

Ultraviolet emission lines as signposts of the ionizing sources within galaxies

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UV tracers of ionizing sources

nature of the ionizing sources (and relative contributions)
at different cosmic epochs (out to cosmic reionization)

rest-frame **ultraviolet** spectroscopy of primeval galaxies
from current (e.g. VLT-KMOS/MUSE, Keck-MOSFIRE)
and future (e.g. JWST, E-ELT) facilities

accurate modelling to study the physical properties of active and
inactive galaxies

UV emission-line ratios as diagnostics for the ionizing source



SF galaxy models

→ J. Gutkin's
poster #32

Gutkin+16 submitted

evolutionary
population synthesis
code GALAXEV

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CLOUDY
Ferland+13



CB16

new stellar evolutionary tracks
and atmospheres,
also for massive stars
(including WR stars)

→ G. Bruzual's talk

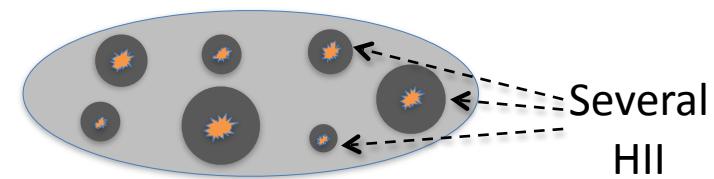
luminosity of
the galaxy
at age t

$$F_\lambda(t) = \int_0^t \Psi(t-t') f_\lambda[t', \tilde{Z}] T_\lambda(t, t') dt'$$

SFR at time $t-t'$

SSP of age t'

nebular
(CLOUDY)



HII region

courtesy of J. Gutkin



AGN NLR models

AGN accretion disk luminosity

series of power laws

$$F_\nu \propto \nu^\alpha$$

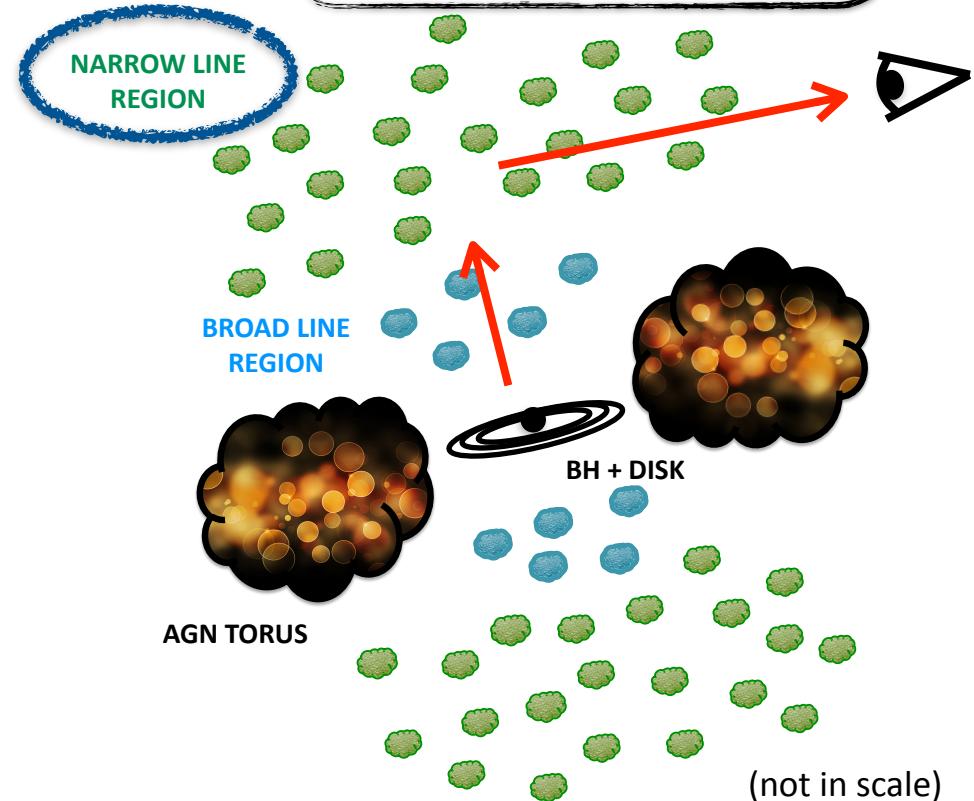
UV spectral index
in the range 10-2500 Å

Feltre+16

for consistency, parametrization
analogous to that of SF models

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Main adjustable parameters

n_H = hydrogen gas density

U_S = ionization parameter = n_γ/n_H

Z = metallicity (gas+dust phase)

ξ_d = dust-to-metal mass ratio (depletion)

α = UV spectral index (only AGN models)

C/O ratio

M_{up} of the IMF (only SF models)

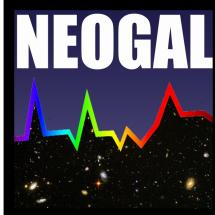


metal abundances from **Bressan+ 13**
(mix **Grevesse & Sauval 98** + **Caffau+11**)

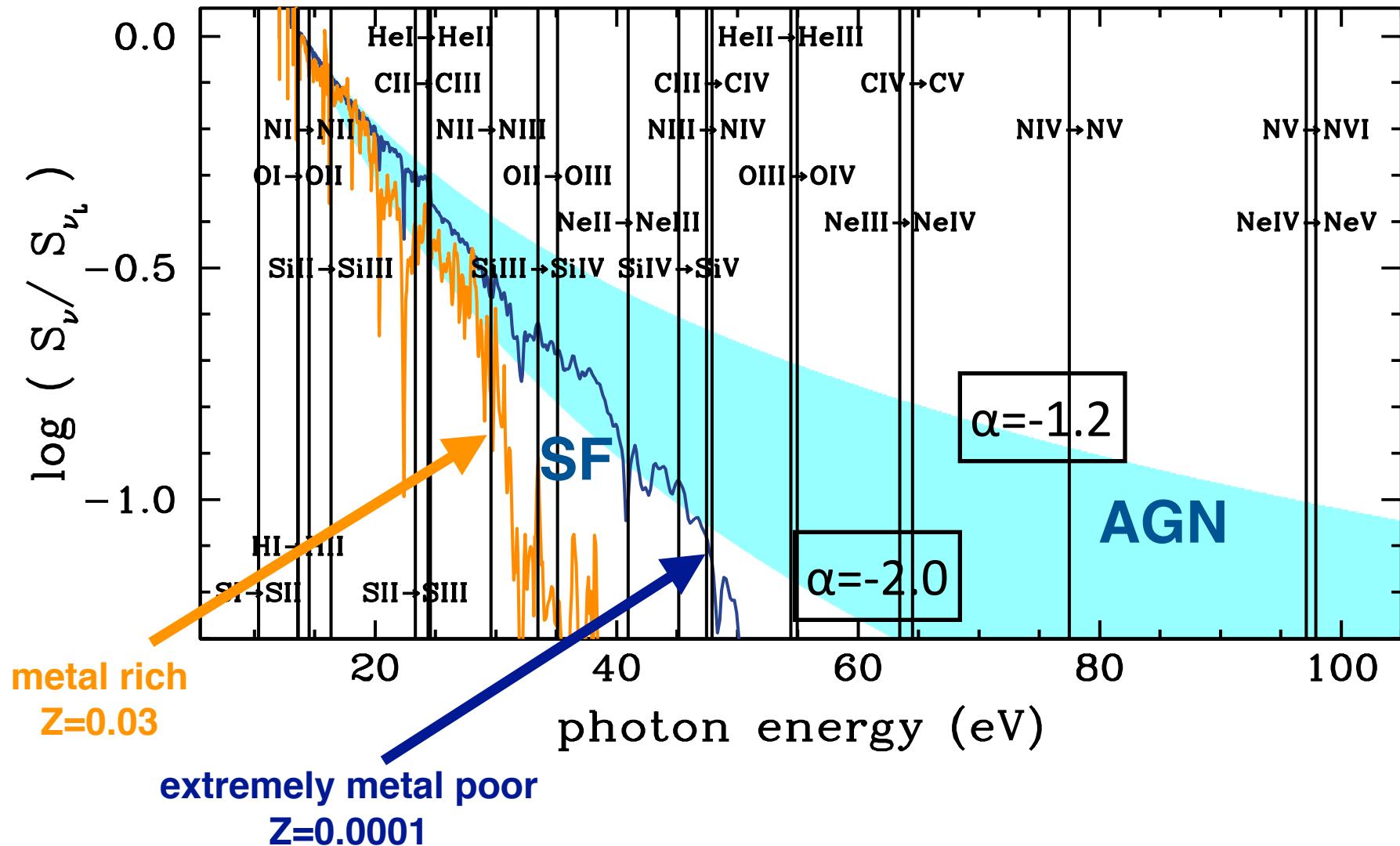
depletion values from **Gutkin+16**

→ **J. Gutkin's poster**

Parameter	AGN NLR	SF galaxies
Ionizing spectrum	$\alpha = -1.2, -1.4, -1.7, -2.0$	constant SFR, age 10
$\log(U_S)$	-1.0, -.1, 5, -2.0, -2.5, -3.0, -3.5, -4.0, -4.5	-1.0, -.1, 5, -2.0, -2.5, -3.0, -3.5, -4.0, -4.5
$\log(n)$	2.0, 3.0, 4.0	2.0, 3.0, 4.0
Z	$0.0001 \div 0.07$	$0.0001 \div 0.03$
ξ_d	0.1, 0.3, 0.5	0.1, 0.3, 0.5

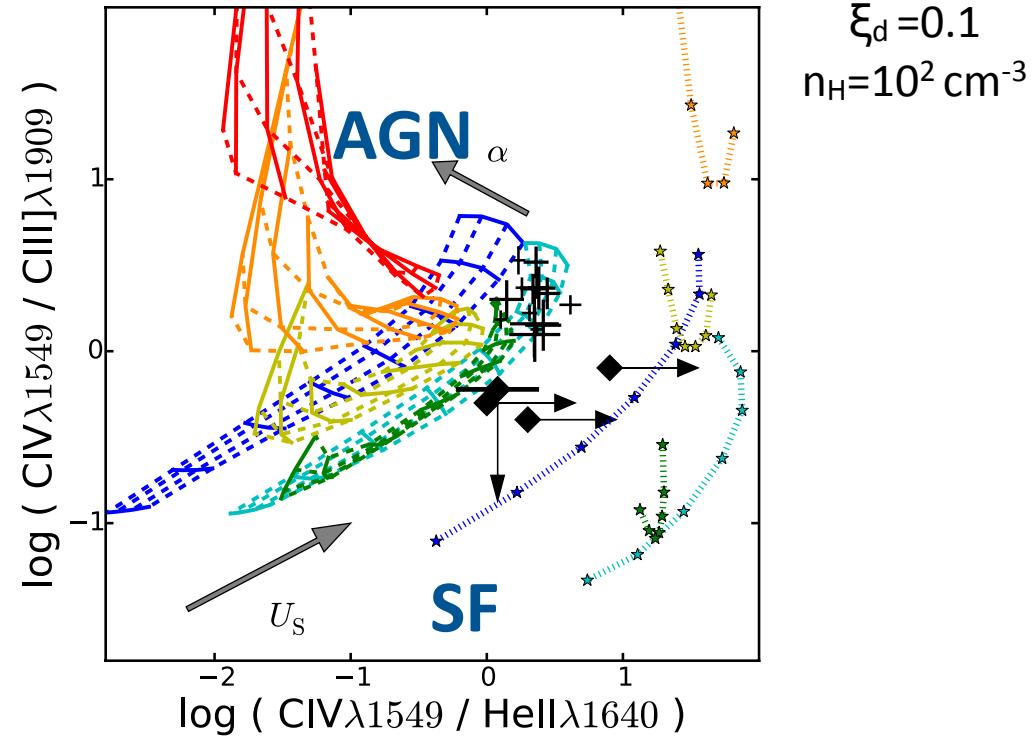
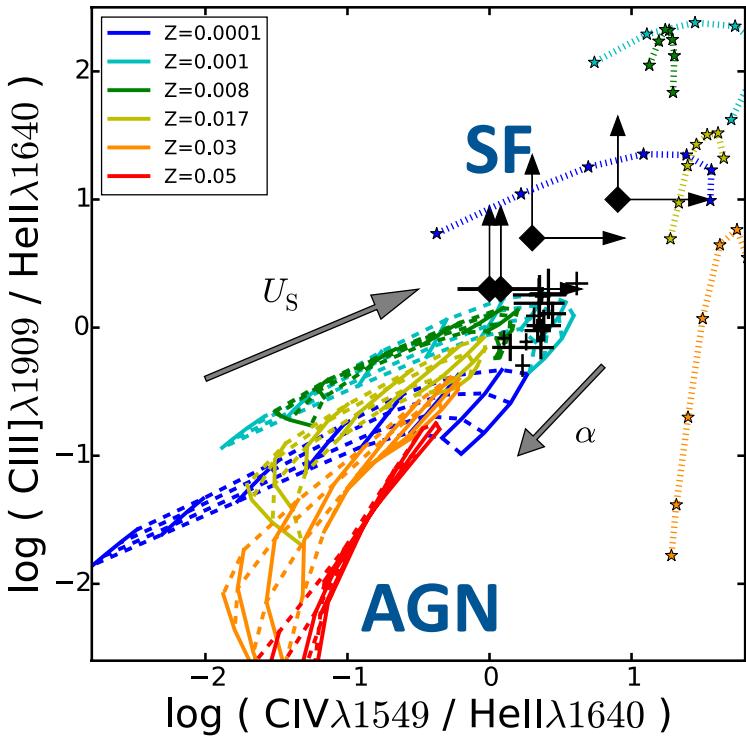


AGN vs stellar ionizing spectra





UV spectral diagnostics



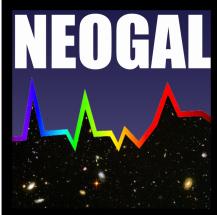
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Dors+14
Sy2 - low z
QSO2 - $z \sim 2$

◆ Stark+14
dwarf galaxies
 $z \sim 2$

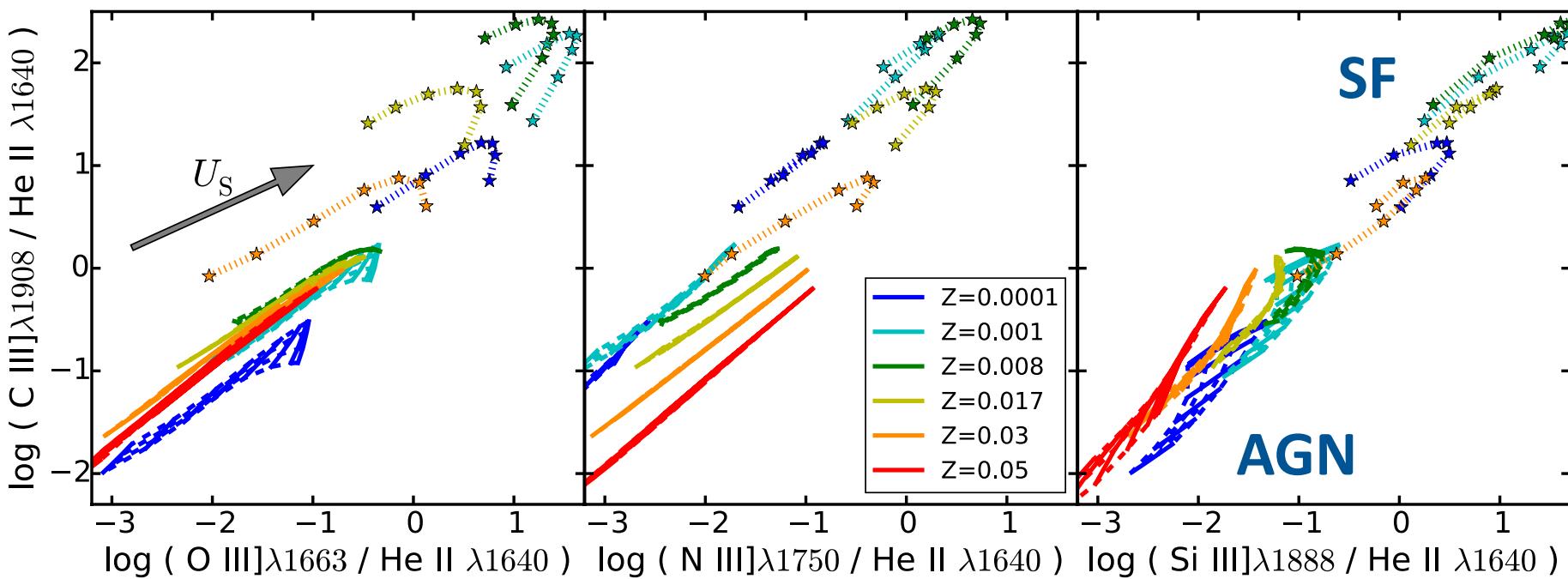
AGN and SF populate different regions
of the diagrams

models predictions agree with data



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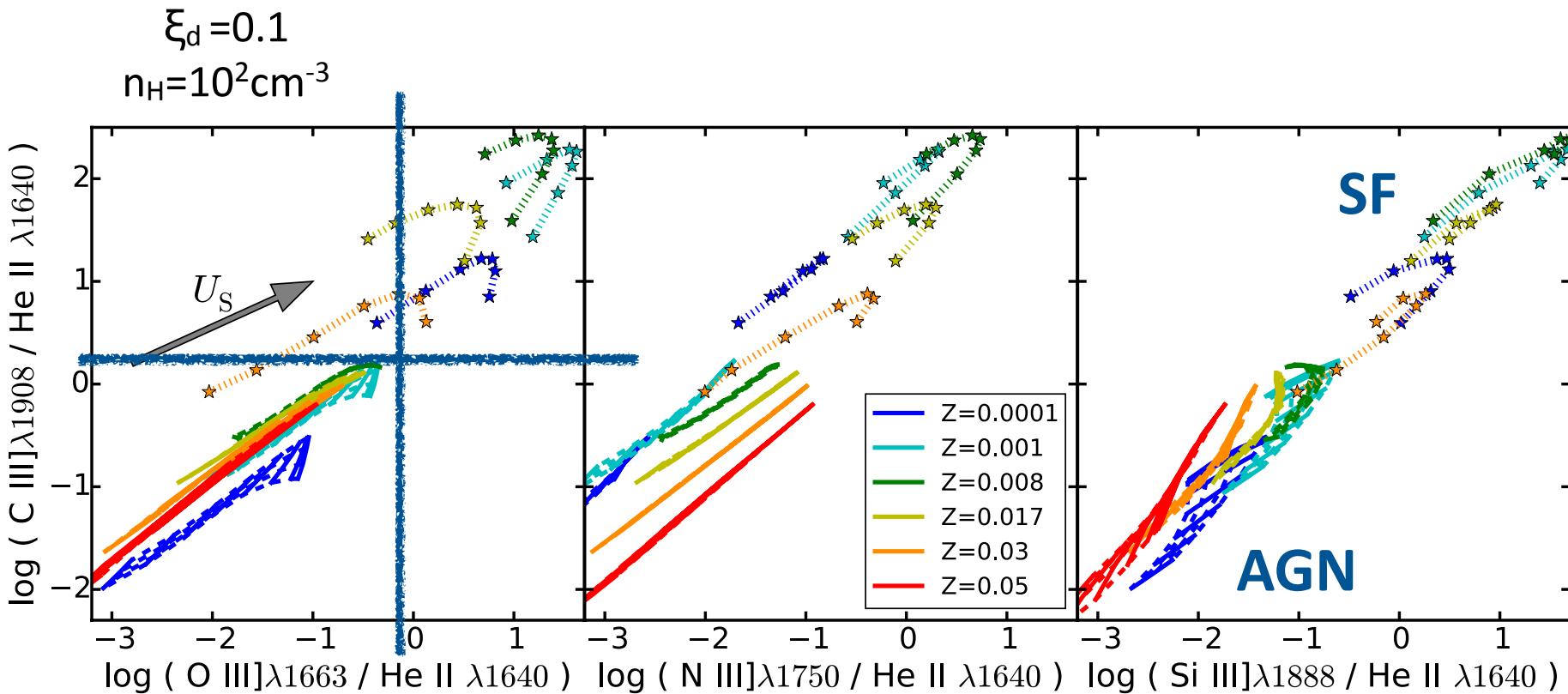
$$\xi_d = 0.1$$
$$n_H = 10^2 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$



and many others such as CIII]1909/Hell1640 or CIV1240/Hell vs NV1240/Hell, NV1240/CIV1549, NV1240/NIII]1750, OIII]1661,1666/Hell, NIII]1750/Hell, [NeV]3426-[NeIV]2424 based



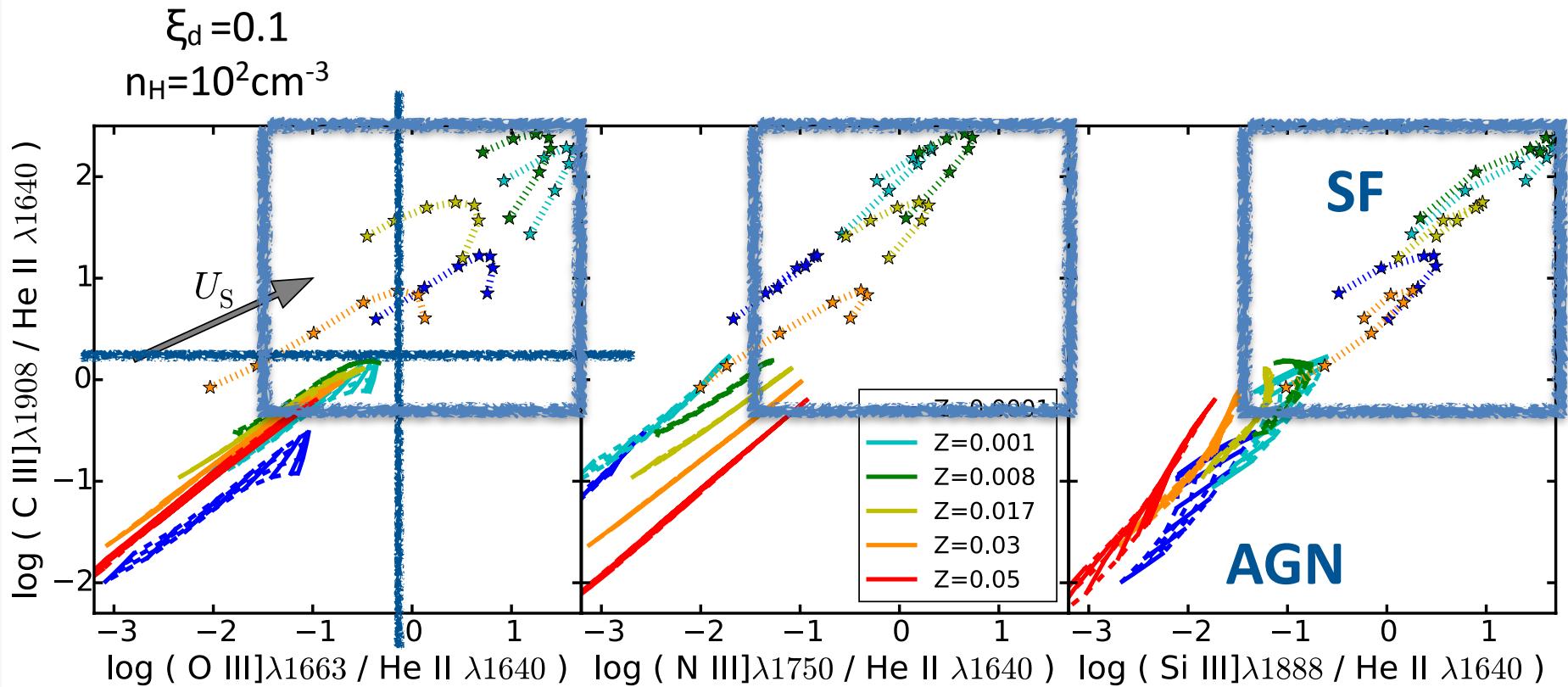
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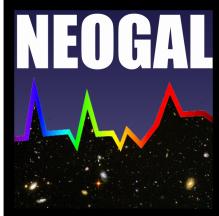
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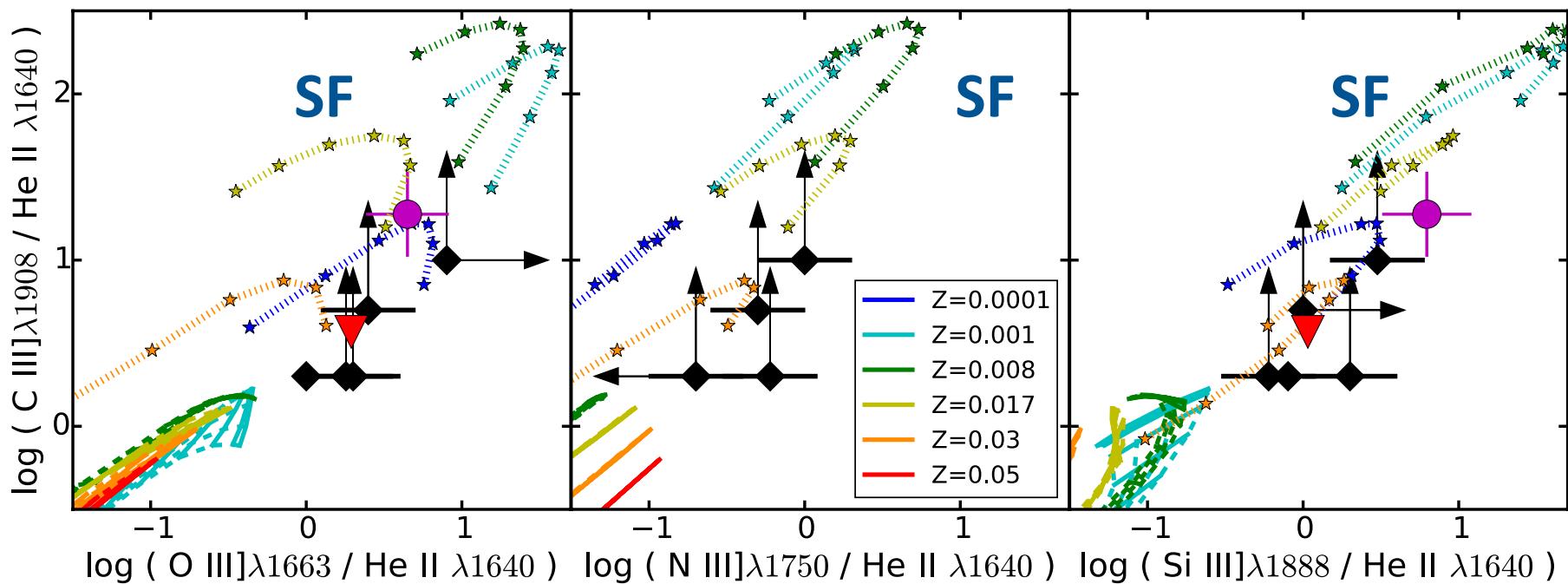
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Stark+14

dwarf galaxies $z \sim 2$



Steidel+16

composite SF galaxies
 $\langle z \rangle \sim 2.4$



Patricio+16

SF galaxy $z \sim 3.5$



z-COSMOS DeepType 2 AGN

zCOSMOS Deep (PI: S. Lilly)

Mignoli+ in prep

BzK selection + U dropout colour

selected galaxies with $z > 1.4$

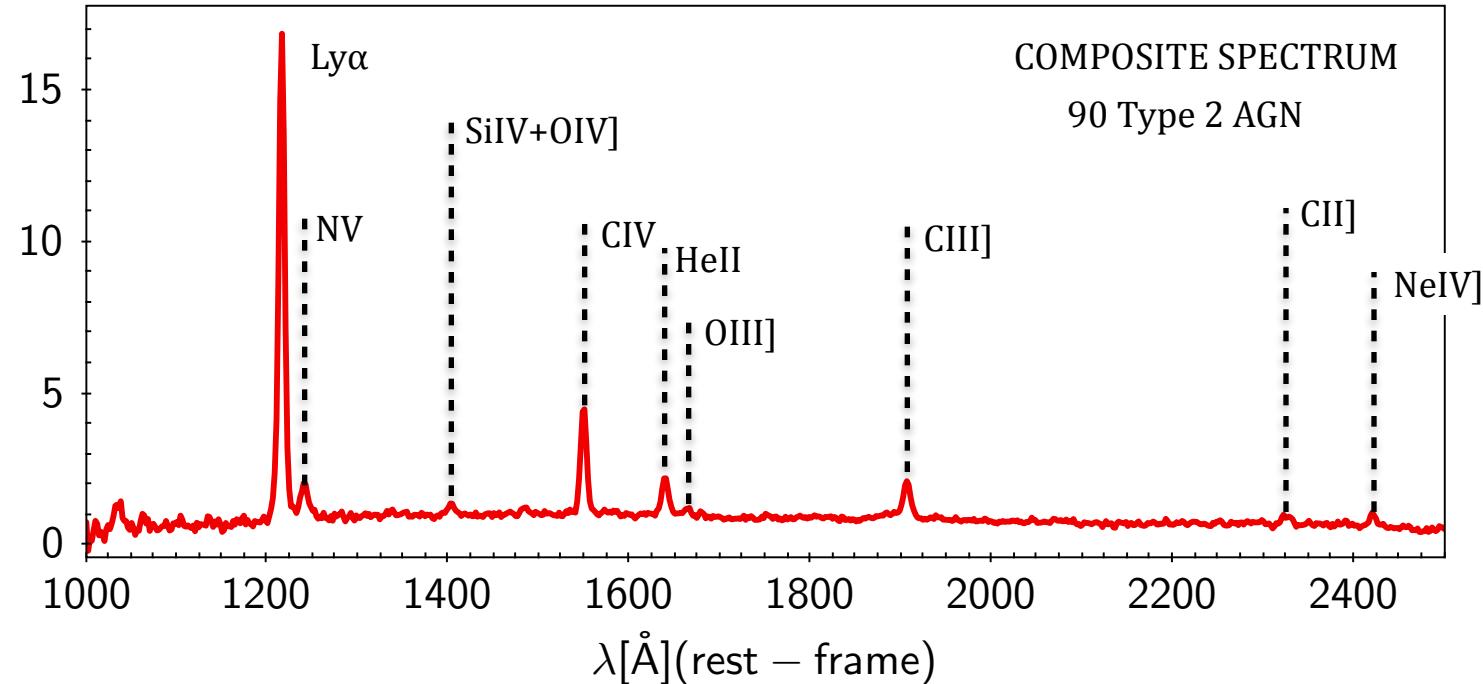
8k sample ($K < 23.5$ & $B < 25.5$)

192 CIV-selected AGN

with $1.5 < z < 3.0$

VIMOS/VLT

- ◆ search for Type 2 (obscured AGN) at high z
- ◆ study the excitation properties of the AGN NLR ionised gas

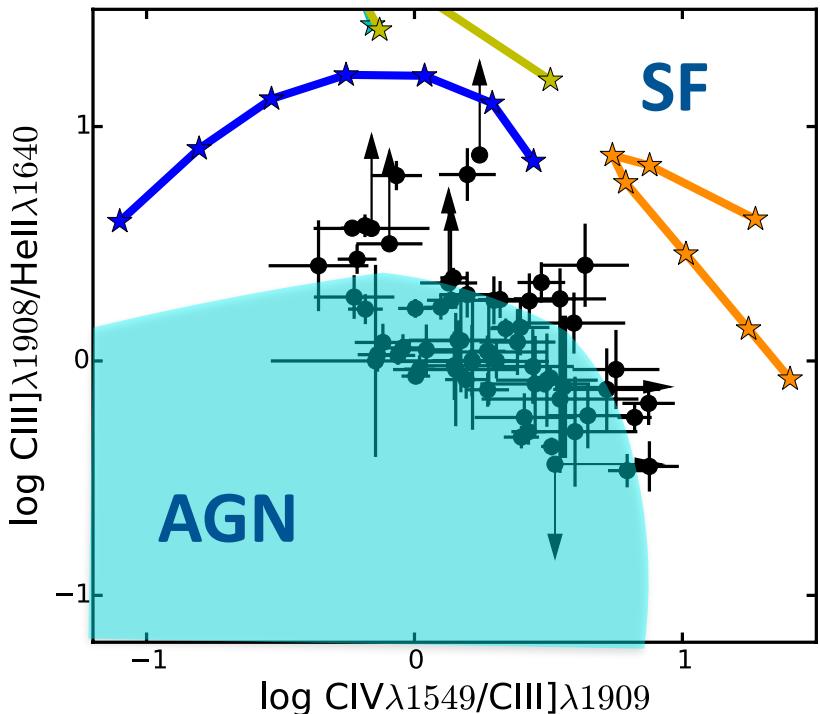




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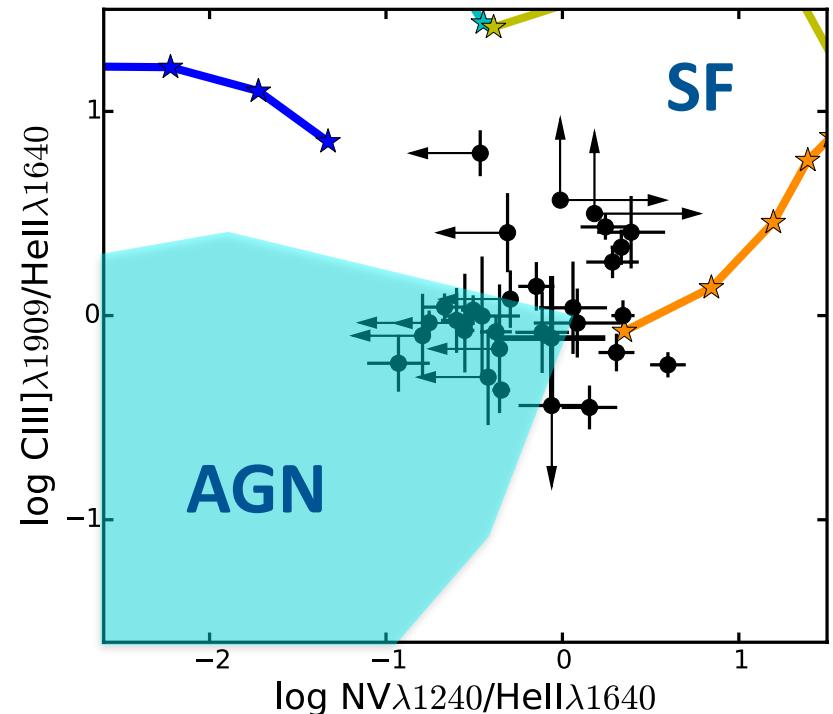
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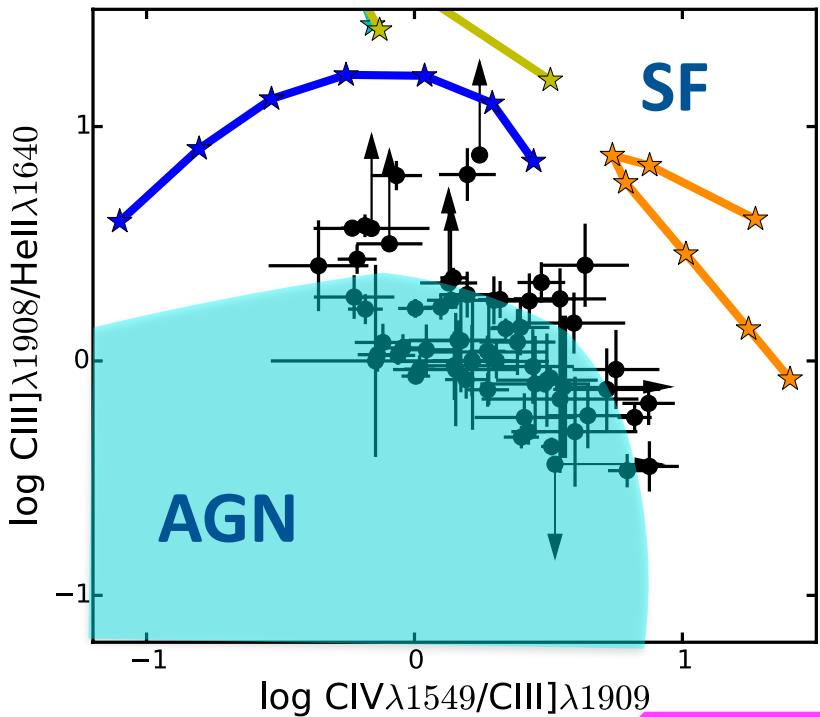




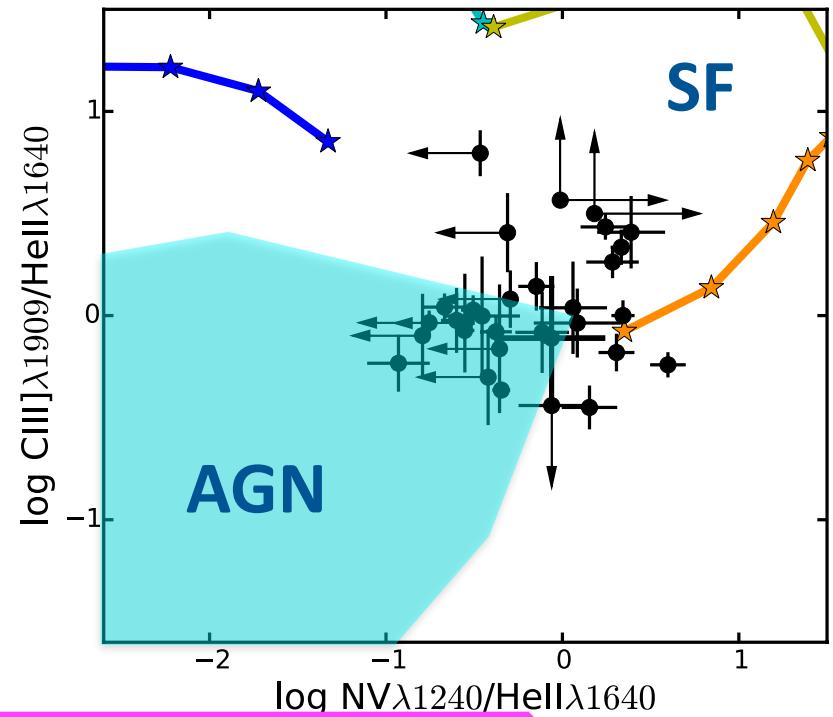
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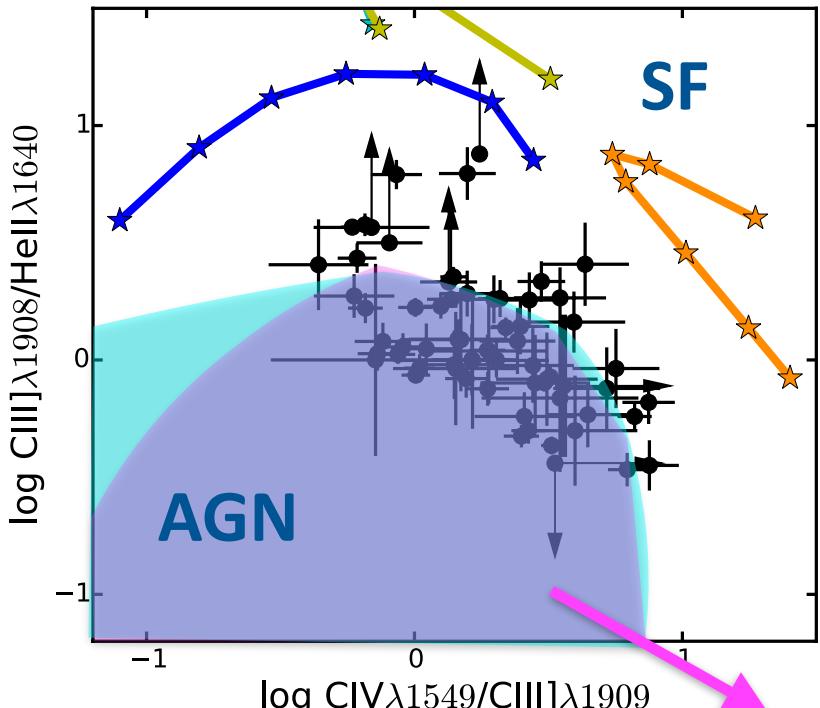
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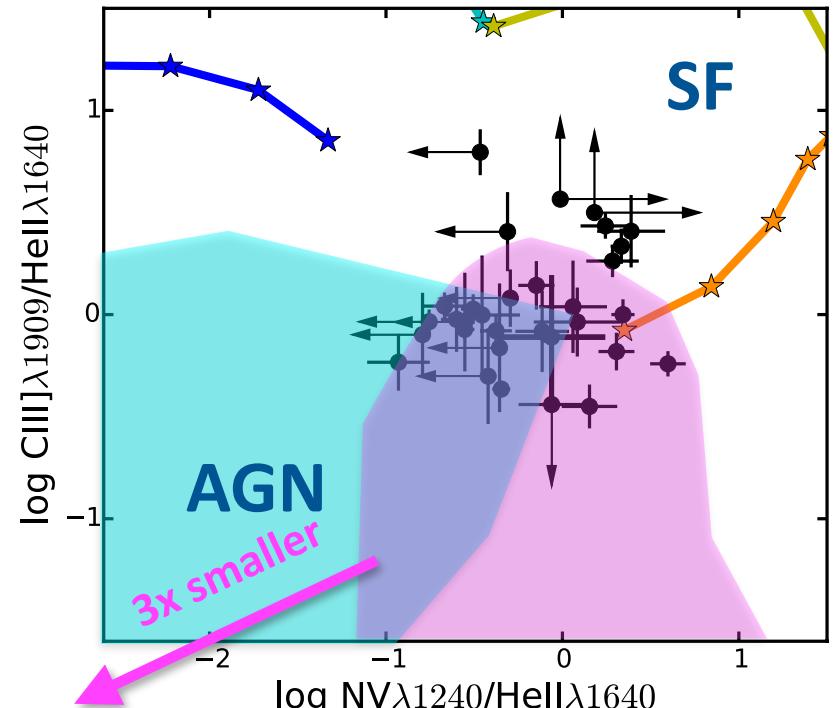
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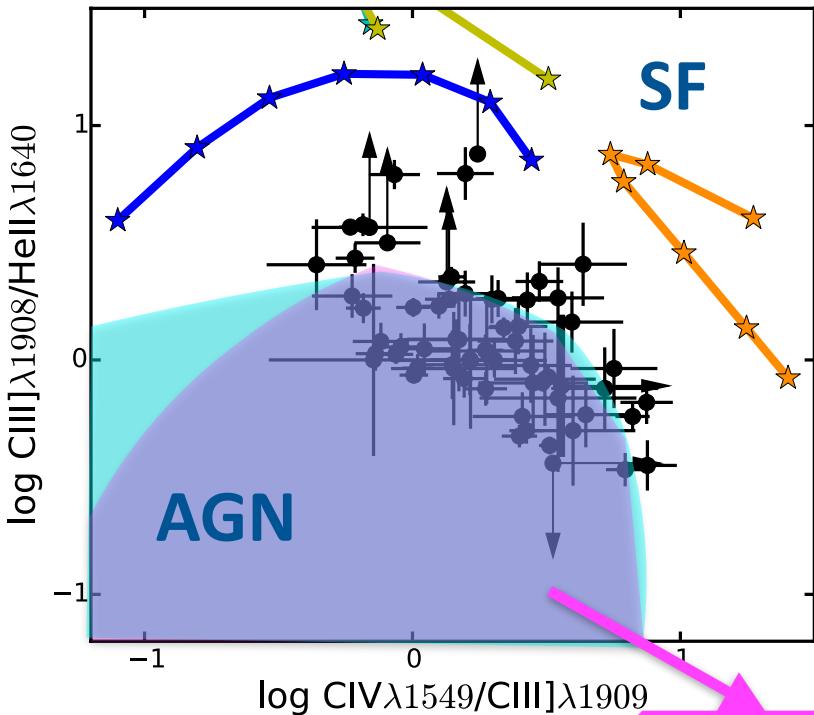




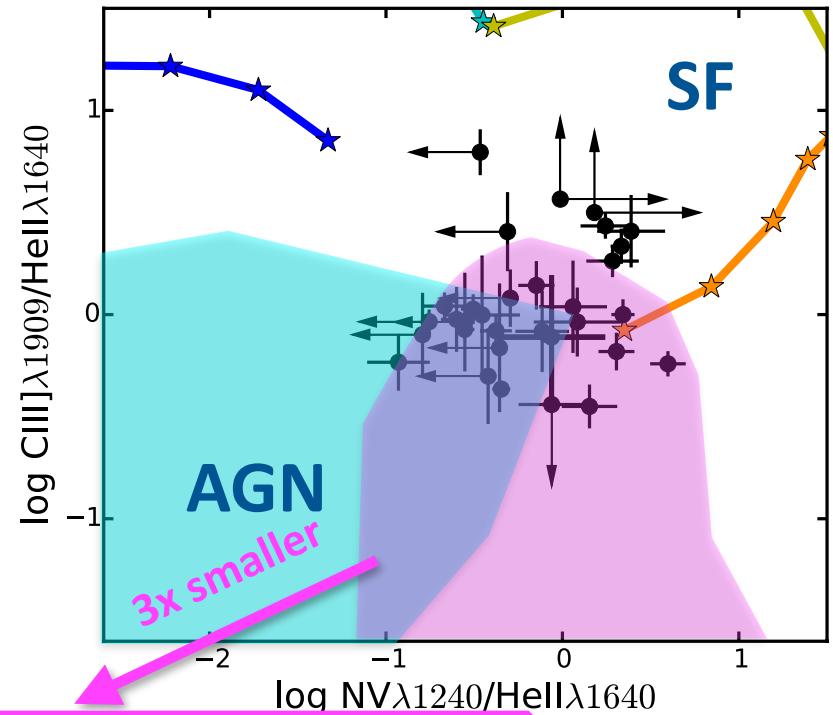
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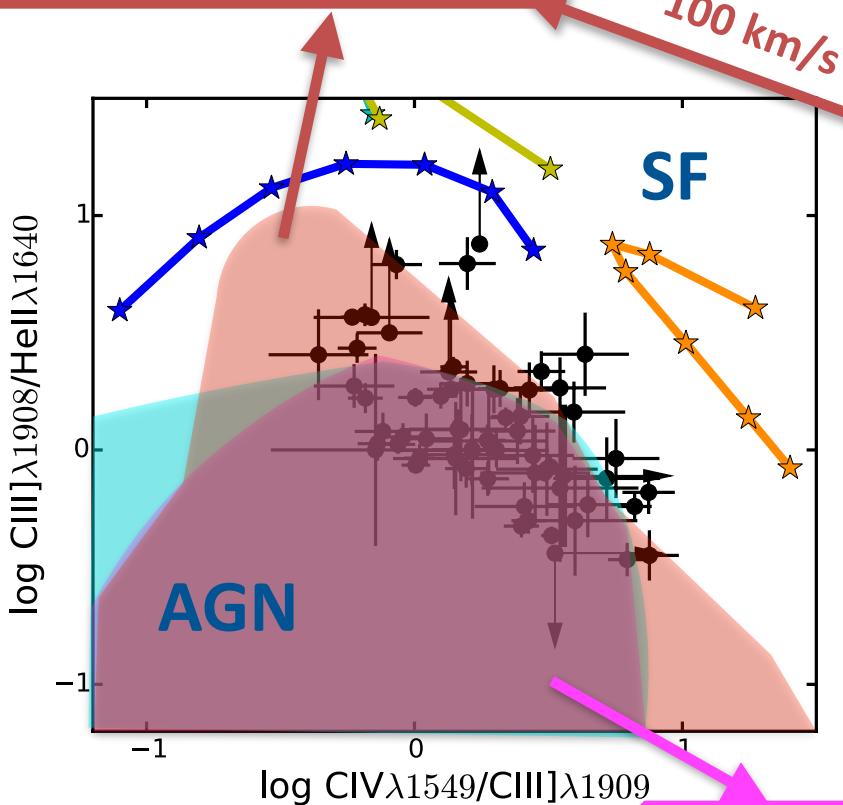
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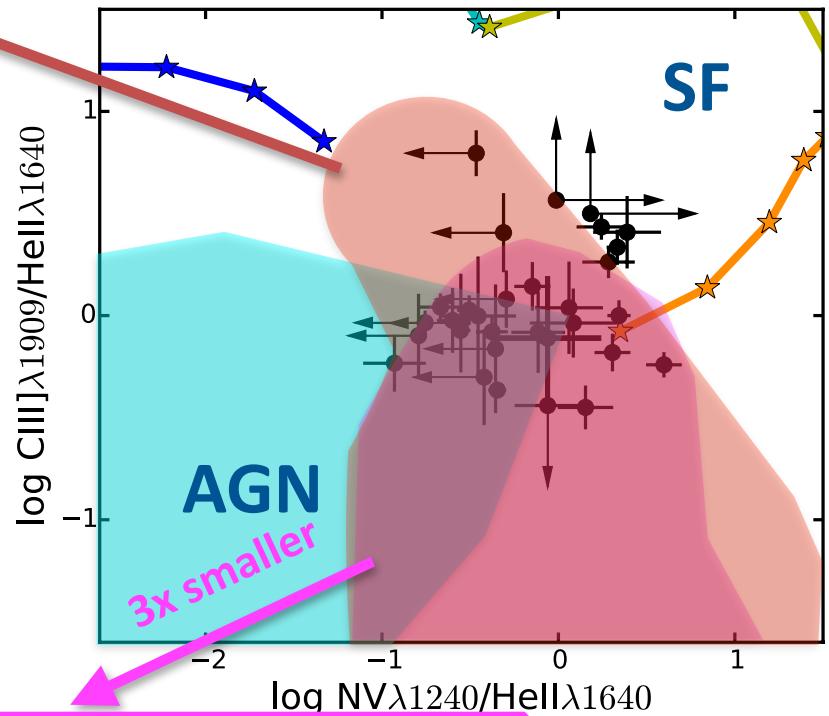
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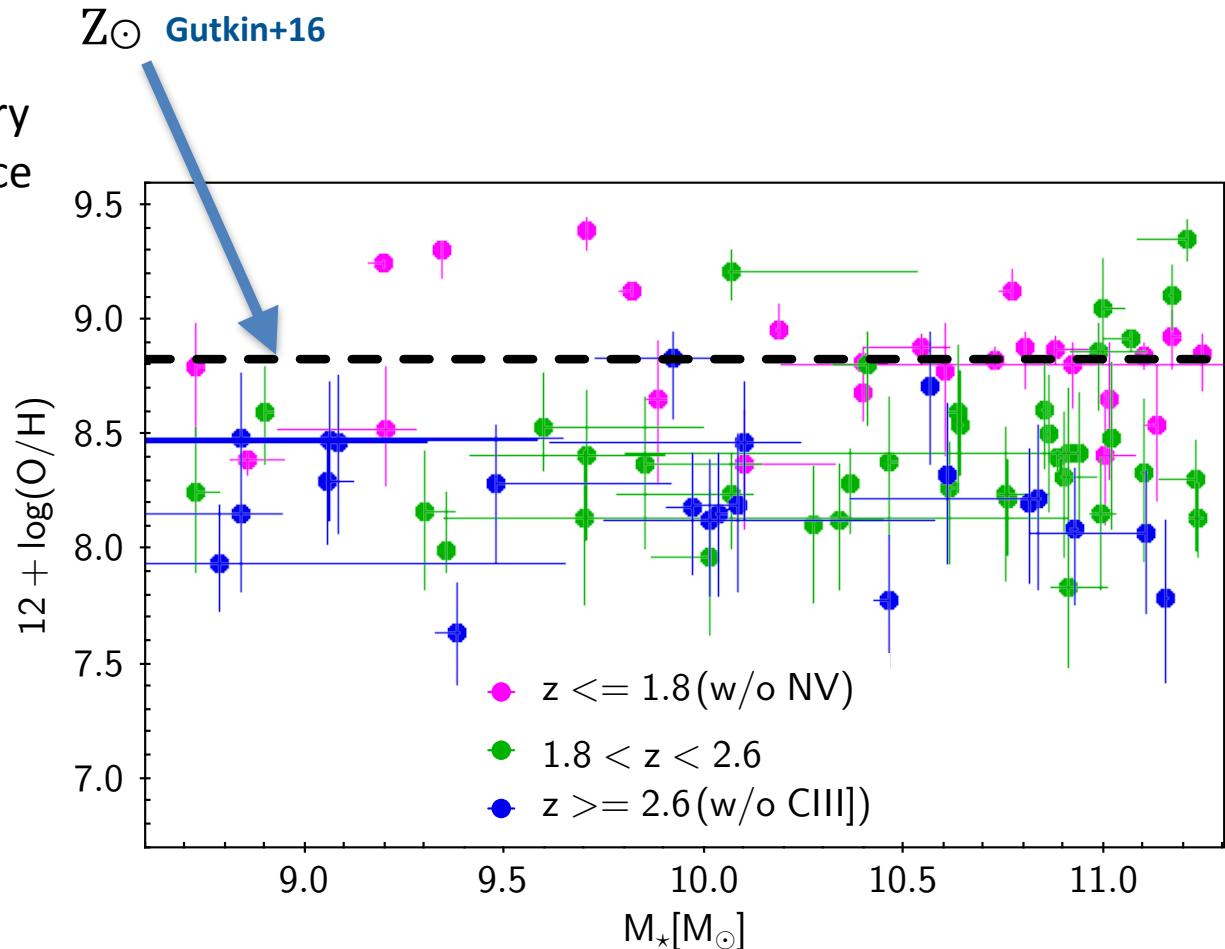
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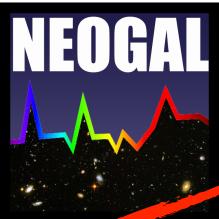
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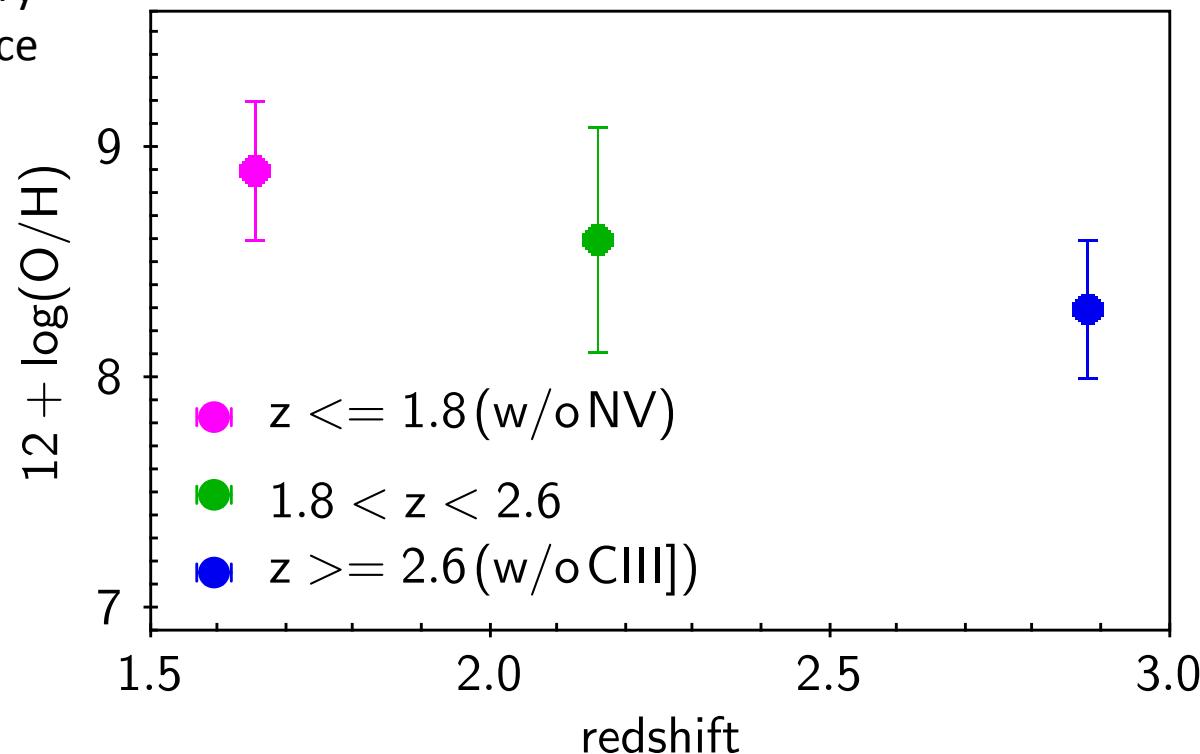
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Summary

- ◆ UV emission-line ratios are good **diagnostics of the ionizing source** (nuclear vs stellar activity)
- ◆ interpretation of spectroscopic observations to study **physical properties of the ionized gas** (e.g. metallicity, density) of both active ([Mignoli+in prep](#)) and inactive galaxies ([Stark+14,15a,15b,16](#))
- ◆ can be easily implemented in **SED fitting tools**, e.g. **BEAGLE** ([Chevallard+16](#))
- ◆ **combined with cosmological simulations** to better understand feedback processes and black hole growth ([Hirschmann +in prep](#))
- ◆ **interpret current spectroscopic observations** (VLT-KMOS/MUSE and Keck-MOSFIRE) of high redshift sources
- ◆ **groundwork** for **future facilities**, such as NIRspec on-board JWST and the ELT which will push studies up to the **epoch of reionization** ($z>7$)