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## Project AMIGA The Circumgalactic Medium of Andromeda: A Window into the Future

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#### Project AMIGA (Absorption Maps of Ionized Gas toward Andromeda)

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#### **Project AMIGA: The Circumgalactic Medium of Andromeda**\*

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#### Project AMIGA: A Minimal Covering Factor for Optically Thick Circumgalactic Gas around the Andromeda Galaxy

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#### Project AMIGA: Distance and Metallicity Gradients along Andromeda's Giant Southern Stream from the Red Clump\*

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Accreting 035

Outflows

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Primordial corona?

Tumlinson, Peeples, Werk (2017)

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The CGM of galaxies has multiple gas-phases: hot, warm, cool

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#### Characterizing the CGM of galaxies



# Emission observations (e.g. HI, X-rays) in the local universe are usually not very sensitive beyond 50 kpc.









# What we really want to have is information from multiple sightlines

Since we rarely can do that, we assemble many galaxies with <u>single sightline</u> piercing them to capture "statistical" properties of the CGM(s) of galaxies.

But galaxies are not the same: mass, environments, star formation, orientation, etc. and may not be observed at the same epoch

#### Project AMIGA: One galaxy (M31)...



# Project AMIGA: One galaxy (M31), many sightlines piercing its halo

Distribution of QSOs with archival COS G130M and G160M spectra prior to our large HST program Results from this pilot study are summarized in Lehner, Howk, Wakker (2015)

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#### "Follow the metals":

- first determination in absorption of the extent of a single galaxy halo.
- first maps of the velocities, surface densities, ionized fraction, gas-phases as a function of R and azimuth for a single galaxy halo.



43 COS G130M/G160M spectra (OI, SiII, SiIII, SiIV, CII, CIV, FeII)
11 FUSE spectra (OVI)





43 COS GI30M/GI60M spectra (OI, Sill, Sill, SilV, CII, CIV, Fell)
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M31 has a very extended CGM, extending beyond R<sub>vir</sub>.
M31 CGM is quite massive (cool+warm>4x10<sup>10</sup> M<sub>sun</sub>).
M31 surface densities, ionization levels, and kinematic are changing with R (but not much with azimuth).
NB: no ionization modeling was used to derive these properties.



Image Credit: NASA, ESA, E. Wheatley (STScI)



high ions: probe of ~10<sup>4.5</sup>-10<sup>5.5</sup> K ionized gas Zoom-in cosmological simulations: widespread of multiple gas-phases in the CGM of galaxies that also depends on R

#### CLUES



Qualitative similarities in the distribution of the CGM properties between Project AMIGA and zoom-in simulations, but there are key quantitative differences (Lehner+2020).



Oppenheimer+18

#### UV observations are key to sensitively probe the CGM



Si III and O VI are quite remarkable relative to the other ions and HI.

Deep HI emission is not detected down to 17.5 dex (Howk+17): HI surveys will need to be more sensitive than  $N({
m H~I}) \ll 10^{17} {
m cm}^{-2}$  to hope to detect CGM gas well beyond 20–30 kpc.

What will it take to do this experiment toward other galaxies?

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Courtesy Chris Howk (Fig. 5.5—LUVOIR interim report)

#### LUVOIR 6-m



#### LUVOIR 9-m



#### LUVOIR 15-m



# It will take a much bigger telescope to "zoom-in" on the CGM of galaxies beyond M31!



Courtesy Chris Howk (Fig. 5.5—LUVOIR interim report)

Background galaxies are ten times more numerous and can also be used to map the CGM gas.

With UV coverage, high spatial resolution, and extreme sensitivity, IFU techniques will also provide the first maps of the CGM.



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  - With Project AMIGA, we demonstrate that probing the CGM of galaxies with multiple sightlines is key to unravel its complexity, nature, and its relationships with the stellar disks of galaxies. A larger, more sensitive UV telescope will be need to observe galaxies beyond M31.

## Thank you!

Check out the NASA press release: <u>https://hubblesite.org/contents/news-releases/2020/news-2020-46</u>

Mirfak

Mars

Uranus

#### NX

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Detection of M31 CGM gas No detection of M31 CGM  $M_Z^{\text{cool}} (\leq R_{\text{vir}}) \approx 2 \times 10^7 \text{ M}_{\odot}$  $M_{\rm CGM}^{\rm cool}(\leq R_{\rm vir}) \approx 0.6 \times 10^{10} \, (0.3Z/Z_{\odot})^{-1} \, {\rm M}_{\odot}$ +  $N_{\rm Si\,III}$  +  $N_{\rm Si\,IIV}$  (10<sup>14</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>)  $= N_{\rm Si\,II}$ 

100

 $N_{\rm Si}$ 

Combining with OVI (nearly constant with R)

 $\frac{300}{R \,(\mathrm{kpc})}$ 

200

400

500

$$\begin{split} M_Z^{\rm cool+warm}(~\leq R_{\rm vir}) \gtrsim 10^8 \ {\rm M}_\odot \\ M_{\rm CGM}^{\rm cool+warm}(~\leq R_{\rm vir}) \gtrsim 4 \times 10^{10} \, (0.3Z/Z_\odot)^{-1} \ {\rm M}_\odot \end{split}$$

# Results can be directly <u>quantitatively</u> compared with zoom-in cosmological simulations



But note that only the galaxy masses are similar between the observed and simulated galaxies here.

# Similar velocity distributions between CGM gas and dwarf satellites



Several absorbers are also within close spatial and velocity proximity of the dwarfs. However, none of the properties of the absorbers in close proximity to these dwarf galaxies show any peculiarity that would associate them with the CGM of these satellites rather than the CGM of M31.

#### Association of the absorption with M31 CGM





