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# L\* Galaxies are Neat



## MUGS2: 18 L\* Galaxies

- Cosmological zoom-in simulations, run using GASOLINE2 (Wadsley+ 2017), in a WMAP3 cosmology
- Initial conditions identical to MUGS (Stinson+ 2010), run with "classic" SPH and blast-wave feedback
- Virial Masses range from 3.7x10<sup>11</sup> to 2.1x10<sup>12</sup>M<sub>sun</sub>
- Variety of merger histories, spin parameters
- 320pc softening, baryon mass resolution of 2.2x10<sup>5</sup>M<sub>sun</sub>

#### MUGS2: 18 L\* Galaxies



Keller+ 2016

#### Feedback Models Matter!

- 4 test cases:
  - No Feedback
  - Blastwave (Stinson+ 2006) feedback
  - Superbubble Feedback
  - Superbubble Feedback 2X Energy

- g1536
  - 8x10<sup>11</sup> M<sub>sun</sub> virial mass
  - Last major merger at z=4
  - Equal SN energy for Blastwave and Superbubble
  - Details in Keller+ 2015



# Superbubble Feedback

- Hot bubble is heated by multiple SN
- As bubble expands, forms a cold & radiative shell
- Shell is evaporated by thermal conduction

$$\frac{\partial M_B}{\partial t} = \frac{4\pi\mu}{25k_B}\kappa_0 T^{5/2}A_B$$



#### Correct Stellar Mass, Small Bulge



#### Superbubbles drive outflows well



## High-z outflows prevent bulges, preserve disks



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Moster+ 2010



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#### Answer: No!

#### Mass loading has universal scaling



- Mass-loading begins to fall from ~10 when disc is ~10<sup>10</sup>M<sub>sun</sub>, halo is ~2x10<sup>11</sup>M<sub>sun</sub> to << 1 in halos above ~10<sup>12</sup>M<sub>sun</sub>
- SDSS observations find powerful AGN kick in here!
- Dubois+ 2015 simulations found AGN regulation began at 280 km/s bulge v<sub>esc</sub> at high z

# How Gas Moves Through the CGM

- Do outflows escape the halo?
  - Wind vs. Fountain
- Are they driven by energy, momentum, or something else?
- How does accreted material interact with outflowing material?



# What Governs CGM Flow?

- Physics at work
  - Energy/Momentum injected by FB
  - Gravity/Accretion Shock
  - Hydrodynamic Drag
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  - Buoyancy
- Buoyancy can add OR remove radial momentum!

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#### Buoyancy is all about Entropy!

"Entropy" Entropy  

$$K = k_B T n^{-2/3}$$
 $\Delta S = \Delta \ln(K)$ 

Schwarzchild Criterion

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial r} > 0$$

Brünt-Väisälä Frequency

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \nabla \phi \nabla S$$

Keller+ 2018b, in prep

#### **Buoyancy determines flow direction**



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#### **Entropy-Driven Fountains**



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# **EoM for Entropy-Driven Fountains**



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#### Can We Derive the Entropy of a SB?

Superbubble Density  $n_{SB} = 9.6 \circ 10^{-3} cm^{-3} L_{38}^{6/35} n_0^{19/35} t_7^{-22/35}$ 

Superbubble Temperature

Superbubble Radius

$$T_{SB} = \frac{10\,\mu\,m_p}{33\,k_B\,m_{SB}}\,L\,t$$

$$R_{SB} = 267 \, pc \, L_{38}^{1/5} \, n_0^{-1/5} \, t_7^{3/5}$$

Weaver+ 1977, Mac Low & McCray 1988

## Superbubble Entropy

Entropy at breakout (R~h)

$$K_{SB} = 5.84 \, keV \, cm^2 \left(\frac{h}{267 \, pc}\right)^{26/36} L_{38}^{2/63} n_0^{-14/63}$$

Halo Entropy

$$K_{vir} = 30.06 \, keV \, cm^2 \left(\frac{M_{vir}}{10^{12} \, M_{sun}}\right)^{2/3}$$

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#### Integrating the Buoyant EoM



#### **Buoyant Outflows Recycle Slowly!**



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# Buoyancy determines recycling time



# A "Reproducibility Crisis" In Numerical Astrophysics?

![](_page_28_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Monya Baker, Nature News, 2016

# How Sensitive Are Galaxy Properties to Small Perturbations?

- N-Body Chaos
- Infinitesimal Initial Condition Perturbations
- Random Number Generator seeds
- Poisson Noise
- Floating Point Roundoff

# Chaos Rules Everything Around Me

the Sun. More surprisingly, in one of these high-eccentricity solutions, a subsequent decrease in Mercury's eccentricity induces a transfer of angular momentum from the giant planets that destabilizes all the terrestrial planets ~3.34 Gyr from now, with possible collisions of Mercury, Mars or Venus with the Earth.

Using the JADE supercomputer at the French National Computing Centre CINES, we integrated 2,501 orbital solutions,  $S_k$ , of the complete model over 5 Gyr, with the initial semi-major axis of Mercury differing by 0.38k mm ( $k \in [-1,250, 1,250]$ ) from that in the nominal solution,  $S_0$ , which was adjusted to the planetary ephemeris INPOP06<sup>17</sup>. The results (Fig. 1b and Supplementary Table 1b) are comparable to those of the relativistic secular equations<sup>2</sup>, with Mercury having a high eccentricity in about 1% of solutions.

#### Laskar & Gastineau 2009

## Chaos is Important in Protoplanetary Discs: Why Not Galactic Discs?

![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

Hoffmann+ 2017

### Chaos is Universal!

#### Isolated Dwarf Galaxy

#### Cosmological MW Zoom

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- All codes
- All subgrid feedback models
- All initial conditions
- See also Genel+ 2018

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# Feedback & Gas Exhaustion Constrain Stochasticity

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Feedback: Self-Regulation

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#### Starbursts & Mergers Pump Chaos

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#### Temporal ~ Numerical Stochasticity

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## Temporal ~ Numerical Stochasticity

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Run-to-Run Variation

Step-to-Step Variation

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 $10^{1}$ 

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- Highly mass-loaded outflows, especially at high-z, are essential to forming realistic L\* galaxies
  - These outflows *cannot* be driven by SN alone in halos more massive than 10<sup>12</sup> M<sub>sun</sub>
- Entropy-driven winds, driven by buoyancy, behave quite differently than ballistic outflows
  - Gentle acceleration, low velocities
  - Long recycling times
  - Halo entropy exceeds superbubble entropy near 10<sup>12</sup> M<sub>sun</sub>, halting outflows
- Galaxy evolution involves chaotic physics: small-scale stochasticity can pump large-scale changes