## Major evolutionary drivers of the low-z circum-galactic medium



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### (1) Are all L\* CGMs similar?(2) Is the difference (if any) random?

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#### Auriga galaxy sample

- Cosmological magneto-hydrodynamical zoom-in simulation suite
- Simulated with Arepo (i.e., moving mesh)
- Auriga physics model

(Grand+16, Marrinacci+14, Vogelsberger+13)

- 28 isolated MW-mass galaxies (Grand et al. 2017)
- Galaxies re-produce observed properties



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#### The diverse CGM



Hani et al. (2019)

Effects of galaxy assembly



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As galaxies grow, they grow their CGM

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#### Effects of AGN feedback



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AGN driven winds contribute to the CGM metal content

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#### Effects of AGN radiation



Hani et al. (2019)

The AGN radiation field is a major source of ionization

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# What is the effect of mergers on the CGM?

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#### Effects of major mergers



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Long-lasting & significant enhancement in CGM metallicity

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# How well can observations reproduce the *truth*?

(with limited sampling)

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#### How well can we do observationally?



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- The CGM of MW—mass galaxies in the local universe is diverse
- Galaxy assembly leaves a remarkable imprint on the CGM
  - The CGM metal content scales with  $M_{\bigstar}$
  - The CGM ionization scales with morphology
- AGN radiation is a significant ionization source
- AGN feedback is a significant source of metals in the CGM
- Galaxy mergers have a significant impact on the CGM's size, metallicity, ionization, and observed column densities







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