

Collaborators:

Prateek Sharma

Eliot Quataert

Circumgalactic medium – a laboratory for astrophysical fluid dynamics

Multiphase gas in the circumgalactic medium

Hitesh Kishore Das

~100s kpc - simulation

Observations



Prakriti Pal Choudhury, IISc

Fluids day 2020, ICTS





Dark matter : forms the underlying structures in the Universe - collisionless, nonrelativistic fluid, interacts gravitationally



Dark matter : forms the underlying structures in the Universe - collisionless, nonrelativistic fluid, interacts gravitationally

Gas: falls into dark matter potential wells & radiatively emits Directly observable at multiple phases (temperatures)

The radiative cooling of hot gas and condensation $\zeta = (\rho/\mu m_p)^2 \Lambda(T,Z) \qquad t_{\rm cool} = E/\zeta$



For massive gaseous systems: $T \gtrsim 10^7 K$ $\gtrsim 10^{14} M_{\odot}$

For massive gaseous systems: $T \gtrsim 10^7 K$ $\gtrsim 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ For smaller gaseous systems: $T \gtrsim 10^{5-6} K$











Bulk of this hot gas often remains hot!

 $t_{\rm cool} \lesssim t_{\rm Hubble}$



Bulk of this hot gas often remains hot!

 $t_{\rm cool} \lesssim t_{\rm Hubble}$

No evidence of monolithic cooling



Bulk of this hot gas often remains hot!



No evidence of monolithic cooling



Energy feedback mechanisms



 $T \lesssim 10^4 K$

 $T \lesssim 10^4 K$





Direct cold gas infall

 $T \lesssim 10^4 K$





Direct cold gas infall









Cold gas formation in place out of the diffuse phase



Cold gas formation in place out of the diffuse phase

For massive halos (ICM), Local thermal instability

Field 1965, McCourt+2012, Sharma+2012, Choudhury+2016



Cold gas formation in place out of the diffuse phase

For massive halos (ICM), Local thermal instability

Field 1965, McCourt+2012, Sharma+2012, Choudhury+2016 Linear instability growth rate

 $e^{\omega t}$ $\omega = 1/t_{\rm TI}$

 $t_{\rm TI} = t_{\rm cool} / (2 - \Lambda_T)$

 $\Lambda_T = \partial \Lambda(T, Z) / \partial T$



Cold gas formation in place out of the diffuse phase

For massive halos (ICM), Local thermal instability

Field 1965, McCourt+2012, Sharma+2012, Choudhury+2016 Linear instability growth rate

 $e^{\omega t}$ $\omega = 1/t_{\rm TI}$

 $t_{\rm TI} = t_{\rm cool} / (2 - \Lambda_T)$

 $\overline{\Lambda_T = \partial \Lambda(T, Z)} / \overline{\partial T}$





Cold gas formation in place out of the diffuse phase

For massive halos (ICM), Local thermal instability

Field 1965, McCourt+2012, Sharma+2012, Choudhury+2016 Linear instability growth rate $e^{\omega t} \quad \omega = 1/t_{\rm TI}$

 $t_{\rm TI} = t_{\rm cool} / (2 - \Lambda_T)$

 $\Lambda_T = \partial \Lambda(T, Z) / \partial T$





Choudhury+2019









$$t_{\rm ff} = \frac{p}{(\gamma - 1)n^2 \Lambda(T, Z)}$$
$$t_{\rm ff} = \left(\frac{2r}{g}\right)^{1/2}$$



$$cool = \frac{p}{(\gamma - 1)n^2 \Lambda(T, Z)}$$
$$t_{\rm ff} = \left(\frac{2r}{g}\right)^{1/2}$$

$t_{\rm cool}/t_{\rm ff} \lesssim 10$

McCourt+, Sharma+2012



Choudhury+2019 The condensation curve $35 \cdot$ $30 \cdot$ $\min_{12}(t_{\mathrm{TI}}/t_{\mathrm{ff}})$ No condensation 15 $10 \cdot$ condensation $5 \downarrow 10^{-3}$ $\delta_{\mathrm{max}}^{10^{-1}}$ 10^{-2} 10^{0}

Z)

 $K = p/\rho^{\gamma}$

Supersonic



 $K = p/\rho^{\gamma}$

Supersonic



 $K = p/\rho^{\gamma}$



Supersonic



 $K = p/\rho^{\gamma}$

Shocked gas moves to a higher adiabat.

Cooling/heating rewrites the profile





$$K = p/\rho^{\gamma}$$





Choudhury+2019 (Voit+ first discuss the effect of entropy profiles)

VARIATION OF METALLICITY AND GASEOUS SYSTEM SIZE



ROLE OF METALLICITY IN LOCAL THERMAL INSTABILITY



Linear growth rates have no explicit dependence on

$$\Lambda_Z = \partial \Lambda(T, Z) / \partial Z$$

 $\partial Z/\partial r$

Das+2020 [in prep]



CGM/ICM - a complex astrophysical gas

- HD/MHD
- unlike terrestrial fluid gravity (dynamics of DM)
- Radiates observable!

CGM/ICM - a complex astrophysical gas

- HD/MHD
- unlike terrestrial fluid gravity (dynamics of DM)
- Radiates observable!

Gas in multi-phase - multiple proposed scenarios for condensation

- direct cold gas infall
- local condensation (thermal instability)
- mergers

CGM/ICM - a complex astrophysical gas

- HD/MHD
- unlike terrestrial fluid gravity (dynamics of DM)
- Radiates observable!

Gas in multi-phase - multiple proposed scenarios for condensation

- direct cold gas infall
- local condensation (thermal instability)
- mergers

Local thermal instability - conditions and constraints - observables

- Cooling time to free-fall time
- Entropy
- Metallicity