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ABSTRACT

We present Atacama Large Millimetre Array and Atacama Compact Array observations of the Sunyaev-Zel’dovich effect in the $z = 2$ galaxy cluster ClJ1449+0856, an X-ray-detected progenitor of typical massive clusters in the present day Universe. While in a cleaned but otherwise untouched 92 GHz map of this cluster little to no negative signal is visible, careful subtraction of known sub-millimetre emitters in the $uv$ plane reveals a decrement at 5σ significance. The total signal is $-190 \pm 36 \mu$Jy with a peak offset by 5"−9" (~50 kpc) from both the X-ray centroid and the still-forming brightest cluster galaxy. A comparison of the recovered $uv$-amplitude profile of the decrement with different pressure models allows us to derive total mass constraints consistent with the $\sim 6 \times 10^{13} M_\odot$ estimated from X-ray data. Moreover, we find no strong evidence for a deviation of the pressure profile with respect to local galaxy clusters, although a slight tension at small-to-intermediate spatial scales suggests a flattened central profile, opposite to that seen in a cool core and possibly an AGN-related effect. This analysis of the lowest mass single SZ detection so far illustrates the importance of interferometers when observing the SZ effect in high-redshift clusters, the cores of which cannot be considered quiescent, such that careful subtraction of galaxy emission is necessary.

Key words. galaxies: clusters: intracluster medium – galaxies: clusters: individual: Cl J1449

1. Introduction

The study of distant galaxy clusters has experienced a dramatic advance in the past decade, with the discovery of the first $z \sim 2$ clusters (Andreon et al. 2009; Gobat et al. 2011) and the subsequent breaching of that redshift limit into what was then considered the epoch of protoclusters (Spitler et al. 2012; Yuan et al. 2014; Wang et al. 2016). It is now possible to efficiently identify galaxy clusters at $z > 2$ in selected areas of the sky (e.g. Chiang et al. 2014; Strazzullo et al. 2015; Daddi et al. 2017), as well as to select relatively large samples up to $z \lesssim 2$ (e.g. Willis et al. 2013; Bleem et al. 2015). We are thus leaving the discovery stage and becoming able to characterise the physical properties of these structures, with an eye towards answering long-standing questions regarding their baryonic content, such as the early evolution of their gaseous atmosphere (i.e. their intracluster medium, or ICM) and its interaction with their stellar component. The injection of energy into the ICM from star formation or active galactic nuclei (AGN) is a long-standing topic of interest (Kaiser 1991; Ponman et al. 1999; Valageas & Silk 1999; Tozzi & Norman 2001). However, high-redshift constraints are difficult to set, except indirectly in special cases (e.g. Valentino et al. 2016), as both common methods for observing the ICM are less effective at higher redshift. X-ray observations, being limited by surface brightness, succumb to the inverse square law. The Sunyaev-Zel’dovich effect (SZ), on the other hand, is in principle distance-independent and has indeed yielded secure detections up to $z \sim 2$ (Brodwin et al. 2012; Mantz et al. 2014, 2018). However, since the thermal SZ effect scales with electron density in the ICM, observations and surveys are still naturally biased towards massive ($\gtrsim 10^{14} M_\odot$) systems. These not only become increasingly rare at higher redshift, but are also typically dominated by well-established quiescent galaxy populations (e.g. Stanford et al. 2012; Newman et al. 2014), which are well past the stage where we would expect most early energy injection to occur.

ClJ1449+0856 (hereafter Cl1449) is a young galaxy cluster at $z = 1.995$ (Gobat et al. 2013) and one of the most distant with detectable X-ray emission. Serendipitously detected as an overdensity of red galaxies in Spitzer/IRAC near-infrared imaging
(m_{3.6} - m_{4.5} > 0; Gobat et al. 2011), it is a compact structure that already hosts a significant population of massive, quiescent galaxies (Strazzullo et al. 2013, 2016), but also copious amounts of star formation and a >100 kpc Lyα emission nebula in its core (Valentino et al. 2016). The presence of a colder (T ~ 10^4 K) gas phase coexisting with the hot (T ~ 10^8 K) ICM points to either a cool core (e.g. Heckman et al. 1989), which would be surprising at this early stage in the cluster’s evolution, or feedback and maintenance from galactic outflows powered by either star formation or AGN (Valentino et al. 2016). In terms of mass, Cl1449 is a typical Coma progenitor at z ~ 2 and therefore offers a window on the early thermodynamic evolution of typical galaxy clusters, as well as the opportunity to study galaxy feedback to the ICM in a developing structure. We thus approach the SZ effect in this cluster from two different perspectives: as yielding an independent constraint on its total mass, providing a test for scaling relations at z ~ 2 as well as a clearer picture of its place in galaxy cluster evolution, and as a probe of the thermodynamic status of its diffuse gas component.

Here we present 92 GHz observations of Cl1449 carried out with the Atacama Large Millimetre Array (ALMA) and the Atacama Compact Array (ACA), building upon recent work at millimetre and radio wavelengths (Strazzullo et al. 2018; Coogan et al. 2018, 2019, hereafter S18 and C18, respectively). We describe the observations in Sect. 2, the analysis of the data in Sect. 3, and discuss its implication in Sect. 4, while Sect. 5 summarises our findings. We assume a ΛCDM cosmology with H_0 = 70 km s^{-1} Mpc^{-1}, Ω_M = 0.3, and Ω_Λ = 0.7 throughout. Stellar masses and star formation rates (SFR) assume a Salpeter (1955) initial mass function.

### 2. Observations and data reduction

Cl1449 was observed with ALMA and ACA in Cycle 4 under programme 2016.1.01107 (PI Gobat). The observations, which are summarised in Table 1, were carried out between November 2016 and March 2017 as single pointings with total observing times of 49 h for ACA and 9.7 h for ALMA. The data were taken in Band 3, with a central frequency of 92 GHz and a phase centre at RA = 14:49:14 and Dec = 8:56:26. Although not probing the peak of the SZ decrement, this frequency was chosen as a compromise to both optimise the total integration time and minimise positive contamination by the redshifted far-infrared (FIR) emission from cold dust in star-forming cluster members or high-redshift interlopers (Fig. 1). Our target of interest being extended, possibly over a scale of several tens of arcseconds, we chose the most compact ALMA configuration to minimise contamination due to over-resolution (the maximum recoverable scale being 29″ in cycle 4) and probe large spatial scales. This is aided by our choice of frequency, generating the widest beam currently possible for both ALMA and ACA. As a result, the ACA and ALMA maps have synthesised beams with a full width at half maximum (FWHM) of FWHM_{ACA} ~ 16.86″ × 13″ and FWHM_{ALMA} ~ 4.23″ × 3.58″, respectively, and a rms (root mean square) point-source sensitivity of ~22 and ~4 μJy beam^{-1}, respectively.

We reduced the raw data using the CASA software suite, (Common Astronomy Software Applications; McMullin et al. 2007) and the script provided by ALMA to generate measurement sets (one per spectral window per array), which were merged into a single UVFITS table per array, for subsequent analysis with the GILDAS\(^1\) software suite. We use natural weighting for imaging throughout the paper. These data show, at first glance, little to no SZ signal (Fig. 2A and B). This is not surprising as the field of Cl1449 is overdense in FIR sources, both within the cluster and in the background (S18; Smith et al. 2019). Despite our choosing a low frequency to mitigate the problem, the combined flux of high-redshift dusty sources is thus sufficient to fill the SZ decrement. We therefore subtract point sources from the data at the positions of nine known FIR emitters (Table A.1). This is done on visibilities, in (u,v) space. To determine the positions and fluxes of the sources, we use higher resolution ALMA 870 μm and CO(4−3) observations of Cl1449 (described in C18). We first measure their fluxes in the higher resolution 92 GHz ALMA data, using only visibilities with a u-v distance (\(\sqrt{u^2+v^2}\); hereafter \(uv\)) of \(uv \geq 30\) m, thus only considering small spatial scales. These fluxes do not change significantly if we adopt a more stringent cut, such as \(uv \geq 50\) m (corresponding to \(\sim 100\) kpc). The sources are then subtracted from both the ALMA and ACA 92 GHz data (this time over the whole \(uv\) range), at the same fixed positions. In both cases we model them as point sources, since the beams are large compared to the sizes found in C18. Where possible we model and subtract the sources in groups of four, iteratively from brightest to faintest, to minimise contamination. As a sanity check, we also compare the recovered fluxes to the 92 GHz expectations from Magdis et al. (2012) spectral energy distribution (SED) templates, finding consistency (Fig. A.1). A merged ALMA+ACA map of the resulting data is shown in Fig. 2C, which shows a noticeable negative signal. Since only galaxies detected in either ALMA continuum or line emission maps were subtracted from the ALMA and ACA observations, some residual positive signal from below-threshold faint and/or low-mass galaxies might

### Table 1. Summary of ALMA and ACA observations of Cl1449.

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\(^1\) http://www.iram.fr/IRAMFR/GILDAS
Fig. 2. 92 GHz images of Cl1449 before and after subtracting point sources. Top: ACA (A) and ALMA (B) 92 GHz maps of the field of Cl1449 before point-source subtraction, created from the data using the CASA routine CLEAN. The white cross marks the centroid position of the extended X-ray emission seen by Chandra while the grey circle shows the positions of the still-forming central galaxy of the cluster. The positions of all subtracted point sources are shown by diamonds (orange for confirmed cluster members, green with labels for confirmed or possible interlopers). For comparison, the dotted white contour marks the extent of the ALMA observations described in C18 and S18. Bottom: combined ACA+ALMA 92 GHz image after subtracting point sources (C), showing the SZ signal from the cluster’s ICM. The black square shows the field of view of panels A, B, and D, and the white-filled magenta ellipse shows the average synthesised beam size. Panel D: HST/WFC3 colour composite (F105W, F140W, and F160W) image of Cl1449 for comparison. The dashed grey contours display the X-ray emission as seen by Chandra, while the light green contours show the SZ signal above the rms noise.

be still present in the data. The amplitude, and significance thereof, which is quantified in Sect. 3, can thus be considered as conservative.

3. Analysis

For both the ALMA and ACA data we extract fluxes by fitting, in bins of $uv$, the complex visibilities with a point source using the GILDAS task UV_FIT. We choose the point-source model for simplicity, as it corresponds in $(u, v)$ space to $V(u, v) = \text{constant} \times e^{-2\pi i (ux + vy)}$, where $(x, y)$ is the position of the source with respect to the phase centre and $(u, v)$ are here in units of cycles (distance). At phase centre, this is equivalent to averaging visibility amplitudes within the chosen $uv$ range. However, we give $(u, v)$ in metres throughout the text for convenience, using the central frequency to convert these coordinates into distances. We first perform the fit in a large bin of $uv = 6–25$ m, leaving the offset $(x, y)$ free to determine the location of the peak of the signal, then extract fluxes at fixed position in $uv$ bins of $6–13.5$ m, $13.5–18.75$ m, $18.75–25.5$ m, $25.5–50$ m, $50–100$ m, and $100–300$ m. We do not take the formal errors on the point-source fit as uncertainties to the signal in each $uv$ bin, but instead
use the rms noise as measured in each bin with a point-source fit at randomised large offset positions. This yields slightly larger error bars on average. The resulting $uv$-amplitude profile, shown in Fig. 3, displays a negative signal in the $uv \sim 6 \times 30$ m range, that is at angular scales $\gtrsim 200$ kpc. When combining ALMA and ACA visibilities, the total signal over all angular scales is $\sim 190 \pm 36 \mu$Jy, with a significance of $5.3 \sigma$. Including the errors on the fluxes of subtracted sources, weighted by their positions with respect to the best-fit pressure model (see Sect. 4), would conservatively add another $\sim 4 \mu$Jy in quadrature to the uncertainty, which does not strongly affect the level of significance of the SZ detection. Prior to the subtraction of positive sources, on the other hand, the SZ signal is only $\sim 20 \mu$Jy, meaning it is almost entirely filled, with only the shortest $uv$ distances providing any tentative hint of a SZ decrement. If, on the other hand, we only remove sources that are either known to be interlopers or have not been conclusively proven to be at the cluster’s redshift (i.e. A3, A4, A5, and BRG in Table A.1), a signal is marginally detected at $-123 \pm 40 \mu$Jy. The filling of the decrement by confirmed cluster members thus amounts to $\sim 35\%$ of the signal, possibly more if either one of the unconfirmed sources (A4 and A5) is associated with the cluster. Assuming that Cl1449 is representative of its halo mass range and redshift, this test can be understood as an ideal unsubtracted case where no bright FIR interlopers are present along the cluster’s line of sight. However, we currently have no reason to think that the field of Cl1449 is particularly overdense in FIR sources with respect to other, as-yet undiscovered clusters of its size and epoch. We also note a slight tension between the ALMA and ACA profiles within their range of overlap (Fig. 3B), with the latter showing more decrement than the former. This cannot in principle be explained by differences between the two instruments, as simulated observations (see Sect. 3.2) would rather suggest an opposite trend than the one observed, and might perhaps be due to a calibration issue. On the other hand, the significance of this difference is small enough ($\sim 1.5 \sigma$) that it can safely be attributed to noise.

Cl1449 had previously been observed at 31 GHz with the Combined Array for Research in Millimeter-wave Astronomy (CARMA). This observation, which has a rms noise of $90 \mu$Jy beam$^{-1}$, did not yield a detection aside from some positive emission. Here we revisit the CARMA data and perform a similar point-source subtraction (Appendix C) as discussed above. We find a loose constraint for the SZ signal of $\gtrsim 360 \mu$Jy at $3\sigma$, which is certainly consistent with the expectation of $\sim 32 \mu$Jy from the 92 GHz data when assuming a standard spectral shape. On the other hand, Mantz et al. (2014) report a secure detection of the similar-redshift cluster XLSSU J021744.1–034536 (hereafter XLSSC 122) with the same instrument and central frequency, but an $\sim 68\%$ larger integration time, matching its much larger mass.

### 3.1. Position of the SZ Signal

The peak of the weighted-average ALMA+ACA signal is offset from the phase centre by $\Delta(RA, Dec) = (4.4, 4.3)''$, which translates into a separation of $4.7''$ from the forming brightest cluster galaxy (BCG) and $9.5''$ with respect to the peak of the X-ray emission, that is, the putative centre(s) of mass of the cluster (Fig. 2, panels C and D). Interestingly, Mantz et al. (2014) also report an offset between the SZ signal and the BCG of XLSSC 122, which is of comparable amplitude when accounting for the different beam sizes of both datasets. That detection is consistent across different observations (Mantz et al. 2018) and thus rather unlikely to be a product of noise. Offsets of this amplitude between either the BCG or X-ray peak and the SZ centroid are not unexpected, especially in clusters that are in a relaxed state (e.g. Zhang et al. 2014) as we would expect Cl1449 to be given its relative youth, and are commonly observed in high-redshift clusters (e.g. Brodwin et al. 2016; Strazzullo et al. 2019). We perform a Monte Carlo simulation to estimate the significance of this offset (see Appendix B), subtracting the combined astrometric uncertainty of ACA and ALMA and *Chandra* in quadrature. We find that the difference between the SZ peak and the BCG positions is well within the normal variation of the simulation, while the offset between the SZ and X-ray peaks falls within the top 1.5% of realisations, corresponding to a
significance of at most 2.4σ. We therefore still cannot discount the possibility that this observed discrepancy between the peaks of the SZ and X-ray signals is simply due to random noise.

3.2. Modelling

To investigate the characteristics of the ICM in Cl1449 and link the observed SZ signal to actual physical properties of the cluster, such as total mass, we fit the \(uv\)-amplitude profile extracted from the ALMA and ACA data to a range of models with freely varying amplitudes. We first consider several models of the electron pressure profile of the ICM based on a generalised Navarro-Frenk-White functional form (GNFW; Nagai et al. 2007) with fixed parameter values:

- the theoretical median profiles from Le Brun et al. (2015, hereafter LB15) based on cosmological hydrodynamical simulations, with different levels of feedback from AGN. In that paper, they are referred to as REF, AGN 8.0, and AGN 8.5. The last two, as the names suggest, include a prescription for AGN feedback with increasing intensity, while the REF model does not.
- the empirical Arnaud et al. (2010, hereafter A10) profile, derived from local \(>10^{14} M_\odot\) galaxy clusters. This is also the profile used by Mantz et al. (2018) to fit the SZ signal of the \(z=1.99 \pm 0.06\) cluster XLSSC 122 and thus allows for direct, easy comparison with both this study and the low-redshift universe. For completeness, we also include the empirical profile from Sayers et al. (2016, hereafter S16), which is based on A10 but with a different outer slope. We adopt \(P_{\text{GNFW}} = 6.13\) as given in that paper, but note that S16 also find a mass and redshift dependence to the slope \(P_{\text{GNFW}}\) which, for Cl1449, would correspond to its A10 value.
- the empirical “high-\(\beta\)” profile from McDonald et al. (2014, hereafter McD14), which is based on a sample of \(z = 0.6 - 1.2 \times 10^{14} M_\odot\) galaxy clusters observed with the South Pole Telescope. It differs from the A10 profile mainly by being flatter (i.e. having less pressure) at small radii. We consider both the cool core and non-cool core versions of this profile.

For each model we create a map of the intrinsic signal by projecting the profile on the plane of the sky at the coordinates of the cluster, including an average Compton-y background of \(1.6 \times 10^{-6}\) derived from the 25 deg\(^2\) simulated maps described in LB15. For simplicity all models are spherical and thus axisymmetric when projected. We also consider the contribution of a gravitationally lensed infrared background to the decrement. However, we estimate it to be minute (<0.1%; Appendix D) due to a combination of low halo mass, decreasing lensing efficiency at higher redshift, and low 92 GHz background density. We use the 2D models as inputs for noise-free simulations of ACA and ALMA observations using the simAlma task in CASA, taking care to adopt the same integration times and hour angles as with the data. We then compare the model and data visibilities, merging the ALMA and ACA data sets with the same \(u,v\) samples at the same \((u,v)\) positions as the data. At our signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) this is essentially equivalent to the full simAlma model (see Appendix E), and allows us to explore the parameter space of the models more rapidly and at little or no detriment to precision.

4. Results and discussion

We find that the McD14 profile matches the observed data best, as determined by its \(\chi^2\) value, followed by the A10 and the AGN-feedback LB15 models, with only the REF model falling below the \(\sim 2\sigma\) confidence level. Most suggest total cluster masses that are consistent with the Chandra constraint of \(M_{200} \sim 6 \times 10^{15} M_\odot\) (Valentino et al. 2016) (Fig. 4), which is at least a factor of two below the limit of typical SZ surveys at any redshift (Bleem et al. 2015; Planck Collaboration XXVII 2016; Hilton et al. 2018). Among the various models considered, only AGN 8.5 yields a higher mass of \(\sim 1.8 \times 10^{15} M_\odot\). In this case, the somewhat higher value is unsurprising since, in the models, the gas fraction decreases with increasing AGN feedback as more material is ejected, thereby requiring a higher mass to reproduce the same integrated signal. Overall, the constraining power of the observed \(uv\)-amplitude profile with respect to the pressure model is somewhat limited, especially at large scales (small baselines) where the GNFW models appear to be equivalent to one another, in part due to the relatively modest S/N of the data. Of the fixed-parameter models, only the McD14 one fits noticeably better at intermediate \(uv\). We also note that the profile can be reproduced best with a \(\beta\)-model (Fig. 3B), which is unsurprising as it has two additional free parameters. However, owing to parameter degeneracy (see Appendix F, Fig. F.1), the constraints it provides remain loose as well, with \(r_c/\beta > (100 \text{ kpc}, 0.4)\). Nevertheless, we note that the core radius \(r_c\) is consistently large, on the order of the (putative, X-ray derived) \(R_{500}\) of the cluster, whereas, by comparison, the galaxy density profile has \(r_c \sim 20 \text{ kpc}\) (Strazzullo et al. 2013). Consequently, the best-fitting profiles are essentially flat at \(\leq 0.3 R_{500}\) (i.e. in the inner \(\sim 150\) kpc; Fig. 5).
This is due to the apparent lack of power of the observed profile at \( \nu v \sim 30 \) m (corresponding to \( \leq 10'' \)), which only the McDi4 profile reproduces at all \( \nu v \) within the uncertainties of the data (the non-cool core and cool core versions of the profile show here little difference; Fig. 3B). The other GNFW models only fit completely if we force the projected signal to be constant (i.e. flat) within the inner \( \sim 15'' \) (see Fig. 3B). Assuming for the sake of speculation that this flatness at intermediate and large \( \nu v \) distances is not simply due to noise fluctuations, as suggested by the evolution observed in higher mass (but lower redshift) clusters (Battaglia et al. 2012, McDi4), at least two different causes can be envisioned. On the one hand, left-over flux from incomplete point source subtractions could indeed remove power from the SZ signal at small scales. This might either arise from an underestimate of the (here, 92 GHz) flux of detected star-forming sources or from the emission of galaxies below the detection threshold. In the second case, for this cluster this would correspond to an additional flux of \( \sim 10 \mu Jy \), or about \( \sim 60 M_\odot yr^{-1} \) for main sequence galaxies (MS) at the cluster redshift (Magdis et al. 2012). This would represent \( \sim 8 \% \) of the SFR within the region covered by the SZ signal (C18), considering cluster members and interlopers. For comparison, this corresponds to three \( \sim 10^{49} M_\odot \) MS galaxies at the redshift of the cluster or \( 30-40 10^8 M_\odot \) galaxies (Schreiber et al. 2015). The mass completeness limit of our deepest near-infrared imaging being \( \sim 10^{10} M_\odot \) (Strazzullo et al. 2013), it is not impossible that a few galaxies might have been missed even in the priors catalogue. Diffuse emission could also provide another source of positive signal at slightly larger scales. In addition to its hot ICM and giant Ly\( \alpha \) nebula, Cl1449 also hosts intracluster light (ICL), on a similar scale to the Ly\( \alpha \) emission and possibly of stellar origin (Dimaruo et al., in prep.). Thermal emission from intracluster dust might have been detected at lower redshift (however, the low resolution of the data makes it unclear; Planck Collaboration Int. XLIII 2016), although constraints on the gas-to-dust ratio of the ICM place it at a much lower level than in star-forming galaxies (Kitayama et al. 2009; Gutiérrez & López-Corredoira 2017). However, since Cl1449 is in a much younger dynamical state, as also evidenced by its relatively bright ICL, its FIR emission could be comparatively higher.

On the other hand, if the lack of negative power at \( \nu v > 30 \) m is an intrinsic property of the SZ signal, it suggests lower central electron density and/or temperature with respect to lower redshift clusters. This could either simply reflect a secular evolution in clusters’ ICM pressure distribution or be the result of feedback effects from galaxies. In the latter case, AGN-generated cavities in the ICM, for example, typically have lower electron density and pressure than the thermal ICM, leading to a decreased signal with respect to the thermal case (e.g. Pfommer et al. 2005; Ehlert et al. 2019; Abdulla et al. 2019). It would not be entirely surprising for one to be present in Cl1449, as the cluster hosts at least two X-ray-detected AGNs, whose putative outflows are likely associated with the powering and/or maintenance of the Ly\( \alpha \) emission nebula in its core (Valentino et al. 2016). Furthermore, while the extent of the “flat” pressure region necessary to reproduce the observed profile is large, \( \sim 100 \) kpc, it is not unheard of in clusters (e.g. Abdulla et al. 2019). One might therefore find it puzzling that the McDi4 and A10 models, which assume no baryonic physics, match the observed profile and X-ray mass constraint better than the AGN 8.0 and AGN 8.5 models, which include them. Additionally, these models were calibrated on \( z \sim 0 \) data and assume self-similar evolution with redshift, as do the scaling relations (Leauthaud et al. 2010) used in the Chandra analysis. Contrarily, a more recent work suggests that the assumption of self-similarity does not quite hold when AGN feedback is considered (Le Brun et al. 2017).

Finally, we note that a deviation from axisymmetry in the SZ signal, such as non-zero ellipticity, implies that either of the effects discussed above (or combination thereof) would be stronger, as it would transfer power to smaller scales, that is, would flatten the \( \nu v \)-amplitude profile. The excellent agreement between the observed profile and models shown in Fig. 3B, however, suggests that the SZ decrement of the cluster has a fairly circular geometry. On the other hand, no elliptical or multi-component fit was attempted given the S/N of the data. Even with ALMA, in the \( z \sim 2 \) regime we are probing the limits of the recoverable information. The rms noise of the ALMA data and the lack of detectable structure in its residuals after subtracting both the point sources and the SZ signal (as shown in Fig. 6) allows us to put a 3\( \sigma \) upper limit on individual inhomogeneities in the SZ signal of \( \sim 6 \% \) of the total decrement. However, lower amplitude pressure discontinuities might still be present. The current data nevertheless provide an interesting baseline for future observations of similar or higher redshift galaxy clusters, such as C1J1/001+0220 at \( z = 2.5 \) (Wang et al. 2016), in which feedback from highly-active galaxies is expected to be strong. Conversely, averaging the SZ signal over a population of high-redshift galaxy clusters, by increasing the S/N and minimising cosmological variance, would allow us to set true constraints on ICM pressure models at early stages of cluster formation.

5. Conclusions

Combined ALMA and ACA observations of Cl1449 at 92 GHz have yielded a secure \( \sim 5 \sigma \) detection of the SZ decrement associated with its ICM. Comparing the \( \nu v \)-amplitude profile of the SZ signal to a variety of pressure models, we confirm the total mass estimates obtained from Chandra X-ray observations of the cluster. While the SZ signal provides independent constraints, these still depend on the adopted model and its calibration. We find a factor of approximately two spread in mass estimates amongst models at similar significance levels, with the SZ constraints nevertheless clustering around the mass inferred from Chandra X-ray data.

In this work we measured the 92 GHz flux of galaxies in the cluster’s field and subtract it from the complex visibilities, that
is, in the Fourier space of the data. We performed the rest of the analysis entirely on the visibilities, rebinning them into a $\nu$-amplitude profile. The final S/N of the data, conservatively estimated, is not quite high enough to strongly constrain ICM pressure models. We see no sign of a cool core and, while the empirical $z < 0.2$ Arnaud et al. (2010) profile appears to hold here as well, we notice a small tension between the data and locally-calibrated models. This could either be produced by residuals from the subtraction of positive sources or might reflect a pressure deficit in parts of the cluster’s ICM compared to expectations, as suggested by the redshift trend seen in less distant and more massive clusters. Distinguishing between these two scenarios is not possible with the current data.

The density of star formation present within Cl1449 is sufficient to almost entirely fill the SZ decrement unless corrected for. This issue is likely to affect all $z > 2$ clusters and to grow in severity with redshift due to both the increased activity of galaxies within cluster cores (e.g. Wang et al. 2016, 2018) and the negative $K$-correction of their FIR dust emission at the frequencies of the SZ effect. It can nevertheless be slightly minimised by observing at lower frequencies, since at $z > 2$ the tail of dust emission in galaxies falls somewhat steeper than the SZ decrement. For example, we would expect in the case of Cl1449 a $\sim$30% improvement in contrast when observing with ALMA and ACA in Band 1 ($\sim$40 GHz; not yet commissioned at the time of writing) instead of Band 3. At $z \sim 2.5$, on the other hand, the gain would be closer to $\sim$80%. Although the SZ signal in Band 1 is also expected to be lower by a third compared to that in Band 3, it will be sampled by a beam approximately three times larger. A simple calculation using our best fitting profile and the noise predictions from the current exposure time calculator then suggests that we can reach a comparable S/N at 40 GHz with the same integration time as for 92 GHz, but with considerably less uncertainty on the contamination from positive emitters.

Our observation of the lowest mass single SZ detection so far demonstrates the power of ALMA for the study of the ICM of emerging galaxy clusters. It also illustrates the usefulness of combining short- and long-baseline interferometric observations in the context of SZ surveys. Indeed, the necessity of point-source subtraction, which requires a good prior knowledge of FIR emitters in the target field, as well as the increasing activity of cluster galaxies as we peer further back in time, casts doubts on the viability of single-dish telescopes for high-redshift SZ surveys. In this case multi-band observations would be absolutely necessary, as well as a high S/N to compensate for the steeply rising FIR SED of star-forming galaxies, in both frequency and redshift, with respect to the SZ signal. However, this might still not be sufficient without accurate redshift information, as such observations could be susceptible to degeneracies between the spectral shape of the SZ signal and the line-of-sight distribution of FIR emitters. We can thus expect a significant and increasing number of structures to be misidentified or missed entirely due to star formation filling their decrement, suggesting that any SZ census of $z \sim 2$ clusters is at risk of being biased towards older galaxy populations rather than simply higher relative total masses.

Fig. 6. ALMA 92 GHz residual image, after subtracting both the point sources and the SZ signal, with the same field of view as panels A, B, and D of Fig. 2. For comparison, the white dashed contours mark the position of the SZ signal as shown in panels C and D of Fig. 2. The white filled magenta ellipse shows the size of the synthesised ALMA beam.
Appendix A: Continuum sources at 92 GHz

Table A.1. Known 92 GHz emitters in the field of Cl1449, after correcting for the primary beam.

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Notes. (†) Identifiers in C18, except for BRG which denotes a bright, low-redshift radio galaxy outside the field of the data discussed in that paper. Given the lower resolution of our ALMA data, some close sources in C18 were merged for the purpose of 92 GHz subtraction. (∗∗) Confirmed cluster members.

Appendix B: Peak offset significance

To investigate the significance of the observed offset between the positions of the peaks of the SZ and X-ray signals, we carry out a simple Monte Carlo simulation using a simulated SZ decrement based on the A10 pressure model and best-fit total mass value for Cl1449 (see Sect. 3.2). We take the Fourier transform of this model, according to Eq. (E.1), add noise to model complex visibilities based on the weights of the observed ones, assuming natural weighting, and merge the ACA and ALMA simulated observations. We then perform a point-source extraction with free position, as described in Sect. 3, which we compare to the observed offsets. In the case of the X-ray centroid, we consider both the combined astrometric uncertainty of ALMA, ACA, and Chandra (∼1’) and a more realistic 5” precision appropriate for the extended emission (Valentino et al. 2016). As shown in Fig. B.1, we find different probabilities for the SZ-BCG and SZ-X-ray offsets, with the latter falling within the top 1.5–5% of realisations.

Appendix C: Observations at 31 GHz

Cl1449 was observed at 31 GHz with CARMA between March and April 2012, using the 3.5 m sub-array in the SL configuration (project c0865; PI Riechers). This consisted of six antennas in a <20 m close-packed configuration probing ∼2' scales, and two outrigger antennas to add baselines of >50 m and provide ∼0.3' resolution for point-source subtraction, for a total baseline range of ∼4–83 m. The observation covered 11 tracks, resulting in a combined on-source observing time of 31.4 h. Bandpass calibration was performed during each track using the quasars J1512–090 and 3C279, and complex gain calibration using the radio quasar J1504+104. The planet Mars was used as the primary flux calibrator. The data were then reduced using the Miriad (Sault et al. 1995) software package. Imaging with natural baseline weighting results in a synthesised beam size of 135” × 123”, while uniform baseline weighting provides a 22” × 16” beam (for comparison, the primary beam FWHM of the 3.5 m antennas is ∼11” at 31 GHz). We find a continuum rms noise limit of 90 μJy beam−1 across the full 8 GHz bandwidth.

Here we fit point sources using the long-baseline data (μv > 50 m) from the outrigger antennas and subtract them from all visibilities. When extrapolating the 92 GHz ∼−190 μJy signal assuming a standard spectral shape for the thermal SZ effect, the decrement at 31 GHz should be ∼−32 μJy. Consequently we see no detectable signal, as expected given the noise of the data. We nevertheless fit the visibilities with the best-fit model to the 92 GHz data (see Sect. 4) at fixed positions corresponding to either the cluster’s centre of mass or the peak of the 92 GHz decrement. We find 0 ± 120 μJy, which implies a 3σ “upper” limit to the 31 GHz signal of ∼−360 μJy (i.e. about ten times the expected value).
Appendix D: Lensed background

Gravitational lensing of background sources by the halo of a galaxy cluster can affect its observed SZ decrement in at least two ways: boosting of their flux, which contributes to the filling of the decrement, and number count depletion, by reducing their surface density, which can add signal to the decrement. Here we assume that background sources boosted above the detection limit will be identified and subtracted, and therefore concentrate on the second effect. In this case, the surface brightness of undetected sources (i.e. the background), $\Sigma_{\text{IB}}$, can be written as a function of the observed-luminosity function $N(S, z)$ and detection threshold $S_{\text{det}}$:

$$\Sigma_{\text{IB}}(\theta) d\theta = \mu(\theta)^{-1} d\theta \int_{S_{\text{det}}}^{S_{\text{max}}/\mu(\theta)} N(S, z > z_{\text{cluster}}) S dS,$$

where $\mu(\theta)$ is the magnification at angular distance $\theta$ from the halo’s centre (see e.g. Broadhurst et al. 1995; Wright & Brainerd 2000; Umetsu et al. 2014), assuming spherical symmetry. As $\mu(\theta)$ increases with decreasing $\theta$, the infrared background also decreases towards the cluster’s centre with respect to the unlensed ($\mu = 1$) case at large radii (e.g. Zemcov et al. 2013; Sayers et al. 2019). Here we use the 3 mm number counts distribution of Zavala et al. (2018), extrapolating it to arbitrarily low fluxes, the redshift distribution of sub-millimetre galaxies of Weiß et al. (2013), we assume that the number counts distribution is independent of redshift), and a detection limit of five times our ACA rms Even under this latter conservative assumption (the detection limits of both C18 and our ALMA data being lower), we find that the contribution of the integrated lensed 3 mm background to the total decrement is negligible compared to the SZ one, as shown in Fig. D.1.

Appendix E: $uv$ plane modelling

For single-pointing observations, the complex visibilities can be approximated as

$$V(u, v) = \int B(x, y) M(x, y) e^{2\pi i (ux+vy)} dx dy,$$

where $M$ is the on-sky intensity distribution of the model and $B$ the primary beam response of the antennas. We compare this to the output of noise-free (pwv=0 option in simalma) simulated simalma observations, using the GNFW models described in Sect. 3.2. We find a relative difference between both of at most $\sim 4\%$ (Fig. E.1), which is well below the noise level of our data. The approximation given in Eq. (E.1) therefore allows us to quickly explore the parameter space of models at little or no cost to precision, given our S/N (see Fig. 3). On the other hand, while the full observation model used by simalma is certainly more accurate, a single iteration requires significantly more time and thus makes automation less feasible.

Appendix F: $\beta$-model fit

Fig. E.1. Relative amplitude difference, as a function of $uv$-distance, between the output of noise-free simulated observations of parametric models (see main text) done with the simalma task of the CASA software and simpler Fourier transforms of the same models (with primary beam attenuation) interpolated at the same $(u, v)$ coordinates. The error bars show the rms deviations between model visibilities computed with both methods.

Fig. F.1. Confidence intervals for the $\chi^2$ test on the parameters (core radius $r_c$ and index $\beta$) of the $\beta$-model fit to the $uv$-amplitude profile. The dark to light shaded regions show, respectively, the 1-, 2-, and 3$\sigma$ confidence intervals.

To explore a larger range of pressure profiles, in the method described in Sect. 3.2 we substitute the GNFW profiles with a deprojected $\beta$-model for the gas density,

$$P(r) = P_0 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{r}{r_c} \right)^{2(\beta-3)/\beta} \right]^{-1},$$

where $r_c$ is the core radius and $\beta$ the outer slope of the model. We then assume primordial abundances and assume the gas fraction and temperature model $A$ from Dvorkin & Rephaeli (2015). We use an expanding parameter grid with $r_c > 0.1$, $\beta > 0.1$ and steps of $(\Delta r_c, \Delta \beta) = (0.01, 0.01)$. The result of the fit is shown in Fig. F.1.