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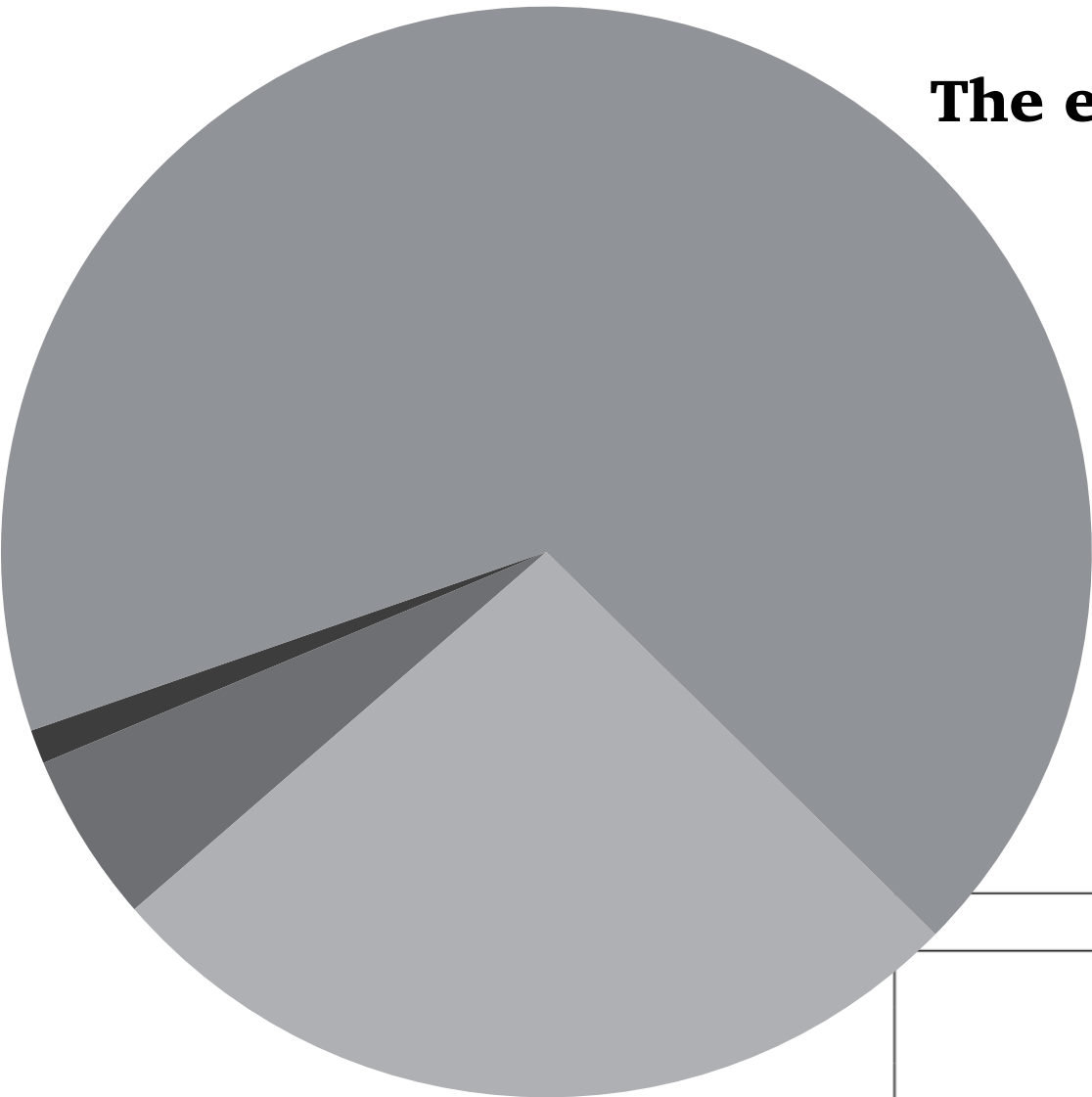


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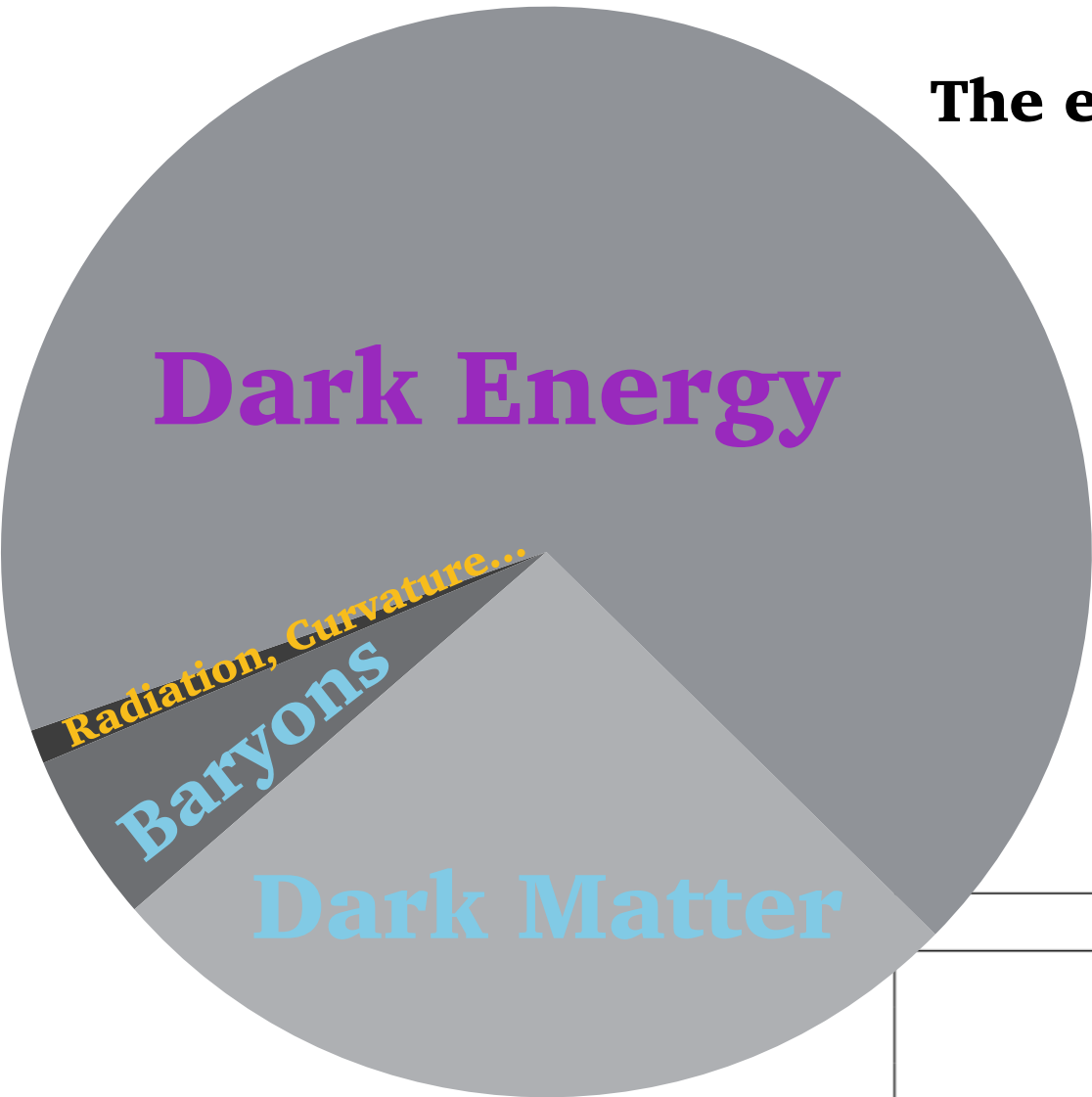
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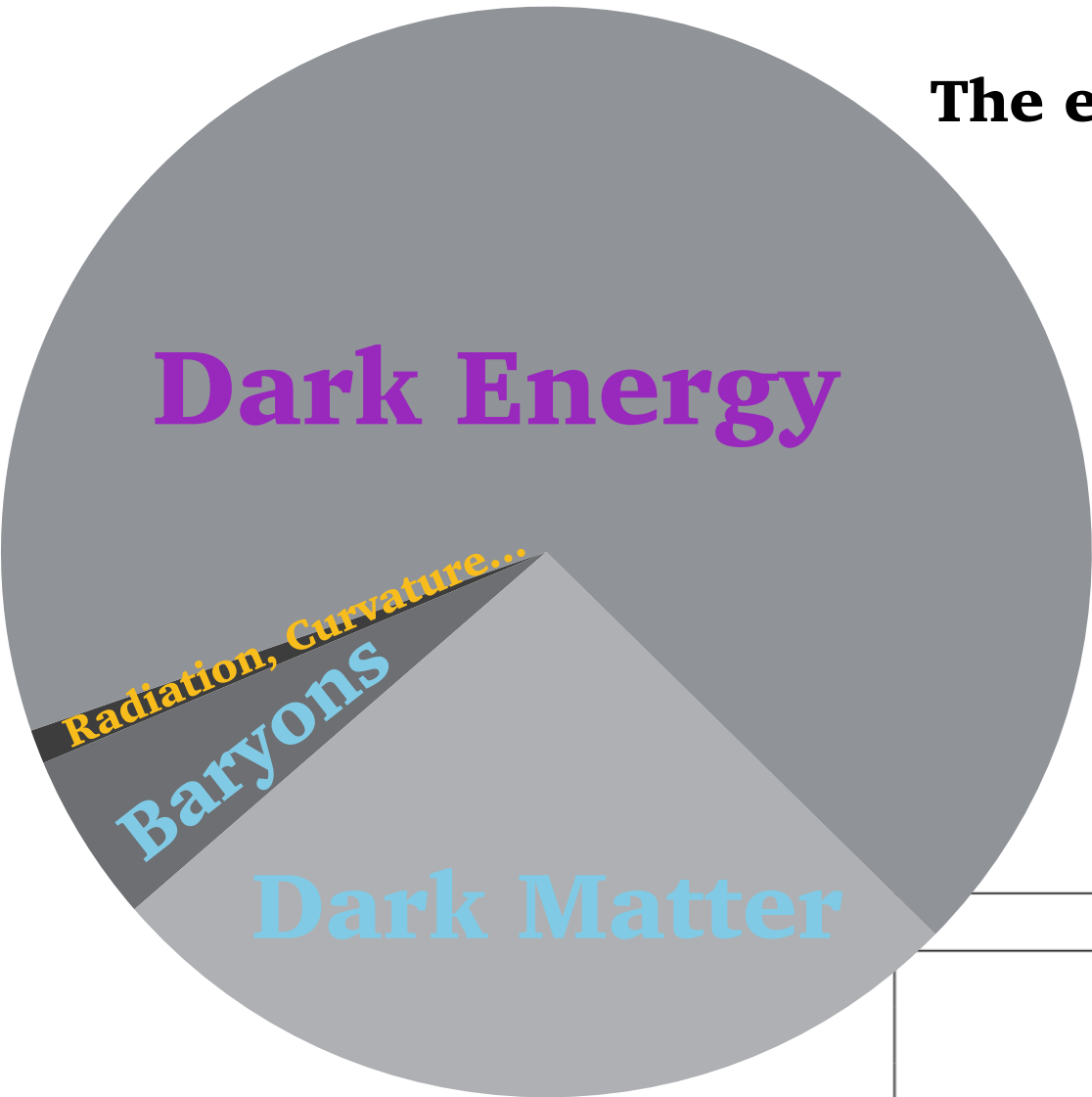


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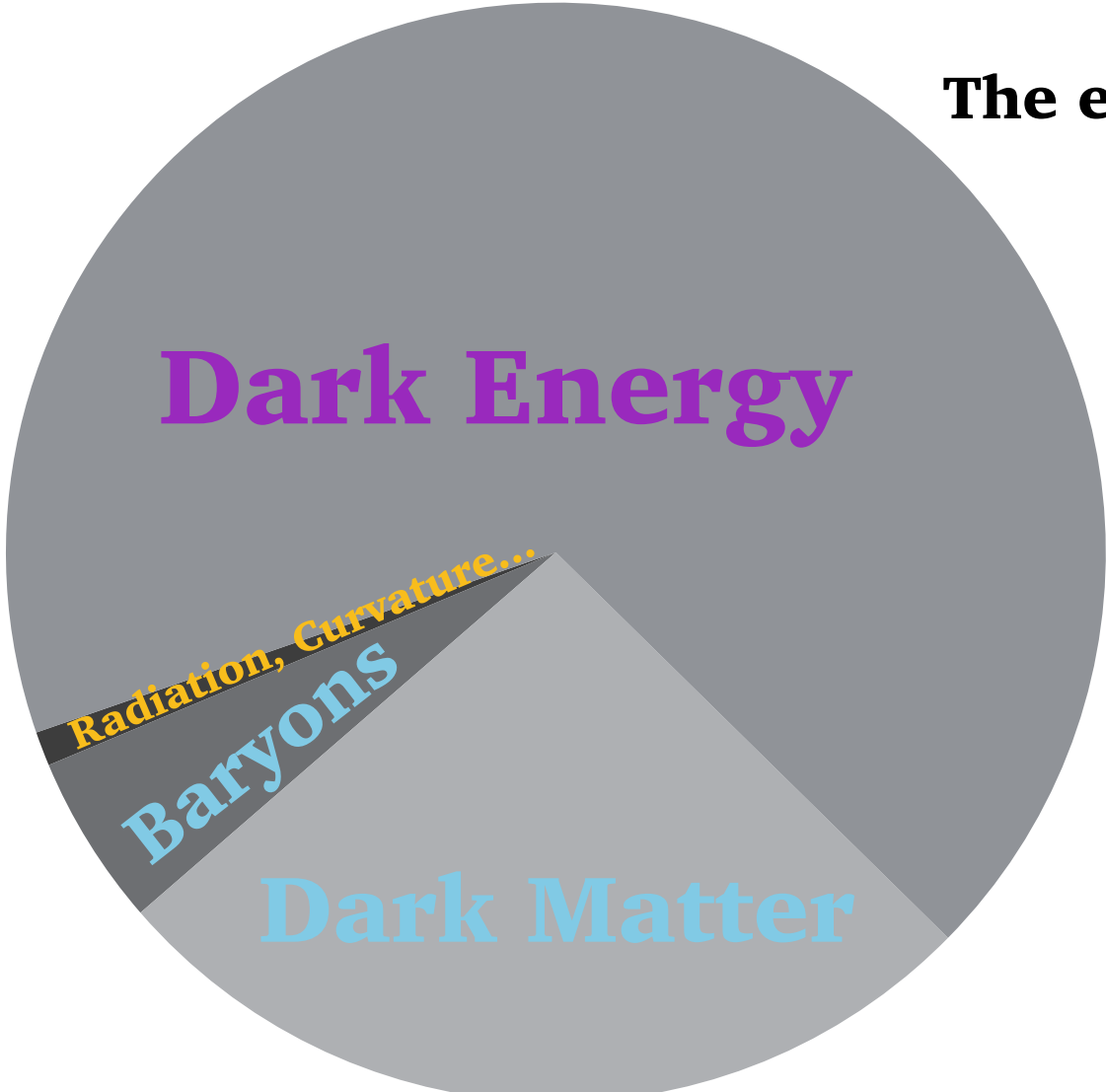
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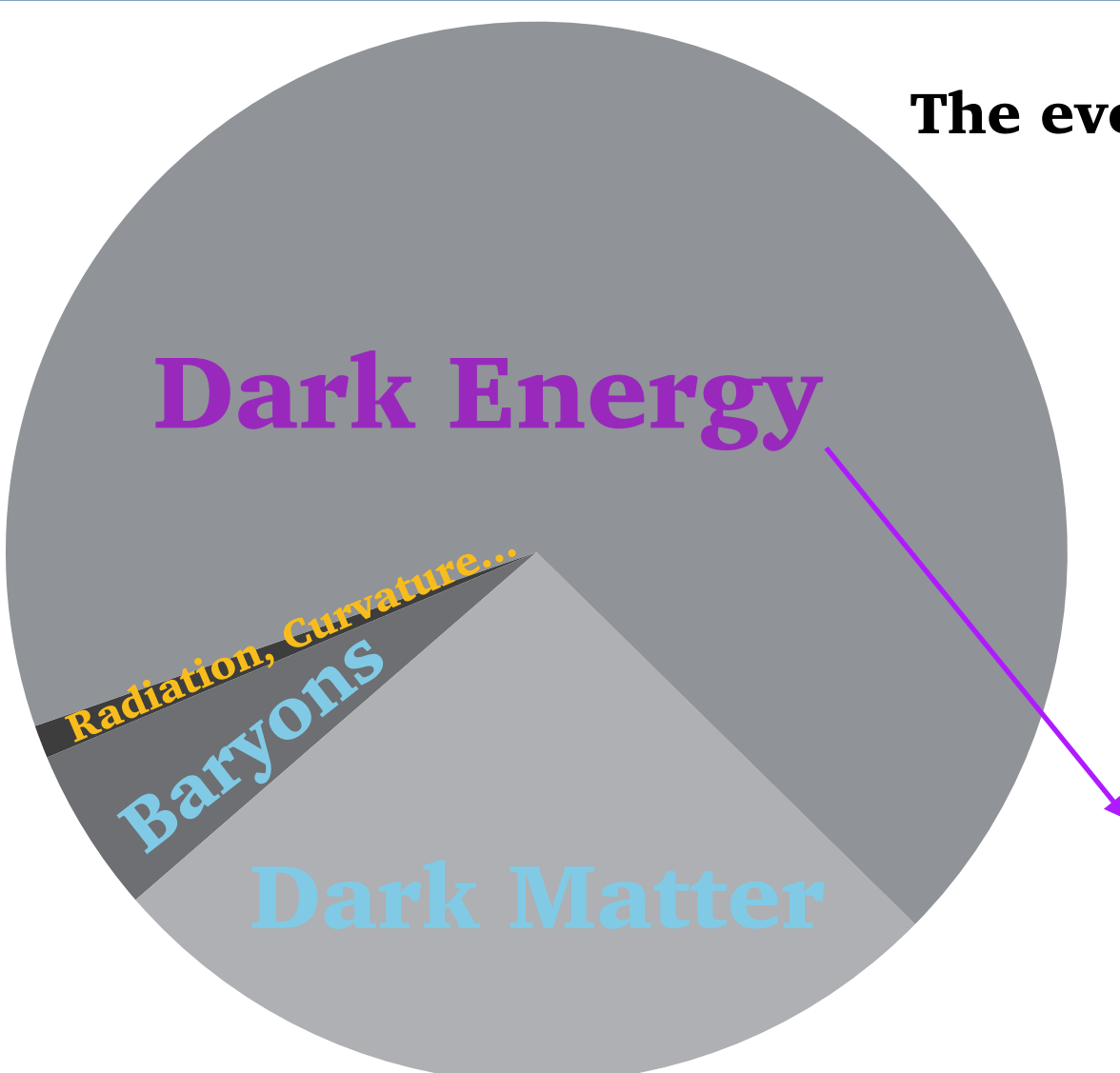


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Within the context of GR Dark Energy is understood as a macroscopic manifestation of the quantum vacuum energy

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$$

Other alternatives include: Modified Gravity, time evolving DE,...

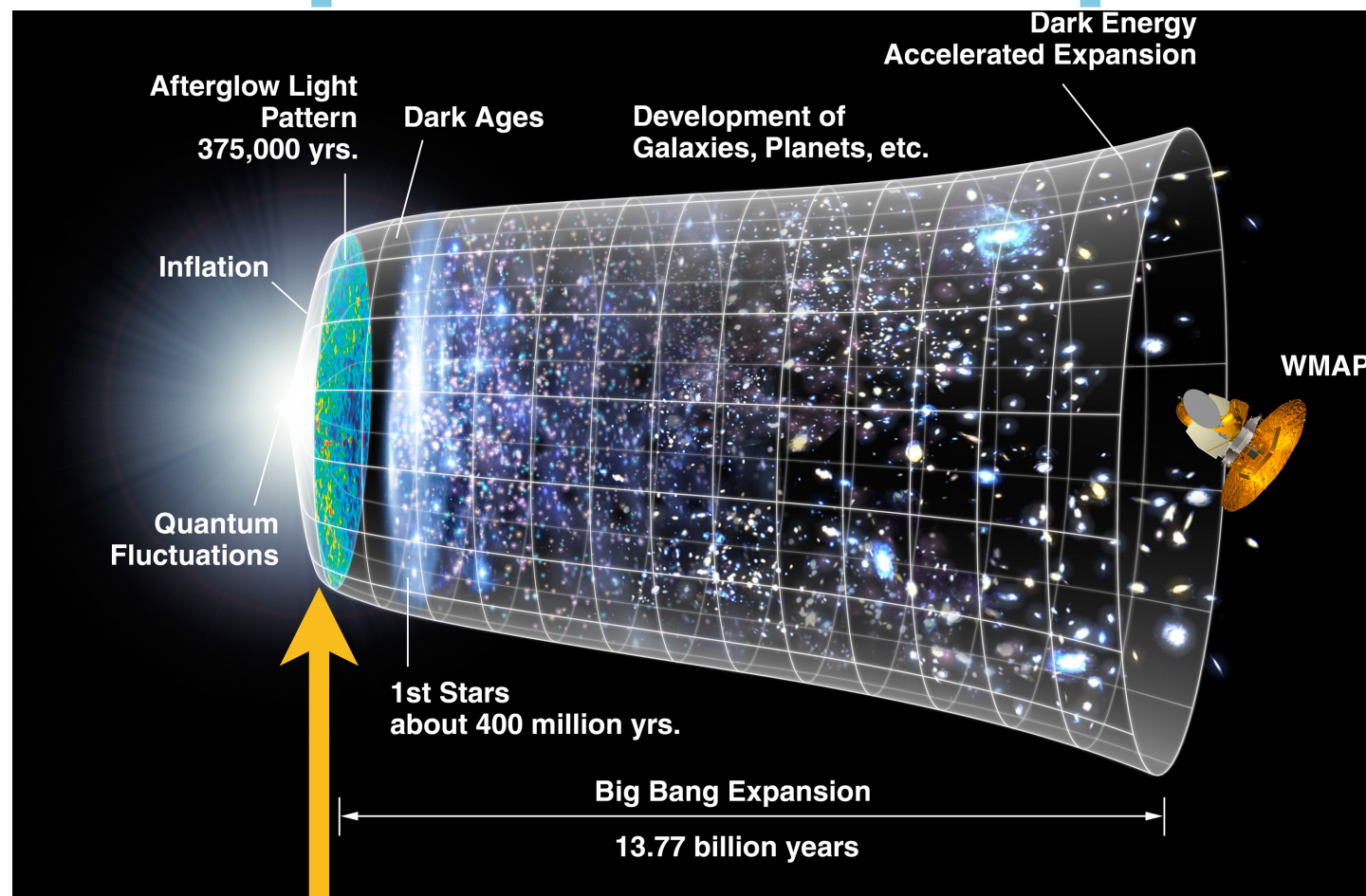
All these different DE theories —> different expansion rate $H(z)$, and different logarithmic growth of structure factor $f(z)\sigma_8(z)$

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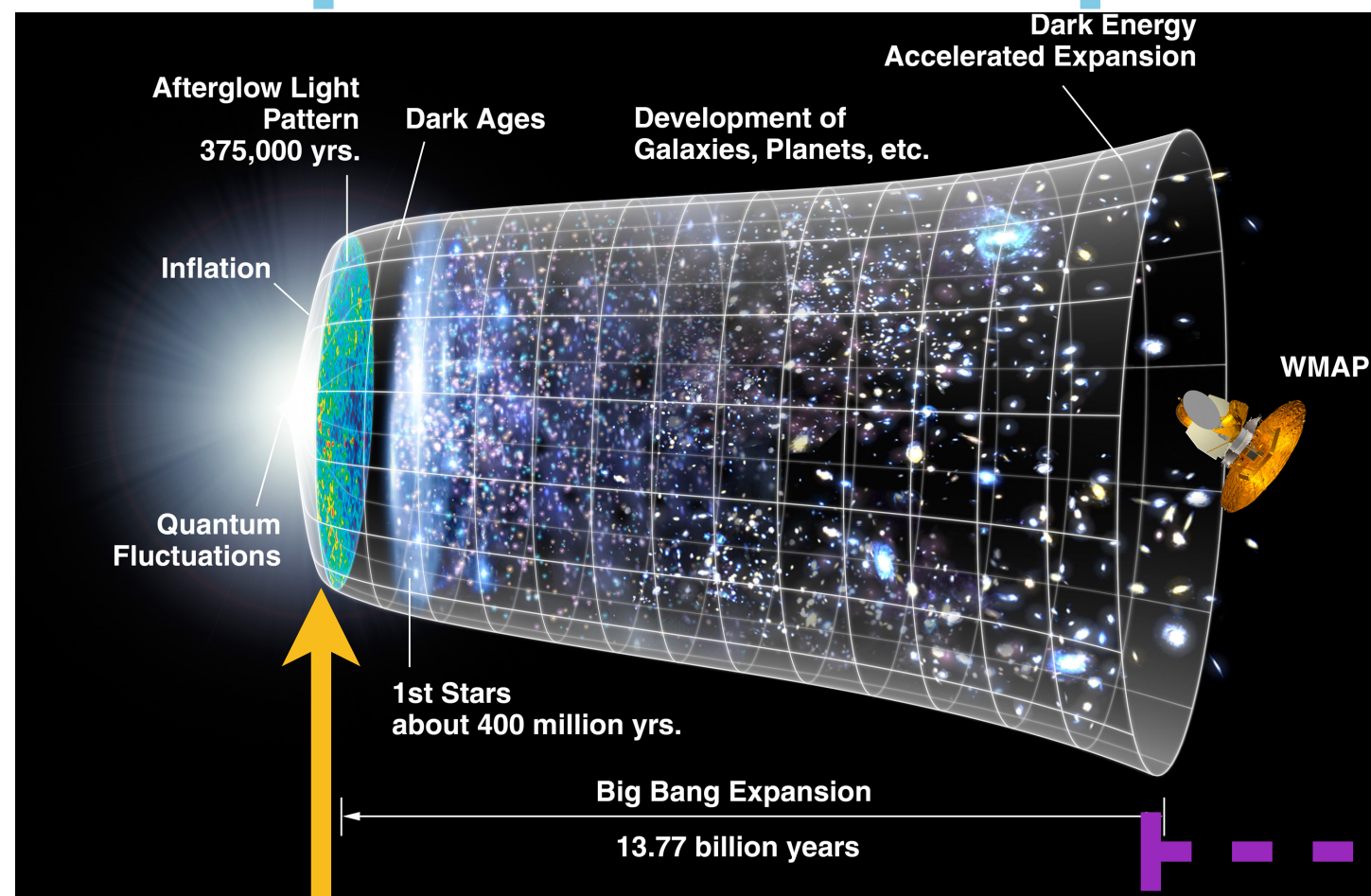
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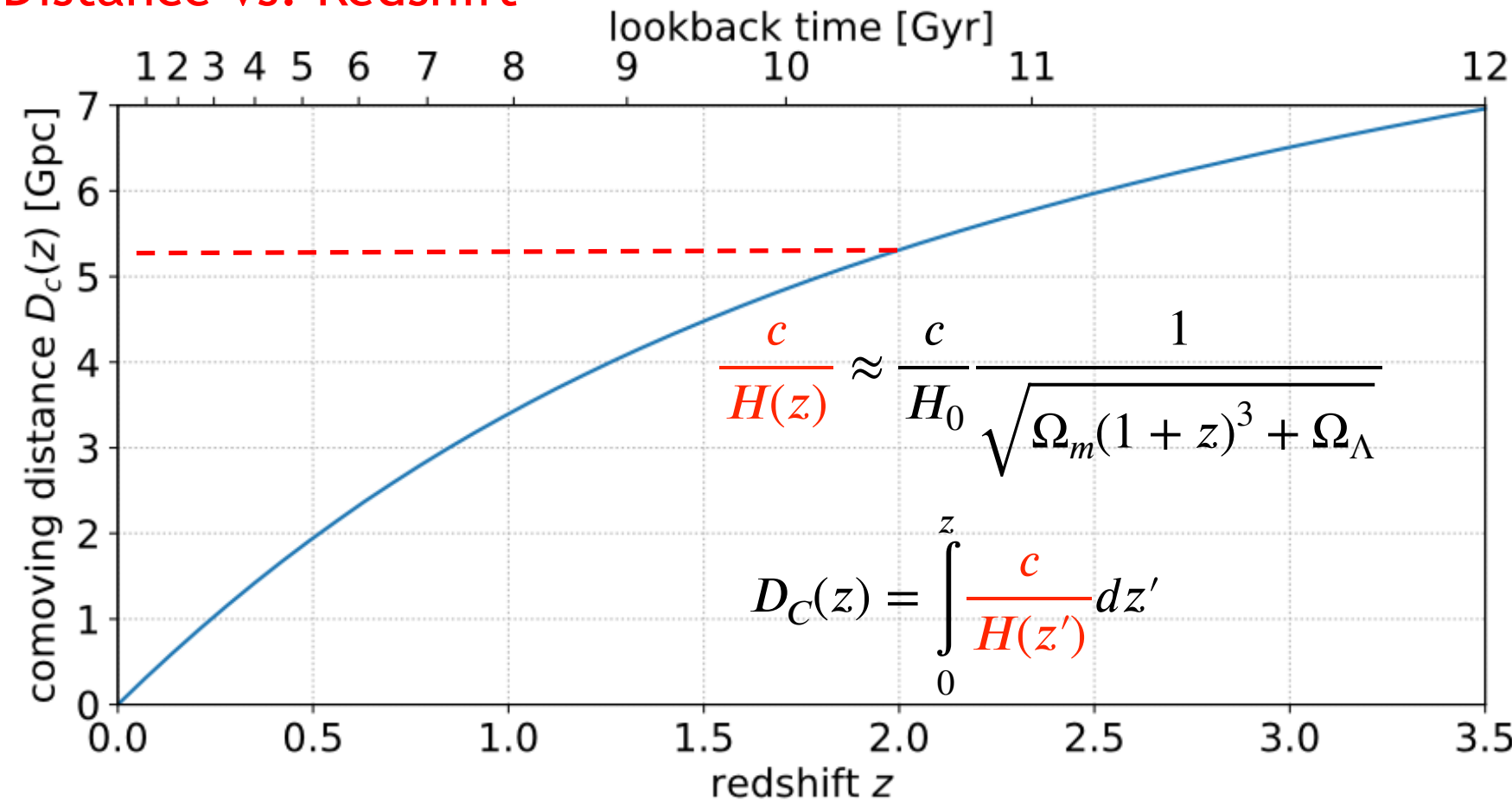
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DESI (right now!)

Sub-percent level precision

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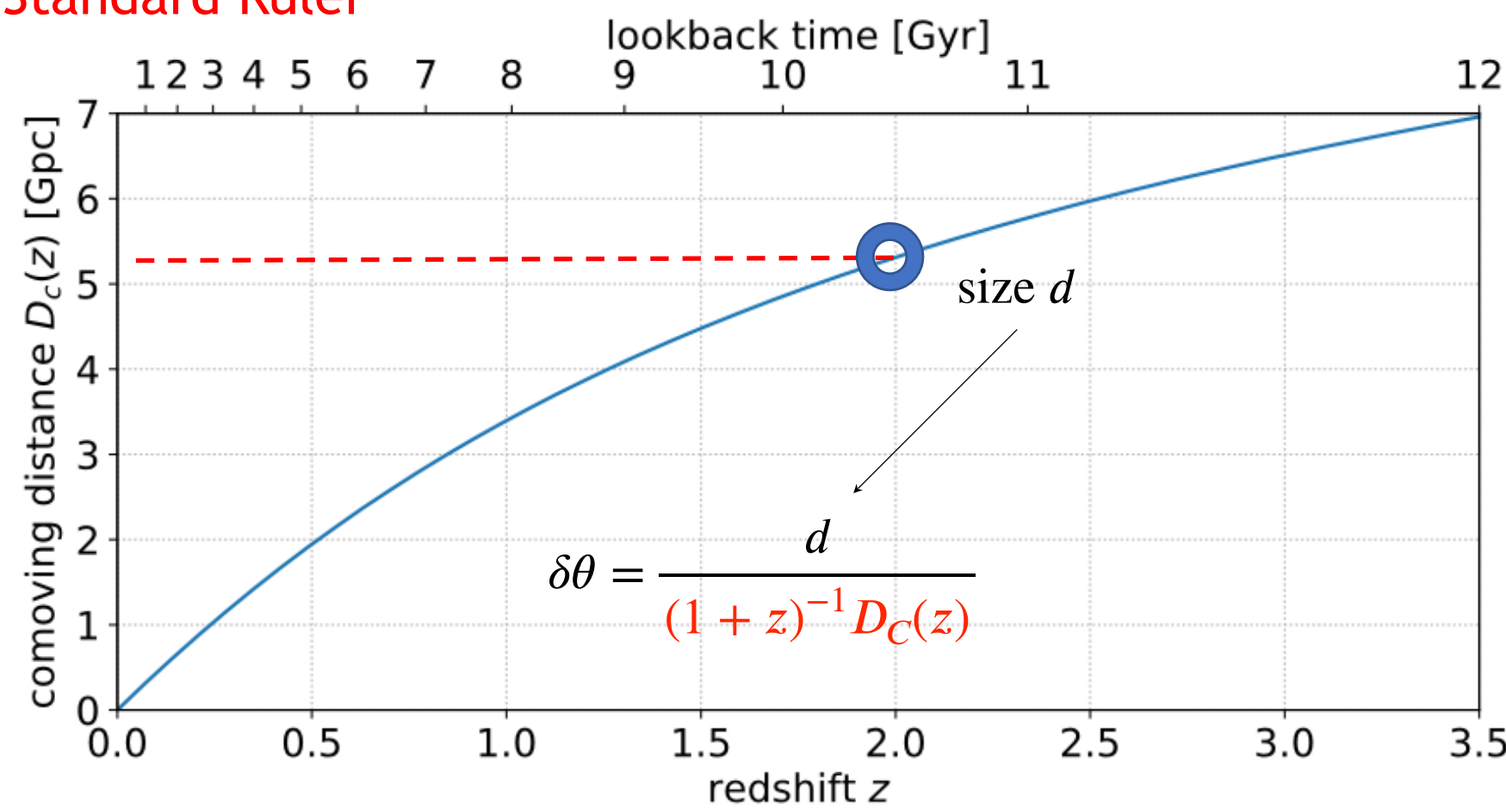
Distance vs. Redshift



Credit: D. Kirkby

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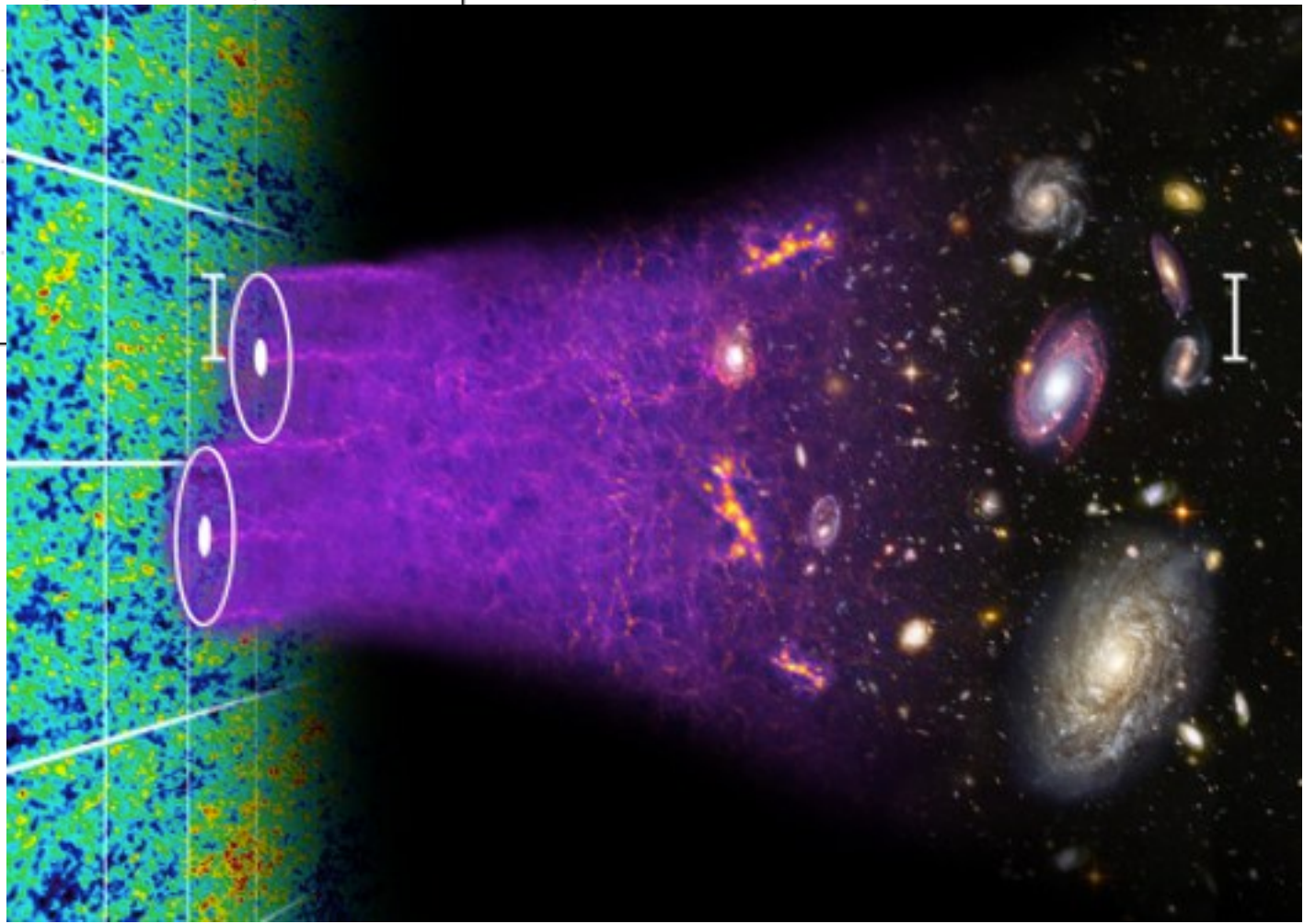
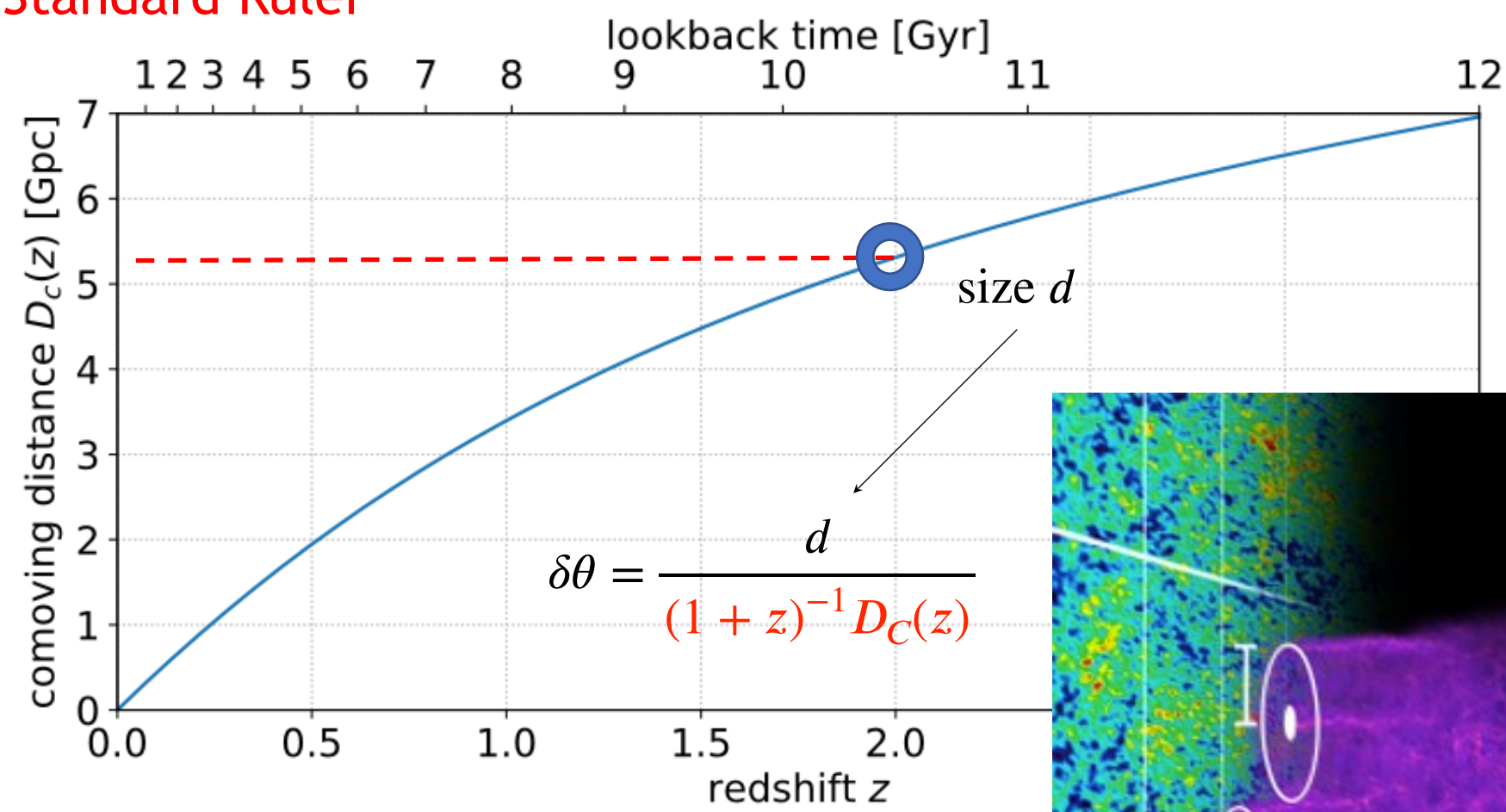
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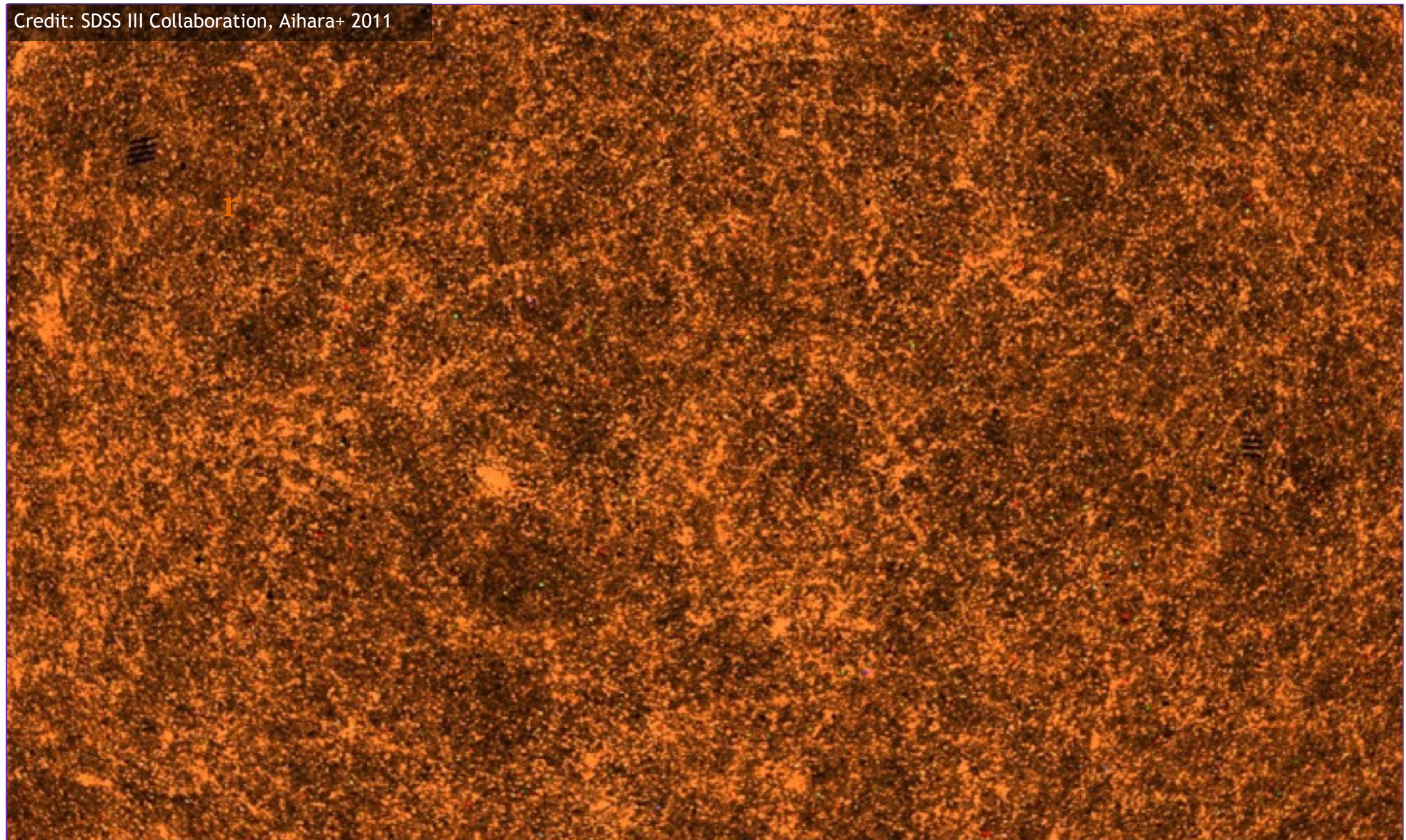
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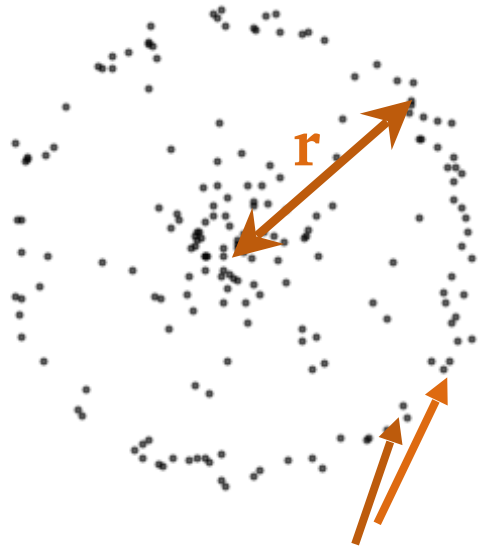
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Mapping the density field

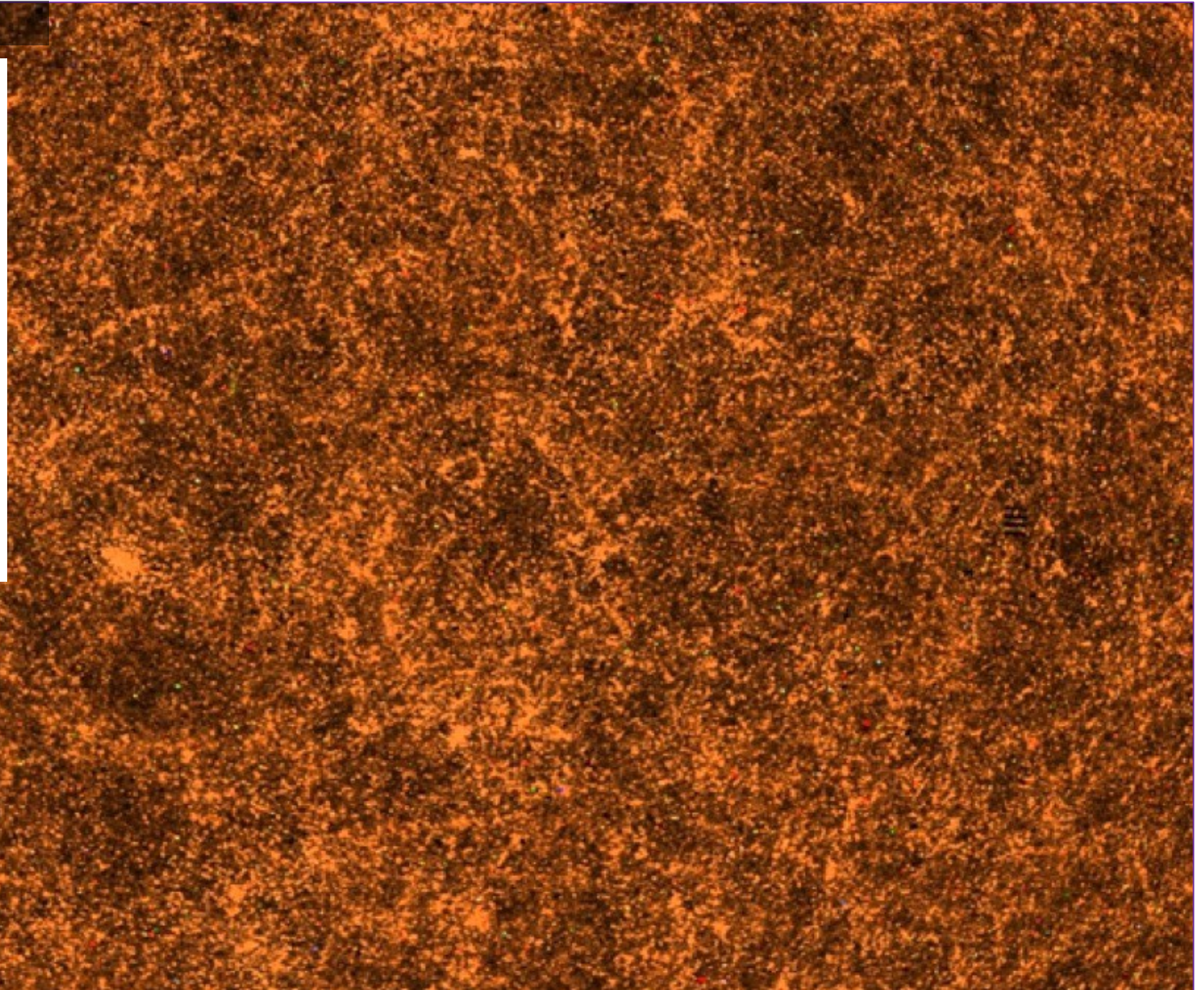


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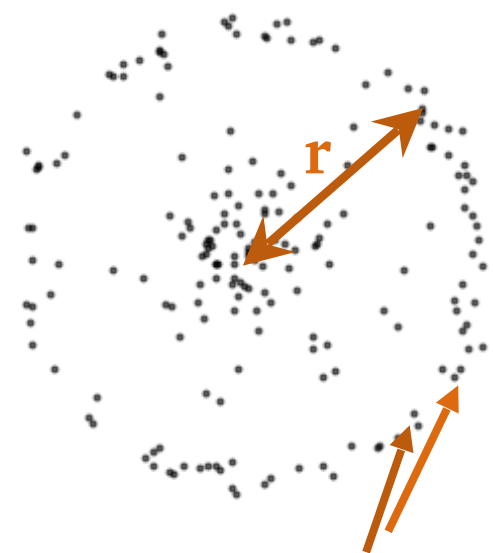


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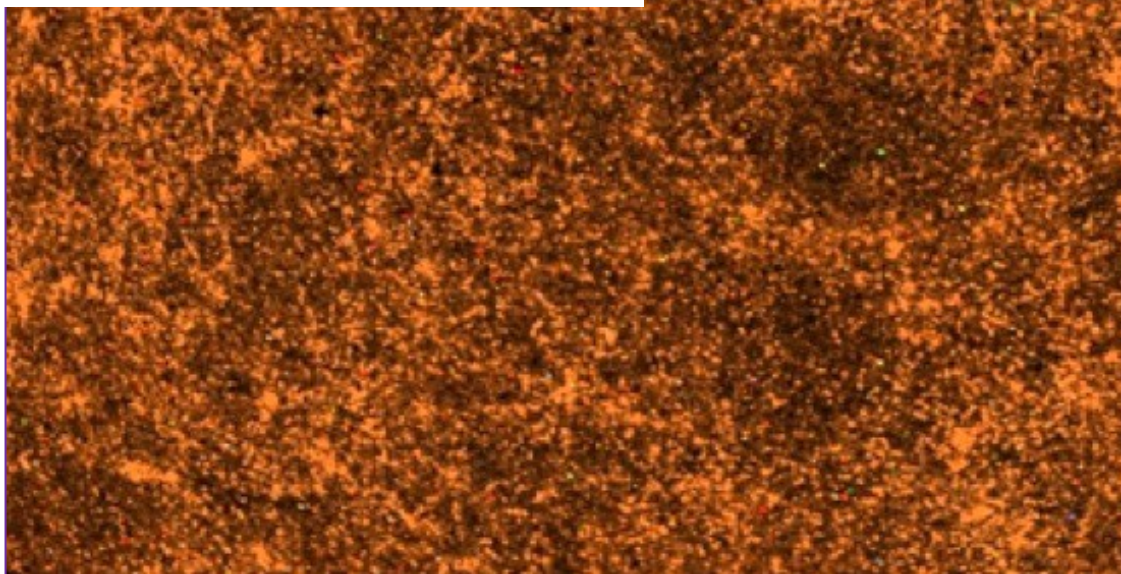


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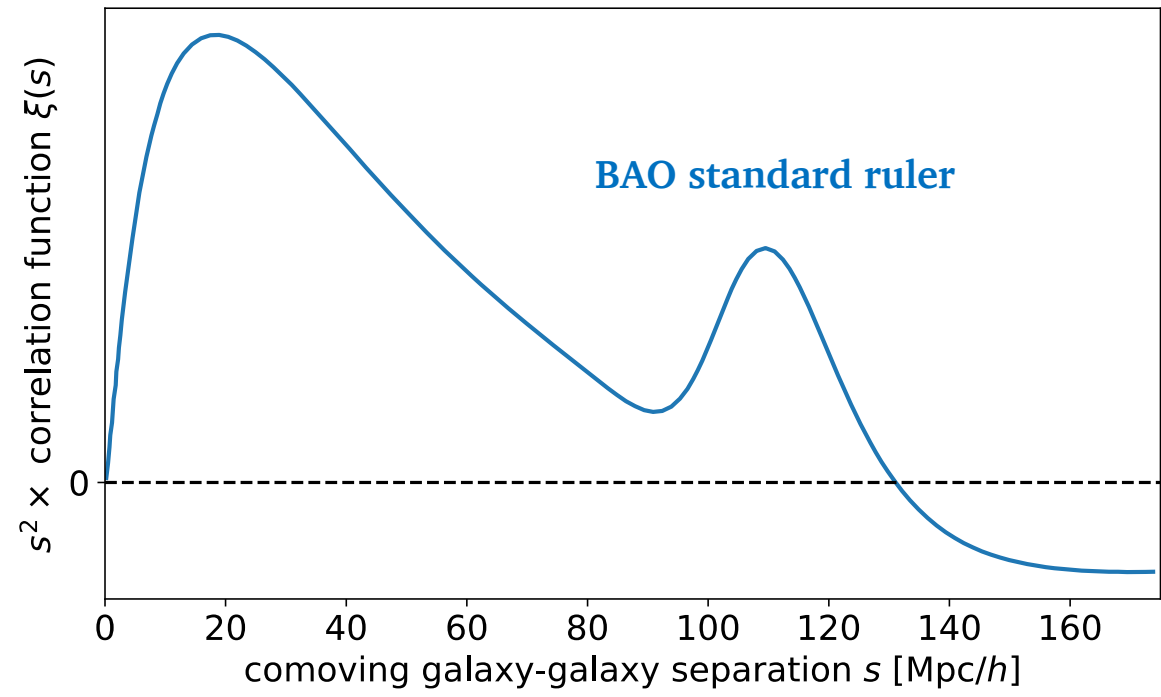
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$$\xi(s) = \frac{DD(s) - 2DR(s) + RR(s)}{RR(s)} = \text{Excess galaxy pair counts in data w.r.t. random background pair counts in survey volume.}$$



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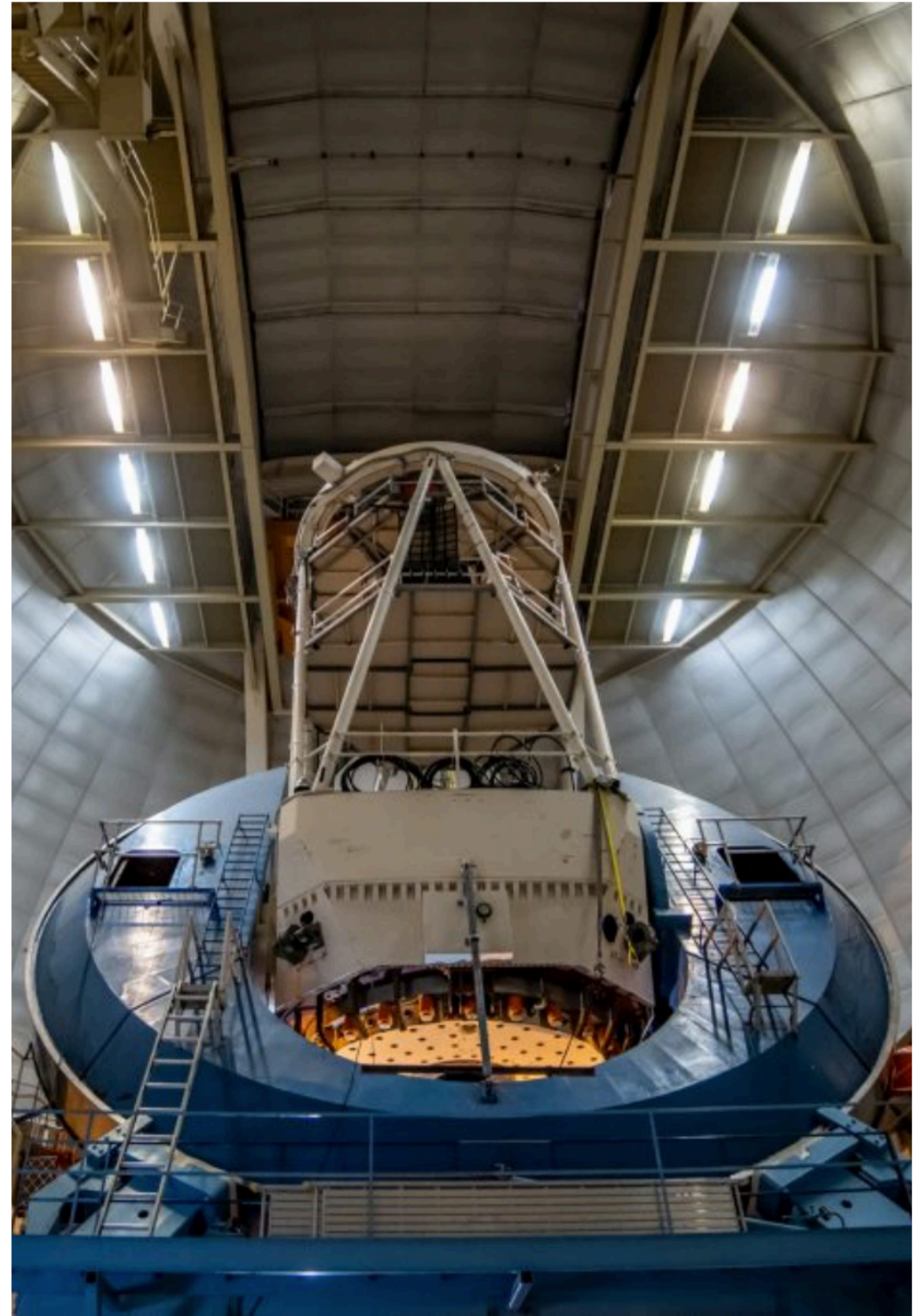


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Mayall, a 4-meter at Kitt Peak, Arizona, USA



its twin at CTIO (DESI imaging)



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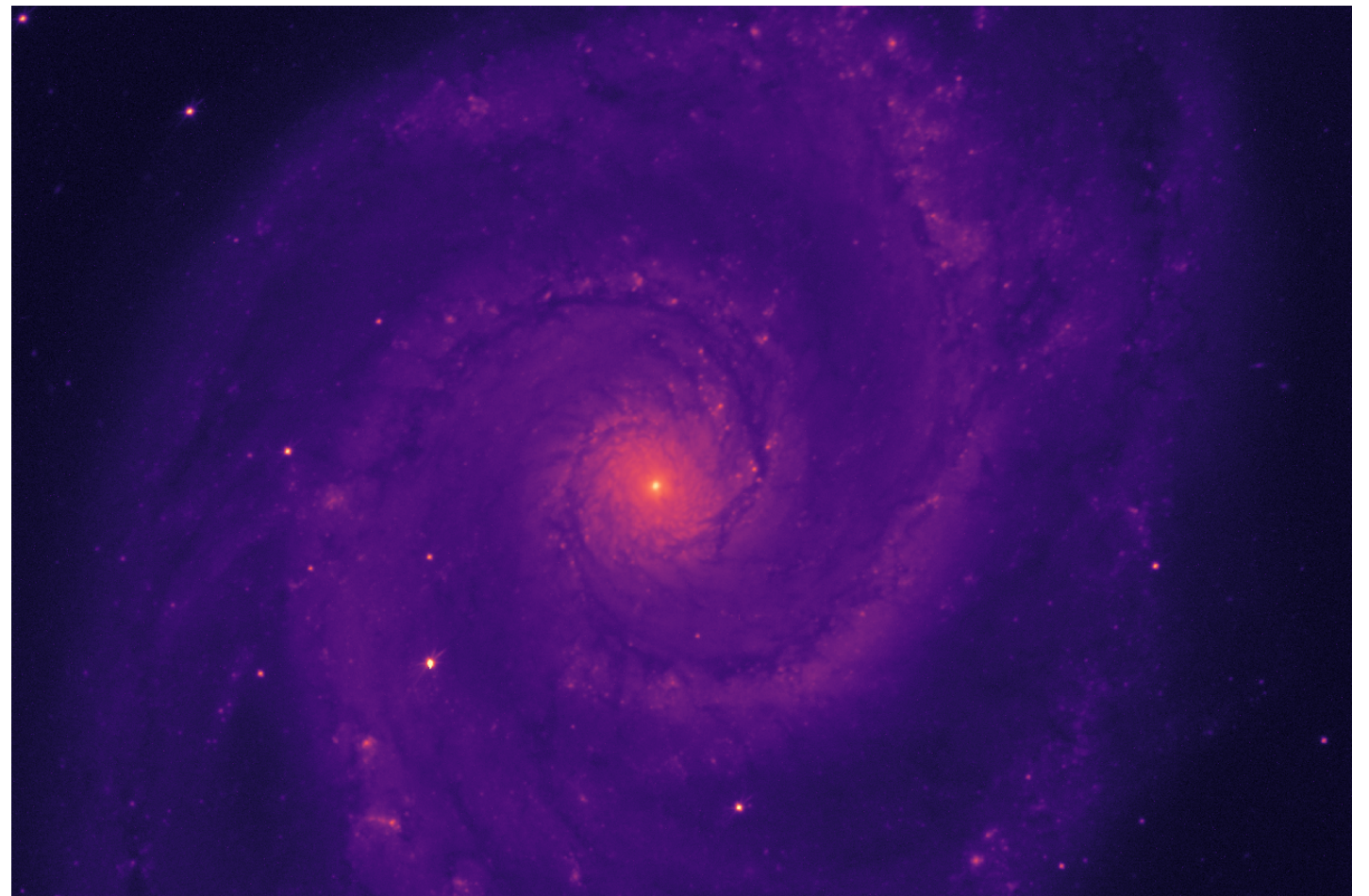
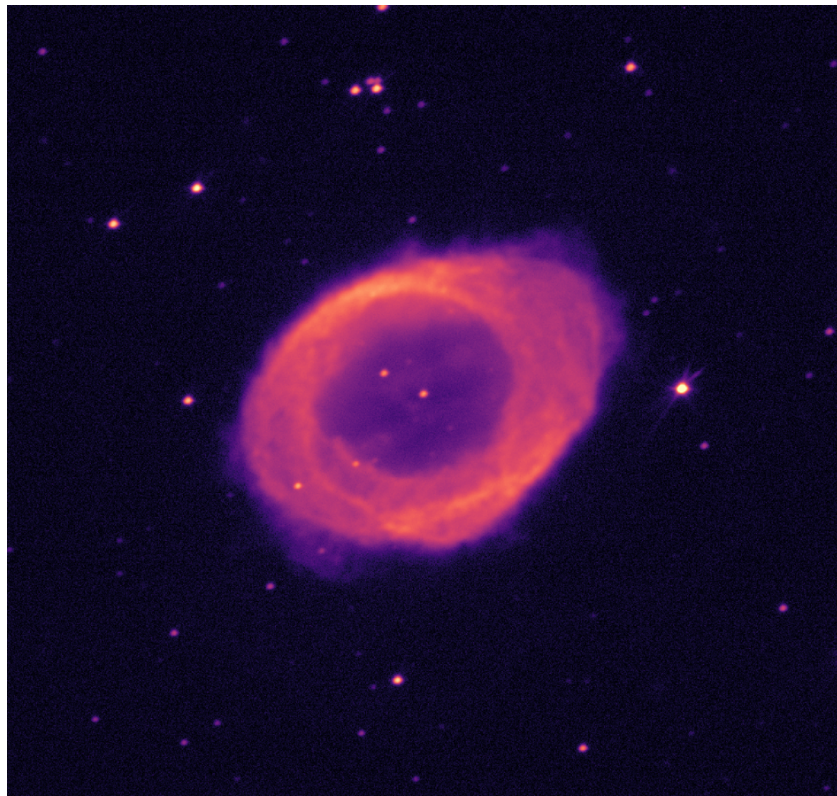
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UCL, May 2018 : Lens in barrel, alignment done,
now on its way to Kitt Peak !



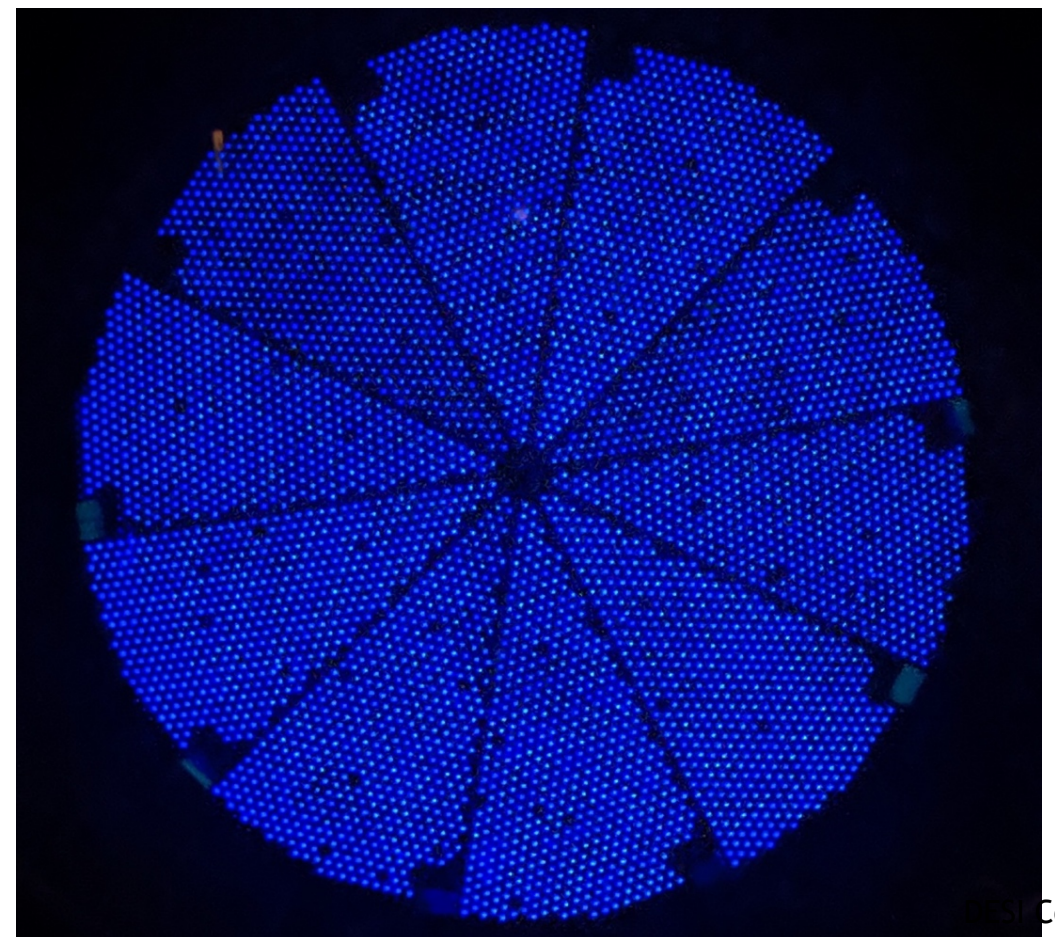
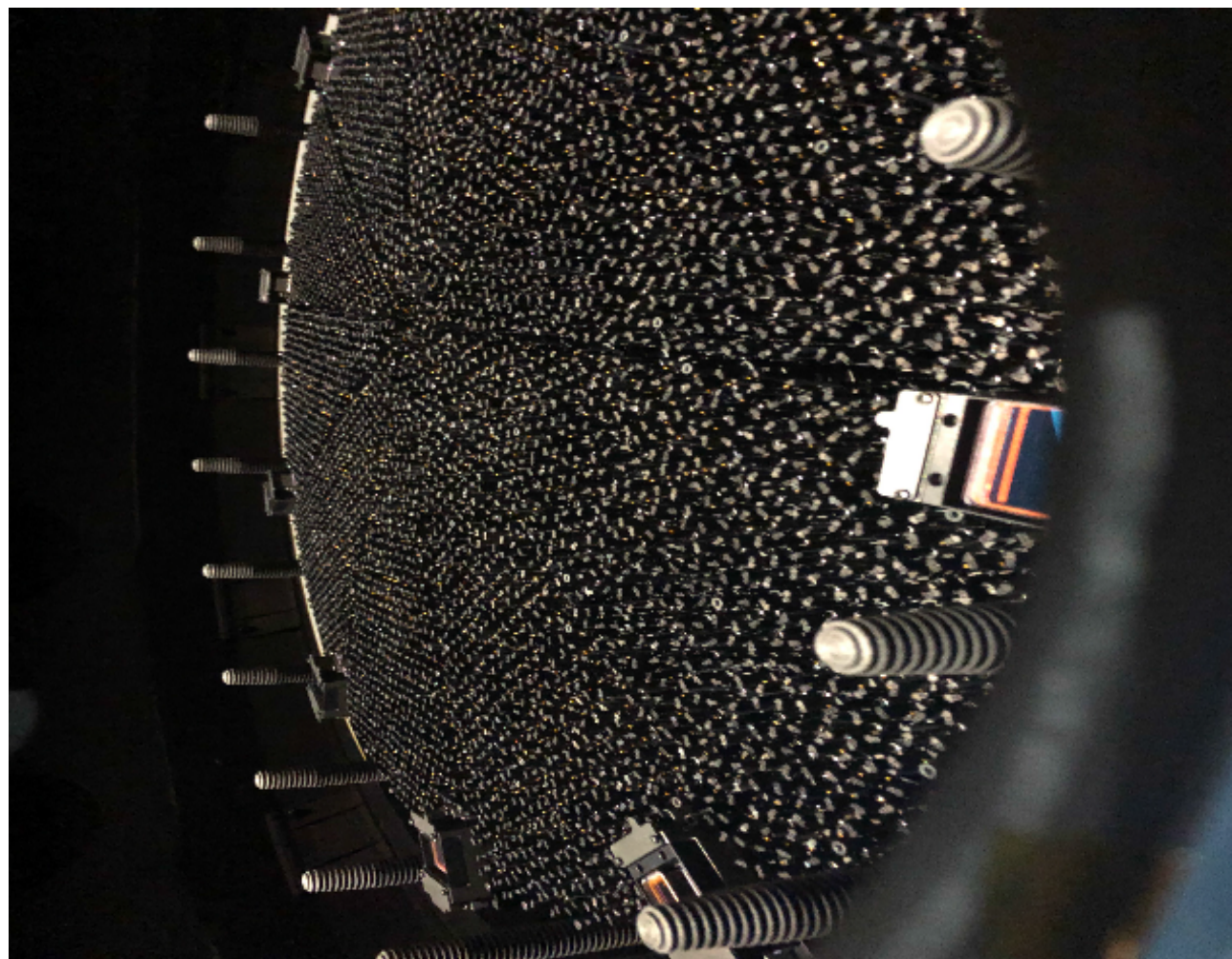
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- First light of corrector images were measured to be 0.7 arcsec
- Ring nebula and whirlpool galaxy:



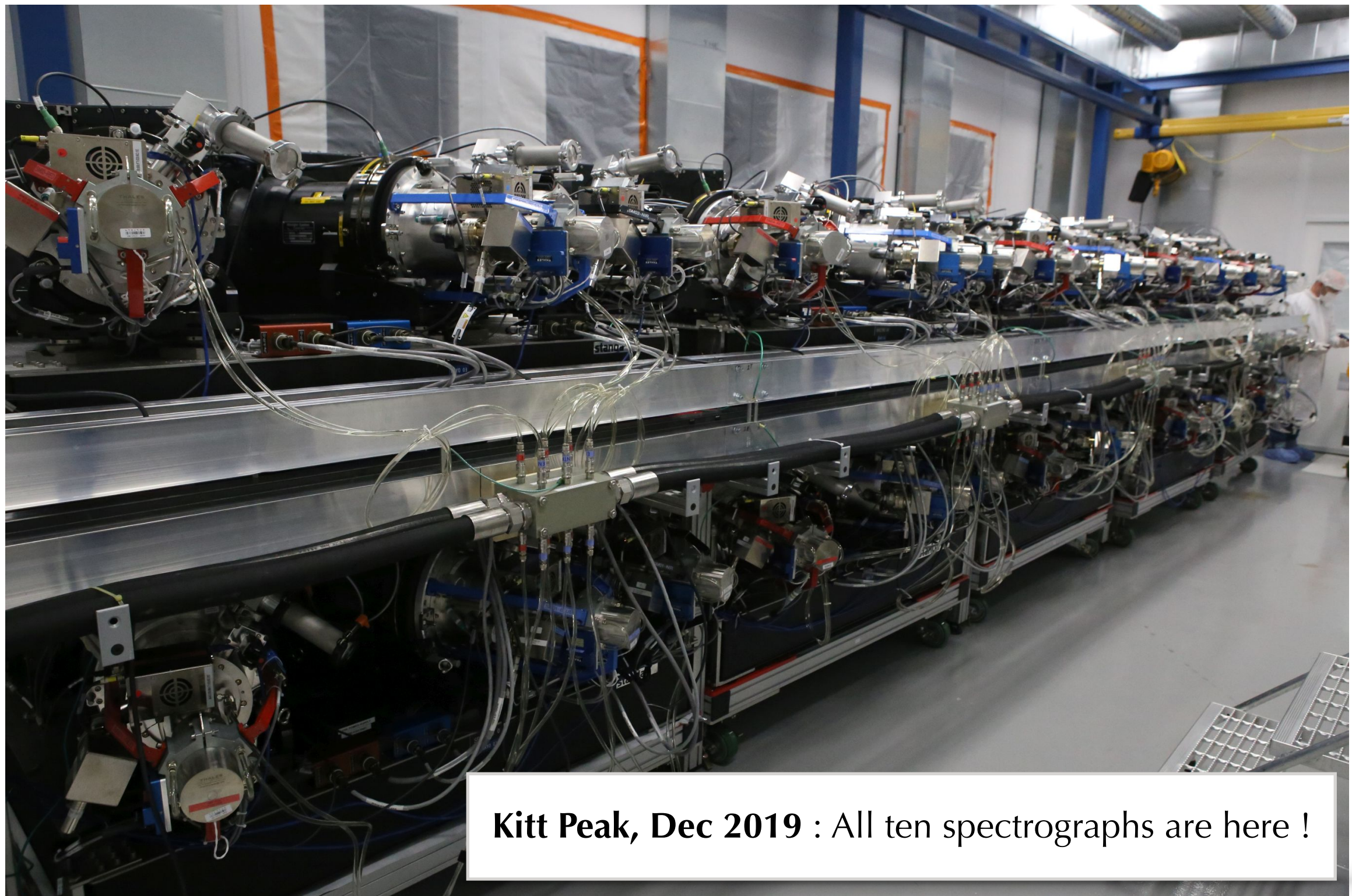
Installation of the focal plane instrument was completed in August, 2019.

The picture shows the fiber ends of the 5,000 robotic positioners on the focal plane, and back-illuminated.



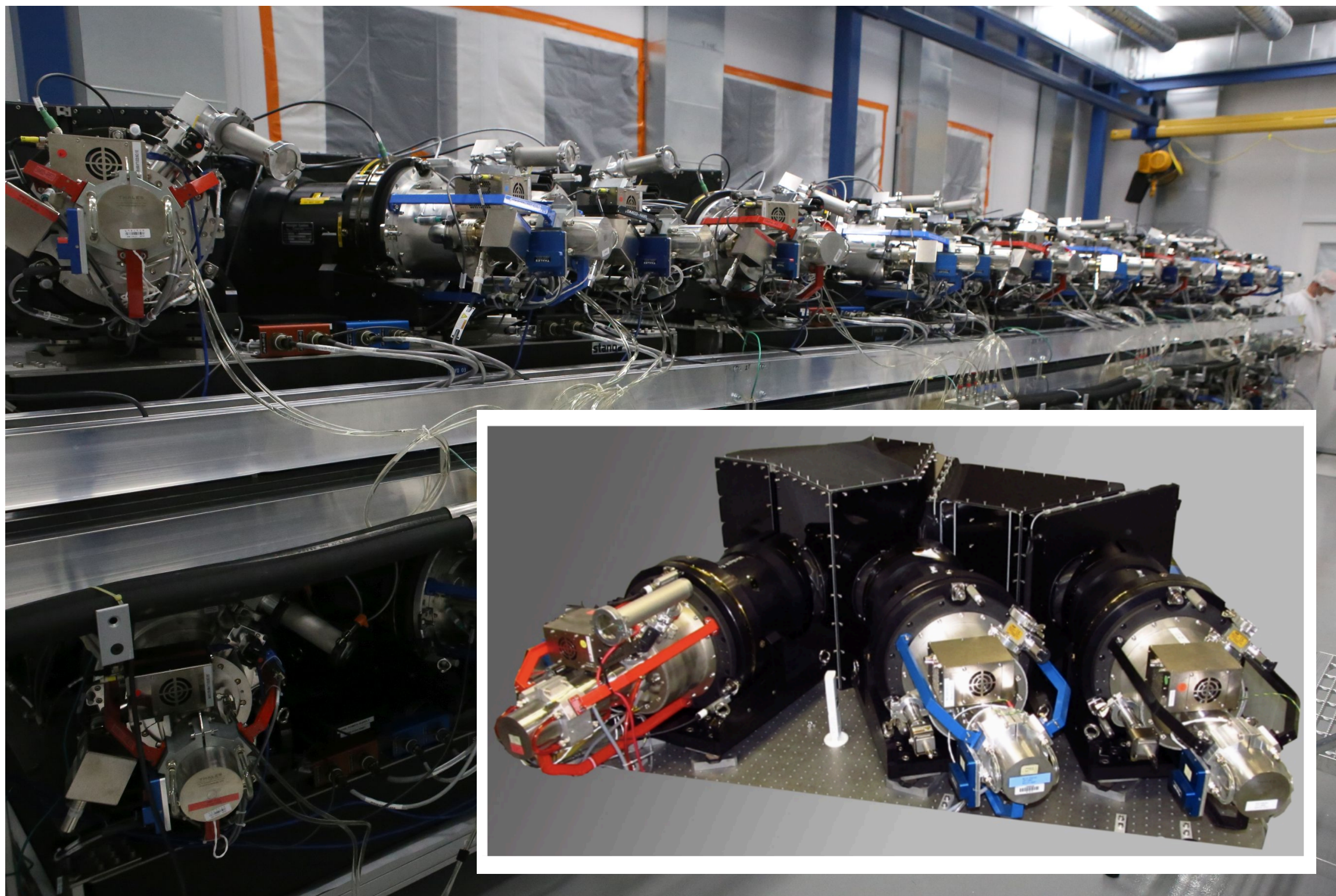
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Kitt Peak, Dec 2019 : All ten spectrographs are here !

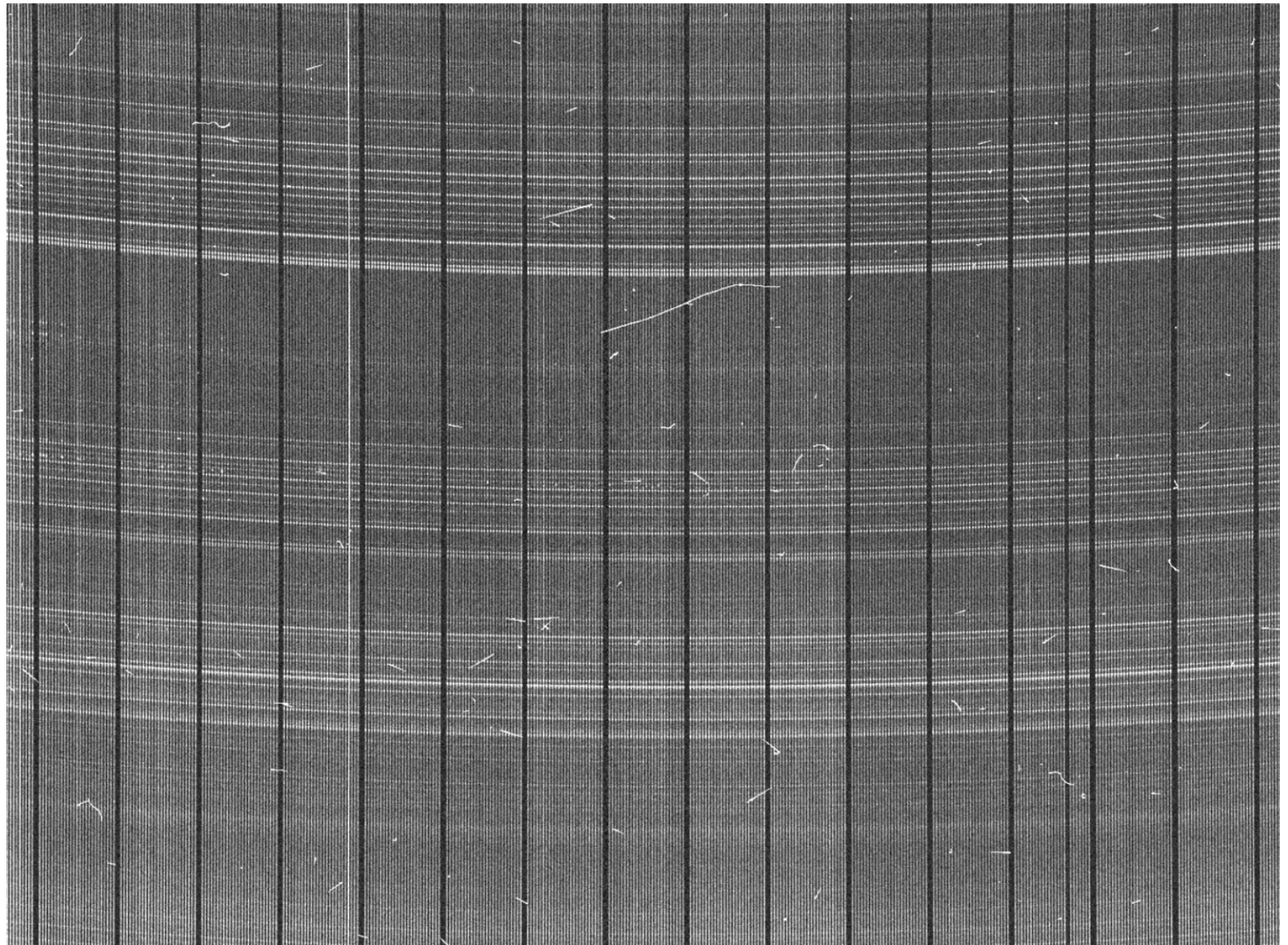
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- We have 500M pixels within the ten 3-arm spectrographs (30 cryostats)
- Spectroscopic pipeline is working well, and the sky background subtraction is working near statistical limit

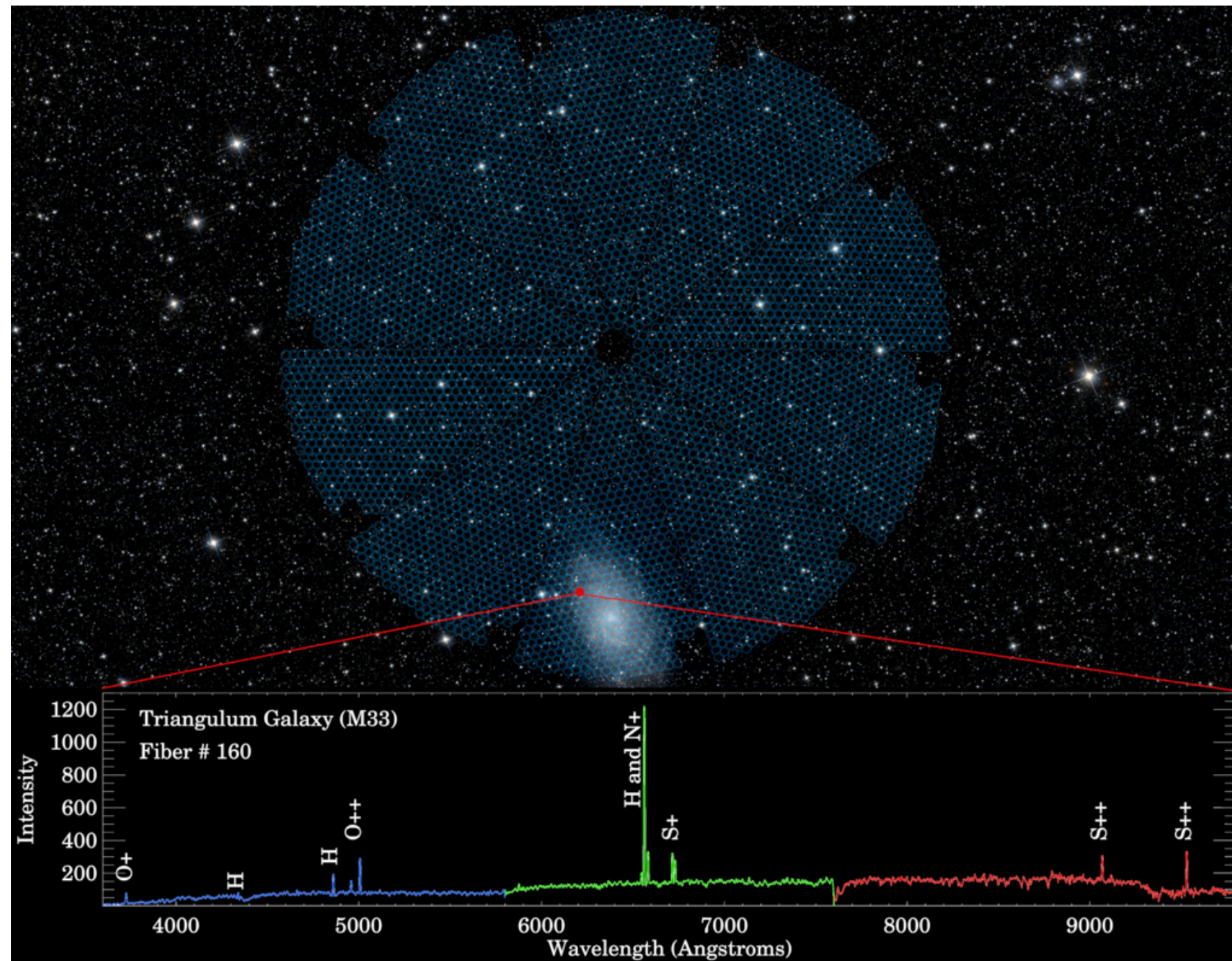
Raw Data of one chip (of 30):



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DESI : 1st light

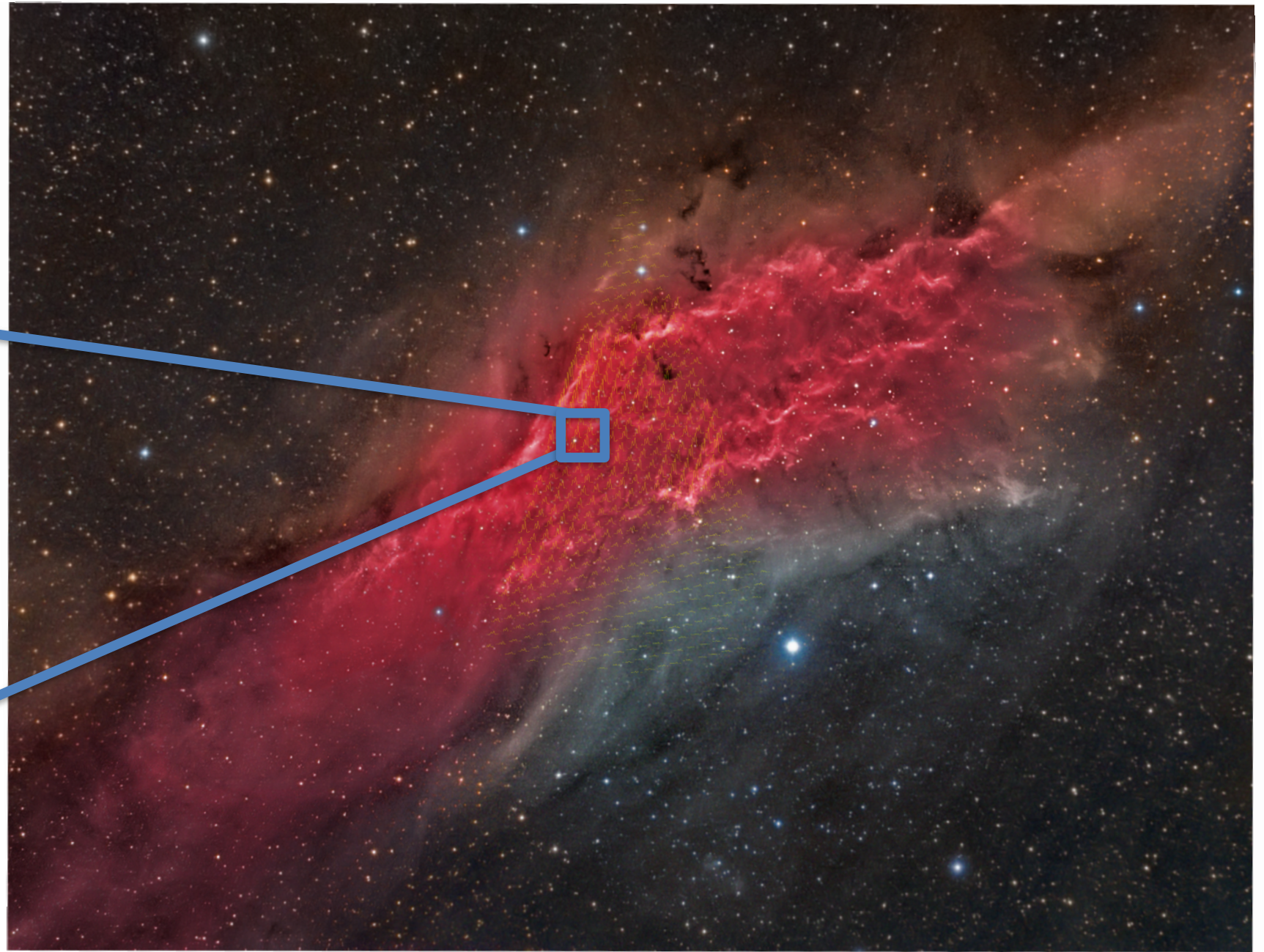
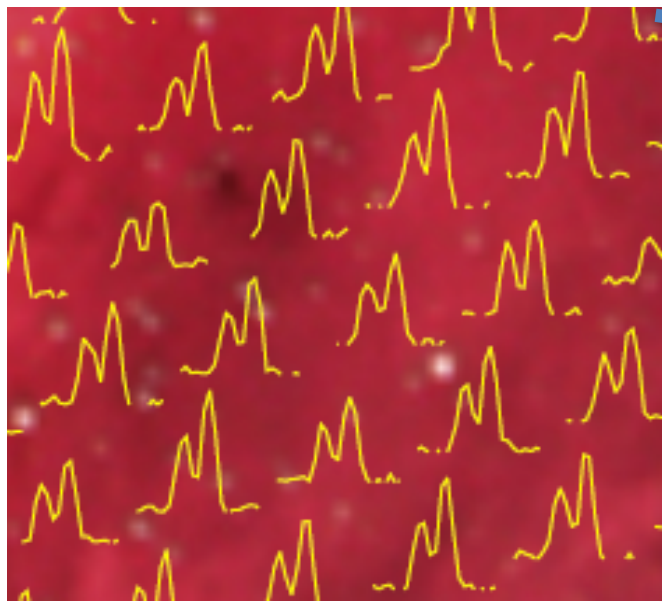
- First Light achieved on Oct 22, 2019, on the first day of the start of commissioning. The spectrum shown was collected by one fiber from a small section of the Triangulum Galaxy. The blue circles represent the sky footprint of the 5000 fiber positioners on the DESI focal plane.
- Commissioning started Oct. 22. Expected to last for 5 months, ending in March 2020
- Measured instrument performance so far surpasses requirements and expectations!



Background: Legacy Surveys image viewer

DESI : 1st light

The OII emission-line doublet is a “signature” line that we will be using for most of our DESI redshift mapping



Background: Antonis Farmakopoulos

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The Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument : Mayall (4 m) at Kitt Peak, AZ

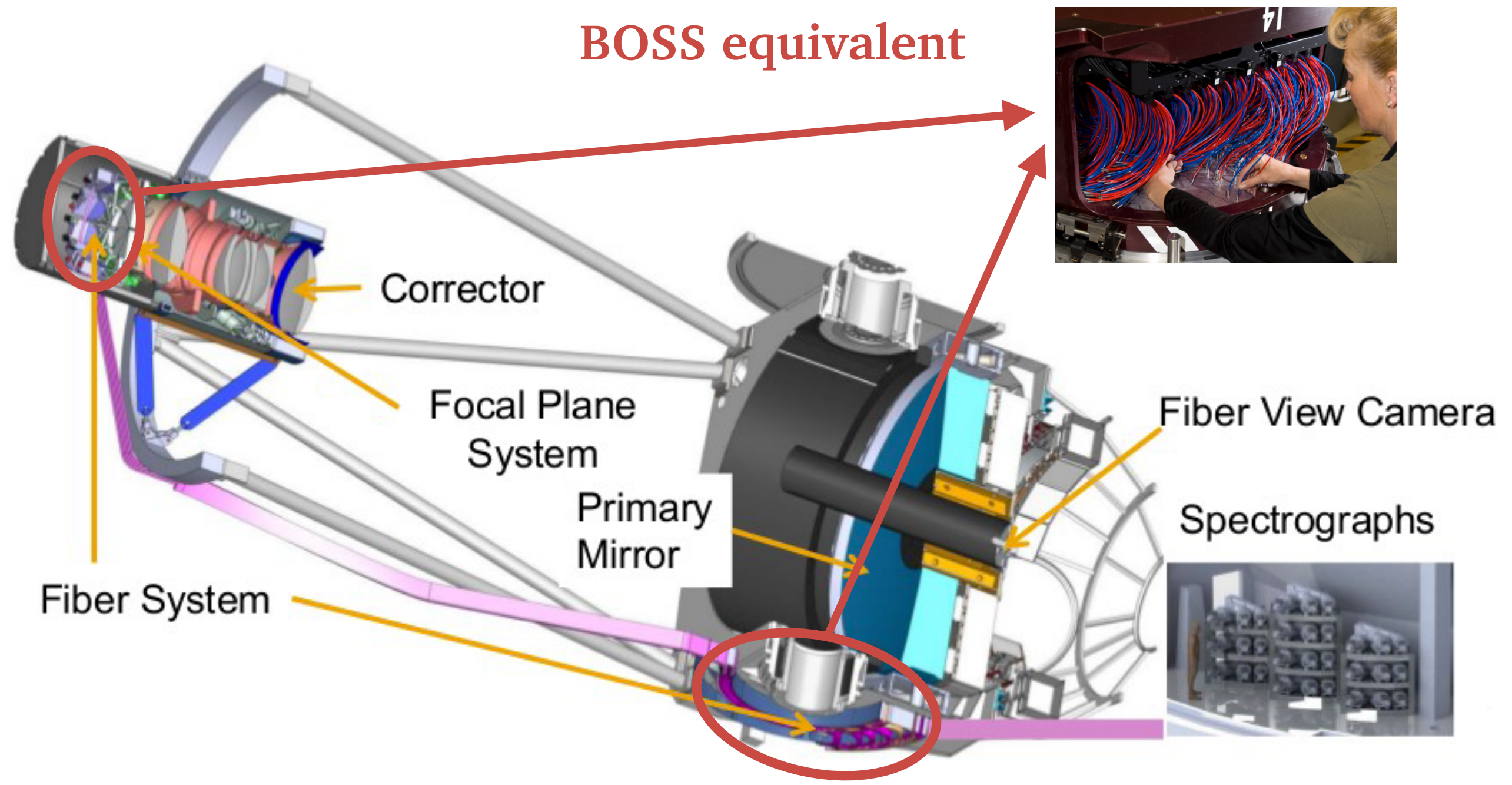
- Mirror area **x 2.4**
- Number of fibers **x 5**
- Telescope throughput **x 1.6**
- Resolution **x 2.3** at 7000 Å (for ELGs OII doublet detection, but higher S/N for all lines)
- Fiber positioners instead of drilled plates : more flexibility/science
- Stable spectrographs : smaller sky systematic residuals
- Atmospheric Dispersion Compensator : smaller fiber aperture losses
- DESI can detect an emission line **3 times fainter** than BOSS in the same exposure time
- ...or detect the same galaxy **9 times faster**
- and so **DESI can measure redshifts 45 times faster than BOSS for ELGs and 20 times faster for QSOs** (no resolution gain)



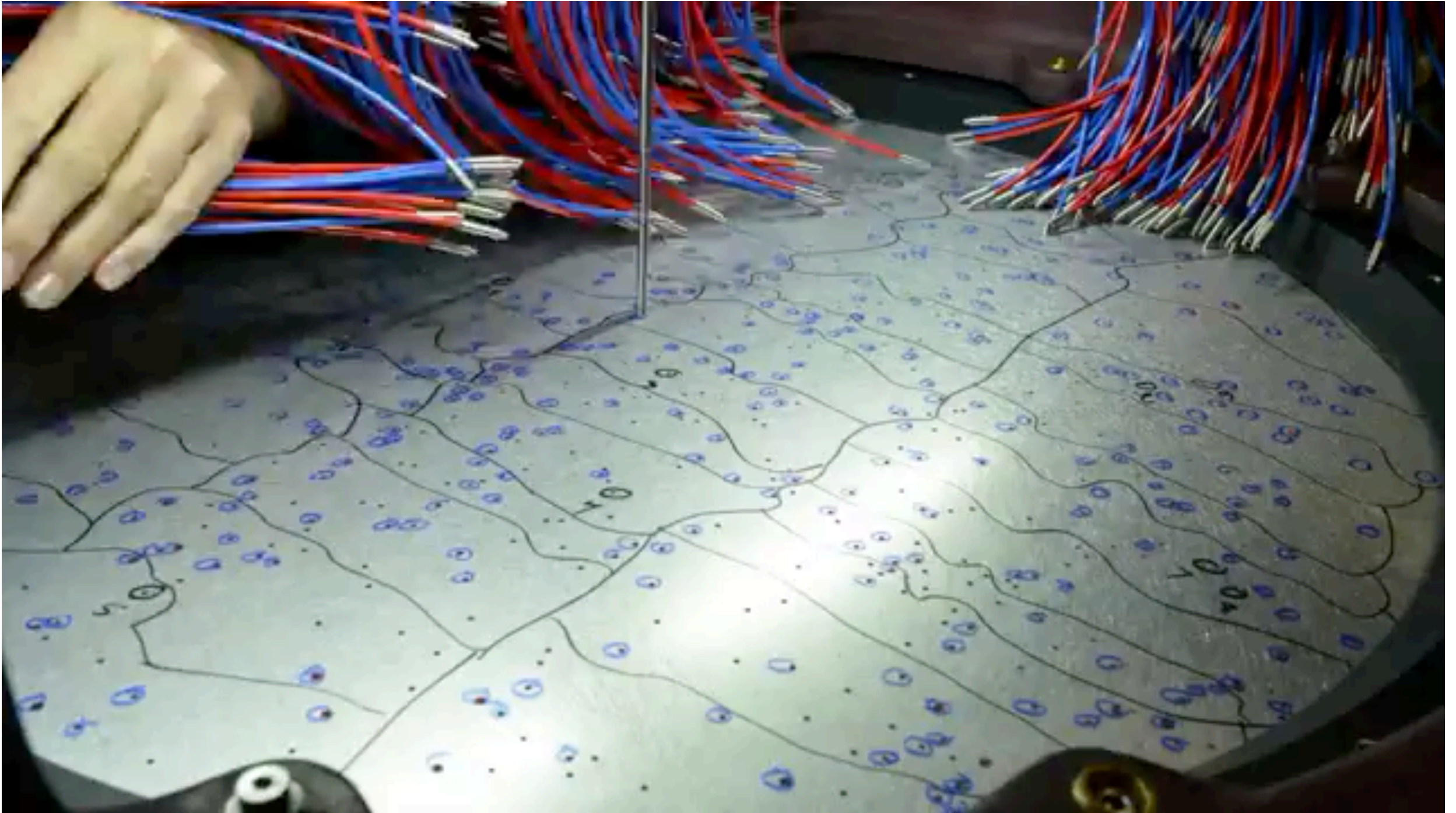
Thank you Julien Guy for this on point comparison !



Stage III — BOSS v. Stage IV — DESI



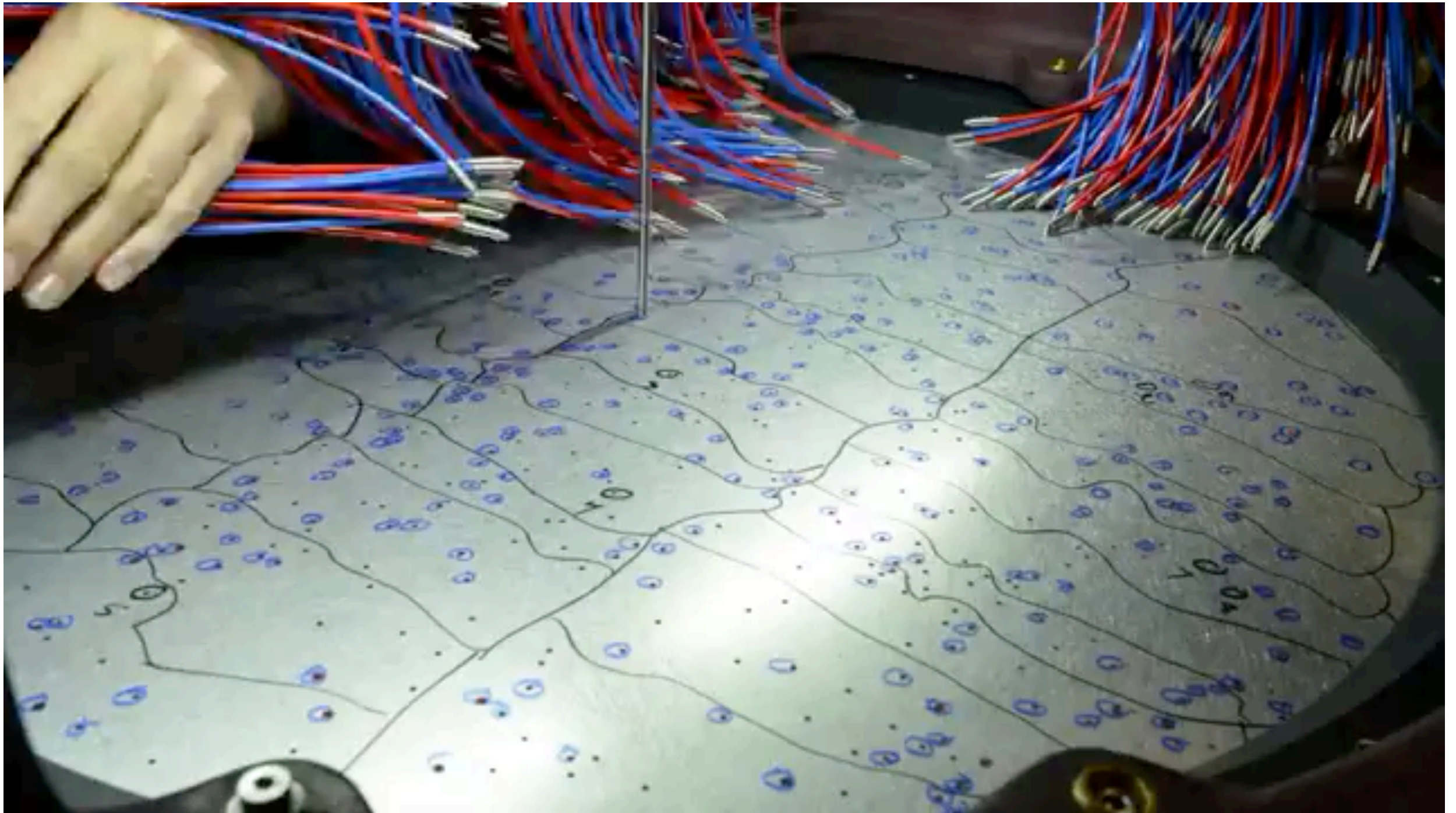
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Credit: SDSS-III / Apache Point Observatory



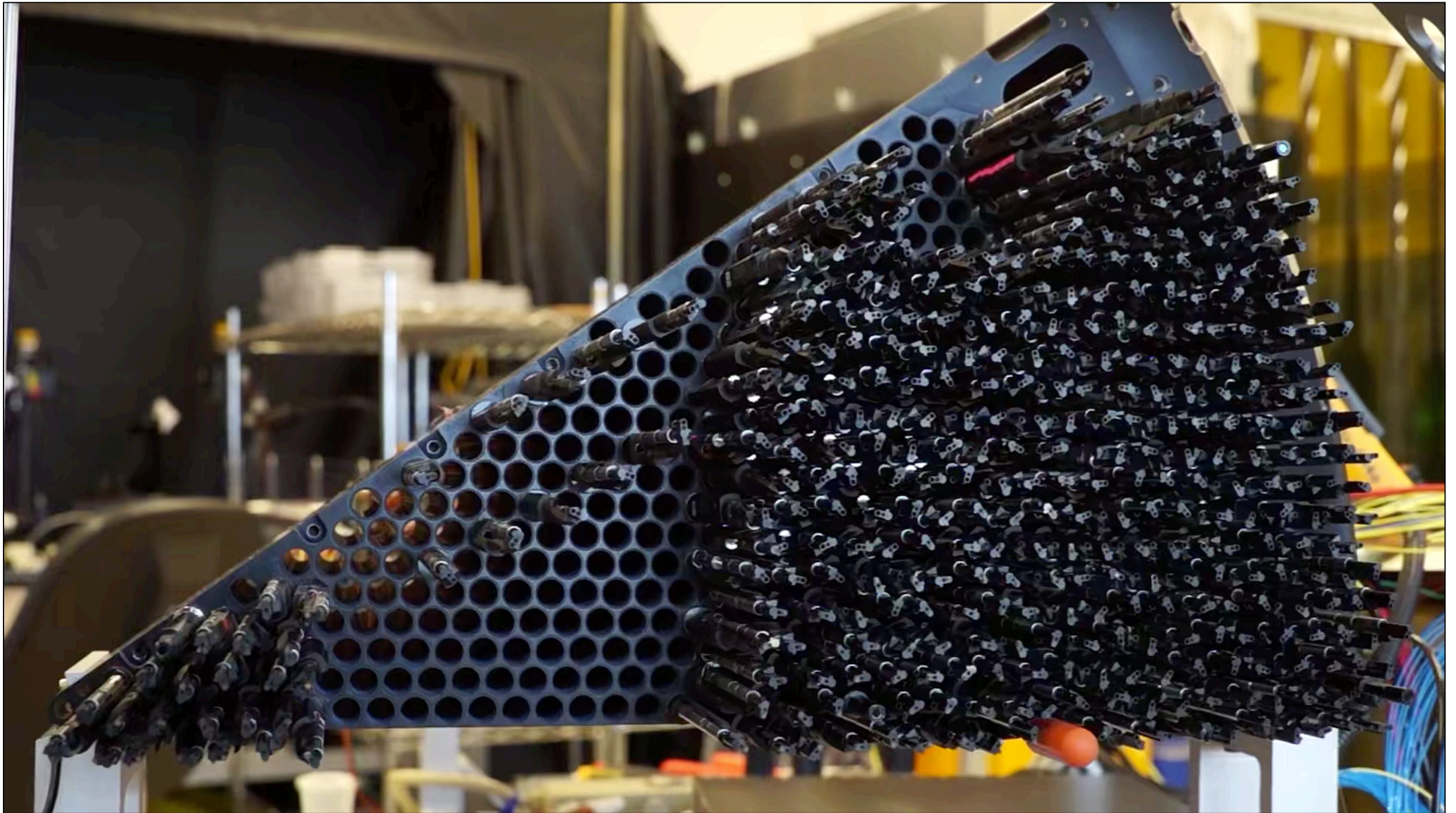
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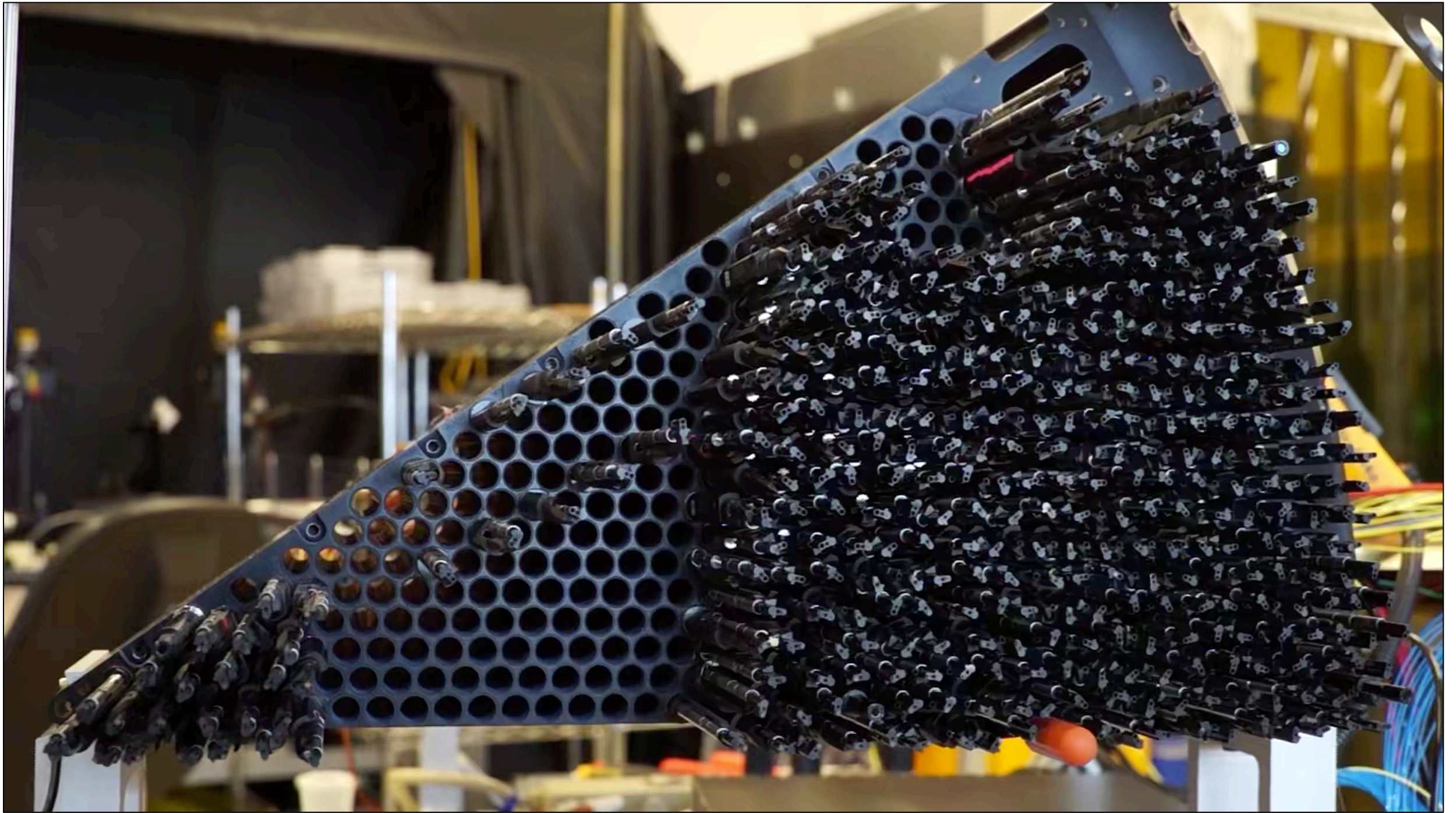
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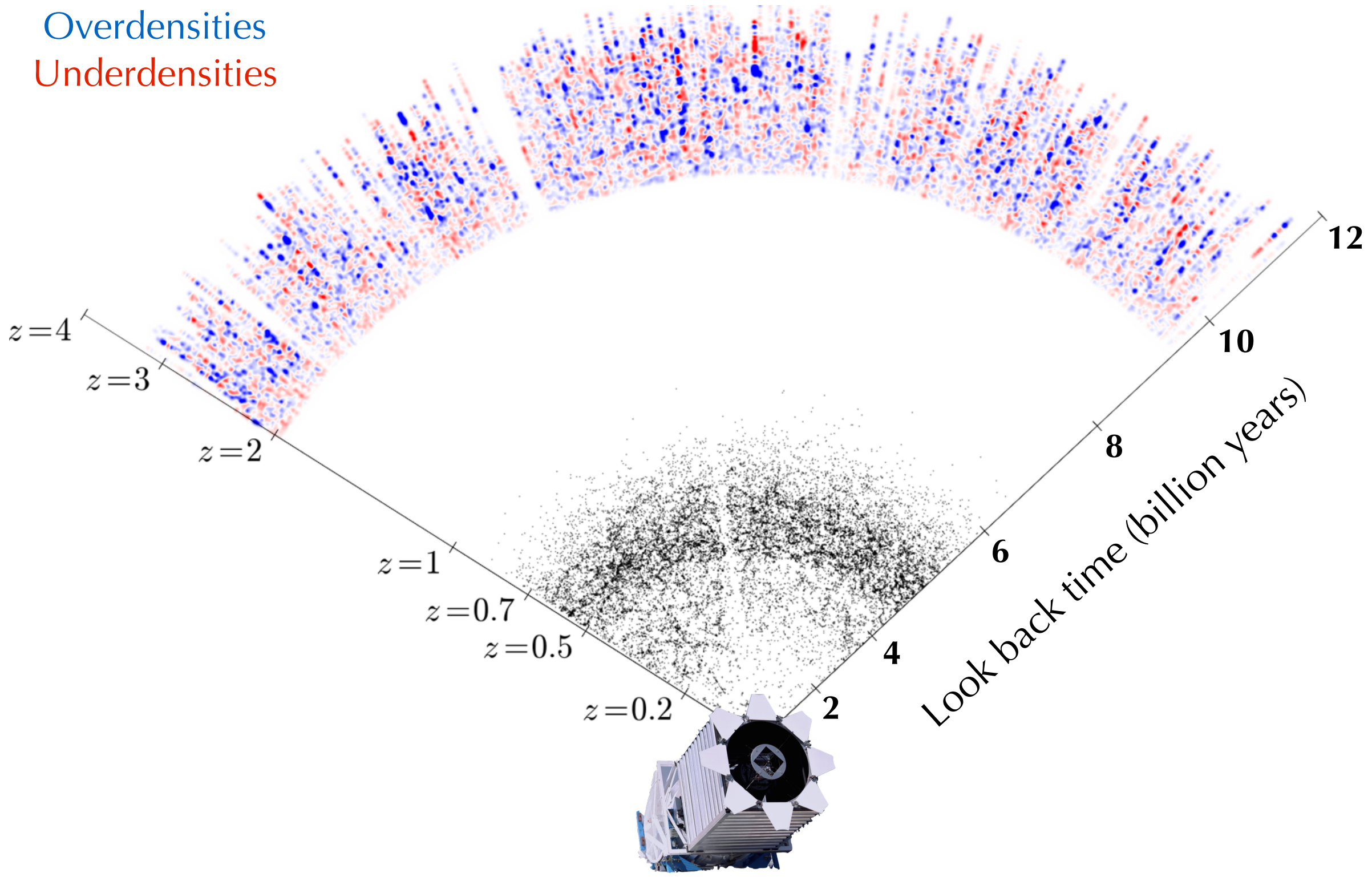


Mapping the Universe with SDSS-III

Early 2010s

SDSS $\sim 2h^{-3}\text{Gpc}^3$ $\rightarrow$ BOSS $\sim 6h^{-3}\text{Gpc}^3$

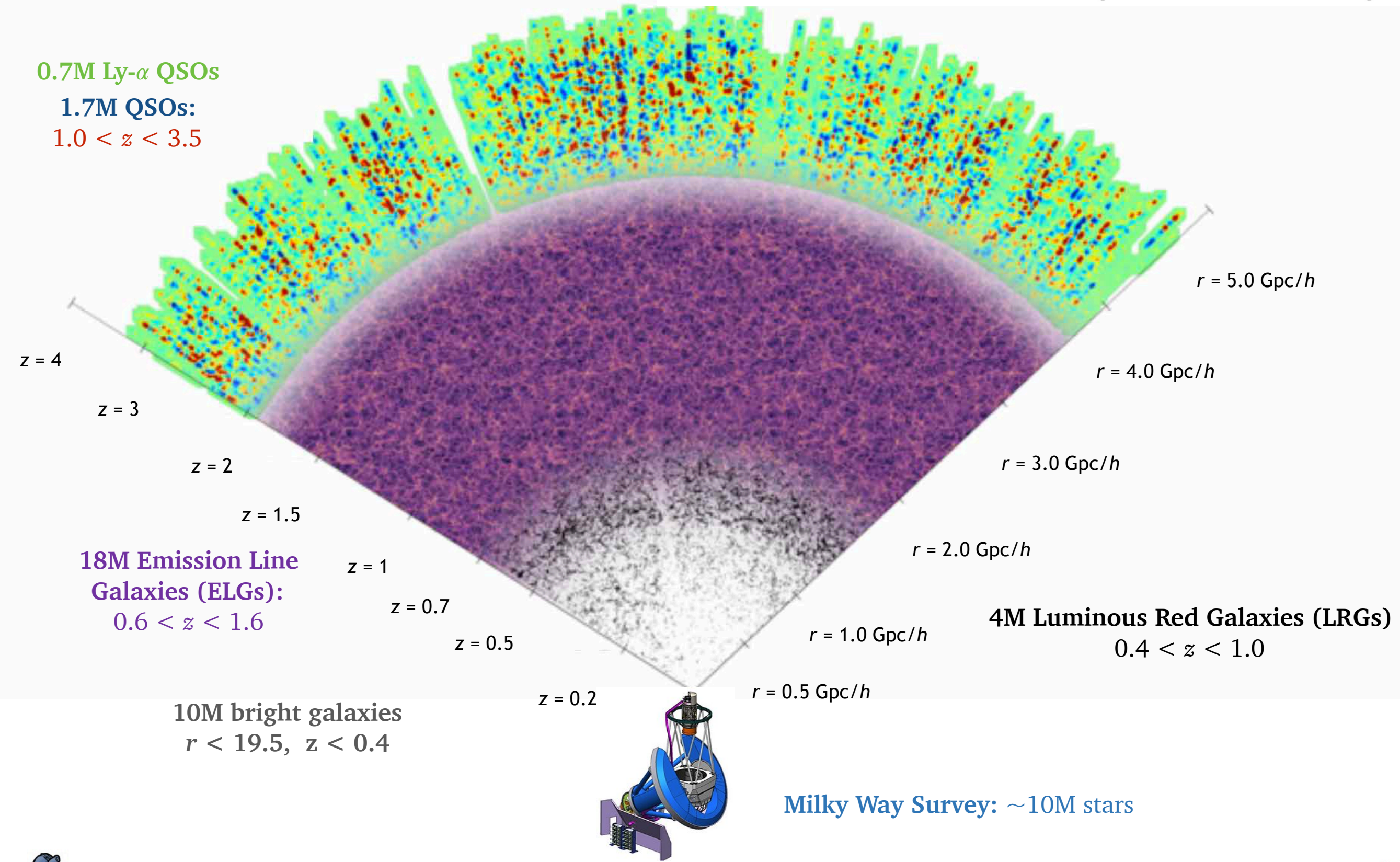
Overdensities
Underdensities



DESI Survey: 35M redshifts in 5 years

Early 2020s

BOSS $\sim 6h^{-3}\text{Gpc}^3$ $\rightarrow$ DESI $50h^{-3}\text{Gpc}^3$



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- **Intergalactic Medium - based Cosmology :**
 - **What is it ?**
- The SDSS-III Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey
 - Main cosmological results
 - Corrections
 - Adjacent science
- The Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument
 - Forecasts for DESI Ly α
 - Opportunities & Challenges

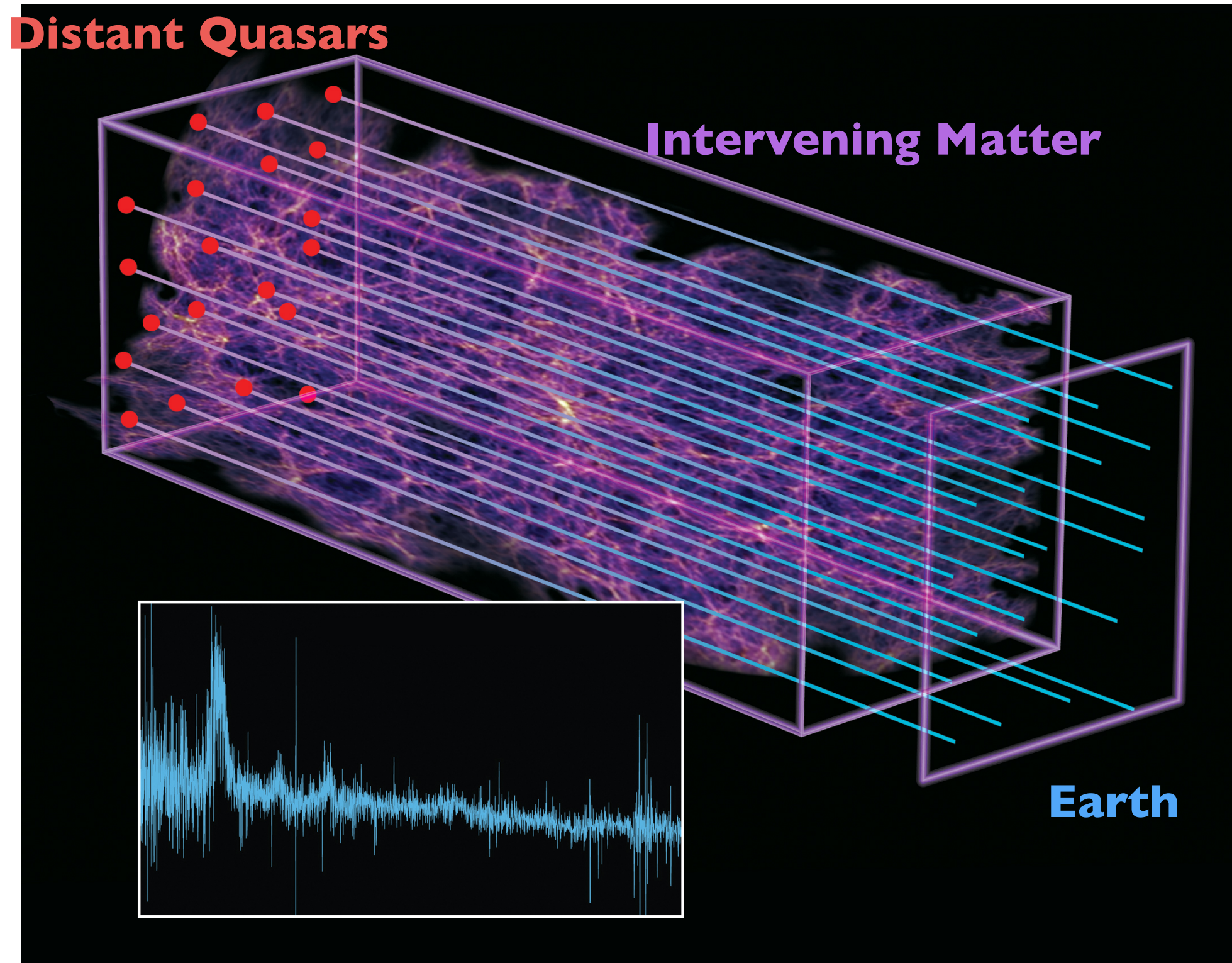


- Brightest objects in the Universe powered by accretion disk of a SMBH
- Emit across the EM spectrum and can be observed in radio, IR, visible, UV and X-ray
- Reach maximum luminosity in UV at 1216 Å (the Ly α e- transition of H I)
- Can be found on a broad range of distances: $0.1 < z < 7$
- More abundant in the earlier Universe than today ; higher density of quasars at redshift $z = 2 - 3$
- Provide an uncalibrated broadband backlight

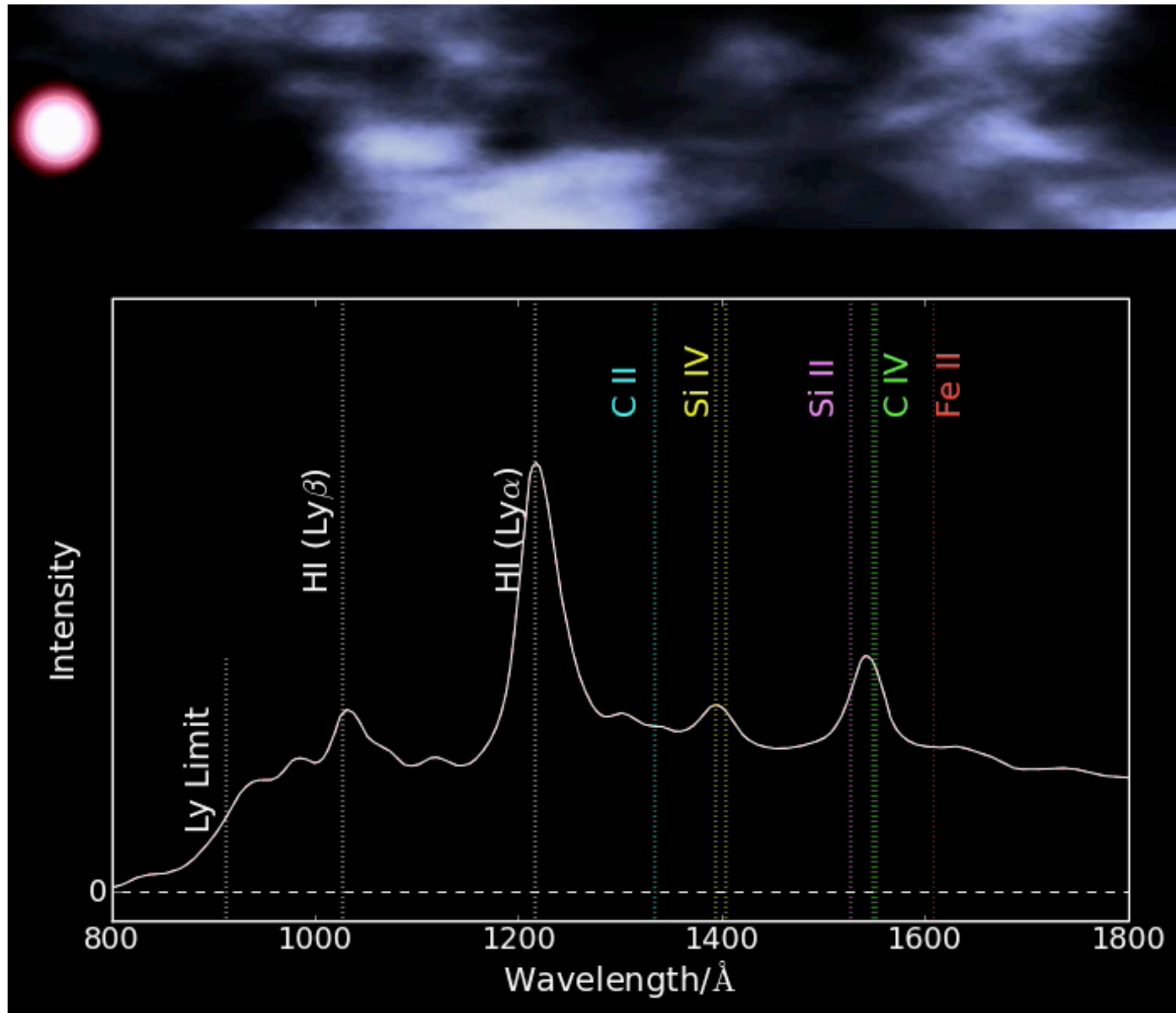
... what does that mean ?



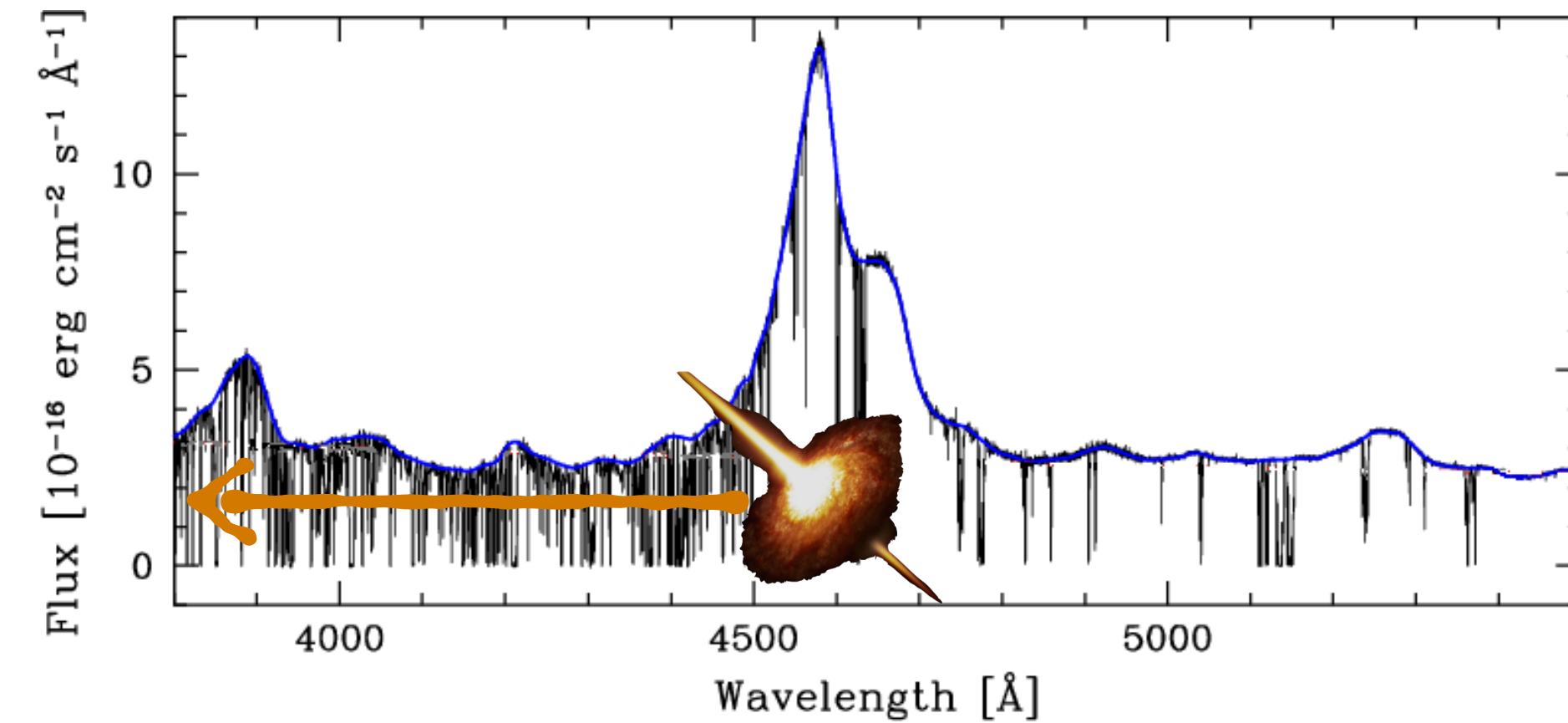
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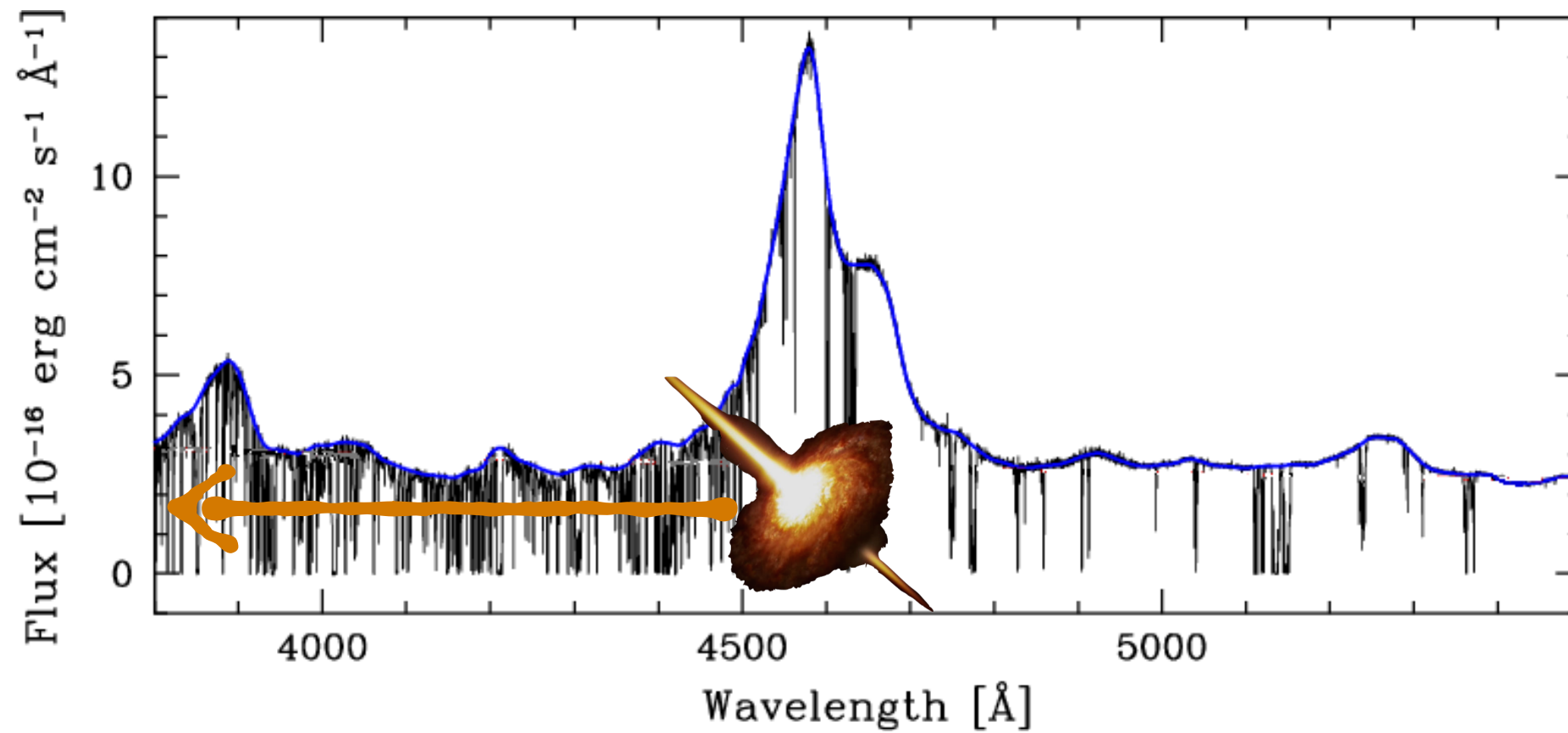
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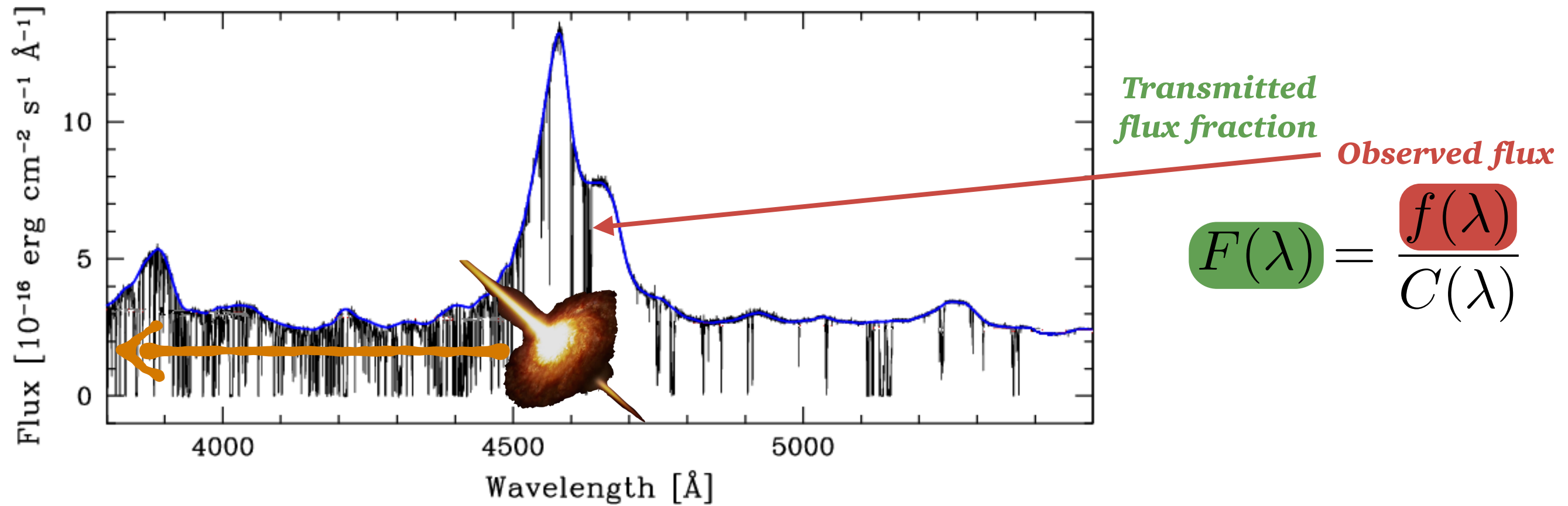
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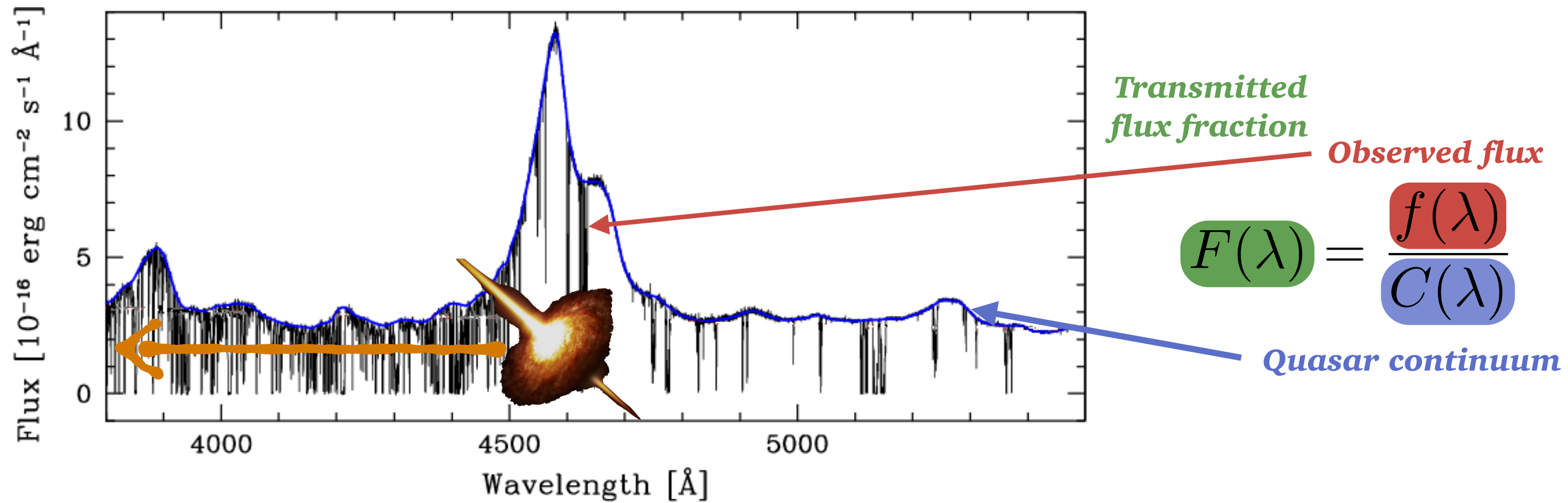
*Transmitted
flux fraction*

$$F(\lambda) = \frac{f(\lambda)}{C(\lambda)}$$

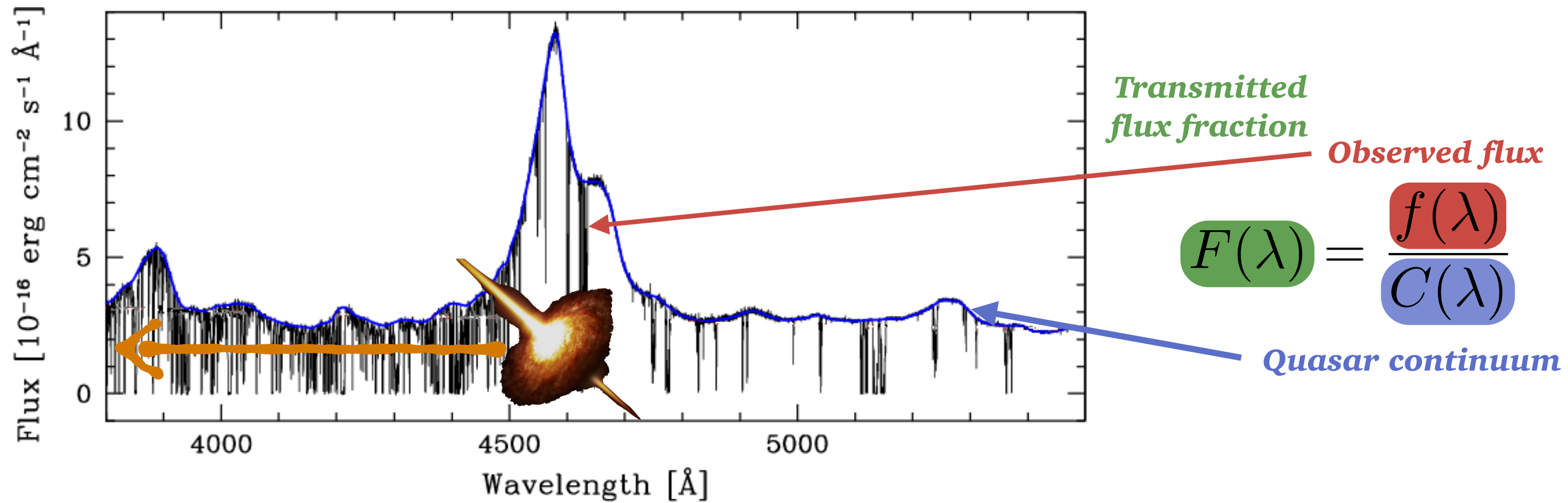
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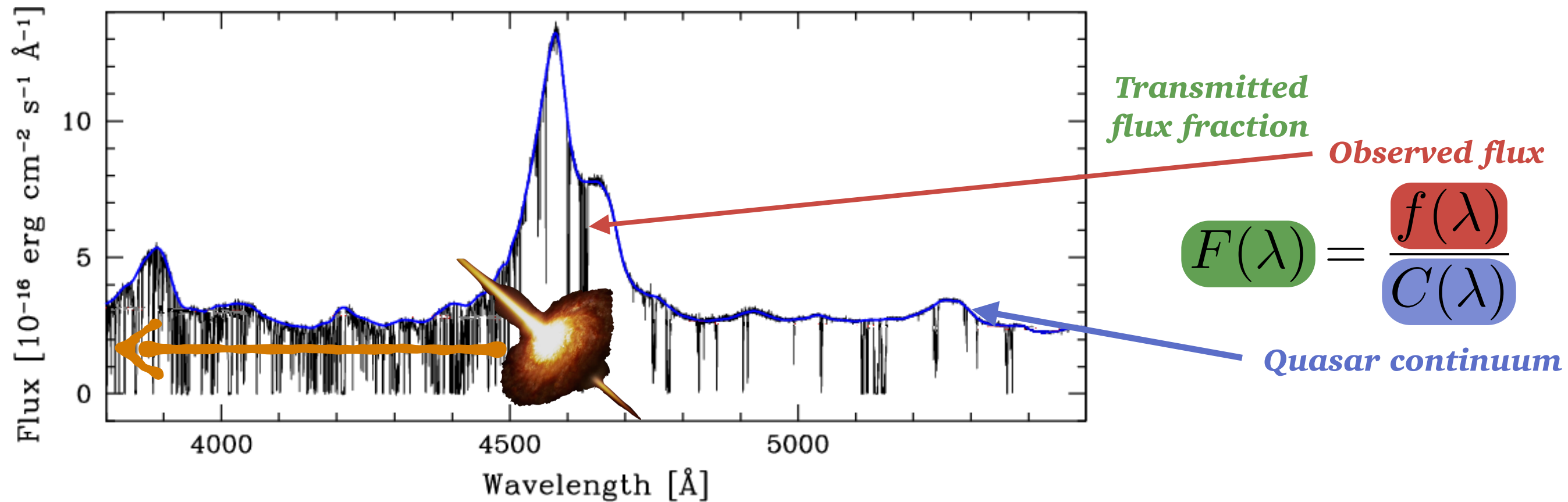
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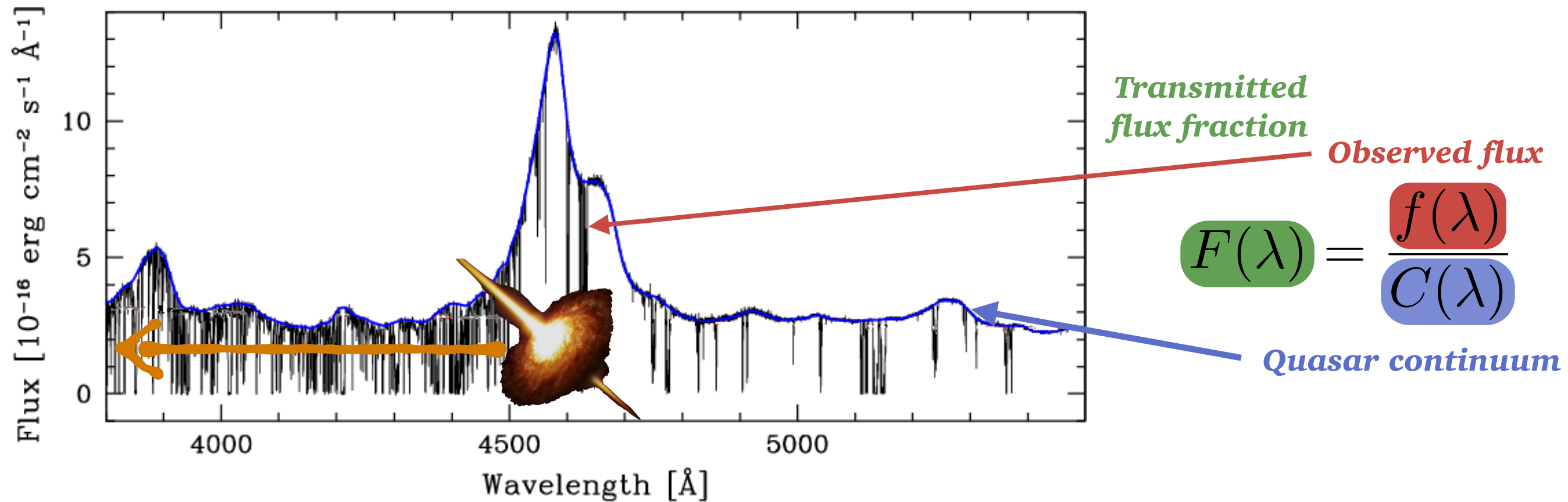
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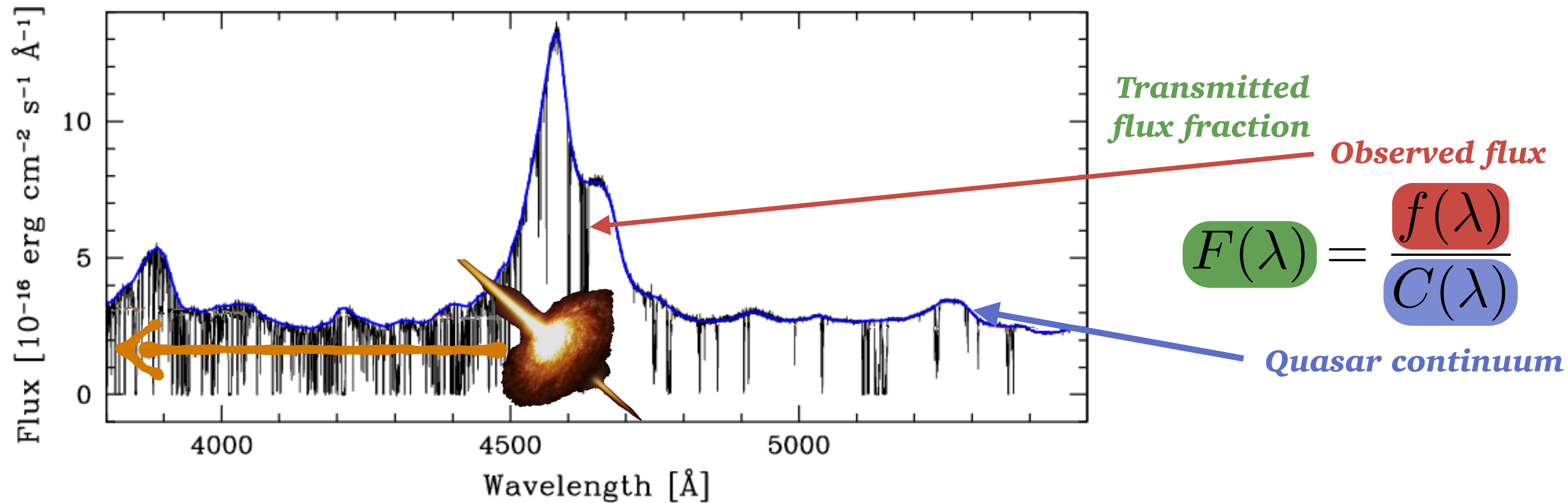
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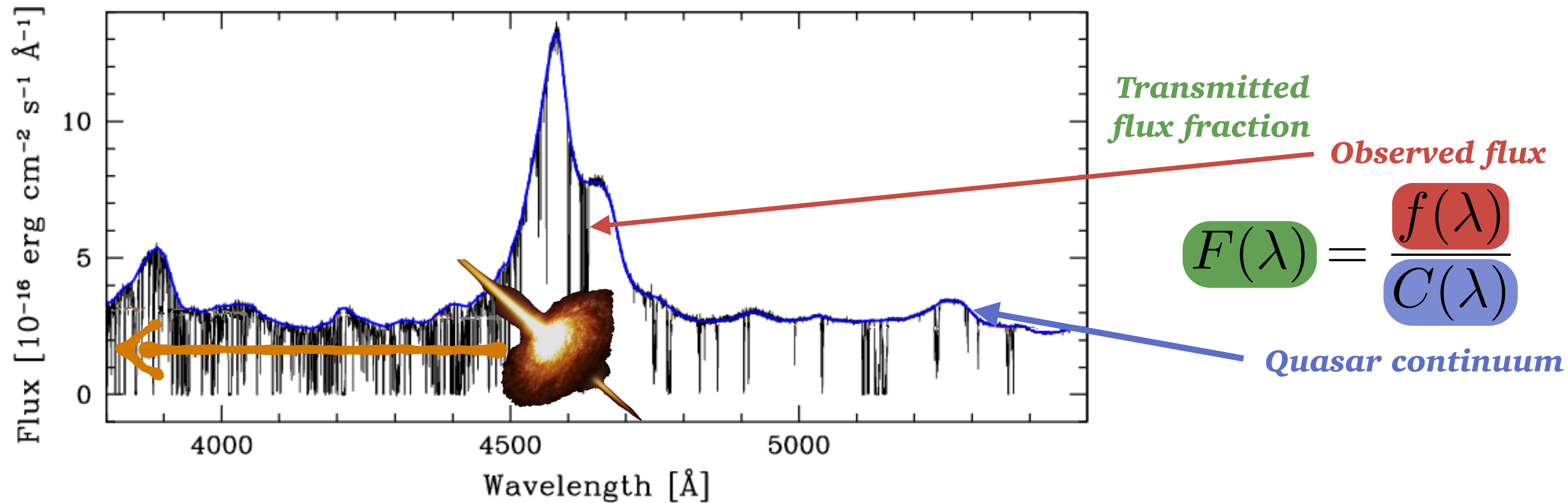
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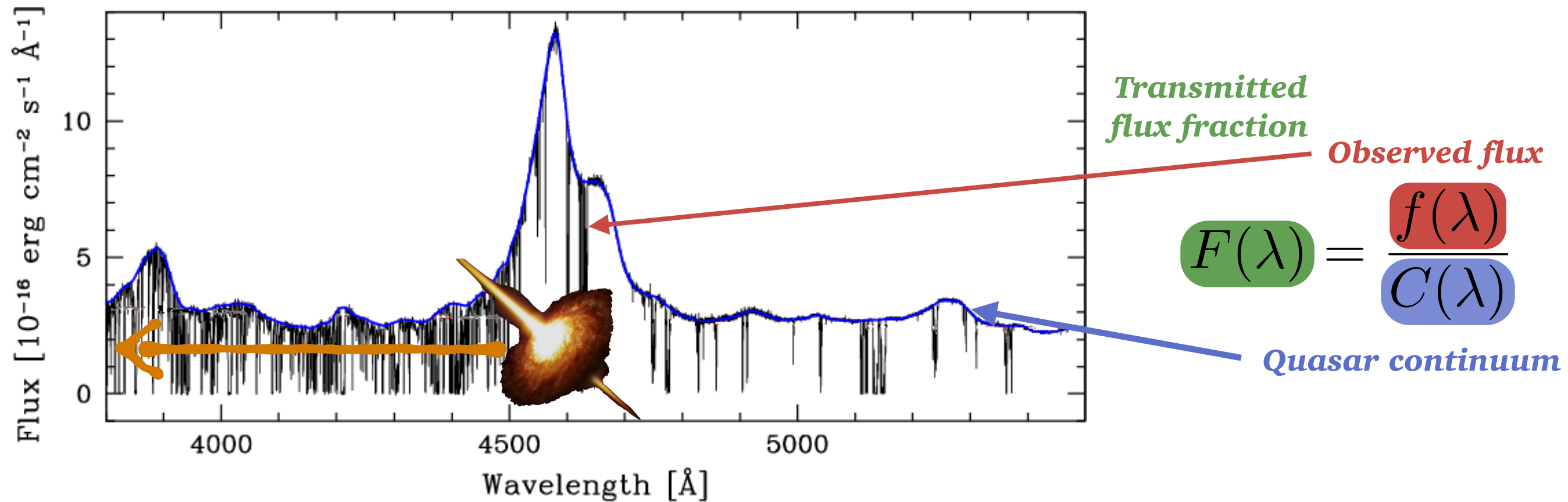
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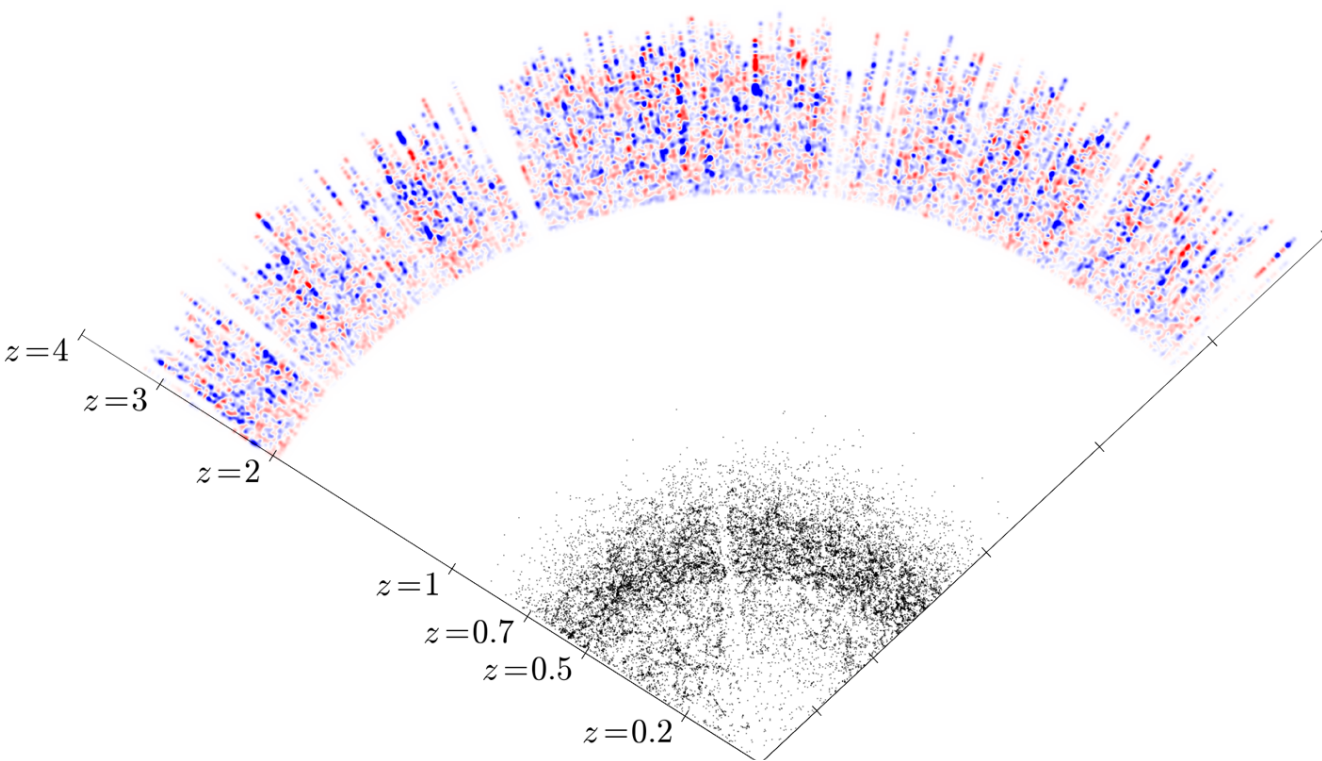
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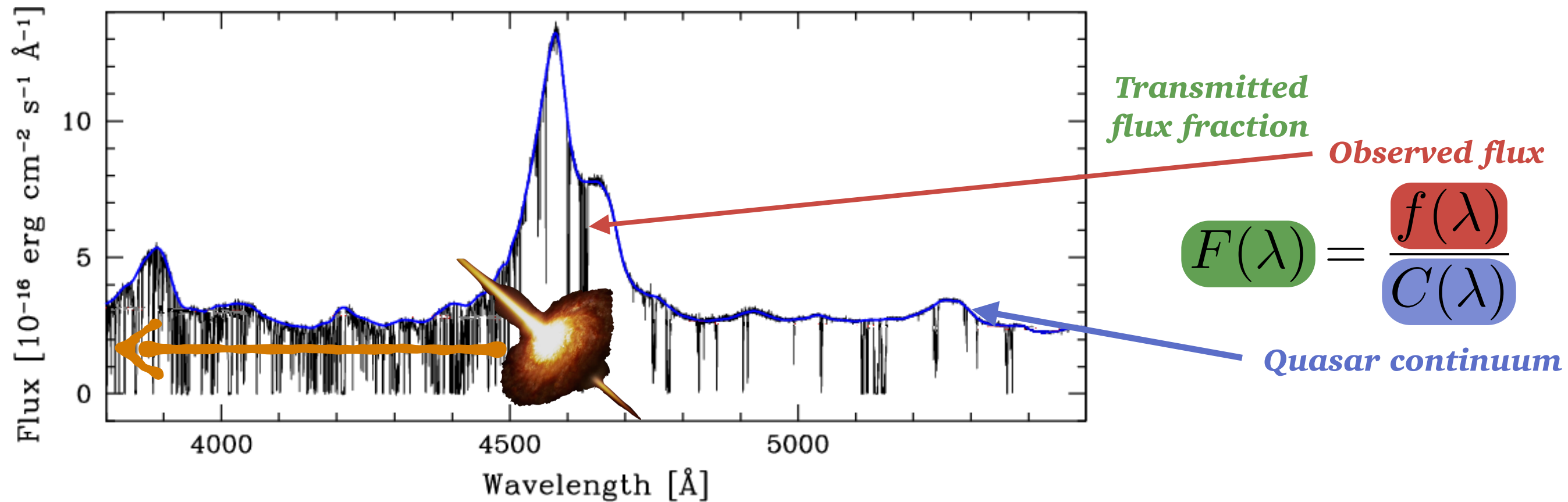


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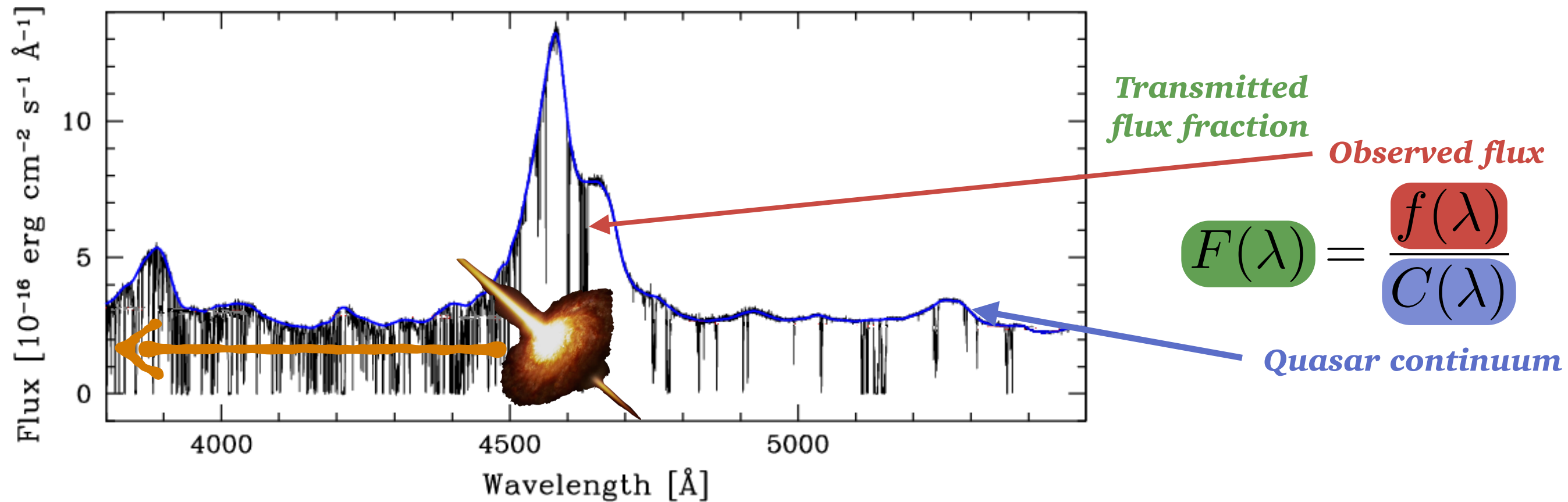
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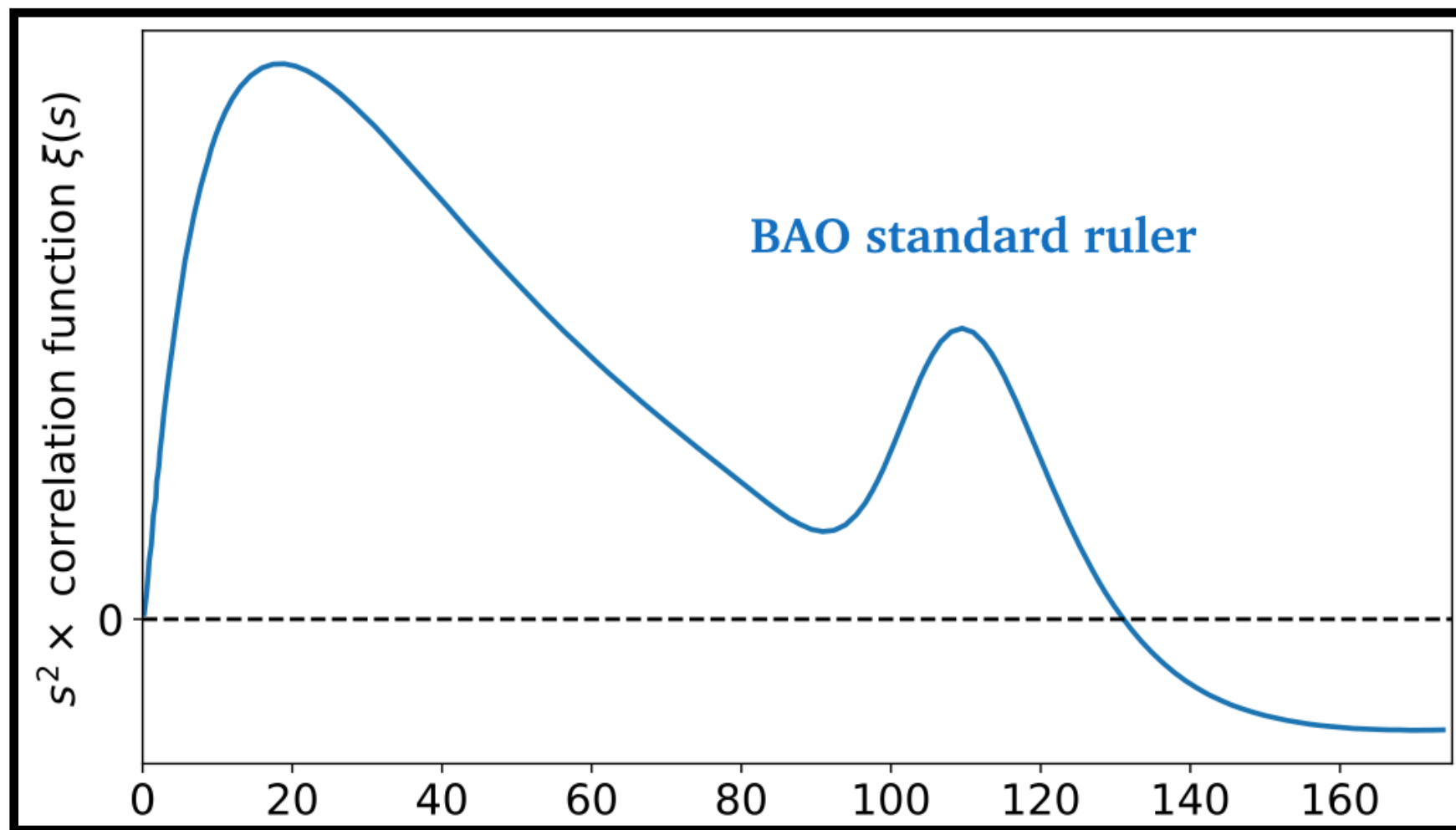
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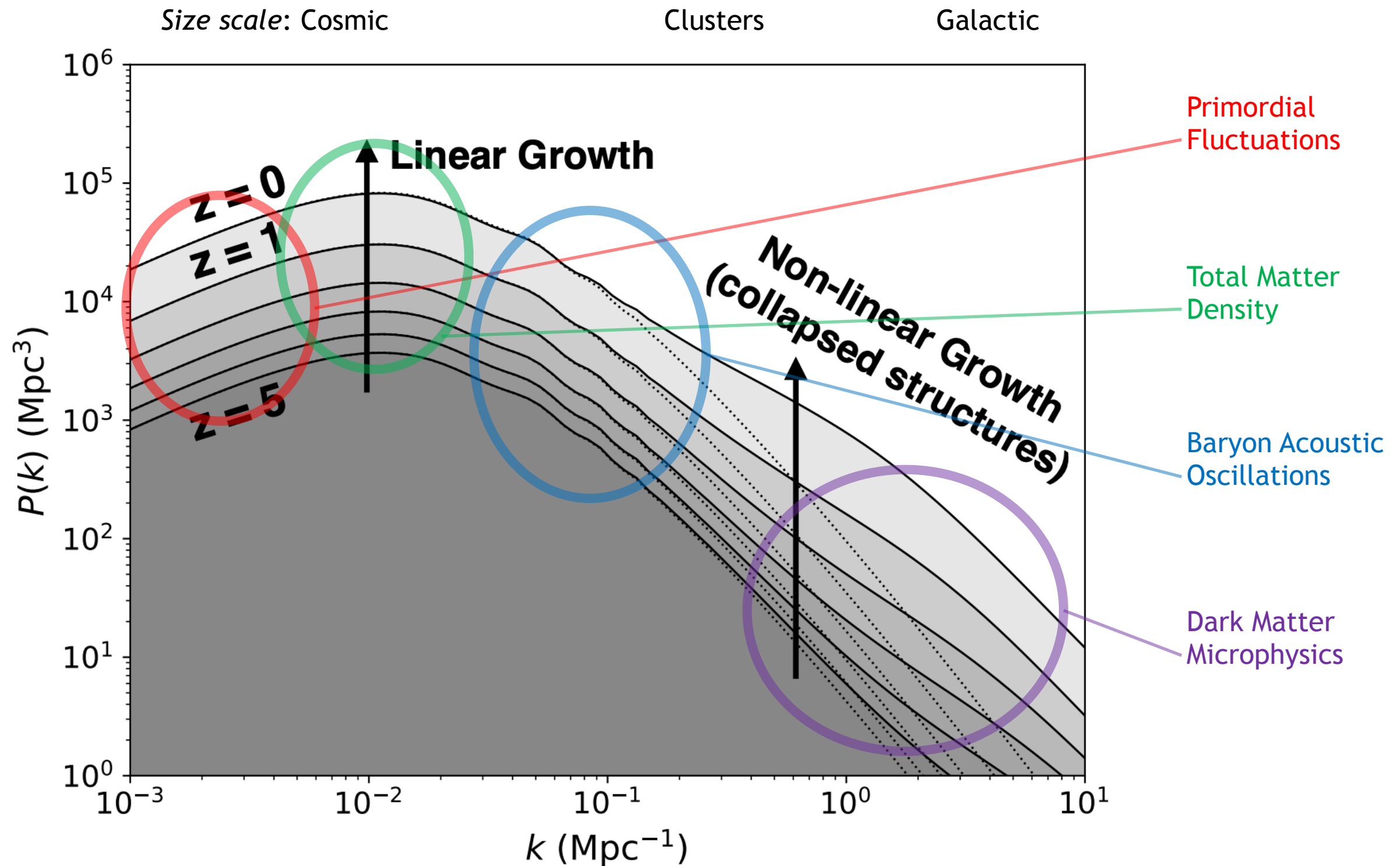
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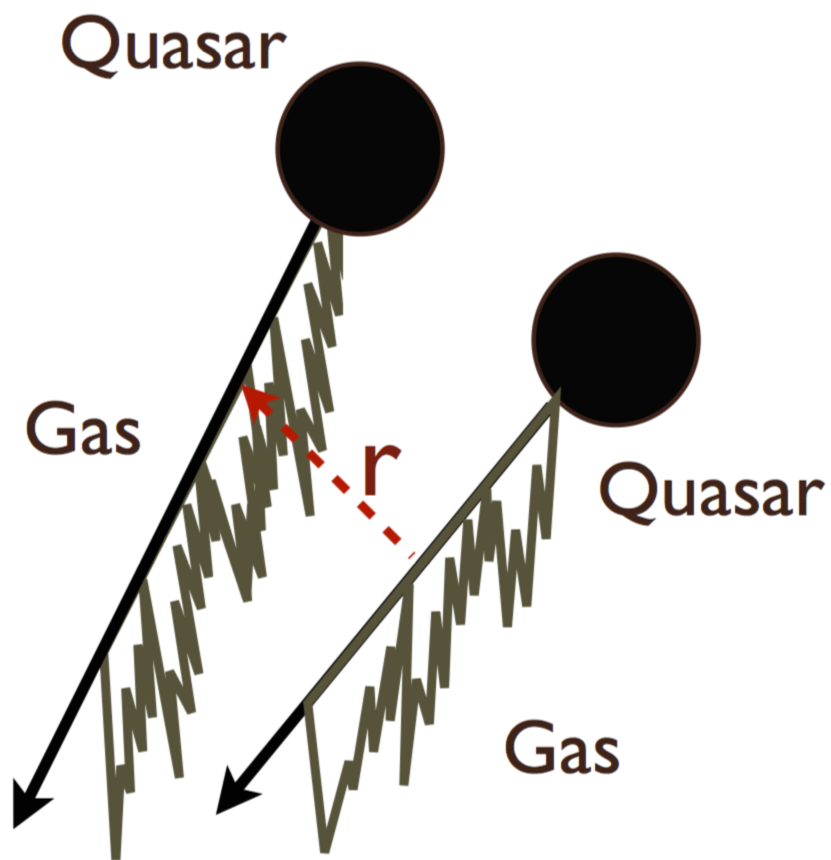
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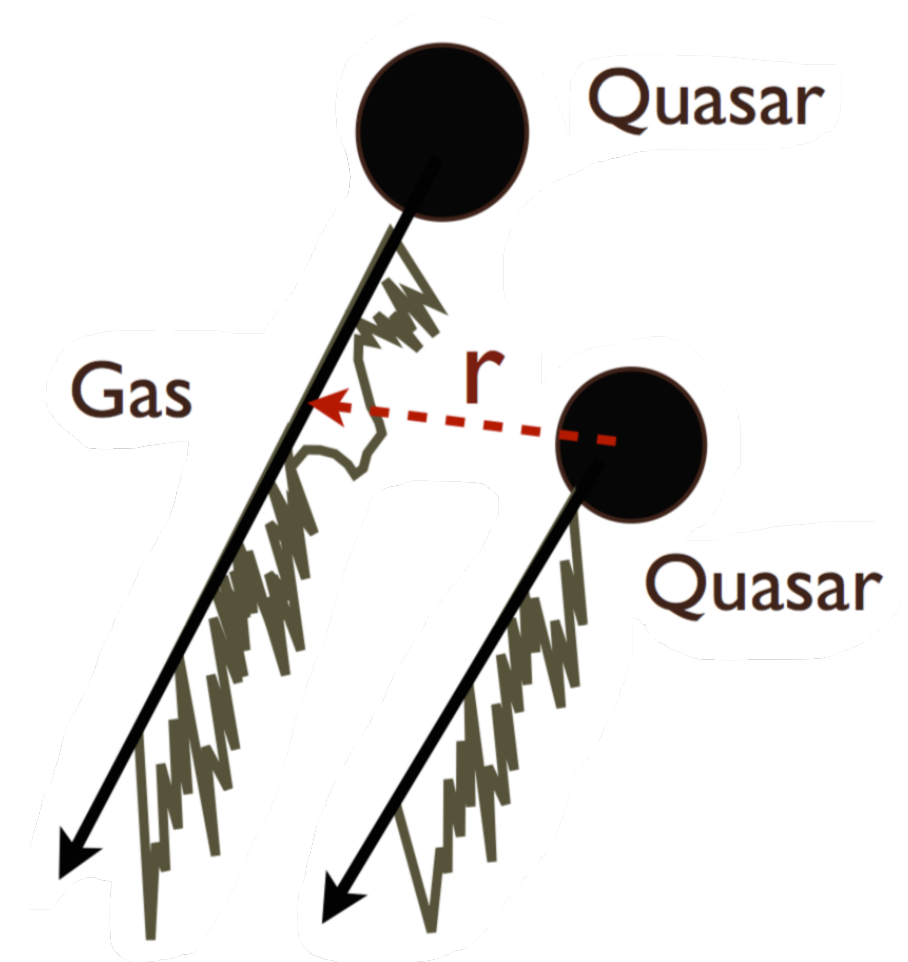


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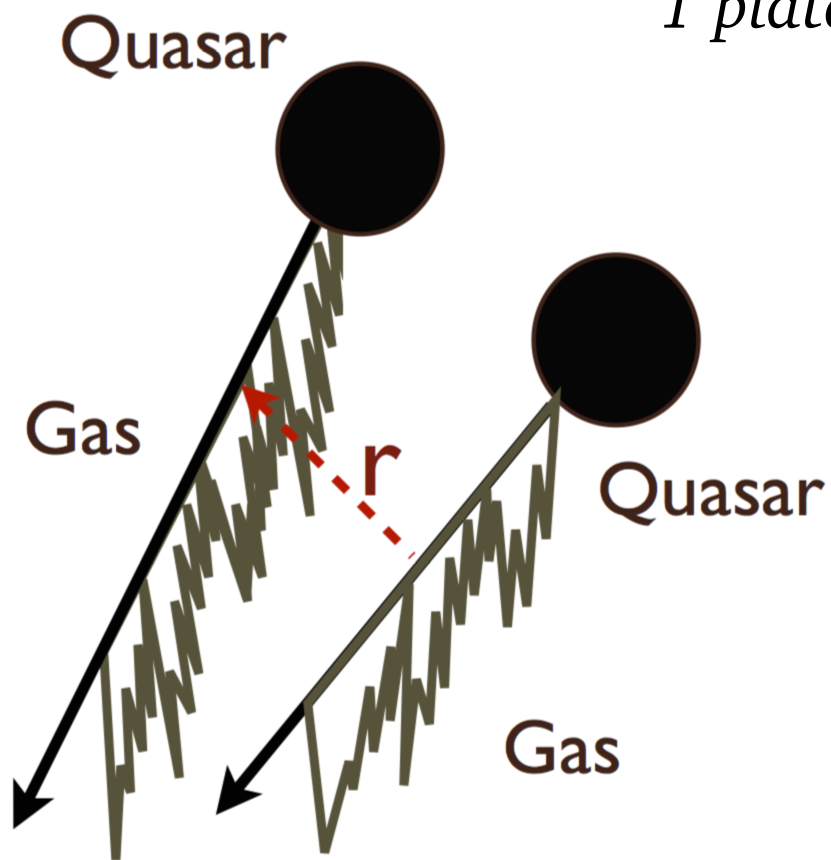
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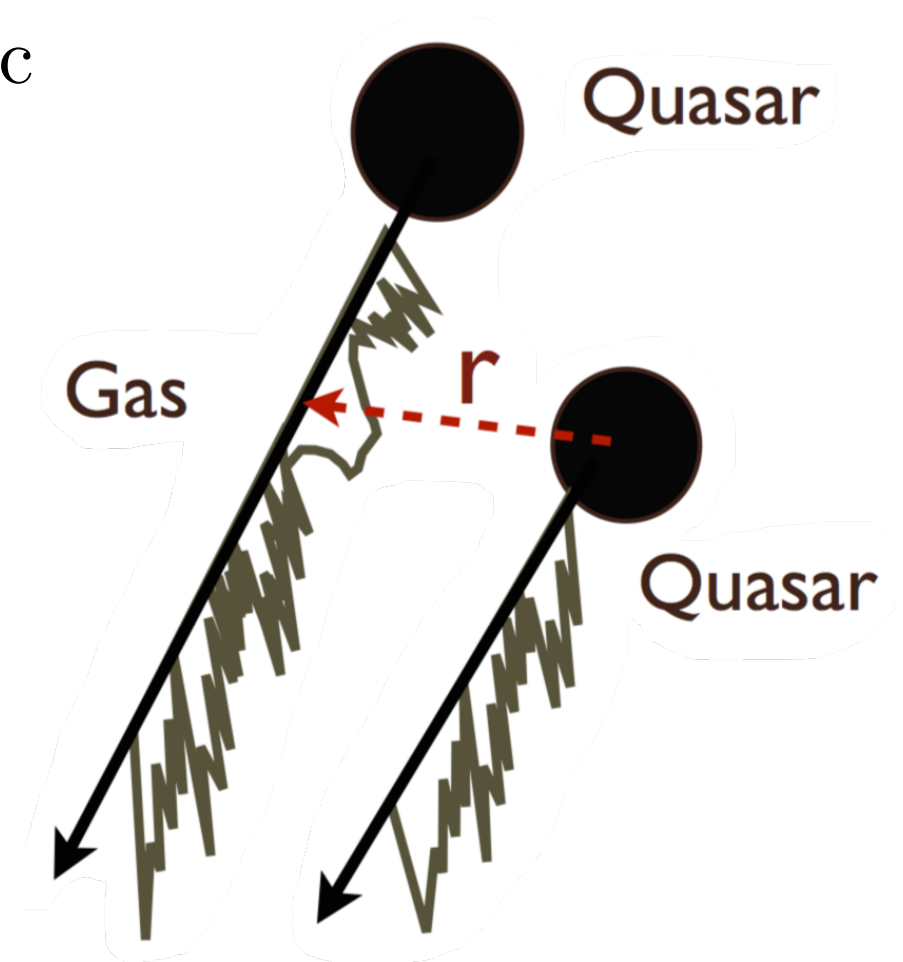
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1 analysis pixel : $1\text{\AA} \sim 70\text{kms}^{-1} \sim 0.7h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$

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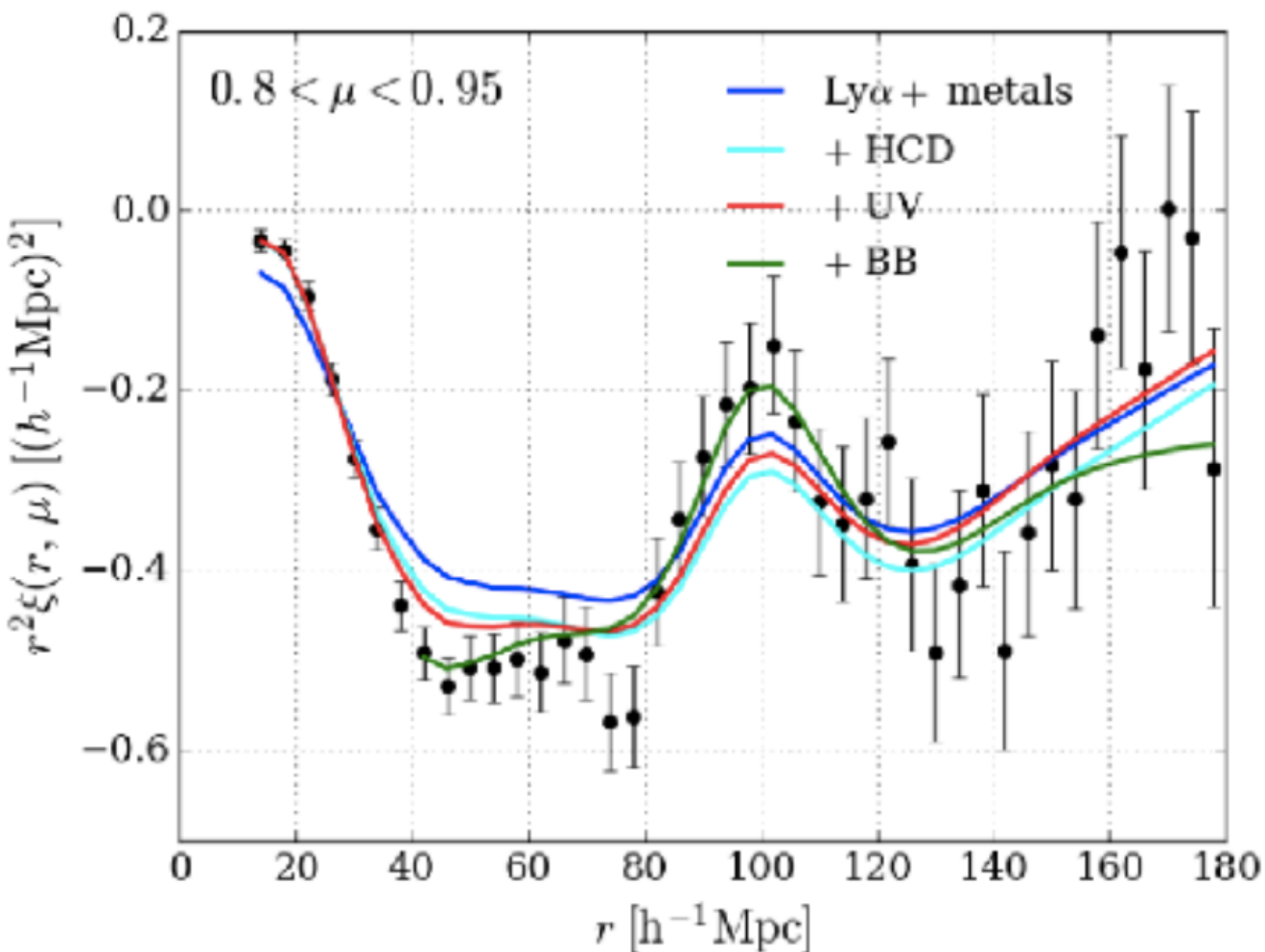


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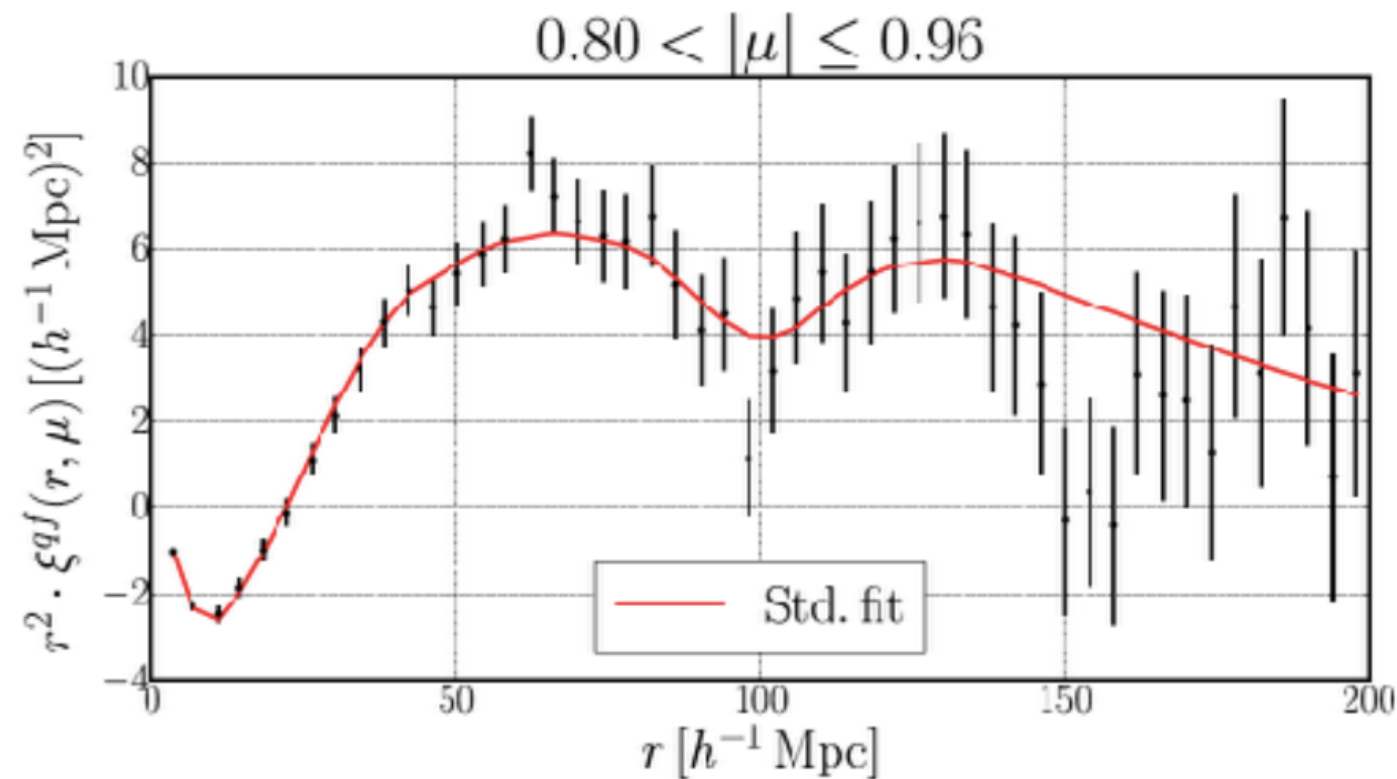
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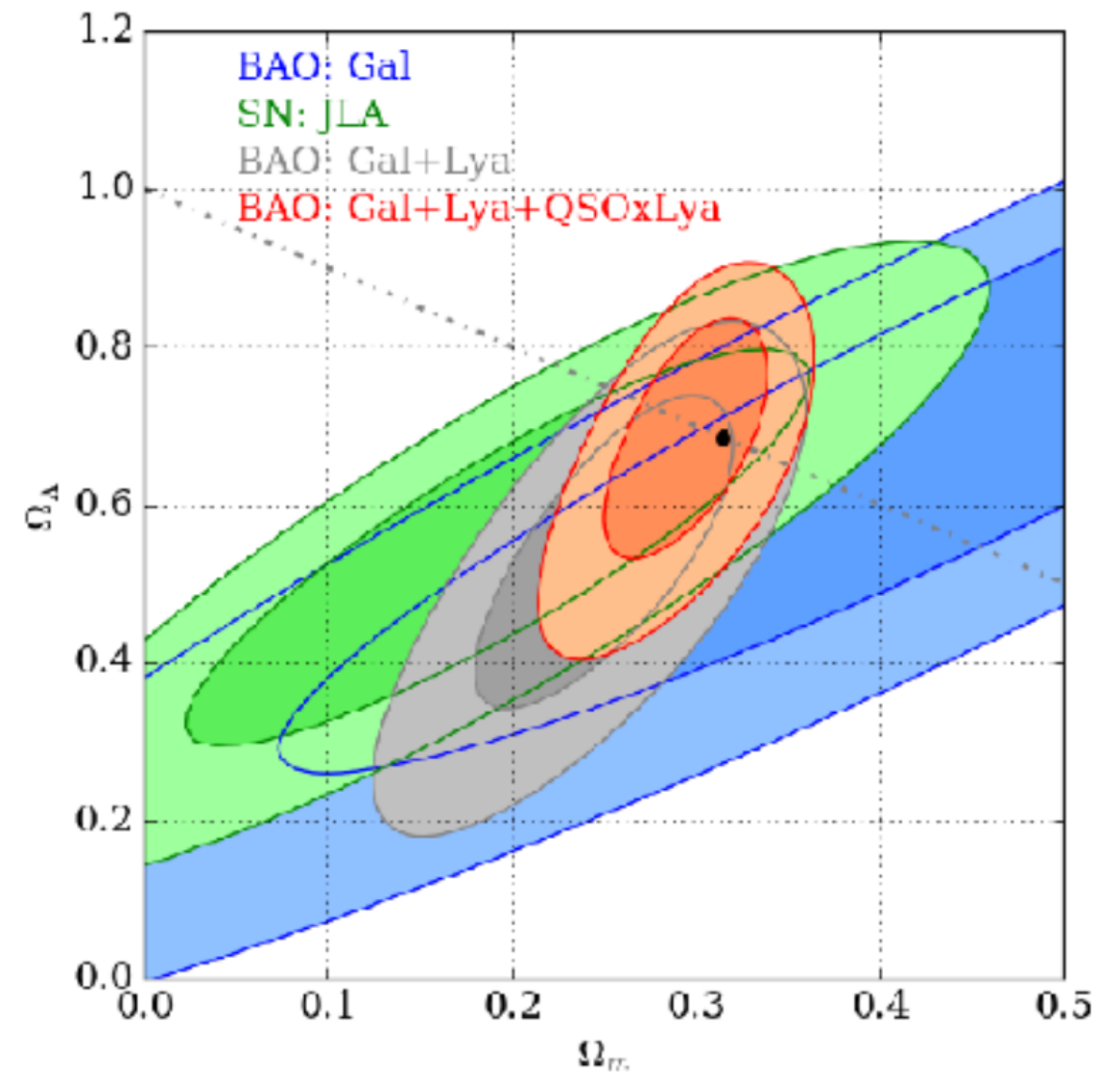
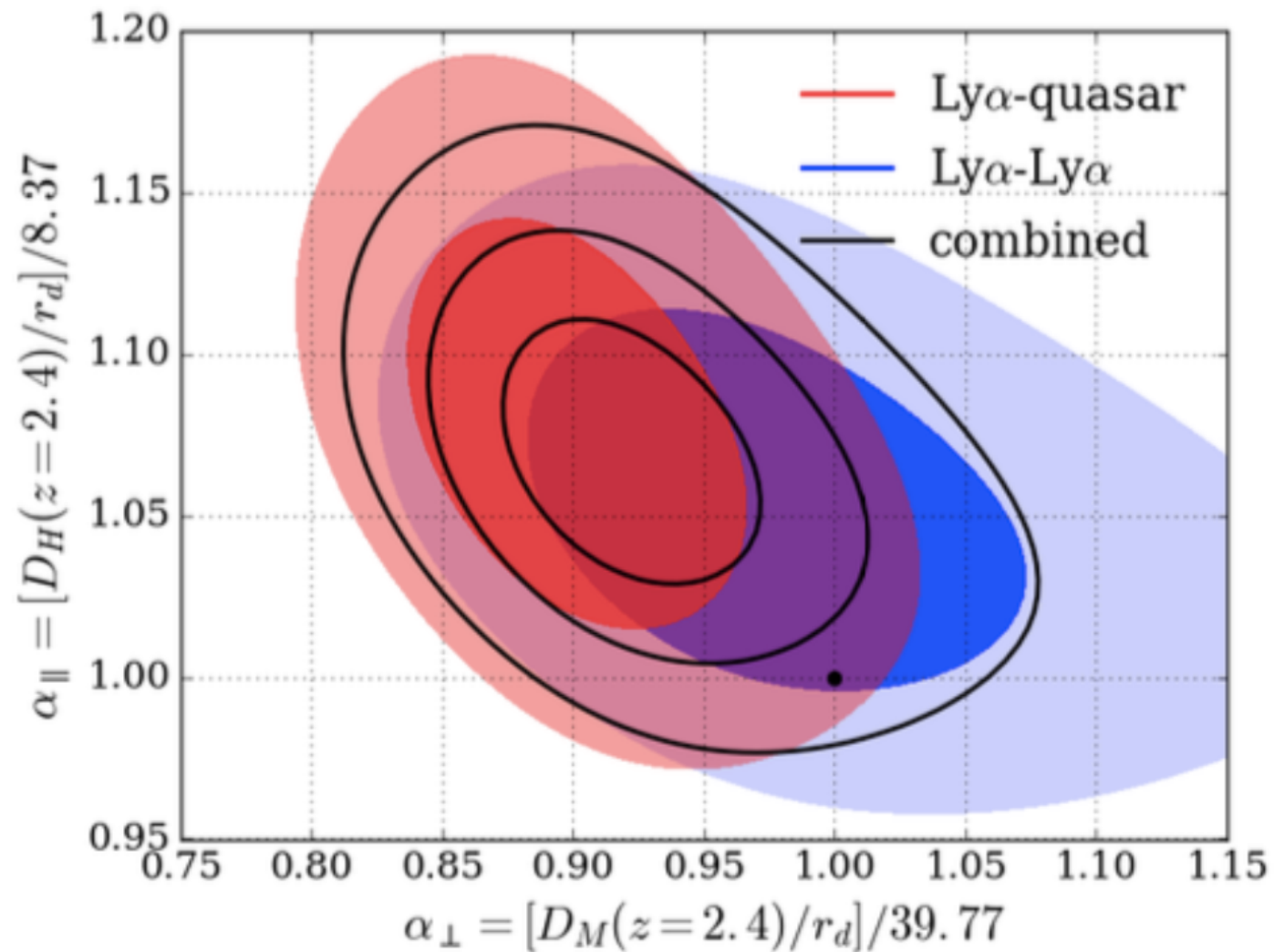
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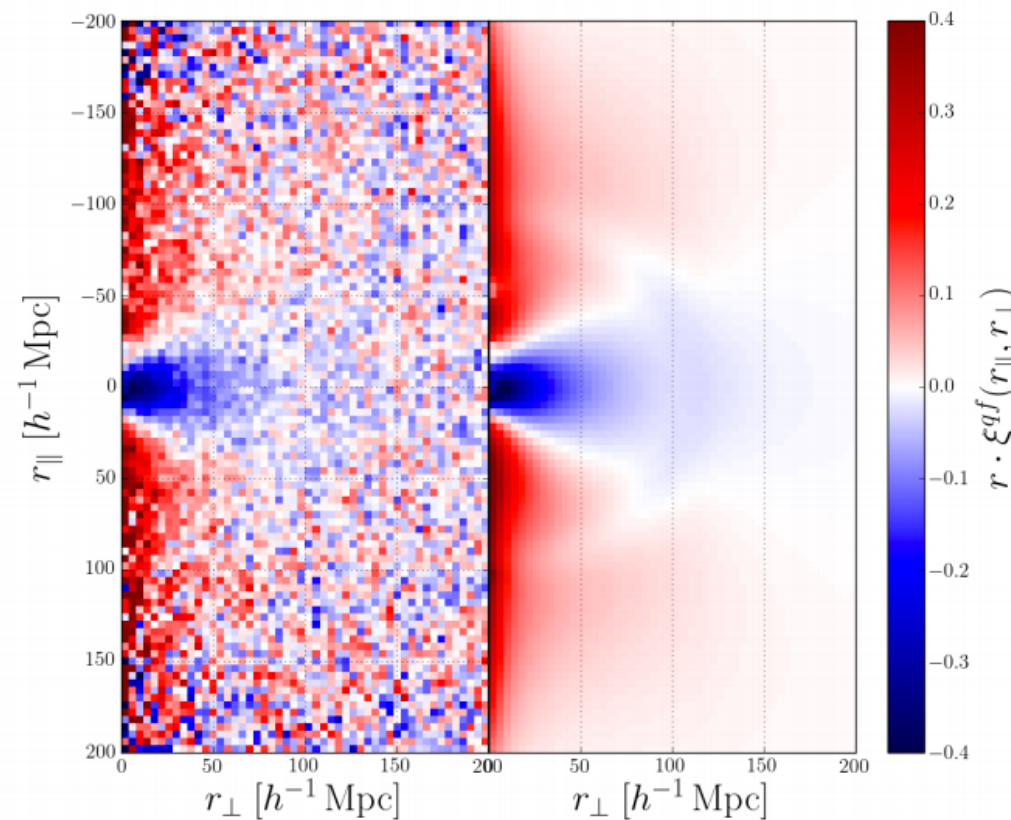
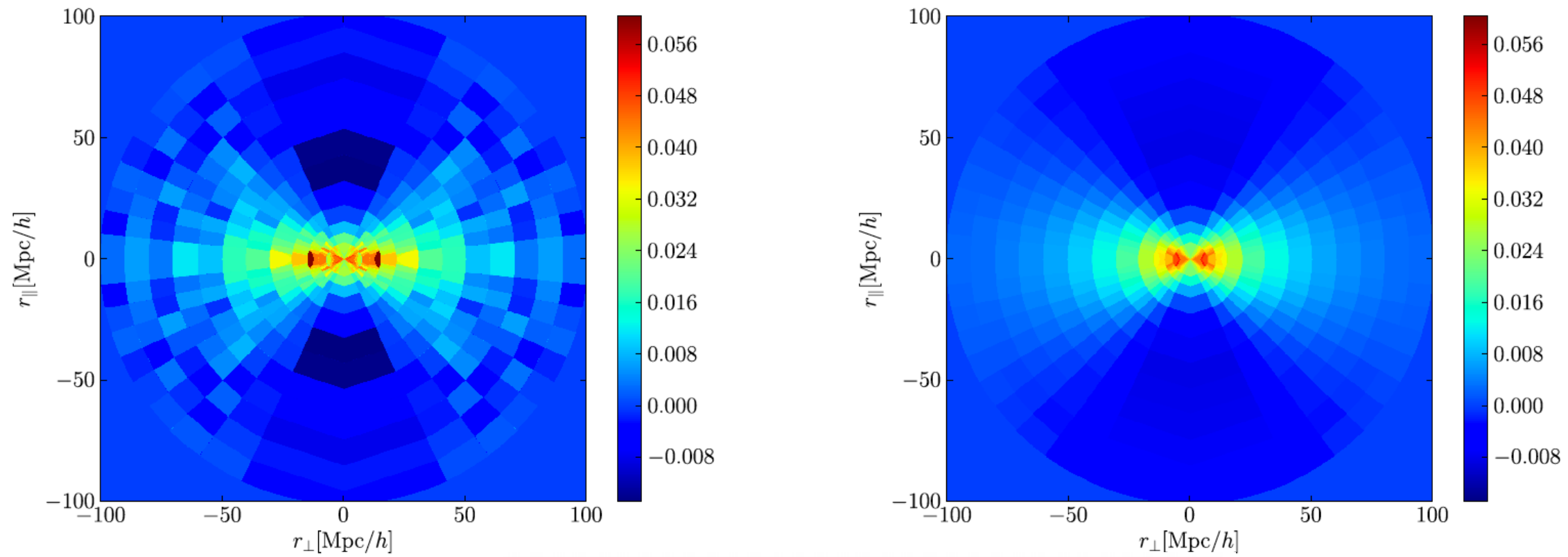


In a flat Λ CDM model :

$$\Omega_m = 0.292 \pm 0.019 \quad \text{BAO (BOSS)}$$

$$\Omega_m = 0.315 \pm 0.017 \quad \text{CMB (PLANCK)}$$

RSD from $\text{Ly}\alpha$ autocorrelation



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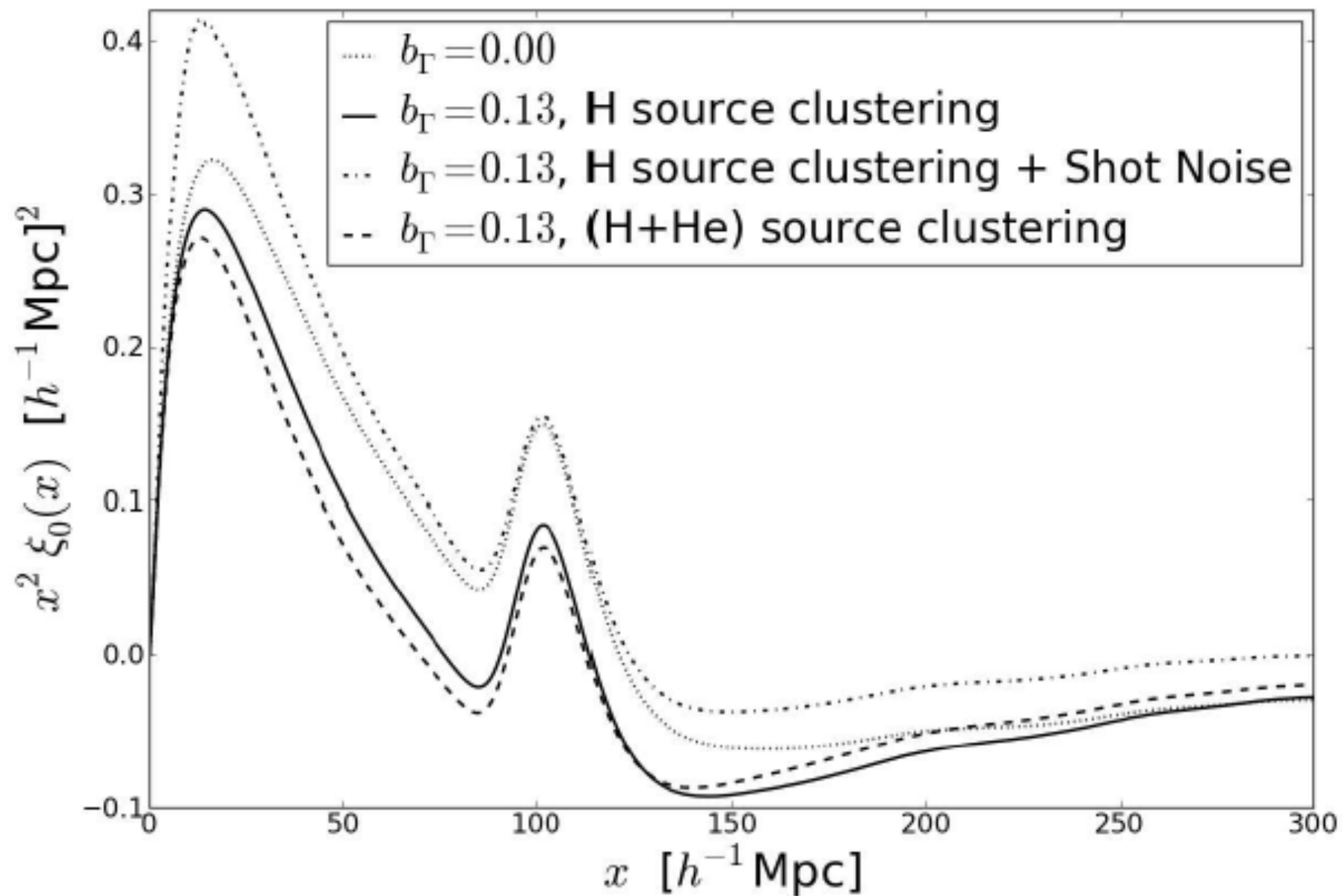
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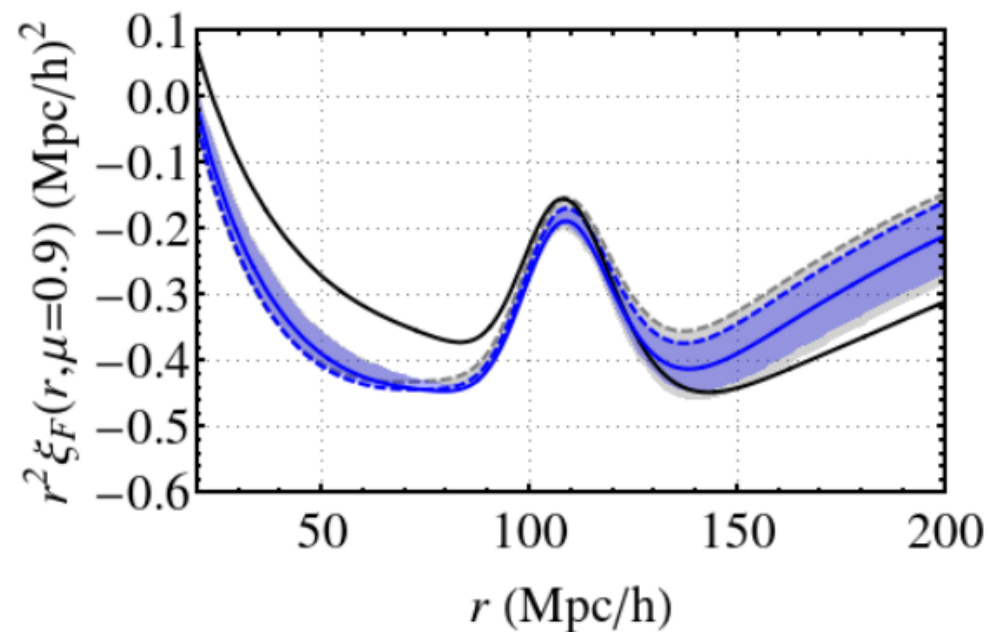
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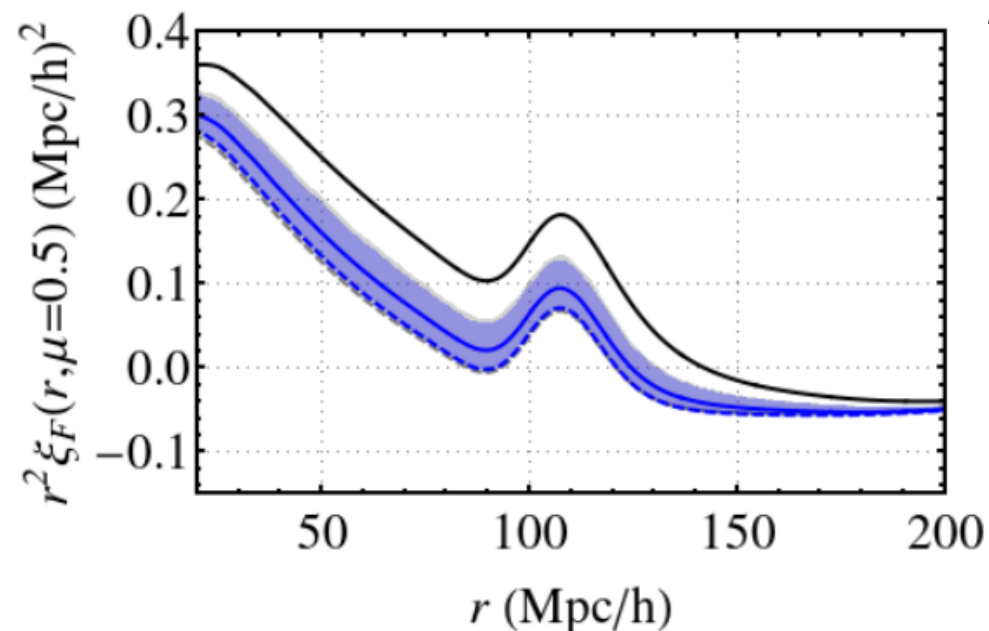


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solid black : undistorted
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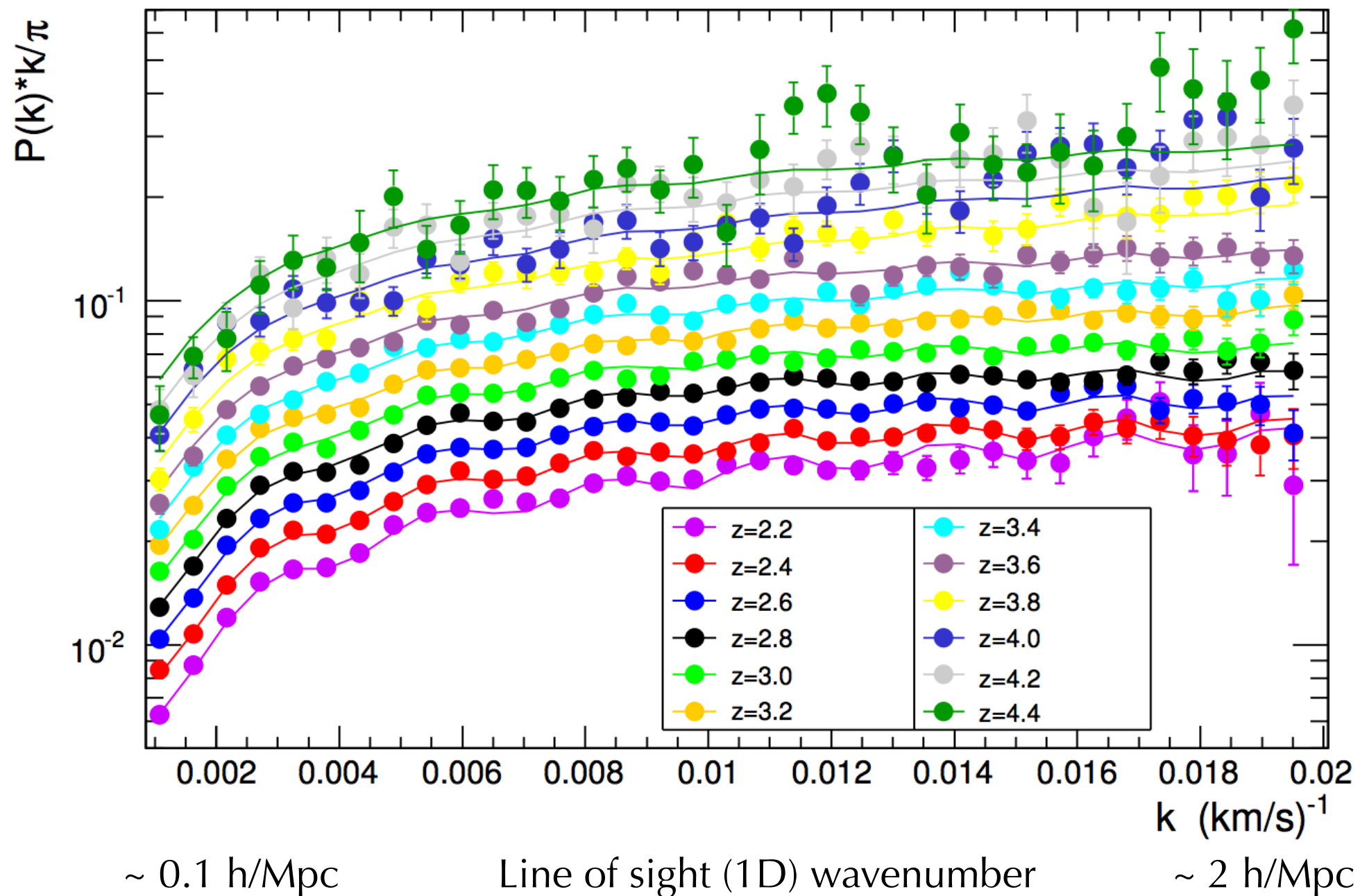
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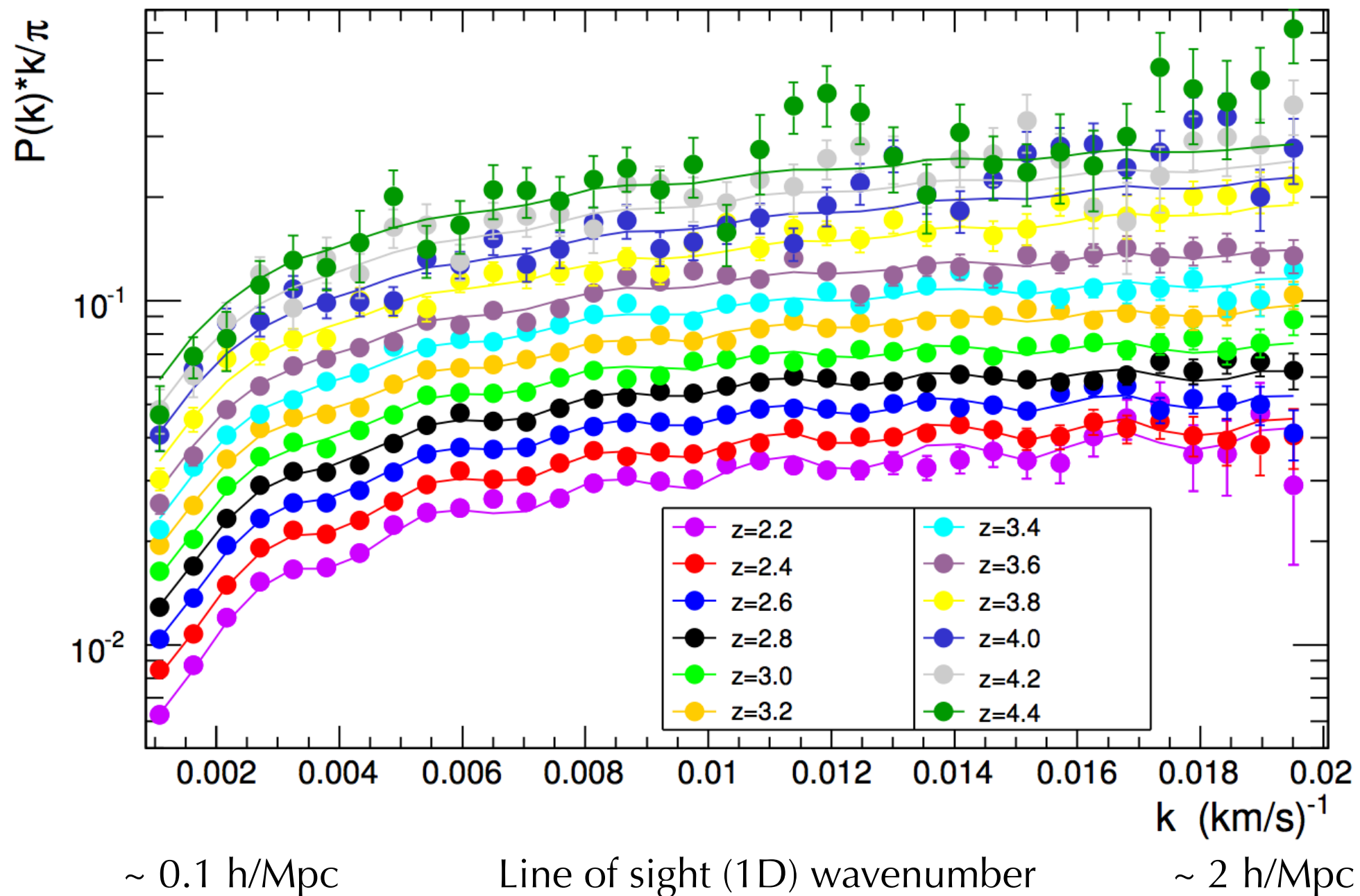
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$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV (95\% C.L.)} \quad \text{SDSS-III/BOSS DR9 + Planck 2013}$$



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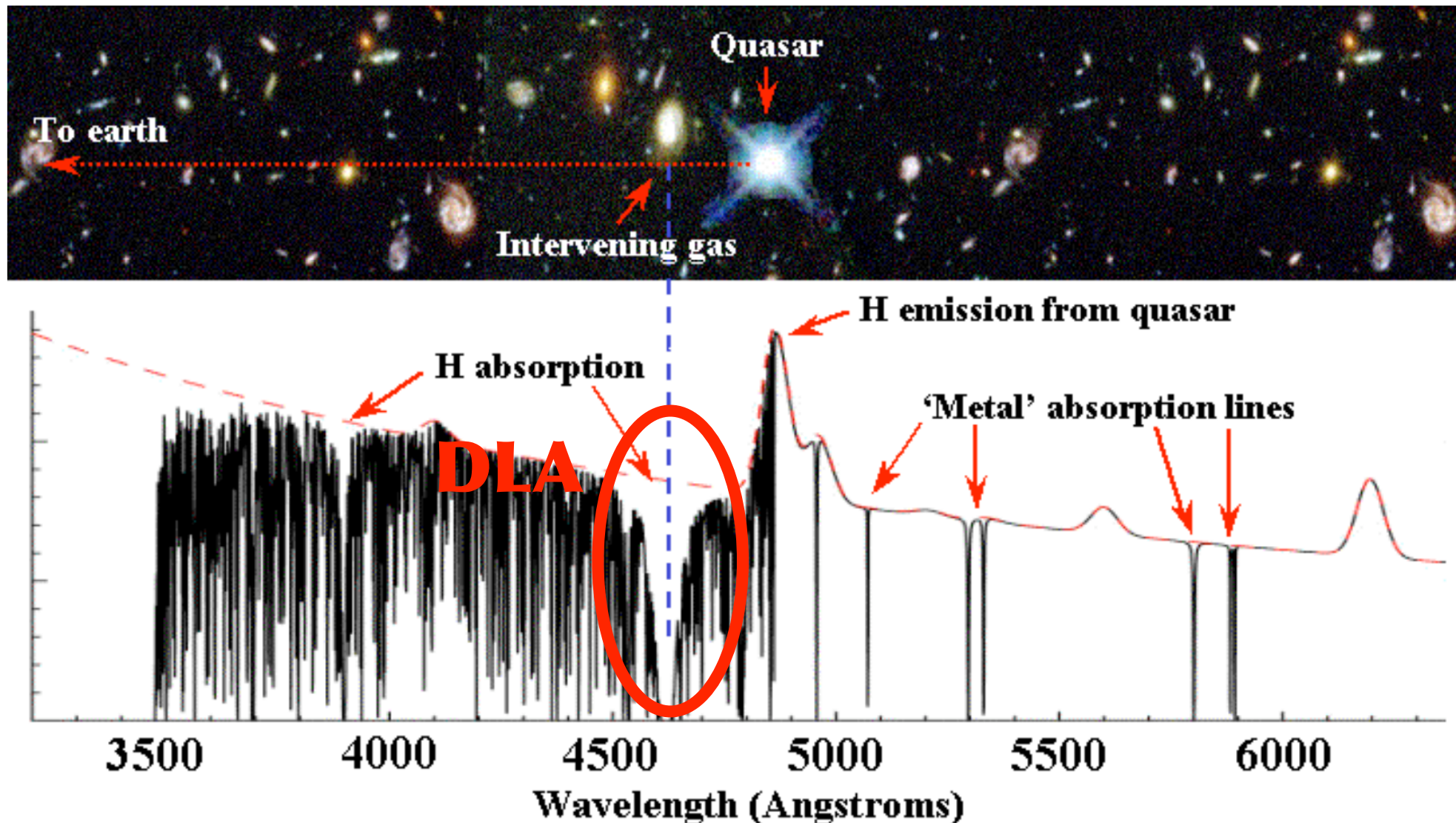
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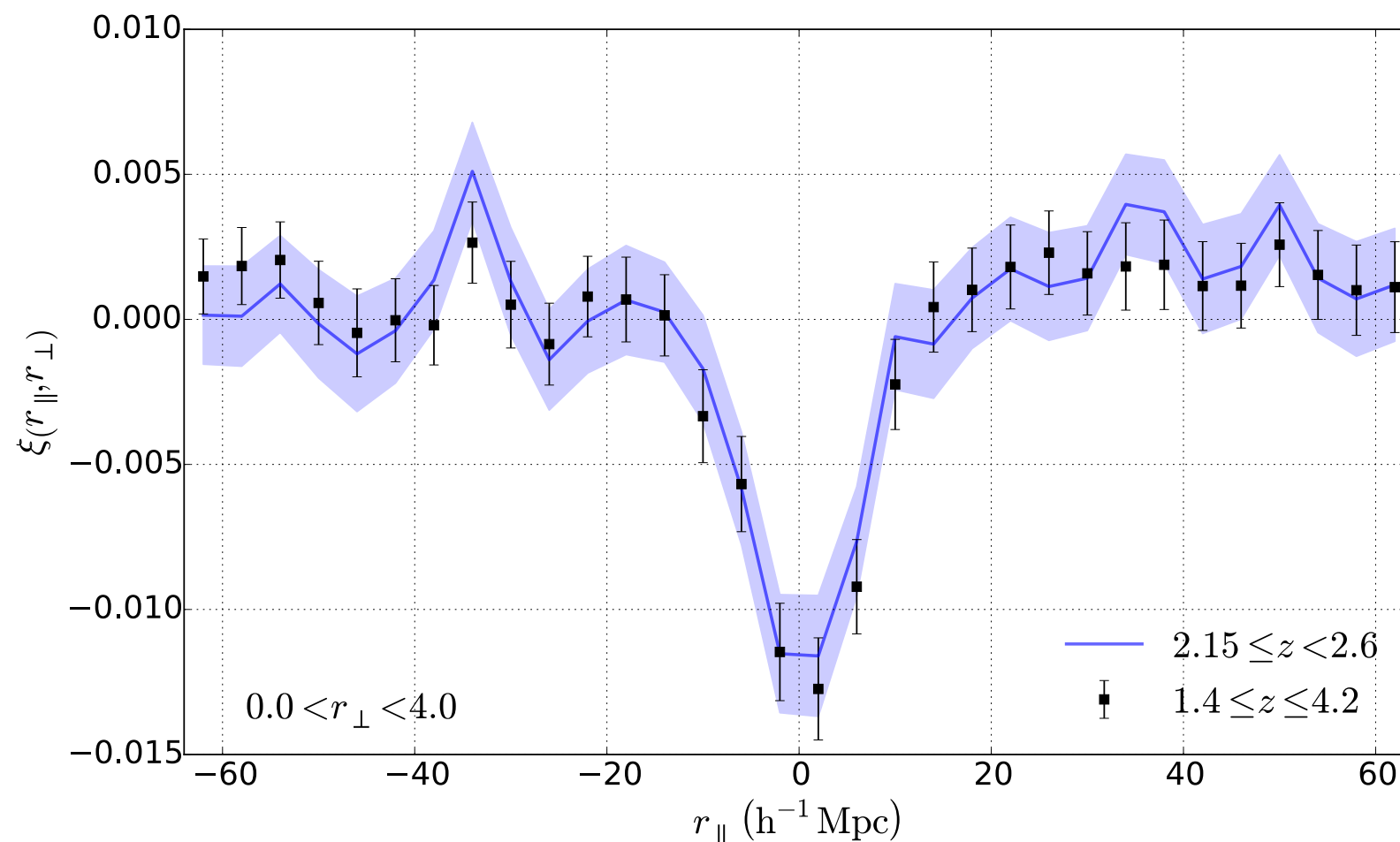
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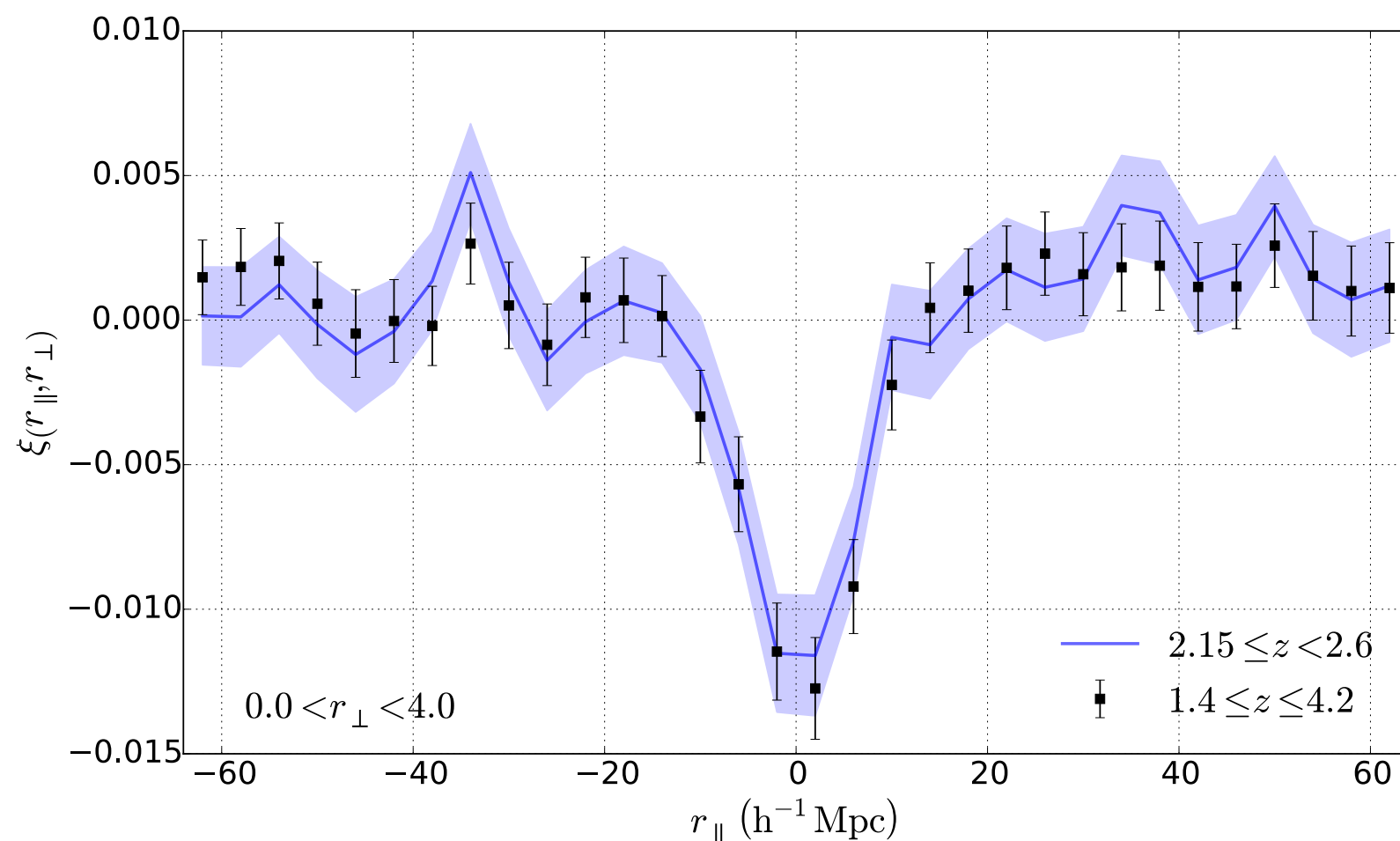


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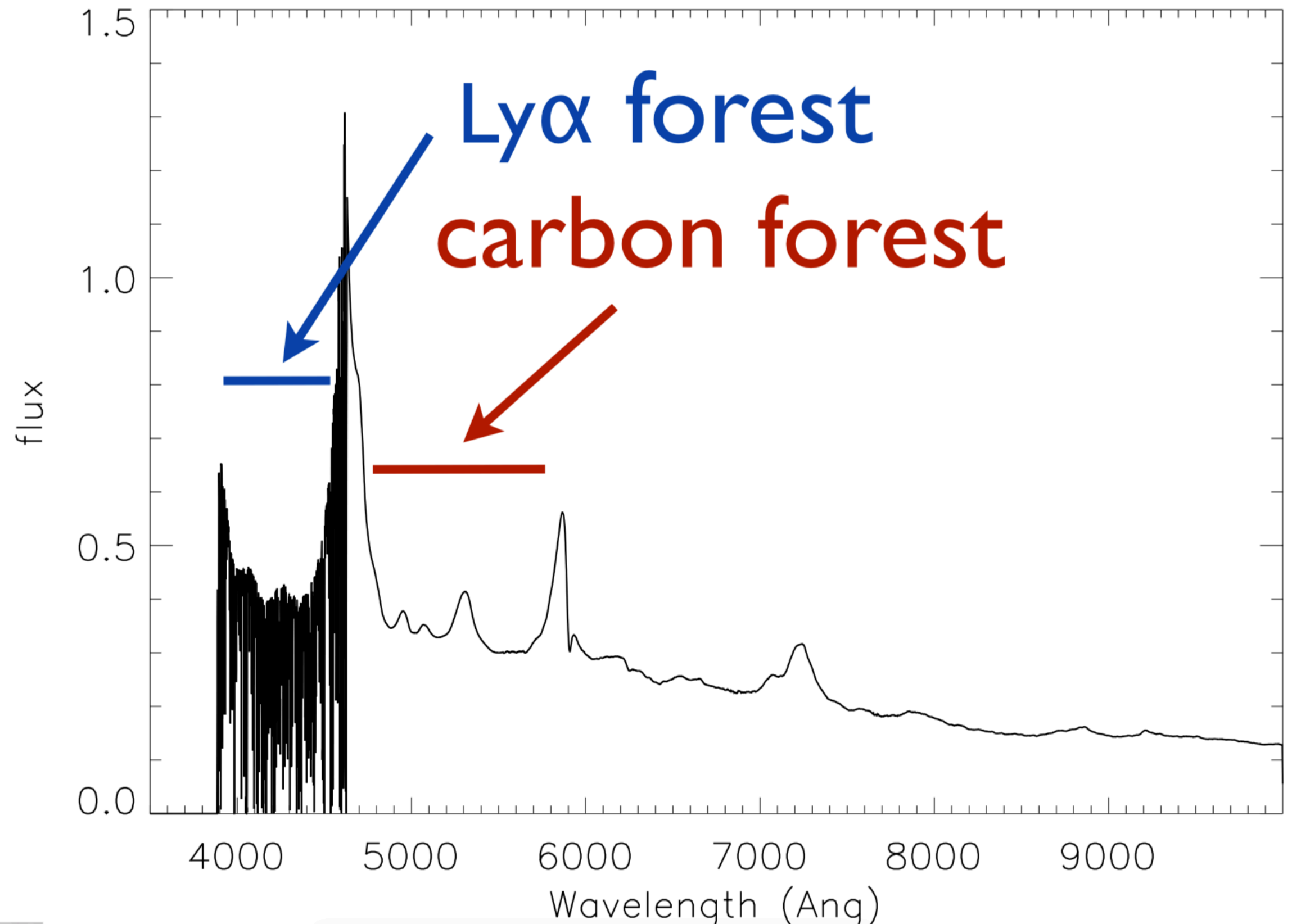


First measurement of the transmission bias of CIV forest

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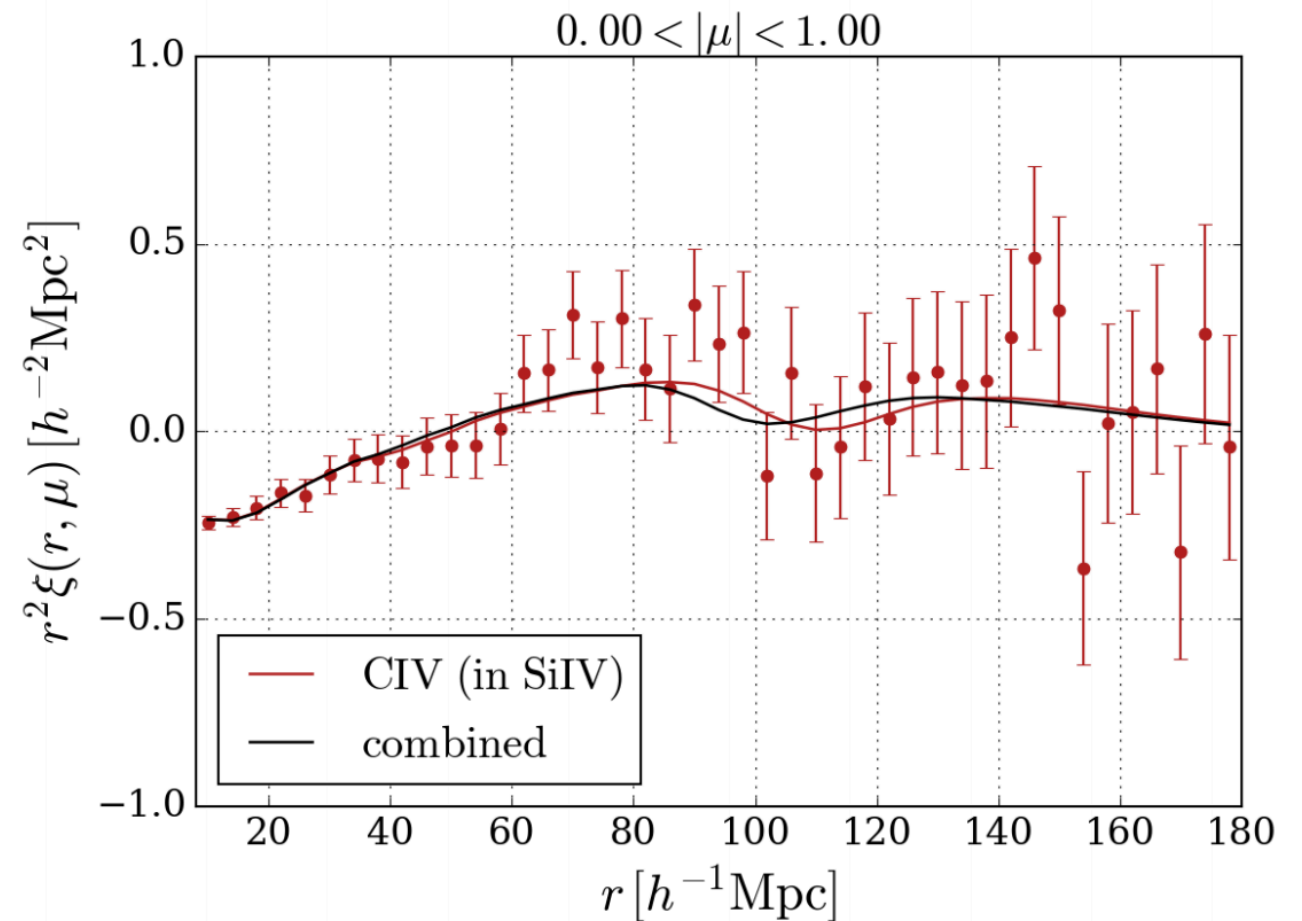
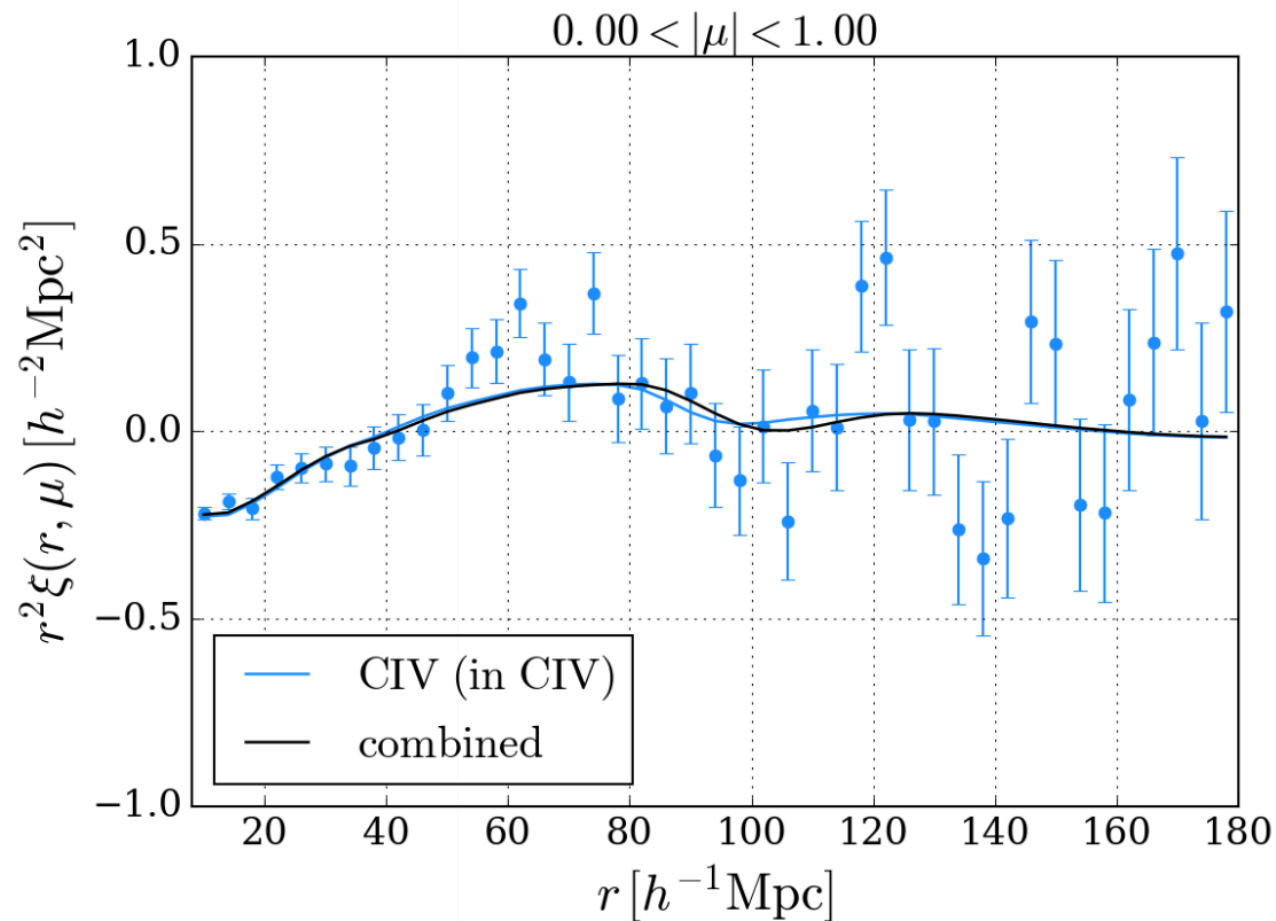
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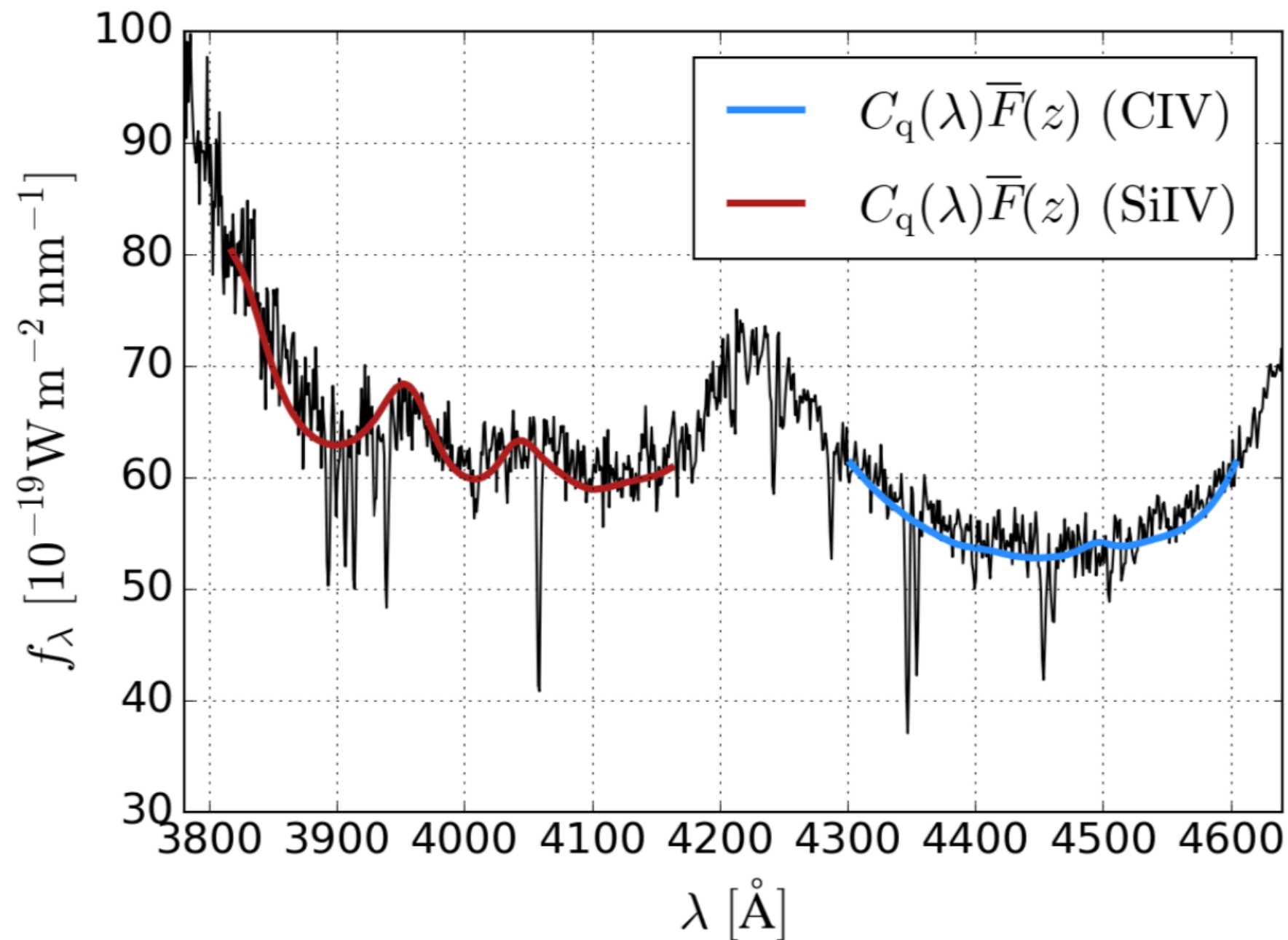
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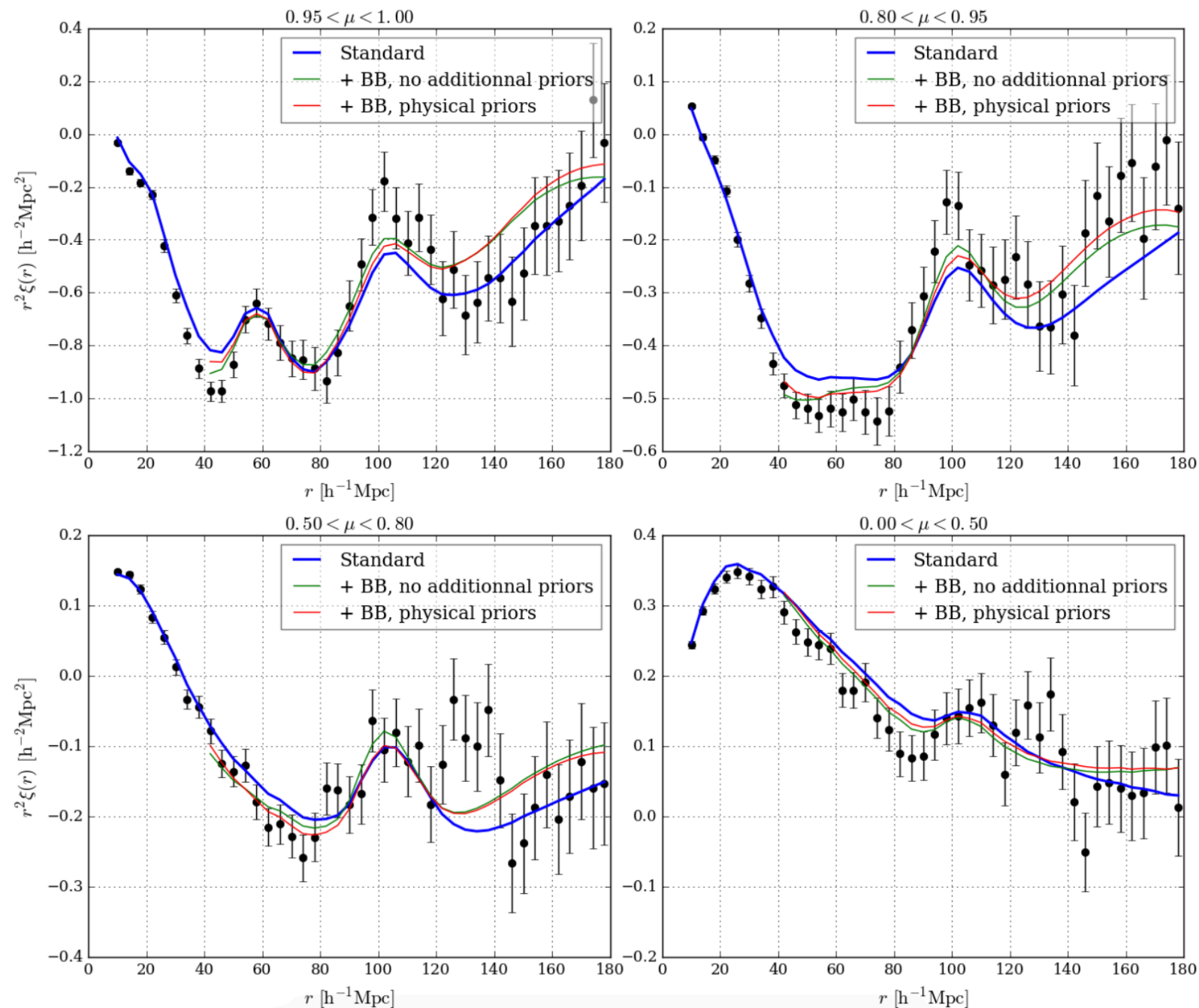
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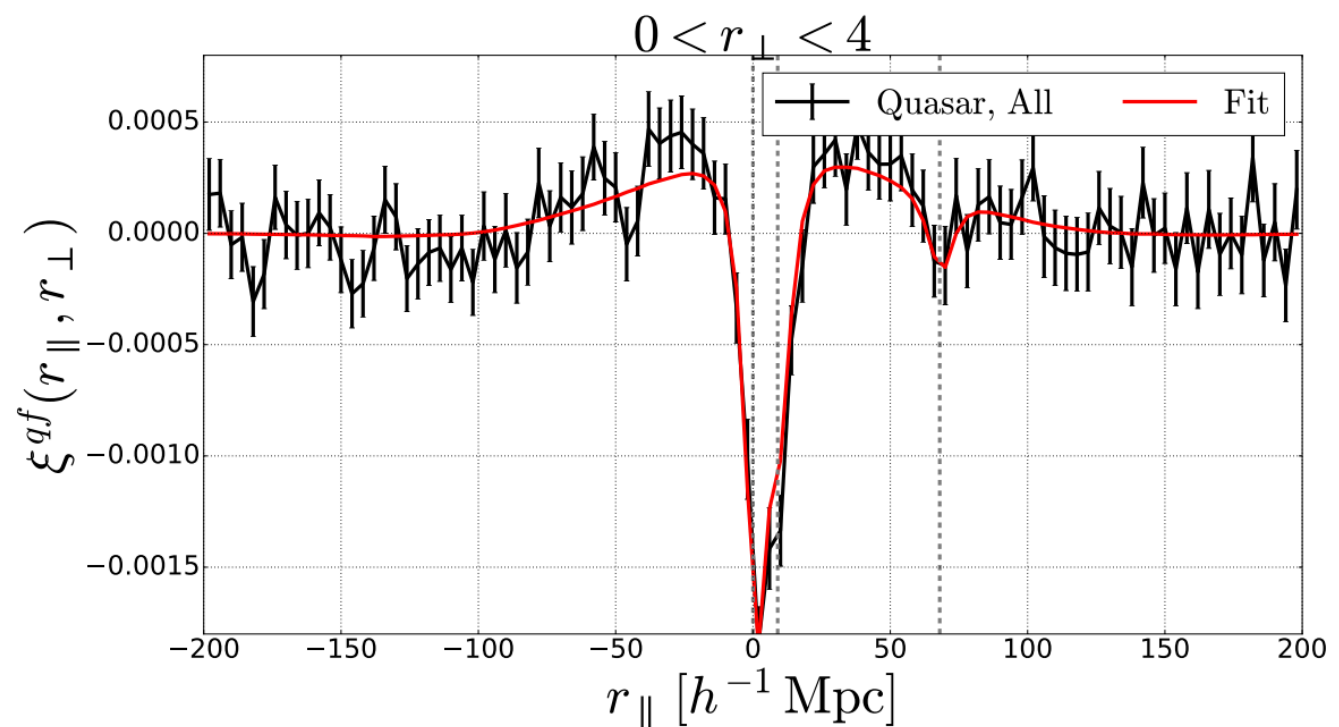
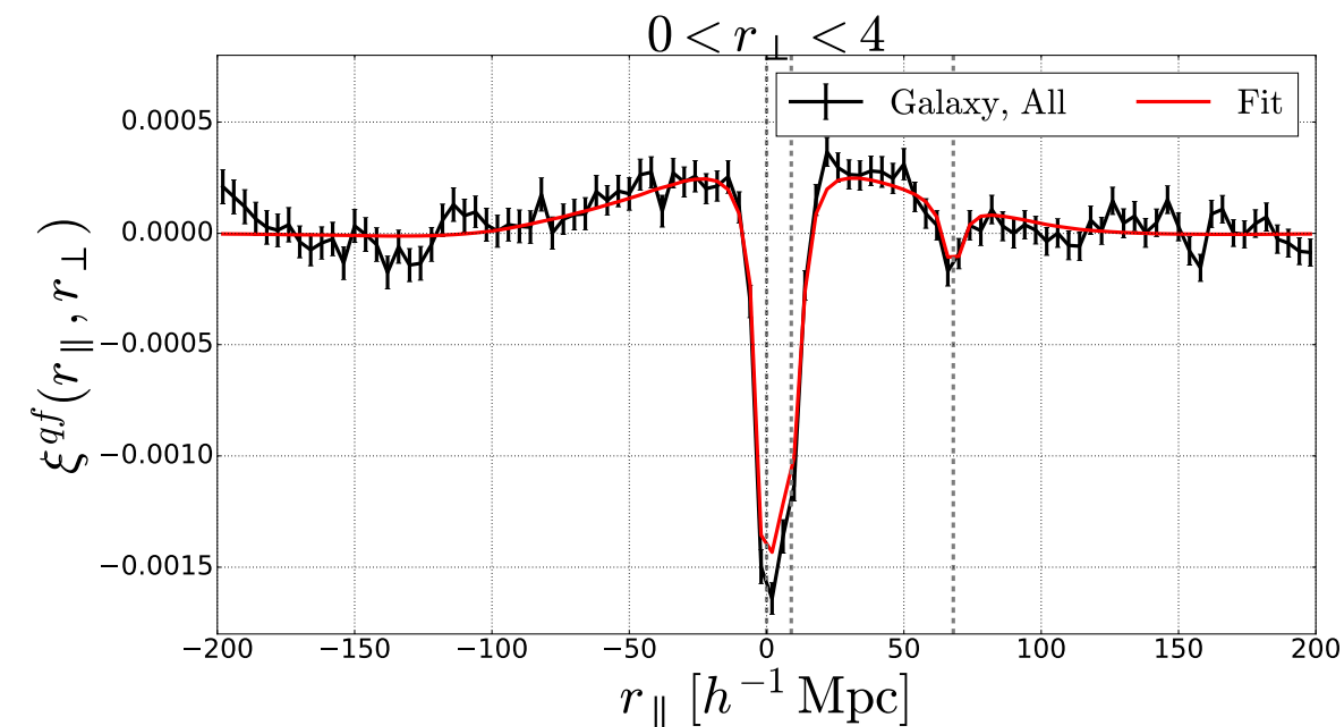
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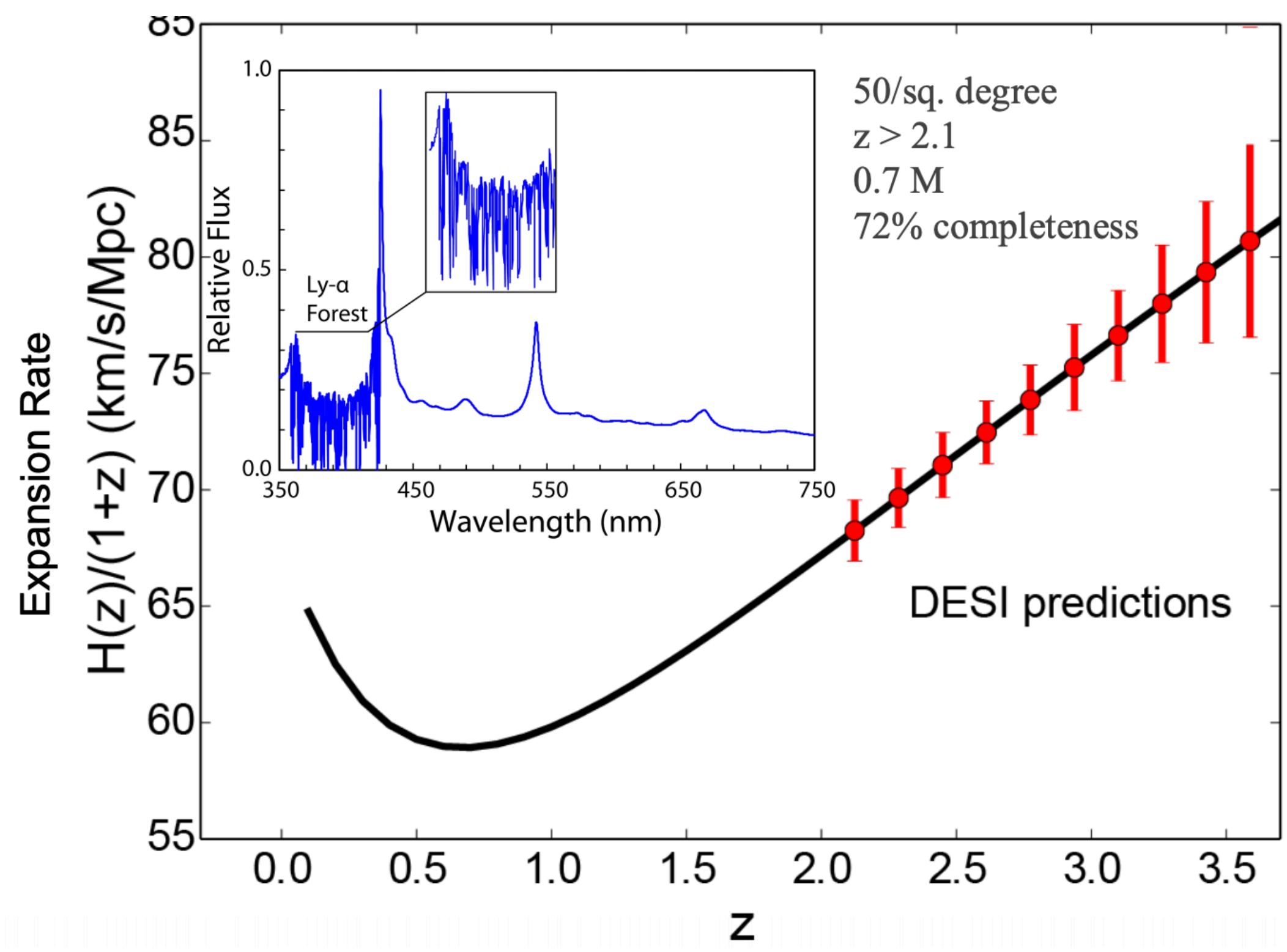
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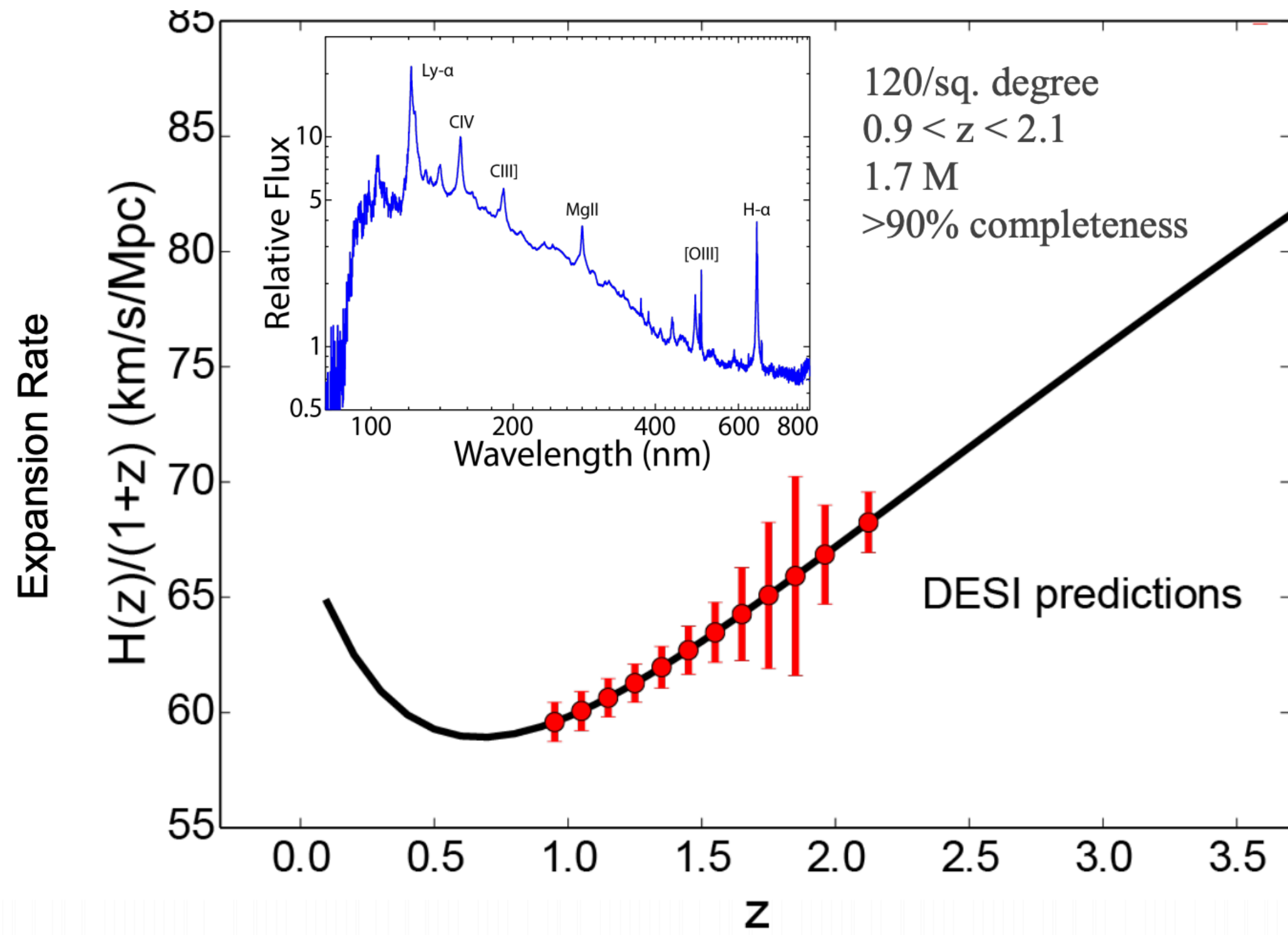


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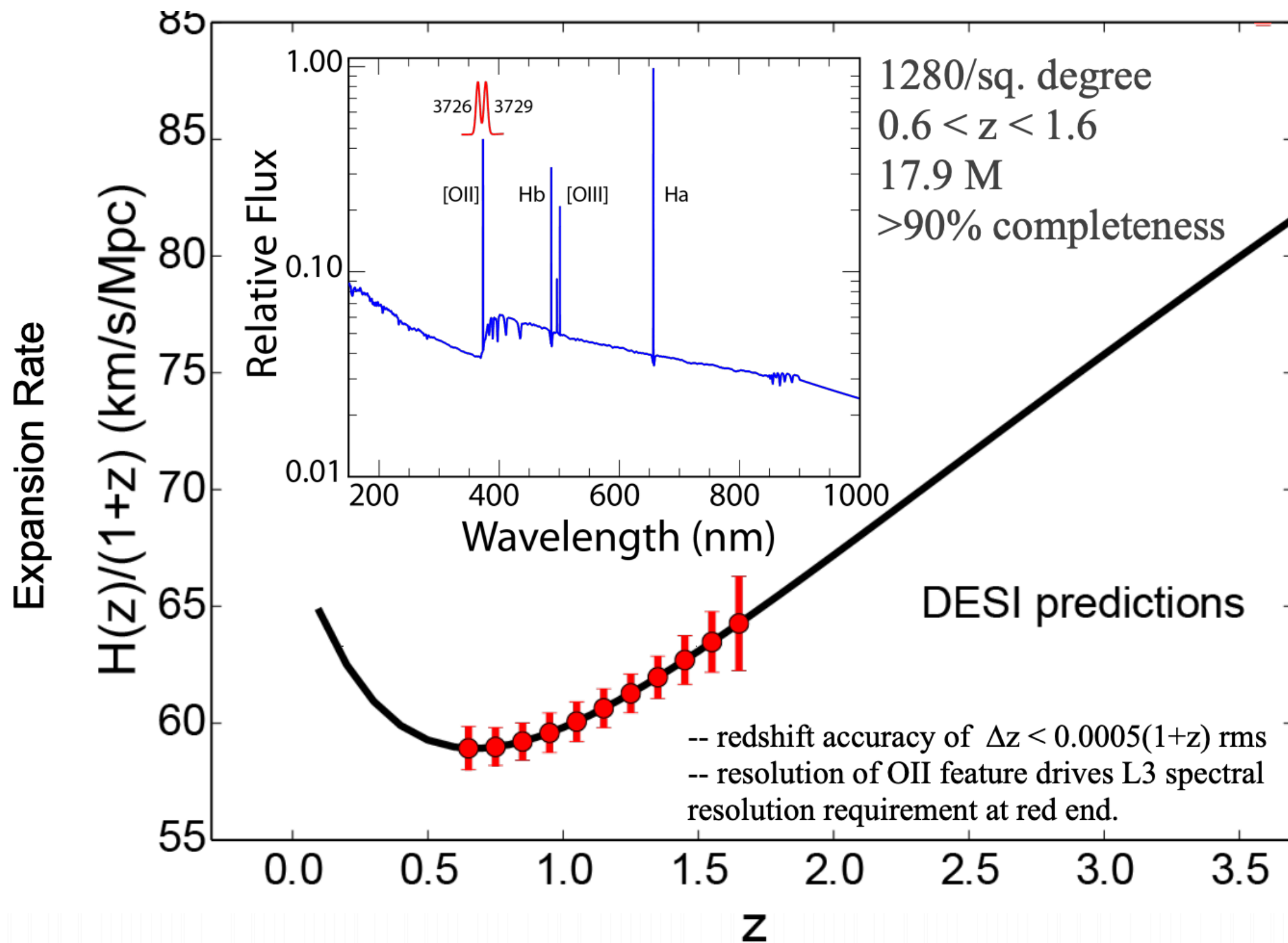


DESI Lyman-Alpha Forest Quasars

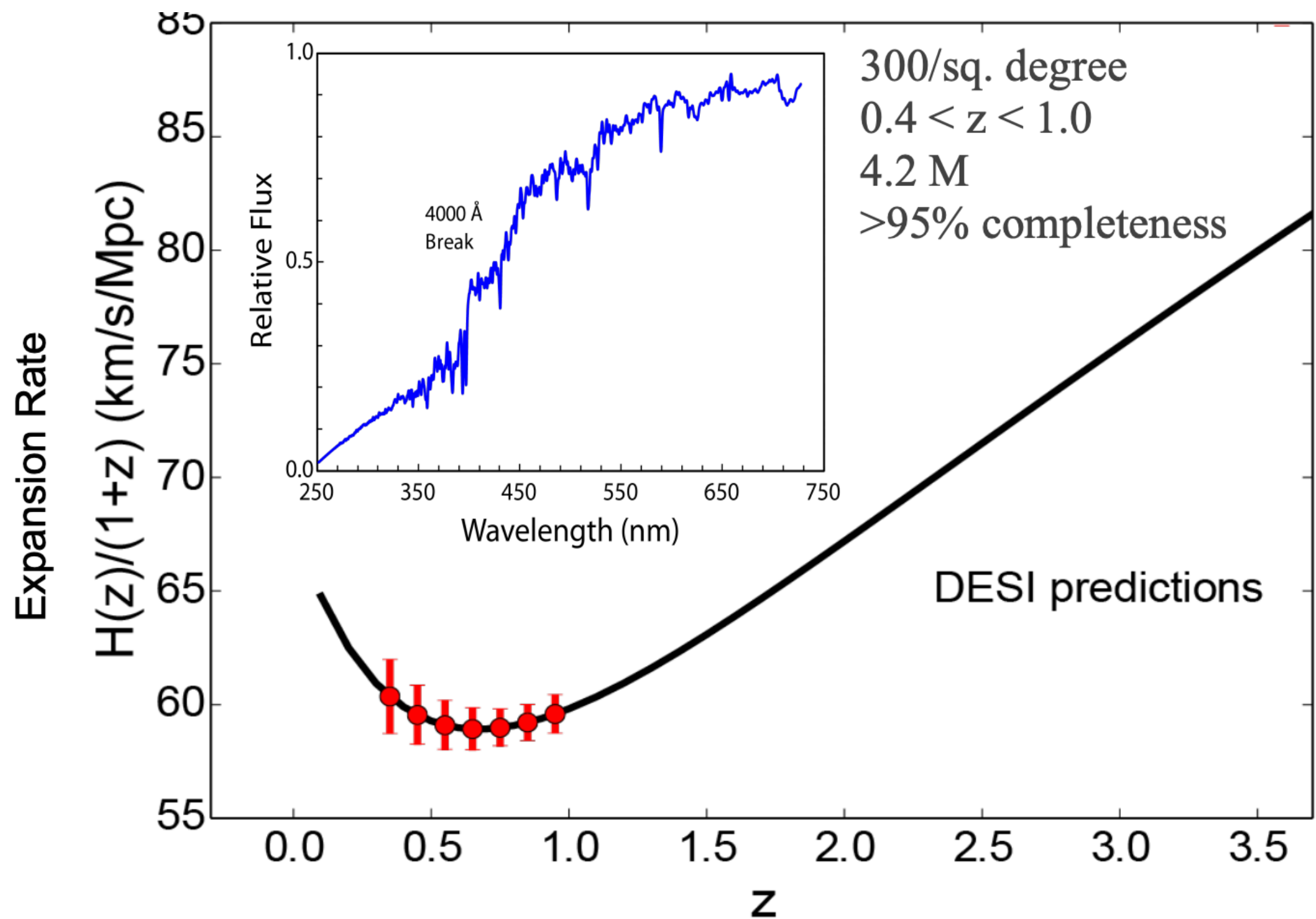


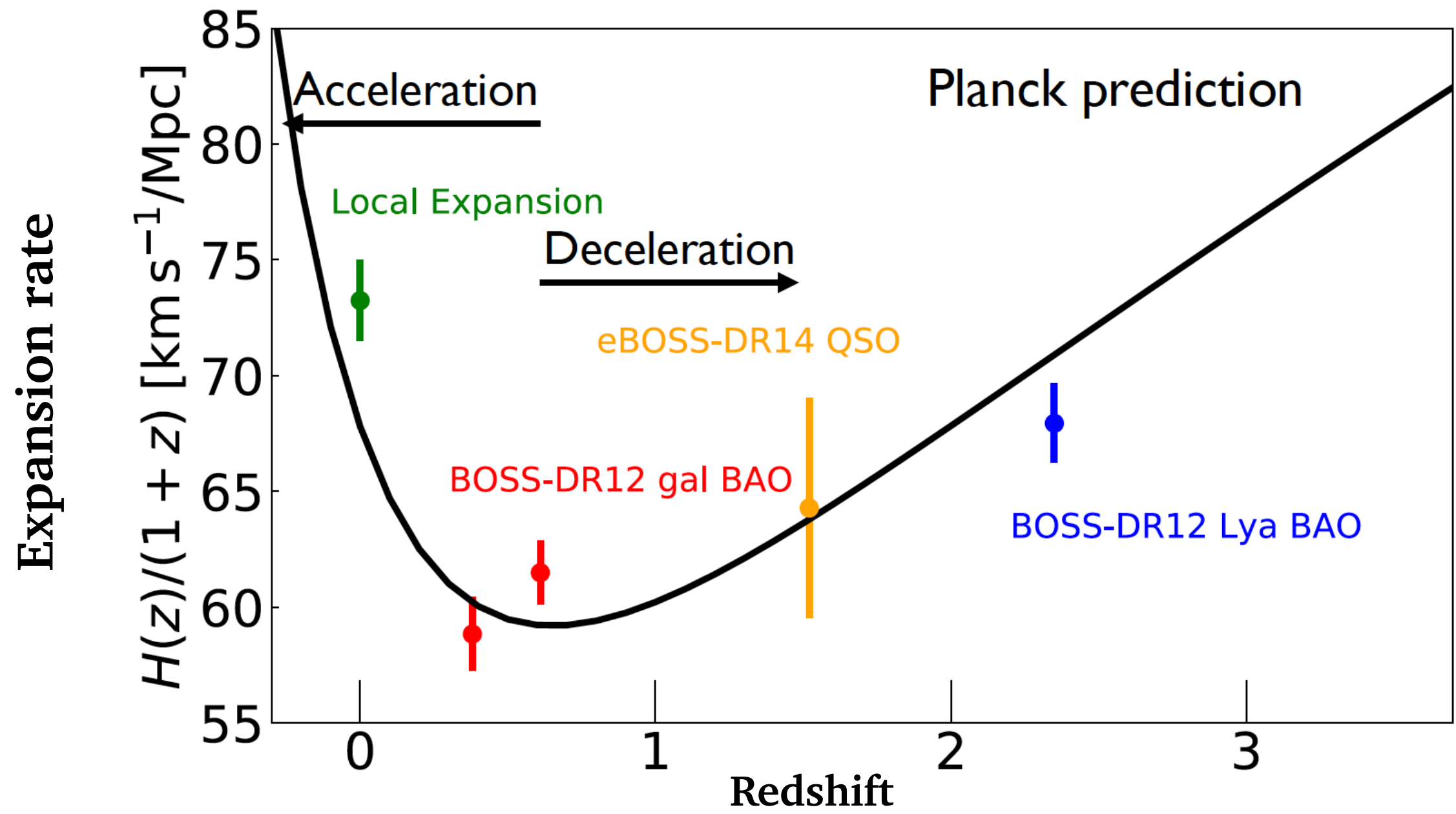


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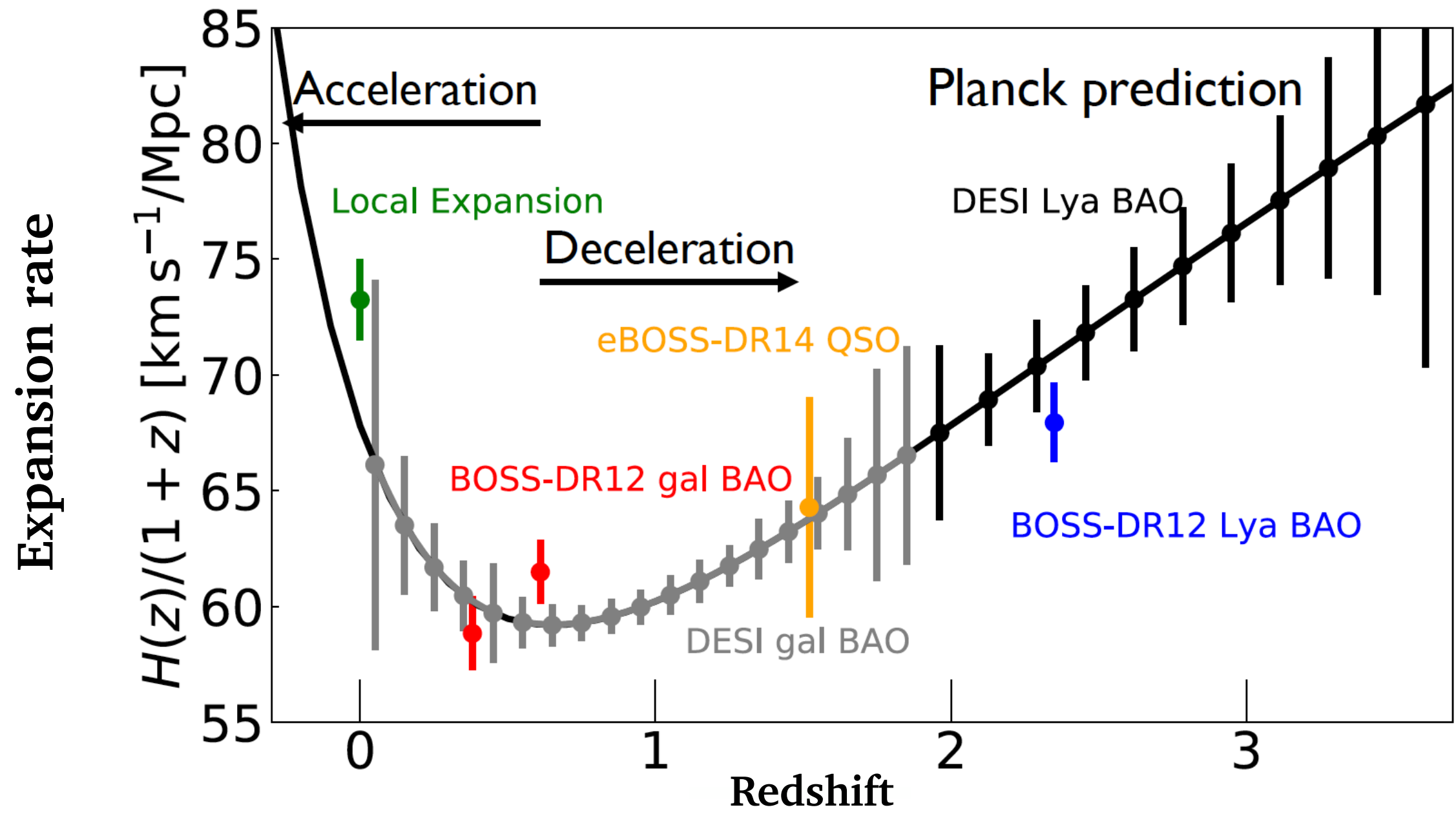


DESI Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs)





DESI projections, [Font-Ribera et al. \(2014b\)](#)



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Main Science Cases

One step further from Stage III surveys

- Significantly update BAO and $H(z)$ measurements : $\text{Ly}\alpha$ and CIV forests
- Make use of new range of data to measure BAO : MgII forest
- Window open to wide range of cross-checks between different populations

New challenges

- Estimator of the $\text{Ly}\alpha$ 3D power spectrum : statistical challenge
- Use the unprecedented statistics to better control systematics



The SDSS-III Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey

- 2% measurement at $z \sim 2.3$ (quasars and the Lyman- α forest)
- BOSS Ly α showed the forest is ready for precision cosmology

The Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument

- DESI will represent an order of magnitude jump in precision
- IGM cosmology a unique, continuous window into different scales
- Statistical and computational challenges...

Exciting times ahead !



“For the past 13 years, we've had a simple model of how dark energy works. But the truth is, we only have a little bit of data, and we're just beginning to explore the times when dark energy turned on. If there are surprises lurking out there, we expect to find them.”

–DAVID SCHLEGEL*



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