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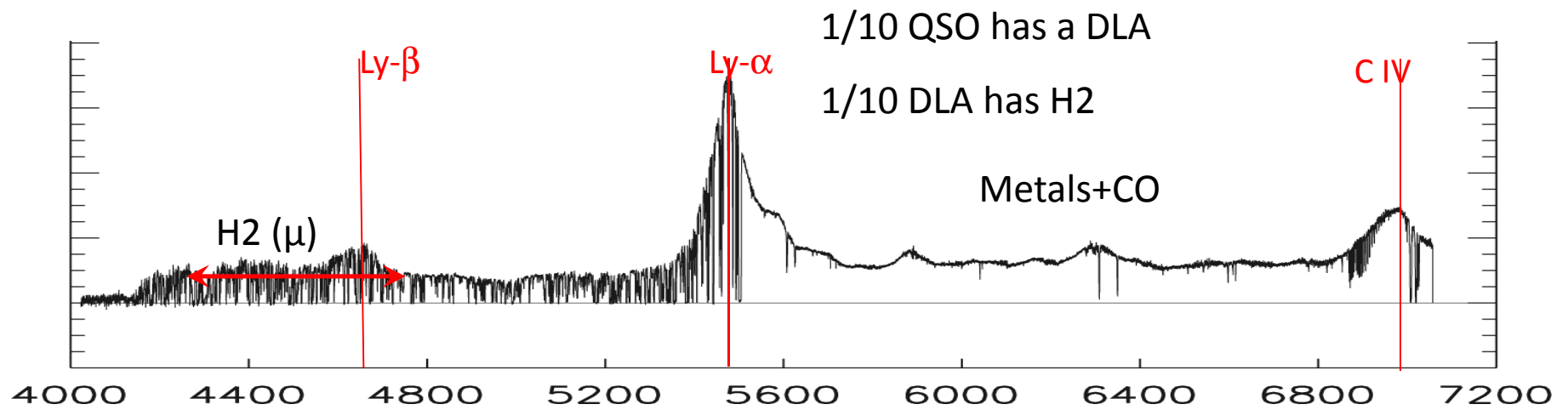
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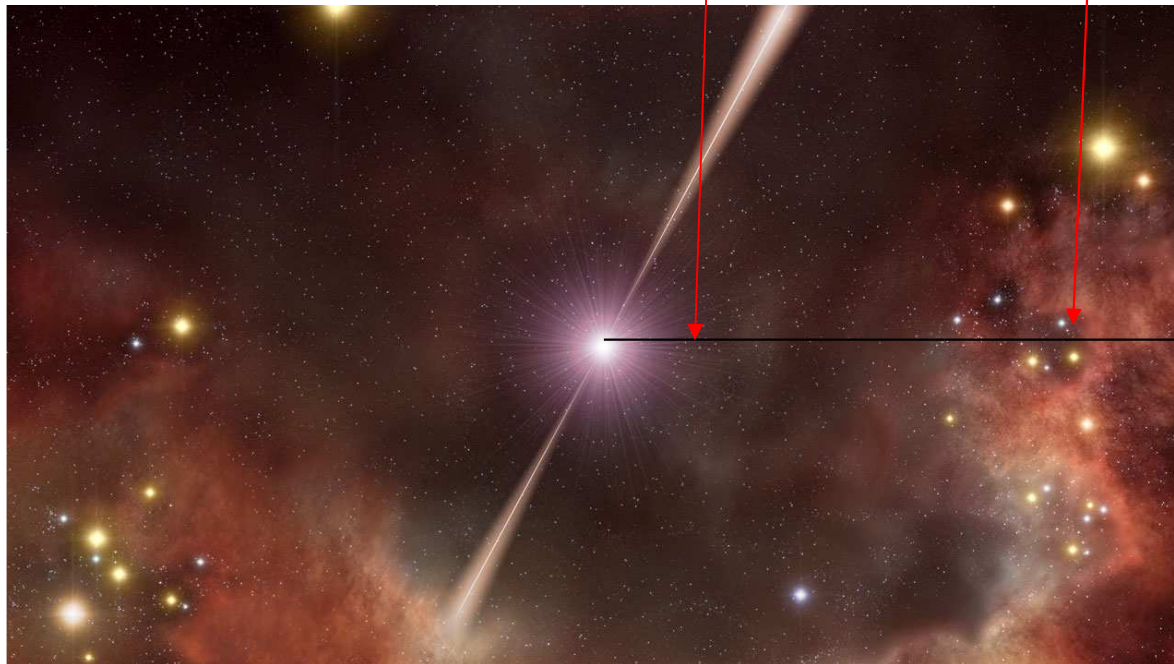


Ejecta – Wind ?

Kinematics ?

The ISM of the host galaxy:

Ionized by the GRB ?

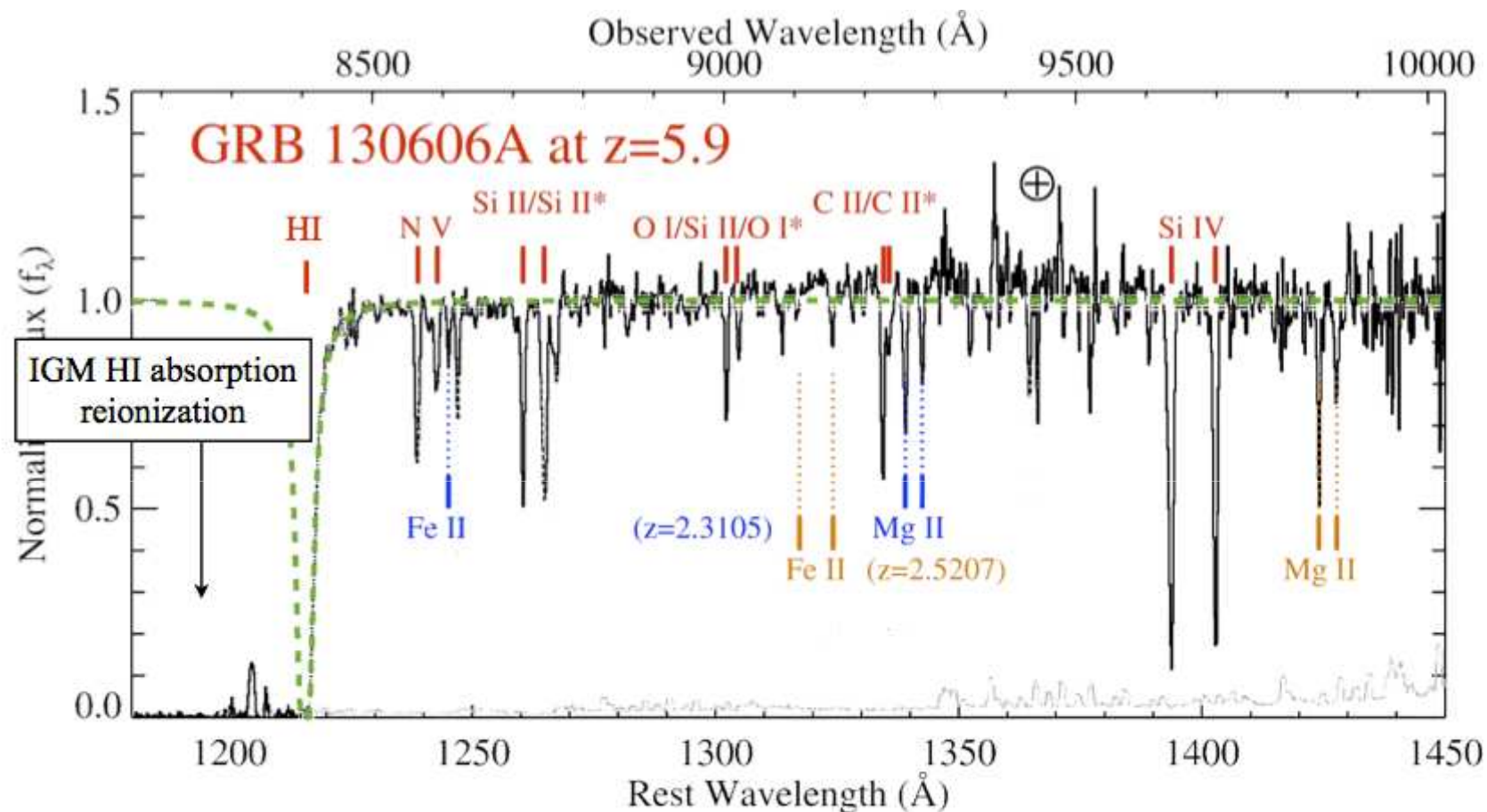


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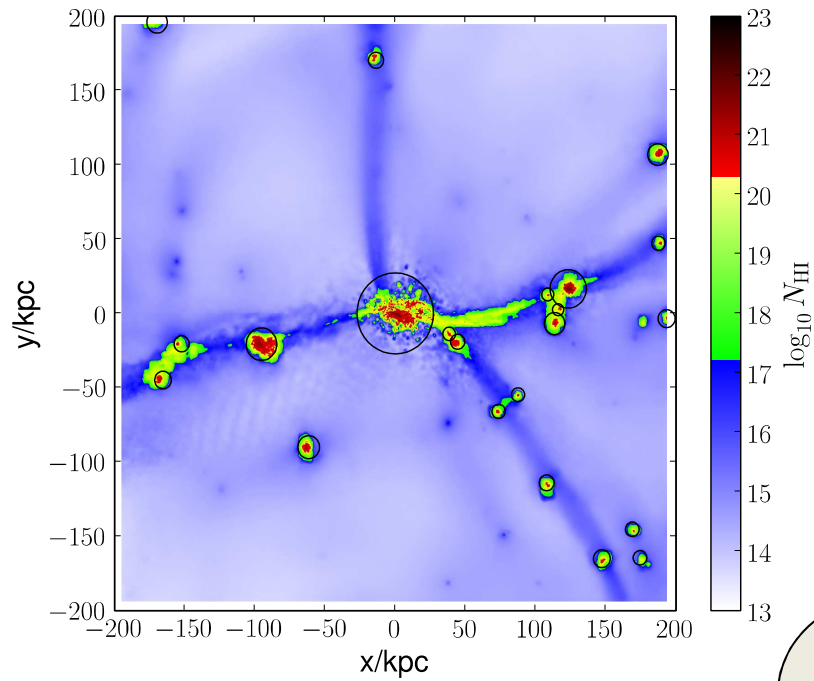
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Direct probe of reionization of the universe

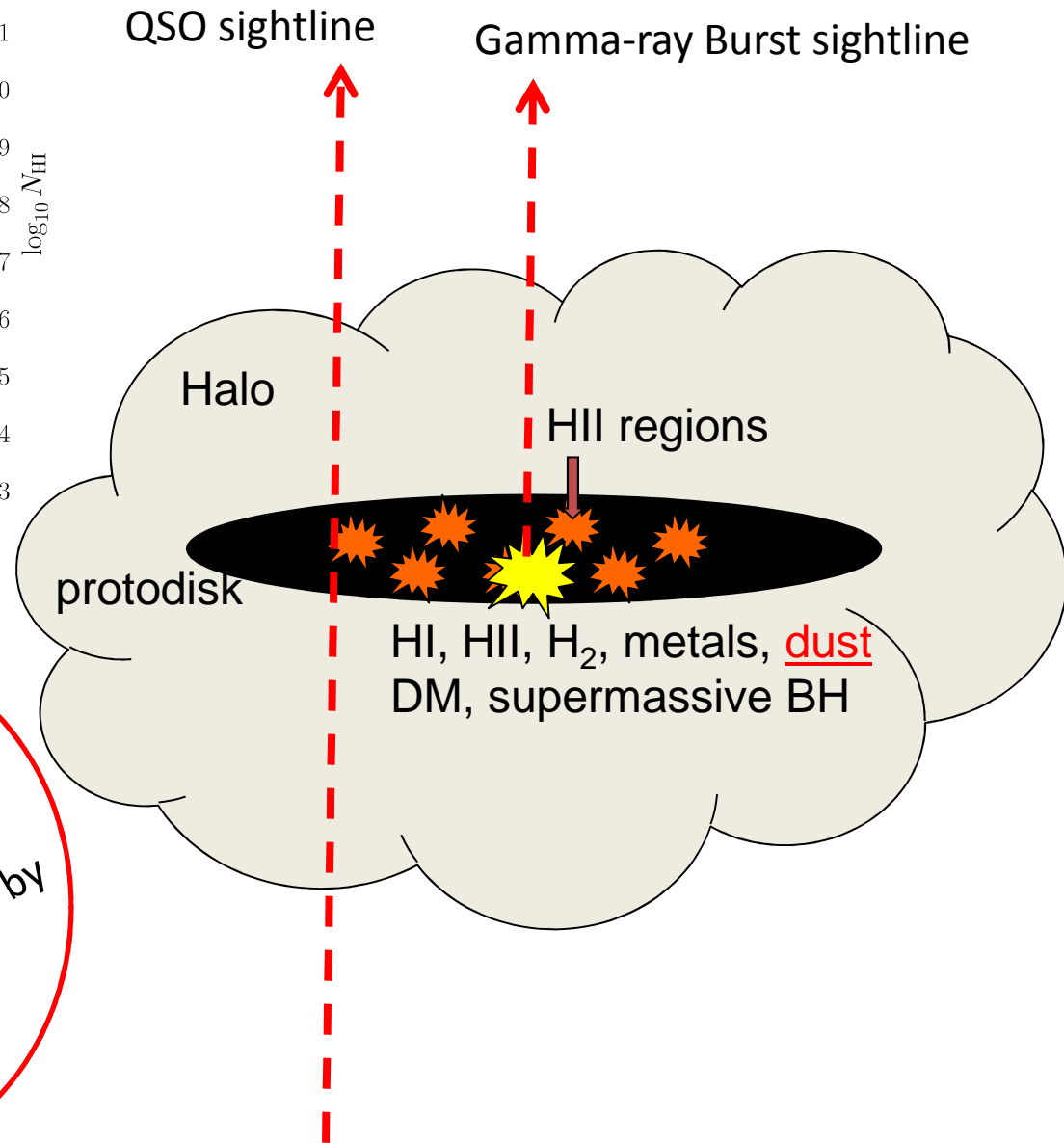
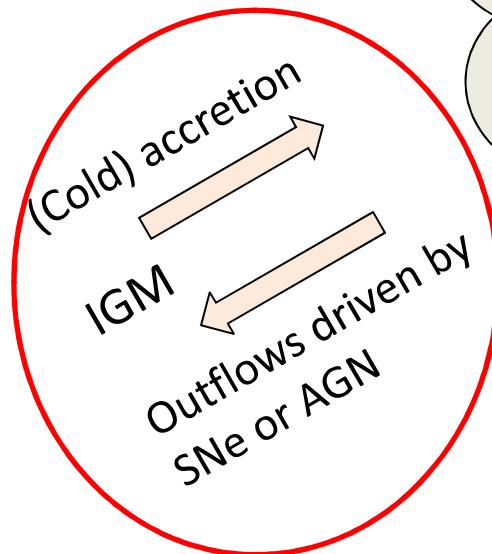


- GRB at the highest redshift
- Fit the DLA wing from the IGM (disentangle the DLA from the host galaxy)
- Needs statistics and simulations
- Lowish resolution ; high SNR (N_{HI} in DLA $>$ N_{HI} in ISM) ; good flux calib

The ISM in the host galaxy

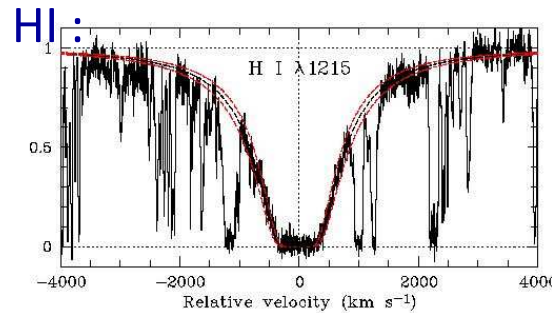
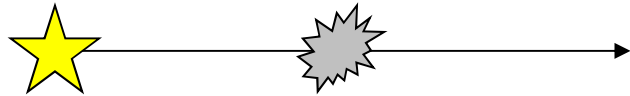


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Damped Ly- α Systems



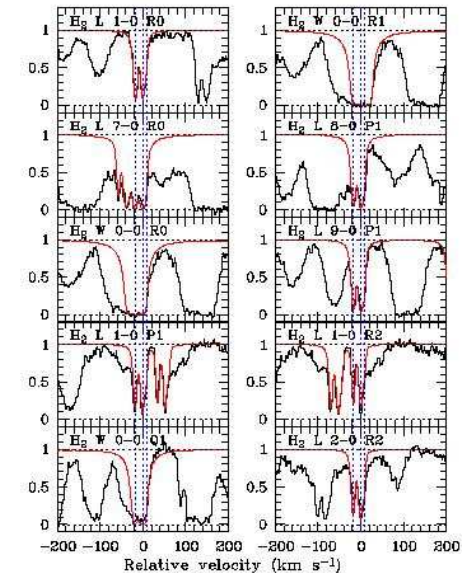
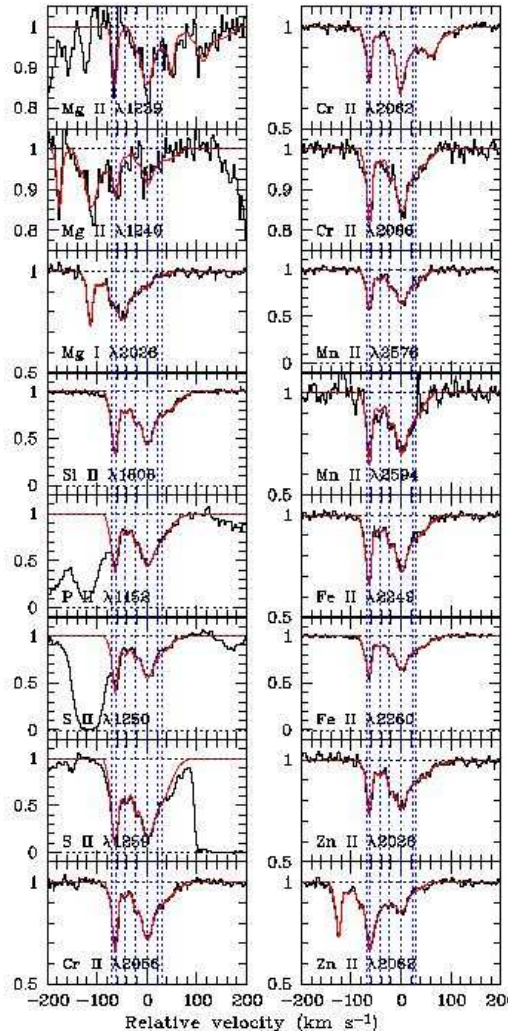
Metals :

- > Metallicities
- > Dust content
- > Kinematics

Star- Formation =>
detection of the host

Winds ?

Lowish resolution?



Molecules H₂ + Cl, Cl* :

- > Density/Temperature
- > UV flux (excitation)

+ Other molecules: HD+CO

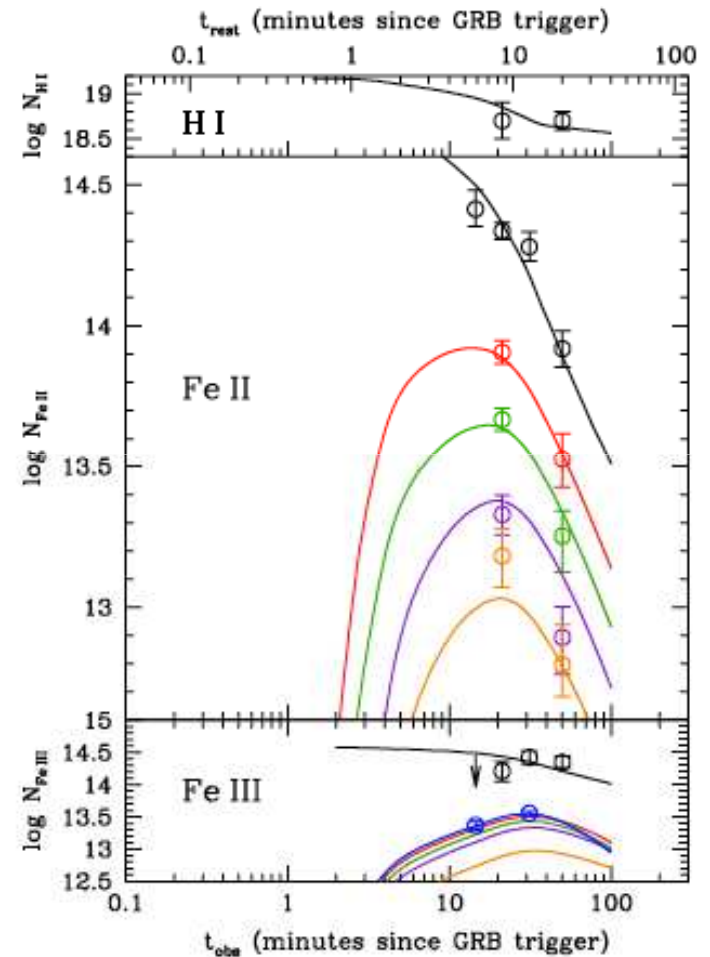
Complex profiles +
narrow lines => High Res

Ionization/Excitation of the medium surrounding the GRB

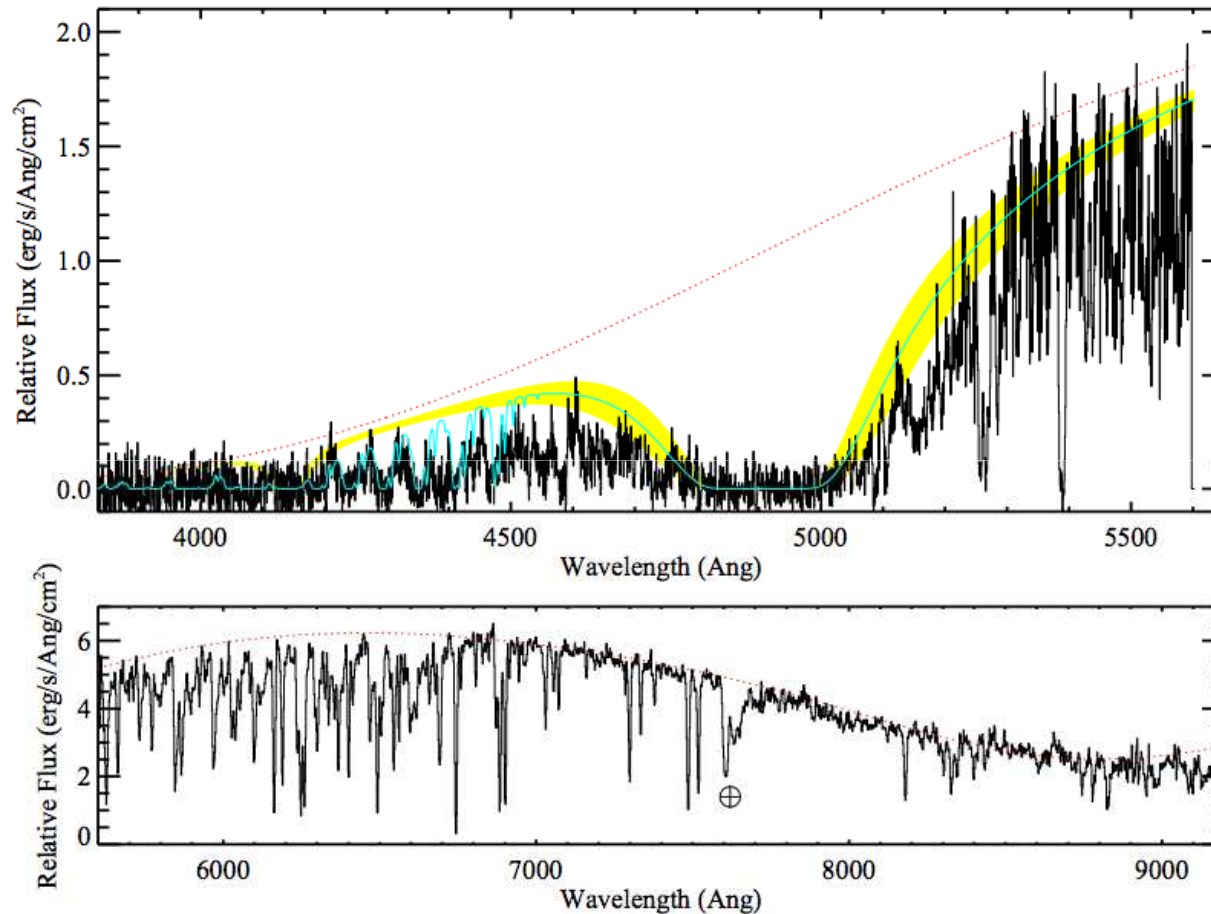
-> Variations of excited lines
(need for several spectra)
Gas at $>100\text{pc}$

-> Wind from the progenitor : high
ionization species ?

-> Highish resolution



Dust and molecules: “Dark” Bursts



If missed this can affect a number of studies (metallicities of the gas close to the GRB vs mean metallicity in the host)

=> Lowish resolution

GRB080607

Very bright afterglow observed 12 minutes after the burst

$z = 3.04$

$\log N_{\text{HI}} = 22.7$

H₂ and CO

Forest of metal lines!

Solar metallicity

$A_V = 3.3$ mag

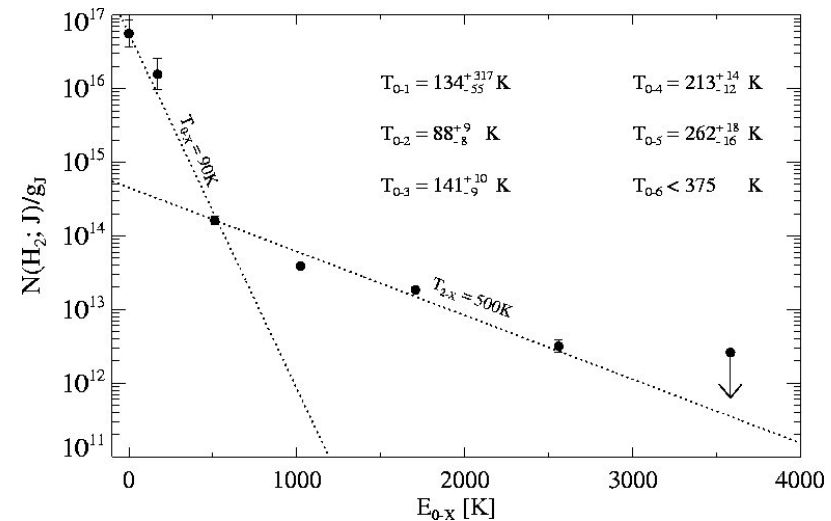
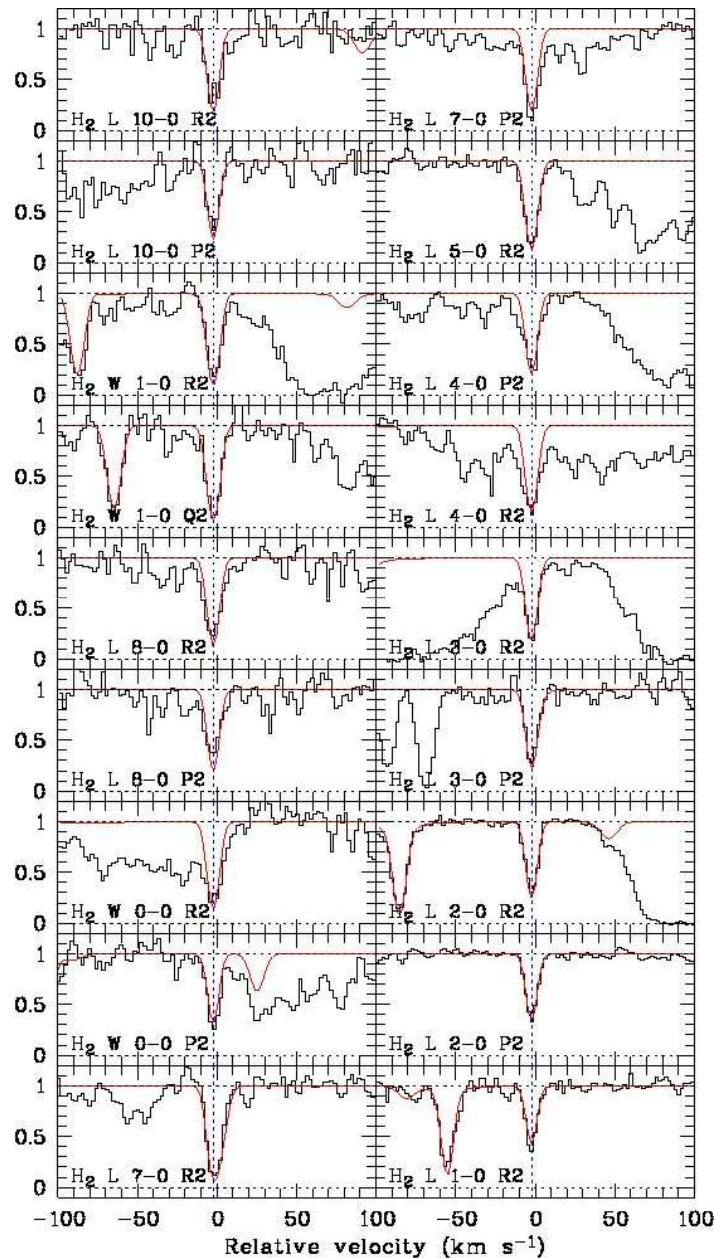
2175Å extinction bump.

Bright/massive and dusty host

$\text{SFR} = 10 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$

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Heating processes: Molecular excitation

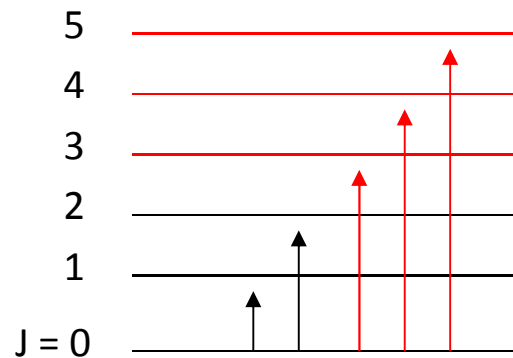


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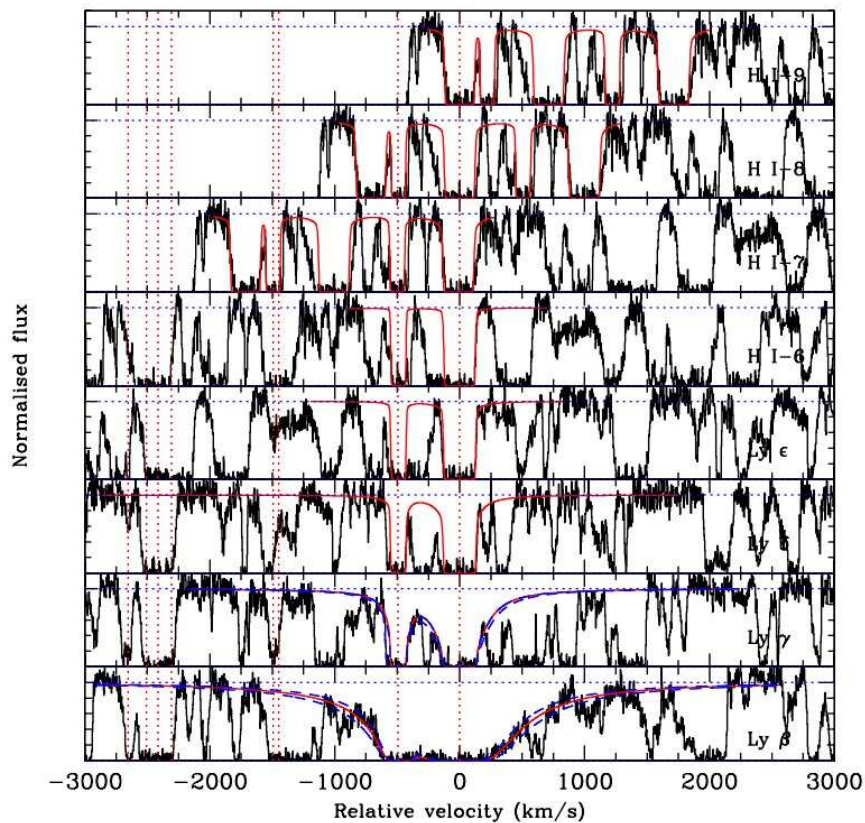
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Fundamental tests : Molecules (Speculations?)

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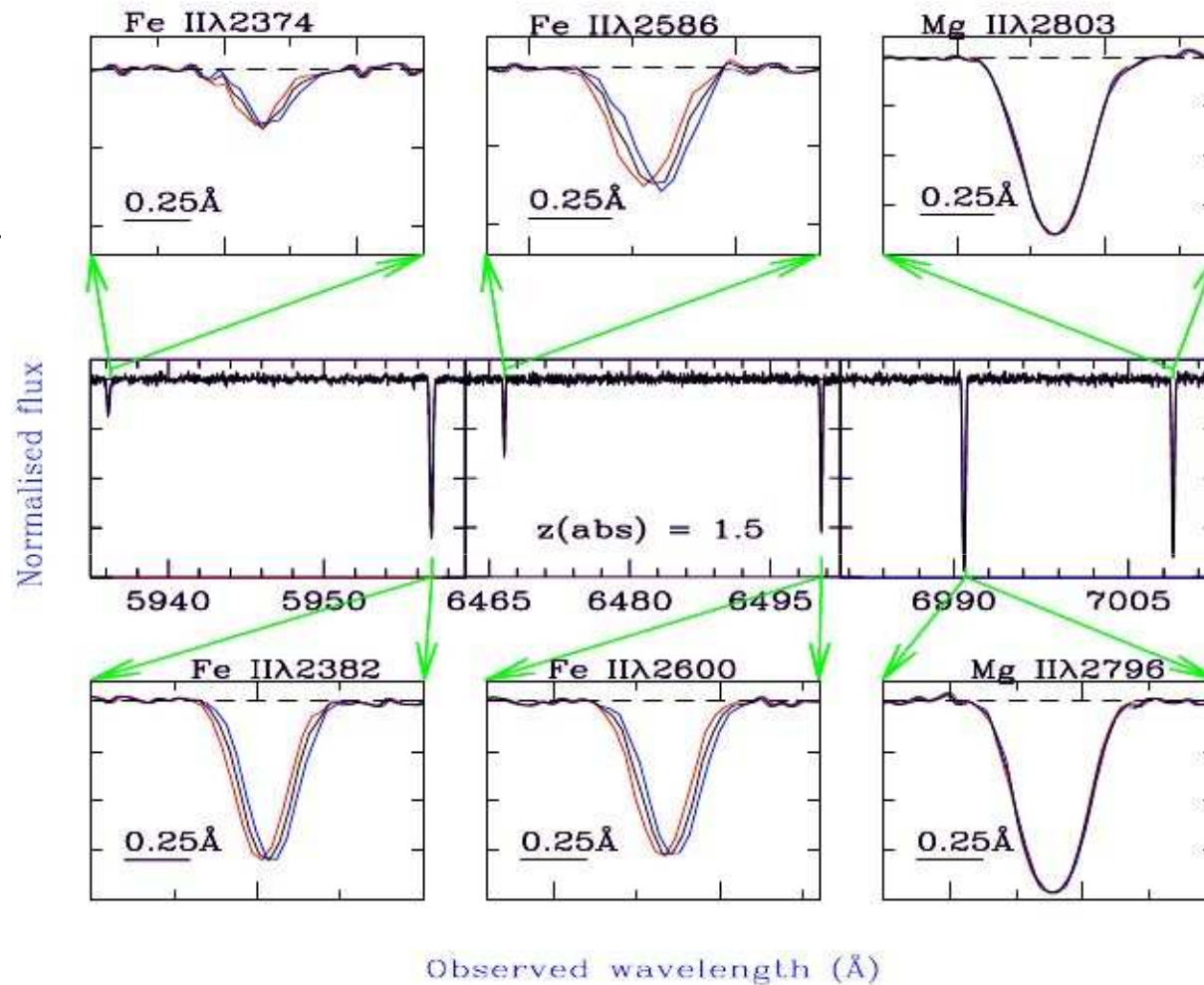
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Temperature of the CMB radiation at high- z

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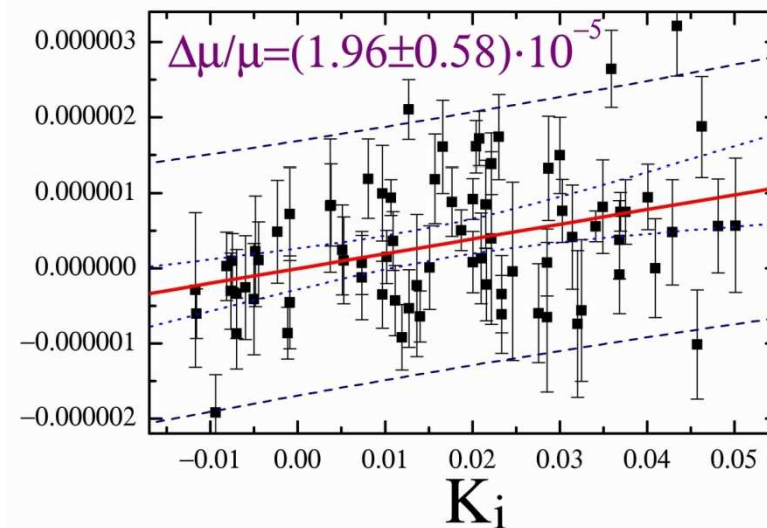
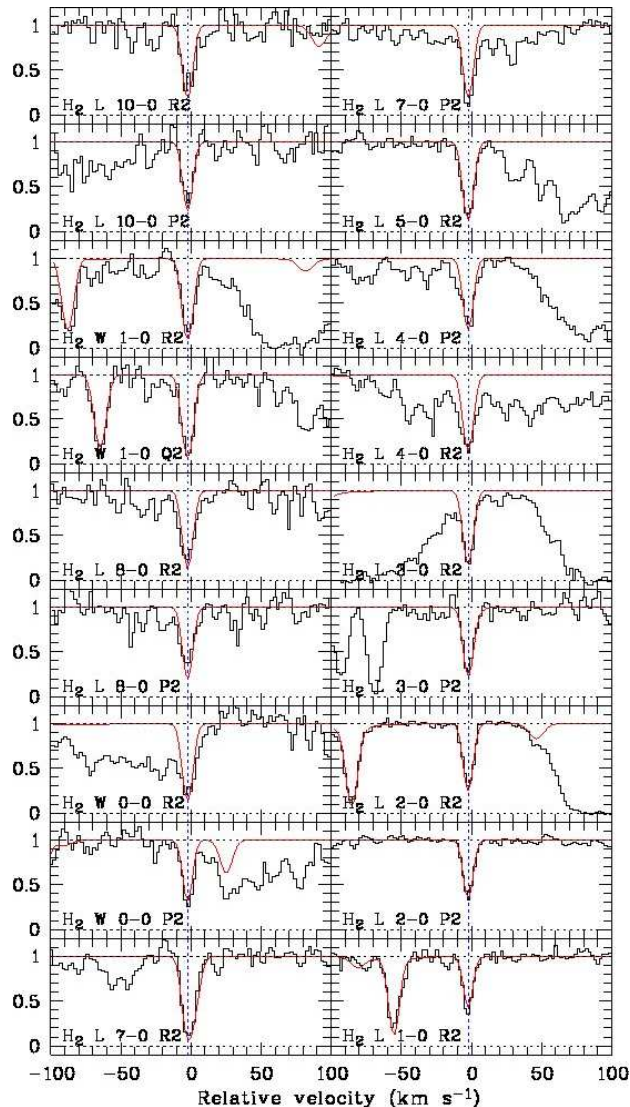
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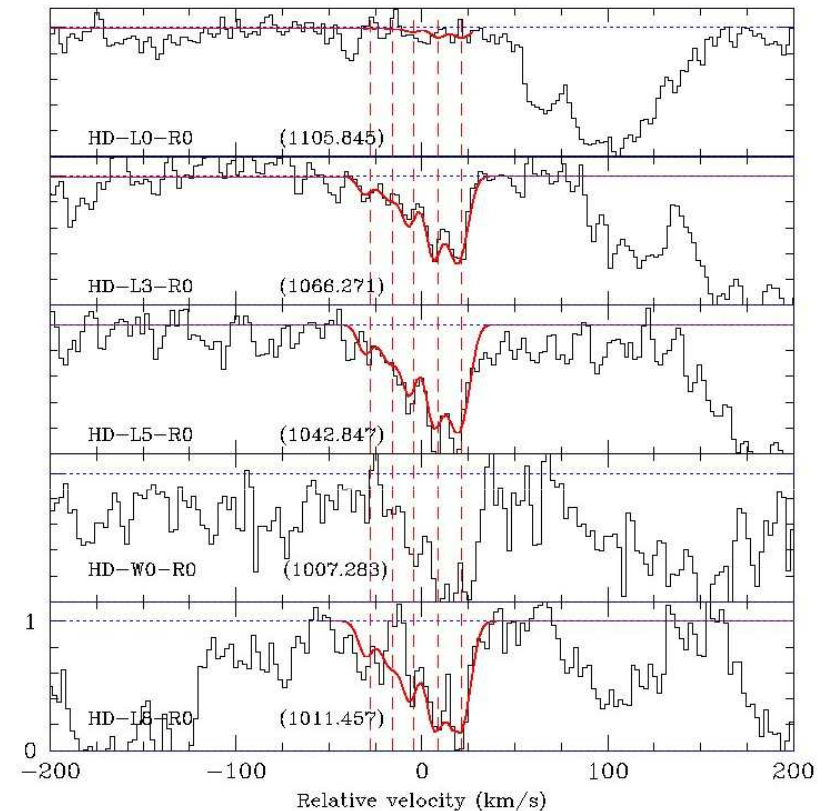
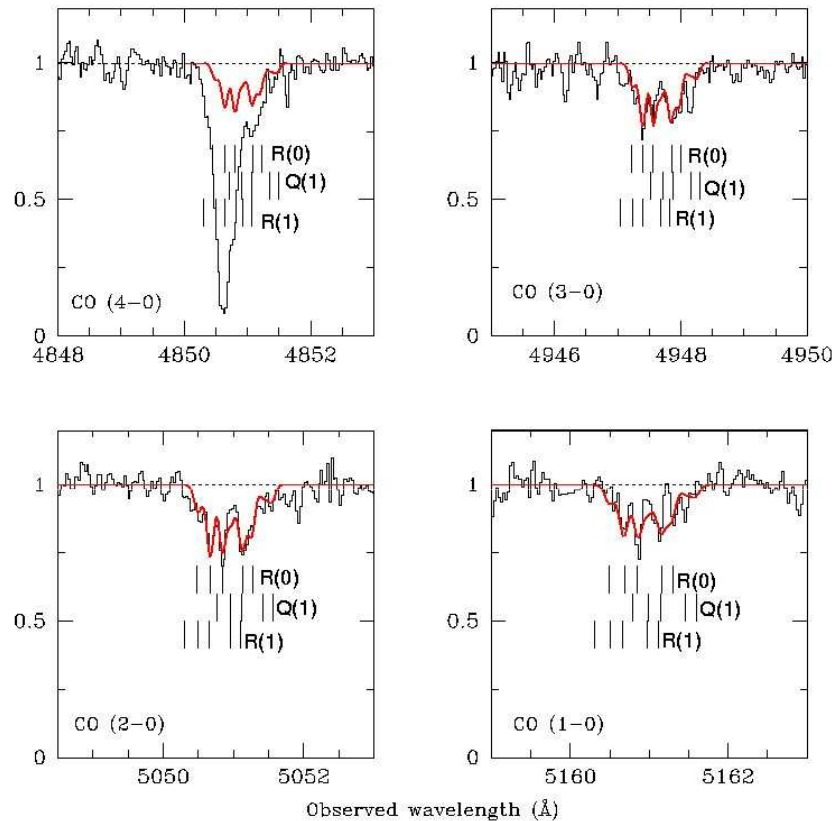
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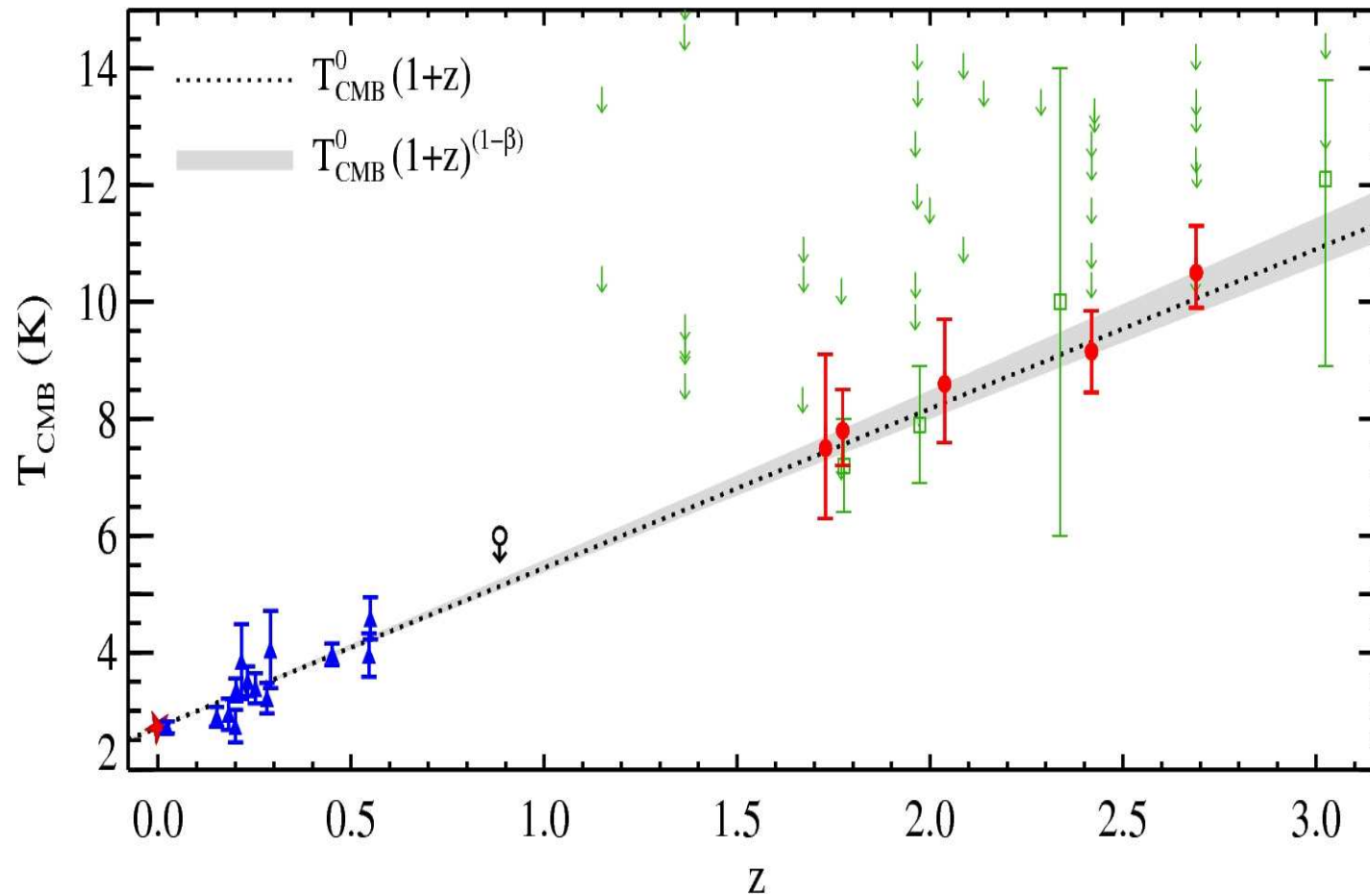


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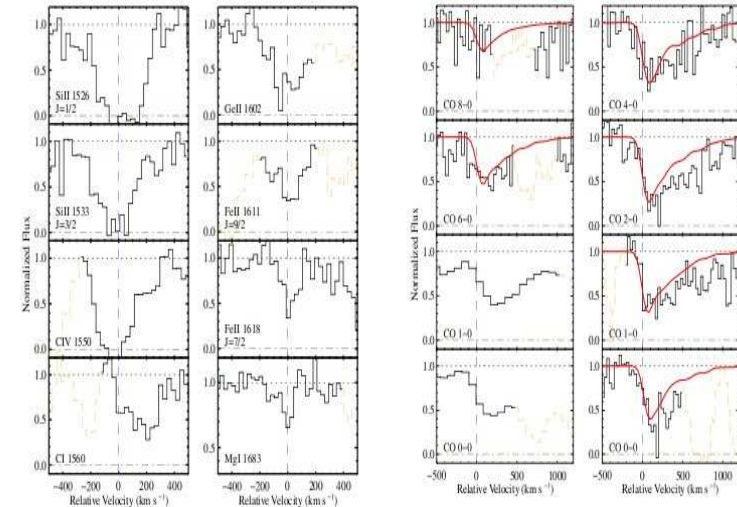
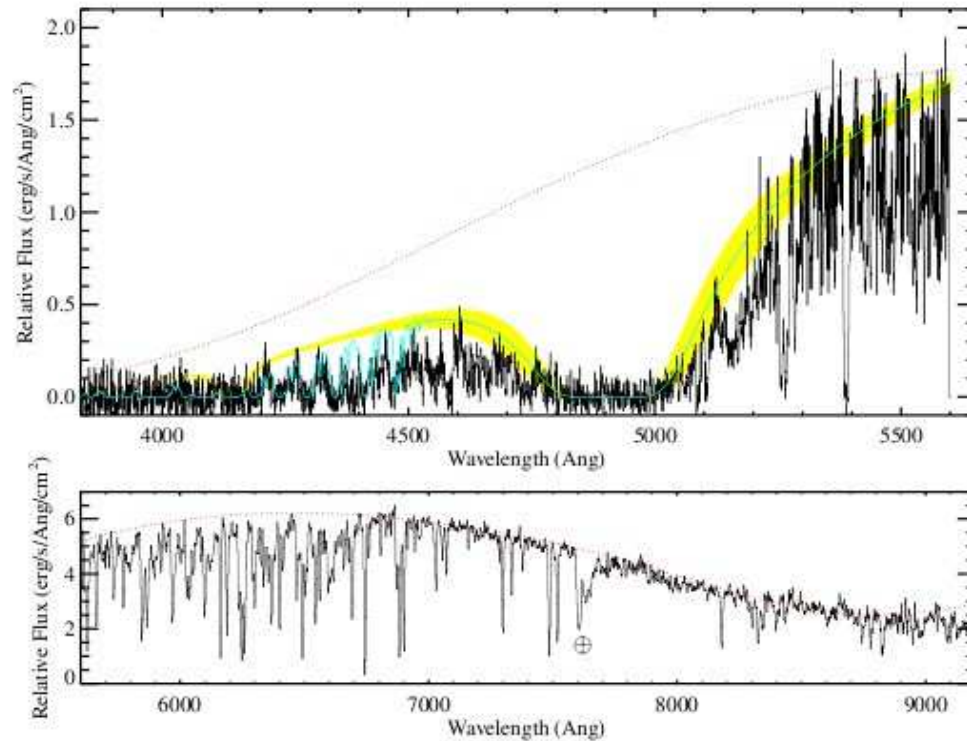
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- > Star formation activity
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Thank you !

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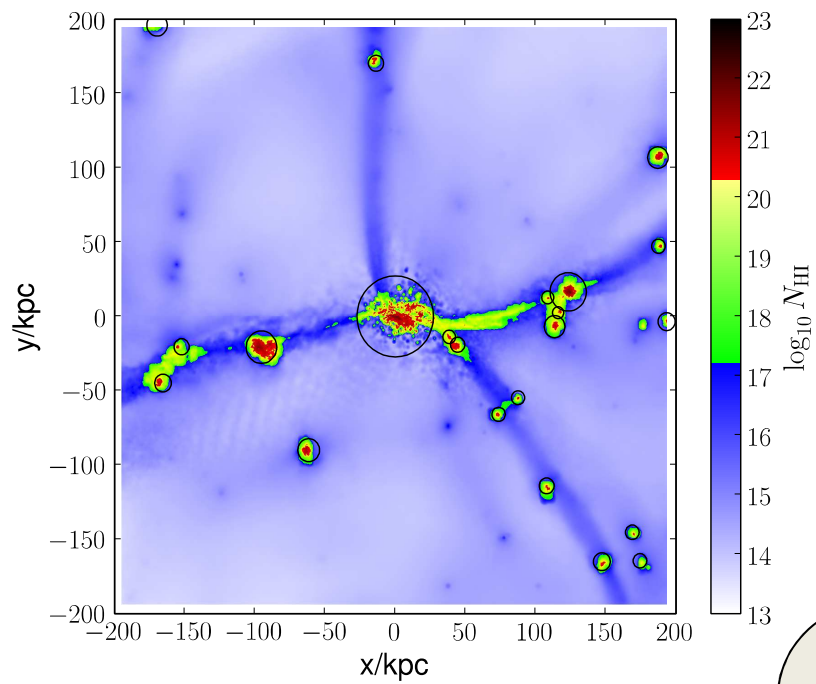
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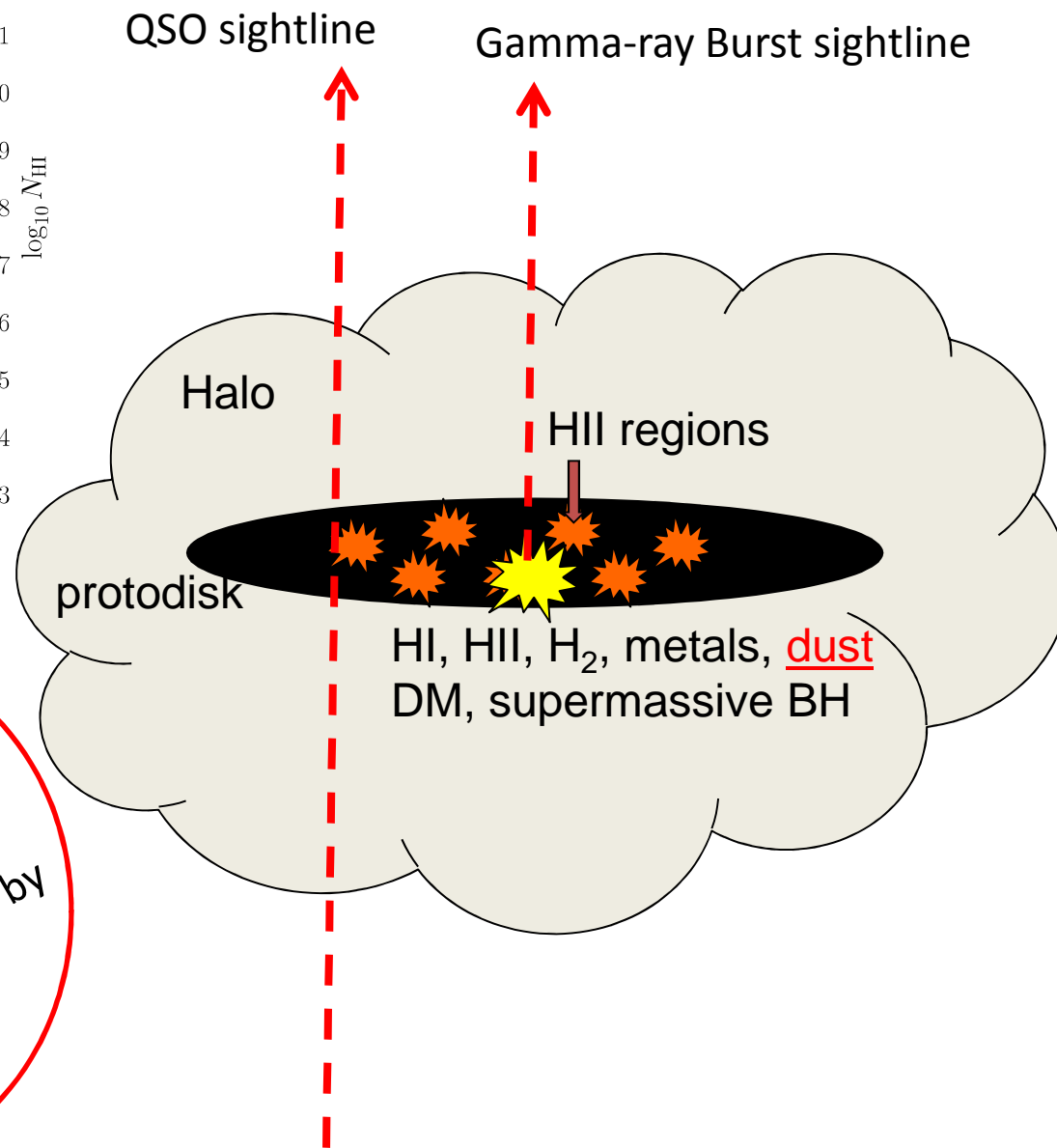
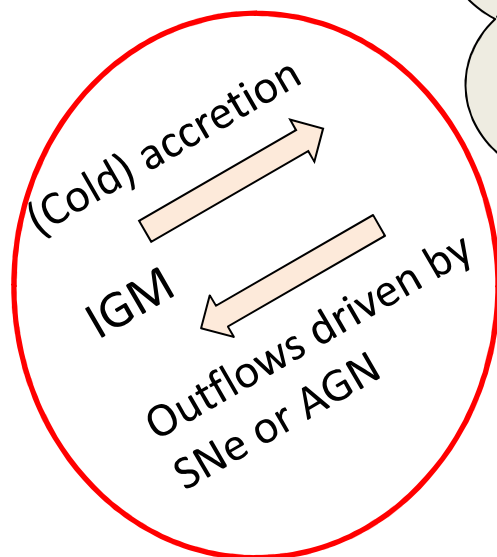
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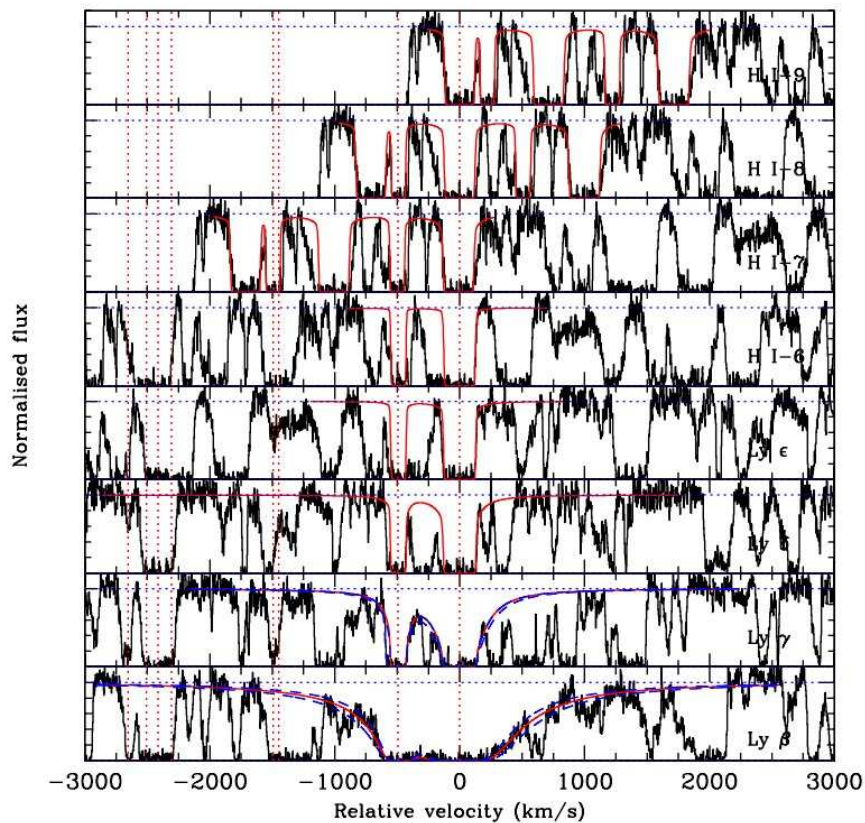


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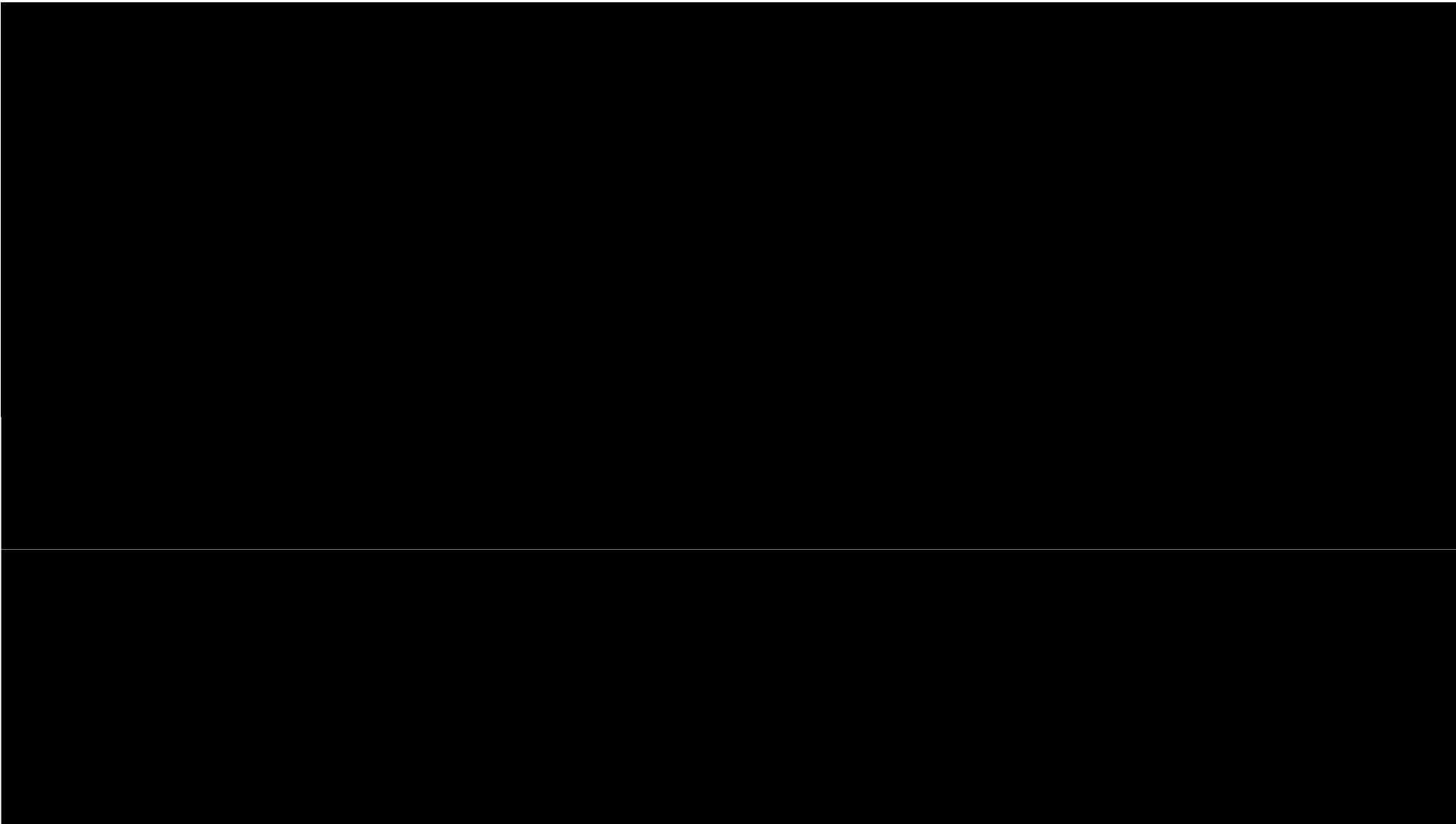
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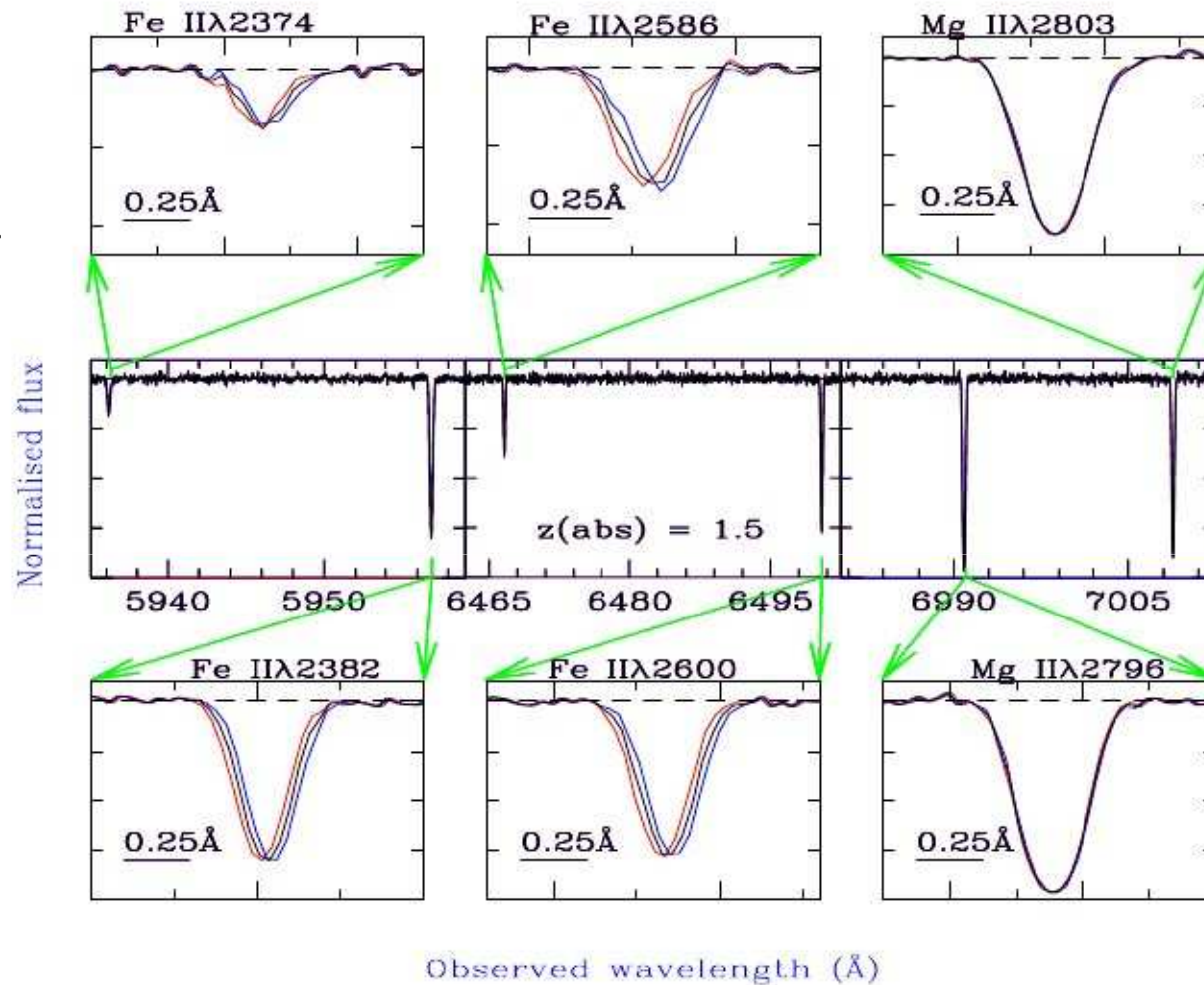
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Cosmology: The Universe for the average astronomer
(No dating, probably around year 2013)
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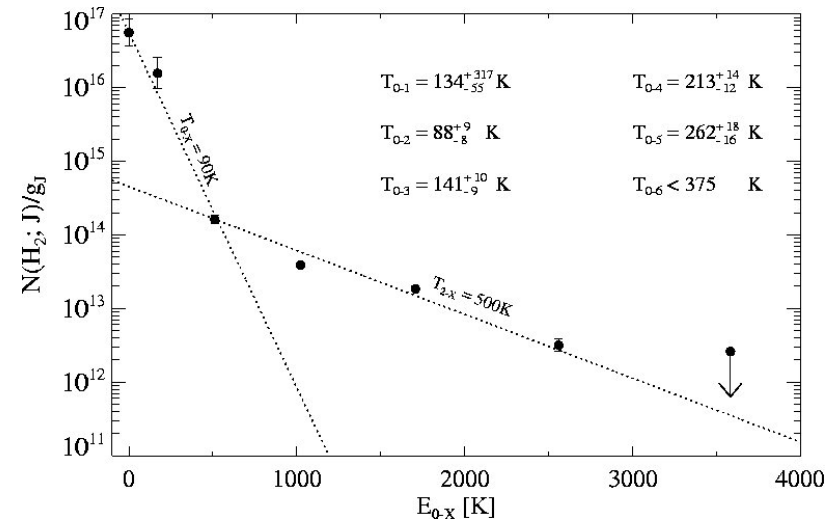
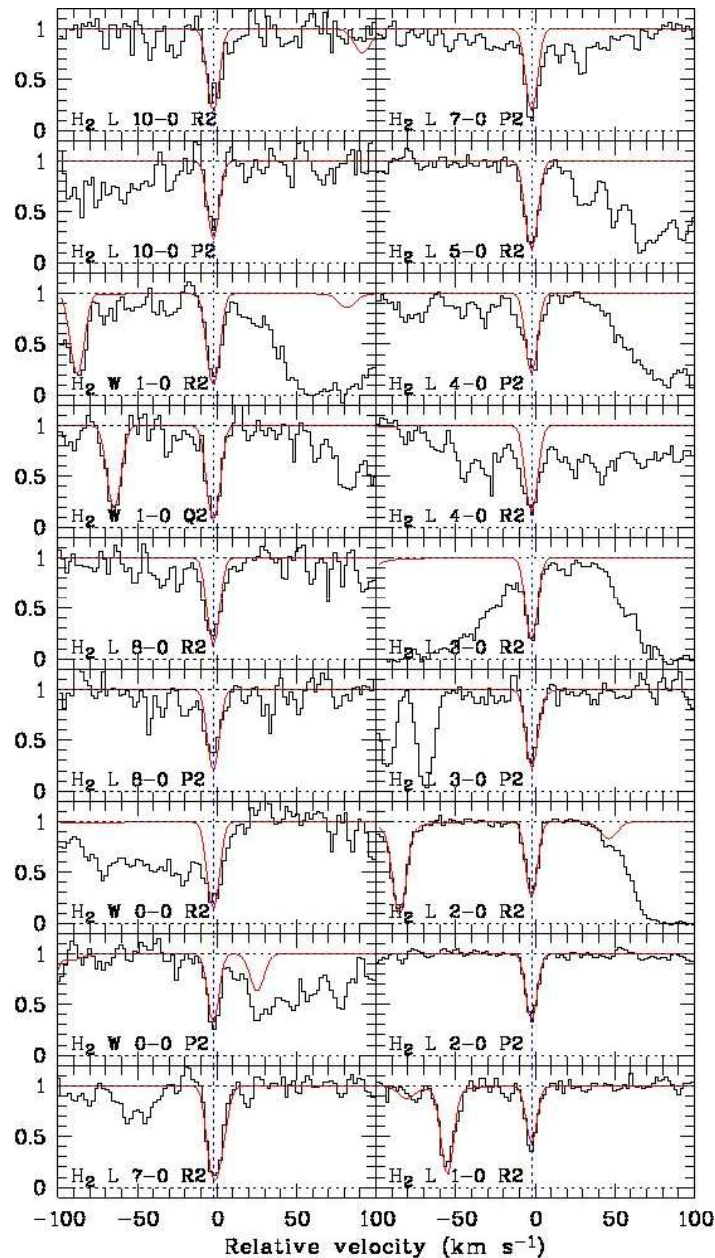
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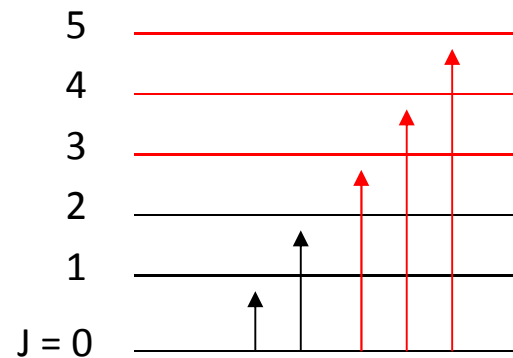


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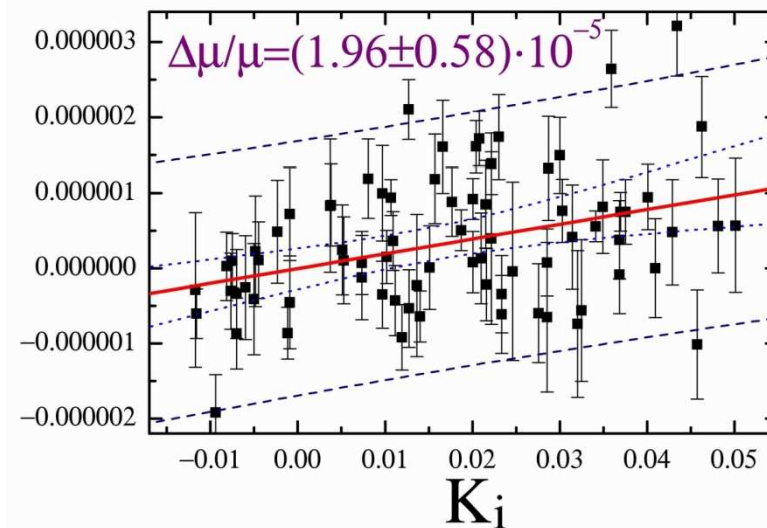
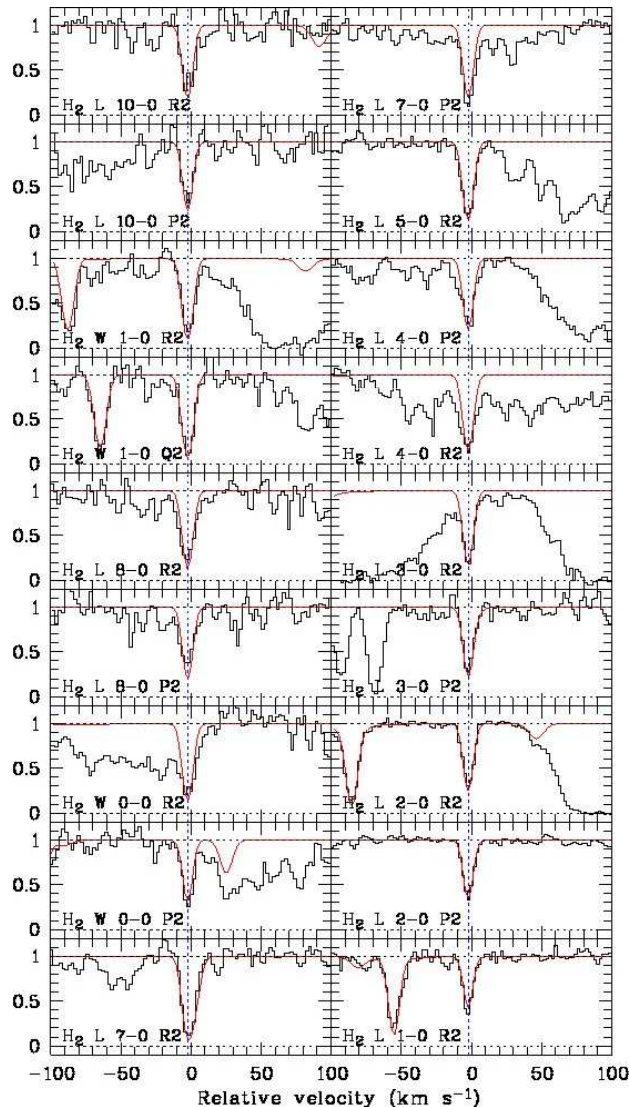
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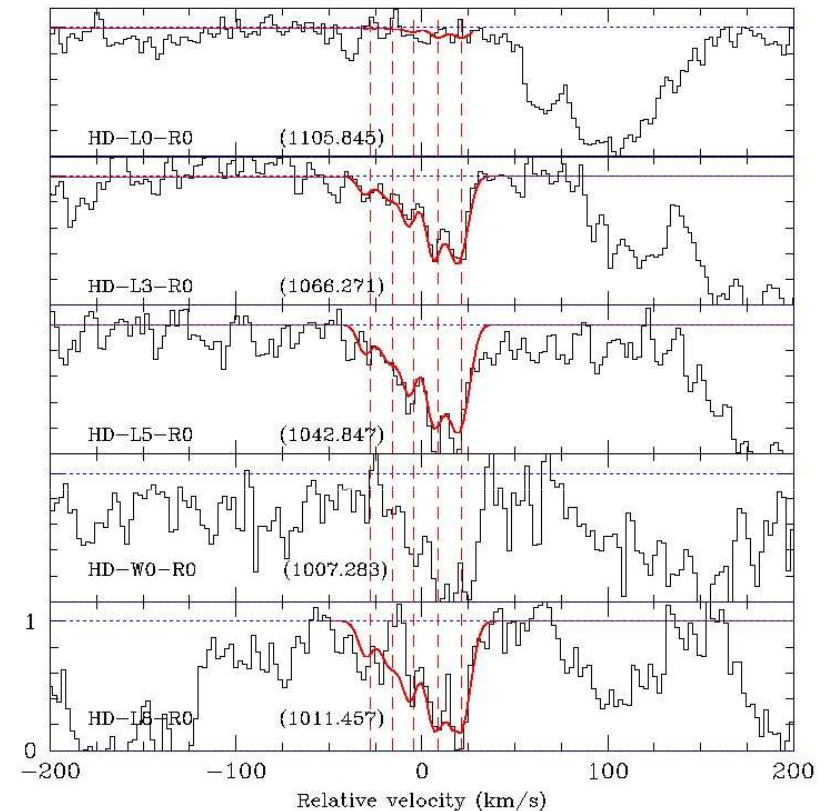
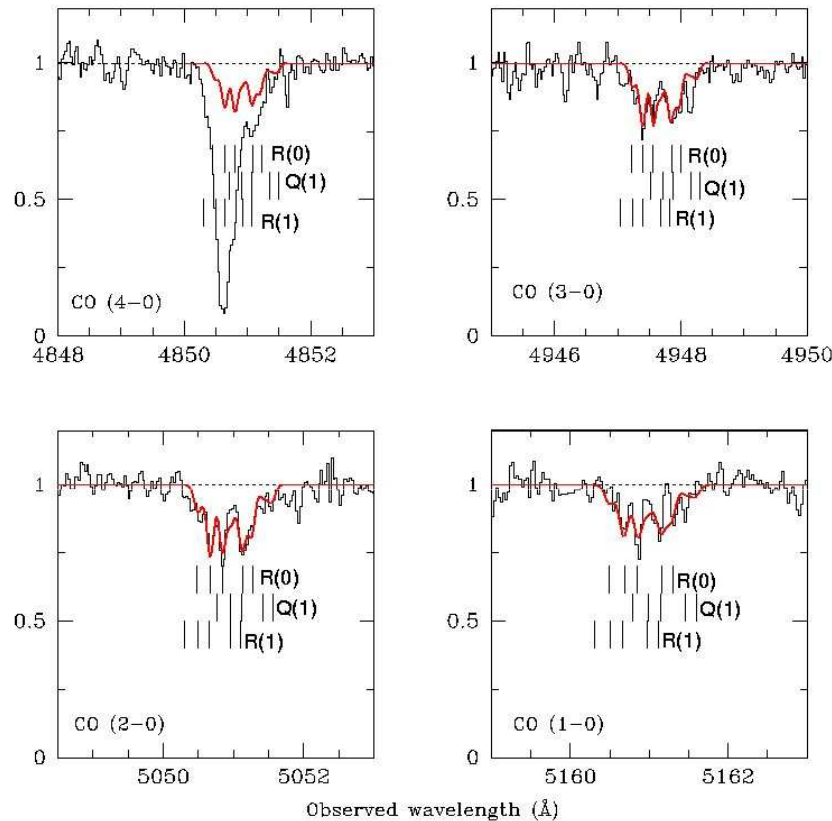
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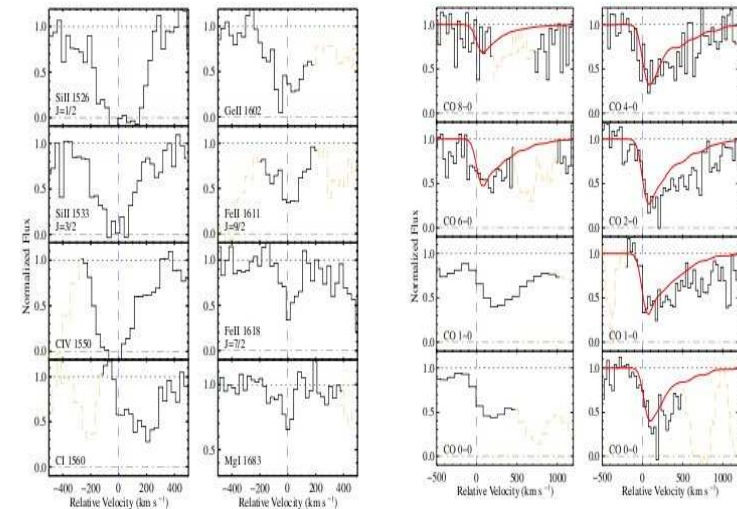
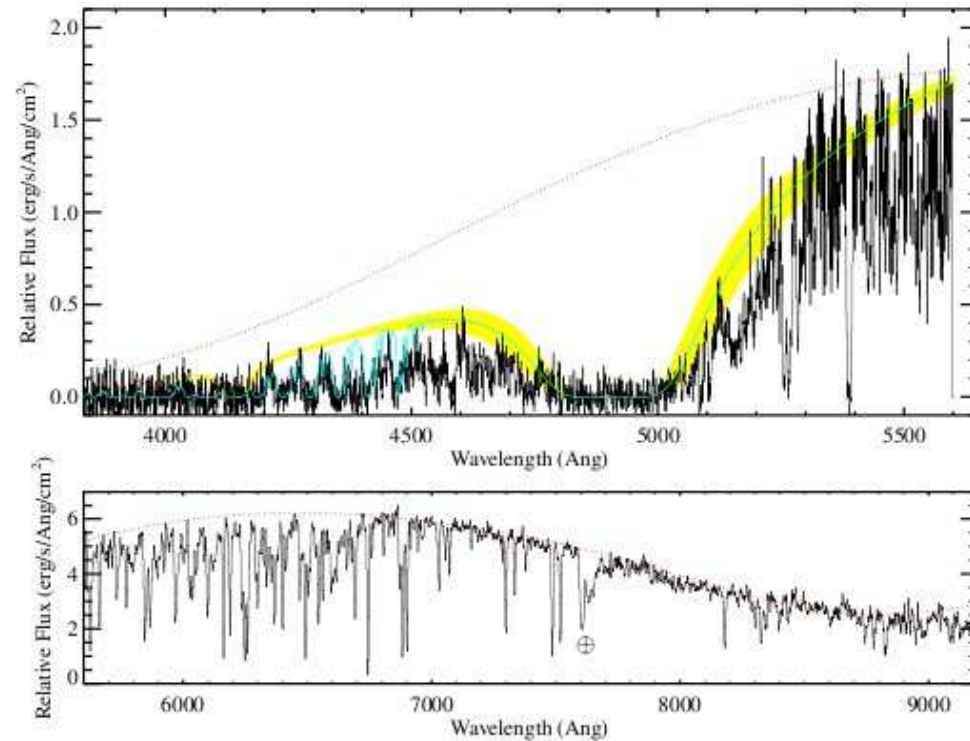
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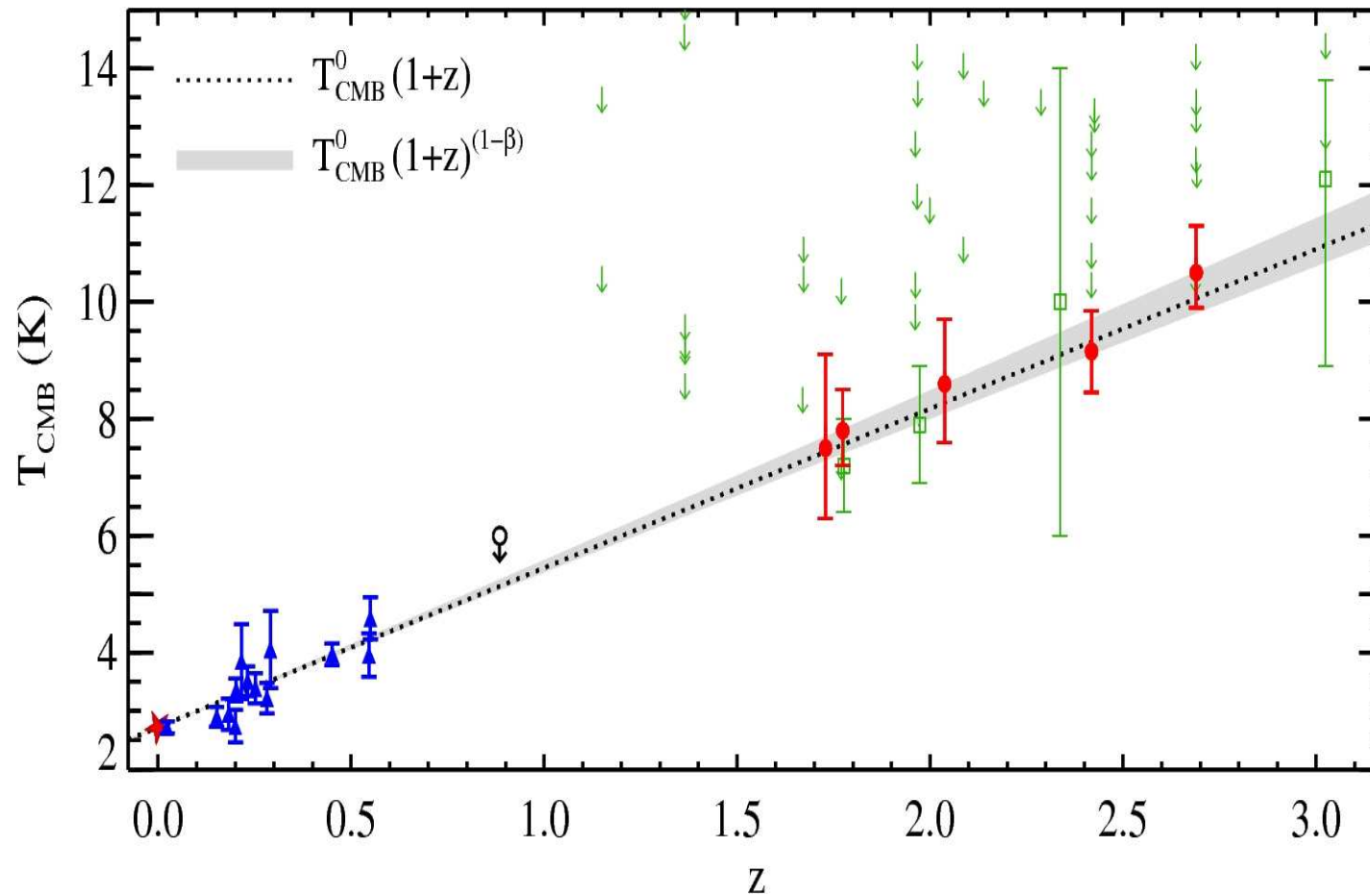
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