \sigma_N(M, z)} \right) - erf \left(\frac{\max(q \sigma_N, Y_{500,\alpha}^{\text{obs,min}}) - Y_{500}^{\text{true}}}{\sqrt{2} \sigma_N(M, z)} \right) \right], \quad (14)
$$

where $\sigma_N(M, z)$ is fully determined by experimental uncertainties.

B. Power spectra

We combine cluster number counts with two different power spectra: the cosmic shear power spectrum and the cross-power spectrum between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear.

Let us consider two tracers $a, b \in [\gamma_i, \delta_{\text{cl},a}^j]$, where γ
notes cosmic shear and δ , denotes cluster overdensity denotes cosmic shear and $\delta_{\rm cl}$ denotes cluster overdensity. Furthermore *i*, *j* label the respective redshift bins and α the tSZ amplitude bin. Employing the Limber approximation [\[30](#page-20-14)–32], we can write their spherical harmonic power spectrum as

$$
C_{\ell}^{ab} = \int dz \frac{c}{H(z)} \frac{W^{a}(\chi(z))W^{b}(\chi(z))}{\chi^{2}(z)}
$$

$$
\times P_{ab} \left(k = \frac{\ell + 1/2}{\chi(z)}, z\right), \qquad (15)
$$

where c is the speed of light, $\chi(z)$ is the comoving distance, and $P_{ab}(k, z)$ denotes the three-dimensional power spectrum between probes a and b. The quantity $W^a(\chi(z))$ is a probe-specific window function, which we discuss next for cosmic shear and cluster overdensity.

1. Cosmic shear power spectrum

Cosmic shear is sensitive to the integrated matter distribution between source galaxies and the observer, and the cosmic shear kernel $W^{\gamma}(\chi(z))$ is given by

$$
W_{\gamma}^{i}(\chi(z)) = \frac{3\,\Omega_{m}H_{0}^{2}\chi(z)}{2\,c^{2}} \int_{\chi(z)}^{\chi_{h}} \mathrm{d}z' n^{i}(z') \frac{\chi(z') - \chi(z)}{\chi(z')},\qquad(16)
$$

where $n^{i}(z)$ denotes the normalized redshift distribution of source galaxies in redshift bin $i \times j$ is the comoving source galaxies in redshift bin i, χ_h is the comoving

¹⁰In this work, we set $q = 5$, which corresponds to a 5σ detection threshold and is typical for CMB tSZ detections.

distance to the horizon and a denotes the scale factor. As cosmic shear is sensitive to all gravitationally interacting matter in the Universe, we further set $P_{\gamma\gamma}(k, z) = P_{\gamma\gamma}(k, z)$, where $P_{mm}(k, z)$ denotes the matter power spectrum.

The observed cosmic shear autopower spectrum receives an additional contribution due to shape noise from intrinsic galaxy ellipticities. We model the shape noise power spectrum of redshift bin *i* as $N_{\gamma\gamma}^i = \sigma_{\epsilon,i}^2 / \bar{n}_{\text{source}}^i$, where $\overline{n}_{\text{source}}^i$ denotes the mean angular galaxy number density and $\sigma_{\epsilon,i}$ is the standard deviation of the intrinsic ellipticity in each component.

2. Cross-correlation between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear

Galaxy clusters are a biased tracer of the matter distribution, and their clustering properties can therefore be analyzed analogously to galaxy clustering. In this work, we focus on the angular power spectrum between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear, which can be computed by cross-correlating maps of cluster overdensity and galaxy ellipticity. The redshift distribution of galaxy clusters with tSZ amplitudes in $\Delta Y_{500,\alpha}^{obs}$, detectable by a given survey, is determined by their number density as a function of redshift (see, e.g., $[33]$). From Eq. (11) we thus obtain

$$
\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},a}(z) := \mathcal{N}_{\text{cl}}(z, \Delta Y_{500,a}^{\text{obs}})
$$
\n
$$
= \Omega_s \frac{c}{H(z)} \frac{dV}{d\chi} \int dM \frac{dn}{dM}
$$
\n
$$
\times \int dY_{500}^{\text{true}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}} | M, z) S_{\alpha}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}, M, z). \tag{17}
$$

Finally, normalizing Eq. [\(17\)](#page-4-1) to unity by dividing by the total number of observable clusters in tSZ bin $\alpha \mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\alpha} = \int dz \mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\alpha}(z)$, we obtain the redshift distribution of galaxy clusters as of galaxy clusters as

$$
n_{\text{cl},\alpha}(z) = \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\alpha}(z)}{\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\alpha}}.\tag{18}
$$

In addition to considering bins in tSZ amplitude, we can subdivide the galaxy cluster distribution into redshift bins. We denote the resulting distributions by $n_{\text{cl},\alpha}^i(z)$, and the window function $W^i_{\delta_{\rm cl},\alpha}(\chi(z))$ thus becomes

$$
W_{\delta_{\rm cl},\alpha}^{i}(\chi(z)) = \frac{H(z)}{c} n_{\rm cl,\alpha}^{i}(z). \tag{19}
$$

While the cross-correlation between cosmic shear and cluster overdensity $C_{\ell}^{\gamma \delta_{\rm cl}}$ is free from observational noise, the autocorrelation of the cluster overdensity $C_{\ell}^{\delta_{\rm cl} \delta_{\rm cl}}$ is subject to Poisson noise. In this analysis, we model this noise power spectrum as $N_{\delta_{\text{cl},a}\delta_{\text{cl},a}}^i = 1/\bar{n}_{\text{cl},\alpha}^i$, where $\bar{n}_{\text{cl},\alpha}^i$ denotes the mean angular density of galaxy clusters in tSZ amplitude bin α and redshift bin *i*.

3. Systematics modeling

We account for potential systematic uncertainties in the cosmic shear measurement by including simple models for these systematics in our theoretical predictions.¹¹ The most important observational systematics for cosmic shear are photometric redshift uncertainties and multiplicative biases in measured galaxy shapes, while effects of baryons on the matter power spectrum (see, e.g., Refs. [\[35,36\]](#page-20-16)) constitute the largest theoretical systematic uncertainty. In this work, we account for photometric redshift uncertainties and multiplicative shear bias as described below, but we leave a treatment of baryonic effects to a future application of this methodology to data. We note, however, that baryonic effects severely limit the range of scales used in current cosmic shear analyses and thus their statistical precision. In the case that no mitigation techniques become available in the near future, these uncertainties will also significantly impact future weak lensing surveys such as LSST, and thus the constraints derived in this work.

Photometric redshift uncertainties. For each tomographic redshift bin i , we parametrize the impact of photo-z uncertainties as

$$
n_i(z) \propto \hat{n}_i(z + \Delta z_i), \tag{20}
$$

where n_i denotes the true, underlying redshift distribution, while \hat{n}_i is estimated from the galaxy photo-zs. The parameter Δz_i allows us to marginalize over potential biases in the mean of the redshift distributions.

Multiplicative shear bias. The estimated weak lensing shear $\hat{\gamma}$ is prone to multiplicative calibration uncertainties, which we model as (e.g., [\[37\]\)](#page-20-17)

$$
\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} = (1 + m_i) \boldsymbol{\gamma}.
$$
 (21)

In the above equation, γ is the true galaxy shear and m_i denotes the multiplicative bias parameter for tomographic redshift bin i.

III. THEORETICAL MODELING

To model all angular cosmic shear power spectra $C_\ell^{\gamma\gamma}$, we compute nonlinear matter power spectra $P_{mm}(k, z)$ using the Halofit fitting function [\[38\]](#page-20-18) with the revisions by Ref. [\[39\]](#page-20-19).¹² We compute theoretical predictions for all other observables and their covariances using the halo

¹¹The main systematic uncertainty for tSZ cluster number counts is the $Y - M$ relation, which we discuss in Sec. [II A 2.](#page-2-2) We note that we do not account for possible halo assembly bias when modeling the cluster overdensity, as the magnitude and significance of the effect are currently a matter of investigation (see, e.g., Ref. [34]).

This choice is motivated by the fact that the halo model described below is not able to accurately model power spectra in the transition regime between the 1- and the 2-halo terms [\[40\].](#page-20-21)

model [17–[20\].](#page-20-9) In this model, the three-dimensional power spectrum $P_{ab}(k, z)$ is split into two distinct terms, the 1-halo and the 2-halo terms. The 1-halo term quantifies clustering within a single halo, while the 2-halo term accounts for the contributions to $P_{ab}(k, z)$ coming from the relative clustering of tracers in different halos. These two quantities can be written as

$$
P_{ab}^{1h}(k, z) = I_{ab}^{0}(k, k, z),
$$

\n
$$
P_{ab}^{2h}(k, z) = I_{a}^{1}(k, z)I_{b}^{1}(k, z)P_{lin}(k, z),
$$
\n(22)

and the total power spectrum then becomes

$$
P_{ab}(k, z) = P_{ab}^{1h}(k, z) + P_{ab}^{2h}(k, z).
$$
 (23)

In Eqs. [\(22\)](#page-5-0) and [\(23\)](#page-5-1) we have used the general notation (see, e.g., [\[16,41\]\)](#page-20-22)

$$
I_{a_1\cdots a_m}^n(k_1,\ldots,k_m) = \int \mathrm{d}M \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}M} b_{h,n}(M) \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^m \left[\tilde{u}_{a_i}(k_i,M) \right] \right\rangle, \tag{24}
$$

where $b_{h,n}(M)$ is the *n*th order halo bias and we define $b_{h,1}(M) \equiv b_h(M), b_{h,0} \equiv 1$. The quantity $\tilde{u}_{a_i}(k_i, M)$ is the Given transform of the pormulized profile of the distri-Fourier transform of the normalized profile of the distribution of a given tracer within a halo of mass M and $\langle \cdots \rangle$ denotes an ensemble average.

In order to model $P_{ab}(k, z)$, we additionally need expressions for the normalized density profiles for all probes considered, which we will discuss next.

A. Cosmic shear

Cosmic shear is sensitive to all matter in the Universe, and we can therefore employ the halo model quantities for the matter distribution when predicting the statistical properties of cosmic shear.¹³ We define $\tilde{u}_m(\tilde{k}, M) \equiv M/\rho_m^{-1}u_m(\tilde{k}, M)$, where $\bar{\rho}$ denotes the comoving matter density and set where $\bar{\rho}_m$ denotes the comoving matter density, and set $\tilde{u}_{\gamma}(k, M) = \tilde{u}_m(k, M)$. We further assume a Navarro-Frenk-White profile [\[42\]](#page-20-23) for the Fourier transform of the matter distribution inside a halo of mass M , i.e., [\[42\]](#page-20-23)

$$
u_m(k, M) = \left[\ln(1 + c) - \frac{c}{1 + c}\right]^{-1}
$$

$$
\times \left\{\sin x[\text{Si}((1 + c)x) - \text{Si}(x)] + \cos x[\text{Ci}((1 + c)x) - \text{Ci}(x)] - \frac{\sin(cx)}{(1 + c)x}\right\},\tag{25}
$$

where $x = kR_\Delta/c$, R_Δ denotes the halo radius, $c = c(M)$ is the concentration parameter, and Si/Ci denote the sine and cosine integral functions.

B. Galaxy cluster overdensity

We follow Refs. [\[16,43\]](#page-20-22) and assume that each halo of mass M contains at most one galaxy cluster, which is located at its center. In order to derive the Fourier transform of the normalized cluster density profile, we first consider the number density of galaxy clusters in redshift bin i and tSZ amplitude bin α as a function of position **r**. This can be written as

$$
n_{\text{cl},\alpha}^{i}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{z \in \Delta z_{i}} \int dY_{500}^{\text{true}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}} | M, z) \times S_{\alpha}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}, M, z) \delta_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{r}_{j}),
$$
(26)

where $\delta_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{r})$ denotes the Dirac delta function. Switching from discrete to continuous variables, we obtain the mean cluster density in the tSZ and redshift bin as

$$
\bar{n}^{i}_{\mathrm{cl},\alpha} = \int \mathrm{d}M \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}M} \int \mathrm{d}Y_{500}^{\mathrm{true}} p(Y_{500}^{\mathrm{true}} | M, z) S_{\alpha}(Y_{500}^{\mathrm{true}}, M, z). \tag{27}
$$

Finally, using the fact that the Fourier transform of the Dirac delta function equals unity, we obtain

$$
\tilde{u}^{i}_{\delta_{\text{cl},\alpha}}(k,M) = \frac{\int dY_{500}^{\text{true}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}|M,z) S_{\alpha}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}},M,z)}{\bar{n}^{i}_{\text{cl},\alpha}}.
$$
 (28)

C. Halo model implementation

We compute the halo mass function dn/dM and the halo bias $b_h(M)$ using the fitting functions derived in Ref. [\[44\]](#page-20-24). We further assume the concentration-mass relation of halos $c(M)$ to follow the fitting function derived in Ref. [\[45\]](#page-20-25). Unless noted otherwise (e.g., M_{500}), halo masses are defined with respect to the mean matter density \bar{p}_m and we assume a virial collapse density contrast as given by Ref. $[46]$.¹⁴

We further note that the 2-halo term for matter converges to $P_{\text{lin}}(k, z)$ as $k \to 0$. This imposes a nontrivial constraint on $I_m^1(k, z)$ as

$$
\int dM \frac{dn}{dM} b_h(M) \frac{M}{\bar{\rho}_m} = 1.
$$
 (29)

We enforce this constraint by adding a constant to all halo model integrals for the matter density when computing $\frac{13}{3}$ As outlined at the beginning of this section, we employ the cosmic shear cross-correlations and covariances [\[47\],](#page-20-27) thus

halo model to compute cosmic shear cross-correlations and covariances, while we use Halofit to compute cosmic shear power spectra.

¹⁴We note that we transform Δ_c as given in Ref. [\[46\]](#page-20-26) to be relative to the matter density instead of the critical density.

correcting for the finite minimal mass cutoff. This correction is not necessary for other tracers considered in this work, as these have a physical mass cutoff in all halo model integrals.

In this work, we compute theoretical predictions for cosmological observables using the LSST Dark Energy Science Collaboration (DESC) Core Cosmology Library (CCL^{15}) [\[48\]](#page-20-28).

IV. COVARIANCE MATRIX

We compute the joint covariance matrix of cosmic shear, tSZ cluster number counts, and the cross-correlation between cosmic shear and cluster overdensity analytically using the halo model. The resulting expressions for all possible combinations between these probes are discussed below. With the exception of the Gaussian covariance of angular power spectra, which does not include modecoupling effects due to observing only a fraction of the sky (see, e.g., Ref. [\[49\]](#page-20-29)), these expressions will be useful for both forecasts as well as analyses using real data.

A. Cluster number counts

The autocovariance of cluster number counts in redshift bins i, j and tSZ Y bins α , β can be subdivided into a Poissonian and a halo sample variance (HSV) part, i.e.,

$$
Cov(\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\alpha}^i, \mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\beta}^j) = Cov_p(\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\alpha}^i, \mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\beta}^j)
$$

$$
+ Cov_{\text{HSV}}(\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\alpha}^i, \mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\beta}^j). \quad (30)
$$

The Poissonian part of the total covariance accounts for the fact that clusters are discrete tracers. The HSV, on the other hand, quantifies correlations between cluster number counts in different Y bins caused by estimating these quantities from a finite survey volume (see, e.g., Refs. [\[50,51\]](#page-20-30)). Recently, Ref. [\[52\]](#page-20-31) found that halo exclusion effects provide an additional contribution to the covariance of cluster number counts as well as the cross-covariance between cluster number counts and angular power spectra. In this work, we do not include these effects but leave modeling thereof to future work.

In this work, we follow Refs. [\[16,53\]](#page-20-22) and estimate the Poissonian contribution to the total covariance as

$$
Cov_{P}(\mathcal{N}_{cl,a}^{i}, \mathcal{N}_{cl,\beta}^{j}) = \delta^{\mathcal{D}}_{\alpha\beta} \delta^{\mathcal{D}}_{ij} \mathcal{N}_{cl,a}^{i}, \qquad (31)
$$

where we assume nonoverlapping cluster number count bins in tSZ amplitude and redshift and set cross-correlations between cluster number counts at different redshifts to zero. The halo sample variance can be estimated as [\[16,53,54\]](#page-20-22)

$$
Cov_{\text{HSV}}(\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\alpha}^{i}, \mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\beta}^{j})
$$
\n
$$
= \delta_{ij}\Omega_{s}^{2} \int_{z_{i,\text{min}}}^{z_{i,\text{max}}} dz \frac{c}{H(z)} \left[\frac{dV}{dy}\right]^{2} \left[\int dM \frac{dn}{dM} b_{h}(M) \times \int dY_{500}^{\text{true}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}} | M, z) S_{\alpha}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}, M, z)\right]
$$
\n
$$
\times \left[\int dM' \frac{dn}{dM'} b_{h}(M') \int dY_{500}^{\text{'true}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{'true}} | M', z) \times S_{\beta}(Y_{500}^{\text{'true}}, M', z)\right] \sigma_{b}^{2}(z).
$$
\n(32)

The quantity $\sigma_b^2(z)$ is the variance of the long wavelength
background mode $\delta_{\rm{eq}}$ over the survey footprint, given by background mode δ_{LS} over the survey footprint, given by

$$
\sigma_b^2(z) = \int \frac{dk_\perp^2}{(2\pi)^2} P_{\text{lin}}(k_\perp, z) |\tilde{W}(k_\perp, z)|^2. \tag{33}
$$

In the above equation, $\tilde{W}(k_{\perp}, z)$ denotes the Fourier transform of the survey footprint, which we approximate as a compact circle with an area matched to our dataset:

$$
\tilde{W}(k_{\perp},z) = \frac{2J_1(k_{\perp}\chi(z)\theta_s)}{k_{\perp}\chi(z)\theta_s}, \quad \theta_s = \arccos(1 - 2f_{\rm sky}), \quad (34)
$$

where $J_1(x)$ is the cylindrical Bessel function of order 1.

B. Angular power spectra

The covariance of two angular power spectra C^{ab}_{ℓ} and $C_{e'}^{cd}$ can be written as the sum of a Gaussian, non-Gaussian, and supersample covariance (SSC) part, i.e.,

$$
Cov(C_{\ell}^{ab}, C_{\ell'}^{cd}) = Cov_G(C_{\ell}^{ab}, C_{\ell'}^{cd}) + Cov_{NG}(C_{\ell}^{ab}, C_{\ell'}^{cd}) + Cov_{SSC}(C_{\ell'}^{ab}, C_{\ell'}^{cd}).
$$
\n(35)

The non-Gaussian covariance accounts for mode coupling due to the non-Gaussianity of the fields being crosscorrelated. Finally, the SSC quantifies the coupling of small-scale modes due to the presence of long, supersurvey modes (see, e.g., Refs. [\[55,56\]\)](#page-21-0).

The Gaussian covariance matrix is given by (see, e.g., [\[16,57\]](#page-20-22))

$$
Cov_G(C_{\ell}^{ab}, C_{\ell'}^{cd}) = \frac{\delta_{\ell\ell'}}{(2\ell+1)\Delta\ell f_{\rm sky}}
$$
(36)

$$
\times [(C_{\ell}^{ac} + \delta_{ac}^{D} N^{ac})(C_{\ell}^{bd} + \delta_{bd}^{D} N^{bd}) \quad (37)
$$

$$
+(C_{\ell}^{ad} + \delta_{ad}^{D} N^{ad})(C_{\ell}^{bc} + \delta_{bc}^{D} N^{bc})], \quad (38)
$$

where $\Delta \ell$ accounts for possible binning of the angular ¹⁵<https://github.com/LSSTDESC/CCL>. power spectra C^{ab}_{ℓ} into band powers. The quantities N^{ab}

denote the noise power spectra, which are nonzero only for autocorrelations. The expressions for these noise power spectra for the probes considered in our analysis are given in Sec. [II B.](#page-3-1)

The non-Gaussian covariance is given by the angular projection of the three-dimensional trispectrum¹⁶ $T^{abcd}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4)$ as (see, e.g., [\[16\]](#page-20-22))

$$
Cov_{NG}(C_{\ell}^{ab}, C_{\ell'}^{cd}) = \frac{1}{\Omega_s} \int_{|\ell| \in \ell_1} \int_{|\ell'| \in \ell_2} \int \frac{d^2 \ell}{A(\ell_1)} \frac{d^2 \ell'}{A(\ell_2)} \times d\chi \frac{W^a(\chi)W^b(\chi)W^c(\chi)W^d(\chi)}{\chi^6} \times T^{abcd}(\ell/\chi, -\ell/\chi, \ell'/\chi, -\ell'/\chi). \tag{39}
$$

The quantity $A(\ell_i)$ denotes the area of an annulus of width $\Delta \ell_i$ around ℓ_i , i.e., $A(\ell_i) \equiv \int_{|\ell| \in \ell_i} d^2 \ell$, which is approximately given by $A(\ell_i) \approx 2\pi \Delta \ell_i \ell_i$ for $\ell_i \gg \Delta \ell_i$.

Using the halo model, the trispectrum T^{abcd} can be written as (e.g., [\[56\]](#page-21-1))

$$
T^{abcd} = T^{abcd,1h} + (T_{22}^{abcd,2h} + T_{13}^{abcd,2h}) + T^{abcd,3h} + T^{abcd,4h}, \tag{40}
$$

where

$$
T^{abcd,1h}(\mathbf{k}_a, \mathbf{k}_b, \mathbf{k}_c, \mathbf{k}_d) = I^0_{abcd}(k_a, k_b, k_c, k_d),
$$

\n
$$
T^{abcd,2h}_{22}(\mathbf{k}_a, \mathbf{k}_b, \mathbf{k}_c, \mathbf{k}_d) = P_{lin}(k_{ab})I^1_{ab}(k_a, k_b)I^1_{cd}(k_c, k_d)
$$

\n
$$
+ 2 \text{ perm.},
$$

\n
$$
T^{abcd,2h}_{13}(\mathbf{k}_a, \mathbf{k}_b, \mathbf{k}_c, \mathbf{k}_d) = P_{lin}(k_a)I^1_a(k_a)I^1_{bcd}(k_b, k_b, k_c)
$$

\n
$$
+ 3 \text{ perm.},
$$

\n
$$
T^{abcd,3h}(\mathbf{k}_a, \mathbf{k}_b, \mathbf{k}_c, \mathbf{k}_d) = B^{\text{PT}}(\mathbf{k}_a, \mathbf{k}_b, \mathbf{k}_{cd})I^1_a(k_a)I^1_b(k_b)
$$

$$
\times I_{cd}^{1}(k_{c}, k_{d}) + 5 \text{ perm.},
$$

$$
T^{abcd,4h}(\mathbf{k}_{a}, \mathbf{k}_{b}, \mathbf{k}_{c}, \mathbf{k}_{d}) = T^{PT}(\mathbf{k}_{a}, \mathbf{k}_{b}, \mathbf{k}_{c}, \mathbf{k}_{d}) I_{a}^{1}(k_{a})
$$

$$
\times I_{b}^{1}(k_{b}) I_{c}^{1}(k_{c}) I_{d}^{1}(k_{d}). \tag{41}
$$

Here, $\mathbf{k}_{ab} \equiv \mathbf{k}_a + \mathbf{k}_b$, and the quantities B^{PT} and T^{PT} denote the matter bi- and trispectrum, respectively, as estimated using tree-level perturbation theory. The full expressions for these terms can be found in Ref. [\[56\]](#page-21-1). For simplicity, we follow [\[16\]](#page-20-22) and approximate the 2- to 4-halo trispectrum as the linearly biased matter trispectrum and only include a probe-specific 1-halo trispectrum contribution. Specifically, we set

$$
T^{abcd} = T^{abcd,1h} + b_a b_b b_c b_d T^{m,2h+3h+4h}, \qquad (42)
$$

where $T^{abcd,1h}$ and $T^{m,2h+3h+4h}$ are computed following Eqs. [\(41\).](#page-7-0) For $T^{abcd,1h}$, we evaluate Eq. [\(24\)](#page-5-2) for probes a, b, d, c, while for $T^{m,2h+3h+4h}$, we use the corresponding expressions for the matter distribution. Finally, b_a denotes the linear bias of tracer a predicted using the halo model, i.e.,

$$
b_a = \int dM \frac{dn}{dM} b_h(M) \tilde{u}_a(0,M), \qquad (43)
$$

and we set $b_{\gamma}(M) = 1$. From Eq. [\(24\),](#page-5-2) we see that the 1-halo trispectrum is given by

$$
T^{abcd,1h}(\mathbf{k}_a, \mathbf{k}_b, \mathbf{k}_c, \mathbf{k}_d)
$$

=
$$
\int dM \frac{dn}{dM} \langle \tilde{u}_a(k_a, M)\tilde{u}_b(k_b, M)\tilde{u}_c(k_c, M)\tilde{u}_d(k_d, M)\rangle.
$$
 (44)

A special case arises when $T^{abcd,1h}(\mathbf{k}_a, \mathbf{k}_b, \mathbf{k}_c, \mathbf{k}_d)$ contains two cluster number count tracers $\delta_{\text{cl},\alpha}^i$, $\delta_{\text{cl},\beta}^j$ (set to tracers c , d without loss of generality), as a halo can at most contain a single cluster. Accounting for this fact, we then obtain

$$
T^{abcd,1h}(\mathbf{k}_a, \mathbf{k}_b, \mathbf{k}_c, \mathbf{k}_d)
$$

= $\delta_{ij}\delta_{\alpha\beta} \int dM \frac{dn}{dM} \tilde{u}_a(k_a, M) \tilde{u}_b(k_b, M) \frac{\tilde{u}_{\delta_{\text{cl},a}}^i(k_c, M)}{(\bar{n}_{\text{cl},a}^i)^2}$. (45)

Finally, we compute the supersample covariance contribution following the treatment of [\[16\],](#page-20-22) i.e.:

$$
Cov_{SSC}(C_{\ell}^{ab}, C_{\ell'}^{cd})
$$

= $\int d\chi \frac{W^{a}(\chi)W^{b}(\chi)W^{c}(\chi)W^{d}(\chi)}{\chi^{4}} \frac{\partial P_{ab}(\ell/\chi, z(\chi))}{\partial \delta_{LS}}$
 $\times \frac{\partial P_{cd}(\ell'/\chi, z(\chi))}{\partial \delta_{LS}} \sigma_{b}^{2}(z(\chi)).$ (46)

The quantity $\partial P_{ab}(k, z)/\partial \delta_{\text{LS}}$ denotes the response of the power spectrum P_{ab} to a large-scale density fluctuation, which we estimate using the halo model and results from perturbation theory as (e.g., [\[16\]\)](#page-20-22)

$$
\frac{\partial P_{ab}(k,z)}{\partial \delta_{\text{LS}}} = \left(\frac{68}{21} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\text{d}\log k^3 P_{\text{lin}}(k,z)}{\text{d}\log k}\right) I_a^1(k) I_b^1(k) P_{\text{lin}}(k,z) \n+ I_{ab}^1(k,k) - (b_{a,a\neq y} + b_{b,b\neq y}) P_{ab}(k,z). \tag{47}
$$

The last term in Eq. [\(47\)](#page-7-1) accounts for the fact that observed overdensity fields are computed using the mean density estimated inside the survey volume.

For consistency with our implementation of the trispectrum, we compute the response function $\partial P_{ab}(k, z)/\partial \delta_{\text{LS}}$

¹⁶The trispectrum is the connected part of the four-point function.

for a given probe as the linearly biased response of the matter field. 17

C. Cross-correlations between cluster number counts and angular power spectra

Finally, the cross-covariance between cluster number counts and angular power spectra vanishes for purely Gaussian fields, but it receives both non-Gaussian and SSC contributions, i.e.,

$$
Cov(\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},i}^{a}, C_{\ell}^{ab}) = Cov_{NG}(\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},i}^{a}, C_{\ell}^{ab}) + Cov_{SSC}(\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},i}^{a}, C_{\ell}^{ab}).
$$
 (48)

Following Refs. [\[51,53\]](#page-20-32), we can write the non-Gaussian part of this cross-covariance as

$$
Cov_{NG}(\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},i}^{a}, C_{\ell}^{ab}) = \Omega_{s} \int_{z_{i,\text{min}}}^{z_{i,\text{max}}} dz \frac{c}{H(z)} \frac{W^{a}(\chi(z))W^{b}(\chi(z))}{\chi^{4}(z)} \frac{dV}{d\chi}
$$

\n
$$
\times \left\{ \int dM \frac{dn}{dM} \tilde{u}_{a}(k,M) \tilde{u}_{b}(k,M) \int dY_{500}^{\text{true}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}|M,z) S_{a}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}},M,z)
$$

\n
$$
+ \left(\left[\int dM \frac{dn}{dM} b_{h}(M) \tilde{u}_{a}(k,M) \int dY_{500}^{\text{true}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}|M,z) S_{a}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}},M,z) \right] \left[\int dM \frac{dn}{dM} b_{h}(M) \tilde{u}_{b}(k,M) \right] \right.
$$

\n
$$
+ \left[\int dM \frac{dn}{dM} b_{h}(M) \tilde{u}_{b}(k,M) \int dY_{500}^{\text{true}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}|M,z) S_{a}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}},M,z) \right]
$$

\n
$$
\times \left[\int dM \frac{dn}{dM} b_{h}(M) \tilde{u}_{a}(k,M) \right] P_{\text{lin}}(k,z) \right\}.
$$
 (49)

Furthermore, the SSC covariance is given by (see, e.g., [\[16,53\]\)](#page-20-22)

$$
Cov_{SSC}(\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},i}^{a}, C_{\ell}^{ab}) = \Omega_{s} \int_{z_{i,\text{min}}}^{z_{i,\text{max}}} d\chi \frac{W^{a}(\chi)W^{b}(\chi)}{\chi^{2}} \frac{dV}{d\chi} \left[\int dM \frac{dn}{dM} b_{h}(M) \int dY_{500}^{\text{true}} p(Y_{500}^{\text{true}} | M, z) S_{a}(Y_{500}^{\text{true}}, M, z) \right]
$$

$$
\times \frac{\partial P_{ab}(\ell/\chi, z(\chi))}{\partial \delta_{\text{LS}}} \sigma_{b}^{2}(z(\chi)). \tag{50}
$$

V. COMBINATION OF LSST AND SO

We assess the potential of a joint analysis of tSZ number counts, cosmic shear, and the cross-correlation between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear to simultaneously infer cosmology and mass calibration by performing a Fisher matrix forecast for a combination of LSST and SO.¹⁸ The survey specifications assumed for each survey and probe are detailed below.

A. LSST specifications

We follow Ref. [\[11\]](#page-20-5) and model an LSST-like survey assuming a sky coverage of 18,000 square degrees (corresponding to $f_{sky} = 0.4$), an angular galaxy number density for the weak lensing sample of \bar{n}_{source} 20 arcmin[−]² and standard deviation of the intrinsic ellipticity in each component of $\sigma_e = 0.3$. We further assume the redshift distribution of these galaxies to follow the functional form given in Ref. [\[58\]](#page-21-2):

$$
n(z) \propto z^2 e^{-\frac{z}{z_0}},\tag{51}
$$

where we set $z_0 = 0.3$. The assumed redshift distribution roughly matches the one outlined in the LSST DESC Science Requirements Document [\[59\]](#page-21-3), while both the intrinsic ellipticity and angular galaxy number density are more conservative and are derived by extrapolating results from the Hyper-Suprime Cam (HSC) survey [\[60\]](#page-21-4). We subdivide the galaxies into four tomographic redshift bins of approximately equal galaxy numbers between redshift $z_{\text{min}} = 0$ and $z_{\text{max}} = 3^{19}$ and estimate the true redshift distribution in each photometric redshift bin i using (e.g., [\[61\]](#page-21-5))

¹⁷In order to test the robustness of our results to this approximation, we also compute the SSC contribution to the covariance using the probe-specific halo model quantities in Eq. [\(47\).](#page-7-1) We find our forecasted constraints to be unaffected by this change and therefore resort to the approach described above for consistency.
¹⁸We note that a similar analysis could be performed for

current surveys, such as ACT, SPT, and DES.

¹⁹This leads to the following redshift bin edges $z_{\text{min},i}$, $z_{\text{max},i}$ = $[0., 0.57], [0.57, 0.89], [0.89, 1.41], [1.41, 3.]$ for $i = 0, ..., 3$.

TABLE I. Summary of assumed survey specifications for SO LAT (see also Table 1 in Ref. [\[63\]](#page-21-7)).

Frequency [GHz]	FWHM [arcmin]	Noise (goal) [μ K arcmin]
27	7.4	52
39	5.1	27
93	2.2	5.8
145	1.4	6.3
225	1.0	15
280	0.9	37

$$
n_i(z_t) = \int_{z_{\min,i}}^{z_{\max,i}} \mathrm{d}z_p p(z_p|z_t) n(z_t), \tag{52}
$$

where z_p denotes photometric and z_t true redshift, respectively. Finally, we model $p(z_p|z_t)$ assuming z_p to be Gaussian distributed around z_t with $\sigma_p = 0.05$ [\[62\]](#page-21-6).

We compute spherical harmonic power spectra for all auto- and cross-correlations between those redshift bins in 13 angular multipole bins between $\ell_{\text{min}} = 100$ and $\ell_{\text{max}} = 4600^{20}$

B. SO specifications

We model the expected survey specifications for SO following Ref. [\[63\]](#page-21-7), focusing only on the Large Aperture Telescope (LAT). We assume observations in six frequency bandpasses with beam full-width half-maxima (FWHM) and white noise levels for a sky coverage of $f_{sky} = 0.4$ as given in Table [I](#page-9-0) (cf. Table 1 in Ref. [\[63\]\)](#page-21-7). We additionally model the atmospheric noise contribution following Ref. [\[63\]](#page-21-7) and refer the reader to their Sec. [II.](#page-1-0)2 for more details.

1. Cluster number counts

We subdivide the cluster number counts into five bins in redshift between $z_{\text{min}} = 0$ and $z_{\text{max}} = 1.5$. The maximal cluster redshift is chosen in order to ensure a large enough source sample for mass calibration. Furthermore, photometric redshift uncertainties for LSST are expected to increase significantly at high redshift, which will further limit the usage of high redshift galaxies for mass calibration. We subdivide each of these redshift bins into roughly 15 tSZ amplitude bins between $Y_{500 \text{ min}}^{obs}$ = 500;min = 4×10^{-13} and $Y_{500, \text{max}}^{obs} = 3 \times 10^{-8}$. The exact bin edges and bin numbers considered depend on the cluster redshift bin, as we follow observational analyses (see, e.g., [\[64\]\)](#page-21-8) and ensure that each bin contains at least a single galaxy cluster.²¹ The exact bin configurations are given in Appendix [B 1](#page-18-0).

2. Cluster lensing

In order to measure the cluster lensing cross-correlation $C_{\ell}^{\gamma \delta_{\rm cl}}$, we subdivide the cluster overdensity field into four redshift bins between $z_{\text{min}} = 0$ and $z_{\text{max}} = 1.41$ and four tSZ amplitude bins between $Y_{500,\text{min}}^{obs} = 4 \times 10^{-13}$ and
vobs = 1.4 × 10⁻⁹ We remove five hine from this $Y_{500, \text{max}}^{obs} = 1.4 \times 10^{-9}$. We remove five bins from this subdivision as they contain less than one cluster which subdivision, as they contain less than one cluster, which leaves us with 11 cluster overdensity bins. 22 Furthermore, we only include cross-correlations between galaxy cluster overdensity and cosmic shear for bin combinations for which the lenses are located behind the clusters. These specifications leave us with 20 cross-power spectra $C_{\ell}^{j' \delta_{\text{cl},\alpha}^j}$ which we compute for 16 angular multipole bins between $\ell_{\text{min}} = 100$ and $\ell_{\text{max}} = 9400^{23}$
Finally when combining ISS

Finally, when combining LSST and SO, we assume full overlap between the two surveys over a fraction of the sky $f_{sky} = 0.4$. Figure [1](#page-10-1) shows an example for each of the three observables considered in our analysis, computed according to the survey and binning specifications given above.

VI. METHODOLOGY FOR JOINT COSMOLOGY AND MASS CALIBRATION

We forecast constraints on cosmological and mass calibration parameters from a joint analysis of cluster number counts, cosmic shear, and cluster lensing power spectra, assuming a Gaussian likelihood given by

$$
\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{D}^{\text{obs}}|\theta) = \frac{1}{[(2\pi)^d \det \mathbf{C}]^{1/2}} \times e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{D}^{\text{obs}} - \mathbf{D}^{\text{theor}})^{\text{T}} \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{D}^{\text{obs}} - \mathbf{D}^{\text{theor}})},
$$
(53)

where C denotes the non-Gaussian covariance matrix, computed as outlined in Sec. [IV.](#page-6-0)²⁴ Furthermore, \mathbf{D}^{obs} is the observed data vector, given by

²⁰The maximal angular multipole is chosen in accordance with previous LSST forecasts; see, e.g., Refs. [\[16,62\].](#page-20-22) Furthermore, we choose the bin centers as $\ell_{\text{mean}} = \{100, 200, 300, 400, 600, \ldots\}$ 800, 1000, 1400, 1800, 2200, 3000, 3800, 4600.

 21 We note that not applying this cut results in significantly tighter constraints on mass-calibration parameters. However, we choose to not include low cluster number count bins for two reasons: (i) these bins mainly correspond to the high mass end of the mass function, where the approximations made for computing the covariance matrix in this work might break down, and (ii) including bins with very few objects can cause numerical

instabilities in Fisher matrix computations.
²²The exact bin configurations are given in Appendix [B 2](#page-19-0).
²³This choice of maximal angular multipole ensures that we include a significant amount of information coming from the 1-halo term and is similar to earlier analyses, e.g., [\[16\].](#page-20-22) Furthermore, the bin centers are chosen as $\ell_{\text{mean}} = \{100,$ 200;300;400;600;800;1000;1400;1800;2200;3000;3800;4600;

 $6200,7800,9400$.
²⁴We note that when computing the inverse covariance matrix, we first invert the correlation matrix and then transform back to the inverse covariance matrix. This avoids numerical instabilities due to the large dynamic range in the covariance matrix elements.

FIG. 1. Examples of the observables considered in this analysis. The leftmost panel shows the cosmic shear autopower spectrum for redshift bin $i = 1$ ($z_{min} = 0.57$, $z_{max} = 0.89$), the middle panel shows the cross-correlation between cosmic shear bin $i = 3$ $(z_{\text{min}} = 1.41, z_{\text{max}} = 3.)$ and cluster overdensity bin $i = 1, \alpha = 1$ $(z_{\text{min}} = 0.35, z_{\text{max}} = 0.7, Y_{\text{min}} = 3.08 \times 10^{-12}$, $Y_{\text{max}} = 2.4 \times 10^{-11}$, and finally the last panel shows the cluster number counts for redshift bin $i = 2$ ($z_{\text{min}} = 0.5$, $z_{\text{max}} = 0.75$). We have subdivided the cluster lensing power spectrum into its 1-halo and 2-halo contributions. In all panels, the shaded regions show the 1σ uncertainties.

FIG. 2. Joint correlation matrix of tSZ cluster number counts, cosmic shear, and the cross-correlation between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear obtained in this analysis.

$$
\mathbf{D}^{\text{obs}} = (C_{\ell}^{\gamma_{i1}\gamma_{j1}}, \dots, C_{\ell}^{\gamma_{in}\gamma_{jn}}, C_{\ell}^{\gamma_{i1}\delta_{\text{cl},\text{cl}}^{\text{kl}}}, \dots, C_{\ell}^{\gamma_{im}\delta_{\text{cl},\text{ram}}^{\text{kl}}},
$$

$$
\mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\beta1}^{l1}, \dots, \mathcal{N}_{\text{cl},\beta\varrho}^{l\varrho})_{\text{obs}},
$$
 (54)

and $\mathbf{D}^{\text{theor}}$ denotes the corresponding theoretical prediction. The correlation matrix obtained in our analysis for the experimental specifications given in Sec. [V](#page-8-0) is shown in Fig. [2](#page-10-2).²⁵ The full matrix has dimensions $(n, n) = (519, 519)$ and consists of 130 $C^{\gamma\gamma}$ measurements 320 (519, 519) and consists of 130 C_{ℓ}^{yy} measurements, 320 $C_{\ell}^{\gamma\delta_{\rm cl}}$ measurements, and 69 $\mathcal{N}_{\rm cl}$ measurements. As can be seen, the different probes are significantly correlated and the importance of non-Gaussian contributions to the covariance, which give rise to the off-diagonal elements, increases with angular multipole ℓ and tSZ amplitude Y_{500}^{obs} .

Traditionally, tSZ cluster mass calibration has been performed in a two step process: in a first step, cosmic shear, CMB lensing, or x-ray measurements are used to derive prior constraints on cluster masses or mass calibration. In a second step, these prior constraints are folded into the cluster number counts likelihood to derive constraints on cosmological and mass calibration parameters. A number of different approaches exist in the literature (see, e.g., [\[25,64](#page-20-13)–67]), which vary in the data used to derive priors on mass calibration and their derivation. In order to further validate the mass calibration method proposed in this work, we compare its forecasted constraints to those obtained in such a stacking analysis. For the stacked cluster number counts likelihood, we closely follow the approach outlined in Ref. [\[11\]](#page-20-5): we compute uncertainties on inferred weak lensing masses assuming measurements of the real-space cluster lensing signal for all clusters in the sample. These constraints are used to derive cluster number counts binned in redshift z, tSZ signal-to-noise q , and weak lensing mass M_{WL} . The measurements are finally used to compute constraints on cosmological and mass calibration parameters assuming Poisson noise (i.e., neglecting the non-Gaussian covariance discussed above²⁶).

VII. FORECASTING METHODS

We use a Fisher matrix formalism to forecast constraints on cosmological and mass calibration parameters for both methods outlined above. The Fisher matrix allows for propagation of experimental uncertainties to uncertainties on model parameters. Under the assumption that the dependence of the data covariance matrix on the parameters of interest θ_{α} can be neglected, the Fisher matrix for a given experiment, measuring a data vector D, is given by (see, e.g., [\[68](#page-21-9)–70])

 25 The correlation matrix Corr is obtained from the covariance matrix **C** as $Corr_{ij} = C_{ij}/\sqrt{C_{ii}C_{jj}}$.

 26 We have made this choice in order to maintain consistency with the original analysis in Ref. [\[11\].](#page-20-5)

^aSee description in Sec. [VII.](#page-10-0)

 b See Eq. [\(3\)](#page-2-3).

 c See Eq. [\(5\).](#page-2-4)

 d Here, $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$ denotes a one-dimensional Gaussian distribution.

$$
F_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial \theta_{\alpha}} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial \theta_{\beta}}.
$$
 (55)

The Cramér-Rao bound states that the uncertainty on θ_{α} , marginalized over all other θ_{β} satisfies

$$
\Delta \theta_{\alpha} \ge \sqrt{(F^{-1})_{\alpha \alpha}}.\tag{56}
$$

Computing the Fisher matrix requires the assumption of a fiducial model. In this work, we choose cosmological parameter values close to those derived by the Planck Collaboration in their 2015 data release using only temperature data [\[71\]](#page-21-10) (cf. the first column of Table 4 in Ref. [\[71\]](#page-21-10)). The fiducial values assumed for all parameters are summarized in Table [II](#page-11-0).

We assess the potential of a combination of LSST and SO to simultaneously constrain cosmology and mass calibration by mainly investigating its constraining power on the time evolution of the dark energy equation of state parameter w(a), parametrized as $w(a) = w_0 + (1 - a)w_a$ [\[72,73\]](#page-21-11).²⁷ We therefore focus on w_0w_a CDM and forecast constraints on the set of cosmological and systematics parameters given by $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{H_0, \Omega_b h^2, \Omega_c h^2, A_s, n_s, w_0, w_a, w_a\}$ $Y_*, \sigma_{\log Y_0}, \alpha_{\sigma}, \gamma_{\sigma}, \alpha_{Y}, \beta_{Y}, \gamma_{Y}, \Delta_{Z_i}, m_i \}$, $i \in [0, ..., 3]$, where H_0 is the Hubble parameter, $\Omega_b h^2$ is the physical baryon density today, $\Omega_c h^2$ is the physical cold dark matter density today, n_s denotes the scalar spectral index, A_s is the primordial power spectrum amplitude at pivot wave vector $k_0 = 0.05$ Mpc⁻¹,²⁸ and w_0 and w_a parametrize the equation of state of dark energy. We compute derivatives of the tion of state of dark energy. We compute derivatives of the observables with respect to these parameters numerically using a five-point stencil with step $\epsilon = 0.01\theta$, where θ denotes any parameter considered in our analysis.²⁹ We test the stability of our results by varying the parameter ϵ and find our results to be largely insensitive to this choice.

Unless stated otherwise, we combine our constraints with prior information from the Planck power spectrum following Ref. [\[11\].](#page-20-5) Specifically, we include Planck temperature information from angular scales $2 < \ell < 30$ from the full Planck angular sky coverage ($f_{\text{sky}} = 0.6$), temperature and polarization information from $30 < \ell < 100$ from the part of sky in which Planck and SO overlap $(f_{sky} = 0.4)$, and finally temperature and polarization information from $30 < l < 2500$ from the part of sky covered by Planck but not by SO ($f_{sky} = 0.2$). Including the full Planck angular range and sky coverage, or the forecasted SO primary CMB information was found to not significantly impact forecasted constraints on w_0 and w_a [\[63\]](#page-21-7), which are the primary focus of this work. We further follow Ref. [\[16\]](#page-20-22) and assume Gaussian priors on Δz_i and m_i with standard deviations $\sigma(\Delta z_i) = 0.002$ and

 27 We note, however, that we expect the methods presented here to be useful for constraining any cosmological parameter affecting late-time structure growth, such as the sum of neutrino masses, $\sum_i m_{\nu,i}$.

 28 We note that for consistency with Ref. [\[11\]](#page-20-5) we choose to parametrize the power spectrum amplitude in terms of A_s instead of σ_8 , which denotes the rms of linear matter fluctuations in spheres of comoving radius $8 h^{-1}$ Mpc.
²⁹For parameters with fiducial values of zero, we set $\epsilon = 0.01$.

FIG. 3. Forecasted constraints on a subset of cosmological parameters obtained in a joint analysis of LSST and SO for three different data splits, where gg denotes cosmic shear, gdc denotes the cross-correlation between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear, and nc denotes cluster number counts. The constraints are marginalized over mass calibration and cosmic shear systematics parameters. The inner (outer) contour shows the 68% confidence limit (C.L.) (95% C.L.).

 $\sigma(m_i) = 0.004$, respectively. However, we do not assume any priors on the mass calibration parameters.

VIII. RESULTS

Figure [3](#page-12-1) shows our fiducial forecasted constraints on a subset of cosmological parameters 30 for a combination of LSST and SO, denoted $gg + gdc + nc^{31}$ in the figure. These constraints are obtained from a joint analysis of SO tSZ cluster number counts, LSST cosmic shear, and the cross-correlation between cosmic shear and cluster overdensity, combined with prior information from Planck as described in Sec. [VII](#page-10-0). The corresponding constraints on mass calibration parameters are shown in Fig. [4.](#page-13-0) As can be seen, the combination of SO clusters with LSST cosmic shear has the potential to provide rather tight constraints on both cosmological and mass calibration parameters. As an example, the dark energy equation of state parameters w_0 and w_a are constrained to a level of ~8% and $\sigma(w_a) \sim 0.3$, respectively. These constraints can be recast into uncertainties on w_p , which denotes the value of the dark energy equation of state at a pivot redshift z_p where the uncertainty on $w_p := w(z_p)$ is minimized (see, e.g., [\[74,75\]](#page-21-12)). For our fiducial constraints we obtain $\sigma(w_p) \sim 0.017$ at a pivot redshift of $z_p = 0.36$. These results constitute an improvement in the Dark Energy Task Force (DETF) Figure of Merit [\[74\]](#page-21-12) with respect to LSST cosmic shear alone of approximately a factor of 2. In addition, we find tight constraints on H_0 and A_s , improving the uncertainties on the primordial power spectrum amplitude by a factor of 2, again compared to LSST cosmic shear. This also implies tighter constraints on σ_8 , which is directly constrained by low-redshift large-scale structure observables. Comparing our fiducial constraints to those obtained from a

³⁰The full panel is shown in Fig. [7](#page-18-1) in Appendix. 3^{1} Here, gg denotes cosmic shear, gdc denotes the crosscorrelation between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear, and finally nc denotes cluster number counts.

FIG. 4. Forecasted constraints on mass calibration parameters obtained in a joint analysis of LSST and SO for three different data splits. The constraints are marginalized over cosmological and cosmic shear systematics parameters. The inner (outer) contour shows the 68% C.L. (95% C.L.).

combination of current Planck CMB and BAO data³² [\[76\]](#page-21-13), we find significant improvements in the constraints on H_0 , w_0 , and w_a , with the dark energy figure of merit increasing by a factor of approximately 9. Furthermore, our fiducial constraints on w_p are comparable to those forecasted from a combination of Planck CMB with data from the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument ($DESI³³$) [\[77\]](#page-21-14). Looking at the mass calibration parameters, we find a ∼3% constraint on the amplitude of the $Y - M$ relation, Y_* . Comparing this constraint to existing measurements is complicated by the fact that the respective analyses significantly differ in both methodology and constrained

³²See [https://wiki.cosmos.esa.int/planck-legacy-archive/images/](https://wiki.cosmos.esa.int/planck-legacy-archive/images/4/43/Baseline_params_table_2018_68pc_v2.pdf) [4/43/Baseline_params_table_2018_68pc_v2.pdf](https://wiki.cosmos.esa.int/planck-legacy-archive/images/4/43/Baseline_params_table_2018_68pc_v2.pdf). ³³[https://www.desi.lbl.gov/.](https://www.desi.lbl.gov/)

FIG. 5. Comparison of the forecasted constraints on a subset of cosmological parameters obtained using the two methods outlined in Sec. [VI](#page-9-1). The constraints are marginalized over mass calibration and cosmic shear systematics parameters. The inner (outer) contour shows the 68% C.L. (95% C.L.).

parameter set. We note, however, that this constraint constitutes a significant improvement compared to current constraints, which are at the level of 17% (see, e.g., Ref. [\[6\]](#page-20-33)). These results are especially remarkable, as the cosmological constraints are fully and self-consistently marginalized over uncertainties in the tSZ $Y - M$ -relation and cosmic shear measurement systematics and are derived accounting for the full non-Gaussian covariance between cluster number counts and the various cosmic shear observables. Similarly, the constraints on mass calibration shown in Fig. [4](#page-13-0) illustrate the constraining power of LSST and SO when selfconsistently marginalizing over cosmic shear systematics.

In order to disentangle the contribution of separate probes to these constraints, we compute forecasted constraints for two subsets of our full data vector: in the first case, we combine only cosmic shear and cluster number counts (denoted $gg + nc$), and in the second case we combine cluster number counts and the cluster lensing power spectrum (denoted $gdc + nc$). The obtained constraints are shown in Figs. [3](#page-12-1) and [4](#page-13-0) alongside our fiducial ones. From these figures we see that the combination $gg + nc$ yields cosmological parameter constraints comparable to those obtained from our fiducial case, while leading to significantly weaker constraints on mass calibration. The combination $gdc + nc$, on the other hand, shows the opposite behavior; i.e., the cosmological constraints are weaker while the constraints on mass calibration are comparable to the fiducial case. These results suggest that adding cosmic shear to cluster number counts mainly affects the cosmological constraining power. Combining cluster lensing and number counts, on the other hand, allows for precise mass calibration and breaks some of the degeneracies between cosmology and the $Y - M$ relation, inherent to cluster counts alone.

FIG. 6. Comparison of the forecasted constraints on mass calibration parameters obtained using the two methods outlined in Sec. [VI.](#page-9-1) The constraints are marginalized over cosmological and cosmic shear systematics parameters. The inner (outer) contour shows the 68% C.L. (95% C.L.).

It is interesting to ask which angular scales in $C_{\ell}^{\gamma\delta_{\rm cl}}$ contribute most to the constraints on the $Y - M$ relation. To this end, we forecast constraints for $gdc +$ nc restricting the angular multipole range for the cluster lensing cross-correlation to $\ell \leq 3000$ as compared to our fiducial case with $\ell \leq 9400$. Somewhat surprisingly, we find almost identical constraints on both cosmological and mass calibration parameters in both

cases.³⁴ This suggests that the constraints on mass calibration are driven by the large and intermediate angular scales rather than the smallest scales considered in our

³⁴As the constraints are almost indistinguishable, we do not show them in any of the figures. In addition, further reducing the multipole range to $\ell \le 1000$ only leads to modest increases in parameter uncertainties.

analysis. As can be seen from Fig. [1,](#page-10-1) these scales receive contributions from both the 1- and the 2-halo terms of the power spectrum. For the intermediate redshift bin shown in Fig. [1,](#page-10-1) the 2- to 1-halo transition occurs at $\ell \sim 300$, while for the highest redshift bin, they are pushed to $\ell \sim 600$. Our results thus suggest that the amplitude of $C_{\ell}^{\gamma \delta_{\rm cl}}$ on relatively large angular scales contains some information on mass calibration, as also seen in Ref. [\[78\].](#page-21-15) The large-scale amplitude of the cluster lensing signal is predominantly determined by the cluster bias, which depends on mass, and is therefore sensitive to mass calibration parameters, thus allowing for constraining the mass-observable relation. This is different from traditional mass calibration methods, which solely focus on the 1-halo term and thus use information from smaller scales to constrain the $Y - M$ relation.³⁵ This complementarity therefore suggests an interesting way to test for systematics in mass calibration by comparing the results obtained with both methods.

We further test the methodology presented in this analysis by comparing the obtained forecasted constraints to those obtained performing a traditional stacking analysis, as described in Sec. [VI](#page-9-1). As the stacking analysis does not contain cosmic shear information, we only perform this comparison for the α de $+$ nc data split. We constrain the same parameter set and apply identical priors to both methods, except that for consistency with existing analyses we do not account for cosmic shear systematics when forecasting constraints from the stacking method. The resulting constraints are shown in Figs. 5^{36} 5^{36} 5^{36} 5^{36} and 6. As opposed to the constraints obtained from the stacking method, the constraints from the cross-correlation method are fully marginalized over cosmic shear systematic uncertainties and are derived taking into account the full non-Gaussian covariance between cluster counts and cosmic shear. From Figs. [5](#page-14-0) and [6](#page-15-0) we see that the cross-correlation method nevertheless yields significantly tighter constraints on cosmological parameters, especially H_0 and A_s , where we find a reduction in the 1σ uncertainties of approximately 30% and 40%, respectively. For the mass calibration, we find the cross-correlation method to yield comparable or tighter constraints on the parameters entering the mean of the *Y* − *M* relation [see Eq. [\(3\)](#page-2-3)], e.g., β_Y . In contrast, however, the obtained constraints on the scatter in the $Y - M$ relation [see Eq. [\(5\)\]](#page-2-4) are weaker. From Fig. [6](#page-15-0) we see that the larger uncertainties on these parameters are mainly driven by increased parameter degeneracies obtained for the cross-correlation method. This suggests that these differences are not due to the mass calibration method itself but rather due to the different treatment of cluster number counts in both analyses: while the stacking method allows for binning the cluster number counts in both M_{WL} and Y_{500}^{obs} , the number counts in the cross-correlation method are only binned in Y_{500}^{obs} . This lack of explicit mass information in the cluster number counts can lead to larger degeneracies and thus enhanced correlations between the different mass calibration parameters. Further confirmation comes from the fact that we find the derivatives of the stacked cluster number counts with respect to the parameters of $\sigma_{\log Y_{500}}(M, z)$ marginalized over Y_{500}^{obs} to be
significantly larger than the derivatives obtained when significantly larger than the derivatives obtained when marginalizing the cluster number counts over M_{WL} . Another way of seeing this is that we find a loss of most of the constraining power on the scatter of the $Y - M$ relation when using the stacked cluster number counts marginalized over M_{WL} . As discussed above, an additional reason for these differences might be the fact that the constraints derived using the cross-correlation method are fully marginalized over systematics in the cosmic shear and take into account the cross-correlation between cluster number counts and cosmic shear, in contrast to the stacking method.

Despite the somewhat weaker constraints on the scatter in the $Y - M$ relation, these results show that the cluster lensing power spectrum provides a promising alternative to traditional tSZ mass calibration methods, as it allows for both precise mass calibration and additionally provides cosmological information complementary to cluster number counts (as can be seen from the fact that the cosmological constraints from \gcd ϵ hc are tighter than those obtained with the stacking method).

IX. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In this work we present a novel method for joint cosmological parameter inference and cluster mass calibration from a combination of weak lensing measurements and thermal Sunyaev-Zel'dovich cluster abundances. We focus on a combination of cluster number counts, angular cosmic shear power spectra, and the angular crosscorrelation between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear, which acts as the main cluster mass calibrator in our analysis. Using a halo model approach, we derive and compute theoretical estimates for all observables as well as their full non-Gaussian covariance. We then forecast constraints for a joint analysis of LSST and SO on both cosmological and mass calibration parameters in a Fisher analysis, fully marginalizing over systematic uncertainties in cosmic shear measurements. Our results show that the method presented here yields competitive constraints on both cosmological and mass calibration parameters. Furthermore, we find most of the mass calibration information to be contained in the large and intermediate

³⁵A potential concern about using information from the largescale amplitude of the cluster lensing signal for mass calibration is the uncertainty on cluster bias models. In order to test the robustness of our results to these uncertainties, we forecast constraints from \gcd + nc accounting for a 10% uncertainty in the amplitude of the cluster lensing power spectrum, finding only modest increases in parameter constraints.

The full panel for the cosmological parameter constraints is shown in Fig. [8](#page-19-1) in the Appendix.

angular scales of the cross-correlation between cosmic shear and cluster overdensity.

We then compare our constraints to those obtained in a more traditional stacked cluster weak lensing analysis. Generally, we find the method presented here to yield tighter constraints on cosmological parameters and comparable or tighter constraints on the mean of the massobservable relation. However, we find the scatter in the mass-observable relation to be more strongly constrained with the traditional method. We attribute this not to the mass calibration method itself but rather to different treatments of cluster number counts in both methods: the traditional methods allow for binning the cluster number counts in mass M_{WL} and tSZ amplitude Y_{500}^{obs} while the cluster counts in the method presented here are solely binned in Y_{500}^{obs} . The additional mass binning in traditional methods allows one to break degeneracies between the parameters of the mass-observable relation and therefore leads to tighter constraints on its scatter.

Therefore, our analysis shows that the cross-correlation between cluster overdensity and cosmic shear provides a promising alternative to traditional mass calibration methods, offering several advantages compared to traditional approaches. First of all, the constraints derived using the method presented here are fully and consistently marginalized over cosmic shear measurement systematics and are derived taking into account the full non-Gaussian covariance between cluster counts and cosmic shear. Second, computing the cross-correlation between cosmic shear and cluster overdensity amounts to performing a statistical mass calibration. In contrast, traditional mass calibration methods require measuring the cluster lensing signal for each cluster in the sample, which might become prohibitively expensive for future surveys. Finally, the joint cluster count and cosmic shear likelihood derived in this work can readily be combined with other probes of the large-scale structure, such as galaxy clustering.

We envisage several possible extensions of the present work. On the one hand, it will be interesting to test the method presented here by applying it to combinations of current CMB and large-scale structure surveys, such as ACT, SPT, or DES. Because of the lower signal to noise in these data, as compared to LSST and SO, we, however, expect to constrain only a subset of the parameters considered in this work, especially those entering the mass calibration. Furthermore, applying this method to data will necessitate the inclusion of additional systematics, such as baryon feedback effects on the matter power spectrum (see, e.g., Refs. [\[35,36\]\)](#page-20-16). On the theoretical side, we aim to investigate the potential of the cross-correlation method to constrain nonparametric mass-observable relations, which would remove the need of assuming uncertain functional forms for both the mean and scatter of the $Y - M$ relation.

The analysis presented in this work shows that the crosscorrelation method provides a promising and self-consistent way for jointly analyzing thermal Sunyaev-Zel'dovich cluster counts and cosmic shear. This bodes well for paving the way for multiprobe analyses including tSZ cluster number counts and harnessing the full potential of galaxy clusters as a precision cosmological probe.

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APPENDIX A: TRANSFORMING BETWEEN MASS DEFINITIONS

Throughout this work, we need to transform between different mass definitions. The total halo mass enclosed within a radius R for an Navarro-Frenk-White density profile is given by

$$
M(R) = 4\pi \int_0^R dr r^2 \rho_{\text{NFW}}(r)
$$

= $4\pi \rho_0 r_s^3 \left[\log \left(1 + \frac{R}{r_s} \right) - \frac{R/r_s}{1 + R/r_s} \right],$ (A1)

where r_s denotes the scale radius and ρ_0 the characteristic density of a given halo. In the case in which $R = R_{\Delta}$, we obtain using $c_{\Delta} = R_{\Delta}/r_s$

$$
M(RΔ) = 4\pi \rho_0 r_s^3 \left[\log \left(1 + c_{\Delta} \right) - \frac{c_{\Delta}}{1 + c_{\Delta}} \right].
$$
 (A2)

³⁷[https://github.com/nbatta/szar.](https://github.com/nbatta/szar)

Therefore we obtain a relation between halo masses defined using different overdensity criteria Δ as

$$
\frac{M((A3)
$$

The above equation is an implicit function of $M_{\Delta} \equiv$ $M(\langle R_{\Delta} \rangle)$. In this work, we convert between M and M_{500} by iteratively solving Eq. [\(A3\).](#page-18-2)

APPENDIX B: IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

1. Cluster counts binning scheme

We first divide the distribution of galaxy clusters into five redshift bins with bin edges $z_i \in [0., 0.25, 0.5, 0.75,$ 1., 1.5]. As discussed in Sec. [V,](#page-8-0) we employ different tSZ amplitude bins for each redshift bin, in order to ensure at least one cluster per bin in all cases. For the first redshift bin, we consider 15 logarithmically spaced bins between

FIG. 7. Forecasted constraints on cosmological parameters obtained in a joint analysis of LSST and SO for three different data splits. The constraints are marginalized over mass calibration and cosmic shear systematics parameters. The inner (outer) contour shows the 68% C.L. (95% C.L.).

 $Y_{500,\text{min}}^{\text{obs}} = 8.6 \times 10^{-12}$ and $Y_{500,\text{max}}^{\text{obs}} = 3.9 \times 10^{-9}$. For the second redshift bin, we consider 14 logarithmically spaced bins between $Y_{.00, \text{min}}^{obs} = 4.3 \times 10^{-12}$ and $Y_{.00, \text{max}}^{obs} = 5.1 \times 10^{-10}$. For the third redshift bin, we consider 15 5.1×10^{-10} . For the third redshift bin, we consider 15 logarithmically spaced bins between $Y_{500,\text{min}}^{obs} = 3.1 \times 10^{-12}$
and $Y_{500}^{obs} = 1.8 \times 10^{-10}$. Fax the fourth and hift bin and $Y_{00,\text{max}}^{obs} = 1.8 \times 10^{-10}$. For the fourth redshift bin, we consider 13 logarithmically spaced bins between $Y_{500,\text{min}}^{obs} = 3.1 \times 10^{-12}$ and $Y_{500,\text{max}}^{obs} = 1.1 \times 10^{-10}$. And finally

for the fifth redshift bin, we consider 12 logarithmically spaced bins between $Y_{500,\text{min}}^{obs} = 2.5 \times 10^{-12}$ and $Y_{500,\text{max}}^{obs} = 6.6 \times 10^{-11}$ 6.6×10^{-11} .

2. Cluster lensing power spectrum binning scheme

We compute the cross-correlation between cosmic shear and cluster overdensity in four redshift bins with bin edges

FIG. 8. Comparison of the forecasted constraints on cosmological parameters obtained using the two methods outlined in Sec. [VI.](#page-9-1) The constraints are marginalized over mass calibration and cosmic shear systematics parameters. The inner (outer) contour shows the 68% C.L. (95% C.L.).

 $z_i \in [0., 0.35, 0.7, 1.05, 1.41].$ We further subdivide these redshift bins into four logarithmically spaced tSZ amplitude bins between $Y_{500,\text{min}}^{obs} = 4 \times 10^{-13}$ and $Y_{500,\text{max}}^{obs} = 1.4 \times 10^{-9}$. Requiring that each bin contain at least a single cluster removes five of these bins, which leaves us with 11 out of our original 16 tSZ amplitude and redshift bins.

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