## Cold gas in Giant ellipticals

+ detection of hot halos around red nuggets

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## Giant Elliptical Galaxies

- Elliptical galaxies: 'Red and Dead'!!
- Very little star-formation;
   devoid of dust and gas



- Current picture: multi-phase ISM. Mostly in hot phase
- ~47% of giant ellipticals contain multiphase ISM.

## Cold gas in Giant ellipticals

- Co-spatial multiphase gas nebulae:
- Hot: Soft X-ray (T~ $10^7$  K)
- Mod. Hot : FUV (T~ $10^5$  K)
- Warm: Optical: Hα+[NII] (T ~ 10000 K)
   NIR: Warm H<sub>2</sub> clouds (T ~ 1000 K)
- Cool: FIR [CII], [OI] lines (T ~ 100 K)
- Cold: Sub-mm (CO lines): Cold Molecular
   gas (T<50 K)</li>



# Hot gas origin of cold gas

Werner et al. (2014)



Entropy profiles of 10
 bright nearby ellipticals.

- Giant ellipticals with extended cold gas have smaller entropies
- Hot gas origin of cold gas.
- Larger unbiased samples required.

#### <u> Aim:</u>

Investigate the cold gas-hot gas connection and role of cold gas in AGN feedback cycle using Chandra X-ray observations a large sample of 49 X-ray and optically bright giant ellipticals.

# Galaxy Classification

 $H\alpha$ +[NII] images and spectra from SOAR/APO

- Cool Gas Free systems
   e.g., NGC 1399, NGC 1404
- Nuclear Emission: Size < 2 kpc</li>
   e.g., NGC 4636
- Extended Cool Gas : Size ≥ 2 kpc
   e.g., NGC 5044
- Unsure : NGC 315





## Data Analysis

- Point sources removed.
- Average properties: Spectra extracted from 10 kpc region around the X-ray peak
- Deprojected radial TD profiles: Spectra extracted from equal count annular regions centred on the X-ray peak; simultaneously
- $\cdot$  n, kT (direct)
- K, P,  $t_{cool}$ ,  $t_{cool}/t_{ff}$  (derived) L<sub>x</sub>, M<sub>gas</sub>, f<sub>gas</sub>, Y<sub>x</sub>

## Global properties

### $L_X$ , $M_{gas}$ , $f_{gas}$ , $Y_X$ vs. $T_X$









- No evident
   correlation b/w
   presence/extent
   of cool gas and the
   global properties
   of the galaxies
- f<sub>gas</sub> ∝ T<sub>X</sub>
   Corr. Coeff. ~
   0.48±0.12
- Hot halos more likely in more massive systems

## Deprojected radial profiles



### Average Profiles



Cool Gas preferred in high n, low K, low  $t_{cool}$  galaxies

### Conditions supporting multiphase gas

- Low entropy outside the core  $(K_{20})$ (Werner et al. 2014)
- Shallow entropy gradient ( $\alpha_{\rm K}$ ) (Werner et al. 2014, Voit et al. 2017)
- Low min( $t_{cool}/t_{ff}$ ) (Gaspari et al. 2012, McCourt et al. 2012, Sharma et al. 2012)
- High Gas motions (Gaspari et al. 2017)

Obtained  $K_{20}$  and  $\alpha_{\rm K}$  from entropy profile fitting. min( $t_{\rm cool}/t_{\rm ff}$ ) directly from the reprojected T, n profiles Gas Motions using rms fluctuations in X-ray images

## Cooling Instability Criteria



Cool gas preferred in galaxies with low  $K_{20}$ , low min( $t_{cool}/t_{ff}$ ) and high rms fluctuations.

# Pjet vs. H-alpha



Hint of a weak positive correlation between P<sub>jet</sub> and L<sub>Hα+[NII]</sub>!!
Pearson's Coeff. ~ 0.39 (0.27)
Albeit with significant spread.

CCA-P<sub>jet</sub> Hysteresis cycles

HD simulations (Gaspari et al. 2012,2018; Prasad et al. 2015)



- X-ray observations of a sample of 49 nearby bright elliptical galaxies analysed Hot gas-cold gas correlations investigated to understand the origin of the cool gas and its role in the AGN feedback cycle. Galaxies classified based on H $\alpha$ +[NII] emission presence/extent.
- No evident correlation b/w presence/extent of cool gas and the global properties of the galaxies.
- Presence of cool gas preferred in systems with high densities, low entropies ( $K_{20}$ ) & cooling times, low min( $t_{cool}/t_{ff}$ ) and high gas motions.
- The K<sub>20</sub>, min( $t_{cool}/t_{ff}$ ), and RMS fluctuations of the cool gas poor and cool gas rich galaxies found to belong to two statistically different populations with 96%, 97% and 98% probabilities, respectively.
- Large scatter and overlaps seen in TD properties seem to be due to short feedback cycles of the low mass systems.
- Weak positive correlation in  $P_{jet} L_{H\alpha+[NII]}$

### RED AND DEAD GIANT ELLIPTICAL GALAXIES



Ferre-Mateu et al. (2017)

### Hot atmospheres surrounding a relic red nugget

### Mrk 1216



### PGC32873





 $M_{stellar} = (2.0 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$   $R_e = 2.3 \pm 0.1 \text{ kpc}$   $Age = 12.8 \pm 1.5 \text{ Gyr}$  D = 97 Mpc(Ferre-Mateu et al. 2017)

L<sub>X</sub> = 6.9 × 10<sup>41</sup> erg s<sup>-1</sup> within r<10 kpc (Werner, Lakhchaura et al. 2017)

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\begin{split} & \mathsf{M}_{\text{stellar}} = (2.3 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{11} \ \mathsf{M}_{\odot} \\ & \mathsf{R}_{\text{e}} = 1.8 \pm 0.2 \ \text{kpc} \\ & \mathsf{Age} = 12.7 \pm 1.6 \ \text{Gyr} \\ & \mathsf{D} = 108 \ \text{Mpc} \\ & \text{(Ferre-Mateu et al. 2017)} \end{split}
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L<sub>X</sub> = 5.3 × 10<sup>40</sup> erg s<sup>-1</sup> within r<10 kpc (Werner, Lakhchaura et al. 2017)

### Mrk 1216 TD profiles





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al. 2017

### Hot atmosphere surrounding a relic red

- The first detection of an X-ray emitting atmosphere surrounding such a relic galaxy
- The hot atmospheres extend far beyond the stellar populations.
- The presence of an X-ray atmosphere with a short nominal cooling time and the lack of young stars indicate the presence of a sustained heating source, which prevented star formation since the dissipative formation of the galaxy 13 Gyrs ago - **radio-mechanical AGN feedback**

Werner, Lakhchaura et al. 2017

#### Thanks.

"The expert in anything was once a beginner." -Unknown