Intracluster medium properties and scaling relations from galaxy cluster simulations

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Galaxy groups and clusters

"that remarkable collection of many hundreds of nebulæ which are to be seen in what I have called **the nebulous stratum** of Coma Berenices"

F.W.Herschel, On the construction of the Heavens, 1785



Fritz Zwicky (1898 - 1674)



Galaxy cluster Abell 1689



X-ray: NASA/CXC/MIT/E.-H. Peng et al.

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Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect (SZE)



ESA/Planck Collaboration

- largest virialized structures
- up to 1000 galaxies
- $M_{\rm vir} = 10^{14} \cdot 10^{15} \, M_{\rm sun}$
- R_{vir} = 900-1500 kpc
- σ_{gal} ~ 1000 km/s
- $T_{gas} \sim 107-10^8 \text{ K}$

Dark Matter
Gas
Stars

For reviews see Biviano 2000, Voit 2005, Kravtsov & Borgani 2012

13%

85%

why are galaxy clusters important?

Astrophysical laboratories



galaxy cluster MS 0735.6+7421 (optical/X-ray/radio image)

Cosmological probes



Galaxy clusters as astrophysical laboratories

See reviews from McNamara & Nulsen 2007 and Boehringer & Werner 2010

Perseus cluster (X-ray surface brightness map)

Coma cluster (color: metallicity map contours: radio emission)



Fabian et al. 2005

Galaxy clusters as cosmological probes --> evolution of the cluster mass function



Ω_M=0.3 Ω_A=0.7 Different cosmological models $\Omega_{M}=1$

Borgani & Guzzo (Nature) 2001

From observations to cluster total mass

Masses of individual clusters:

- tracing dynamics of galaxies in clusters
- measuring X-ray/radio properties of the Intracluster medium
- strong (and weak) gravitational lensing measurements

Extremely good characterisation...

...but observationally expensive!

From observations to cluster total mass

Scaling relations

- power law relations providing direct link between observables and cluster masses
- self-similar model (Kaiser 1986)
- The greating dissipative, non-gravitational effects, the dimensionless properties are expected to be any clusters self-similar* in time al mass proxy has: ow intrinsic scatter sensitive to cluster dynamical attributes • neglecting dissipative, non-gravitational effects,
- ideal mass proxy has:
 - low intrinsic scatter
 - insensitive to cluster dynamical state

*smallest structures are expected to be scaled down versions of larger ones

Main goal:

stability and robustness

of scaling relations with respect to ICM physics

- evolution/redshift dependence
- of scaling relations
- observational systematics

Fabjan et al. (2011), Planelles et al. (2013), Fabjan et al. (in prep)

Cosmological simulations



Credit: Volker Springel

- TREE-PM SPH code GADGET-3 (Springel 2005)
- Λ-CDM cosmology
- Star formation from a subresolution multiphase model (Springel & Hernquist 2003)
- Metal production from SN Ia, SN II, intermediate and low mass stars (Tornatore et al. 2007)
- Kinetic and mechanical feedback (e.g. supernovae driven winds, feedback from active galactic nuclei)

Cluster samples

Cosmo box: 1 Gpc/h; 1024³ particles 29 Lagrangian regions (~160 clusters, $M_{vir} > 3 \cdot 10^{13} M_{sun}/h$)

- non-radiative simulations:
 NR
- radiative simulations:
 - **CSF** radiative cooling + star formation + galactic winds

Large statistical cluster sample



Bonafede et al. (2011)

Cluster samples

Cosmo box: 479 Mpc/h; 1024³ particles 9 Lagrangian regions: (18 clusters, $M_{vir} > 5 \cdot 10^{13} M_{sun}$)

- non-radiative simulations:
 NR
- radiative simulations:
- CSF radiative cooling
 + star formation + galactic winds
 AGN radiative cooling
 + star formation(+ galactic winds)
 + AGN feedback

Small cluster sample with different ICM physics



Gas temperature in non-radiative simulations of 9 regions visualized with ray-tracing software SPLOTCH (Dolag et al. 2009)

X-ray scaling relations

Kravtsov et al. (2006), Chandra data from Vikhlinin et al. 2006

X-ray temperature

- sensitive to substructures
- sensitive to dynamical state

Gas mass

- needs X-ray spectroscopy
- less sensitive to cluster mergers

$Y_X = M_{gas} T_X$

- ICM total thermal energy
- low scatter mass proxy (5-7%)
- insensitive to mergers
- self-similar slope and redshift evolution

(see Pratt et al. 2009, O'Hara et al. 2006, Ettori et al. 2006,Rasia et al. 2010, Vikhlinin et al. 2009a) $E(z) \equiv H(z)/H_0 = [(1+z)^3\Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda]^{1/2}$



 $M_{\Delta} = \Delta \rho_c(z) (4\pi/3) R_{\Delta}^3$ $\rho_c(z) = 3H_0^2 E(z)^2/8\pi G$

 M_{gas} , T_{mw} and Y_X at z=0

non radiative runs have slope close to the self-similar one



Residuals from M_{gas} and T

best fit relation with fixed self-similar slope

CSF

Pearson correlation r = - 0.18

NR

Pearson correlation r = -0.57

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NR

Effect of ICM physics



 for radiative simulations the slope changes significantly with respect to the self-similar prediction

 $\cdot Y_X$ is the mass proxy less sensitive to the included physics

Evolution of intrinsic scatter



 \cdot Y_x increases intrinsic scatter with redshift

Observational systematics



- larger scatter 6-->10% CSF, 5-->8% NR
- discrepancy with observations at the high mass end



mock X-ray observations (Rasia, Fabjan et al. in prep.)

SZE scaling relations

Y_{SZ} (integrated SZE signal)

→ proportional to the *thermal energy content of ICM*

- Y as excellent mass proxy if measured on sufficiently large scales
- low intrinsic scatter regardless of cluster dynamical state
- cluster physics affects the normalization and the scatter



see Motl et al. 2005, Nagai 2006, Bonaldi et al. 2007, Shaw et al. 2008



Y_{SZ}(<R₂₅₀₀) at z=0





Short summary

Galaxy clusters can be used as **cosmological probes**

- need precise measurements of cluster masses
- two approaches:
 - detailed study of nearby clusters with different methods
 - mass proxies (large samples)

Scaling relations (M_{gas} , T, Y_x , Y_{sz}) from simulated clusters:

- non radiative simulations follow the self-similar prediction
- in *radiative simulations* relations with M_{gas} and T_{mw} have opposite deviation from self-similarity $\rightarrow M-Y_x$ has a nearly self-similar slope
- M_{gas} is a low scatter mass proxy, with **constant scatter** with redshift
- Y_x is the most stable against ICM physics
- mock observations show an increase in the scatter of scaling relations
- Ysz has low intrinsic scatter with higher normalization with respect to observational data

