Non-equilibrium Phenomena in the Outskirts of Galaxy Clusters





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Era of Precision Cluster Cosmology

Local (z<0.1) sample of 49 clusters + 37 high-z clusters from the 400d X-ray selected cluster sample



 $\Omega_{DE} = 0.740 \pm 0.012$

Systematics, Systematics, Systematics!!

Recent Advances and Future Challenges for Cluster Cosmology

Dark Energy Task Force (2006)

The **CL** technique has the statistical potential to exceed the BAO and SN techniques but at present has the largest systematic errors. Its eventual accuracy is currently very difficult to predict and its ultimate utility as a dark energy technique can only be determined through the development of techniques that control systematics due to non-linear astrophysical processes.

Before

Now



Simulations of Galaxy Cluster Formation

N-body+Gasdynamics with Adaptive Refinement Tree (ART) code Region shown ~2/h Mpc; Spatial resolution ~ a few kpc



Modern cosmological hydro simulations include the effects of baryons (i.e., gas cooling, star formation, heating by SNe/AGN, metal enrichment and transport). But, also remember the limitations - e.g., a single fluid approximation!

Radial profiles of X-ray emitting ICM Simulations vs. Chandra X-ray Observations



Modern hydrodynamical cluster simulations reproduce observed ICM profiles outside cluster cores ($0.15 < r/r_{500} < 1$).

Suzaku X-ray measurements of cluster outskirts



Entropy Profiles in Cluster Outskirts

Sample of 11 relaxed clusters at z<0.25



The observed entropy profiles are inconsistent with the prediction of hydrodynamical cluster simulations.

Suzaku Observations of Perseus



Observed gas density is overestimated by a factor of ~2.5-3 at r~R₂₀₀. The mean X-ray surface brightness is enhanced by a factor of 5-9 (the square of the density overestimation).

Missing Cluster Astrophysics #1 Cluster outskirts are very clumpy



Hydrodynamical cluster simulations also predict that most of the X-ray emissions from cluster outskirts (r>r₅₀₀) arise from small groups accreting along filaments

D. Nagai & E. Lau 2011 (astro-ph/1103.0280)



Hydrodynamical cluster simulations predict that most of the X-ray emissions from cluster outskirts ($r>r_{500}$) arise from infalling groups from the filaments

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Effect of Feedback on Gas Clumping

AMR+SPH simulation comparison



Feedback suppresses gas clumping somewhat, but does not erase gas clumps entirely.

ROSAT Measurements of Cluster Outskirts



Simulations under-predict the observed gas density in cluster outskirts. Gas clumping can help explain the observed gas distribution.

Evidence for Gas Clumping in Cluster Outskirts



A transition of the smooth state in the virialized region to a clumpy intergalactic medium in the infall region outside of $r \approx R_{500}$

Missing Cluster Astrophysics #2 Gas Motions in Clusters



- Gas (bulk+turbulent) motions are predicted to be ubiquitous in the ICM
- Drivers of gas motions
 - Accretion/Mergers (on large scales)
 - Energy injection from SNe/AGN (in cluster cores)
 - Plasma Instabilities
 - Implications
 - Hydrostatic mass modeling
 - X-ray/SZE observable-mass relations
 - ICM temperature and entropy profiles
 - SZ power spectrum
 - Metal distribution (e.g., by mixing)
 - Particle acceleration

Observationally, we know very little about the nature of gas motions in clusters!!

Missing Cluster Astrophysics #2 Gas Motions in Clusters



Hydrodynamical simulations predict the ratio of kinetic energy in turbulent gas motions to thermal energy content of galaxy clusters in ACDM models



Lau, Kravtsov, Nagai 2009 Also Dolag+05, Vazza+09, Battaglia+11, Nelson+12

Turbulent Gas Flow is a dominant source of systematic bias in X-ray cluster mass estimates



Non-thermal pressure due to turbulent gas flows introduces bias in the hydrostatic cluster mass estimate at a level of 10% at R₅₀₀

Evolution of the Hydrostatic Mass Bias



The HSE mass bias is larger in cluster outskirts. Major mergers are catastrophic events, but minor mergers are also important.

Nelson, Rudd, Shaw, & Nagai, 2012, ApJ, 751, 121

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Hydrostatic mass bias is correctable in principles.. Care needed for systems undergoing major mergers.

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Suzaku Observations of PKS 0745-191



Azimuthally averaged gas density is over-estimated by a factor of ~ 2 at R₂₀₀ OR non-thermal pressure causes the underestimate of HSE mass by $\sim 15\%$.

Missing Cluster Astrophysics #3 Non-equilibrium Electrons



Cosmology with Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect

Ongoing SZE cluster surveys will produce large statistical samples, including AMI, AMiBA, APEX, SZA to ACT, Planck, and SPT

SZE is an excellent probe of cluster outskirts!!



The Bullet Cluster observed by Atacama Cosmology Telescope



SZ+X-ray observations of Cluster Outskirts



SZ observations provide complementary views of cluster outskirts; i.e., SZ signal is less sensitive to gas clumping, but affected by non-thermal pressure.

Measurements of the SZ power spectrum



The SZ power spectrum is sensitive to **the outskirts of low-mass groups at high-z**. But, the measured SZ power was only half of what's predicted..

Tension in σ₈ measurements



Astrophysical Uncertainty in SZ power spectrum



Non-thermal pressure due to gas motions is the dominant uncertainty for interpreting the recent SZ power spectrum measurements by ACT, Planck, and SPT. Shaw et al. 2010; also Battaglia+10,Trac+11, Bode+12

Cosmic Gas Flows alleviate the tension in cosmological constraints



New SZ model with cosmic gas flows yields results consistent with the cluster abundance measurements: $\sigma_8=0.8$

Observational Probes of Cosmic Gas Flows

- Pressure fluctuations (Chandra/XMM X-ray space observatories)
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Doppler Broadening of Iron line => Motions of Gas in Clusters

Mock Astro-H Simulations of ACDM Clusters

Photon map in 6-7keV at z=0.018



Single component fit works well for the relaxed cluster (including the inhomogeneous gas density, temperature, and velocity structures in ΛCDM simulated clusters)

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Work in progress



Single component fit does NOT work well for the merging cluster...

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Astro-H spectrum can reveal merging substructures in velocity space

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2h⁻¹Mpc-

Nagai, Kravtsov & Kosowsky 2003

New Frontier: Exploration of the Virialization Regions of Galaxy Clusters





- Cluster outskirt is a new territory for studying physics of cluster formation
 - Important for understanding thermodynamic and chemical evolution of clusters
 - ★ Cluster outskirts are turbulent and clumpy filled with non-equilibrium electrons
 - Critical for cluster-based cosmological tests
 - ★ Calibration of observable-mass relations
 ★ Interpretation of SZ surveys



Chandra observation of gas clumps in the outskirt of A133

