

## THE MASSIVE AND DISTANT CLUSTERS OF WISE SURVEY IV: THE DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI IN GALAXY CLUSTERS AT $Z \sim 1$

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### ABSTRACT

We present an analysis of the radial distribution of Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN) in 2300 galaxy clusters from the Massive and Distant Clusters of *WISE* Survey (MaDCoWS). MaDCoWS provides the largest coverage of the extragalactic sky for a cluster sample at  $z \sim 1$ . We use literature catalogs of AGN selected via optical, mid-infrared (MIR), and radio data, and by optical-to-MIR (OIR) color. Stacking the radial distribution of AGN within the 6' of the centers of MaDCoWS galaxy clusters, we find a distinct overdensity of AGN within 1' of the galaxy cluster center for AGN of all selection methods. The fraction of red galaxies that host AGN as a function of clustercentric distance is, however, dependent on the AGN selection. The fraction of red galaxies in cluster environments that host AGN selected by optical signatures or blue OIR color is at a deficit compared to the field, while MIR-selected and red OIR color AGN are enhanced in the centers of clusters when compared to field levels. The radio-selected AGN fraction is more than 2.5 times that of the field, implying that the centers of clusters are conducive to the triggering of radio emission in AGN. We do not find a statistically significant change in the AGN fraction as a function of cluster richness. We also investigate the correlation of central radio activity with other AGN in galaxy clusters. Clusters with radio activity have more central AGN than radio-inactive clusters, implying that central cluster radio activity and AGN triggering may be linked.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

All galaxies are thought to undergo active phases where the central supermassive black hole (SMBH) accretes galactic material. Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN) are believed to play a role in regulating star formation and transforming blue, star forming galaxies into red, passive galaxies (e.g. Hopkins et al. 2008; Hickox et al. 2009). Evidence also points to a co-evolution of supermassive black hole mass and host galaxy properties such as bulge mass and velocity dispersion (e.g. Magorrian et al. 1998; Silk & Rees 1998), implying a connection between the evolution of the galaxy and AGN.

AGN fueling is dependent on both the gas supply available to a galaxy, and the efficiency with which that gas can be deposited on the central SMBH. The former is influenced by the large-scale environment in which a galaxy resides, while the latter depends upon whether mergers (e.g., Hopkins et al. 2008) or secular processes such as bar instabilities and galaxy interactions (e.g., Goulding et al. 2014) are the dominant mechanisms for triggering AGN. The dense, rich environment of galaxy clusters,

with high densities of galaxies and intracluster material, provides a unique regime in which to study the impact of large-scale environmental factors. In the outer regions of galaxy clusters, the cluster environment can increase merger rates and the frequency of tidal perturbations as compared to the field, triggering AGN. Meanwhile, in the cluster cores, the intracluster medium (ICM) can quench galactic star formation and AGN fueling by removing the fuel supply. The ICM can unbind gas from the halos of infalling galaxies (strangulation; Larson et al. 1980), while leaving the cold central gas intact, stifling the galaxy's ability to accrete new cold gas after depleting its initial cold gas content. It can also remove cooler gas within the galaxy via ram pressure stripping (Gunn & Gott 1972). However, the relative importance of different AGN triggering mechanisms, including major and minor mergers and secular processes such as bar instabilities and galaxy interactions, remains an open question.

Conversely, the AGN can also impact the galaxy cluster environment. Radio-mode feedback plays an important role in regulating the cooling of hot gas from the ICM and limiting star formation. The feedback scenario is used to explain the lack of star formation in the inner cluster galaxies. In radio-mode, the energy from the AGN is deposited in the ICM by radio-emitting jets, creating low-density bubbles (e.g. Peterson et al. 2003; Fabian 2012). Observations of the X-ray cavities in clusters, formed by the transfer of mechanical energy into the ICM, suggest that AGN regulate cluster cooling at redshift  $z \sim 1$  during major assembly of the cluster and ICM (Hlavacek-Larrondo et al. 2015; McDonald et al. 2015).

The literature on the frequency of AGN in galaxy clus-

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ters is mixed on how the environment impacts AGN triggering. The measured cluster AGN content can depend on factors such as the redshift, mass, and AGN selection method used in the study. Early work showed AGN are less likely to reside in galaxy cluster environments at  $z \sim 0.04$  (Dressler et al. 1985). However, more recent studies have shown the number of AGN in clusters and the ratio of AGN to cluster galaxies increases with higher redshift (Galametz et al. 2009; Martini et al. 2009, 2013; Pentericci et al. 2013; Bufanda et al. 2017).

Early surveys also relied on optical spectroscopy, which is insensitive to obscured, Compton-thick AGN. With the addition of multi-frequency AGN surveys, a more nuanced picture of AGN in galaxy clusters emerges. Mid-infrared (MIR) selection has the benefit of being able to detect AGN obscured by dust. Ultraviolet light reprocessed by the dusty torus is bright in MIR bands but would otherwise be missed by optical selection (e.g., Lacy et al. 2004; Stern et al. 2012; Donley et al. 2012). Selection by radio and X-ray emission stemming from the AGN’s nuclear activity is also advantageous in that sources that emit strongly in these wavelengths are very likely to be AGN. Galametz et al. (2009), using AGN catalogs selected in the radio, infrared, and X-ray, report an increase in the amplitude of overdensity of AGN in clusters as a function of increasing redshift. Croft et al. (2007) estimate that 20% of all low-redshift galaxy clusters have a radio-detected brightest cluster galaxy (BCG). Multiple studies using X-ray data show an excess of AGN in the central regions of galaxy clusters (e.g. Ebeling et al. 2001; Ruderman & Ebeling 2005; Ehlert et al. 2013).

Detailed observations reveal variations in the number of cluster AGN as a function of clustercentric distance. Pimbblet et al. (2013), studying six galaxy clusters at  $z \sim 0.06$ , find that the fraction of spectroscopically-confirmed optically-selected AGN increases from cluster center to  $\sim 2r_{\text{virial}}$ , beyond which the AGN fraction declines. In 42 clusters at  $0.2 < z < 0.7$ , Ehlert et al. (2014) calculate an X-ray AGN fraction that is  $\sim 1.5 - 3$  times lower than the expected AGN fraction in the field in the innermost  $\sim r_{500}$  and converges to expected field values beyond  $\sim 2r_{500}$ . Haines et al. (2012) find that the X-ray selected AGN population in a sample of 28 massive clusters at  $0.15 < z < 0.30$  are dynamically associated with an infalling population and are preferentially aligned with the cluster caustics, and shows the efficacy of the cluster environment at suppressing nuclear activity in cluster members. Several authors also find tentative evidence for a secondary peak of AGN near the virial radius of the galaxy cluster (Ruderman & Ebeling 2005; Fassbender et al. 2012; Koulouridis et al. 2014), which they attribute to an enhancement of the merger fraction in the cluster infall region. Ehlert et al. (2013) find weak evidence for a secondary excess between  $1.5 - 2r_{500}$  in all X-ray bands for the X-ray source radial profile in 43 ROSAT All Sky Survey galaxy clusters, but did not find higher rates of AGN triggering near the virial radius as compared to the field when their sample was expanded to 135 clusters (Ehlert et al. 2015). Fassbender et al. (2012) suggest that the secondary excess could be a function of cluster mass, where more massive galaxy clusters have a higher velocity dispersion that is less conducive to galaxy mergers.

TABLE 1  
NUMBER OF GALAXY CLUSTERS WITHIN AGN  
CATALOG FOOTPRINTS

Cluster Sample	R09	A18	A18×PS	FIRST
MaDCoWS	1063	1778	1703	1132
Spitzer Follow-up	717	1217	1166	759
$15 \leq \lambda_{15} < 22$	141	231	221	154
$22 \leq \lambda_{15} < 40$	449	758	727	483
$\lambda_{15} \geq 40$	127	228	218	122
Radio-Inactive	747	920	920	920
Radio-Active	172	212	212	212

We are motivated to revisit the study of AGN in galaxy clusters with a much larger cluster sample at high redshift. This paper presents a study of AGN at the positions of 2300 galaxy clusters at  $z \sim 1$  discovered with the Massive and Distant Clusters of WISE (MaDCoWS) survey. Section 2 introduces the MaDCoWS data along with the AGN catalogs. We discuss the methods and results of the distribution of cluster AGN overdensities and fractions in Sections 3 and 4. In Section 5, we investigate the dependence of AGN on cluster mass and central radio activity. We discuss the implications of our work in Section 6.

Throughout the paper, we adopt the nine-year Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP9) cosmology of  $\Omega_M = 0.287$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.713$ , and  $H_0 = 69.32 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  (Hinshaw et al. 2013). We convert angular distances to physical distances assuming  $z = 1$ . Unless otherwise stated, all magnitudes are in the Vega system.

## 2. DATA

### 2.1. Galaxy Cluster Sample

MaDCoWS (Gettings et al. 2012; Stanford et al. 2014; Brodwin et al. 2015) identifies galaxy clusters as infrared-selected galaxy overdensities using the *Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer* (WISE, Wright et al. 2010). Using the combination of WISE and Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS, Kaiser et al. 2002) data, MaDCoWS covers  $17,668 \text{ deg}^2$ . At  $z \sim 1$ , MaDCoWS provides the largest galaxy cluster sample at this epoch. For survey specifics, we refer the reader to Gonzalez et al. (2018). In our analysis we use the 2300 most significant MaDCoWS cluster candidates and refer to this sample as the “MaDCoWS Cluster Catalog.” For all clusters we use the WISE positions derived during the cluster detection process.

This project also relies upon *Spitzer* IRAC 3.6 and  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  snapshot observations of 1956 cluster candidates obtained during Cycles 9, 11, and 12 (PIs: Gonzalez, Brodwin; PIDs 90177, 11080, 12101). We refer to these clusters as the “*Spitzer* Follow-up Clusters.” Along with overdensity confirmation, the *Spitzer* data enables photometric redshifts and richness determinations, which are described in Gonzalez et al. (2018). Briefly, photometric redshifts are derived using the combination of  $i - [3.6]$  and  $[3.6] - [4.5]$  colors of galaxies within  $1'$  of the cluster location. The redshift is determined via a comparison of the peak of the galaxy distribution in color-color space with the predicted colors for a passively evolving galaxy formed via a single stellar burst at  $z_f = 3$ . The richness  $\lambda_{15}$  is then defined as the number of galaxies with

$[4.5] > 15\mu\text{Jy}$  ( $\sim 5 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$  at  $z = 1$ ) in excess of the field density that lie within 1 Mpc of the cluster center and have  $i - [3.6]$  and  $[3.6] - [4.5]$  colors consistent with being possible cluster members. Specifically, the galaxy must be no more than one magnitude bluer in  $i - [3.6]$  than the peak color of the galaxy distribution, and must be within  $\pm 0.15$  mag in  $[3.6] - [4.5]$ . The *Spitzer* follow-up clusters range in richness from  $\lambda_{15} = 0.1 - 122$ , though the interquartile range is from  $\lambda_{15} = 22 - 36$  ( $M_{500} = 1.0 - 2.6 \times 10^{14} M_\odot$ ).

## 2.2. AGN Catalogs

We use literature catalogs of AGN selected by various methods. The number of galaxy clusters considered for the analysis in each subset will vary due to the different coverage area of each AGN catalog. These values are listed in Table 1.

### 2.2.1. Optical Selection

Richards et al. (2009, hereafter R09) present a catalog of 1.2 million quasars photometrically selected from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) Data Release 6. The catalog was constructed from SDSS point sources with extinction-corrected asinh magnitude  $14.3 < i < 21.3$  (AB) from a  $8417 \text{ deg}^2$  area. R09 employ the Bayesian algorithm presented in Richards et al. (2004) to classify objects as quasars or stars based on a training set of 75,382 quasars from published catalogs.

Using a method of auto-correlation of quasars presented in Myers et al. (2006), R09 find a reliability of  $71.5 \pm 3.5\%$ . The completeness of the catalog to unobscured (Type 1) quasars is no worse than 70%. A caveat is that the sample is relatively incomplete near  $z \sim 2.8$  and  $z \sim 3.5$ , where the colors of stars and quasars are similar. It is also contaminated at  $z \sim 0.675$  by white dwarfs. R09 calculate an AGN catalog surface density of  $141 \text{ deg}^{-2}$ . We refer to the R09 catalog as the “optically-selected sample.”

Though R09 also provides photometric redshifts for the catalog, accurate to  $\Delta z = \pm 0.3$  for 83% of spectroscopically crossmatched sources, we choose not to select quasars based on redshift. In our analysis, we calculate the AGN field contribution by statistically subtracting foreground/background quasars. By not employing a photometric redshift cut, we also eliminate the possibility of selecting against quasars with miscalculated photometric redshifts.

### 2.2.2. MIR Selection

Assef et al. (2018, hereafter A18) have constructed a catalog using AllWISE data to photometrically select AGN via a two-color selection similar to that presented in Assef et al. (2013). AllWISE is a combination of data from the *WISE* Full Cryogenic, 3-Band Cryogenic, and NEOWISE Post-Cryogenic survey. MIR selection distinguishes AGN from normal galaxies due to the infrared excess associated with AGN. In particular, MIR selection is less affected by dust extinction and can identify obscured, Compton-thick (Type 2) AGN missed by optical photometry.

We use the A18 90% reliability catalog, where 90% of catalog objects are expected to be bona fide AGN, containing more than 4.5 million sources. To reduce the non-uniformity due to the varying depth of the *WISE* survey

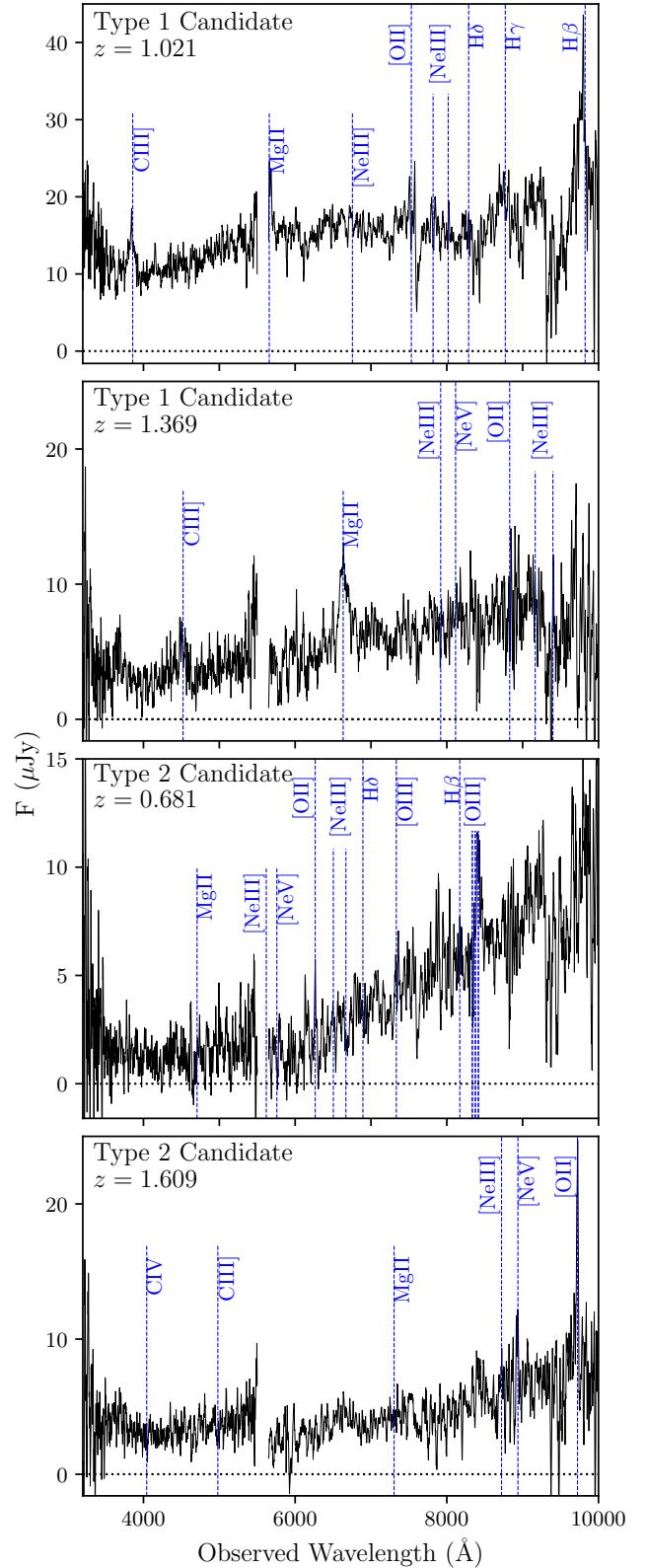


FIG. 1.— Spectra of two Type 1 and two Type 2 AGN candidates observed with Palomar DBSP on 22 November 2017. The Type 1 candidates were confirmed to be broad line AGN while the Type 2 AGN candidates are most likely narrow emission line galaxies.

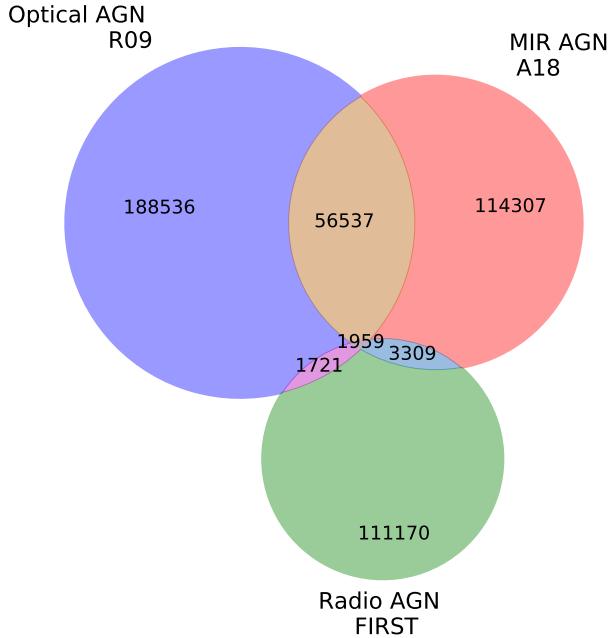


FIG. 2.— Overlap of sources in the AGN catalogs via optical-selection (R09), MIR-selection (A18) and radio signatures (FIRST) labeled by the number in each set.

strategy, we only consider sources with  $W2 < 15.5$ . This limit ensures all catalog sources are brighter than the All-WISE 95% completeness in  $W2$  magnitude of 15.7 and excludes fainter elliptical galaxies that may have colors consistent with an AGN<sup>7</sup>. We also avoid catalog sources in the range  $-30^\circ \leq \delta \leq -10^\circ$ , a region with higher density due to the South Atlantic Anomaly. We refer to the 2,010,062 MIR-selected AGN in the A18 catalog matching our criteria as the “MIR-selected sample.” The surface density of the catalog is  $86 \text{ deg}^{-2}$ .

The full A18 R90 catalog is optimized for 90% reliability at the expense of completeness. Comparing the R90 catalog to the AGN and Galaxy Evolution Survey (AGES, Kochanek et al. 2012) in the NOAO Deep Wide-Field Survey (NDWFS) Boötes field, the R90 selection recovers 17% of the NDWFS Boötes AGN. Because we only consider brighter sources in  $W2$ , our completeness should be higher than that of the full R90 catalog, though calculating the completeness and reliability at the  $W2$  limit we consider is beyond the scope of this paper. However, with a similar selection function as A18, Assef et al. (2013) calculate a 53% and 77% completeness for their 90% reliability catalog for sources brighter than  $W2 < 15.73$  and  $W2 < 15.05$ , respectively.

### 2.2.3. Optical-to-MIR Color Selection

We further classify the MIR-selected AGN sample into Type 1 unobscured and Type 2 obscured AGN by employing the optical-to-MIR (OIR) color selection presented in Hickox et al. (2017) to distinguish MIR-selected AGN based on obscuration type. We crossmatch the MIR-selected sample to the Pan-STARRS DR1 catalog (Flewelling et al. 2016) with a  $2''$  matching radius to obtain  $r$ -band optical photometry, considering only sources

with  $5\sigma r$  and  $W2$  photometry. We choose to use PSF photometry from Pan-STARRS, as it extends to fainter magnitudes. For the MIR-selected sample, objects with colors bluer than  $r - W2 = 3.1$  (AB) are deemed Type 1 and redder are Type 2.

From the MIR-selected sample of 2.0 million AGN, 1.45 million are within the Pan-STARRS detection region. We refer to this catalog as “A18  $\times$  PS.” 1.3 million of these sources had a Pan-STARRS crossmatch within  $2''$  of the WISE position. With our OIR color selection and  $5\sigma r$  photometry requirement, we find 805,335 Type 1 AGN. 61 had colors consistent with Type 1 AGN but lower than  $5\sigma$  detection, and we exclude these AGN from our analysis.

The remaining 646,945 AGN are classified as Type 2. Of these, 344,382 had Pan-STARRS photometry while 302,563 did not have matches. We visually inspected a random selection of 50 WISE AGN without Pan-STARRS counterparts. 45 (90%) of the sources appeared to be non-detections, where the WISE AGN was too faint to be detected by Pan-STARRS. The color selection requires Type 2 AGN to be fainter than  $r > 21.9$  (AB) while the  $5\sigma$  limiting magnitude for stacked sources in Pan-STARRS is  $r = 23.2$  (AB). Thus, any MIR-selected AGN not detected by Pan-STARRS would have colors redder than  $r - W2 = 3.1$  (AB). For the remaining five sources, three appeared to be multiple Pan-STARRS sources blended into one WISE source, due to the limitations of the WISE PSF, and two had bad WISE positioning or were in areas of poor Pan-STARRS data. From this analysis, we conclude that 10% of WISE AGN that did not match with a Pan-STARRS counterpart are mismatched due to blending or bad data. If we assume that an equal number of these are Type 1 and Type 2, then only 5% of Type 2 AGN are misidentified, and would not significantly alter our later results.

We also use a combination of publicly available SDSS I/II and BOSS spectra and targeted observations with Palomar Observatory to spectroscopically confirm a sample of photometrically-selected Type 1 and Type 2 AGN candidates as broad- or narrow-line AGN, respectively. We find that 90% of Type 1 candidates with SDSS I/II or BOSS spectra were classified as broad-line quasars. We targeted two Type 1 candidates with the Palomar Double Spectrograph (DBSP) instrument. The spectra of both targets are consistent with being broad line sources.

Type 2 AGN, given their obscured optical emission, are fainter in optical bands than Type 1 AGN, and are less likely to be targeted for SDSS spectra. However, we obtained spectra of two Type 2 candidates with Palomar DBSP, both of which were confirmed to be narrow line objects. The Palomar DBSP spectra are shown in Figure 1.

### 2.2.4. Radio Source Catalog

We use the 2014 December 17 version of the Faint Images of the Sky at 20-cm (FIRST, Becker et al. 1995) Catalog of radio sources at 1.4 GHz, collected with the Very Large Array (VLA). The catalog contains  $9.46 \times 10^5$  sources over  $10,575 \text{ deg}^2$  with a 1 mJy limiting flux density threshold and a  $5''$  (40.6 kpc at  $z = 1$ ) resolution.

To avoid low quality sources near edges of catalog coverage, we limit the catalog to regions  $110^\circ < \alpha < 262^\circ$  and  $-8^\circ < \delta < 57^\circ$  in the North and  $325^\circ < \alpha < 40^\circ$  and

<sup>7</sup> <http://wise2.ipac.caltech.edu/docs/release/allwise/>

TABLE 2  
FIELD AGN DENSITY & FRACTION

AGN Catalog	$\eta_f$ ( $10^{-2}$ arcmin $^{-2}$ )	$\eta_{f,SDWFS}$ ( $10^{-2}$ arcmin $^{-2}$ )	$f_f$ ( $10^{-3}$ )
R09	$3.76 \pm 0.02$	$3.29 \pm 0.11$	$4.2 \pm 0.2$
A18	$2.47 \pm 0.01$	$2.58 \pm 0.10$	$3.4 \pm 0.2$
FIRST	$1.72 \pm 0.01$	$2.16 \pm 0.09$	$1.4 \pm 0.1$
Type 1	$1.29 \pm 0.01$	$1.54 \pm 0.08$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$
Type 2	$0.42 \pm 0.01$	$0.35 \pm 0.04$	$0.6 \pm 0.1$

NOTE. — Column 2: The average density of the AGN within  $5' - 20'$  of annular region of cluster centers. Column 3: Density of AGN in SDWFS region. Column 4: The field AGN fraction after accounting for AGN catalog non-uniformity (described in Section 4.1).

$-10^\circ < \delta < 10^\circ$  in the South. We only consider sources with low sidelobe probability ( $\text{SIDEPROB} \leq 0.015$ ) and with integrated flux above the limiting flux threshold ( $\text{FINT} \geq 1$  mJy). We find 620, 231 FIRST catalog sources that match our criteria, and a source density of  $62 \text{ deg}^{-2}$ .

The FIRST flux limit at  $z = 1$  corresponds to a 1.4 GHz luminosity threshold of  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} = 4\pi S D_A^2 (1 + z)^{3+\alpha} = 4.7 \times 10^{24} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$ , assuming spectral index<sup>8</sup>  $\alpha = 0.8$ . Selecting radio sources with  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} \gtrsim 10^{24} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$  provides high reliability of tracing AGN. Mauch & Sadler (2007) find that all 593 radio sources with  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} > 10^{24} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$  detected by the NRAO VLA Sky Survey and crossmatched with sources brighter than  $K = 12.6$  in the Second Incremental Data Release of the 6 degree Field Galaxy Survey (6dFGS DR2) were spectroscopically confirmed to be radio AGN. Catalog completeness is expected to be low. Canonically, only  $\sim 10\%$  of all AGN exhibit radio emission (e.g., White et al. 2000).

### 2.2.5. AGN Identified in Multiple Catalogs

Invariably some sources are selected as AGN in multiple catalogs. We consider the fraction of multiply-selected AGN in a  $1841 \text{ deg}^2$  region (RA:  $150^\circ < \alpha < 200^\circ$ , Dec:  $0^\circ < \delta < 40^\circ$ ) with coverage by all three AGN catalogs. Figure 2 shows the overlap between the AGN catalogs crossmatched with a  $1''$  radius.

## 3. AGN DISTRIBUTION

### 3.1. Stacking Analysis

We determine AGN radial distributions via a stacking analysis. First, we calculate the projected surface density of AGN within a radial annulus around cluster centers. For each radial bin of area  $A(r)$ , the projected AGN surface density is

$$\eta_{\text{AGN}}(r) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{cl}}} N_{\text{AGN},i}(r)/A(r), \quad (1)$$

where  $N_{\text{AGN},i}(r)$  is the number of AGN found within the radial bin for cluster  $i$  and  $N_{\text{cl}}$  is the total number of clusters. We then subtract a constant foreground/background AGN contribution, defined as  $\eta_f$ , taken to be the projected AGN surface density within a radial bin of  $5' - 20'$ . We consider any AGN surface

density after subtracting the field contribution to be associated with the cluster. The cluster AGN excess,  $n$ , is then defined as

$$n(r) = \frac{\eta_{\text{AGN}}(r) - \eta_f}{N_{\text{cl}}}. \quad (2)$$

Note that  $N_{\text{cl}}$  will vary based on the AGN selection, due to the different footprints of the various catalogs.  $N_{\text{cl}}$  for all AGN catalogs considered is listed in Table 1.

We estimate the uncertainty assuming the Poisson statistics for  $N_{\text{AGN},i}(r)$  and  $N_f$ , defined as the total number of AGN within the radial bin and background annulus of  $N_{\text{cl}}$  clusters, respectively, and  $N_{\text{cl}}$ . Explicitly, the uncertainties are equal to the square root of the quantities. We then estimate the uncertainty on  $n$  for each radial bin by error propagation. We have used the CHASC code from Park et al. (2006) to confirm that this approximation is valid even in bins with the lowest number of AGN.

### 3.2. Radial Profiles

In Figure 3, we plot the radial distribution of the excess AGN density per cluster as a function of cluster-centric distance. We note that the distribution of AGN excess in all AGN catalogs shows a positive signal within the central  $r \lesssim 1.5'$ . The radio- and MIR-selected AGN signal is significantly higher in the cluster center than that of the optically-selected. The right panel, comparing the radial distributions for AGN selected by their OIR color, shows that the AGN excess for Type 1 and 2 AGN deviates in the central  $1'$  region. The highest significance AGN excess for the distribution within  $2'$  is  $3.3\sigma$ ,  $11\sigma$ , and  $10\sigma$  for optically-, MIR-, and radio-selected AGN, and  $2.5\sigma$  and  $4.2\sigma$  for Type 1 and 2, respectively, occurring in the central-most radial bin for all AGN. Though all AGN are overdense in the central cluster region, the AGN excess is still equivalent to less than 1 AGN per cluster.

Beyond  $r \sim 2'$  (1 Mpc), the AGN density converges to the field value. The inset of Figure 3 highlights the minimal variation in all AGN catalogs in the outer cluster region from  $r = 2' - 6'$ . We do not observe a secondary peak at the infall radius (between  $4' - 6'$  or  $1.9 - 2.9$  Mpc). The highest absolute significance values in the outer region are  $2.1\sigma$ ,  $2.0\sigma$ ,  $2.1\sigma$ ,  $1.8\sigma$ , and  $2.3\sigma$  for optically-, MIR-, radio-, Type 1, and Type 2 AGN, respectively, while the average within this radial range is between  $0.8\sigma - 1.3\sigma$ .

Radio AGN are often complex and contain multiple components such as jets and cores. These components may be detected as multiple sources in the FIRST survey and double-counted by our analysis. We address this by visually inspecting galaxy clusters with multiple radio sources. We consider clusters with multiple radio-selected AGN within  $1'$ , the region containing the bulk of the cluster AGN population. Within the 59 clusters with multiple radio-selected AGN, we find 130 radio sources within the central  $1'$ . Upon visual inspection of the radio emission morphology for lobes and jets, we identify 24 radio sources that are most likely a component of another radio-selected AGN. We conclude that only 11% of central  $1'$  radio sources are double-counted and therefore do not significantly alter our overall results.

Blending can be an issue where the coarse resolution of WISE can confuse multiple adjacent galaxies for one

<sup>8</sup> Defined  $S \propto \nu^{-\alpha}$ .

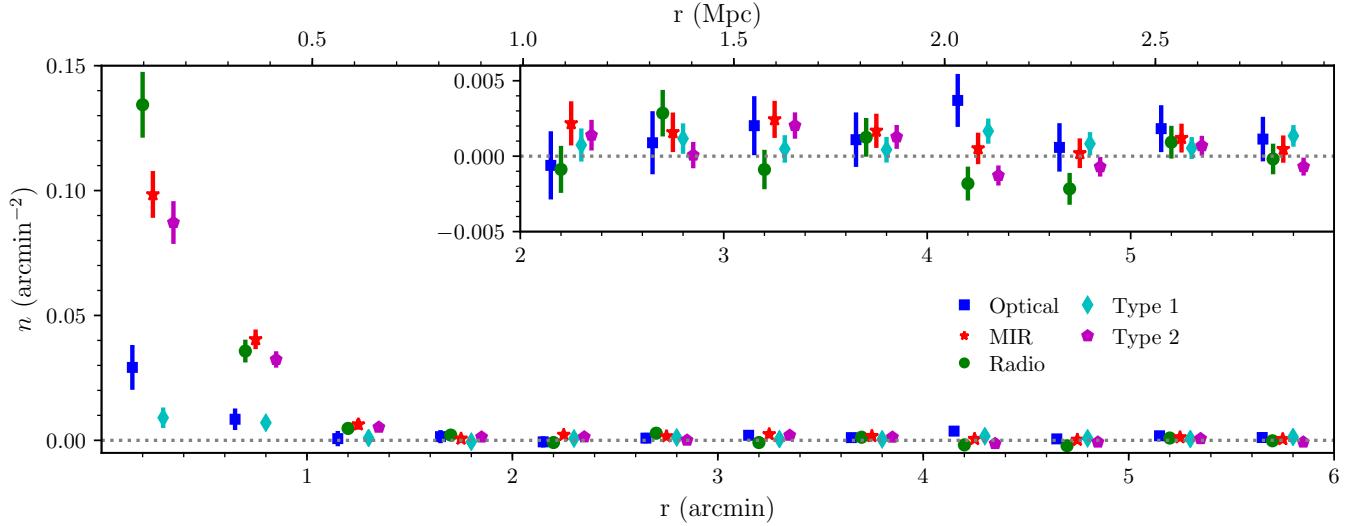


FIG. 3.— The cluster AGN excess as a function of clustercentric distance for the MaDCoWS cluster sample within 6' of cluster center. The x-axis is offset for clarity. We find an excess in AGN in the central 1.5' region. Beyond 2', the AGN excess returns to field levels. The inset shows the minimal variation outward of  $r = 2'$ .

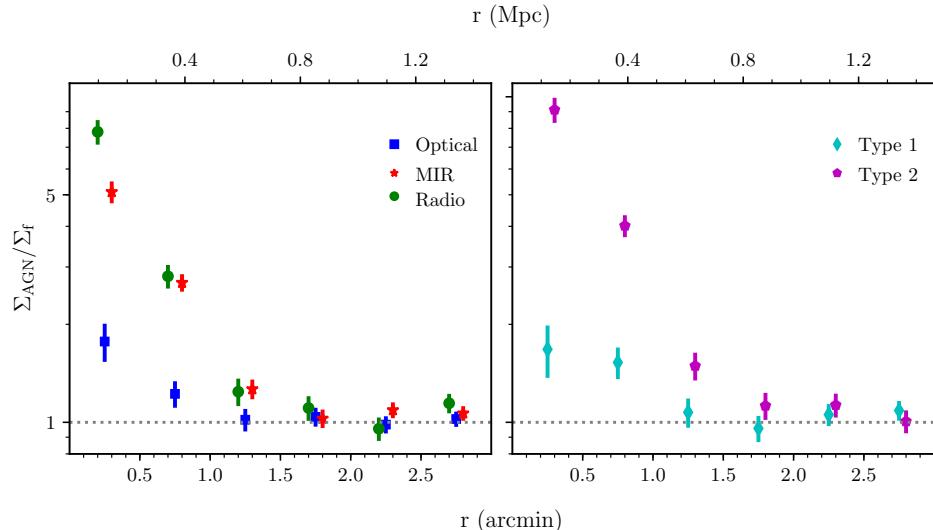


FIG. 4.— The projected AGN surface density distribution as a function of clustercentric distance. Accounting for varying densities amongst the AGN catalogs, the radio-selected AGN are most overdense in cluster environments within the central 1'. Obscured AGN are also more likely to be found in clusters than unobscured AGN.

galaxy. This is particularly true in the inner cluster regions for the A18 and A18 $\times$ PS catalogs. For our analysis, blending would decrease the number of AGN in the MIR-selected, Type 1, and Type 2 AGN excess especially in the central  $r < 0.5'$  cluster region. However, this effect would be the same between Type 1 and 2 AGN and is not responsible for the divergence in the core.

To normalize out the different source densities of the AGN catalogs, we also show the ratio of projected AGN surface density to the background field level in Figure 4. The MIR- and radio-selected AGN surface densities are higher in cluster centers than the optically-selected AGN, by a factor of 5.1 and 7.8 relative to the field in the inner radial bin, respectively. The right panel compares the distribution of the field-relative projected surface density of Type 1 and Type 2 AGN in MaDCoWS clusters. Our

results show that AGN with redder OIR colors are 2.5–5 times more likely to be found within the central 1' region of cluster centers than AGN with bluer OIR colors.

#### 4. AGN FRACTION

To decipher whether the rise in amplitude of excess AGN as a function of radius is due solely to the increasing cluster galaxy density towards cluster center or a true change in AGN frequency, we calculate the fraction of cluster galaxies that host an AGN as a function of clustercentric distance.

##### 4.1. Methodology

The cluster AGN fraction is defined simply as the ratio of cluster AGN to cluster galaxies. For *Spitzer* follow-up clusters, we identify candidate cluster members by

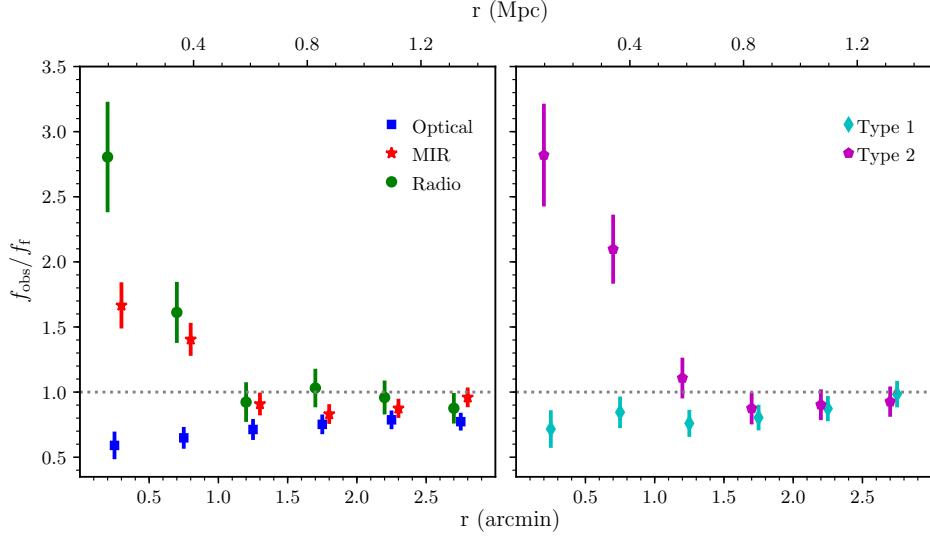


FIG. 5.— The observed AGN fraction divided by the field fraction as a function of clustercentric distance. Deviations from the field level are in the central 1' region and are dependent on the selection method of the AGN catalog.

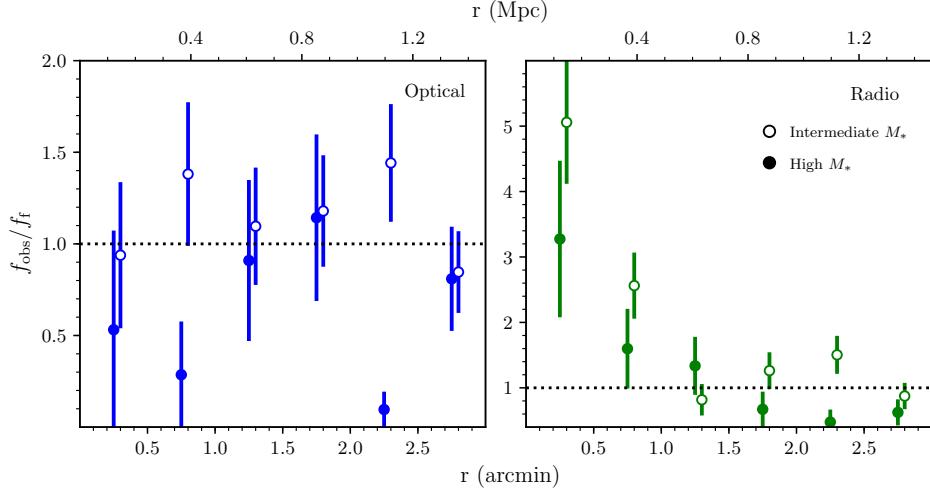


FIG. 6.— The field-relative observed AGN fraction for optically- and radio-selected AGN as a function of clustercentric distance when only considering galaxies with intermediate stellar mass ( $3 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot} < M_{*} \leq 4 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ , open circles) and high stellar mass ( $M_{*} > 4 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ , closed circles). Cluster galaxies of intermediate stellar mass are more likely to host radio-selected AGN in the central 1' than galaxies of high stellar mass.

selecting galaxies in IRAC 4.5 $\mu$ m with minimum flux of 10 $\mu$ Jy ( $[4.5] < 18.14$ , equivalent to a stellar mass of  $M_{*} \gtrsim 3 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ ), and color  $[3.6] - [4.5] > 0.1$ . This selection is designed to exclude field stars and minimize foreground galaxy contamination. We crossmatch selected galaxies to the R09, A18, FIRST, and A18 $\times$ PS catalogs. We use a 1'' radius to match *Spitzer* catalogs to the R09, a 1.5'' radius to match to the A18 and A18 $\times$ PS catalogs to account for the positional uncertainty in WISE, and a 2'' crossmatching radius to account for radio sources with extended morphologies. We do not expect radio source host ambiguity to severely affect our results. After visual inspection of the radio sources found within the central 1' of clusters with *Spitzer* IRAC photometry, we only find 6% of radio sources where we cannot identify the host galaxy. In these cases, the lack of counterpart identification is not due to the confusion

between multiple sources, but rather that the host galaxy is fainter than the detection threshold.

We use a 7.25 deg<sup>2</sup> region in the *Spitzer* Deep, Wide-Field Survey (SDWFS, Ashby et al. 2009) to obtain the field galaxy count. We limit the SDWFS field to  $216.25^{\circ} < \alpha < 218^{\circ}$  and  $32.4^{\circ} < \delta < 35.6^{\circ}$  and  $218^{\circ} < \alpha < 219.5^{\circ}$  and  $33.5^{\circ} < \delta < 35.6^{\circ}$  to avoid regions with edge effects. We apply the same flux and color criteria to the SDWFS field and calculate a field galaxy level of  $\zeta_{f,SDWFS} = 7.174 \pm 0.017 \text{ arcmin}^{-2}$ .

Because the depth of each AGN catalog may vary across the sky, the number of AGN observed in the SDWFS field may not represent that calculated in positions surrounding the galaxy clusters, due to the difference in surface density in these regions. We account for the density discrepancy in order to obtain the surface density of AGN hosted by galaxies in the field,  $\zeta_{AGN,f}$ . For each

AGN catalog, we apply the same AGN crossmatching algorithm to the SDWFS field galaxies to calculate the observed crossmatched surface density of AGN,  $\zeta_{\text{AGN,fobs}}$ . We then scale  $\zeta_{\text{AGN,fobs}}$  by the ratio of AGN surface densities in the background annuli and SDWFS region. Explicitly,

$$\zeta_{\text{AGN,f}} = \zeta_{\text{AGN,fobs}} \times \left( \frac{\eta_f}{\eta_{\text{SDWFS}}} \right) \quad (3)$$

where  $\eta_f$  is the average surface density of the AGN catalog within  $5' - 20'$  of all cluster centers and  $\eta_{\text{SDWFS}}$  is the surface density of the AGN catalog in the SDWFS region. The field AGN fraction is then defined as

$$f_f = \frac{\zeta_{\text{AGN,f}}}{\zeta_{f,\text{SDWFS}}}. \quad (4)$$

Table 2 lists the AGN surface density in the cluster and SDWFS regions and the field AGN fraction per AGN catalog after accounting for catalog non-uniformity.

We lack spectroscopic redshifts to determine if the AGN or galaxy within our cluster galaxy selection is a foreground/background interloper or indeed a part of the cluster. Thus, the observed version of the AGN fraction  $f_{\text{obs}}$  is the ratio of the sum of the AGN and any interloping galaxies that match our selection criteria within the line of sight of the radial bin. For a radial bin of area  $A(r)$ , we define the observed AGN fraction

$$f_{\text{obs}}(r) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{cl}}} \mathcal{N}_{\text{AGN},i}(r)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{cl}}} \mathcal{N}_i(r)} \quad (5)$$

where  $\mathcal{N}_i(r)$  is the number of galaxies matching the selection criteria in the  $i$ th cluster and  $\mathcal{N}_{\text{AGN},i}(r)$  is the number of AGN crossmatched with  $\mathcal{N}_i(r)$  galaxies per radial bin. The true cluster AGN fraction is calculated after subtracting the field contribution,

$$f_{\text{true}}(r) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{cl}}} (\zeta_{\text{AGN},i}(r) - \zeta_{\text{AGN,f}})}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{cl}}} (\zeta_i(r) - \zeta_f)}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\zeta_{\text{AGN},i}(r) = \mathcal{N}_{\text{AGN},i}(r)/A(r)$  and  $\zeta_i(r) = \mathcal{N}_i(r)/A(r)$ .

#### 4.2. Results

We present our AGN fraction results as the observed AGN fraction  $f_{\text{obs}}$  divided by the field AGN fraction  $f_f$ . Towards larger radii, beyond the influence of the cluster,  $f_{\text{obs}}$  should approach  $f_f$ . The left panel of Figure 5 shows the field-relative observed AGN fractions for the R09, A18, and FIRST AGN catalogs as a function of clustercentric distance. The only region where the AGN fraction deviates from the field level is within  $r < 1.0'$ . Beyond  $r = 1'$ , the AGN fraction for all selection methods converges to a value consistent with the field fraction. The enhancement of MIR- and radio-selected AGN in cluster cores may reflect more frequent triggering. Alternatively, gradients in galaxy masses, morphologies, and

fuel supplies within the cluster may contribute to the observed central excesses.

The profile also differs by selection. The radio- and MIR-selected AGN fractions rise towards cluster centers while the distribution of the optically-selected AGN fraction decreases towards the centers of galaxy clusters. This result indicates that MIR- and radio-selected AGN are found more frequently in galaxy clusters while optically-selected AGN are less likely to favor galaxy cluster environments.

The field-relative observed AGN fraction for Type 1 and 2 AGN is also shown in Figure 5. The fraction of Type 1 AGN is at a deficit compared to field levels in cluster centers and gradually increases towards field levels with increasing radii. In contrast, the Type 2 AGN fraction is enhanced when compared to the field fraction within the central  $1'$  and returns to field fraction levels beyond  $r \sim 1'$ .

Of note is the similarity in the distributions of the field-relative observed AGN fraction of optically-selected and Type 1 AGN and of MIR-selected and Type 2 AGN. This reiterates that optically-selected AGN are mostly Type 1 AGN, and therefore unobscured objects, and MIR-selected AGN are a majority population of Type 2, obscured AGN. This also shows that, at  $z \sim 1$ , dust-obscured AGN are found more readily in cluster centers while unobscured AGN are less likely to be in cluster environments.

#### 4.3. Dependence on Galaxy Stellar Mass

The mean mass of galaxies increases towards the centers of galaxy clusters. However, the host galaxies of AGN are also more massive than galaxies without AGN (e.g. Best et al. 2005; Xue et al. 2010). To disentangle the effects of increasing galaxy mass from those of the cluster environment on AGN triggering, we calculate the field-relative observed AGN fraction when considering a fixed stellar mass range.

We can estimate the stellar mass from the *Spitzer* [4.5]-band flux, assuming all galaxies at redshift  $z = 1$ . However, AGN can contaminate the stellar mass estimation. Thus, we only consider galaxies below that of the MIR color threshold of AGN ( $[3.6] - [4.5] < 0.6$ ) for optically- and radio-selected AGN. We also assume a formation redshift  $z_f = 3$ , metallicity  $Z = 0.03$ , Conroy et al. (2009) stellar synthesis population (SSP) model, and Chabrier (2003) initial mass function (IMF).<sup>9</sup> We then segregate galaxies into two stellar mass bins: galaxies of intermediate stellar mass,  $3 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot} < M_* \leq 4 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$  (corresponding to  $F_{4.5} = 10 - 120 \mu\text{Jy}$ ), and high stellar mass,  $M_* > 4 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$  ( $F_{4.5} > 120 \mu\text{Jy}$ ). These limits were chosen to ensure a large enough sample per stellar mass bin. We crossmatch the R09 and FIRST AGN catalogs to the stellar mass-limited cluster galaxy sample and recalculate the observed AGN fraction.

Figure 6 compares the field-relative observed AGN fraction considering cluster galaxies of intermediate and high stellar mass. Our results show that cluster galaxies of intermediate stellar mass are more likely to host radio-selected AGN than those of high stellar mass. This result implies that the difference in cluster radio-selected AGN

<sup>9</sup> Computed with EzGal: <http://www.baryons.org/ezgal/model.php>

fraction compared to the field AGN fraction is not simply due to the increase in average galaxy mass towards centers of clusters. We do not find a difference in the optically-selected AGN fractions in intermediate versus high stellar mass cluster galaxies.

## 5. TRENDS WITH CLUSTER PROPERTIES

Studies have shown that AGN triggering is also dependent on the properties of the cluster. In this section, we demonstrate the dependence of the cluster AGN excess and fraction on cluster richness and central radio activity.

### 5.1. Cluster Richness Dependence

We divide clusters into low ( $15 \leq \lambda_{15} < 22$ ,  $9 \times 10^{13} M_{\odot} \leq M_{500} < 1 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ ), intermediate ( $22 \leq \lambda_{15} < 40$ ,  $1 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot} \leq M_{500} < 3 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ ) and high richness bins ( $\lambda_{15} \geq 40$ ) and repeat the analysis presented in Sections 3 and 4.

The first and third rows of Figure 7 show the cluster AGN excess as a function of cluster richness, shown for each AGN population. Overall, the cluster AGN excess is above zero within  $r < 1.5'$  for all AGN selection methods and converges to field levels at  $r > 2'$ . We do not find a strong dependence on cluster environment, as the AGN excess in clusters of each mass bin is statistically consistent at almost all locations and generally follows the same shape in profile. The only exceptions are for optically-selected and Type 1 AGN of intermediate richness clusters, for which there is modest evidence for an enhancement of AGN within the central  $1'$  compared to the low- and high-richness clusters.

We also see no trend with cluster richness in the radial profile of the field-relative cluster AGN fraction as a function of cluster richness, shown in the second and fourth rows of Figure 7. For each AGN population, the radial profile of the AGN fraction as a function of richness is similar in shape for all richness bins. Again, the exception is with optically-selected AGN in the centers of intermediate richness clusters, where the AGN fraction is flatter than the AGN fraction profile in low and high richness clusters.

### 5.2. Correlations between Central Radio Activity and AGN Frequency

We repeat the stacking analysis for clusters with and without central radio activity. MaDCoWS clusters with a radio source coincident within the central  $1'$  are deemed “radio-active clusters” while those without are “radio-inactive.” The total number of radio-active and radio-inactive clusters within the footprint of each AGN catalog is listed in Table 1.

We note that, unlike in the calculations of the AGN fraction, we do not require a *Spitzer* galaxy association to denote that a cluster is radio active. Because the FIRST catalog does not provide associated redshifts, there is always the possibility that the radio source is not associated with the cluster but rather is a chance superposition. We calculate the probability for an intervening radio source to be part of our radio-active sample. If we offset the position of MaDCoWS clusters in any direction, we find that 5% of clusters have a radio source coincident with the central  $1'$ , equivalent to 55 clusters in the FIRST footprint. Thus, we should expect that 26%

of the galaxy clusters identified as radio-active to in fact be non-active.

We investigate whether the presence of a central radio source correlates with the number of AGN in the cluster center. Since we are selecting galaxy clusters known to contain radio AGN in cluster centers, we have an inherent bias if central radio-selected AGN are included in our analysis. Thus, we matched the R09, A18, Type 1 and 2 AGN catalogs with FIRST using a  $2''$  matching radius and present both the AGN excess including and excluding the matched FIRST AGN within the central  $1'$ .

Figure 8 compares the excess of optically- and MIR-selected AGN and Type 1 and 2 AGN candidates in radio-active and radio-inactive clusters. All distributions for the radio-active clusters show excess AGN within the central  $1'$  compared to that in radio-inactive clusters. The highest significance difference is in the optically-selected AGN where the number density of excess optical AGN in radio-active clusters in the innermost bin, excluding the crossmatched radio sources, is  $0.096 \pm 0.033 \text{ arcmin}^{-2}$  compared to  $0.014 \pm 0.010 \text{ arcmin}^{-2}$  in radio-inactive clusters. The excess of MIR-selected AGN and Type 1 and 2 AGN candidates also hint at a possible enhancement of the number of AGN in radio-active clusters. However, the large uncertainties in our calculations limit us from interpreting this result any further.

We also compare the distributions of cluster richness of radio-active and radio-inactive clusters. The mean richness for radio-active and radio-inactive clusters is  $\lambda_{15} = 32.6 \pm 1.1$  and  $\lambda_{15} = 28.8 \pm 0.4$ , respectively, implying that clusters with central radio activity are on average slightly more massive than radio-inactive clusters. A 2-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) test calculates a p-value of  $8.4 \times 10^{-4}$ , indicating that the distributions of radio-active and radio-inactive clusters are formally inconsistent with being drawn from the same population. We repeat this analysis considering clusters with richness  $15 \leq \lambda_{15} < 30$  and  $\lambda_{15} \geq 30$ . Clusters of both richness bins show a higher amplitude of optically-selected AGN excess in radio-active clusters than in radio-inactive clusters in the central  $1'$  region. Thus, we conclude that the optically-selected AGN excess in radio-active clusters is not simply an effect of the cluster richness.

We also examine if the AGN excess in radio-active vs radio-inactive galaxy clusters is related to the power of the central radio source. We split the radio-active cluster sample by total radio AGN 1.4 GHz flux within the central  $1'$  cluster region. However, we do not find a dependence of the amplitude of the cluster AGN excess on radio power in central cluster regions.

## 6. DISCUSSION

### 6.1. Comparison with Literature

We have established that AGN density rises toward the centers of MaDCoWS galaxy clusters. Many authors have reported an increase in the projected AGN density at various wavelengths in the central regions of galaxy clusters across a range of redshifts (e.g., Galametz et al. 2009; Hart et al. 2011; Fassbender et al. 2012; Ehler et al. 2013). We find that almost all the AGN density enhancement, regardless of selection method, is within  $r = 1 - 1.5'$  ( $0.5 - 0.75 \text{ Mpc}$ ) of the cluster center,

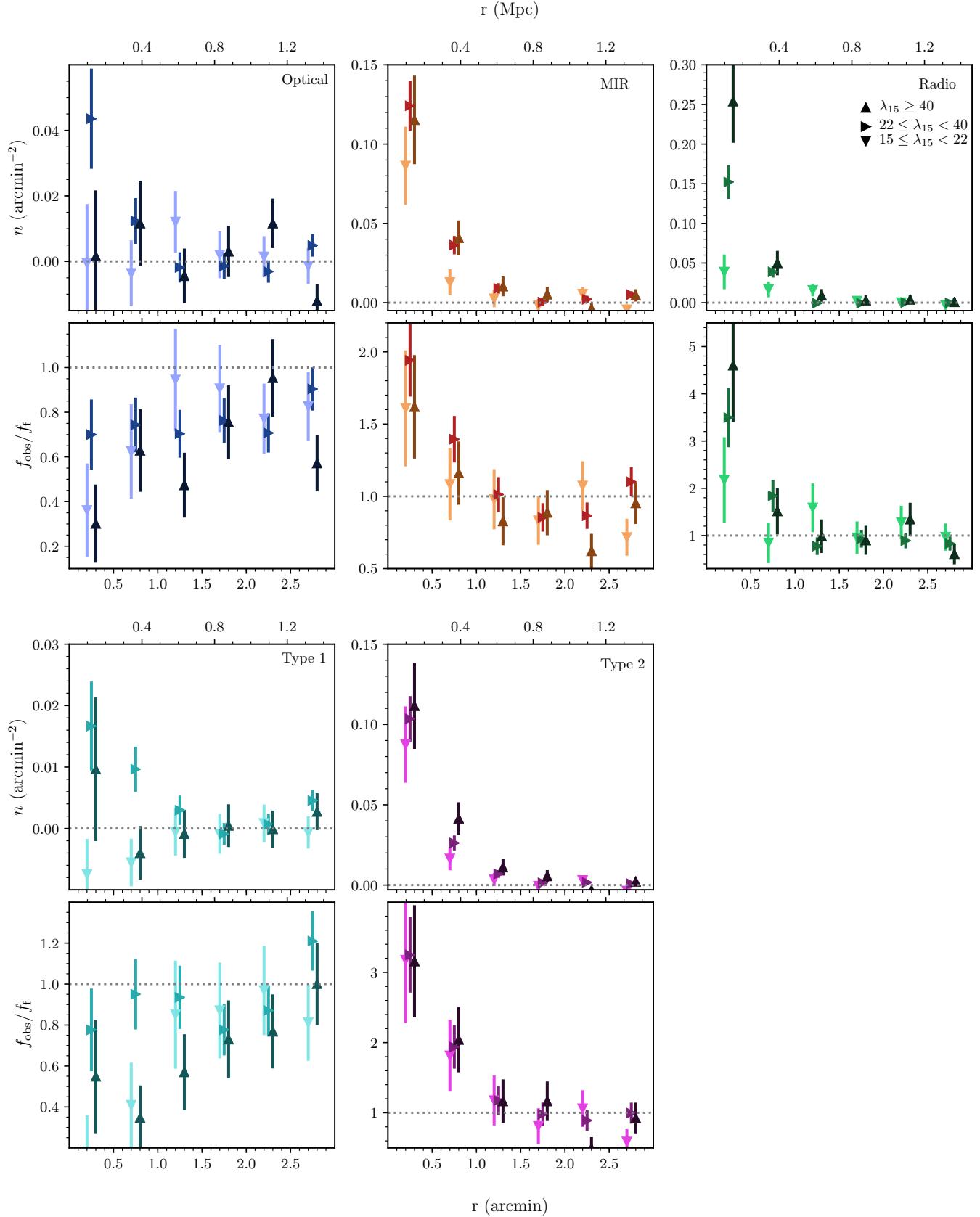


FIG. 7.— The radial distribution of the cluster AGN excess (first and third rows) and the observed AGN fraction relative to the field when dividing the sample of *Spitzer* follow-up galaxy clusters by cluster mass. We do not observe a trend with cluster richness.

TABLE 3  
CLUSTER AGN EXCESS IN LITERATURE

X-ray	$N_{\text{cl}}$	Aperture	$z$	$N_{\text{AGN}}$	Flux Limit ( $10^{-15} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )
Ehlert et al. (2013)	43	$r_{500}^{\text{a}}$	0.2 – 0.4	$1.1 \pm 0.6$	5 (0.5 – 8 keV)
Gilmour et al. (2009)	148	1 Mpc	0.1 – 0.9	$0.78 \pm 0.18^{\text{b}}$	10 (0.5 – 8 keV)
Galametz et al. (2009)	140	2'	0.5 – 1.0	$0.09 \pm 0.11$	$\sim 7.8$ (0.5 – 7 keV)
Galametz et al. (2009)	79	2'	1.0 – 1.5	$0.02 \pm 0.13$	$\sim 7.8$ (0.5 – 7 keV)
Radio	$N_{\text{cl}}$	Aperture	$z$	$N_{\text{AGN}}$	Luminosity Limit ( $10^{24} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$ )
Hart et al. (2009)	11	1 Mpc	0.2 – 0.4	$\sim 1.4$	0.3
Gralla et al. (2011)	289	0.5 Mpc	0.65 – 0.95	$0.10 \pm 0.02$	4.1
Galametz et al. (2009)	121	2'	0.5 – 1.0	$0.09 \pm 0.04$	2.5
Galametz et al. (2009)	69	2'	1.0 – 1.5	$0.23 \pm 0.09$	2.5
This Work	1132	1'	$\sim 1$	$0.19 \pm 0.02$	4.6
This Work	1132	2'	$\sim 1$	$0.22 \pm 0.02$	4.6
MIR	$N_{\text{cl}}$	Aperture	$z$	$N_{\text{AGN}}$	Flux Limit ( $\mu\text{Jy}$ )
Galametz et al. (2009)	140	2'	0.5 – 1.0	$0.02 \pm 0.04$	51 (5.8 $\mu\text{m}$ )
Galametz et al. (2009)	79	2'	1.0 – 1.5	$0.09 \pm 0.06$	51 (5.8 $\mu\text{m}$ )
This Work	2275	1'	$\sim 1$	$0.17 \pm 0.01$	108 (4.6 $\mu\text{m}$ ) <sup>c</sup>
This Work	2275	2'	$\sim 1$	$0.20 \pm 0.02$	108 (4.6 $\mu\text{m}$ )
Optical	$N_{\text{cl}}$	Aperture	$z$	$N_{\text{AGN}}$	Magnitude $i$ Limit ( $\text{asinh}$ )
This Work	1063	1'	$\sim 1$	$0.04 \pm 0.01$	14.5 – 21.3
This Work	1063	2'	$\sim 1$	$0.05 \pm 0.02$	14.5 – 21.3

NOTE. — The excess number of AGN per cluster (Column 5) reported within the given aperture (Column 3).

<sup>a</sup>1 – 1.7 Mpc

<sup>b</sup>Gilmour et al. (2009) also report an excess of  $1.46 \pm 0.32$  without a given X-ray flux limit.

<sup>c</sup>Considering the  $W2 < 15.5$  magnitude limit applied to the A18 catalog.

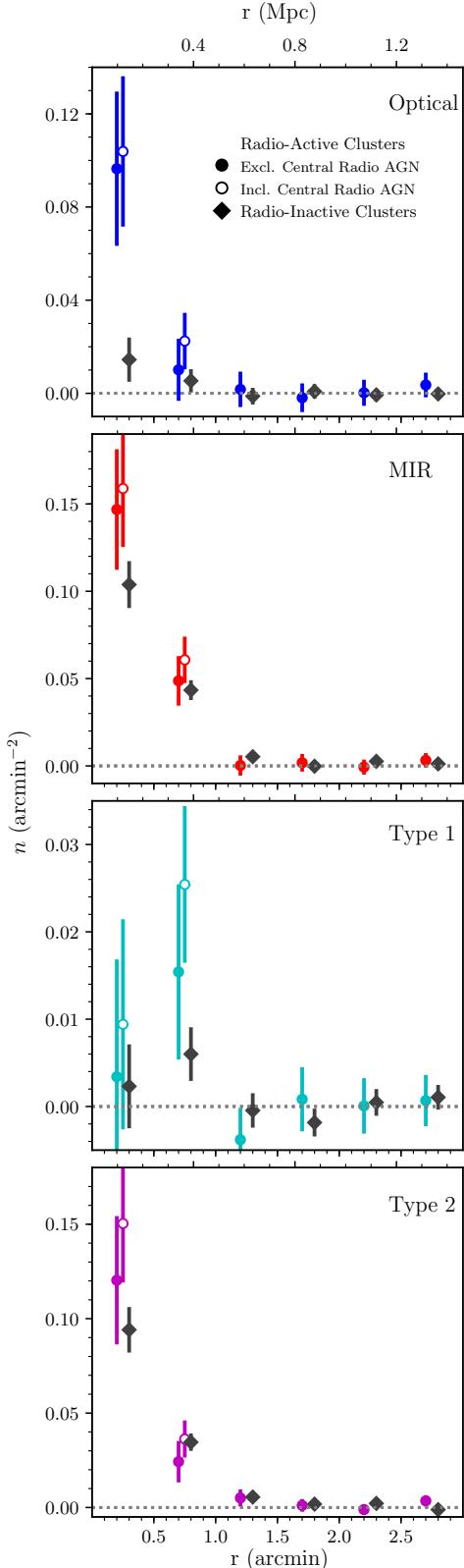


FIG. 8.— The comparison of the radial distribution of the cluster AGN excess in radio-active and radio-inactive galaxy clusters. Any AGN within the central 1' region that crossmatched with a FIRST source are subtracted from the excess (closed circles) to avoid selection bias. We find a higher cluster AGN excess in the central 1' of radio-active galaxy clusters than in radio-inactive clusters, most significant when considering optically-selected AGN.

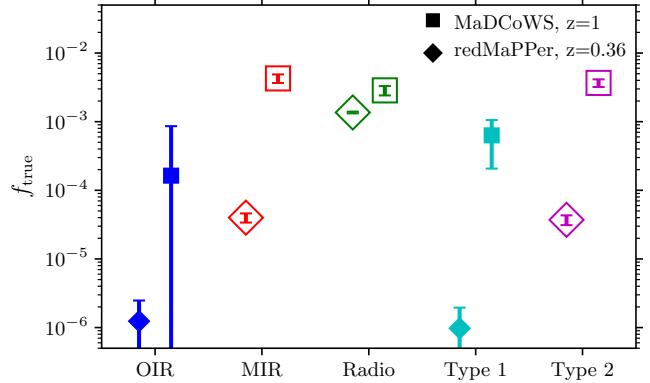


FIG. 9.— The true AGN fraction within a fixed aperture of 1 Mpc for redMaPPer galaxy clusters with mean  $z = 0.36$  and MaDCoWS clusters at  $z \sim 1$ . The selection criteria for AGN has been matched for the two epochs. The AGN fraction increases for all AGN types between  $z \sim 1$  and  $z \sim 0.36$ .

which is in agreement with similar studies (e.g., Martini et al. 2007; Galametz et al. 2009) though narrower than the distributions found with X-ray-selected sources (e.g., Ruderman & Ebeling 2005; Gilmour et al. 2009; Ehlert et al. 2013). Table 3 presents a non-exhaustive list of cluster excess AGN measurements from the literature for a range of cluster redshifts and various AGN selection methods. We compare these studies to our results within 1' ( $\sim 0.5$  Mpc) and 2' ( $\sim 1$  Mpc), but we note that the AGN excess per cluster strongly depends on AGN selection type, luminosity, redshift and cluster mass considered in each study.

Ruderman & Ebeling (2005) and Fassbender et al. (2012), who studied X-ray sources in 51 clusters at  $0.3 < z < 0.7$  and 22 clusters at  $0.9 < z < 1.6$ , respectively, find evidence for a secondary peak of AGN overdensity near  $2 - 3 r_{200}$ . However, this result was not observed in studies conducted with larger samples of galaxy clusters (e.g. Gilmour et al. 2009; Ehlert et al. 2014). We also find no evidence for a secondary peak near the cluster infall region. Koulouridis et al. (2014) suggested that the secondary peak could depend on the cluster richness. However, our radial profiles when binned by cluster richness remain similarly flat.

For optically-selected and Type 1 AGN, we find that the AGN fraction decreases within the central 1' (0.5 Mpc) cluster environment. The suppression is intensified closer to cluster centers. Both Ehlert et al. (2014) and Pimbblet et al. (2013) report suppression near cluster centers for X-ray and optically-selected AGN, respectively, but in lower redshift clusters. Our results confirm their findings, but with higher statistical precision and at a higher redshift regime. One possible explanation would be the cluster environment suppressing the triggering of AGN within the central 1' (0.5 Mpc) region.

We find that the enhancement or suppression of the cluster AGN fraction is very dependent on the AGN selection method. AGN selected by methods to identify more obscured type AGN, such as by the MIR or red OIR color, or by their radio signatures are more likely to be found in cluster environments. This result is in line with clustering studies that show Type 2 AGN are found in higher mass halos than Type 1 AGN (Hickox et al.

2011; Donoso et al. 2014; DiPompeo et al. 2014; Allevato et al. 2014) and further adds to the evidence against the argument of obscuration purely due to orientation effects.

### 6.2. Evolution of the AGN Fraction

Martini et al. (2013) presented evidence that cluster AGN evolve more rapidly than field AGN, with cluster AGN fractions for luminous X-ray AGN increasing by a factor of 10 from  $z \sim 0$  to  $z \sim 1$  and by another order of magnitude from  $z \sim 1$  to  $z \sim 1.5$ . As a coarse test, we compare AGN fractions for galaxy clusters in the redMaPPer catalog (Rykoff et al. 2014) at lower redshift to our AGN fractions.

The redMaPPer survey exploits the red sequence cluster-finding algorithm to detect galaxy clusters. We use version 6.3 of the redMaPPer DR8 cluster and member catalog which applied the redMaPPer algorithm to the  $\sim 10,000 \text{ deg}^2$  SDSS DR8 data. The catalog contains  $\sim 25,000$  galaxy clusters over redshift space  $0.08 < z < 0.55$  with a completeness of  $\gtrsim 99\%$  at richness  $\lambda_{\text{redMaPPer}} > 30$  and purity of 95%.

We attempt to best replicate our MaDCoWS analysis with the redMaPPer clusters. To match the IRAC 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  flux limit imposed on the MaDCoWS catalog, we also impose a similar magnitude limit on the redMaPPer member catalog. Given each individual redMaPPer cluster redshift, we convert the  $10 \mu\text{Jy}$  limit to a stellar mass of a passively evolving galaxy (assuming  $z_f = 3.0$ , Conroy et al. (2009) SSP, and Chabrier (2003) IMF) and calculate its corresponding SDSS  $i$  magnitude. We only consider cluster members brighter in SDSS  $i$  for each redMaPPer cluster. At  $z = 1$ , we are only sensitive to radio sources with luminosity above  $\sim 5 \times 10^{24} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$  (1 mJy limiting flux in FIRST). Thus, we only consider FIRST sources above this luminosity limit at each redMaPPer cluster redshift. We also match the magnitude limits imposed upon the R09 ( $i < 21.1$  (AB)) and A18 catalogs ( $W2 < 15.5$  (Vega)) for  $z = 1$  and  $z = 0.36$ . We then crossmatched the redMaPPer cluster galaxy members to the AGN catalogs as described in Section 4.1.

For redMaPPer clusters, we calculate AGN fractions within a fixed aperture of 1 Mpc ( $3.3'$  at  $z = 0.36$ ). Because the redMaPPer algorithm selects for red sequence members only, the field contribution to the AGN fraction is low, and the redMaPPer AGN fractions are more reflective of the true cluster AGN fraction rather than the observed AGN fraction for MaDCoWS. Thus, we compare redMaPPer AGN fraction values to the MaDCoWS true AGN fractions calculated with Equation 6 for a radius  $r = 2'$  (0.96 Mpc at  $z = 1$ ). A comparison of the AGN fractions is shown in Figure 9.

Our results show that the cluster AGN fraction increases from  $z = 0.36$  to  $z = 1$ . For the luminosity and magnitude limits considered, we find that the AGN fraction increases by at least a factor of 100 for optical, MIR, Type 1 and Type 2 AGN and by a factor of 2 for radio-selected AGN. Martini et al. (2013) and Bufanda et al. (2017), both studying X-ray AGN with  $L_X > 10^{43} \text{ ergs s}^{-1}$ , find that the AGN fraction increases by a factor of 7 and 8, respectively, between  $0.1 < z < 1.0$ .

## 7. CONCLUSIONS

We conducted a study of the AGN content in massive galaxy clusters at  $z \sim 1$ . Employing the the largest known sample of galaxy clusters at  $z = 1$  and catalogs of AGN selected by five distinct signatures, our results provide statistical power and nuance to previous work conducted with smaller samples. Our main results are as follows:

- We observe a rising density of AGN within the central  $r < 1.5'$  (0.7 Mpc) of MaDCoWS clusters. The AGN overdensity converges to field levels at  $r = 2'$  (1.0 Mpc). We find no evidence for a secondary peak of AGN overdensity beyond  $r \gtrsim 2'$ .
- Optically-selected and Type 1 AGN decrease in AGN fraction towards cluster centers when compared to field AGN fraction levels while MIR-selected and Type 2 AGN show an enhancement within  $r < 1.5'$  compared to the field. Our results imply that cluster environments statistically contain more obscured than unobscured AGN, highlighting the importance of AGN selection when studying cluster AGN content.
- Radio-selected AGN are preferentially found in the inner  $r < 1'$  of cluster cores, regardless of the galaxy mass considered. This trend could be environmental in origin, but may also be a result of the morphology-density relation given that radio-selected AGN are preferentially found in massive elliptical galaxies (e.g., Best et al. 2005), or triggered by galactic mergers and interactions in the case of the central BCG (Chiaberge et al. 2015). However, we also find that the AGN fraction is higher in the central  $1'$  (0.5 Mpc) in host galaxies with stellar masses near  $L_*$  compared with high mass hosts.
- Galaxy clusters with a radio source within  $1'$  of cluster center show an enhanced number of optically-selected AGN as compared to clusters without central radio activity. Though radio-active clusters are on average more massive than radio-inactive clusters, we find that the excess of optically-selected AGN in radio-active clusters is still present even when matching the richnesses of the radio-active and radio-inactive cluster samples.

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