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A resolved Lyman-Alpha profile with doubly peaked emission at $z \sim 7$



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Reionization and it's parameters

- Reionization is a landmark in structure formation.
- Photons from the first radiating sources began ionizing the neutral Intergalactic medium.
- However, how and when ionization occurred is still up for debate.

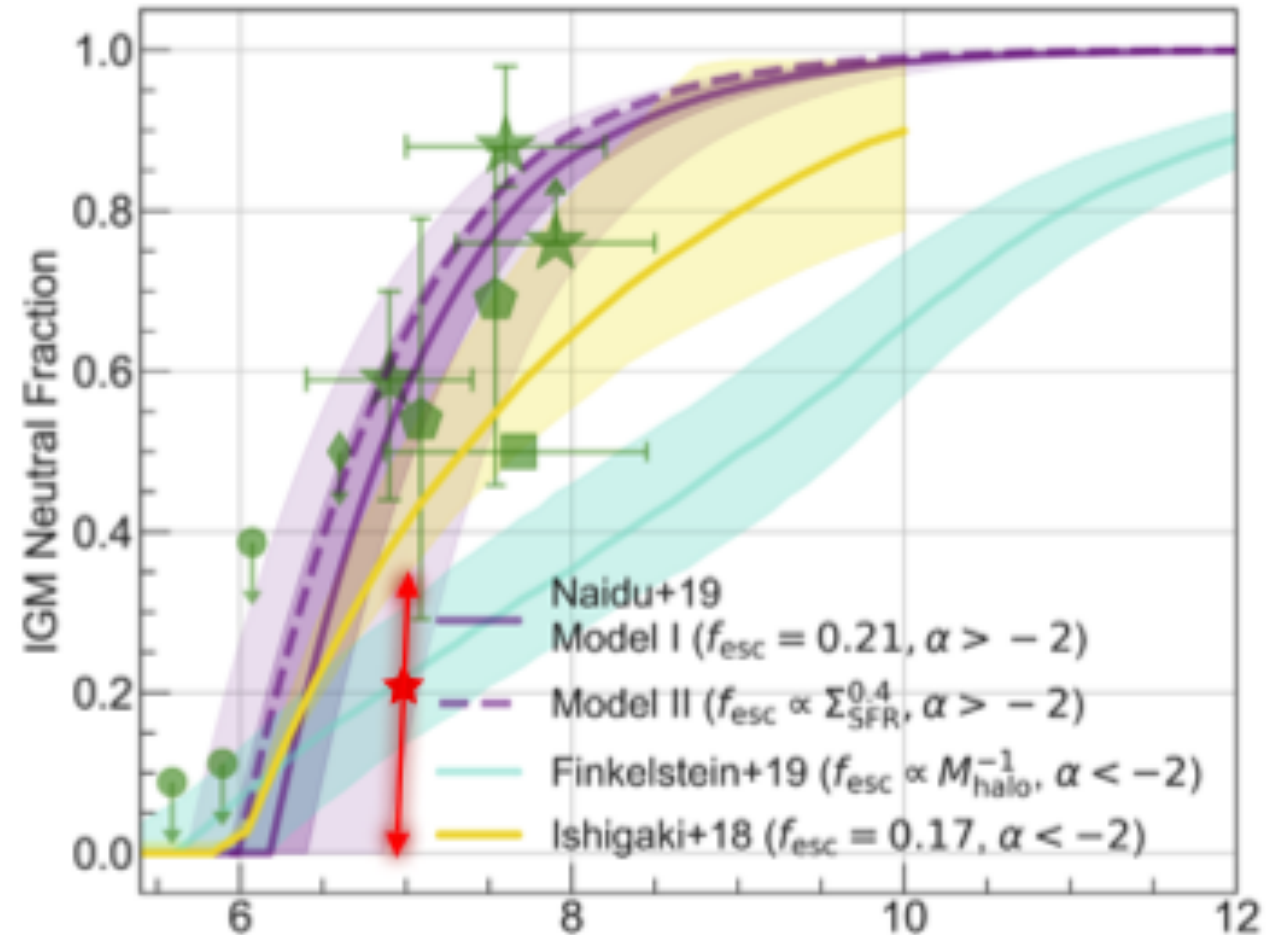


Figure adapted from Naidu+20
Red star from Wold+22

Ionized Bubbles

- Ionized regions of the universe allow photons with $\lambda < 1215.67 \text{ \AA}$ to move freely.
- These regions of ionized gas, or “bubbles” would grow and merge with other bubbles until reionization was complete.

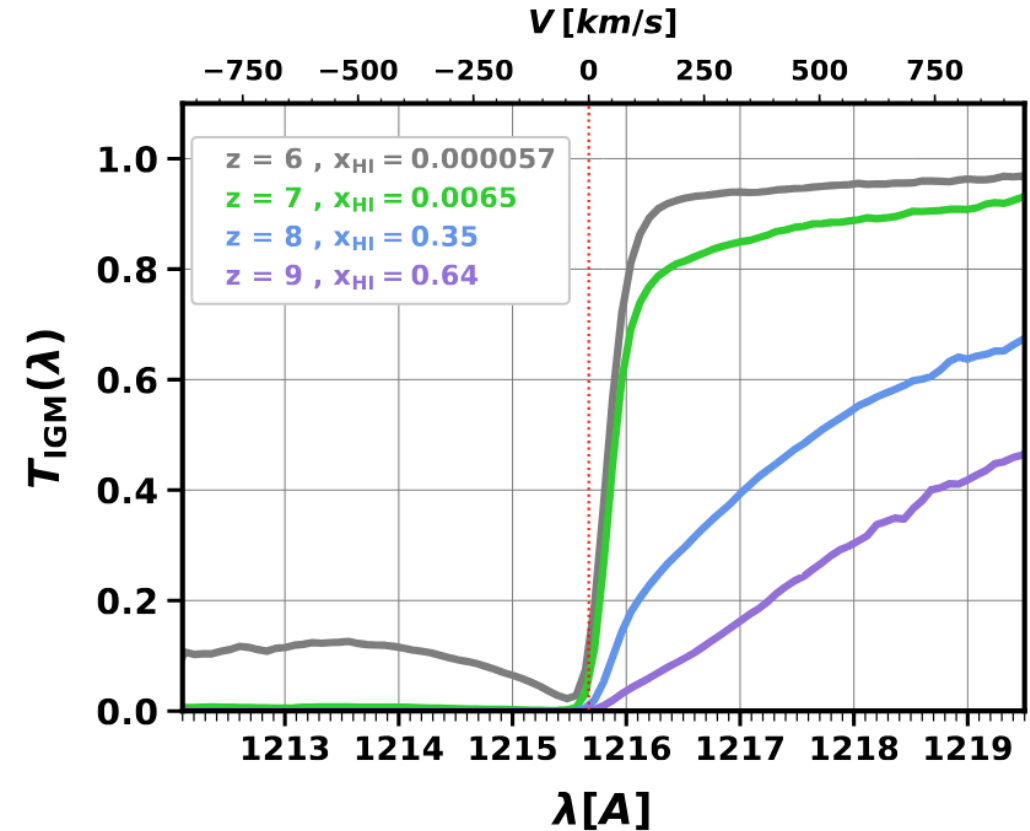


Figure 13. Ly α IGM transmission as a function of rest-frame wavelength at $z = 6, 7, 8$, and 9 . The vertical red dotted line indicates the line centre ($V = 0$). The evolution of T_{IGM} with redshift reflects the increase of the volumetric neutral fraction x_{HI} towards higher z (see legend).

Ionized Bubbles

Mason & Gronke 20

- Bubbles are interesting because they host the objects contributing most of the ionizing budget.
- Bubbles should trace overdensities.
- Measuring the extent of the Ly α line constrains the minimum size of the bubble.

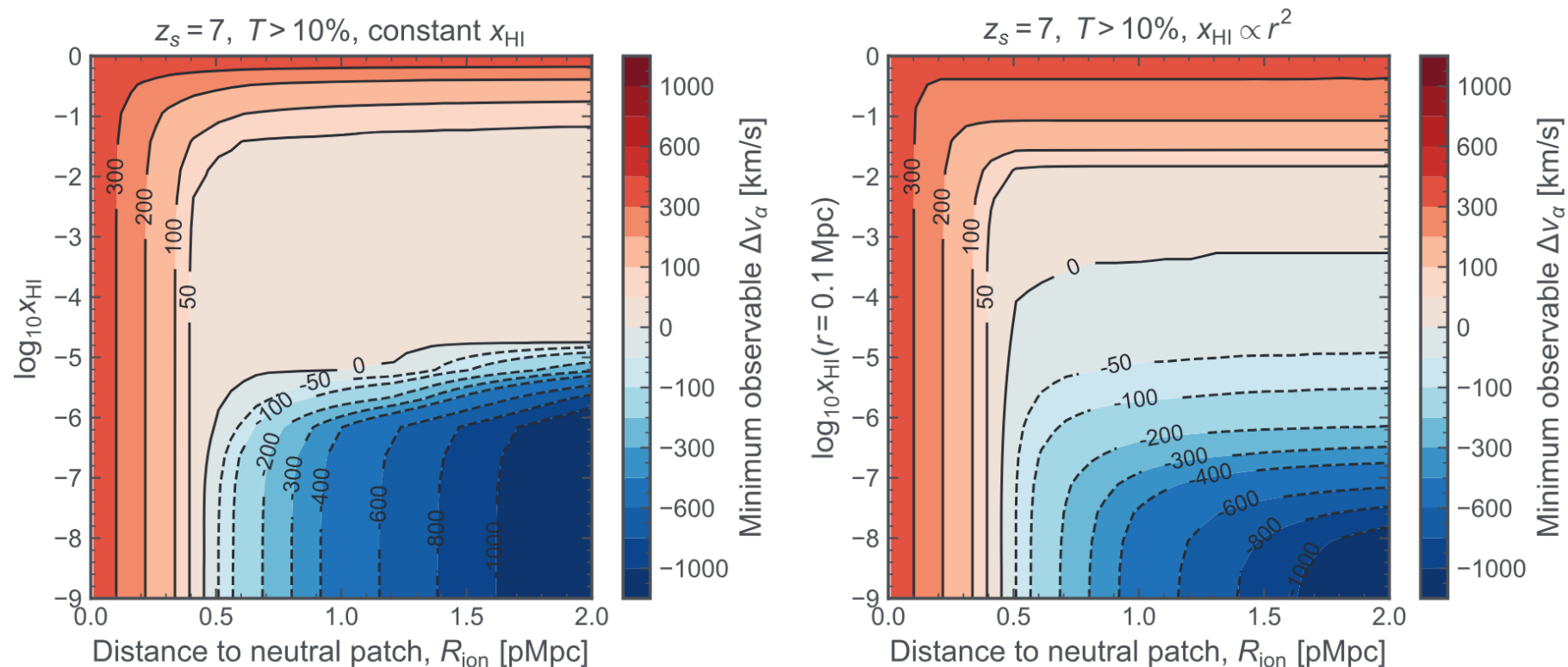
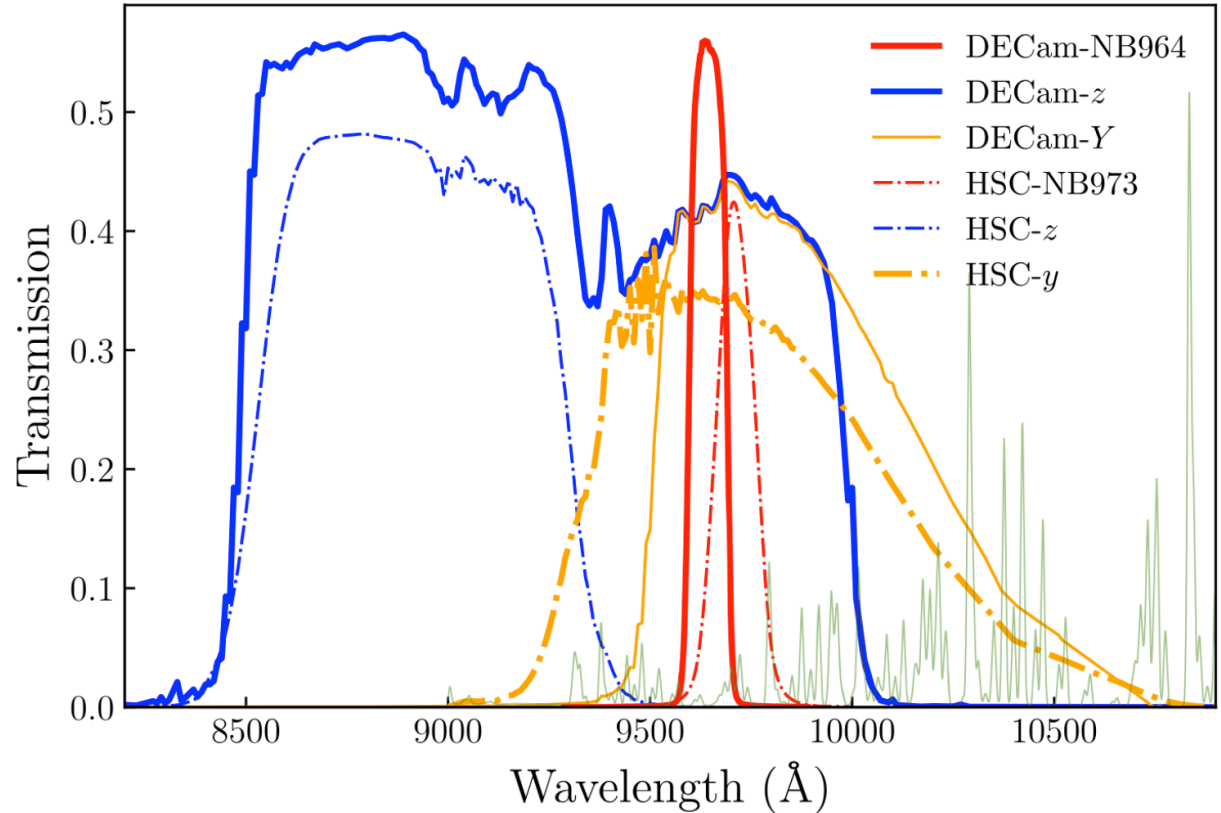


Figure 5. Minimum observable Ly α velocity offset, Δv_α as a function of bubble size and residual neutral fraction, assuming > 10 per cent transmission on the red or blue sides. Left-hand panel: for a constant residual neutral fraction, x_{HI} , inside the ionized bubble. Right-hand panel: $x_{\text{HI}} \propto r^2$, with the quoted value at 0.1 Mpc.

LAGER

- Narrow band survey using the 4mt Blanco Telescope + DECam
- Filter centered on 9640Å \rightarrow Ly α at $z \sim 6.9$.
- Four fields published so far (Hu+19, Wold+22) and a fifth field in progress (Moya-Sierralta in prep).
- ~ 300 candidates and ~ 40 spectroscopic confirmations.



Yang+19

- Yang+19 presented spectroscopic confirmation of two $z \sim 7$ LAEs.
- One of them (LAGER-CDFS1) was observed with Magellan/FIRE.
- No metal lines were detected.
- Hint of two peaks?

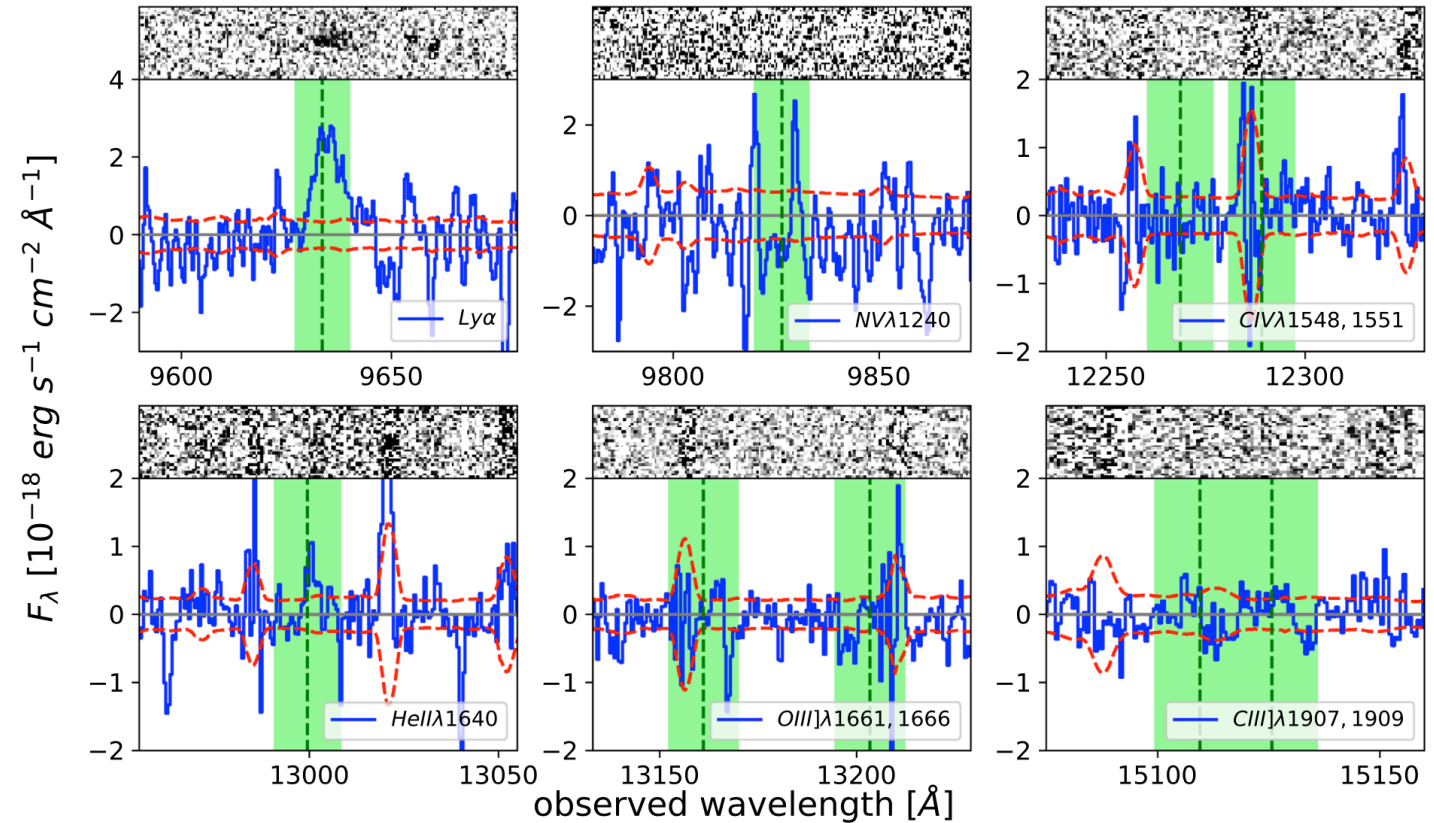
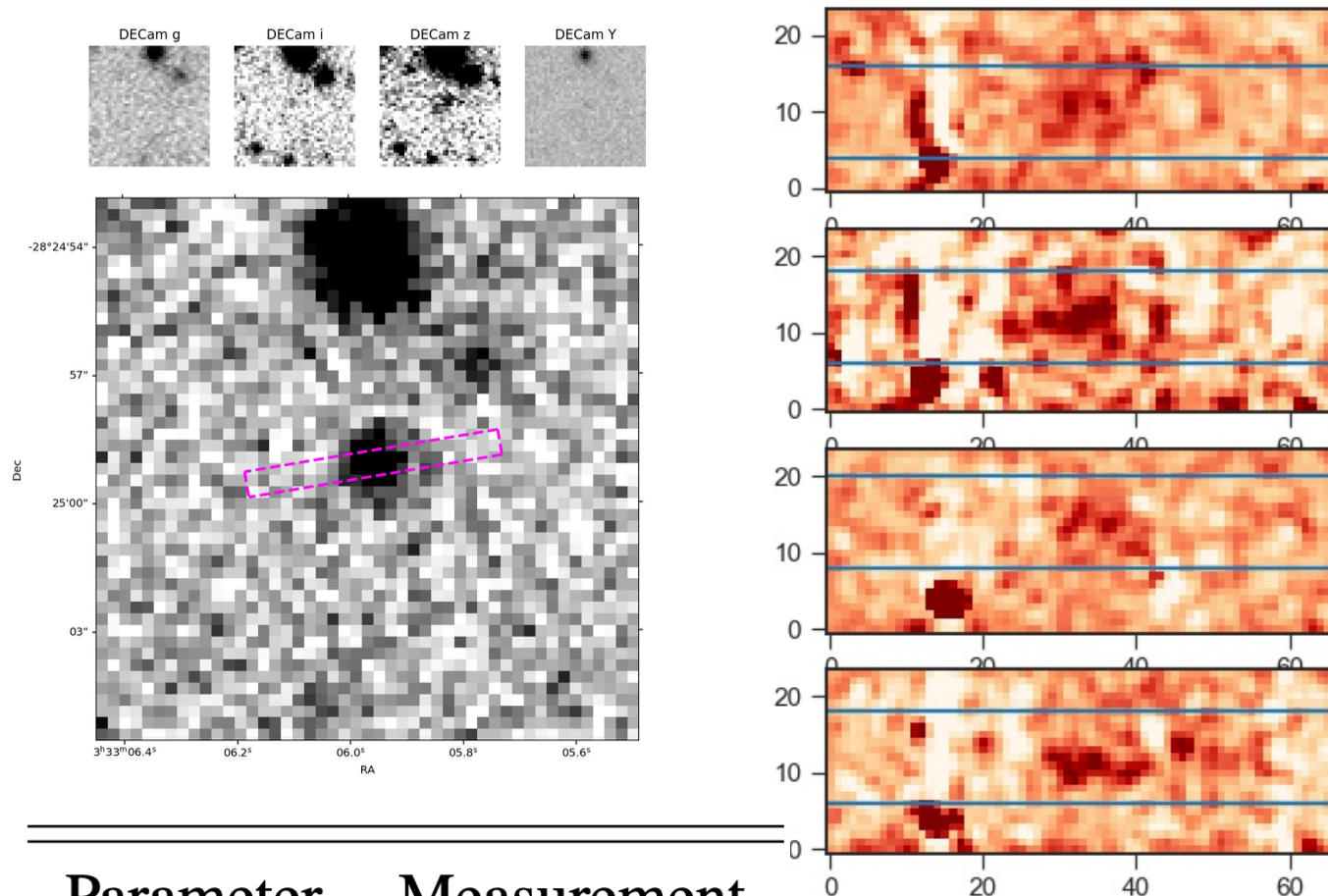


Figure 3. FIRE 2D and 1D spectra of CDFS-LAE1 at the wavelength of $\text{Ly}\alpha$, $\text{N V } \lambda 1240$, $\text{C IV } \lambda 1548, 1551$, $\text{He II } \lambda 1640$, $\text{O III } \lambda 1661, 1666$, $\text{C III } \lambda 1907, 1909$ lines. The blue solid line is the spectra and the red dashed line is the 1σ error. The green vertical dashed line shows the expected line positions assuming redshift = 6.9245, which is derived from the peak of the observed $\text{Ly}\alpha$ profile. The green shades show $\pm 200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ wavelength regions around the expected line position. No UV metal lines are detected at $\text{S/N} > 5$.

Observations

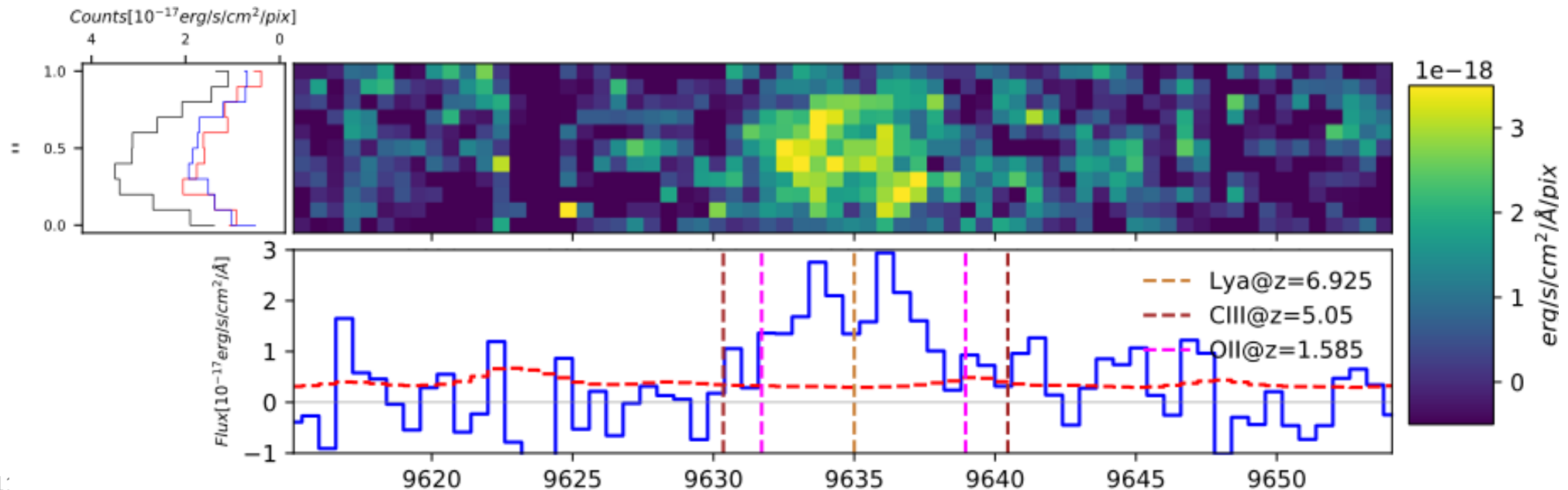
- We observed CDFS1 during the nights of December 12th, 13th and 14th of the year 2020.
- We used Magellan/FIRE with the 0.6'' slit.
- After discarding bad exposures, we are left with 4x1 hour frames.



Parameter	Measurement
$z_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$	6.9245
$\log L$	$43.3^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$
$\text{EW}_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$	79^{+54}_{-23}
$f_{\text{esc}}(\text{Ly}\alpha)$	$0.8^{+0.09}_{-0.1}$

Reduction and output spectra

- Data was reduced with the FIREHOSE pipeline and with pypeit.
- FIREHOSE yielded a higher SNR so we stuck with it.
- No continuum is seen on the data. Thus, we stack the exposures by centering on the emission line after visual inspection.
- A double peak with a separation of ~ 100 km/s is detected.



Modelling

- We use FLAREON to model the profile, which takes three parameters.
- V_{exp} is the expanding medium velocity.
- $\log(N_{\text{H}})$ is the neutral hydrogen column density, which regulates the number of scattering events.
- $\log(\tau_a)$ is the dust optical length, which regulates how many scattering events lead to absorption

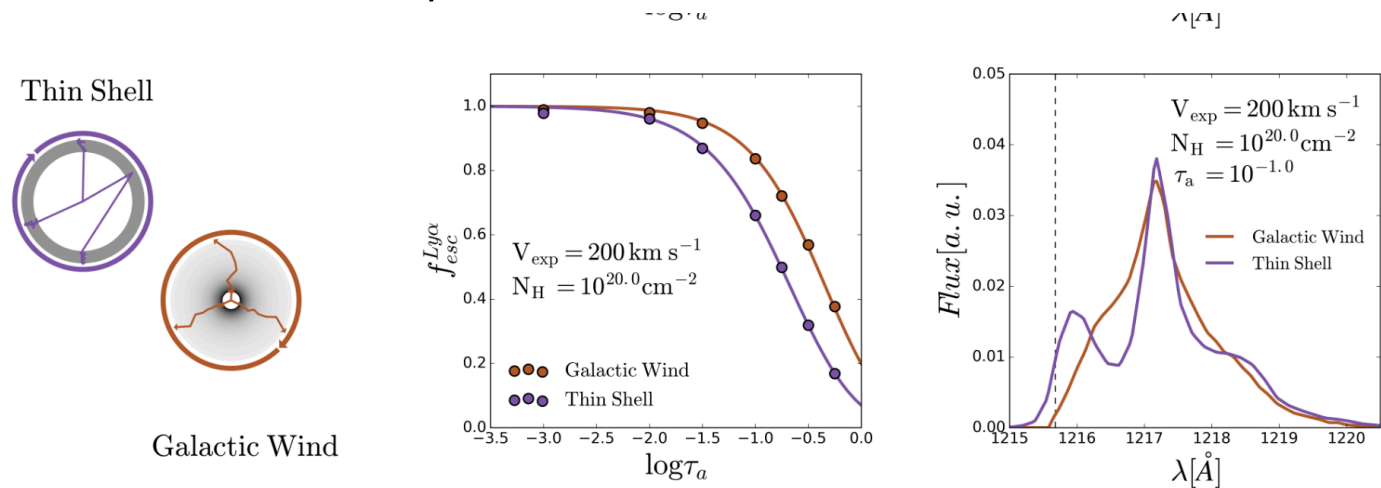


Figure 1. The Ly α line properties in different geometries. The left panels show a cartoon of the Biconical wind, Thin shell and Galactic wind. The middle panels show the Ly α escape fraction as a function of dust optical depth of absorption τ_a for the three geometries and outflow configuration as shown in the legend. The right panels show examples of Ly α line profiles for the configurations described in the legend.

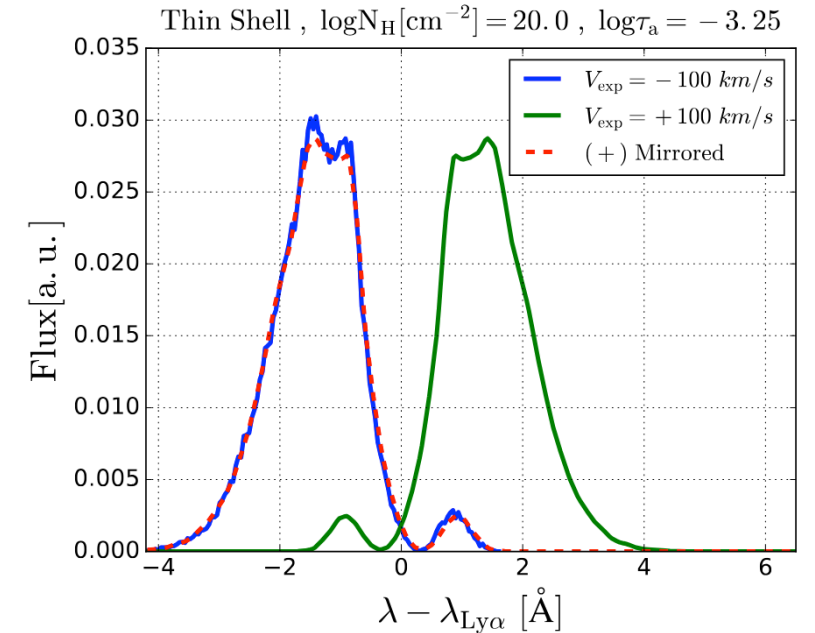
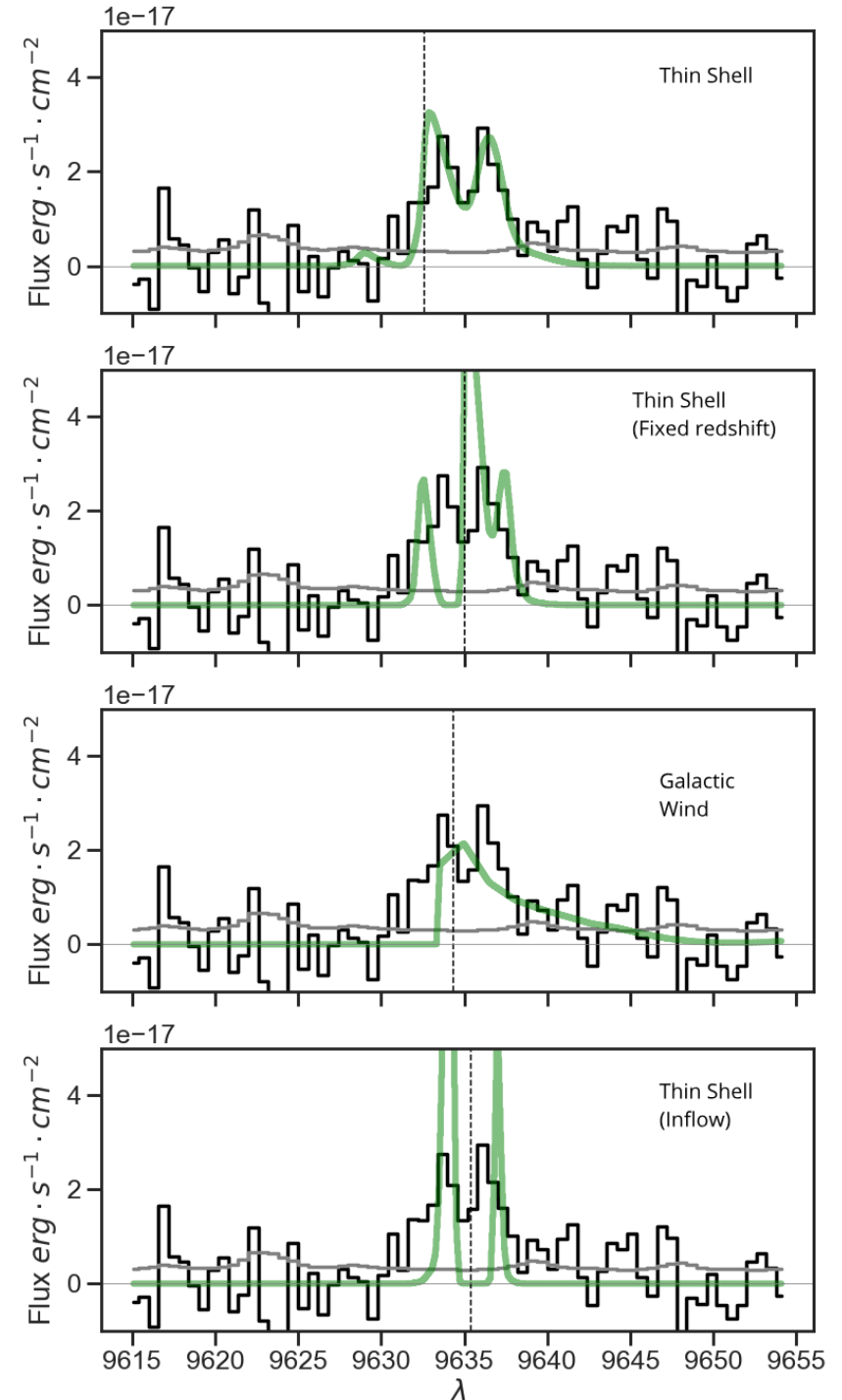
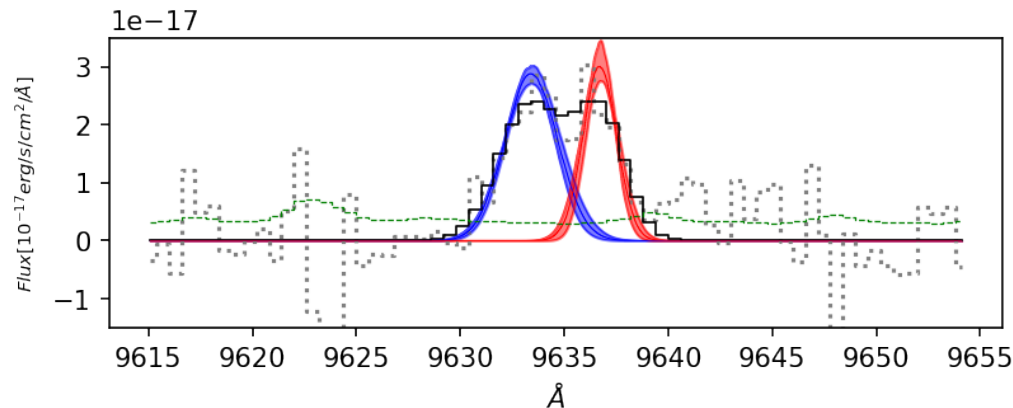


Figure 7. Comparison between the proper calculation of a Ly α line profile emerging from an inflow configuration using LyaRT and the outputs of FLAREON. This example was built with the Thin shell as gas geometry, $\log N_{\text{H}} [\text{cm}^{-2}] = 20$, $\log \tau_a = -3.25$ and $|V_{\text{exp}}| = 100 \text{ km/s}$. In blue we show the full RT computation by LyaRT using $V_{\text{exp}} = -100 \text{ km/s}$. In green we show the FLAREON's prediction using $V_{\text{exp}} = +100 \text{ km/s}$. In dashed red we show FLAREON's output after the remapping of the wavelength (Eq.8).

Modelling

- We first model the line as a double gaussian to measure the redshift and B/R ratio.
- We then use the FLaREON python library to fit radiative transfer models to our data.
- Our model fitting considers five parameters: V_{exp} , LogNH , dust absorption τ , systemic redshift, and a scaling factor..

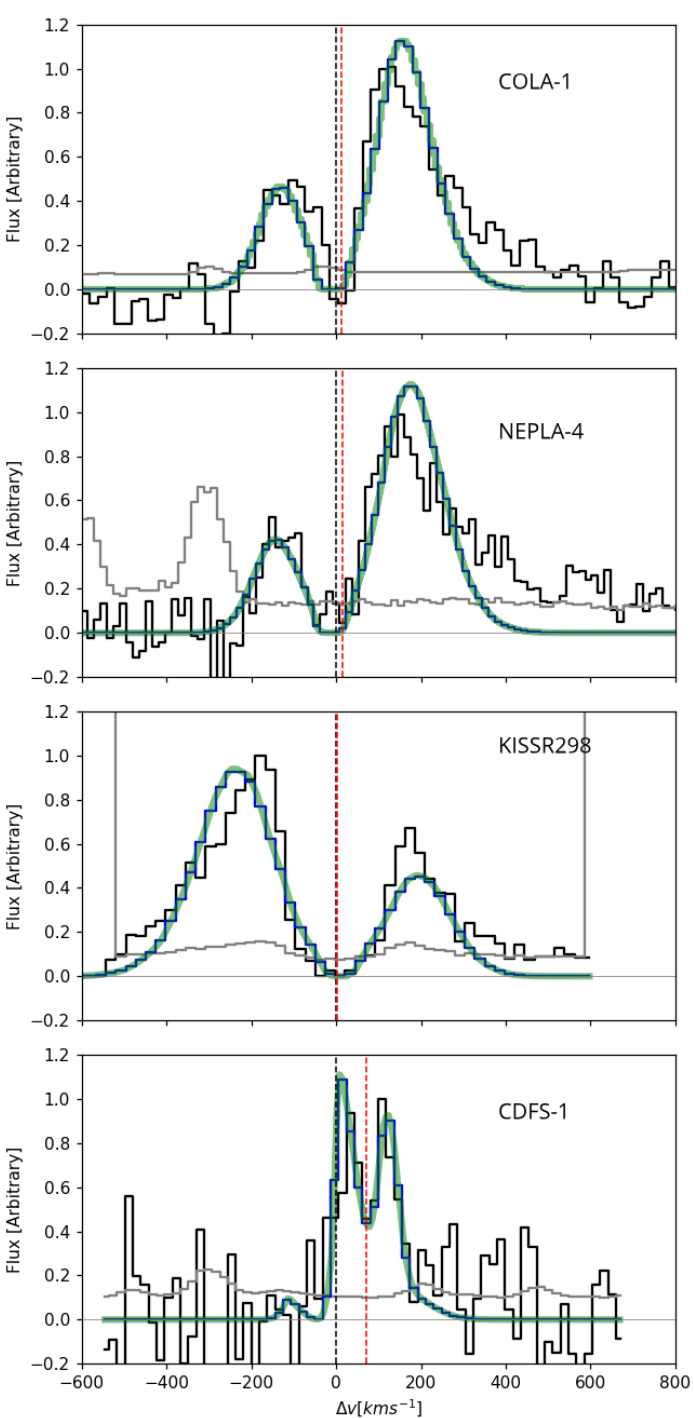
B/R>1!



Model comparison

- In order to put the models in context, we attempt to model other double peaks in the literature.
- We find that FLaREON is able to model these sources WITHOUT THE NEED OF AN IGM COMPONENT.
- We also see how different CDFS1 is from these systems.
- All systems show $f_{\text{esc}}(\text{Ly}\alpha) > 0.9$ (Using FLaREON's analytical model).

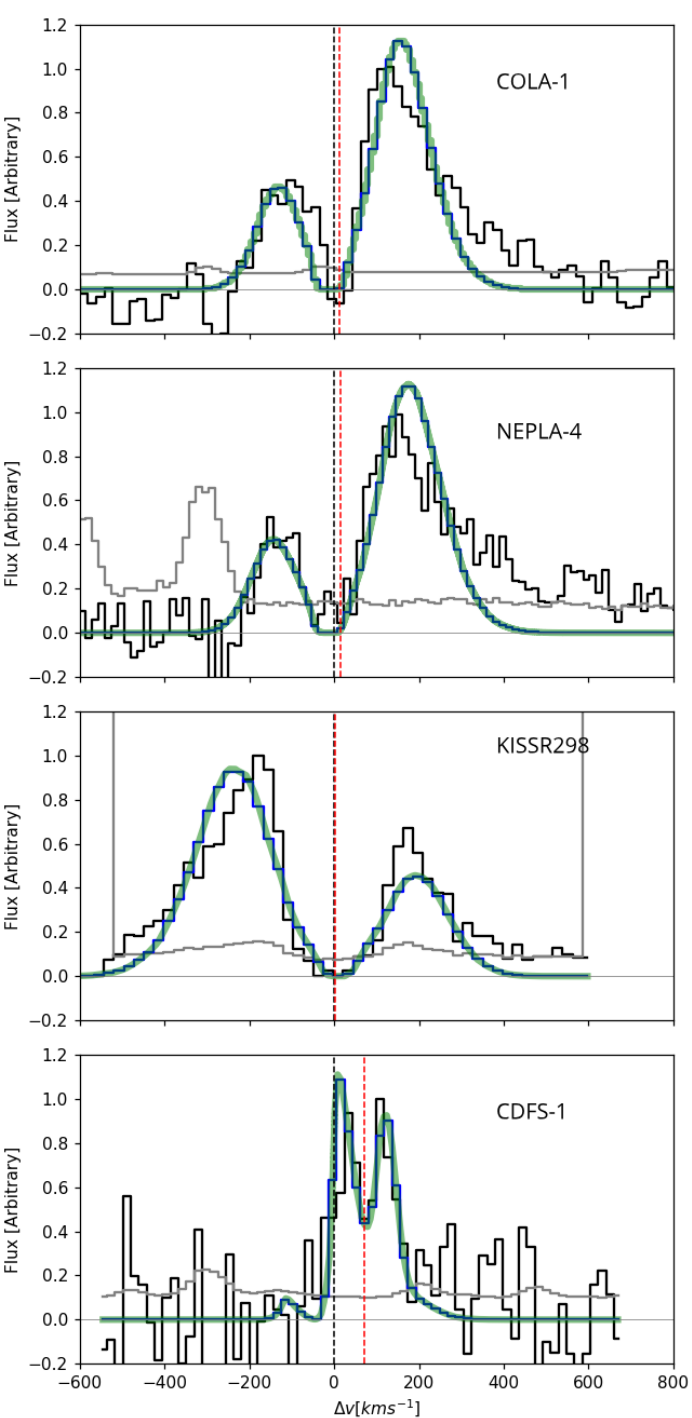
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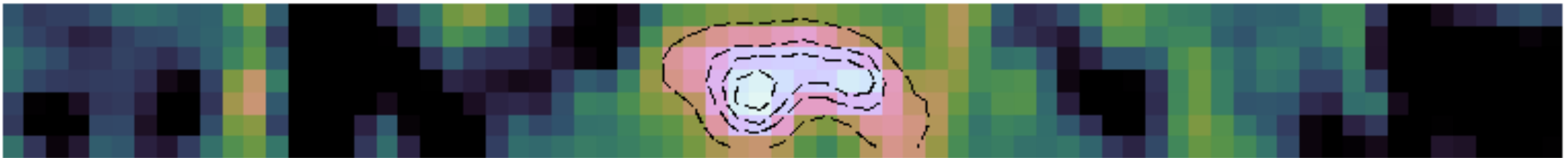
- Results are highly model dependent.
- Nevertheless, FLaREON allows us to estimate systemic redshifts and compare different Ly α profiles in a systematic fashion.

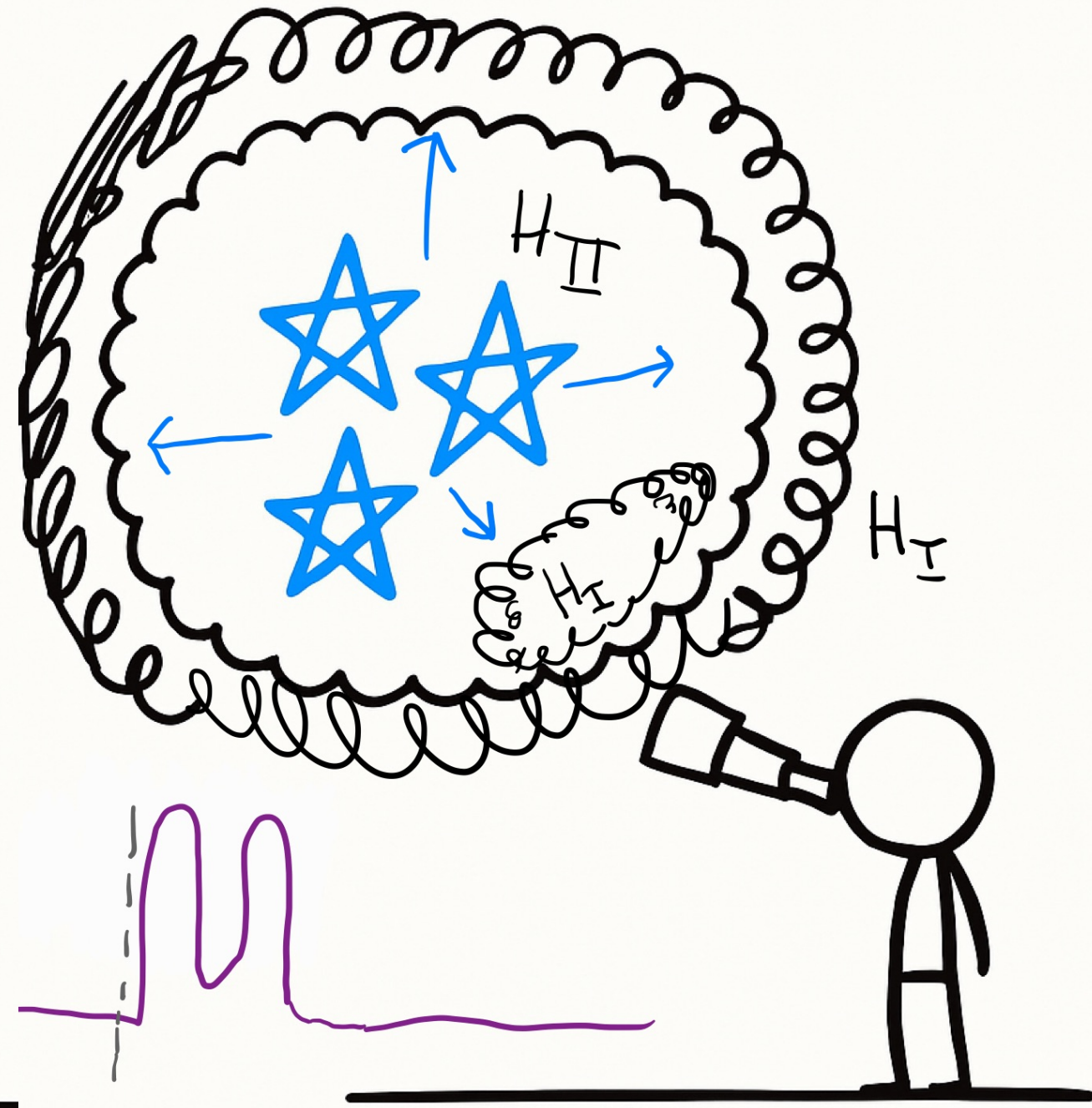
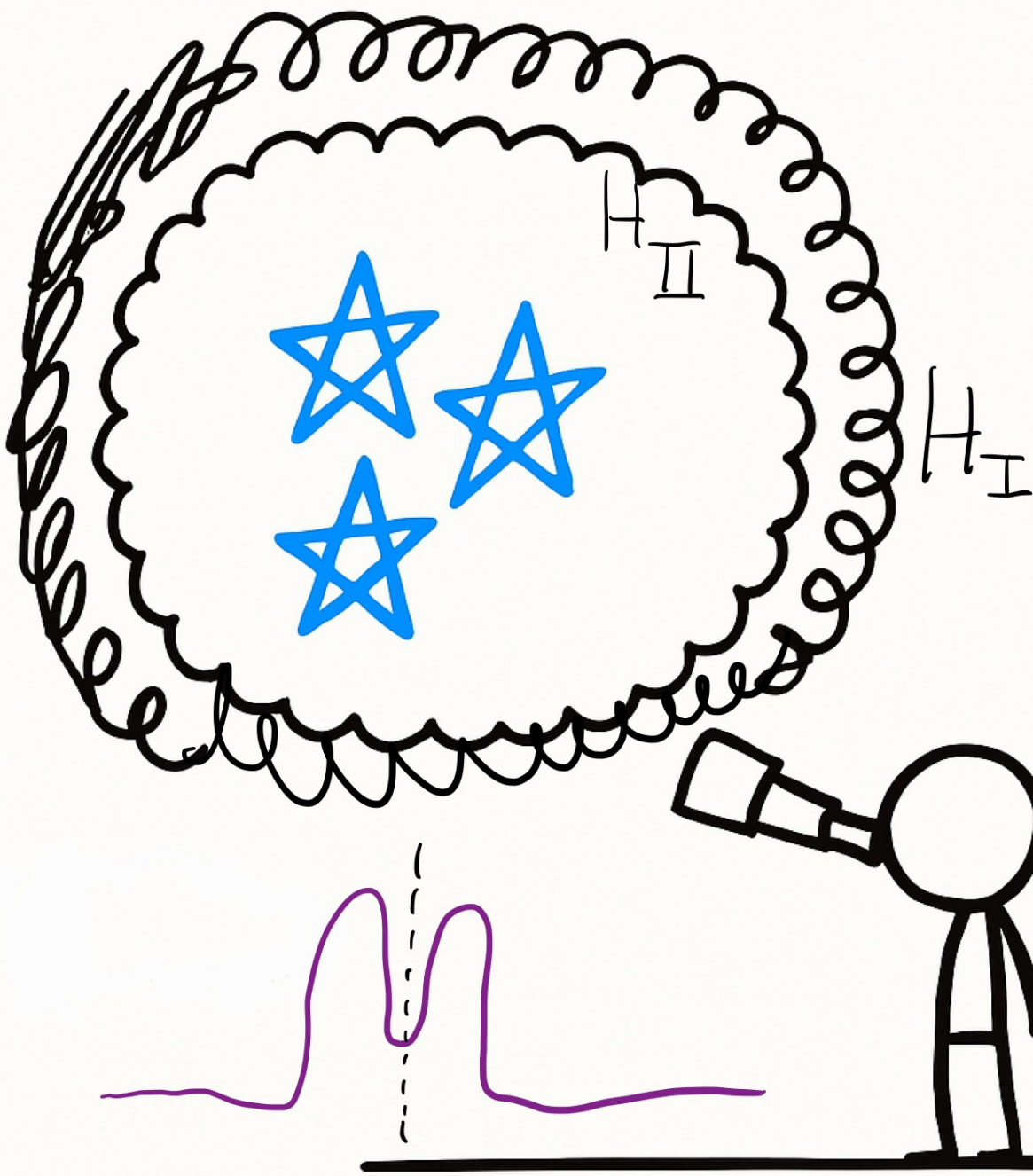
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Origin of the doubly peaked line

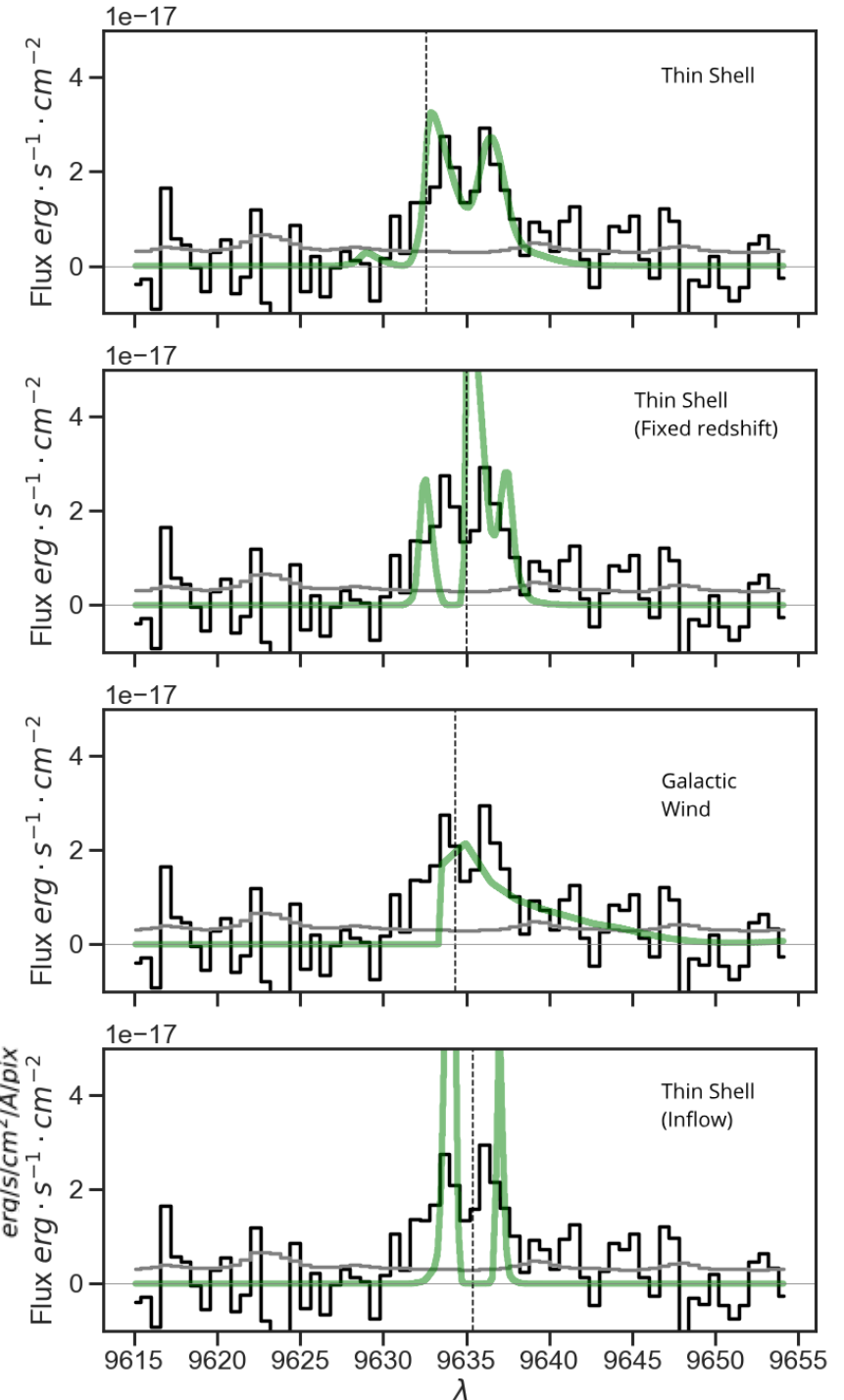
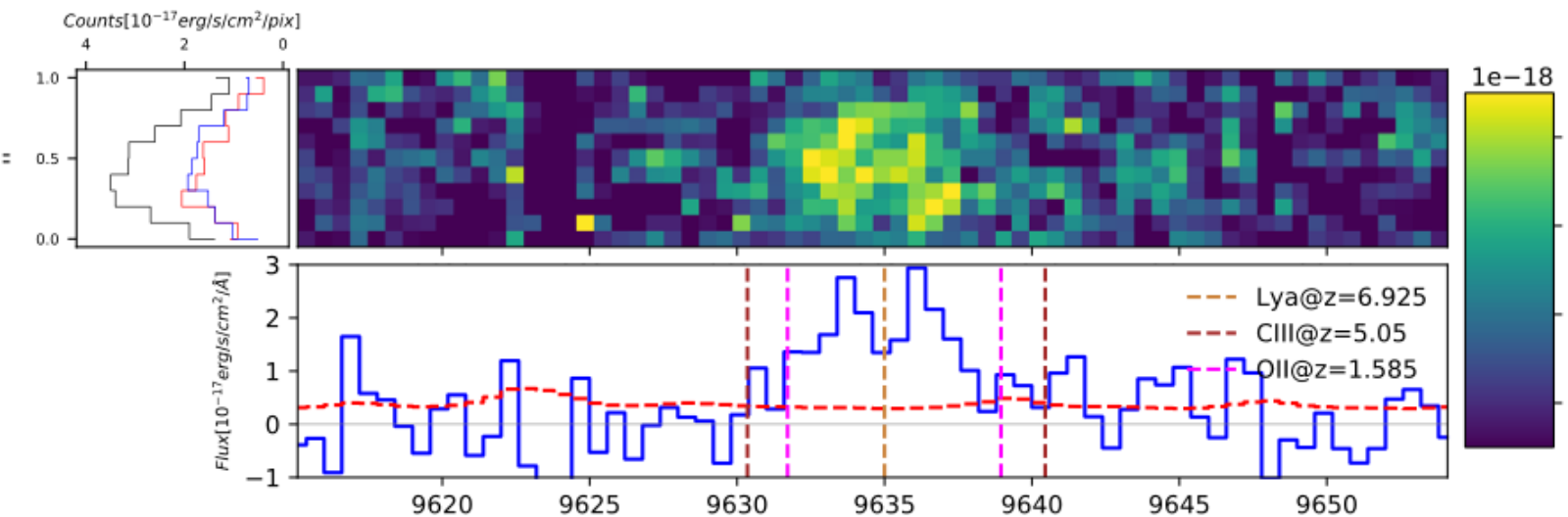
- While CDFS1 might not be a “canonical” double peak, our inferred z_{sys} yields a small velocity offset (~ 70 km/s). Implying that radiation can easily escape the galaxy.
- The systemic redshift could fall between the peaks, making CDFS1 a highly ionizing source.
- The double peak could come from kinematic effects. We compute a dynamical mass of $10^{10} M_{\text{sol}}$ in that scenario.





CDFS-1

- We have found the highest redshift (6.93) doubly-peaked LAE.
- At first glance, this could suggest the presence of an ionized bubble around this source.
- However, the differences between CDFS1 and similar sources might indicate a different origin for the line profile.
- Measuring the systemic redshift for objects like CDFS1 is crucial.





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