## <u>GAS IN GALAXY HALOS</u> Accretion, Feedback, and A New Reservoir of Cosmic Metals <u>The "COS-Large" Teams</u>



#### Is bimodality related to gas accretion physics?

Keres+05 Dekel & Birnboim (2006) Fumagalli+11





. . or to the modes of galactic "feedback" from star formation or AGN?



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Thus, we need a new approach to direct observations of galaxy accretion and outflows and their relations to galaxy properties.

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Lanzetta et al. (1995, ApJ, 442, 538)



Ly $\alpha$  halo extends to 150-200 kpc, unity covering fraction inside there.







# Why OVI?



OVI has also been widely used to count hot gas or "missing baryons", so general IGM samples are well characterized. Tripp+08, Thom+Chen08, Danforth+Shull08

#### <u>Advantages:</u>

- highest T probe available in FUV
- strong doublet, easily detected
- IGM samples for comparison

peak ionization fraction at T = 300,000K, still significant at 10<sup>6</sup> K
catches gas heating and/or cooling through coronal regime.

#### <u>Disadvantages:</u>

- must be redshifted to detect w/ HST (mirror absorbs at < 1150).
- peak abundance lies where rad cooling is efficient, so there are significant non-equilibrium issues.

#### How Galaxies Acquire their Gas: A Map of Multiphase Accretion and Feedback in Gaseous Galaxy Halos

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#### "COS-Halos"

**Data Division** 

Jessica Werk & Xavier Prochaska (Santa Cruz) Joseph Meiring & Todd Tripp (UMass) Background light source (QSO) Christopher Thom & Ken Sembach (STScI) **Theory Division** Amanda Ford & Romeel Davé (Arizona) Neal Katz (UMass), David Weinberg (The OSU), Ben Oppenheimer (Leiden), Molly Peeples (UCLA) 39 galaxies in 134 HST orbits (13 "red and dead", 26 star-forming)

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### **COS-Halos Survey Design:**

- O VI  $\lambda\lambda$  1032, 1036 must be redshifted to z > 0.11 to detect in HST band.

The main SDSS spectroscopic galaxy survey is flux-limited to z ≤ 0.1, so select galaxies in foreground based on photometric redshift.

- Then obtain spectroscopic redshifts with Keck/LRIS (via Col Prochaska+Werk).

- Selection for galaxies at z > 0.1 limits the survey to  $\sim L^*$ .

- Select background QSOs to obtain S/N ~ 10 with COS in 2-5 orbits.



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#### Keck/LRIS Galaxy Spectroscopy



#### Measure redshift, SFR, stellar mass, metallicity, environment, etc.

Werk+11







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# Star Forming Galaxy Halos: Lots of Oxygen Mass! $M_{OVI} = \pi R^2 N_{OVI} I6m_H M_{\odot}$ ... then apply ionization correction $f_{OVI...}$ $M_{Oxygen} = 1.2 \times 10^7 (0.2/f_{OVI}) M_{\odot}$ $M_{gas} = 2 \times 10^9 (Z_{\odot}/Z) (0.2/f_{OVI}) M_{\odot}$



# Oxygen and Gas mass in ionized halos may exceed the average ISM!



# **Accretion** Scenario for O VI?

 $T \sim 10^{6} K$ hot halo



OVI can fit into the "Multiphase Accretion" scenario as the tracer of interface gas between the cooler condensed clouds and the hot coronal halo.

But the covering fraction predicted by "cold mode" or "multiphase" accretion is ~10-20%, not ~100%.

e.g. Keres&Hernquist 2009

# So what about outflows?



The large oxygen mass in the ionized halos of galaxies implies at least 1 Gyr worth of star formation and oxygen yield, efficiently transported out to > 150 kpc.

# **OVI** Kinematics

#### OVI gets stronger by getting broader (not by getting optically thick and saturated).



### "Recycled winds" = half of accretion at z < 1?





The O VI we represents significant mass and metal outflow from galaxies, yet does not appear to exceed the escape velocity.

This finding is consistent with the expectation that much of z < 1 accretion is recycled outflows.

"Wind mode" is 80% of accretion for L\* galaxies (in this simulation).



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### A wind caught in the act

Ten multiphase components (Δv~1600km/s), with ions ranging from Mg II (10<sup>4</sup> K) to Ne VIII (10<sup>6</sup> K).

Cold gas can be photoionized by the extragalactic (HM) background.

The hot gas is probably collisionally ionized, but closely tracks components in the colder material.

Total wind mass 10<sup>8</sup> - 10<sup>9</sup> M<sub>☉</sub> inferred from ionization modeling and a shell geometry.

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# Evidence of Cold Accretion?



#### Two clouds:

- one at "low velocity", consistent with  $z = 0.1 Z_{sun}$  photoionized filament gas. (+85 kms<sup>-1</sup>)

another at high column density, but
[Z/H] < -1.5, and likely falling into the galaxy.</li>

The "Metal-poor cloud" could be low-metallicity, cold-stream gas (e.g. Stewart+11, Fumagalli+11)

# More Cold Accretion?



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Ribaudo et al. 2011 arXiv:1105.5381

- a partial Lyman limit at z = 0.274

- [Z/H] < -1.7, and likely falling into the 0.3L\* galaxy at 37 kpc.

- temperature constrained by linewidths to < 38000 K.

# Unfinished business: COS-Dwarfs



#### Using COS, we have mapped hot ionized gas in L~L\* galaxy halos:

- I. Hot ionized gas is as common in star-forming galaxy halos as in the Milky Way. External galaxy halos are also filled with "highly ionized HVCs".
- 2. OVI covers 90% of blue sequence galaxies; only 30% of red sequence galaxies. The dichotomy of galaxy colors appears directly in their gaseous halos.
- 3. The ionized halos of star-forming galaxies contain > 10<sup>7</sup> M<sub> $\odot$ </sub> of oxygen and >10<sup>9</sup> M<sub> $\odot$ </sub> of gas.

These oxygen masses are comparable to a whole galaxy ISM and require  $10^9 M_{\odot}$  of star formation over ~1 Gyr. Outflows!?

4. Infall models fail on covering fraction, but if outflows exist the material does not exceed the escape velocity.

The halos of star-forming galaxies are filled with accreting ionized gas, "galactic fountain" material from recent star formation, or some mixture.



# The End



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