Galaxy cluster simulations

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State-of-the-art* of cosmological simulations of galaxy clusters

- Hydrodynamics (AMR or SPH)
- ~kpc resolution
- Gas radiative cooling
- Star formation + stellar feedback
- Supermassive black holes and Active Galactic Nuclei
- OWLS(Schaye+10) / COSMO-OWLS(LeBrun+14) / BAHAMAS(McCarthy+17)
- Horizon-AGN(Dubois+14) / Horizon-Run5(Lee+20) / Extreme-Horizon (Chabanier+20)
- Eagle(Schaye+15) / C-Eagle(Barnes+17) / Hydrangea(Bahé+17)
- Illustris(Vogelsberger+14) / Illustris-TNG(Pillepich+18)
- Magneticum(Dolag+16)
- Rhapsody-G(Hahn+17)
- YZiCS(Kim+20)
- ...

Temperature map

A massive cluster in Horizon-AGN

* Simulations with a sample (>10) of groups/ clusters

Why are AGN so important in clusters?



Cooling times $< t_{Hubble}$ for cool-core clusters.

Cooling in halos is a runaway process (« cooling catastrophe ») that must be counter-balanced by a heating source of some sort.



Hudson+10

AGN is a solution for many galaxy/halo properties



+ X-ray gas properties + dark matter cusp/core + galaxy sizes + metallicity

Some level of fine-tuning*



*It is not just about how much energy is released but about how it is released (Dubois+11,12; Weinberger+17), how gas is accreted (Gaspari+,Angles-Alcazar+), how the BH moves, etc.

+ how the code handles shocks and instabilities, i.e. redistribute the feedback energy into the hot gas (Ogiya+18)

Beyond pure HD effects (what about magnetic fields? conduction? cosmic rays?)



Conduction is not a game changer but it helps to enhance the impact of AGN (significant temperature effect since conductivity goes like T^{2.5})

See also Parrish+10; Ruszkowski+11; Yang & Reynolds 16



Cosmic rays (CR) together w/ magnetic draping of the bubble helps counter-acting the fragmentation of the bubble due to shear instabilities

See also Sijacki+08; Guo & Matthews11; Ruszkowski+08, 17



Ehlert+18

And the cold filamentary gas?

7.04 Gyr

z = 0.75

9.06 Gyr

z = 0.44

10.68 Gyr

z = 0.26



AGN and cold gas formation



Revaz, Combes & Salomé 08



Li & Bryan 14

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Density & temperature profile matching Perseus

BH in the centre

Initial conditions

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AGN feedback

edge on

5 kpc

10²

10¹

10⁰

density [Hcc]

emperature [K]

- BH grow by accretion and coalescence
- Accretion is Bondi-Hoyle-Littleton limited at Eddington
- Feedback proceeds by :
 - thermal winds at f_{Edd}>0.01 (Teyssier+ 2011)
 - radio jets at f_{Edd}<0.01 (Dubois+ 2010, 2011)

New spin-altered BH/AGN model

BHs can be completely described by their mass, spin and charge (no hair theorem)

Why are BH spins of any interest for galaxy formation problems???

•Spins set the radiative efficiency of the accretion disc through the size of its innermost stable circular orbit (ISCO).

•Radiative efficiency sets the Eddington rate of accretion.

•Spins set the jet mode efficiency of AGN feedback through magnetically arrested disc (MAD) solutions (McKinney+12; Tchekovskoy+12).

•Spins set the AGN jet orientation.

Thus, spins change both the intrinsic BH accretion rates and the AGN feedback energy deposit

Evolution of the simulated high-resolution idealised cluster

Beckmann, Dubois+19

Where and when does the dense gas form?

Even for a globally thermally stable hot halo, gas can condense out of the hot phase locally when the local cooling timescale is sufficiently low compared to the free-fall time.

In spherical geometry, this criterion becomes t_{TI}/t_{ff}<10 (Sharma+12)

$$t_{\rm ff} = \left(\frac{2z}{g_0}\right)^{1/2}$$
$$t_{\rm TI} \simeq t_{\rm cool} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{T^{1/2}}{n\Lambda_{\rm cool}}$$

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Simulation

The same holds in our simulations

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Colour-coded by gas mass cooling dominated 1010 100 80 60 t_{cool}/t_{ff} 40 20 -10⁹ M_{dense} [M_☉] heating dominated 100 80 60 t_{cool}/t_{ff} -10⁸ 40 20 0 10 20 30 40 50 r [kpc]

Cold gas is also seen during AGN active phases, and at high local values of t_{cool}/t_{ff} .

Colour-coded by condensation rate

Condensation is only seen during AGN quiet times, when $t_{cool}/t_{ff} < 20$.

Classifying gas morphology

Depending on their axis ratios, clumps are categorized into small clumps, big clumps and filaments.

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Cold gas gets uplifted by the AGN. During uplifting, cold gas gets destroyed, and big, filamentary structures are shattered into small clumps

What drives the dense gas kinematics?

Time evolution of the number of inflowing and outflowing clumps

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Peak of number of individual clumps, mostly inflowing

The formation of cold gas: *effect of thermal conduction*

The formation of cold gas: effect of CR pressure support

