

# The reversal of the SF–density relation in a massive, X-ray-selected galaxy cluster at $z = 1.58$ : results from *Herschel*

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## ABSTRACT

Dusty, star-forming galaxies have a critical role in the formation and evolution of massive galaxies in the Universe. Using deep far-infrared imaging in the range 100–500  $\mu\text{m}$  obtained with the *Herschel* telescope, we investigate the dust-obscured star formation (SF) in the galaxy cluster XDCP J0044.0-2033 at  $z = 1.58$ , the most massive cluster at  $z > 1.5$ , with a measured mass  $M_{200} = 4.7_{-0.9}^{+1.4} \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ . We perform an analysis of the spectral energy distributions (SEDs) of 12 cluster members (5 spectroscopically confirmed) detected with  $\geq 3\sigma$  significance in the PACS maps, all ultraluminous infrared galaxies. The individual star formation rates (SFRs) lie in the range 155–824  $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , with dust temperatures of 24–35 K. We measure a strikingly high amount of SF in the cluster core,  $\text{SFR} (< 250 \text{ kpc}) \geq 1875 \pm 158 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , four times higher than the amount of SF in the cluster outskirts. This scenario is unprecedented in a galaxy cluster, showing for the first time a reversal of the SF–density relation at  $z \sim 1.6$  in a massive cluster.

**Key words:** galaxies: clusters: individual: XDCP 0044.0-2033 – galaxies: evolution – galaxies: star formation – infrared: galaxies.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

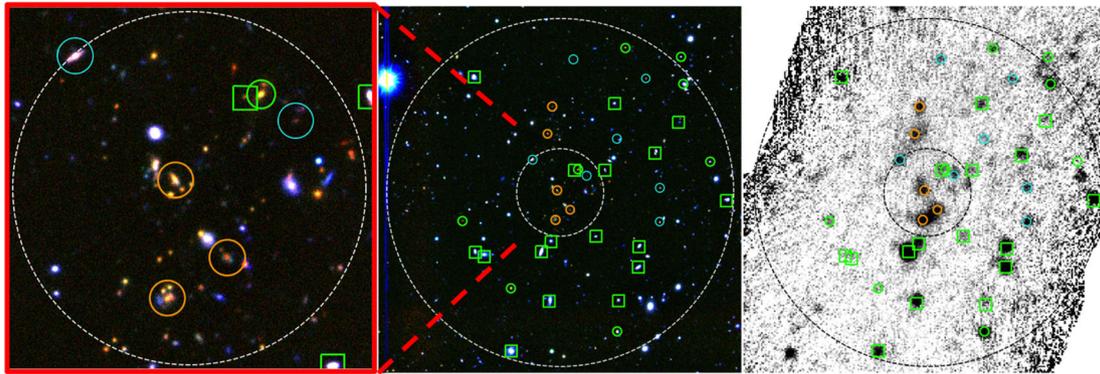
The high-density environments of massive clusters are hostile to star-forming galaxies, particularly in the central regions that are typically populated by ‘red & dead’ galaxies. This is especially so in the local Universe where galaxy populations in clusters have undergone several cycles of processes that quench star formation (SF) activity, such as e.g. mergers, tidal stripping, harassment and ram pressure stripping (see Treu et al. 2003 for a review). However, the evolution of the star formation rate (SFR) across different environments is a key property to understand the evolution of galaxies. In this respect, far-infrared (FIR) observations, that cover the peak of the spectral energy distribution (SED) of star-forming galaxies, provide a powerful means to study the evolution of the SFR by tracing the dust-obscured SF activity. Indeed, it is now established that the infrared energy density steadily rises from  $z = 0$  reaching a peak between  $z = 1$  and 2 (e.g. Magnelli et al. 2013). The recent advent

of the FIR space telescope *Herschel* has enabled a leap forward in this field that is still unfolding e.g. see Casey, Narayanan & Cooray 2014; Lutz 2014 for recent reviews).

The SF–density relation observed in the local Universe states that star-forming galaxies prefer low galaxy density environments, i.e. the field relative to clusters, and the cluster outskirts relative to the core. At  $z \sim 1$ , a reversal of the SF–density relation has been reported in the field (Elbaz et al. 2007) and in the galaxy group CLG0218.3-0510 at  $z = 1.62$  (Tran et al. 2010); however, this effect has yet to be identified in the most massive structures at high- $z$ . Since only a handful of  $\geq 10^{14} M_{\odot}$  clusters have been detected at very high redshifts (i.e.  $1.5 < z < 2$ ), extending this investigation to the extreme regime of distant, massive galaxy clusters (high density) is mostly unexplored territory.

To date, the galaxy cluster XDCP J0044.0-2033 (RA: 00:44:05.2, DEC:  $-20:33:58$ , hereafter XDCP0044) at  $z = 1.58$  is, so far, the most massive, distant cluster discovered in X-rays (Santos et al. 2011). This cluster was found in a serendipitous search of the *XMM-Newton* archive as part of the *XMM-Newton* Distant Cluster Project (XDCP), an 80 deg<sup>2</sup> survey aimed to discover high-redshift

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**Figure 1.** *Ks/I* colour composite of the central  $\sim 500$  kpc (left) of the field of XDCP0044 (middle) and corresponding *Herschel*/PACS 100  $\mu\text{m}$  map (right). Dashed circles have radii of 30 arcsec and 2 arcmin centred on the cluster X-ray centre. The five spectroscopic members with FIR emission are shown in orange circles, cyan regions indicate the photometric candidates with FIR emission and green regions correspond to spectroscopic (circles) and visual/photo- $z$  (squares) interlopers.

clusters. With more than 40 galaxy clusters at  $0.8 < z < 1.6$  (see Fassbender et al. 2011 for a recent review), the XDCP is the largest sample of X-ray-selected *distant* clusters to date. Since the discovery of XDCP0044 we have embarked on a broad and deep observational campaign, given the uniqueness of this system. Currently, our multi- $\lambda$  data set includes: *VI* optical imaging (Subaru/Suprime), *JKs* near-infrared (NIR) imaging (VLT/Hawk-I), 3.6/4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  imaging (*Spitzer*/IRAC), optical (VLT/FORS2) and NIR (VLT/KMOS) spectroscopy and deep X-ray data (*Chandra*).

In this Letter, we present the analysis of the *Herschel* (Pilbratt et al. 2010) observations obtained for this cluster. We investigate the FIR properties of the secure cluster members as well as FIR galaxies with a photometric redshift consistent with the cluster redshift. This study aims to provide important clues on galaxy evolutionary processes, namely the evolution of the SF–density relation. The cosmological parameters used throughout the Letter are  $H_0 = 70 h$  km s $^{-1}$  Mpc $^{-1}$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$  and  $\Omega_m = 0.3$ . In this cosmology, 1 Mpc at  $z = 1.6$  corresponds to  $\sim 2$  arcmin on the sky. Quoted errors are at the  $1\sigma$  level, unless otherwise stated.

## 2 THE *Herschel* DATA

### 2.1 Observations and data reduction

The *Herschel* observations of XDCP0044 were carried out on 2012 December 25 as a Director Discretionary Time programme (PI Santos, 10.5 h) aimed at studying the SF history in this massive cluster, following our strategy with the *Herschel* Guaranteed Time programmes of high-redshift clusters and protoclusters (PI Altieri).

The PACS (Poglitsch et al. 2011) observations at 100/160  $\mu\text{m}$  (obsids = 1342257750 to 1342257759) were performed in miniscan map mode, well suited for deep observations over a small field of view of about 2 arcmin in radius. The maps were produced using Unimap (Piazzo et al. 2012): a generalized least square map-maker, that allows us to reach ultimate sensitivity with no flux loss, and without iterative masking of the sources as in the more classical masked high-pass filtering processing. The astrometry of the PACS maps was found to be better than 1 arcsec, by cross-correlating PACS sources with optical and NIR catalogues, in agreement with *Herschel* absolute astrometry accuracy (1 arcsec,  $1\sigma$ ). The  $3\sigma$  sensitivity of the maps is 1.65 (4.5) mJy in the 100 (160)  $\mu\text{m}$  image. SPIRE (Griffin et al. 2010) observed the cluster field following an eight-point dithering pattern introduced in HerMES (Oliver

et al. 2012) in order to achieve a more homogeneous coverage. The SPIRE maps at 250, 350 and 500  $\mu\text{m}$  with nominal pixel sizes of 6, 10 and 14 arcsec, respectively, are dominated by the confusion noise with the estimated rms in the central part of the maps of 6.2, 6.5 and 7.3 mJy.<sup>1</sup>

### 2.2 Source extraction and photometry

Our PACS maps were designed to reach very deep coverage in the cluster core, which restricted our study to an area within 2 arcmin radius from the X-ray cluster centre. This area corresponds to 1 Mpc, approximately the cluster X-ray virial radius (Tozzi et al. 2015), which makes it perfectly suited to study the global cluster SF.

In our analysis, we use a spectroscopic catalogue obtained with the optical and near-IR spectroscopy campaigns using FORS2 and KMOS, respectively, at the VLT. Details on these observational campaigns, data reduction and results will be presented in forthcoming papers. In summary, of the targeted 126 individual spectra, we have obtained robust redshifts for 110 galaxies. Of these, 13 are cluster members with  $z = [1.5701–1.6001]$  and the remainder 97 galaxies are interlopers. The latter are crucial to discard FIR not associated with the cluster (Fig. 1). Using the spectroscopic information, we flag the members that are likely to be star forming based on the detection of the [O II] emission line, and thus have a greater probability to be detected in the *Herschel* bands. 9 of the 13 members show [O II] emission. In addition to the spectroscopic information, we also use a *VIIJKs* 3.6/4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  photometric catalogue covering the entire cluster field to derive photo- $z$ s and stellar masses.

Here we outline our procedure to reach a final catalogue of FIR sources in the field of XDCP0044. Given the greater sensitivity of the PACS maps relative to SPIRE, we base our catalogue on blind source extractions in the 100 and 160  $\mu\text{m}$  maps separately, using SExtractor (Bertin & Arnouts 2003). The SExtractor aperture photometry was validated with manual aperture photometry and corrected with the encircled energy factors given by Balog et al.

<sup>1</sup> We use the median absolute deviation (MAD) as a robust measure of the noise in the presence of sources in the region. The derived rms corresponds to MAD multiplied by 1.48, which assumes a Gaussian noise distribution; this assumption is generally adequate for extragalactic SPIRE maps produced with the standard map-making pipeline.

(2014) in radii of 6 arcsec at 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 9 arcsec at 160  $\mu\text{m}$ . Given the difficulty to obtain reliable errors with standard source detection algorithms because of the correlated noise present in PACS data, we compute the photometric errors as the  $1\sigma$  detection limits in each band, in addition to 7 per cent (calibration accuracy of the flux scale) of the source flux. The SPIRE source detection was performed using a simultaneous fit to all sources in the prior list (XID, for more details see Roseboom et al. 2012) with a prior catalogue based on the PACS detections. We do not expect problems of overdeblending (known limitation of XID) as the PACS prior sources of interest (see below) are separated by more than 9 arcsec (FWHM/2). We fit the three bands independently using the SPIRE point response function. If the fitted SPIRE flux density at the position of an input PACS source is below the  $3\sigma$  sensitivity in each band, we assigned the  $3\sigma$  values as upper limits. These correspond to three times the confusion noise and are equal to 17.4, 18.9 and 20.4 mJy at 250, 350 and 500  $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively. We obtain 36 individual detections at  $>3\sigma$  in the 160  $\mu\text{m}$  map within a radius of 1 Mpc from the cluster X-ray centre. Of these, five are spectroscopic cluster members (four show [O II] emission), eight are interlopers. For the remaining 23 sources, we compute photometric redshifts by fitting the galaxies SEDs with LEPHARE (Arnouts et al. 1999; Ilbert et al. 2006), considering Bruzual & Charlot (2003) models. We assess the reliability of the photometric redshifts using our set of 13 spectroscopic redshifts in the FIR catalogue, and we find that, while for four out of five confirmed spectroscopic members the photometric redshifts are a perfect match, the photo- $z$ s perform more poorly for lower redshift galaxies, likely due to the limited optical coverage. With this in mind, we avoid selecting cluster member candidates using thresholds in photometric redshifts, and first discard obvious foreground galaxies using size and  $Ks/II$  colour information (Fig. 1, the image quality in the  $Ks/III$  bands is, respectively, 0.5 arcsec/0.5 arcsec/0.7 arcsec). This leaves us with seven galaxies with  $1.0 < z_{\text{phot}} < 1.9$ , as potential cluster members detected by *Herschel*. Therefore, about a third of the FIR sources in the cluster virial area are likely associated with the cluster (five secure members + seven  $z_{\text{phot}}$  galaxies).

### 3 RESULTS

#### 3.1 FIR properties: LIR, SFR and $T_{\text{dust}}$

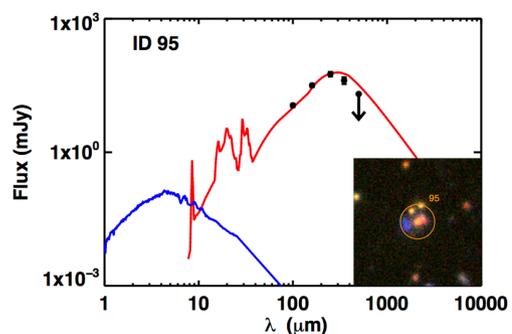
We fit the galaxies FIR SEDs using the program LEPHARE with Chary & Elbaz (2001) templates, to measure individual integrated infrared luminosity,  $L_{\text{IR}}$ . The SFRs are derived using the Kennicutt scaling relation,  $\text{SFR}_{\text{IR}} = 1.71 \times 10^{-10} L_{\text{IR}}/L_{\odot}$  (Kennicutt 1998) that assumes a Salpeter initial mass function (Salpeter 1955).

The SFR of our sample spans the range 155–824  $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , with an average and median of 373 and 295  $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , respectively. For the candidate member galaxies the IR properties were derived with  $z = 1.58$ , the cluster  $z$ .

The galaxies dust temperature ( $T_{\text{dust}}$ ), anchored by the peak of the FIR SED, is computed with a modified blackbody model with an emissivity index  $\beta$  fixed to 1.5. We find  $T_{\text{dust}}$  in the range 24–35 K, typical of high- $z$  ULIRGs (e.g. Hwang et al. 2010).

#### 3.2 sSFR– $M^*$

Stellar masses are obtained by fitting the optical through mid-infrared SED of the galaxies using again LEPHARE but with Bruzual & Charlot (2003) templates. In the left-hand panel of Fig. 3, we



**Figure 2.** Best-fitting FIR SED (red line) of cluster member ID 95, with  $Ks/II$  inset (15 arcsec  $\times$  15 arcsec). Data points are shown in black.

plot the specific SFR, sSFR, versus stellar mass for the 12 galaxies with *Herschel* emission. Unlike most of the *Herschel* studies of distant clusters, for XDCP0044 we are able to effectively probe the main-sequence galaxy population (Elbaz et al. 2011) thanks to the unprecedented depth of our PACS maps ( $\text{SFR}_{\text{lim}} \sim 165 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ).

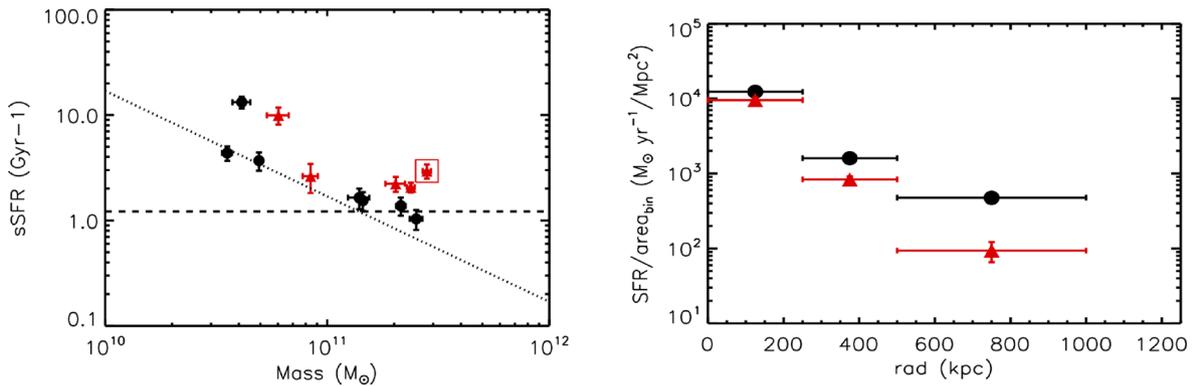
All FIR cluster galaxies have  $\gtrsim 10^{12} L_{\odot}$ , placing them in the ultraluminous infrared galaxy (ULIRG) category. However, as we see in Fig. 3 (left-hand panel), these galaxies populate both the main-sequence and the starburst regions of the sSFR– $M^*$  relation. Given the small angular size and faintness of these galaxies, the available ground-based optical and NIR imaging from Suprime/Subaru and Hawk-I/VLT data (Fassbender et al. 2014) only allow for a rough evaluation of galaxy morphology. While some cluster galaxies appear to have signs of complex morphology, only ID 95 has clear indication of an ongoing merger with a blue companion that is also a spectroscopic member (Fig. 2). The SFRs presented for this cluster are intended as lower limits given the confusion noise and the large diffraction-limited beam inherent to the *Herschel* observations. Contamination introduced by neighbours was not a major issue because most of the FIR cluster members were fairly isolated, and our ample ancillary data allowed us to assess the probability of FIR emission caused by neighbours.

#### 3.3 AGN contamination

It is well known that the presence of AGN may affect the interpretation of the FIR emission as solely SF activity. Two cluster members, ID 92 and 95, are associated with X-ray AGN emission detected with the high-resolution *Chandra* data (Tozzi et al. 2015). In both cases, the unabsorbed X-ray luminosity of these AGN is characteristic of type II AGN. For both galaxies, we investigate the contribution of the AGN component to the FIR emission using the program DECOMPIR (Mullaney et al. 2011), an SED model-fitting software that attempts to separate the AGN from the host star-forming galaxy. In short, the AGN component is an empirical model based on observations of moderate-luminosity local AGNs, whereas the five starburst models were developed to represent a typical range of SED types, with an extrapolation beyond 100  $\mu\text{m}$  using a grey body with emissivity  $\beta$  fixed to 1.5. For both galaxies, the best-fitting model obtained with DECOMPIR indicates that the host galaxy dominates the FIR emission, with no relevant contribution from the AGN to the total infrared luminosity, a result that is in agreement with previous *Herschel* studies of X-ray AGNs (e.g. Rosario et al. 2012; Santos et al. 2014). The results obtained here are summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Properties of the FIR cluster members, spectroscopic (first five rows) and with photometric redshift concordant with the cluster (7 rows after line break).

ID	RA	DEC	$r_{\text{proj}}$ (kpc)	$F_{100\mu\text{m}}$ (mJy)	$F_{160\mu\text{m}}$ (mJy)	Mass ( $M_{\odot}$ )	LIR ( $\times 10^{12} L_{\odot}$ )	SFR ( $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ )	$T_{\text{dust}}$ (K)
92	11.02235	-20.5657	25	$4.5 \pm 0.6$	$8.5 \pm 1.6$	$2.0 \times 10^{11}$	$2.6 \pm 0.3$	$452 \pm 58$	$24.0 \pm 1.0$
95	11.02269	-20.5713	142	$11.3 \pm 1.0$	$31.9 \pm 2.7$	$2.8 \times 10^{11}$	$4.8 \pm 0.7$	$825 \pm 120$	$34.6 \pm 0.8$
96	11.01973	-20.5694	107	$8.1 \pm 0.8$	$23.2 \pm 2.2$	$6.0 \times 10^{10}$	$3.5 \pm 0.5$	$600 \pm 88$	$33.0 \pm 1.7$
100	11.02436	-20.5548	356	$3.6 \pm 0.6$	$16.2 \pm 1.9$	$2.4 \times 10^{11}$	$2.9 \pm 0.3$	$490 \pm 49$	$27.5 \pm 1.0$
101	11.02327	-20.5496	513	$5.0 \pm 0.6$	$9.4 \pm 1.6$	$8.4 \times 10^{10}$	$1.3 \pm 0.4$	$221 \pm 66$	$29.7 \pm 1.4$
2	11.01899	-20.54059	792	$3.0 \pm 0.6$	$5.7 \pm 1.6$	$5.0 \times 10^{10}$	$1.1 \pm 0.2$	$182 \pm 35$	$31.7 \pm 4.8$
4	11.00409	-20.54421	849	$4.1 \pm 0.6$	$4.5 \pm 1.5$	$1.4 \times 10^{11}$	$1.3 \pm 0.3$	$223 \pm 44$	$25.0 \pm 2.2$
11	11.02740	-20.55986	254	$4.5 \pm 0.6$	$7.7 \pm 1.6$	$2.1 \times 10^{11}$	$1.7 \pm 0.3$	$295 \pm 54$	$29.9 \pm 3.1$
13	11.00115	-20.56524	595	$3.9 \pm 0.6$	$6.9 \pm 1.6$	$1.4 \times 10^{11}$	$1.3 \pm 0.3$	$228 \pm 43$	$31.0 \pm 3.7$
16	11.00124	-20.57174	610	$5.1 \pm 0.7$	$10.8 \pm 1.7$	$2.5 \times 10^{11}$	$1.5 \pm 0.3$	$261 \pm 54$	$33.6 \pm 3.4$
33	11.01628	-20.56292	193	1.65	$11.8 \pm 1.7$	$4.1 \times 10^{10}$	$3.2 \pm 0.3$	$546 \pm 50$	$25.2 \pm 1.1$
34	11.01006	-20.55585	468	1.65	$4.7 \pm 1.5$	$3.5 \times 10^{10}$	$0.9 \pm 0.1$	$154 \pm 23$	$27.5 \pm 3.2$

**Figure 3.** Left: sSFR versus stellar mass of the spectroscopic members (red triangles) and photometric redshift candidates (black circles) with *Herschel* emission, in the galaxy cluster XDCP0044. The dashed line indicates the expected main-sequence level of galaxies at the cluster redshift and the dotted line marks the  $3\sigma$  detection limit of our *Herschel* data. The square indicates galaxy ID 95. Right: differential SFR divided by bin area versus projected radius of the spectroscopic members only (red) and adding the photo- $z$  candidates (black).

#### 4 REVERSAL OF THE SF-DENSITY RELATION IN XDCP0044

In this section, we compute the total SFR in XDCP 0044 and investigate the reversal of the SF-density relation. The total cluster star formation rate ( $\Sigma\text{SFR}$ ) is typically reported as the integrated SFR of all members enclosed in a circle with 1 Mpc radius:  $\text{SFR}(<1 \text{ Mpc}) = 4477 \pm 215 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  ( $2587 \pm 179$  considering only the five spectroscopic members), twice as much as the total SFR of CLG0218 at the same redshift,  $2087 \pm 175 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (Santos et al. 2014).

The mass-normalized cluster SFR, obtained by dividing  $\Sigma\text{SFR}$  by the system gravitational mass,  $\Sigma\text{SFR}/M_{\text{g}}$ , has been widely used to quantify the evolution of the global SFR in clusters with redshift. Recently, Webb et al. (2013) used a representative sample with 42 clusters selected in the infrared and derived SFRs from  $24 \mu\text{m}$  fluxes to parametrize the redshift evolution of the  $\Sigma\text{SFR}/M_{\text{g}}$  up to  $z \sim 1$ . The authors fit a power law to the data  $\propto (1+z)^{5.4}$ , indicating a rapid increase of the mass-normalized SFR with redshift from which we derive an expected value of  $\sim 330 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}/10^{14} M_{\odot}$  at  $z = 1.58$ . Similarly, Popesso et al. (2014) present empirical relations for the evolution of the  $\Sigma\text{SFR}/M_{\text{g}}$  for groups and clusters based on *Herschel* data, which implies an expected value of  $\sim 80 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}/10^{14} M_{\odot}$  at  $z = 1.6$  for massive clusters. The main caveat for these predictions is the limited redshift range of the samples,  $z < 1$ . Using the recent X-ray measurement published in Tozzi et al. (2015),

$M_{200} = 4.7^{+1.4}_{-0.9} \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$  we obtain  $\Sigma\text{SFR}/M_{\text{g}} = 953 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}/10^{14} M_{\odot}$ , a factor 3–12 times higher than the above mentioned empirical expectations.

To investigate the reversal of the SF-density relation in this cluster, we measure the differential SFR in three radial bins (Fig. 3, right) normalized by the bin area, considering either only the spectroscopic members (red) or both spectroscopic and photo- $z$  members (black). In both cases, the area normalized SFR steeply declines with projected cluster-centric radius, by a factor 26 (all) to 100 (spectroscopic only) from the core ( $r_1 = 250$  kpc) to the outskirts ( $r_3 = 1$  Mpc). The number of galaxies per bin is [3, 1, 1] ([4, 3, 5]) for the spectroscopic members (all), at [ $<250$ , 250–500, 500–1000] kpc. The projected integrated SFR within the core ranges from  $1875 \pm 154$  (spectroscopic members only) to  $2421 \pm 166 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (all), which is extraordinary for a massive, non-cool-core cluster.

Using our spectroscopic sample of 13 members, we measure a fraction of star-forming galaxies ( $f_{\text{SFG}}$ ) in the core equal to 0.43 whereas  $f_{\text{SFG}}$  (outskirts) = 0.25, a tantalizing result that corroborates the reversal of the SF-density relation in this cluster.

Lastly, we compare the SFR in the core of XDCP0044 with that of the Spiderweb protocluster at  $z = 2.16$ , a high- $z$  radio galaxy surrounded by Ly $\alpha$  emitters that shows no sign of an intracluster medium (ICM) and is interpreted as a precursor of a massive cluster caught in a phase of very active SF. The SFR associated with the very massive central galaxy measured with *Herschel* equals to

$1390 \pm 150 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (Seymour et al. 2012). In contrast, XDCP044 has prominent ICM emission and appears to be in a process of assembly of what will become the central galaxy. The SF in the core, distributed over three spectroscopic members, is  $1875 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ . Therefore, these two systems appear to have different evolutionary scenarios, illustrating the pressing need for statistical samples of distant clusters to understand the evolutionary pathways of cluster formation.

## 5 CONCLUSIONS

In this Letter, we present deep *Herschel* data of the galaxy cluster XDCP0044, aimed at measuring the dust-obscured SF in one of the most massive distant clusters known. The total SFR within the projected core area,  $\text{SFR}_{\text{spec}}(r < 250 \text{ kpc}) \geq 1875 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , is four times higher than the amount of SF in the cluster outskirts. This unprecedented level of SFR in XDCP0044 confirms an inversion of the SF–density relation at  $z \sim 1.6$ , a result that had been found in CLG0218.3-0510 (Tran et al. 2010; Santos et al. 2014); however, XDCP0044 is 10 times more massive than the latter. In contrast, XMMU J2235.3-2557 at  $z \sim 1.4$ , 1.6 times more massive than XDCP0044, has virtually no SF in the central area (Santos et al. 2013). We are not yet in a position to draw conclusions on the SFR in the cluster population at high- $z$  because only these three systems had detailed FIR studies, and all sample studies on the evolution of the SFR in clusters stop at  $z = 1$ . However, our work shows that at an epoch close to the bulk of cluster formation, core galaxies in XDCP0044 are in a very active phase of SF, even if the virial mass is already significantly developed.

The upcoming *Hubble Space Telescope* imaging (PI Perlmutter) and grism (PI Gobat) data will enable a leap forward in the study of the fainter galaxy population, placing XDCP0044 as one of the best-studied clusters at a lookback time of 9.5 Gyr, a crucial epoch of cluster formation.

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