

PROBING THE “BARYON CYCLE” USING QUASAR ABSORPTION LINE SPECTROSCOPY

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■ An Overview

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- How to probe?
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■ What to look forward to?

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($M_{\text{star, gas}}/M_{\text{DM}} < \Omega_{\text{b}}/\Omega_{\text{m}}$)
 - ⇒ “halo missing baryon problem” (McGaugh+10)
 - ⇒ The CGM can account for the baryons missing from halos (Werk+14)

The study of the IGM/CGM is thus extremely important!

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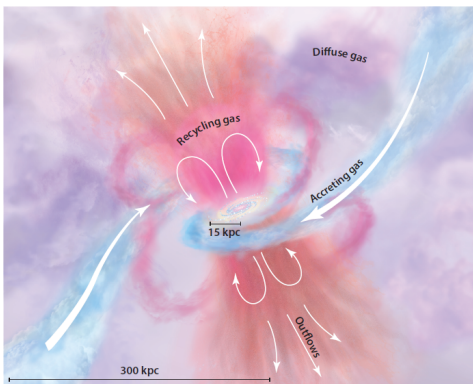
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Answers to all these puzzles may lie in the processes through which galaxies acquire, expel, and recycle their gas (i.e. the “baryon cycle”)

Baryon cycle happens in the CGM!

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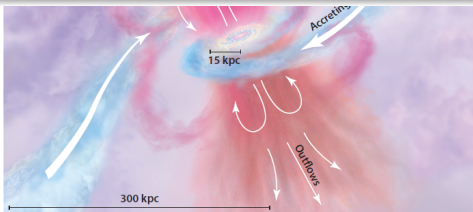
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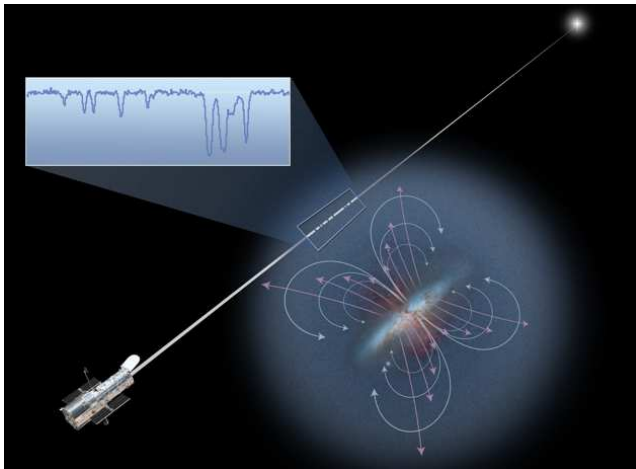
*Chemical/physical conditions of the CGM preserve a record of the “baryon cycle”
QSO absorption line spectroscopy is the only way to probe the tenuous gas in the CGM*

It will remain challenging even for the next generation large telescopes!



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QSO SPECTRUM: COSMIC RAINBOW!



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⇒ Density, n_{H} : $10^{-5} - 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (10 orders of magnitude!)

⇒ Temperature, T : $100 - 10^6 \text{ K}$ (4 orders of magnitude!)

⇒ Metallicity, Z : $10^{-3} - 10 Z_{\odot}$ (4 orders of magnitude!)

⇒ Size, L : sub-pc – a few 100 kpc (6 orders of magnitude!)

Quite remarkable!

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- The main challenges to build a statistically significant sample of QSO-galaxy pairs:
 - High- z : detecting host-galaxies
 - ⇒ Now we have MUSE/KCWI! (Optical IFUs with large FoV)
 - Low- z : building a large sample of QSO spectra to cover the UV ($\sim 900\text{-}1600\text{\AA}$) lines
 - ⇒ Now we have HST/COS! ($1150\text{-}1800\text{ \AA}$, $R \sim 18\text{ km s}^{-1}$)

Two complementary approaches:

1. **Absorber-centric:** (Part-I)

- (a) Build a sample of absorbers with interesting properties
- (b) Search for galaxies at the same redshift around the background QSO

2. **Galaxy-centric:** (Part-II & Part-III)

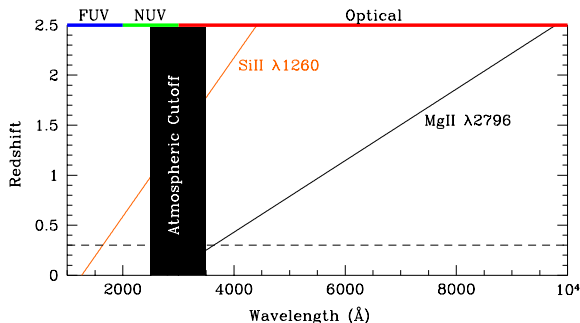
- (a) Build a sample of galaxies with well-defined properties (mass, SFR, color)
- (b) Search for targeted absorption in the spectrum of a nearby background QSO

PART-I: AN HST/COS SURVEY OF WEAK MG II ABSORBERS' ANALOGS

Collaborators: Jane Charlton, Chris Churchill, Gloria Fonseca, Anand Narayanan, Philipp Richter, Amber Roberts, Benjamin Rosenwasser

Publications: Muzahid+17 (arXiv:1709.03999; MNRAS submitted)

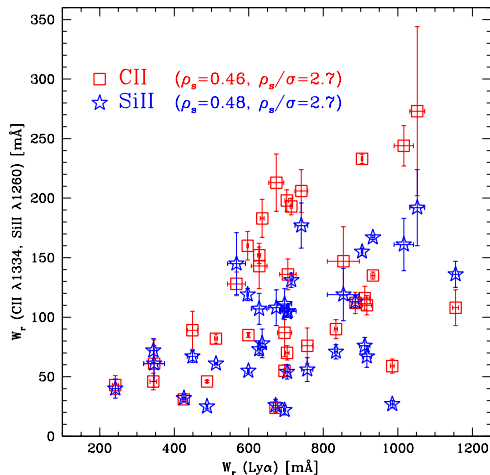
- Mg II absorbers are the most well-studied ($z \approx 0.4\text{--}7.0$)
- Weak Mg II absorbers ($W_r < 300 \text{ m\AA}$) at high- z show very high metallicities (Rigby+02)
- Mg II $\lambda\lambda 2796, 2803$ lines are not accessible below $z < 0.3$



- Si II $\lambda 1260$ is used as a proxy
 - \Rightarrow Si_{14}^{28} and Mg_{12}^{24} are α -process elements
 - \Rightarrow Creation IPs: 8.1 and 7.6 eV, respectively
 - \Rightarrow Destruction IPs: 16.3 and 15.0 eV, respectively
 - \Rightarrow $[\text{Si}/\text{H}] = -4.49$ and $[\text{Mg}/\text{H}] = -4.40$
- Si II and Mg II arise from the same gas phase

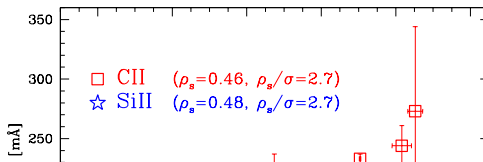
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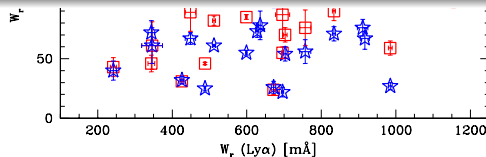


- 34 absorbers (> 5 times increase!)

- $\Delta z = 24 \Rightarrow \frac{dN}{dz} = 0.8 \pm 0.2$

- Median $N(\text{H I}) \approx 10^{16.0} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ (sub-LLS)

- Median $z \approx 0.1$



- Assumptions:

Plane parallel geometry
 UVB at $z = 0.1$ (KS 2015)
 Solar relative abundances
 Gas is dust free

- Density/Ionization parameter:

$$N(\text{Si III})/N(\text{Si II})$$

$$\log n_{\text{H}} = -3.3 \text{ to } -2.4$$

$$\text{Median } (\log n_{\text{H}}) = -2.8$$

- Si-abundance:

$$\log [N(\text{Si II})/N(\text{H I})] + \log [f(\text{H I})/f(\text{Si II})] - \log (\text{Si/H})_{\odot}$$

$$[\text{Si/H}] = -2.5 \text{ to } +1.6$$

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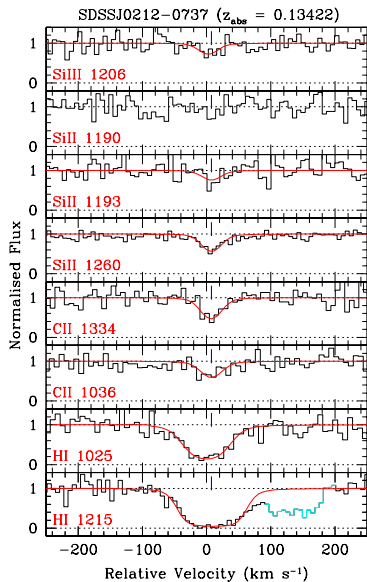
- Thickness:

$$N(\text{H I})/[f(\text{H I}) \times n_{\text{H}}]$$

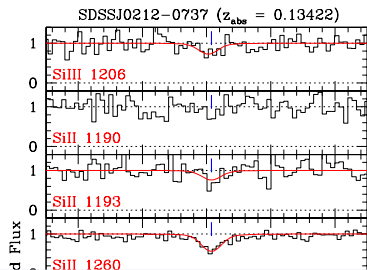
$$L = 1 \text{ pc to } 50 \text{ kpc}$$

$$\text{Median } L = 500 \text{ pc}$$

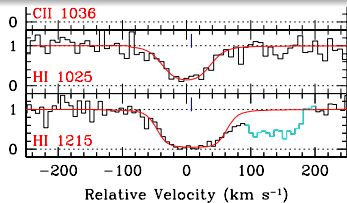
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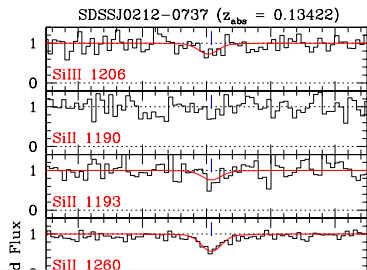
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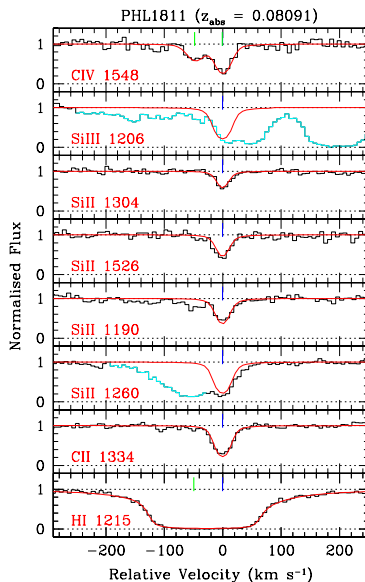
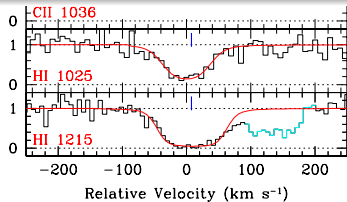
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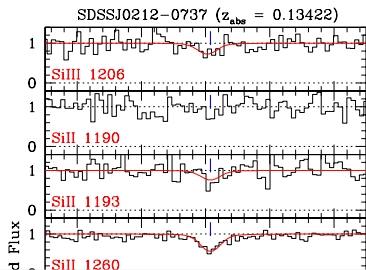
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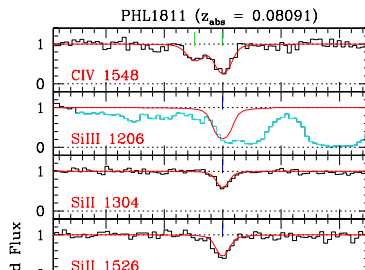
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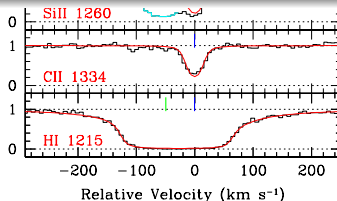
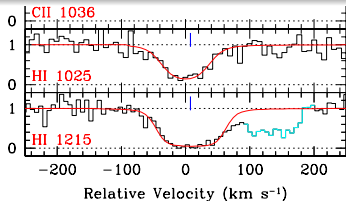
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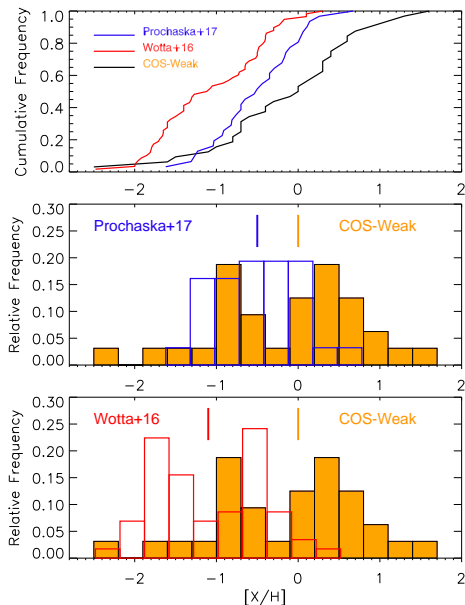


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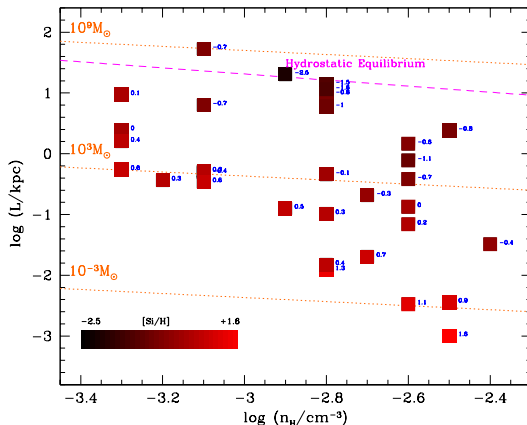




- Wotta+16:
 \Rightarrow H I-selected (LLS/pLLS)
 \Rightarrow Median $[X/H] = -1.1$
 $\Rightarrow f([X/H] \geq 0): \approx 3\%$

- Prochaska+17:
 \Rightarrow Galaxy-selected ($\sim L_*$)
 \Rightarrow Median $[X/H] = -0.5$
 $\Rightarrow f([X/H] \geq 0): \approx 22\%$

Weak absorbers are significantly more metal-rich!



- $L_J \sim 15 \text{ kpc} (n_H/10^{-2.8} \text{ cm}^{-3})^{-1/2} (T_4)^{1/2} (f_g/0.16)^{1/2}$ (Schaye 2001)

Weak absorbers are too tiny (contain little mass) to be in hydrostatic equilibrium!

- Free expansion time scale: $t_{\text{exp}} \sim L/c_s \sim 10^7 \text{ yr} (L/100 \text{ pc}) (T_4)^{-1/2} \ll t_{\text{Hubble}}!!$

Weak absorbers are transient in nature!

★ Cosmological Significance:

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★ Connection to Galaxies:

If the weak absorbers are associated with the CGM of $z \approx 0.1$ galaxies:

- Halo radius, $R_{\text{halo}} \sim 130 \text{ kpc} \left(\frac{dN/dz}{0.8} \right)^{1/2} \times \left(\frac{n_{\text{gal}}}{10^{-2} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}} \right)^{-1/2} \times C_f^{-1/2}$

Weak absorbers are widespread in galaxy halos!

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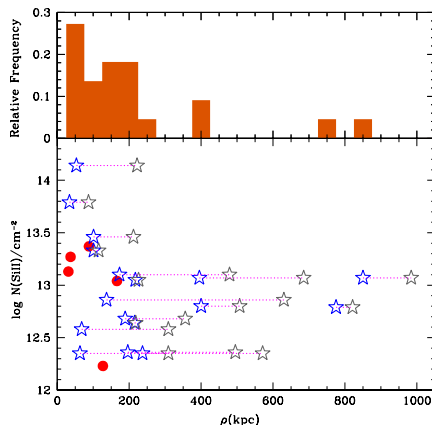
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- 22/34 absorbers have host-galaxy info
- Median impact parameter $\approx 170 \text{ kpc}$
- 17/22 ($\approx 80\%$) show 2 or more galaxies!

Weak absorbers live in galaxy groups!



ORIGINS?

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■ Clouds will be destroyed via:

- Hydrodynamical instabilities (K-H, R-T)
- Wind–cloud interaction

Next generation simulations with sub-pc/pc-scale resolution are essential...

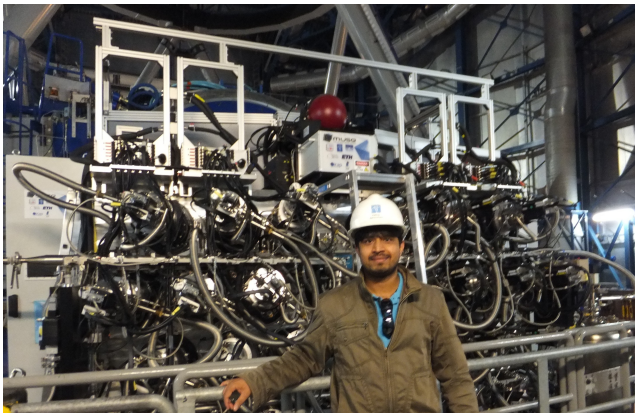
PART-II: MUSE-QUBES SURVEYS

Collaborators: Joop Schaye, Marike Seager, Lorrie Straka, Sean Johnson, Martin Wendt + MUSE consortium

Publications: Johnson+ in prep.; Muzahid+in prep.; Seager+ in prep.; Straka+ in prep.; Wendt+ in prep.



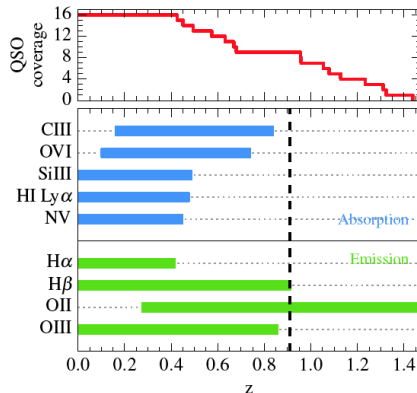
- Integral-field spectrograph (Imager + **Spectrograph**) on VLT/UT4
 - FoV: $1' \times 1'$ (WFM); $7.5'' \times 7.5''$ (NFM)
 - 24 sub-fields, each is fed into an integral-field unit (IFU)
 - Spatial sampling: $0.2'' \times 0.2'' \Rightarrow$ contains ~ 1 lakh spectra!
 - Spectral coverage: 4750–9350 Å; $R \sim 3000$
- Adaptive optics system “GALACSI” has been commissioned recently



MUSE-QUBES I

(Low- z)

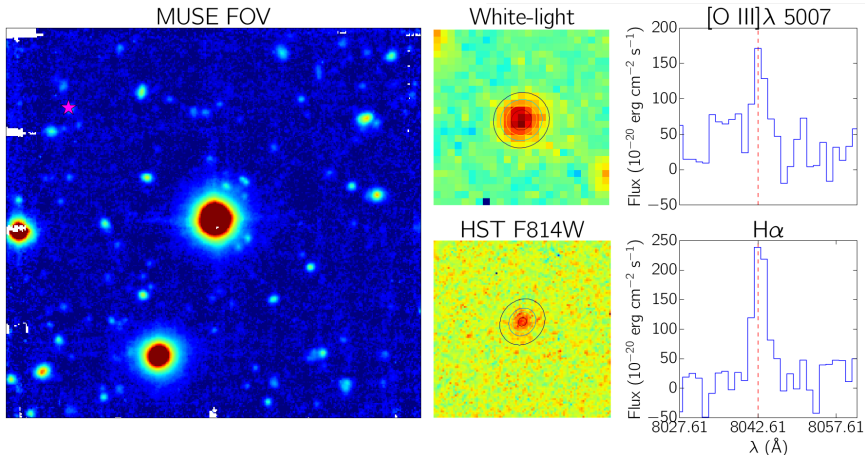
- 16 MUSE fields (Depths: 2–10 hrs)
 - 65 hrs of MUSE GTO observations
 - H α : 0.0–0.4
 - [O III]: 0.0–0.9
 - [O II]: 0.3–1.5
 - 16 HST/COS spectra of QSOs
 - z_{qso} : 0.4–1.5
 - Targeted lines: H I, O VI, Si III, C III, N V
- ≈ 200 galaxies are detected ($z < z_{\text{qso}}$)
(continuum selected; SEXTRACTOR)
- Ancillary Data:
 - HST/ACS (for all): Galaxy morphology
 - VLT/UVES (for some): Kinematics
 - IMACS, LDSS3 (for some): More galaxies



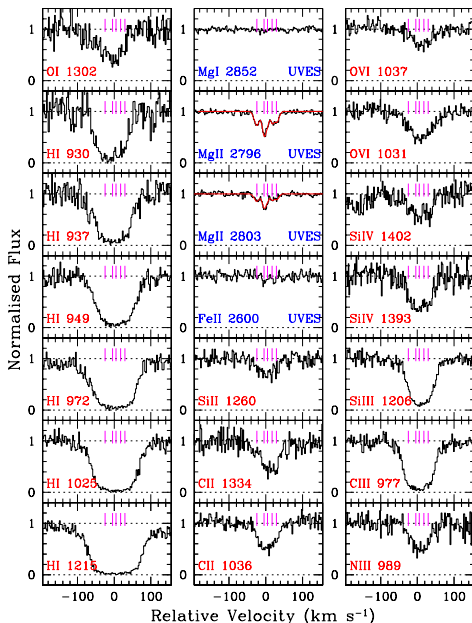
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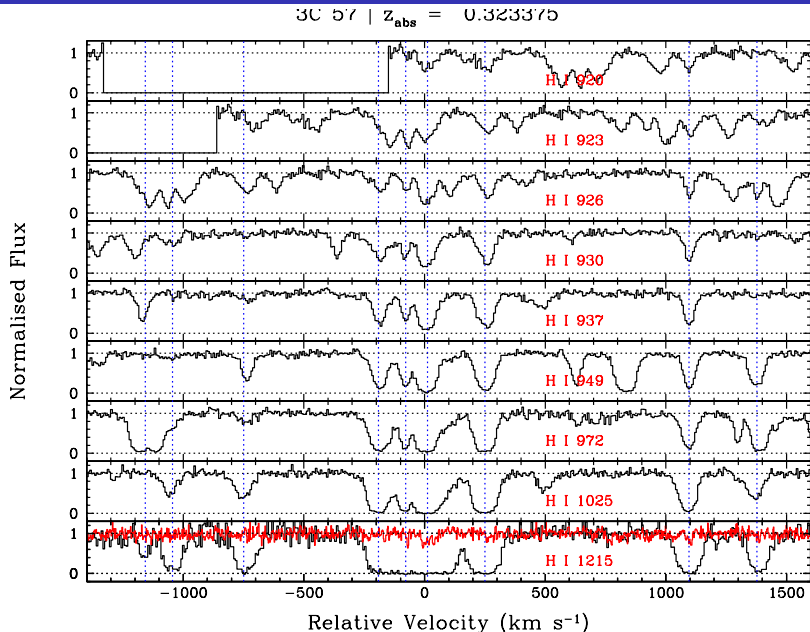


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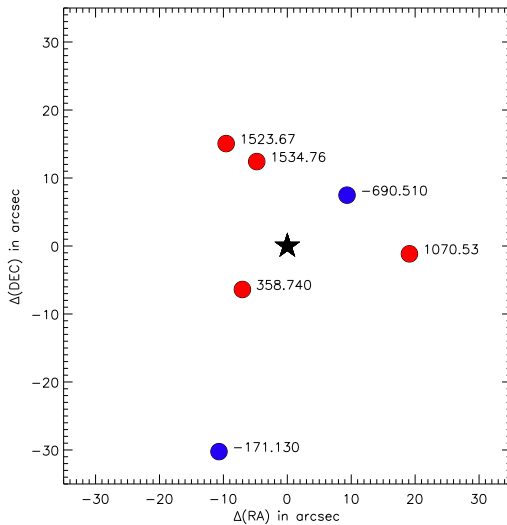
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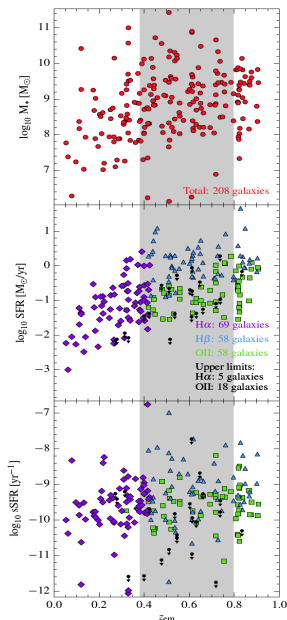


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Muzahid+ (in prep.)

MUSE-QUBES I: EMITTER SAMPLE



- M_* : Pseudo broad-band filters (FAST; Kriek+09)
 \Rightarrow SPS model (Bruzual & Charlot '03)
 \Rightarrow IMF (Chabrier '03)
 \Rightarrow Exponentially declining SFH
 \Rightarrow Calzetti+00 dust law

- $M_* \rightarrow M_{\text{vir}}$ (Moster+13) $\rightarrow R_{\text{vir}}$

- SFR
 \Rightarrow H α (Kennicutt '98)
 \Rightarrow [O II] (Kewley+04)

★ Median $M_* = 10^{8.9} M_\odot$ (Low Mass!)

★ Median $M_{\text{vir}} = 10^{11.1} M_\odot$

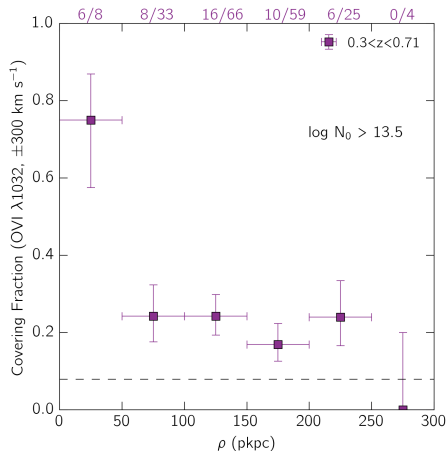
★ Median $R_{\text{vir}} = 86$ kpc

★ Median SFR = $0.2 M_\odot/\text{yr}$

★ Median sSFR = $10^{-9.6}/\text{yr}$

★ Median $L = 0.1 L_*$

MUSE-QUBES I: PRELIMINARY RESULTS



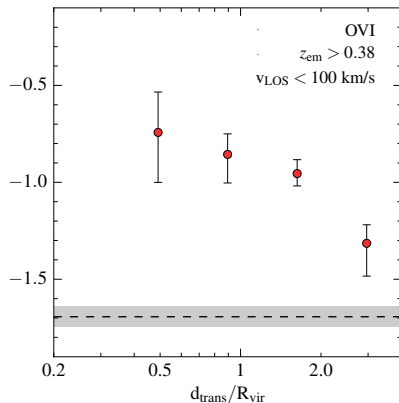
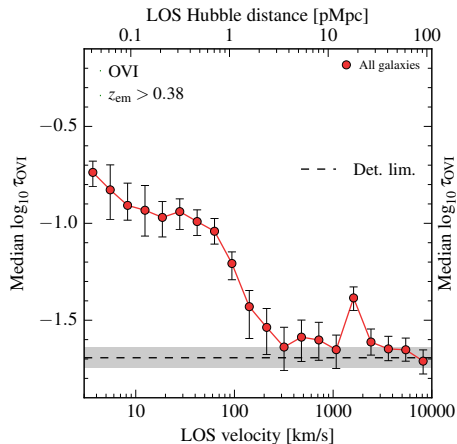
Straka+ (in prep.)

★ $C_f(< 150 \text{ kpc}) = 0.28 \pm 0.05$: considerably lower than the COS-Halos (75%; Werk+13)

Mass? Redshift? Environment?

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Spectral Stacking (Seager+ in prep.)



Characteristic peculiar velocity $\sim 200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

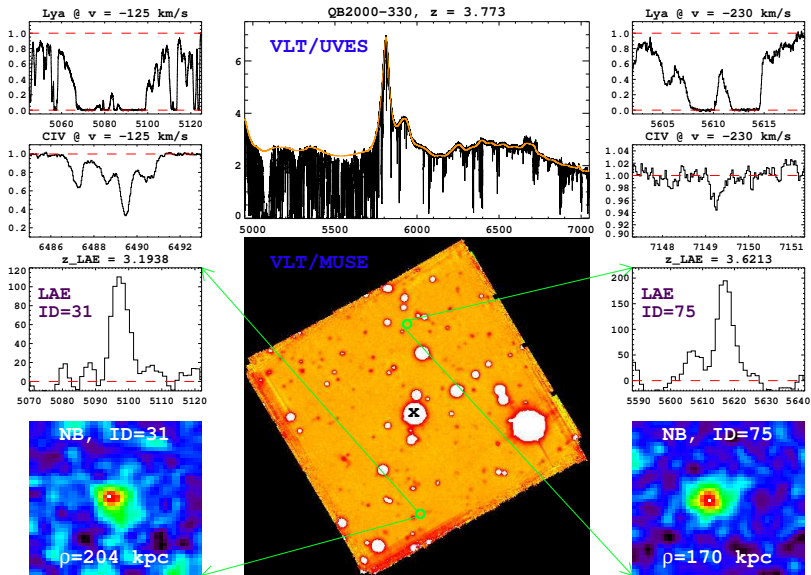
O VI is widespread out to $2R_{\text{vir}}$

MUSE-QUBES II (High- z)

- 8 MUSE fields (Depths: 2–10 hrs)
- 51 hrs of MUSE GTO observations
 - Ly α : 2.9–3.8
 - 8 VLT/UVES spectra of QSOs
 - z_{qso} : 3.7–3.9
 - Targeted lines: H I, C IV, Si IV, N V

\approx 150 LAEs are expected ($z < z_{\text{qso}}$)
(pure line emitters; LSDCat (Herenz+16), CubEx (Cantalupo, In prep.))

MUSE-QUBES II



Issues in preparing LAE catalog

- How to find an optimal threshold S/N for the software used? (“selection function”)
 - ⇒ “Purity” ($1 - \# \text{Obj -ve cube} / \# \text{Obj +ve cube}$) : required well-behaved noise
 - ⇒ Recovery fraction of “fake” source
- Classification (When do you call it a Ly α emitter?)
 - ⇒ Check for all possible contaminants ([O II], [O III], C III], Mg II, H β etc.)
 - ⇒ Checking by multiple people

work in progress!

Future Plan: JWST/NIRSpec observations for the rest-frame optical nebular emission lines

- ⇒ accurate galaxy redshift
- ⇒ SFR, M_* , metallicity

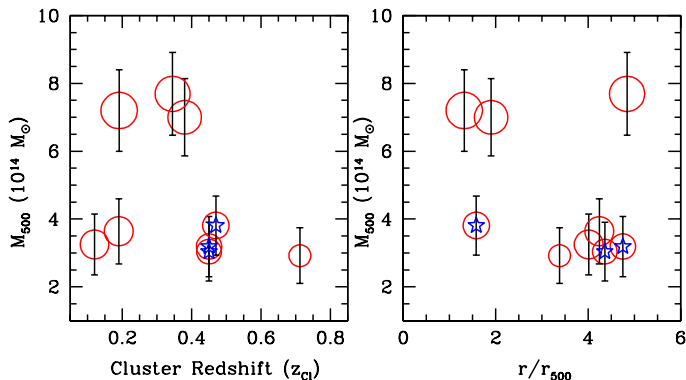
PART-III: PROBING THE CLUSTER OUTSKIRTS (CCM)

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Publications: Muzahid+17, ApJL; Muzahid+ (in prep.)

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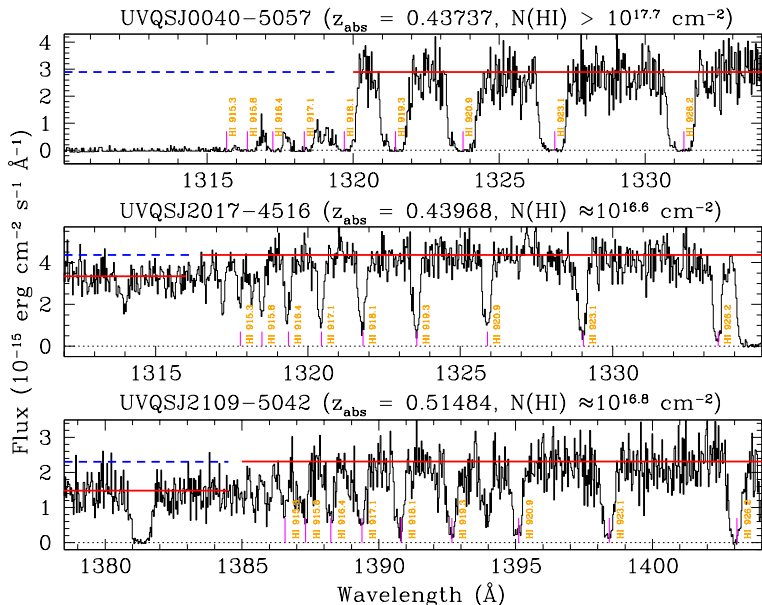
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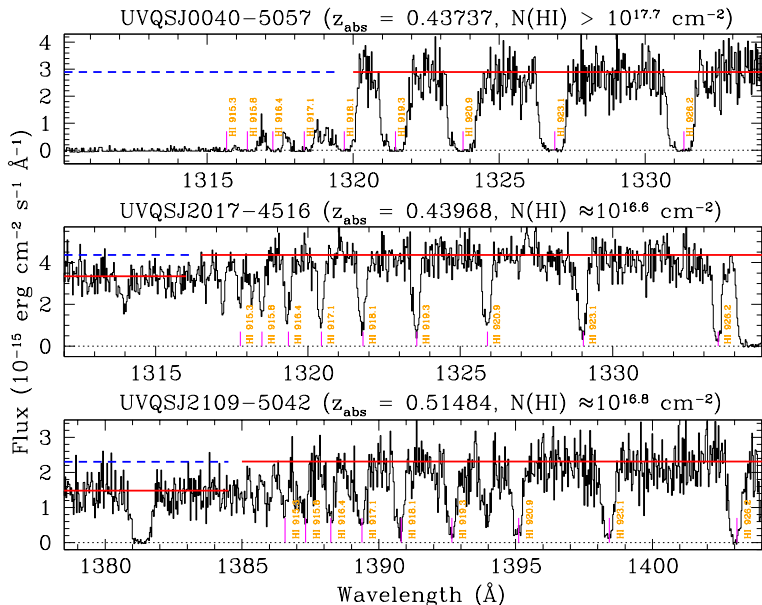
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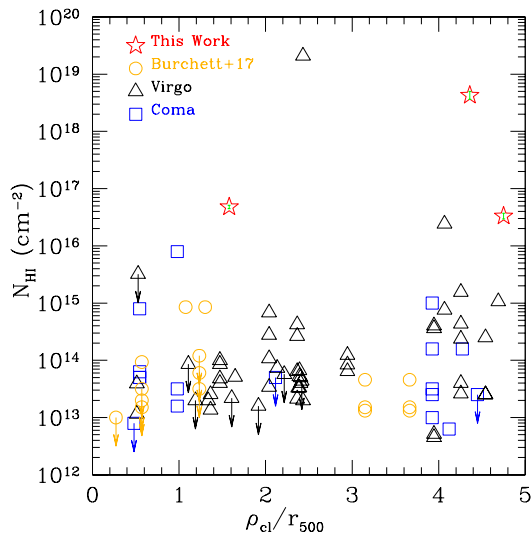
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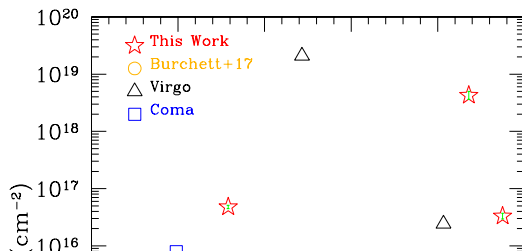
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Only 2.8% of the Coma/Virgo/other cluster sightlines show $\log N(\text{HI}) > 16.0$

The outskirts of the SZ-selected clusters are remarkably rich in cool gas!

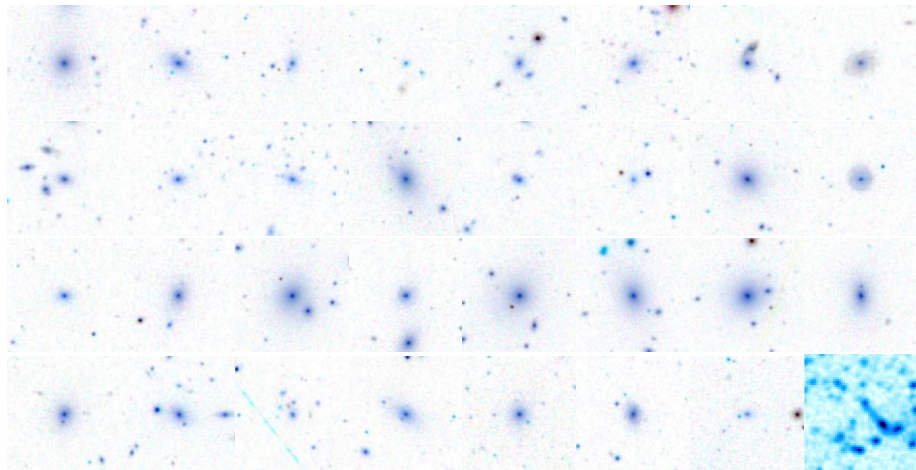
Strong low- (C II, Si II) and intermediate- (N III, C III) ionization metal lines are also present, suggesting high metallicity gas

(analysis is in progress!)

THE CCM: FUTURE PLANS

We have found 32 new QSO-cluster pairs (non-SZE cluster)

We will propose for more HST time in the upcoming cycle



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- **LUVOIR:** observe ~ 100 times more UV-bright QSOs at $R > 50,000$
- **JWST/NIRSpec (and ALMA):** will bring an avalanche of high- z galaxies

The number of QSO-galaxy, QSO-groups, QSO-cluster pairs will be increased dramatically!

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 - 3000–10,000 Å, 40 sq-arcmin FoV, long-slit/short-slit of 100s of objects
 - * Infrared Imaging Spectrograph (IRIS): first-light instrument
 - 0.84–2.4 μ , 34'' \times 34'' FoV, IFU
 - Search for galaxies around the background UV-bright source will be very easy!

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