Probing Feedback Dependence in WHIM Absorption Lines

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Missing Baryon Problem and the WHIM



The Warm Hot Intergalactic Medium (WHIM)

- Low density (< 10⁻⁶ cm⁻³)
- Warm hot (10⁵ K 10⁷ K)
- Weakly emitting in X-ray

Stacked Chandra Observation of OVII Absorption

Kovács+19



Kovács et al. 2019

- Stacked spectra of quasar H1821+643 revealed OVII absorption line, using redshifts from HI absorbers (3.3 sigma)
- Inferred OVII column density of 1.4 × 10¹⁵ cm⁻²
- About 40% of total baryonic mass density fraction from WHIM

Goals with CAMELS

- Interpretation Kovács+19 Chandra results.
- Potential dependencies on feedback physics.
- Provide recommendations for WHIM detection in both absorption and emission (cf. Gabriele's talk) with next-era high-res X-ray spectral missions.



Column Density Maps from CAMELS



IllustrisTNG fiducial run

Distributions of HI Absorbers



- HI distributions from CAMELS consistent with observation (dotted vertical lines).
- Absorbers near galaxy (impact parameter b < 1 Mpc, blue lines) have higher N_{HI} values
- HI column density corrected for feedback dependence in photoionization (cf Megan's talk).

Distribution of OVII Absorbers



- Showing distribution of N(OVII) for each HI sightline with obs. N(HI) values.
- Sightlines with higher N(HI) have higher N(OVII).
- For all sightlines, quite unlikely (>2sigma) to find N(OVII) that matches observation.
- Dependence on feedback physics?

Dependence on SN and AGN Feedback (TNG)



Dependence on SN and AGN Feedback (SIMBA)



- SIMBA behave very differently from TNG
- Increasing SN feedback energy (ASN1) leads decreases N(OVII)
- Increasing SN windspeed increases N(OVII).
- Increasing AGN jet speed (AAGN2) leads to lower OVII column densities

Origin of the OVII Dependence on Feedback



- Stronger SN feedback leads to less amount of stars form, hence less Oxygen production
- Feedback does not produce noticeable effect on Oxygen ionization states.
- OVII dependence can be partly explained in terms of total star formation (at least for TNG).



Summary:

- WHIM can be detected via absorption lines, complementary to emission (cf Gabriele's talk).
- All CAMELS OVII column densities are **lower** than Chandra measurements (>2 sigma) in Kovács+19.
- Dependence on feedback primarily via feedback effects on star formation.
- TNG and SIMBA results are very different!

Outlook:

- Chandra archival study underway to understand difference between Kovacs+19 and CAMELS.
- LEM, Athena, XRISM (cluster outskirts) will provide more accurate measurements of OVII absorption line spectra for WHIM detection.
- Future CAMELS are crucial for understanding effects of other gas physics (e.g., TNG-SB28) and cosmic variance on WHIM absorption.

Observations: HI Column Densities

z	equivalent width (mÅ)	$N_{\rm HI}~({\rm cm}^{-2})$	0.1 dex bin $(log_{10}N_{HI})$
0.05704	87	1.598e+13	13.2
0.06432	62	1.138e+13	13.0
0.08910	47	8.630e+12	12.9
0.11152	66	1.212e+13	13.0
0.11974	102	1.873e+13	13.2
0.12157	353	6.482e+13	13.8
0.12385	35	6.427e+12	12.8
0.14760	229	4.205e+13	13.6
0.16990	523	9.604e+13	13.9
0.18049	75	1.377e+13	13.1
0.19905	29	5.325e+12	12.7
0.22489	739	1.357e+14	14.1
0.24132	79	1.451e+13	13.1
0.24514	79	1.451e+13	13.1
0.25814	134	2.461e+13	13.3
0.26156	163	2.993e+13	13.4
0.26660	163	2.993e+13	13.4

Select HI column density in CAMELS boxes with same values from HST-COS observations (inferred from Lyman Alpha absorption linewidths) as in the Chandra observation in Kovács et al 19.

CAMELS Simulations



A total of 2,184 state-of-the-art (magneto-)hydrodynamic simulations. An N-body simulation for each (magneto-)hydrodynamic sim: 2,049 in total. Total number of simulations in CAMELS: <u>4,233</u>.

1P Set: varies one parameter at a time

Feedback Value mode Range		Physical interpretation	
SNI	[0.25, 4.0]	normalization factor for flux of galactic wind feedback	
SN2	[0.5, 2.0]	normalization factor for speed of galactic winds	
AGN1	[0.25, 4.0]	normalization factor for the energy output of AGN feedback	
AGN2	[0.5, 2.0]	normalization factor for the specific energy of AGN feedback	

2D Distributions and Region Selection



Distributions across HI Sightlines



IllustrisTNG (ASN1 = 1.0)

Variations exist across OVII distributions corresponding to different HI lines

N(OVII) vs N(HI)



- Higher N(HI) has higher N(OVII)
- Absorbers closer to halos have higher N(HI) and N(OVII)

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