

NINA HATCH

OPTIMISING WEAVE-LOFAR FOR HI ABSORPTION

WHAT WEAVE-LOFAR WILL PROVIDE

- ▶ Spectroscopic redshifts for ~ 1 million sources at $R \sim 5000$ resolution.
- ▶ Source type (Star forming galaxy vs radio-loud AGN)
- ▶ Ken has been compiling complementary catalogues

$L_{1.4\text{GHz}}$	RLAGN	Star forming galaxy
v. Bright	510,000	
Bright	100,000	350,000
Faint	42,000	20,000

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- ▶ Direct detection
 - ▶ Excellent sample for direct detection searches: redshifts for 510k of the brightest RLAGN (type 1 and 2) in the Northern hemisphere.
 - ▶ Use the redshift catalogue to differentiate between associated and intervening absorption in blind HI surveys
 - ▶ Expect >50 RLAGN at $z > 6$ over 5 years of survey (EoR)

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- ▶ Stacking (full 650k sample)
 - ▶ Reach much lower τ
 - ▶ Divide into bins of redshift, AGN type ... what other information would you like to allow you to divide the sample?
 - ▶ Data will allow stacking of any blind survey with a component in the Northern hemisphere (e.g. Apertif)
 - ▶ Which surveys are being performed? Which areas of the sky would you like us to target?

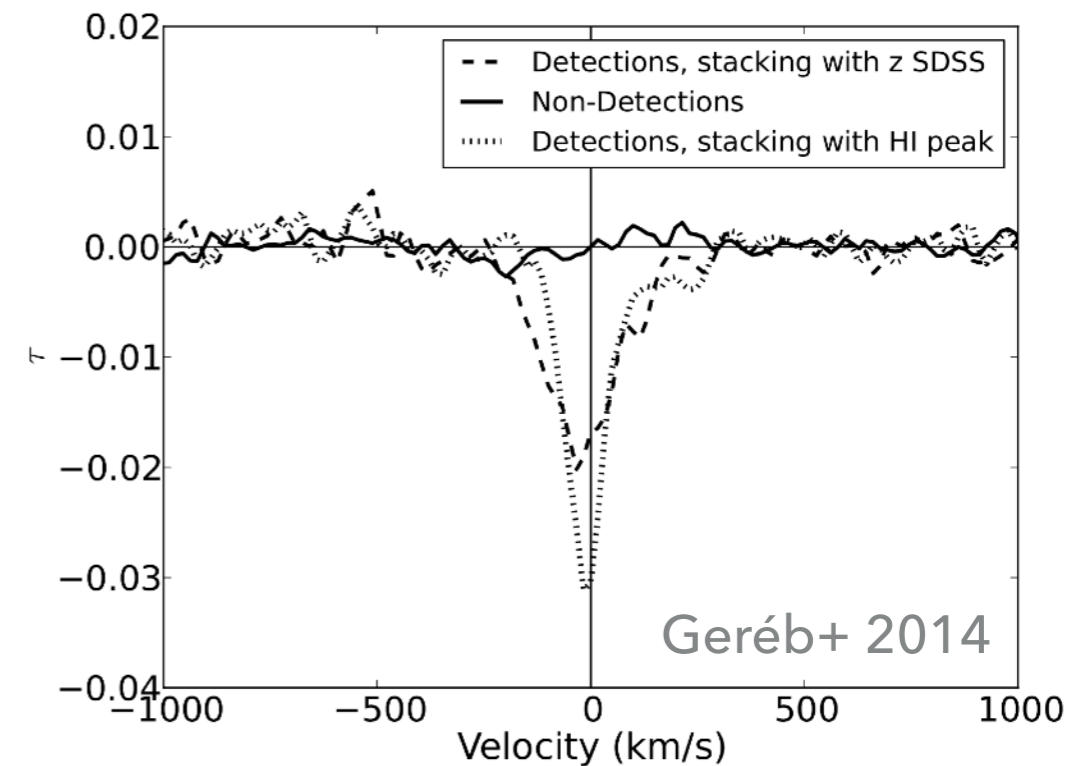


Fig. 6. Sample of 93 red AGN, stacked profile of 27 detections (dashed and dotted lines, see explanation in the legend) and 66 non-detections (solid line).

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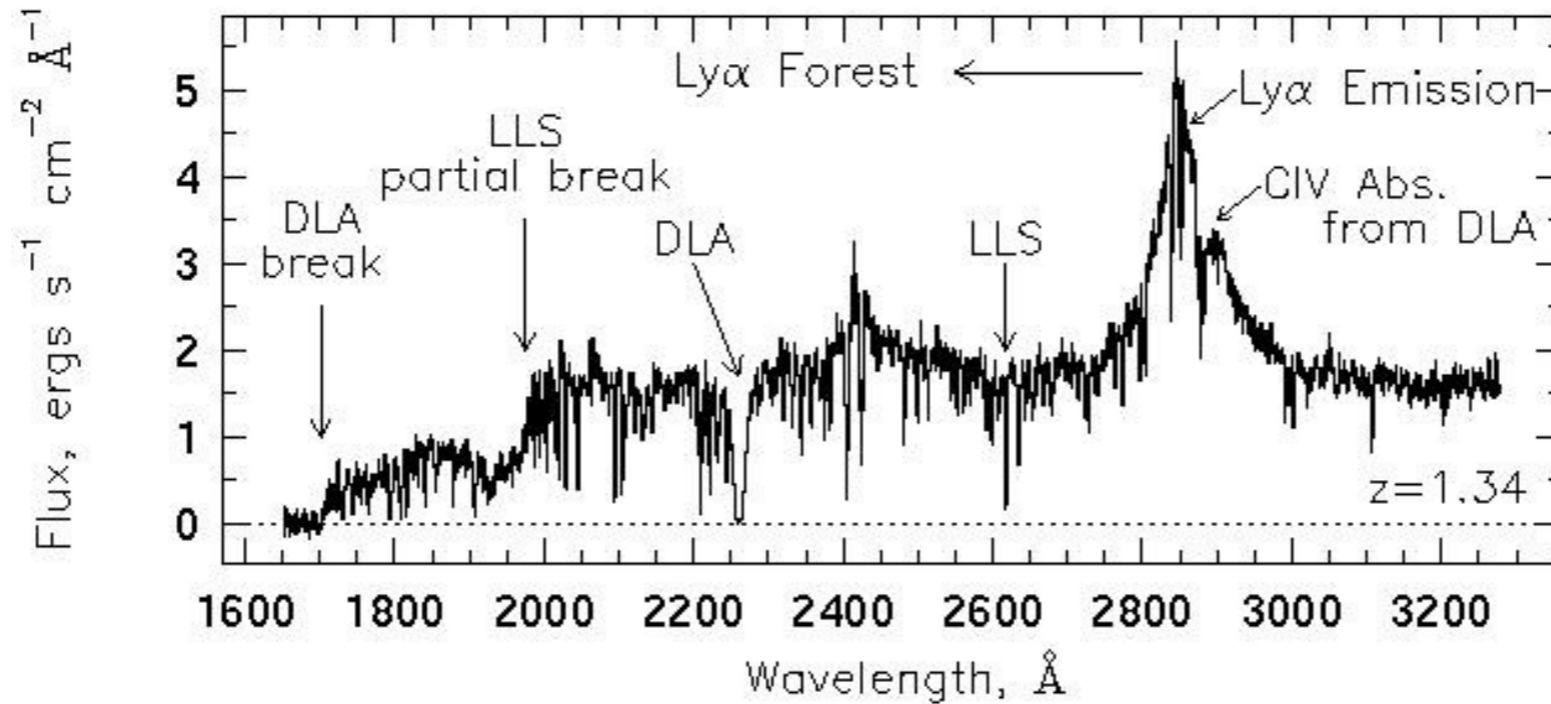
- ▶ Stacking II - 370k of the radio-brightest star-forming galaxies
 - ▶ HI absorption studies can be used just as efficiently to find cold gas not just in AGN, but also in **star-forming galaxies** at higher redshift. The increased number of sources will provide enough data to perform HI stacking experiments and, hence, to probe the highest redshift regime of the observed radio sky at low optical depth. Thus, even though HI absorption only traces the cold
- ▶ What would we see from stacked RL SFG? Emission or absorption? Absorption troughs in the emission line?

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INTERVENING ABSORBERS

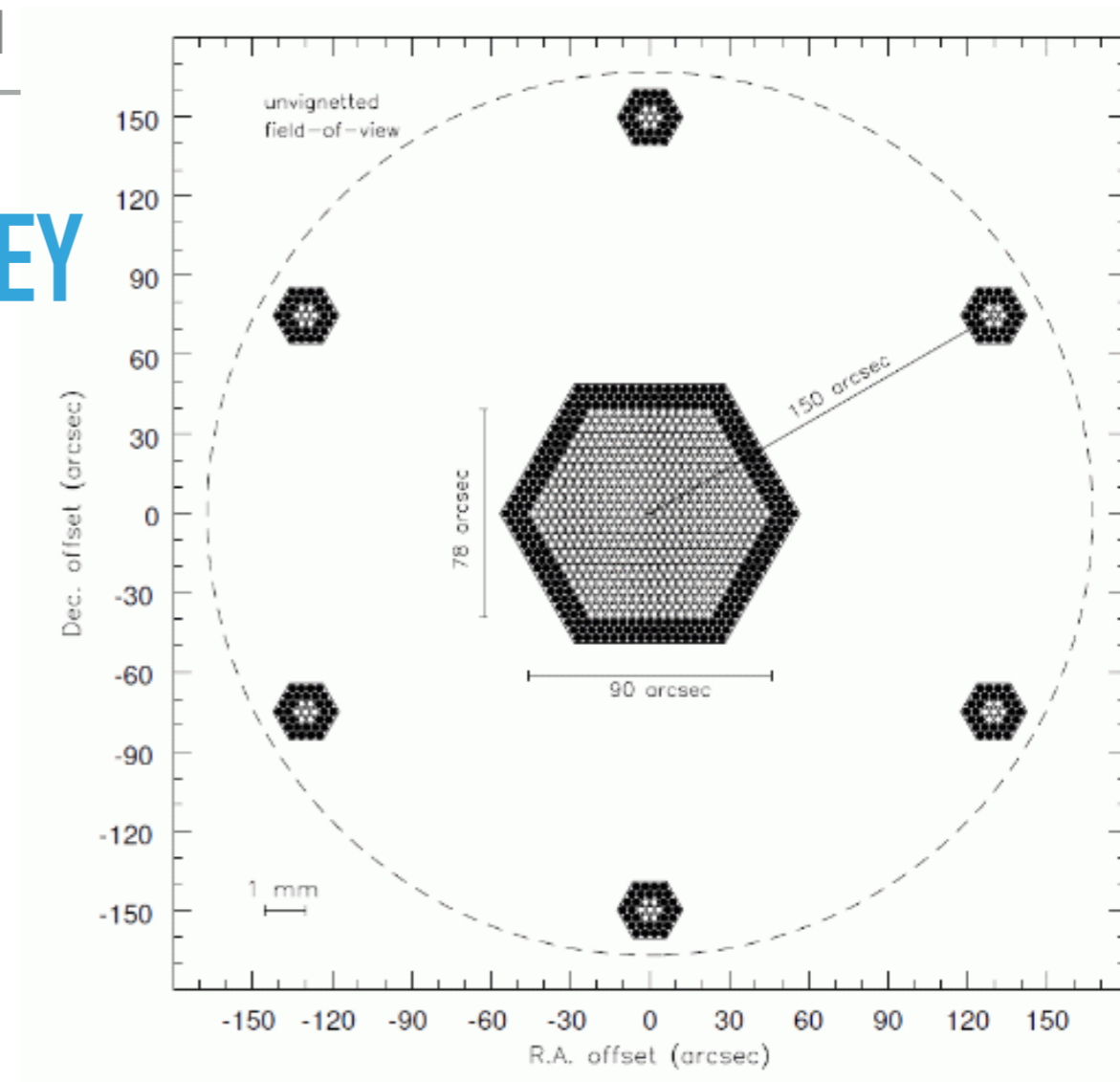
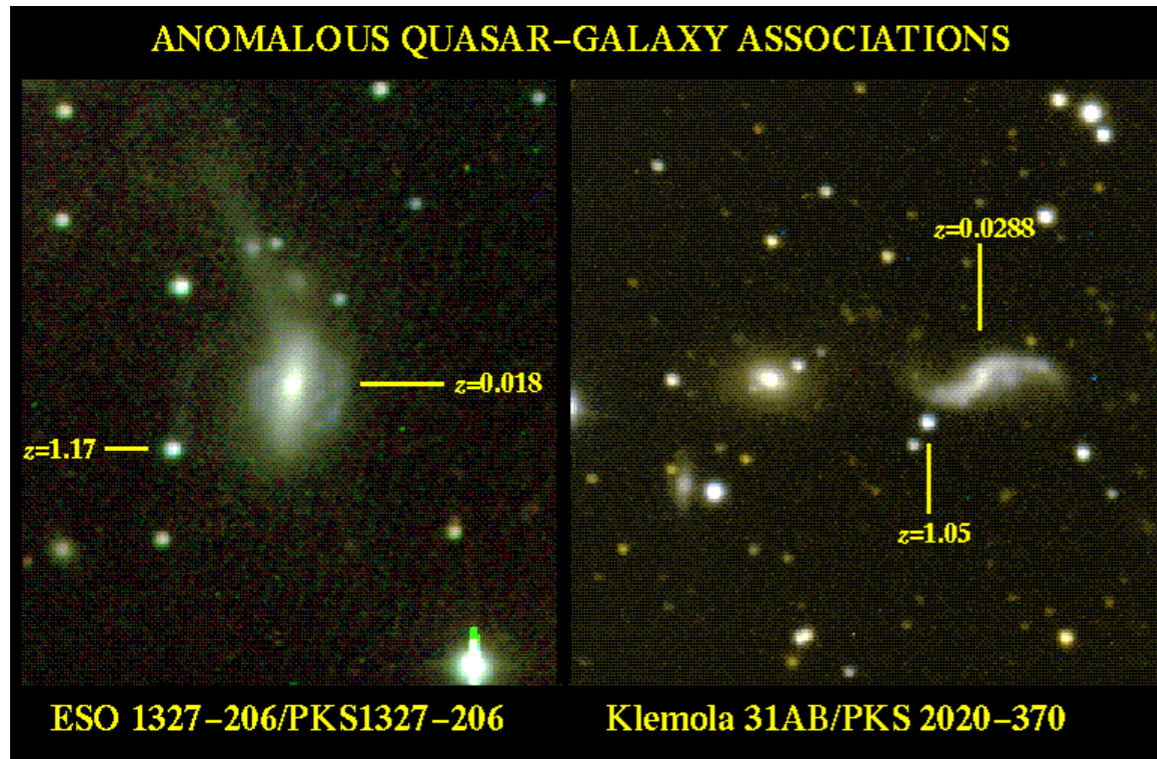
- ▶ 2 observational methods to identify intervening systems
 1. Direct optical detection
 2. WEAVE-LOFAR IFU survey

INTERVENING ABSORBERS: DIRECT OPTICAL DETECTION



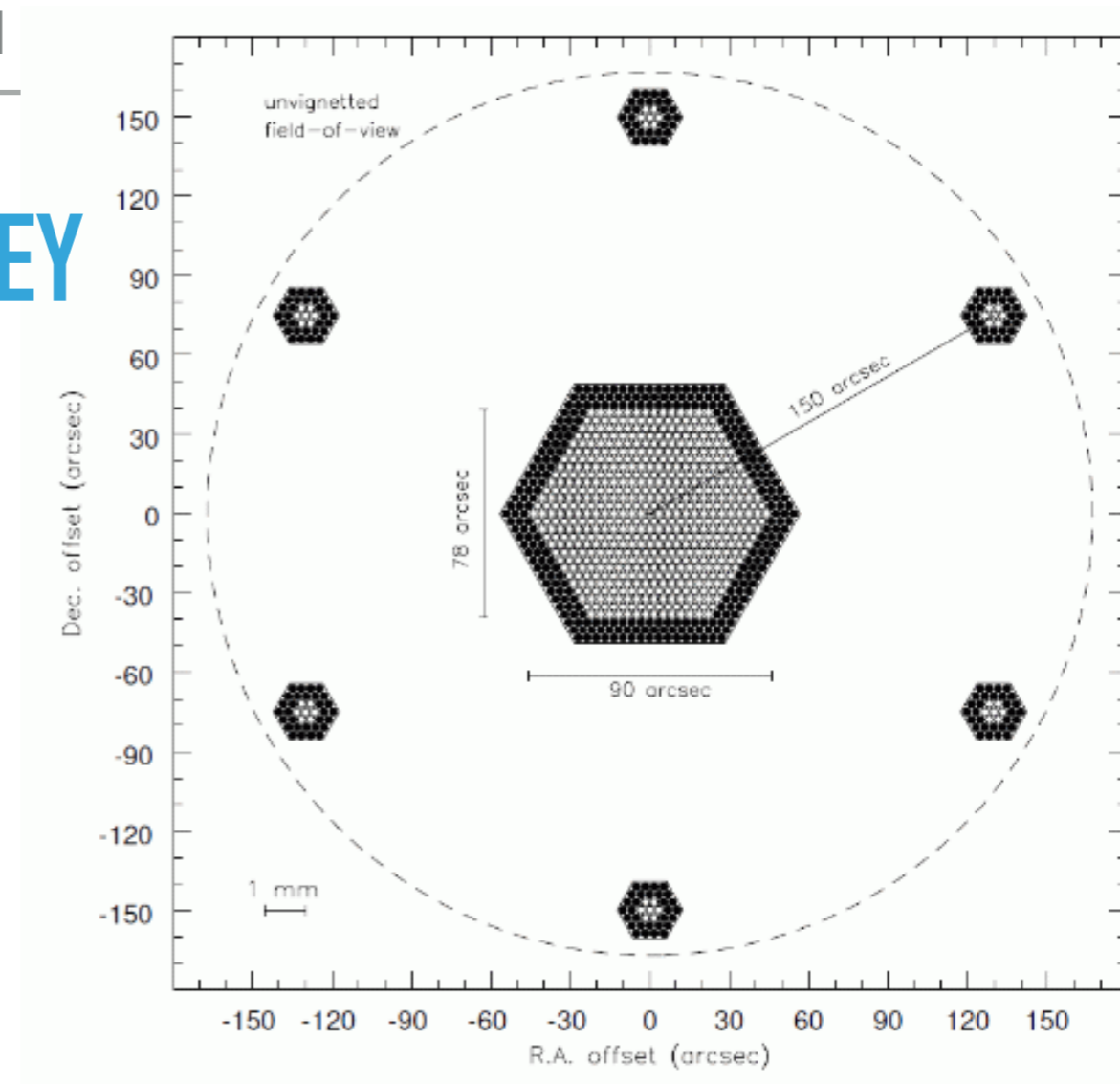
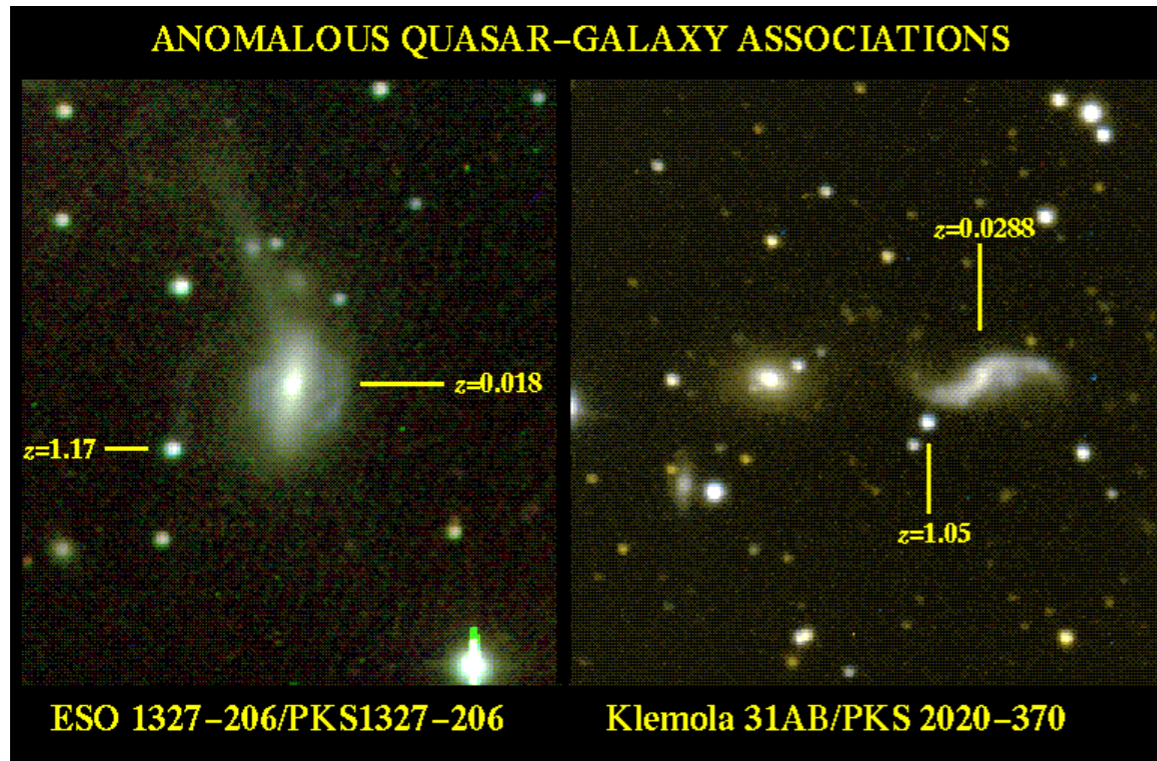
- DLA, sub-DLA, LLS for $z > 2$ quasars
- Mg II, CIV systems for lower- z quasars
- 21cm followup enables statistical measurement of T_{spin} / c_f
- How many are needed to be a useful/transformational sample?
- This analysis is not currently in our science plan, so speak up if this would be useful for you.

INTERVENING ABSORBERS: IFU SURVEY



- ▶ WL provides background radio source redshift
- ▶ WEAVE-IFU followup provides foreground galaxy redshift
- ▶ can then stack 21 cm signal at foreground redshift for all foreground sources

INTERVENING ABSORBERS: IFU SURVEY



- ▶ 22 galaxies per IFU if RLAGN is at $z > 1$
- ▶ Min distance = 2.6", max distance = 80"
- ▶ 100 IFU paintings gives 2,200 galaxies (or double if we go for double radio sources) - is this enough?
- ▶ Good idea? Quasars or radio galaxies? Minimum L_{Radio} ? Can you tell us which RLAGN to go for? Can we look for more than 21cm, e.g. OH, CO?

SUMMARY

- ▶ WEAVE-LOFAR will provide data that can facilitate both associated and intervening HI absorption studies
- ▶ Both MOS and IFU data may be of use to you
- ▶ Please talk to me if you have any comments/ideas about how we can optimise the survey for your science.