

DAMPED LYMAN-ALPHA SYSTEMS

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QUASI-STELLAR OBJECTS

- QSOs discovered in the late 1950's and early 1960
- Optical spectra was difficult to interpret
- High redshift scenario was initially opposed because of the energies that have to be involved
- Today, we think that quasars have cosmological origin with the power source originating from an accretion disc powering a massive black hole (a case of AGN)

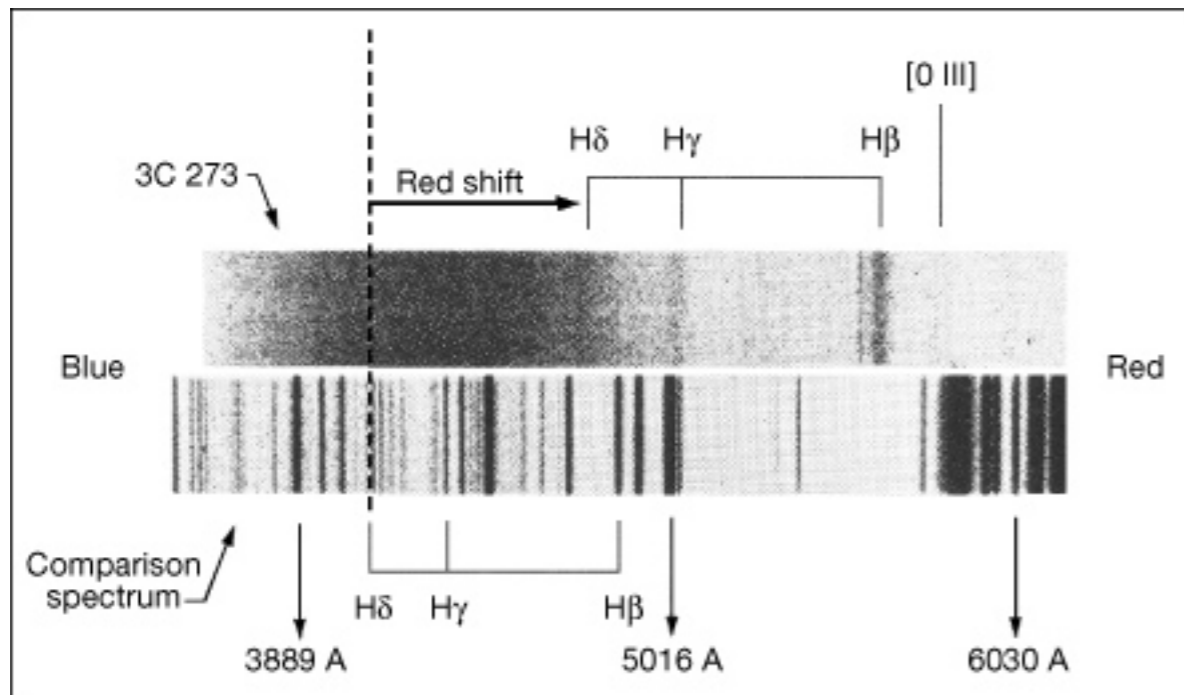
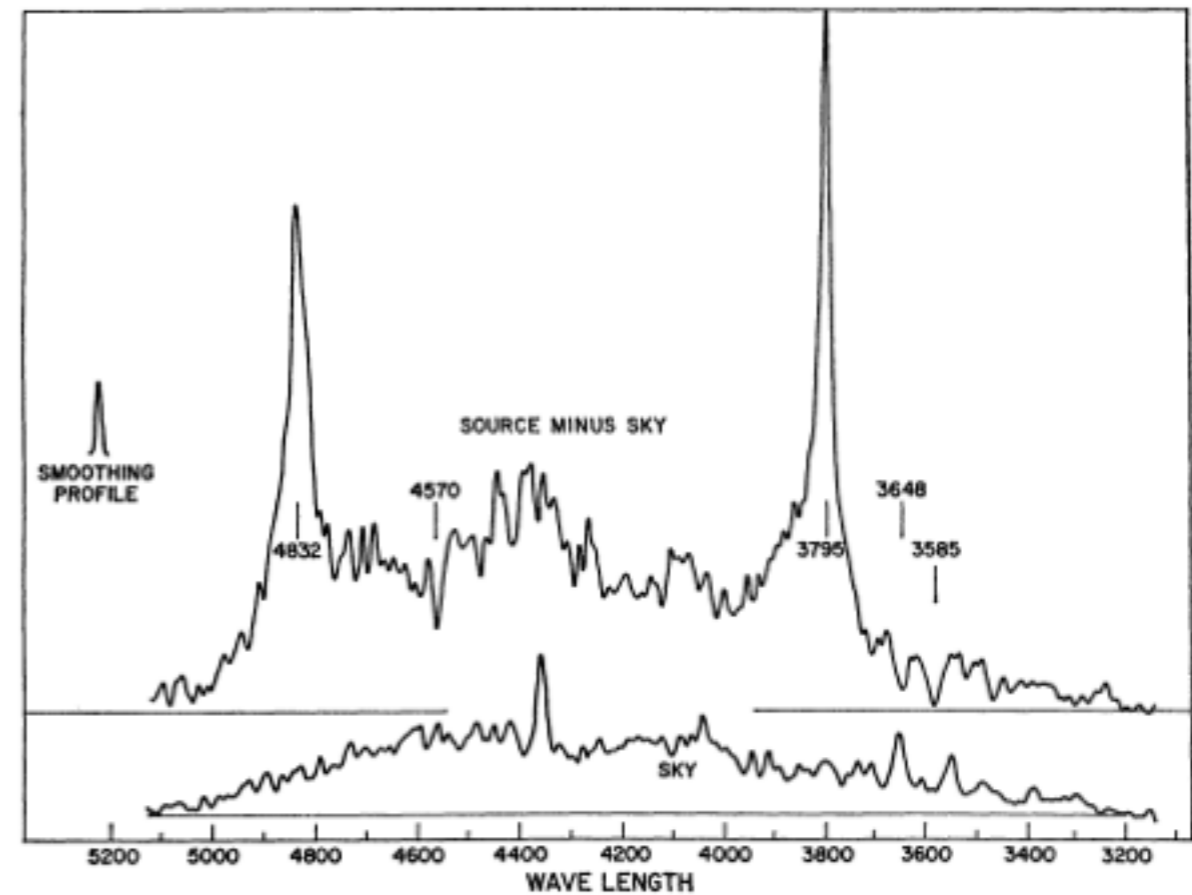
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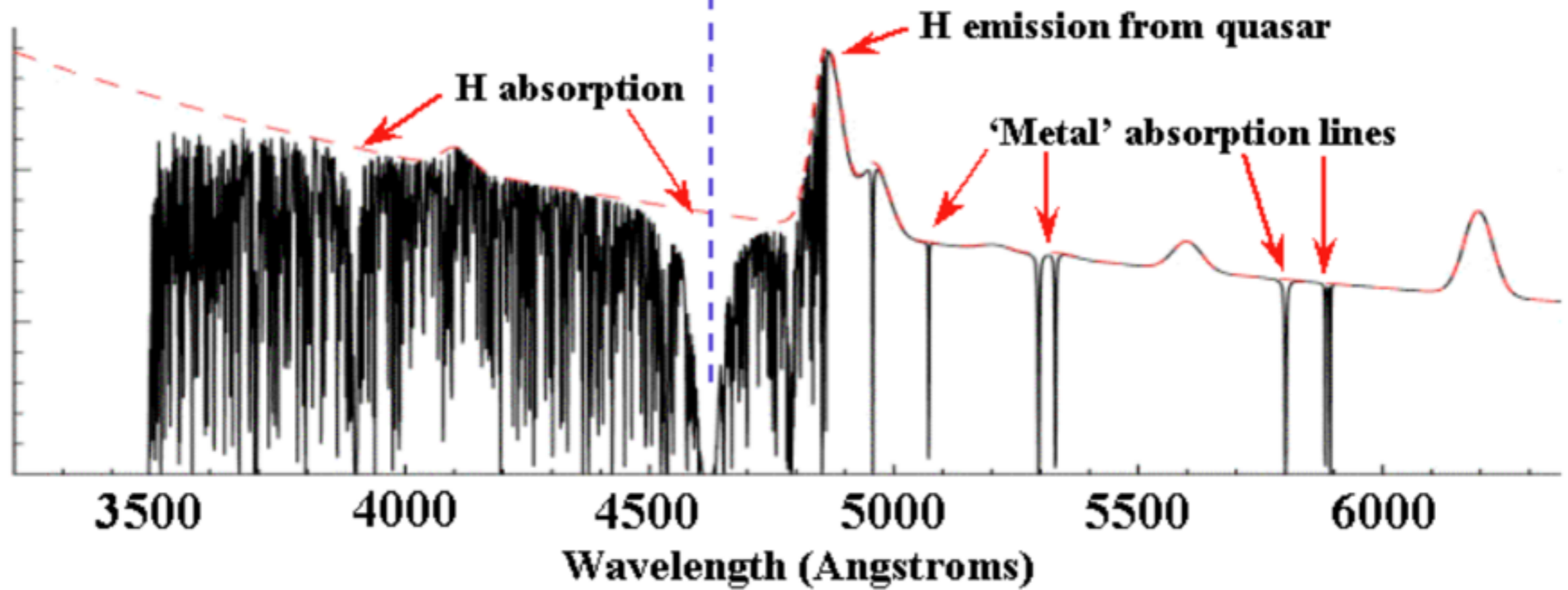
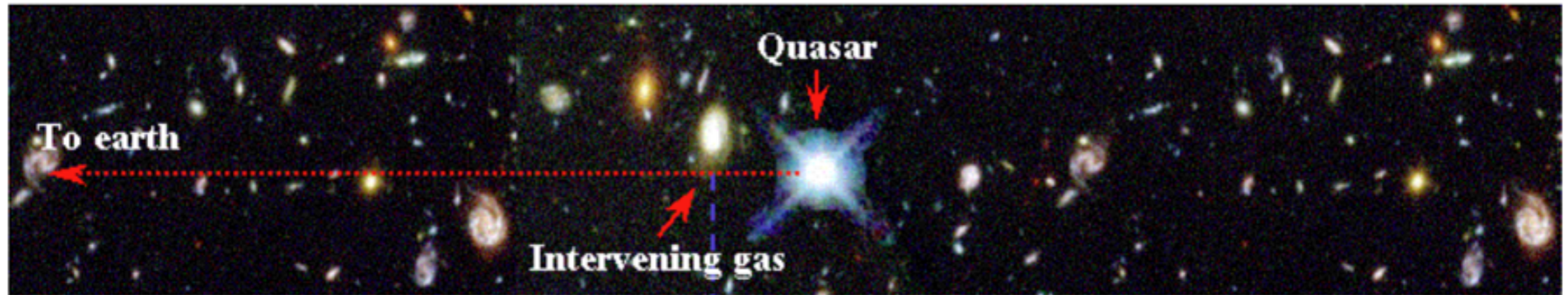
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ON THE ABSORPTION SPECTRUM OF 1116+12

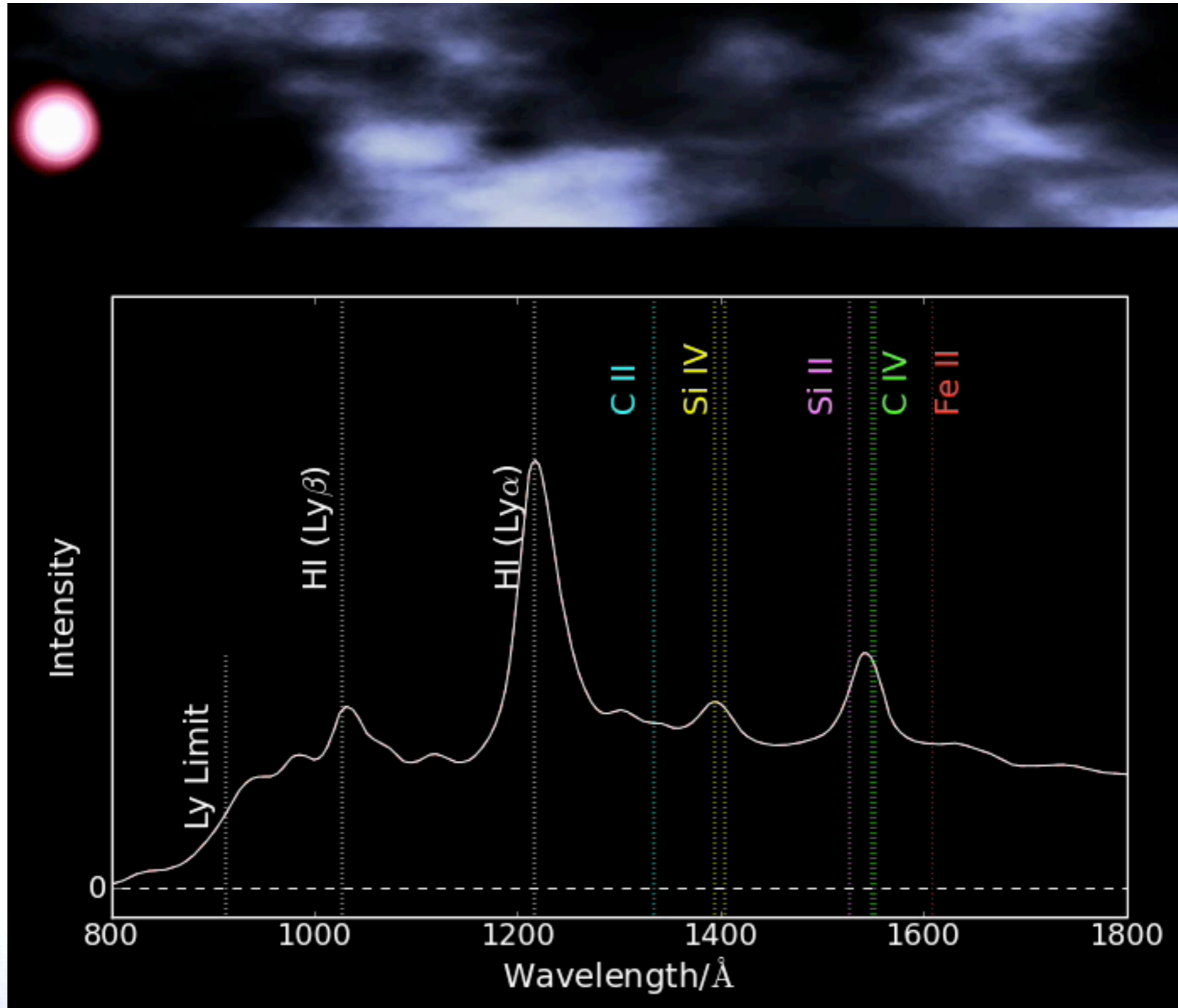
We have analyzed two spectrograms of the quasi-stellar radio source 1116+12. Schmidt (1966) has derived a redshift of 2.118 from emission lines at 3795 and 4827 Å which were identified as Ly- α λ 1216 and C IV λ 1549, respectively. We have found on both plates wide absorption features at 3585 and 4570 Å. These absorption features are tentatively identified as Ly- α and C IV, respectively, with a redshift of 1.949. In this Letter we describe briefly the techniques and results of our analysis and, following Bahcall and Salpeter (1965, 1966), some implications of our tentative identifications.



QSO SPECTRA



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ABSORPTION SYSTEMS

Absorber	Log N(HI)	Signature	What is it?
Ly α forest	11 - 17.5 cm ⁻²	Ly α 1216 A	IGM
CIV system	> 14 cm ⁻² ?	CIV 1548 A	IGM/galaxy
MgII system	> 17 cm ⁻²	Mg II 2796 A	Galaxy halo
Lyman limit systems	> 17.5 cm ⁻²	Lyman limit at 912 A	Galaxy halo
Sub-DLA	19 - 20.3 cm ⁻²	Weak Ly α damping wings	Halo? Massive galaxy?
DLA	> 20.3 cm ⁻²	Ly α damping wings	Galaxy
CaII system	> 19 cm ⁻² ?	CaII 3935 A	High density gas?

ABSORPTION LINES

$$I(\nu) = I_0(\nu)e^{-\tau}$$

Voigt profile

$$\tau(\nu) = N\sigma(\nu)$$

$$EW = \int \frac{I_0 - I_\lambda d\lambda}{I_0} \quad EW_{\text{obs}} = EW_{\text{rest}} \times (1+z)$$

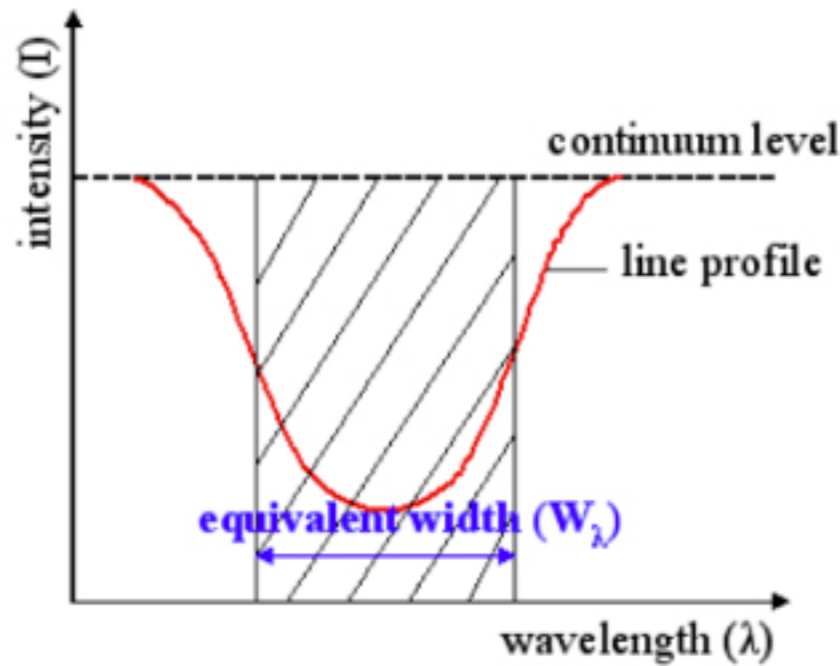
$$\tau(\lambda) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}e^2 N f \lambda}{m_e c b} H(a, u) = 1.497 \times 10^{-15} \frac{N(\text{cm}^{-2}) f \lambda(\text{\AA})}{b(\text{kms}^{-1})} H(a, u)$$

$$P(\nu) = \frac{1}{b\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-(\nu/b)^2} \quad b = \sqrt{2}\sigma = \frac{FWHM}{2\sqrt{\ln 2}}$$

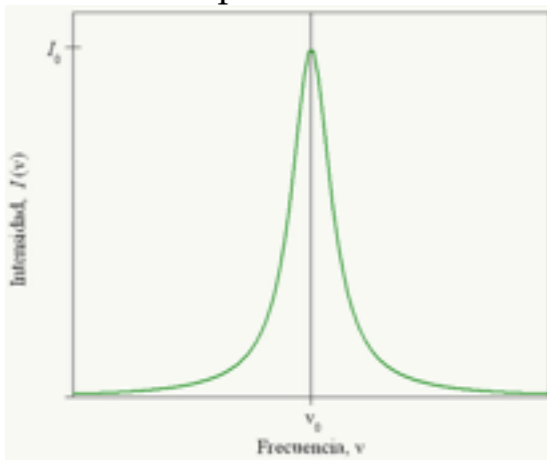
$$b = \sqrt{b_{\text{thermal}}^2 + b_{\text{turbulent}}^2} = \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m} + b_{\text{turbulent}}^2}$$

$$H(a, u) = \frac{a}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-y^2} dy}{(u-y)^2 + a^2}$$

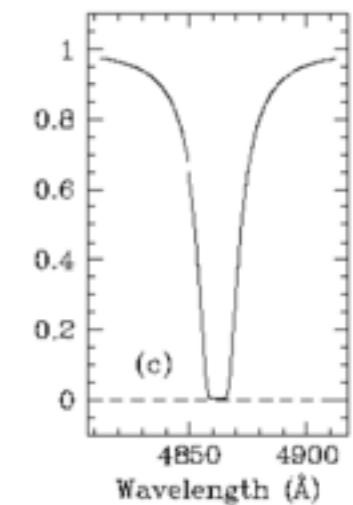
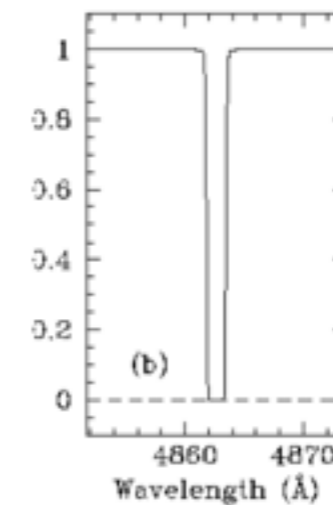
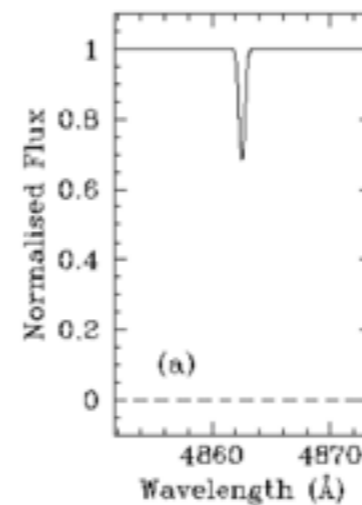
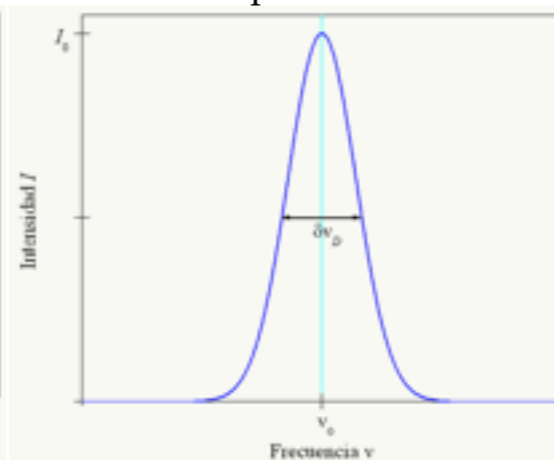
$$\Delta\nu = \frac{b\nu_0}{c}; \quad a = \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi\Delta\nu}; \quad u = \frac{c(\nu - \nu_0)}{\nu_0 b}; \quad y = \nu/b$$



Lorentzian profile



Gaussian profile



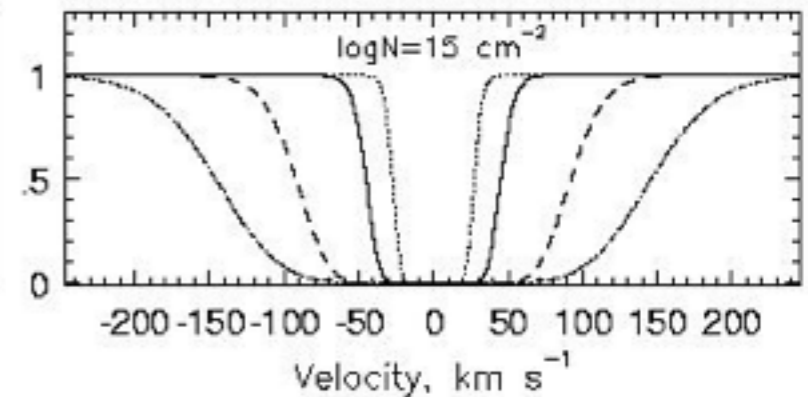
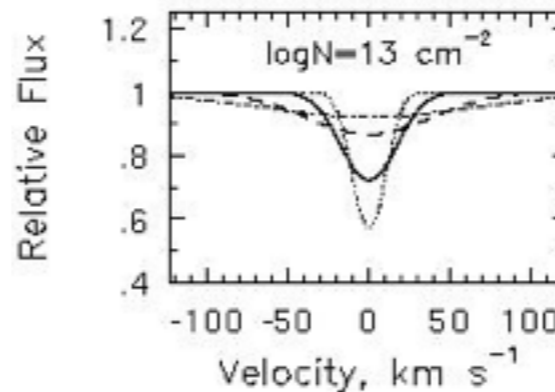
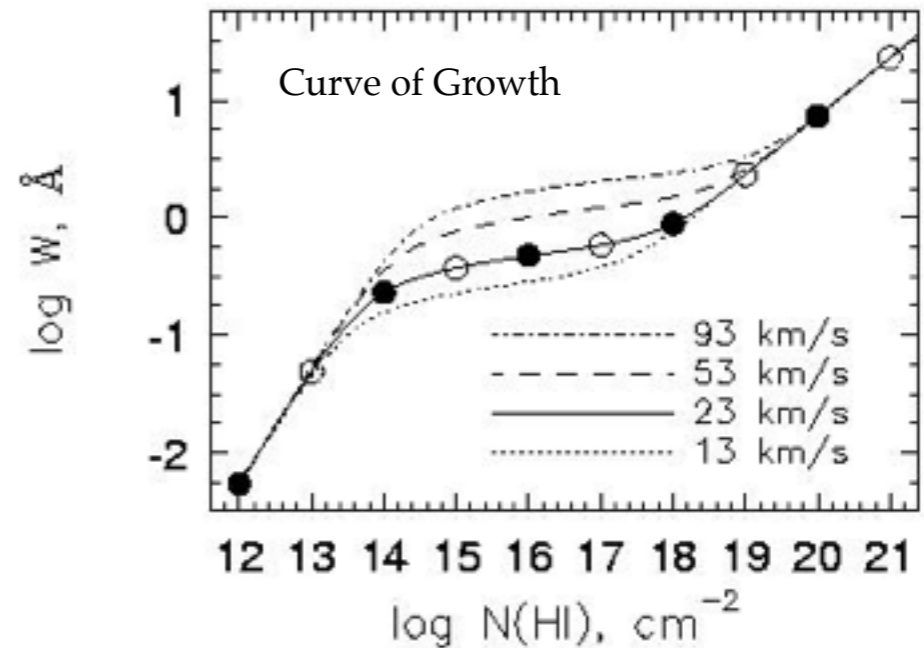
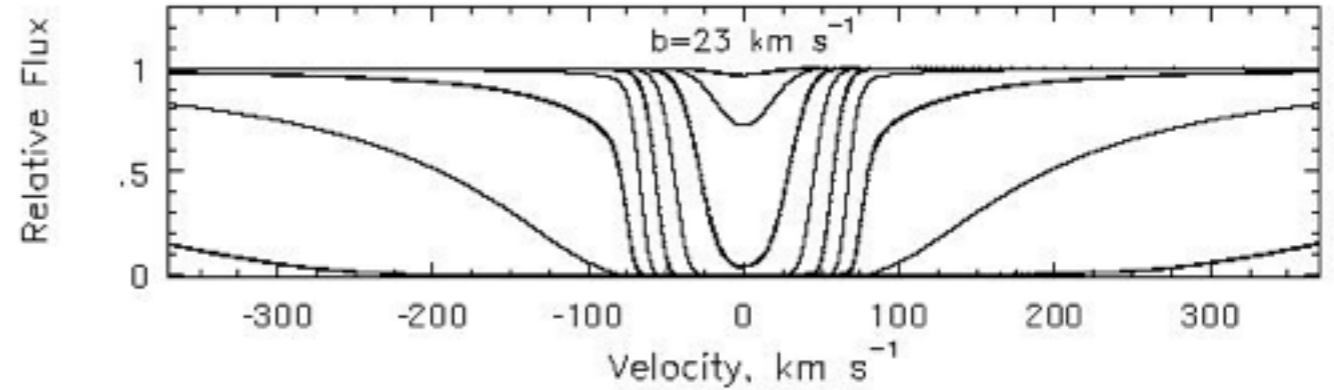
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$$W = \int (1 - \exp[-N\sigma(\nu)]) d\nu$$

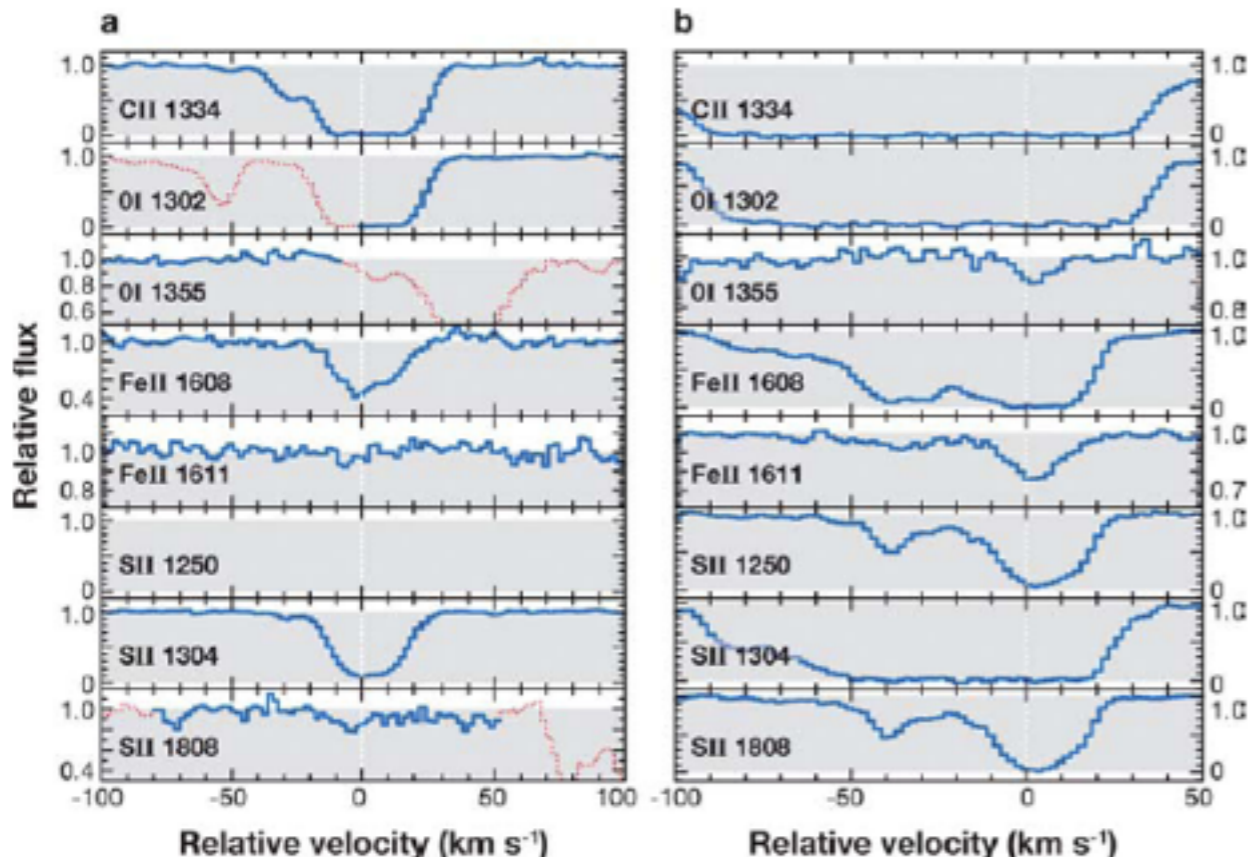
$$W(\lambda) = \frac{\pi e^2 \lambda_0}{m_e c^2} N \lambda_0 f \quad \tau(\nu) = N\sigma(\nu) \ll 1$$

$$W(\lambda) \sim \frac{2b\lambda_0}{c} \sqrt{\ln \left(\frac{\pi^{0.5} e^2 N \lambda_0 f}{m_e c b} \right)}$$

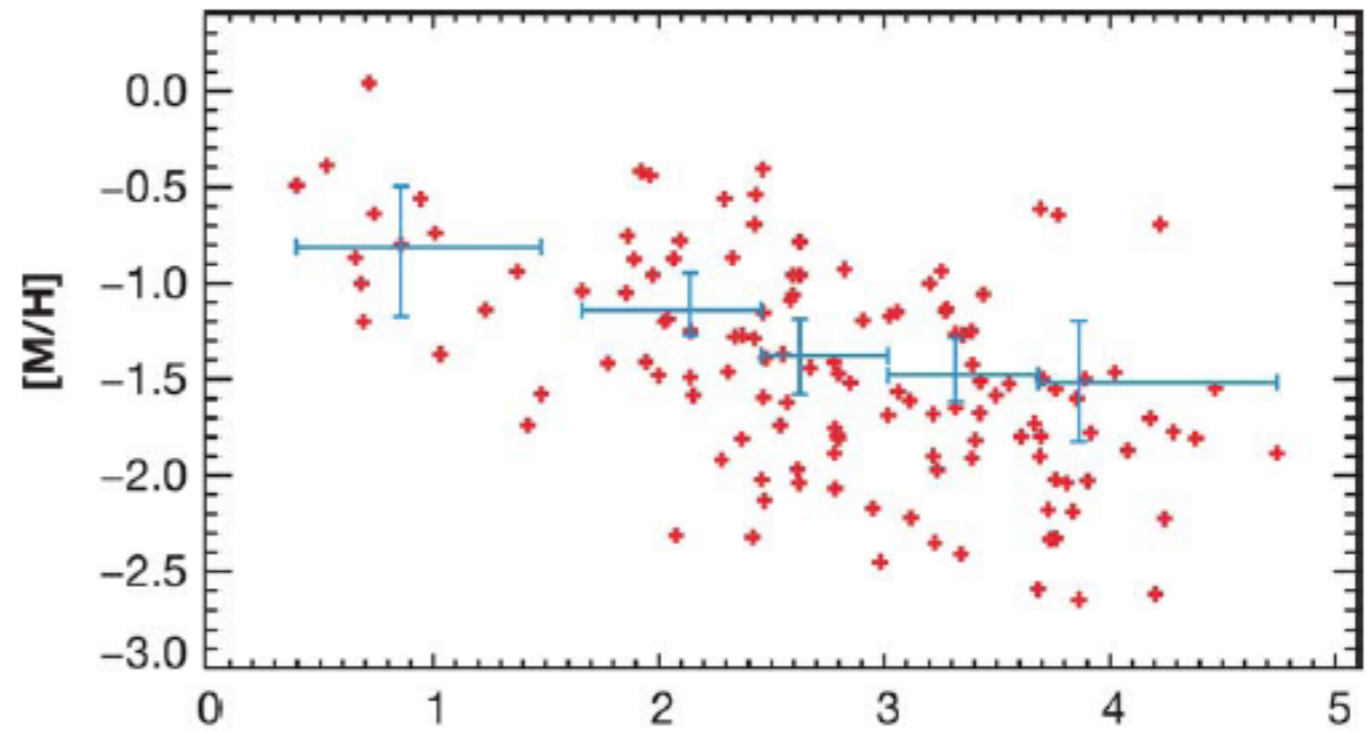
$$W(\lambda) \sim \frac{\lambda_0^{1.5}}{c} \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{m_e c} N \lambda_0 f \Gamma}$$



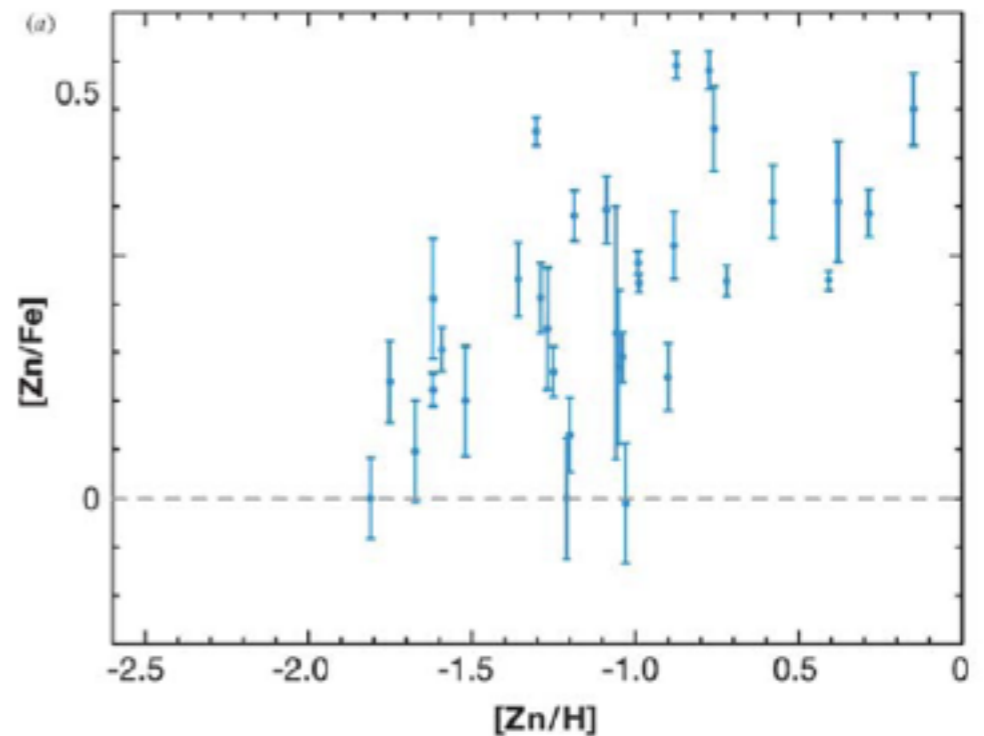
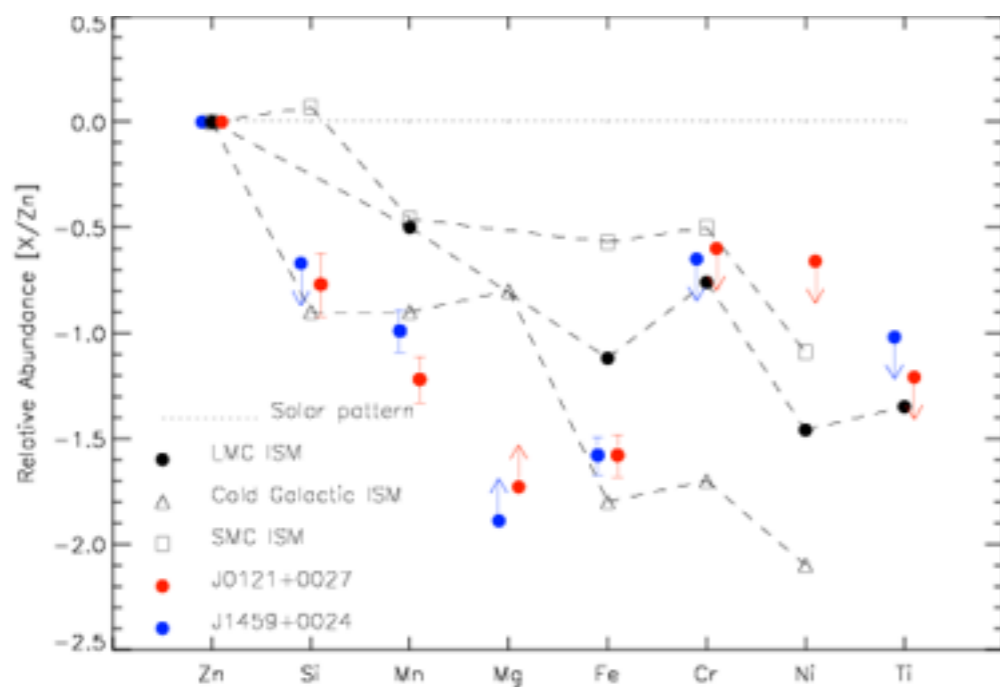
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$$\langle Z \rangle = \log_{10} \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n 10^{[M/H]_i} N_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n N_i} \right] - \log_{10}(M/H)_{\odot}$$

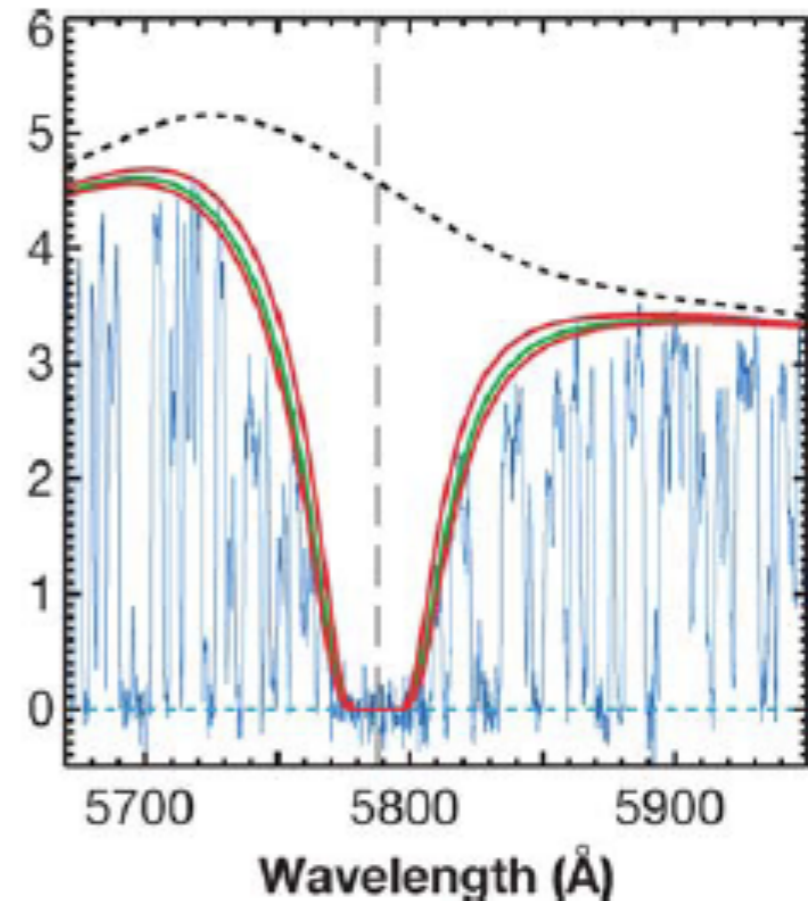
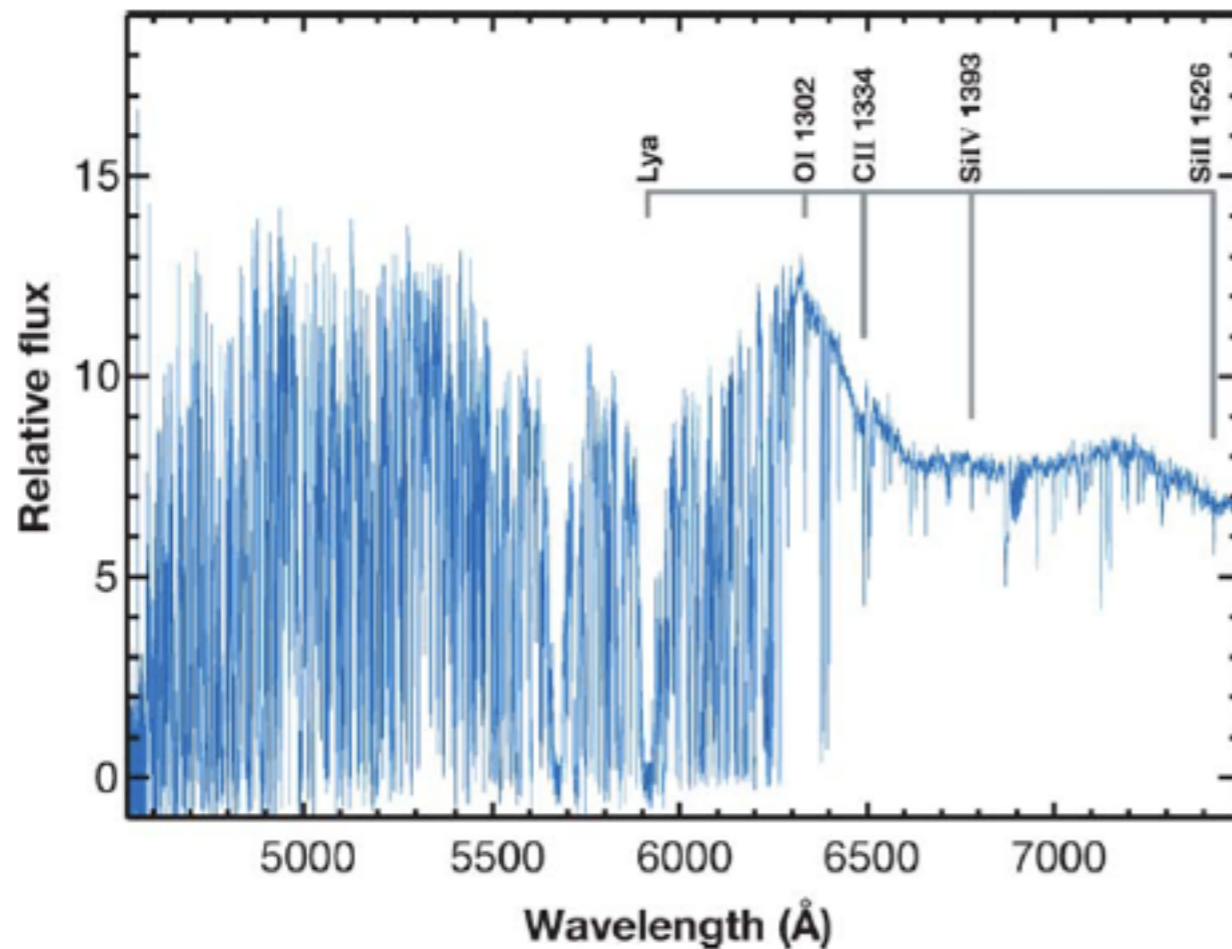


$$\kappa = 10^{[Y/H]_{\text{int}}} (10^{[X/Y]_{\text{int}}} - 10^{[X/Y]_{\text{gas}}})$$



DAMPED LYMAN ALPHA SYSTEMS

- DLA: $N > 2 * 10$
- subDLA: $N > 10$
- LLS: $N > 10$
- Ly-a forrest: $N < 10$
- Hydrogen mainly neutral (precursors of molecular clouds, stars' birthplace)
- Used to trace the chemical evolution along the history of the universe



DLAS: THE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION F(X,N)

$$f(N, X) \equiv (c/H_0)n_{\text{co}}(N, X)A(N, X),$$

$$f_{\text{HI}}(N, X)dN dX$$

Number of DLAs in the intervals $(N, N+dN)$ and $(X, X+dX)$

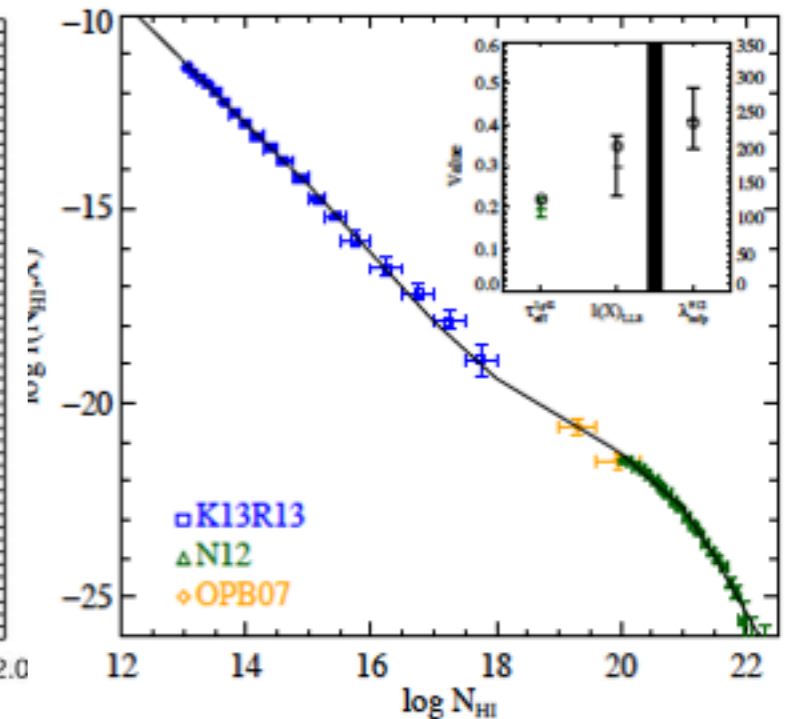
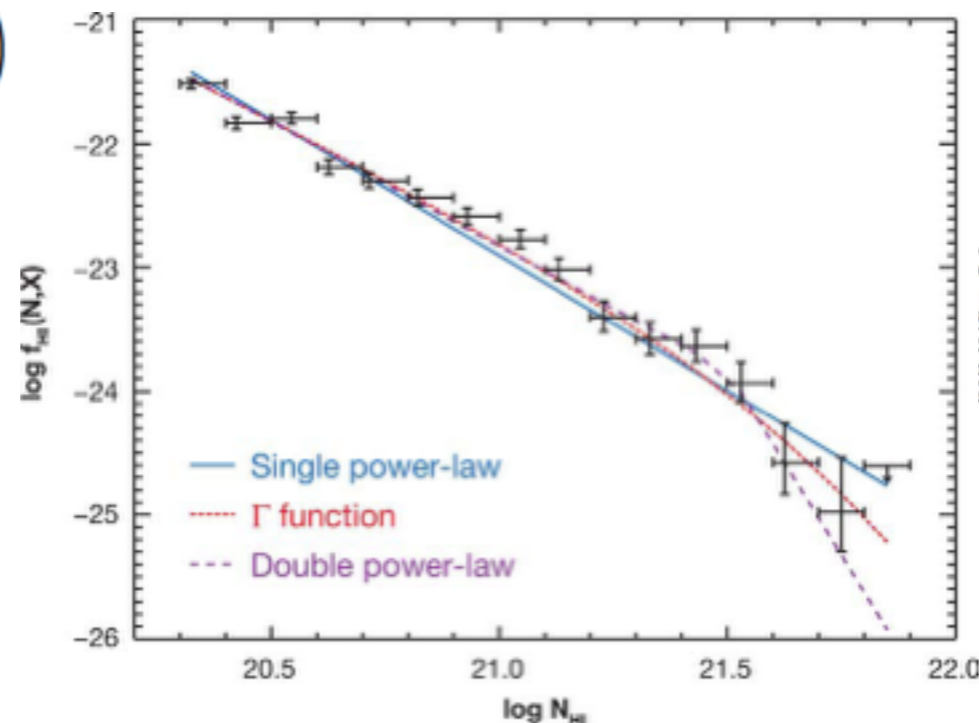
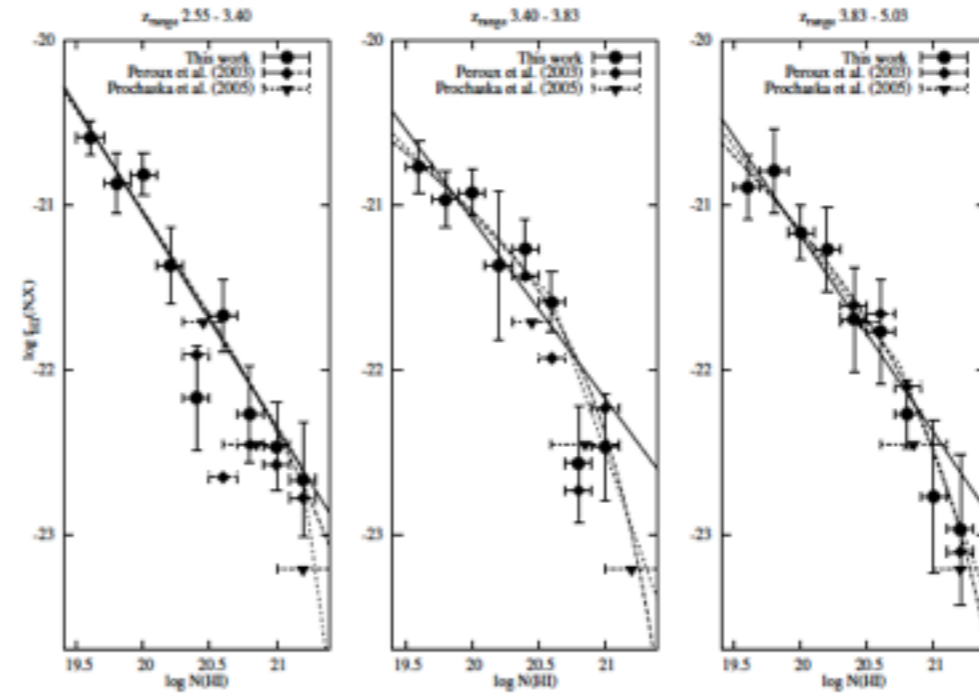
$$dX \equiv \frac{H_0}{H(z)}(1+z)^2 dz \quad H(z) = H_0 [\Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda]^{1/2}$$

$$f_{\text{HI}}(N, z)dNdX = \frac{m}{\Delta N \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta X_i} dNdX.$$

$$f_{\text{HI}}(N, X) = k_1 N^{\alpha_1}$$

$$f_{\text{HI}}(N, X) = k_3 \left(\frac{N}{N_d}\right)^\beta, \text{ where } \beta = \begin{cases} \alpha_3 & N < N_d \\ \alpha_4 & N \geq N_d \end{cases}$$

$$f_{\text{HI}}(N, X) = k_2 \left(\frac{N}{N_\gamma}\right)^{\alpha_2} \exp\left(\frac{-N}{N_\gamma}\right)$$

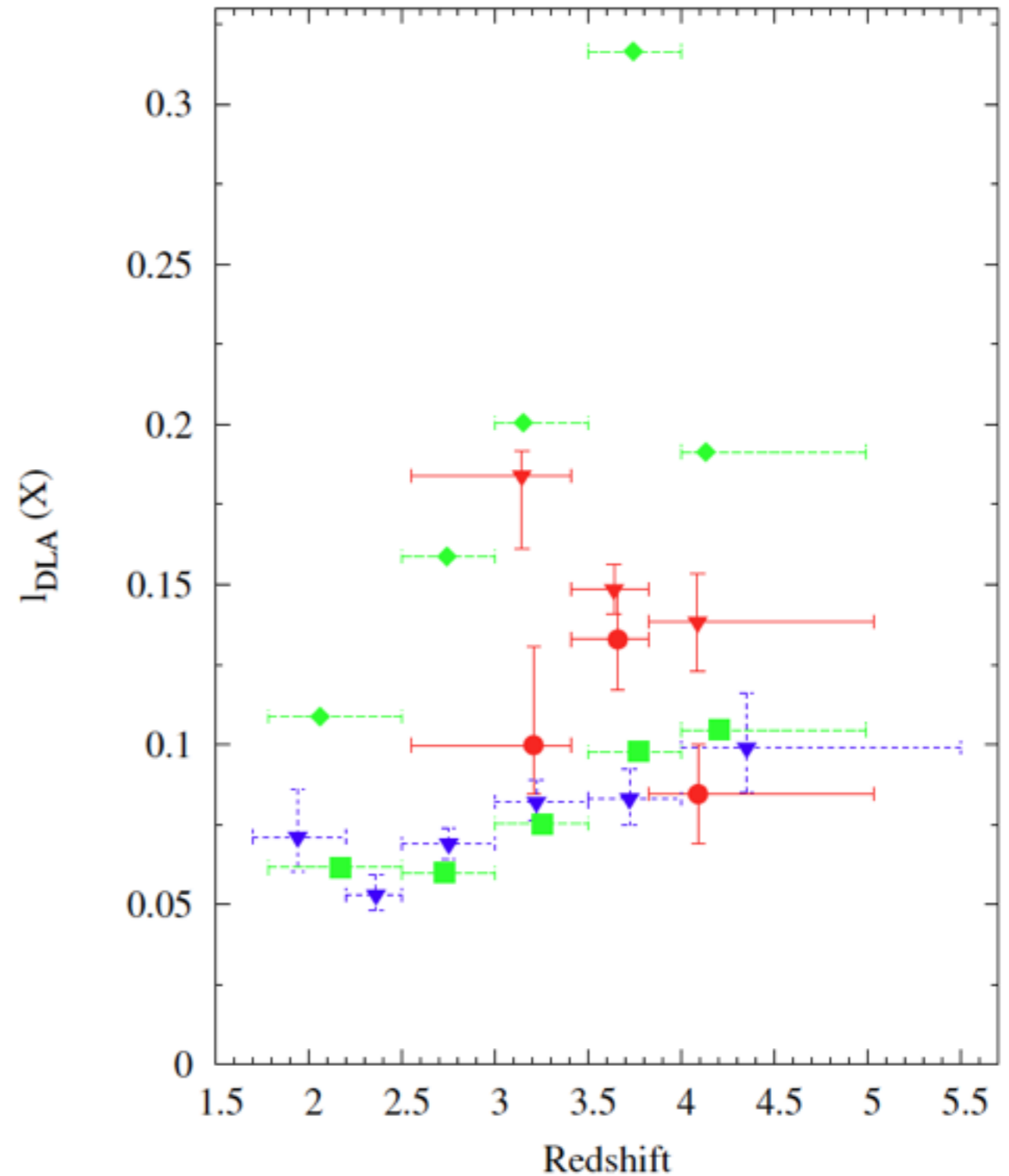
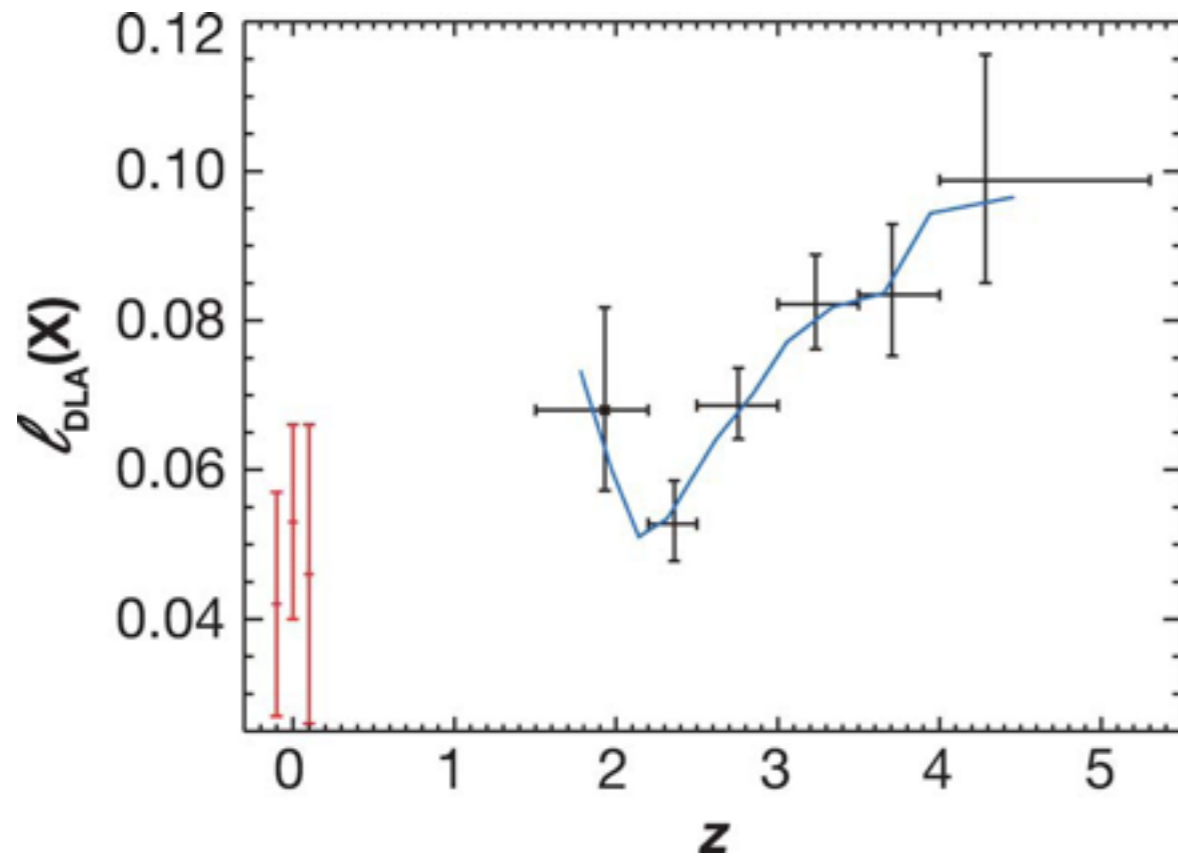


DLAS: THE LINE DENSITY OF SYSTEMS (ℓ_{DLA})

$$\ell_{\text{DLA}}(X) dX = \int_{N_{\text{th}}}^{\infty} f_{\text{HI}}(N, X) dN dX.$$

$$\ell_{\text{DLA}}(X) = (c/H_0) n_{\text{DLA}}(X) A(X)$$

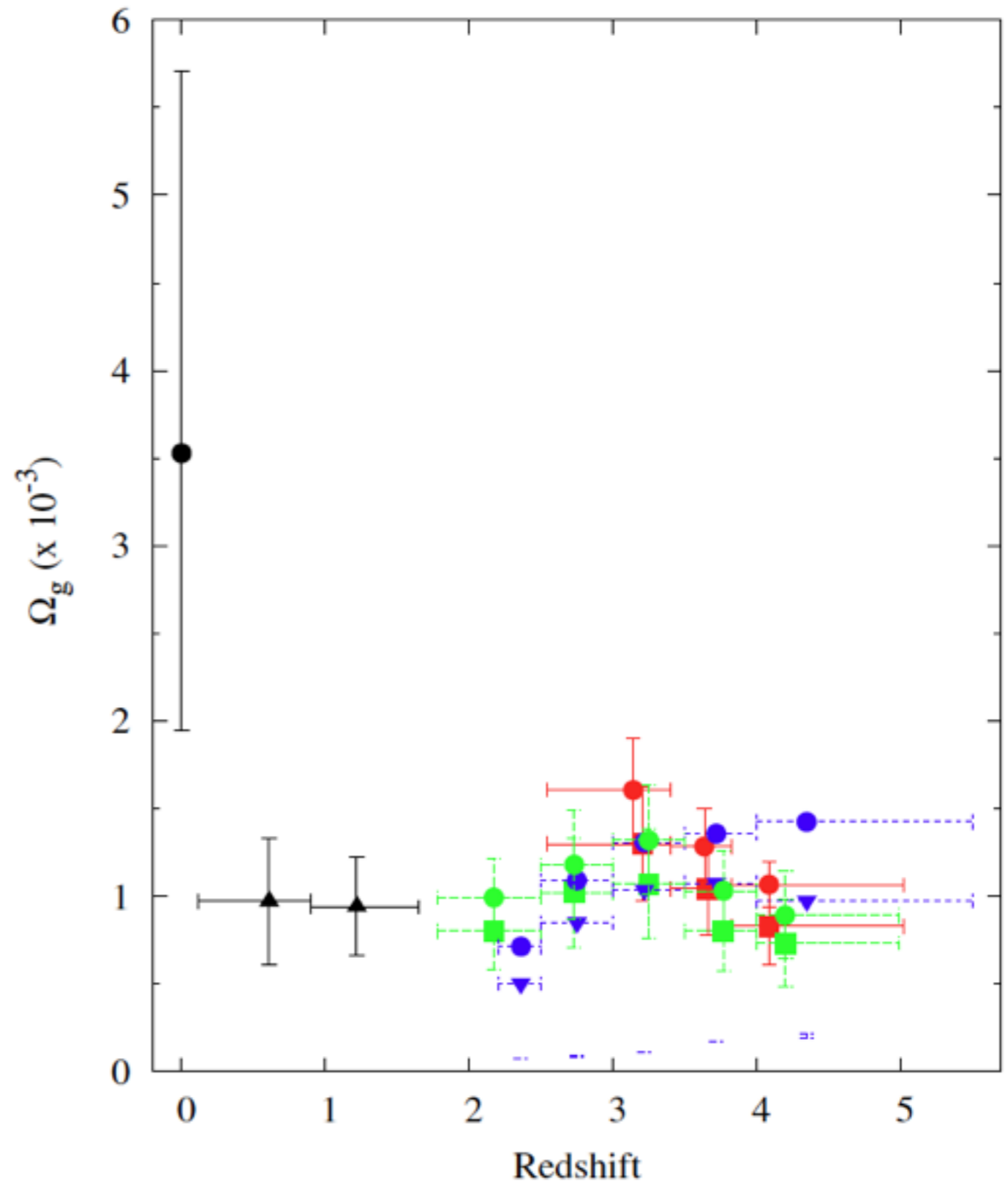
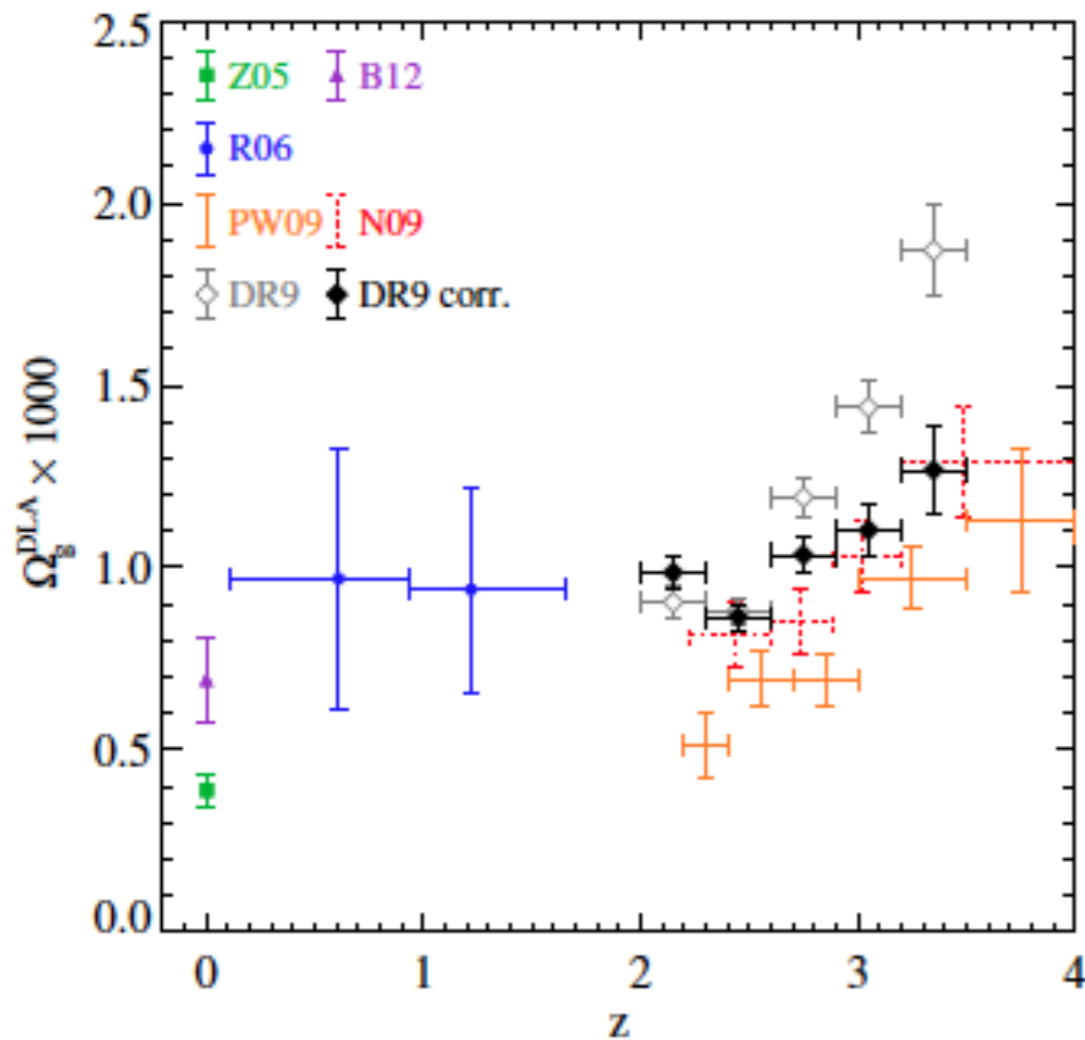
$$\ell_{\text{DLA}}(X) = m_{\text{DLA}}/\Delta X$$



DLAS: HI CONTENT AND EVOLUTION (Ω_G)

$$\Omega_g = \frac{H_0}{c} \frac{\mu m_H}{\rho_{\text{crit}}} \int_{N_{\text{min}}}^{N_{\text{max}}} dN N f(N, X)$$

$$\Omega_g(X) = \frac{H_0}{c} \frac{\mu m_H}{\rho_{\text{crit}}} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n N_i}{\Delta X}$$



DLA SURVEYS: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

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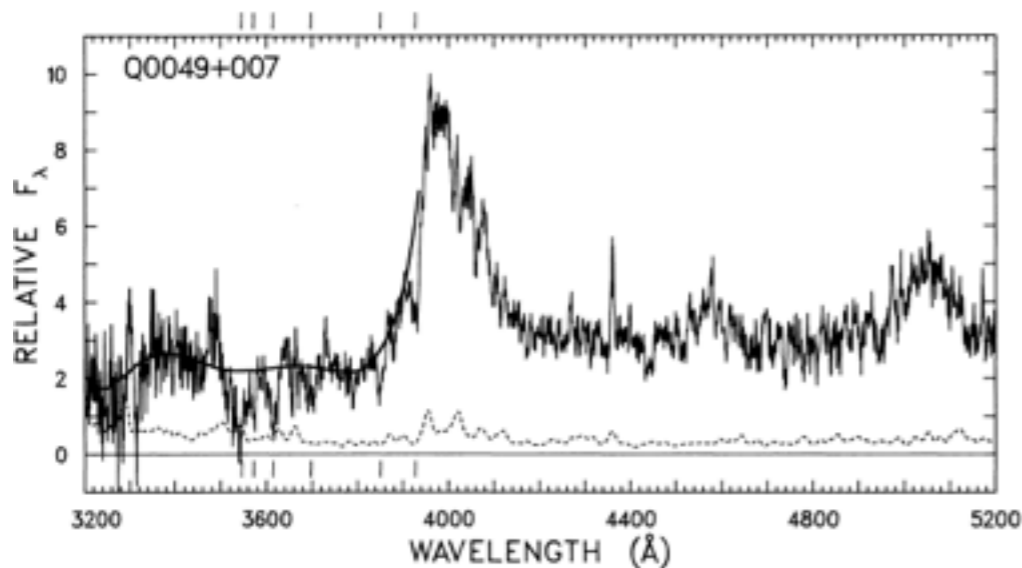
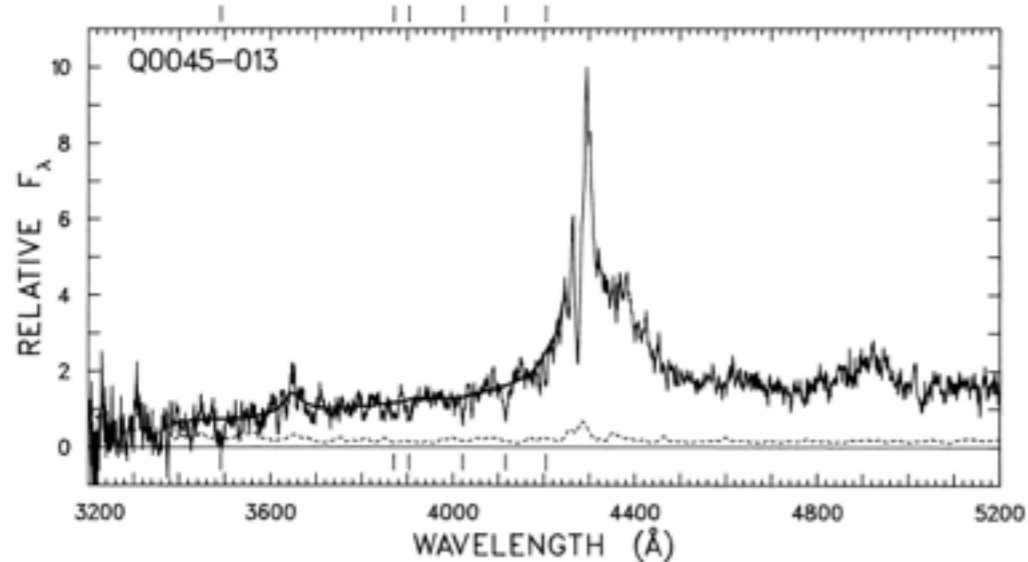
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☞ Sample: 68 QSOs

- ☞ Motivated by the discovery of 21cm absorption in 2 of the 3 DLAs known at the date (Wolfe et al, 1981)
- ☞ Low resolution (Δ)
- ☞ Criteria: $V \leq 18.5$, z
- ☞ Search for HI disks: $N(\text{HI}) > 1.8 \times 10^{21}$ (from radio observations of spiral galaxies)
 $\Rightarrow \text{EW} > 5$
- ☞ 47 features detected (DW are clearly detected in 15 cases and in 11 cases DW are ruled out)

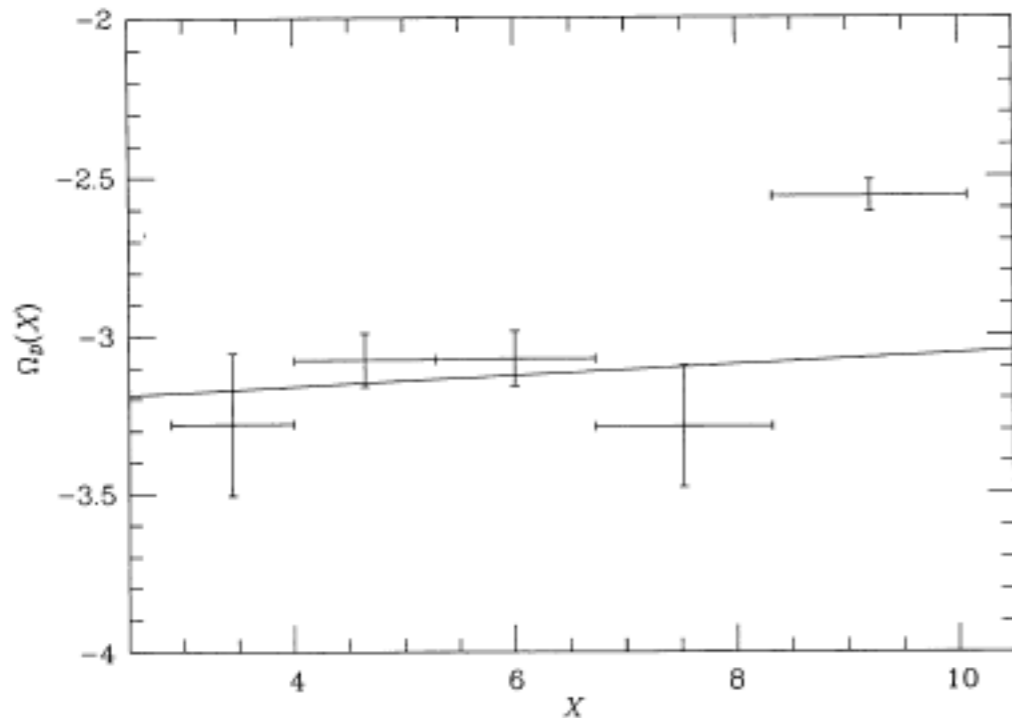
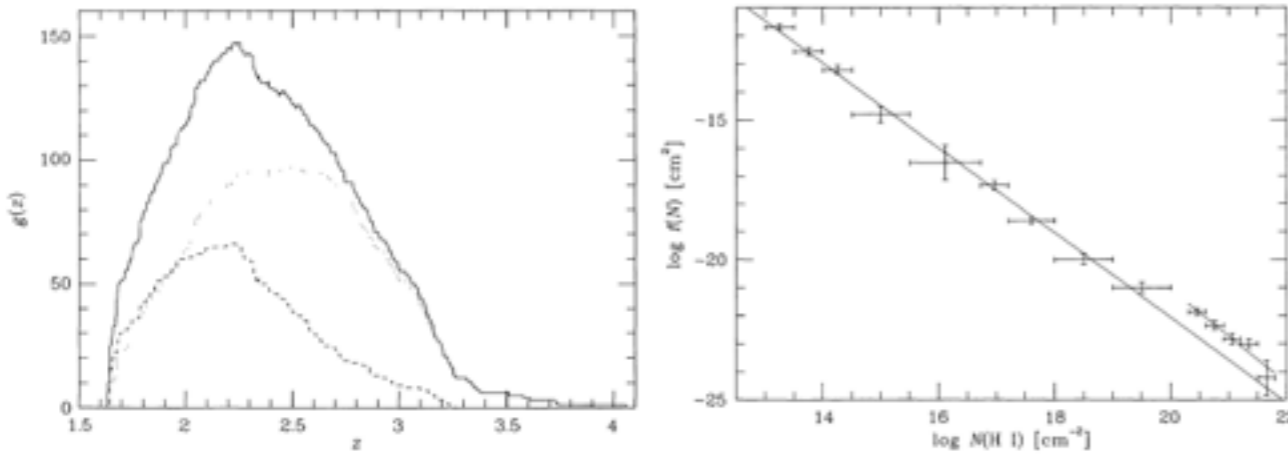
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Sample: 57 (+literature) QSOs

A NEW SPECTROSCOPIC SURVEY FOR DAMPED Ly α ABSORPTION LINES FROM HIGH-REDSHIFT GALAXIES¹

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- ☞ Low resolution (Δ)
 - 1) Sample large enough for statistical purposes
- ☞ Goals:
 - 2) $z_{em} >$ Wolfe et al. (1986)
 - 3) Identify DLAs toward bright radio sources
- ☞ Statistical DLA sample: 125 candidates
- ☞ DLAs are not only HI disks in spiral galaxies
- ☞ Local star mass density comparable to DLA HI density at $z \sim 2.5 \Rightarrow$ Tracers of the material available for star formation

$$n(z) = n_0(1+z)^\gamma$$

$$f(N) = BN^{-\beta}$$

NUMBER DENSITY DISTRIBUTION PARAMETERS

Sample	N_0	γ
D1 ...	0.035 ± 0.007	1.2 ± 1.7
D2 ...	0.163 ± 0.026	0.3 ± 1.4

H I COLUMN DENSITY DISTRIBUTION PARAMETERS

Sample	$\log B$	β
D1 ...	13.63 ± 0.09	1.73 ± 0.29
D2 ...	12.33 ± 0.07	1.67 ± 0.19

$$\langle \Omega_D \rangle = \begin{cases} 0.71 \pm 0.05 \times 10^{-3} h^{-1} & (q_0 = 0) \\ 1.31 \pm 0.09 \times 10^{-3} h^{-1} & (q_0 = 0.5) \end{cases}$$

$$\langle n(z) \rangle = 0.16 \pm 0.03$$

$$\langle \Omega_D \rangle = \begin{cases} 0.79 \pm 0.14 \times 10^{-3} h^{-1} & (q_0 = 0) \\ 1.45 \pm 0.25 \times 10^{-3} h^{-1} & (q_0 = 0.5) \end{cases}$$

$$\langle n(z) \rangle = 0.25 \pm 0.04$$

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THE IUE SURVEY FOR DAMPED LYMAN- α AND LYMAN-LIMIT ABSORPTION SYSTEMS: EVOLUTION OF THE GASEOUS CONTENT OF THE UNIVERSE

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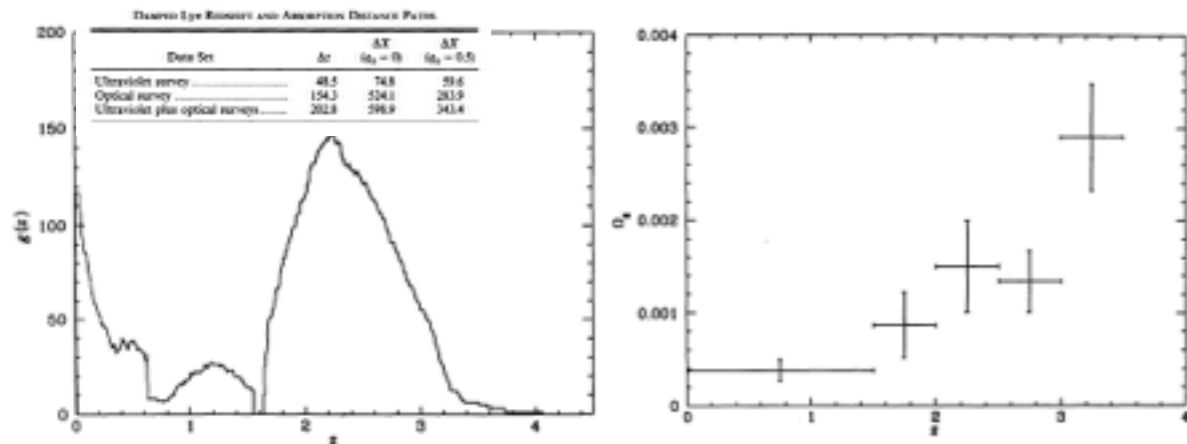
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☞ Sample: 260 (+literature) QSOs

- ☞ Low resolution ($\Delta z \approx 0.5$)
- ☞ First low-z survey ($0.008 \leq z \leq 1.55$)
- ☞ Closed box assumption is incorrect

THE LARGE BRIGHT QSO SURVEY FOR DAMPED Ly α ABSORPTION SYSTEMS¹

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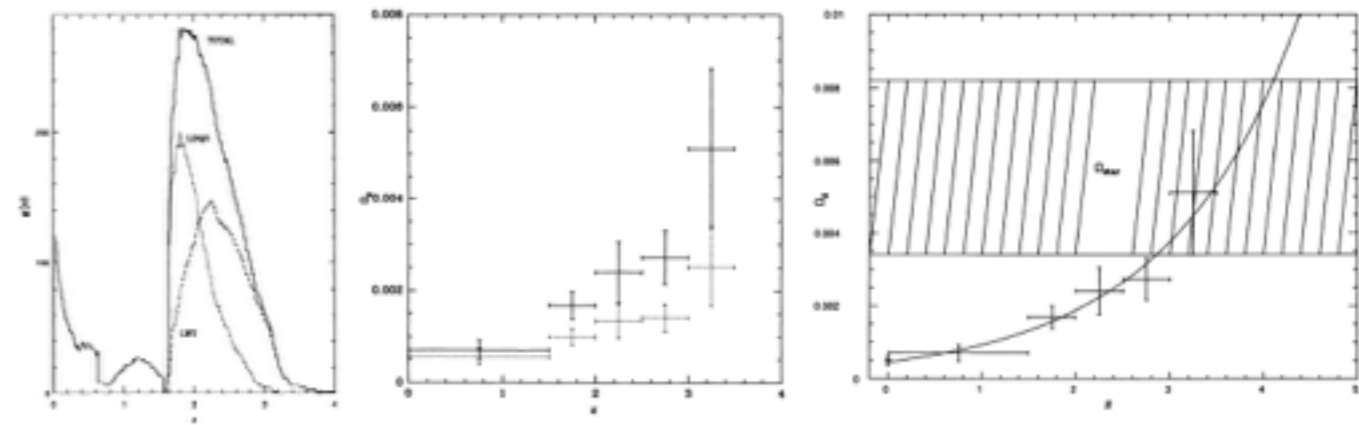
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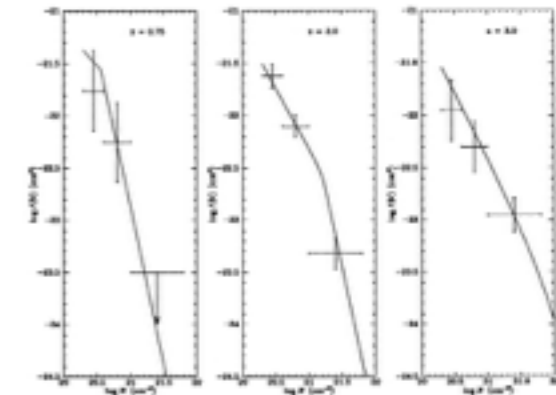
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☞ Sample: 228 (+literature) QSOs

- ☞ Low resolution ($\Delta z \approx 0.5$)
- ☞ High N systems decrease when z decreases
- ☞ Density evolution due to gas consumption by star formation



MODERN DLA SURVEYS AND IDENTIFICATIONS

☛ Low redshift

- ☛ Zwaan et al. (2005)
- ☛ Rao et al. (2006)

☛ Intermediate redshift

- ☛ Ellison et al. (2001)
- ☛ Prochaska et al. (2004, 2005)
- ☛ Noterdaeme et al. (2009, 2012)

☛ SubDLAs

- ☛ Peroux et al. (2005)
- ☛ O'Meara et al. (2007)
- ☛ Zafar et al. (2013)

☛ High redshift

- ☛ Storrie-Lombardi et al. (1996)
- ☛ Storrie-Lombardi & Wolfe (2000)
- ☛ Peroux et al. (2001, 2003)
- ☛ Guimaraes et al. (2009)
- ☛ Sánchez-Ramírez et al. (2014, in prep.)

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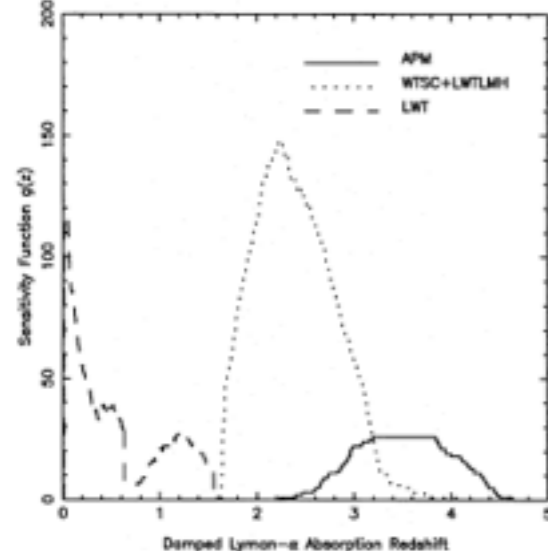
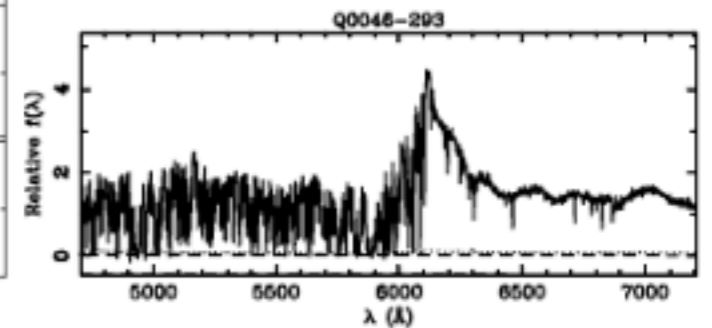
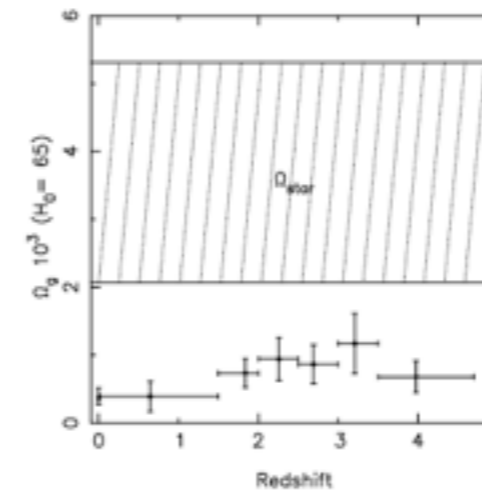
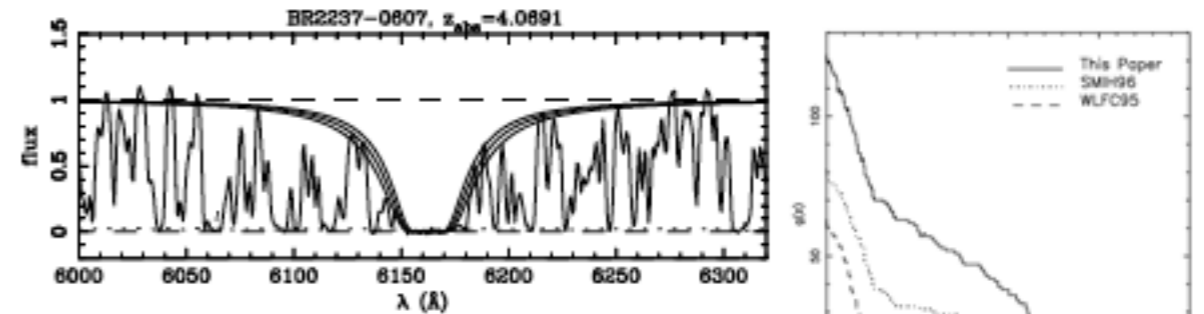
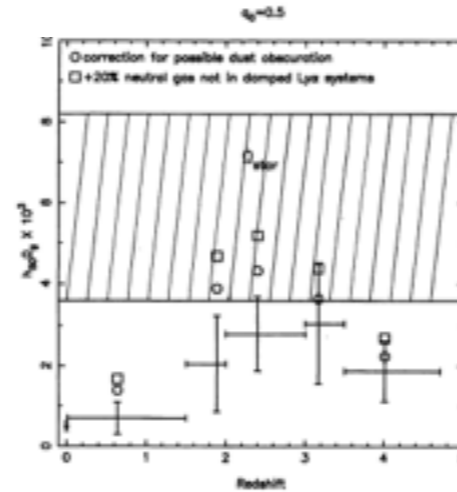
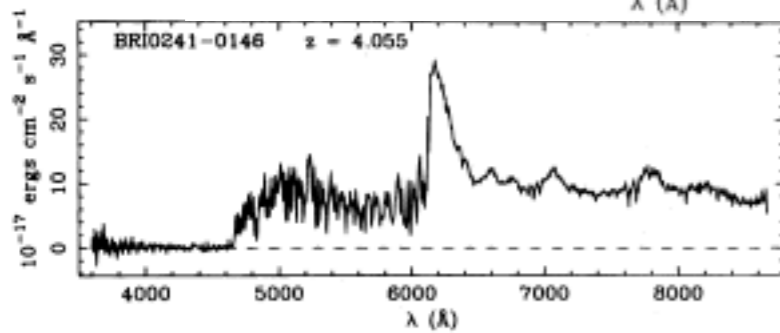
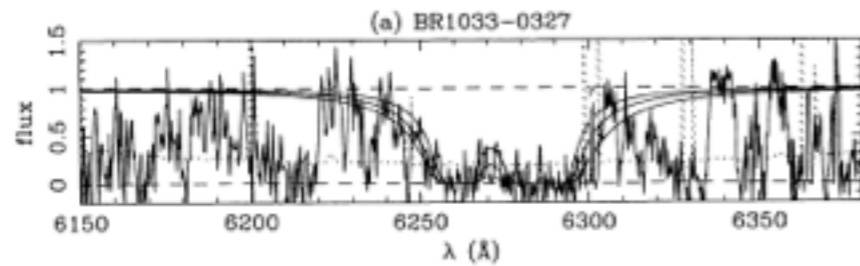
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APM $Z \geq 4$ QSO SURVEY: SPECTRA AND INTERVENING ABSORPTION SYSTEMS

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Sample: 26 (+literature) QSOs

- Intermediate resolution (Δ)
- First high-z survey ($2.8 \leq z \leq 4.4$)

Sample: 40 (+literature) QSOs

- Intermediate resolution (Δ)
- High-z survey ($3.2 \leq z \leq 4.694$)

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ABSORPTION SYSTEMS IN THE SPECTRA OF 66 $z \gtrsim 4$ QUASARS

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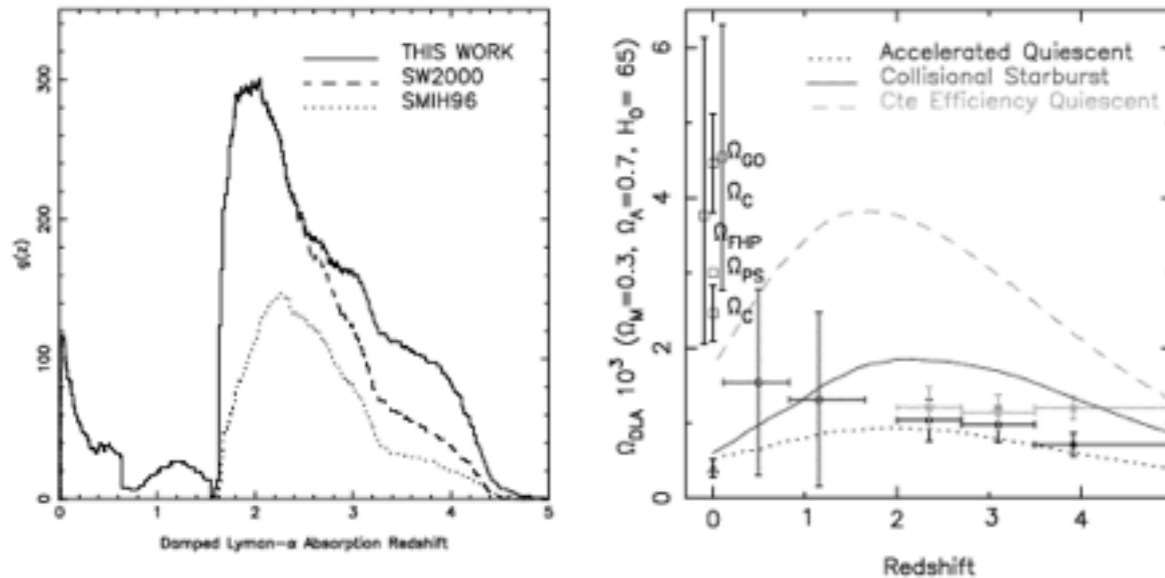
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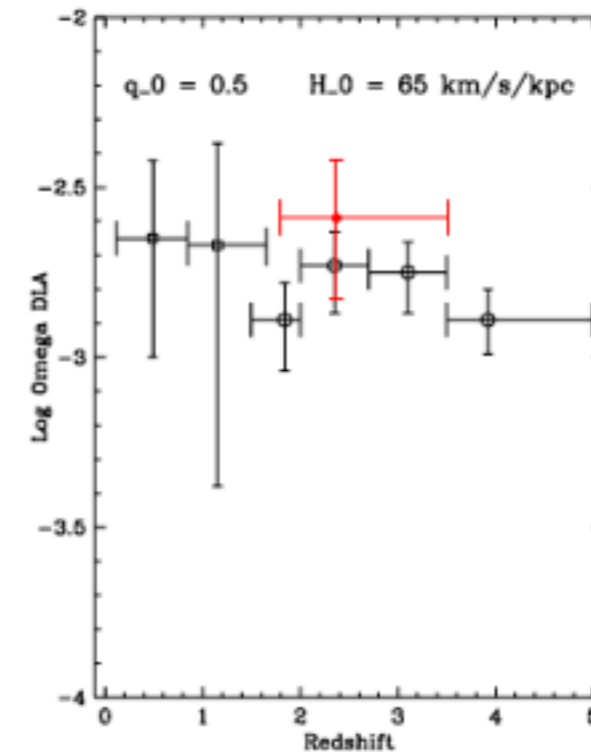
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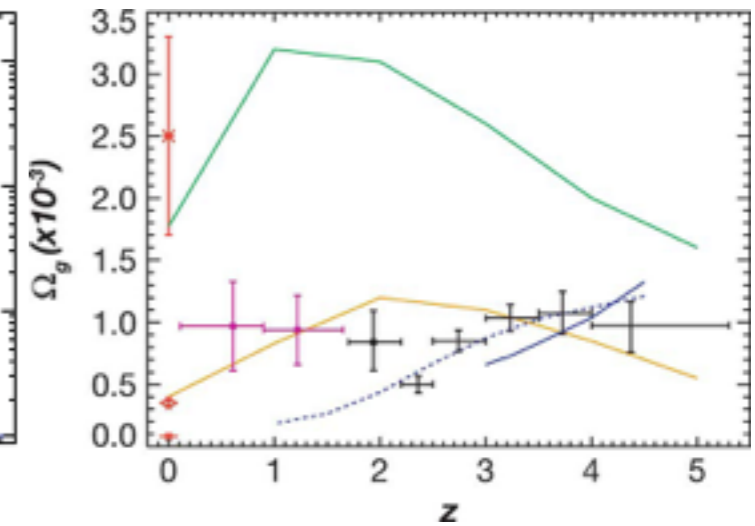
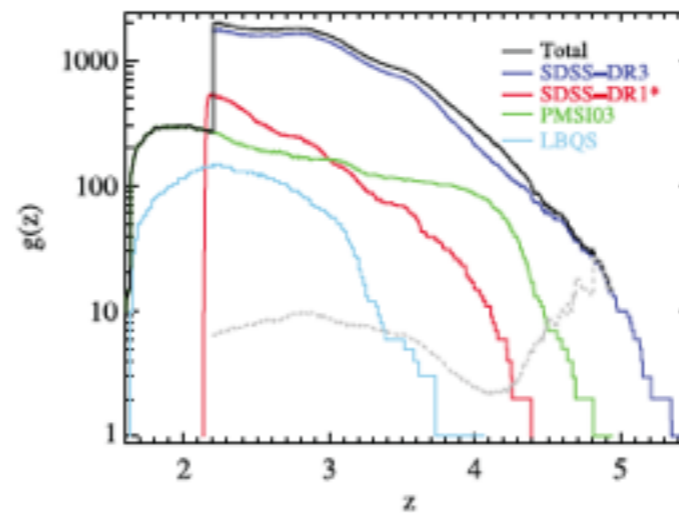
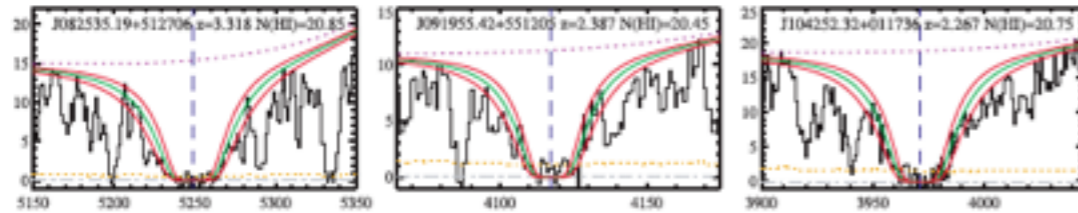
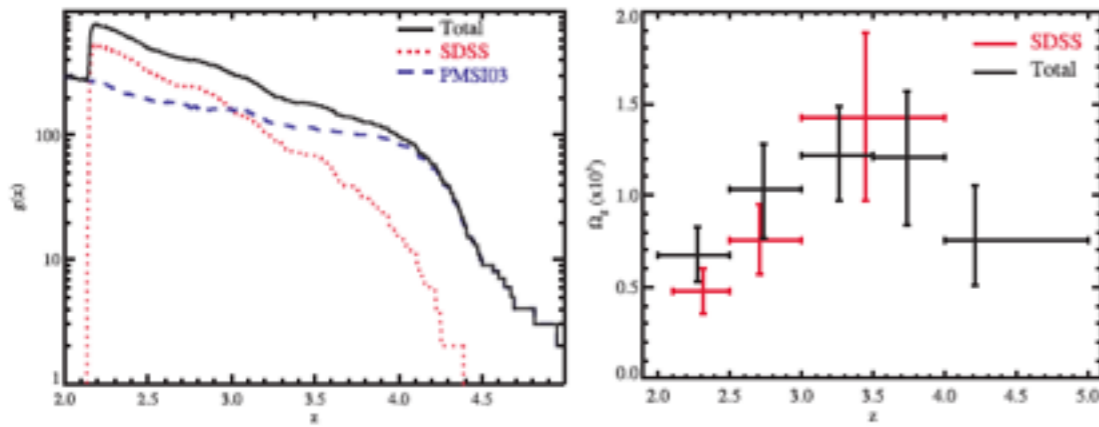
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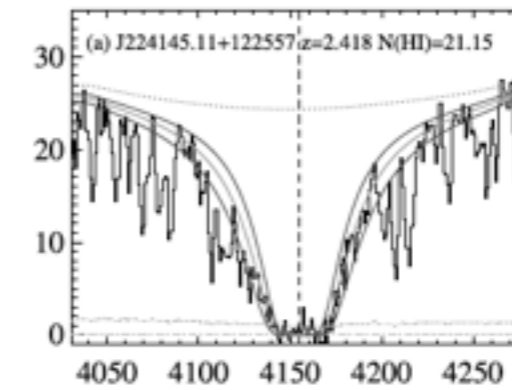
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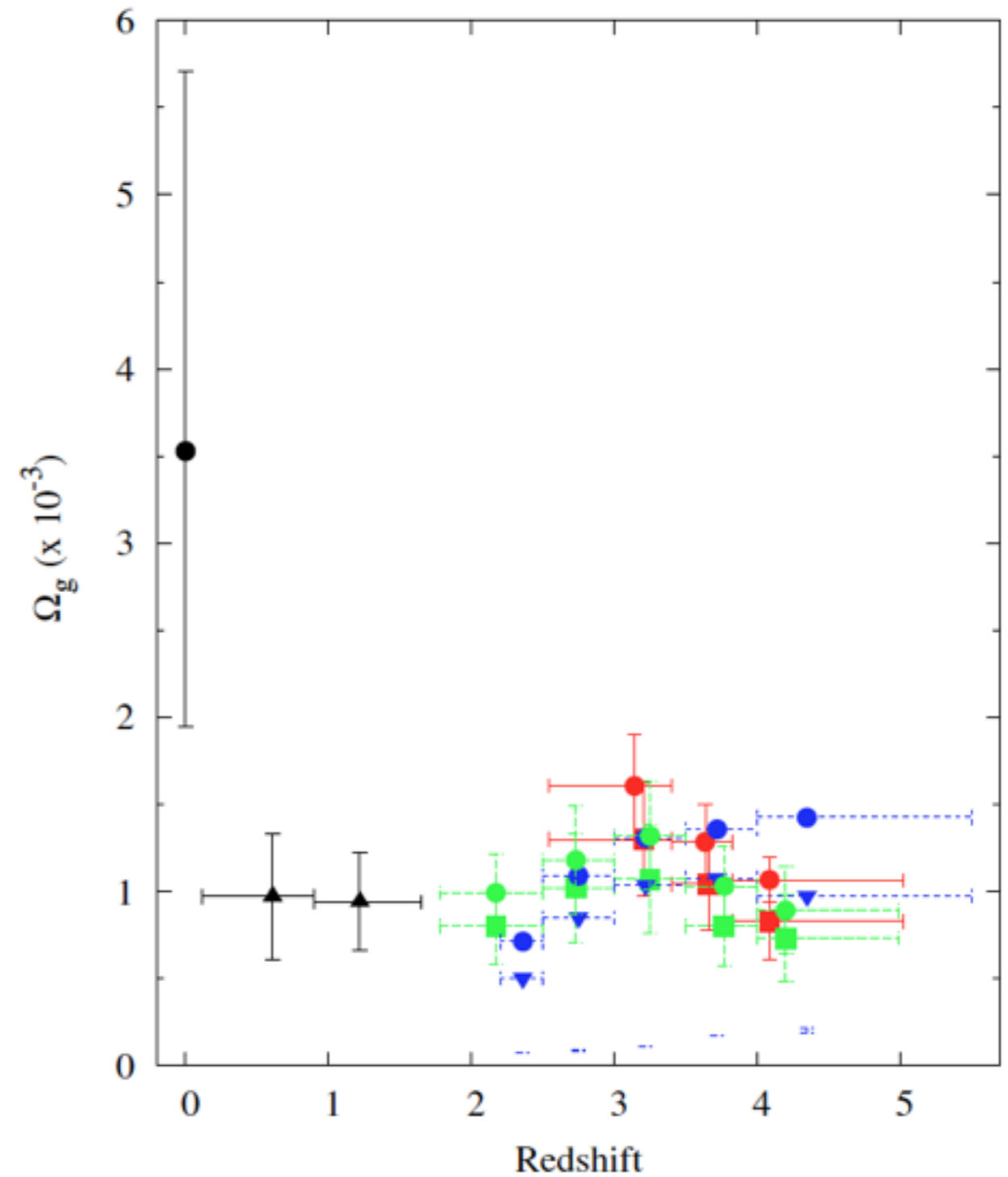
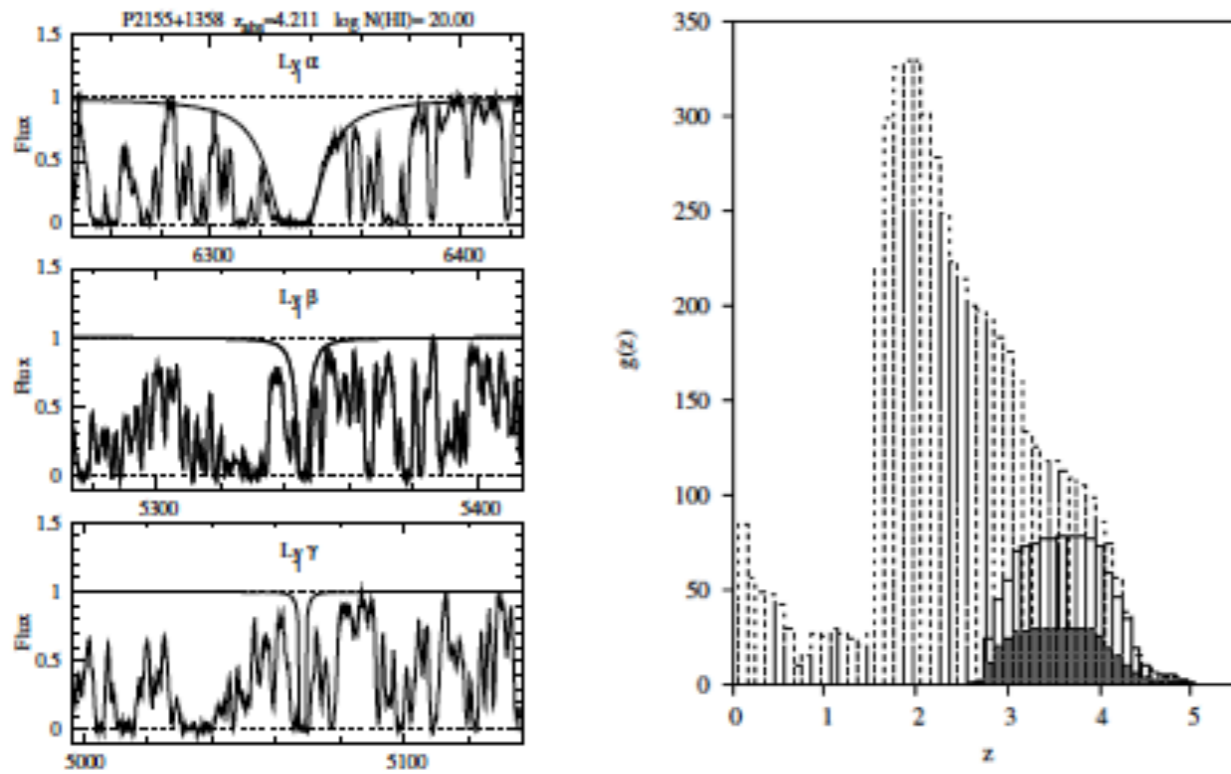
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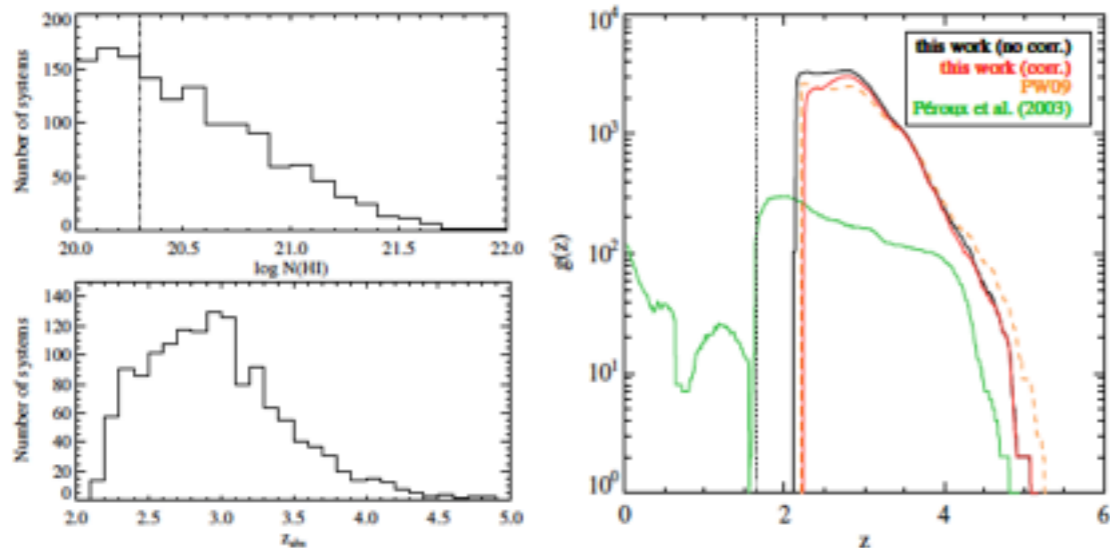
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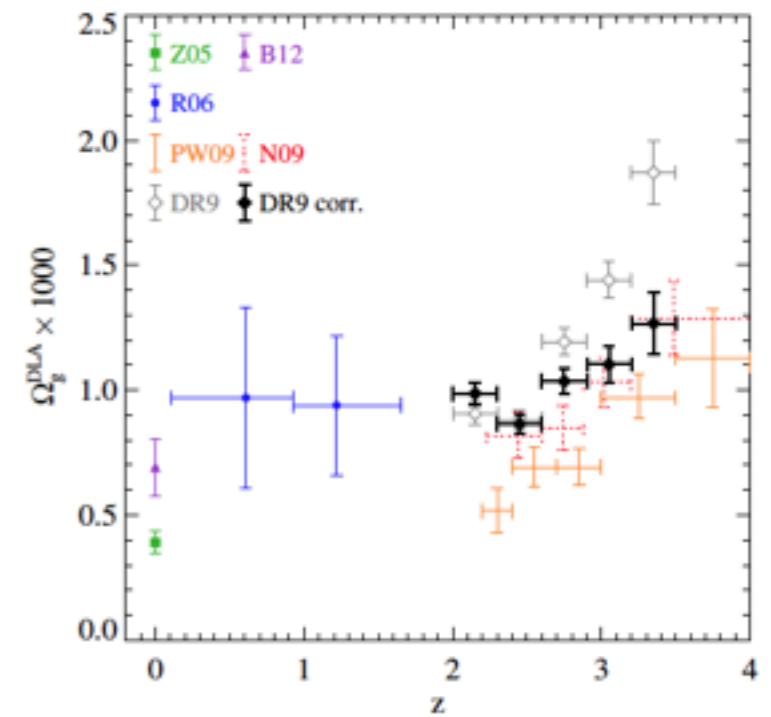
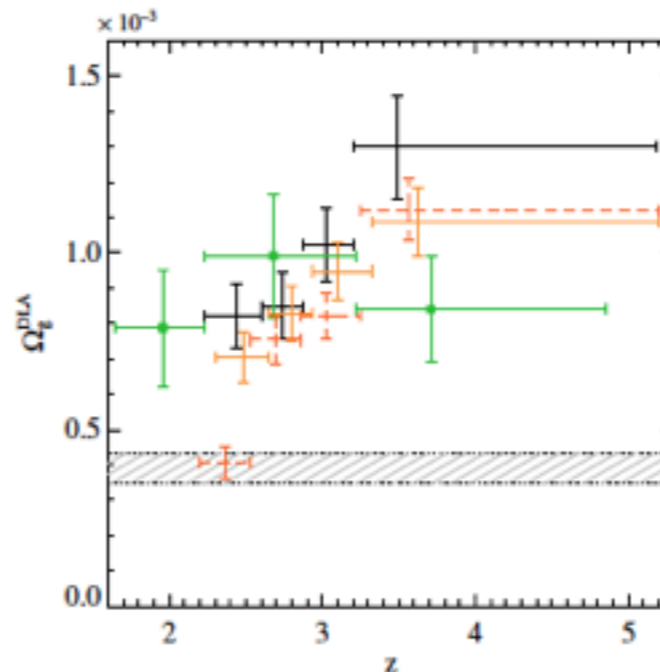
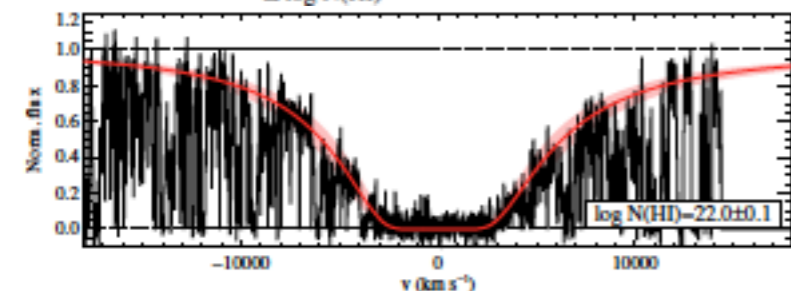
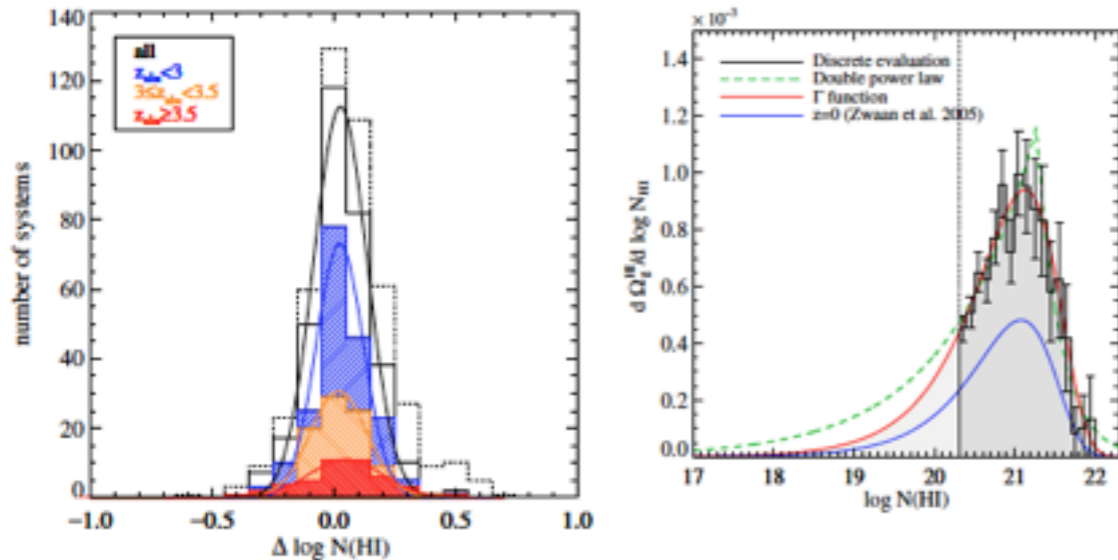
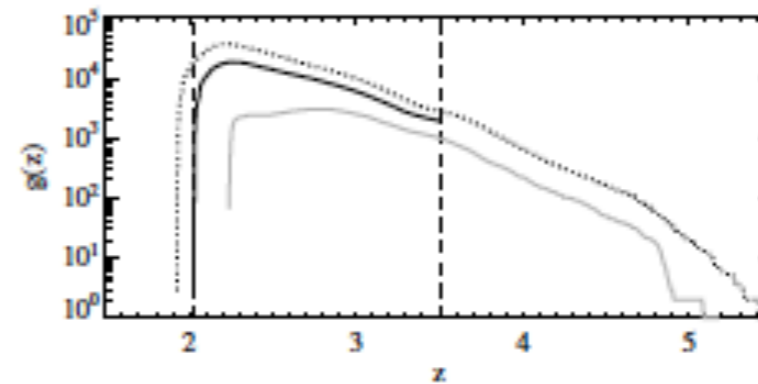
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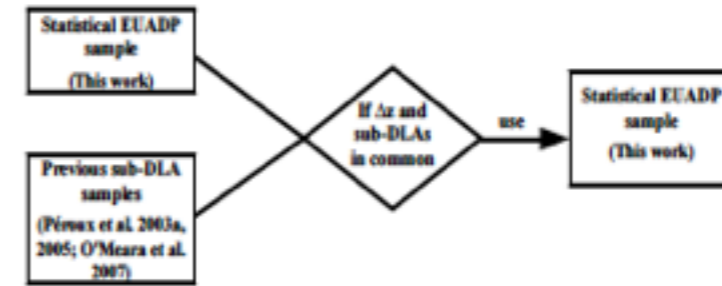
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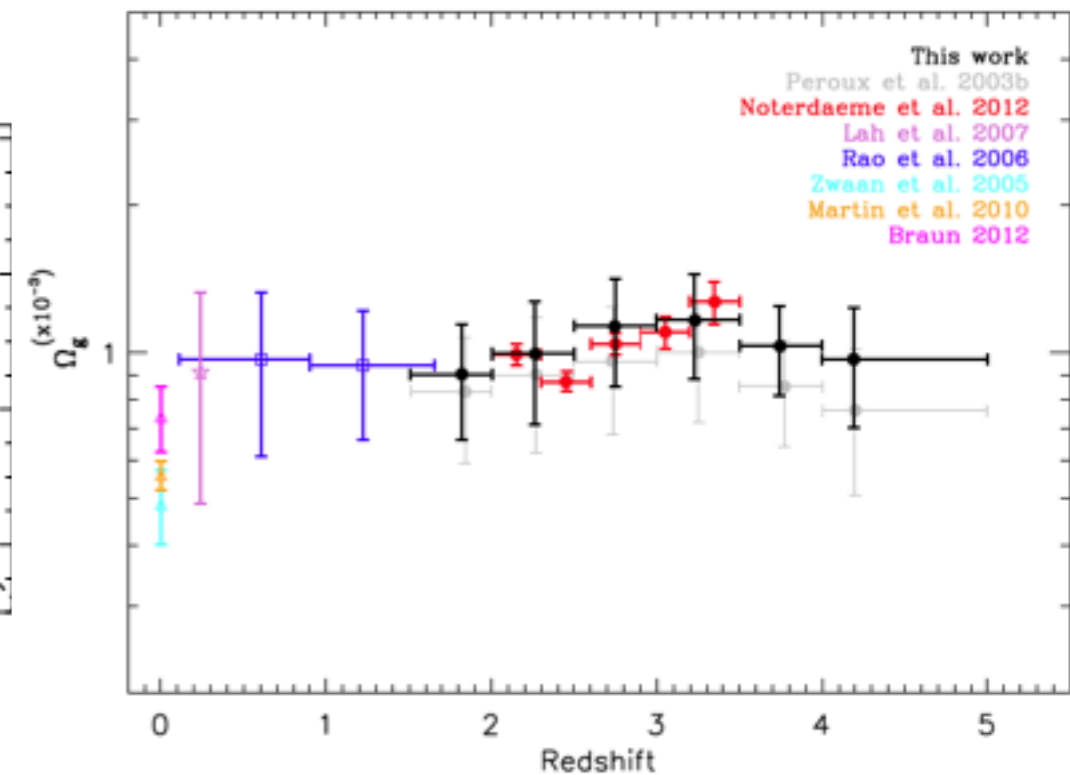
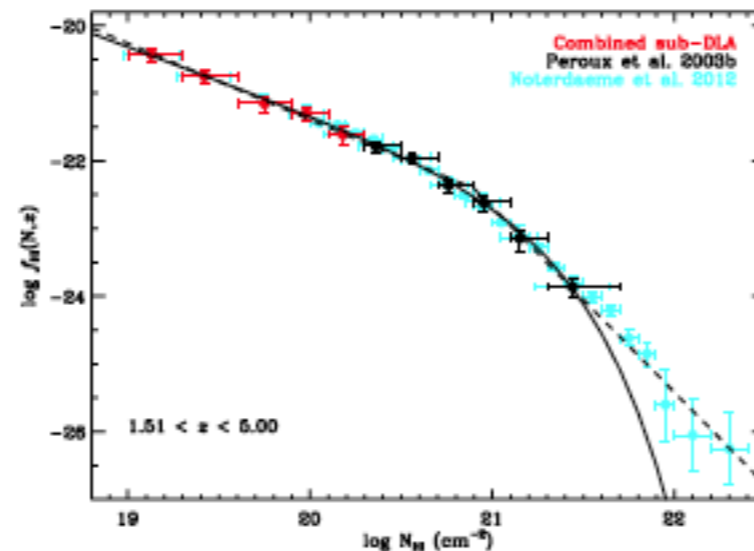
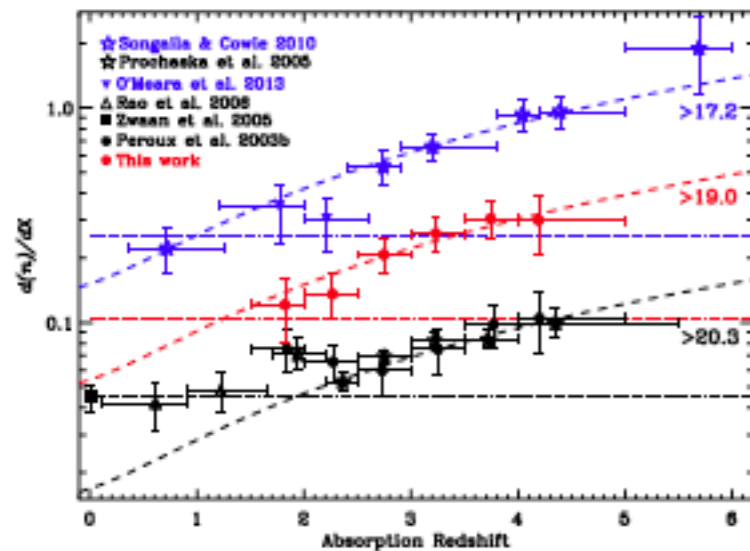
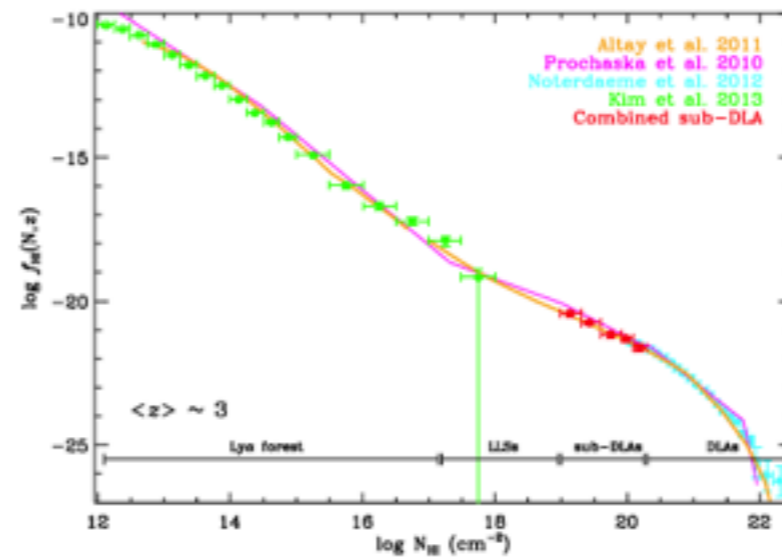
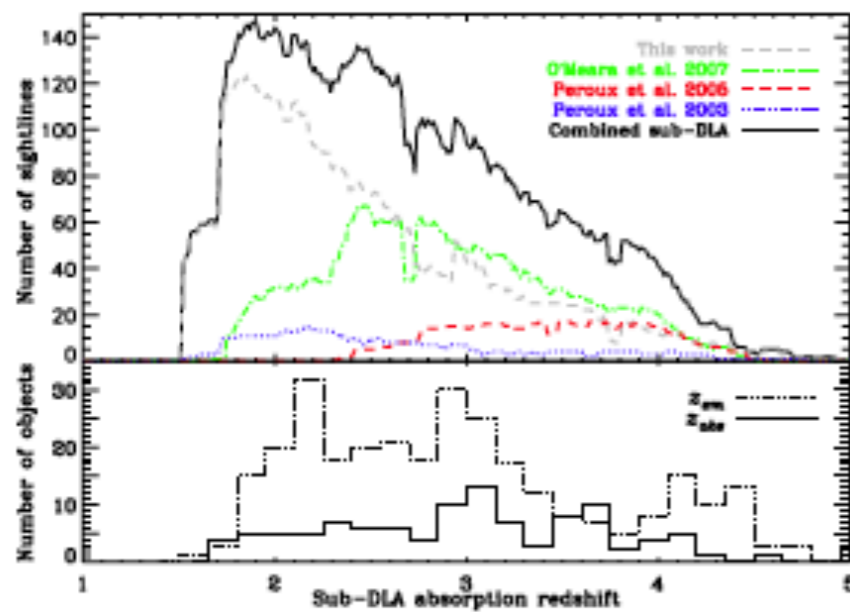
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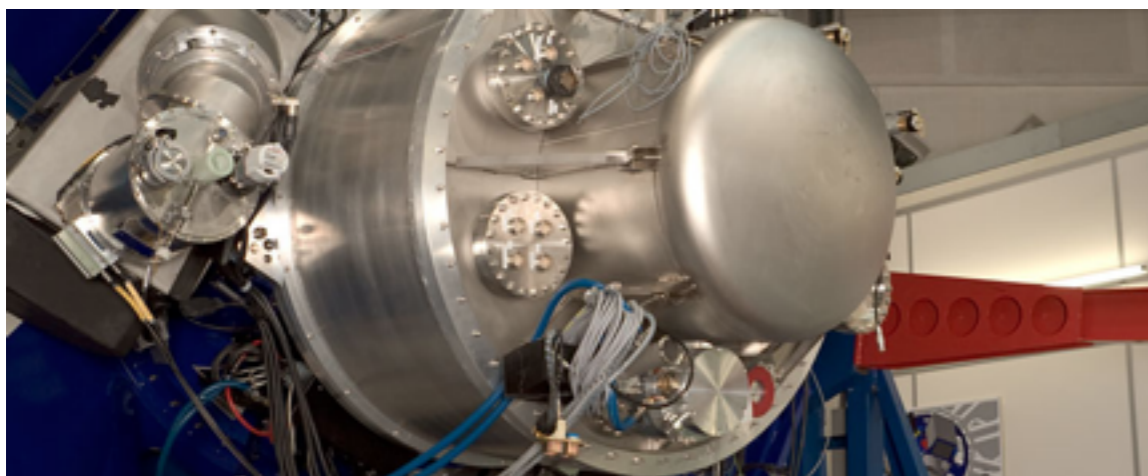
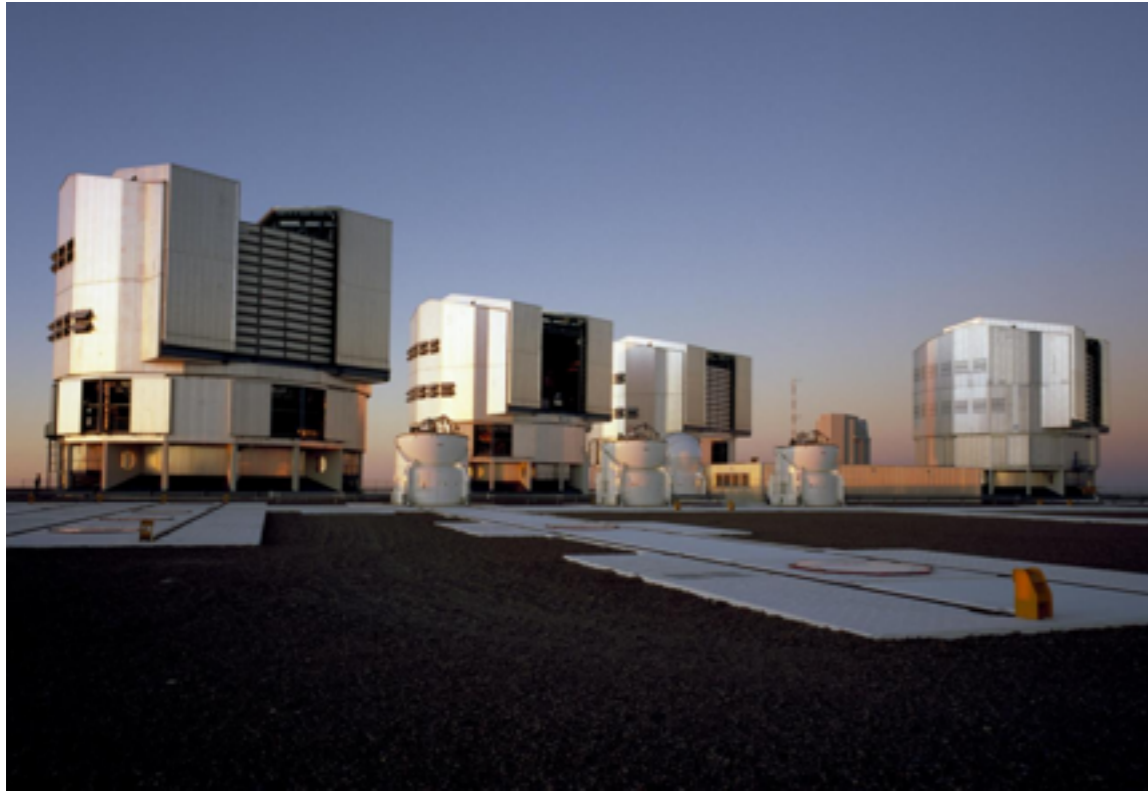
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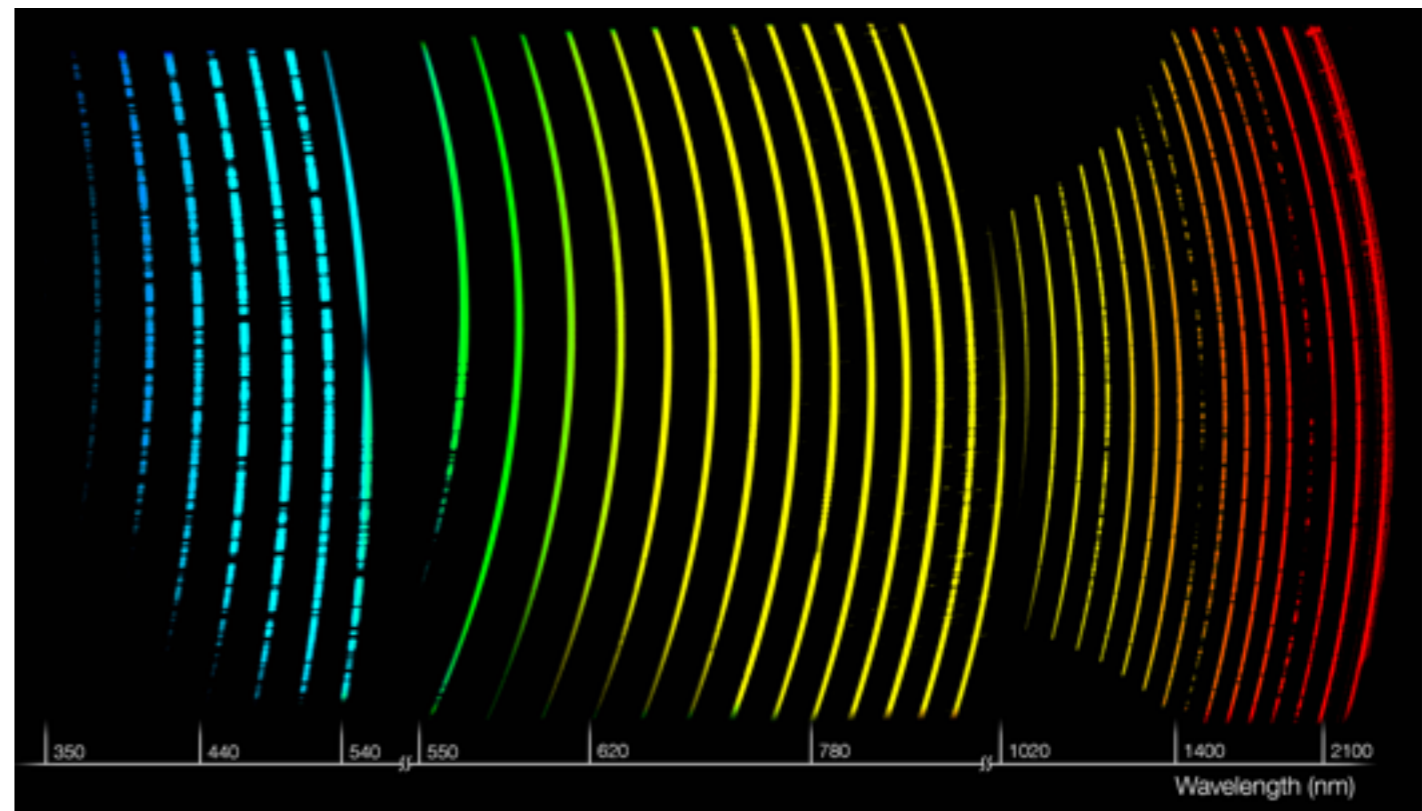
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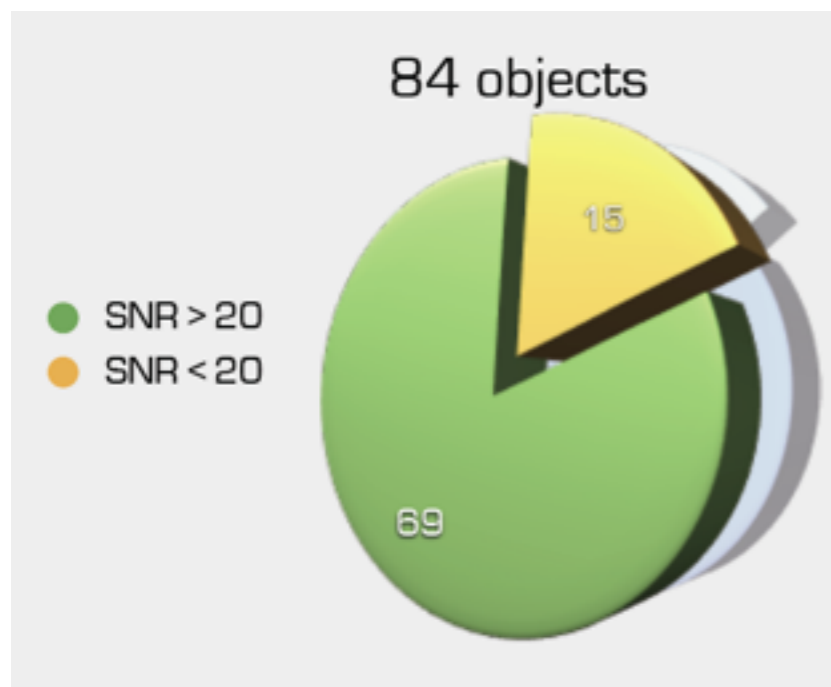
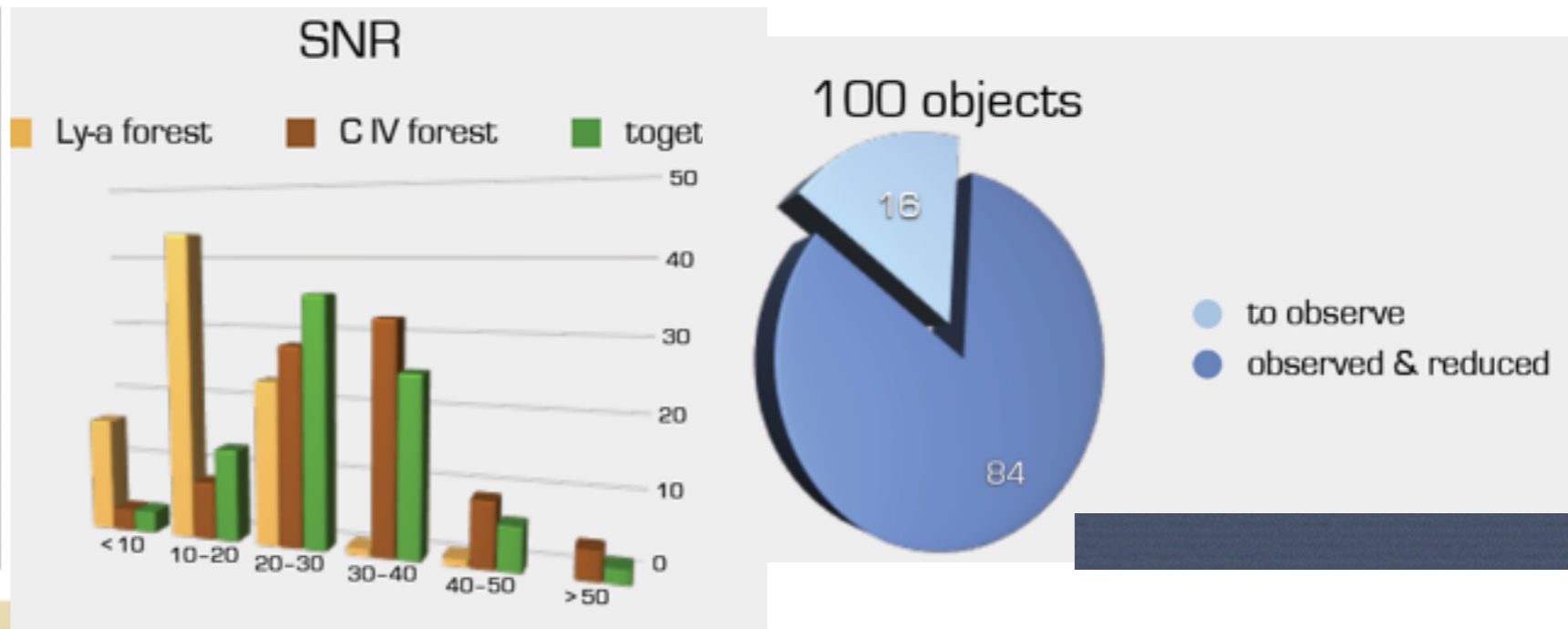
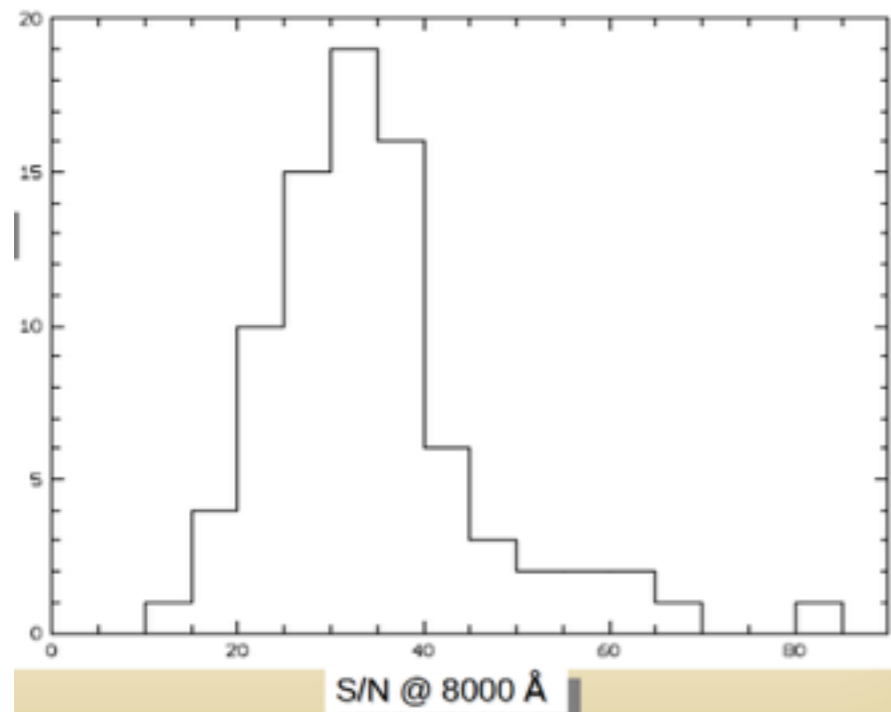
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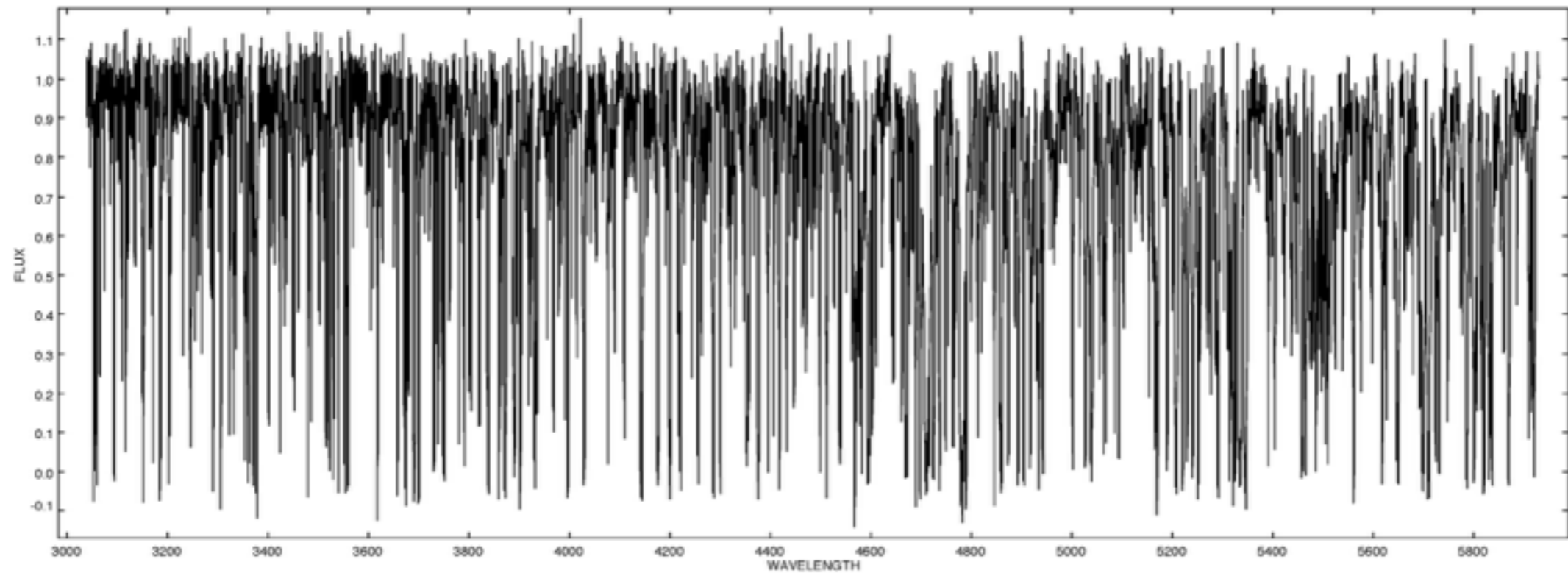
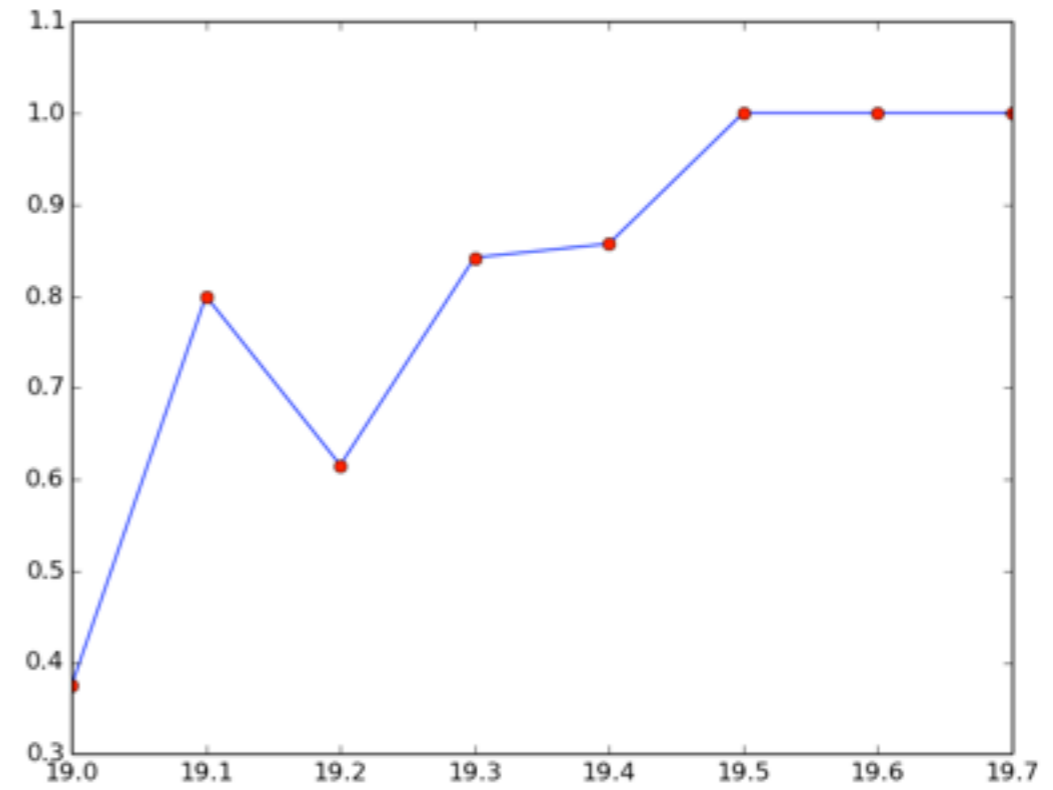
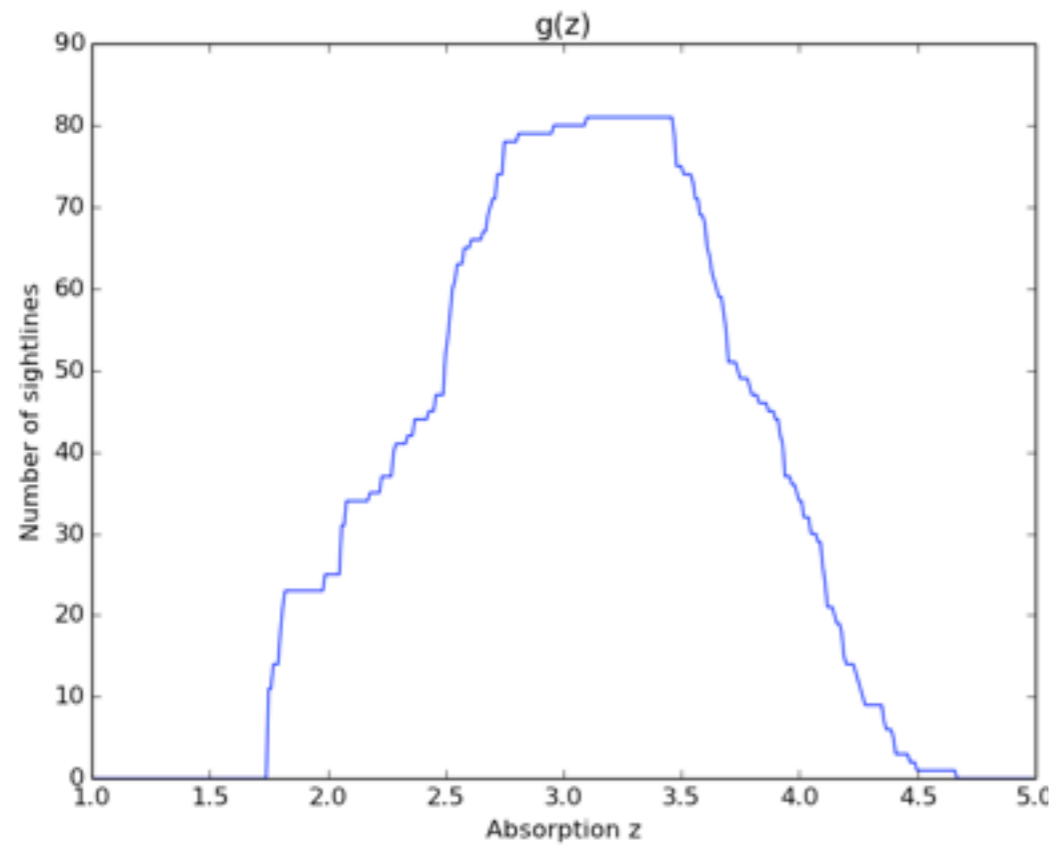
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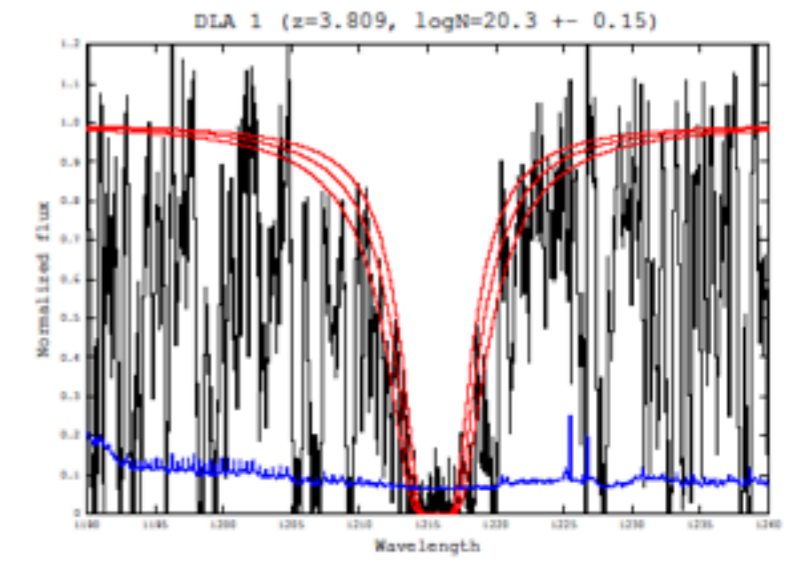
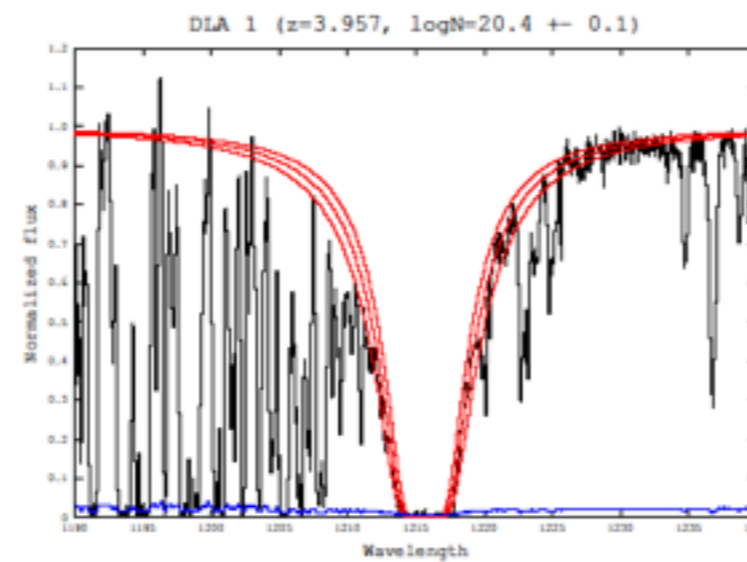
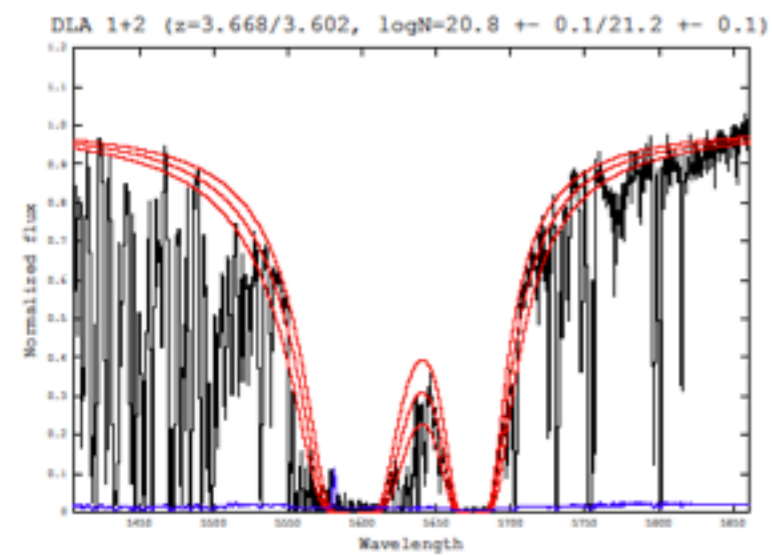
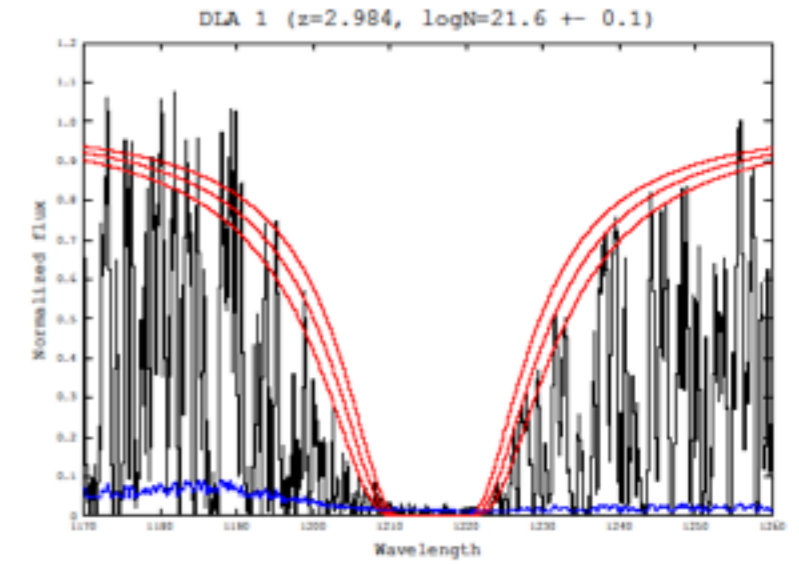
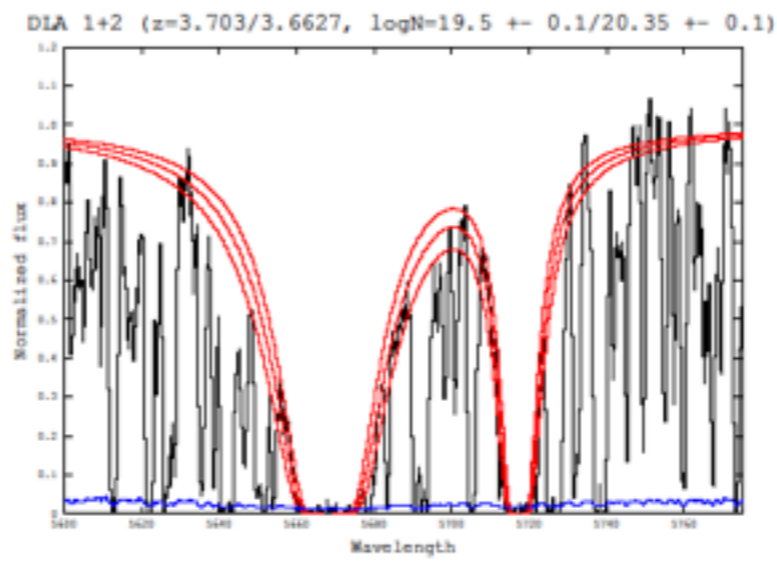
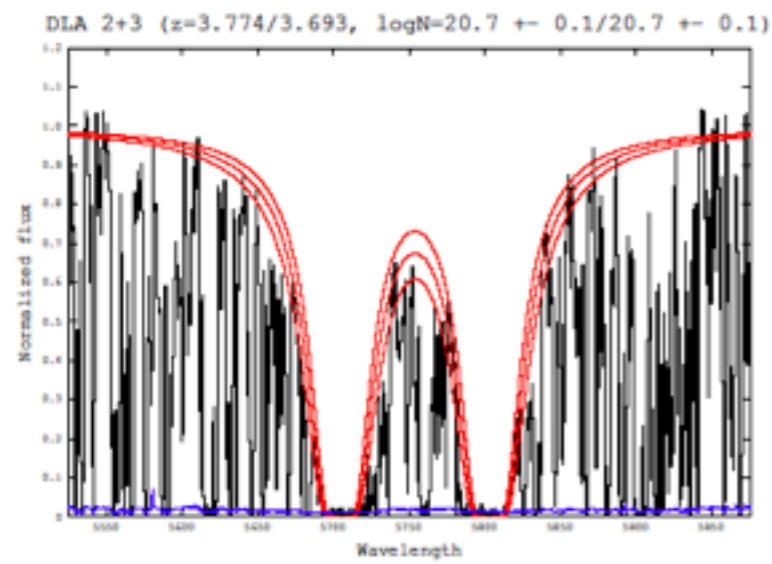
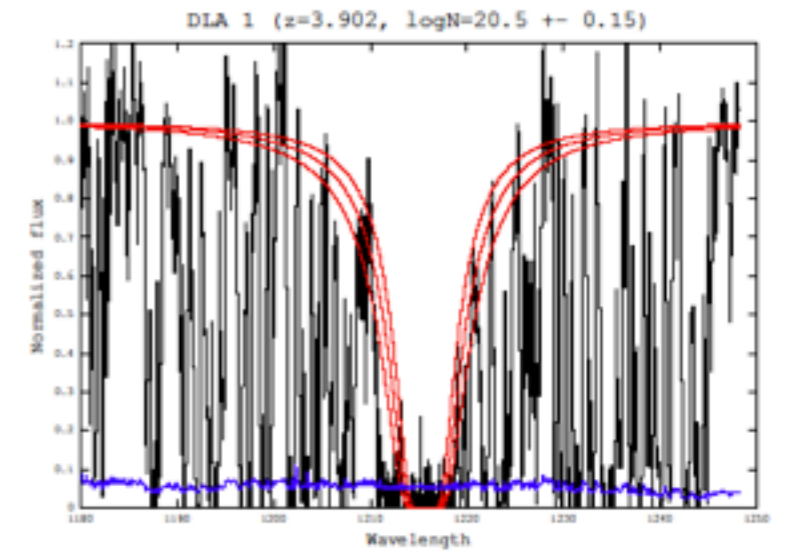
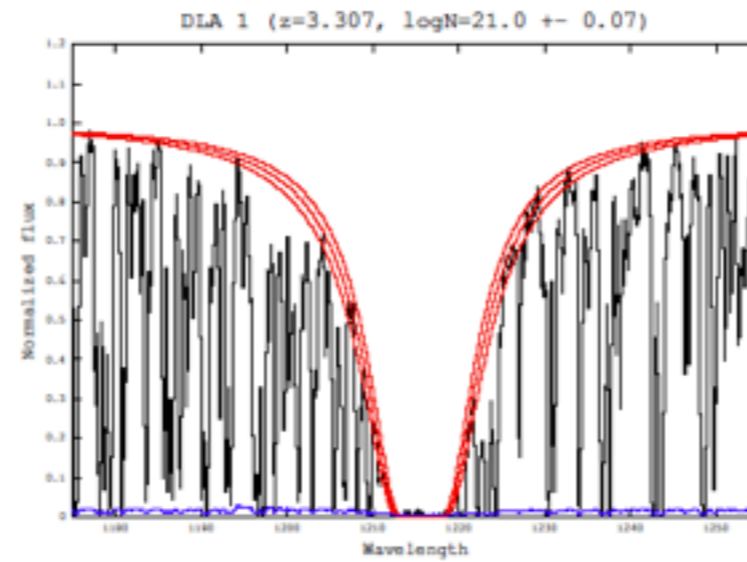
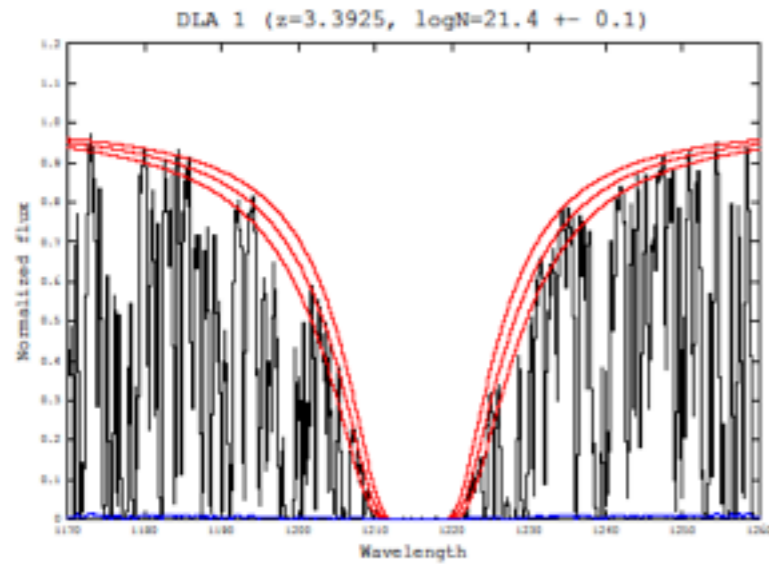


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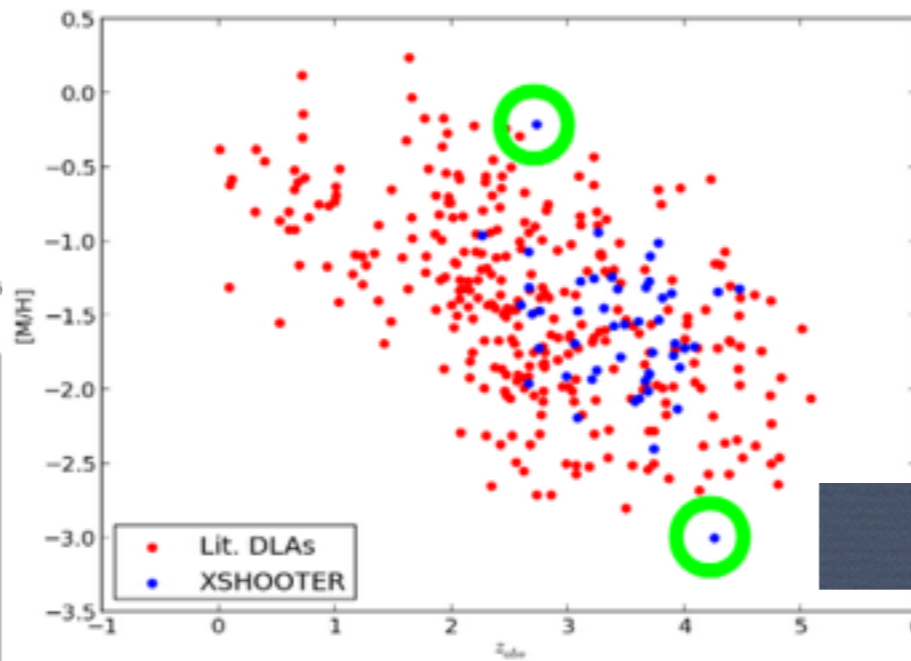
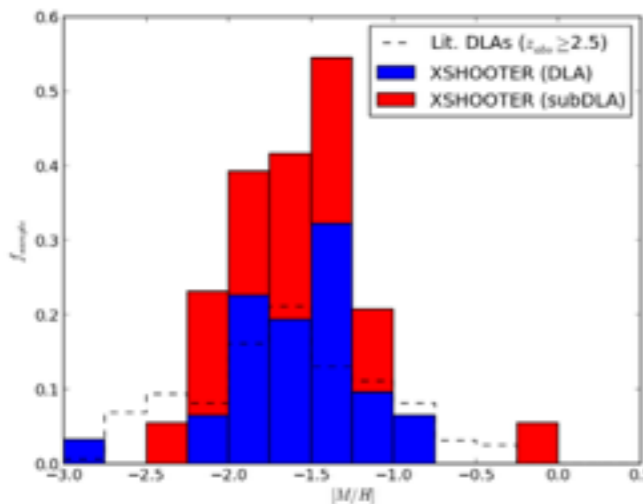
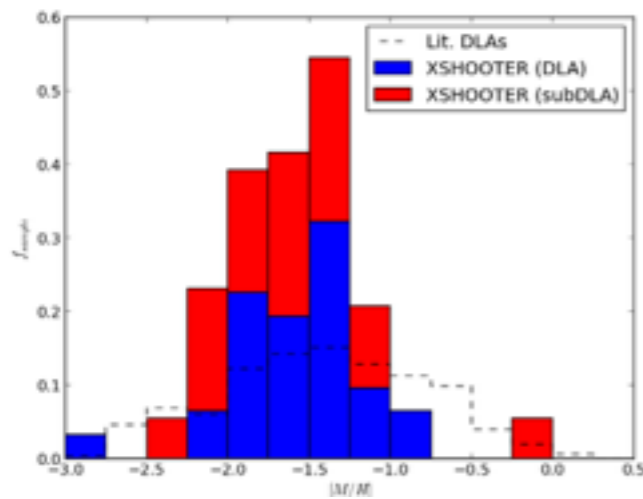
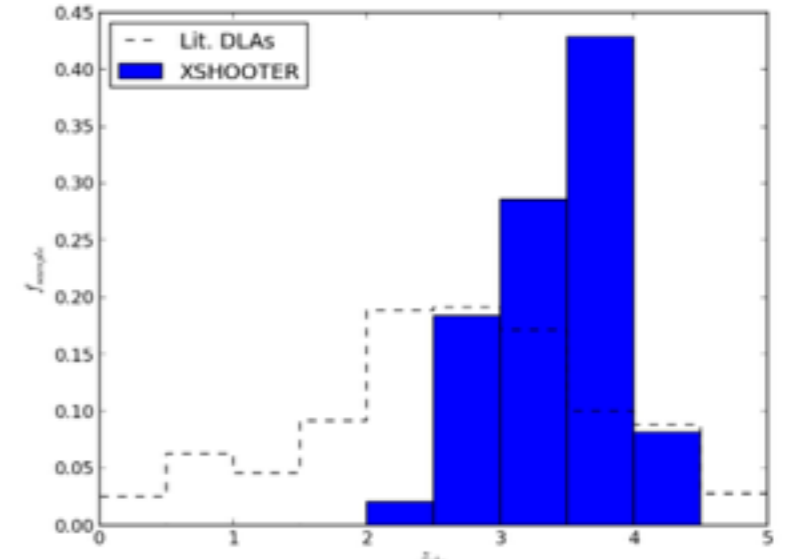
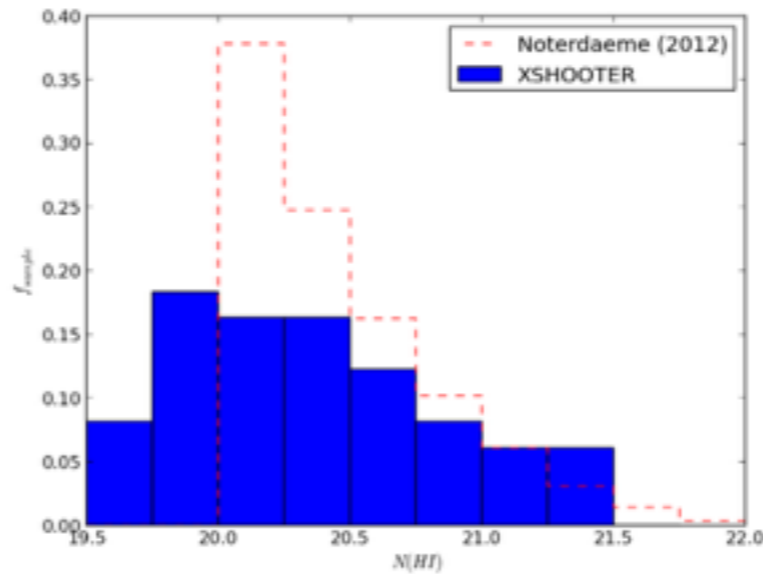
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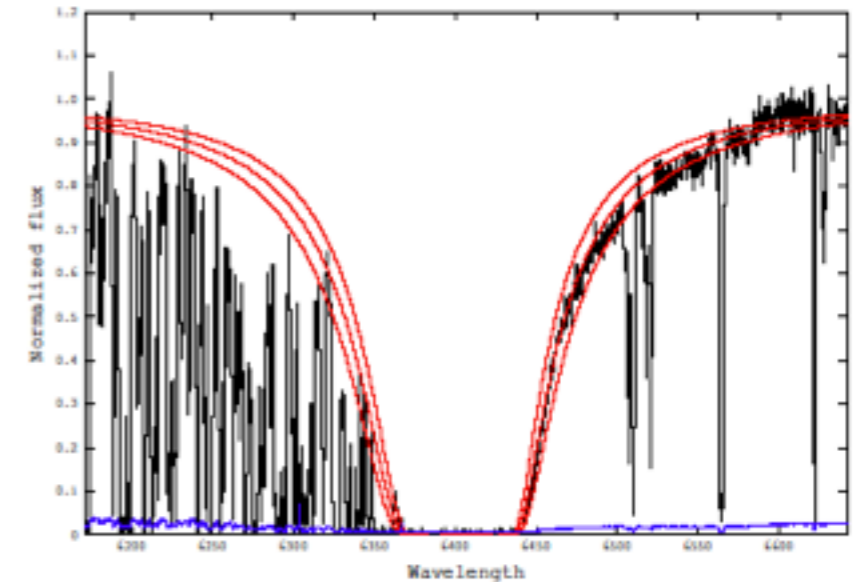
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13 multiple DLA systems

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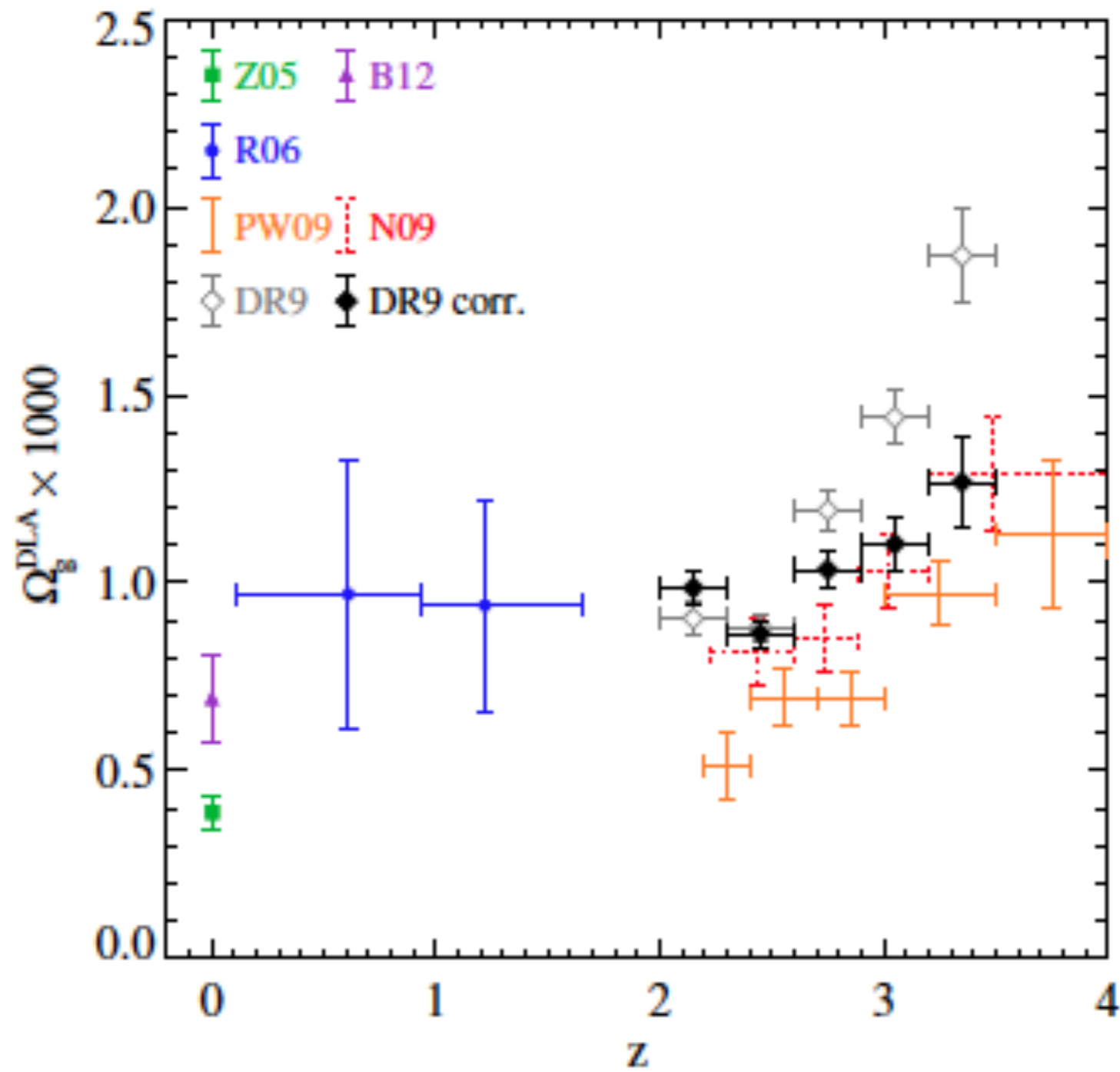


DLA 1+2 ($z=4.285/4.254$, $\log N=20.8 \pm 0.1/21.2 \pm 0.1$)



- $Z_{\text{abs}}=4.28$ and 4.25
- $V_{\text{PDLA}}=454$ and 2226 km s^{-1}
- $N(\text{H I})=20.8$ and 21.2
- For 21.2 system:
 - $N(\text{Fe II})=13.5$; $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]=-3.3$
 - $N(\text{C II})>14.3$; $[\text{C}/\text{H}]>-3.3$
 - $N(\text{O I})>14.7$; $[\text{O}/\text{H}]>-4.13$
 - $N(\text{Si II})=13.8$; $[\text{Si}/\text{H}]=-3.0$

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