

Lyman-alpha profiles from $z=0$ to 11

*Exploring the inside of ionized bubbles, the evolution
of the IGM, and the buildup of galaxy winds*

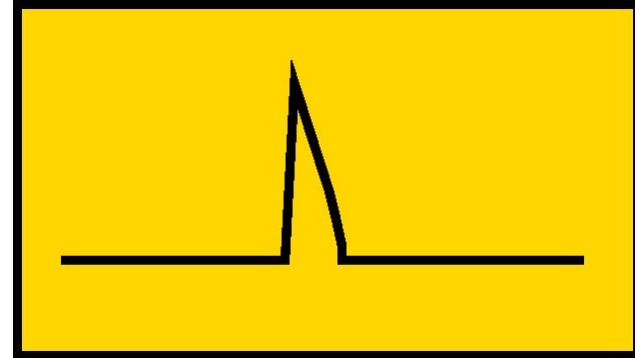
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Objectives and contents

- **Study of low-redshift Ly α emitters**
 - Sample overview
 - Ly α output with properties of stars & gas
 - Evolution & acceleration of galaxy winds
- **Evolution of profiles with redshift**
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Spectral shapes of the Ly α emission from galaxies – II. The influence of stellar properties and nebular conditions on the emergent Ly α profiles

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ABSTRACT

We demonstrate how the stellar and nebular conditions in star-forming galaxies modulate the emission and spectral profile of H I Ly α emission line. We examine the net Ly α output, kinematics, and in particular emission of blueshifted Ly α radiation, using spectroscopy from with the Cosmic Origins Spectrograph on *Hubble Space Telescope (HST)*, giving a sample of 87 galaxies at redshift $z = 0.05 - 0.44$. We contrast the Ly α spectral measurements with properties of the ionized gas (from optical spectra) and stars (from stellar modelling). We demonstrate correlations of unprecedented strength between the Ly α escape fraction (and equivalent width) and the ionization parameter ($p \approx 10^{-15}$). The relative contribution of blueshifted emission to the total Ly α also increases from ≈ 0 to ≈ 40 per cent over the range of O₂ ratios ($p \approx 10^{-6}$). We also find particularly strong correlations with estimators of stellar age and nebular abundance, and weaker correlations regarding thermodynamic variables. Low ionization stage absorption lines suggest the Ly α emission and line profile are predominantly governed by the column of absorbing gas near zero velocity. Simultaneous multiparametric analysis over many variables shows we can predict 80 per cent of the variance on Ly α luminosity, and ~ 50 per cent on the EW. We determine the most crucial predictive variables, finding that for tracers of the ionization state and H β luminosity dominate the luminosity prediction whereas the Ly α EW is best predicted by H β EW and the H α /H β ratio. We discuss our results with reference to high-redshift observations, focussing upon the use of Ly α to probe the nebular conditions in high- z galaxies and cosmic reionization.

Accelerating galaxy winds during the big bang of starbursts

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ABSTRACT

We develop a new method to infer the temporal, geometric, and energetic properties of galaxy outflows, by combining stellar spectral modelling to infer starburst ages, and absorption lines to measure velocities. If winds are accelerated with time during a starburst event, then these two measurements enable us to solve for the wind radius, similarly to length-scales and the Hubble parameter in big bang cosmology. This wind radius is the vital, but hard-to-constrain parameter in wind physics. We demonstrate the method using spectra of 87 starburst galaxies at $z = 0.05 - 0.44$, finding that winds accelerate throughout the starburst phase and grow to typical radii of ≈ 1 kpc in ≈ 10 Myr. Mass flow rates increase rapidly with time, and the mass-loading factor exceeds unity at about 10 Myr – while still being accelerated, the gas will likely unbind from the local potential and enrich the circumgalactic medium. We model the mechanical energy available from stellar winds and supernovae, and estimate that a negligible amount is accounted for in the cool outflow at early times. However, the energy deposition increases rapidly and ~ 10 per cent of the budget is accounted for in the cool flow at 10 Myr, similar to some recent hydrodynamical simulations. We discuss how this model can be developed, especially for high-redshift galaxies.

Key words: ultraviolet: galaxies – galaxies: starburst – galaxies: kinematics and dynamics.

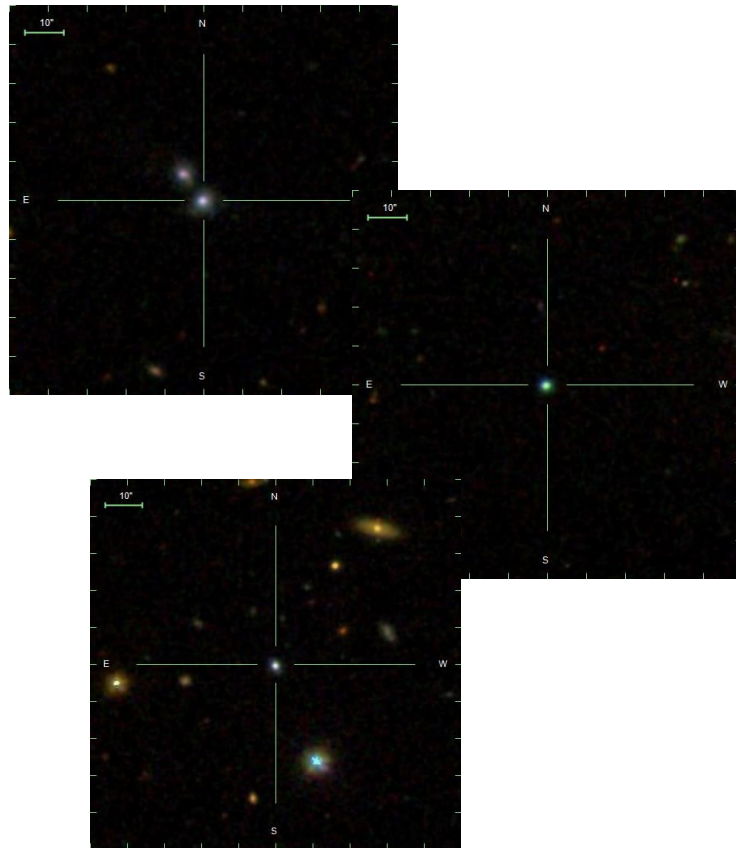
Sample: the entire COS archive of galaxies, minus a few...

Library of mid-resolution spectra at $z > \sim 0.02$

- LARS/eLARS/Lya Halos: x3 programs
- Henry: Green Peas + MgII emitters
- Wofford: x2 HII galaxies
- Scarlata: GALEX LAEs
- Heckman: Lyman break analogs. x3 progs.
- Thuan/Izotov: GP-like, LyC cand. x4 progs.
- Malhotra: blueberries
- Jaskot: GPs

~150 galaxies with **Ly α** and **some UV**

Cut at $z > 0.05$ for 'global' Ly α \Rightarrow 87 galaxies



Stage I: Model the UV spectrum

Model with population synthesis

Multiple instantaneous bursts

Derive age, Z , SFH, SN rate, ...

Subtract continuum: measure

42 optical emission lines

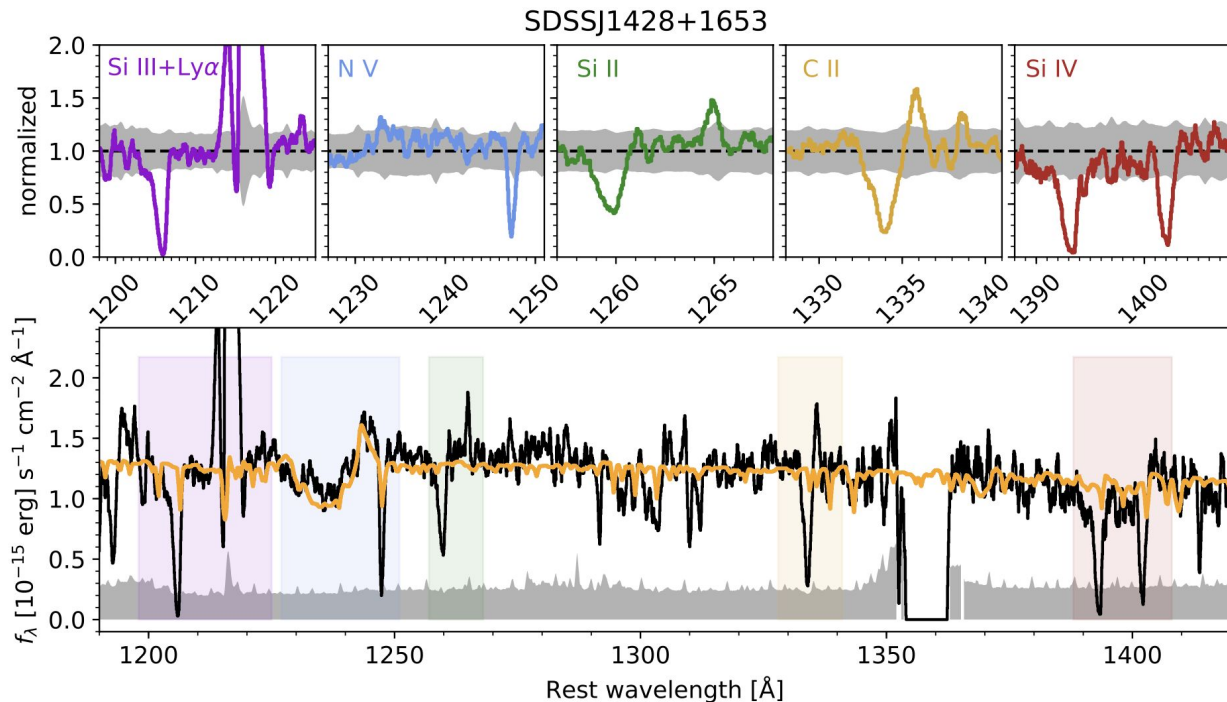
Derive: A_V , ionization param, ...

Normalize continuum: measure

ISM absorption lines: 11 lines of 7

ions

Derive: column density, velocities

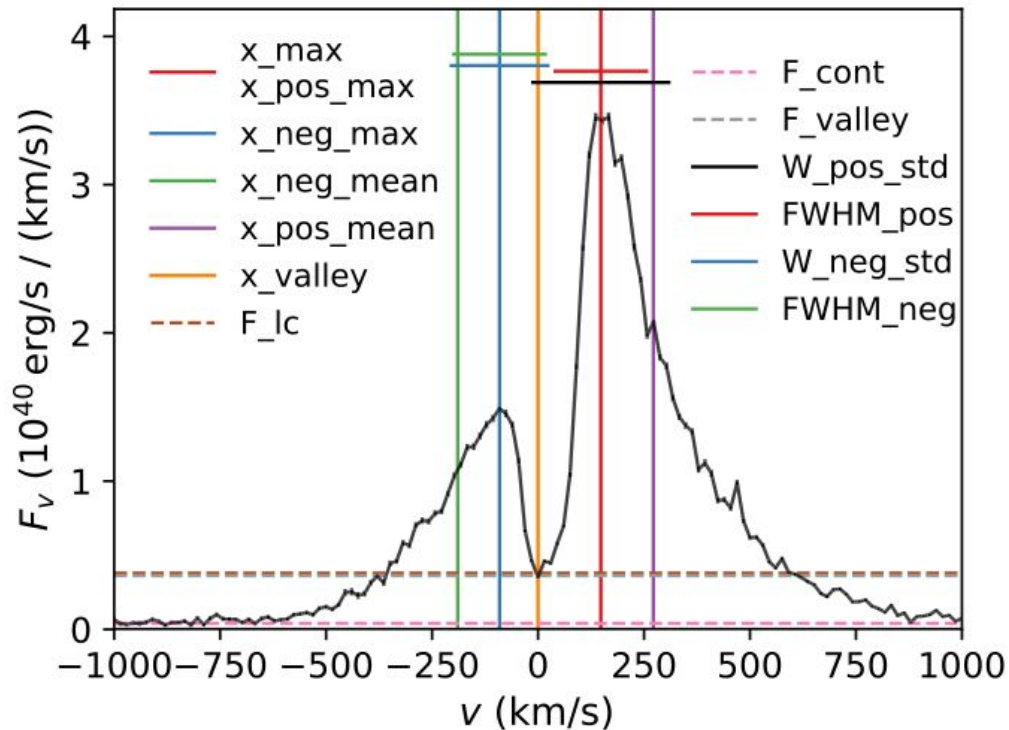


Measure the Ly α profiles



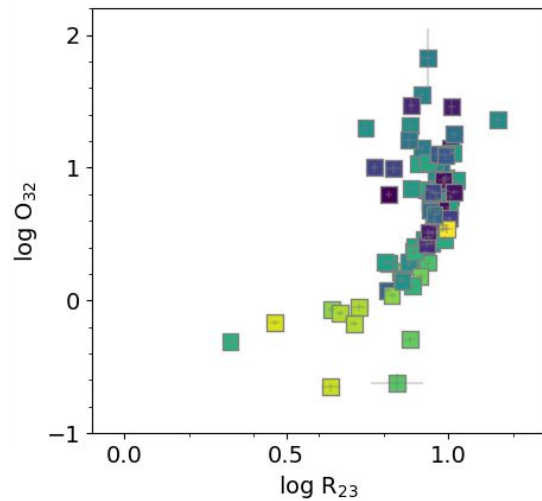
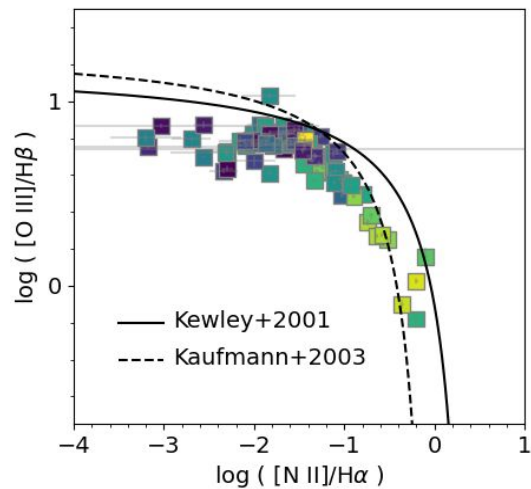
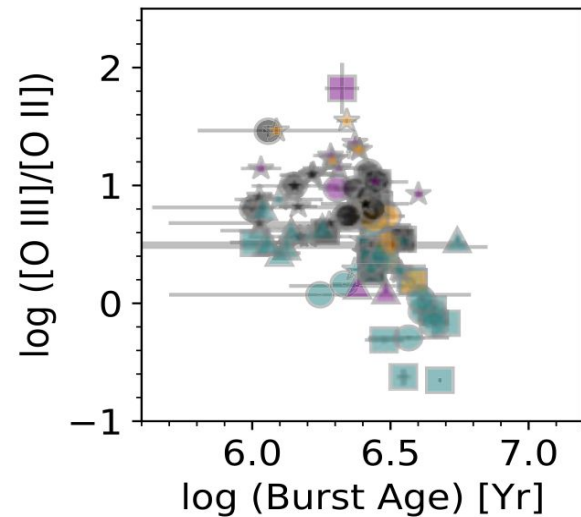
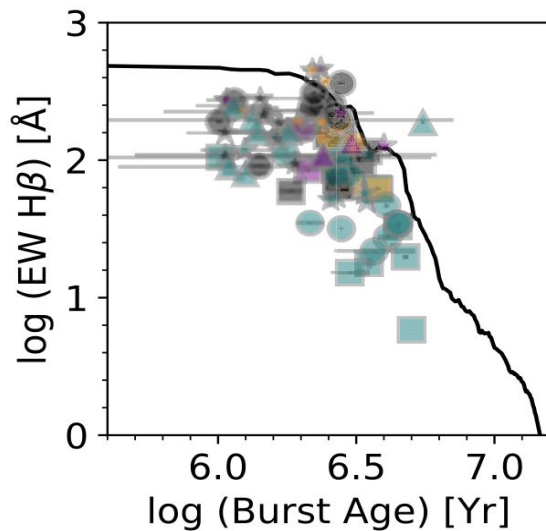
Measures 39 properties of the Ly α

- Fluxes, flux densities, peaks
- Troughs
- Velocities of peaks
- Skewness
- Blue and red sides
- z_{sys} given AND estimated from Ly α



Characteristics

Ionizing properties
with stellar age



BPT and excitation
diagnostic diagrams

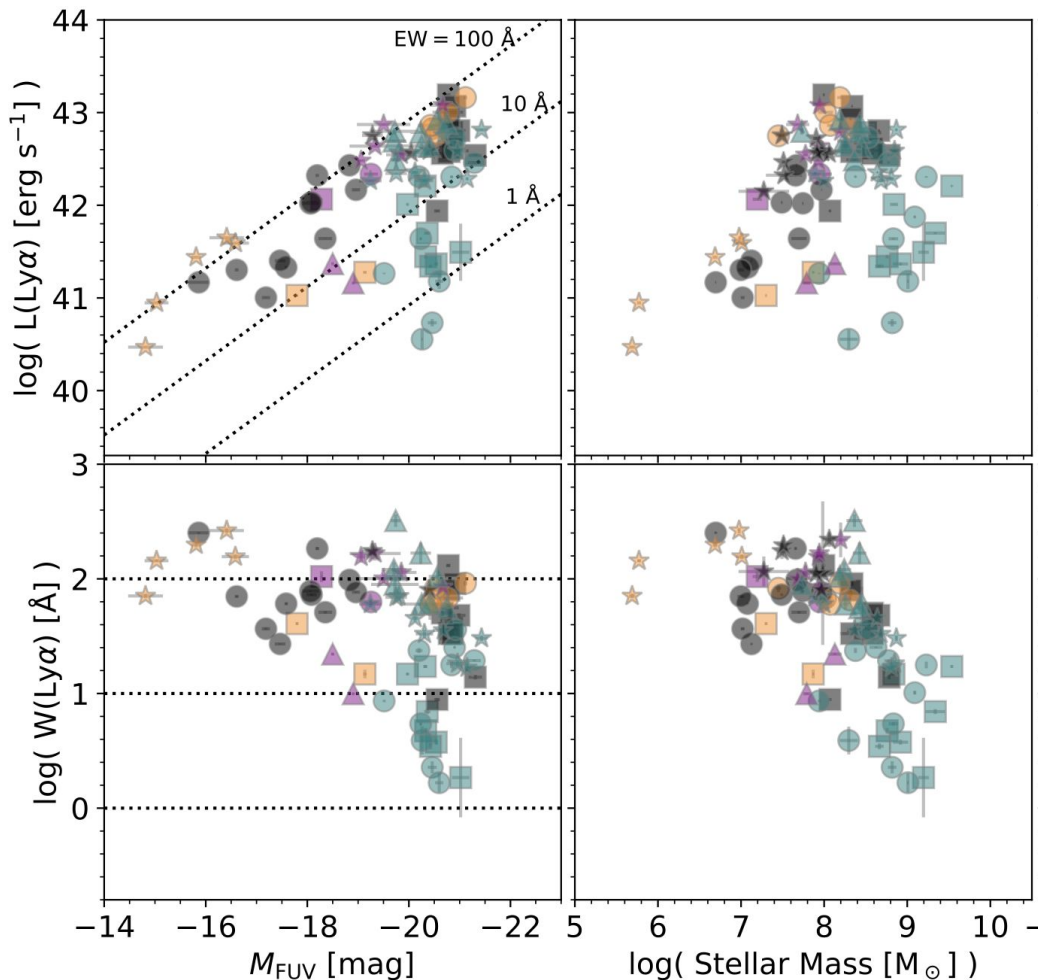
Global Ly α output

Strong Ly α variation at high mass & SFR

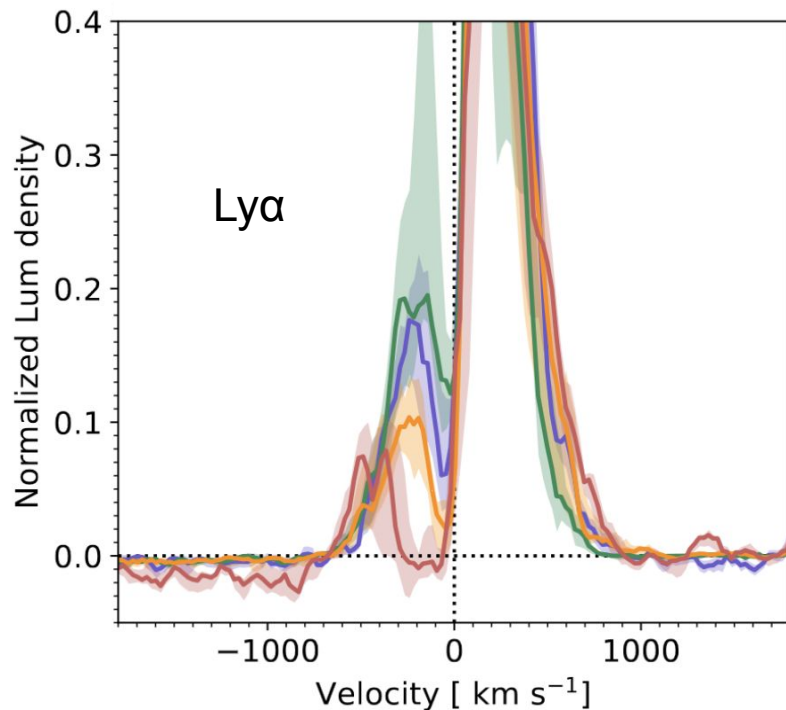
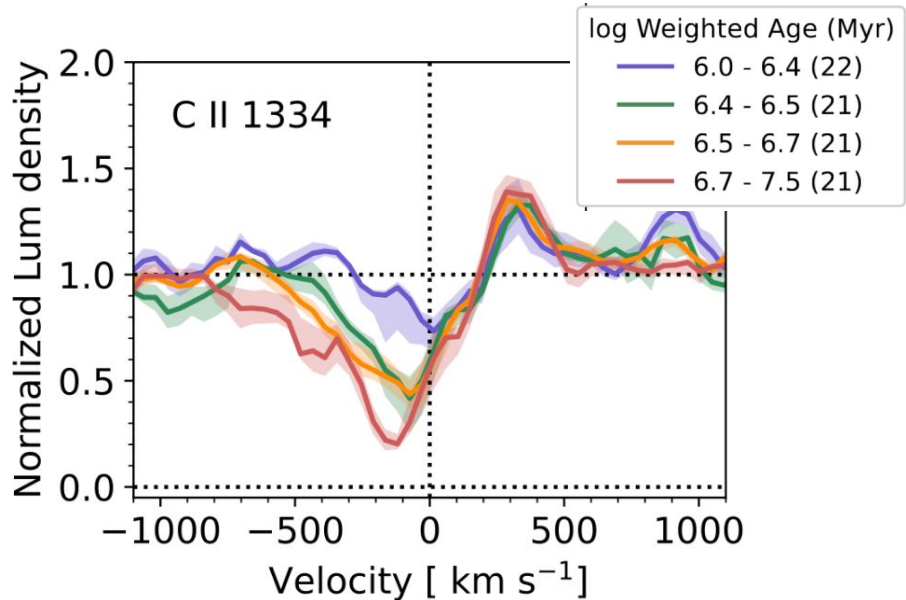
Upper envelope set by expectations

Anticorrelations with the usual scatter

Interesting, but already known...



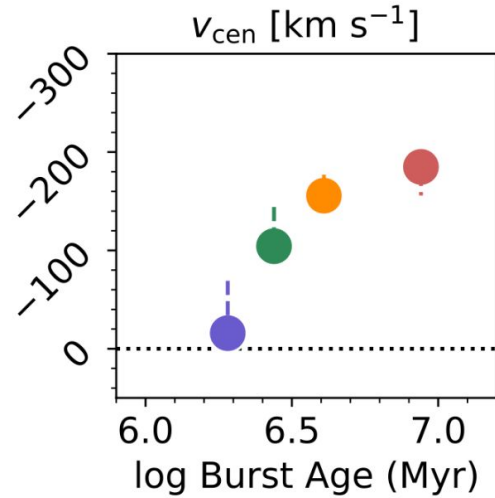
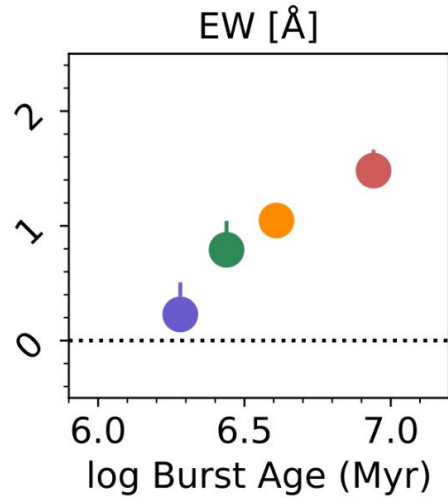
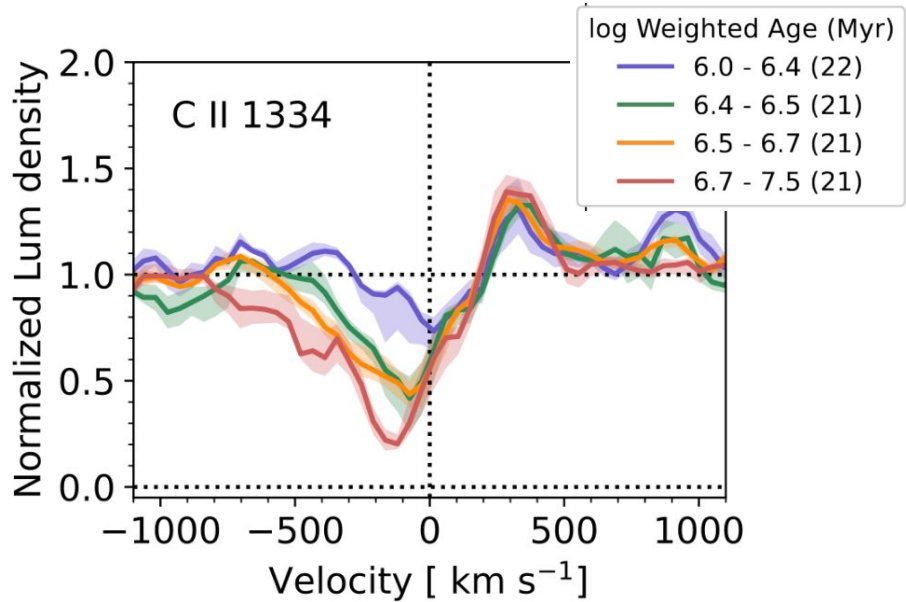
Bin by age, and stack...



CII: cool gas in expanding envelope. Absorption gets stronger & faster with time

Ly α : transfers through this expanding medium. Blue peak gets weaker and bluer

Envelope expands and accelerates with time



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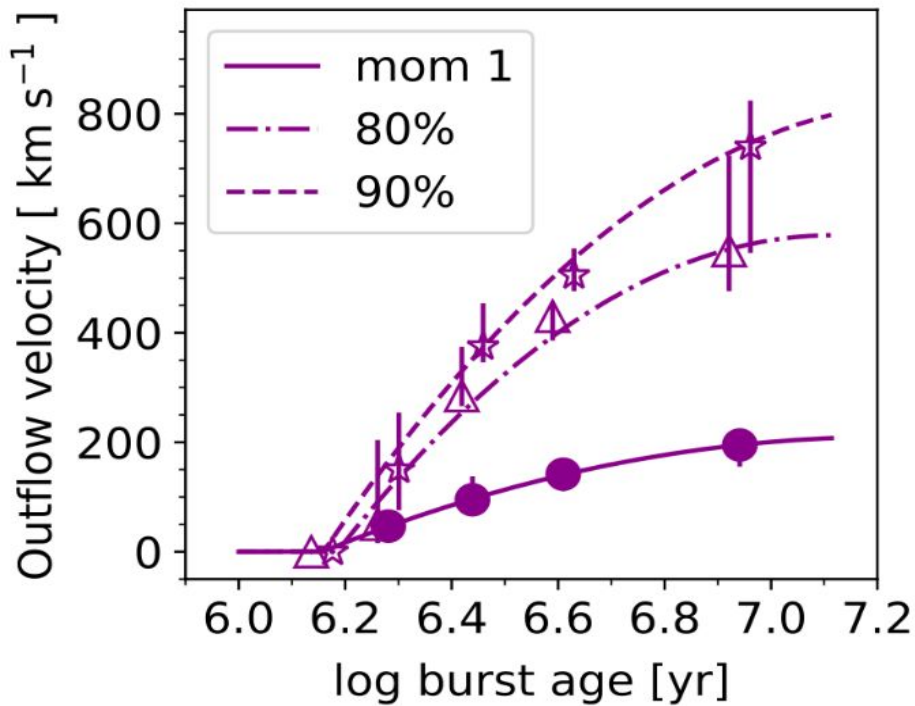
Lya: transfers through this expanding medium. Blue peak gets weaker and bluer

More gas condenses or is advected into wind

Wind Flow and Structure

Wind structure

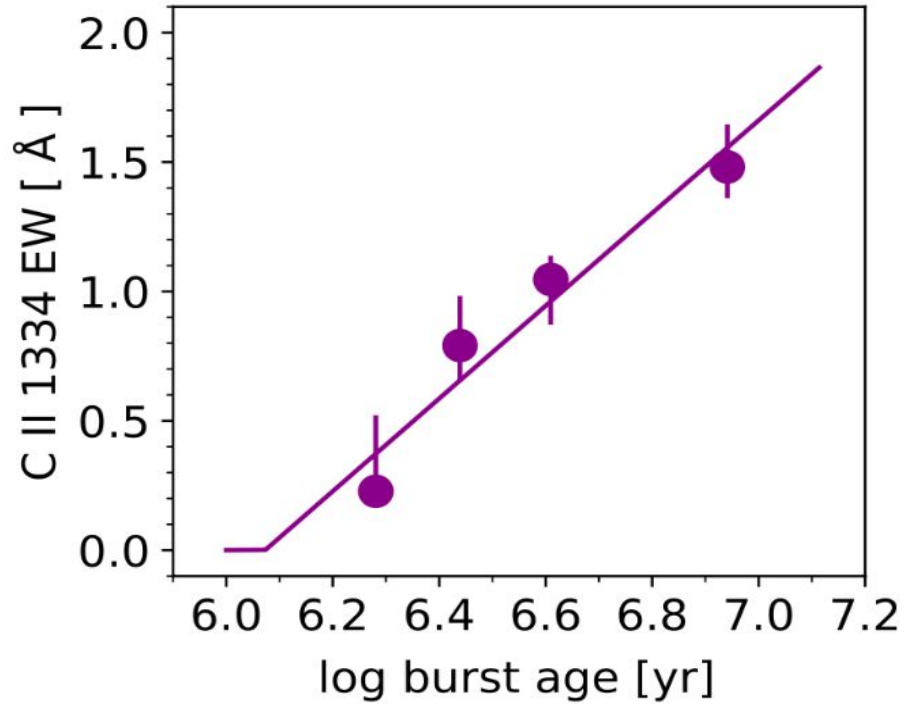
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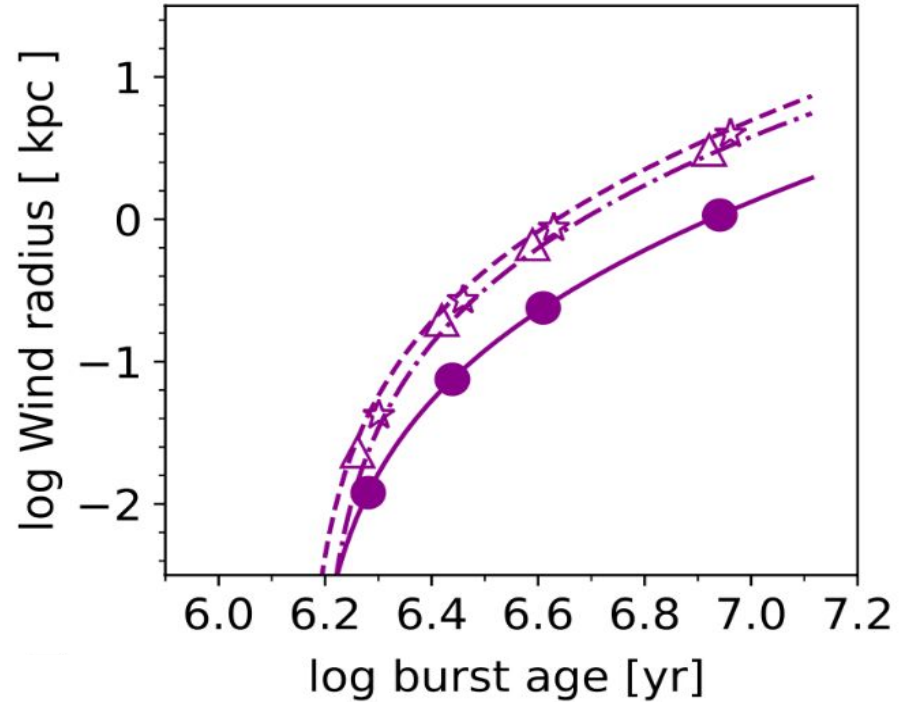
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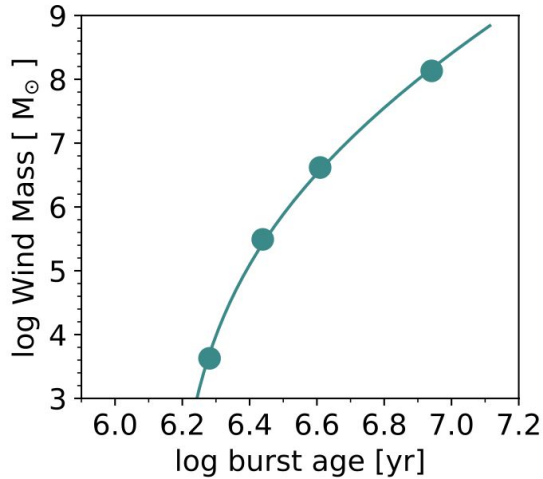
$$r_{\text{wind}}(t) = \int_0^{t_{\text{obs}}} v_{\text{wind}}(t) dt$$

- Bulk reaches ~1 kpc in ~10 Myr
Wind is 'stretched' with time.



Wind mass & Outflow Energetics

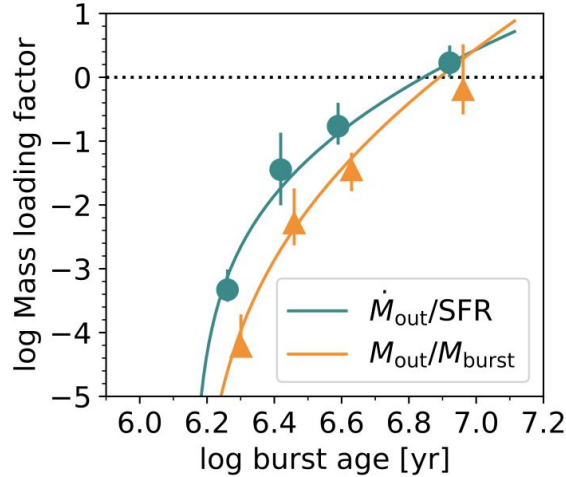
$$M_{\text{wind}} = 4\pi r_{\text{wind}}^2 f_{\text{cov}} N_{\text{H}} m_{\text{H}} \mu$$



Wind mass

Starts at nothing

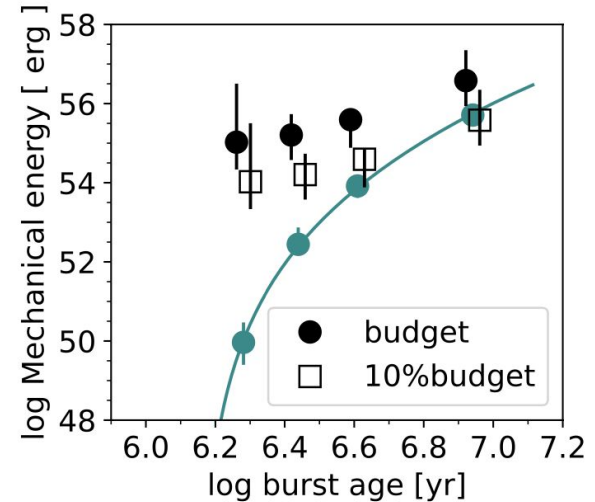
Reach $10^8 M_{\text{sun}}$ @ 10Myr



Mass loading factor

$$\eta \equiv \dot{M}_{\text{out}}/\text{SFR}$$

Exceeds 1 after 10 Myr



Mechanical energy

Reaches 10^{56} erg in 10 Myr

$\sim 10^5$ SNe

Stellar feedback: $\sim 10\times$ more

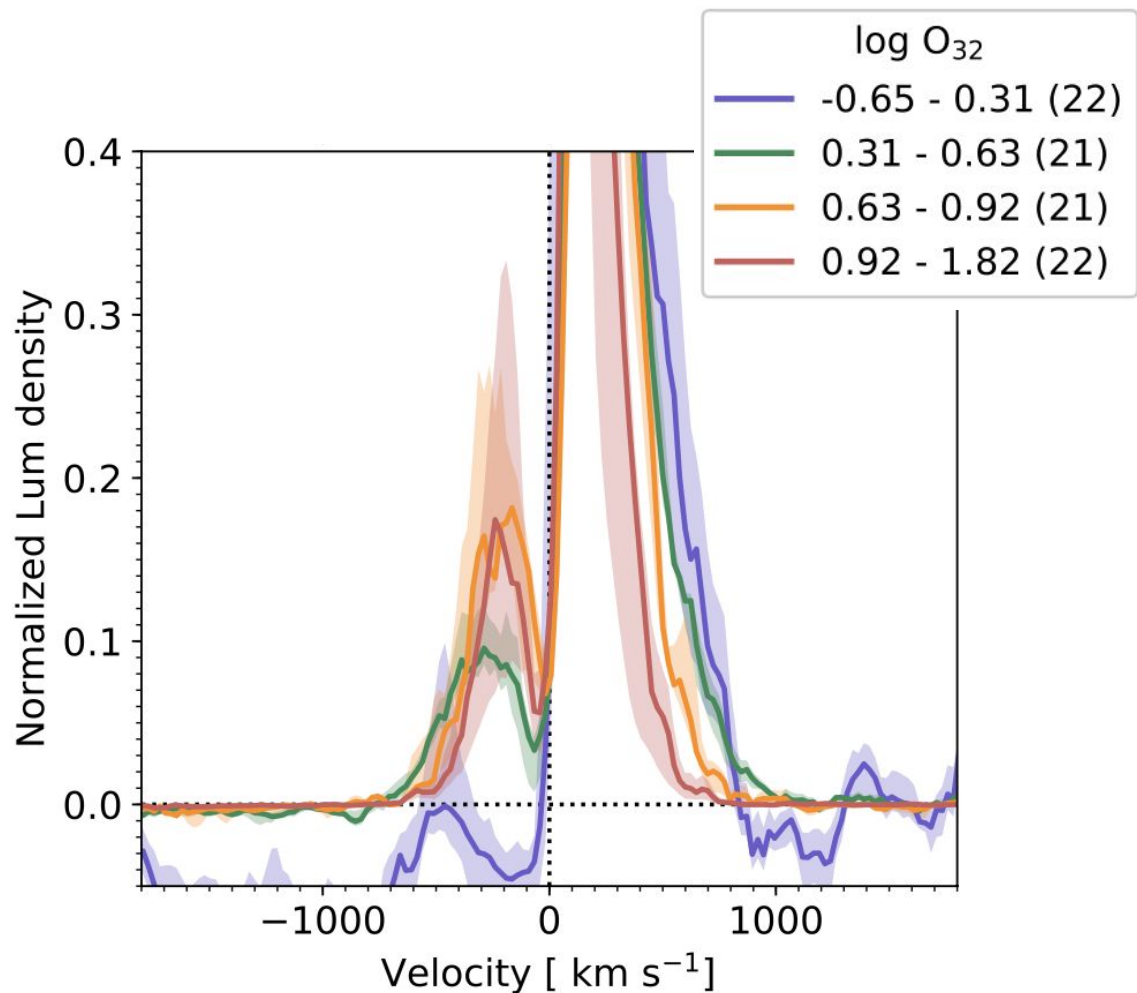
All increase with time

Lya vs [O III] / [O II]

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1. More blueshifted emission
~0 at $O_{32} \sim 1$
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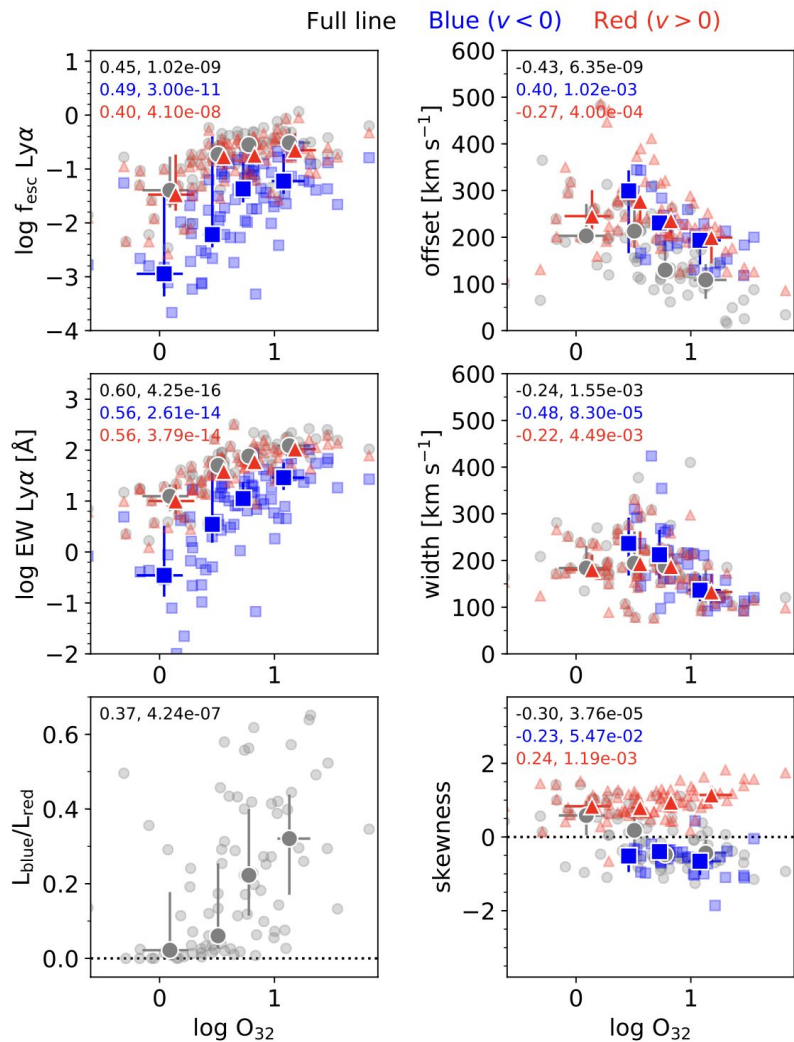
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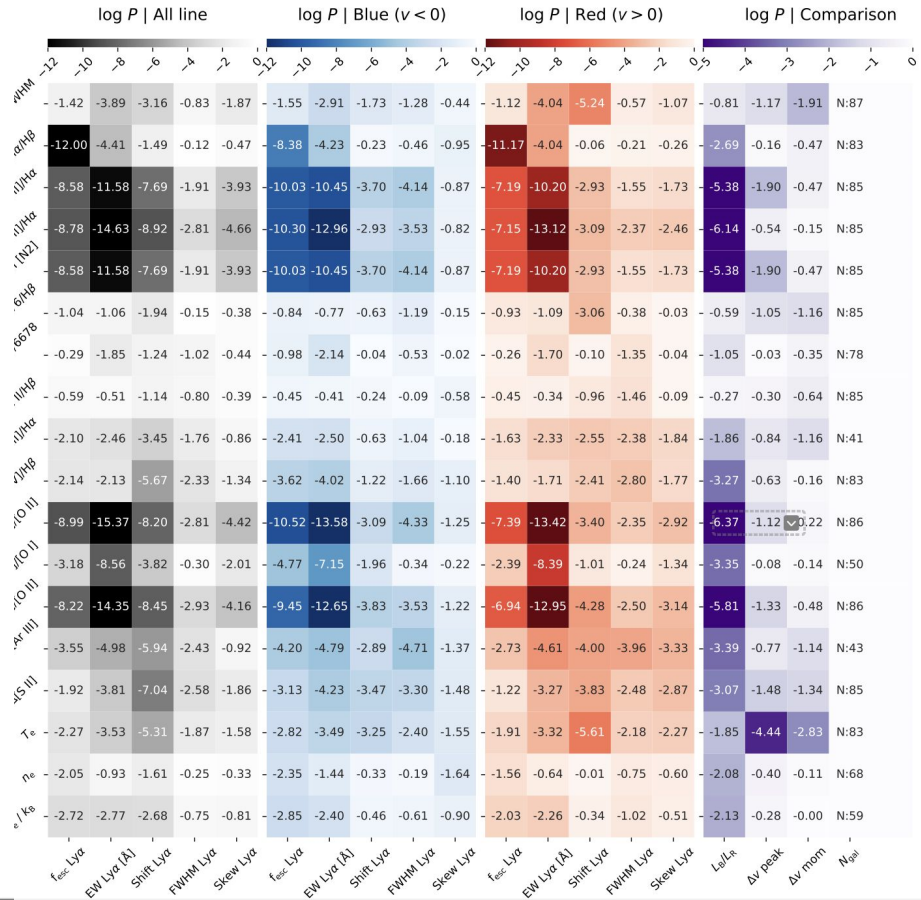
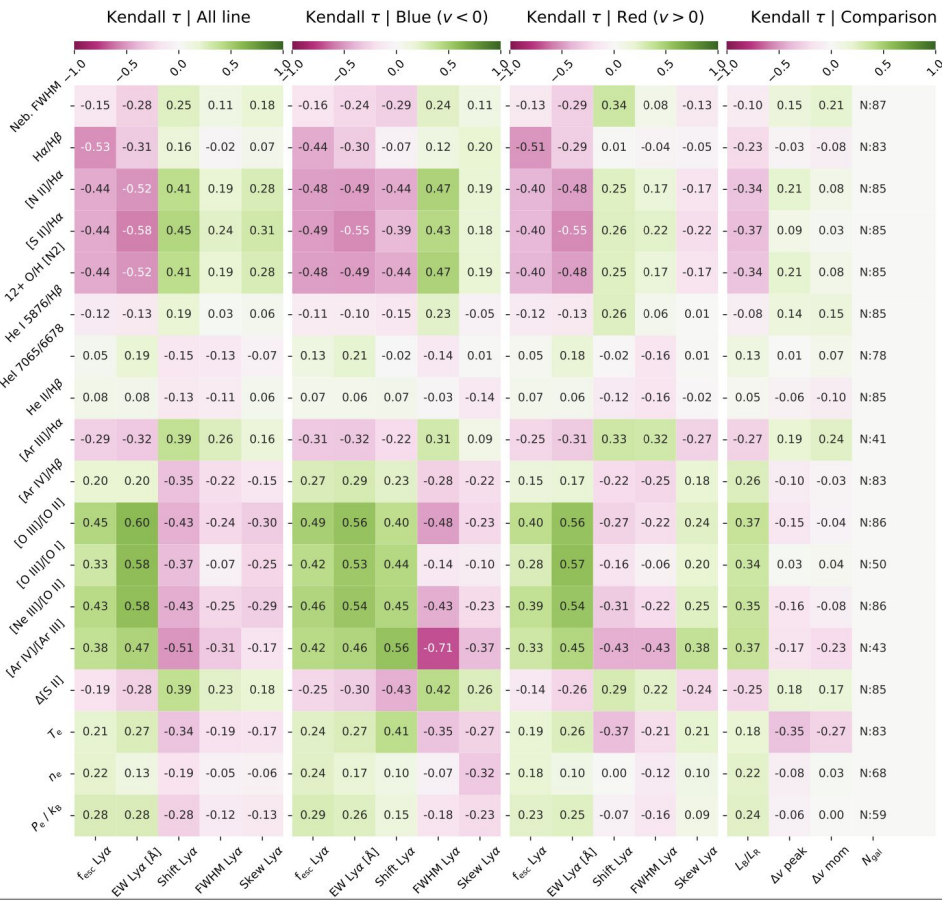
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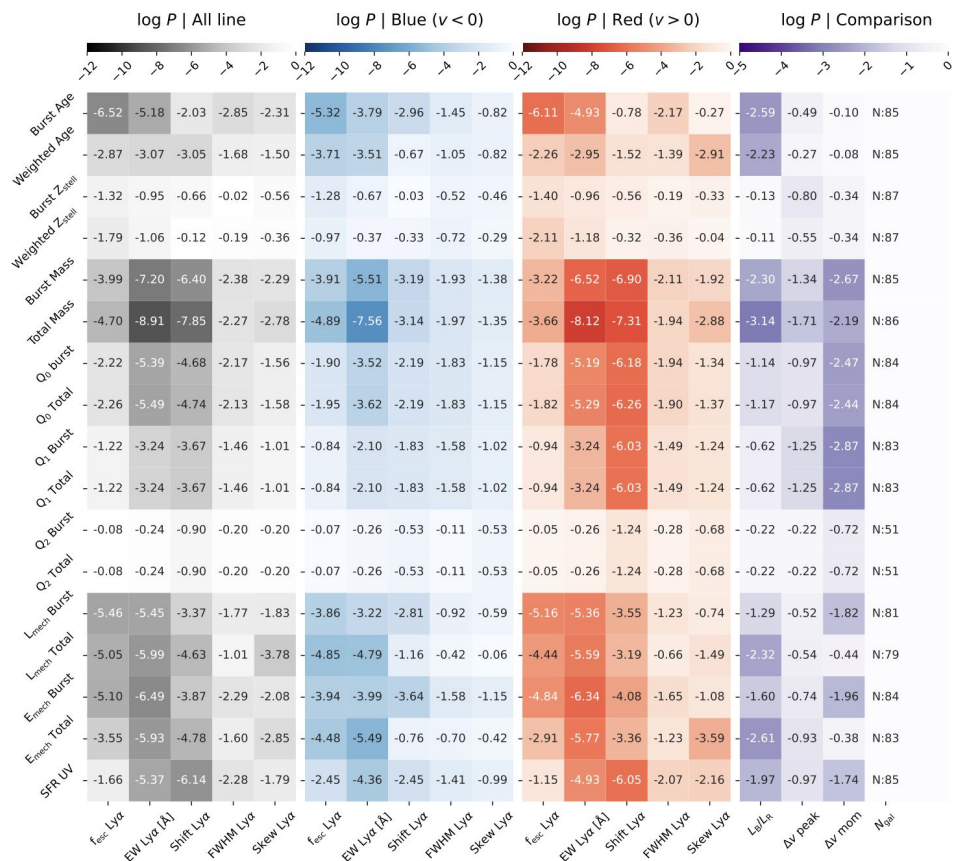
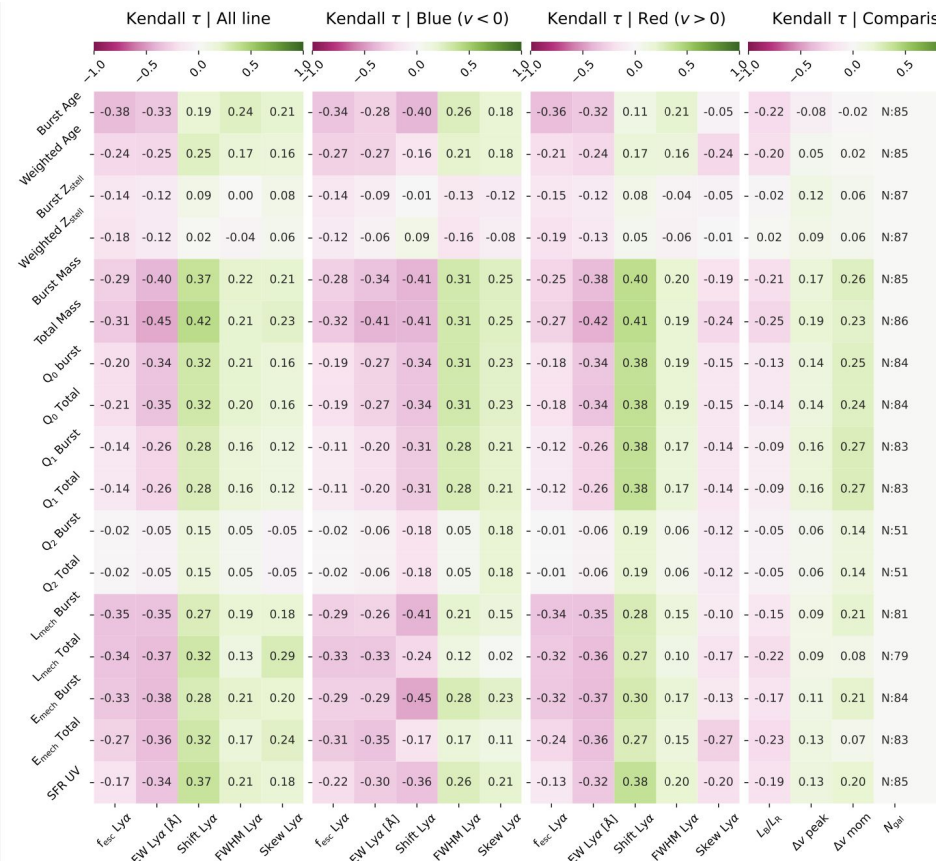
Lya with nebular properties

Kendall's τ and associated p -value

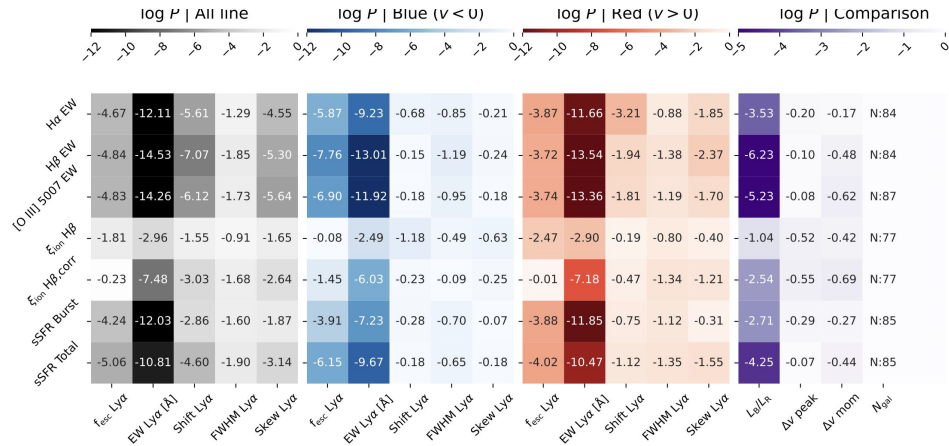
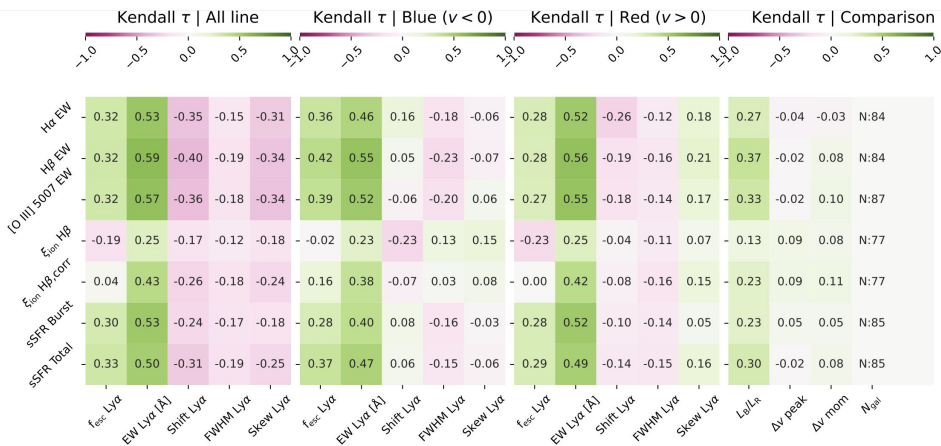


Lya with stellar properties

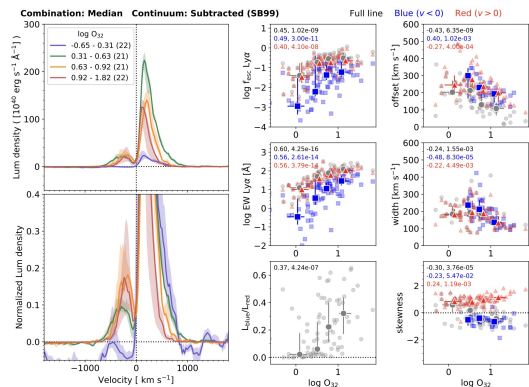
Kendall's τ and associated p -value



Lya with mixed nebular and stellar properties



I.e. we have one set of these plots for every measured quantity



A coherent picture

Ly α equivalent width of local galaxies scales strongly with

- (i.) nebular metallicity: lower O/H \rightarrow more Ly α
- (ii.) ionization parameter: higher log U \rightarrow more Ly α
- (iii.) age of starburst: younger \rightarrow more Ly α

\Rightarrow This looks like an evolutionary sequence with stars

However: **Ly α escape fraction** and $L_{\text{blue}}/L_{\text{red}}$ change similarly

- (i.) **Blueshifted emission evolves faster than red**
- (ii.) Dust not as relevant as O/H or U
- (iii.) Absorption lines get weaker in lockstep

\Rightarrow probably related to photoionization feedback, or the very first supernovae

**All expected from Ly α
production standpoint**

**Nothing to do with production
All in the transfer**



Objectives and contents

Spectral Shapes of the Ly α Emission from Galaxies. I. Blueshifted Emission and Intrinsic Invariance with Redshift*

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Abstract

We demonstrate the redshift evolution of the spectral profile of H I Ly α emission from star-forming galaxies. In this first study we pay special attention to the contribution of blueshifted emission. At redshift $z = 2.9$ – 6.6 , we compile spectra of a sample of 229 Ly α -selected galaxies identified with the Multi-Unit Spectroscopic Explorer at the Very Large Telescope, while at low z (< 0.44) we use a sample of 74 ultraviolet-selected galaxies observed with the Cosmic Origin Spectrograph on board the Hubble Space Telescope. At low z , where absorption from the intergalactic medium (IGM) is negligible, we show that the ratio of Ly α luminosity blueward and redward of line center ($L_{B/R}$) increases rapidly with increasing equivalent width ($W_{Ly\alpha}$). This correlation does not, however, emerge at $z = 3$ – 4 , and we use bootstrap simulations to demonstrate that trends in $L_{B/R}$ should be suppressed by variations in IGM absorption. Our main result is that the observed blueshifted contribution evolves rapidly downward with increasing redshift: $L_{B/R} \approx 30\%$ at $z \approx 0$, but dropping to 15% at $z \approx 3$, and to below 3% by $z \approx 6$. Applying further simulations of the IGM absorption to the unabsorbed COS spectrum, we demonstrate that this decrease in the blue-wing contribution can be entirely attributed to the thickening of intervening Ly α absorbing systems, with no need for additional H I opacity from local structure, companion galaxies, or cosmic infall. We discuss our results in light of the numerical radiative transfer simulations, the evolving total Ly α and ionizing output of galaxies, and the utility of resolved Ly α spectra in the reionization epoch.

Unified Astronomy Thesaurus concepts: Radiative transfer (1335); Lyman-alpha galaxies (978); Galaxy evolution (594); High-redshift galaxies (734); H I line emission (690); Intergalactic medium (813); Starburst galaxies (1570)

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Comparison of Ly α emitter profiles with high-z

MUSE-WIDE

Urrutia+2019; Herenz+2017

479 Ly α emitters at $z=2.9 - 6.6$

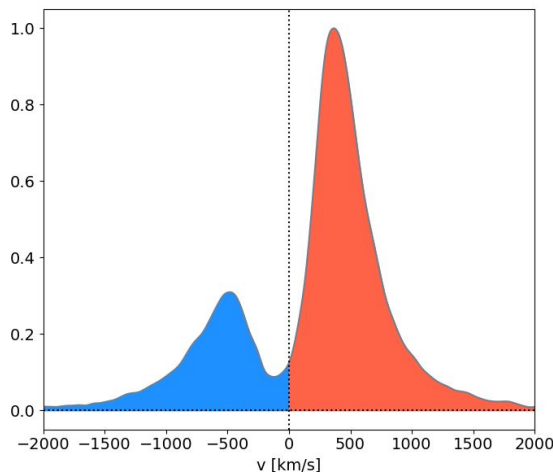
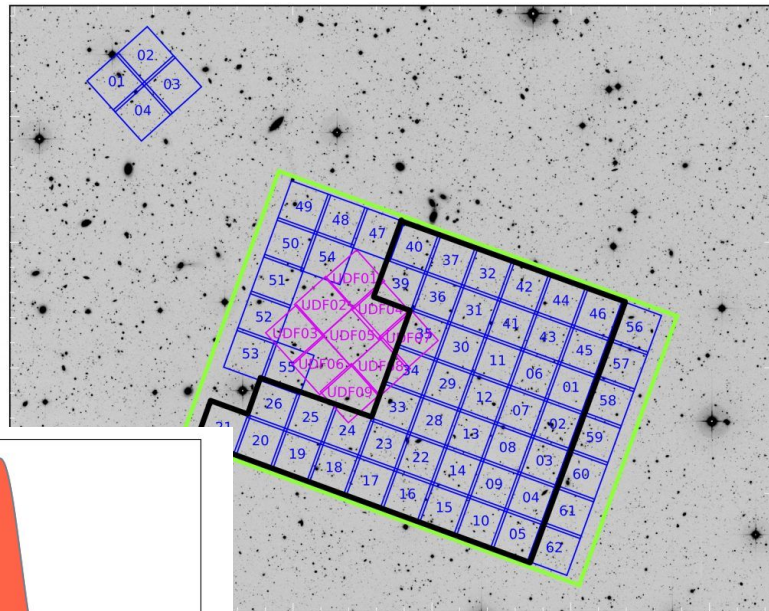
Publicly available from

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CANDELS Deep in GOODS-S

→ best HST data available

Focus on the ratio $L_{\text{blue}}/L_{\text{red}}$



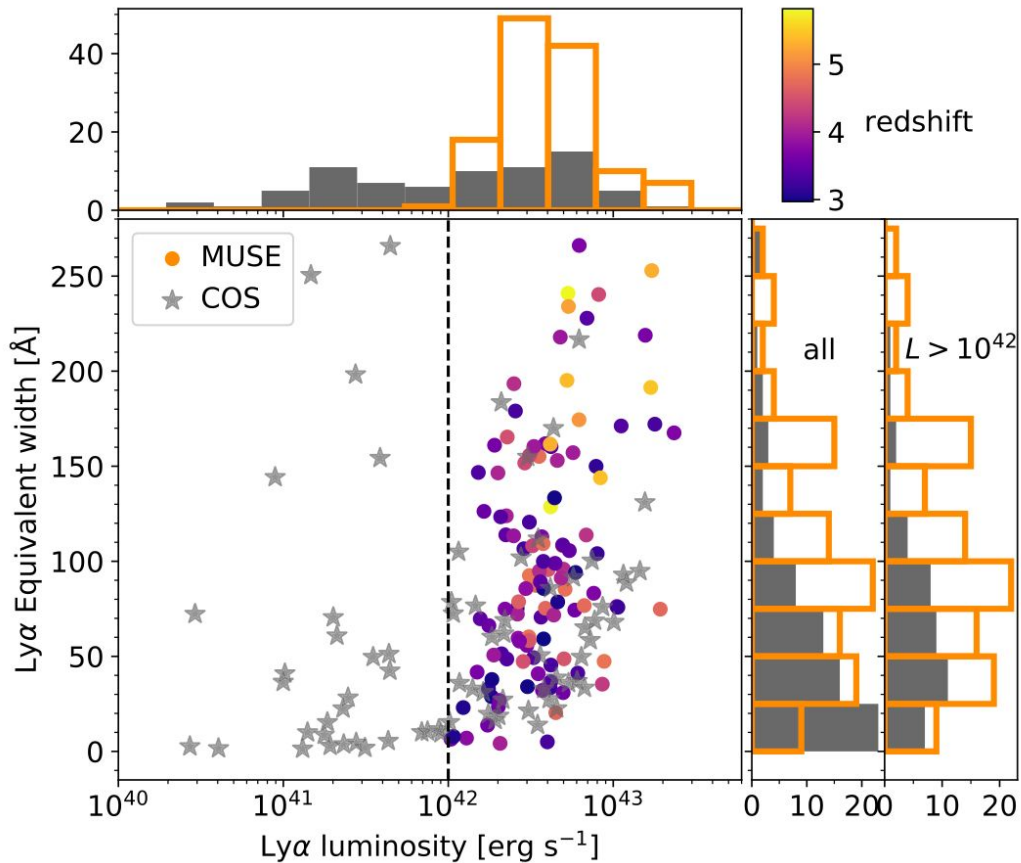
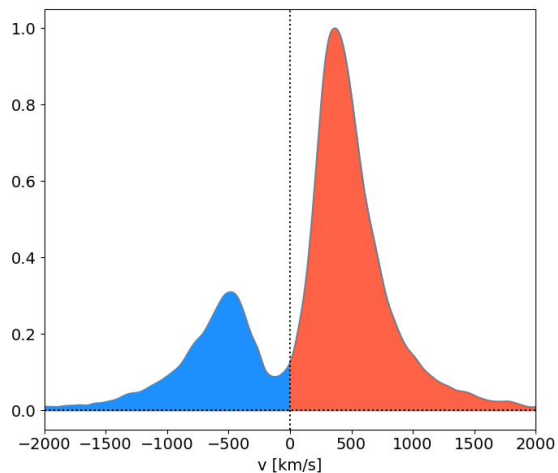
Evolution of Ly α -emitter profiles

87 low-z sources

479 sources at $z=3 - 6.6$

Match the COS and MUSE samples in Ly α luminosity range and EW

Focus on the ratio $L_{\text{blue}}/L_{\text{red}}$



Evolution of Ly α -emitter profiles

Normalize & stack the Ly α profiles in bins of different redshift

Ly α $L_{\text{blue}}/L_{\text{red}}$ goes from:

0.32 at $z=0.2$

0.17 at $z=3.2$

0.16 at $z=3.6$

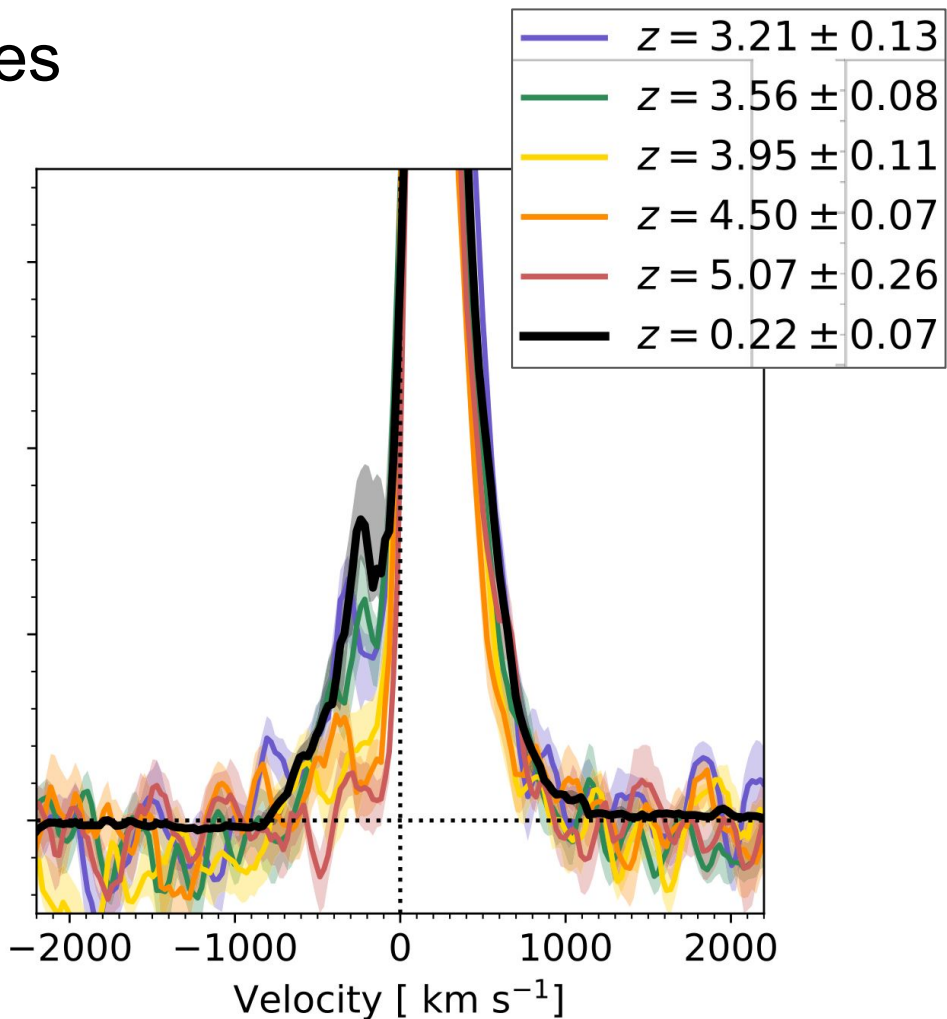
0.08 at $z=4.0$

0.10 at $z=4.5$

0.02 at $z=5.2$

If the galaxies are changing, they are doing so in a very conspicuous way...

C.f. quasar spectra!



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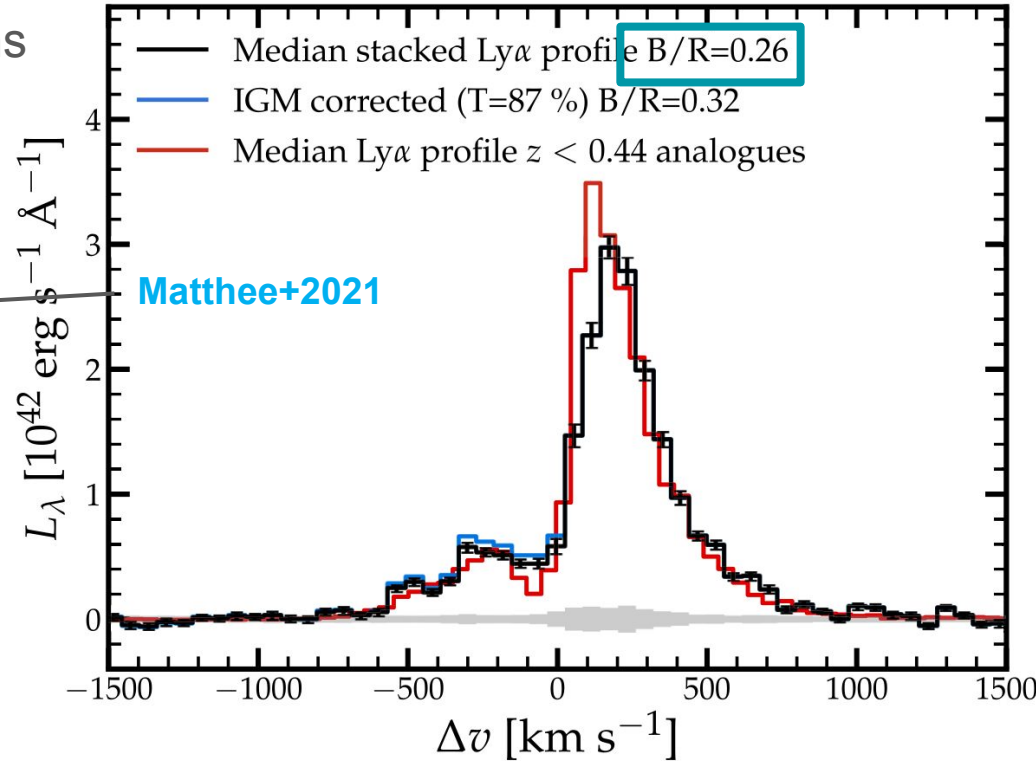
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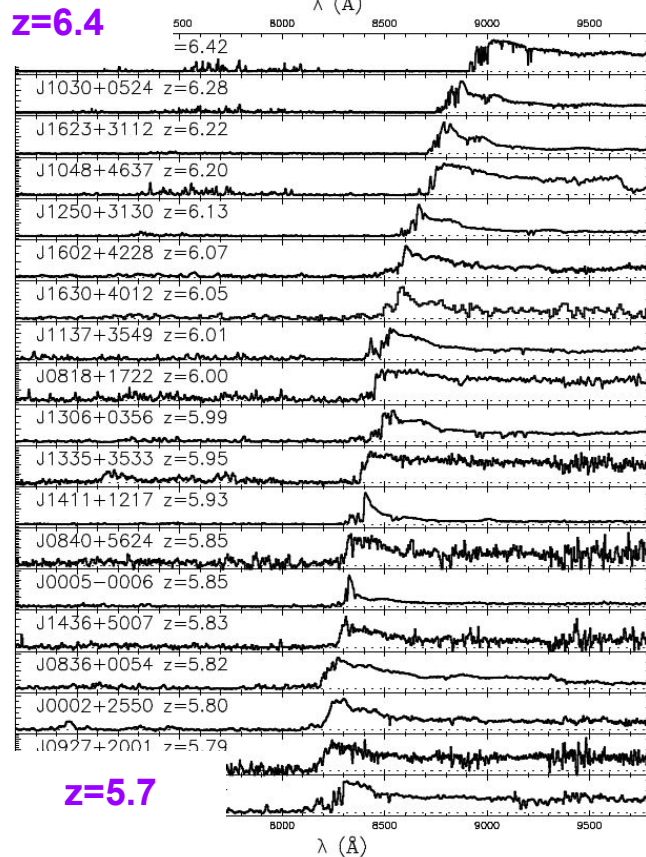
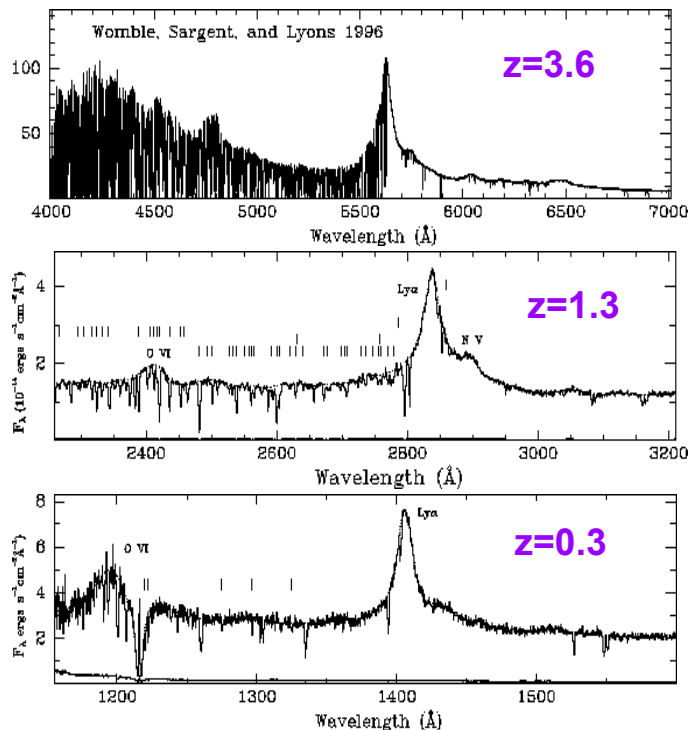
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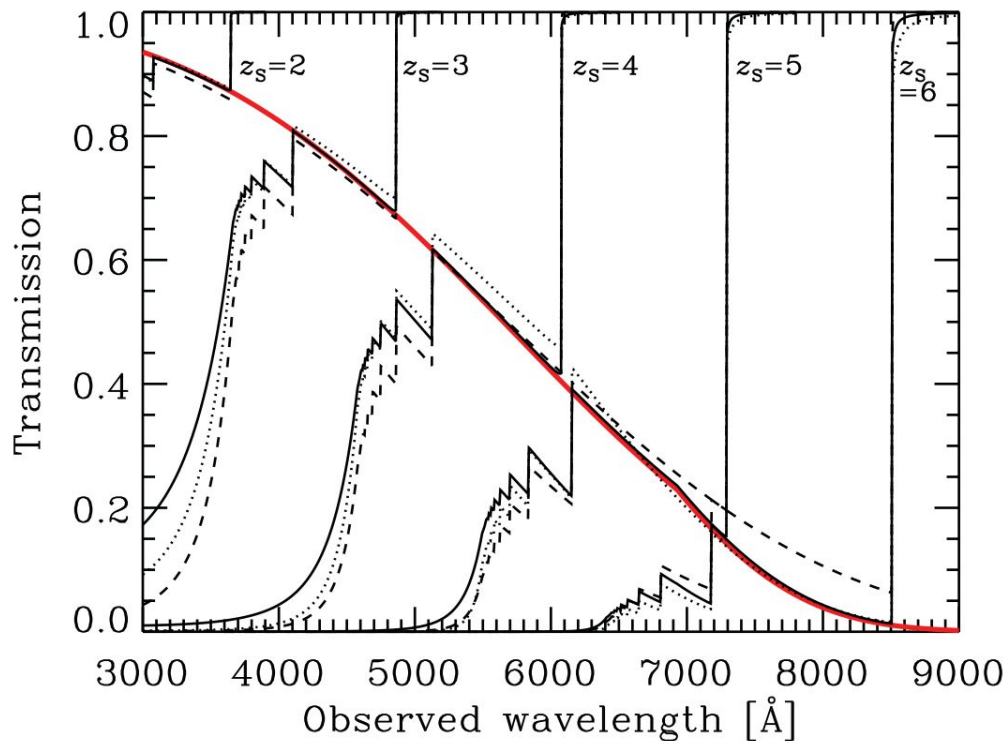


Evolution of the IGM opacity



The multivariate distribution functions $d^3N / dN_{\text{HI}}, db, dz$
 All are well known from quasar observations

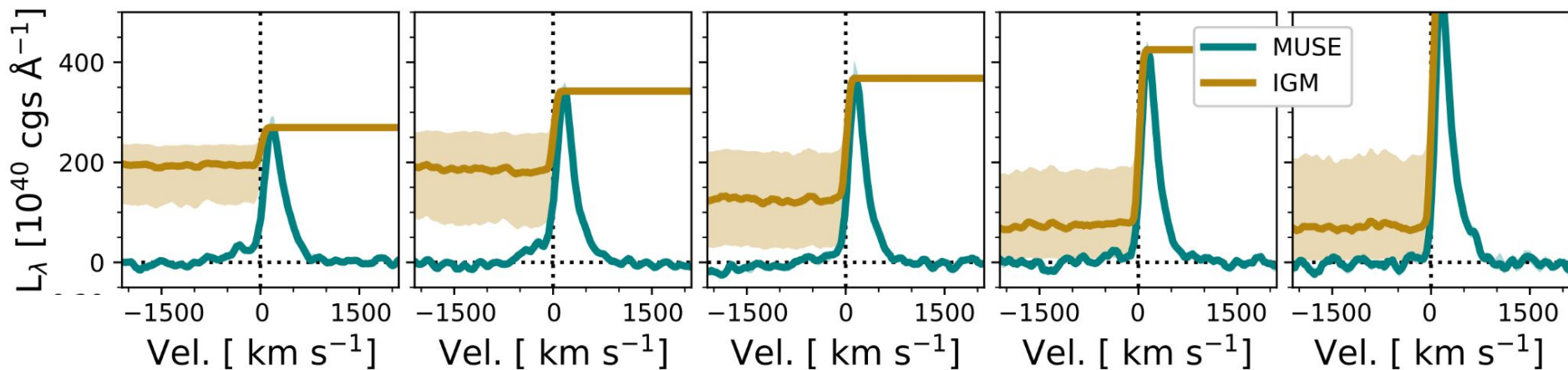
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[Inoue & Iwata \(2008\)](#); [Inoue+2014](#) publish set of PDFs to implement this (others are available)

Evolution of Ly α -emitter profiles

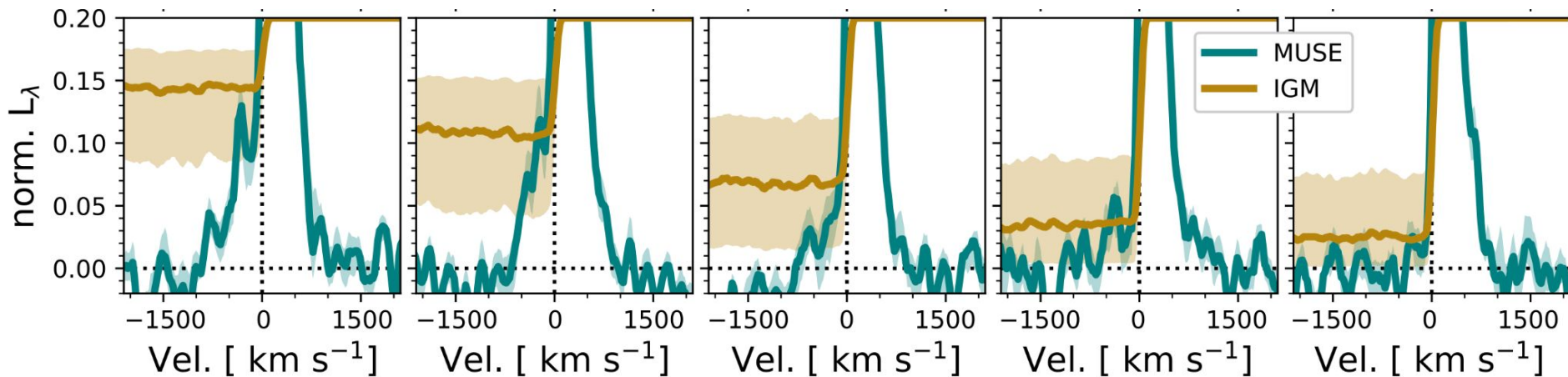
$\langle z \rangle$	3.18 ± 0.13	3.58 ± 0.10	3.95 ± 0.11	4.50 ± 0.13	5.16 ± 0.26
τ_{IGM}	0.3	0.6	1.1	1.7	2.1
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Ly α opacity increases across with redshift

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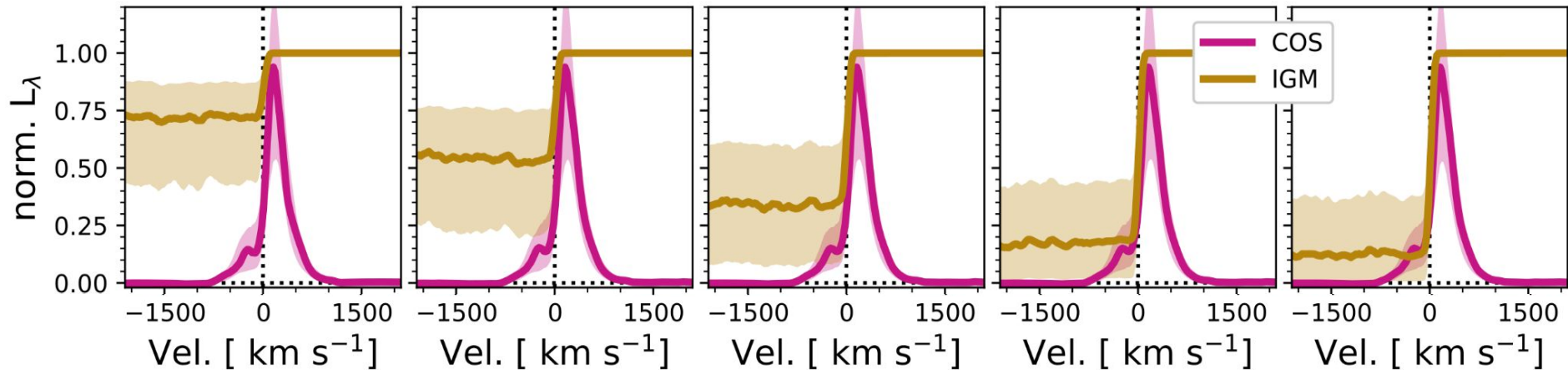
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Ly α opacity increase appears to match decrease in blueshifted emission

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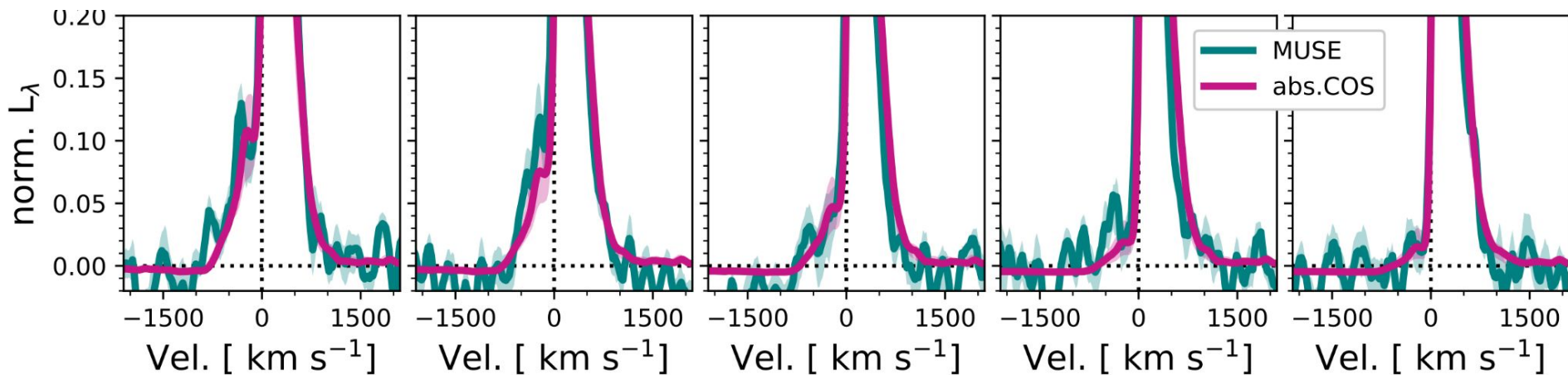
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How would the COS profile look if it were absorbed by this opacity?

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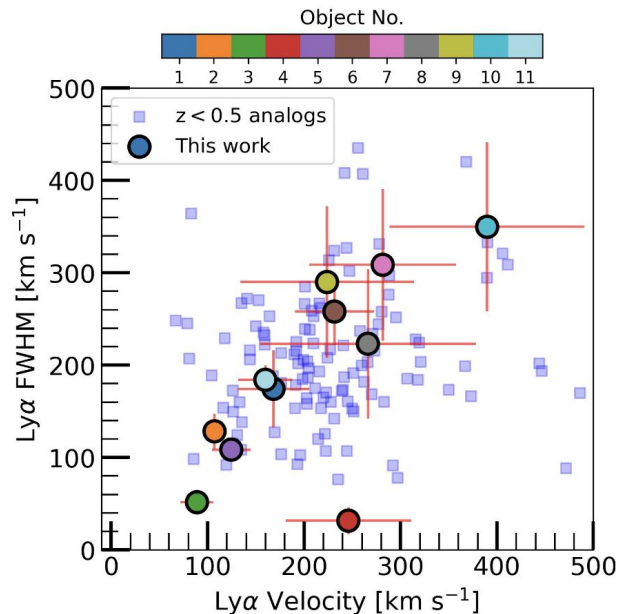
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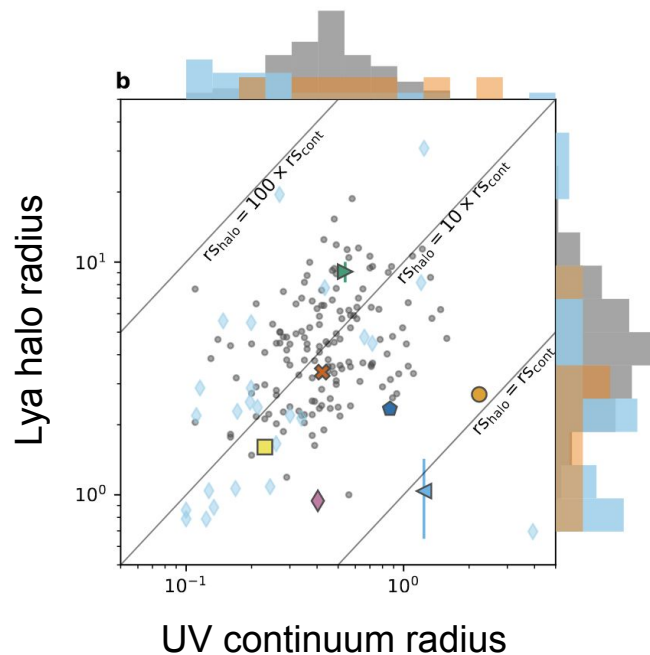
The absorbed COS profile looks exactly like the observed profiles at $z=3-6$!

We cannot detect redshift evolution of Ly α spectral profiles

Intrinsic Ly α properties do not change with redshift



Agreement from recent JWST obs
[Roy+2023](#)



Ly α halos at high-z resemble those at low-z
[Runholm+2023](#); [Rasekh+2022](#)

Can happily apply low-z Ly α profiles to high-z galaxies

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- **Evolution of profiles with redshift**
 - Intrinsic LAE spectra do not evolve significantly
 - IGM is responsible for reshaping Ly α
- **Ly α profiles to infer IGM properties during the EoR**
 - Derive sizes of ionized regions
 - Estimate the LyC escape fraction

ON THE SIZES OF IONIZED BUBBLES AROUND GALAXIES DURING THE REIONIZATION EPOCH. THE SPECTRAL SHAPES OF THE LYMAN-ALPHA EMISSION FROM GALAXIES III.

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ABSTRACT

We develop a new method to determine the distance between a galaxy and a foreground screen of atomic hydrogen. In a partially neutral universe, and under the assumption of spherical symmetry, this equates to the radius of a ionized ‘bubble’ (R_{Bub}) surrounding the galaxy. The method requires an observed Ly α equivalent width, velocity offset from systemic, and an input Ly α profile for which we adopt scaled versions of the profiles observed in low- z galaxies. We demonstrate the technique in a sample of 21 galaxies at redshift $z > 6$, including six at $z = 7.2 - 10.6$ recently observed with JWST. Our model estimates the emergent Ly α properties, and the foreground distance to the absorbing IGM. We find that galaxies at $z > 7.5$ exist in smaller bubbles (~ 1 pMpc) than those at $z < 7$. With a relationship that is secure at better than 3σ , we empirically demonstrate the growth of ionized regions during the reionization epoch for the first time. We independently estimate the upper limit on the Strömgen radii ($R_{\text{Ström}}$), and derive the escape fraction of ionizing photons ($f_{\text{esc}}^{\text{LyC}}$) from the ratio of $R_{\text{Bub}}/R_{\text{Ström}}$, deriving a median value of 17% which on average can provide the photon budget necessary for reionization.

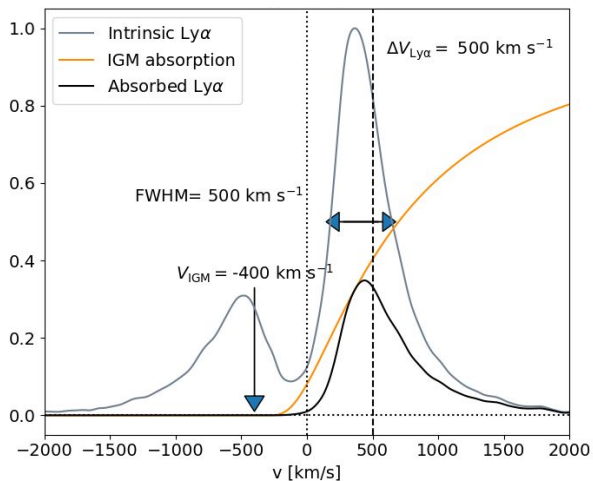
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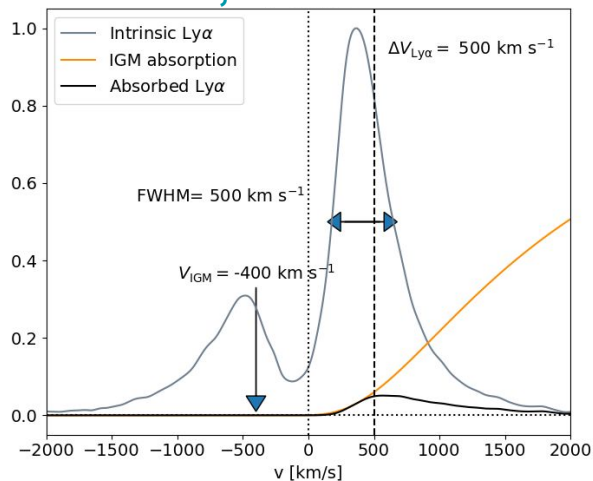
How the IGM affects Ly α

1. Absorbs all blueshifted emission
2. Damping wing reduces redshifted flux and shifts moment to higher velocities

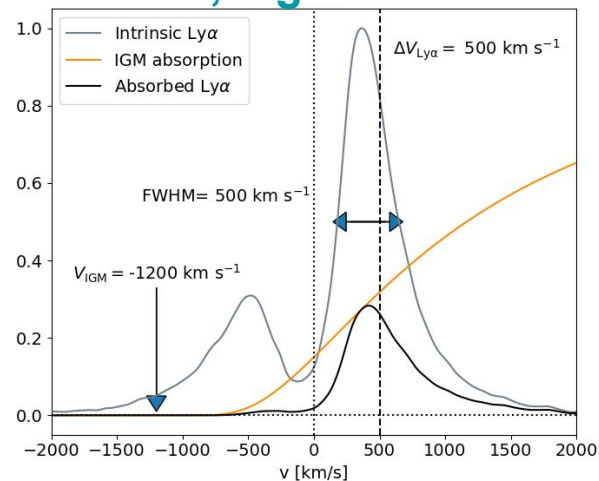
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z = 10, small bubble



z = 10, big bubble



Know the intrinsic line profile?

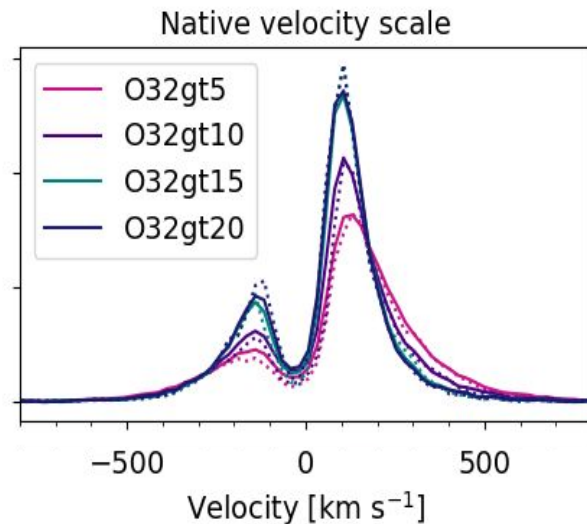
Estimate intrinsic EW and velocity offset of IGM

Into the Reionization Epoch

- 23 known galaxies at $z = 6-11$ with z_{sys} [$\Delta v(\text{Ly}\alpha)$], $EW(\text{Ly}\alpha)$, $\alpha v \delta$ M_{UV}
Endsley+2022, Tang+2023, Bunker+2023, Saxena+2023, Jung+2023
- Ly α profiles do not evolve significantly with redshift + we can predict them
Hayes+2021, Hayes+2023
- Similar nebular conditions in low & high z analogs
Cameron+2023, Schaerer+2023, Brinchmann+2023
- $EW(\text{Ly}\alpha)$ distributions known to $z \sim 6 \Rightarrow$ prior from M_{UV}
Hashimoto+2018 and many others...

Hierarchical inference model to get intrinsic V_{igm}

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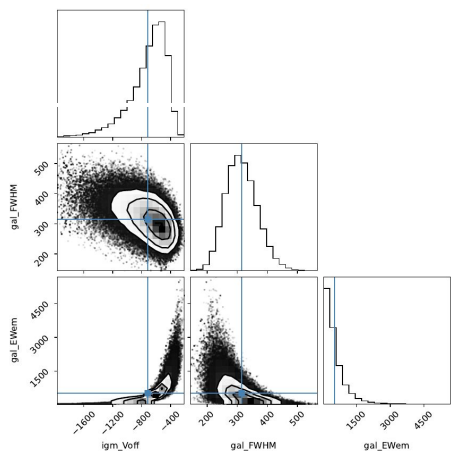


Example with GNz11 at $z=10.6$

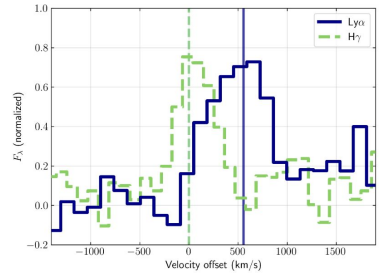
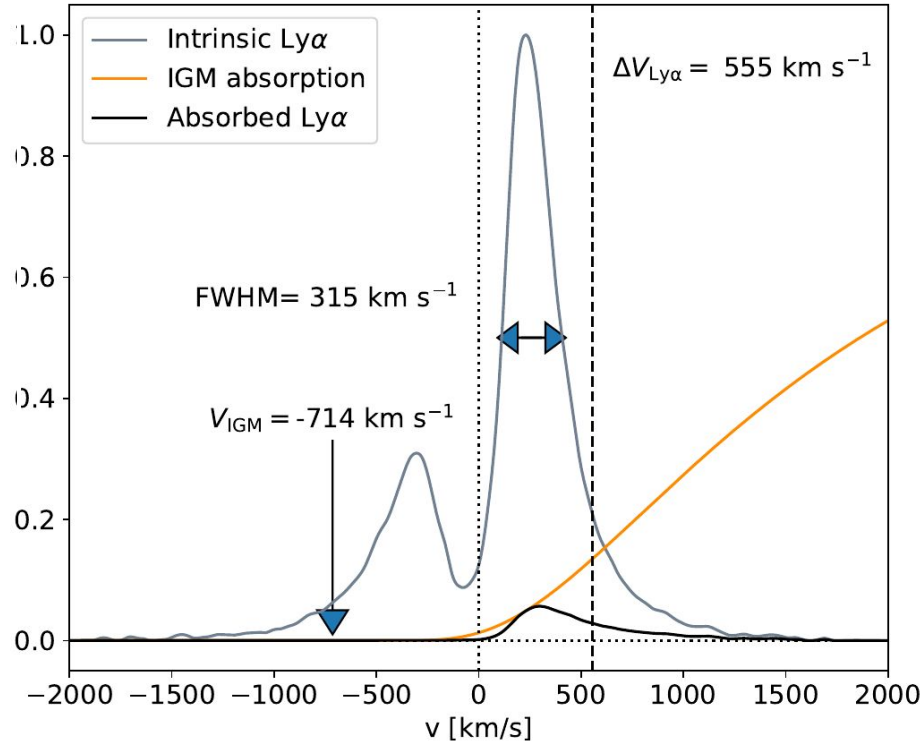
$z_{\text{sys}} = 10.6$ $\Delta v(\text{Ly}\alpha) = 555 \text{ km/s}$ $EW(\text{Ly}\alpha) = 18 \text{ \AA}$ $M_{\text{UV}} = -21.5$

$EW_0 = 171 \text{ \AA}$
(150-370) \AA

$V_{\text{IGM}} = -714 \text{ km/s}$
(450-990) km/s



GNz11 $z=10.603$

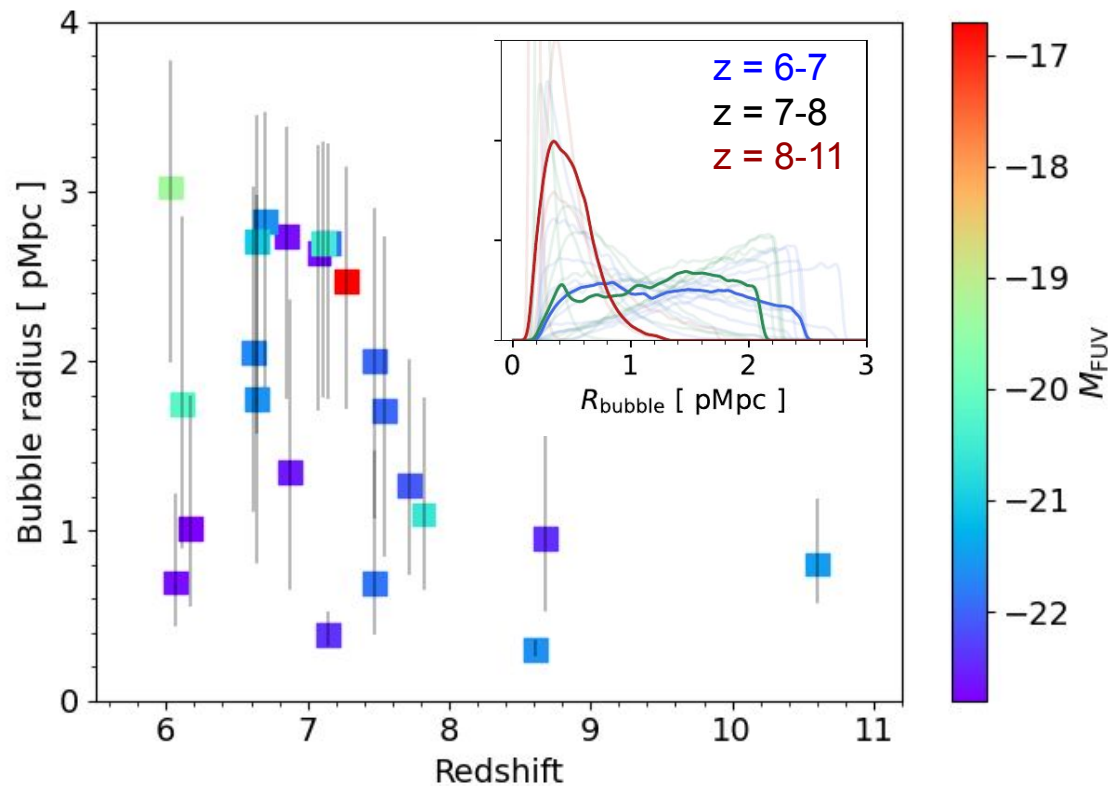


Bunker+2023

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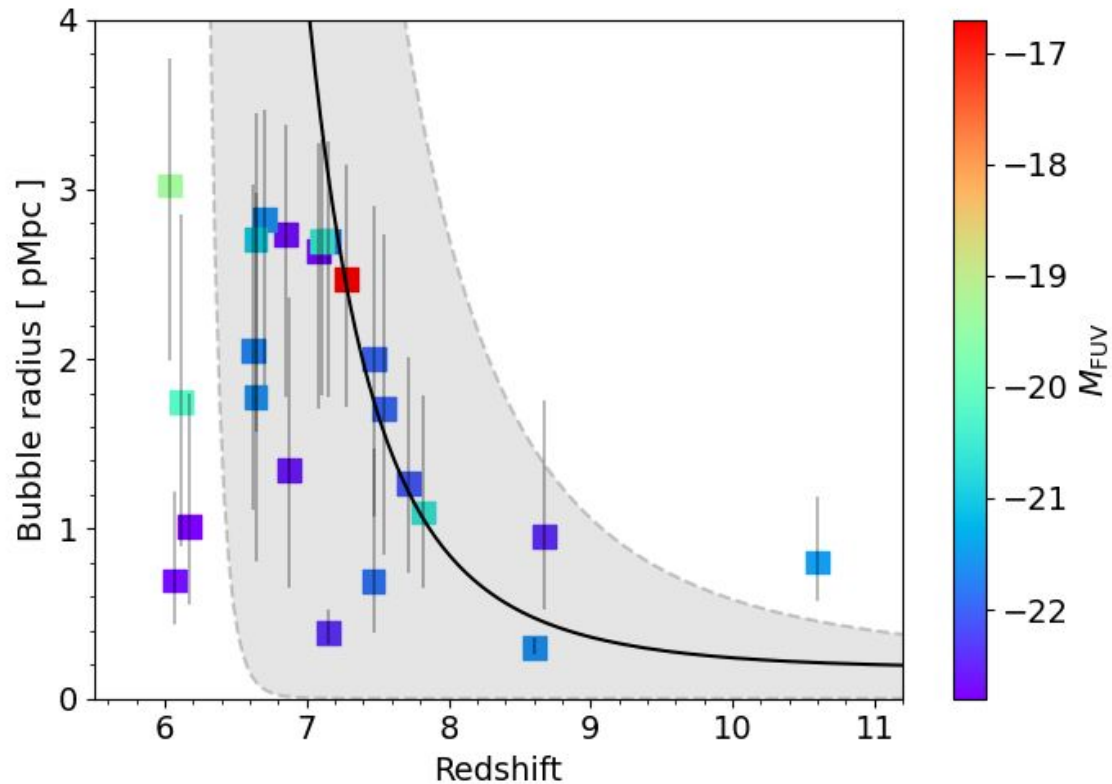
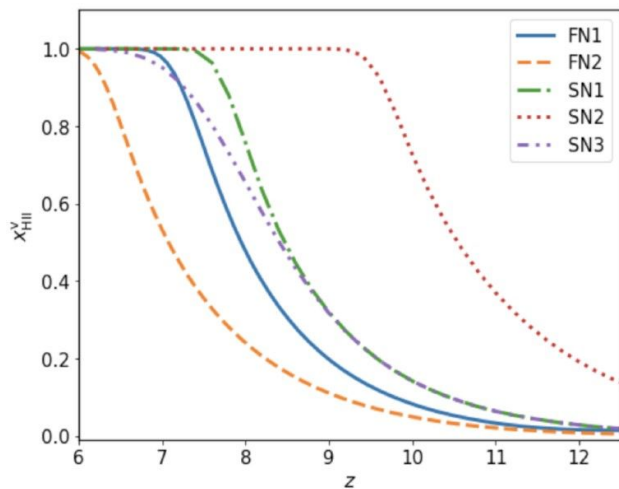
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10 – 90 % range of bubble sizes

N -body in 714 cMpc

RT with C²-RAY

Less efficient χ_{ion} [Giri & Mellema 2022](#)



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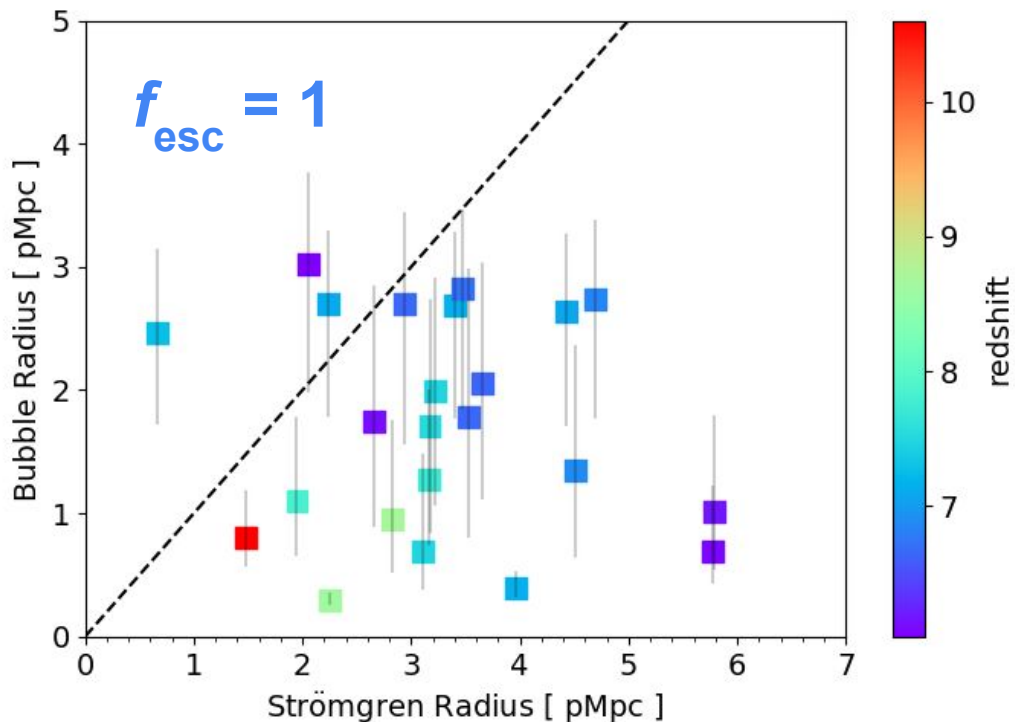
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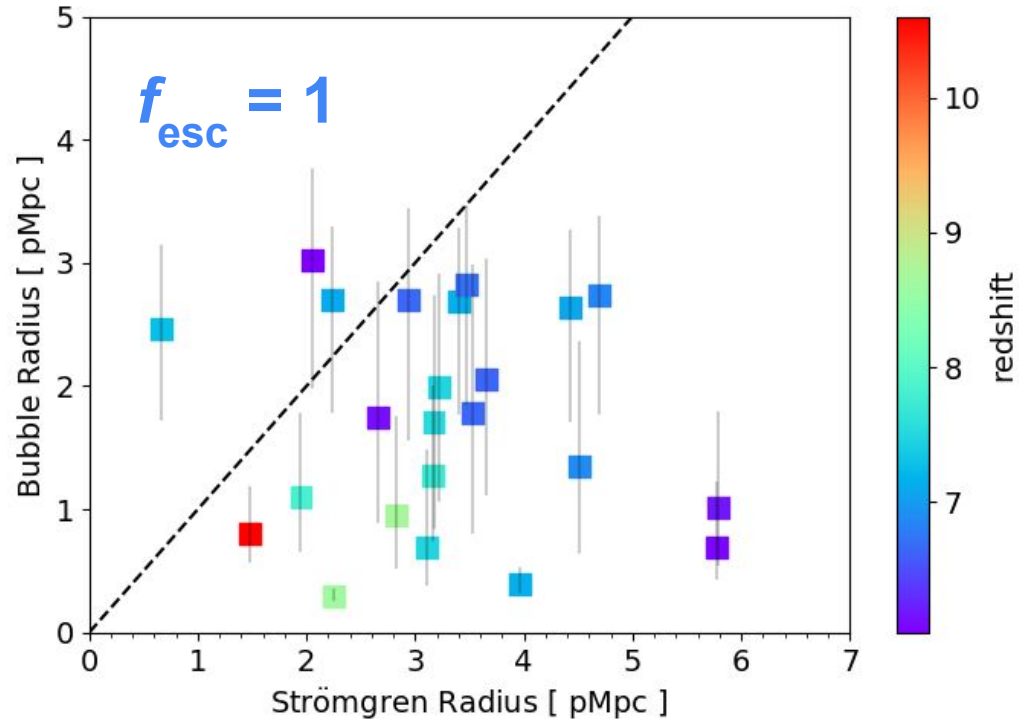
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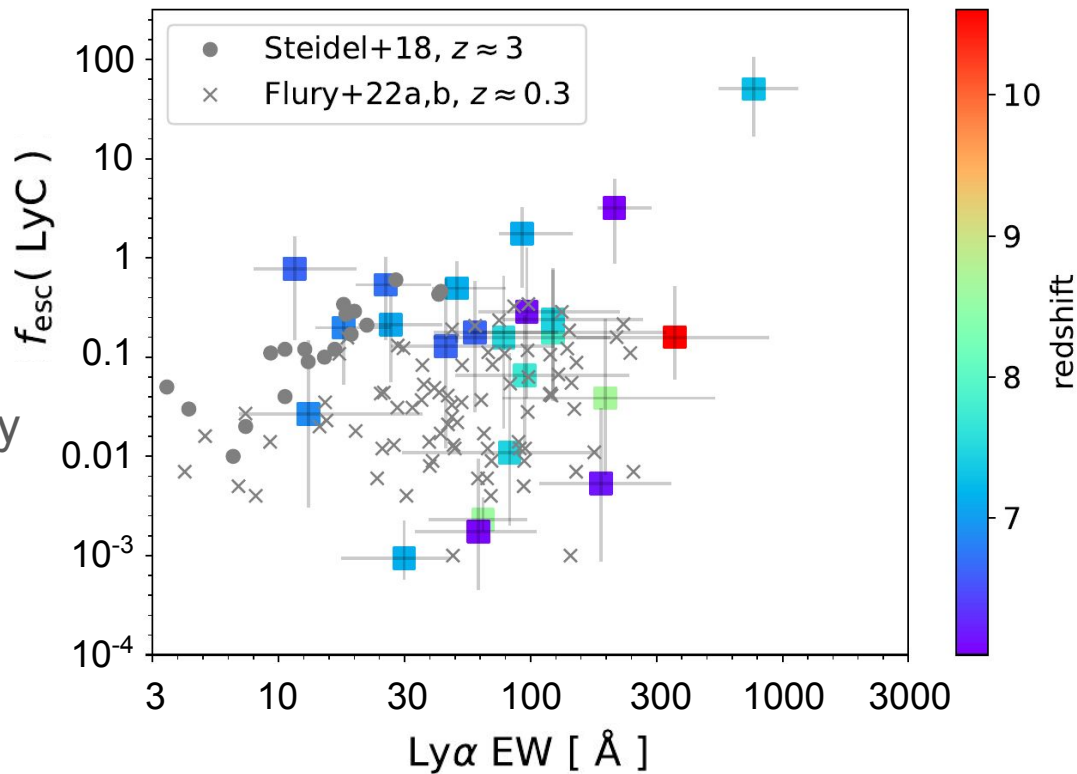
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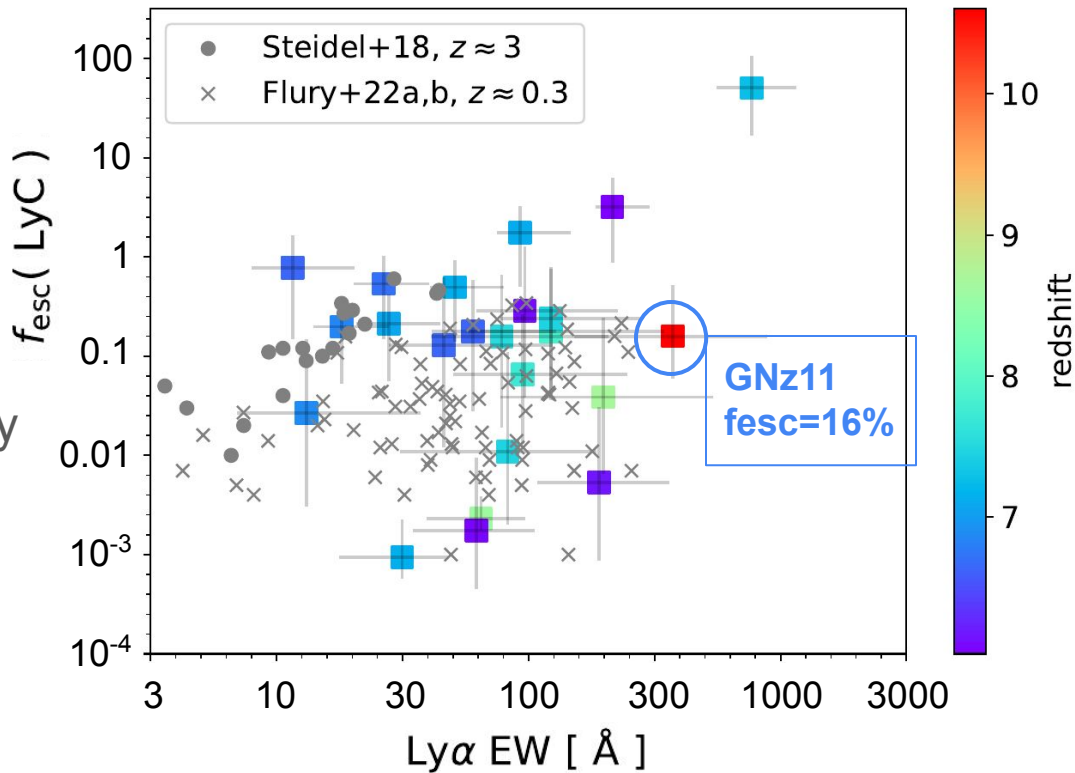
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Conclusions

- Analyzed 87 galaxies observed with HST/COS and optical spectrographs
Stellar modeling, nebular conditions, Ly α profiles, etc.
- Ly α is stronger in very young galaxies, likely due to photoionization feedback
- Absorbing envelope gets thicker as starburst continues, condensing more HI
- Low-z profiles (even $z=0$) CAN be used to make inferences at high-z
- Estimate sizes of HII regions in the EoR from Ly α : 0.5 – 3 pMpc
Bubbles grow from $z=11$ to 6
- Ionizing escape fractions at $z=6-11$ are 16 (6-50) %