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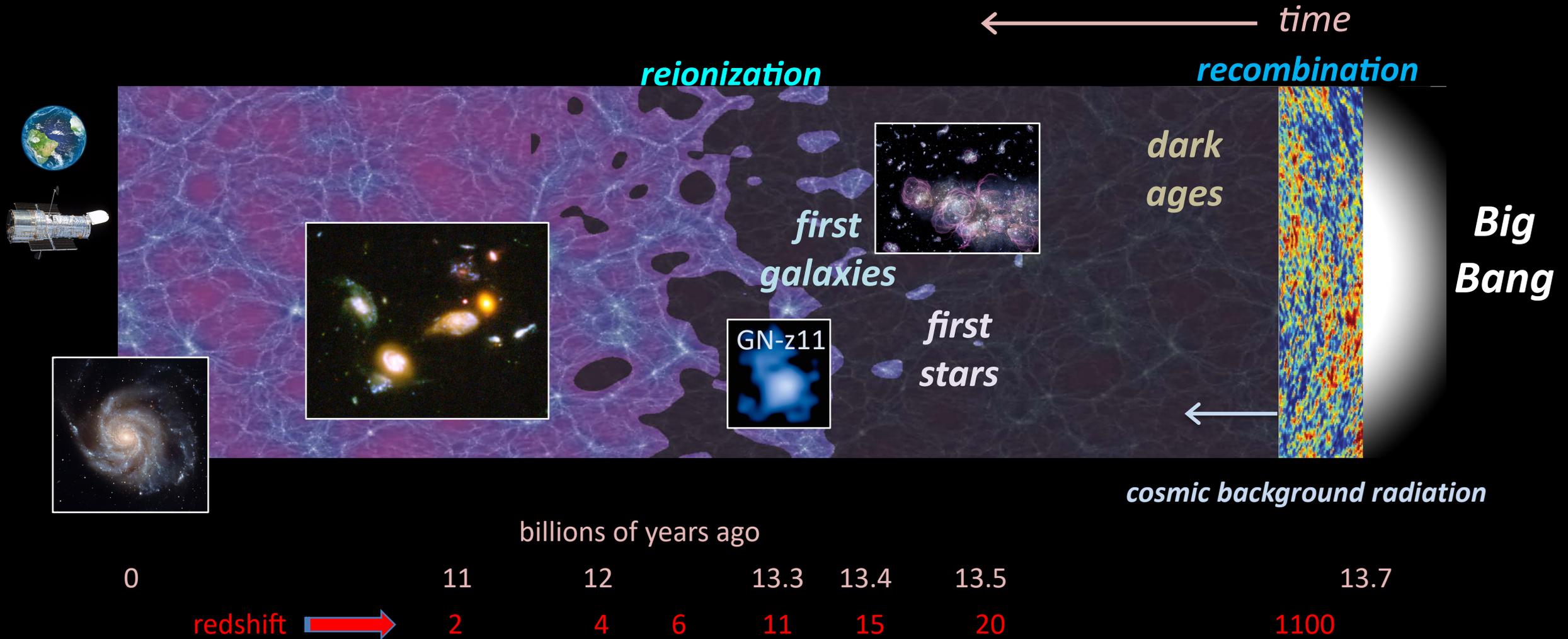


galaxies in the first billion years

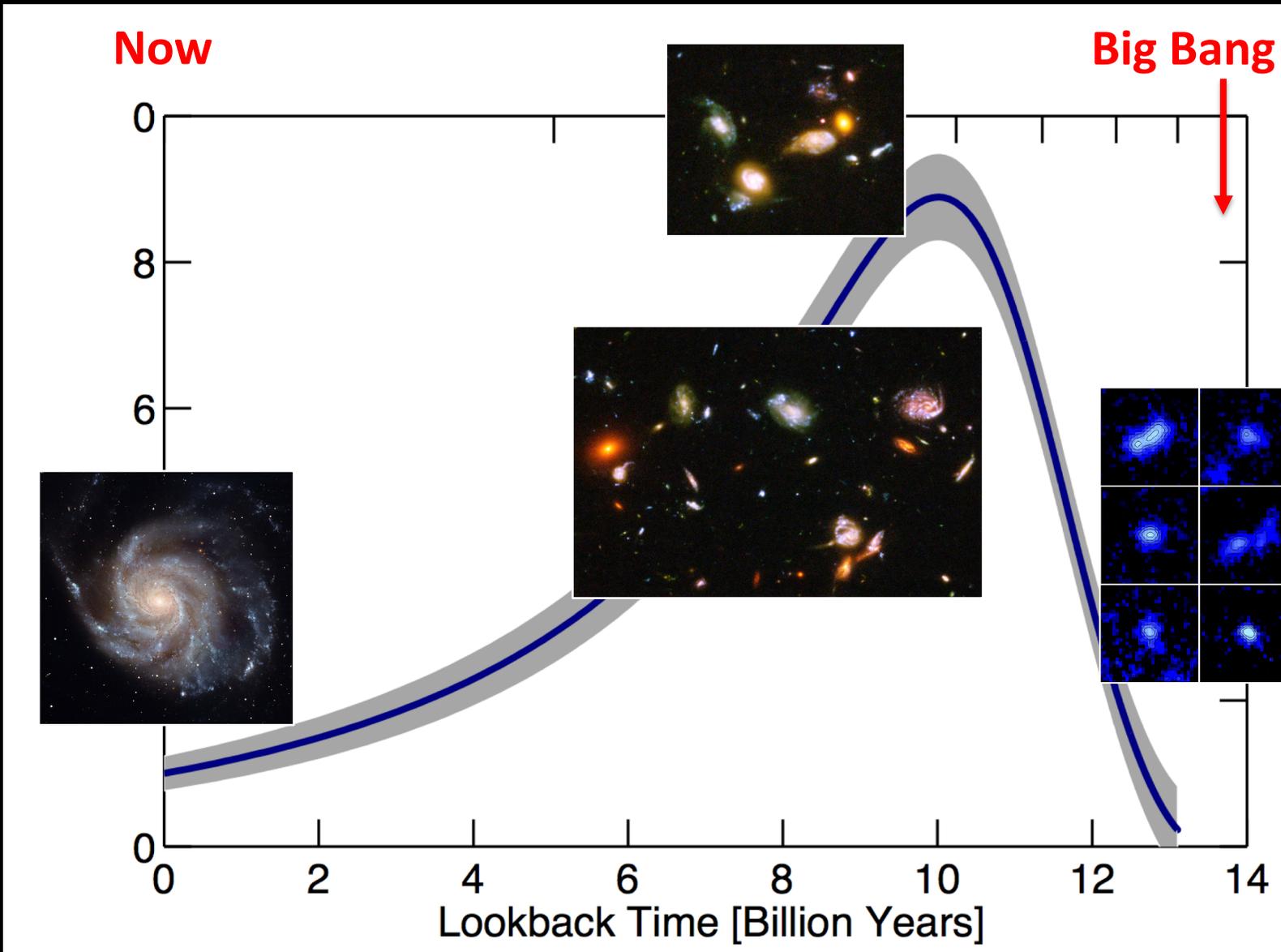
science collaborators & science team members

*Rychard Bouwens, Pascal Oesch, Pieter van Dokkum, Ivo Labbé,
Marijn Franx, Mauro Stefanon, Renske Smit, Dan Magee, Holland Ford
& the HUDF09/XDF/HLF, 3D-HST and ACS GTO science teams*

history of everything



rate of cosmic star formation



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history of everything

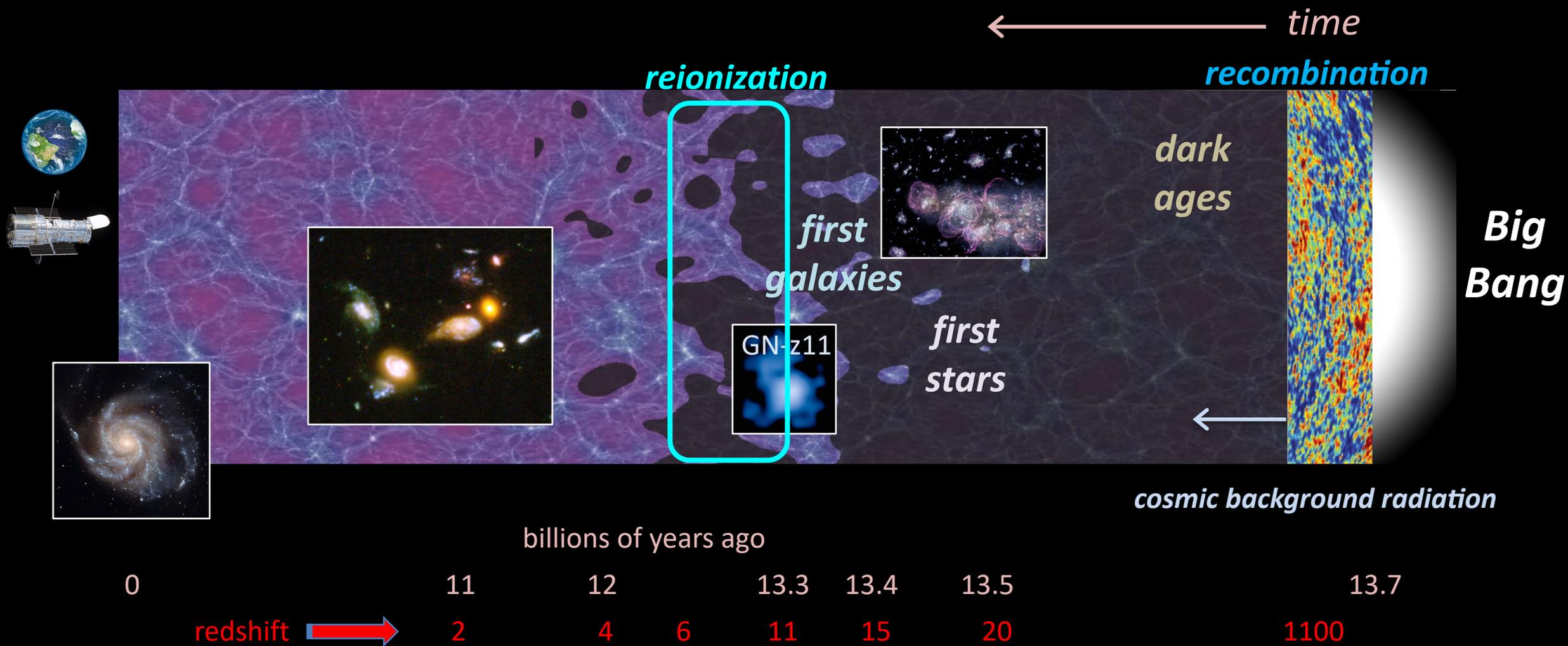


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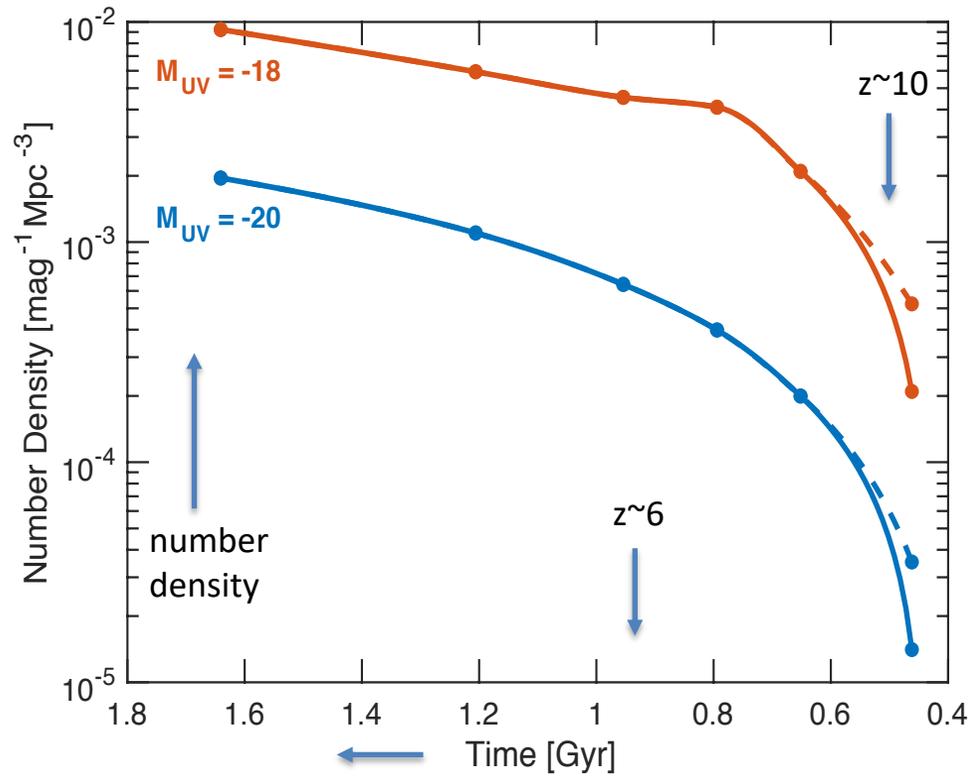
exploring the first billion years

Cosmic ~~Dawn~~ Morning – the time of rapid buildup of galaxies

during the first billion years



we know that galaxies built up extremely rapidly from 500 million years to 1 billion years



rapid growth of the dark matter halos within which galaxies form

significant quantities of heavier elements were produced in stars and ejected

the universe was reionized (Planck 2018)

HST and Spitzer have let us explore galaxies in this fascinating period



1990



Riccardo Giacconi

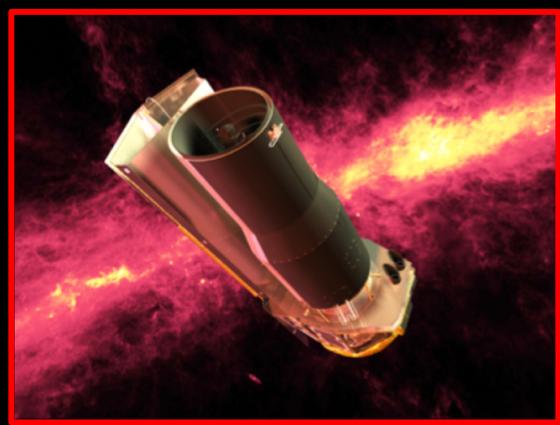
1931-2018

X-Ray astronomy pioneer

Nobel Prize 2002

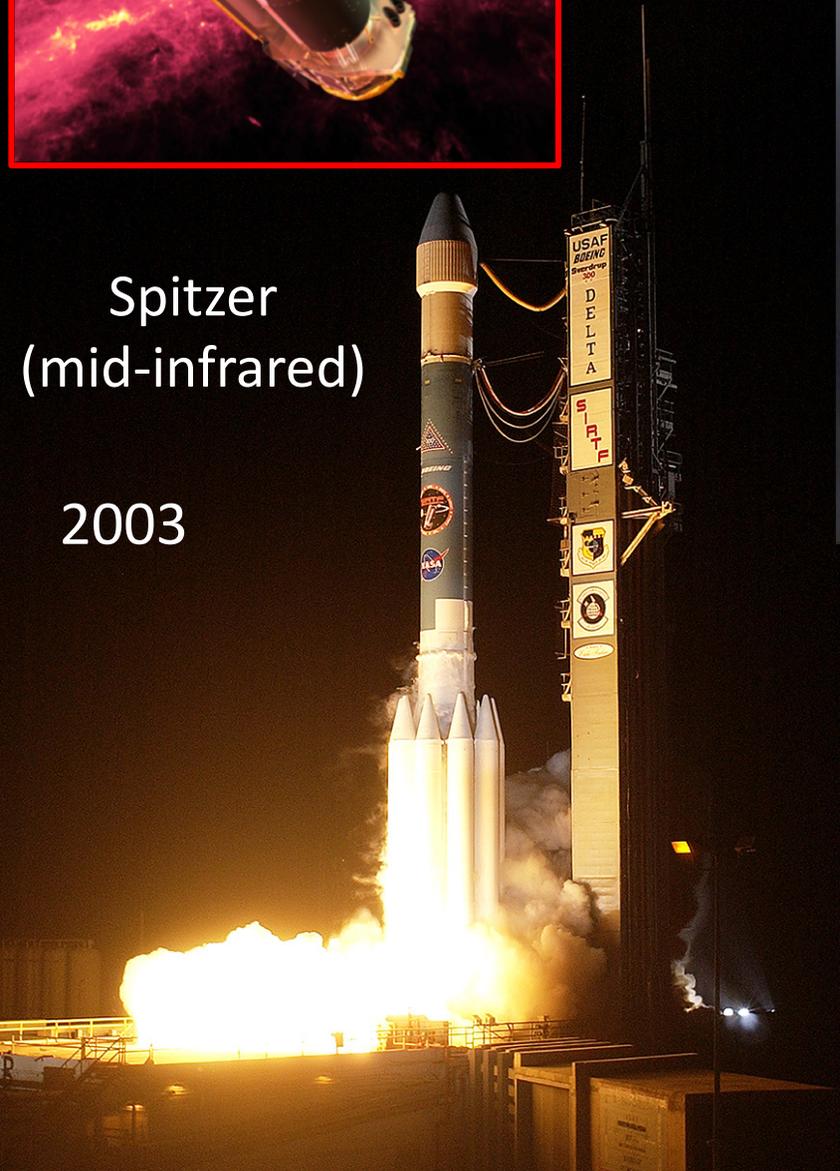
Hubble Space Telescope; European VLT; ALMA

“ruthless intellectual honesty”



Spitzer
(mid-infrared)

2003

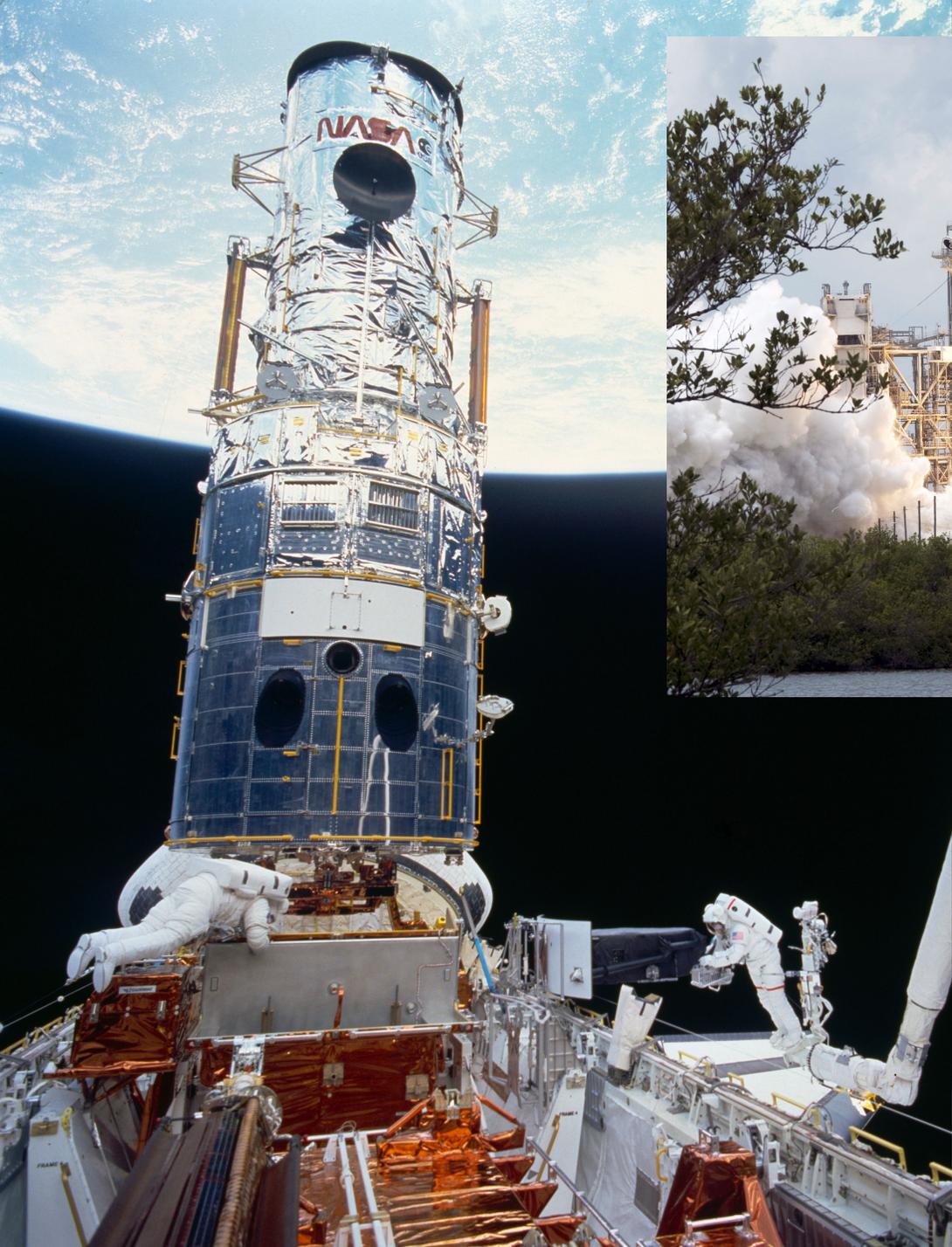


2002

Hubble
Advanced Camera
(visible)



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2009

Hubble
Wide Field Camera 3
(infrared)



look back time increases with each new camera

Hubble Probes the Early Universe



1990

Ground-based observatories



WFPC2

1995

Hubble Deep Field



ACS

2004

Hubble Ultra Deep Field



WFC3

2010

Hubble Ultra Deep Field-IR



Redshift (z):

1

6 billion years

4

1.5 billion years

5

6

7

800 million years

8

10

480 million years

>20

200 million years

Time after the Big Bang

first stars

first galaxies

reionization epoch

A vast field of galaxies in various colors (blue, red, orange, white) and shapes (spiral, elliptical, irregular) scattered across a dark background. The galaxies are densely packed, with some appearing as bright, distinct objects and others as faint, distant points of light. The colors represent different stages of galaxy evolution or different types of galaxies.

XDF *eXtreme Deep Field*

2012

gdi

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2963 HST images over 10 years on the HUDF
from 800 orbits of Hubble
for a 23 day total exposure on the HUDF!

deepest ever Hubble image

*Hubble
and
Spitzer
survey
fields for
high-
redshift
galaxies*

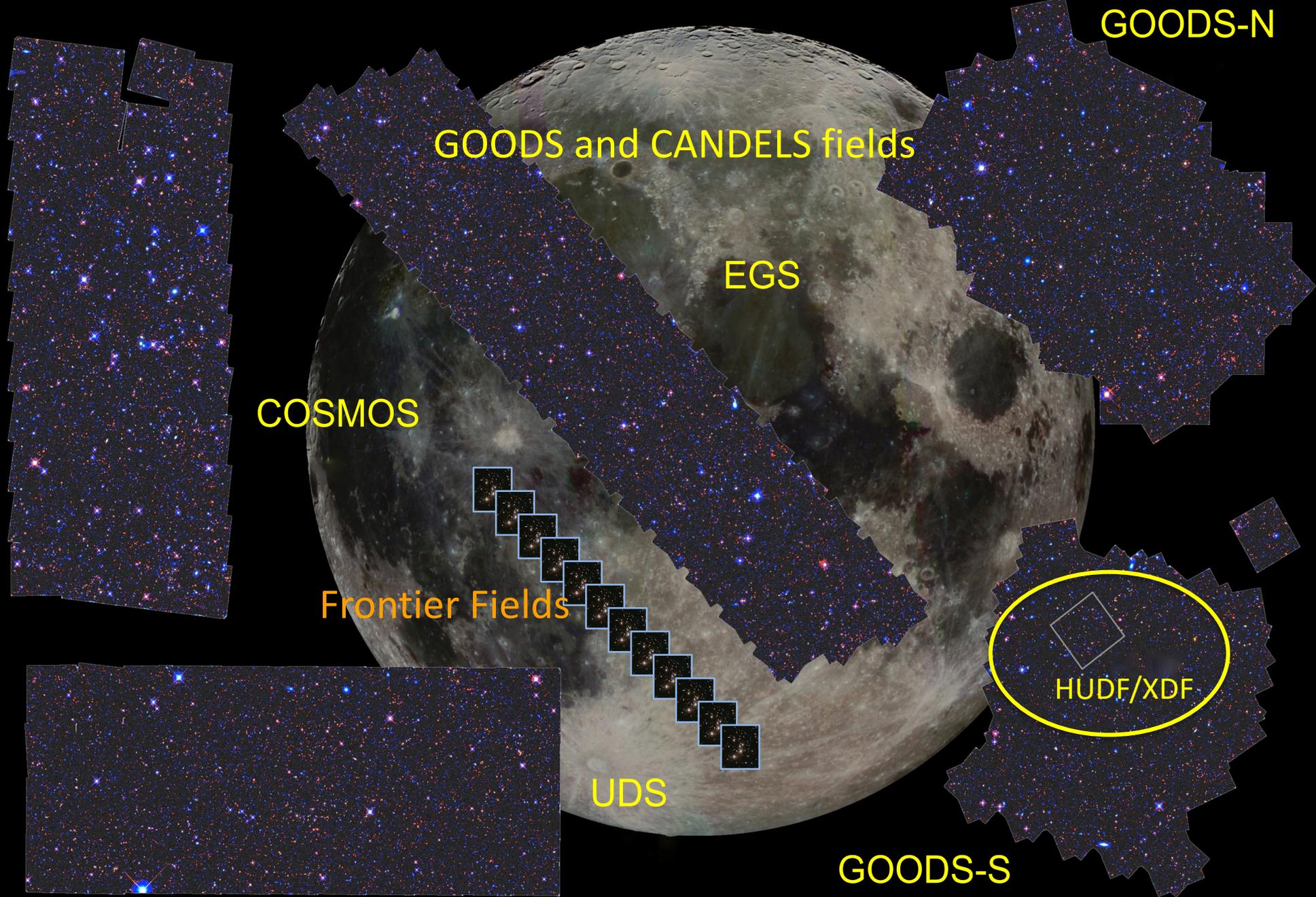


figure credit: Harry Ferguson and the CANDELS team

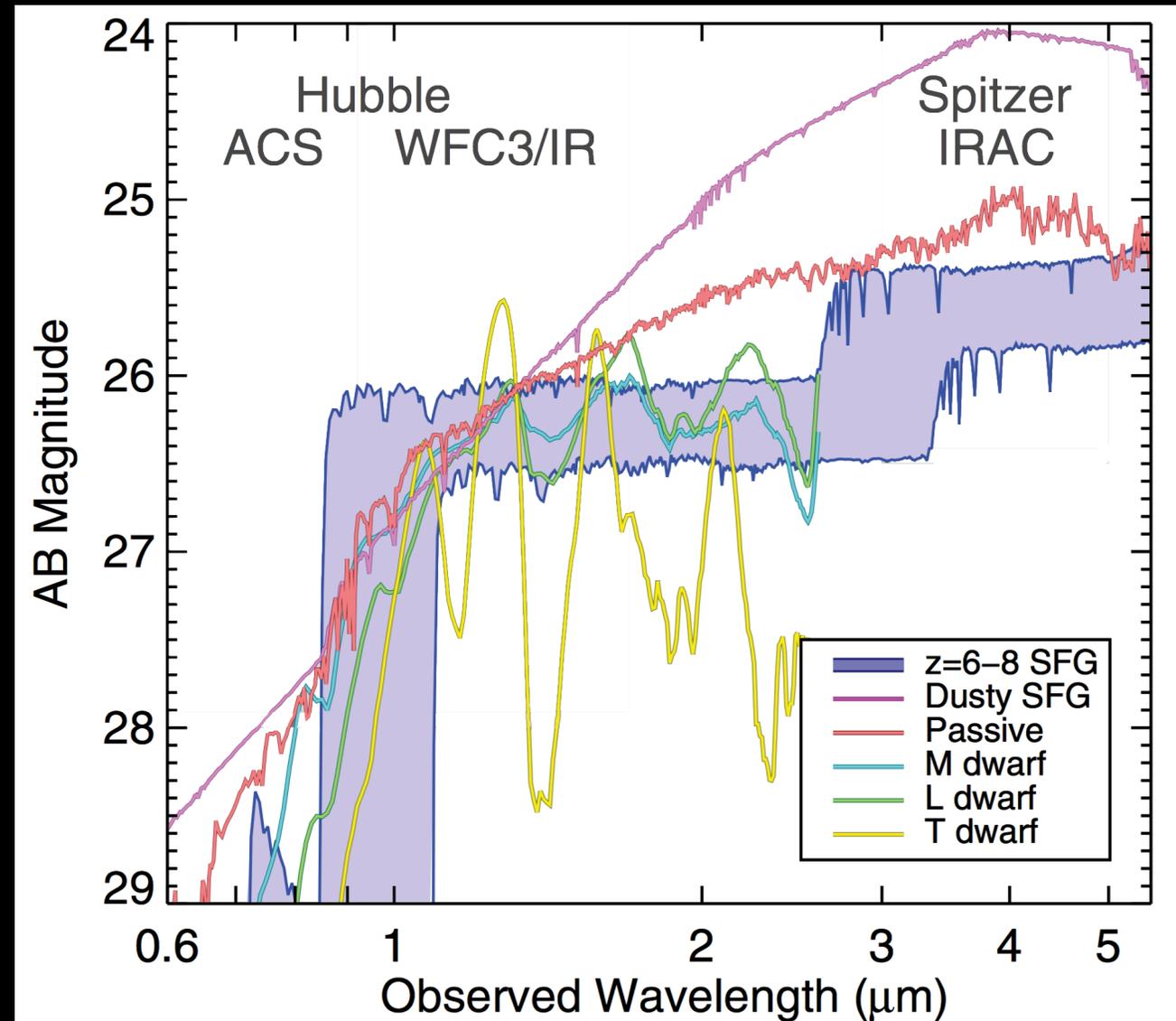
photometric redshifts

enable large, statistically-robust samples

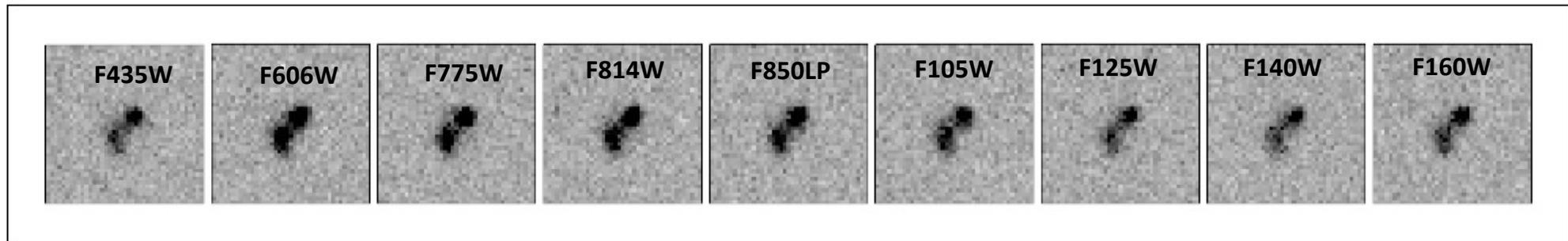
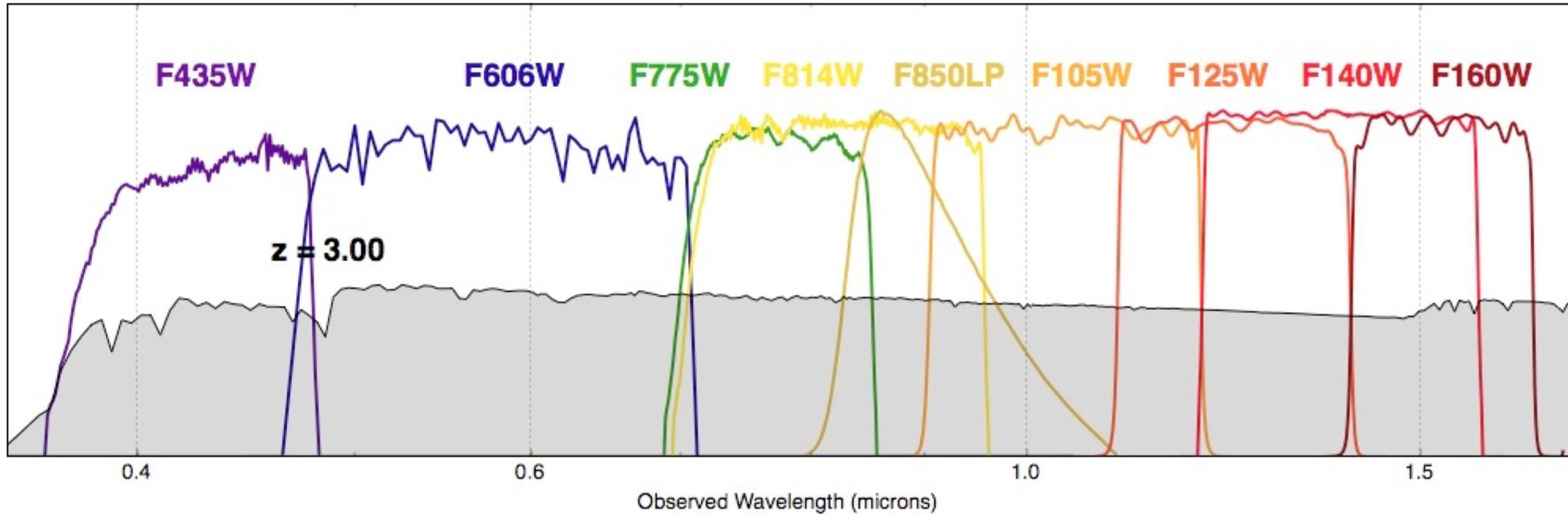
Lyman break galaxies – LBGs (“dropouts”)

LBGs have a distinctly different shape for their spectral energy distribution (SED)

👉 reliable photometric redshift selection

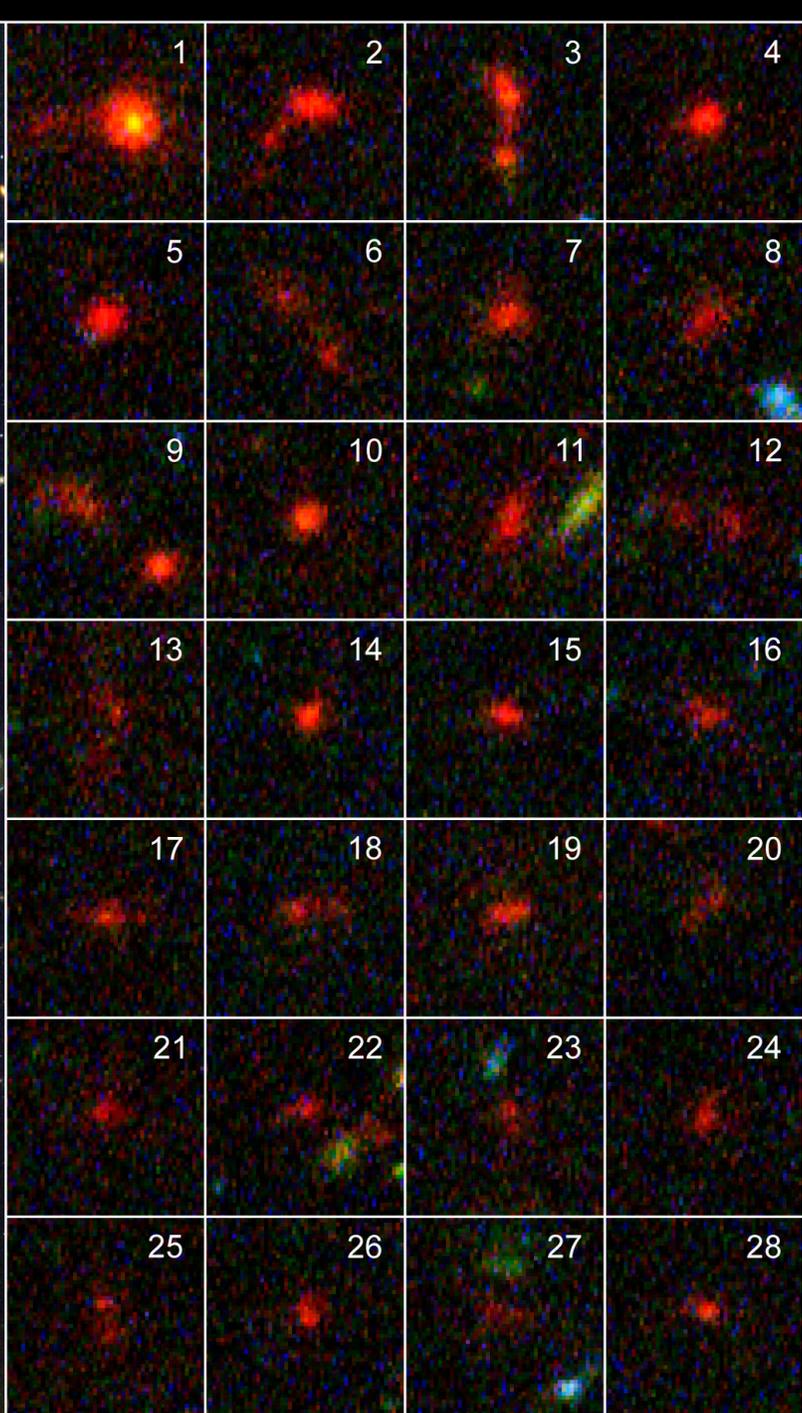
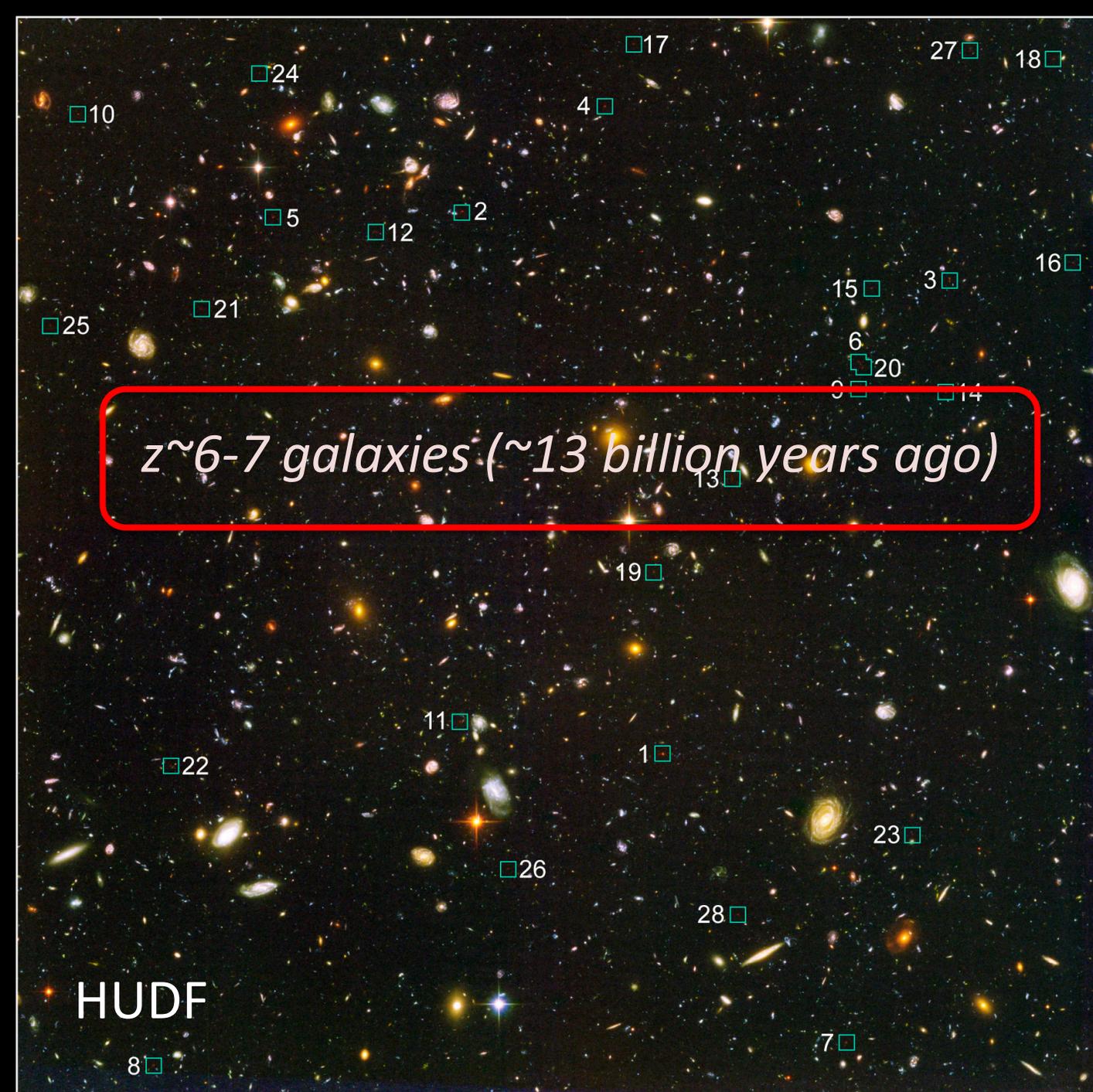


ACS+WFC3/IR: efficient detection of galaxies to $z \sim 10+$

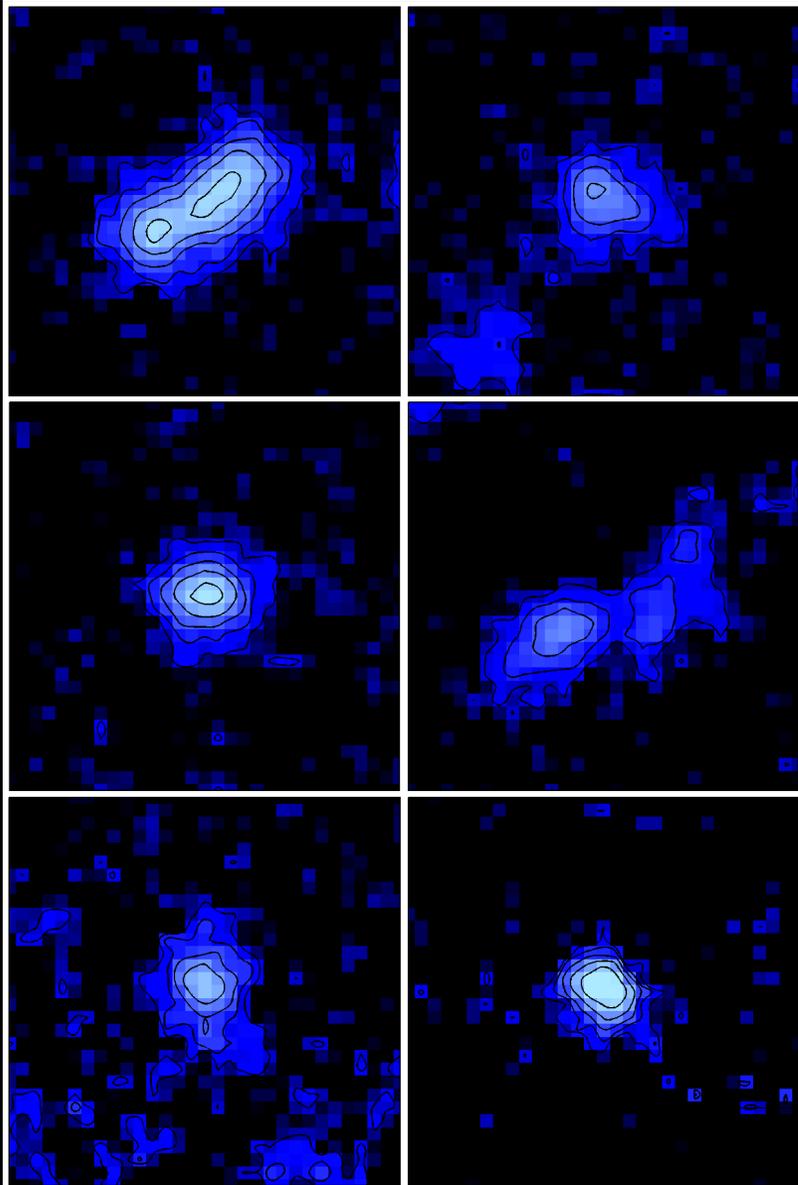


optical ACS

near-IR WFC3/IR



1.8" (~10 kpc)



a sample of bright galaxies at $z \sim 6$
about 900 million years after the Big Bang



*have been represented in blue to better
convey what they really look like*

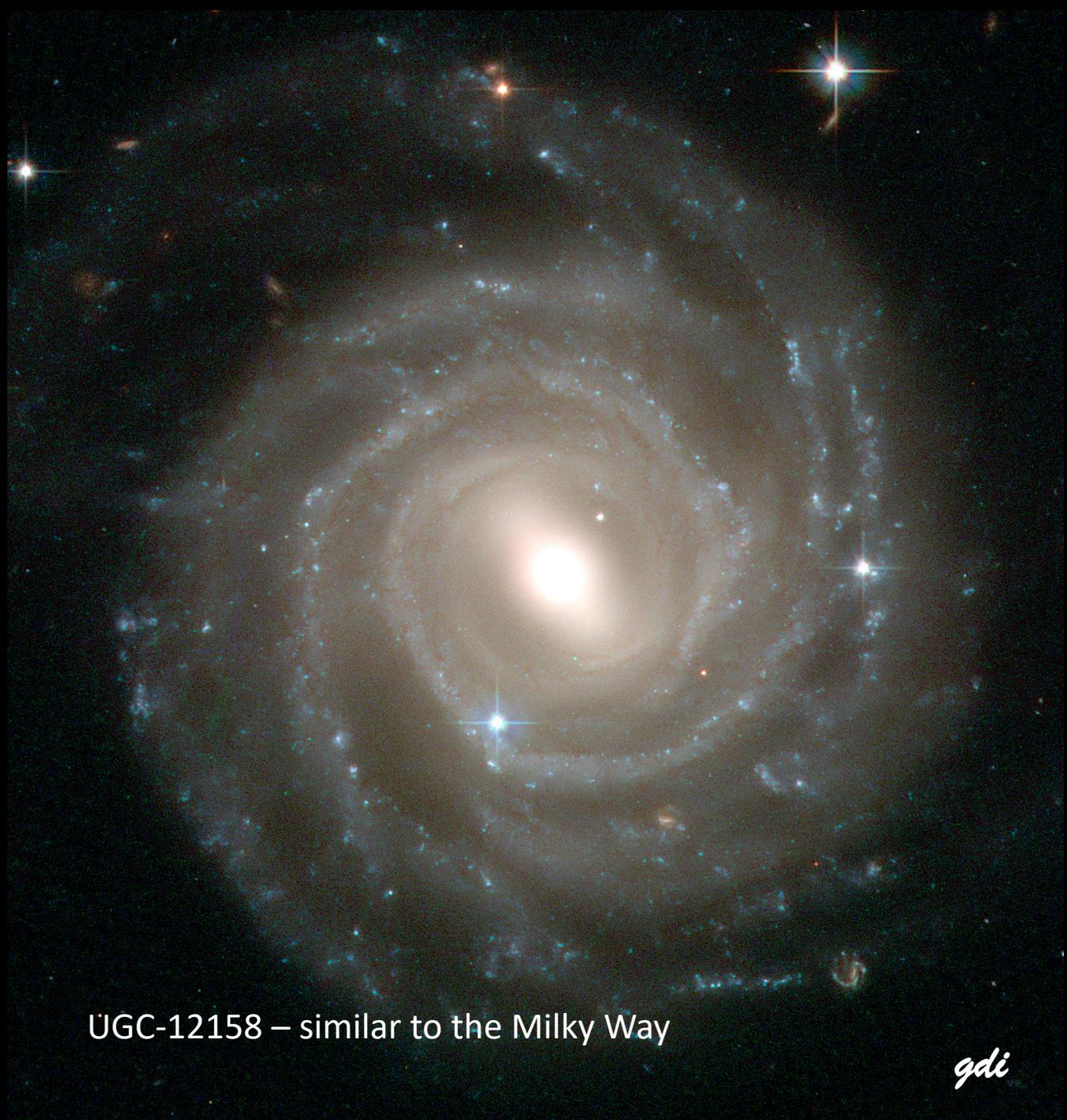
● ~size of the Hubble
point spread function

*galaxies at ~ 1 Gyr
($z \sim 6$) are small*

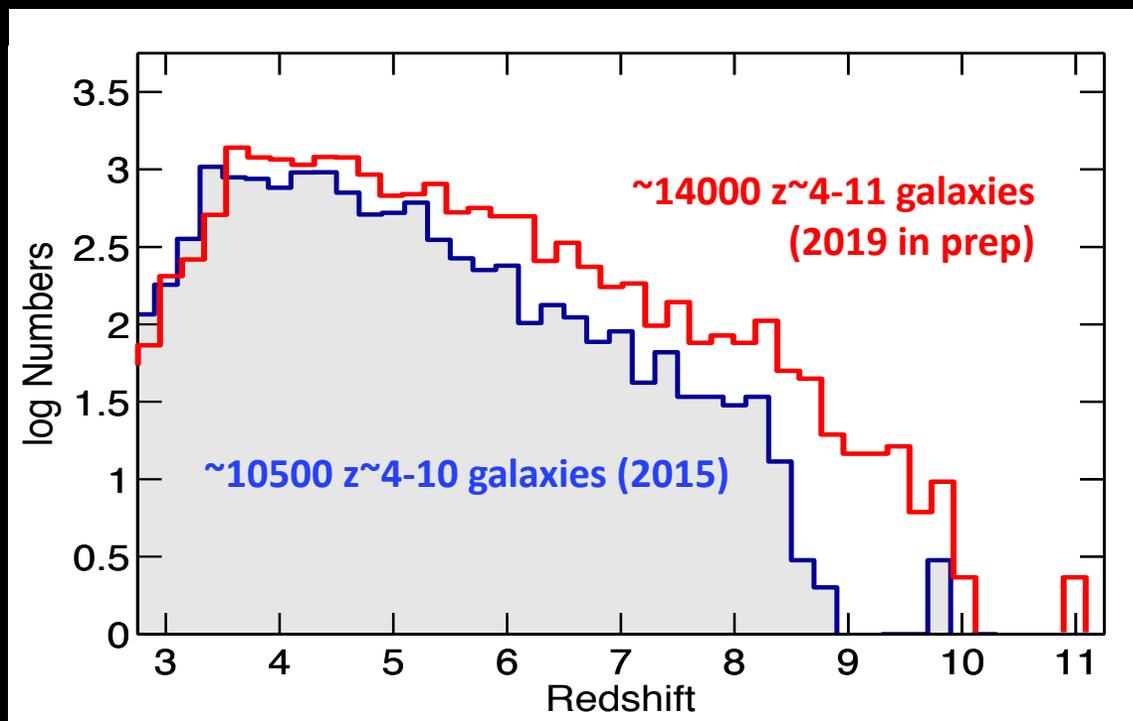


a typical $z \sim 6$ galaxy

\sim same scale



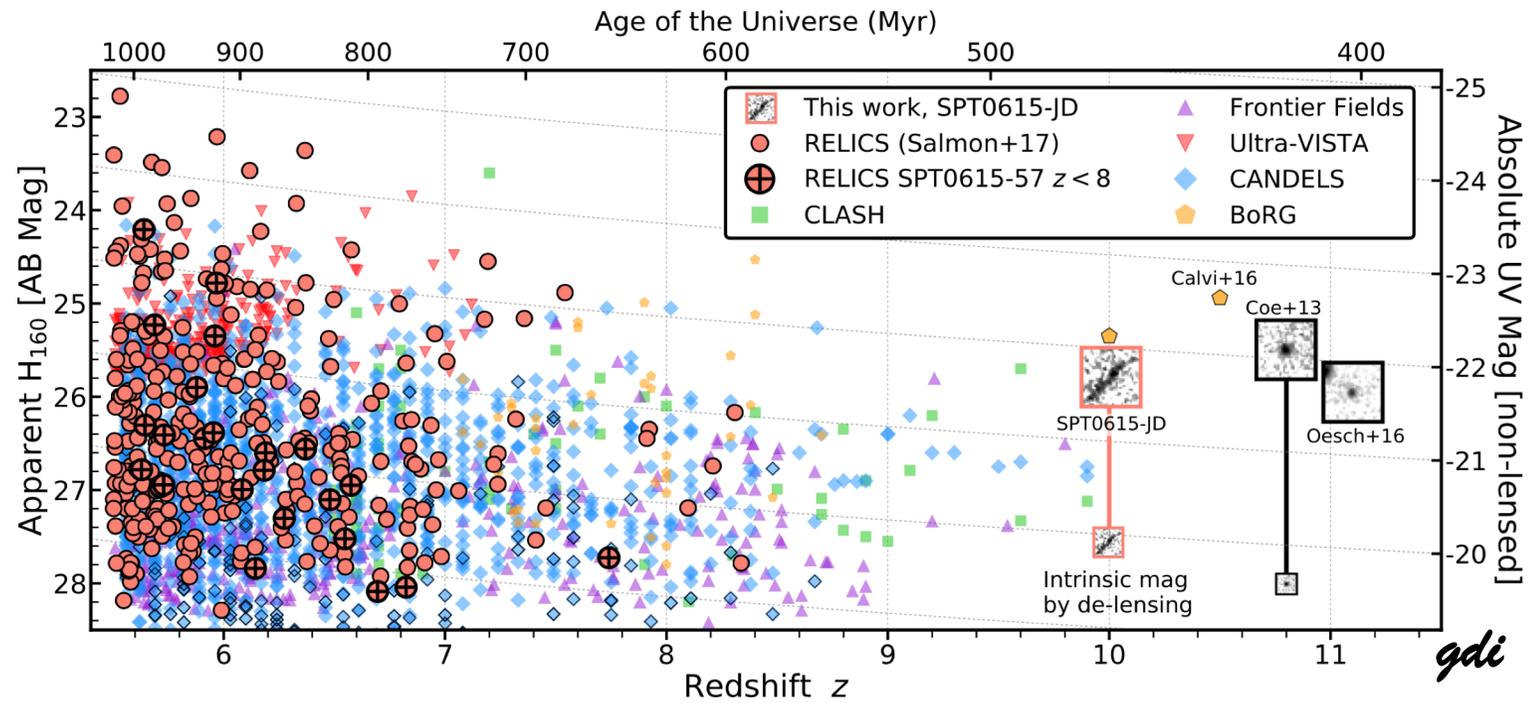
UGC-12158 – similar to the Milky Way



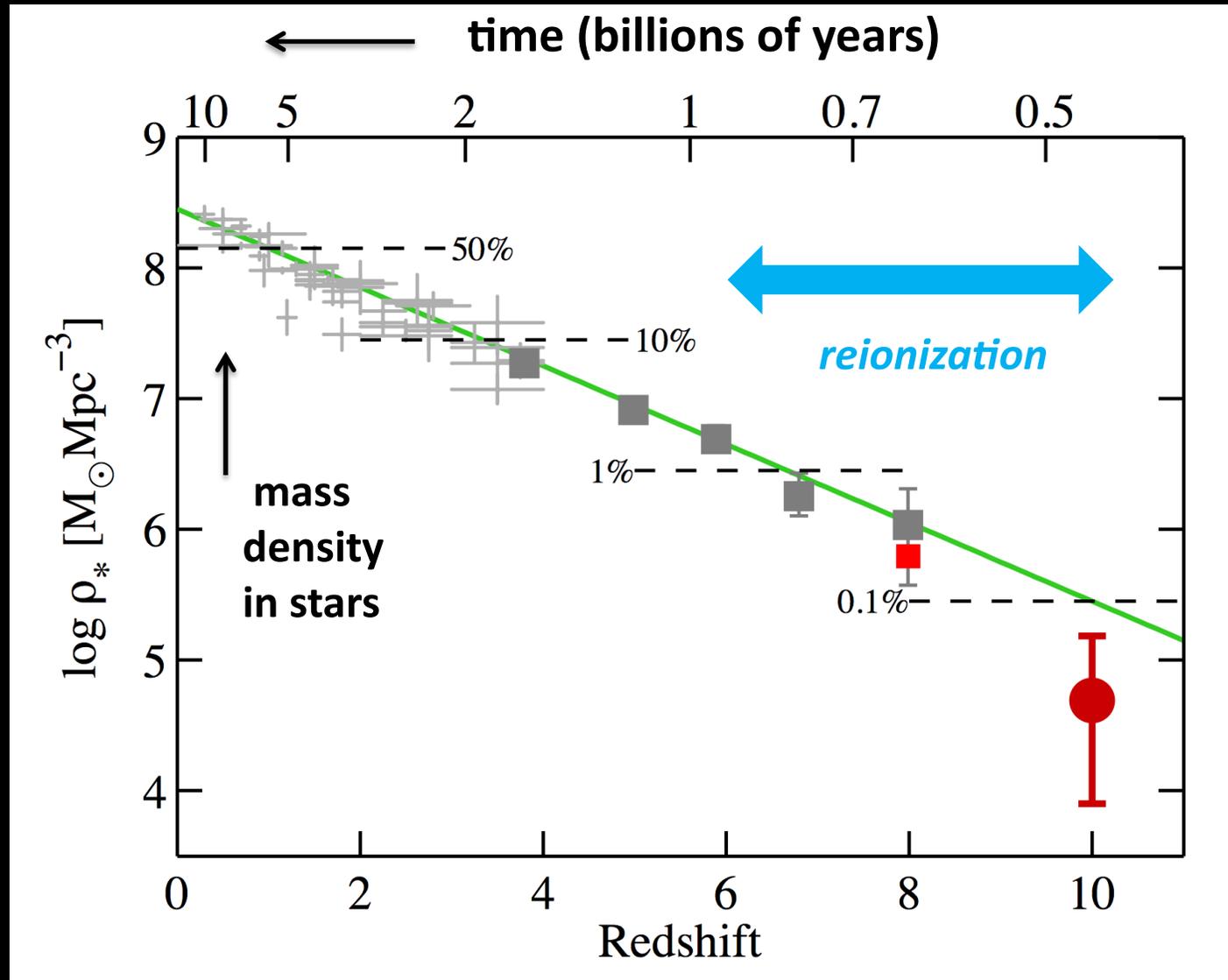
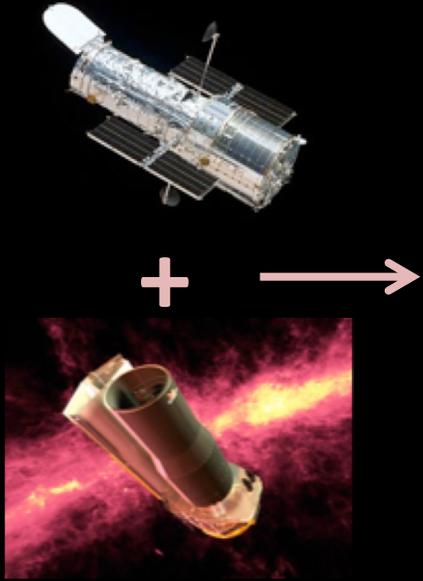
very large samples of galaxies in the first 2 billion years from Hubble

Bouwens GDI Oesch+15

Salmon+2017

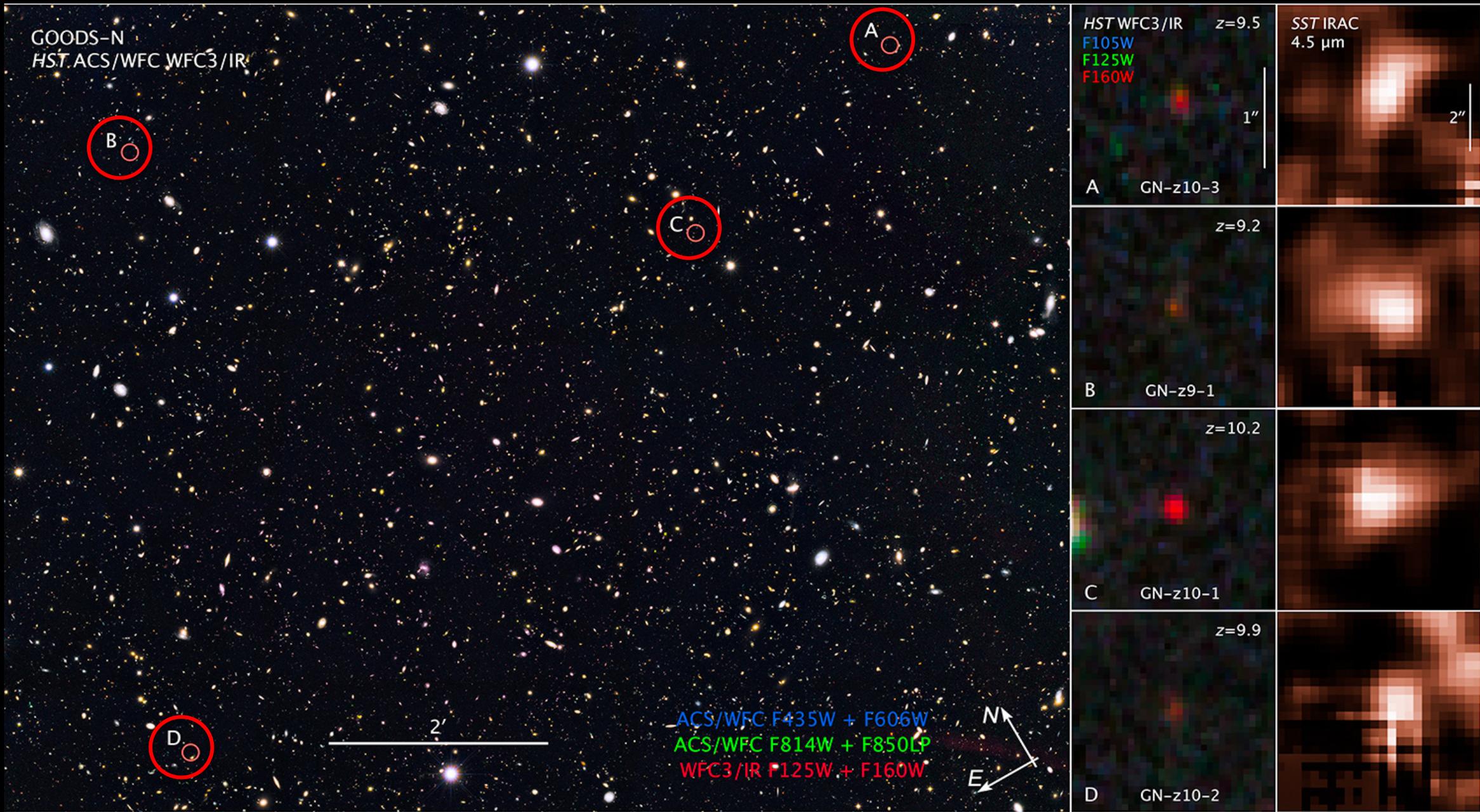


buildup of mass in the universe in stars



what constraints do we have on the first galaxies?

searching for the earliest galaxies



Hubble

Spitzer

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GOODS-N
HST ACS/WFC WFC3/IR

A

B

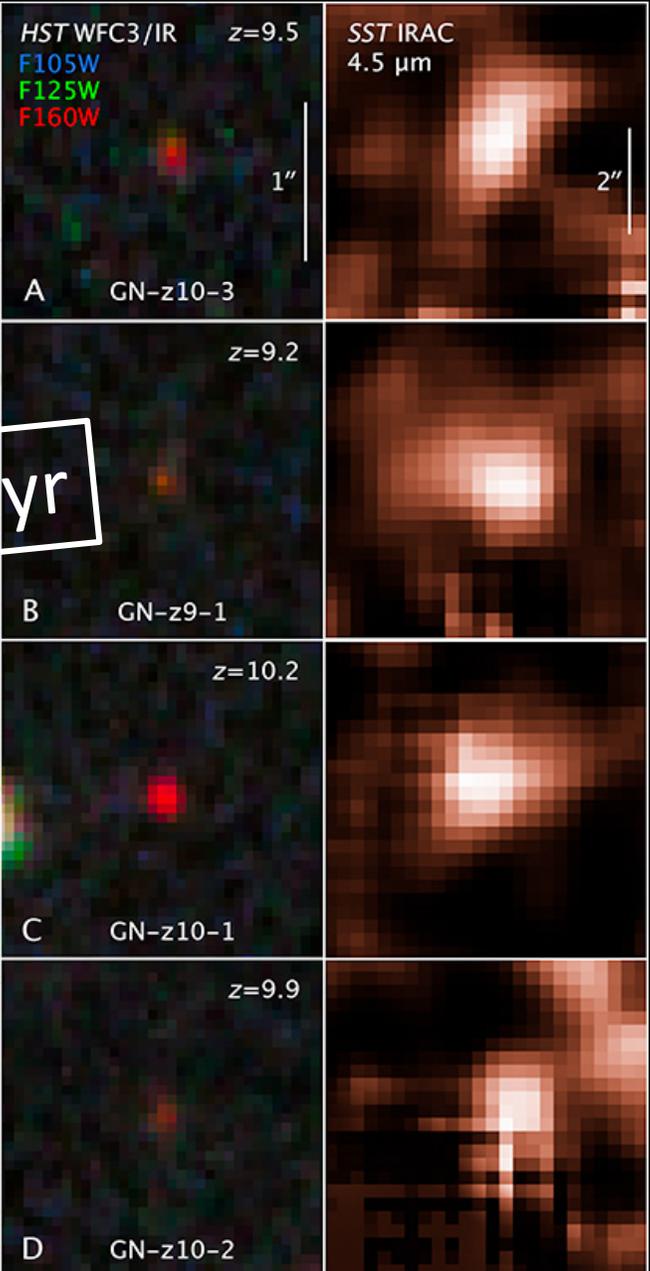
C

$z \sim 10 - 500 \text{ Myr}$

D

2'

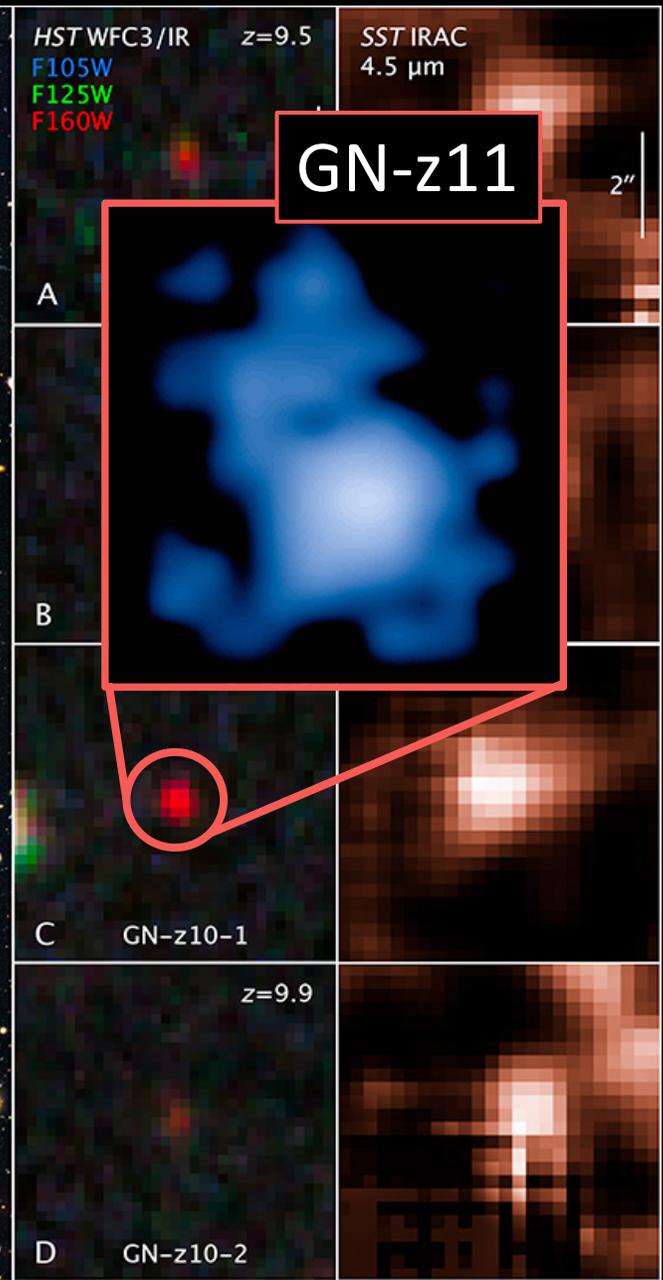
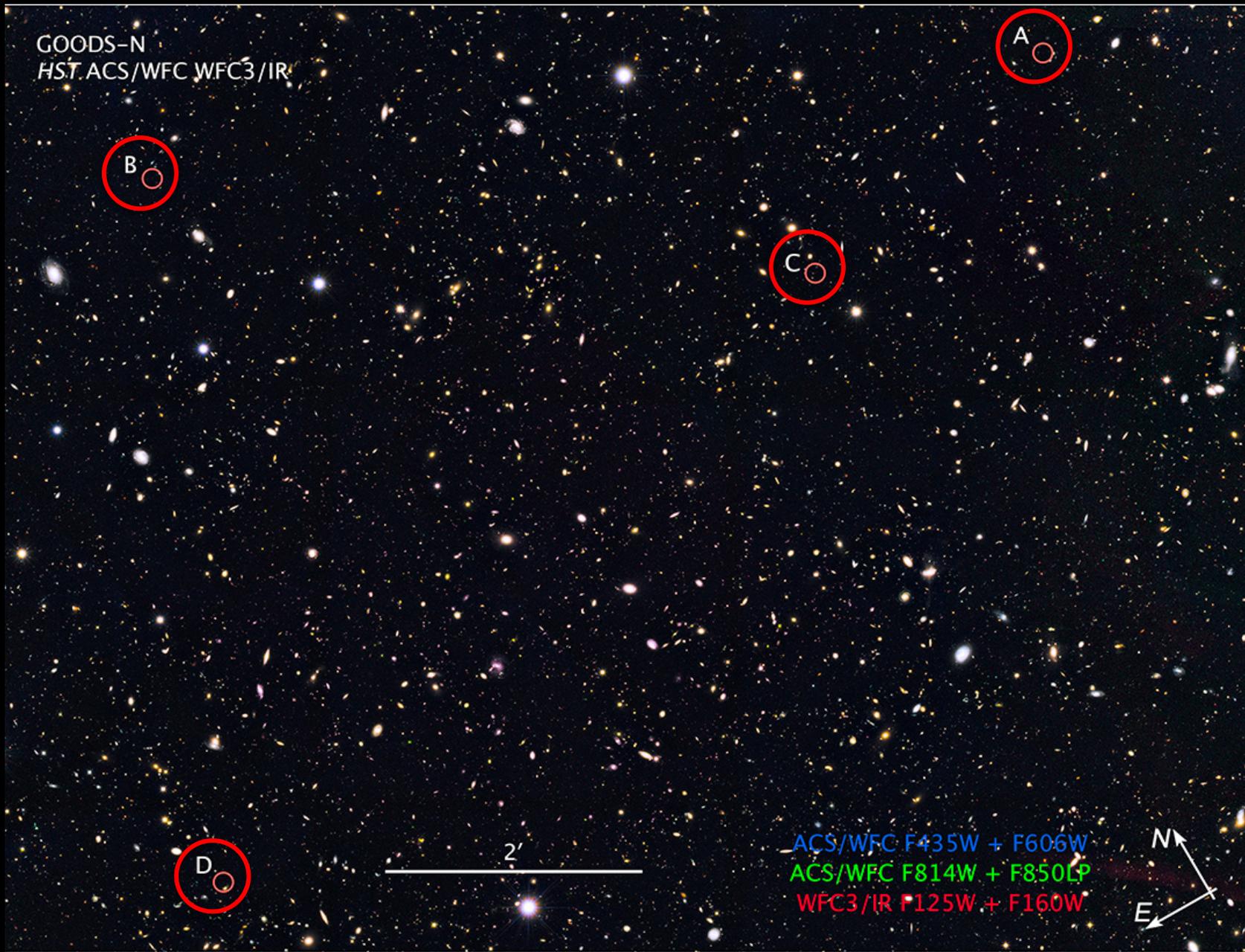
ACS/WFC F435W + F606W
ACS/WFC F814W + F850LP
WFC3/IR F125W + F160W



Hubble

Spitzer

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Hubble

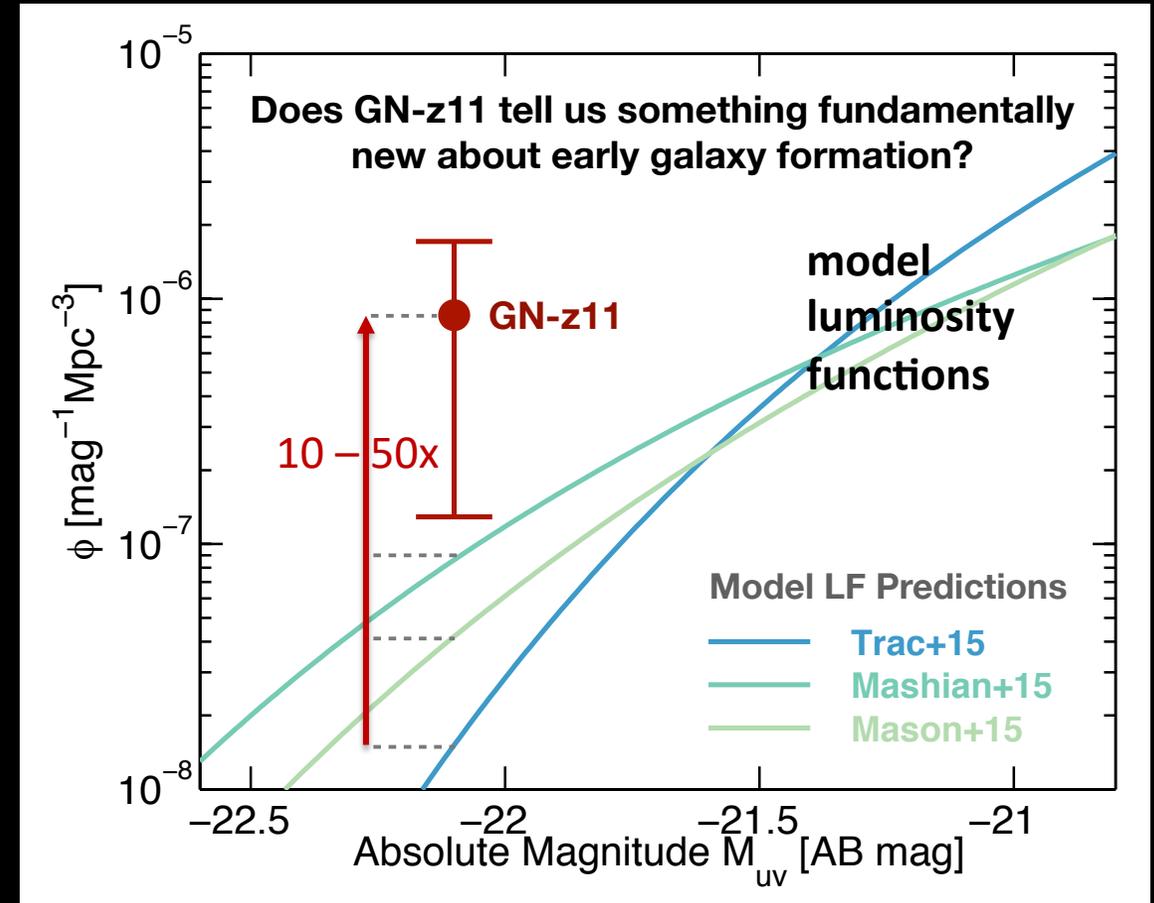
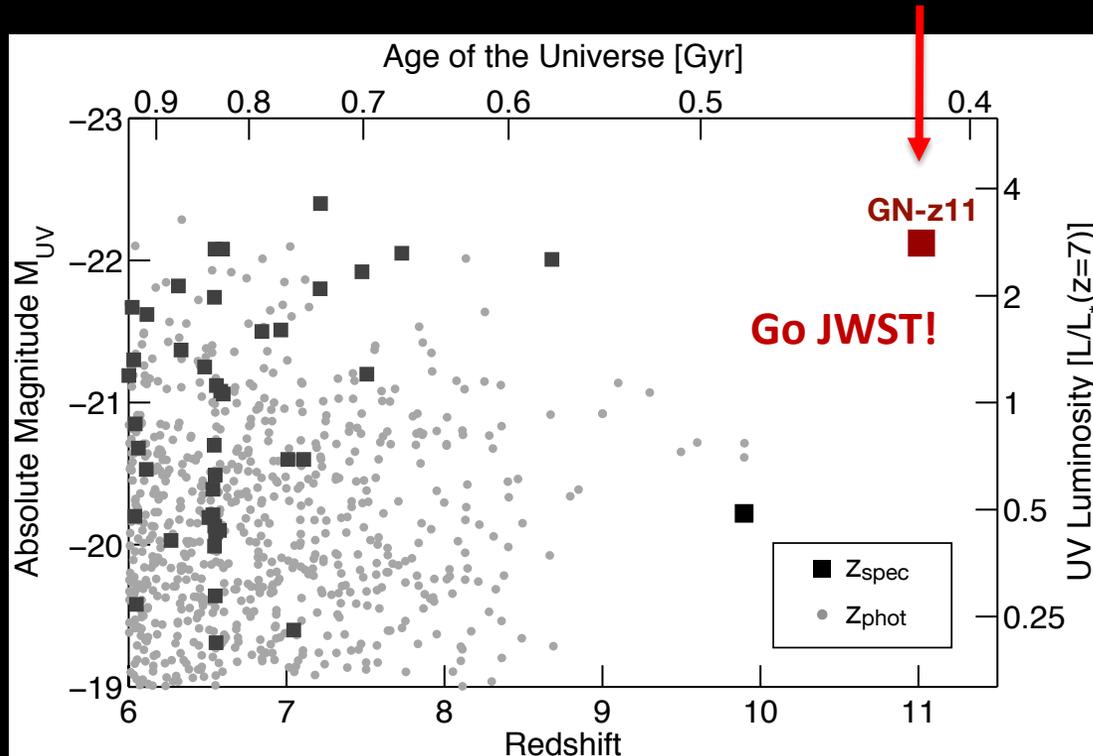
Spitzer

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the most distant galaxy found to date

surprising discovery of GN-z11

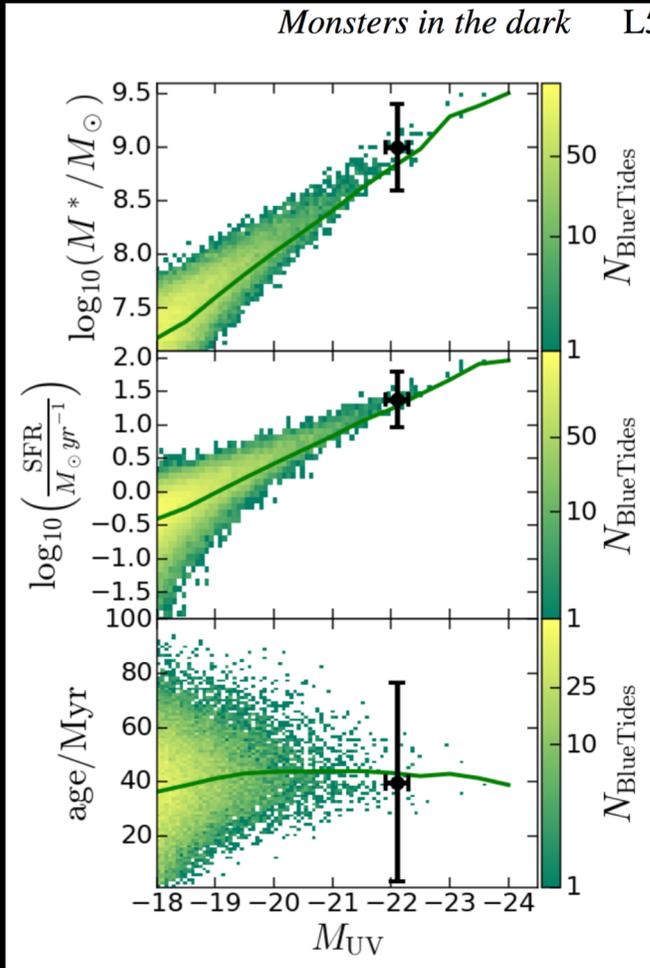
very few spectroscopic redshifts at $z > 7$



GN-z11

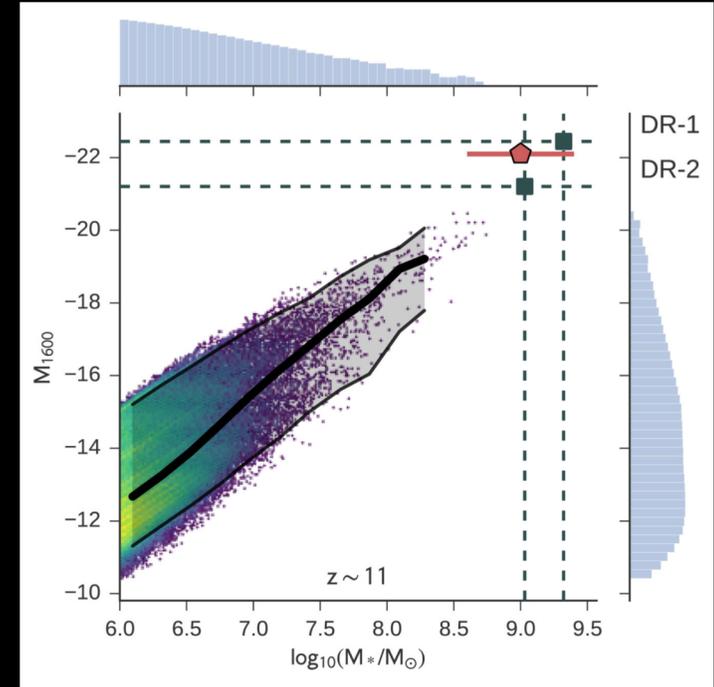
simulations show that galaxies as massive as GNz-11 at $z \sim 11$ are rare but not unexpected *per se*

mass $10^9 M_{\odot}$ SFR $24 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$
 $\beta -2.5$ $A_{UV} < 0.2 \text{ mag}$ age 40 Myr



BlueTides

Waters+2016



Mutch+2016

DRAGONS

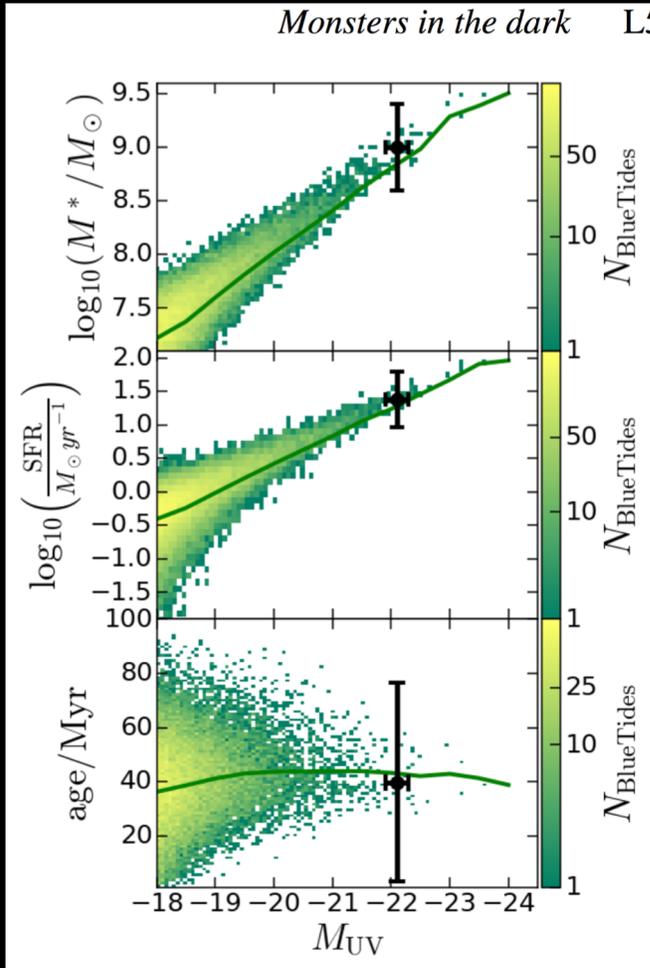
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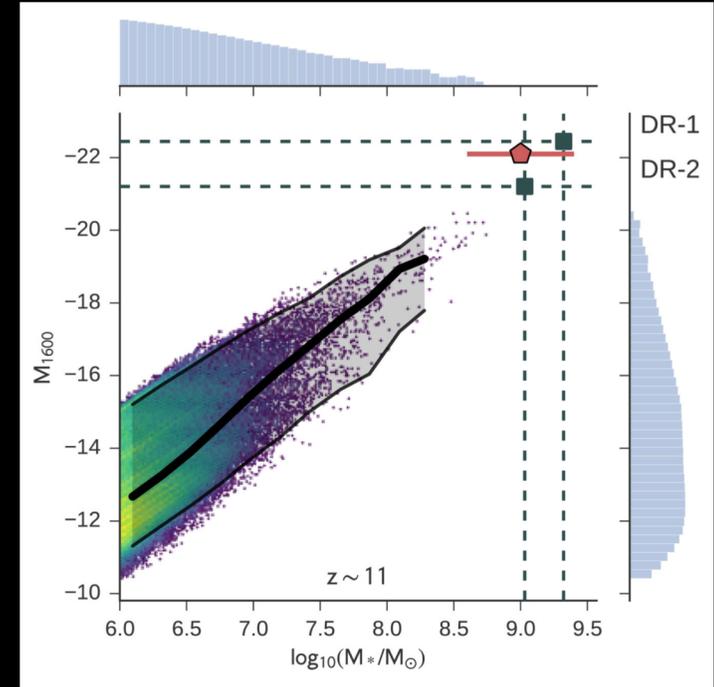
the derived physical properties of GN-z11 are consistent with expectations from large-volume simulations

but it is unexpected to find GN-z11 in such small search volumes/areas (by factor 10-100)?



BlueTides

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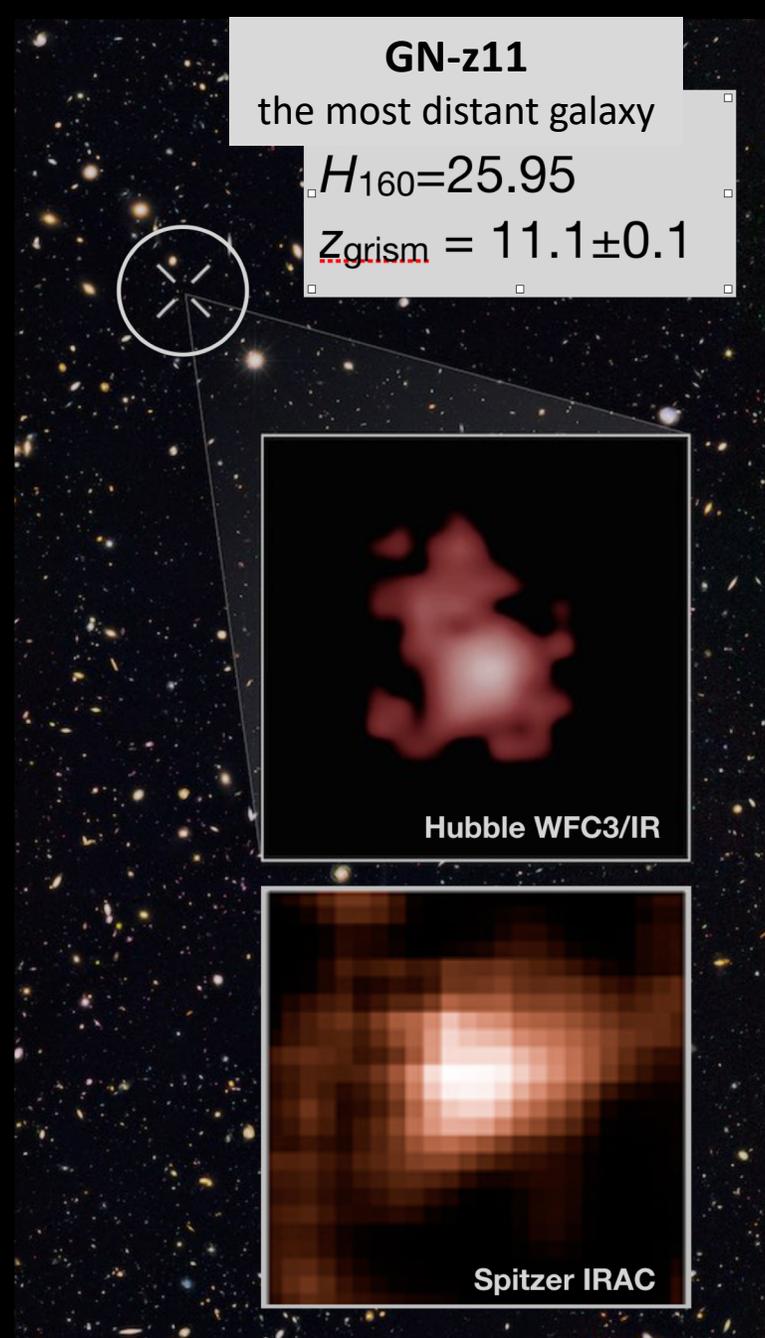
Mutch+2016

DRAGONS

GN-z11 is not a “first galaxy”

the “first galaxies” occurred earlier than 400 million years

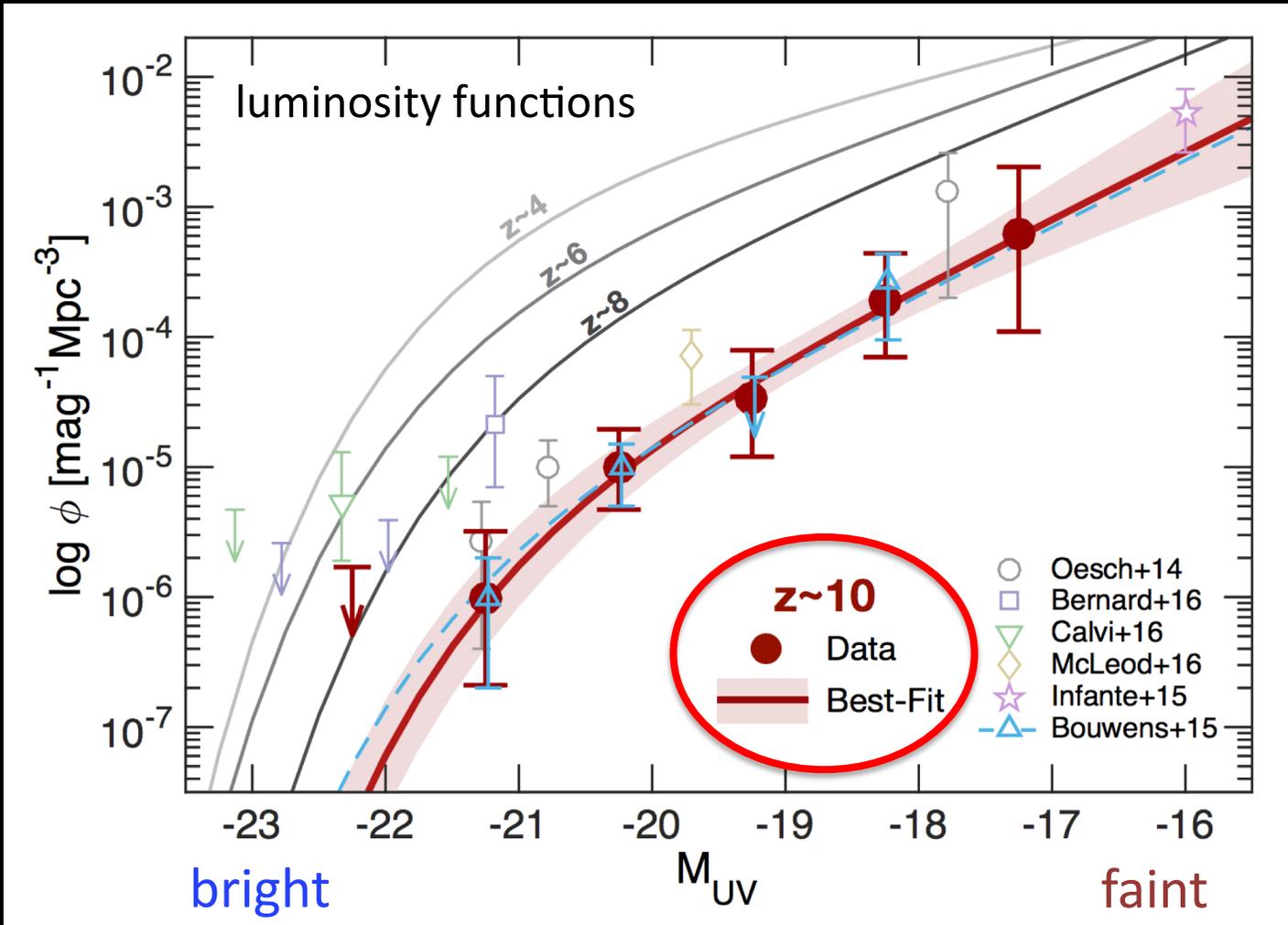
but probably not by much – maybe 100-200 million years?



*what constraints can Hubble and Spitzer
put on the “first galaxies”*

*what do the highest redshift galaxies
at $z \sim 10$ (480 Myr) tell us*

$z \sim 10$ (500 Myr) galaxies are hard to find!



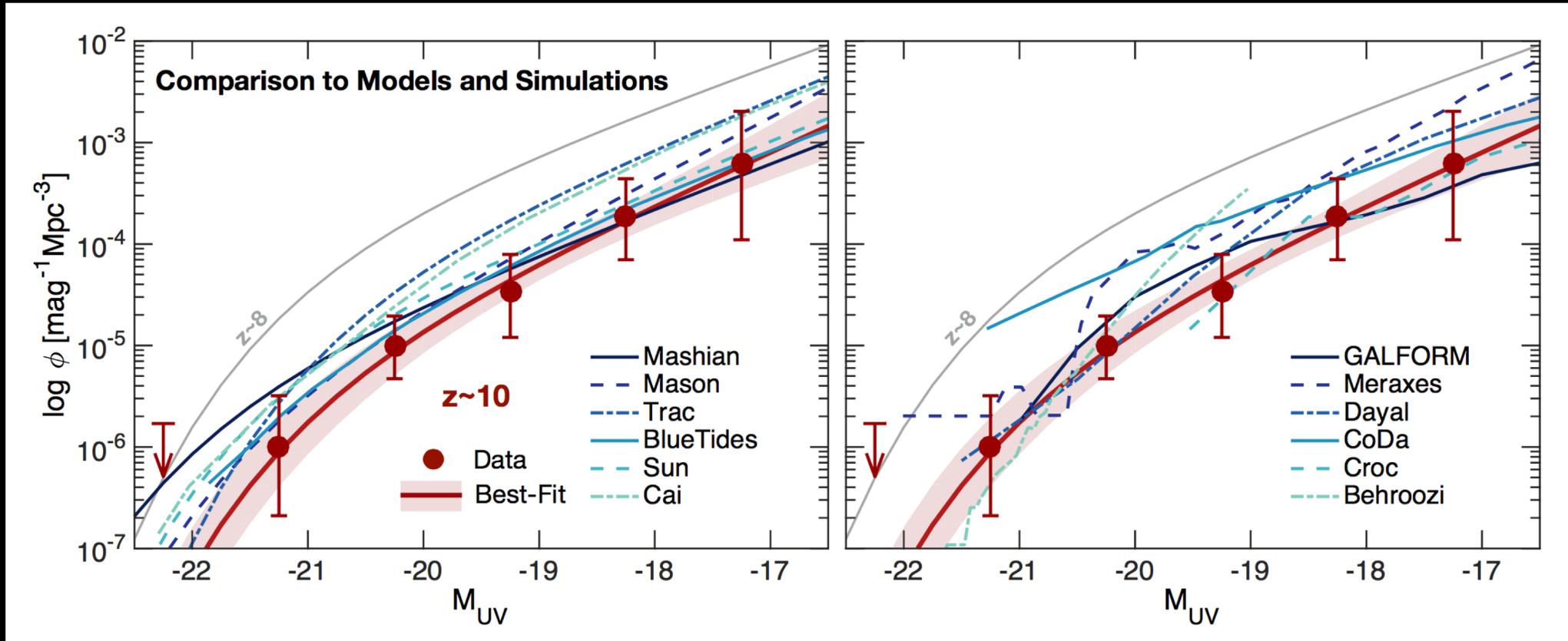
8 years of WFC3/IR imaging

searched every WFC3/IR dataset but we find only 9 galaxies at ~ 500 Myr

Oesch+2017

gdi

model comparisons – the luminosity function at $z \sim 10$



considerable spread
shape matches (broadly) to models –
but models are consistently high

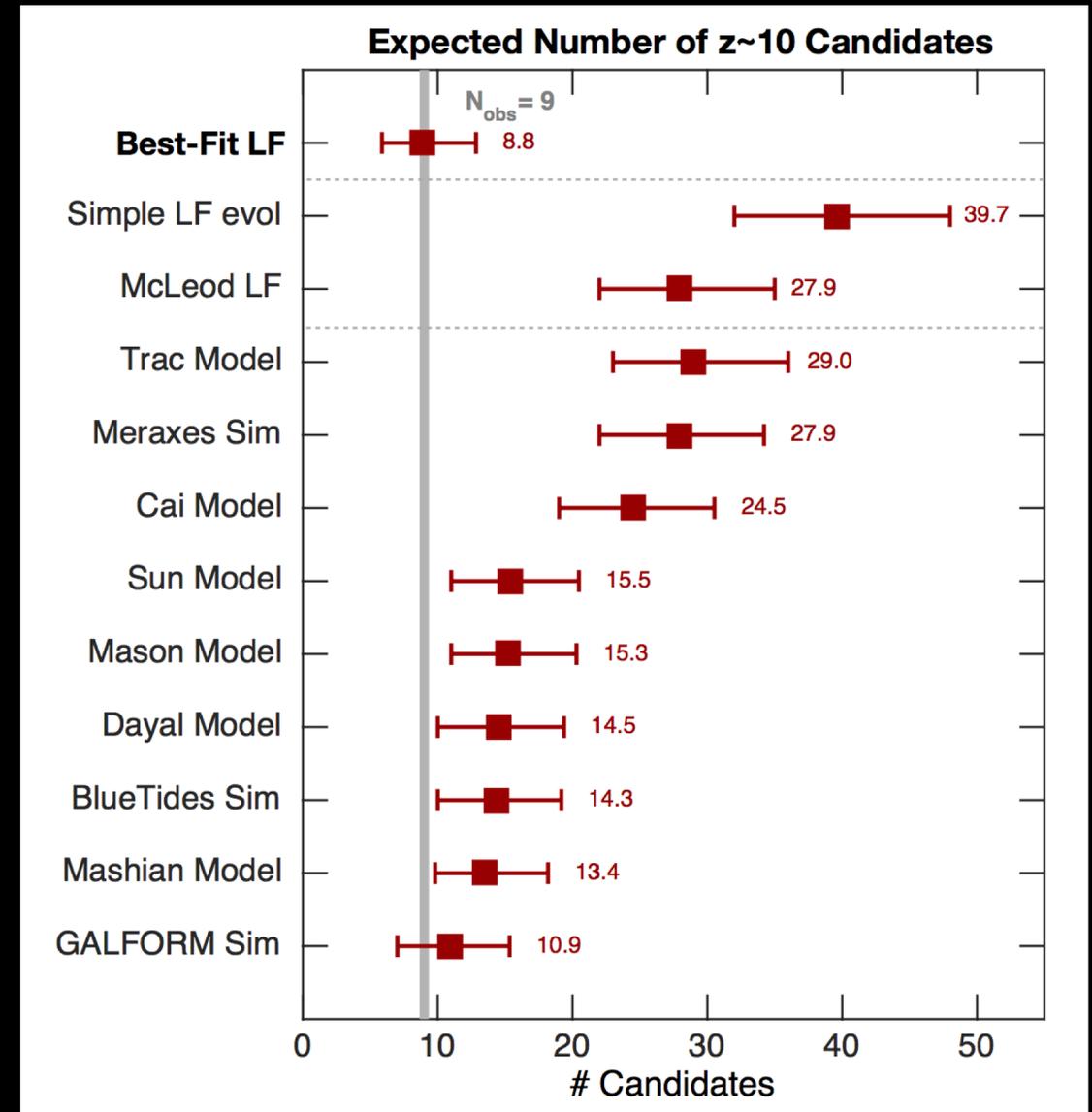
the case of the missing $z \sim 10$ galaxies

number of $z \sim 10$ galaxies from
“observed luminosity function”

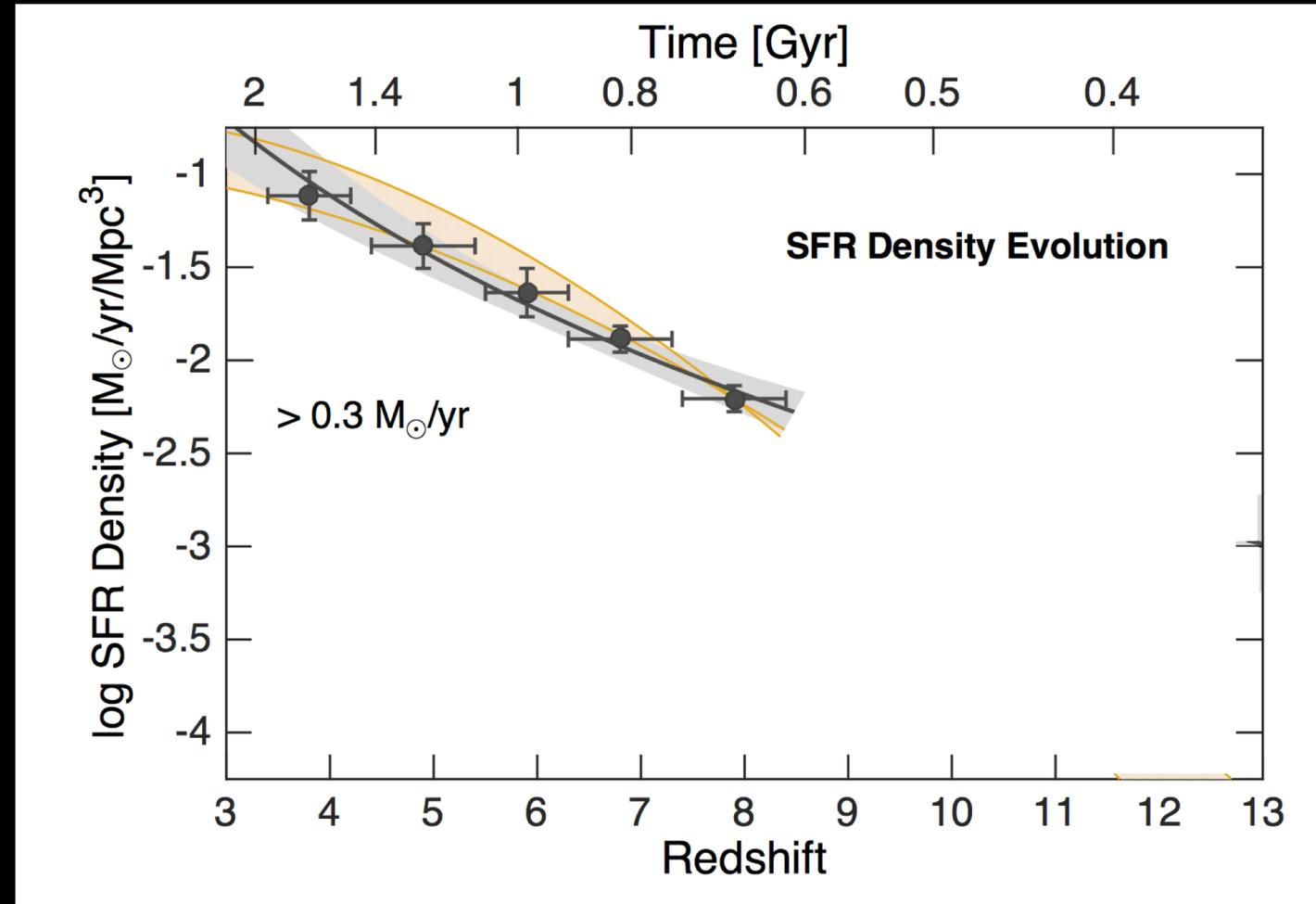


the situation at $z \sim 10$ is unexpected

the numbers of objects is smaller than predicted by
models – the offsets are quite systematic



the star formation rate density to $z \sim 8$ (650 Myr)



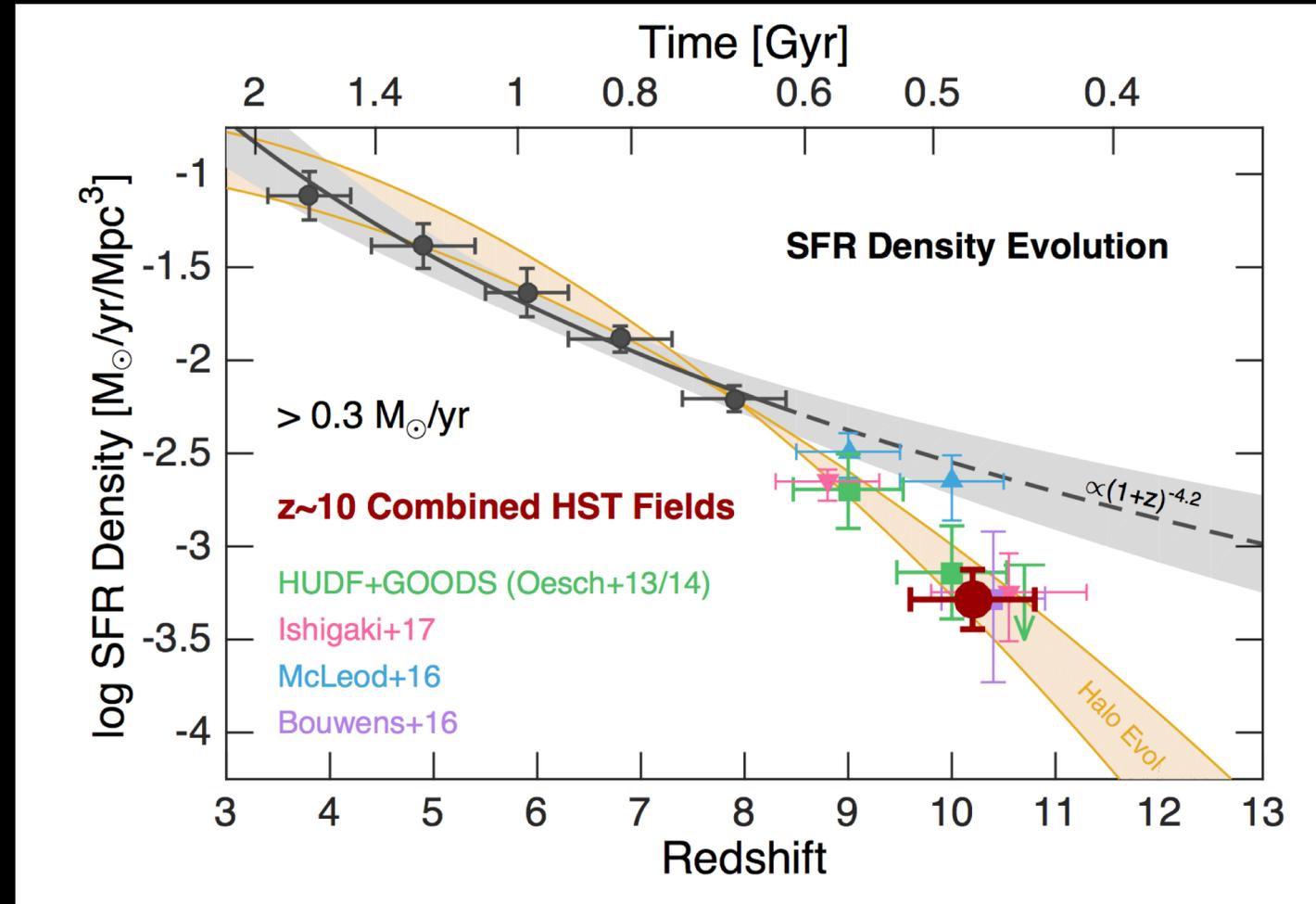
Oesch+2013,2014,2017

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“accelerated evolution” – the star formation rate density at $z \sim 9-10$

clearly a trend to lower SFRD at $z > 8$

“accelerated evolution”



Oesch+2013,2014,2017

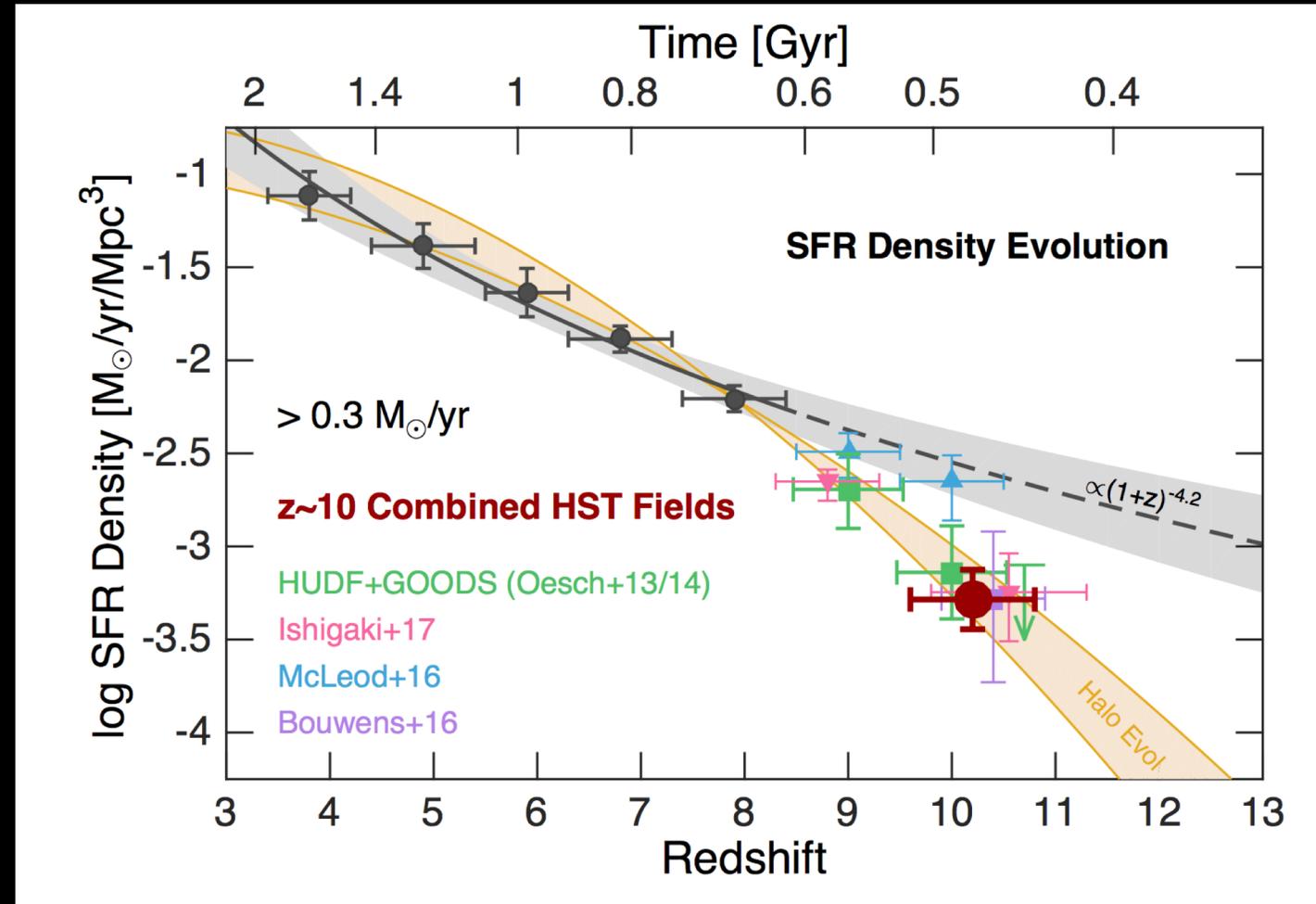
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*dark matter halo growth ($> \sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$) from HMFcalc – Murray+2013



Oesch+2013,2014,2017

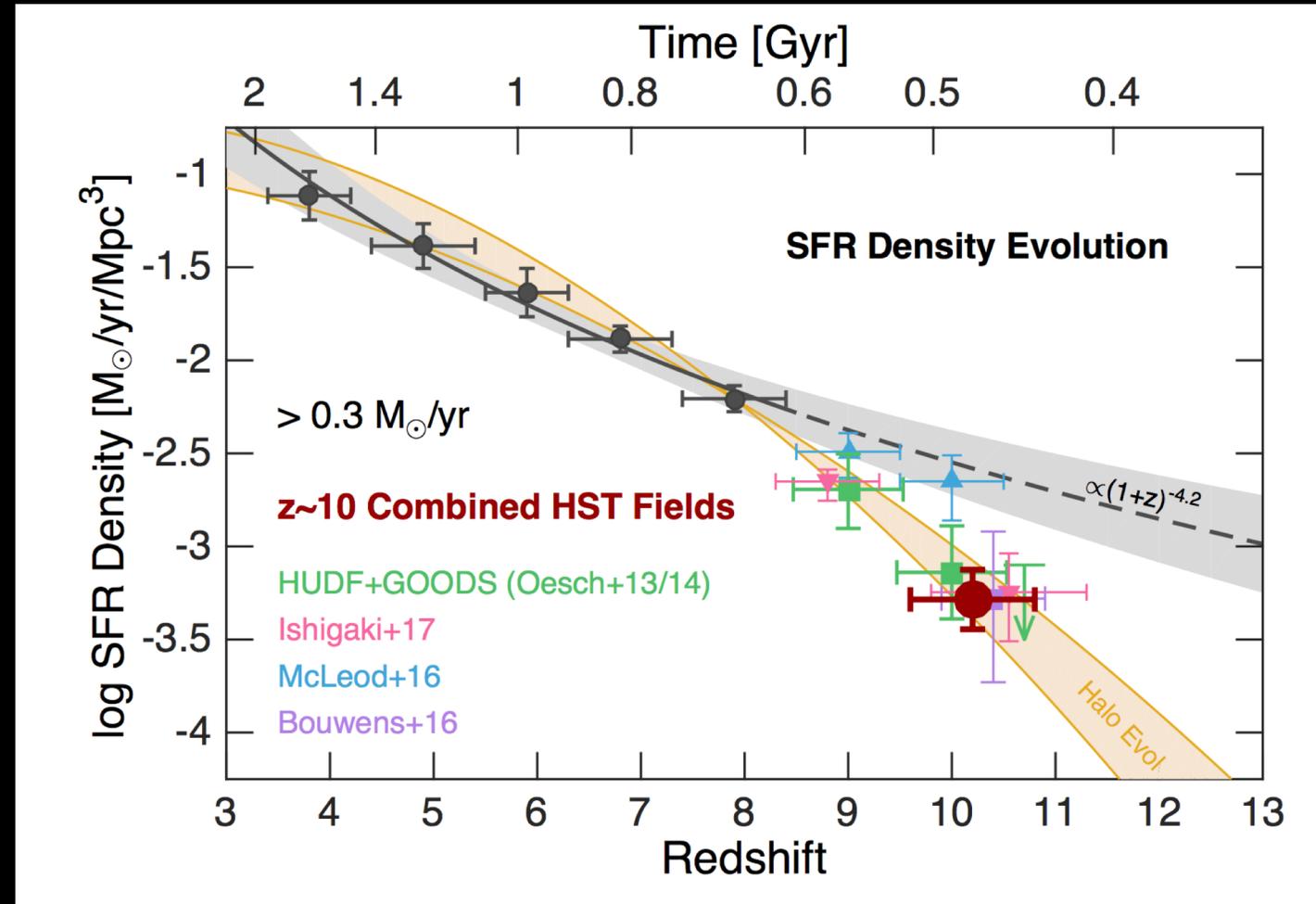
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Note: this result also indicates that there is no evolution in Star Formation Efficiency (SFE) with cosmic time

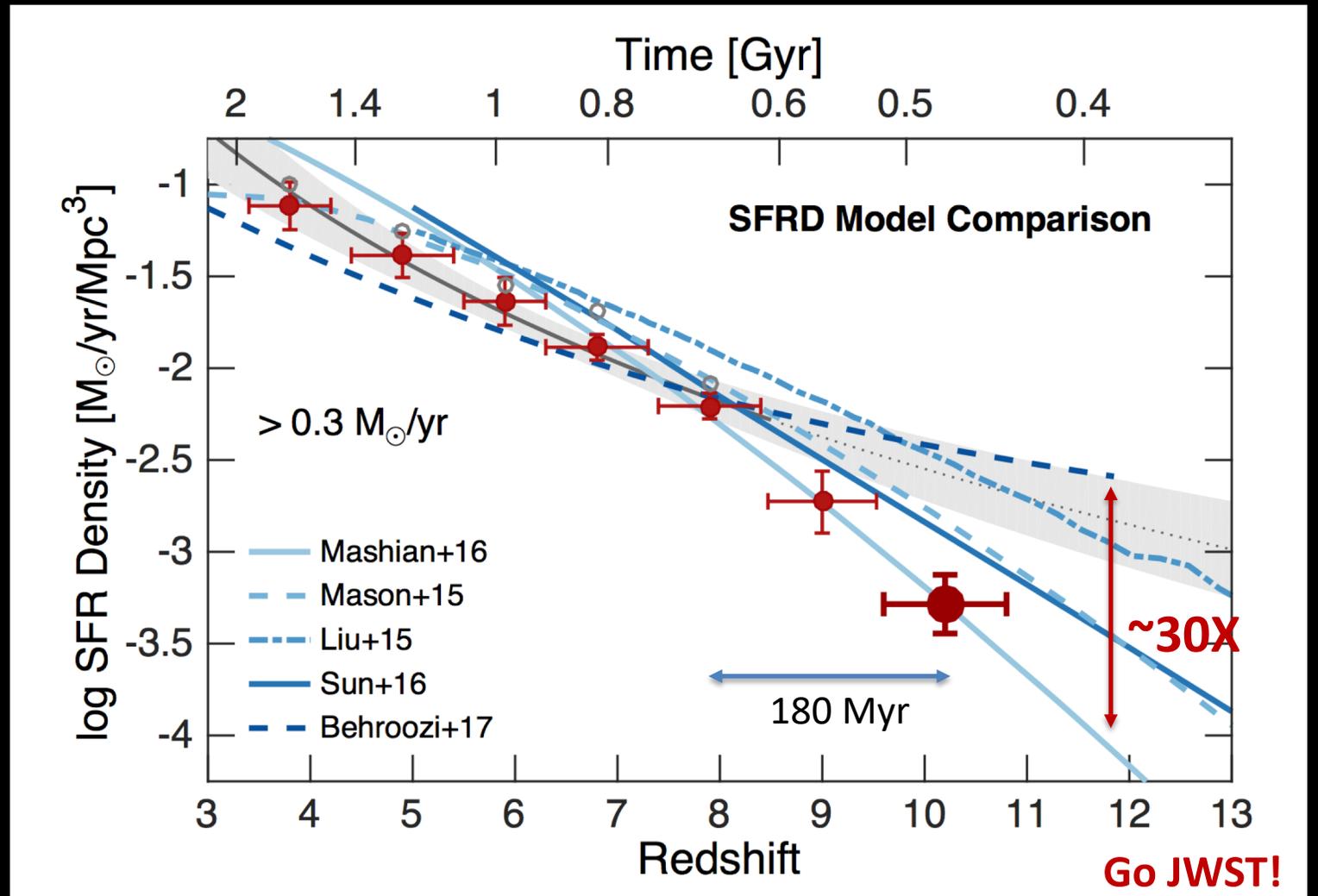


Oesch+2013,2014,2017

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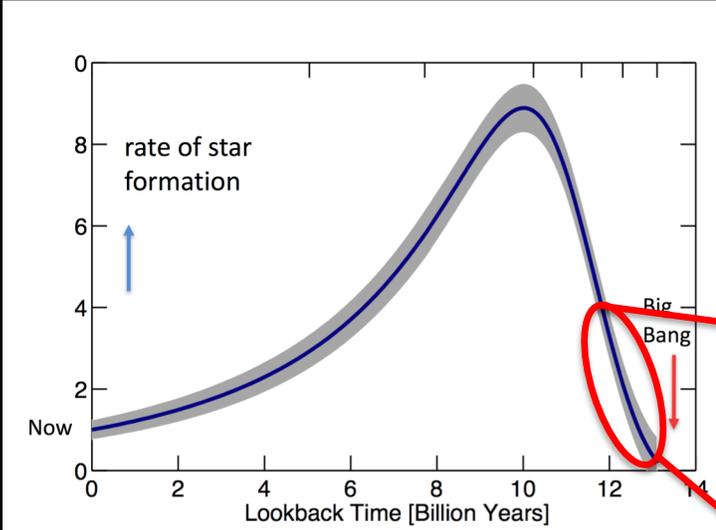
model comparisons – the star formation rate density at $z > 6$

note that there is a large range of shapes/slopes!

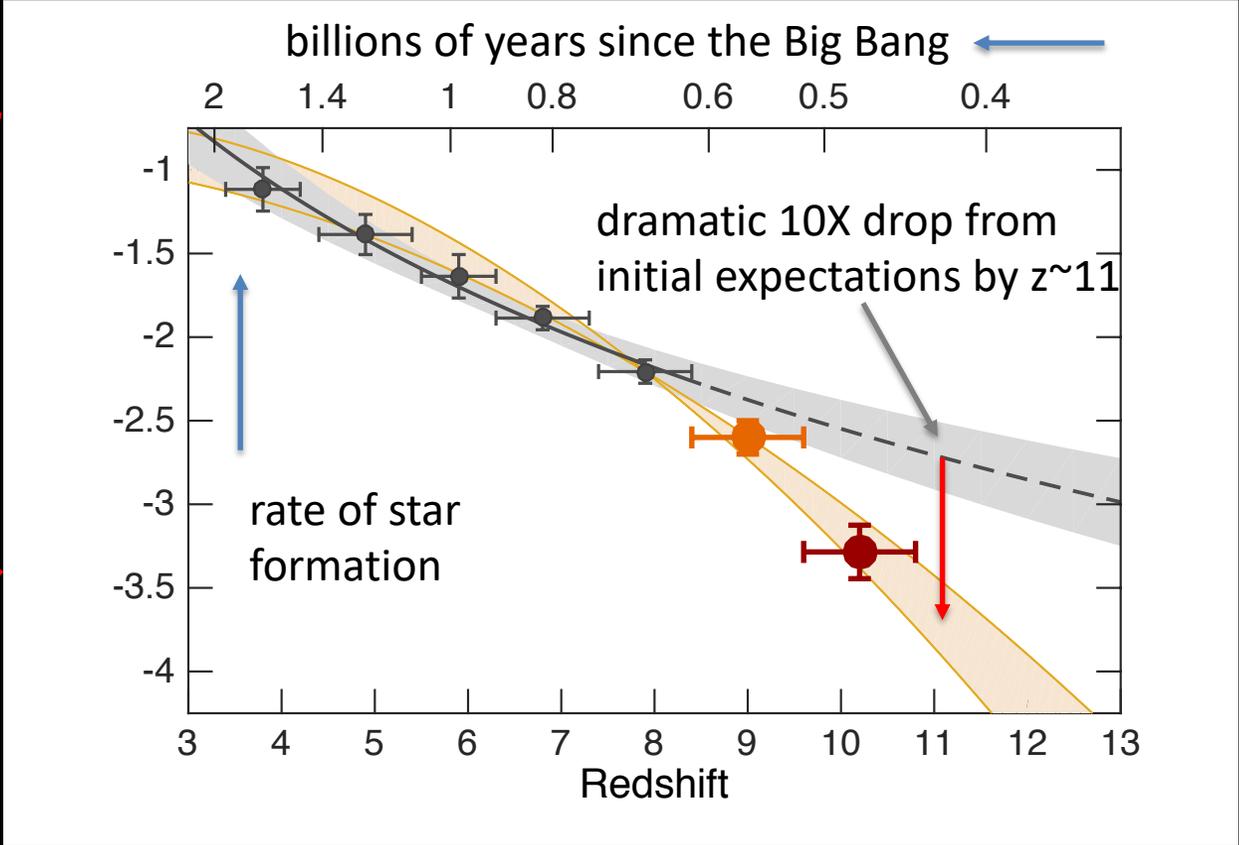


Oesch+2017

way fewer galaxies than expected at redshift 10!

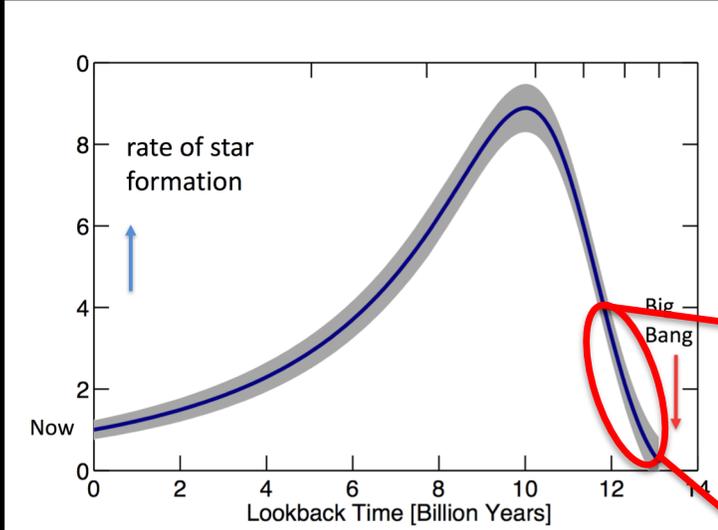


there are far fewer galaxies than we (naively) expected at early times

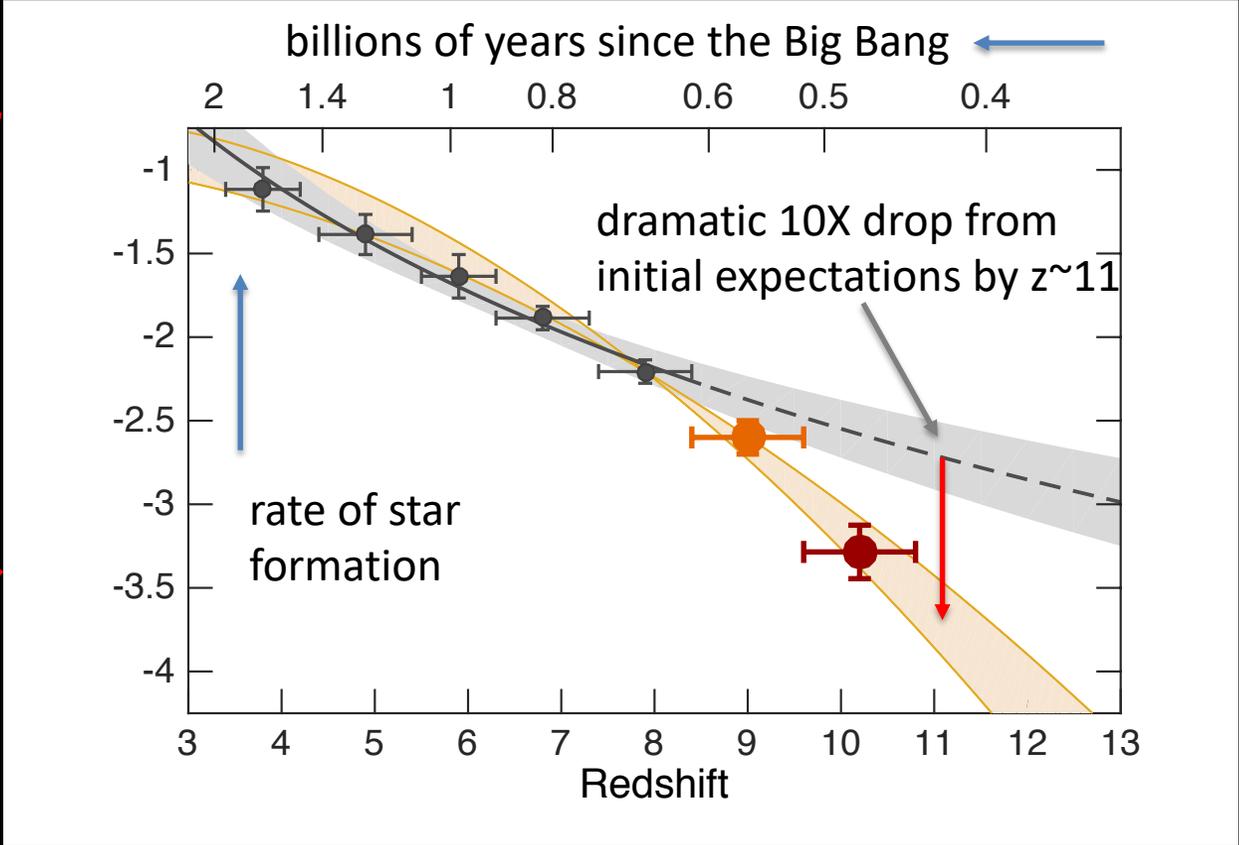


galaxies are evolving rapidly earlier than 650 million years

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“accelerated evolution” is a very important result in the search for the “first galaxies”

when did the “first stars” appear?



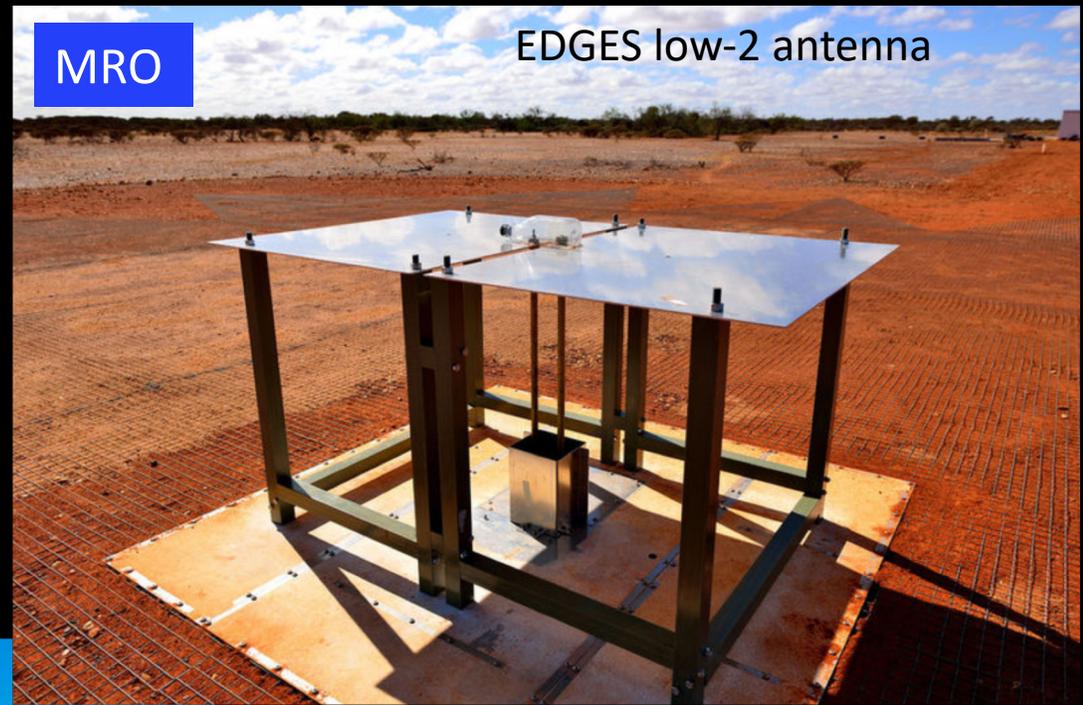
Murchison Radio-
Astronomy
Observatory (MRO)

*detection of when first stars
“turned on”*

EDGES:
Experiment to Detect the Global Epoch of Reionization Signature

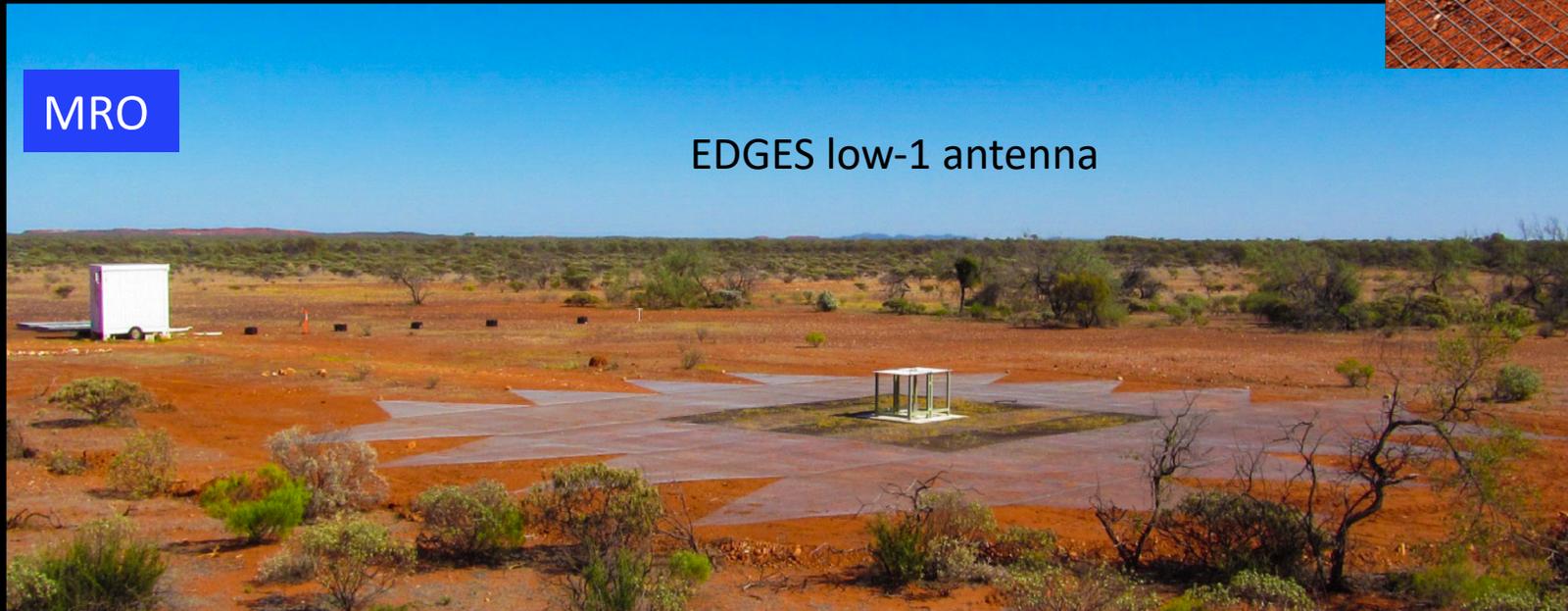
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EDGES low-2 antenna



MRO

EDGES low-1 antenna



Recent RESULT

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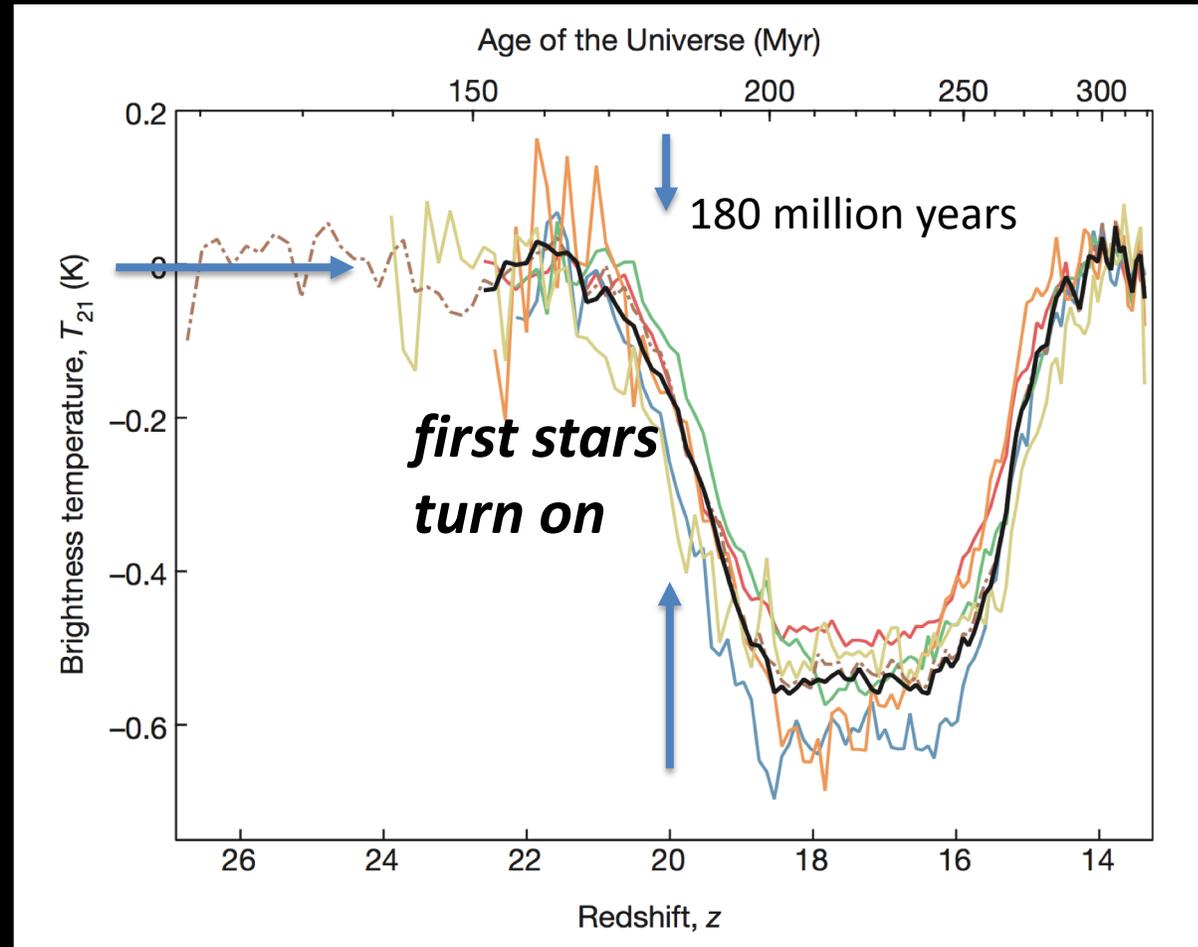
Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO) in Western Australia

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the “first stars”

when the “first stars” started
to produce UV $L\alpha$ photons

cosmic
microwave
background



EDGES: first stars become prominent at redshift $z \sim 20$ (~ 180 million years)

the “first stars”

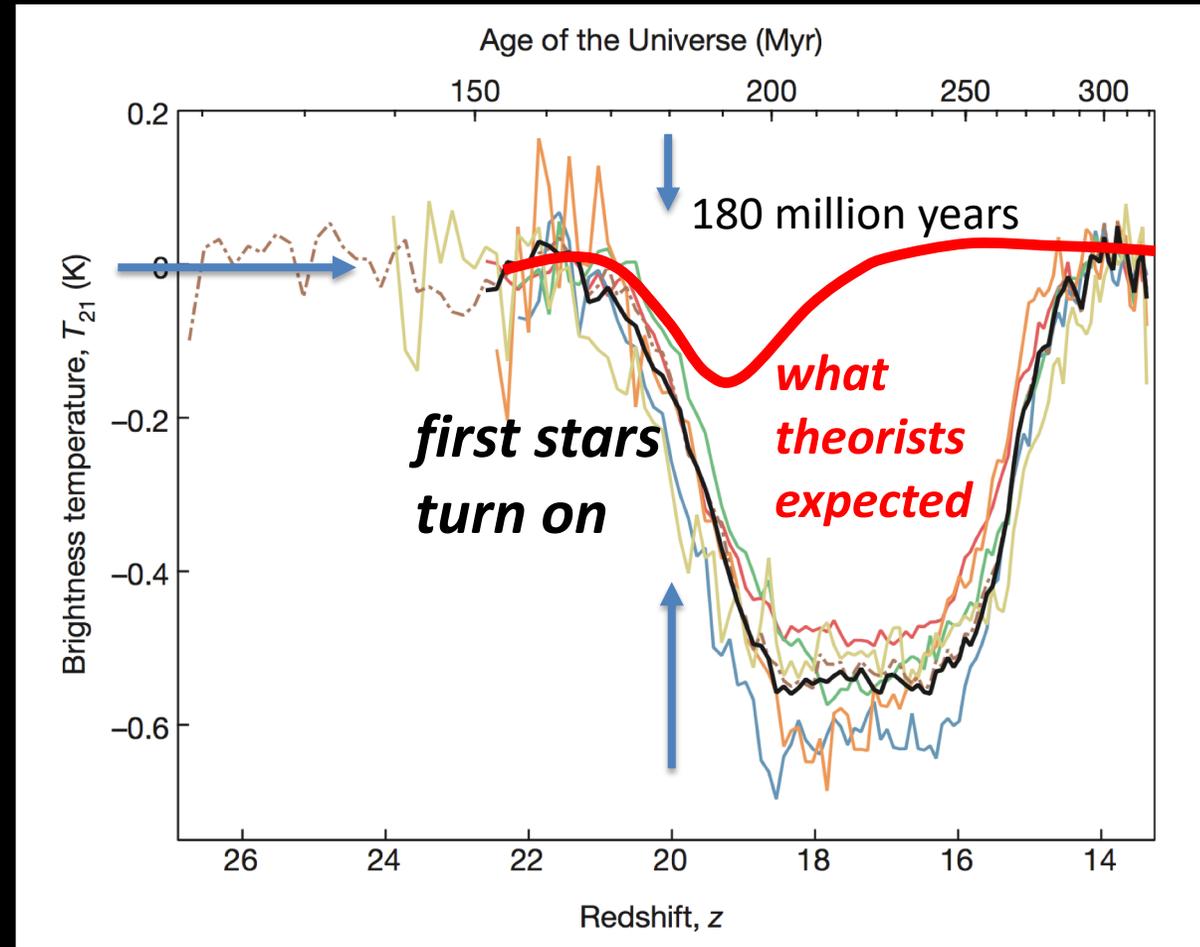
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is this result correct?

confirmation?

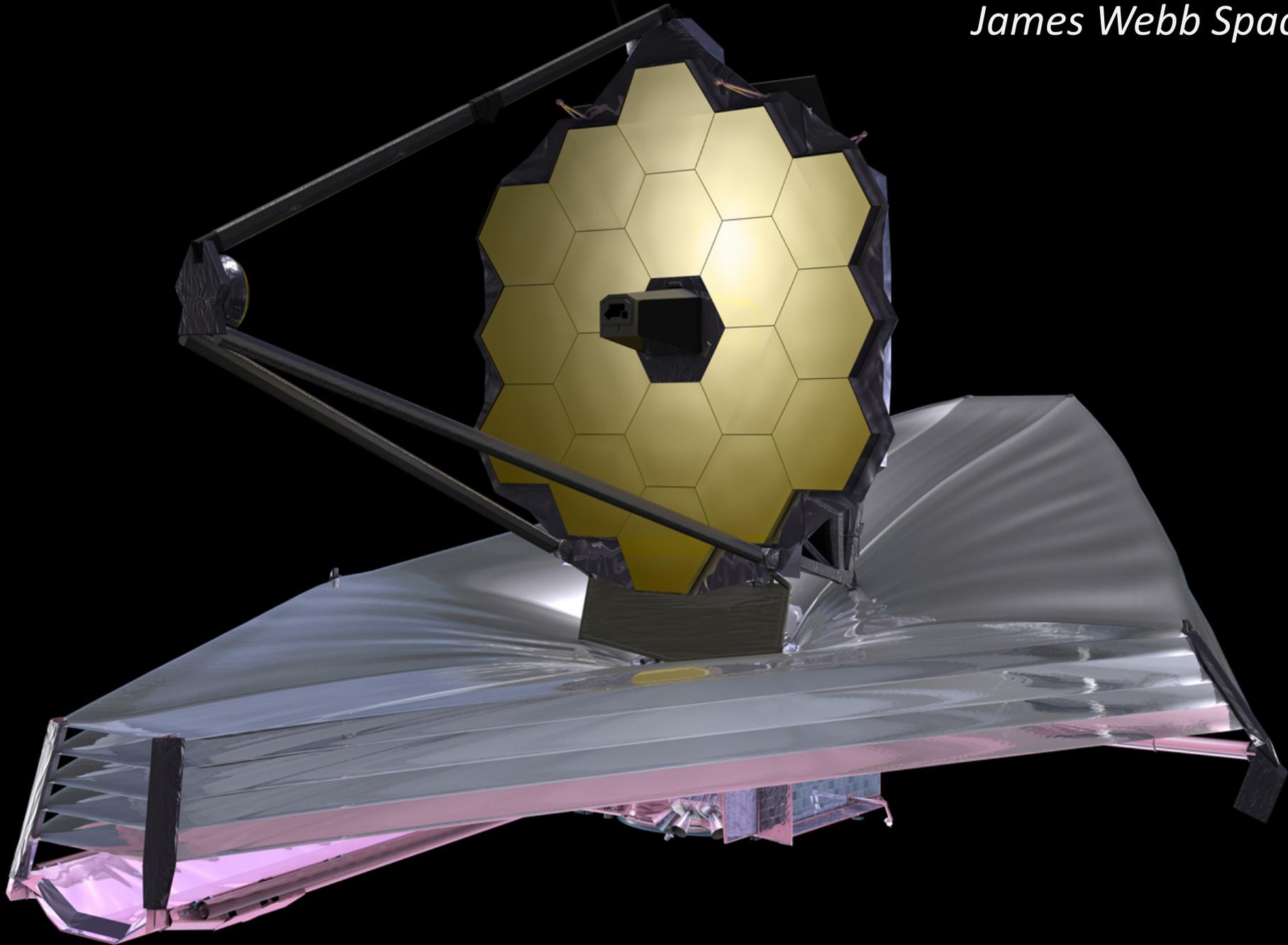
implications:
(dark matter interactions)?



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*➤ what comes next in our search for the
“first galaxies”? ➤*

James Webb Space Telescope



full-size JWST model at "South by Southwest"

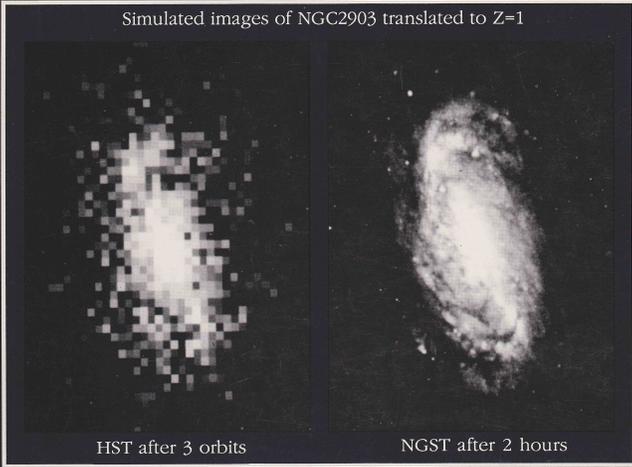


people



THE NEXT GENERATION SPACE TELESCOPE

Simulated images of NGC2903 translated to Z=1



Proceedings of a Workshop held at the
Space Telescope Science Institute
Baltimore, Maryland,
13-15 September 1989



1989

NASA
National Aeronautics
and Space Administration

Riccardo Giacconi told us
that it would take a long
time – “start early”

WORKING PAPERS

Astronomy
and Astrophysics
Panel Reports

1991

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

NGST started at STScI in the mid-
late 1980s by Pierre Bely, Peter
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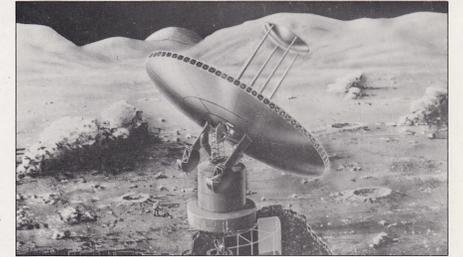
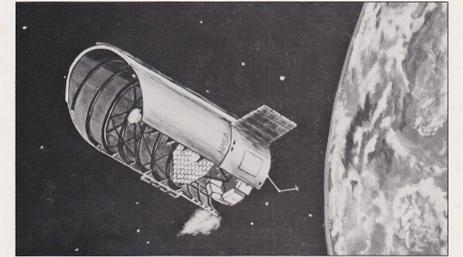
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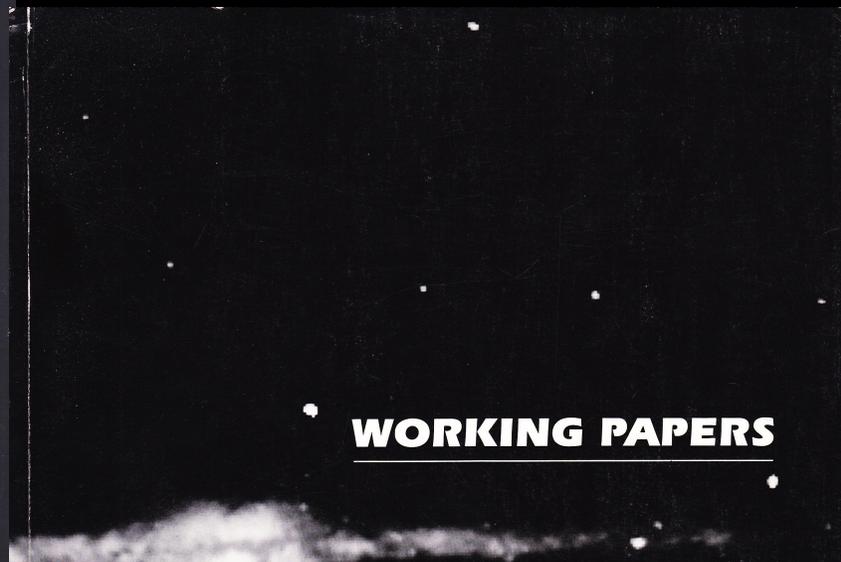
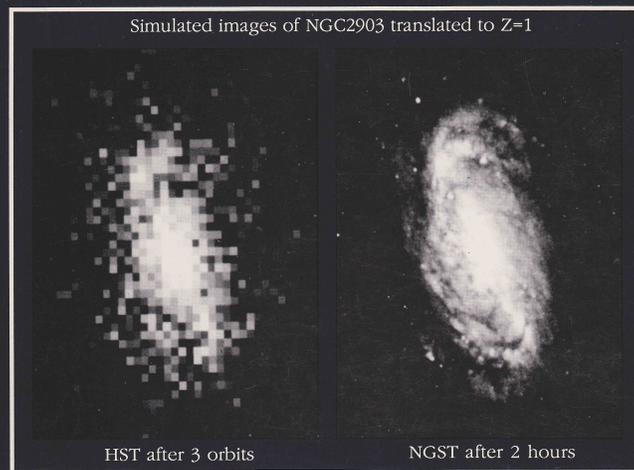
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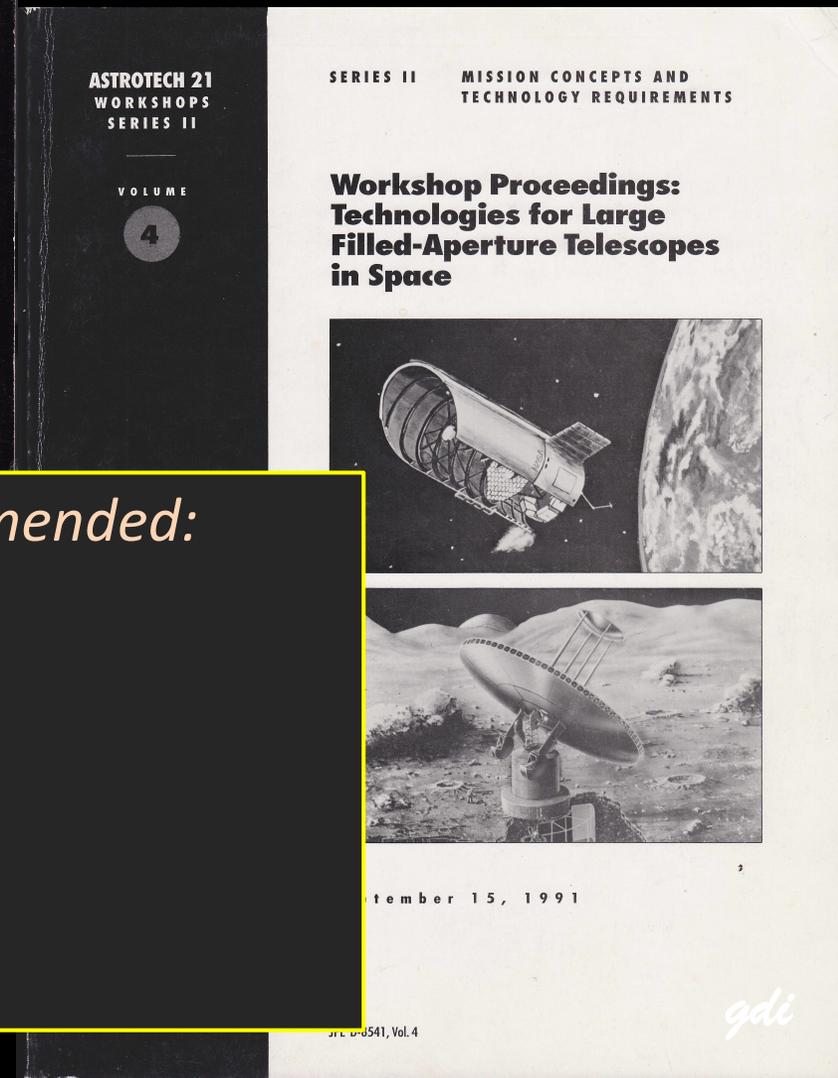
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30+ years from NGST mission concept to JWST launch!

THE NEXT GENERATION SPACE TELESCOPE



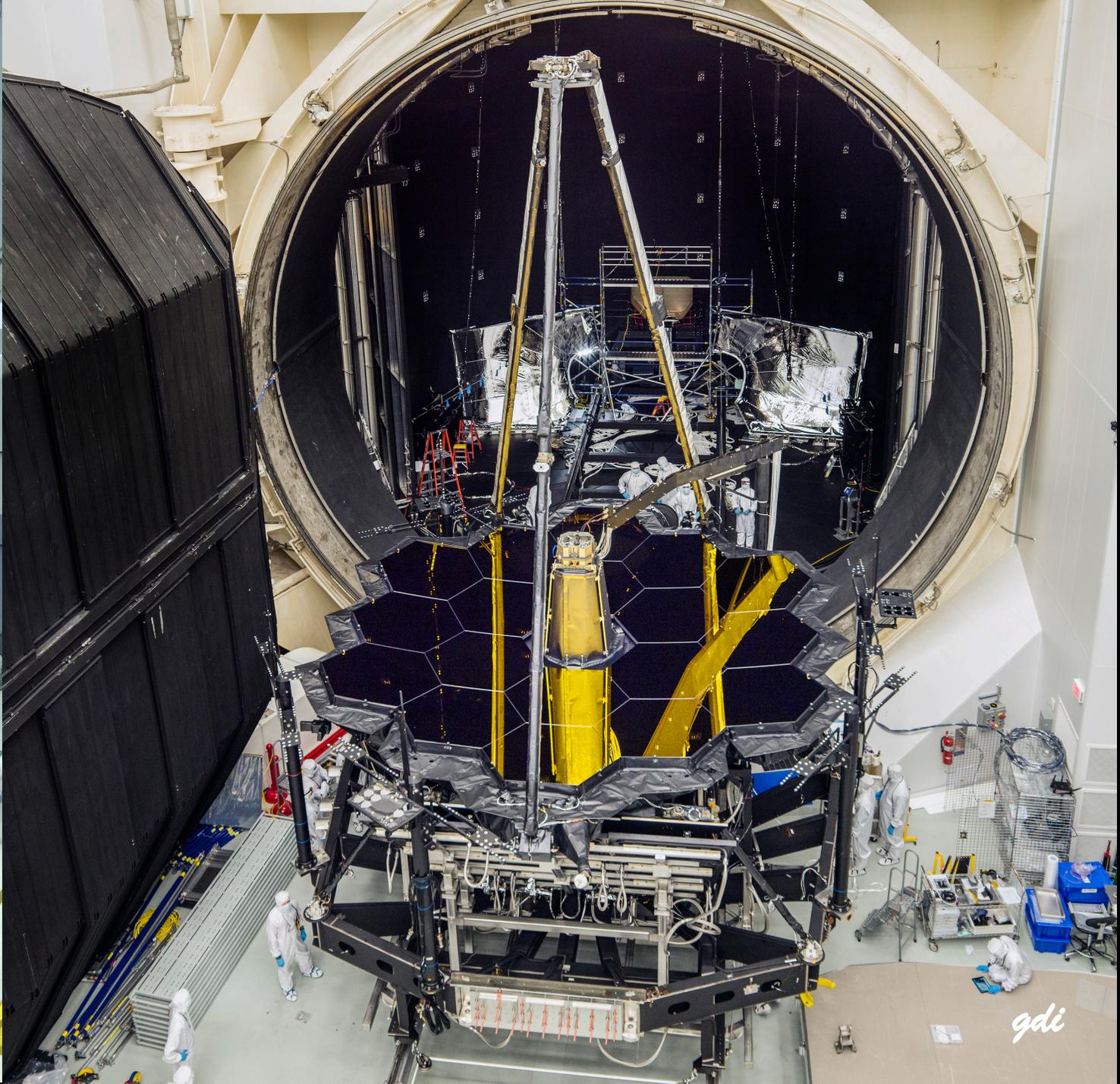
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1990 Decadal Survey: UV-Optical in Space Panel recommended:

- *6-m passively-cooled infrared telescope*
- *derived a cost of \$2B in FY90\$ (~\$4B in 2018\$)*
- *for launch in 2009 to a high orbit*





recent issues shifted launch date out by ~2 years

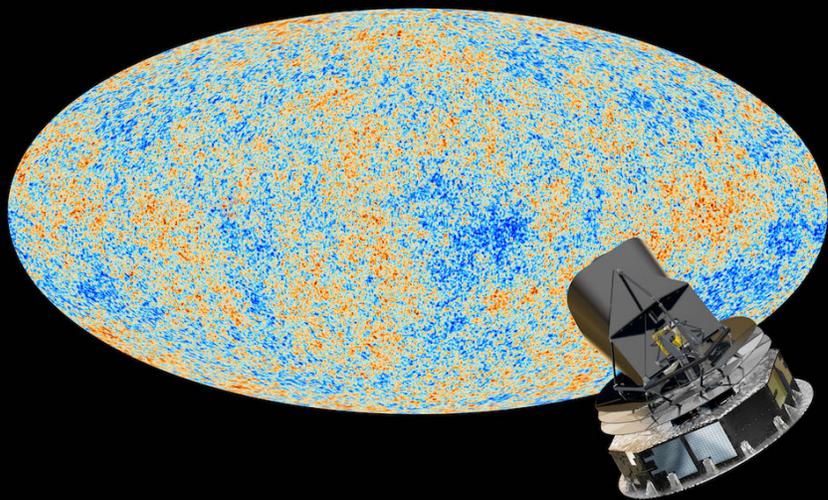
current launch date: late 2020

can JWST find the first galaxies?

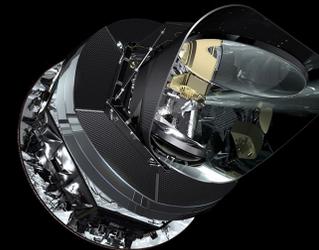
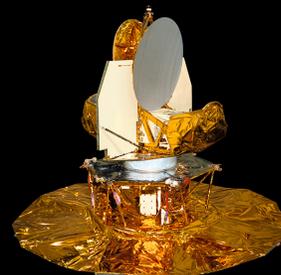
will they be so rare that they will be hard to find?

will they occur at such high redshifts that they will
be hard for JWST to see?

*measuring the fluctuations in the 3°K
microwave background across the whole sky*



Planck all-sky map of the
microwave 3°K background

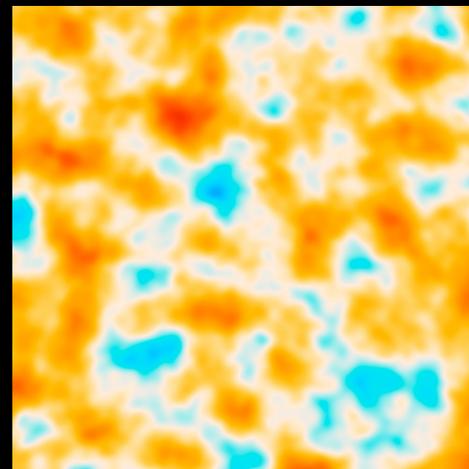


three amazing missions



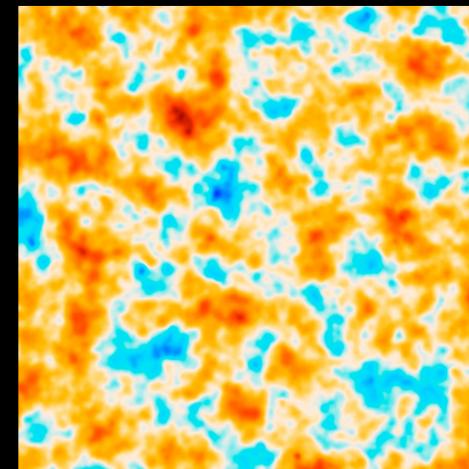
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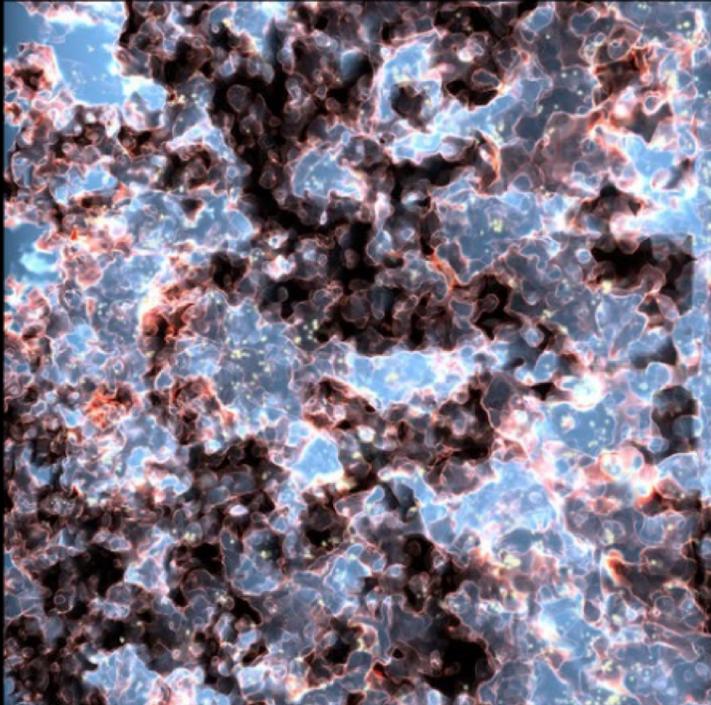


Planck

2009

reionization epoch – Planck 2016/2018 results

remarkable mission



reionization simulation: Alvarez et al. 2009

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...Thomson optical depth: $\tau = 0.054 \pm 0.007$

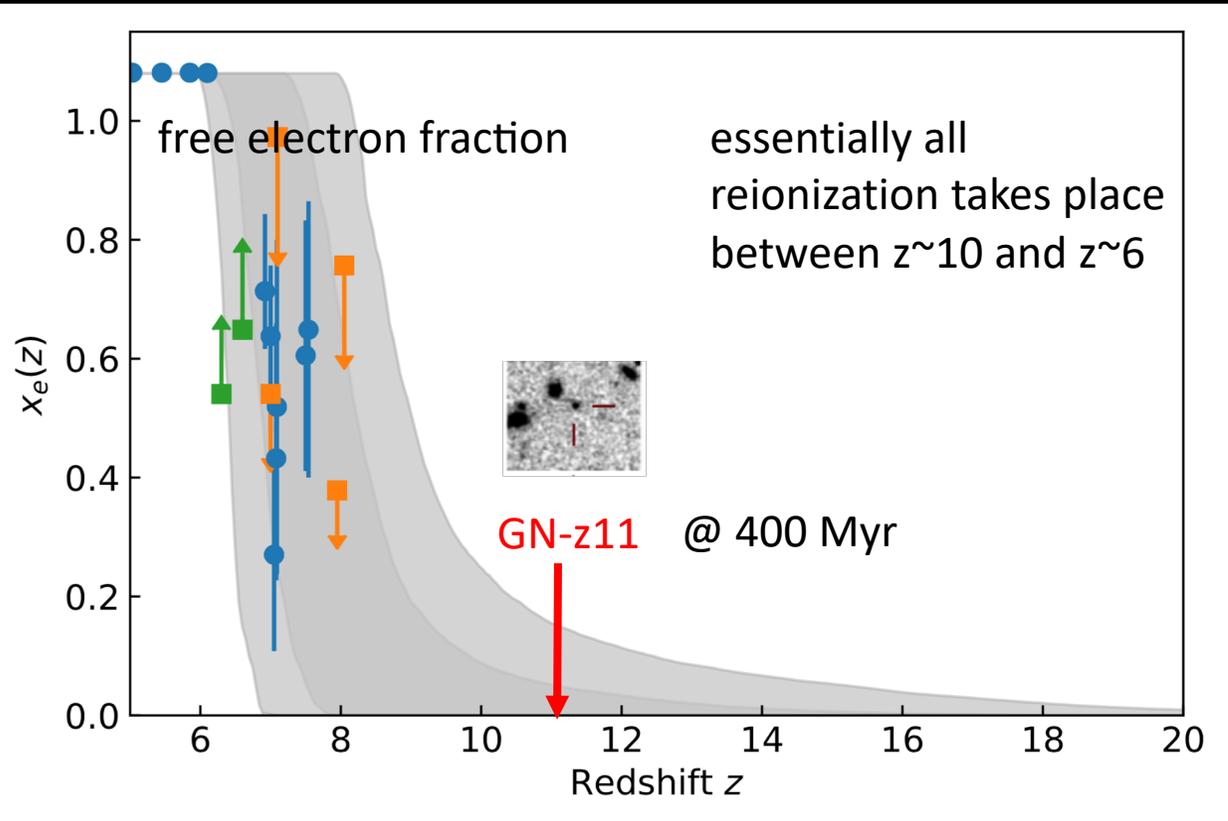
...mid-point redshift at which reionization occurs is found to lie at $z = 7.7 \pm 0.7$

...upper limit to the width of the reionization period of $\Delta z < 2.8$.

...the Universe is ionized at much less than the 10% level at redshifts above $z \simeq 10$...
 (<1% above $z \simeq 15$)

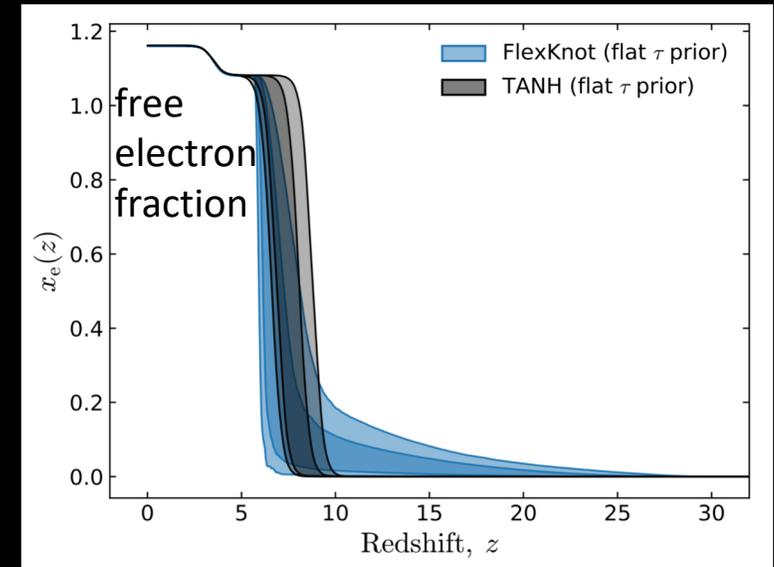
...an early onset of reionization is strongly disfavored by *Planck* data

reionization constraints from Planck 2018



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GN-z11 is a pathfinder into the epoch of the earliest galaxies

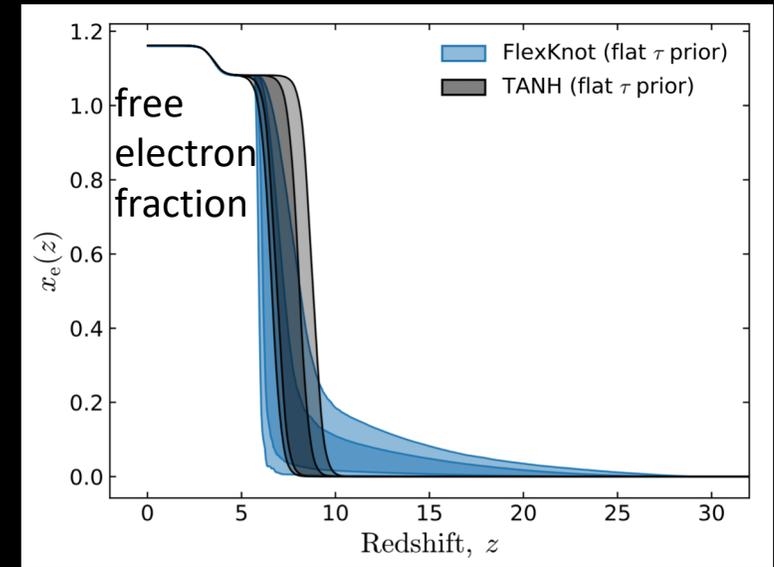
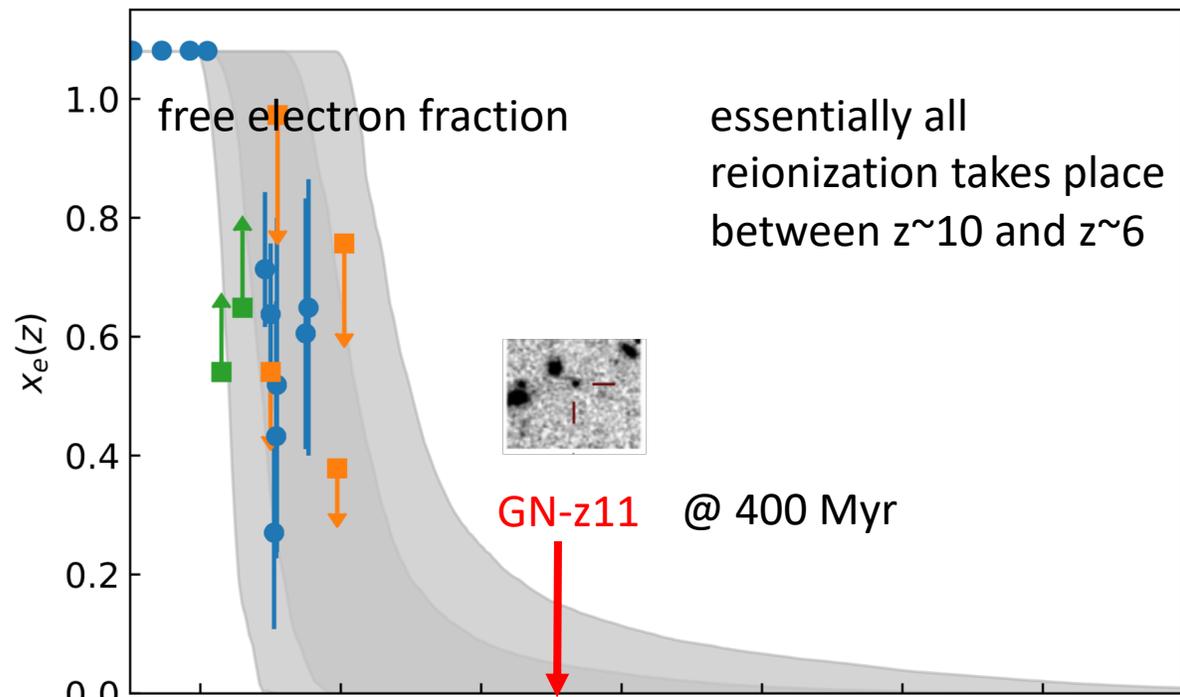


....*Planck* data prefer a late and fast transition from a neutral to an ionized universe....

....non-standard early galaxies or significantly evolving escape and clumping factors are no longer required

....nor do the *Planck* results require any emission from high-redshift ($z = 10-15$) galaxies

reionization constraints from Planck 2018



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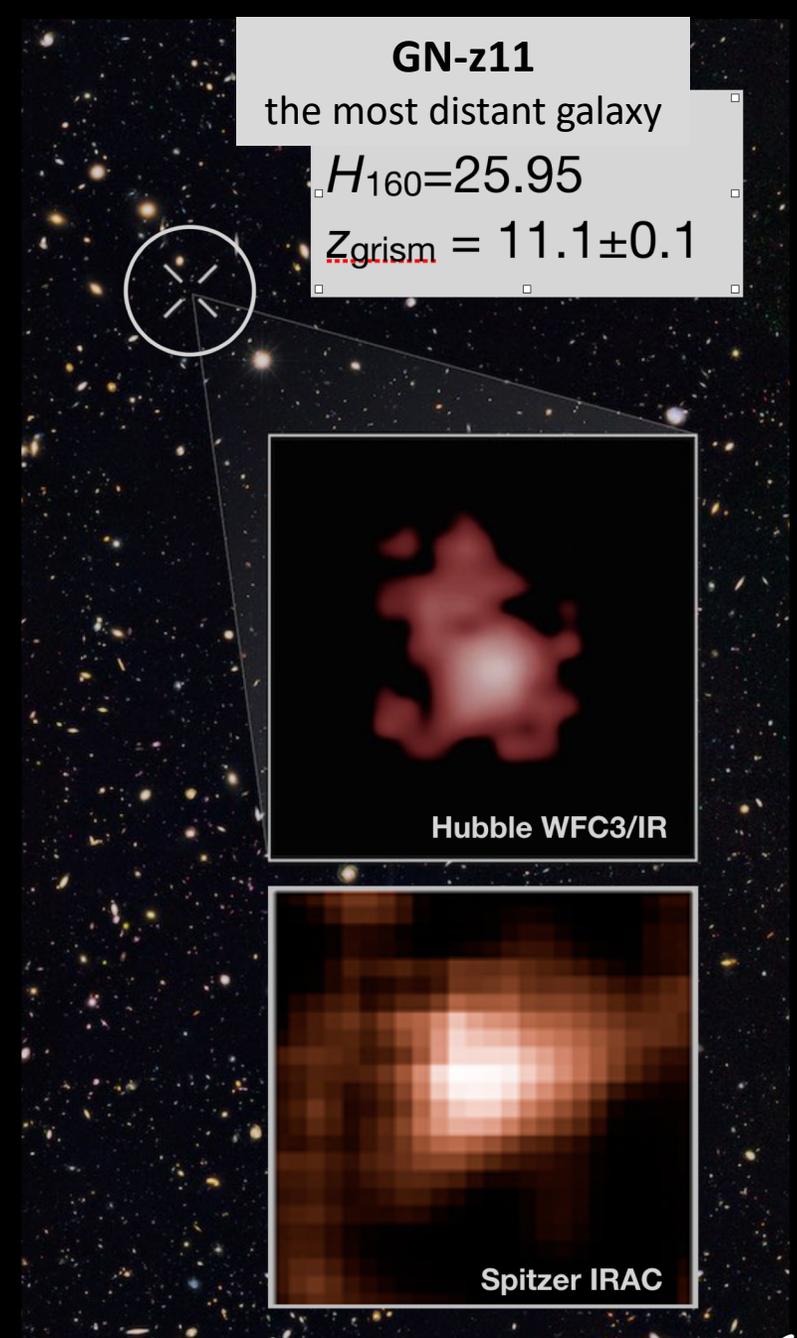
for the first time we now know when galaxies started to reionize the universe

this is a crucial piece of information for how far back we might have to look to find “first galaxies”

while GN-z11 is not a “first galaxy”,
but GN-z11 is a pathfinder

the new 2018 Planck results show that reionization
occurs almost entirely at $z < 10$

GN-z11 thus provides a window into cosmic
sunrise, before reionization occurs — an epoch we
thought was inaccessible without JWST!



reionization history compared with observational astrophysical constraints

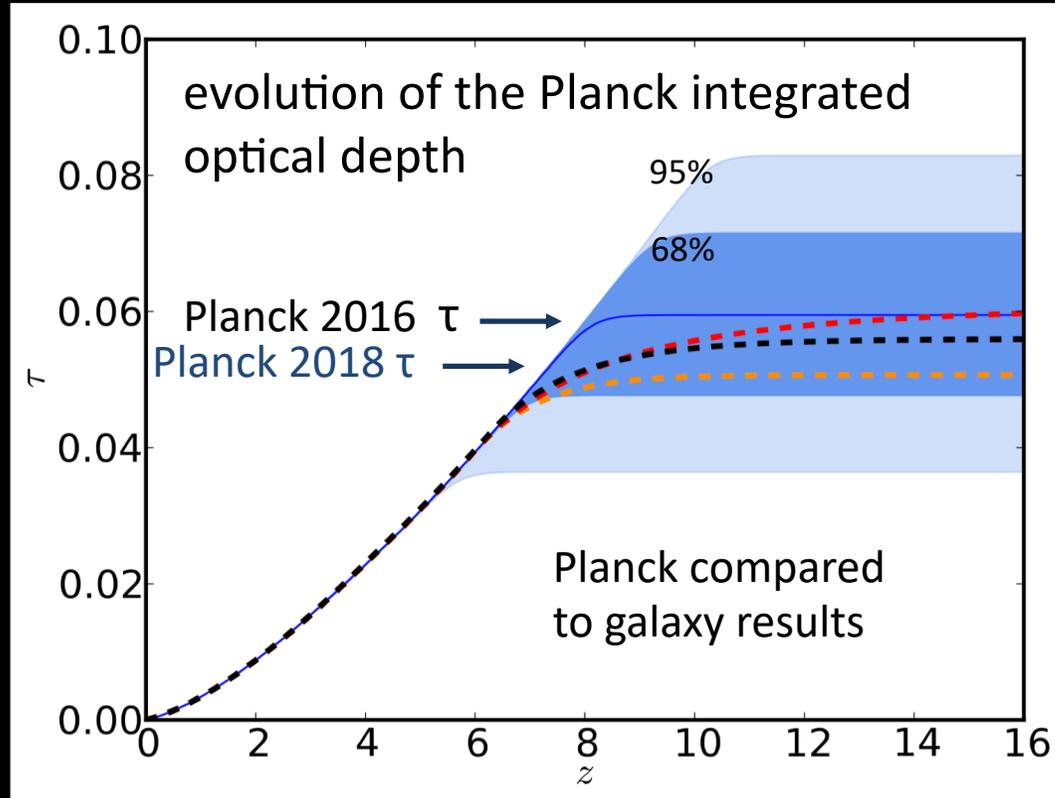
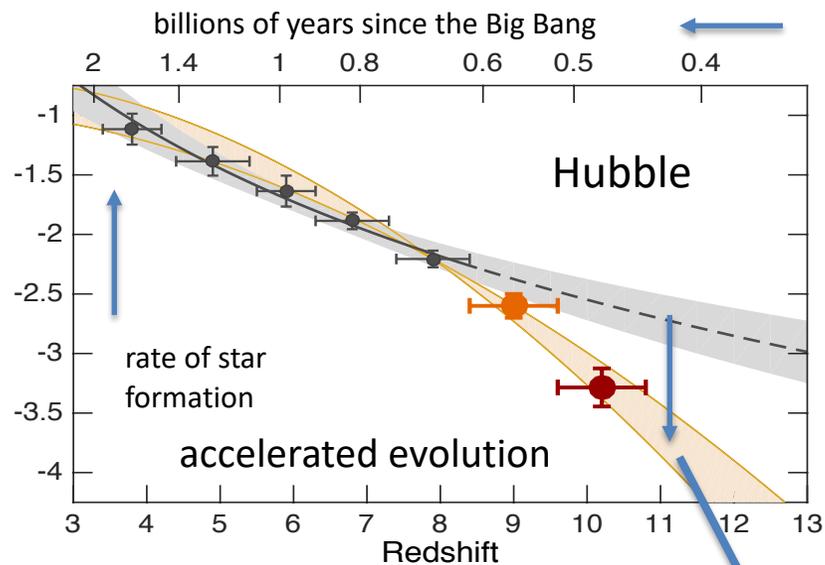


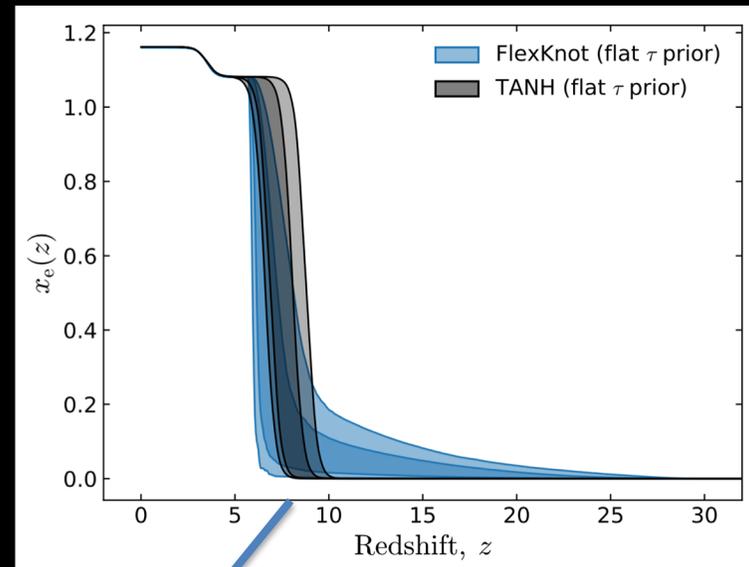
figure from Plank Collaboration XLVII + 2016

Bouwens+2015
Robertson+2015
Ishigaki+2015

striking consistency with Hubble results indicating that galaxies were responsible for reionization



can JWST see the
“first galaxies”?



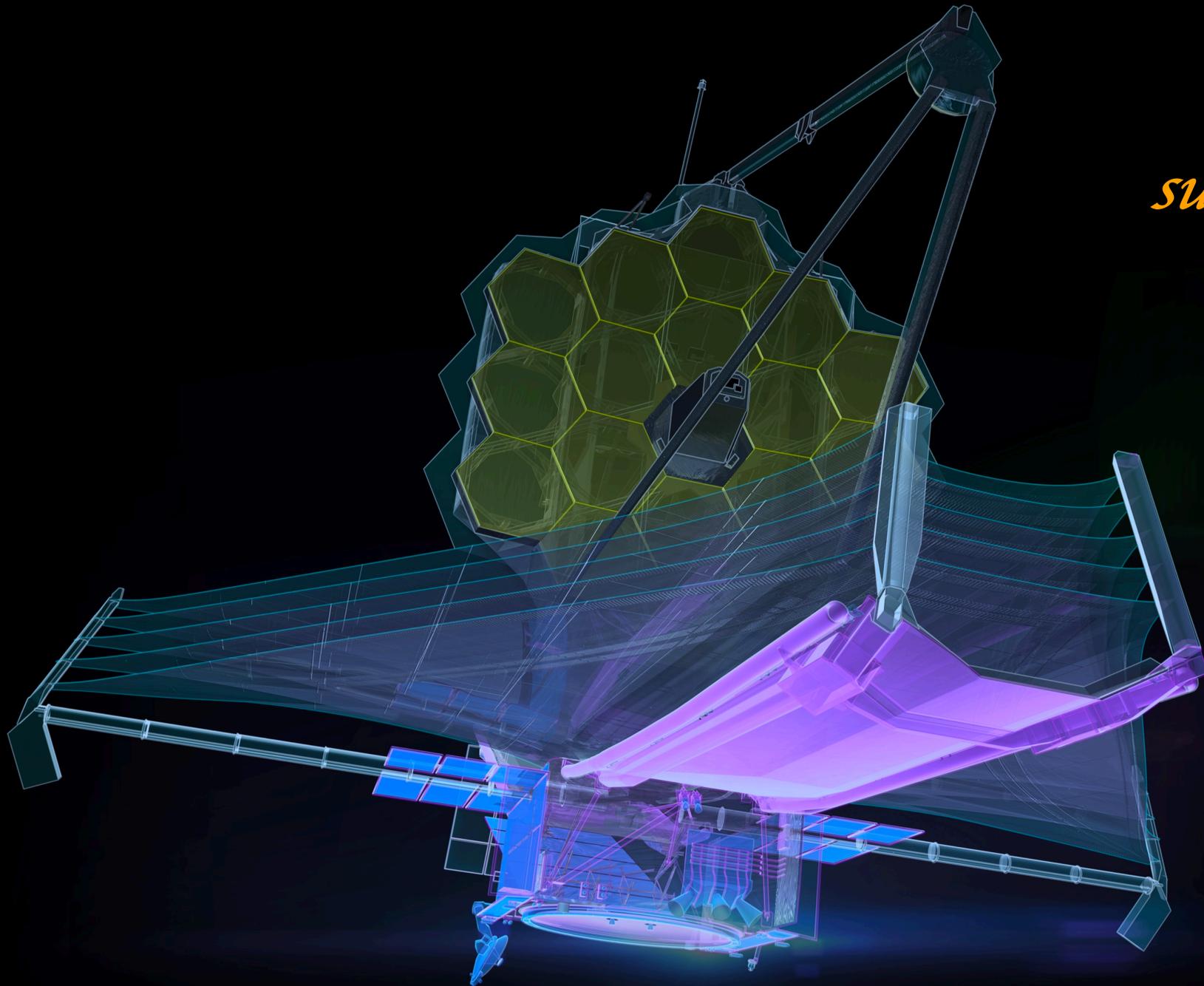
large 10X drop from expected at $z \sim 11$ + galaxy turn-on at $z \sim 10$

👉 suggest major changes in galaxy population at $z \sim 10-12-15$ 👈

great for JWST’s “first light” goal since galaxies are evolving rapidly at $z \sim 10-12-15$
and JWST will be able to detect galaxies out to $z \sim 15$

👉 JWST should reveal much about “Cosmic Sunrise”! 👈

*our cosmic
sunrise telescope*





Cosmic Sunrise: Revealing the First Galaxies with JWST

