

James Webb Space Telescope: Status and Perspective

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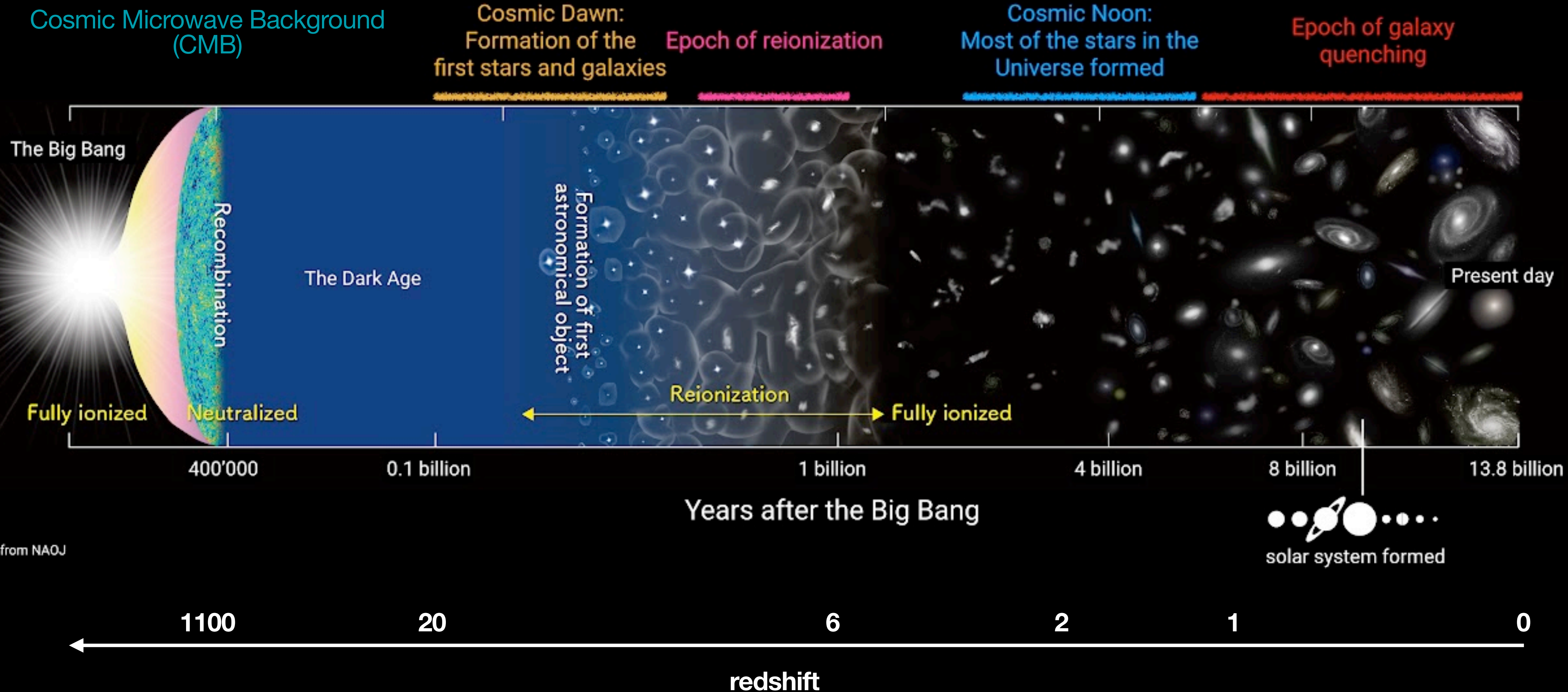
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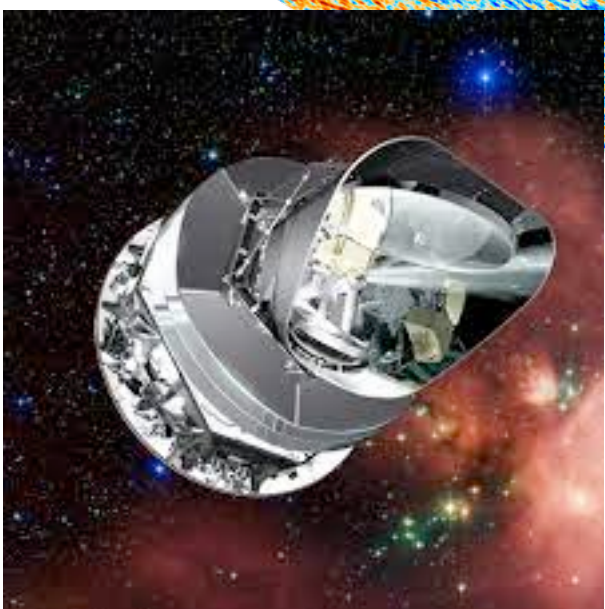
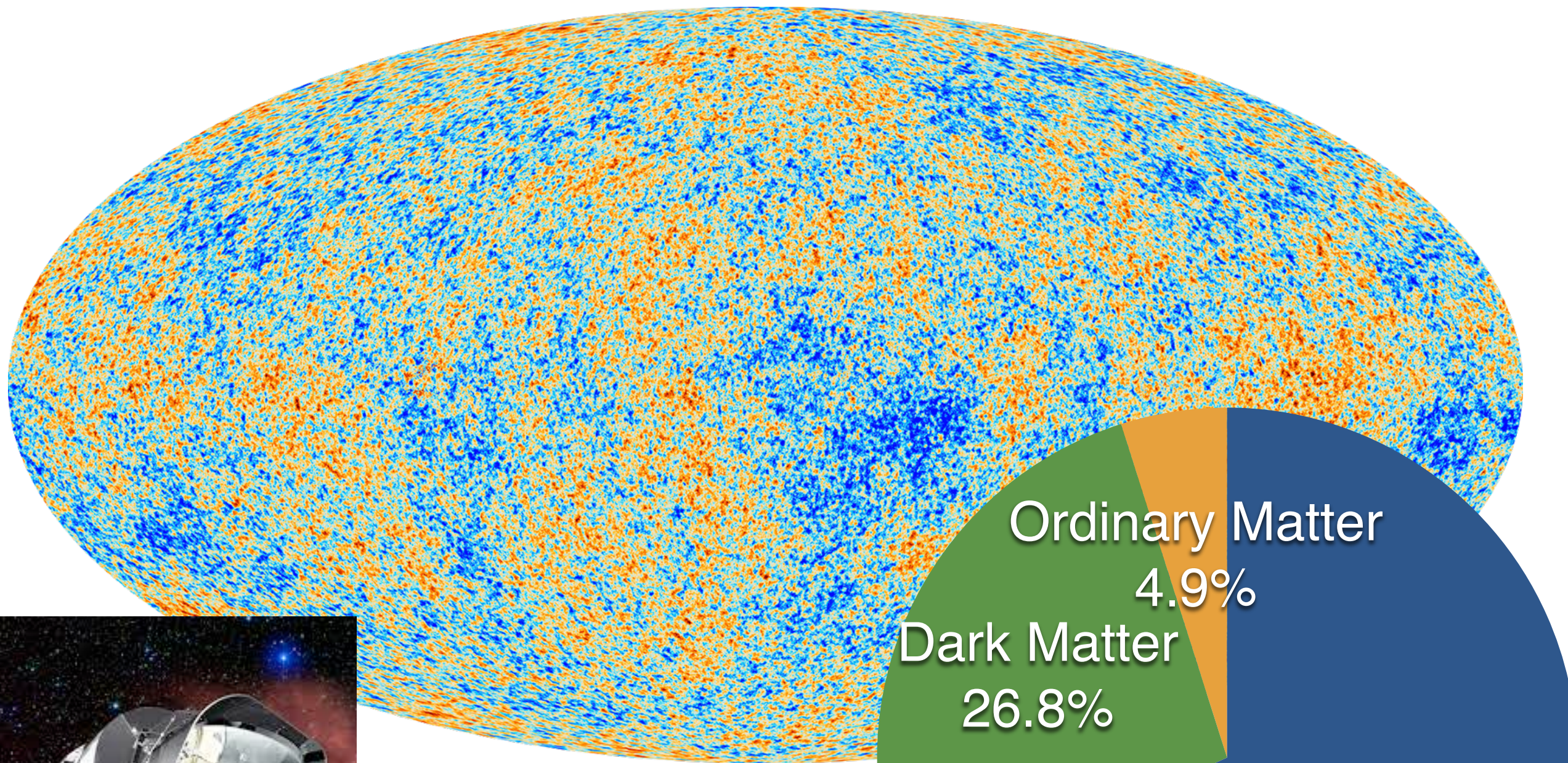
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Scale factor $a(t)$ depends on energy density of the Universe... need to measure the expansion of the Universe to infer its energy content via “standard rulers” (e.g., CMB, baryon acoustic oscillations [BAO]) or “standard candles” (e.g., supernovae).

Standard cosmological model (Λ CDM)

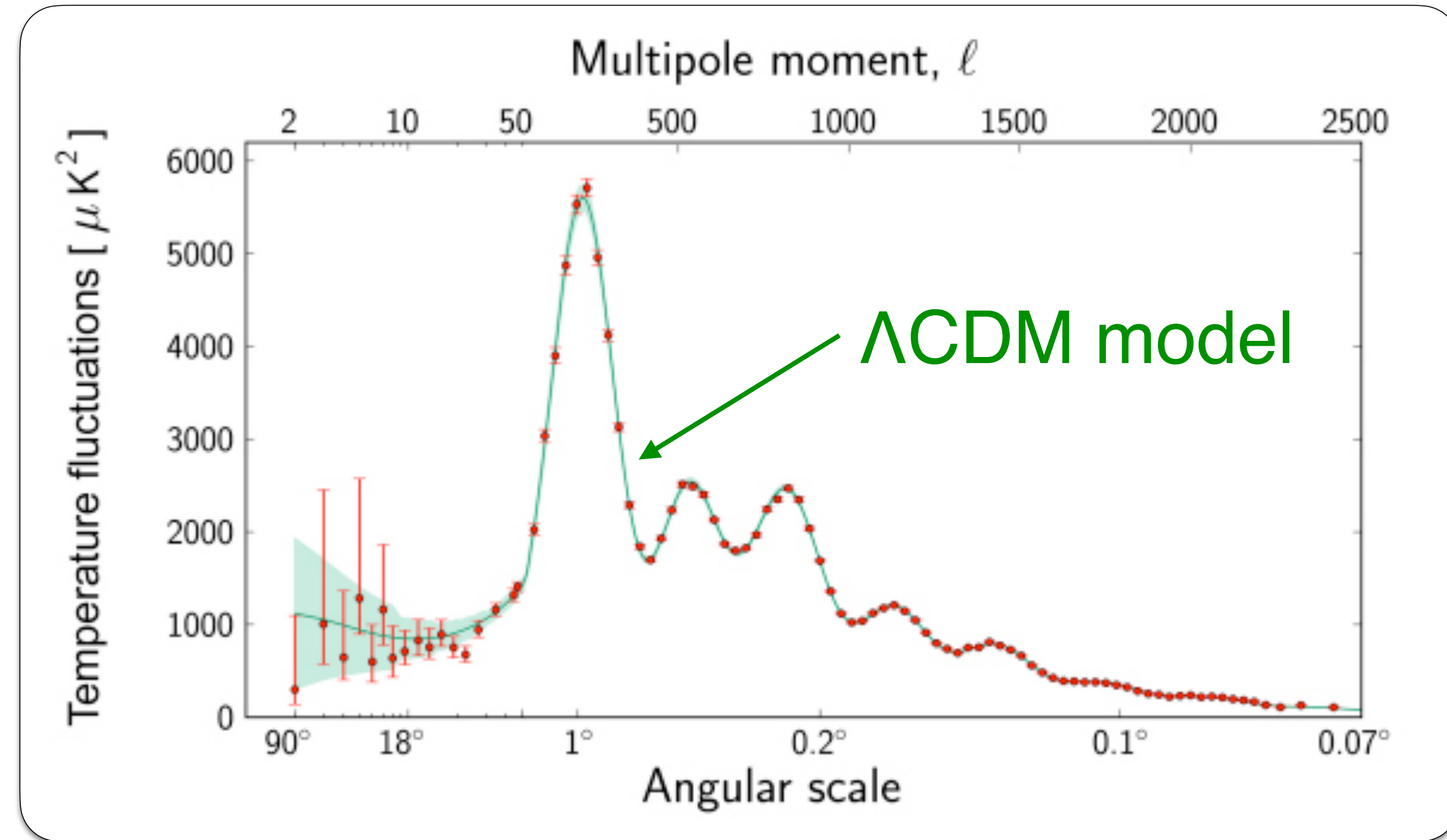
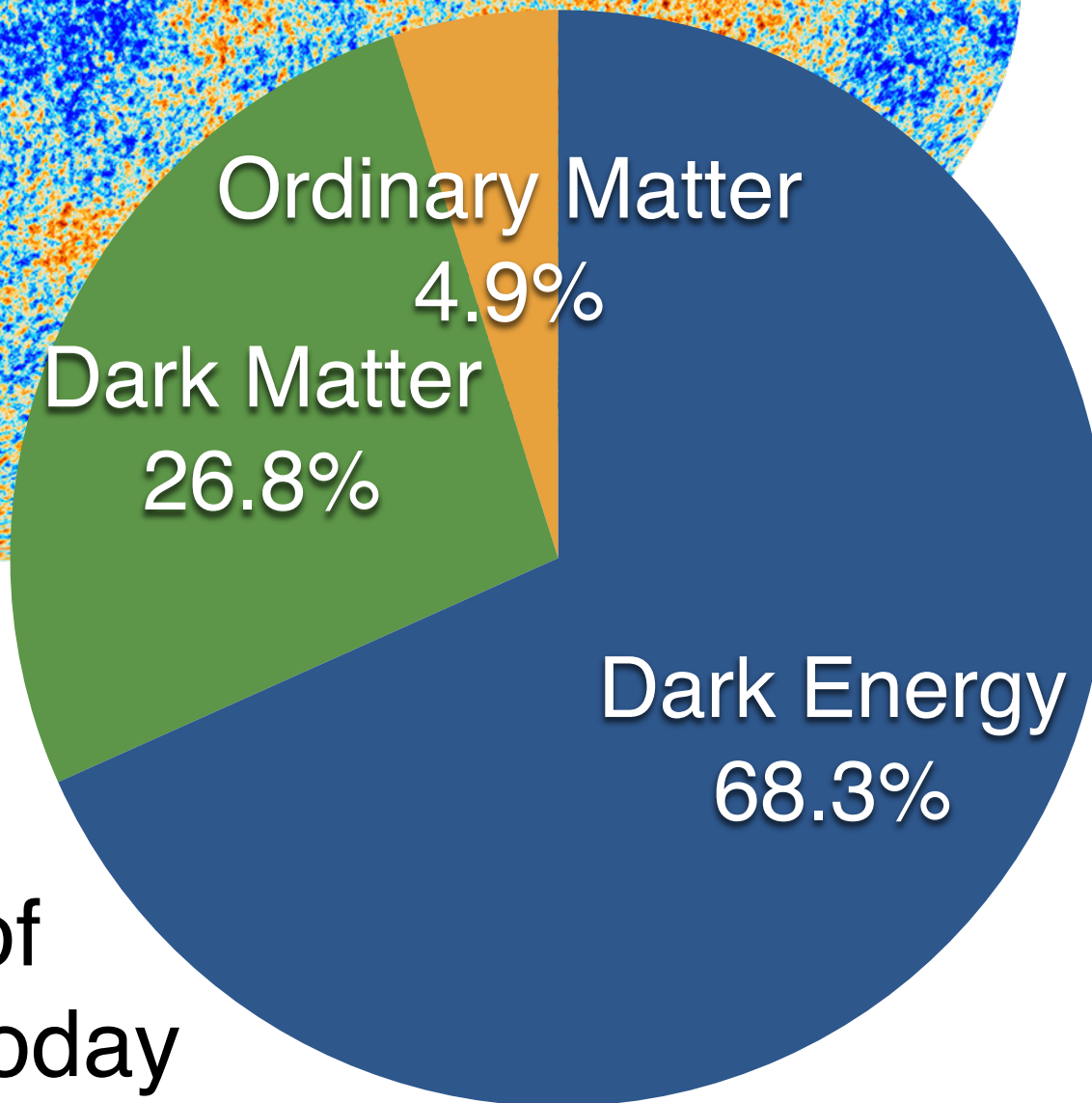
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Planck Satellite

Composition of the universe today



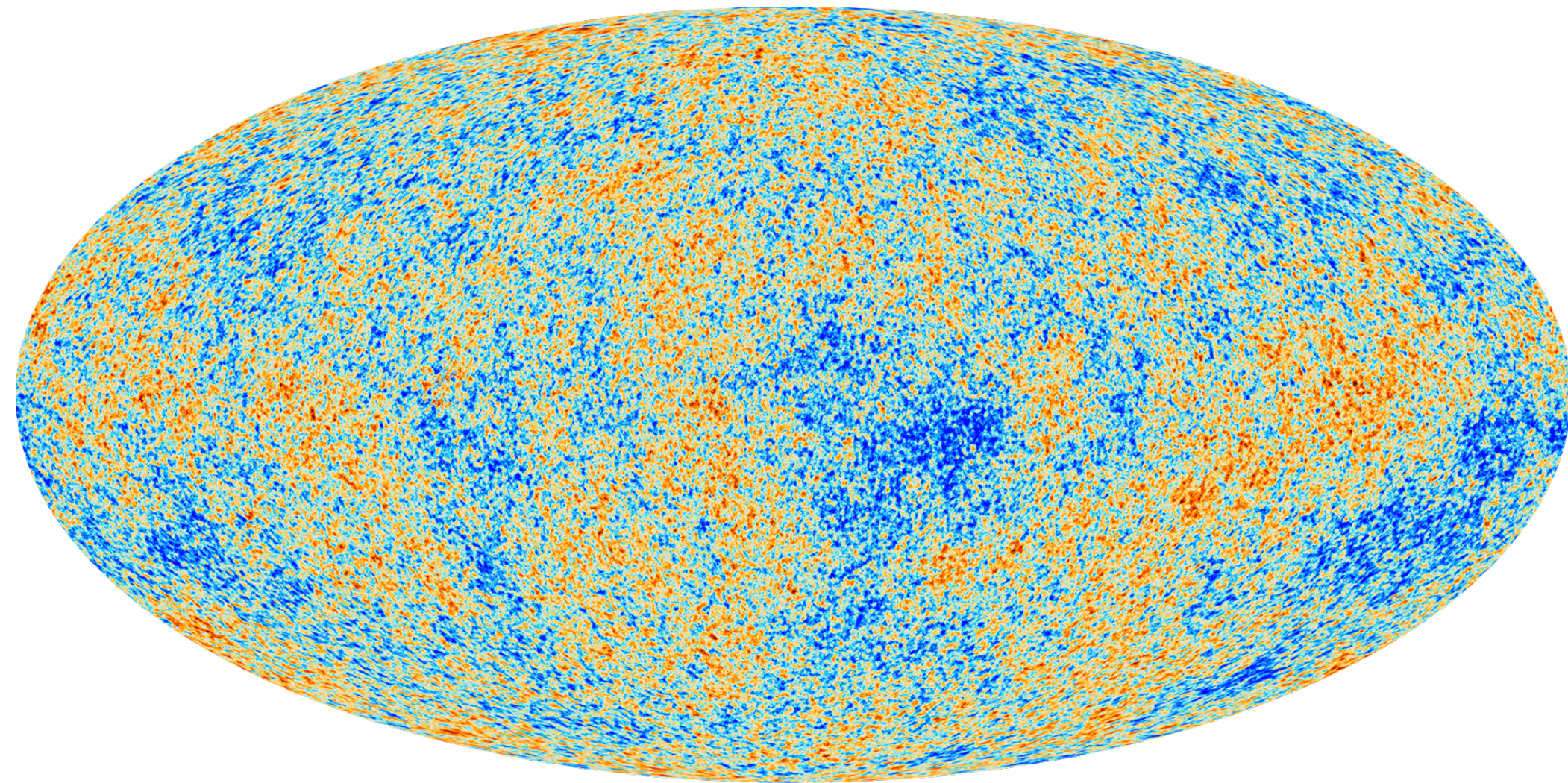
Planck Collaboration (2018)

→ good understanding of the initial conditions for galaxy evolution

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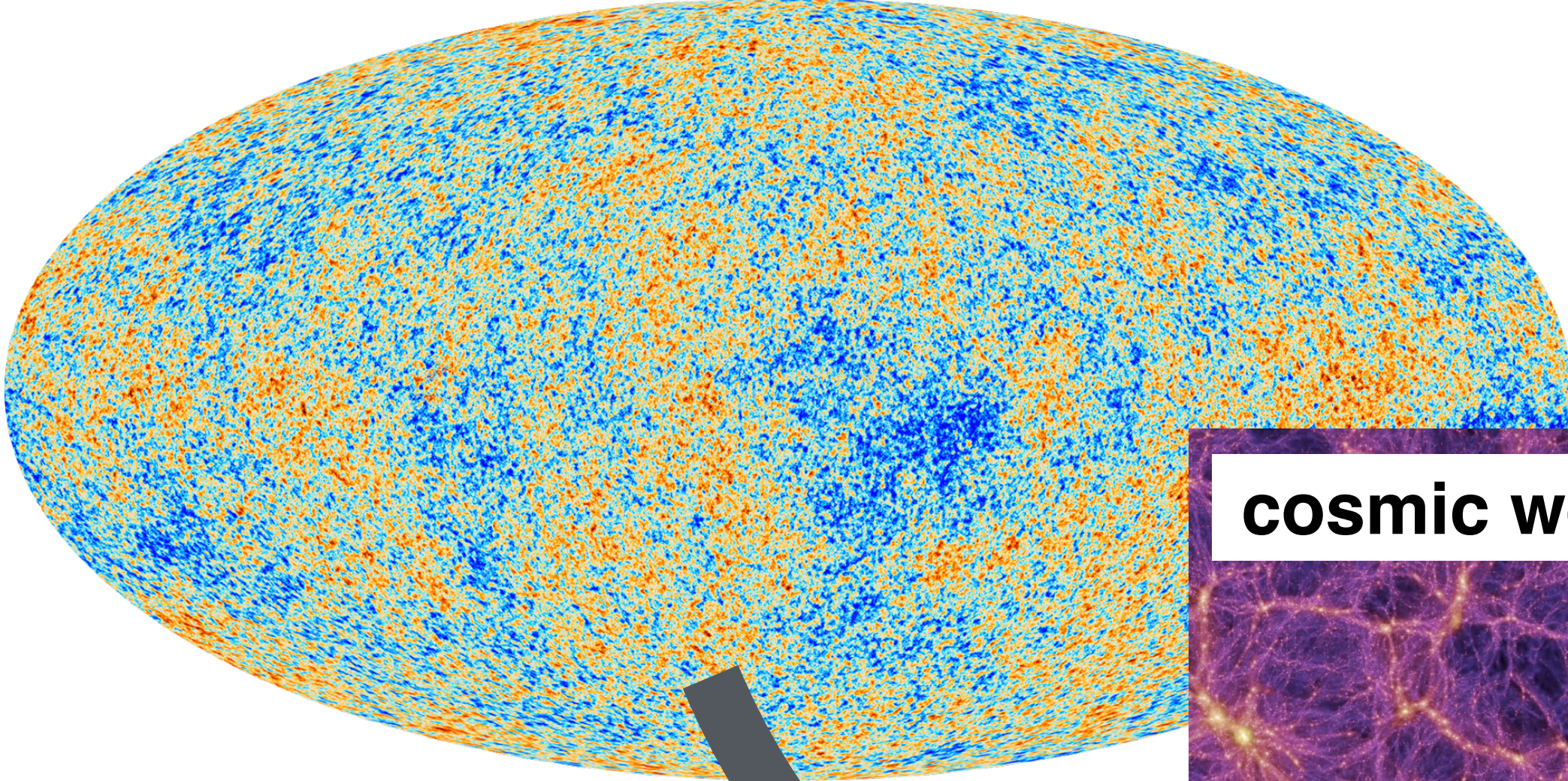
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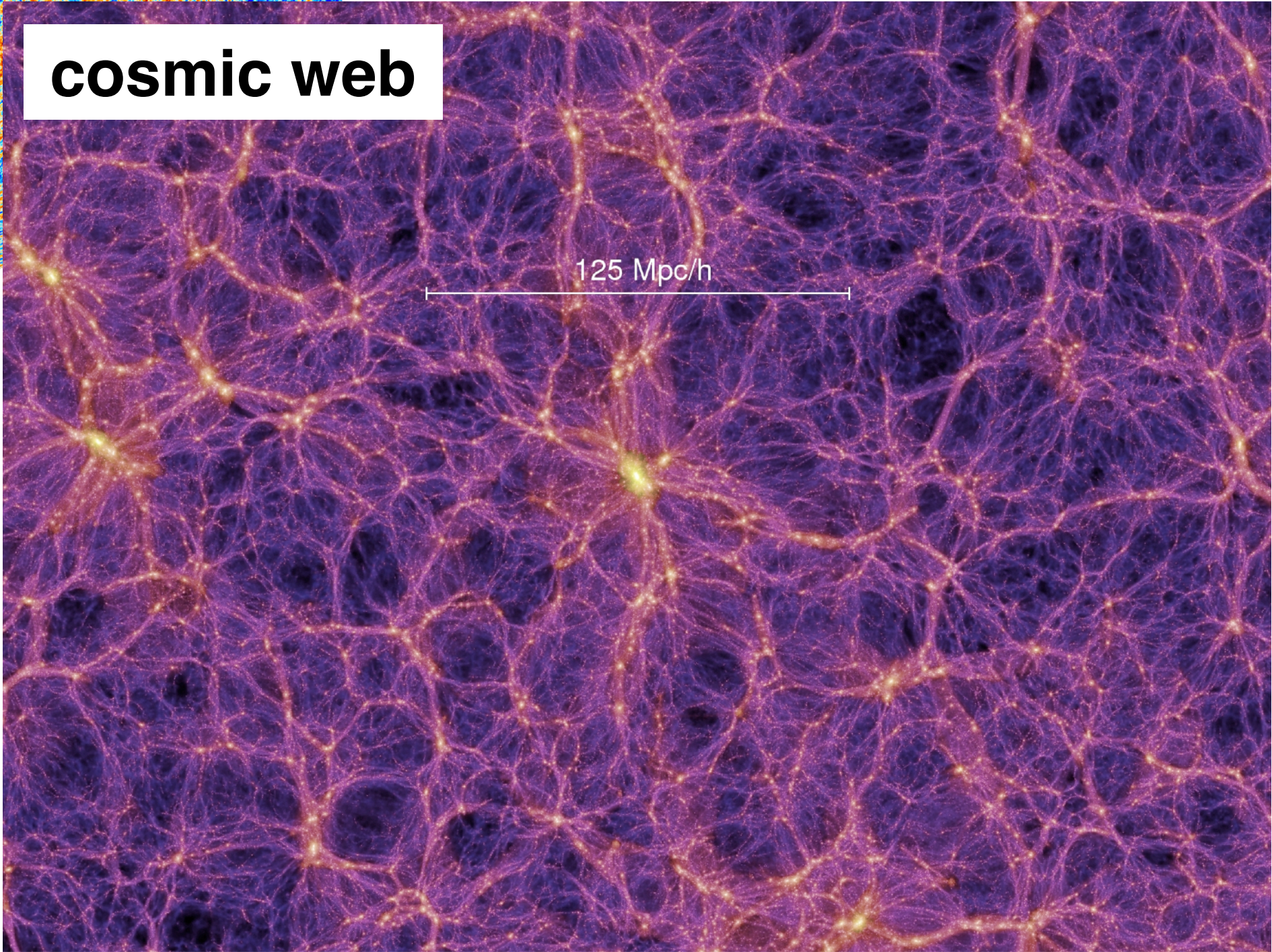
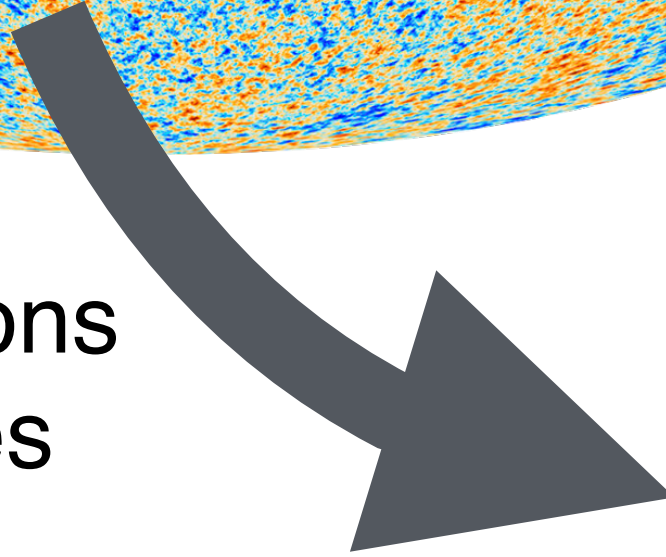
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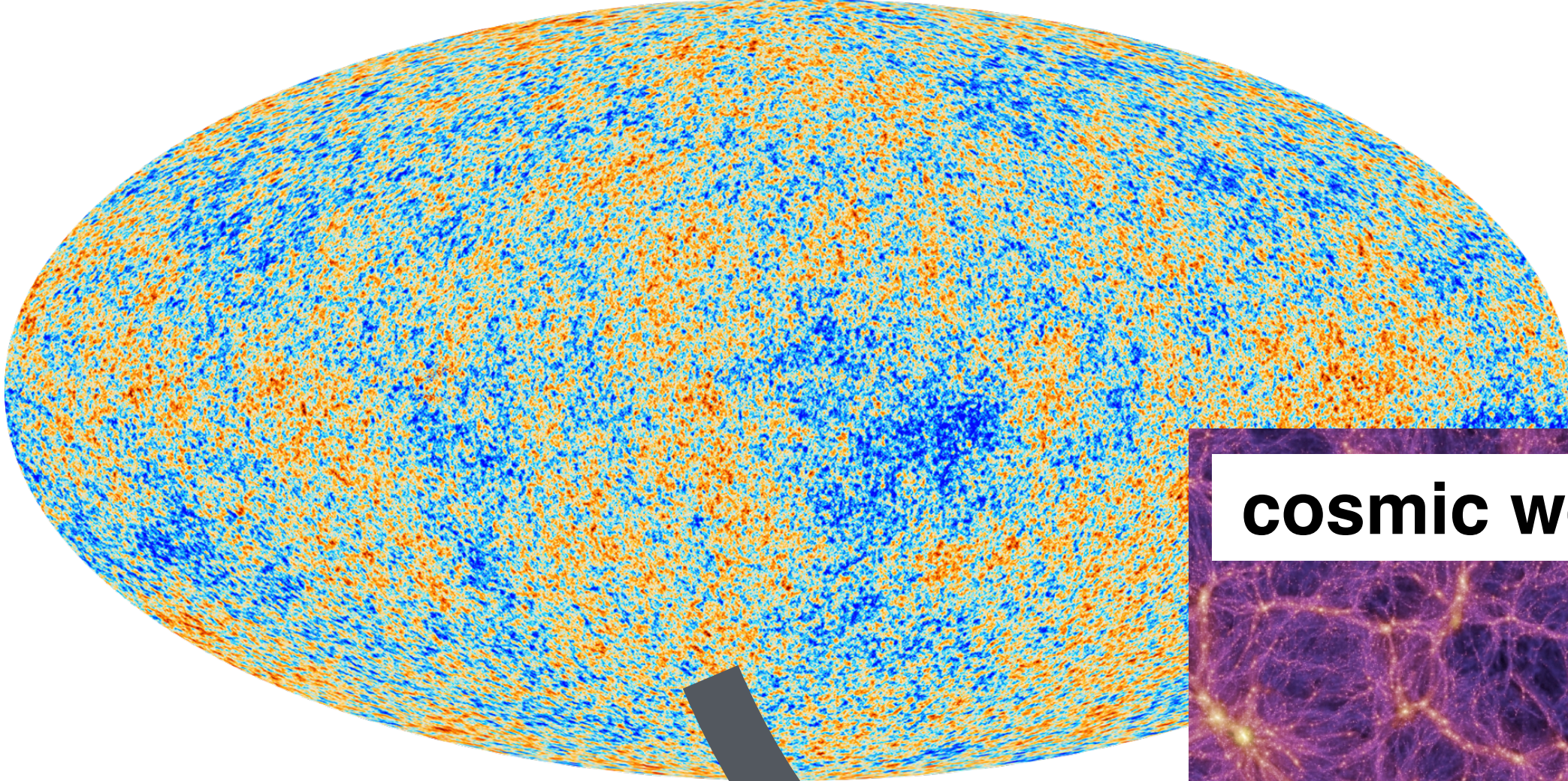


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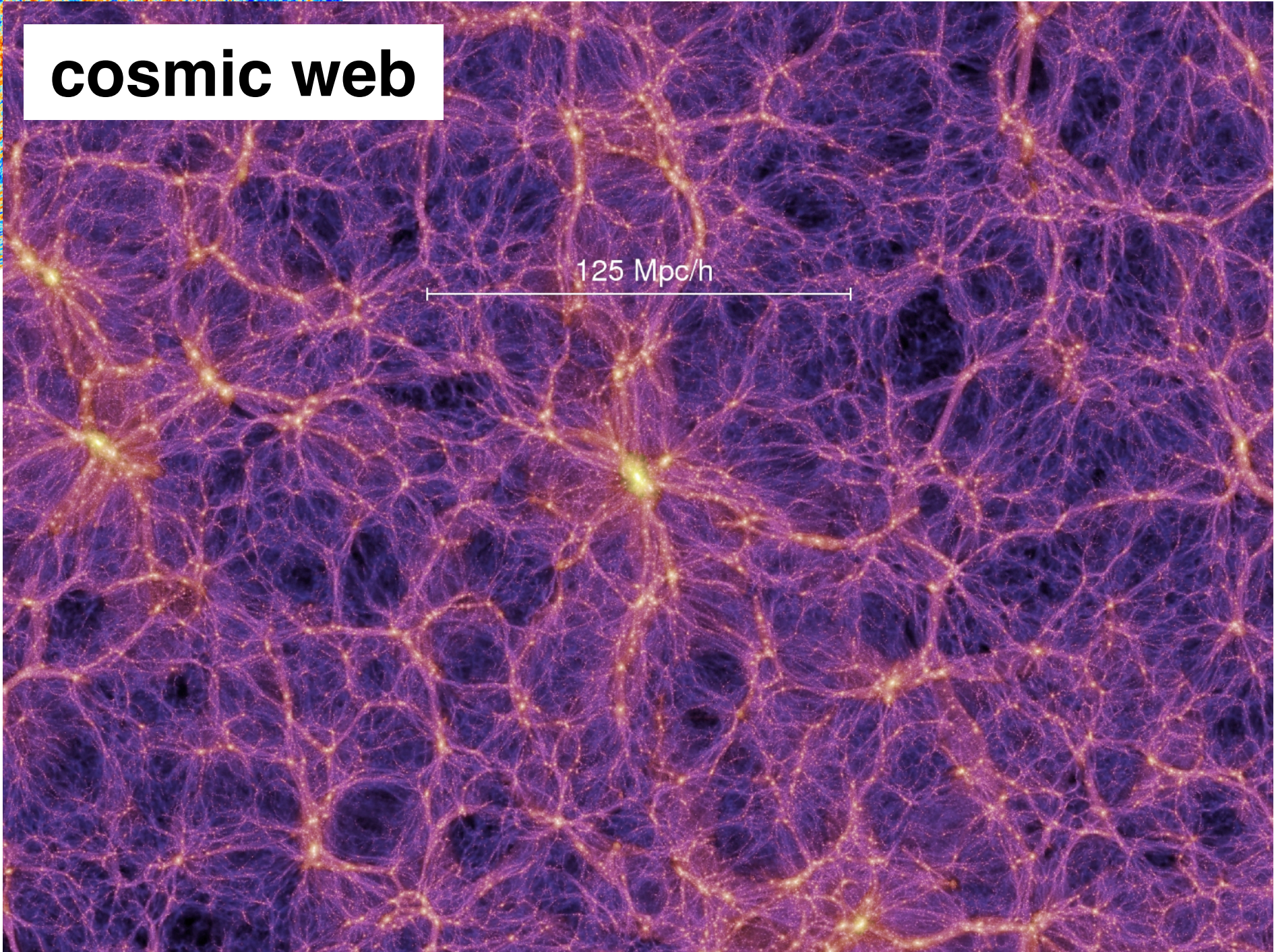
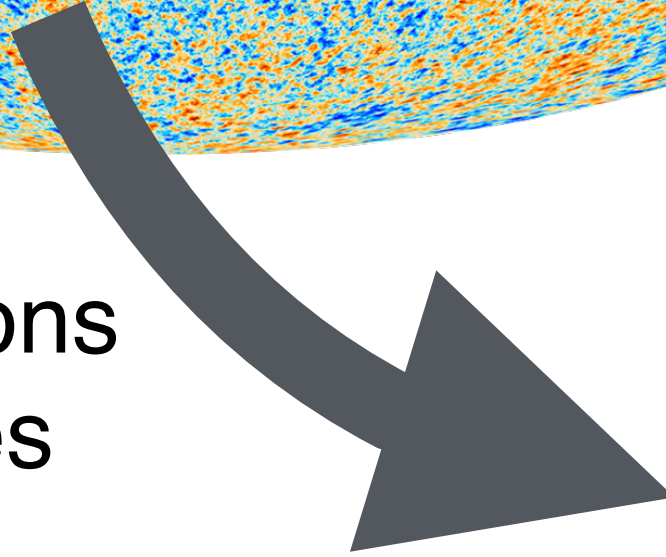
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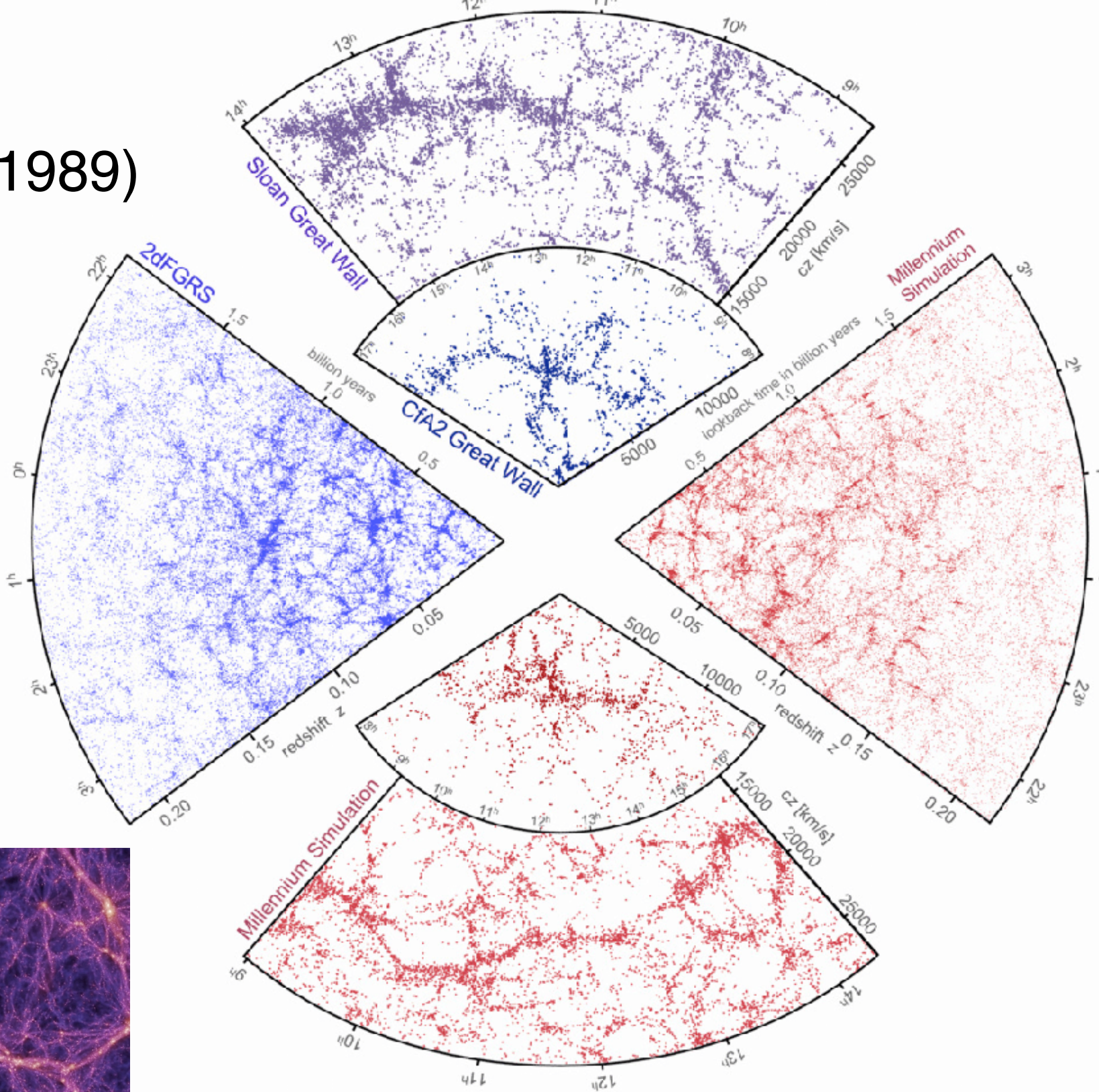
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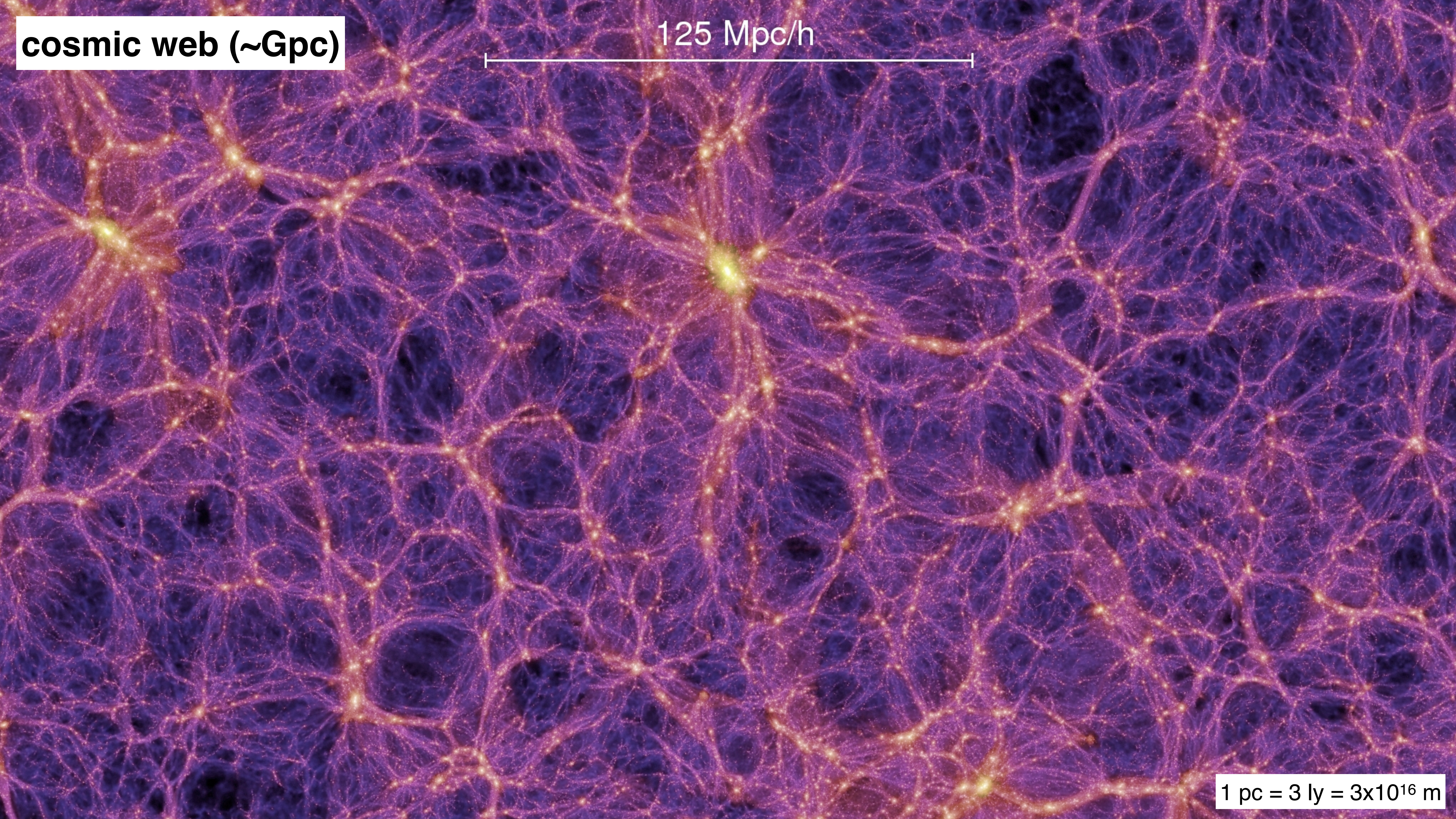
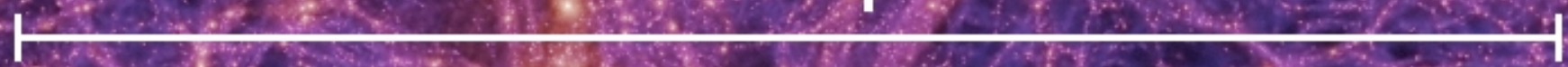


Correctly predicts the large-scale structure of the Universe

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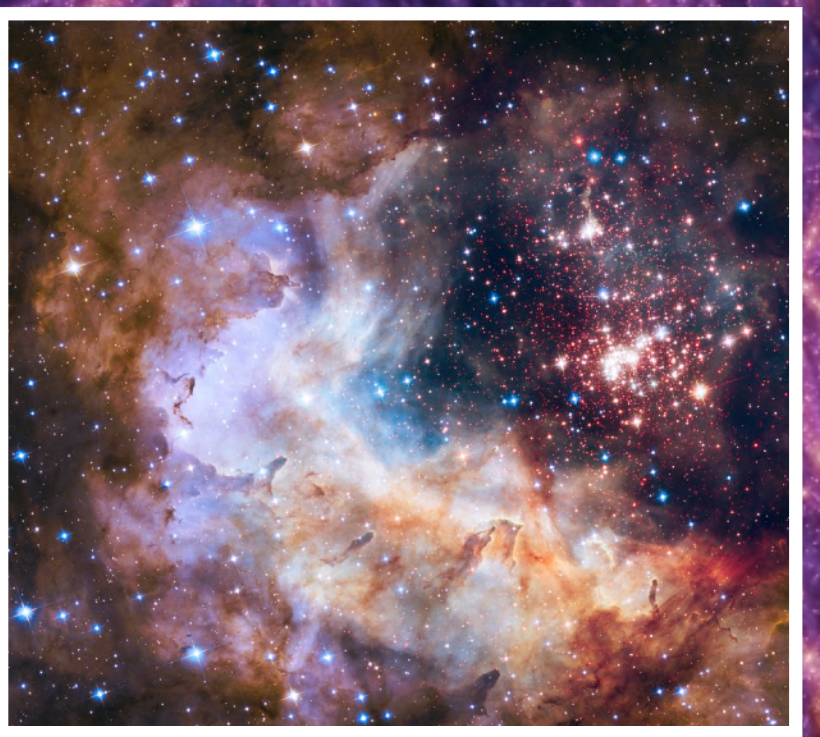
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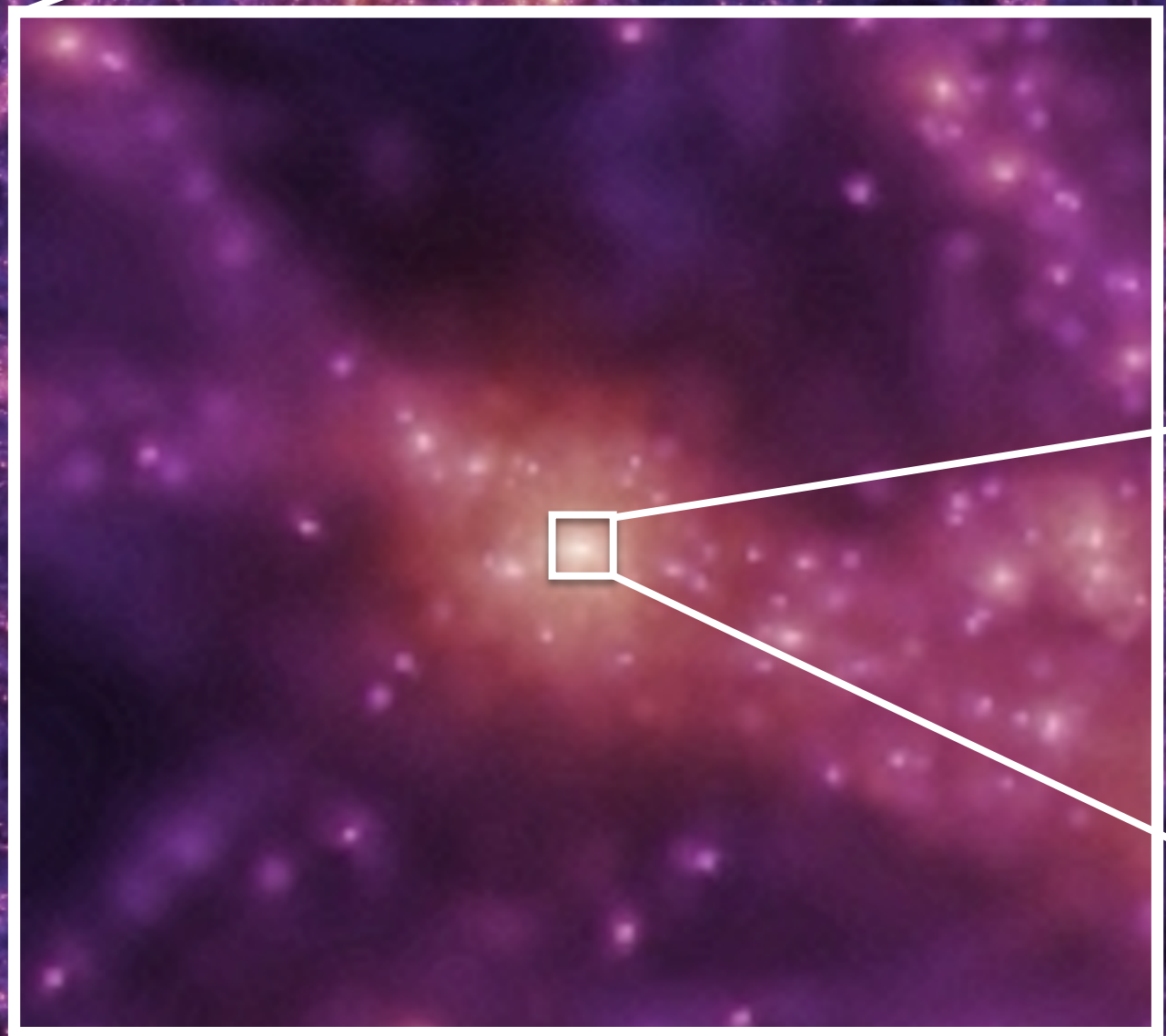
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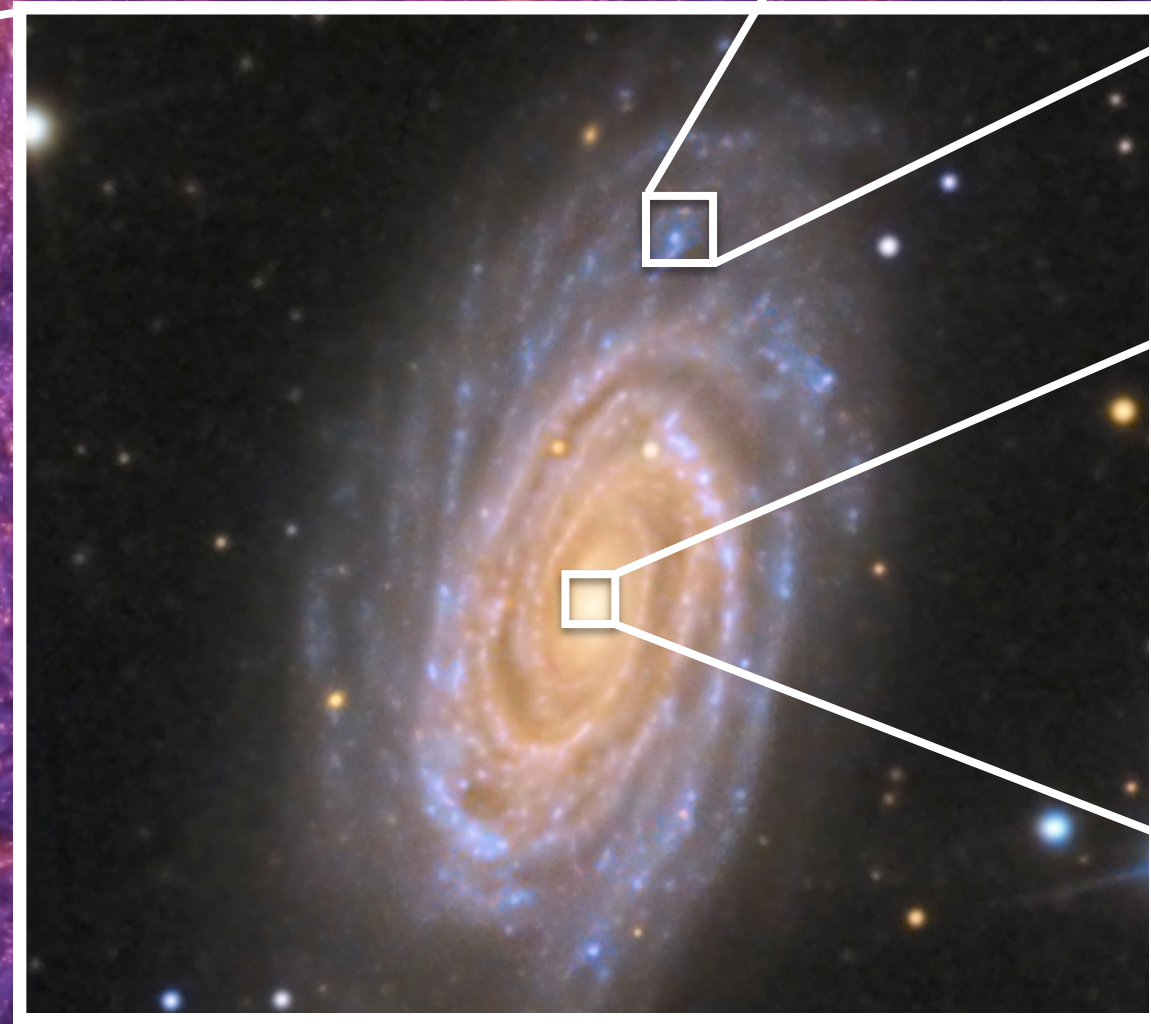
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star formation (~pc)



dark matter halos (~Mpc)



galaxies (~kpc)



black holes (0.01pc)

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formation and diffusion
of cosmic rays

formation of stars
molecular clouds

gas flow & cooling

supernova explosions

magnetic fields

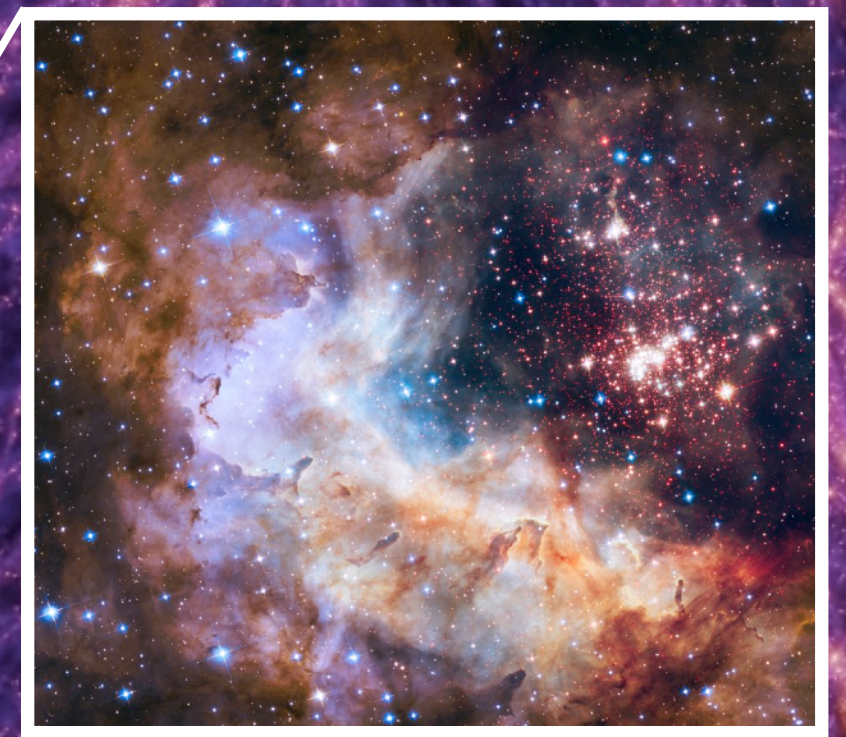
stellar winds

interstellar medium

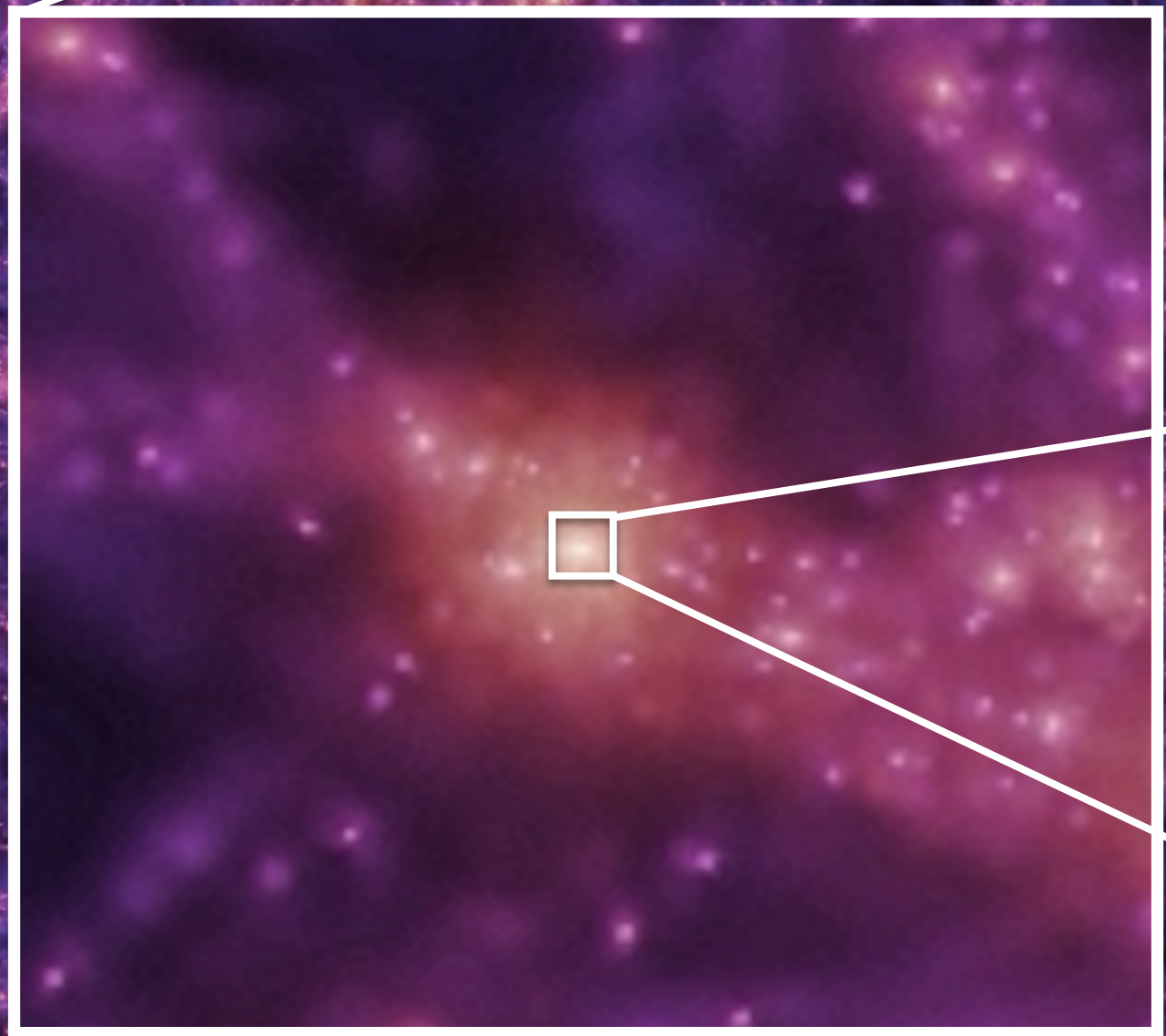
radiation fields

black hole activity

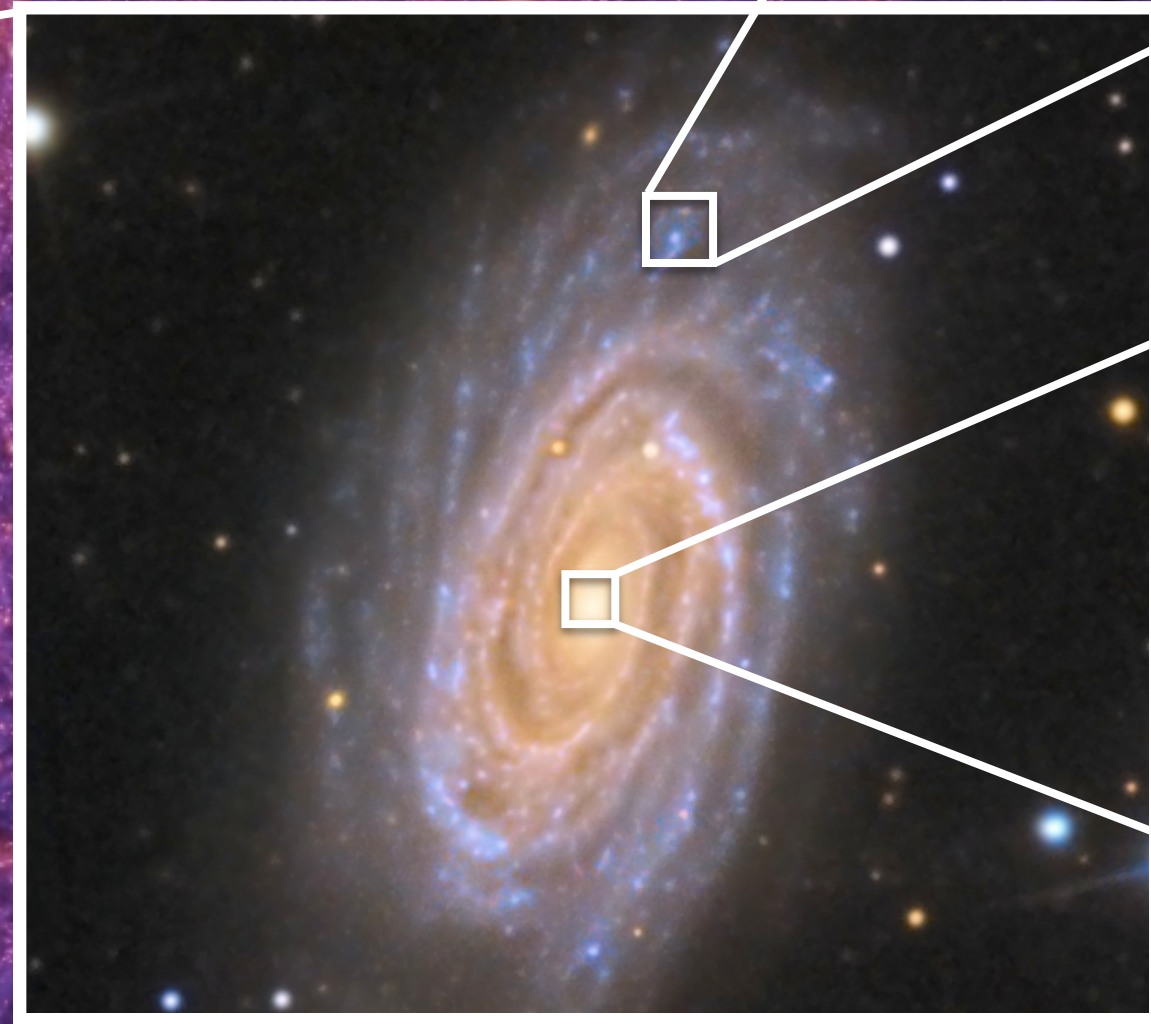
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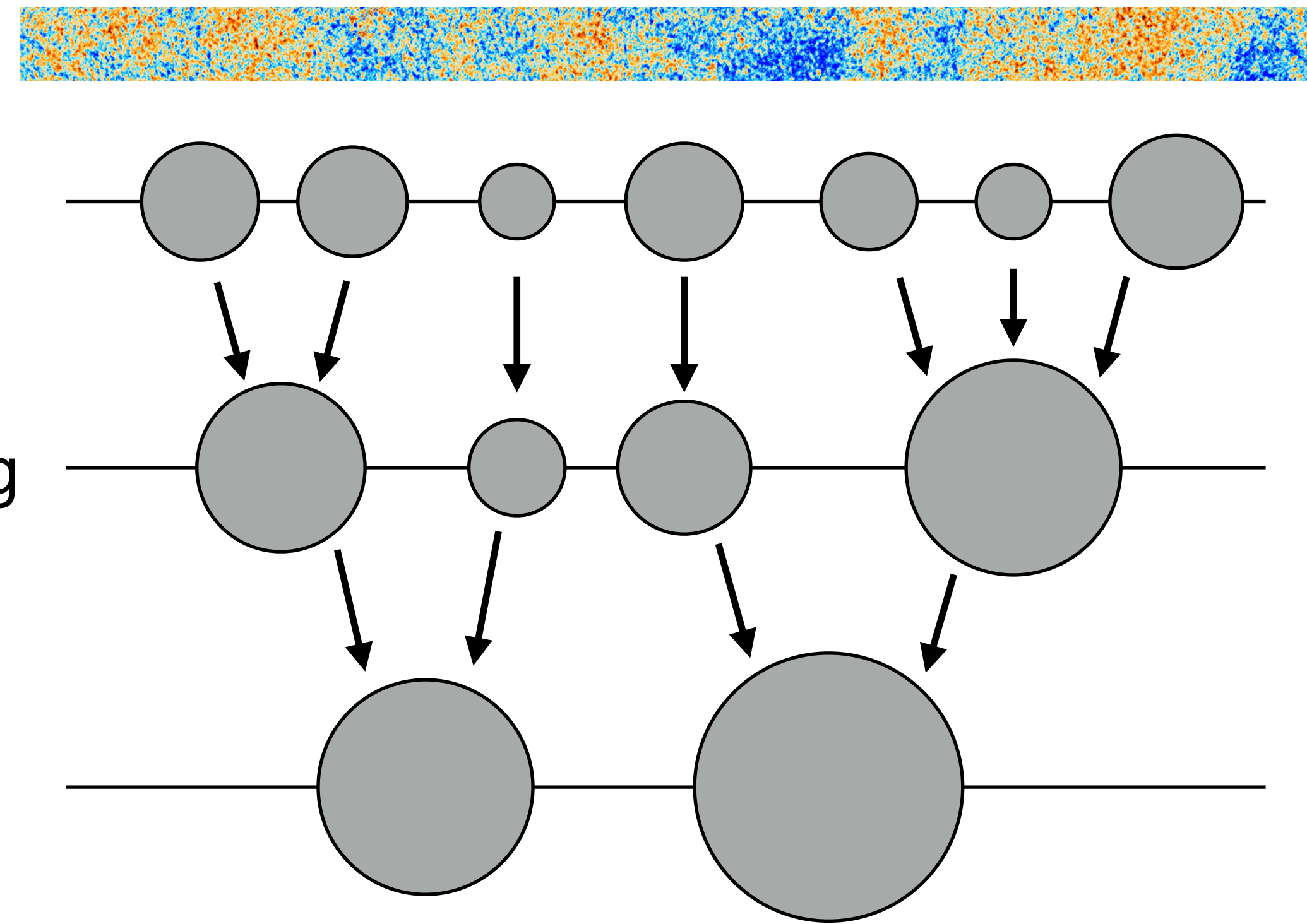
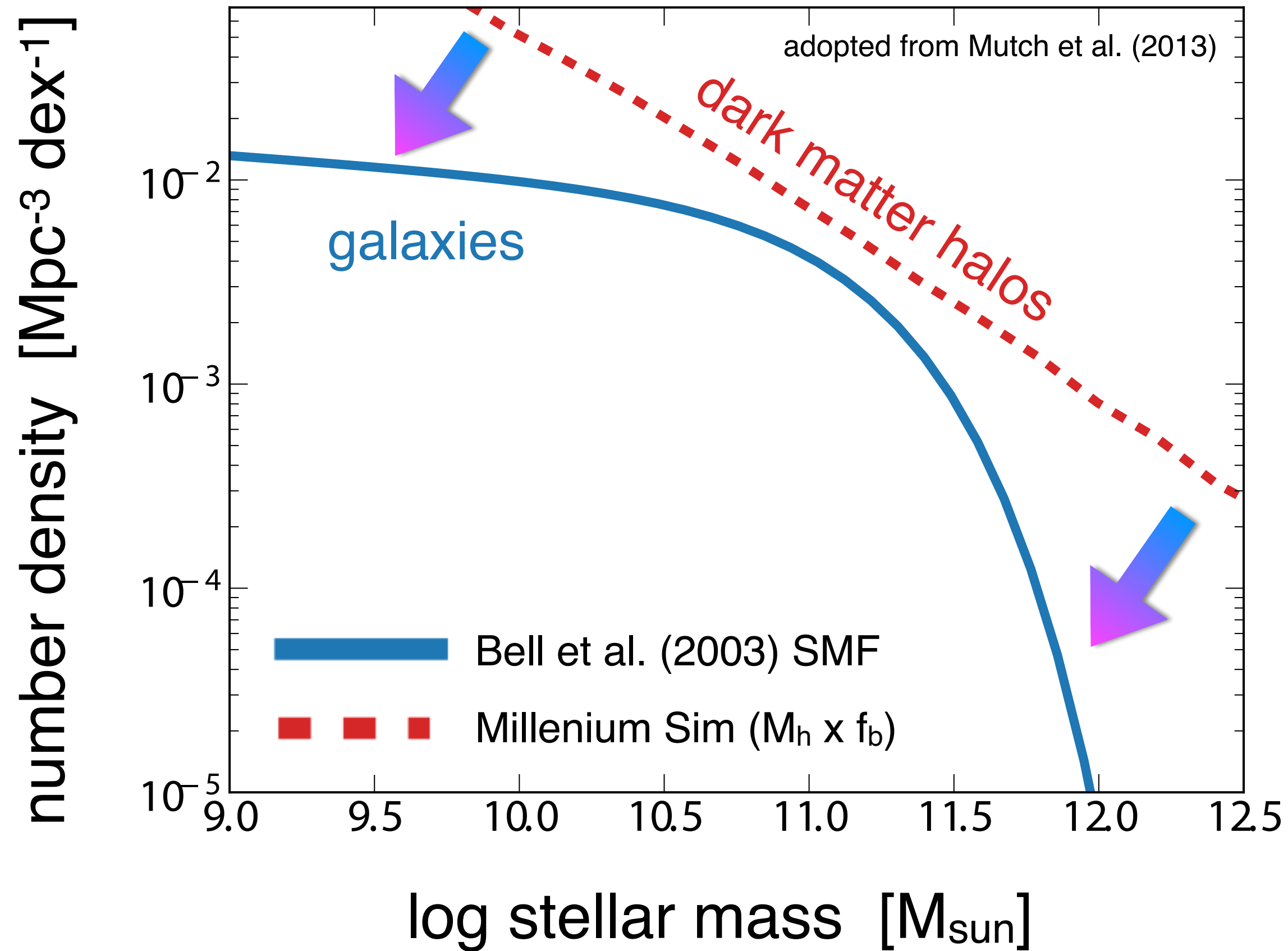


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Paradigm of galaxy formation

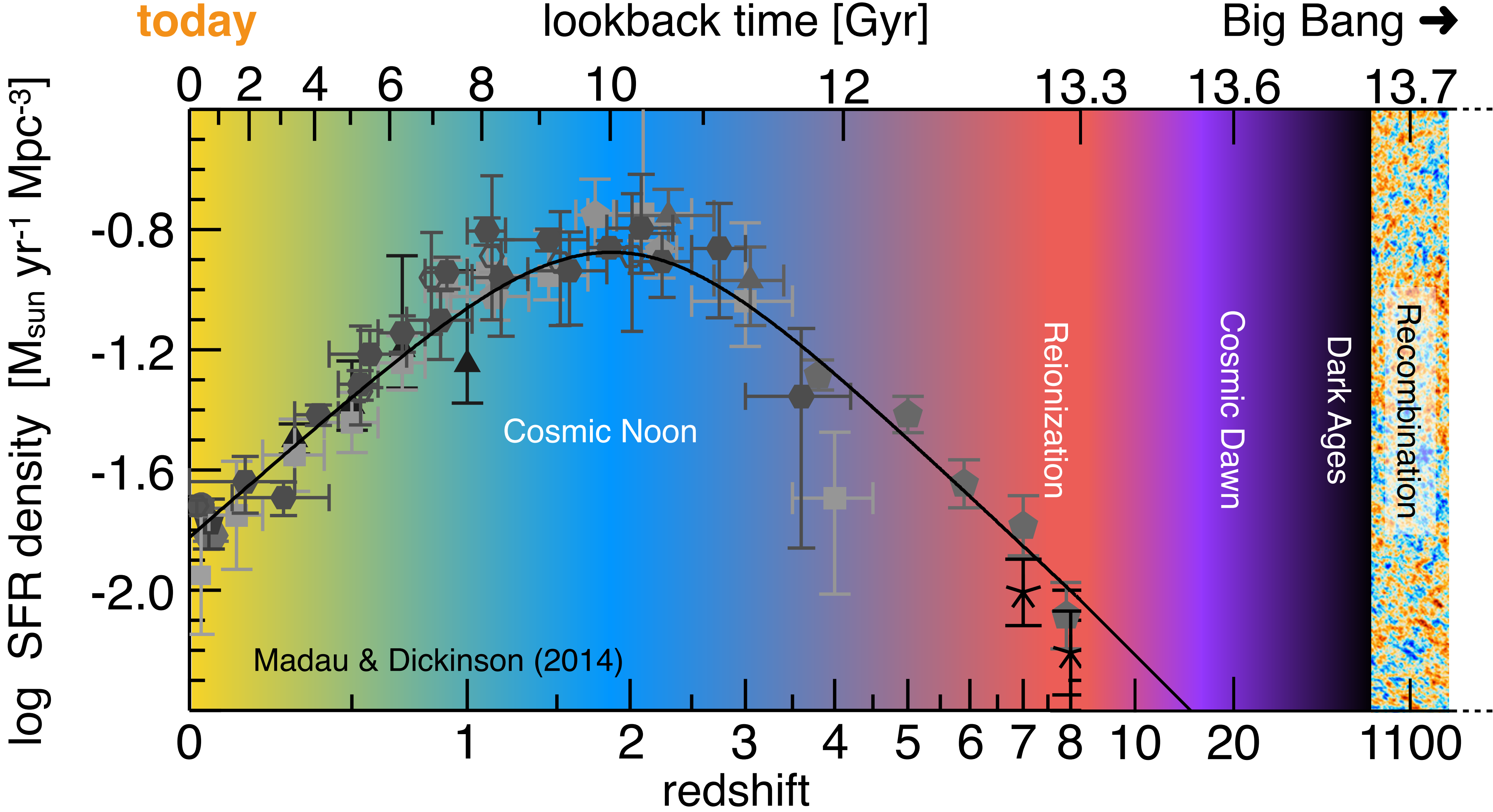
- 1) Growth of dark matter fluctuations
- 2) Baryons “follow” dark matter, cool and form stars
- 3) Feedback from stars and black holes prevent overcooling



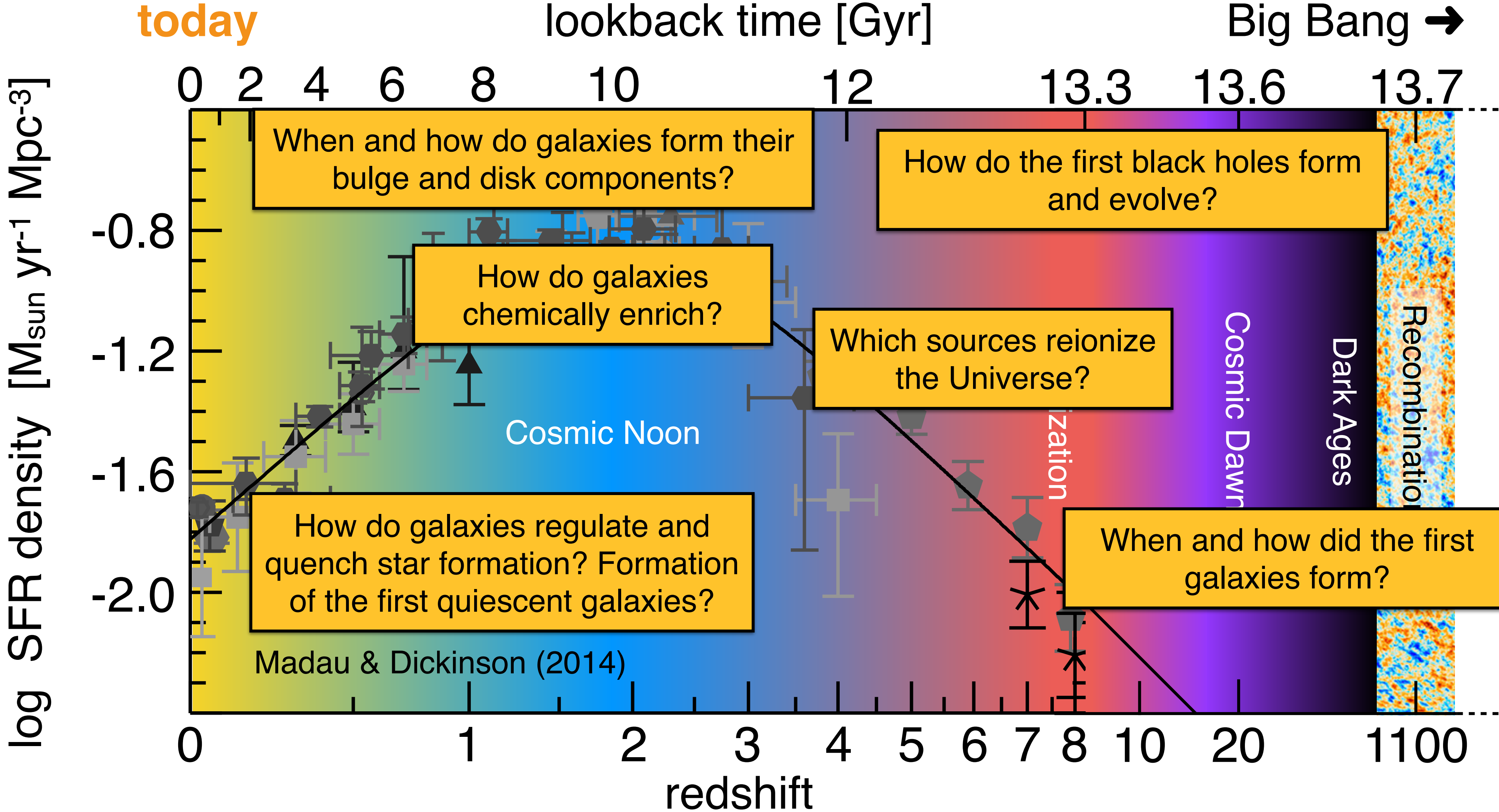
galaxies probe dark matter via structure formation (and via lensing and DM-baryon interactions)

- baryonic physics cannot be ignored
- galaxy growth needs to be regulated, i.e. inefficient star formation at low and high halo masses

Star formation in the Universe

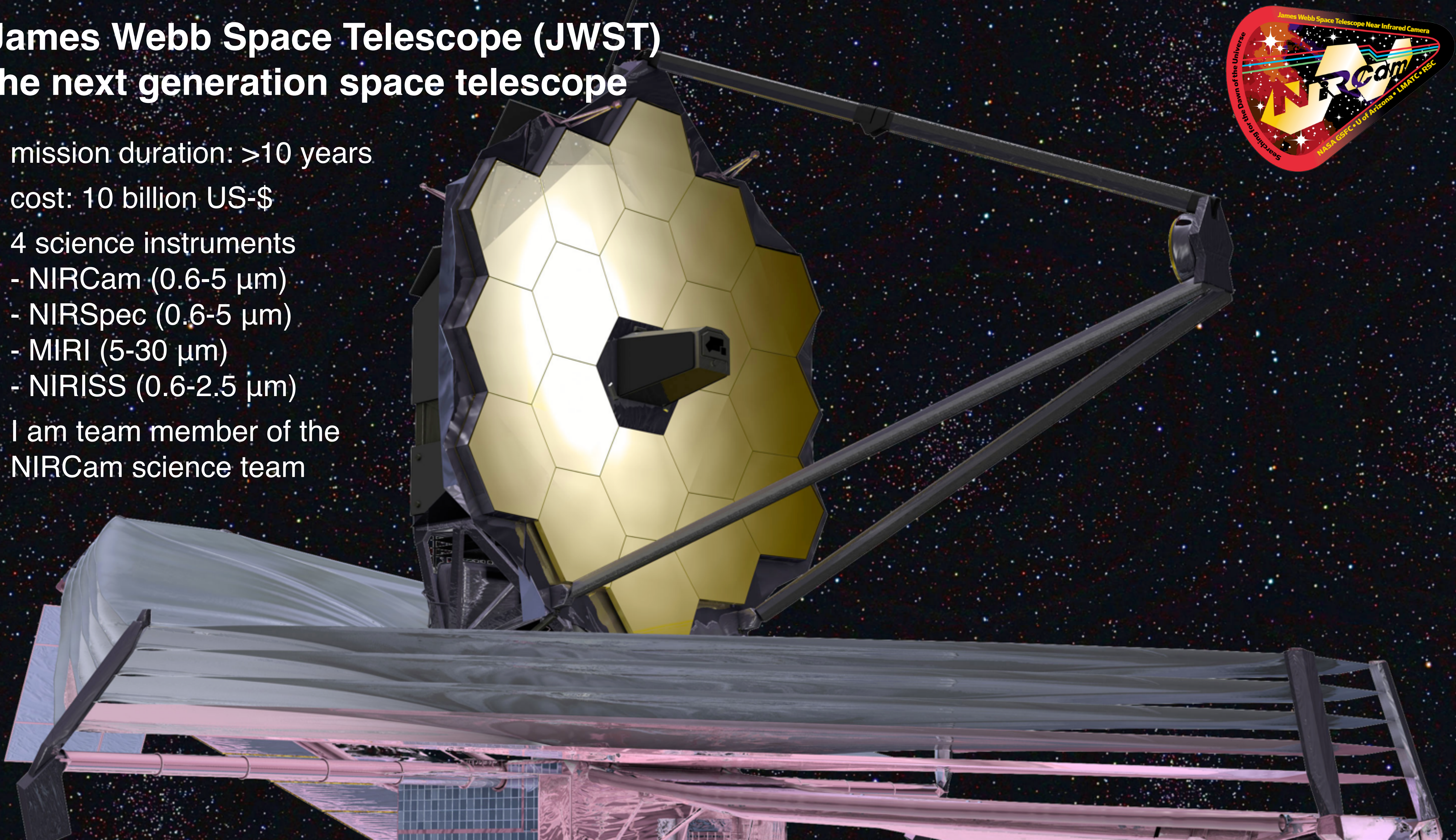


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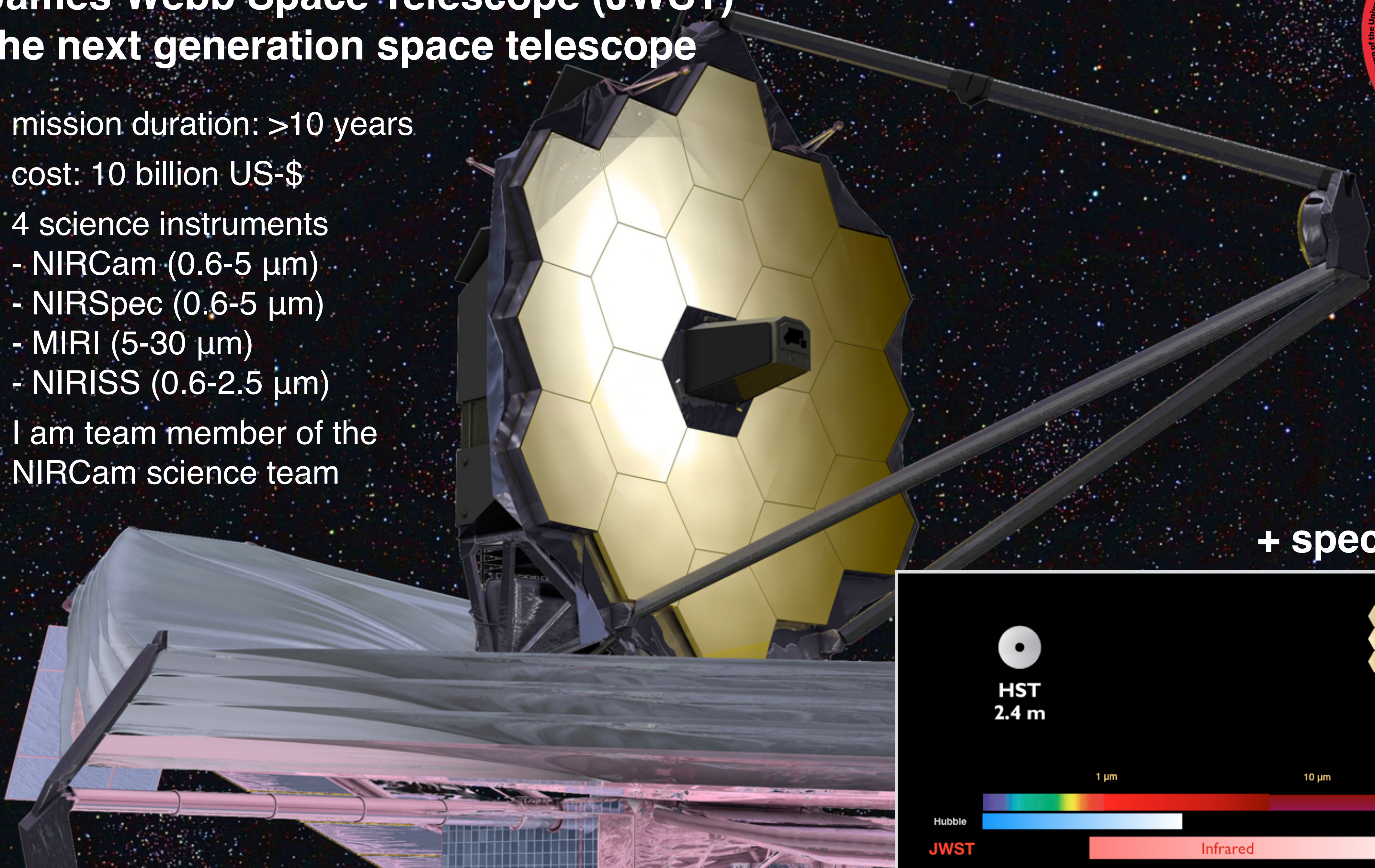
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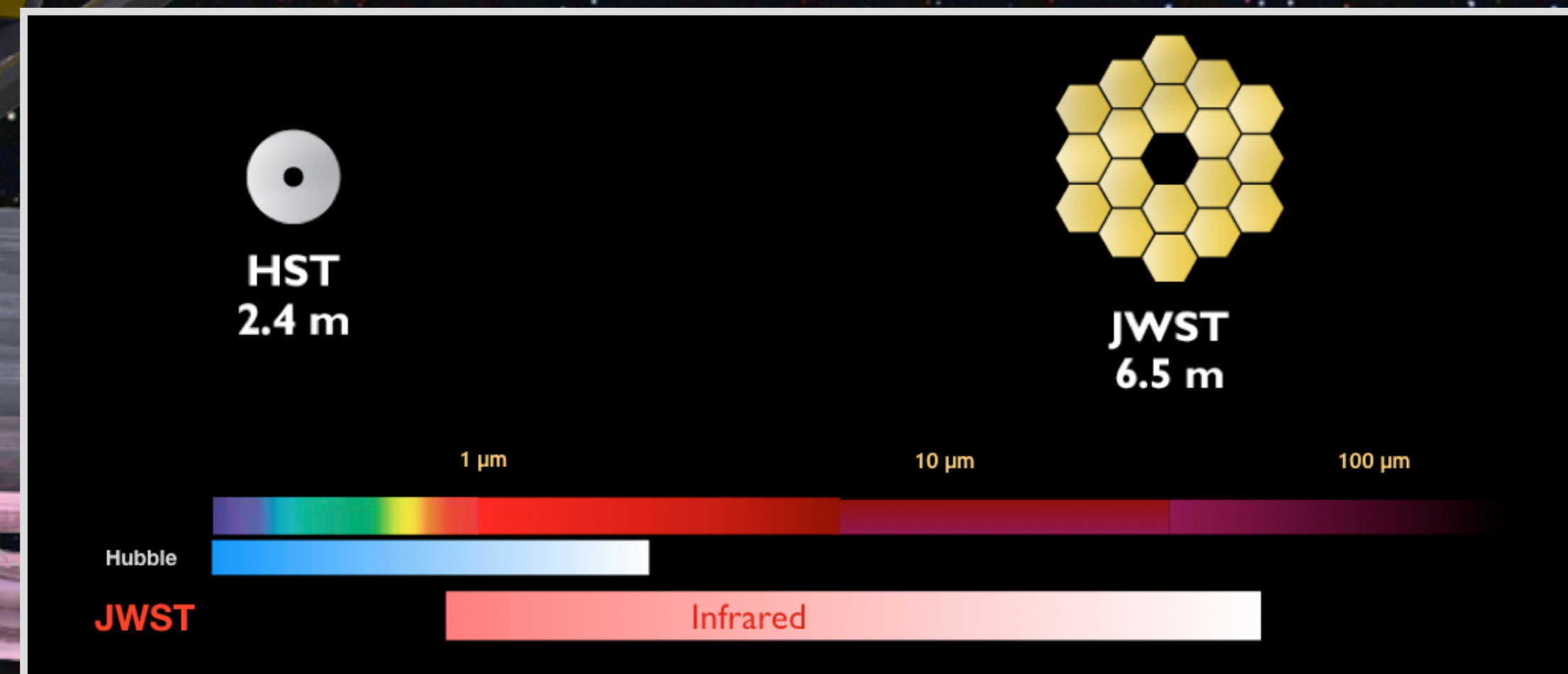
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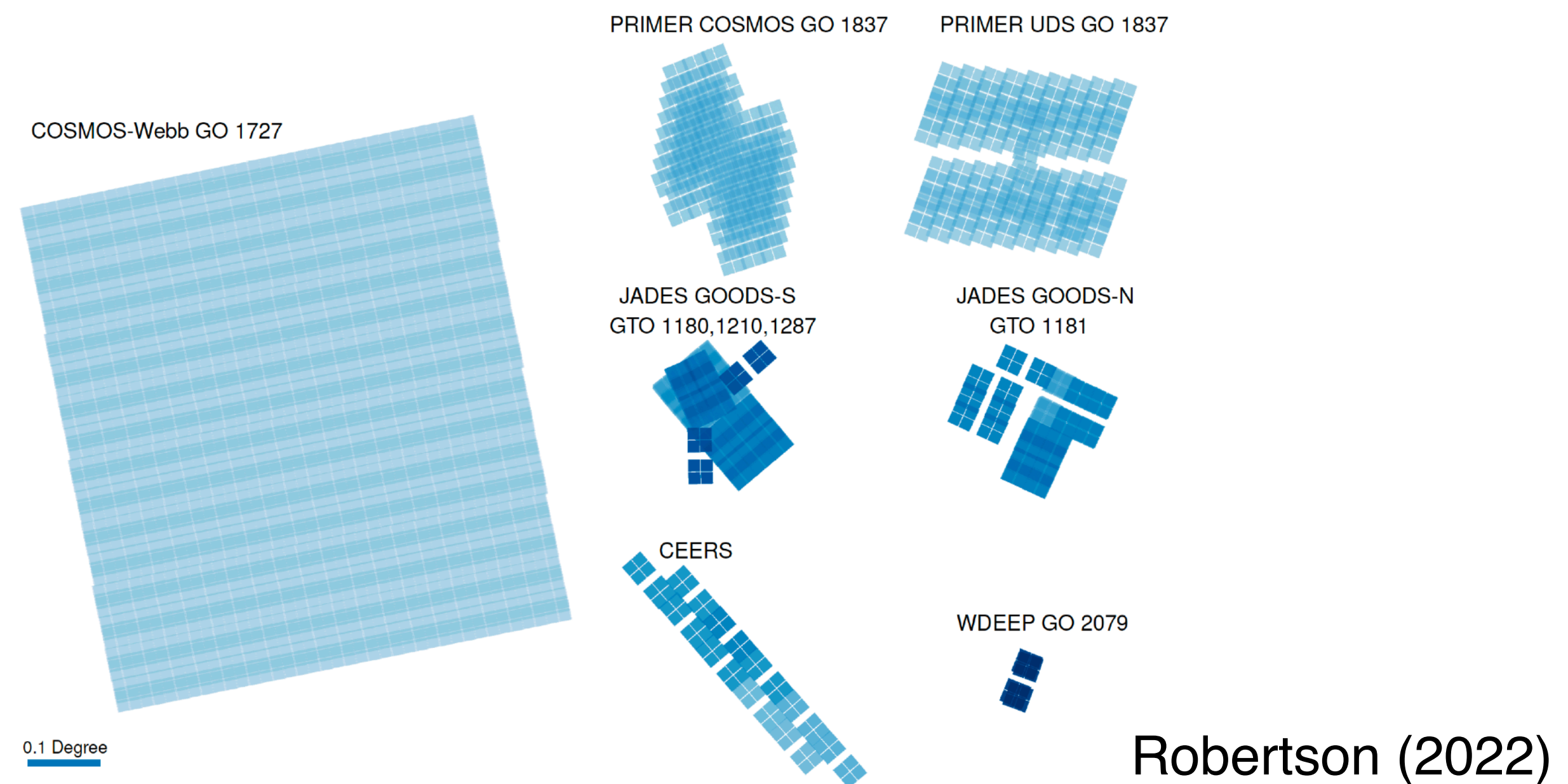
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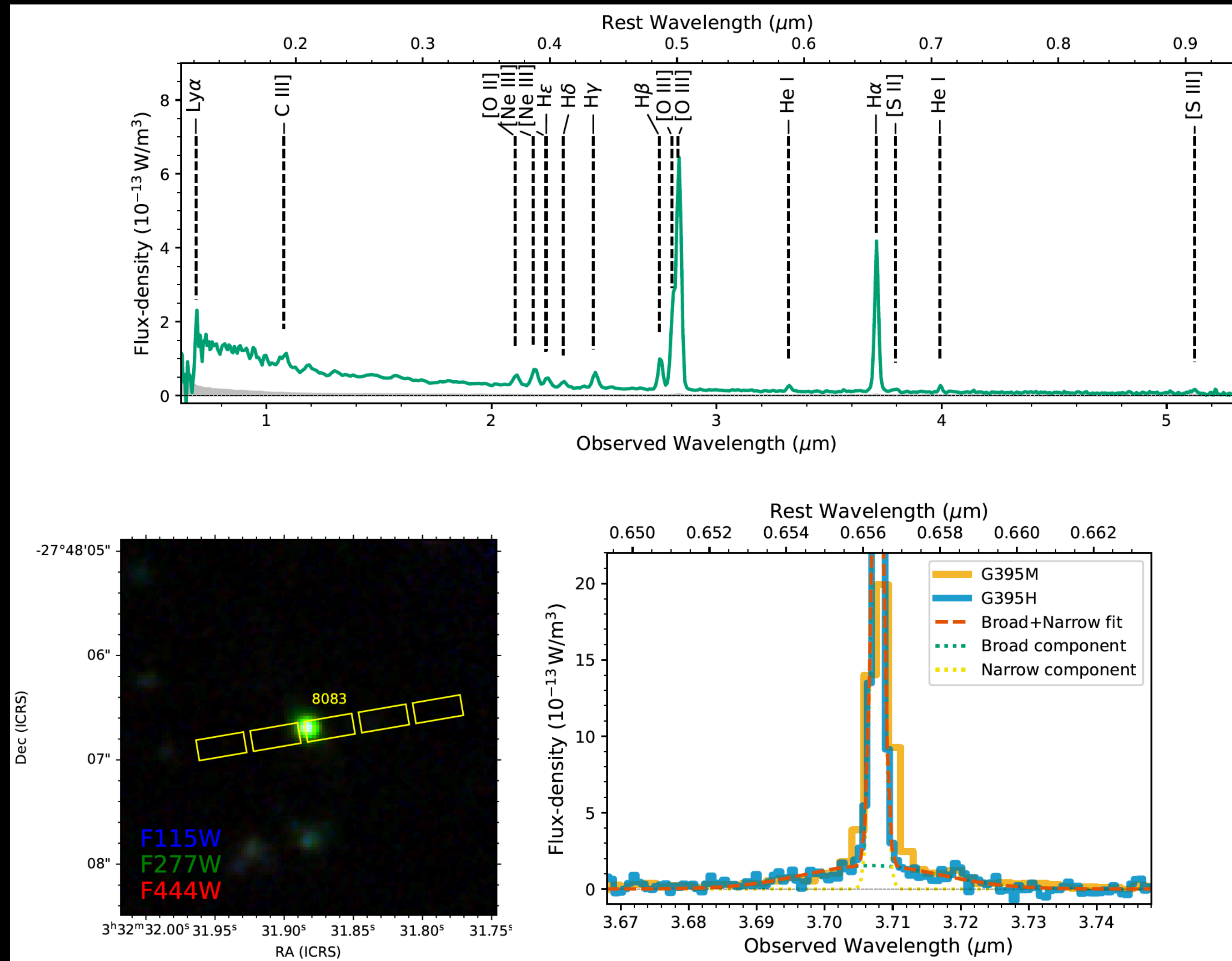
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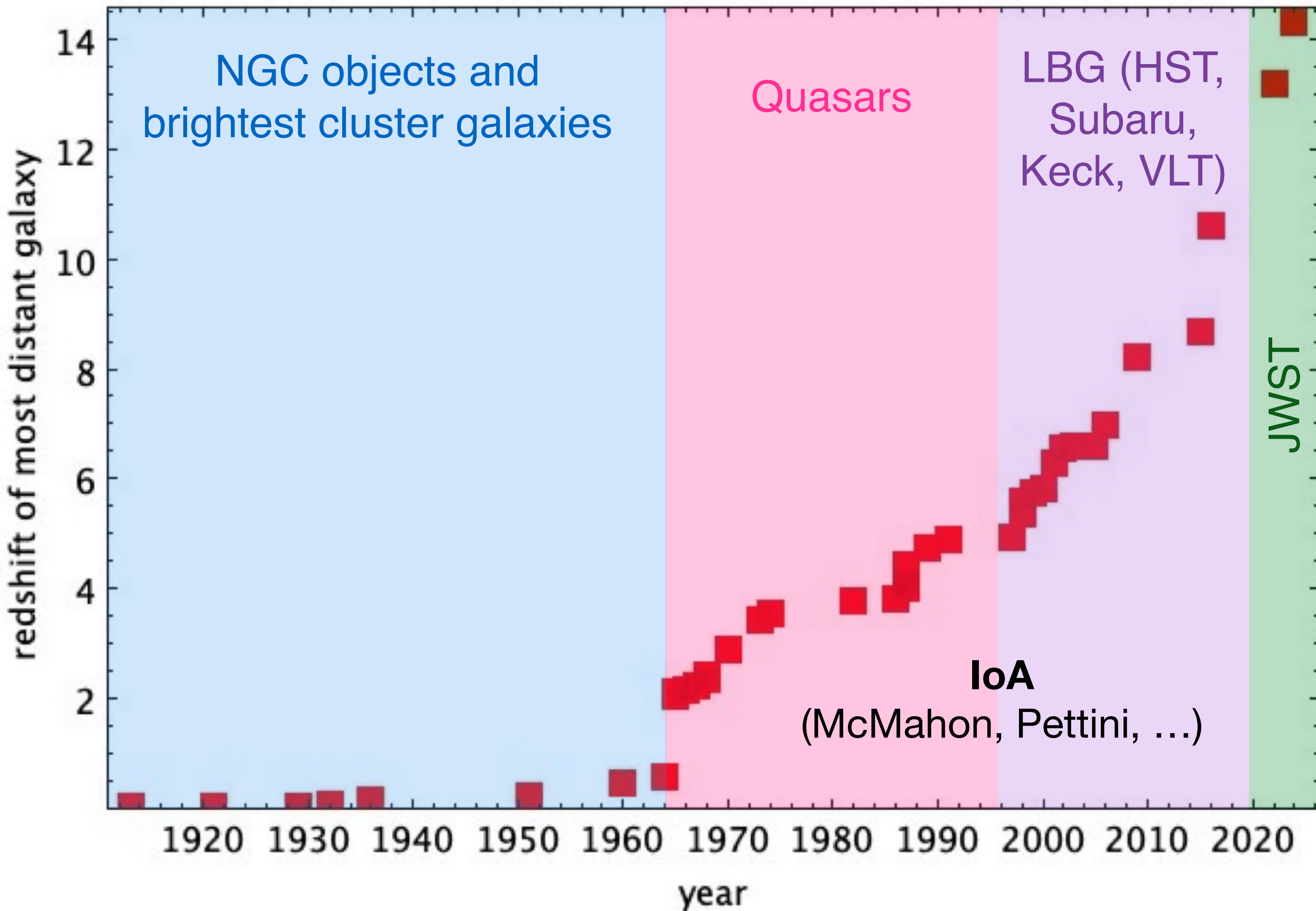
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JADES (Eisenstein+ 2023)

Example spectra for a $z = 4.65$ galaxy from the JADES Deep/HST observations

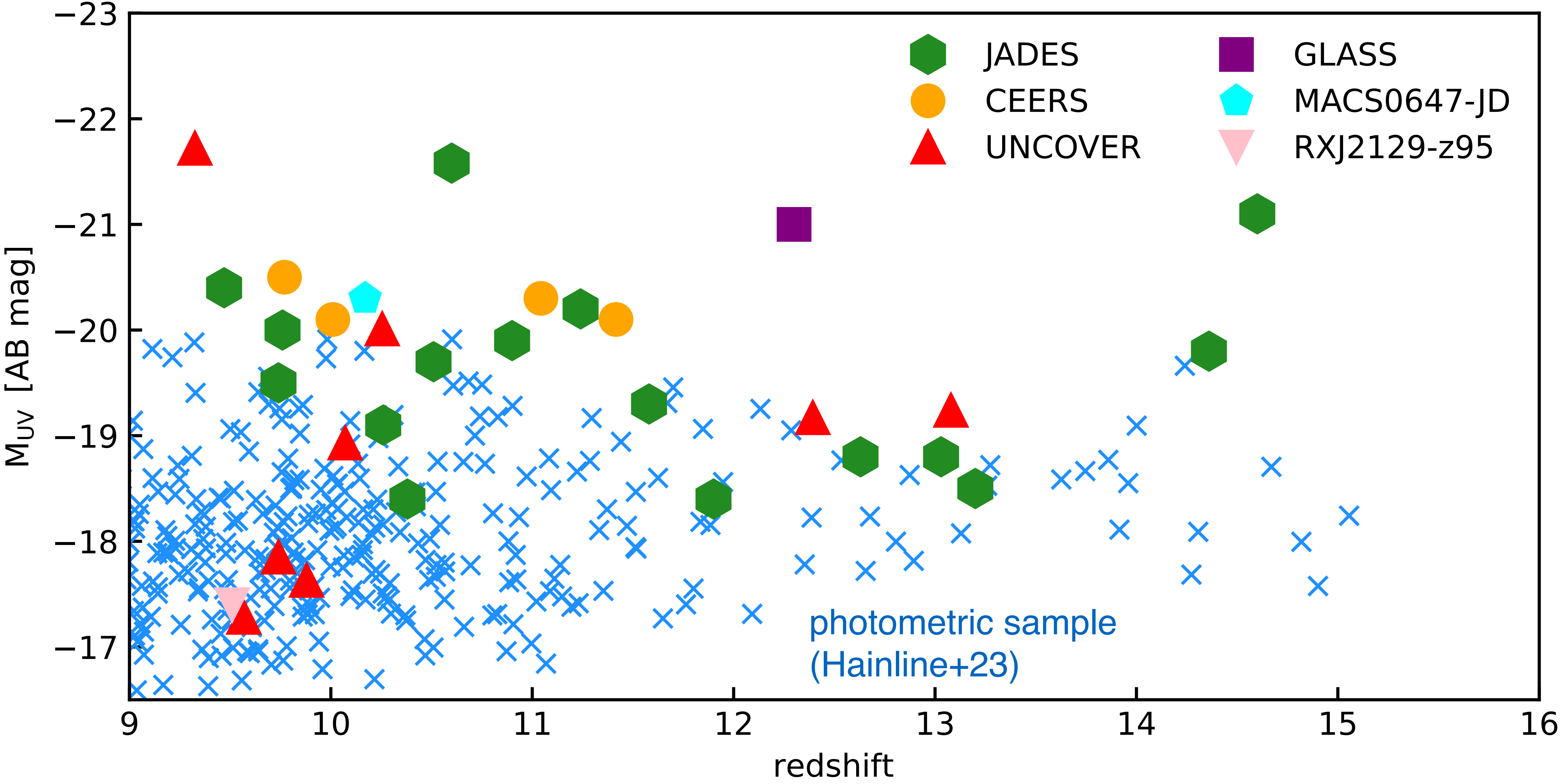


Redshift frontier with JWST

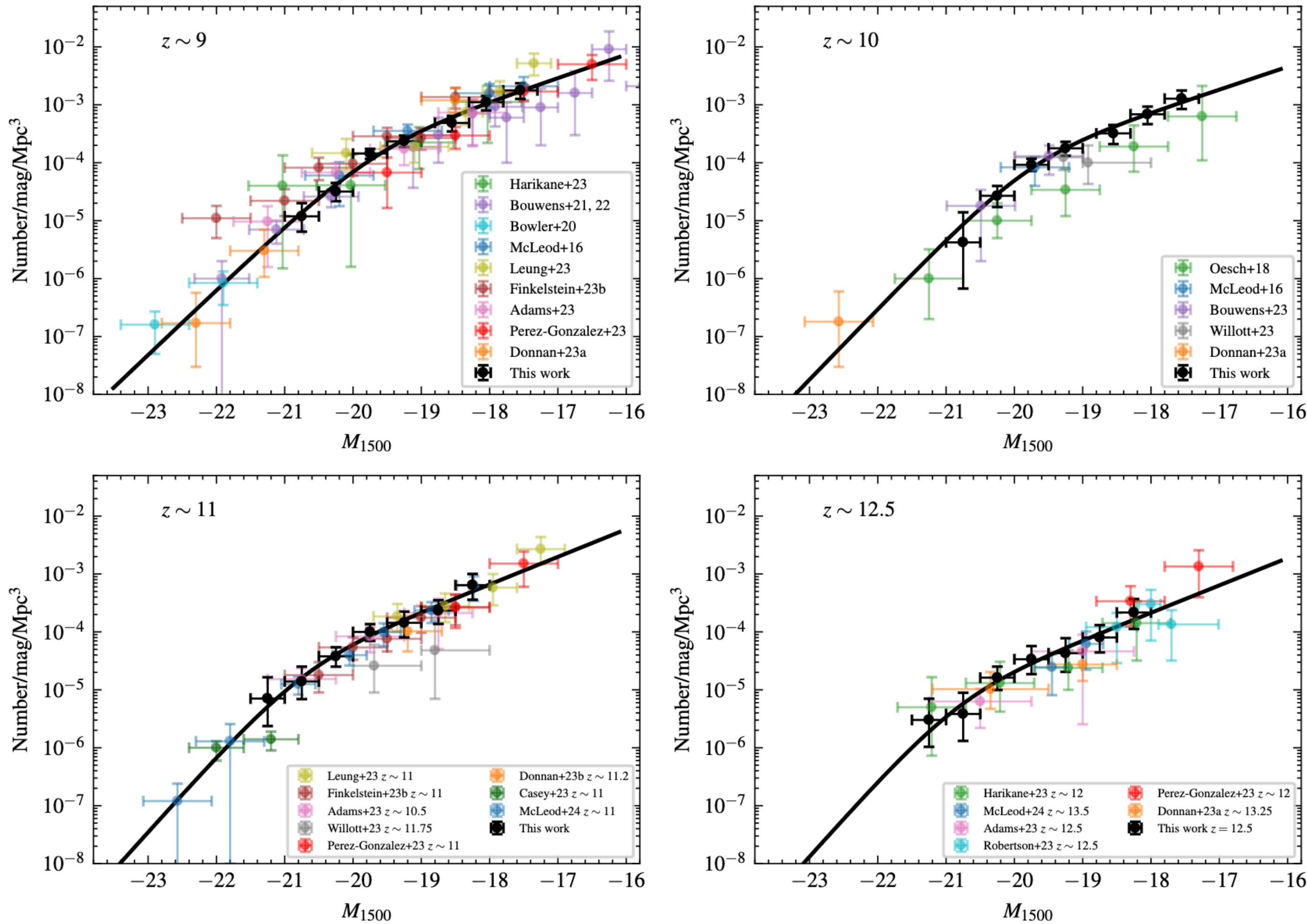


JADES team
adopted from S. Carniani

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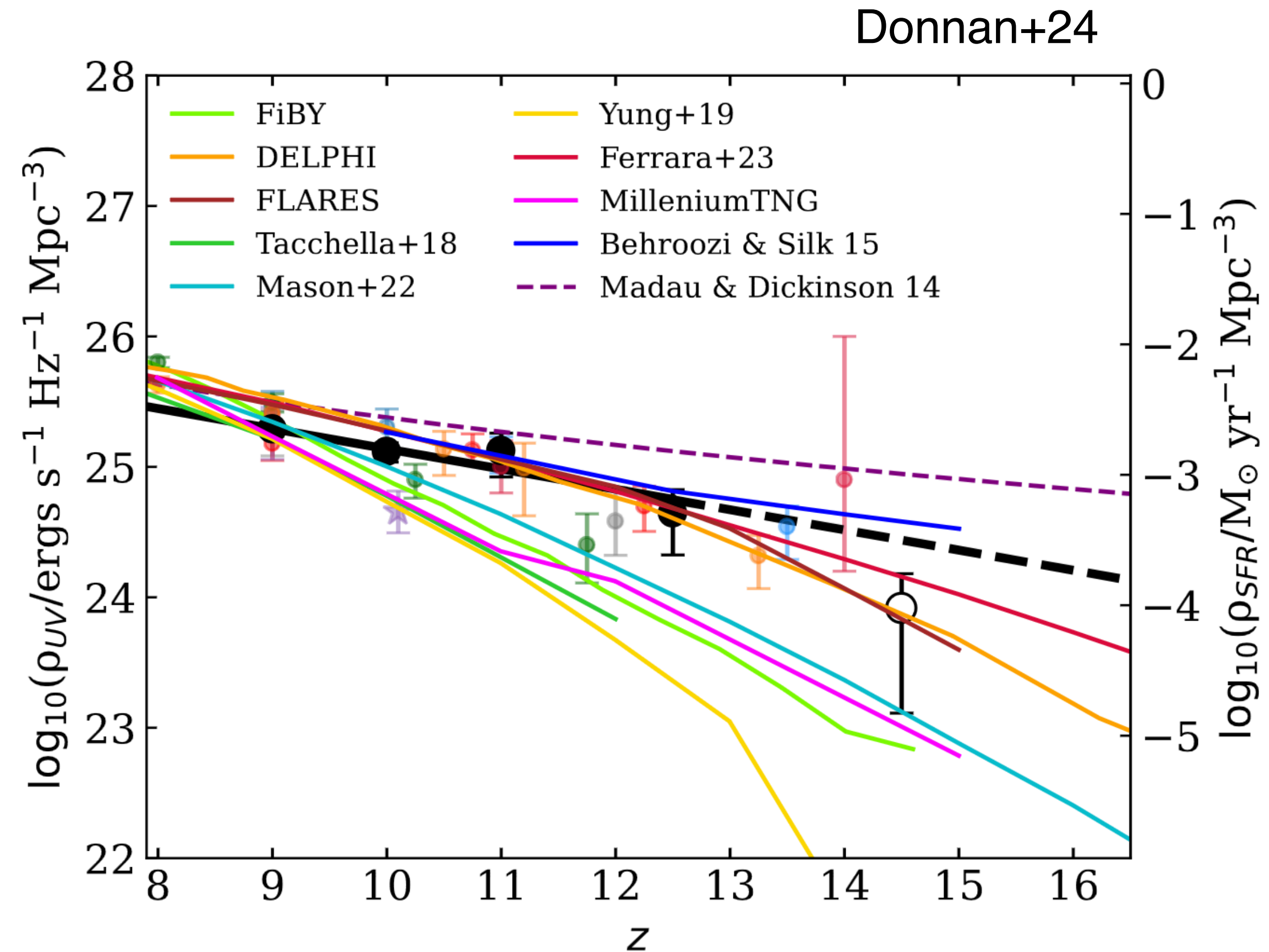


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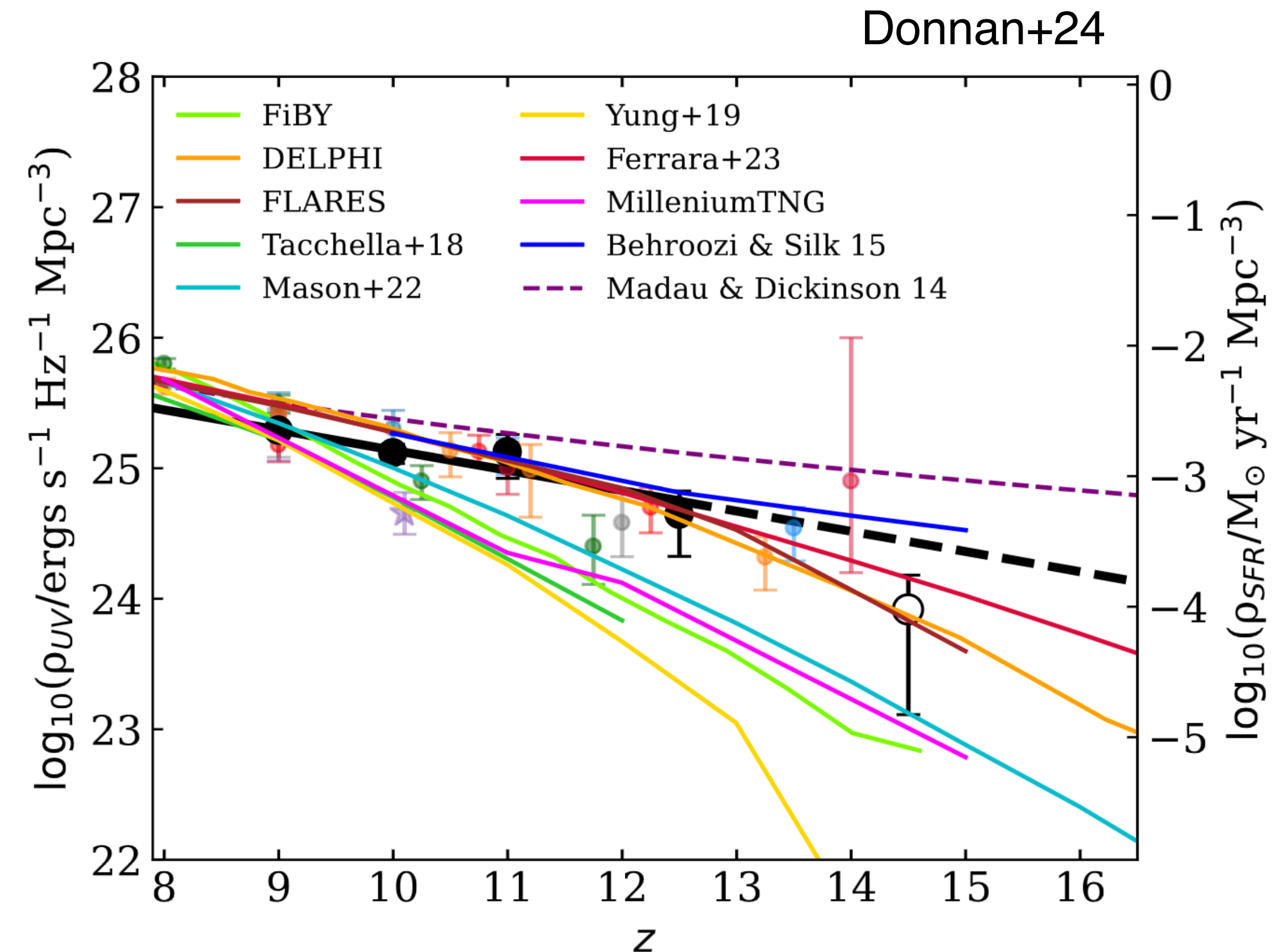
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 - selection techniques:
 same data \rightarrow different candidates!
 - comparison to models



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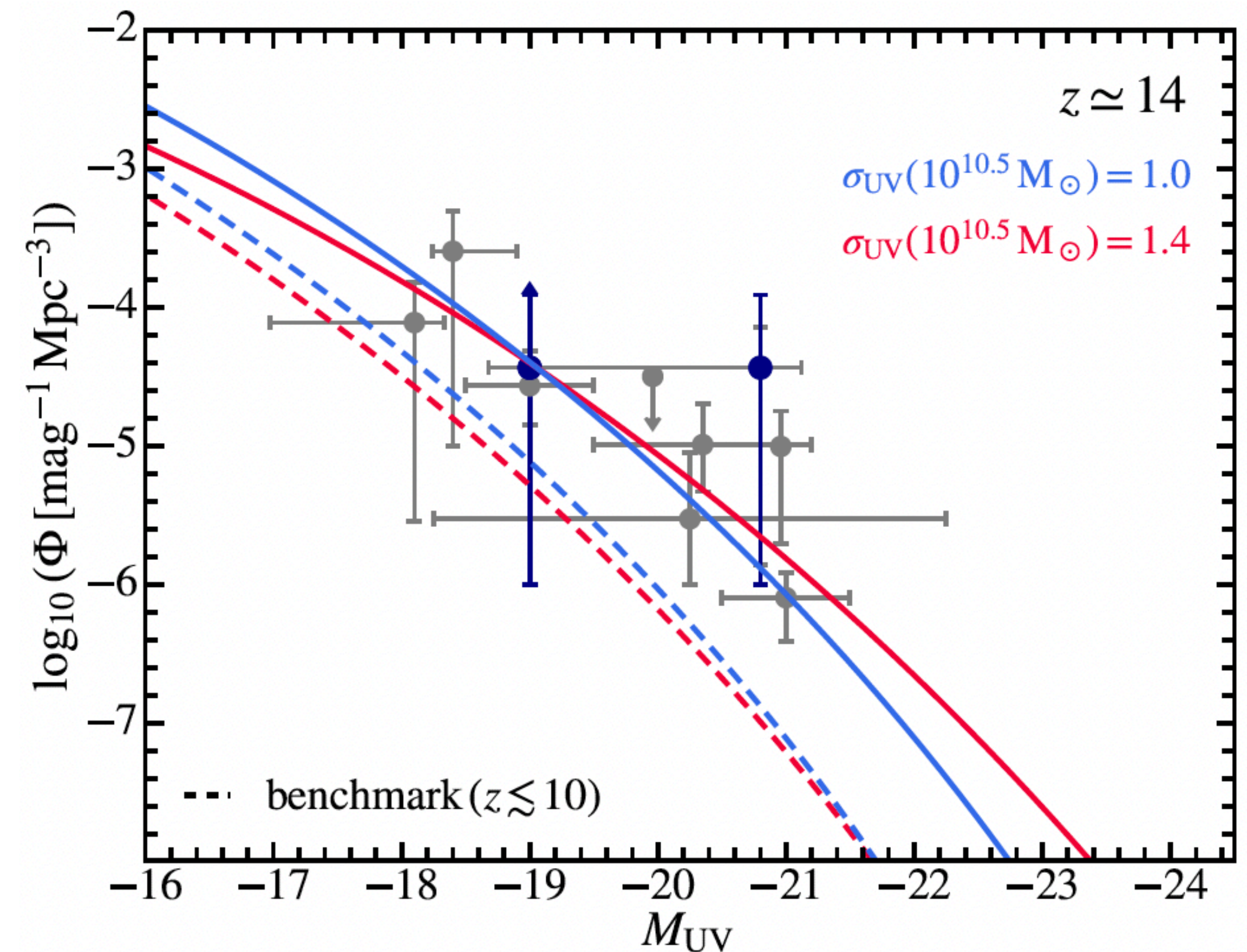
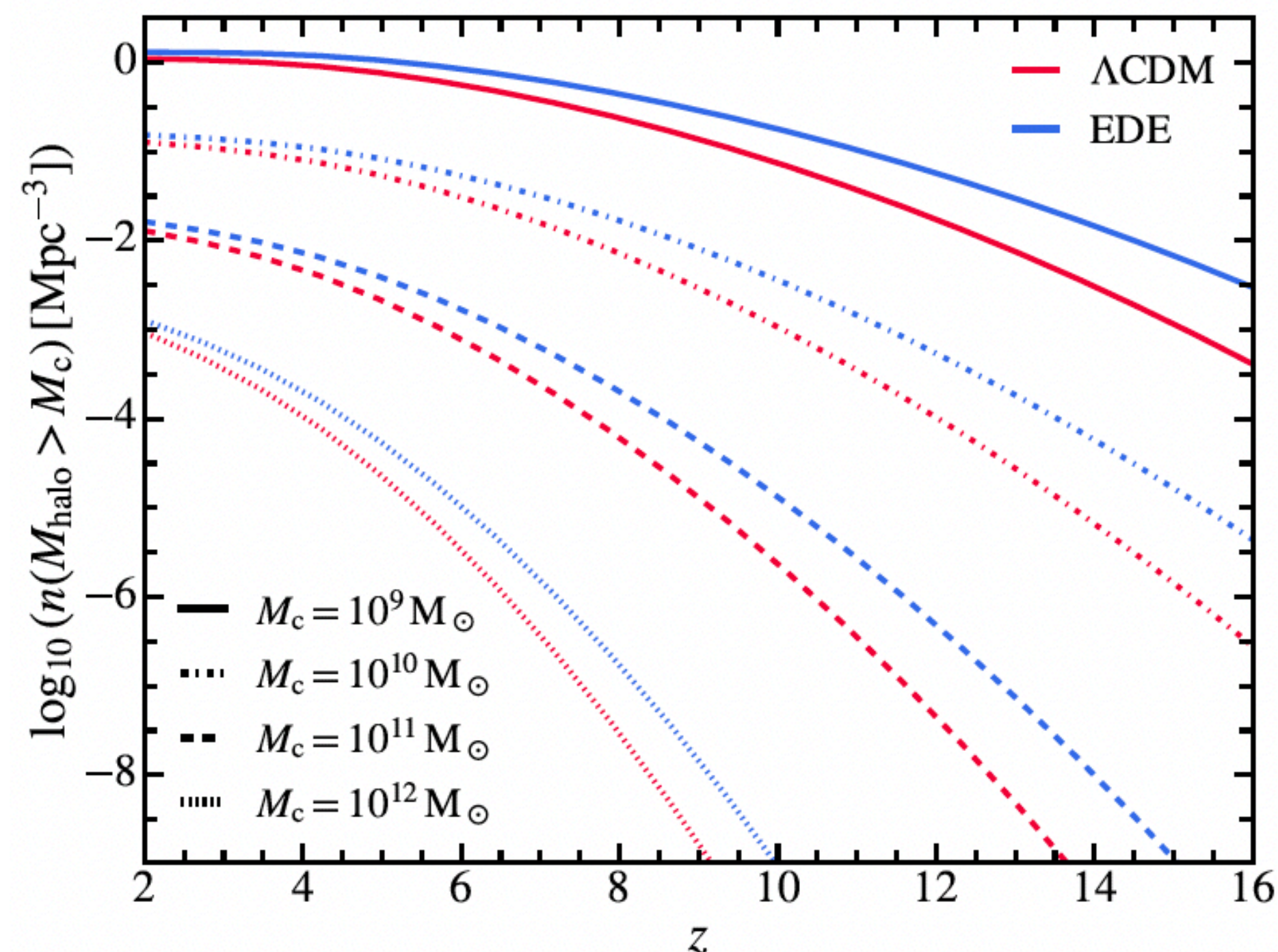
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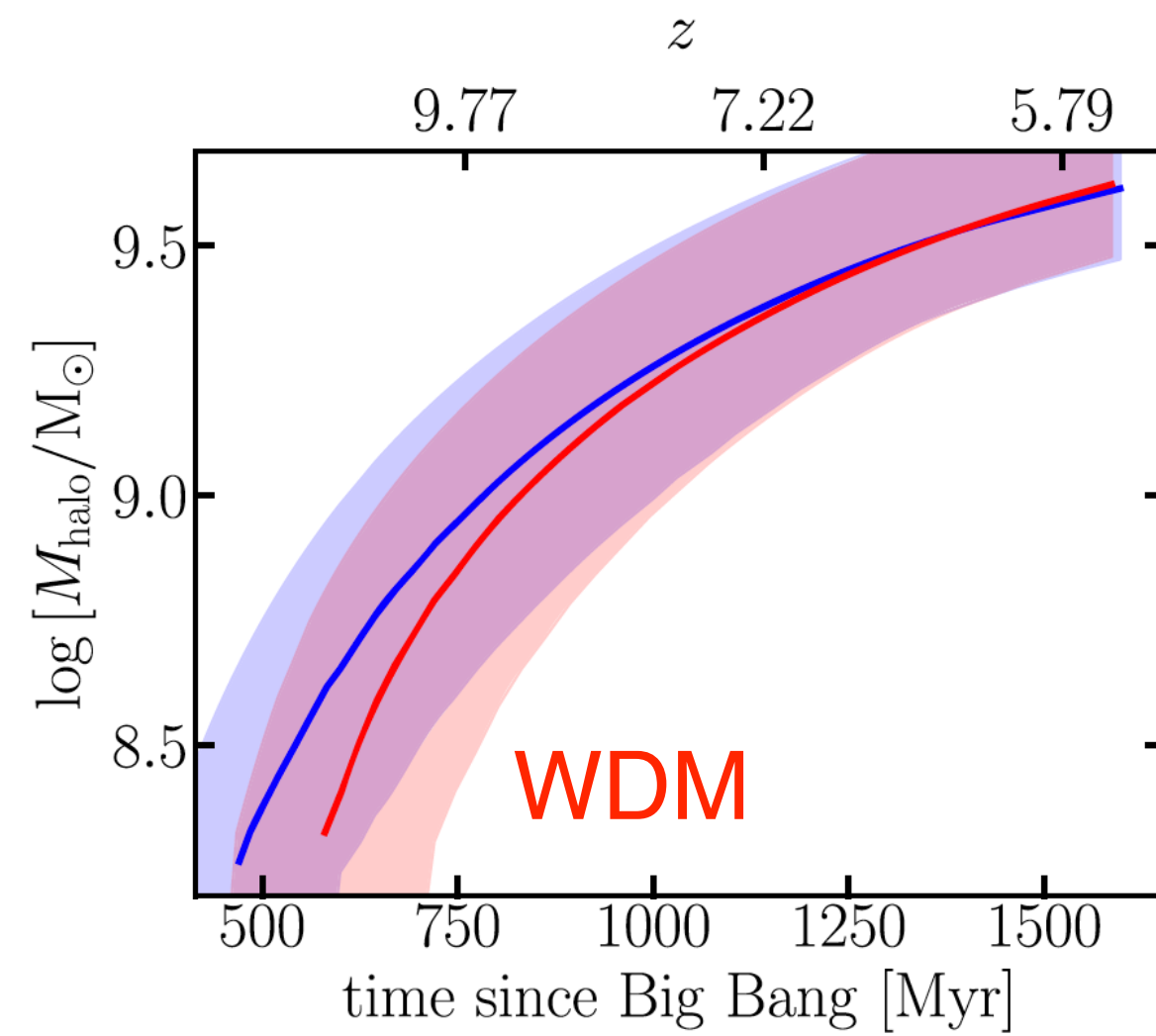
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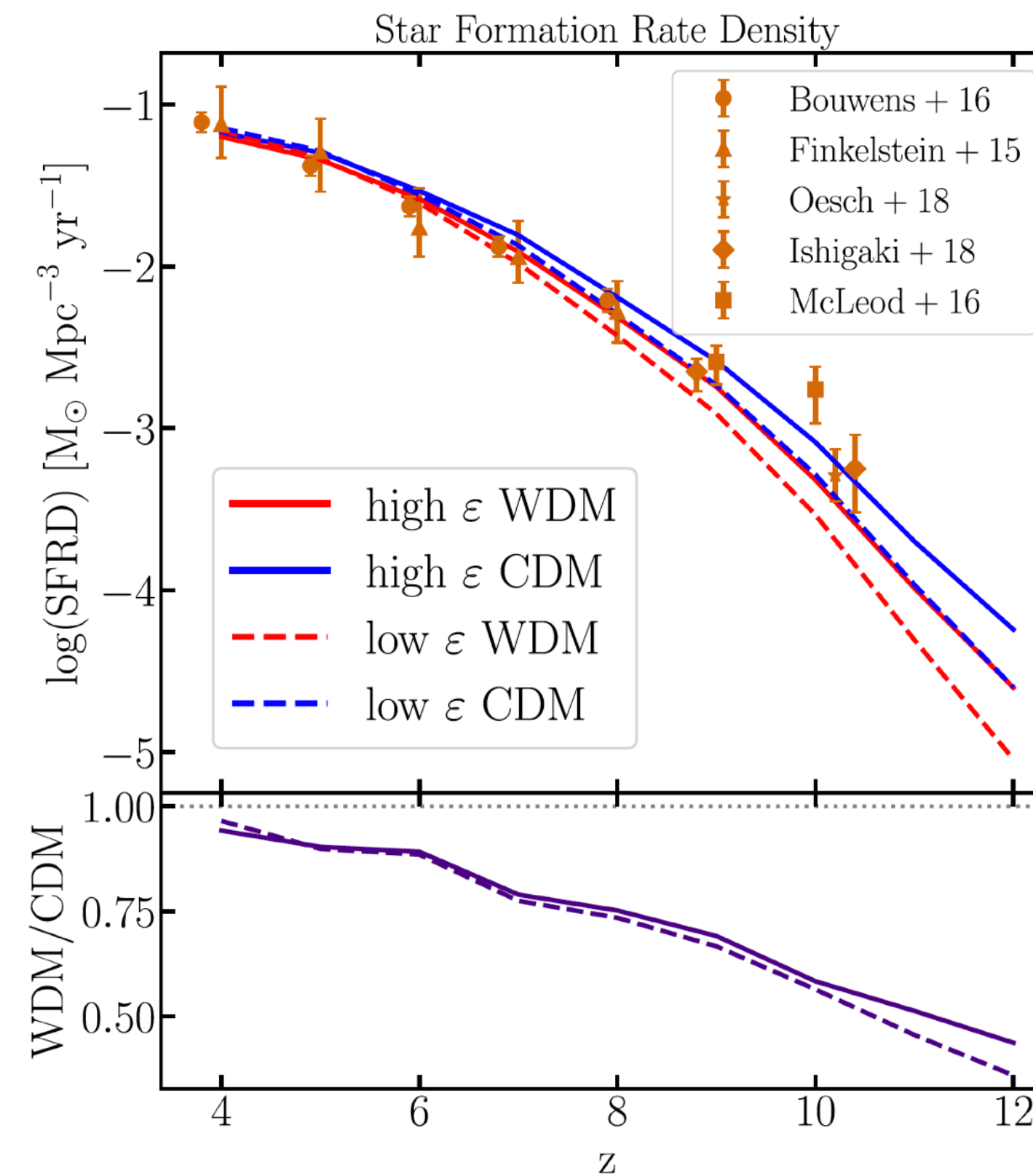
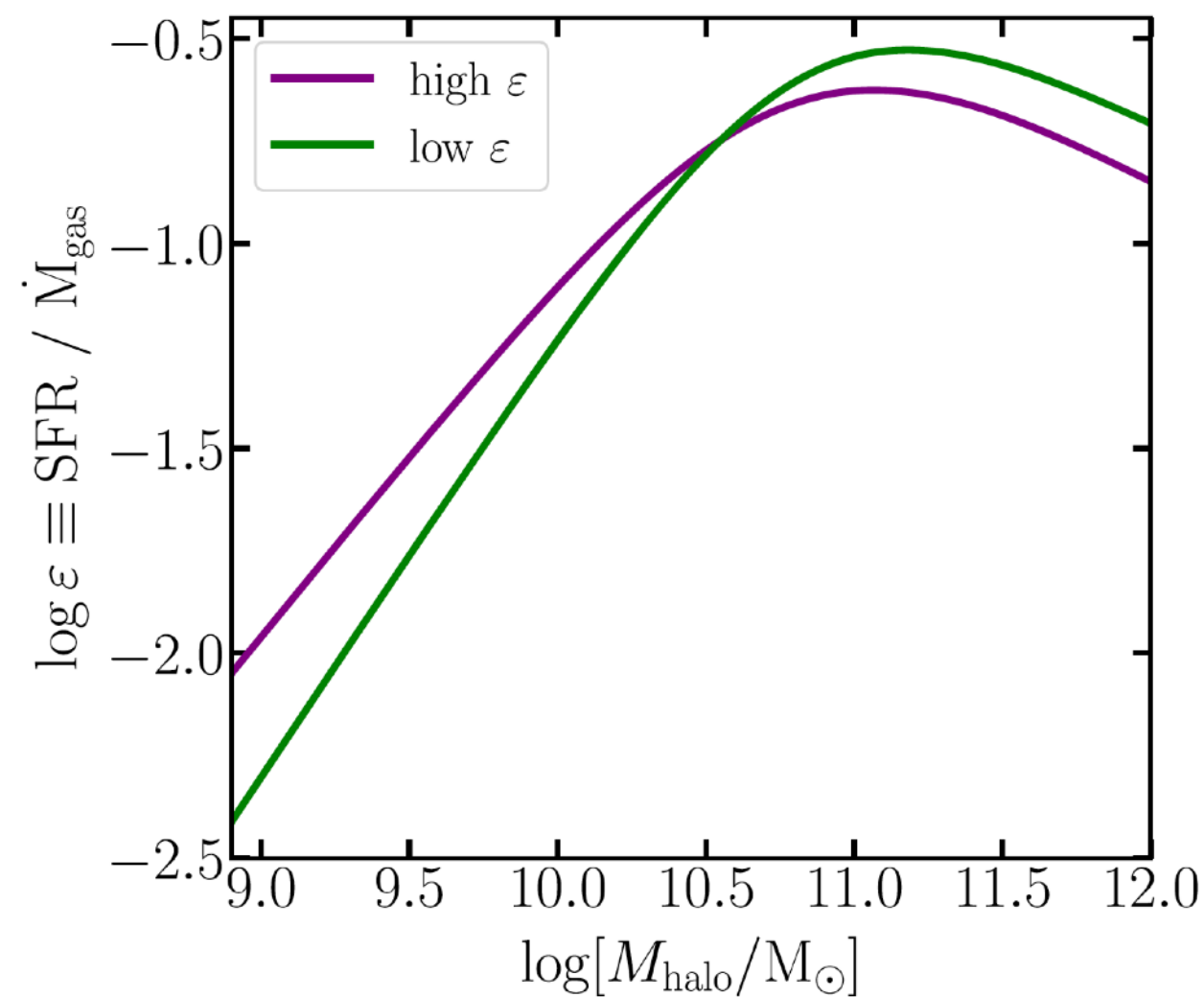
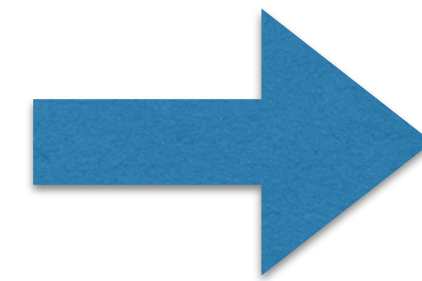
- Hubble tension (see review by Abdalla+ 22): discrepancy between inferences of the current expansion rate of the Universe based on CMB and directly measuring the expansion locally from supernovae
- increased expansion at early times is “Early Dark Energy” (EDE) can solve the Hubble tension...
... and it also increases the number of dark matter halos



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- Explore the impact of Warm Dark Matter (WDM) on the first galaxies
- WDM: 7 keV sterile neutrino
- Vary star-formation efficiency in low mass dark matter halos



Our results suggest that it is challenging to constrain the nature of dark matter, because there is a degeneracy between the baryonic physics and the dark matter model!

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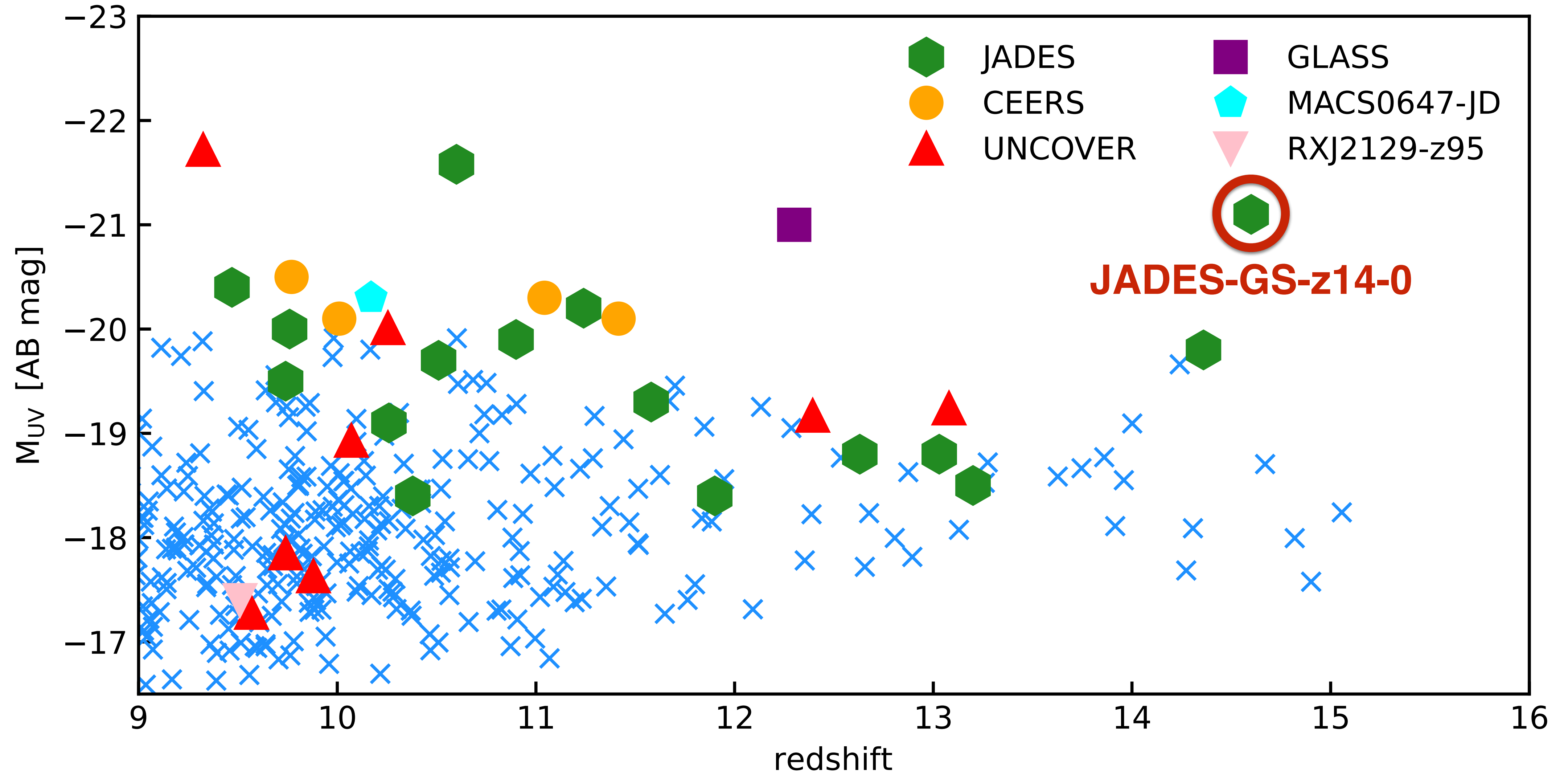
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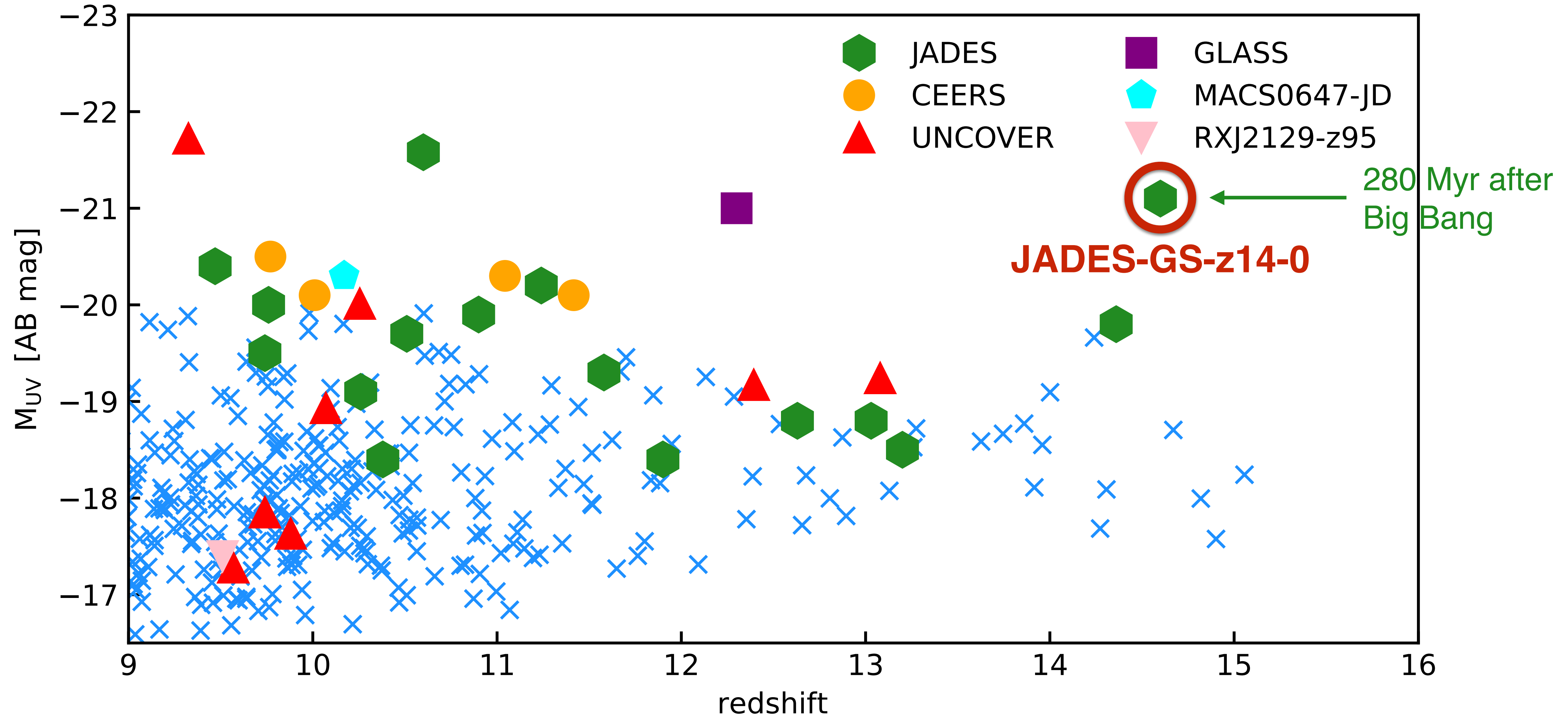
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- **Baryonic physics:**
 - increasing the SFE in halos (“feedback-free starbursts”; Dekel+23; Li [incl. ST]+23)
 - decreasing dust attenuation towards high redshifts (Ferrara+23; Lu+24)
 - increase the scatter between halos and UV (Shen [incl ST]+ 23; Mason+23; Kravtsov & Belokurov 24)
 - vary initial mass function (IMF) at high redshifts (Inayoshi+22; Cueto+24; Trinca+24; Ventura+24)
 - non stellar sources (e.g. AGN; dark stars; Inayoshi+22; Trinca+24; Hegde+24; Ilie+23)

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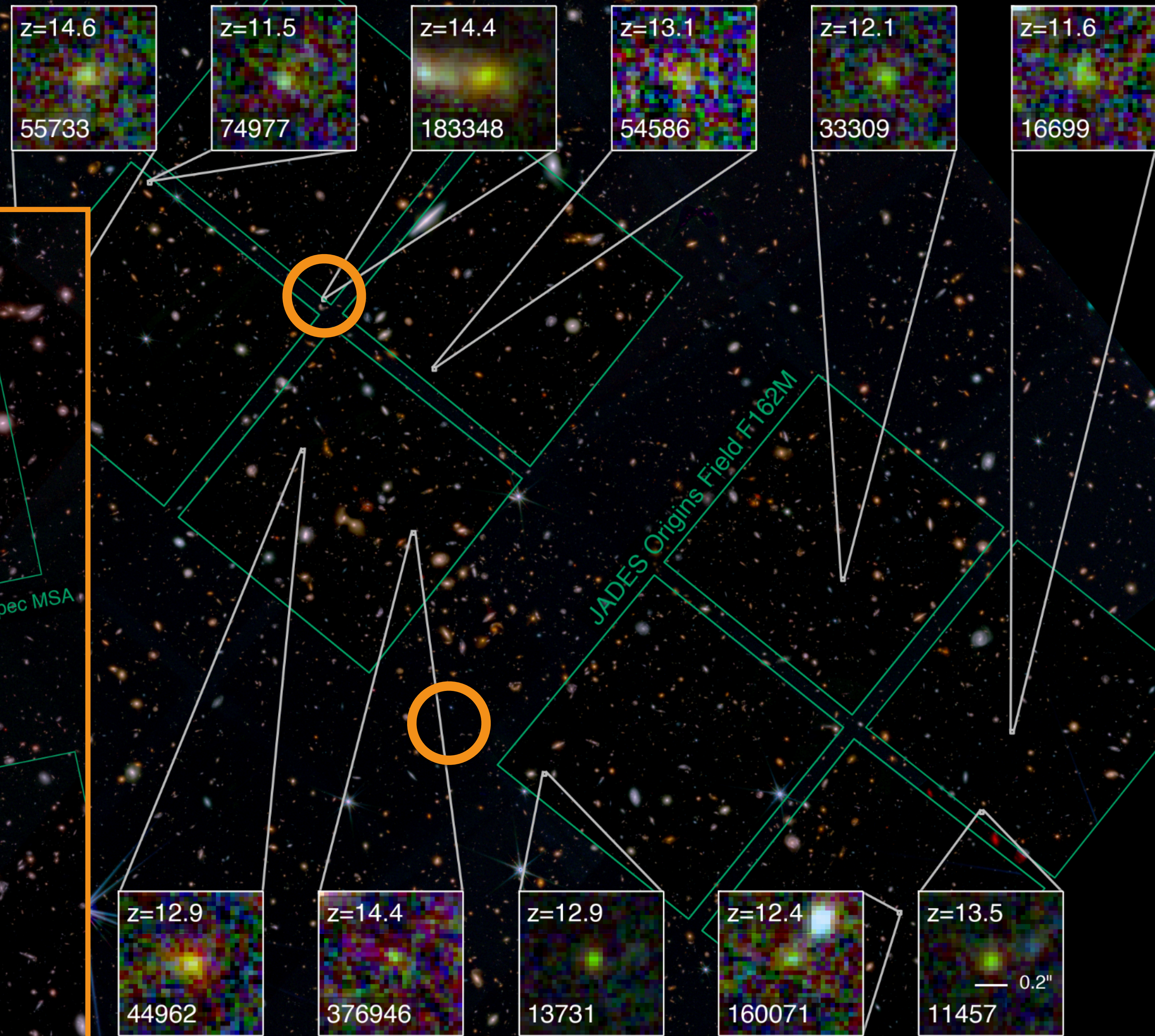
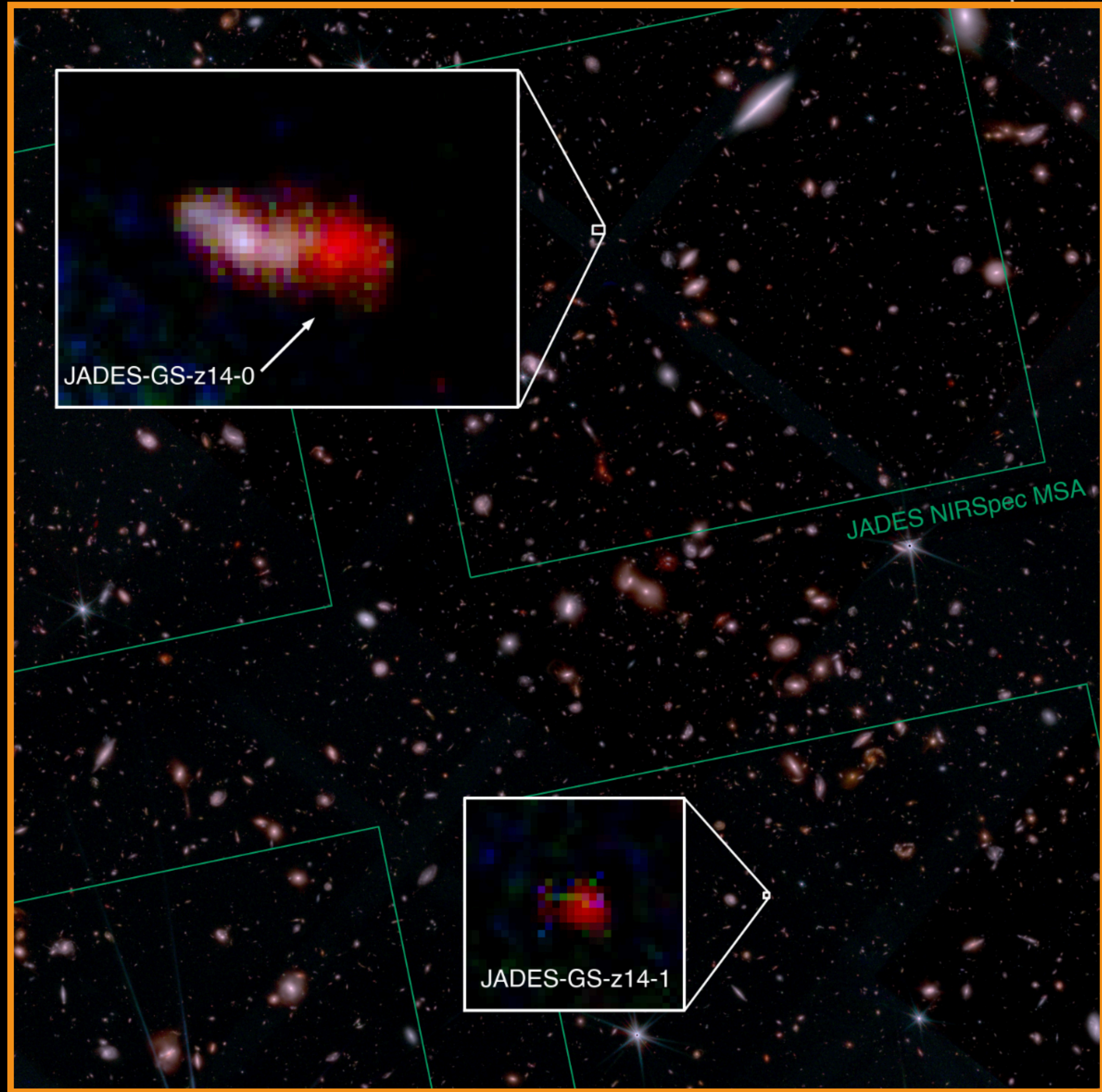


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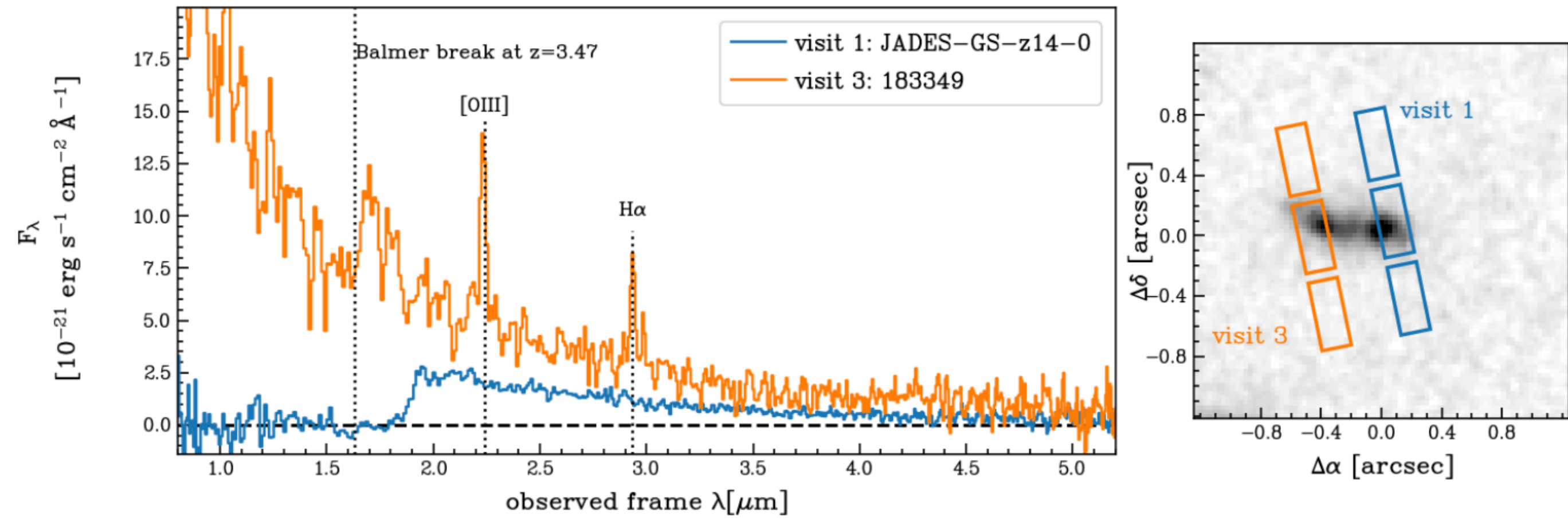
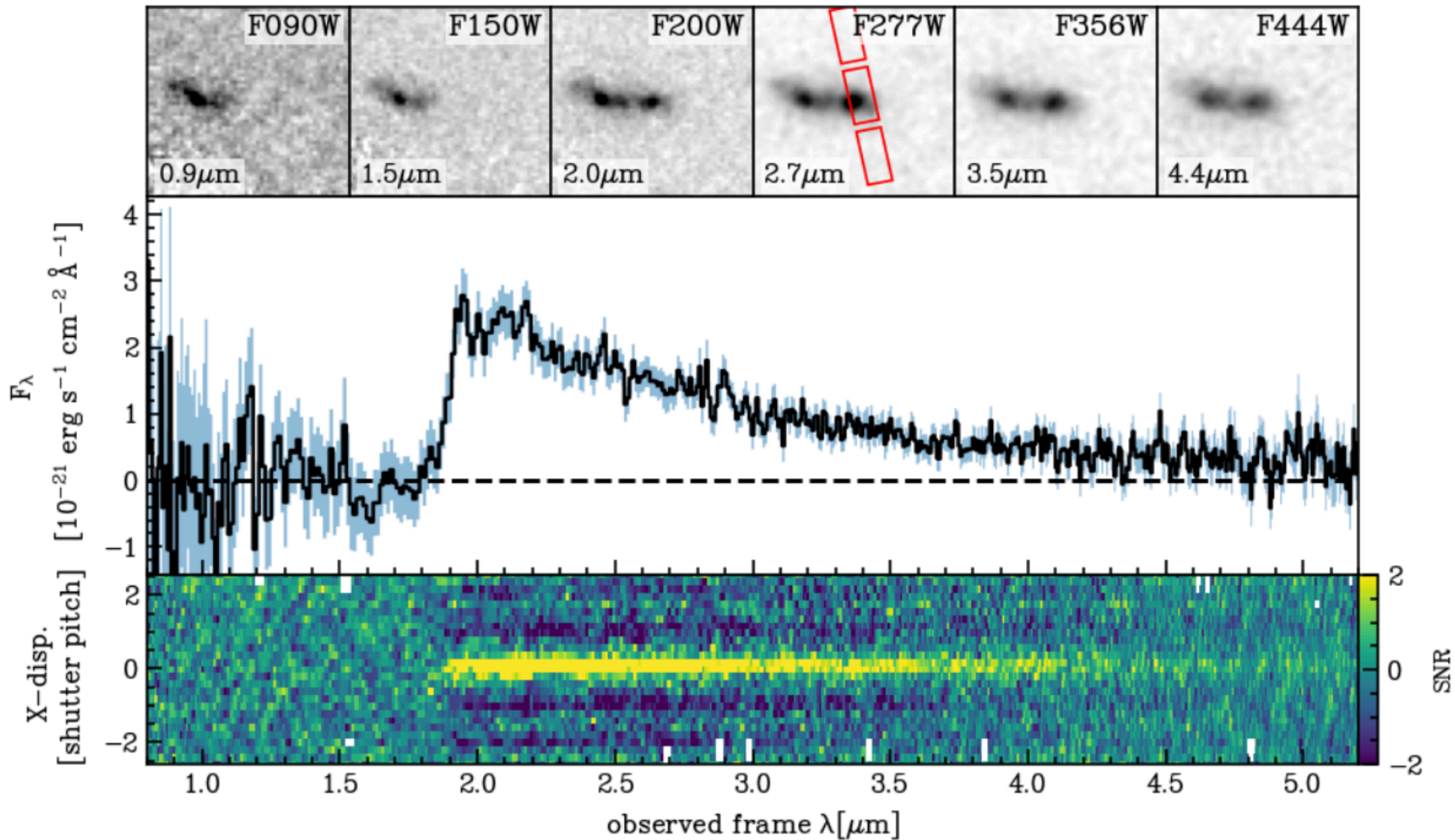
JADES Origins Field (JOF)

Robertson, Johnson, Tacchella+24



JADES-GS-z14-0: most distant galaxy

Carniani+24, Nature

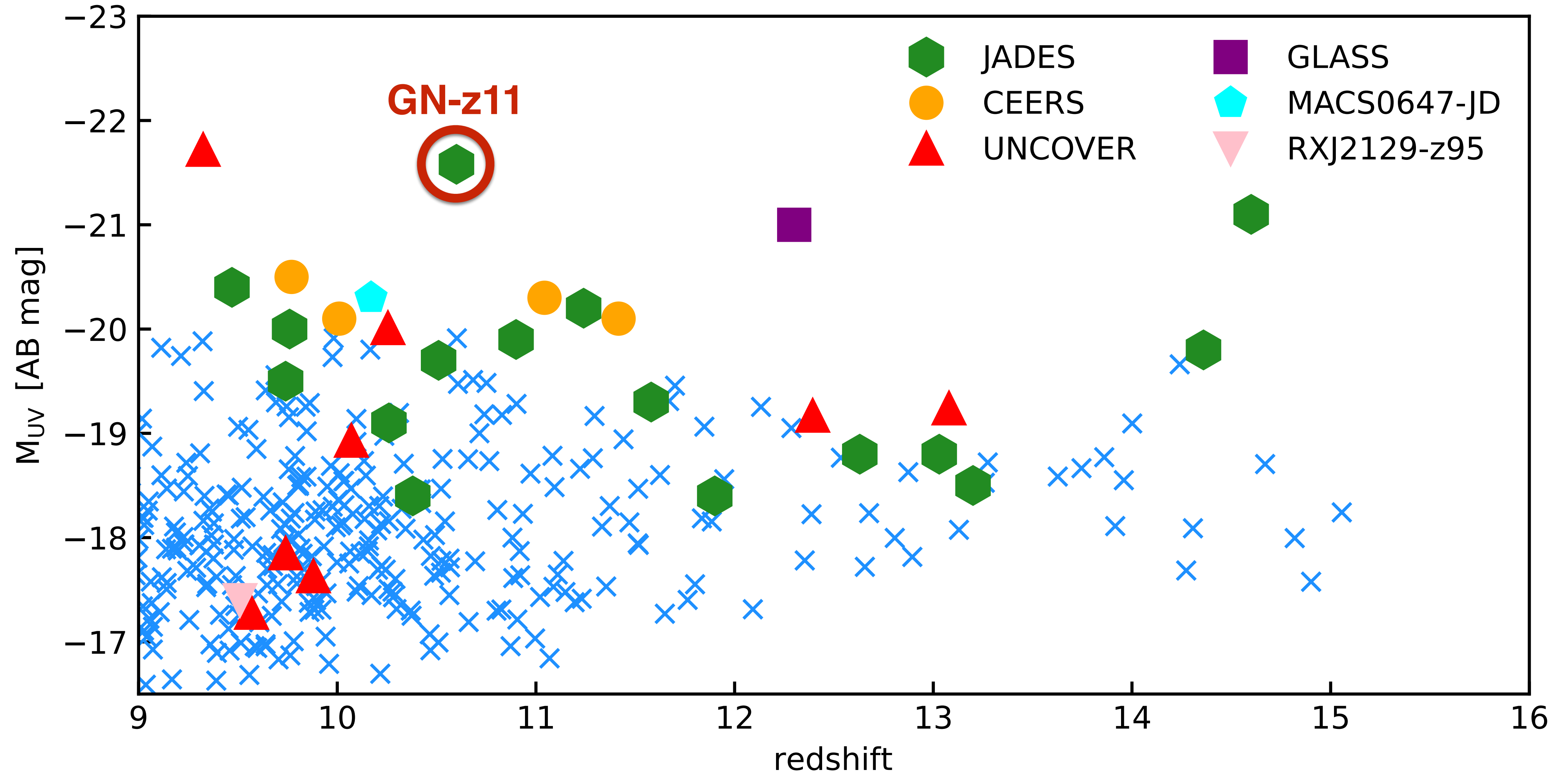


neighbouring galaxy is clearly at a different redshift

redshift $z=14.32$ via Lyman break (damping wing!)

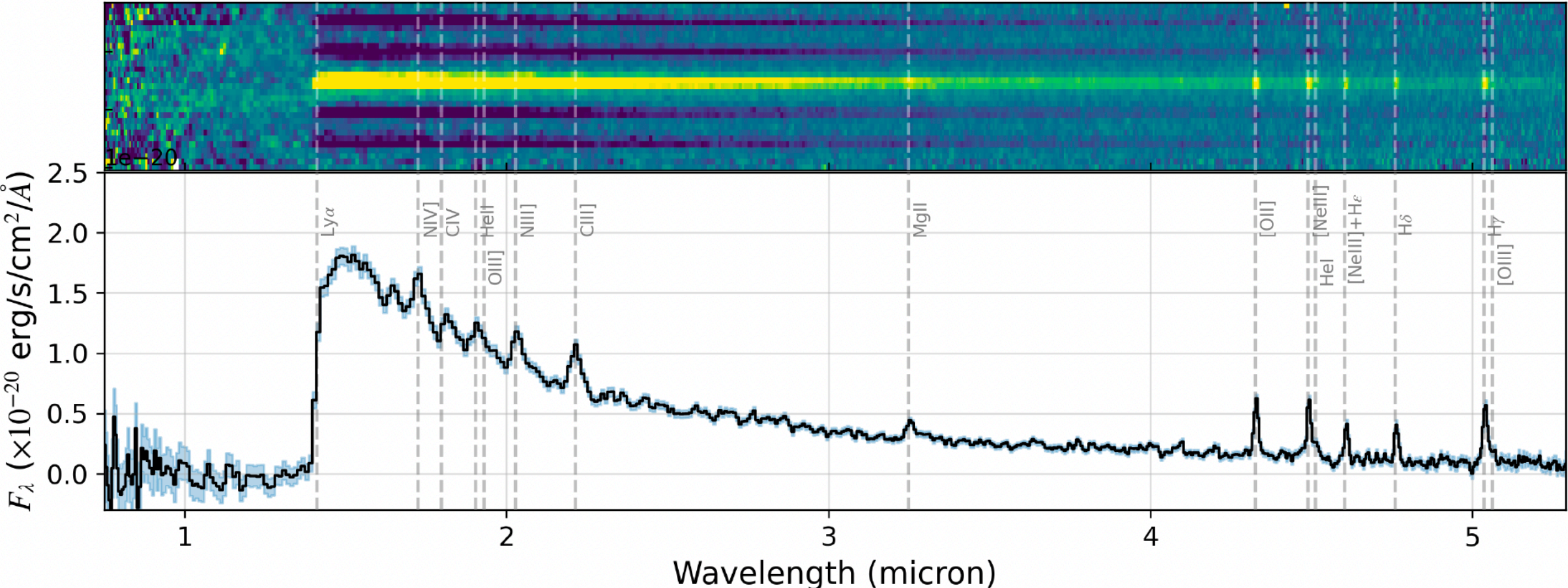
→ extended (~ 200 pc), no indication for an AGN!

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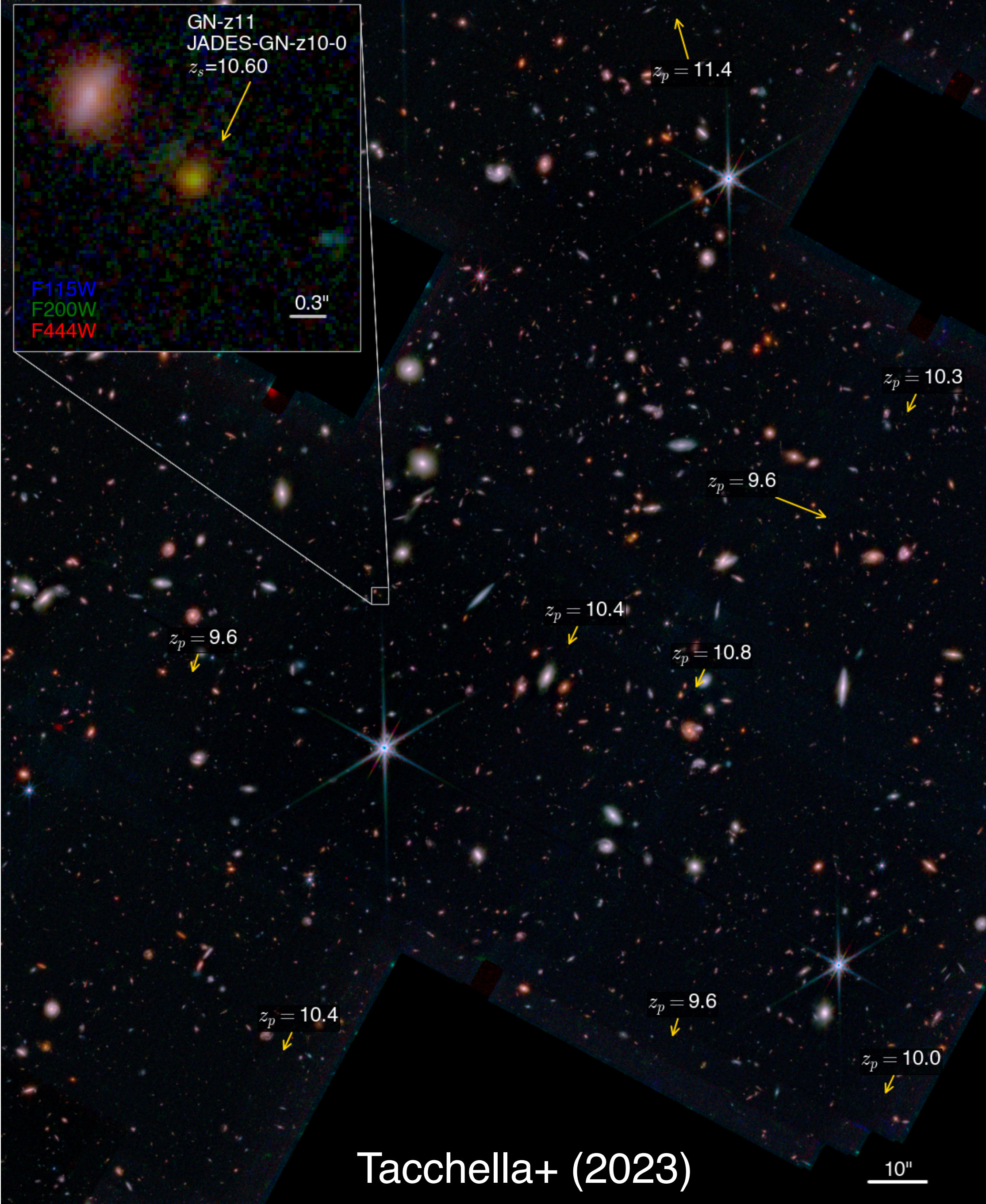
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Bunker+ (2023)



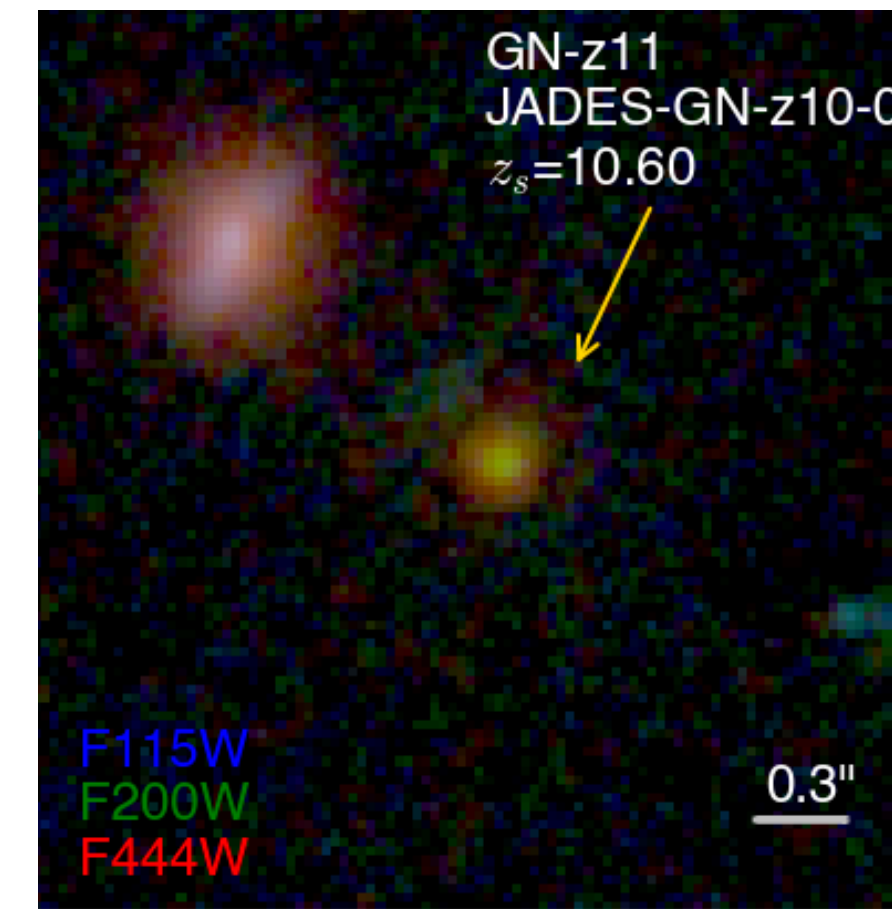
GN-z11 is at $z=10.60$!

... and possibly not alone:
 9 galaxies out to ~ 5 cMpc transverse
 → massive dark-matter halo ($\sim 8 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$)

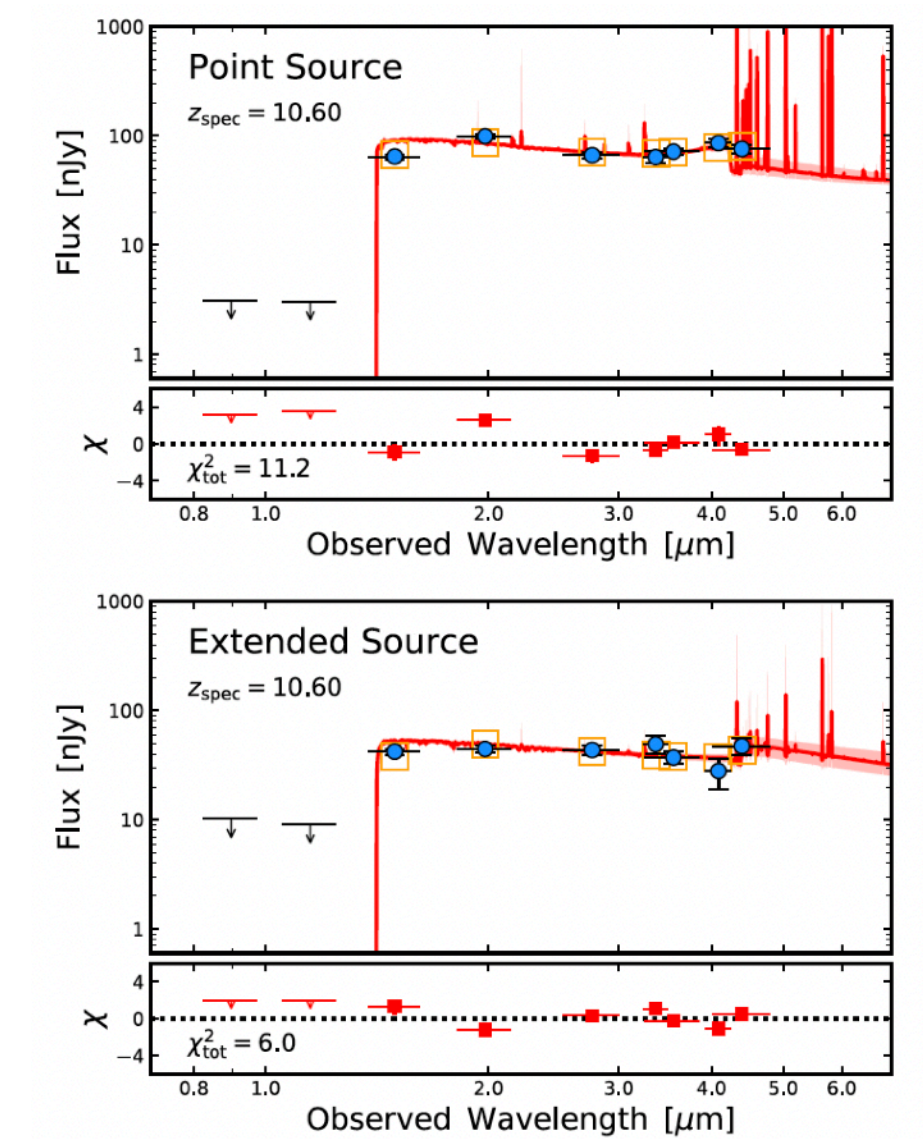


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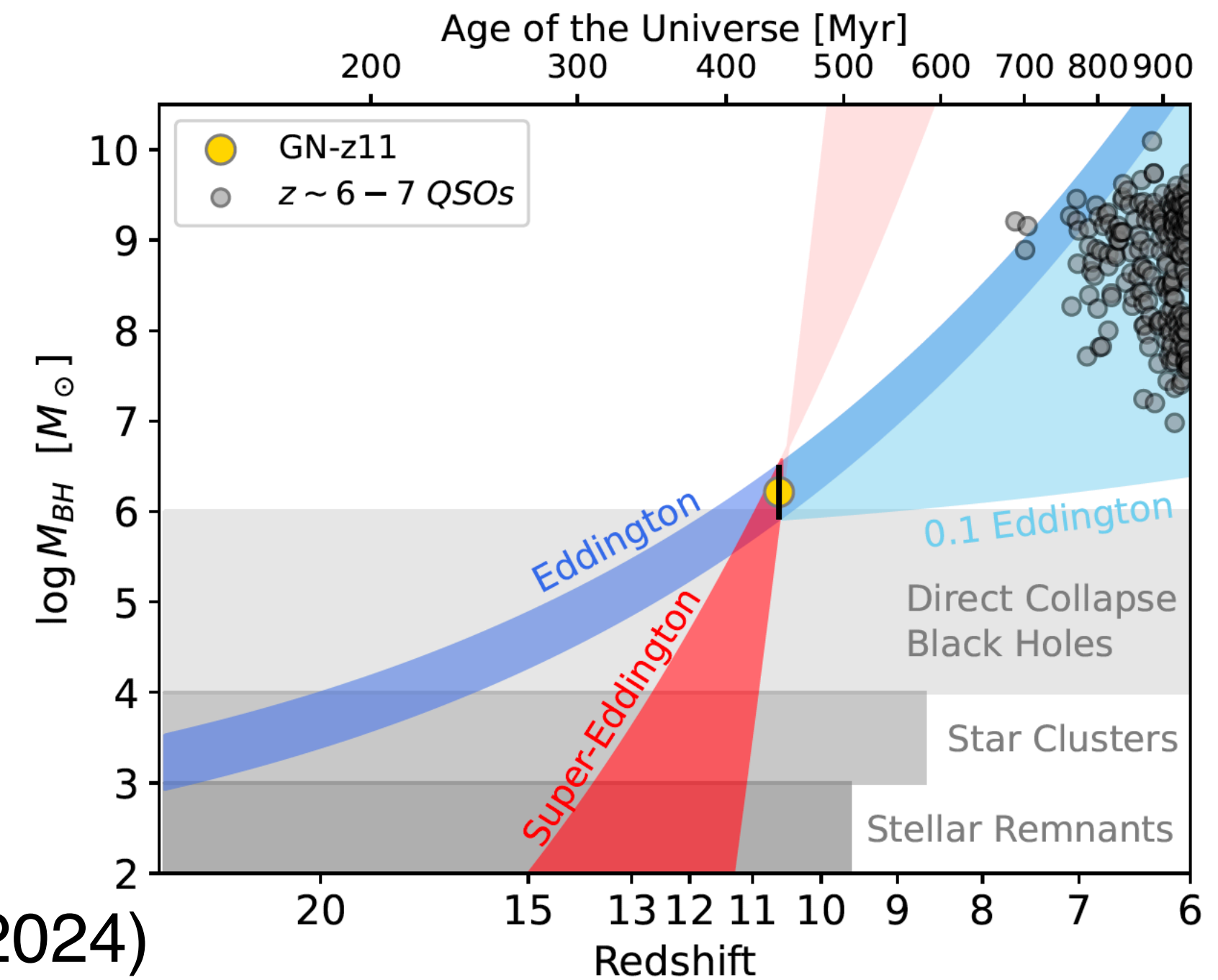
- Compact, but can decompose light into point source + extended component
- **luminosity** is dominated by central point source, while the **stellar mass** is dominated by the extended component (“outshining”)
- nuclear star-burst; bulge/core/GC formation?



Tacchella+ (2023)



- But GN-z11 also host an accreting black hole!
- central point source is an AGN
- several spectral features (CIV1549; continuum spectral slope; density implied from permitted lines) point to Broad Line Region of AGN

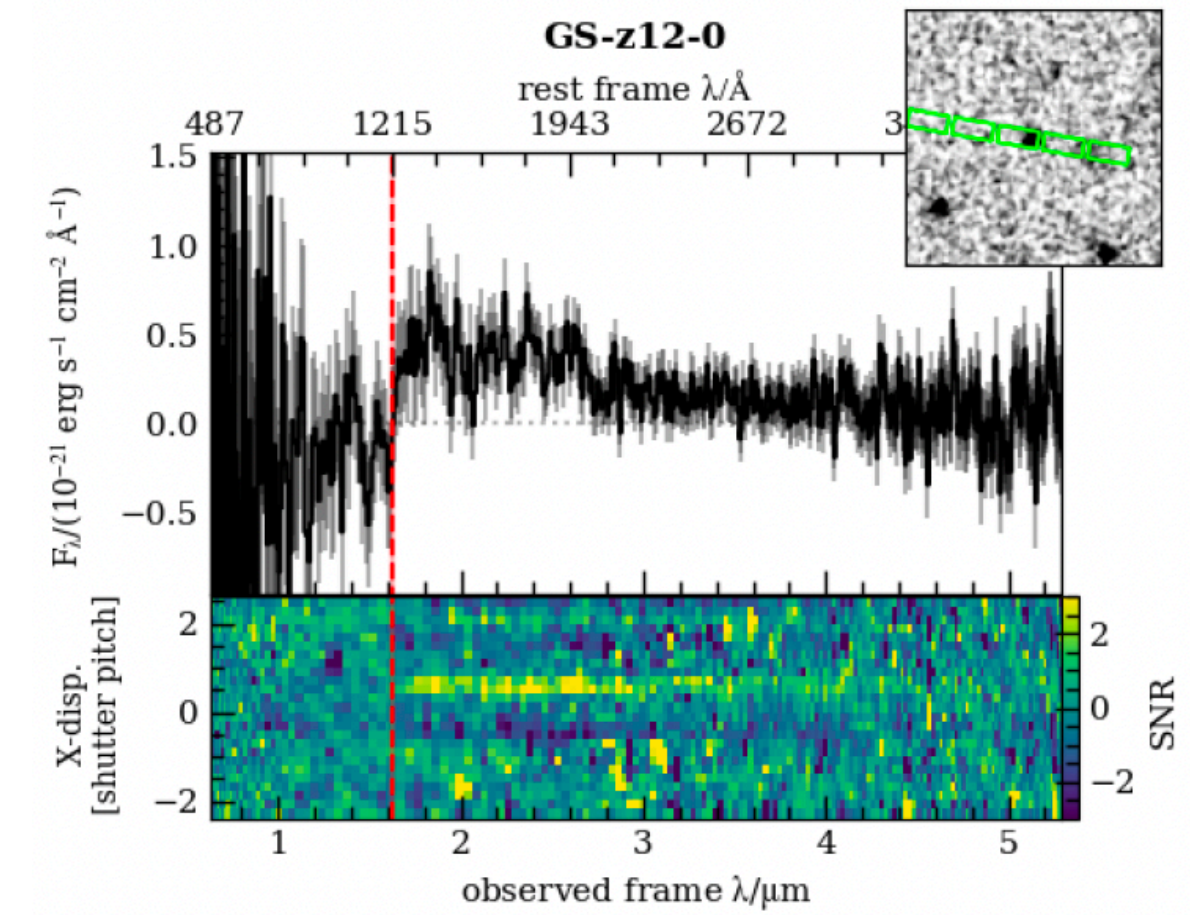


Maiolino+ (2024)

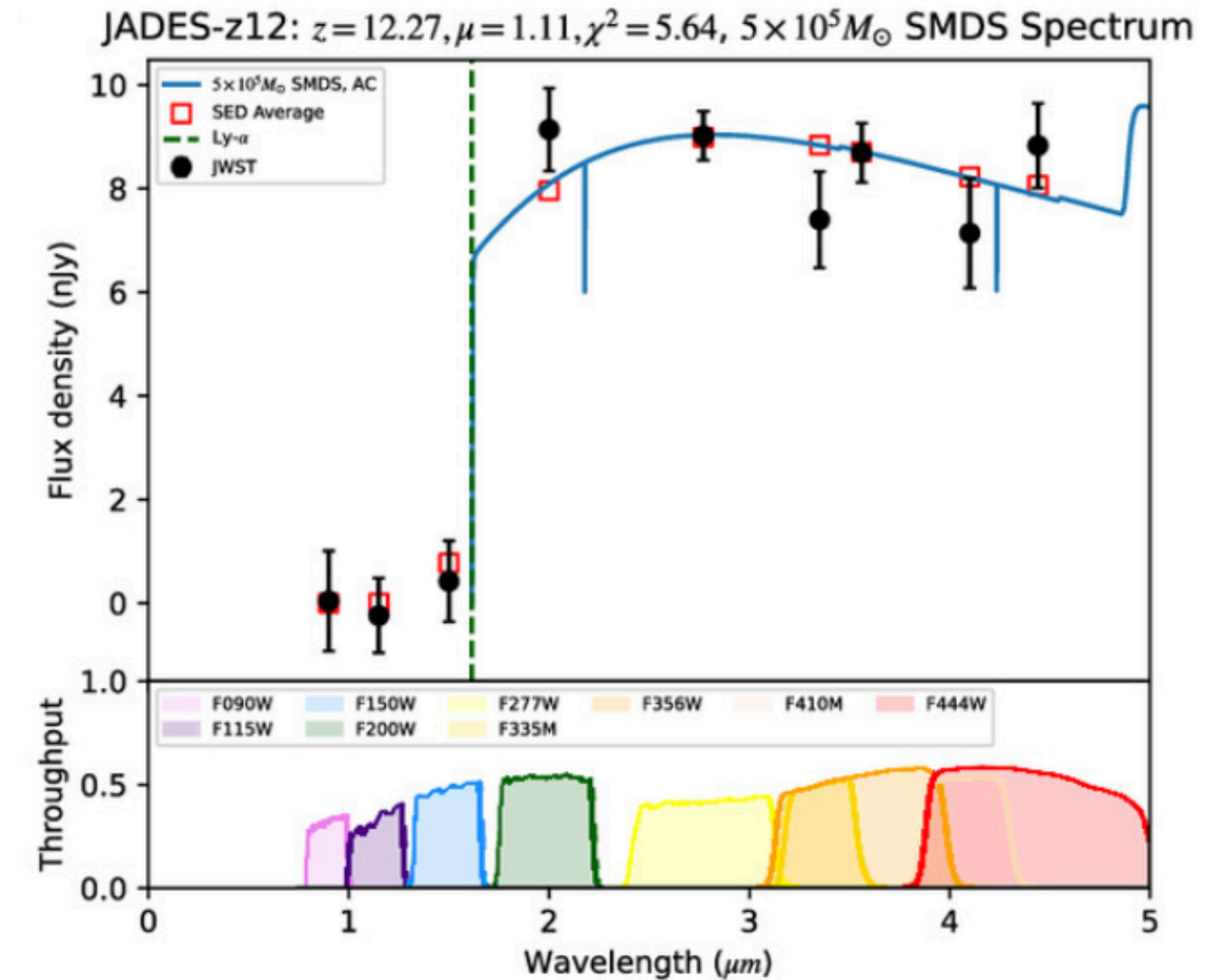
Dark stars?

Curtis-Lake, Carniani+ (2023)
Robertson, Tacchella+ (2023)

- Dark Stars, powered by dark matter (DM) heating rather than by nuclear fusion, and can become super massive ($\sim 10^6 M_{\odot}$)
- Ilie+ (2024): high-z objects discovered with JWST are consistent with a super-massive dark star interpretation, thus identifying the first dark star candidates
- But better data revealed emission lines in the spectrum, inconsistent with dark stars

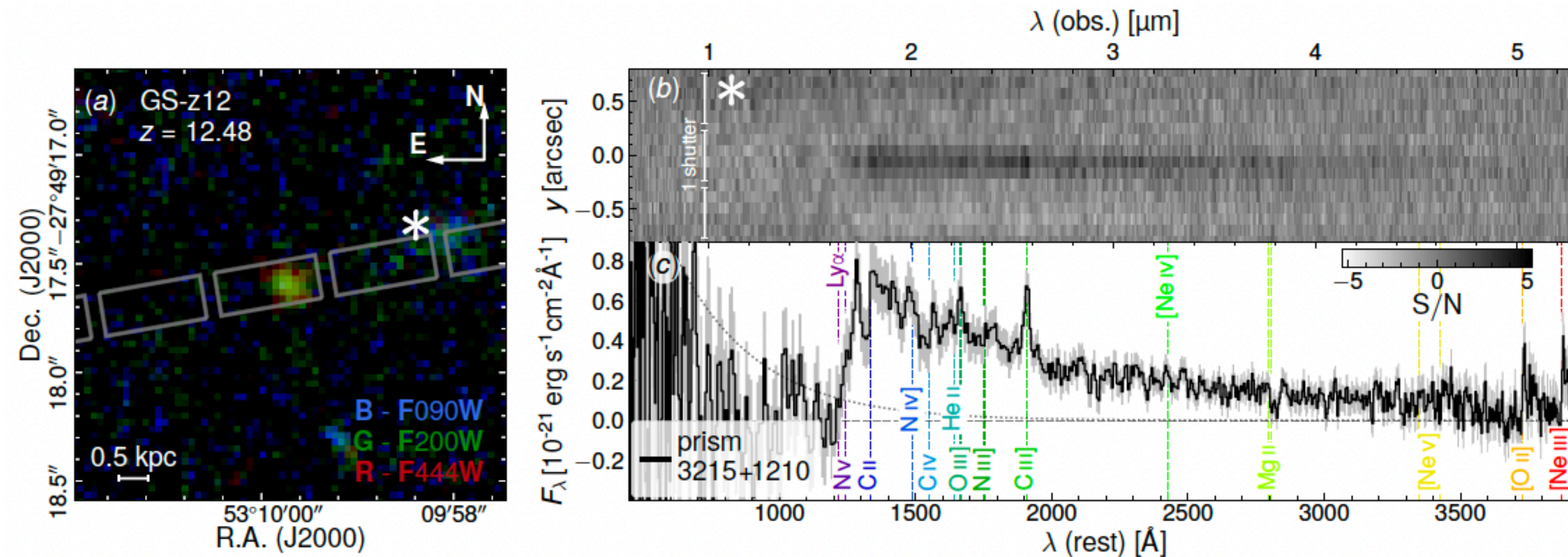


Ilie+ (2024)



JADES-GS-z12-0 as a SMDS

D'Eugenio+ (2024)



Over-abundance of galaxies in the first 500 Myr

Too many UV-bright galaxies at $z=9-12$... possible explanations:

- Cosmology:
 - enhance matter power spectrum (Sabti+ 24)
 - Early Dark Energy (Shen+ [incl. ST] 24)
 - but degeneracy with baryonic physics (Khimey, Bose & Tacchella 21)
- Baryonic physics:
 - increasing the SFE in halos (“feedback-free starbursts”; Dekel+23; Li [incl. ST]+23)
 - decreasing dust attenuation towards high redshifts (Ferrara+23; Lu+24)
 - increase the scatter between halos and UV (Shen [incl ST]+ 23; Mason+23; Kravtsov & Belokurov 24)
 - vary initial mass function (IMF) at high redshifts (Inayoshi+22; Cueto+24; Trinca+24; Ventura+24)
 - non stellar sources (e.g. AGN; dark stars; Inayoshi+22; Trinca+24; Hegde+24; Ilie+23)

→ $z > 10$ galaxies are diverse: sizes, attenuation, SFR, AGN, intense star formation

Conclusions

- JWST delivers exquisite data
 - first time that we can do high-resolution (NIR) spectroscopy in space
- JWST surprised us: more UV bright galaxies in the early universe, galaxies with accreting black holes, massive quiescent galaxies, mature systems with dense cores...
- Over-abundance of UV bright galaxies:
 - could explain with changing cosmological model (f.e. Early Dark Energy), but “baryonic” solutions are more reasonable
 - galaxies are complicated systems... need to understand first the internal working of those before putting constraints on cosmology