

[O III] line ratios and evolution of oxygen abundance with redshift using JWST-VLT-Keck observations

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ABSTRACT

Understanding chemical evolution of galaxies has been dramatically revised by JWST observations up to high redshifts $z \sim 14$. Complemented by VLT and Keck observations, they reveal metal-rich systems forming within a few hundred million years after the Big Bang. Using new atomic data, we analyze or re-analyze reportedly observed O III line ratios in high-redshift galaxies to derive electron temperatures, densities, and oxygen abundance. In addition to [O III] temperature diagnostics, [O II] and [S II] ratios are employed for density constraints and contour plots of physical conditions. We examine the temperature–abundance relations and track the evolution of [12 + log(O/H)] with redshift. Our [O III] atomic model incorporates recombination-cascade contributions to forbidden lines using new level-specific recombination rate coefficients and transition probabilities, together with collision strengths computed in our earlier works. We find that individual galaxies show a large variation with electron temperature in the nebular range 5000–25000K and O-abundance down to 6.75 compared to the solar value 8.70. The oxygen abundances vs. z display a systematic decrease toward high- $z \sim 10$, with a best fit ranging from 8.25 to 7.50 from the present epoch at $z = 0$. The present analysis also considers possible $(e + O\text{ IV}) \rightarrow O\text{ III}$ recombination-cascade contributions to [O III] forbidden lines, but is found to be negligible. That implicitly implies that the analysis refers to nebular H II regions per se, and not to possibly AGN contributions that might involve higher ionization states. We also explore AI Machine Learning models to predict and complement directly derived results, with preliminary simulations trained on observed flux ratios and PyNeb-simulated datasets that are promising but limited by current sample sizes. Future work may expand datasets and refine statistical models to establish robust constraints on early-universe chemical evolution.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Space-based observations of distant high- z galaxies by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) have definitively established that galaxy formation began much earlier than believed hitherto. That became evident from a number of clearly resolved atomic lines from several elements. Furthermore, since the observed spectra are in the near-IR range the observations can also be verified and complemented by ground-based observations, particularly by high-resolution spectrographs at large telescopes such as Keck and Very Large Telescope (VLT) observatories. Thus optical or even near-UV lines are observable from red-shifted objects. Since JWST spectra became available, it was noticed that several well-known lines of oxygen ions were prominent in the spectra of galaxies out to $z \sim 10$ or greater. As oxygen is one of the most common elements, its abundance would therefore be a reliable indicator of the chemical evolution of the universe if determined accurately and from a sufficient number of galaxies. In our sample we consider the earliest one at $z \sim 10$ (Abdurro'uf et al. 2024, Hsiao et al. 2025, Hsiao et al. 2024), and the latest at $z \sim 1$ (Welch et al. 2024).

One oxygen ion, O III, well-known in observations from nebular and AGN H II regions, stands out in many of these JWST observations. The forbidden [O III] lines have been studied extensively and are used widely as temperature diagnostics in H II regions in the range 1000–20,000 K (??????). In addition, forbidden [O II] and [S II] lines are employed as electron density diagnostic. Together, these ions provide temperature-density information which, in turn, can be parametrized to derive oxygen abundance since only a few ionization states are involved. Useful expressions dependent on temperature and density have long been utilized obtain abundances in H II regions (e.g. Izotov et al. 2006, Mendez-Delgado et al. 2023).

A recent work has applied strong line calibration on deriving 12 + log(O/H) versus z relation out to $z \sim 3.3$ using data from earlier instruments such as Keck for certain masses of galaxies (Jain et al. 2025). The JWST data with considering the theoretical atomic models is more accurate to consider high redshift galaxies out to $z \sim 10$.

The primary requirement in order to employ theoretical models to analyze observations is accurate atomic data for relevant physical processes. In the case of forbidden lines, which usually arise from transitions among low-lying energy levels, those data entail electron impact excitation and radiative transition probabilities. The dominant

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transitions are among levels of the ground configuration of the same parity via magnetic dipole (M1) and electric quadrupole (E2) transitions. The high-precision atomic data have been computed for all ions under study: O II, O III and S II (?????????). We employ these data in a spectral modeling code SPECTRA that constructs a radiative-collisional atomic model with a 5-level energy structure to obtain line emissivities and ratios. A new extension of SPECTRA is to extend the atomic model to include level-specific ($e + ion$) recombination coefficients from accurate R-matrix calculations (Hoy *et al.* 2023, Nahar ??????). The extended collisional-radiative-recombination (CRR) model incorporates ($e + ion$) recombination to a number of excited levels, and radiative decays therefrom, into the upper levels that give rise to the observed forbidden lines.

2 OBSERVATIONAL DATA ANALYSIS

Spectral data for 30 galaxies observed with JWST/NIRSpec, ground-based observations of 5 galaxies from Keck/KCWI/NIRSPEC/MOSFIRE, 7 galaxies from VLT/Shooter, 1 galaxy from CLASSY, and 1 galaxy from MOSDEF was analyzed (see References). In addition, data from a few other ground-based instruments was also obtained from literature. Detailed information on data sources is given in Appendices Table A1 and Table A2, along with reported quantitative fluxes for [O III], [O II] and [S II] lines, as well as H β fluxes.

The JWST line data in our collection are all from $z > 1$. For analyzing some galaxies for approximate comparison in the low- z region, we added a few galaxies from ground-based observations. The data used for lower redshift ground-based observations does not include all ground-based observations until the present epoch but a representative sample of a few points. For the galaxies that appears twice in the tables, they are analyzed using different sets of line fluxes data, as shown in Table A1. The results are arranged in the same order when reproduced in Table A3.

We collected the data for galaxies whose observed fluxes have been reported for determining spectral properties, namely unblended [O II] 3729,3726 or unblended [S II] 6717,6732 fine structure doublet formed by atomic structure and transitions $^4S^o - ^2D^o_{3/3,5/3}$ that are standard density diagnostics. The temperature diagnostic [O III] 4363,5007 lines due to the atomic transitions $^1D_2 - ^1S_0$ and $^3P^o_2 - ^1D_2$ respectively, that have been identified and extracted until recently available observations.

There are several cases where there are some lines missing from papers in literature. However, our line ratios analysis attempts to estimate their intensities from theoretical line emissivity calculations described below. In particular, if [O III] 4959 is missing (necessary for the Oxygen abundance formula from Izotov *et al.* (2006)), we calculate its intensity since the ratio [O III] 5007/4959 = 2.88 is constant. That is because both transitions originate from the same upper level and the intensity ratio is determined by their respective A-values ?, and independent of environment temperature or density. In cases where [O II] 3729,3726 lines are missing then we employ the [O II] 7320,7332 lines due to forbidden transitions $2s^2p^3(^2D^o_{3/2} - ^2P^o_{1/2,3/2})$ (c.f. Izotov *et al.* 2006).

3 THEORY & COMPUTATIONAL METHOD

The calculations described in this paper employ high-accuracy atomic data computed using the powerful R-matrix method and subsidiary codes described in this section.

3.1 Energy Levels & Einstein A Coefficients

The energy level data for OIII is computed using the R-matrix method (Nahar 1998) but substituted using observed energies where available from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Atomic Spectra Database (www.nist.gov). The transition probabilities and A-coefficients are also obtained from previous R-matrix calculations and archived in the database Nahar-OSU-Radiative-Atomic-Database (NORAD; <http://norad.astronomy.osu.edu>).

Fig. 1 shows the atomic model of OIII including the 10 well-known forbidden transitions among the 5 even-parity levels of the ground configuration $1s^22s^22p^2 : {}^3P_{0,1,2}, {}^1D_2, {}^1S_0$. These levels are considered for collisional excitation. In addition, and for including ($e + ion$) recombination into higher levels and radiative cascades therefrom, excited electronic configurations up to $n = 10$ are included.

3.2 Electron Impact Excitation

We consider collision strengths and Maxwellian averaged rate coefficients for the forbidden [O III] ground configuration transitions as in earlier works (Palay *et al.* 2012, Storey and Sochi 2015). The two sets of data agree within a few per cent throughout most of the temperature range of interest in nebulae, but differ somewhat at low electron temperatures $T_e < 1000K$ where the latter are to be preferred. That is because Storey and Sochi (2015) include additional correlation in the wavefunction expansion for the [O III] levels that include the excited configuration $1s^22p^6$ that correlates with the quasi-degenerate 1S_0 level of the ground configuration $1s^22s^22p^2$. That additional correlation gives rise to somewhat lower resonance structures near the excitation thresholds up to the 1S_0 level, resulting Maxwellian averaged collision strengths that differ from Palay *et al.* (2012). However, as we show later, the line emissivity ratios in the range of interest herein is hardly affected in using the two sets.

3.3 Electron-ion recombination

In order to discern possible effects due to ($e + ion$) recombination, i.e. $(e + O\text{ }iv) \rightarrow O\text{ }iii$, we considerably expand the set of excited energy levels of O III. That enables recombination into excited levels followed by radiative cascades to the 5 levels that give rise to the observed forbidden lines via dipole allowed transitions down to upper levels (Sultana: please fill in this subsection).

3.4 Line Emissivities & Ratios

The CRR model is incorporated in a code SPECTRA that computes line emissivities and diagnostic ratios from the data described above. There are two versions of SPECTRA in Fortran and C++ that have been compared against each other (Hoy *et al.* 2023).

The procedure adopted relies on the canonical [O III] 5007/4363 line ratio that is known to be dependent on electron temperature, and the [O II] 3729/3726 and [S II] 6717/6731 line ratios that are sensitive to electron density. However, as we note below, there are two sets of [O III] theoretical collision strengths available in literature: Palay *et al.* (2012) and Storey and Sochi (2015). We compute and compare the two sets in Fig. 1a, and find little difference in the nebular temperature range under consideration (see section Electron Impact Excitation below). Using the later Storey and Sochi (2015) data, and [O II] collision strengths (????) and [S II] collision strengths (????), we construct a contour plot of the full electron temperature-density range shown in Fig. 1b. The atomic data employed in the present work is as follows.

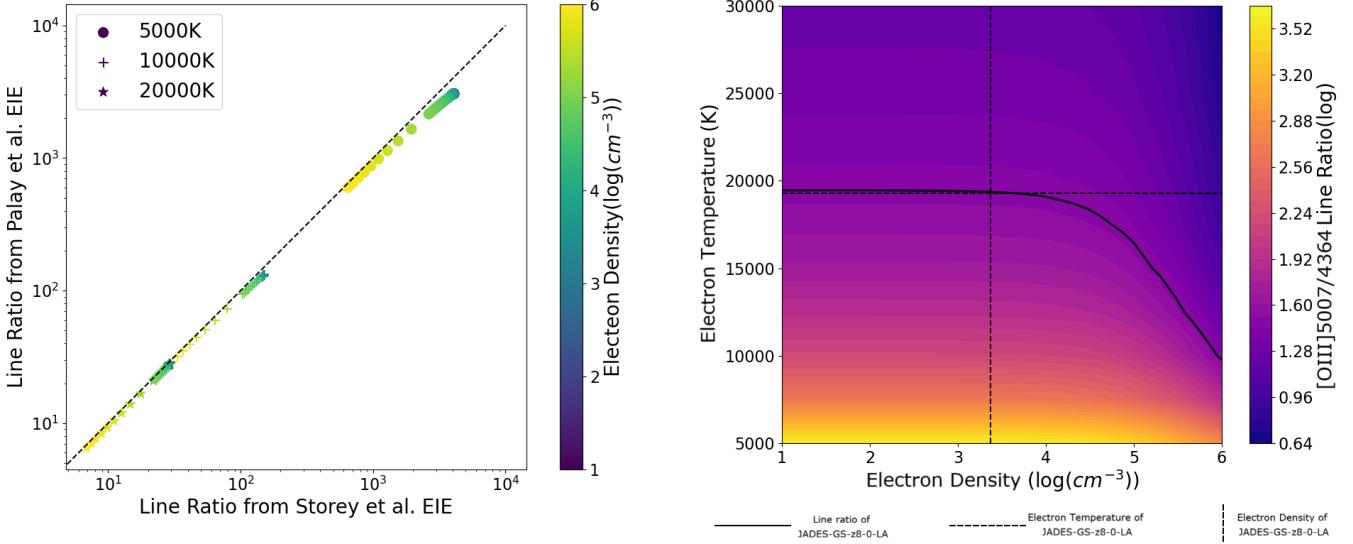


Figure 1. (Left)Comparison between the $OIII$ 5007/4363 line ratio results of SPECTRA code by inputting [Storey & Sochi \(2015\)](#) and [Palay et al. \(2012\)](#) effective collisional strength data. (Right)[$OIII$]5007/4363 line ratio contours results of SPECTRA code by inputting [Storey & Sochi \(2015\)](#) effective collisional strength data.

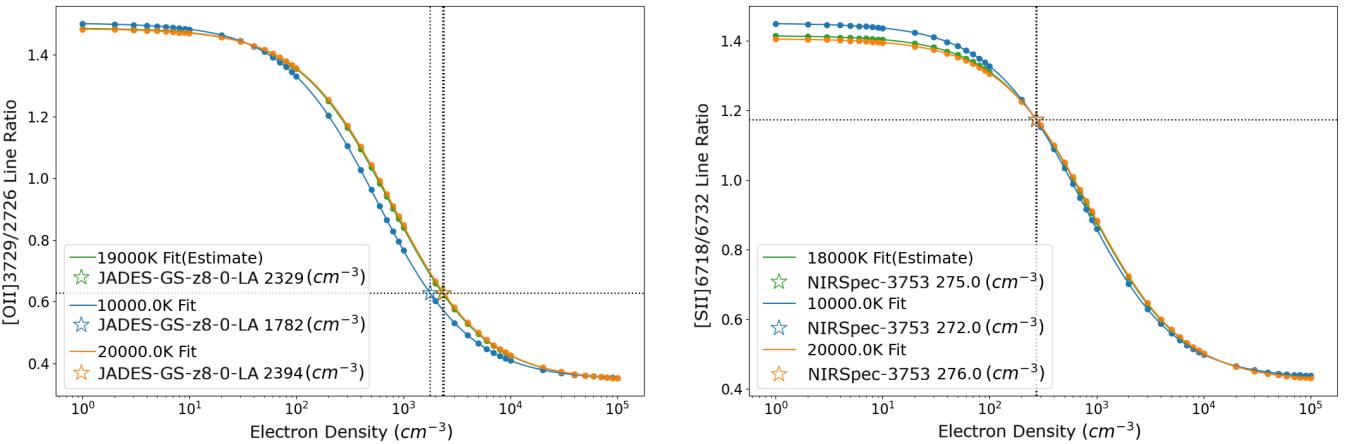


Figure 2. (Left)[OII]3729/3726 Density Diagnostics. (Right)[SII]6718/6732 Density Diagnostics.

4 RESULTS

For oxygen abundance calculation, we adopt two different empirical formulae by [Izotov et al. \(2006\)](#) and [Méndez-Delgado et al. \(2023\)](#) respectively.

4.1 Formula by Izotov et al. (2006)

The inputs for this formula are relative line fluxes to H β , N_e , and T_e . Firstly, it defines $t = 10^{-4}T_e([OIII])$ and $x = 10^{-4}N_e t^{-0.5}$. The following are the formula:

$$12 + \log(O^+/H^+) = \log\left(\frac{OII3727}{H\beta}\right) + 5.961 + \frac{1.676}{t} - 0.40 \log(t) - 0.034t + \log(1 + 1.35x) \quad (1)$$

$$12 + \log(O^+/H^+) = \log\left(\frac{OII7320 + OII7330}{H\beta}\right) + 6.901 + \frac{2.487}{t} - 0.483 \log(t) - 0.013t + \log(1 - 3.48x) \quad (2)$$

$$12 + \log(O^{2+}/H^+) = \log\left(\frac{OIII4959 + OIII5007}{H\beta}\right) + 6.200 + \frac{1.251}{t} - 0.55 \log(t) - 0.014t \quad (3)$$

OII3727 represents the total(blended) relative flux of OII3726 and OII3729 to H β . If OII 3727 is available, we could use (1) to calculate the OII abundance. If OII 3727 is not available, we could use OII7320 and OII7330 relative fluxes by (2) to calculate the OII abundance.

Also, using (3) with OIII4959 relative flux, OIII5007 relative flux, and electron temperature, we can calculate OIII abundance.

Once we have the abundance for singly ionized state(OII) and

doubly ionized state(OIII), we can add them up as (4) to get the total oxygen abundance.

$$\frac{O}{H} = \frac{O^+}{H^+} + \frac{O^{2+}}{H^+} \quad (4)$$

For a specific galaxy PJ308-21, its original paper Decarli et al. (2024) gives neither [O II] $\lambda 3729+\lambda 3726$ nor [O II] $\lambda 7320+\lambda 7330$ fluxes for using Izotov et al. (2006) oxygen abundance formula (1) or (2) to calculate $12 + \log(O^+/H^+)$. We then assume three different values for [O II] $\lambda 3729+\lambda 3726$ relative flux to H β : 0.5, 1.0, and 2.0. This assumption is based on the fact that most of other galaxies we examined have [O II] $\lambda 3729+\lambda 3726$ relative flux to H β around the range 0.5 to 2.0. Only the abundance formulae (1) from Izotov et al. (2006) are used with this assumed [O II] $\lambda 3729+\lambda 3726$ relative flux for PJ308-21, and density determination was done by using [S II] lines. We find that results under such assumption are quite similar, $12 + \log(O/H) = 7.99, 8.02$ and 8.07 respectively. The another result for PJ308-21, by using another oxygen abundance formula from Méndez-Delgado et al. (2023)(will be discussed in 4.3), is $12 + \log(O/H) = 7.95$, which is quite similar to the results by assuming [O II] $\lambda 3729+\lambda 3726$ flux relative to H β with using Izotov et al. (2006) oxygen abundance formula (1). The first result $12 + \log(O/H) = 7.99$ is then adopted in the abundance over temperature, redshift, and lookback time plots.

4.2 Formula by Méndez-Delgado et al. (2023)

$$12 + \log(O/H) = (-1.07 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-4} T_0(H^+) + (9.44 \pm 0.08) \quad (5)$$

4.3 AI Model

Our machine learning analysis reveals varying degrees of success in predicting stellar properties from spectroscopic features. For electron temperature (Te) predictions, the model achieves an R² of 0.279, indicating moderate predictive capability with systematic scatter around the 1:1 relationship. The residual analysis shows relatively uniform distribution around zero, suggesting no strong systematic bias, though the prediction errors range from approximately -4000 to +2000 K. Feature importance analysis identifies the O III ratio as the dominant predictor, contributing over 50

In contrast, the logOH predictions demonstrate poor performance with a negative R² of -0.567, indicating the model performs worse than a simple mean predictor. The residual plot reveals systematic deviations from the expected relationship, with residuals showing a pronounced asymmetric distribution heavily weighted toward positive values (residuals 0.15). This suggests fundamental limitations in the current feature set or model architecture for metallicity predictions. The feature importance hierarchy mirrors that of the Te model, with O III ratio dominating, but the overall predictive framework proves inadequate for this target variable.

Our dataset encompasses 37 galaxies with complete Te measurements and varying data completeness across different spectroscopic features. The sample spans redshifts from z2 to z8, with electron temperatures ranging from 12,000 to 20,000 K and metallicities from $12 + \log(O/H)$ 2 to 8. Correlation analysis reveals expected relationships: a moderate positive correlation between Te and redshift ($r=0.18$), weak negative correlations between metalicity and both Te ($r=-0.083$) and redshift ($r=0.21$), and strong positive correlation between O III and Si II ratios ($r=0.24$). The data quality assessment shows most galaxies achieve high completeness scores (>0.8), though

several systems show intermediate completeness (0.4-0.6), reflecting the observational challenges inherent in high-redshift spectroscopy

5 DISCUSSION

Lookback time was calculated from redshifts by Astropy Planck18 instance of Flat Λ CDM cosmology.

6 CONCLUSIONS

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DATA AVAILABILITY

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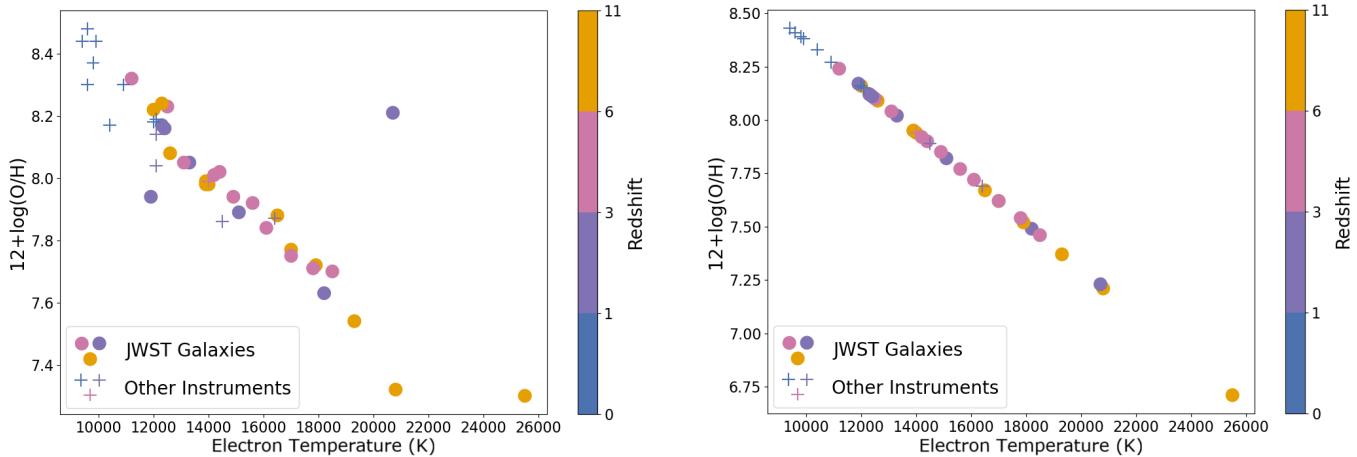


Figure 3. Oxygen Abundance Evolution with temperature using Izotov et al. (2006) formula (Left) and Méndez-Delgado et al. (2023) formula (Right)

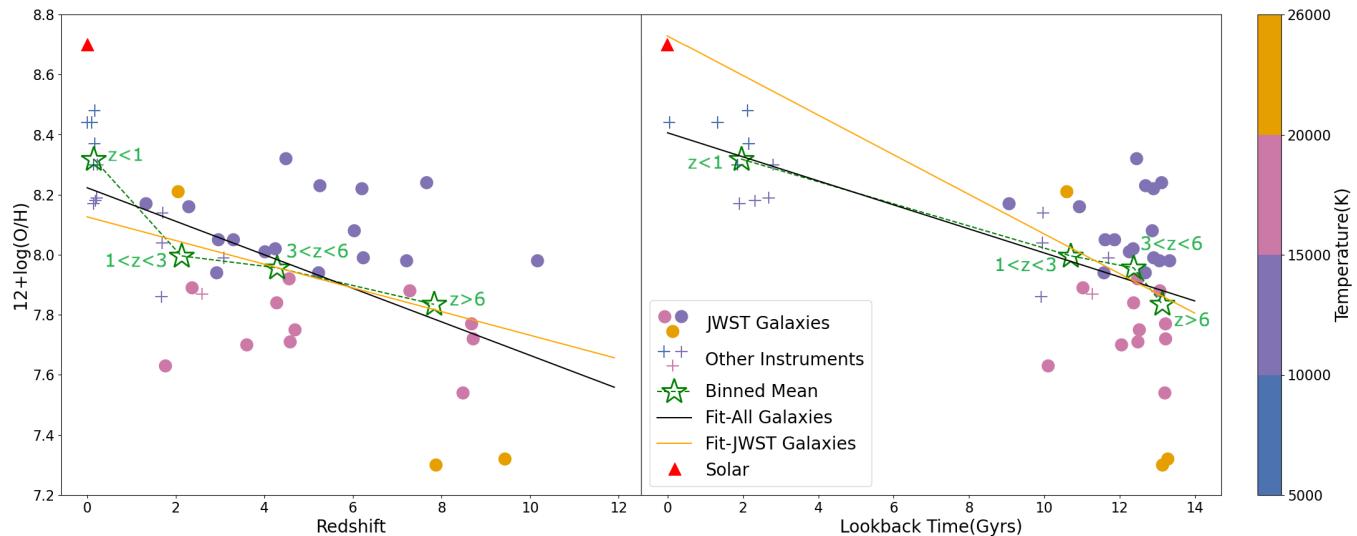


Figure 4. Oxygen Abundance Evolution with redshift and lookback time using Izotov et al. (2006) formula

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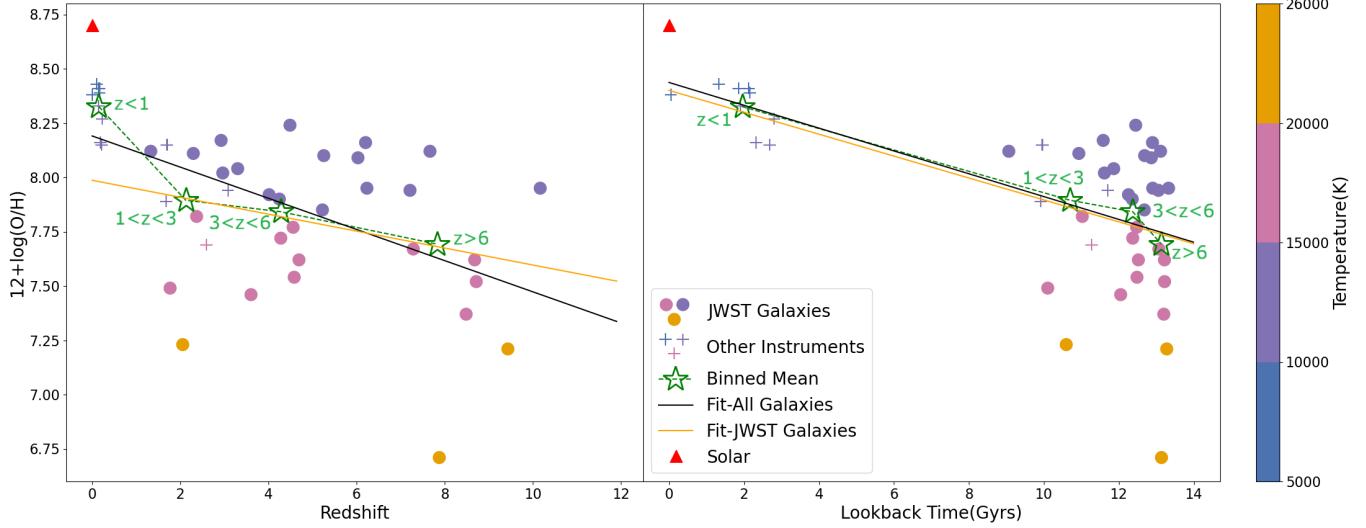


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APPENDIX A: DATA COLLECTION OF ANALYSIS RESULTS AND LINE FLUXES FROM LITERATURE

Table A1. A holistic table of line fluxes from other papers. All line fluxes are normalized by $H\beta = 1$.

| Galaxy | z | OII3726 | OII3729 | OII4363 | OII4959 | OII5007 | SHII6718 | SHII6732 | OII7320 | OII7330 | H β Flux ($erg\ s^{-1}\ cm^{-2}$) |
|---------------------|----------|----------------------------|---------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|--|
| Haro3 | 0.003208 | 1.243 | 1.577 | 0.02521 | 1.361 | 4.016 | 0.1461 | 0.1172 | - | - | 2.271 · 10 ⁻¹⁴ |
| J0021+0052 | 0.09839 | 0.6407 | 0.7217 | 0.02202 | 1.537 ^c | 4.427 | 0.1819 | 0.1312 | 0.02554 | 0.01982 | 2.812 · 10 ⁻¹⁵ |
| J032845.99+011150.8 | 0.142181 | 2.154 ^a | - | 0.01280 | 0.7333 | 2.294 | 0.2849 | 0.2191 | 0.02312 | 0.01920 | 6.059 · 10 ⁻¹⁵ |
| J015028.39+130858.4 | 0.146712 | 2.220 ^a | - | 0.01650 | 0.7424 | 2.221 | 0.2570 | 0.2205 | 0.01881 | 0.01568 | 8.648 · 10 ⁻¹⁵ |
| J124509.05+104340.1 | 0.165569 | 1.775 ^a | - | 0.02845 | 1.718 | 5.122 | 0.1714 | 0.1435 | 0.02856 | 0.02243 | 1.611 · 10 ⁻¹⁴ |
| J005274.5-002148.7 | 0.167449 | 2.008 ^a | - | 0.02228 | 1.236 | 3.673 | 0.1768 | 0.1573 | 0.03513 | 0.02718 | 7.288 · 10 ⁻¹⁵ |
| J101629.88+073404.9 | 0.18271 | 2.271 ^a | - | 0.05832 | 1.729 | 5.236 | 0.1475 | 0.1231 | 0.02264 | 0.01852 | 8.994 · 10 ⁻¹⁵ |
| J082247.66+224144.0 | 0.216226 | 2.090 ^a | - | 0.06771 | 1.924 | 5.814 | 0.1329 | 0.1225 | 0.03747 | 0.02757 | 2.601 · 10 ⁻¹⁵ |
| J084034.10+134451.3 | 0.226961 | 1.785 ^a | - | 0.04537 | 1.784 | 5.353 | 0.1842 | 0.1465 | 0.02768 | 0.02191 | 2.240 · 10 ⁻¹⁷ |
| GOODS-N-14595 | 1.67596 | 0.5759 | 0.6161 | 0.08929 | 1.692 | 4.960 | 0.2500 | <0.5446 | - | - | - |
| GOODS-N-8240 | 1.6909 | 0.5944 | 0.6285 | 0.04954 | 1.458 | 4.434 | <0.9659 | <5.399 | - | - | 3.230 · 10 ⁻¹⁷ |
| RCSG032727-132609 | 1.7 | 1.133 | 0.9876 | 0.05637 | 1.543 | 4.900 | 0.1448 | 0.1066 | - | - | 4.495 · 10 ⁻¹⁵ |
| SGAS1723+34 | 1.3293 | - | - | 0.07480 | 2.084 | 6.239 | 0.1447 | 0.1076 | 0.02103 | 0.01935 | 1.845 · 10 ⁻¹⁵ |
| NIRSpec3753 | 1.768 | 2.692 ^a | - | 0.1169 | 1.270 | 4.040 | 0.2770 | 0.2361 | - | - | 8.810 · 10 ⁻¹⁸ |
| CEERS-3506 | 2.055 | - | - | 0.2350 | 2.530 | 6.510 | 0.01360 | 0.02230 | 0.007100 | 0.004200 | 2.210 · 10 ⁻¹⁷ |
| CEERS-3788 | 2.295 | 0.4170 | 0.4590 | 0.08800 | 2.370 | 7.010 | 0.3720 | 0.2330 | - | - | - |
| Sunburst Arc | 2.37 | 0.2900 | 0.2200 | 0.1380 | 2.200 | 6.800 | 0.03900 | 0.04300 | 0.03000 | 0.02200 | 6.600 · 10 ⁻¹⁹ |
| A1689-217 | 2.5918 | 1.156 | 1.339 | 0.1094 | 2.156 | 6.210 ^c | - | - | - | - | 1.920 · 10 ⁻¹⁶ |
| SGAS1226+21 | 2.925 | - | - | <0.04707 | 1.320 | 4.327 | 0.3045 | 0.2917 | <0.006973 | <0.006973 | 1.721 · 10 ⁻¹⁶ |
| Q2343-D40 | 2.963 | - | - | 0.08700 | 1.993 | 5.914 | 0.1310 | 0.09700 | 0.02500 | 0.02000 | 8.650 · 10 ⁻¹⁸ |
| Q2343-D40 | 2.963 | - | - | 0.04000 | 2.254 | 7.075 | 0.1310 | 0.09700 | 0.02500 | 0.02000 | - |
| COSMOS-1908 | 3.08 | 0.2309 | 0.2309 | 0.1186 | 2.288 | 7.055 | - | - | - | - | 4.720 · 10 ⁻¹⁷ |
| CEERS-11088 | 3.302 | 1.681 ^a | - | 0.05737 | 2.041 | 6.052 | 0.2147 | 0.1714 | 0.07257 ^b | - | 2.632 · 10 ⁻¹⁷ |
| CEERS-11088 | 3.302 | 0.5200 | 0.4700 | 0.08800 | 1.936 | 6.233 | 0.5830 | 0.2570 | - | - | - |
| JADES-19519 | 3.604 | 0.3790 | 0.5330 | 0.2010 | 2.279 | 6.782 | - | - | - | - | - |
| GLASS-160133 | 4.015 | 0.2140 | 0.2610 | 0.1540 | 2.559 | 7.725 | - | - | - | - | - |
| GTO1199-150880 | 4.247 | 1.006 ^a | - | 0.1358 | 10.26 ^d | - | 0.08447 | 0.06849 | - | - | 8.760 · 10 ⁻¹⁸ |
| GRB050505 | 4.28 | 0.7037 | 0.9722 | 0.1389 | 2.065 | 6.046 | 0.2778 | 0.2037 | - | - | 1.080 · 10 ⁻¹⁷ |
| CEERS-1665 | 4.482 | 1.514 ^a | - | 0.06532 | 2.214 | 6.827 | 0.1512 | 0.1243 | <0.08772 ^b | - | 2.679 · 10 ⁻¹⁷ |
| CEERS-1665 | 4.488 | 0.5120 | 0.3520 | 0.06700 | 2.338 | 7.336 | 0.3100 | 0.2030 | - | - | - |
| CEERS-1746 | 4.56 | 1.120 ^a | - | 0.1624 | 2.251 | 7.604 | 0.09117 | 0.09687 | <0.1425 ^b | - | 3.510 · 10 ⁻¹⁸ |
| GLASS-150029 | 4.584 | 0.1780 | 0.2070 | 0.1840 | 2.328 | 6.588 | - | - | - | - | - |
| GLASS-150029 | 4.584 | 0.1827 | 0.2373 | 0.1530 | 2.221 | 6.316 | - | - | - | - | - |
| ID60001 | 4.6928 | 0.5650 ^a | - | 0.1640 | 2.170 | 6.470 | 0.04374 | 0.03645 | - | - | 8.230 · 10 ⁻¹⁸ |
| EXCELS-121806 | 5.225 | 0.8411 ^a | - | 0.1339 | 2.327 | 6.826 | 0.05920 | 0.04835 | - | - | 4.054 · 10 ⁻¹⁸ |
| EXCELS-70864 | 5.255 | 0.8541 ^a | - | 0.1108 | 2.854 | 8.617 | <0.03900 | <0.04446 | - | - | 2.564 · 10 ⁻¹⁸ |
| J1211-0118 | 6.031 | 0.9760 | 1.163 | <0.06200 | 1.605 | 4.783 | - | - | - | - | - |
| J0217-0208 | 6.204 | 0.8930 | 0.6030 | 0.07500 | 2.004 | 6.567 | - | - | - | - | - |
| J0217-0208 | 6.204 | 0.8930 | 0.6030 | 0.05952 | 2.234 ^c | 6.433 | 0.08931 | 0.09482 | - | - | 9.070 · 10 ⁻¹⁸ |
| P1308-21 | 6.2342 | 0.511.0/2.0 ^{a,c} | - | 0.1139 | 2.293 | 6.873 | 0.1418 | 0.1721 | - | - | 1.650 · 10 ⁻¹⁷ |
| SXDF-NB1006-2 | 7.212 | 0.2660 | 0.2390 | 0.1130 | 2.262 | 6.741 | - | - | - | - | 8.550 · 10 ⁻¹⁸ |
| GLASS-10021 | 7.286 | 0.3378 | 0.4730 | 0.1980 | 2.696 | 8.284 | - | - | - | - | 3.210 · 10 ⁻¹⁹ |
| ERO6355 | 7.6651 | 0.5104 | 0.3896 | 0.1000 | 2.660 | 8.290 | - | - | - | - | 1.017 · 10 ⁻¹⁷ |
| ZD12 | 7.8762 | 0.3300 | 0.2791 | 0.2529 | 7.051 ^d | - | - | - | - | - | 8.360 · 10 ⁻¹⁹ |
| JADES-GS-z8-0-LA | 8.48523 | 0.1402 | 0.08785 | 0.1776 | 1.836 | 5.470 | - | - | - | - | 7.540 · 10 ⁻¹⁹ |
| CEERS-1019 | 8.6791 | 0.2084 | 0.1781 | 0.1780 | 2.262 | 7.011 | - | - | - | - | 3.275 · 10 ⁻¹⁸ |
| JADES-GS-z8-1-LA | 8.71523 | 0.2667 | 0.2309 | 0.2010 | 2.401 | 7.153 | - | - | - | - | - |
| JADES-GS-z9-0 | 9.4327 | 0.07825 | 0.1790 | 0.1790 | 1.756 | 4.955 | - | - | - | - | - |
| MACS0647-JD1 | 10.167 | 0.1038 | 0.07022 | 0.1130 | 2.396 ^c | 6.900 | - | - | - | - | - |

^aThis is the blended flux for OII3726+OII3729.^bThis is the blended flux for OII7320+OII7330.^cThis is not come from papers, it is come from assumptions as shown in the text of Appendix A^dThis is the blended flux for OIII4959+OIII5007.

Table A2. Line flux data sources of galaxies

| Source | Instrument | Adopted line flux data of galaxies |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Acharyya et al. (2019) | Keck/NIRSPEC | All data of RCSCGA032727-132609. |
| Chen et al. (2024) | Keck/KCWI | All data of Haro3. |
| Clarke et al. (2023) | Keck/MOSFIRE | All data of GOODS-N-14595 and GOODS-N-8240. |
| Loaiza-Agudelo et al. (2020) | VLT/XShooter | All data of J032845.99+011150.8, J015028.39+130858.4, J124509.05+104340.1, J005527.45–002148.7, J101629.88+073404.9, J082247.66+224144.0, and J084034.10+134451.3. |
| Mingozzi et al. (2022) | CLASSY | All data of J0021+0052. |
| Sanders et al. (2016) | MOSDEF | All data of COSMOS-1908. |
| Arellano-Córdova et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of EXCELS-121806 and EXCELS-70864. |
| Bhattacharya et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of CEERS-3788, the second row of CEERS-11088, the first row of GLASS-150029, JADES-19519, and the second row of CEERS-1665. OIII4363, OIII4960, and OIII5008 line fluxes of the second row of Q2343-D40. |
| Decarli et al. (2024) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of PJ308-21. |
| Harikane et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of J1211-0118, SXDF-NB1006-2, and first row of J0217-0208. Line fluxes of OII 3726 and 3729 lines of the second row of J0217-0208 |
| Sanders et al. (2023) | JWST/NIRSpec | Blended line flux of OII 3726 and 3729 lines and all other line flux data of CEERS-1019. All data of CEERS-1746, the first row of CEERS-11088, and the first row of CEERS-1665. |
| Isobe et al. (2023) | JWST/NIRSpec | OII 3726 and 3729 lines ratio of CEER-1019, ERO6355, GLASS-160133, and the second row of GLASS-150029. |
| Curti et al. (2022) | JWST/NIRSpec | Blended flux of OII 3726 and 3729 lines and all other line flux data of ERO6355. |
| Hsiao et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | Line flux OIII 5007($=226 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$) of MACS0647-JD1. |
| Hsiao et al. (2024) | JWST/NIRSpec | OIII5007/Hbeta($=6.9$) ratio of MACS0647-JD1. |
| Abdurro'uf et al. (2024) | JWST/NIRSpec | OII3726, OII3729, and OIII4363 line fluxes of MACS0647-JD1. |
| Welch et al. (2024) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of SGAS1226+21 and SGAS1723+34. |
| Welch et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of Sunburst Arc. |
| Matsuoka et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data except for fluxes of OII 3726 and 3729 lines of the second row of J0217-0208. |
| Rogers et al. (2024) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of the first row of Q2343-D40. SII6718, SII6732, OII7320, and OII7330 line fluxes of the second row of Q2343-D40. |
| Nakajima et al. (2023) | JWST/NIRSpec | Blended line flux of OII 3726 and 3729 lines and all other line flux data of the second row of GLASS-150029, GLASS-10021, and GLASS-160133. |
| Curti et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of JADES-GS-z9-0. |
| Witstok et al. (2024) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of JADES-GS-z8-1-LA and JADES-GS-z8-0-LA. |
| Zhu et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of CEERS-3506 |
| Gburek et al. (2019) | Keck/MOSFIRE | All data of A1689-217. |
| Bunker et al. (2024) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of NIRSpec3753. |
| Inkenhaag et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of GRB050505. |
| Li et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | OII 3726 and 3729 lines ratio of GLASS-10021. |
| Morishita et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of ZD12. |
| Stiavelli et al. (2024) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of GTO1199-150880. |
| Zhang et al. (2025) | JWST/NIRSpec | All data of ID60001. |

Table A3. A holistic table of analysis results by using [Storey & Sochi \(2015\)](#) EIE data

| Galaxy | Instrument | z | 12 + log(O/H) Izotov Formula | 12 + log(O/H) MD Formula ^d | 12 + log(O/H) Original Papar | $T_e[OIII]$ (K) | $N_e[OII]$ (cm^{-3}) | $N_e[SII]$ (cm^{-3}) |
|---------------------|--------------|----------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Haro3 | Keck/KCWI | 0.003208 | 8.44 | 8.38 | 8.309 | 9900 | 145 | 183 |
| J0021+0052 | CLASSY | 0.09839 | 8.44 | 8.43 | 8.17 ^e | 9400 | 275 | 50 |
| J032845.99+011150.8 | VLT/XShooter | 0.142181 | 8.30 | 8.41 | 8.30 | 9600 | - | 126 |
| J015028.39+130858.4 | VLT/XShooter | 0.146712 | 8.17 | 8.33 | 8.30 | 10400 | - | 283 |
| J124509.05+104340.1 | VLT/XShooter | 0.165569 | 8.48 | 8.41 | 8.54 | 9600 | - | 245 |
| J005527.45–002148.7 | VLT/XShooter | 0.167449 | 8.37 | 8.39 | 8.47 | 9800 | - | 343 |
| J101629.88+073404.9 | VLT/XShooter | 0.18271 | 8.18 | 8.16 | 8.33 | 12000 | - | 239 |
| J082247.66+224144.0 | VLT/XShooter | 0.216226 | 8.19 | 8.15 | 8.39 | 12100 | - | 412 |
| J084034.10+134451.3 | VLT/XShooter | 0.226961 | 8.30 | 8.27 | 8.37 | 10900 | - | 170 |
| SGAS1723+34 | JWST/NIRSpec | 1.3293 | 8.17 | 8.12 | 8.13 | 12300 | - | 80 |
| GOODS-N-14595 | Keck/MOSFIRE | 1.67596 | 7.86 | 7.89 | >7.62 | 14500 | 391 | - |
| GOODS-N-8240 | Keck/MOSFIRE | 1.6909 | 8.04 | 8.15 | 8.02 | 12100 | 377 | - |
| RCSGA032727-132609 | Keck/NIRSPEC | 1.7 | 8.14/8.13 ^a | 8.15 | 8.19 | 12100 | 726 | 68 |
| NIRSpec3753 | JWST/NIRSpec | 1.768 | 7.63 | 7.49 | - | 18200 | - | 275 |
| CEERS-3506 | JWST/NIRSpec | 2.055 | 8.21 | 7.23 | 7.52 | 20700 | - | 3755 |
| CEERS-3788 | JWST/NIRSpec | 2.295 | 8.16 | 8.11 | 7.91 | 12400 | 320 | - |
| Sunburst Arc | JWST/NIRSpec | 2.37 | 7.89 | 7.82 | 7.97 | 15100 | 1196 | 870 |
| A1689-217 | Keck/MOSFIRE | 2.5918 | 7.87 | 7.69 | 8.06 | 16400 | 284 | - |
| SGAS1226+21 | JWST/NIRSpec | 2.925 | >7.94 | >8.17 | >8.04 | <11900 | - | 489 |
| Q2343-D40 | JWST/NIRSpec | 2.963 | 8.05 | 8.02 | 8.07 | 13300 | - | 73 |
| Q2343-D40 | JWST/NIRSpec | 2.963 | 8.63 | 8.41 | 8.01 ^f | 9600 | - | 80 |
| COSMOS-1908 | MOSDEF | 3.08 | 7.99 | 7.94 | 8.00 | 14000 | 491 | - |
| CEERS-11088 | JWST/NIRSpec | 3.302 | 8.27 | 8.22 | 8.33 | 11400 | - | 175 |
| CEERS-11088 | JWST/NIRSpec | 3.302 | 8.05 | 8.04 | 7.87 ^f | 13100 | 668 | - |
| JADES-19519 | JWST/NIRSpec | 3.604 | 7.70 | 7.46 | 7.48 | 18500 | 58 | - |
| GLASS-160133 | JWST/NIRSpec | 4.015 | 8.01 | 7.92 | 7.95 ^g | 14200 | 204 | - |
| GTO1199-150880 | JWST/NIRSpec | 4.247 | 8.02 | 7.90 | 8.00 | 14400 | - | 195 |
| GRB050505 | JWST/NIRSpec | 4.28 | 7.84 | 7.72 | 7.80 | 16100 | 73 | 53 |
| CEERS-1665 | JWST/NIRSpec | 4.482 | 8.29 | 8.22 | 8.27 | 11400 | - | 217 |
| CEERS-1665 | JWST/NIRSpec | 4.488 | 8.32 | 8.24 | 8.13 | 11200 | 1405 | - |
| CEERS-1746 | JWST/NIRSpec | 4.56 | 7.92 | 7.77 | 7.95 | 15600 | - | 766 |
| GLASS-150029 | JWST/NIRSpec | 4.584 | 7.71 | 7.54 | 7.53 | 17800 | 294 | - |
| GLASS-150029 | JWST/NIRSpec | 4.584 | 7.76 | 7.66 | 7.70 ^g | 16600 | 143 | - |
| ID60001 | JWST/NIRSpec | 4.6928 | 7.75 | 7.62 | 7.75 | 17000 | - | 236 |
| EXCELS-121806 | JWST/NIRSpec | 5.225 | 7.94 | 7.85 | 7.97 | 14900 | - | 205 |
| EXCELS-70864 | JWST/NIRSpec | 5.255 | 8.23 | 8.10 | 8.21 | 12500 | - | ~961 ^c |
| J1211-0118 | JWST/NIRSpec | 6.031 | >8.08 | >8.09 | 8.51 | <12600 | 226 | - |
| J0217-0208 | JWST/NIRSpec | 6.204 | 8.22 | 8.16 | 8.20 | 12000 | 1526 | - |
| J0217-0208 | JWST/NIRSpec | 6.204 | 8.07 | 8.01 | - | 13400 | - | 743 |
| PJ308-21 | JWST/NIRSpec | 6.2342 | 7.99/8.02/8.07 ^b | 7.95 | - | 13900 | - | 1206 |
| SXDF-NB1006-2 | JWST/NIRSpec | 7.212 | 7.98 | 7.94 | 7.99 | 14000 | 701 | - |
| GLASS-10021 | JWST/NIRSpec | 7.286 | 7.88 | 7.67 | 7.87 ^g | 16500 | 61 | - |
| ERO6355 | JWST/NIRSpec | 7.6651 | 8.24 | 8.12 | 8.24 ^h | 12300 | 1074 | - |
| ZD12 | JWST/NIRSpec | 7.8762 | 7.30 | 6.71 | 7.34 | 25500 | 1007 | - |
| JADES-GS-z8-0-LA | JWST/NIRSpec | 8.48523 | 7.54 | 7.37 | 7.481 | 19300 | 2329 | - |
| CEERS-1019 | JWST/NIRSpec | 8.6791 | 7.77 | 7.62 | 7.78 ⁱ | 17000 | 893 | - |
| JADES-GS-z8-1-LA | JWST/NIRSpec | 8.71523 | 7.72 | 7.52 | 7.699 | 17900 | 885 | - |
| JADES-GS-z9-0 | JWST/NIRSpec | 9.4327 | 7.32 | 7.21 | 7.41 | 20800 | 743 | - |
| MACS0647-JD1 | JWST/NIRSpec | 10.167 | 7.98 | 7.95 | 7.79 ^j | 13900 | 1613 | - |

^aLeft value is calculated by using $N_e[OII]$, and the right is by using $N_e[SII]$. Other galaxies with using both OII and SII electron density give same electron temperature and oxygen abundance, so they are just listed as one electron temperature and oxygen abundance value.

^bFrom 3 assumptions of OII3726+OII3729 flux 0.5/1.0/2.0 respectively

^cUpper limit of both SII lines are used to get the line ratio, so it is a uncertain value.

^dMéndez-Delgado Formula. The uncertainty of 12 + log(O/H) derived by this formula for all galaxies is about 0.2.

^e([Berg et al. 2022](#))

^f([Bhattacharya et al. 2025](#))

^g([Nakajima et al. 2023](#))

^h([Curti et al. 2022](#))

ⁱ([Sanders et al. 2023](#))

^j([Hsiao et al. 2024](#))