Conduction and Multiphase Structure in Cluster Cores

Multiphase Gas in Cluster Cores

Star Formation in BCGs

- $H\alpha$ emission
- Excess blue/UV light
- Abundant molecular gas
- Strong far-IR emission
- PAH features in mid-IR

NGC 1275: Perseus

Evidence for Conduction

X-ray Filaments





Conduction along filaments ... see also Molendi (2002)





Warm Gas in Filaments



M87

Sparks et al. (2009)

Heating of Ha Filaments



Voit & Donahue (1997)

Saturated Conduction?



Sparks et al. (2004)

Filaments Linked with Cooler X-ray Gas



McDonald & Veilleux (2010)

Double Tail: Magnetic Draping?



Conduction & Bimodality

Chandra Entropy Profiles



K₀ and Ha Emission





ntral galaxy of a c 0.2 cluster can a strong radio urce only if K₀ < 30 keV cm²

dio data from /SS+SUMMS thin 20″ of X-ray

vagnolo et al. (2008)

Conduction vs. Cooling

$$\lambda_{\rm F} = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa T}{n_{\rm e}^2 \Lambda}} \approx 4 \, \rm kpc \, (K \,/ \, 10 \, \rm keV \, cm^2)^{3/2} \, f_{\rm c}^{1/2}$$

- Field length λ_F depends uniquely on K for free-free cooling and Spitzer conductivity
- Conduction cannot erase inhomogeneity of core gas if λ_{F} is too small
- Tug of war between cooling and conduction may produce bifurcation in cluster properties (Donahue et al. 2006; see also Guo, Oh, & Ruszkowski 2008)

Conduction & Multiphase Structure



High-entropy gas can be stabilized by conduction

Low-entropy gas is thermally unstable

Conduction & Multiphase Structure



Red K(r) profiles of BCGs without star formation or $H\alpha$ remain above $f_c \sim 0.2$ threshold

Blue K(r) profiles of Rafferty et al. (2008) clusters with star forming BCGs go below $f_c \sim 0.2$ threshold

Conduction & Bimodality



More evidence for bimodality: effective f_c profiles of REXCESS clusters avoid $f_c \sim 0.2$ within core

Pratt et al. (2010)

REXCESS Cooling Times



REXCESS cool-core classification based on t_{cool} at 0.003 R_{500}

Cooling-Time Threshold for $H\alpha$



UV-H α Correlation



[N II]/H α and Filament Heating



H α & UV in Abell 1795



McDonald & Veilleux (2009)

$H\alpha$ -UV Spatial Correlation



In Abell 1795, correlation is strong in bright regions and poor in dim regions



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ENZO Simulations of Multiphase ICM Structure

ENZO Modifications

- Isotropic conduction implemented by Brian O'Shea
- MHD version of ENZO now exists
- Implementation of anisotropic conduction on the way







Summary

- AGN feedback and multiphase gas are directly linked to the state of the hot ICM
- Presence of multiphase gas may be governed by conduction, indicating f_c ~ 0.2
- Conduction qualitatively alters condensation of ICM if it is present