Baryons in the outskirts of the nearest brightest galaxy clusters



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Suzaku enables these studies by providing a lower and more stable background.

Why study clusters to large radii?

Accurate measurements of the properties of galaxy clusters out to large radii provide critical insight into

- physics of the ICM and pre-virialized IGM (the formation of largest scale structure `as it happens')
- use of clusters as cosmological probes (calibration of X-ray mass proxies; benchmark for hydro. simulations)



also: Hoshino et al. 2010, Kawaharada et al. 2010, Sato et al. 2010



From Akamatsu et al. 2011 (additional data from Hoshino et al. 2010, George et al. 2009, Kawaharada et al. 2010, Bautz et al. 2009, Reiprich et al. 2009)

To maximize the signal-to-noise and <u>minimize the systematics related</u> to the modest PSF of Suzaku, we must observe the outskirts of the **nearest, brightest clusters,** making the Perseus Cluster an ideal target.

Results from the Perseus Cluster observations:



The first two arms: analysis of E & NW mosaics (total 260 ks) reported by Simionescu et al. 2011, Science, 331, 1576

Surface brightness images of the NW and E arms:



Spectral analysis

Spectral analysis I: background

Background model based on fits to ROSAT and Suzaku outer pointings



- unabsorbed LHB 0.1 keV thermal
- absorbed GH 0.2 keV thermal
- absorbed 0.6 keV thermal
- absorbed **F**=1.41 power law
- expected particle background (subtracted)

Spectral analysis II: stray light



Stray light spectrum softens with radius Exclude parts of each spectrum where stray>0.2*(data-modelCXB) - usually >1.5 keV

Results

Projected temperature and metallicity profiles:



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shallow decline of electron density at large radii

entropy appears to flatten at large radii compared to the expected power-law

pressure at large radii greater than predicted by numerical simulations (fitted to XMM data inside r500 by Arnaud et al. 2010)

Comparison with ROSAT

Gas mass fraction profile towards the NW:

NW arm highly relaxed → use hydrostatic equilibrium to infer gas and total mass profiles (E arm excluded due to cold front at 30')

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Corrected thermodynamic profiles:

correcting for clumping (red lines) brings measurements into agreement with expected trends

crucial to verify this along other directions / in other systems!

simulations predict azimuthal variations in clumping

Look forward to:

S and W arms have been observed - data reduction is under way

NNE, NE, SE, SW arms will be observed in August.

Line emission at ~1 keV

The favorable temperature range of the Virgo ICM allows us to measure the temperature and metallicity even in this background dominated regime.

Evidence for gas clumping in the outskirts of the Virgo Cluster

To confirm gas clumping, we need to directly detect and study the clumps with *Chandra*

(See the talk by Alexey Vikhlinin)

The next stage (Suzaku AO-6)

• extension to other nearby, bright clusters (Coma, A2199) to study system-to-system variations

Conclusions:

•We have obtained the first observational proofs for gas clumping in cluster outskirts.

•Clumping provides a new window onto the virialization and equilibration processes and the physics of cluster outskirts -> numerical simulations will be a key to understand this further.

•Knowledge of the radial dependence and azimuthal *variance* of clumping is critical for robust measurements of thermodynamic quantities, e.g. density, entropy, pressure.

•Along one relaxed arm of Perseus, we have measured a very accurate gas mass fraction profile. Our results indicate that there are no "missing" baryons in clusters.

Perseus NW spectrum 0.95-1.05r₂₀₀

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