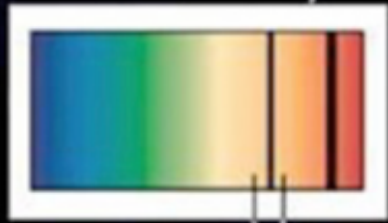


Cosmology with DLA absorption systems

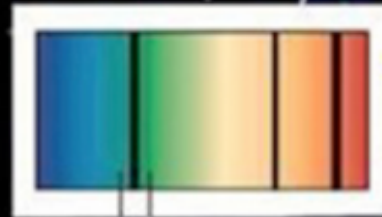
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A



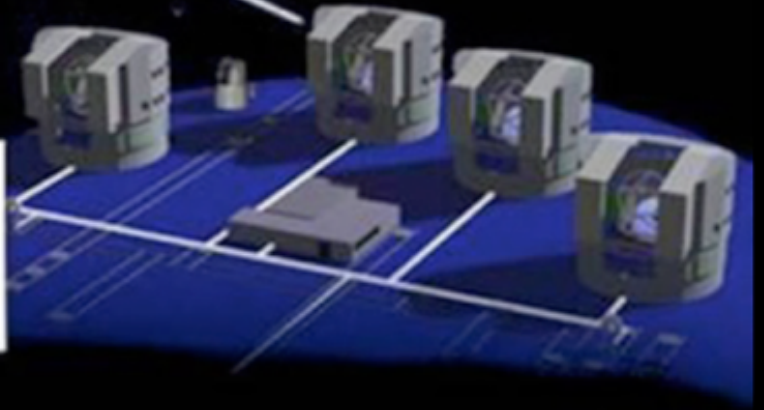
B



C



D



outline

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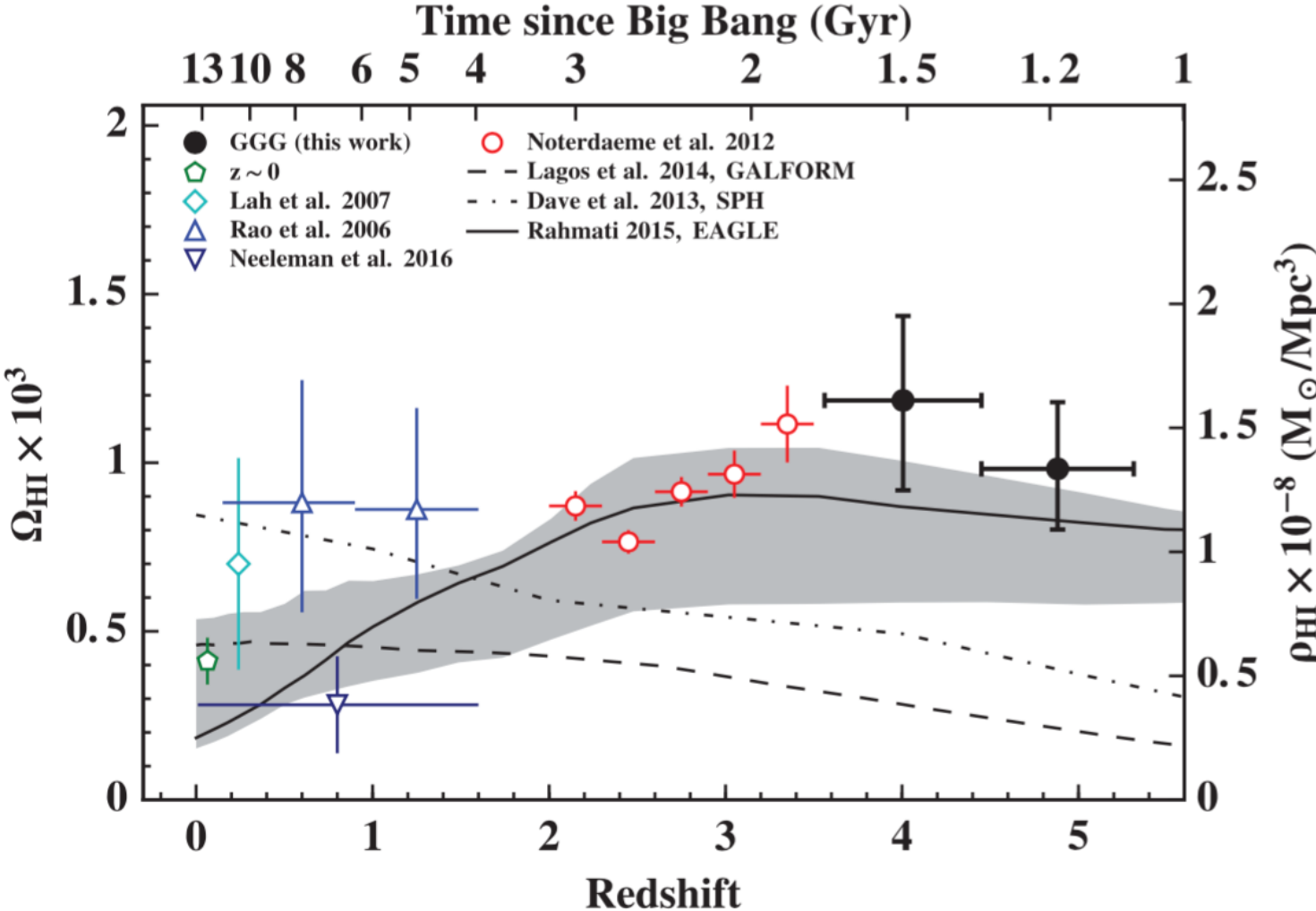
- What are the DLAs?
- The neutral gas content of the Universe
- Chemical abundances, dust, chemical patterns.
- DLA and First stars

II

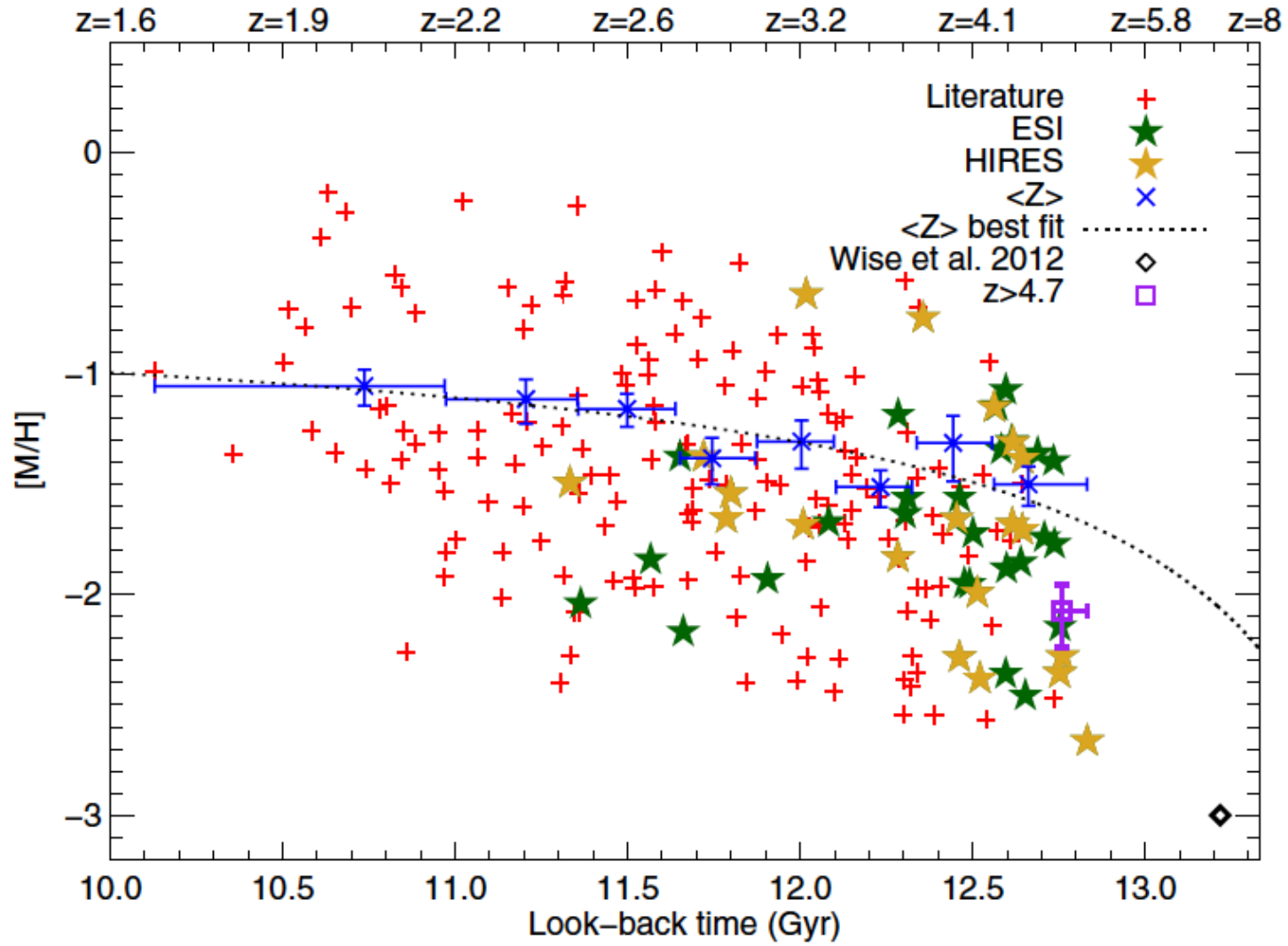
- Primordial Deuterium
- Molecules gas in DLAs: H₂, HD, CO
- T_{CMB} (z)

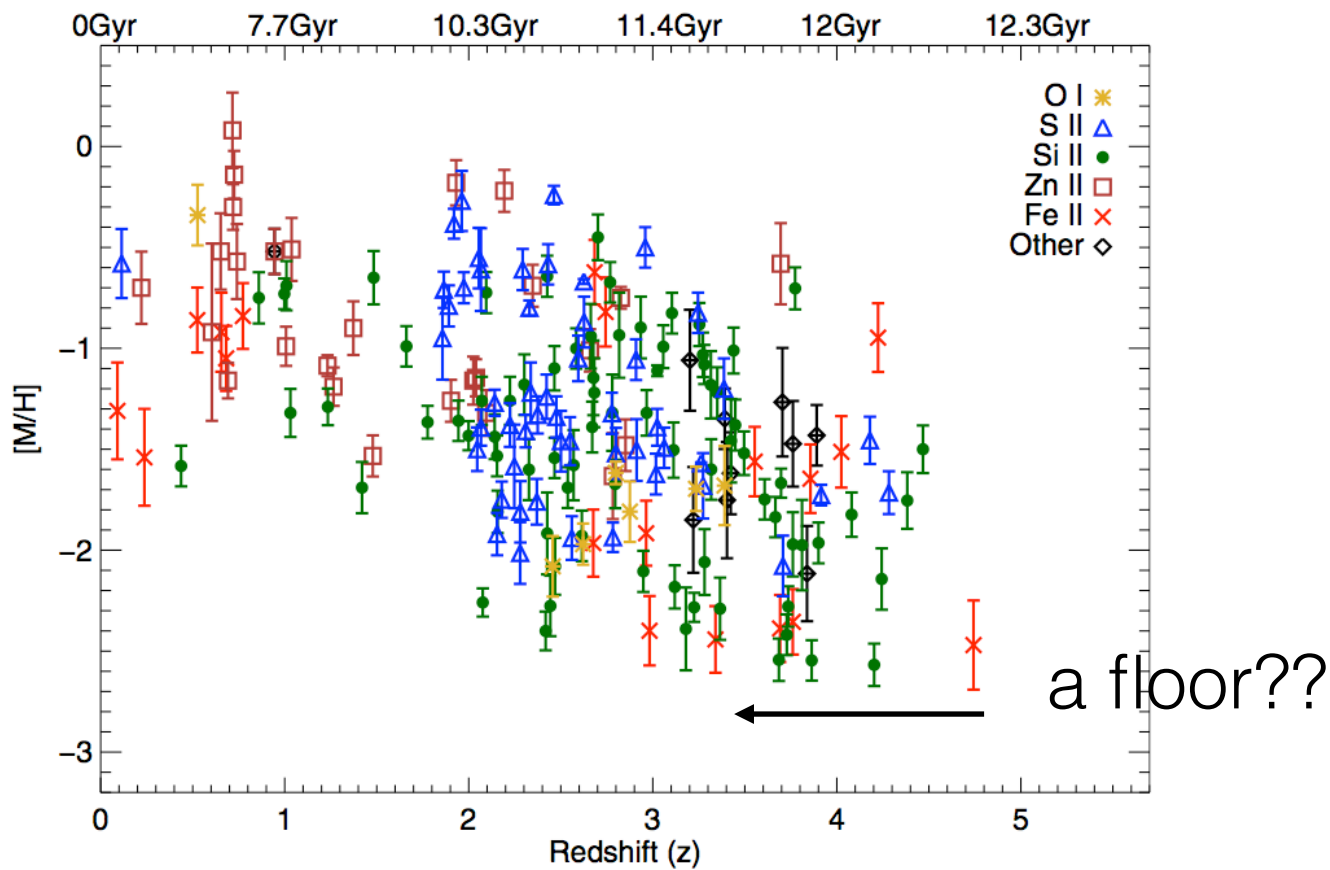
DLA: $\text{Log}N(\text{H}) > 20.3$

6839 candidates



~250 DLA





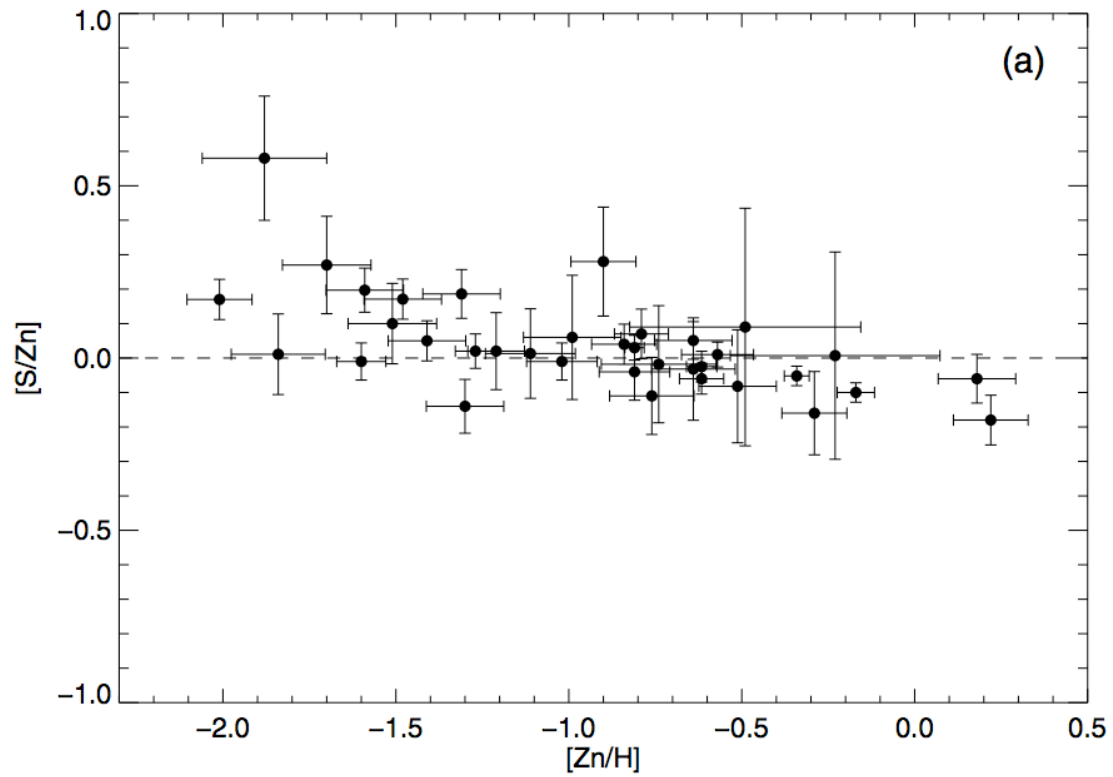
several stars with $[C/H] < -3.0$

QSO J0903+2628

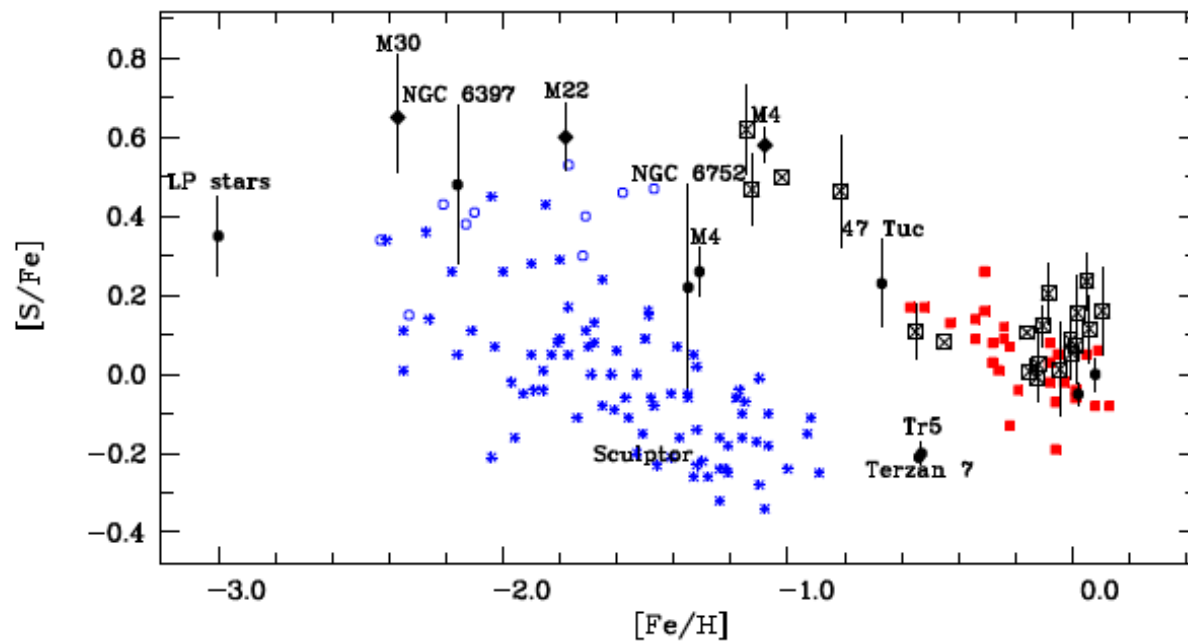
$[C/H] = -3.43$
 $[O/H] = -3.05$
 $[Si/H] = -3.21$

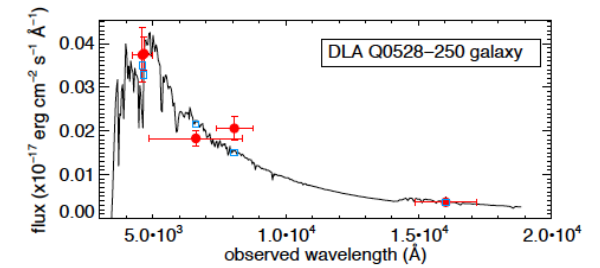
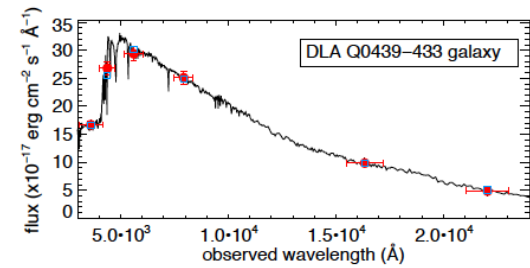
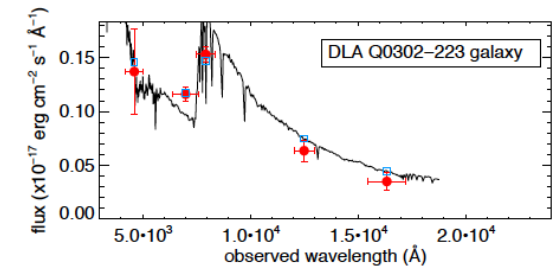
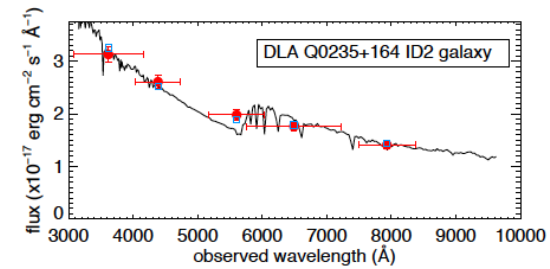
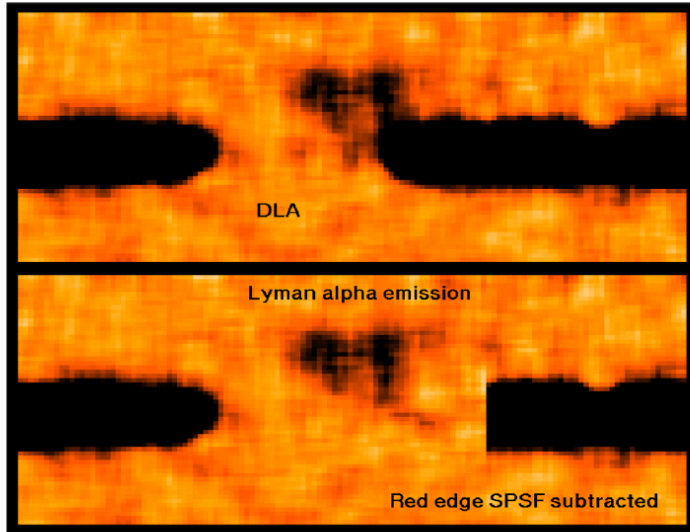
20.5 M_{\odot} POPIII

$[N/H] \sim -4.0$



DLA ~ Dwarf
Galaxies



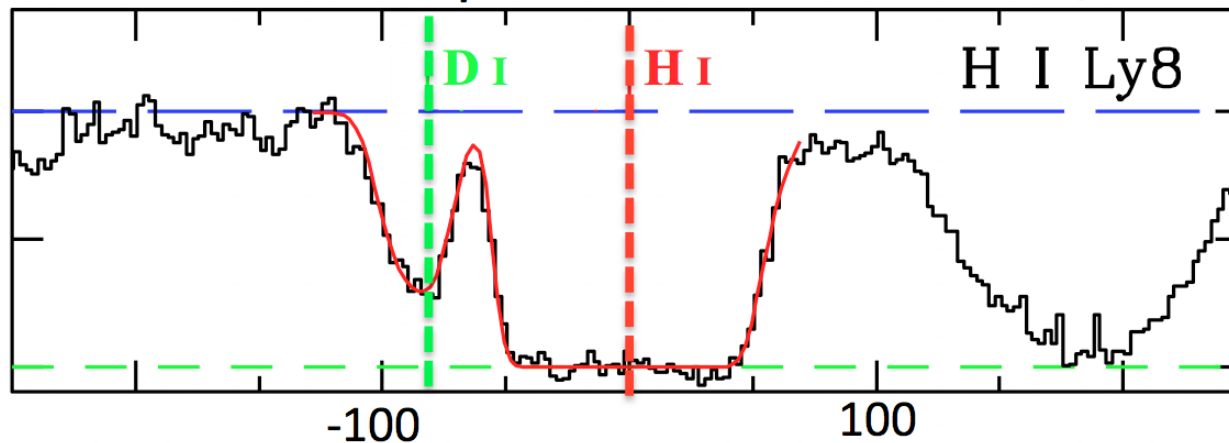


- M_{DLA} span from 10^6 to 10^{11} , with average $10^8 M_{\odot}$
- L_{DLA} span from the L_{LBG} down for 8 mag
- SFR_{DLA} from 0.1 to $10 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (possibly lower)

Deuterium

Adams (1976), first suggested primordial D could be measured in QSO absorption lines

D isotope is blueshifted respect to HI by -83 km s^{-1}



Velocity Relative to $z_{\text{abs}} = 3.049840 \text{ (km s}^{-1}\text{)}$

or HI interloper?

■ **High D/H $\sim 10^{-4}$**

Songaila et al (1994), Carswell et al (1994),
Rugers & Hogan (1996)

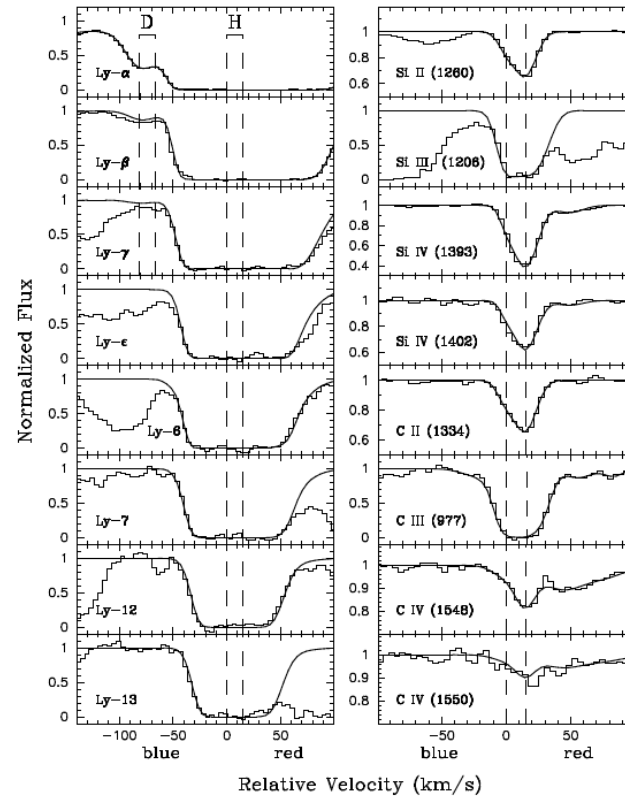
(in agreement with ^7Li and ^4He !)

■ **Low D/H $\sim 10^{-5}$**

Tytler et al (1996), Burles & Tytler (1998) Molaro et al
(1999), Kirkman et al 2000

QSO 1937 1009 $z_{\text{abs}}=3.572$

Tytler et al (1996)

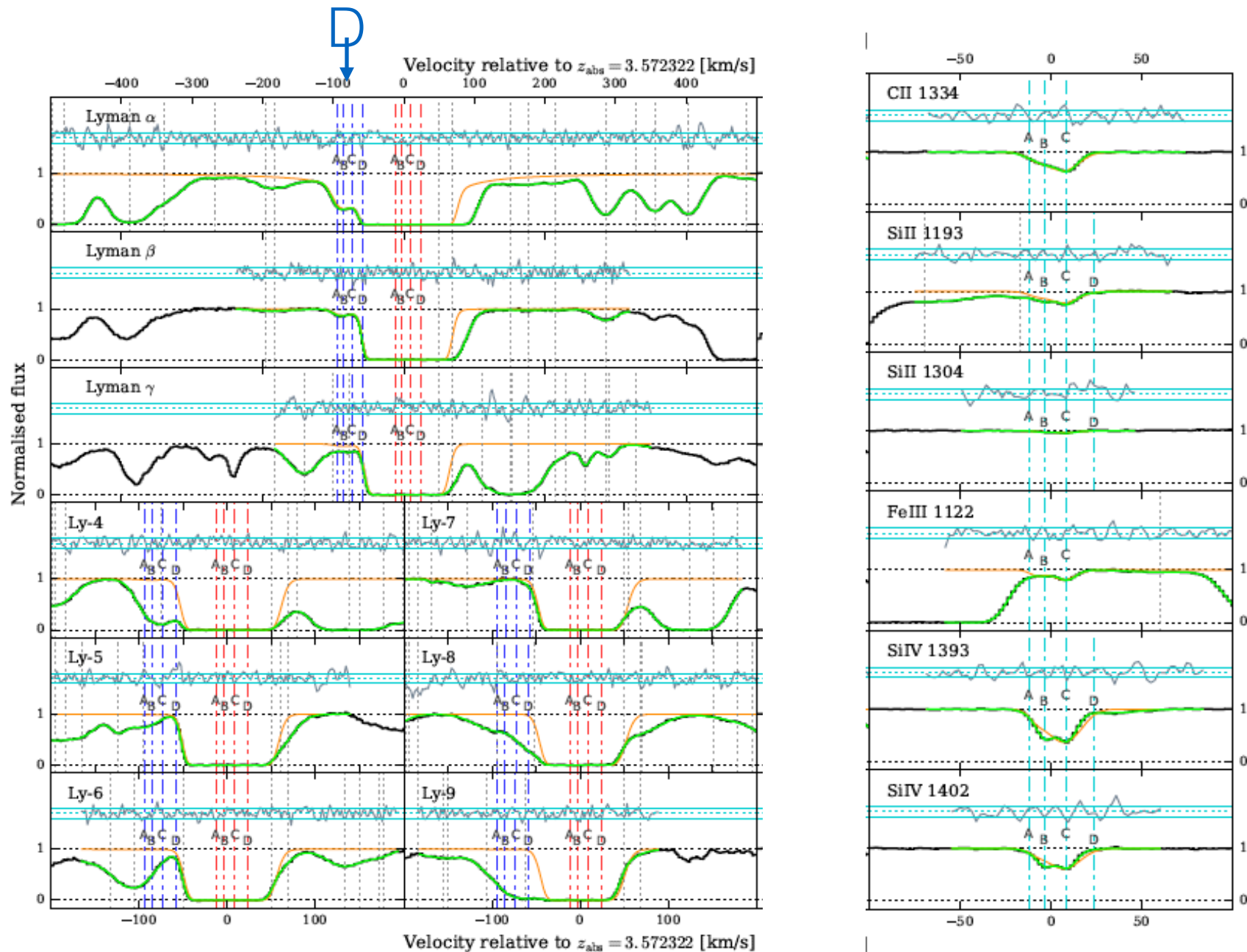


LLS: $\text{Log } N(\text{HI}) = 17.9$

$10^5 \text{ D/H} = 2.3 \pm 0.6$

Riemer-Sorensen et al (2017)

orange Tytler et al (1996) model



$10^5 D/H = 2.62 \pm 0.05$

one dex lower error!

Burles & Tytler (1998) **Q1009+2956** $z_{\text{abs}} = 2.504$ $\text{Log}N(\text{I}) = 17.4$ $10^5 D/H = 4.0 \pm 0.7$

D

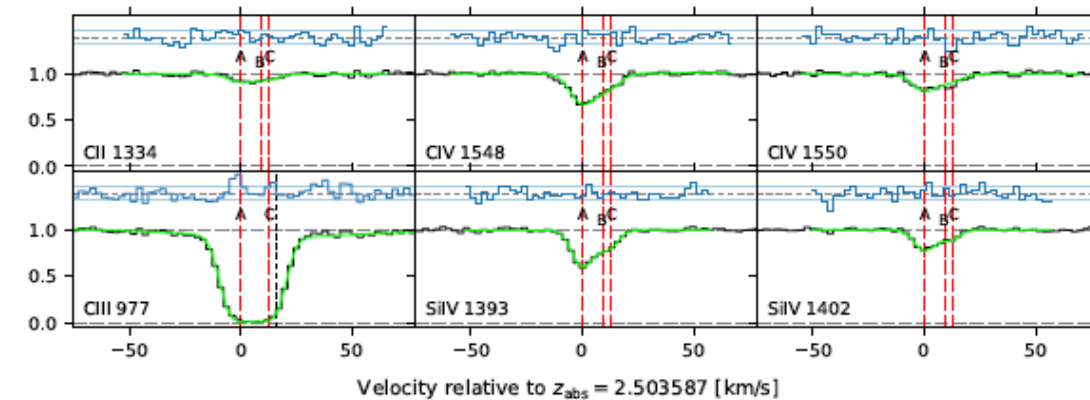
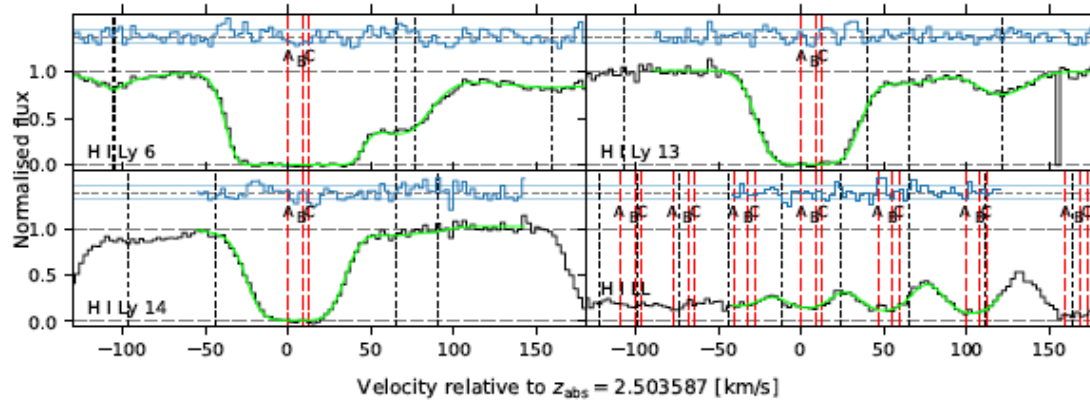
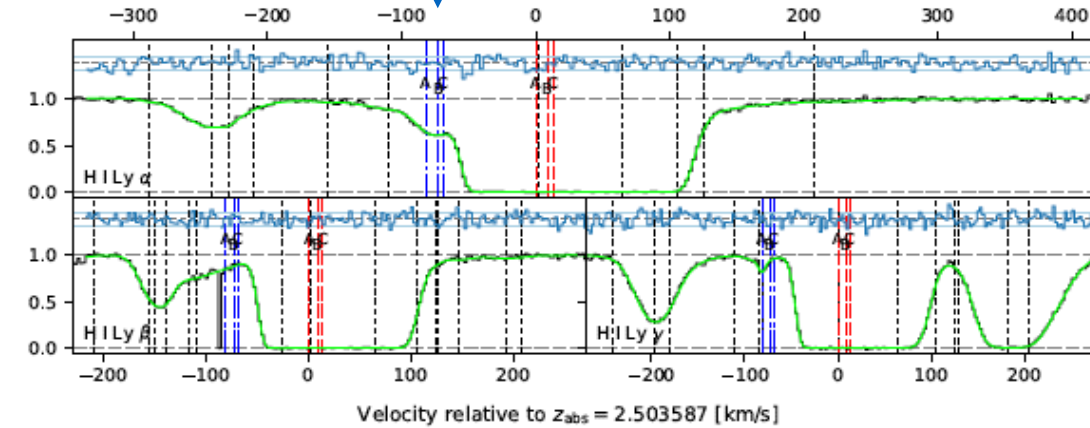


Zavarygin et al (2017)

S/N ~ 147 (from 60)

=> Ly 14 small contamination in the Ly- α

$10^5 D/H = 3.16 \pm 0.6$



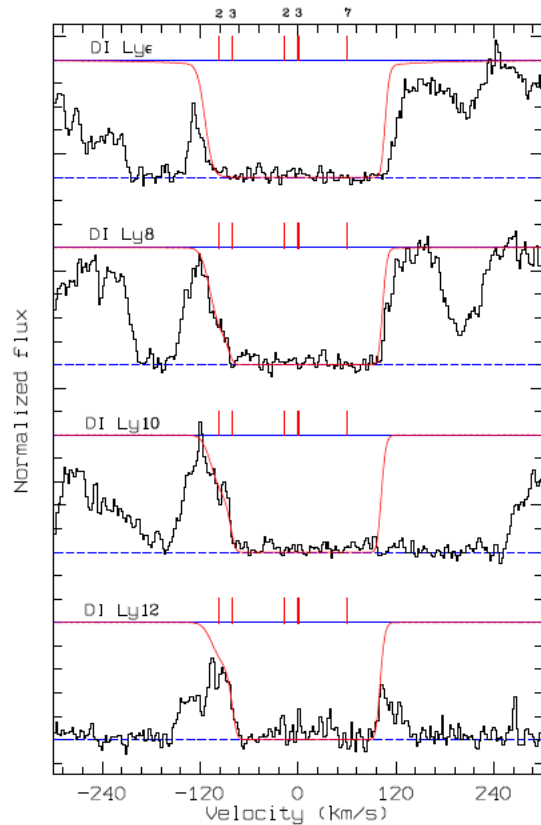
• in LLS hydrogen is ionized => large error

• in a DLA the D line is hidden in the HI line

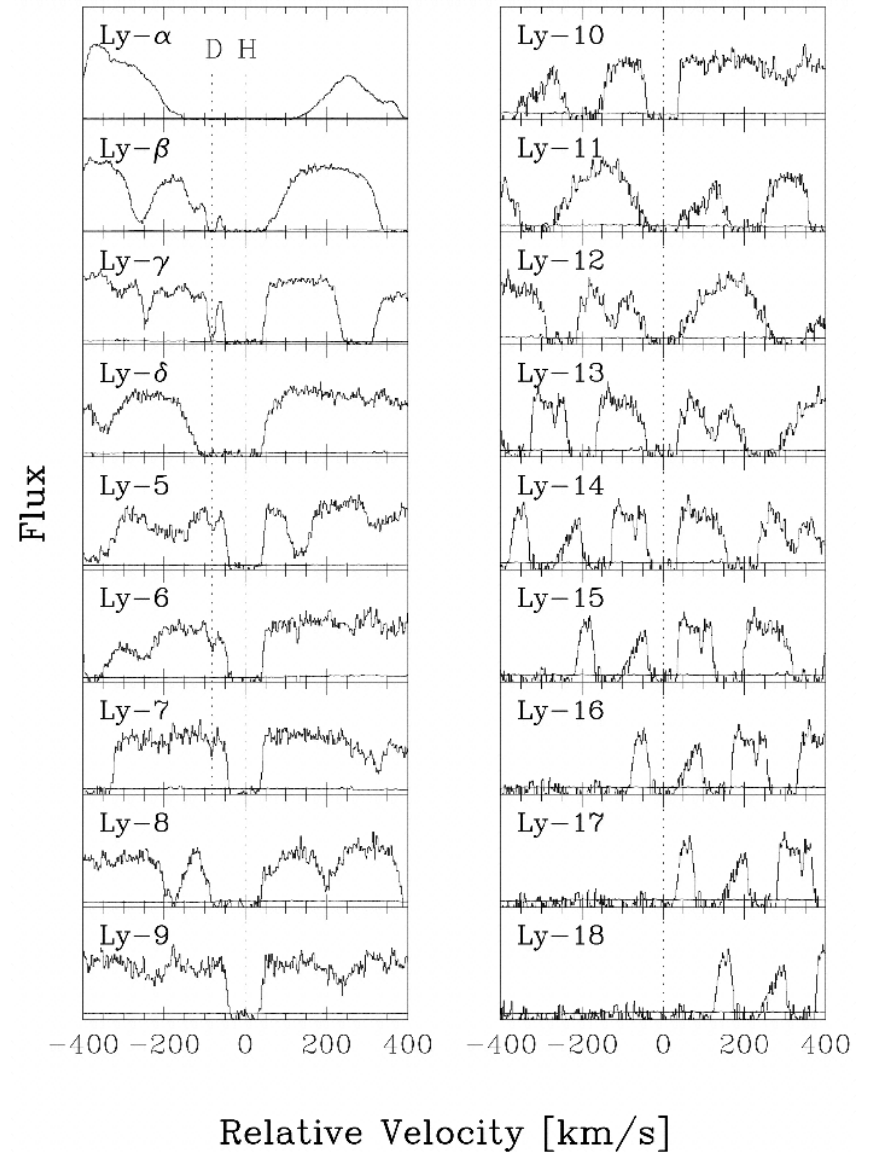
D in DLAs

QSO 0347-3819 $z_{\text{abs}}=3.0$
UVES, $\text{LogN}(\text{I})=6.3 \pm 1.3 \cdot 10^{20}$
 $\text{D}/\text{H}=2.24 \pm 0.67 \cdot 10^{-5}$; D' Odorico et al 2001

Ly-8, Ly-10, Ly-12



O'Meara et al 2001
HS 0105+1619 $z_{\text{abs}}=2.53$
Sub-DLA $\text{Log}(\text{HI})=19.4$ $[\text{M}/\text{H}]=-1.8$



QSO 2206-199 $z_{\text{abs}}=2.0$, $\text{LogN}(\text{I})=20.5$
 $\text{D}/\text{H}=1.65 \pm 0.25 \cdot 10^{-5}$ Pettini & Bowen (2001)

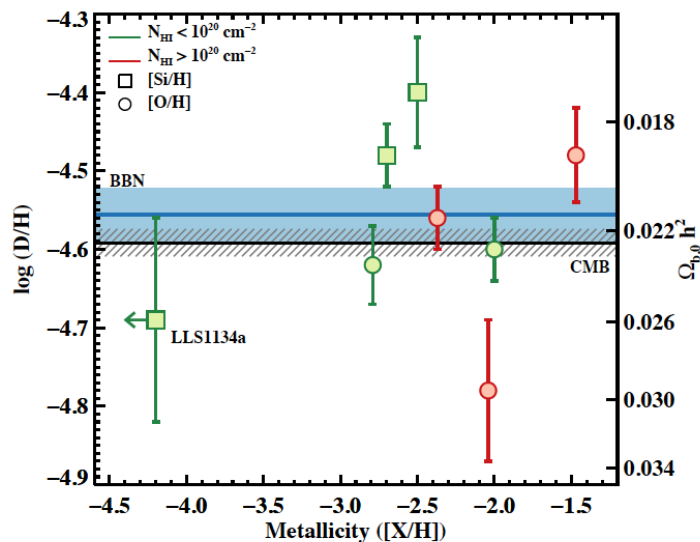
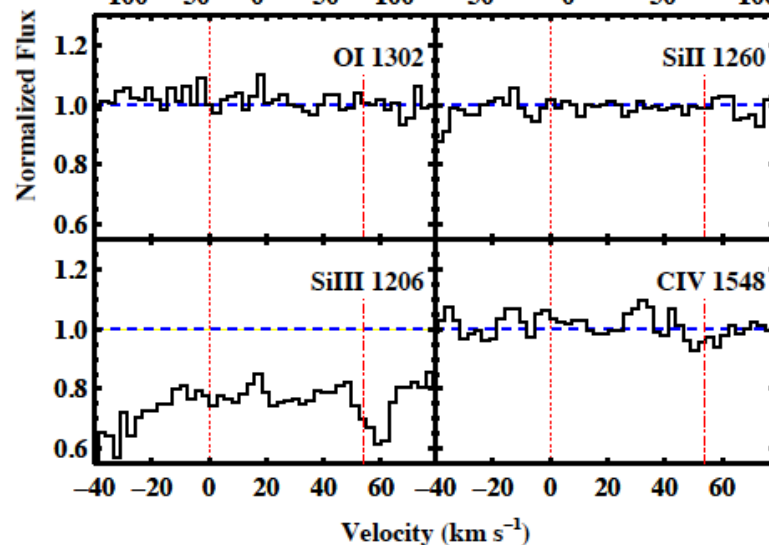
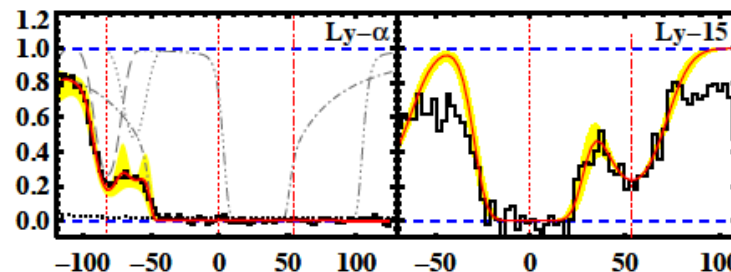
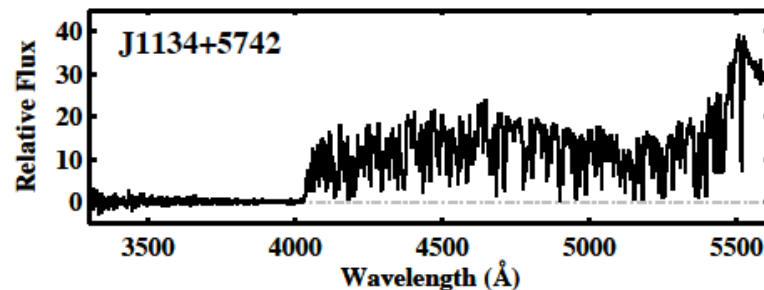
in the most pristine gas

Fumagalli O'Meara Prochaska (2011)

$$\text{LogN(HI)} = 17.95 \pm 0.05$$

$$[\text{Si}/\text{H}] < -4.2$$

- 2003 Kirkman et al
- 2004 Crighton et al PKS 1937-1009 **Riemer**
- Sorensen et al 2015**
- 2006 O'Meara et al QSO J1558-0031 **Cooke et al**
- 2014**
- 2008 Pettini et al Q0913+072 **Cooke et al**
- 2014**
- 2011 Fumagalli et al
- 2012 Noterdaeme et al
- 2012 Pettini & Cooke J1419+0829 **Cooke et al**
- 2014**



$$D/H = 2.04 \pm 0.61 \times 10^{-5}$$

Precision measurements

J1358+6522

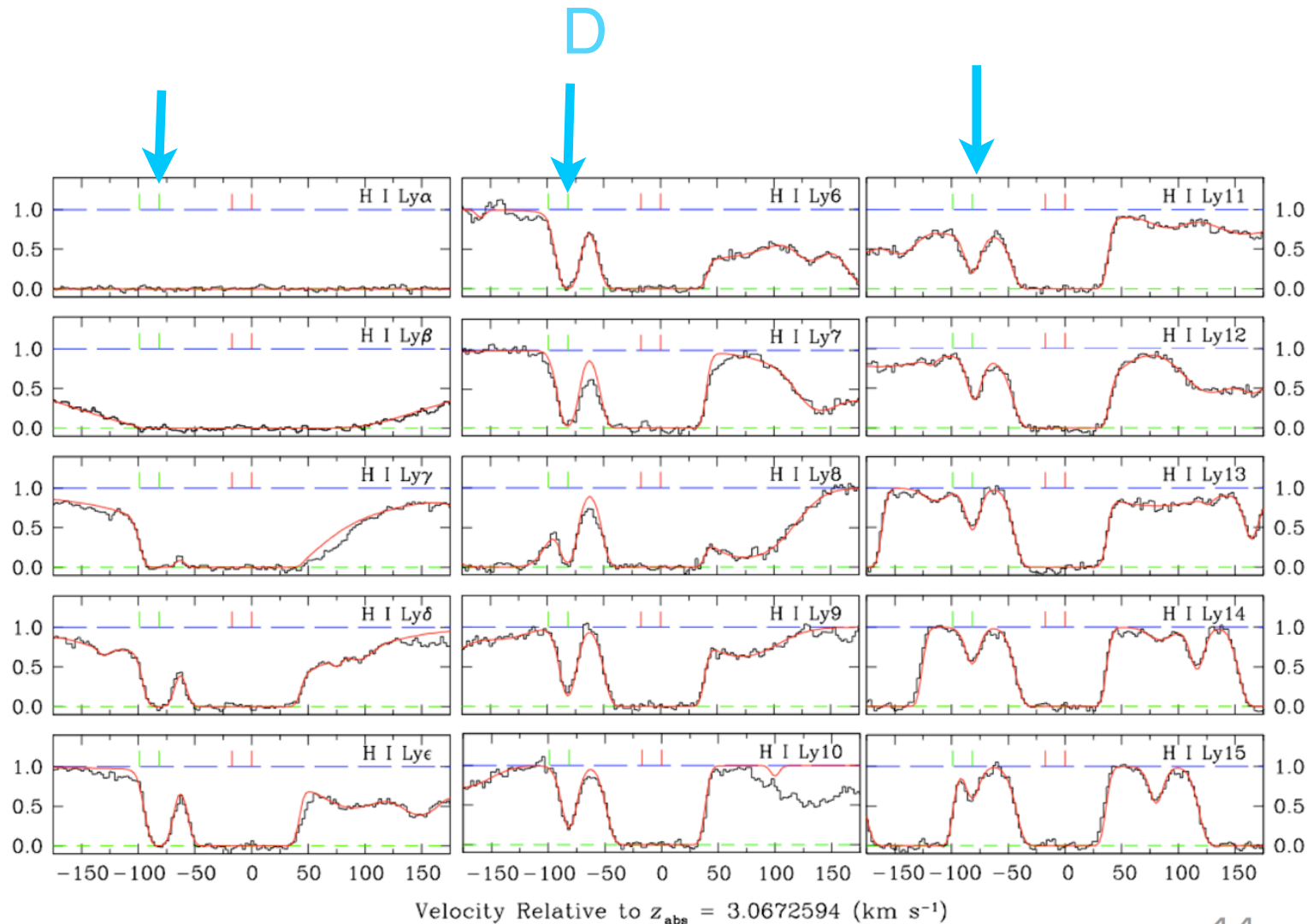
$z_{\text{abs}} = 3.067$, $\text{LogN}(\text{HI})=20.5$, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -2.84$

simple system: two components $b=8-9$ km/s

13 resolved DI Ly lines in the lyman serie!

Cooke et al (2014)

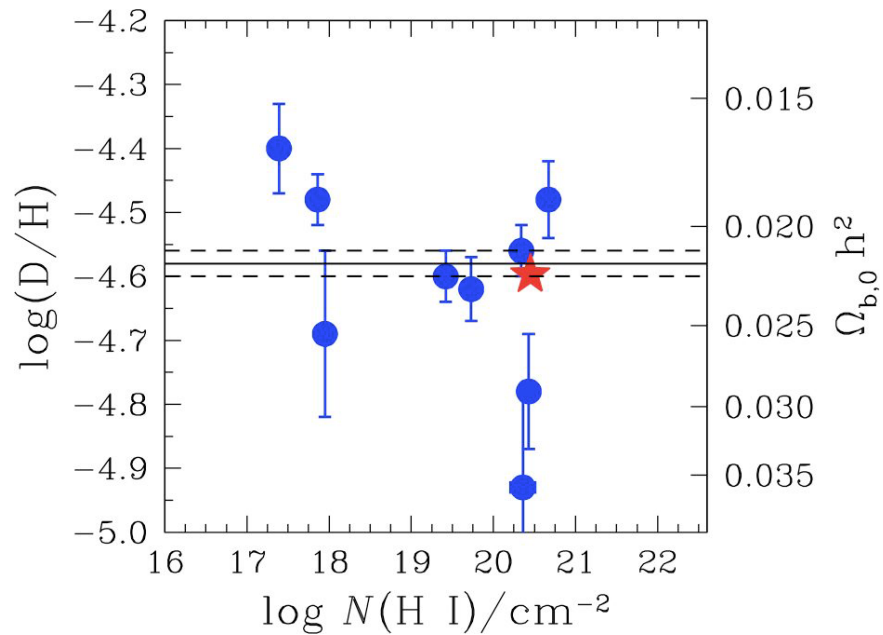
$10^{-5} \text{D}/\text{H}=2.58\pm 0.07$



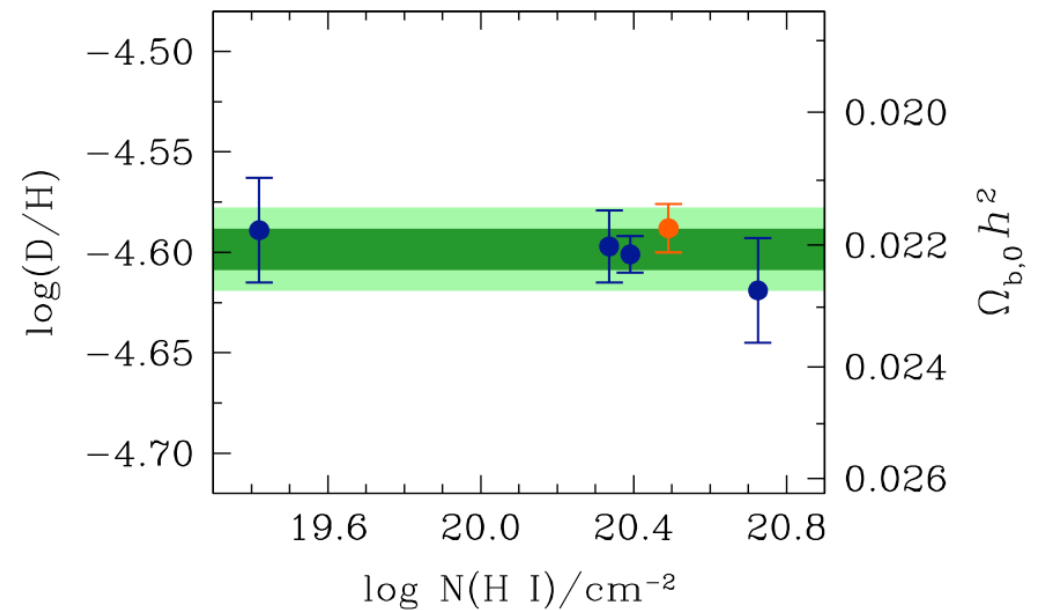
dispersion?

Cooke et al 2014

10 measurements before 2014



sub-sample of the best 5 systems (4 DLA + 1 subDLA) with several resolved DI lines i.e. less contamination by Ly- α forest



Updated Precision sample

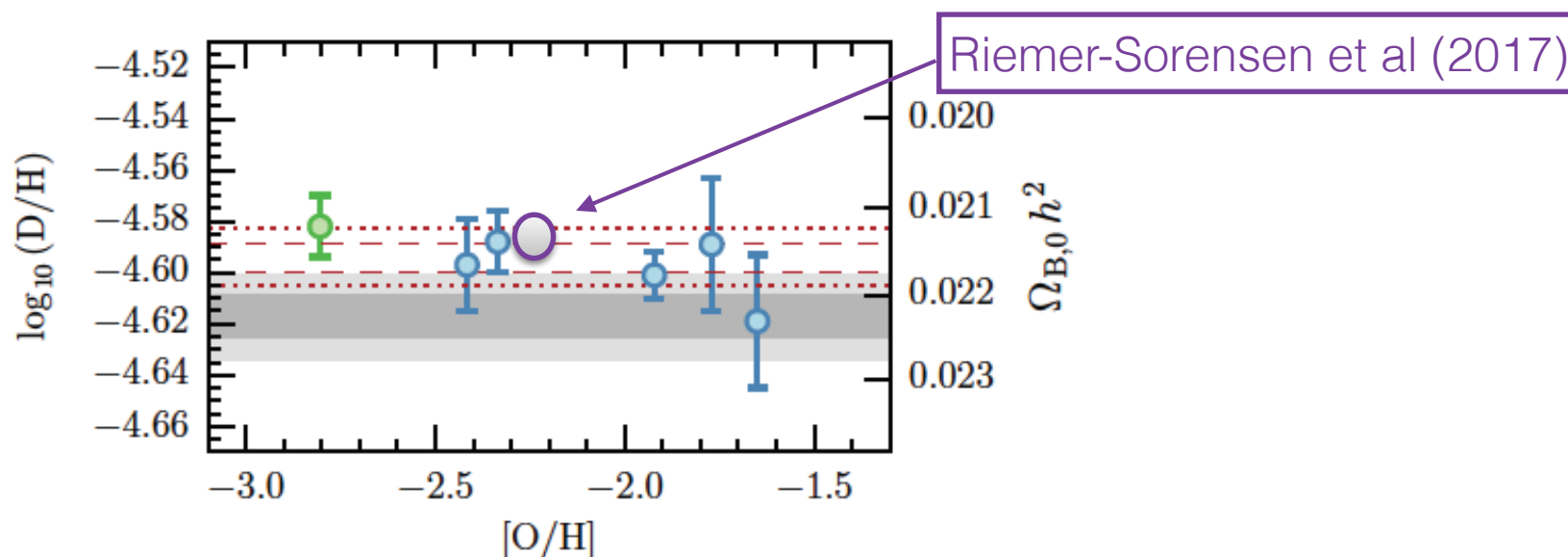
All systems after 2014: 10 systems:

5 DLA systems Cooke et al 2014

3 re-determination: Zavarygin et al (2017); Riemer-Sorensen et al (2015, **2017**)

2 new determinations: Cooke et al 2016, Balashev et al 2017

$$10^5(D/H) = 2.569 \pm 0.027 \quad \sim 1\% \text{ error!!!}$$

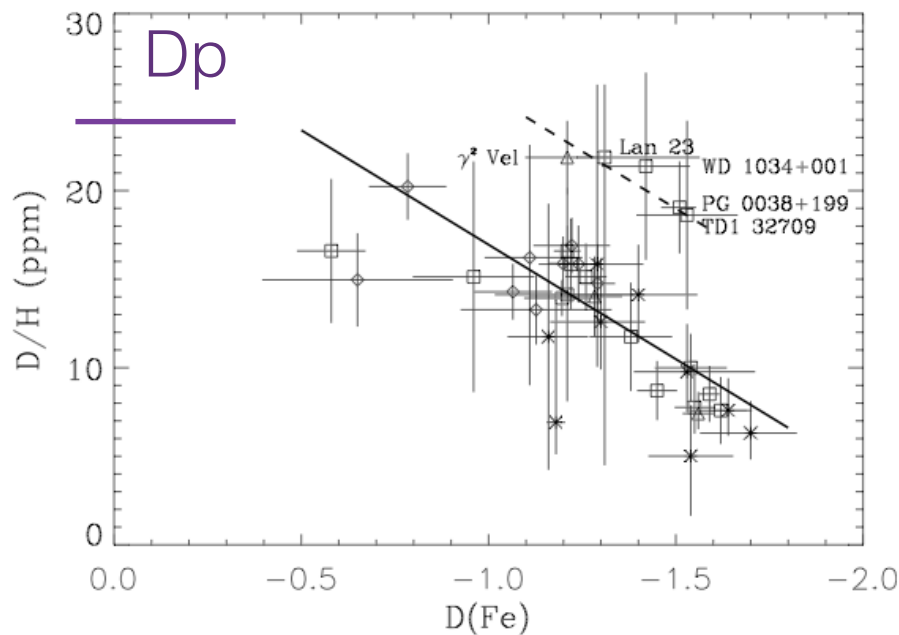


- no dispersion (the two not plotted have large errors)
- no dependence on HI
- no dependence on metallicity

D depletion

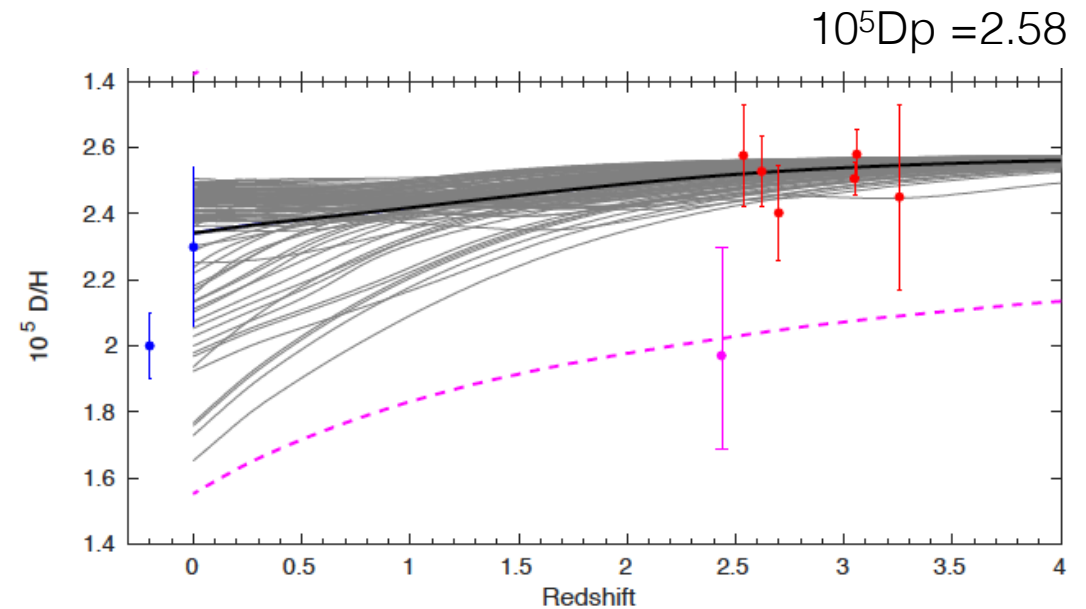
Local measurement D/H and chemical evolution

Evidence of D depletion in dust from FUSE observations (Linsky 2006)



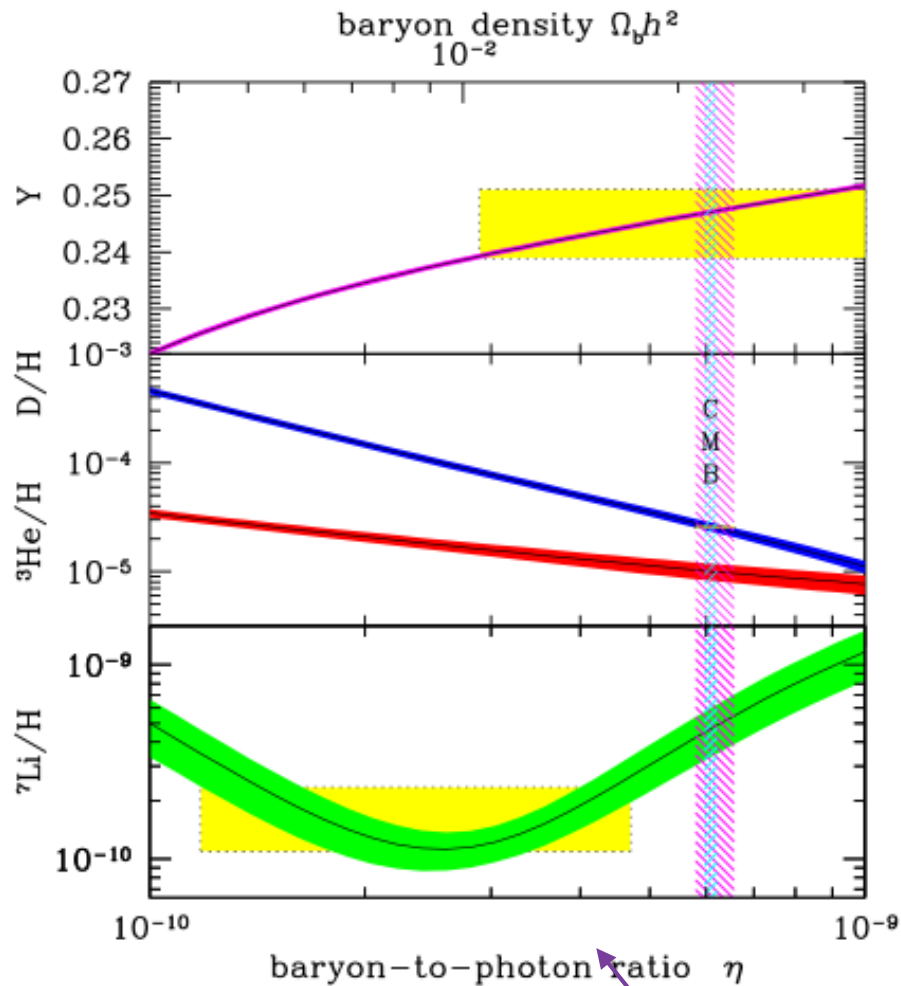
Dvorkin et al (2016)

D/H in the context of cosmological structure formation



- no dust in the DLA (when measured)
- small depletion is expected for $[Fe/H] \sim -2$

D the “baryometer” of choice



- D ~ **not** sensitive to expansion rate
- strong sensitivity to eta.
- BB only astronomical source (spallation minor) , stars destroy D

Fields et al (2018)

⁴He extragalactic HII regions (Peimbert et al 2017)

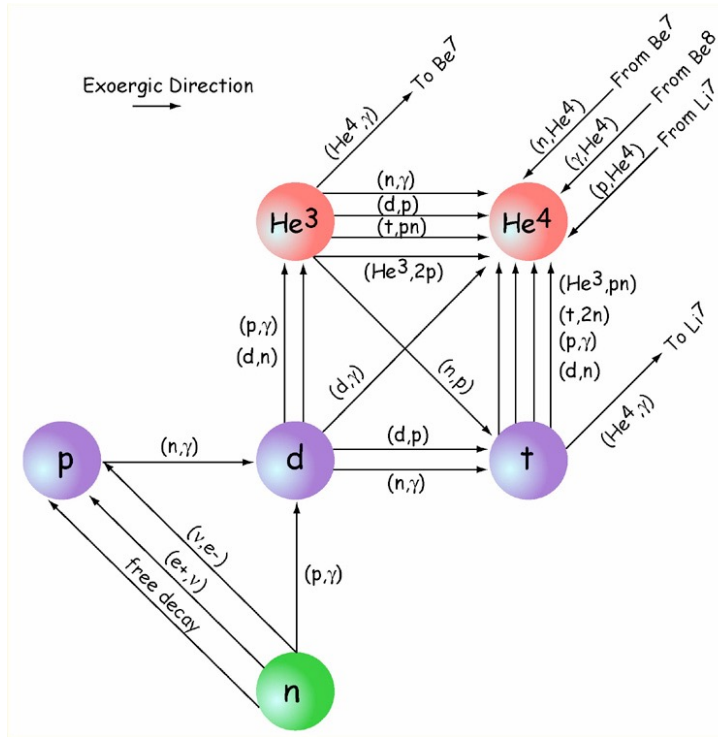
⁷Li: Halo stars

D: DLAs

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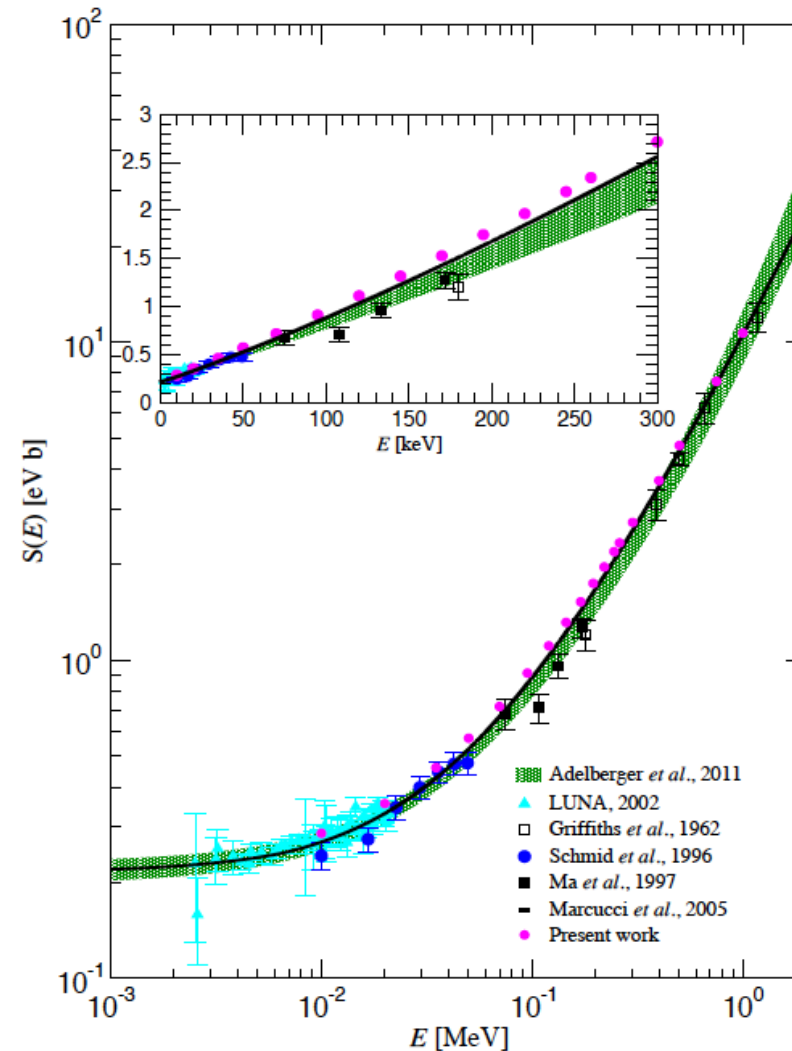
Li problem

D Nucleosynthesis



Theoretical $S(E)$ have uncertainties $\sim 1\%$ error.
 D/H can shift by 4.5% (Marcucci et al 2016)

$S(E)$ factor $D(p, \gamma)^3\text{He}$

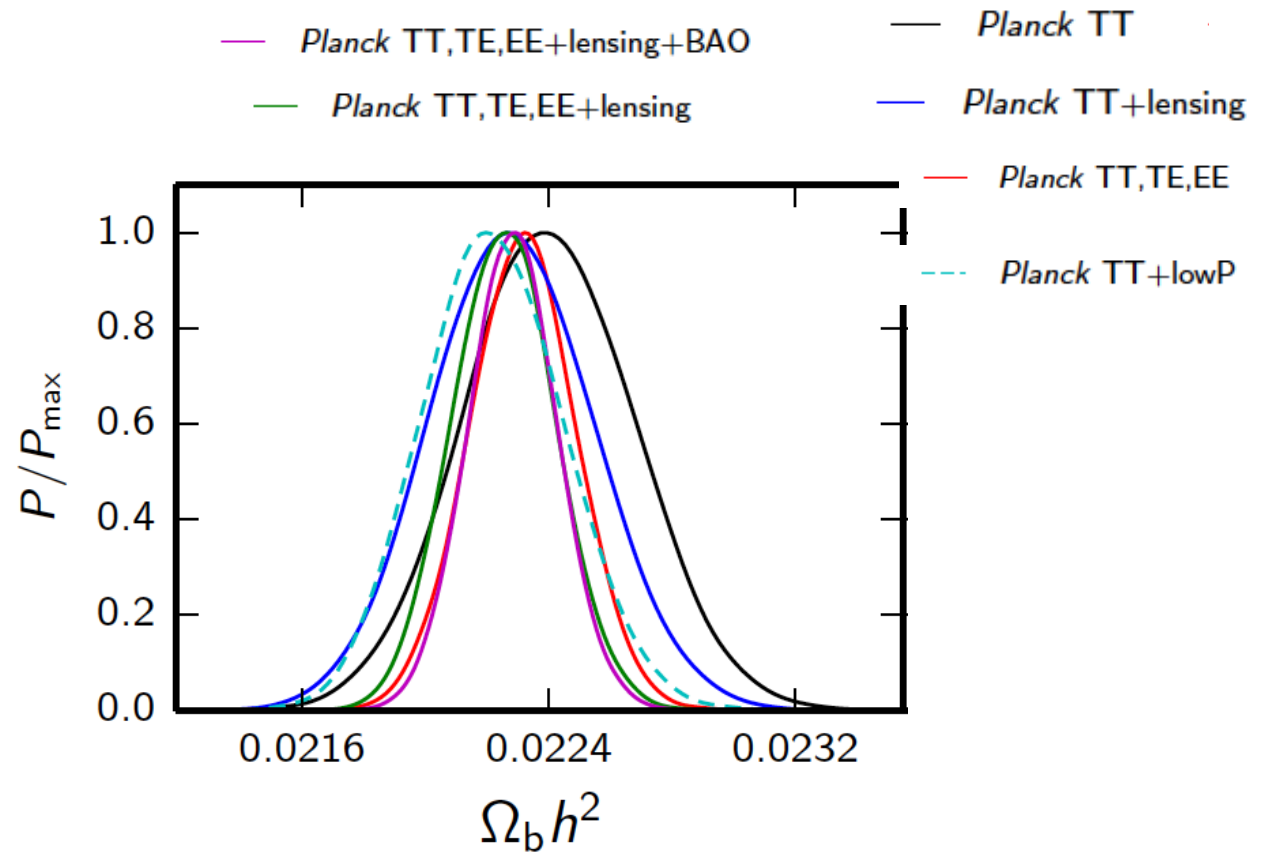
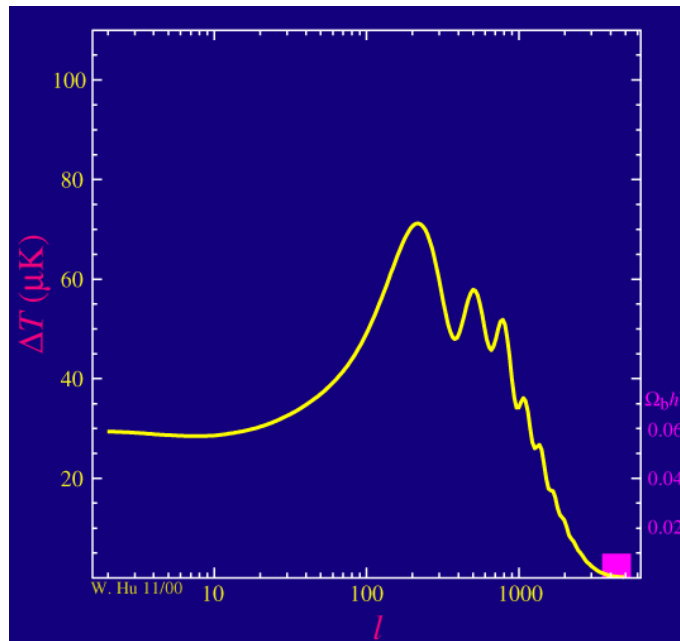


leading reactions:

Reaction	Rate Symbol	$\sigma_{D/H} \cdot 10^5$
$p(n, \gamma)^2\text{H}$	R_1	± 0.002
$d(p, \gamma)^3\text{He}$	R_2	± 0.062
$d(d, n)^3\text{He}$	R_3	± 0.020
$d(d, p)^3\text{H}$	R_4	± 0.0013

CMB & SBBN

The odd acoustic peaks in the power spectrum are enhanced over the even as we increase the baryon density.



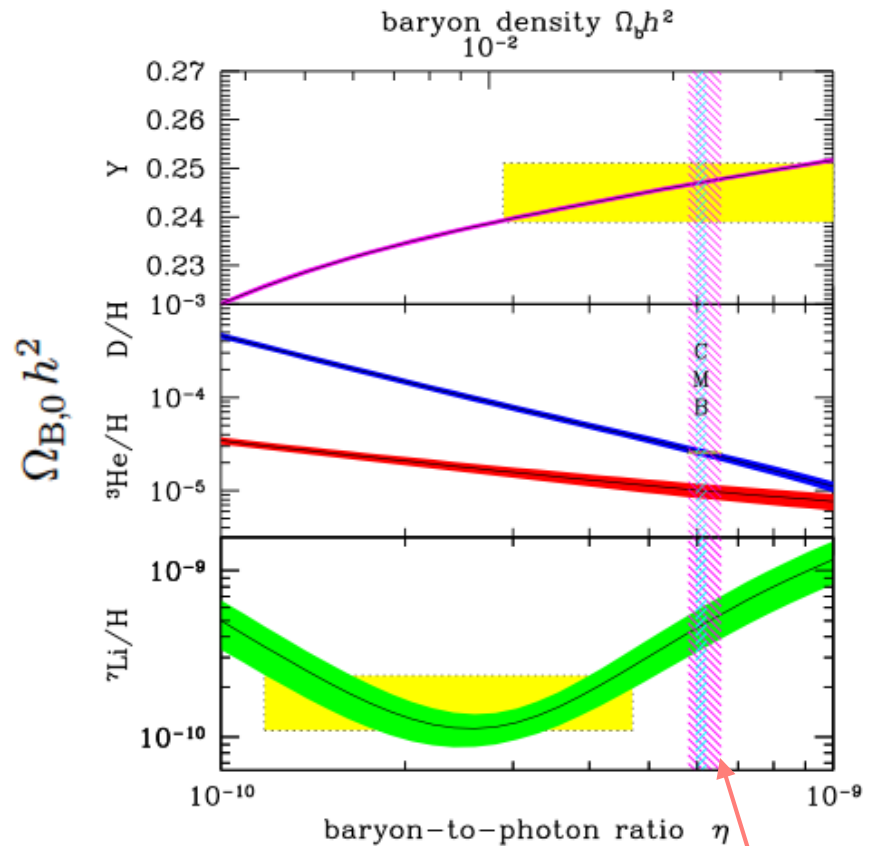
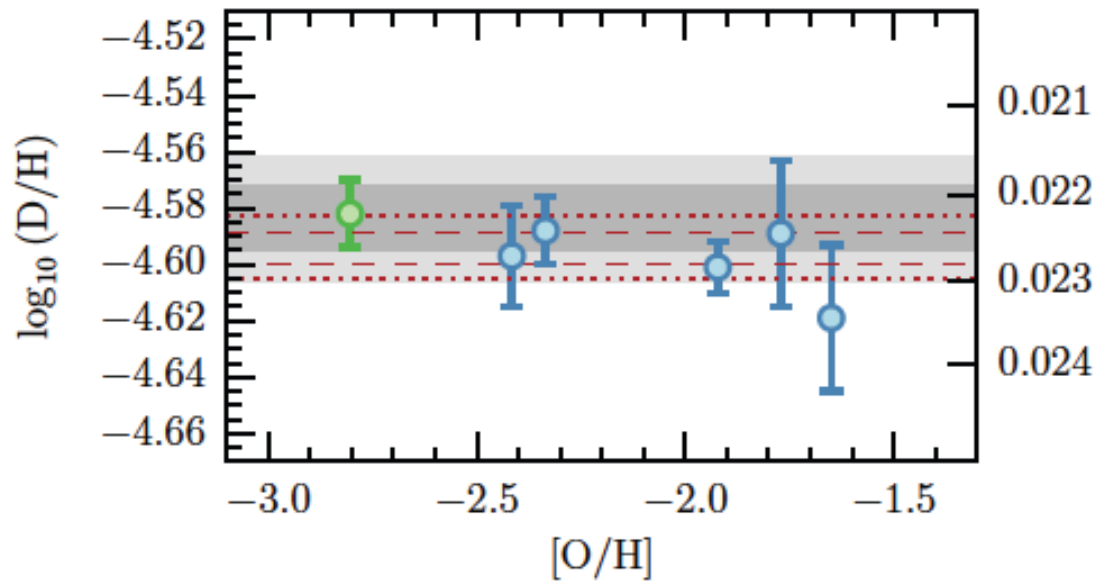
$100 \Omega_{b,0} h^2 = 2.226 \pm 0.023$ also at $\sim 1\%$

$$\eta_{10} = 273.9 \Omega_{b,0} h^2 \quad (\text{for } Y_p, \text{CMBT}=2.7258 \text{ K, Steigman 2006,})$$

Cooke et al (2016)

$$100 \Omega_{b,o} h^2 = 2.260 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.029 \quad \text{exp S(E)}$$

$$100 \Omega_{b,o} h^2 = 2.226 \pm 0.023$$



(with $D/H = 25.69 \pm 0.27$: $100 \Omega_b \Omega_{b,o} h^2 \sim 2.245 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.029$ (preliminary!))

perfect agreement!

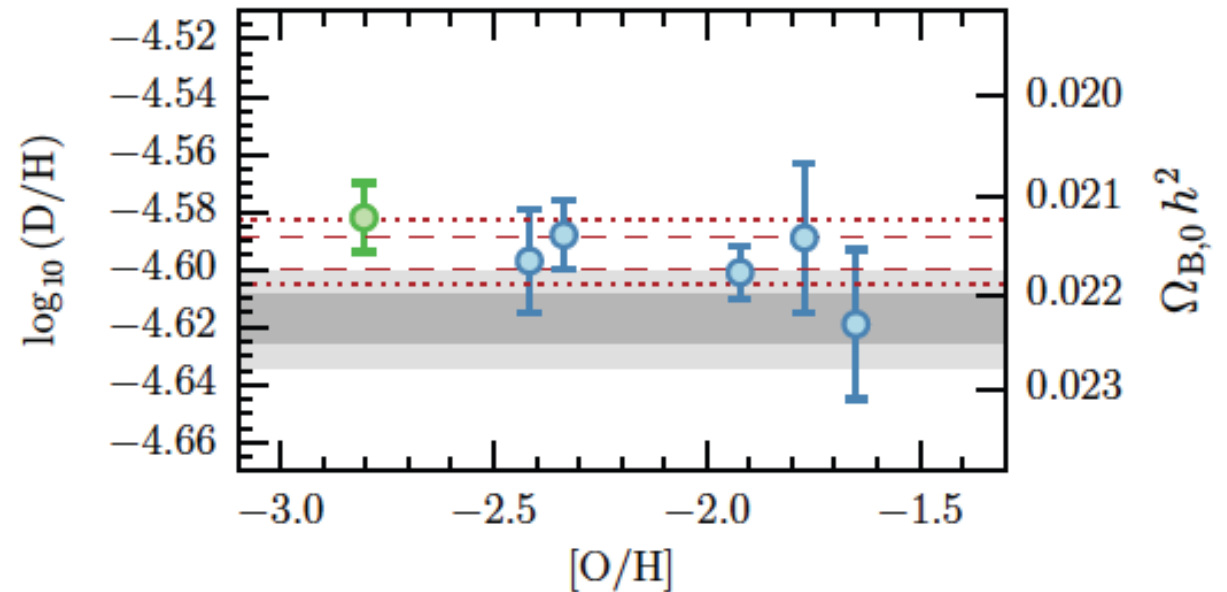
no need for new physics beyond the SM. $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.046(1 + \Delta N_\nu/3)$

theoretical S(E) (Marcucci et al 2016): lower D_p ($\sim 4.5\%$), lower eta, and lower Ω

$$10^5 (D/H)_p = 2.47 (1 \pm 0.01) (6/\eta_D)^{1.68}$$

$$\eta_D = \eta_{10} - 1.08 (S - 1) (1.1 \eta_{10} - 1)$$

$$S = \left(1 + \frac{7\Delta N_\nu}{43}\right)^{1/2}$$



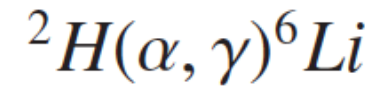
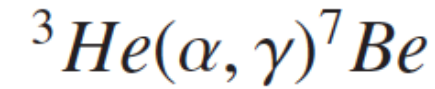
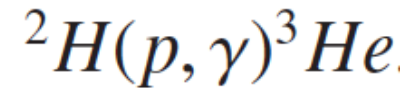
$100 \Omega_{b,oh^2} = 2.156 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.011$ new S factor Cooke et al (2016)

$100 \Omega_{b,oh^2} = 2.226 \pm 0.023$ Planck

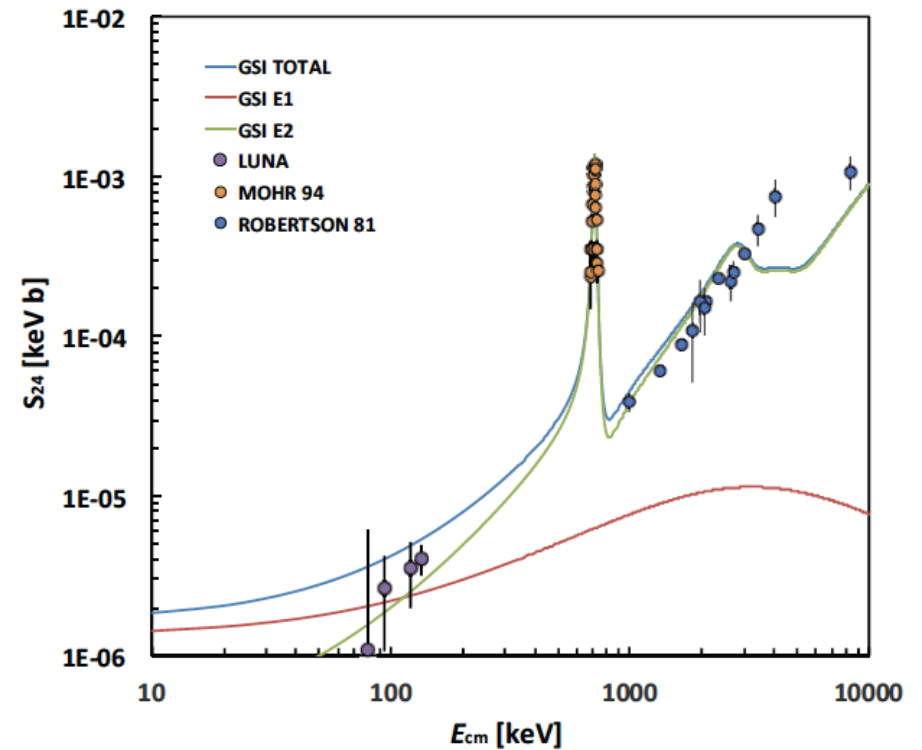
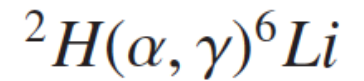
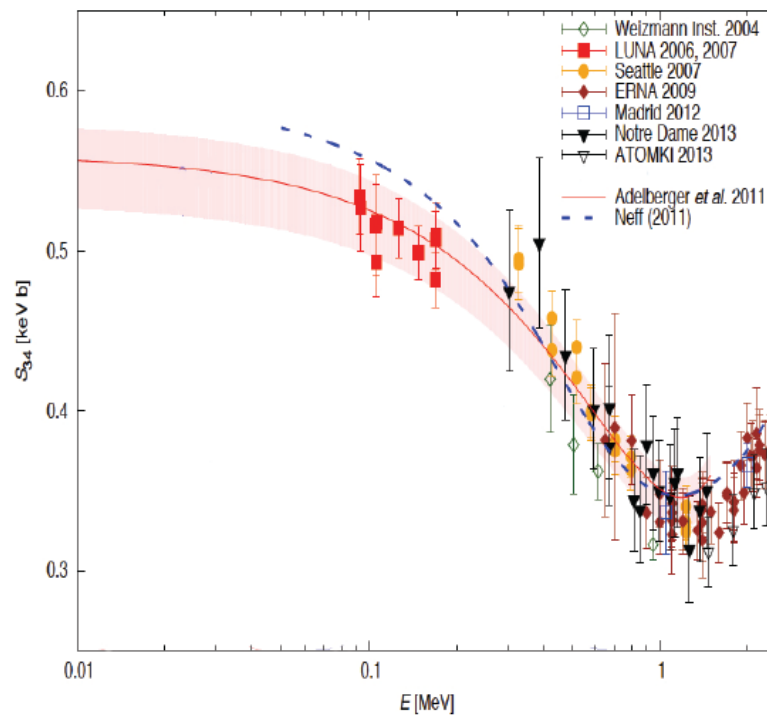
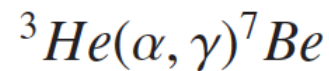
small tension (~ 2.3 sigma or more)

with $10^5 D/H = 2.569 \pm 0.027 \Rightarrow 100 \Omega_{b,oh^2} = 2.140 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.011$ (preliminary!)

Gustavino (2017)



LUNA experiment Gran Sasso



■ ${}^7\text{Li}$ predicted by SBBN is OK, no nuclear fix to the Li problem

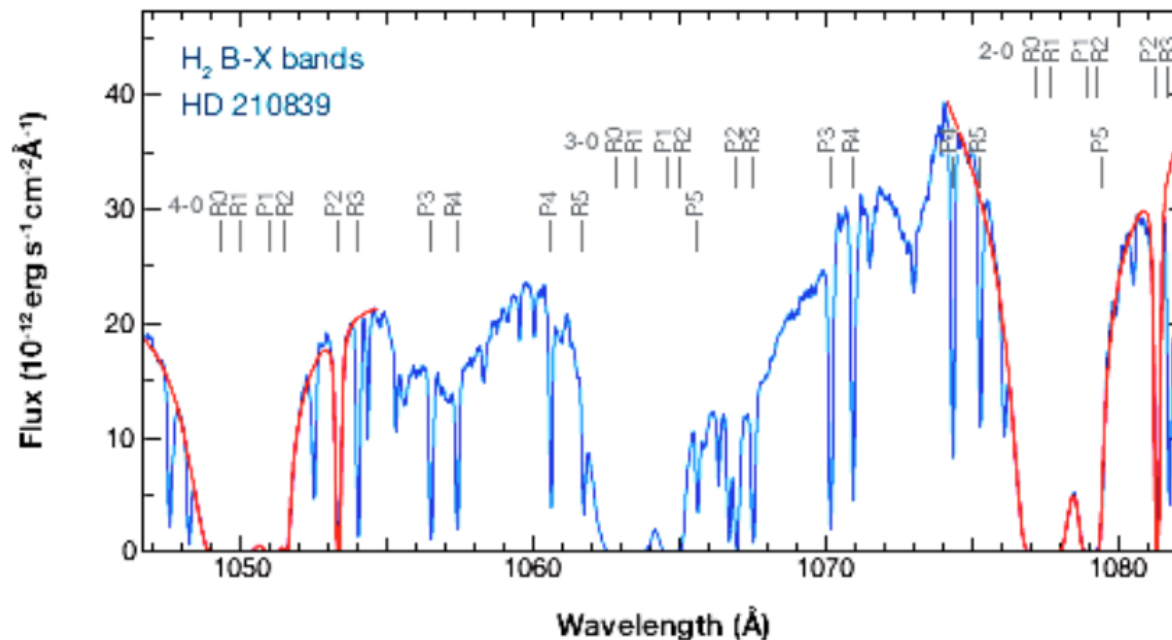
■ ${}^6\text{Li}$ not produced in the SBBN enhanced

Molecular hydrogen

H₂ is stable at low temperatures, but difficult to predict: forms on dust grains, photodissociated by $h\nu > 14$ eV,

In the Milky Way. Lyman and Werner bands (~ 1000 Å) first detected in a rocket experiment (Carruthers 1967), then Copernicus and FUSE.

Fuse FUV Lyman Band lines

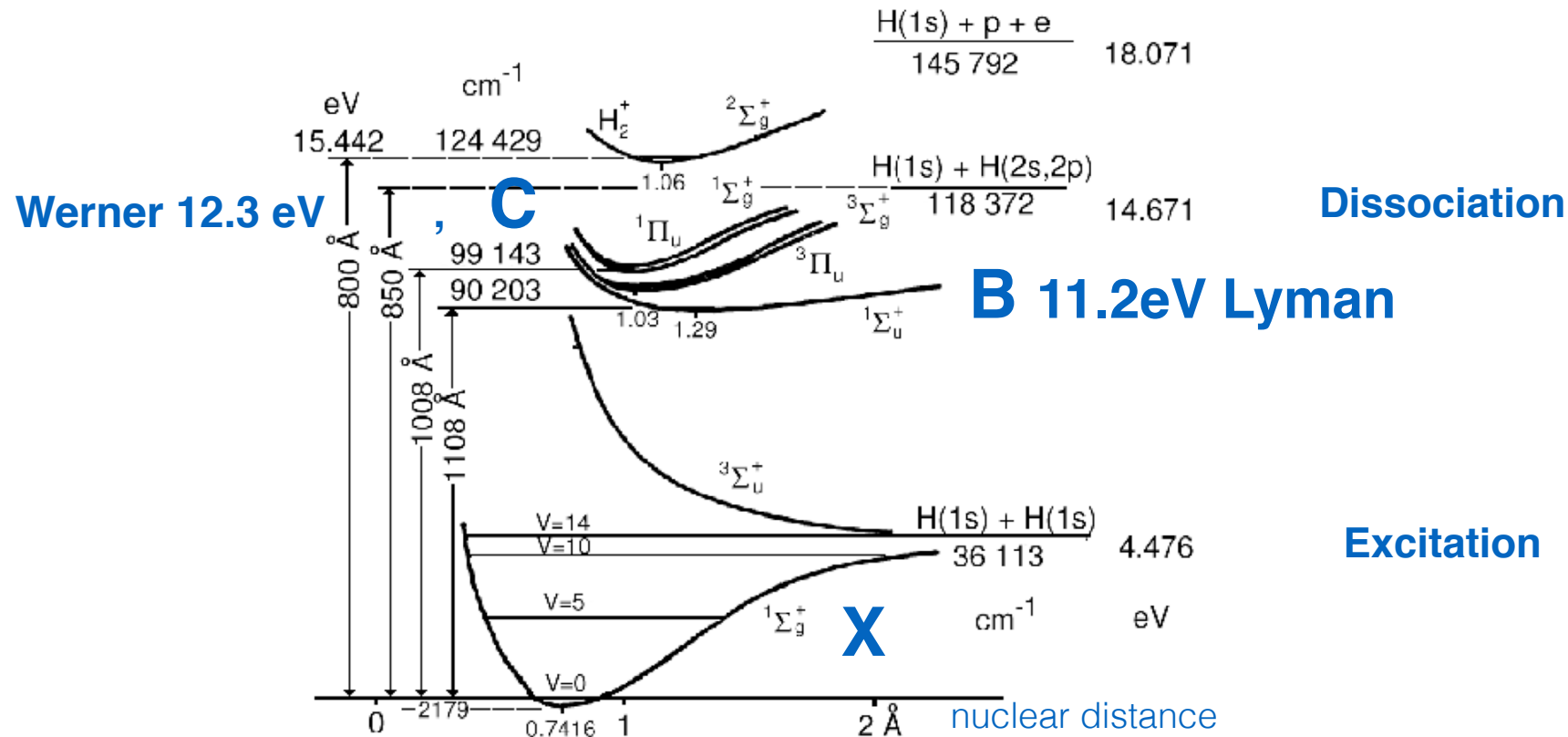


- H₂ in $\sim 90\%$ of l.o.s the Milky Way (Savage et al.1977)
- $f(\text{H}_2) > 10^{-2}$

$$f = 2N(\text{H}_2)/[2N(\text{H}_2) + N(\text{H I})]$$

Electronic level diagram

from Field et al (1966)

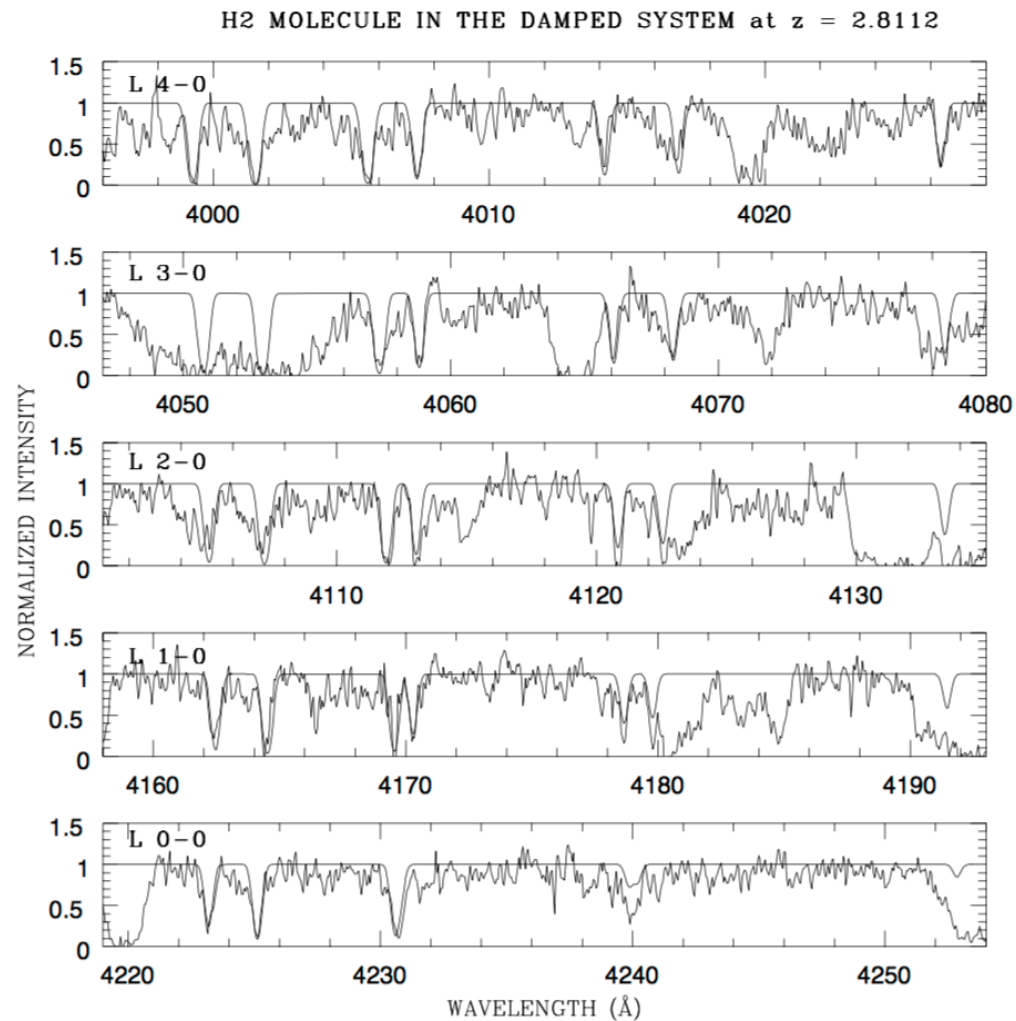


- Ground state is X. It has 30 vibrational levels, each with an infinite number of rotational states.
- The next two singlet levels are B C, connected to ground X by allowed electric-dipole transitions (analogous to HI Ly-alpha). Lyman and Werner bands start at 1108 Å and 1040 Å, and are spread to the HI Lyman edge at 911.7 Å

Extragalactic

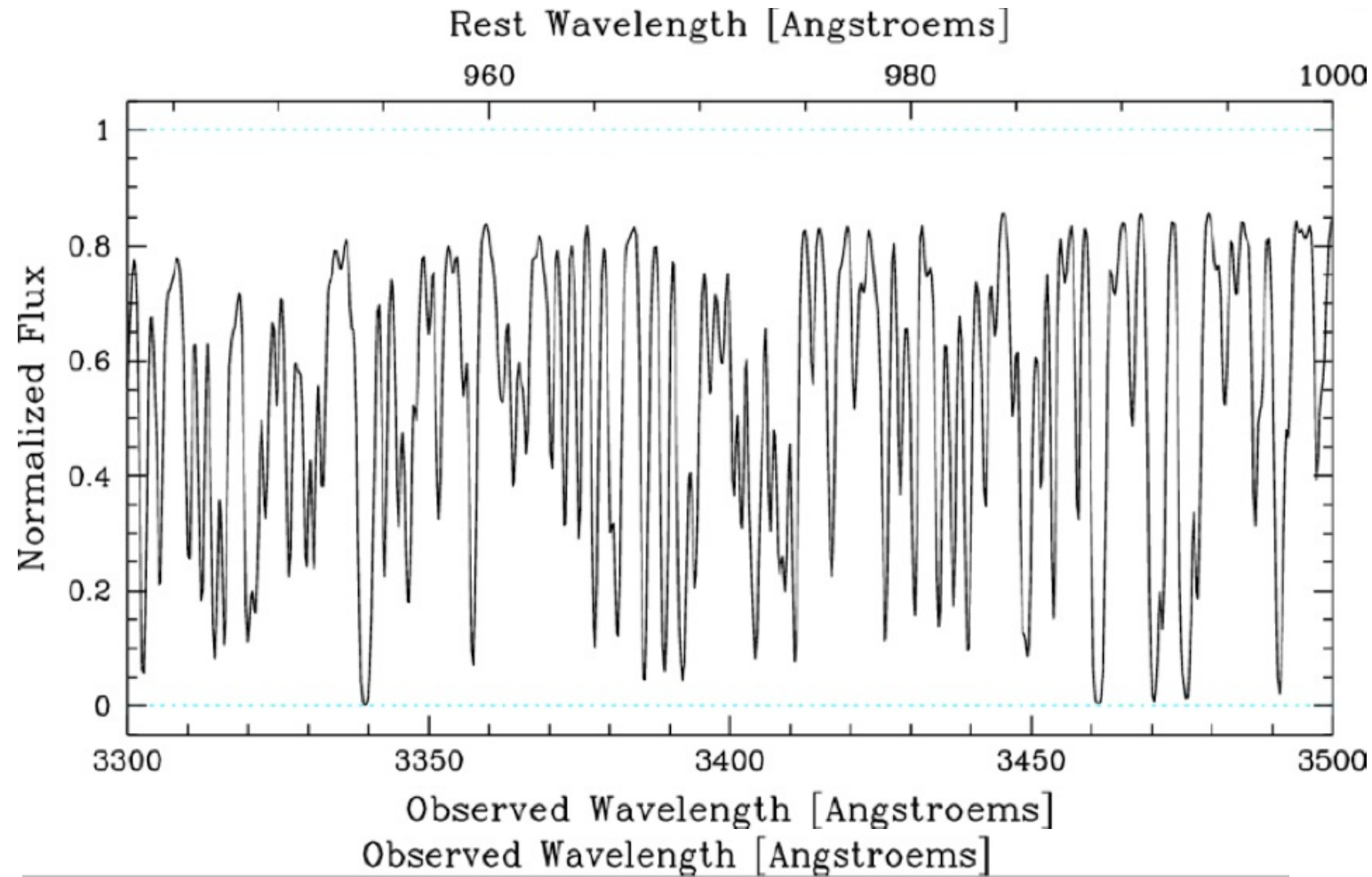
- Levshakov & Vershalovich 1985 on a spectrum of PKS 0528-250 by Morton et al 1980 taken at the 3.9 Anglo-Australian Telescope
- Confirmation: Foltz et al 1998, Srianand & Petijean 1998, Gee & Betchold 1999

PKS 0528-250



H₂ lines fall within the Lyman forest

H₂ z ~ 2

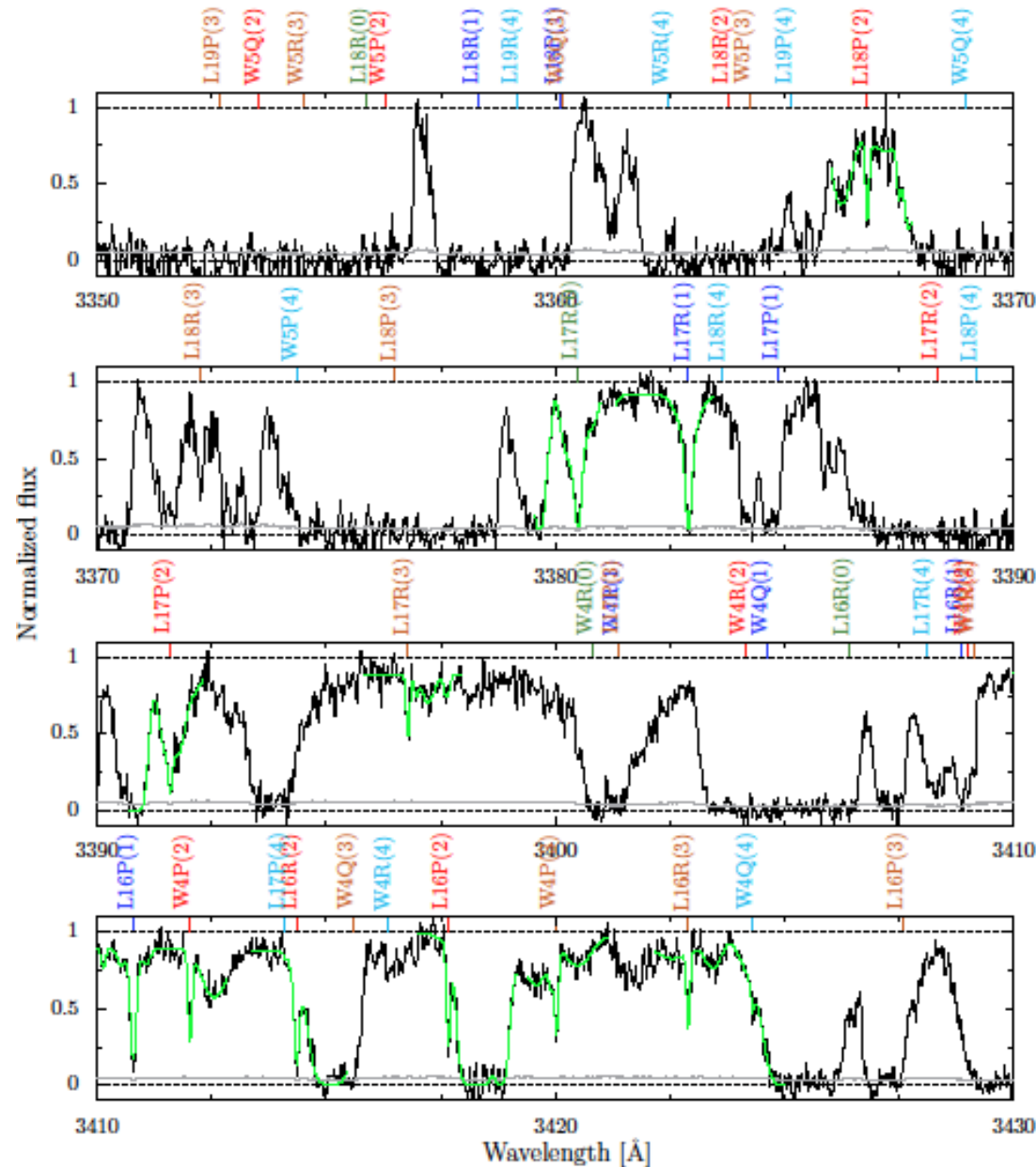


courtesy Regina Jorgenson

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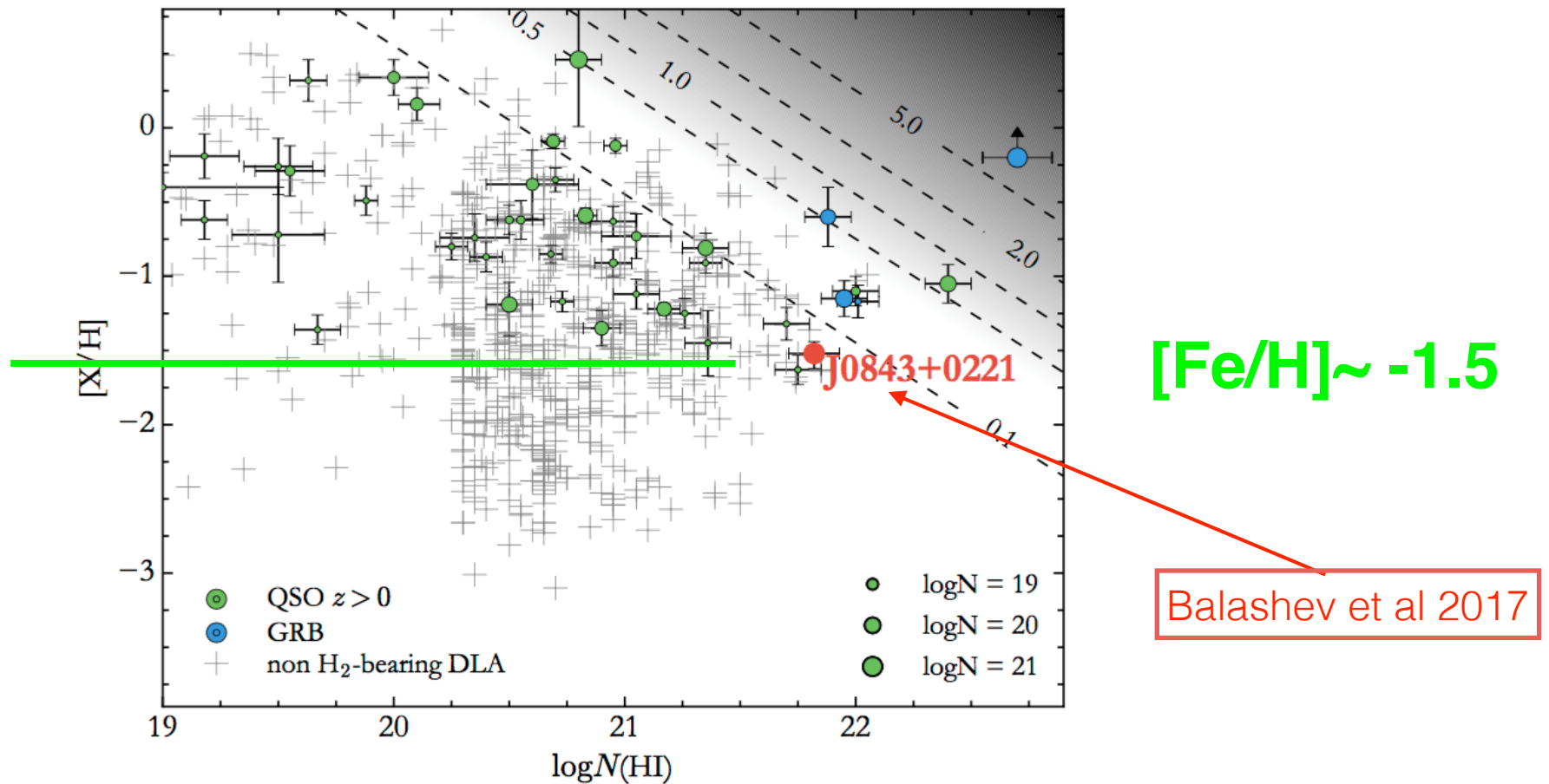
Bagdonaite (2013)

$Z_{\text{abs}} \sim 2.66$



H₂ and DLA metallicity

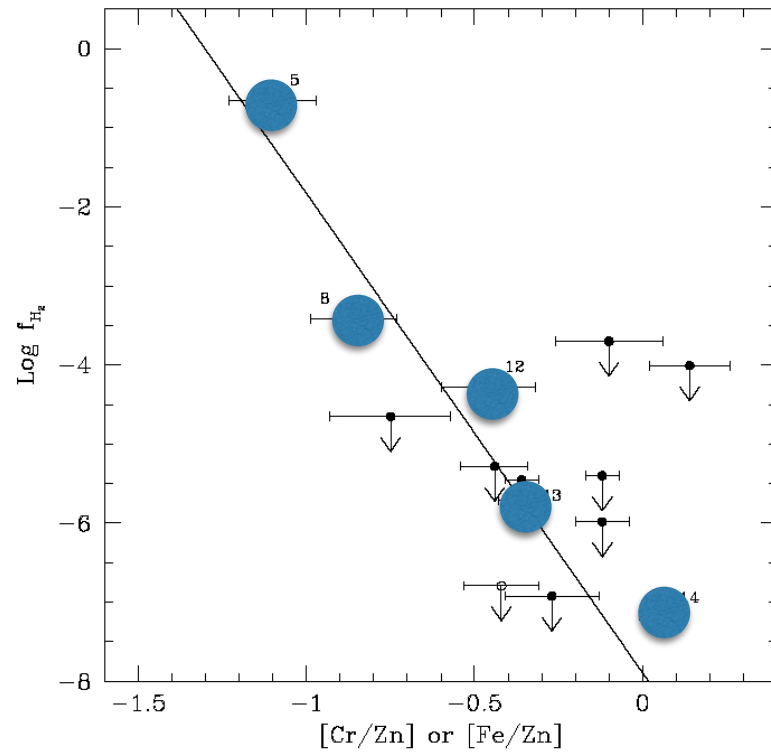
40 measurements



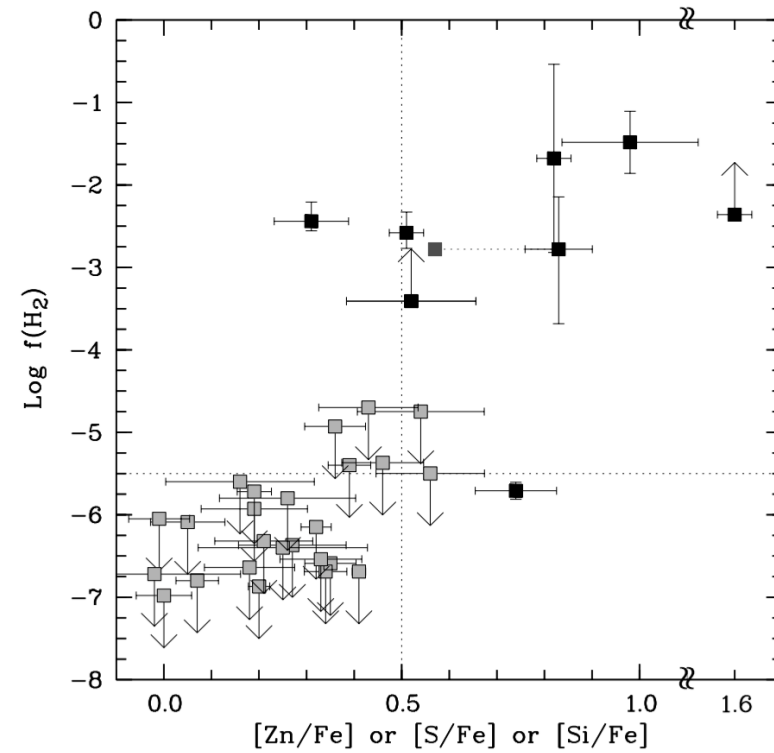
- H₂ is found preferentially in high metallicity systems
- less abundant in high redshift DLA

H₂ and dust

Levshakov et al. 2001



Ledoux et al 2003

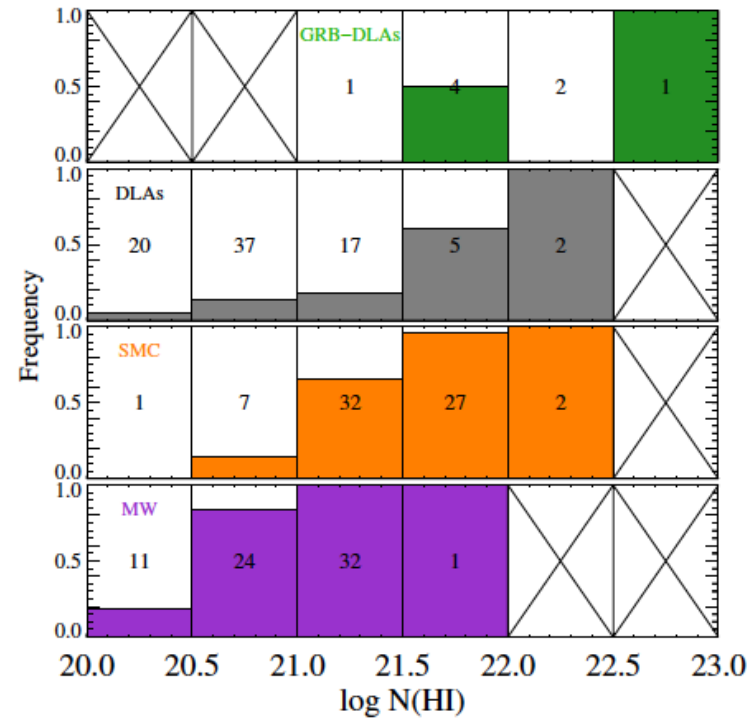
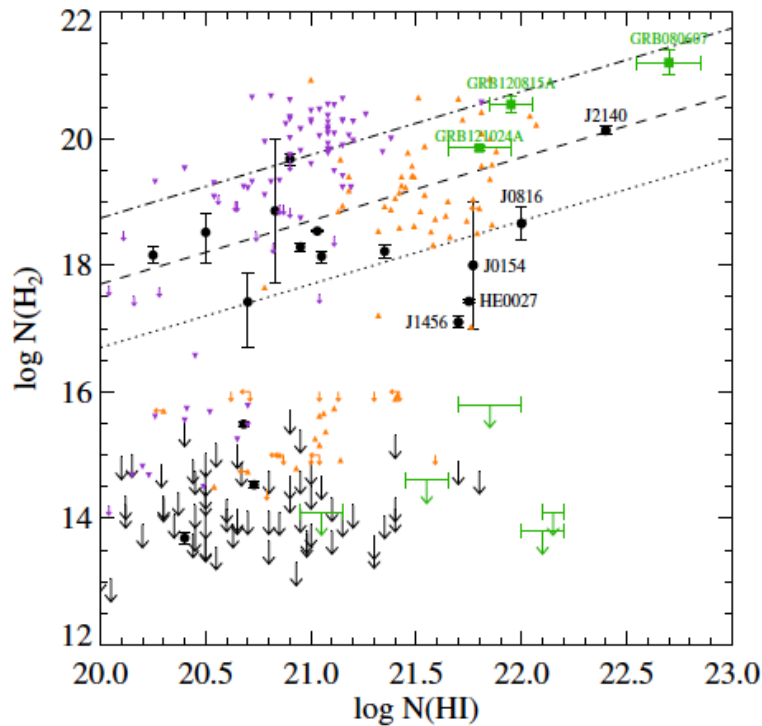


- f(H₂) correlates with dust depletion $f = 2N(\text{H}_2)/[2N(\text{H}_2) + N(\text{H I})]$
- H₂ formation needs dust, and dust needs metals

H2 & LogN(HI)

dependence on the LogN(HI) ?

Noterdaeme et al (2015) study of the few log H(I) ~ 22



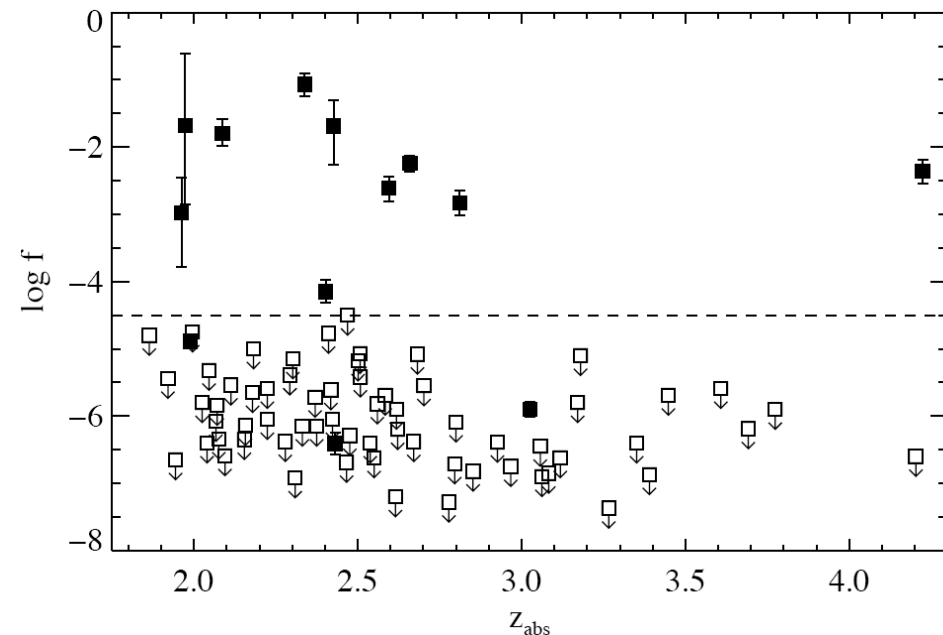
- At Log H(I)~22 the incidence is higher but the molecular level ($f(\text{H}_2) \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$) remains low.
- No evidence for dense molecular clouds

Surveys of H₂

- 2003: Ledoux et al. on **33 DLAs**, **detection rate: 13 – 20%**. Preselection: dusty systems
- 2008: Noterdaeme et al., on **77 DLA**, **detection rate: 10 – 18%**. Preselected
- 2013 Jorgenson \sim **100** $z \geq 2.2$ DLA **detection rate** 1-5%. Unbiased, blind survey.
- 2014 Balashev et al. High $\log N(\text{H}_2)$ candidates from SDSS ($z > 2.3$) spectra ($\log N(\text{H}_2) > 19.5$), **100 candidates found, 8 studied 8 systems** (100% success)
- 2015 Noterdaeme, detection rate $< 10\%$. Preselection of strong CI lines from SDSS (or 2175 Å bump)

H₂ in DLA: ~ 40

GRBs: 4 (Prochaska et al 2009, Kruhler et al 2013, Friis et al 2015, D'Elia et al 2014)



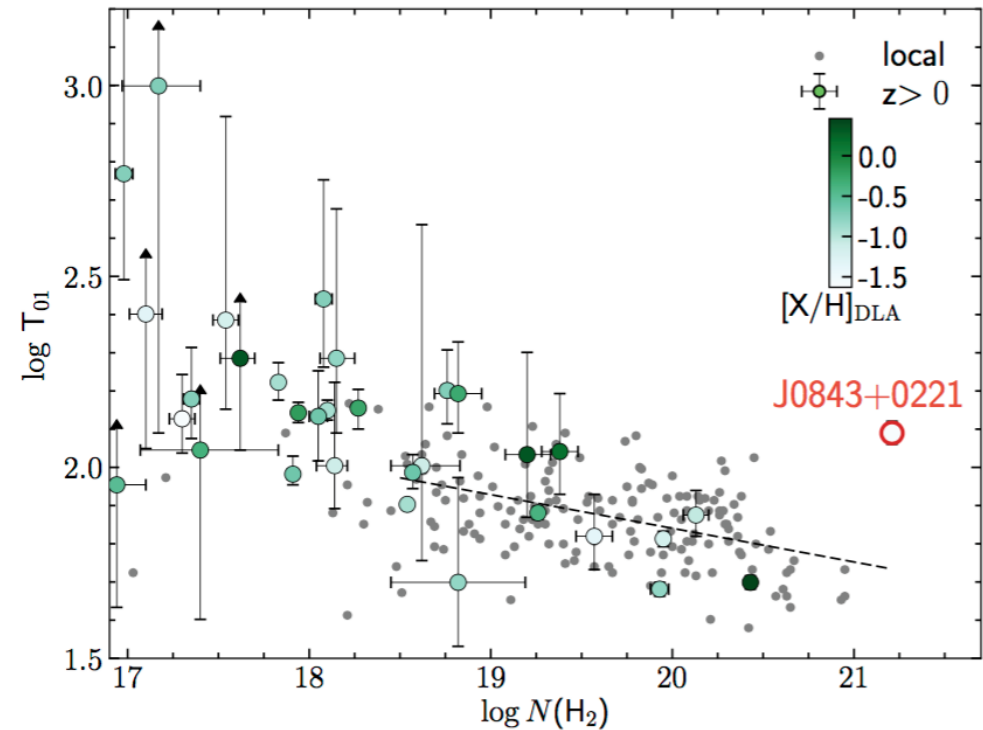
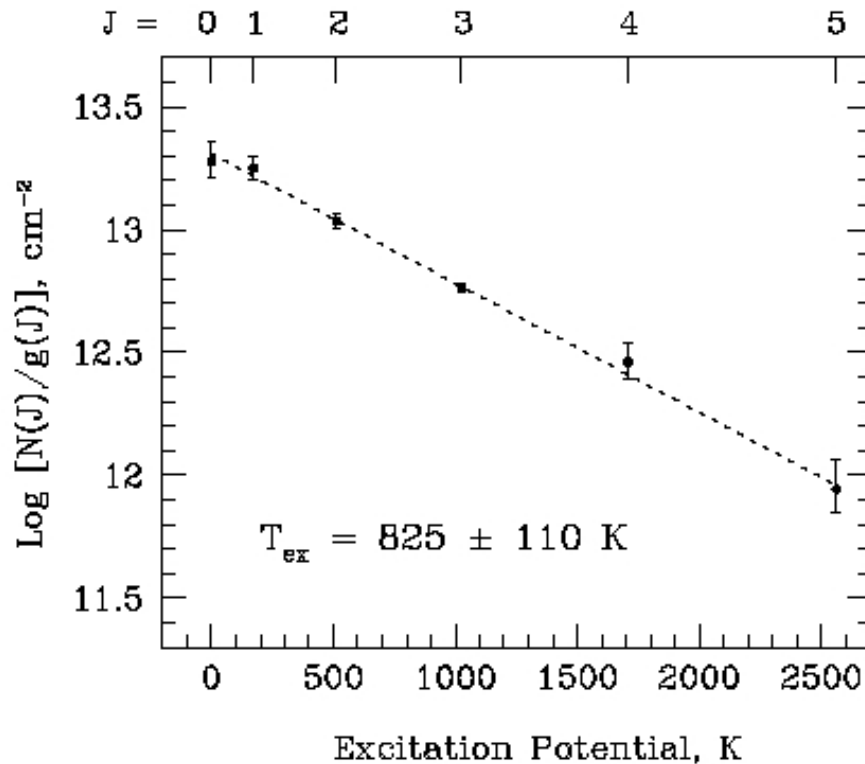
peak at $z \sim 2.5$ (related to dust)

fraction 1-5% Jogerson et al (2013)

physical state of the gas:

Balashev et al 2017

Excitation temperature:



From the population levels J

- ➡ $T_{\text{exc}}: \sim 100$ K
- ➡ density: $n(\text{H}) \sim 50\text{-}60$ cm^{-3}
- ➡ sizes: \sim pc

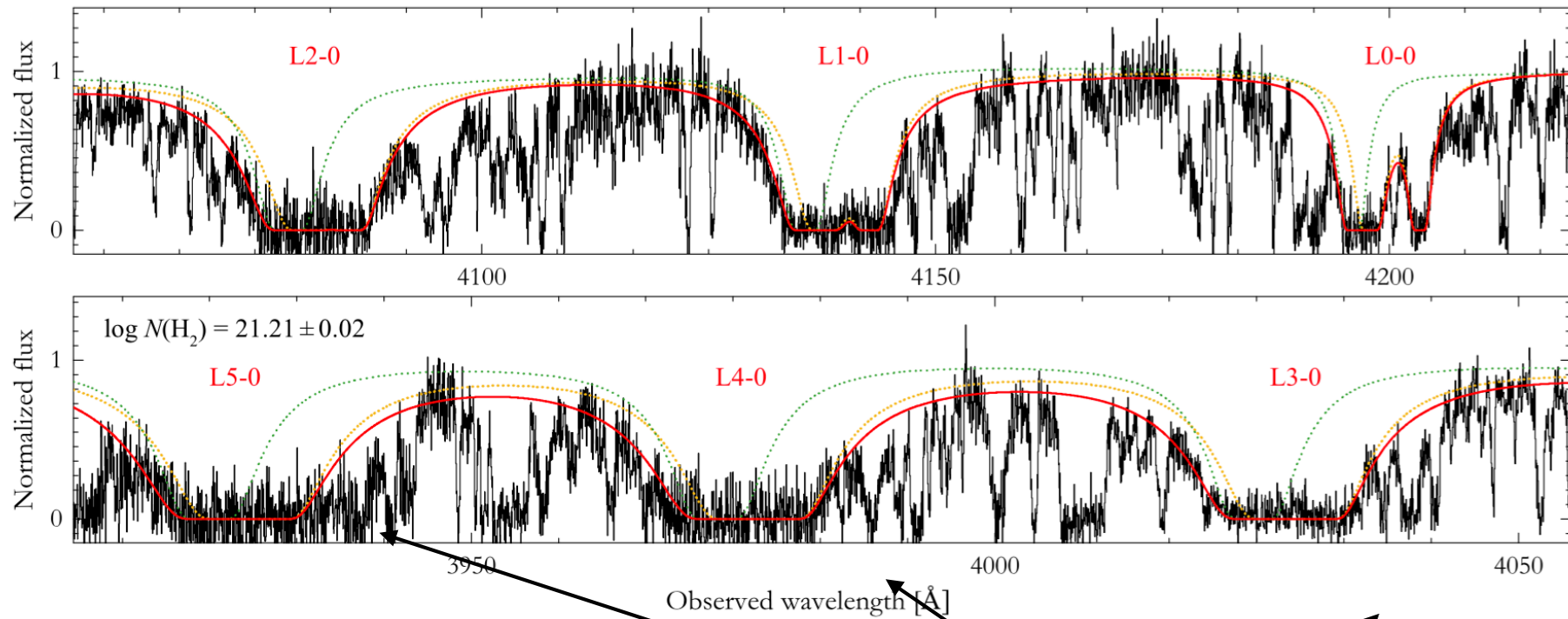
- like the Milky Way
- T_{exc} decrease with $N(\text{H}_2)$

The largest H₂ column density

J0843+0221, $z_{\text{abs}}=2.786$

$\log N(\text{H})=21.82$, **$\log N(\text{H}_2)=21.21$** ,

Balashev et al 2017



$[\text{Zn}/\text{H}]=-1.5$

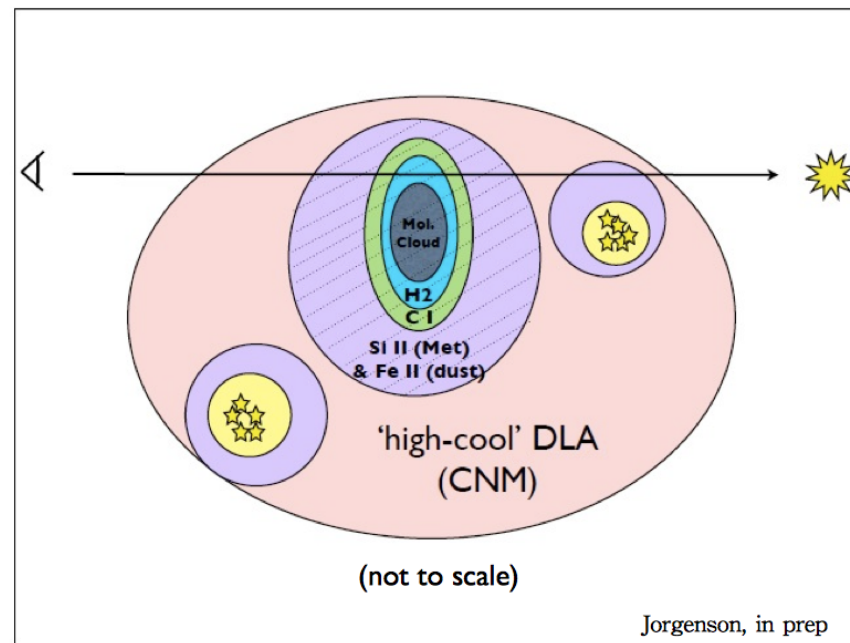
$T_{\text{exc}}=123 \pm 9 \text{ K}$

$n \sim 260\text{-}380 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

strongly saturated lines,
CI to resolve the structure

Observational evidences:

- The incidence is 1-5% (possibly higher at high $\log N_{\text{H(I)}}$)
- $f(\text{H}_2)$ in DLA is much lower than in the Galaxy
- H_2 correlates with metallicity and dust and no H_2 is detected for $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -2$
- No dense H_2 cloud detected
- $T_{\text{exc}} \sim 10^2$, $n(\text{HI}) \sim 50 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



- H_2 are small cloudlets with low filling factor

$$\mu = M_p / M_e$$

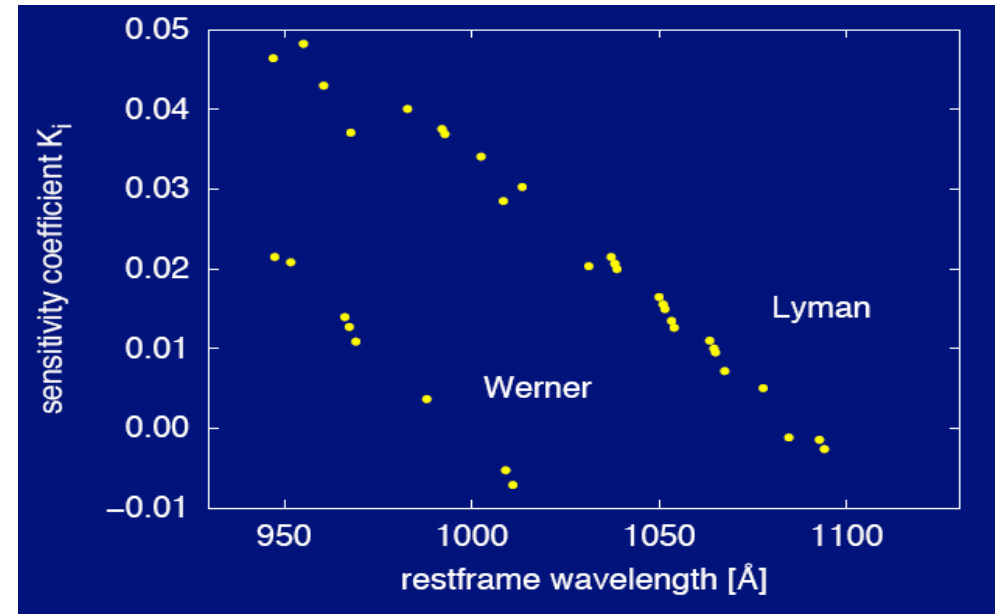
electron-vibro-rotational transitions have different dependence from the reduced H₂ mass.

Rovibronic transitions

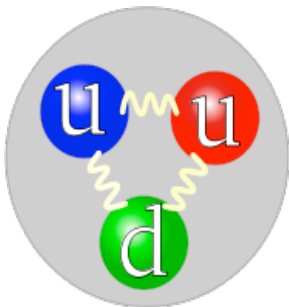
$$E_{molecule} = E_{elec} + E_{vibr} + E_{rot}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \nearrow & \uparrow & \nwarrow \\ \propto const & \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} & \propto \frac{1}{\mu} \end{matrix}$$

$$\lambda_{obs} = \lambda_{rest} (1 + z_{abs}) (1 + K_i \Delta\mu/\mu)$$



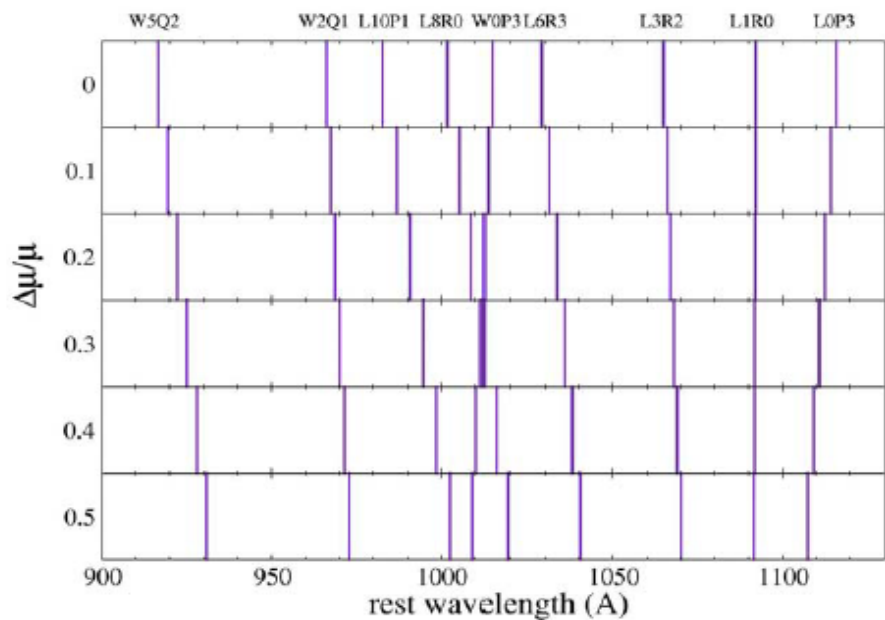
$$K_i = -\frac{\mu_n}{\lambda_i} \frac{d\lambda_i}{d\mu_n} = \frac{1}{E_e - E_g} \left(-\frac{\mu_n dE_e}{d\mu_n} + \frac{\mu_n dE_g}{d\mu_n} \right)$$



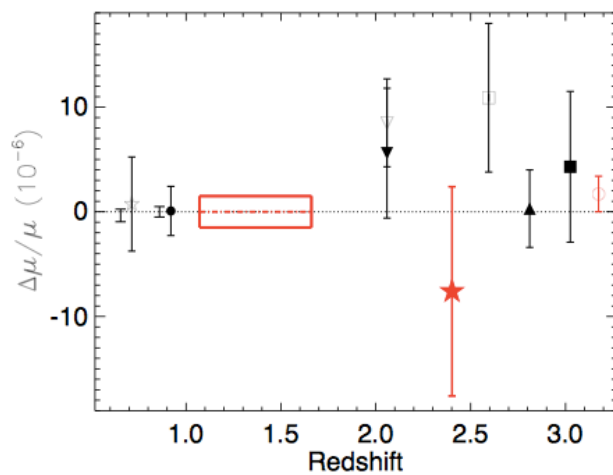
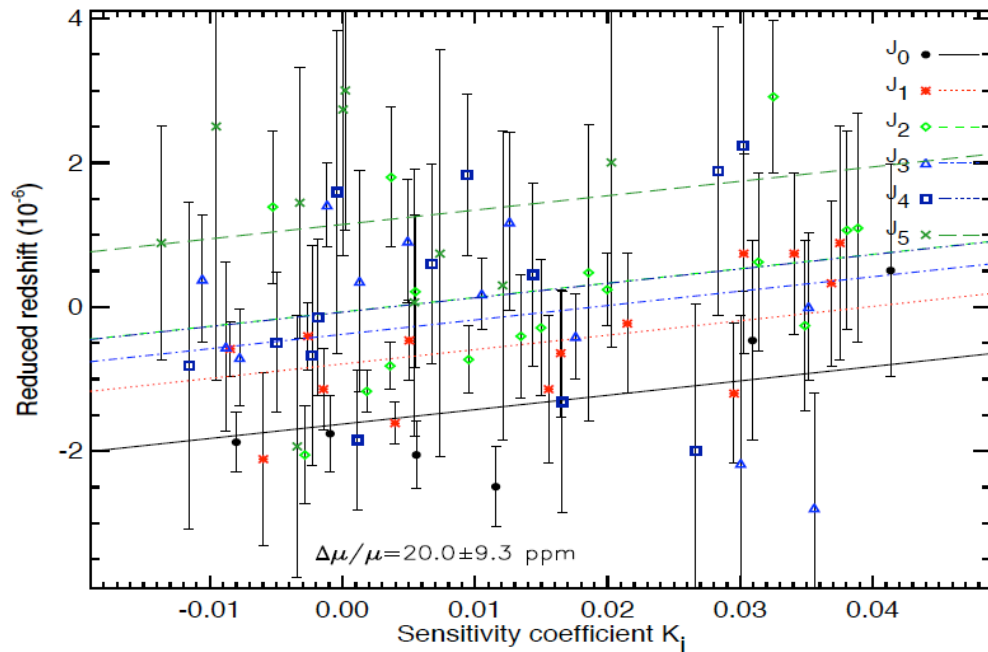
$$m_p = 938 \text{ Mev} = (862_{\text{QCD}} + 74_q + 2_{\text{QED}}) \text{ Mev} \propto \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \Rightarrow \text{strong forces}$$

$$m_e = 0.5 \text{ Mev} \propto \text{the vacuum expectation value of the Higgs field} \Rightarrow \text{The weak scale (223 M)}$$

$\mu = \text{strong/weak}$



highly exaggerated



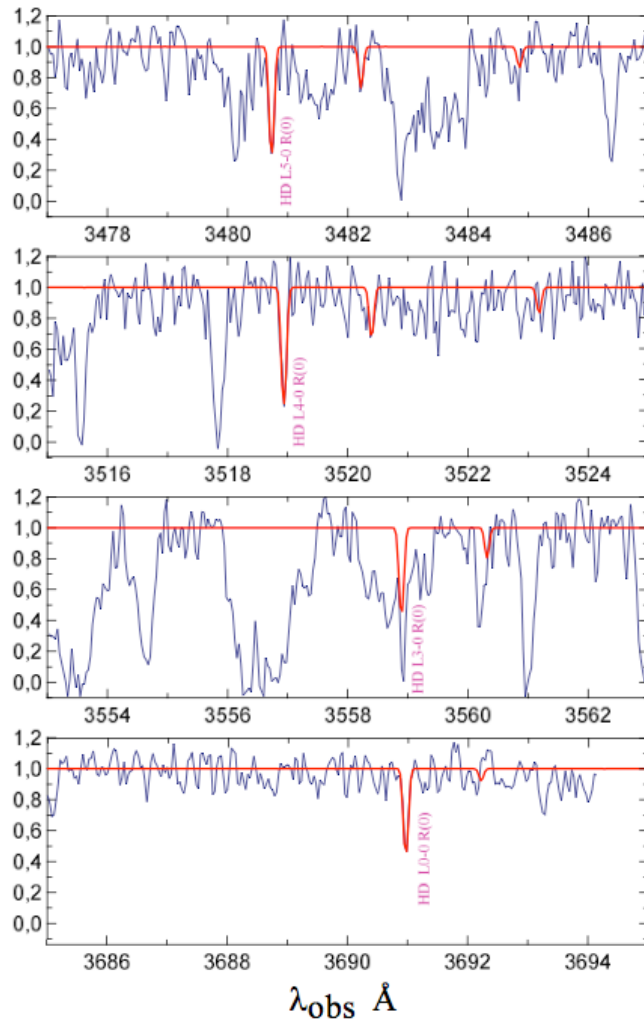
$$H_2 : \langle \Delta\mu/\mu \rangle = 3.4 \pm 2.7 \text{ ppm}$$

Deuterate Hydrogen

8 detections:

Q1232+082 Varshalovich et al 2001
J1439+1117 Srianand et al 2008
J2123-0500 Tumilson et al 2010
Q0812+32 Balashev et al 2010
Q1331+170 Balashev et al 2010
J1237+064 Noterdaeme et al 2010
J0000+0048 Noterdaeme et al 2017
J0843+0221 Balashev et al 2017

Q1232+082 $z_{\text{abs}}=2.3$



$\text{HD}/2\text{H}_2 \sim 10\text{-}80 \text{ ppm}$

- greater than the MW $\sim 1 \text{ ppm}$ (Snow et al 2008),
- $\sim (\text{DH})_{\text{p}} = 25 \text{ ppm}$

puzzling behaviour. HD chemistry: chemical fractionation and charge exchange processes:

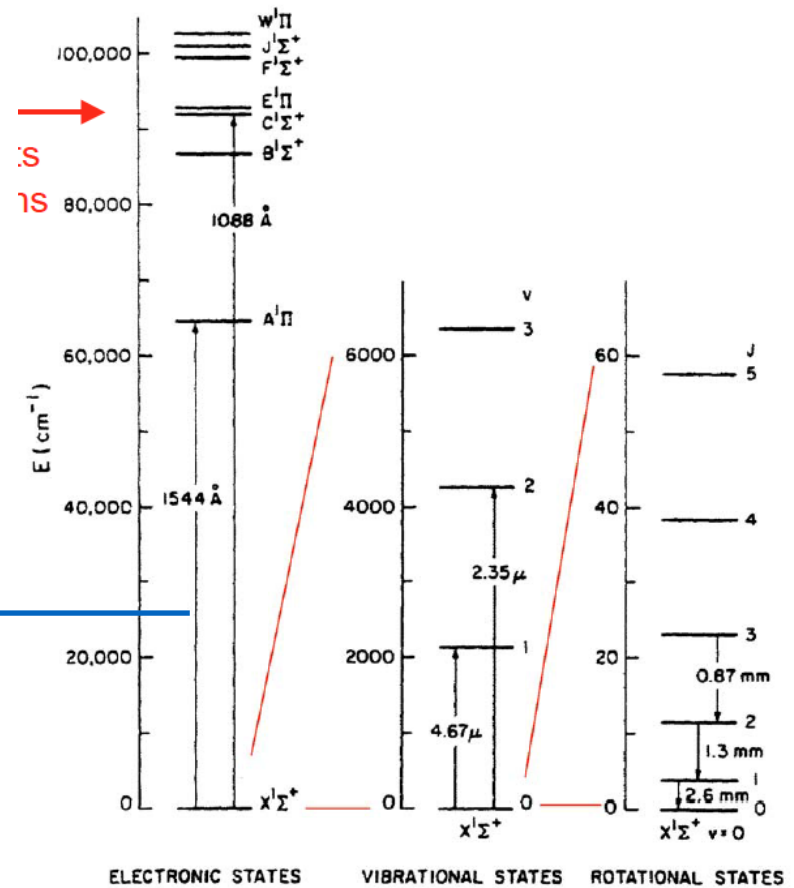
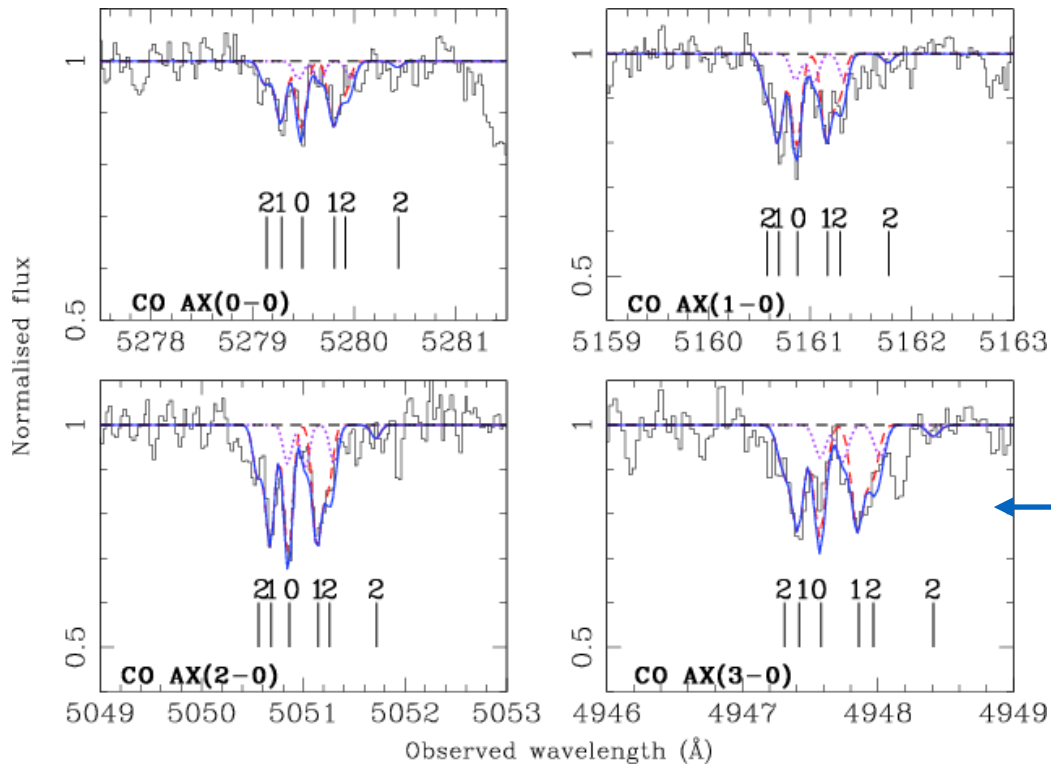


Carbon Monoxide

CO second molecule more abundant in the universe.

Elusive for more than a quarter of century Discovery: (Srianand et al 2008)

SDSS J1439+1117, DLA $z_{\text{abs}}=2.4$



6 detections

Srianand et al 2008,
Noterdaeme et al 2010, 2011, 2017

Q1439+113 at $z = 2.42$

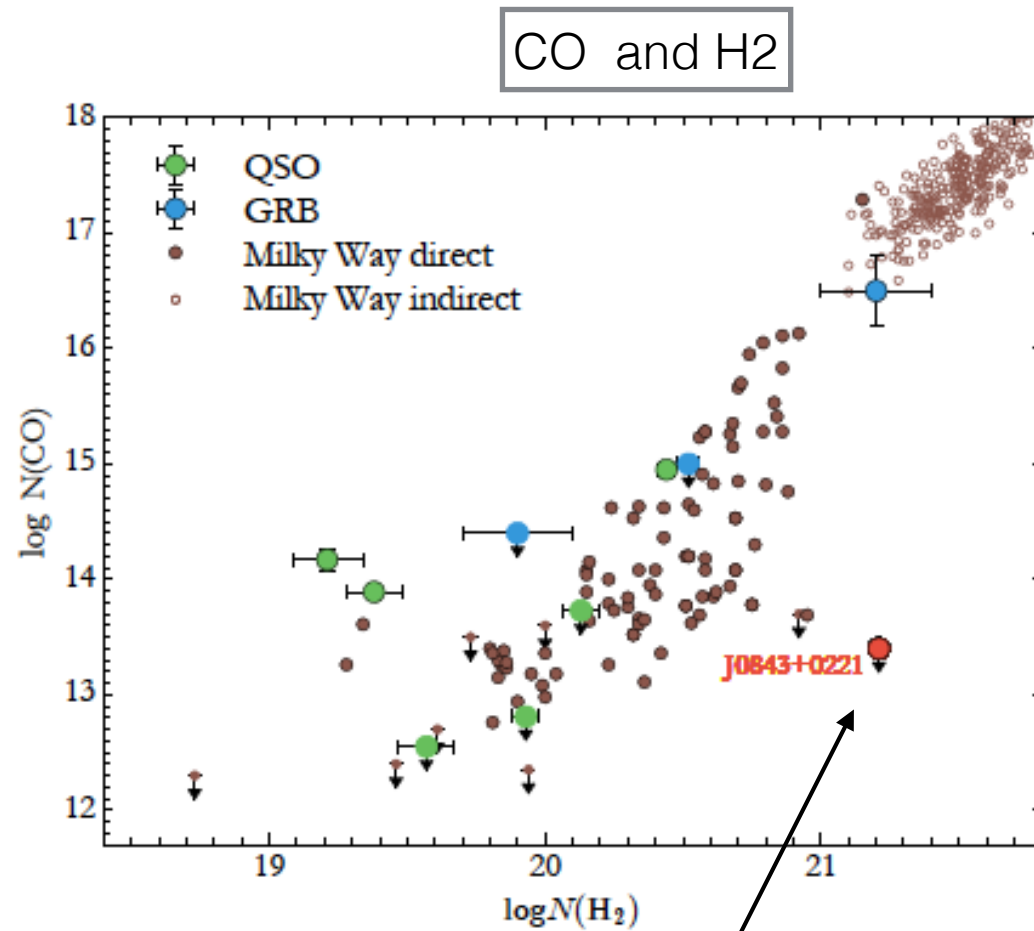
Q1604+220 at $z = 1.64$

J1237+064 at $z = 2.69$

J0857+18 at $z = 1.73$

J1047+205 at $z = 1.77$

J0000+0048 $z=2.52$



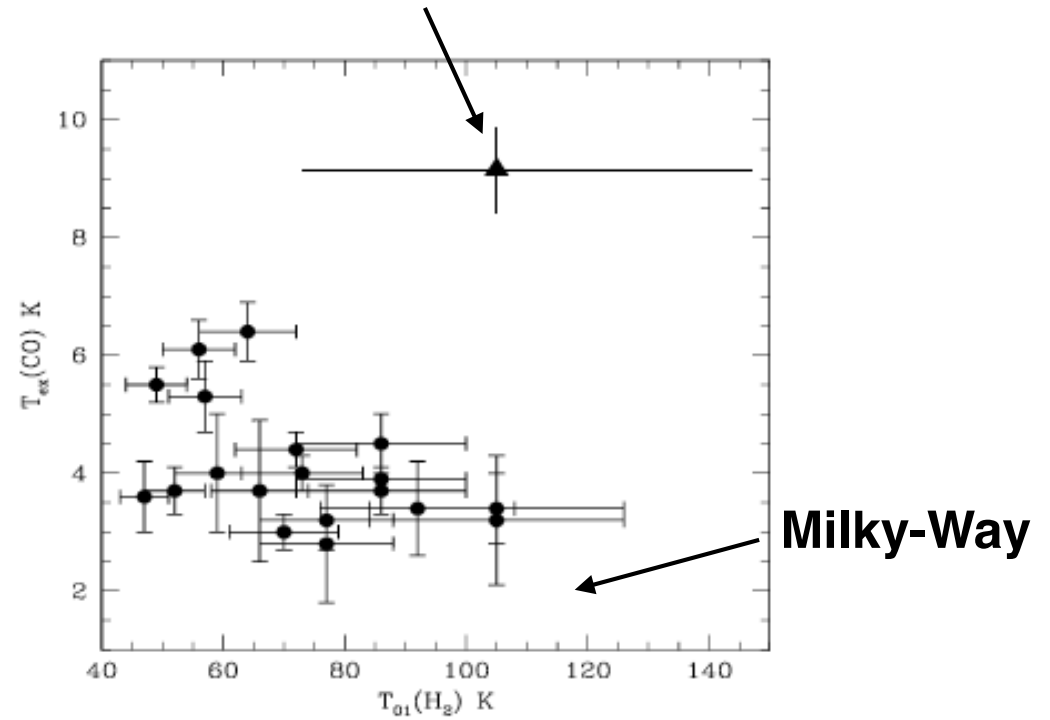
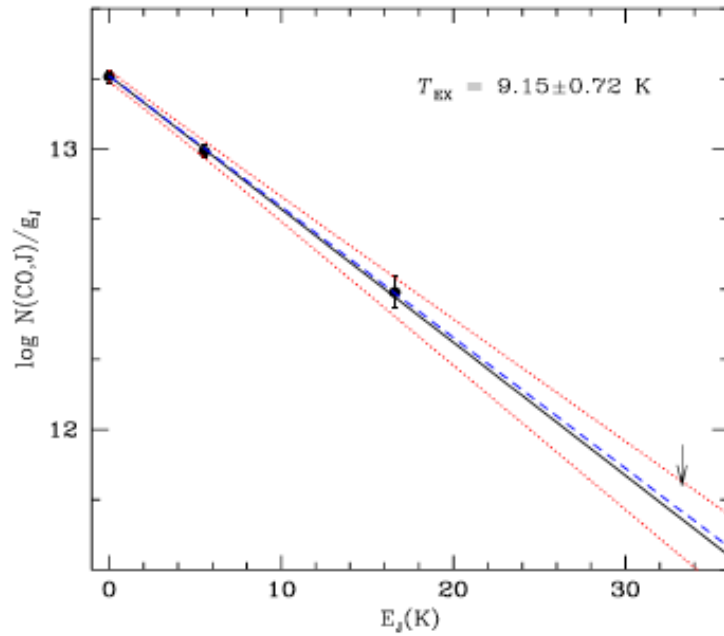
non detection in the system with the highest H_2
but $[Zn/H] = -1.5$ (Balashev et al 2017)

X_{CO} conversion factor: $CO-H_2$ is not known

T_{exc}

J1439+1117, $z_{\text{abs}}=2.418$

Srianand et al 2008



provides a good measure of the T_{CMB} energy between J and $(J-1)$: $E_J = 5.54 J \text{ K}$

$$T_r = 2.725(1 + z)$$

Excitation of atomic or molecular lines with transition energies $\sim K T_{\text{CMB}} (z)$ can be excited by T_{CMB}

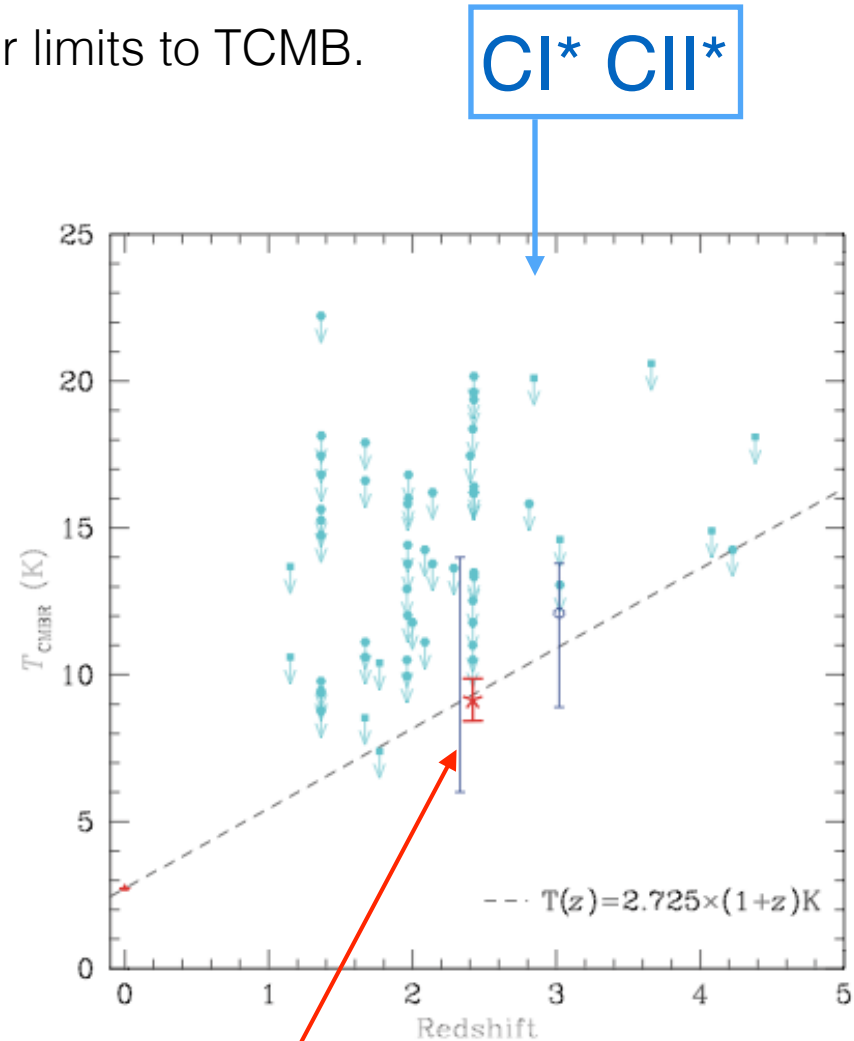
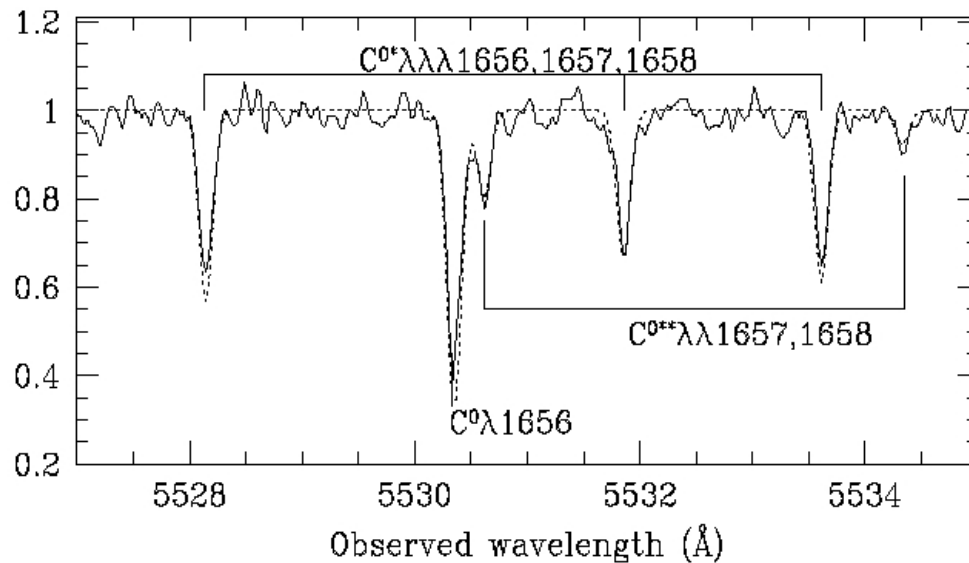
CI* CII*

The population of fine-structure levels of the ground state of C I* or C II* depends mainly on (Bachall Wolfe 1968):

- Collisional excitation
- CMB radiation

Ignoring the collisional excitation => upper limits to TCMB.

Songaila et al (1994)
at $z=1.776$ measured < 8.2 K.



Srianand et al 2008 on CO

McKellar 1941

A. McKellar, *Molecular Lines from the Lowest States of Diatomic Molecules Composed of Atoms Probably Present in Interstellar Space*, in *Publications of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory (Victoria, BC)*, vol. 7, 1941, pp. 251–272.

of the intensity factor i are, respectively, 2 and 4. Thus from (3) we find, for the region of space where the CN absorption takes place, the “rotational” temperature,

$$T = 2.3K.$$

If the estimate of the intensity of $R(0)/R(1)$ were off by 100 per cent, this value of the “rotational” temperature would not be changed greatly, $R(0)/R(1) = 2.5$ giving $T = 3.4K$ and $R(0)/R(1) = 10$ giving $T = 1.8K$. On the basis of the above temperature

CN Molecules:

- CN, used in the Galaxy (Meyer & Jura 1985, Ritchey et al 2010).
- However, CN not yet detected in external galaxies

CI* CII* + H2

H₂ provides simultaneous determination of **local density**, kinetic temperature and UV radiation, thus allowing to estimate the level of collisional excitation of CI* and CII*

Srianand et al. 2001 PKS 1232+0815, $z_{\text{abs}}=2.3377$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{CMB}} &= 10 \pm 4 \text{ K} \\ T_{\text{CMB}}(z) &= 9 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

Molaro et al 2002 Q 0347-381 $z_{\text{abs}}=3.0$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{CMB}} &= 12.1(+1.7, -3.2) \text{ K} \\ T_{\text{CMB}}(z) &= 10.5 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

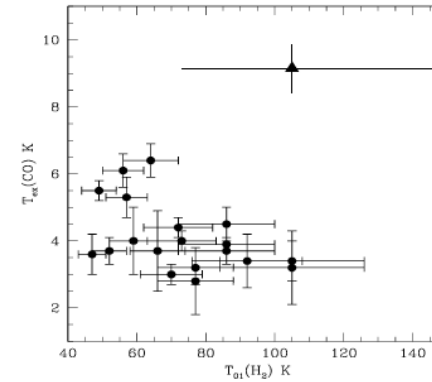
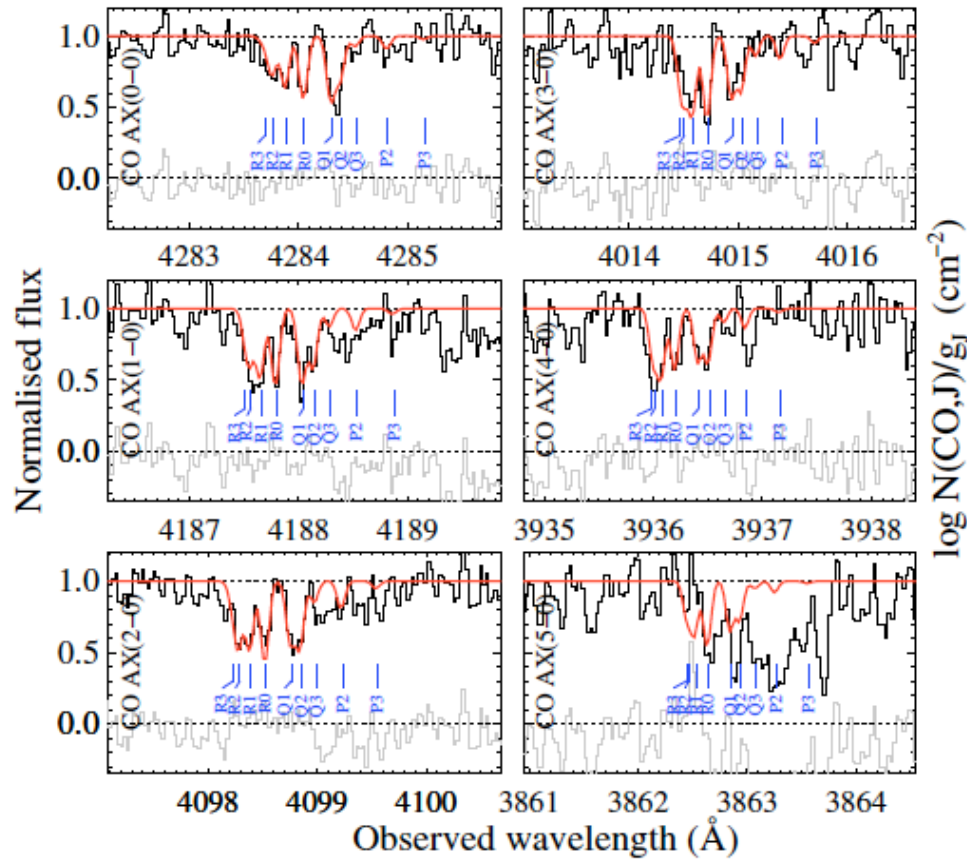
Cui et al (2005) QSO 1331+170 $z_{\text{abs}}=1.77$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{CMB}} &= 7.2 \pm 0.8 \text{ K} \\ T(z) &= 7.566 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

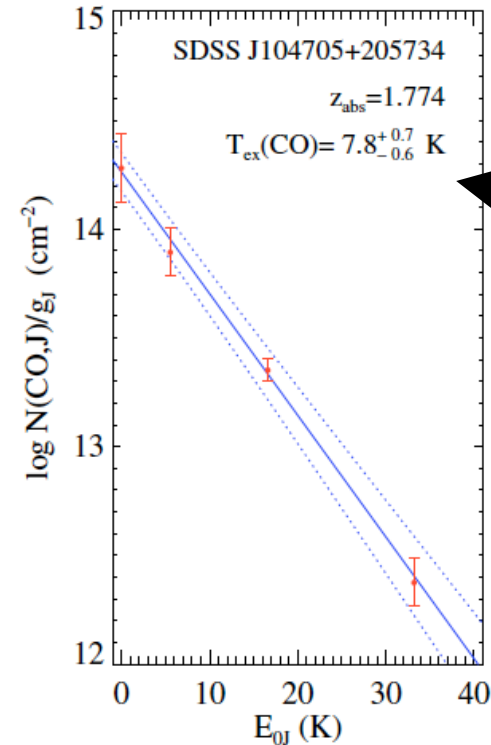
CO

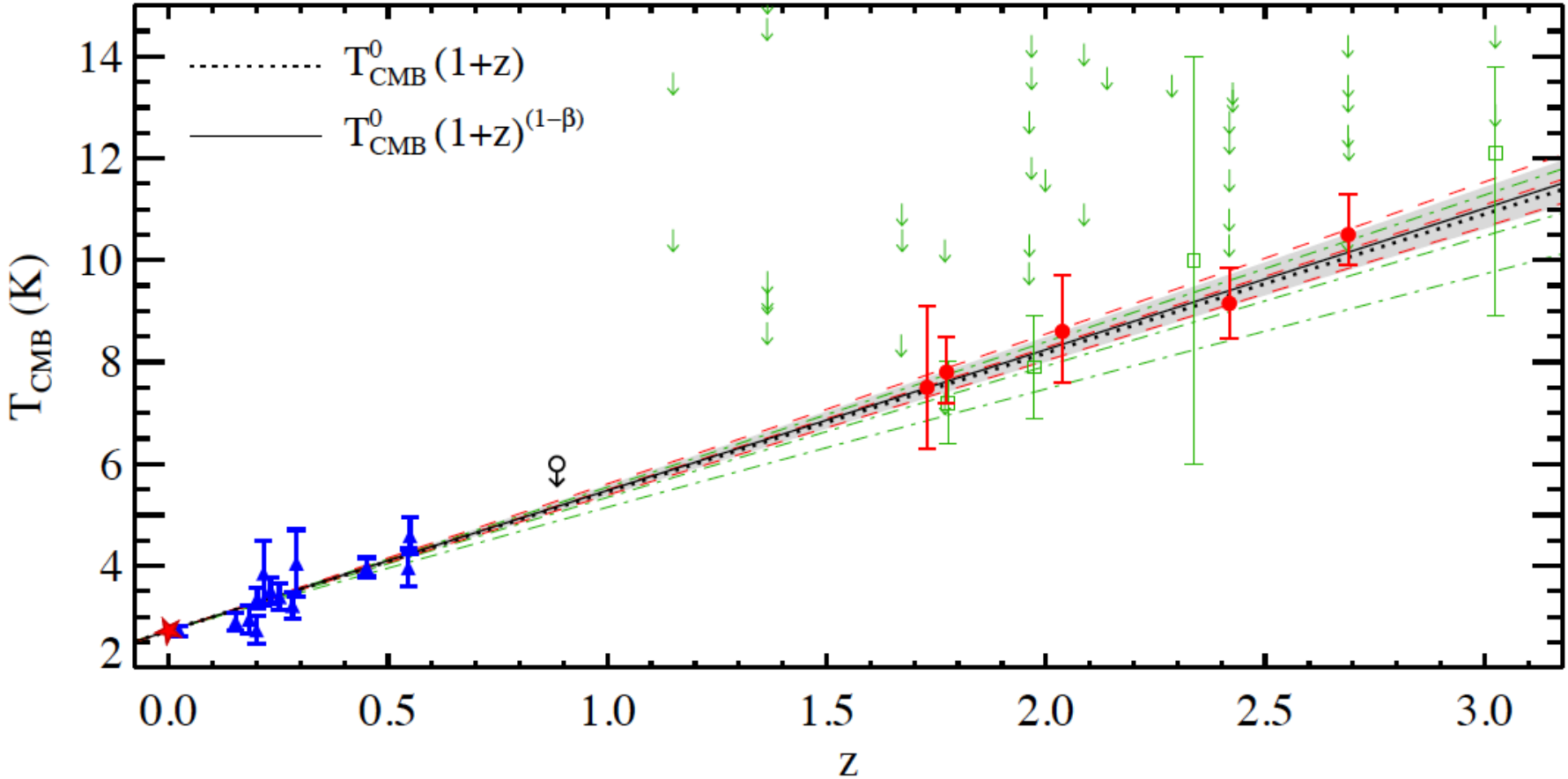
CO levels depend "*uniquely*" from CMB photons

AX(0-0)-AX(4-0) band



Srianand et al 2008,
Noterdaeme et al 2010,2011





$$T_{\text{CMB}}(z) = (2.726 \pm 0.001) \times (1 + z)^{1-\beta} \text{ K}$$

Data set	β
S-Z	$+0.040 \pm 0.079$
S-Z + atom. carbon	$+0.029 \pm 0.053$
S-Z + CO	-0.012 ± 0.029
S-Z + atom. carbon + CO	-0.007 ± 0.027

Constraint to non adiabatic expansion (.e. decaying D

CO theory

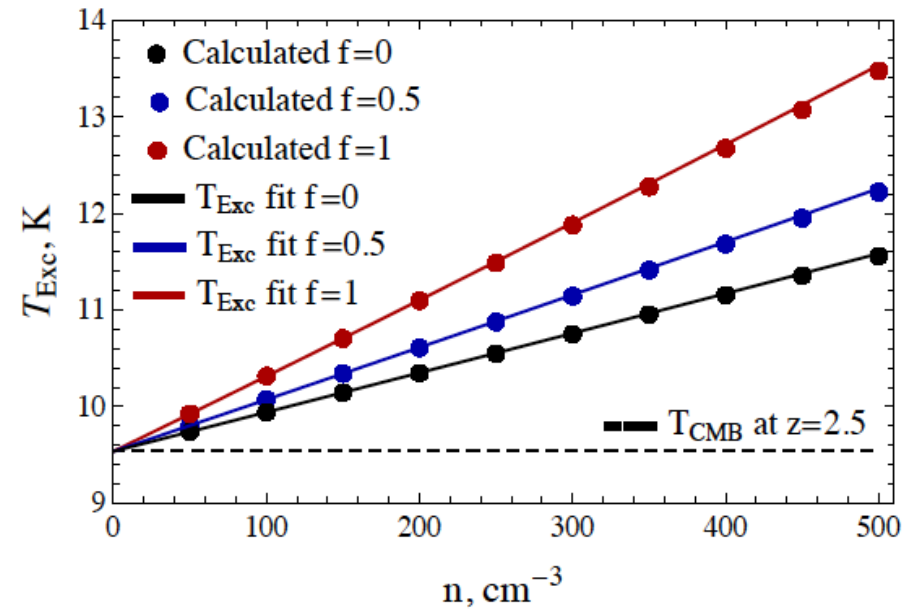
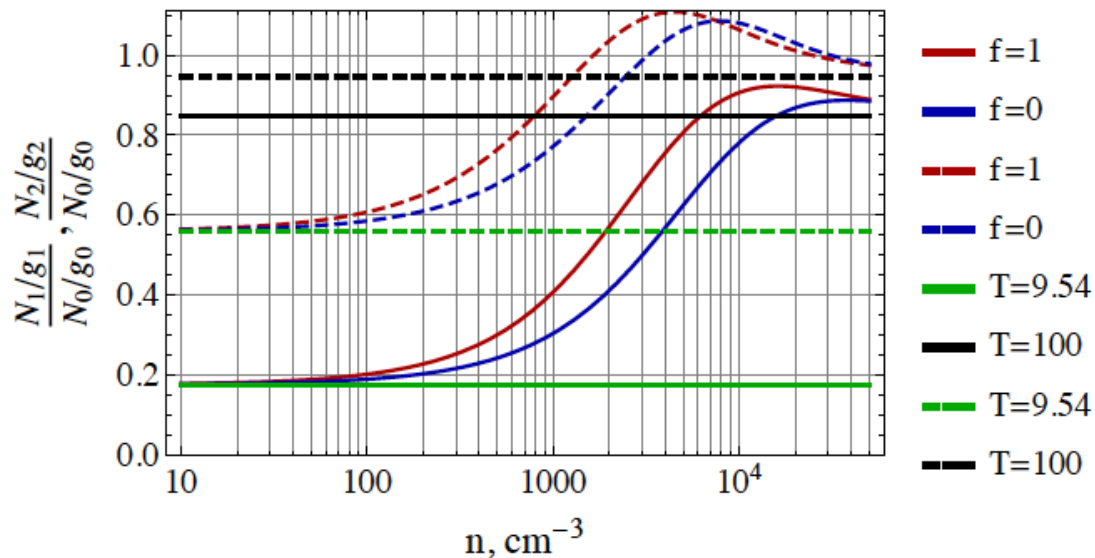
Sobolev et al 2015

relative populations of CO levels function of: $T_{\text{CMB}}, T_{\text{Kin}}, n, f(\text{H}_2)$

$$W_{ij}^{\text{tot}}(T_{\text{CMB}}, T_{\text{Kin}}, n, f) = \left\{ \frac{f}{2} \left[\alpha_{\text{para}}(T_{\text{Kin}}) W_{ij}^{\text{H}_2\text{para}}(T_{\text{Kin}}) + (1 - \alpha_{\text{para}}(T_{\text{Kin}})) W_{ij}^{\text{H}_2\text{ortho}}(T_{\text{Kin}}) \right] + (1 - f) W_{ij}^{\text{H}}(T_{\text{Kin}}) + 0.083 \cdot W_{ij}^{\text{He}}(T_{\text{Kin}}) \right\} \frac{n}{1.083 - f/2} + W_{ij}^{\text{CMB}}(T_{\text{CMB}})$$

collisions with **H₂**, **H**

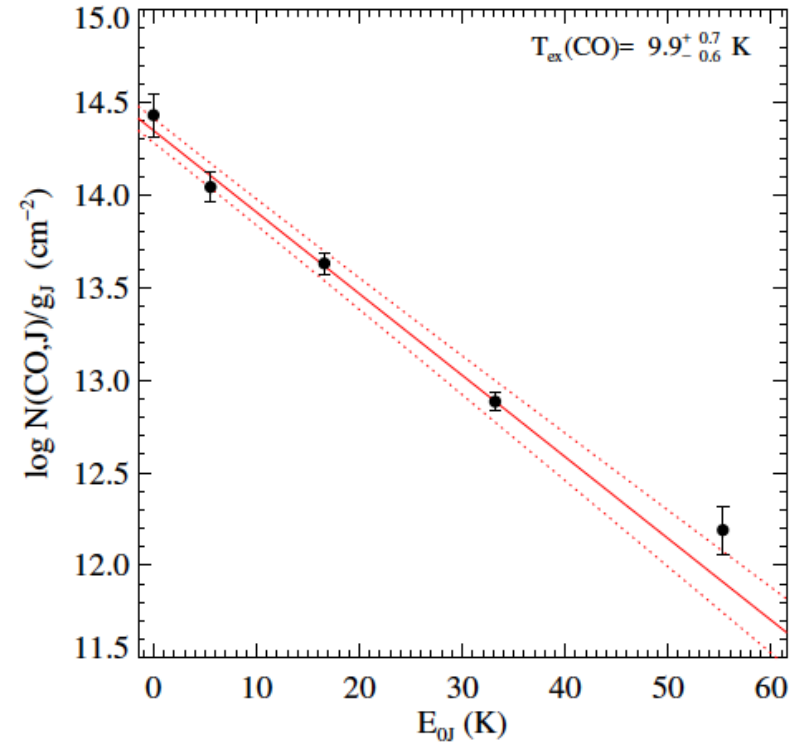
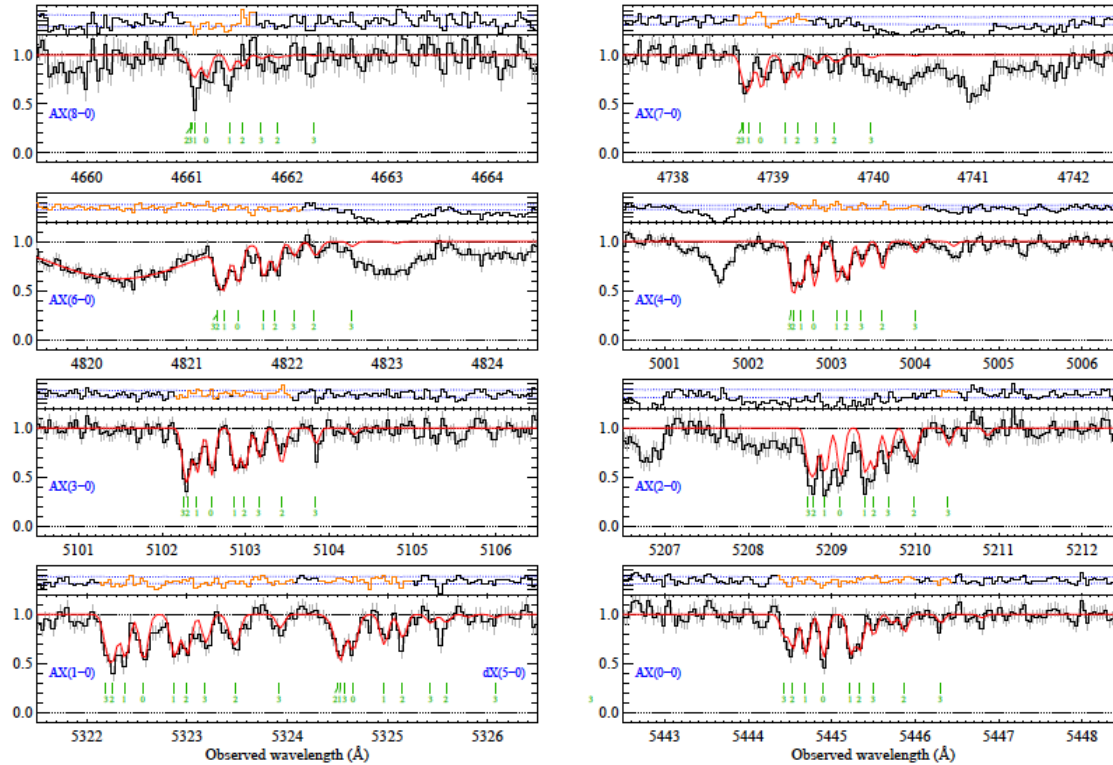
for $T_{\text{kin}}=100$ K



precision of a fraction of degree difficult to obtain at high z

supersolar metallicity

Noterdaeme et al 2017



$f(\text{H}_2) = 0.5$
 $n_h = 50 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 $T_{\text{kin}} = 50$

9.9 - 0.3 K => 9.6 K

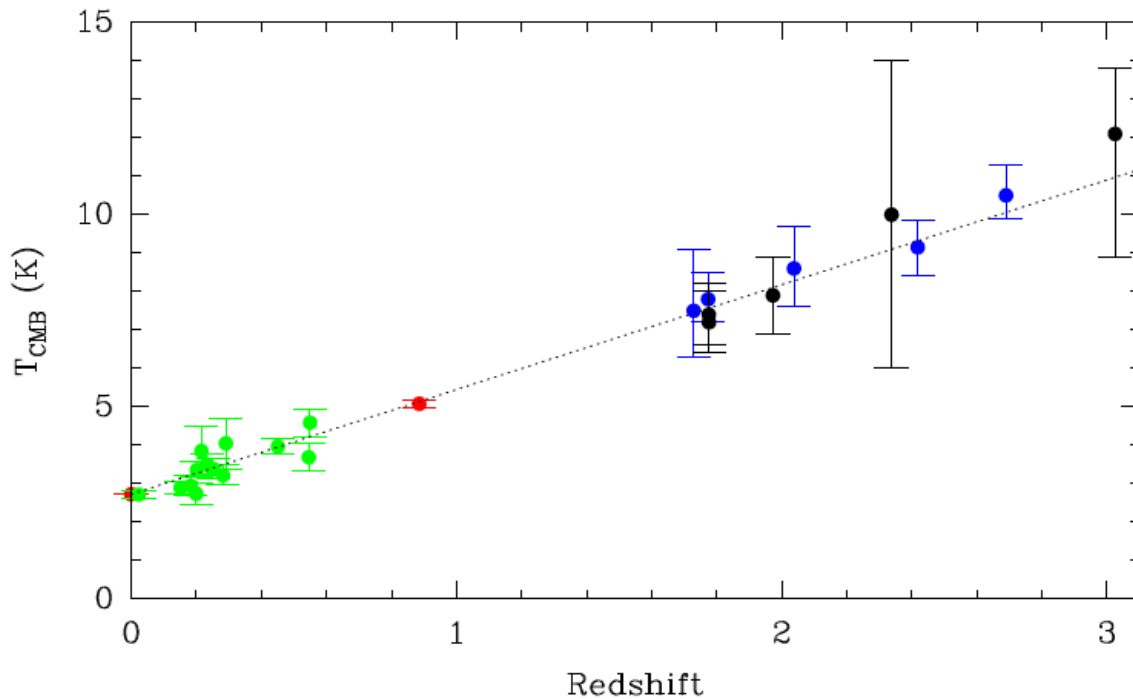
correction using the Sobolev 2015 formula

Muller et al 2013

PKS 1830-211

$z \sim 0.89$, ATCA obs

Species	Dipole moment (Debye)	Date of the observations	T_{rot} (K)
C ₂ H	0.77	2011	5.3 ± 0.1
SO	1.54	2009	5.4 ± 1.4
HNCO	1.58	2011	9.8 ± 1.5
HOC ⁺	2.77	2011	5.1 ± 0.4
H ¹³ CN	2.99	2011	5.1 ± 0.2
HC ¹⁵ N	2.99	2011	4.1 ± 0.4
HNC	3.05	2011	4.6 ± 0.2 †
HN ¹³ C	3.05	2011	4.8 ± 0.3
SiO	3.10	2011	6.0 ± 0.2
c-C ₃ H ₂ -o	3.43	2009	5.6 ± 0.4
c-C ₃ H ₂ -p	3.43	2009	5.4 ± 1.0
HC ₃ N	3.73	2009	6.3 ± 1.3
H ¹³ CO ⁺	3.90	2011	5.3 ± 0.1



$$T_{\text{CMB}} = 5 \pm 0.1 \text{ K}$$

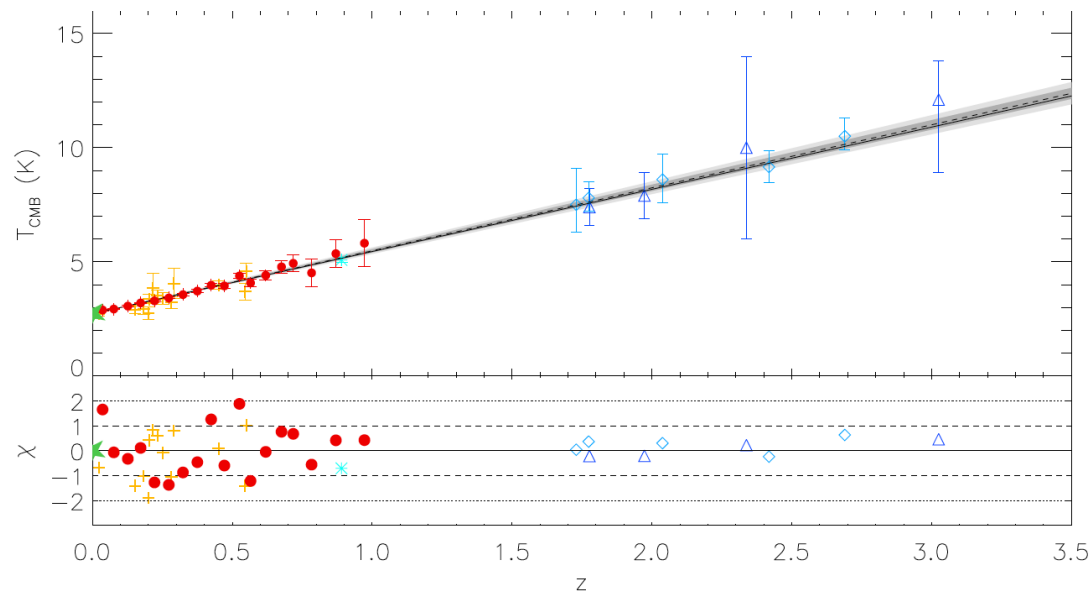
The most precise measure ever

t-SZ

Sunyaev-Zeldovich (S-Z) effect: change in the spectral energy of the CMB towards clusters owing to inverse Compton scattering of the CMB photons by hot intra cluster gas.
Useful for $z < 0.6$ (Fabbri et al 1978, Luzzi et al 2009)

t-SZ from Planck

Hurier et al 2014



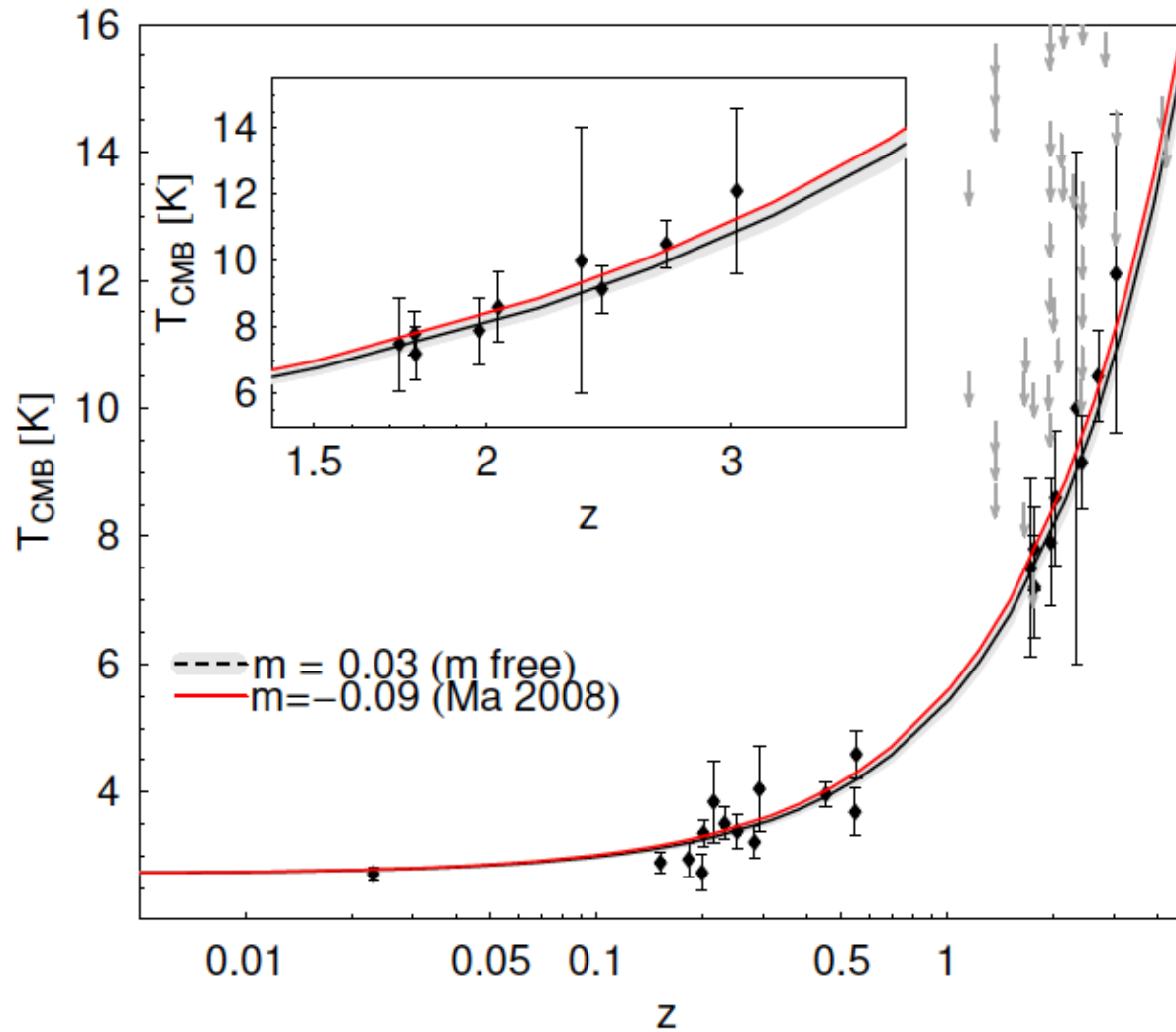
$$\beta = 0.006 \pm 0.013. \quad \sim 1\% \text{ DT/T}$$

also Saro et al 2014 using the South Pole Telescope

Decaying Dark Energy

Ma 2008;

Jetzer et al 2011,2012



summary:

DLA useful for:

- ◆ account of the neutral gas in the universe
- ◆ precise chemistry of 90% (up to $z \sim 5$) of the universe
- ◆ universal chemical evolution
- ◆ smoking gun of the first stars
- ◆ nucleosynthesis of elements: nitrogen, carbon
- ◆ measure D_p and the baryonic component at few % level
- ◆ probe the variability of α and m_e/m_p
- ◆ measure $T_{\text{CMB}}(z)$

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