

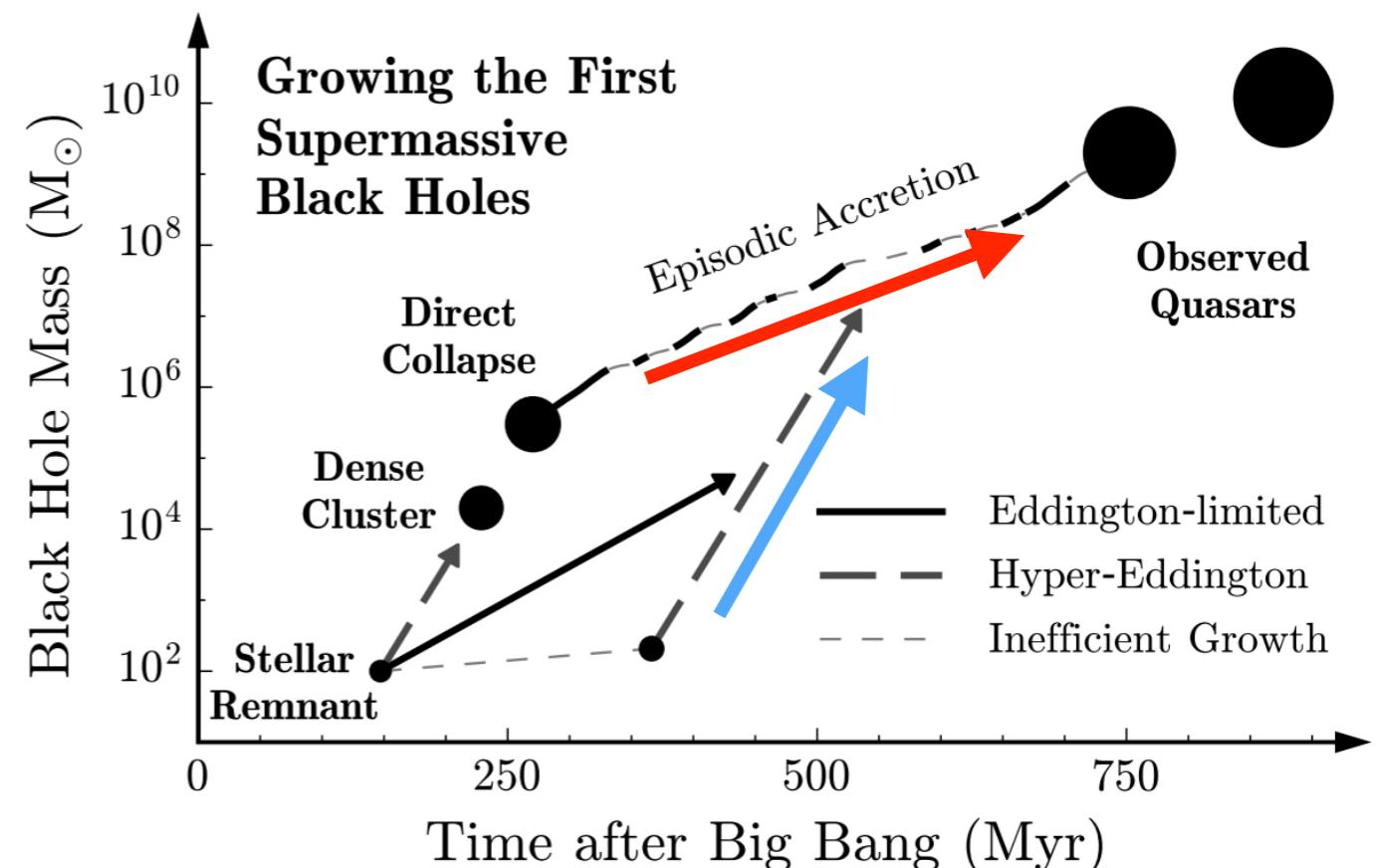
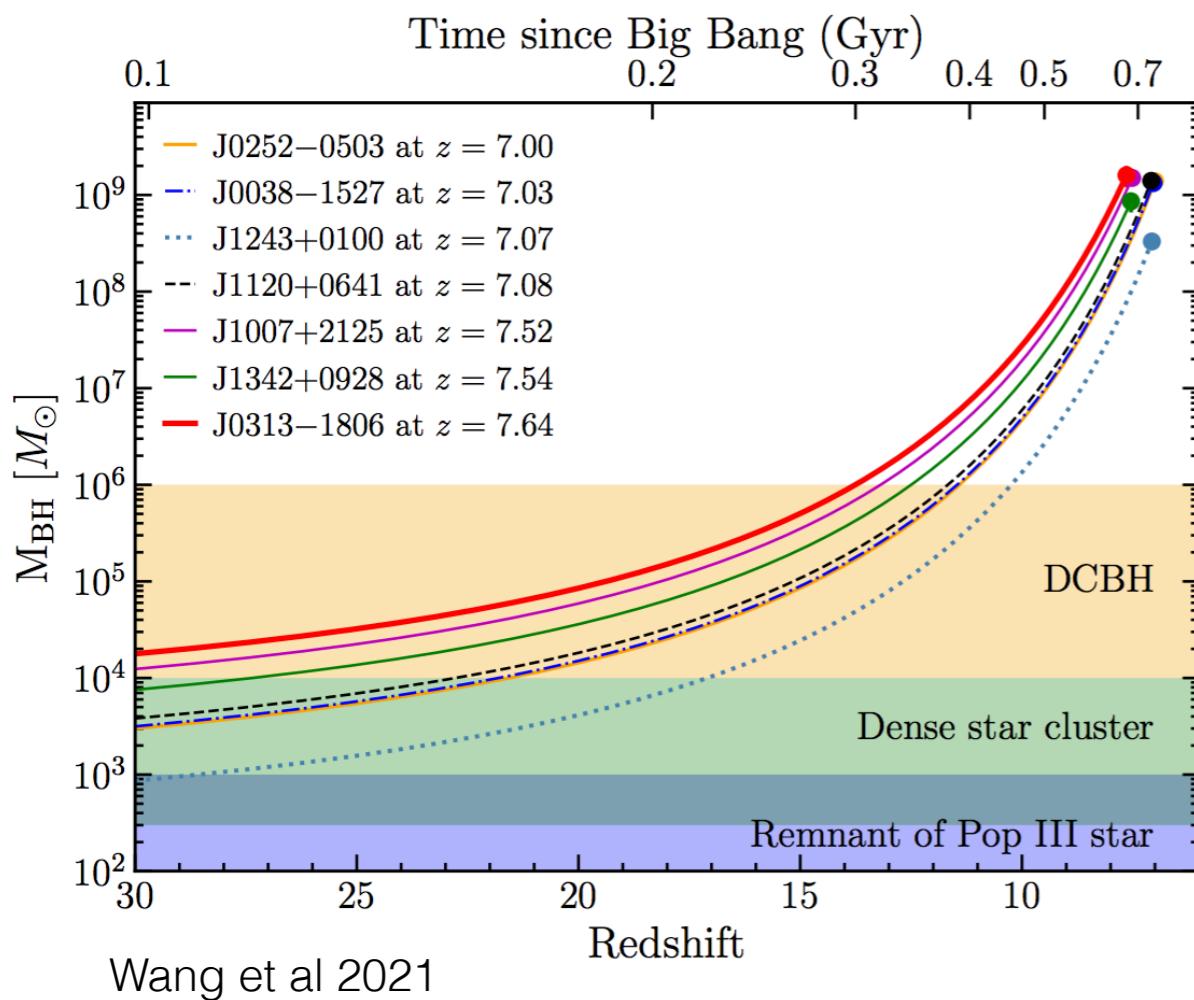
# Recovering the Growth History of a Supermassive Black Hole using Photometric IGM Tomography



A black hole at the center of a galaxy, with a bright, multi-colored ring of light surrounding it. The ring has a yellow/orange center transitioning to blue/green at the edges, with some white and purple highlights. The background is dark space with a few small, distant galaxies visible.

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# How to form supermassive black holes at $z > 6-7$ ?



*How did a SMBH acquire its mass?*

- **kick start from a massive seed  $> 10^4 M_\odot$  ? (seed formation)**

e.g. Woods et al 2018, Inayoshi et al 2020

- **rapid accretion via super-Eddington growth? (growth mechanism)**

e.g. Madau et al 2014

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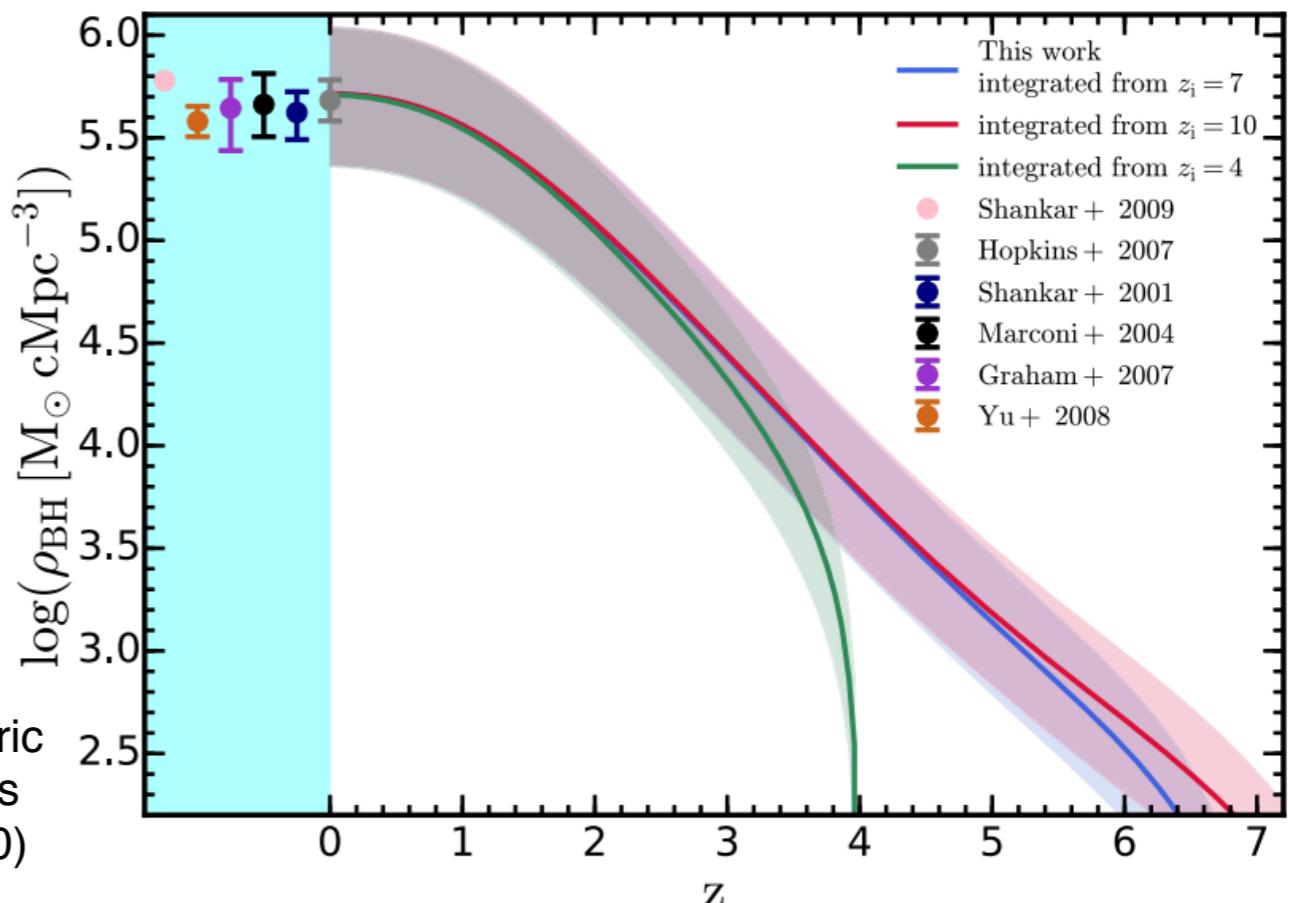
Soltan's argument

$$\rho_{\text{BH}}(z=0) \approx \rho_{\text{BH,acc}}^{\text{QSO}}(z=0) = \frac{\text{local SMBH mass density}}{\text{SMBH mass density accreted during QSO phases}}$$

If most of local SMBH mass are obtained during the QSO phase...



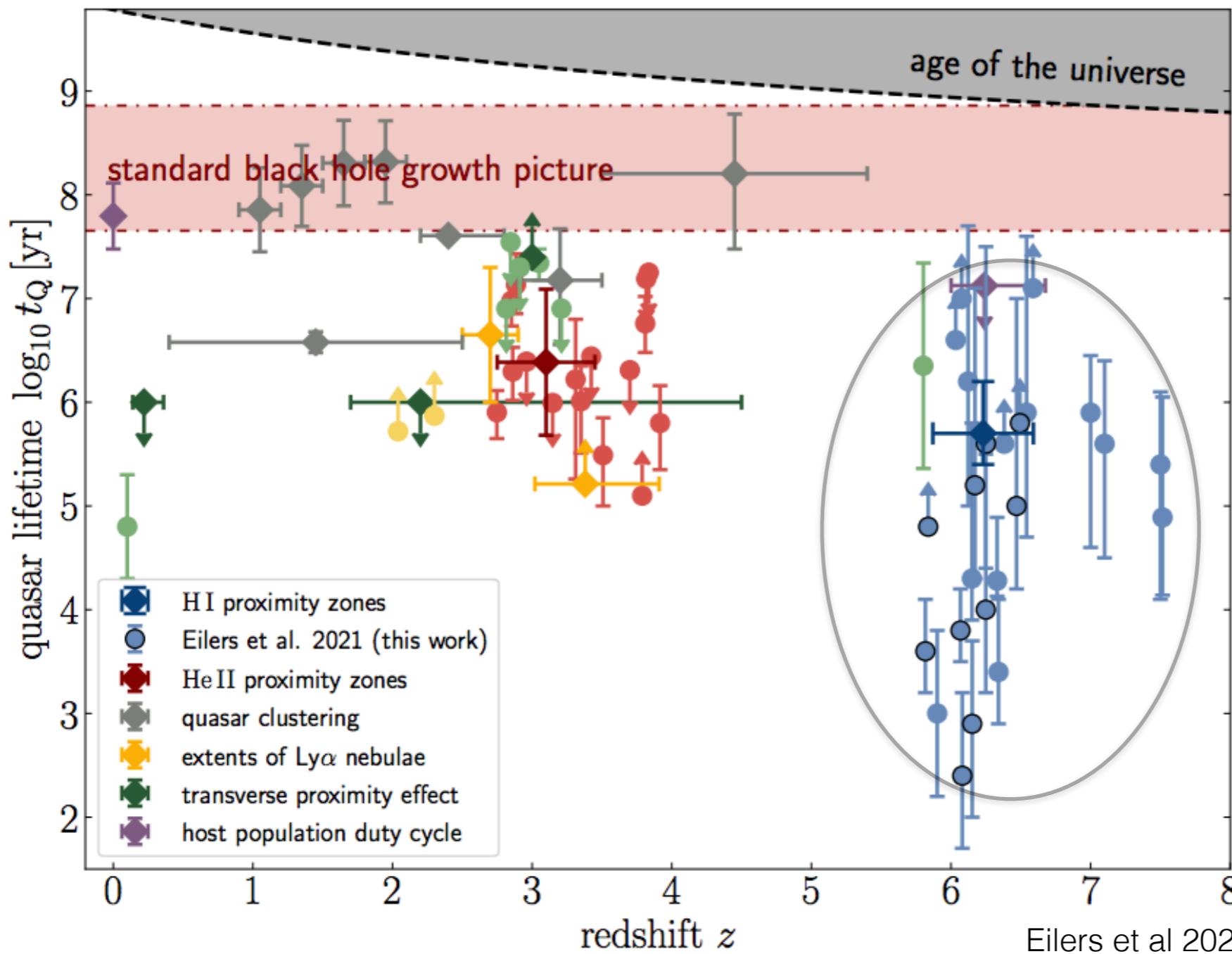
Using up-to-date bolometric QSO luminosity functions at  $z=0-7$  (Shen et al 2020)



# For High- $z$ QSOs, too short time to grow $\sim 10^9 M_\odot$ SMBHs through the QSO luminous phases?

SMBH growth timescale (Salpeter or e-folding time)

$$t_S = 4.5 \times 10^7 \left[ \frac{\epsilon/(1-\epsilon)}{0.1} \right] \left( \frac{L_{\text{bol}}}{L_{\text{Edd}}} \right)^{-1} \text{yr}$$

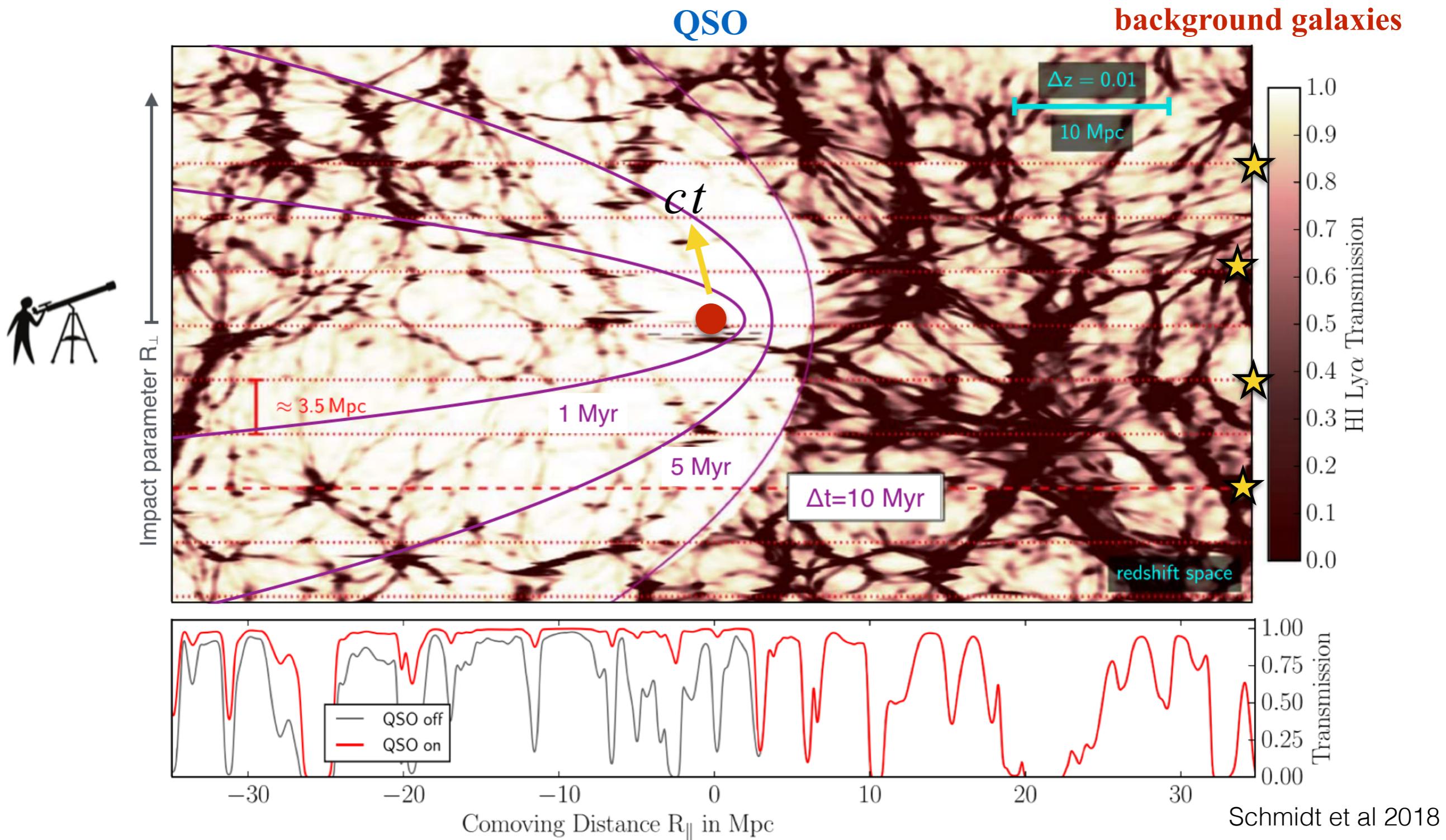


Too short time compared  
the SMBH growth timescale?

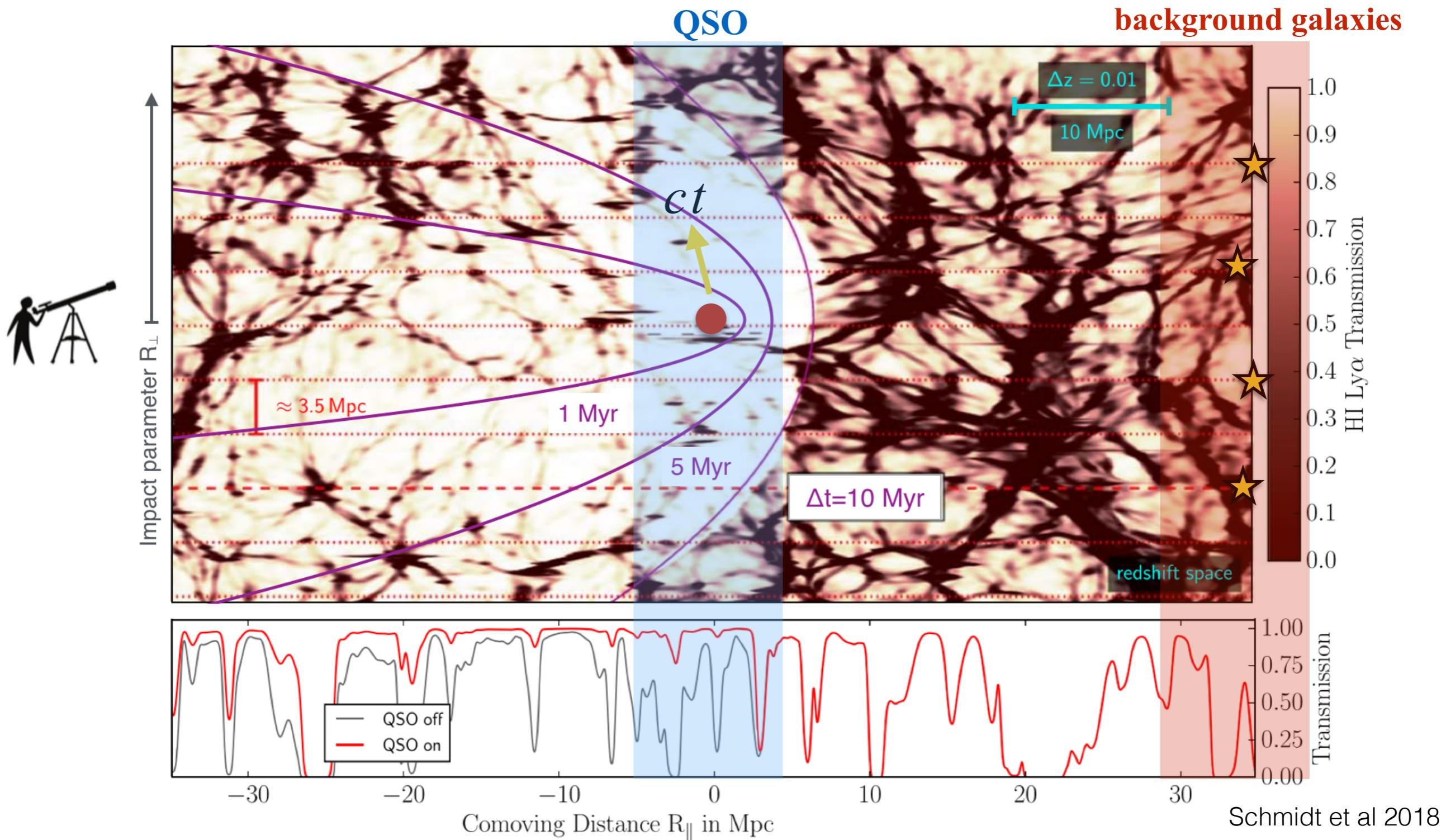
- Dusty obscured growth?
- Super-Eddington growth?
- Eddington-limited growth from massive seeds?

Need a new observing  
strategy to probe the  
SMBH growth history

# Constraining the QSO-active growth history from “IGM Light-Echo Tomography”

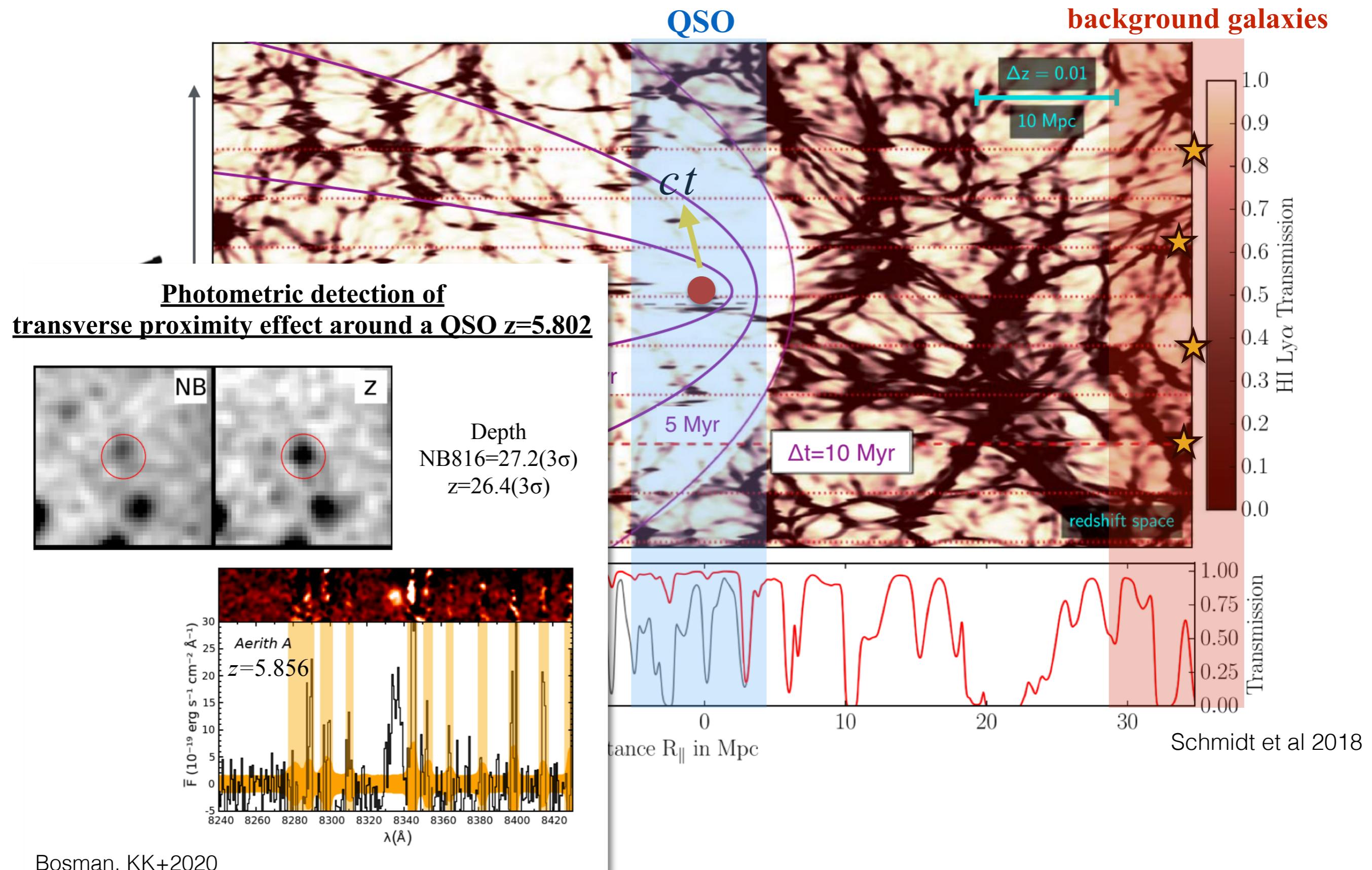


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cf. Mawatari et al 2017 for the use of narrow-band for 2D tomography

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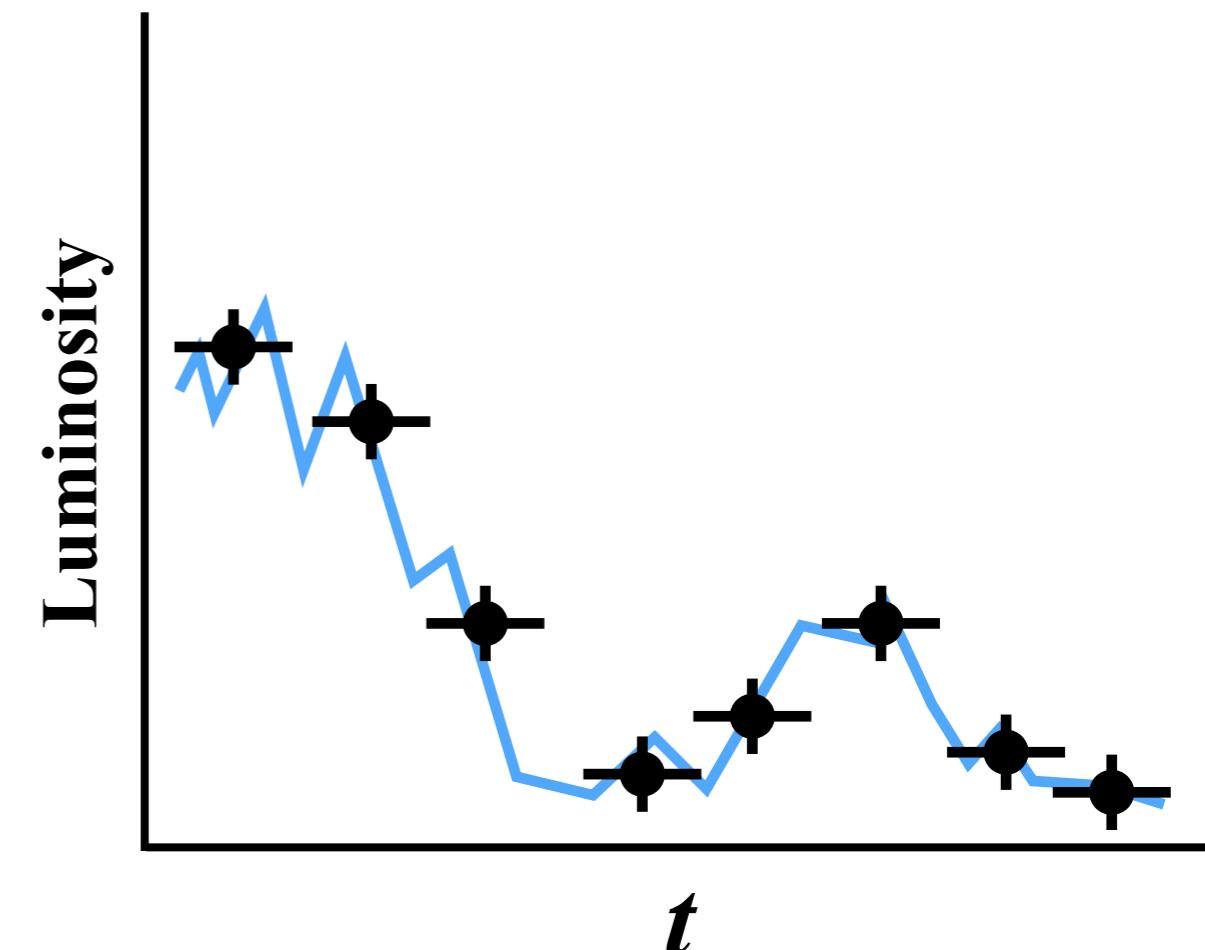
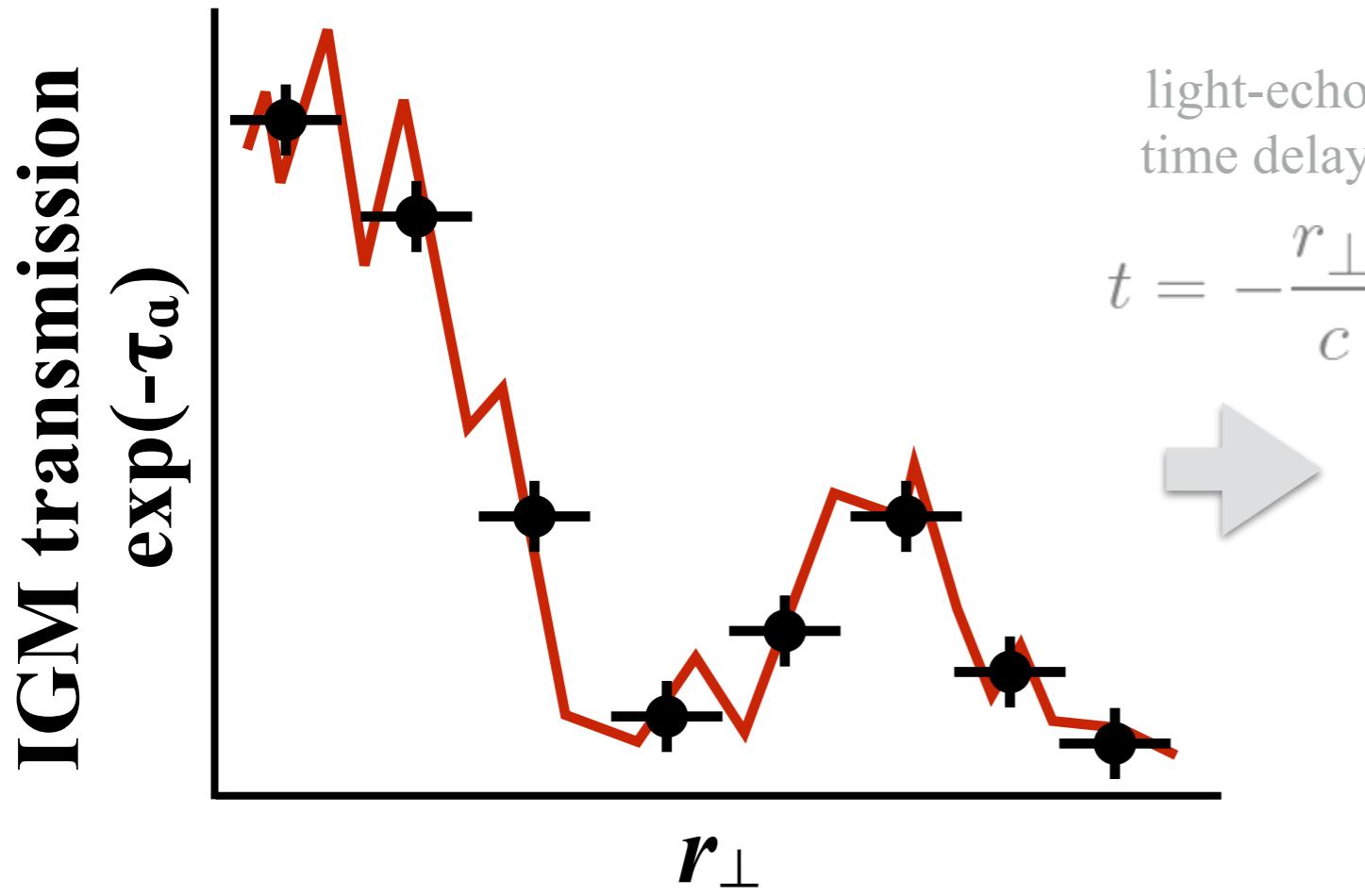


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*QSO transverse proximity effect*

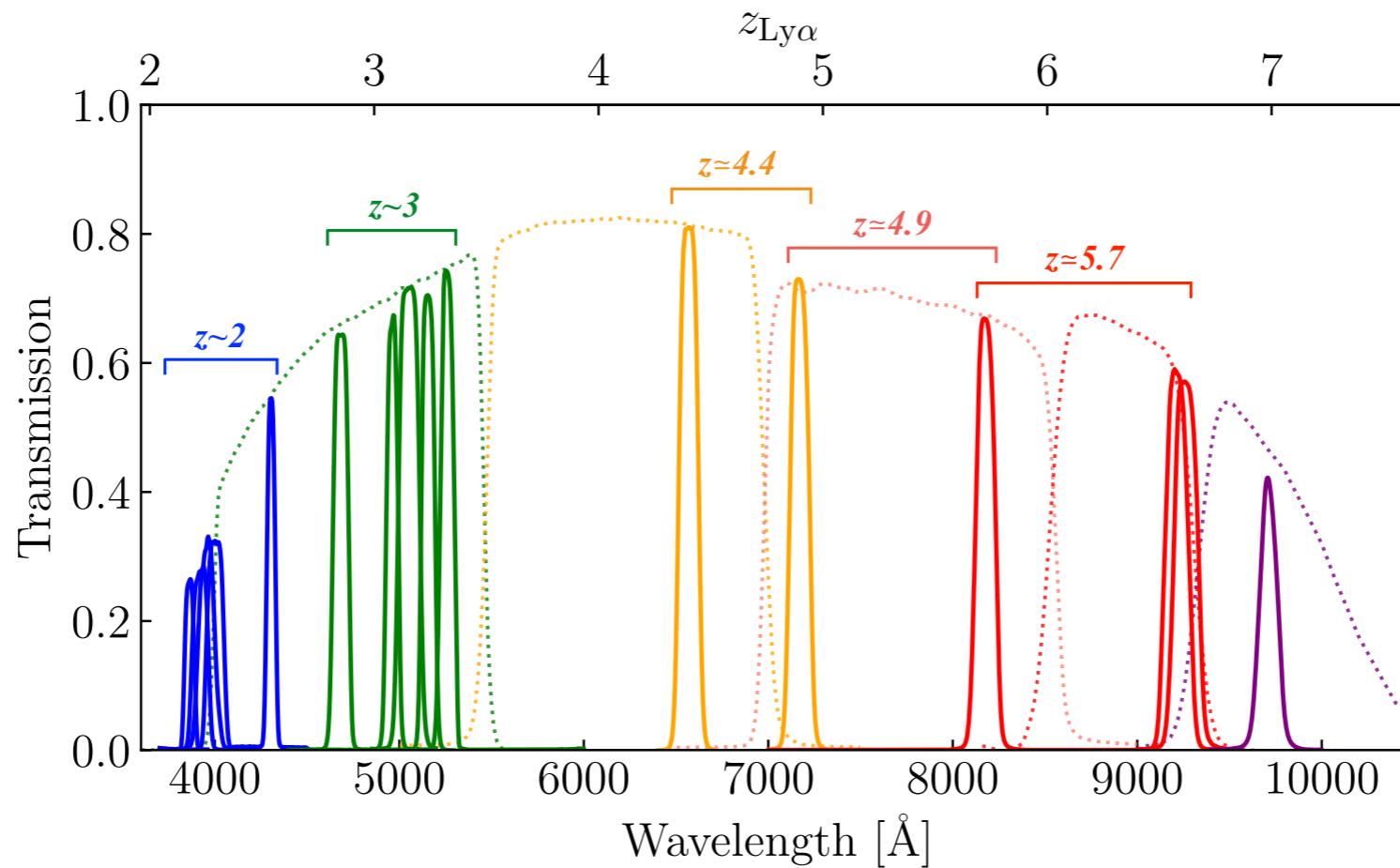


*Lightcurve constraint*



*Spatial IGM tomography of QSO light-echo at Mpc-scale translates into a Myr-scale time-domain constraint on the quasar lightcurve of an individual SMBH over the baseline of ~100 Myr*

# Available pairs of narrow-band filters: Subaru/HSC



$z \sim 2$

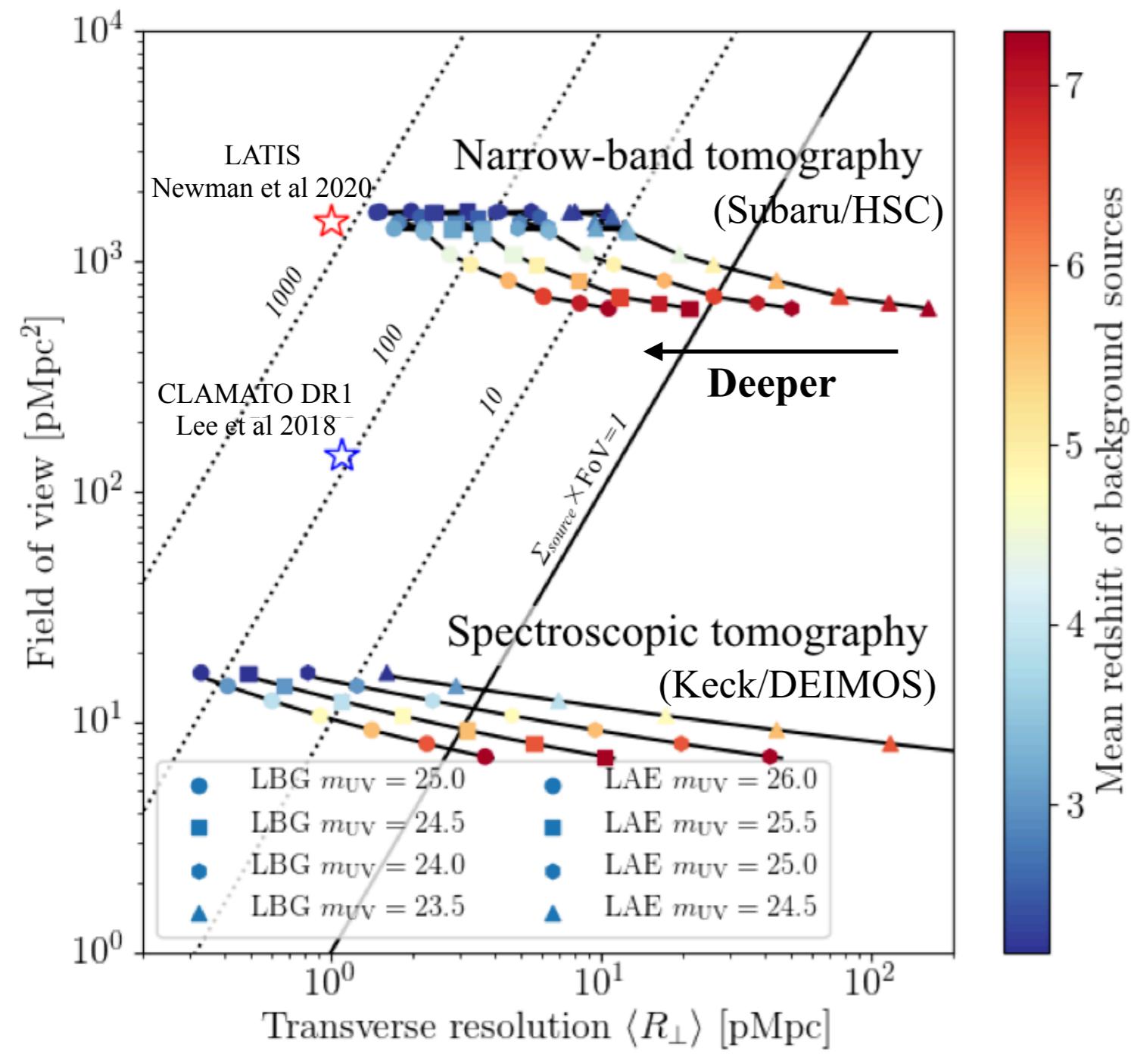
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$z \sim 3$

$z \sim 4-5$

$z \sim 6$

# Expected background galaxy counts: Photometric vs Spectroscopic IGM tomography



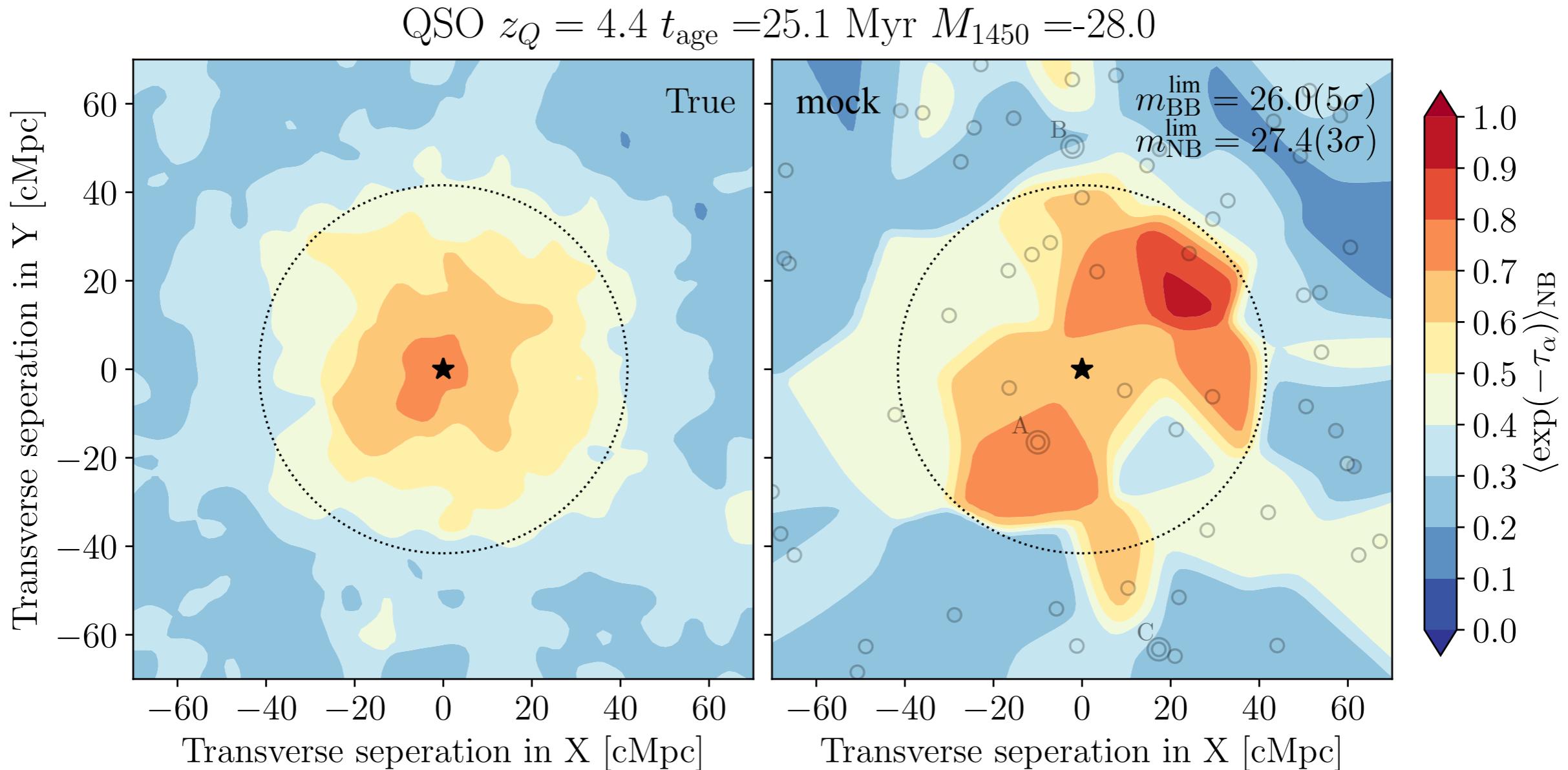
Model:  
UV luminosity functions (Bouwens+21)  
 $\times$   
Ly $\alpha$  EW-PDF model (Dijkstra & Wyithe 12)  
( EWs of galaxies are assigned to match  
with  $z \sim 2-6$  Ly $\alpha$  luminosity functions (Konno+16,18))

II  
UV luminosities of  
narrow-band (Ly $\alpha$  EW > 25 Å) selected galaxies

Expected UV-bright LAE source counts:

$$\langle R_{\perp} \rangle = \Sigma_{\text{LAE}}^{-1/2} \approx 1.78 \times 10^{[(m_{\text{uv}}/26.57)^{-9.78} - 1]} \text{ pMpc},$$

# Photometric IGM Tomography around QSO Light Echoes: simulation mock



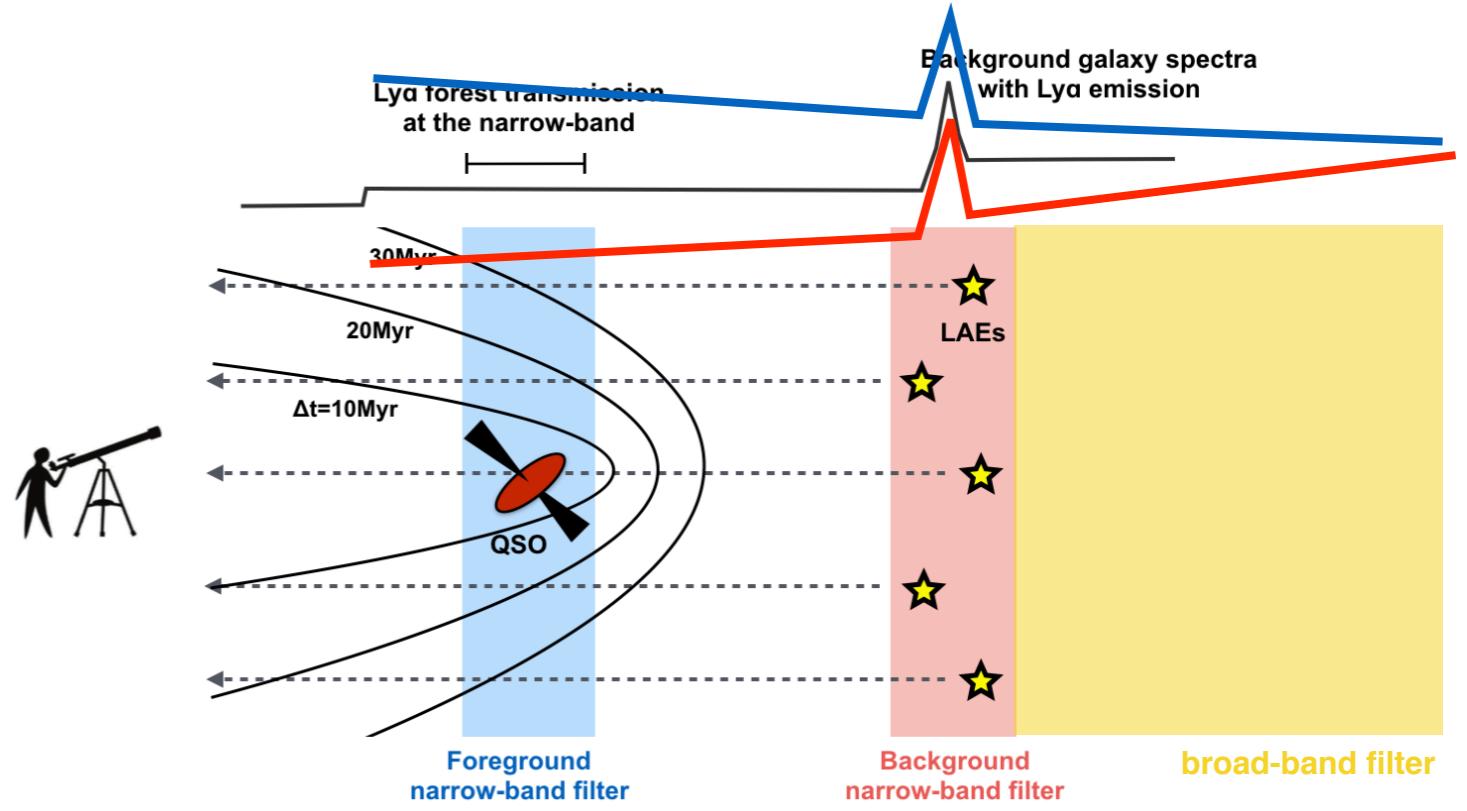
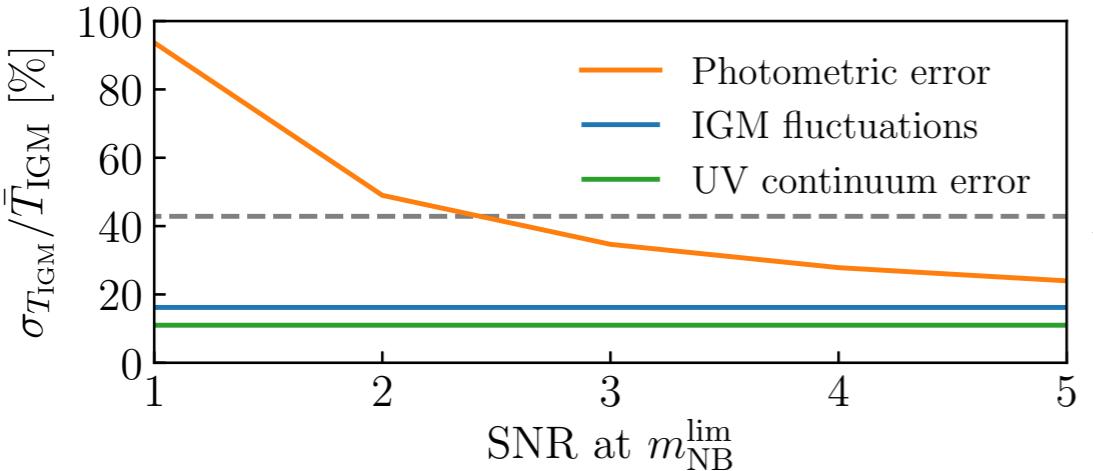
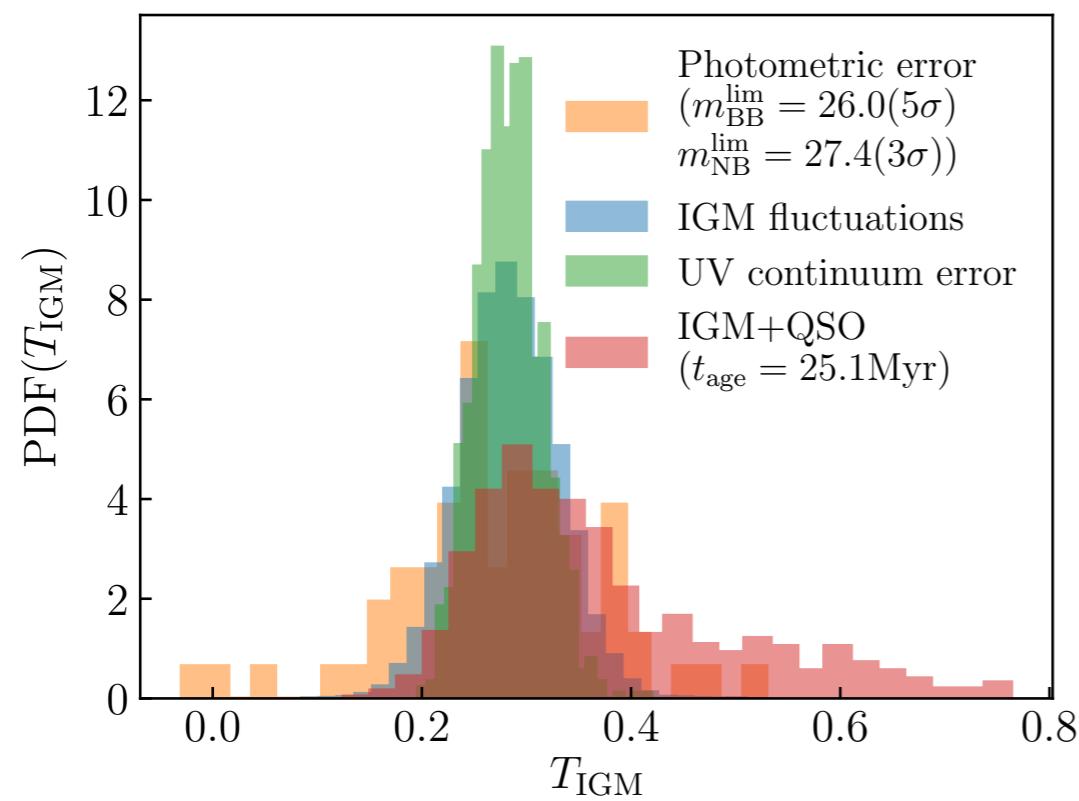
## Simulations:

- 1: cosmological hydrodynamic simulations ( $>10^{12} M_\odot$ ) + simple  $\propto r^2$  RT around QSO
  - NyX code,  $100 h^{-1} \text{cMpc}$   $4096^3$  fixed grid (Lukić et al. 2015))

- 2: forward modelling of observational systematics

- photometric noises
- continuum slope error of bkg. galaxies
- Poisson sampling of bkg. galaxies

# Photometric IGM Tomography around QSO Light Echoes: Observational systematics “error budget”



- Photometric error is the dominant source of systematic uncertainties
- UV continuum error is sub-dominant (comparable to the IGM density fluctuations)
- $3\sigma$  depth for the foreground NB filter to detect the mean IGM transmission is enough

$$m_{NB}^{\lim} = m_{BB}^{\lim} - 2.5 \log_{10} e^{-\tau_{\text{eff}}(z)}$$

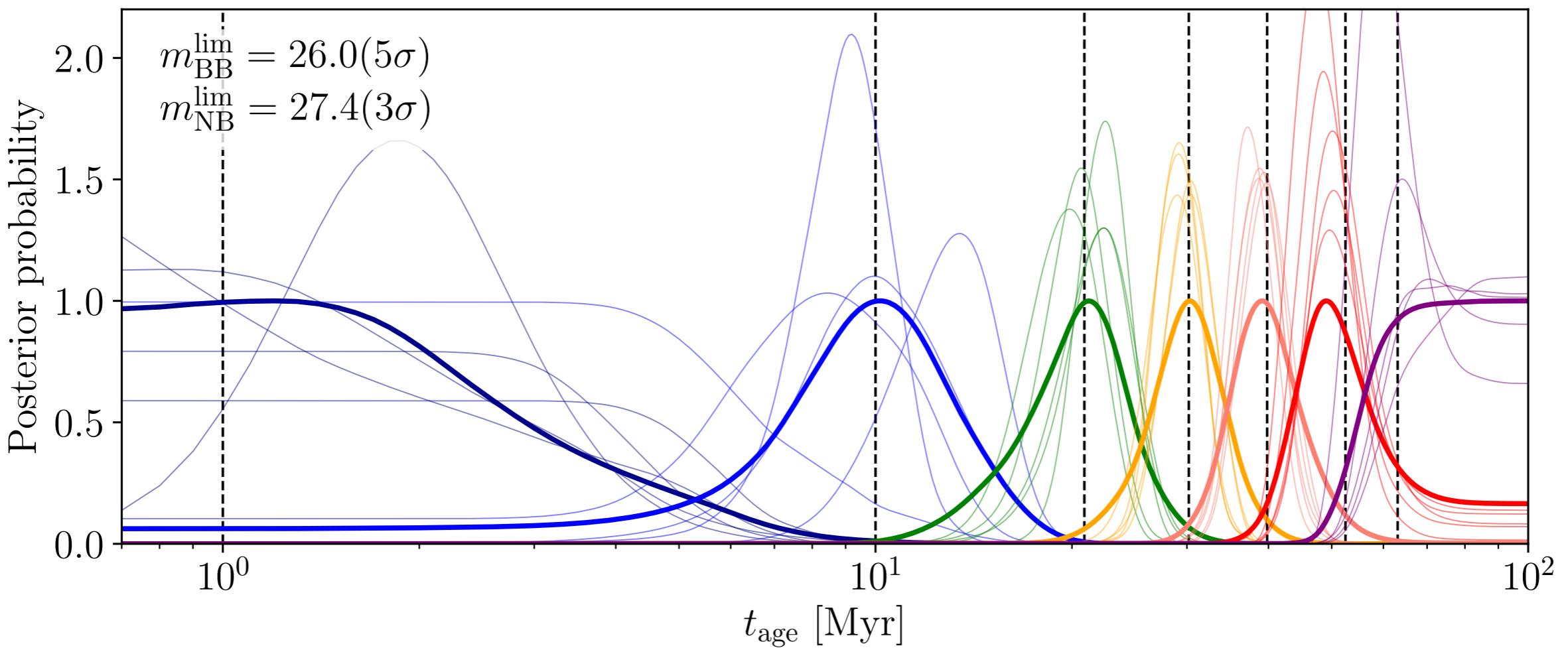
# Forecast: constraint on the QSO lifetime $t_{\text{age}}$

## Full Bayesian inference framework

$$P(t_{\text{age}} | \text{obs., systematics}) \propto P(t_{\text{age}}) \mathcal{L}(\text{obs.} | t_{\text{age}}, \text{systematics})$$

posterior                      prior                      Likelihood ← Forward modelled using many realisations from cosmo. simulation + RT

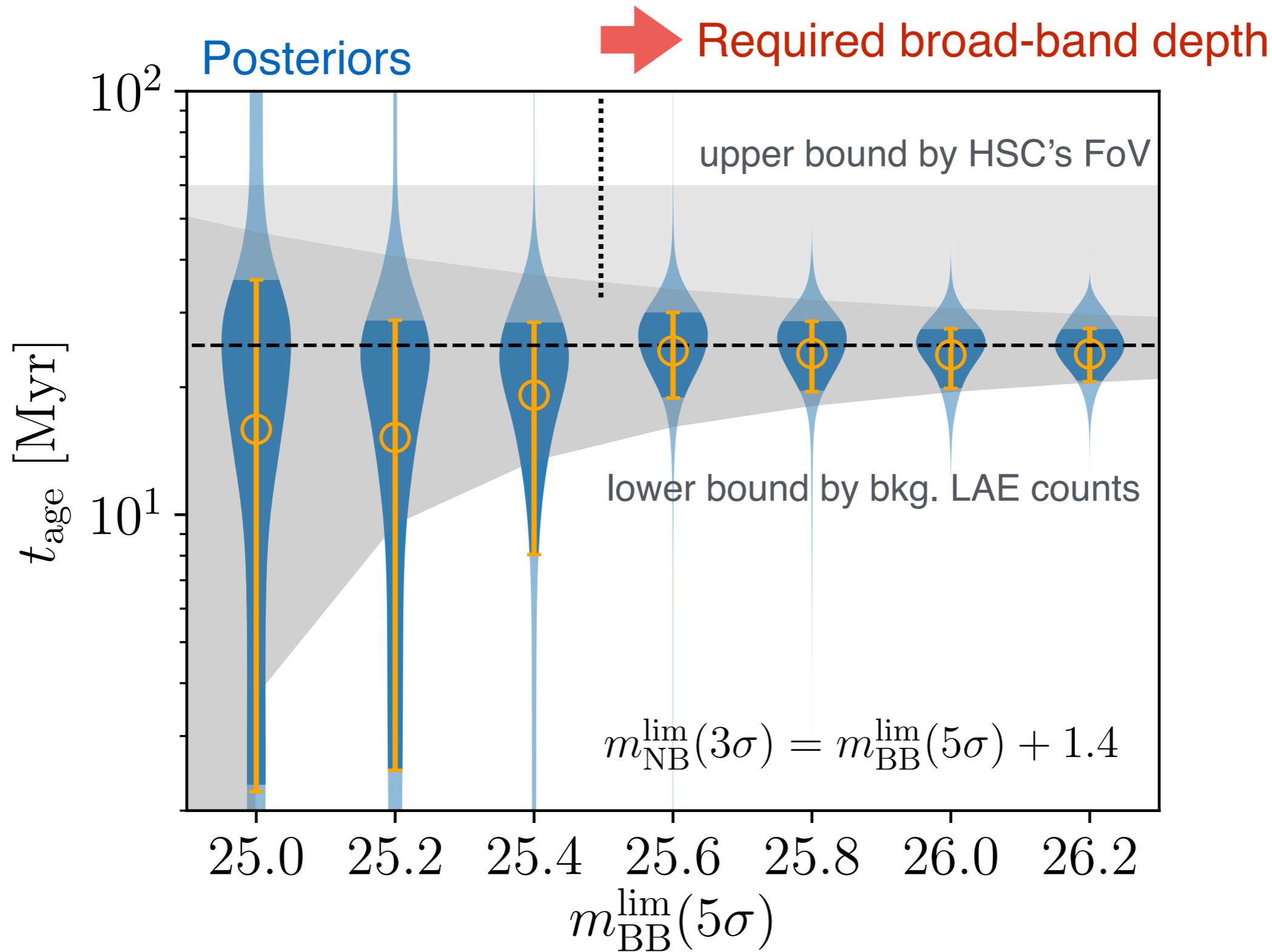
NB flux, BB flux   Noise, continuum slope, etc



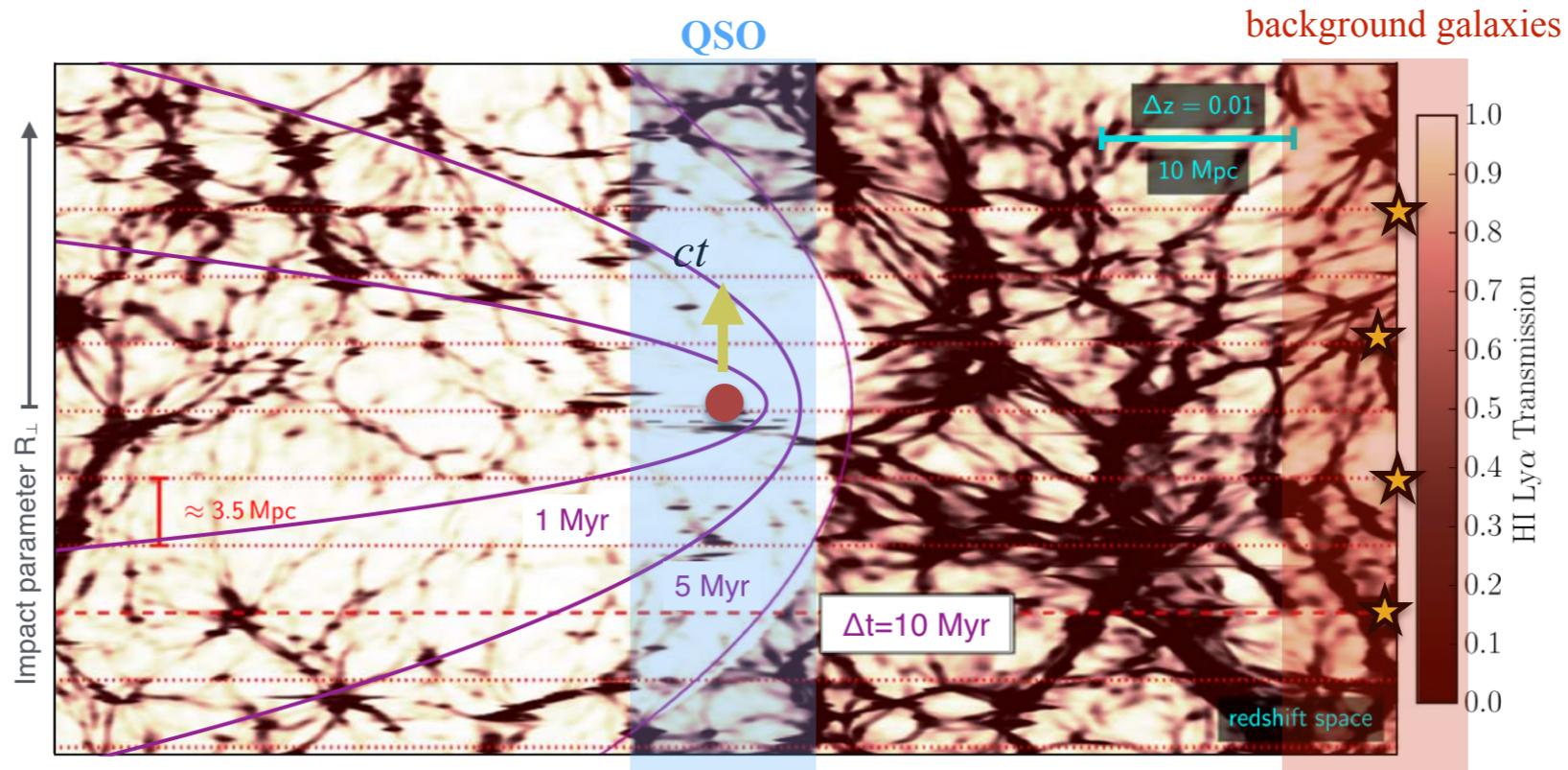
Accuracy of quasar lifetime constraint is limited by the background LAE density

$$\Delta t \sim \frac{\langle R_{\perp} \rangle}{c} \approx 5.81 \times 10^{[(m_{\text{uv}}/26.57)^{-9.78} - 1]} \text{ Myr}$$

# Forecast: constraint on the QSO lifetime Observational requirement



# Conclusion



**Photometric IGM tomography of QSO light-echo at Mpc-scale translates into a Myr-scale time-domain constraint on the quasar lightcurve of an individual SMBH over the baseline of  $\sim 100$  Myr ( $\approx$  growth history of a SMBH)**

The photometric tomographic technique provides an economical observational strategy to search for coherent transparent IGM regions across a large area of the sky with achievable depths for Subaru/HSC

- QSO light-echoes of massive galaxies?
- Ionized bubble around a protocluster?
- $z \sim 5.7$  UV background fluctuations via ultra-deep narrow-band IGM tomography in a legacy deep field