Tracing Baryons in the Warm Hot Intergalactic Medium using Broad Lyman-α Absorbers

Mid-Term 2

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Thesis Phase I : Recap

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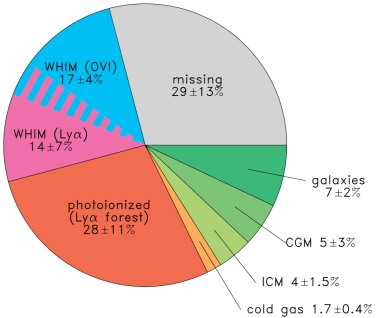

Figure 1: Baryon budget at $z \sim 0$.
Shull et al. (2012)

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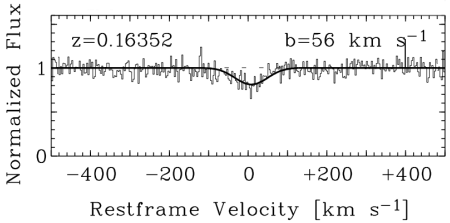

Figure 2: A BLA towards the LOS of quasar H 1821+643. Philipp Richter (2005)

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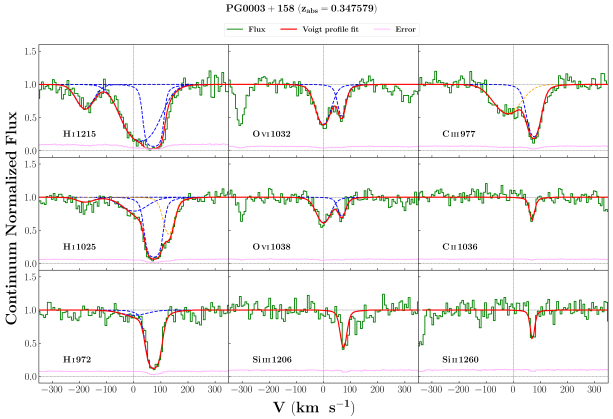

Figure 3: System plot of the absorber system towards PG 0003+158. Velocity is taken zero at z = 0.347579

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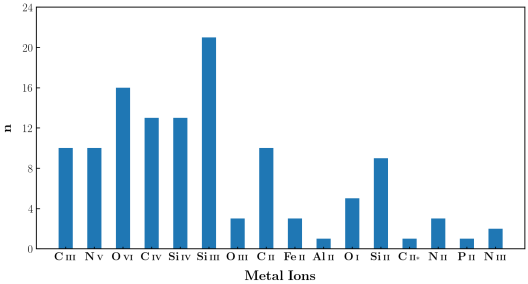

Figure 4: Distribution of metal ions in all 28 candidate BLAs

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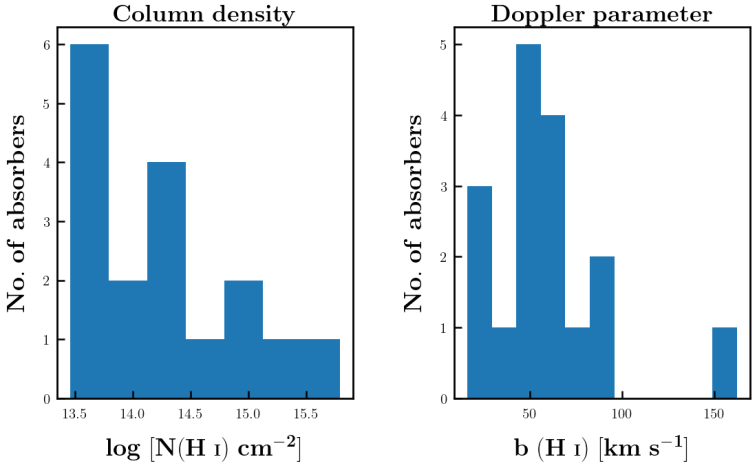

Figure 5: Distribution of H I column densities and Doppler parameters.

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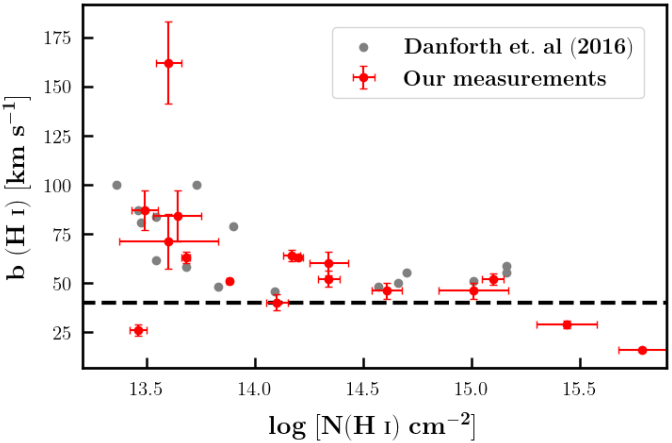

Figure 6: H I column density vs. Doppler parameter

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$$b^2 = b_{th}^2 + b_{nt}^2$$

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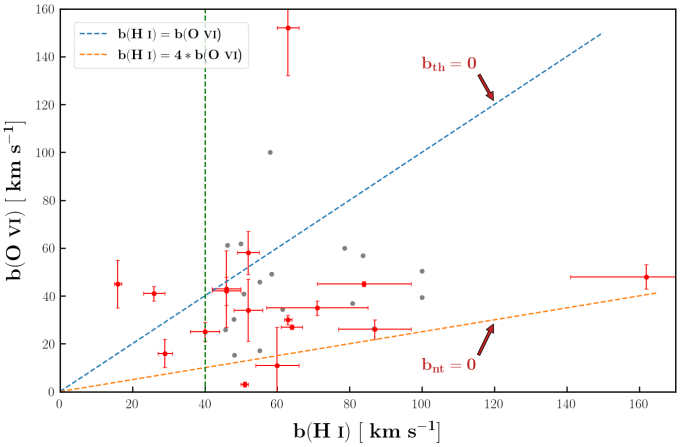

Figure 7: b(O VI) vs. b(H I). Grey filled circles are measurements from Danforth et. al 2016.

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$$T = \frac{8m}{15k}\left(b^2_{\mathrm{H\,I}} - b^2_{\mathrm{O\,VI}}\right)$$

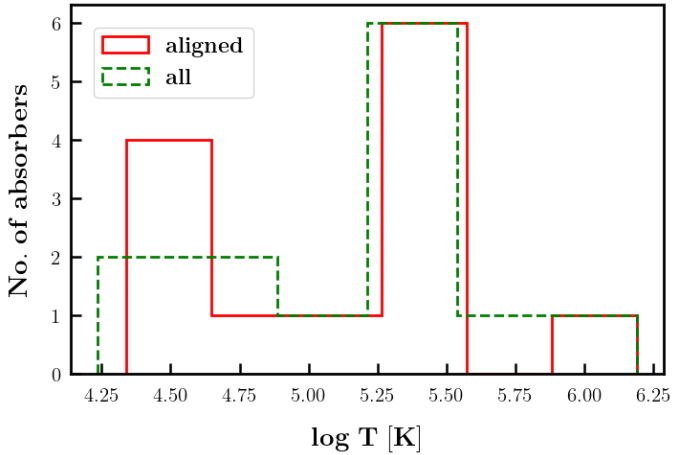

Figure 8: Distribution of temperature calculated from Doppler parameters of H I and O VI lines.

Ionisation Modelling

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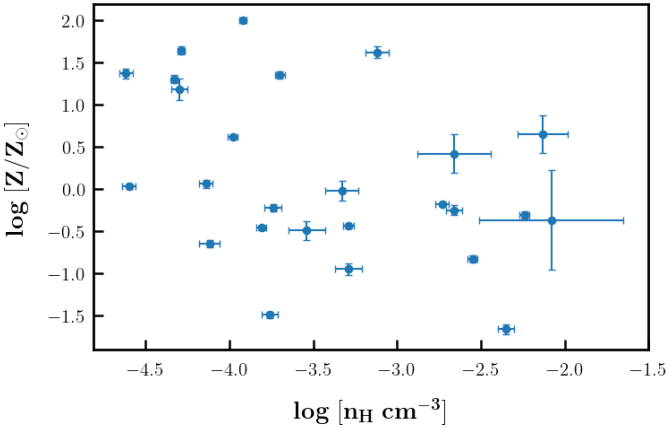

Figure 9: Ionisation modelling solutions (n_H, Z) for all 26 components.

+ve correlation

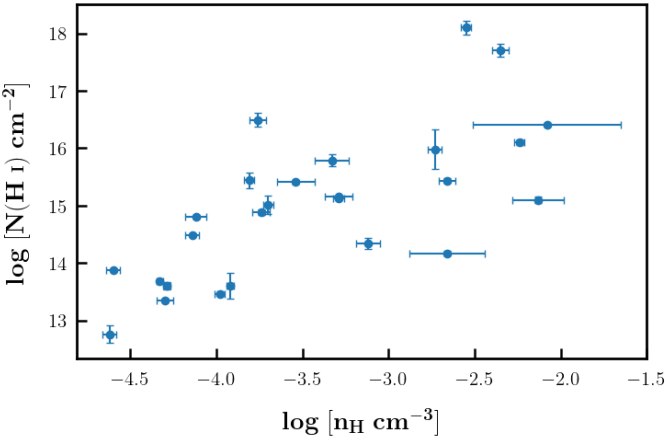

Figure 10: Variation of N(H I) with n_H

O VI cases

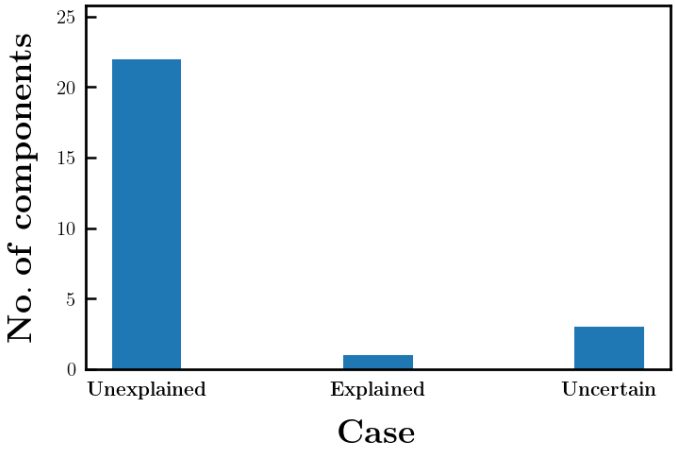

Figure 11: O VI column density predictions.

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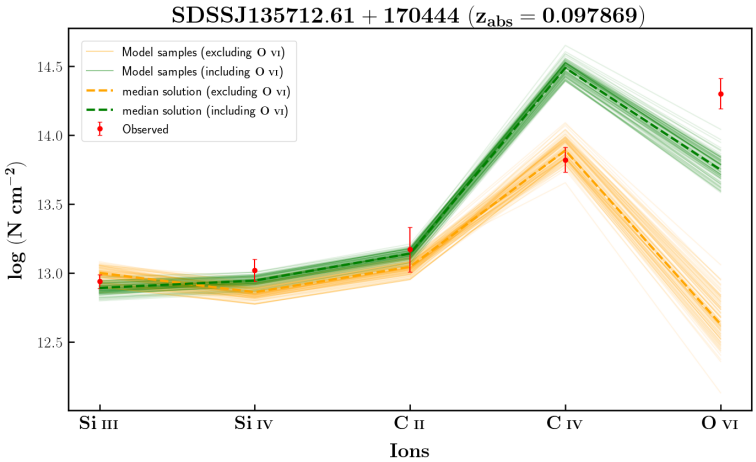

Figure 12: N(H I)=16.49 cm^{-2}

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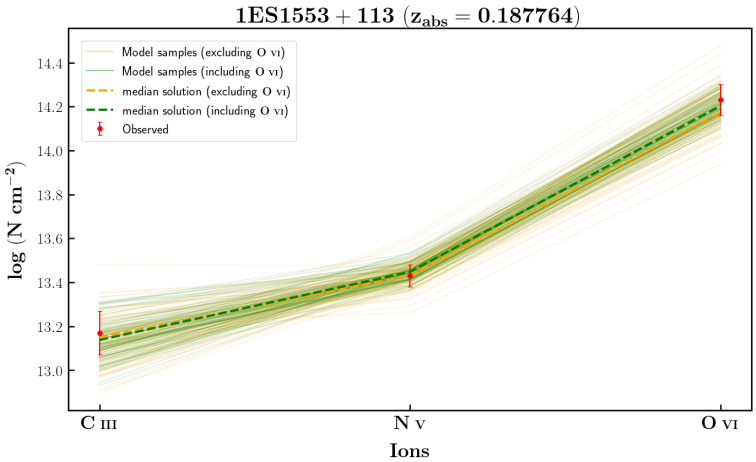

Figure 13: N(H I)=12.76 cm^{-2}

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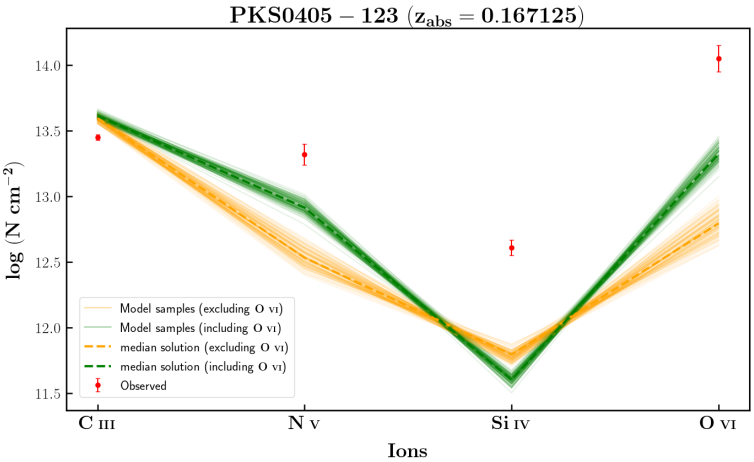

Figure 14: N(H I)=13.46 cm^{-2}

Towards *the end*

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- *Finally*, calculating $\Omega_b(BLA)$

Summary

- Voigt profile fitting : 22 absorbers - 231 Voigt profiles
- Ionisation modelling : 16 absorbers - 26 components
- O VI couldn't be explained with photoionization models
- BLA survey towards completion

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So much universe, and so little time...