

The UV-Slopes of the Faintest, High-Redshift Galaxies with GLIMPSE

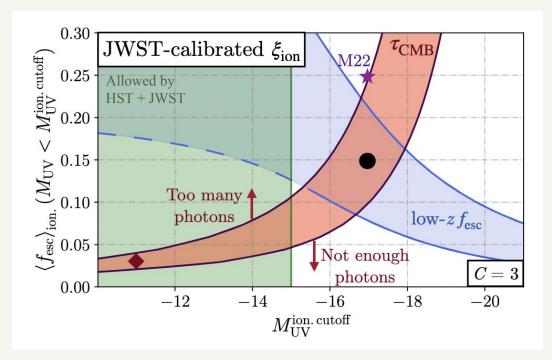
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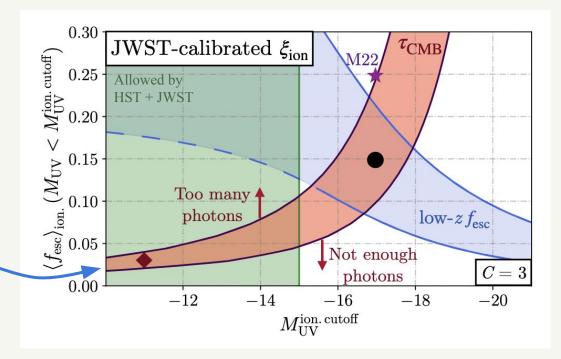


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One possible solution:

f_{esc} is overestimated



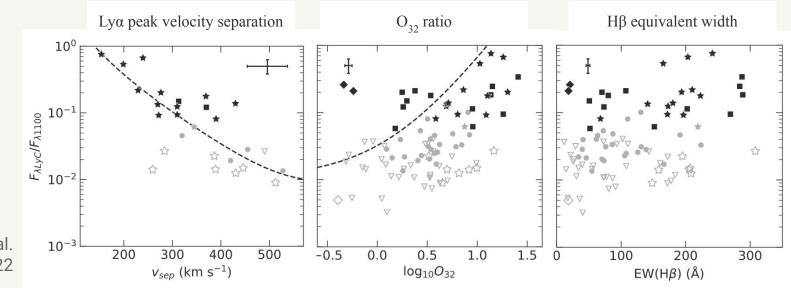
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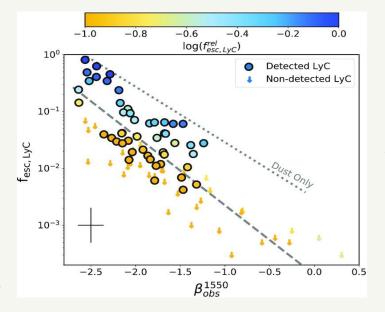


Flury et al. 2022

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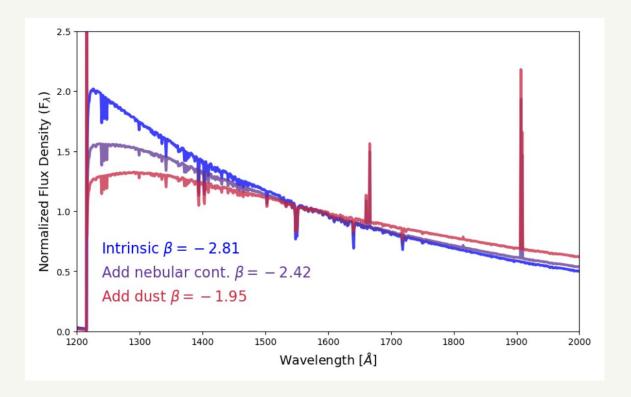


Empirical relation from LzLCS

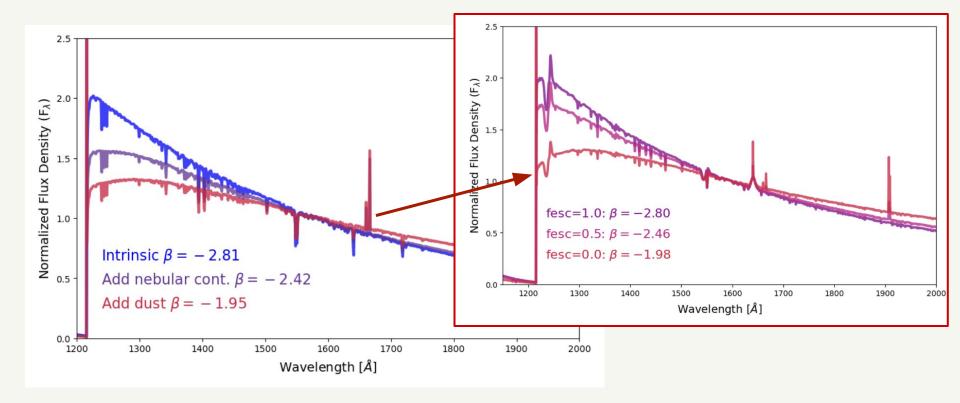
but consistent with f_{esc} from Mg II at z>7 (Gazagnes et al. 2024)

Chisholm et al. 2022

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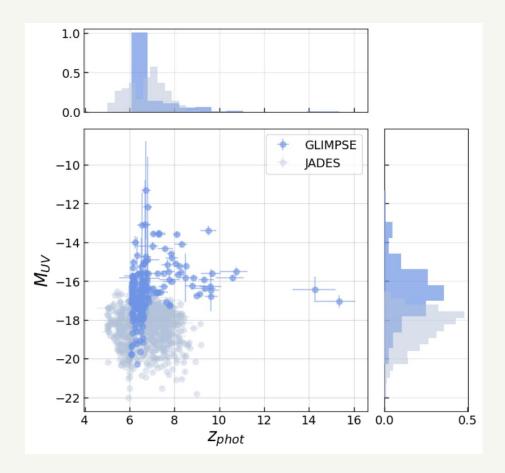
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Strong gravitational lensing & ultra-deep imaging

→ probe the faintest galaxies

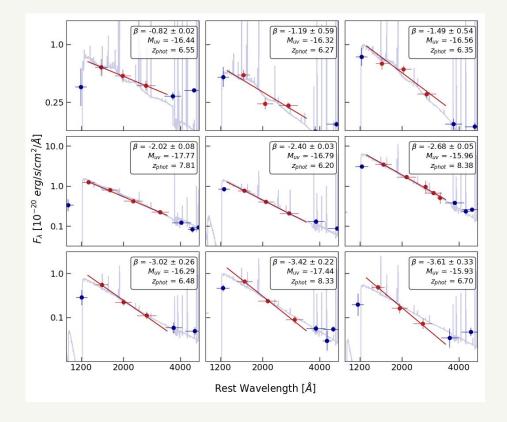
120 hours across 9 NIRCam filters: F090W, F115W, F150W, F200W, F277W, F356W, **F410M**, F444W, **F480M**



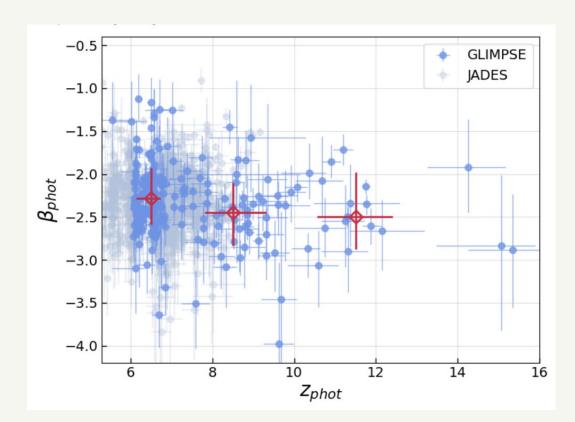
Obtain β from power-law fitting

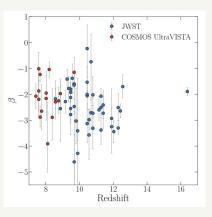
In UV, $F_{\lambda} \propto \lambda^{\beta}$

- Photometry
 1350Å ≤ λ ≤ 3400Å
- 2. Bagpipes SED
 1350Å ≤ λ ≤ 1800Å

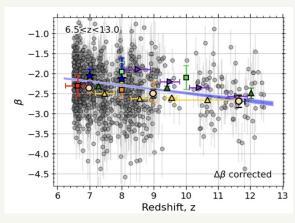


Beta decreases with redshift



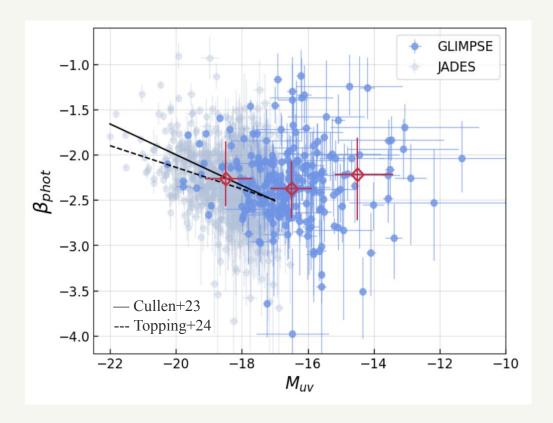


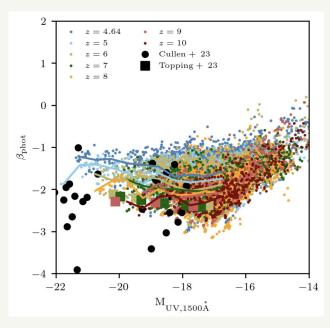
Cullen et al. 2023



Austin et al. 2024

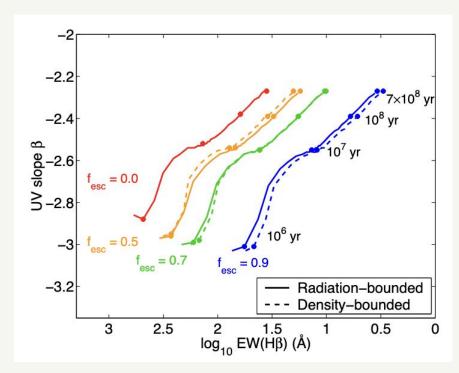
Beta stops decreasing towards fainter galaxies





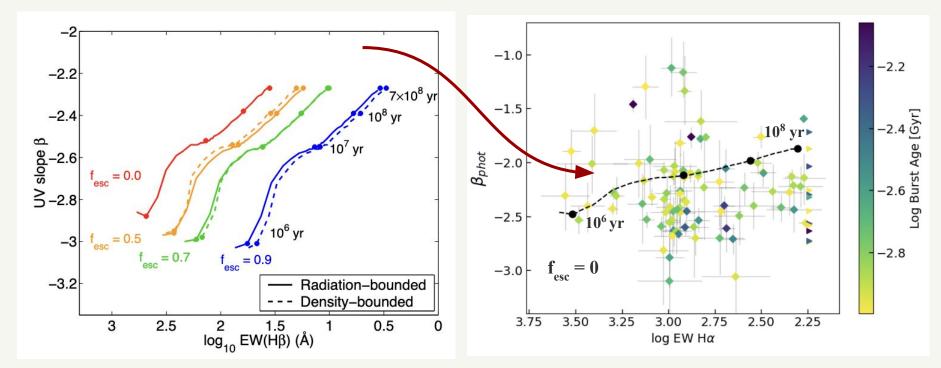
SPHINX Simulation - Katz et al. 2023

z~6 subset, Hα equivalent widths



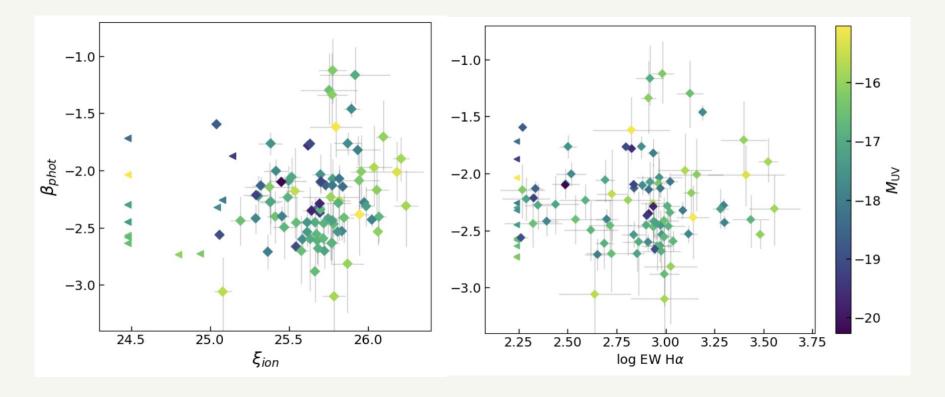
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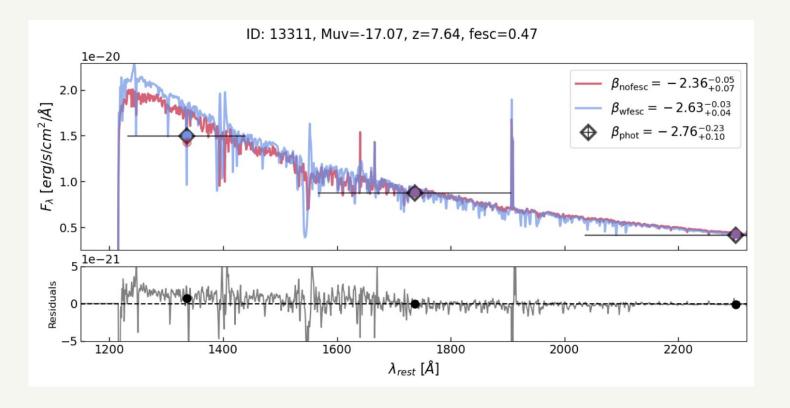
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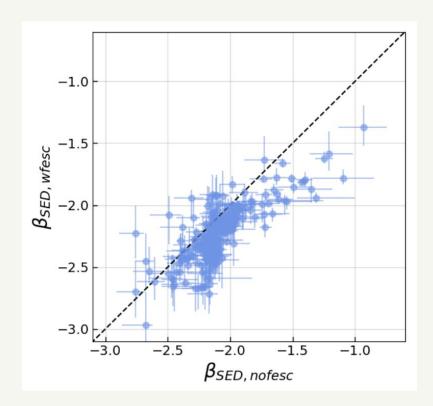
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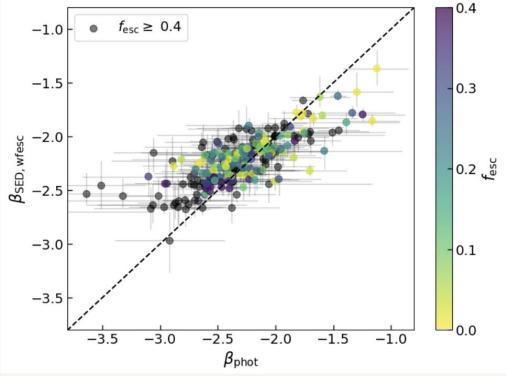
Bagpipes implementation allowing f_{esc} to vary

- Picket fence model for LyC escape
- Emma Giovinazzo talk Thursday

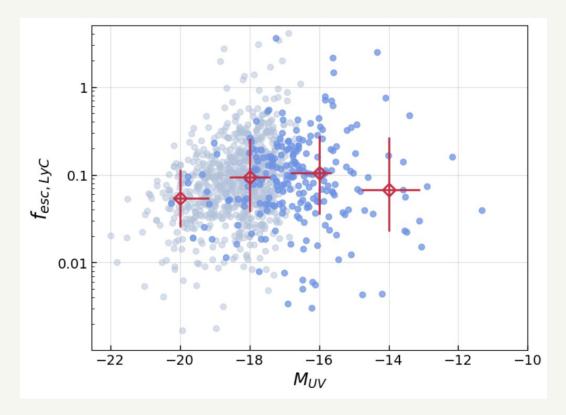




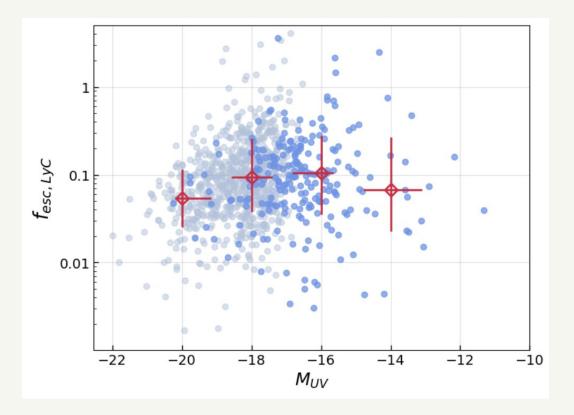


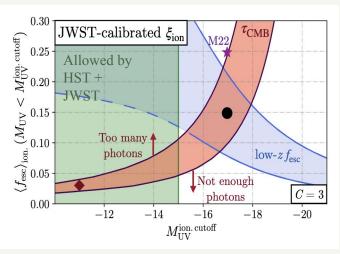


f_{esc} - M_{UV} relation



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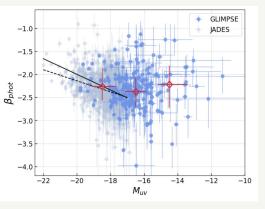




Muñoz et al. 2024

Key takeaways

- Need to determine f_{esc} from **faint**, high-z galaxies
 - UV-continuum slope (β)
 - Compare photometric and SED power-law fits



- Findings suggest β decreases with redshift β stops decreasing toward faintest galaxies
 - Faint galaxies don't have the highest LyC escape fractions
- Broad results observational bias, scatter, assumptions
- Getting ~40hrs Nirspec G395M spectra in July! (PI: Seiji Fujimoto)
 - Look at additional tracers of $f_{esc, LyC}$