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Bayesian Component Separation for DESI LAE Automated Spectroscopic Redshifts and Photometric Targeting

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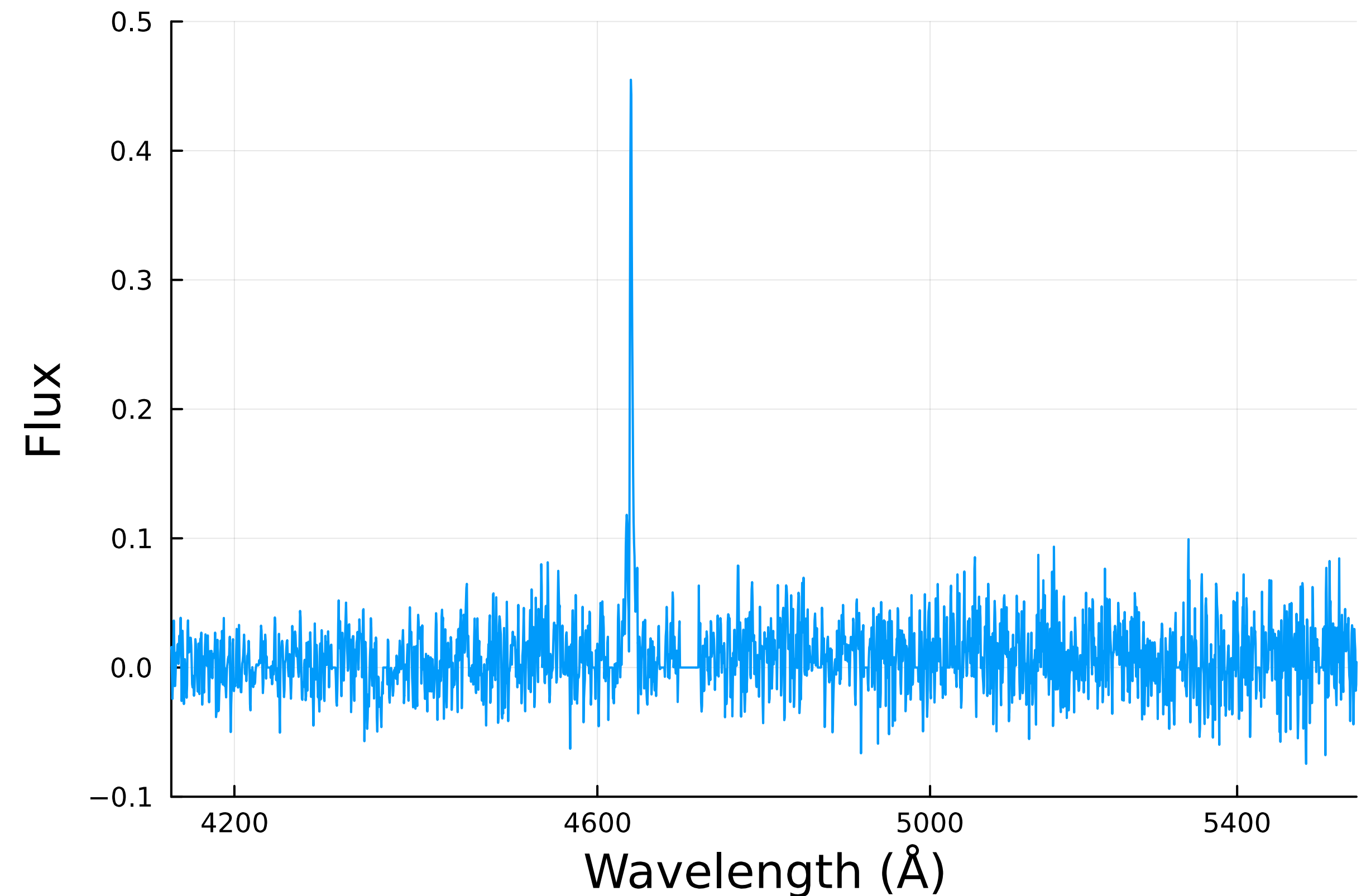
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Motivation

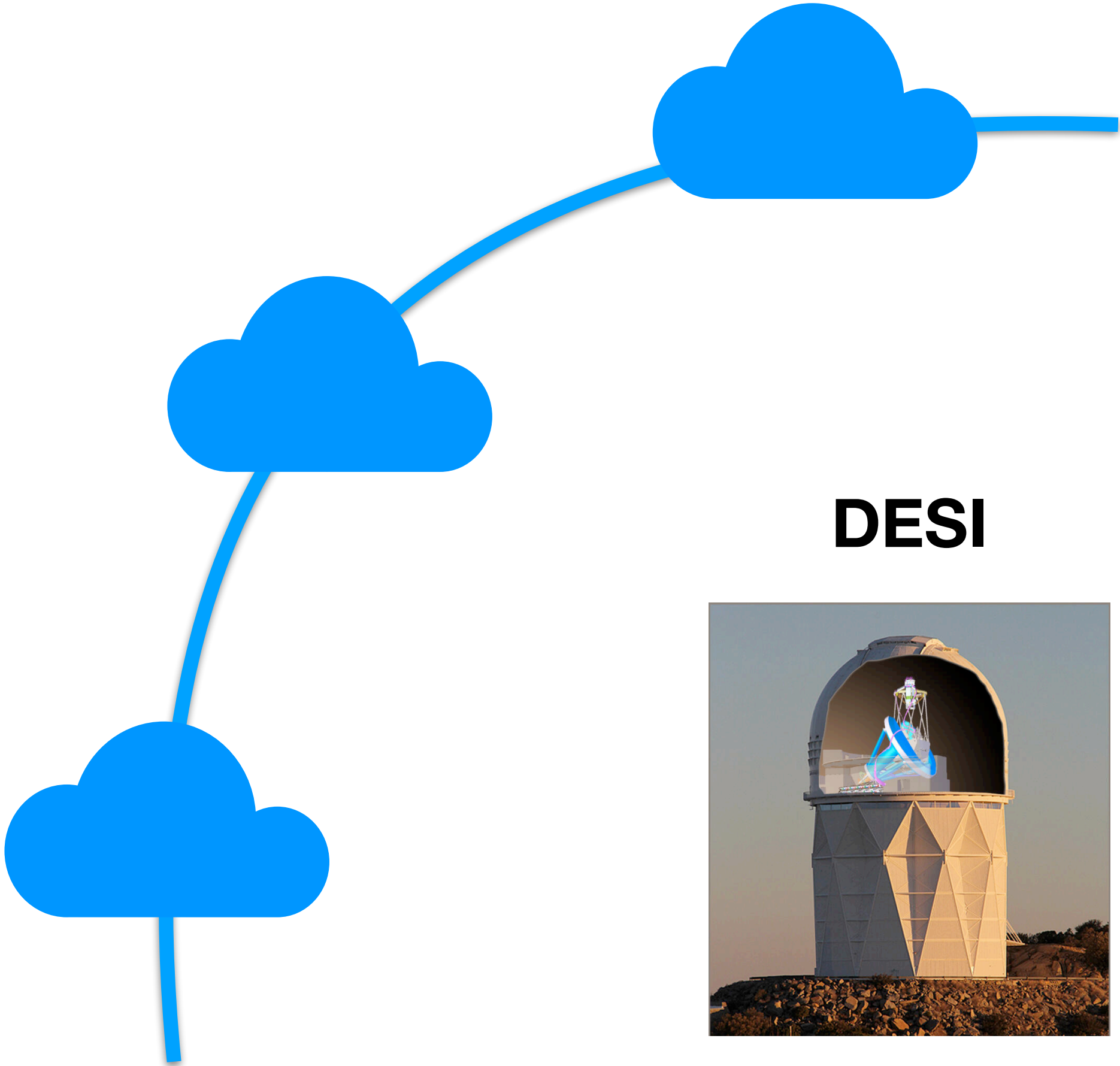
- DESI (Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument) collects millions of galaxy spectra
- DESI-2: focus on high-redshift targets (aims to observe ~ 1.5 million LAEs)
- We want to optimize LAE selection and analysis for future surveys like DESI-2
- DESI pipeline currently does not automatically determine redshifts for LAEs



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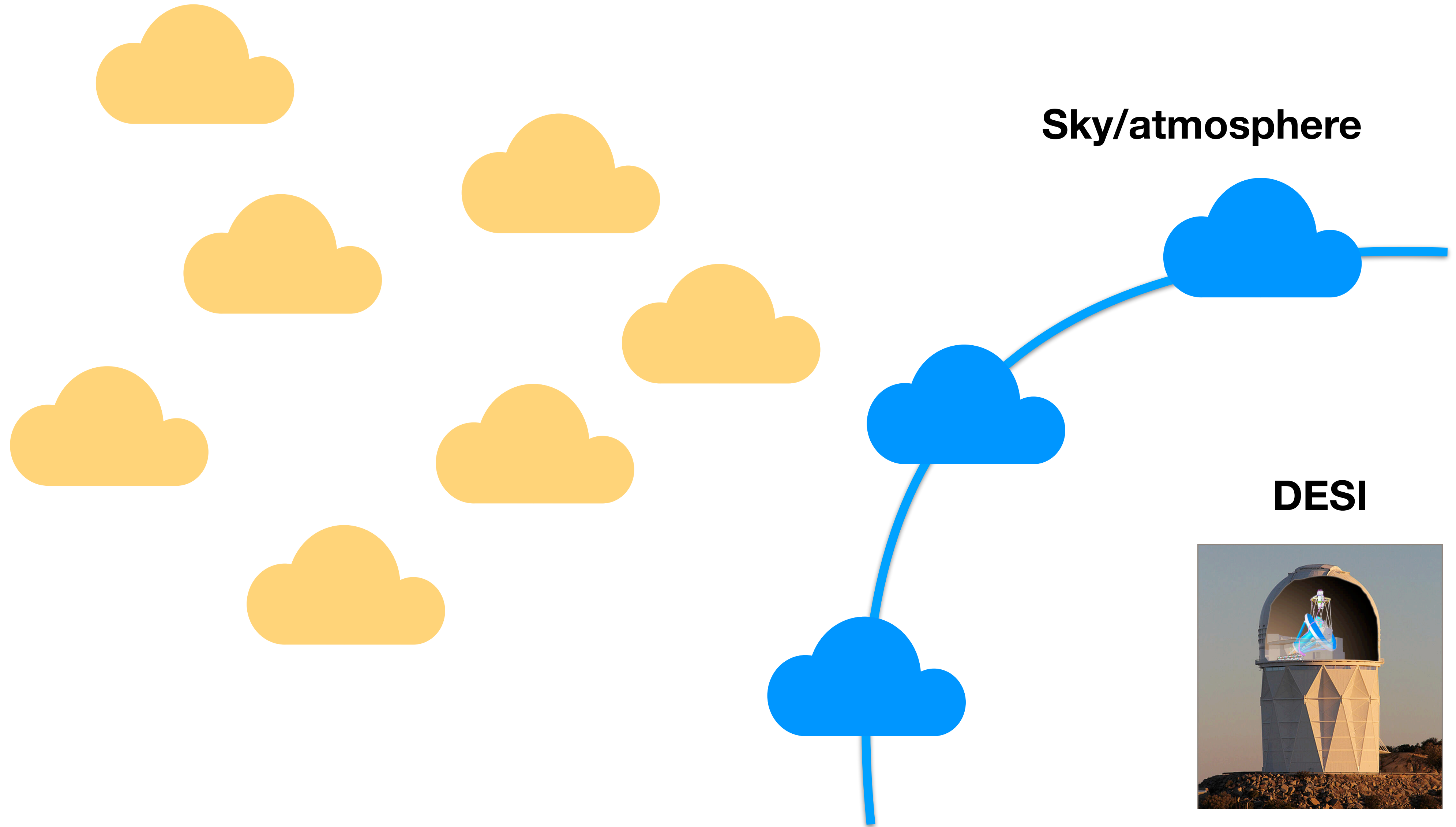
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DESI



Interstellar & Intergalactic medium



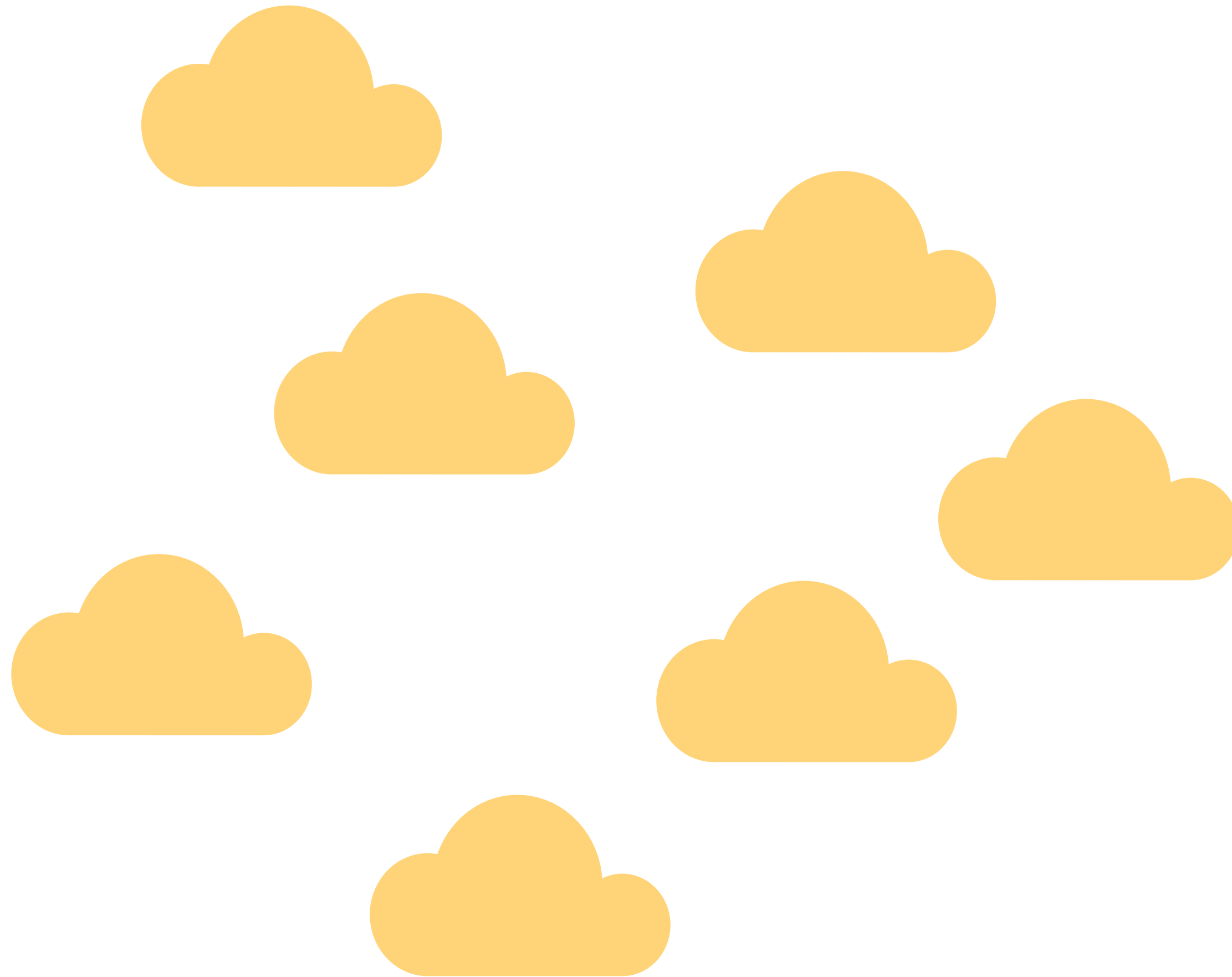
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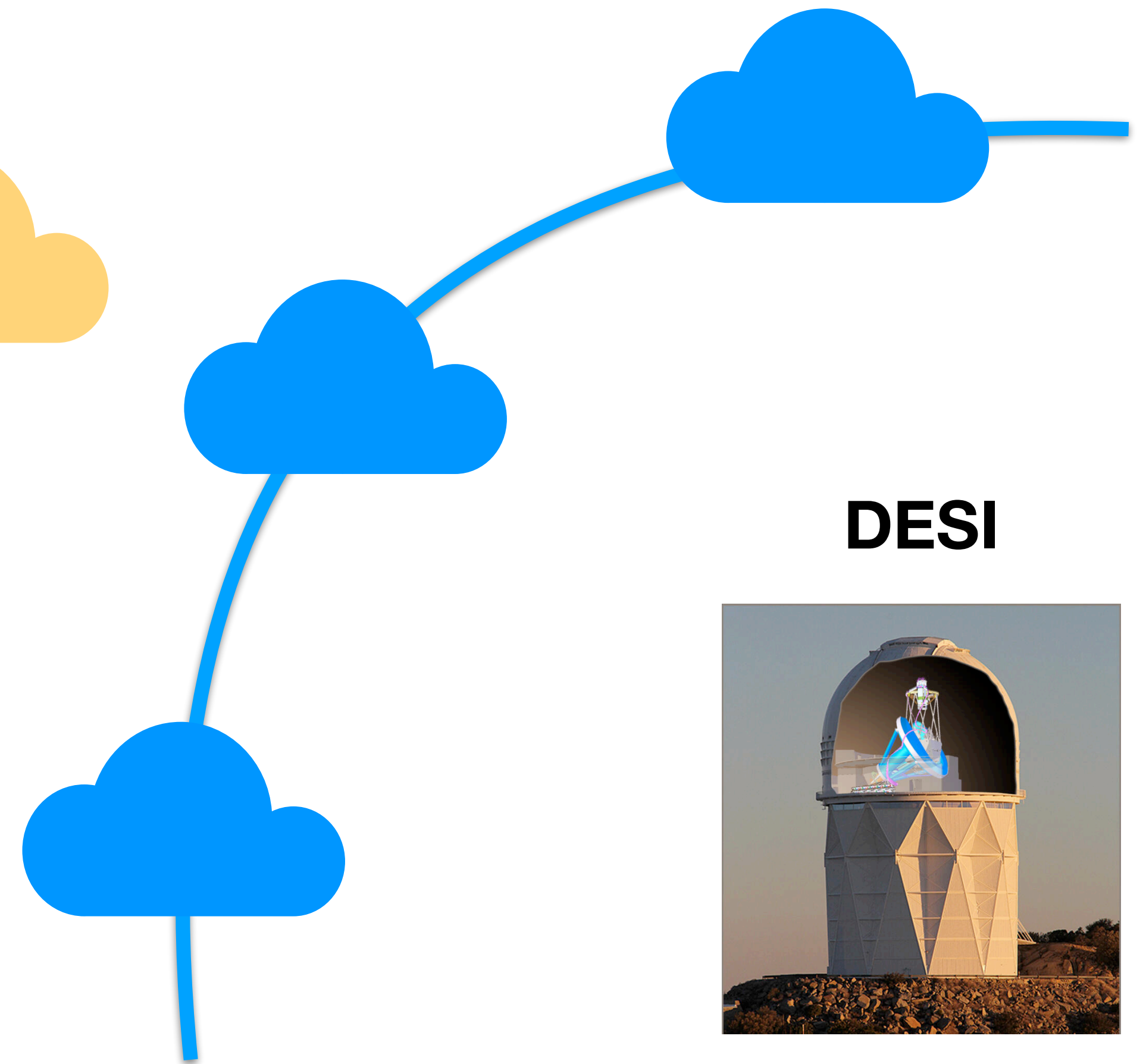
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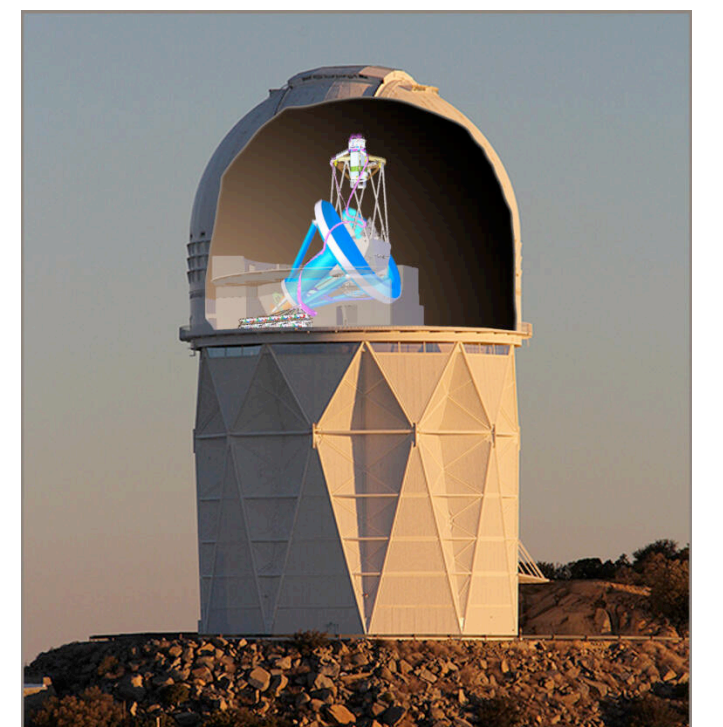
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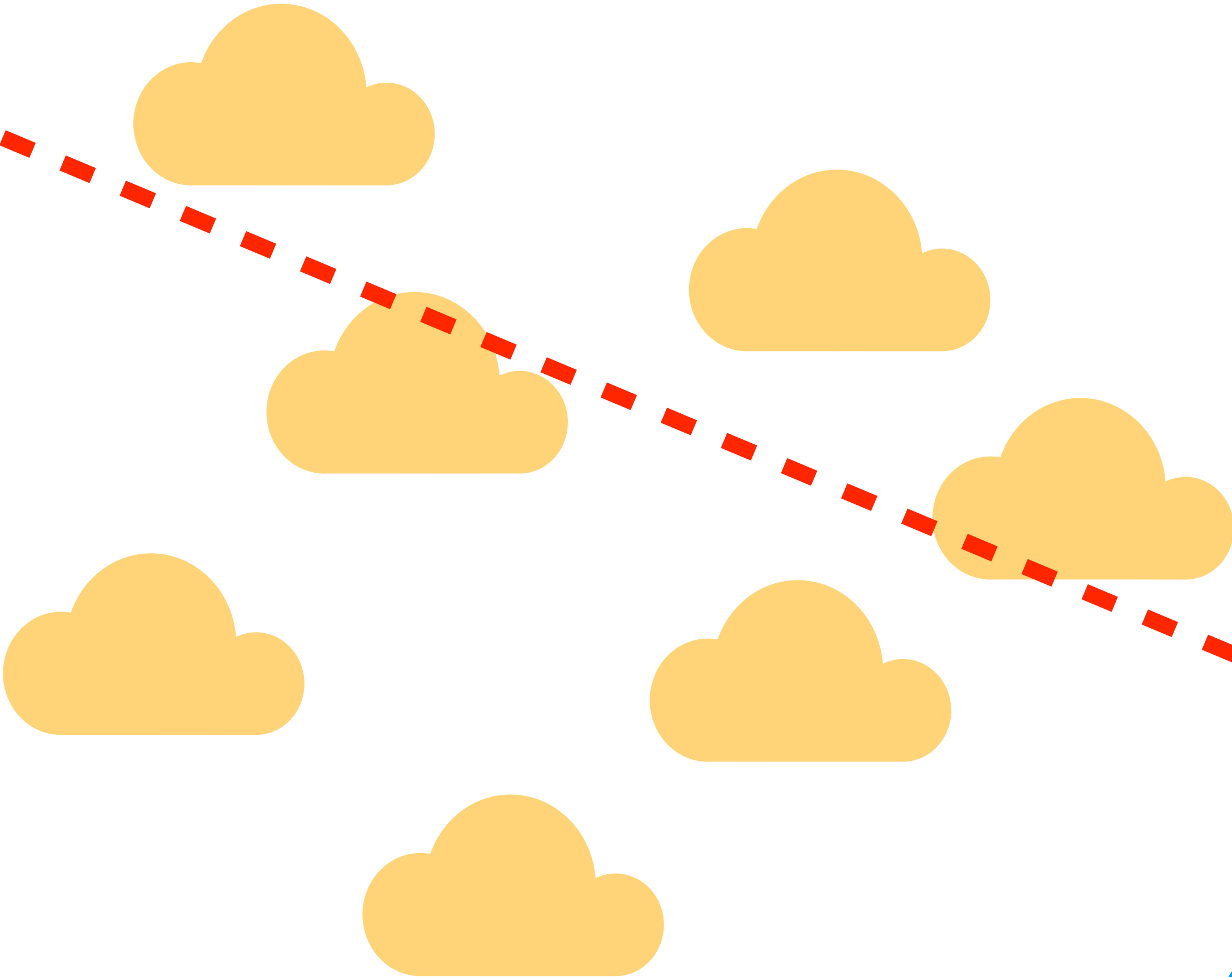
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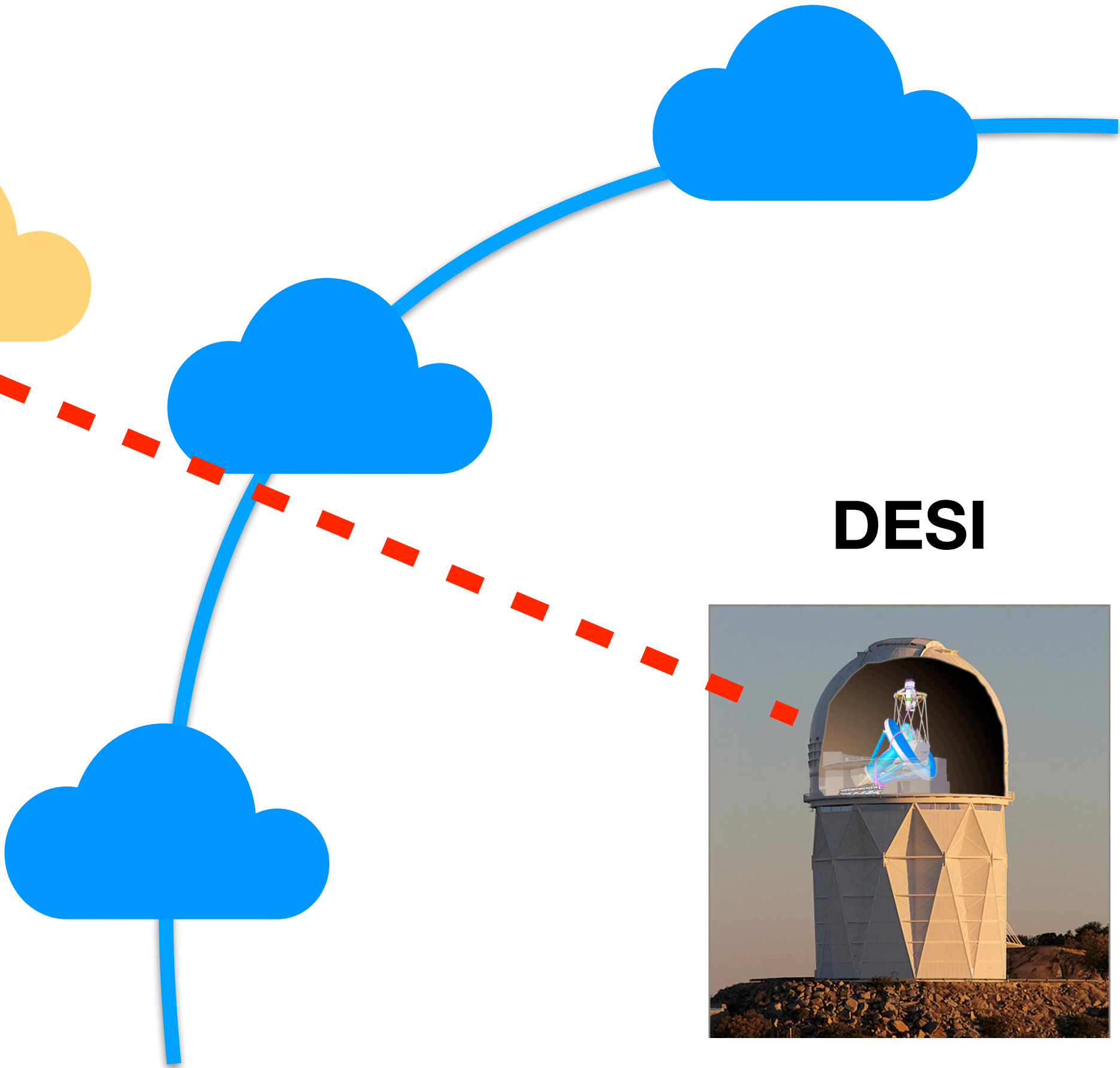
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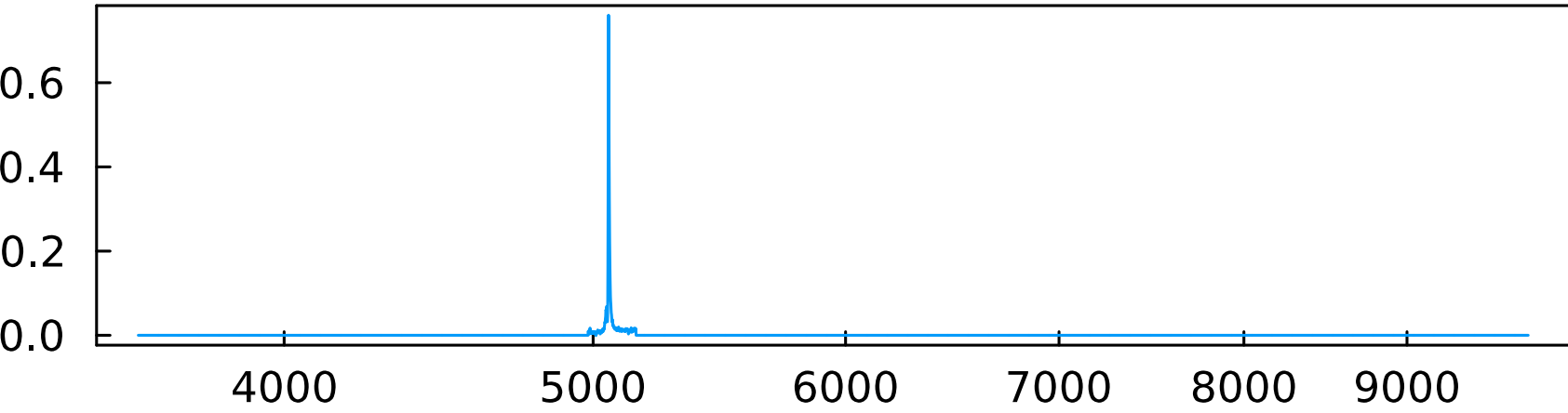
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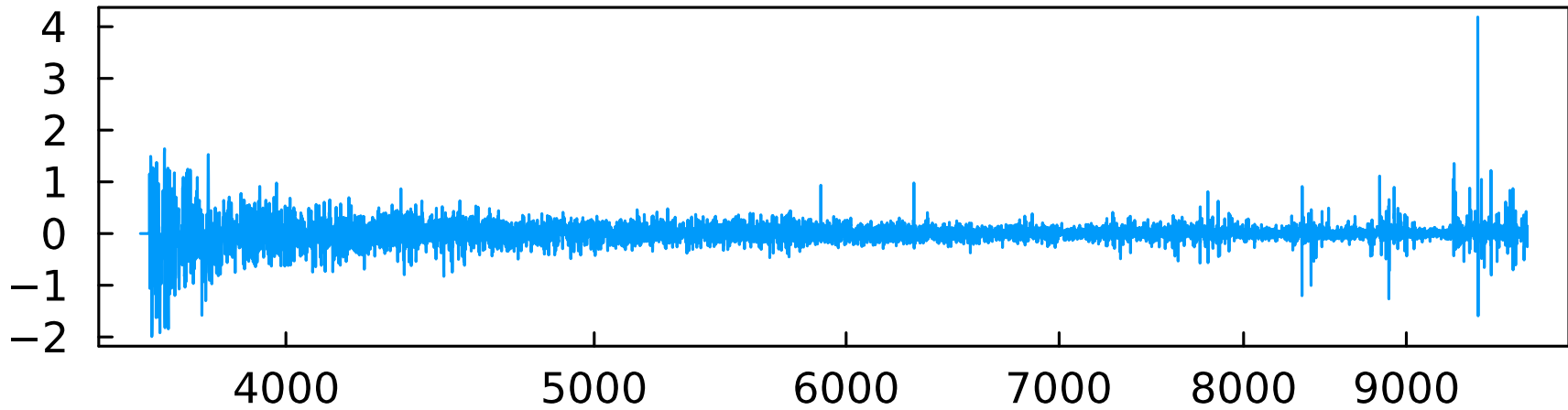
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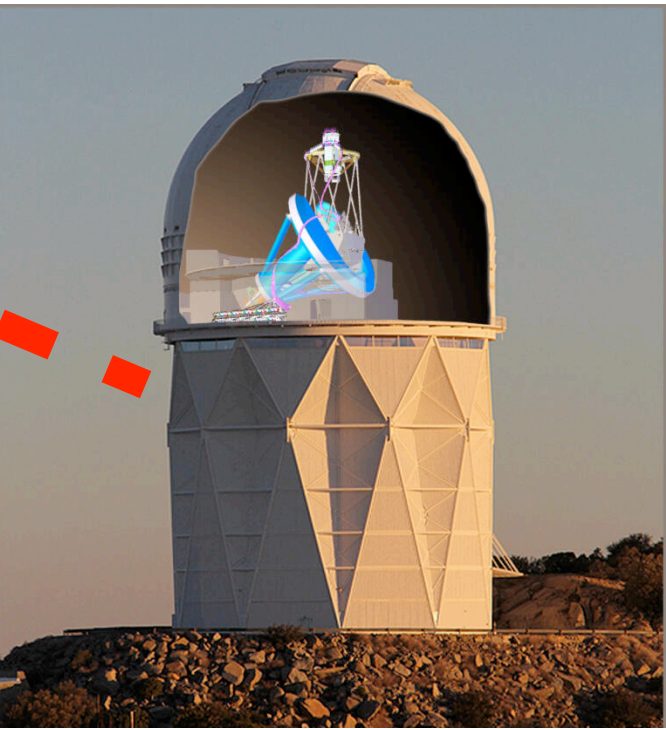
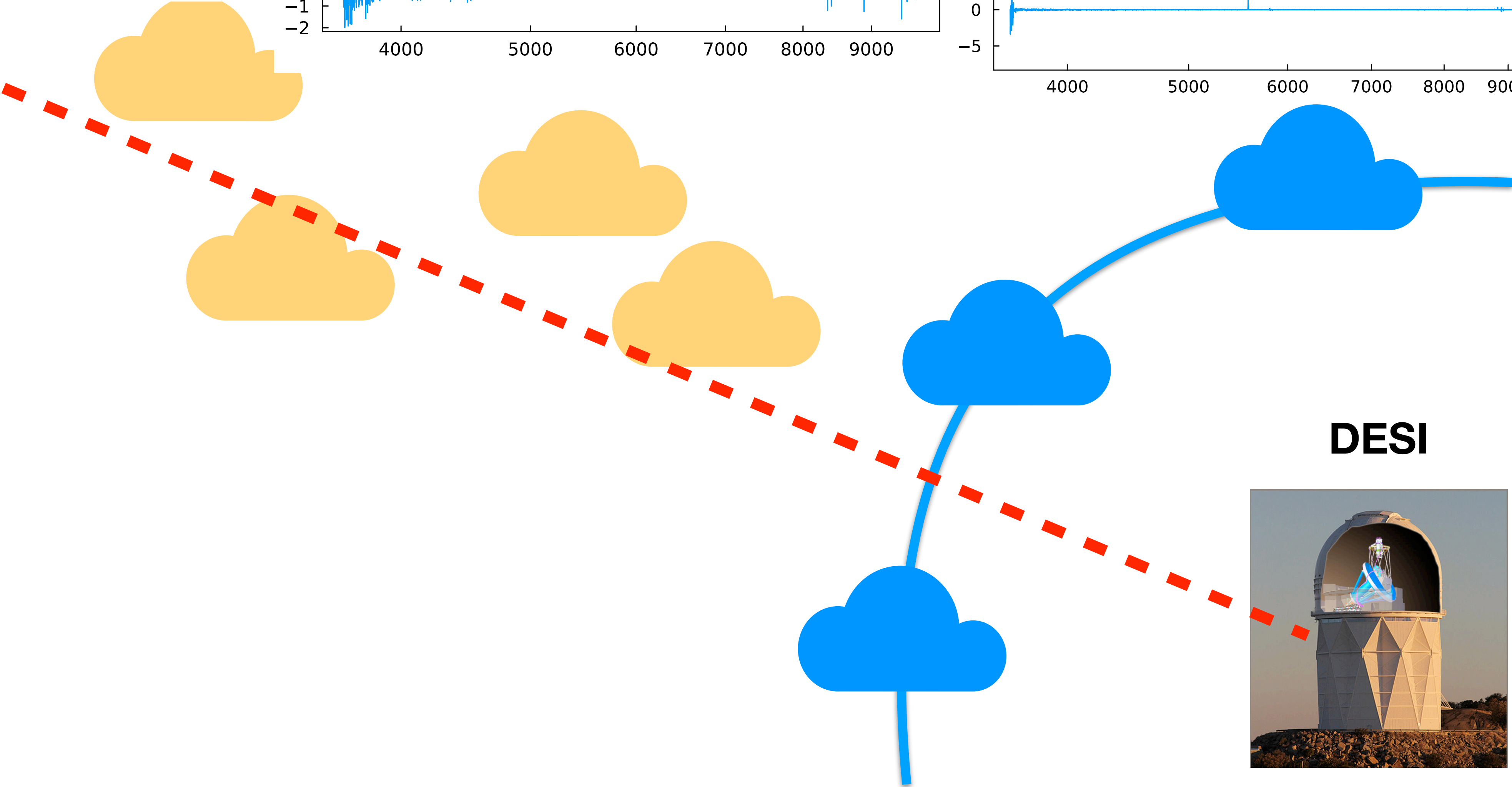
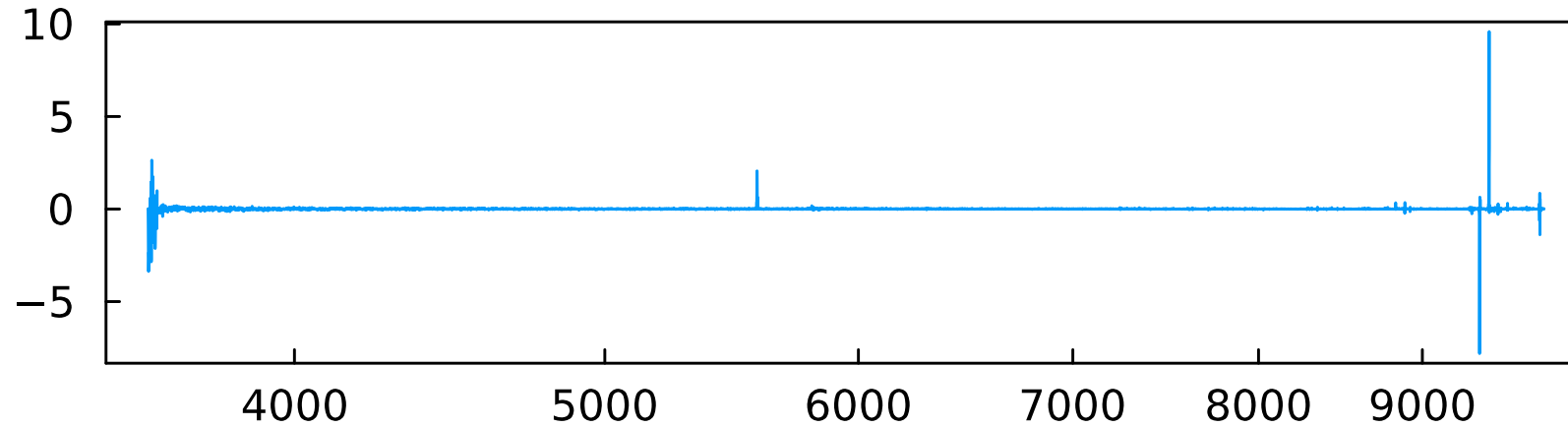
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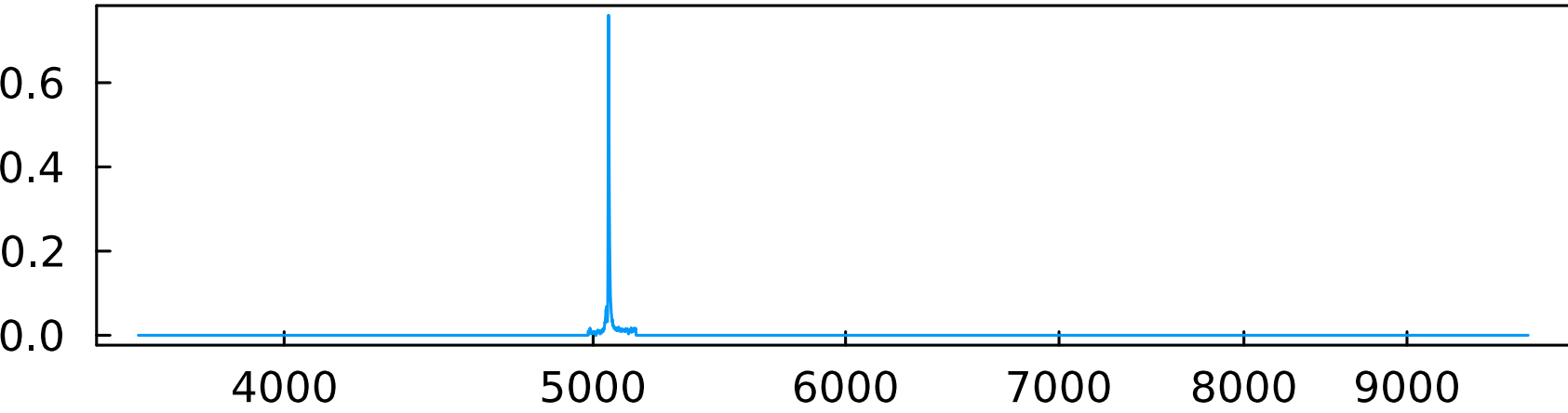
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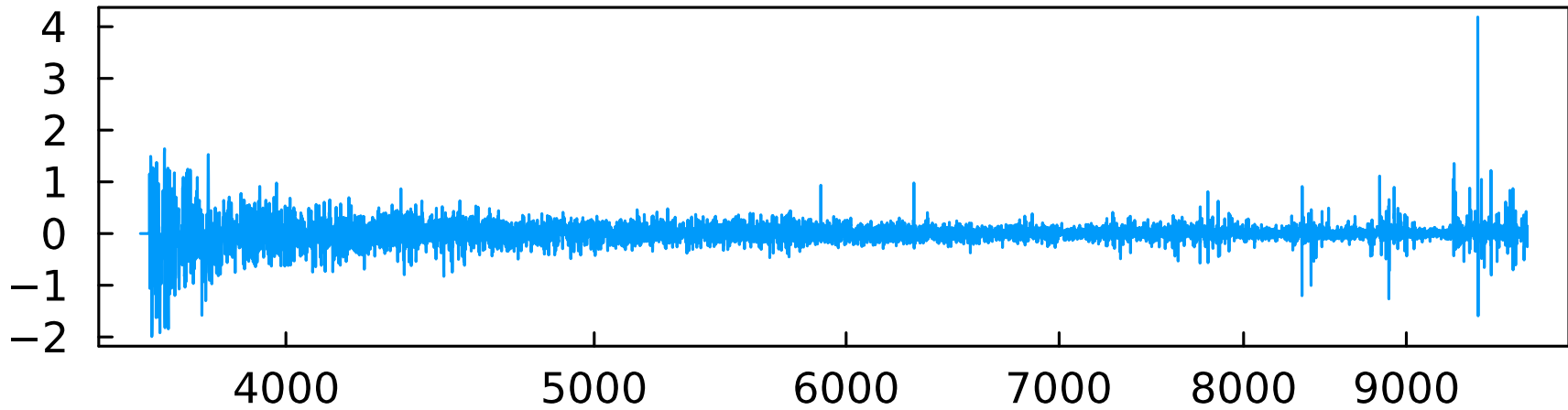
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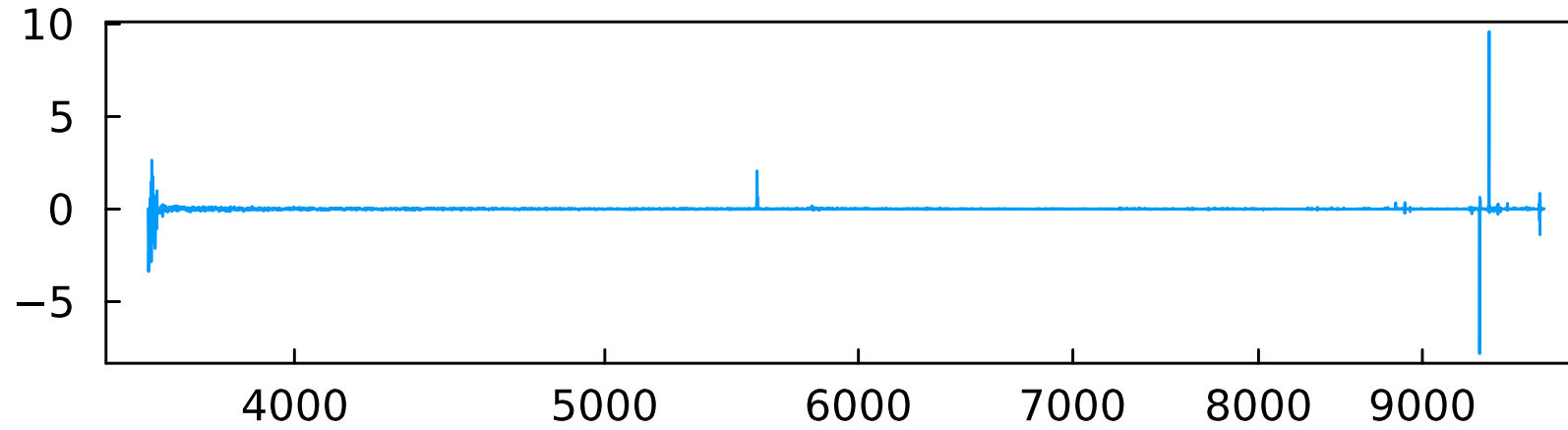
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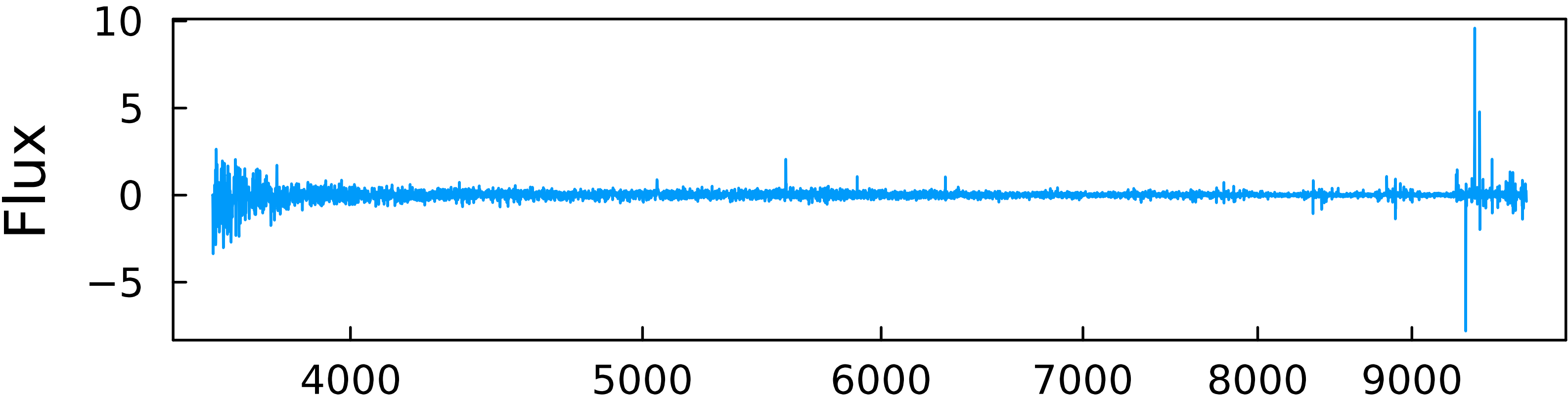
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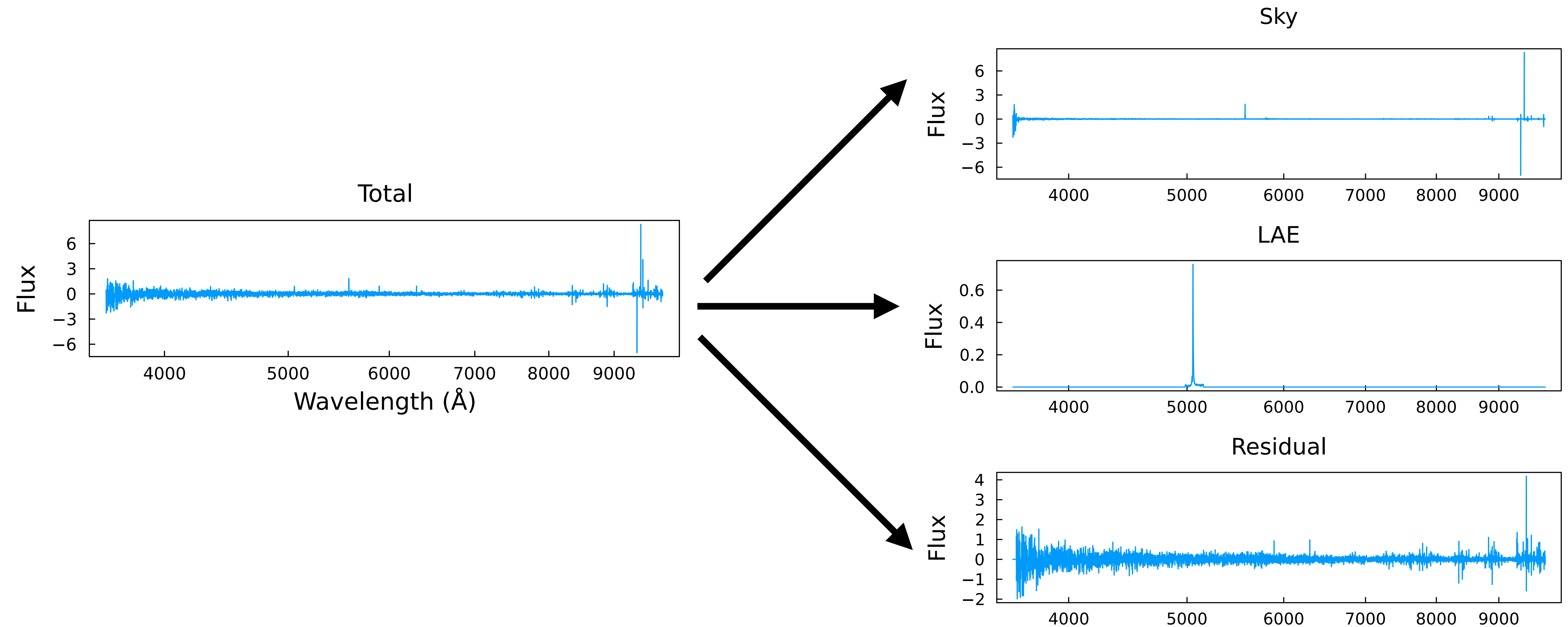


Wavelength (Å)

DESI

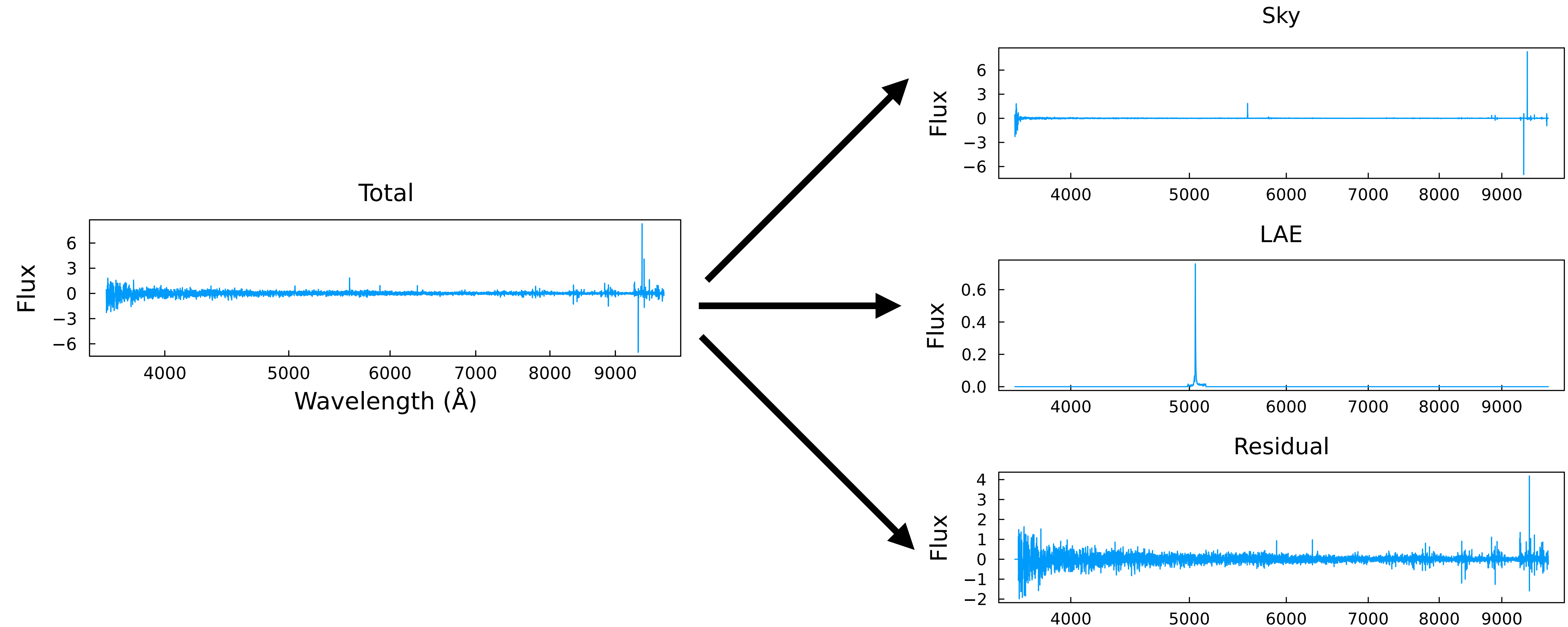


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How can we automatically determine the redshift of LAEs?





MADGICS:



Marginalized **A**nalytic **D**ataspace **G**aussian Inference for **C**omponent **S**eparation

Bayesian component separation technique

MADGICS Formalism

Known # of components k

Prior for each component i as covariance matrix C_i

$$\sum_i^k C_i = C_{tot}$$

$$D_i = C_i C_{tot}^{-1} D_{tot}$$

We use data-driven covariance matrices to put priors on our components.

- MADGICS assumes that you know what you're looking for
- We use known component data to create priors as covariance matrices
- Data-driven method allows us to effectively express systematics
- Components sum exactly to the data

D = matrix of n data vectors

$$C = \frac{DD^T}{n}$$

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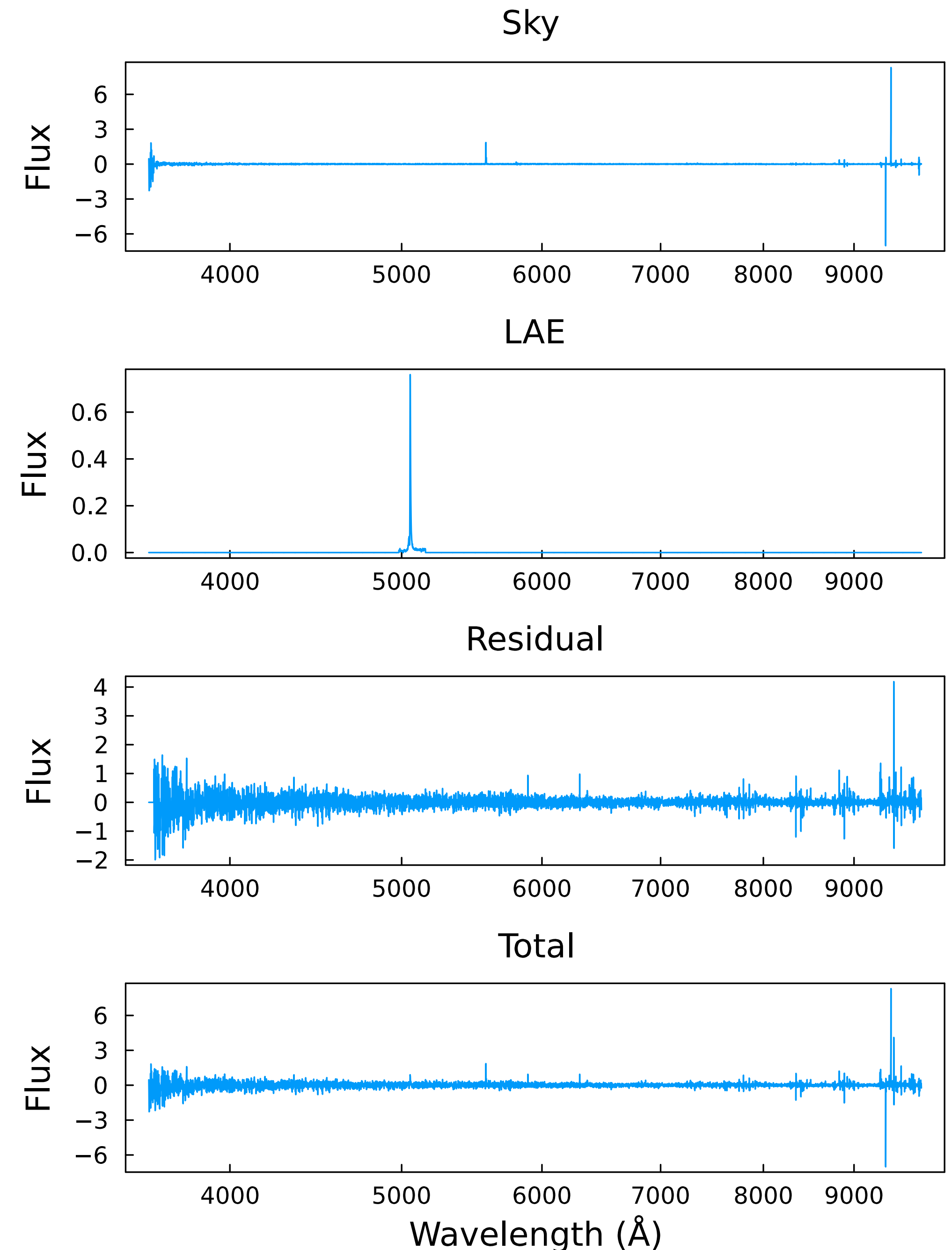
We can model LAE spectra as a sum of components.

$$\text{spectrum} = \text{sky} + \text{LAE} + \text{residual}$$

Prior covariance matrices:

$$C_{sky}, C_{LAE}, C_{res}$$

Wavelength-wavelength covariances!



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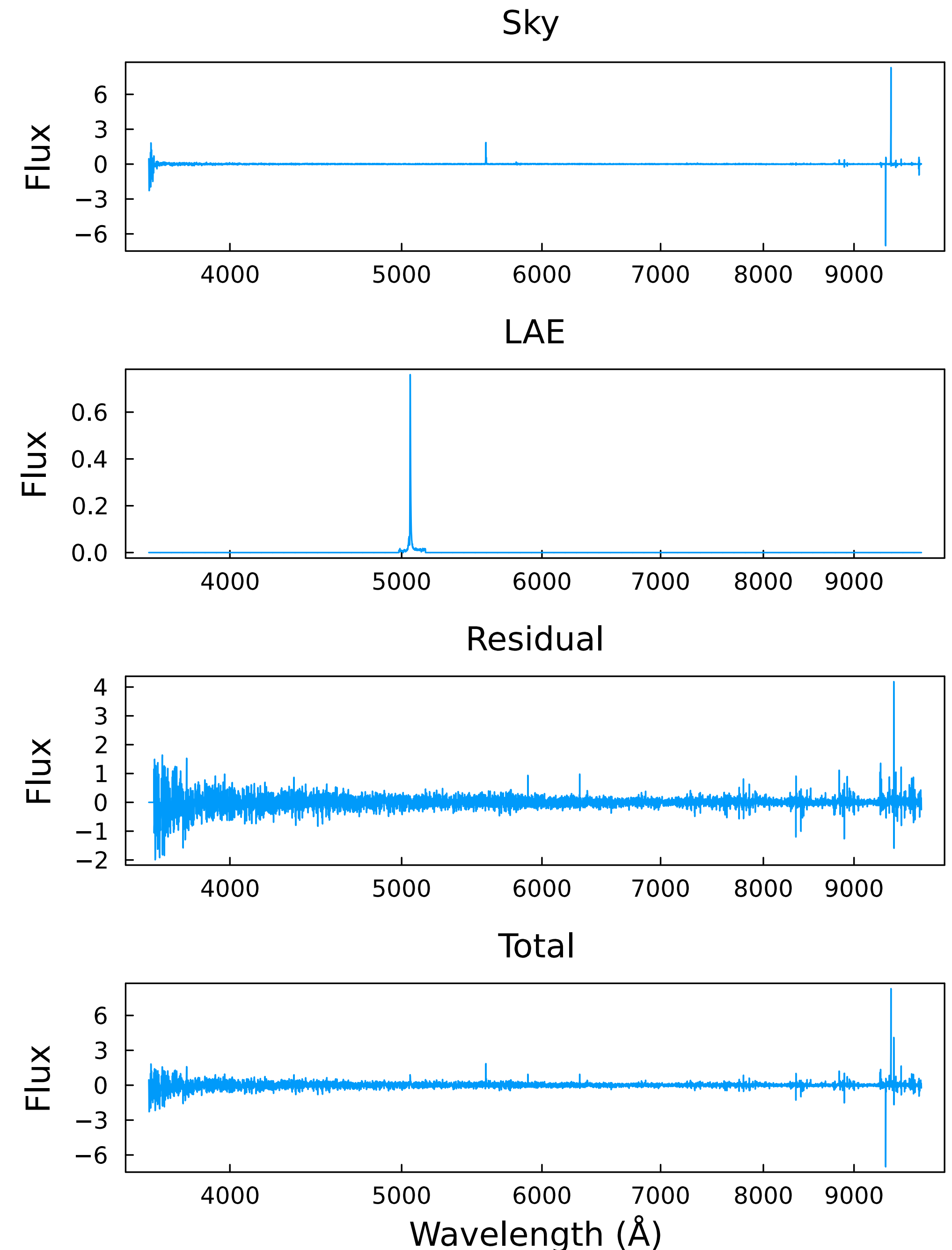
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$$d_{LAE} = C_{LAE} C_{tot}^{-1} d_{tot}$$

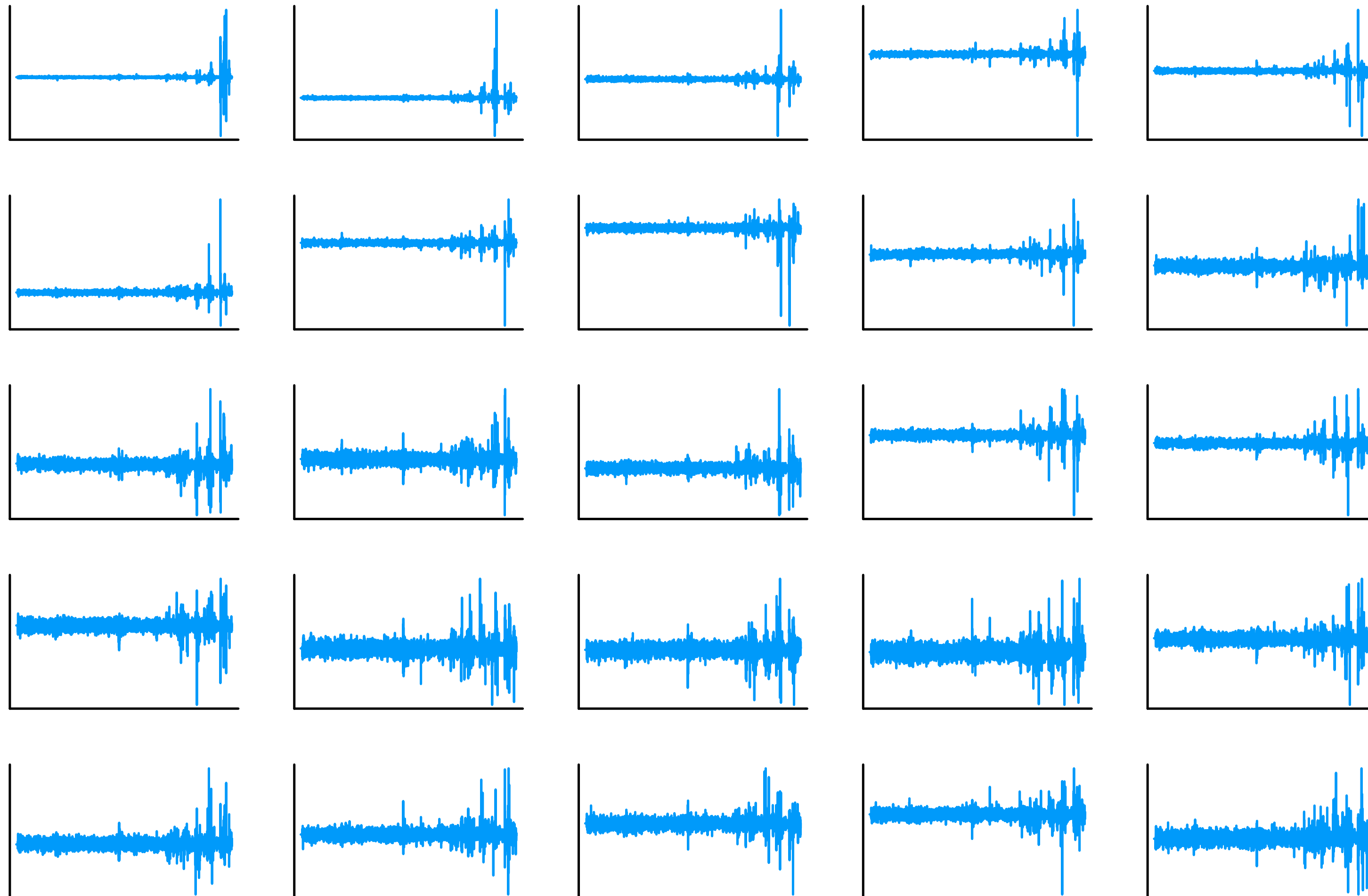
$$d_{res} = C_{res} C_{tot}^{-1} d_{tot}$$

d_{tot} : total spectrum



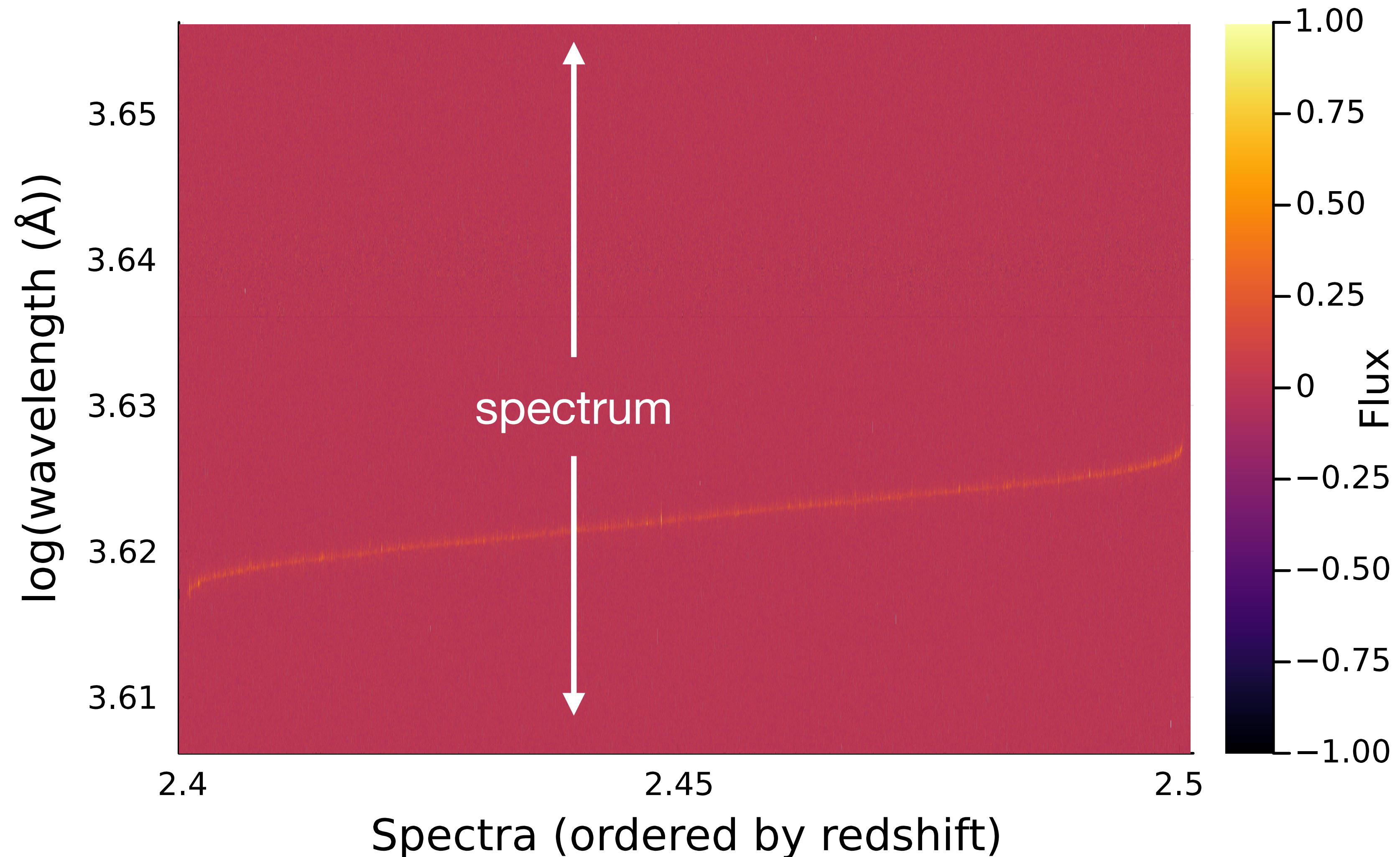
We create a prior covariance matrix of sky spectra.

C_{sky} : low-rank matrix approximation from top 50 sky eigenvectors



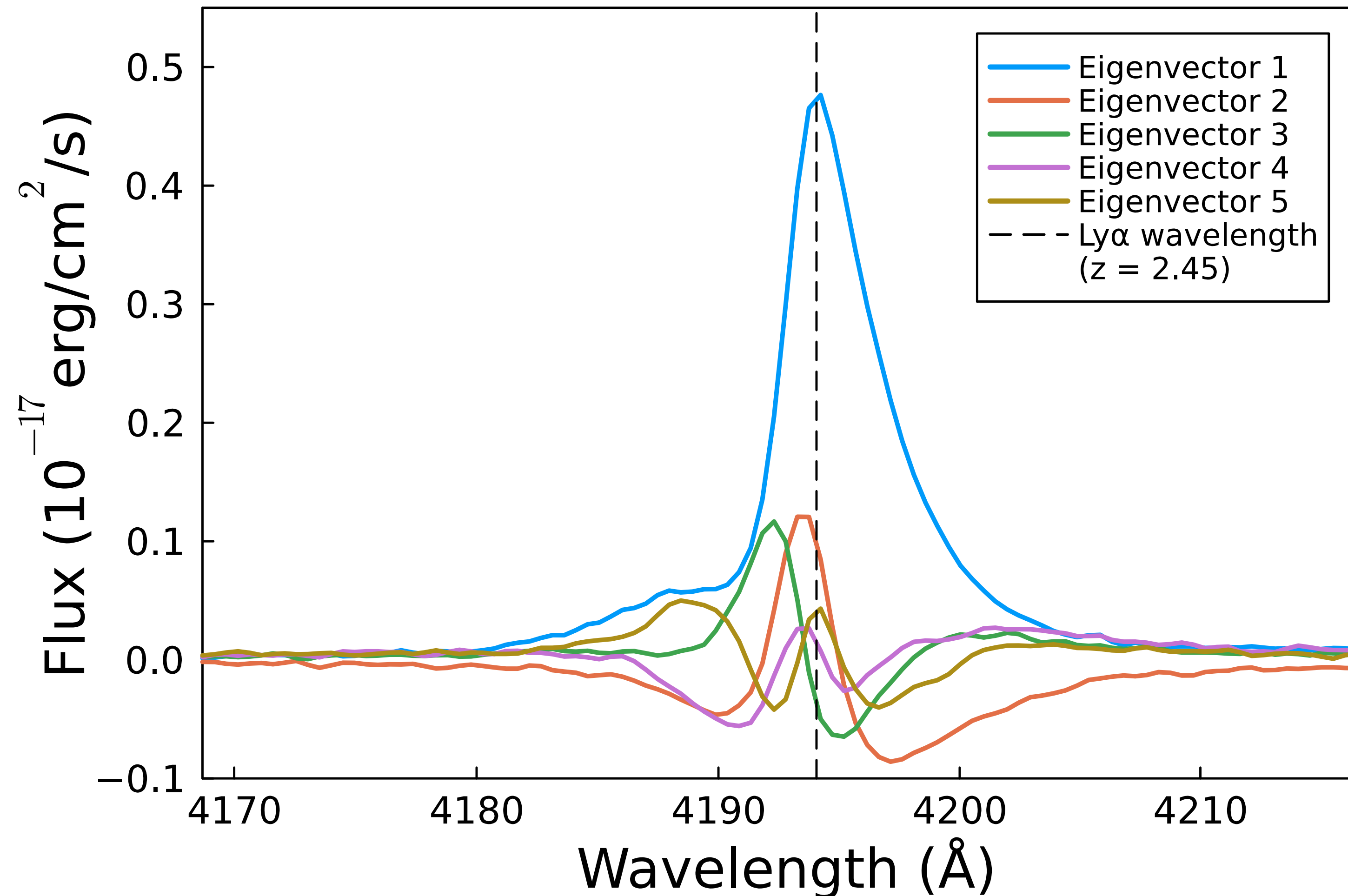
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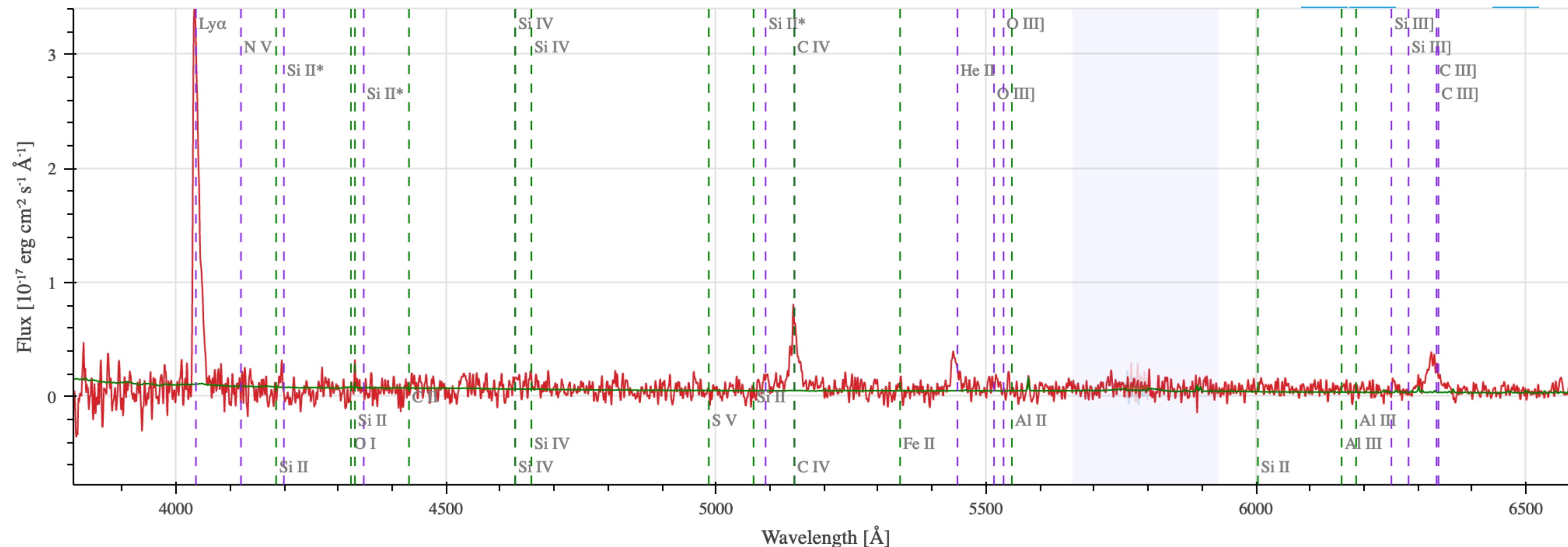
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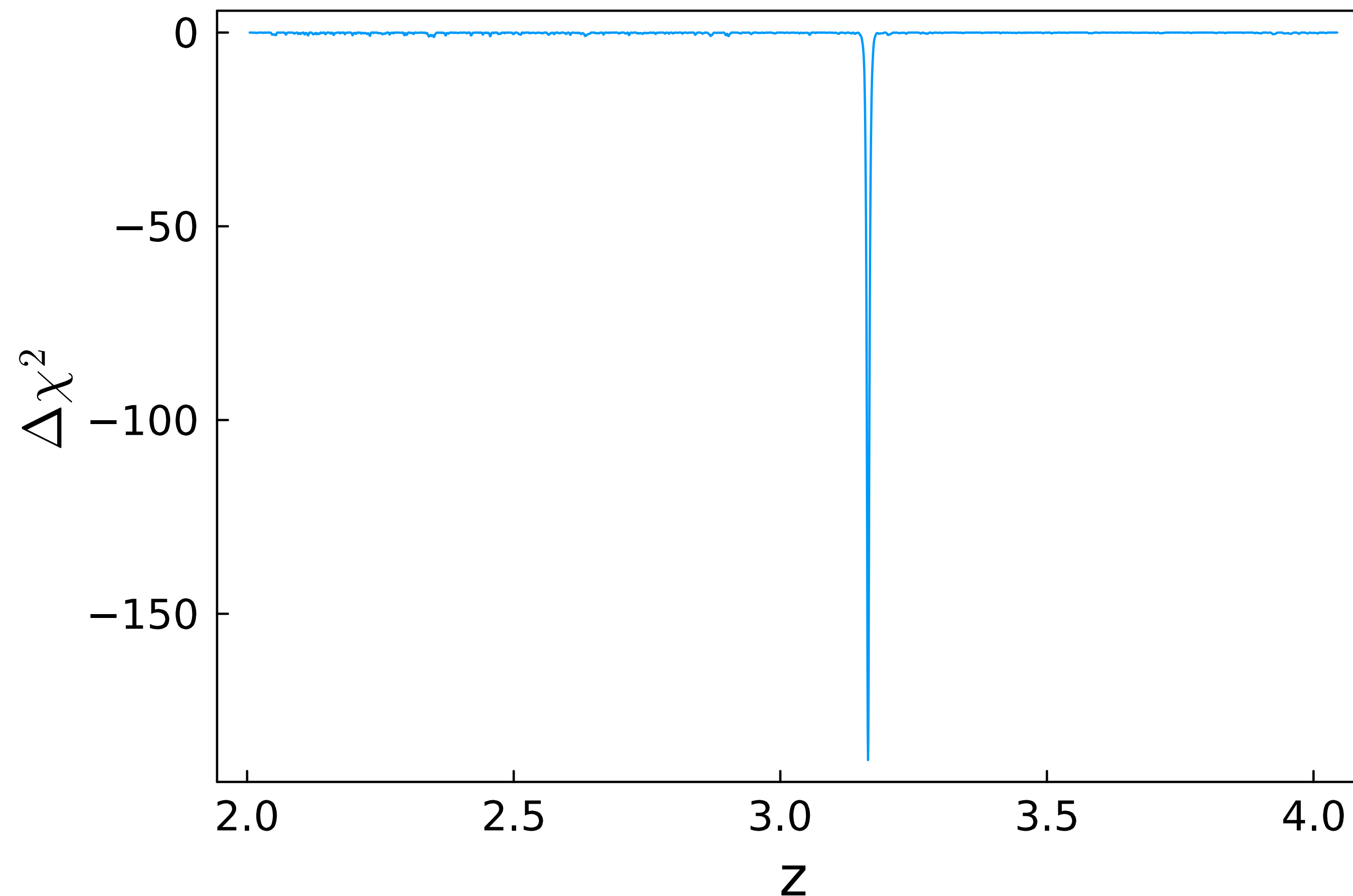
We want to automatically determine spectroscopic redshifts.

- DESI spectra for 910 LAE targets with medium-band photometry at $2 < z < 4$
- Visually inspected redshifts for comparison

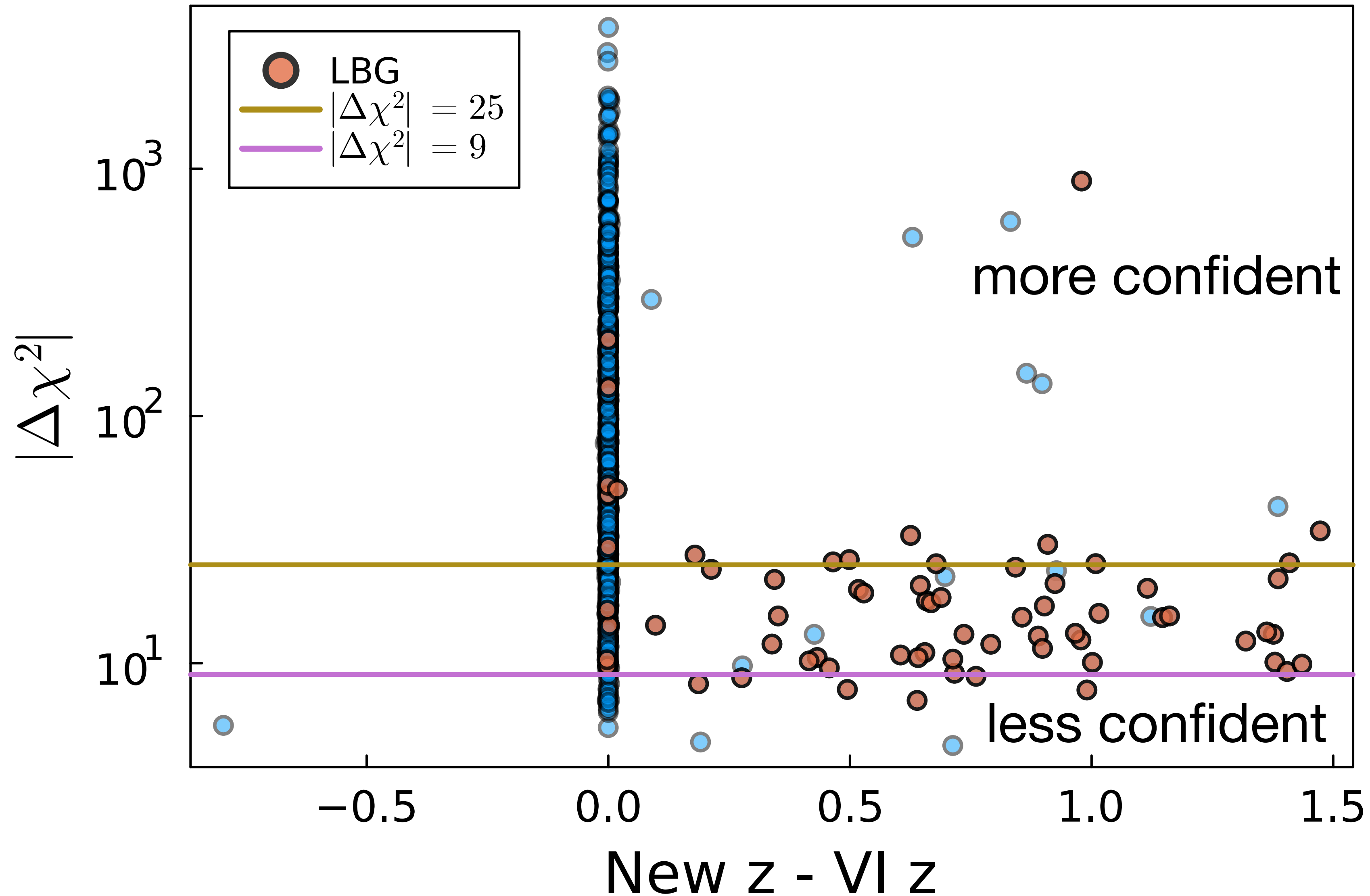


We determine redshift by minimizing $\Delta\chi^2$.

$$\Delta\chi^2(z) = \chi^2(\text{sky} + \text{residual}) - \chi^2(\text{sky} + \text{residual} + \text{LAE}(z))$$



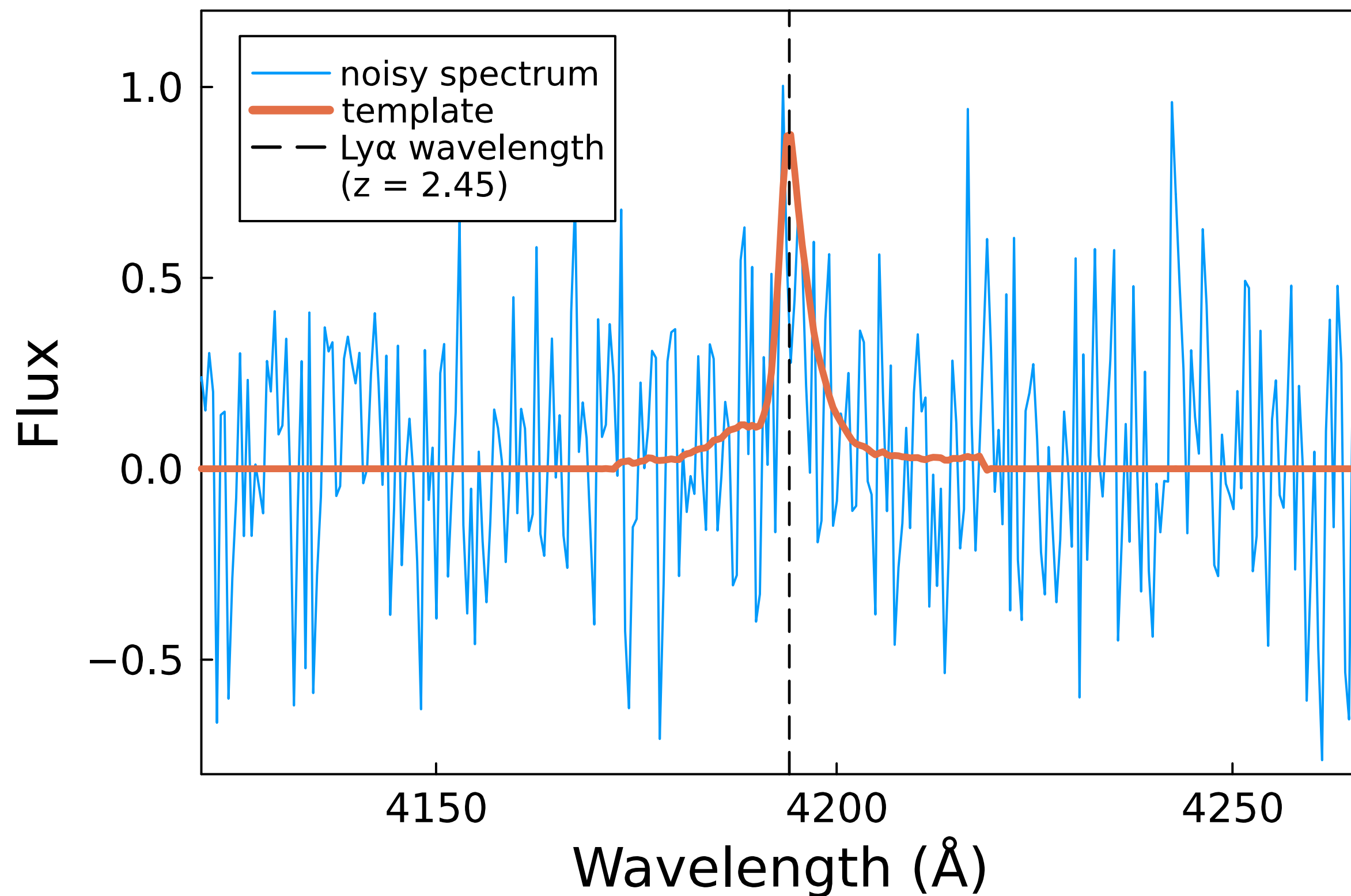
Our method is able to accurately determine redshift.



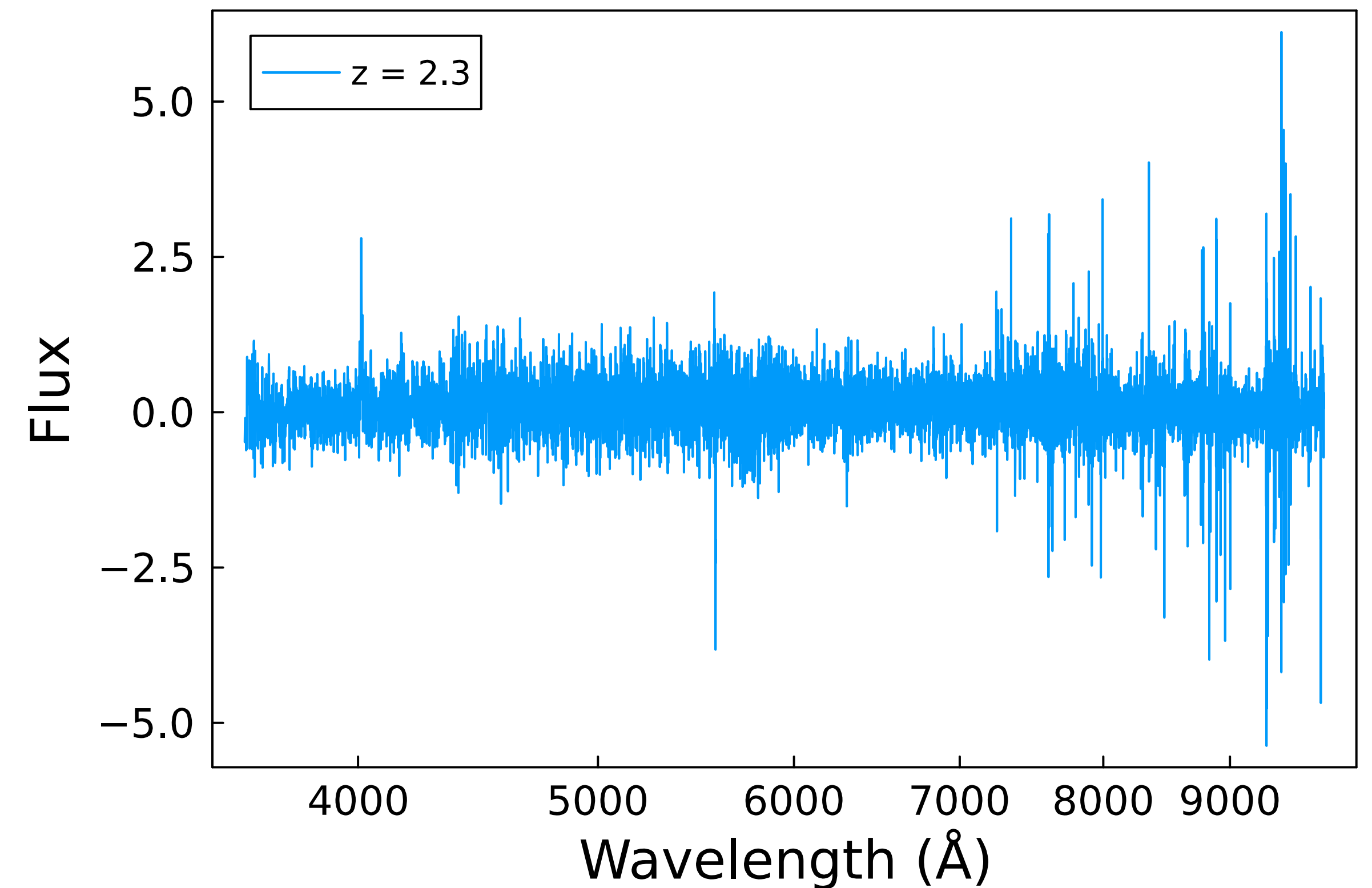
>90% within 0.005
of VI redshift

~0.4 s/spectrum

We validate our method with injection-recovery tests.

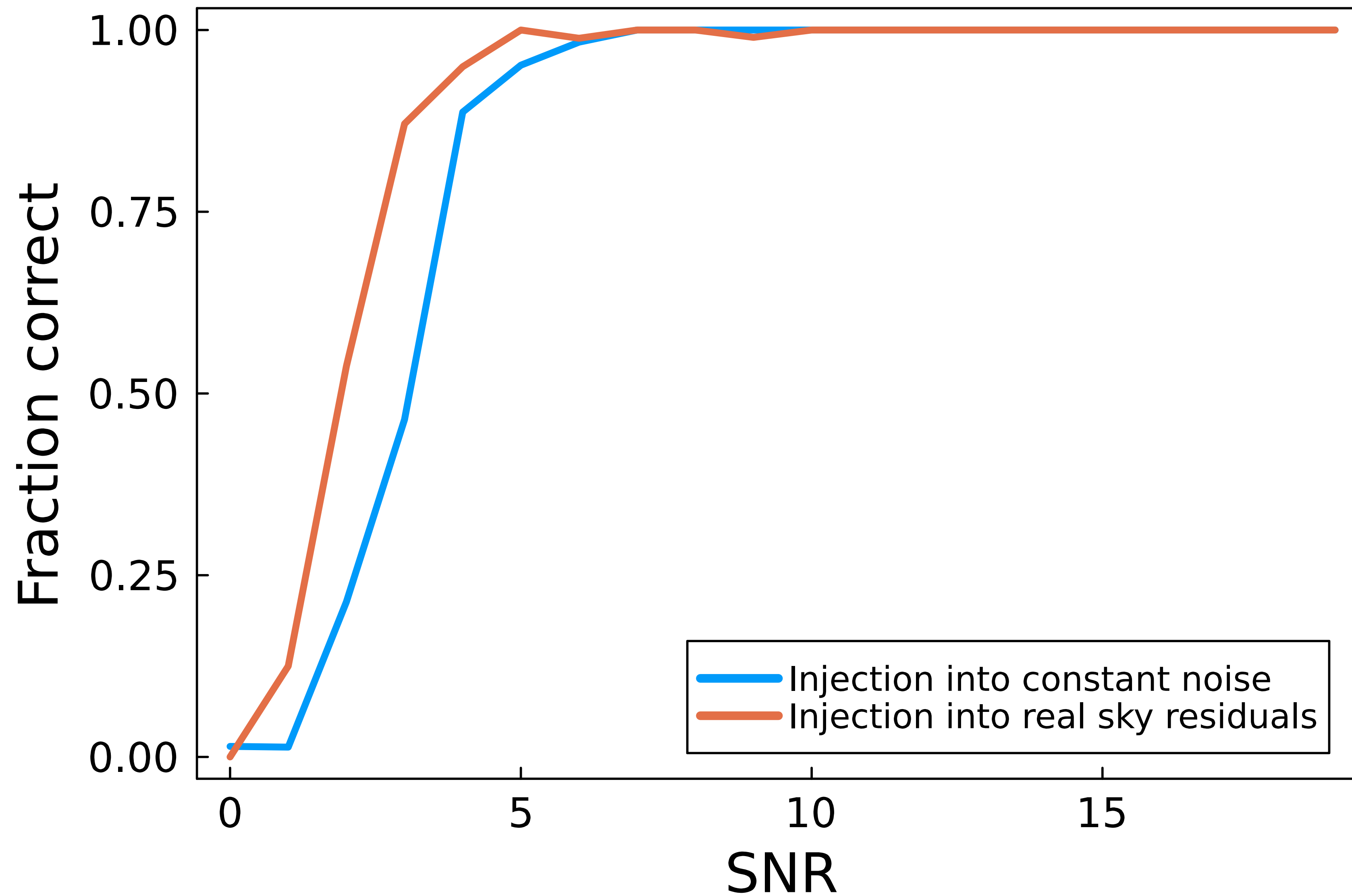


Injection into constant noise

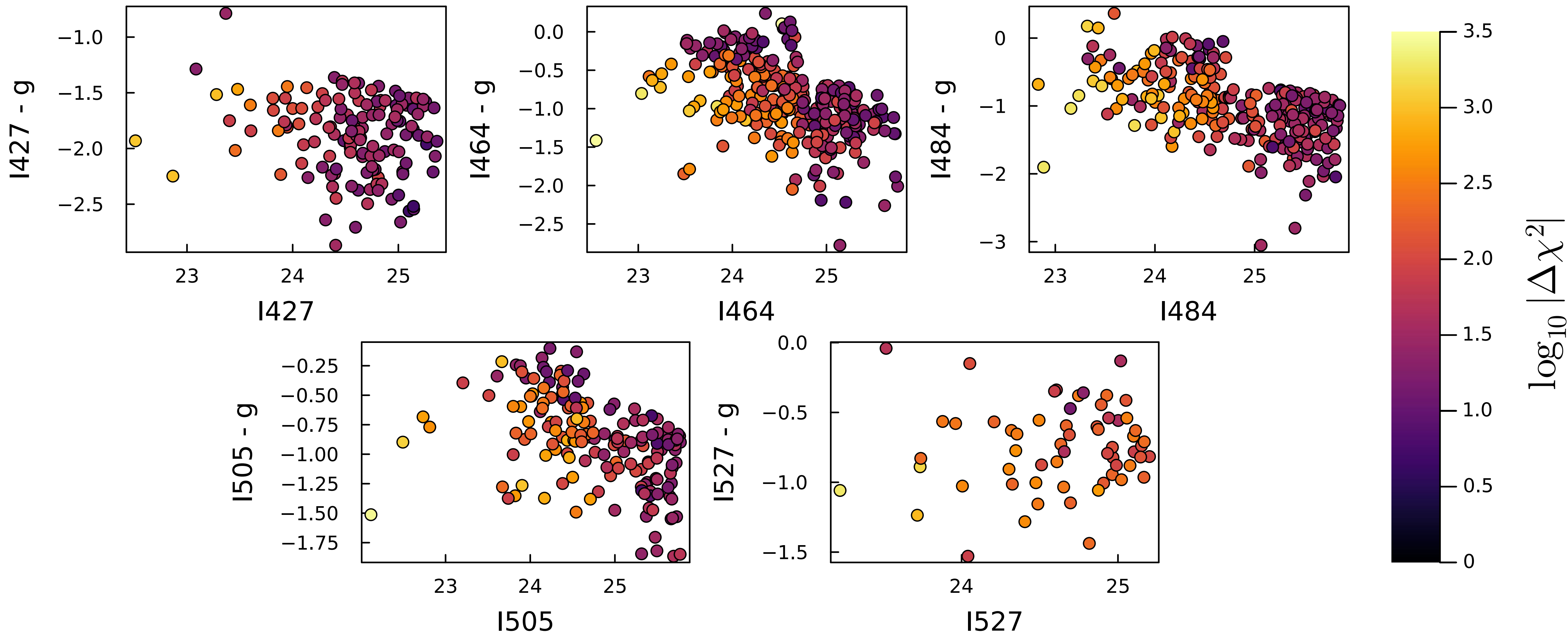


Injection into actual sky spectra

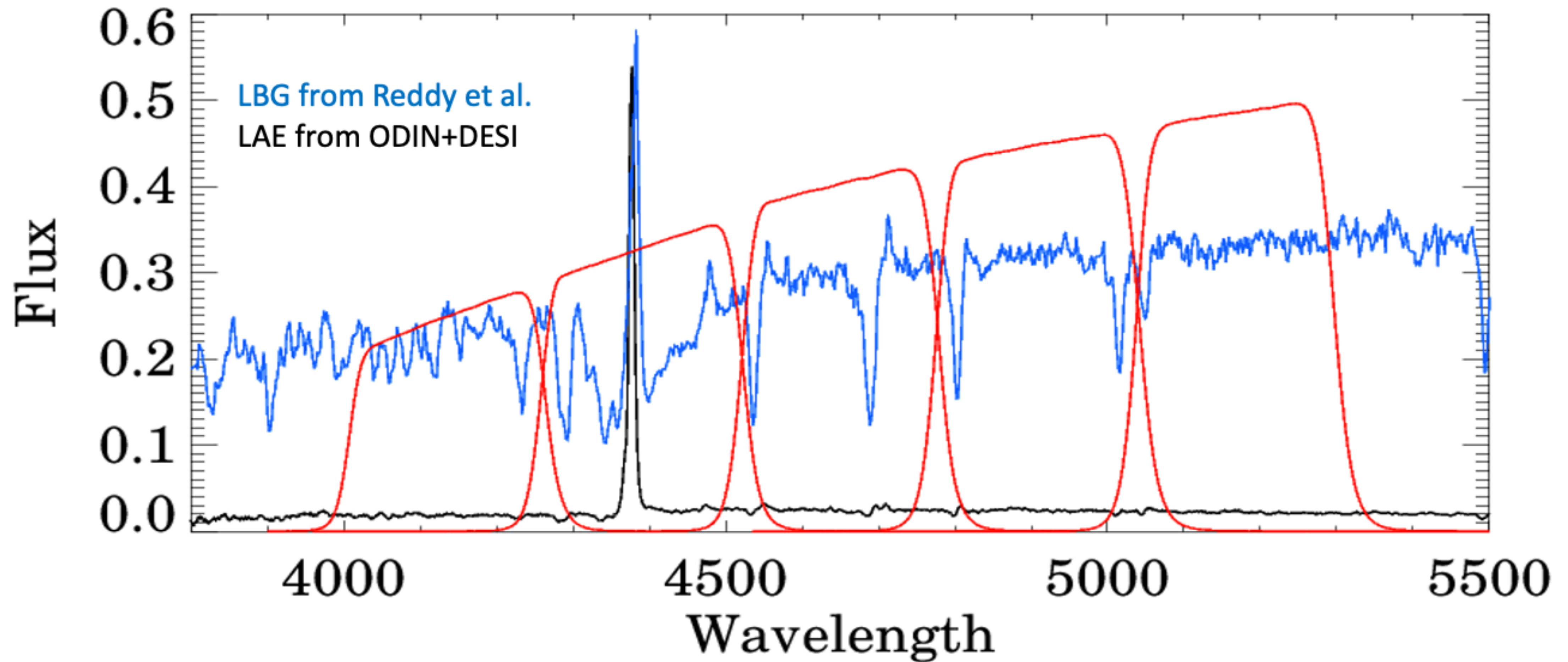
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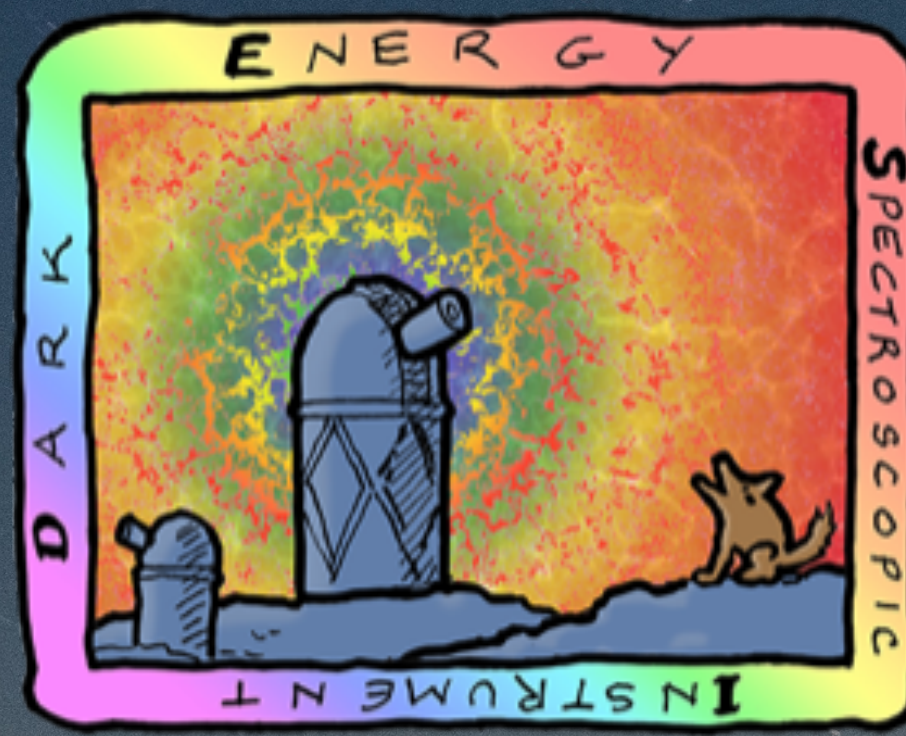


Implications for targeting with medium bands



Intermediate-Band Imaging Survey (IBIS)





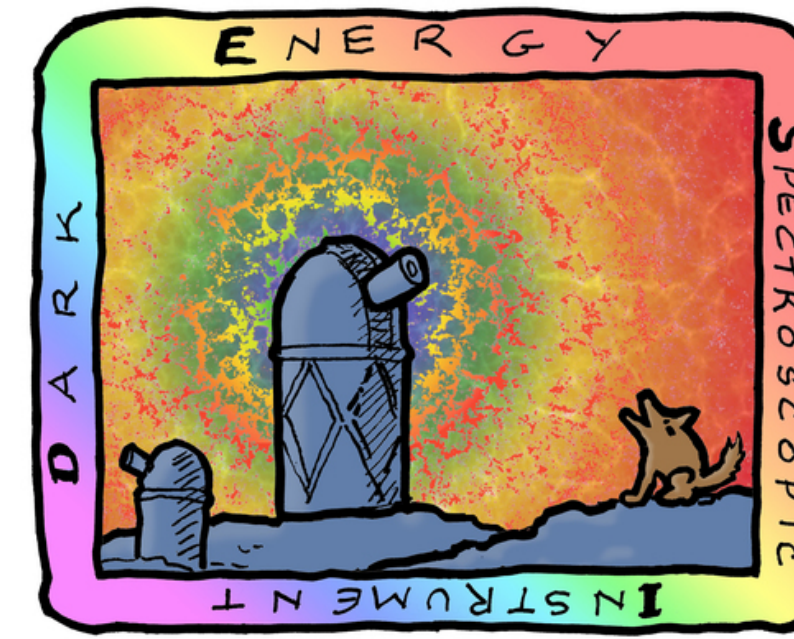
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Summary



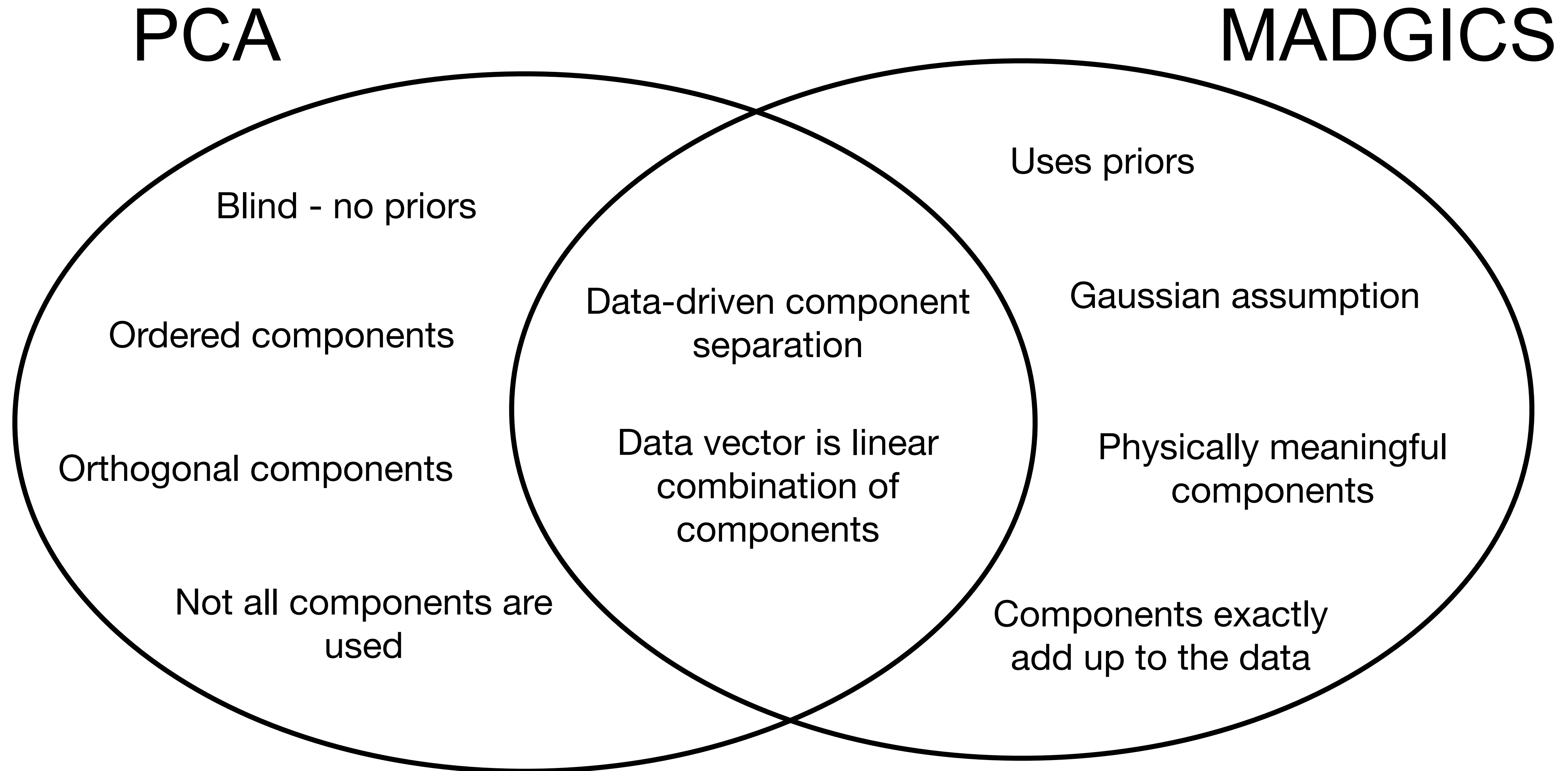
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- MADGICS is a Bayesian component separation technique that separates data into any number of Gaussian components.
- We create data-driven priors and express an LAE spectrum as a sum of a sky, LAE, and residual component.
- We present an automated spectroscopic redshift determination pipeline for LAEs in DESI and explore implications for selecting LAEs with medium-band photometry.

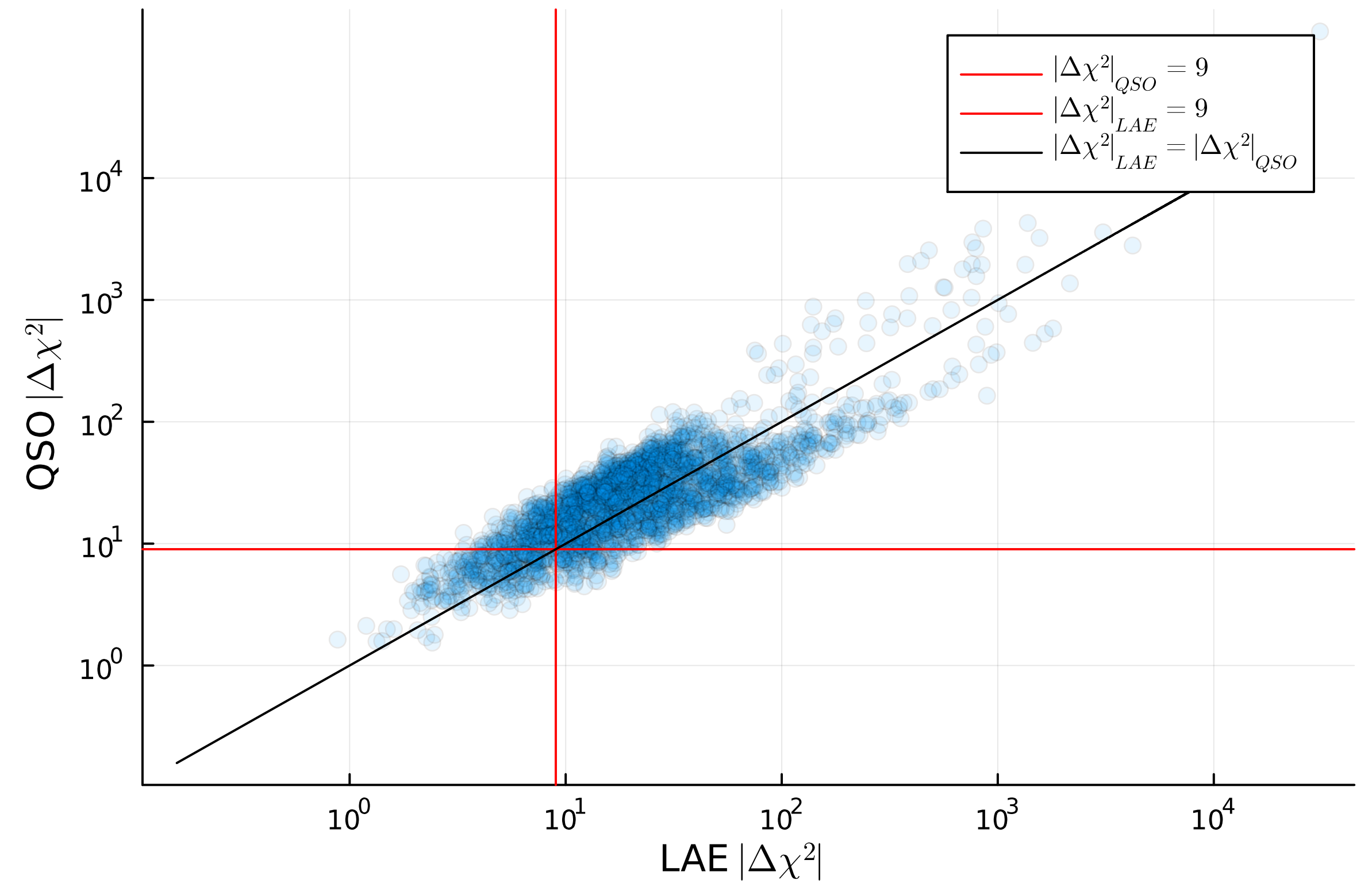
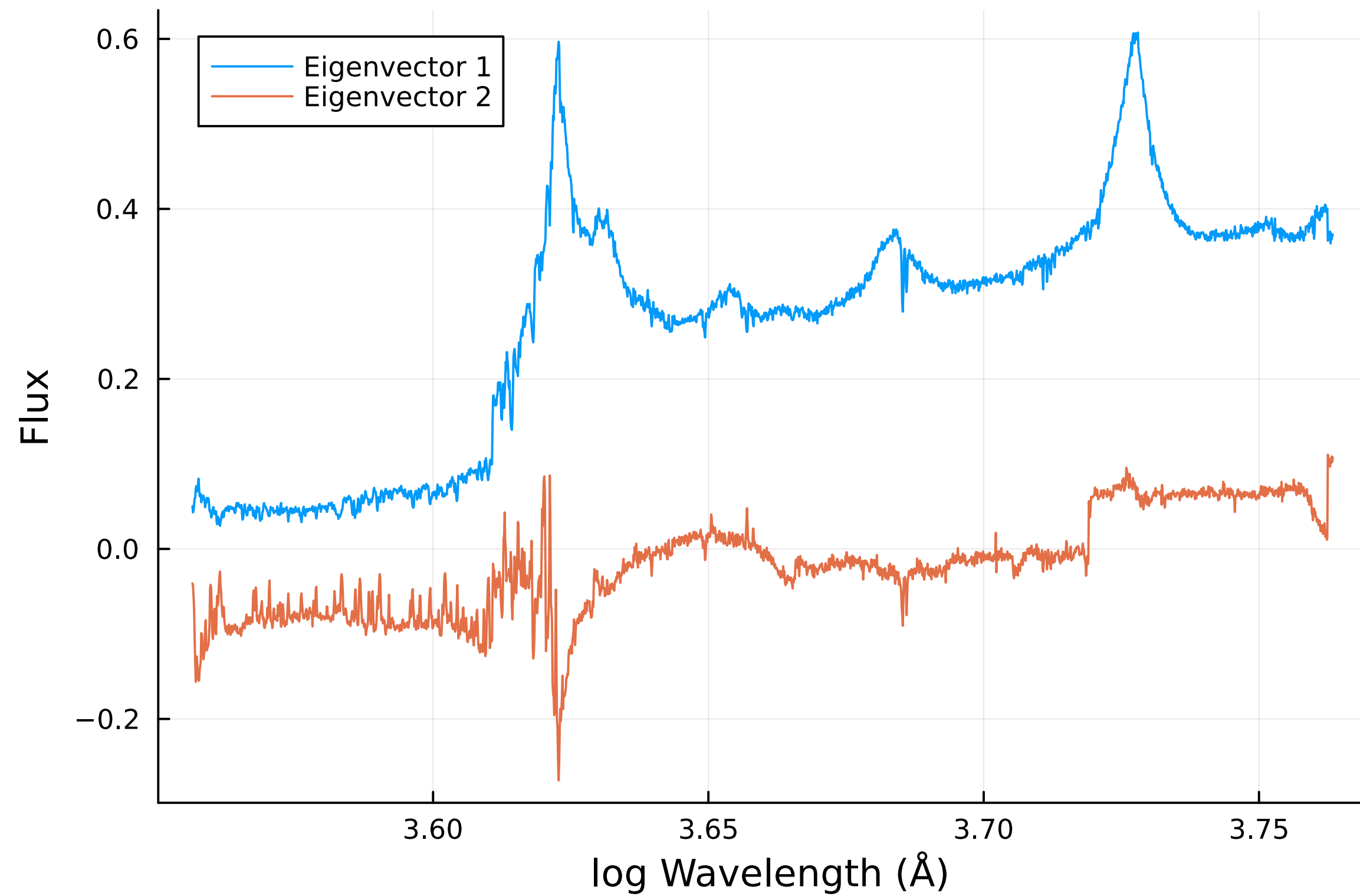
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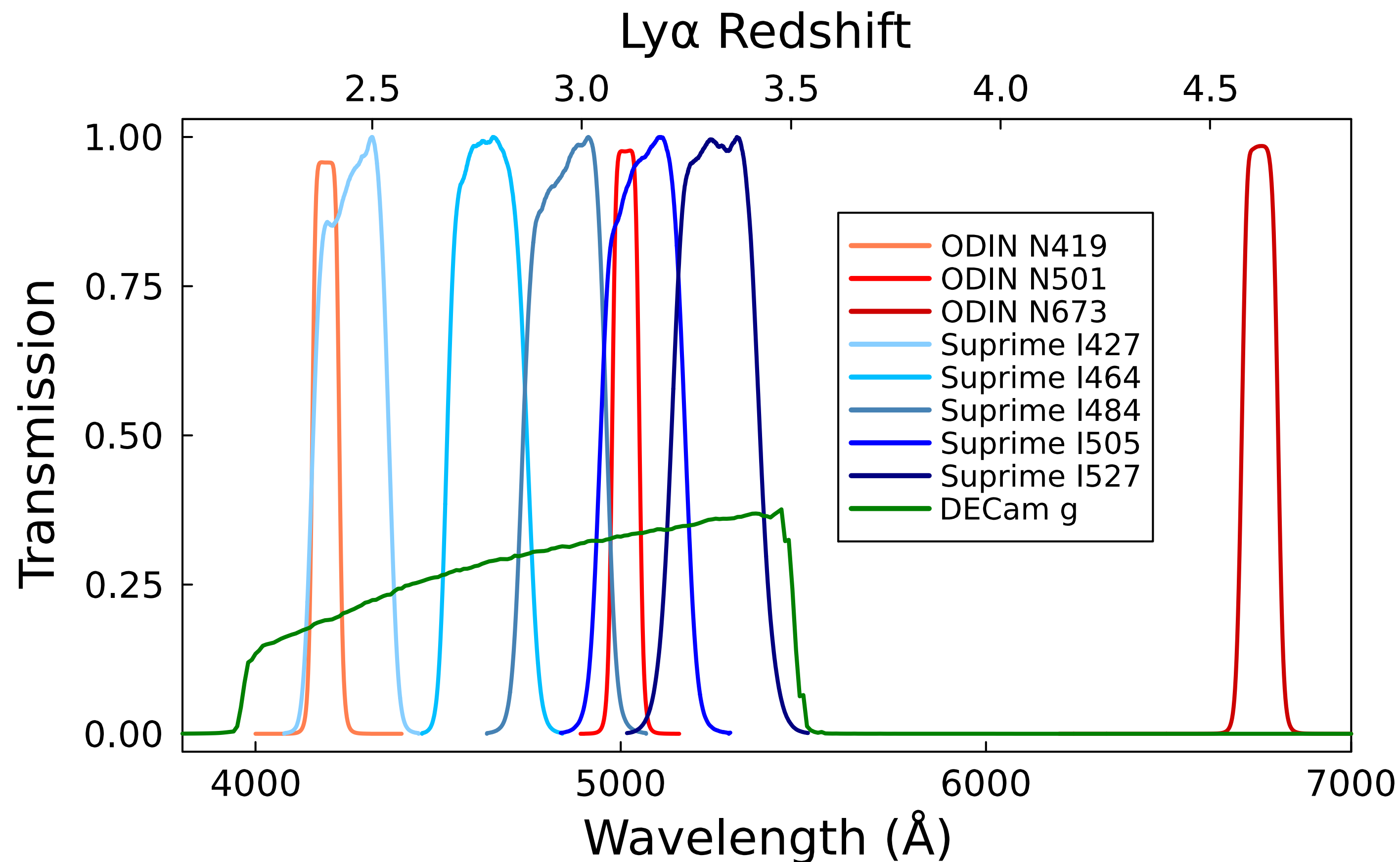
How is this not just PCA?



LAE vs. quasar classification



We use DESI spectra from LAEs targeted with two different photometric surveys.



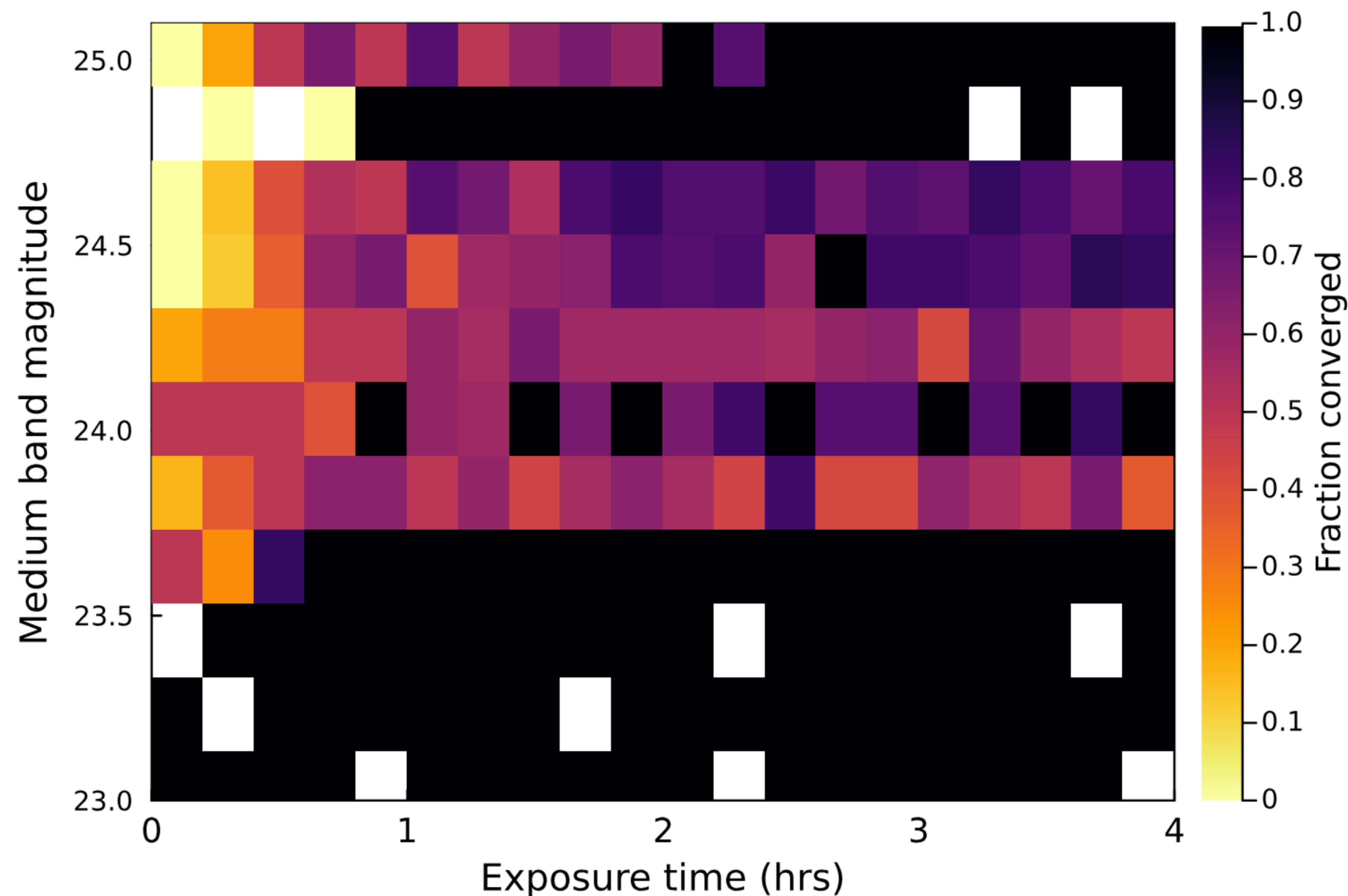
- ODIN
 - DECam
 - Narrow bands, ~ 100 Å FWHM
- COSMOS
 - Subaru Suprime-Cam
 - Medium bands, ~ 250 Å FWHM

Summary of priors

- C_{sky} : low-rank matrix approximation from top 50 sky eigenvectors
- C_{LAE} : data-driven covariance matrix from VI ODIN LAE targets all shifted to be at the same redshift
- C_{res} : 1/ivar on diagonal for each target

$$C_{tot} = C_{sky} + C_{LAE} + C_{res}$$

For how long should we observe LAEs?



How do we calculate $\Delta\chi^2$?

$$\chi^2 = X_{tot}^T C_{tot}^{-1} X_{tot}$$

We can then evaluate the change in χ^2 , or $\Delta\chi^2$, from including vs. not including the LAE component:

$$\Delta\chi^2 = X_{tot}^T (C_{sky} + C_{LAE} + C_{res})^{-1} X_{tot} - X_{tot}^T (C_{sky} + C_{res})^{-1} X_{tot}$$

where C_{sky} , C_{LAE} , and C_{res} are the covariance matrices for the sky, LAE, and residual components