Self-similar magnetic, turbulent and thermal energy evolution in massive galaxy clusters

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#### Self-similarity of Cosmic Structure



- Matter Power Spectrum (Harrison 1970, Zel'dovich 1972)
- Cluster Scaling Relations
  (Kaiser 1986)
- Halo Density Profile (Navarro-Frenk-White 1996, 1997)
- Dark Matter Substructure (Moore et al. 1999)

Moore+ 1999

# Galaxy Custers



#### ICM Magnetic Field Measurements



Faraday Rotation Effect

$$\chi = \chi_0 + \text{RM} \,\lambda^2$$
  
RM=0.8  $\int n_e \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l}$ 

- ICM magnetic fields very challenging. The emerging picture, based on Faraday Rotation Effect, is essentially that (Clarke+ 2001, Guidetti 2008, Govoni+2010, Bonafede+ 2010, Kuchar+2011)
  - 1. B~few-several µG
  - 2. beta within 1 Mpc ~ 40-50
  - 3. magnetic field coherence length ~ tens of kpc
  - 4. the power spectrum of  $E_B$  is steep, i.e. Kolmogorov-like
  - 5. the magnetic field decreases towards the cluster outskirts
- trend with, e.g., cluster temperature/mass etc. being sought after

# Stretch, twist and fold dynamo mechanism



In the kinematic regime the magnetic energy growth rate depends on Reynolds number like:

$$\gamma \approx \frac{\mathrm{Re}^{1/2}}{30 \ \tau_L}$$

Beresnyak 2012; Haugen, Brandenburg, Dobler (2004) Schekochihin et al. (2004)

#### Pseudo-Linear Growth and Saturation

(solenoidal case)

• if  $\ell_s$  is the scales where stretching is most efficient so that roughly  $\delta u_{\ell_s}^2 \sim \langle B^2 \rangle$  (Kulsrud & Anderson 1992, Cho & Vishniac 2000, Schekochihin & Cowley 2007, Jones et al. 2011)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle B^2 \rangle \approx \frac{\delta u_{\ell_s}}{\ell_s} \langle B^2 \rangle \approx \frac{\delta u_{\ell_s}^3}{\ell_s} \sim \mathcal{E}_{turb} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle B^2 \rangle (t) \approx C_E \int^t \mathcal{E}_{turb}(\tau) \, d\tau$$

- C<sub>E</sub>~4-5 % according to recent numerical simulations (Beresnyak 2012, Beresnyak and *FM* 2015)
- Finally,  $E_B \sim E_K$  and  $E_B$  growth saturates





Jones et al. (2011)



## Numerical Models of ICM Turbulent Dynamo

cosmological numerical models of MHD dynamo in the ICM typically achieve only modest magnetic field amplification, by factors of order ~ 10<sup>3</sup> (Miniati et al. 2001, Dolag et al. 2001, Dubois and Teyssier 2008, Xu et al. 2012)

$$Re \approx 100 \implies \gamma \approx \frac{Re^{1/2}}{30 \tau_L} \le \frac{1}{\tau_L} \approx \frac{1}{Gyr}$$

• can't measure magnetic field structure

# Turbulence in GCs

- Turbulence Drivers Gravity of course through:
  - i) asymmetric smooth accretion induced by tidal fields
  - ii) mergers/substructure



• Timescale for turbulence cascade:

$$\tau \simeq \frac{L}{u} \approx \frac{R_{\rm vir}}{u_{\rm vir}} = \Delta_c^{-1/2} \tau_H \ll \tau_H$$

FM, ApJ 782, 21 (2014)

## Numerics

- Box size:  $L_{box}$  = 100 Mpc to give proper tidal effects
- Resolution:  $\Delta x \le 10^{-3} L_{inj}$  to have enough dynamic range of scales
- For PPM (3rd order in space) numerical dissipation affects turbulence cascade up to 32 res. elements (Porter & Woodward 1994)

• 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 dynamic range ~10<sup>5</sup> – 10<sup>6</sup>

• 
$$N_{re} \sim 10^{9-10}$$
,  $N_{step} \sim 10^{4}$ , =>  $N_{re} \times N_{step} \sim 10^{14-15}$  i.e. Tera-Peta flop scale

- AMR resolution criterion:
  - i) based on mass threshold (lagrangian)
  - ii) vorticity (lapichino & Niemeyer 2008, Paul et al 2011), and velocity threshold (Vazza et al 2011)
- high surface-to-volume => potential issues:

iii) highly structured grids -- inefficiencies

iv) accuracy drops @ fine/coarse boundary

• high order schemes vs plenty of shocks

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	l	L (h <sup>-1</sup> Mpc)	Nℓ	n <sub>l</sub>	$\Delta x_{\ell}$ (h <sup>-1</sup> kpc)	
	0	240	512	2	470	
	1	120	512	2	235	
Σ	2	60	512	2	117	1596
	3	30	512	4	58,6	
	4	15	1024	2	14,6	Contraction of the second
	5	7,5	1024		7,3	

FM, ApJ 782, 21 (2014)



0.027

0.00044

7.2e-06-

1.2e-07-

2.0e-09-







## Statistics

Hodge-Helmholtz decomposition

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Hodge-Helmholtz decomposition

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# Comparison with DNS

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Beresnyak & FM (2015)

## **Turbulent Dissipation Rate**

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Beresnyak & *FM* (2015) *FM* & Beresnyak (2015)

## Magnetic Energy and Alfvèn Scale

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$$E_B(t) = \mathbf{C}_E \int^t d\tau \,\rho \mathcal{E}_{turb}(\tau)$$

$$L_A(t) = \frac{V_A^3}{C^{3/2} \langle \mathcal{E}_{turb} \rangle_{\tau_{eddy}}}$$

Beresnyak & FM (2015)

#### **Turbulent Dissipation Efficiency**

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FM & Beresnyak (Nature, 523, 59, 2015)

# ICM plasma-beta

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FM & Beresnyak (Nature, 523, 59, 2015)

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# ICM plasma-beta

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FM & Beresnyak (Nature, 523, 59, 2015)

## Turbulent Mach Number

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FM & Beresnyak (Nature, 523, 59, 2015)

## Alfvèn Scale

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FM & Beresnyak (Nature, 523, 59, 2015)

# Self-similarity in the ICM

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# Conclusions

- I have presented results from a recent numerical model of structure formation that resolves the ICM turbulent cascade for the first time
- Coupled with numerical studies of MHD turbulence our model reproduces remarkably well the observed properties of ICM magnetic field without any free parameter and independent of initial conditions!
- This calculation also shows that the evolution of ICM thermal, turbulent and magnetic field strength and structure are self-similar, with the turbulent dynamo far away from saturation as always
- The dimensionless numbers characterising the ratio of thermal to magnetic field ( $\beta_{plasma}$ ), turbulent to thermal ( $M_{turb}$ ) and magnetic to turbulent ( $L_A/L$ ) reflect the values of the coefficients describing the efficiency of turbulent heating and of dynamo action

#### CHARM AMR-MHD-PIC Code

(FM & Colella 2007b)

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot F(U) = \Sigma(U)$$
$$U = (\rho, \rho \vec{u}, E, \vec{B})^{\mathrm{T}}, \ \Sigma = (0, \vec{\nabla} \varphi, \dot{E}, 0)$$

Hyperbolic Solver for Baryonic Gas 8 Variables ~ 8000 flops/cell

- Eulerian representation
- Use un-split PPM (Colella 1990), Constrained-Transport MHD (FM & Martin 2011), Stiff Sources (FM&Colella, 2007a), Cosmic-Ray (FM 2007,2001)

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{u}$$
$$\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = -H\vec{u} - \vec{\nabla}\phi$$

Vlasov-Poisson for collisionless Dark Mater 6 Variables ~ 500 flops/cell

- Lagrangian representation
- Solve Vlasov-Poisson with Particle-Mesh method, time centered, modified symplectic scheme (Kick-Drift-Kick, Drift-Kick-Drift)

$$\Delta \varphi = 4\pi G(\rho - \langle \rho \rangle), \ \rho = \rho_{dm} + \rho_{gas}$$

describes coupling between baryons and dark matter

Elliptic Solver I Variable ~ 1700 flops/cell

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208.99

7.59

0.28

0.01

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# Accretion Flows

![](_page_32_Picture_1.jpeg)

$$T_{IGM} \approx 10^3 - 10^4 \,\mathrm{K}$$

#### Accretion onto filaments

M ~ 10-30, u ~ 100 km/s

Accretion onto clusters

M ~ 100-300, u ~ 1000 km/s

potential sites for occurrence of non-thermal processes: acceleration of cosmic-ray electrons and protons

## Shocks

• External shocks have Mach numbers M>>10

(Miniati+ 2000)

• Internal shocks have Mach numbers ~ a few

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## Anisotropy bounds from Mirror, Firehose Instabilities

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Solar Wind Data from Bale et al. (PRL 103, 21101, 2009)