ULTRAVIOLET BROAD ABSORPTION FEATURES AND THE SPECTRAL ENERGY DISTRIBUTION OF THE QUASAR PG 1351 + 64

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ABSTRACT

We present a moderate-resolution (~20 km s⁻¹) spectrum of the mini-broad absorption line quasar (QSO) PG 1351 + 64 between 915 and 1180 Å, obtained with the Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer (FUSE). Additional low-resolution spectra at longer wavelengths were also obtained with the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) and ground-based telescopes. Broad absorption is present on the blue wings of C IV 1977, Lyβ, O VI λλ1032, 1038, Lyα, N v λλ1238, 1242, Si iv λλ1393, 1402, and C IV λλ1548, 1550. The absorption profile can be fitted with five components at velocities of ~780, ~1049, ~1629, ~1833, and ~3054 km s⁻¹ with respect to the emission-line redshift of z = 0.088. All the absorption components cover a large fraction of the continuum source, as well as the broad-line region. The O VI emission feature is very weak, and the O VI/Lyα flux ratio is 0.08, one of the lowest among low-redshift active galaxies and QSOs. The UV continuum shows a significant change in slope near 1050 Å in the rest frame. The steeper continuum shortward of the Lyman limit extrapolates well to the observed weak X-ray flux level. The absorbers' properties are similar to those of high-redshift broad absorption line QSOs. The derived total column density of the UV absorbers is on the order of 10¹⁷ cm⁻², unlikely to produce significant opacity above 1 keV in the X-ray. Unless there is a separate, high-ionization X-ray absorber, the QSO's weak X-ray flux may be intrinsic. The ionization level of the absorbing components is comparable to that anticipated in the broad-line region; therefore, the absorbers may be related to broad-line clouds along the line of sight.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Approximately 10% of quasars (QSOs) at intermediate and high redshift show strong blueshifted absorption from ionized gas that is being ejected, perhaps by radiation pressure from the central continuum source. Ejection velocities as large as 5 × 10⁴ km s⁻¹ lead to broad absorption troughs and a classic broad absorption line QSO (BALQSO) spectrum (Turnshek 1988; Weymann 1995). Most absorption features are present below 1600 Å in the rest frame. A difficulty with studying this phenomenon in high-luminosity QSOs is the severe overlapping of the broad troughs that even mask the underlying continuum. The UV spectra obtained with the IUE and the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) open new windows, enabling one to study the absorption features at wavelengths well below 1200 Å (Turnshek et al. 1996; Korista et al. 1992). In low-luminosity QSOs, the velocity range is smaller, up to ~4000 km s⁻¹. Indeed, the absorption features in these objects may not be considered as "broad" when compared with those in high-luminosity counterparts (Weymann et al. 1991), but they are significantly broader and more displaced than the intrinsic absorption features in Seyfert 1 galaxies. Thus, these mini-BAL objects offer a possible extension of the BALQSO sample into the low-redshift domain (Malkan, Green, & Hutchings 1987; Turnshek et al. 1985). The relatively low velocity structure makes separating and identifying individual components in the absorption trough much easier. At low redshifts, there is less confusion from intervening lines.

The nature and location of the absorbing gas is not known. Since the cores of emission lines are sometimes completely absorbed, the absorbers must lie at least somewhat beyond the broad emission-line region. If the absorption-covering fraction with respect to the nuclear continuum is near 100%, the BAL phenomenon would be unique to a special group of objects, which would be physically different from all other "normal" active galactic nuclei (AGNs). Conversely, if the covering factor is small, it is possible that most QSOs contain such outflows. They are then only recognized as BALQSOs if our line of sight to the central continuum source happens to pass through the outflow (Weymann 1995; Murray & Chiang 1995). However, Becker et al. (2000) found that the distribution of BALs in their radio-selected sample is not consistent with a simple unified model in which BALQSO are seen edge on.

The broadband energy distribution of BALQSOs has special characteristics. It has been known that BALQSOs are not powerful radio sources (Stocke et al. 1992). Becker et
al. (2001) found that the number of high-ionization BALQSOs drops significantly for QSOs with a radio-loudness parameter $R^* > 100$. Richards (2001) found a small excess of narrow absorption toward radio-loud QSOs and toward lobe-dominant QSOs. There is also a small excess of high-velocity C iv absorbers in radio-quiet QSOs, as compared to radio-loud QSOs. BALQSOs are weak in the X-ray band (Green et al. 1995; Gallagher et al. 1999; Brandt, Laor, & Wills 2000). The average power-law index $\alpha_\text{ox}$ ($f_\text{ox} \propto \nu^{-\alpha}$) derived between 2500 Å and 2 keV is $\gtrsim 1.9$, as compared to 1.5 for other low-redshift QSOs (Yuan et al. 1998). Thus, the X-ray level in BALQSOs is about 1 order of magnitude weaker than average (Green & Mathur 1996). The nature of such distinctions is poorly understood, and further studies may reveal special physical conditions that are intrinsically associated with the BAL phenomenon.

PG 1351+64 ($z = 0.088$) is one of the few mini-BALQSOs identified at low redshifts. Its IUE spectrum (Brosch & Gondhalekar 1984) displays significant broad absorption in Ly$\alpha$ and C iv. A tentative analysis of the HST Faint Object Spectrograph (FOS) spectra identifies at least three absorption components in the blue wings of C iv, Ly$\alpha$, and other UV lines (Granados et al. 1993). This object exhibits a weak X-ray flux around 1 keV, with a power-law index of $\alpha_\text{ox} = 1.9$ (Tananbaum et al. 1986).

In this paper we present the far-UV spectrum of PG 1351+64 obtained with the Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer (FUSE), along with the FOS and STIS spectra obtained with the HST, and optical spectra. The moderate O vi absorption and the lack of other significant broad low-ionization absorption features suggest a moderate ionization state in the absorber. The O vi emission is exceptionally weak, consistent with the prediction of photoionization models with a soft UV–X-ray continuum shape.

2. DATA

FUSE is an instrument dedicated to high-resolution spectroscopy in the far-ultraviolet spectral region, and it was launched on 1999 June 24. It features multiple mirrors, Rowland-circle spectrographs, and two-dimensional detectors. The LiF-coated optics yield a wavelength coverage of $\sim 979–1187$ Å, and the SiC-coated optics cover $\sim 905–1104$ Å. For a full description of FUSE, its mission, and its flight performance, see Moos et al. (2000) and Sahnow et al. (2000).

The FUSE observations of PG 1351+64 were carried out between 2000 January 18 and 20, for a total exposure time of 70 ks. The observations were made with the 300' $\times$ 300' low-resolution aperture. Because of a slight misalignment between the optical systems, not all detector channels record signals that are of photometric quality. Some data in this observation suffer from unexpected abnormalities that have not been fully understood during the calibration process.

We first combined all the raw data to produce four images in different detector segments. Two spectra were extracted from the two-dimensional data on each segment. These eight extracted spectra were dark-subtracted and corrected for background stray light. Flux and wavelength calibrations were carried out with the standard FUSE calibration pipeline, which assumes a constant value of dark counts. To obtain the best estimate of the zero-flux level, we used the Galactic absorption feature C iii 1036 Å, which appears in all four channels, as a calibrator: i.e., the very bottom of this absorption feature represents a completely absorbed region, therefore a zero-flux level. We estimate that the flux scale is accurate to $\sim 10\%$ and that wavelengths are accurate to $\sim 15$ km s$^{-1}$.

We have studied all the sections of data from every channel and only chosen those that are free of abnormalities. The data near the edge of the detector segments often show an abnormal rise in flux, and therefore cannot be used. The spectra were binned by five pixels to preserve the full spectral resolution of $\sim 20$ km s$^{-1}$ for this observation. The spectrum shown in Figure 1 is produced by binning the data by 20 pixels (0.12 Å) to show the overall appearance of the spectrum. The S/N level around 1080 Å is considerably poorer because of gaps in the wavelength coverage from the various detectors.

As part of a joint FUSE-HST project, two complementary HST STIS snapshot observations were made on 1999 October 28. The exposure was 600 s for the observation with the G140L grating and 300 s with G230L. Because of the short exposures and low source flux, the STIS spectra did not have an adequate S/N level for fitting line profiles. We therefore retrieved archival FOS spectra of PG 1351+64, which has a spectral resolution of $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 1300$. The HST spectra between 1150 and 3300 Å of PG 1351+64 were obtained on 1991 September 5. The exposure times for the G130H, G190H, and G270H spectra were, respectively, 3200, 3000, and 1400 s. The flux levels of the STIS and FOS spectra match each other to within 10%. A combined STIS and FUSE spectrum is displayed in Figure 2.

We used the IRAF task SPECFIT (Kriss 1994) to fit the FUSE and FOS data. The wavelength scale of FOS data was slightly shifted with respect to the Galactic absorption features in the spectra, and we made a correction for the offset. The O vi emission features (see Fig. 1) were fitted with four Gaussian profiles: a narrow doublet and a broad doublet. For the Ly$b$, Ly$\alpha$, N v, C iv, and Mg ii emission lines, a narrow component and a broad one were assumed for each. Other emission lines were fitted with one Gaussian profile. We fixed the widths and velocities of the two components of Ly$b$ to that of Ly$\alpha$, and linked N v with that of

![Fig. 1.—FUSE spectrum of PG 1351+64, binned to $\sim 0.12$ Å (20 pixels). 1σ errors are displayed as dotted lines. The data between 1070 and 1100 Å are not as reliable because they lie in a gap of several detector segments.](image)
absorption features in the FOS data. Component E of Lyβ was apparently narrower than its counterparts in other lines, so we set it free to vary. Because of different data quality, the FUSE data and FOS spectra were fitted separately, with only several linked parameters, as discussed above. Galactic Lyman-line absorption was modeled with the best estimated hydrogen column density and a varying Doppler parameter. An extinction correction of $E_{B-V} = 0.05$ was applied using the estimated Galactic hydrogen column density of $2.5 \times 10^{20}$ cm$^{-2}$ (Lockman & Savage 1995) and the correction curve of Cardelli, Clayton, & Mathis (1989), with $R_V = 3.1$. The spectrum between 1100 and 1140 Å is plotted in Figure 3 to show details of the O IV features and the goodness of the fit.

We obtained optical spectroscopy of PG 1351 + 640 using the GoldCam spectrograph mounted on the 2.1 m telescope at Kitt Peak National Observatory. GoldCam currently uses a Ford 1000 $\times$ 3000 pixel CCD detector, with a useful area of $400 \times \sim 2400$ pixels in which a long-slit spectrum is focused and can be well calibrated. The blue spectrum ($\sim 3200$–$5900$ Å useful coverage) was obtained through a wide slit (6") and using a 500 1 mm$^{-1}$ grating blazed at 5500 Å (resolution $\sim 9$ Å) for 300 s on 2000 February 25 (UT). Weather conditions were generally good on that night, but variable seeing (up to 3") and some thin clouds resulted in nonphotometric spectra. The red spectrum ($\sim 5800$–9800 Å useful coverage) was formed by combining narrow slit (1.5") observations from two nights, both taken using a 400 1 mm$^{-1}$ grating blazed at 8000 Å (resolution $\sim 12$ Å) and an OG 550 order-blocking filter: the exposure time on February 25 was 400 s, and on February 26, 900 s. The spectra were weighted by their counts in the combination. Standard stars were used to divide out atmospheric absorption, but the air masses were not well

![Figure 2: Combined STIS and FUSE spectra of PG 1351 + 64.](image)

C IV (see Table 1). The absorption lines were treated as Gaussians in optical depth, and they were allowed to partially cover the emission components. Note that the covering factor is along the line of sight, not the overall value around the source, as described in § 1. The wavelengths of the O VI doublets were linked at the ratio of their laboratory values, and their relative optical depths were fixed at a 2:1 ratio. We used five (A, B, C, D, and E) components to fit the O VI absorption doublets and fixed the widths and covering factors of the other absorption lines to that of O VI, linking the velocities to that of O VI (a small linear shift in wavelength is permitted for lines from different detectors). The only exception was component E: its covering factor could not be well constrained by O VI, since it was too weak. We derived the covering factor for component E from the C IV

### Table 1

| Line      | Wavelength (Å) | Flux$^a$ (10$^{-14}$ ergs s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$) | FWHM$^b$ (km s$^{-1}$) | Velocity$^{b,c}$ (km s$^{-1}$) | Comment |
|-----------|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| C III     | 977            | 11.9 ± 2.9                      | 2538 ± 1417    | 344 ± 552       |         |
| Lyβ narrow| 1026           | 5.1 ± 0.4                       | 1367            | 225             |         |
| Lyβ broad |                | 9.4 ± 0.1                       | 7764            | −1412           |         |
| O VI narrow| 1034           | 25.6 ± 0.5                      | 2660 ± 83      | −444 ± 143      |         |
| O VI broad |                | 6.4 ± 1.0                       | 8597 ± 995     | −407 ± 114      |         |
| S IV      | 1062           | 5.5 ± 0.2                       | 1416 ± 33      | 617 ± 26        |         |
| S IV      | 1073           | 6.7 ± 0.6                       | 1368 ± 103     | 606 ± 112       |         |
| Lyz narrow| 1216           | 123 ± 2                         | 1367 ± 21      | 225 ± 10        |         |
| Lyz broad |                | 330 ± 5                         | 7764 ± 201     | −1412 ± 41      |         |
| N v narrow| 1240           | 17 ± 2                          | 2491 ± 16      | 129 ± 23        |         |
| N v broad |                | 116 ± 4                         | 8198 ± 222     | 795 ± 49        |         |
| C II      | 1335           | 3.2 ± 0.4                       | 1045 ± 183     | 200 ± 61        |         |
| Si IV + O IV | 1400         | 62 ± 2                          | 4486 ± 390     | −762 ± 64       |         |
| C IV narrow| 1549           | 57 ± 1                          | 2491 ± 16      | 129 ± 23        |         |
| C IV broad |                | 74 ± 1                          | 8198 ± 222     | 795 ± 49        |         |
| He II     | 1640           | 23 ± 8                          | 18757 ± 3709   | 4420 ± 1428     | blend   |
| O I m      | 1664           | 11 ± 2                          | 9312 ± 1299    | −1813 ± 325     |         |
| Al III     | 1857           | 12 ± 1                          | 4021 ± 1123    | 1010 ± 607      |         |
| Si II      | 1892           | 17 ± 2                          | 3406 ± 995     | 358 ± 393       |         |
| C II       | 1909           | 29 ± 3                          | 2853 ± 724     | 551 ± 321       |         |
| Mg II narrow| 2798           | 7 ± 4                           | 1367 ± 207     | 195 ± 120       |         |
| Mg II broad|                | 57 ± 8                          | 7407 ± 591     | 3 ± 137         | Fe II?  |

* Corrected for $E_{B-V} = 0.05$.
* Values without errors are fixed.
* With respect to the systemic velocity of 26,400 km s$^{-1}$ (Malkan et al. 1987).
matched, and the division was imperfect. The red-spectrum flux level was scaled to match that of the blue, which in turn was scaled up by a factor of 1.67 to match that from the HST spectrum (although the signal-to-noise ratio in the region of overlap was only 3, making the absolute scaling factor uncertain). We employed standard data reduction techniques within the NOAO IRAF package.

Archival ROSAT Position Sensitive Proportional Counter (PSPC) data were retrieved from the High Energy Astrophysics Science Archive Research Center (HEASARC) at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. We use the data taken in 1993 October, with an exposure time of 3776 s. The ROSAT spectrum was fitted using XSPEC (Arnaud 1996) with a single power law and Galactic absorption. The fits generated satisfactory results ($\chi^2 < 0.8$) for most spectra. Our results yield a photon power index $\Gamma = 2.69 \pm 0.2$ for a fixed column density of $2.6 \times 10^{20}$ cm$^{-2}$, in good agreement with Rush & Malkan (1996). Dual power laws produced only minimal improvements, and therefore they were not used in the final results. Figure 4 shows the unfolded spectrum with error bars that reflect the combined contributions from propagation errors, known flux variations, and the uncertainties of the Galactic column density ($10^{19}$ cm$^{-2}$).

3. DISCUSSION

3.1. Emission Lines

Figure 5 displays the profiles of seven major UV emission lines and the Hz line. The fitted parameters for the UV lines are listed in Table 1. We focus our discussion on the features longward of 1050 Å because of their higher signal-to-noise ratios.

The most significant finding is the weak O VI emission: its intensity measured on the red wing is only about 28% of that of C IV or 8% of that of Ly$\alpha$, which is among the lowest in all AGNs and QSOs. The O VI/Ly$\alpha$ ratio in the QSO composite spectrum of Zheng et al. (1997) is only 0.19 $\pm$ 0.02. Figure 3 shows the full profile of the O VI emission. The broad O VI component appears to be even weaker: the O VI/Ly$\alpha$ ratio between the broad components is only $\sim$ 0.02.

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To determine physical conditions in the absorption components, we used CLOUDY (Ferland et al. 1998) to calculate models. In a grid of photoionization calculations, we varied the ionization parameter $U$ from 0.001 to 30. We used a broken power-law ionizing continuum with indices of $\alpha = 1.9$ and 0.7, between 13.6 eV and 2 keV, and 2 and 10 keV, respectively, and assumed a hydrogen density of $10^{10}$ cm$^{-3}$. The most significant result is that the columns in all AGNs and QSOs, the O VI/III $\alpha$ ratio in the QSO composite spectrum of Zheng et al. (1997) is only 0.19 $\pm$ 0.02. Figure 3 shows the full profile of the O VI emission. The broad O VI component appears to be even weaker: the O VI/Ly$\alpha$ ratio between the broad components is only $\sim$ 0.02.

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cm$^{-3}$ and solar abundances. However, variations of these parameters did not affect the results significantly. Because the FOS and FUSE data were not obtained simultaneously, and because of the higher spectral resolution of the FUSE data, we focus on the FUSE data. For components A, B, C, and D, we detect obvious O VI and Ly$\beta$ absorption. From our grid of photoionization models, we determine the total column density and the ionization parameter $U$, based on the observed relative H I and O VI column densities. With no other constraints, this method can lead to double-valued results for the ionization parameter and column density, since the ratio of O VI to H I will rise to a peak and then decline when $U$ increases. However, we note that the presence of clear C IV absorption in components A, C, and D restricts the solutions to the lower ionization parameter in these cases, thus yielding small ionization parameters ($U \leq 0.3$) and a total column density of less than $10^{20}$ cm$^{-2}$. Even if we choose a model with a high ionization parameter, the total column density is on the order of $10^{21}$ cm$^{-2}$, insufficient to cause significant X-ray obscuration. Table 3 lists the column-densities–derived ionization parameters for the five absorbers.

3.3. Continuum

The continuum in the FUSE data is fitted with a power law of $\alpha = 3.92 \pm 0.05$. The fitted power-law index for the FOS data is $\alpha = 1.69 \pm 0.01$, which is considerably flatter than that for the FUSE data. This suggests a change in the continuum shape around 1050 Å in the rest frame, consistent with, but even more dramatic than, that found in typical QSOs (Zheng et al. 1997; Kriss et al. 1999). To make sure that this is not an extinction effect, we carry out a continuum fit to the combined FUSE-FOS spectrum in the wavelength region below 2000 Å. A simple power law with variable extinction yields a significantly poorer fit (best-fit value $E_{B-V} = 0.06$) than a broken power law with a fixed Galactic extinction ($E_{B-V} = 0.05$). Therefore, the break in the continuum is intrinsic.

Zheng et al. (1997) suggested that Compton scattering in a hot corona above the disk modifies the exponential turnover of the thermal disk spectrum into a power law in the EUV band. In the case of PG 1351 + 64, a corona with lower temperature than average may produce the steep EUV/soft X-ray power law. The extrapolation of the soft FUSE continuum leads to the weak X-ray level that has been observed. Rush & Malkan (1996) observed a weak X-ray flux level and a steep X-ray spectrum (photon index $\Gamma \sim 2.6$) in their ROSAT observations of PG 1351 + 64, which is consistent with an extrapolation of our FUSE spectrum. The continuum between the UV and soft X-ray bands can be approximated with a power law with $\alpha_{soft} = 1.9$ (Tananbaum et al. 1986). The short baseline in the sub-Ly$\alpha$ region does not allow us to assess whether the far-UV and the soft X-ray continuum can be approximated with a single power law. However, to first approximation, such a soft EUV continuum may be common among low-
luminosity AGNs with broad absorption. Another similar
QSO, PG 1411 +44, shows an even softer X-ray–to–UV
flux ratio with $x_{\text{rat}} = 2.1$ (Laor et al. 1997). Green & Mathur
(1996) suggested that a torus of total column density
$N \gtrsim 10^{22}$ cm$^{-2}$ may produce a significant depression of
the soft X-ray flux, but in PG 1351 + 64, the weak soft X-ray
flux is consistent with the far-UV continuum shape. Fur-
thermore, we do not see signs for obscuring material of such
high column density in the UV or in the optical data.

Green et al. (1995) analyzed the data of all BALQSOs in the
ROSAT All-Sky Survey and found that they are either
highly absorbed or underluminous in the soft X-ray
bandpass. They suggest that the weak X-ray level may be
due to heavy obscuration. Brandt et al. (2000) find a signi-
ficant correlation between the X-ray weakness in AGNs and
the strength of the C iv absorption and suggest that absorp-
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\begin{table}
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\caption{UV Absorption Lines in PG 1351 + 64}
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Line & Wavelength (Å) & Component & Column Density (10$^{14}$ cm$^{-2}$) & FWHM (km s$^{-1}$) & Velocity* (km s$^{-1}$) & Covering factor$^b$
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C m ...... & 977.02 & A & 1.81 ± 0.64 & 198 ± 15 & −780 ± 23 & 0.71 ± 0.02
& B & 0.44 ± 0.28 & 250 ± 10 & −1049 ± 8 & 0.60 ± 0.04
& C & 0.37 ± 0.12 & 135 ± 8 & −1629 ± 10 & 0.80 ± 0.04
& D & 1.33 ± 0.62 & 134 ± 16 & −1833 ± 8 & 0.75 ± 0.02
& E & 2.99 ± 0.56 & 613 ± 60 & −3054 ± 125 & 0.87
Lyβ ...... & 1025.72 & A & 11.7 ± 1.9 & 198 ± 15 & −780 ± 23 & 0.71 ± 0.02
& B & 6.14 ± 1.90 & 250 ± 10 & −1049 ± 8 & 0.60 ± 0.04
& C & 4.29 ± 2.54 & 135 ± 8 & −1629 ± 10 & 0.80 ± 0.04
& D & 0.93 ± 0.36 & 134 ± 16 & −1833 ± 8 & 0.75 ± 0.02
& E & 1.39 ± 0.42 & 65 ± 8 & −3054 ± 125 & 0.87
O vi ...... & 1031.93, 1037.62 & A & 26.2 ± 2.8 & 198 ± 15 & −780 ± 23 & 0.71 ± 0.02
& B & 41.5 ± 8.7 & 250 ± 10 & −1049 ± 8 & 0.60 ± 0.04
& C & 7.06 ± 2.02 & 135 ± 8 & −1629 ± 10 & 0.80 ± 0.04
& D & 13.9 ± 8.9 & 134 ± 16 & −1833 ± 8 & 0.75 ± 0.02
& E & 0.96 ± 0.59 & 613 ± 60 & −3054 ± 125 & 0.87
Lyα ...... & 1215.67 & A & 3.32 ± 0.17 & 407 ± 14 & −779 ± 17 & 0.71
& B & 0.48 ± 0.20 & 189 ± 25 & −1479 ± 10 & 0.60
& C & 0.11 ± 0.08 & 114 ± 8 & −1633 ± 7 & 0.80
& D & 0.72 ± 0.33 & 234 ± 14 & −1964 ± 11 & 0.75
& E & 1.26 ± 0.15 & 587 ± 17 & −3132 ± 10 & 0.87 ± 0.02
N v ...... & 1238.81, 1242.80 & A & 8.90 ± 0.41 & 497 ± 14 & −869 ± 17 & 0.71
& B & 1.06 ± 0.25 & 189 ± 25 & −1479 ± 10 & 0.60
& C & 1.71 ± 0.36 & 114 ± 8 & −1633 ± 7 & 0.80
& D & 1.14 ± 0.24 & 234 ± 14 & −1964 ± 11 & 0.75
& E & 6.17 ± 0.69 & 587 ± 17 & −3132 ± 10 & 0.87 ± 0.02
Si iv ...... & 1393.76, 1402.77 & A & 0.80 ± 0.24 & 497 ± 14 & −869 ± 17 & 0.71
& B & 0.19 ± 0.23 & 189 ± 25 & −1479 ± 10 & 0.60
& C & 0.08 ± 0.06 & 114 ± 8 & −1633 ± 7 & 0.80
& D & 0.25 ± 0.30 & 234 ± 14 & −1964 ± 11 & 0.75
& E & 0.39 ± 0.30 & 587 ± 17 & −3132 ± 10 & 0.87 ± 0.02
C iv ...... & 1548.19, 1550.77 & A & 5.65 ± 0.16 & 407 ± 14 & −869 ± 17 & 0.71
& B & 1.02 ± 0.17 & 189 ± 25 & −1569 ± 10 & 0.60
& C & 1.43 ± 0.16 & 114 ± 8 & −1723 ± 7 & 0.80
& D & 1.02 ± 0.17 & 234 ± 14 & −2054 ± 11 & 0.75
& E & 3.64 ± 0.81 & 587 ± 17 & −3222 ± 10 & 0.87 ± 0.02
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\end{tabular}
\footnotesize{\textsuperscript{a} With respect to the systemic velocity of 26,400 km s$^{-1}$.
\textsuperscript{b} Values without errors are fixed.}
\end{table}

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\caption{Properties of the Absorbers in PG 1351 + 64.}
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Species & A & B & C & D & E
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H i & $1.1 \times 10^{15}$ & $6.1 \times 10^{14}$ & $4.2 \times 10^{14}$ & $8.2 \times 10^{13}$ & $1.3 \times 10^{14}$
C m & $1.8 \times 10^{14}$ & $4.3 \times 10^{13}$ & $3.7 \times 10^{14}$ & $1.3 \times 10^{14}$ & $3.0 \times 10^{14}$
O vi & $2.62 \times 10^{15}$ & $4.2 \times 10^{13}$ & $7.1 \times 10^{13}$ & $1.4 \times 10^{15}$ & $1.0 \times 10^{14}$
log$U$ & $-1.19$ & $-1.00$ & $-1.23$ & $-0.74$ & $-1.23$
$N_{\text{tot}}$(cm$^{-2}$) & $2.1 \times 10^{19}$ & $1.8 \times 10^{19}$ & $7.3 \times 10^{18}$ & $4.4 \times 10^{18}$ & $9.6 \times 10^{17}$
Covering factor & 0.71 & 0.60 & 0.80 & 0.75 & 0.87
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of an intrinsic Lyman edge suggest that the total nucleon column density is less than $10^{22}$ cm$^{-2}$. This is not sufficient to obscure the X-ray continuum, and the soft UV–X-ray continuum is probably intrinsic.

3.4. Comparison with Other AGNs and QSOs

It has been suggested that radio-quiet QSOs with weak [O III] and strong Fe II emission spectra form a class of QSOs that has a high probability of exhibiting BAL in their spectra (Boroson & Meyers 1992; Turnshek et al. 1997). In the two BALQSOs 0759+65 (Turnshek et al. 1997) and 1700+51 (Turnshek et al. 1985), significant Mg II absorption and continuum extinction are also present. In this regard, PG 1351+64 does not fit this category: its [O III] intensity is about the same as the H$\beta$ line, the intensity of its optical Fe II emission is only moderately weak, and no Mg II absorption is obvious (Fig. 5).

In terms of UV spectral features, PG 1351+64 bears a strong resemblance to PG 1411+44. Their nearly identical redshifts make the two spectra remarkably alike. There are significant spectral differences, however: (1) PG 1411+44 has weaker [O III] emission, by a factor of about 4, with respect to the H$\beta$, (2) strong optical Fe II features are present, (3) PG 1411+44’s soft X-ray flux level is significantly lower (by a factor of 3 or more), and (4) its He II λ 1640 emission is exceptionally strong, suggesting a harder ionizing continuum in the EUV band. Laor et al. (1997) found that the X-ray spectrum of PG 1411+44 above 2 keV exhibits a significant upturn, suggesting strong obscuration in the soft X-ray band. Since PG 1351+64 does not present such characteristics, it may belong to a different group despite the similarity of its Ly$\alpha$ and C IV absorption to that of PG 1411+44.

The ionization structure of the absorbers in PG 1351+64 seems to be comparable with the UV absorption components seen in many Seyfert 1 galaxies (e.g., NGC 4151: Kriss et al. 1995; NGC 3516: Kriss et al. 1996a, 1996b; Mrk 509: Kriss et al. 2000) and with those observed in many high-redshift objects (Turnshek 1988; Korista et al. 1992), albeit at a smaller ejection velocity. Most of these objects do not show broad Mg II absorption lines, and the C IV, N V, and O VI column densities are at a comparable level with PG 1351+64. More work is needed, however, to understand the difference in their X-ray properties.

4. SUMMARY

PG 1351+64 is one of the handful of mini-BALQSOs. The FUSE spectrum allows us to identify and measure five kinematically distinct components. Model calculations with multiple species suggest column densities on the order of a few $\times 10^{21}$ cm$^{-2}$ for the absorbing clouds. These clouds would not produce significant absorption in the soft X-ray band. Therefore, the object’s weak X-ray flux may be intrinsic, unless there is significant absorption from more highly ionized material. Additional evidence in support of an intrinsically weak X-ray flux exists from the very weak O VI emission, as well as the significant downturn of the far-UV continuum shortward of 1050 Å.

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