

Evolution of groups and clusters of galaxies with Athena

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How does ordinary matter assemble into the large scale structures we see today?

THE HOT UNIVERSE



INTERGALACTIC MEDIUM



GALAXY CLUSTERS & GROUPS

- A hierarchical process, gravitation driven
- Evolution though constant accretion and mergers
- Groups and clusters are the last to form
- Mass of halos: 85% DM, 12% gas, 3% galaxies
- Laboratories to test the physics of structure formation (from dark matter and baryons)



ATHENA Formation of groups and clusters and baryons physics



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Chemical enrichment





How do the mechanisms that govern the physics of hot gas impact the process of the formation and evolution of large scale structures ?

— What is the interplay of galaxy, SMBH and the intergalactic medium in groups and clusters of galaxies?

— What are the processes driving the chemical enrichment of the Universe at large scales?

- How and when did form the first galaxy groups binding a hot gaseous atmosphere?



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Reichert et al. 2011

Hlavacek-Larrondo et al. 2015



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ATHENA Finding the earliest galaxy groups

A few tens of spectroscopically confirmed clusters beyond z=1

X-ray selected



Optical/NIR selected



Courtesy of M. Arnaud

Cooke et al. 2015

see also: Stanford+06; Tanaka+10; Llyods-Davies+11; Gobat+11; Mehrtens+12; Fassbender+12, Bayliss+13; Erfanianfar+13; Santos+13+14; Mantz+14, Tuckey+14; Clerc+12 +14



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Need for a representative sample of the population of groups and clusters





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Testing astrophysical cosmology at the largest scales

As a way to constrain models of large-scale structure formation, find the first building blocks of the dark matter structure filled with hot gas.

Athena will be able to detect ~ groups with mass $M_{500} > 5 \times 10^{13} M_{sun}$ at z>2. And measure T of ~50% of them



Courtesy of M. Ramos-Ceja, F. Pacaud (in Pointecouteau, Reiprich et al., 2013)



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Conclusions

Athena/WFI

How does ordinary matter assemble into the large scale structures we see today?

Constraint the processes driving the evolution of the physical properties of dark matter and hot gas in groups and clusters of galaxies.

Characterise the content of the first groups and clusters formed in the Universe and understand how super-massive black holes, galaxies and hot gas co-evolve.

Search for the first collapsed massive halos retaining a hot gaseous atmosphere through their X-ray emission.



