Buoyancy, Uplift, and AGN Feedback: Deep Chandra and XMM-Newton Observations of the Radio Outbursts in NGC 4472 and NGC 1399



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NGC 4472 (M49) and NGC 1399 (BCG of Fornax cluster)

Lies at the outskirst (1.35 Mpc – roughly virial radius) of the Virgo cluster (d_L~17 Mpc)
Most massive galaxy in local Universe

• Complex interaction with Virgo cluster and cavities coincident with lobes (Irwin and Sarazin 1995, Biller+2004, Kraft+2011)





Slightly further (d_L~20 Mpc) than Virgo cluster
Central BCG of a large (1.5 keV) group
Multiple sloshing fronts (NGC 1404 merger) and cavities – some with radio plasma and at least one 'ghost' cavity

(Highly?) Supersonic inflation of the Radio lobes



- Surface brightness discontinuities in the X-ray gas around radio lobes often indicative of shocks.
- Supersonic outflow from AGN believed to play key roles in thermodynamic evolution of cluster gas (McNamara and Nulsen 2007 and many others)





Deep Chandra (375 ks) Observation of NGC 4472

- Deep Chandra observation (LP) to study gas dynamics (Su+ in preparation) and AGN outburst (Gendron Marsolais+2017)
- Radio source is relatively weak – 3 orders of magnitude fainter than M87
- Clear evidence of cavities in the X-ray data, and bright X-ray rims around the radio lobes









Temperature Analysis – Rims are cool



Radio bubble energetics

	Eastern Lobe	Western Lobe
Volume	8x10 ⁶⁵ cm ³	$1.1 \times 10^{66} \text{cm}^3$
Distance from lobe to SMBH	4.6 kpc	3.7 kpc
n _H at lobe center	9x10 ⁻³ cm ⁻³	1.2x10 ⁻² cm ⁻³
T at lobe center	1.16 keV	1.13 keV
P at lobe center	3.7x10 ⁻¹¹ dyn cm ⁻²	4.7x10 ⁻¹¹ dyn cm ⁻²
Bubble enthalpy (H=4pV)	1.1x10 ⁵⁶ ergs	2.2x10 ⁵⁶ ergs
Age	20.5 Myr	16.5 Myr
Power	1.7x10 ⁴¹ ergs s ⁻¹	4.1x10 ⁴¹ ergs s ⁻¹
Uplift Mass	6.3x10 ⁶ M _{Solar}	1.7x10 ⁷ M _{Solar}
Uplift energy	0.7x10 ⁵⁶ ergs	1.8x10 ⁵⁶ ergs
ΔE/H	0.65	0.82



 $M_{
m cool}c_s^2$

Uplift energy (Reynolds+2008) where ΔE is the energy, M_{cool} is the mass of cool gas uplifted, c_s is the sound speed of the gas (assume isothermal), γ is the adiabatic index (5/3), and ρ_i and ρ_f are the ambient gas densities at the initial and final positions of the uplifted rims, respectively.



Radio bubble energetics in NGC 1399?

	Northern Lobe	Southern Lobe
Distance from lobe to SMBH	6.4 kpc	3.7 kpc
T at lobe center	1.3 keV	1.4 keV
Bubble enthalpy (H=4pV)	1.5x10 ⁵⁶ ergs	1.4x10 ⁵⁶ ergs
Age	33.3 Myr	36.7 Myr
Power	1.5x10 ⁴¹ ergs s ⁻¹	1.2x10 ⁴¹ ergs s ⁻¹
Uplift Mass	$1.8 \times 10^7 \ \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{Solar}}$	$1.3 x 10^7 M_{Solar}$
Uplift energy	1.0x10 ⁵⁶ ergs	0.9x10 ⁵⁶ ergs
ΔE/H	0.65	0.69



Chandra image of NGC 1399 – the central galaxy in the nearby (d_{L}^{20} Mpc) Fornax cluster

Other examples – both observed and simulated!





Energy of uplifted gas ranges from a few percent to a significant fraction of the outburst energy



Hydra A – Gitti+2011



Summary and Conclusions



- X-ray rims around radio bubbles in NGC 4472 and NGC 1399 are cool – consistent with uplift and not shocks (Gendron-Marsolais+2017, submitted, Su+2017a,b, submitted)
- The uplift energy is a significant fraction of the outburst energy – can this be usefully tapped to heat the core? Could also efficiently transport metals to halo
- Higher resolution VLA observations of NGC 4472 lobes (PI: Gendron Marsolais)
- Next generation low frequency radio observatories (LOFAR, SKA) and future X-ray missions (Athena) likely to transform our view of radio bubble dynamics, turbulence, and buoyancy