

# New constraint on cosmological variation of the proton-to-electron mass ratio from Q0528–250

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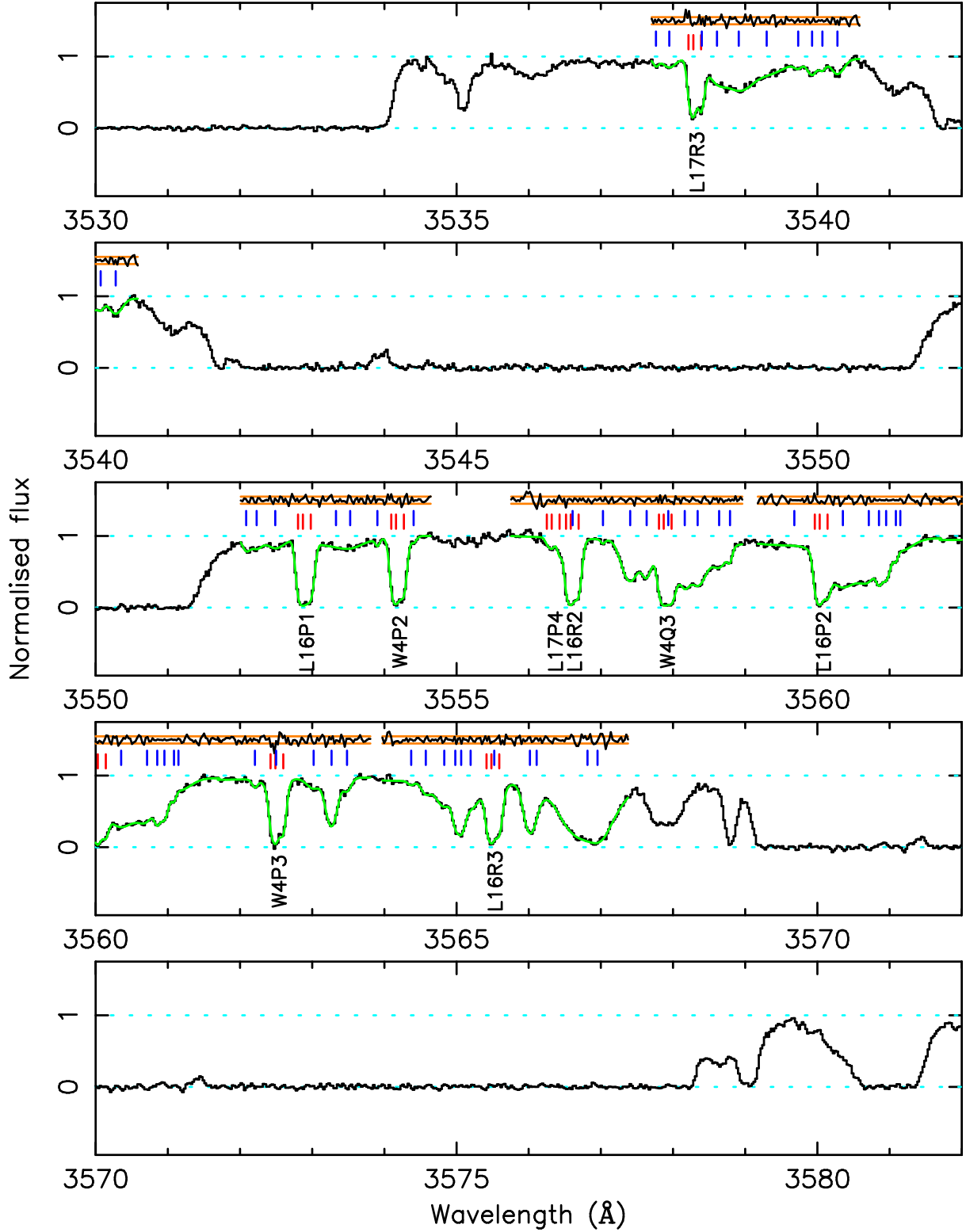
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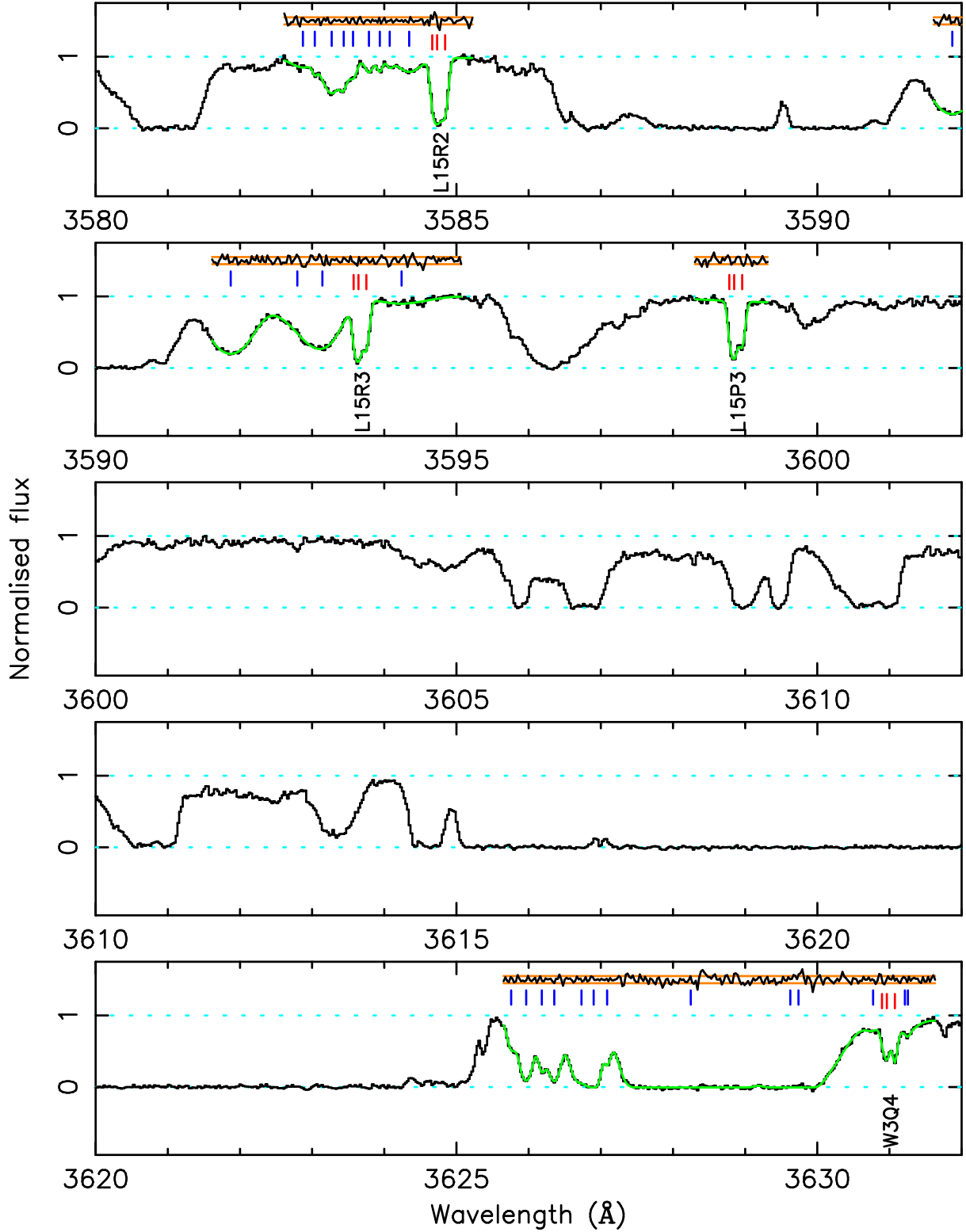
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## APPENDIX A: VOIGT PROFILE FITS

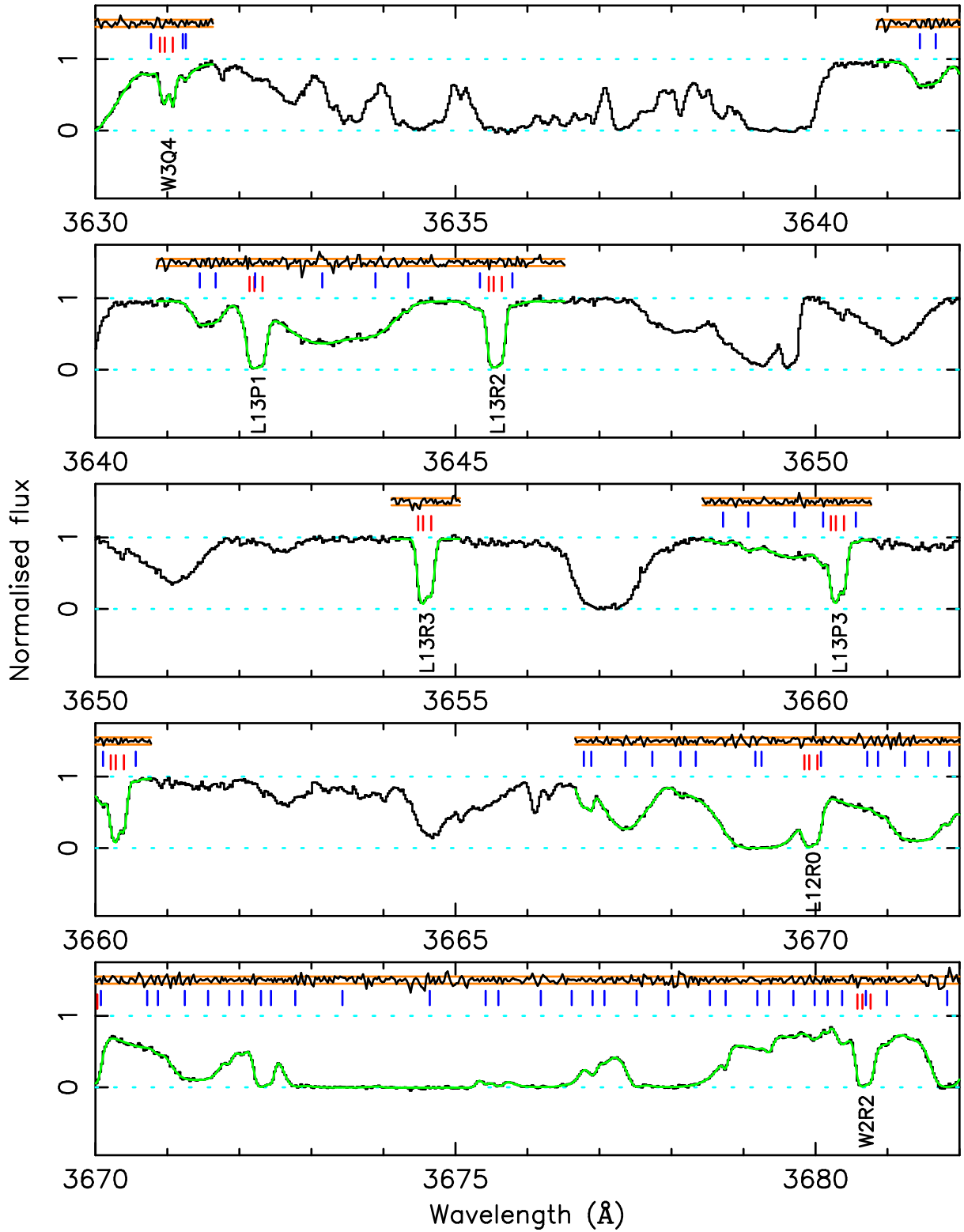
*Online only:* Figures A1 through A14 show our Voigt profile model for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 and the surrounding Lyman- $\alpha$  forest regions, indicating both the positions of the H<sub>2</sub>/HD components as well as the H I components used to fit the surrounding Lyman- $\alpha$  forest.



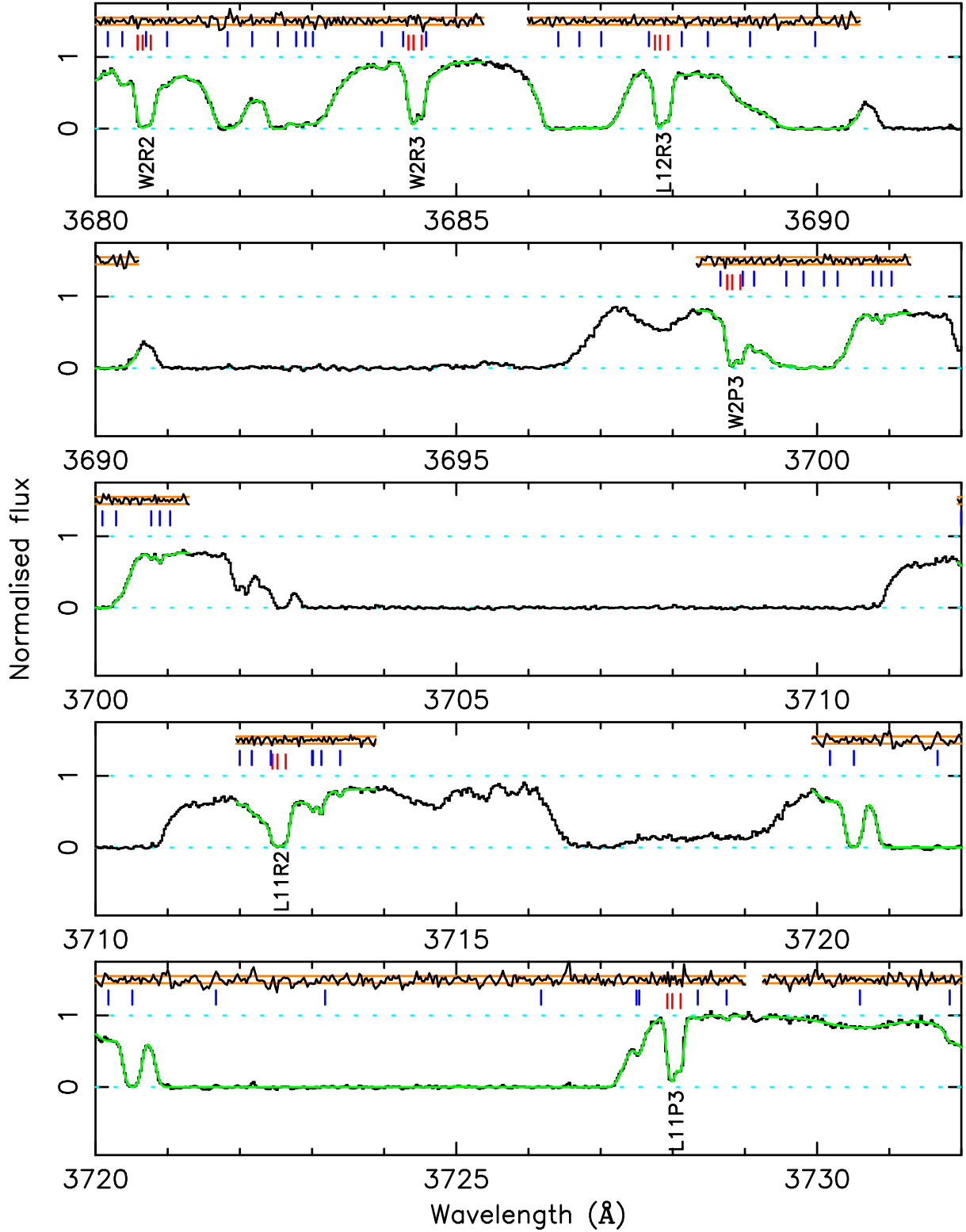
**Figure A1.**  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528-250 (part 1). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e.  $[\text{data} - \text{model}]/\text{error}$ ) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the  $\text{H}_2$  transitions are plotted below the data.



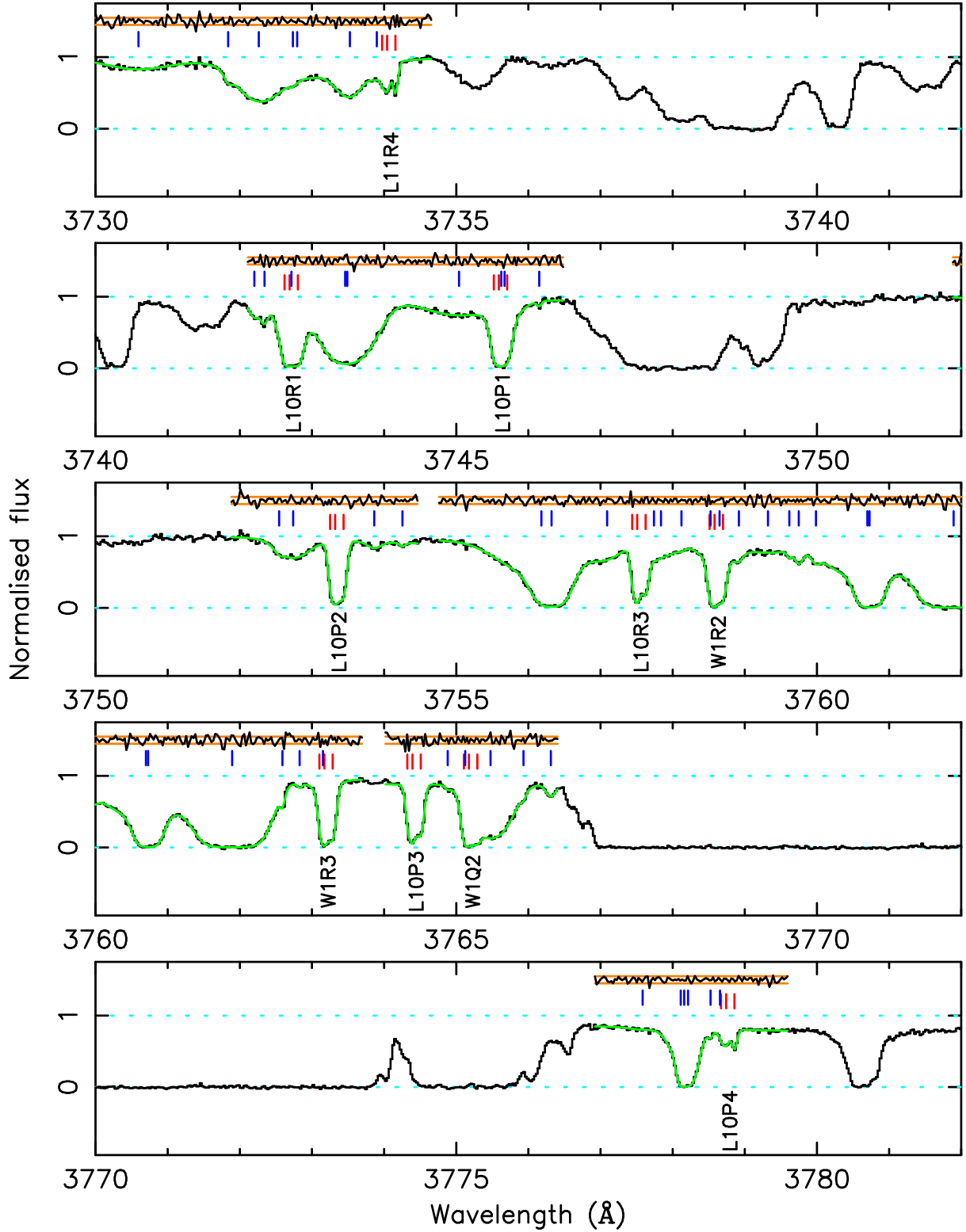
**Figure A2.**  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 2). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e.  $[\text{data} - \text{model}]/\text{error}$ ) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the  $\text{H}_2$  transitions are plotted below the data.



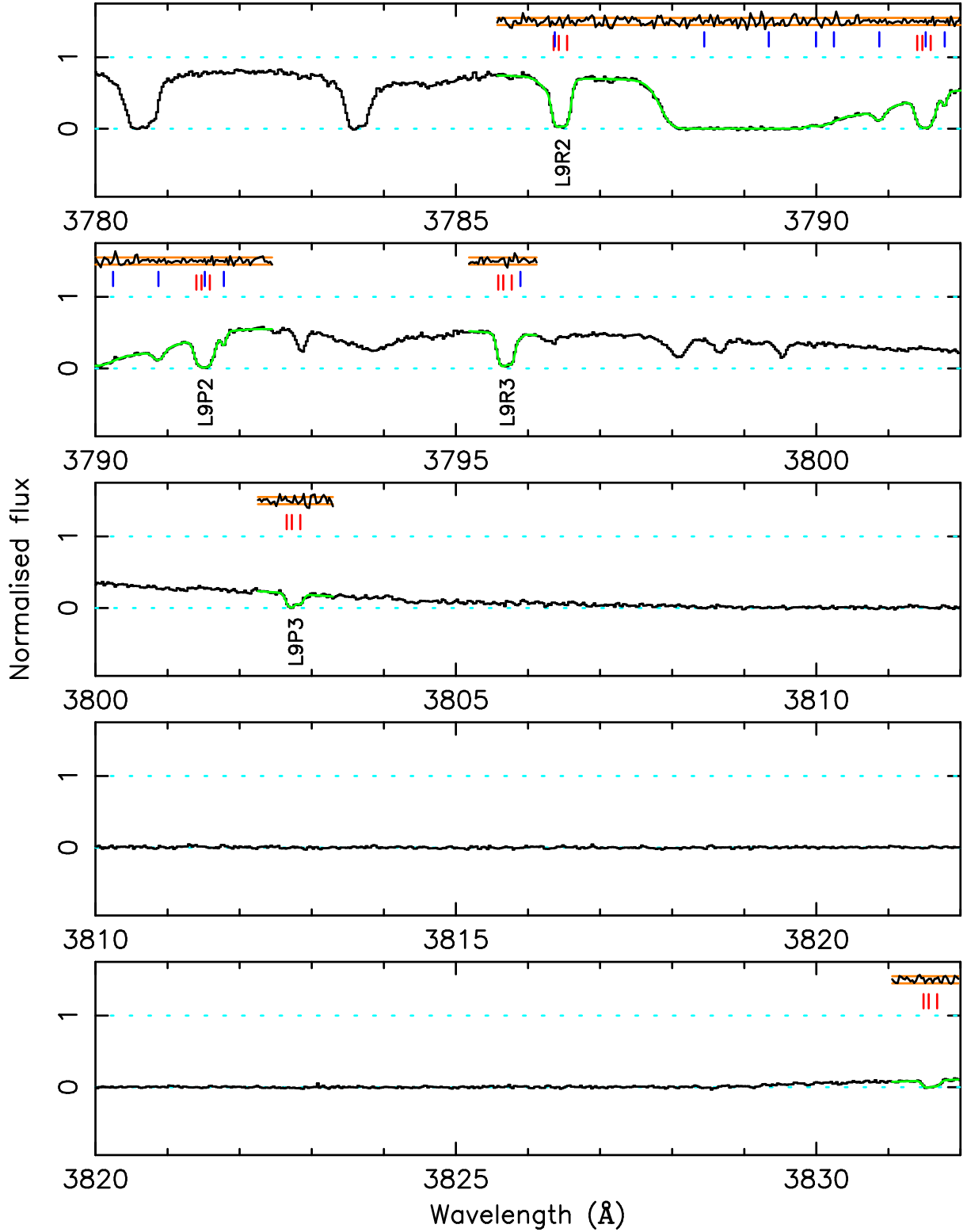
**Figure A3.** H<sub>2</sub>/HD fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 3). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of H<sub>2</sub>/HD components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e. [data - model]/error) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the H<sub>2</sub> transitions are plotted below the data.



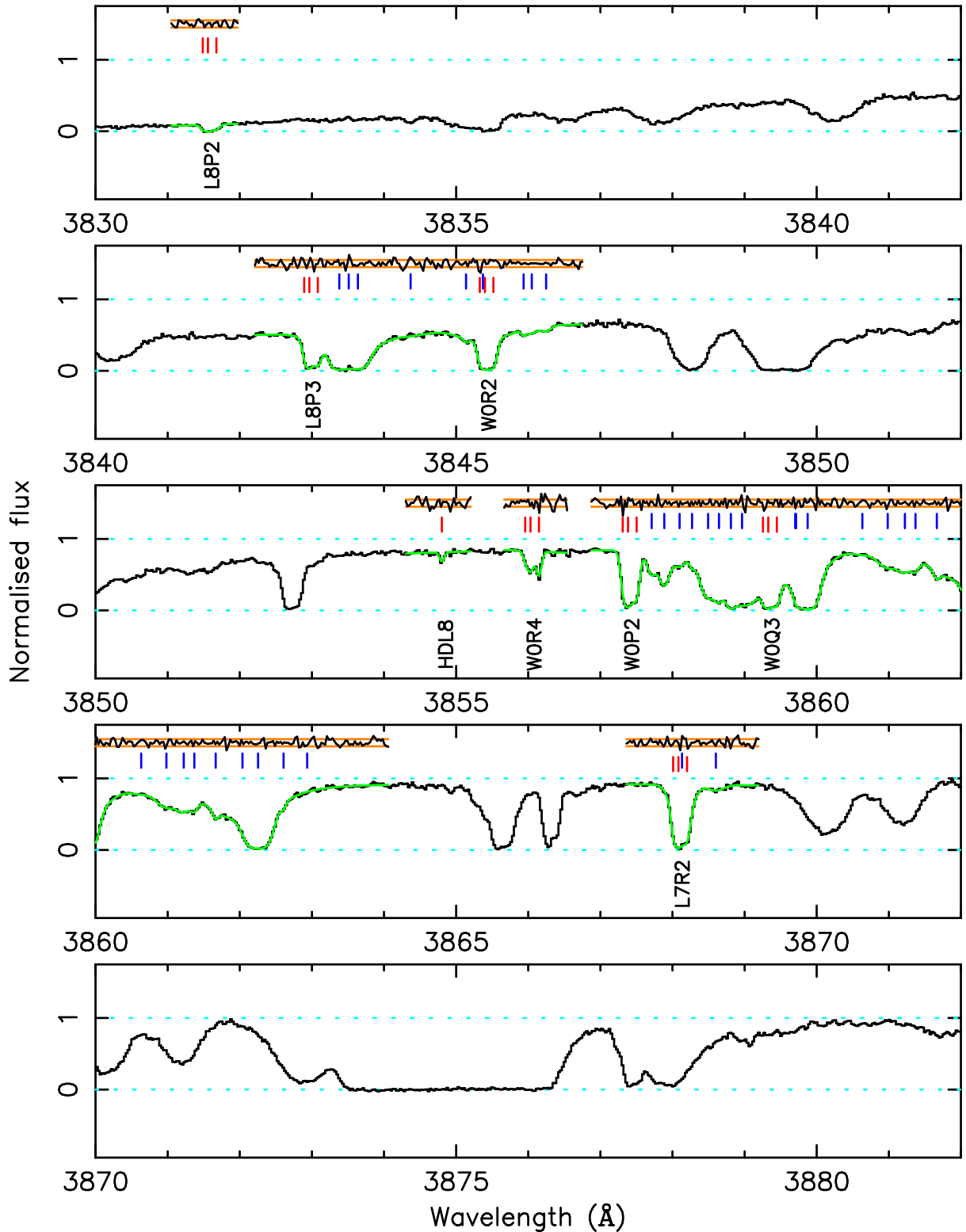
**Figure A4.** H<sub>2</sub>/HD fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 4). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of H<sub>2</sub>/HD components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e. [data - model]/error) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the H<sub>2</sub> transitions are plotted below the data.



**Figure A5.**  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 5). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e.  $[\text{data} - \text{model}]/\text{error}$ ) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the  $\text{H}_2$  transitions are plotted below the data.

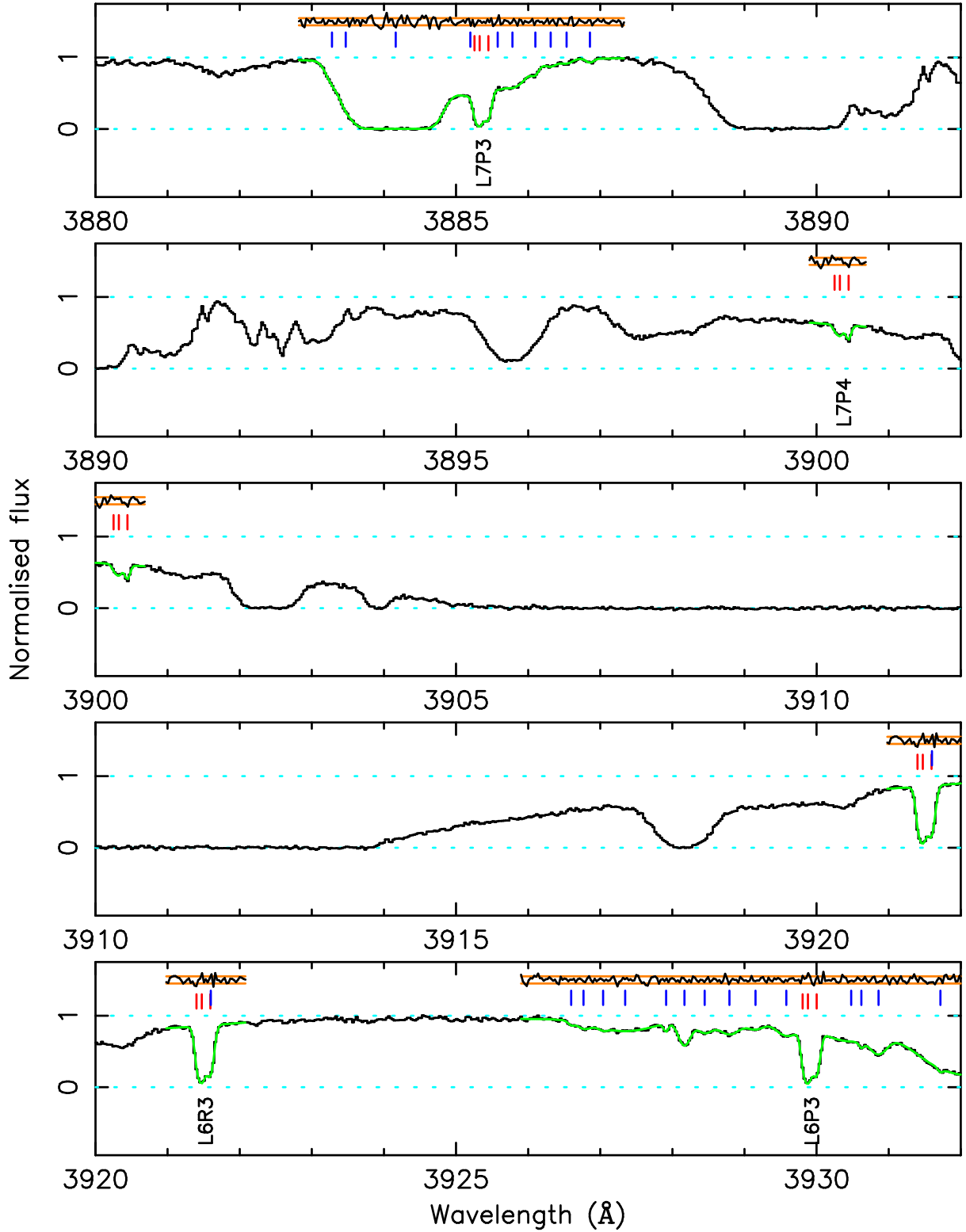


**Figure A6.** H<sub>2</sub>/HD fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 6). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of H<sub>2</sub>/HD components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e. [data - model]/error) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the H<sub>2</sub> transitions are plotted below the data.

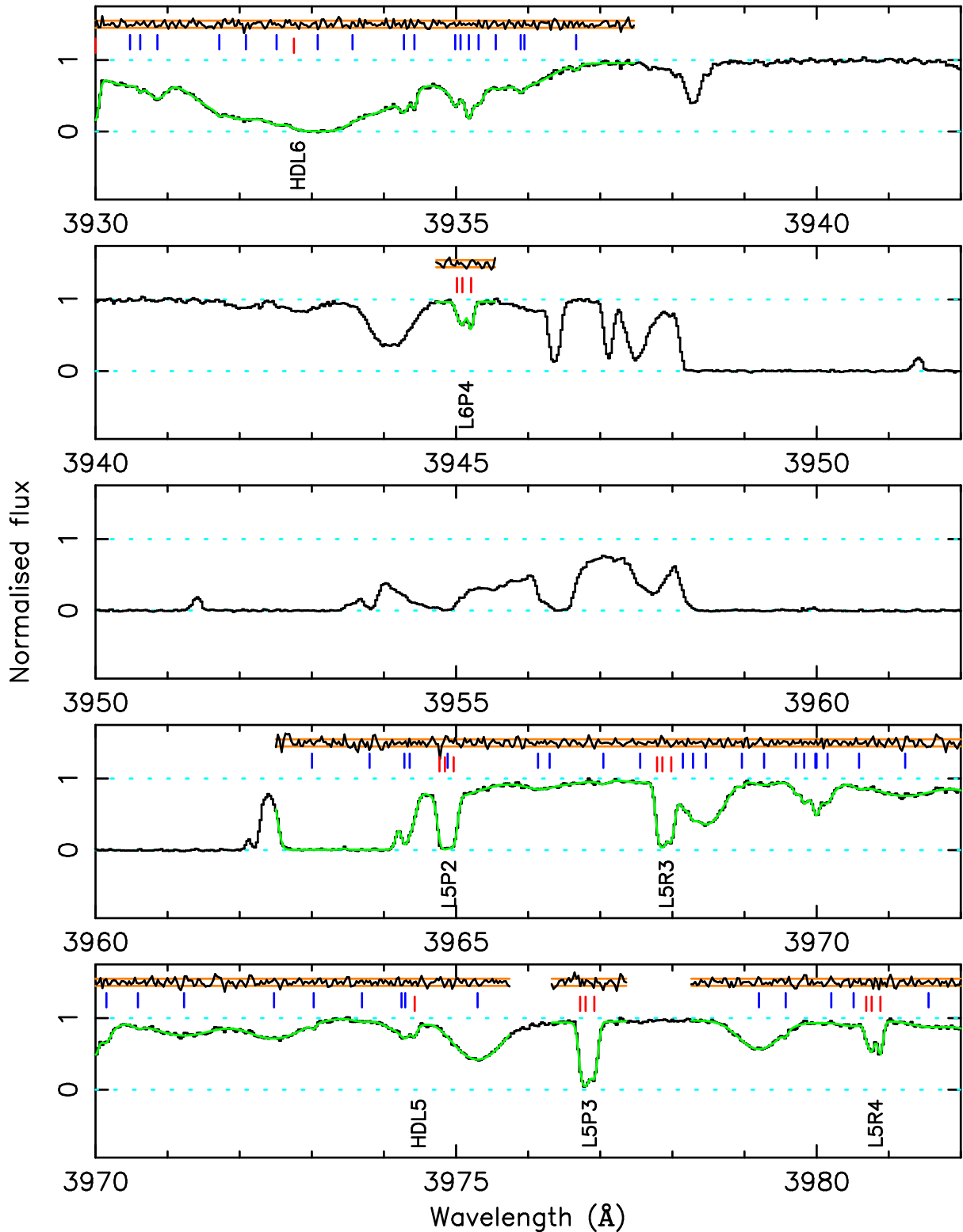


**Figure A7.**  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 7). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e.  $[\text{data} - \text{model}]/\text{error}$ ) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the  $\text{H}_2$  transitions are plotted below the data.

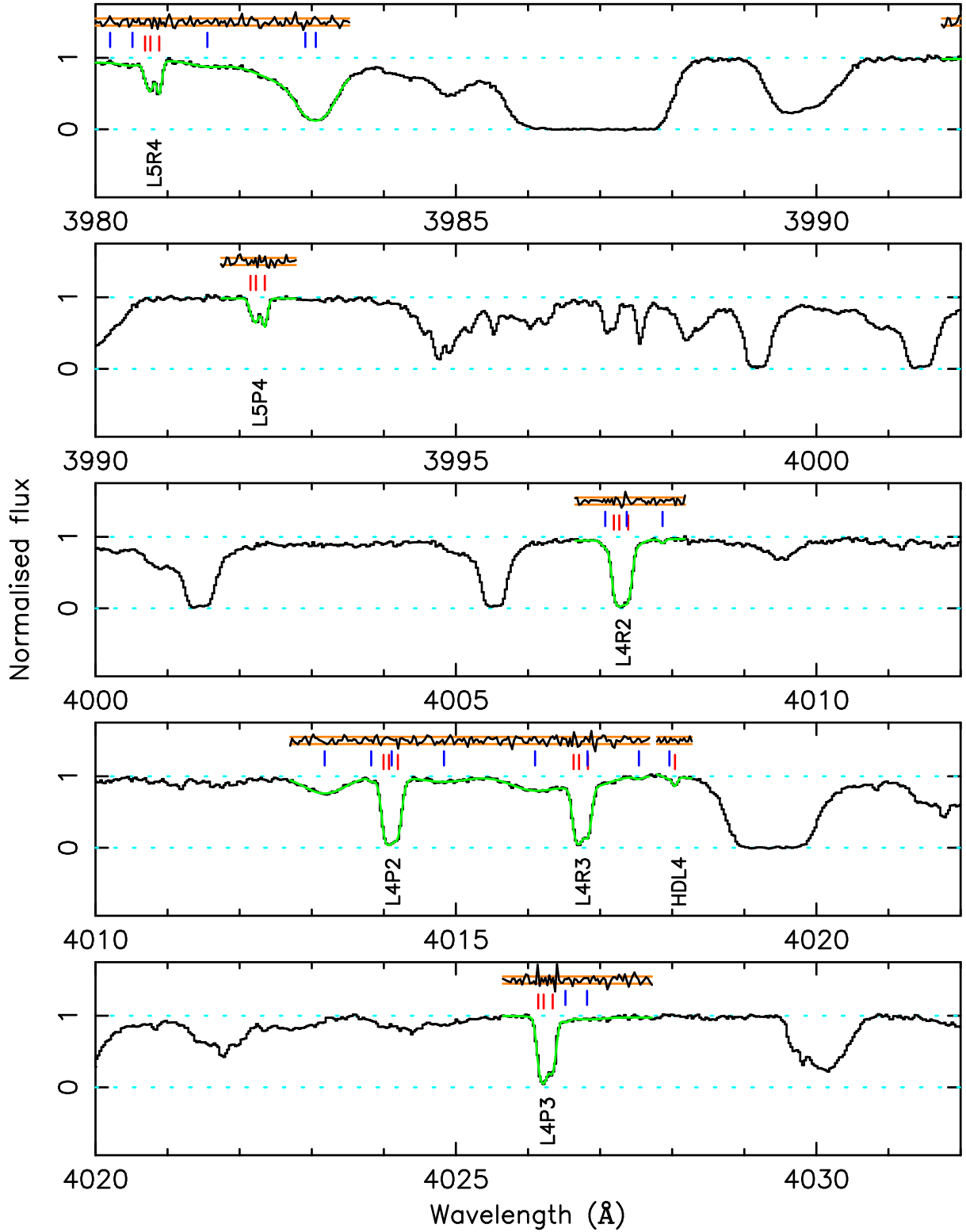




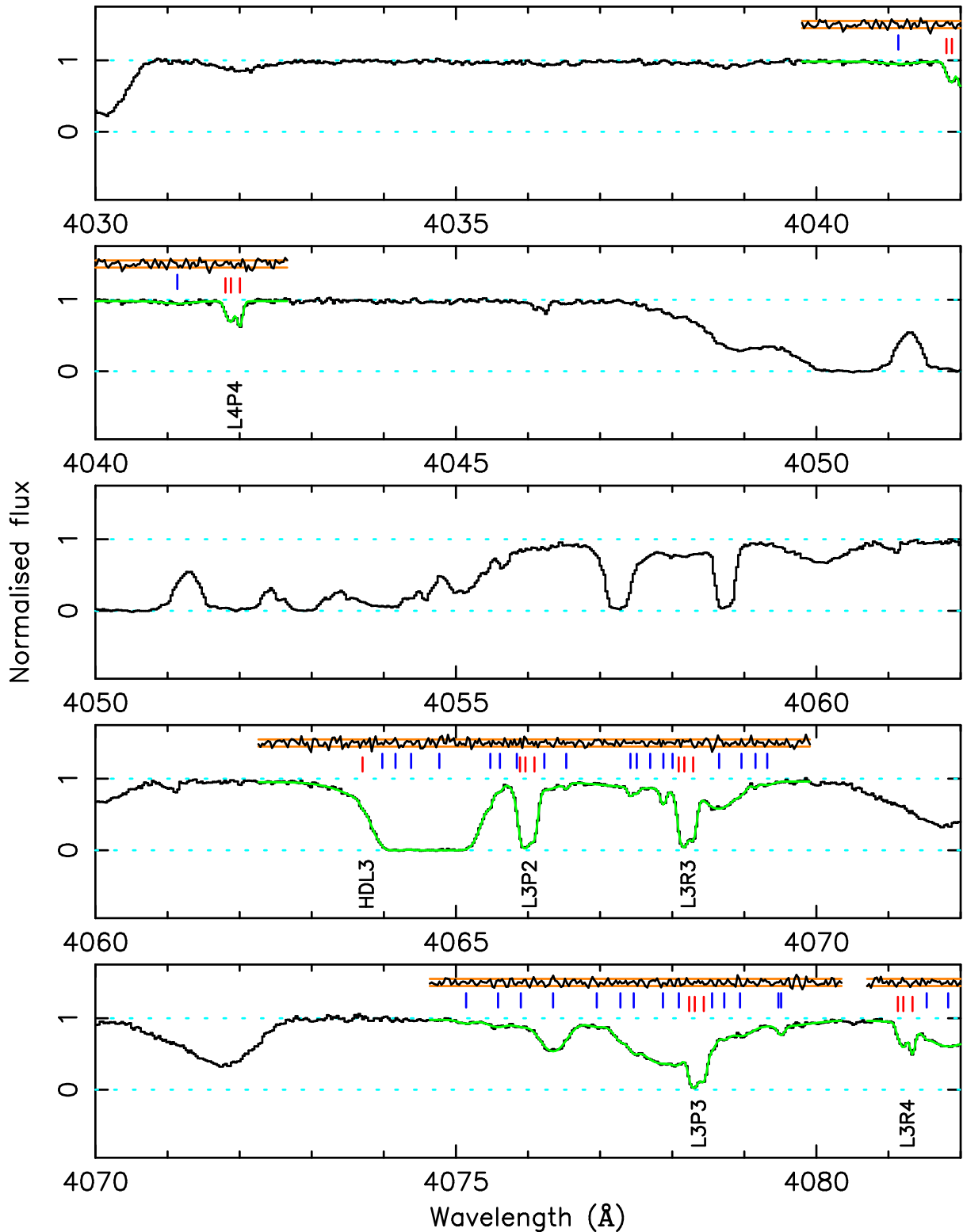
**Figure A8.** H<sub>2</sub>/HD fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 8). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of H<sub>2</sub>/HD components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e. [data - model]/error) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the H<sub>2</sub> transitions are plotted below the data.



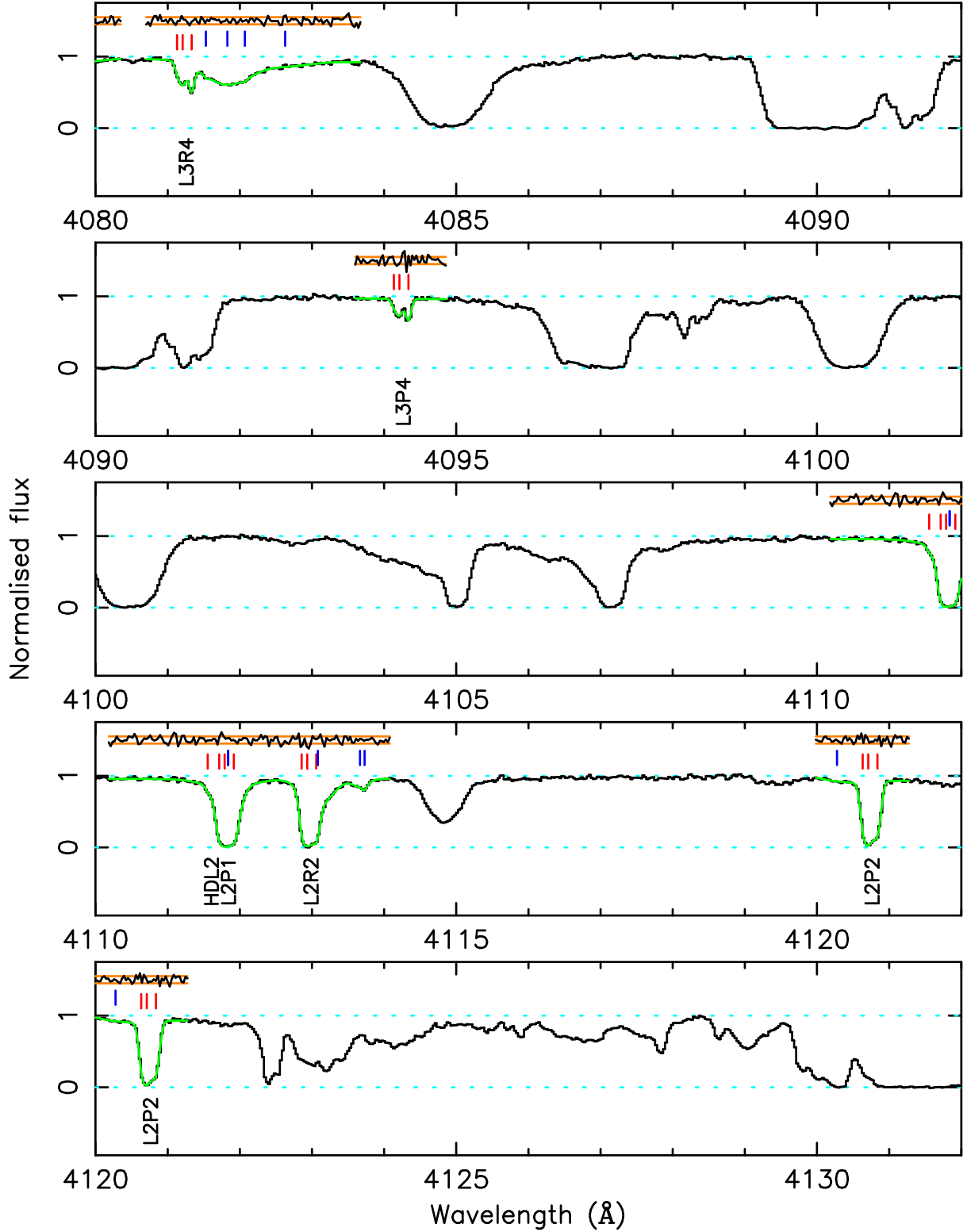
**Figure A9.** H<sub>2</sub>/HD fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 9). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of H<sub>2</sub>/HD components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e. [data - model]/error) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the H<sub>2</sub> transitions are plotted below the data.



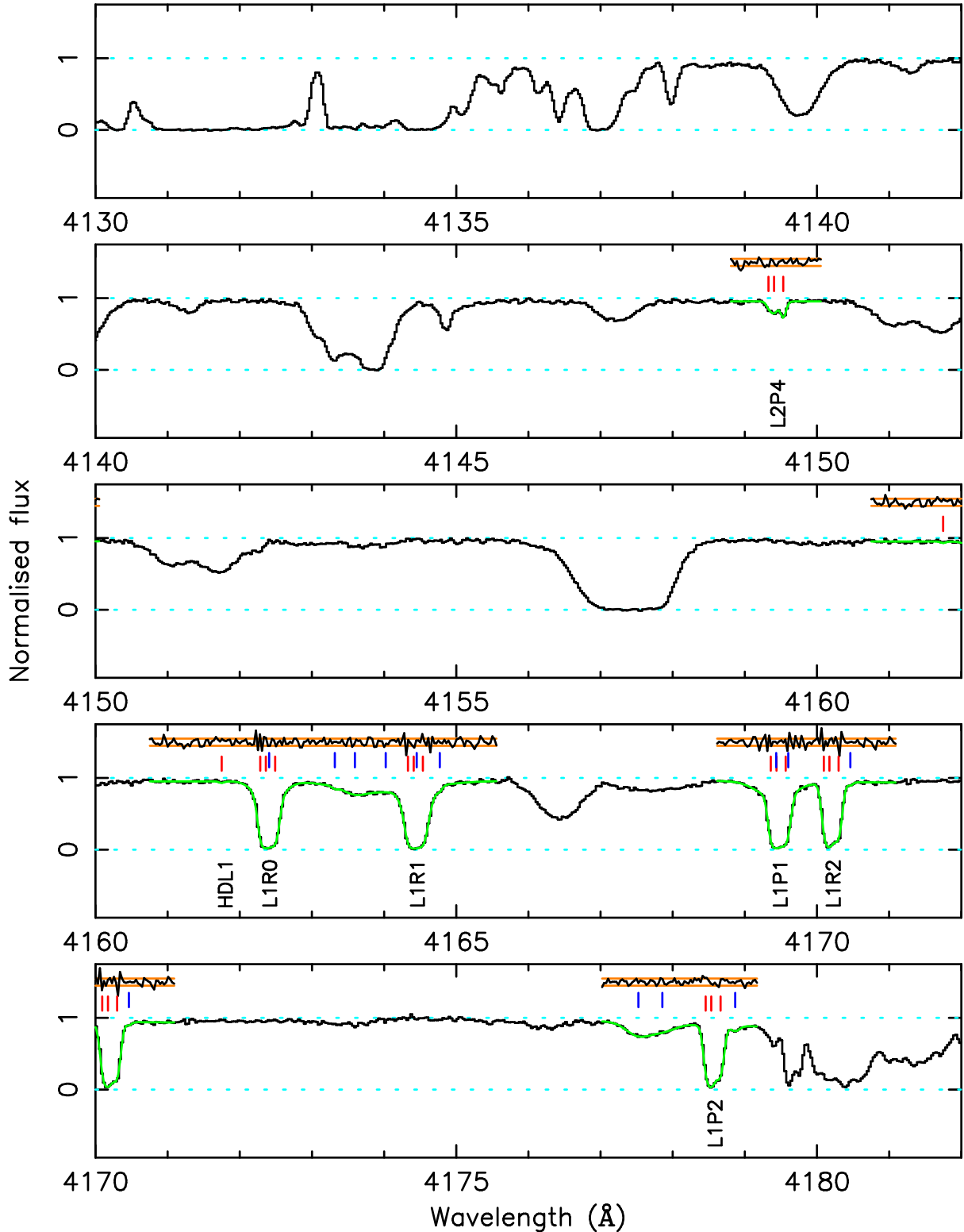
**Figure A10.** H<sub>2</sub>/HD fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 10). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of H<sub>2</sub>/HD components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e. [data - model]/error) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the H<sub>2</sub> transitions are plotted below the data.



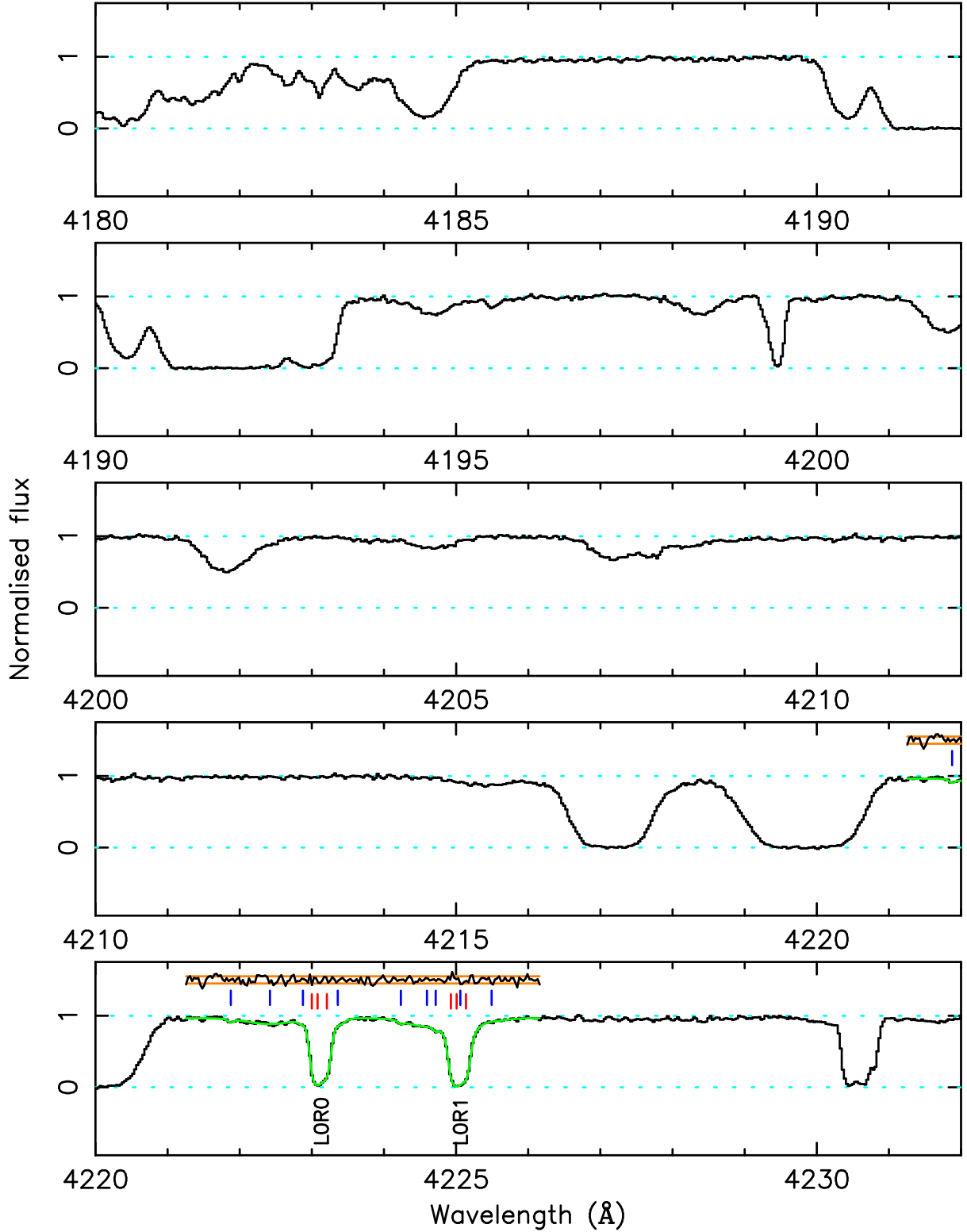
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**Figure A12.** H<sub>2</sub>/HD fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 12). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of H<sub>2</sub>/HD components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e.  $[\text{data} - \text{model}]/\text{error}$ ) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the H<sub>2</sub> transitions are plotted below the data.



**Figure A13.**  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 13). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e.  $[\text{data} - \text{model}]/\text{error}$ ) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the  $\text{H}_2$  transitions are plotted below the data.



**Figure A14.**  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  fit for the  $z = 2.811$  absorber toward Q0528–250 (part 14). The vertical axis shows normalised flux. The model fitted to the spectrum is shown in green. Red tick marks indicate the position of  $\text{H}_2/\text{HD}$  components, whilst blue tick marks indicate the position of blending transitions (presumed to be Lyman- $\alpha$ ). Normalised residuals (i.e.  $[\text{data} - \text{model}]/\text{error}$ ) are plotted above the spectrum between the orange bands, which represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ . Labels for the  $\text{H}_2$  transitions are plotted below the data.