



# *GRBs and the ISM of High Redshift Galaxies*

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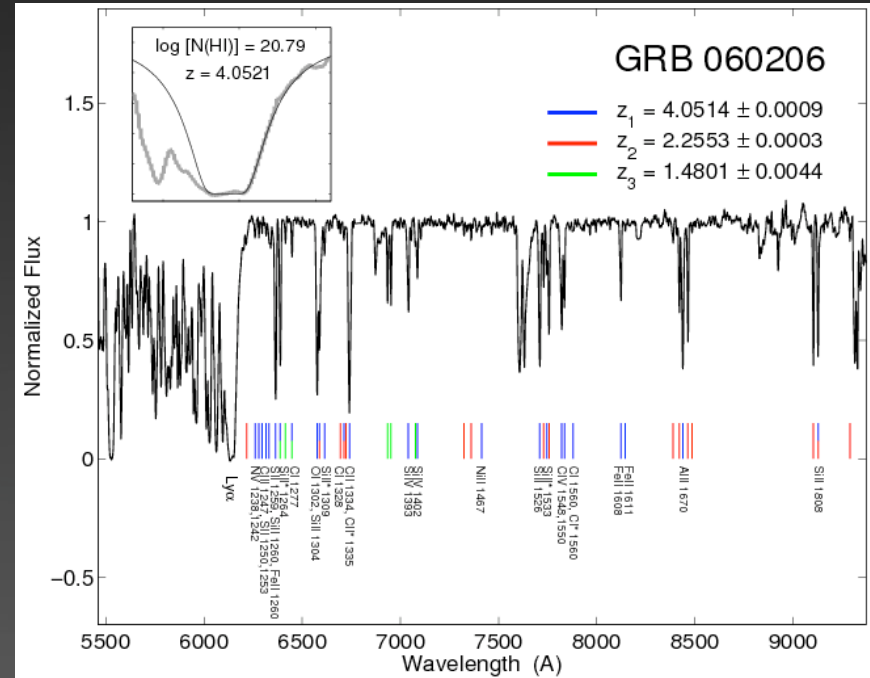
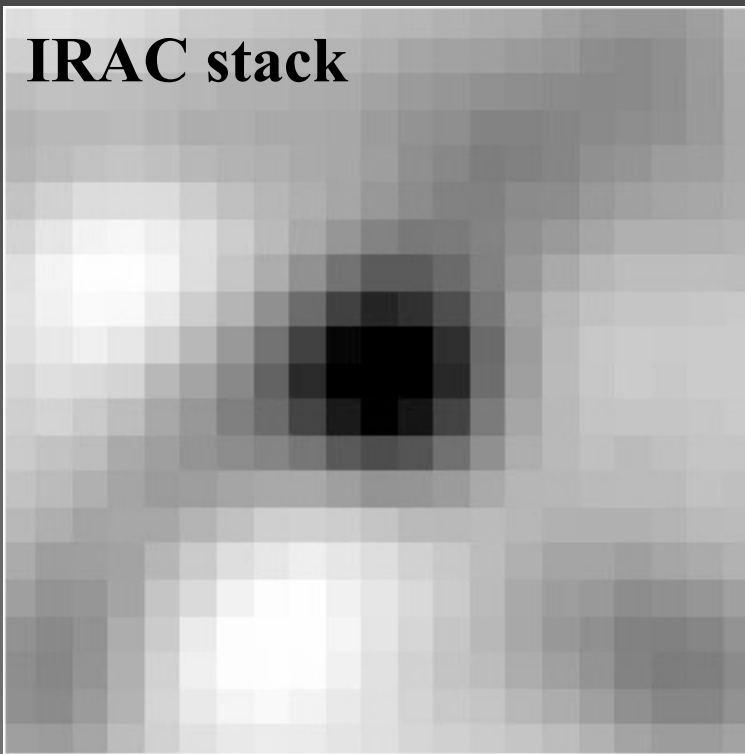
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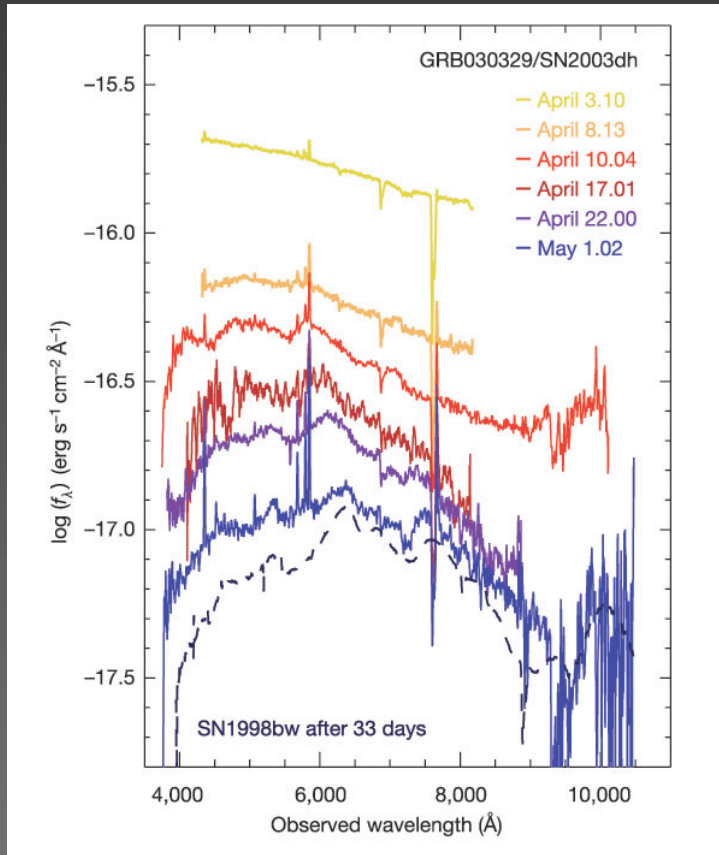
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## 2. *DLA Counterparts & the Mass-Metallicity Relation at $z > 2$*

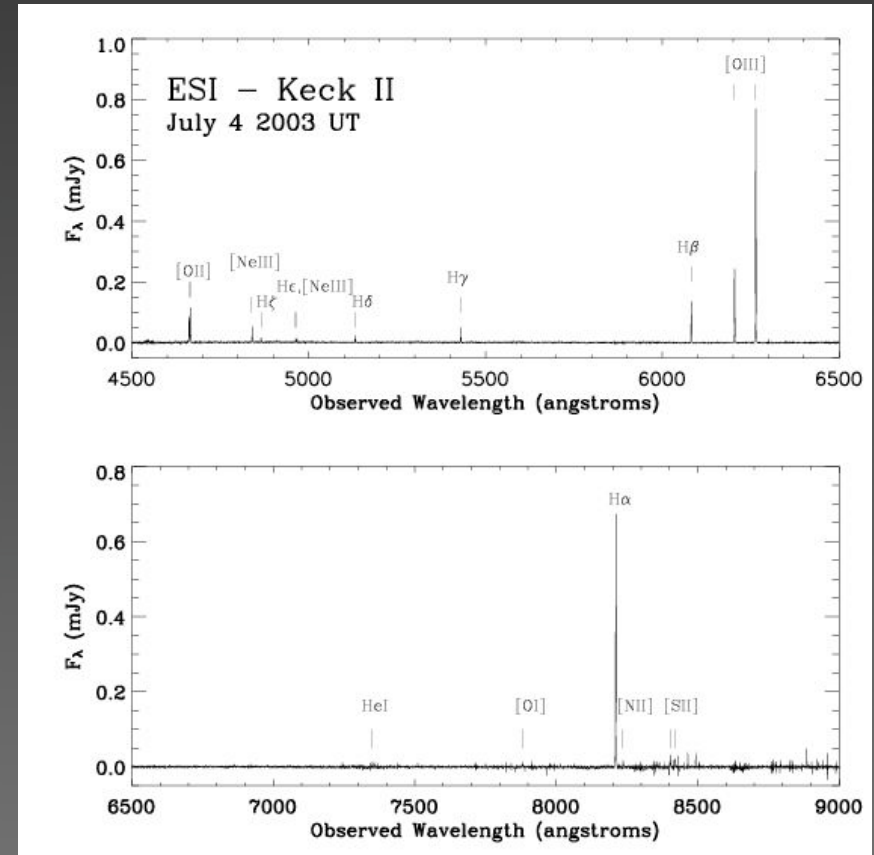
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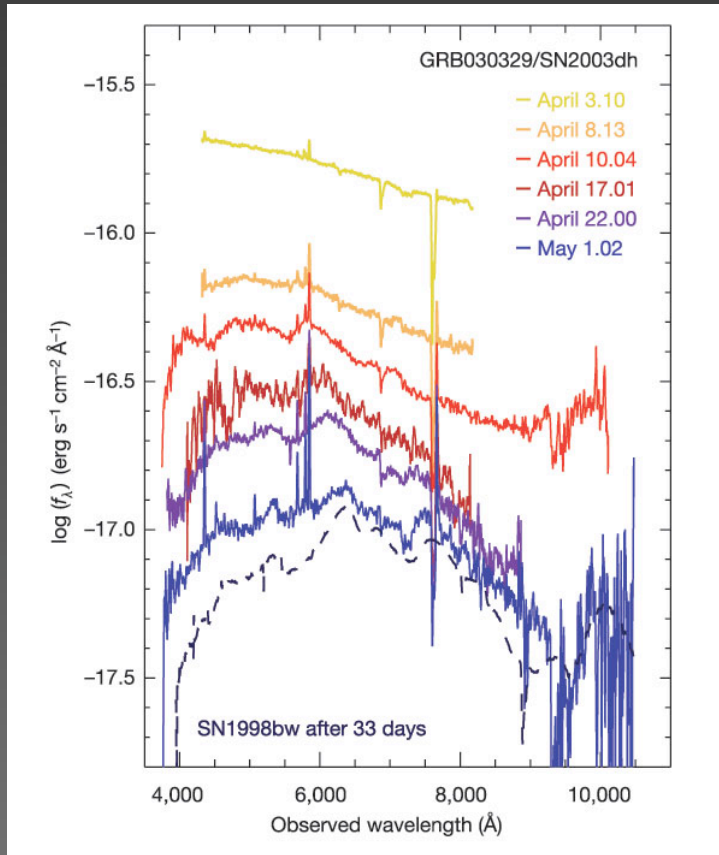
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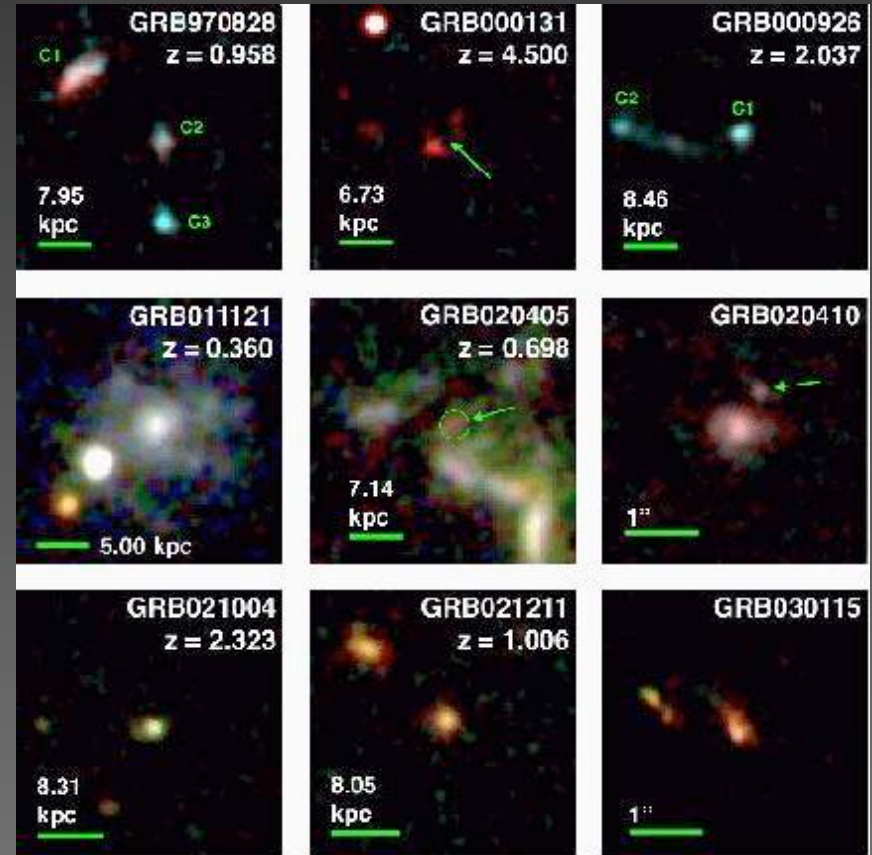
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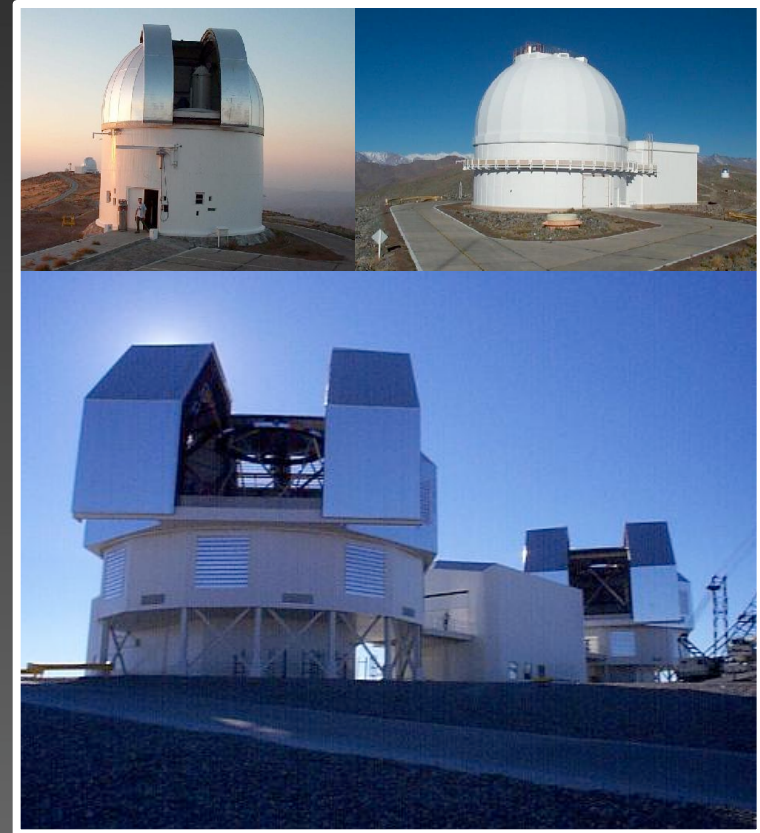
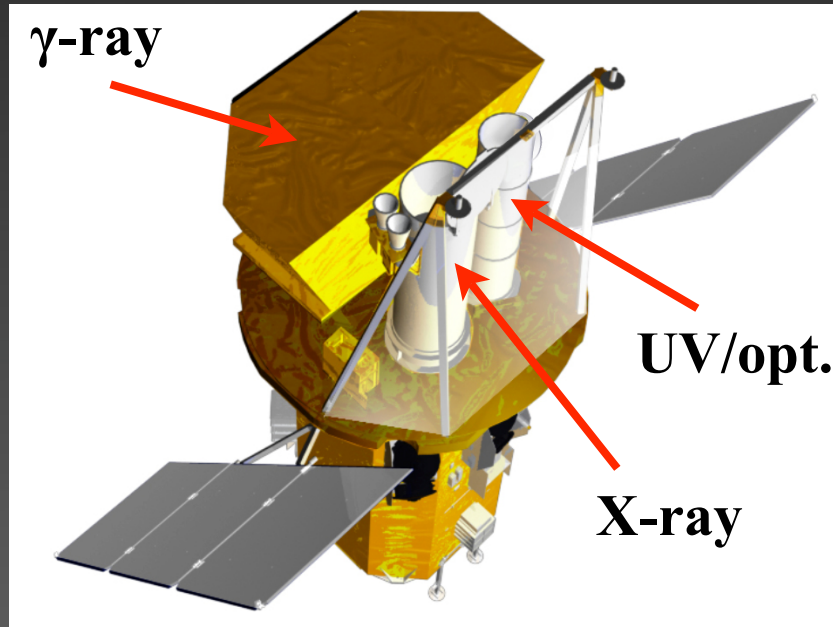
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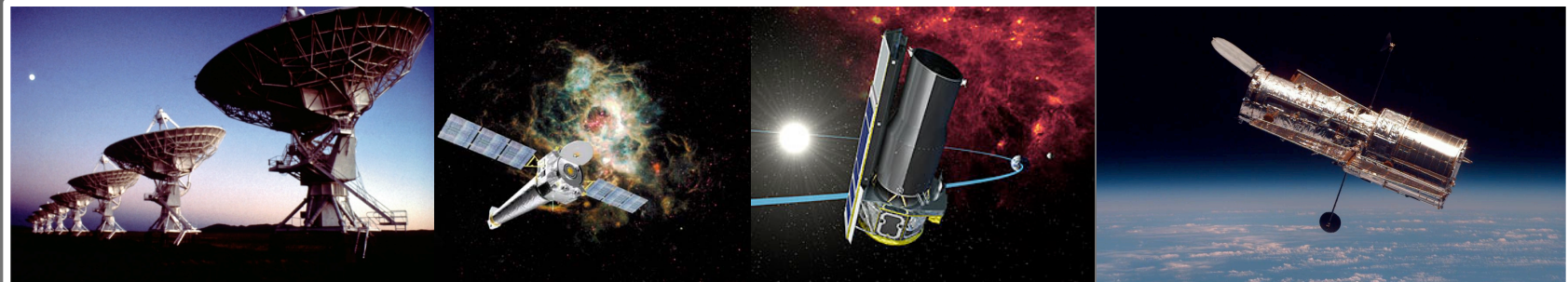
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# GRB Detection and Follow-up



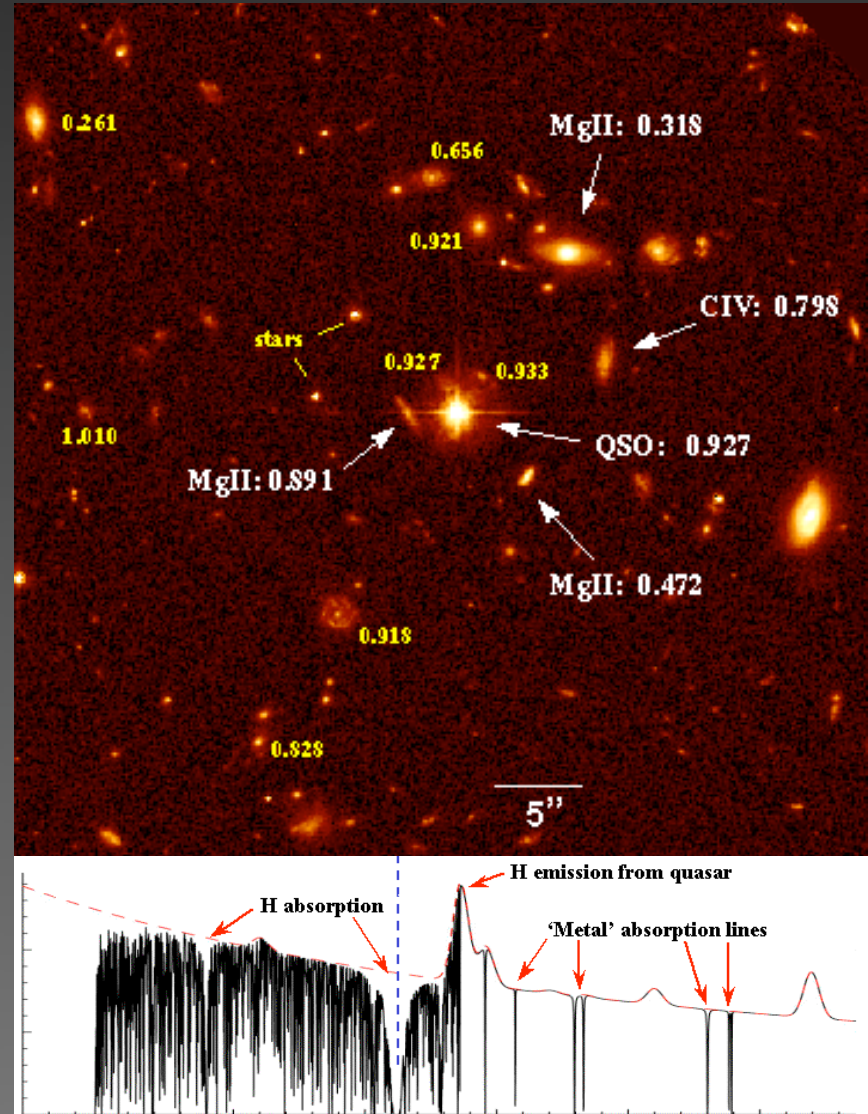
~100 GRBs/yr with arcsec positions



# GRB Absorption Spectroscopy

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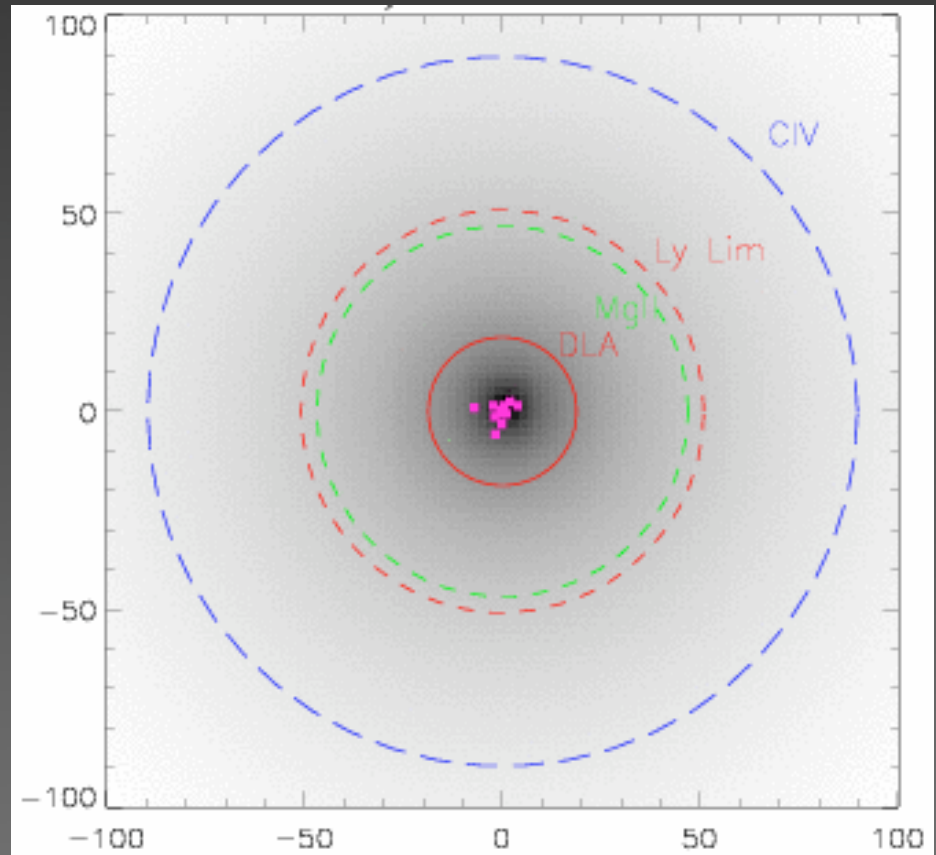
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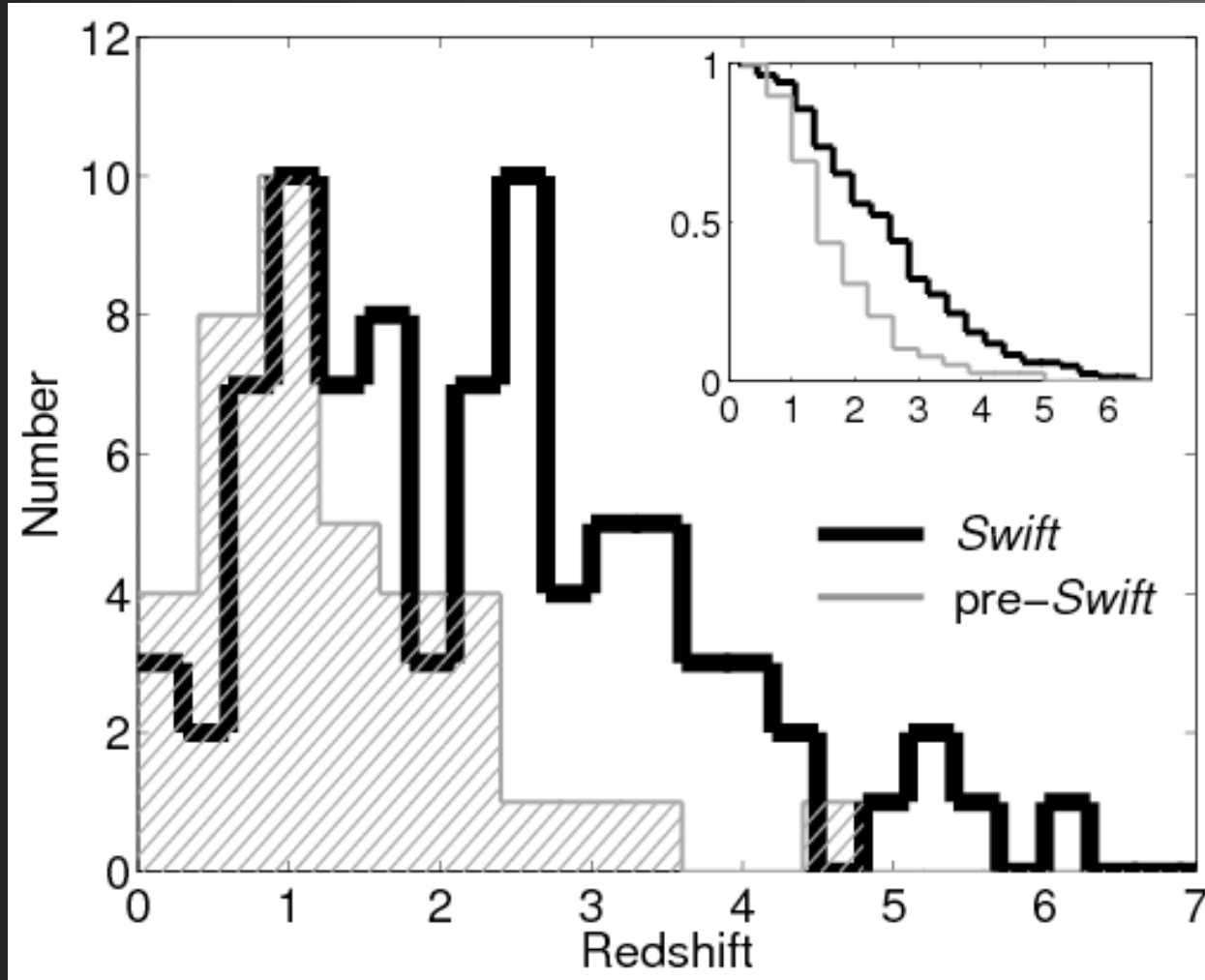
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# GRB Redshift Distribution



Swift GRBs:

$z > 2.5$ : 50%

$z > 4$ : 10%

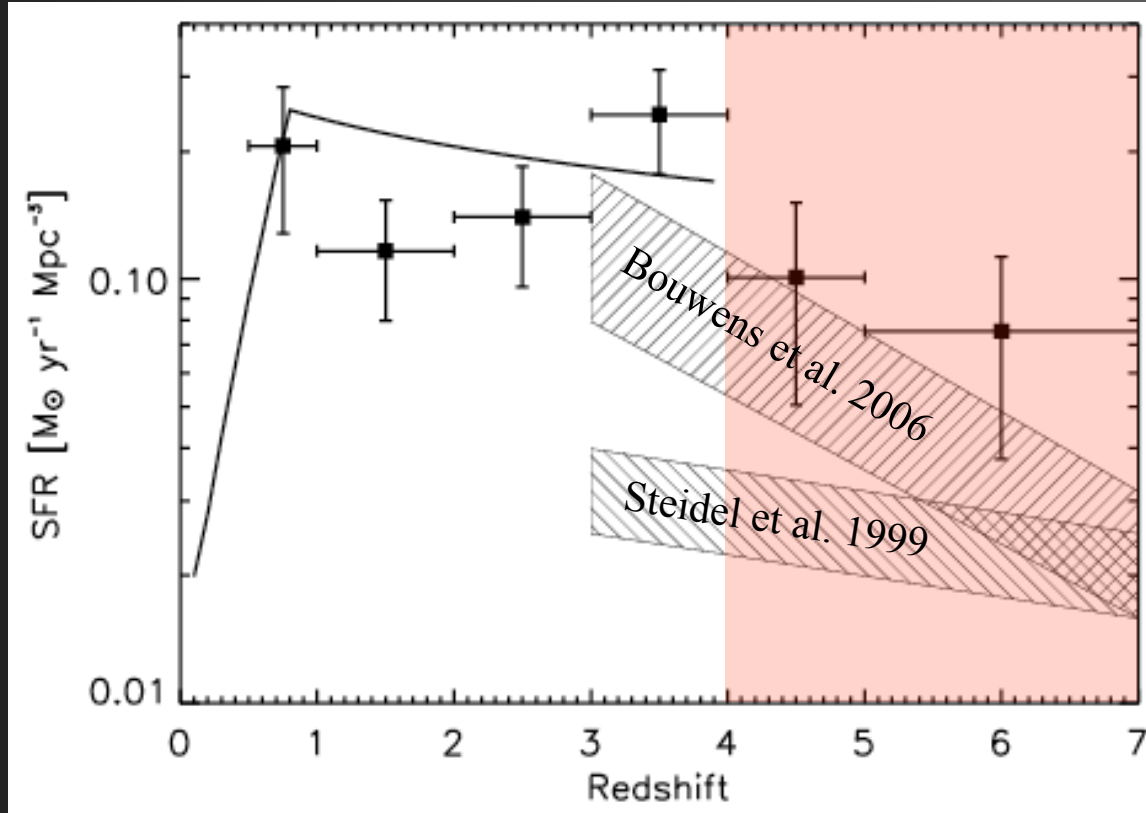
$z > 5$ : 5%

$z_{\max} = 6.295$



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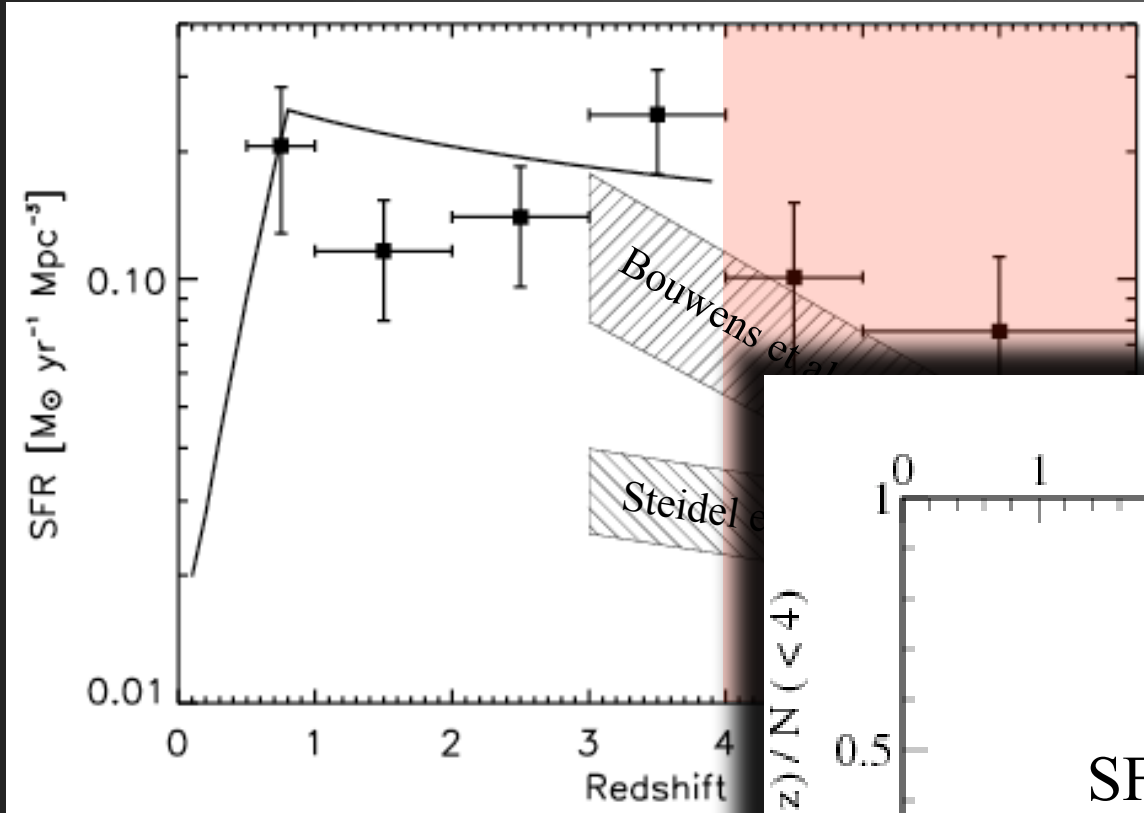
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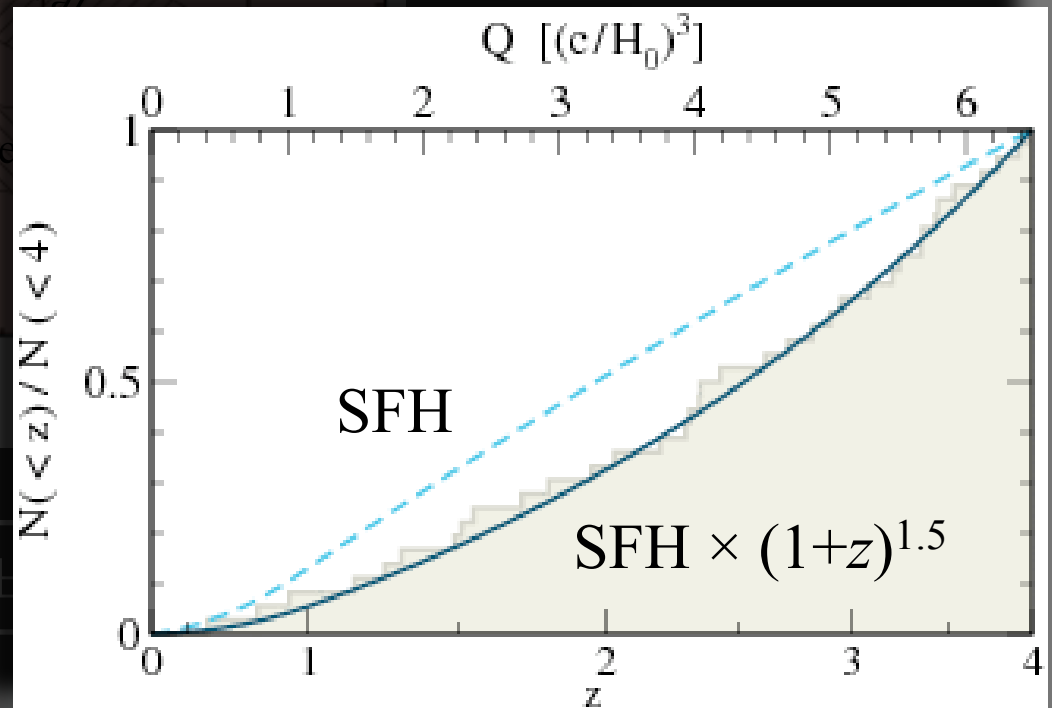
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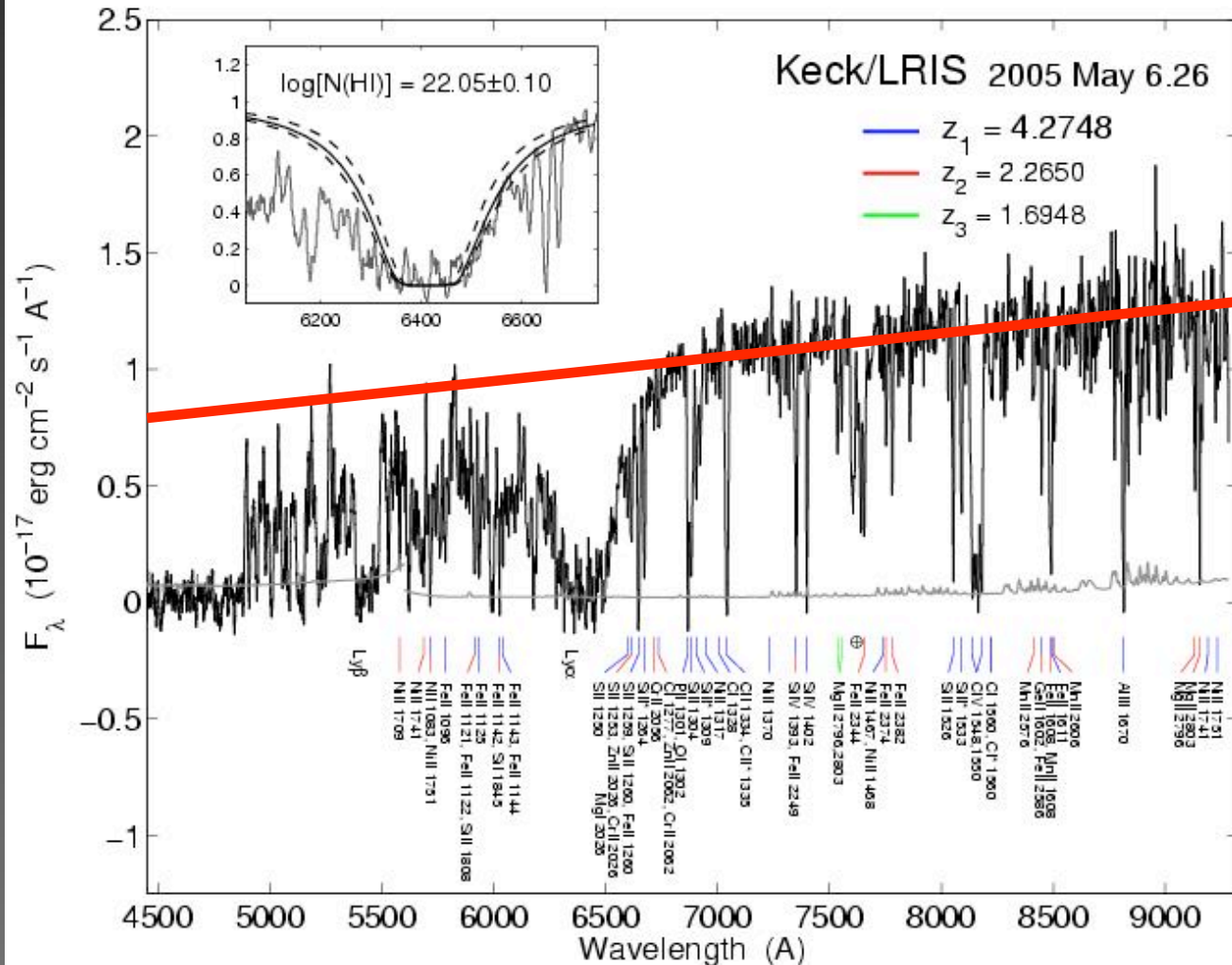


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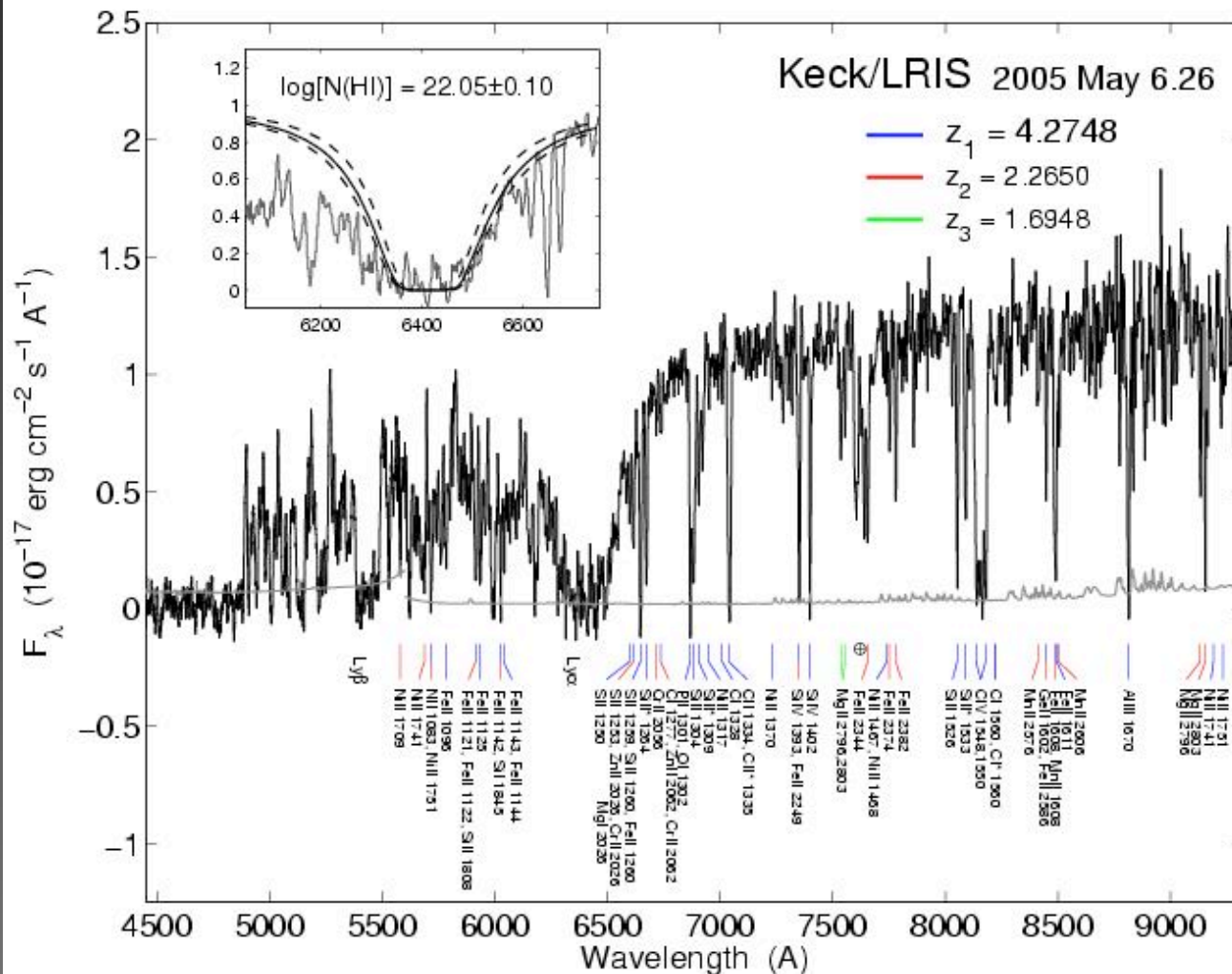
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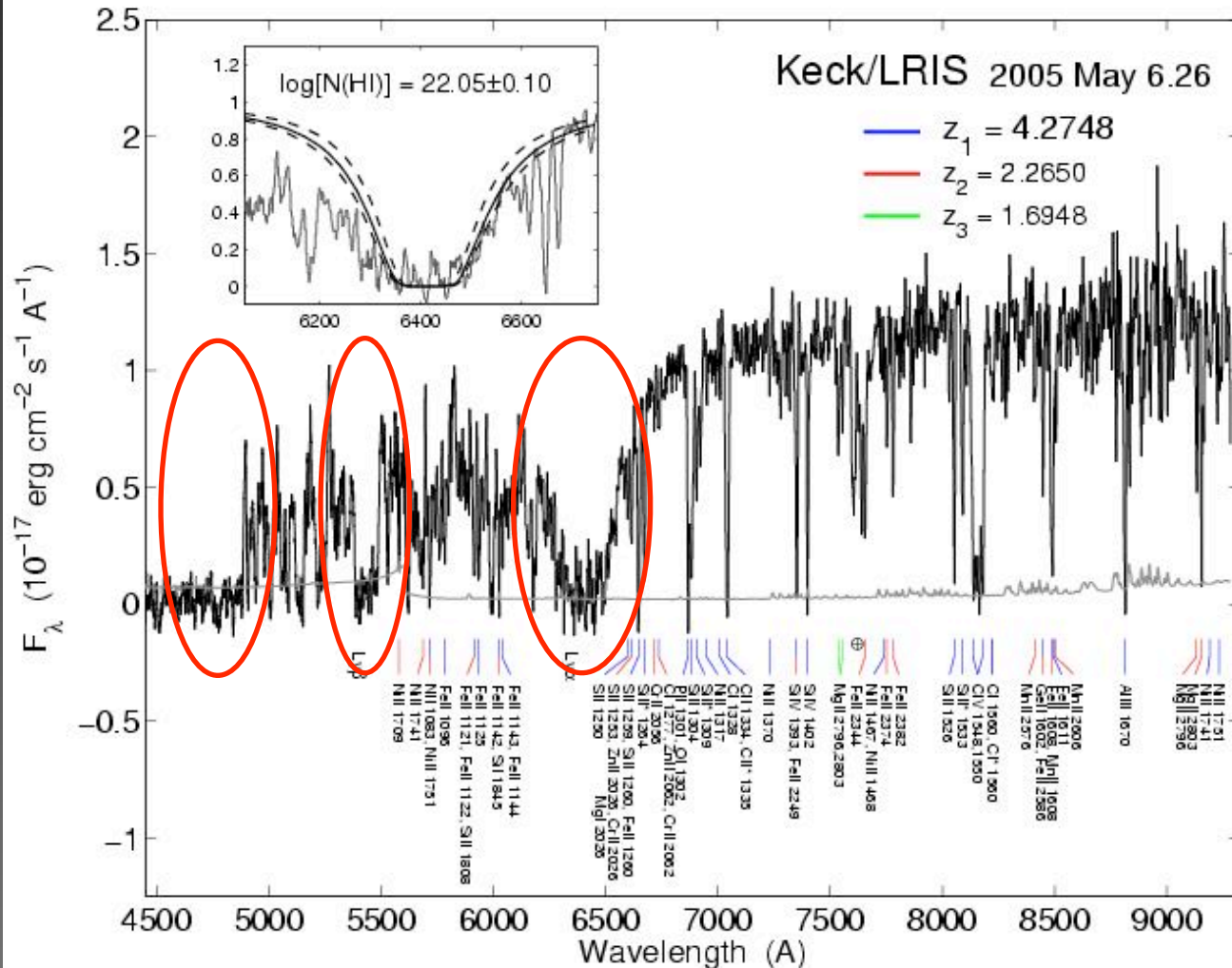
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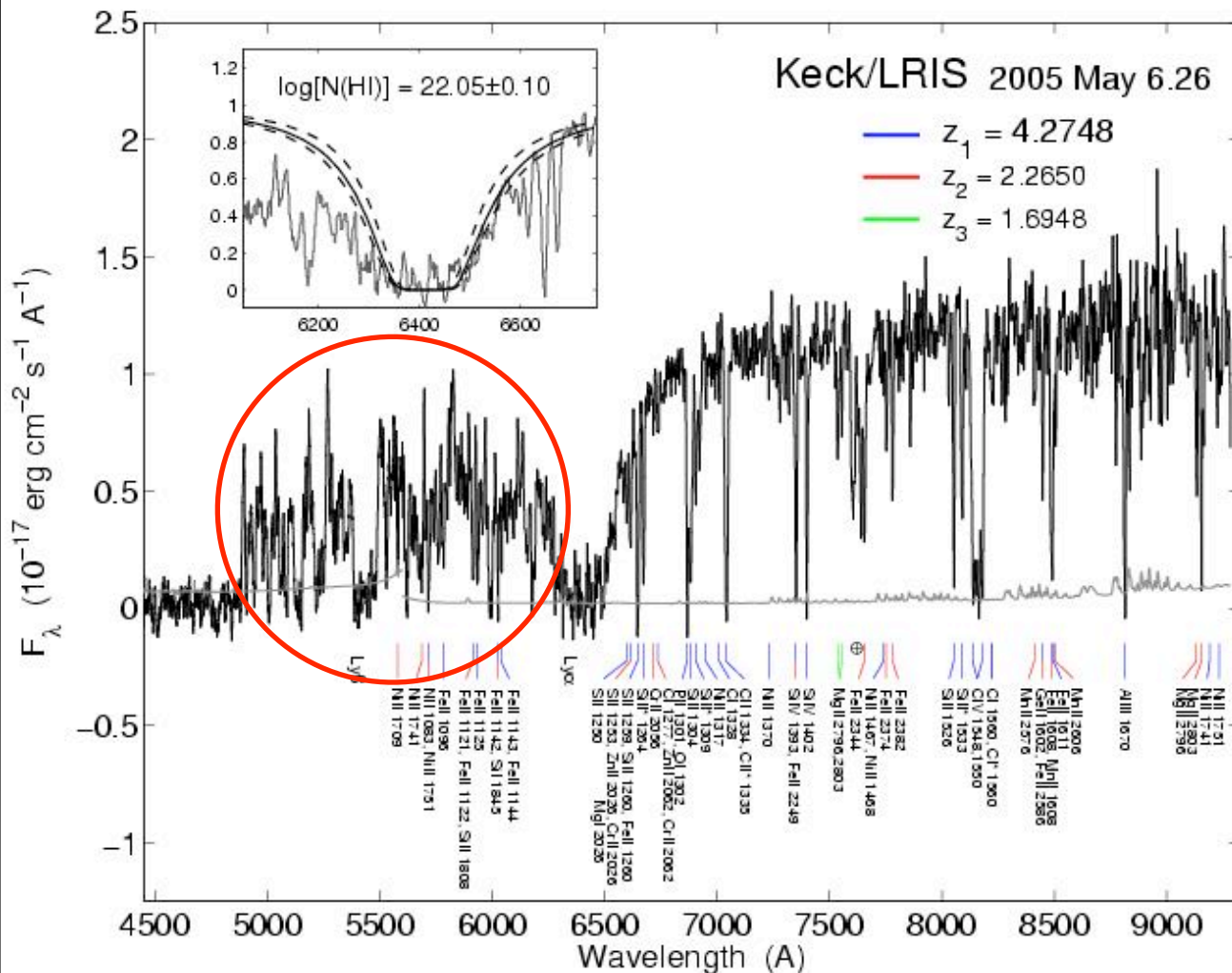
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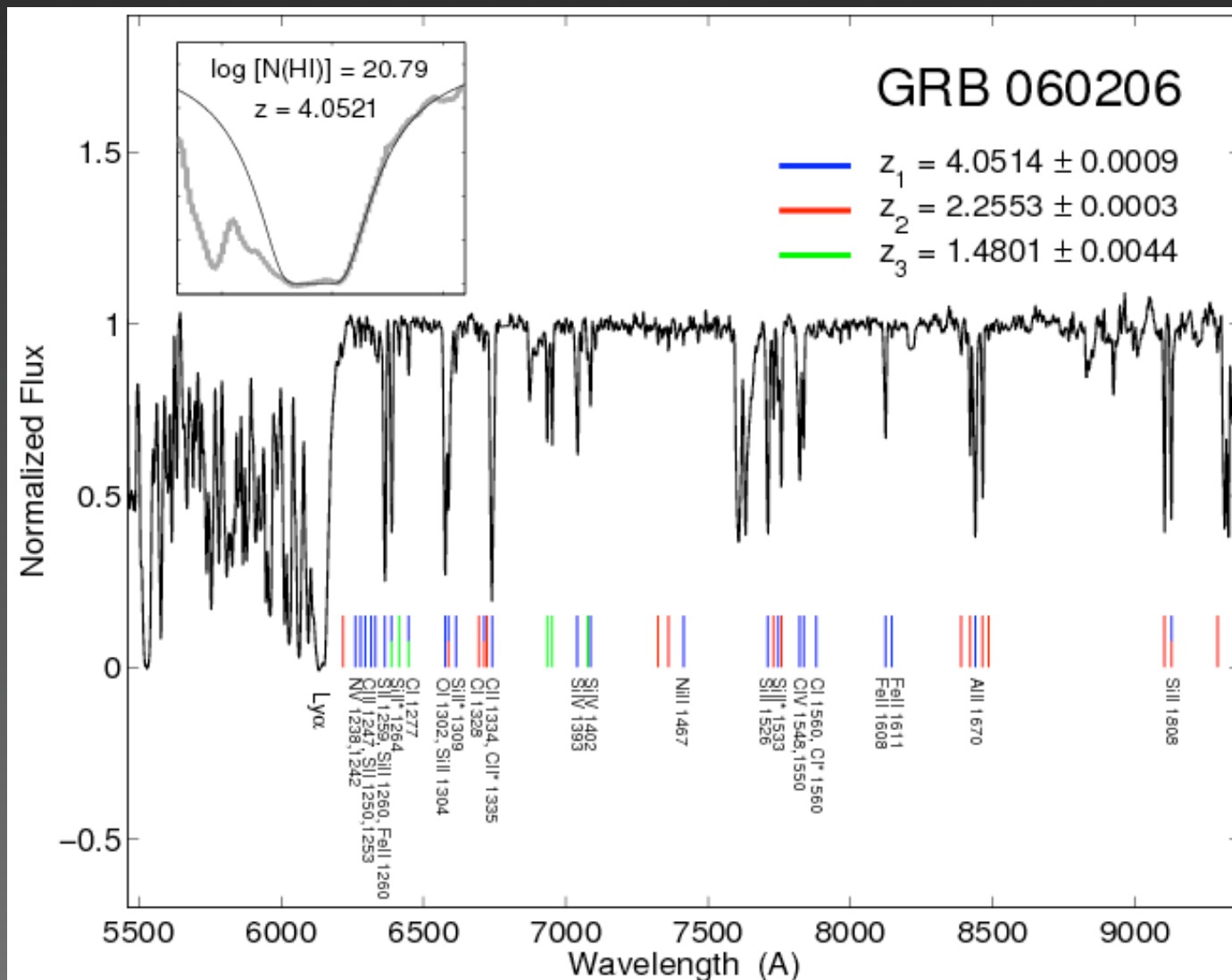
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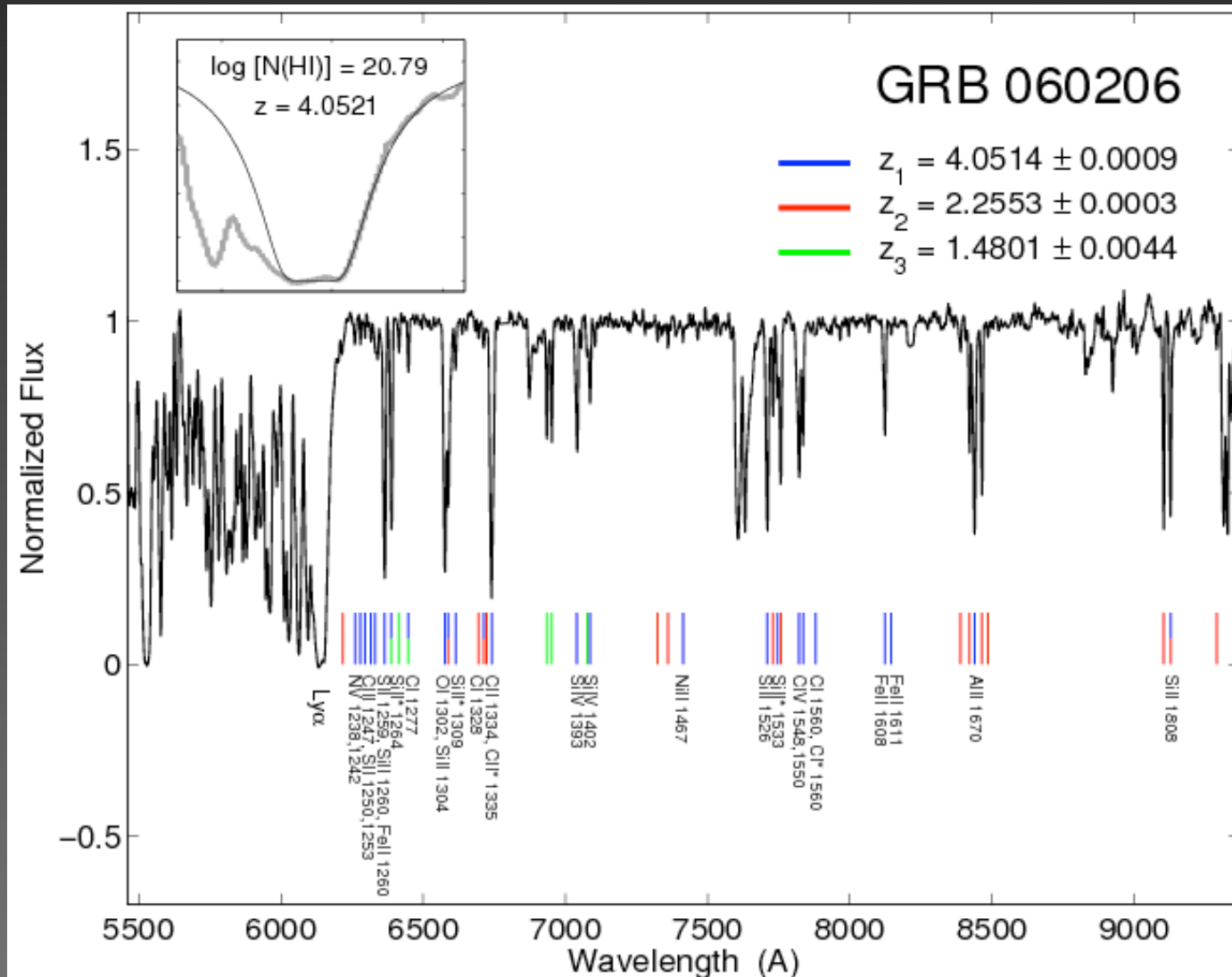


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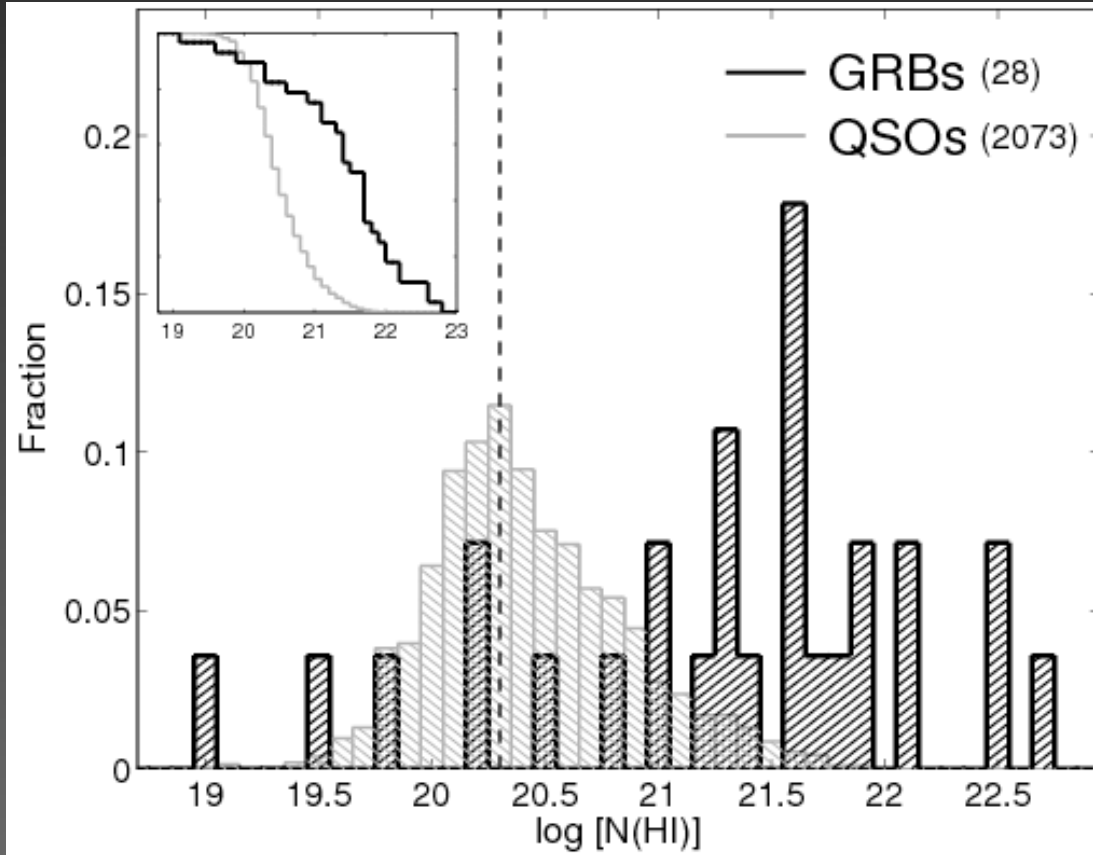
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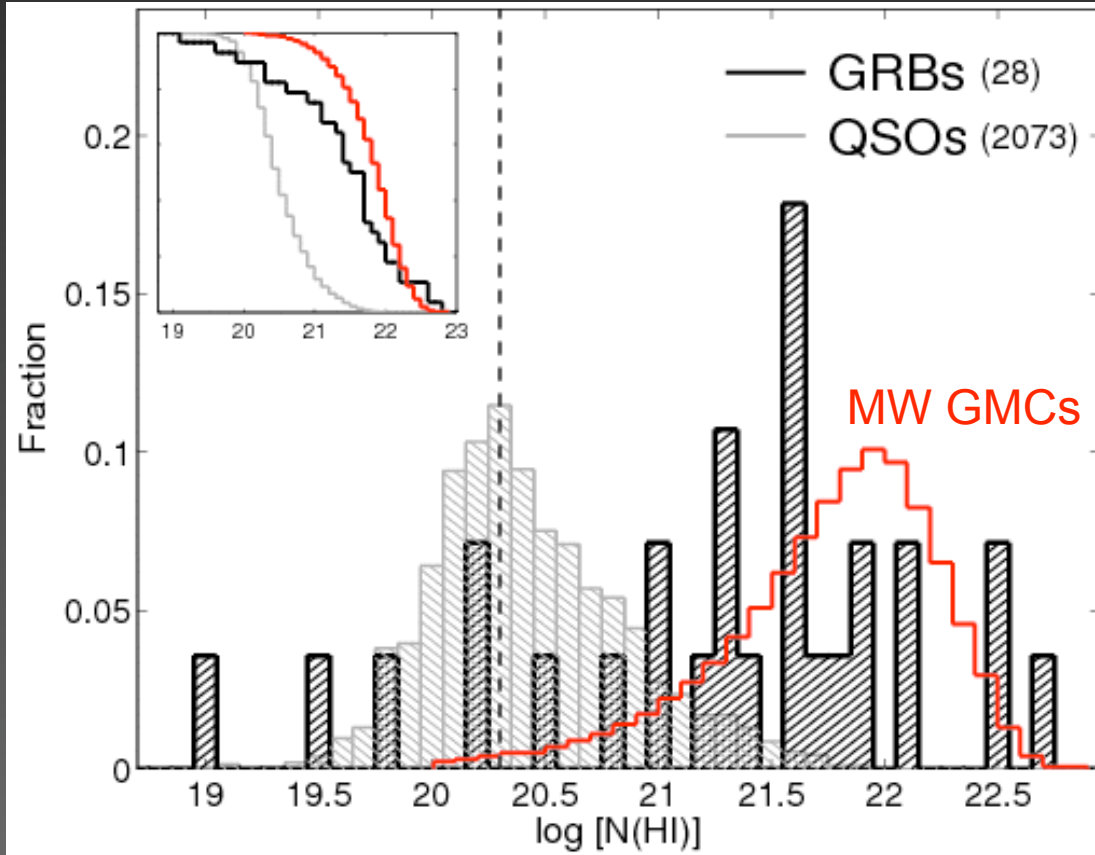
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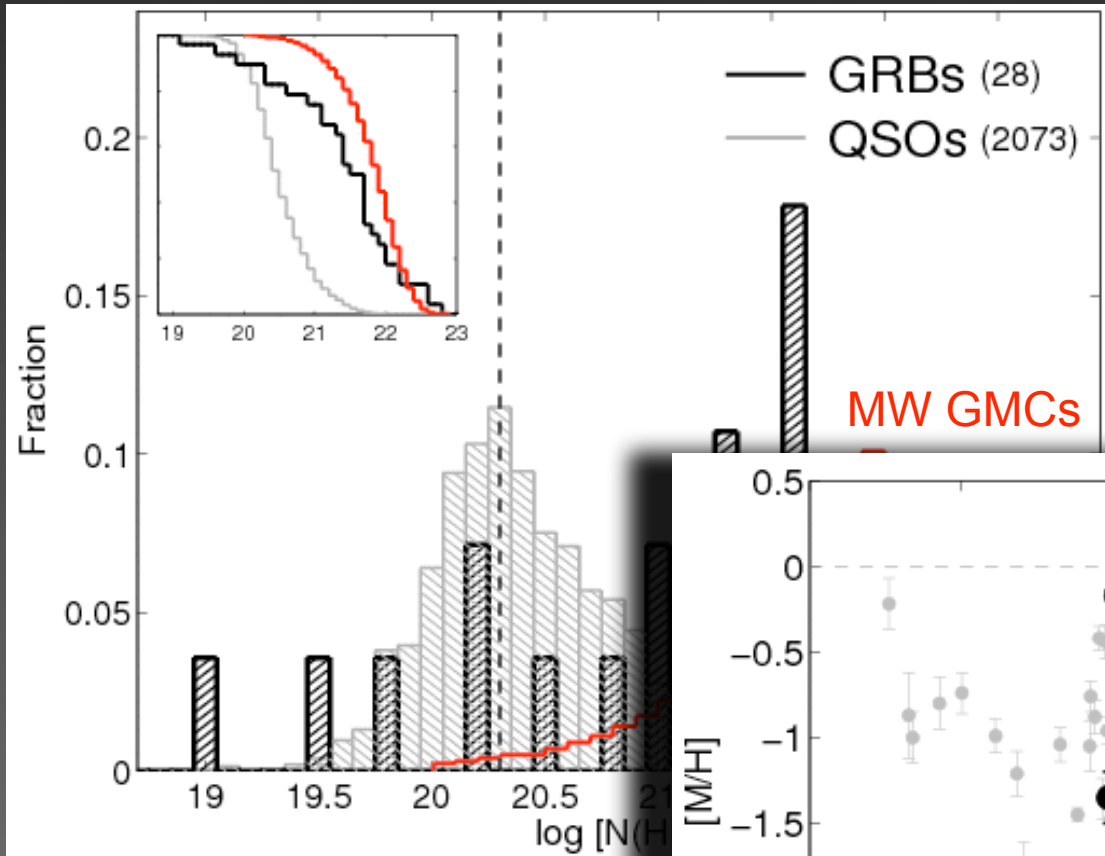
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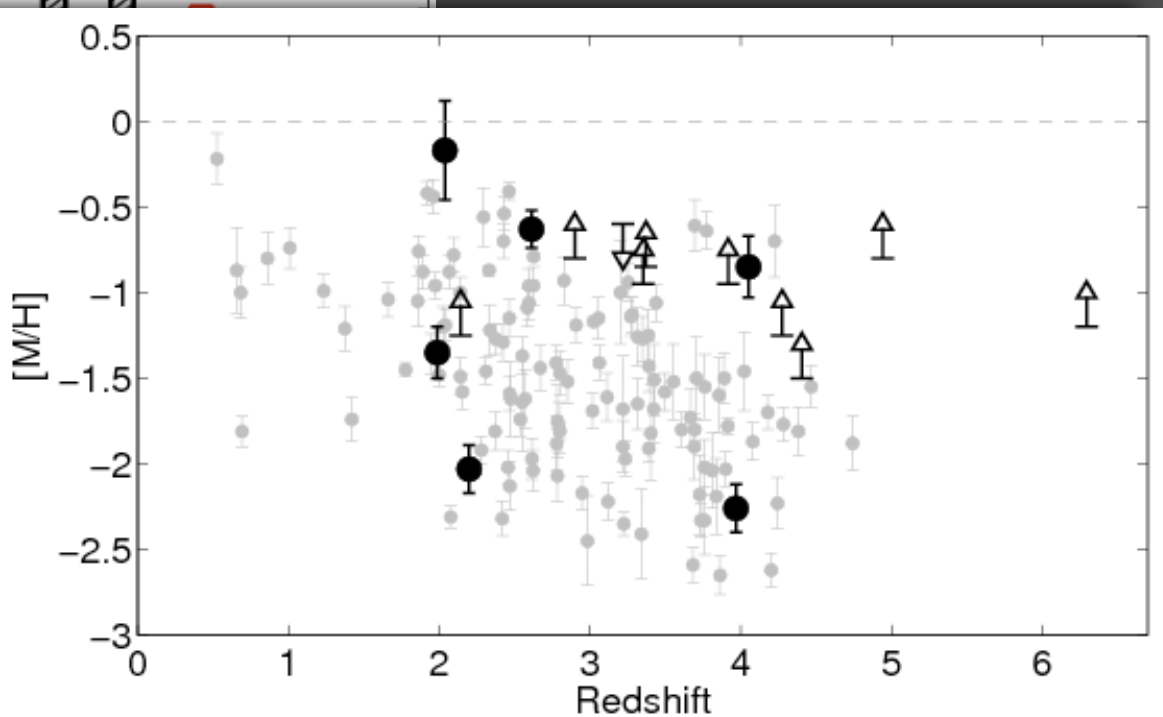
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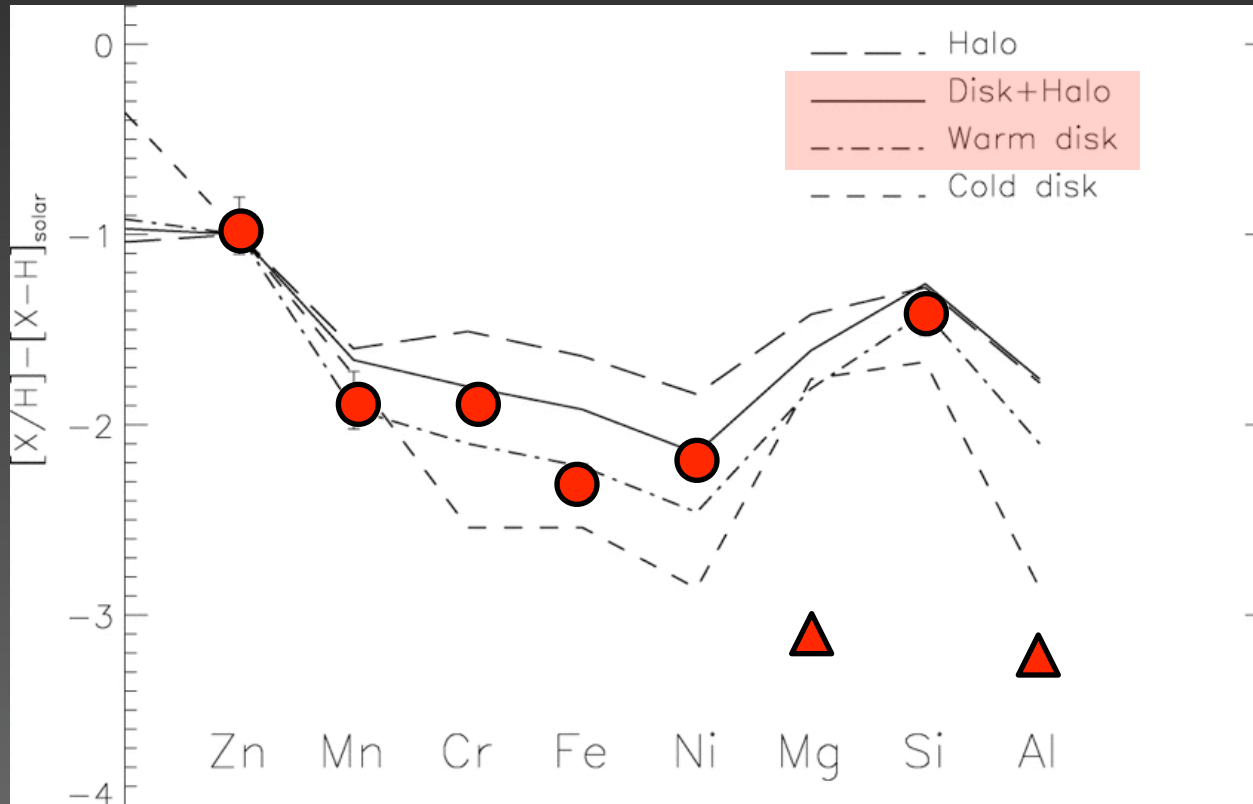


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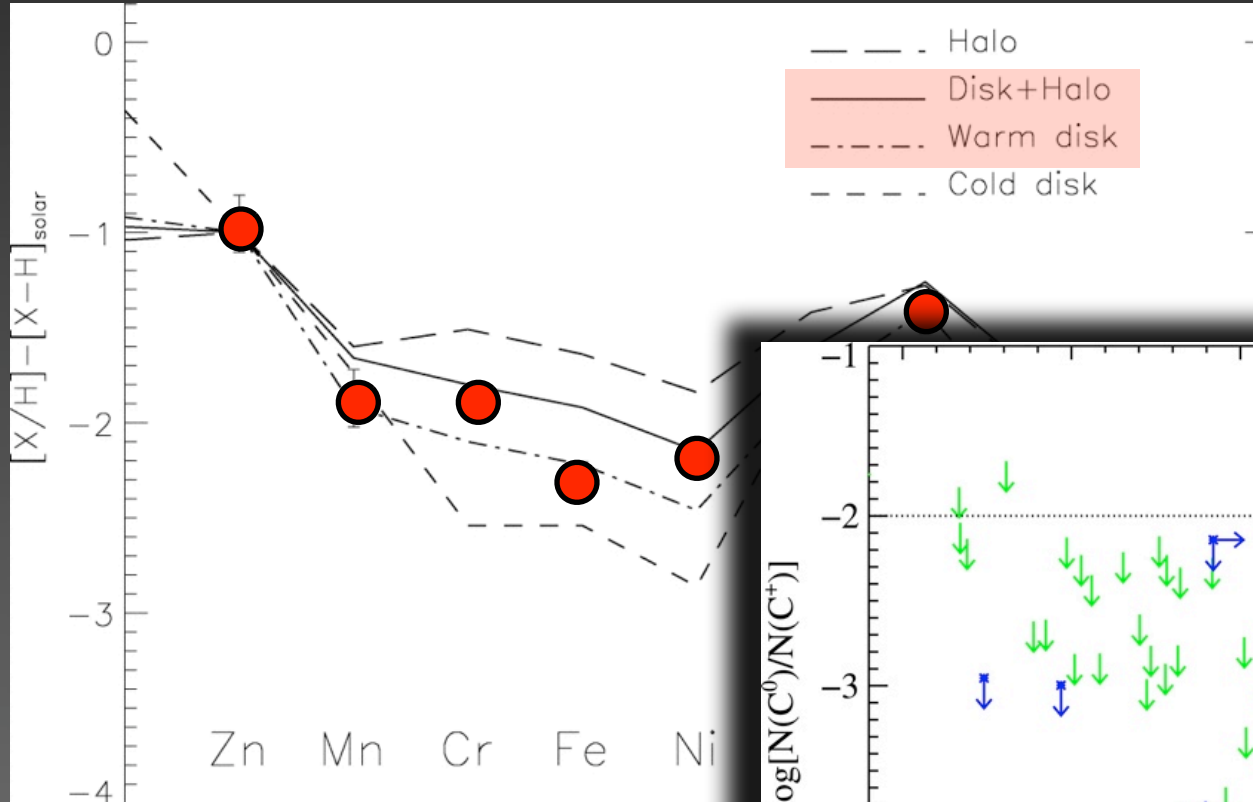
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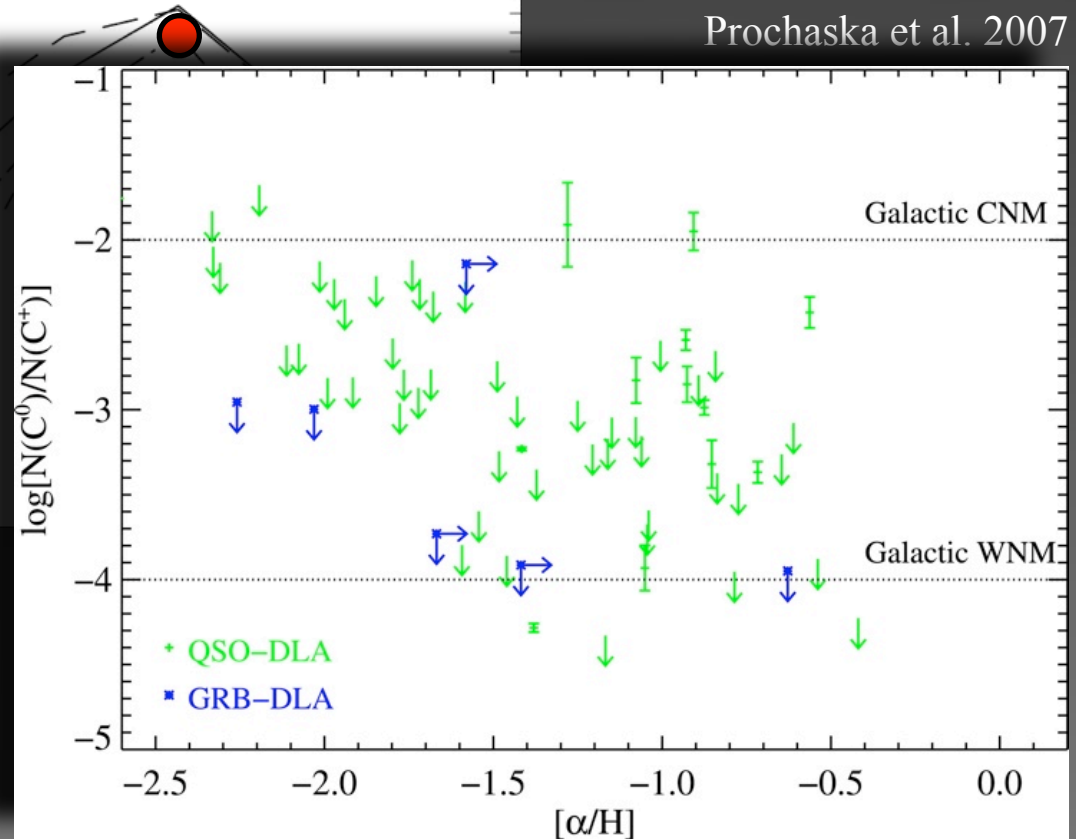
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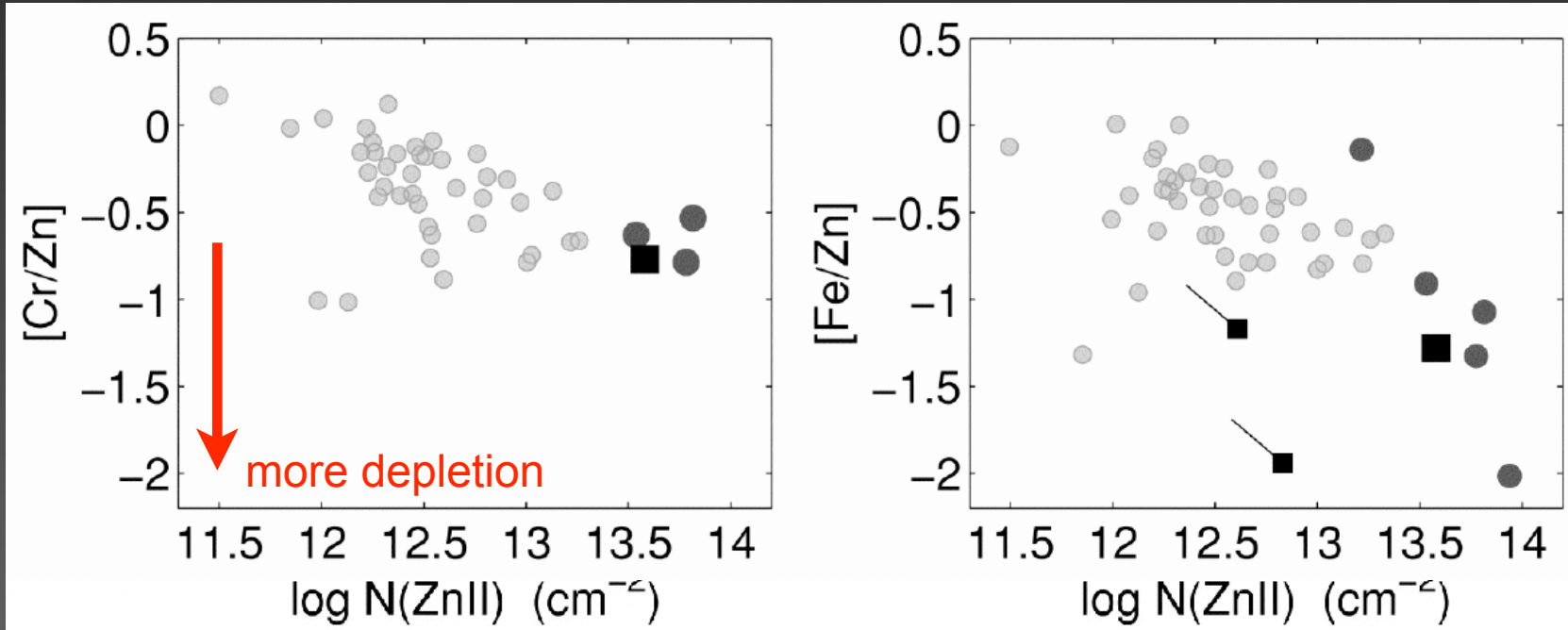
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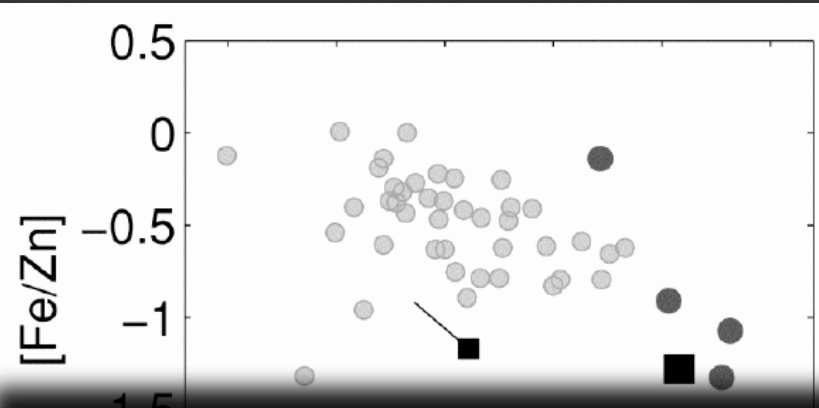
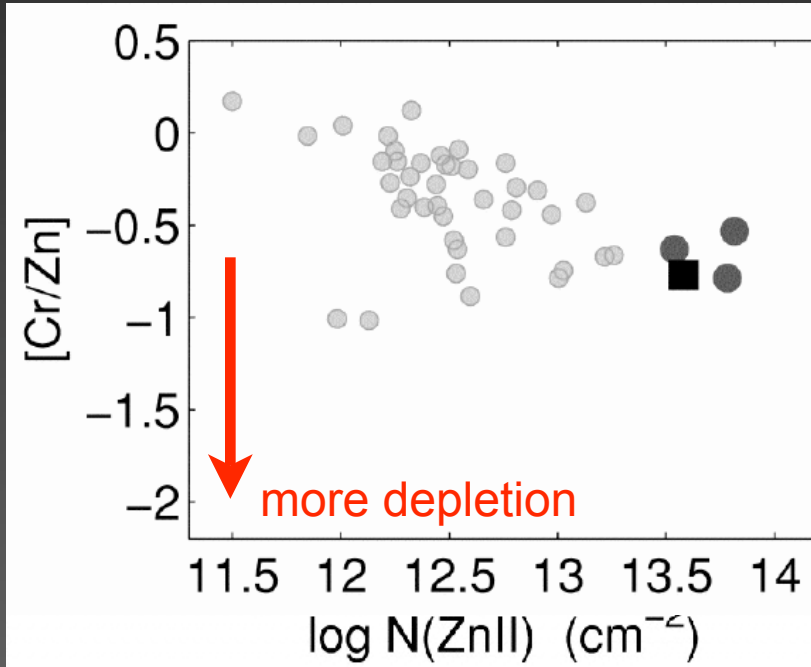
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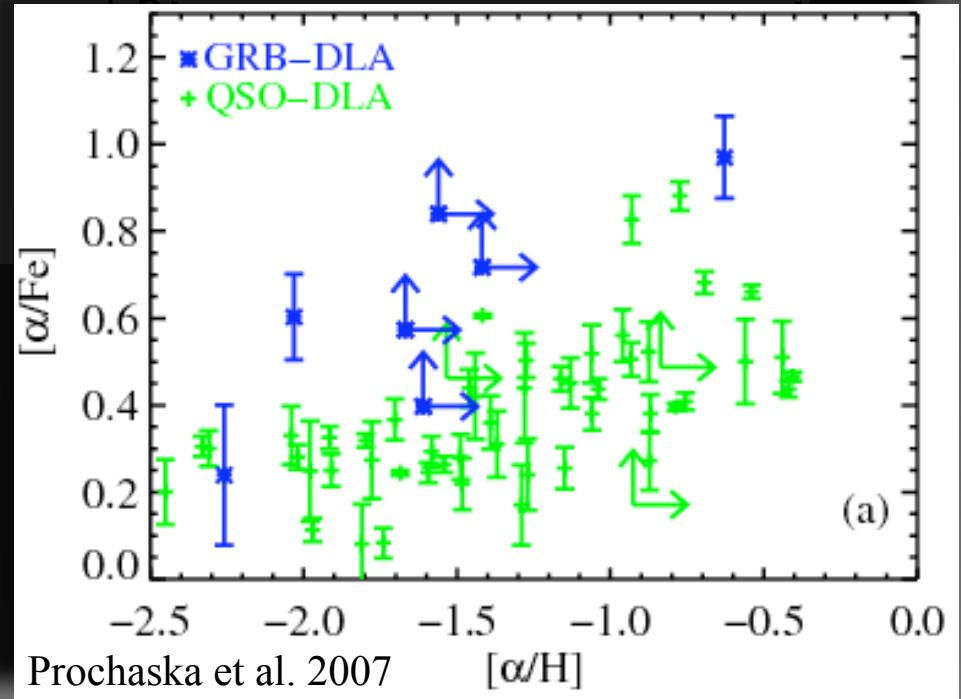
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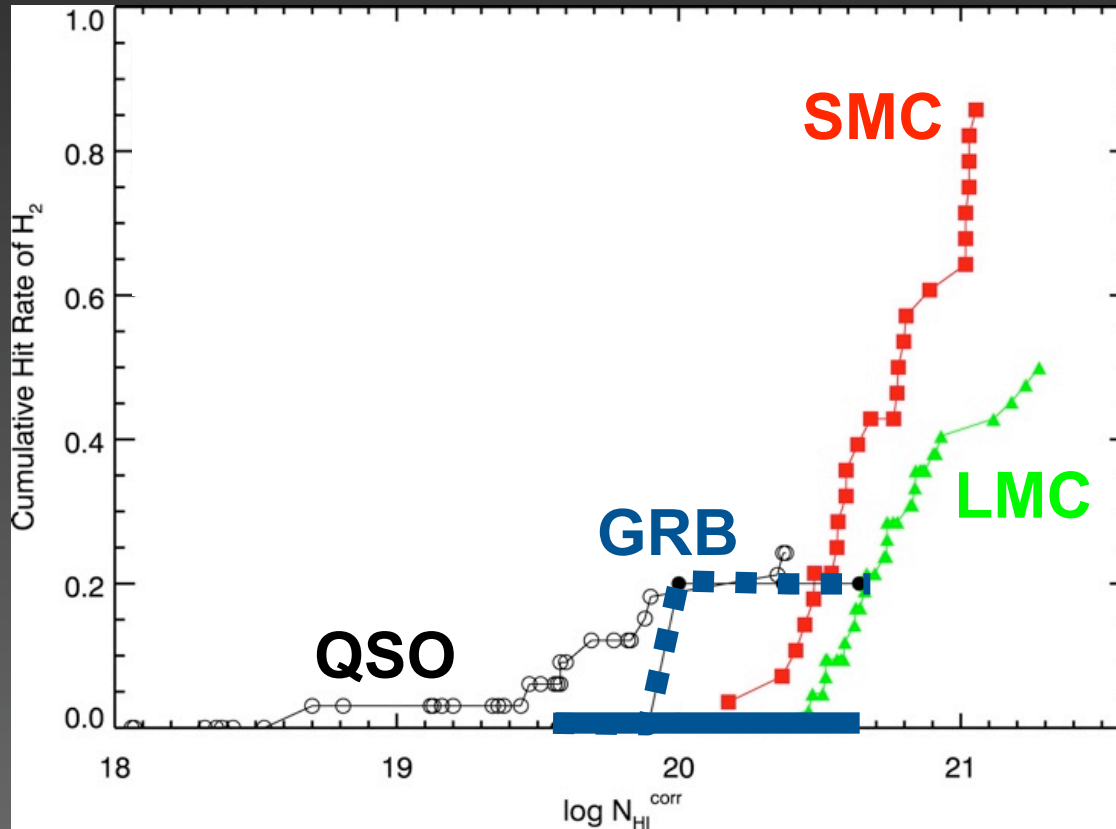


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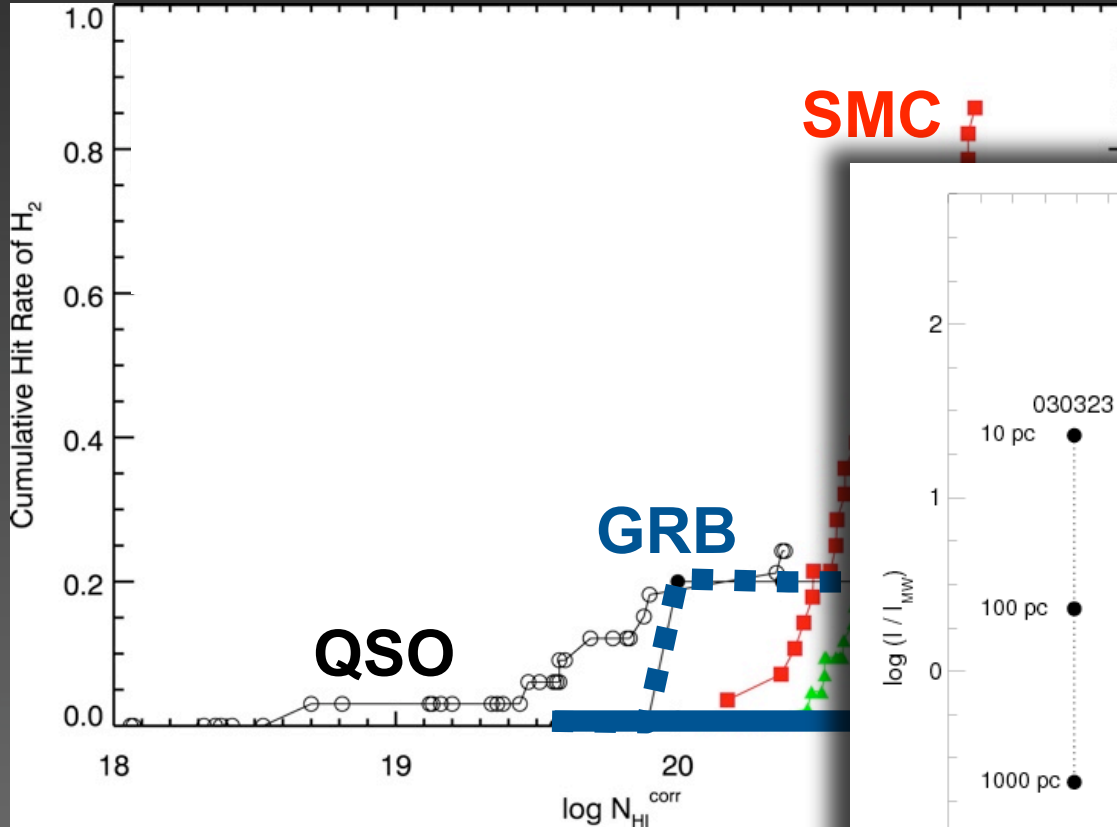
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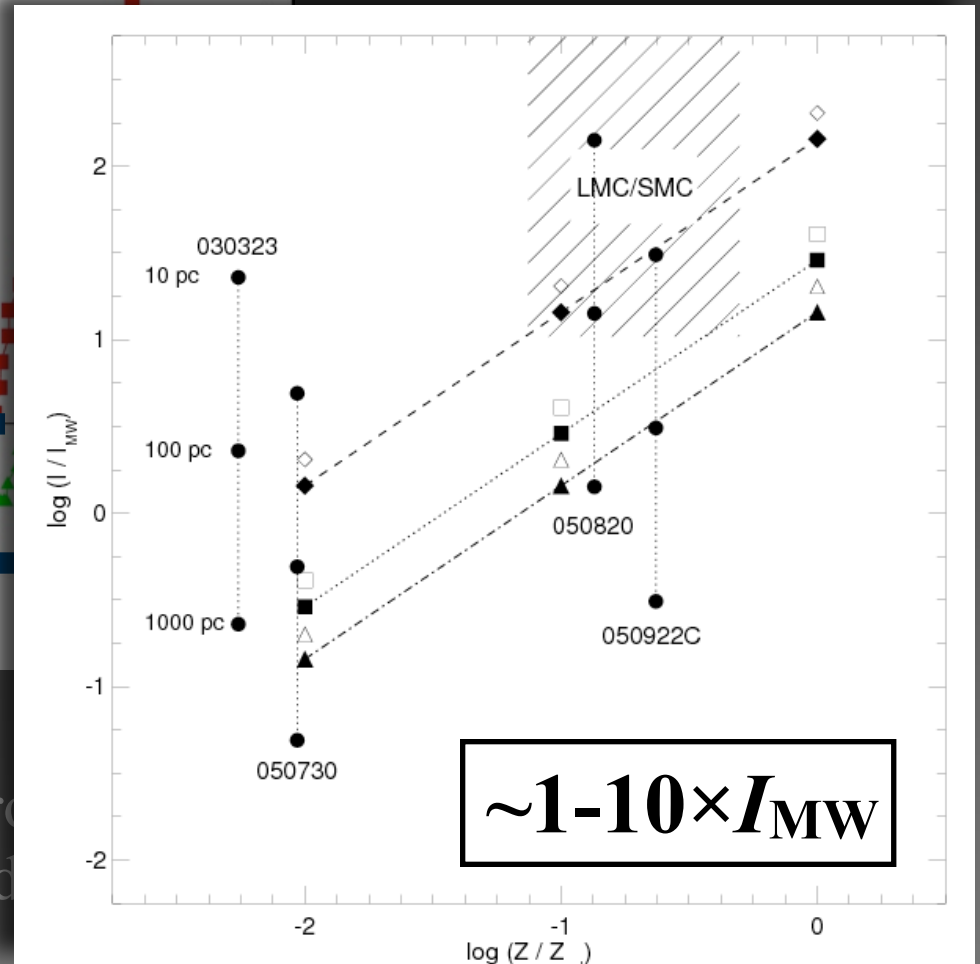
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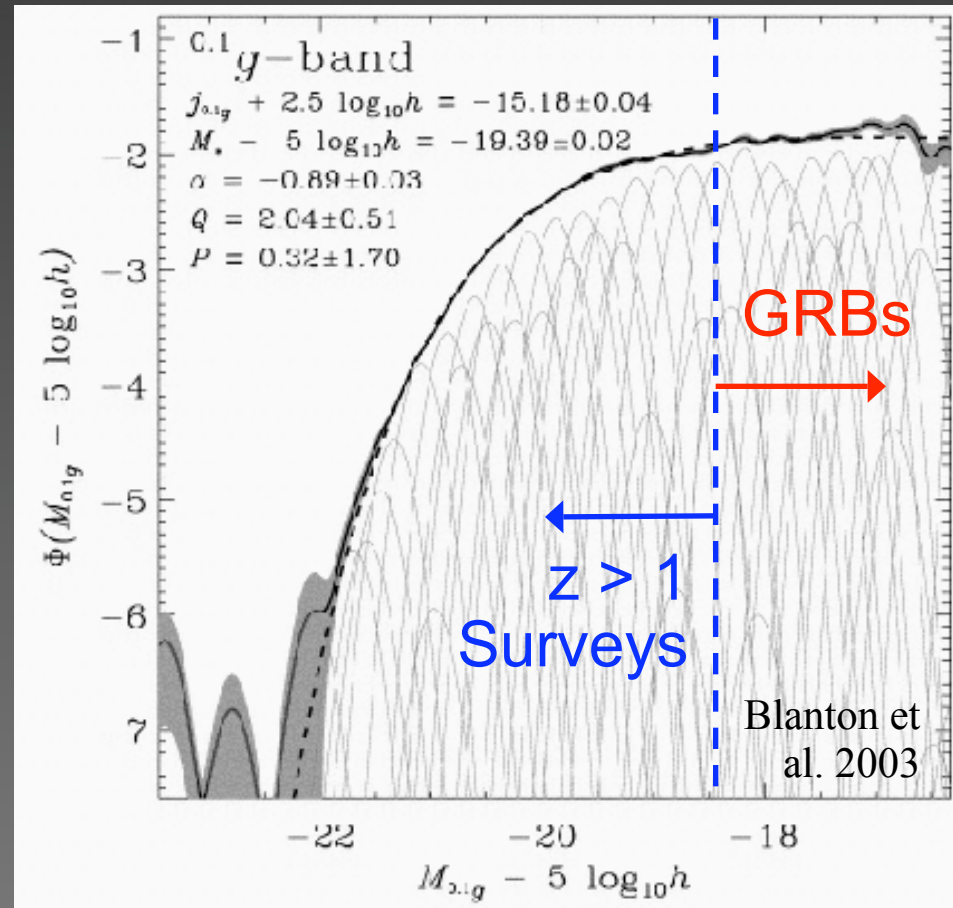
# GRB-DLA Host Galaxies

GRBs offer an alternative galaxy-selection technique

Redshifts & metallicities  
measured from  
absorption spectra

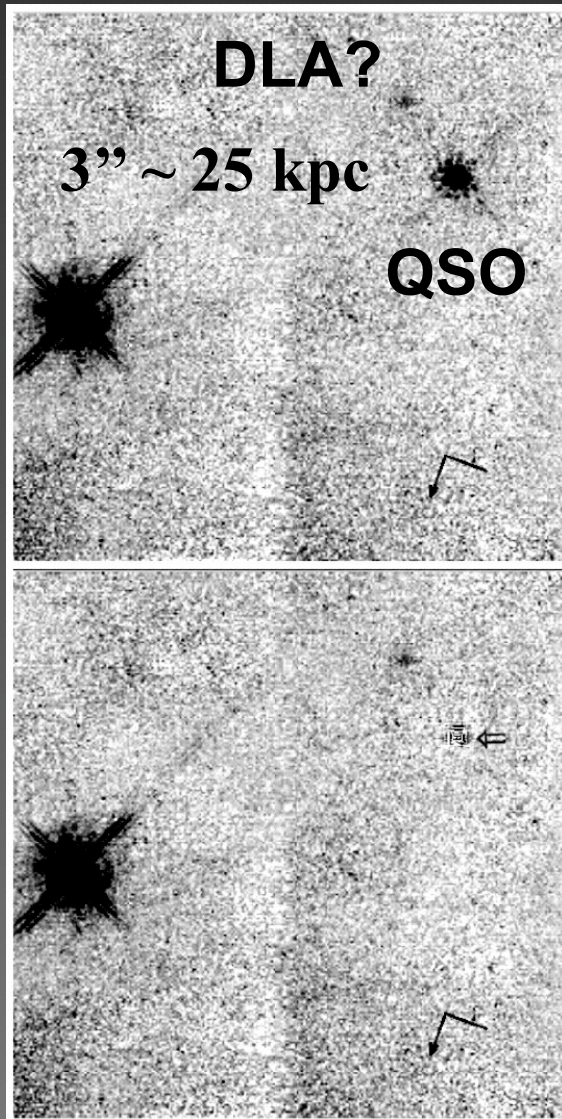


What is the connection  
between DLAs and  
star formation?



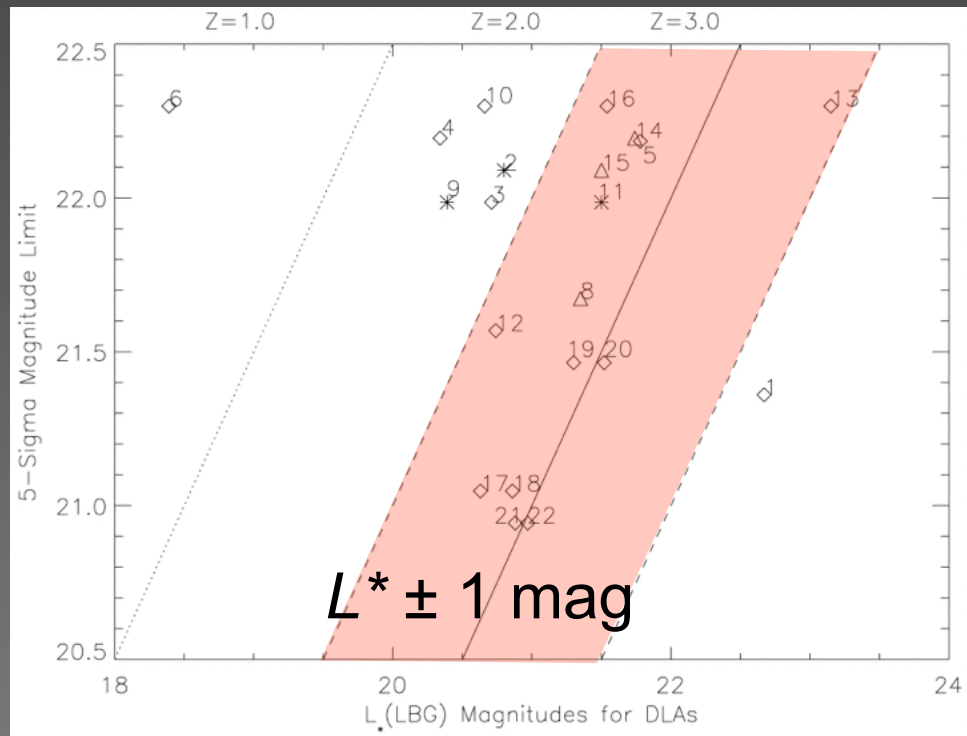
# QSO-DLA Counterparts

Colbert & Malkan 2002



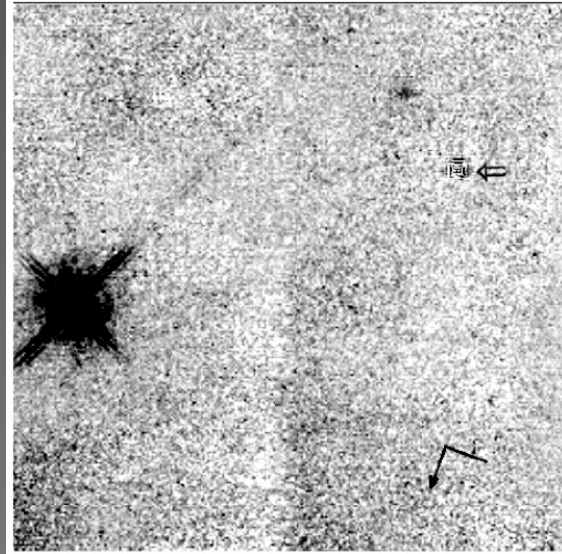
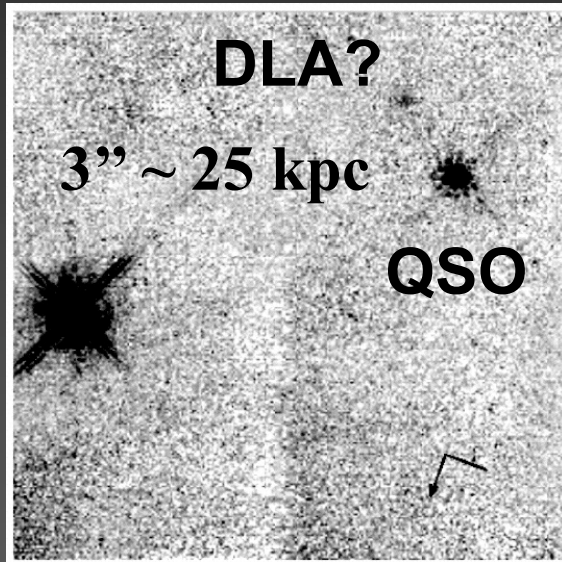
HST/NICMOS [H(5 $\sigma$ )=22 mag; 1/22 detected]

Most DLAs are not drawn from the bright end of the LBG population

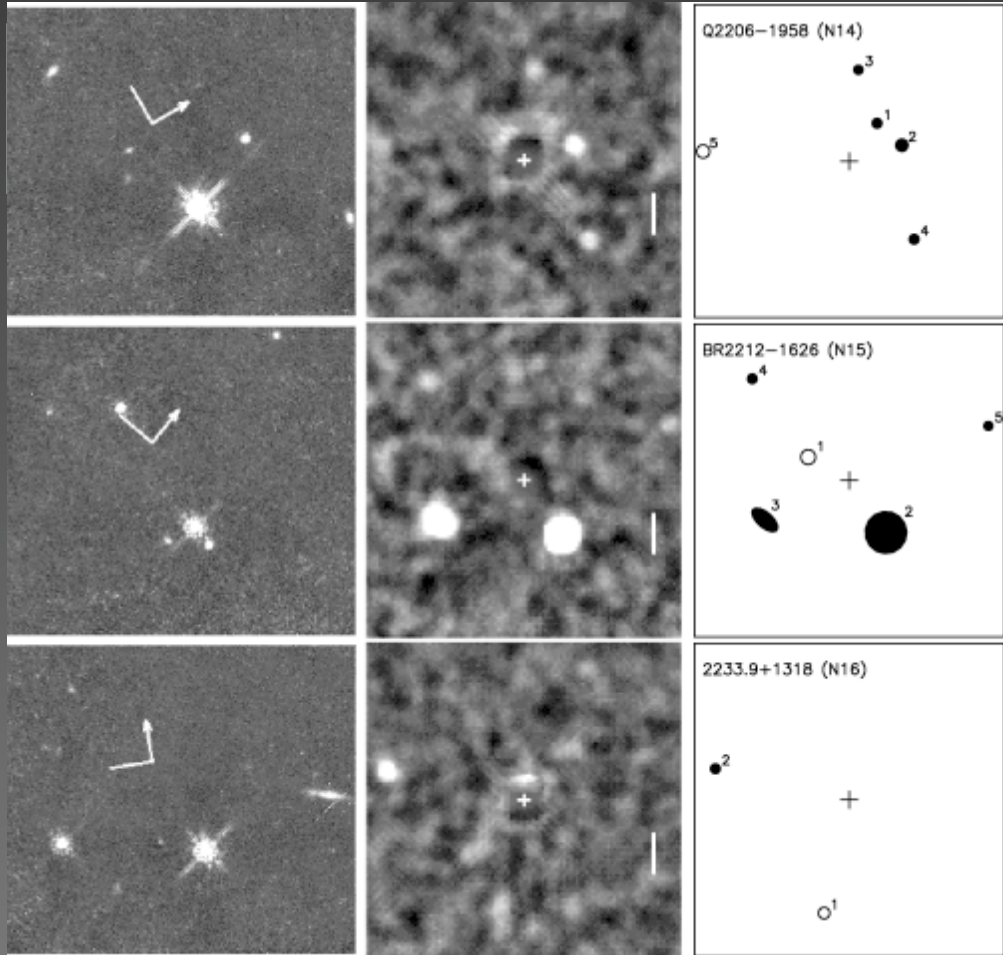


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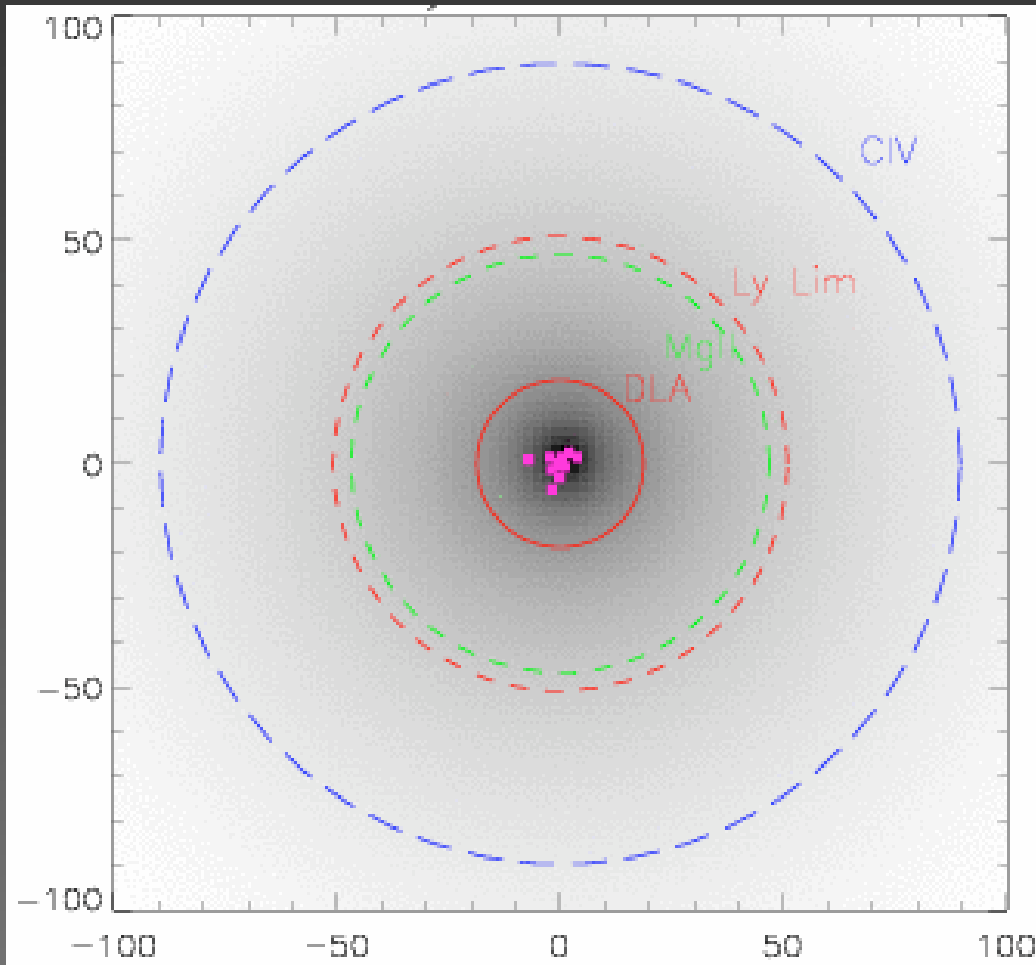
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*GRBs have  $<1''$  offset  $\Rightarrow$*   
no ambiguity about which  
galaxy is the DLA  
counterpart

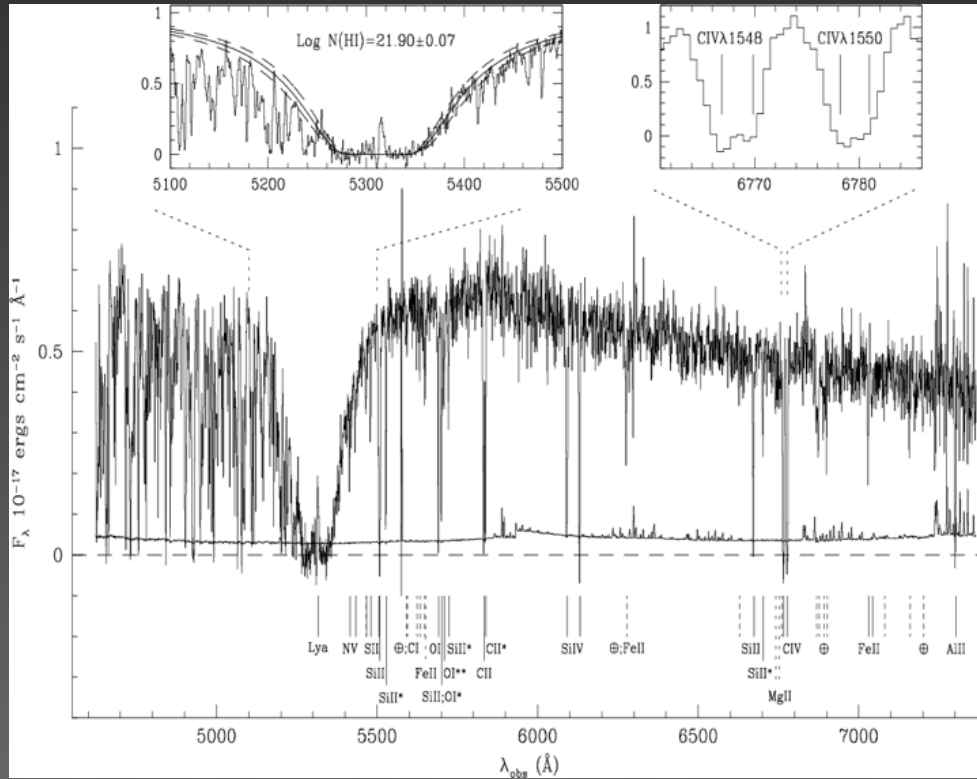
*GRBs fade away  $\Rightarrow$*   
galaxy can be imaged to  
 $L \ll L^*$  & regardless of PSF



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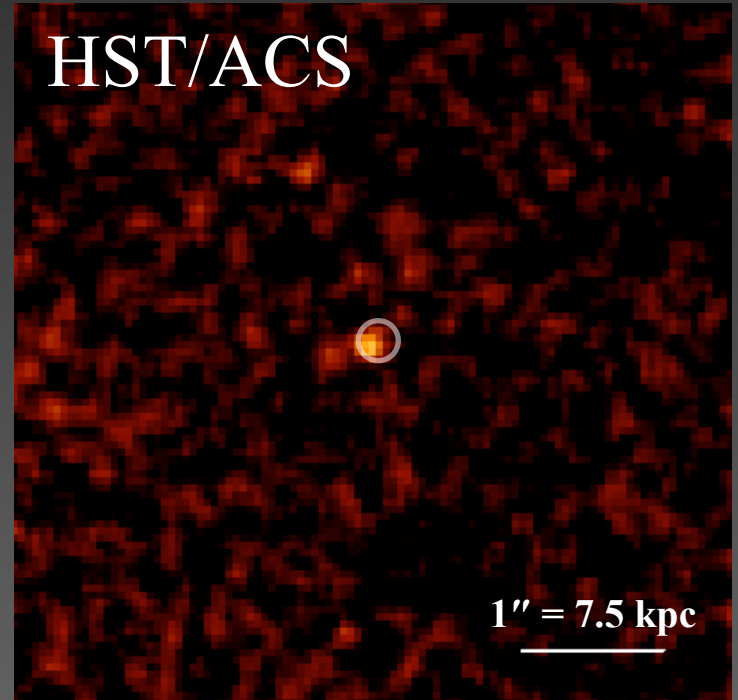
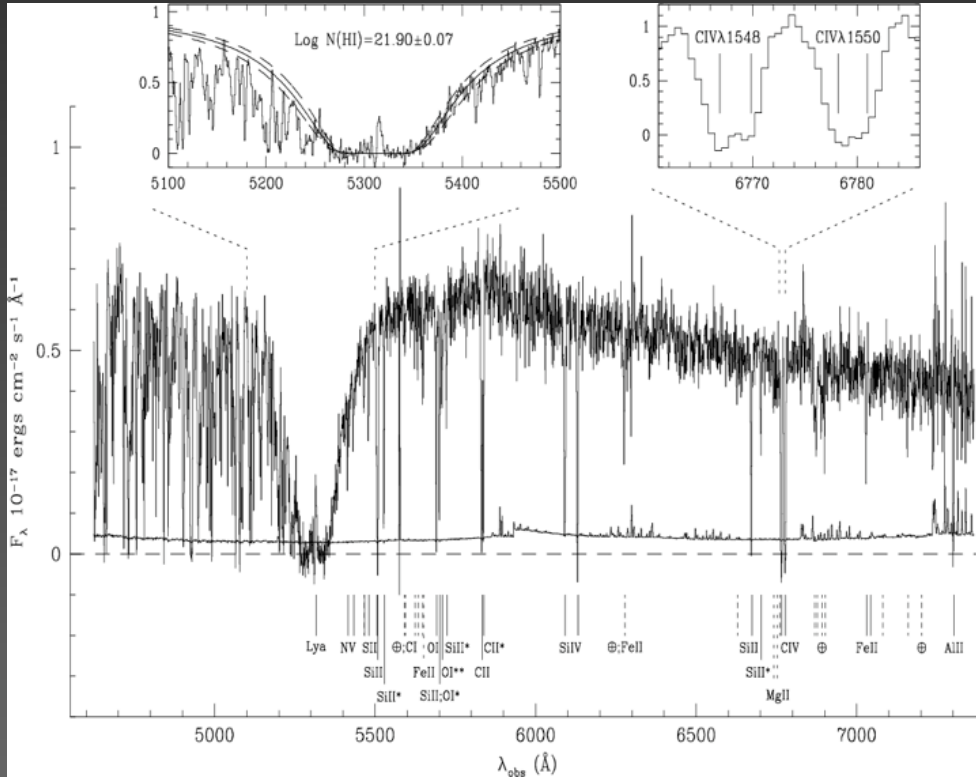
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$F606W(AB) \approx 28.1$  mag

$L \sim 0.02 L^*$

$SFR \sim 1 M_{\odot}/yr$



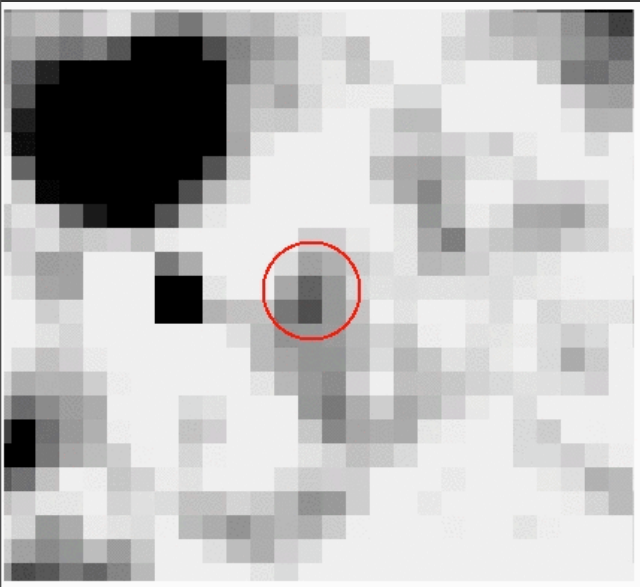
Too faint for other techniques

No spectroscopic confirmation



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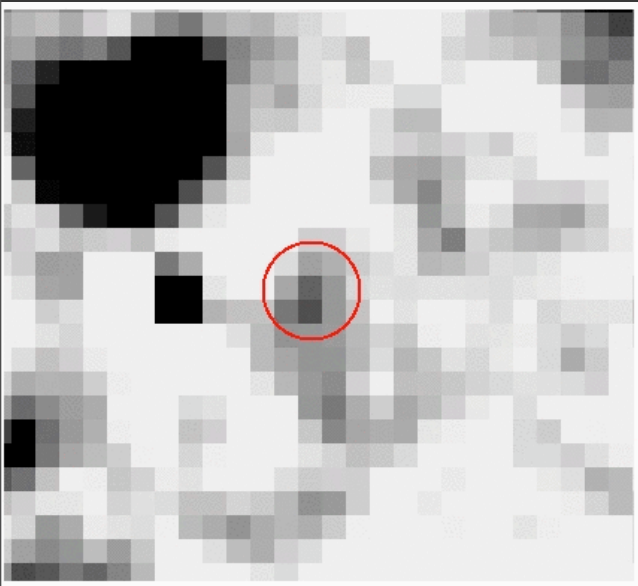
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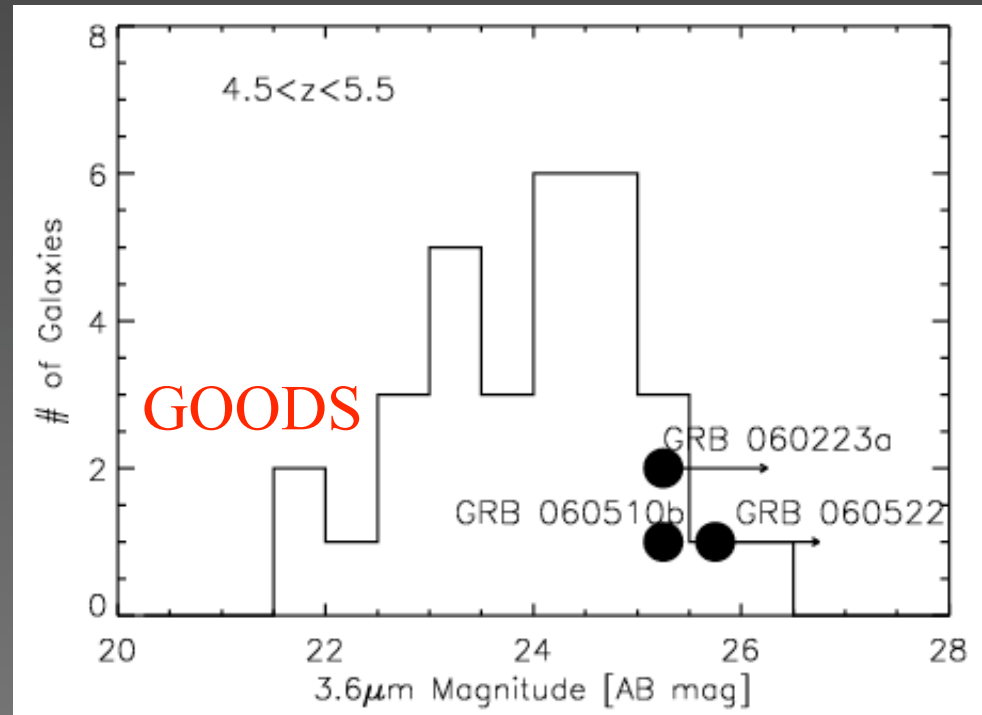
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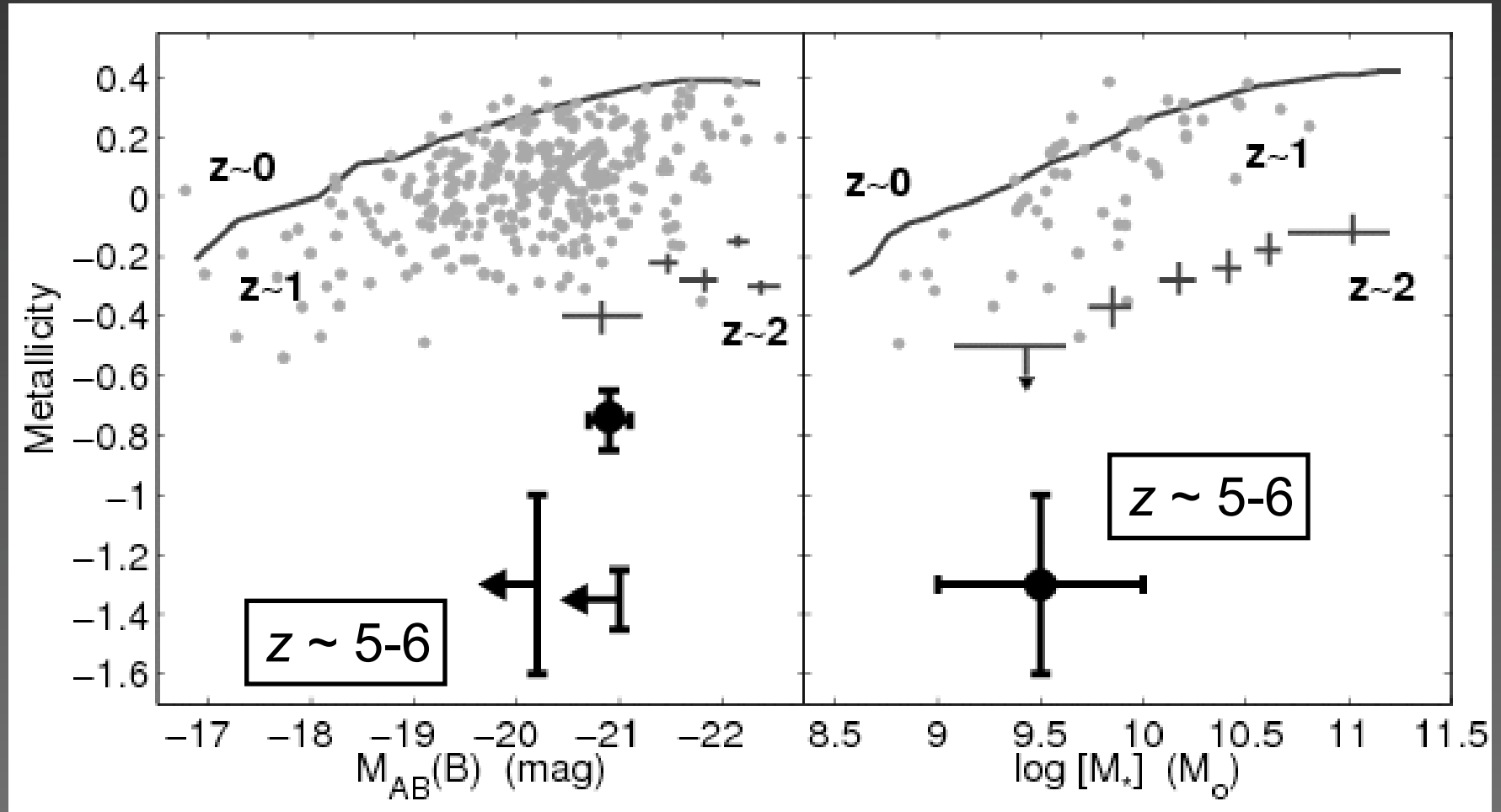
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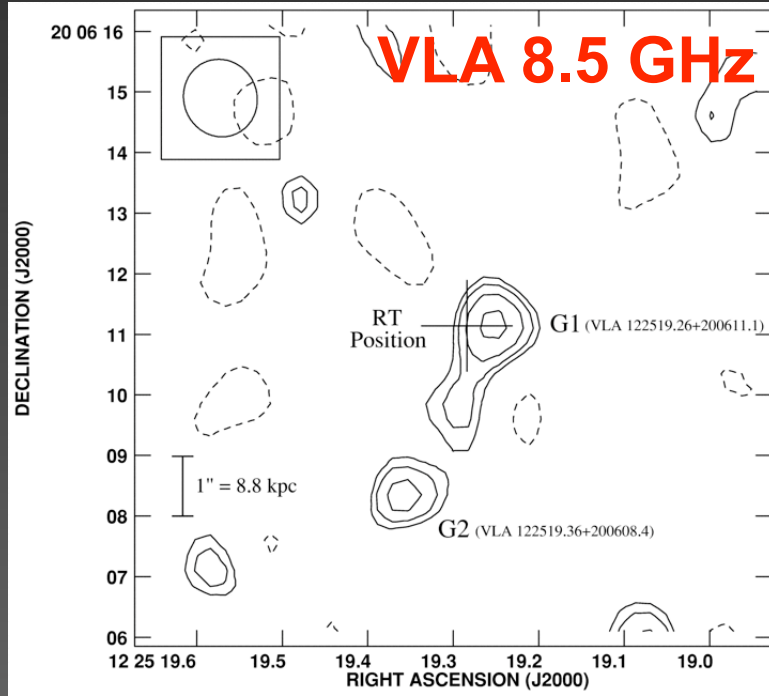
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$z \sim 0$ : Tremonti et al. 2004;  $z \sim 1$ : Kobulnicky & Kewley 2004; Savaglio et al. 2005;  $z \sim 2$ : Erb et al. 2006

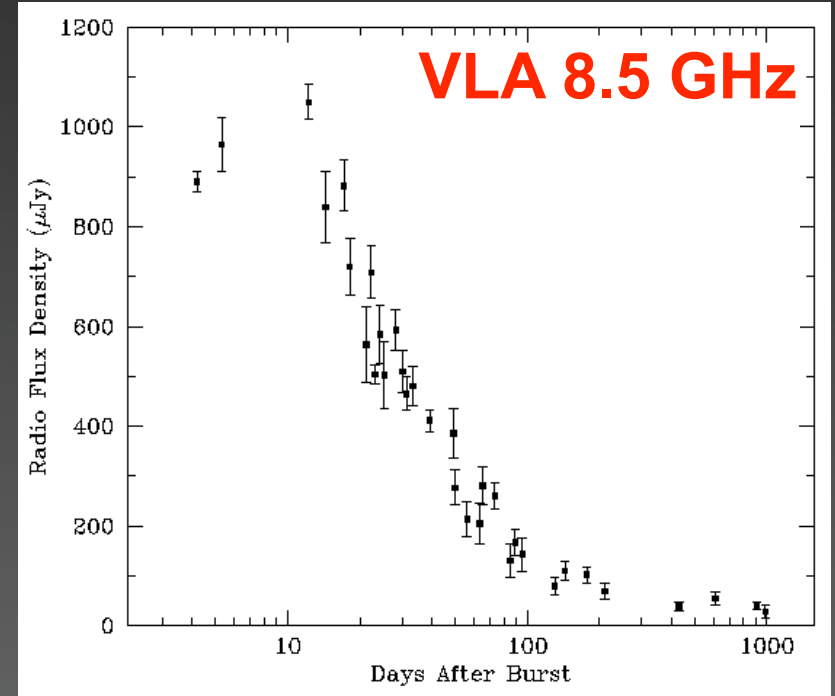
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Berger, Cowie, et al. 2003



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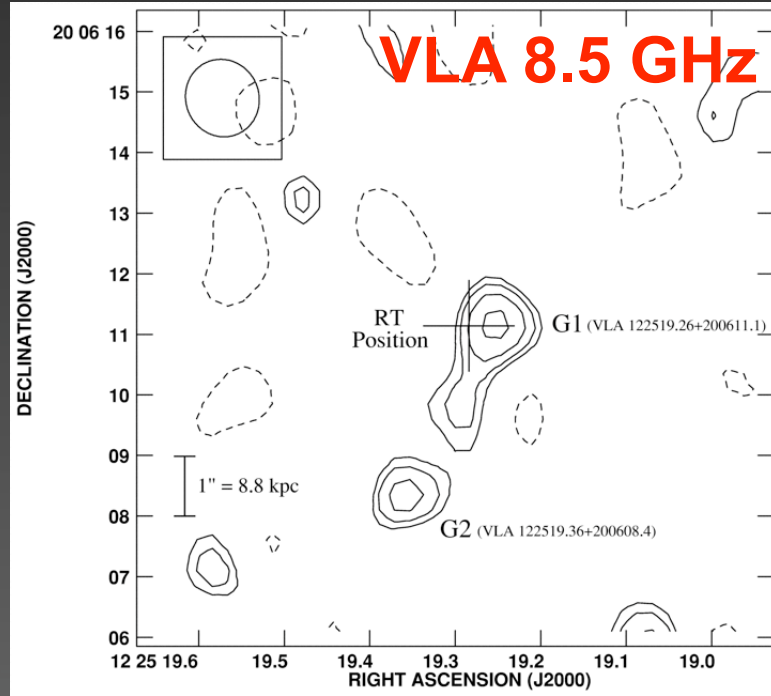
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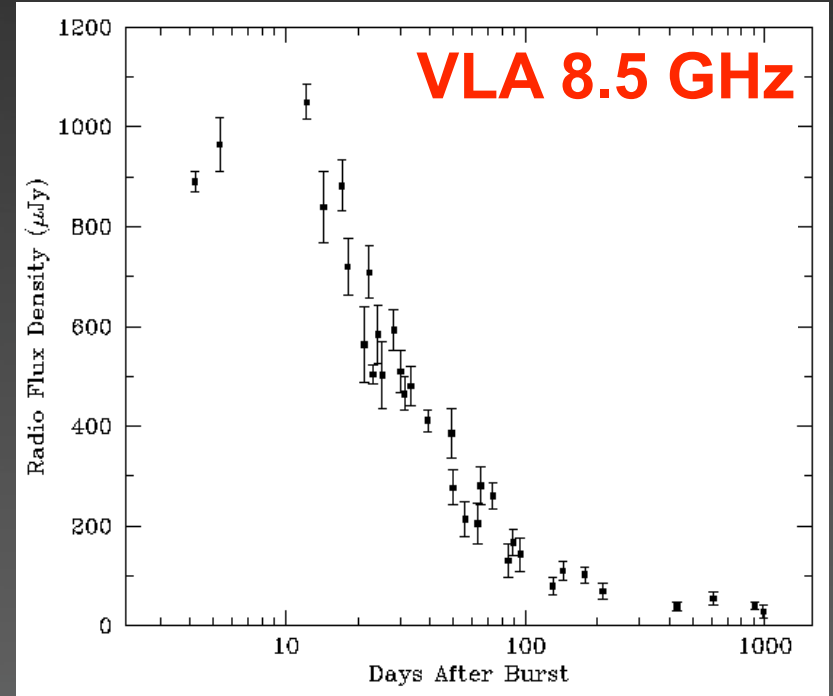
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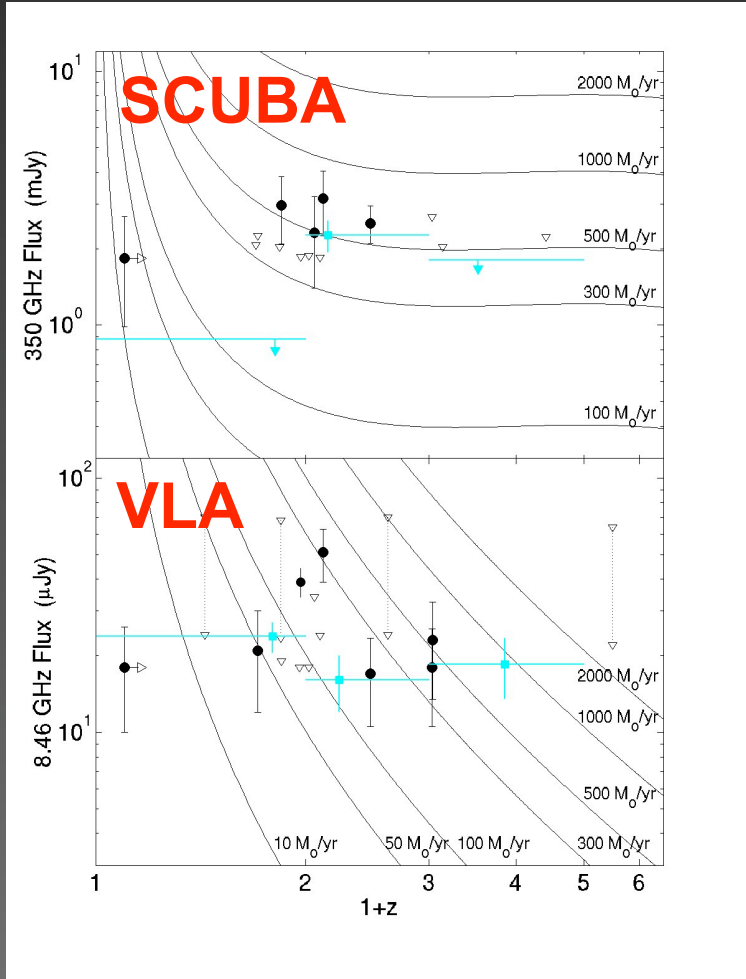
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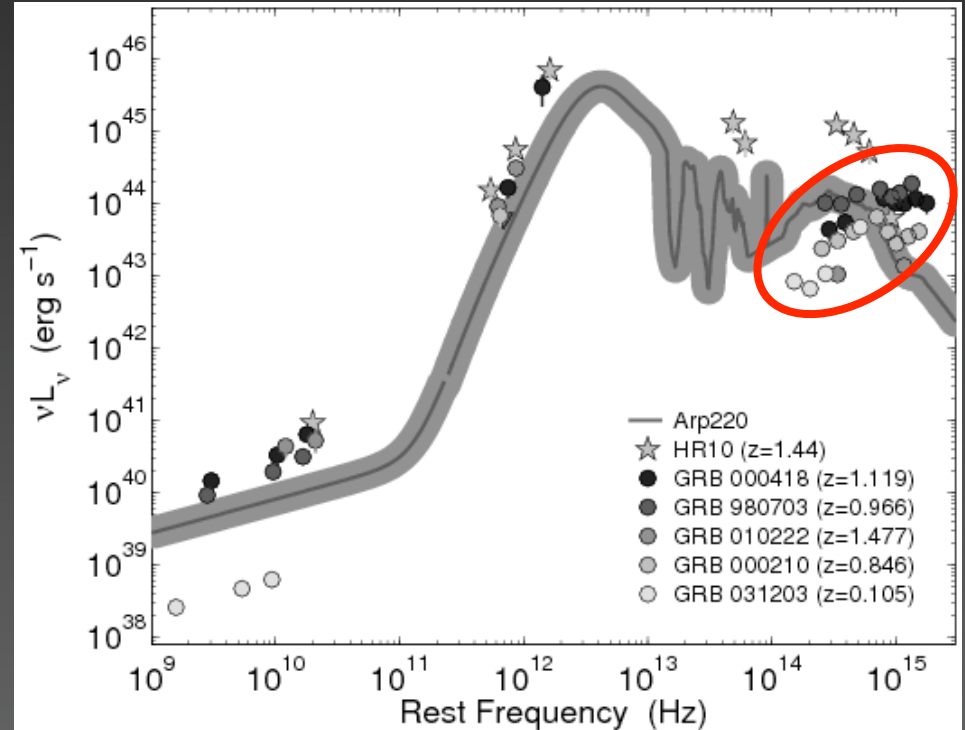


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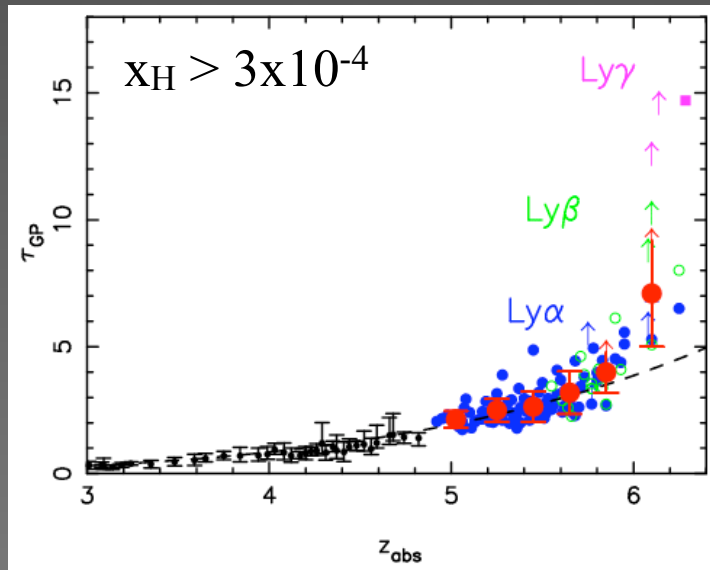
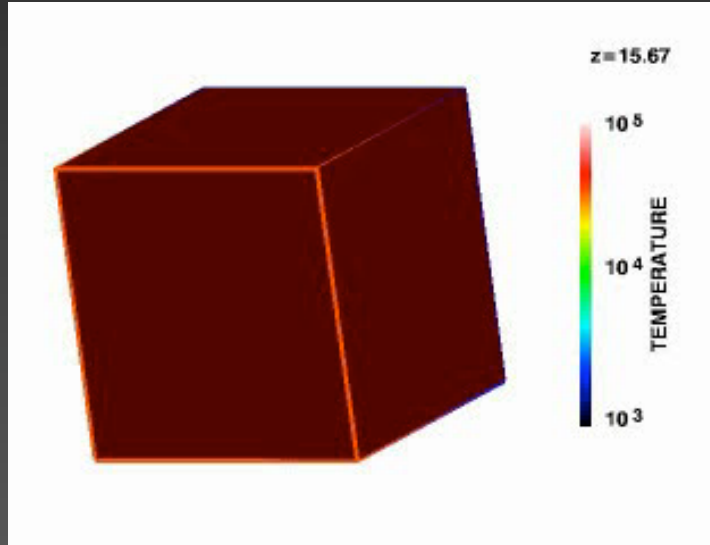


- ~10% detection rate in radio/submm
- $SFR \sim 100\text{-}300 M_\odot/\text{yr}$
- Detected hosts are LIRGs/ULIRGs but very blue

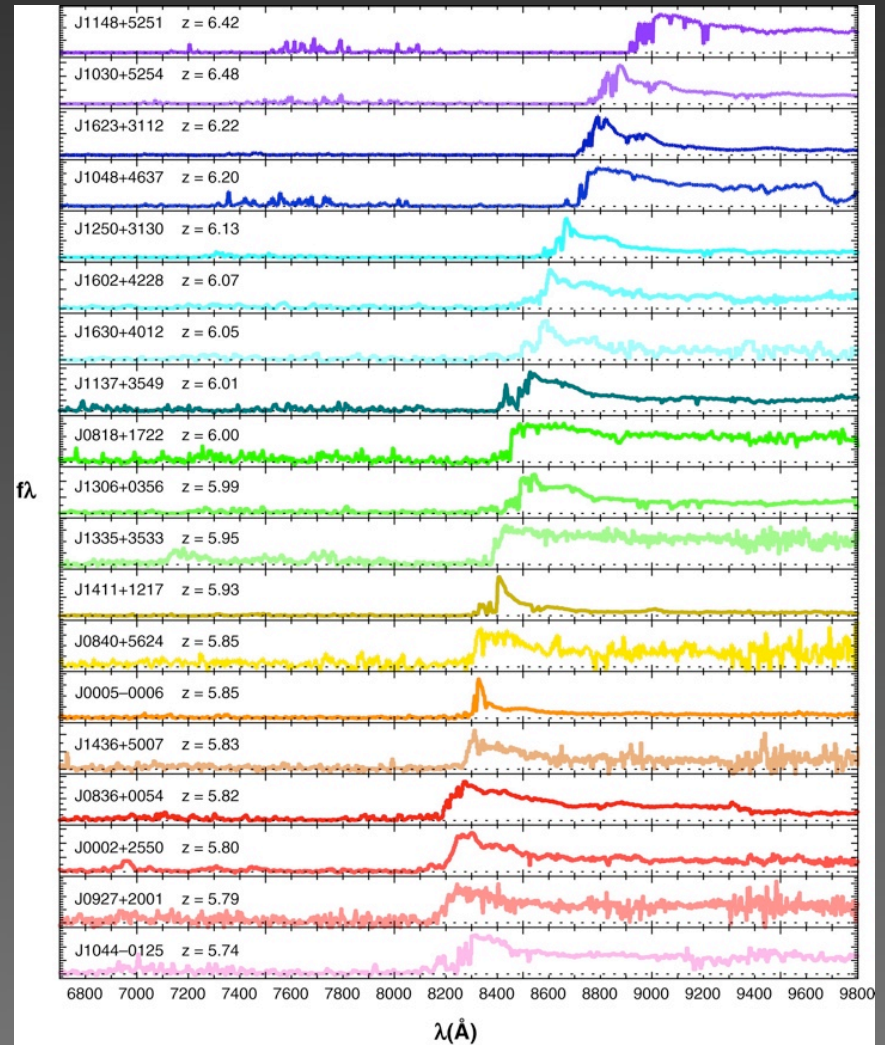


# Cosmic Re-ionization

Gnedin et al.

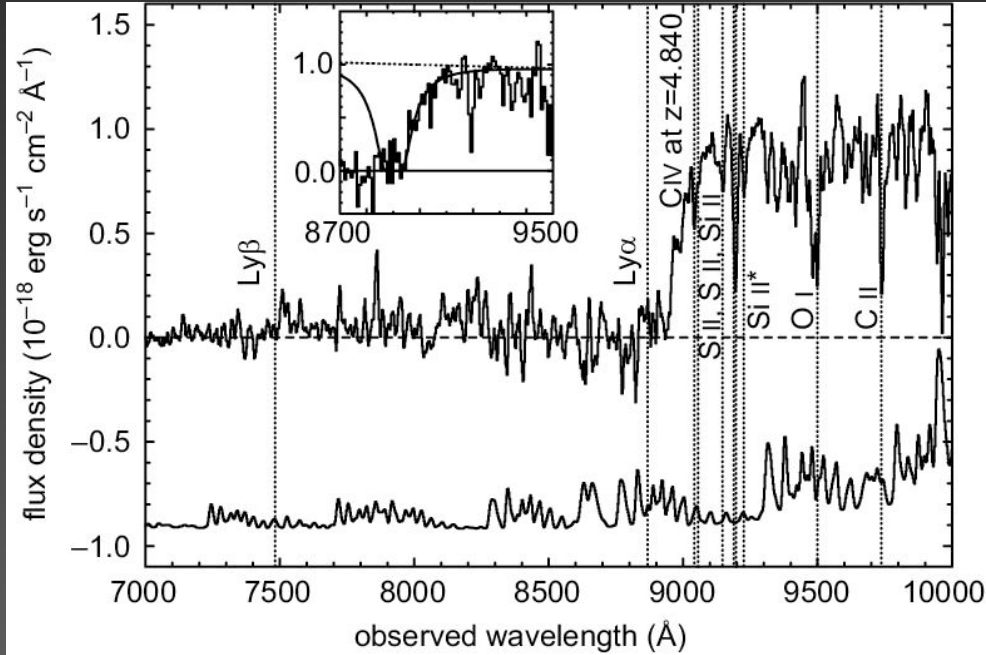


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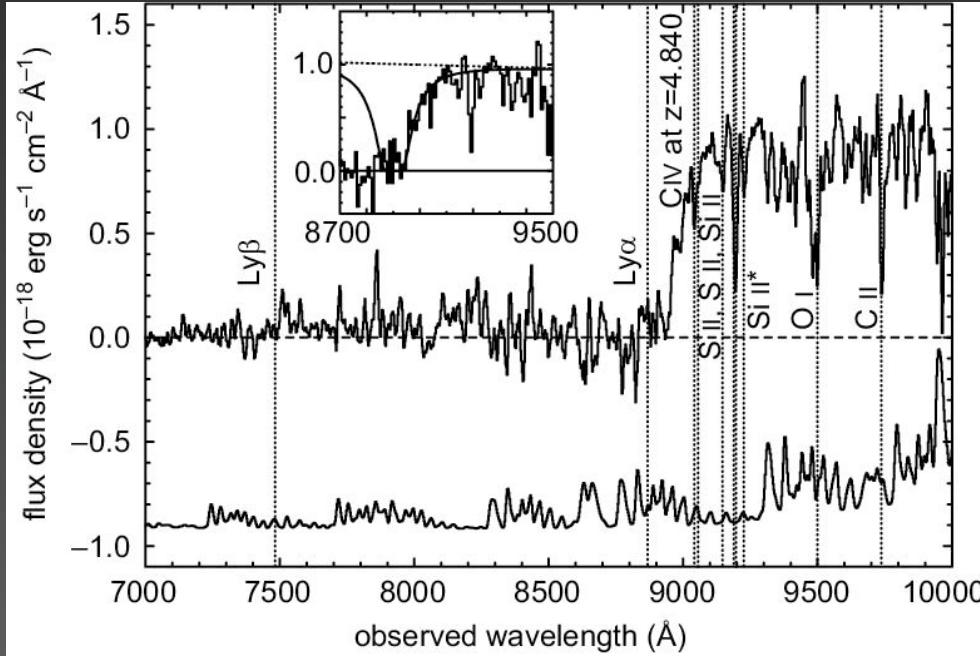
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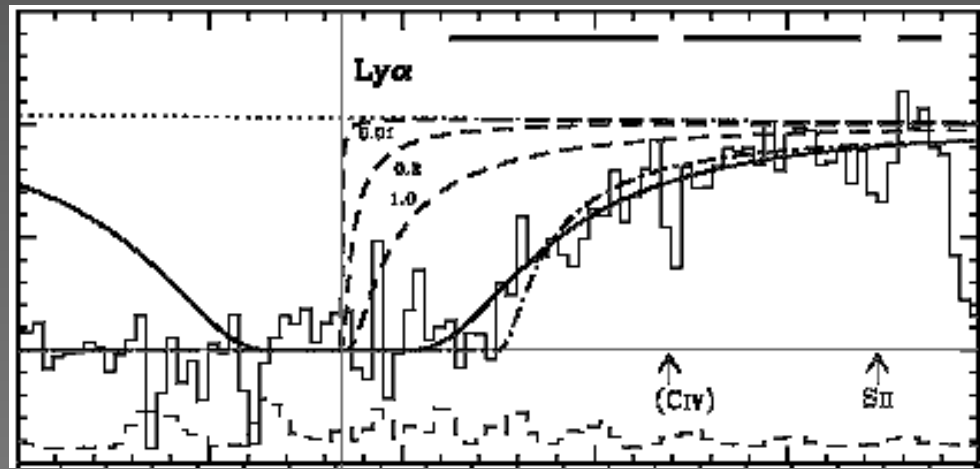


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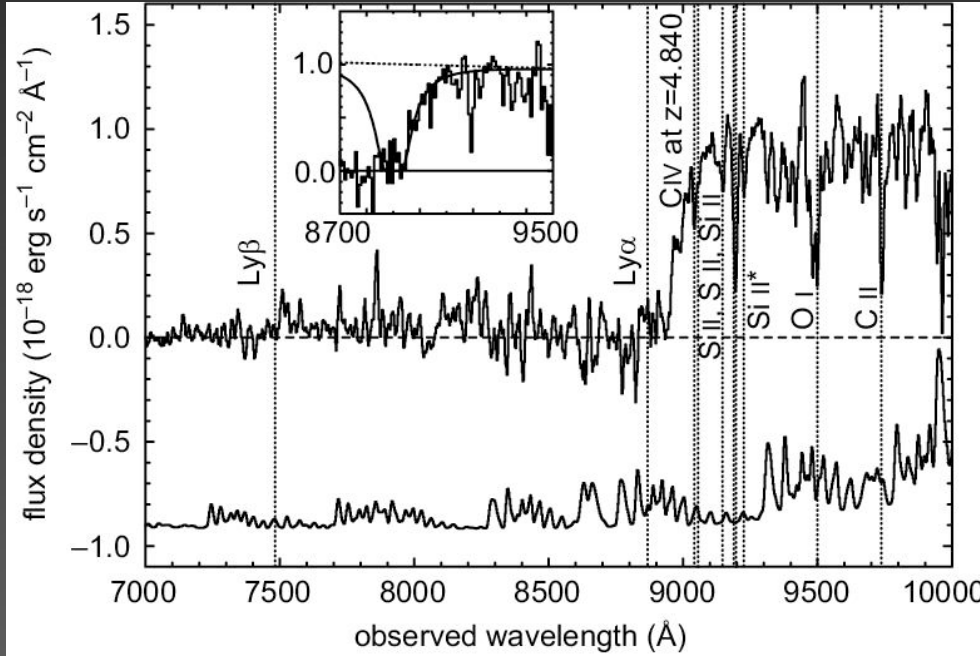
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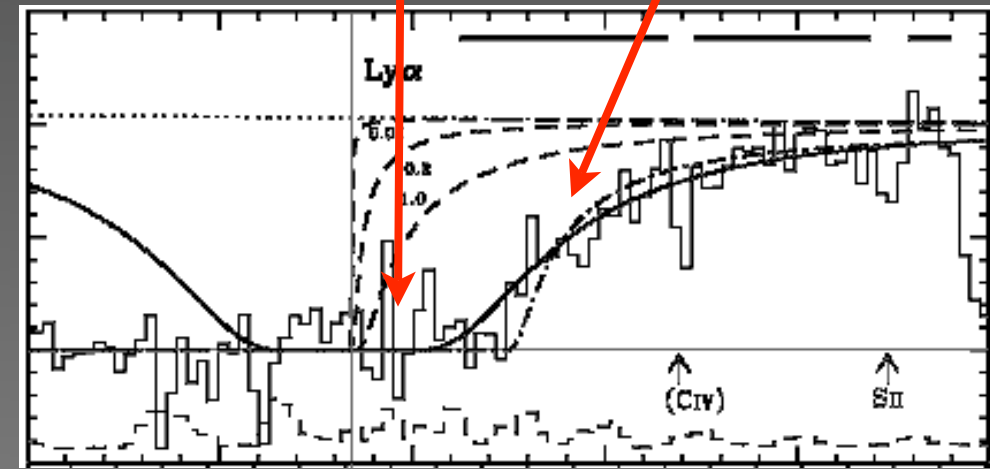
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$\tau \sim 1$

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$x_H < 0.6$



# Summary

- Long GRBs are the end product of some massive stars
- GRBs have been detected to  $z \sim 6.3$
- Afterglow spectroscopy reveals DLAs in  $\sim 90\%$  of the cases
- The HI columns and metallicities are on average higher than in QSO-DLAs
- Evidence for depletion in the warm ISM of the hosts but with no commensurate extinction
- The availability of precise positions and the declining flux allow deep searches for DLA counterparts
- Initial observations with *Spitzer* reveal counterpart with  $\sim 0.1 L^*$
- Some GRB hosts have highly obscured star formation