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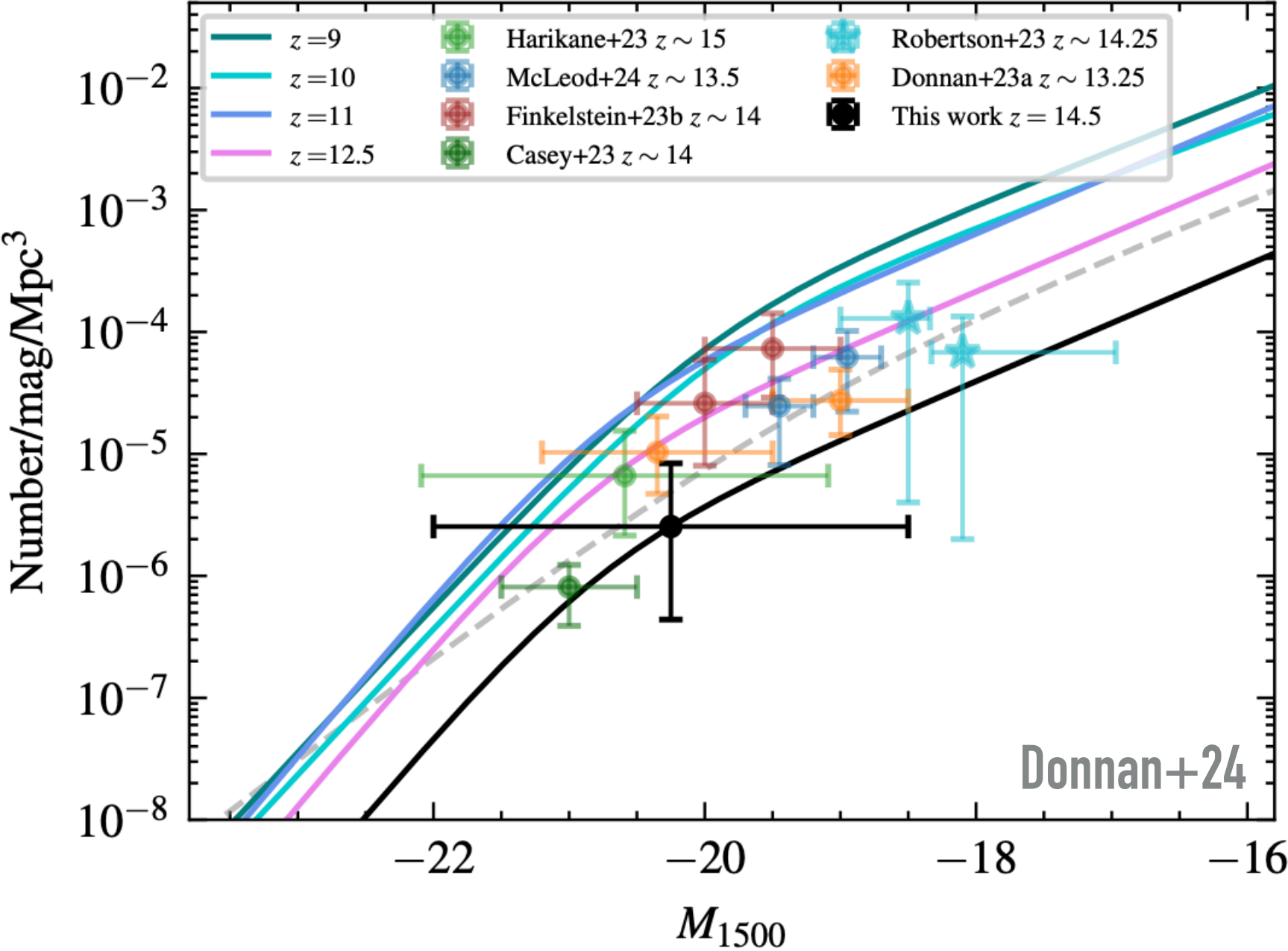
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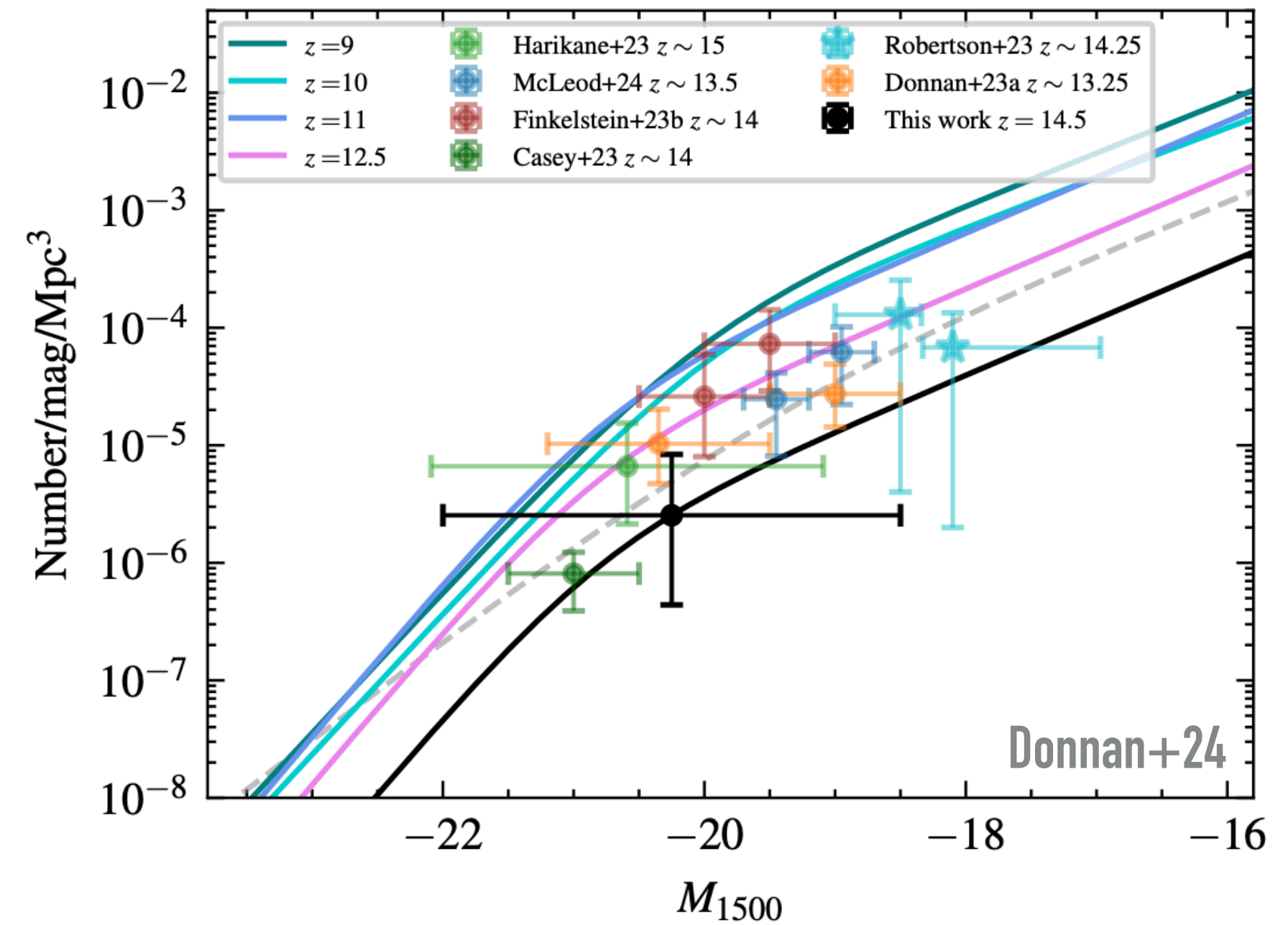


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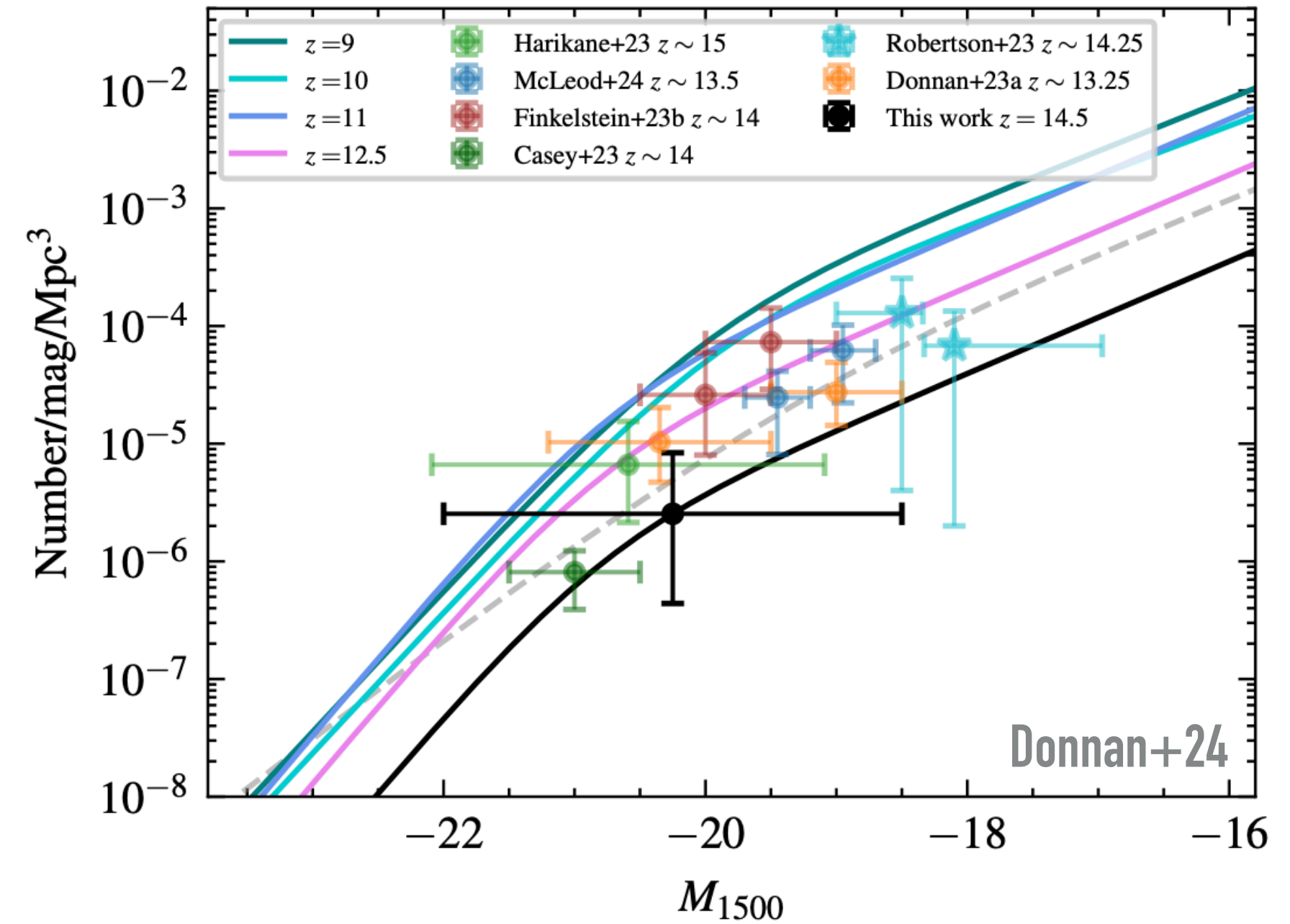
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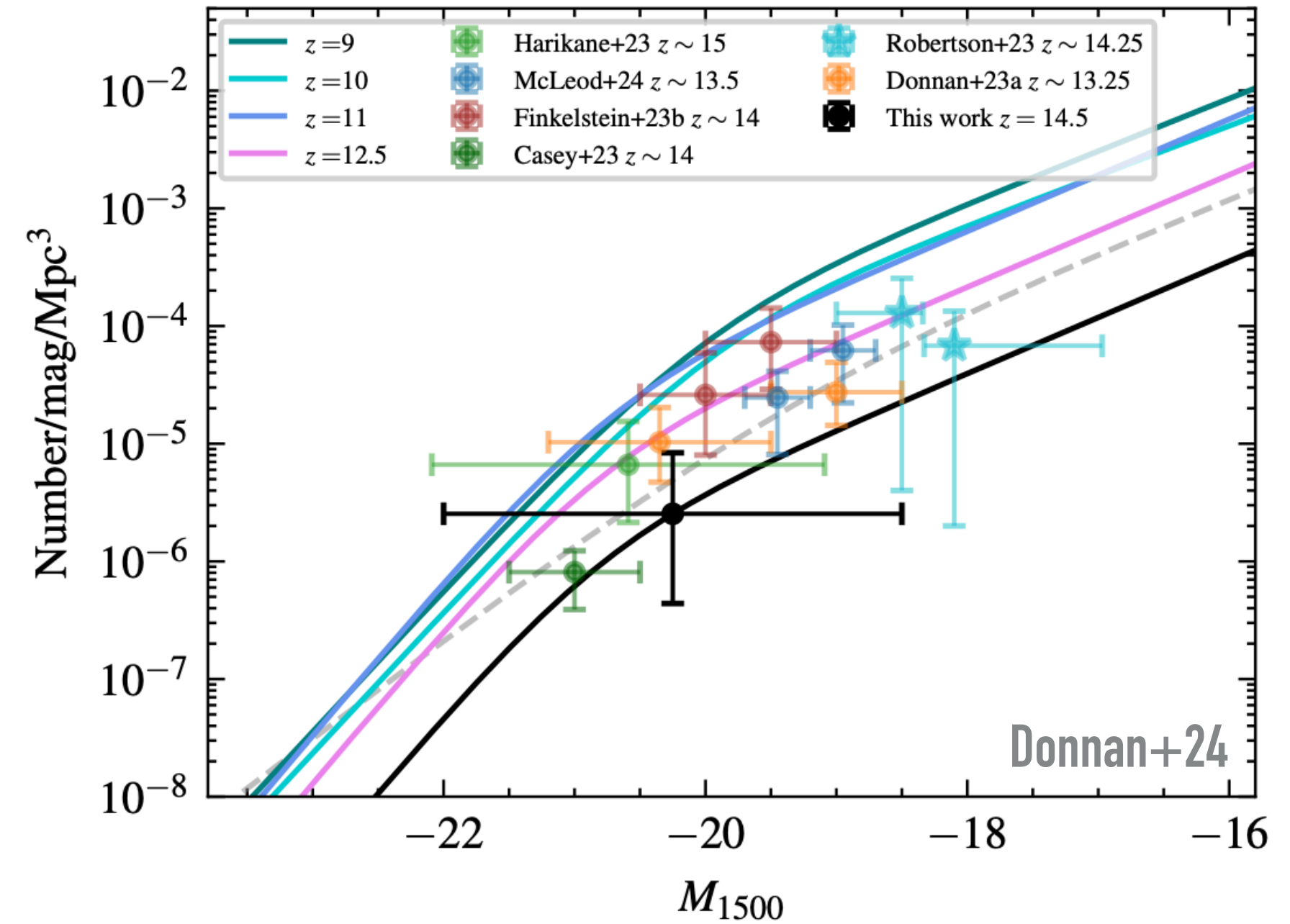
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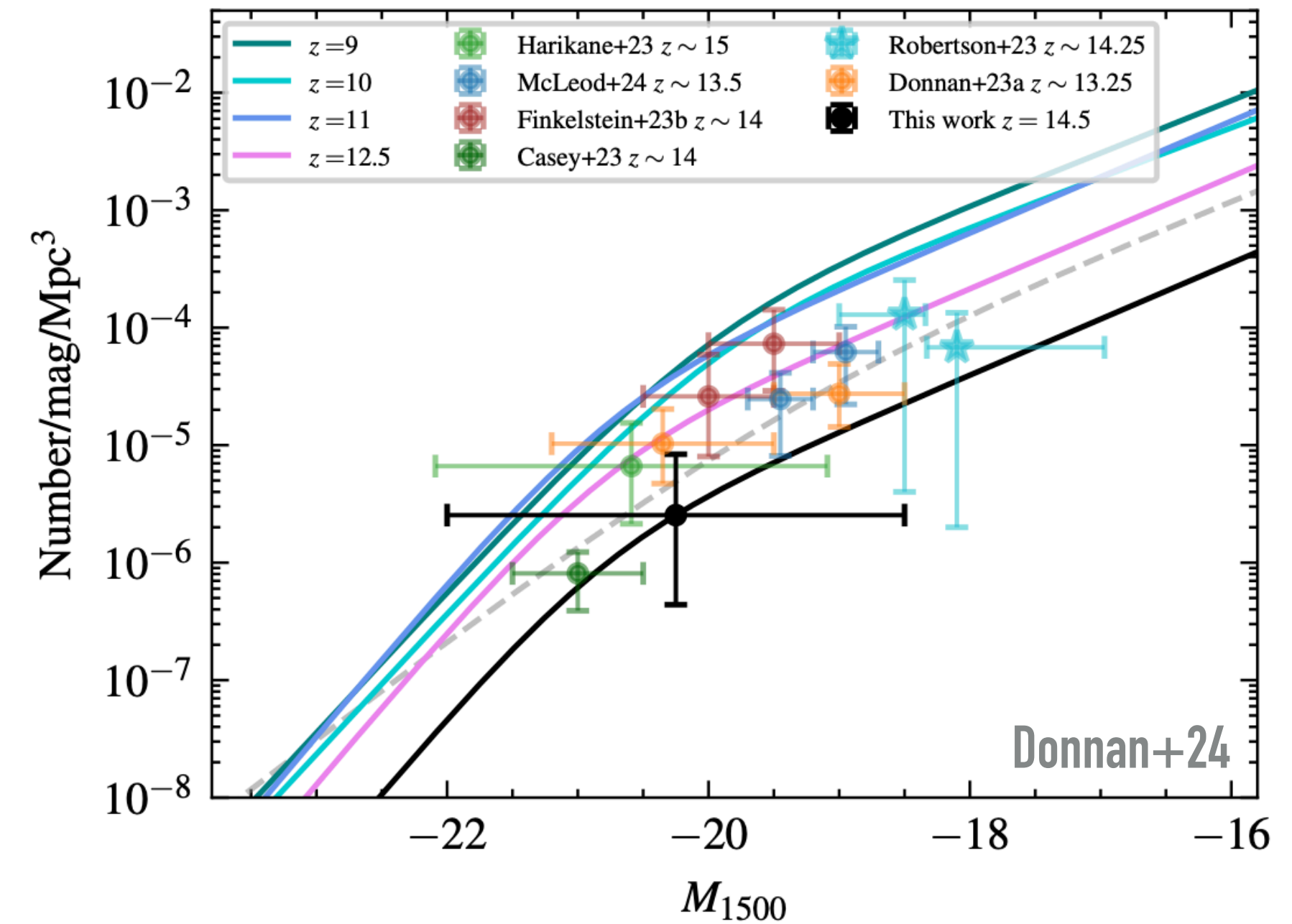
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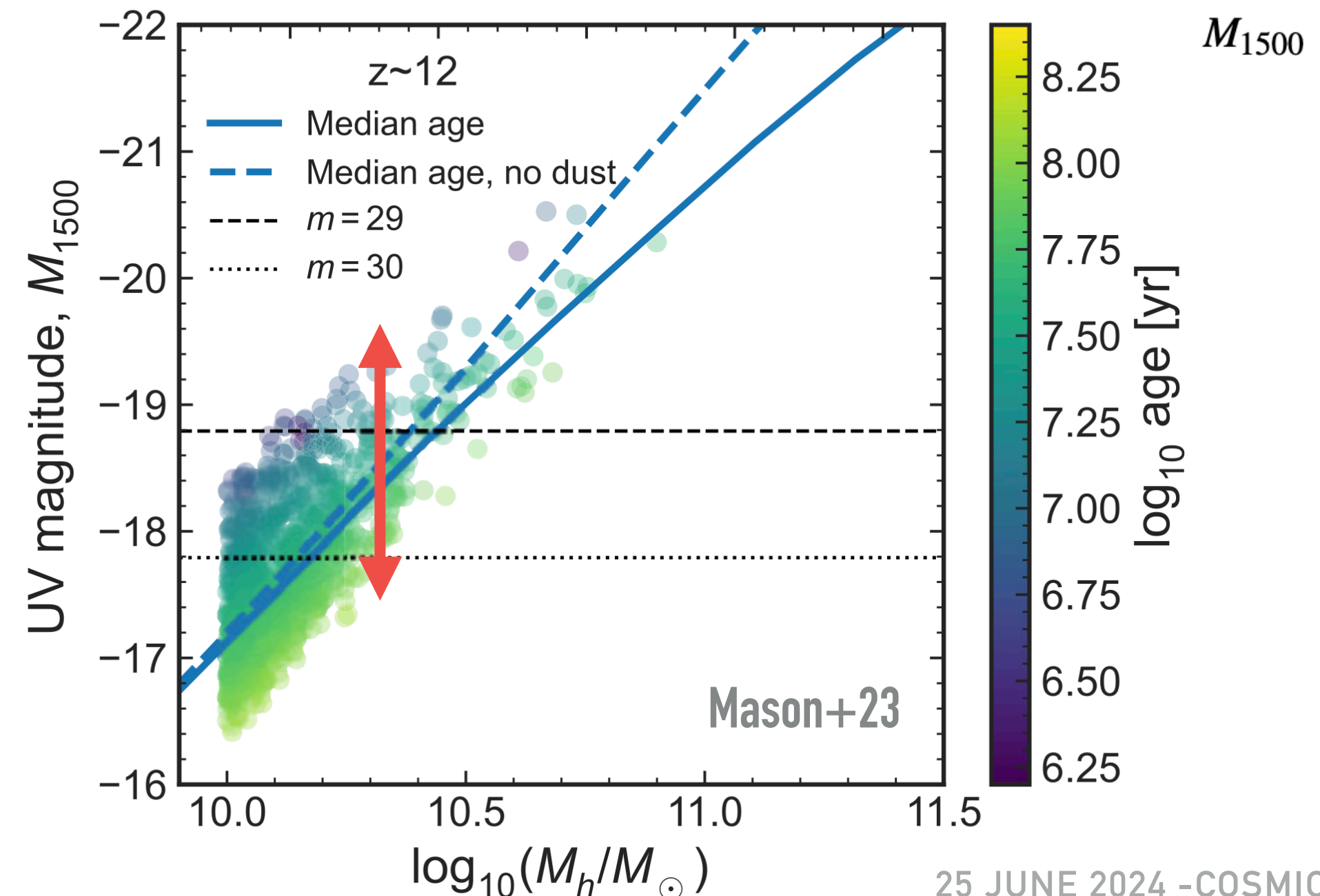
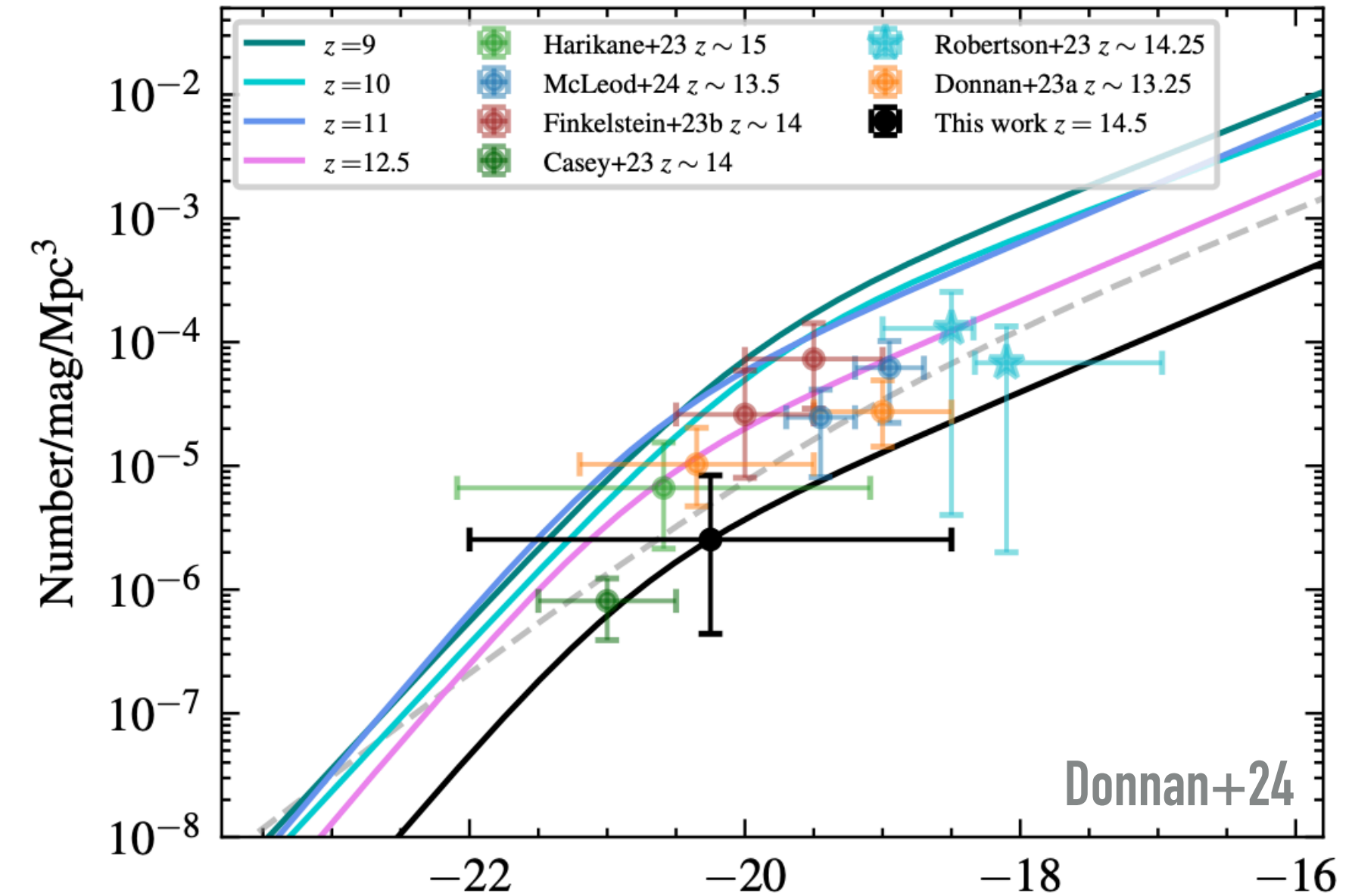
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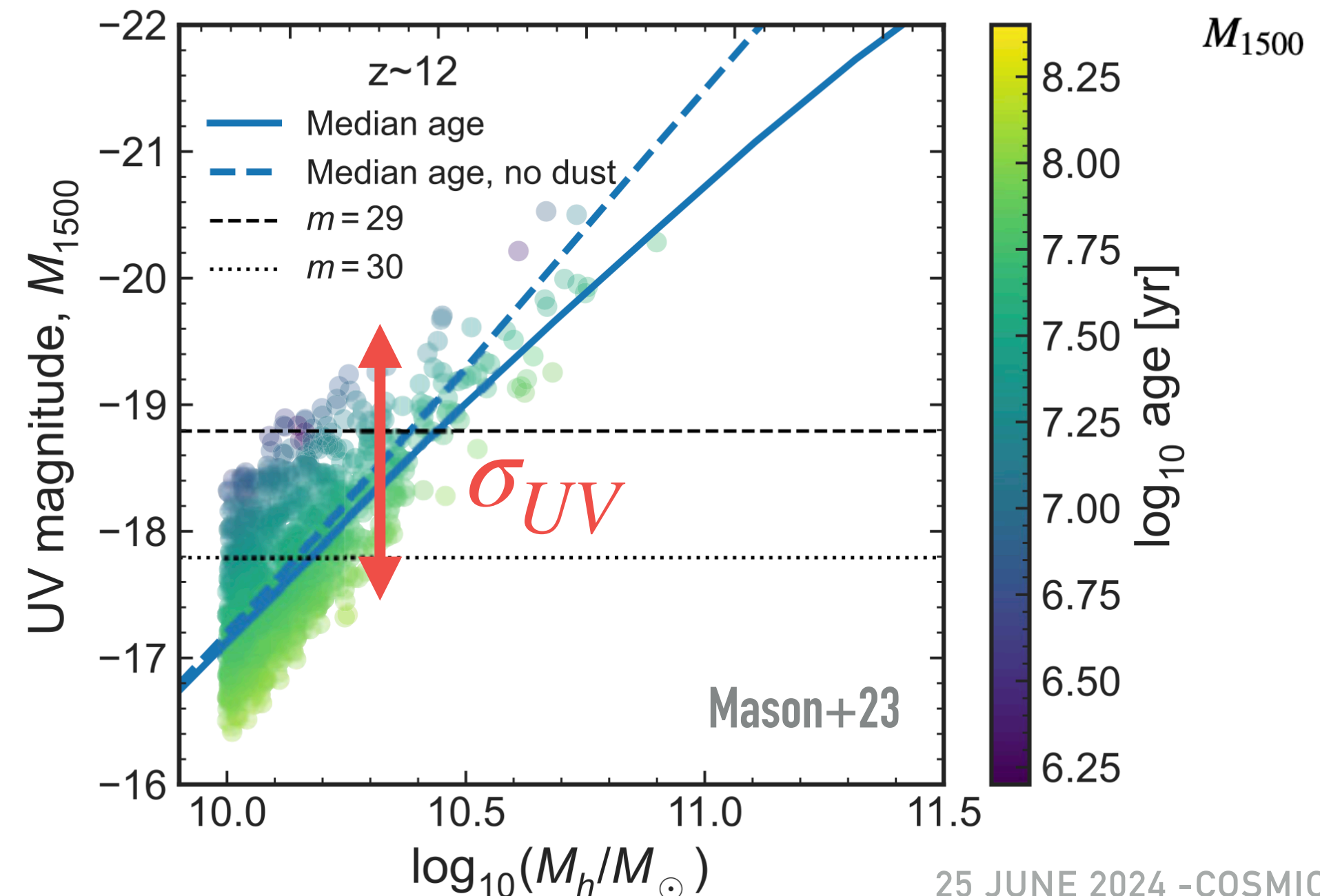
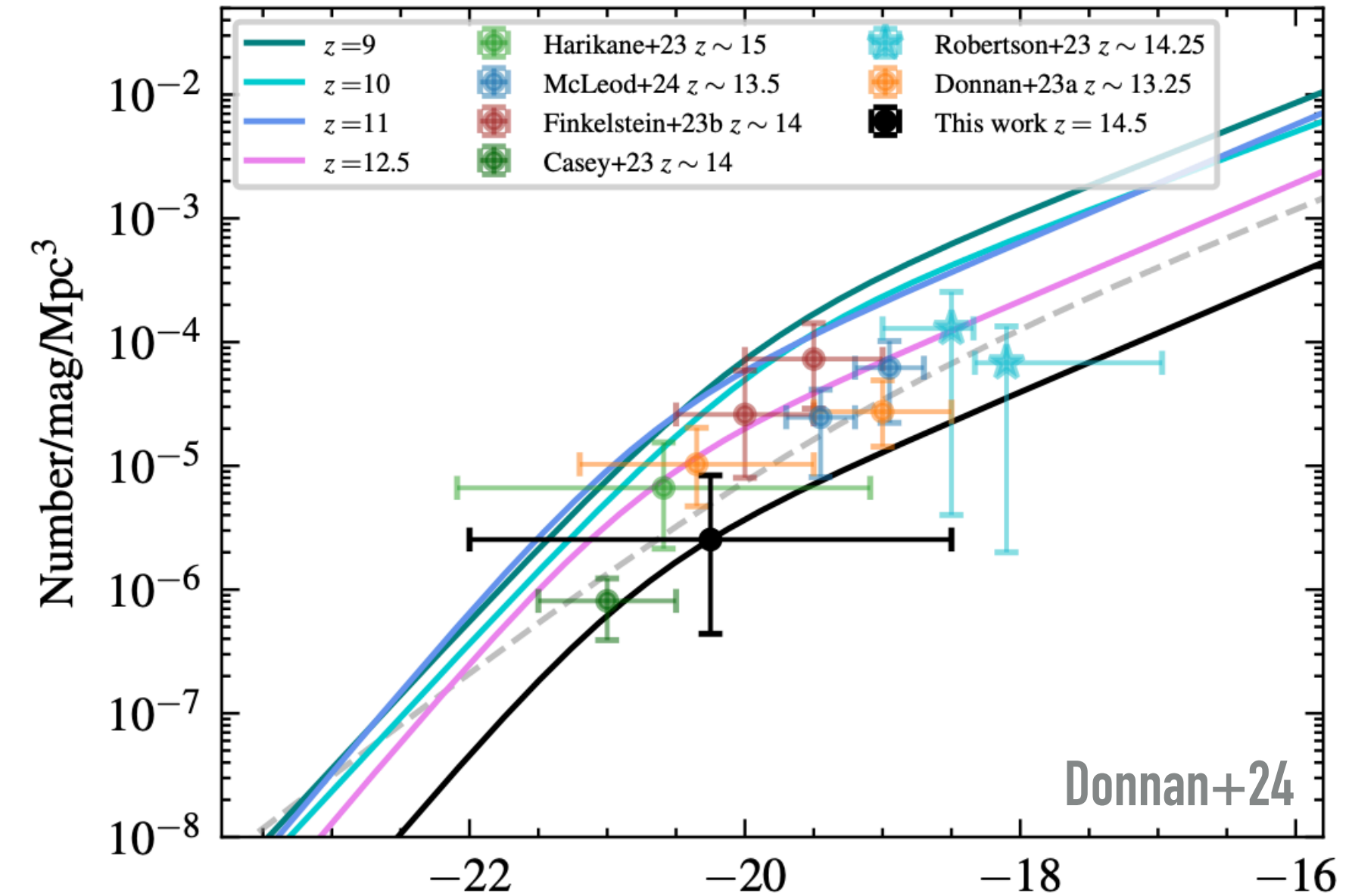
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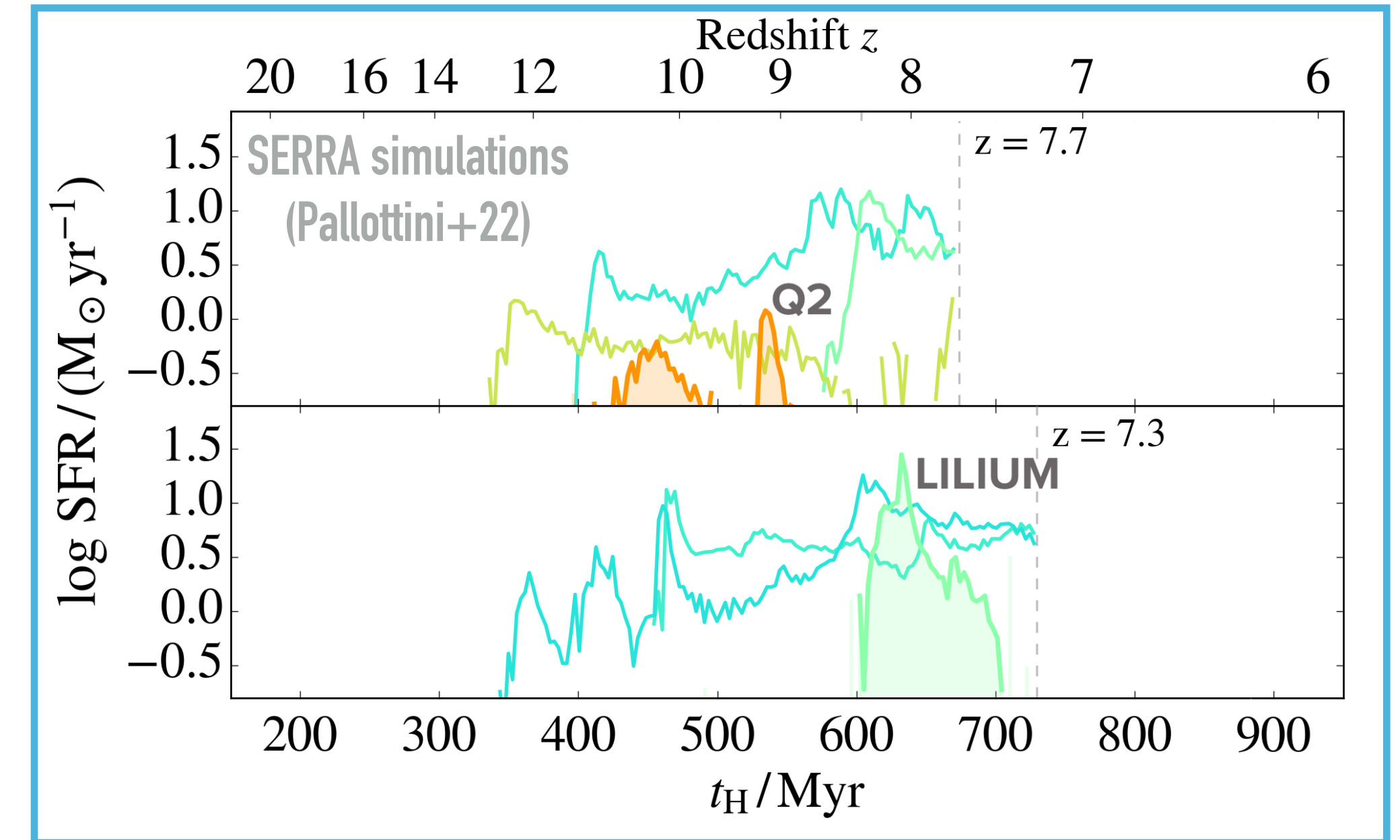




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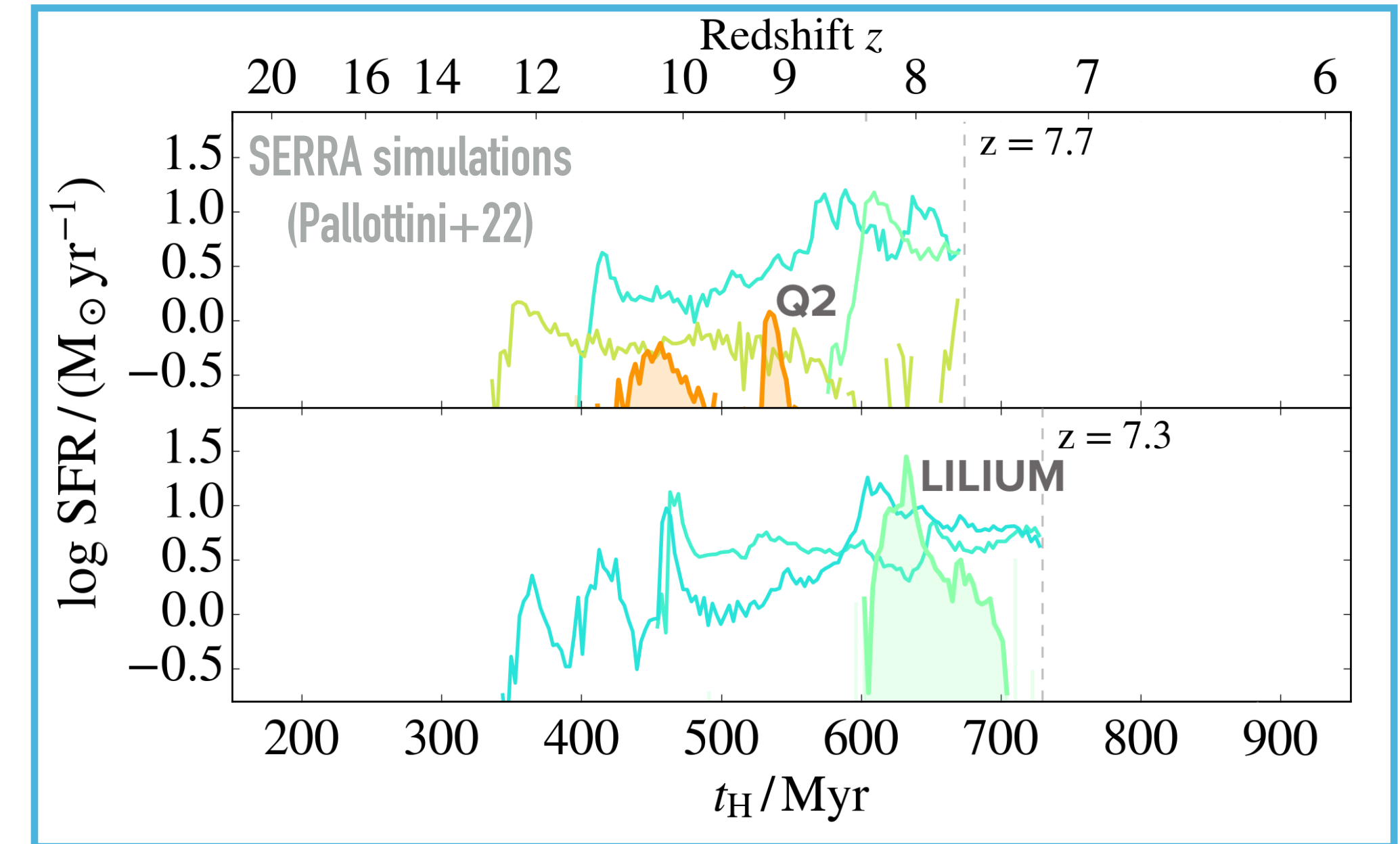
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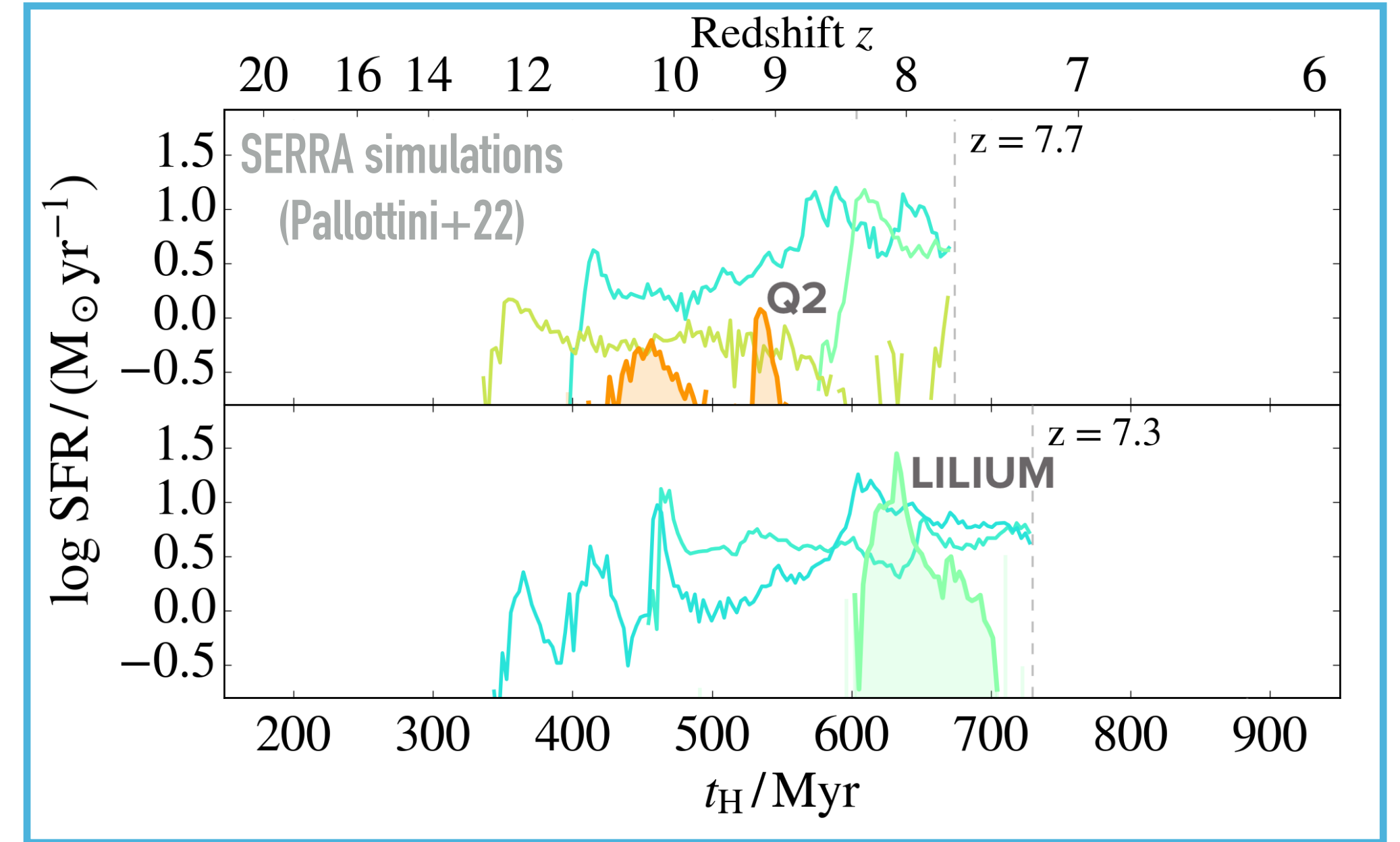
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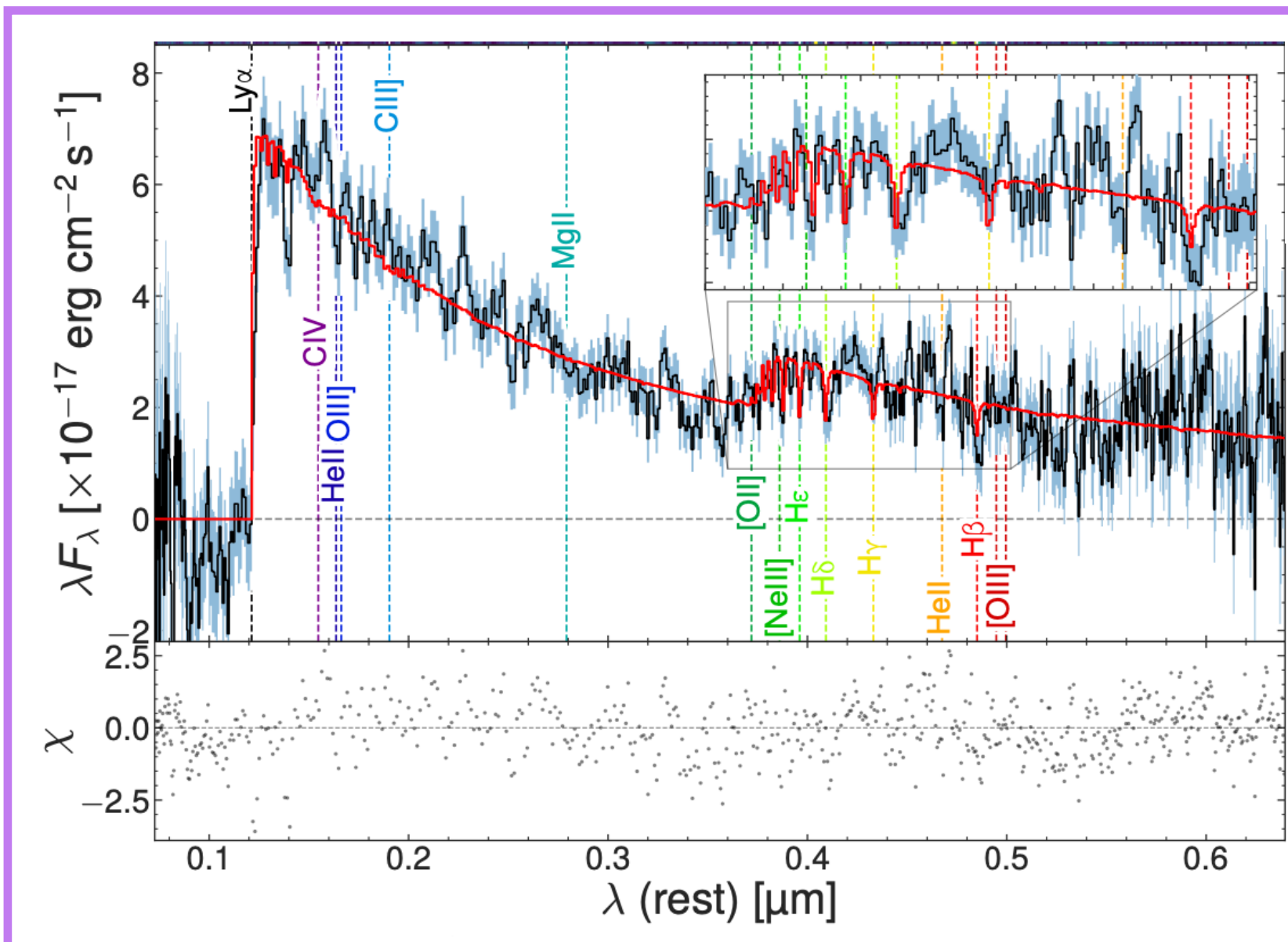
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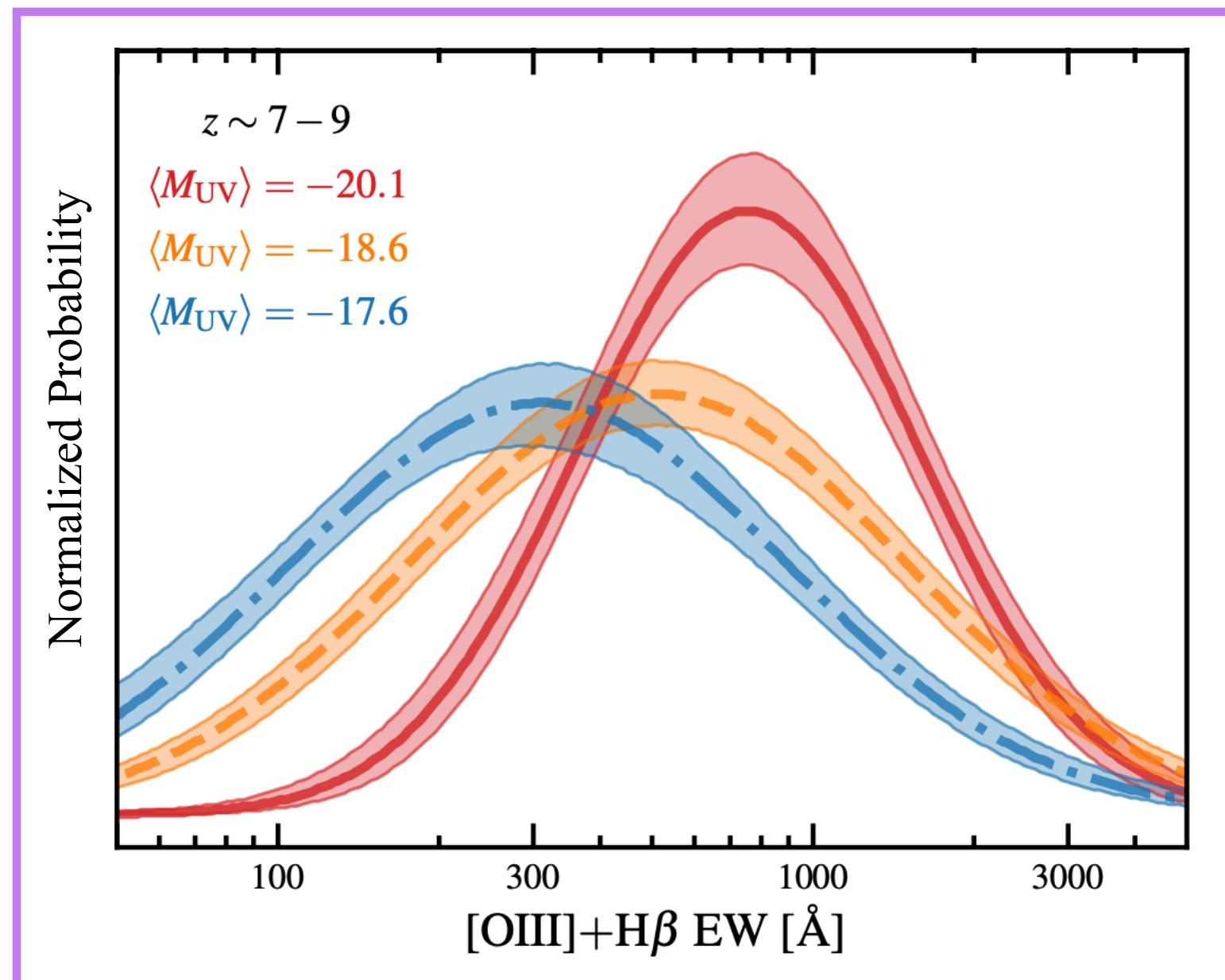
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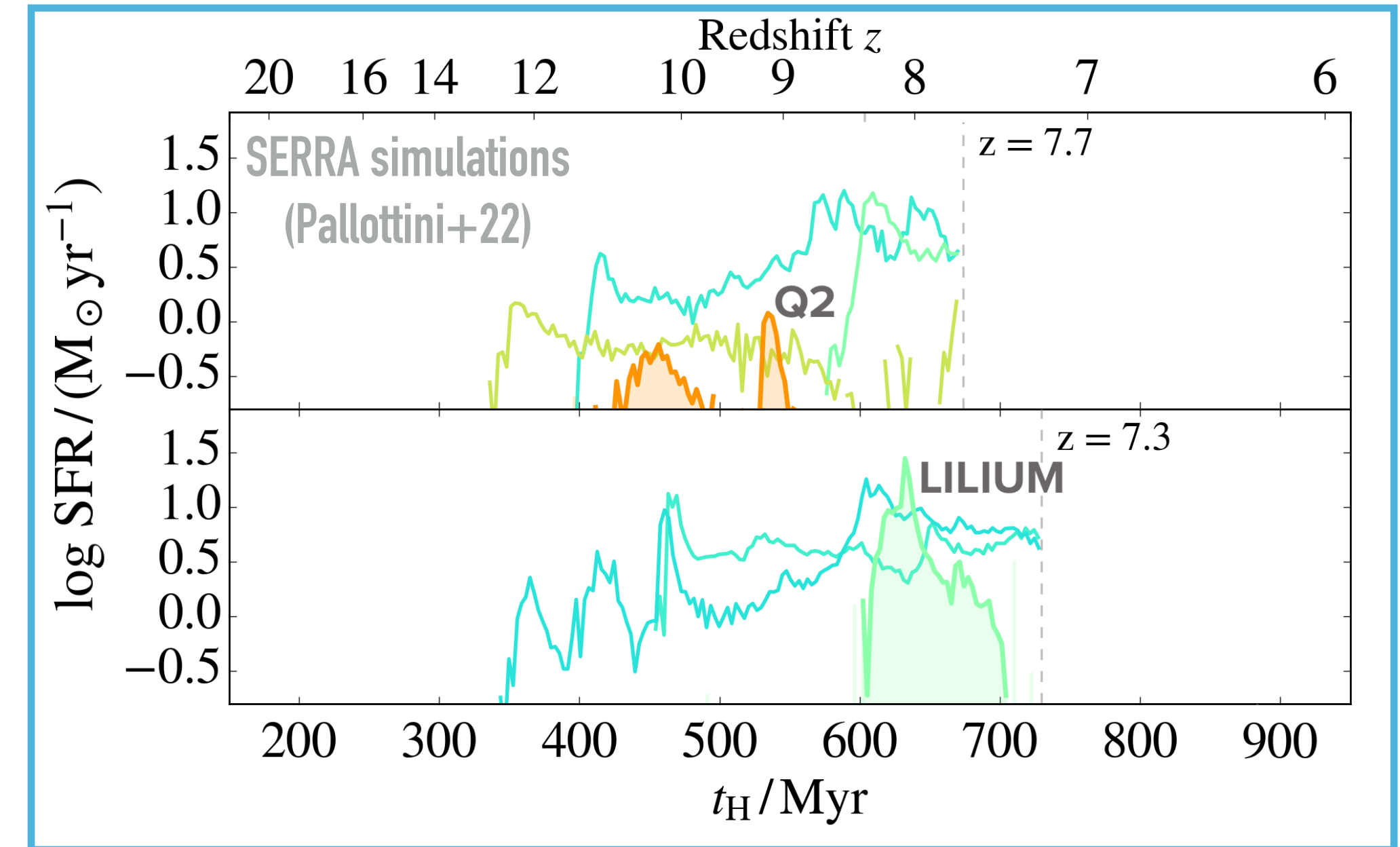
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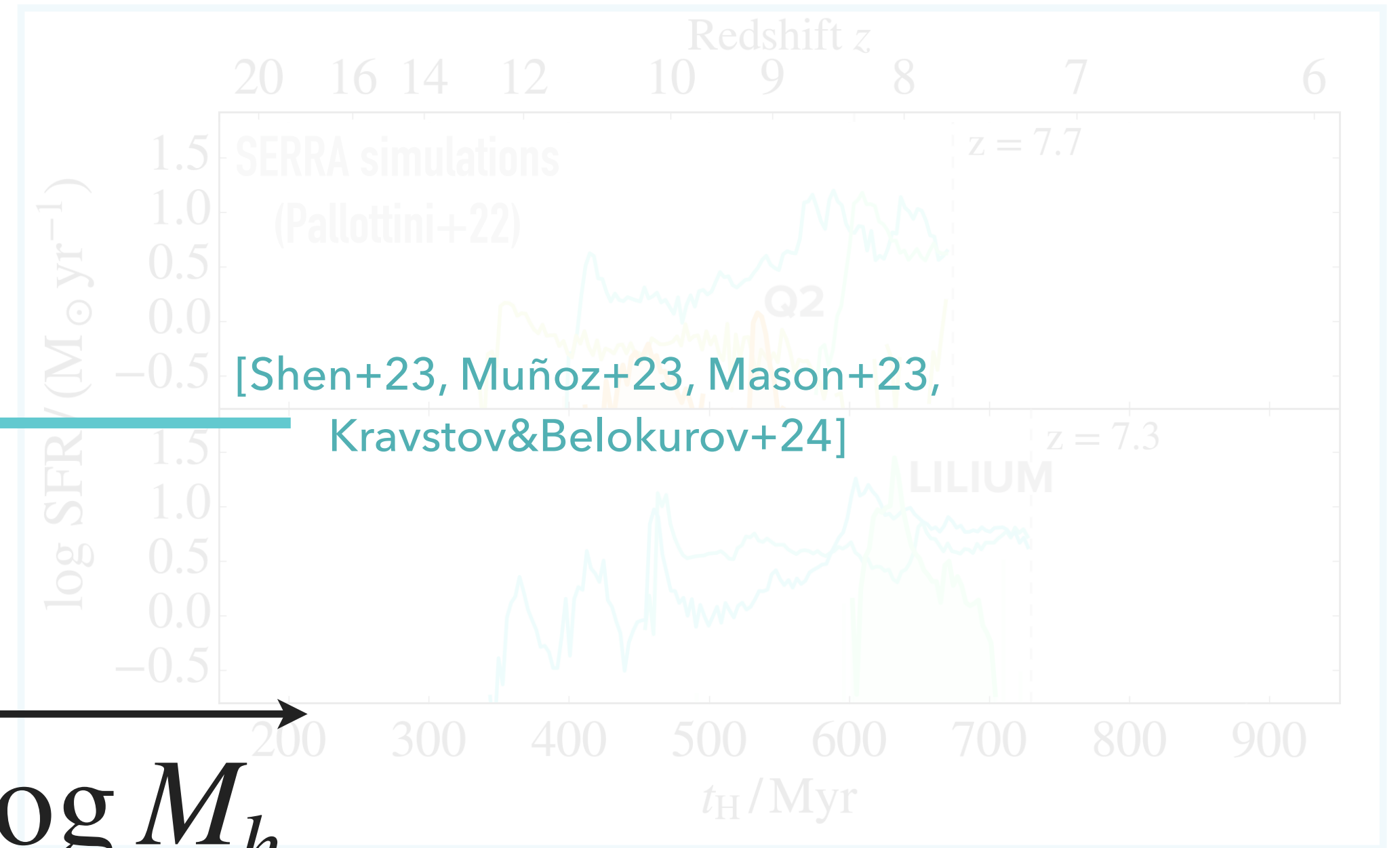
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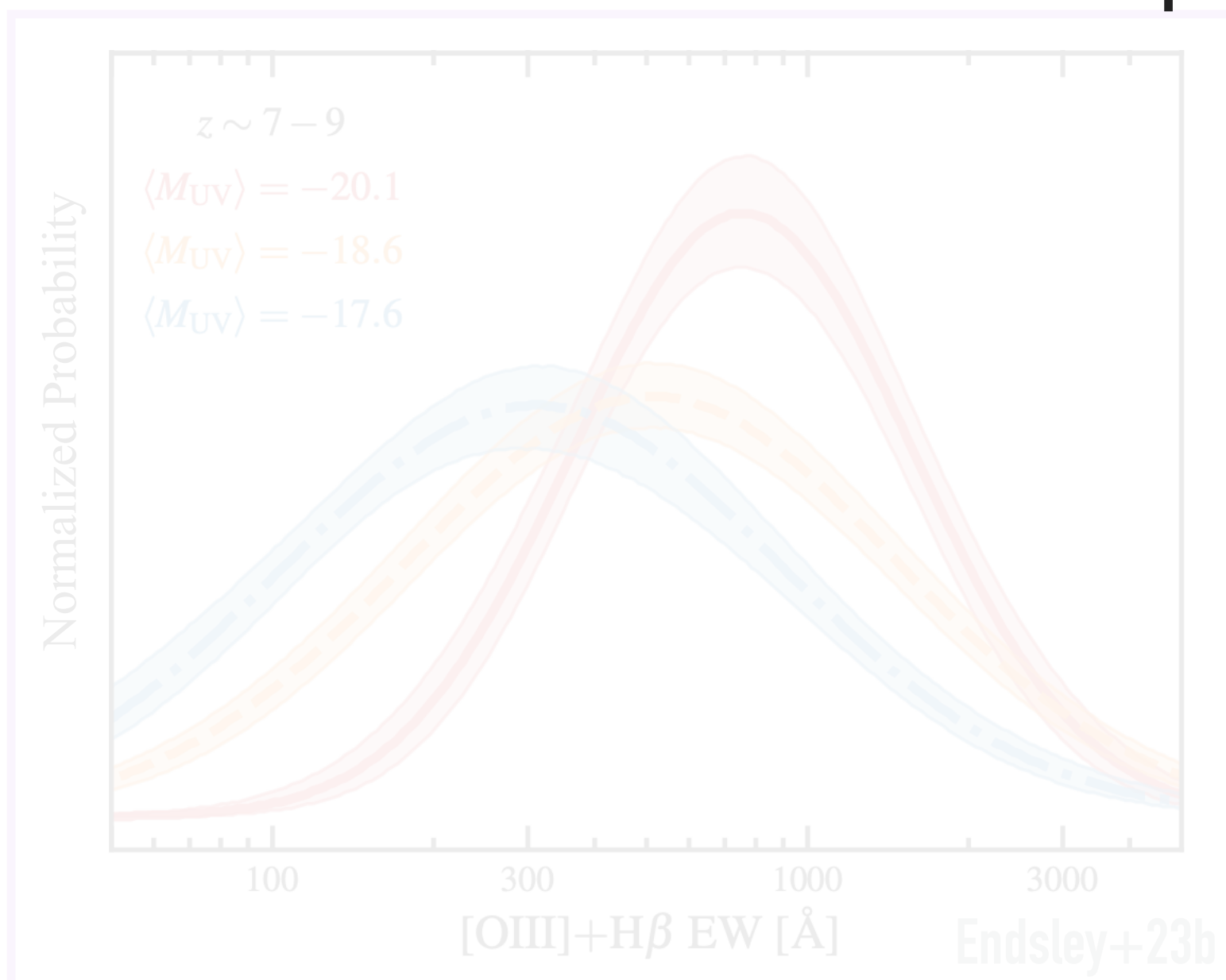
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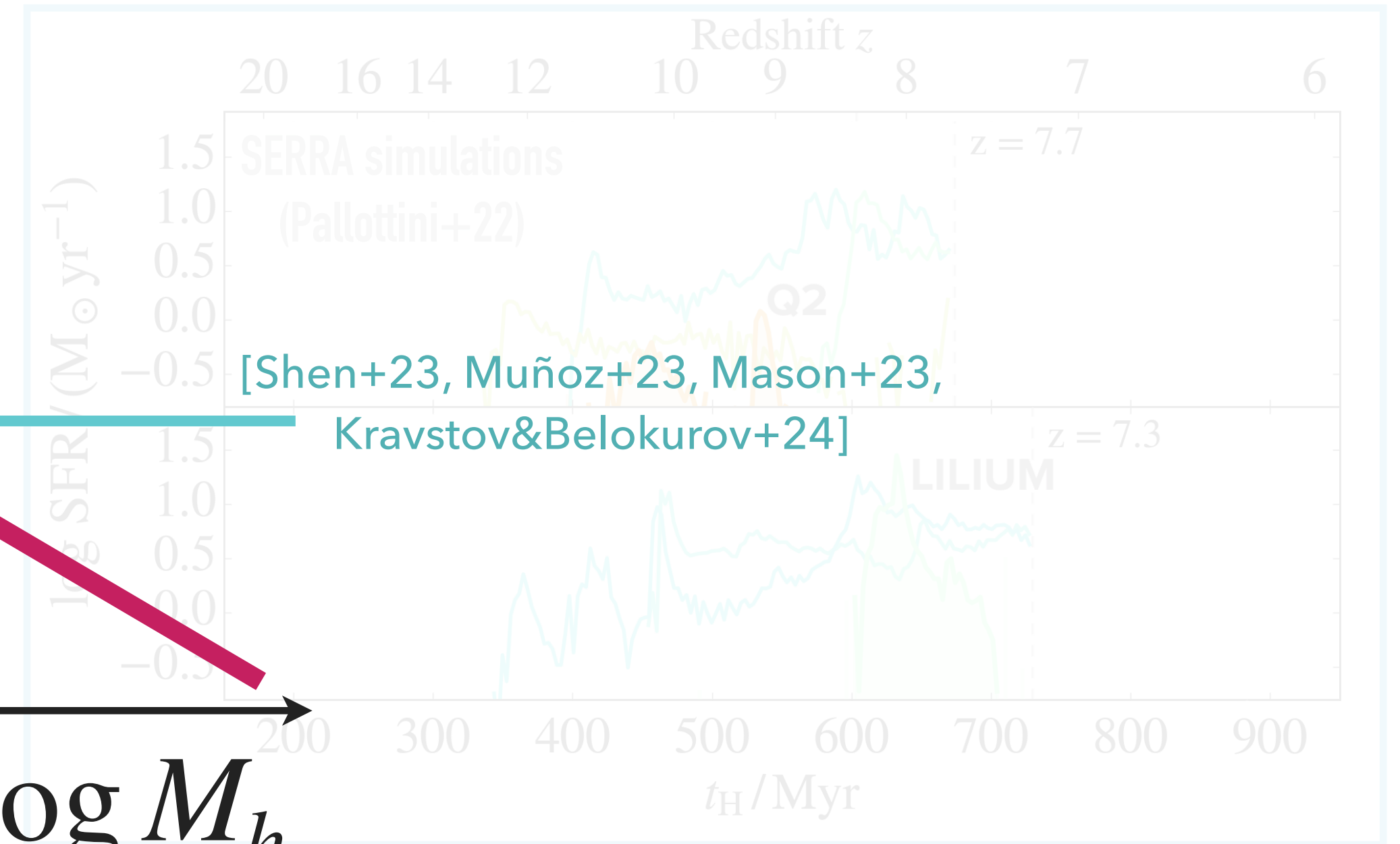
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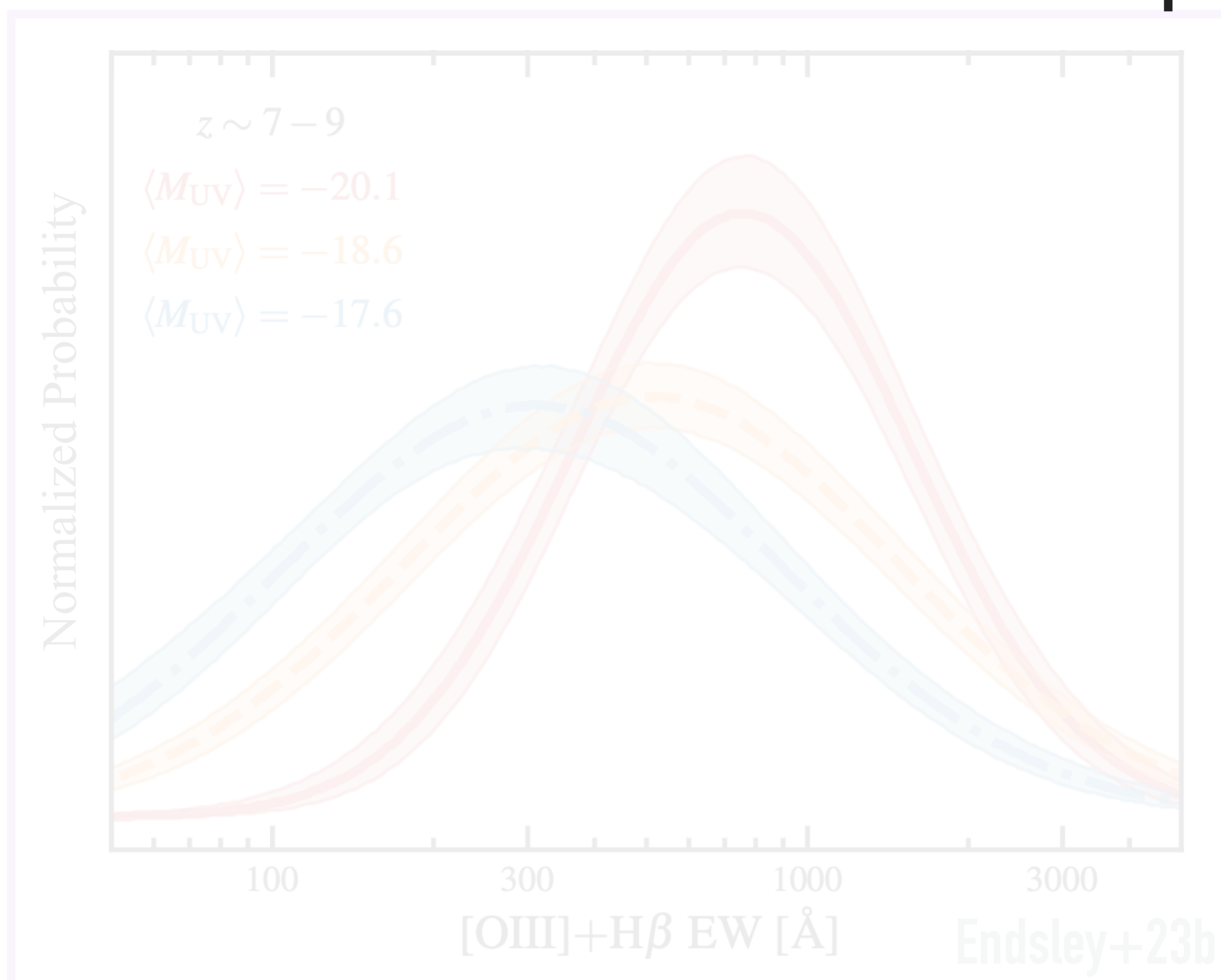
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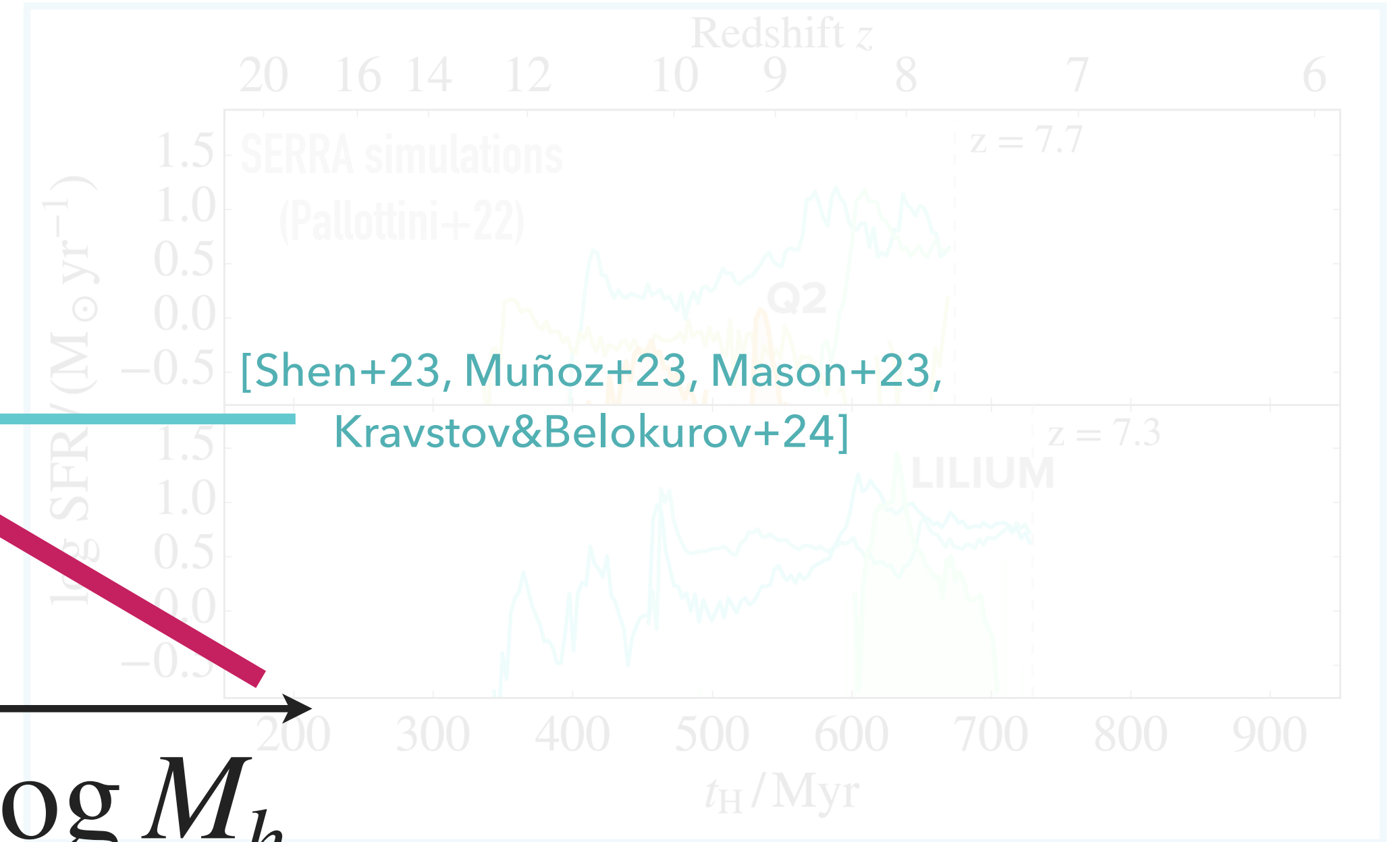
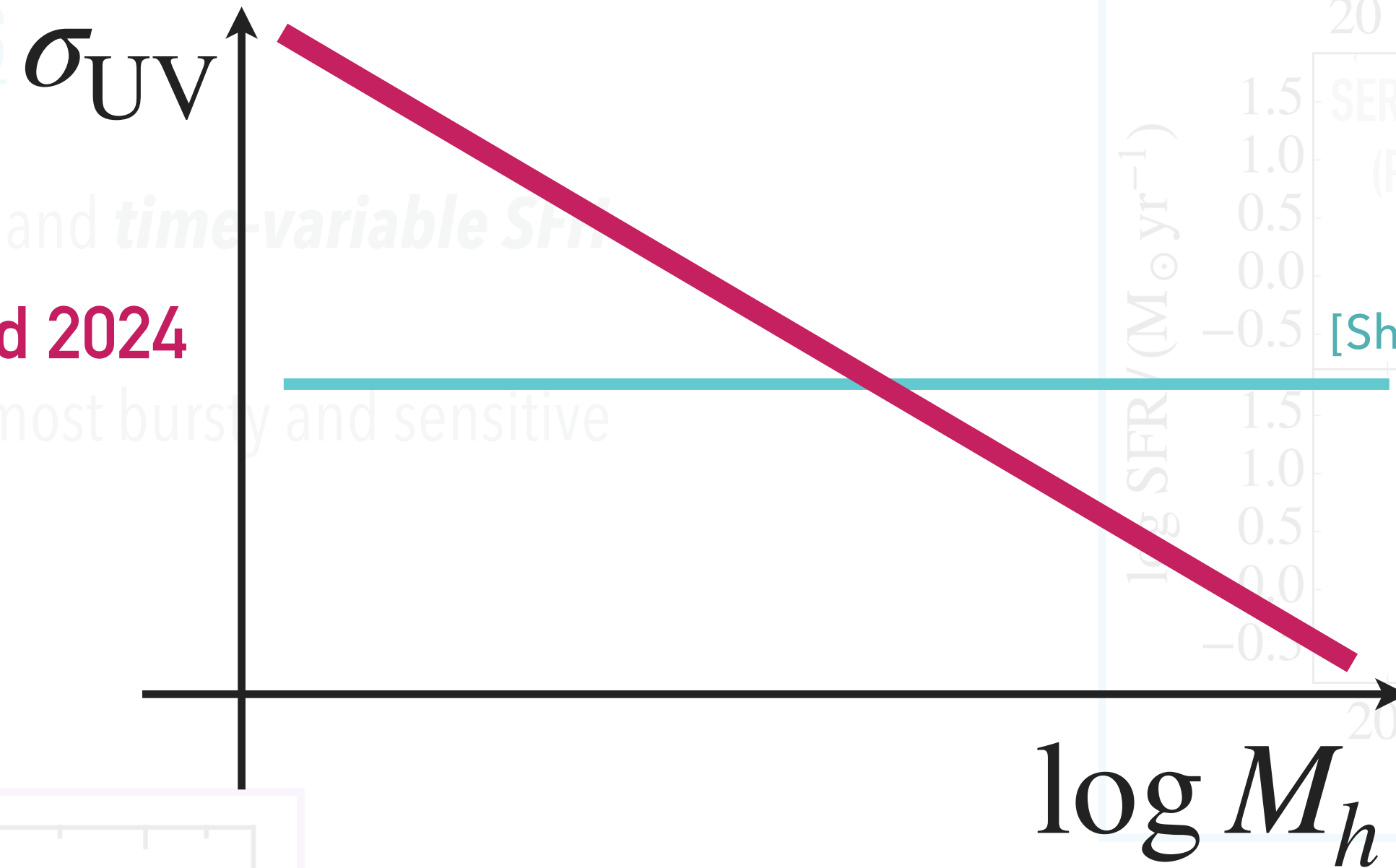
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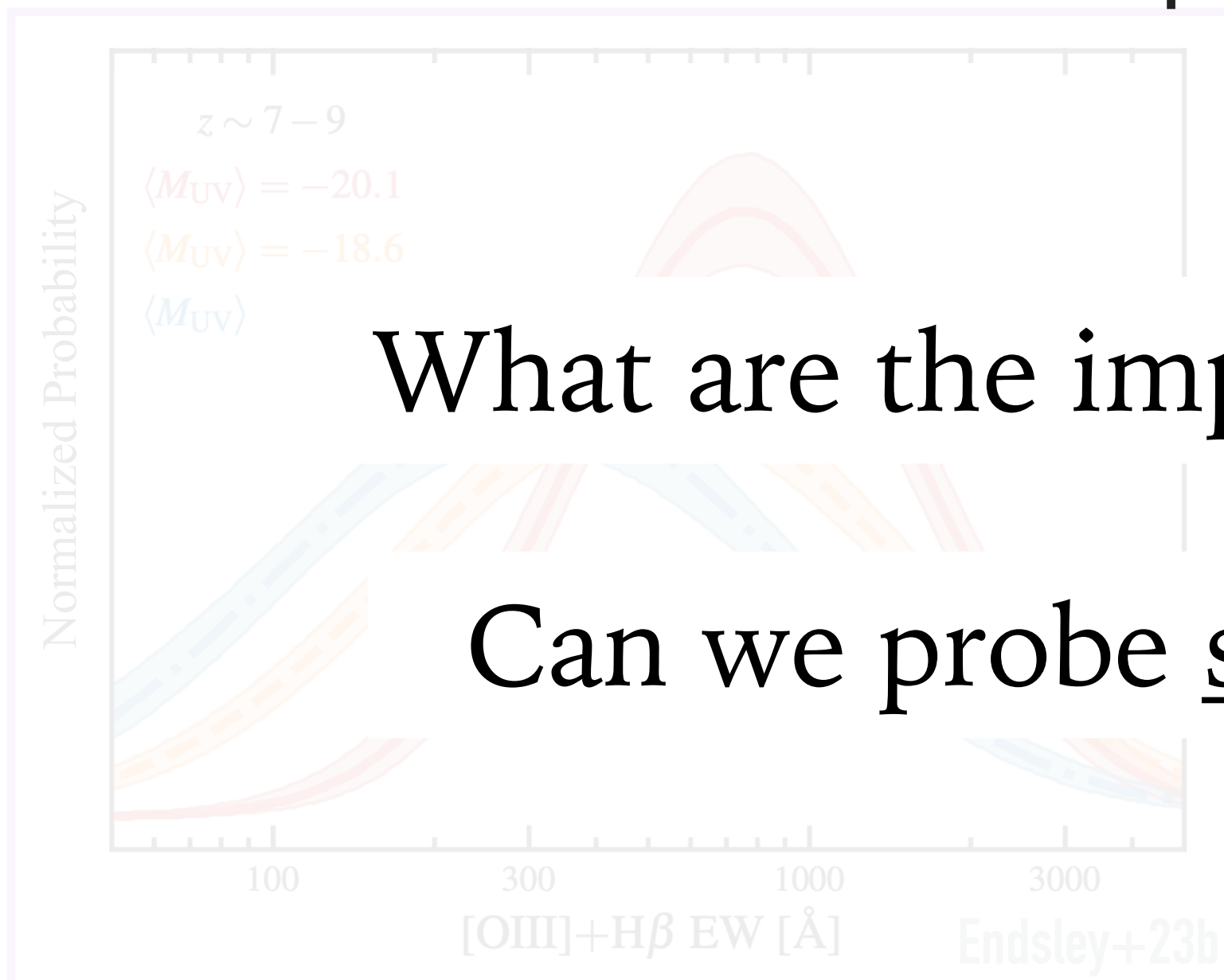
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What are the implications of a mass-dependent scatter?

Can we probe stochastic star-formation with JWST?

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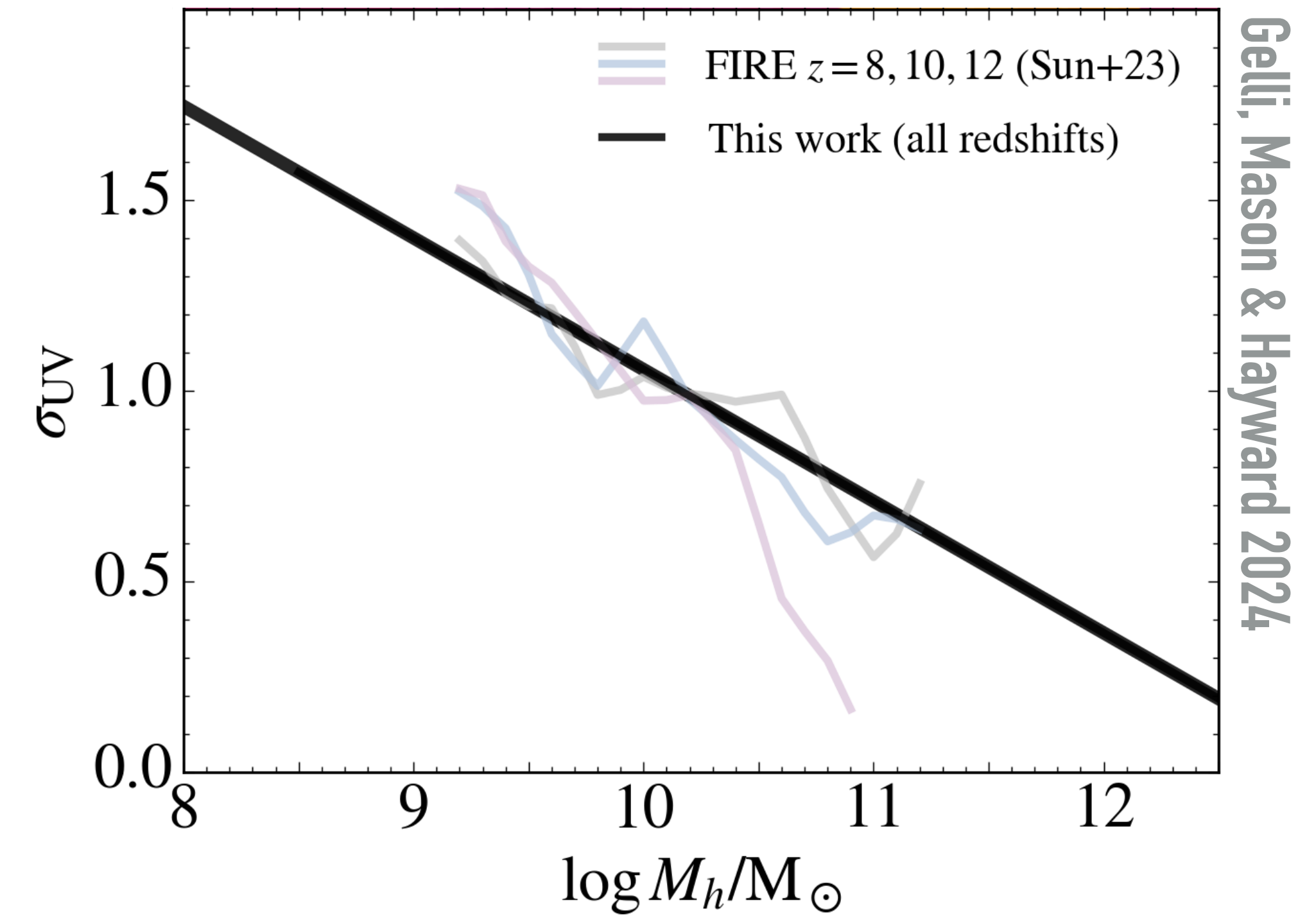


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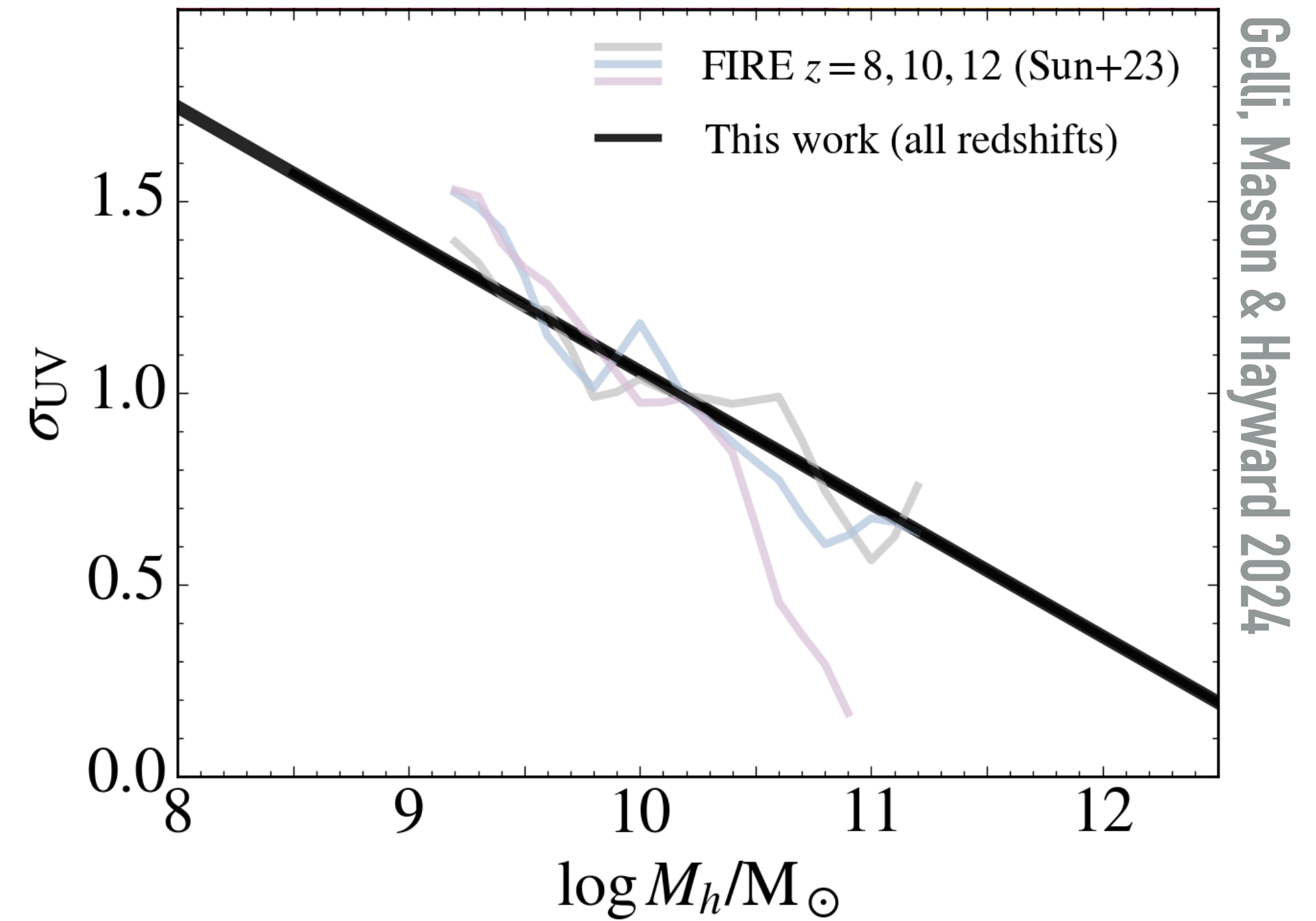
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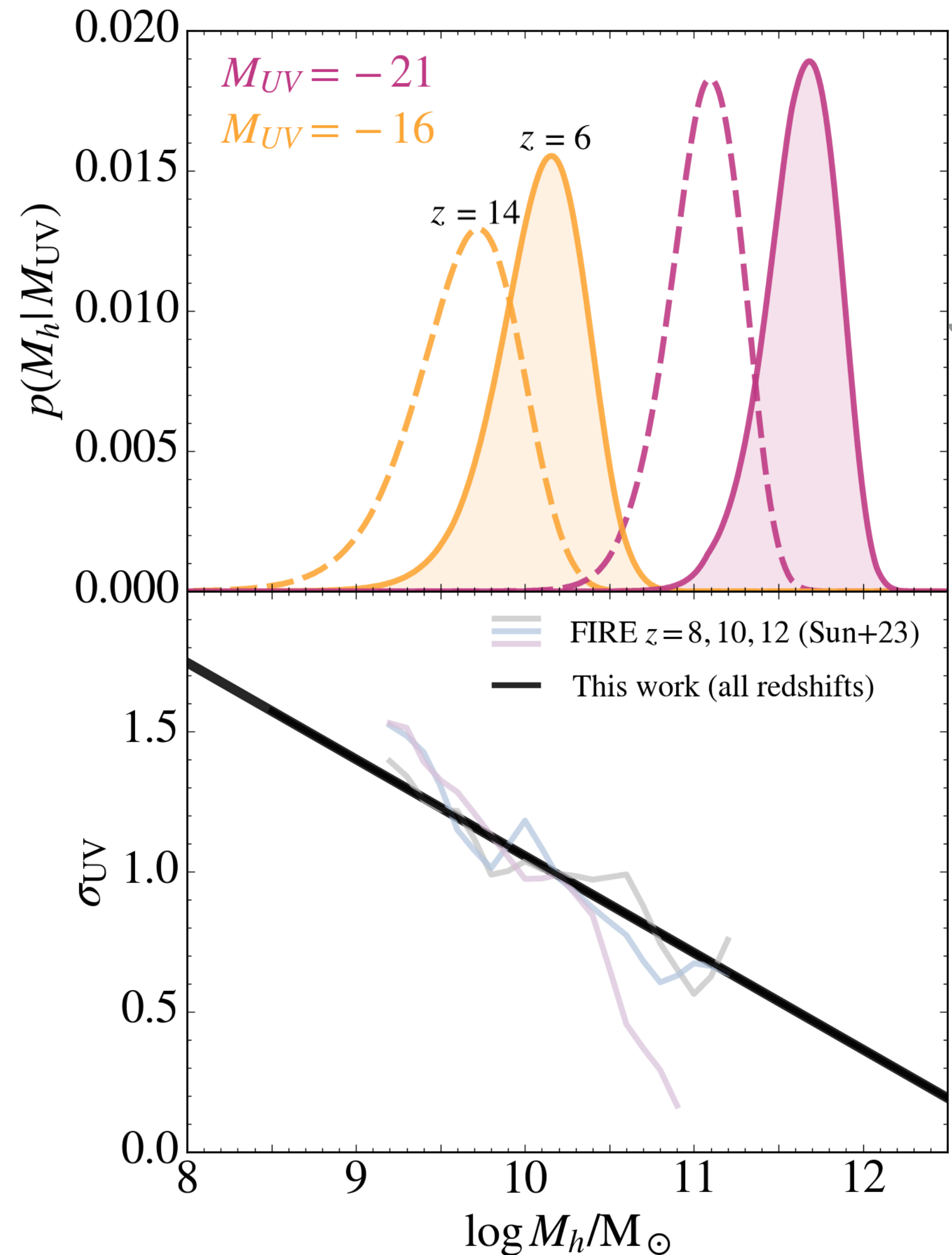
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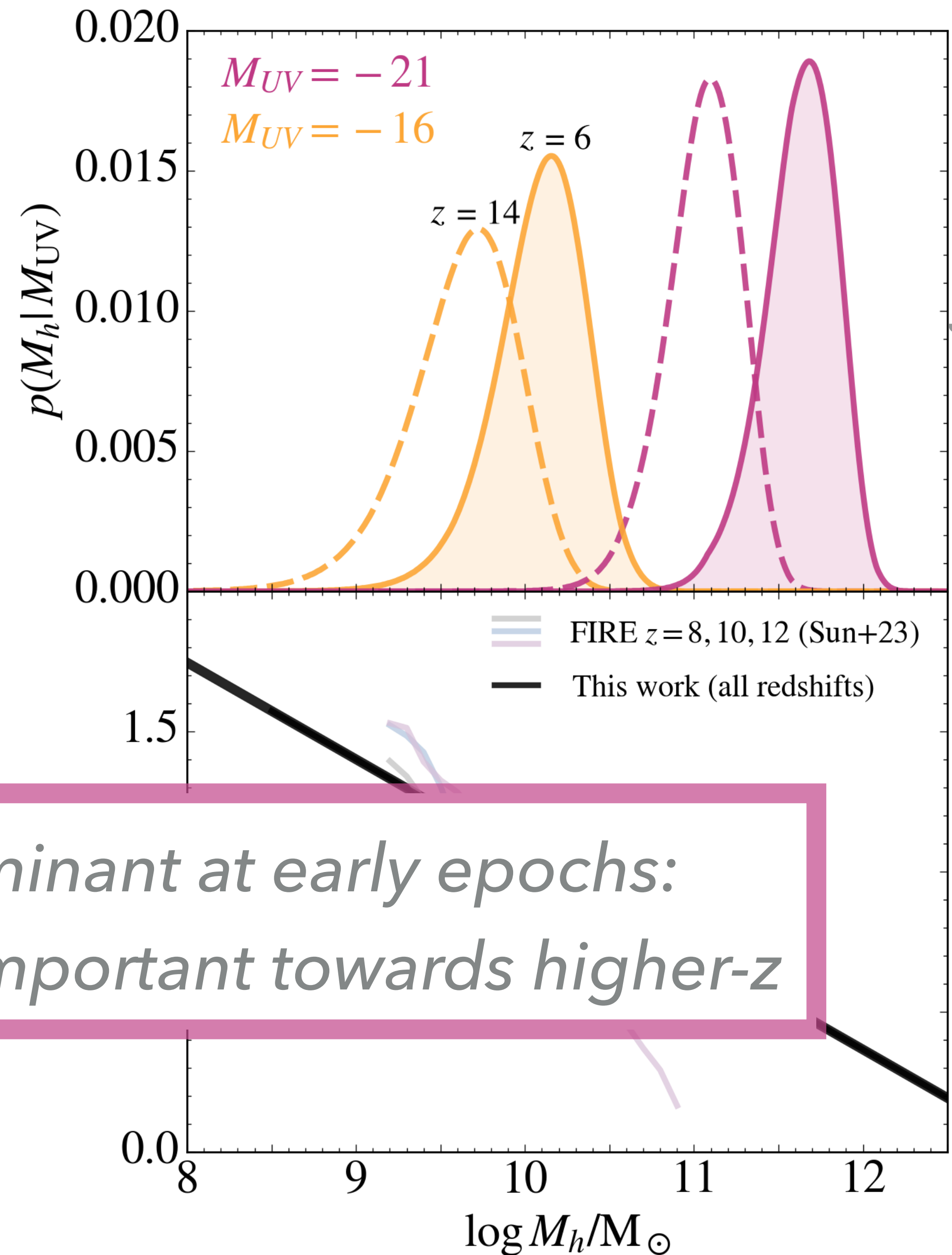
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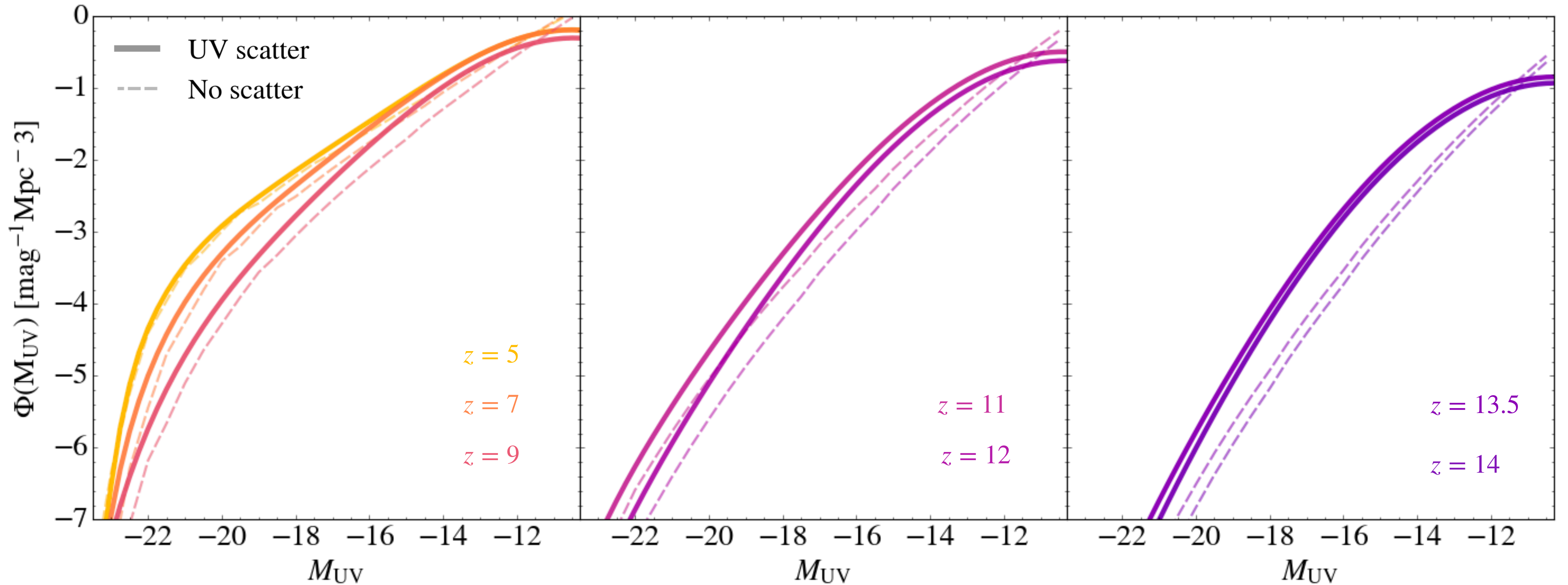
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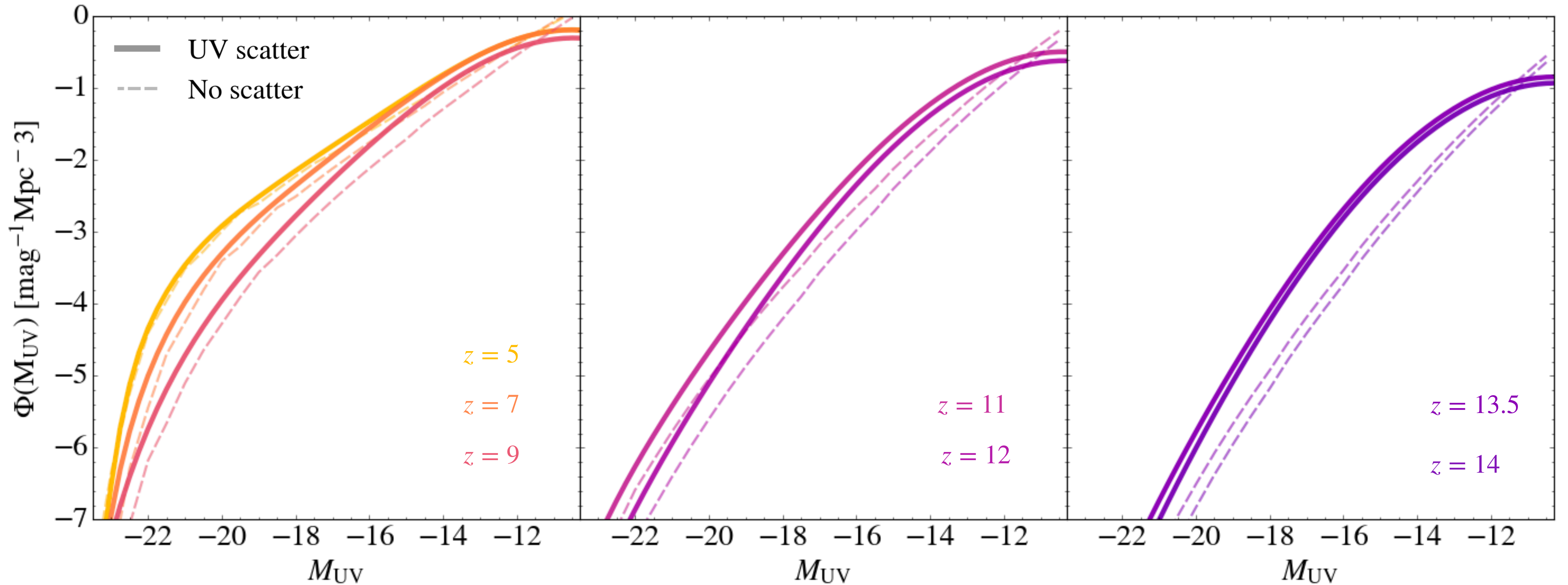
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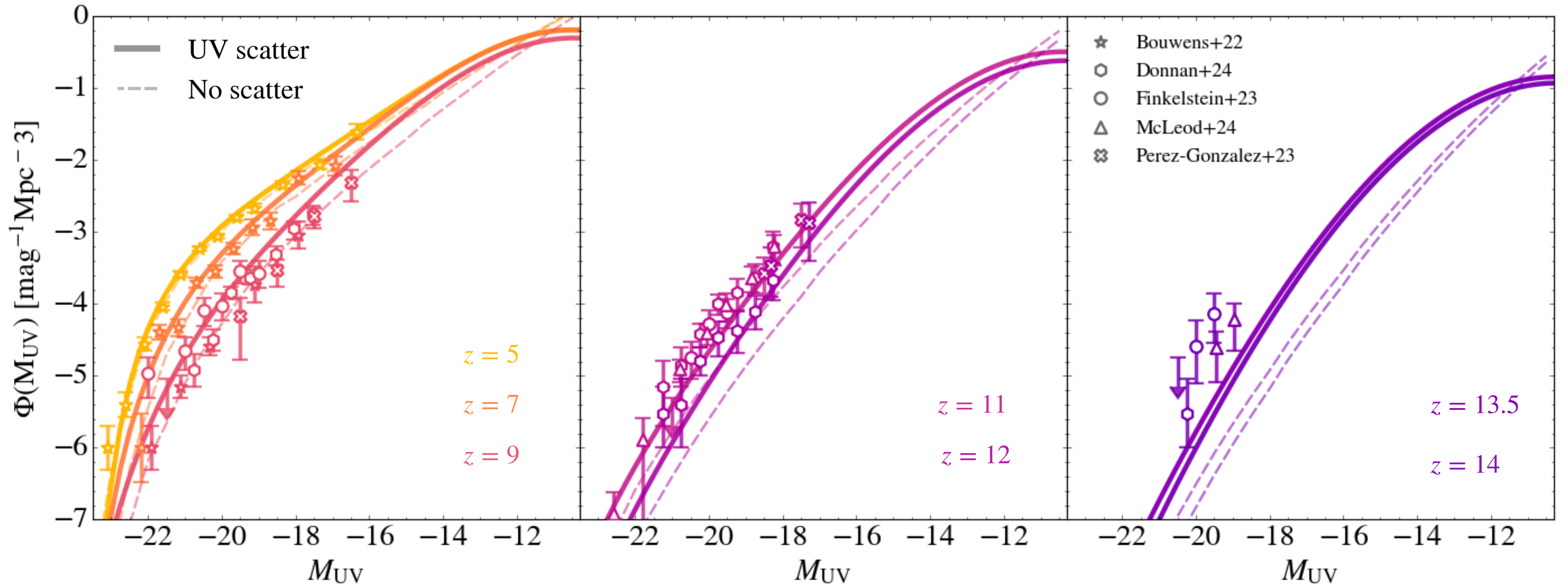
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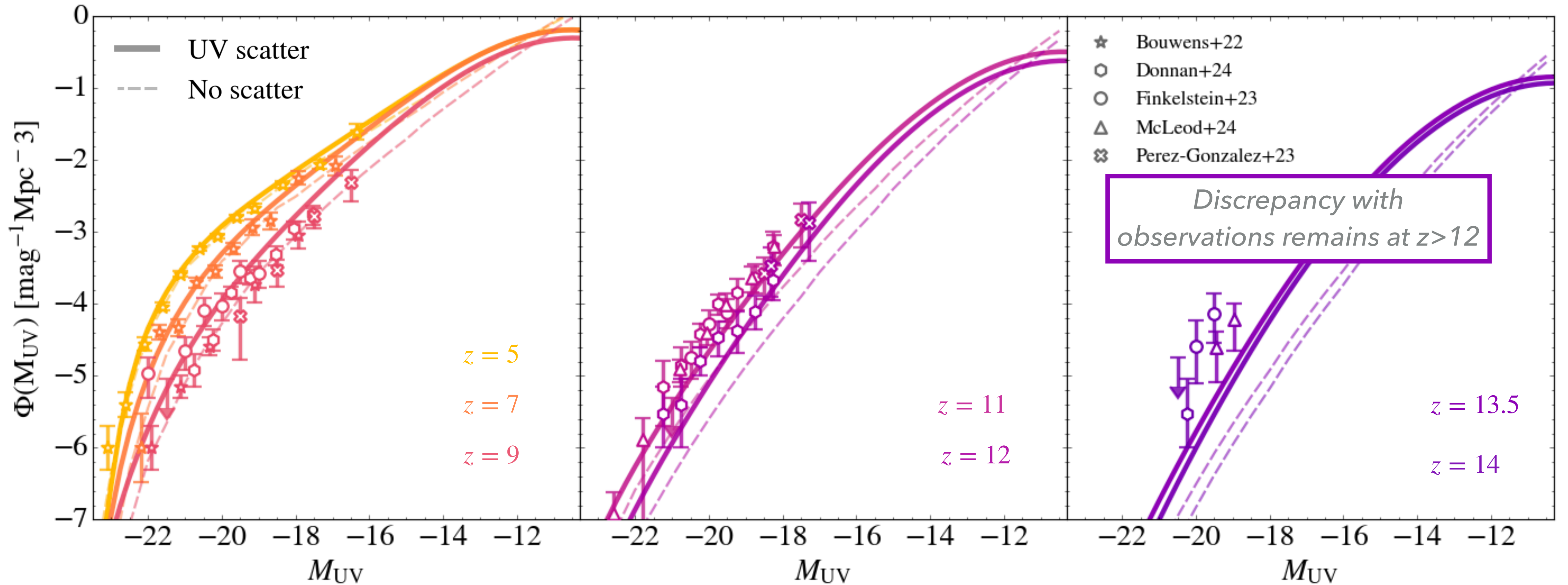
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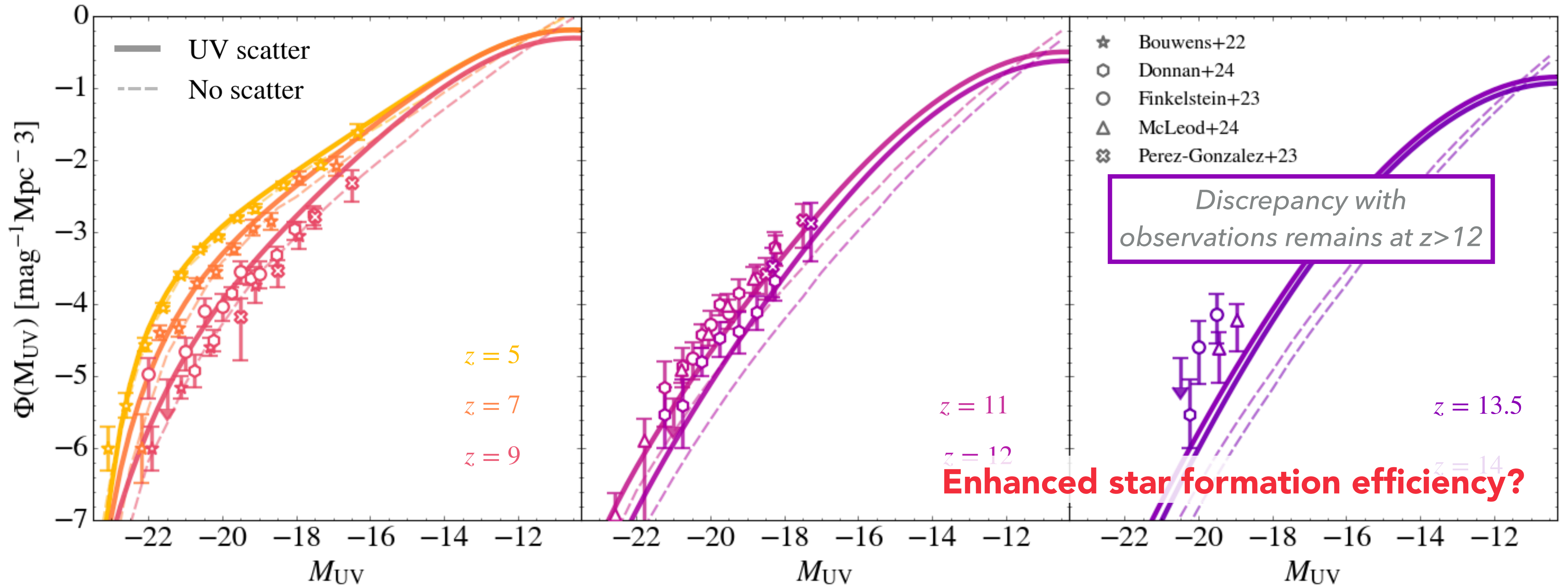
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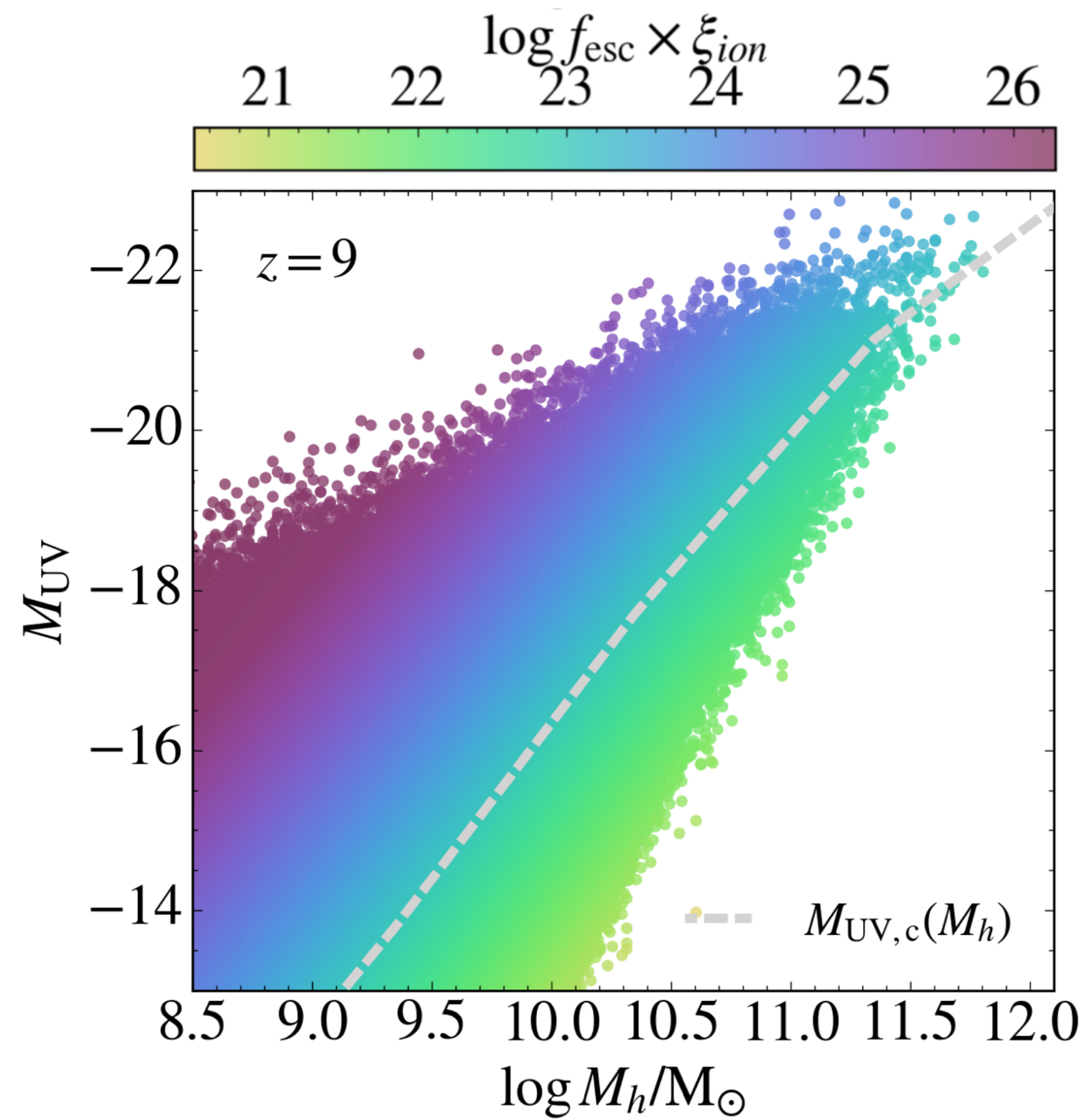
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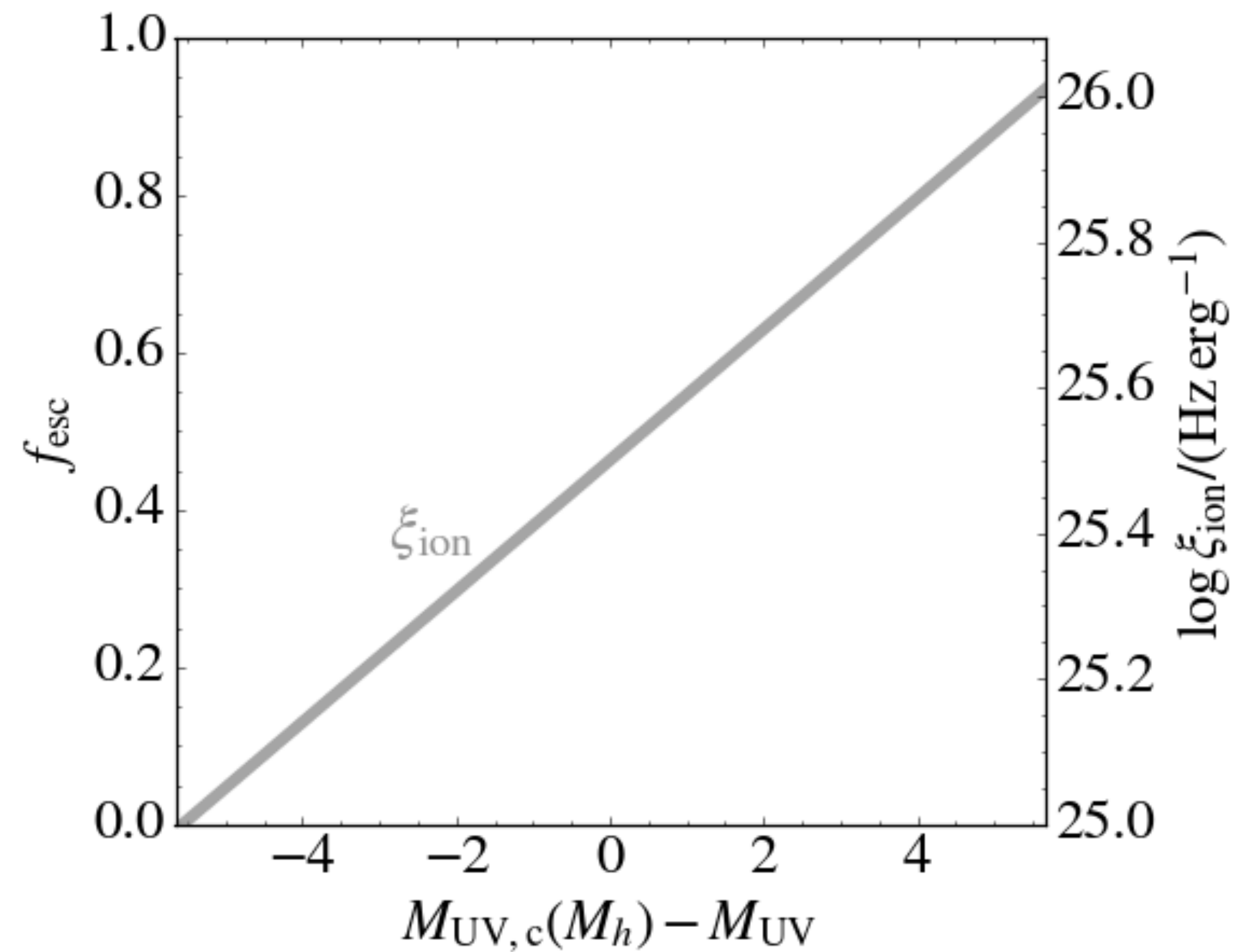
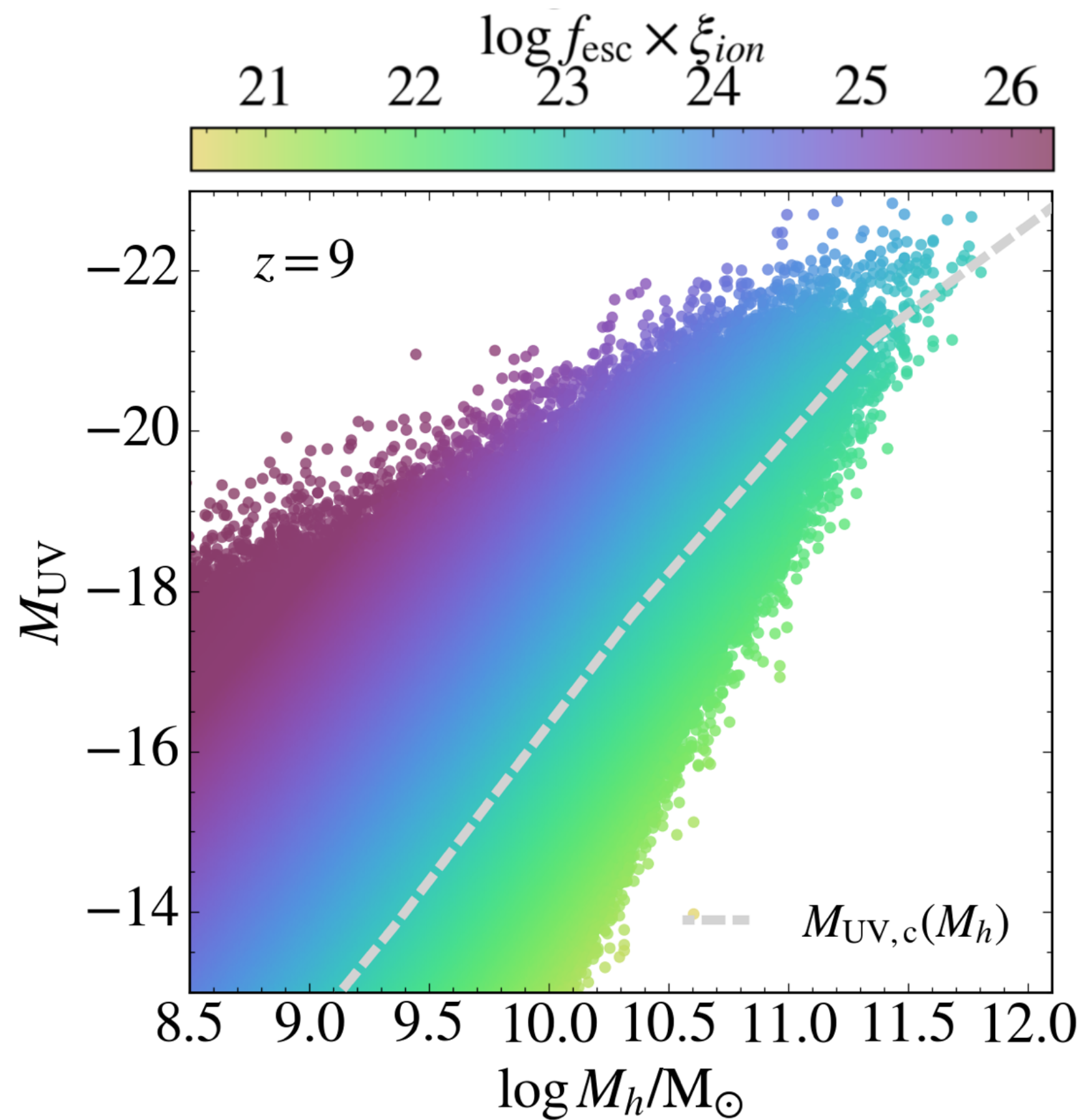




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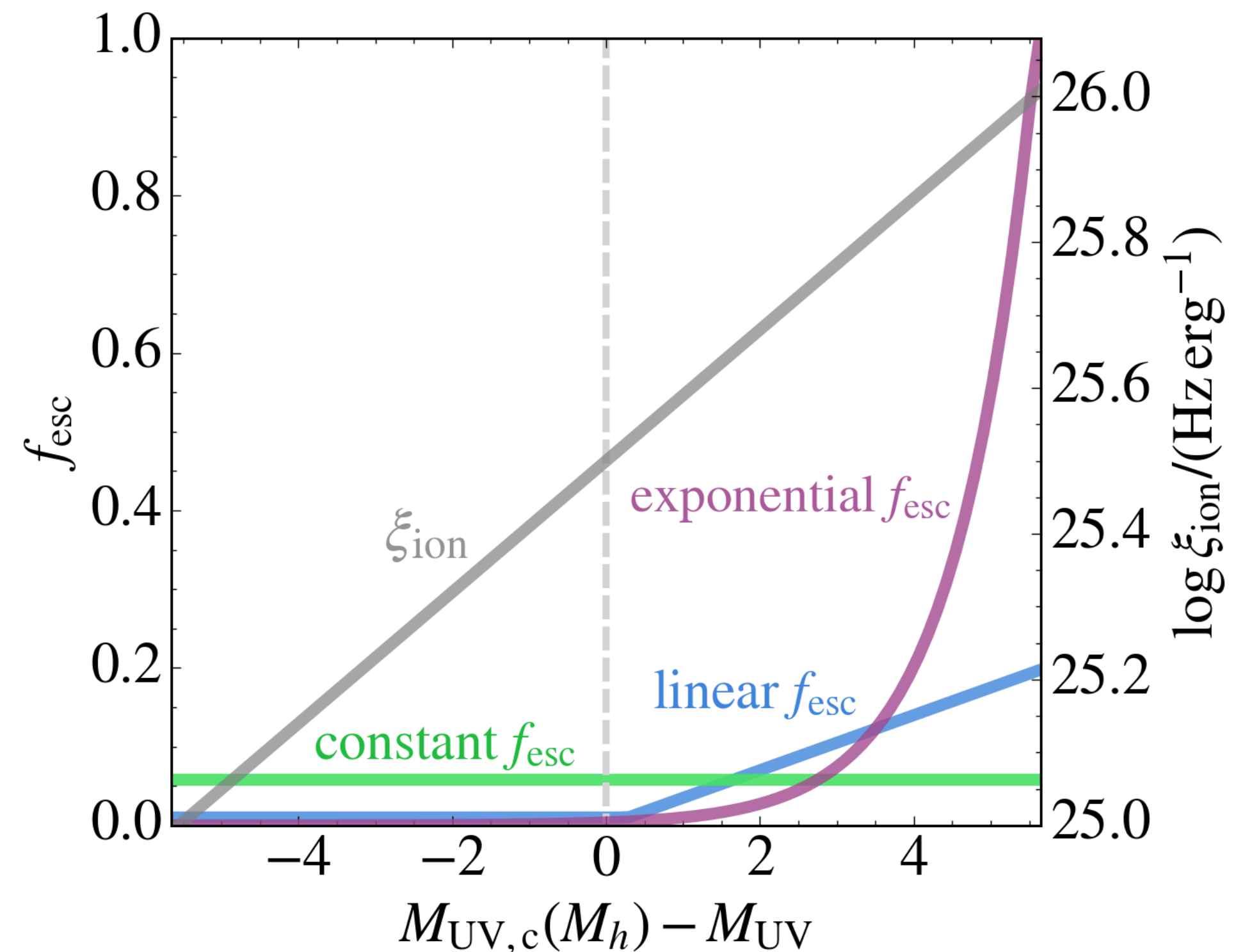
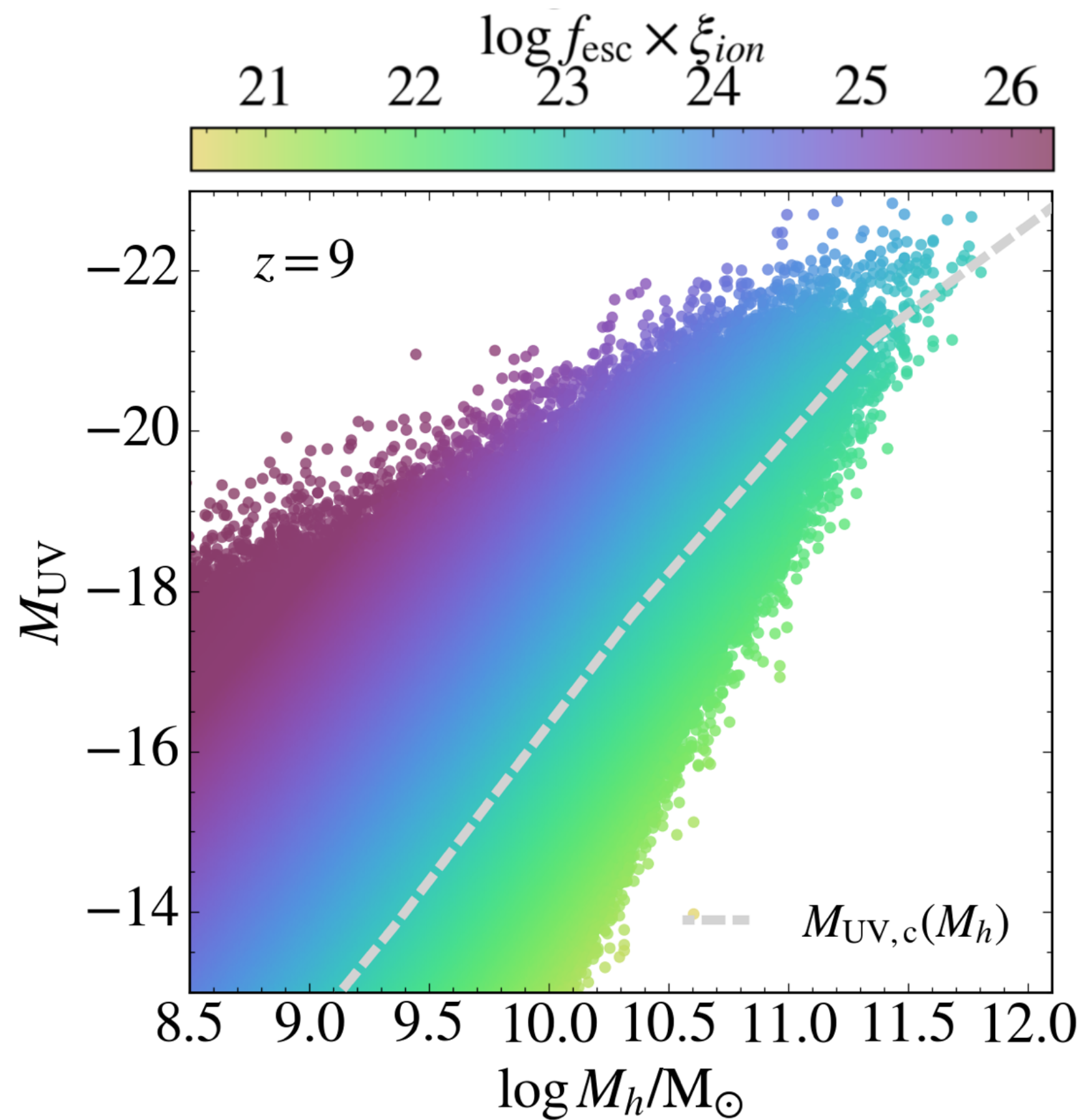




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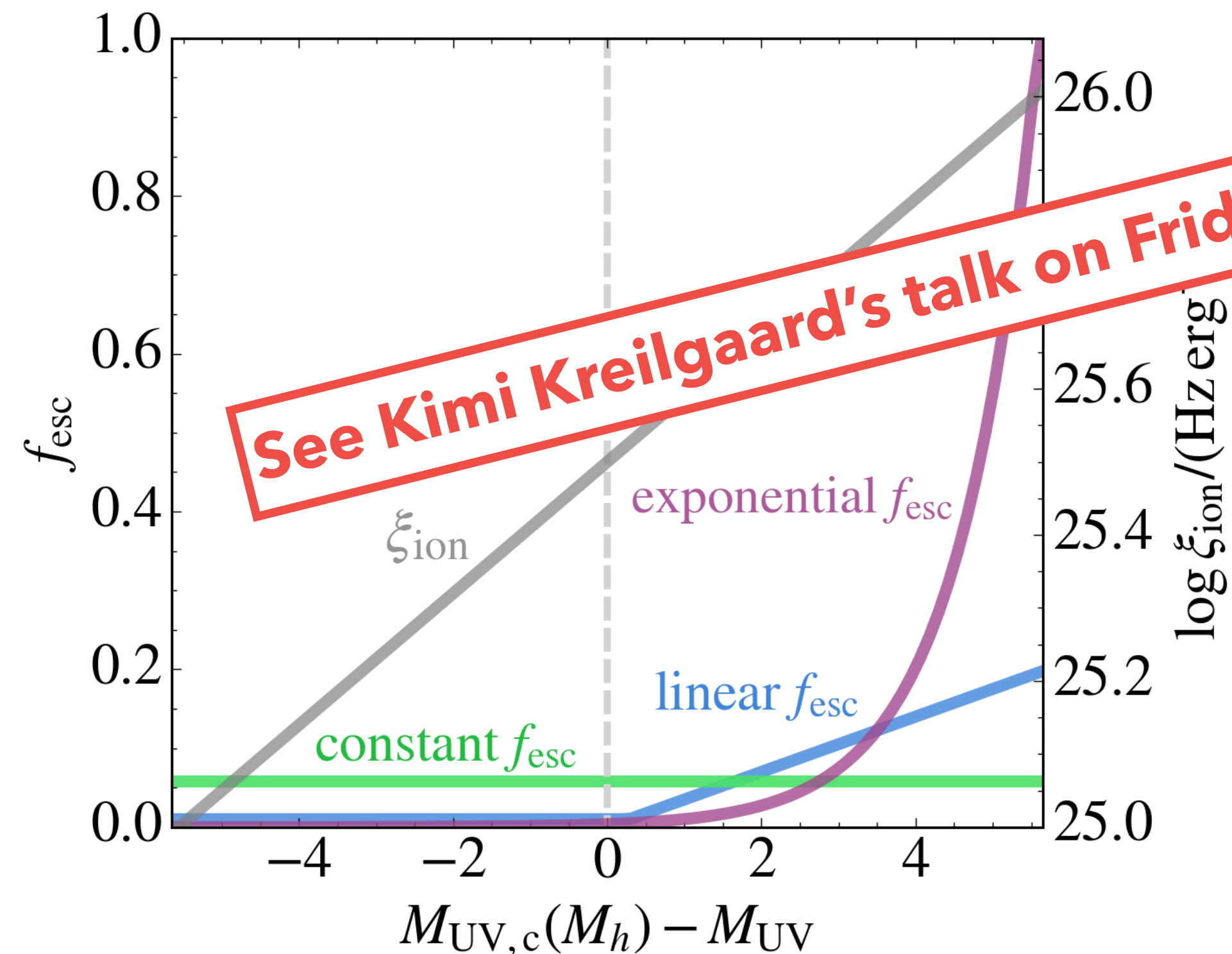
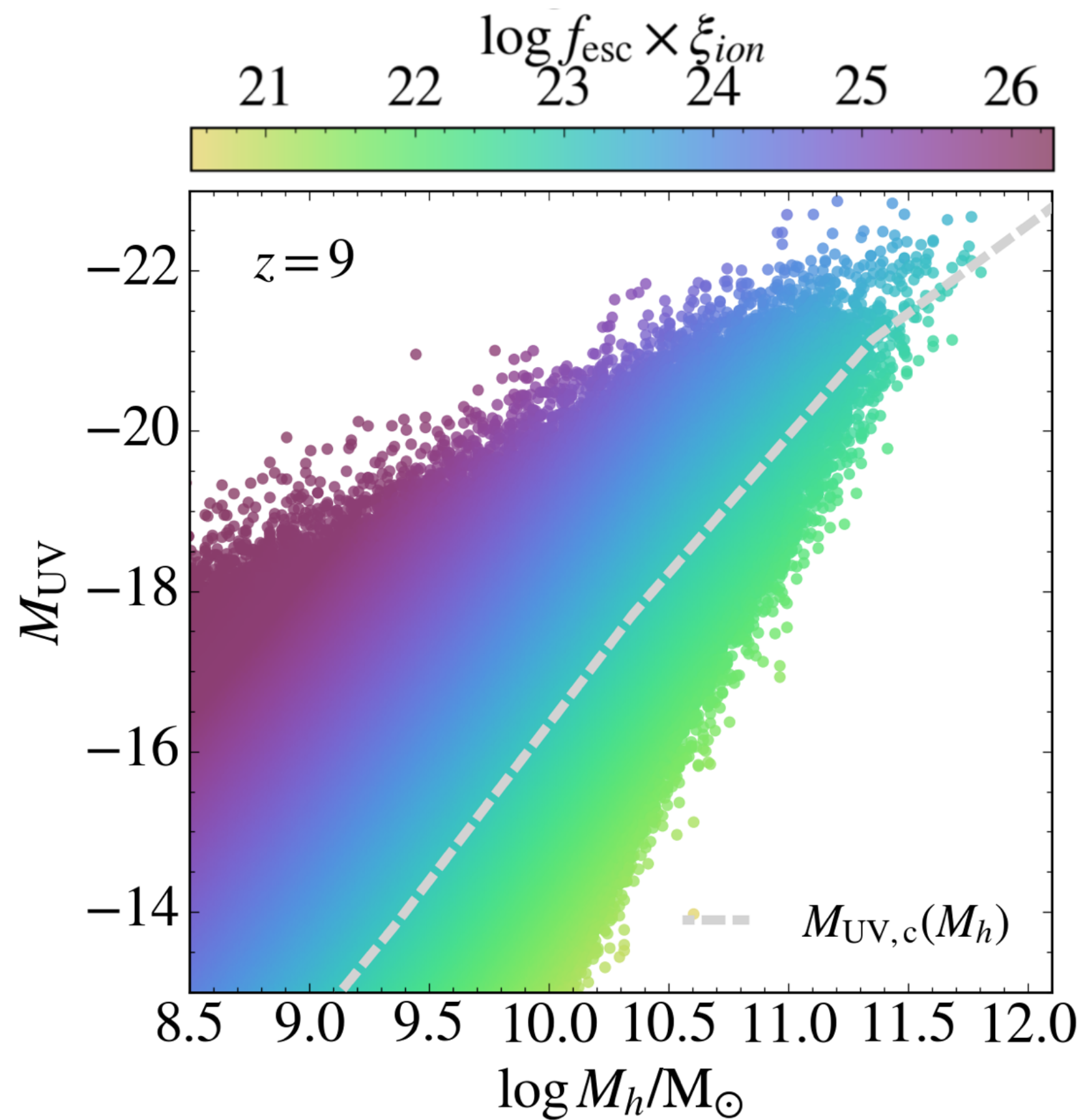




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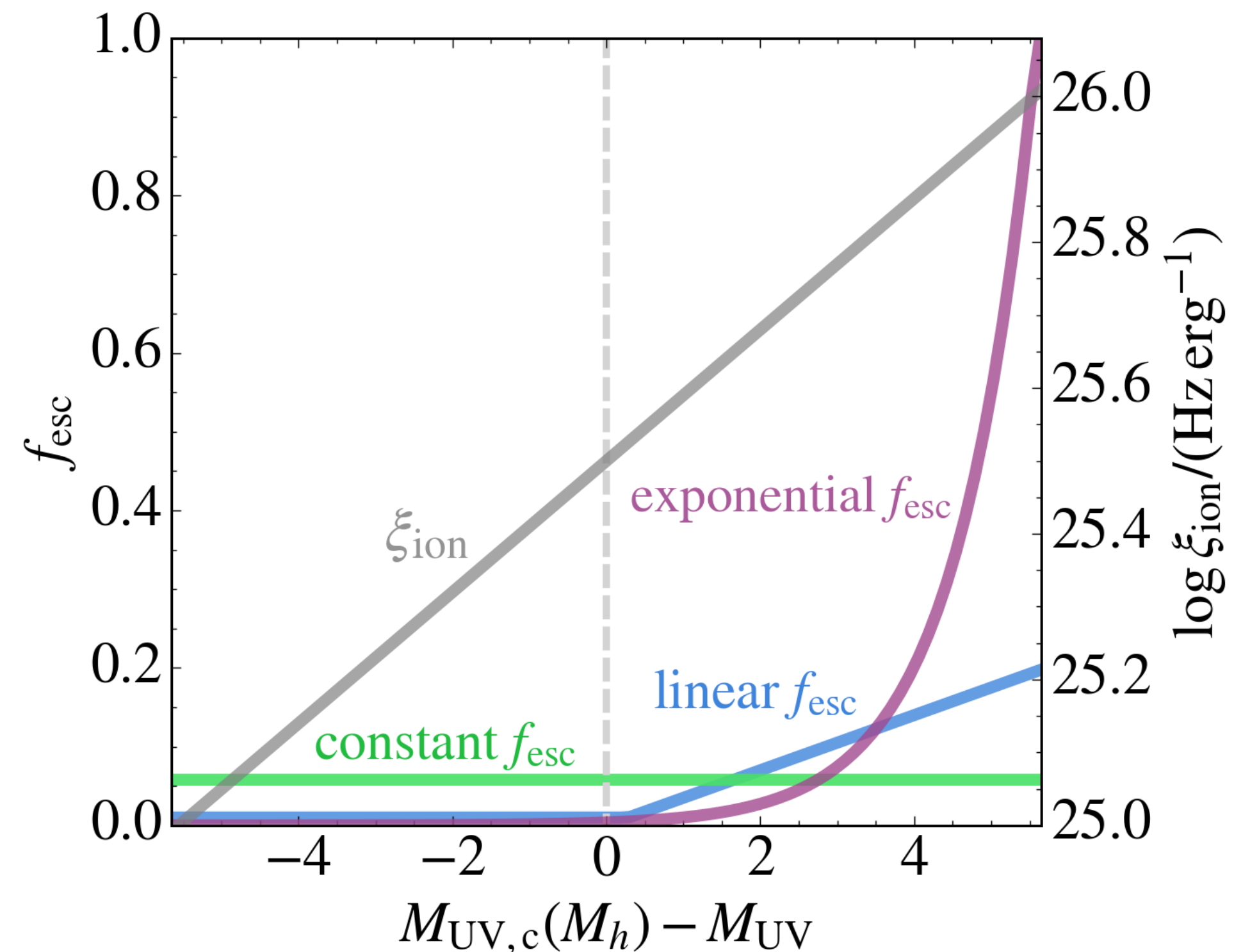
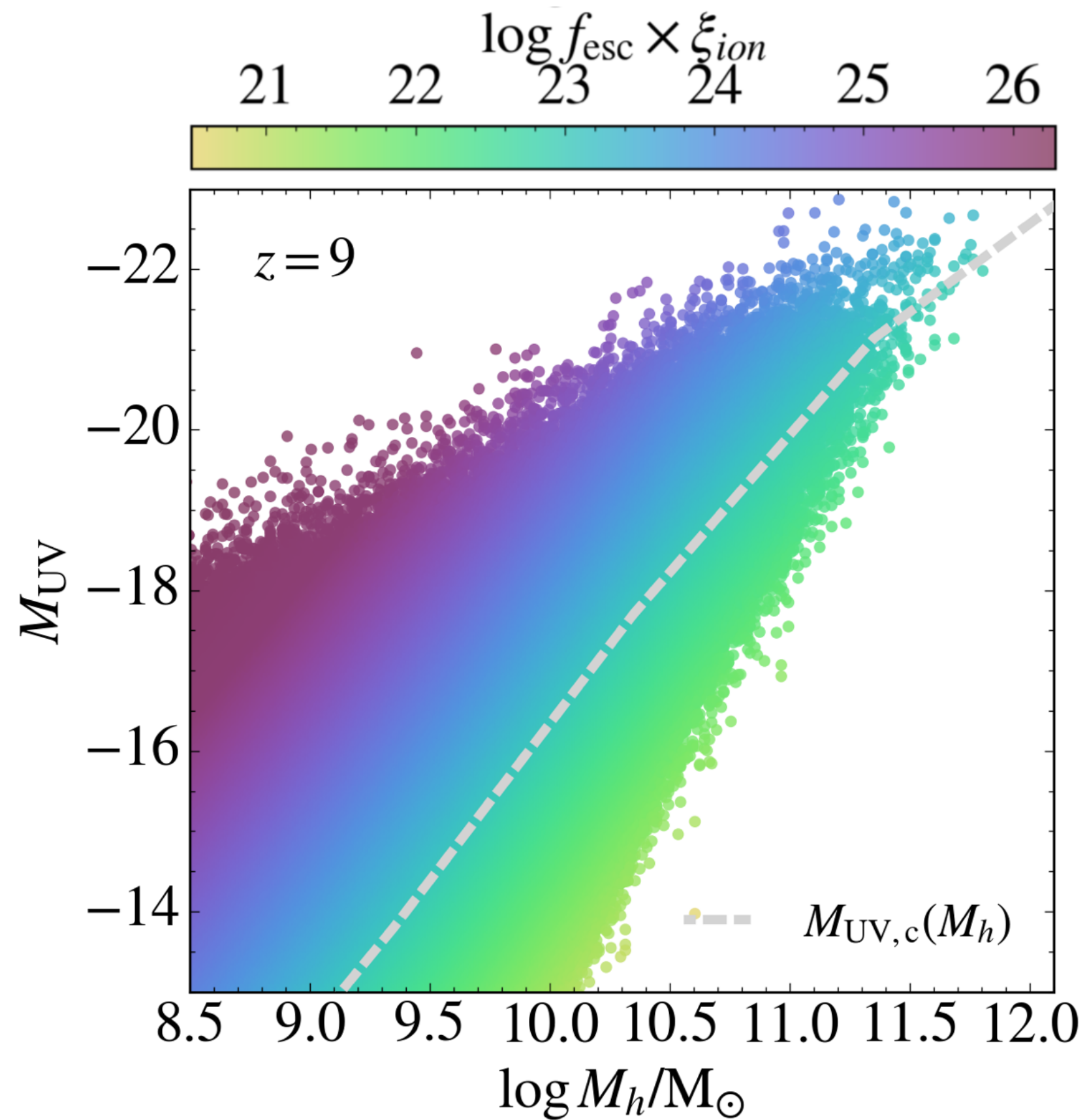




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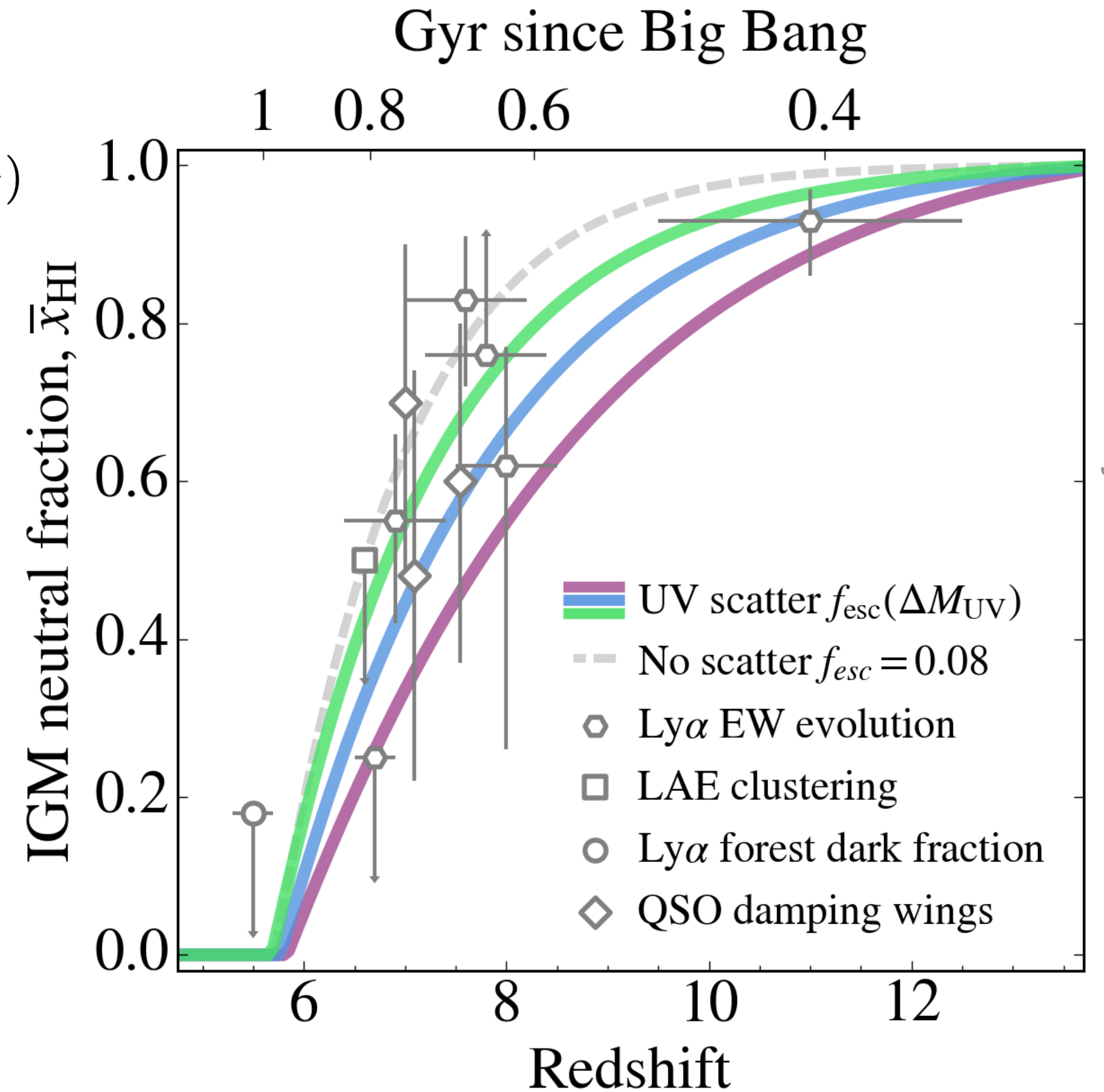
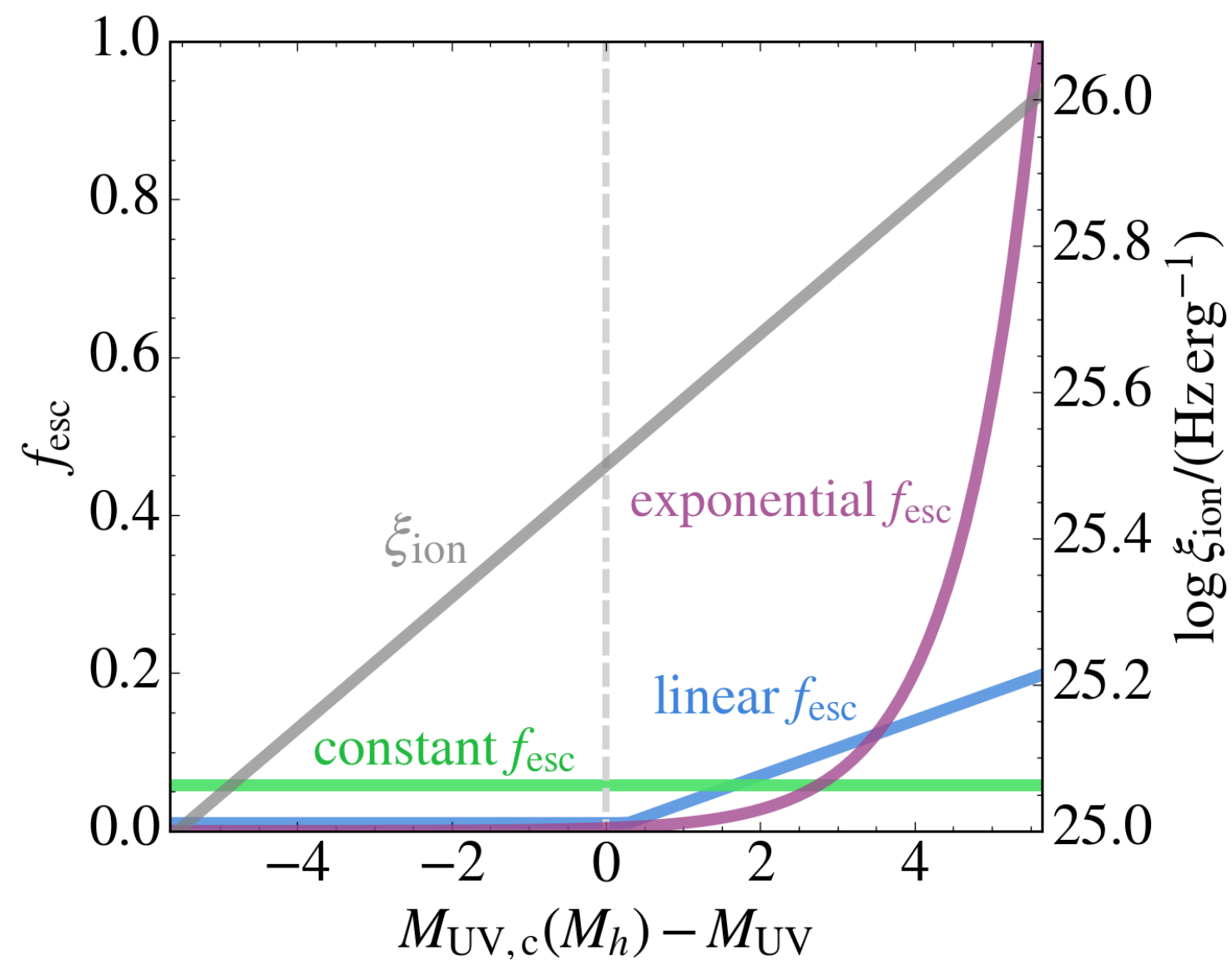
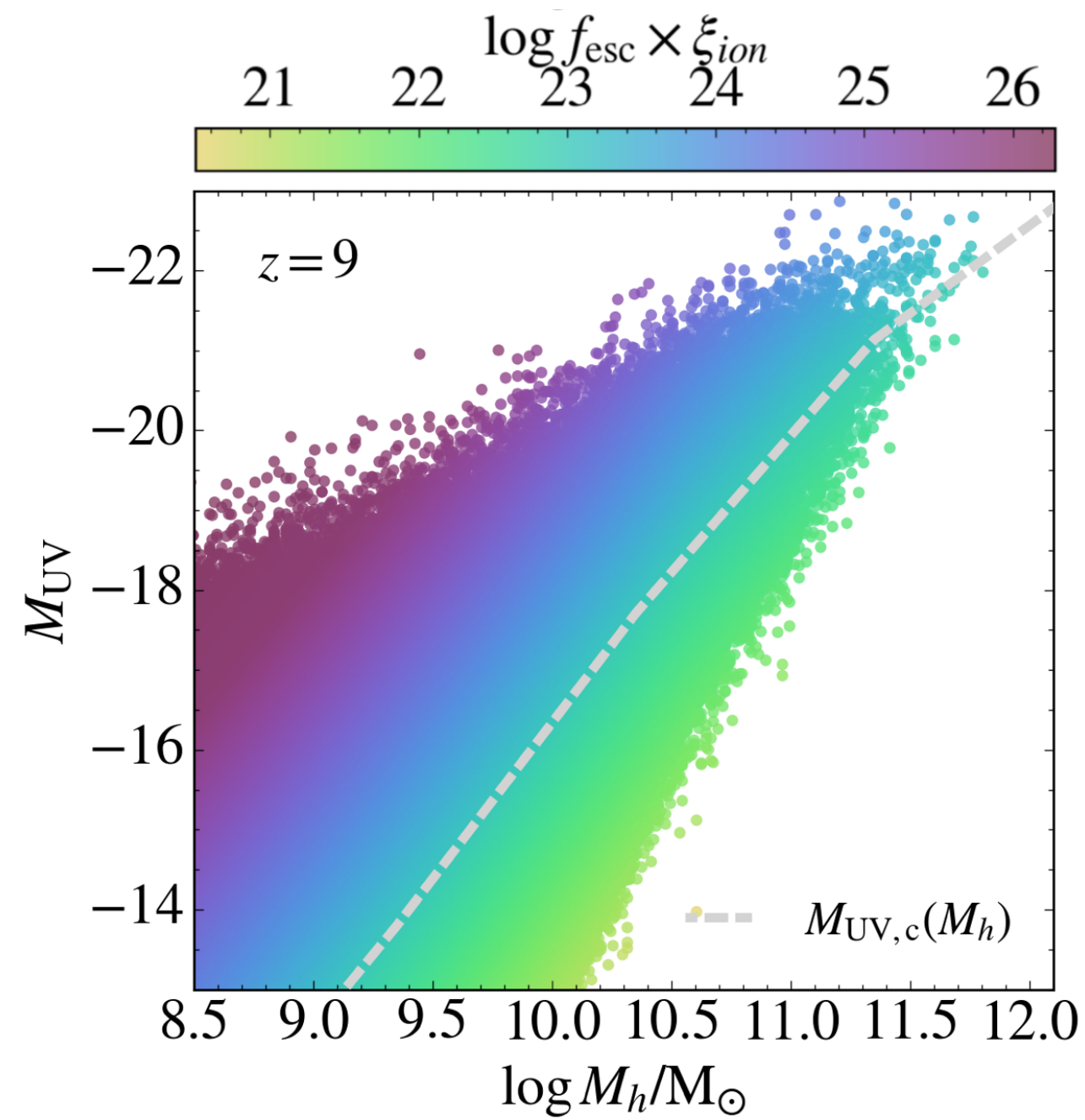




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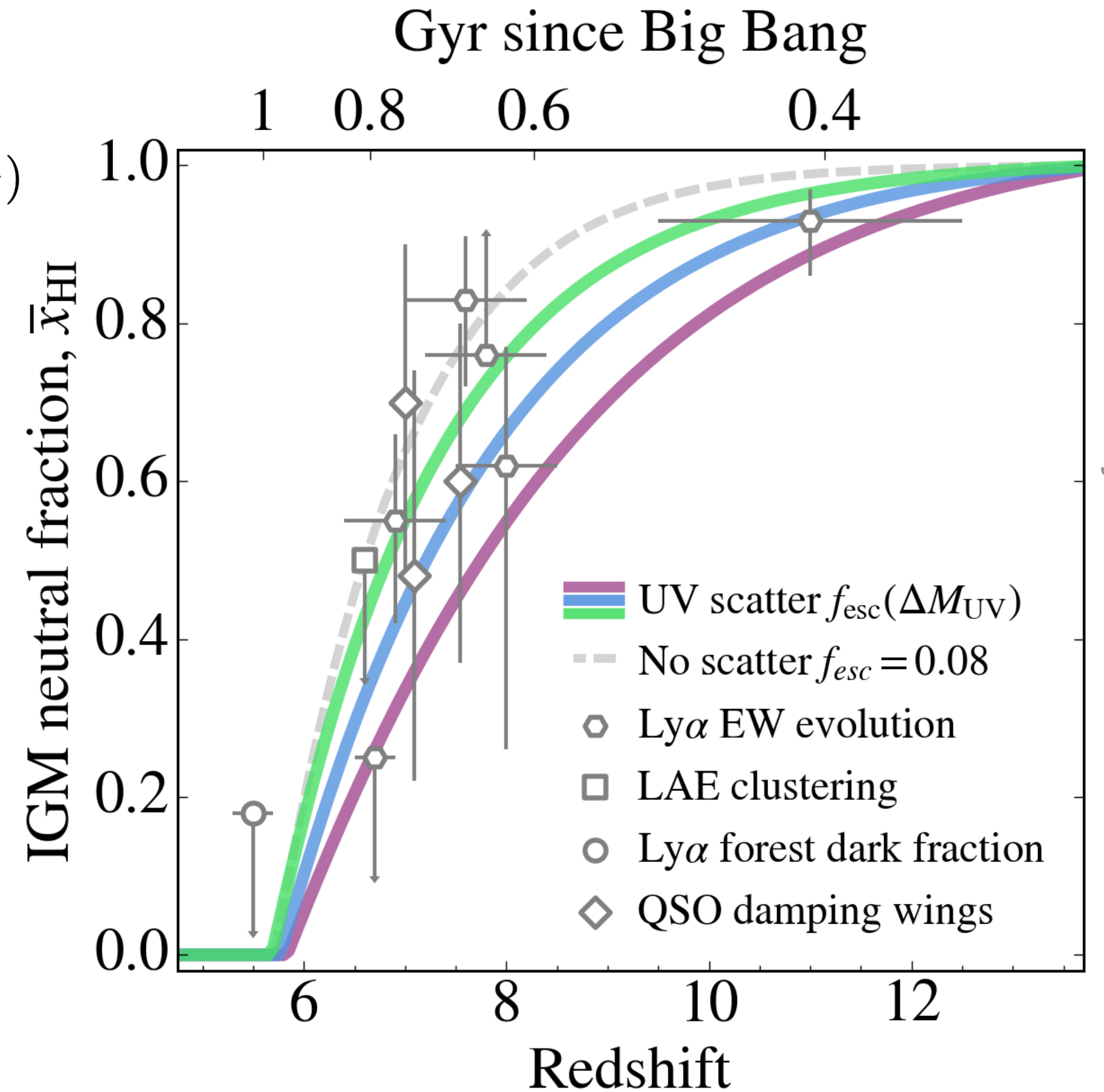
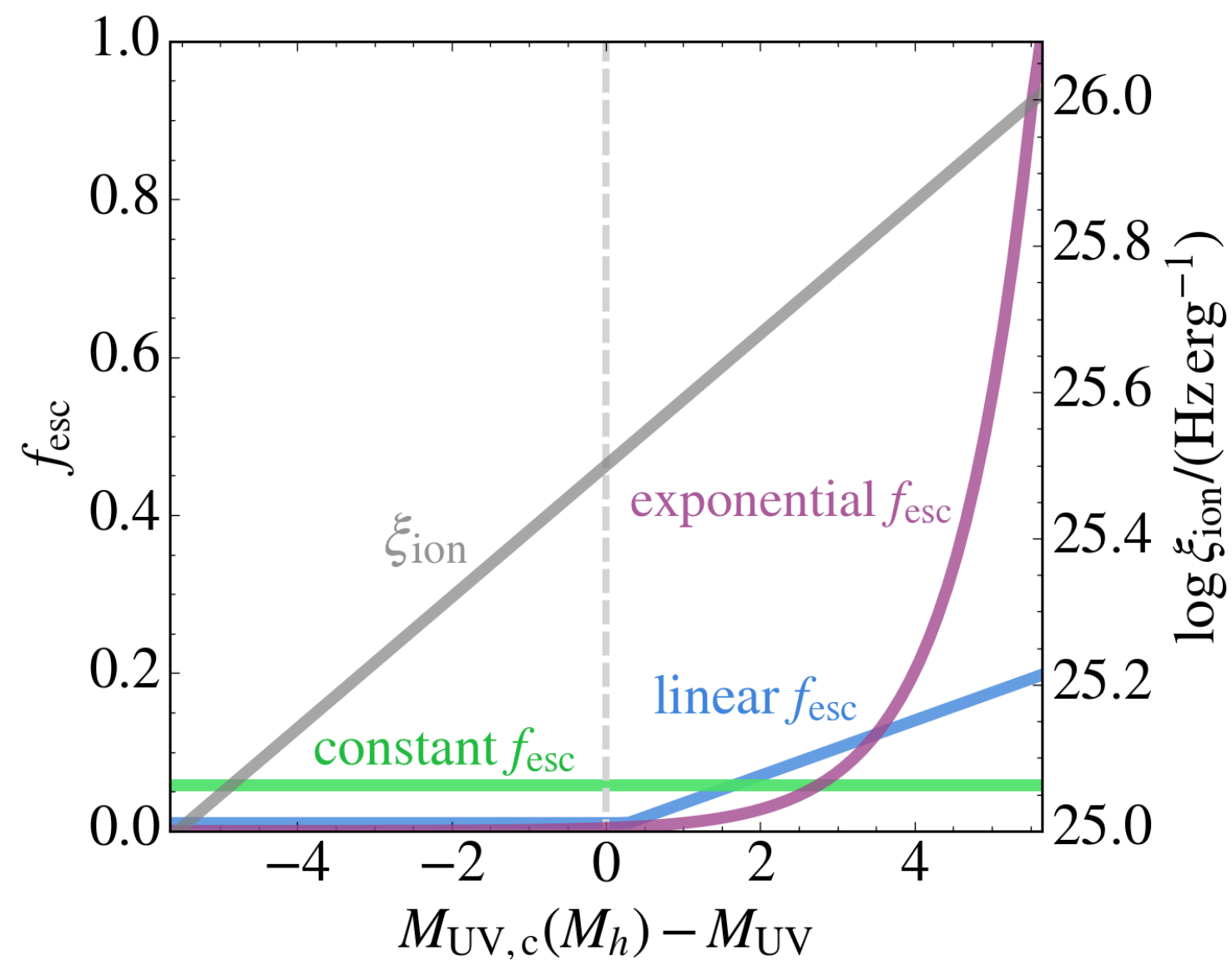
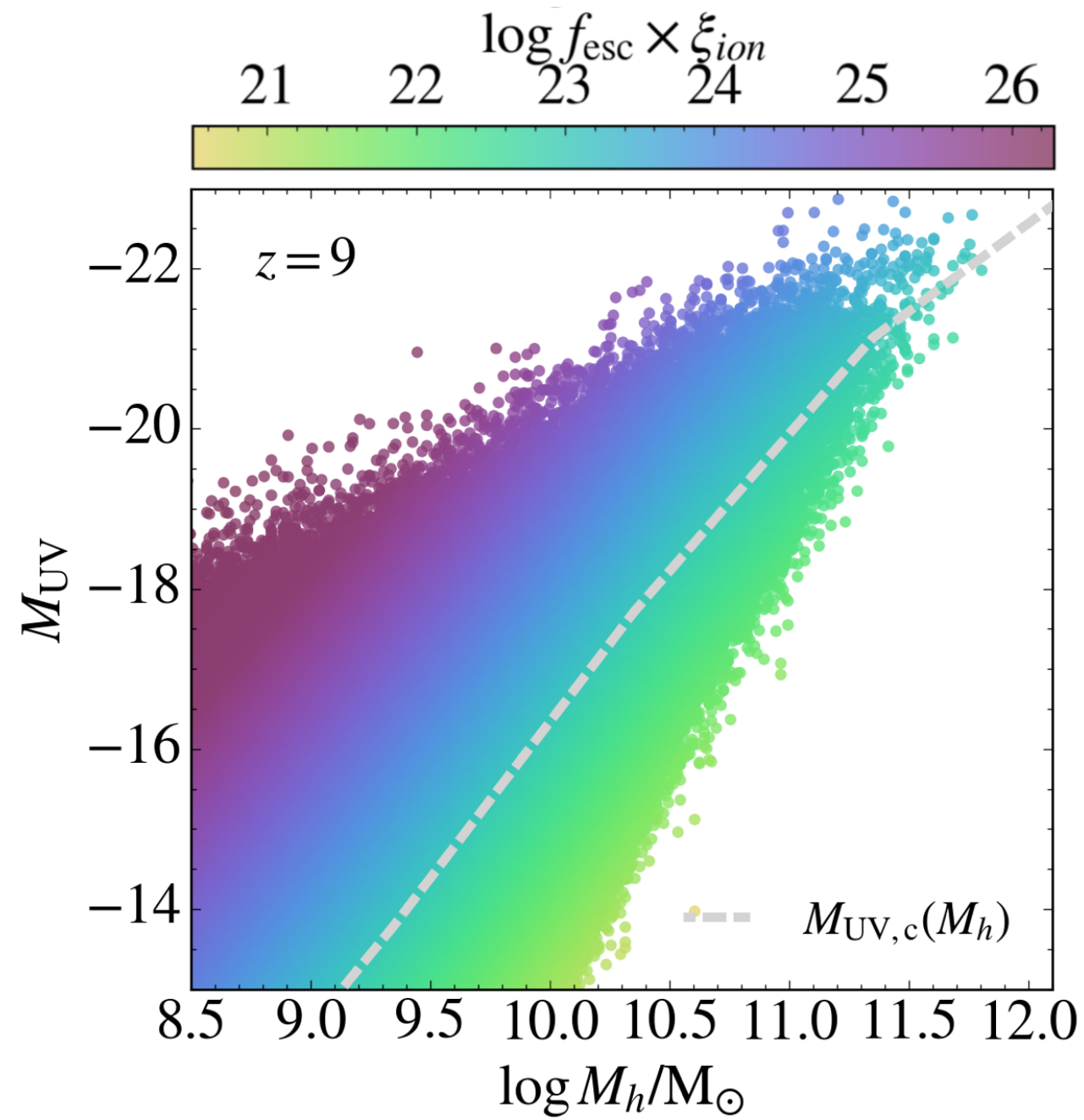
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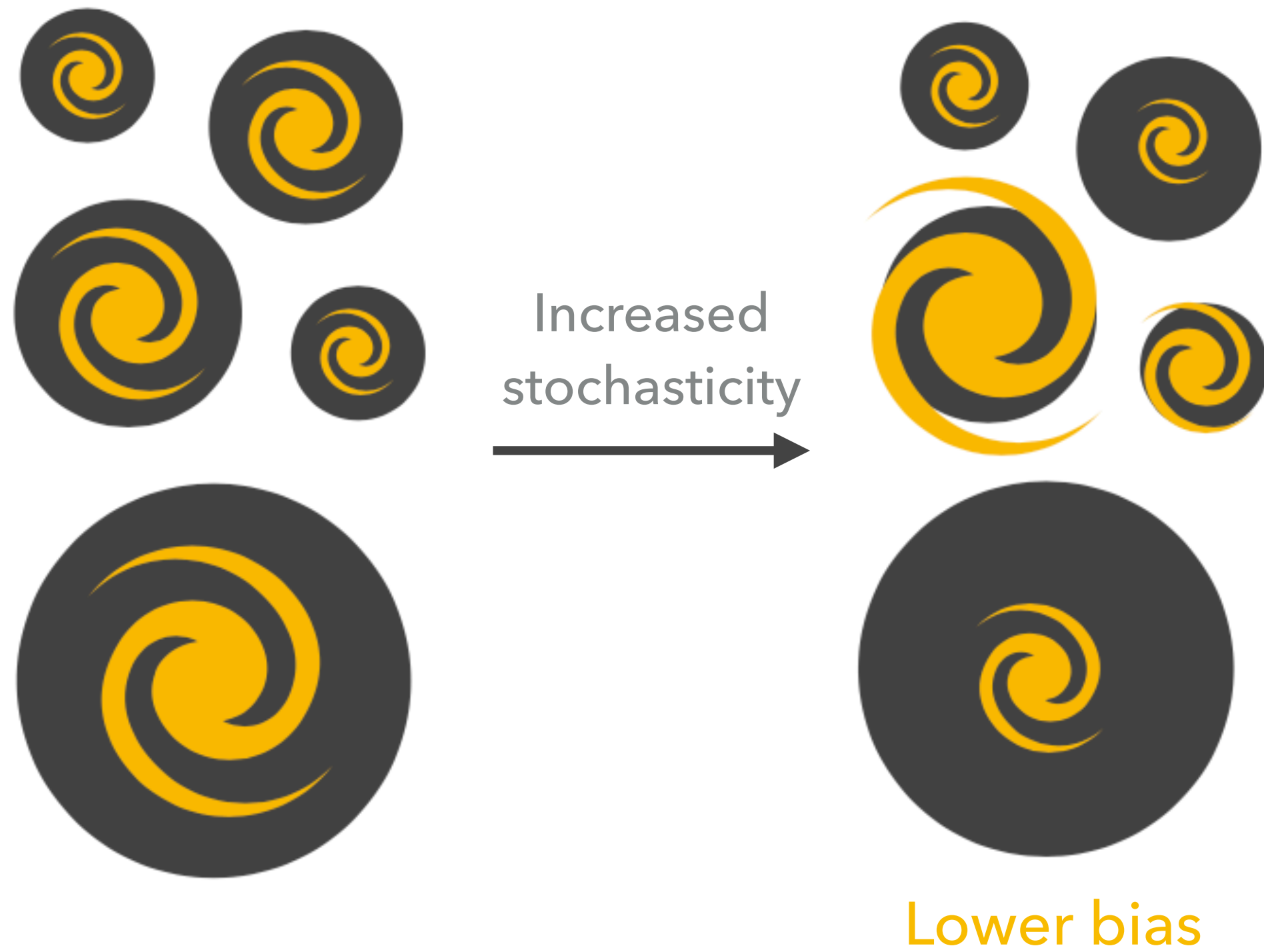
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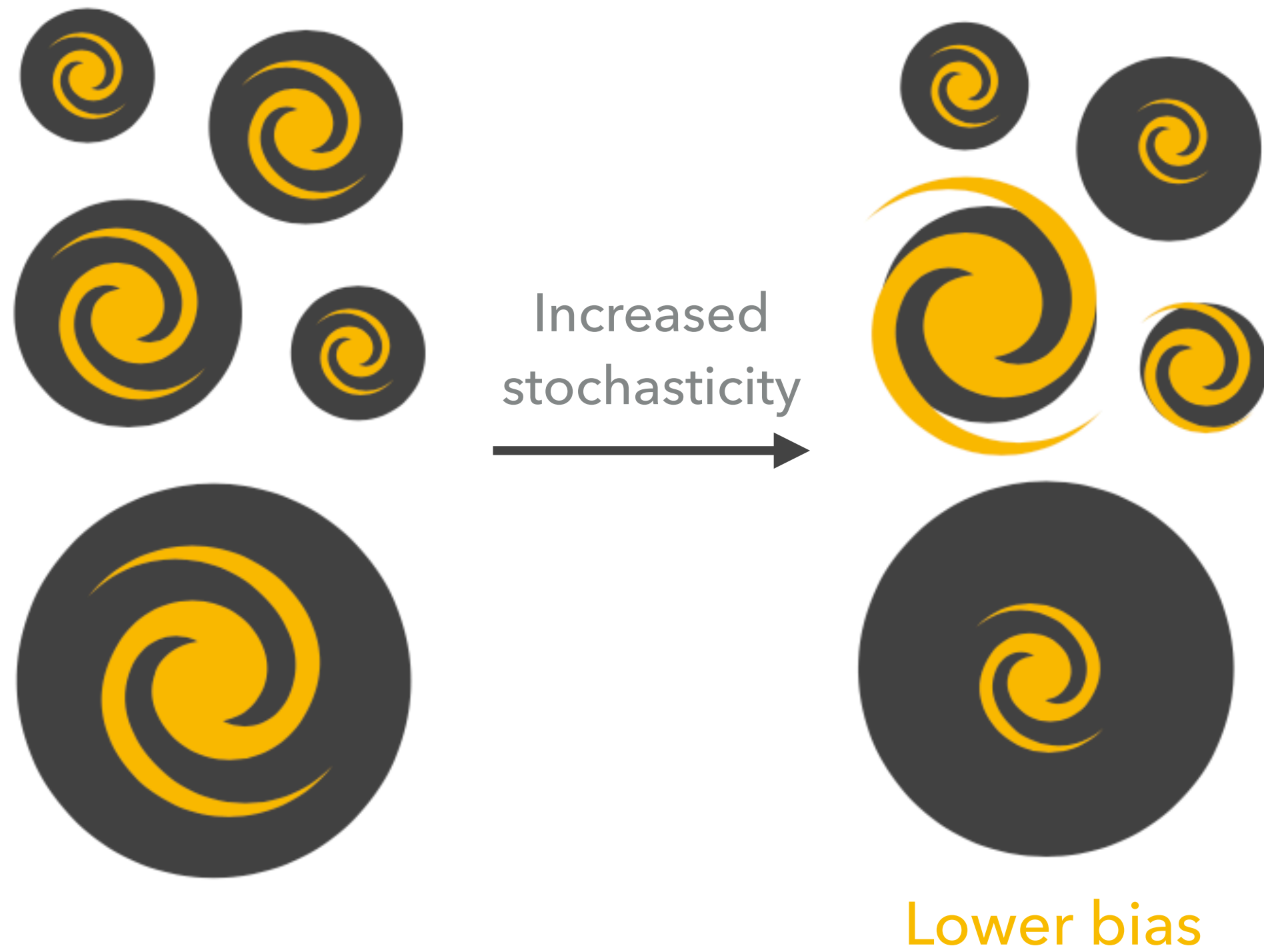
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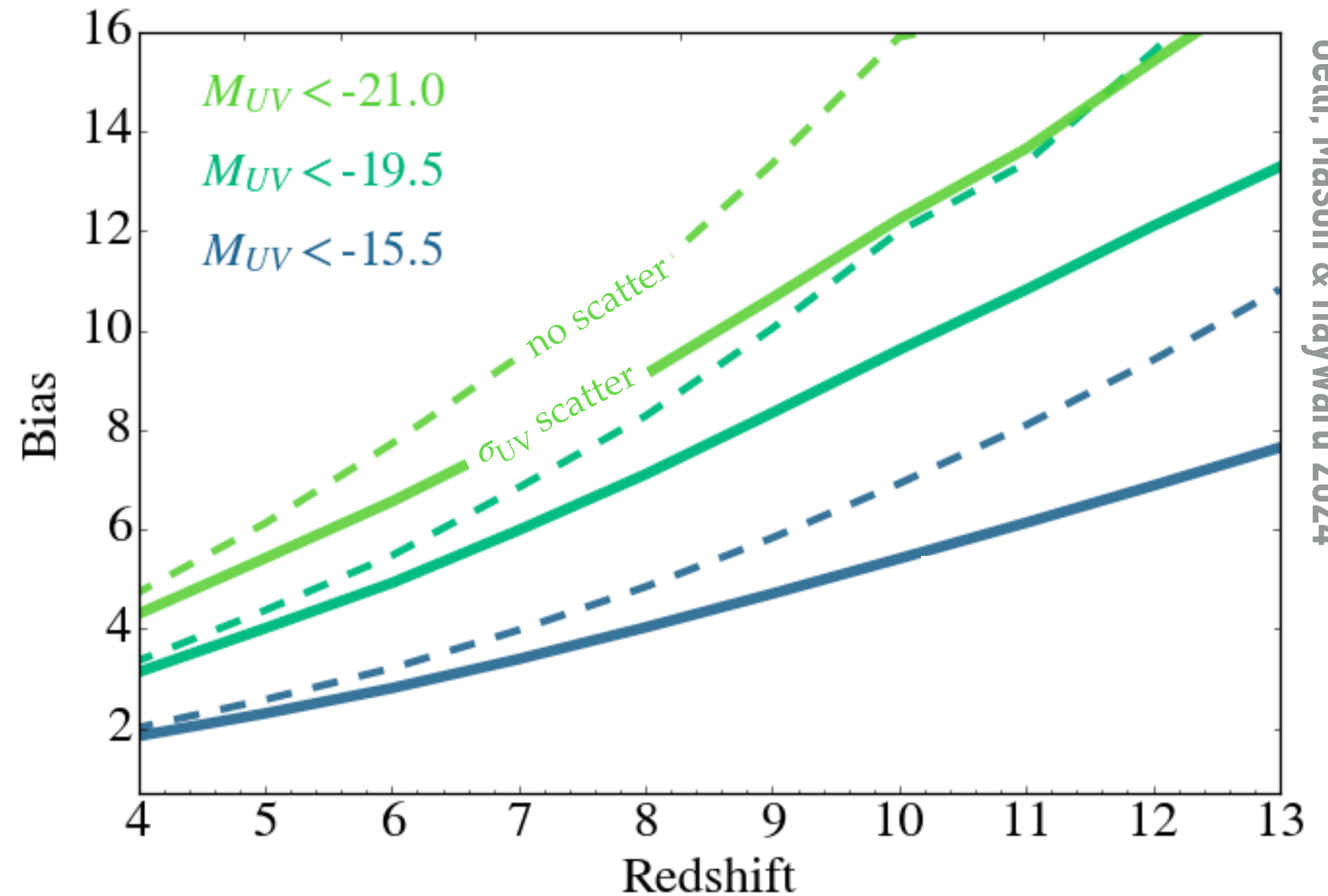


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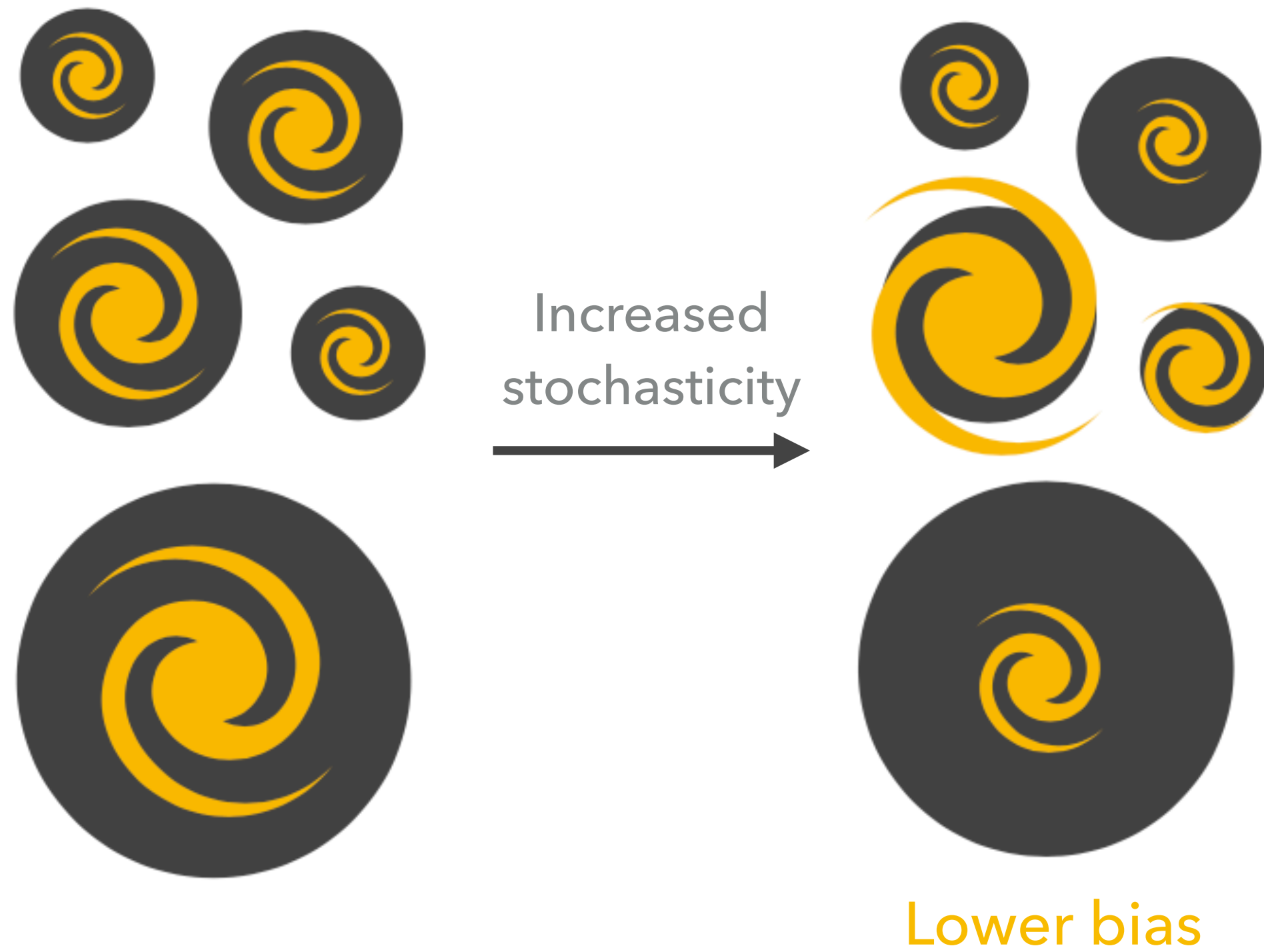
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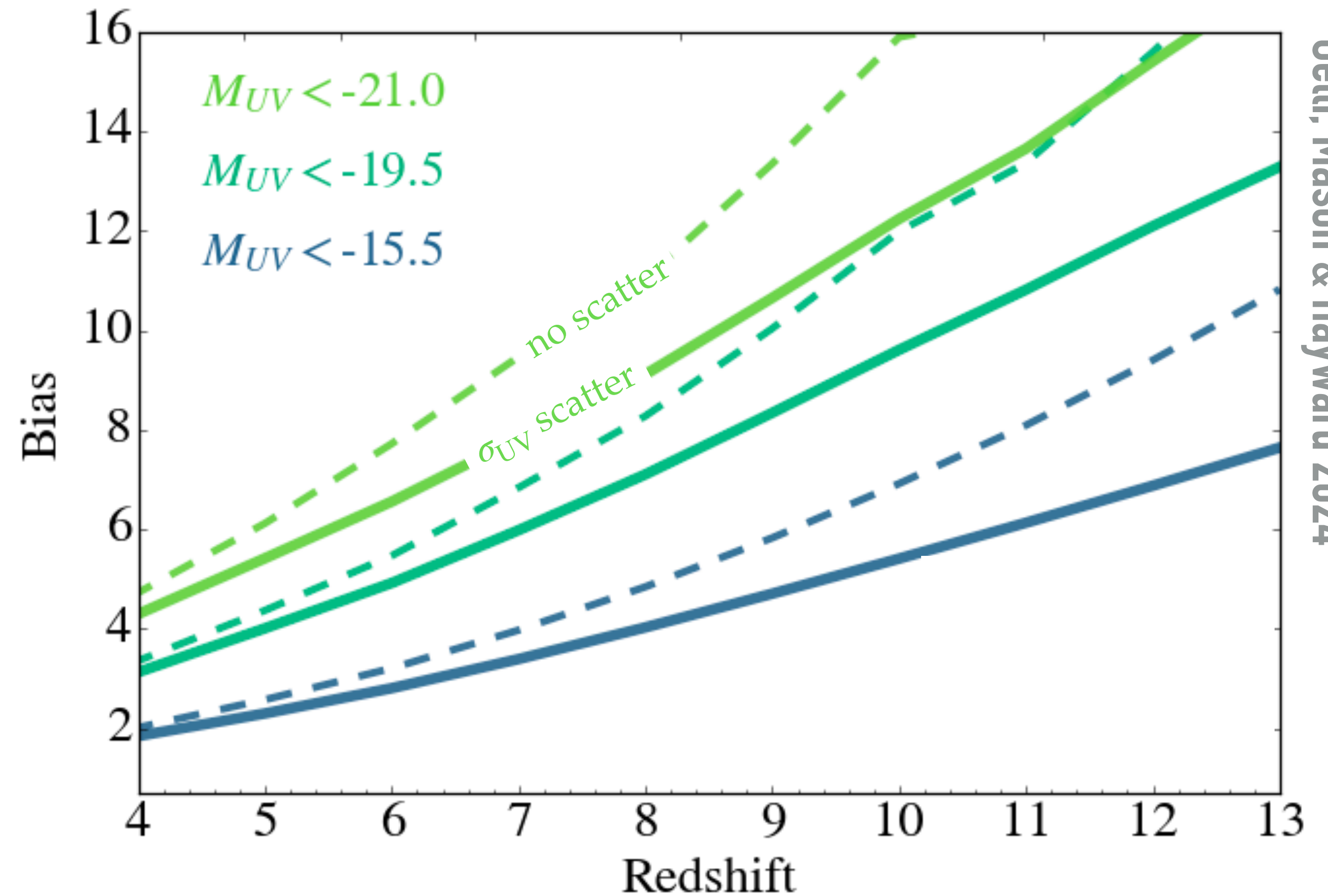


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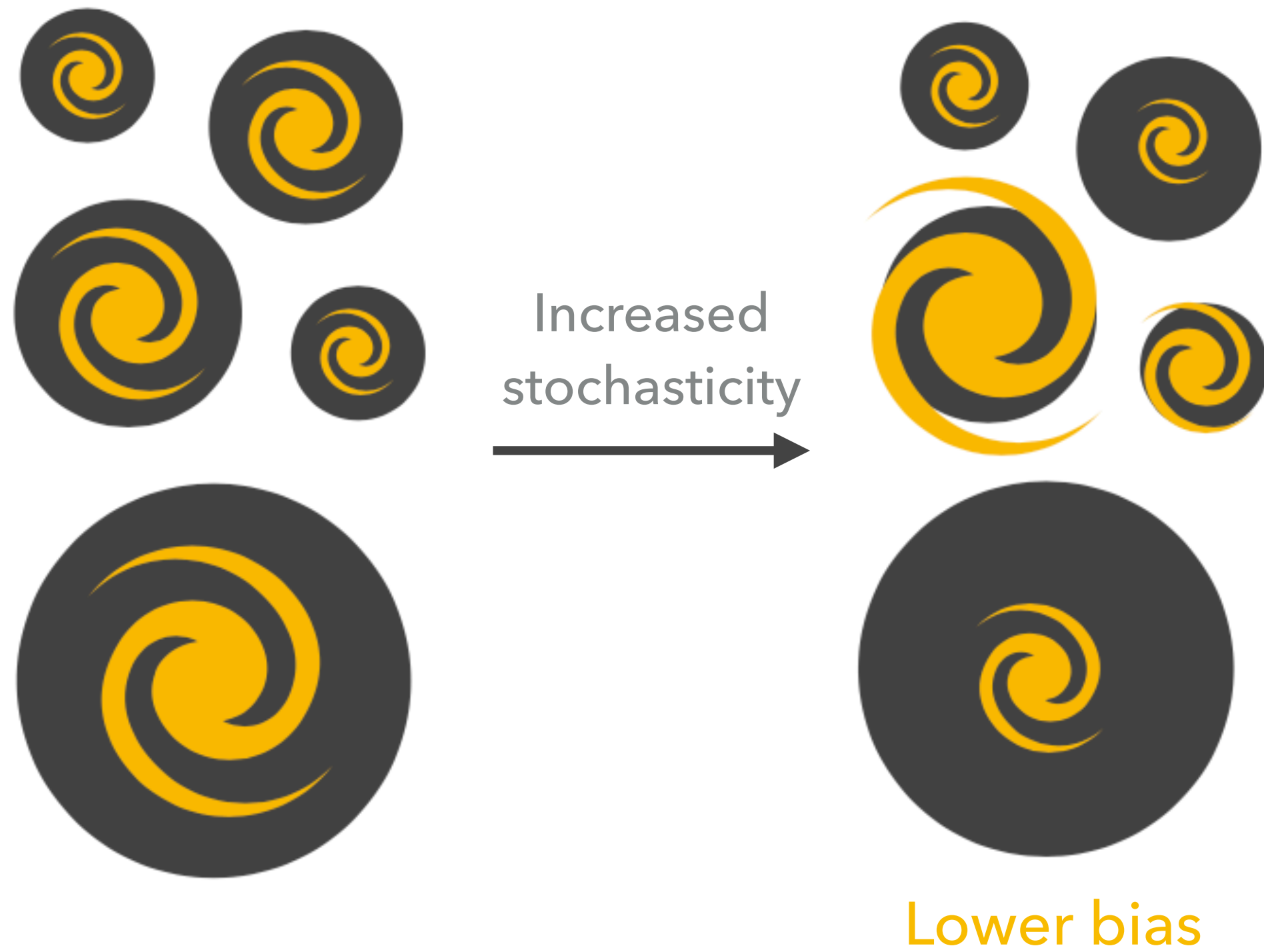


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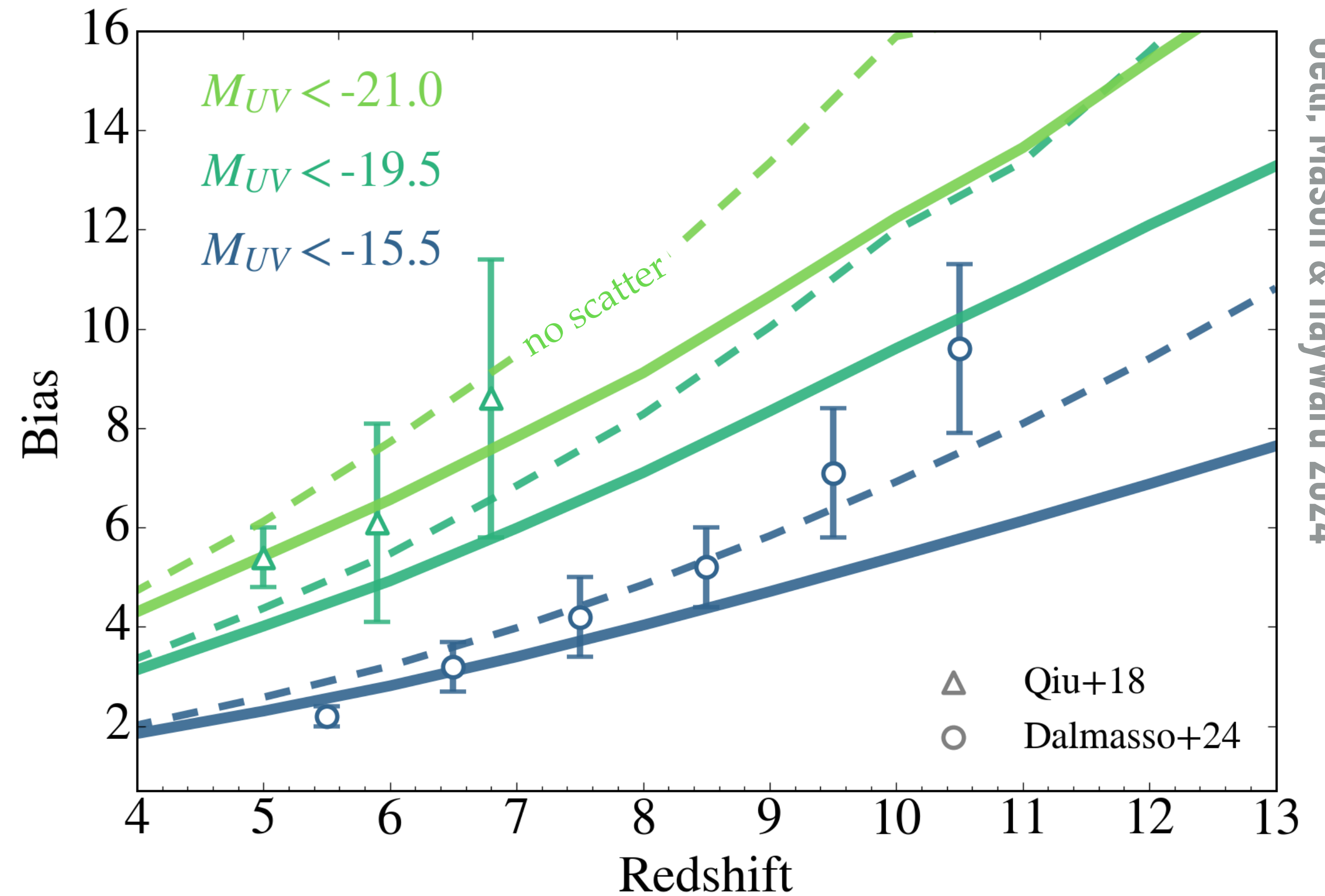


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## CLUSTERING OF GALAXIES



$$b_{\text{eff}}(M_{\text{UV}}) = \phi_{\text{UV}}^{-1} \int dM_{\text{h}} \frac{dn}{dM_{\text{h}}} b(M_{\text{h}}) P(M_{\text{UV}} | M_{\text{h}})$$



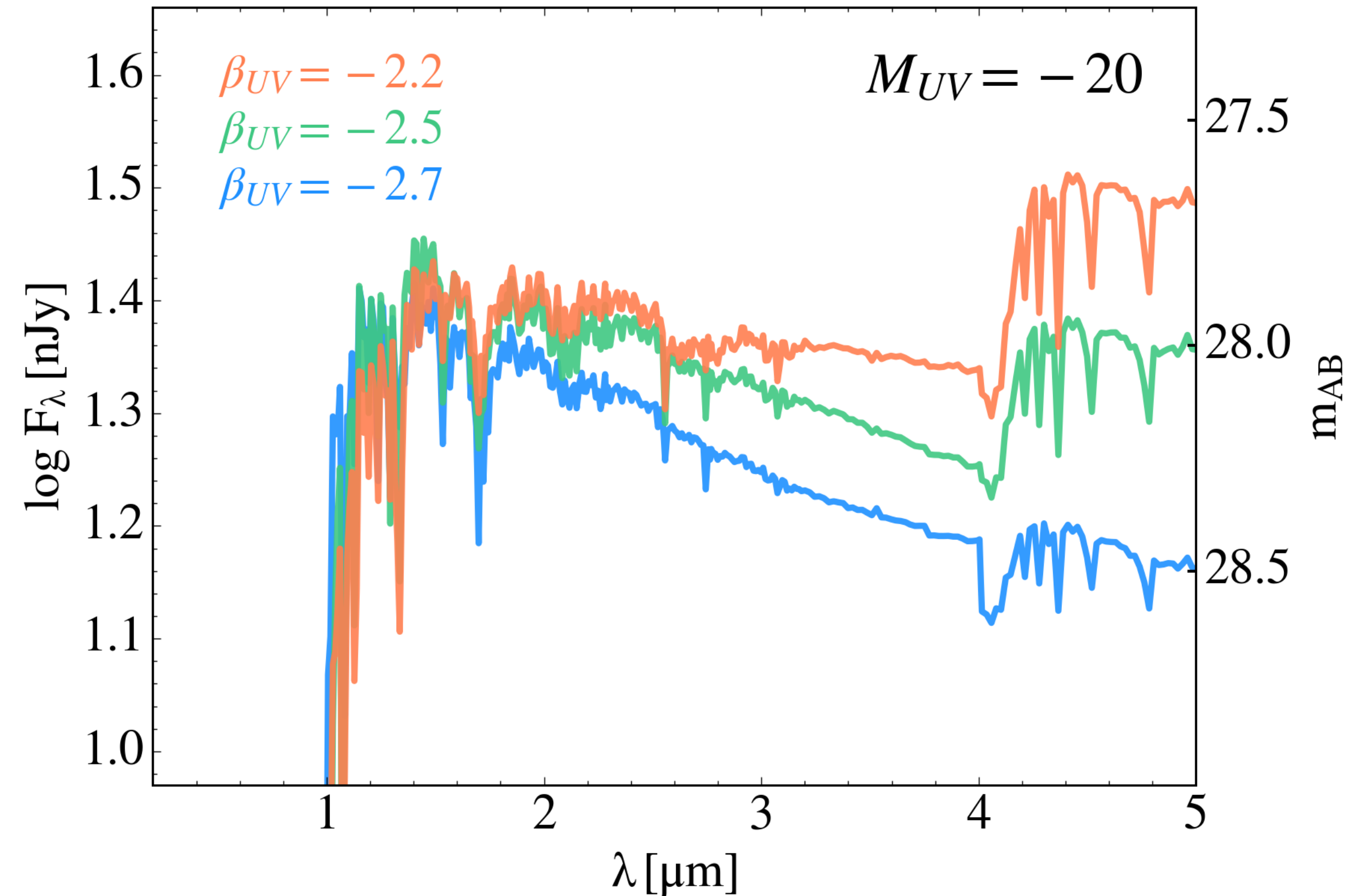
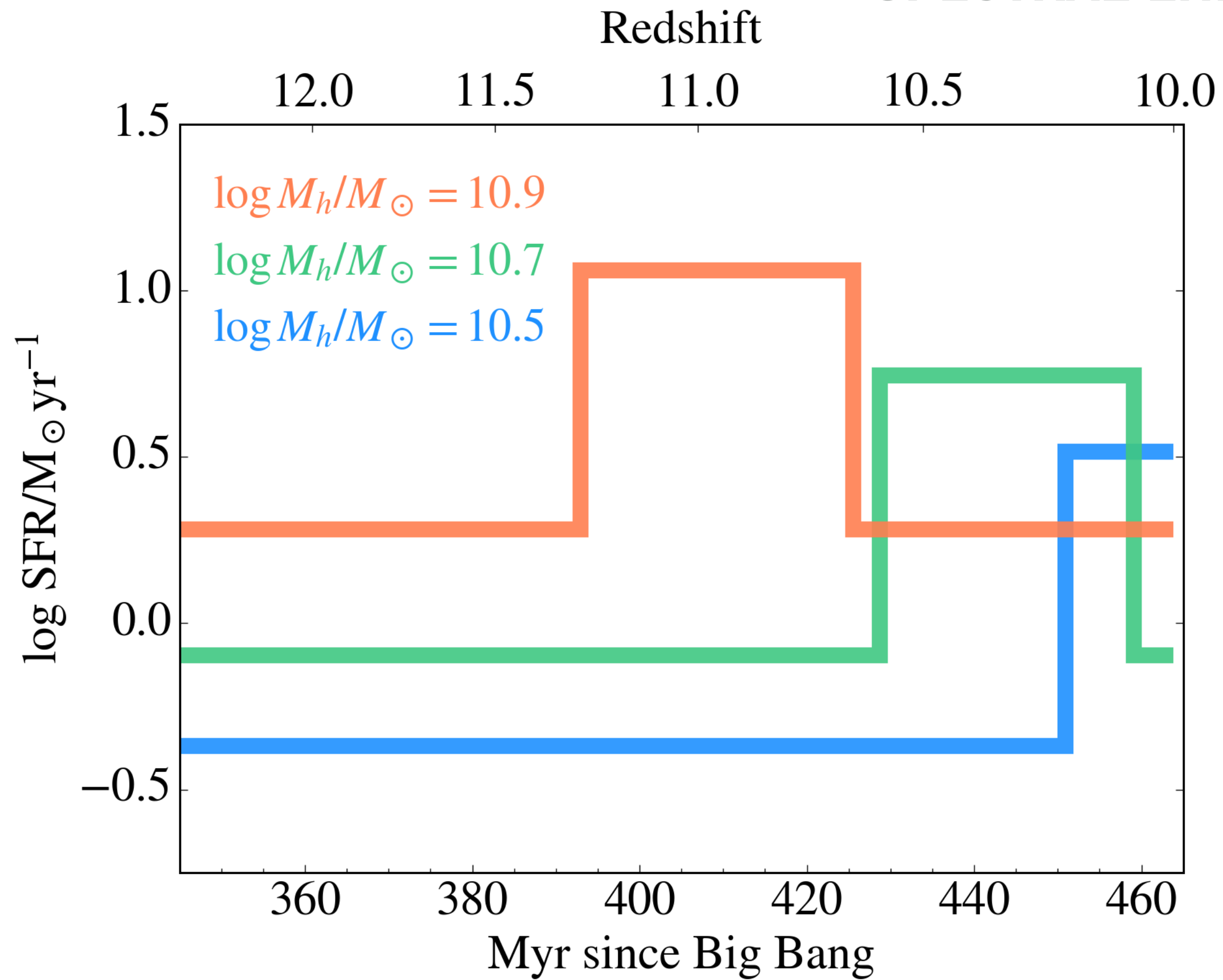
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Stochastic star formation leads to **lower galaxy bias** at higher redshifts



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## SPECTRAL ENERGY DISTRIBUTIONS

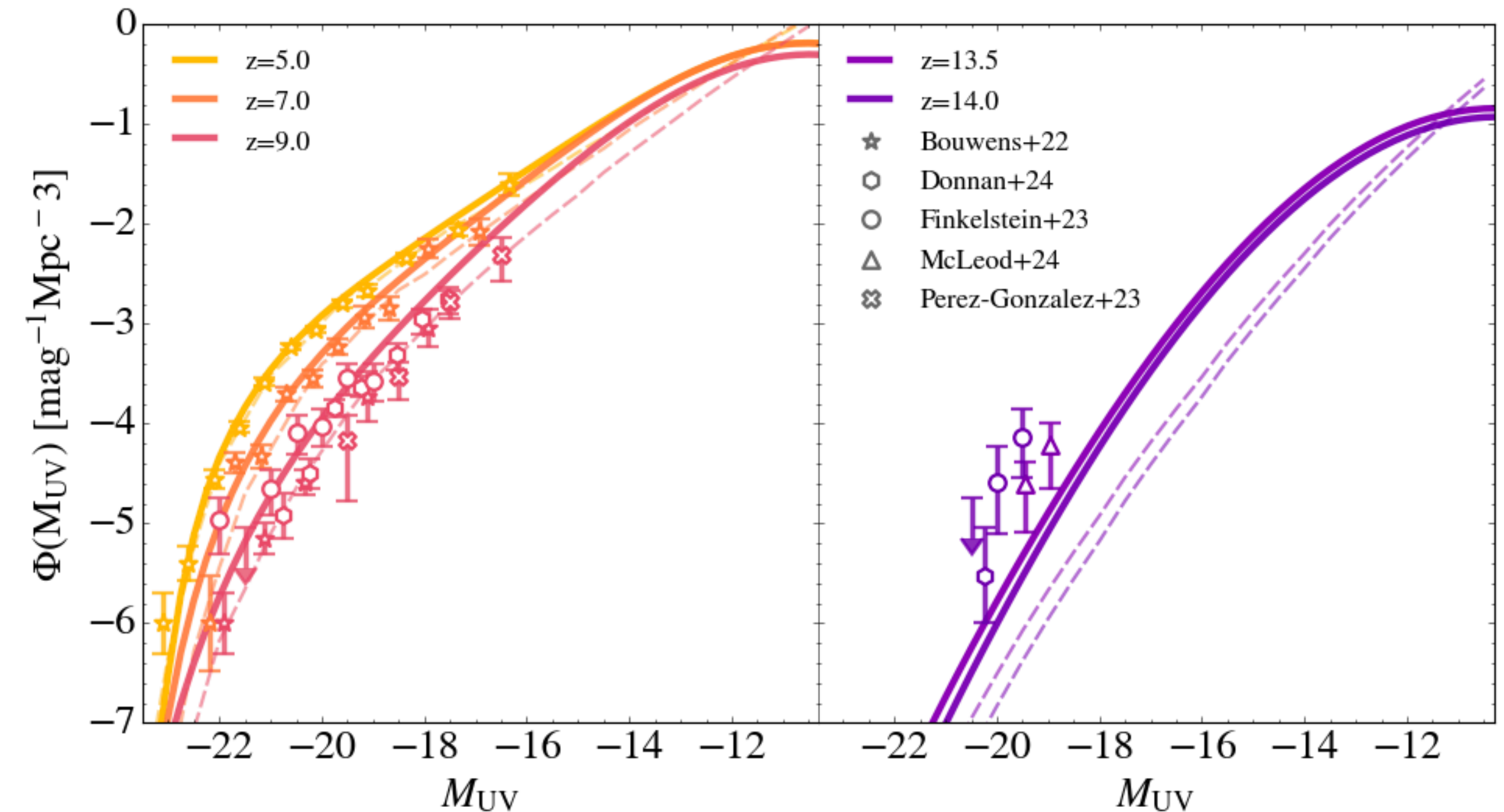
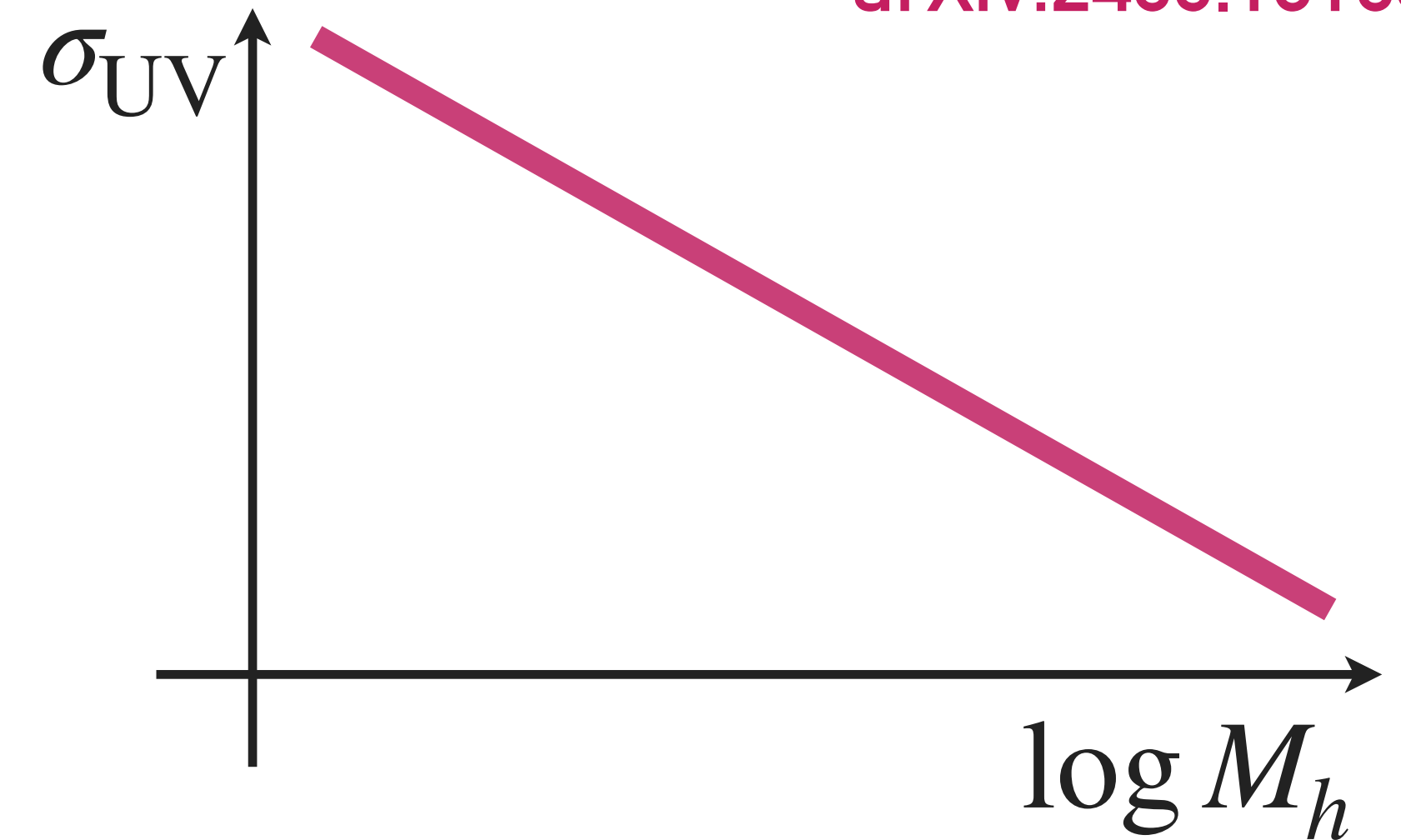


*Bursty star formation produces broader ranges of **UV slopes**, **Balmer breaks** and **emission line strengths** for galaxies with the same  $M_{UV}$*

# CONCLUSIONS

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arXiv:2405.13108

- Bursty star formation at high- $z$  leads to a **stochasticity** in the UV luminosities of galaxies
- A  $\sigma_{UV}$  increasing towards lower  $M_h$  predicts:
  - Higher UV LFs towards higher  $z$
  - Reionization starts earlier and is more gradual
  - Lower galaxy bias
  - Broad ranges of  $\beta_{UV}$ , Balmer breaks and emission line strengths for galaxies with the same  $M_{UV}$
- Stochasticity is not enough to reproduce  $z > 12$  LFs:  
**enhanced SFE** at high- $z$ ?

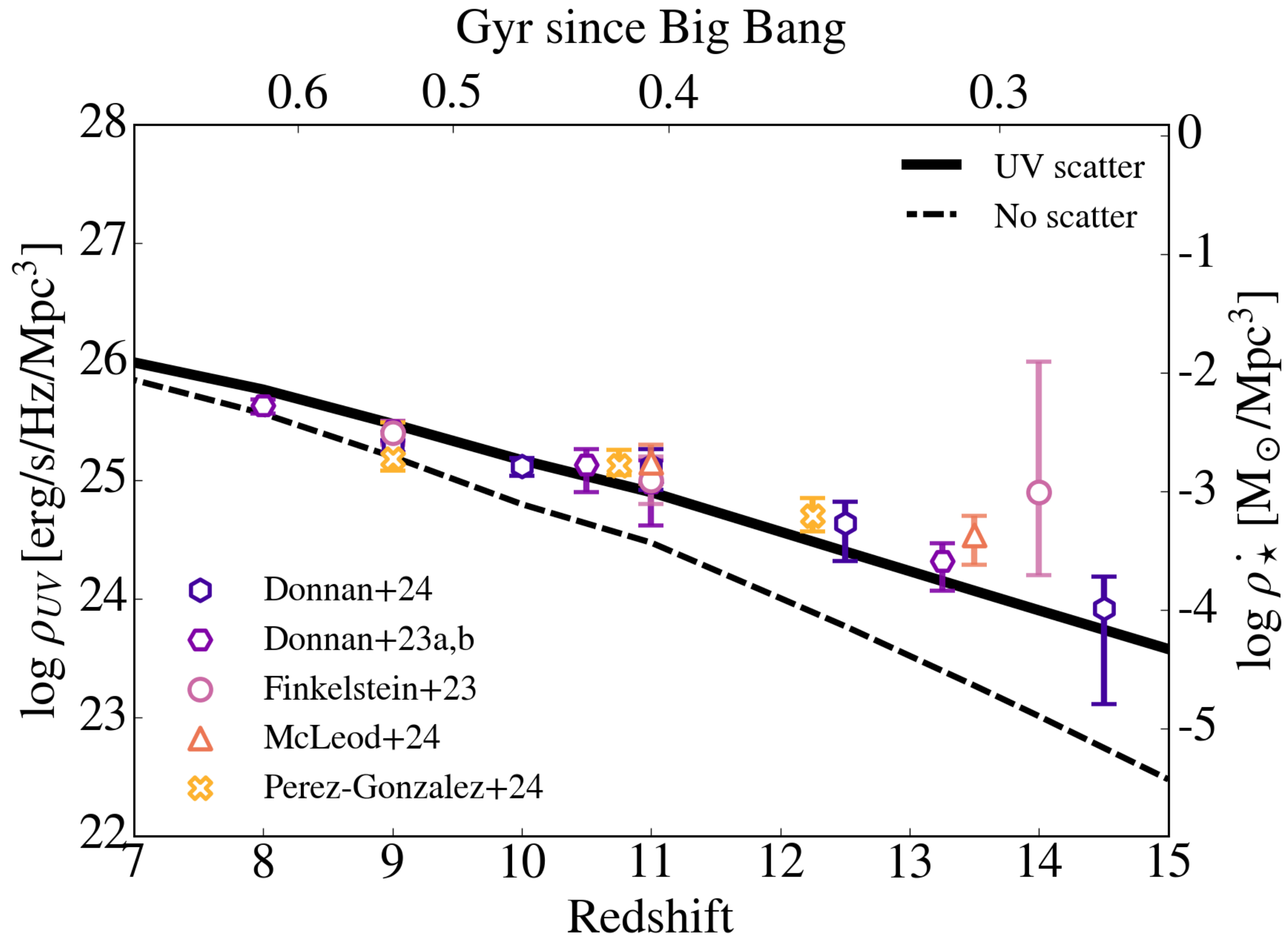




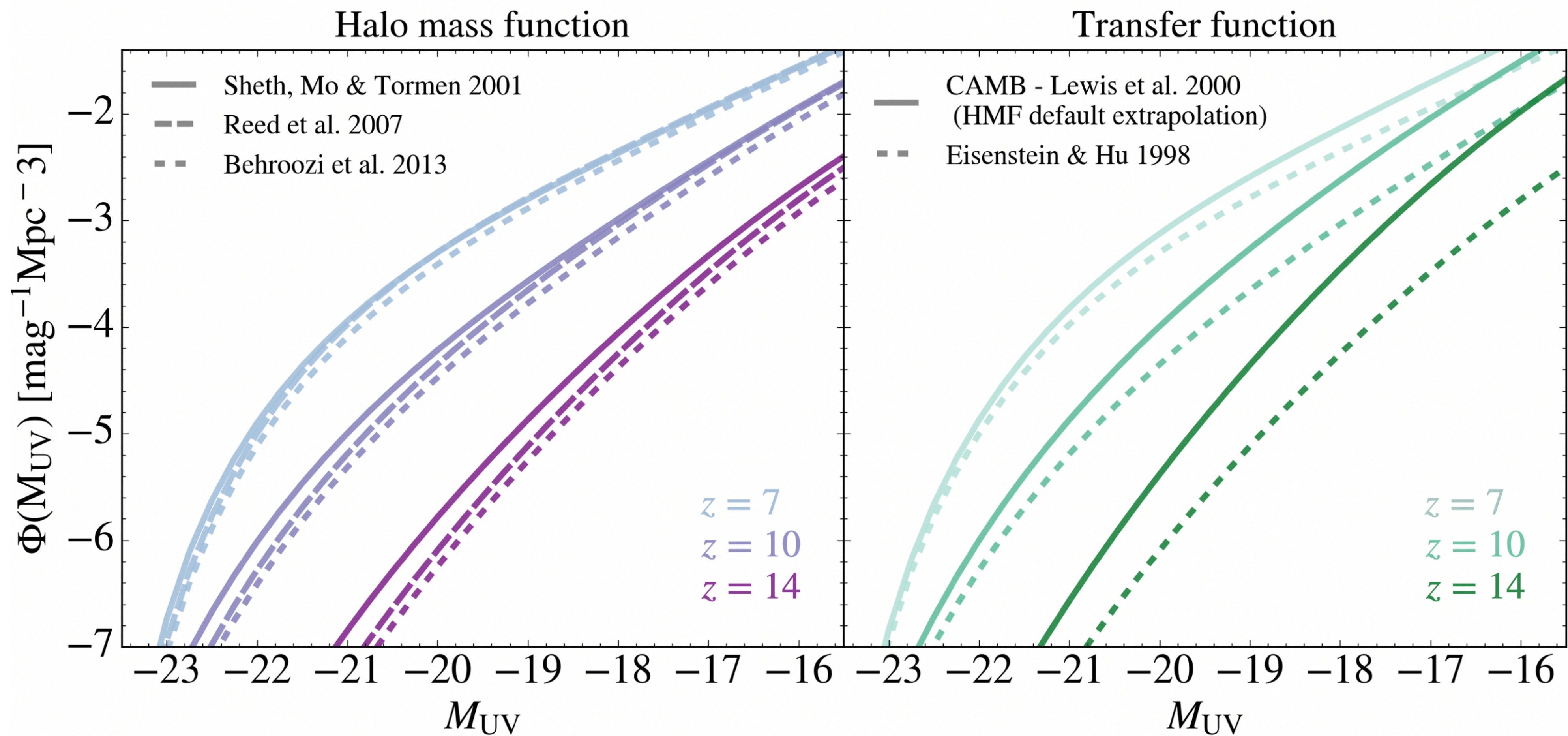


# MASS-DEPENDENT UV SCATTER MODEL

## LUMINOSITY DENSITY



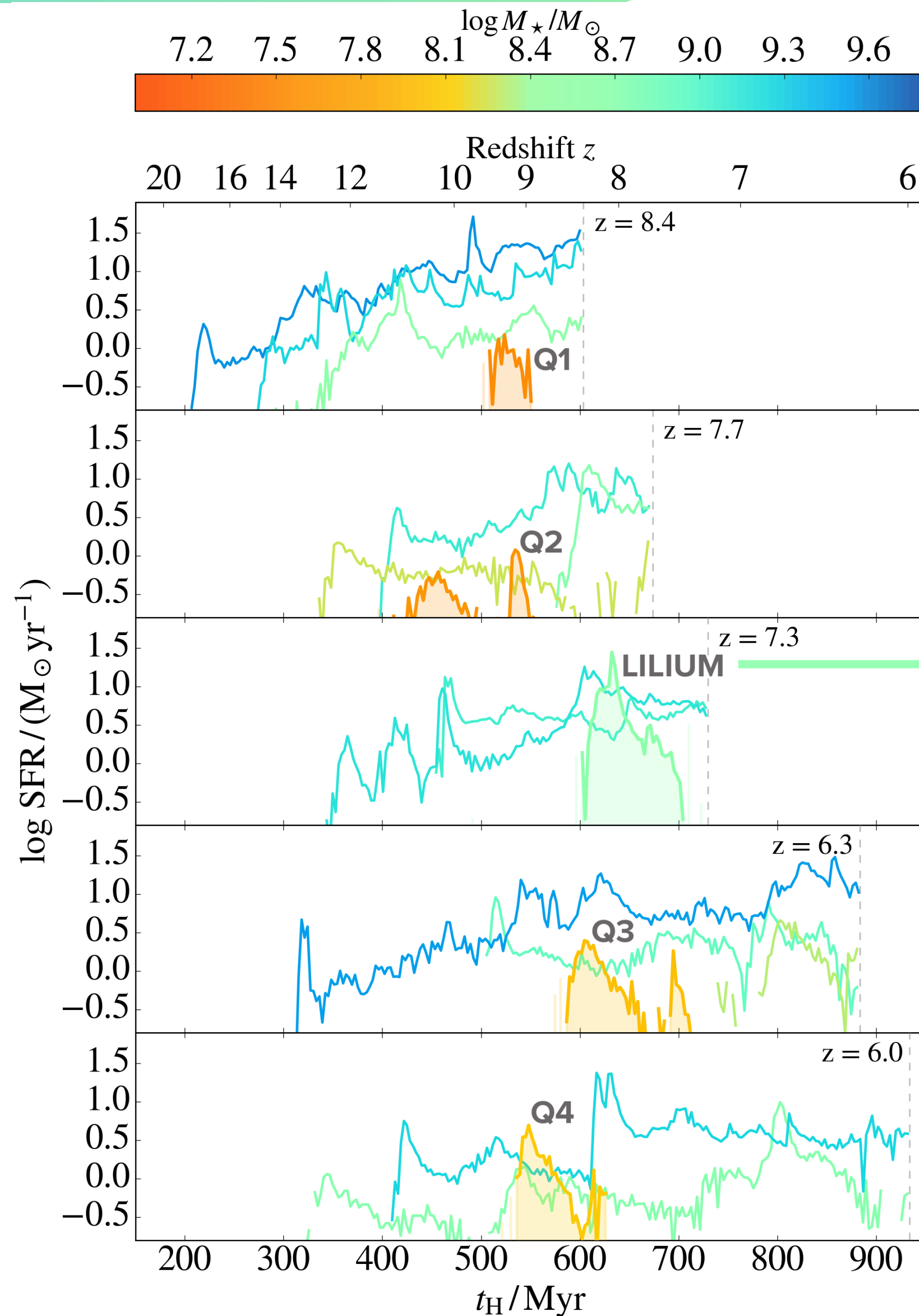






## STAR FORMATION HISTORIES

- ◆ Feedback-regulated, bursty evolution
- ◆ Periods of quiescence
- ◆ SN feedback



**LILIU**

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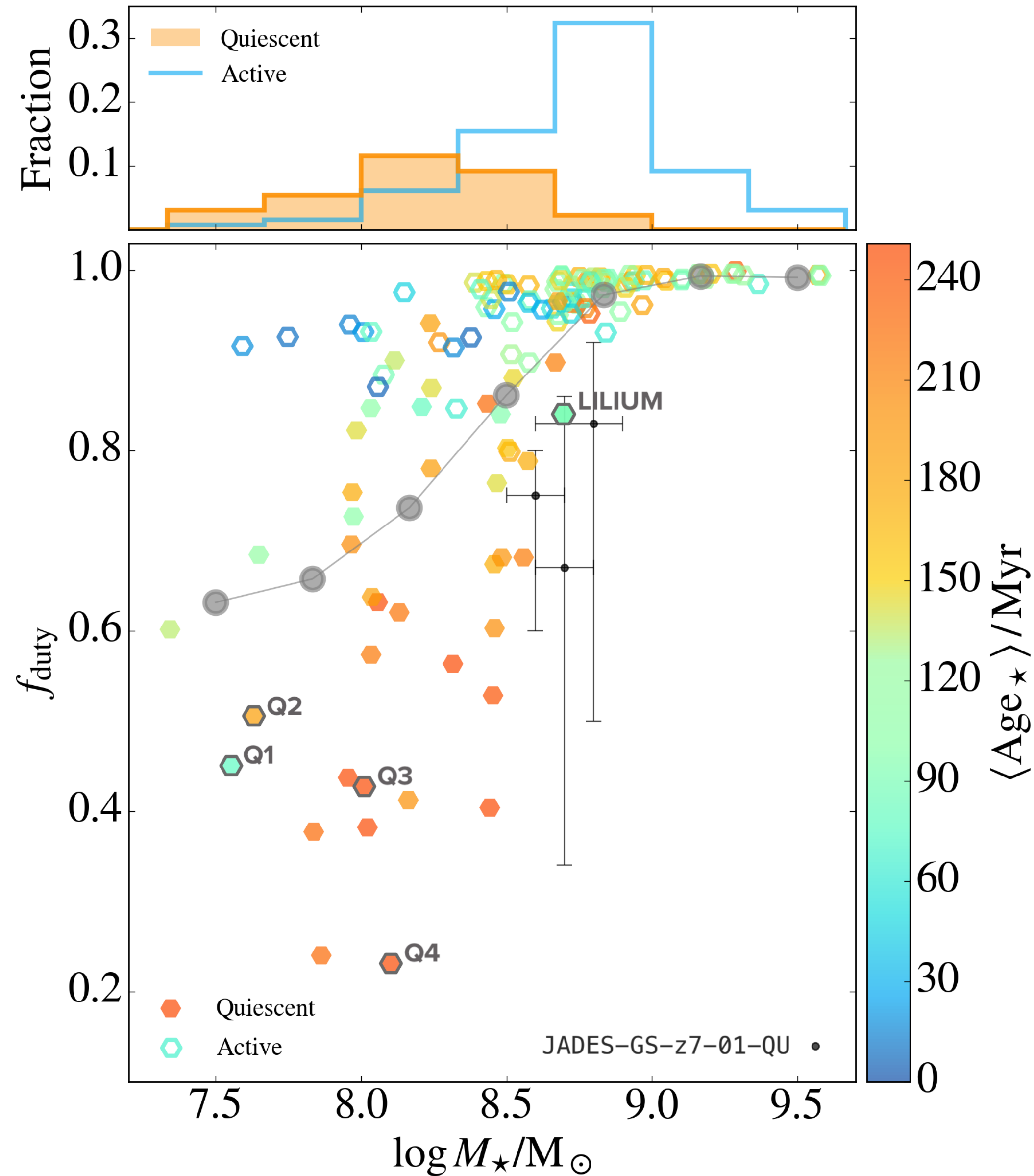


# QUIESCENT LOW-MASS GALAXIES IN SIMULATIONS

Gelli et al. 2024, ApJL

## DUTY CYCLES

$$f_{\text{duty}} = \frac{\Delta t_{\text{on}}}{t_{\text{obs}} - t_{\text{form}}}$$



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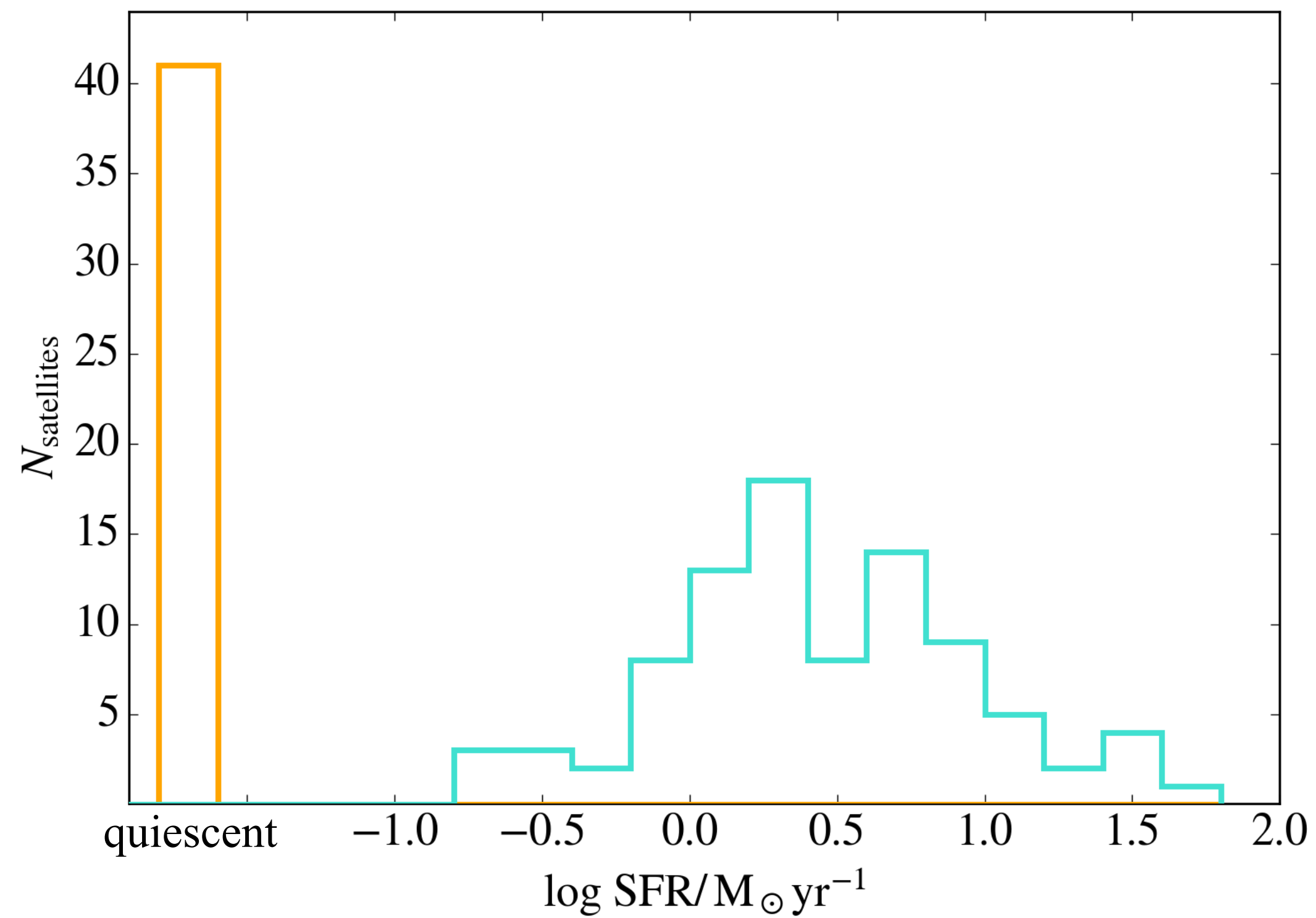
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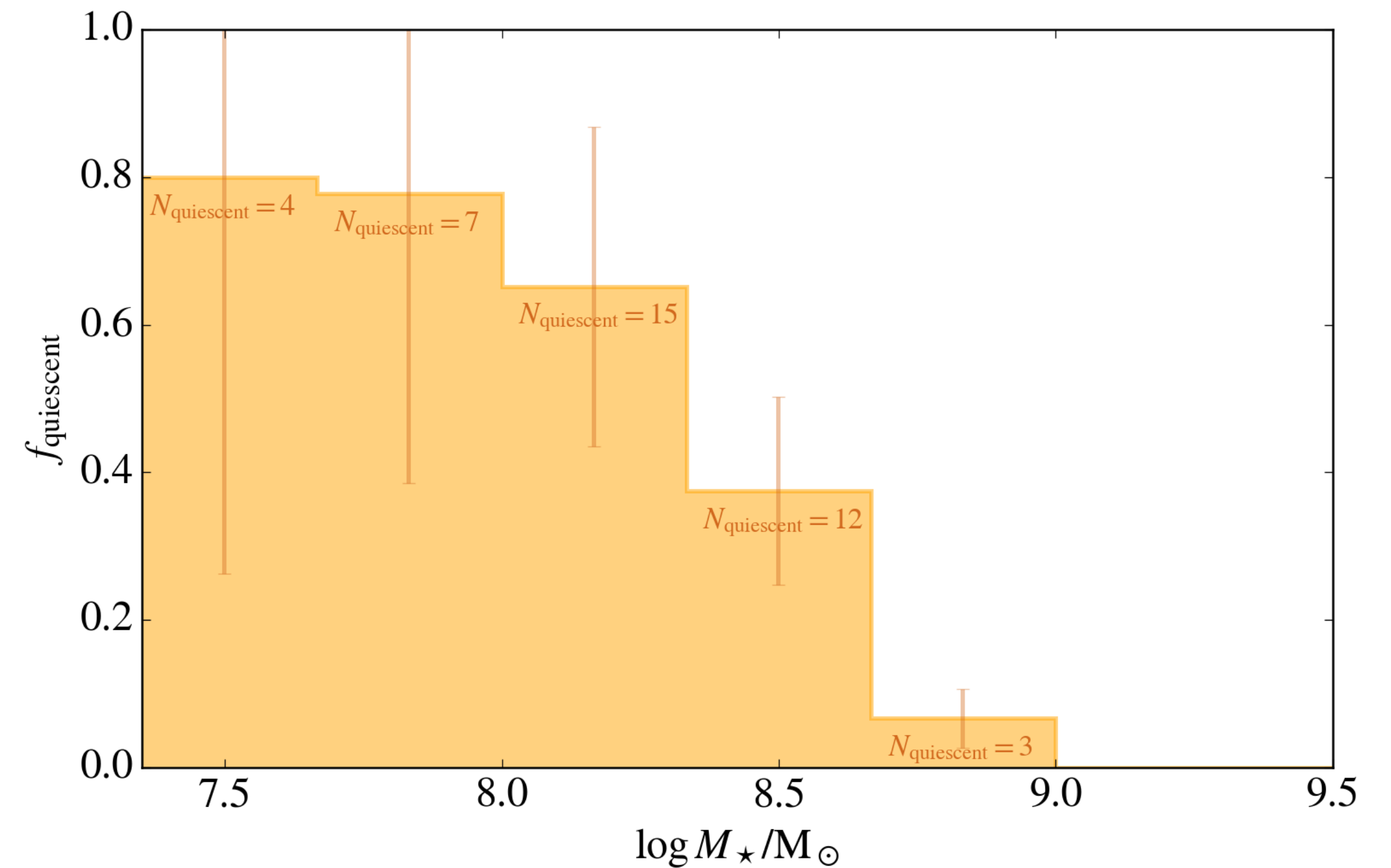
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$$6 < z < 8$$



~30% OF THE GALAXIES  
ARE QUIESCENT

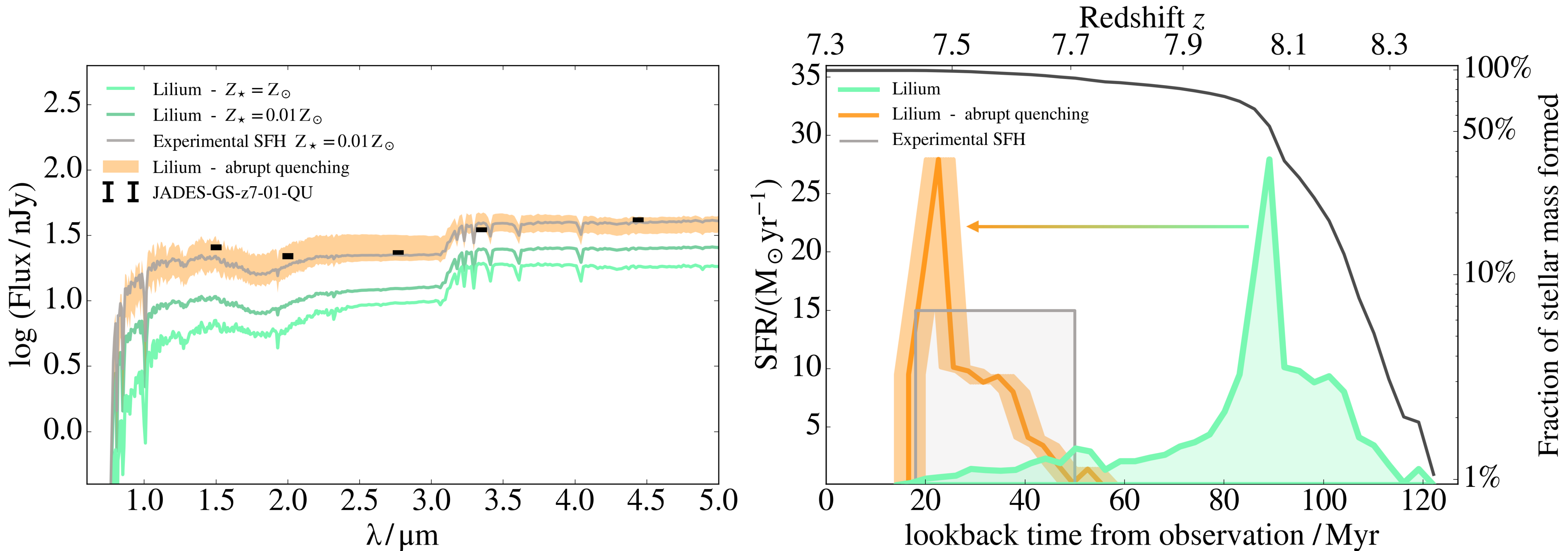


DOMINANT POPULATION  
AT  $M_{\star} < 10^{8.3} M_{\odot}$



# INTERPRETING JADES-GS-Z7-01-QU

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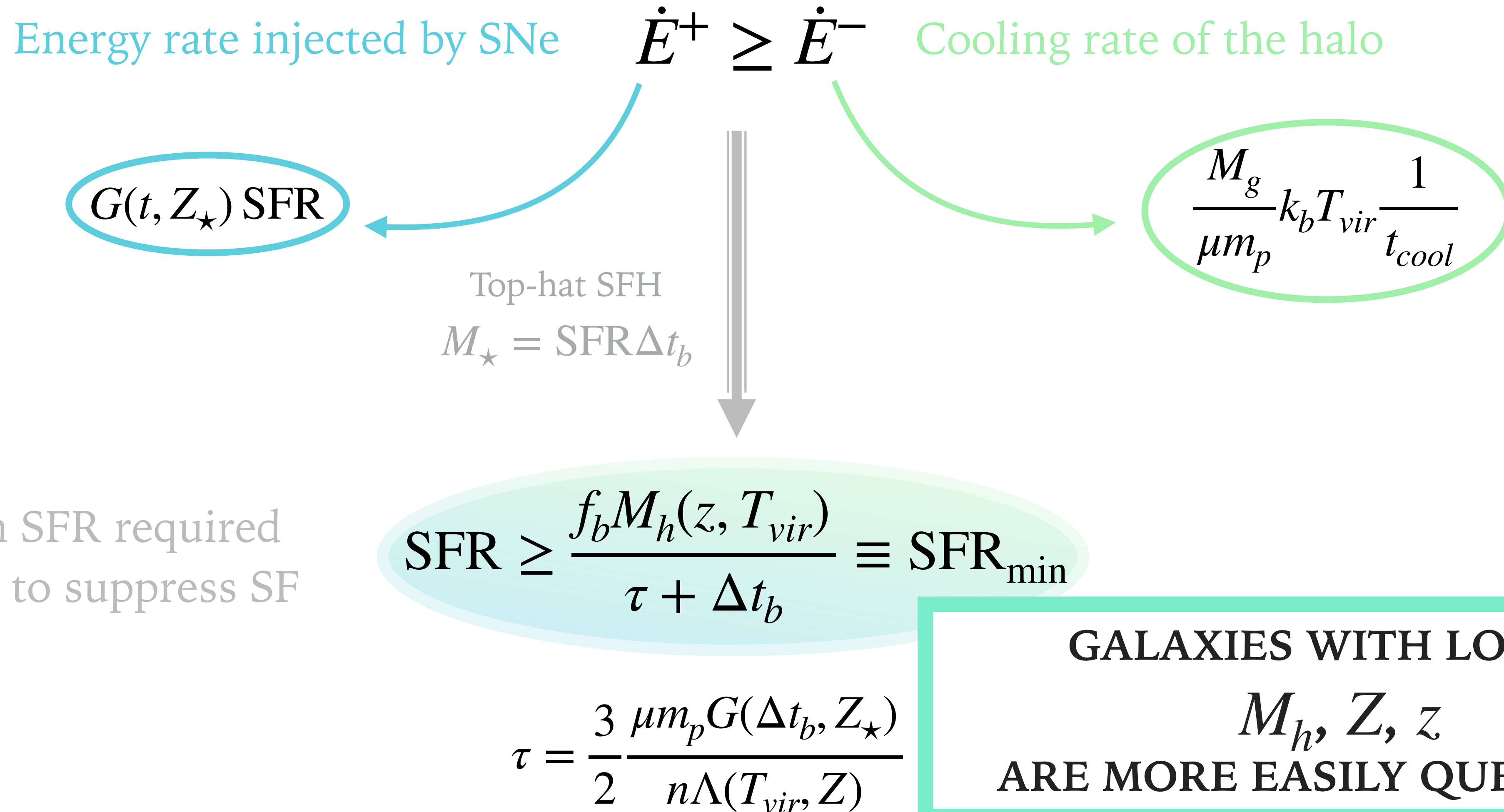


**ABRUPT QUENCHING** is needed in JADES-GS-Z7-01-QU

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SN-QUENCHING CONDITION

$$\text{SFR} \geq \frac{f_b M_h(z, T_{\text{vir}})}{\tau + \Delta t_b} \equiv \text{SFR}_{\text{min}}$$

