GRBS AS TRACERS OF (SFR) AND THE DISTANT ISM

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High quality GRB afterglow data provide wealth of information on host ISM Dust-to-metals ratio (Schady+07,+10; De Cia+13, 16, 18; Wiseman+17, Zafar+13) ISM metallicity and ionisation state (Fox+08; Cucchiara+15; Heintz+23, Schady+11) Dust extinction curves and depletion (Bolmer+18; Schady+12; Zafar+11, 12, 18) Molecular gas fraction at high-Z (Bolmer+19; Heintz+21; Ledoux+09; Tanga+15)

Probes of ISM in high-z galaxies

Krühler+11

Prochaska+09



PROBES OF NEUTRAL GAS METALLICITY







ABSORPTION METALLICITY EVOLUTION





COSMIC METALLICITY EVOLUTION





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ABSORPTION VS. EMISSION PROBES



Absorption probes:

- Probe galaxy neutral gas
- More sensitive than emission probes
- Relatively model-independent
- Single sightline through galaxy
- Rare

Emission probes:

- Probe galaxy star forming regions
- Luminosity-dependent probes
- Very model-dependent
- Galaxy-integrated light
- Common



COMBINING EMISSION AND ABSORPTION LINES



- What are absorber characteristic properties?
- How does metallicity of multiphase ISM compare?
- What is effect of pencil beam probe?



Emission Line Metallicities with JWST







GRB050820A Host Galaxy at z=2.613 GRBI50403A Host Galaxy at z=2.057

WST NIRSPEC IFS OBSERVATIONS

Schady+24 (see also Topçu+25, submitted)





GRB HOSTS: BUILDING A 3D PICTURE





AN ABUNDANCE OF INTERACTING SYSTEMS?



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(See also e.g. Castro-Tirado+07, Rol+07, Perley+13, Thöne+13Wiseman+17b)



NIRSpec Fixed SLIT Spectra





WHICH METALLICITY DIAGNOSTICS TO USE?



Nakajima+22



Laseter+23



Absorption vs Emission Metallicity

Nakijima+22 R₂₃



 $[X/H] = \log(X/H) - \log(X/H)_{\odot}$

Laseter+23 Â diagnostic





Absorption vs Emission vs Nhi Metallicity



(see also Metha+20,+23)



Absorption vs Emission vs Nhi Metallicity

Nakijima+22 R₂₃





(see also Metha+20,+23)







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GRB050505: Absorption vs. Emission Metallicity





Absorption vs Emission line properties

- GRB afterglows provide a truly unique probe of conditions of ISM in high-z galaxies
- JWST allowing absorption and emission line metallicities on sample of GRB host galaxies to be compared for the first time
- Are long GRBs more likely to occur within interacting galaxies?
- Good evidence that GRB sight lines can be used to trace chemical composition of high-z galaxies

But...

- Need to characterise host galaxies of those GRBs with accurate absorption line metallicities
- Wish to understand relation between GRB and QSO-DLA absorbers
- A reliable high-z emission line metallicity diagnostic is of fundamental importance



CALIBRATE HIGH-Z DIAGNOSTICS WITH GRBS?



Laseter+23



PS+24, submitted



THE PECULIAR CASE OF GRB090323





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GRB090323: N/O-O/H RELATION AT HIGH-Z



Option 1: Standard N/O-O/H relation, R2&R3 enhanced





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Option 2: R2&R3 standard, N/O is enhanced

