Simulated cluster evolution

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Combining semi-analytics with simulations

Chris Short, Peter Thomas, 2009, ApJ, 704, 915



Pros and cons

• Pros:

- Source of feedback is a realistic population of galaxies
- AGN feedback from black hole accretion
- Large numbers of clusters at all relevant redshifts

• Cons:

- Zero gravitational mass for gas
- Non-radiative, so no cool cores

Redshift		Model	
	Gravitational heating	Preheating/cooling	Feedback
1.5	25	14	18
1.0	145	102	75
0.5	549	410	148
0.0	1109	881	187

Minimum cluster mass $M_{500} \ge 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$

The feedback model

• Type II supernova feedback:

$$\begin{split} \Delta E_{\rm ejected} &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\rm halo} v_{\rm SN}^2 \Delta M_* - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\rm disk} v_{\rm vir}^2 \Delta M_* \\ \text{Total energy} & \text{Energy used to reheat} \\ \text{available} & \text{cold disk gas} \end{split}$$

• AGN feedback:

Adopt the Bower et al. (2008) AGN feedback prescription used in GALFORM
Available heating energy is given by:

$$\Delta E_{\rm BH} = \min \begin{cases} 0.1 \Delta M_{\rm BH} c^2 & \text{Radio mode} \\ \epsilon \Delta E_{\rm Edd} & \text{Quasar mode} \end{cases}$$

where $\epsilon = 0.02$ is the disk structure parameter

Evolution of profiles, Short et al 2010, MNRAS, 408, 2213







Conclusions of scaling relation evolution

- Our model for SN and AGN feedback can reproduce observed local scaling laws, at least for non-cool core clusters
- Simple preheating yields almost identical results at low redshift
- Feedback from galaxies predicts opposite evolutionary behaviour
- Current data seems to favour feedback model at z<0.5 and preheating at higher redshift...
- ...but plagued by selection biases
- Need a cleanly selected sample to place meaningful constraints XCS

Evolution of the baryon fraction - ruling out preheating Owain Young, Peter Thomas, Chris Short, Frazer Pearce, 2011, MNRAS, 413, 691



This figure shows the ratio of the observed to predicted gas fractions within r_{500} .

The feedback (FO) model is consistent with a constant value of unity. However, this is ruled out for the preheating (PC) model with high significance.

This argues strongly against a preheating model for entropy generation in the intracluster medium.



An improved feedback mechanism Chris Short, Peter Thomas

- Heating dominated by AGN.
- Radio jet/bubble affects only a fraction of particles
- Heating occurs with a duty cycle of 10^8 yr
- Heats out to Rvir
- SNR important for injection of metals
- In clusters most metals are accreted
 so inject within R_{vir}
- Optimal parameters:
 - Heating efficiency = 0.75
 - Radial extent affected = R_{vir}
 - Heating fraction per duty cycle = 0.1





The new Millennium Gas Simulation

- WMAP-7 cosmology
- Guo et al 2011 semi-analytics
- Improved AGN feedback scheme
- Combined galaxy and ICM catalogues will be available later this year

Simulating cool-core systems Owain Young

