Thermodynamics of Galaxy Clusters and Beyond



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Large-scale structure in the Universe



Formation of the large-scale structure in the Universe



Cosmology and Astrophysics with Galaxy Clusters

Clusters of galaxies provide important insights into the nature of dark energy and dark matter.





The most massive galaxies and black holes in the universe form and evolve in cores of galaxy clusters.

Cosmology and Astrophysics with Galaxy Clusters

The majority of baryons in clusters are in the form of hot, X-ray emitting intracluster plasma.

Understanding thermodynamics (e.g., heating and cooling) of the intracluster plasma is important for the use of galaxy clusters as cosmological probes as well as understanding the physics of the most massive galaxies and black holes.

■ Main Challenges for Cluster Cosmology: understanding cluster gas physics (e.g., gas cooling and heating by energy feedback) and calibrate the relationship between X-ray and SZE observables and mass (Δ =500).

 $T_{gas} \propto GM_{\Delta} / R_{\Delta} \propto M_{\Delta}^{2/3}$ SZ flux $\propto \int P_{gas} dI d\Omega \propto f_{gas} M_{\Delta}^{5/3}$

 $M_{\Delta} = (4\pi/3) R_{\Delta}^{3} \Delta \rho_{crit}(z)$

How does galaxy formation physics affect global cluster properties? How do current simulations compare with observations? How well cluster observables correlate with mass?

High-Resolution Cluster Simulations



N-body+Gasdynamics with ART code

- Collisionless dynamics of DM and stars
 Gasdynamics: Eulerian Adaptive Mesh Refinement
 Radiative cooling and heating of gas: metallicity dependent net cooling/heating rates
- Star Formation using the Kennicutt (1998) recipe
- Thermal stellar feedback
- Metal enrichment by SNII/Ia

 No AGN feedback, thermal conduction, cosmic-rays, magnetic field & physical viscosity

Cluster Samples

- High-resolution allows us to actually simulate clusters <u>of galaxies</u>
- Effects of galaxy formation on the ICM
 - ► Sample of 16 clusters in ACDM model
 - Two sets of runs with cooling & SF (CSF) and with non-radiative gasdynamics
 - Comparison with Chandra X-ray observations of nearby, relaxed clusters (Vikhlinin et al. 2006)

Testing Chandra measurements with mock observations of simulated clusters

- generate "Chandra data" for clusters from cosmological simulations
- reduce with real data analysis pipeline
 - ▶ gas mass accurate to ~3%, temperatures are accurate to <~10%
 - ▶ but, hydrostatic mass is biased low by ~10% due to turbulence



Nagai, Vikhlinin & Kravtsov 2007, ApJ, 655, 98

Intracluster Gas Profiles: Effects of gas cooling and star formation



red line: mean profile for relaxed clusters in non-radiative ("adiabatic") simulations

blue band:

mean profile for relaxed clusters in simulations with cooling and star formation width = rms scatter

dotted line : Tx < 3keV dashed line : Tx > 3keV

Nagai, Kravtsov, Vikhlinin 2007, ApJ, 668, 1

cluster-centric r in units of r500

Intracluster Gas Profiles: Comparison with observations



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Thin dashed lines: profiles of Chandra observations of nearby, relaxed clusters of different temperature

cluster-centric r in units of r500

Entropy scaling with cluster mass & Tx



mean temperature of the ICM

Simulations with cooling+SF reproduce both the amplitude and scaling with temperature (i.e., mass) exhibited by observed clusters at r>0.1 r₂₀₀, but not in the core

Solid black pts: CSF simulations Open black pts: non-radiative sim.

magenta pts: Chandra data Vikhlinin et al. 2006

red pts: XMM-Newton data Pratt et al. 2006

blue pts: ROSAT+ASCA data Ponman et al. 2003

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additional physical processes affect properties of intracluster gas in cores

example: heating by Active Galactic Nuclei of the central cluster galaxy in the Perseus cluster



these effects, however, appear to be confined to the core => <u>outer regions of clusters can be used to reliably</u> <u>estimate their total masses</u>

Mass – ICM temperature relation



Mass – Yx relation a new X-ray mass proxy



X-ray "pressure" = gas mass x temperature

Mass – Yx relation comparison with observations



Accretion, Mergers Shocks, Turbulence



10 Mpc

Norman & Bryan 1999, Nagai, Kravtsov & Kosowsky 2003 Sunyaev, Norman & Bryan 2003; Rasia et al. 2004, 2006; Dolag et al. 2005; Nagai et al. 2007; Lau et al. 2009

Effect of turbulent gas motions on mass measurements

$$M_{\rm tot}(< r) = \frac{-r^2}{G\rho} \left(\frac{dP_{\rm ther}}{dr} + \frac{dP_{\rm turb}}{dr} \right)$$



cluster-centric radius in units of r_{500c}

Mass – Yx relation

using mass derived from the hydrostatic equilibrium analysis both in observations and simulations



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Dark energy constraints from the evolution of cluster mass function

The 400 sq. deg. X-ray cluster survey (Vikhlinin et al. 2009) Talk by A. Vikhlinin next month



Cosmology with Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect

Upcoming SZE cluster surveys will produce large statistical samples (e.g., from AMI, AMiBA, APEX, SZA to ACT, Planck, and SPT)



Simulations: Nagai 2006, also Motl et al. 2005, Hallman et al. 2007 Data: Bonamente, Joy, LaRoque, Carlstrom, Nagai, Marrone 2008 Also talk by D. Marrone on recent results from SZA.

Probing cosmic-rays pressure with Fermi

$$M_{\rm tot}(< r) = \frac{-r^2}{G\rho} \left(\frac{dP_{\rm ther}}{dr} + \frac{dP_{\rm turb}}{dr} + \frac{dP_{\rm cr}}{dr} \right)$$



Fermi will provide stringent constraints (~1%) on the cosmic-ray protons in nearby, rich clusters



Pfrommer et al. 2008; Jeltema et al. 2008

He sedimentation in X-ray Clusters

$$M_{\rm tot}(< r) = \frac{-r^2}{G\rho} \frac{dP_{\rm ther}}{dr} \propto \frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{8 + 3(Y/X)}{4 + 4(Y/X)}$$



Solving the diffusion equations for the fully ionized H-He plasma in the NFW potential

cluster-centric radius in units of r₅₀₀

He sedimentation can introduce systematic uncertainty in X-ray measurements of galaxy clusters at the level of <5-10%.

Peng & Nagai 2008; also Chuzhoy & Loeb 1998

Summary

- Modern cosmological cluster simulations with cooling+SF reproduce observed thermodynamic properties of real clusters outside cores.
- Observable-mass relations of simulated clusters and recent X-ray observations agree to about 10%.
- Robust, low-scatter mass proxies (Yx and Ysz) are accessible for both X-ray and SZE cluster surveys.
- Problems & Challenges
 - But, there is a remaining offset of ~10% between simulations and observations. Likely, due to non-thermal pressure components (e.g., turbulence, cosmic-rays, ICM plasma physics).
 - ► Also, cluster cores are not well-reproduced in simulations.
- Future Prospect
 - Upcoming cluster surveys will produce large statistical samples of clusters (X-ray: eROSITA; SZE: ACT, AMI, APEX, Planck, SPT, SZA)
 - Further advances in numerical simulations are also underway
 - Larger sample of simulated clusters to study the scatter
 - Detailed understanding of cluster gas physics (e.g., AGN feedback, turbulence, cosmic-rays, ICM plasma physics)