THE CIRCUMGALACTIC MEDIUM A Present and Future Window on Galactic Fueling, Quenching, and Recycling



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The Basic Puzzle: An early Hubble observation



The Modern View: Color / Luminosity Bimodality



Modern Puzzles in Galaxy Formation



lack their full share of baryons?

How is star formation sustained for 10 Gyr, if only 1 Gyr of gas is present now?





Why do galaxies follow a steep mass-metallicity relation?





Eris simulation Milky Way analog at z = 0

Guedes/Madau/ Shen 2011

ABSORPTION LINES PRODUCED BY GALACTIC HALOS

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ABSTRACT

We propose that most of the absorption lines observed in quasi-stellar sources with multiple absorption redshifts are caused by gas in extended halos of normal galaxies.

Recent work has established that some quasi-stellar sources have multiple redshift systems in absorption (Bahcall 1968; Bahcall, Greenstein, and Sargent 1968; Burbidge, Lynds, and Stockton 1968; Burbidge 1969; Bahcall, Osmer, and Schmidt 1969). A number of possible explanations have been suggested for this phenomenon (Bahcall *et al.* 1968; Burbidge *et al.* 1968; Peebles 1968), but none of the suggestions seem especially plausible when considered in the light of the observed features of the absorption systems. We propose that most of the absorption lines are caused by tenuous gas in extended halos of normal galaxies (see Spitzer 1956 for a review of some earlier work on galactic halos and for a preliminary discussion of the possibility of observing ultraviolet absorption lines formed in such halos).



The CGM: one of the key reasons the Hubble Space Telescope even exists.



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II Recommended Key Projects 1. Quasar Absorption Line Key Project

Two of the central problems in astrophysics are the distribution of matter in the Universe and the abundances of the elements. Observations of quasar absorption line—or, more generally, absorption lines in any bright, distant object—reveal the presence of diffuse baryonic matter which is not observable in emission. Ground—based observations have established the existence of three classes of quasar absorption line systems: (1) Lyman α systems, which are found to the blue of Lyman α in emission and show no evidence for metals. There is no evidence for clustering in redshift, as would be expected if the absorbing gas were associated with galaxies. These systems are interpreted as occurring in primordial intergalactic clouds, and Lyman α systems:

- * How do the number density and physical properties of these systems evolve with redshift for z \lesssim 1.6?
- * Are any of the Lα systems actually high excitation metallic systems with OVI? Again, low redshifts are required to reduce confusion.

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- * What is the nature of the gas in the halo of the Galaxy, including the high-velocity clouds?
- * How large are gaseous galactic halos, and how do they correlate with galaxy type? Such data could give insight into how gaseous halos affect galactic evolution, particularly the chemical evolution of the interstellar medium.

Gas Flows Drive Galaxy Formation





ALL GALAXIES SELECTED PRIOR TO ABSORPTION

A Statistical Map of Galaxy Halo Gas



impact parameter R < 150 kpc

The Mass and Metal Content of the CGM



The **Observed** Content of the CGM







Baryonic Mass Budgets at ~L*



Werk et al. 2014



Total Inventory of Galactic Metals



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The <u>Quenching</u> of the CGM





What was supposed to happen...



Halos less than <u>this mass</u> cannot sustain a virial shock and so smoothly accrete gas that never reaches the virial temperature of ~10⁶ K (Birnboim & Dekel 2003).



This transition from "cold mode" to "hot mode" should result in a sharp drop in the covering fraction of strong HI absorption at < 100 kpc.

So What Actually Happened: Quenching?



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What can a Large Space Telescope Do?



HDST Requirements as a Large Aperture Space Telescope

Capability		HDST Gain vs.	
Parameter	Requirement	HST	JWST
Aperture	10-12 m	x5	x1.5-2
Wavelength	0.10 to 2 microns	Same	HDST: UV-vis
Field of View	6 arcminutes	х3	х3
Pixel Count per Instrument Channel	0.5-1 gigapixel	x30 (vs. Wide Field Camera 3)	x25 (vs. NIRCAM)
Angular Resolution	0.01" (Diff lim. @ 500 nm)	x5 @ 500 nm	x1.5-2 @ 1 um

HDST Requirements



Parallel Observing Capability



The Power of the UV: Physical Diagnostics



Application No. I

Probing Gas Flows with densely sampled nearby halos.

CGM Dynamics Reflected in its Appearance



CGM Dynamics Reflected in its Appearance





M51



M82

3.5 Mpc



Halo gas dissection with M82.



Note: FUV from 900 - 1150 Å needed to obtain reliable HI column densities from Lyman series and OVI, the most sensitive probe of highly ionized gas.

Halo gas dissection with nearby galaxies.

Map of Galaxies within 12 Mpc of Our Galaxy



COS can in principle observe ~10 QSOs within 100 kpc of Andromeda. (small orange circle).

An 8-m can reach QSOs at $m_{FUV} \sim 22$, where there are $\sim 10 / \text{deg}^2$.

At this sky density, multiple probes of individual fully-resolved nearby galaxies becomes possible.

An 8-m can observe ~10 QSOs behind all galaxies within ~ 10 Mpc and > 1 out to 30 Mpc (purple line).

An 8m could dissect the gaseous halos of the same local galaxy population where it can measure the star formation histories from resolved stellar populations!

Application No. 2

Relating short or rare phases of galaxy evolution to their gas flows.

Gas Flows and Galaxy Evolution with 10,000 QSOs.



The SDSS+GALEX QSO catalog contains 1200 QSOs bright enough for COS (m_{FUV} = 18.5, S/N ~ 10 in < 5 orbits).

An 12 m can access 10^5 in this same region of the sky (m_{FUV} < 22).

COS has "transcended serendipity" for mainstream galaxy populations; i.e. the main sequences of the red and blue clouds.

But COS is limited in its ability to study short evolutionary phases that are correspondingly rare, such as "green valley" and "post-starburst" galaxies (cf. Tripp+11)

An 8-m could "transcend serendipity" for these rarer galaxies, allowing us to directly probe the gas flows that drive these phases of evolution.

For example, models indicate that a 12-m could get 100 green valley and 50 post-starburst galaxies in a ~ 100 hr program



Only 11 mergers with background QSOs in ALL OF SDSS that COS can reach!

Application No. 3

Taking a picture of the CGM!





Application No. 4

Trace galactic outflows to the source.



Revolutionary UV Capability

- Could achieve 50-100 times HST/COS sensitivity for point-source spectroscopy.
- Some of the gain in photons collected can support multiplexing.





3' MOS at z ~ 0



3" IFU at z ~ 0.5

Also would permit detailed mapping of UV continuum and line SFR metrics, spatially resolved, from z = 0 - 1.

HDST: The Ultimate Gas Flows Machine

Use background galaxies to densely sample foreground halo gas.

Use MOS/IFU capability to map flows as the emerge from or recycle into the disk.

For nearby galaxies, use collecting area and low backgrounds to directly image CGM emission.

Application No. 5

Find the rest of the "missing baryons".

What to Look For, and How: Turn the UV into an X-ray telescope

- Deep spectroscopy (S/N ~ 80-100) would look for diagnostics that are invisible or very weakly detected in shallower data (typically S/N = 30 in existing COS data):

Ne VII and Mg X are a lithium-like ions with a doublets at 780 and 625 Å, so seen only at z > 0.5.
a unique tracer of true > 10⁶ K gas, IF IT IS METAL ENRICHED.

- "Broad Lyman Alpha" is thermally broadened HI gas, with high ionization
 - an effective tracers of 10⁵⁻⁶ K gas, EVEN IF IT IS NOT METAL ENRICHED

- So deep observations open two avenues to the missing baryons, the spread of metals, and their implications for galactic feedback and quenching.





Broad Lya Finds Hot Baryons Even Without Metals





But this sightline goes only to z = 0.6, barely far enough for NeVIII and not far enough for Mg X

Application No. 6

Examine the CGM and Quenching when it happened.

faint for < 4m telescope

QSO Availability

1.0

0.0

0.0

0.5

1.0

1.5

z

2.0

Large Aperture Needed to do CGM work at z = 1-2

> Galaxy Transformation



2.5

3.0

Gas Flows into the Future



The End



EXTRAS

THE BIMODAL METALLICITY DISTRIBUTION OF THE CIRCUMGALACTIC MEDIUM AT $z \lesssim 1^1$

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These are CGM-like strong HI absorbers with robust metallicities estimated from metals detected (or not) in spectra from COS (C II, Si II) or Keck/HIRES (Mg II).

Intervening from COS-Halos and Tripp large program - galaxies not yet identified.

Why go to z > 0.5



<u>ds emerging from disks</u>

7000 FOREGROUND galaxies in OSMOS probed in stacked spectra of BACKGROUND galaxies.

> of Mg II preference on the jor axis... interpreted as bipolar outflow.



MgII λ2796

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MgII λ2803

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400

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-400

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_vel-(km/s)

-200

-200

Biconical Outflows match Mg II kinematics: Bouché et al. (2012) and Kacprzak et al.

Understanding the Galaxy - IGM Interplay



Above: IGM gas temperature distribution for cosmological models with and without supernova feedback.

Below: Gas ionization and Temperature Distribution vs. Galaxy Mass Lower Mass _____ Higher Mass



Most of the matter in the Universe is located in intergalactic space outside of galaxies.

The key questions are:

HOW IS INTERGALACTIC MATTER ASSEMBLED INTO GALAXIES?

TO WHAT DEGREE DOES GALAXY FEEDBACK REGULATE AND ENRICH THE IGM?

WHERE AND WHEN DO THESE PROCESSES OCCUR AS A FUNCTION OF TIME?

Understanding the answers to these questions lies at the heart of understanding galactic evolution.

Depending on the mass of the galaxy halo, infalling gas may be shocked and heated or accrete in cold mode along narrow filaments. Gas can also be *removed* from galaxies via tidal and ram pressure stripping, supernova-driven winds, or during the accretion of gas-rich dwarfs onto giant galaxies.

These hypotheses need to be tested!

Temperature Ionized Oxygen Atomic Hydrogen

The CGM of mainstream blue and red galaxies with HST/COS





> 200 orbit investments by HST/
COS required to obtain ~100 QSO/
galaxy pairs over 0 - 150 kpc.

The CGM holds a gas mass comparable to the stellar mass, and a metal mass comparable to the ISM.

QSOs bright enough for COS are still relatively rare.

The next frontier is to expand to less common galaxy types (AGN, poststarbursts) and relate these phases directly to the gas processes they generate.



COS-Halos: Tumlinson et al. (2011), Thom et al. 2011, Werk et al. 2012

Probing infall and outflow with many sightlines



There are already indications of disk/filament infall and bipolar outflow, based on "stacking" low S/N background galaxy spectra. (Bordoloi et al. 2012, Kapczak et al. 2012)

Using multiple QSOs on the same galaxy would detect these flows with much higher significance. This becomes more practical with fainter more numerous QSOs and nearer galaxies.