

Lyman-alpha Halos at high redshifts with MUSE

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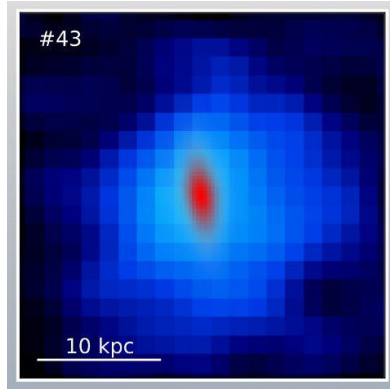
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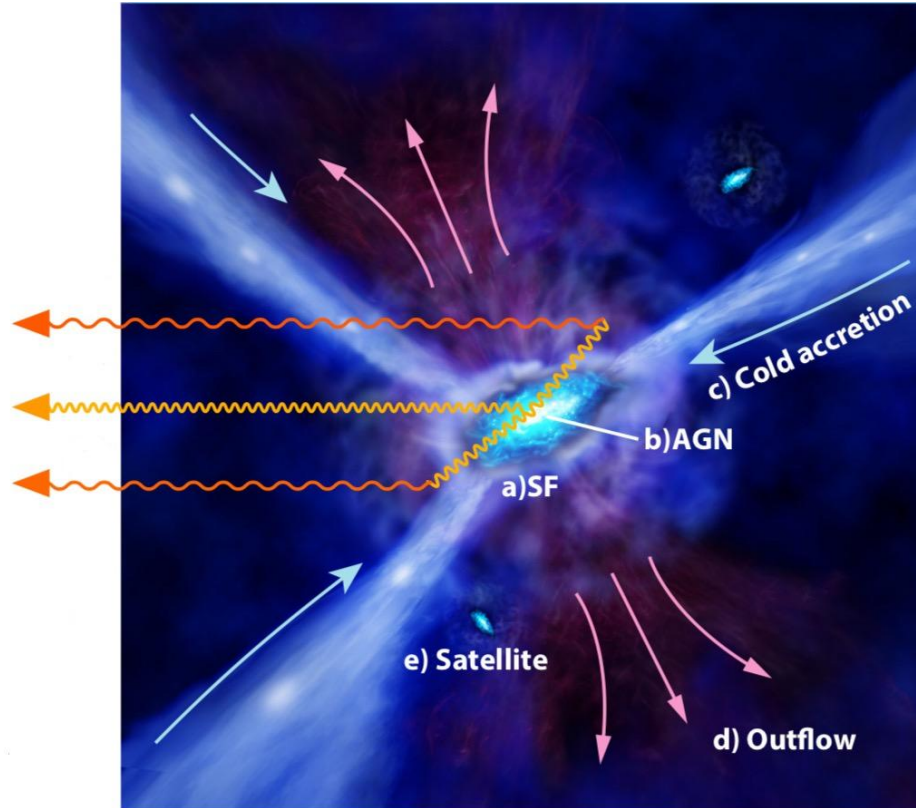
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Lyman- α halo (LAH)

Wisotzki et al. 2016

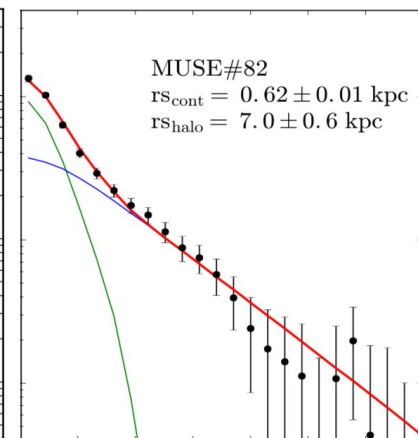
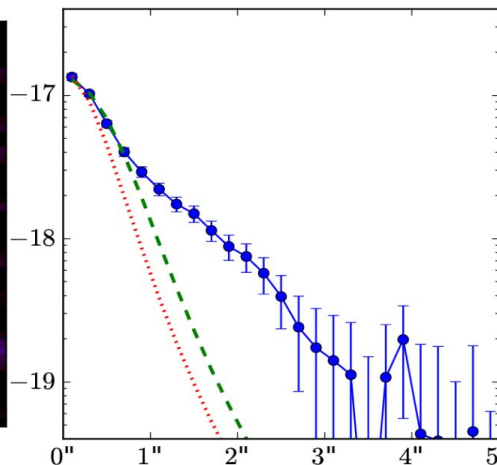
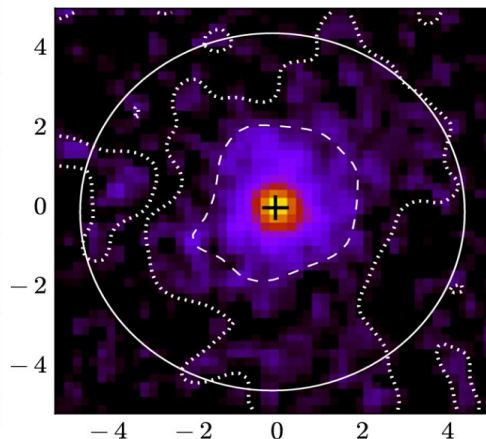
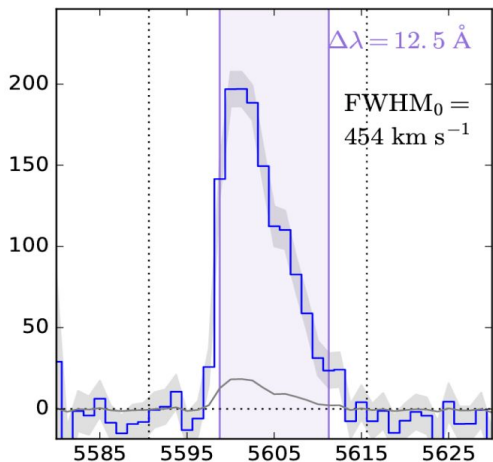


Ouchi et al. 2020



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Leclercq et al. 2017

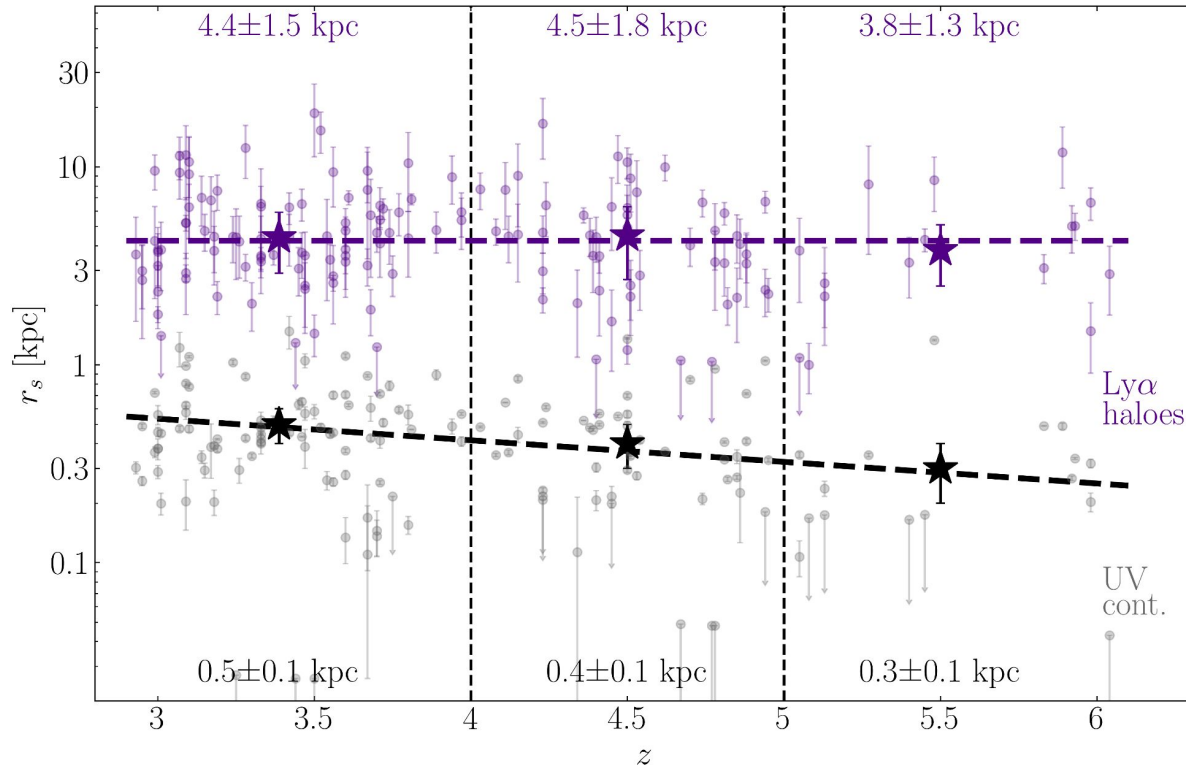


- prominent feature of LAEs
- contribute from 40-90+% of total flux

- well described by an exponential profile
- ~10 times bigger than the central galaxy

Lyman- α halos: evolution

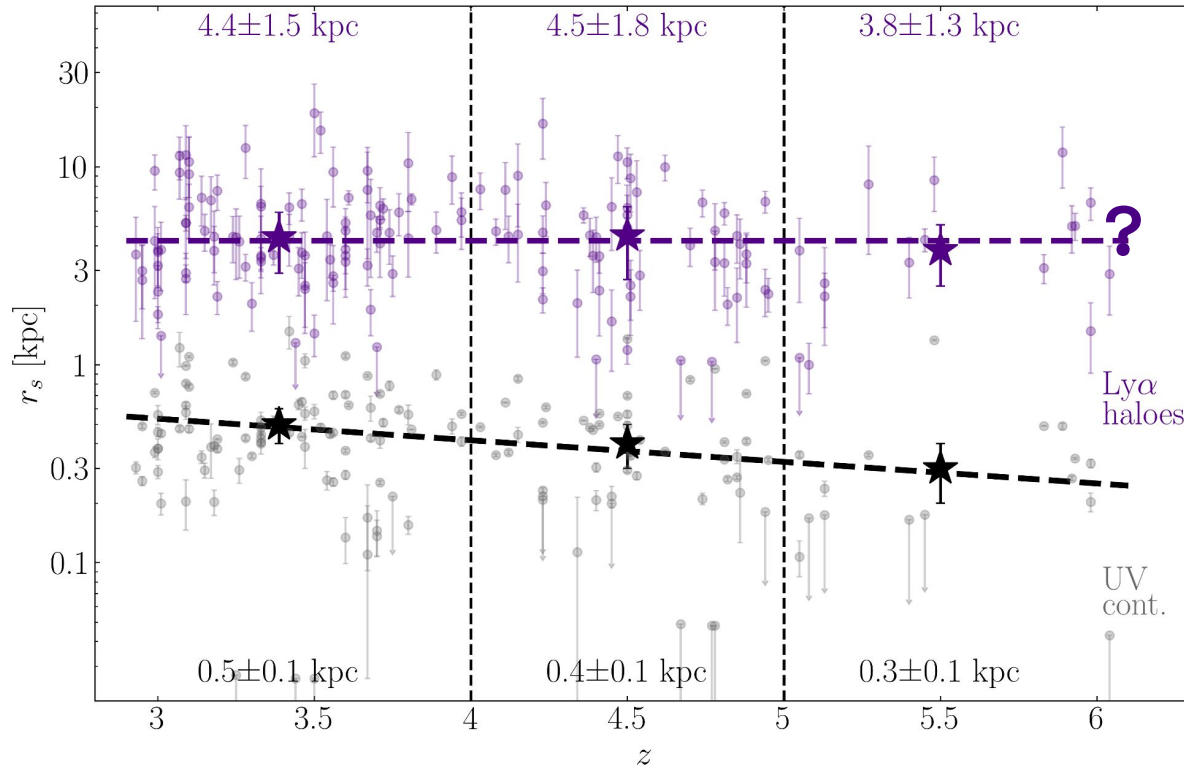
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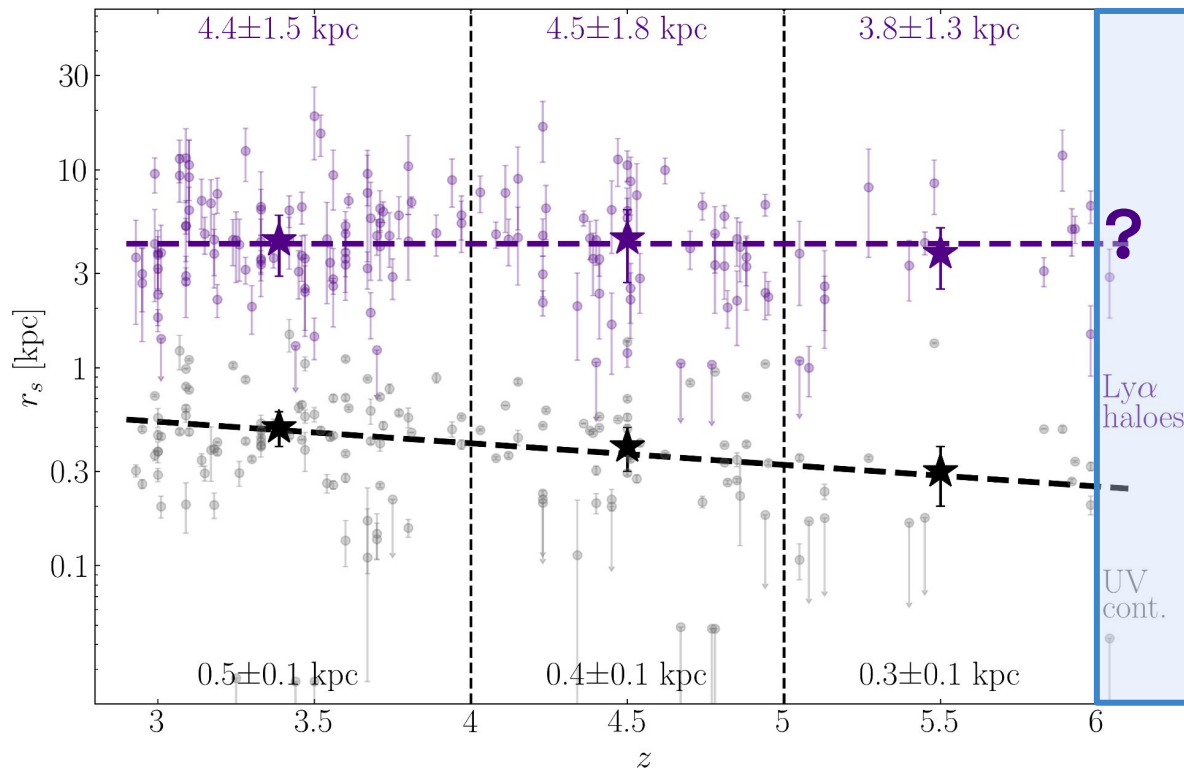
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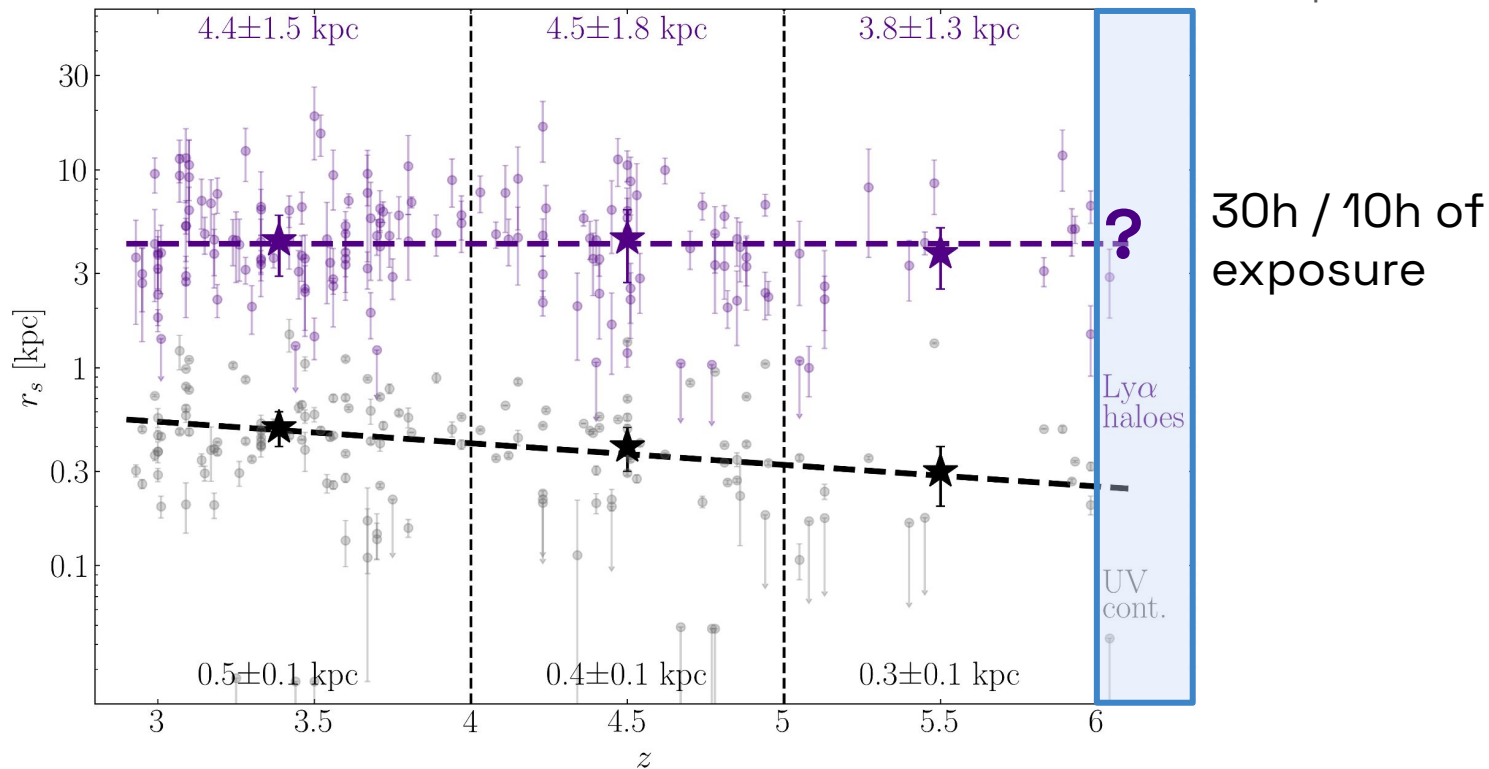
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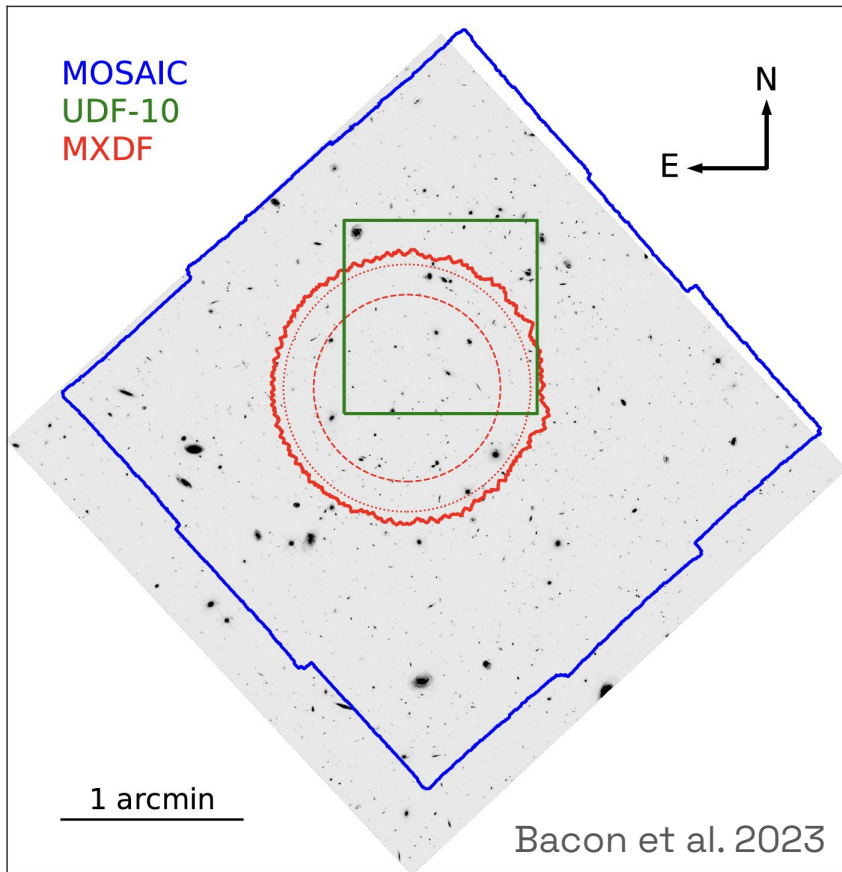
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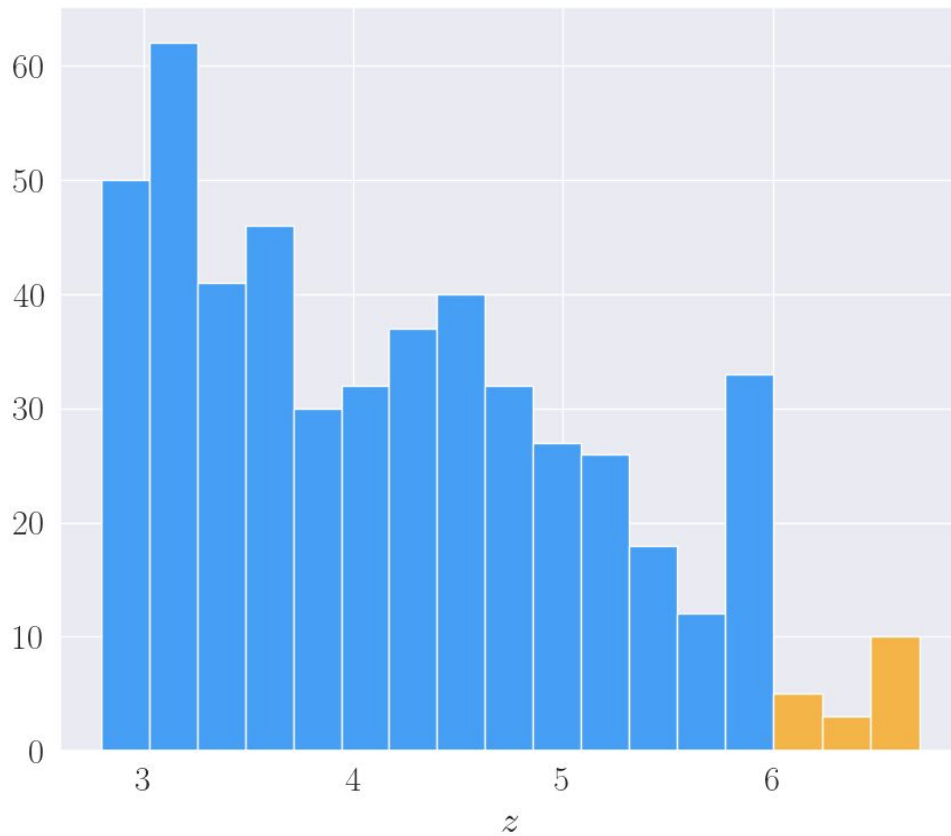


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MXDF (140h) breakthrough

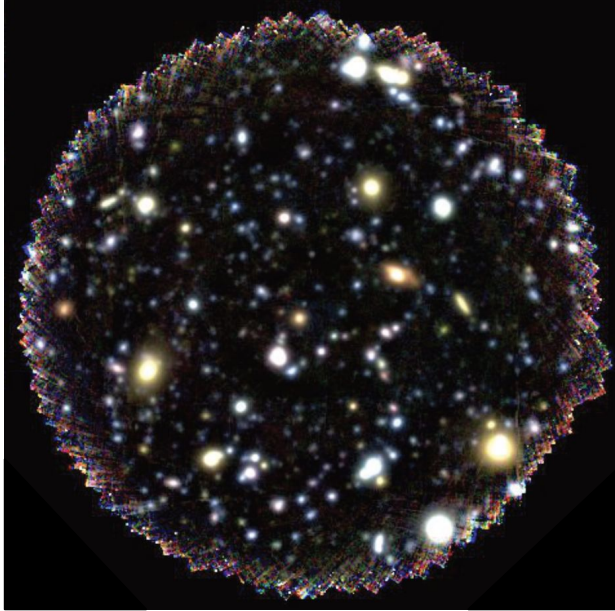


Redshift distribution of LAEs in MXDF



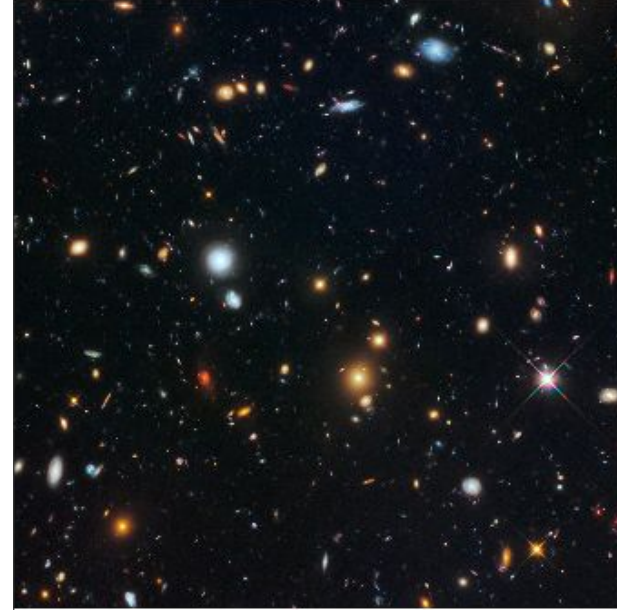
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MXDF: 140h



High- z

Shallow Field $\sim 1.7h$

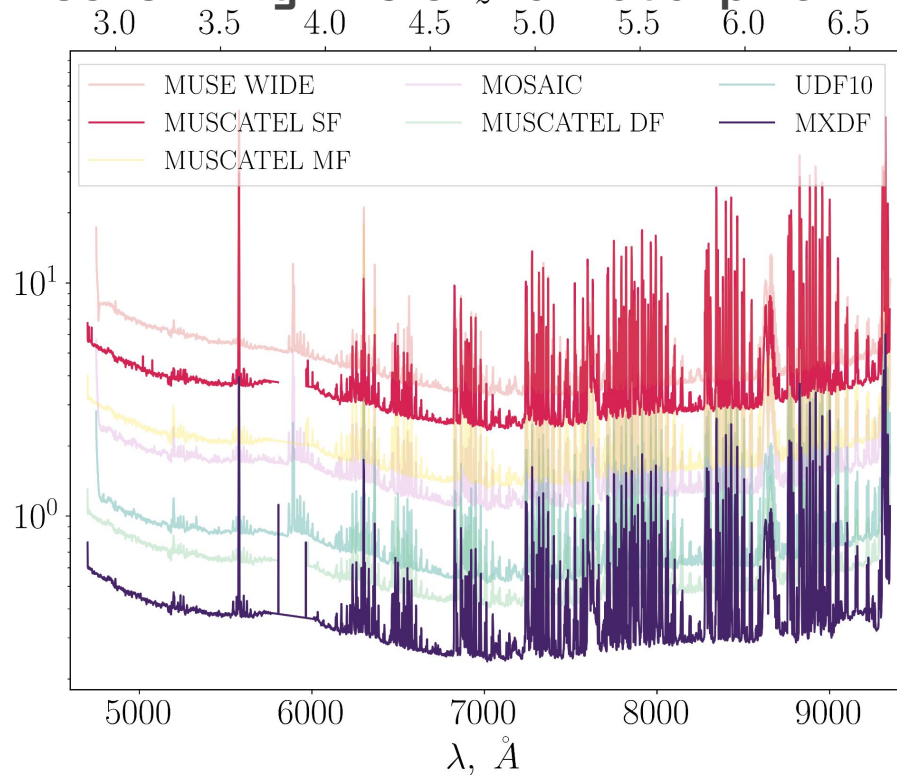


Low- z

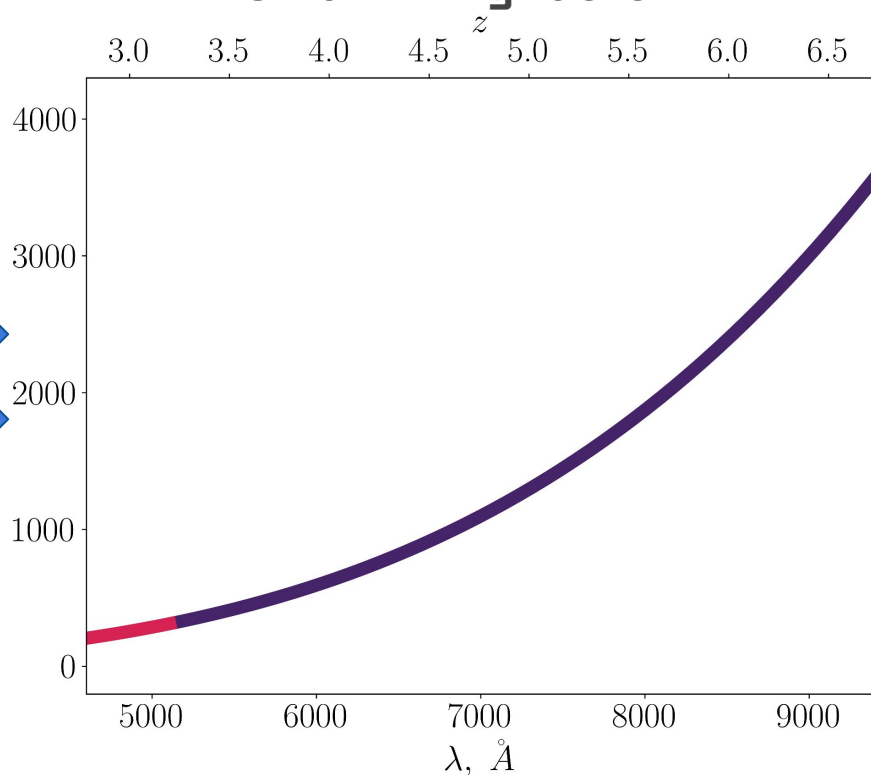
Idea: compare properties of LAHs at $z \sim 3$ and $z > 6$
at similar corrected SB sensitivity

Building the samples

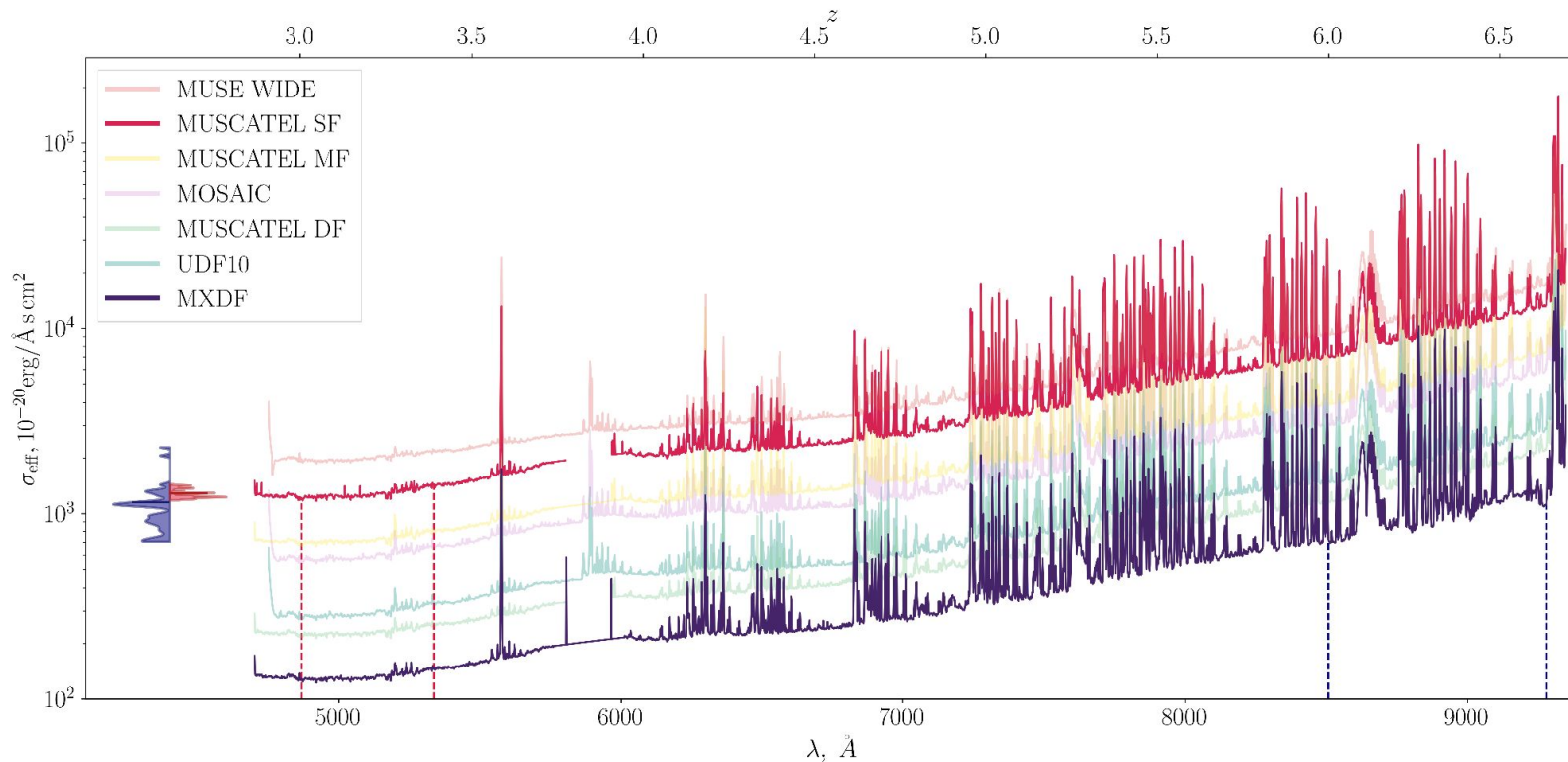
Sensitivity $\sim 1\sigma$ of individual pixel



SB dimming factor

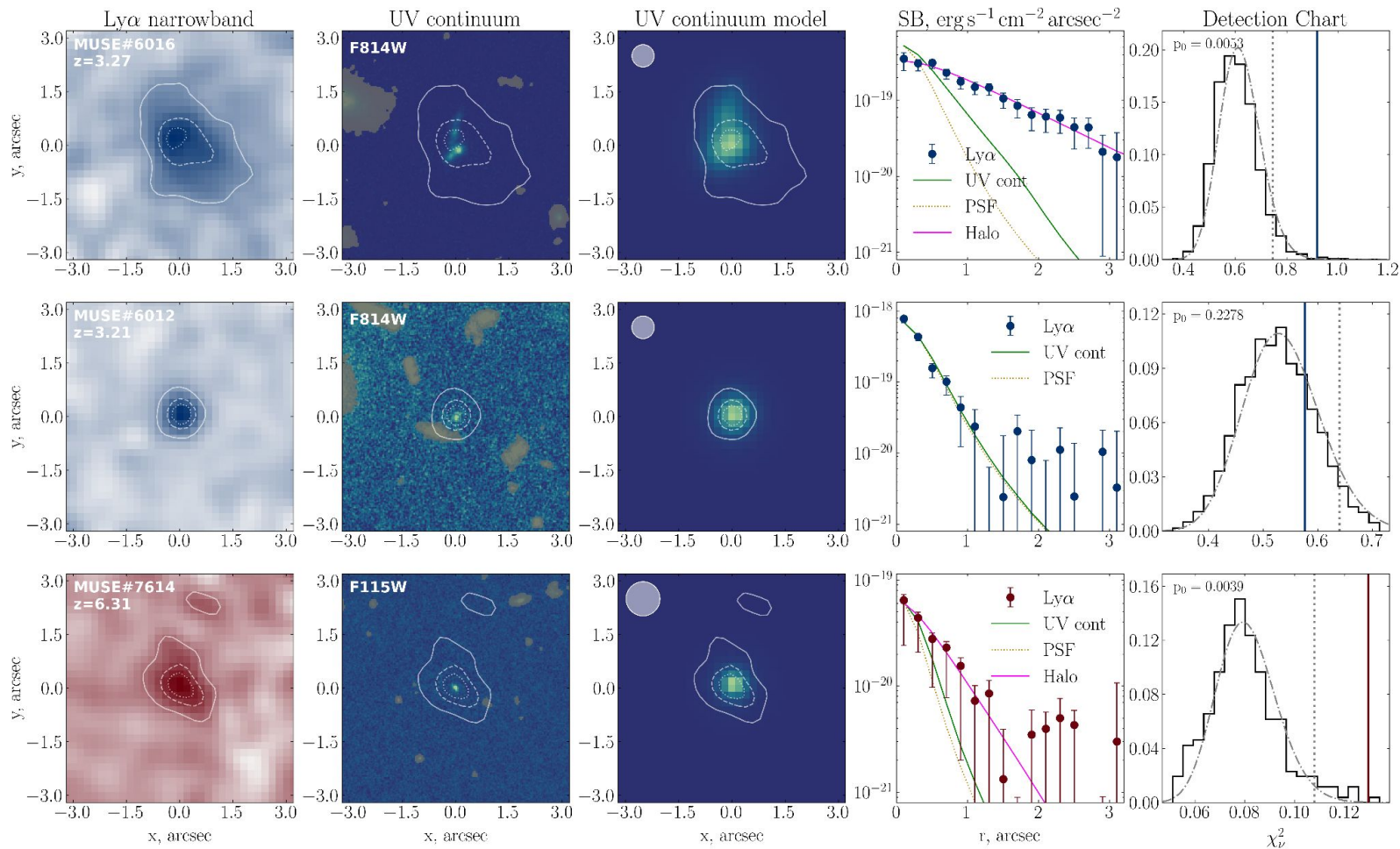


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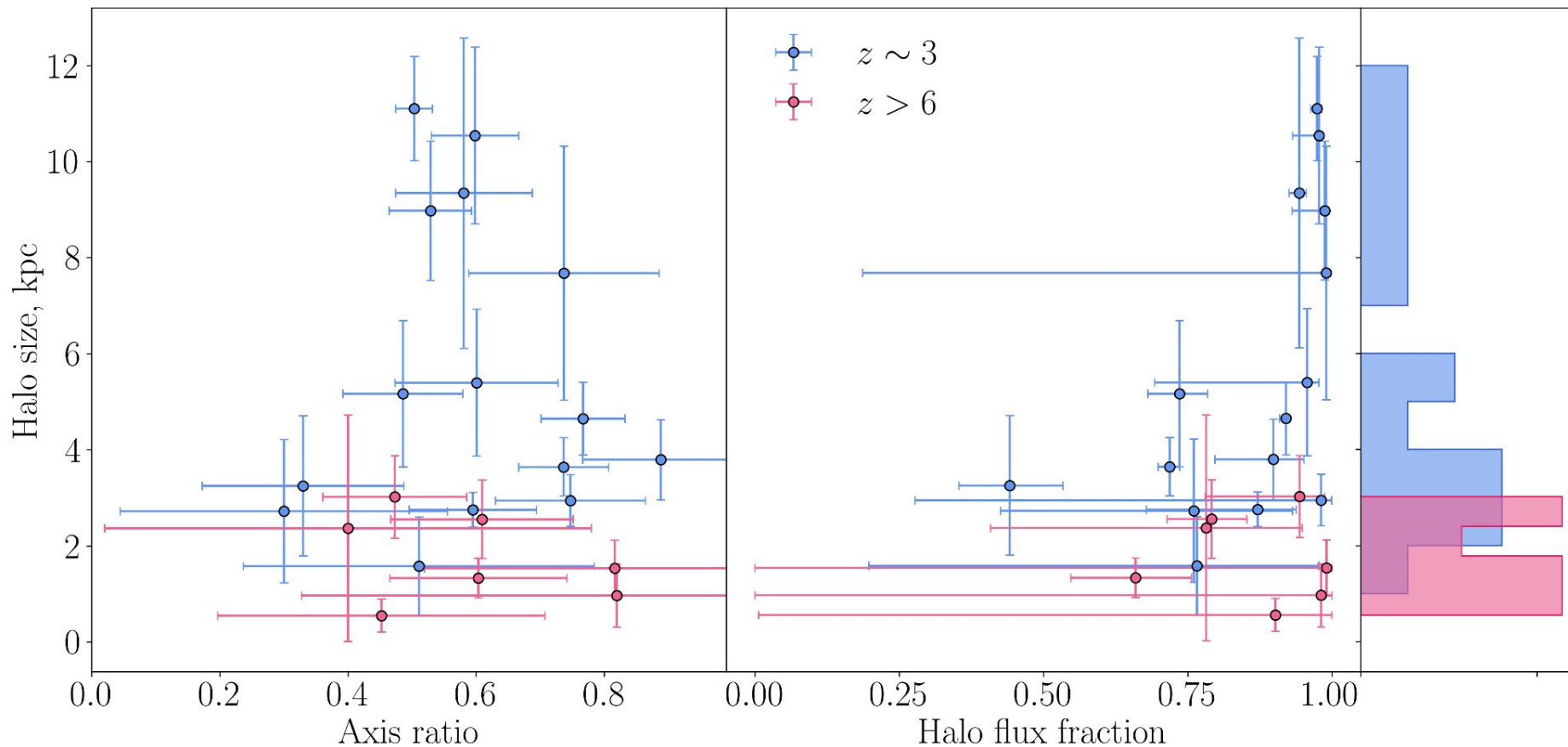


- High- z sample: 18 LAEs from MXDF
- Low- z sample: 90 LAEs from MUSCATEL-SHALLOW

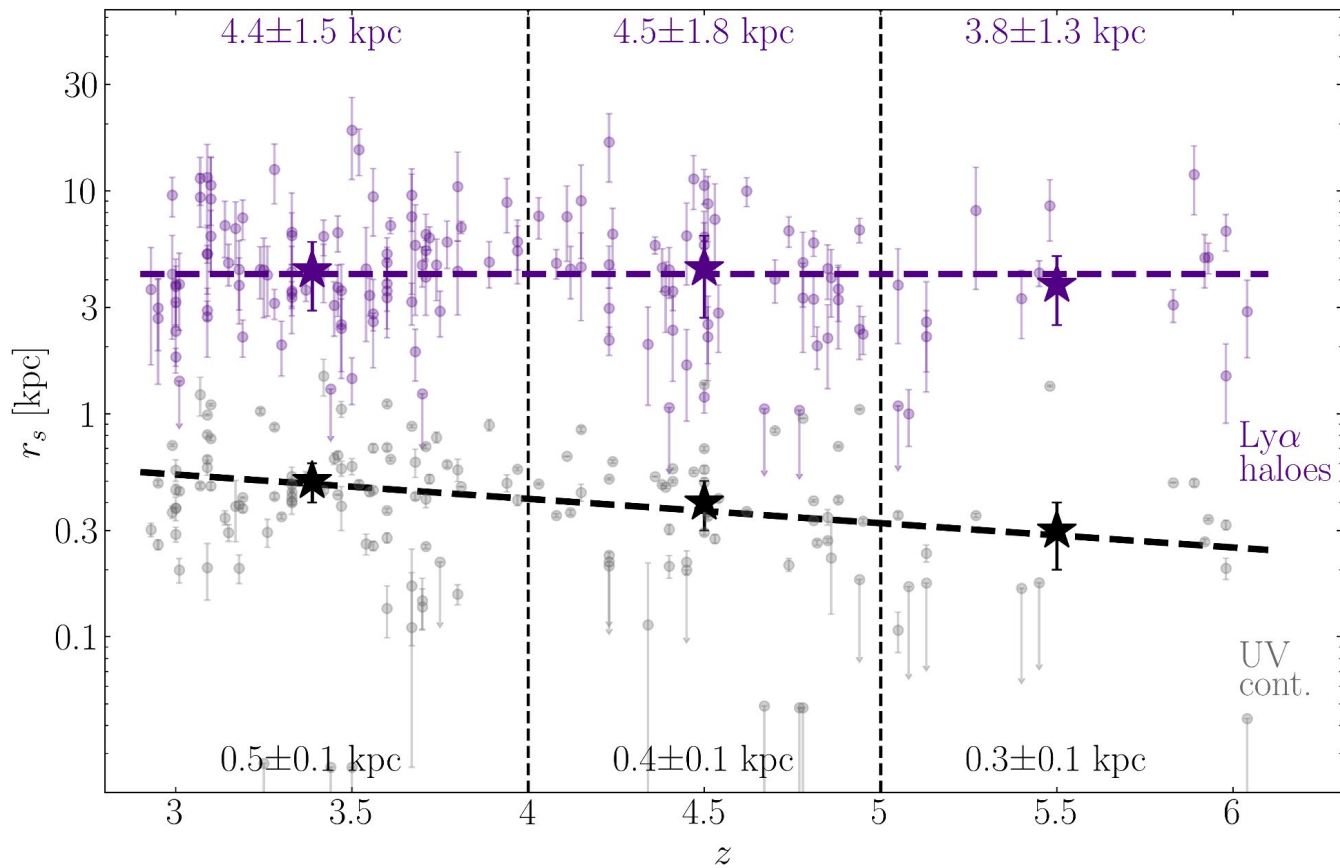
LAH detection and decomposition



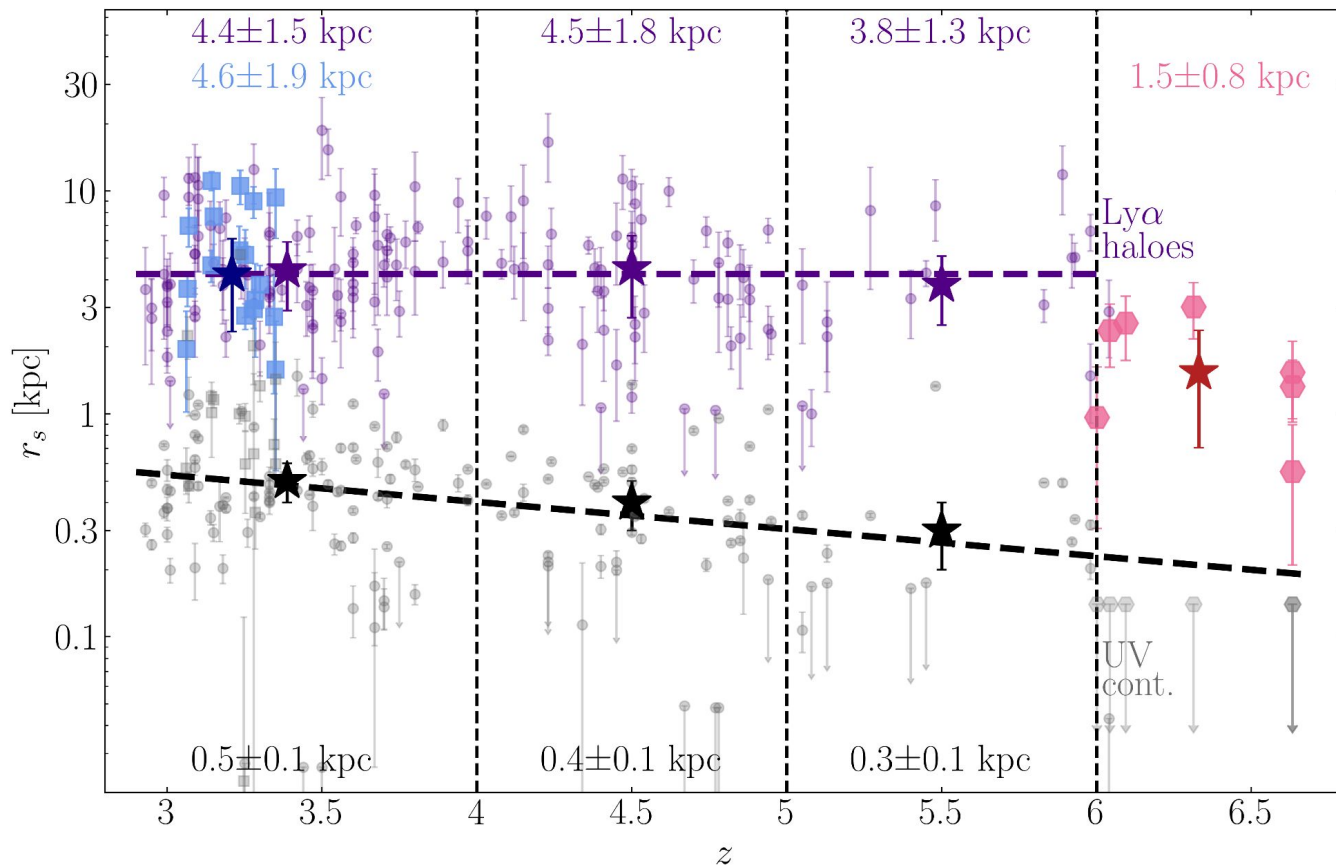
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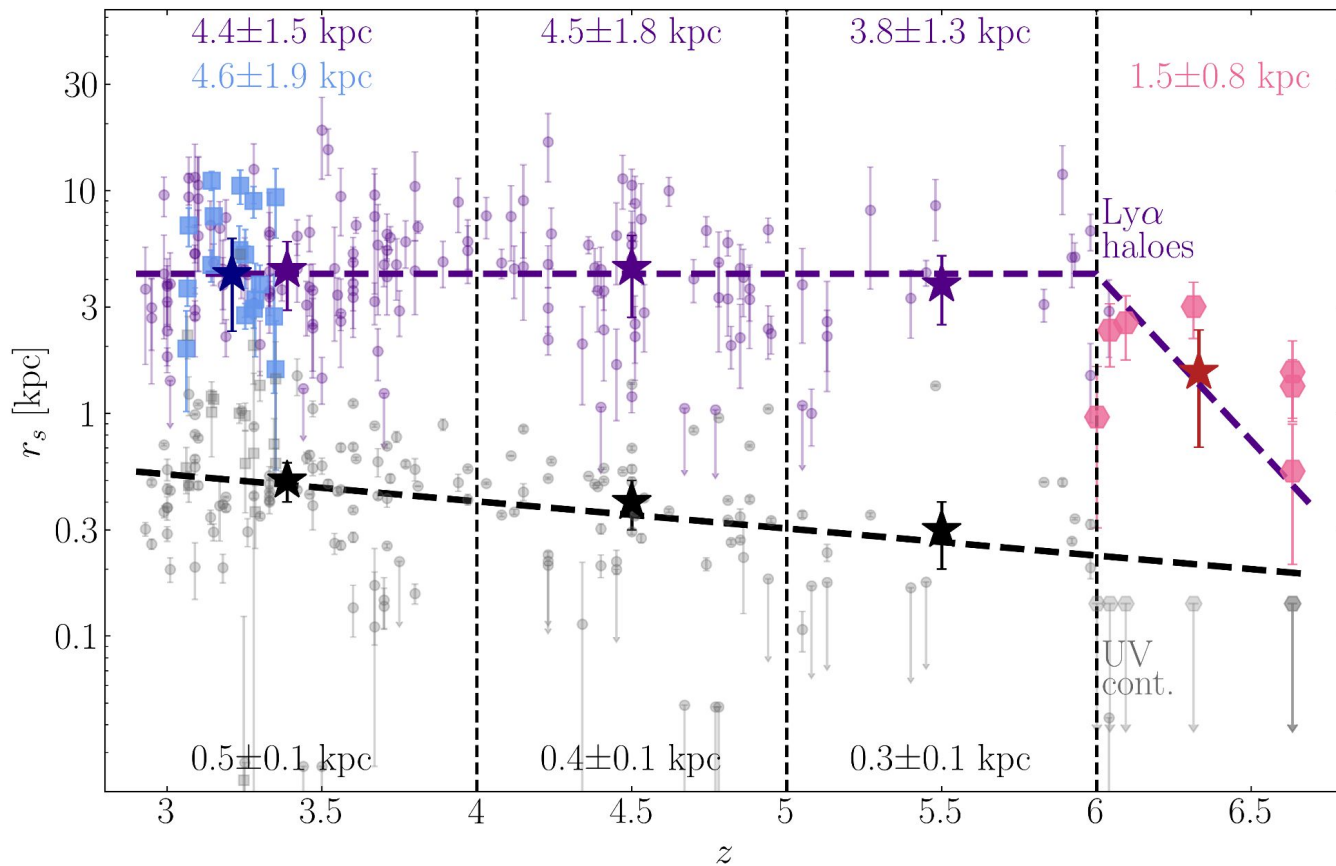
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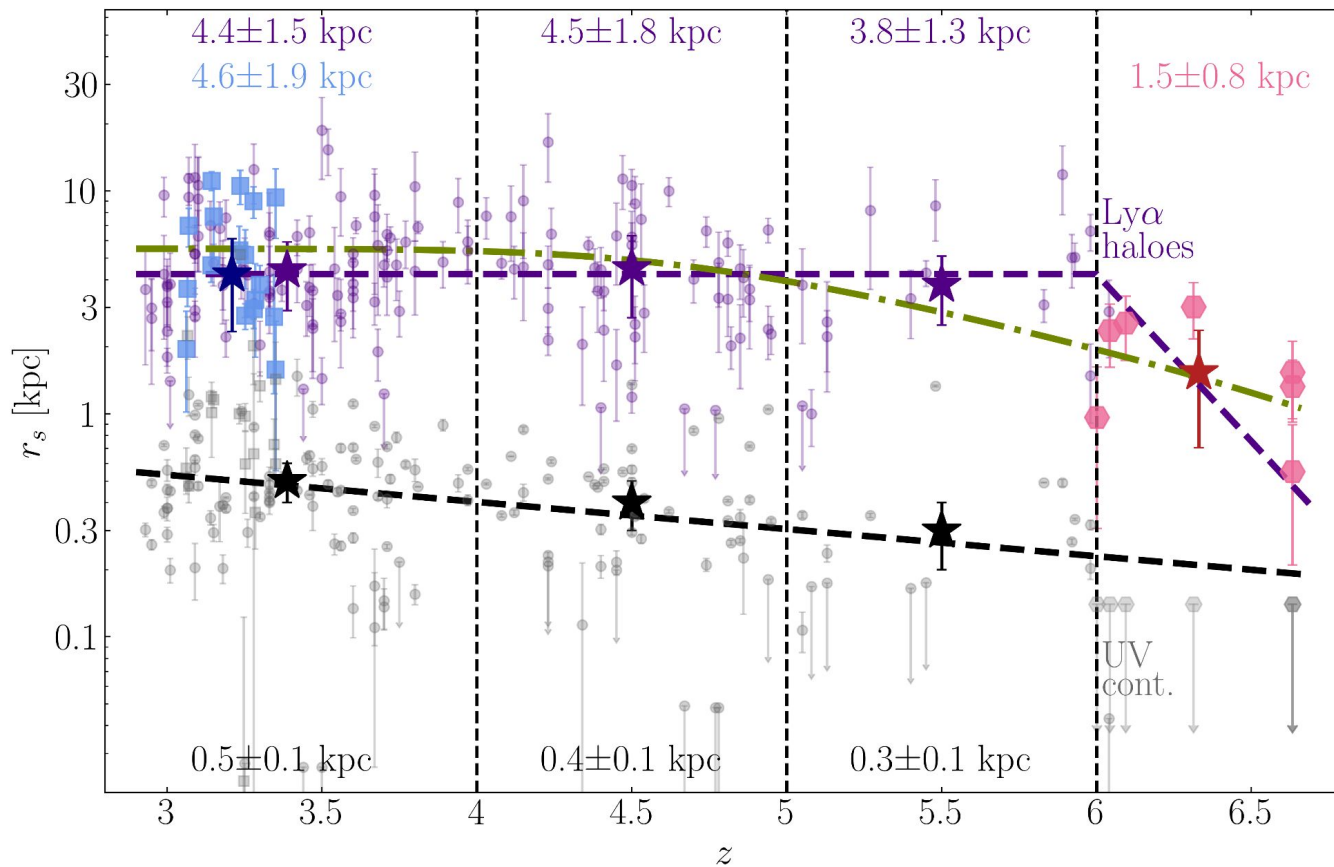
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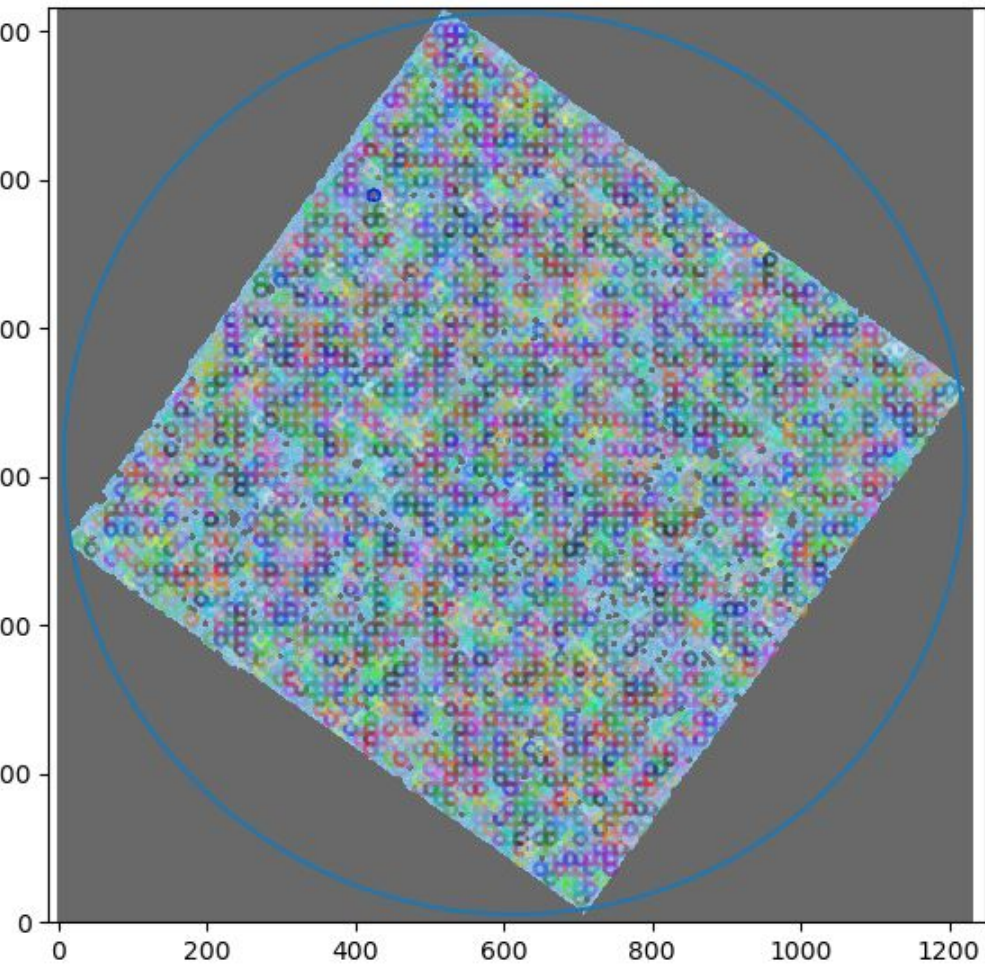
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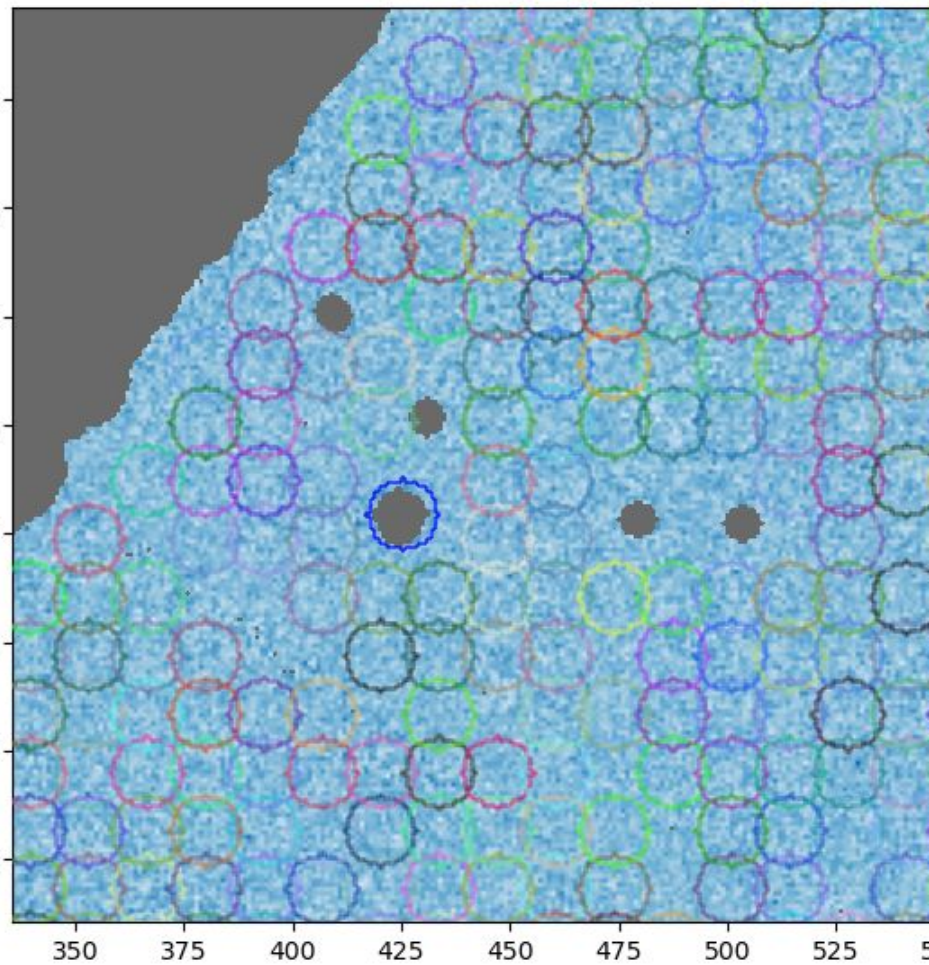
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- ▷ EoR induced breakpoint vs prolonged evolution?
- ▷ Powering mechanisms?

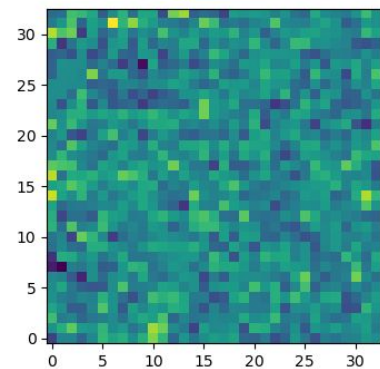
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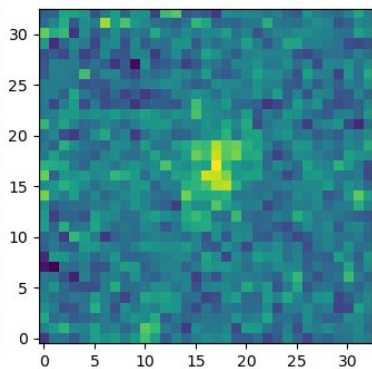
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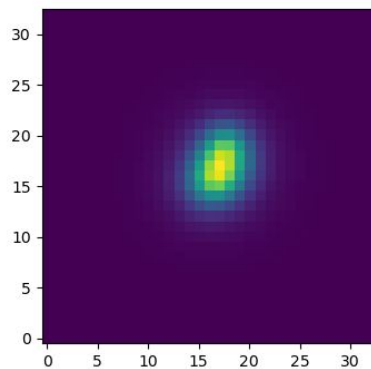
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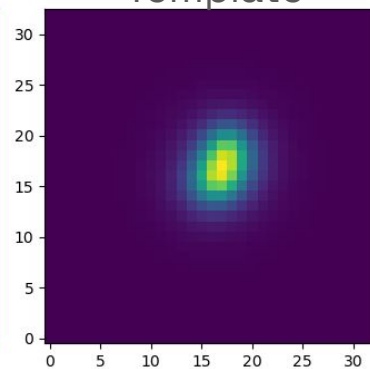
Mock LAE



Matched Template



Input
Template



Residuals
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