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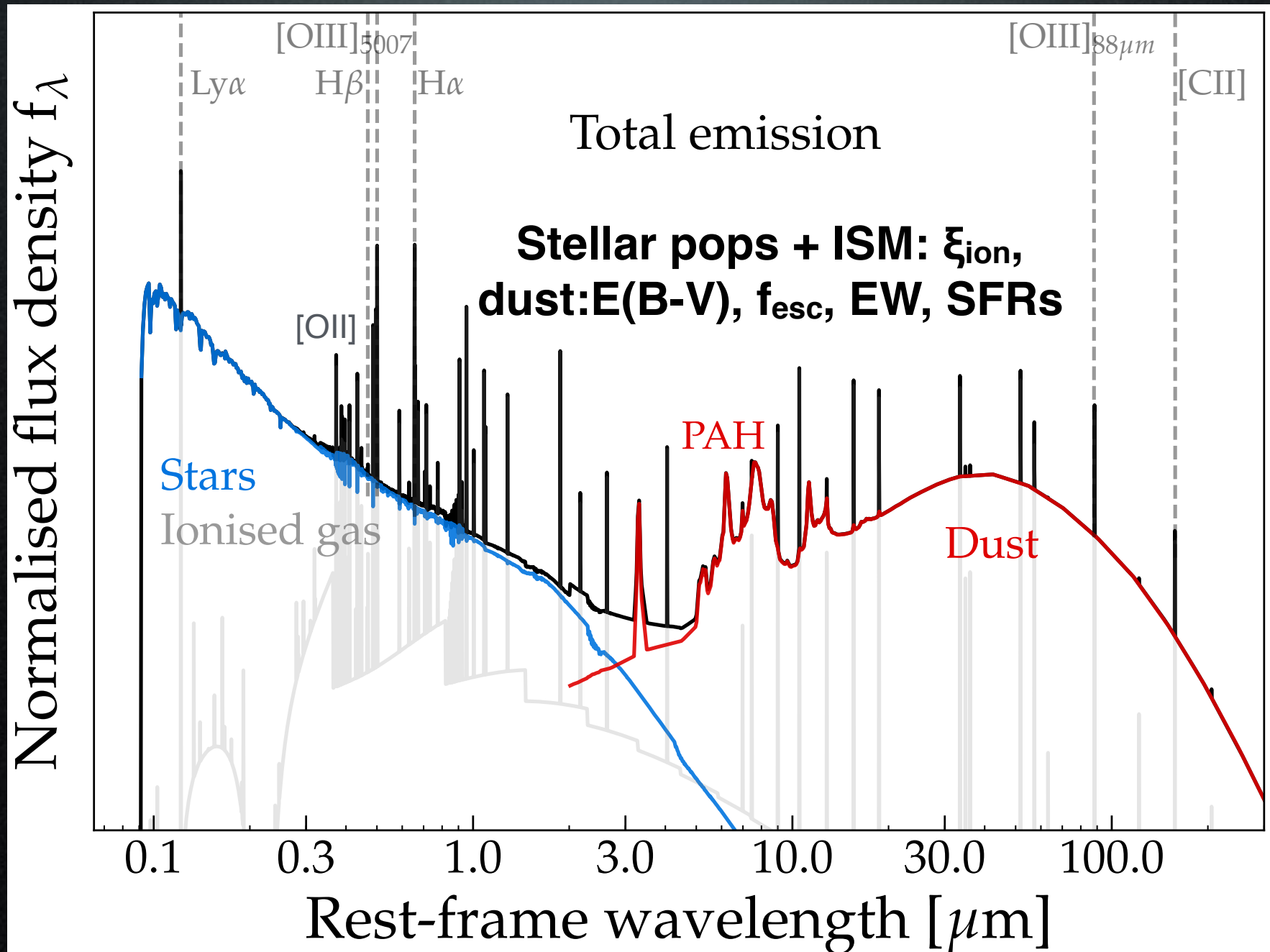


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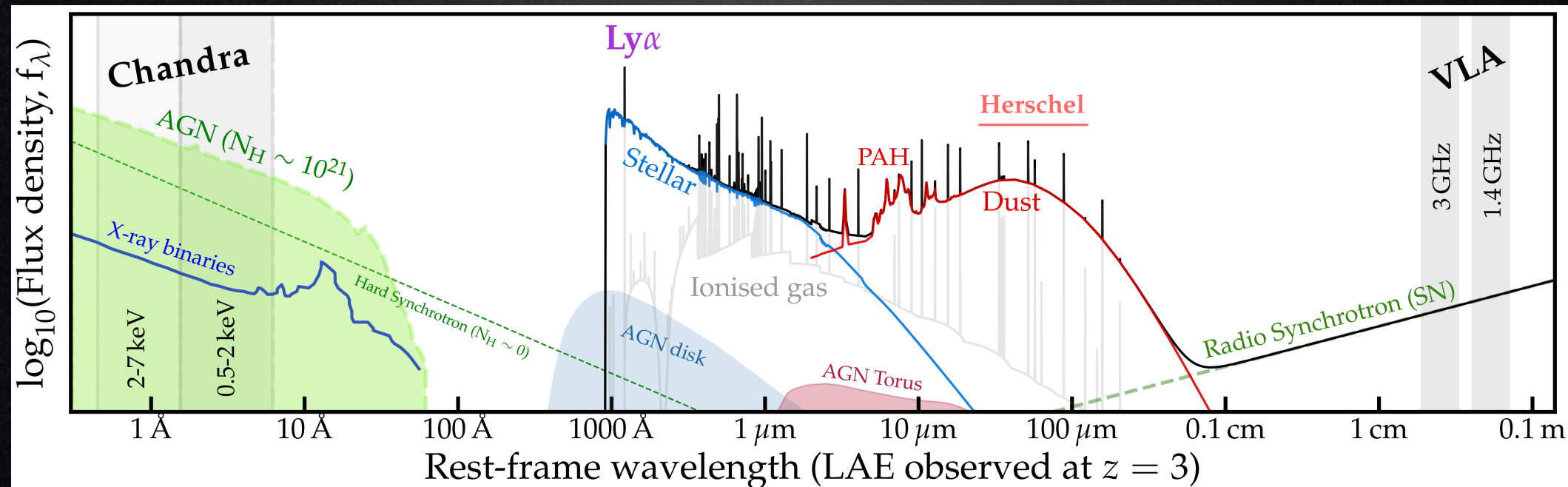




# Meaningful progress requires access to and interpretation of all wavelengths/frequencies

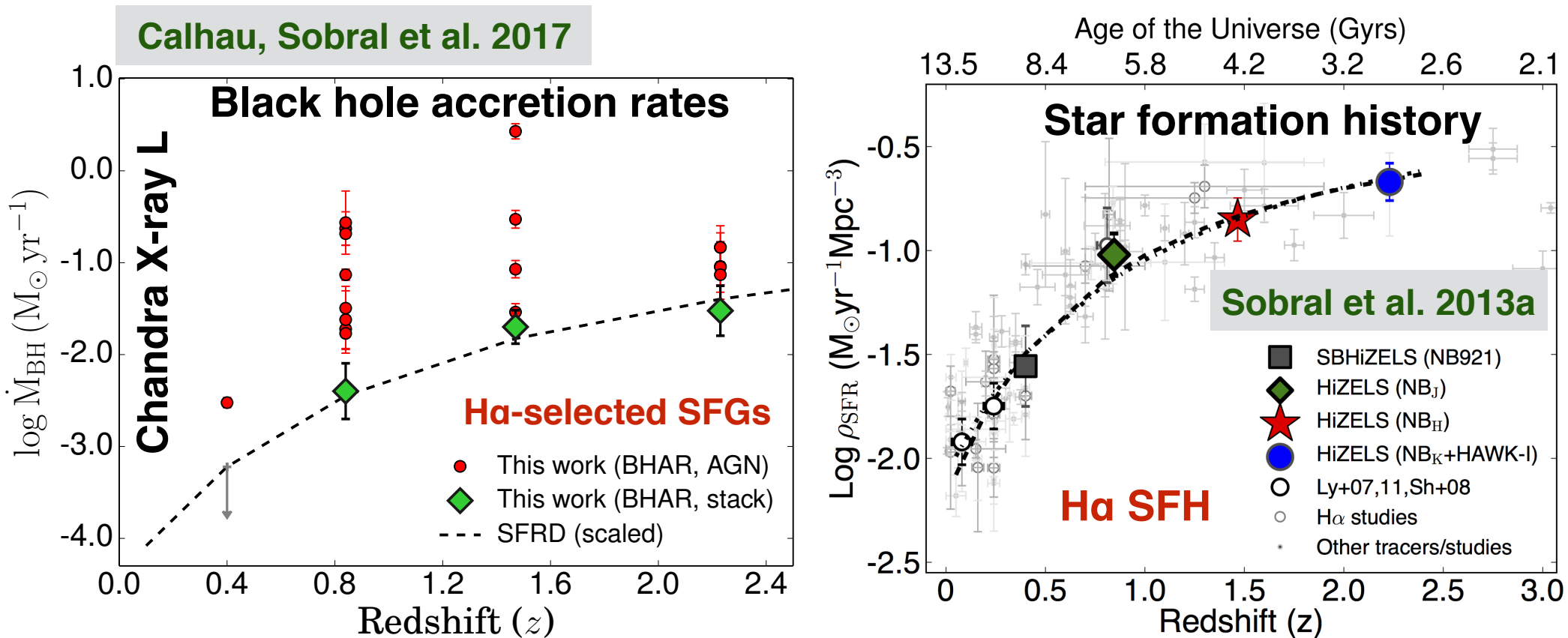
Science is much more motivating  
in the politics/science~0 regime

Redshift



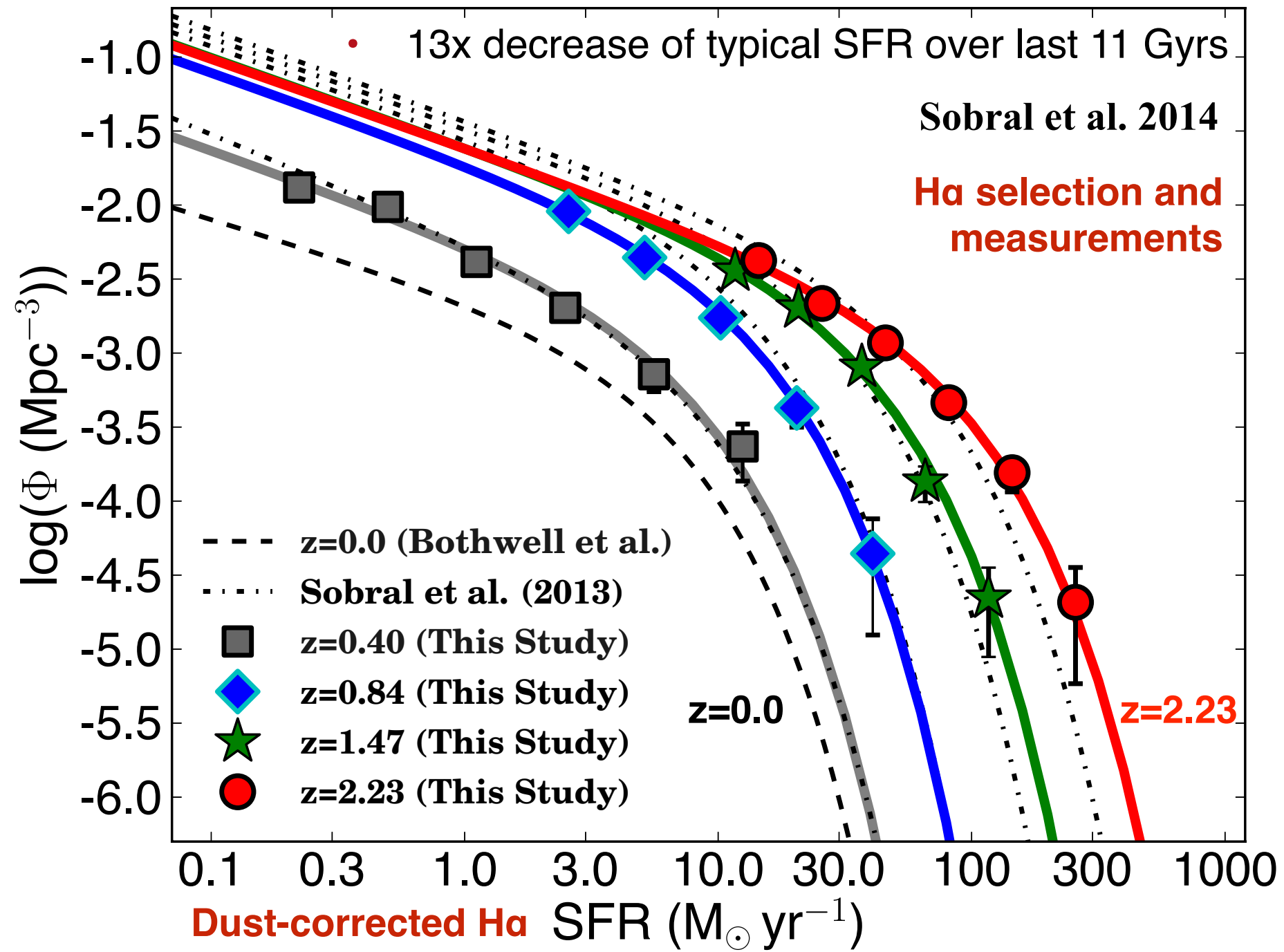
# Last 11 Gyrs: stellar mass and SMBH growth in SFGs

- Strong decline in star formation rate density since  $z \sim 2.5$
- Strong decline in typical black hole accretion rates: similar shapes, different normalisations: same feeding mechanism?



**See also:** Aird+2010; Lehmer+2013; Delvecchio+2014; Brandt & Alexander 2015; Stanley+2015  
McAlpine+17; Geach+08; Sobral+13a,14,15a; Karim+11; Madau & Dickinson14; Bouwens+15

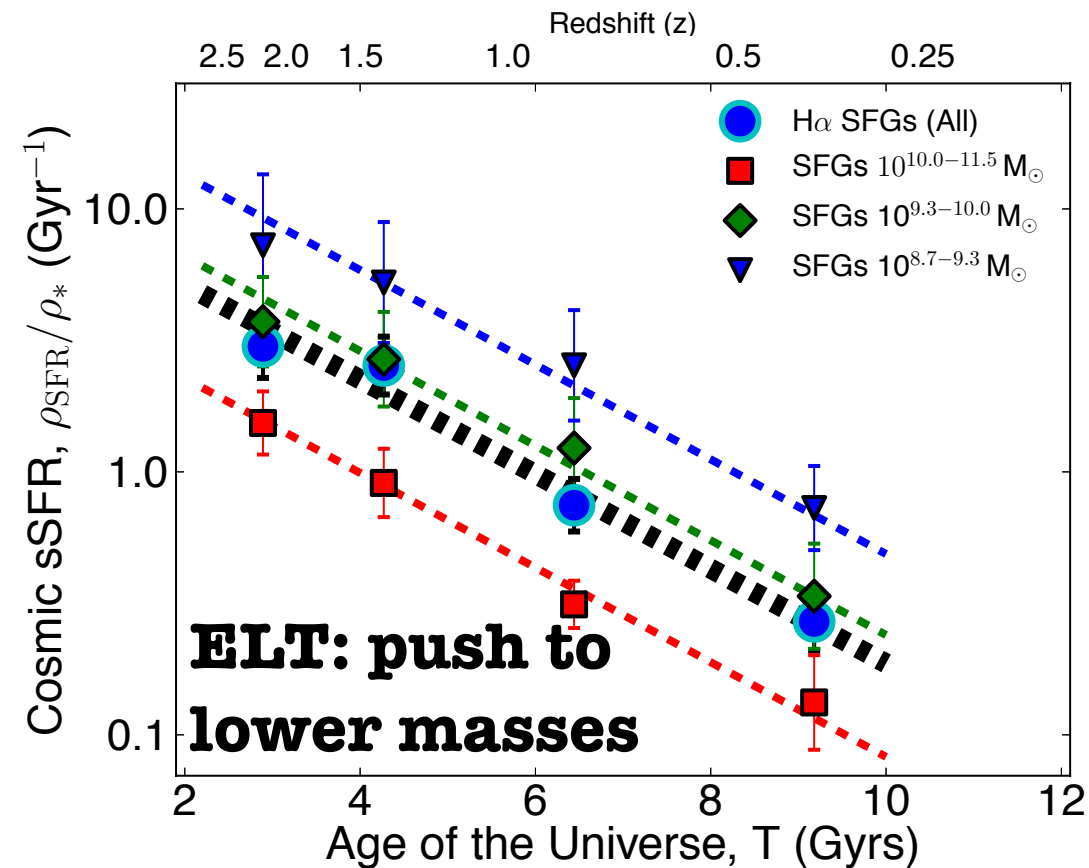
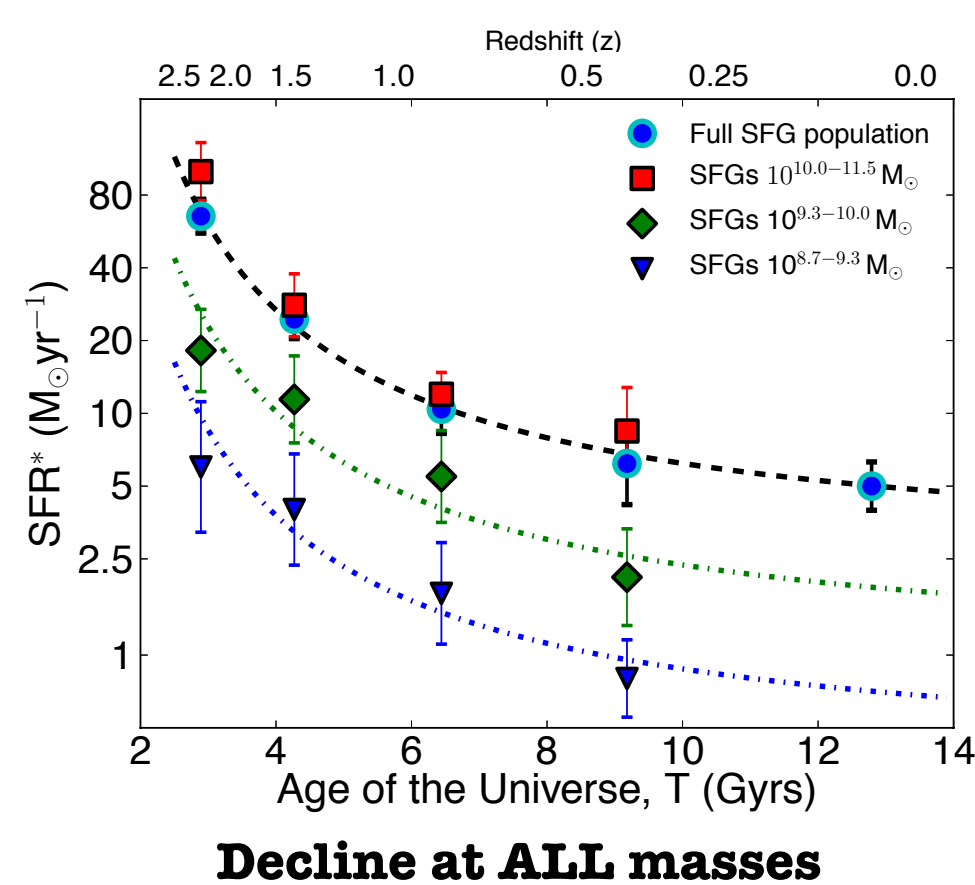
# H $\alpha$ SFR function: 11 Gyr decline of star forming galaxies





# Strong SFR\* decline with cosmic time towards $z \sim 0$

- Decline of typical star formation rates of galaxies with cosmic time
- Decline of cosmic specific star formation rates with redshift for all masses

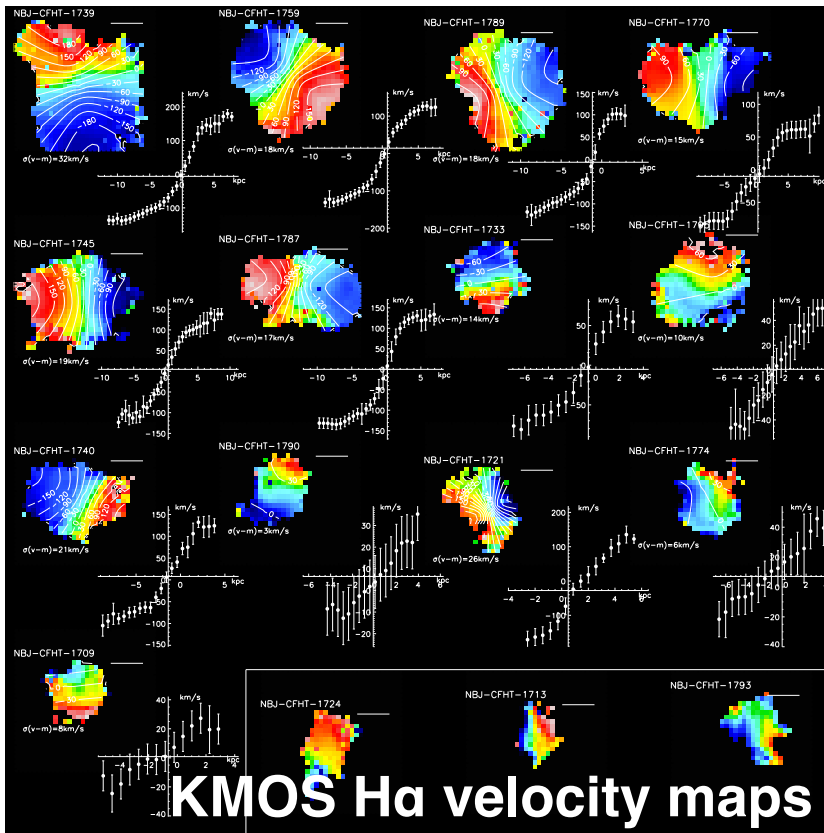


# H $\alpha$ -selected SFGs: resolved line ratios + dynamics

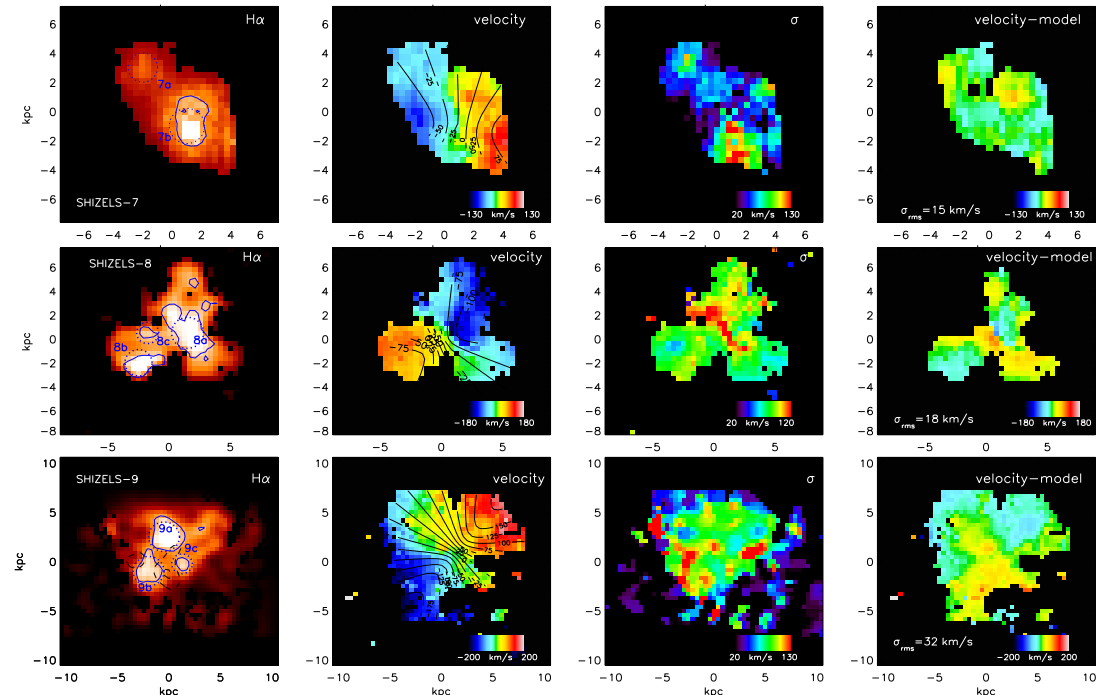
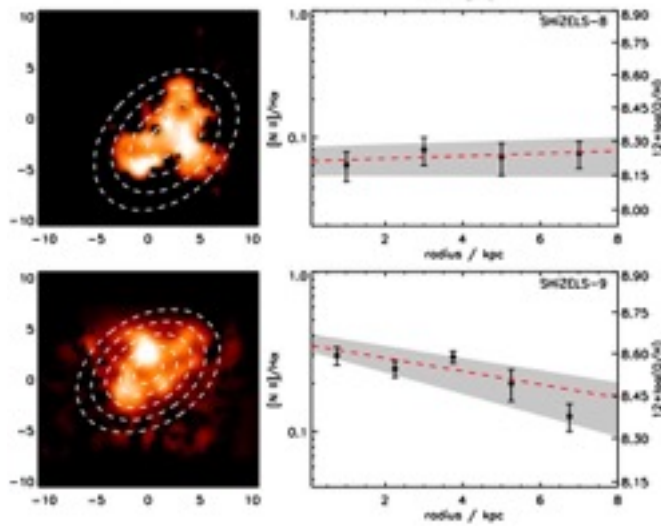
Turner+2017; Molina+2017, 2019

**ELT: push to lower masses**

**Probe to scales of  $\sim 50$ -100pc**



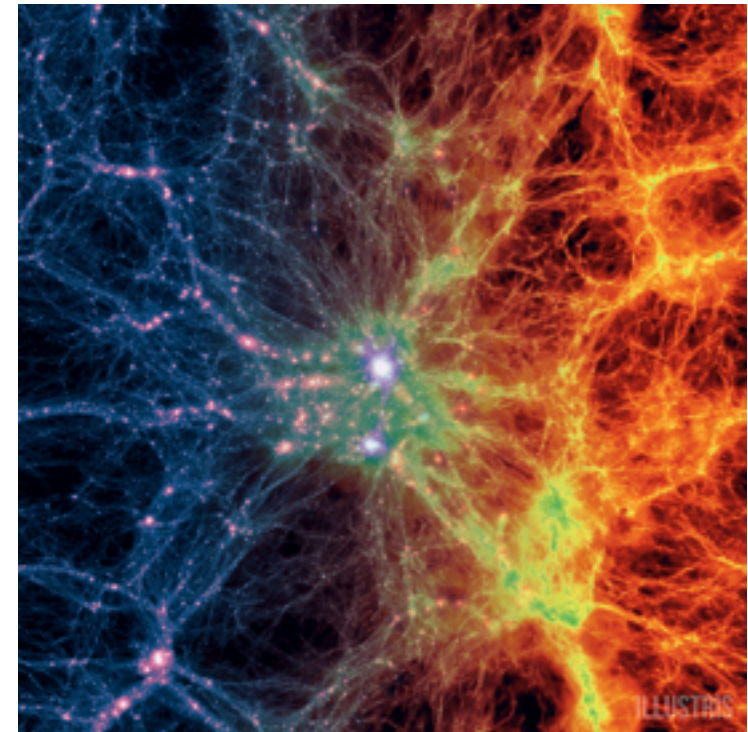
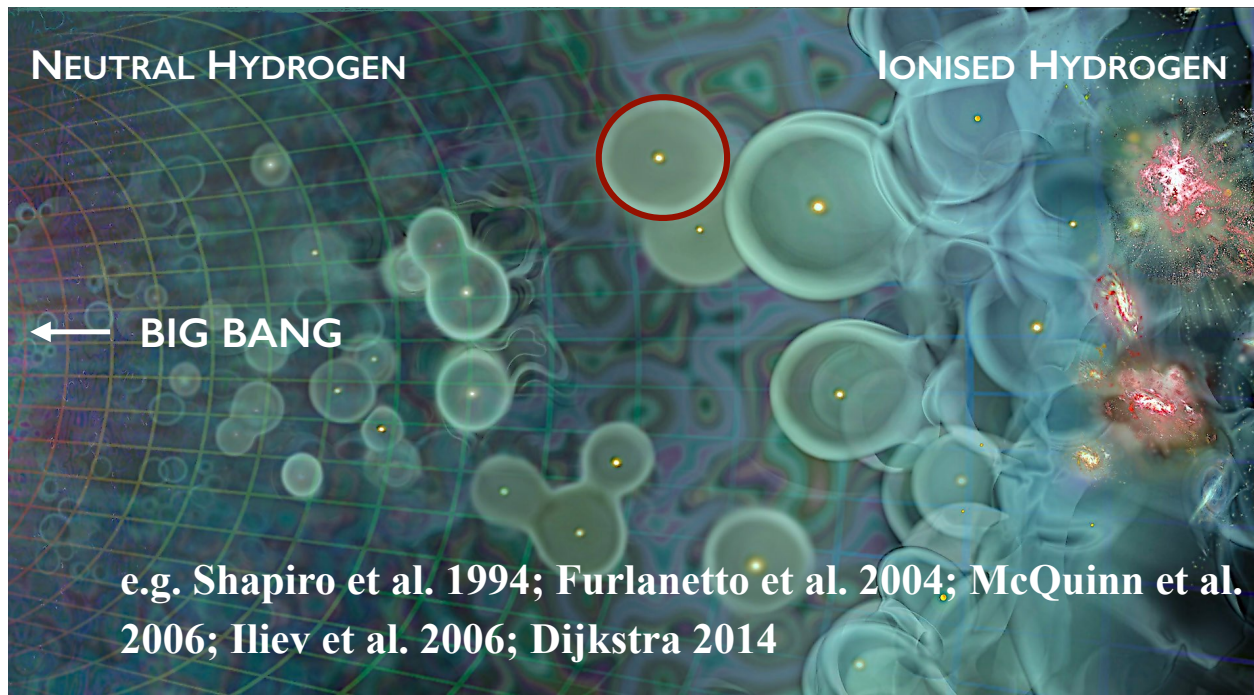
**[NII]/H gradients**



Swinbank+2012a,b; Sobral+2013b

# Early galaxy and super-massive black hole formation

- What are the properties of the ISM and stars in early galaxies?
- How did galaxies/AGN re-ionise the Universe? Can we see it?
- Emission-lines (blind-selection): crucial for our understanding



**Observations crucial to test state-of-the-art models:** e.g. Boylan-Kolchin et al. (2009); Hopkins et al. 2014; Vogelsberger et al. 2014; Schaye et al. 2015; Crain et al. 2015; Lacey et al. 2016.

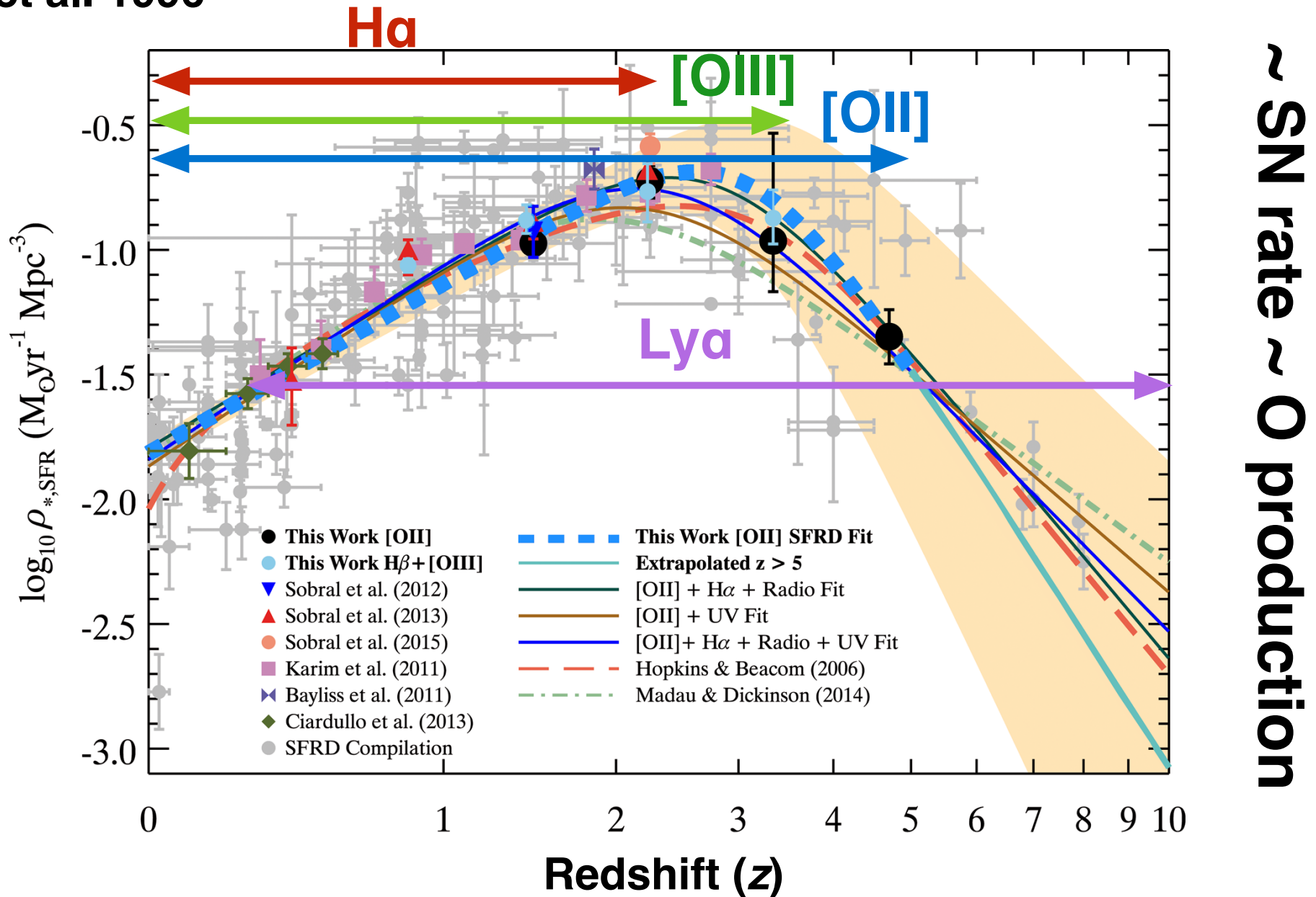
**Models important to make new predictions that can be tested:** e.g. Matthee & Schaye 2018.



# Star formation history of the Universe: emission-lines

Lilly et al. 1996

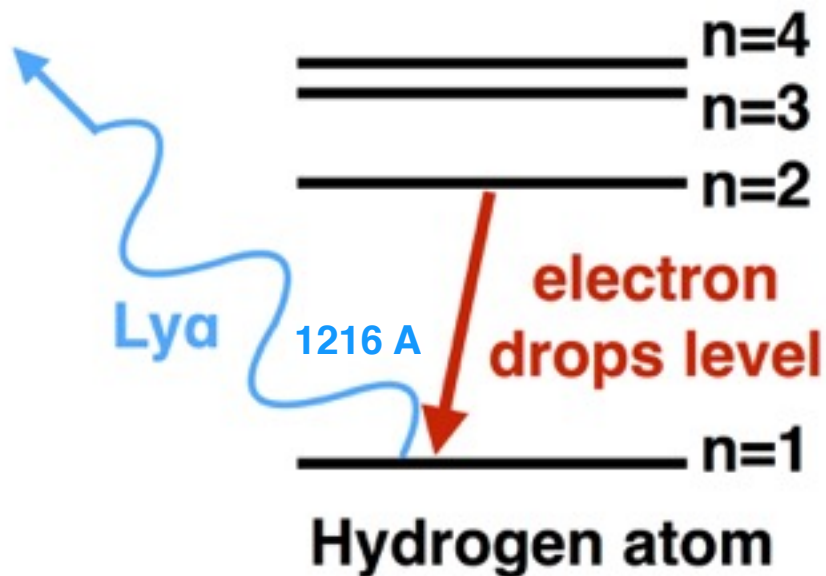
Sobral+12,13a,15b; Khostovan, Sobral+15



See also: Geach+08; Sobral+13a,14,15a; Karim+11; Madau & Dickinson14; Bouwens et al. 2015

# Ly $\alpha$ is **still** the best spectroscopic tool at $z > 2$ ...

- 1216 Å redshifts into optical at  $z > 2$
- Intrinsically most luminous emission-line in HII regions
- Asymmetric shape + Lyman-break
- Also consequence of AGN activity



Coupled with other UV lines: NV, CIII], CIV, HeII, OIII]

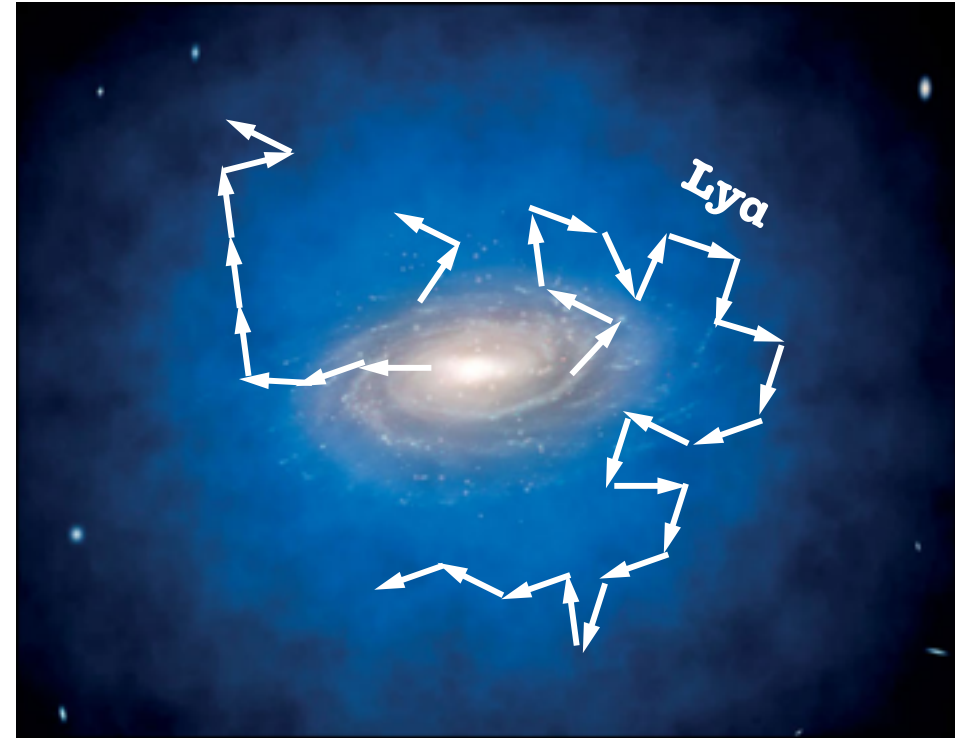
**See Andra's talk and: [Stroe, DS et al. 2017a,b](#); [Stark+15,16](#);**

See e.g.: Humphrey+2007; Smith & Jarvis 2007; Ouchi+2008,2010; Matthee+2014, 2015,2017c; Nilsson+2009; Song+2014; Oteo+2015; Pentericci+2014; Hayes 2011; Dijkstra 2015; Verhamme+2015; Konno+2016; Harikane+18

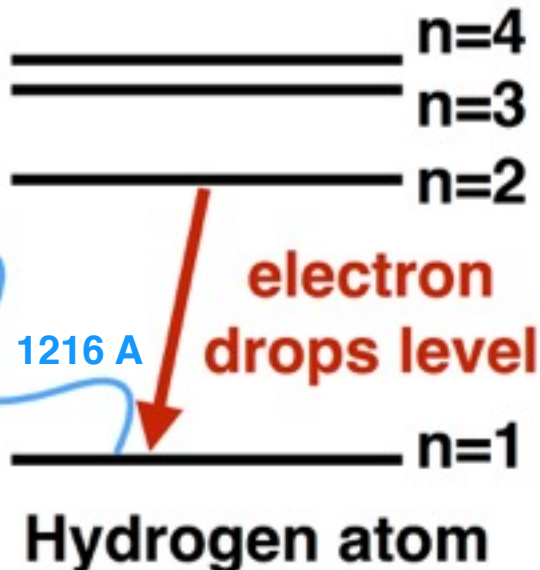
# $\text{Ly}\alpha$ may seem like a low hanging fruit... but not so easy to eat

- ... easily scattered and re-emitted: most photons escape at low surface brightness
- Easily absorbed in the inter-stellar medium and intergalactic medium.
- Escape fraction not well understood
- Neutral IGM affects  $\text{Ly}\alpha$  - hard to use at  $z > 6$

(sometimes not easy to get)!



Neutral  
H + dust



$$f_{\text{esc}, \text{Ly}\alpha} = f_{\text{Ly}\alpha} / (8.1-9.0 f_{\text{H}\alpha}) \quad \text{Henry+15}$$

$$f_{\text{esc}, \text{Ly}\alpha} = f_{\text{Ly}\alpha} / (8.7 f_{\text{H}\alpha})$$

Only a small fraction of  $\text{Ly}\alpha$  photons escape:  $\text{H}\alpha$  can be used to measure it

e.g. Hayes et al. 2010



# What do we need to make progress? Our **wish** list

- Ideally: H $\alpha$  + Balmer decrement + case B: predict Ly $\alpha$  vs observed

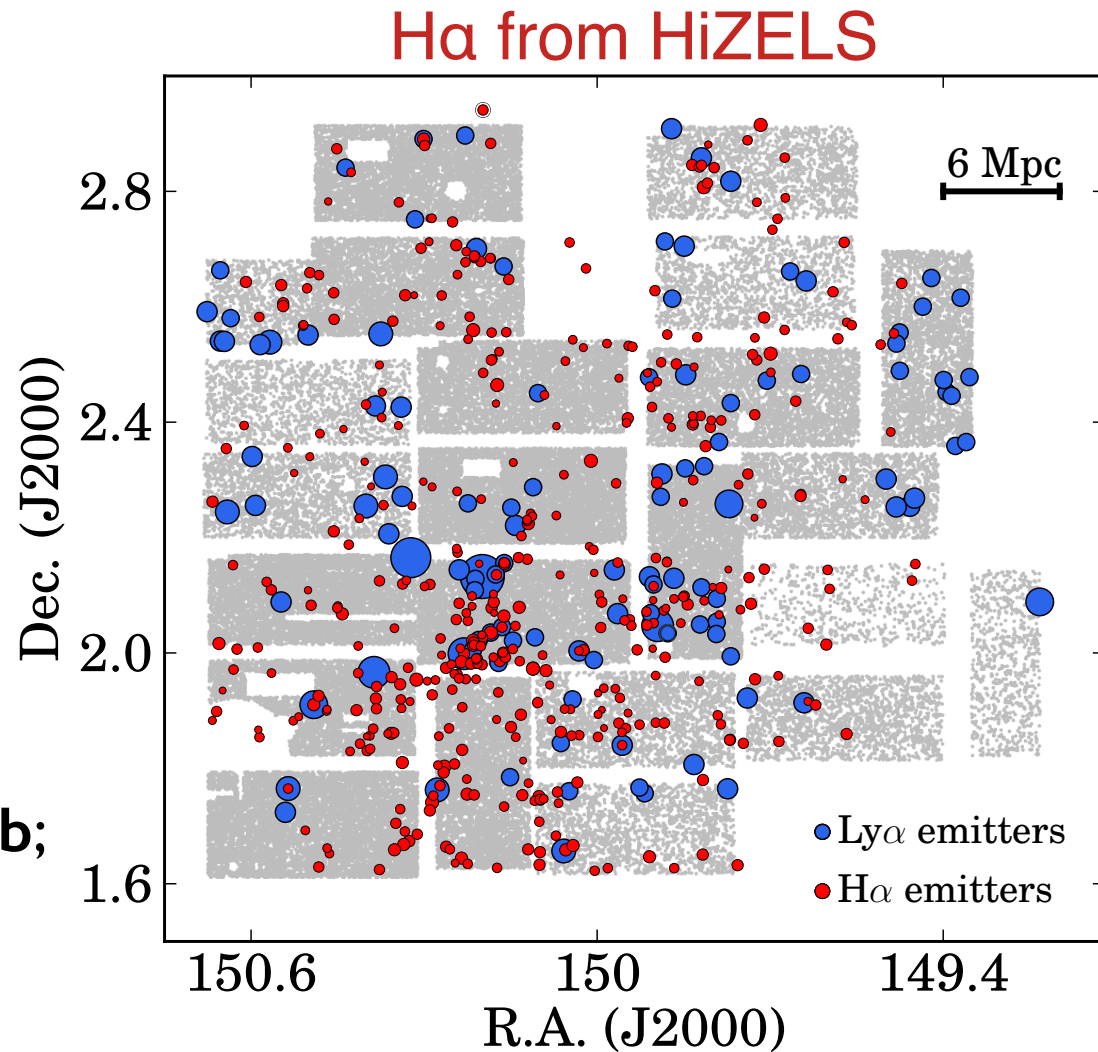
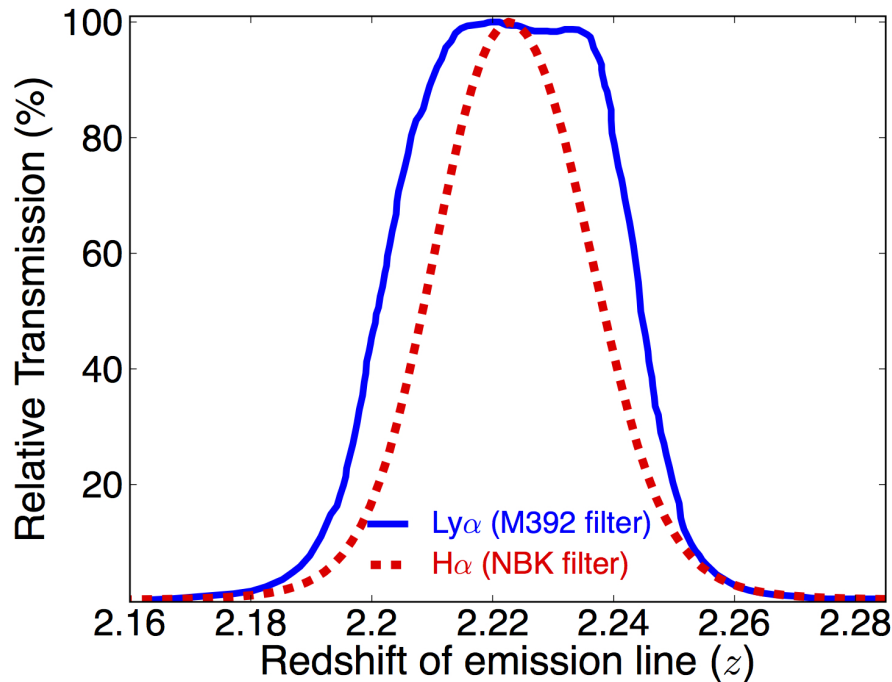
The **CALYMHA** survey: CAlibrating LYman- $\alpha$  with H $\alpha$

$$f_{\text{esc,Ly}\alpha} = \frac{L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}}{8.7 L_{\text{H}\alpha} \times 10^{0.4 \times A_{\text{H}\alpha}}}$$

(PI: Sobral)      INT@La Palma + CFHT @Mauna Kea

# The CALYMHA survey: CALibrating LYman- $\alpha$ with H $\alpha$

- Custom-made narrow-band filter. **50 nights INT + 8 nights CFHT** (PI: Sobral)
- **5 deg<sup>2</sup> deep double-blind matched Ly $\alpha$ -(CIV-OII-OIII)-H $\alpha$**  (and LyC) survey.

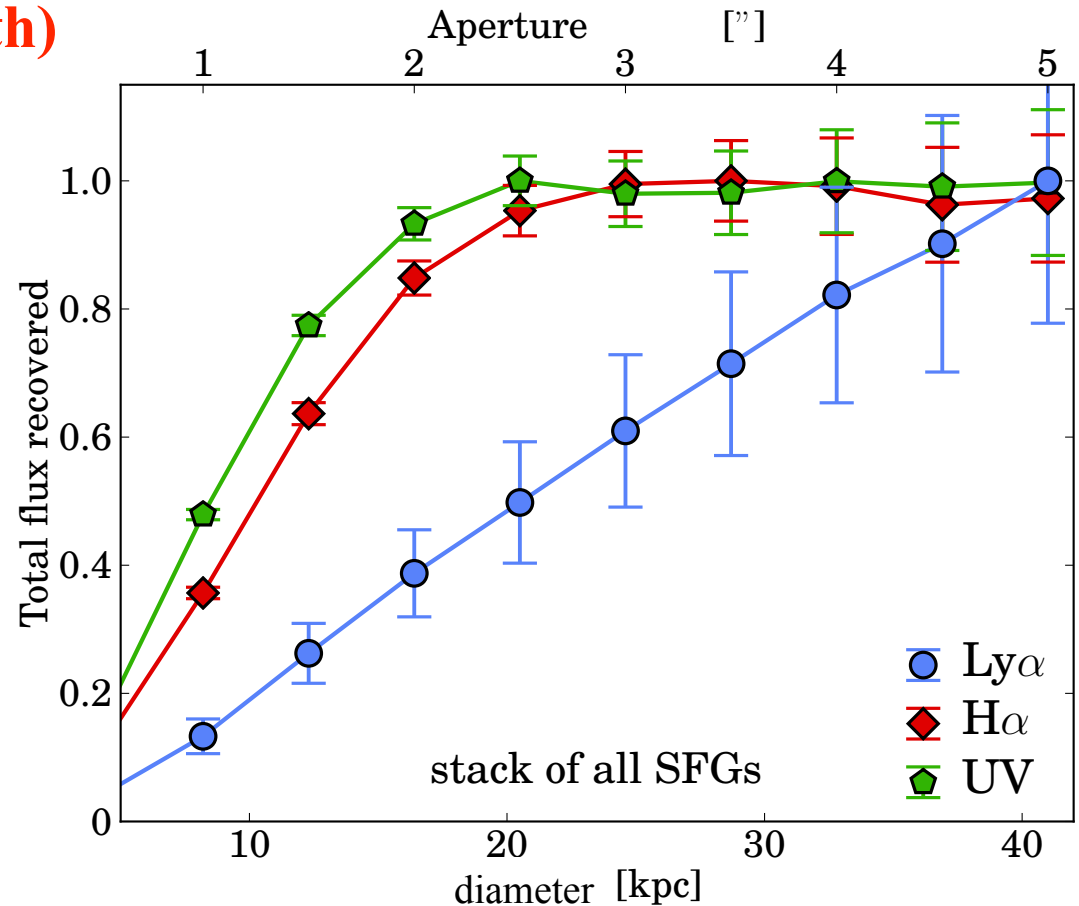
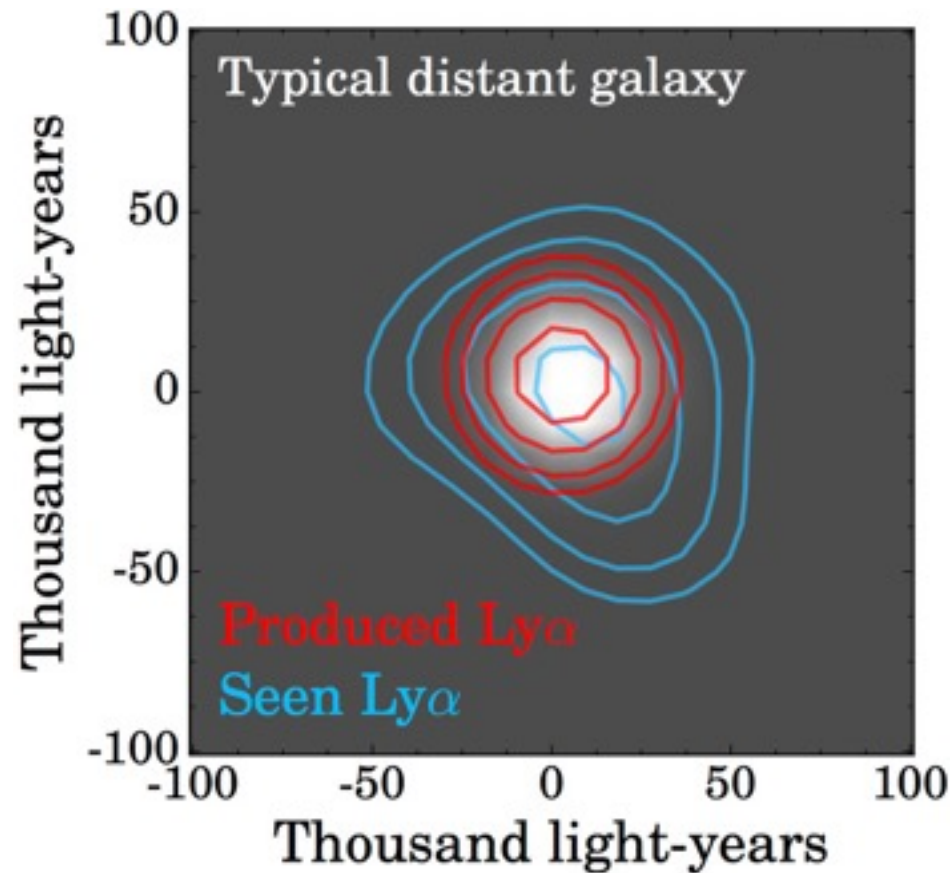


**Matthee, Sobral et al. 2016, 2017a,b;**  
**Sobral, Matthee et al. 2017a;**  
**Stroe+2017a,b; Sobral+2018a**

**See also e.g.** Hayes et al. 2010; Ciardullo et al. 2014; Oteo, DS et al. 2015

# Extended (~40 kpc) Ly $\alpha$ emission in star-forming galaxies

Stack: 3000 hours (~MUSE-like depth)



see also Nelson+16; 3D-HST

Use H $\alpha$  to predict Ly $\alpha$  luminosity then compare with observed Ly $\alpha$

$f_{\text{esc, Ly}\alpha} = f_{\text{Ly}\alpha} / (8.7 f_{\text{H}\alpha})$  • H $\alpha$  emitters:  $1.6 \pm 0.5\%$  Ly $\alpha$  photons escape at < 25 kpc

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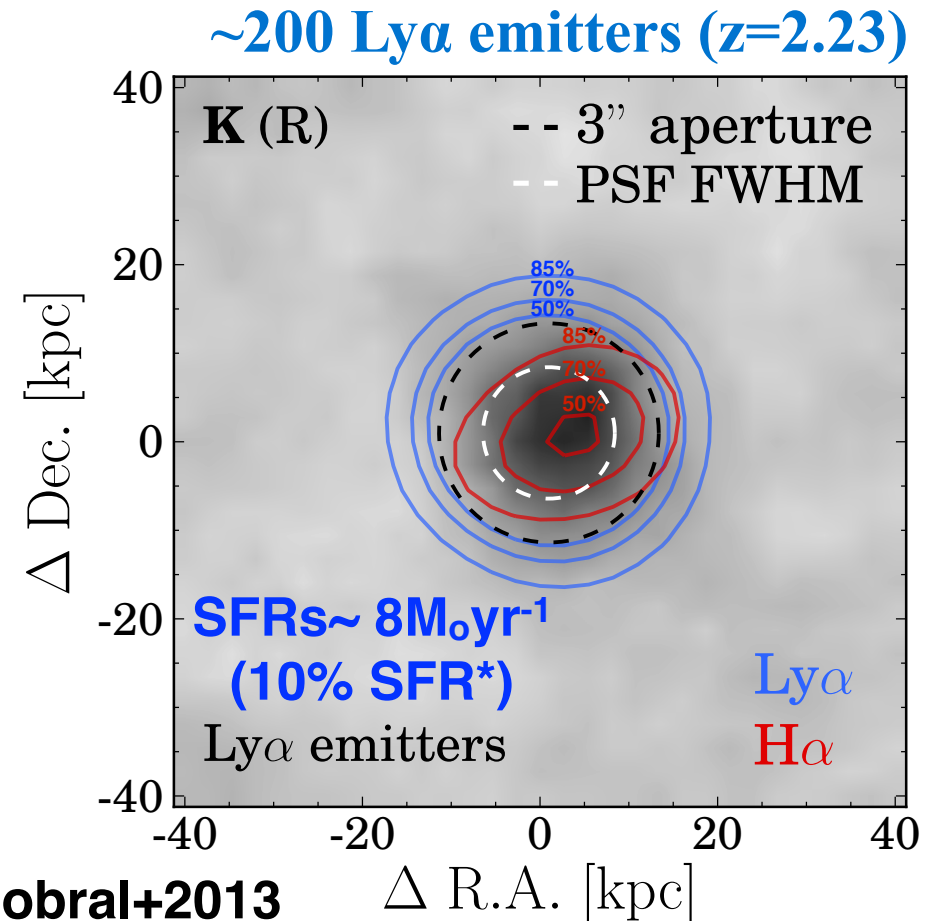
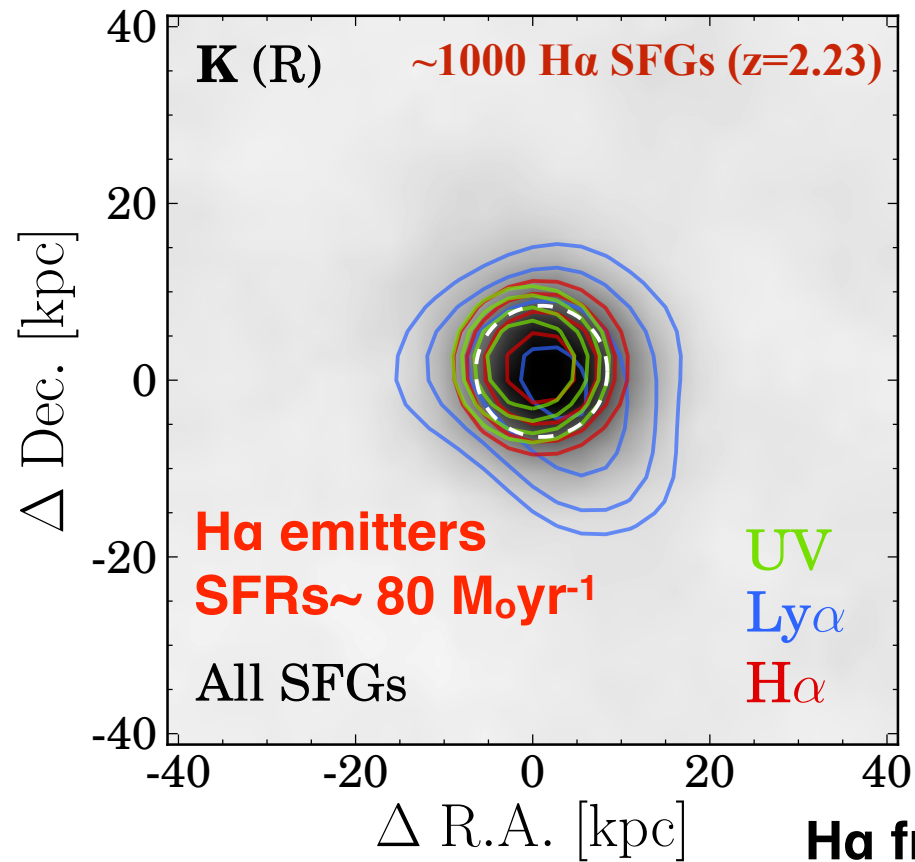
Matthee, Sobral+16a, Sobral, Matthee+17a



# Extended ( $\sim 40$ kpc) Ly $\alpha$ emission in star-forming galaxies

Matthee, Sobral+16a, Sobral, Matthee+17a

Stack: 3000 hours ( $\sim$ MUSE-like depth)



**Use H $\alpha$  to predict Ly $\alpha$  (intrinsic) luminosity then  
compare with observed luminosity in Ly $\alpha$**

# Global Ly $\alpha$ escape fraction from SFGs at $z=2.23$ (H $\alpha$ )

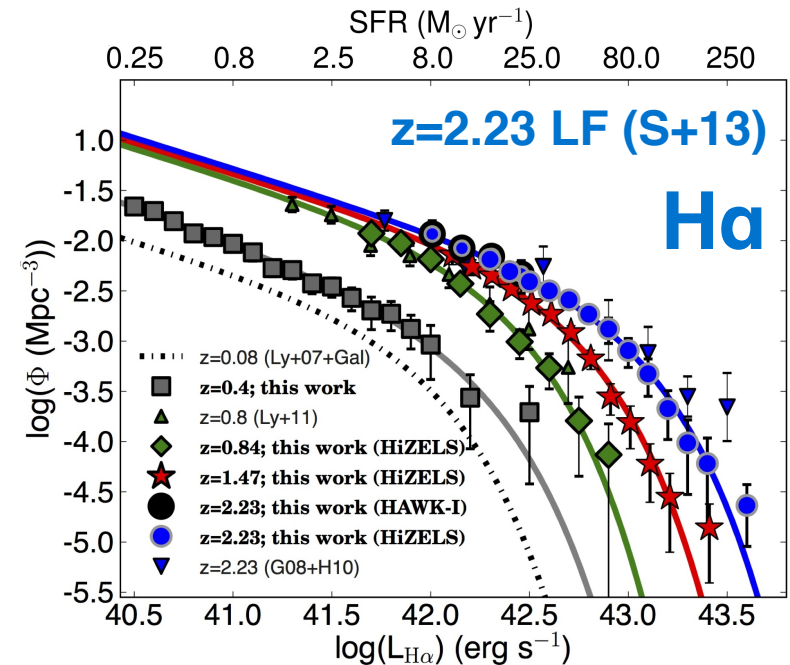
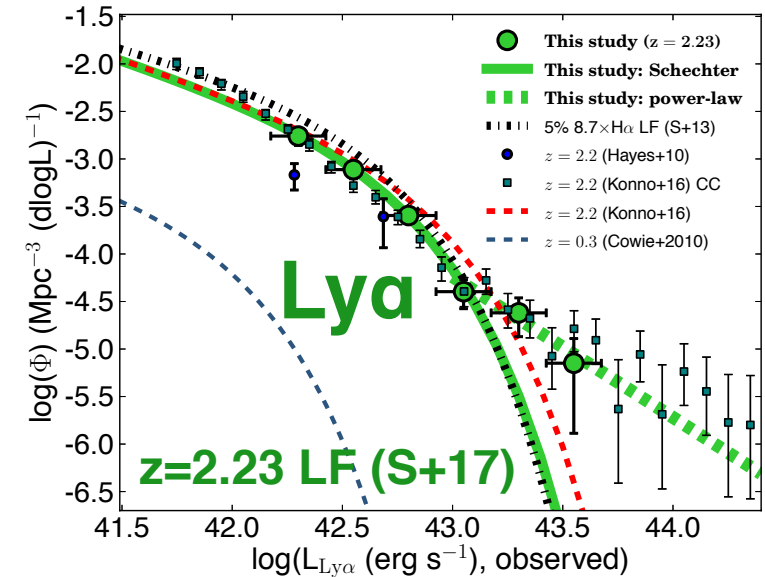
## The CALYMHA survey: Ly $\alpha$ luminosity function and global escape fraction of Ly $\alpha$ photons at $z = 2.23$ \*

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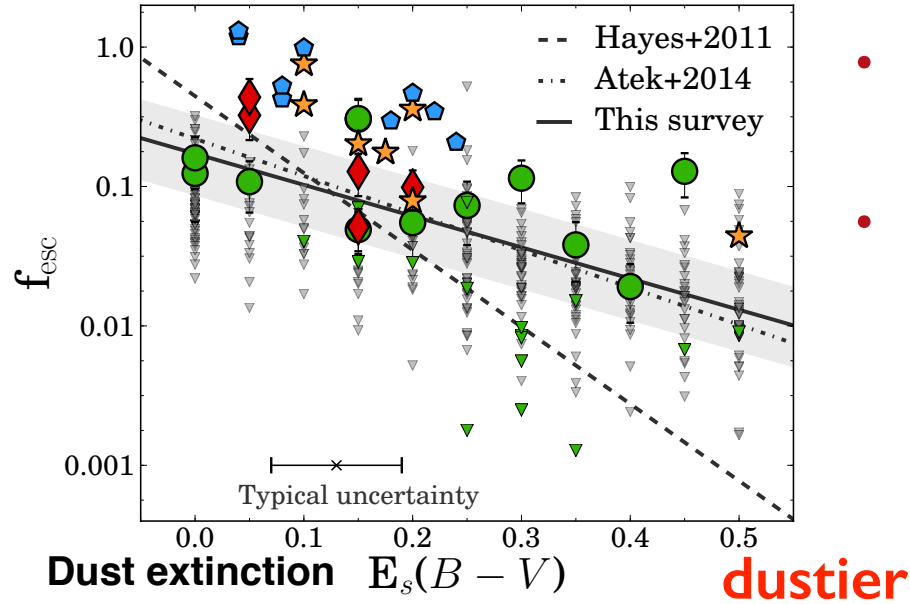
<sup>2</sup> Leiden Observatory, Leiden University, P.O. Box 9513, NL-2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands

- Global Ly $\alpha$   $f_{\text{esc}}$ :  **$5.1 \pm 0.2\%$**  for  $<25$  kpc
- Global Ly $\alpha$   $f_{\text{esc}}$ :  **$8.4 \pm 0.4\%$**  for  $<40$  kpc
- H $\alpha$  emitters:  $f_{\text{esc}}$   **$1.6 \pm 0.5\%$**  ( $<25$  kpc)
- Ly $\alpha$  emitters:  $f_{\text{esc}}$   **$37 \pm 7\%$**  ( $<25$  kpc)
- Most Ly $\alpha$  emitters consistent with up to Ly $\alpha$   $f_{\text{esc}} \sim 100\%$  to even larger radii

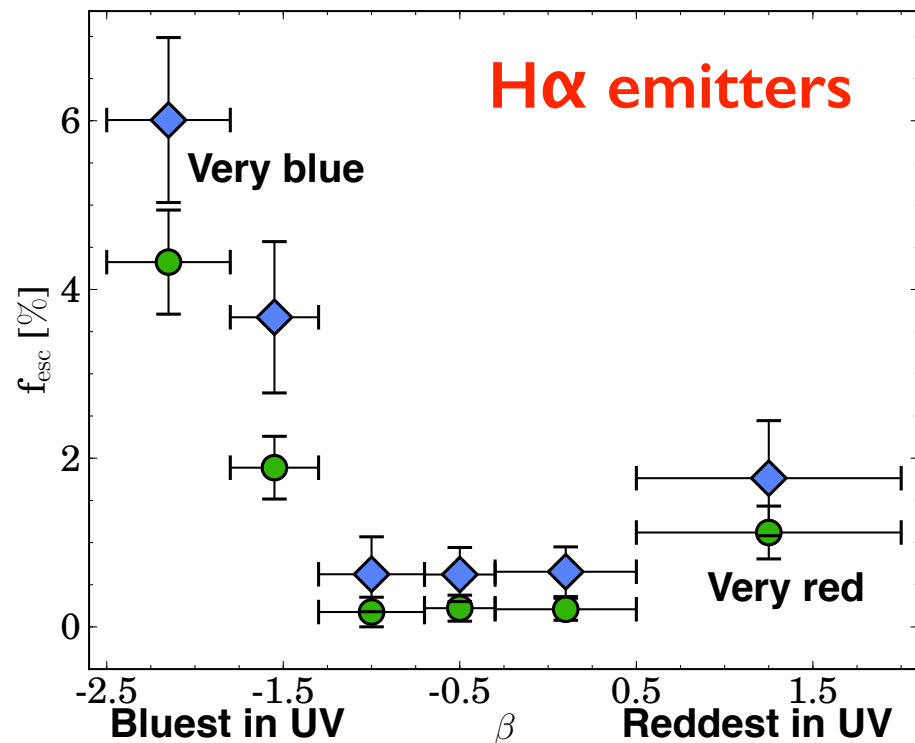


# Escape of Ly $\alpha$ photons: what does it depend on at high $z$ ?

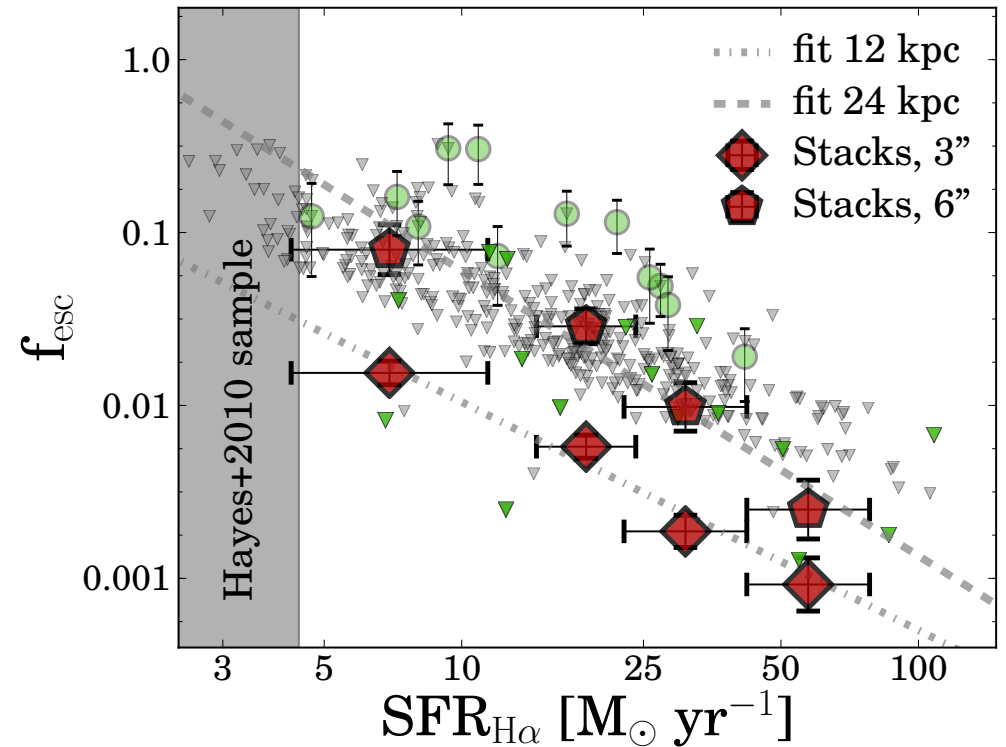
Matthee, Sobral et al. 2016



- Preferential escape of Ly $\alpha$ : **low to dust free star-forming galaxies**
- **But:** some heavily dust obscured sources with high escape fractions (e.g. sub-mm galaxies)



- Preferential escape from ultra-blue but also very red. Escape higher for low SFRs



# Simplest predictor of Ly $\alpha$ escape fraction: Ly $\alpha$ EW<sub>0</sub>

Sobral & Matthee 2019, A&A, 623, A157

Measured from Ly $\alpha$ /H $\alpha$ ,  
not Ly $\alpha$ /UV

**Predicting Ly $\alpha$  escape fractions with a simple observable<sup>★</sup>**  
**Ly $\alpha$  in emission as an empirically calibrated star formation rate indicator**

David Sobral<sup>1,2★★</sup> and Jorjyt Matthee<sup>2,3</sup>

**Measure for z~0  
to z~2.6:**

$$f_{\text{esc,Ly}\alpha} = \frac{L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}}{8.7 L_{\text{H}\alpha} \times 10^{0.4 \times A_{\text{H}\alpha}}}$$

**Simplest way to estimate without H $\alpha$ :**

$$f_{\text{esc,Ly}\alpha} = 0.0048^{+0.0007}_{-0.0007} \text{EW}_0 \pm 0.05 \quad [0 \leq \text{EW}_0 \leq 160 \text{ \AA}].$$

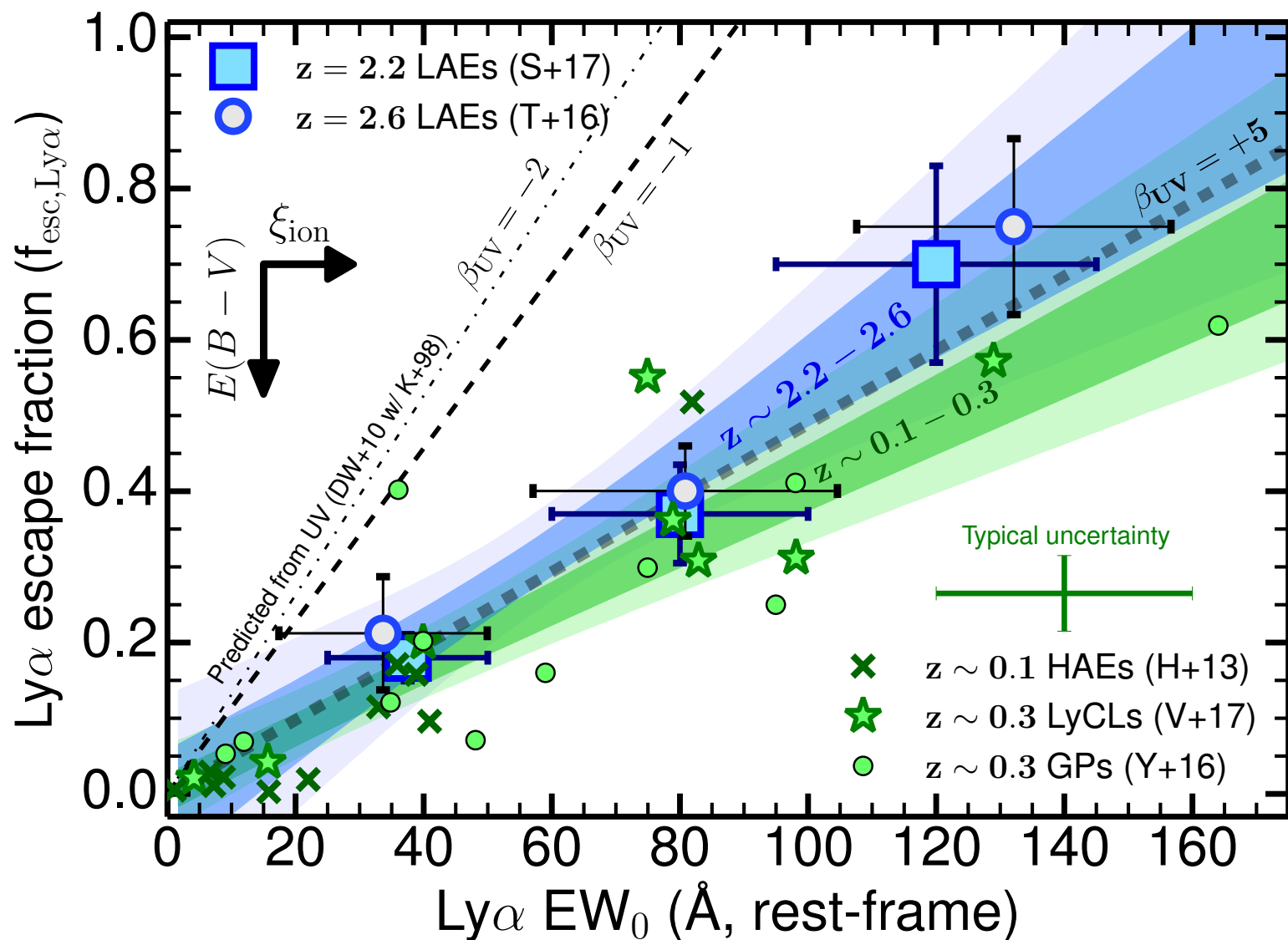


# Simplest predictor of Ly $\alpha$ escape fraction: $EW_0$

- Not evolving from  $z \sim 0$  to  $z \sim 2.6$

Sobral & Matthee 2019, A&A, 623, A157

Measured from Ly $\alpha$ /H $\alpha$ ,  
not Ly $\alpha$ /UV



See also: Verhamme+17 ( $z \sim 0$ ) Sobral, Matthee+2017 ( $z \sim 2$ ) and Harikane+17 ( $z = 4.8$ )

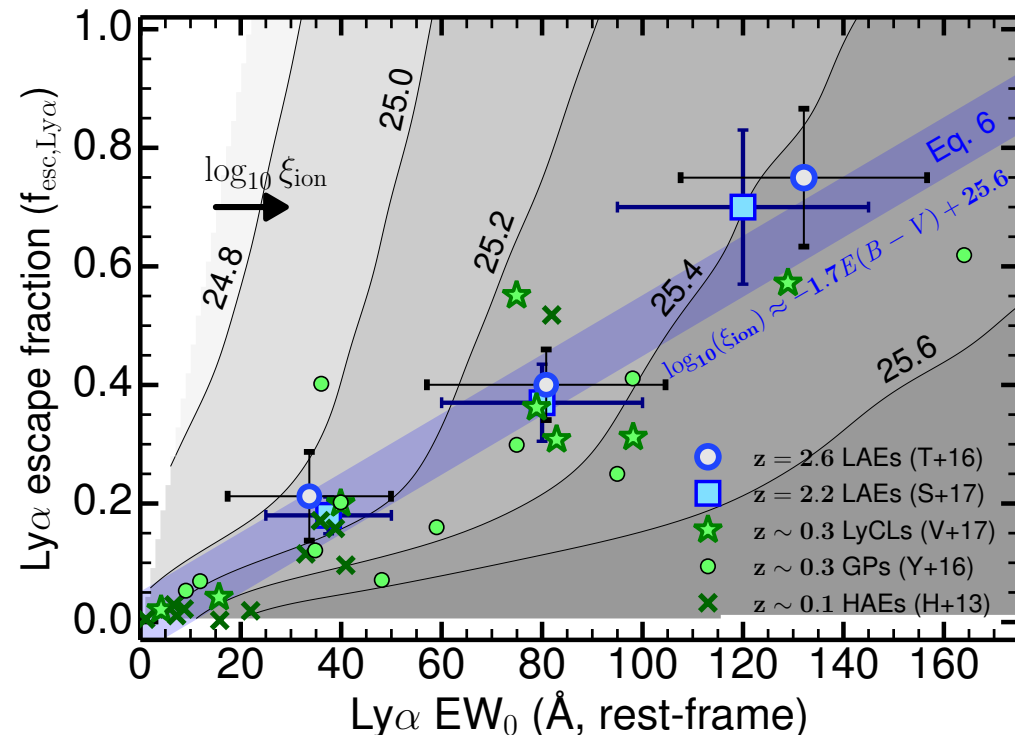
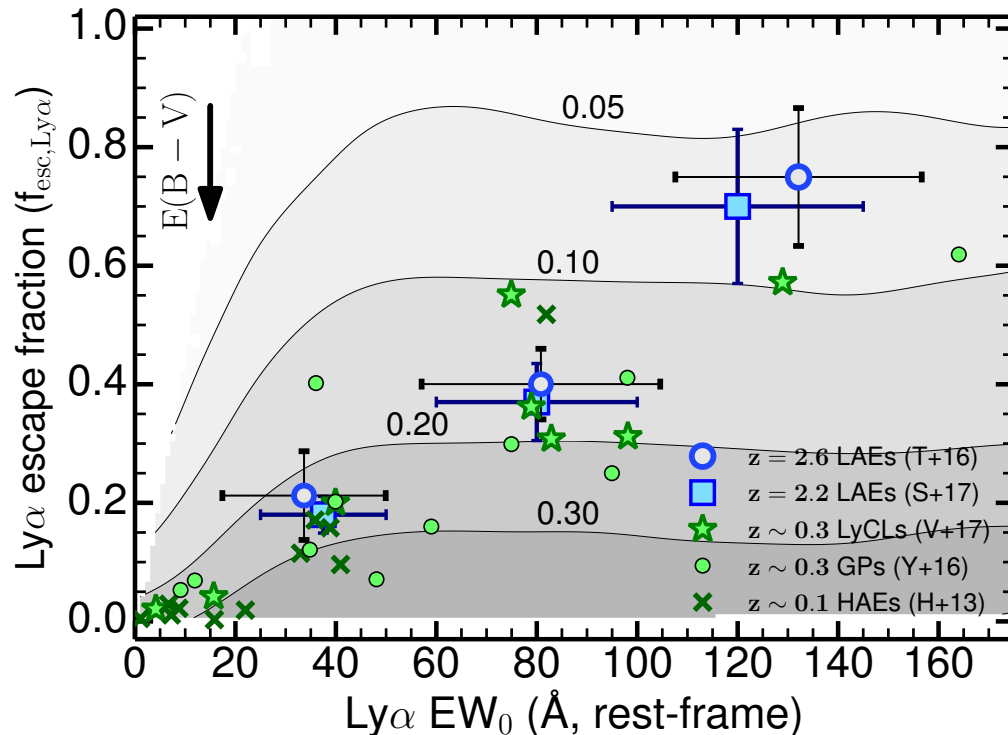
# What does this mean physically? Dust-Ionisation eff.

Implies LAEs have high ionisation efficiencies and low  $E(B-V)$

Highest EW with lowest  $E(B-V)$  and highest  $\xi_{\text{ion}}$  (LyC/UV)

$$f_{\text{esc,Ly}\alpha} = \left( \frac{1.152^{-\beta-2}}{76} \text{EW}_0 \right) \frac{1.3 \times 10^{25}}{\xi_{\text{ion}}} 10^{-0.4A_{\text{UV}}}$$

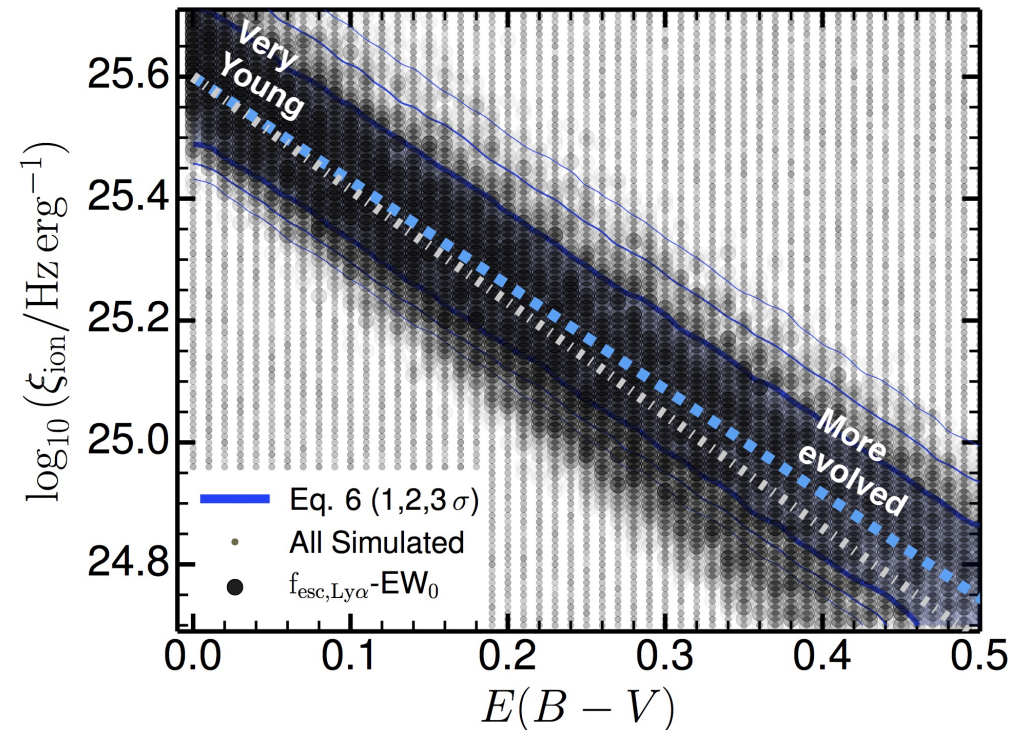
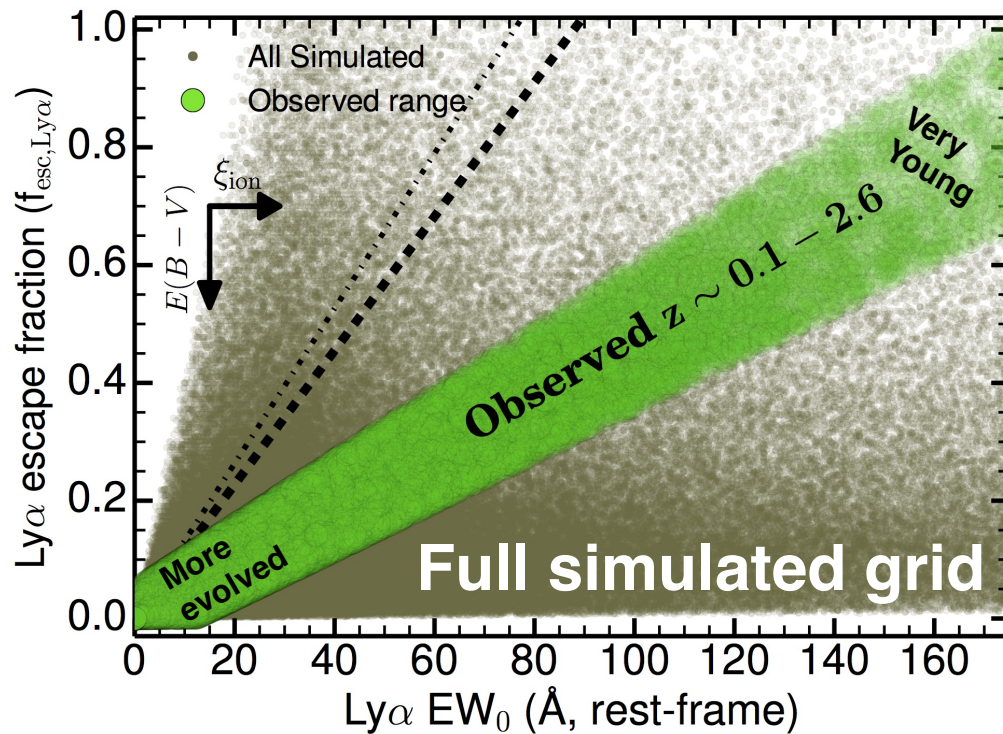
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# What does this mean physically?

The observed relation between escape fraction and EW implies a tight sequence between  $E(B-V)$  and  $\xi_{\text{ion}}$ .

Full grid available >> observed range (real) >> implications



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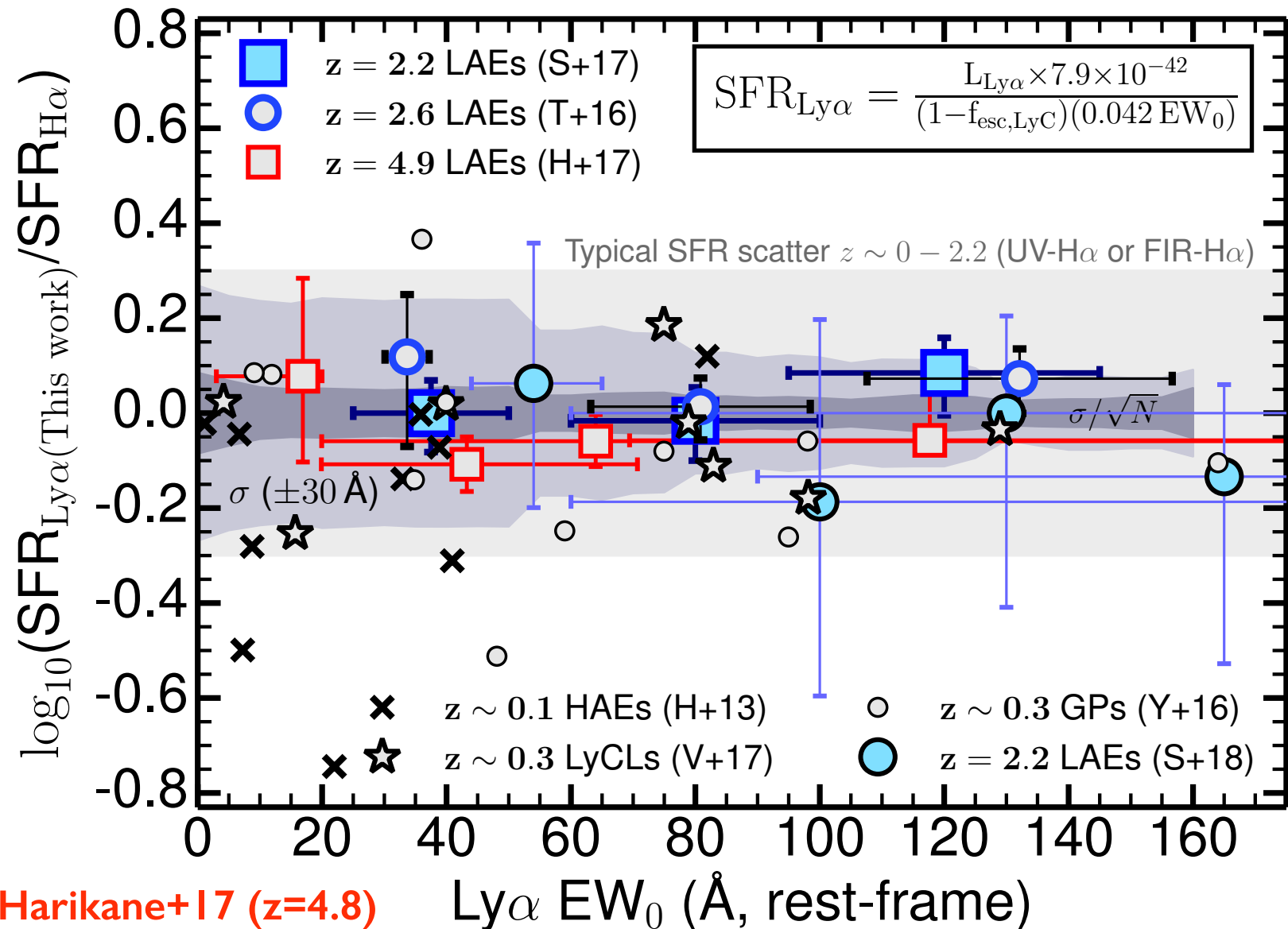
**The Main-Sequence of LAEs**

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# Ly $\alpha$ as an empirically calibrated LyC and SFR indicator

$$Q_{\text{ion,Ly}\alpha} [\text{s}^{-1}] = \frac{L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}}{c_{\text{H}\alpha} (1 - f_{\text{esc,LyC}}) (0.042 \text{ EW}_0)}$$

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See also Harikane+17 ( $z=4.8$ )



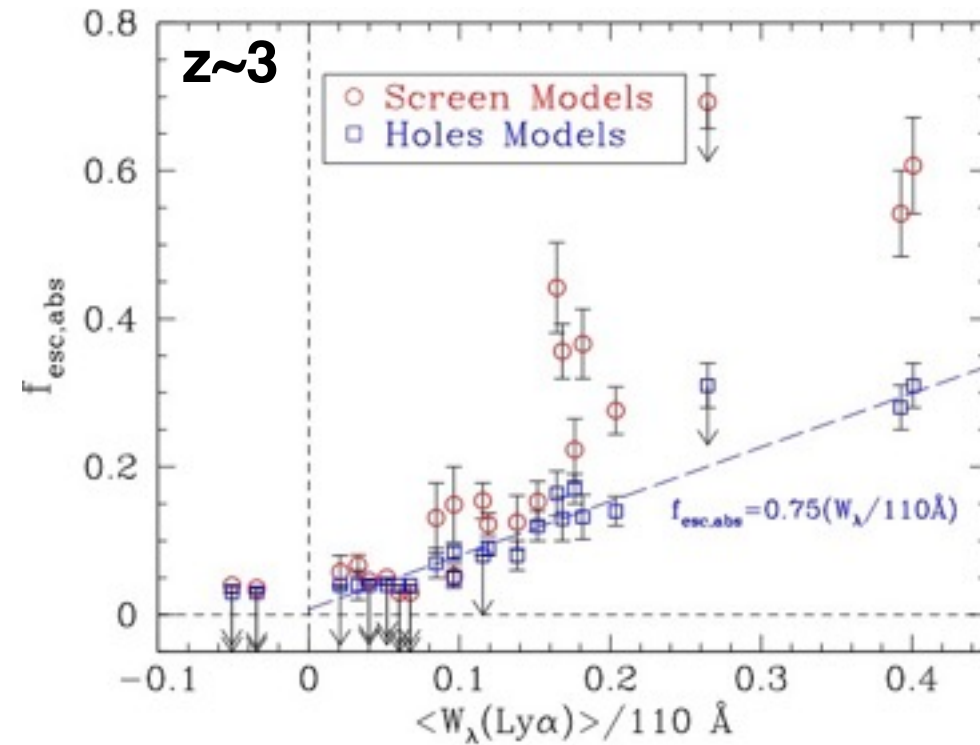
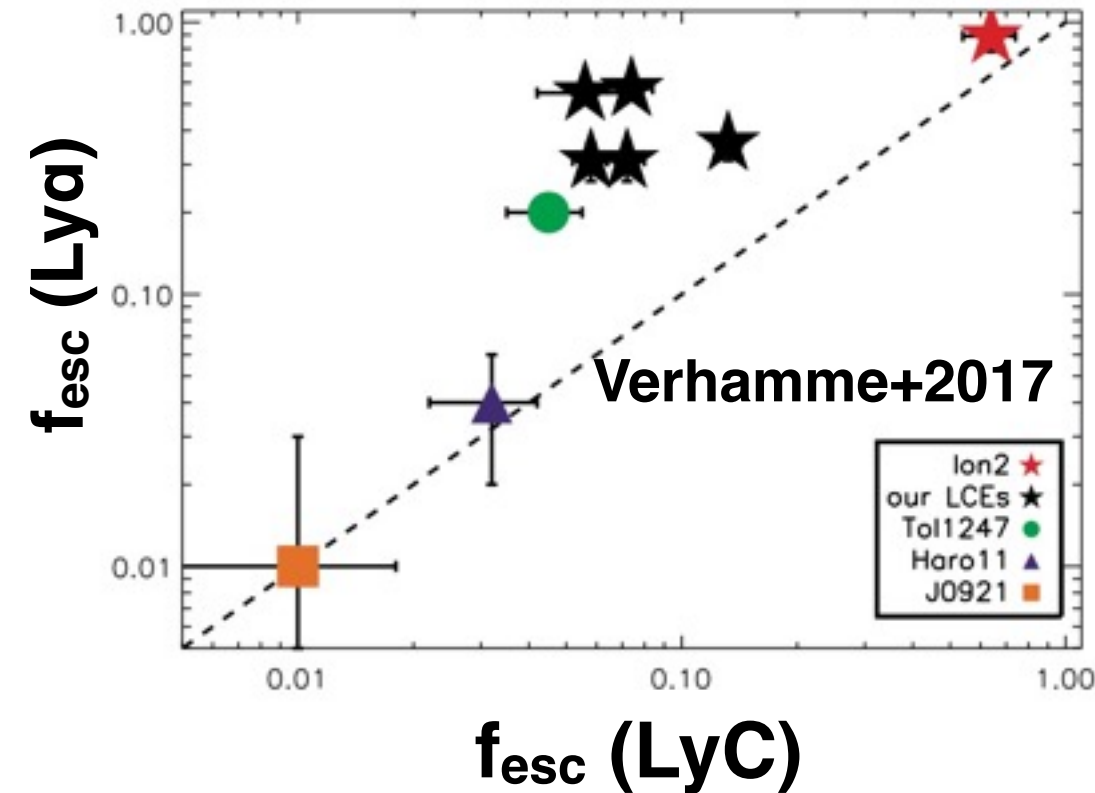
# Why should we care even more? Ly $\alpha$ -LyC connection

- Ly $\alpha$  emitters have high  $\xi_{\text{ion}}$  + steep faint-end slope + high Ly $\alpha$  escape fraction + Ly $\alpha$ -LyC connection slope suggests they are the most leaking

$z \sim 0-0.3$

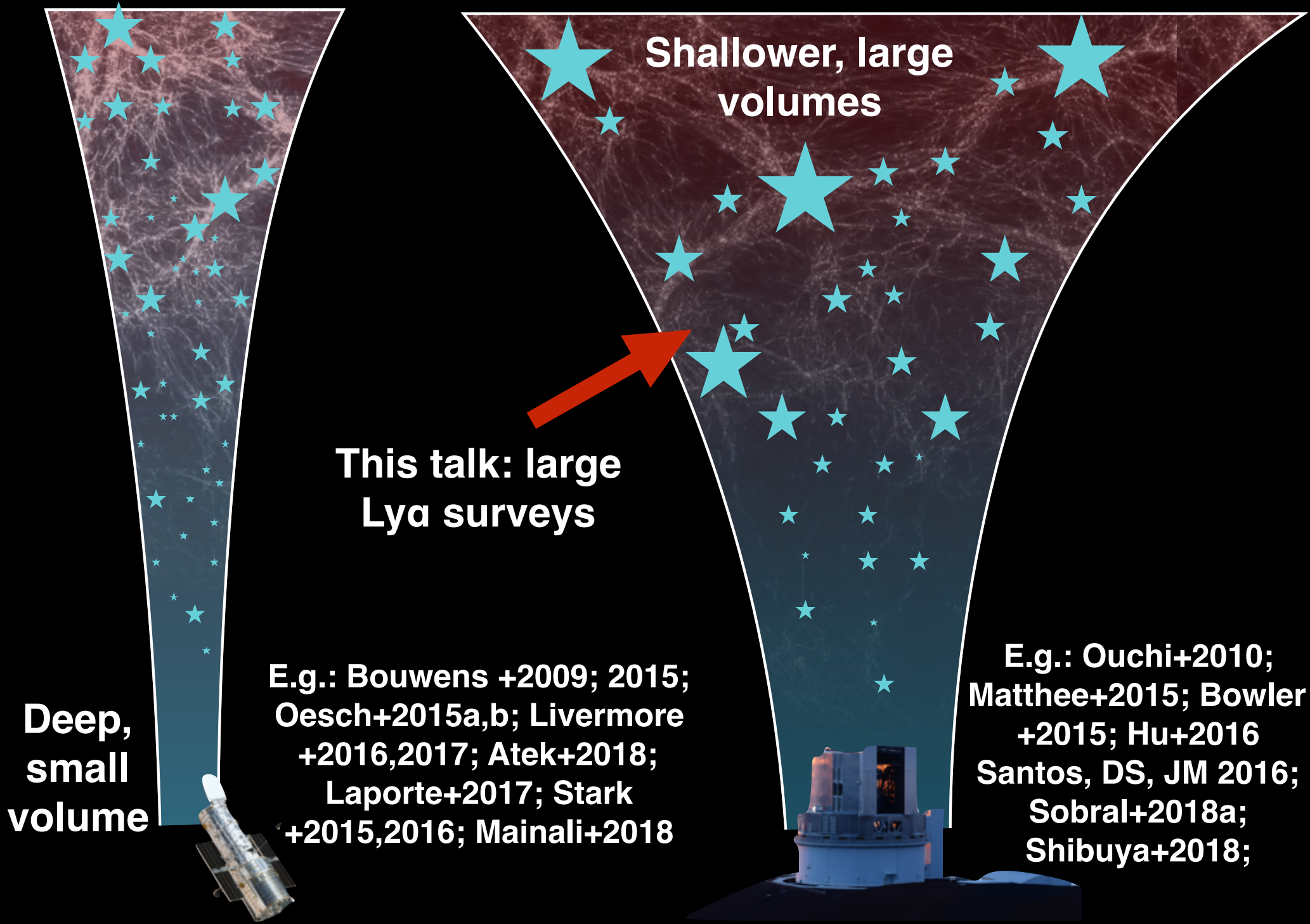
See also e.g. Fletcher+2018

Steidel+2018



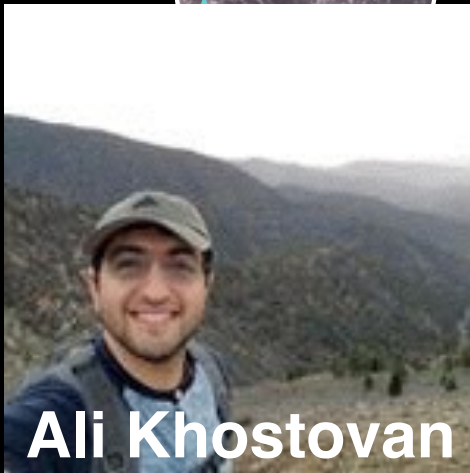
- If no Ly $\alpha$  comes out, no LyC comes out (e.g. **Steidel+2018**).
- No point in using sources which are not emitting Ly $\alpha$ . Focus on LAE population is therefore obvious + easy to link with selection of populations

# TWO COMPLEMENTARY STRATEGIES TO FIND DISTANT GALAXIES



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**IAU PhD Prize Winner 2018**  
**Best Leiden 2018 PhD Science thesis**



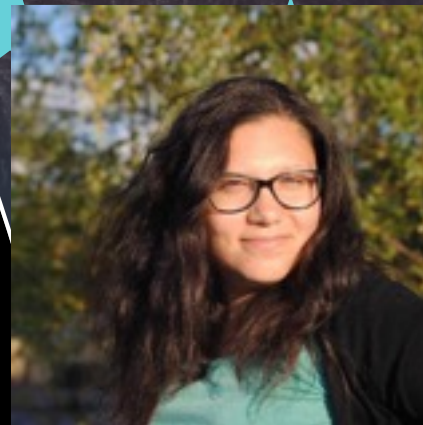
**Ali Khostovan**

**Jorryt  
Matthee**



**See Jorryt's  
talk tomorrow**

**Ana Paulino-  
Afonso**



**Sérgio Santos**

**E.g.: Ouchi+2010;  
Matthee+2015; Bowler  
+2015; Hu+2016  
Santos, DS, JM 2016;  
Sobral+2018a;  
Shibuya+2018;**



**João Calhau**

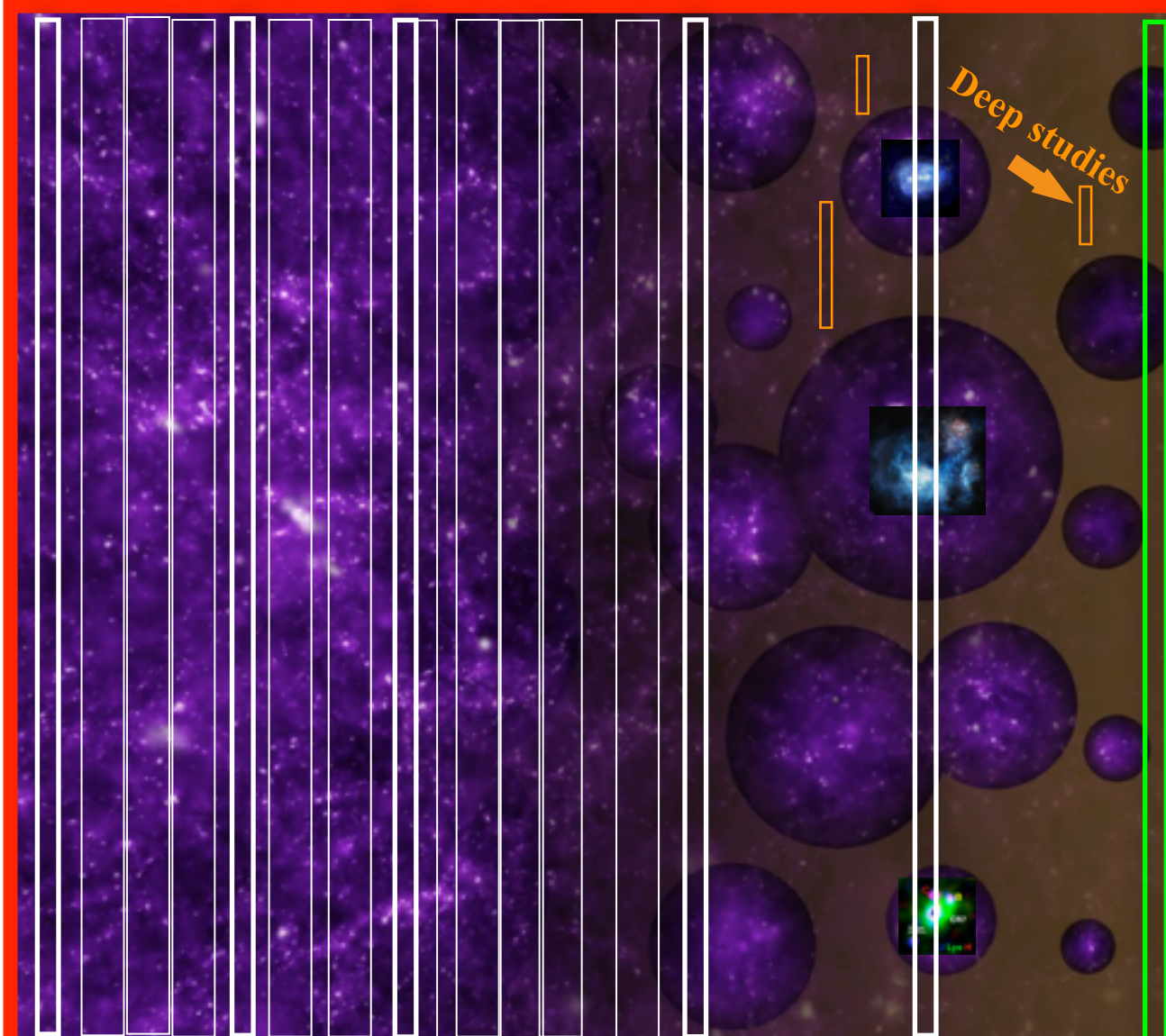




# Our approach: $>10^6 \text{ Mpc}^3$ ( $\sim 10 \text{ deg}^2$ ) Ly $\alpha$ slices

- 18 narrow and medium-bands select redshifted Ly $\alpha$  emission from  $z \sim 2$  to  $z \sim 8$

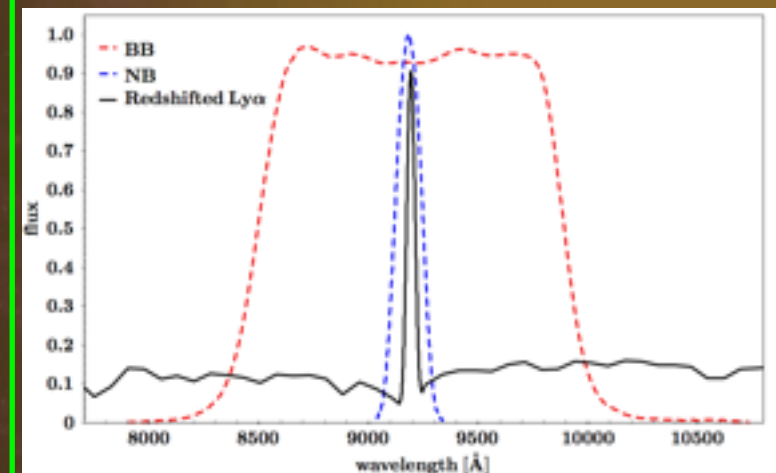
$z=2.2$     $z=3.1$     $z=4.8$     $z=5.7$     $z=6.6$     $z=7.7$



- Fields: COSMOS, UDS, SA22, Bootes, GOODS-N
- Down to  $0.3L^*$  in Ly $\alpha$
- Galaxies as faint as  $J \sim 25-26$

**Y-NBS (50 hrs VLT/HAWKI -  
PI: Sobral)**

At  $z=2.2$  complemented with all  
major rest-frame optical lines

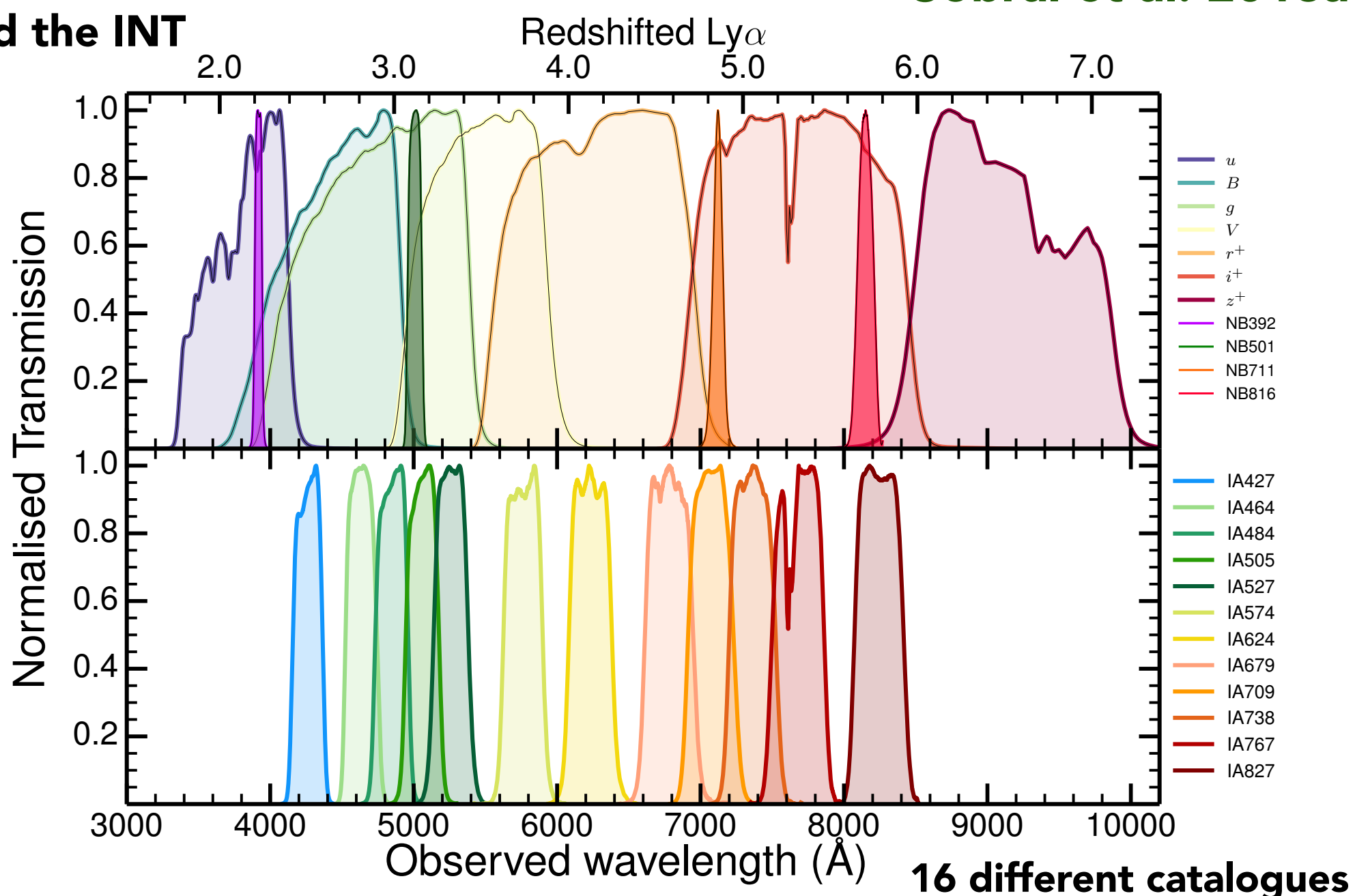




# Slicing COSMOS with SC4K: low-cost IFU from $z \sim 2$ to $z \sim 6$

16 narrow and medium filters on Subaru and the INT

Sobral et al. 2018a

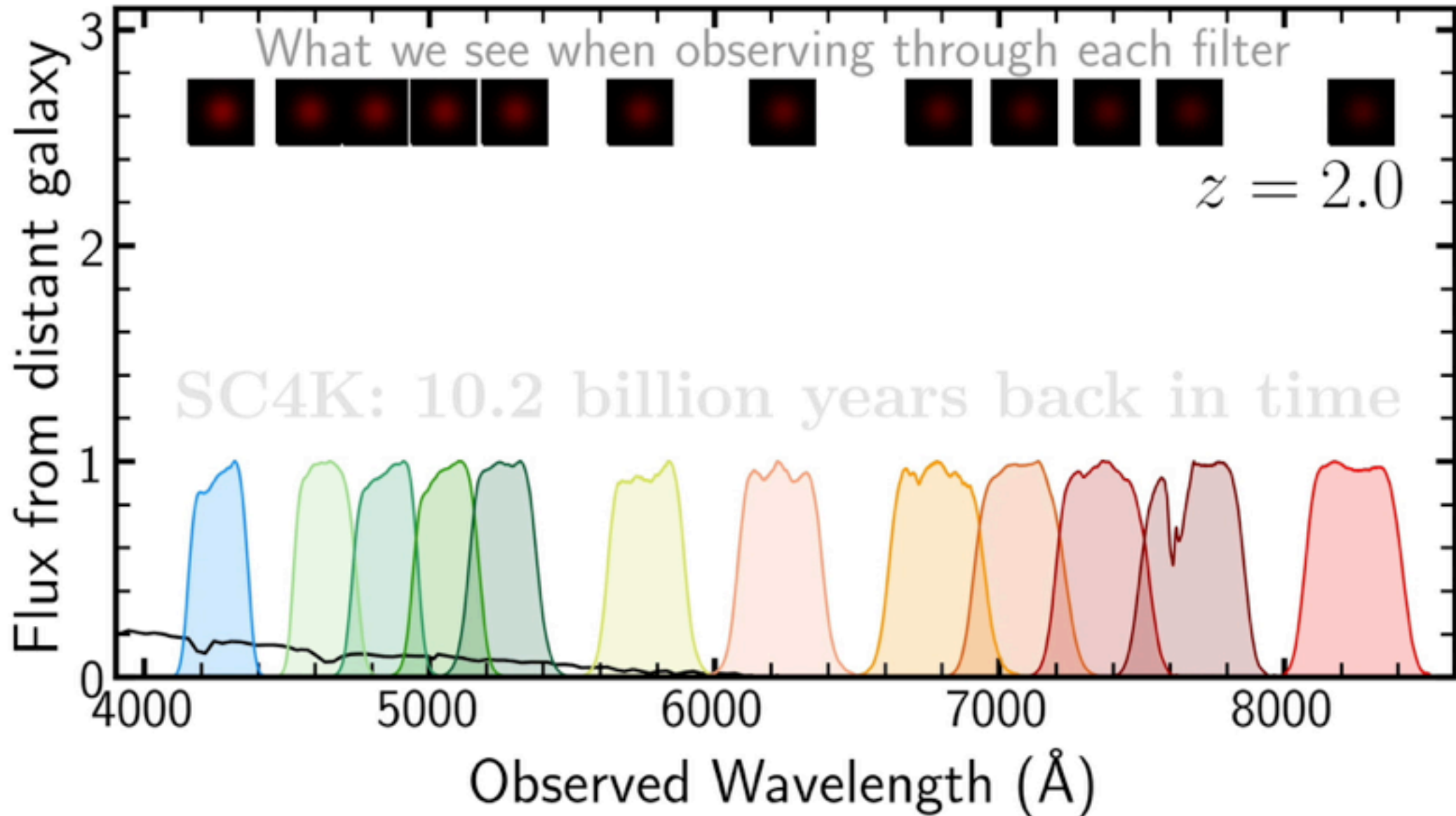


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**16 different catalogues**



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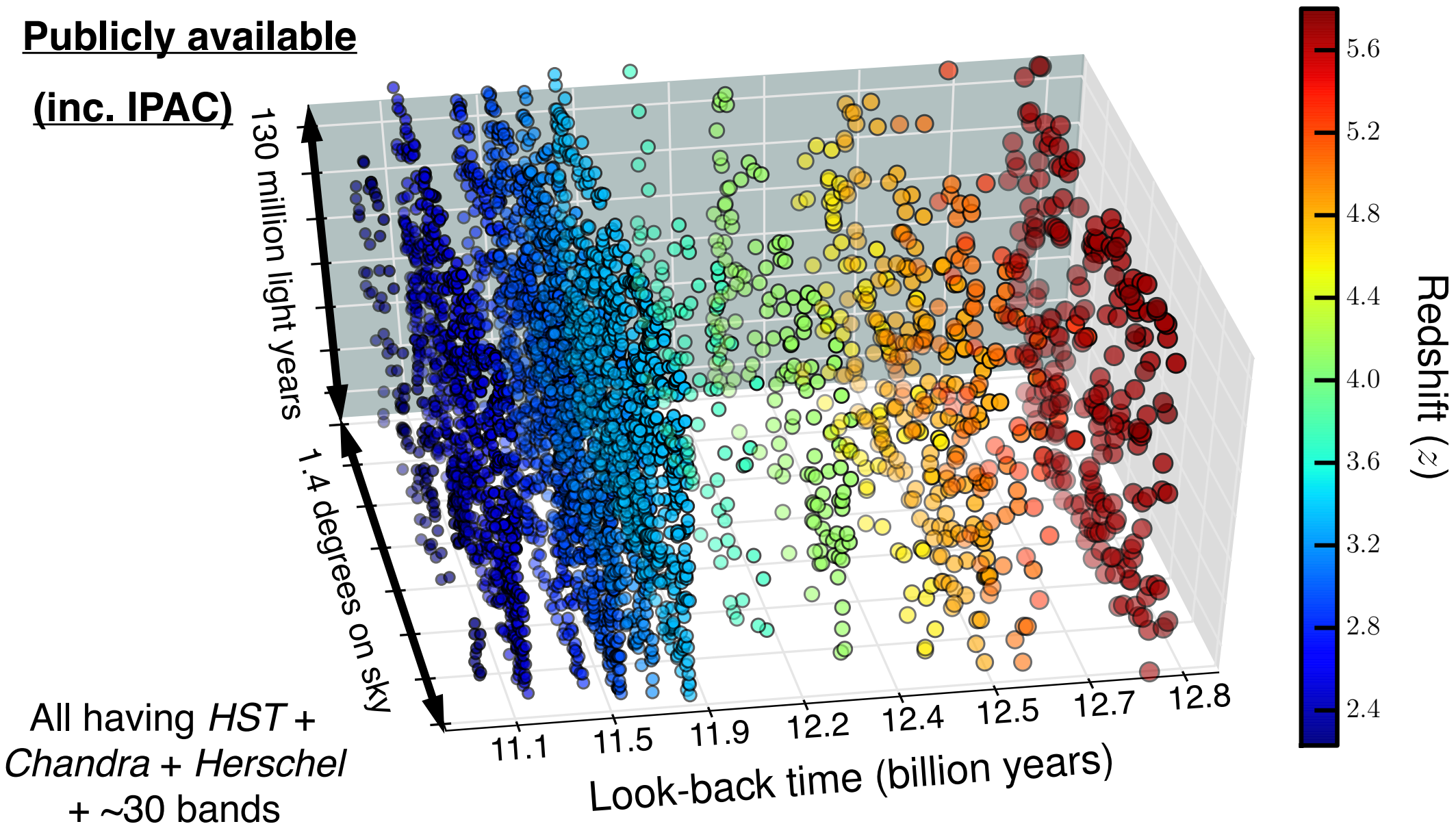
16 narrow/medium bands  $\Rightarrow$   $\sim 4000$  Ly $\alpha$  emitters:  $2 < z < 6$  in the **COSMOS** field

**Complementary to MUSE: 2 deg<sup>2</sup>**

[Sobral+18a, MNRAS, 476, 4725](#)

**Publicly available**

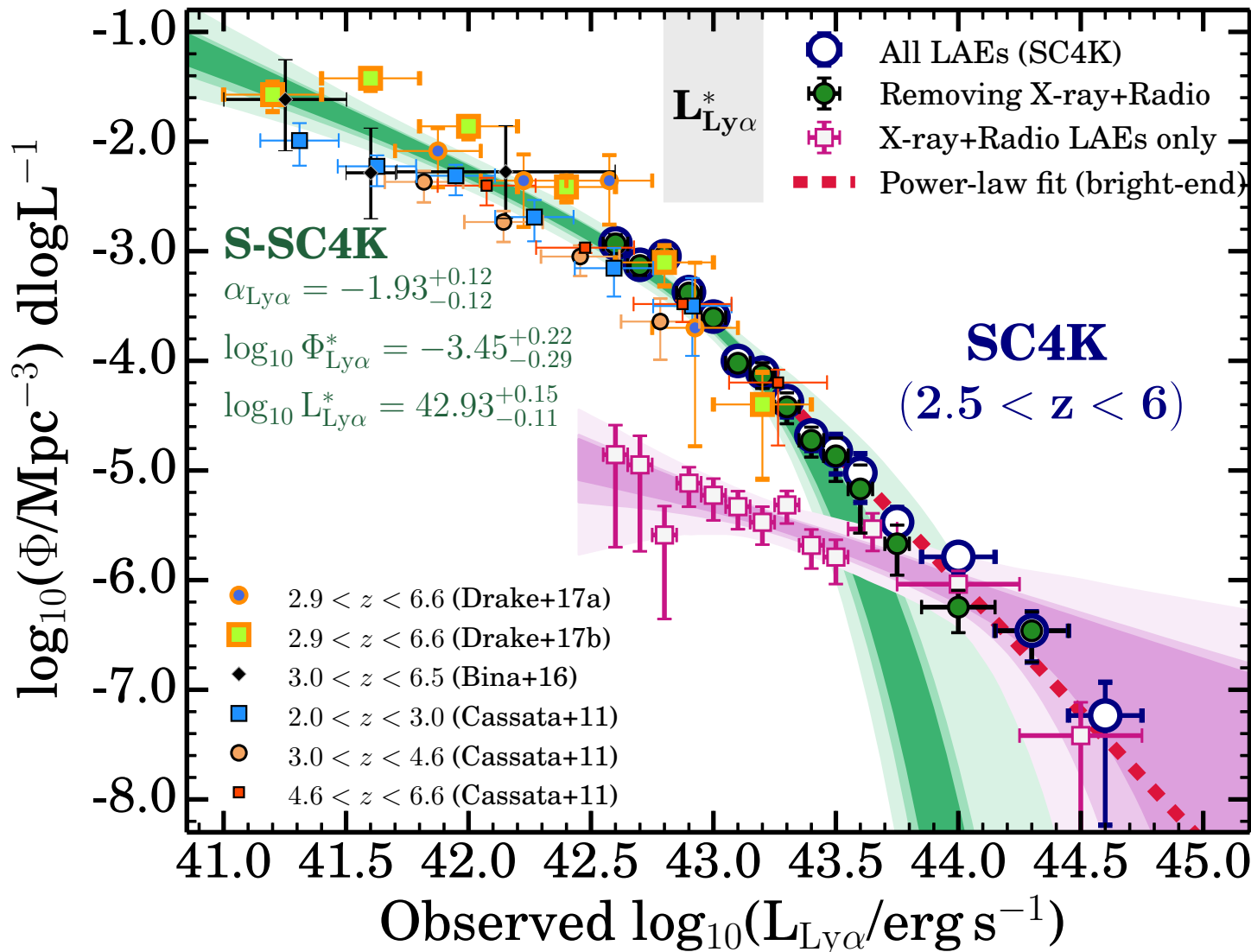
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# The global Ly $\alpha$ luminosity function at $z \sim 2-6$ : consensus

**Steep faint-end slope:  $\alpha \sim -2$ .**

**Sobral+18a, MNRAS, 476, 4725**



SC4K co-moving  
volume:  $\sim 10^8 \text{ Mpc}^3$

**Unique synergy:**  
MUSE ultra-deep  
at low luminosities  
+ SC4K: 4 orders  
of magnitude!

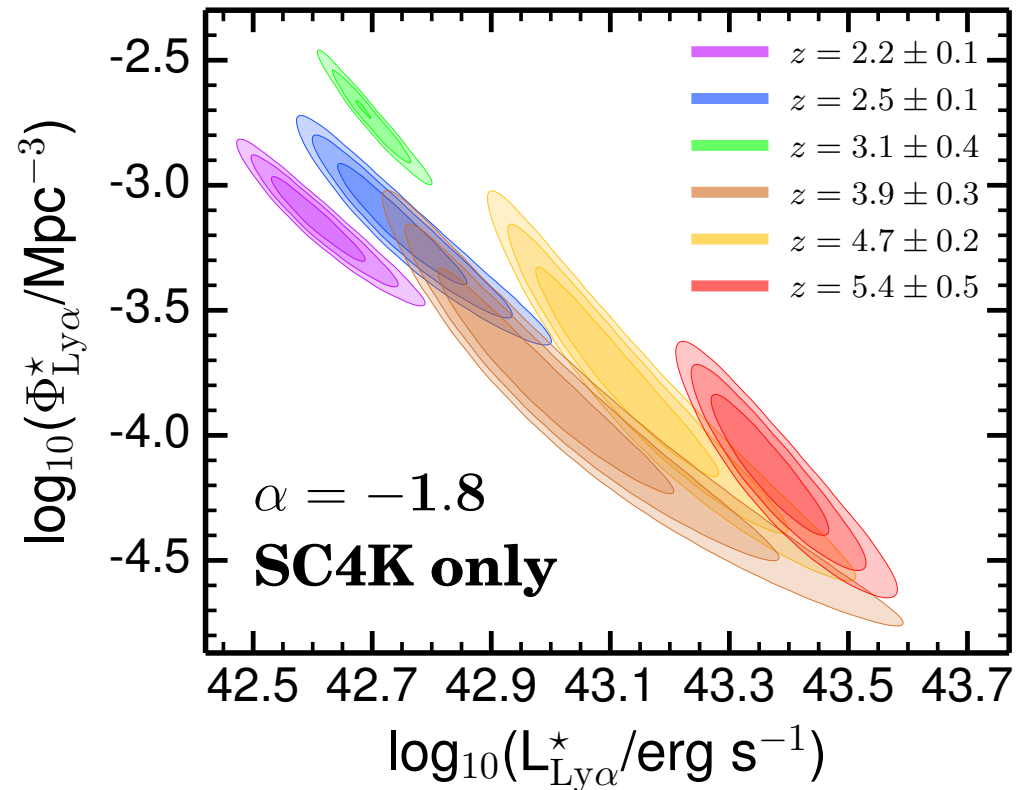
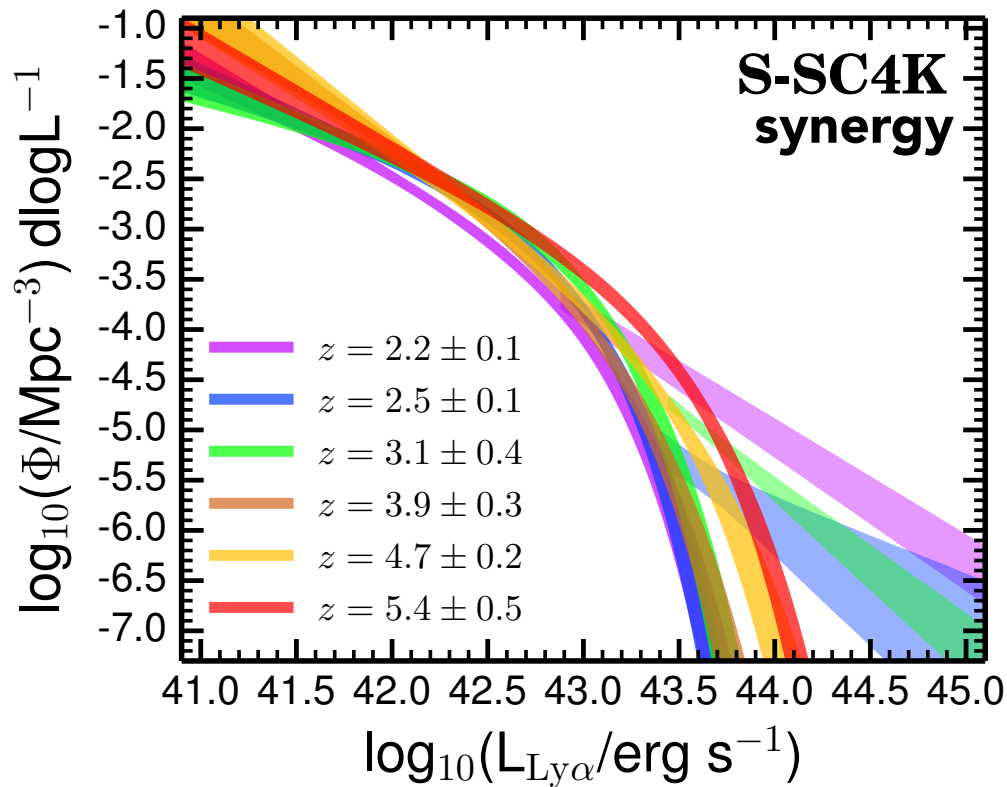
See also: Drake+2017a,b; Dressler+2015; Santos, DS & JM 2016; Konno+2016.



# Evolution of the Ly $\alpha$ luminosity function $z \sim 2-6$ : census

See full redshift by redshift evolution + literature comparison in

**Sobral+18a, MNRAS, 476, 4725**



**Steep faint-end slope:  $\alpha \sim -1.7$  to  $\alpha \sim -2.3$**

**$L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}^*$  rises** by a **factor of  $\sim 5$**  from  $z \sim 2$  to  $z \sim 6$

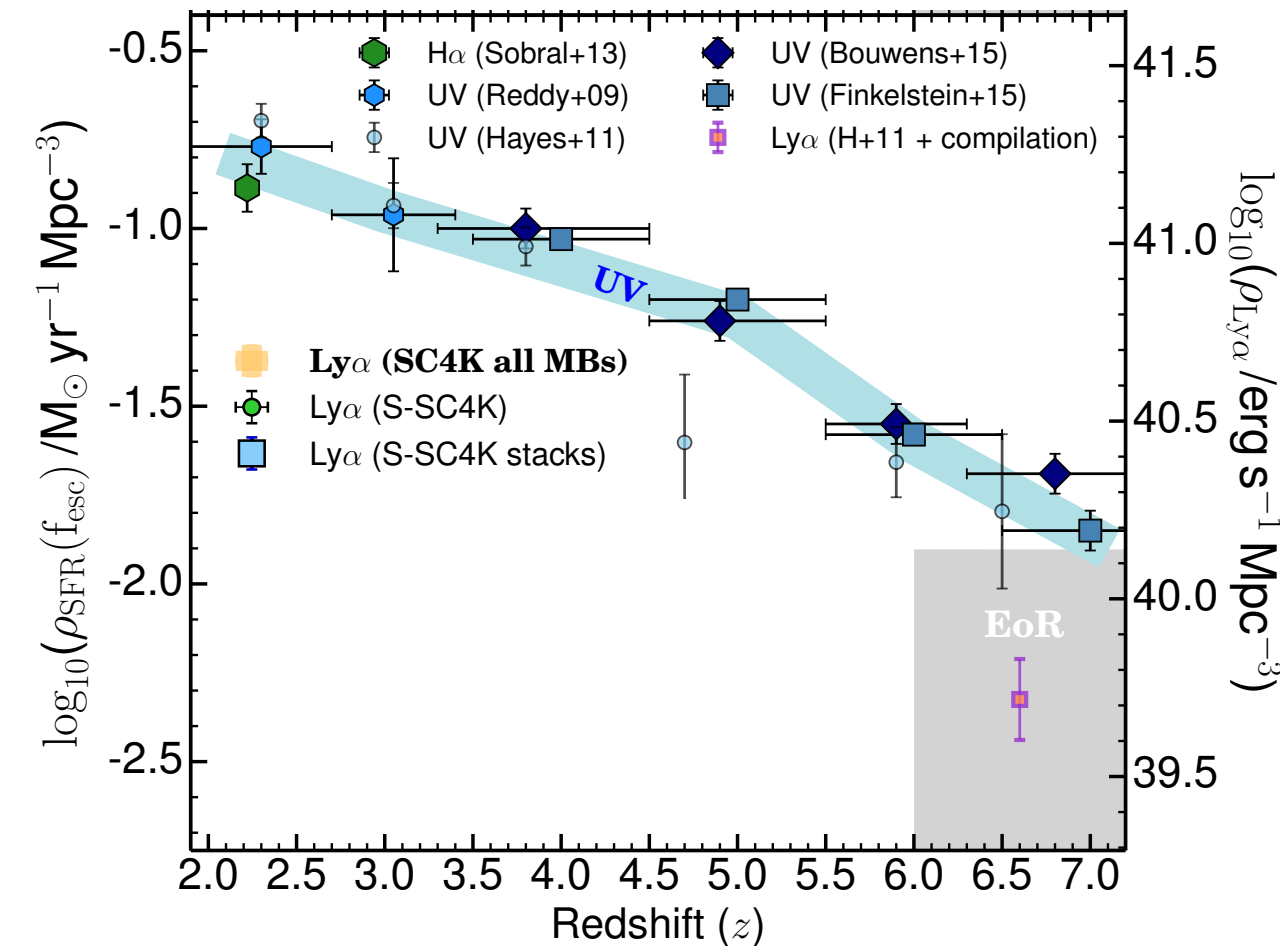
**$\Phi_{\text{Ly}\alpha}^*$  declines** by a **factor of  $\sim 7$**  from  $z \sim 2$  to  $z \sim 6$

See full **S-SC4K synergy compilation**  
in Sobral+18a; arXiv:  
1712.04451

# UV luminosity density drops quickly with redshift

- UV luminosity density declines: what about Ly $\alpha$ ?

Sobral+18a, MNRAS, 476, 4725



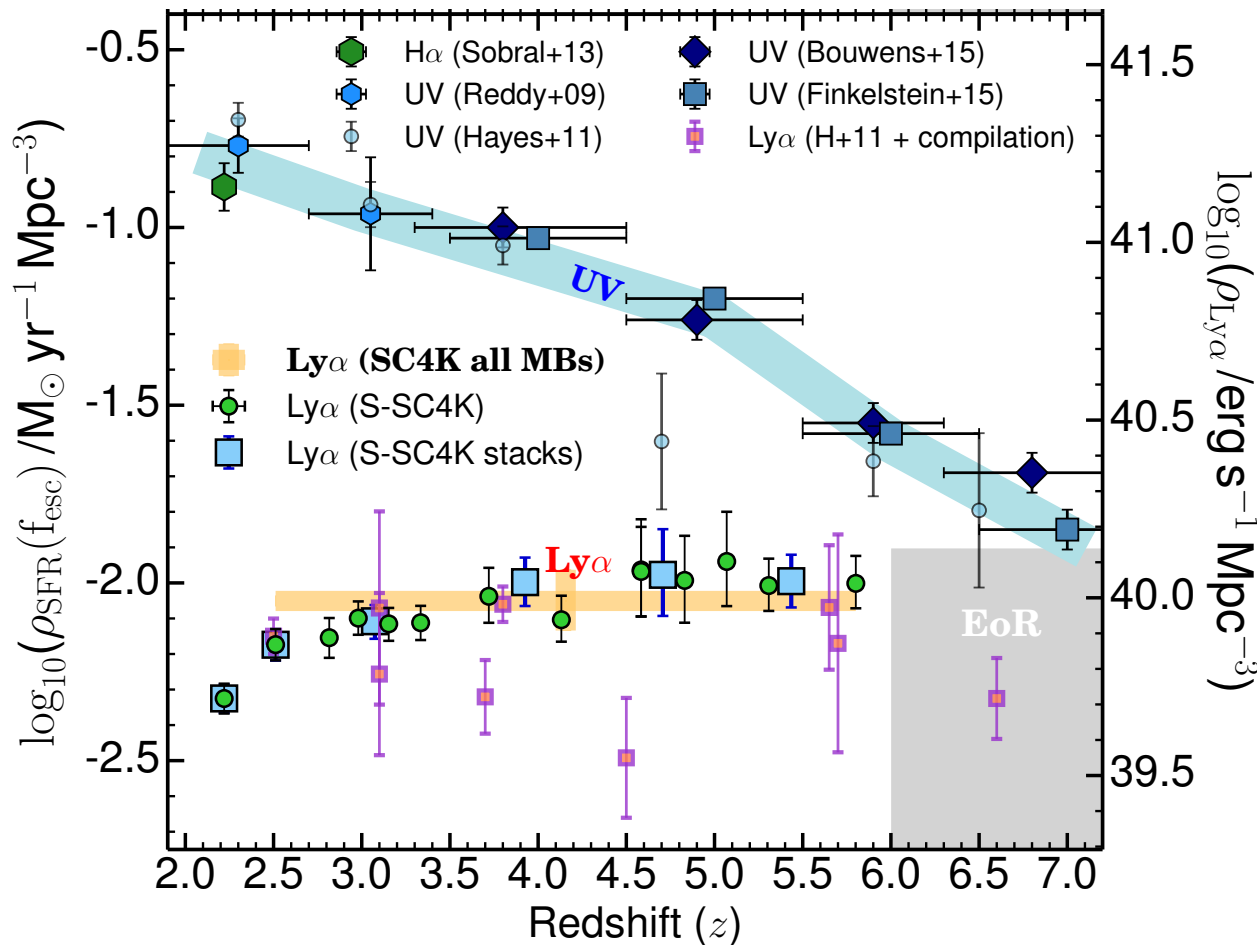
**See also:** Hayes et al. 2011; Konno+2016,2018; Stark+2017; Zheng+2017; Santos+2016; Matthee+2015, 2017a

# More Lyman- $\alpha$ per UV luminosity density at higher redshift

- Rising Ly $\alpha$  luminosity density while UV luminosity density declines.

- Younger, less dusty galaxies at higher- $z$ ?

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**Does Ly $\alpha$   $f_{\text{esc}}$  increase**  
(roughly same production  
but more escape)?

**Does  $\xi_{\text{ion}}$  increase** (more  
production of LyC/UV)?

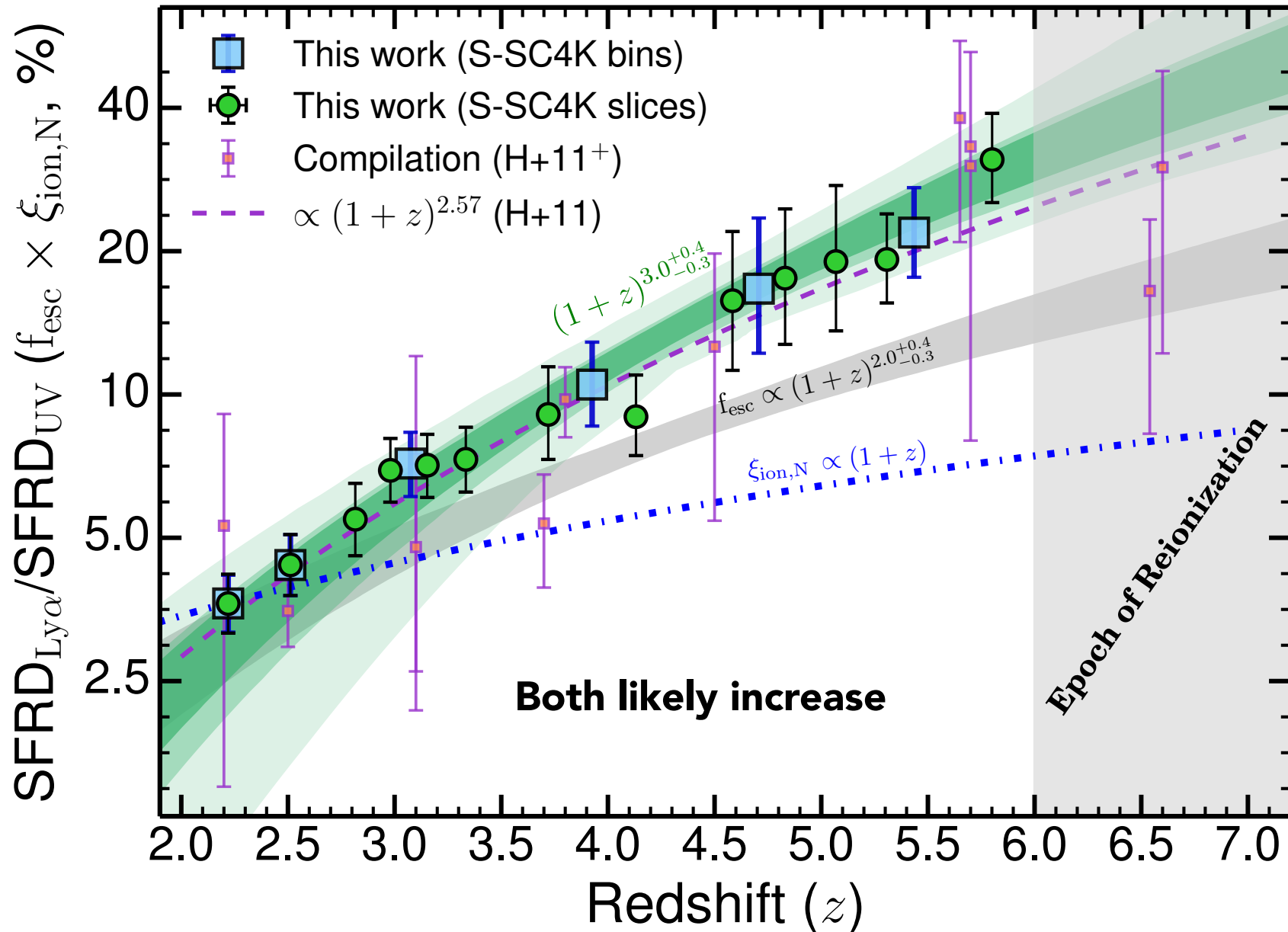
Do both increase?

**See also:** Hayes et al. 2011; Konno+2016,2018; Stark+2017; Zheng+2017;  
Santos+2016; Matthee+2015, 2017a

# More Ly $\alpha$ /UV at higher redshift: what does it mean physically?

**LyC/UV production increases** by a **factor of ~2**  
**Cosmic Ly $\alpha$   $f_{\text{esc}}$  increases** by a **factor of ~4**

See full details in:  
[\*\*Sobral+18a, MNRAS, 476, 4725\*\*](#)



# High-z galaxies have **high EWs, typical of LAEs**

Imply very high ionisation parameters, low metallicities + “extreme” stellar populations

What does that mean for **galaxies as a whole?**

What does that mean for **LAEs?**

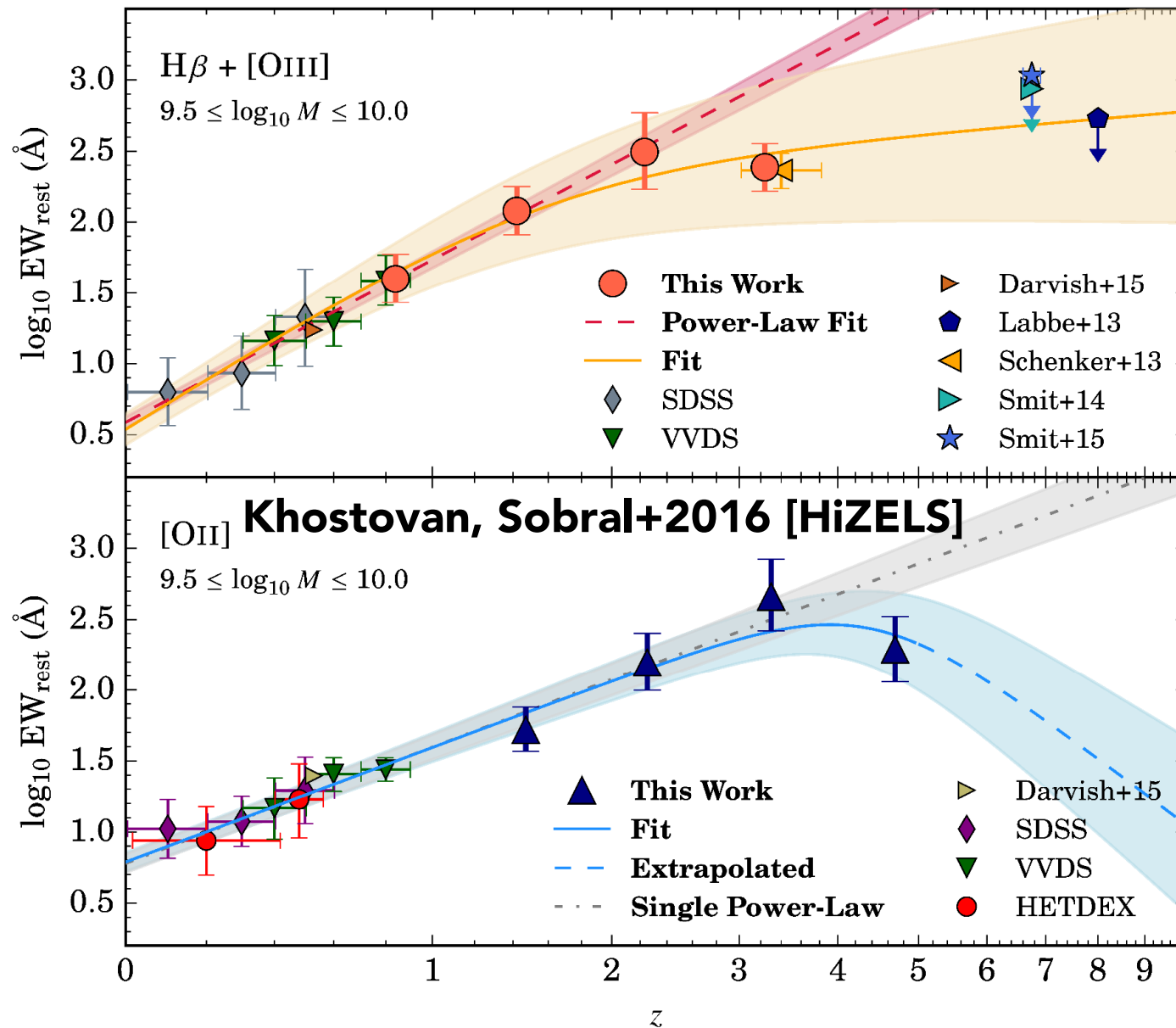
**Khostovan, Sobral+2016 [HiZELS]**

**See also:** Fumagalli+12;  
Sobral+14; Smit+14;  
Marmol-Queralto+15;  
Nakajima+16,18; Holden+16;  
de Barros+16; Stark+16;



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**At low redshift the analogues (blueberries, green-peas etc) are super-rare ( $\sim 10^{-8} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$ ):**  
Izotov+2016; Borthakur+;  
Schaerer+16; Yang+17,18

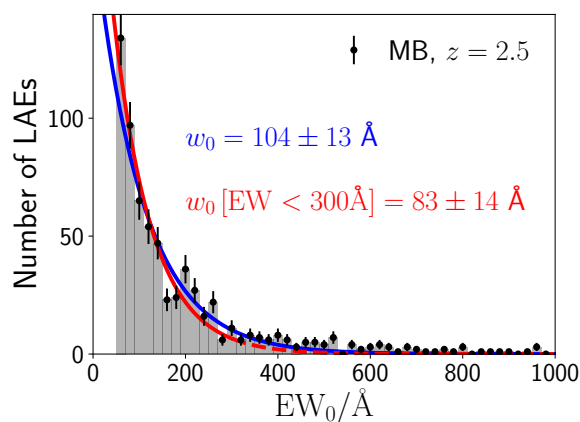
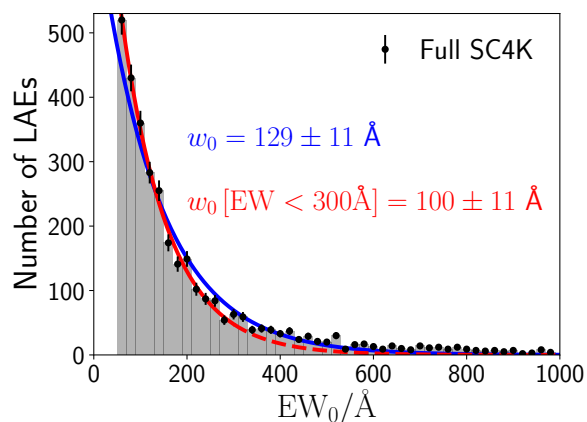
**At high redshift, most galaxies are LAE-like**

**What are their (stellar) metallicities/abundances?**

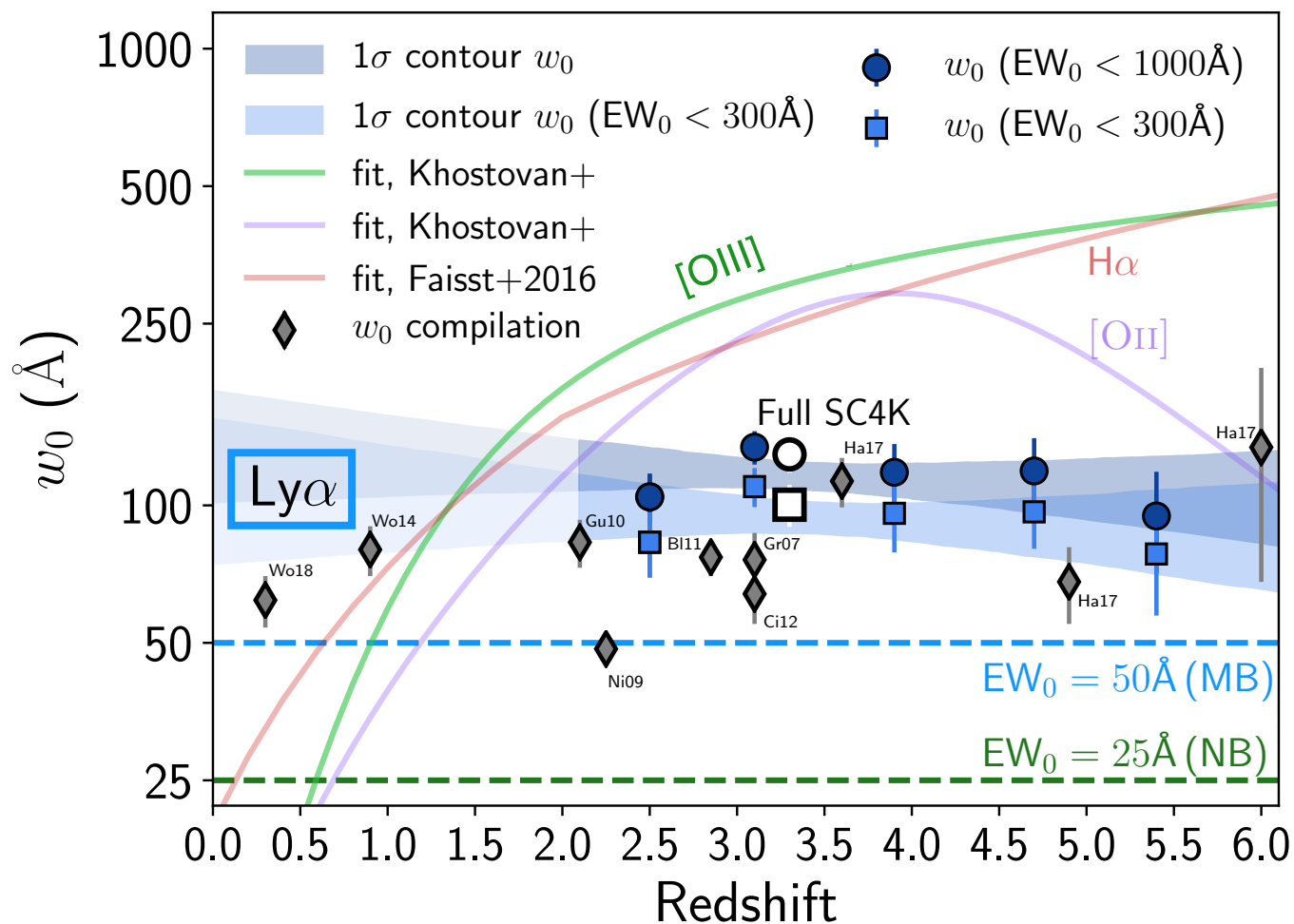
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# EW<sub>0</sub> of Ly $\alpha$ selected $\sim$ constant across redshift

Santos, Sobral et al. in prep.

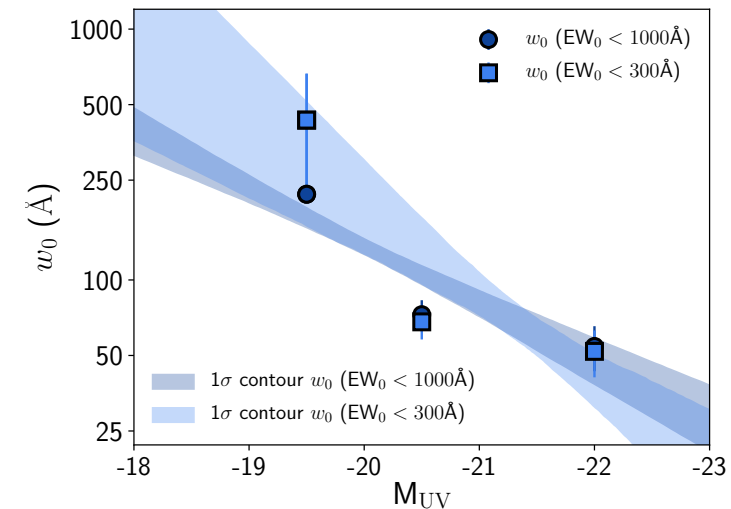
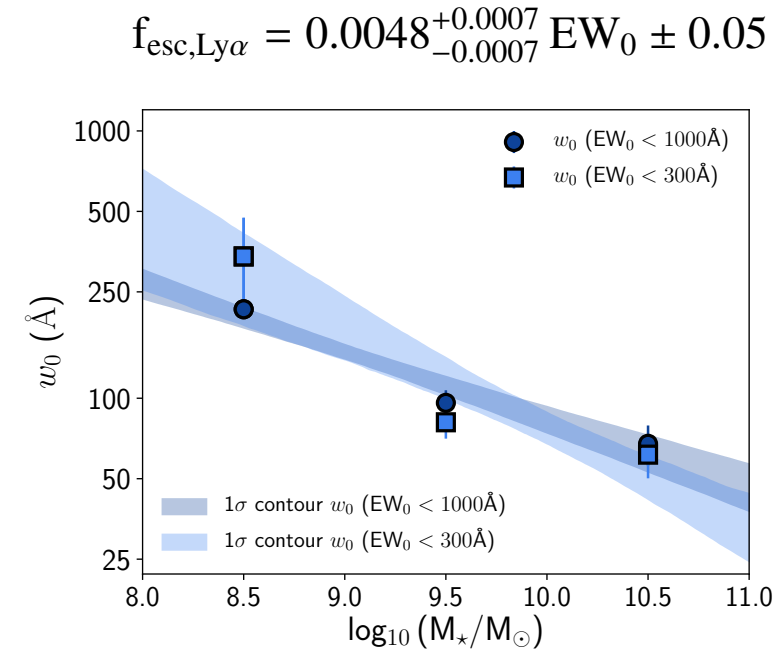
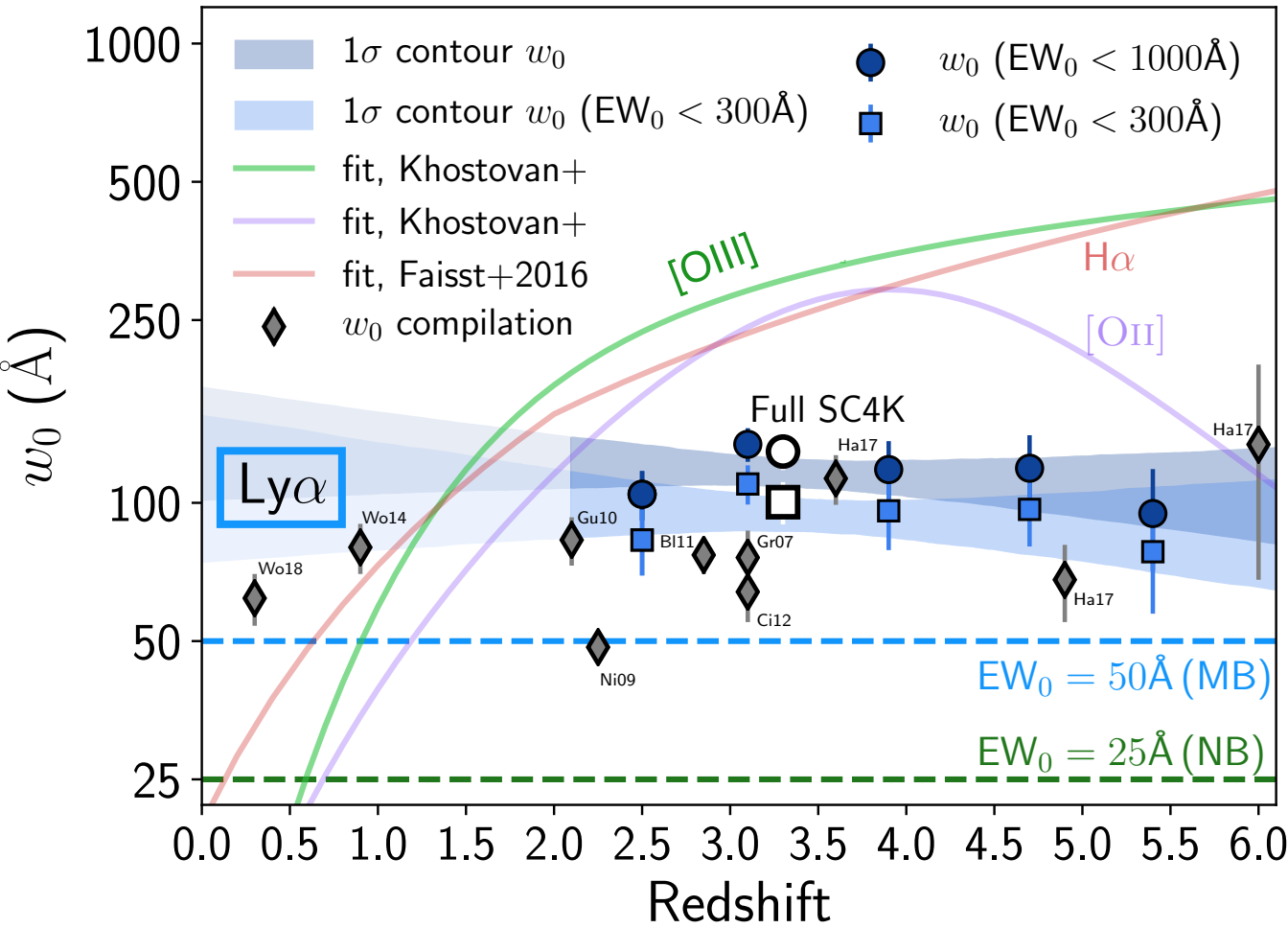


$$f_{\text{esc, Ly}\alpha} = 0.0048^{+0.0007}_{-0.0007} EW_0 \pm 0.05$$



# EW<sub>0</sub> of Ly $\alpha$ selected ~constant across redshift

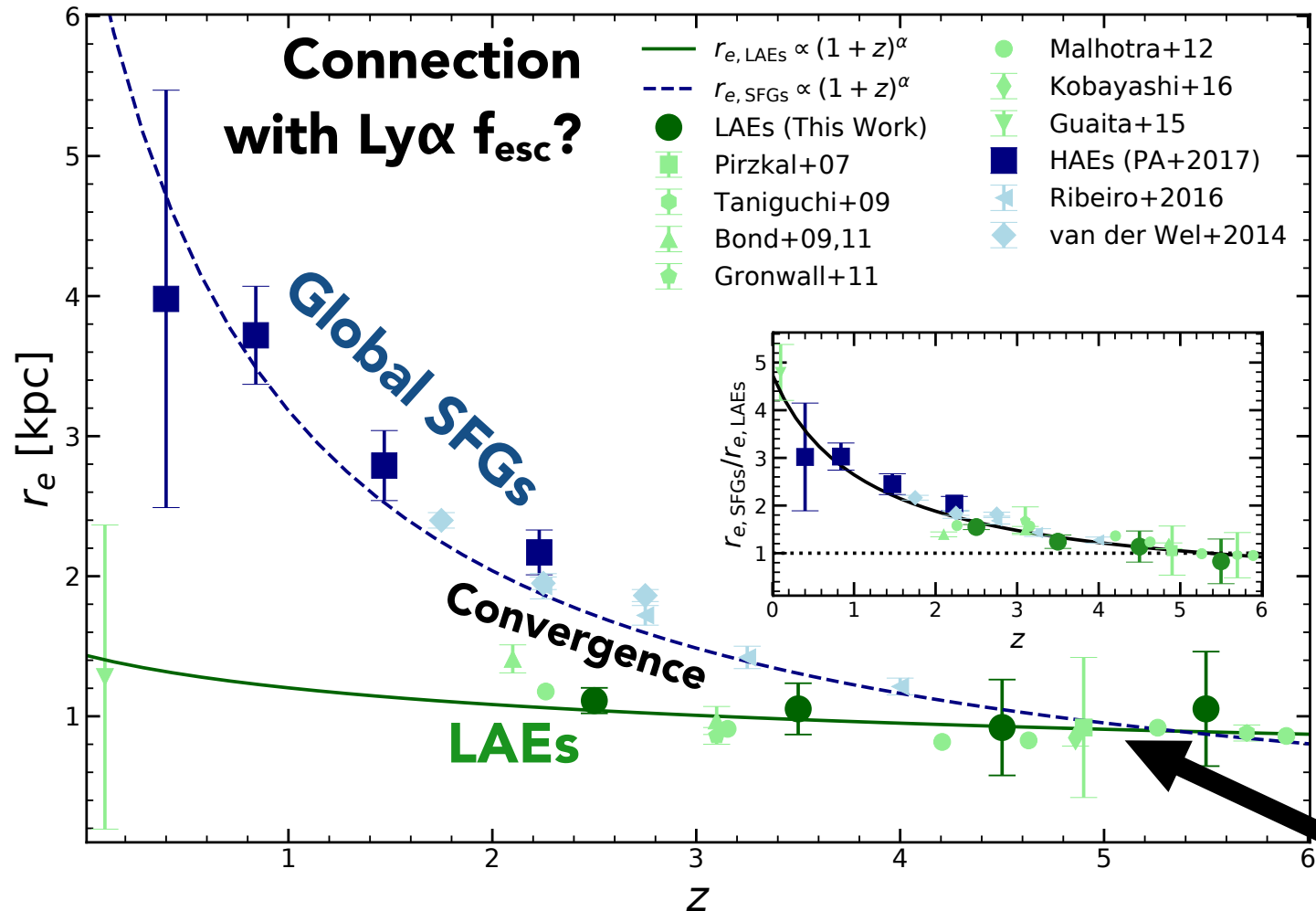
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# Sizes of SFGs converge to the LAE-like at high- $z$ : 1kpc

On the UV compactness and morphologies of typical Lyman- $\alpha$  emitters from  $z \sim 2$  to  $z \sim 6$

Paulino-Afonso, Sobral+2018a, MNRAS, 476, 5479



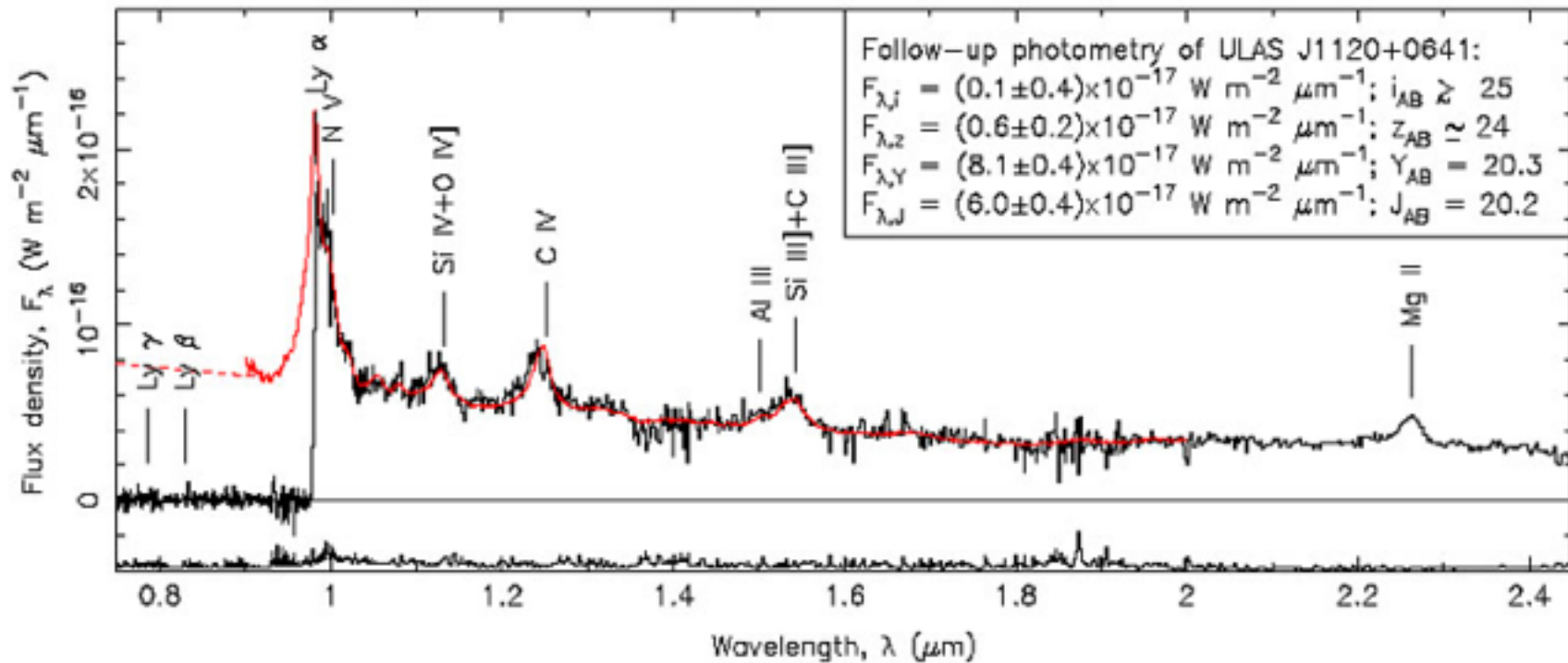
**Typical SFG  
is a LAE**

**Ly $\alpha$  emitters always small/compact across time ( $\sim 1$  kpc)**

# Not just star formation of course: AGN as well!

- Quasars are some of the brightest Ly $\alpha$  (and line-) emitters known - searches for Ly $\alpha$  emitters can therefore find them - let's not discriminate

**$z = 7.085$ ; Mortlock et al. 2011**

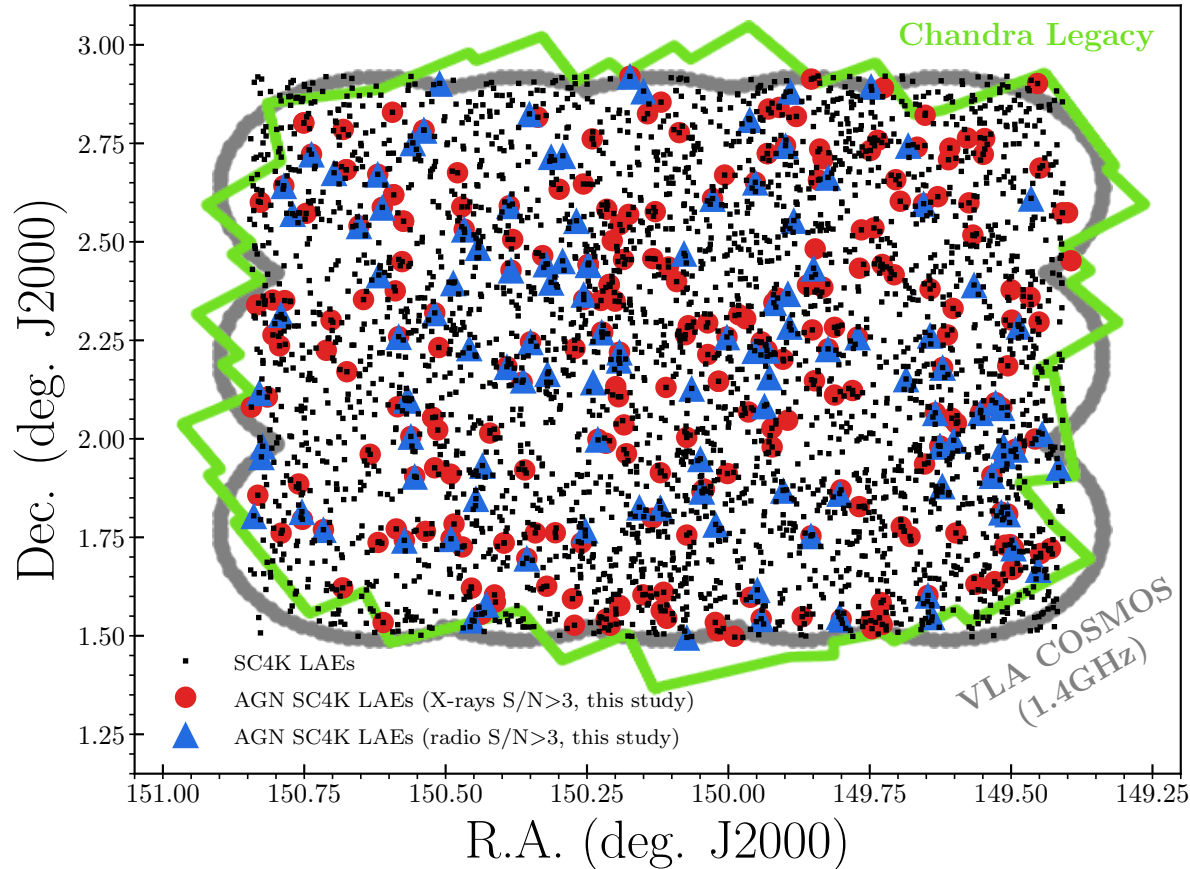


**See also:** Venemans+2013; Cantalupo+2014;  
Borisova+2016; Bañados+2016, 2018



# Identifying AGN among Ly $\alpha$ emitters in SC4K/COSMOS

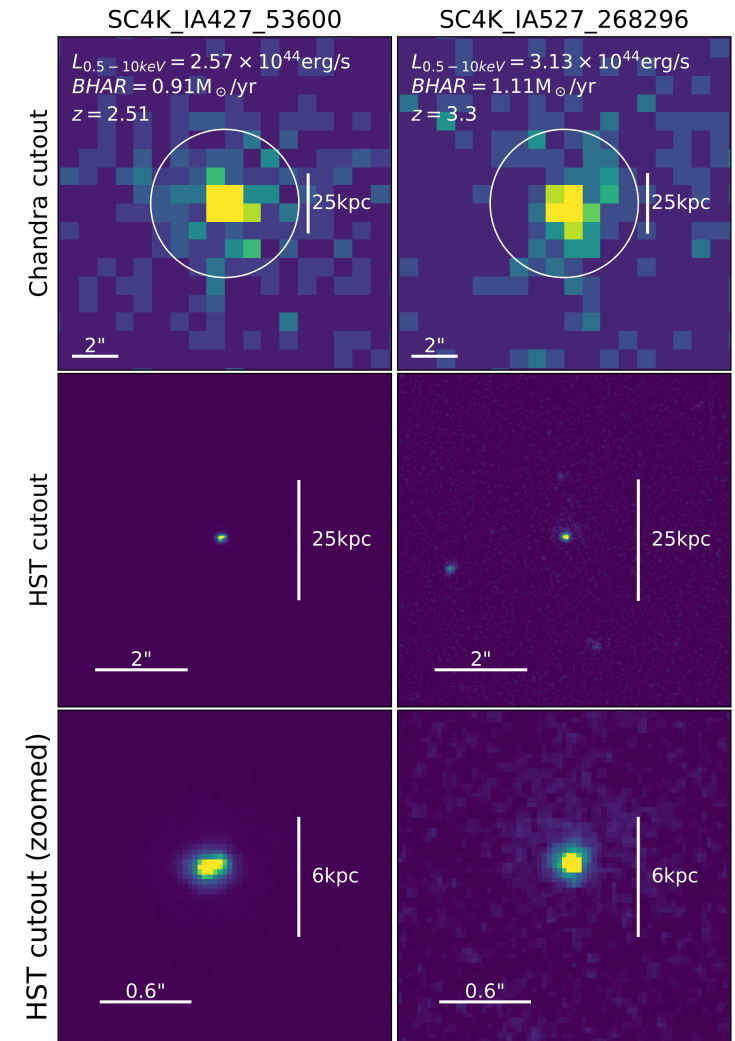
## COSMOS: *Chandra* + VLA data



**Only ~2-5% of Ly $\alpha$  emitters detected by *Chandra* in X-rays 254 sources.**

**Detected are luminous, rapidly accreting SMBHs**

Calhau, Sobral et al. in prep.

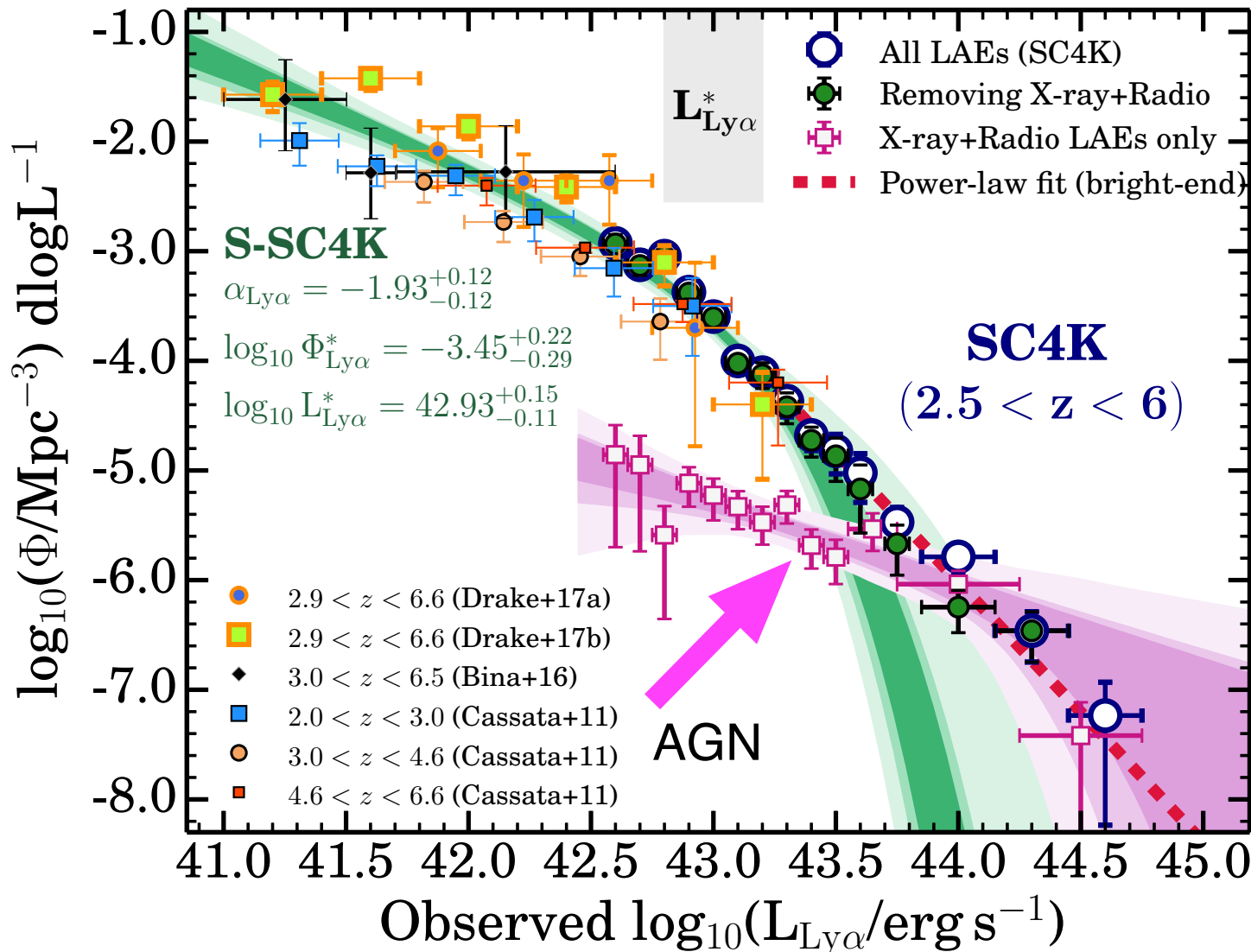


see also Cowie et al. (2010); Wold et al. (2014); Matthee et al. (2017)

# The global Ly $\alpha$ luminosity function at $z \sim 2-6$ : consensus

Bright-end falls like a  $\sim$ power-law (AGN), or shallower exponential

**Sobral+18a, MNRAS, 476, 4725**



AGN luminosity  
function: tracing  
proto-clusters

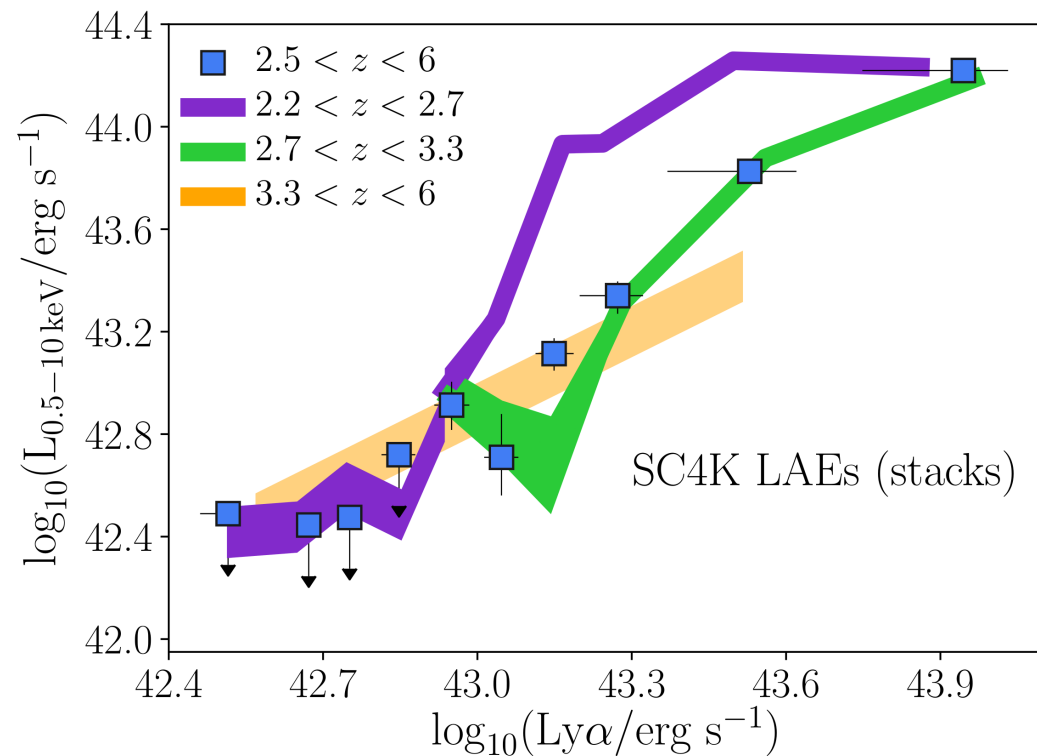
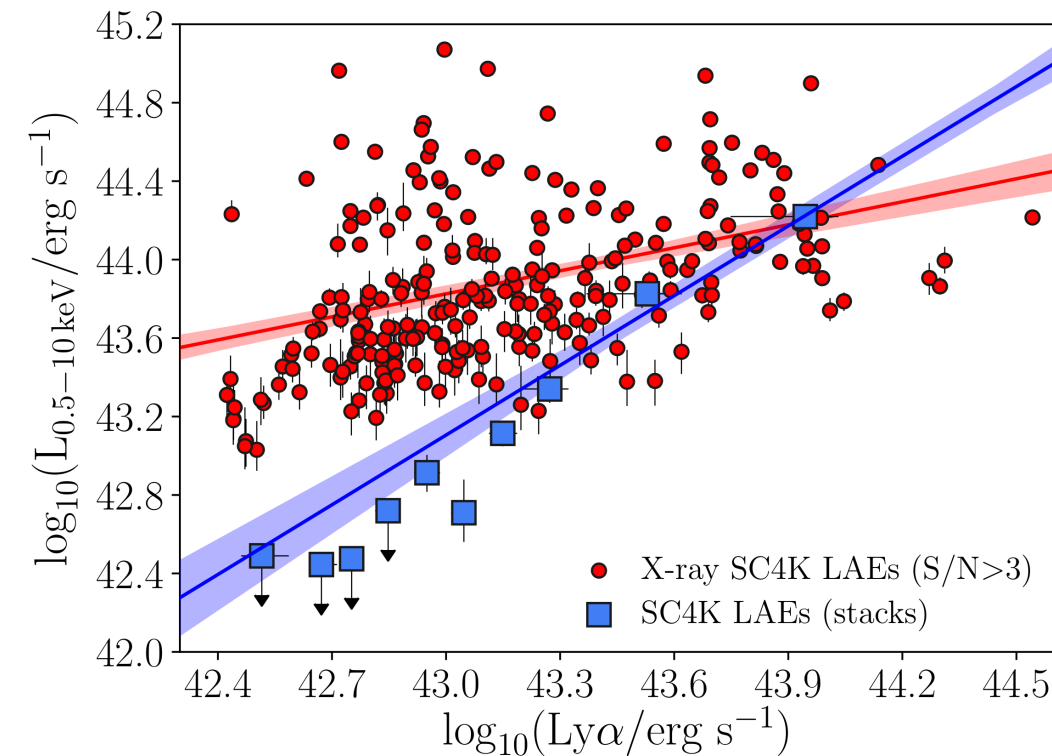
SC4K co-moving  
volume:  $\sim 10^8 \text{ Mpc}^3$

See also: **Drake+2017a,b**; Dressler+2015; Santos, DS & JM 2016; Konno+2016.

# Ly $\alpha$ luminosity tracing accretion rates/rapid SMBH growth

**Above a certain Ly $\alpha$  luminosity, Ly $\alpha$  seems to just trace black hole accretion rate: Ly $\alpha$ -L $_x$  correlation. Ly $\alpha$  becomes a super-massive black hole accretion rate estimator**

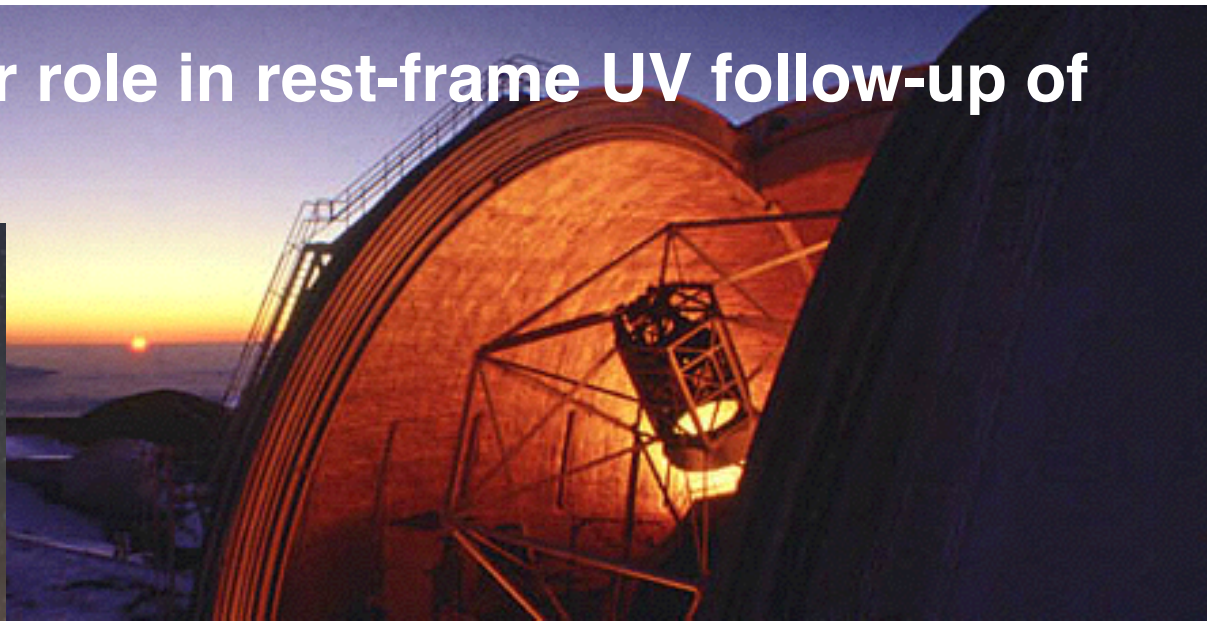
Calhau, Sobral et al. 2019



# Are we missing AGN with current deep X-ray data?

- Deep spectroscopy allows to see much lower accretion rates from likely lower mass SMBHs
- Do fainter Ly $\alpha$  emitters also contain a SMBH, but just below the detection limit?
- Spectroscopic follow-up of luminous LAEs: **Keck, VLT, WHT**

ELTs will play a major role in rest-frame UV follow-up of high-z ELGs



Sobral et al. 2018b, MNRAS, 477, 2817

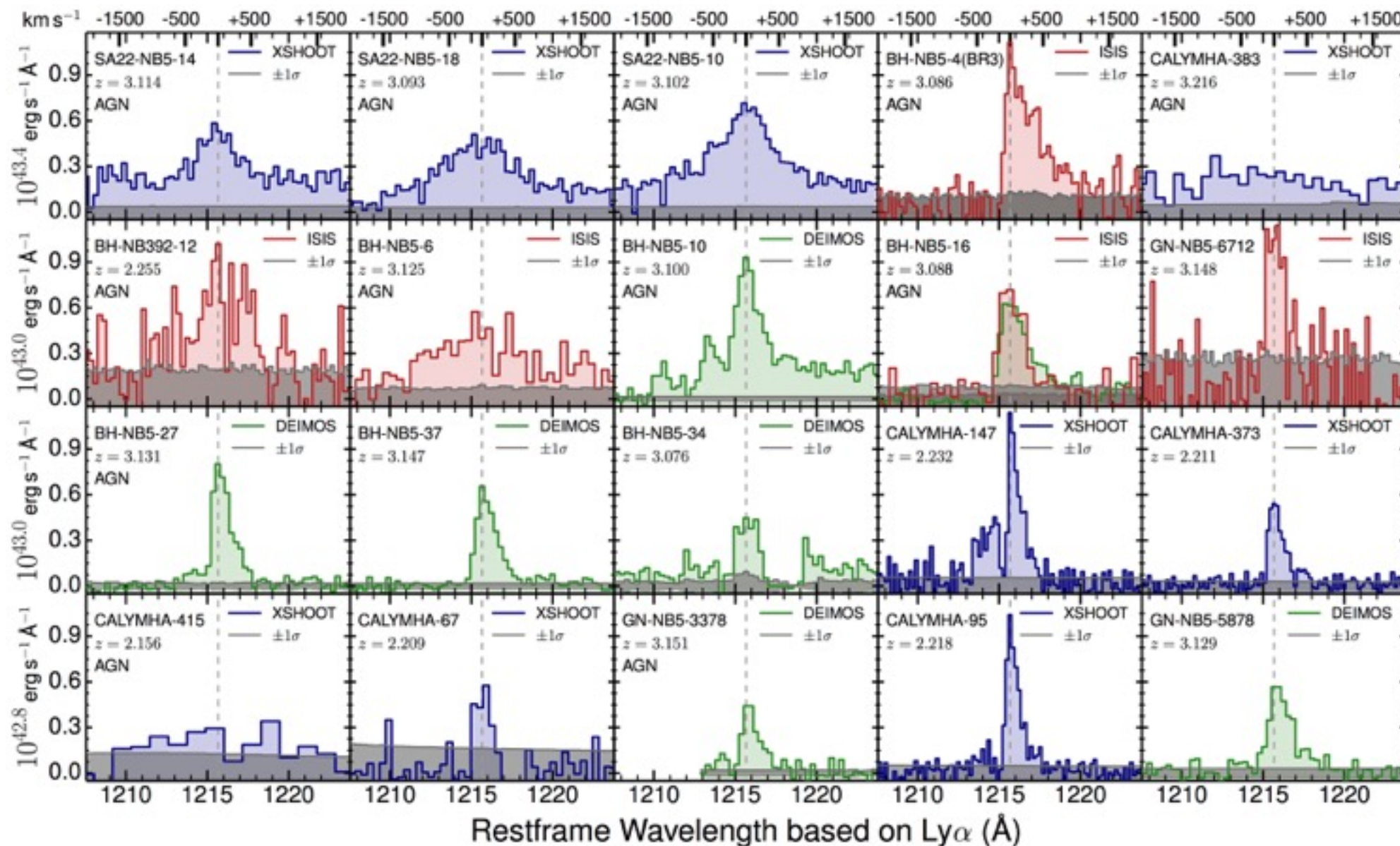


# Ly $\alpha$ FWHM: from very broad to narrow with decrease

Decreasing Ly $\alpha$  luminosity



Sobral et al. 2018b



Most AGN LAEs are not detected in X-rays (but variable data quality!)

# Identifying AGN vs metallicity effects: rest-UV

Photo-ionisation models over a wide range of params (published with):

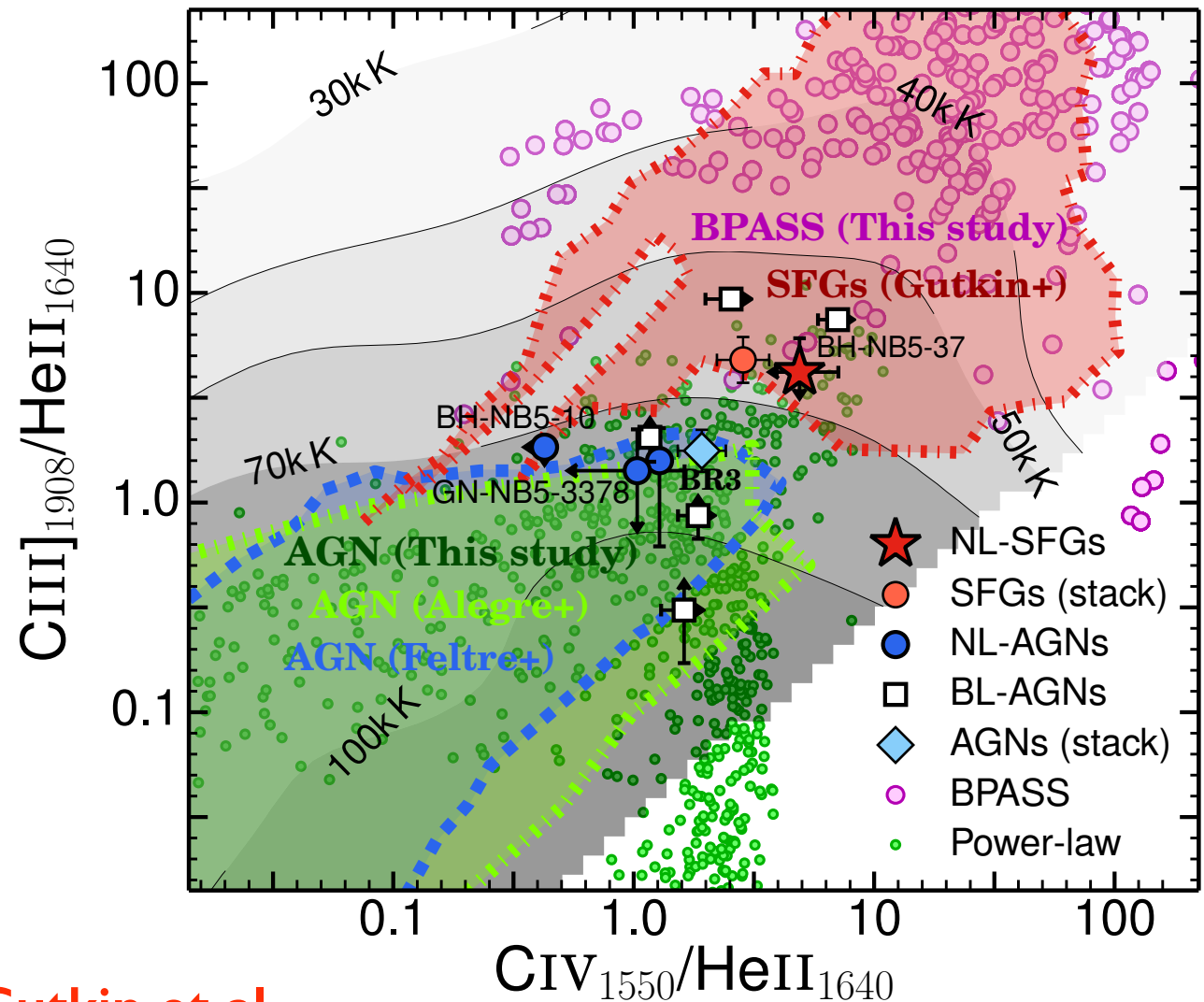
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Sobral et al. 2019a, MNRAS, 482, 2422

Identifying AGN  
activity in LAEs with  
high ionisation rest-  
frame UV lines

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Sobral et al. 2018b

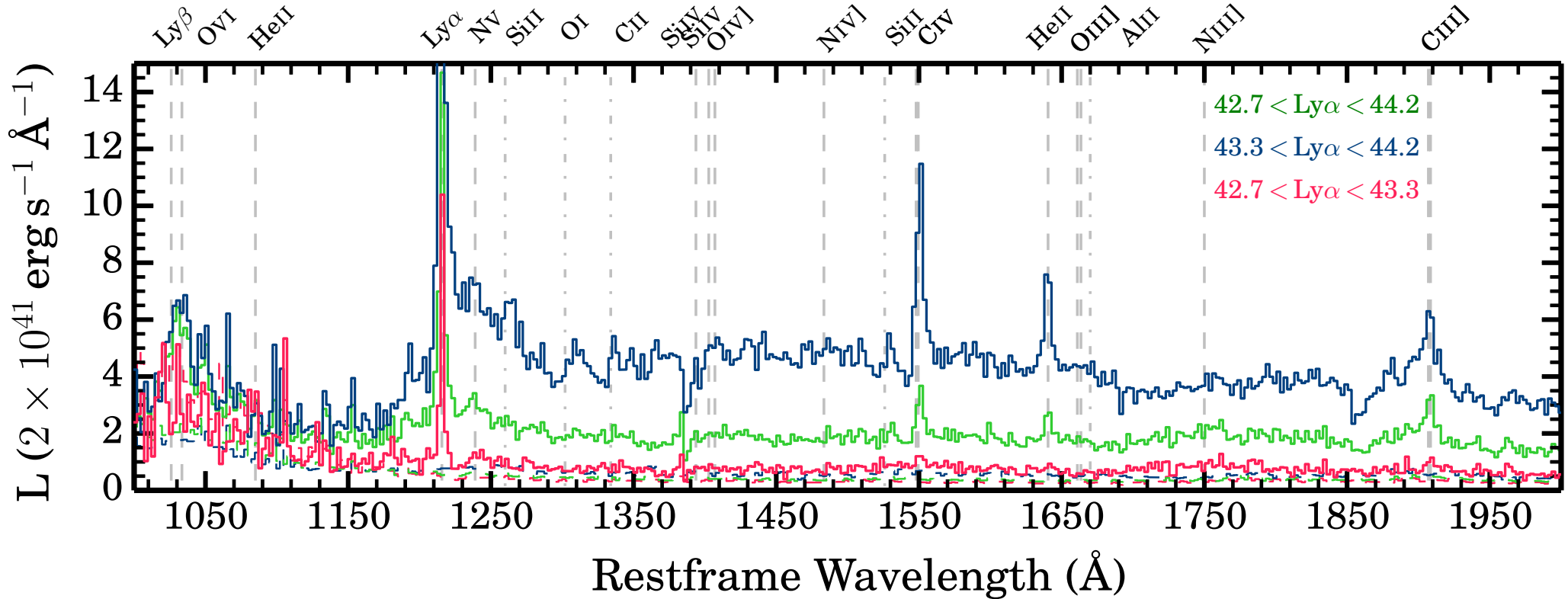


See also: Feltre et al. & Gutkin et al.

# ISM of Ly $\alpha$ shifts from metal-poor SF to metal-rich AGN

## CLOUDY photo-ionisation modelling

Sobral et al. 2018b



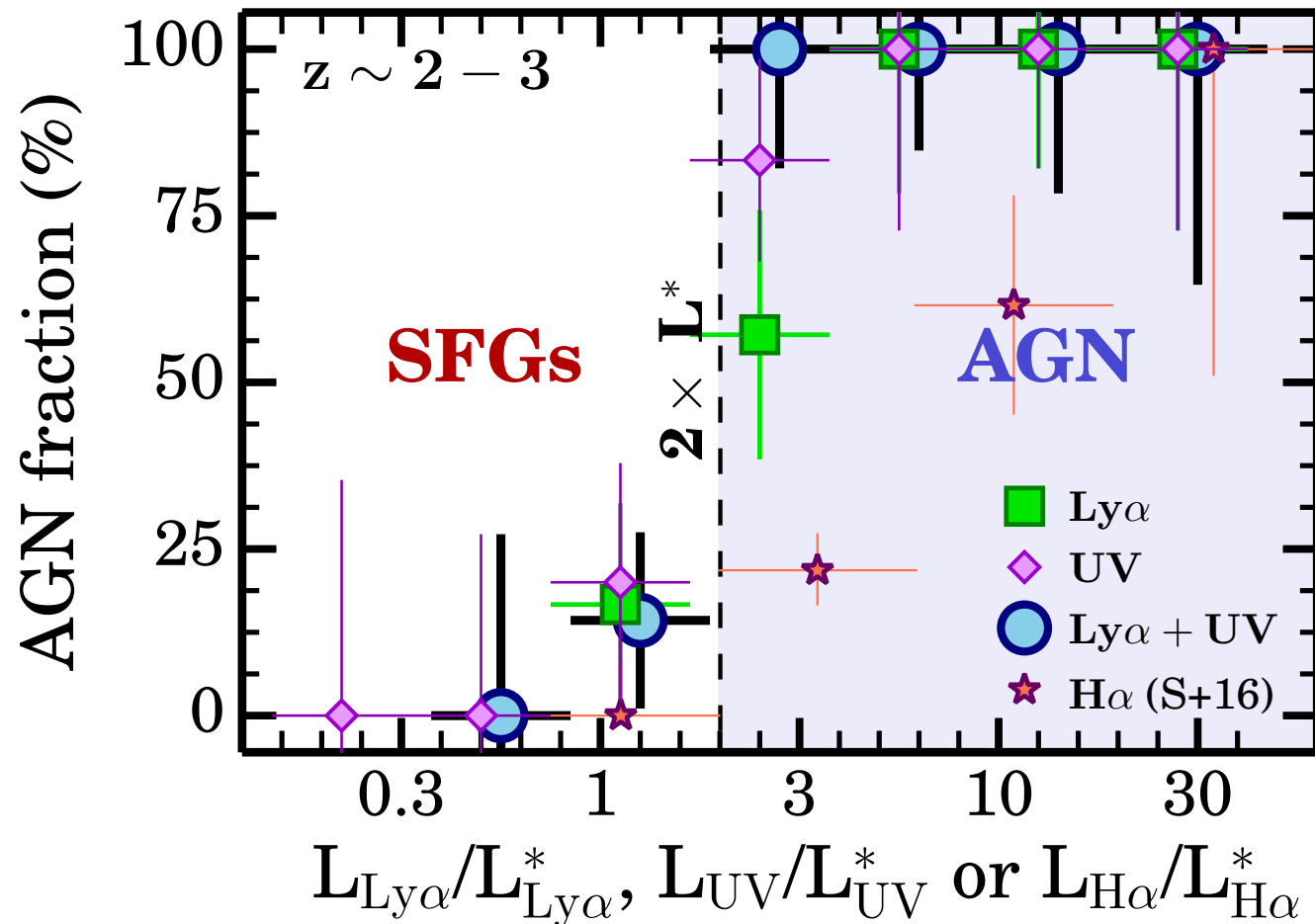
Stack	Nv/Ly $\alpha$	Civ/HeII	CIII]/HeII	$\log U$	Gas Metallicity	Burst Age (Myrs)	Power-law $\alpha$	$T_{\text{eff}}$ (kK)
Full sample	$0.11 \pm 0.01$	$1.7 \pm 0.2$	$5.2 \pm 0.4$	$-0.7^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$	$8.7^{+0.3}_{-0.1}$	$6^{+25}_{-4}$	$-1.4^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	$150^{+10}_{-50}$
All SFGs	$< 0.16$	$2.9 \pm 0.8$	$4.8 \pm 1.4$	$-3.0^{+1.6}_{-0.9}$	$8.2^{+0.5}_{-0.3}$	$20^{+40}_{-15}$	—	—
All AGNs	$0.11 \pm 0.02$	$2.3 \pm 0.2$	$3.0 \pm 0.2$	$0.6^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$	$8.8^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	—	$-1.4^{+0.4}_{-0.2}$	$70^{+70}_{-10}$
$42.6 < \text{Ly}\alpha < 43.3$	$0.05 \pm 0.02$	$2.5 \pm 0.9$	$2.5 \pm 0.8$	$-1.3^{+0.1}_{-0.4}$	$7.5^{+0.5}_{-0.1}$	$4^{+2}_{-2}$	$-1.7^{+0.3}_{-0.1}$	$130^{+20}_{-20}$
$43.3 < \text{Ly}\alpha < 44.2$	$0.22 \pm 0.02$	$2.0 \pm 0.1$	$2.6 \pm 0.2$	$-0.6^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	$8.7^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	$3^{+1}_{-2}$	$-1.5^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	$155^{+5}_{-5}$

# Brightest LAES at $z \sim 2-3$ : maximal starbursts and AGN

Spectroscopic follow-up with Keck, VLT and WHT:

see full discussion in: Sobral et al. 2018b, MNRAS, 477, 2817

Maximal starburst output before dust limits observed  $L$ :  $\sim 20 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$  at  $z \sim 2-3$



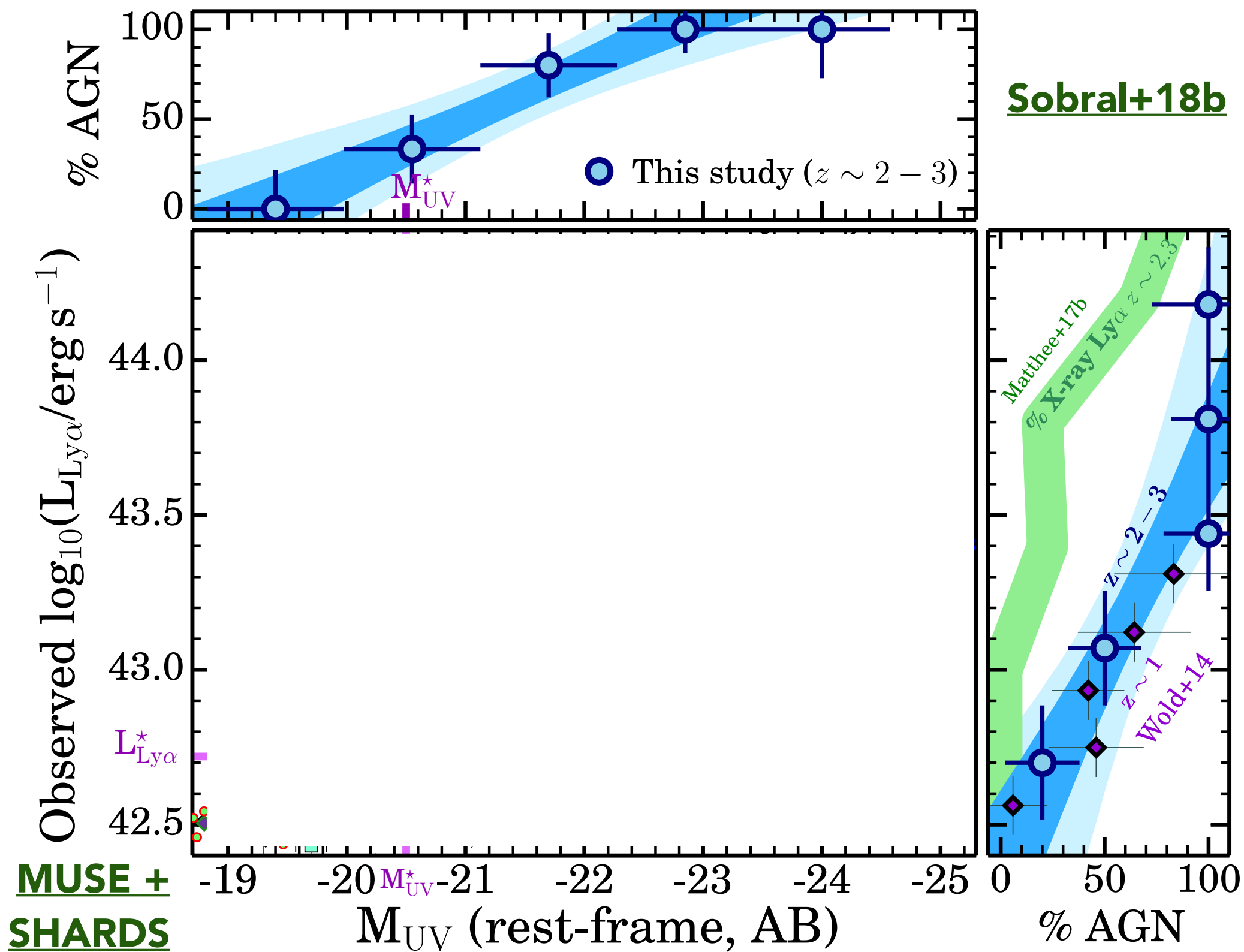
**AGN fraction among LAEs rises with UV and  $\text{Ly}\alpha$  luminosities:**

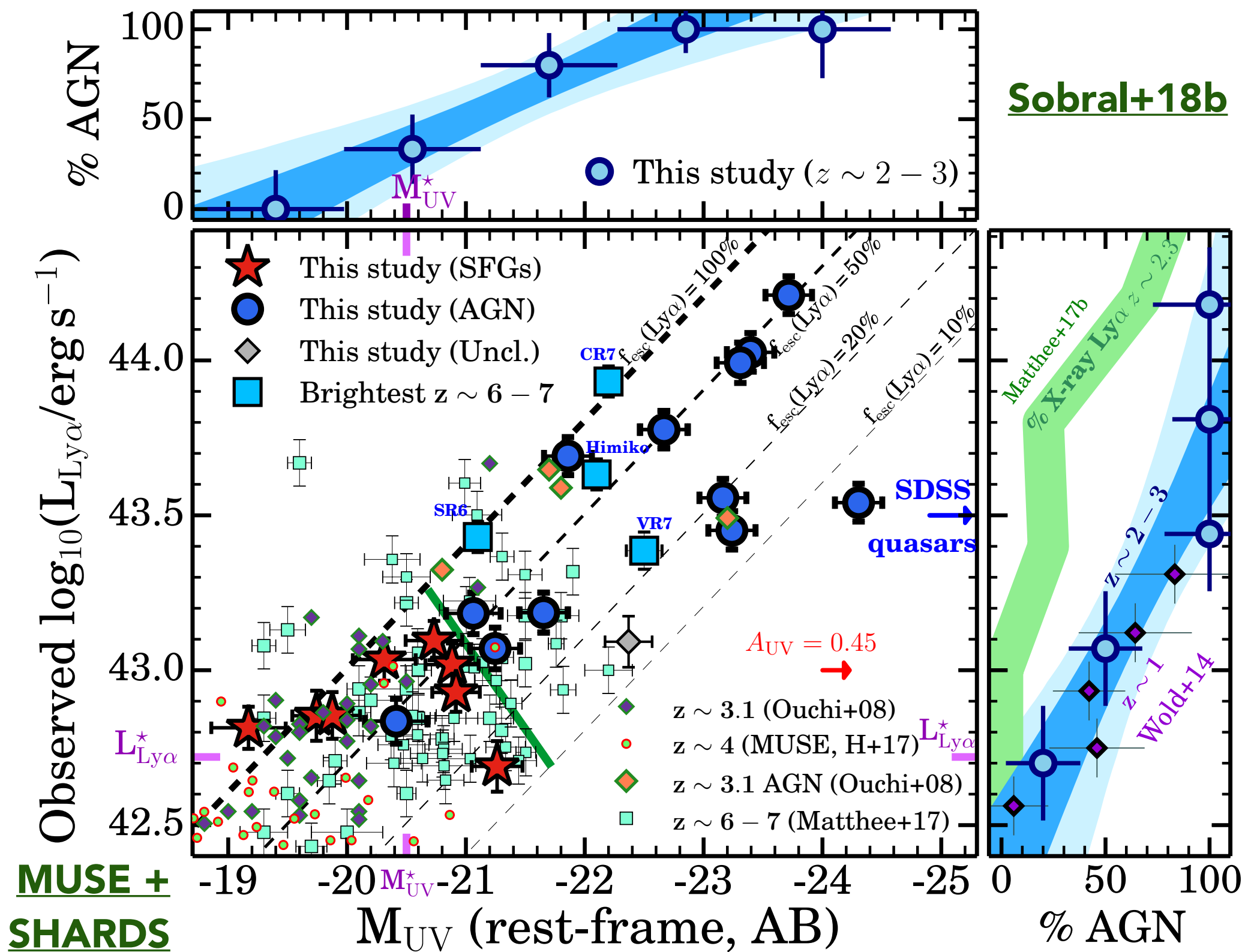
Limit set by maximal starburst output before dust limits it vs AGN.

Likely evolves with redshift: higher limit at high- $z$ ! (Himiko, CR7)

see also Sobral+2016b







# In which haloes do LAEs live in?

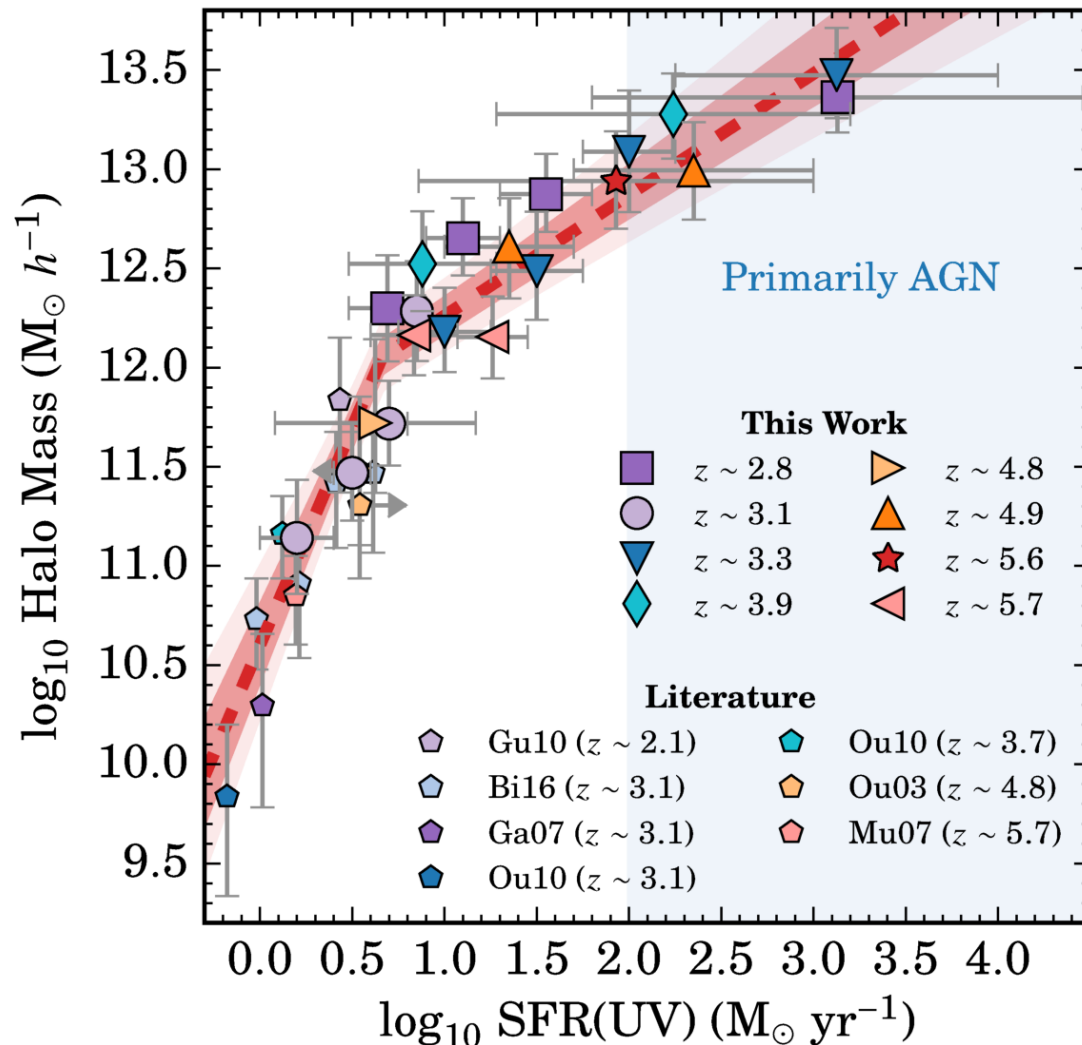
- Clustering of LAEs with large samples from  $z \sim 2$  to  $z \sim 7$  from faint to bright sources covering a co-moving volume of  $\sim 10^8 \text{ Mpc}^3$

**Khostovan, Sobral et al. 2019, arXiv:1811.00556**

# No single answer: depends on luminosity or SFR!

- LAEs hosted from  $10^{10} M_{\odot}$  to  $10^{13.5} M_{\odot}$  dark matter haloes
- From SF to AGN hosts

Khostovan, Sobral et al. 2019, arXiv:1811.00556

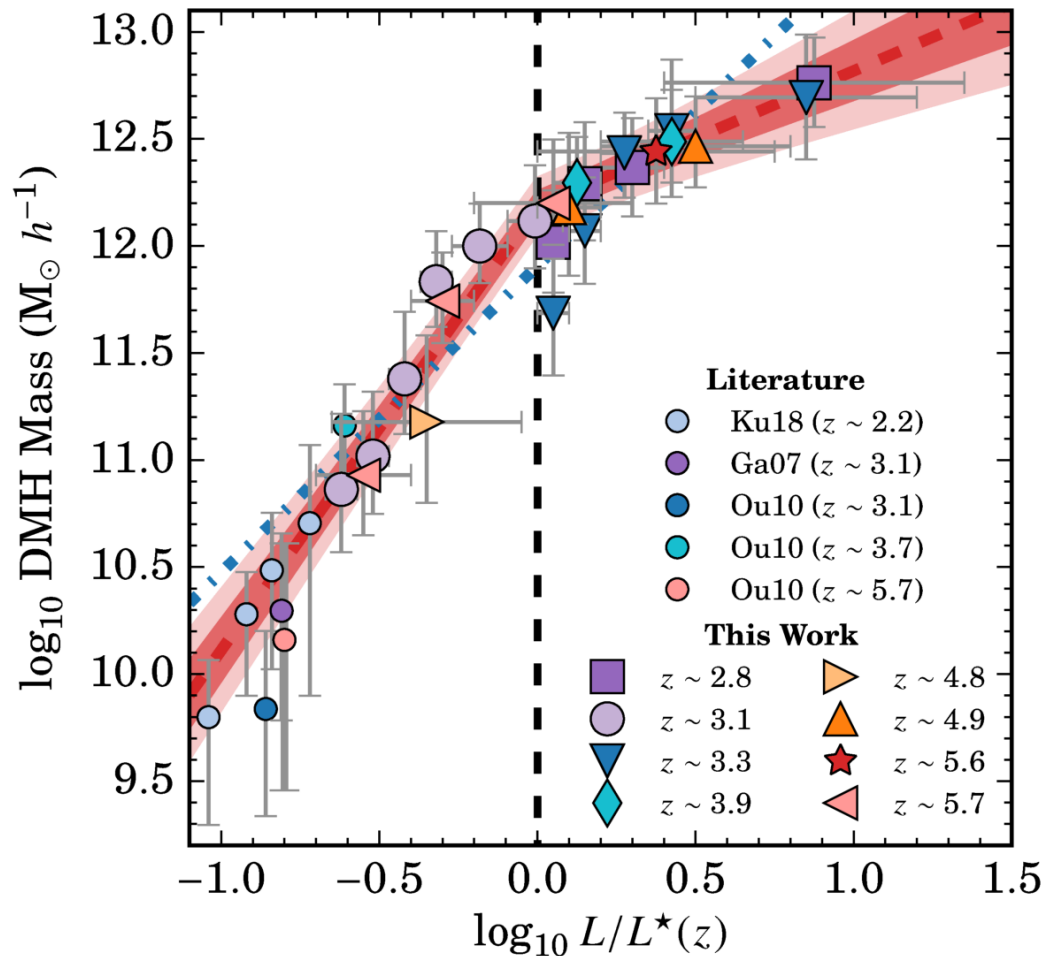




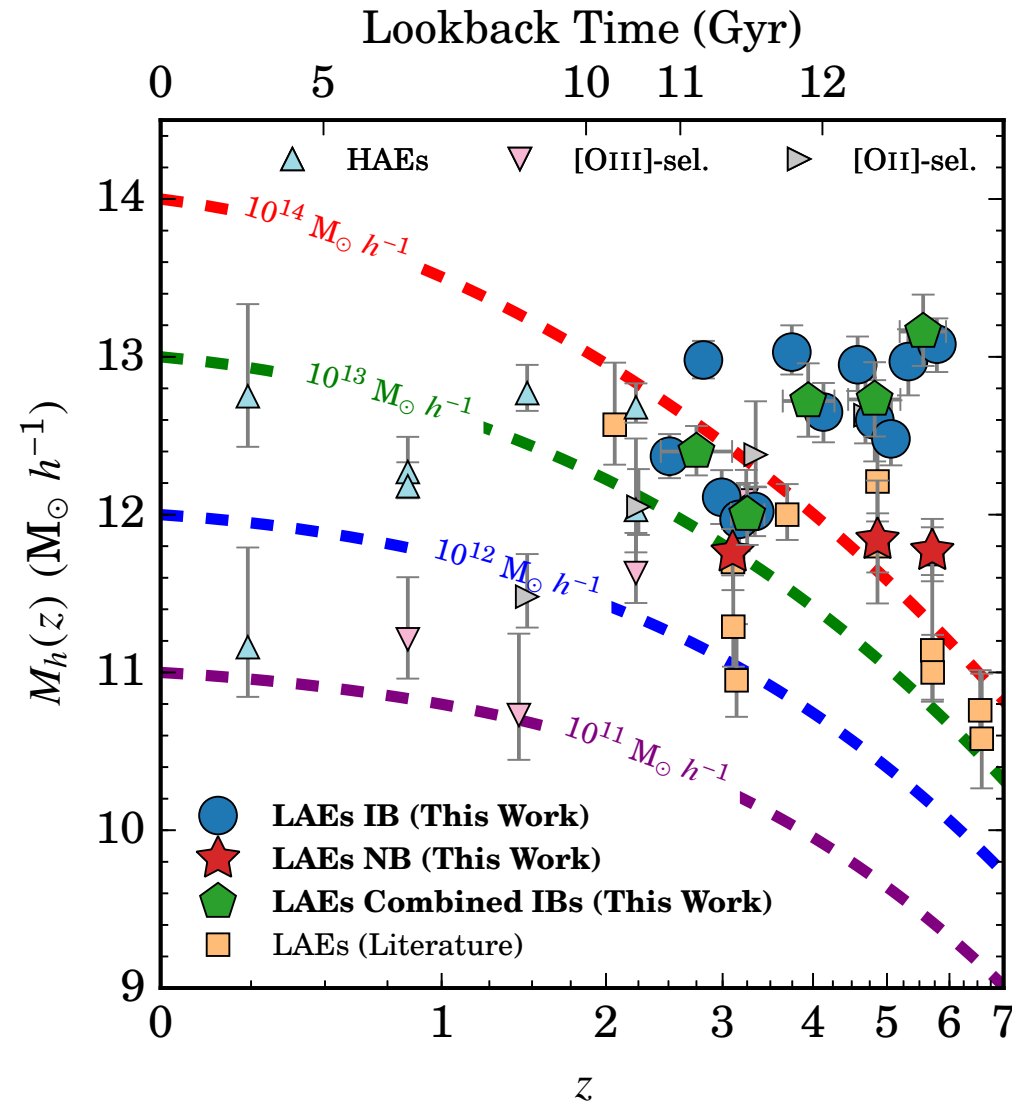
# Location in luminosity function ( $L/L^*$ ) predicts $M_{\text{halo}}$

LAEs: Progenitors of all kinds of galaxies, depending on their UV and Ly $\alpha$  luminosity

From proto-clusters at high  $L$  to MW and Magellanic clouds

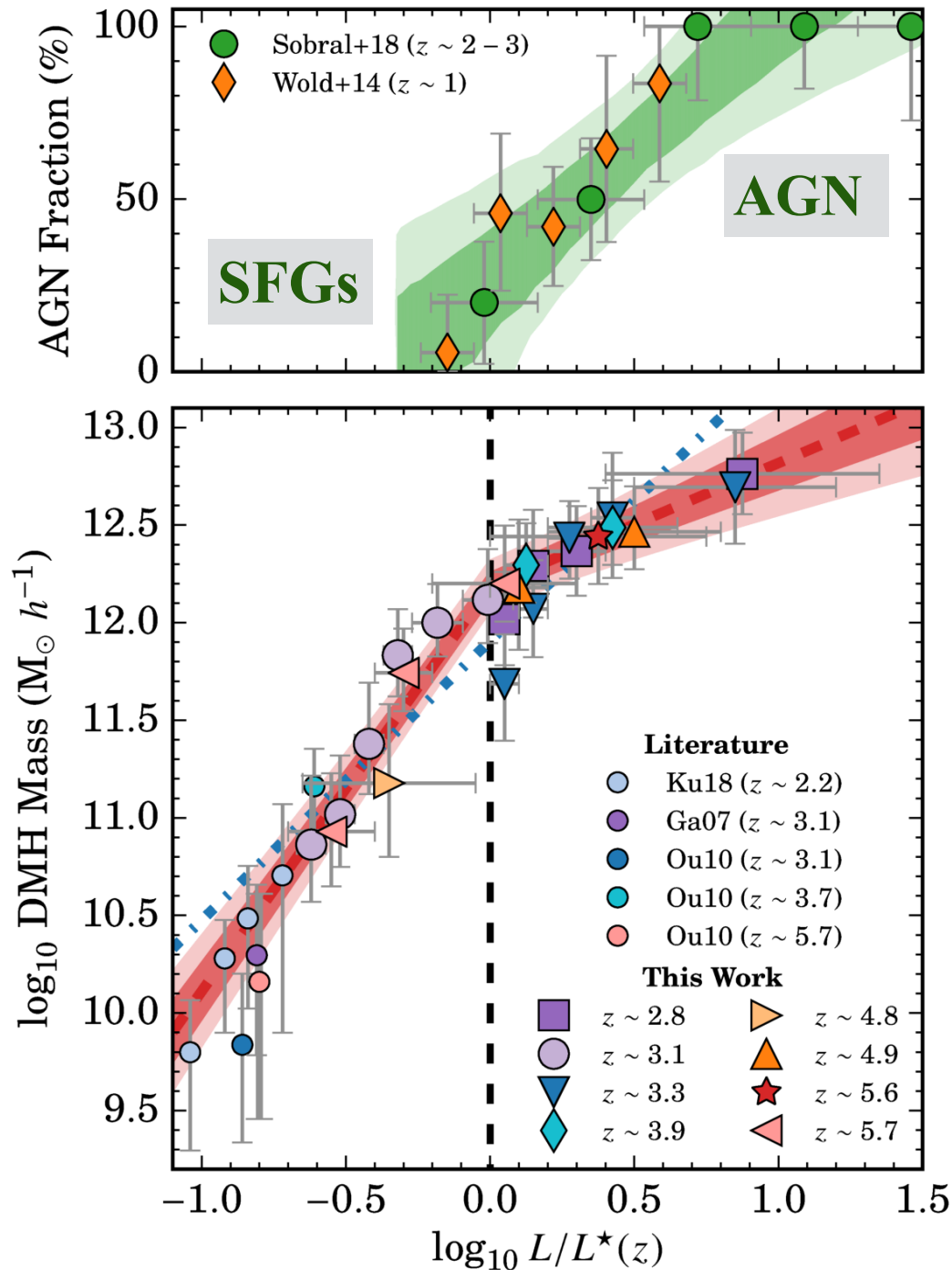


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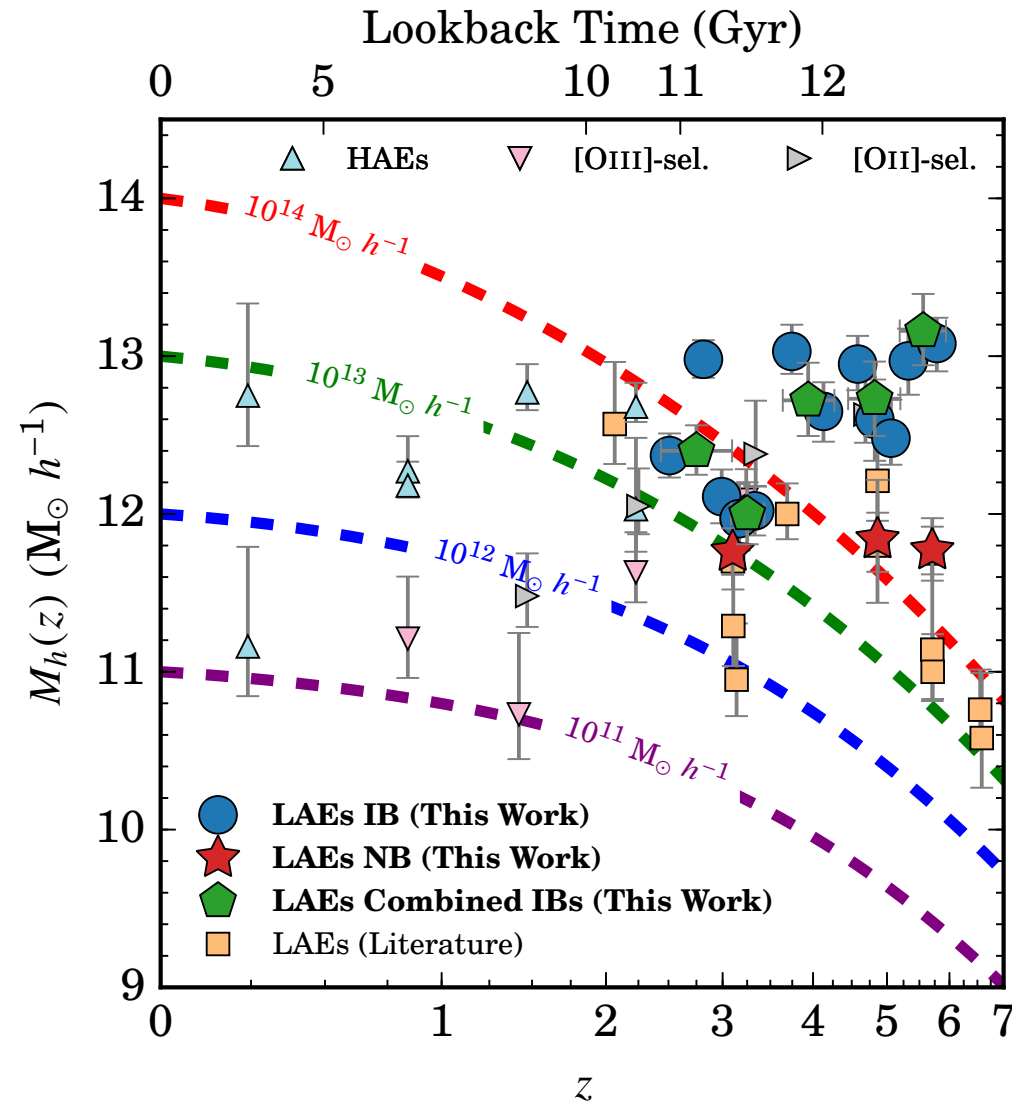


See also: Sobral+2010; Khostovan, Sobral +2018; Cochrane, Best, Sobral+2017

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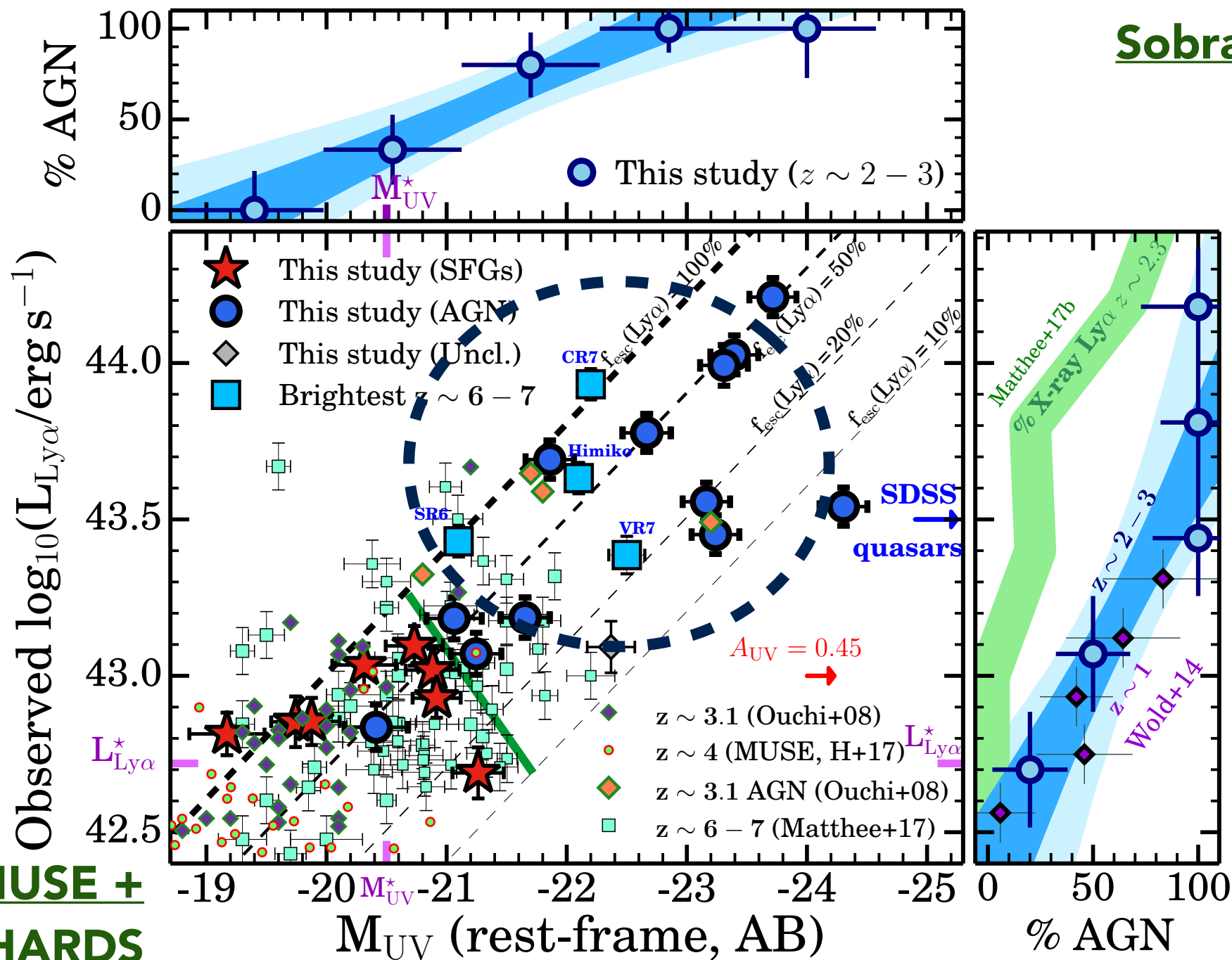


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See also: Sobral+2010; Khostovan, Sobral+2018; Cochrane, Best, Sobral+2017

# Luminous LAEs at $z \sim 5-7$ : are they AGN? Evolution?

**Sobral+18b**



**MUSE +  
SHARDS**

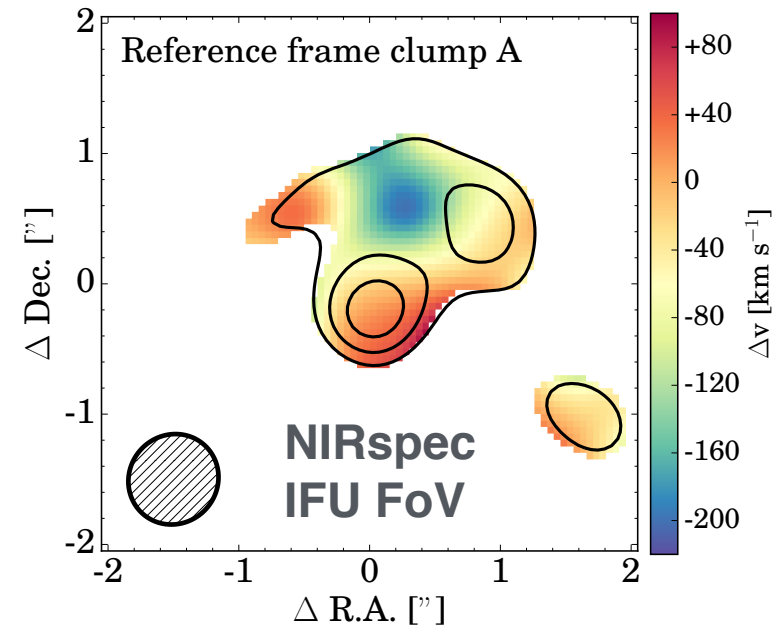
# THE FUTURE IS RESOLVED: ALMA + HST+ JWST/NIRSPEC

**See Jorryt's  
talk tomorrow**

**CR7 (Sobral+15):  
z=6.60, very high  
Ly $\alpha$  EW**

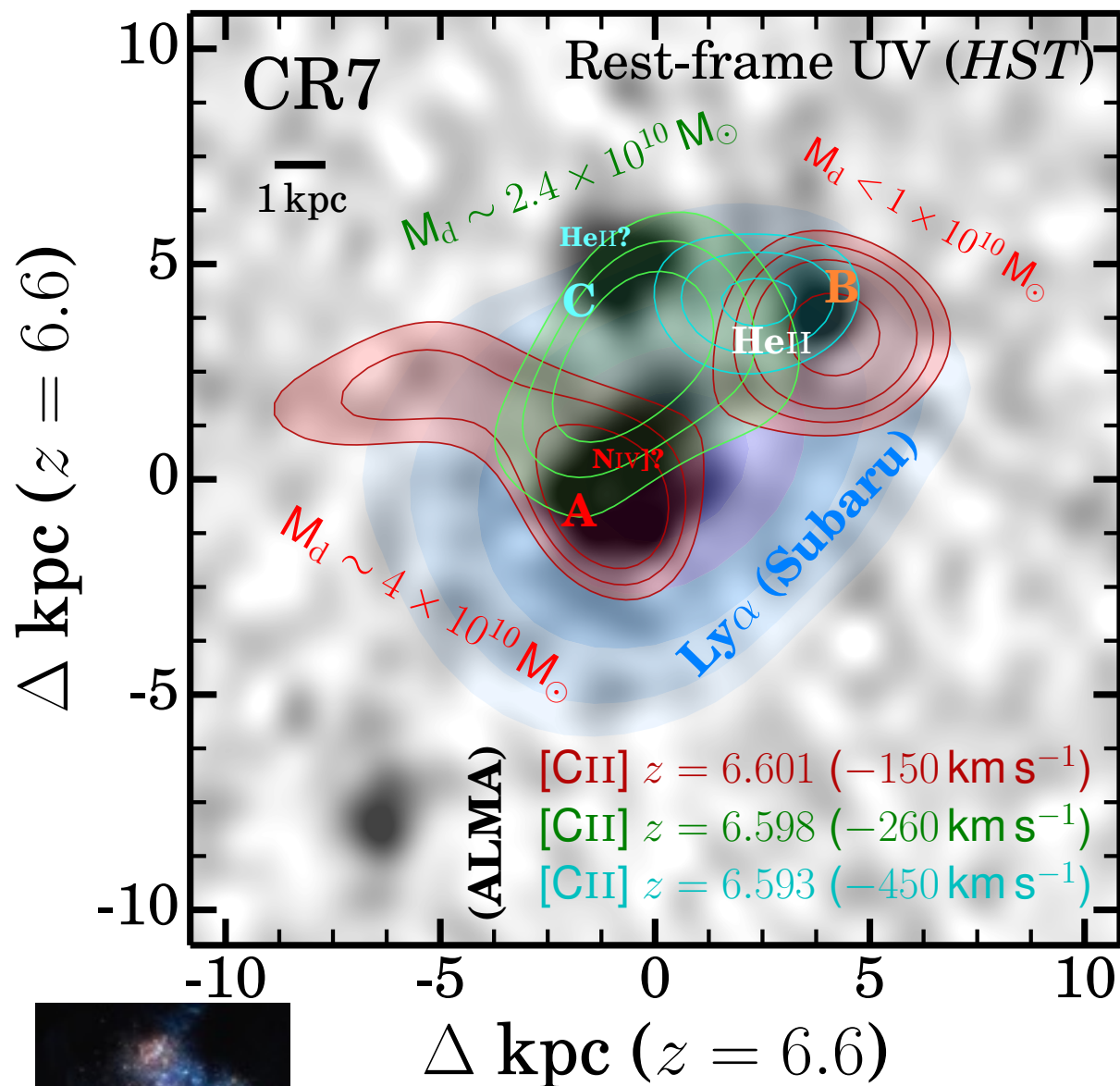
**UV bright  
3 UV components**

**4 [CII] components**



**Sobral, Matthee et al. 2019, MNRAS, 482, 2422**

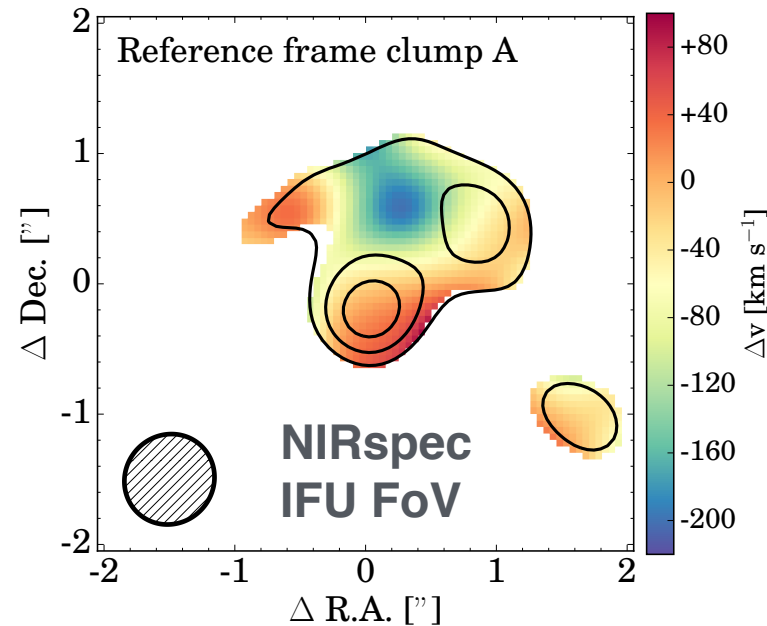
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# Main take-home points

- Typical EWs of (non-resonant) emission lines go up by 2 dex: **evolution in typical stellar populations + ISM?**
- Current H $\alpha$  + other lines view - **the future is resolved, and therefore complicated: let's deal with it**
- Ly $\alpha$  selected sources pick up high escape fraction sources (young) at any redshift + a population of AGN
- **LAEs: crucial in driving re-ionisation, whether by “oLAEgarcs” (e.g. Naidu+2019) or by the fainter LAEs as ~all LyC leakers should be Ly $\alpha$  emitters**
- There's **too much interesting physics in Ly $\alpha$**  (and other lines) to use it (them) as simple redshift machine(s). Like having a Ferrari whose sole purpose is to cross streets

# Conclusions/take-home points

- **Lyman- $\alpha$  at high- $z$ :** why, what for + (how) can we use it?
- ***CALYMHA*:** empirical calibration of **Ly $\alpha$  with H $\alpha$  at high- $z$**
- Large volume surveys for Ly $\alpha$  emitters (LAEs) at  $z \sim 2-7$
- Ly $\alpha$  LF: evolution, luminosity density. At high- $z$ , LAEs “rule”
- Ly $\alpha$  emitters: from star-forming to AGN dominated  $\sim 2L^*$
- Clustering properties: progenitors of all kinds of galaxies
- LAEs in the epoch of re-ionisation: early ionised bubbles
- Resolved results on Ly $\alpha$ , UV and [CII]: ALMA-HST-ALMA: luminous LAEs at  $z \sim 7$  are rapidly assembling centrals