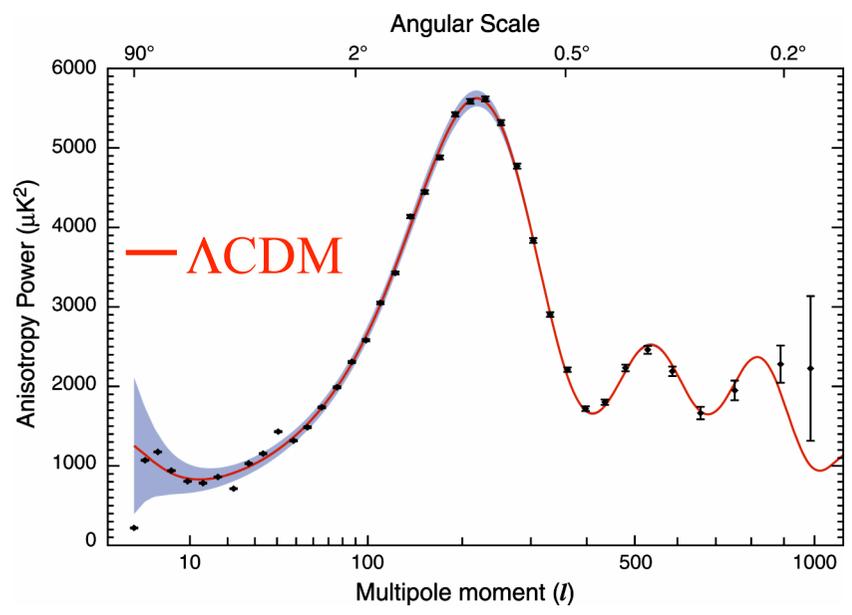
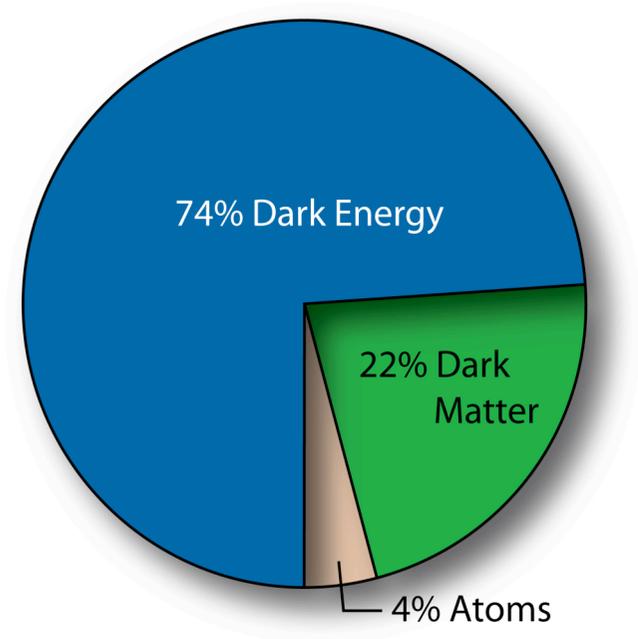
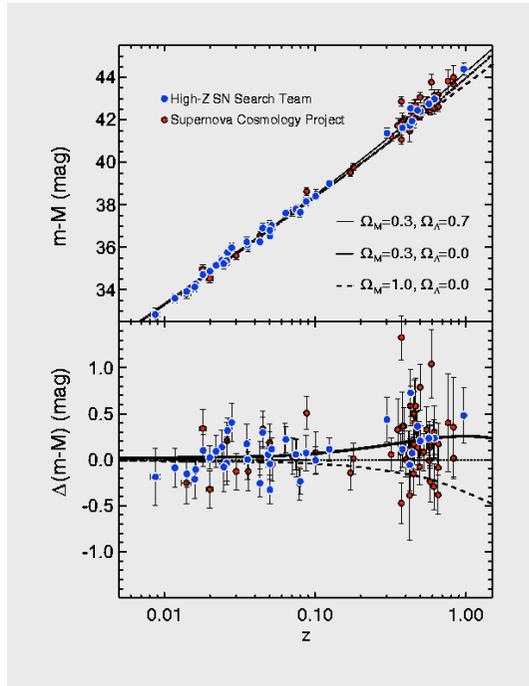


**Measuring the redshift drift  
of the Ly $\alpha$  forest**

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**a direct measurement of the  
dynamical evolution of the  
Universe**



**“It should be possible to choose between various models of the expanding universe if the deceleration of a given galaxy could be measured. Precise predictions of the expected change in  $z=d\lambda/\lambda_0$  for reasonable observing times (say 100 years) is exceedingly small. Nevertheless, the predictions are interesting, since they form part of the available theory for the evolution of the universe”**

**Sandage 1962 ApJ 136,319**



1. Title Category: **A-8**  
 Monitoring the redshift-drift of the Lyman-alpha forest – a direct measurement of the dynamical evolution of the Universe

2. Abstract / Total Time Requested

Total Amount of Time: 3660h

Total Number of Semesters: 30

We propose to monitor the redshift drift of the Ly $\alpha$  forest and associated metal lines of a sample of high (1000-3300) S/N spectra of 30 very bright QSOs in the redshift range  $2 < z < 4.5$  with the ultra-stable high resolution optical spectrograph on the E-ELT for a period of 15 yrs. The redshift drift is sensitive to the difference of the expansion rate today and the expansion rate at the redshift of the absorbing structures and is directly related to the acceleration of the Universe. With the proposed observations we can achieve an overall measurement accuracy of 3.2 cm/s. By monitoring the drift of the Ly $\alpha$  forest over a wide redshift range we will measure the instantaneous expansion rate of the Universe today and the expansion rate at high redshift. The measurement of the expansion rate and its evolution at high redshift will be an important test of General Relativity. The measurement of the instantaneous expansion rate will test whether the Universe expands today at the rate expected from other astronomical measurements which generally constitute measurements of the expansion rate averaged over hundred Myrs or more. The observations proposed can be used as a first epoch measurement for more accurate measurements by future generation of astronomers and will thus leave a long lasting legacy. The acquired spectra will represent a unique resource for a wide range of QSO absorption line studies.

3. Run	Period	Instrument	Time	Month	Moon	Seeing	Sky Trans.	Obs.Mode
A	80	UVES	122h	any	d	$\leq 0.8''$	PHO	s
B	81	UVES	122h	any	d	$\leq 0.8''$	PHO	s
C	82	UVES	122h	any	d	$\leq 0.8''$	PHO	s
D	83	UVES	122h	any	d	$\leq 0.8''$	PHO	s
E	83	UVES	122h	any	d	$\leq 0.8''$	PHO	s
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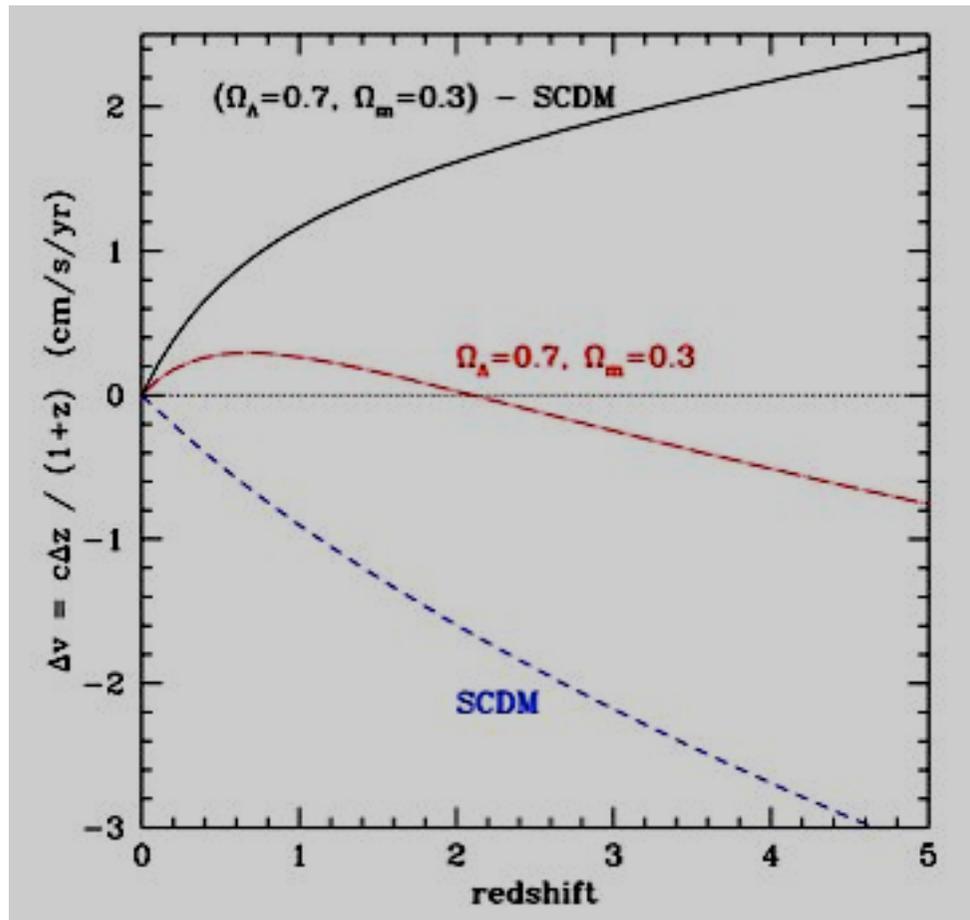
# Measuring $\dot{z}$

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial t_0} dt_0 + \frac{\partial z}{\partial t_e} dt_e$$

$$\dot{z} = \frac{dz}{dt_0} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial t_0} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial t_e} \frac{dt_e}{dt_0} = \frac{\dot{a}(t_0)}{a(t_e)} - \frac{\dot{a}(t_e) a(t_0)}{a(t_e) a(t_e)} \frac{1}{1+z}$$

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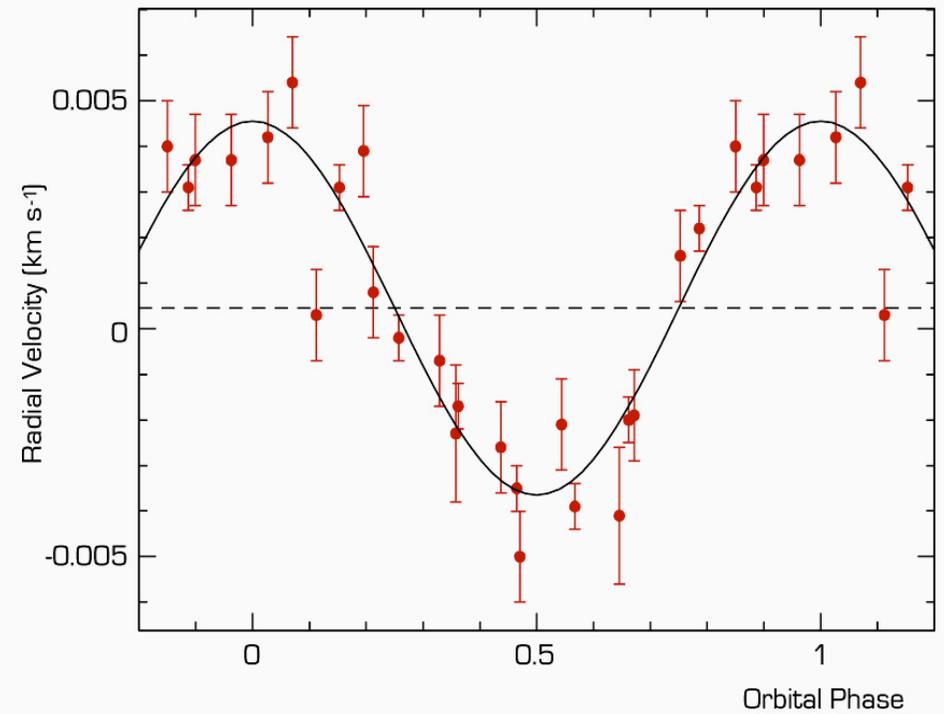
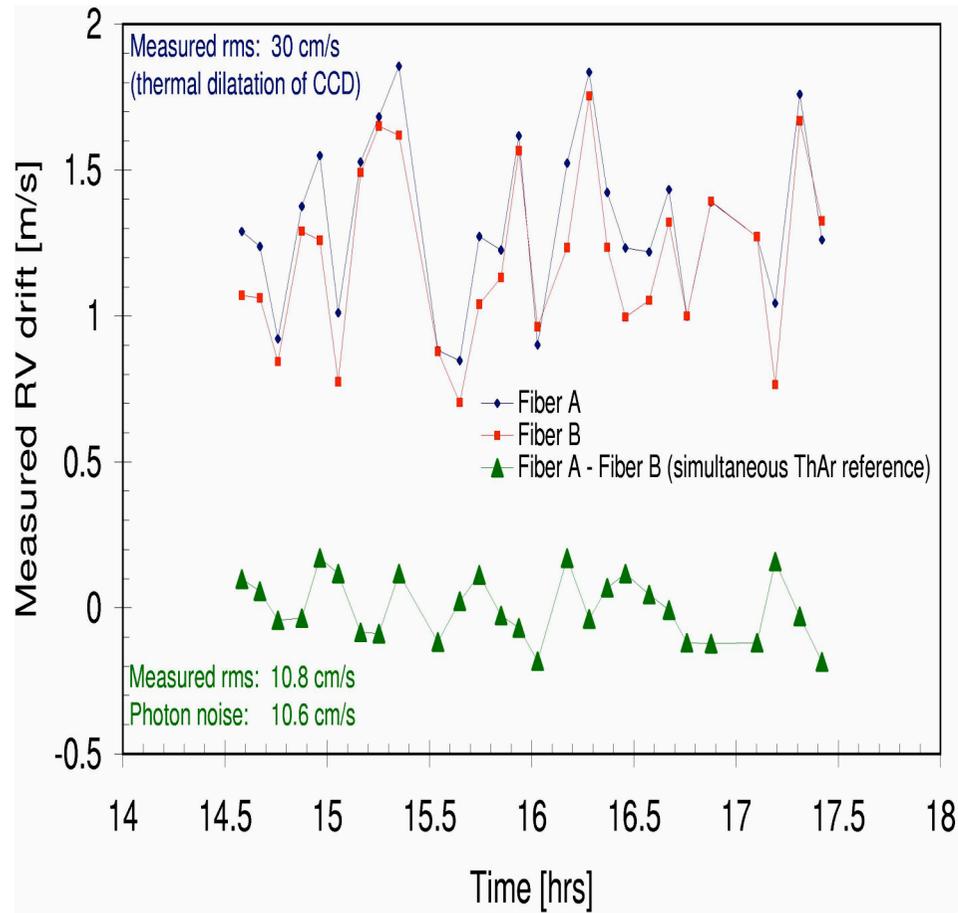
The Signal  
is SMALL!



# The HARPS Experience

**Th-Th < 10 cm/sec**

**O-C < 80 cm/sec**



"Velocity Curve" of mu Arae



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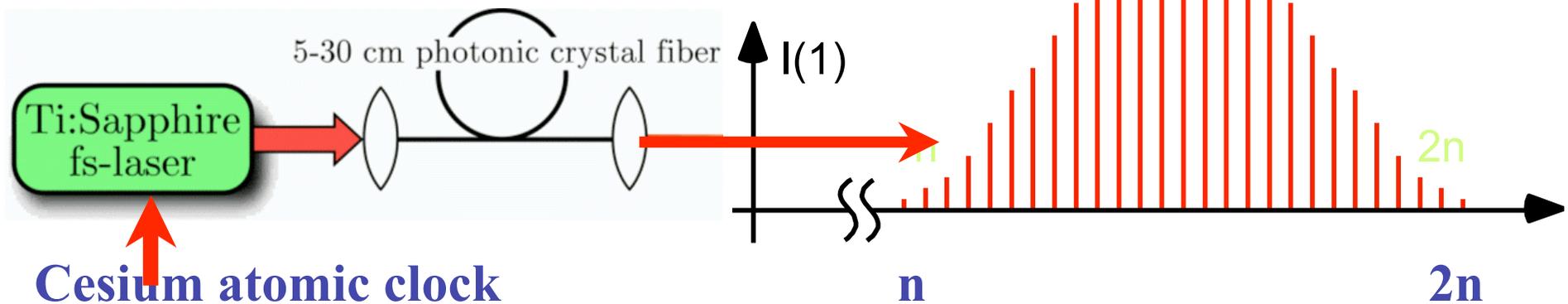
**Abstract.** This Letter reports on the detection of two super-Earth planets in the Gl 581 system, already known to harbour a hot Neptune. One of the planets has a mass of  $5 M_{\oplus}$  and resides at the “warm” edge of the habitable zone of the star. It is thus the known exoplanet which most resembles our own Earth. The other planet has a  $7.7 M_{\oplus}$  mass and orbits at 0.25 AU from the star, close to the “cold” edge of the habitable zone. These two new light planets around an M3 dwarf further confirm the formerly tentative statistical trend for i) many more very low-mass planets being found around M dwarfs than around solar-type stars and ii) low-mass planets outnumbering Jovian planets around M dwarfs.

**Key words.** stars: individual: Gl 581, stars: planetary systems – techniques: radial velocities – techniques: spectroscopy

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## Novel Calibration System: Laser Frequency Comb

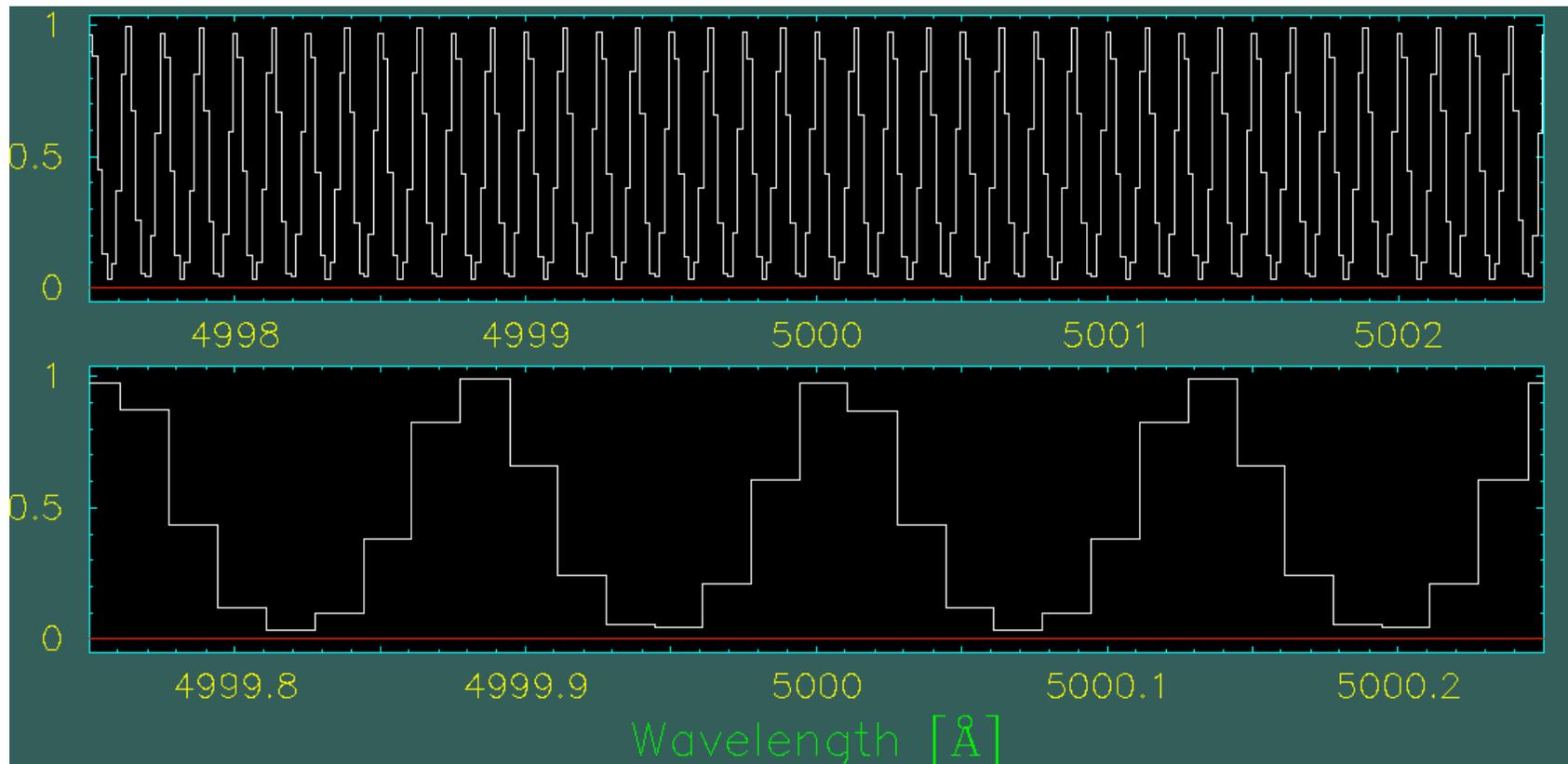
Metrology labs recently revolutionized by introduction of femtosecond-pulsed, self-referenced lasers driven by atomic clock standards (Nobel prize 2005)



↑  
Cesium atomic clock  
(or even GPS signal!)

❖ Result is a **reproducible, stable** “comb” of **evenly spaced** lines whose **frequencies are known *a priori*** to better than **1 in  $10^{12}$**

Comb spectrum simulation with  
 $R = 100k$ ,  $\Delta\nu = 15\text{GHz}$ ,  $\lambda = 5000\text{\AA}$



Detailed study carried out by ESO in collaboration with  
Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics.

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Redshift drift measurements will then be photon-noise limited.

Need spectra of **bright** objects with **many sharp features**.

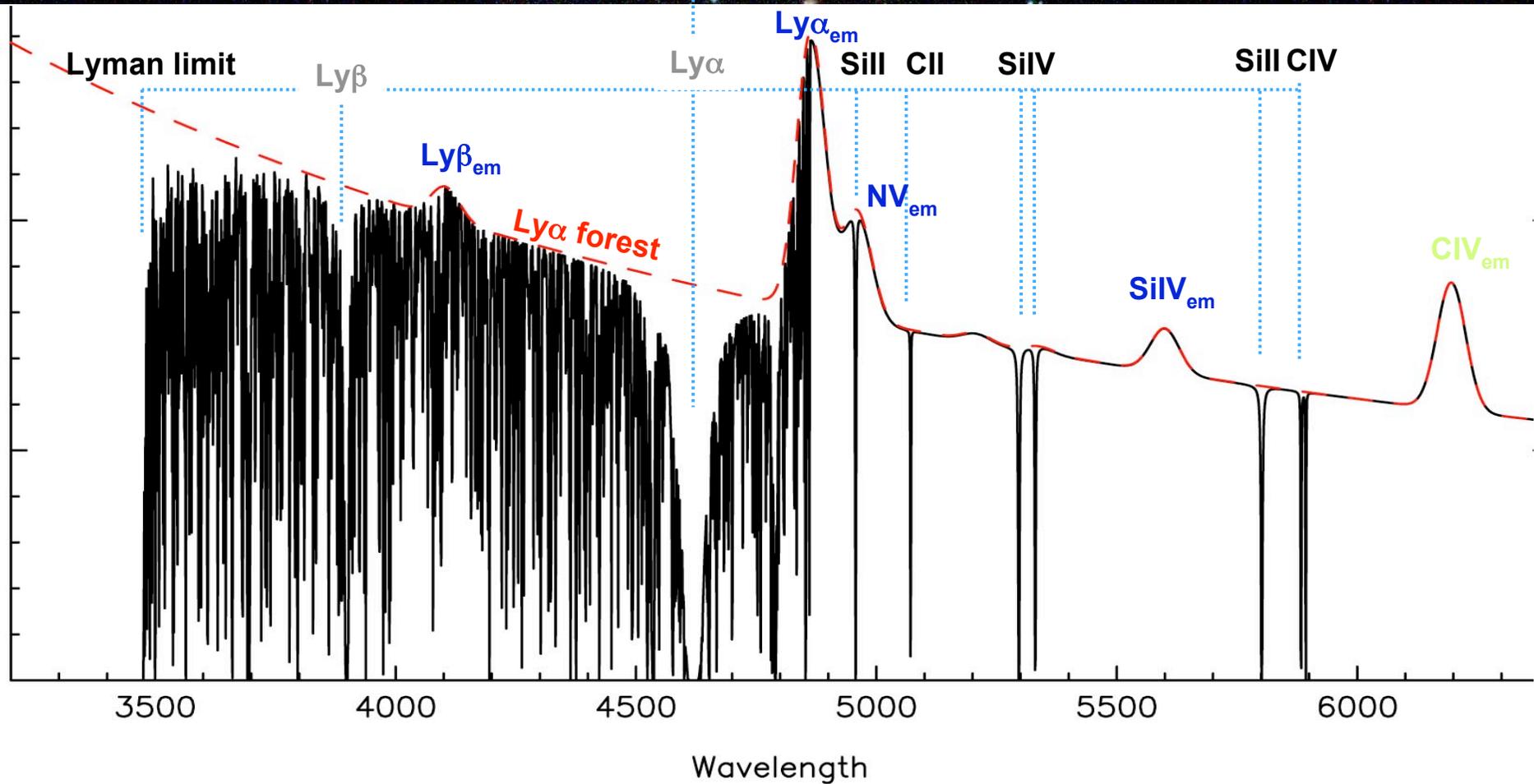
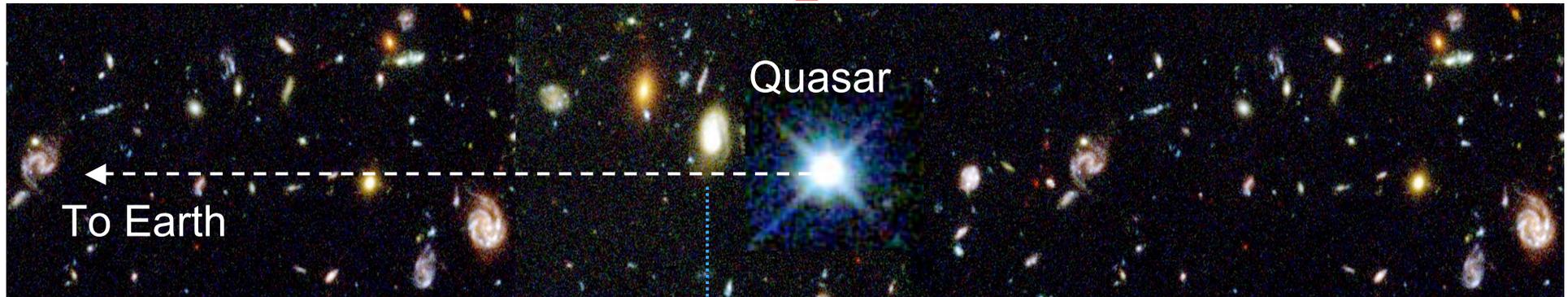
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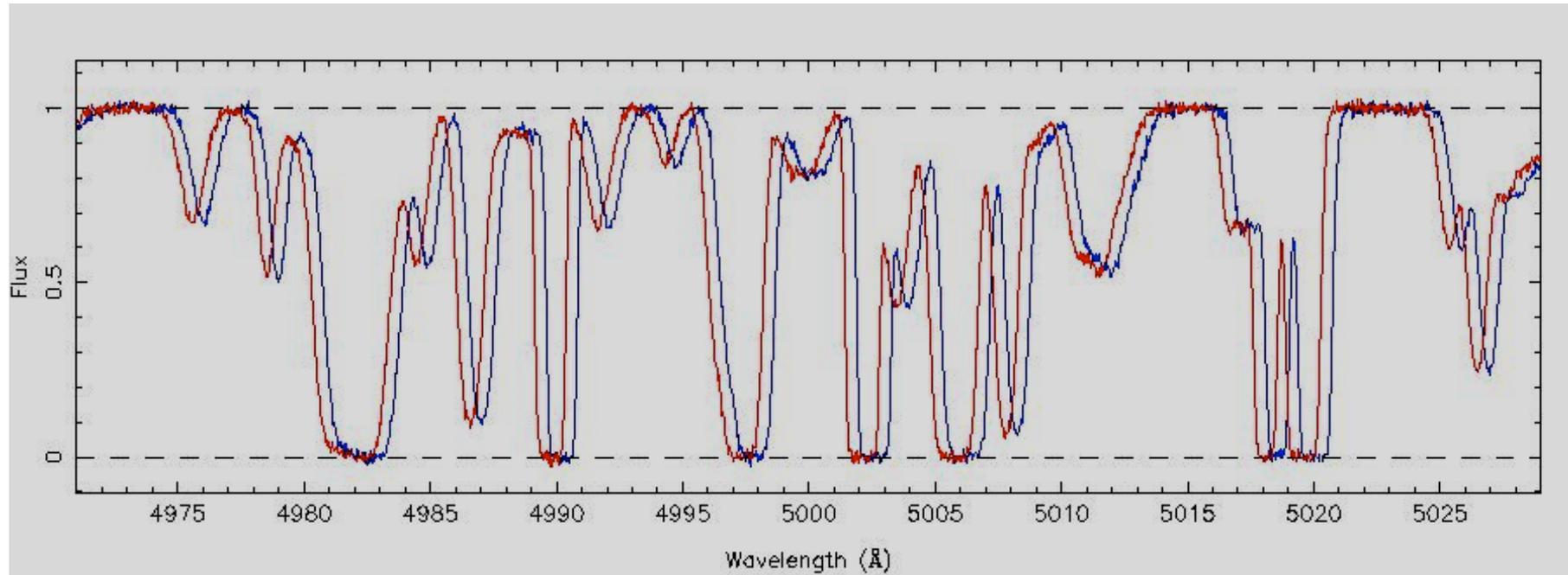
**Masers** : in principle good candidates: lines are very narrow and measurements accurate: they sit, however, at the center of deep potential wells: large peculiar motions, larger than the cosmic signal are expected

**Radio Galaxies with ALMA** : as for Masers, local motions of the emitters swamp the cosmic signal.

**Ly $\alpha$  forest**: Absorption from the many intervening lines in front of high redshift QSOs are the most promising candidates. Simulations and observations have shown that the Ly $\alpha$  forest are produced by density fluctuations of a warm IGM which traces the Hubble flow very well

# QSO absorption lines

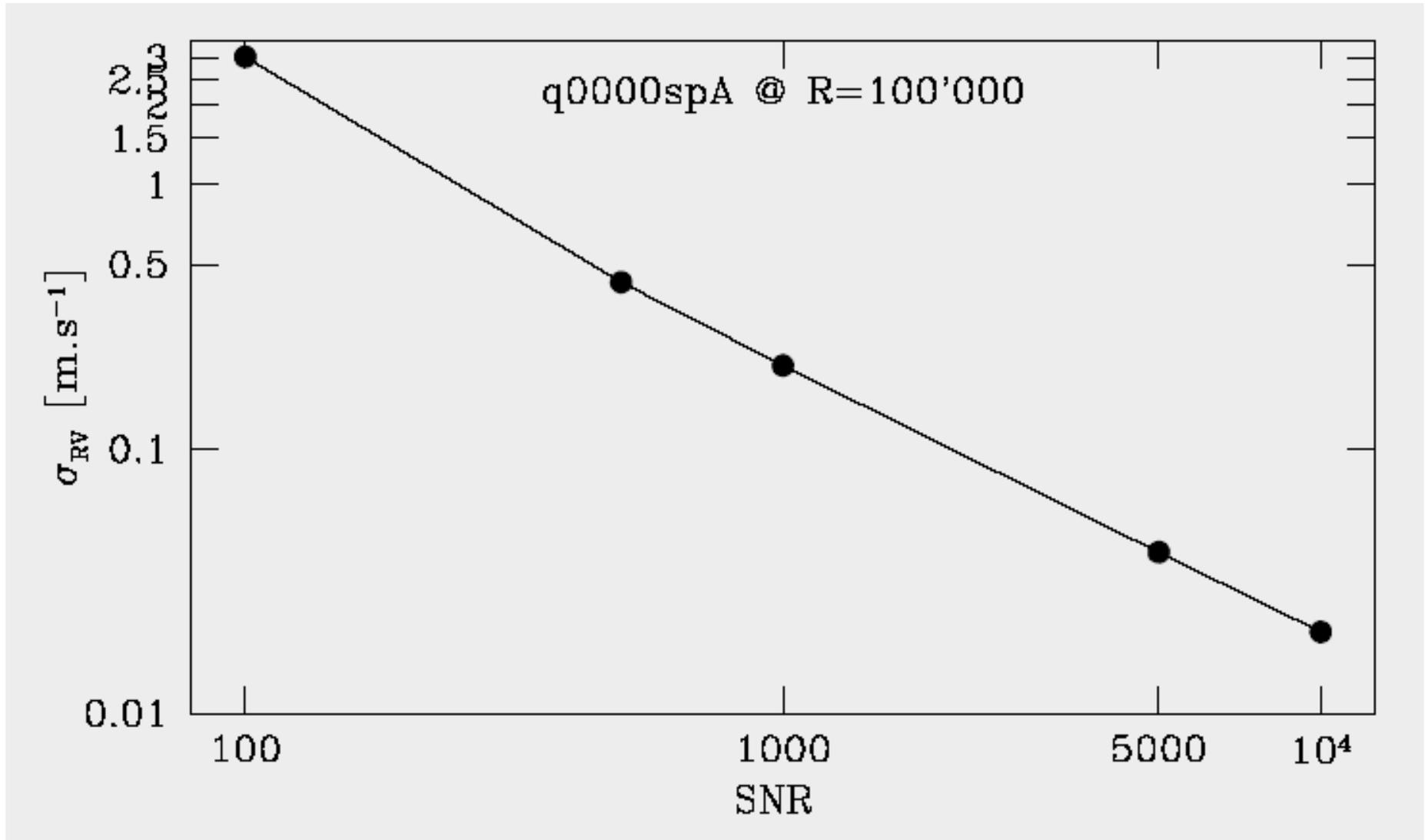


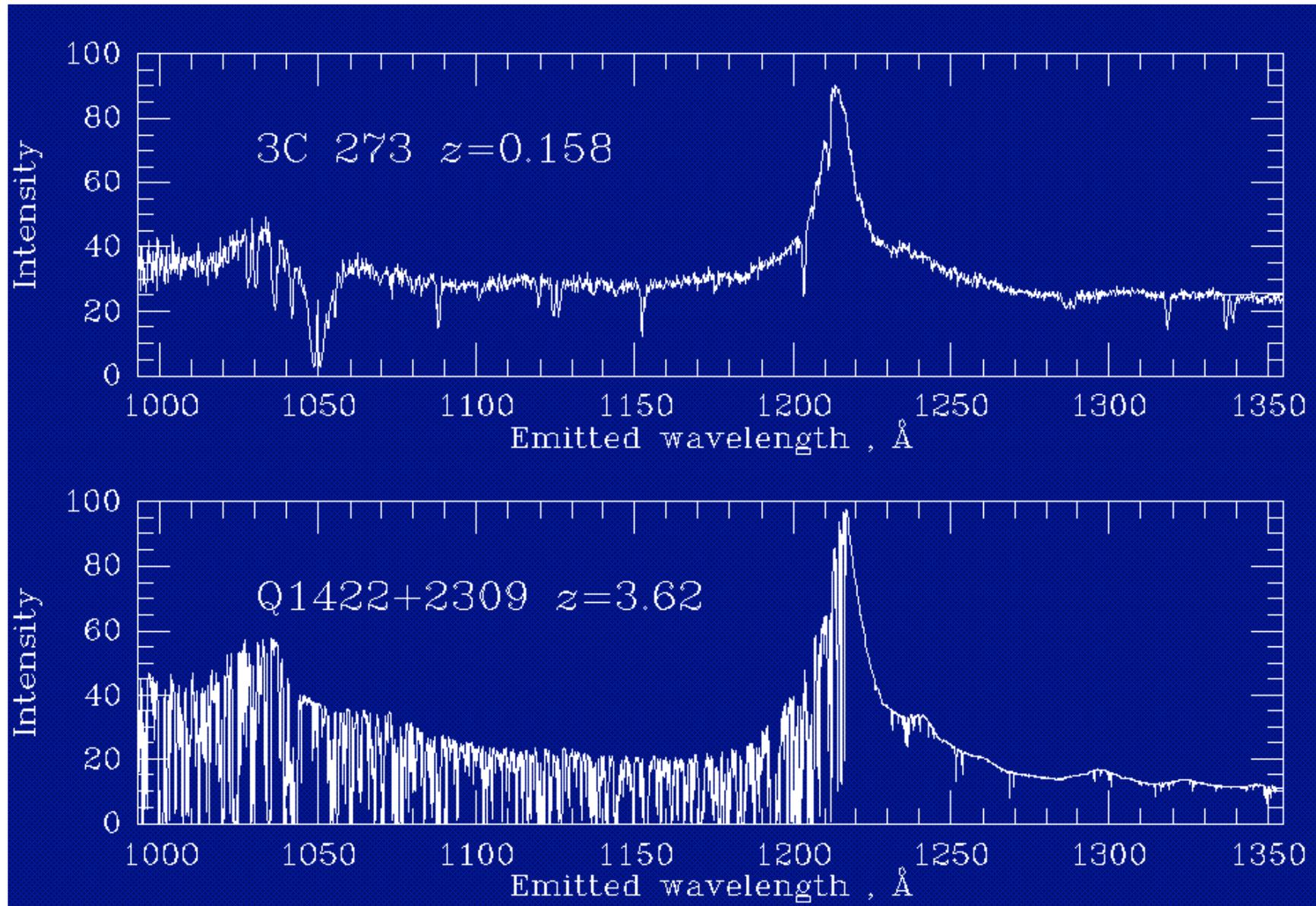


But this is for  $10^7$  years... Having much less time at our disposal the shift is much smaller.

## Results of simulation (1): real spectrum

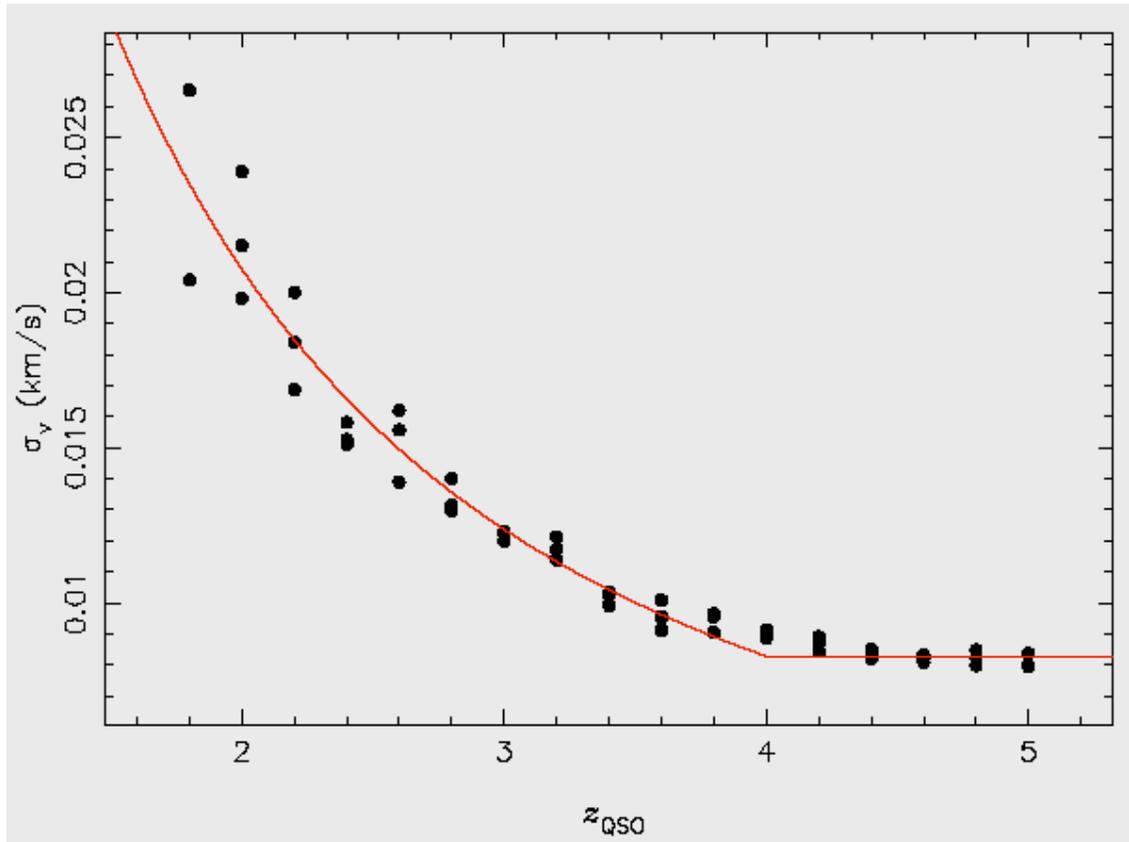
Dependence on cumulative S/N/pixel (0.015 A)





The forest thickens with increasing redshift.

## Simulations of the $z$ dependence of the measurement accuracy



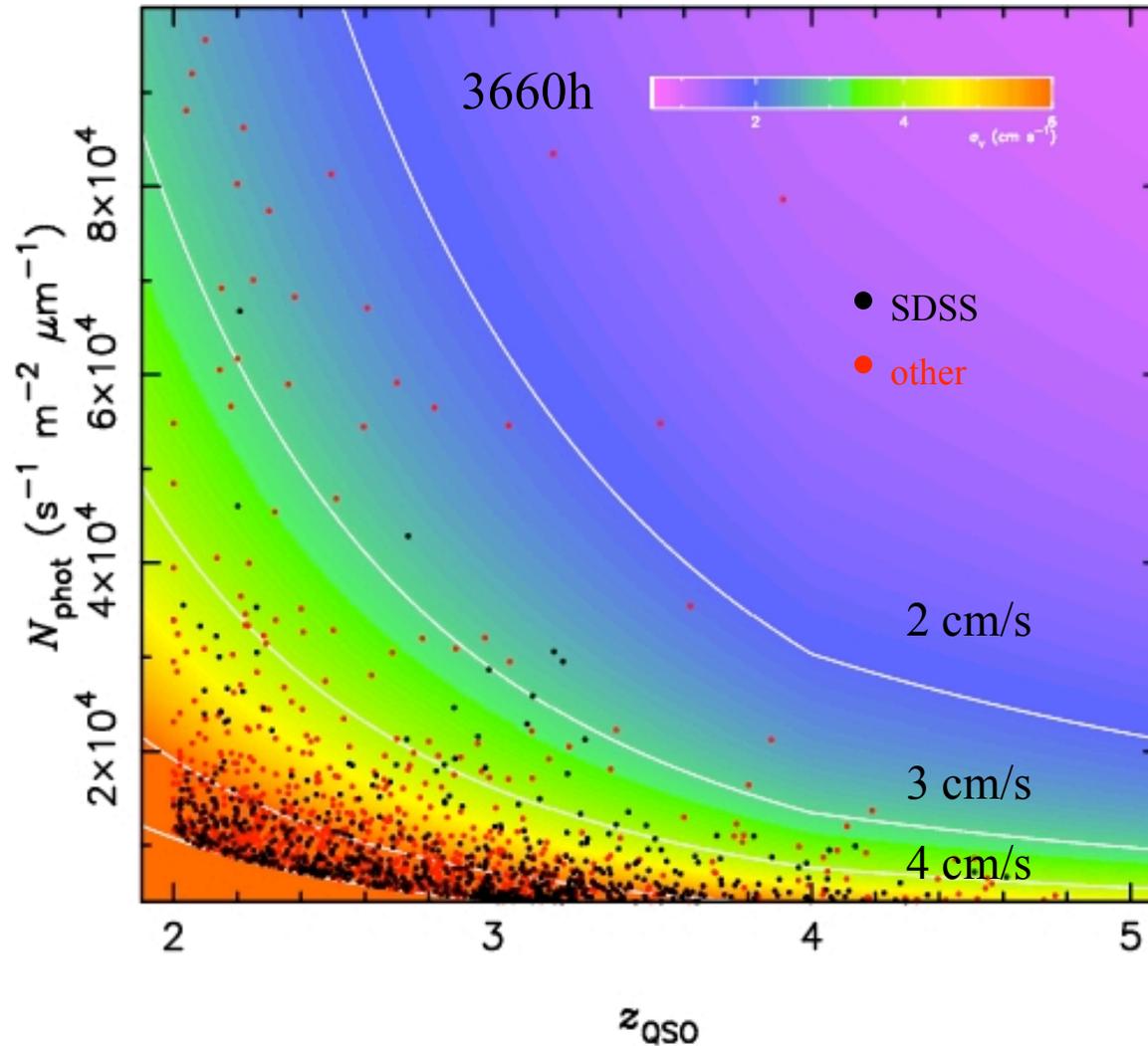
For fixed photon flux accuracy first increases with increasing redshift due to the larger number of lines and then saturates when lines start to overlap.

**The simulation results for the accuracy in the photon-noise limited case can be summarized into a simple scaling law**

$$\sigma_v = 1.4 * (2350 / (S/N)) (30 / N_{\text{QSO}})^{0.5} (5 / (1+Z))^{1.8} \text{ cm/sec}$$

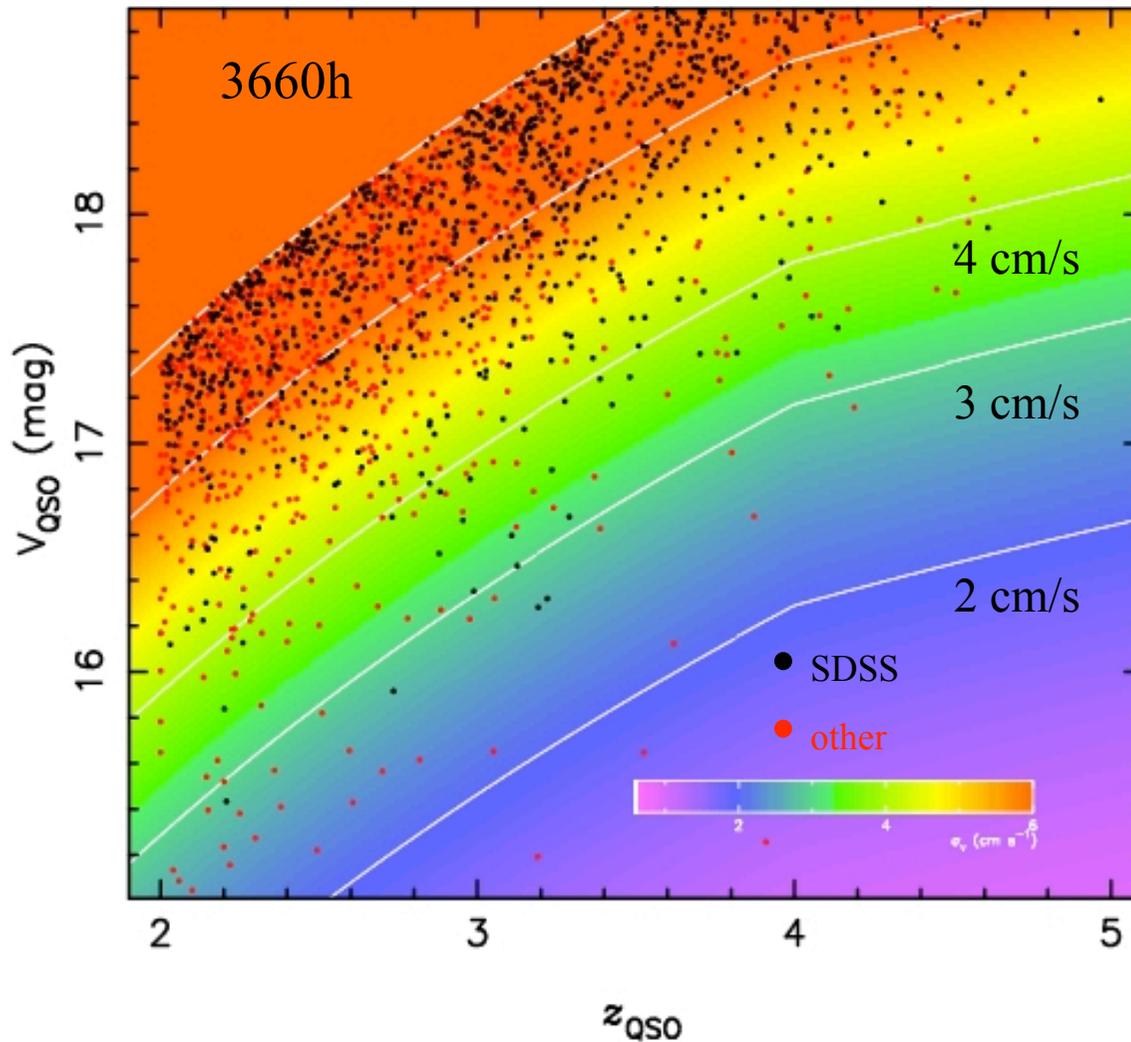
**for a pixel size of 0.0125 Angstrom. The contribution from metal lines associated with the Ly $\alpha$  forest is included.**

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A compromise between sample size redshift coverage and total number of photons collected:

30 bright known QSOs accessible in the southern hemisphere

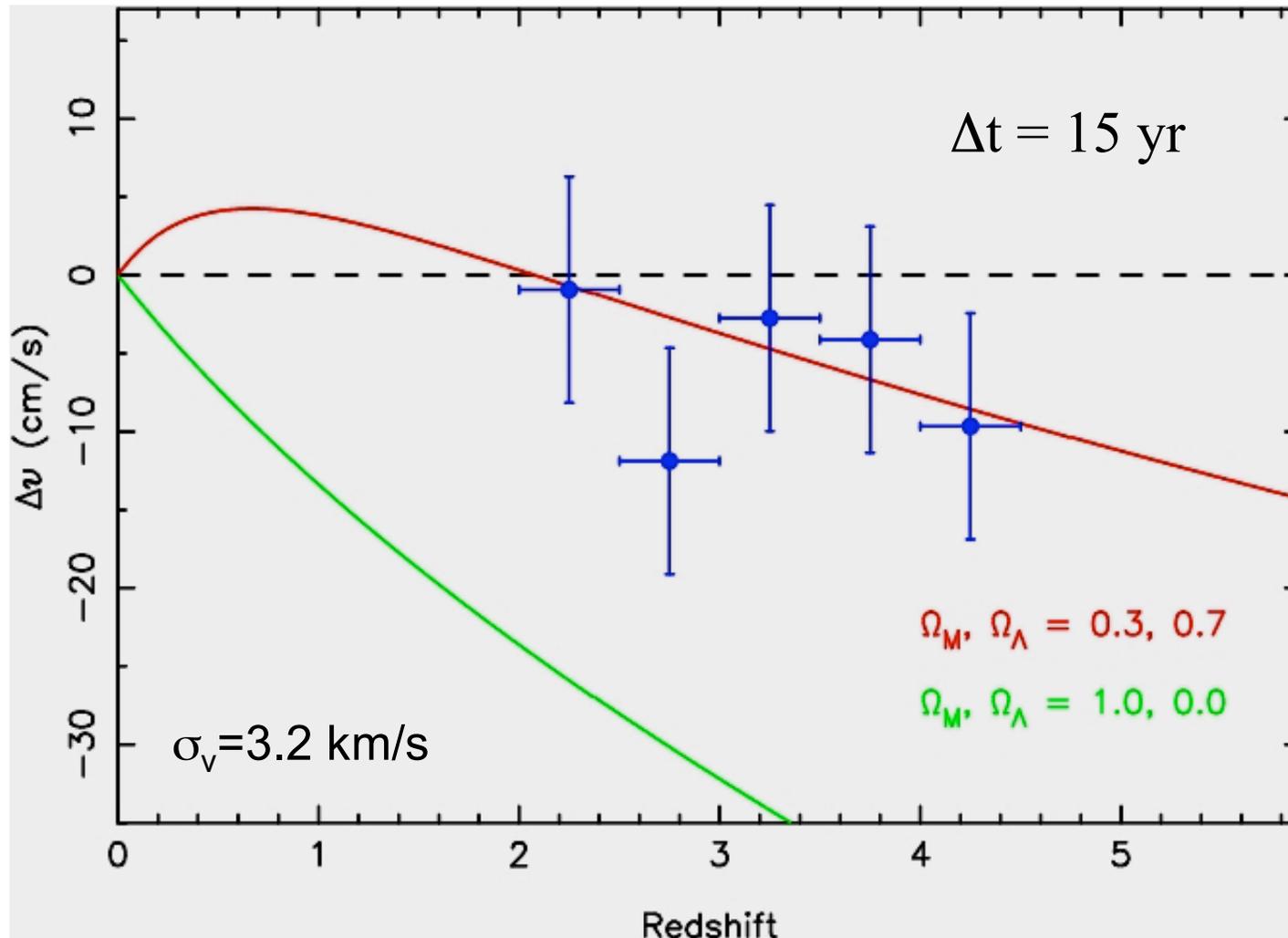
Redshift	Average Mag.	N Obj	S/N per QSO	Tot exp (hours)
2 - 2.25	14.96	3	3275	234
2.25-2.5	15.56	3	2856	313
2.5-2.75	16.13	3	2454	415
2.75 - 3.00	16.35	3	2231	376
3.0 - 3.25	16.10	3	1993	272
3.25- 3.50	17.07	3	1793	483
3.5 - 3.75	16.85	3	1620	369
3.75 - 4.00	17.06	3	1620	342
4.00 - 4.25	17.15	3	1124	288
4.25 - 4.5	17.97	3	1031	566

Total exposure time: 3658h

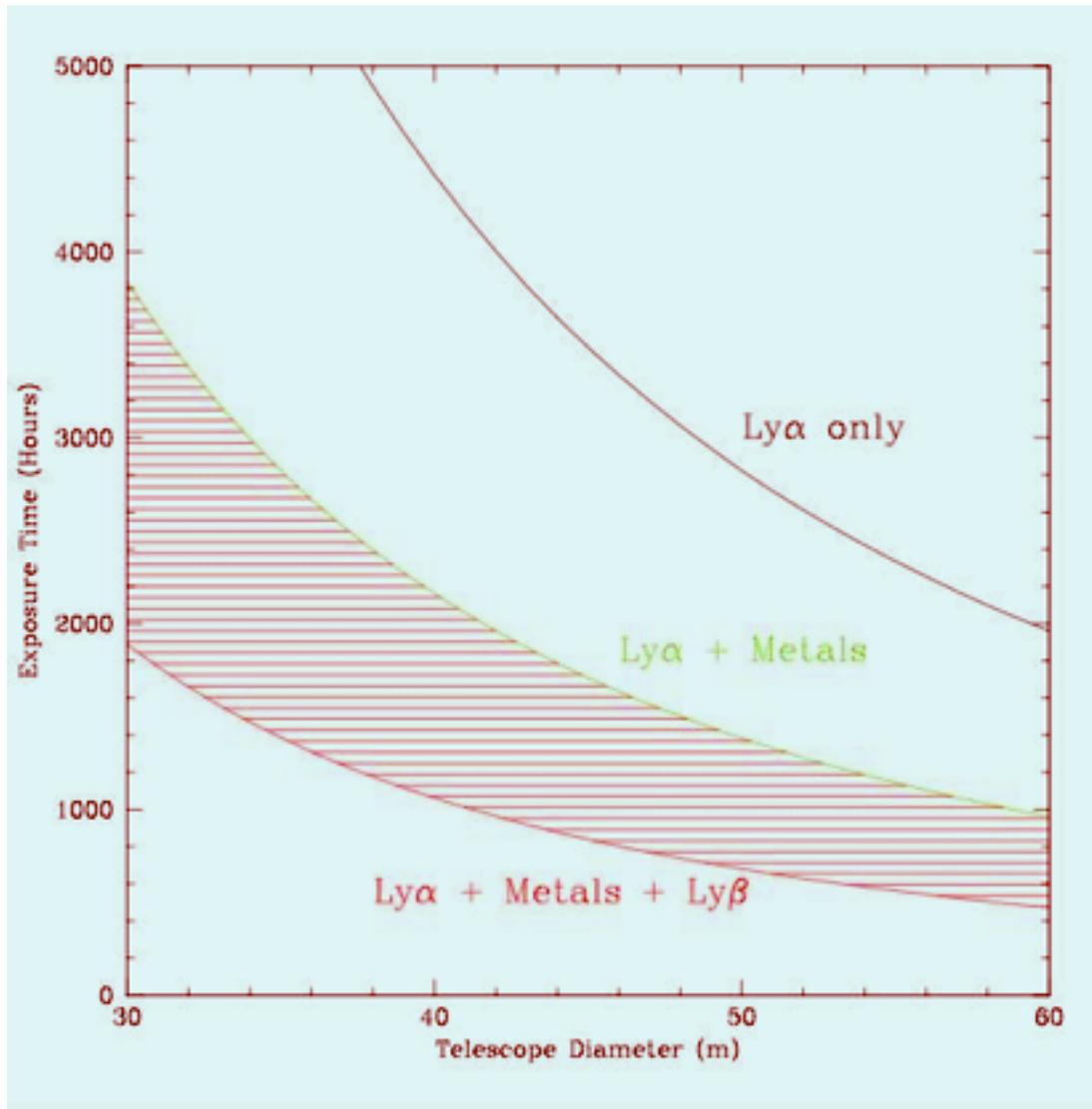
## 12. List of targets proposed in this programme

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A	PG 1247+268	12 50 05.70	+26 31 07.0	88	g=15.01		z=2.042
A	PKS 0858-279	09 00 40.00	-28 08 20.0	51	g=14.56		z=2.152
A	B2 1225+31	12 28 24.80	+31 28 38.0	95	r=15.32		z=2.219
A	Q 0049-3936	00 52 09.20	-39 19 45.0	97	r=15.43		z=2.300
A	CTS A33.02	05 54 45.70	-33 05 17.0	117	r=15.71		z=2.360
A	Q 0147-3855	01 49 25.30	-38 40 19.0	99	r=15.55		z=2.380
A	KP 1623.9+26.8	16 25 57.70	+26 44 44.0	77	r=15.53		z=2.607
A	CSO 38	10 11 55.70	+29 41 41.0	182	r=16.48		z=2.620
A	PHL 957	01 03 11.30	+13 16 17.0	156	r=16.38		z=2.686
A	TEX 1835-345	18 38 28.70	-34 27 33.0	133	r=16.31		z=2.780
A	CTS C15.05	23 50 34.30	-43 26 00.0	124	r=16.34		z=2.885
A	SDSS	12 00 06.25	+31 26 30.9	119	r=16.40		z=2.989
	J12006+312631						
A	HE 0940-1050	09 42 53.60	-11 04 26.0	108	r=16.36		z=3.054
A	Q 0016-357	00 18 40.60	-35 29 13.0	34	r=15.22		z=3.190
A	CTS G18.01	00 41 31.50	-49 36 12.0	130	r=16.73		z=3.240
A	SDSS	09 42 02.05	+04 22 44.5	194	r=17.20		z=3.276
	J09422+042244						
A	CTQ 1061	10 48 56.70	-16 37 10.0	130	r=16.85		z=3.370
A	SDSS	11 11 19.11	+13 36 03.9	159	i=17.17		z=3.481
	J111119+13364						
A	SDSS	12 01 47.91	+12 06 30.3	177	i=17.31		z=3.510
	J120148+120630						
A	B 1422+231	14 24 38.10	+22 56 01.0	48	i=15.99		z=3.620
A	SDSS	J162117-16 21 16.92	-00 42 50.9	144	i=17.25		z=3.703
	004251						
A	SDSS	J16004+002816 00 26.10	+00 28 34.0	123	i=17.13		z=3.764
A	1208+1011	12 10 57.00	+09 54 27.0	88	i=16.80		z=3.803
A	SDSS	16 39 09.11	+28 24 47.2	131	i=17.24		z=3.819
	J16399+282447						
A	Q 0000-26	00 03 23.00	-26 03 18.0	94	i=17.11		z=4.111
A	PSS J1326+0743	13 26 11.90	+07 43 58.0	117	i=17.39		z=4.170
A	PSS J0926+3055	09 26 36.30	+30 55 05.0	77	i=16.96		z=4.190
A	SDSS	08 38 39.17	+28 58 52.7	197	i=18.10		z=4.363
	J083839+285853						
A	SDSS	J13096+112513 09 41.40	+11 25 39.0	141	i=17.76		z=4.395
A	BR J0419-5716	04 19 50.90	-57 16 14.0	228	i=18.06		z=4.461

That is what we get



Can be improved with brighter QSOs (new surveys, variability) and the use of the Ly $\beta$  forest.



V=16.5  
14 % efficiency

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## QUESTIONS

- wavelength range
- diameter
- seeing limited vs GLAO

Why should we do it?

## Robertson-Walker metric

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - R^2(t) \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 (d\Theta^2 + \sin^2 \Theta d\Phi^2) \right]$$

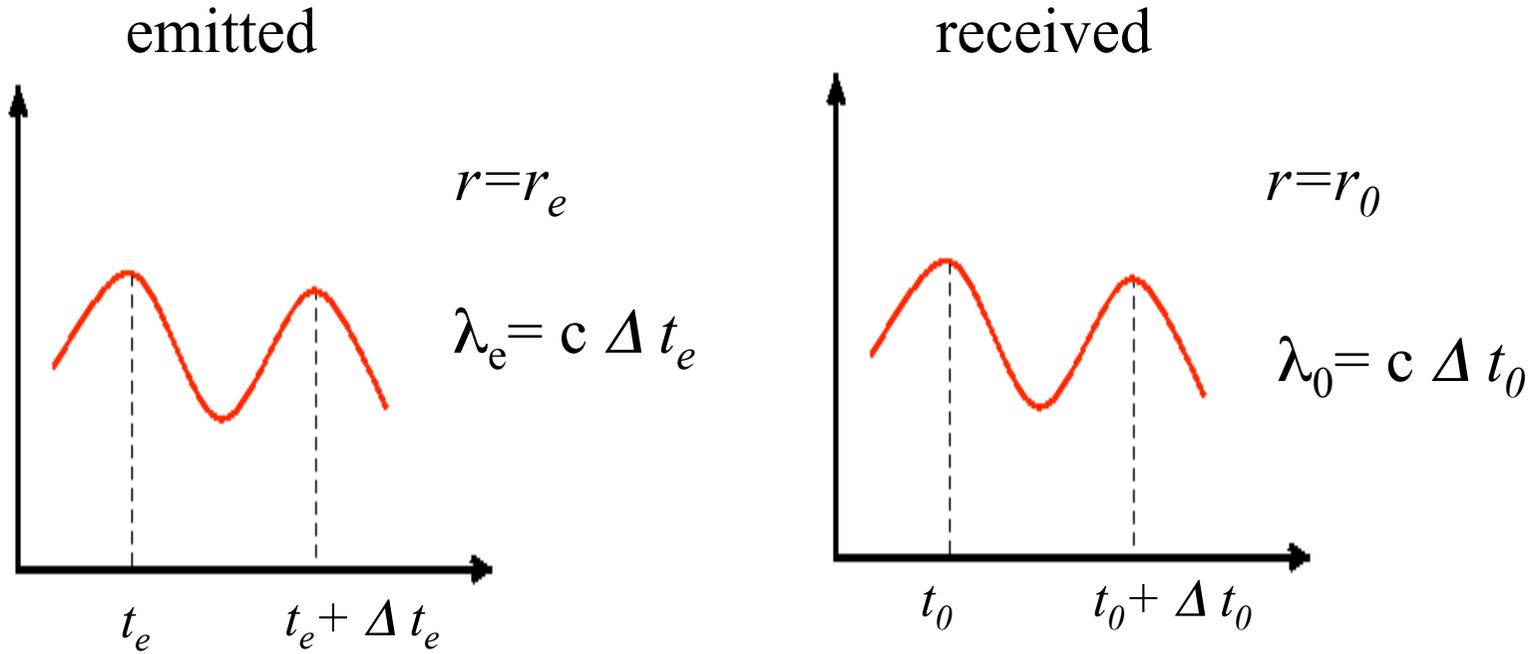
$k = 0$  flat space

$k = 1$  spherical

$k = -1$  hyperbolical

R-W metric is maximally symmetric. It is the simplest metric that describes a homogeneous and isotropic Universe.

# Cosmological redshifts



$$z = \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_e}{\lambda_e}$$

$$1 + z = \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_e}$$

photons:

$$ds^2 = 0 = c^2 dt^2 - R^2(t) \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2}$$

radial light

$$\text{path } d\Theta = d\Phi = 0$$

Photons travel from  $r_e$  to  $r_0=0$ :

$$\int_{t_e}^{t_0} \frac{dt}{R(t)} = \frac{1}{c} \int_{r_e}^0 \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - kr^2}} = \int_{t_e + \Delta t_e}^{t_0 + \Delta t_0} \frac{dt}{R(t)}$$

$$\int_{t_e}^{t_0} \frac{dt}{R(t)} = \int_{t_e + \Delta t_e}^{t_0 + \Delta t_0} \frac{dt}{R(t)}$$

To first order in  $\Delta t$ :

$$\frac{\Delta t_0}{R(t_0)} = \frac{\Delta t_e}{R(t_e)}$$

$$\longrightarrow 1 + z = \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_e} = \frac{\Delta t_0}{\Delta t_e} = \frac{R(t_0)}{R(t_e)}$$

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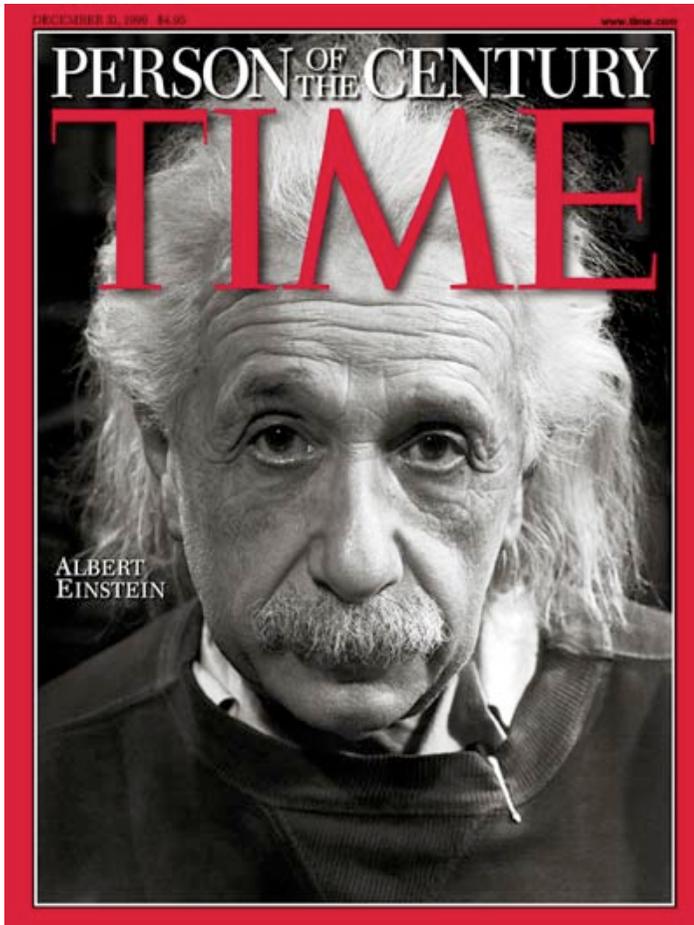
$$\dot{z} = (1+z) \left( \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \right)_{t=t_0} - \left( \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \right)_{t=t_e}$$

Redshift drift maps the expansion history without any further model assumptions and without reference to a theory of gravity.

## Luminosity distances

$$D_L(z_e) = \frac{c}{H_0} \frac{(1+z_e)}{\sqrt{|1-\Omega_{\text{tot}}|}} \begin{cases} \sin \\ 1 \\ \sinh \end{cases} \left( \sqrt{|1-\Omega_{\text{tot}}|} \int_0^{z_e} \frac{H_0 dz}{H(z)} \right) \begin{cases} \text{spherical} \\ \text{flat} \\ \text{hyperbolic} \end{cases}$$

Involves integral over  $z$  and need to know curvature.



Geometry of space time ↔ Gravity

$$G_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$$

↑  
cosmological constant

## General Relativity → Friedmann equation

$$H^2 = \left( \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - \frac{k c^2}{R^2} + \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3} \quad \rho = \rho_{\text{mat}} + \rho_{\text{rad}}$$

$$H^2(t) = H_0^2 \left( \Omega_{\text{mat},0} (1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\text{rad},0} (1+z)^4 + \Omega_{k,0} (1+z)^2 + \Omega_{\Lambda,0} \right)$$

$$\Omega_{k,0} = 1 - \Omega_{\text{mat},0} - \Omega_{\text{rad},0} - \Omega_{\Lambda,0}$$