

Results from the XMM-Newton Distant Cluster Project (XDCP)

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Abstract: We present a combined X-ray, optical imaging & spectroscopic study of the newly discovered massive cluster of galaxies XMMU J1230+1339 at a redshift of z=0.975. The cluster was detected as a serendipitous extended X-ray source in archival XMM-Newton data as part of the XMM-Newton Distant Cluster Project (see box I) and was subsequently followed-up with VLT spectroscopy, deep multi-band LBT imaging, and with APEX SZE observations (box II). XMMU J1230+1339 features an astonishingly rich galaxy population in the optical (box III+V). The high X-ray luminosity and ICM temperature of $T_x=6$ keV (box IV) yield a mass estimate of $M_{200} = 4-5 \cdot 10^{14} M_{sun}$ for the system. Several infalling sub-components have been identified that depict an active assembly phase of a massive cluster at a lookback time of 7.6 Gyrs (box VI).



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