Diffuse Radio Emission in 'off-state' Galaxy Clusters

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Radio Power vs X-ray Luminosity (VLA, WSRT and GMRT 610 (limits), ROSAT) (Brunetti et al 2009, Venturi 2008) Concentration parameter vs Centroid Shift Chandra images (Cassano et al 2010) *The presence, or absence of major mergers appears responsible for the on-state / off-state clusters.*

However, there are reasons to believe that Mpc-scale diffuse radio emission might exist even in off-state clusters

(a) weak mergers could create halos with very steep spectra which are bright and visible only at low frequencies

(b) emission due to secondary CR electrons / positrons in μ G cluster fields

Such emission is expected to be \sim 10 times fainter, and is below the current sensitivity limits

Estimate average properties of off-sate clusters through Stacking of Continuum Images of cluster fields.

Stacking Radio Continuum Images

O Meta Catalog of X-ray detected Clusters of galaxies (MCXC) O 3 redshift bins : 0.07-0.15, 0.15-0.3, 0.3-0.6 O 2 Lx_500 (0.1 – 2.4 keV) bins : below and above 1E44 erg / s

O extract radio images from the NVSS and GLEAM surveys at the cluster positions O exclude images that have source(s) within 0.5 Mpc from the cluster center in the respective radio catalogs

- O NVSS The NRAO VLA Sky Survey, 1400 MHz, 45" (FWHM), 0.45 mJy/b (RMS) Dec > -- 40 deg (Condon et al 1998)
- O GLEAM The GaLactic and Extra-galactic All-sky MWA survey, 200 MHz, 120" (FWHM) (Hurley-Walker et al 2017) 7 +/- 2 mJy/b (RMS), -- 72 deg < Dec < +20 deg
- O TGSS ADR2 (Prelim) The TIFR GMRT Sky Survey (Intema et al 2019) 150 MHz, 25" (FWHM), 5 +/- 2 mJy/b (RMS) --53 deg < Dec < +90 deg

O find sources above 3sigma, subtract them and produce residual images Examine each image, discard images with high RMS, obvious artefacts, and / or visible diffuse sources in the center.















Implications ...

Mpc-scale diffuse radio emission is detected in most of the so-called 'off state', high X-ray luminosity clusters.

The average surface brightness at 1.4 GHz of this emission is ~ 0.3 mJy / arcmin**2

A cluster-wide magnetic field is implied even in the radio off-state clusters with an equipartition value of $\sim 0.5 \ \mu G$

There appears to be no evidence for steep spectrum diffuse radio emission in the off-state clusters expected to be predominantly found at low frequencies as proposed in the 'weak turbulence' models.

Implication to the energy content of CR protons.....

Upper limits to E_{CRP}/E_{ICM} from γ -ray and radio observations



EGRET : Energetic Gamma Ray Experiment Telescope, NASA's CGRO, 0.030 – 30 GeV, 1991 -- 2000 FERMI : NASA, 8 keV – 300 GeV, 2008 --

MAGIC : Major Atmospheric Gamma Imaging Cherenkov, La Palma, MPP, 30 GeV - 100 TeV, 2009 --

Brunetti and Jones 2014