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XXXVI. Optical identification and redshifts of *Planck* SZ sources with telescopes at the Canary Islands observatories

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ABSTRACT

We present the results of approximately three years of observations of *Planck* Sunyaev-Zeldovich (SZ) sources with telescopes at the Canary Islands observatories as part of the general optical follow-up programme undertaken by the Planck Collaboration. In total, 78 SZ sources are discussed. Deep-imaging observations were obtained for most of these sources; spectroscopic observations in either in long-slit or multi-object modes were obtained for many. We effectively used 37.5 clear nights. We found optical counterparts for 73 of the 78 candidates. This sample includes 53 spectroscopic redshift determinations, 20 of them obtained with a multi-object spectroscopic mode. The sample contains new redshifts for 27 *Planck* clusters that were not included in the first *Planck* SZ source catalogue (PSZ1).

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1. Introduction

The Sunyaev-Zeldovich (SZ) effect (Sunyaev & Zeldovich 1972) is a spectral distortion of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) that is generated by inverse Compton scattering of CMB photons off hot electrons. It can be used as a powerful cosmological probe, complementary to the information encoded in the CMB angular power spectrum (e.g. Birkinshaw 1999; Carlstrom et al. 2002; Planck Collaboration XX 2014; Planck Collaboration XXI 2014; Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014). The usual application of the SZ effect is the detection of galaxy clusters, which in the standard paradigm are manifested

in the most massive halos that emerge in the cosmic web of the large-scale structure (e.g. Springel et al. 2005). These halos are multi-component systems, consisting of dark matter and baryons in several phases (e.g. Allen et al. 2011). Galaxy clusters are excellent cosmological probes, capable of testing cosmology in a variety of ways, and placing constraints on cosmological parameters such as the normalization of the matter spectrum, dark matter and dark energy densities, neutrino masses, and the equation of state of the dark energy (Vikhlinin et al. 2009; Henry et al. 2009; Mantz et al. 2010; Planck Collaboration XX 2014; Mantz et al. 2015; Planck Collaboration XXIV 2016). Of all galaxy clusters, the most massive ones are the most sensitive to the cosmology. However, in the cold dark matter (CDM) model, these most massive galaxy clusters are predicted to be very rare, and

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their abundance rapidly decreases with redshift (e.g. [Springel et al. 2005](#)). Observationally, therefore, they are best found by surveying the large volumes accessible with all-sky surveys.

In the past, such surveys have been conducted using either X-ray or optical observations. Examples of the former are the ROSAT All-Sky Survey (RASS) and the catalogues drawn from RASS (e.g. REFLEX [Böhringer et al. 2001](#); NORAS [Böhringer et al. 2000](#); or MACS [Ebeling et al. 2001](#)), which reach a maximum redshift of $z \sim 0.5$ with a few objects beyond. Examples of the latter include catalogues based on SDSS data ([Koester et al. 2007](#); [Wen et al. 2009, 2012](#); [Hao et al. 2010](#); [Szabo et al. 2011](#)), which extend up to about the same redshift threshold. In the past few years, millimeter surveys have released the first sets of galaxy clusters discovered by means of the thermal SZ effect (e.g. [Song et al. 2012](#); [Reichardt et al. 2013](#); [Hasselfield et al. 2013](#); [Sifón et al. 2013](#)).

The *Planck*¹ satellite ([Planck Collaboration I 2014](#)) provided for the first time the possibility of detecting galaxy clusters through the SZ effect in a full sky survey ([Planck Collaboration VIII 2011](#); [Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014](#); [Planck Collaboration XXVII 2016](#)). However, as the SZ effect provides no redshift, dedicated follow-up programmes are required to make the resulting catalogues scientifically useful. Since 2010, the Planck Collaboration has undertaken an extensive follow-up programme to confirm SZ cluster candidates, first from intermediate versions of the *Planck* SZ catalogue ([Planck Collaboration IX 2011](#); [Planck Collaboration Int. I 2012](#); [Planck Collaboration Int. IV 2013](#)), and later with the first public SZ catalogue, named PSZ1 ([Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014](#); [Planck Collaboration XXXII 2015](#)). The strategy of the follow-up programme is detailed in that PSZ1 paper.

In this paper, we describe the observations carried out with telescopes at the Canary Islands observatories (or the European Northern observatory, ENO²), which were used for the PSZ1 catalogue ([Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014](#); [Planck Collaboration XXXII 2015](#)). This is the second companion paper to the PSZ1 that is based on optical follow-up observations. The first was based on observations with the Russian-Turkish 1.5 m telescope (RTT; [Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI 2015](#)). Clusters confirmed in that work and here are tabulated in [Planck Collaboration XXVII \(2016\)](#).

The paper is organized as follows. Sections 2–4 describe the *Planck* catalogue and cluster observing programme, the telescopes used in this paper, and the methods we used to analyse our data and identify clusters. Section 5 describes the observations and main results. In Sect. 6 we conclude.

2. *Planck* PSZ1 cluster sample

The first *Planck* catalogue of SZ sources (PSZ1; [Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014](#); [Planck Collaboration XXXII 2015](#)) comprises 1227 objects detected by means of the SZ effect in the *Planck* all-sky maps of the first 15.5 months of observations. The method used to construct the PSZ1 catalogue is described in detail in [Planck Collaboration XXIX \(2014\)](#). In brief, cluster

candidates are blindly detected using three different detection methods (MMF1, MMF3, and PwS), which were also used to construct the ESZ sample ([Planck Collaboration VIII 2011](#)). The PSZ1 catalogue contains all objects found by at least one of the methods with a signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) of 4.5 or greater.

It is important to recall here that the mean beam size of the HFI *Planck* maps extends from 9'6 at 100 GHz to 4'5 at 857 GHz (see e.g. [Planck Collaboration I 2014](#)). However, the expected positional error for the whole PSZ1 sample is 2' ([Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014](#)).

A detailed validation process ([Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014](#)) included the search for possible counterparts in the ROSAT All Sky Survey (RASS, [Voges et al. 1999, 2000](#)), the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS, DR8, [Aihara et al. 2011](#)), the WISE all-sky survey ([Wright et al. 2010](#)), and DSS³ images, as well as cross-correlations with optical, X-ray, and other SZ catalogues. Candidates without confirmation after these steps were sent to observing facilities for follow-up observations. This article is one of the companion papers to [Planck Collaboration XXIX \(2014\)](#) and the PSZ1 catalogue.

We finally note that the Planck Collaboration recently released its second catalogue of SZ sources (PSZ2; [Planck Collaboration XXVII 2016](#)). PSZ2 includes 22 confirmations that are common sources with the PSZ1 and are discussed in this paper.

3. Our follow-up observations

Table 1 lists the telescopes and instruments at the Canary Islands observatories that have been used for this paper: a) the Gran Telescopio Canarias (GTC), installed in the Spanish Observatorio del Roque de los Muchachos (ORM) of the Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias (IAC), in the island of La Palma; b) the *Isaac Newton* Telescope and the *William Herschel* Telescope operated on the island of La Palma by the ISAAC Newton Group of Telescopes in the Spanish ORM of the IAC; c) the Italian Telescopio Nazionale *Galileo* (TNG) operated on the island of La Palma by the Fundación Galileo Galilei of the INAF (Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica) at the Spanish ORM of the IAC; d) the Nordic Optical Telescope, jointly operated on the island of La Palma by Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden, in the Spanish ORM of the IAC; and e) the IAC80 telescope operated on the island of Tenerife by the IAC in the Spanish Observatorio del Teide. The observed targets were extracted from different internal versions of the *Planck* cluster catalogue before publication of the PSZ1. The main criterion for observing a certain target in a given right ascension range was the S/N of the *Planck* SZ detection. We also note that the lowest declination accessible from the Canary Islands at a reasonable airmass is -20° . Targets with lower declinations are sent to other facilities in the Southern Hemisphere.

For each cluster candidate, we performed an initial pre-screening of possible counterparts using the Digitized Sky Survey (DSS)⁴ and the SDSS⁵, if available. If a cluster counterpart was identified after this process, new imaging observations were not required. If SDSS spectroscopic observations were available for several cluster members, we can provide the spectroscopic redshift of the cluster. Otherwise, we included the cluster in our list of spectroscopic targets.

¹ *Planck* (<http://www.esa.int/Planck>) is a project of the European Space Agency (ESA) with instruments provided by two scientific consortia funded by ESA member states and led by Principal Investigators from France and Italy, telescope reflectors provided through a collaboration between ESA and a scientific consortium led and funded by Denmark, and additional contributions from NASA (USA).

² <http://www.iac.es/eno.php?lang=en>

³ DSS: <http://stduat.stsci.edu/dss>

⁴ <http://archive.stsci.edu/dss>

⁵ <http://skyserver.sdss.org>

Table 1. Telescopes and instruments used for the confirmation of the *Planck* newly-discovered clusters at the Canary Islands observatories.

Site	Telescope	Aperture [m]	Instrument	FoV	Pixel scale ["]	Resolution	Nights
OT, Tenerife	IAC80	0.82	CAMELOT	10'4 × 10'4	0.304	...	12
ORM, La Palma	NOT	2.56	ALFOSC	7' × 7'	0.188	$R = 550$	0.5
ORM, La Palma	INT	2.5	WFC/IDS	34' × 34'	0.33	$R = 400$	15
ORM, La Palma	TNG	3.5	DOLORES	8'6 × 8'6	0.252	$R = 600$	5
ORM, La Palma	WHT	4.2	ACAM	8' × 8'	0.253	$R = 400$	2
ORM, La Palma	GTC	10.4	OSIRIS	7'8 × 7'8	0.254	$R = 500$	3

Notes. For spectroscopy, Col. 7 shows the resolution. Last column indicates the total number of clear nights (equivalent to 9 h) observed in each telescope for this work.

After a certain target was selected for imaging observations, it was examined in two steps with our follow-up strategy. First, we carried out photometric observations in at least three broad-band Sloan filters (g', r', i'). In some particular cases, we also used a redder filter (either Sloan z' or Gunn Z). Given the expected redshift distribution of the *Planck* SZ-detected clusters (see e.g. [Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014](#)), this filter set is sufficient to trace the 4000 Å break up to redshifts $z = 0.8$, even in cases where no z' -band data are available. Based on $g'r'i'$ -colour combinations, it is possible to identify the cluster candidates and to measure photometric redshifts (see e.g. [Lopes 2007](#)). In a second step, these results were later consolidated using spectroscopic observations, either using long-slit or multi-object spectroscopy.

Most of the targets were included in the PSZ1 catalogue and are therefore identified with their corresponding name in this catalogue. Nevertheless, there are 11 confirmed targets that were not included in PSZ1, either because their S/N value is lower than 4.5 or because they were excluded by the detection mask used in the final catalogue.

3.1. Imaging observations

Imaging observations were taken in multiple observing runs between June 2010 and December 2012, during the *Planck* proprietary period, mainly with three instruments: the Wide-Field Camera (WFC) on the 2.5 m *Isaac Newton* Telescope (INT); the auxiliary-port camera (ACAM) at the 4.2 m *William-Herschel* Telescope; and CAMELOT, the optical camera at the 0.82 m telescope (IAC80). The observing time was obtained as part of the proposals for the Spanish Time Allocation Committee (CAT) time (semesters 2010A to 2012B), and an International Time Programme (ITP12-2), accepted by the International Scientific Committee of the Roque de los Muchachos (ORM, La Palma) and Teide (OT, Tenerife) observatories.

All fields were imaged with the g', r' and i' Sloan filters; for a majority of fields, either Sloan z' or Gunn Z images are also available. As we discuss below, our final analysis for photometric redshifts does not make use of the z' band images.

The WFC at the INT is a mosaic camera of four 2k × 4k CCDs with a spatial scale of 0'333/pixel, resulting in a field of view of 34' × 34'. The detector of ACAM at the WHT covers a circular field of about 8'3 (with ~0'25/pixel), and CAMELOT at the IAC80 has a 2k × 2k chip with 0'304/pixel spatial scale, corresponding to a 10'4 × 10'4 field. A typical field size of 10' is sufficiently large to cover the expected uncertainty in positions with respect to the nominal *Planck* coordinates for each target ([Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014](#)).

The total integration time was split into three separate exposures, with offsets between exposures of at least 10". This allowed us to efficiently correct for bad pixels and cosmic rays. The average exposure times were 3000 s, 1500 s, and 900 s per filter for IAC80, INT, and WHT, respectively, yielding typical completeness magnitudes (derived from the histograms of objects) in r' band of 20.6, 21.8, and 22.6, and typical limit magnitudes of 21.8, 22.7, and 23.7 for IAC80, INT and WHT, respectively.

3.2. Spectroscopic observations

Spectroscopic observations were performed under an International Time Program (ITP⁶) of the ORM (reference ITP12-2) and other CAT runs between 2012 and 2013. The redshift information included in this paper was supplemented with spectroscopic observations of a second ITP program (reference ITP13-08). The data were mostly obtained with the 3.5 m TNG and the 10.4 m GTC telescopes, while some data were obtained with the 2.5 m INT and NOT telescopes in service mode. Multi-object spectroscopy mode (MOS) was used for all the observations at the TNG telescope and for some of the GTC observations. INT and NOT observations, as well as most of the GTC observing blocks, were made with long slits.

The instrument used at the TNG was DOLORES, which has a CCD of 2048 × 2048 pixels, with pixel size 13.5 μm and pixel scale 0'252. We used the LR-B grism with a dispersion of 2.75 Å pixel⁻¹ operating in the wavelength range 3000–8430 Å, together with 1'6 slits, which led to a final resolution of $R = 600$. The typical exposure time was 3 × 1800 s per mask. On average, we placed 30–35 slits per mask. Wavelength calibration was obtained using Hg-Ne and He-Ne lamps, which allowed us to obtain a root-mean-square (rms) error lower than 0.1 Å pixel⁻¹ over the whole wavelength range.

Most of the GTC spectra were obtained using the OSIRIS spectrograph in long-slit mode. OSIRIS is a double CCD (2048 × 4096 pixels) with a pixel size of 15 μm and 0'13 pixel scale. We used the R300B grism, which provides a dispersion of 5.2 Å pixel⁻¹ (using 2 × 2 binning) operating in the wavelength range 4000–9000 Å, together with 1'2 slits. This set-up produces a spectral resolution of $R \sim 500$. The typical exposure time was 3 × 1000 s per slit position, and wavelength calibration was obtained using Hg, Ne, and Ar lamps, which produced an accuracy of 0.2 Å pixel⁻¹ in the whole wavelength range. For specific cases, we also used the MOS mode with OSIRIS to sample the galaxy population and velocity field of the clusters. We chose the same instrument set-up as in long-slit mode, that is,

⁶ ITP: <http://www.iac.es/eno.php?op1=5&op2=13&lang=en>

1''2 slitlets and the R300B grism. The MOS mode allows us to set about 35–40 slitlets per mask plus a minimum of five fiducial holes, which are used to correctly centre the mask in the field. Masks were designed using GTC pre-imaging for each field. Given that we previously obtained photometric information (we mainly considered colours for cluster candidates within the red-sequence and RGB colour composite images obtained by the combination of g' , r' , and i' -band images), the success rate was typically 50–60%, from which we could retrieve velocity estimates for a minimum of 15–20 cluster members per mask.

The INT and NOT telescopes were also used in service time, with the IDS and ALFOSC spectrographs in long-slit mode. We used IDS/INT with the R150V grism with a slit of 1''5 width, which gave a dispersion of $4.03 \text{ \AA pixel}^{-1}$ and a spectral resolution of $R = 400$. Similarly, we used ALFOSC/NOT with grism 4 ($3.05 \text{ \AA pixel}^{-1}$) together with 1''8 width (so, $R = 550$). We obtained data exposing $3 \times 1800 \text{ s}$ in both telescopes. In both cases we used Ne arcs, obtaining an rms of less than $0.1 \text{ \AA pixel}^{-1}$ across the full spectra

We also used the 4.2 m WHT telescope with the ACAM spectrograph in long-slit observing mode, which offers a 2000×2000 CCD with a plate scale of $0''.25$ per pixel. The spectroscopic set-up was configured with a volume phase holographic disperser ($3.3 \text{ \AA pixel}^{-1}$) and a slit width of $1''$. This set-up produces a spectral coverage between 4000 and 9000 \AA and a resolution of $R \sim 400$. We usually obtain spectra for the BCG and other few additional luminous galaxy members by using several slit orientations for each cluster. On average, we integrate about $2 \times 1000 \text{ s}$ per slit. Our spectra have $S/N \sim 5\text{--}30$, which allows us to estimate radial velocities with an accuracy of about $50\text{--}80 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

4. Data reduction, cluster identification, and redshift measurements

4.1. Imaging data

Optical images were reduced with standard routines running within IRAF⁷. The standard reduction includes flux and astrometric calibrations. For the latter, we used `astrometry v0.38`⁸ (Lang et al. 2010). The flux calibration refers to SDSS and is based either on the observations of Landolt standard stars or, in the case of fields with SDSS coverage, on the photometric data of SDSS. In case of non-photometric nights, targets were calibrated in the following observing run or during service time at the Canary Islands Observatories.

Sources were detected using SExtractor (Bertin & Arnouts 1996) in single-image mode. Sources were independently detected in all bands with 1.5σ detection thresholds in the filtered maps, which corresponds to a $S/N \sim 3$ in at least ten connected pixels. All catalogues were then merged with a search radius of $2''$.

The detection limits were estimated by measuring the standard deviation of the flux in several thousand randomly distributed circular apertures of $3''$ diameter. None of the aperture positions lies within $3''$ of its closest neighbour or of sources that have a $>3\sigma$ detection. We note that because of the poor quality of

the point-spread function (PSF) determination for several observations, we did not apply any criteria for star/galaxy separation, but included all sources in our catalogues.

4.2. Cluster detection and photometric redshifts

Our method to identify the member galaxies in the galaxy cluster candidates and to derive the photometric redshifts is based on the cluster-red sequence (CRS) method by Gladders & Yee (2000). Colour cuts in $(g' - r')$ or $(r' - i')$ are combined with the spatial distribution of the full catalogue to search for possible candidates. We have modified this method with the empirical relations of Lopes (2007) for the photometric redshifts of galaxy clusters (see Sect. 4.2 in that paper) to obtain photometric redshift estimates for galaxy overdensities and to select the probable cluster members for spectroscopic follow-up observations. To first order, the photometric redshifts can be estimated with

$$z_{\text{phot}} \approx 0.361(g' - r') - 0.278, \quad \text{if } (r' - i') \lesssim 0.75 \quad (1)$$

$$z_{\text{phot}} \approx 0.364(r' - i') + 0.182, \quad \text{if } (r' - i') \gtrsim 0.75. \quad (2)$$

We compared this methodology with the photometric redshifts obtained with the BPZ code (Benítez 2000) and found that the two methods are fully consistent for the colour-selected galaxies in the cluster candidates.

After we applied our method to all candidates, the results were evaluated and consolidated with a careful inspection of the individual and RGB images and with the colour-magnitude diagrams. We found that the inspection by eye is particularly important to detect low-redshift systems, poor systems, fossil groups, or high-redshift systems, which usually are not easily detected by automatic algorithms searching for overdensities in colour space.

Our analysis shows that in most of the cases there is an obvious, rich overdensity of red galaxies in our follow-up imaging. In some cases we found two separate overdensities; for these, we obtained separate (photometric) redshifts, assuming that the spatial proximity can be a projection effect along the line of sight. These cases were investigated in detail using spectroscopic redshifts.

4.3. Spectroscopic data

We performed the data reduction of spectroscopic data using standard IRAF procedures. We did not correct for bias or flat fielding because we found after a careful check that the uncorrected spectra were less noisy than the corrected ones, probably because of the low brightness of the sources. The sky was evaluated locally for each spectrum; we used the median value in the external regions of each slit. Finally, we looked for possible deviations in the wavelength-calibrated spectra using the OI telluric line at 5577.3 \AA . The mean error associated with this distortion of the instrument is 1 \AA , equivalent to about 50 km s^{-1} .

The long-slit observations were designed to maximize the number of redshift estimates, thus placing between two to four galaxies in the slit and retrieving exposures in two position angles for each cluster candidate. With this scheme, in some cases we obtained more than five redshifts for a single cluster using OSIRIS/GTC with only two slit orientations. Furthermore, we always obtained spectroscopic data of the apparent brightest cluster galaxy (BCG) of each candidate.

After the reduction steps, we obtained spectra with S/N of about 5 (per pixel, and around 6000 \AA) for galaxies with magnitudes $r' \sim 20.8, 20.5, 19.7$, and 21.7 with the WHT, TNG,

⁷ IRAF (<http://iraf.noao.edu/>) is distributed by the National Optical Astronomy Observatories, which are operated by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc., under cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation.

⁸ <http://astrometry.net>

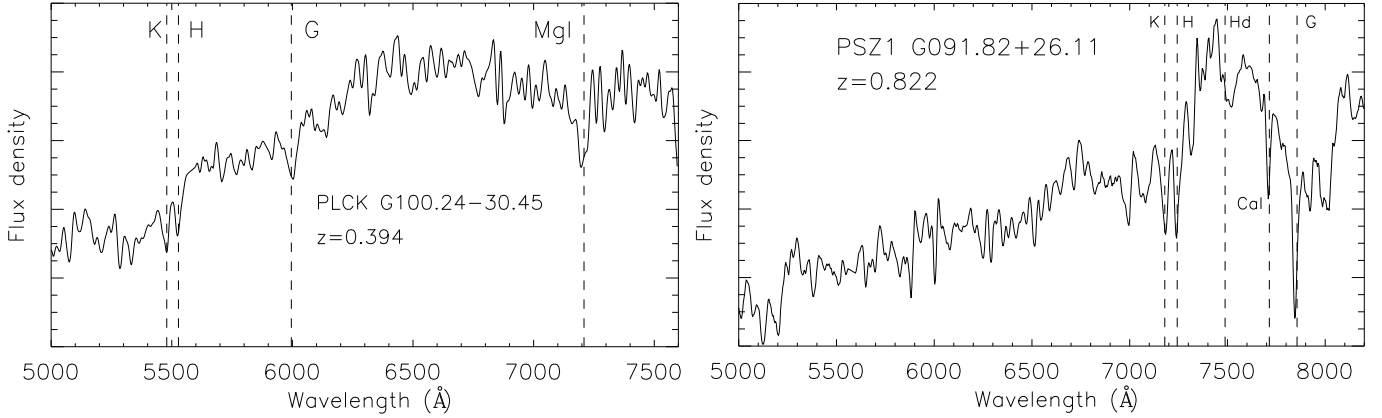


Fig. 1. Two examples of spectra of early-type cluster members (previously selected as candidates in the photometric sample) obtained with the TNG/DOLORES (*left panel*) and GTC/OSIRIS (*right panel*). Dashed lines show the location of the main absorption features identified in the spectra. The vertical axes are given in arbitrary units.

INT/NOT, and GTC data, respectively. Figure 1 shows two examples of the obtained spectra.

The overall strategy was to use the GTC telescope to observe the most distant cluster candidates (at photometric redshifts $z_{\text{phot}} > 0.4$), while WHT, INT, and NOT were used for the nearest ones (at $z_{\text{phot}} \lesssim 0.4$). We used TNG/MOS for clusters at intermediate redshift, $0.3 \leq z_{\text{phot}} \leq 0.4$. The MOS mode of OSIRIS at GTC was also used for a few galaxy clusters with confirmed redshifts above $z = 0.5$.

Radial velocities were obtained using the cross-correlation technique (Tonry & Davis 1979) implemented in the IRAF task RVSAO⁹. For each spectrum, the task performs a cross-correlation with six spectrum templates (Kennicutt 1992), each one corresponding to a different type of galaxy: E, S0, Sa, Sb, Sc, and Irr. The template with the highest R -value (a parameter given by XCSAO that measures the S/N of the cross-correlation peak) was chosen. In addition, we visually inspected all spectra to verify the velocity determination. In most cases, the redshift was obtained by using absorption lines. Nevertheless, in some special cases with low S/N spectra, emission lines were used to determine the redshift.

The TNG and GTC multi-object observations allowed us to obtain a larger sample of cluster members for each candidate (typically 15–20 members per cluster). For these systems we were therefore able to estimate a more accurate mean velocity, but also other physical magnitudes, like the velocity dispersion of candidates. In all the other cases, the cluster redshift was assumed to be that of the BCG (if observed). Otherwise, it was estimated from the mean velocity of the galaxy members.

Throughout this paper, galaxies are considered cluster members only if they present radial velocities within $\pm 2000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ with respect to the mean velocity of the systems. This velocity range represents about three times the typical velocity dispersion of a cluster. Hence, this criterium allows us to select a statistically significant number of cluster galaxies while minimizing the number of interlopers.

5. Results

The list of 67 clusters from the PSZ1 catalogue observed in this paper is given in Table 2. An additional set of 11 confirmed clusters not in the PSZ1 catalogue is given in Table 3. Fifty-three

spectroscopic redshifts have been measured, 20 obtained with the MOS mode of TNG or GTC telescopes (i.e. with more than ten confirmed galaxy members). There are five SZ sources in the PSZ1 with no confirmed optical counterpart from our analyses (see discussion below) and 27 new redshifts that were not included in the original PSZ1 catalogue. Table 2 contains 15 targets that were also observed with the RTT150 and are discussed in Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI (2015). In both analyses, we found only one difference for a single cluster; this is discussed below. In addition, two targets (IDs 116 and 316 in Table 2) were also observed independently in the r and z bands with MegaCam at CFHT (van der Burg et al. 2016). Their photometric redshifts from the $r-z$ red-sequence are consistent with our spectroscopic redshifts.

Tables 2 and 3 provide the coordinates of the cluster optical centres calculated from the position of the BCG. If a BCG is not clearly identified or if two BCGs are found, the coordinates refer to the (approximate) geometrical centre of the cluster members. The distribution of the optical centre offsets relative to the SZ positions measured by *Planck* is shown in Fig. 2. Sixty-eight percent of the sample have a positional error smaller than $2''.9$, consistent with (although slightly larger than) the expectation for the whole PSZ1 of $2''$ (Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014). Figure 3 shows the distance of the cluster optical centres from the nominal *Planck* position as a function of redshift. For low-redshift systems ($0.15 \leq z \leq 0.20$), the characteristic scale of the virial radius of a cluster (here taken to be 1 Mpc) extends beyond $5''$. In principle, associations between *Planck* SZ candidates and low-redshift optical counterparts with large apparent angular separations might therefore be expected. When we restrict the analysis in Fig. 2 to the sub-sample of clusters with redshifts above 0.2, the positional error is reduced to $2''.5$.

Figure 4 shows the comparison of our photometric redshift estimates (based on the method described in Sect. 4.2) with the corresponding spectroscopic redshifts for all targets in the PSZ1 catalogue described in Table 2. The scatter between the two estimates is $\delta z / (1 + z) = 0.025$.

We note that all sky images presented in this section are oriented with north up and east to the left.

5.1. Notes on individual objects from the PSZ1 catalogue

PSZ1 G031.91+67.94 There is no obvious identification within a distance of $5''$ from the *Planck* SZ centre; however,

⁹ RVSAO was developed at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Telescope Data Center.

Table 2. Clusters from the PSZ1 catalogue observed for this paper.

ID	Planck name	Cen.	Position (J2000)		$\langle z \rangle$	$z_{\text{spec,BCG}}$	N_{spec}	Notes
			RA	Dec				
42 ^b	PSZ1 G018.09+26.07	1	16 52 12.3	-00 20 15.7	0.090	0.0893	17	
85 ^{b,d}	PSZ1 G031.91+67.94	2	14 30 23.3	+24 39 06.2	0.134	–	54	
116 ^{b,e,i}	PSZ1 G042.33+17.46	1	18 04 16.1	+16 02 14.9	0.458	0.4574	3	
137 ^e	PSZ1 G046.13+30.75	1	17 17 05.6	+24 04 17.1	0.569	0.5673	13	
141 ^d	PSZ1 G046.98+66.62	1	14 37 40.3	+30 12 00.3	0.340	0.3398	3	WHL J143740.3+301200
174 ^{e,h}	PSZ1 G055.72+17.58	1	18 25 37.1	+27 42 55.4	0.195	0.1944	24	
193 ^h	PSZ1 G058.82+49.66	1	22 28 19.1	-05 34 41.7	0.595	0.5954	5	
200 ^{b,e}	PSZ1 G060.12+11.42	1	18 58 46.0	+29 15 33.6	0.223	0.224	13	
207 ^b	PSZ1 G063.80+11.42	1	19 05 57.4	+32 32 53.5	0.428	0.426	12	
217 ^{b,e}	PSZ1 G066.01+23.30	1	21 19 26.2	+15 21 06.4	0.249	0.2487	6	
218	PSZ1 G066.20+12.87	1	19 04 15.4	+35 16 00.1	0.245	0.2462	10	
220 ^e	PSZ1 G066.41+27.03	1	17 56 52.7	+40 08 06.1	0.574	0.5748	2	WHL J269.219+40.13
236 ^{b,d,e}	PSZ1 G071.57+37.96	1	22 17 15.8	+09 03 10.1	0.288	0.2882	1	ACO 2429
245	PSZ1 G073.64+36.49	1	17 09 35.6	+47 31 53.9	0.549	0.5496	6	
249 ^{a,f}	PSZ1 G074.75+24.59	1	21 45 55.1	+20 28 18.8	0.33	–	0	ZwCl 2143.5+2014
252 ^{e,f}	PSZ1 G076.44+23.53	1	18 28 21.4	+48 04 28.4	0.168	0.168	21	
257 ^{a,f}	PSZ1 G078.67+20.06	1	18 52 02.7	+49 01 17.8	0.49	–	0	
265 ^{a,f}	PSZ1 G080.62+46.81	1	23 00 59.6	+06 44 58.2	0.05	–	0	RBS 1929
281 ^{b,e}	PSZ1 G084.41+12.43	1	21 37 46.6	+35 35 51.0	0.274	0.2741	24	
283 ^b	PSZ1 G084.62+15.86	1	21 49 40.6	+33 10 34.6	0.364	0.3673	2	
287	PSZ1 G084.85+20.63	1	19 00 11.6	+54 42 14.5	0.367	0.367	8	
297 ^{b,d}	PSZ1 G087.25+41.86	1	23 05 18.3	+13 34 36.1	0.0481	0.0481	3	
312 ^c	PSZ1 G091.82+26.11	2	18 31 12.0	+62 14 50.1	0.822	–	11	
316 ^{b,d,i}	PSZ1 G092.41+37.39	2	23 10 14.7	+19 21 41.0	0.114	–	3	
334 ^{a,f}	PSZ1 G095.49+16.41	1	20 00 06.7	+62 26 39.9	0.37	–	0	
337 ^{a,f}	PSZ1 G096.89+24.17	1	18 56 41.3	+66 21 56.0	0.37	–	0	ZwCl 1856.8+6616
342 ^c	PSZ1 G097.93+19.46	1	19 44 24.0	+65 52 23.9	0.248	0.2454	4	4C 65.28
359 ^e	PSZ1 G100.18+29.68	1	23 21 00.8	+29 12 09.7	0.485	–	4	WHL J232104.1+291134
367 ^b	PSZ1 G102.86+31.07	1	23 33 24.7	+28 43 19.9	0.5915	0.5915	1	
373	PSZ1 G103.58+24.78	1	19 04 54.2	+72 28 33.1	0.334	–	3	
380 ^g	PSZ1 G105.91+38.39	0	–	–	–	–	0	
393 ^b	PSZ1 G108.18+11.53	2	23 22 27.2	+48 44 19.3	0.335	–	6	
395 ^{a,f}	PSZ1 G108.52+32.30	2	17 08 21.6	+76 30 06.3	0.26	–	0	
423 ^g	PSZ1 G115.34+54.89	0	–	–	–	–	0	
424 ^{b,d}	PSZ1 G115.59+44.47	1	00 29 06.3	+18 08 56.8	0.167	0.167	1	
425 ^{b,e}	PSZ1 G115.70+17.51	1	22 27 06.8	+78 20 08.1	0.111	0.111	5	
431 ^b	PSZ1 G118.06+31.10	1	15 54 38.7	+84 10 28.4	0.195	0.194	16	
450 ^{e,f}	PSZ1 G123.55+10.34	1	00 55 24.5	+52 29 20.2	0.106	0.1064	30	
465 ^g	PSZ1 G127.55+20.84	0	–	–	–	–	0	
470	PSZ1 G130.15+17.01	1	01 30 52.8	+45 17 46.7	0.211	0.2097	20	
500 ^b	PSZ1 G138.60+10.85	1	02 27 06.7	+49 00 29.3	0.700	0.7023	4	
502 ^e	PSZ1 G139.61+24.20	1	06 21 49.3	+74 42 05.4	0.266	0.265	22	
521 ^{b,d}	PSZ1 G146.00+49.42	2	01 51 19.8	+10 47 30.0	0.097	–	4	WHL J015128.7+104912
541 ^{b,h}	PSZ1 G153.41+36.58	2	08 42 42.9	+62 30 21.6	0.650	–	3	
542 ^{b,d}	PSZ1 G153.56+36.23	2	08 39 33.4	+62 26 12.1	0.132	–	6	MaxBCG J129.79086+62.44628
543 ^{b,d}	PSZ1 G153.87+41.05	1	09 18 21.4	+61 10 29.3	0.279	0.2794	4	WHL J091821.4+611029
545 ^c	PSZ1 G155.25+68.42	1	01 37 24.9	-08 27 22.7	0.566	0.5661	5	WHL J24.3324+8.477
574 ^{b,d,h}	PSZ1 G165.76+31.15	1	07 57 58.7	+52 38 16.7	0.259	0.2593	6	MaxBCG J119.49440+52.63797
575 ^d	PSZ1 G165.94+50.48	1	10 01 38.8	+50 00 54.0	0.172	0.1709	2	GMBCG J150.41158+50.01489
579 ^g	PSZ1 G167.43+38.04	0	–	–	–	–	0	
590 ^f	PSZ1 G171.96+40.64	1	03 12 56.9	+08 22 18.0	0.272	0.2716	16	
594 ^e	PSZ1 G172.93+21.31	1	07 07 38.1	+44 19 54.3	0.336	0.339	17	
615 ^{b,d}	PSZ1 G182.49+57.09	1	02 43 13.9	-08 07 30.3	0.031	0.031	37	
629 ^c	PSZ1 G186.81+07.31	1	06 29 21.8	+26 30 19.4	0.221	0	20	WHL J97.3409+26.50
649 ^c	PSZ1 G194.24+75.22	1	11 46 17.3	+30 56 18.5	0.388	0.3927	2	
650 ^g	PSZ1 G194.68+49.73	0	–	–	–	–	0	
665 ^{a,f}	PSZ1 G200.95+28.16	1	04 50 24.3	-02 58 36.7	0.27	–	0	
672 ^f	PSZ1 G204.07+16.51	1	07 35 47.4	+15 06 49.2	0.121	0.1220	22	ZwCl 0733.1+1514
673 ^c	PSZ1 G204.24+14.51	1	07 28 35.4	+14 07 42.1	0.349	0.3484	5	WHL J112.147+14.12
674	PSZ1 G204.73+15.85	1	07 34 27.8	+14 16 39.3	0.347	0.3471	16	
682 ^b	PSZ1 G206.52+26.37	1	05 06 17.2	-06 34 52.5	0.391	0.391	1	
689 ^{e,f}	PSZ1 G209.80+10.23	1	07 22 23.7	+07 24 30.3	0.678	0.6780	5	
700 ^{e,d,h}	PSZ1 G213.27+78.35	1	11 59 22.0	+26 27 04.0	0.267	0.2667	1	GMBCG J179.84162+26.45111
791 ^{b,d}	PSZ1 G236.51+48.39	2	10 20 47.2	+06 04 50.4	0.112	–	7	
807	PSZ1 G240.39+07.91	1	08 13 55.5	-20 06 56.0	0.332	0.3315	3	
844 ^{b,d}	PSZ1 G249.01+73.75	2	11 57 05.6	+16 57 35.4	0.156	–	2	WHL J115659.6+165833
908 ^{b,d}	PSZ1 G264.01+59.77	1	11 37 53.5	+02 38 55.5	0.141	0.1409	2	

Notes. The first column gives the index number of the cluster in the PSZ1 catalogue (starting from 0). Column 3 indicates if the J2000 coordinates listed in Cols. 4 and 5 are of the BCG of the identified counterpart (Cen = 1), or the centroid of the members (Cen = 2). Columns 6–8 show the cluster redshift, the spectroscopic redshift of the BCG (if available), and the number of galaxies with spectroscopic measurements. ^(a) Redshift is estimated from our photometric data. ^(b) Redshift value not published in the PSZ1 (Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014). ^(c) Spectroscopic redshift. The redshift given in the PSZ1 catalogue (Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014) is photometric. ^(d) Redshift estimated from SDSS data. ^(e) Target also included in the RTT150 paper (Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI 2015). ^(f) PSZ1 contains a spectroscopic redshift obtained with other facility (Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014). ^(g) No optical counterpart identified. ^(h) Several counterparts identified. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Target also observed in the r and z bands with MegaCam at CFHT (van der Burg et al. 2016).

Table 3. Confirmed clusters not in the PSZ1 catalogue observed for this paper.

Name	Cen.	Position (J2000)		$\langle z \rangle$	$z_{\text{spec,BCG}}$	N_{spec}	Notes
		RA	Dec				
PLCK G081.38–60.03	1	23 34 03.6	–03 35 55.2	0.260	0.2596	11	
PLCK G087.67+22.99	1	18 48 56.6	+57 53 29.5	0.33	–	0	<i>a</i>
PLCK G100.24–30.45	1	23 22 14.7	+28 31 15.0	0.394	0.404	12	<i>b</i>
PLCK G107.02+37.62	1	16 02 24.6	+72 57 29.7	0.33	–	0	<i>a</i>
PLCK G115.12+28.56	1	17 57 36.1	+82 56 33.9	0.169	0.1684	31	
PLCK G128.38+71.18	1	12 41 58.8	+45 46 47.5	0.336	0.3367	12	<i>c</i>
PLCK G134.25–44.24	1	01 25 47.9	+17 59 59.4	0.232	0.2311	4	<i>c</i>
PLCK G164.50–24.92	1	03 36 35.9	+24 20 45.0	0.35	–	0	<i>a</i>
PLCK G203.23+31.93	1	08 35 27.4	+21 36 32.2	0.1349	0.1349	1	<i>d</i>
PLCK G217.69+67.29	1	11 13 26.3	+23 11 04.6	0.2454	0.2454	1	<i>d</i>
PLCK G225.44+51.89	2	10 17 52.0	+13 56 04.0	0.297	–	3	<i>c</i>

Notes. ^(a) Redshift is estimated from our photometric data. ^(b) Target included in XMM sample (Planck Collaboration IX 2011). ^(c) Several possible counterparts identified. ^(d) Spectroscopic redshift estimated from SDSS data.

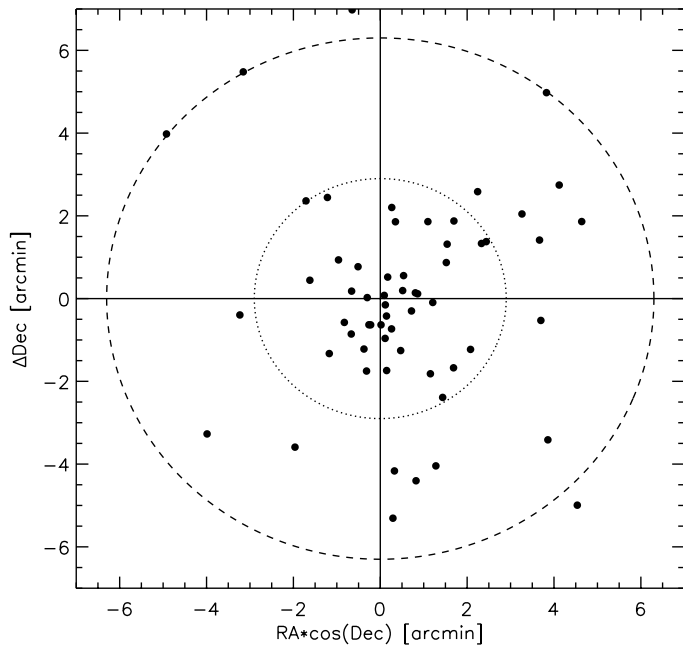


Fig. 2. Distribution of cluster optical centre offsets relative to their *Planck* SZ position. The dotted (dashed) line corresponds to a radius of 2.9 (6.3), which encloses 68% (95%) of the full PSZ1 sample presented in this paper.

the field is very rich in the surroundings. The Tempel et al. (2012) catalogue cited a few poor galaxy groups (29401, 29403, 29404, 28941, and 29795) and two large galaxy clusters (29405 at $z = 0.134$; 28941 at $z = 0.039$) within a distance of approximately 10' from the *Planck* centre. Inspection of the Compton y -map in this area shows that none of the BCGs of these clusters corresponds to the main peak of the SZ emission. By inspecting a large area of about one square degree in the optical catalogs, we identify a clear peak in the galaxy density at 18' from the *Planck* centre, which we list as the optical counterpart in Table 2. Using the current version of SDSS DR12, we found 54 spectroscopic members for this cluster over a region larger than 30' at redshift $z = 0.134$ with $\sigma_v \approx 650 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. There is no obvious BCG for this system, and it shows several galaxy clumps (possibly substructures) in the 2D galaxy distribution, each clump showing

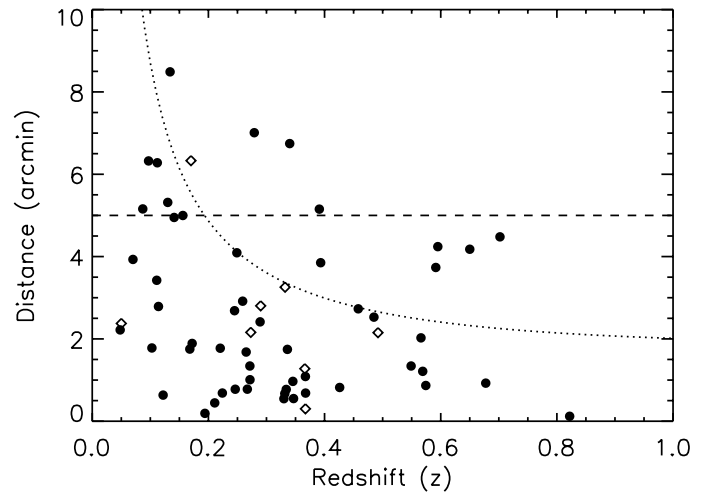


Fig. 3. Cluster optical centre offsets relative to their *Planck* SZ position as a function of cluster redshift. Open symbols correspond to photometric redshift determinations; filled dots are spectroscopic measurements. The dashed horizontal line at 5' shows the maximum offset expected for a *Planck* SZ detection (i.e. a *Planck* beam). The dotted line corresponds to the angle subtended by 1 Mpc in projection at the corresponding redshift.

bright galaxies. A detailed dynamical study of this complex cluster is needed, and a more detailed study of the SZ emission, in combination with X-ray images, is required to confirm the proposed association. We note that one of the clumps of this cluster seems to be associated with GMBCG J217.49013+24.69973 (Hao et al. 2010), with $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.135$.

PSZ1 G046.98+66.62 The proposed counterpart corresponds to the cluster WHL J143740.3+301200 (Wen et al. 2012), with $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.33$. Our spectroscopic redshift is determined from SDSS data. Although the cluster is located 6.7' from the *Planck* centre, the Compton y -map (Planck Collaboration XXI 2014) supports this association, as did Liu et al. (2015).

PSZ1 G055.72+17.58 There are two possible identifications for this SZ source, both confirmed spectroscopically with the MOS at DOLORES/TNG (see Fig. 5 for details). The

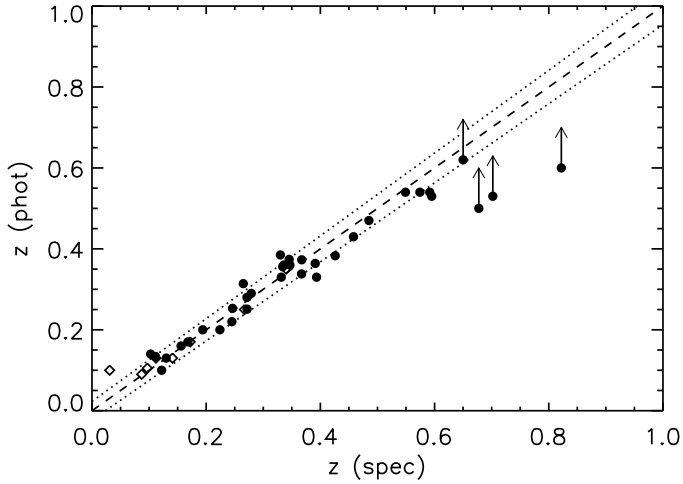


Fig. 4. Comparison of our photometric redshift estimates based on red-sequence colours with spectroscopic redshifts. The statistical error for the full sample is about 2.5%. For completeness, we also include as open symbols the few cases in which the photometric redshifts are derived from the SDSS database.

identification reported in Table 2 corresponds to a cluster with 24 spectroscopically confirmed members at $z = 0.193$. It is difficult to identify the BGC of this cluster because there are only a few galaxies with comparable magnitudes, given our error bars, therefore we provide the coordinates of the average position of all the spectroscopically confirmed members. This target was also identified in *Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI (2015)* as the optical counterpart of the SZ source. The *Planck* Compton y -map in this area (*Planck Collaboration XXI 2014*) supports this association. We found a second cluster in the region, less massive than the previous cluster, with 17 spectroscopically confirmed members at $z = 0.070$. Its BCG is at ($18^{\text{h}} 25' 38''.8$, $+27^{\circ} 49' 41''.6$), $3.9'$ from the *Planck* centre.

PSZ1 G058.82–49.66 The proposed counterpart is a rich cluster located approximately $4'$ from the *Planck* centre, with five spectroscopic members obtained with OSIRIS/GTC. The spectroscopic redshift of the BCG is $z = 0.595$. This counterpart is well-aligned with the signal found in the Compton y -map in this area (*Planck Collaboration XXI 2014*). In addition, our RGB image obtained with the WFC/INT data shows another over-density of red galaxies, with photometric redshift $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.68$. However, our OSIRIS/GTC observations in this second region are not conclusive. A long-slit observation including the apparent BCG ($22^{\text{h}} 27' 59''.1$, $-5^{\circ} 28' 51''.6$) and two additional (photometrically selected) galaxies of this second cluster give a redshift of the BCG of $z = 0.7069 \pm 0.0003$. Additional spectroscopic members need to be confirmed before this can be firmly established as a galaxy cluster.

PSZ1 G060.12+11.42 There is a clear galaxy cluster at $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.20$. With DOLORES/TNG we confirm 18 spectroscopic members, and the redshift of the BCG is $z = 0.224$. There is also a clear arc seen in the RGB image (see Fig. 6).

PSZ1 G076.44+23.53 This is a clear fossil group (e.g. *Jones et al. 2003*; *Voevodkin et al. 2010*). It is difficult to estimate the magnitude of the BGC because of the angular extension of the galaxy. Our photometric redshift estimate, based

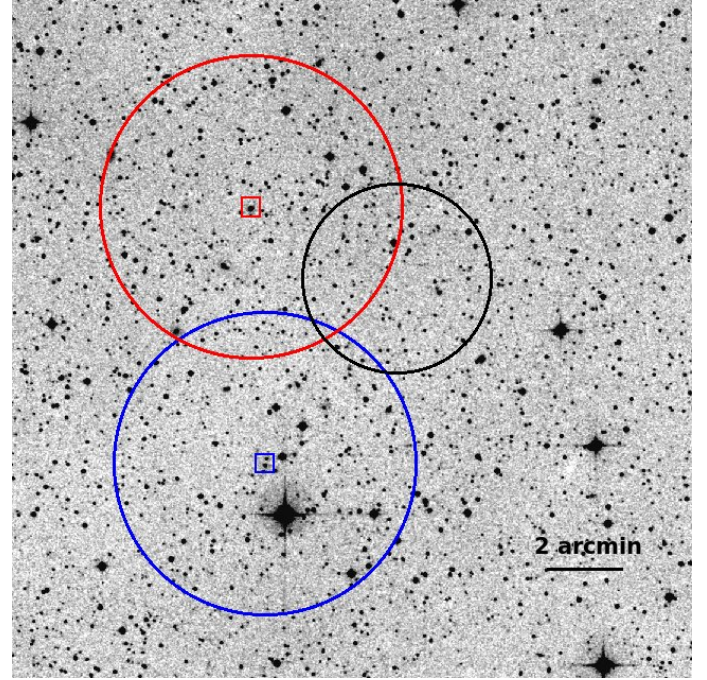


Fig. 5. DSS infrared image for the PSZ1 G055.72+17.58 source. The black circle shows the location of the *Planck* SZ centre with a $5'$ diameter. Red and blue circles correspond to our confirmed clusters at $z = 0.070$ and $z = 0.193$, with 17 and 24 galaxy members, respectively. Small squares mark the BCG for each system. The SZ signal seems to be mainly associated with the southern cluster (inside the blue circle).

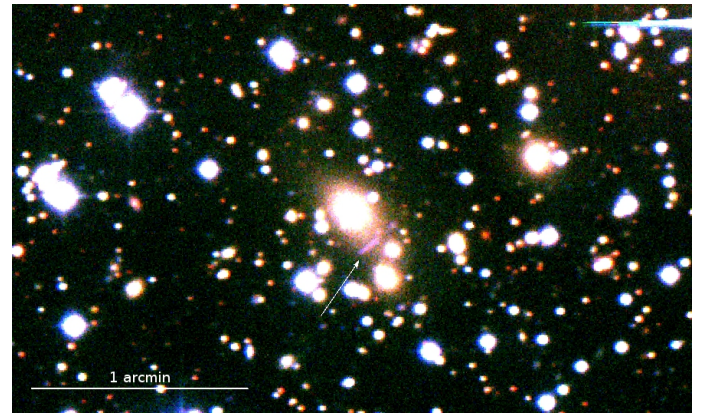


Fig. 6. RGB image of the cluster PSZ1 G060.12+11.42, obtained with the WFC/INT data. The white arrow shows the location of a gravitational arc.

on colour selection of cluster members, is $z = 0.17$. With DOLORES/TNG, we confirm 21 spectroscopic members, and the redshift of the BCG is $z = 0.168$. This source was also included in the RTT150 sample (*Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI 2015*), and the spectroscopic redshift obtained there for the BCG is fully consistent with our value.

PSZ1 G078.67+20.06 Using WFC/INT, we identify a cluster with $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.49$. The spectroscopic redshift for this cluster is $z = 0.450$, as obtained by the NOT telescope (*Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014*). The optical image clearly shows a gravitational arc around the BCG (see Fig. 7).

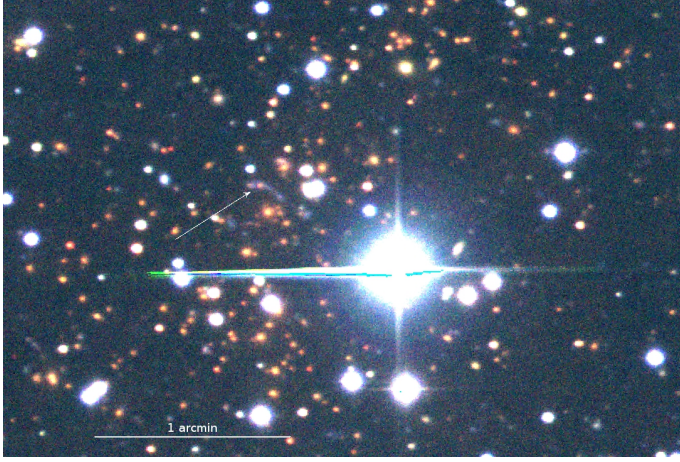


Fig. 7. RGB image of the cluster PSZ1 G078.67+20.06 obtained with our WFC/INT data. A gravitational arc (indicated by the arrow) is clearly visible around the cluster centre.

PSZ1 G080.62–46.81 This is identified in NED/SIMBAD as RBS 1929 (RX J2301.1+0646), with a spectroscopic redshift of $z = 0.042$. Our photometric analysis, combined with SDSS photometry, gives a photometric redshift of $z = 0.05$.

PSZ1 G084.85+20.63 Using DOLORES/TNG, we confirm nine spectroscopic members for this cluster. The spectroscopic redshift provided in Table 2 of $z = 0.367$ corresponds to the BCG. However, there is a second galaxy with almost the same brightness in r' that might be considered as a second BCG. The coordinates of this second galaxy are (19^h00^m03^s.9, 54°42'37"06), and its redshift is $z = 0.375$.

PSZ1 G087.25–41.86 Fossil group, with a gap between the BGC and the second cluster member of more than 2 mag in r' . The spectroscopic redshift quoted in Table 2 corresponds to the BCG and was obtained from the SDSS database.

PSZ1 G091.82+26.11 The photometric redshift for this source was incorrectly estimated in the first version of the PSZ1 catalogue (Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014) ($z_{\text{phot}} = 0.24$). Re-evaluation of the photometric redshift suggested that this probably is a $z > 0.60$ candidate, and this was later confirmed with spectroscopic observations using the MOS mode at OSIRIS/GTC. We have 18 spectroscopically confirmed members at $z = 0.822$. This cluster is part of the cosmological sample used in Planck Collaboration XX (2014).

PSZ1 G092.41–37.39 This system is classified as a fossil group with a double-nucleus BCG. The magnitude gap between the sum of the two fluxes of the central galaxies and the other members is larger than 2 mag in r' . The spectroscopic redshift was derived with OSIRIS/GTC. The cluster richness estimated from MegaCam imaging data suggests a low-mass system, as is also implied by the lack of any significant X-ray emission in the RASS maps (see also van der Burg et al. 2016).

PSZ1 G108.52+32.30 The optical counterpart is a poor system. Our photometric redshift estimate is $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.26 \pm 0.02$. A spectroscopic redshift with the NOT telescope of $z = 0.250$ was

included in the PSZ1 catalogue and is fully consistent with our value.

PSZ1 G115.59–44.47 This target was included in the RTT150 sample (Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI 2015), but no counterpart was identified, in part due to possible contamination by Galactic cirrus. Inspection of the Compton y -map in this area (Planck Collaboration XXI 2014) shows an elongated structure with two peaks, but the detection might be contaminated by an unresolved source visible in the 217 GHz *Planck* map. One of the peaks corresponds to a possible galaxy cluster 6'.3 from the *Planck* centre with a photometric redshift of $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.17$. Firm confirmation of this optical cluster counterpart will require spectroscopic measurements.

PSZ1 G115.70+17.51 Our photometric redshift estimate for this cluster, which is quite extended and has much substructure, was $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.13$. We performed MOS observations with DOLORES/TNG and found six spectroscopic members. The BCG is located at $z = 0.111$. This source was discussed in detail in Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI (2015), where a second possible red sequence of galaxies was identified in the background corresponding to a redshift of $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.5$. Slits were placed at the location of four of these red galaxies in our MOS observations, but the derived redshifts are not coincident, and therefore we do not confirm the presence of that second cluster along the line of sight.

PSZ1 G118.06+31.10 Our photometric redshift estimate is $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.20$ (ACAM/WHT). The spectroscopic redshift of the BCG is $z = 0.194$, and we have 14 additional members spectroscopically confirmed with DOLORES/TNG. This cluster was classified as a fossil group according to the criteria of Voevodkin et al. (2010) because the magnitude gap between the first and second brightest galaxies is $\Delta m_{1,2} \approx 1.8$, within 0.5 Mpc of the BCG. Figure 8 shows the colour-magnitude diagram for this cluster. The red sequence in this case is given by $(r - i) = 0.799 - 0.017r$ (Barrena et al. 2012).

PSZ1 G123.55–10.34 The optical counterpart is 1'.8 from the *Planck* centre. Our photometric redshift is $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.14$ (WFC/INT) and the spectroscopic redshift of the BCG is $z = 0.1027$. We have 27 spectroscopically confirmed members with DOLORES/TNG. This is another fossil group, as $\Delta m_{1,2} > 2$, although it is difficult to estimate the magnitude of the BCG because of its angular extension. This target was also included in the RTT150 paper (Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI 2015), with a spectroscopic redshift of $z = 0.107$.

PSZ1 G138.60–10.85 Figure 9 shows the RGB image obtained with the WFC/INT. The optical counterpart for this SZ target is 4'.5 from the *Planck* centre, and we obtained four spectroscopic members with OSIRIS/GTC. The redshift of the BCG is $z = 0.702$. As the galaxy members are very red and we lacked a Z-band image for this cluster, our original photometric redshift determination was quite uncertain ($z_{\text{phot}} > 0.53$).

PSZ1 G146.00–49.42 Our WFC/INT image clearly shows Galactic cirrus contamination in the region. The proposed optical counterpart for this cluster is WHL J015128.7+104912, with

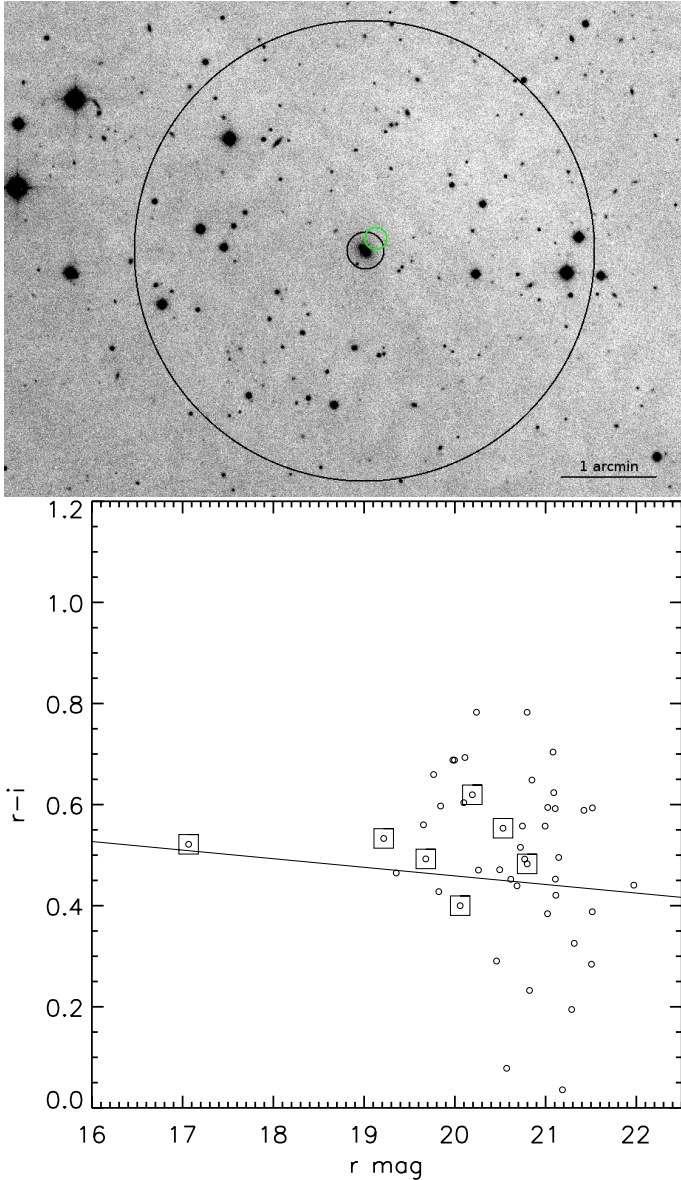


Fig. 8. PSZ1 G118.06+31.10, a galaxy cluster classified as fossil group following the definition of [Voevodkin et al. \(2010\)](#). *Top:* WFC/INT r' band image of the cluster. The *Planck* pointing is shown with a small green circle, and the large circle has $5'$ diameter. The BCG is also highlighted. *Bottom:* colour–magnitude diagram of the galaxies near the cluster centre. The squares indicate the spectroscopically confirmed members within 0.5 Mpc distance from the BCG.

$z_{\text{phot}} = 0.105$ ([Wen et al. 2012](#)). Here we provide the spectroscopic confirmation, with four members at the same redshift from the SDSS database. The quoted value corresponds to the spectroscopic redshift of the BCG, $z = 0.097$. However, we note that the proposed BCG is a disk galaxy, showing clear signs of star formation (O II, H α , and N II emission lines). In addition, the magnitude gap among the three brightest galaxies is quite small ($\Delta m_{1,2} = 0.2$ and $\Delta m_{2,3} = 0.2$). We therefore provide for this case as the central coordinates of the cluster the centroid of the positions of ten photometrically selected members. This target was also observed with the RIT150 telescope ([Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI 2015](#)), but no counterpart was identified.

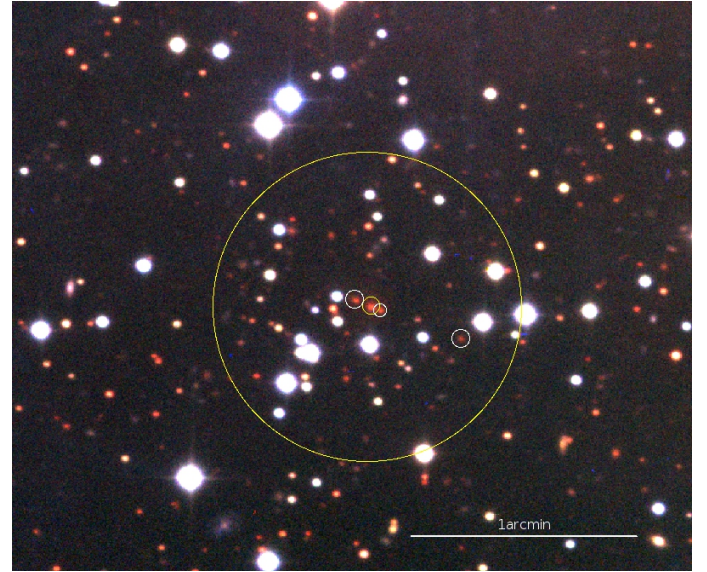


Fig. 9. RGB image of PSZ1 G138.60–10.85, obtained with the WFC/INT. The small white circles show the location of our four spectroscopically confirmed galaxies at $z = 0.702$ with OSIRIS/GTC. The yellow circle indicates the location of the cluster, and its diameter corresponds to 0.5 Mpc at that redshift.

PSZ1 G153.41+36.58 There are two possible counterparts associated with this *Planck* SZ source (see Fig. 10). The first is a cluster spectroscopically confirmed at $z = 0.650$ (three spectroscopic members) with OSIRIS/GTC, at a distance of about $4'$ from the *Planck* position. However, there is a second cluster with three galaxies spectroscopically confirmed at $z = 0.825$, but $4.9'$ from the *Planck* position. In Table 2 we report as the optical counterpart the cluster that is closer to the *Planck* position; however, inspection of the *Planck* Compton y -map in this area ([Planck Collaboration XXI 2014](#)) shows an elongated structure that encompasses both clusters.

PSZ1 G153.56+36.23 Using the SDSS database, we identified a low-redshift counterpart for this cluster, $5.3'$ from the nominal *Planck* position, with six spectroscopic members, all of them around $z = 0.130$. There is no clear BCG for this cluster. The image shows three large galaxies with similar r magnitudes (16.9–17.1). The coordinates in Table 2 correspond to the geometrical centroid of all photometrically selected members. A search in NED around this position yields two galaxy clusters: MaxBCG J129.79086+62.44628 with photometric redshift $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.146$ ([Koester et al. 2007](#)), and GMBCG J129.95605+62.41001 with $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.168$ ([Hao et al. 2010](#)). However, the proposed BCGs for these two photometrically selected clusters are indeed at the same spectroscopic redshift of $z = 0.132$, and therefore we conclude that they are all part of the same structure that we identify here. This target is only $22'$ away from PSZ1 G153.41+36.58.

PSZ1 G153.87+41.05 Using the SDSS database, we identify a counterpart for this cluster $7'$ from the *Planck* position, with a spectroscopic redshift of $z = 0.279$. Although this distance is unusually large, the Compton y -map in this area ([Planck Collaboration XXI 2014](#)) supports this association.

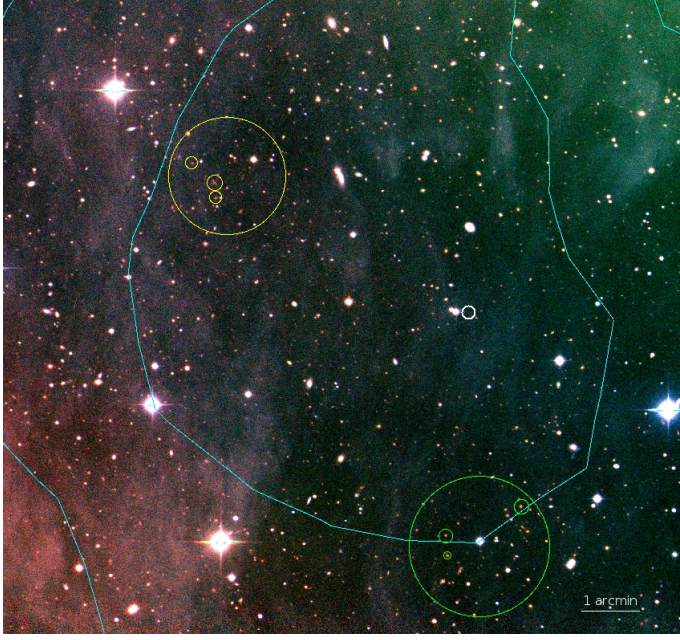


Fig. 10. RGB image of the cluster PSZ1 G153.41+36.58. The white circle shows the location of the *Planck* SZ centre. Small circles correspond to the locations of the spectroscopically confirmed clusters at $z = 0.65$ (green) and $z = 0.825$ (yellow). The light blue contours correspond to the 2.5×10^{-6} and 4×10^{-6} levels of the Compton y -map in this area (*Planck Collaboration XXI 2014*).

PSZ1 G165.76+31.15 All our redshift estimates for this candidate are based on SDSS data (both photometry and spectroscopy). In this region, we found two clusters overlapped in projection along the line of sight. The cluster reported in Table 2 corresponds to MaxBCG J119.49440+52.63797, a photometrically selected cluster with $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.30$ (*Koester et al. 2007*), 2.9 from the *Planck* position. Here we confirm this cluster spectroscopically, and we identified six spectroscopic members using SDSS data. The spectroscopic redshift of the central galaxy is $z = 0.259$. Nearby, we found a fossil group ($\Delta m_{1,2} \approx 2.5$) at $z = 0.041$, with 13 spectroscopically confirmed members extracted from SDSS data. The BCG for this second cluster is at $07^{\text{h}} 57' 31''.37$, $+52^{\circ} 40' 58''.3$, but the galaxy members are located throughout the region. This structure is classified as a group in *Tempel et al. (2014)*, with reference GroupID = 1889.

PSZ1 G182.49–57.09 The proposed counterpart is a low-redshift cluster, with the BCG at $z = 0.031$, and with 37 spectroscopic members selected from SDSS. The cluster is spread over an area of approximately 1 deg^2 , which corresponds to a physical size of 2 Mpc at that redshift. The proposed BCG is 20' from the *Planck* pointing.

PSZ1 G186.81+07.31 The SZ source was identified as WHL J97.3409+26.50 (*Wen et al. 2012*), with photometric redshift $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.258$. Spectroscopic measurements of 18 members with the MOS at DOLORES/TNG give a redshift of $z = 0.2204$.

PSZ1 G204.24+14.51 This is a clear optical detection, identified as WHL J112.147+14.12 with a published photometric redshift of $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.355$ (*Wen et al. 2012*). Here, we provide the spectroscopic confirmation of this cluster, observing two confirmed cluster members with the NOT telescope, and three

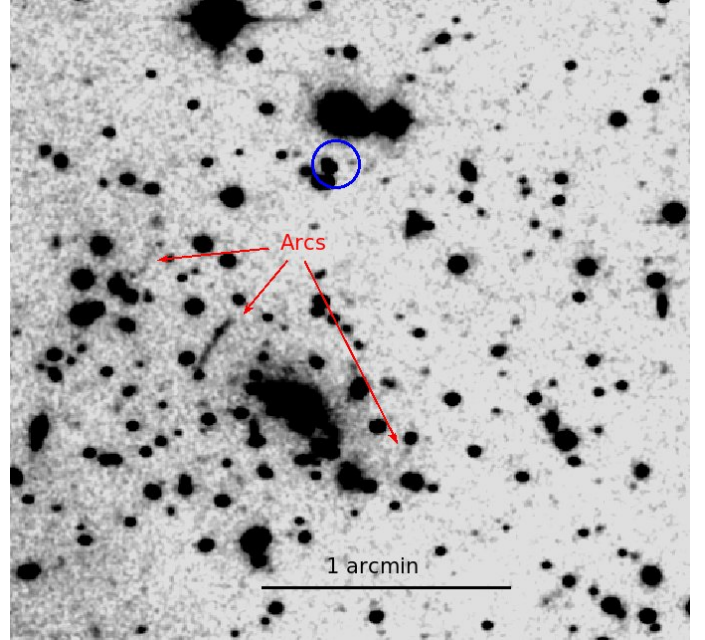


Fig. 11. WFC/INT i' band image of the cluster PSZ1 G204.24+14.51. The blue circle shows the *Planck* PSZ1 position. Gravitational arcs (indicated by the red arrows) are clearly visible around the cluster centre.



Fig. 12. RGB image of the cluster PSZ1 G206.52–26.37, obtained with the WFC/INT. The green circle marks the *Planck* PSZ1 position. Blue circles show the location of the proposed cluster and the BCG.

additional members with the GTC. Our spectroscopic redshift for the BCG is $z = 0.3454$. Our optical image clearly shows several gravitational arcs around the BCG (see Fig. 11).

PSZ1 G206.52–26.37 The optical image (WFC/INT) shows strong extinction in the region, which might affect the photometric redshift estimate (see Fig. 12). The proposed optical counterpart has a photometric redshift of $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.36$. The BCG is 5.2 from the *Planck* position, and its spectroscopic redshift, obtained with ACAM/WHT, is $z = 0.391$.

PSZ1 G213.27+78.35 Two counterparts are identified for this SZ candidate. The cluster reported in Table 2 corresponds to GMBCG J179.84162+26.45111 (*Hao et al. 2010*), with photometric redshift $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.287$. This cluster is also described in *Liu et al. (2015)*, but the quoted photometric redshift was $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.316$. Here, we provide the spectroscopic redshift of

the cluster, using the information contained in the SDSS DR10 database¹⁰ for the BCG galaxy: $z = 0.267$. The BCG of this cluster is $0'.78$ from the *Planck* position. Using the same tool, we also found a second galaxy cluster in the same region. The BCG of this second cluster is at $(11^{\text{h}} 59' 20''.2, 26^{\circ} 25' 45''.1)$, with a spectroscopic redshift of $z = 0.139$. We identified 28 spectroscopic members for this second cluster within $20'$ of the BCG.

PSZ1 G249.01+73.75 The optical counterpart identified in Table 2 corresponds to a low-redshift cluster with two spectroscopically confirmed members at $z = 0.156$ using SDSS data. There are several red galaxies with similar brightness around $(11^{\text{h}} 57' 05''.6, 16^{\circ} 57' 35''.4)$ with consistent photometric redshifts. We provide this centroid as the coordinates for this cluster. The apparent BCG is located at $(11^{\text{h}} 56' 59''.6, 16^{\circ} 58' 33''.1)$. This target is identified in NED as photometric cluster WHL J115659.6+165833 with $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.16$ (Wen et al. 2012). There is another cluster in the region, WHL J115723.4+165903, $9'.5$ from the *Planck* position. This cluster has $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.336$ (Wen et al. 2009), and here we spectroscopically confirm two members at $z = 0.358$.

5.2. Non-detections from the PSZ1 catalogue

In five cases, our optical data are not sufficient to identify a counterpart of the *Planck* SZ source. In these cases, the most plausible explanations are either that there is no optical counterpart (i.e. a false SZ detection due to contamination by Galactic gas and dust emissions), or that the counterpart is at high redshift and our imaging is not deep enough. The first four cases were flagged as quality class 2 in the PSZ1 validation process (Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014) (meaning that they fulfil good-quality criteria for the SZ detection and for the associations and/or counterparts in ancillary data), while the last case is quality class 3 (low-reliability cluster candidate). We discuss these five cases in detail.

PSZ1 G105.91–38.39 There is no clear optical counterpart for this SZ source. Our imaging data were obtained with WFC/INT down to $i' = 25.6$. The optical image shows several Galactic cirrus features and is strongly affected by extinction and a bright star near the centre (see Fig. 13). We found two overdensities of red objects. The first, $9'$ from the *Planck* position, is unlikely to be associated with the SZ detection. The second is associated with WHL J235339.7+223928, a possible galaxy cluster at a $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.40$, $6'$ from the *Planck* position. However, long-slit observations with ACAM/WHT rule out this second case as a galaxy cluster because the red galaxies have very different redshifts. We note that this target has quality class 2 in the PSZ1 catalogue (Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014), and it is confirmed as a cluster by the Arcminute Microkelvin Imager (AMI; Perrott et al. 2015).

PSZ1 G115.34–54.89 No counterpart is identified in our WFC/INT imaging data down to $i' = 25$. This target was also observed with the RTT150 (Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI 2015) and no cluster counterpart was found. A bright star close to the *Planck* centre might affect the optical identification.



Fig. 13. RGB image of PSZ1 G105.91–38.39 obtained with the WFC/INT, centred around the *Planck* nominal coordinates for this target. This is an example of a *Planck* SZ source without a clear optical counterpart, probably due to the impact of extinction from Galactic cirrus and the bright star near the image centre.

PSZ1 G127.55+20.84 No counterpart is identified in our WFC/INT imaging data down to $i' = 24.8$. The optical image shows several Galactic cirrus features and is strongly affected by extinction.

PSZ1 G167.43–38.04 No counterpart is identified in our WFC/INT imaging data down to $i' = 24.8$. This target was also discussed in Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI (2015), with the same conclusion. The optical image shows Galactic cirrus contamination.

PSZ1 G194.68–49.73 This target was observed with the RTT150 (Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI 2015), and no counterpart was found. We obtained images with the WFC/INT and found a possible counterpart that we observed with OSIRIS/GTC. We confirmed two isolated red galaxies with the same spectroscopic redshift of $z = 0.529$, at $3^{\text{h}} 25' 35''.0, -9^{\circ} 36' 10''.3$, $\sim 4'$ from the *Planck* position. However, there are no additional red objects in the surroundings with the same colours or redshifts. Therefore we do not quote this case as a detection, although these two objects might form a protocluster.

5.3. Notes on individual detections outside the PSZ1 catalogue

PLCK G128.38+71.18 This is a complicated case with four possible counterparts, two of which we confirmed spectroscopically as clusters. Figure 14 shows our $20' \times 10'$ RGB image obtained with the WFC/INT. The counterpart listed in Table 3 corresponds to a system $\sim 7'.3$ from the *Planck* SZ position with 14 galaxies spectroscopically confirmed with DOLORES/TNG and a BCG $z = 0.3367$. This cluster is identified in NED as WHL J124204.5+454439 (Wen et al. 2012). Another cluster is $\sim 8'.7$ from the *Planck* position, with BCG (redshift 0.5775) located at $(12^{\text{h}} 40' 34''.8, +45^{\circ} 47' 31''.8)$, and ten spectroscopically confirmed members with DOLORES/TNG. We found two more possible clusters. One is listed in NED as WHL J124151.2+455301 and $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.4764$ (Wen et al. 2012), but our spectroscopic observations with the MOS at DOLORES/TNG are not conclusive for this target. Of the 20 potential members of the cluster, we have only three almost coincident spectroscopic redshifts around $z = 0.496$. Thus, we cannot confirm this overdensity as a real cluster, which in case of confirmation would correspond to a poor group. The fourth overdensity of red objects

¹⁰ SkyServer DR10: <http://skyserver.sdss.org/dr10/>

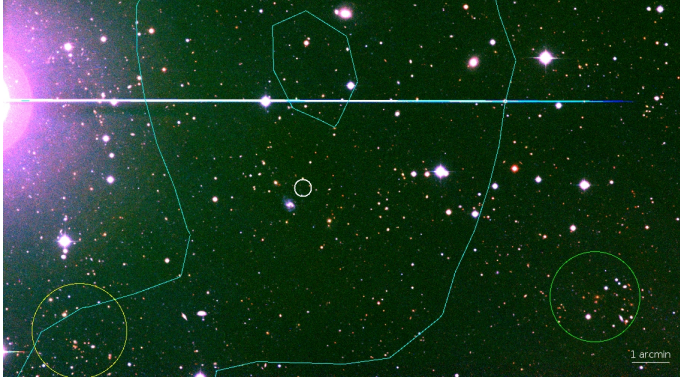


Fig. 14. RGB image of PLCK G128.38+71.18 obtained with the WFC/INT. The small white circle shows the *Planck* position. The yellow circle indicates our proposed counterpart, WHL J124204.5+454439, at a redshift of $z = 0.3367$. The green circle shows another cluster that we have spectroscopically confirmed, at $z = 0.5775$. The light blue contours correspond to the 2.5×10^{-6} and 4×10^{-6} levels of the Compton y -map in this area (Planck Collaboration XXI 2014). See text for details.

in the region is associated with NSCS J124127+455030 in the NED database (Lopes et al. 2004). However, our MOS observations with DOLORES/TNG for this clump do not find coincident redshifts for the potential members, therefore this candidate does not seem to be a real cluster.

PLCK G134.25–44.24 There are no clear counterparts within $5'$ of the *Planck* coordinates, but there are two possible counterparts farther away. Taking into account the spatial distribution of the signal in the Compton y -map, we consider as the most probable candidate a low-redshift cluster located at $\sim 8.9'$ from the *Planck* position. This cluster has 4 spectroscopically confirmed members at $\langle z \rangle = 0.232$, and more than 25 photometric members. In addition, there is a closer second candidate at (01^h25^m40^s.89, +17°49'18.9") with 6 spectroscopic members at $\langle z \rangle = 0.427$. Further observations are needed to determine which cluster provides the larger contribution to the SZ signal.

PLCK G225.44+51.89 This is a very poor system $3.7'$ from the *Planck* position, with two galaxies spectroscopically confirmed at $z = 0.297$. There is no clear BCG, so we report the average central coordinate of all photometrically selected members. There is another group of galaxies $5.5'$ to the south of the *Planck* position, with ten photometric members with $z_{\text{phot}} = 0.082$. There is no evident BCG for this group, but there are seven spectroscopic determinations in SDSS, with a mean redshift of $z = 0.084$.

6. Conclusions

This article is a companion paper to the *Planck* catalogue of SZ sources (PSZ1) published in Planck Collaboration XXIX (2014). It contains the results of approximately three years of observations with telescopes at the Canary Islands observatories (IAC80, NOT, INT, TNG, WHT, and GTC), as part of the general optical follow-up programme undertaken by the Planck Collaboration.

In total, 78 SZ sources were discussed here. Deep-imaging observations were obtained for most; in many cases, spectroscopic observations were carried out either in long-slit or

multi-object spectroscopic modes. We found optical counterparts for 73 of the 78 candidates. The confirmations include 53 spectroscopic redshift determinations, 20 of them obtained with a multi-object spectroscopic mode. Twenty-seven of these sources were not included in the first *Planck* SZ source catalogue (PSZ1) and are published here for the first time.

Table 2 contains five cases (out of 67) in which more than one possible cluster counterpart is identified along the line of sight of the SZ signal. Similar projection effects were also discussed in earlier works with a subsample of *Planck* clusters observed with XMM-Newton (Planck Collaboration Int. IV 2013) or with the RTT150 (Planck Collaboration Int. XXVI 2015). However, as discussed in detail in the RTT150 paper, the subsample of *Planck* SZ sources included in this work is not statistically representative in any sense. Sources were selected from different versions of the *Planck* SZ source catalogue during a two-year period, and after the PSZ1 catalogue was completed, observations were focused on the clusters without optical counterparts. It is therefore not possible to infer the statistical properties of the full PSZ1 sample (e.g. biases, fraction of false sources, fraction of sources with projections) using only the targets listed in Table 2. Any statistical analysis needs to be based on the full PSZ1 sample.

After this work, the current status of the PSZ1 validation, including all confirmed clusters, is summarized in Table 10 of Planck Collaboration XXVII (2016).

We emphasize the importance of using the Compton y -map (Planck Collaboration XXI 2014) as a tool to confirm the optical counterparts of some candidates. Here we discussed several cases (e.g. PSZ1 G046.98+66.62, PSZ1 G153.87+41.05) of clusters with anomalously large angular separations with respect to the nominal *Planck* SZ centre, but whose locations match the peak of the SZ emission in the y -map very well.

On-going (and future) follow-up programmes, some of them running in the facilities described in this paper, are expected to be able to complete the optical identification of *Planck* cluster candidates within a few years.

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