GAS OUTSIDE OF GALAXIES

60 YEARS OF INTELLECTUAL HISTORY AND 20+ YEARS WITH HST

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There is no new thing under the Sun.

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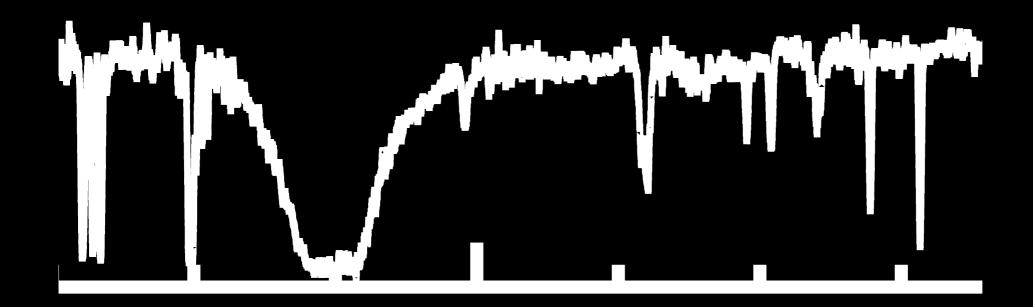
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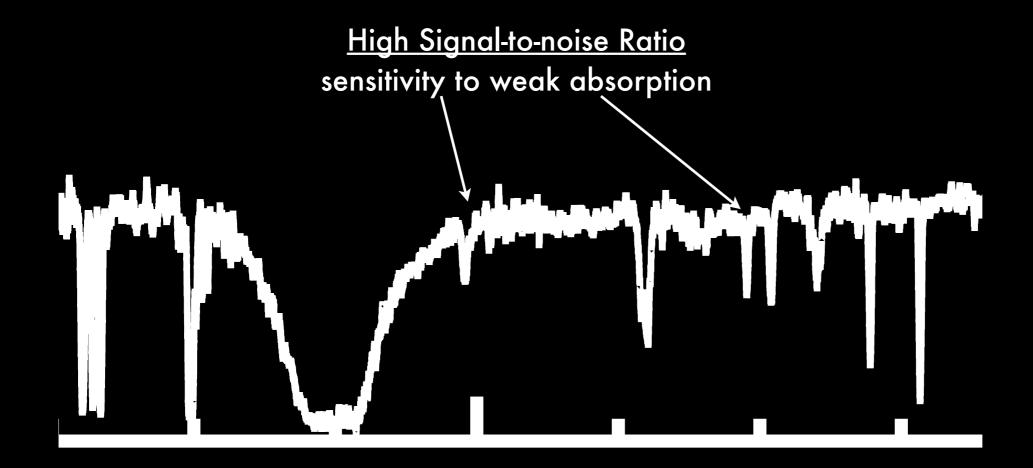
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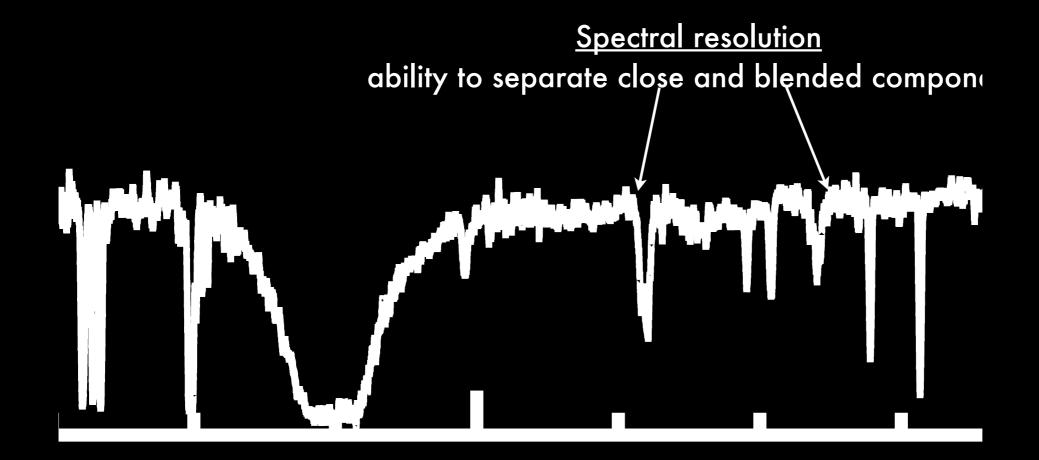
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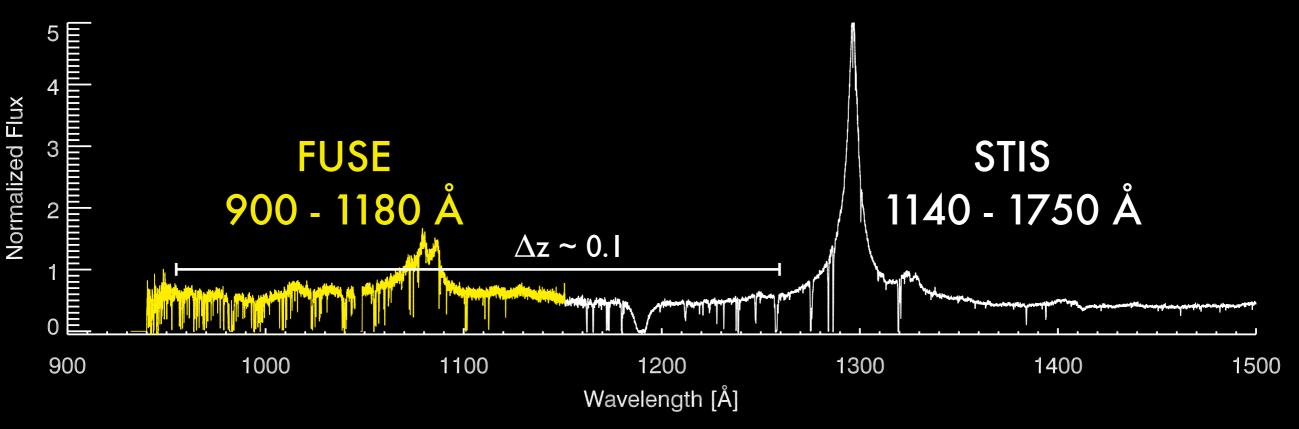


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Critical factors for success:

Sensitivity to weak lines,

Spectral resolution to resolve components,

Wavelength coverage to build up total pathlength, and

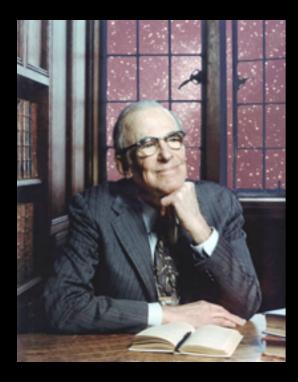
Access to UV wavelengths to measure physical diagnostics.

Part I

In which we see that gas outside galaxies occupied the minds that conceived and developed HST.

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ASTRONOMICAL ADVANTAGES

OF AN

EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL OBSERVATORY

LYMAN SPITZER, Jr. 1

This study points out, in a very preliminary way, the results that might be expected from astronomical measurements made with a satellite vehicle. The discussion is divided into three parts, corresponding to three different assumptions concerning the amount of instrumentation provided. In the first section it is assumed that no telescope is provided; in the second a 10-inch reflector is assumed; in the third section some of the results obtainable with a large reflecting telescope, many feet in diameter, and revolving about the earth above the terrestrial atmosphere, are briefly sketched.

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ON A POSSIBLE INTERSTELLAR GALACTIC CORONA*

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ABSTRACT

The physical conditions in a possible interstellar galactic corona are analyzed Pressure equilibrium between such a rarefied, high-temperature gas and normal interstellar clouds would account for the existence of such clouds far from the galactic plane and would facilitate the equilibrium of spiral arms in the presence of strong magnetic fields. Observations of radio noise also suggest such a corona.

At a temperature of 106 degrees K, the electron density in the corona would be 5×10^{-4} /cm³; the extension perpendicular to the galactic plane, 8000 pc; the total number of electrons in a column perpendicular to the galactic plane, about 2×10^{19} /cm²; the total mass, about $10^8 M_{\odot}$. The mean free path would be 4 pc, but the radius of gyration even in a field of 10^{-15} gauss would be a small fraction of this. Such a corona is apparently not observable optically except by absorption measures shortward of 2000 A.

Million degree coronal

extragalactic gas may exist outside galaxies and be detectable via UV absorption!

While the interstellar corona can apparently not be observed by its emission spectrum, the number of atoms is sufficient to produce a measurable absorption line. A column of interstellar gas containing 10¹² sodium atoms/cm² produces measurable D lines. The difficulty with this technique in the case of the solar corona is that at a high kinetic temperature the atoms will mostly be highly ionized, and the ultimate lines will all be in the far ultraviolet. If the state of ionization is like that in the solar corona, the ultimate resonance doublet of Mg x, at 609 and 625 A, should be extremely strong, since the number of magnesium ions in the line of sight in all stages of ionization would be about 1016/cm2; if 1 per cent of these atoms were in the ionized state Mg x, this doublet would be heavily absorbed. However, it is uncertain whether much radiation shortward of the Lyman limit can reach the earth, in view of probable heavy absorption by neighboring H I clouds. The ion O vi, which is isoelectronic to Mg x, has a corresponding doublet at 1038 and 1032 A and might be sufficiently abundant to produce measurable absorption, especially since the ionization potential of O VII has the relatively high value of 739 volts. Similarly, the ultimate lines of N v and C IV, at about 1240 and 1550 A, respectively, might be observable. It would appear that, in principle, an interstellar corona could be detected and analyzed by means of spectroscopic measures from a satellite.

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3C 273: A STAR-LIKE OBJECT WITH LARGE RED-SHIFT

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THE only objects seen on a 200-in. plate near the positions of the components of the radio source 3C 273 reported by Hazard, Mackey and Shimmins in the preceding article are a star of about thirteenth magnitude and a faint wisp or jet. The jet has a width of 1"-2" and extends away from the star in position angle 43°. It is not visible within 11" from the star and ends abruptly at 20" from the star. The position of the star, kindly furnished by Dr. T. A. Matthews, is R.A. 12h 26m $33\cdot35s \pm 0.04s$, Decl. $+2^{\circ}$ 19' $42\cdot0'' \pm 0.5''$ (1950), or 1" east of component B of the radio source. The end of the jet is 1" east of component A. The close correlation between the radio structure and the star with the jet is suggestive and intriguing.

Spectra of the star were taken with the prime-focus spectrograph at the 200-in. telescope with dispersions of 400 and 190 Å per mm. They show a number of broad emission features on a rather blue continuum. The most prominent features, which have widths around 50 Å, are, in order of strength, at 5632, 3239, 5792, 5032 Å. These and other weaker emission bands are listed in the first column of Table 1. For three faint bands with widths of 100-200 Å the total range of wave-length is indicated.

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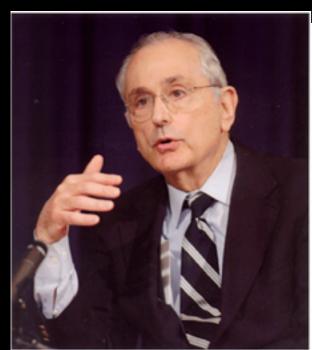
Science Case Built for HST Spitzer, Bahcall, et al.

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ABSORPTION LINES PRODUCED BY GALACTIC HALOS

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ABSTRACT

We propose that most of the absorption lines observed in quasi-stellar sources with multiple absorption redshifts are caused by gas in extended halos of normal galaxies.

Recent work has established that some quasi-stellar sources have multiple redshift systems in absorption (Bahcall 1968; Bahcall, Greenstein, and Sargent 1968; Burbidge, Lynds, and Stockton 1968; Burbidge 1969; Bahcall, Osmer, and Schmidt 1969). A number of possible explanations have been suggested for this phenomenon (Bahcall et al. 1968; Burbidge et al. 1968; Peebles 1968), but none of the suggestions seem especially plausible when considered in the light of the observed features of the absorption systems. We propose that most of the absorption lines are caused by tenuous gas in extended halos of normal galaxies (see Spitzer 1956 for a review of some earlier work on galactic halos and for a preliminary discussion of the possibility of observing ultraviolet absorption lines formed in such halos).

Proposed that the QSOALS then known arose in extended galaxy halos: R = 100 kpc versus the 10-20 kpc then believed based on optical and radio measurements.

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II Recommended Key Projects

1. Quasar Absorption Line Key Project

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- Are any of the Lα systems actually high excitation metallic systems with OVI?
 Again, low redshifts are required to reduce confusion.

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Lessons of Part I

The goal of studying gas between galaxies and in their halos was a prime motivator for HST and particularly for its spectrographs.

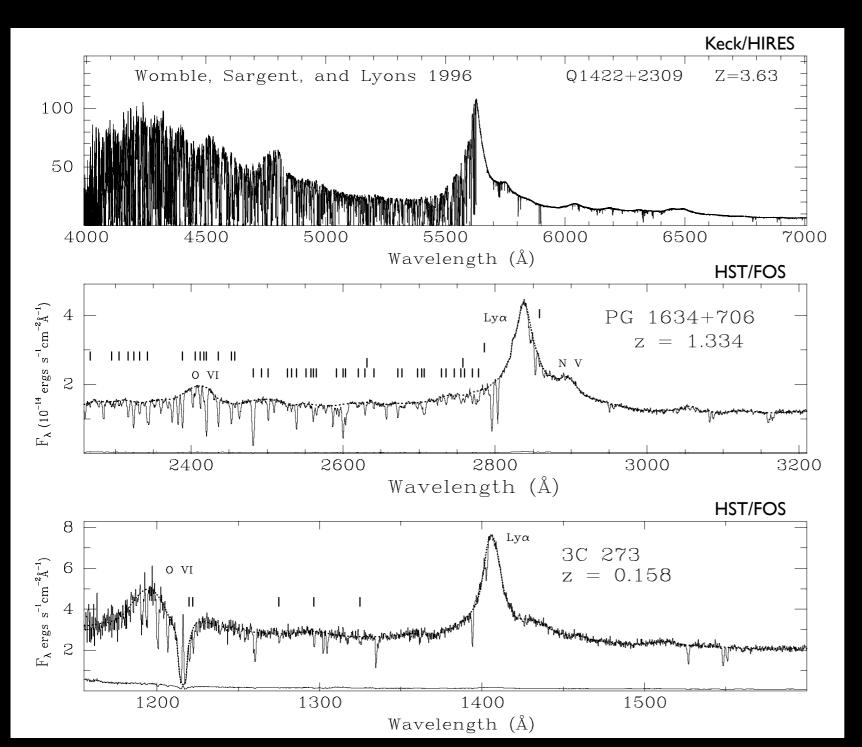
Part II

In which we see that HST identified the shape of the IGM, its physical state, and the distribution of chemical enrichment.

April 1990

80s, early 90s

1990-1995 (Cycles 1-4)



The HST Key Project on Quasar Absorption Lines
Pl John Bahcall

250 Orbits with the FOS and GHRS

89 QSOs, 1600 - 3200 Å at R = 1300.

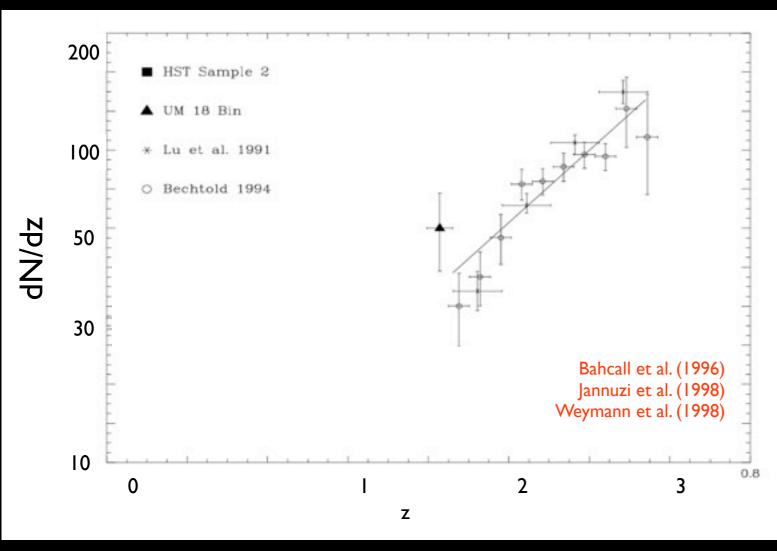
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The "Lya forest" becomes a clearing, but not as quickly as expected!

B. Jannuzi review at HST2 conference Paris

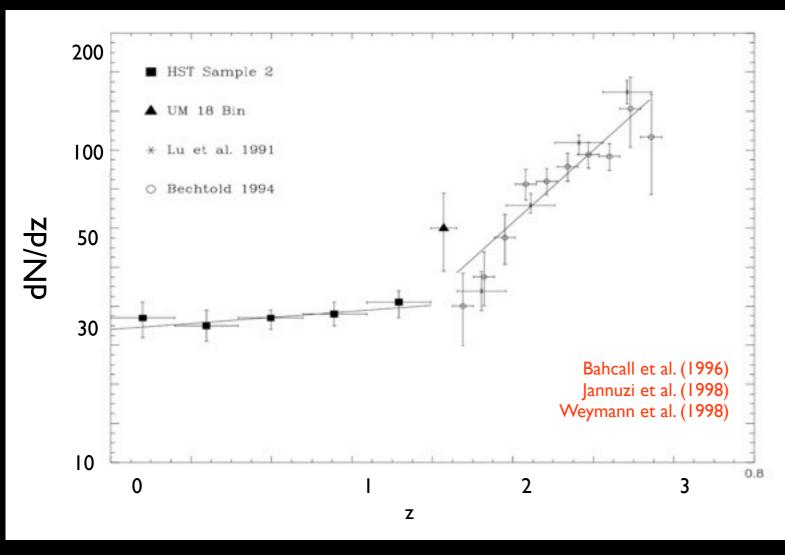


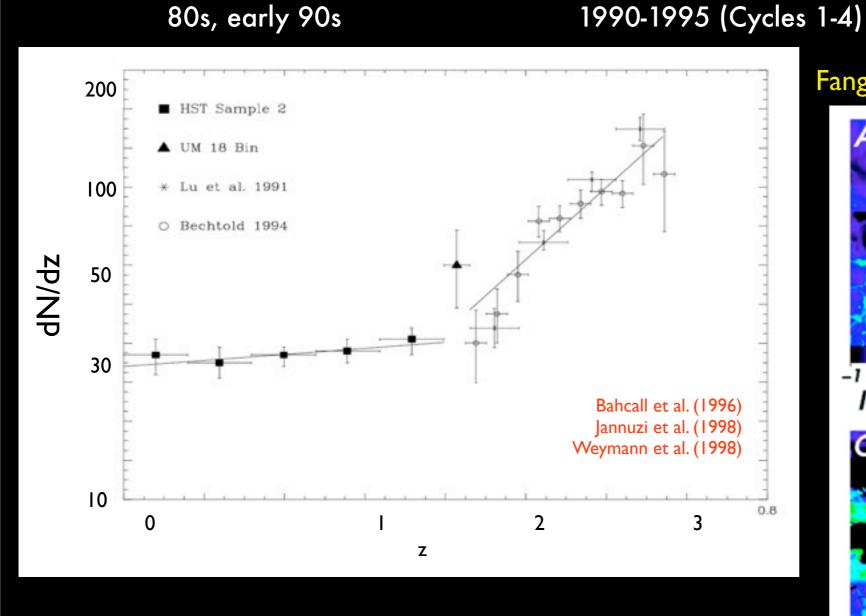
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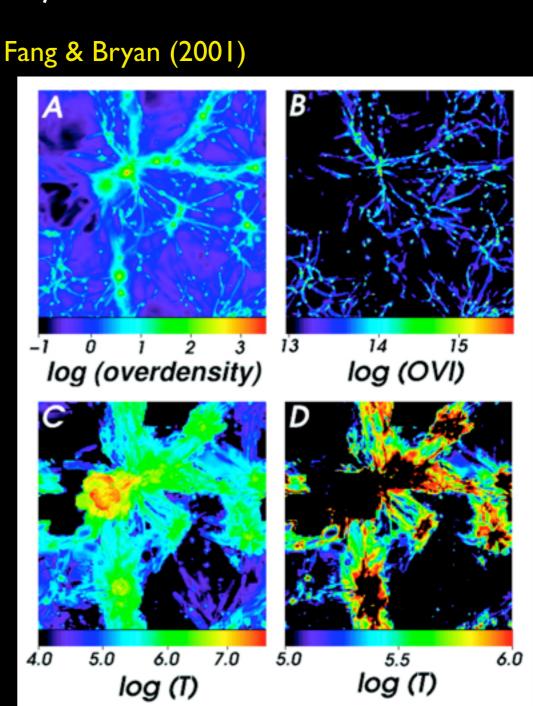


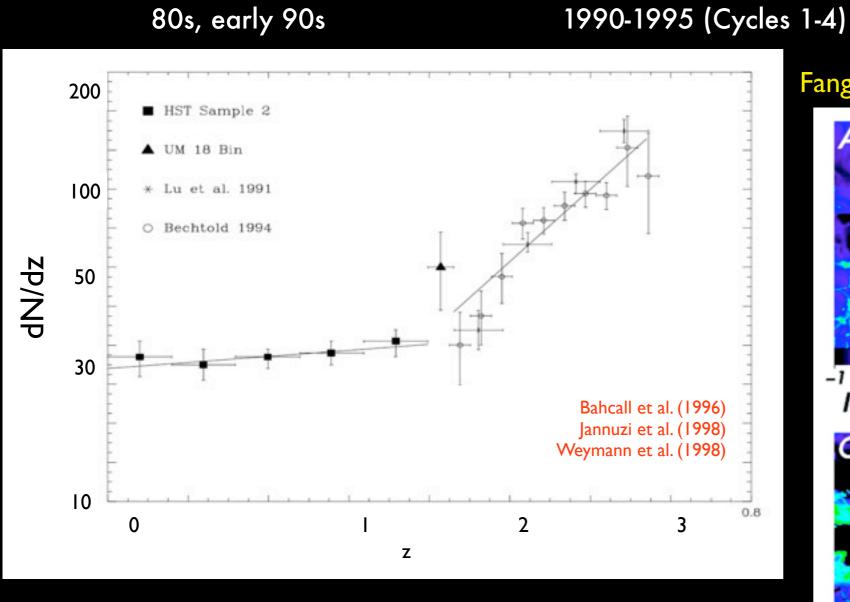


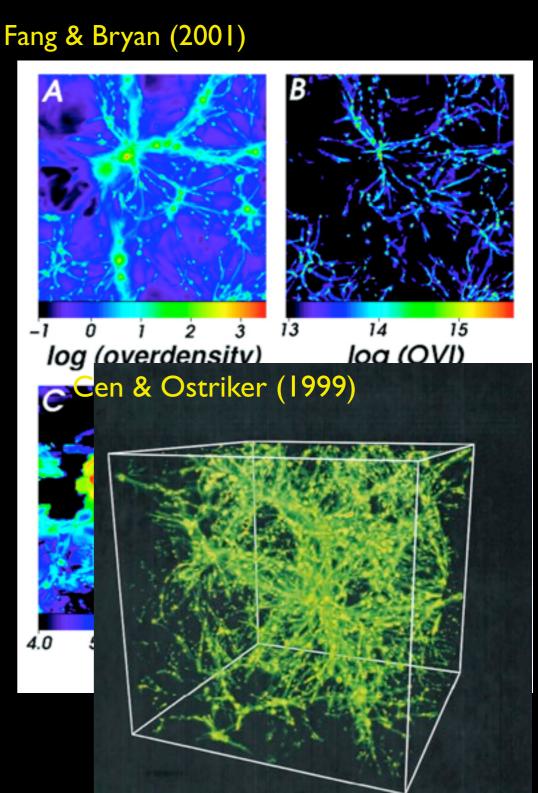
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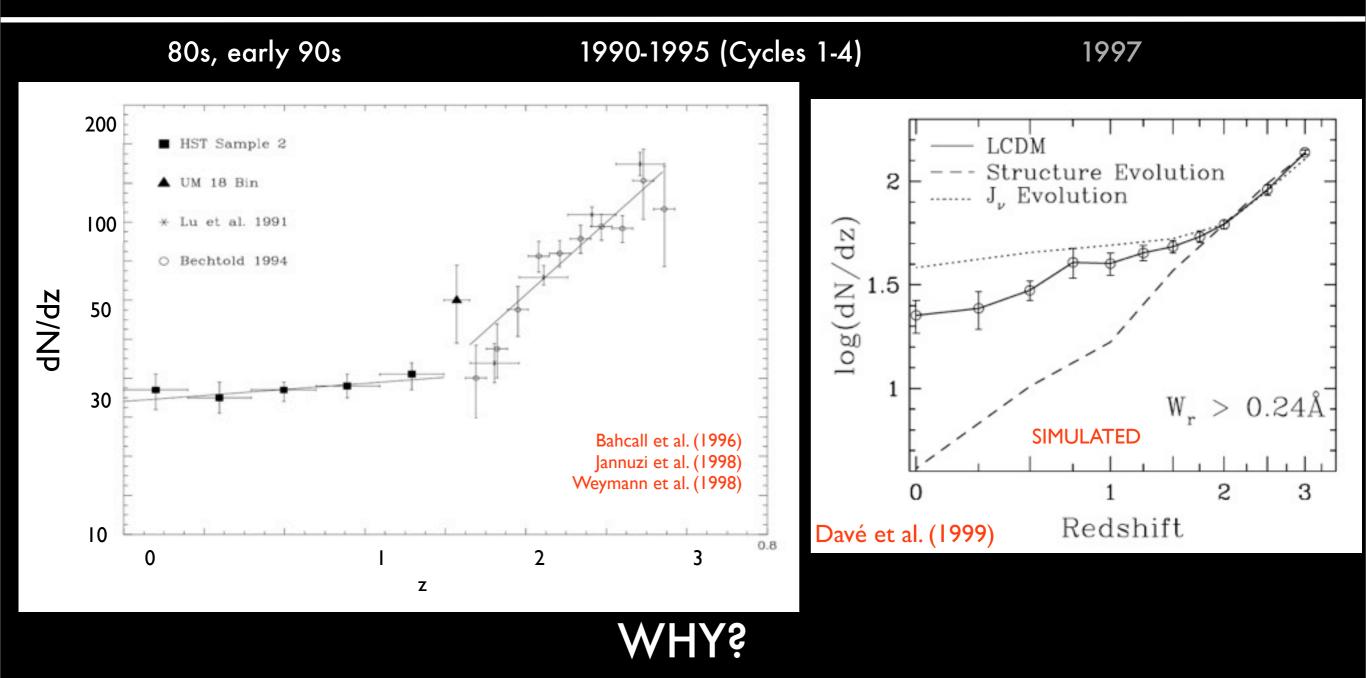






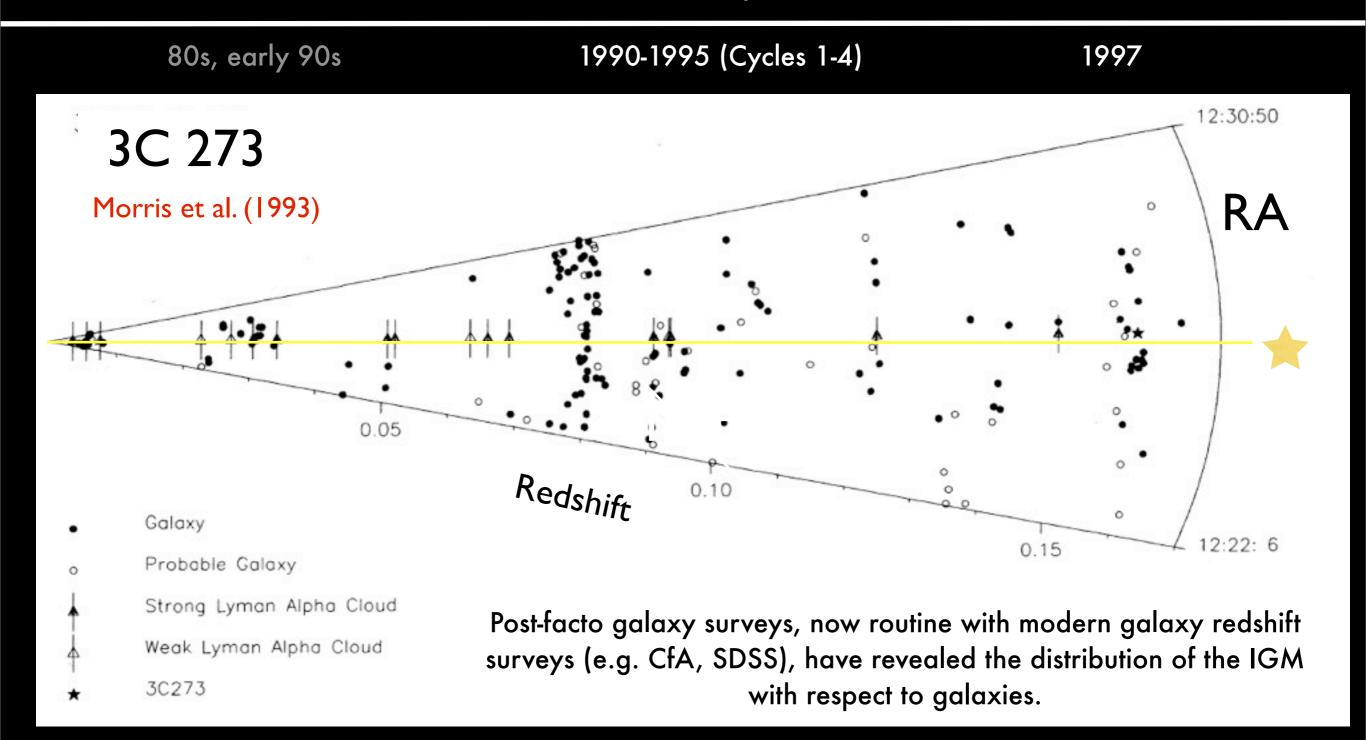






- (1) as the Universe expands, the recombination rate of ionized gas declines with the density so dN/dz goes DOWN. . .
- (2) but the global SFR and the QSO luminosity function also decline, so the photoionization rate declines also in partial compensation.

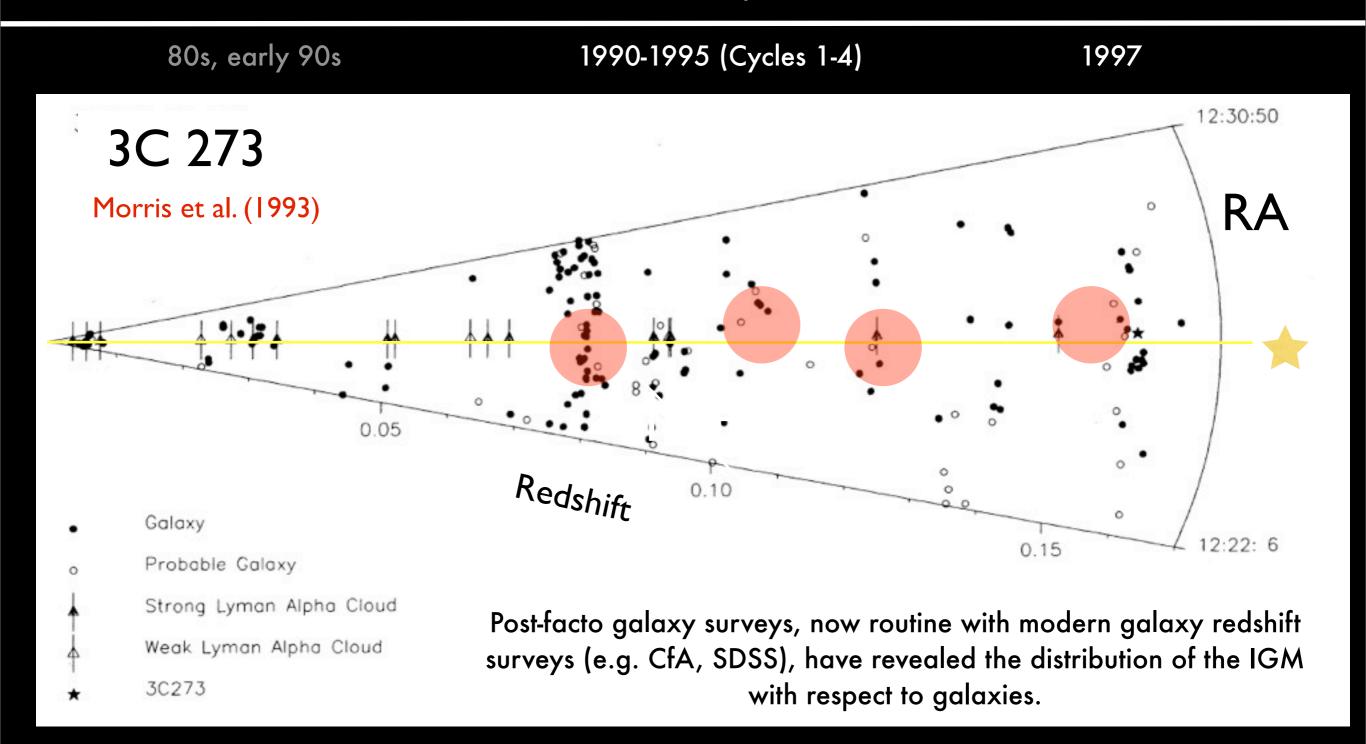
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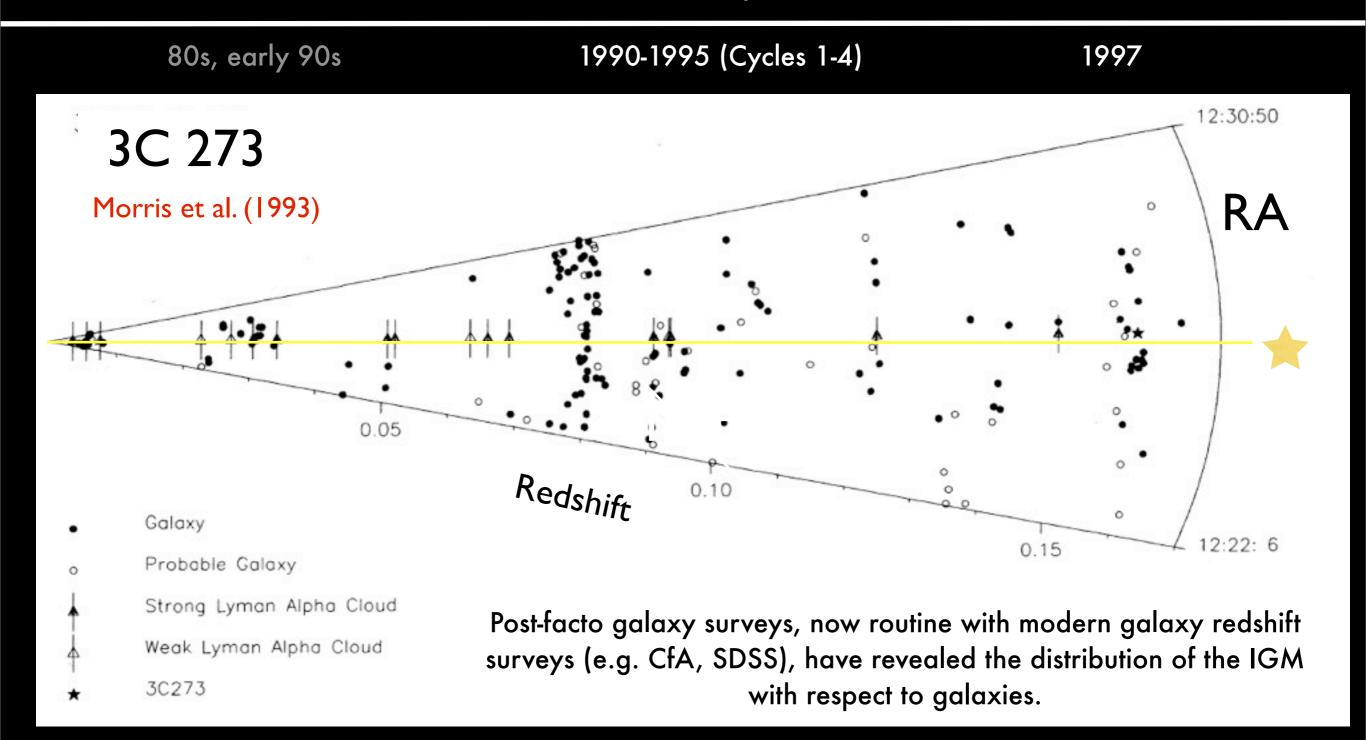


HST Key Project

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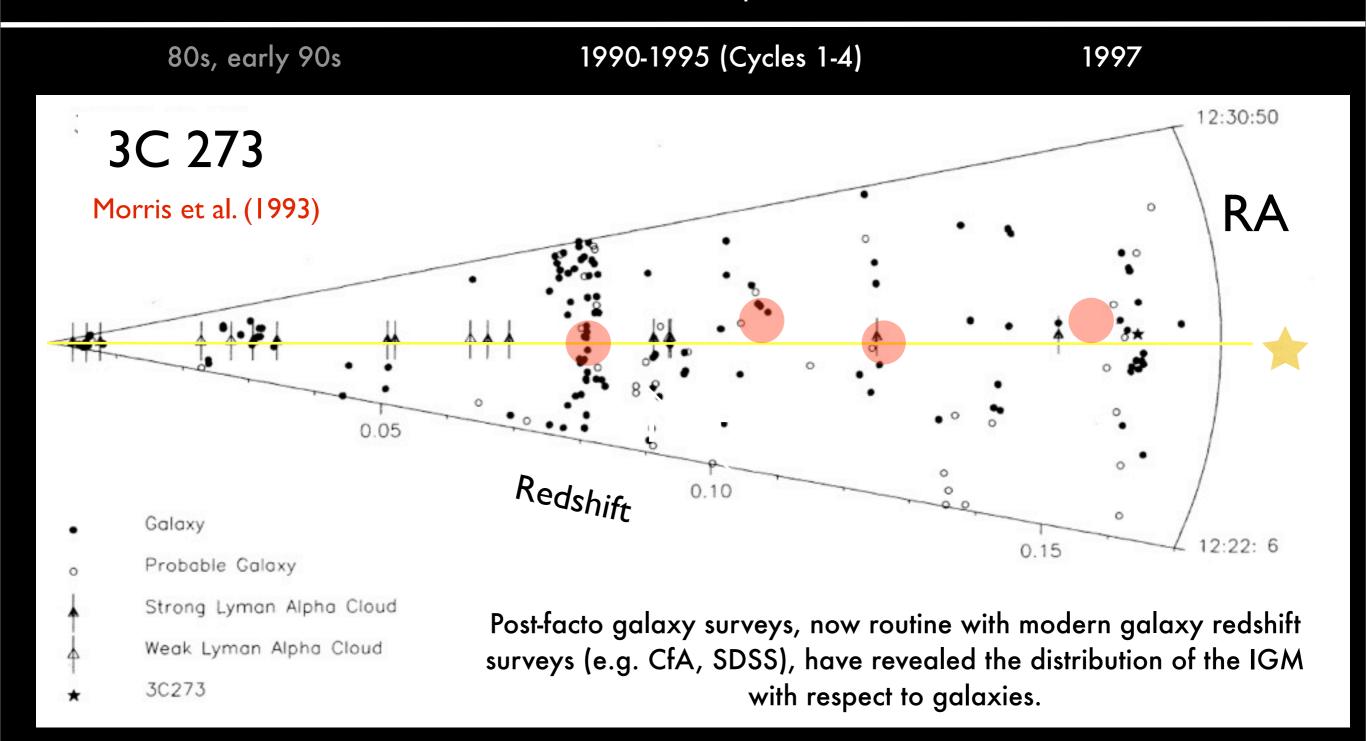




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Lessons of Part II

HST (FOS+GHRS) have now mapped the weblike structure of the IGM, measured its temperature and density, and constrained the spread of metals.

The IGM is now well understood.

Right?

Part III

In which we see that most of the normal matter in the Universe goes missing and some of it gets found by HST.



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Cosmic Baryon
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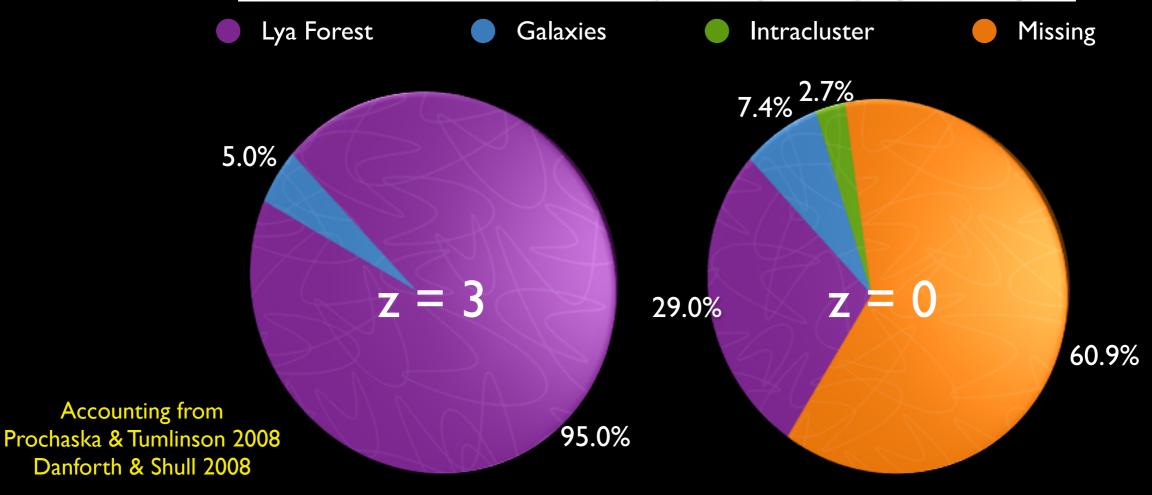
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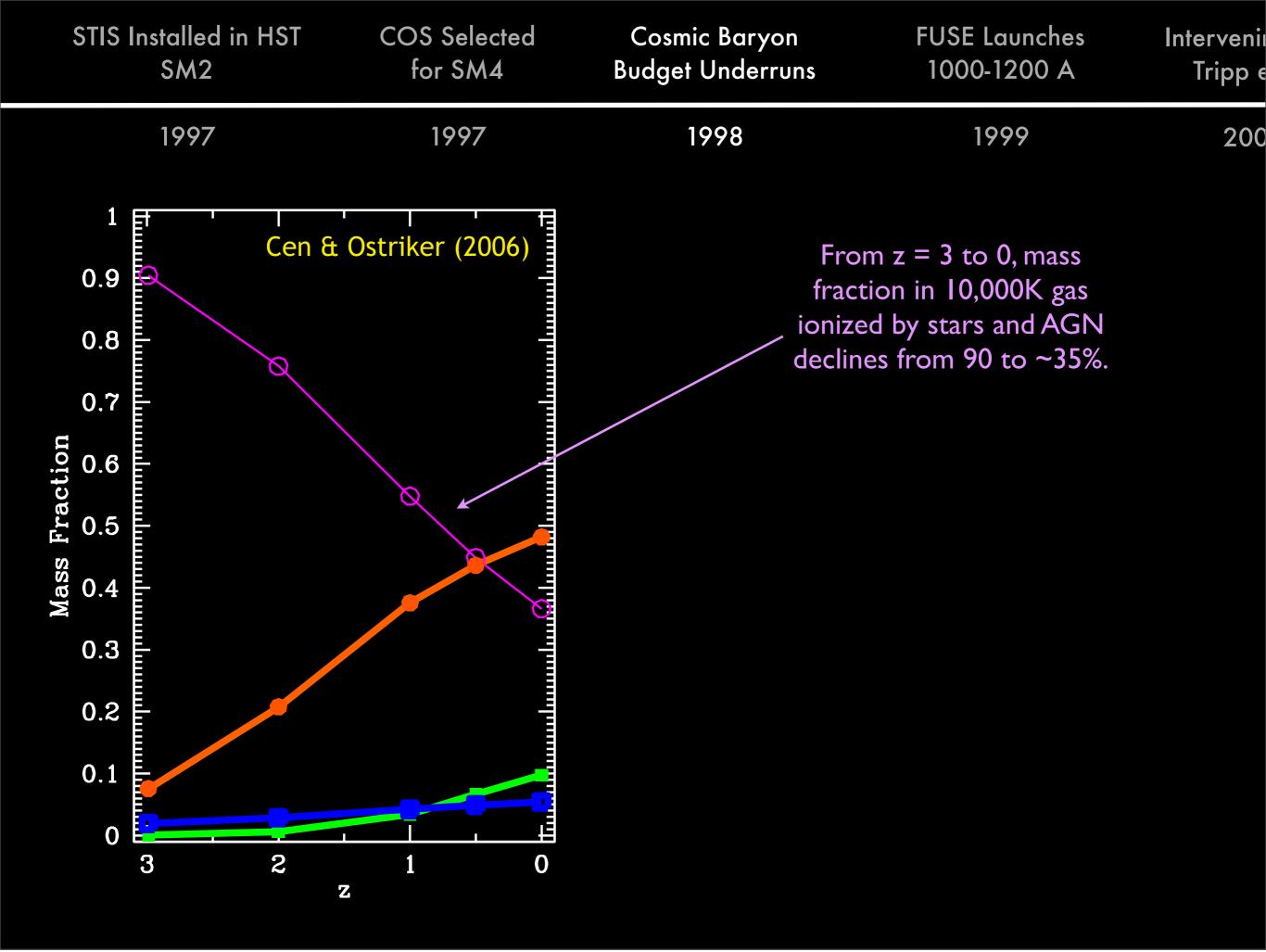
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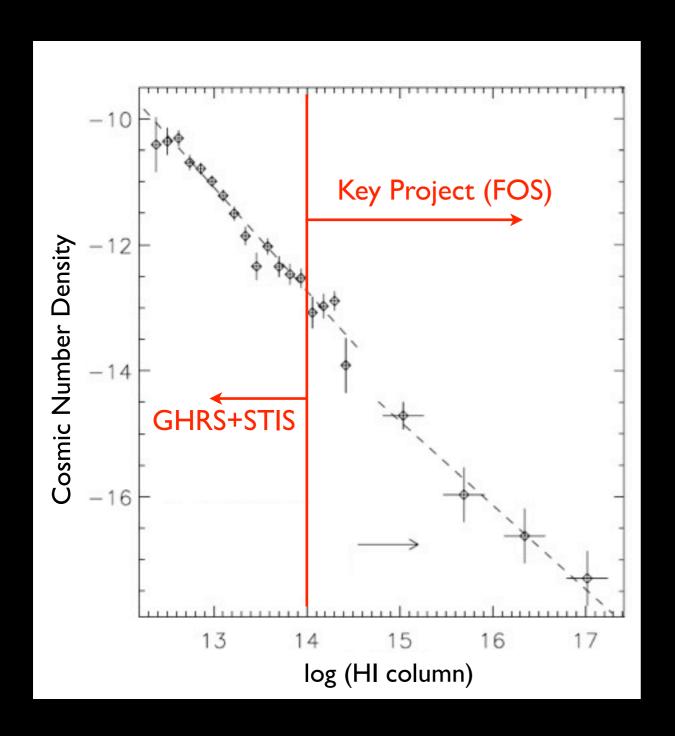
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Penton, Stocke, & Shull (2000-2004) used GHRS and later STIS to examine weak $Ly\alpha$ clouds below the limits of the FOS Key Project.

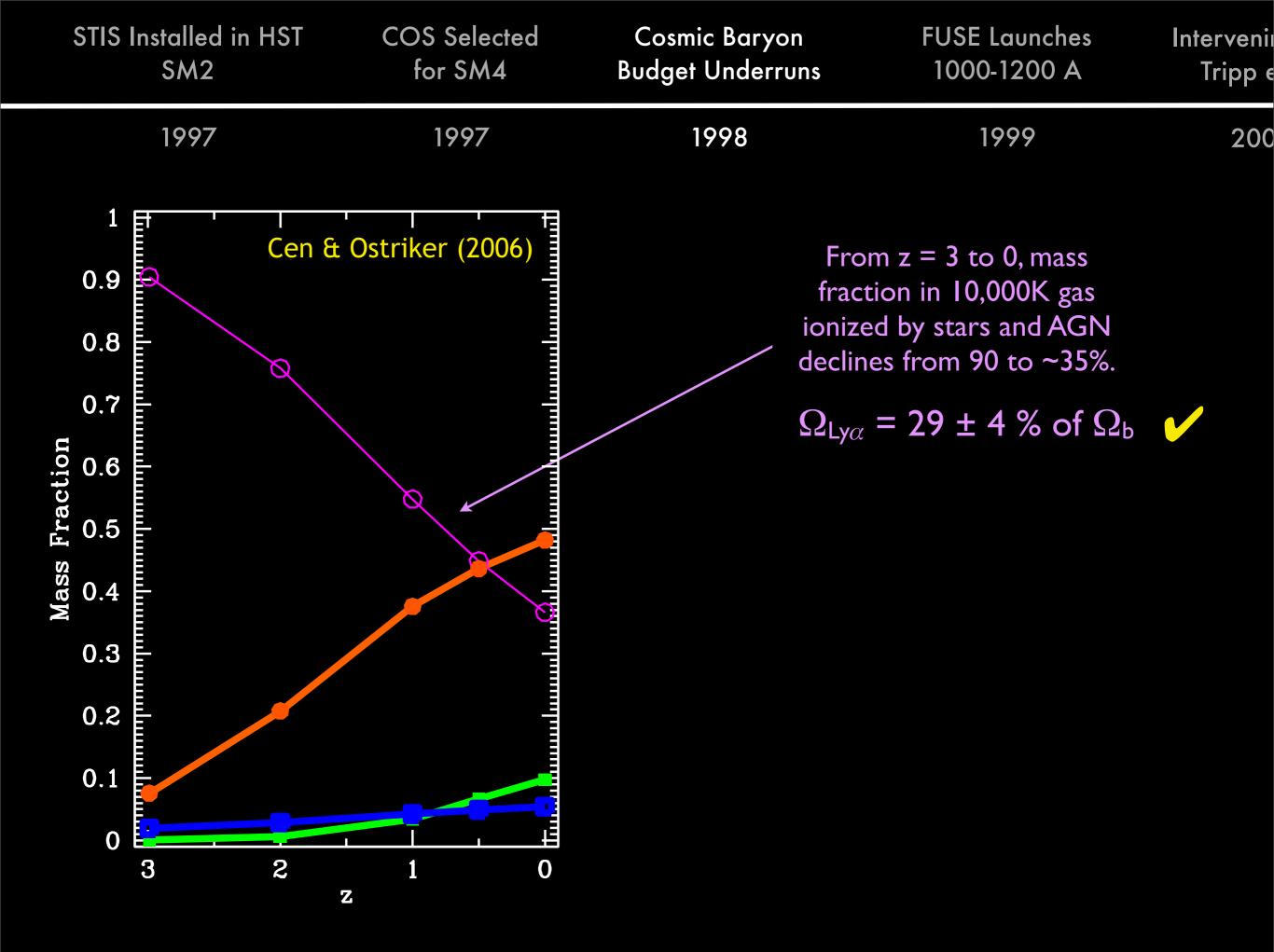
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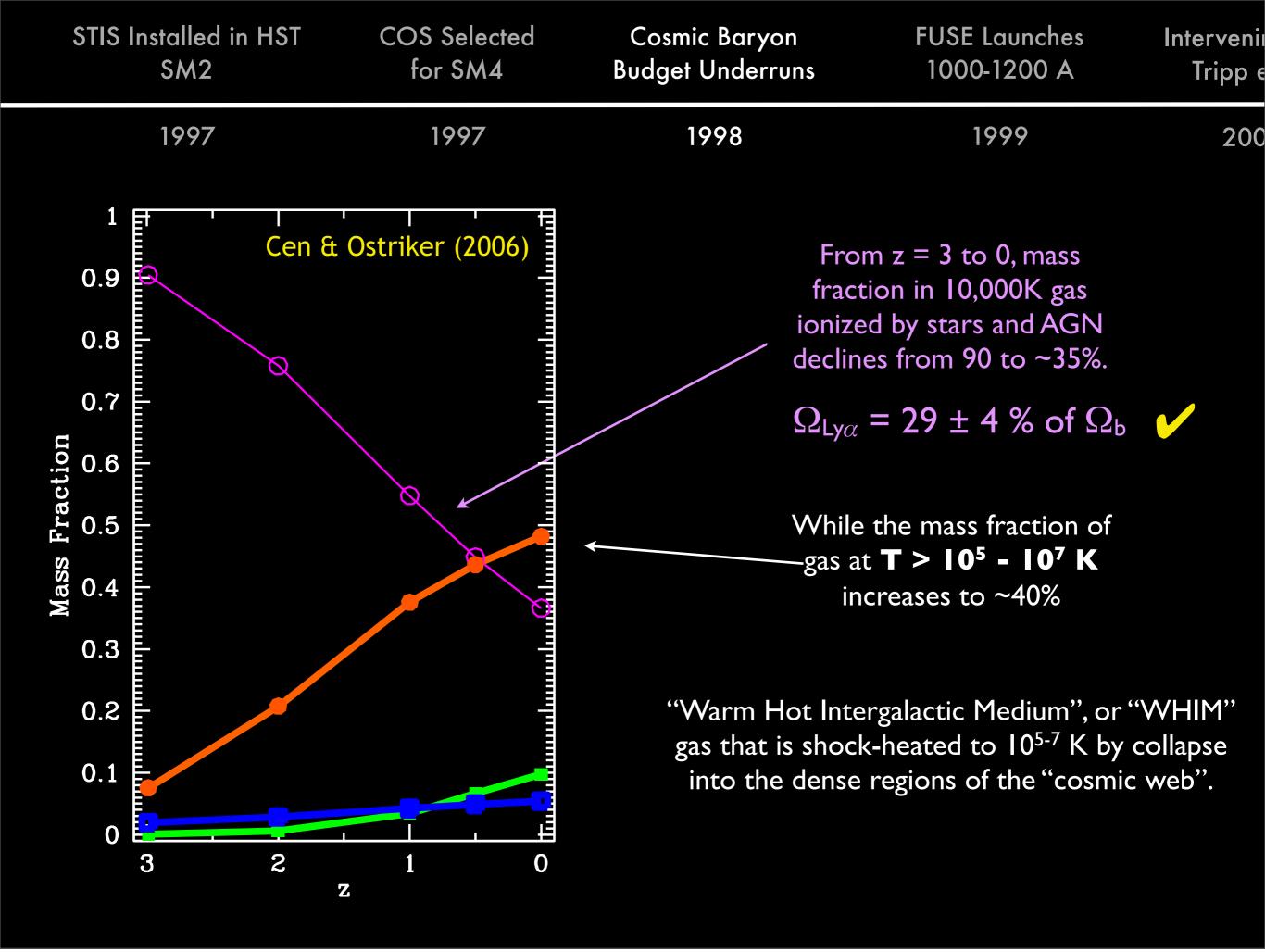
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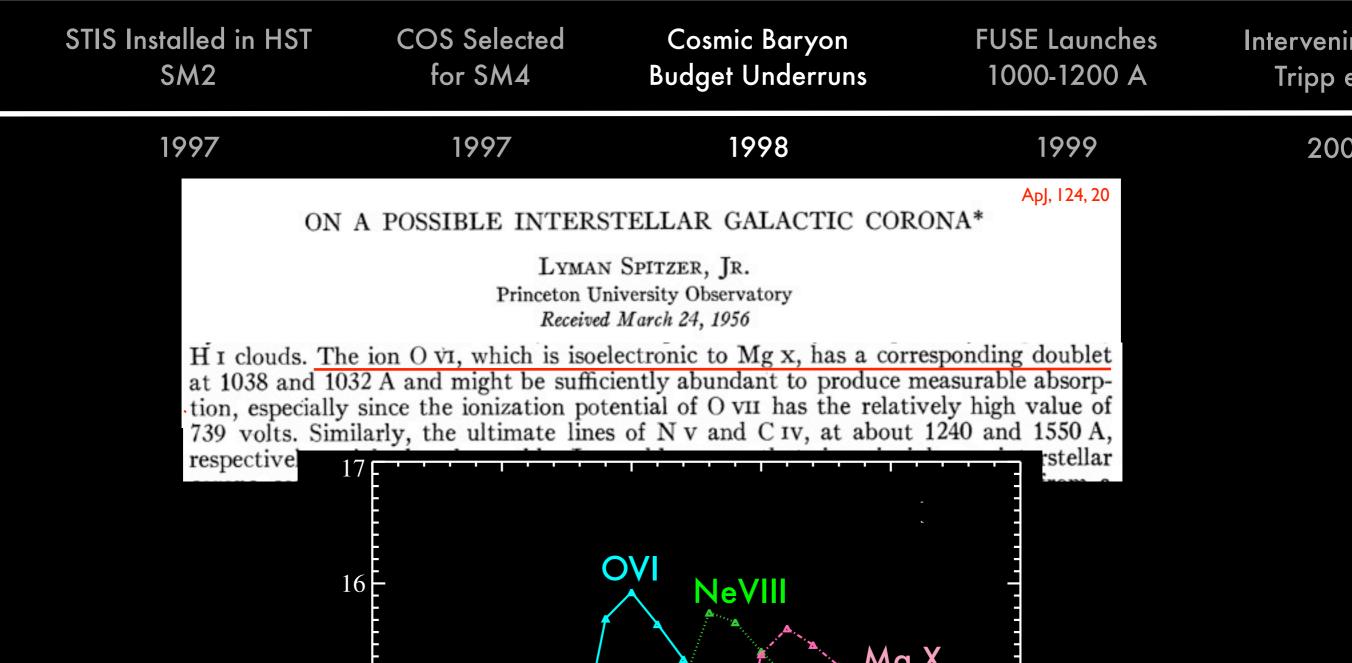
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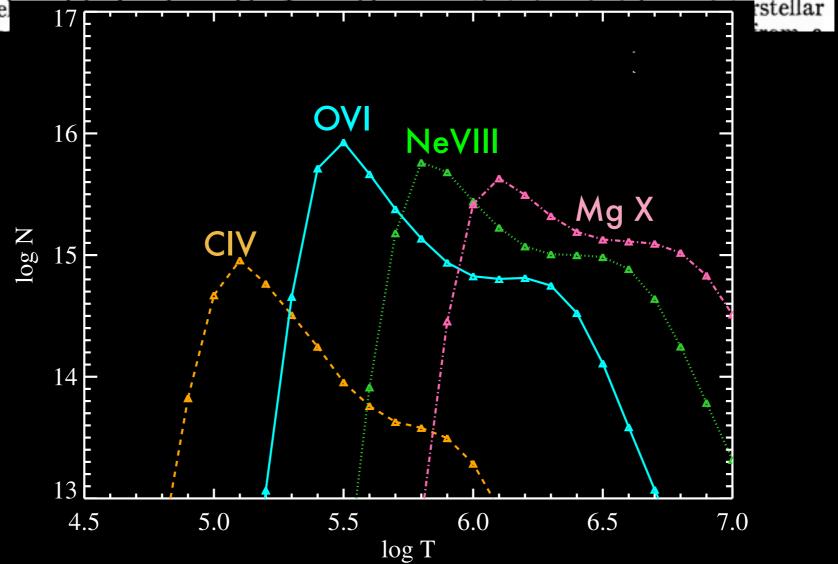
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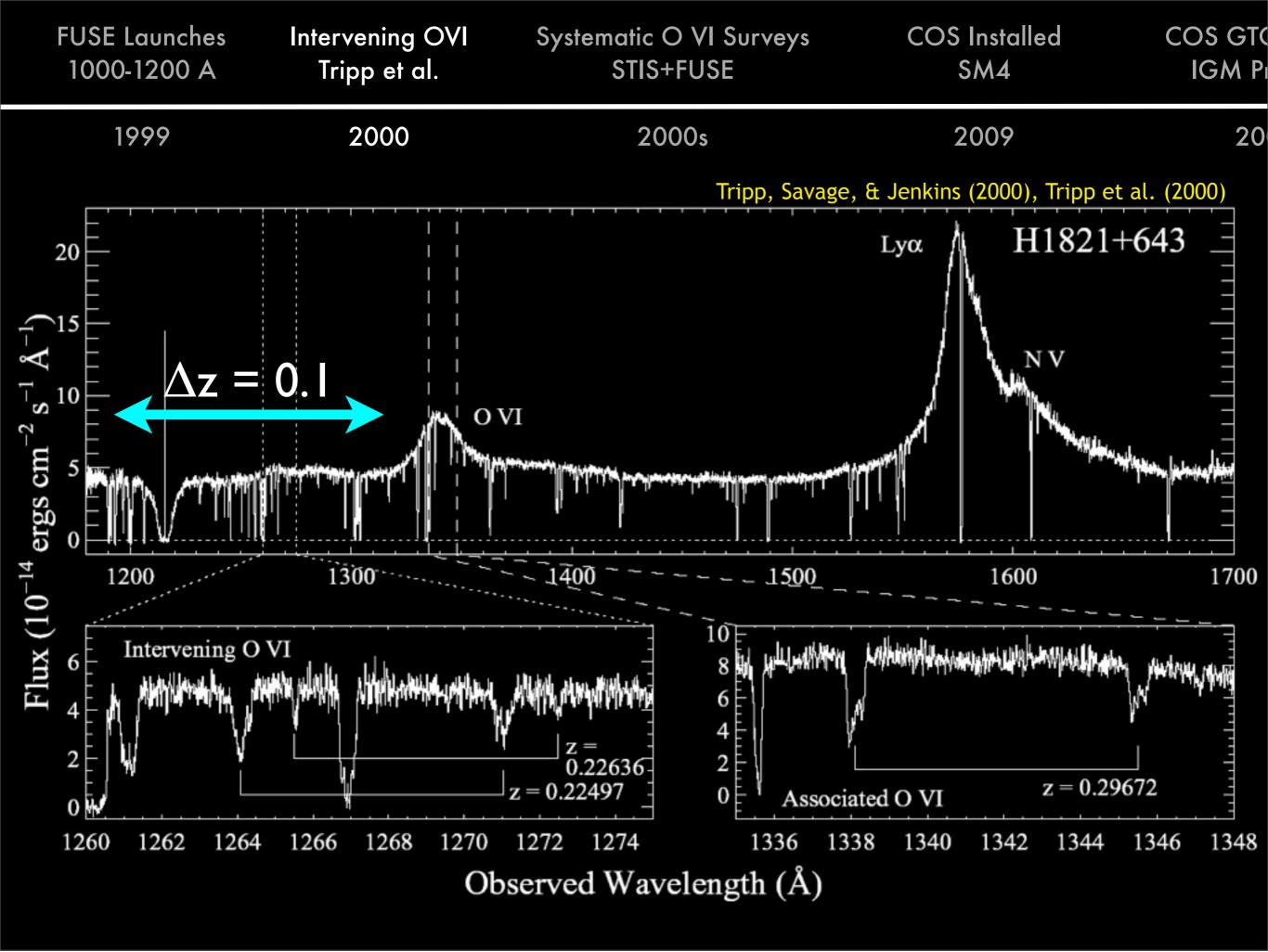
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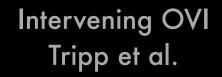












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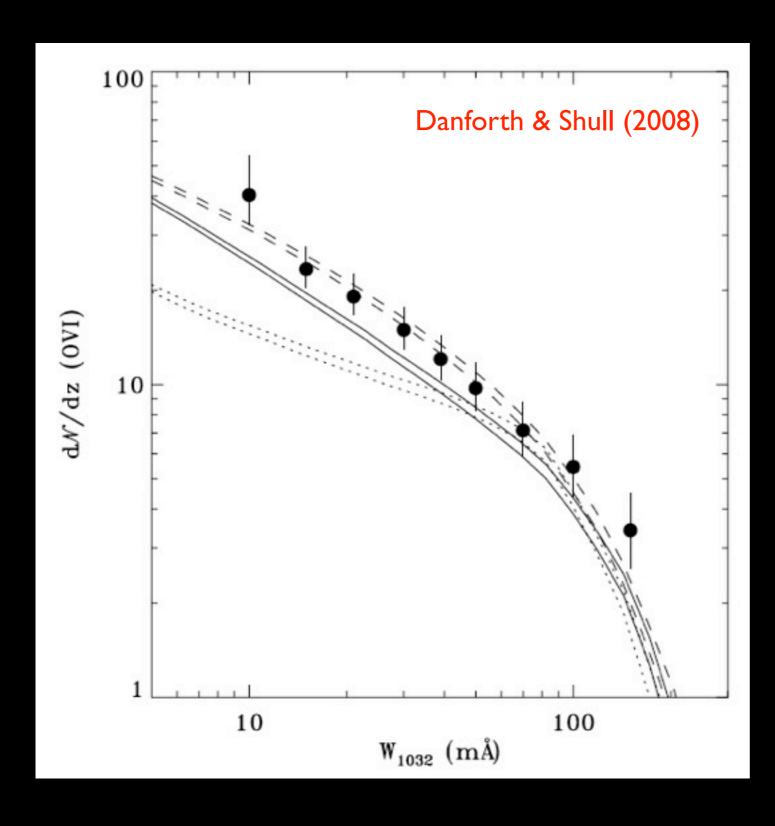
COS GTO and GO IGM Programs

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$$\Omega_{\text{OVI}}/\Omega_{\text{b}}=8\pm1$$
 %

Danforth & Shull (2008)

$$\Omega_{\text{OVI}}/\Omega_{\text{b}}=4\pm1\%$$

Thom & Chen (2008)

Systematic difference comes down to physical state.

How many O VI absorbers arise in hot gas, and how many are photoionized gas?

Lessons of Part III

Fortune favors the prepared mind: when most of the baryons went missing, we knew where to go looking.

HST (GHRS+STIS) has found 30 - 40 % of the baryons in diffuse, hot, ionized gas via absorption lines predicted 50 years ago.

Part IV

In which we move into the future, welcome COS into the fold, and see that there is no new thing under the Sun.

2000s

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2009+

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TO DO

1) Find the rest of the missing baryons

NeVIII, Mg X, and 0 VI-only absorbers as tracers of metal-enriched WHIM. Broad Lyman alpha clouds - hot gas with low metal abundance.

2) Learn what happens in the Circumgalactic Medium.

Exploit QSO/galaxy pairs with COS to study regions close to galaxies.

3) Further constrain the distributions of metals

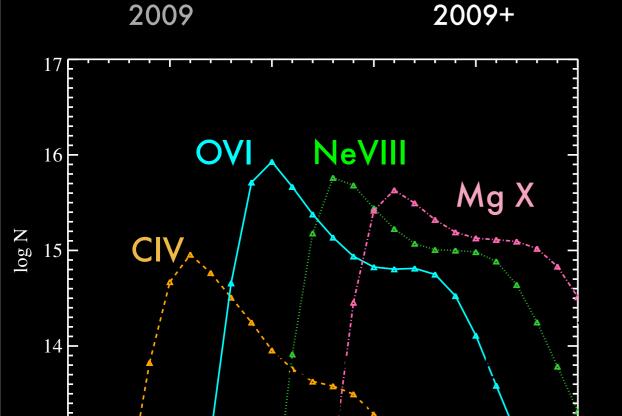
Test galaxy feedback ("superwind") theories.

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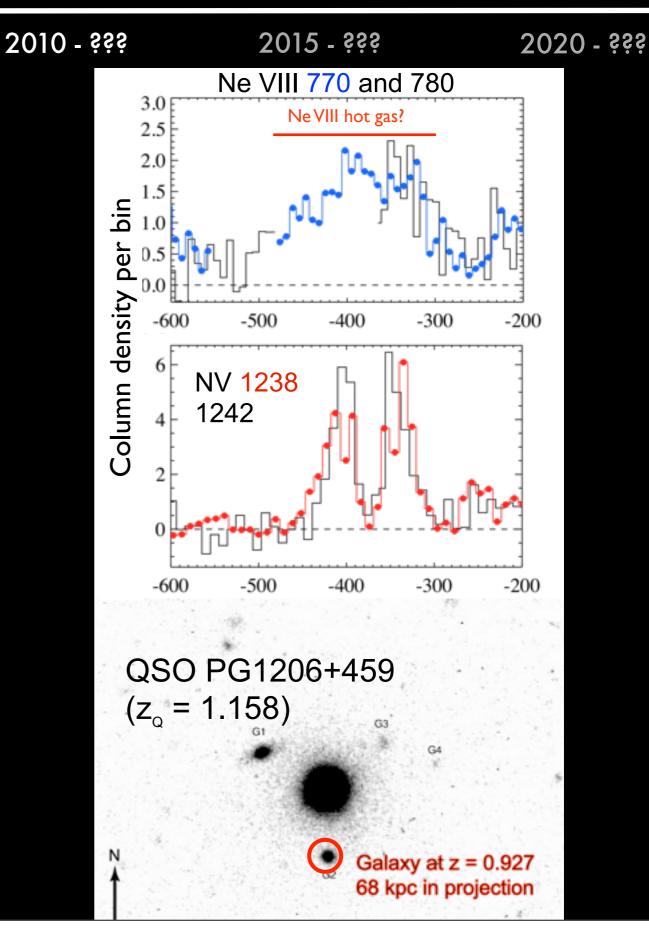
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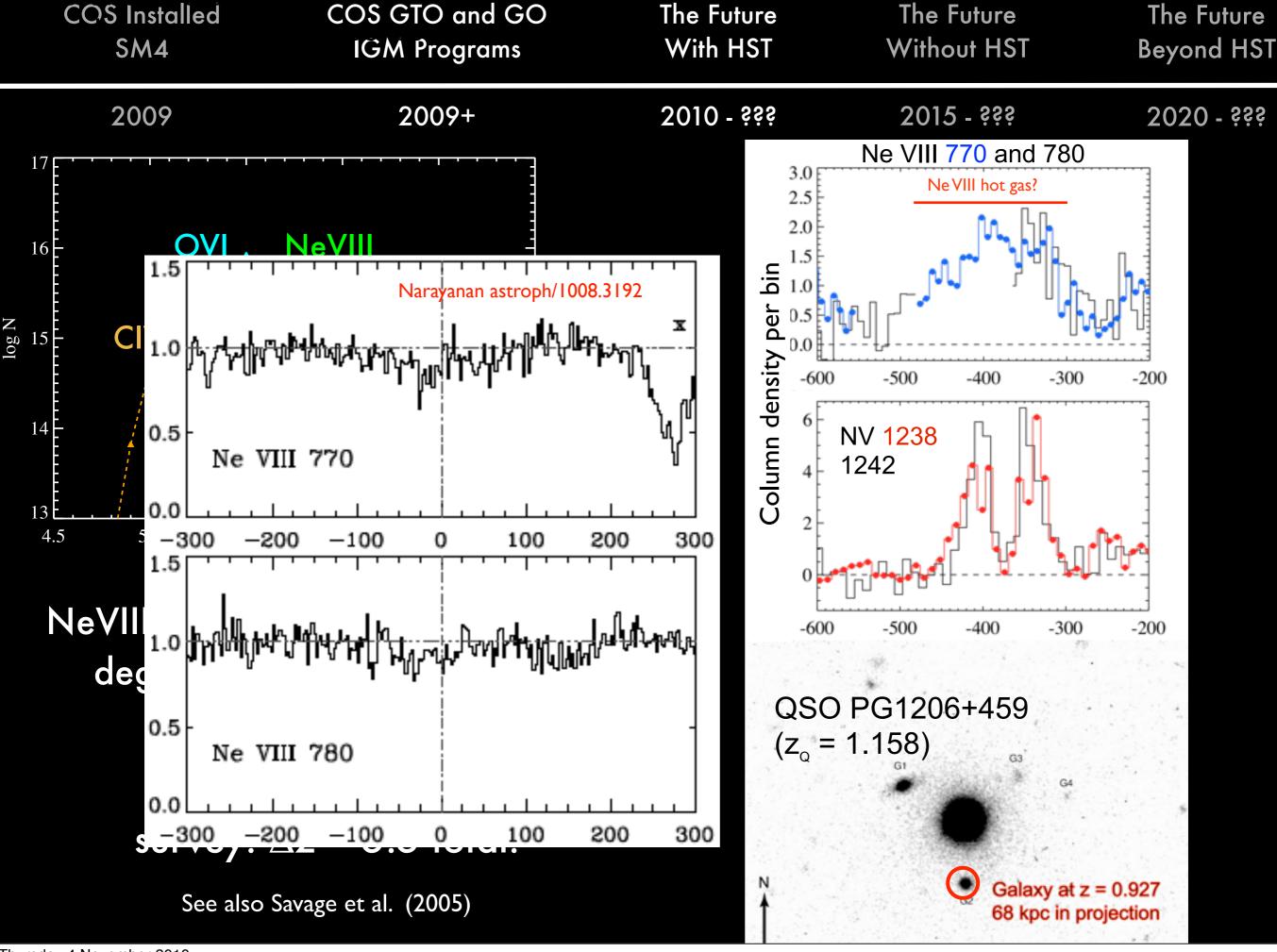
NeVIII traces WHIM gas at ~ 1 million degrees, but only for $z_{abs} > 0.5$.

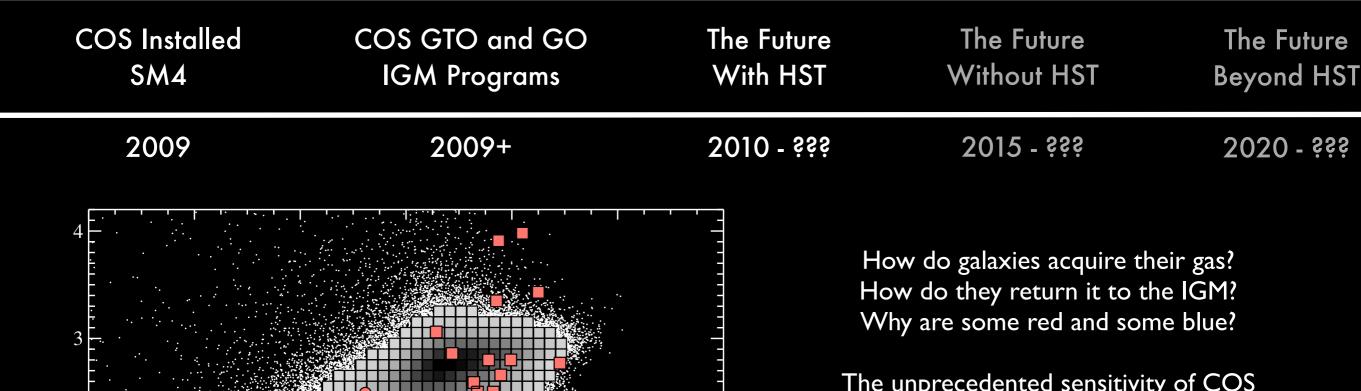
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Tripp et al. Cycle 17 survey: $\Delta z = 5.5$ total.

See also Savage et al. (2005)

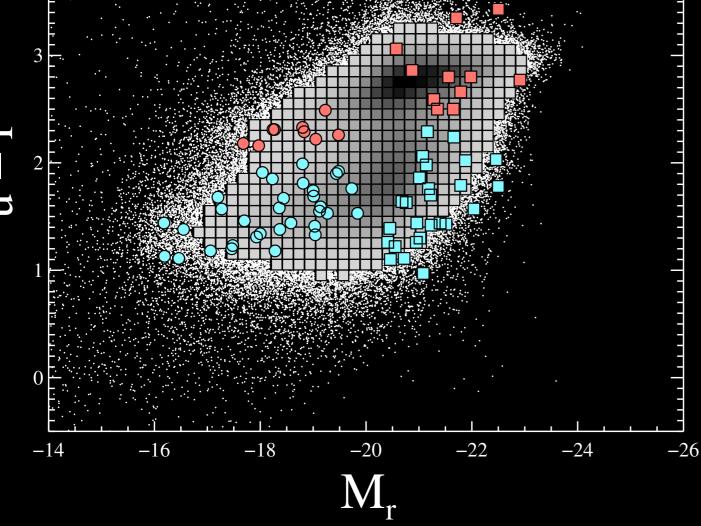






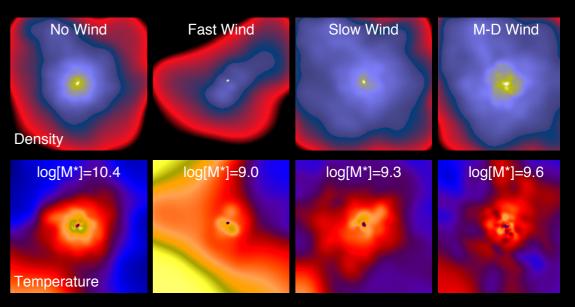
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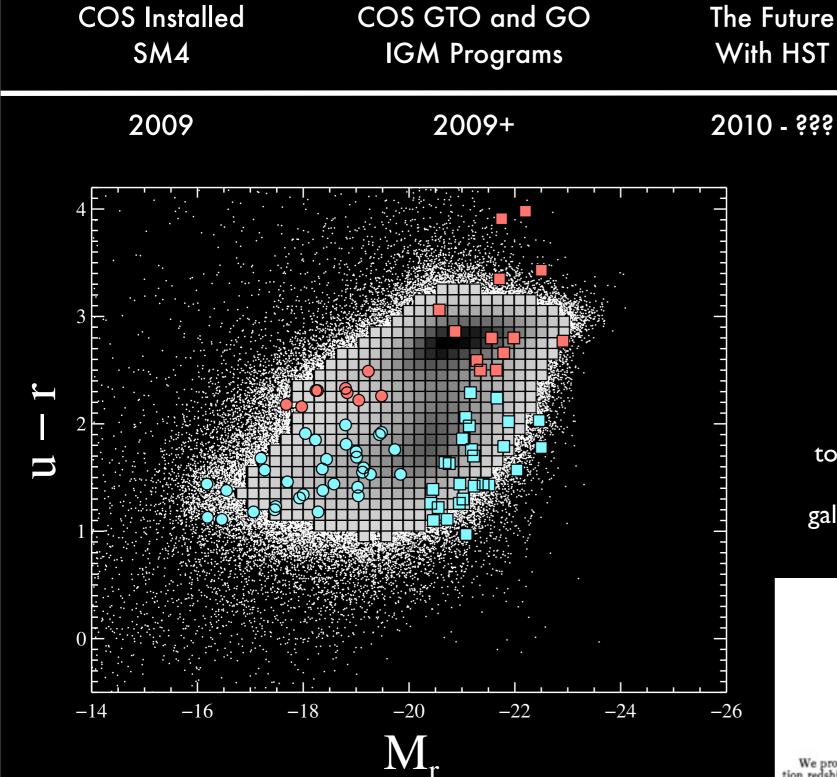


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Oppenheimer & Davé galaxy superwind simulations



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How do galaxies acquire their gas? How do they return it to the IGM? Why are some red and some blue?

The Future

Without HST

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The Future

Beyond HST

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ABSORPTION LINES PRODUCED BY GALACTIC HALOS

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ABSTRACT

We propose that most of the absorption lines observed in quasi-stellar sources with multiple absorption redshifts are caused by gas in extended halos of normal galaxies.

Recent work has established that some quasi-stellar sources have multiple redshift systems in absorption (Bahcall 1968; Bahcall, Greenstein, and Sargent 1968; Burbidge, Lynds, and Stockton 1968; Burbidge 1969; Bahcall, Osmer, and Schmidt 1969). A number of possible explanations have been suggested for this phenomenon (Bahcall et al. 1968; Burbidge et al. 1968; Peebles 1968), but none of the suggestions seem especially plausible when considered in the light of the observed features of the absorption systems. We propose that most of the absorption lines are caused by tenuous gas in extended halos of normal galaxies (see Spitzer 1956 for a review of some earlier work on galactic halos and for a preliminary discussion of the possibility of observing ultraviolet absorption lines formed in such halos).

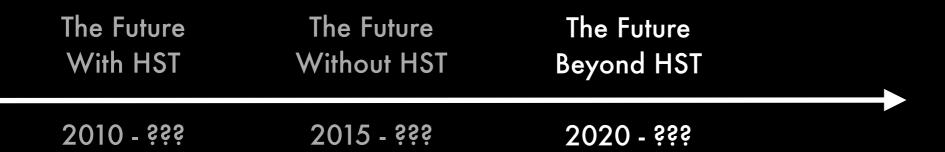
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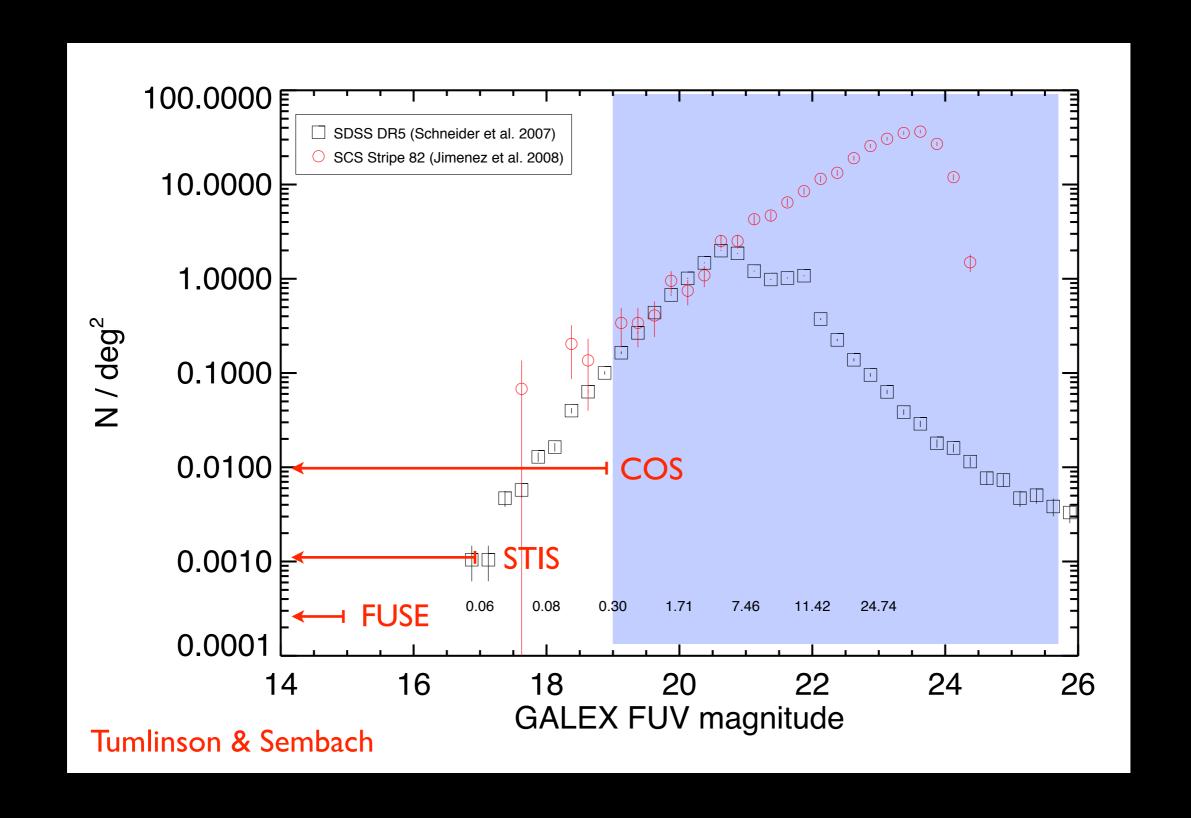
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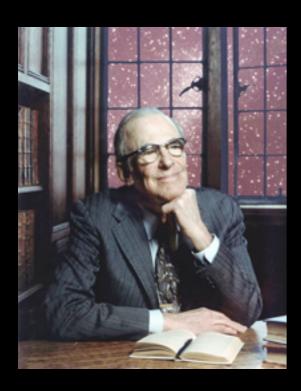


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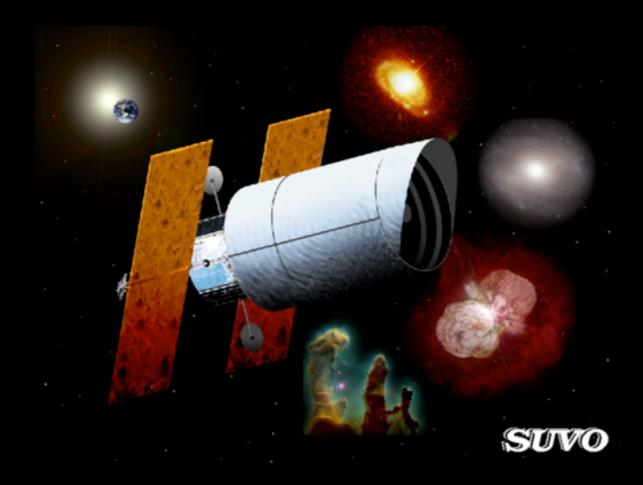
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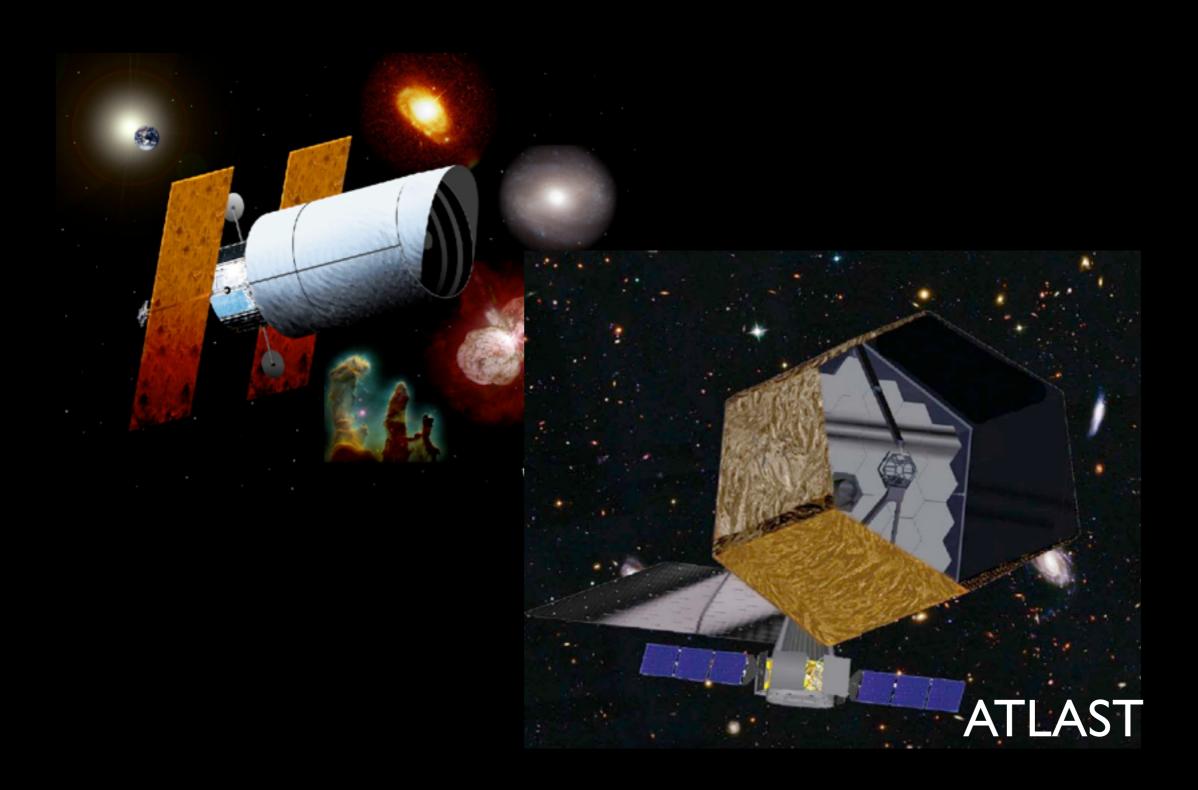
This study points out, in a very preliminary way, the results that might be expected from astronomical measurements made with a satellite vehicle. The discussion is divided into three parts, corresponding to three different assumptions concerning the amount of instrumentation provided. In the first section it is assumed that no telescope is provided; in the second a 10-inch reflector is assumed; in the third section some of the results obtainable with a large reflecting telescope, many feet in diameter, and revolving about the earth above the terrestrial atmosphere, are briefly sketched.

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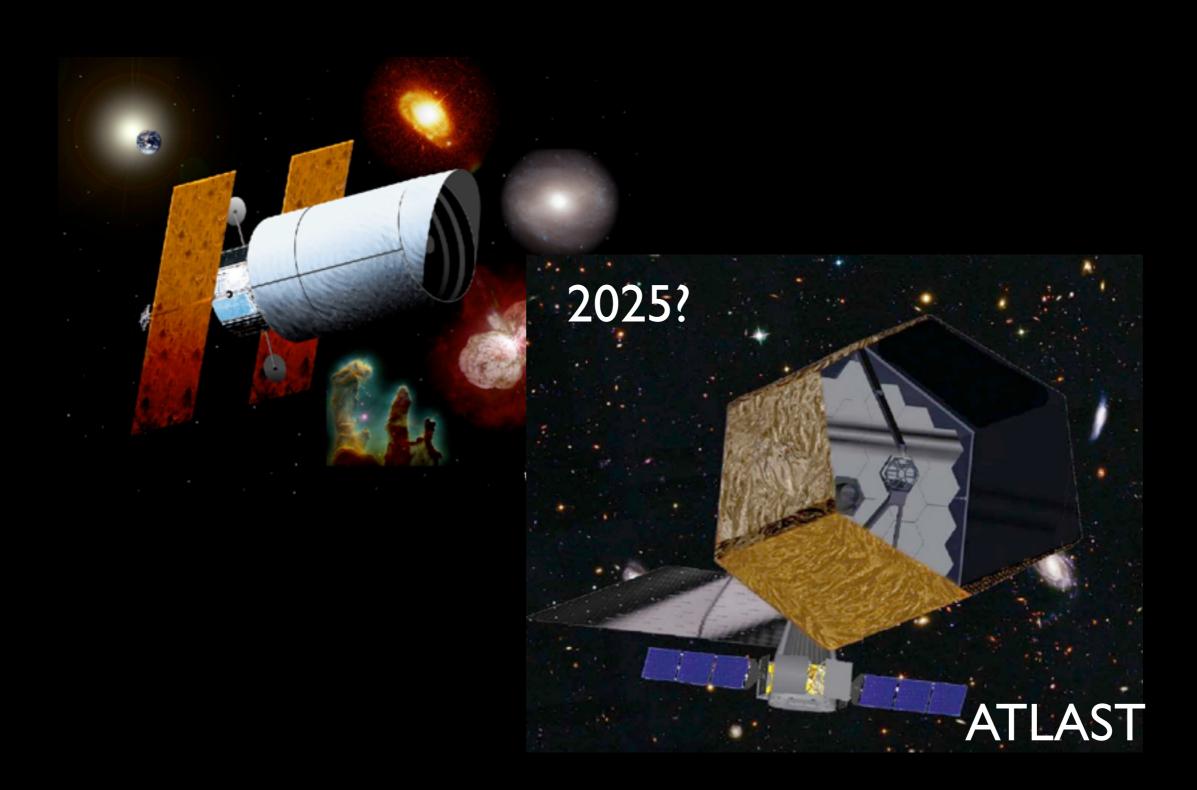
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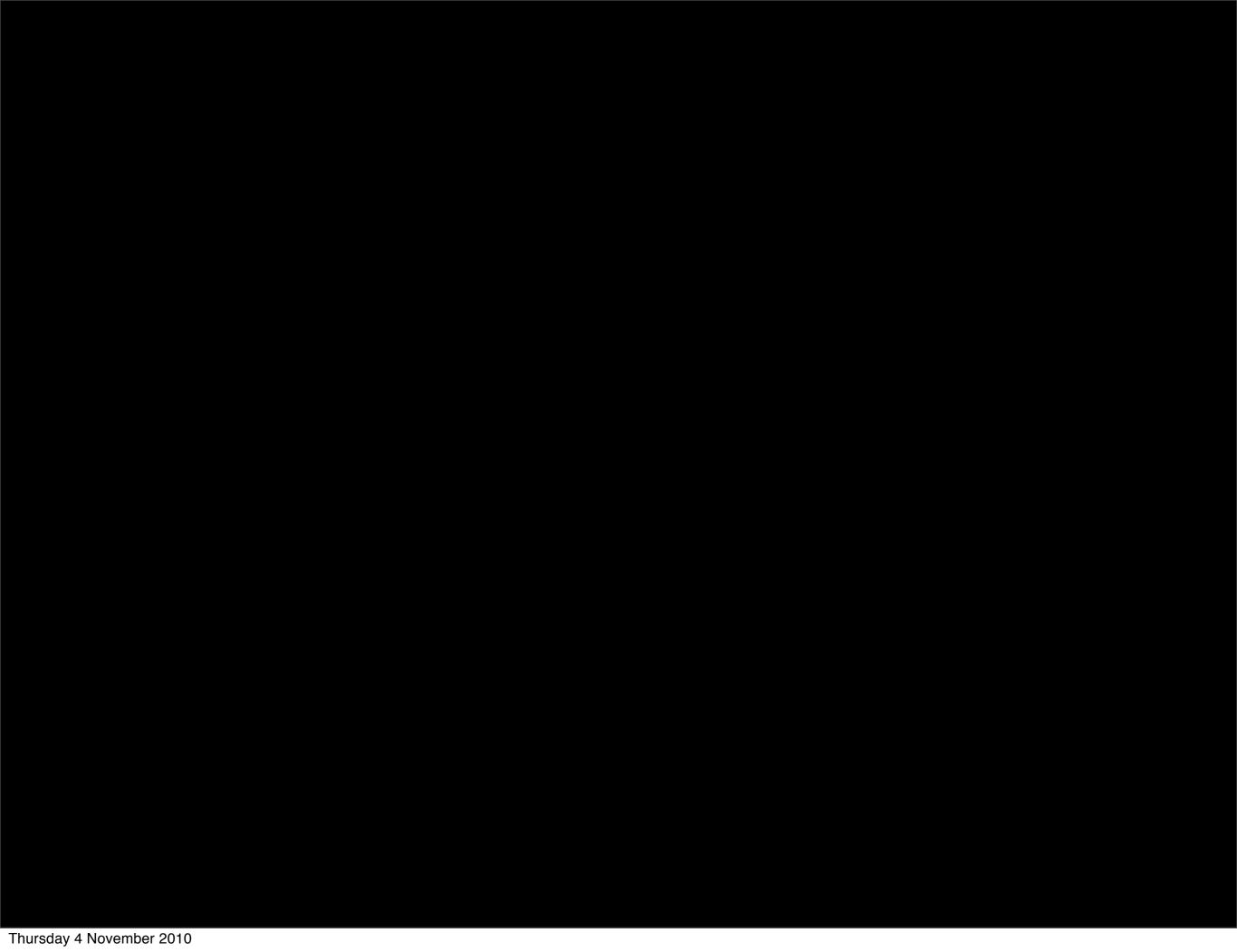
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... and work to ensure that future.



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