The IGM/CGM & galaxies at $z \lesssim 1.0$: environment & AGN

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Motivation

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COS archive is great. Complement with galaxy surveys!



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Results so far

The IGM & galaxies at $z \lesssim 0.5$: IMACS + COS

• Conducting absorption-blind surveys of galaxies of r < 23 & $\theta < 10'$ (2.7 Mpc & 0.05 L_* at z = 0.3) in COS fields.



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Results so far

r < 23 galaxies close to the sightline: PKS 0405-123

 \blacktriangleright \approx 1000 galaxies with spectroscopic redshifts per field



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Results so far

High completeness achieved: e.g. PKS 0405-123

High completeness over large redshift path lengths



Results so far

High ionization: gas-galaxy association are ambiguous



- Working on characterizing complex systems
- In the mean time, our first results on CGM/IGM and environment...

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Johnson, Chen, & Mulchaey 2013 (MNRAS 434, 1765)

Results so far

An interacting galaxy pair



Johnson et al. 2014 (MNRAS 438 4)

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Results so far

Little to no gas observed in absorption for interacting pair



Gas has been heated or stripped during interaction?

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Results so far

Does environment matter?: view with 4 sightlines



Johnson, Chen, & Mulchaey 2015 (MNRAS 449 3)

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Results so far

Full sample in HI & OVI



Johnson, Chen, & Mulchaey 2015 (MNRAS 449 3)

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Results so far

Does environment matter?: HI



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Results so far

CGM dependence on environment



Results so far

Drivers of galaxy evolution: mass, environment, and AGN





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Quasars in Mg II absorption



Johnson, Chen, & Mulchaey 2015 (MNRAS, submitted)

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A large sample of quasars with constraints on halo gas from background quasars



Johnson, Chen, & Mulchaey 2015 (MNRAS, submitted)

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Equivalent width versus distance





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Luminosity dependent covering fraction



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Extreme kinematics!



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What is going on?

- Mass-luminosity scaling?: ruled out by clustering & doesn't explain kinematics
- Remnants from mergers thought to trigger luminous quasars?: perhaps, but such large fraction of systems at large velocity?
- Outflows?: possible, but Mg II is low ionization state...



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Money plots



Strong interactions can strip or heat CGM







Quasars have highly unusual CGM: outflows?

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