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Chemical abundances in the hot atmospheres of galaxy clusters, groups, and elliptical galaxies

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The origin of (heavy) chemical elements

Core collapse supernovae (SNcc)



Produce:

 \rightarrow O, Ne, Mg, Si, S

Explode (and enrich) quite fast after star formation

Type la supernovae (SNIa)



Time delay between star formation and SNIa explosions (?)

The *spatial distribution* of metals through the ICM provides valuable information on the *chemical enrichment history* of galaxy clusters!

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CHERS! (PI: J. de Plaa)

CHEERS stands for: CHEmical Enrichment Rgs Sample

de Plaa et al. (2017)

- Cool-core galaxy **clusters**, **groups** & **ellipticals**
- O VIII line in RGS: > 5σ
- **Nearby** (z < 0.1)
- New deep observations of 11 objects (1.6 Ms)
- + archival (public) data



~4.5 Ms

of XMM-Newton total net exposure



Groups

Ellipticals

 Central Fe abundance (in cool-core systems)

Central Fe abundance: clusters vs. groups/ellipticals



Yates et al. (2017)

Central Fe enrichment in groups/ellipticals appears **lower**

than in clusters (Rasmussen & Ponman 2009, Sun 2012, Yates et al. 2017)

• Inconsistent with theoretical expectations! (Yates et al. 2017)

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2. Chemical composition of the ICM

Hitomi (February 2016 - March 2016)



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3. Distribution of SNIa vs. SNcc enrichment

Radial distribution of the SNIa fraction







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Central enrichment also occurred early on! (During or before the formation of the BCG)

Other recent results

Central abundance drops



Metallicity (Solar)

Central abundance drops

Panagoulia et al. (2015)



Observed in several groups/clusters

- Sometimes due to ignored multi-temperature structure (Werner et al. 2006a), but not always
- → Unlikely due to resonant scattering (Sanders & Fabian 2006)
- Central metals depleted into dust, then redistributed outwards by AGN activity? (Panagoulia et al. 2015)
 - If so, **Ar** (and Ne) should **not** exhibit central drops...





Lakhchaura, Mernier & Werner (2019)

How are metals distributed in merging clusters?



Nitrogen in hot atmospheres



See talk by Junjie Mao

Direct evidence for early enrichment?



Liu et al. (2018)

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Improvements on



(i) Atomic codes

(ii) Nucleosynthesis yields

are required!!

Recent reviews...

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Enrichment of the Hot Intracluster Medium: Numerical Simulations

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Abstract The distribution of chemical elements in the hot intracluster medium (ICM) retains valuable information about the enrichment and star formation histories of galaxy clusters, and on the feedback and dynamical processes driving the evolution of the cosmic baryons. In the present study we review the progresses made so far in the modelling of the ICM chemical enrichment in a cosmological context, focusing in particular on cosmological hydrodynamical simulations. We will review the key aspects of embedding chemical evolution models into hydrodynamical simulations, with special attention to the crucial assumptions on the initial stellar mass function, stellar lifetimes and metal yields, and to the numerical limitations of the modelling. At a second stage, we will overview the main simulation results obtained in the last decades and compare them to X-ray observations of the ICM enrichment patterns. In particular, we will discuss how state-of-the-art simulations are able to reproduce the observed radial distribution of metals in the ICM, from the core to the outskirts, the chemical diversity depending on cluster thermo-dynamical properties; Space Sci Rev (2018) 214:129 https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-018-0565-7

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Abstract Four decades ago, the firm detection of an Fe-K emission feature in the X-ray spectrum of the Perseus cluster revealed the presence of iron in its hot intracluster medium (ICM). With more advanced missions successfully launched over the last 20 years, this discovery has been extended to many other metals and to the hot atmospheres of many other galaxy clusters, groups, and giant elliptical galaxies, as evidence that the elemental bricks of life—synthesized by stars and supernovae—are also found at the largest scales of the

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Correlation M_{BH} vs. kT_{gas} (Lakhchaura, Truong & Werner, arXiv:1904.10513)



Take home messages

Chemical enrichment in hot atmospheres

Enrichment at the outskirts...

- Uniform Fe abundance (~0.3 solar)
 - → Early enrichment (z ~ 2-3)

Central enrichment (in cool-core systems)...

- Invariant in mass of the system (clusters vs. groups vs. ellipticals)!
- Invariant in SNIa vs. SNcc contribution
- Similar to **Solar composition**!
 - → Early central enrichment (~BCG formation), unrelated to present stellar population

...but only Athena will provide us with direct, decisive evidence!