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Galaxy Cluster science with XRISM

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Abell 2744, JWST

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The intracluster medium (ICM)

Abell 1835 (z = 0.25) X-ray



Galaxy clusters are filled with a hot $(10^7 - 10^8 \text{ [K]})$, low density gas $(n_e \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-2} \text{ [cm}^{-3}])$ which traces the dark matter halo

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Hot gas in large-scale structures



Illustris TNG Simulation

Most of the baryons in the Universe are so hot that they will probably never form stars

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Hydrostatic equilibrium

The dynamics of an inviscid, collisional fluid is described by the Euler equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \boldsymbol{P} = -\nabla \Phi$$

In case the gas is at rest in a spherically symmetric potential well, it reduces to the hydrostatic equilibrium equation,

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\rho \frac{d\Phi}{dr}$$

The pressure gradient induces a repulsive force which balances gravity



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In the presence of random motions the total pressure becomes

$$P_{tot} pprox P_{th} + rac{1}{3}
ho \sigma_v^2$$

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Non-thermal processes in galaxy clusters

A fraction of the energy in clusters is not thermalized



Non-thermal energy can be in the form of bulk motions, turbulence, magnetic fields, cosmic rays...

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Turbulence in the ICM



Vazza et al. 2011

Turbulence is expected to be the dominant non-thermal component in the ICM (e.g. Rasia et al. 2006; Lau et al. 2009; Nelson et al. 2014)

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- The cluster population is split between radio-quiet and radio-halo systems (Cassano et al. 2010,2013; Cuciti et al. 2015)



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AGN feedback

AGN outflows interact with the ICM and generate gas motions (bubbles, shocks, turbulence...) preventing cooling



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NGC 5813, Randall et al. 2015

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Collisional ionization equilibrium (CIE) spectra Below $\sim 10^7$ [K] line cooling dominates; continuum dominates at high temperatures



See talk by Jelle Kaastra

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Model spectra

Example CIE spectra from the Advanced Plasma Emission Code (APEC) ; alternative is SPEXACT



Sanders 2023

The spectral shape of the continuum depends on electron temperature

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Sanders 2023 Line ratios probe ionization balance

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Line ratio temperatures

The emissivity of individual ion species depends on the ionization state, i.e. on temperature



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Hitomi/SXS Perseus observation

Hitomi obtained \sim 5 eV resolution spectra of the Perseus cluster



Hitomi Collaboration 2018a

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Hitomi Collaboration 2018a Resonant (w), intercombination (x, y) and forbidden line (z) spectrally resolved

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Line ratio temperatures /2

With high-resolution X-ray spectra it is possible to determine the temperature of *individual ions*



Hitomi Collaboration 2018a Line ratios consistent with collisional equilibrium with electrons

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Broadening of various ion species

For a given non-thermal velocity dispersion σ_v , the total line width will be given by



Hitomi Collaboration 2017b

Thermal broadening consistent with electron (i.e. continuum) temperatures

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Hitomi Collaboration 2016 A line broadening of $\sigma_{\nu} =$ 164 \pm 10 km/s is detected

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Line broadening



Hitomi Collaboration 2016 Consistent information in 3 different transitions

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Bulk gas motions



We observe a gradient of 150 km/s in mean gas velocity

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Gas motion distribution



Hitomi Collaboration 2016 Higher velocity dispersion (\sim 200 km/s) around the AGN-inflated cavities; low $\sigma_{\nu}\approx$ 100 km/s beyond them

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• Therefore

$$rac{P_{NT}}{P_{tot}} = rac{\mathcal{M}^2}{\mathcal{M}^2 + 3/\gamma} < 0.04$$

 Non-thermal energy in the core of Perseus is dynamically unimportant

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Resonant scattering

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The optical depth of some lines can be of order \sim unity 2 Fe XXV Hea complex N Hea Forbidden Hea Resonance $Lv\alpha 2$ Optical depth τ Fe XXV Heß 1.5 $Ly\alpha 1$ **Dptical depth** K_β1 K_{\$2} Fe XXVI Lya Li-like(a) 0.1 0.5 0.01 0 100 200 300 400 6.5 7.5 8 1D velocity $\sigma_{\rm w}$ (km sec⁻¹) Energy(keV)

Photons at the precise line energy can be absorbed and immediately re-emitted in another direction

 \Rightarrow Reduction in line flux

This is the case of the resonant (w) line of the Fe XXV He- α complex



Hitomi Collaboration 2017b Suppression of the resonant line clearly detected with respect to optically thin case

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Resonant scattering in Hitomi data



Hitomi Collaboration 2017b

Evidence for low turbulent velocities : line shifts would change the energy of photons and *decrease* resonant scattering

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Abundance patterns tell us about the chemical enrichment history

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Metal abundance profiles

The ICM acts as a fossil record of all metals injected by SNe since the formation epoch



The ICM exhibits $\sim \! \text{constant}$ metallicity of $0.2-0.3 Z_{\odot}$ out to R_{500}

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Abundance ratios

Mernier et al. 2017

Abundance ratios are consistent with Solar; no observed radial trend

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Constraining SN yields

Various SN types (la vs CC) produce different elemental yields



Mernier et al. 2017

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Mernier et al. 2017

Abundance pattern implies constant relative contribution SNIa and SNcc throughout the ICM

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The Hitomi view of chemical enrichment

In high-resolution Hitomi/SXS data we were able to detect for the first time rare elements (Cr, Mn)



Hitomi Collaboration 2018b

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A universal metal enrichment pattern?



Hitomi Collaboration 2018b Abundance ratios are surprisingly consistent with the Solar abundance pattern

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The power of high-resolution spectroscopy

The abundance of some elements (in particular Ni) were found to be substantially higher than Solar in CCD spectra



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The line was a blend between the Fe XXV He- β and the actual Ni XXVII line

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Take home message

