FUV studies of the hot and warm intracluster gas in M87

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Outline

- Review Hα filaments in M87
- Introduce the [Fe XXI] 1354A transition
- Present new HST/COS spectra of M87 filament
- Discuss excitation mechanism of FUV and optical line emission
 - Physical picture of multiphase M87 ISM

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Hα in Galaxy Clusters







Filamentary Structure in M87



- Multiphase (Hα, [C II], C IV, multiphase ICM)
- filaments avoid radio lobes
- filaments contain 1 keV (10^7 K) plasma...



Forbidden Fe lines

- ground-state magnetic dipole transitions
- produced from 10^7 K plasma in CIE
- often seen in Solar flare spectra
- Fe XXI] 1354A is the strongest
- opens the possibility of measuring ICM kinematics at FUV spectrograph resolution (COS: A~3000 cm², Δv ~ 15 km/s)

Archival HST/COS spectrum of filament



- low-resolution spectrum
- C IV λ1549 and He II λ1640 are clearly detected (Sparks et al. 2012)
- tentative (2.2σ) evidence for [Fe XXI] as well

New HST/COS spectrum of filament



FUV continuum?











C II $\lambda1335$ matches [C II] $158\mu m$ in both v_r and σ







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 $Ly\alpha$ is narrow and shows self-absorption

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- Overall Ly α has same v_r as C II and N V, and slightly higher σ due to resonant scattering.

Line fitting: [Fe XXI]



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Result: the filament seems to be collisionally excited















Blueshifted [Fe XXI]?













Conclusions

M87 filament seems to be largely collisionally excited

FUV emission comes from extremely narrow boundary layer

[Fe XXI] is detected from 1 keV ICM at 4.4-5.1 σ

1 keV plasma is kinematically decoupled from the filament ($v_r = -92 + 34 - 22 \text{ km/s}$, $\sigma = 69 + 79 - 27 \text{ km/s}$)

Only the second direct measurement to date of ICM turbulence

Our HST/COS observations of [Fe XXI] used ~38 ks of observing time Hitomi observations of Fe XXV used 230 ks of observing time These techniques are complementary! But, when 1 keV plasma is present, [Fe XXI] can be very efficient