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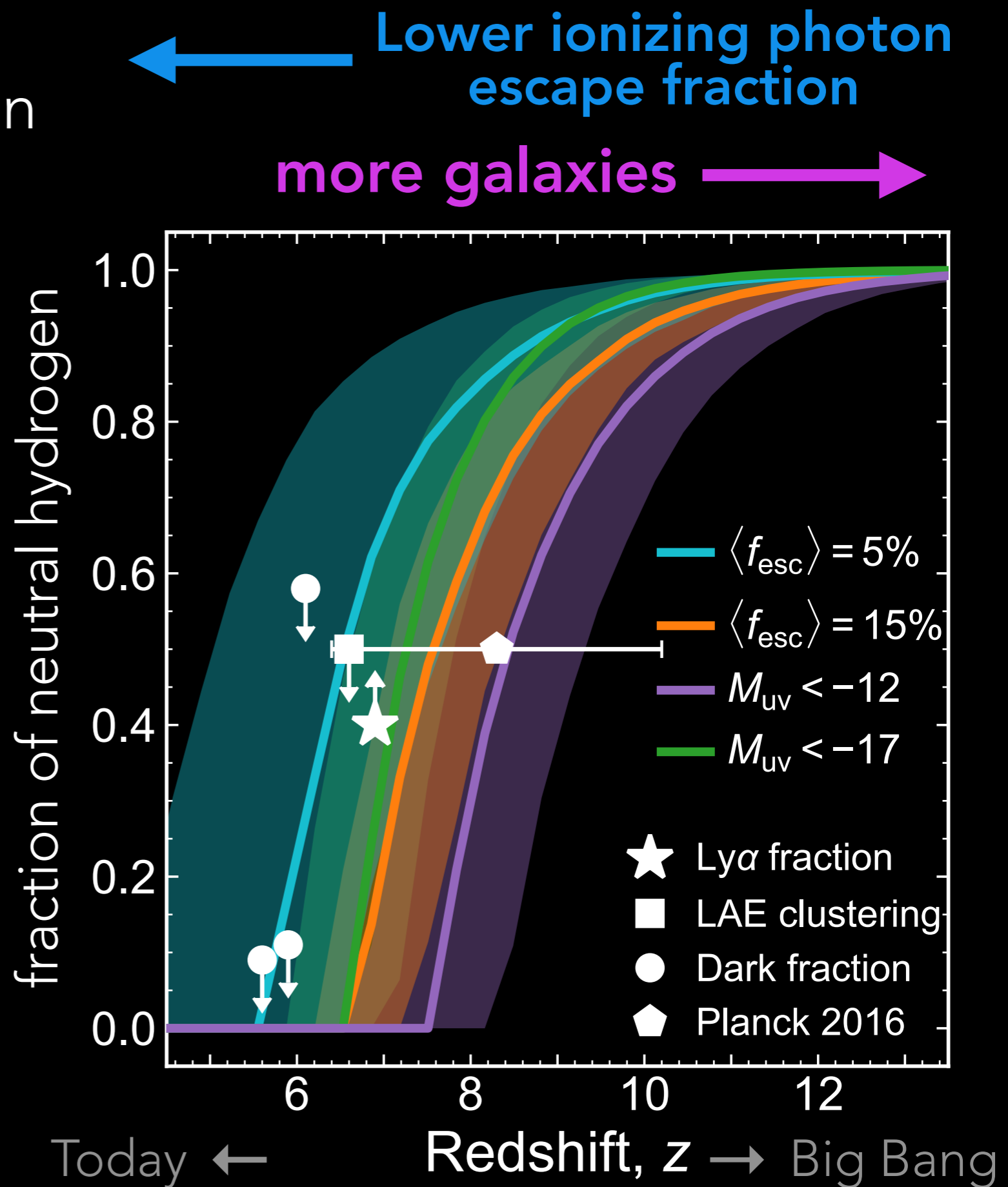
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# Galaxies as statistical probes of reionization

with Tommaso Treu, Adriano Fontana, Andrei Mesinger, Mark Dijkstra, Austin Hoag,  
Michele Trenti, Laura Pentericci, Kasper Schmidt, Marusa Bradac + GLASS & BoRG teams

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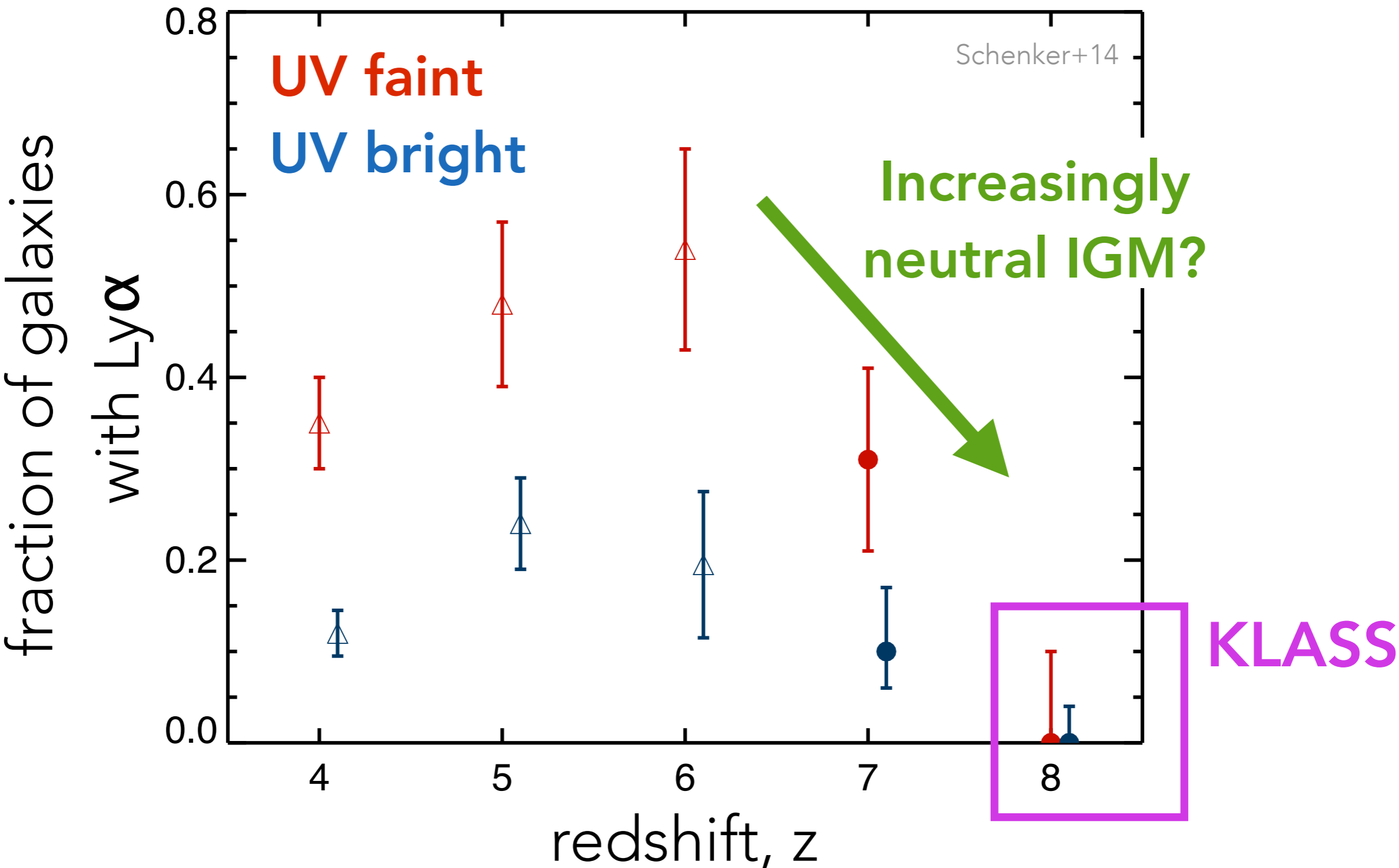
How will ELTs help?



**Use galaxy spectral properties to constrain the IGM**

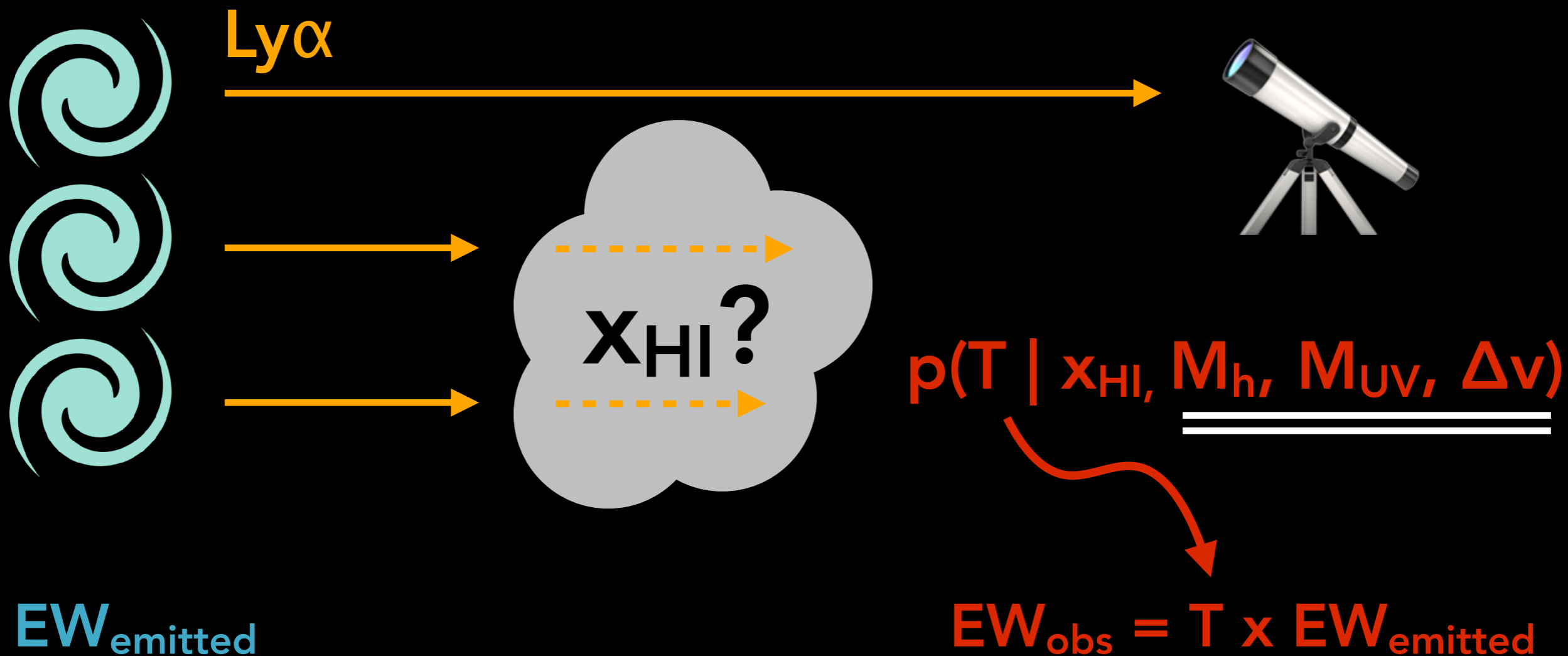
Forward modelling framework to connect Ly $\alpha$  observations to IGM state

# Is the rapid decline in Ly $\alpha$ visibility at $z > 6$ due to reionization?



data from Stark+11, Schenker+14, see also Treu+13, Faisst+14, Tilvi+14, Pentericci+14,+18, de Barros+17

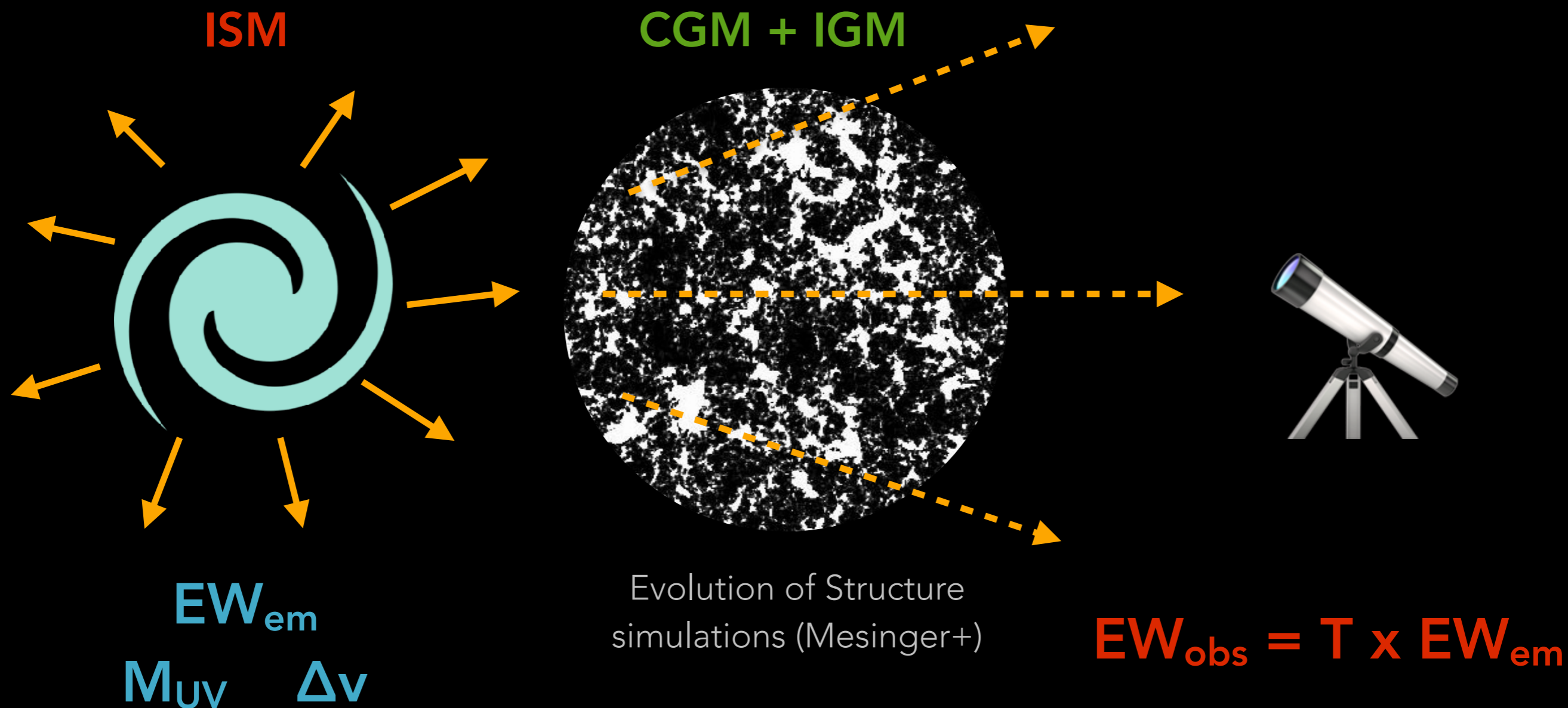
# How do we connect Ly $\alpha$ observations to the neutral fraction, $x_{\text{HI}}$ ?



$$EW \sim f_{\text{line}}/f_{\text{cont}}$$

see e.g. Dijkstra+11; Bolton & Haehnelt 13; Jensen+13

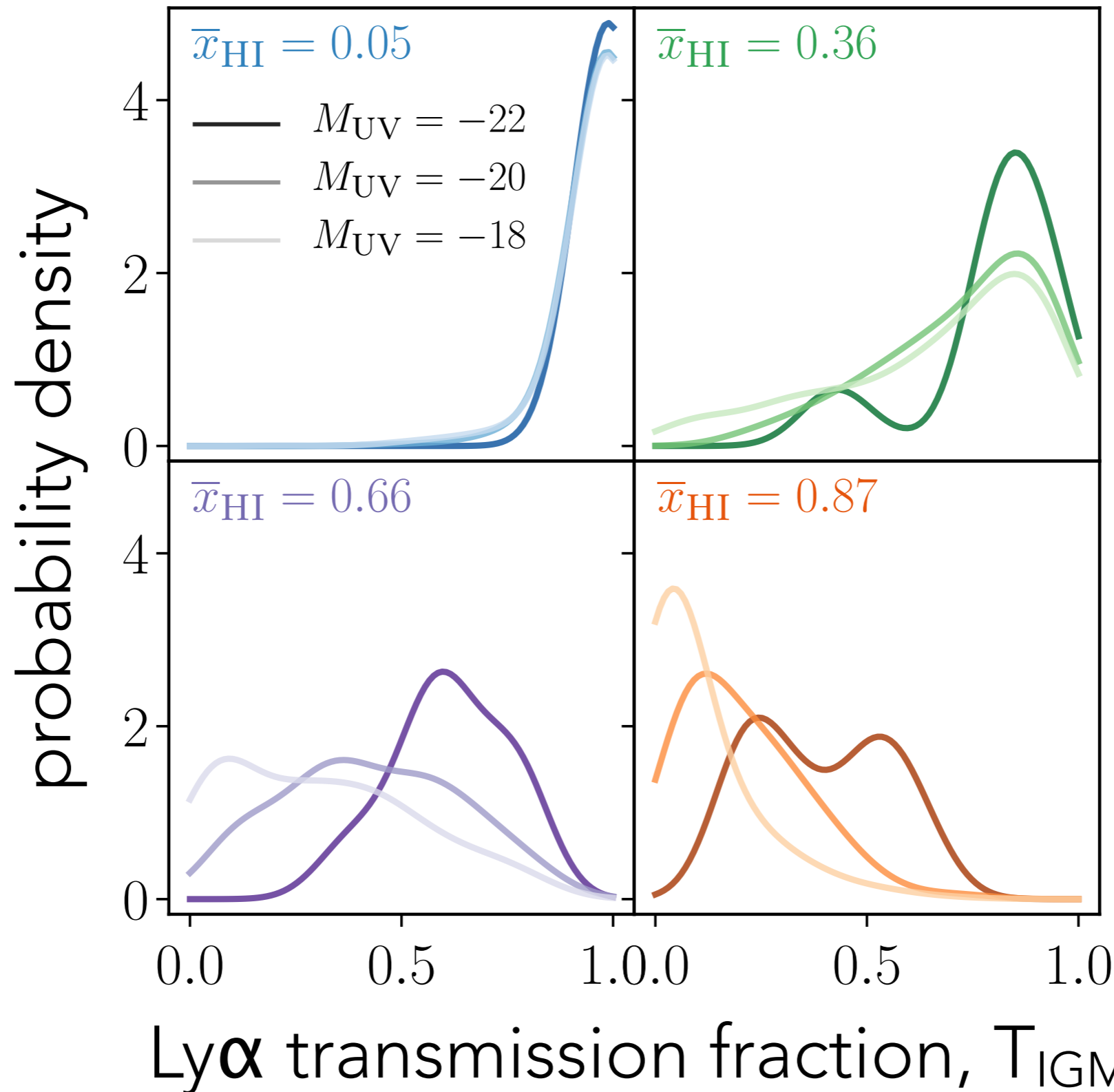
# A new forward-modeling framework combining realistic IGM topologies and ISM properties



$$\mathcal{T}(\bar{x}_{HI}, M_h, \Delta v) = \int dv \, J_\alpha(M_h, \Delta v, v) e^{-\tau_{IGM}(\bar{x}_{HI}, M_h, v)}$$

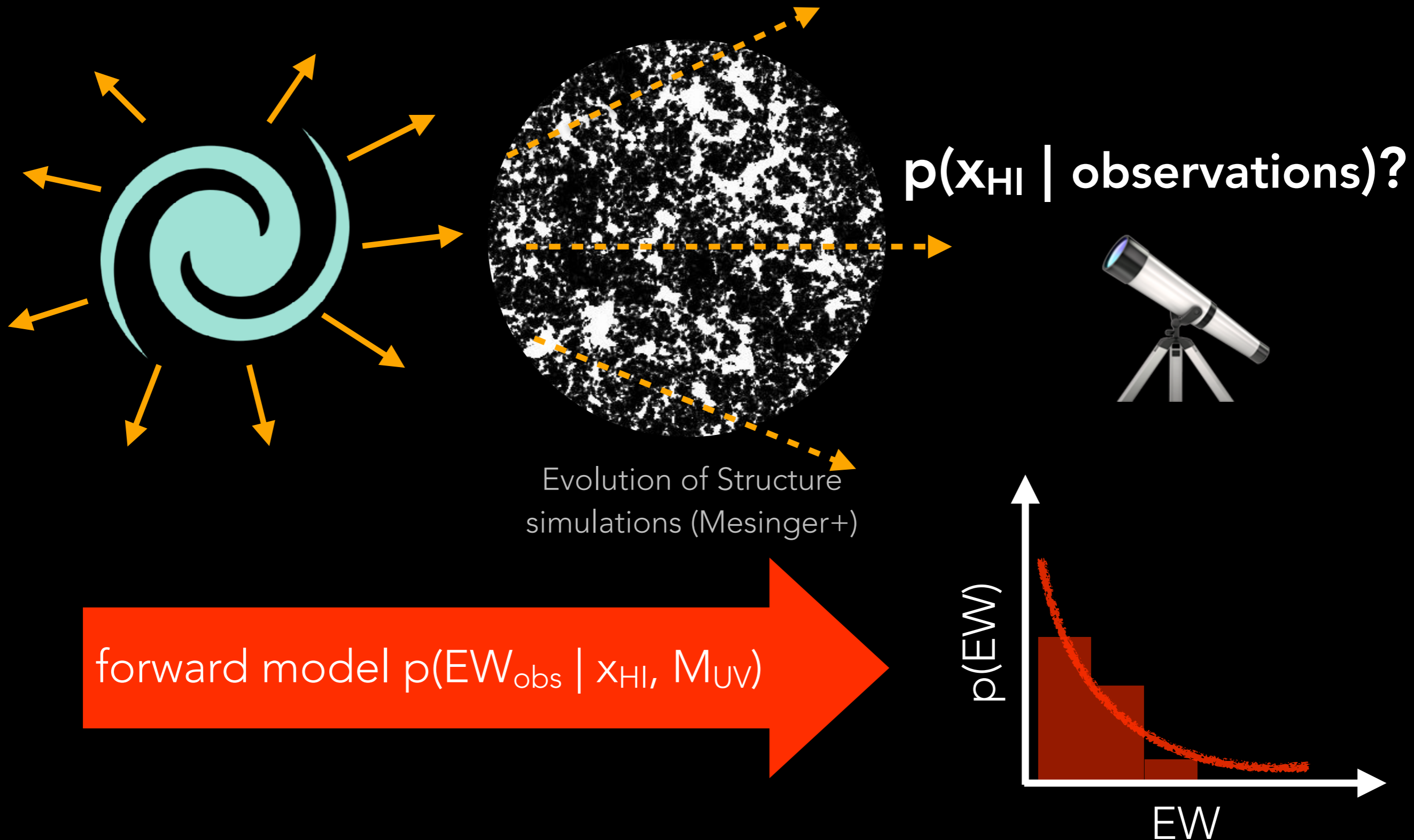
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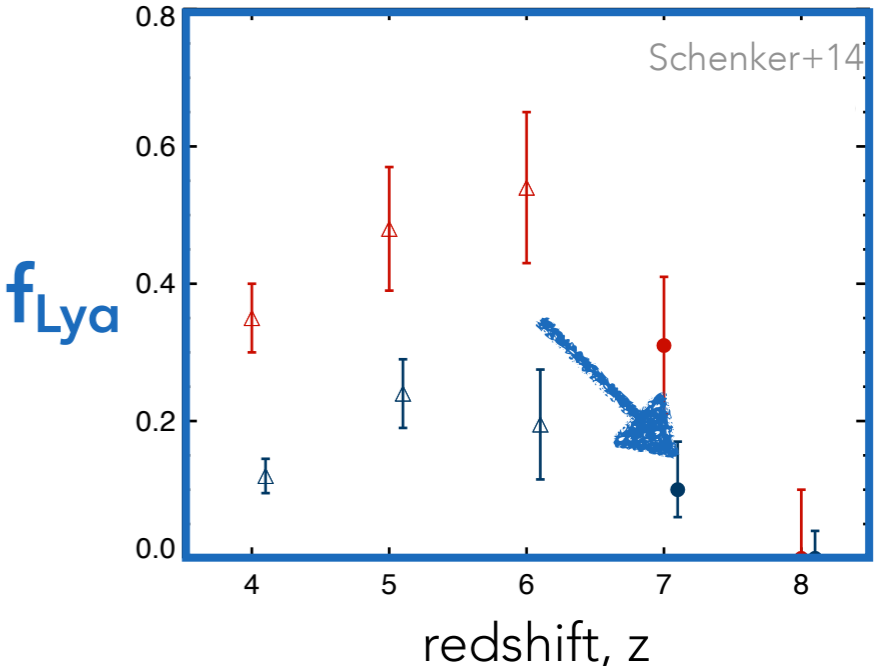
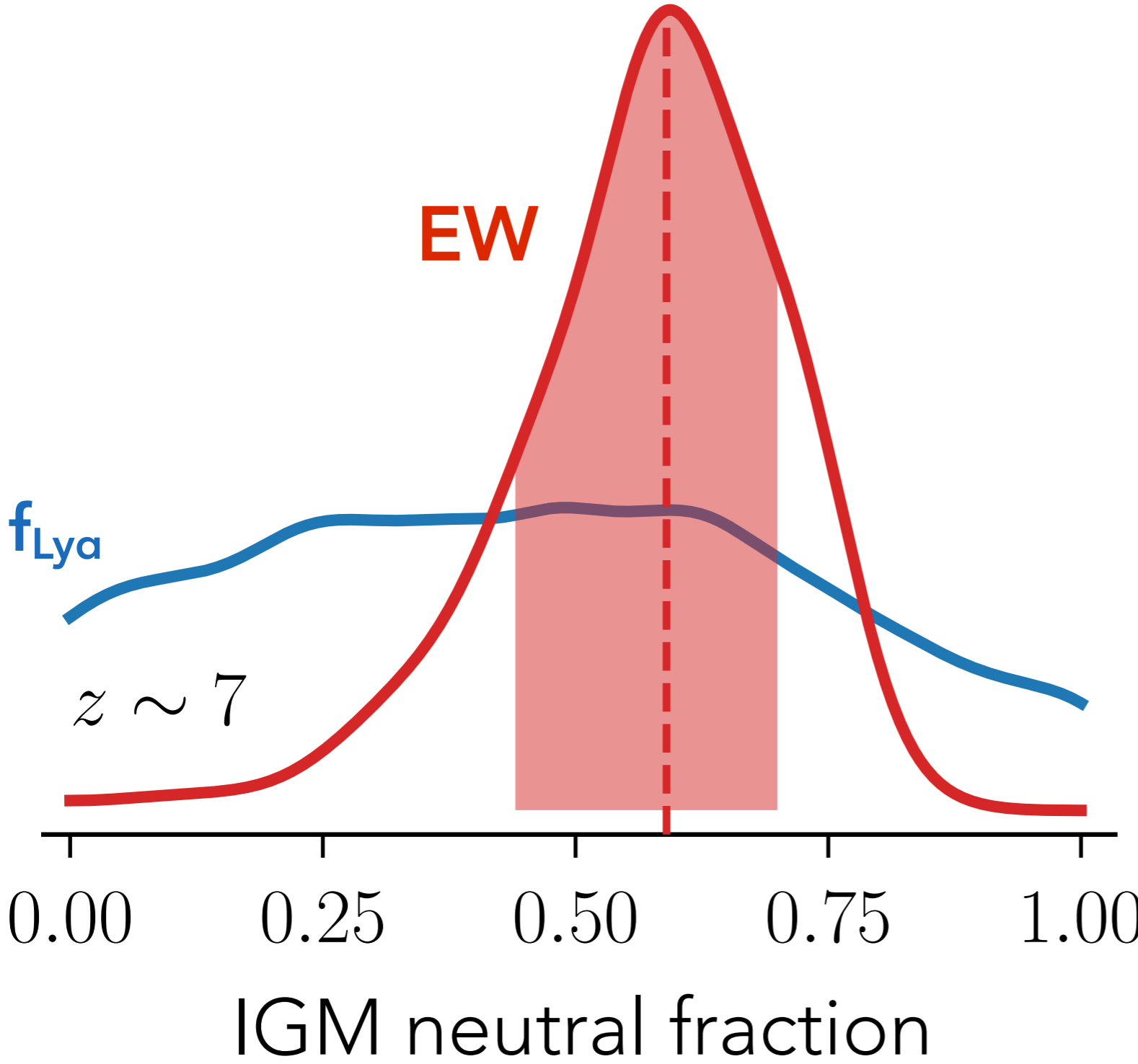
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# Bayesian inference on Ly $\alpha$ observations (via EW distribution) to infer the neutral fraction



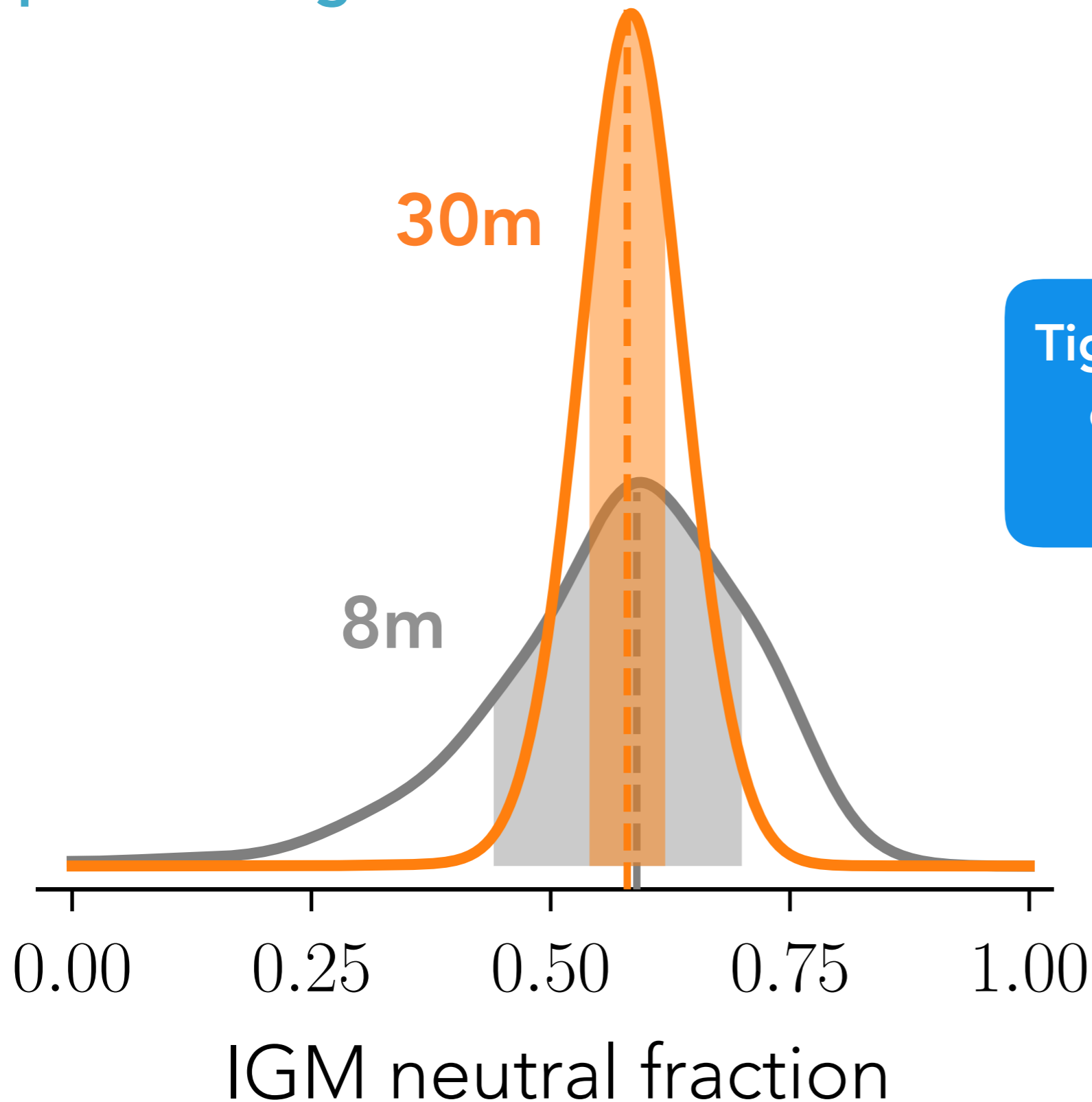


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Tighten neutral fraction  
constraints, look at  
sightline variations

inferred from sample of  
68 LBGs in Pentericci+14

PI: Adriano Fontana  
 120 hr Large Program, P96 - 99  
**Fields of 6 massive clusters**

## Search for Ly $\alpha$ to measure timeline of reionization

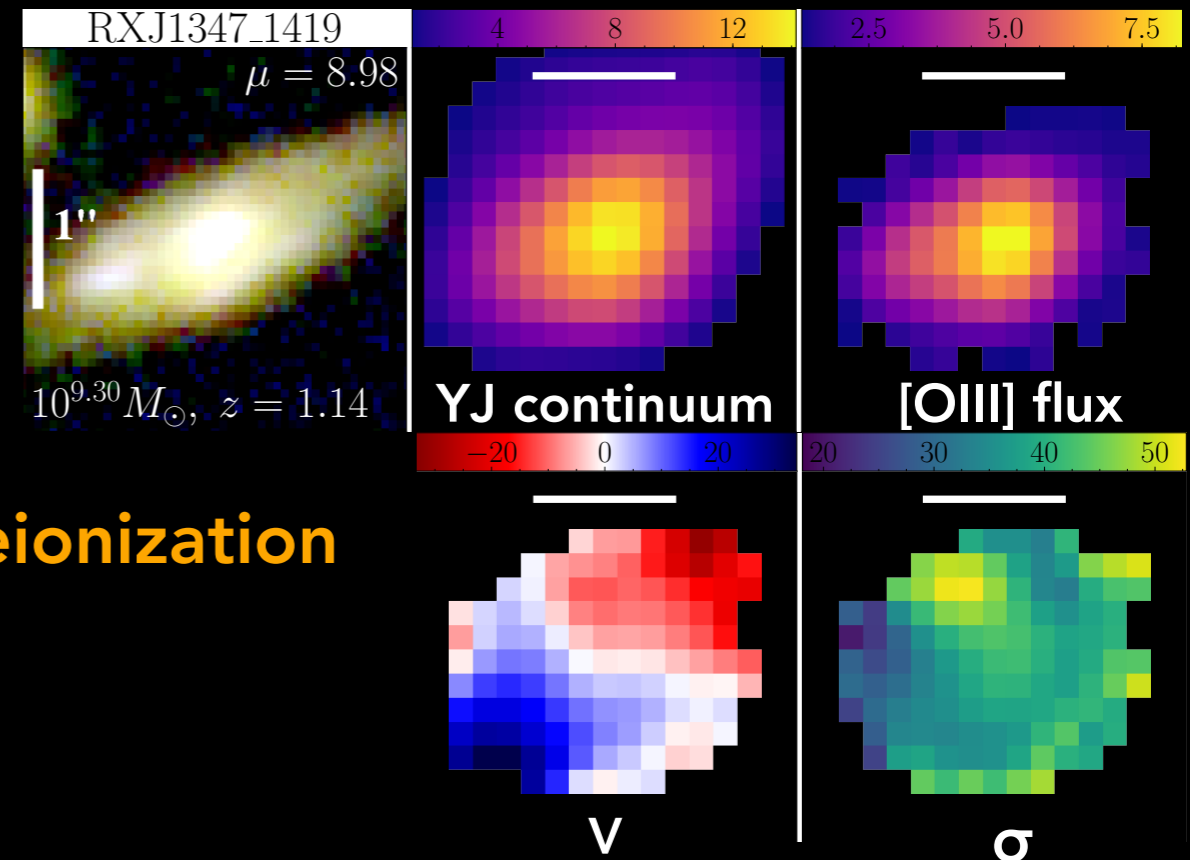
- 53  $z > 7$  candidate targets
- 3 confirmed with ALMA

## Kinematics of low mass star-forming galaxies

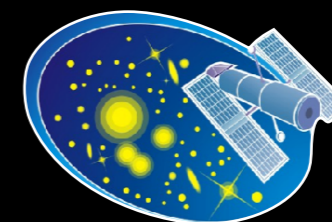
~70  $z=1-2$  targets (Mason+17, Girard+ in prep)

7 - 15 hr exposures, PSF  $\sim 0.6''$ ,

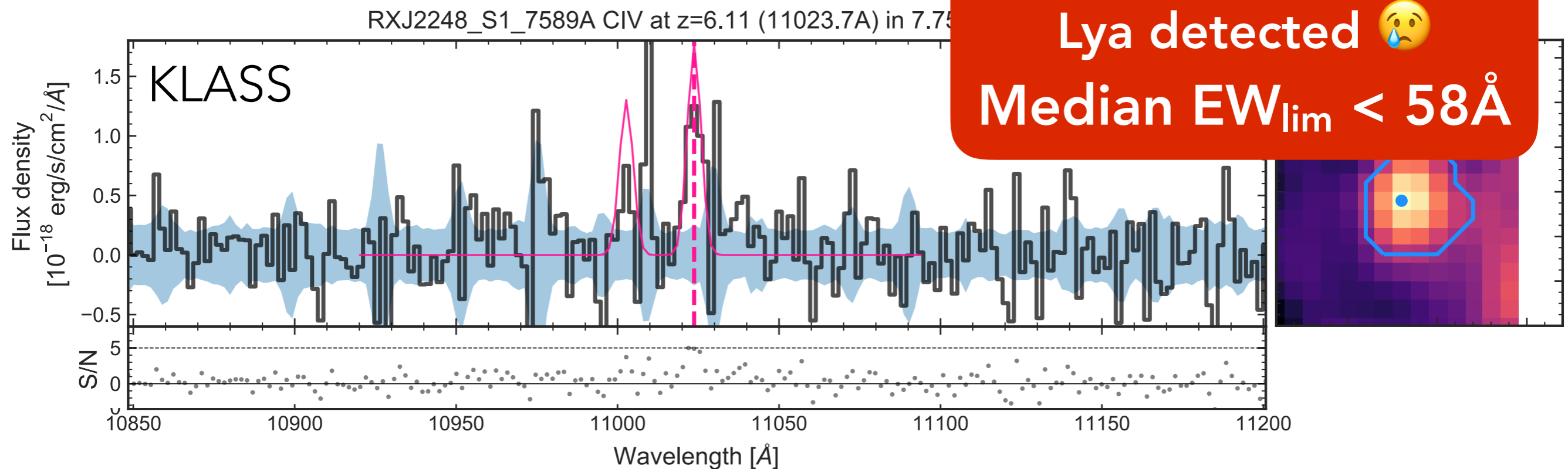
YJ: 1 - 1.35 $\mu\text{m}$ , R $\sim 3400$



Following-up HST  
 photometric + grism targets

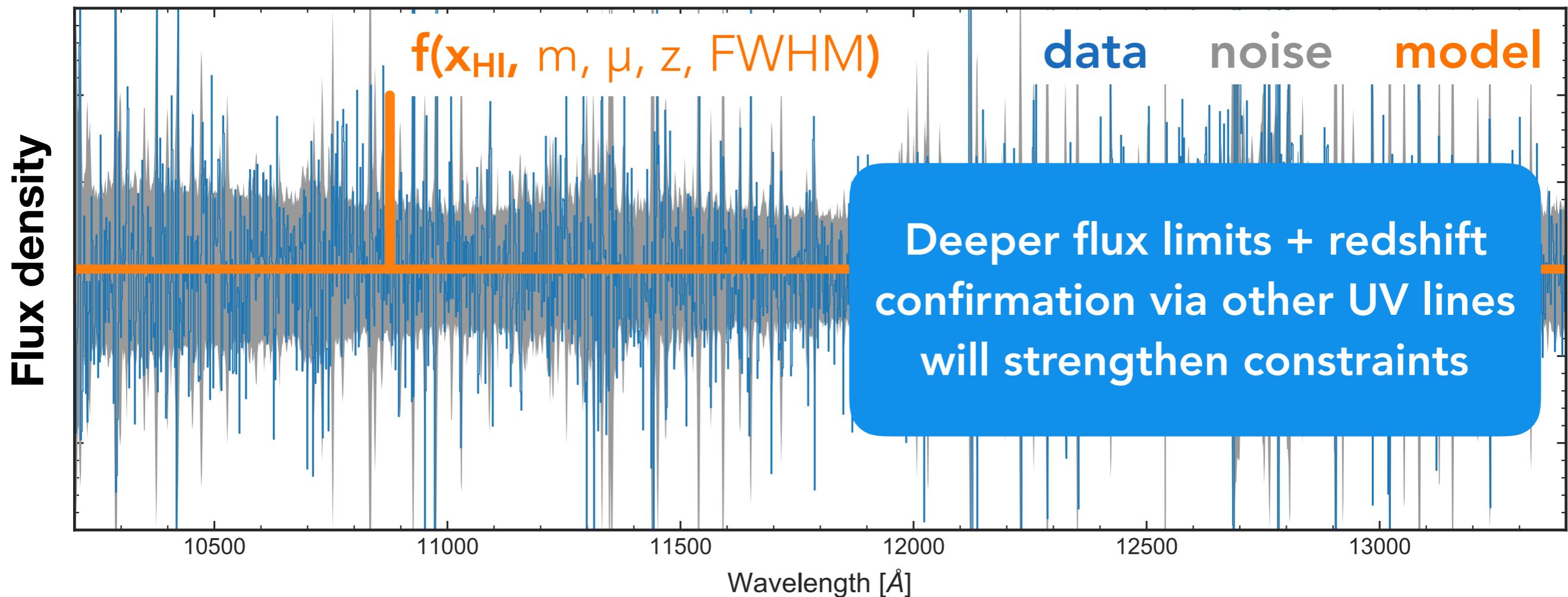


# Highest redshift KMOS line confirmation? CIV at $z=6.11$



- Indicates hard ionizing radiation from hot, massive, low metallicity stars
- Previously detected by Mainali+17, Schmidt+ 17

# Using full spectra in Bayesian inference, marginalize over redshift and linewidth



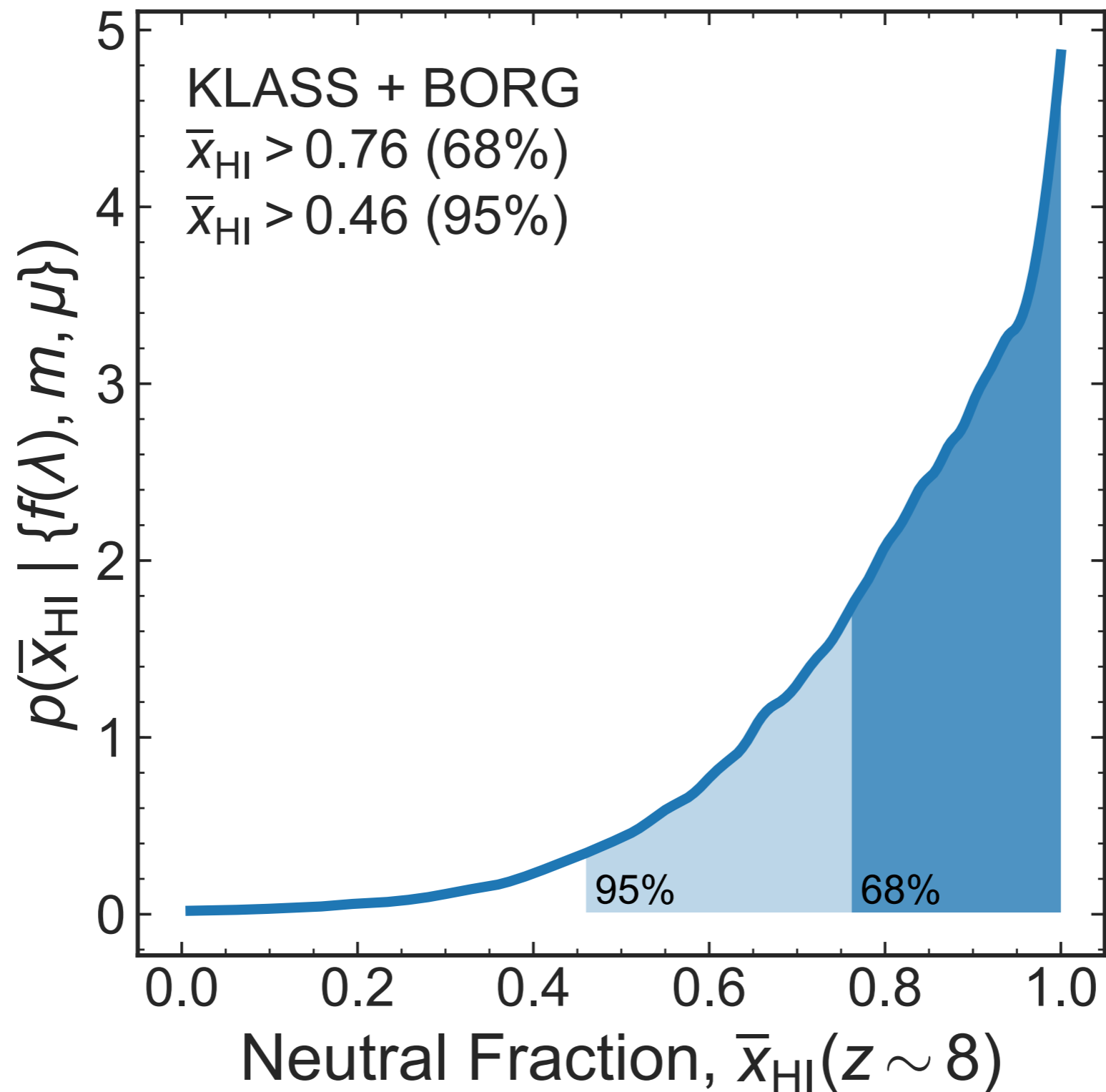
## likelihood

probability of getting data:  $f(\lambda)$   
given IGM neutral fraction,  
redshift and observed galaxy properties

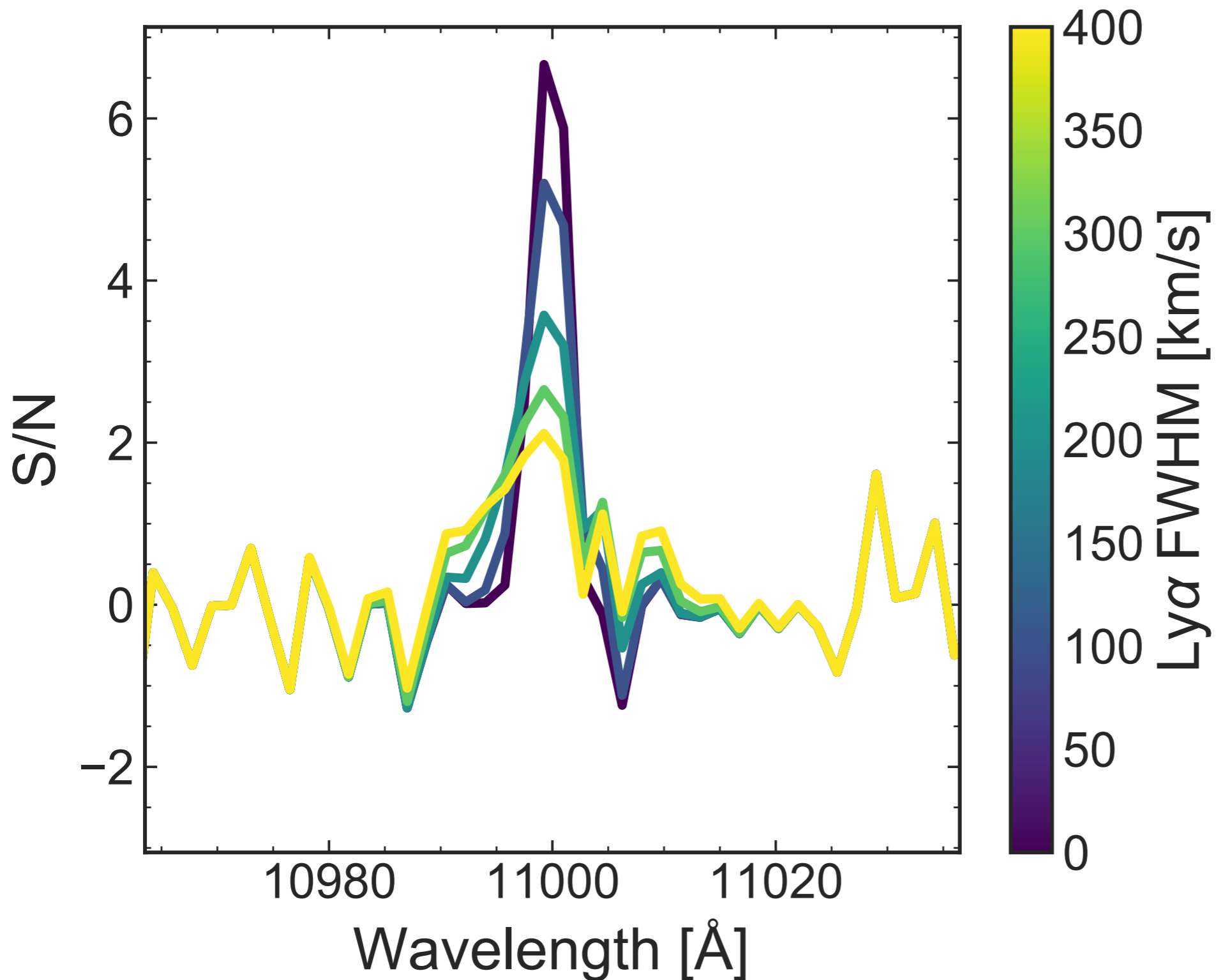
## priors

redshift - photo-z  
FWHM - empirical  
 $x_{\text{HI}}$  - uniform [0,1]

# $z \sim 8$ neutral fraction inferred from non-detections + marginalizing over redshift and FWHM



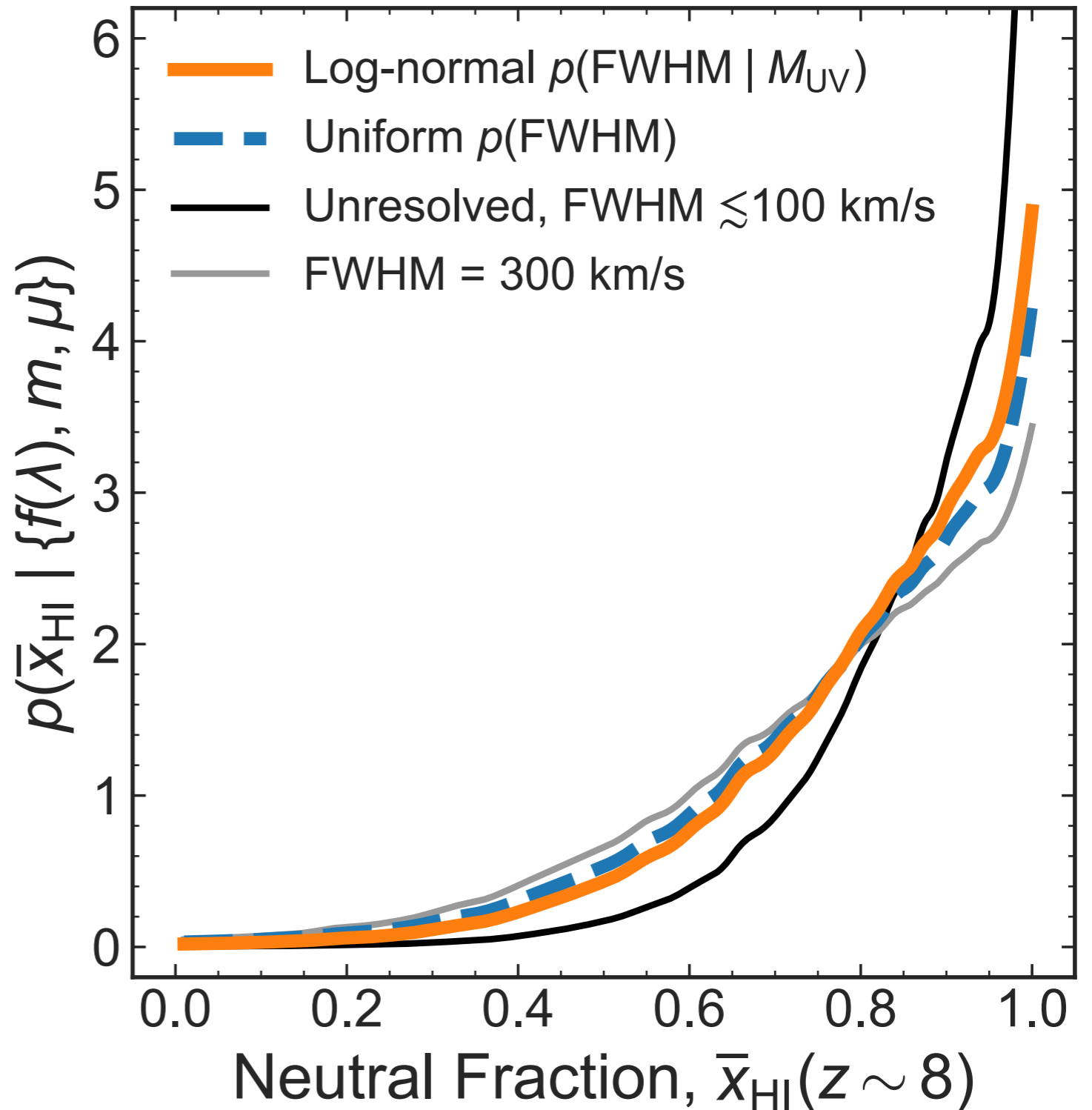
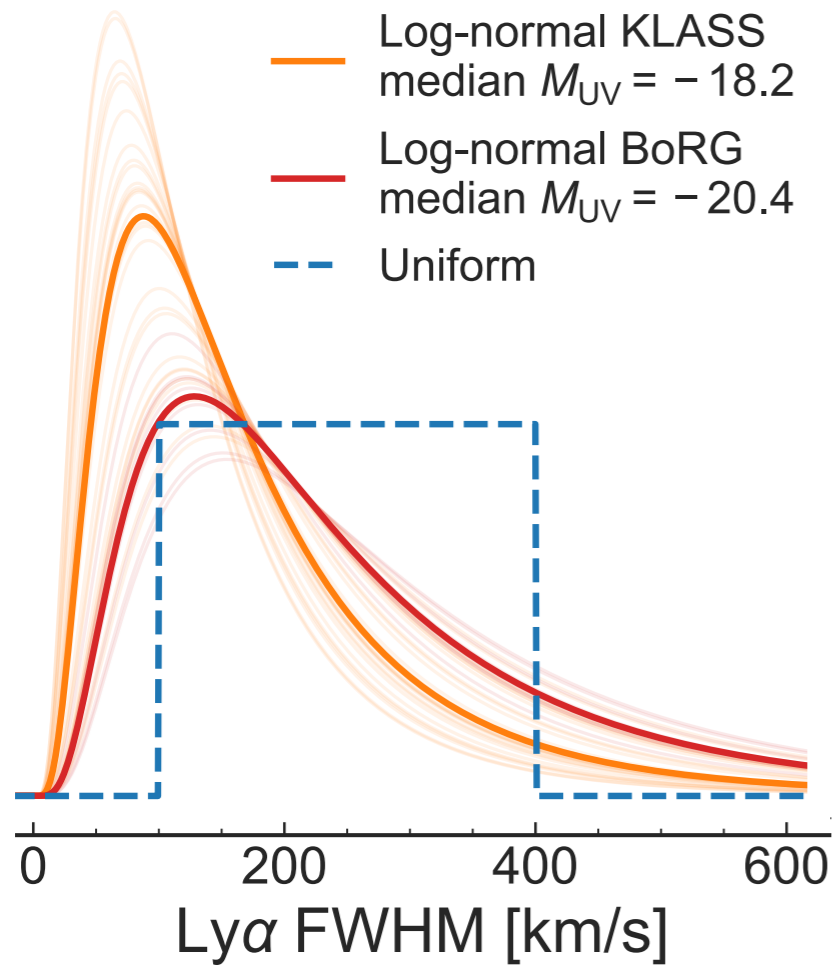
# Lya linewidth impacts inference: Broader lines will have lower S/N



Posterior pretty insensitive  
for  $100 < \text{FWHM} < 400 \text{ km/s}$

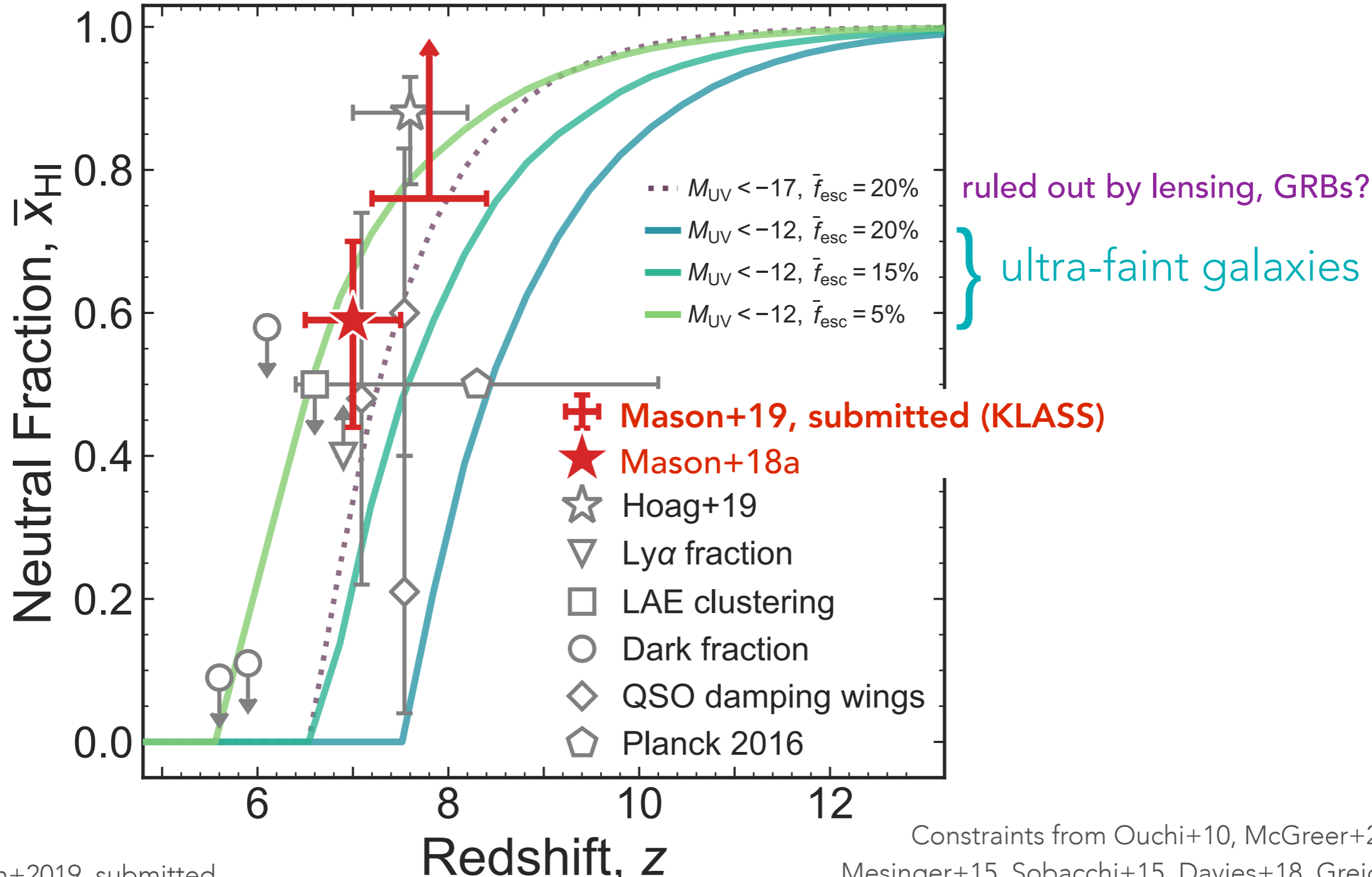
High R, deep data  
will resolve Ly $\alpha$  lines

### FWHM priors

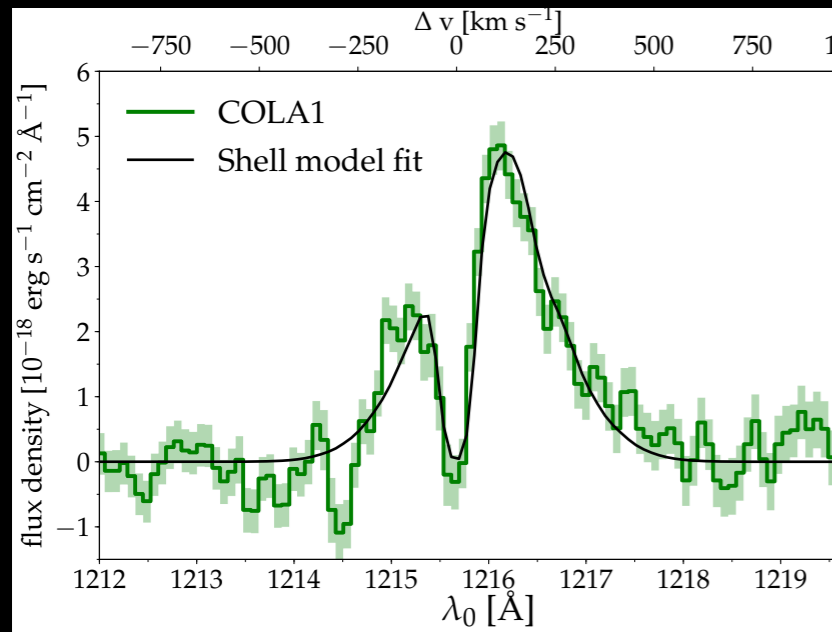




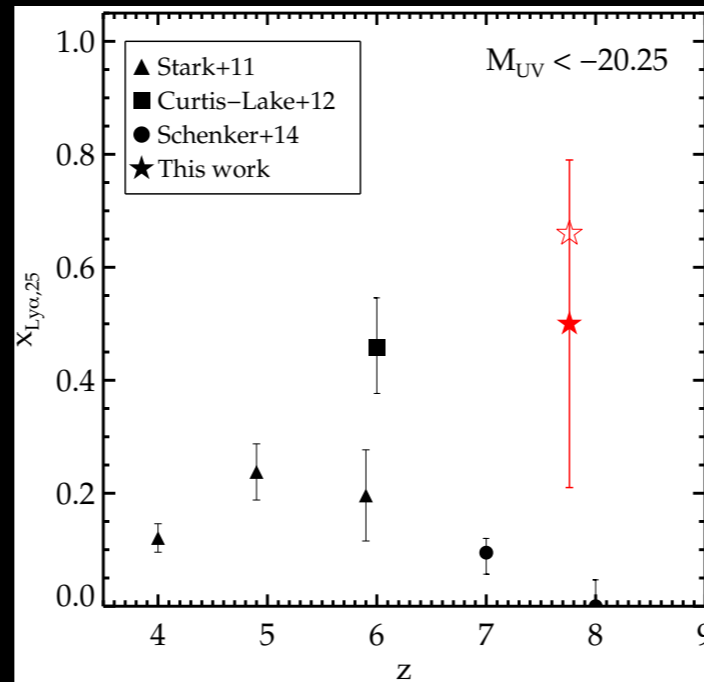
The universe is getting very neutral at  $z > 6$ ...  
 consistent with low ionizing photon escape fraction



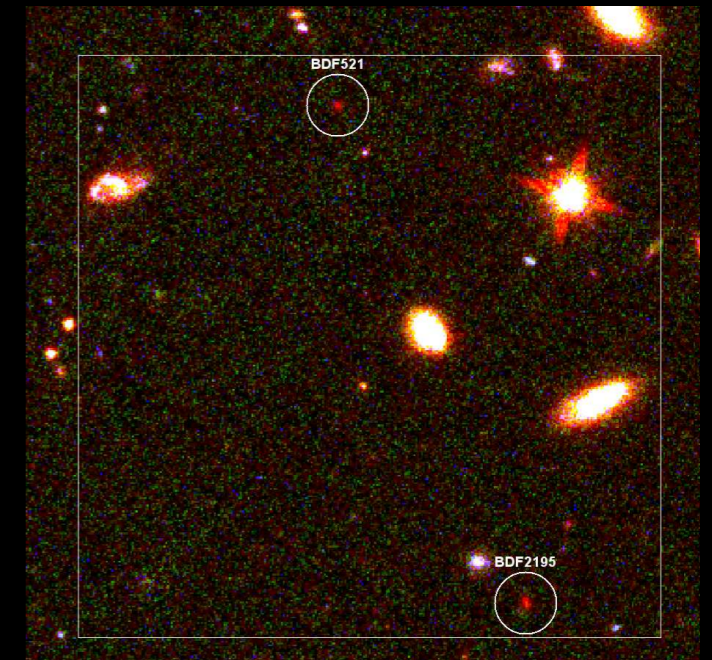
# Puzzling $z > 6$ Ly $\alpha$ detections reveal shortcomings in reionization models



Matthee+18



Stark+17



Castellano+18

blue Ly $\alpha$  peaks at  $z > 6$

direct evidence of  
>2 Mpc ionized bubble?

Ly $\alpha$  from  $z > 7.5$

UV bright galaxies  
extreme Ly $\alpha$  emitters?  
larger ionized bubbles?

Ly $\alpha$  from only bright  
galaxies in overdensity

complex neutral  
hydrogen distribution?

Mason+18b

# Summary

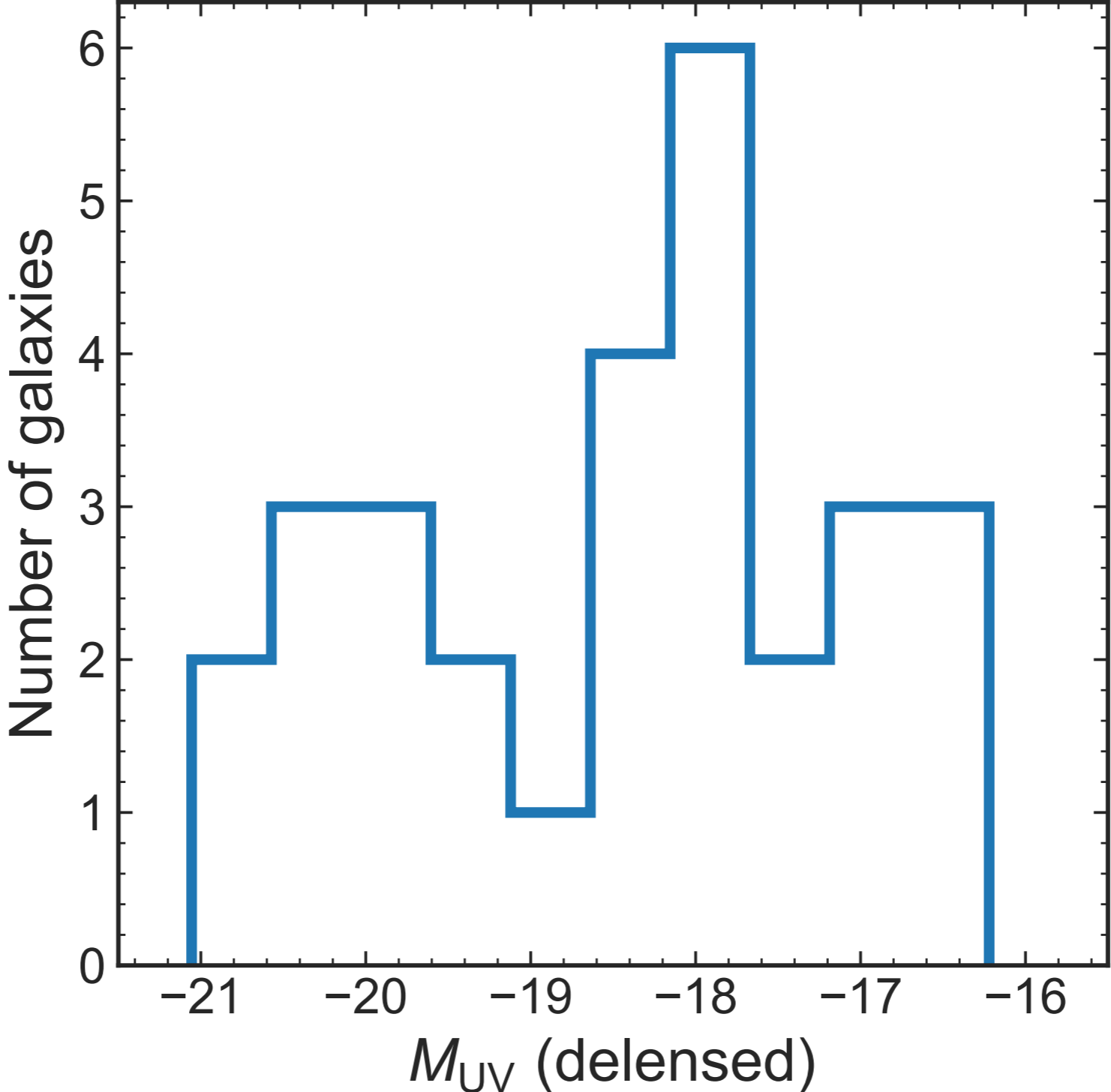
**Evolving transmission of Ly $\alpha$**  from galaxies contains information about the **history of reionization**

- **IGM and ISM** effects included via forward-modelling to make inferences from Ly $\alpha$  observation
- KLASS finds **no S/N > 5 Ly $\alpha$**  in 53  $z > 7$  LBG candidates.  $EW < 58\text{\AA}$
- Using non-detections to constrain IGM neutral fraction at  $z \sim 8$ : **>76% neutral**

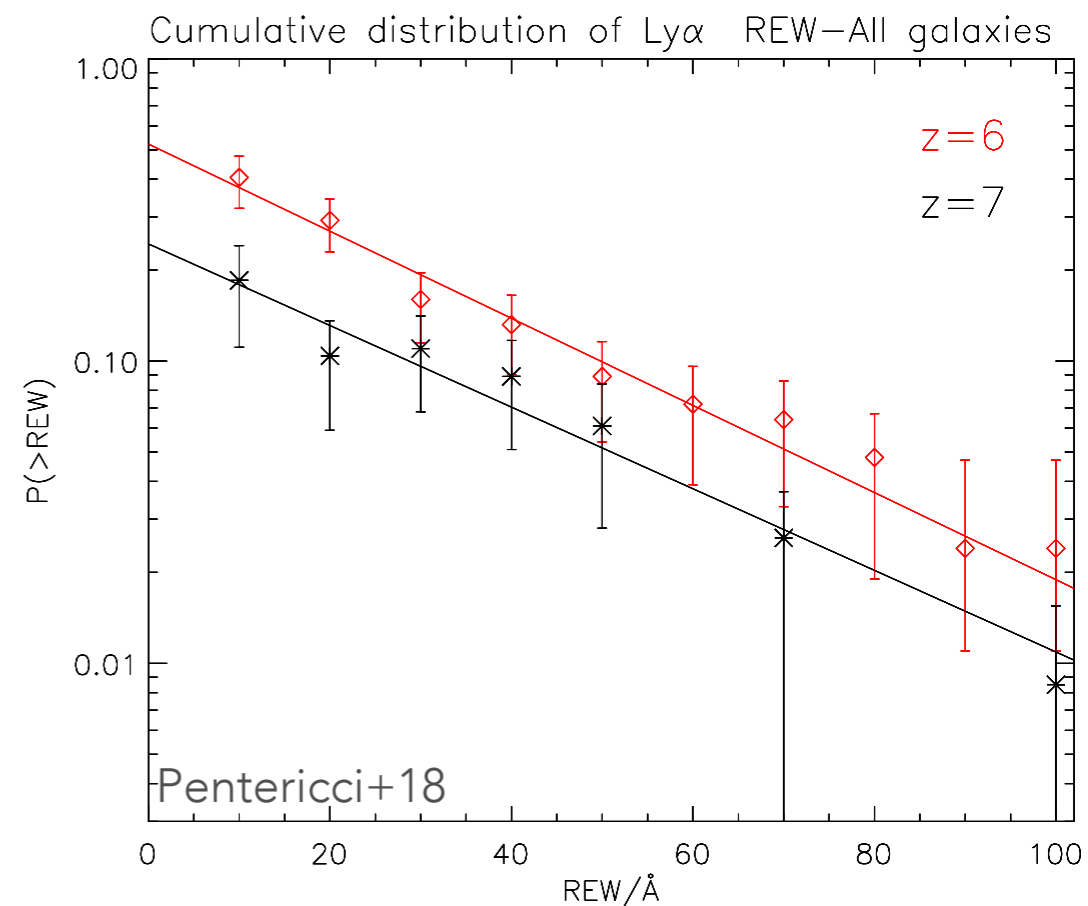
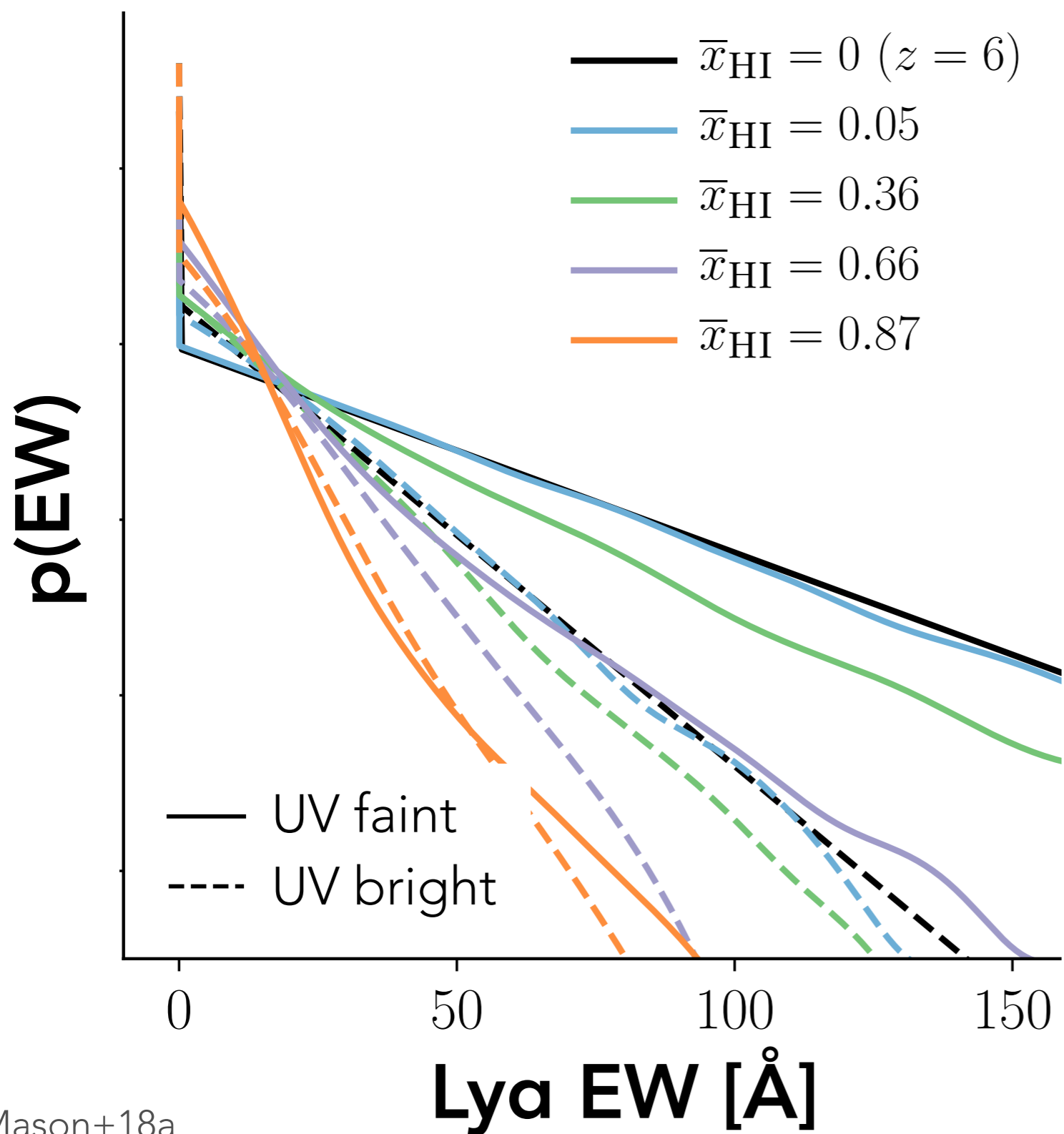
ELTs will **increase accuracy** of global + sightline reionization timeline, and enable **investigation of ionized bubbles** to constrain ionizing sources



UV magnitude distribution  
peaks around -18 (delensed)



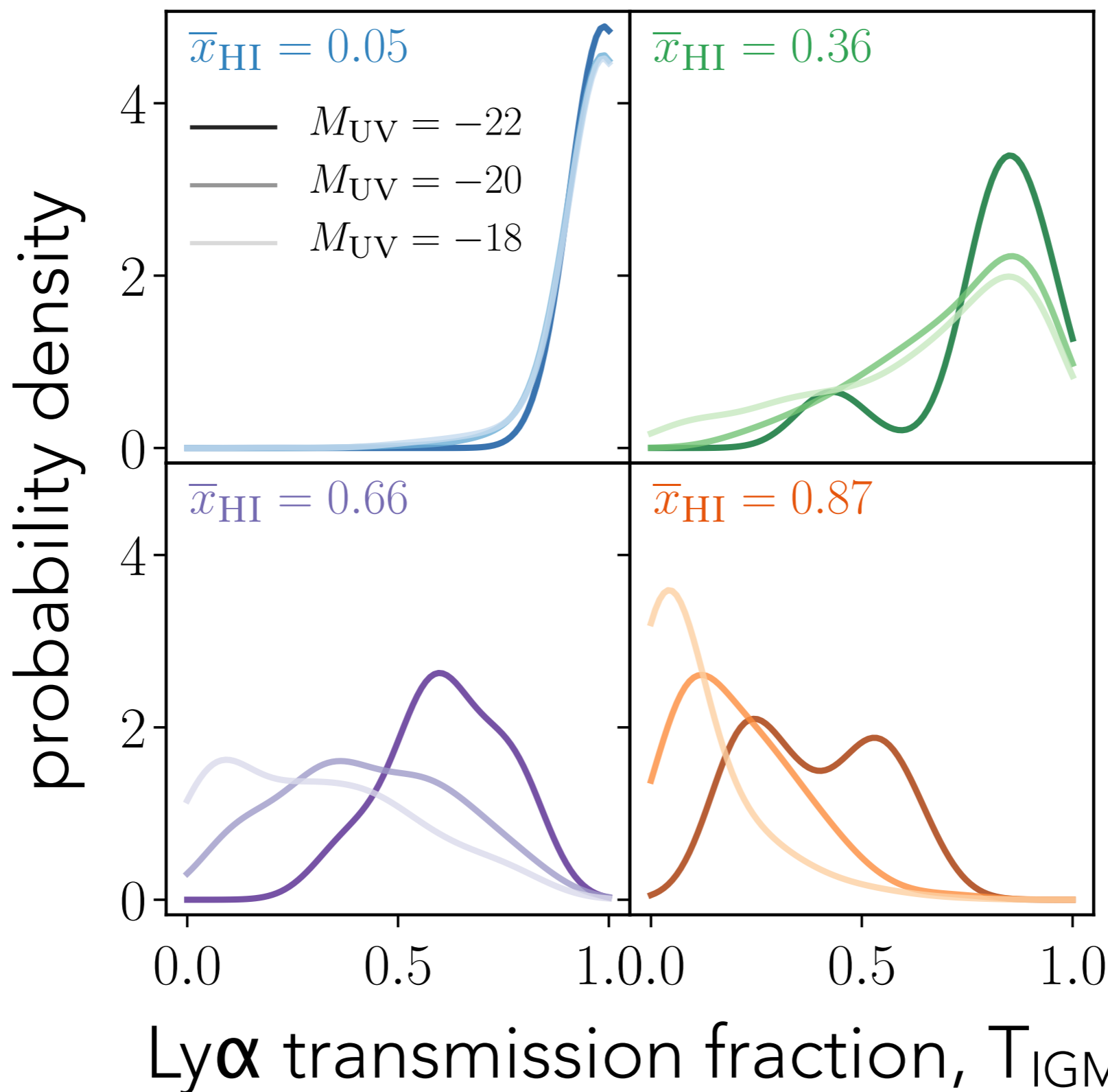
As the IGM becomes more neutral  
 $\text{Ly}\alpha$  EWs decrease



Increasingly  
 neutral IGM

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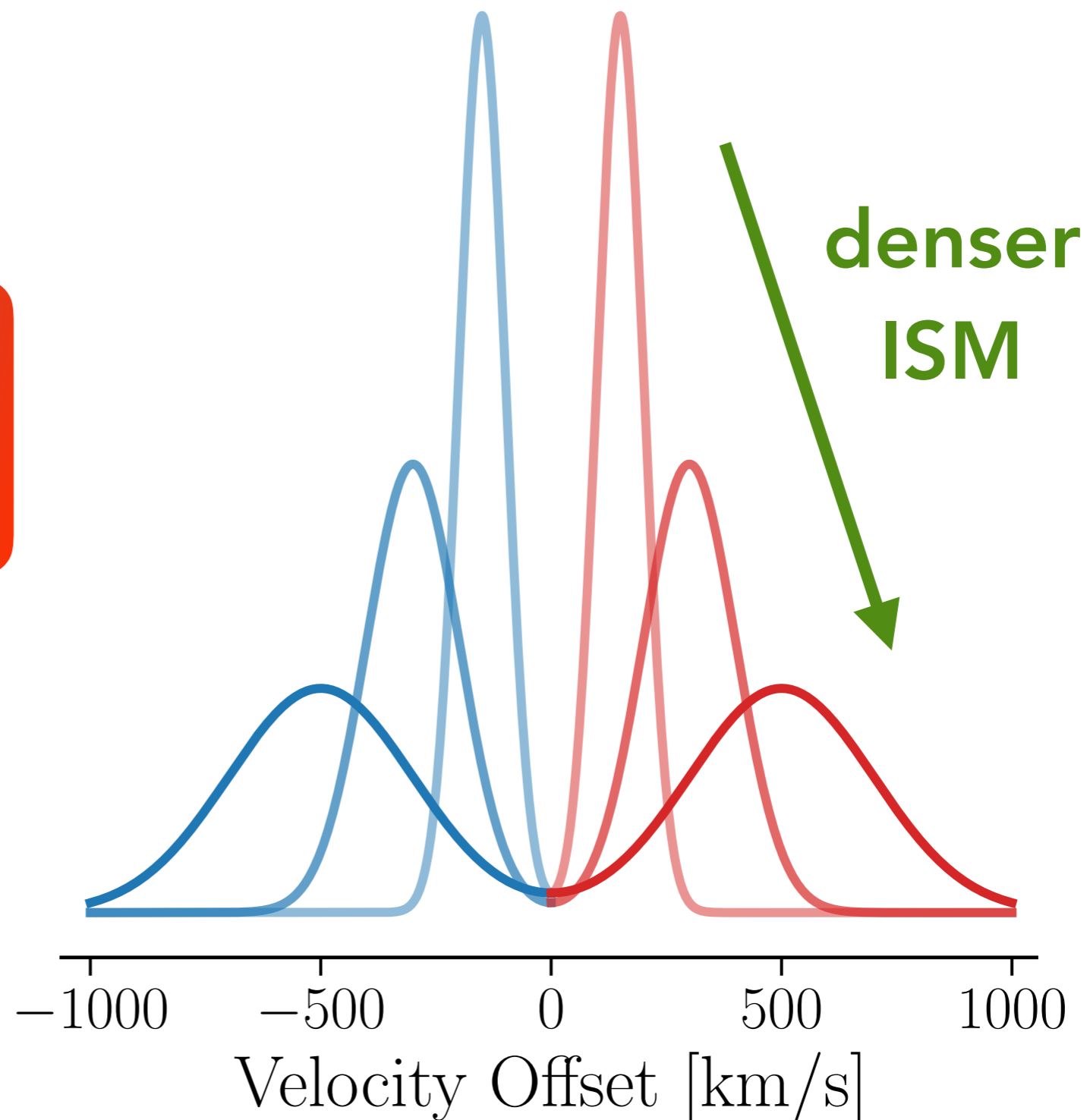
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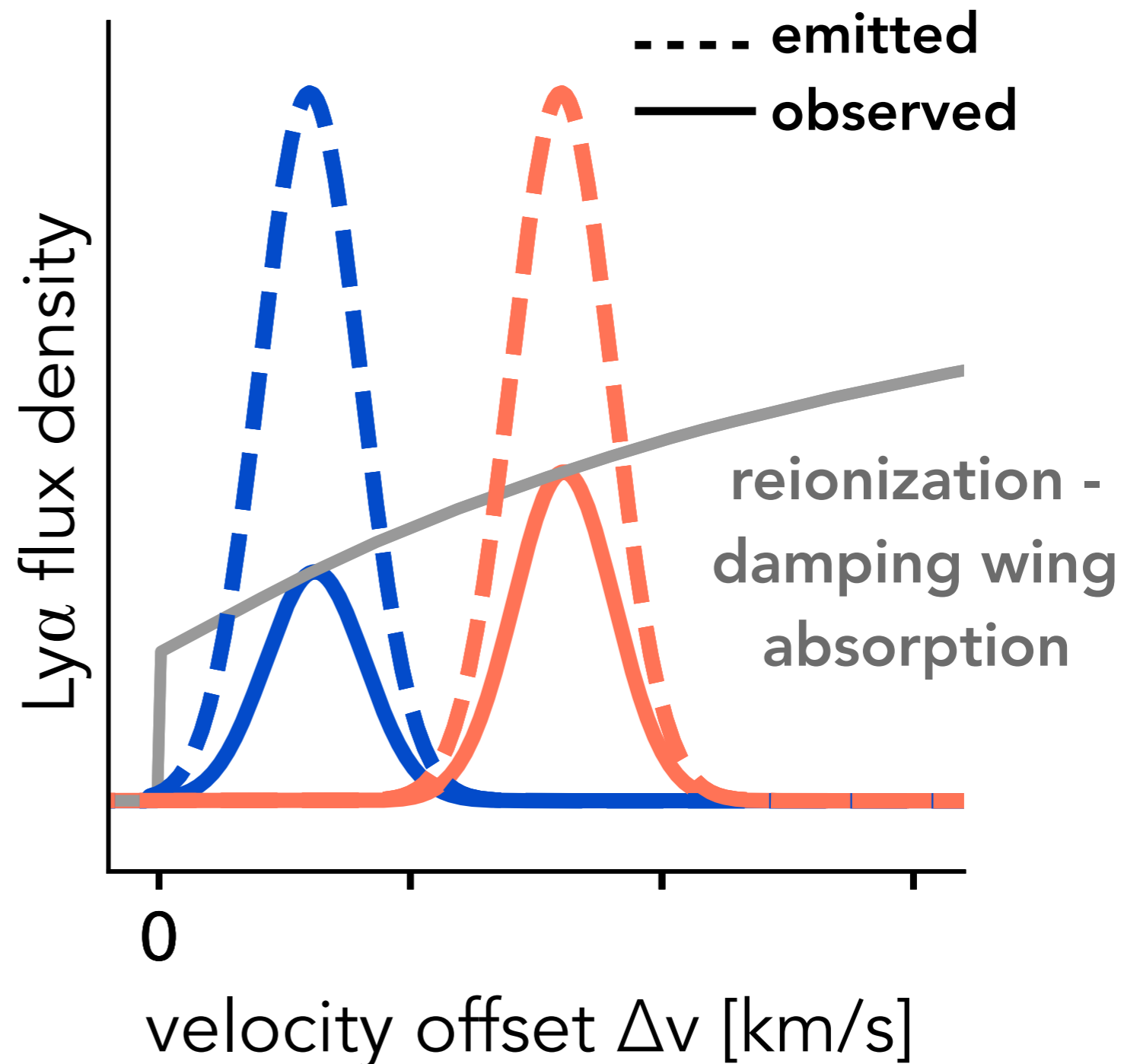
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Ly $\alpha$  photons must diffuse in frequency to escape dense ISM



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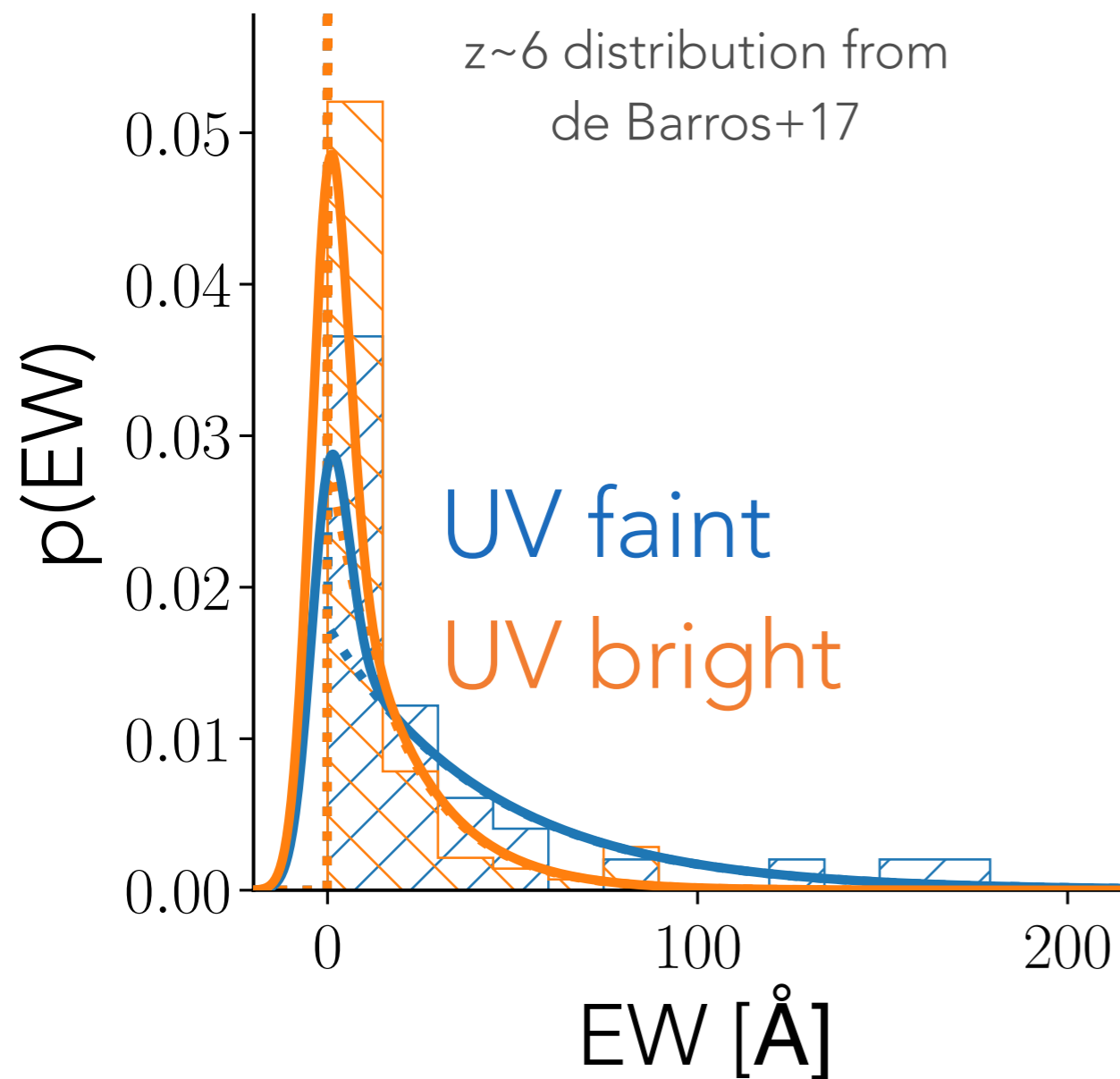
More Doppler-shifted lines are less affected by reionization





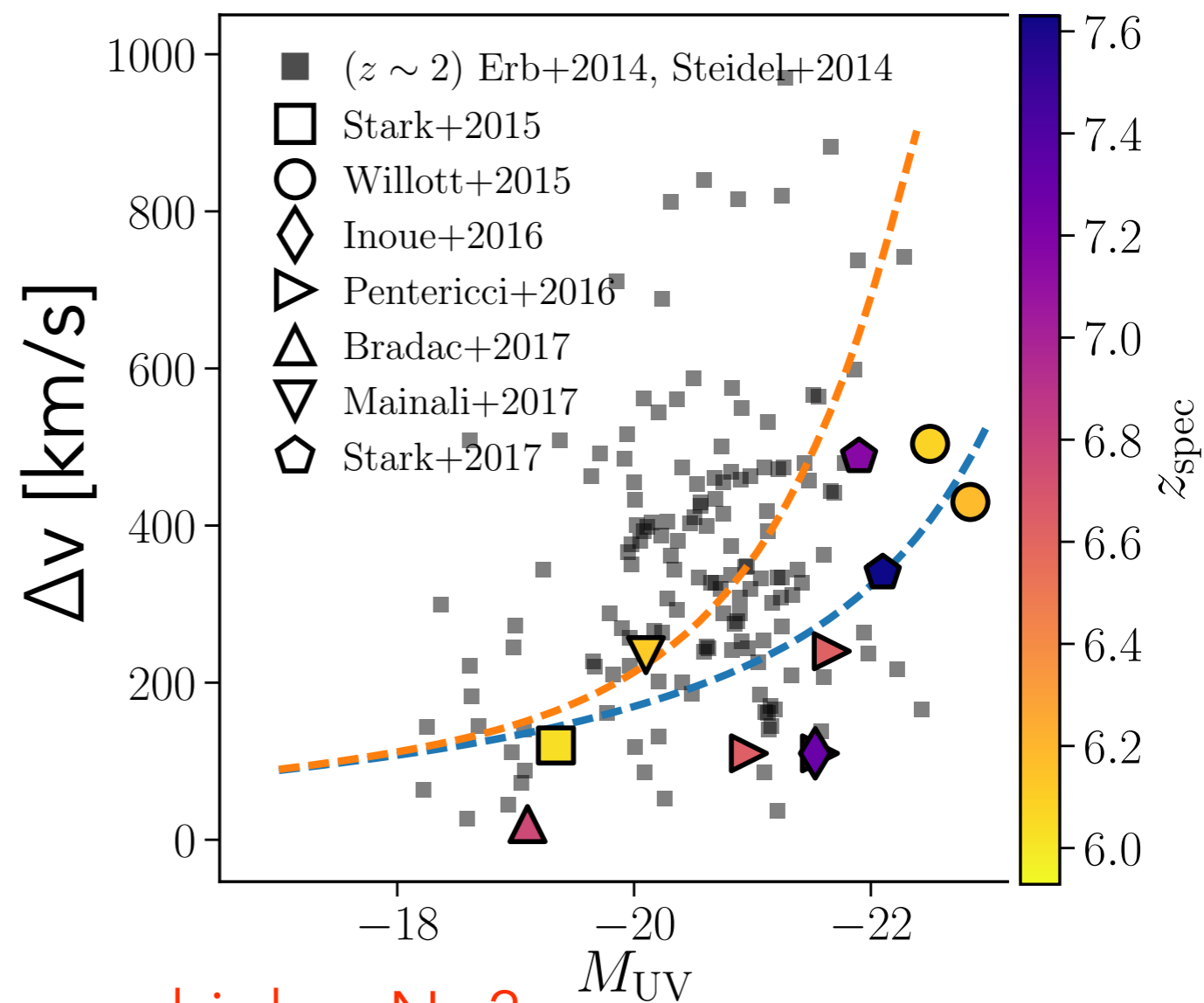
# Simulation halos are populated with realistic ISM properties

## 'Emitted' $EW_{Ly\alpha}$



+ UV magnitudes  
from Mason+15b

## Ly-alpha velocity offsets



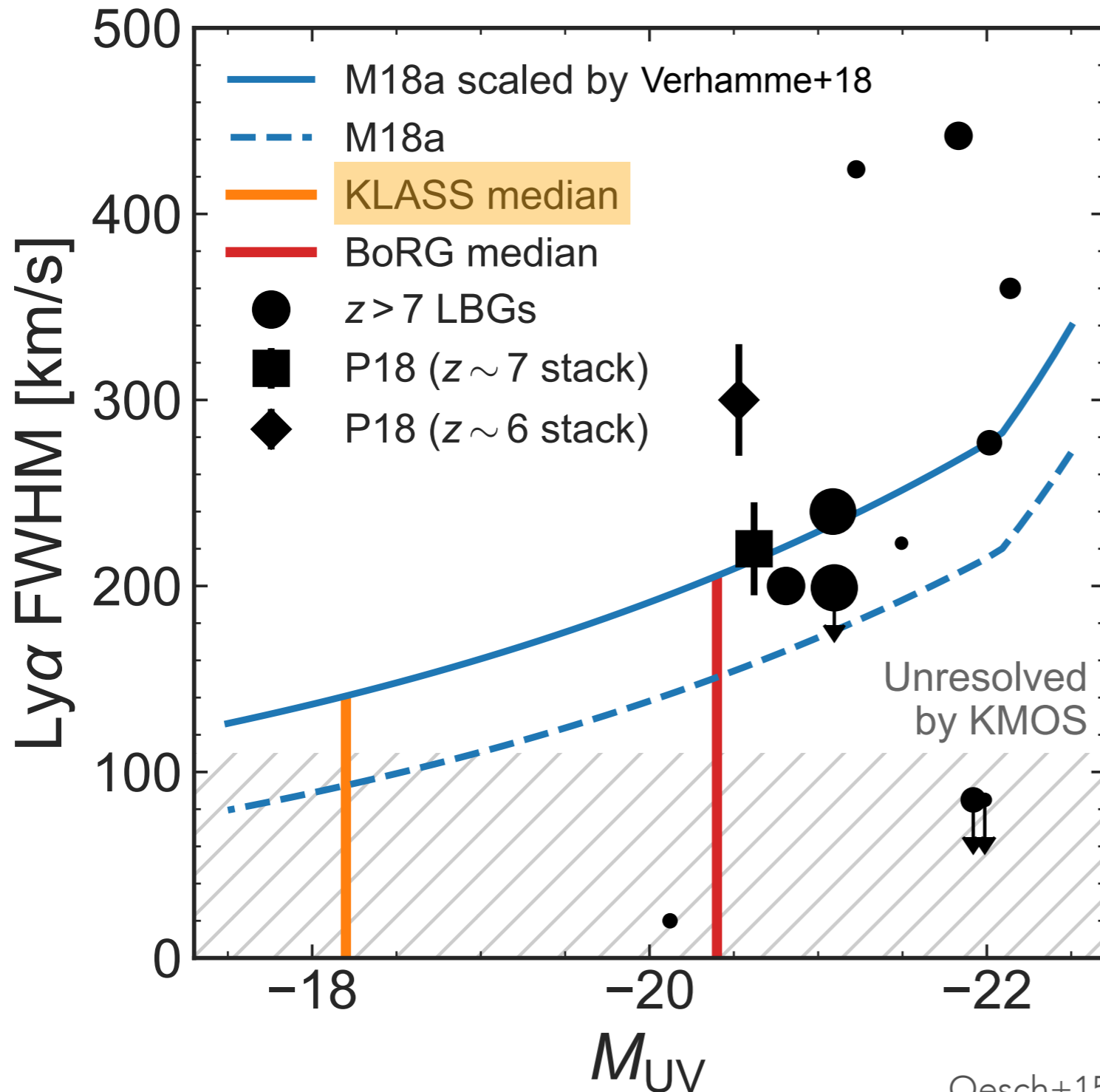
higher  $N_{HI}$ ?  
higher  $f_{cov}(HI)$ ?  
outflows?



Mason+2018a

# Lya linewidth impacts inference:

## Use FWHM priors based on $z > 7$ observations



$z > 7$  detections span  
FWHM  $< 100 - 450$  km/s

High R, deep data  
will resolve Ly $\alpha$  lines  
deep into EoR

Oesch+15, Roberts-Borsani+16, Stark+17, Zitrin+15, Song+16,

Finkelstein+13, Shibuya+12, Ono+12, Schenker+12, Vanzella+11, Laporte+17