

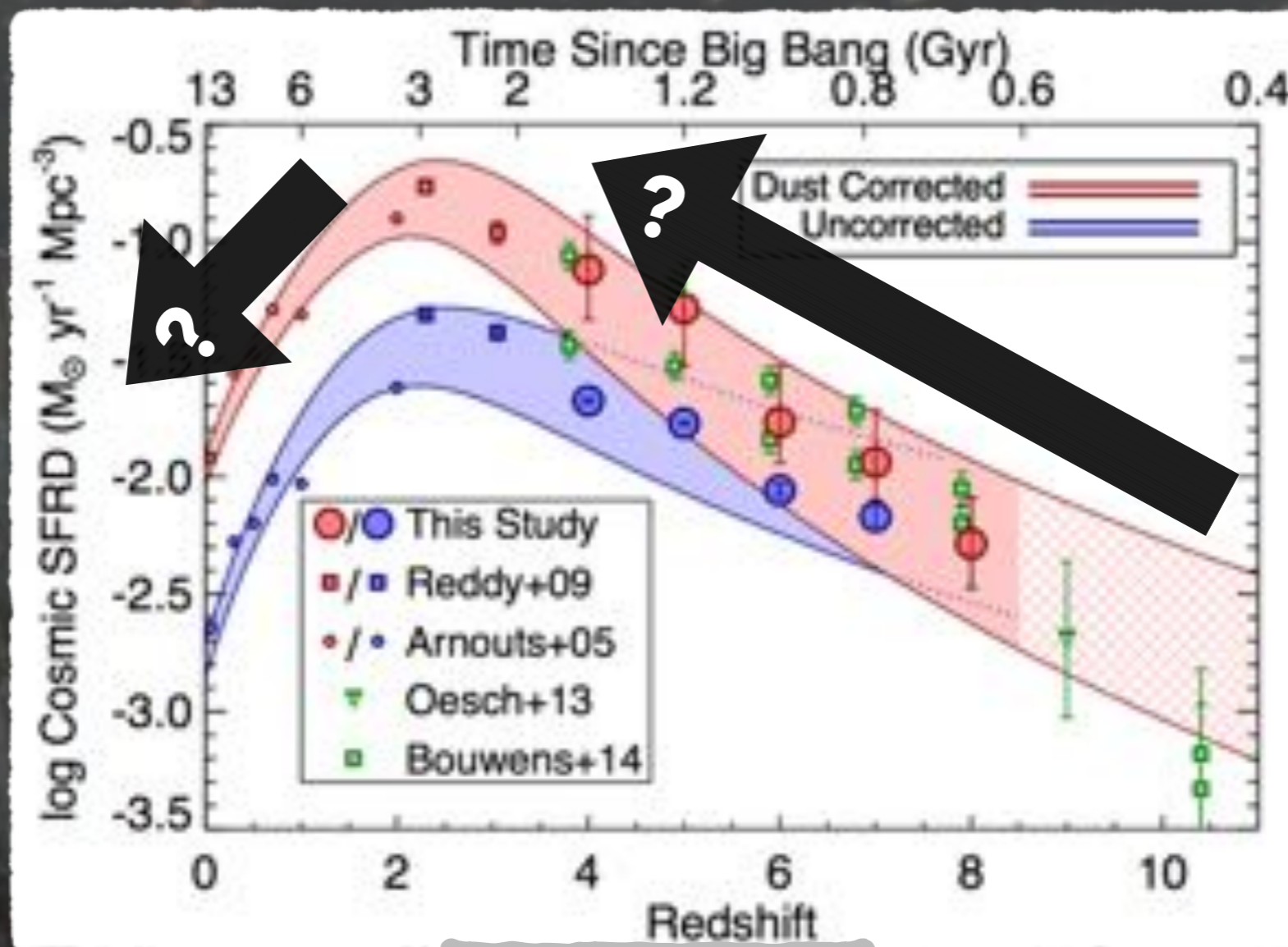


**BEYOND THE HORIZON:**  
What is left to learn after *Hubble*  
about the first billion years?

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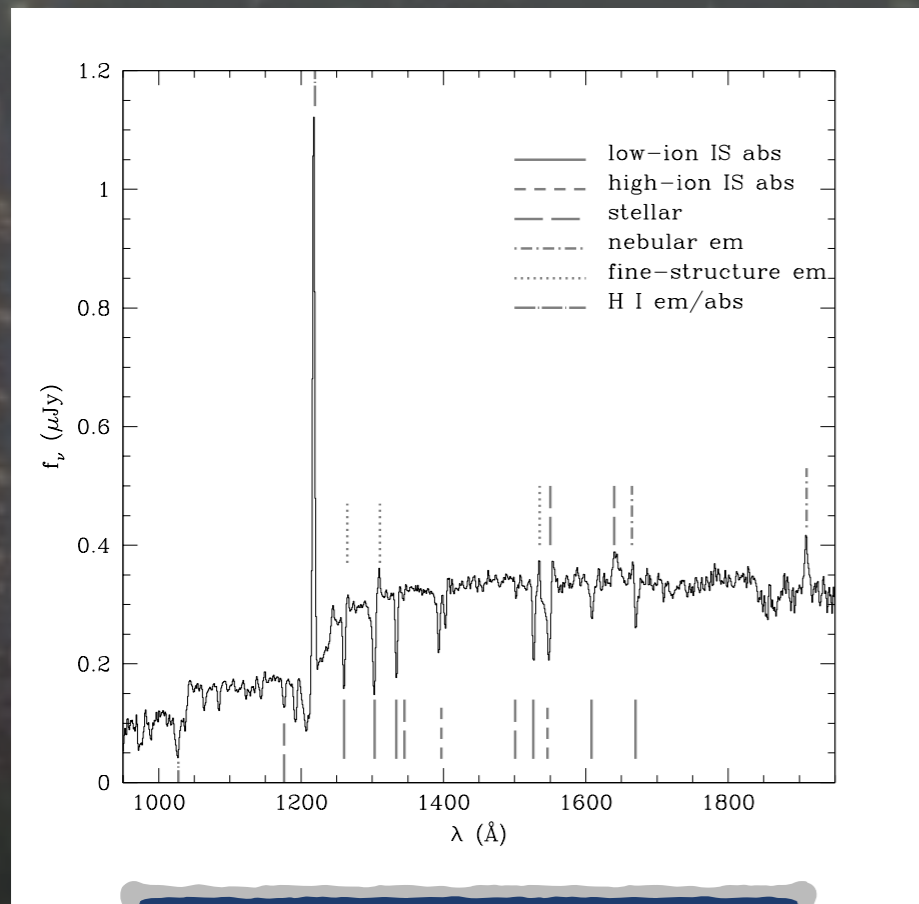
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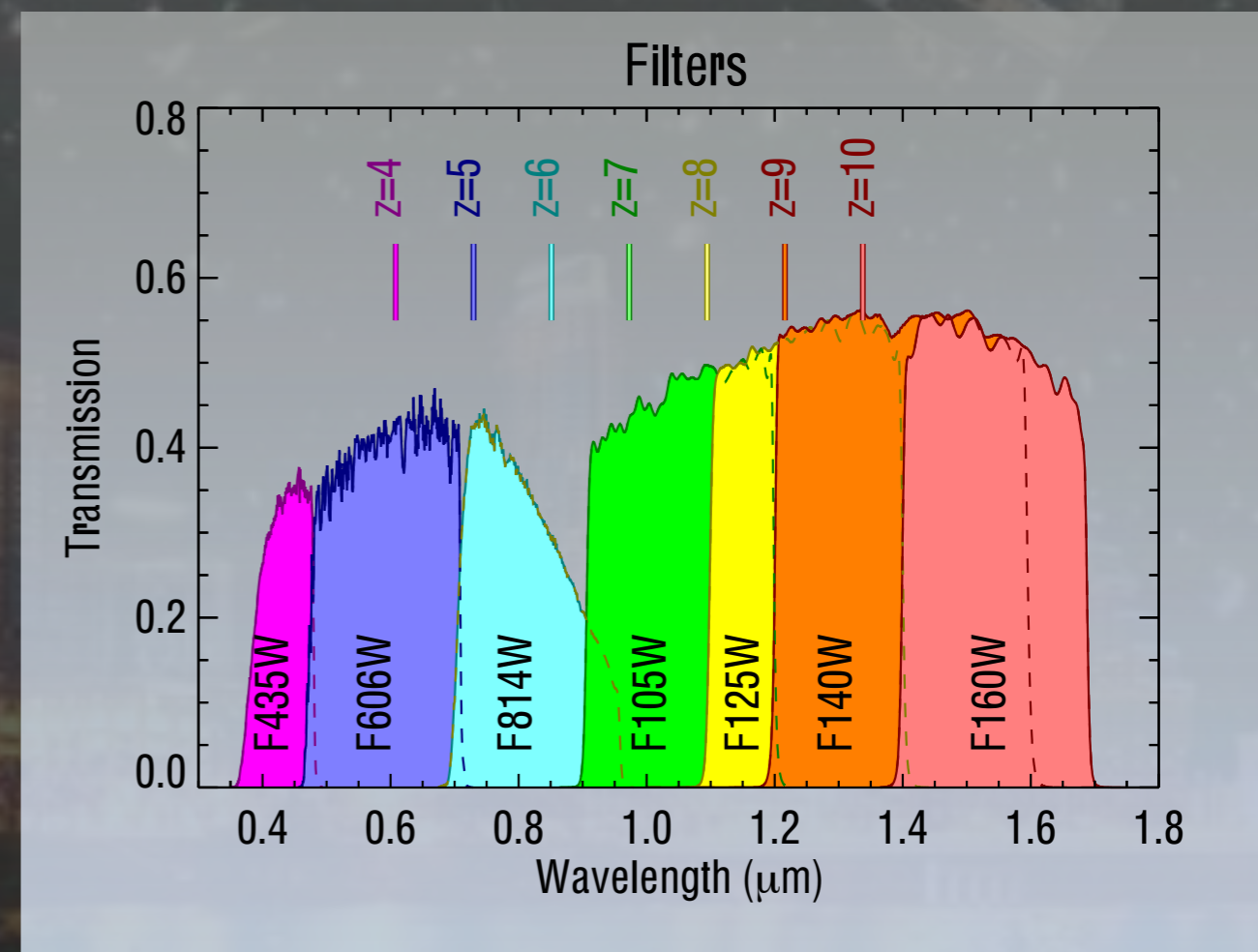


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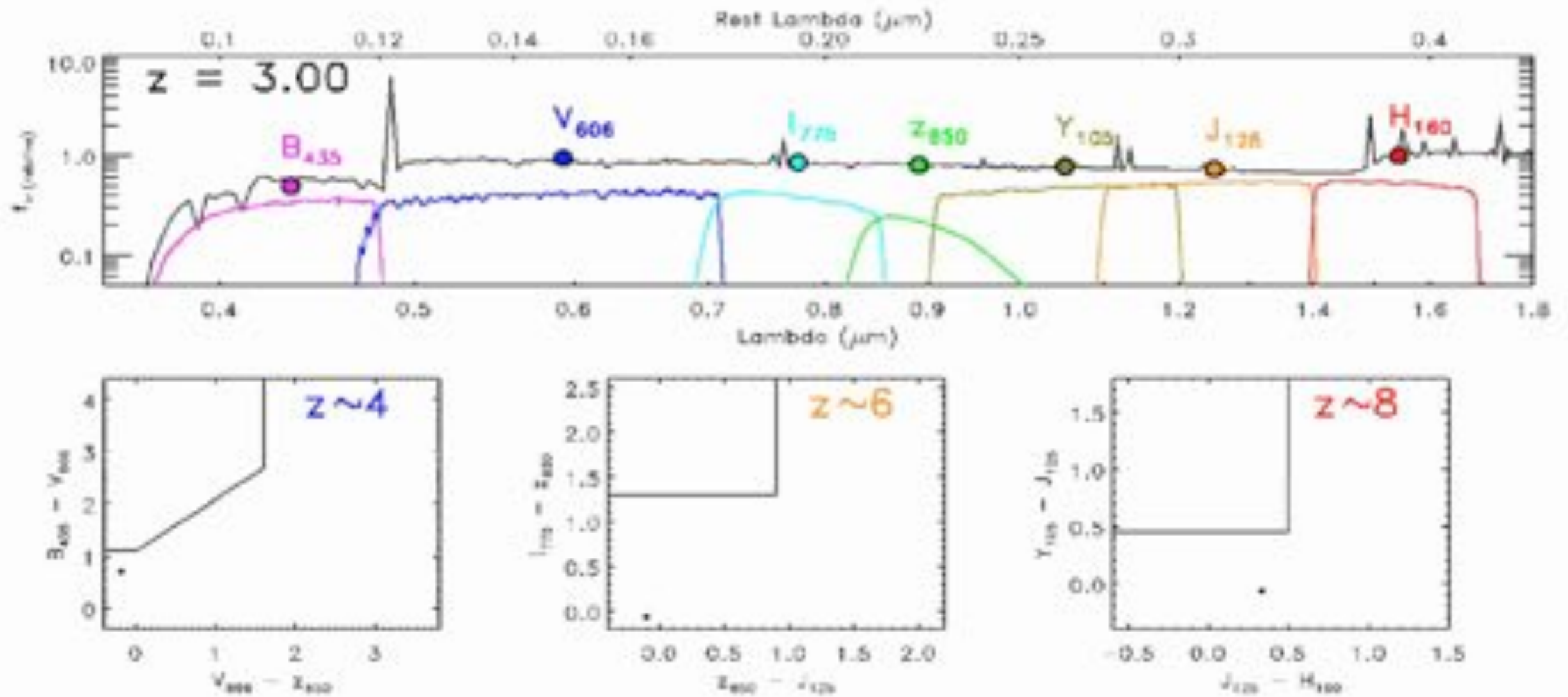
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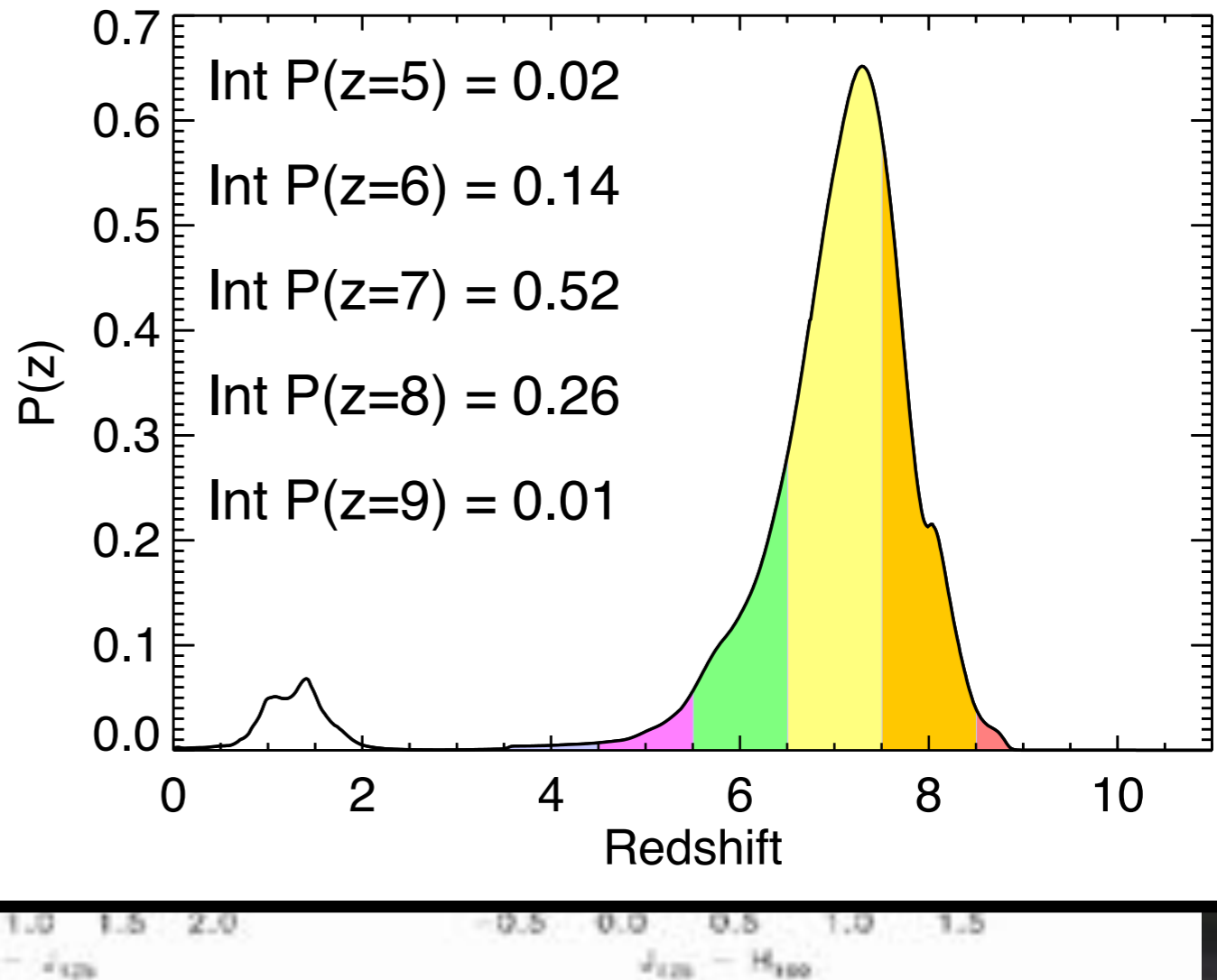
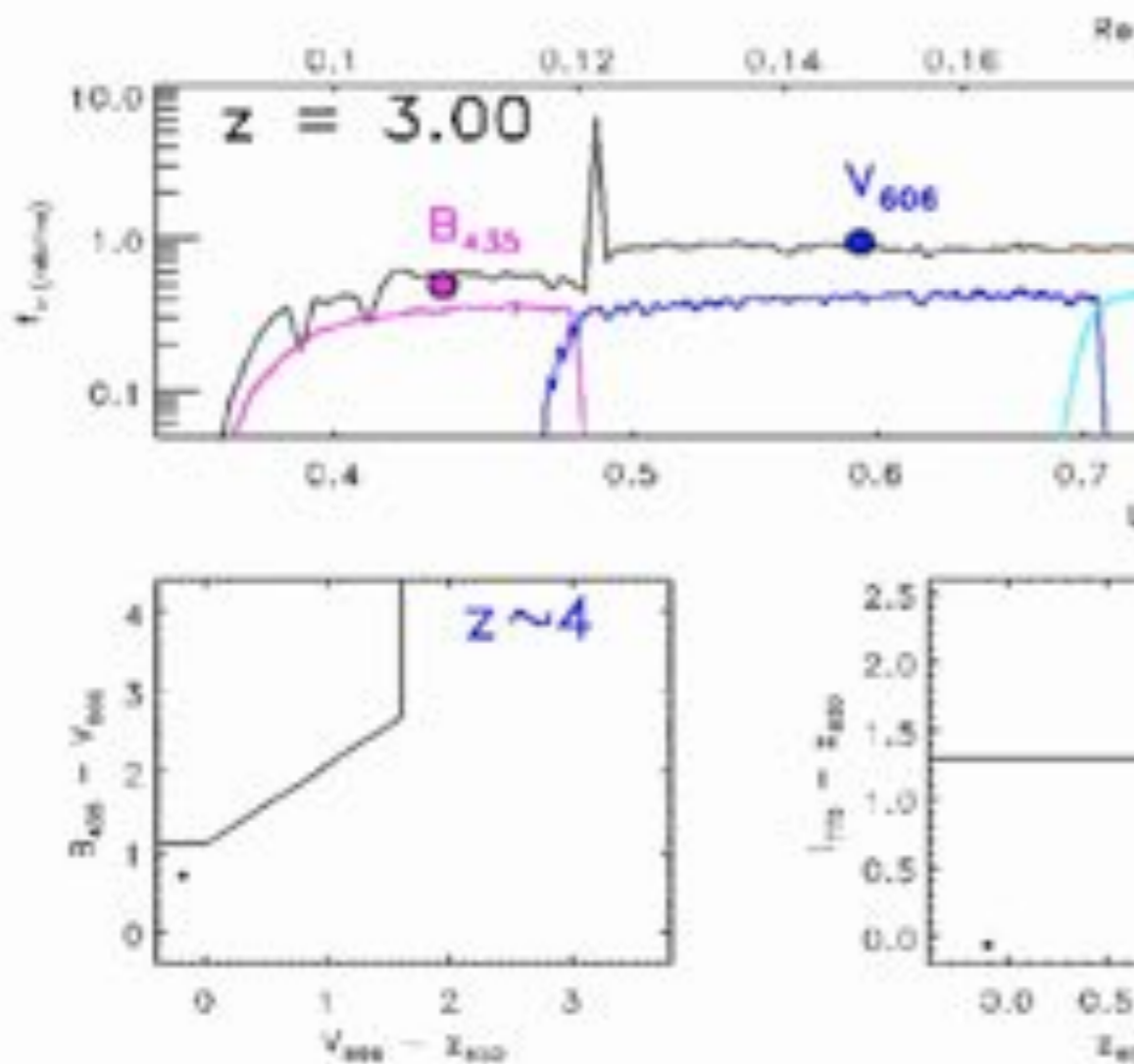
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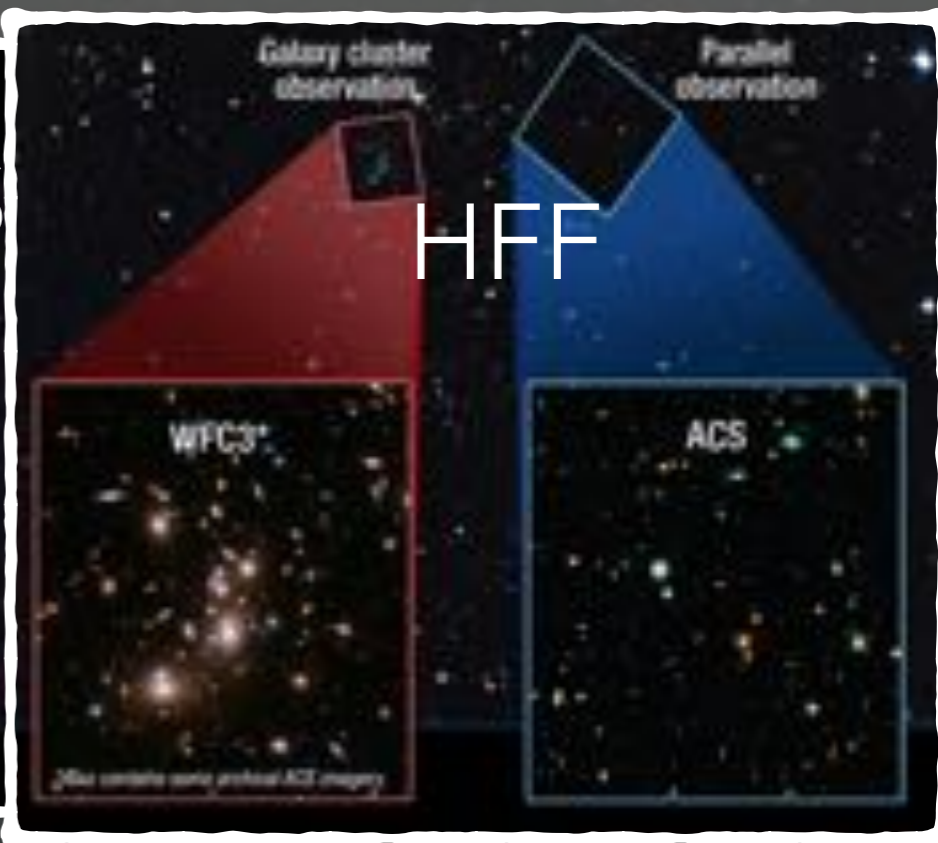


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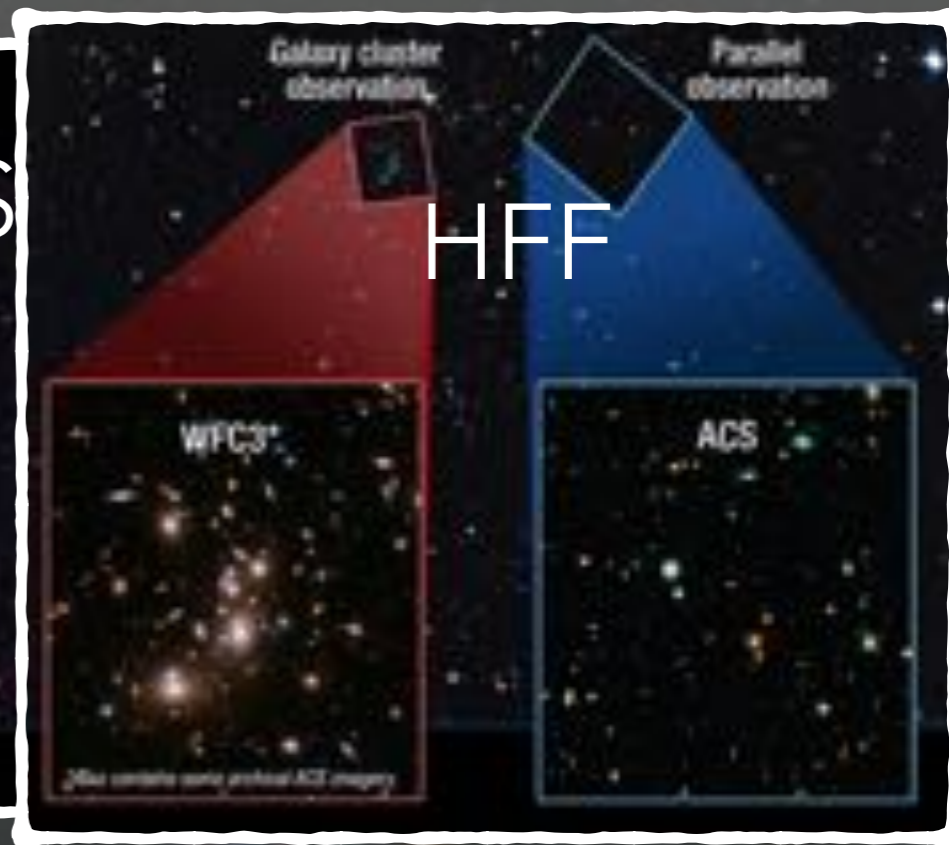
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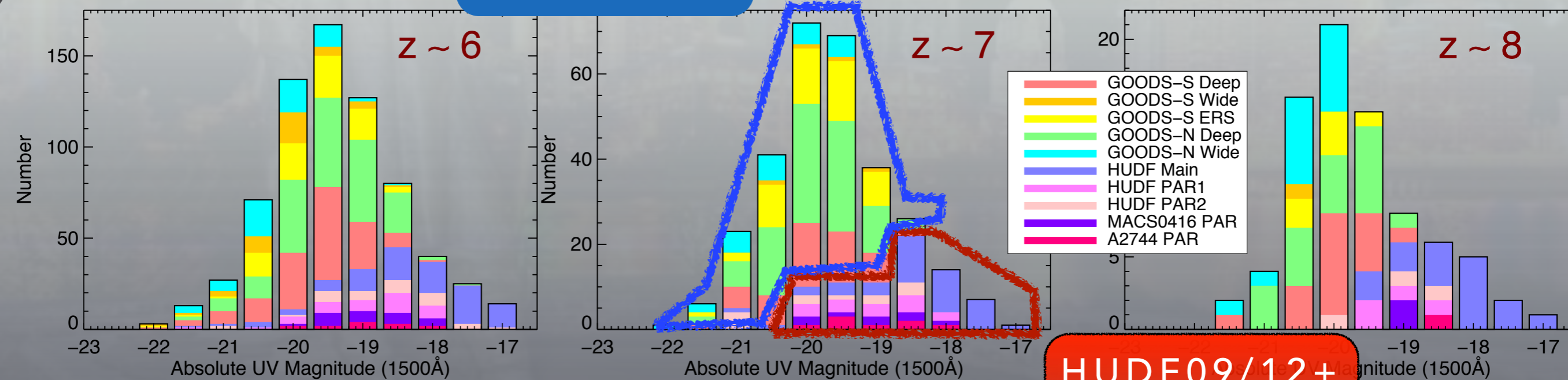
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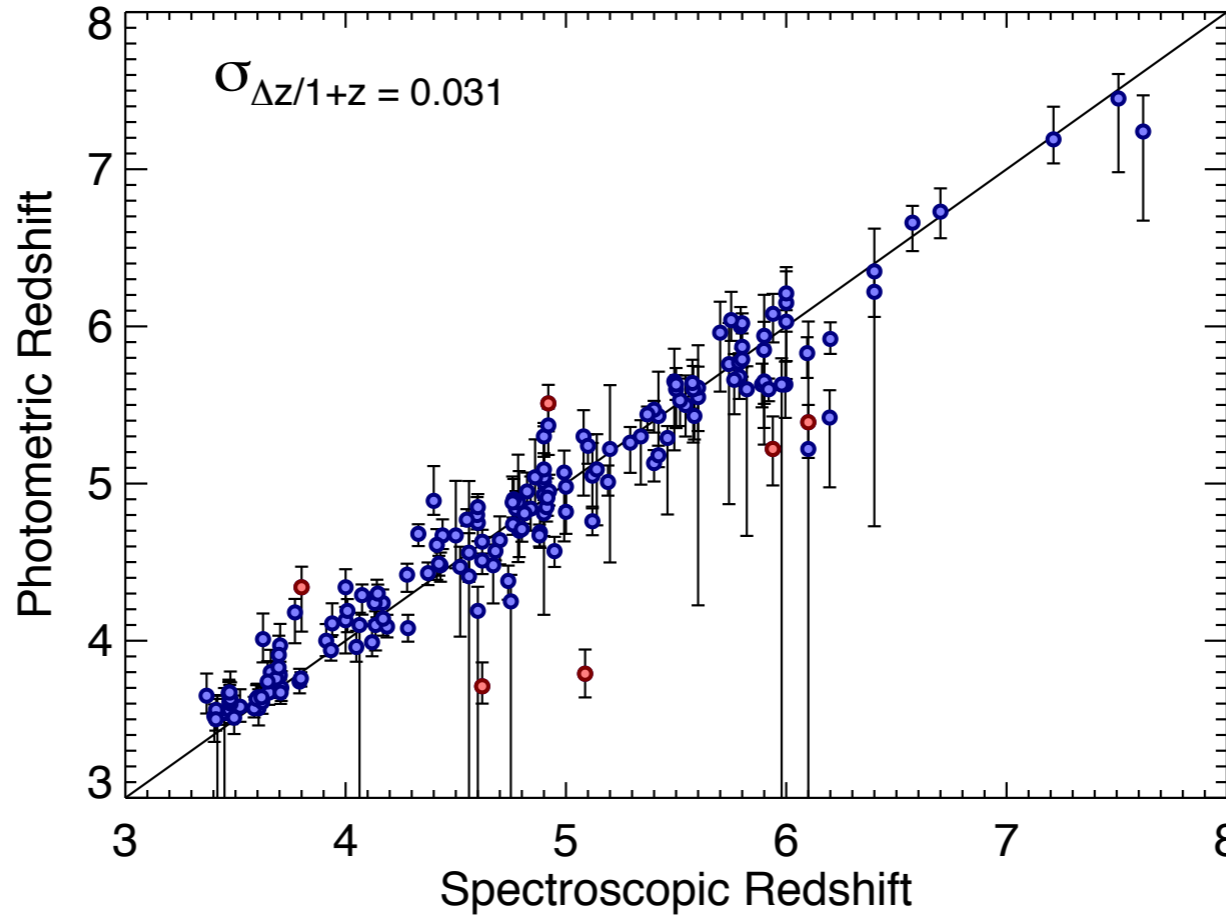


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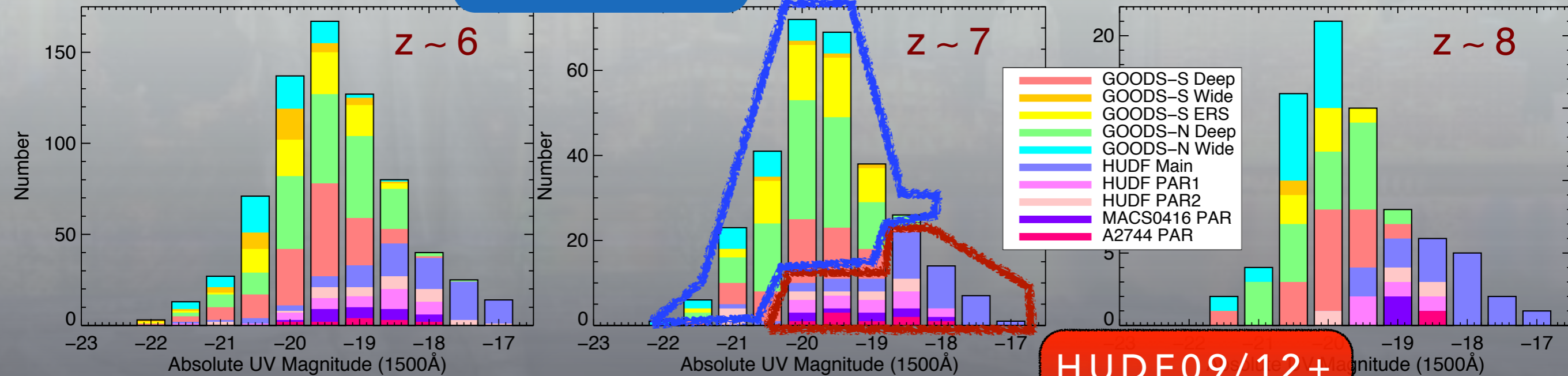
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## CANDELS

$z \sim 6$

$z \sim 7$

$z \sim 8$



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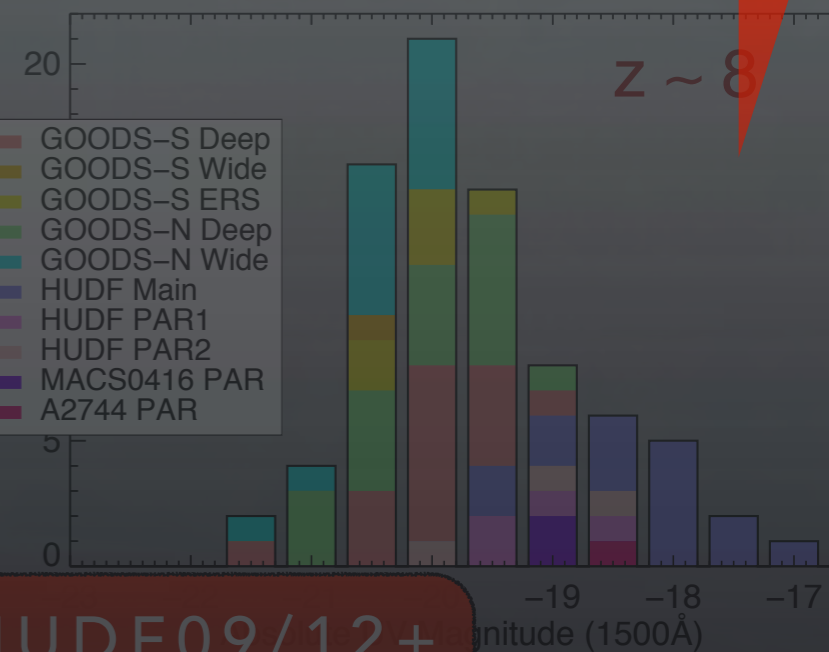
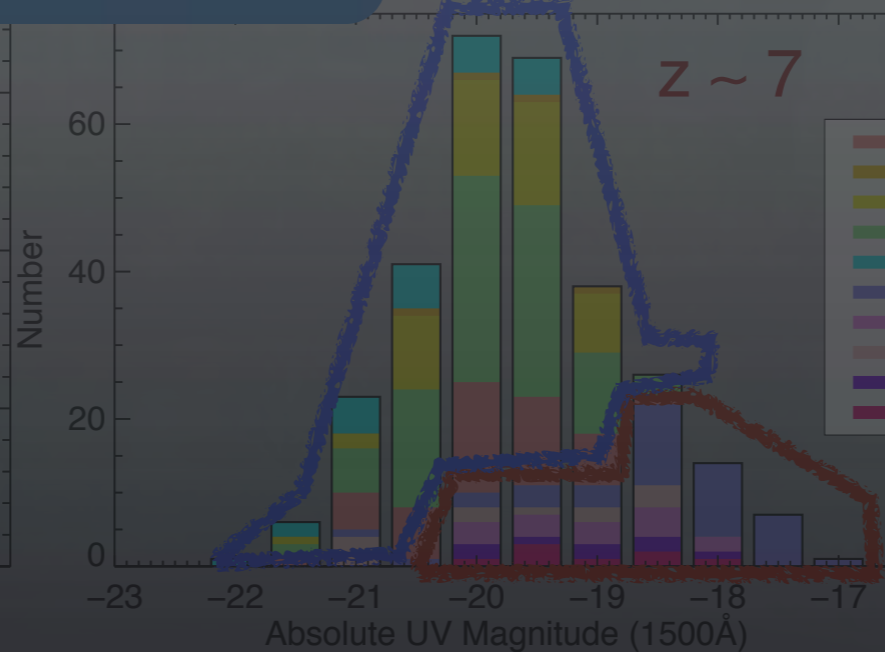
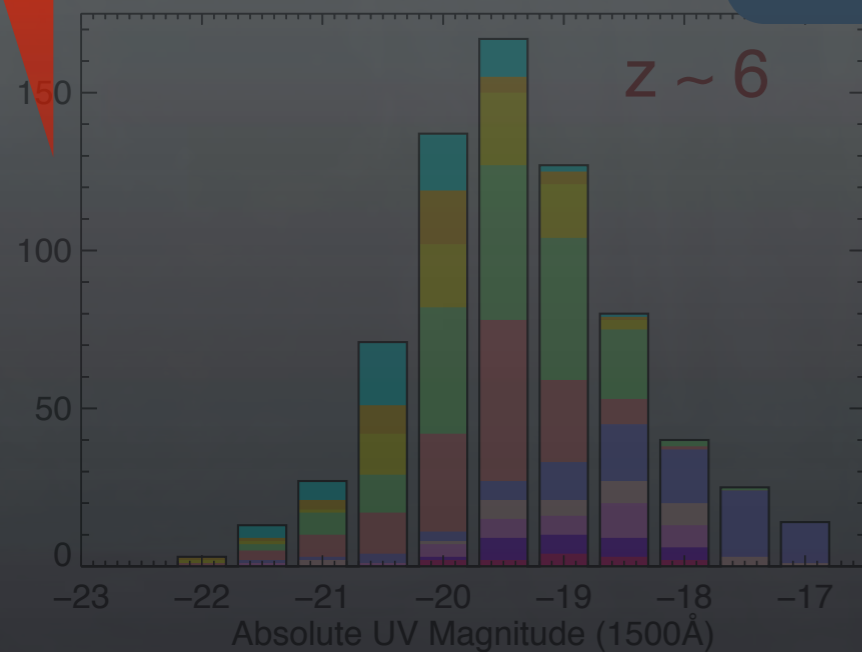
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## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

### CANDELS



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# CHEMICAL ENRICHMENT

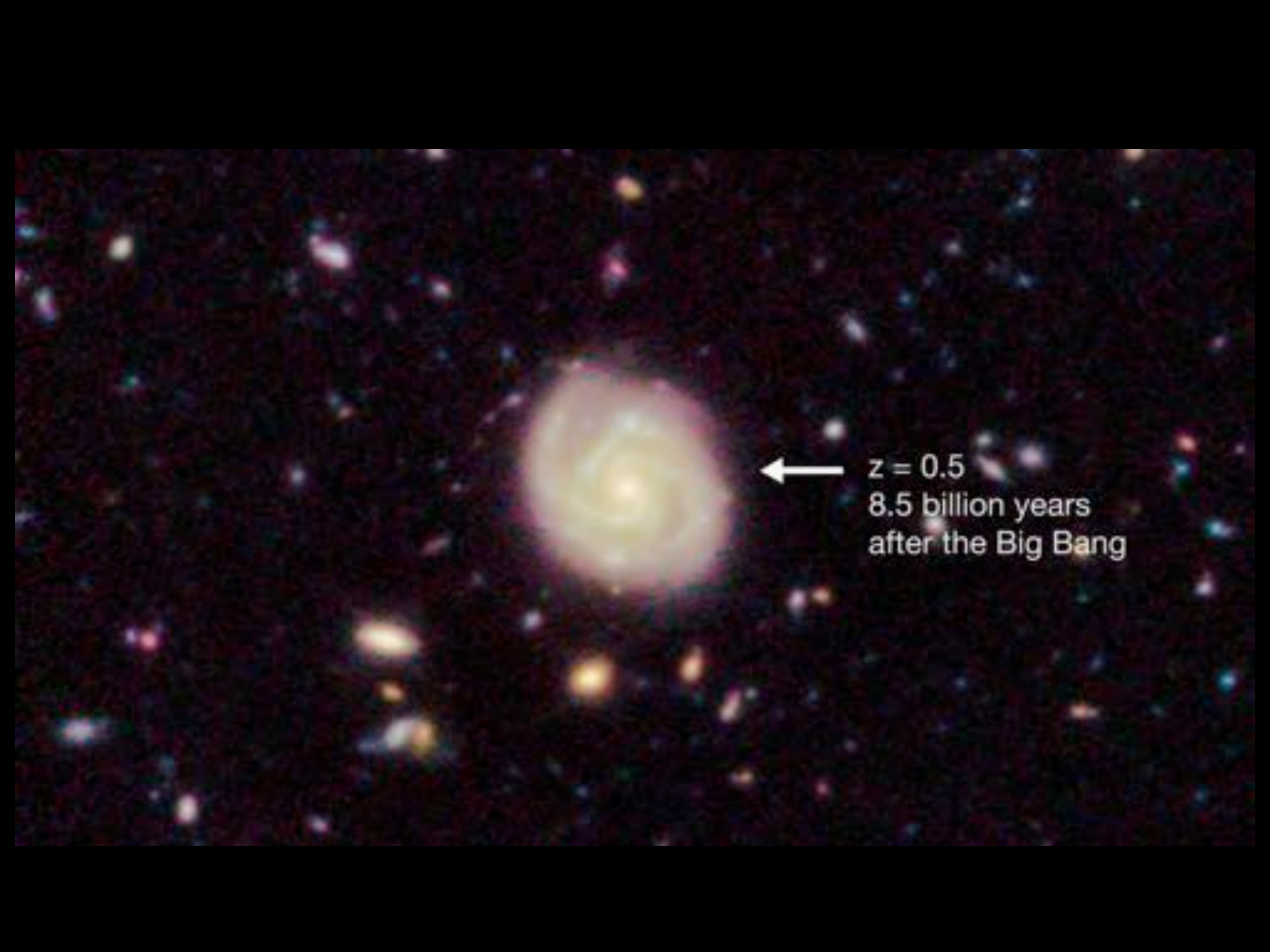
WHEN DO THE FIRST GALAXIES  
FORM?

HOW EARLY DO METALS FORM?

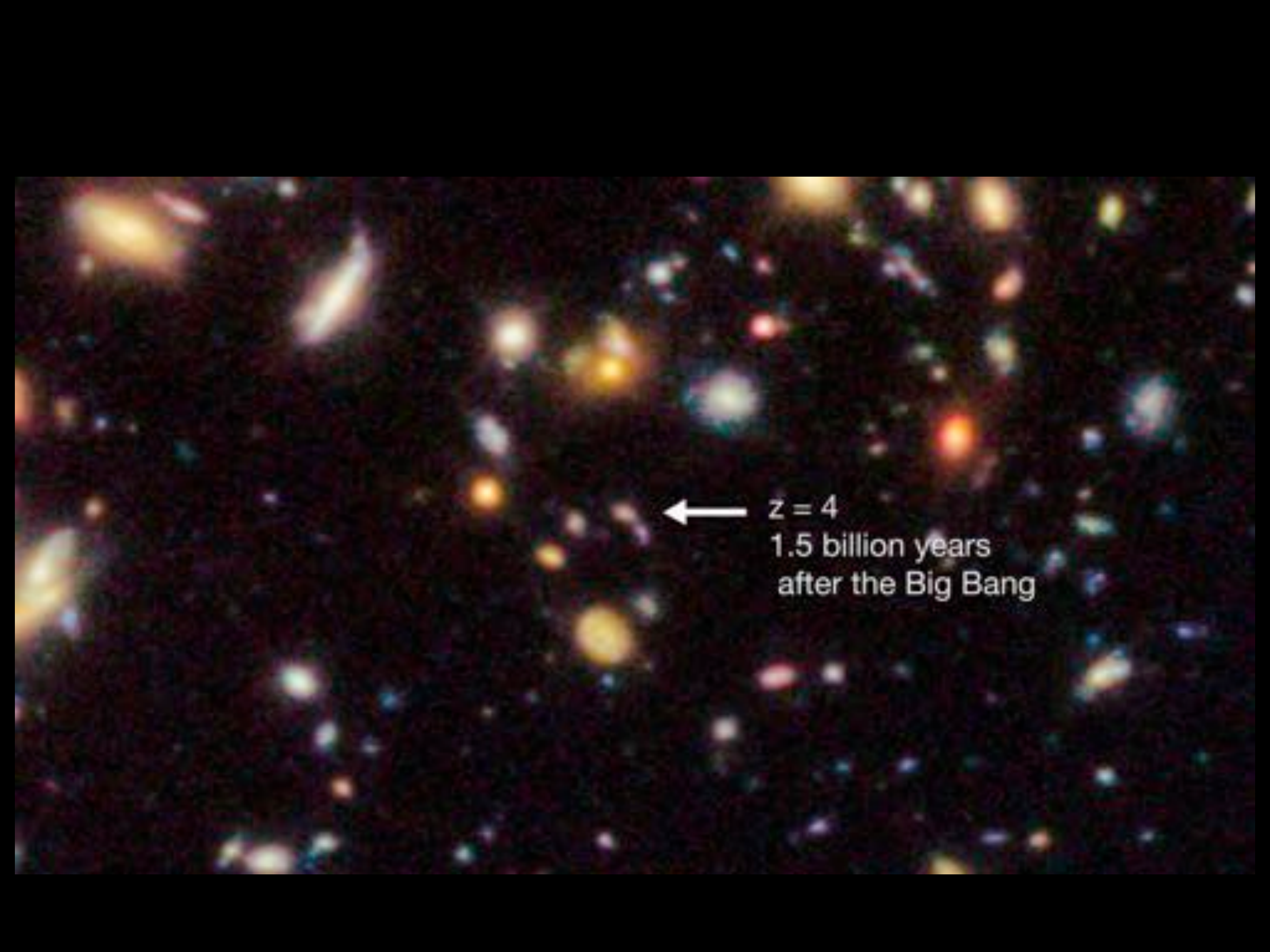
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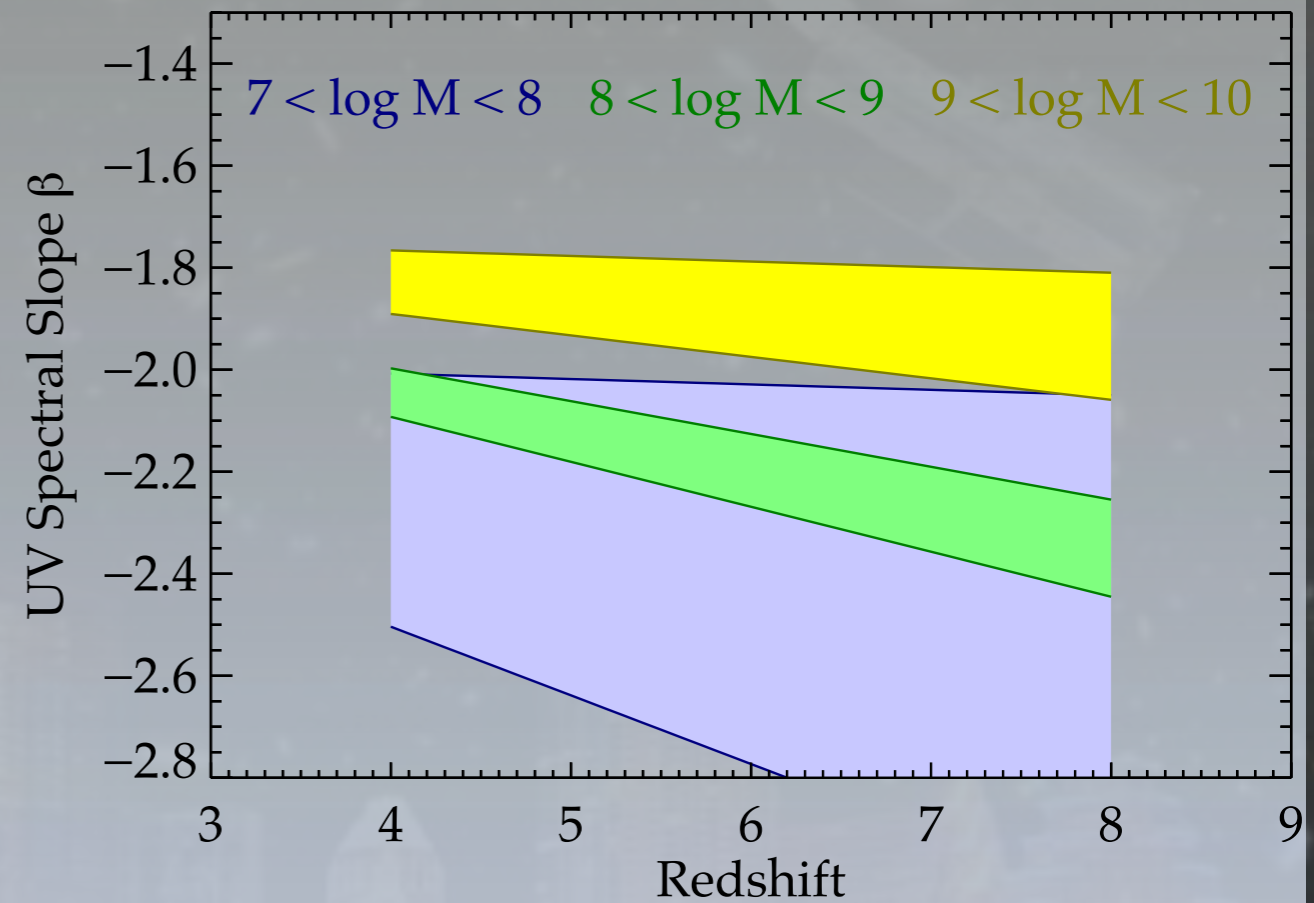
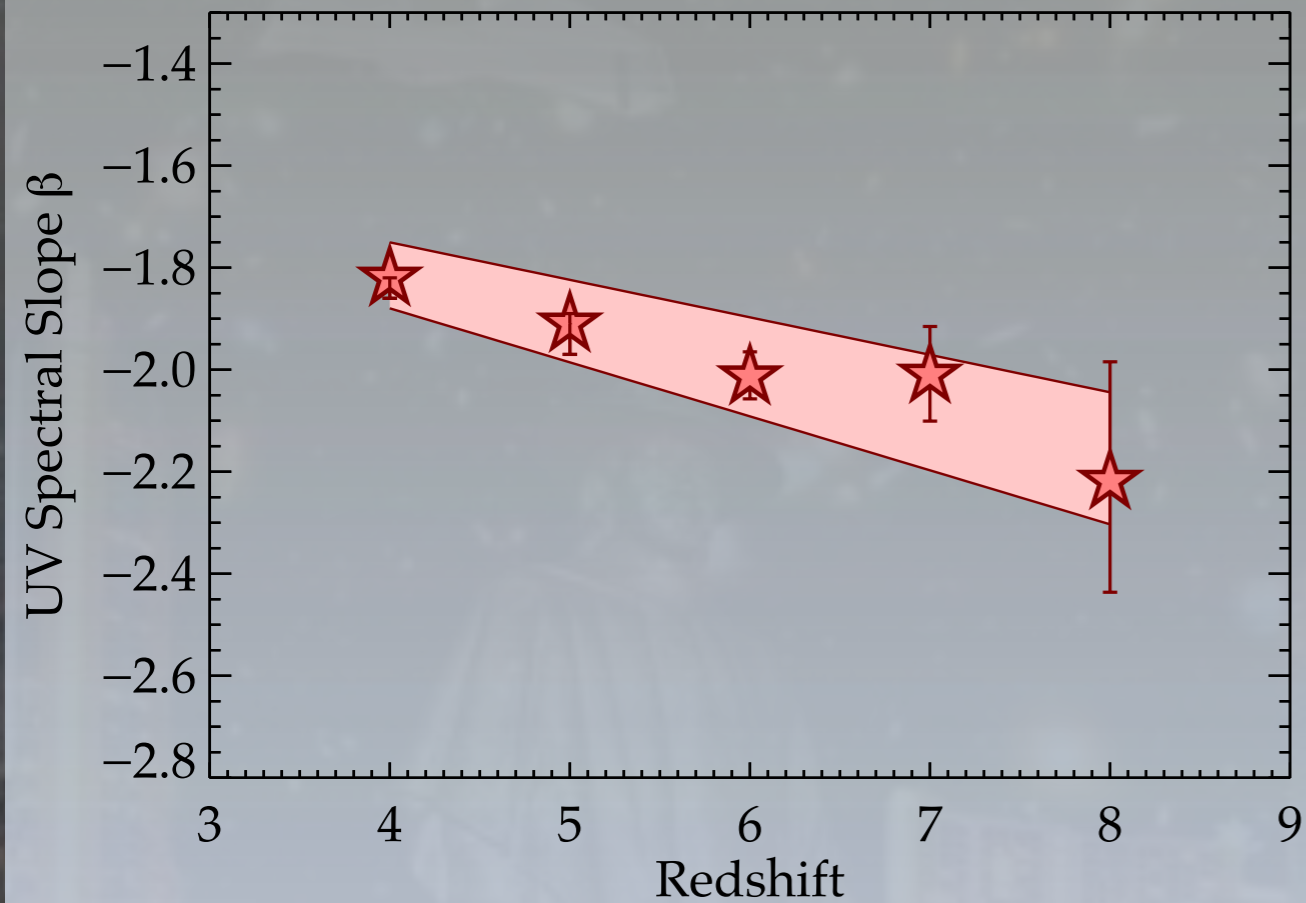


$z = 0.5$   
8.5 billion years  
after the Big Bang



$z = 4$   
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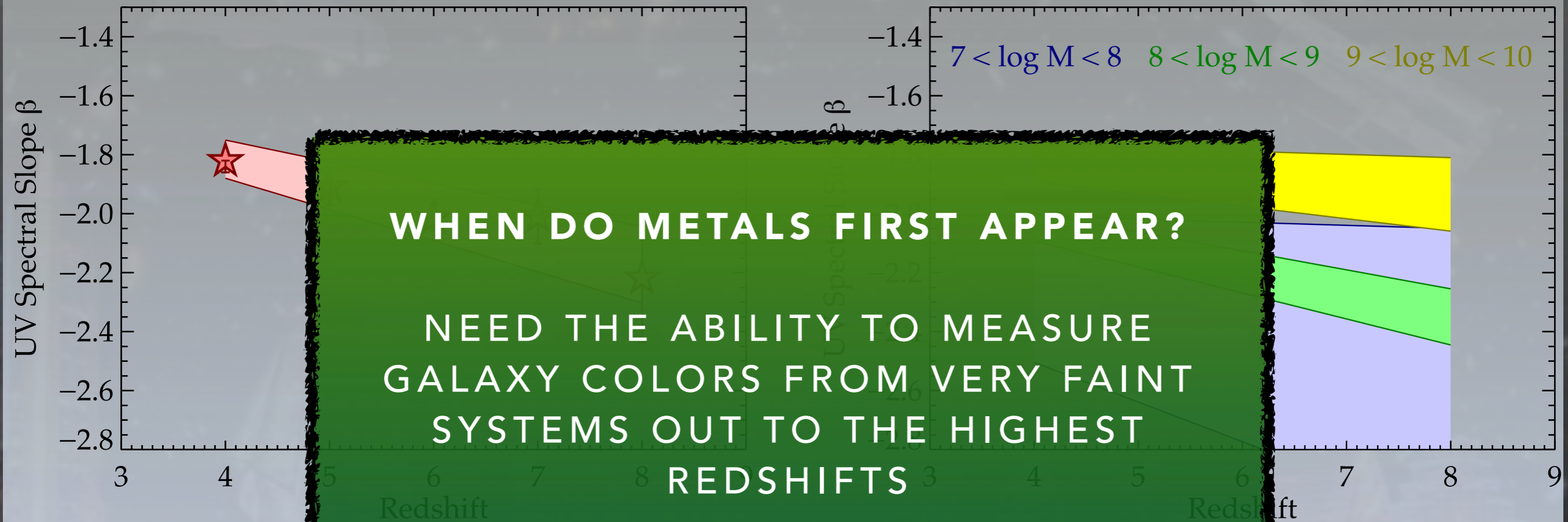


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SF+2012A, 2015B

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**WHEN DO METALS FIRST APPEAR?**

NEED THE ABILITY TO MEASURE  
GALAXY COLORS FROM VERY FAINT  
SYSTEMS OUT TO THE HIGHEST

REDSHIFTS

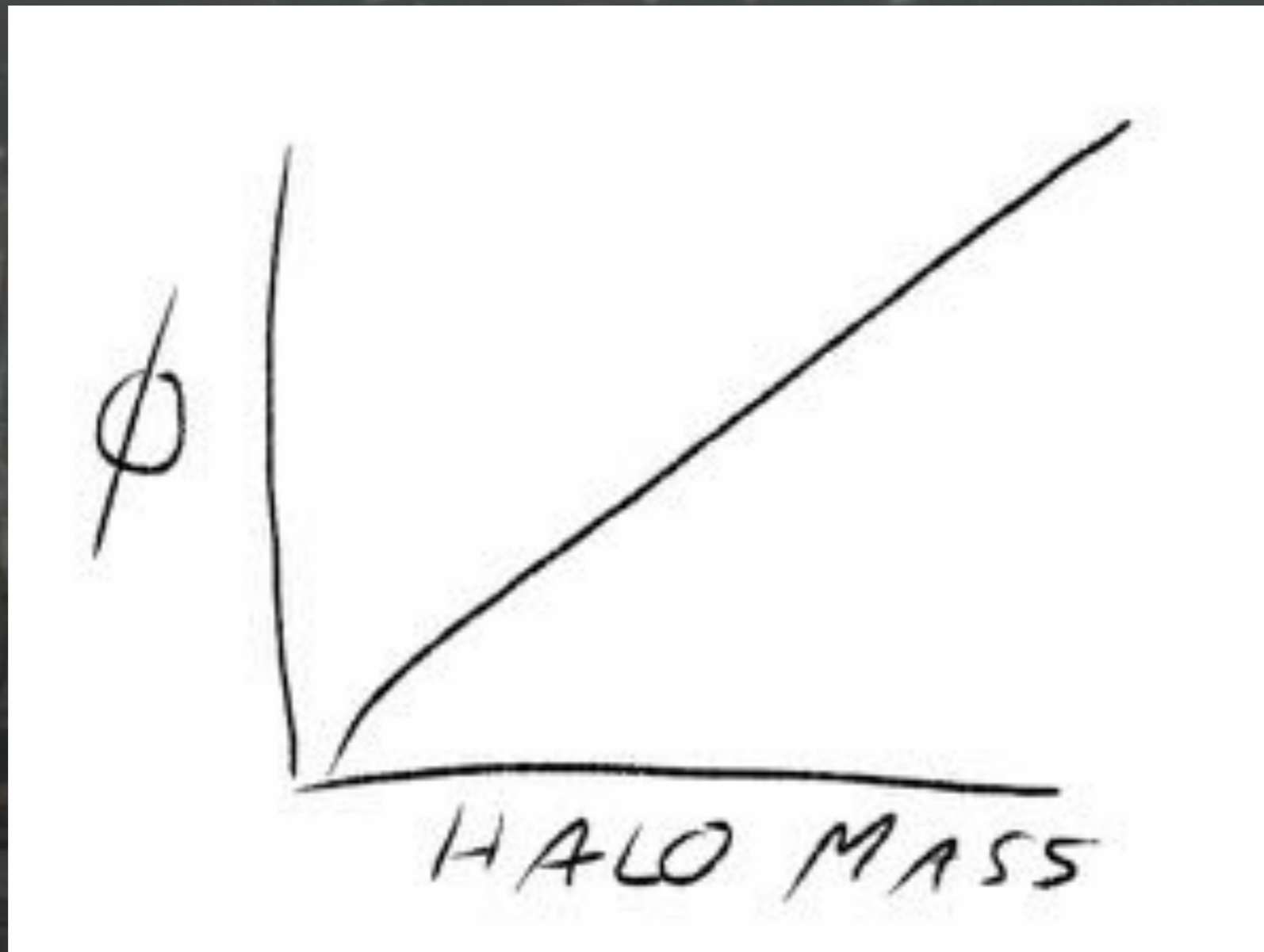
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# LUMINOSITY FUNCTIONS

- Much effort has been spent computing the rest-frame UV luminosity functions.





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LUMINOSITY FUNCTIONS CAN TELL US ABOUT THE PHYSICAL PROCESSES REGULATING STAR-FORMATION IN THE DISTANT UNIVERSE

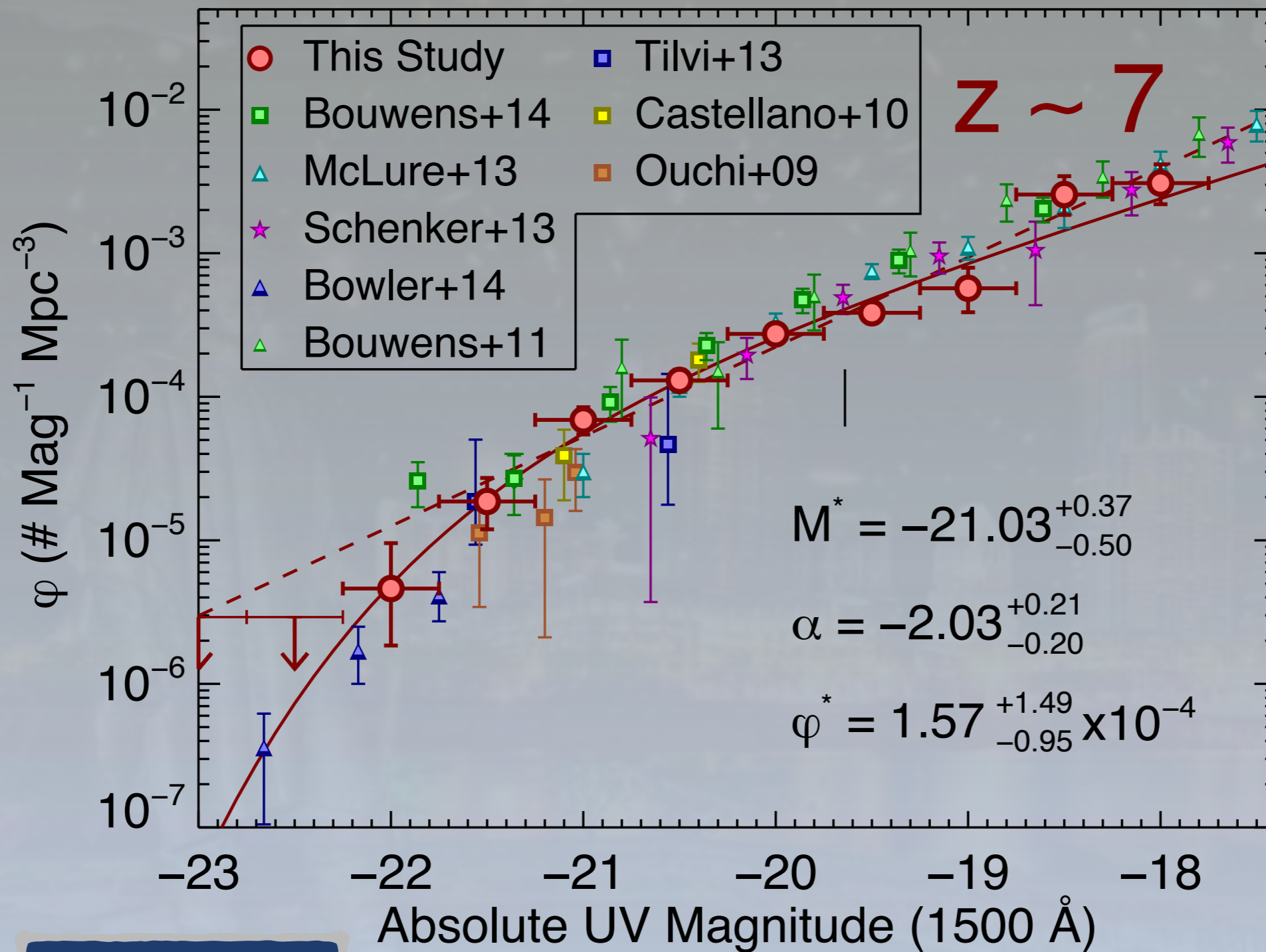
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THE REST-UV LUMINOSITY FUNCTION ALSO ALLOWS US TO CALCULATE THE STAR-FORMATION RATE DENSITY

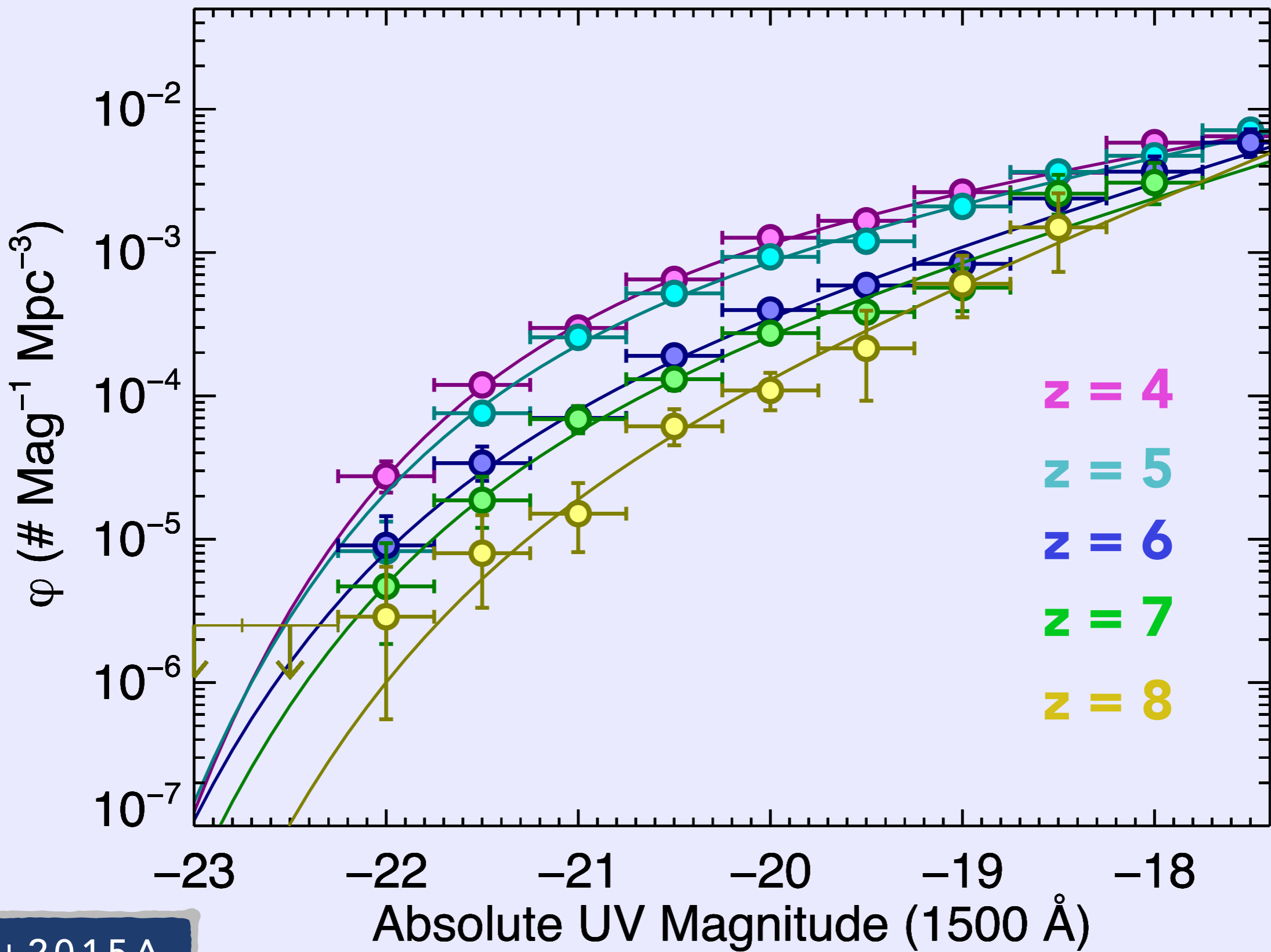
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# THE GOOD NEWS



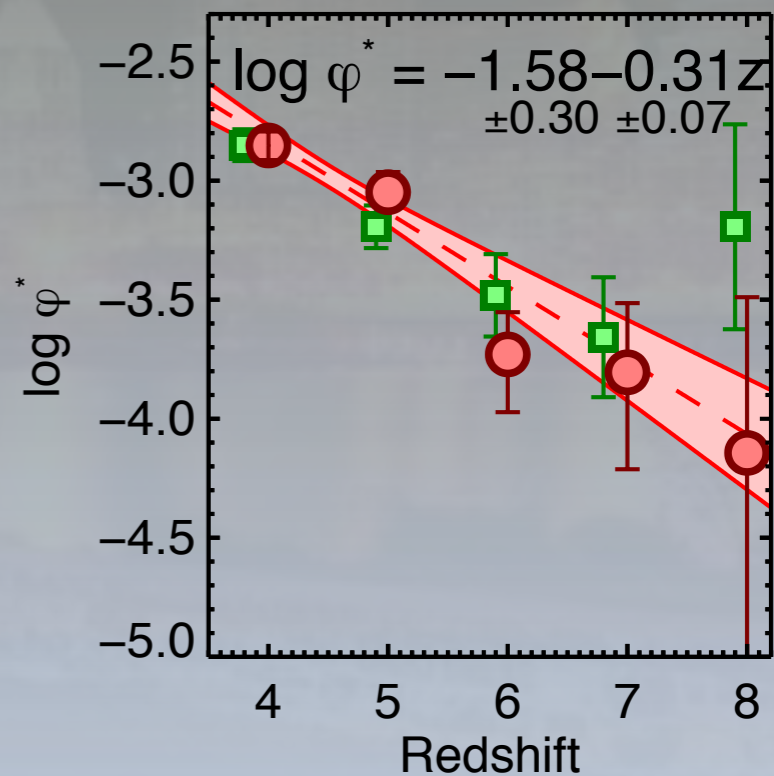
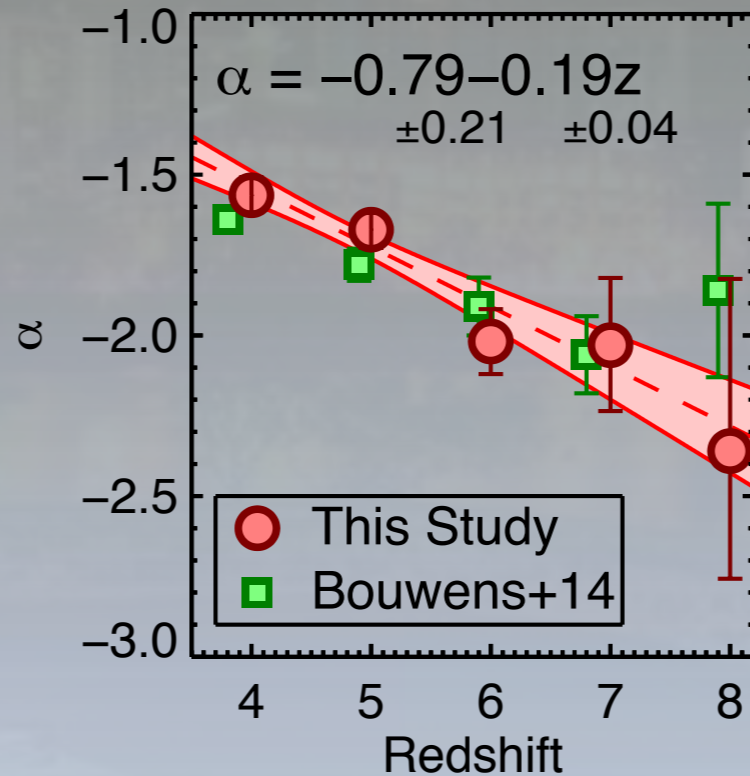
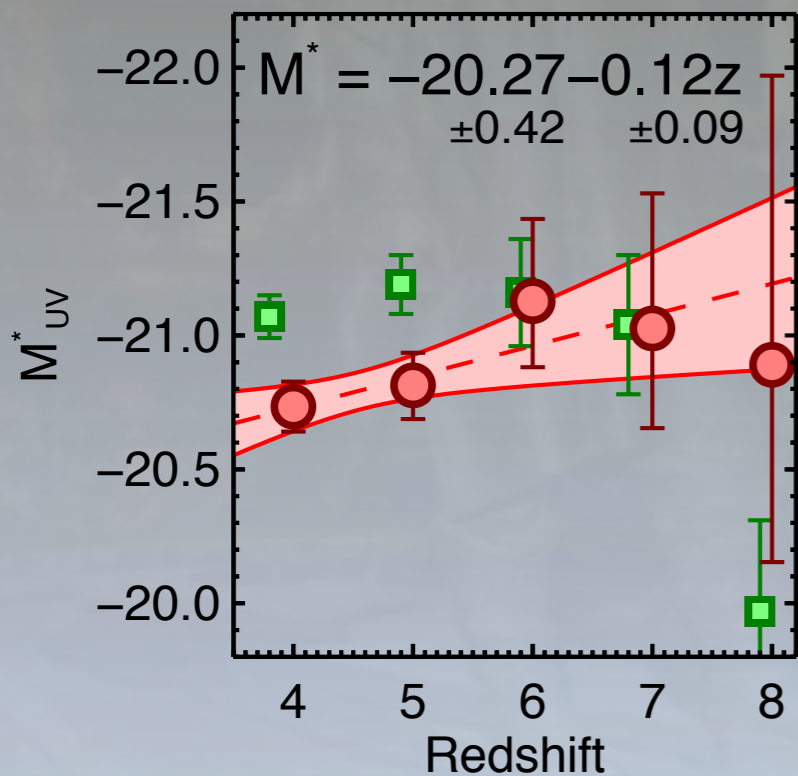
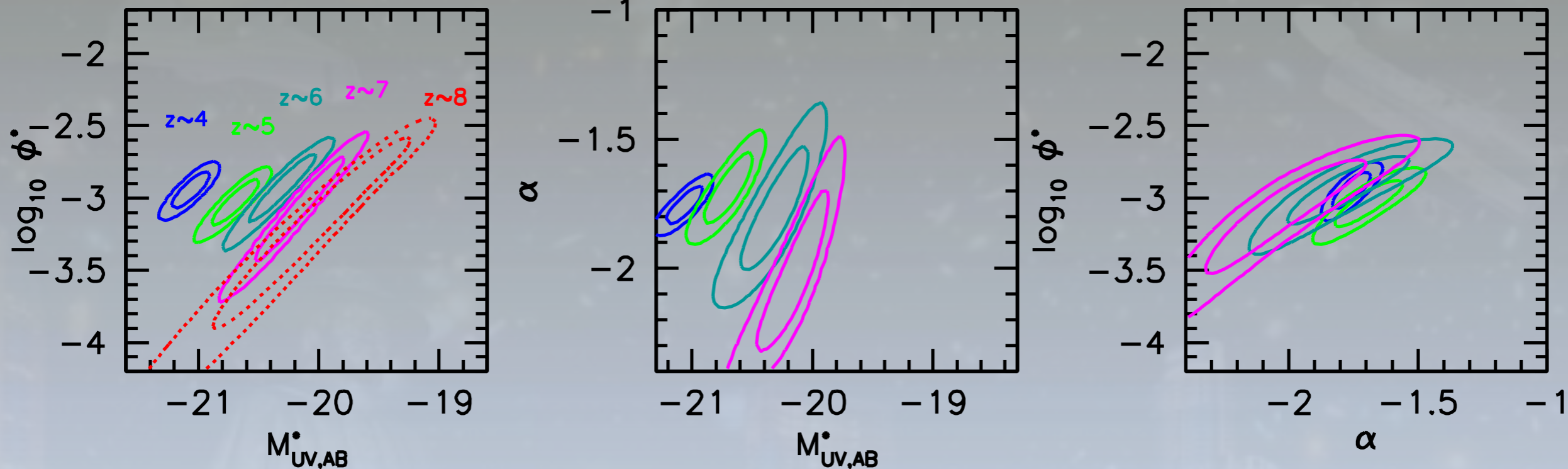
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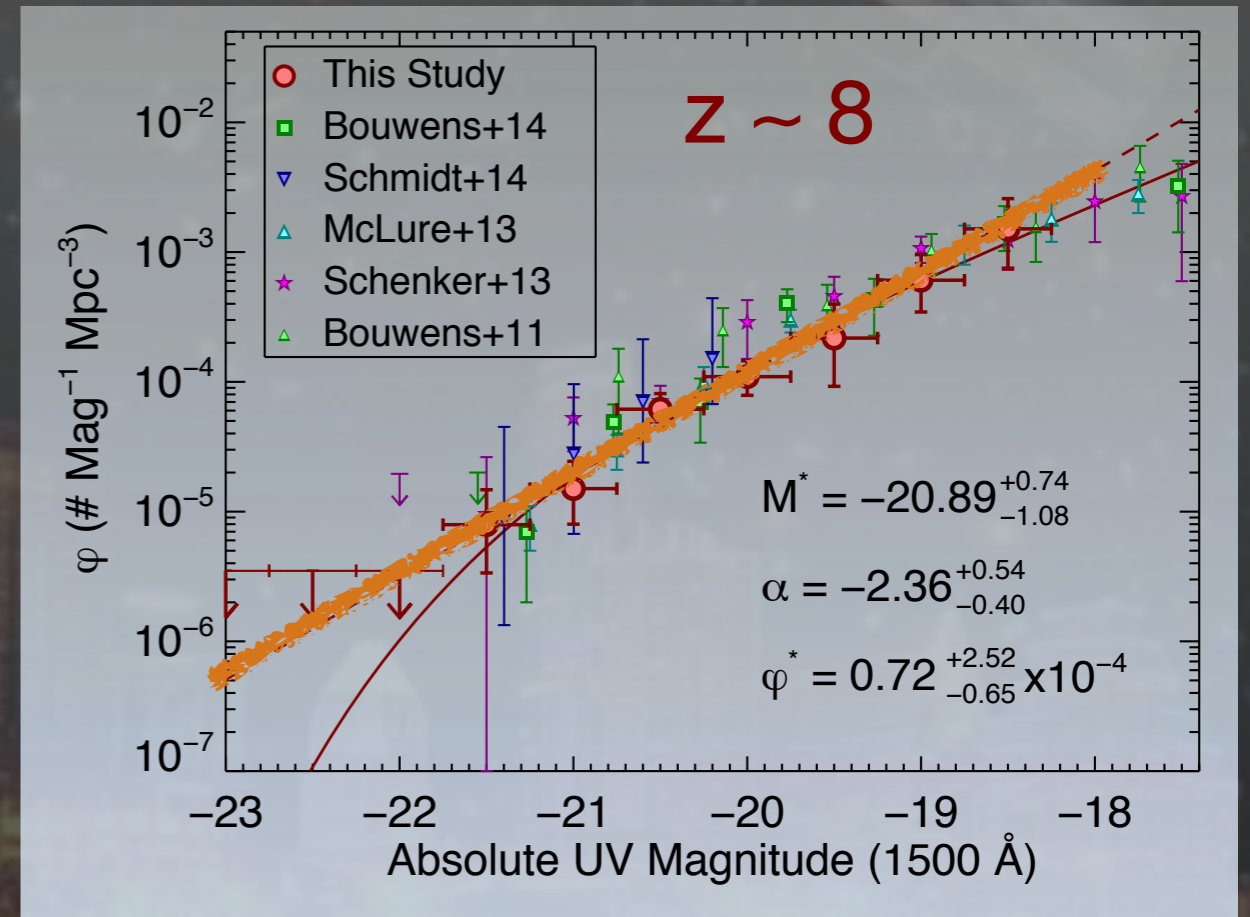
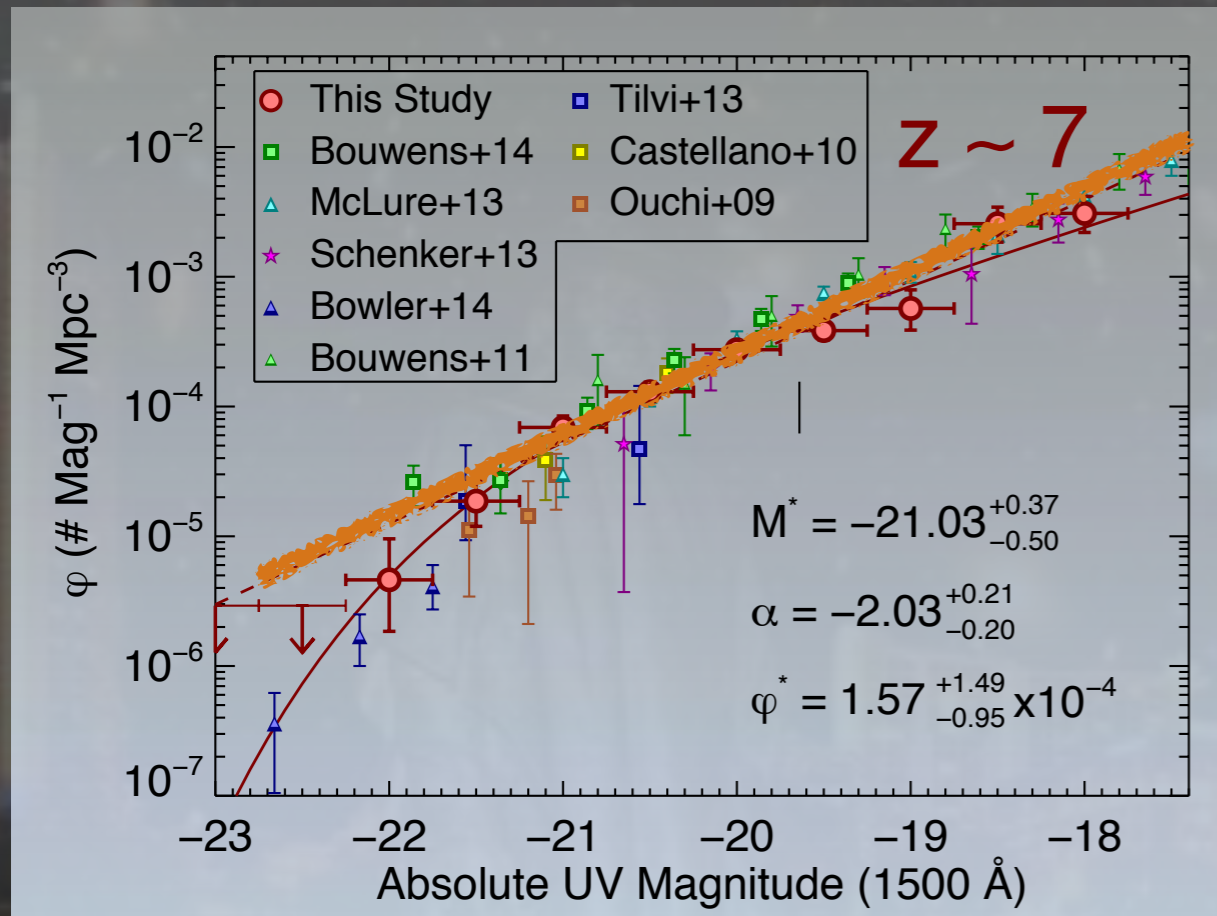
# A SURPRISE!

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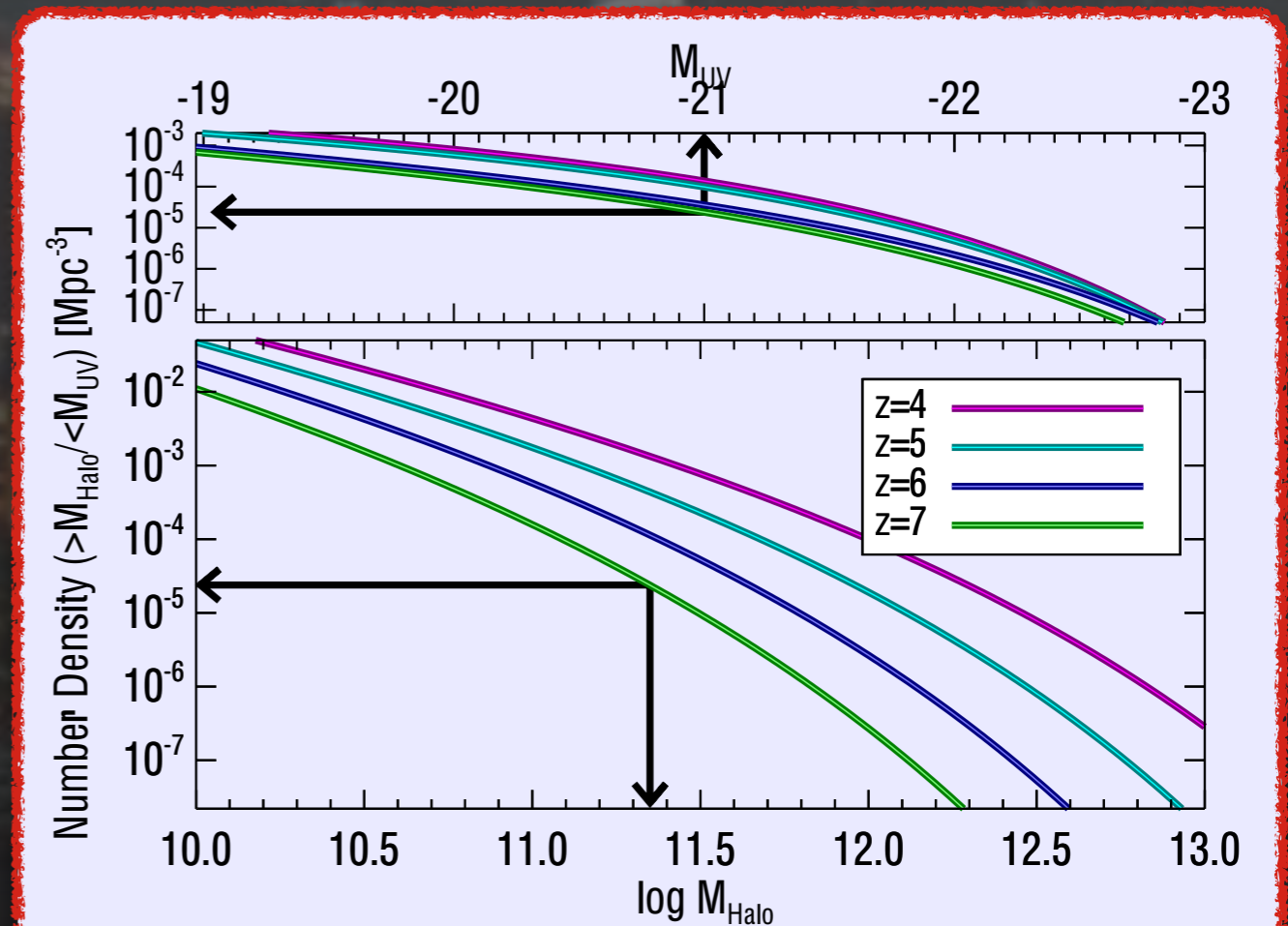
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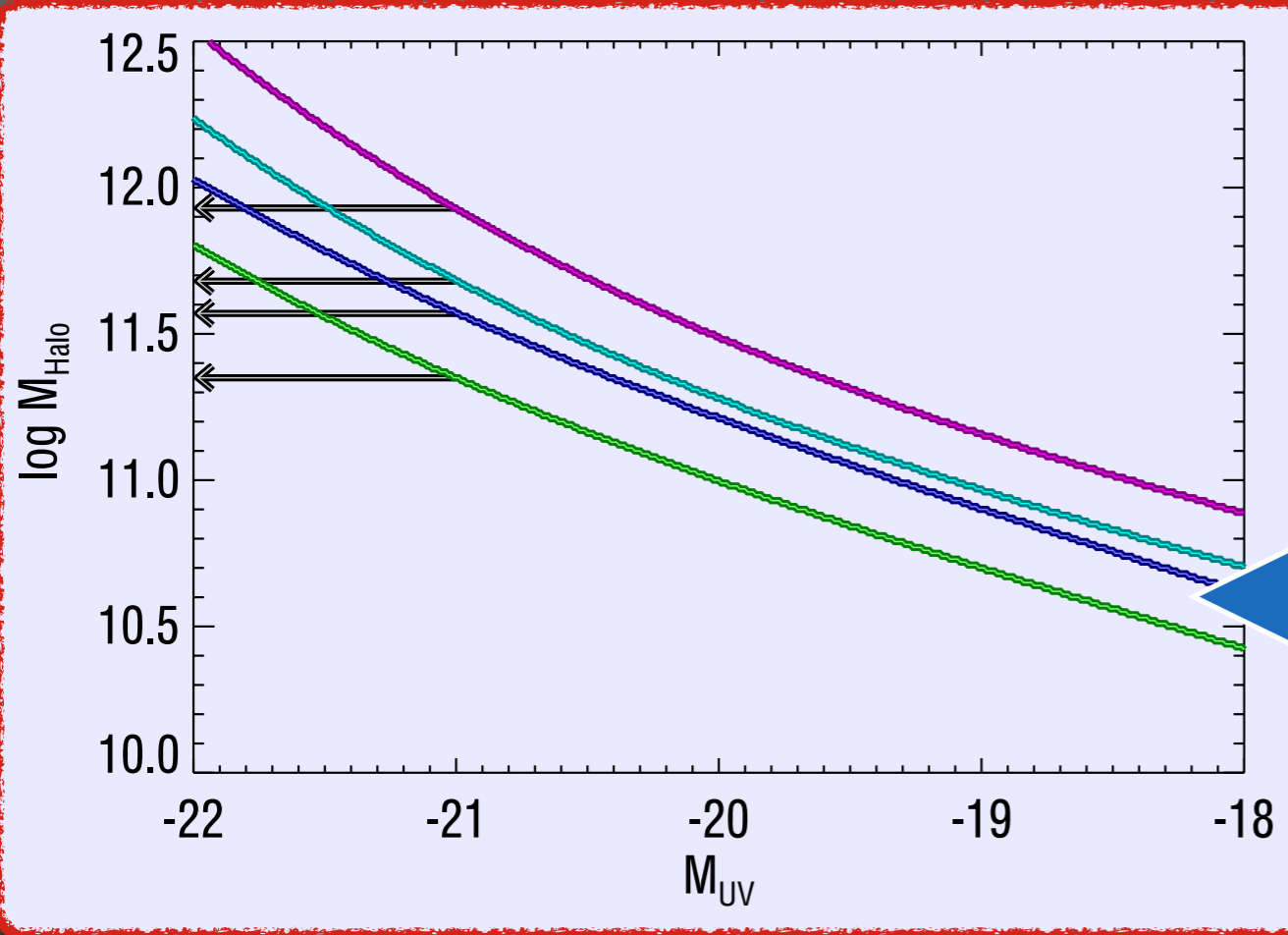
# WHATS HAPPENING AT THE BRIGHT END?



# CAN WE UNDERSTAND THE INTERESTING EVOLUTION AT THE BRIGHT END?

- To put this in context, we set out to measure the stellar mass growth of galaxies in context of their dark matter halos.
- For this study, we considered  $M_{UV}=-21$  galaxies ( $\sim L^*$ )
- We can detect them with IRAC, and thus obtain more robust physical property measurements.
- Halo masses estimated via abundance matching.





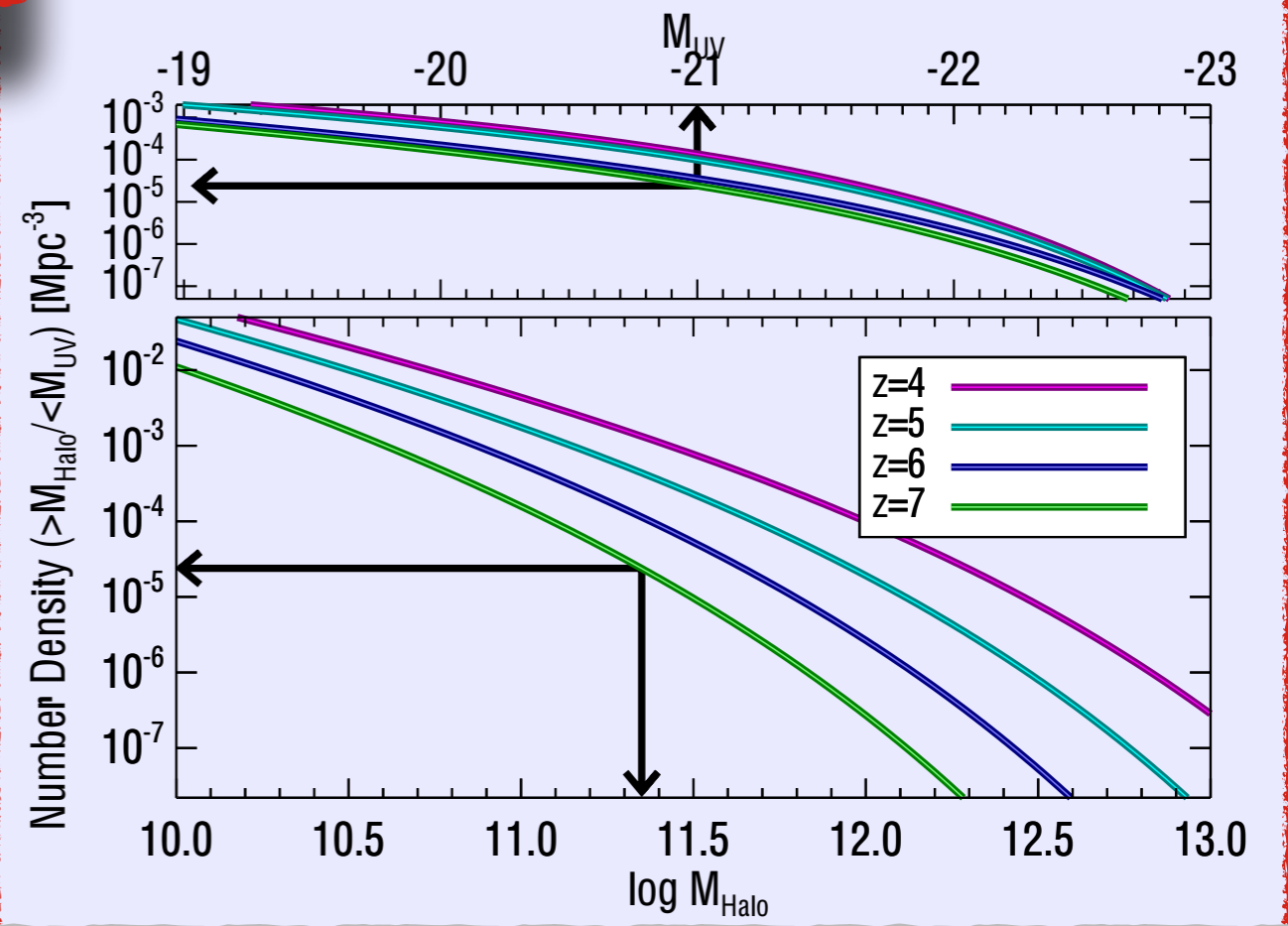
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$M_{UV} = -21$  galaxies ( $\sim L^*$ )

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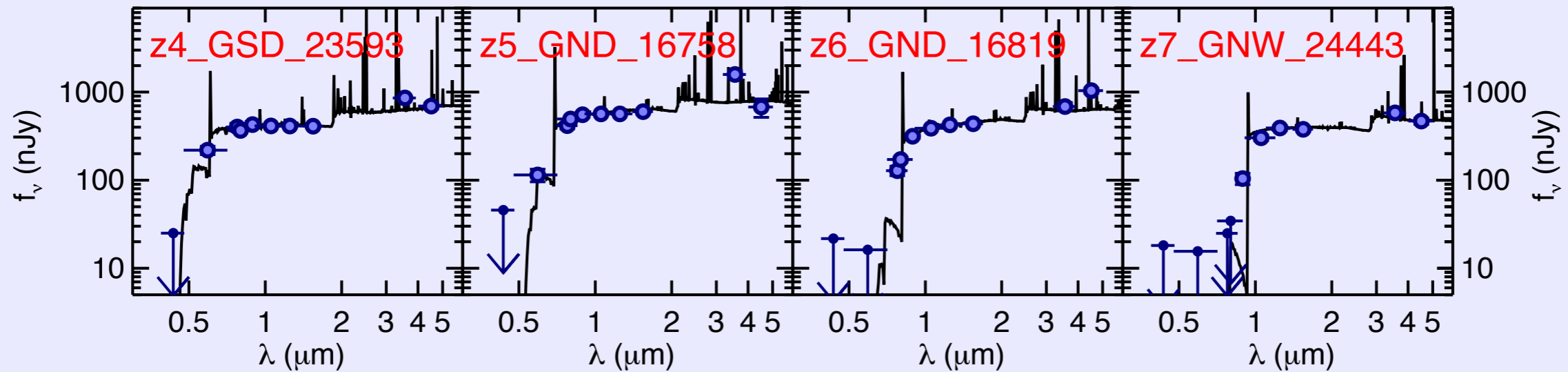
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7	11.4



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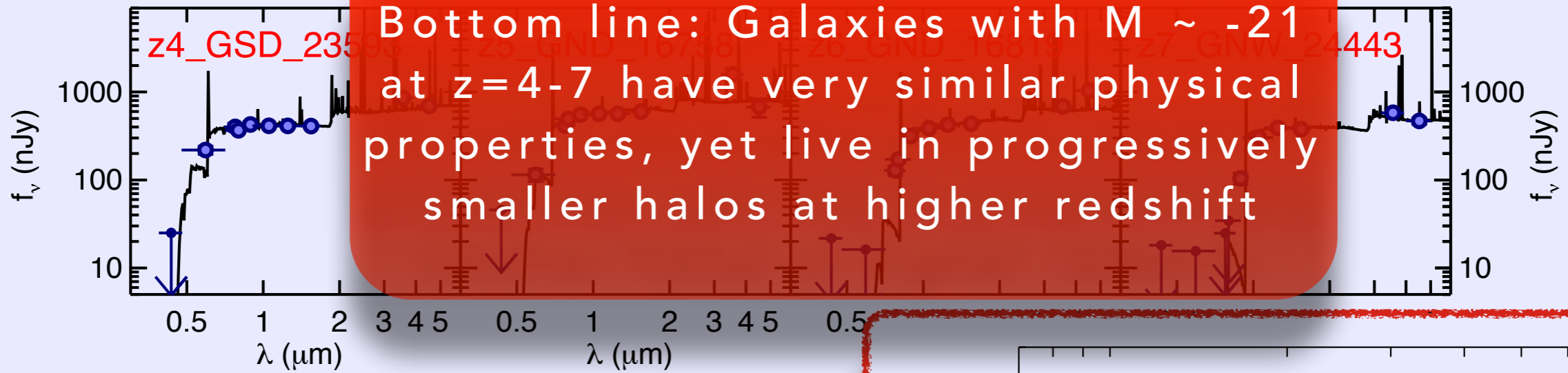
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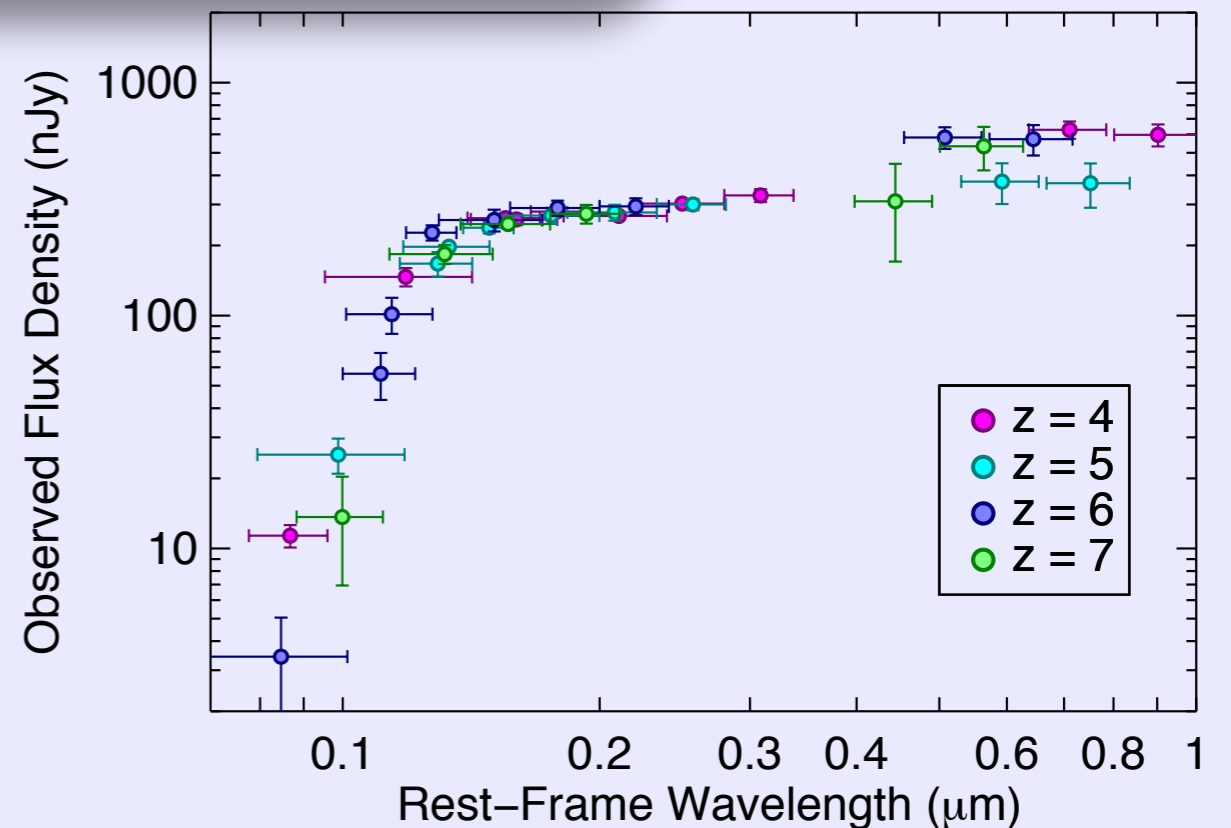


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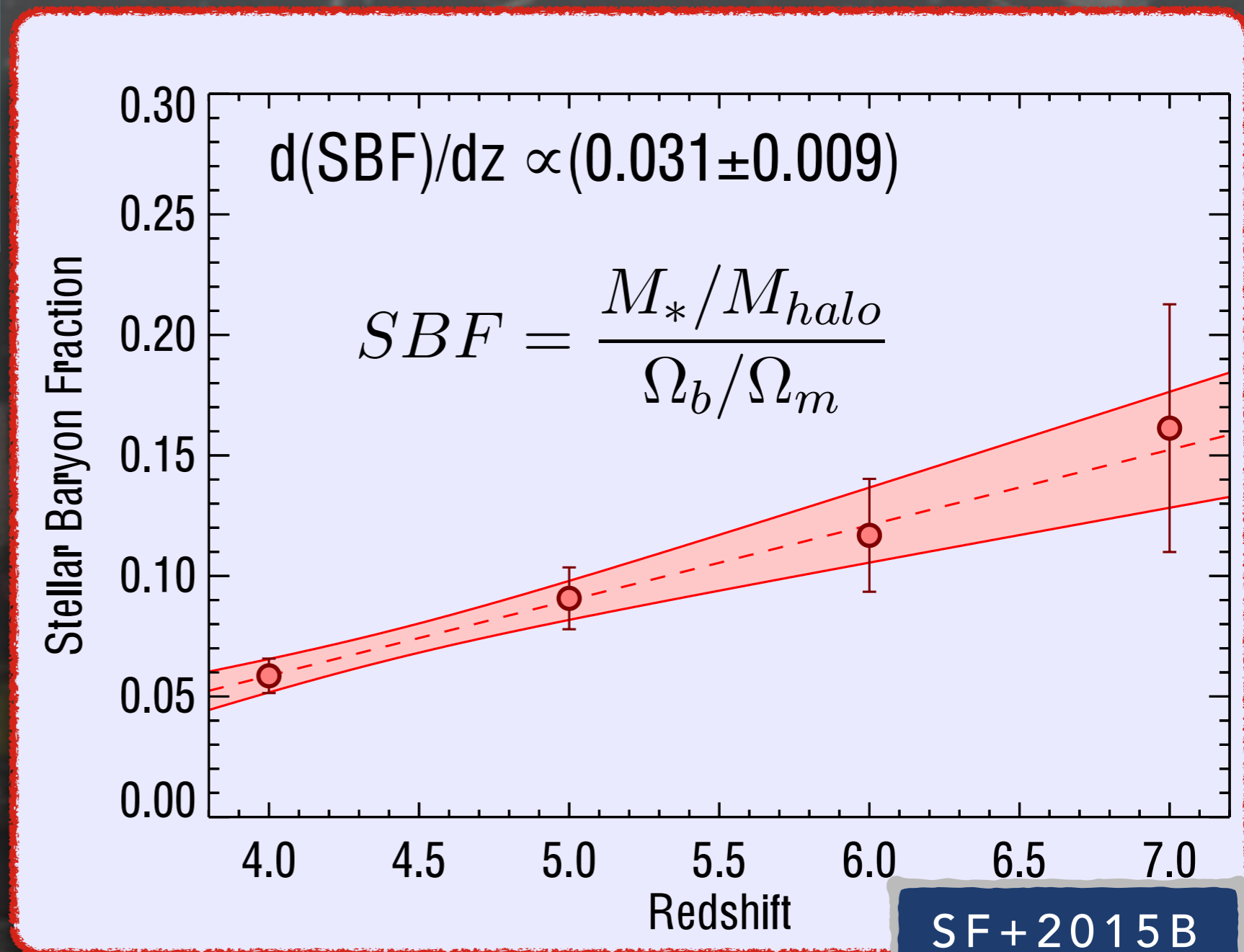


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$z$	$\log M_{\text{halo}}$	$\log M_*$	SMHM	SBF
4	11.9	9.9	0.010	0.06
5	11.7	9.9	0.015	0.09
6	11.6	9.9	0.020	0.12
7	11.4	9.8	0.027	0.16



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- What physical effects could cause this result?
  - **A) Galaxies have a higher star formation efficiency.**
    - Increased redshift → increased gas density → faster freefall time → more star formation
    - More star formation happens in self-gravitating clumps, which have high SFE (e.g., Dekel+2009, Ceverino+2010; Genzel+2011)
  - **B) Galaxies have more fuel available for star formation.**
    - Higher gas density leads to more gas in the cool phase.
    - Weaker feedback leads to more gas available for star formation.
      - Higher gas density could lead to more energy from SNe being radiated away (e.g., Creasey+2013).
      - Less dust leads to less momentum-driven radiative feedback (e.g., Murray+2010, Andrews and Thompson 2011).
      - Less/zero AGN feedback.

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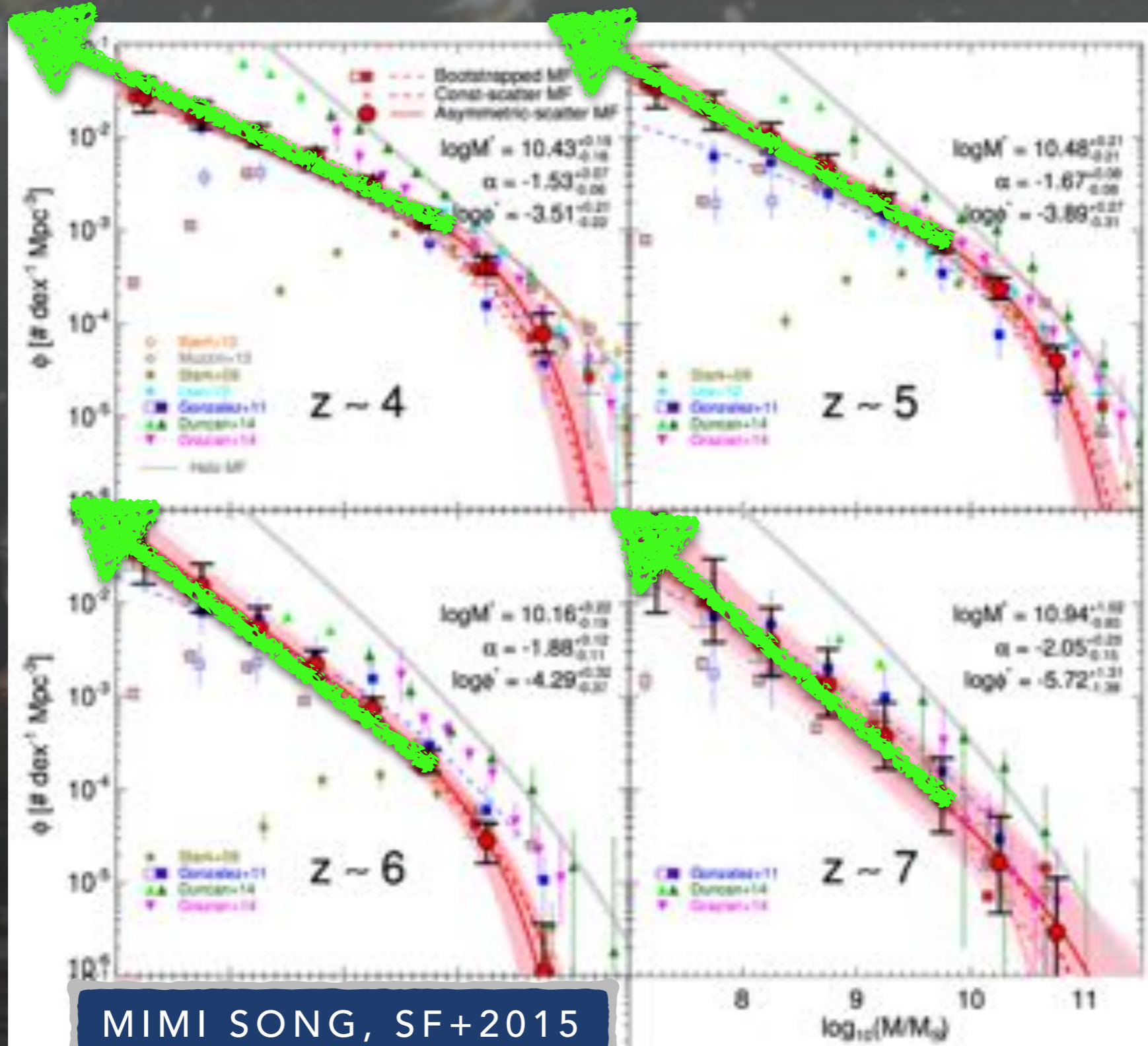
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If Scenario B is the answer, it could have a dramatic effect on the escape of Ly $\alpha$  photons from galaxies.

Can test this scenario directly with ALMA, by measuring the redshift evolution of the gas-to-stellar mass ratio.

# OTHER EVIDENCE FOR LACK OF FEEDBACK / INCREASED SFE?

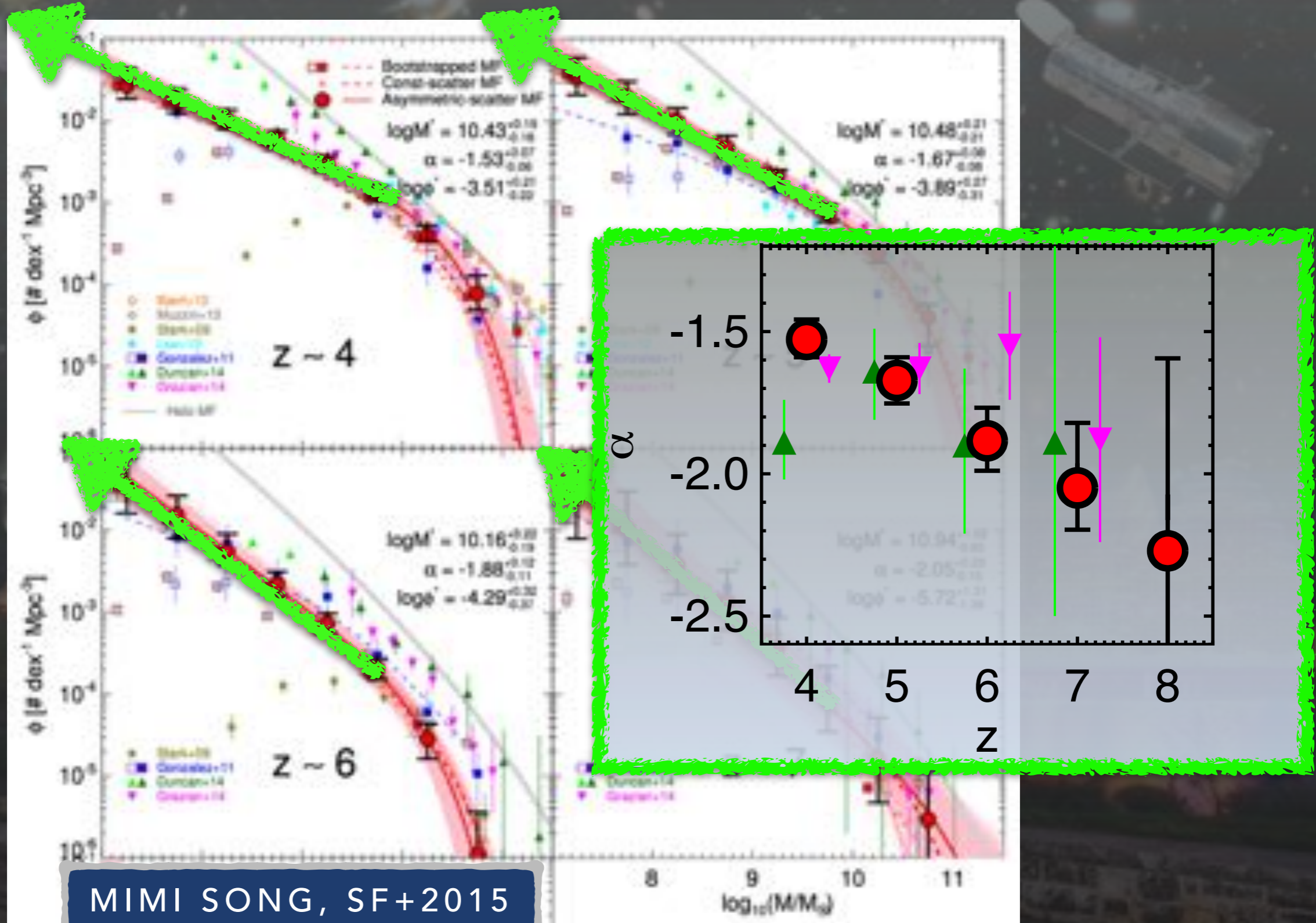
STELLAR MASS FUNCTIONS



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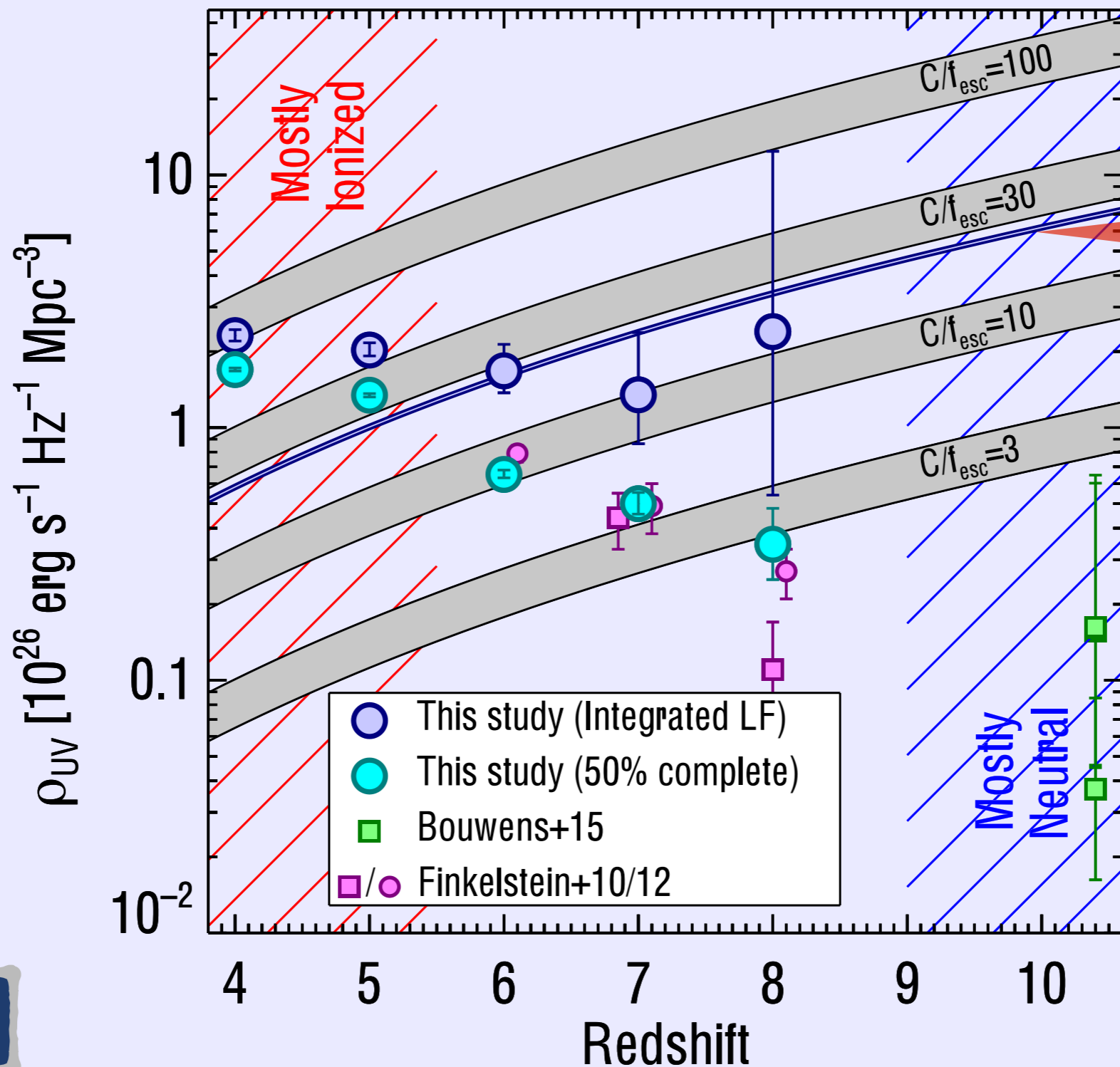


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# HOW DO WE OBTAIN REIONIZATION CONSTRAINTS FROM THE LUMINOSITY FUNCTION?

- Step 1: Integrate the UV LF to obtain the specific UV luminosity density:  
 $\rho_{UV} [\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^3]$ 
  - Assumption: Need to assume a minimum value of  $M_{UV}$  (especially when  $\alpha < 2$ ).
    - Common values in the literature: -17, -15, -13, -10
    - We see galaxies down to -17, so its likely fainter. We assume  $M_{lim} = -13$ , though this bears watching from the theoretical side (e.g., Jaacks+12, O'Shea+15).
- Step 2: Choose a reionization model.
  - Assumptions: Madau (1999) model,  $C=3$ ,  $f_{esc}=13\%$  (upper limit at  $z=6$  from SF+2012b), conversion from ionizing to non-ionizing UV for a Salpeter IMF, and 20% Solar metallicity.

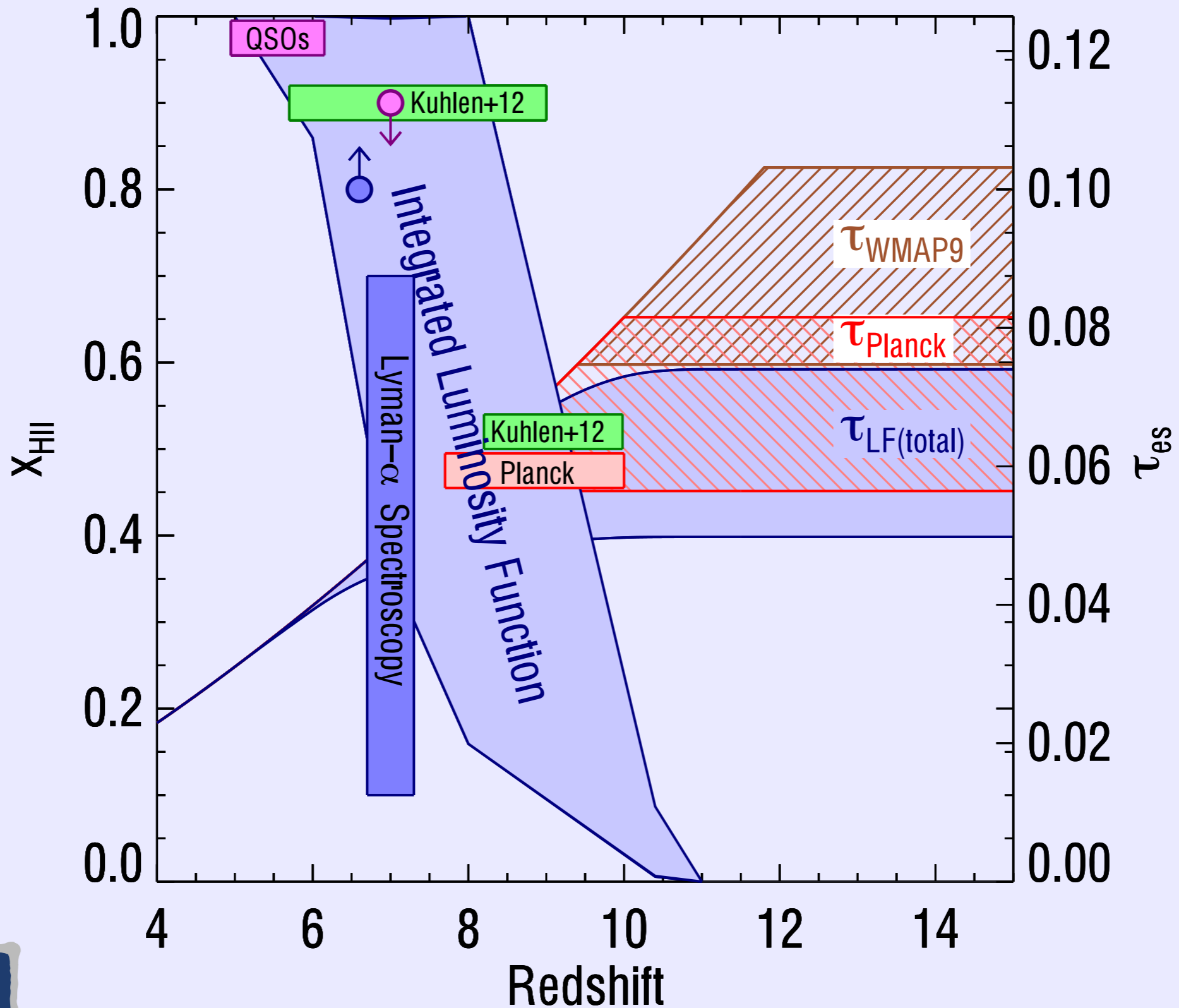
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OUR FIDUCIAL MODEL



# CONSTRAINTS ON THE REIONIZATION HISTORY



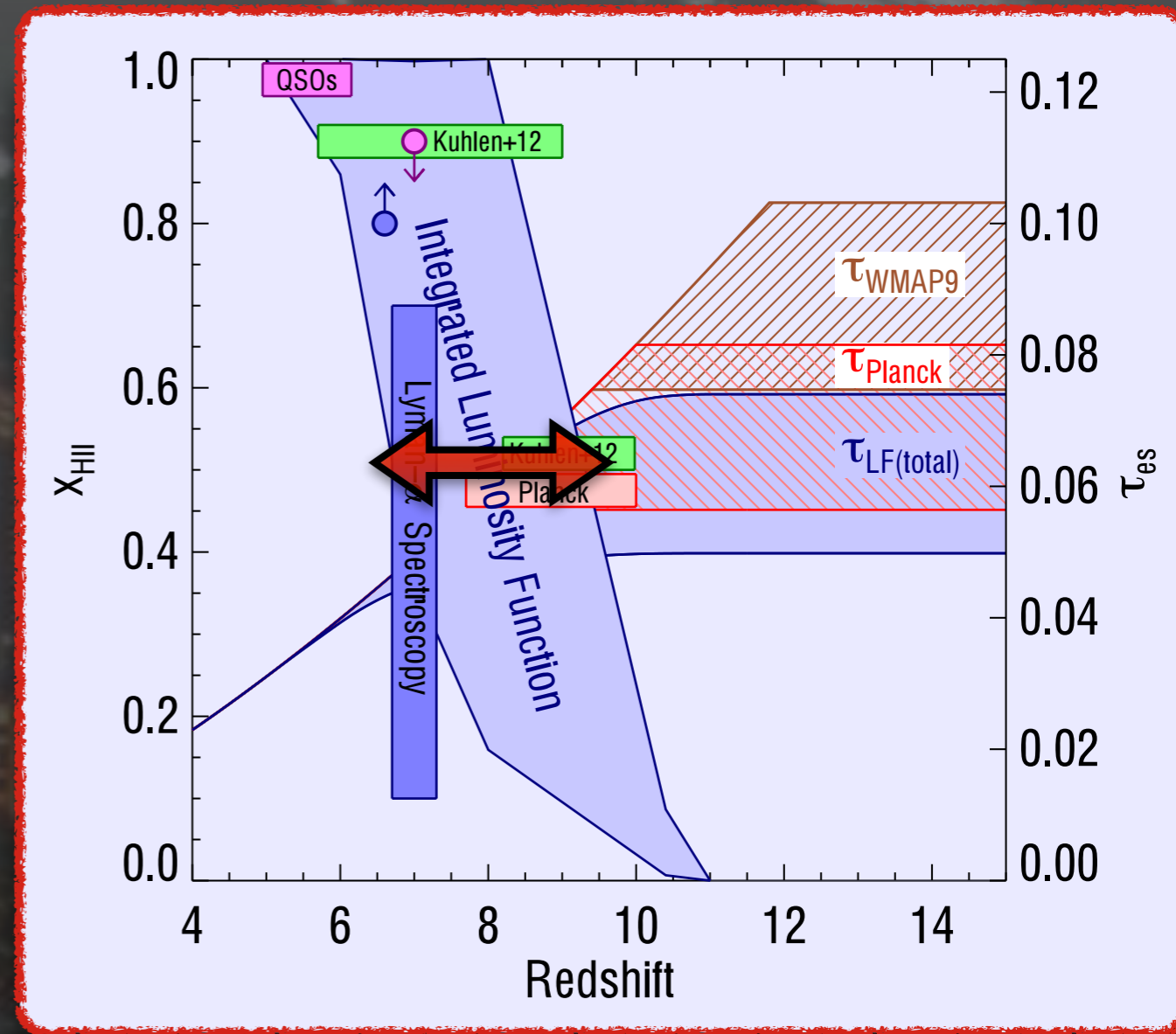
# NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

- Our current constraints from the LF give 68% confidence range on the 50% reionization redshift of  $6.7 < z < 9.4$ .

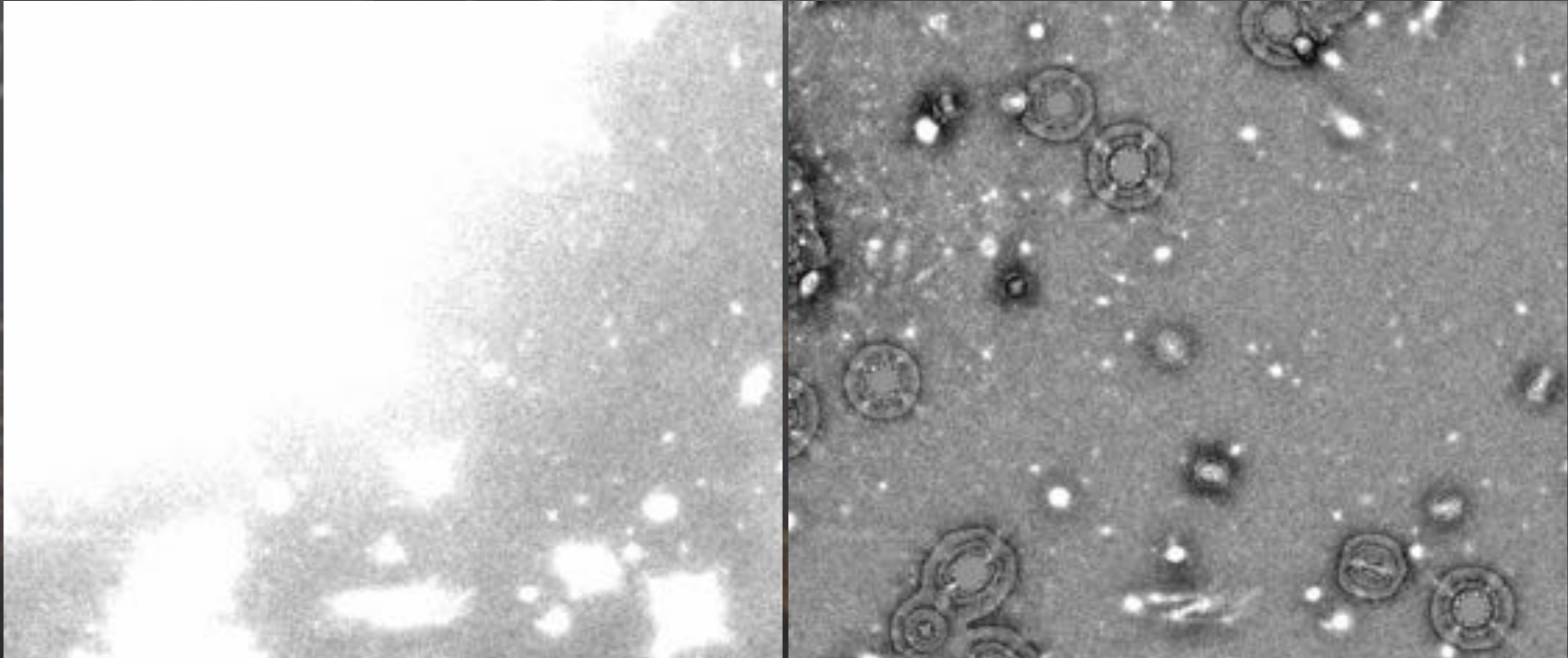
- This uncertainty is driven by the fact that faint galaxies dominate the photon budget, and the current uncertainties on  $\alpha$  are large.

- Improvements will happen with JWST, but we are cracking this door open right now with the Hubble Frontier Fields.

- Will not only improve LF at  $M \sim -17$  to  $19$ , but can also probe to  $\sim -16$  to test assumptions on  $M_{\text{lim}}$ .

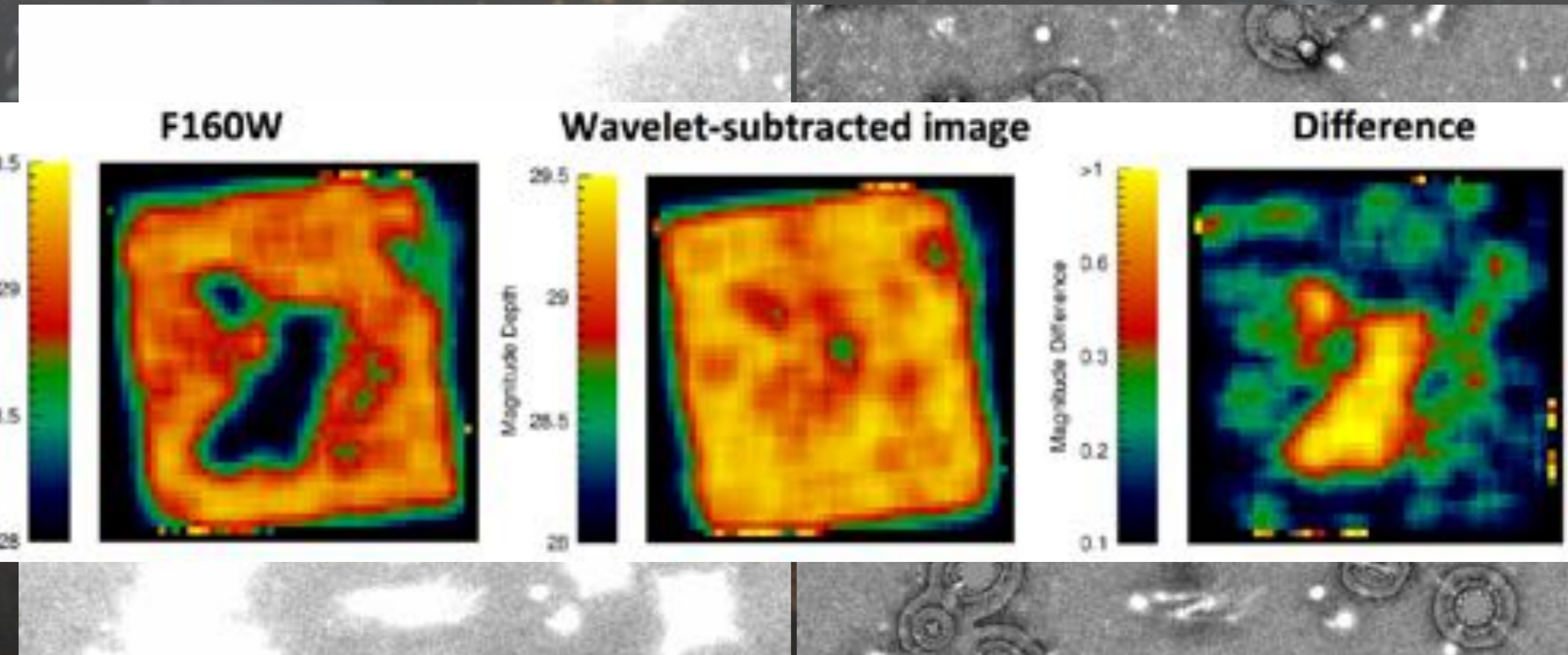


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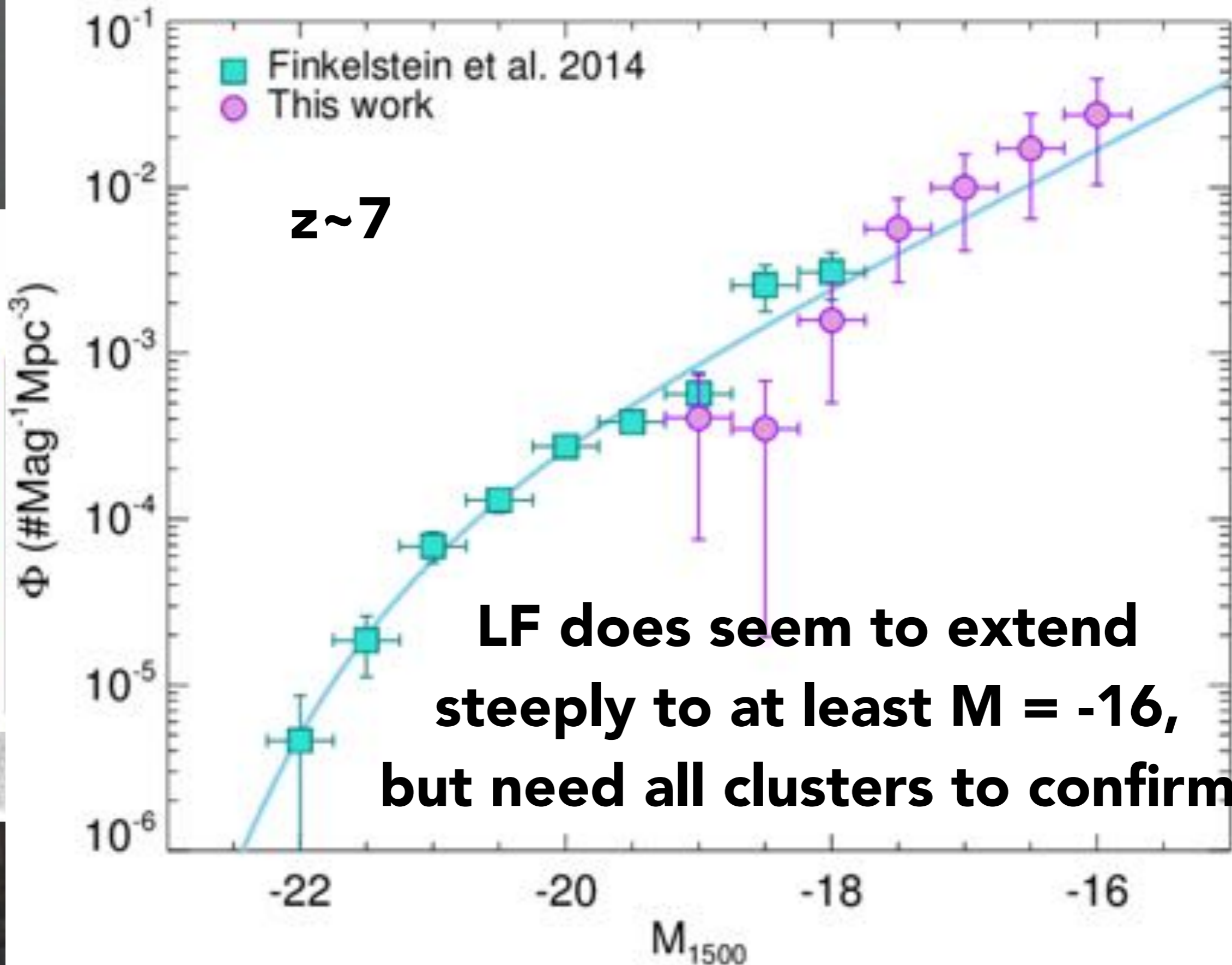


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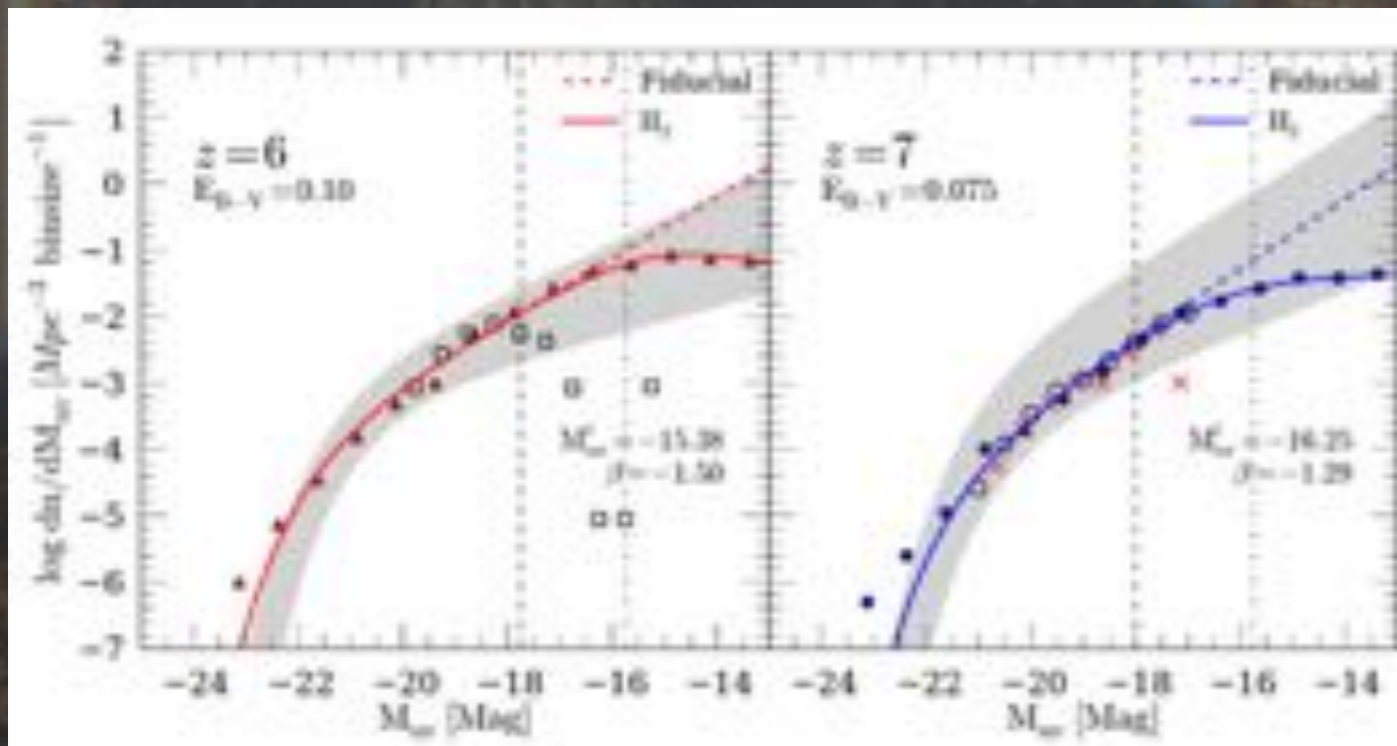


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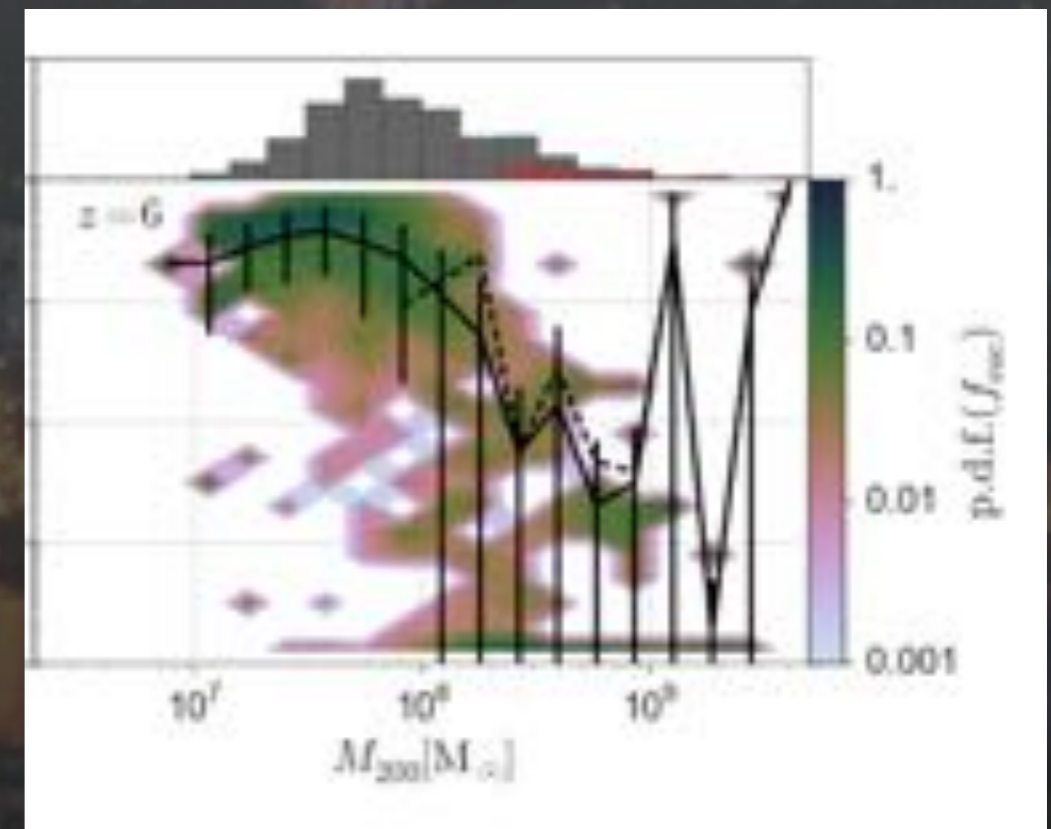


# WHAT DO WE NEED?

- We need to understand the luminosity function down to -13. If it turns over at brighter magnitudes, we have a photon production crisis.
- JWST deep fields will only reach around -15.5 or so in UV absolute magnitude.

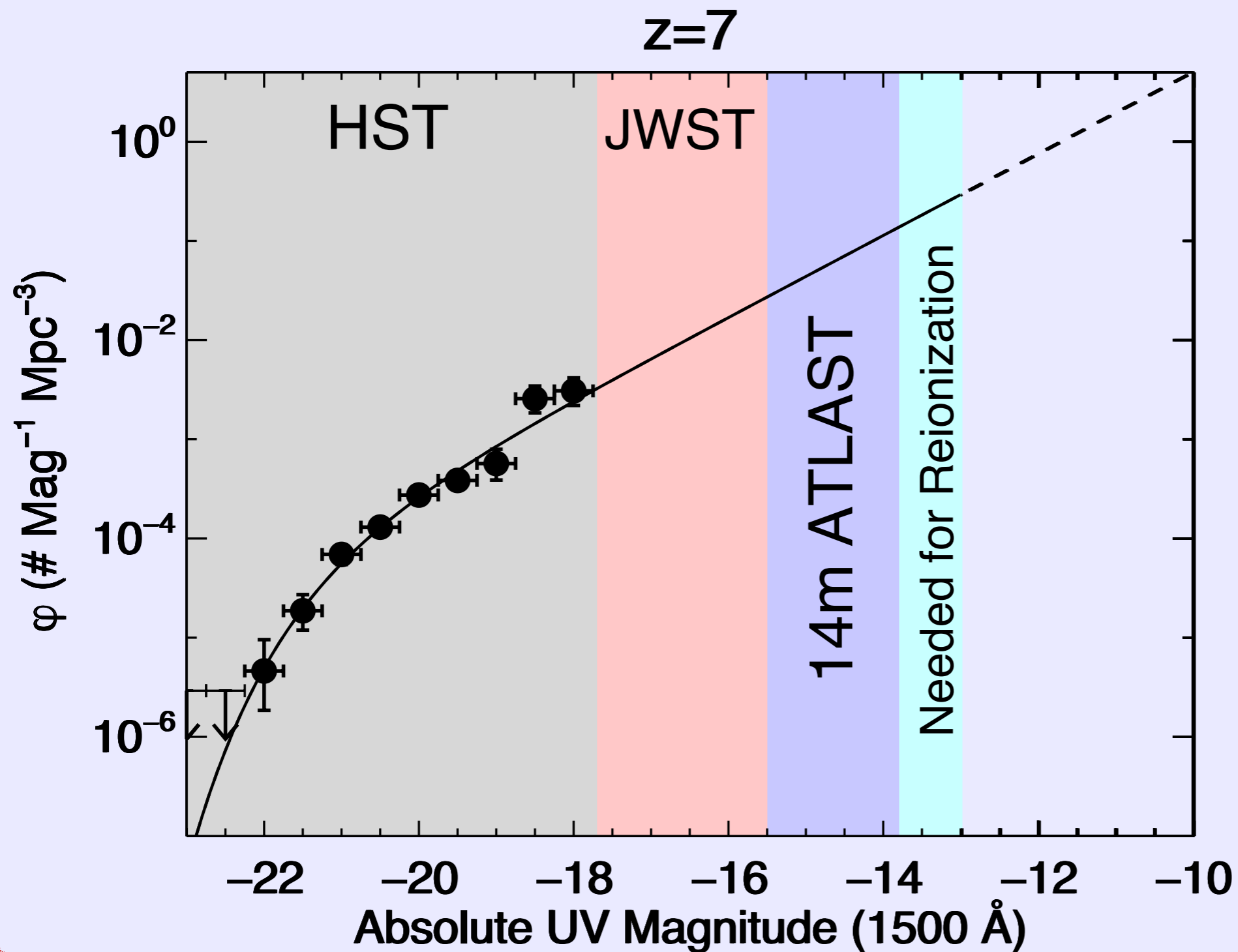


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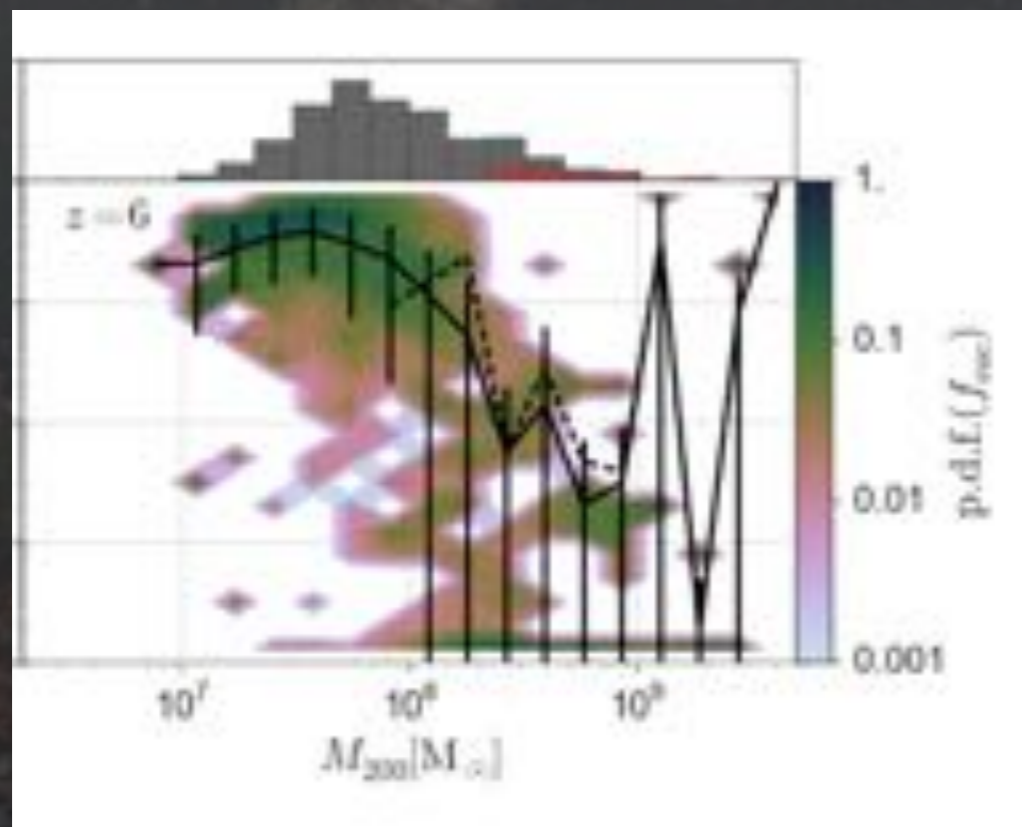
# ACCOUNTING FOR ALL REIONIZING PHOTONS



TELESCOPE	FRACTION OF REIONIZING PHOTONS ACCOUNTED
HST	35%
JWST	60%
ATLAST (14M)	90%

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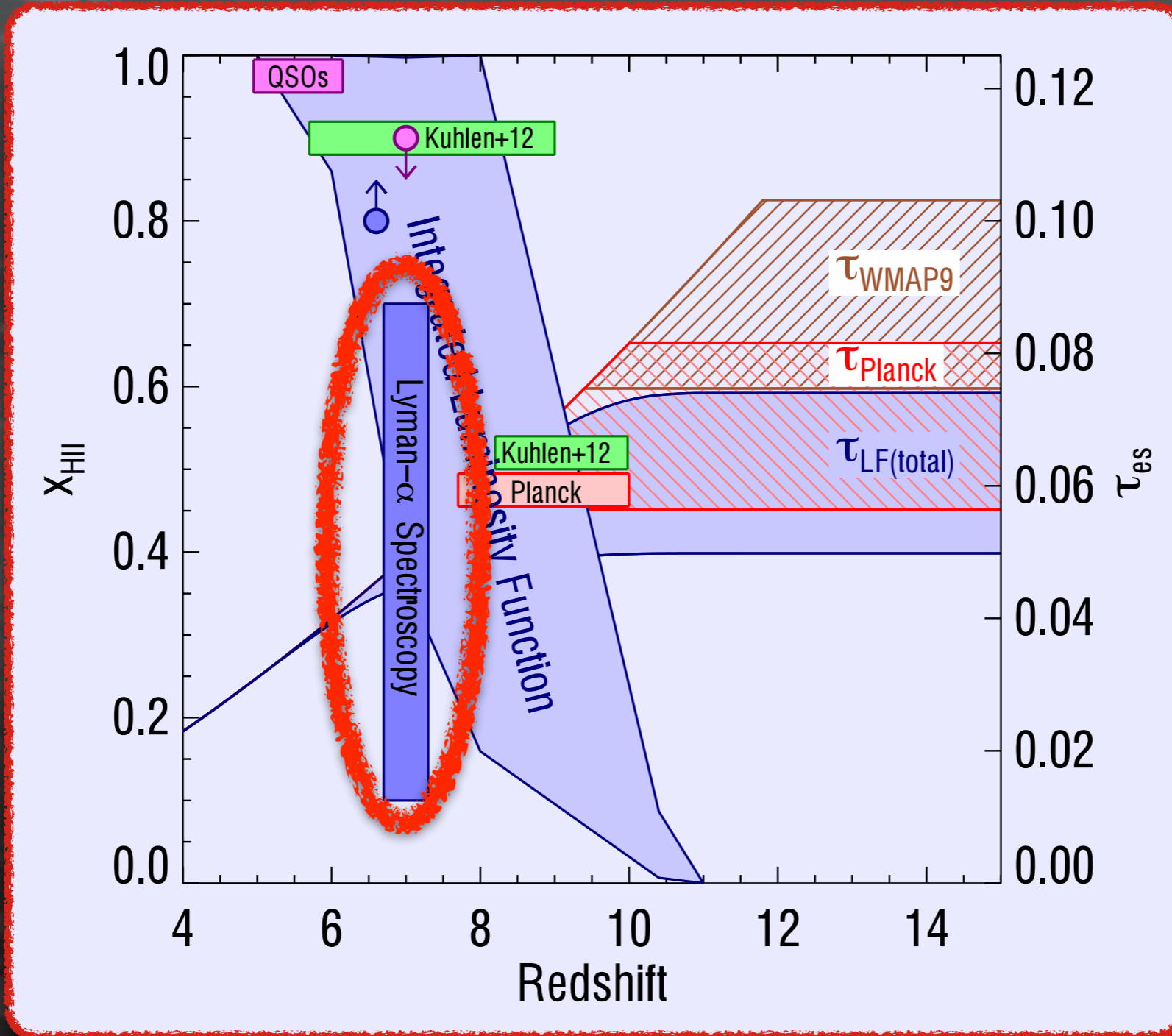
- So a 14m ATLAST can account for ~90% of the needed ionizing photons
- But, we need to consider
- What if we assume that halos with  $M > 10^{10} M_{\text{sol}}$  do not have any escaping ionizing radiation?



TELESCOPE	FRACTION OF REIONIZING PHOTONS ACCOUNTED
HST	5%
JWST	45%
ATLAST (14M)	80%

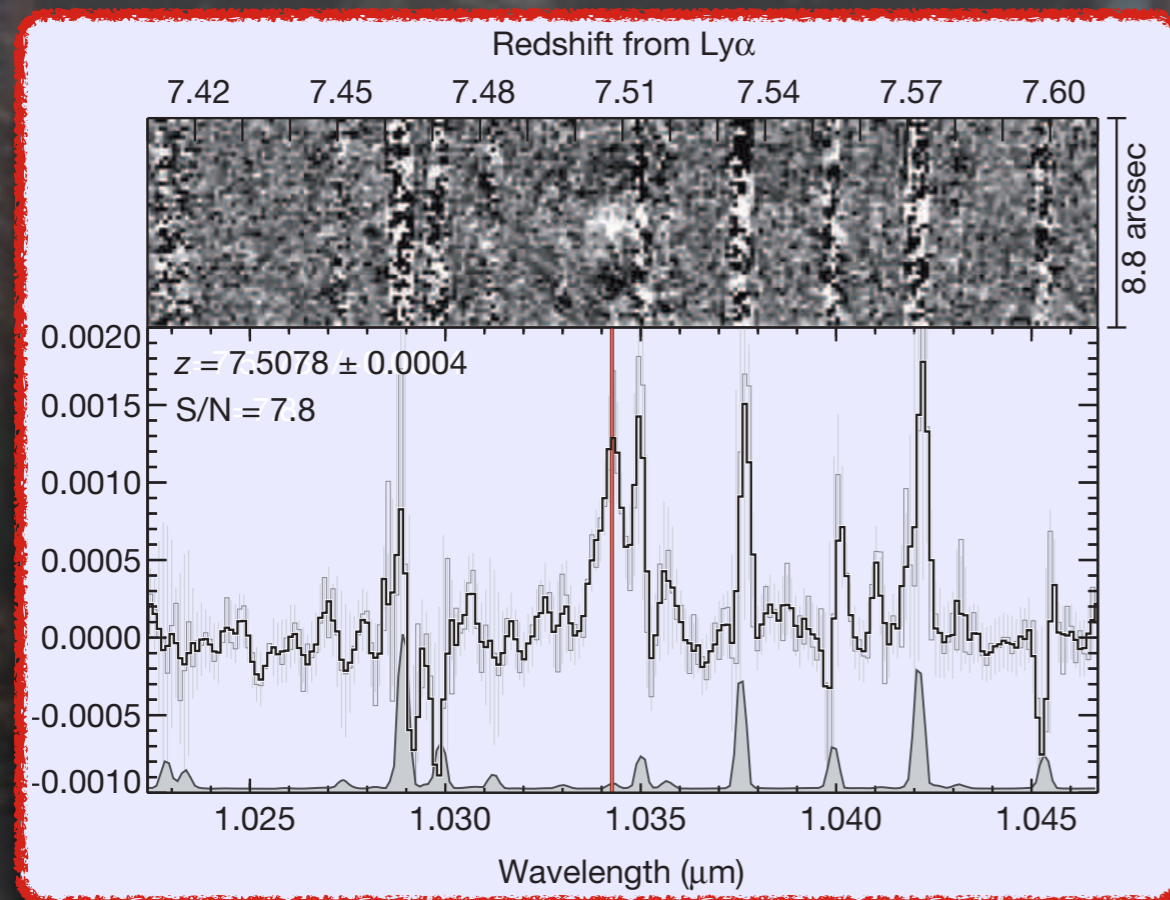


# HOW ELSE CAN WE BETTER CONSTRAIN REIONIZATION?

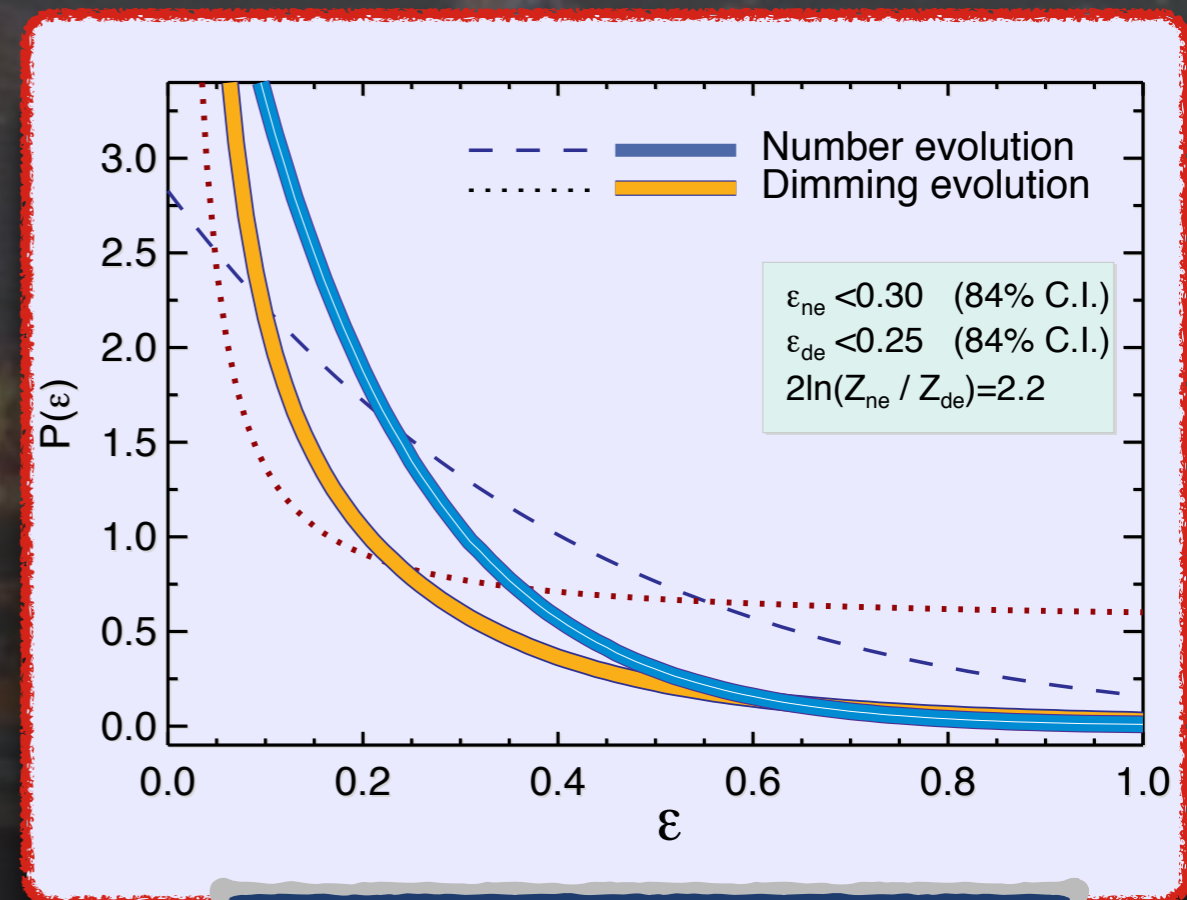


# LYMAN ALPHA EMISSION

- Over the past few years we have been collecting Keck spectroscopic data on our  $z > 6$  galaxy candidates.
- Rather than hitting as many galaxies as possible for short integrations (similar to other MOSFIRE programs), we go deep, at least 5, and up to 20 hr/object.
- First run was in April 2013.



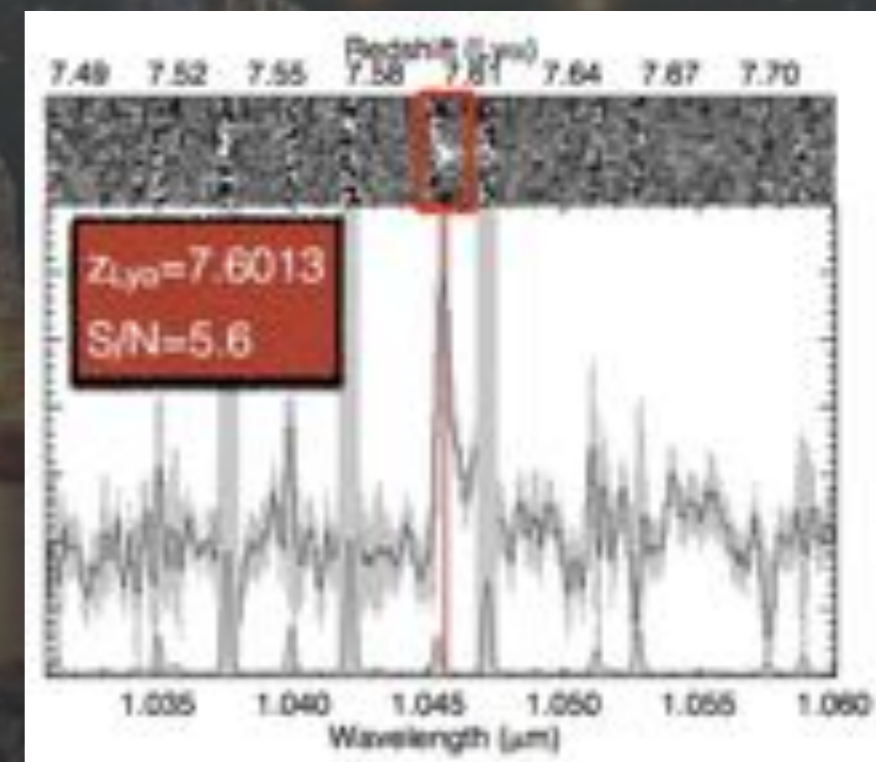
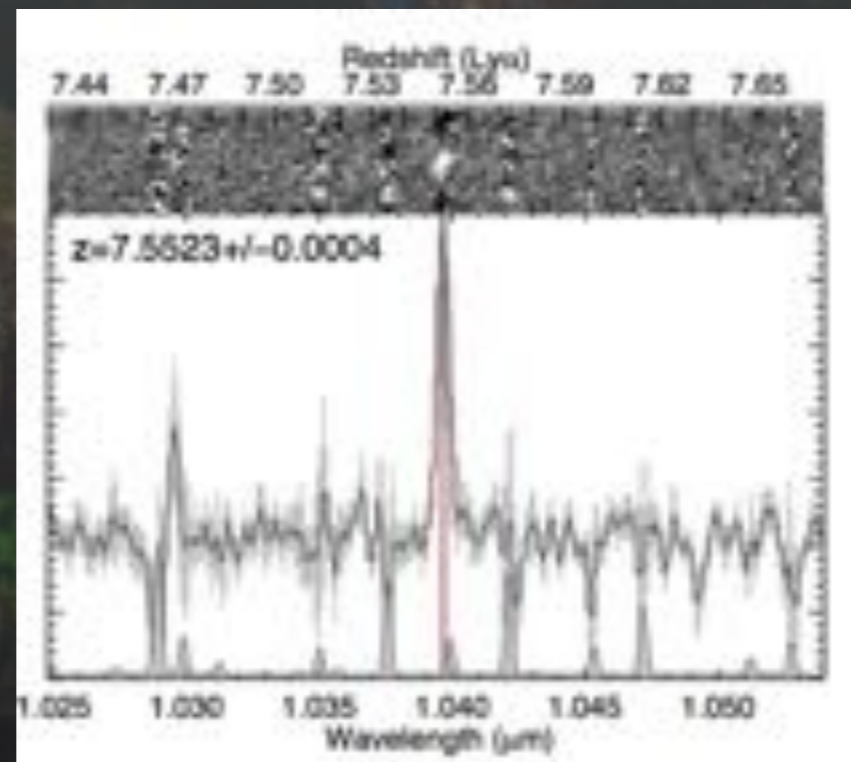
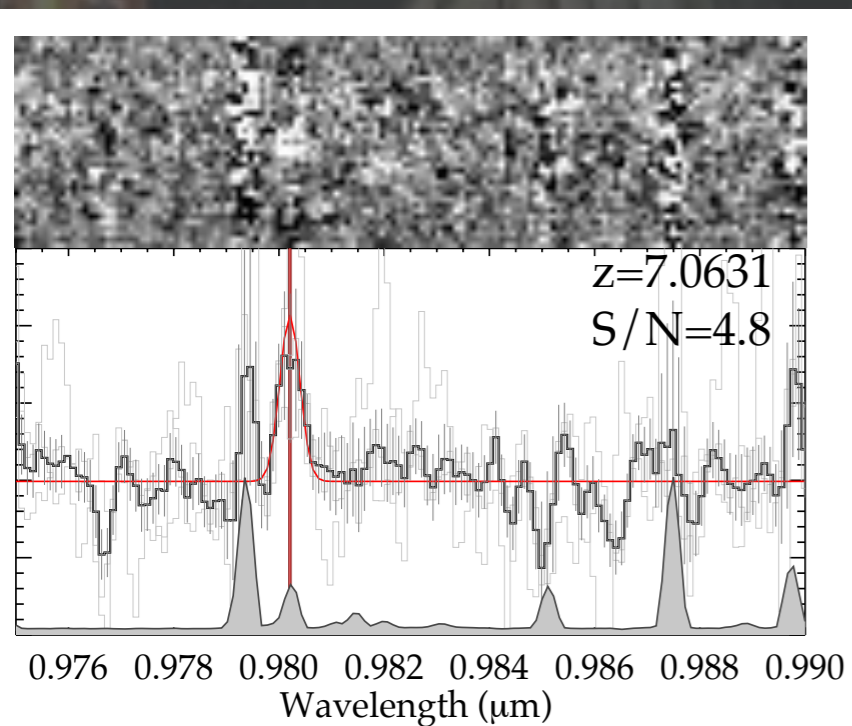
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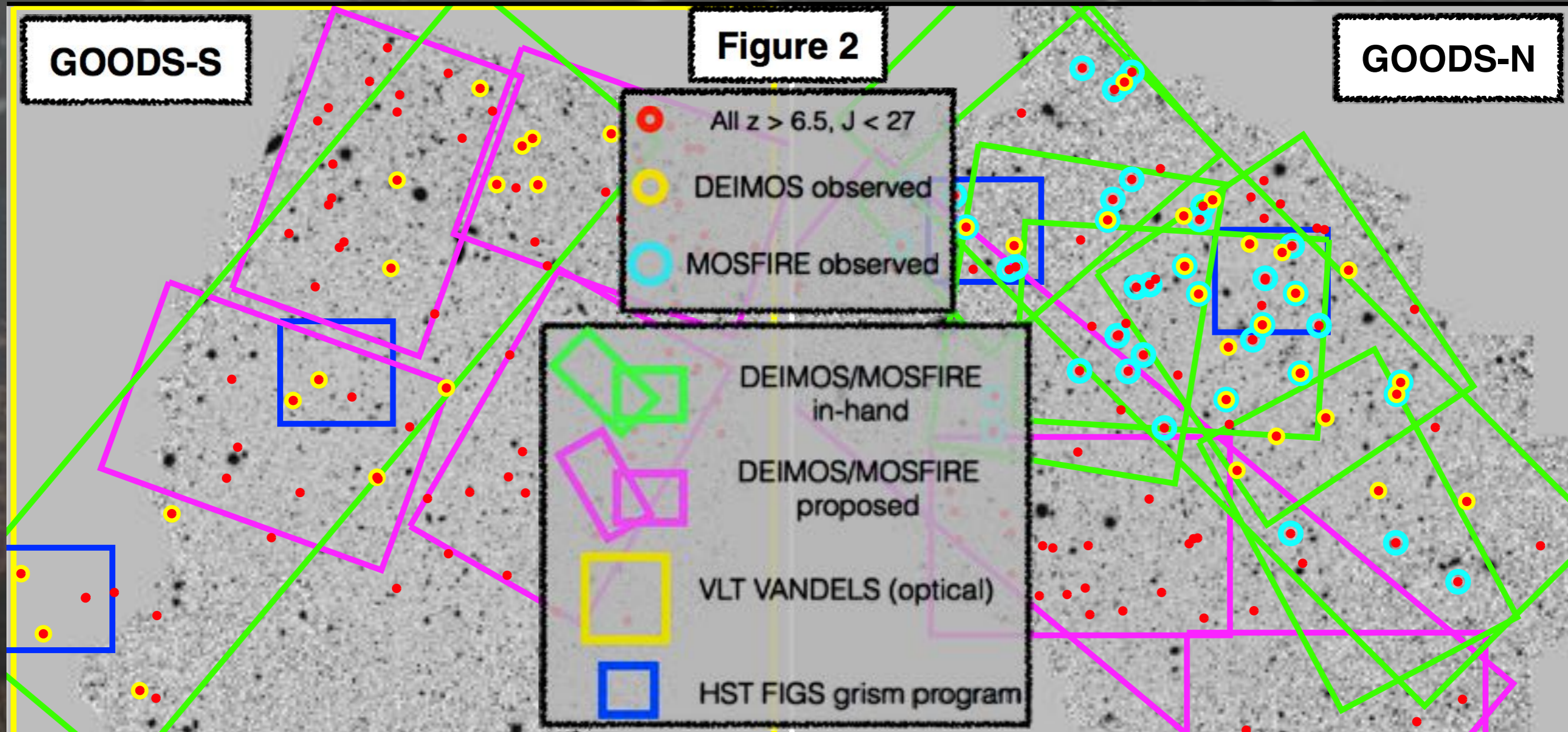
# LYMAN ALPHA EMISSION

- We have continued to observe, obtaining data over 13.5 nights over the past two years (primarily through NASA, but also with collaborators at UC).
- We have observed ~40 candidate  $z > 7$  galaxies at  $J < 27$  to at least 5 hr depth, and these long integrations allow us to pick out more lines.



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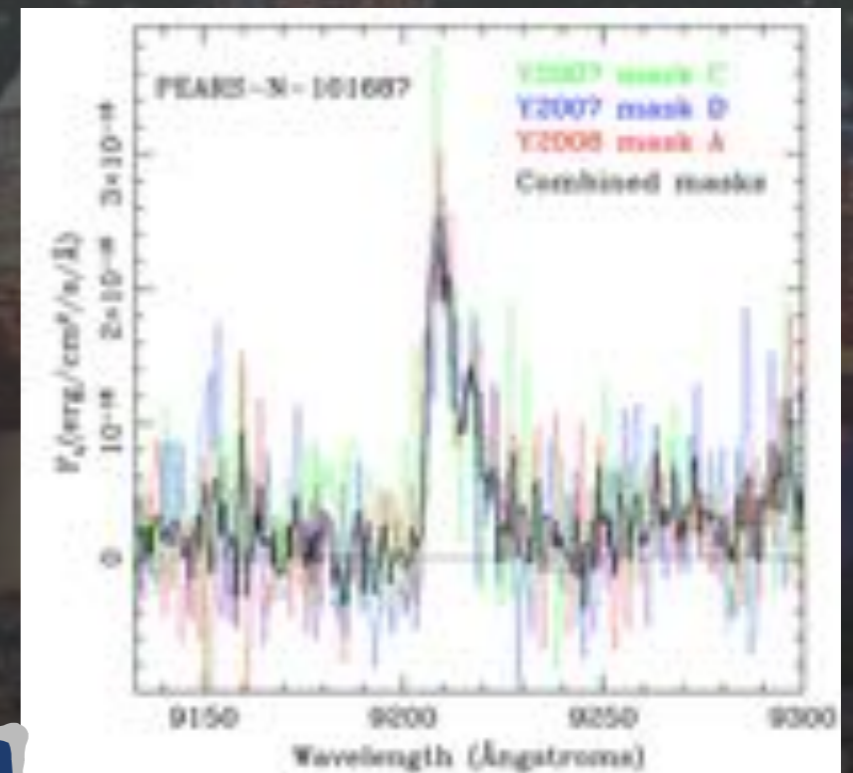
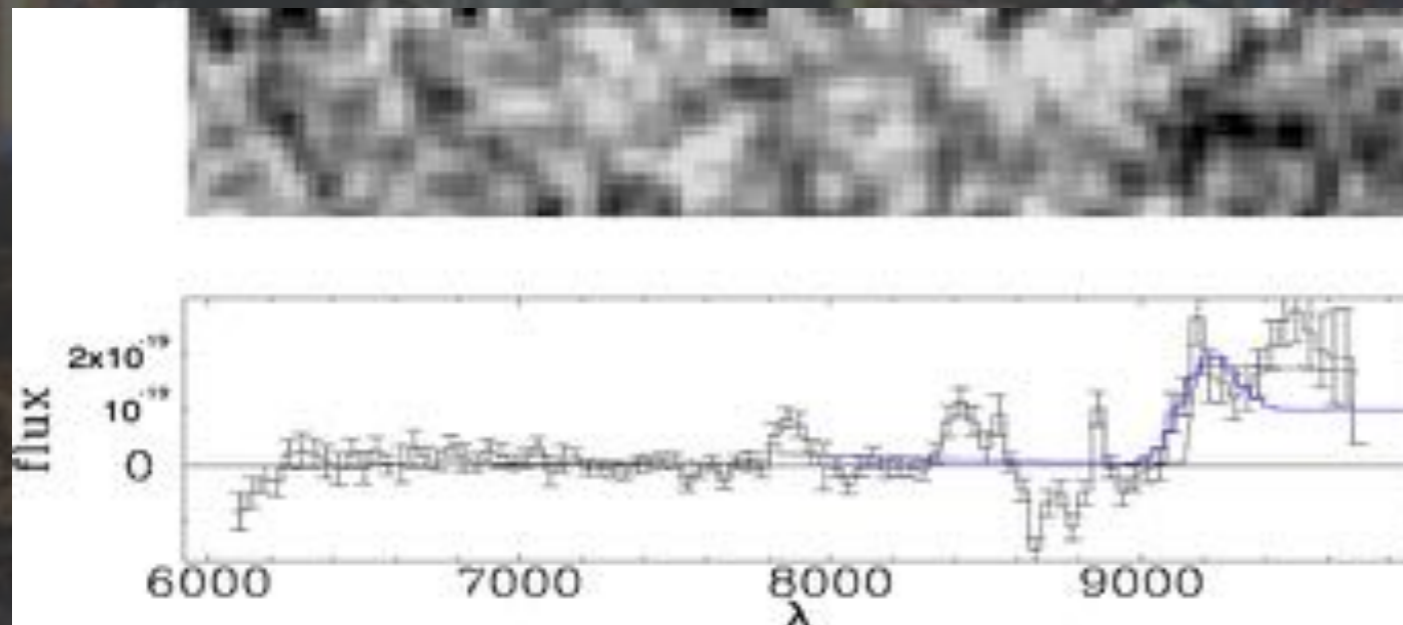
# FROM THE GROUND: AN EW-LIMITED SURVEY OF LYMAN ALPHA EMISSION AT $5.5 < z < 8.2$



Will constrain  $EW < 15$  (5)  $\text{\AA}$  for 200 (30)  $J < 27$  (26) galaxies

# FROM SPACE: HST GRISMS

- The HST grisms are an untapped resource for spectroscopic studies of  $z > 6$  galaxies.
- The exquisite sensitivity can allow spectroscopic confirmations from the *break*, with or without a line.



# FROM SPACE: HST GRISMS

How can we make progress?

Go deep: Lyman alpha emission is clearly faint. by going deep, we can detect Lyman breaks *spectroscopically* at  $z > 7$  (as well as faint Lyman alpha lines).

Faint Infrared Grism Survey (FIGS; PI Malhotra; Co-I Finkelstein)

Go wide: A patchy reionization process should result in the attenuation of Lyman alpha from neutral regions, but not from ionized regions. This provides a simple test: do you see high EW LAEs? They are rare, so you need to go wide.

CANDELS Ly $\alpha$  Emission at Reionization (CLEAR; PI Papovich; Co-I Finkelstein)

# THE FUTURE

- Current surveys can really only hope to detect Ly $\alpha$  emission from bright ( $J < 27$  galaxies), and even then, we have maxed out (more or less) with 10m-class ground-based telescopes.
- JWST will have the capability to explore these lines to somewhat fainter flux levels.
  - At best, a factor of  $\sim 4$  fainter in an ultradeep (30 hr) survey. Likely not nearly enough to detect Ly $\alpha$  from faint galaxies at  $z > 7$ .
  - And this only over a small field, and for a  $< 10$  year lifetime.
- The future is with the GSMTs, and future very large aperture space missions.
  - For example, the GMT will have a sensitivity at least as good as JWST between night sky lines. This, coupled with a wide field of view, will create a powerful reionization machine.
- ATLAST can do even better - by being above the atmosphere, we will be able to access Ly $\alpha$  over the *full* redshift range for distant galaxies, with no night sky lines to block us.
  - With no lines, lower resolution can be used to achieve even higher sensitivities, allowing detection of Ly $\alpha$  for the newly discovered faint galaxies from JWST.

# CONCLUSIONS

- We have made significant progress over the past few years understanding the high-redshift universe.

## THREE THINGS WE'VE LEARNED

OBSERVABLE GALAXIES AT  $Z=7$  ARE NOT METAL FREE, EVEN THE FAINT ONES.

GALAXIES LIKELY REIONIZED THE UNIVERSE BY  $Z=6$

LYMAN ALPHA SURVEYS IMPLY A RAPIDLY RISING NEUTRAL FRACTION AT  $Z > 6.5$

## THREE THINGS WE DON'T KNOW

WHEN DID METALS FIRST FORM, AND ARE THERE METAL-FREE POPULATIONS AT  $Z < 10$ ?

CAN WE ACCOUNT FOR ALL THE NEEDED IONIZING PHOTONS?

WHAT IS THE TEMPORAL AND SPATIAL EVOLUTION OF REIONIZATION, AND CAN LYA EMISSION TELL US?