Distant X-ray clusters and their applications with XMM-Newton and eROSITA



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Agenda

- I. Distant X-ray Galaxy Clusters: Science & Status
- II. The XDCP Cluster Sample up to z~1.6
- III. Prospects and Challenges for eROSITA Cluster Studies at z>1

I. Distant X-ray Galaxy Clusters: Science & Status

Tracing the High-z Evolution of X-ray Galaxy Clusters Observationally

Applications in Cosmology Applications in Astrophysics

DM structure formation cluster number density evolution geometric gas mass fraction test absolute distances (X-ray+SZE) large-scale structure/cosmic web formation of the ICM thermodynamic evolution of ICM metal enrichment of ICM high-z merging of clusters/halos AGN-ICM interactions at high-z galaxy-ICM interactions



formation of red-sequence galaxies galaxy transformation processes BCG formation and evolution





Distant X-ray Clusters as Dark Energy Probes

- Dark Energy Constraints based in the evolution of the galaxy cluster mass function are among the best of all individual DE probes, with a high potential for future studies
- current constraints are derived from the comparison of 49 local clusters with 37 intermediate redshift clusters (z>0.35, 17 at z≥0.5, 2>0.8) with <z>=0.55



Vikhlinin et al. 2009

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Galaxy Cluster Surveys based on ICM Signature (Incomplete) Schematic View all sky



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The top 10 most distant clusters known spectroscopically confirmed + X-ray signature

z	Name	Sel.	L _{X,bol} [10 ⁴⁴ erg/s]	M200 [10 ¹⁴ M _{sun}]	References	
2.07	CL J1449+0856	MIR	0.9	0.7	Gobat+11	
1.75	XMMU J1053+5723	Xray	0.5	0.6	Henry+10	
1.62	XCL J0218-0510	MIR	0.4	0.7	Tanaka+10, Pierre+11 Papovich+10	
1.58	XMMU J0044-2033	Xray	6.1	3.0	Santos+11	
1.56	XMMU J1007.4+1237	Xray	2.1	1.7	Fassbender+11	
1.49	XMMU J0338+0021	Xray	1.1	1.2	Nastasi+11	
1.49	ISCS J1432.4+3250	MIR	3.5	2.5	Brodwin+10	
1.46	XCS J2215.9-1738	Xray	2.2	2.0	Hilton+10, Stanford+06, Bielby+10	
1.41	ISCS J1438.1+3414	MIR	2.2	2.2	Brodwin+10, Stanford+05	
1.39	XMMU J2235.3-2557	Xray	10.0	6.6	Rosati+09, Jee+09, Mullis+05	
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II. The XDCP Cluster Sample up to z~1.6



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A XMM-Newton Distant Cluster Project (XDCP) Primer

Aim: find & study distant X-ray clusters at z>0.8

Science Goals:

- multi-wavelength studies of distant clusters
- galaxy evolution in the densest environments
- high-z scaling relations
- cluster number density evolution

XDCP Assets:

- >200 X-ray selected candidates at z>0.5 from 76deg² (49deg² core area)
- follow-up imaging data for >90% of distant candidates and for >400 X-ray clusters over all redshifts
- spectroscopic follow-up of high-z candidates >50% complete
- largest sample of distant X-ray clusters to date

Fassbender 2008, arXiv:0806.0861 http://www.xray.mpe.mpg.de/theorie/cluster/XDCP/xdcp_index.html Rene Fassbender (MPE) The published XDCP Sample of 22 X-ray Clusters at 0.9<z<1.6

17 clusters at z≥1.07 clusters at z>1.3



Fassbender et al. 2011, on the arXiv soon



almost homogeneous redshift coverage all the way to z~1.6

full XDCP sample: 33 confirmed systems at z>0.8

Fassbender et al. 2011, on the arXiv soon



median cluster mass of sample 2×10¹⁴ M_{sun}

Fassbender et al. 2011, on the arXiv soon

The two least likely XDCP Clusters



exclusion curves from Mortonson et al. 2011

XMMU J1230.3+1339 at z=0.975 Multi-component View inside R₂₀₀



Fassbender et al. 2011, arXiv:1009.0264Rene Fassbender (MPE)

III. Prospects and Challenges for eROSITA Cluster Studies at z>1

Distant Cluster Expectations for eROSITA

N(>z) clusters with ≥100 counts

Best Fit Expectations



Reichert et al. 2011, in press, arXiv:1109.3708 Rene Fassbender (MPE)



Distant Cluster Detectability with eROSITA

all sky survey detectability as extended X-ray source

The Chandra-eROSITA Image Simulator

goal: build up a distant cluster 'mock' data base for eROSITA performance tests based on real observations, i.e. with proper cluster structure and AGN contamination



developed by Martin Mühlegger

Luminosity-based Mass Estimates at z>0.8

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M = (1.64 \pm 0.07) \cdot (L_X [10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}])^{0.52 \pm 0.03} \cdot E(z)^{-0.90^{+0.35}_{-0.15}} 10^{14} M_{\odot}
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Photometric Cluster Identification and Color-based Redshift Estimation out to z≥1.5



The Need for Near-Infrared Data at z>1.2characteristic L* magnitudes at z=1.5: $R_{AB}=25.9$, $I_{AB}=24.2$, $z_{AB}=23.8$, $J_{AB}=21.9$, $H_{AB}=21.3$, $Ks_{AB}=20.8$



r_{lim}∼23.9 mag i_{lim}∼23.6 mag z_{lim}∼22.3 mag

+H_{lim}~22.4 mag (21.0 Vega) z=1.34

eROSITA z>1 Cluster Challenge Overview

Task	Challenge	Challenge Level (1-5)
source detection of extended sources	need purity levels >99%, every 1% impurity yields ~1000 spurious sources	+++++
optical and NIR imaging follow-up with 4m+ telescopes	deep, efficient data acquisition and reduct. with accurate color-based z-estimates out to $z\sim1.6$ for several 1000 sources	+++
spectroscopic follow-up (8m+ tel.)	redshift measurements for hundreds of clusters up to $z\sim1.6$	+++
mass estimates from $M-L_X$ scaling relation	availability of an accurately calibrated M-L _x relation up to z~1.6	++
completeness, contamination & bias evaluation	characterization of AGN contamination effects on detection efficiency and $L_{\rm X}$ and $T_{\rm X}$ biases	+++
deep X-ray follow-up observations	deep (Chandra) X-ray data for a suffici- ently large sub-sample to allow a detailed characterization of z>1 eROSITA clusters	++++

Summary & Conclusions

- 1. The XMM-Newton Distant Cluster Project has compiled the largest sample of high-z X-ray clusters to date and is hence an important pathfinder survey for high-z eROSITA applications
- 2. A first XDCP sample of 22 clusters at 0.9 < z < 1.6 is about to be published (17 at $z \ge 1$ and 7 at z > 1.3) with a median system mass of $2x10^{14}M_{sun}$
- 3. The currently most realistic eROSITA forecasts predict about 1100 clusters at z>1.0 and 90 systems at z>1.4 in the full survey with a minimum of 100 counts each
- 4. All-sky eROSITA cluster identifications at the highest redshifts will inevitably have to rely on an X-ray source extent criterion, which results in a major challenge for the cluster detection algorithms
- 5. Efficient ground-based follow-up techniques for cluster identifications out to at least z~1.6 are now available and X-ray luminosity-based mass estimates at high-z are becoming reliable