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Complex diffuse emission in the $z = 0.52$ cluster PLCK G004.5-19.5

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We present radio observations of the galaxy cluster PLCK G004.5-19.5 ($z = 0.52$) using the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope at 150 MHz, 325 MHz, and 610 MHz. We find an unusual arrangement of diffuse radio emission in the center and periphery of the cluster, as well as several radio galaxies with head-tail emission. A patch of peripheral emission resembles a radio relic, and central emission resembles a radio halo. Reanalysis of archival *XMM-Newton* X-ray data shows that PLCK G004.5-19.5 is disturbed, which has a known correlation with the existence of radio relics and halos. Given that the number of known radio halos and radio relics at $z > 0.5$ is very limited, PLCK G004.5-19.5 is an important addition to understanding merger-related particle acceleration at higher redshifts.

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1.1 Introduction

Galaxy clusters are the most massive gravitationally bound structures in the Universe with masses and volumes of the order of $10^{14-15} M_{\odot}$ and 100 Mpc^3 . Hierarchical mergers between clusters at the intersections of the cosmic web, with relative velocities near 1000 km s^{-1} , can release gravitational energy of the order of 10^{63} erg . A fraction of this energy is dissipated into shocks and turbulence, which in turn accelerate cosmic ray electrons (CRE) and hadrons in the intracluster medium (ICM). The shock acceleration might occur via diffusive shock acceleration [DSA; for a comprehensive review see Drury, 1983, Malkov and O’C Drury, 2001, Kang and Ryu, 2013]. Turbulence can reaccelerate relativistic particles via second-order Fermi mechanisms [for an updated review see Brunetti and Jones, 2014]. The relativistic CRE give rise to synchrotron radiation in the presence of magnetic fields, which are typically of the order of μG [Roettiger et al., 1999].

Emission tracing the shock fronts is referred to as radio relics, which are typically diffuse, elongated, and polarised sources located near the cluster periphery. Central unpolarized, diffuse radio sources are known as radio halos and likely result from turbulent acceleration. Clusters hosting radio relics and halos have a disturbed morphology [Cassano et al., 2010b], but not all merging clusters exhibit halos, suggesting that halos originate from a hierarchy of complex mechanisms [Donnert et al., 2013, Brunetti, 2016].

The current catalogues of radio relics and halos are far from complete, mainly because of the limited sensitivities of existing radio surveys. Nuza et al. [2012] performed an analysis of MareNostrum, a high-resolution cosmological simulation, and modelled the abundance of radio relics across redshift. By assuming a DSA efficiency, they estimate $\gtrsim 100(800)$ to be found at $0.5 < z < 1$ by the upcoming Tier-1 survey of LOFAR [van Haarlem et al., 2013] at 60 MHz (120 MHz). Currently, there are only four relics observed beyond $z = 0.5$ (MACS J1149.5+2223 at $z = 0.54$ Bonafede et al., 2012; MACS J0717.5+3745 at $z = 0.55$ Bonafede et al., 2009, van Weeren et al., 2009; El Gordo at $z = 0.87$ Lindner et al., 2014, Botteon et al., 2016 and MACS J0025.4-1222 at $z = 0.586$ Riseley et al., 2017).

The number of observed halos beyond $z = 0.5$ has been limited by the sensitivity of low-frequency radio observations. It is estimated that there are about 500–1000 radio halos for $z < 0.6$ that should be found at 150 MHz by LOFAR Tier-1 Cassano et al. [2006]. This is because inverse Compton (IC) losses (scaling with $(1+z)^4$) become more efficient than DSA at higher redshifts [Cassano et al., 2006]. Thus IC losses are able to suppress high-energy CRE, giving rise to an increasing fraction of radio halos with very steep spectra, which are only bright at low frequencies [e.g. Brunetti et al., 2008].

One as yet unanswered question is how efficient DSA and turbulence are at electron acceleration. In particular, it is unclear how the two mechanisms evolve over cosmic time, and what their impact is on the underlying magnetic field. Furthermore, we eventually wish to understand how shocks and turbulence affect host galaxies following a merger.

We present galaxy cluster PLCK G004.5-19.5, which lies at a redshift ($z = 0.516$) with few known radio relics and halos; this makes it a tantalizing target to search for diffuse emission. It was discovered by the *Planck* satellite through the Sunyaev-Zel’dovich (SZ) effect and confirmed with X-ray observations [Planck Collaboration et al., 2011, 2014]. This cluster is hot, $10.2 \pm 0.5 \text{ keV}$, and very massive, $M_{500}^{\text{SZ}} = (10.4 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$, and it hosts strong lensing arcs [Sifón et al., 2014]. Initial follow-up studies in low-resolution low-frequency archival data found that PLCK G004.5-19.5 hosted strong radio emission [Sifón et al., 2014]. However,

since the radio sources were unresolved, the nature of the radio emission could not be solved.

In this paper we offer new high-resolution 150 MHz, 325 MHz, and 610 MHz observations of the cluster PLCK G004.5-19.5 using the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT), and a reanalysis of *XMM-Newton* data for a morphology study of the X-ray emission. In Section 1.2 we explain our reduction method and how we corrected *XMM-Newton* X-ray data of PLCK G004.5-19.5 for background and vignetting. In Section 1.3 we analyse the X-ray and radio emission.

In this work, we assume a flat Λ CDM cosmology with $h = 0.70$, and $\Omega_m = 0.30$, which gives an angular scale at $z = 0.516$ of $6.2 \text{ kpc}''$.

1.2 Observations and data reduction

1.2.1 GMRT observations of PLCK G004.5-19.5

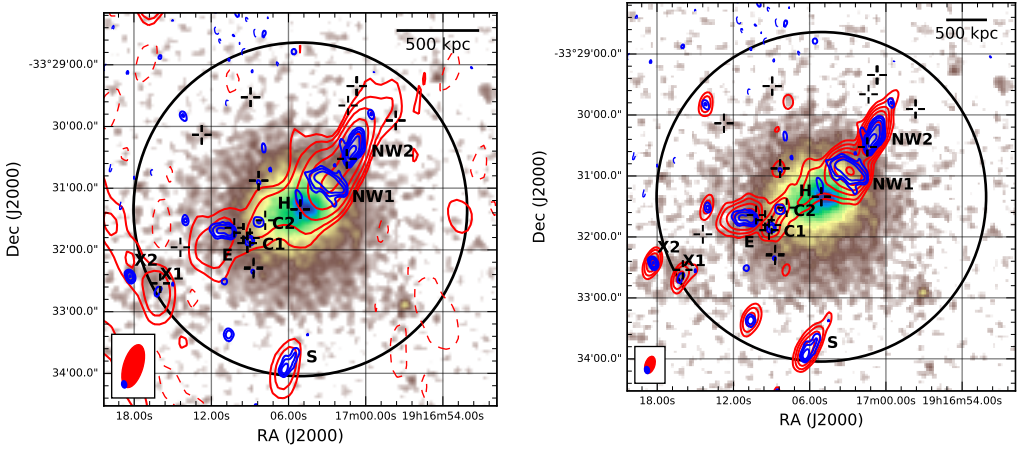
We carried out a set of observations on PLCK G004.5-19.5 using the GMRT at 150 MHz, 325 MHz (PI: A. Stroe, Project: 27_051), and 610 MHz (PI: C. Sifón, Project: 25_036) with total times on source of 445 min., 390 min., and 798 min. We performed 15 min. observations on flux calibrators 3C 48 and 3C 286 at the start and end of the observation session, and 10 min. interleaved observations of the nearby and bright phase calibrator J1924-292 that has a flat spectrum amplitude [Healey et al., 2007].

We removed the initial radio frequency interference (RFI) of the obvious corrupt time and frequency data by flagging by hand. We then used the source peeling and atmospheric modelling pipeline [SPAM; for a full description see Intema et al., 2009, Intema, 2014]. SPAM performs antenna delay, bandpass, phase, and amplitude calibration, and then multiple rounds of self-calibration and further flagging of bad data. It then iteratively subtracts all sources except for bright calibrators, and calibrates direction dependently. It then spatially fits a model to the direction-dependent calibration products and derives interpolated ionospheric corrections.

For our choice of initial sky model for self-calibration we used a bootstrap method. We first used the 150 MHz model from the TIFR GMRT Sky Survey Alternative Data Release (TGSSADR; Intema et al. [2016]) to start self-calibration for our 150 MHz observations, and then used our deeper 150 MHz model as the initial model for our 325 MHz self-calibration, likewise using the 325 MHz image for the 610 MHz initial sky model. The TGSSADR provides an excellent starting model for self-calibration in this lower frequency range and is available to the public¹.

We performed multi-scale (`multiscale` = (0,4,8,32) pixels) multi-frequency deconvolution with CASA on the SPAM-calibrated products with a slightly uniform Briggs weighting [`robust` = -0.3, Briggs, 1995] and four pixels per beam. We also corrected for a non-coplanar array using w -projection [Cornwell et al., 2008]. The multi-scale clean avoids the issues related to representing resolved diffuse emission with a sum of point-like sources, and this choice of weighting balances beam uniformity in side lobes with beam resolution. The highest minimum baseline of the three frequencies is 120λ , corresponding to a highest sensitivity scale of $\sim 20''$.

¹<http://tgssadr.strw.leidenuniv.nl/>



(a) 150 MHz contours (red) and 610 MHz contours (blue). The 150 MHz beam is $43.3'' \times 18.9''$, and 610 MHz is $7.2'' \times 4.9''$. (b) 325 MHz contours (red) and 610 MHz contours (blue). The 325 MHz beam is $17.5'' \times 9.5''$, and 610 MHz is $7.2'' \times 4.9''$.

Figure 1.1: Radio contour maps and corrected *XMM-Newton* EPIC image map. 150 MHz and 325 MHz contours (red) overlaid on the 610 MHz contours (blue), with radio beams in the bottom left corner. Contours are at $(5, 10, 20, 40, 80, 160)\sigma_{\text{rms}}$ levels. Thinner dashed contours mark $-5\sigma_{\text{rms}}$ (they are only noticeable for 150 MHz). Black crosses show GMOS spectroscopic cluster members within the redshift range $z = 0.516 \pm 0.015$. R_{500} is shown by the black circle.

The background root-mean-squared noises for the individual radio maps (**Figures 1.1a** and **1.1b**), σ_{rms} , were calculated as the standard deviation of the residual after Gaussian source fitting and subtraction using Python Blob Detection and Source Measurement (PyBDSM) v1.8. Our reduction yielded $\sigma_{\text{rms}} = 1.40 \text{ mJy beam}^{-1}$ at 150 MHz, $\sigma_{\text{rms}} = 120 \mu\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$ at 325 MHz, and $\sigma_{\text{rms}} = 90 \mu\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$ at 610 MHz. The resolutions of the maps are $43.3'' \times 18.9''$, $17.5'' \times 9.5''$, and $7.2'' \times 4.9''$, respectively. We note that the side lobes from a nearby bright source ($S_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} = 230 \text{ mJy}$ from the NRAO VLA Sky Survey) cause a spatially varying background noise in our target field.

1.2.2 XMM-Newton reduction

PLCK G004.5-19.5 was observed by *XMM-Newton* on 23 March, 2010 (ObsID: 0656201001), for a total duration of 14.2 ks. We reduced the EPIC MOS 1, MOS 2, and pn data using the XMM Science Analysis Software (SAS) v14. We ran the standard pipeline tasks `emproc` and `epproc` for MOS and pn data, respectively. For each of the three detectors, we filtered the data for solar flare events, following the same method as described in Mernier et al. [2015]. In the 10–12 keV band of MOS and the 12–14 keV band of pn, we fitted count-rate histograms binned in 100 s intervals with a Poissonian curve. We excluded all the time intervals in which the count-rate lay above $\mu + 2\sqrt{\mu}$, where μ is the mean of the Poissonian distribution. We repeated the procedure for the 0.3–10 keV band in the three instruments with histograms binned in 10 s intervals, since De Luca and Molendi [2004] reported that soft flare events can also affect soft X-ray bands. As recommended by the calibration reports, we kept only the highest quality events (`flag=0`) for the three instruments. Only single events were allowed in pn (`pattern=0`), while we allowed single, double, triple, and quadruple events in MOS (`pattern≤12`).

We extracted the MOS 1, MOS 2, and pn images of PLCK G004.5-19.5 within four distinct energy bands (0.3–2 keV, 2–4.5 keV, 4.5–7.5 keV, and 7.5–12 keV), and extracted similar “background” images, taken from stacked filter-wheel closed observations². We scaled the average count-rate of the “background” images to the average count-rate of the EPIC images within 10–12 keV, where negligible cluster emission is expected. The EPIC images in each band, and for each instrument, were then subtracted from this instrumental background and corrected for vignetting effects, after dividing them by their respective exposure maps generated using `eexppmap`.

The background- and vignetting-corrected images were then combined into one full EPIC image which can be seen in Figure 1.2.

1.2.3 Spectroscopic data

We complement our X-ray and radio analysis with spectroscopic measurements of galaxy redshifts derived from two sets of observations. In addition to the six redshifts published by Sifón et al. [2014], we retrieved spectroscopic observations performed with the Focal reducer and low-dispersion spectrograph (FORIS2) on the Very Large Telescope (VLT; Program ID: 090.A-0925(A), PI: H. Böhringer) as part of a spectroscopic follow-up of *Planck* $z > 0.5$ cluster candidates. We reduced these data with the ESO REFLEX pipeline, which performs standard reduction steps such as bias subtraction, flat-field correction and wavelength calibration

²XMM-Newton SOC website (<http://xmm.esac.esa.int>).

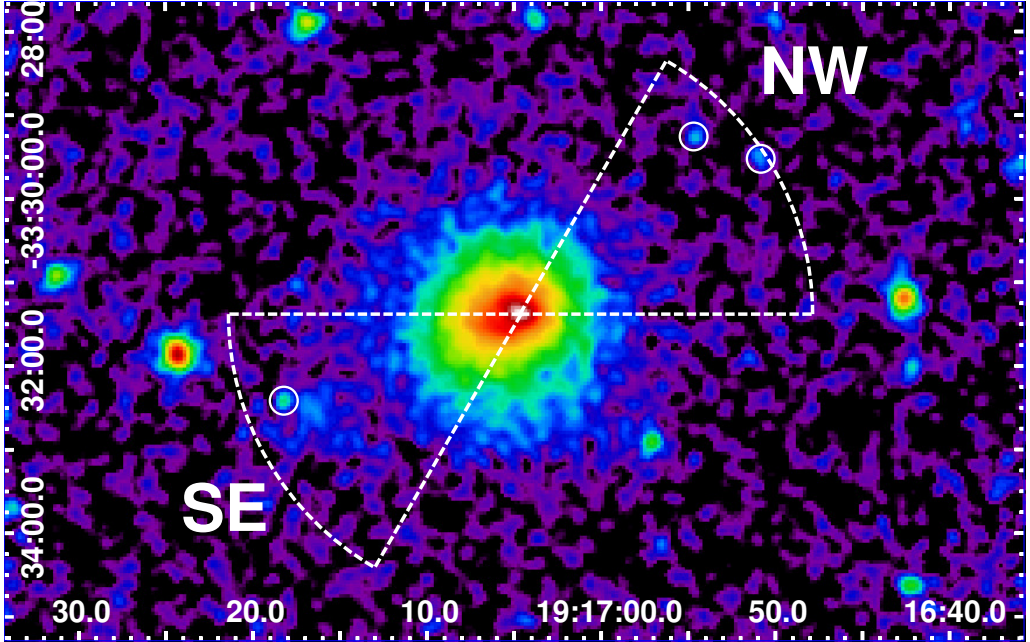


Figure 1.2: *XMM-Newton* EPIC (MOS+pn) background- and exposure-map corrected image of PLCK G004.5-19.5 (0.3–12 keV). The point-spread function of the EPIC cameras is $\approx 6''$. Overlaid are the extraction regions (wedges) and point-source masks (circles) used for the radial profile measurement.

[Freudling et al., 2013]. We measured galaxy redshifts by cross-correlating the resulting spectra with template galaxy spectra from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey using the *RVSAO* software [Kurtz and Mink, 1998]. Combining these two data sets, we find 16 galaxies in the redshift range 0.50–0.53 (corresponding to a range of $3,000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) that are isolated in redshift space and have a velocity dispersion of $\sim 1200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The cluster redshift from the combined 16 galaxies is $z_{\text{cl}} = 0.519$.

1.3 Results and discussion

1.3.1 X-ray structure

Our processed EPIC image of PLCK G004.5-19.5 (**Figure 1.2**) suggests that the cluster is disturbed. Assuming $z = 0.516$, we find an offset $\sim 100 \text{ kpc}$ between the X-ray peak and the X-ray centroid, estimated from a circular aperture of $R_{\text{ap}} = 500 \text{ kpc}$ on the X-ray peak.

The degree of cluster disturbance can be provided in a more quantitative way, by estimating at least two morphological parameters [described in detail in Cassano et al., 2010b].

1. The centroid shift, w [Poole et al., 2006, Maughan et al., 2008], is estimated from fitting 2D β -profiles in a series of N circular apertures $\xi_i R_{\text{ap}}$ (with $0.05 \leq \xi_i \leq 1$) centred on

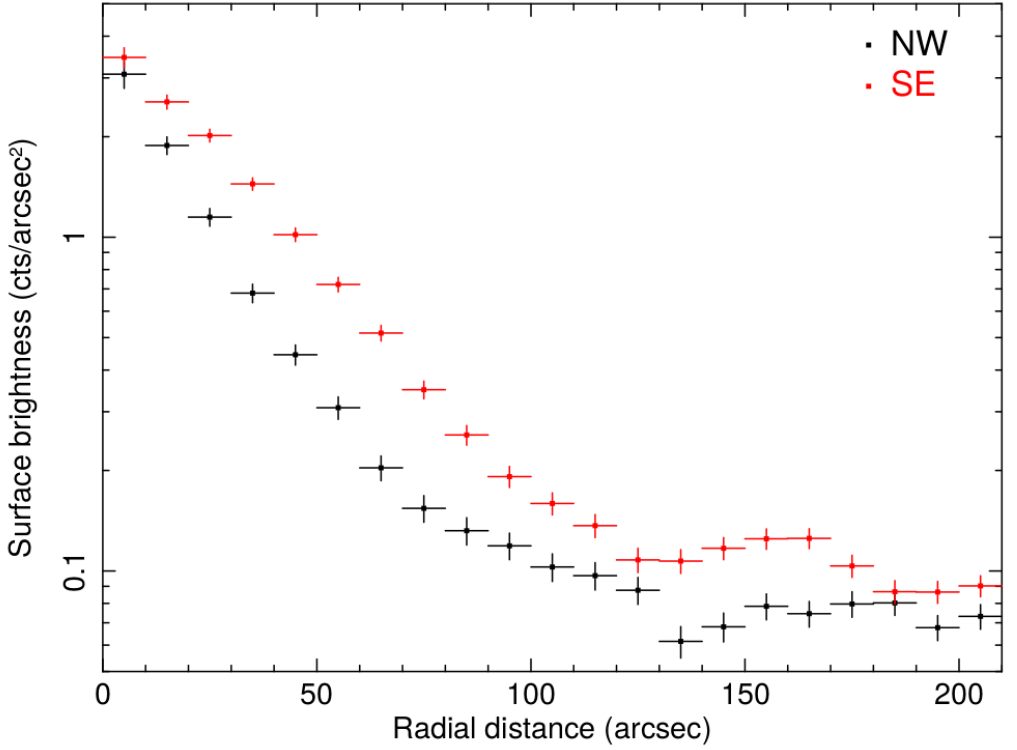


Figure 1.3: Radial surface brightness profile of *XMM-Newton* EPIC background- and exposure-map corrected image of PLCK G004.5-19.5 (0.3–12) keV in the NW and SE directions, centred on the X-ray brightness peak.

the X-ray peak, and can be expressed as

$$w = \frac{1}{R_{\text{ap}}} \times \left[\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (\Delta_i - \langle \Delta \rangle)^2 \right]^{1/2}, \quad (1.1)$$

where $\Delta_i - \langle \Delta \rangle$ is the difference between the X-ray peak and the centroid estimated in the i th aperture. Although Cassano et al. [2010b] proceeded from $0.05R_{\text{ap}}$ to R_{ap} in 5% steps, here the larger PSF of EPIC does not allow us to explore the image with such precision. Therefore, here we chose larger aperture radii of $0.2R_{\text{ap}}$, $0.4R_{\text{ap}}$, $0.6R_{\text{ap}}$, $0.8R_{\text{ap}}$, and R_{ap} .

2. The concentration parameter, c [Santos et al., 2008], is defined as the ratio of the peak over the ambient surface brightness S :

$$c = \frac{S(r < 100 \text{ kpc})}{S(r < 500 \text{ kpc})}. \quad (1.2)$$

Based on our EPIC image, we find $w = 0.058 \pm 0.007$ and $c = 0.079 \pm 0.004$. Referring to **Figure 1a** of Cassano et al. [2010b], it appears that PLCK G004.5-19.5 is situated within the

lower-right quadrant where disturbed galaxy clusters are found that host radio halos. This suggests that PLCK G004.5-19.5 is disturbed, although we note that PLCK G004.5-19.5 lies further in redshift than all of the clusters used in the derivation of the relation.

We note a small nodule of previously unidentified X-ray emission to the south-east of the main X-ray profile. A clustering of red elliptical galaxies, shown in **Figure 1.5a**, as well as an associated spectroscopic member, suggests that this nodule is at the cluster redshift. Assuming the nodule is purely thermal emission, with kT ranging from (3–10) keV, we find unabsorbed luminosities in the (0.1–2.4) keV energy band, within a circular region of $31''$ (192 kpc) and excluding a point-like source and main cluster X-ray emission³,

$$\begin{aligned} L_X^{\text{MOS1}} &= (6.7 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{43} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \\ L_X^{\text{MOS2}} &= (5.8 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{43} \text{ erg s}^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

These luminosities are consistent with typical values for small galaxy groups and sub-clusters [Reiprich and Böhringer, 2002]. Taking the same aperture, $31''$, we calculate a main-cluster luminosity of $(9.2 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$. This is 14–16 times brighter than the luminosity of south-eastern nodule.

In **Figure 1.3** we show the radial X-ray (0.3–12) keV surface brightness profile of PLCK G004.5-19.5 in the south-east and north-west, centred on the X-ray brightness peak (see the mask in **Figure 1.2**). We see a significant uniform over-brightness in the south-east relative to north-west. This supports that the ICM is disturbed. We also note an excess located $160''$ to the south-east that is associated with the X-ray nodule.

1.3.2 Radio emission

We are able to detect several diffuse and compact radio sources, which are labelled in bold in Figures 1.1a and 1.1b. We performed Gaussian source extraction using PyBDSM v1.8.7 with a detection threshold of $5\sigma_{\text{rms}}$. For point sources lacking a detection at one frequency, we measured the flux within an aperture of one beam. For one resolved source, we measured the flux within a common aperture, and we discuss this procedure below. The flux measurements are given in Table 1.1, with nondetection measurements labelled accordingly.

We take the flux variance to be the sum of the measurement variance and a systematic variance equal to 15% of the flux, that is, $\sigma_S^2 = \sigma_{\text{rms}}^2 A/A_{\text{beam}} + (0.15S)^2$, where S , A , and A_{beam} are the measured flux, source area, and beam area.

We modelled the flux with two parameters, the spectral index α and $S_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}$, according to

$$S(\nu) = S_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} \left(\frac{\nu}{1.4 \text{ GHz}} \right)^\alpha. \quad (1.3)$$

We used the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm to sample the posterior distribution of the model. This is a common straightforward way to sample from the posterior distribution of a model given only knowledge of the a priori distribution and a method of computing the observables. We report the resulting posterior model parameters and uncertainties in Table 1.1 with Gaussian α and log-normal $S_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}$. The resulting model for each source with 1σ bands is shown in **Figure 1.4**.

³The south-east nodule falls between two CCD chips for the EPIC pn instrument, therefore we were unable to calculate its luminosity.

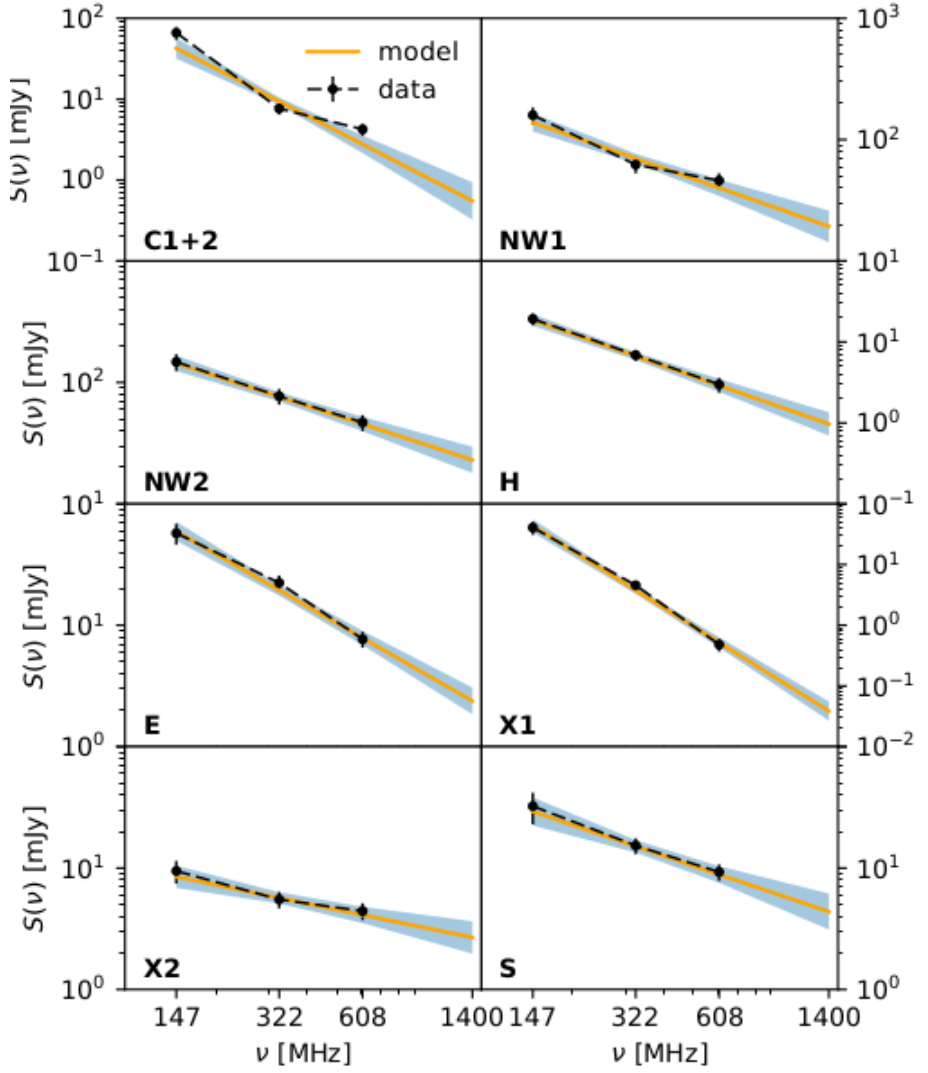


Figure 1.4: The measured fluxes, $S(\nu)$, for the sources with are in blue. The mean posterior model fluxes are with orange dashed lines with 1σ shaded intervals.

Table 1.1: Integrated spectral fluxes, spectral index, and rest-frame $P_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}$ with Λ CDM and $z = 0.516$.

Source	$S_{150 \text{ MHz}}$ (mJy)	$S_{325 \text{ MHz}}$ (mJy)	$S_{610 \text{ MHz}}$ (mJy)	α	$S_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}$ (mJy)	$P_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}$ (10^{24} W/Hz)	Nature
C1+2	65 ± 10	8 ± 1	4.2 ± 0.7^b	-1.9 ± 0.4	$0.6^{+0.4}_{-0.2}$	$0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	lobes?
NW1	160 ± 30	62 ± 9	46 ± 7	-0.9 ± 0.2	19^{+7}_{-5}	13^{+3}_{-3}	relic?
NW2	150 ± 20	75 ± 10	47 ± 7	-0.8 ± 0.2	23^{+7}_{-5}	15^{+3}_{-3}	head-tail
H	10 ± 2^c	4.0 ± 0.7^c	1.2 ± 0.5^c	-1.2 ± 0.4	$0.7^{+0.7}_{-0.3}$	$0.5^{+0.4}_{-0.2}$	halo?
E	55 ± 10	22 ± 3	8 ± 1	-1.4 ± 0.2	$2.4^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$	$2.0^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	head-tail
X1	40 ± 10	4.6 ± 0.7	0.5 ± 0.1^a	-3.1 ± 0.3	$0.04^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$0.07^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	AGN?
X2	10 ± 2^a	5.5 ± 0.9	4.4 ± 0.7	-0.5 ± 0.2	$2.7^{+1.0}_{-0.7}$	$1.6^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	point?
S	30 ± 10	15 ± 2	9 ± 1	-0.8 ± 0.2	4^{+2}_{-1}	$3.0^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$	head-tail

^a Point-source, peak flux below detection limit $5\sigma_{\text{rms}}$, and aperture flux measurement.

^b Both resolved at 610 MHz; $S_{610 \text{ MHz}}^{\text{C1}} = 2.4 \pm 0.2 \text{ mJy}$ and $S_{610 \text{ MHz}}^{\text{C2}} = 1.9 \pm 0.2 \text{ mJy}$.

^c Resolved source, measurement within $17''$ circular aperture.

We labelled three sources S, X1, and X2 near R_{500} . Source S has an extended radio morphology that is indicative of a tailed radio galaxy, where the tail direction implies its projected relative velocity with respect to the ICM [see for e.g. Miley et al., 1974]. The tail of source S implies that it is moving away from the projected cluster centre. It has a spectral index of -0.8 ± 0.2 , which is in line with a radio lobe.

Sources X1 and X2 are situated above the X-ray nodule of the SE sub-cluster, and they have quite differing spectral indices of -3.1 ± 0.3 and -0.5 ± 0.2 , respectively. Figure 1.5a shows the optical region around the sources. Red elliptical galaxies cluster strongly around source X1. This suggests that X1 is associated with one of the giant red elliptical galaxies that make up the sub-cluster, and its steep spectral index suggests that it might be a merger-reactivated AGN.

To the east of the main cluster we have labelled an extended source, E, which has a tailed morphology similar to source S, and also a spectroscopically confirmed cluster member source near the radio surface brightness peak. The spectral index of source E is -1.4 ± 0.2 , which suggests that there is some significant electron ageing. This suggests that there might be some merger-induced reacceleration of aged electrons from a previous era of activity, or alternatively, some flux contamination from the central cluster region. The orientation of the tail implies that source E is moving towards the projected centre of the main cluster.

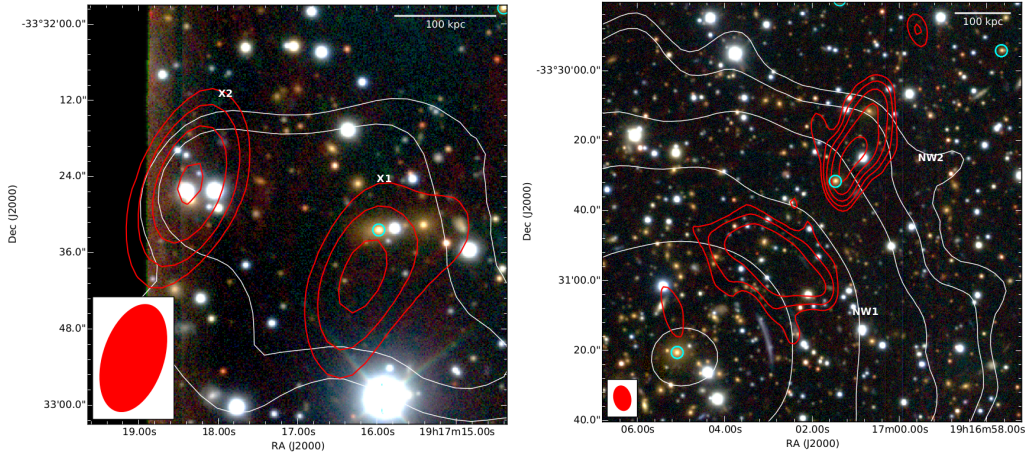
Two compact sources, labelled C1 and C2, are located between source E and the cluster centre. At 610 MHz, both patches are resolved and have similar fluxes of 2.4 ± 0.2 mJy and 1.9 ± 0.2 mJy, respectively. However, they are unresolved at 150 MHz and 325 MHz. We therefore calculated the integrated spectral index of the sum of the two sources (in Table 1.1 as C1+2), and found it to be very steep, -1.9 ± 0.4 . There are spectroscopic cluster members near the two brightness peaks of C1 and C2, although it is unclear whether they are counterparts, as there are also galaxies between C1 and C2 that are not confirmed as cluster members. The steep spectral index supports that C1 and C2 are lobes of a galaxy.

To the north-west of the main cluster are two extended sources labelled NW1 and NW2. Figure 1.5b shows a zoom of this region with 610 MHz contours over the *Gemini gri*-colour image.

Source NW2 has an orientation perpendicular to the X-ray profile, with the largest linear scale (LLS) of $40''$ (250 kpc). Its southernmost 610 MHz contour is $62''$ (380 kpc) away from the brightest cluster galaxy (BCG; 19h17m05.09s, $-33^{\circ}31'20.9''$). There is a slight brightening at the southern tip and a nearby spectroscopically confirmed cluster member (a giant red elliptical galaxy, shown by the cyan circle in **Figure 1.5b**). The integrated spectral index of NW2 is -0.8 ± 0.2 .

Source NW1 is oriented along the tangent of the X-ray profile, with LLS of $44''$ (270 kpc). Its nearest 610 MHz contour is $28''$ (170 kpc) from the BCG. The surface brightness along its length is uniform, with little variation compared to the brightness of source NW2. The integrated spectral index is -0.9 ± 0.2 .

In the central region, at 150 MHz and 325 MHz, there is a diffuse bridge of radio emission between the north-western and eastern parts of the cluster, which we have labelled H because its central location and extended morphology suggest that it is a radio halo. This source is noticeably extended in a region containing other compact sources (C1 and C2), therefore we did not use Gaussian source extraction to measure fluxes for H. After fitting all other sources with Gaussians and subtracting them from the field we took the flux within a $17''$ circular aperture.



(a) 320 MHz contours (red).

(b) 610 MHz contours (red). We also show a strong lensing arc south of NW1. The brightest cluster galaxy is the southernmost cyan circle.

Figure 1.5: *Gemini gri*-colour image with contours at $(5, 10, 20, 40, 80, 160)\sigma_{\text{rms}}$, and GMOS spectroscopic sources as cyan circles. X-ray contours are white.

We chose this aperture for two reasons. The first is that we required the aperture to fit completely within the region between C1+2 and NW1 to avoid flux contamination. In the 150 MHz map, the angular separation between C1+2 and NW1 is approximately $23''$ because of the lower resolution. At 325 MHz the separation is approximately $45''$. The second reason is that we wish to have at least one beam of collecting area at all frequencies. The aperture area is 900 arcsec^2 , which is equivalent to 1 beam at 150 MHz, 5 beams at 325 MHz, and 23 beams at 610 MHz. These criteria fixed the circular aperture size to $17''$. The spectral index of this extended source is measured to be -1.2 ± 0.4 .

1.3.3 Nature of the diffuse emission

In this disturbed galaxy cluster, the extended morphology and tangential orientation of source NW1 is in line with a radio relic tracing a shock front, and its spectral index is consistent with recently accelerated electrons. The X-ray data exposure time, 14.2 ks, is too short to detect a counterpart temperature jump, and there are no polarisation data. The projected distance of NW1 from the BCG is relatively small for a radio relic [Vazza et al., 2012], since shock structure is typically found farther out in the cluster periphery. A possible explanation is that we are viewing this system from a partially head-on perspective. In addition to the creation of relics and halos, shocks in the ICM can revive fossil radio plasma from a previous episode of activity [Enßlin and Gopal-Krishna, 2001] which can have filamentary structure. On the other hand, we might expect the spectra of NW1 to be steeper if this were the case [see e.g. sources in van Weeren et al., 2011].

Source NW2 has a morphology similar to sources E and S, with a tail direction implying it is an infalling cluster member. The spectroscopic cluster member could be related to the

slight brightening in the southern tip of NW2. We remark that the red elliptical galaxy at the northern tip of NW2 is likely also a cluster member that might likewise contribute to the extended emission.

The diffuse source H is consistent with a radio halo, in line with the evidence that these sources are found in dynamically disturbed systems. Current data suggest that the halo has a spectrum of -1.2 ± 0.4 , although higher sensitivity observations are required to derive better constraints. Measuring halo spectra at this redshift is very important since at $z > 0.5$ IC losses are expected to dominate. Simple modelling predicts that only one-third of very massive $\sim 1 - 2 \times 10^{15} M_{\odot}$ merging systems at redshift ~ 0.5 (such as PLCK G004.5-19.5) are predicted to have spectra flatter than $\alpha = -1.5$, with the majority of cases generating halos with much steeper spectra [Cassano et al., 2010a].

Radio halos can also, if less frequently, have filamentary structure [e.g. Govoni et al., 2005]. Since NW1 has a rather small projected distance on the sky from the BCG, and since we have no polarisation data and not enough data for an X-ray shock, we cannot rule out that NW1 is part of the radio halo that has survived IC losses. However, we rate this as unlikely since we expect IC losses, which scale as $(1+z)^4$, to heavily diminish the flux at high frequencies, which leads to the USS halo nature. The brightness of NW1 at 610 MHz indeed seems to argue against this. Furthermore, Sifón et al. [2014] found very bright emission in the region of NW1 in archival 1.4 GHz NVSS. Given that PLCK G004.5-19.5 is at a mean redshift of 0.516, we would not expect remnant halo flux to be bright at higher frequencies.

1.4 Conclusion

We have performed high-resolution 610 MHz, 325 MHz, and 150 MHz observations of the cluster PLCK G004.5-19.5 with the GMRT. We found a complex arrangement of central and peripheral diffuse emission, as well as several head-tail galaxies.

We reprocessed archival *XMM-Newton* data and found morphological parameters that imply that PLCK G004.5-19.5 is a disturbed system [Cassano et al., 2010b]. Furthermore, a previously unidentified south-eastern sub-cluster is observed with X-ray unabsorbed luminosity $(6.7 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{43} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, approximately a factor 14–16 lower than the luminosity of their main cluster in the same aperture.

Most remarkably, we found a partially face-on radio relic (NW1) and centrally located radio halo (H) with spectral index (-1.2 ± 0.4) . Our interpretation of this finding favours the dynamically young state suggested by the X-ray morphology parameters, as well as the morphology of the radio emission.

PLCK G004.5-19.5 is the fifth cluster beyond $z = 0.5$ known to host a radio relic, and it is one of the few known instances of a ($z > 0.5$) radio halo.