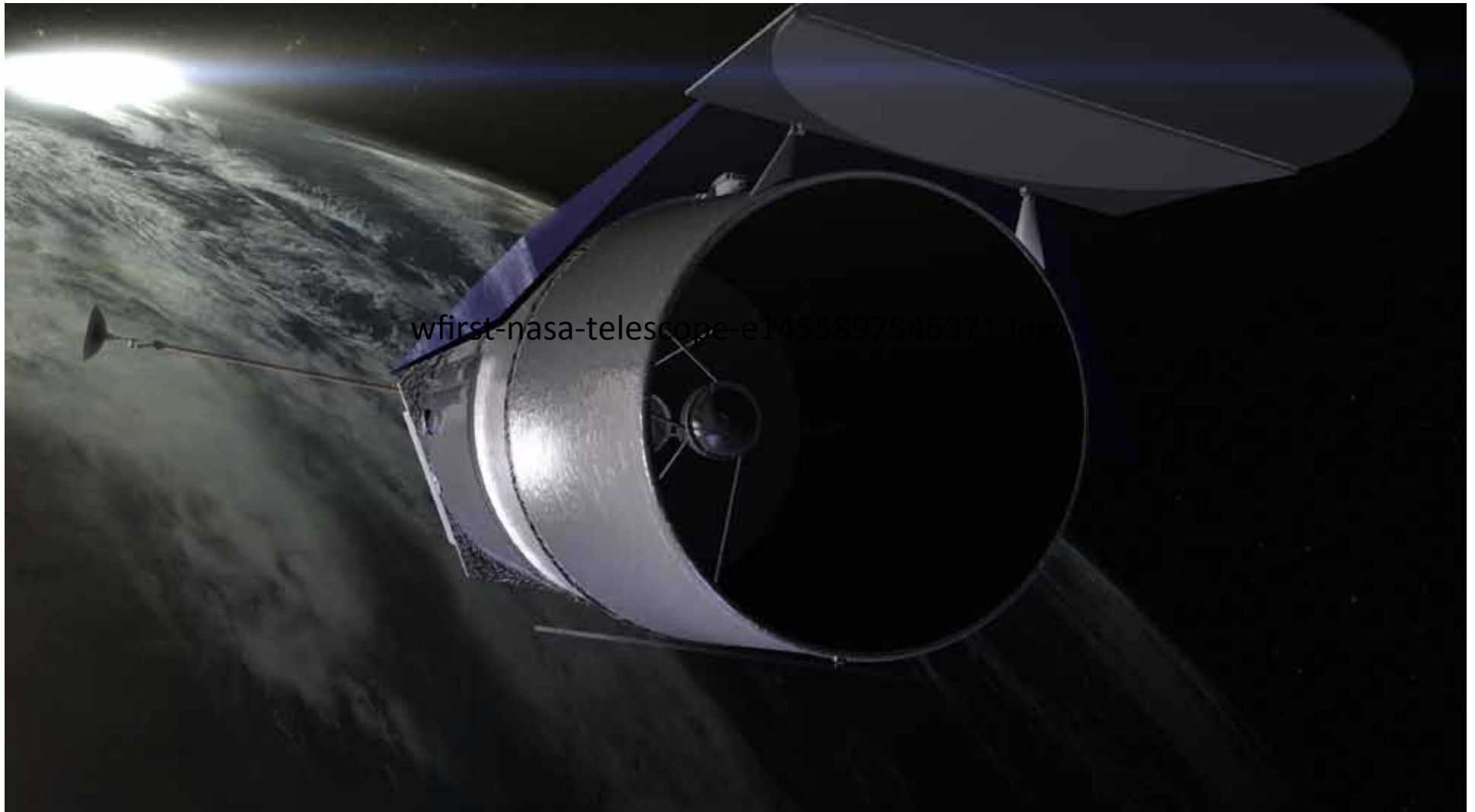


# Beyond the six-pack statistics quasars and galaxies at high-z



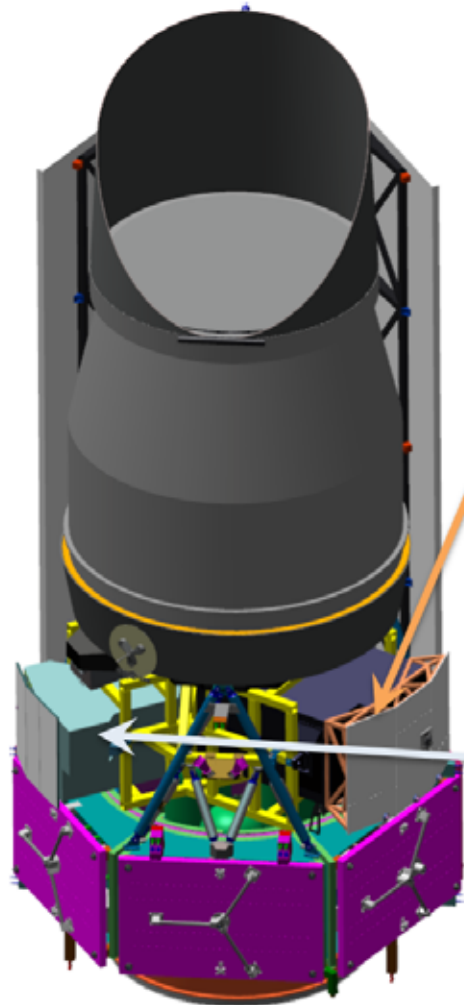
# WFIRST



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# WFIRST Instruments



## Wide-Field Instrument

- *Imaging & spectroscopy over 1000s of sq. deg.*
- *Monitoring of SN and microlensing fields*
- 0.7-2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  (imaging), 1.1-1.89  $\mu\text{m}$  (spec.), 0.45-2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  (IFU)
- 0.28  $\text{deg}^2$  FoV (100x JWST FoV), 9  $\text{asec}^2$  & 36  $\text{asec}^2$  (IFU)
- 18 H4RG detectors (288 Mpixels), 2 H1RG detectors (IFU)
- 6 filter imaging, grism + IFU spectroscopy

## Coronagraph

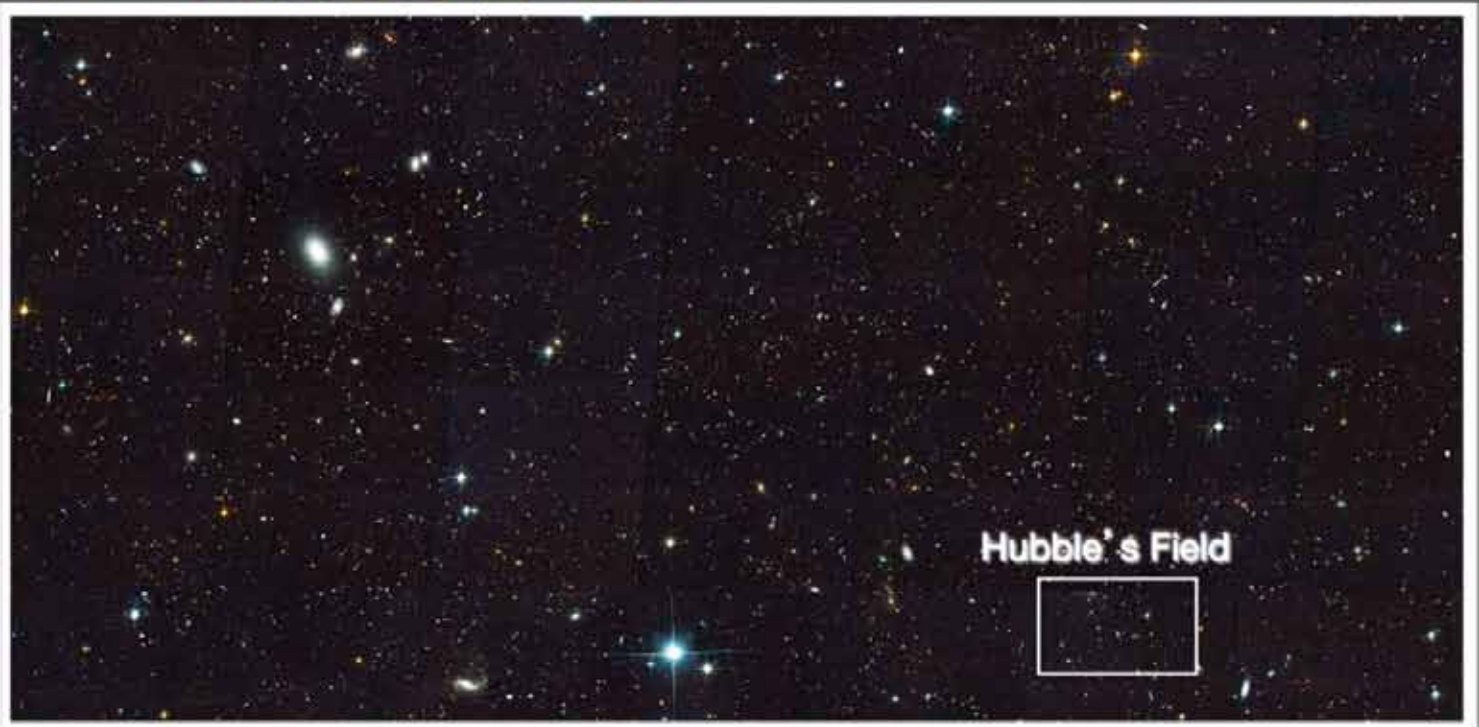
- *Image and spectra of exoplanets from super-Earths to giants*
- *Images of debris disks*
- 430 – 970 nm (imaging) & 600 – 970 nm (spec.)
- Final contrast of  $10^{-9}$  or better
- Exoplanet images from 0.1 to 1.0 arcsec

# Hubble - A Spectacular Start



The Hubble Ultra Deep Field  
seeing the Universe, 10,000  
galaxies at a time

# WFIRST-AFTA - Hubble X 100



Hubble's Field

An AFTA/WFIRST Deep Field  
A New Window on the Universe - 1,000,000 galaxies at a time

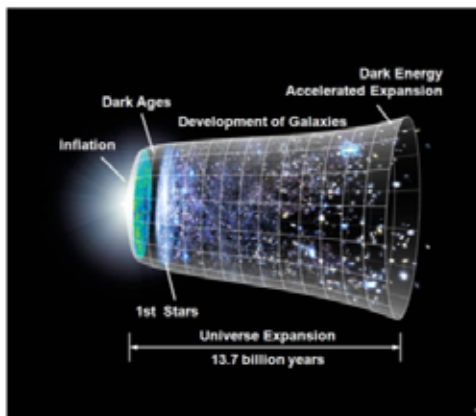


# Discovery Science

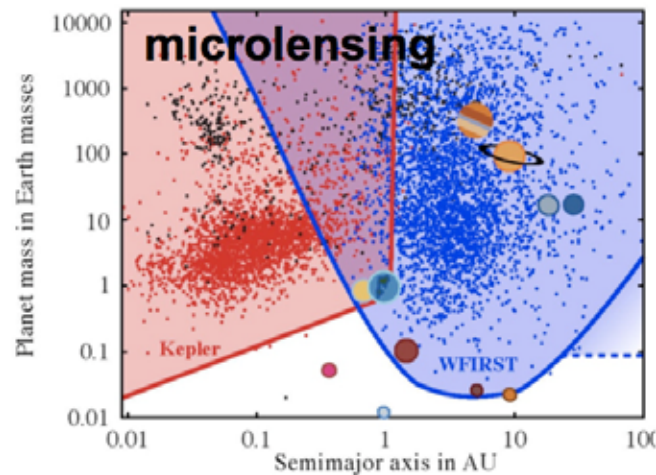


- WFIRST was highest ranked large space mission in 2010 Decadal Survey
- Use of 2.4m telescope enables
  - Hubble quality imaging over 100x more sky
  - Imaging of exoplanets with  $10^{-9}$  contrast with a coronagraph

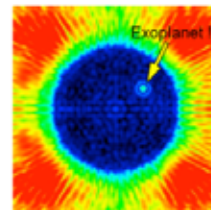
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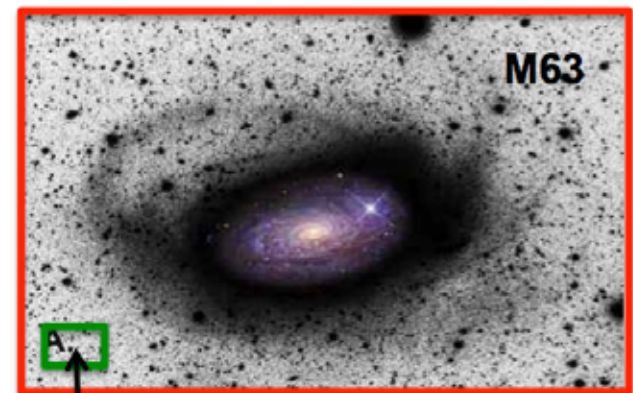
## Exoplanets



coronagraph



## Astrophysics



HST

WFIRST



# Yields



## Attributes

Imaging survey

Slitless spectroscopy

Number of SN Ia SNe

Number galaxies with spectra

Number galaxies with shapes

Number of galaxies detected

Number of massive clusters

Number of microlens exoplanets

Number of imaged exoplanets

## WFIRST Yields

J ~ 26.7 AB over 2200 sq deg

J ~ 29 AB over 3 sq deg deep fields

R ~ 461 $\lambda$  over 2200 sq deg

2700 to z~1.7

$2 \times 10^7$

$4 \times 10^8$

few  $\times 10^9$

$4 \times 10^4$

2600

10s



# Cosmic Dawn and Reionization

A. Properties of first stars, galaxies, quasars

B. Reionization

When: and how long?

Who: quasars, galaxies – big, small?

Where: how inhomogeneous?

Find the right Dawn for you.

DISCOVER DAWN PRODUCTS ▶



Platinum Power Cleaning

Antibacterial

Grease Fighting

Gentle on Hands

# Cosmic Dawn with WFIRST

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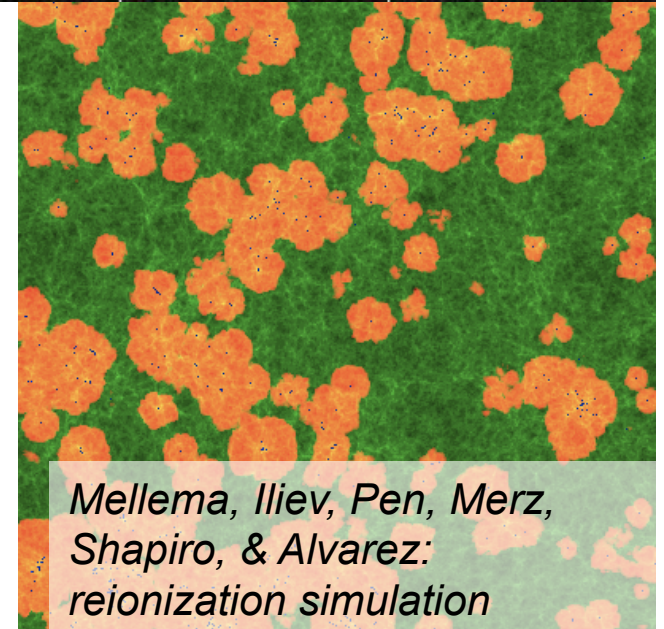
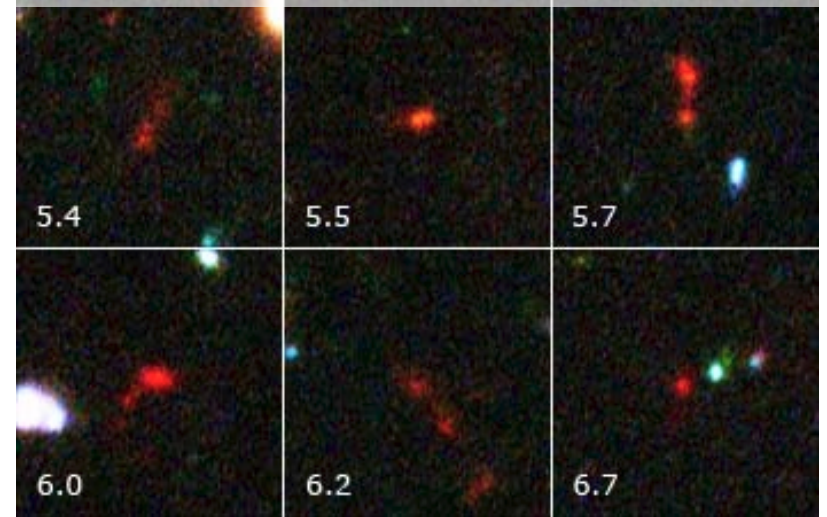




# Ways to Study Reionization

- Look for the ionizing sources, estimate ionizing photon production, and compare to requirements for (re)ionization.
  - Galaxies
  - Quasars [or AGN more generally]
- Look for evidence of neutral gas and/or evidence of free electrons.
  - Lyman alpha galaxy statistics
  - Quasar spectroscopy
- We will explore all of these in detail for WFIRST capabilities.

*Lyman break galaxies with HST slitless grism redshifts from Malhotra et al 2005*



*Mellema, Ilic, Pen, Merz, Shapiro, & Alvarez:  
reionization simulation*

# Results from deep HST grism

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GRAPES: HUDF, G800 10 orbits x 4 PAs

PEARS: G800, 8 fields to 5 x 4 PAs

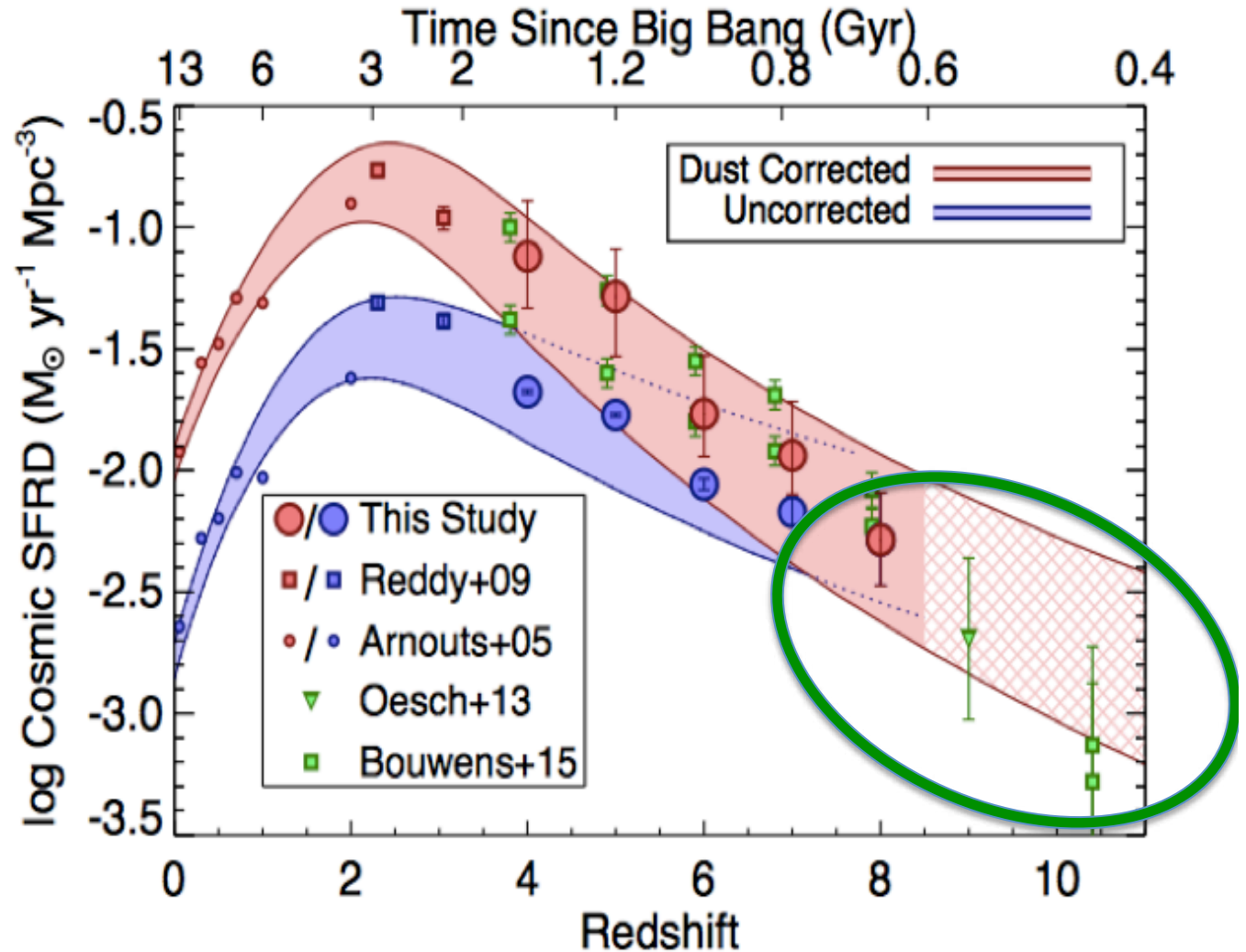
FIGS: G102, 4 fields 8x5PAs

(Deep Imaging data from HST)



# Hunting the Sources of Reionization: Star Forming Galaxies

- Star formation rate density history from Finkelstein et al 2015.
- WFIRST GO/GI surveys will help fill out the high-z end of this with incredible sample sizes.
- Will complement small but deeper JWST fields.

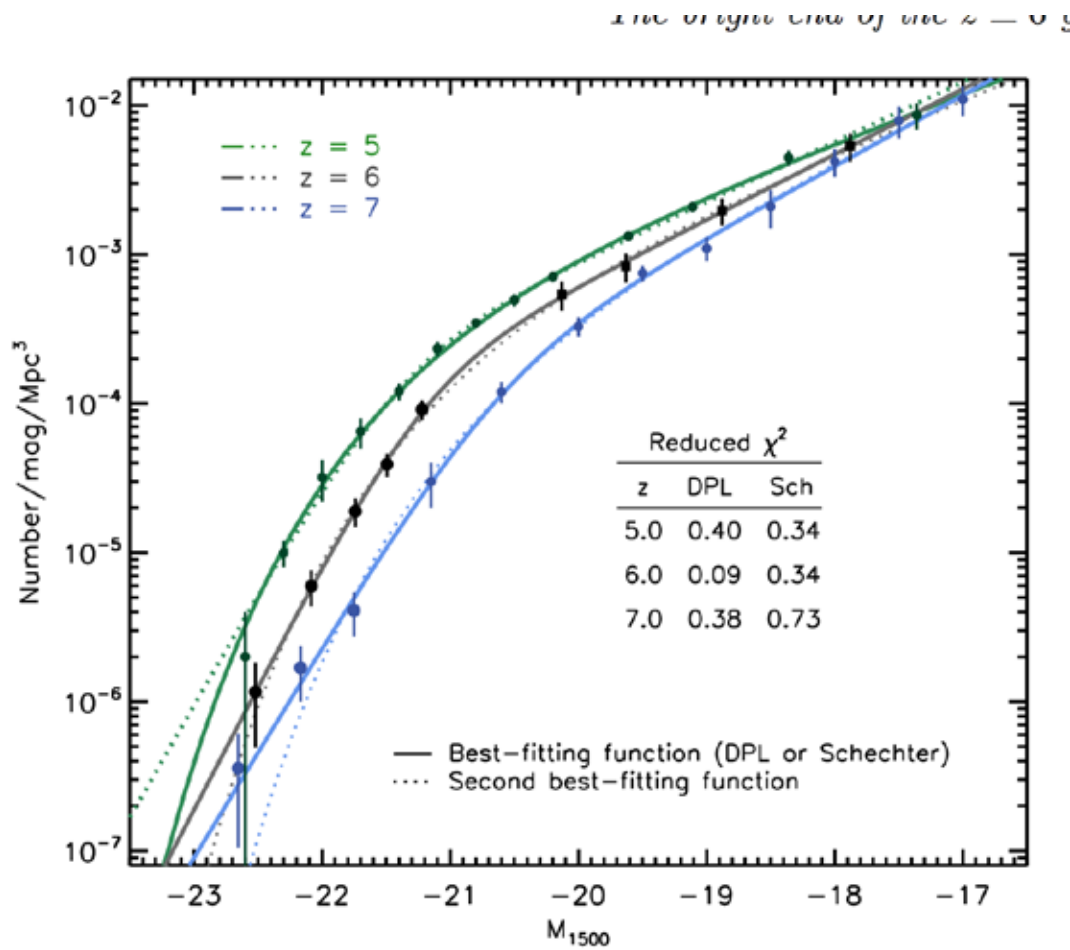


# Hunting the Sources of Reionization: Star Forming Galaxies

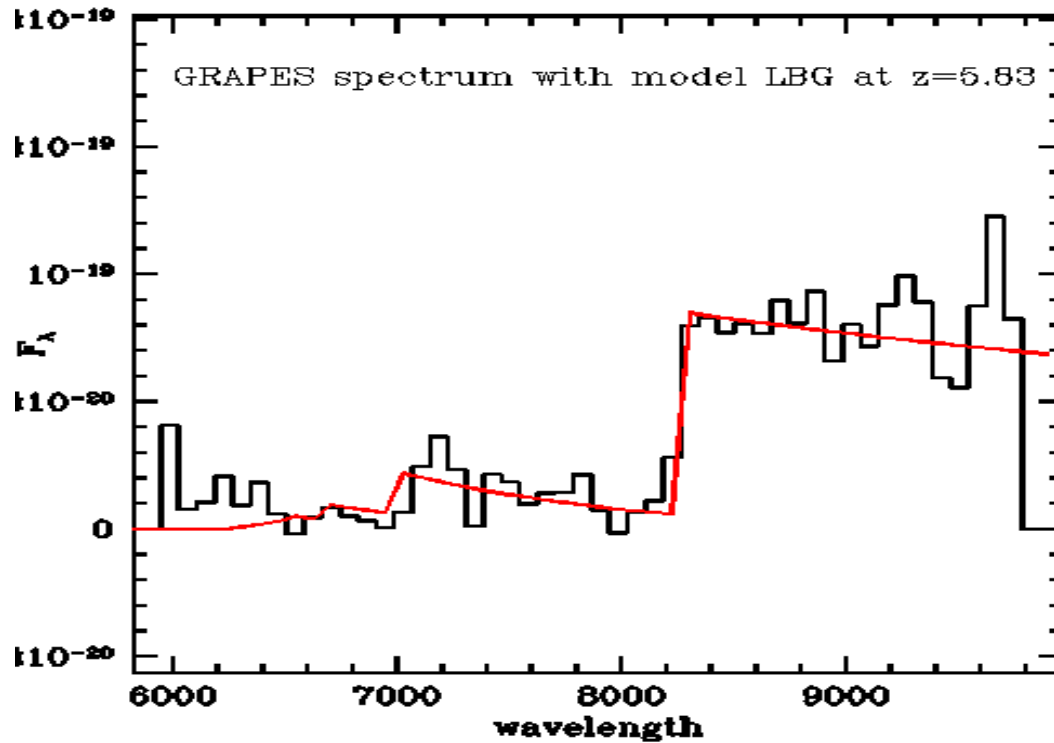
- When you have this many objects, you can do new things:
- E.g.: Test recent suggestions that the  $z \sim 7$  galaxy luminosity function has an excess of bright sources (Bowler et al 2013)
- With WFIRST, we can look for deviations from Schechter functions with high statistical significance.
- Physical implications: Testing feedback...

# Luminosity functions at $z \sim 7$

Bowler et al. 2015



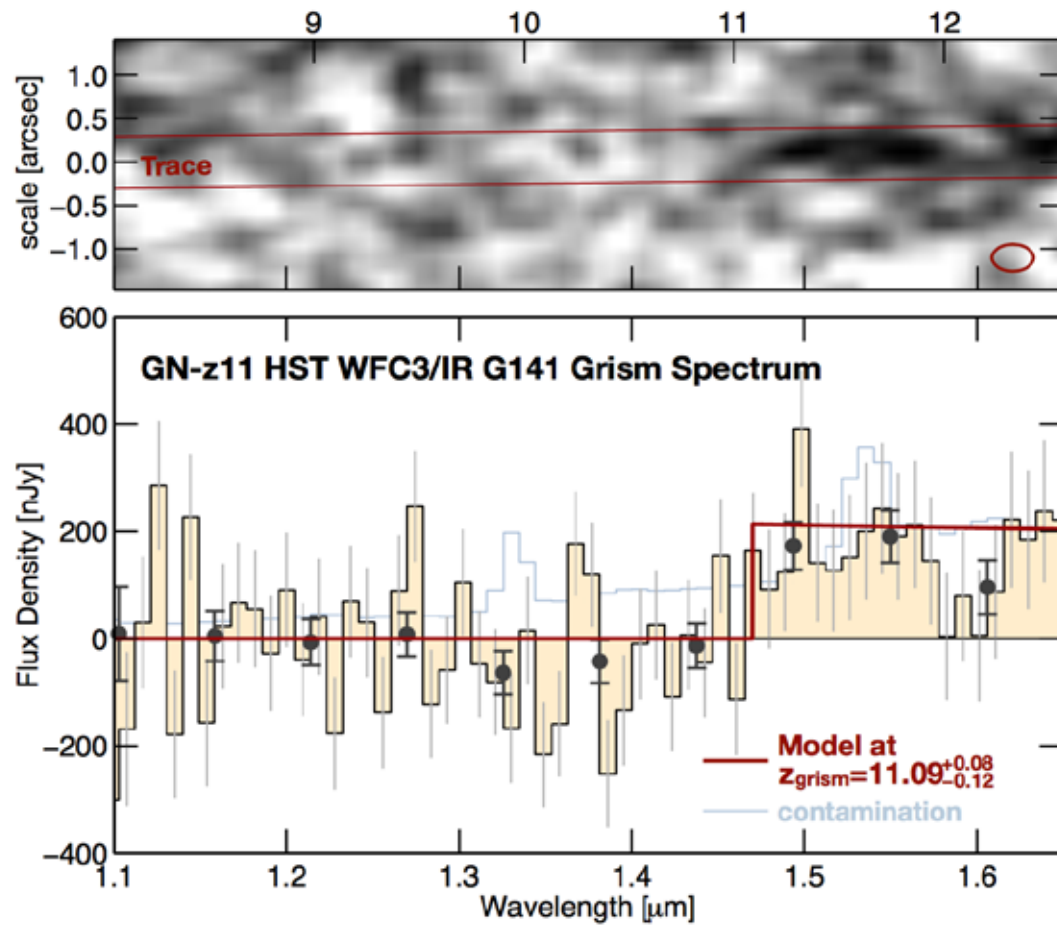
# Deep HST slitless grism data



Malhotra et al. 2005



# Z=11 galaxy (Oesch et al. 2016)



# Hunting the Sources of Reionization: Quasars and AGN

- Accretion onto black holes → hot accretion disks → ionizing photon production.
- Census of AGN used to say, not enough for reionization. Recent changes:
  - Lower redshift of reionization from Planck;
  - New census of AGN from GOODS + CANDELS + 4 Msec CXO observations (Giallongo et al 2015)



# AGN and Reionization with WFIRST

- Red: Ionizing photons needed for IGM ionization
- Black: Produced by AGN (Giallongo et al 2015)
- The Willott et al (2010) LF
  - 2500  $z \sim 7$  QSOs,
  - 600  $z \sim 8$  QSOs,
  - 130  $z \sim 9$  QSOs, and
  - A handful up to  $z \sim 12$ .
- ***Number of  $z > 7$  QSOs today: One!***

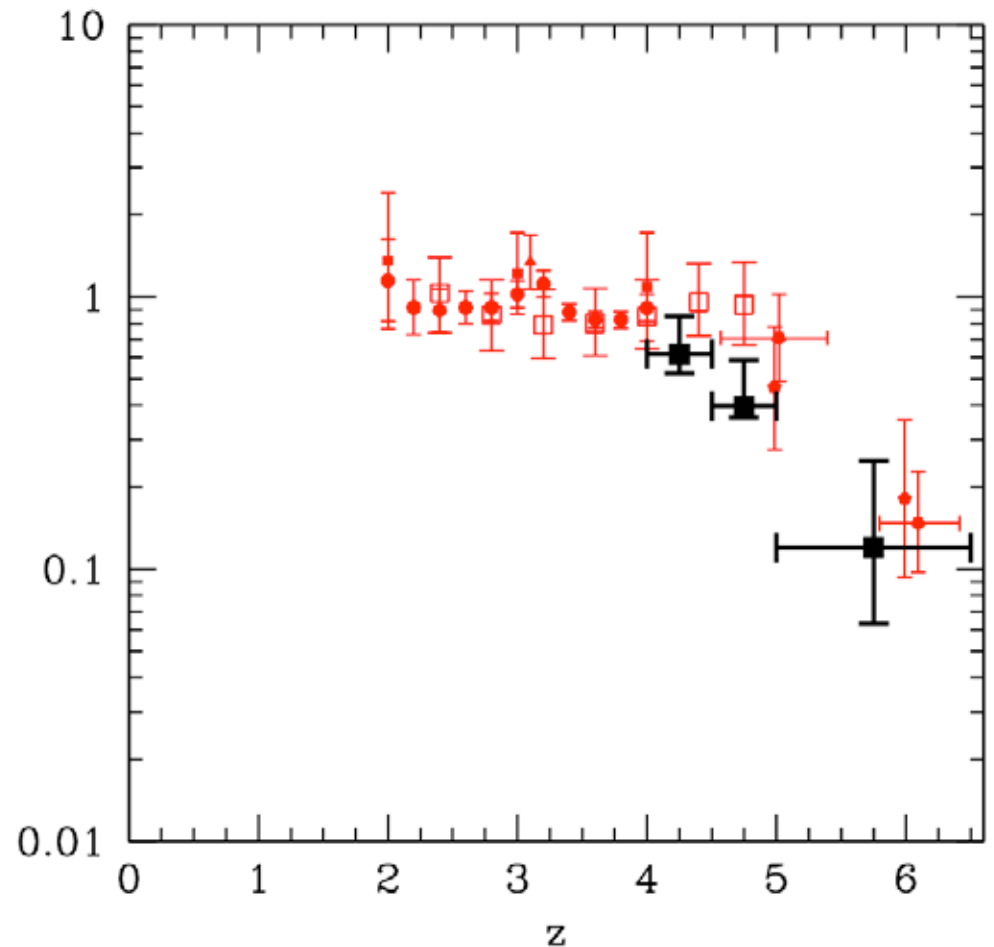
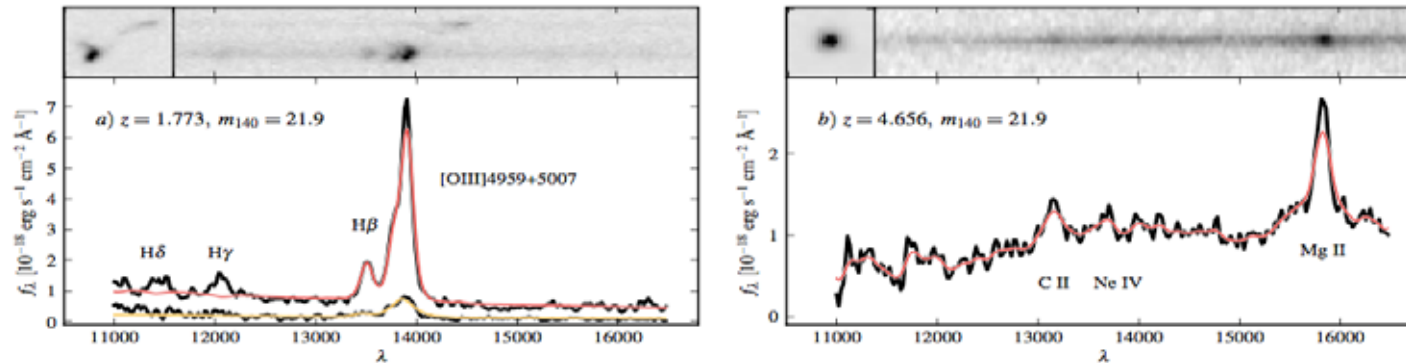


Figure from Giallongo et al 2015

# WFIRST Grism is a valuable tool for quasar hunting.



Brammer et al. 2012

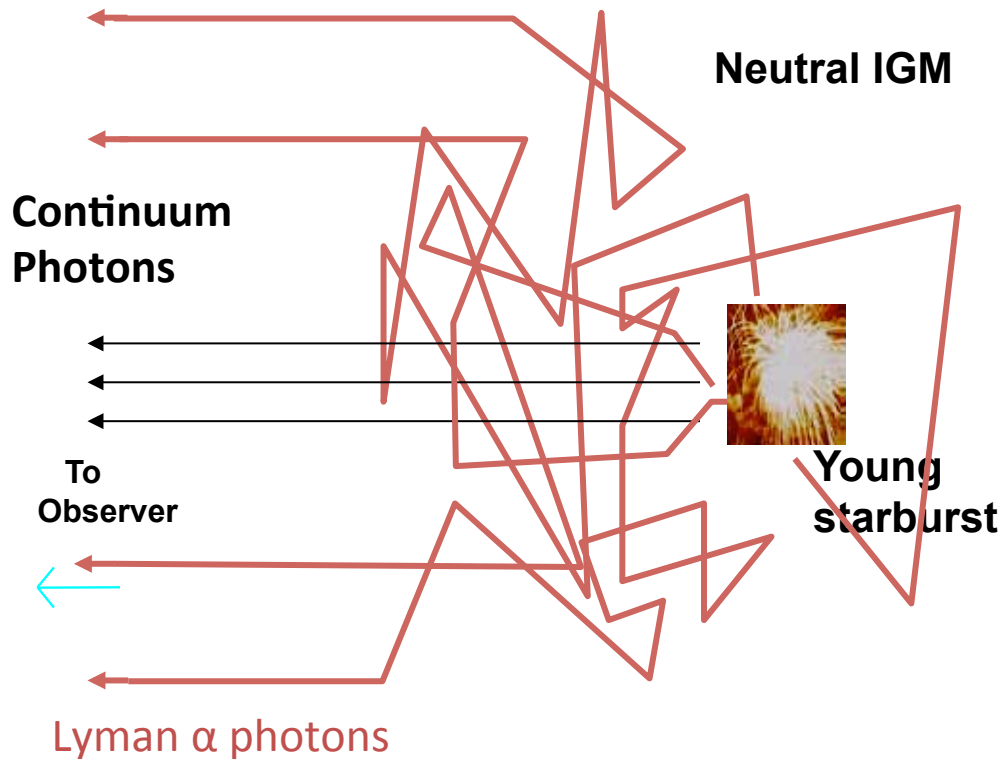
- Powerful redshift machine:
  - quasar broad line resolved
  - measure both flux and width
  - for  $z > 5$ , reaches AB  $\sim 24$  for detection of average CIV lines

Survey	wavelength	resolution	depth
3d-HST	1.1-1.6	150	5E-17
EUCLID	1.0 -2.0	250	3E-16
<b>WFIRST</b>	<b>1.35 - 1.95</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>5E-17</b>
PFS	0.38-1.26	1900-3500	5E-17
DESI	0.36-0.98	2000-5500	1E-16

# Neutral fraction test: Quasar Spectra

- The ionized “near zones” of quasars have a size that depends critically on ambient neutral fraction.
- Given a statistical sample of high- $z$  quasars, we can use this to learn about neutral fraction evolution.
- These will be bright targets for high resolution follow-up with large ground based telescopes or JWST.

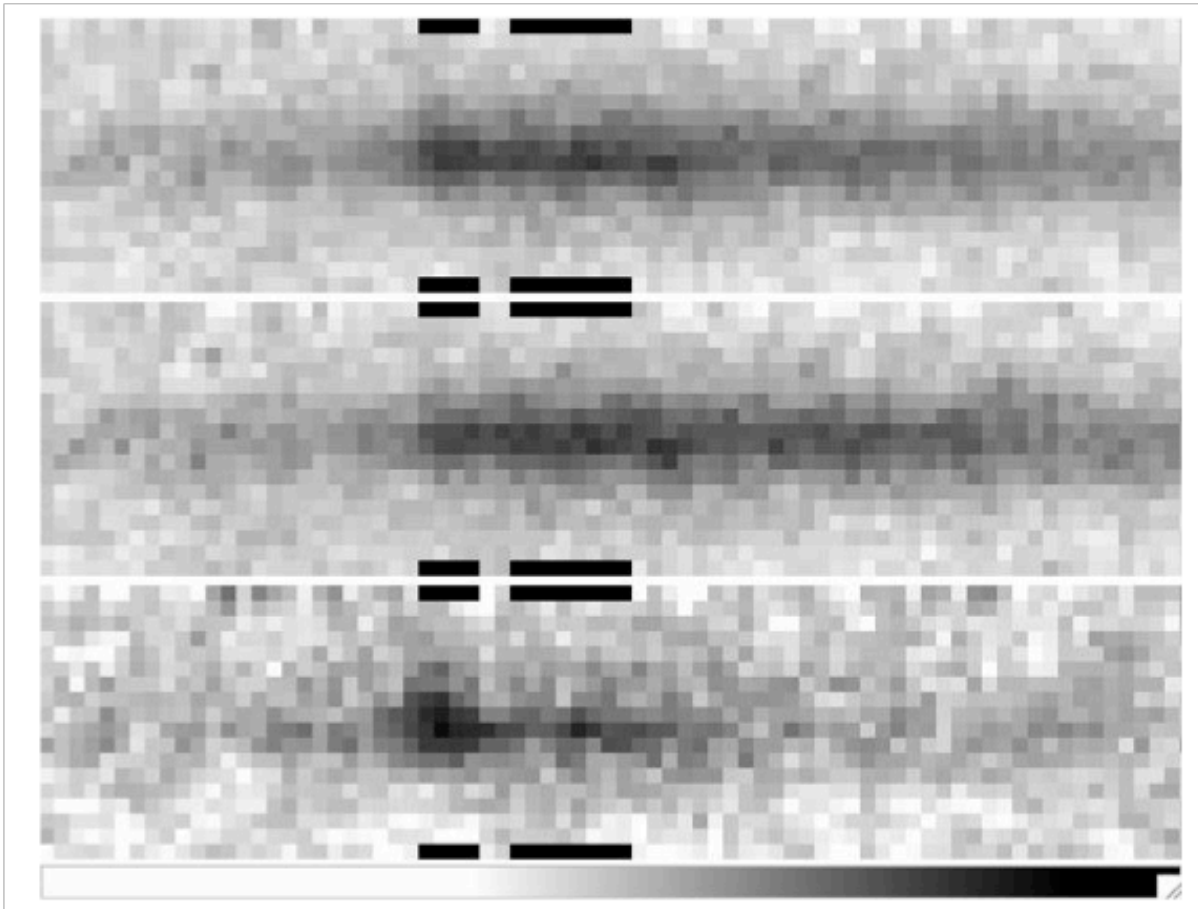
# Neutral Fraction Test: Lyman $\alpha$ Galaxies



- Scattering by neutral intergalactic gas hides Ly $\alpha$  from view.
- This affects Ly $\alpha$  luminosity functions and clustering in detectable ways.

Luminosity function test references: Miralda-Escude 1998; Miralda-Escude & Rees 1998; Haiman & Spaans 1999; Loeb & Rybicki 1999; Santos 2004; Malhotra & Rhoads 2004; Stern et al 2005.

# Spectroscopy unbiased to Lyman $\alpha$ :



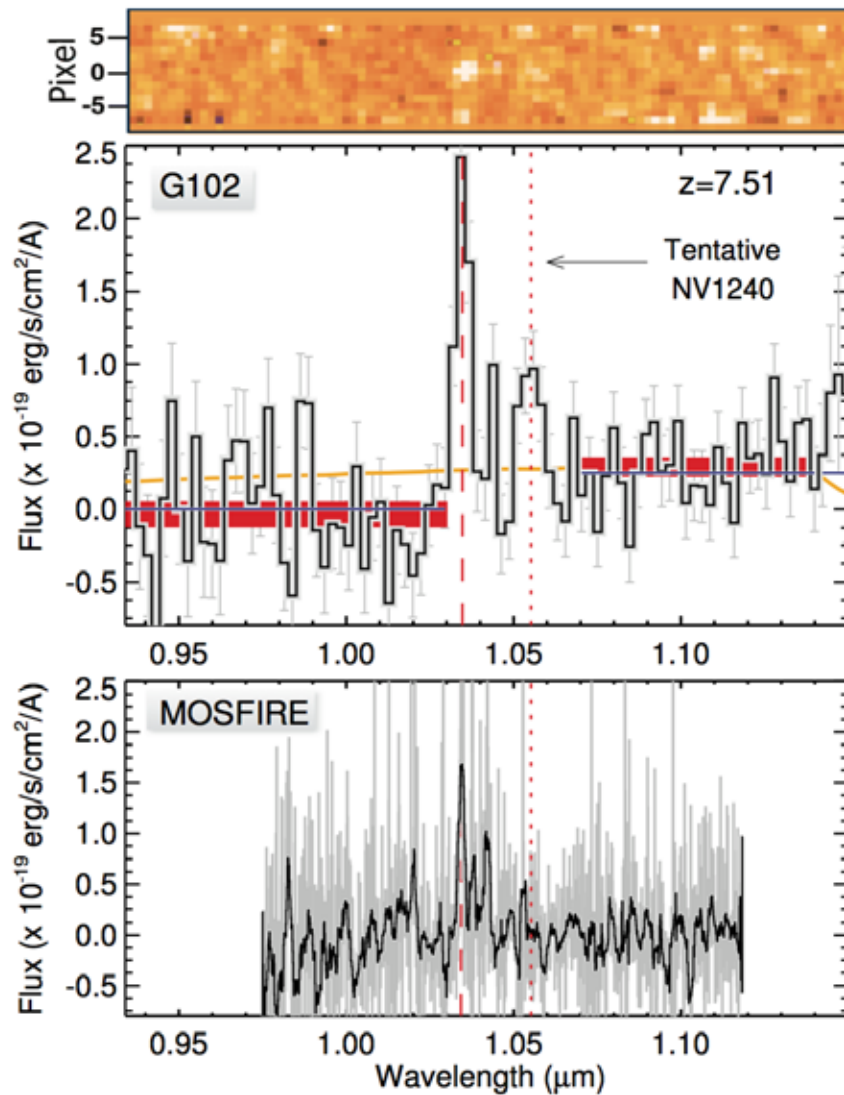
Real HST grism spectra from the GRAPES and PEARS projects.

Composite  $z \sim 5$  LBG spectra for the full GRAPES sample (top), and those without LyA (middle) and with LyA (Bottom).

[Rhoads et al 2009].



# Faint Infrared Grism Survey (FIGS)

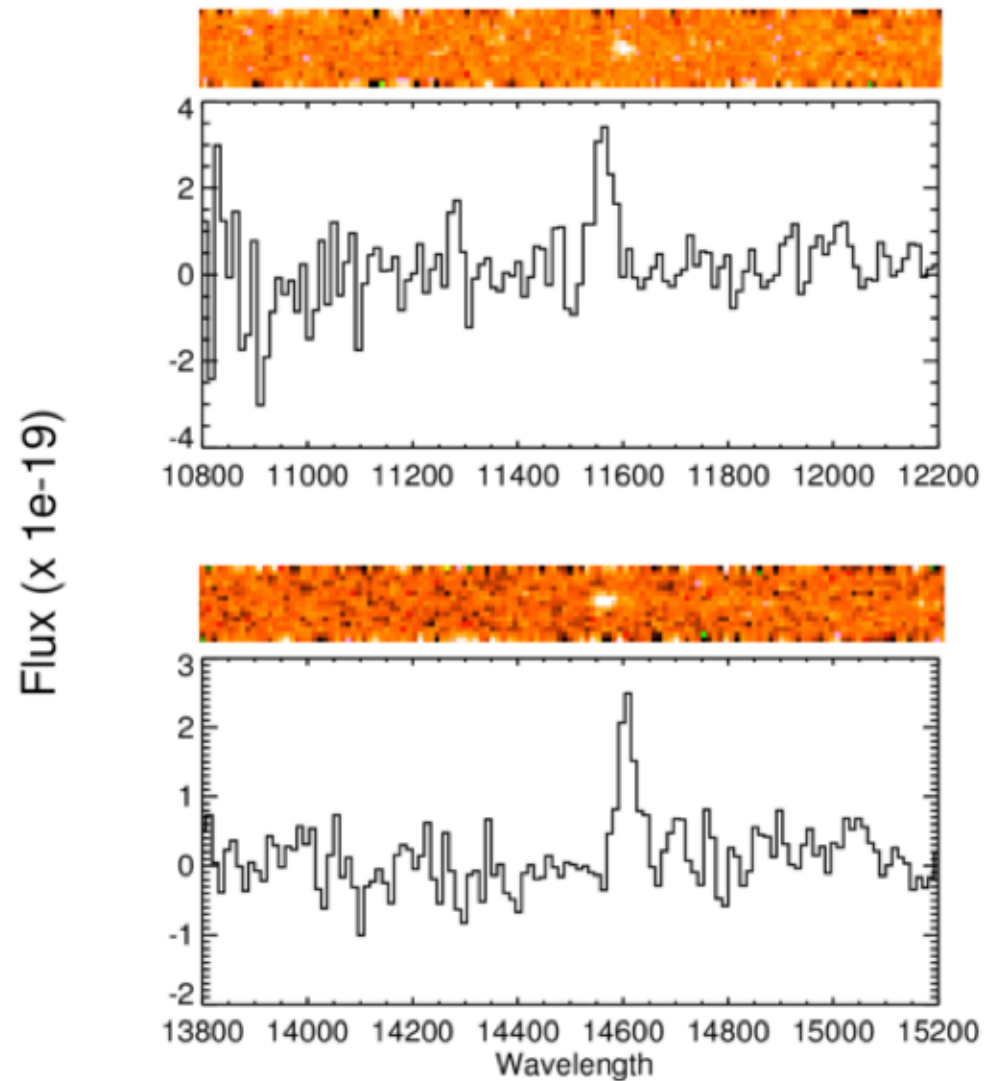


Z=7.51 (Tilvi et al. 2016,  
[arXiv:1605.06519](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.06519))

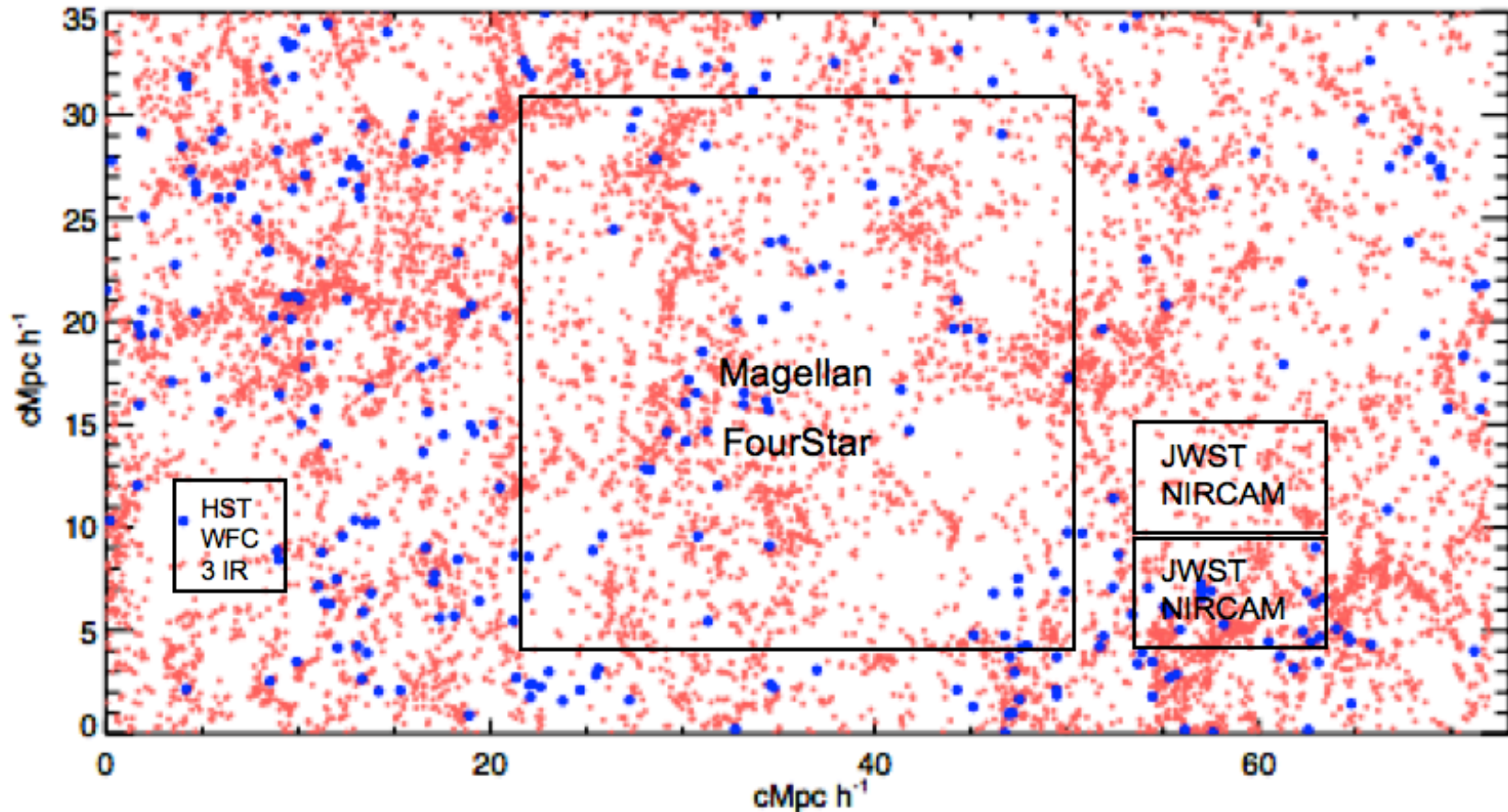


# Finding Ly- $\alpha$ with WFIRST:

- Right: **Simulated** 30 hour WFIRST spectra for a source with AB=26.0 and  $f=1.3e-17$  erg / cm<sup>2</sup> / s at  $z=8.5$  (top) and  $z=11$  (bottom).



# WFIRST can handle “Cosmic Variance”:

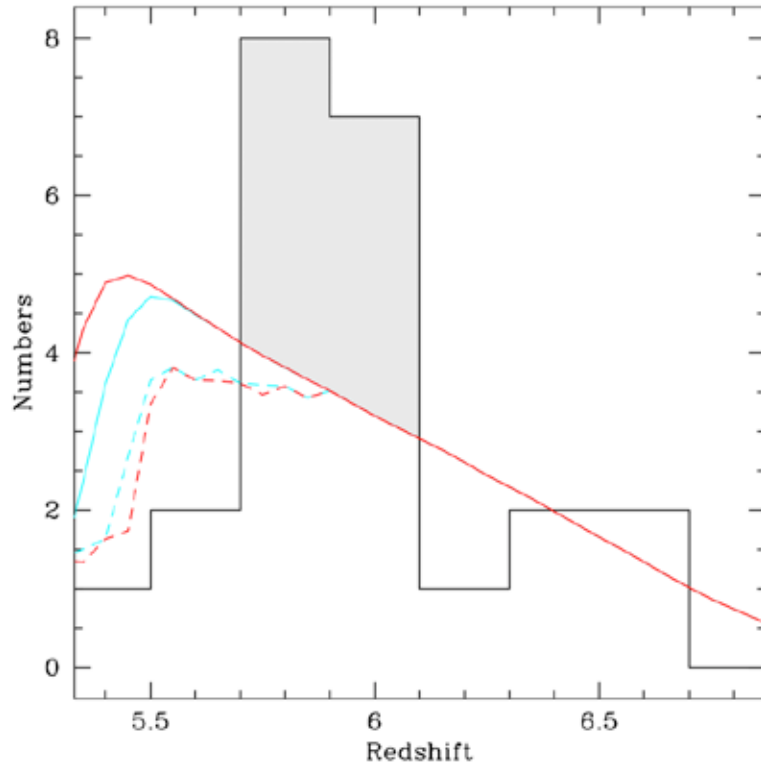


Simulation of dark matter halos (red dots) and Lyman alpha galaxies (blue dots) from Tilvi et al (2009). Two adjacent NIRCAM fields are shown to illustrate the potential impact of field-to-field variations. The WFIRST field of view exceeds the entire plotted area (23'x45'; the FourStar field is 11'x11'.)

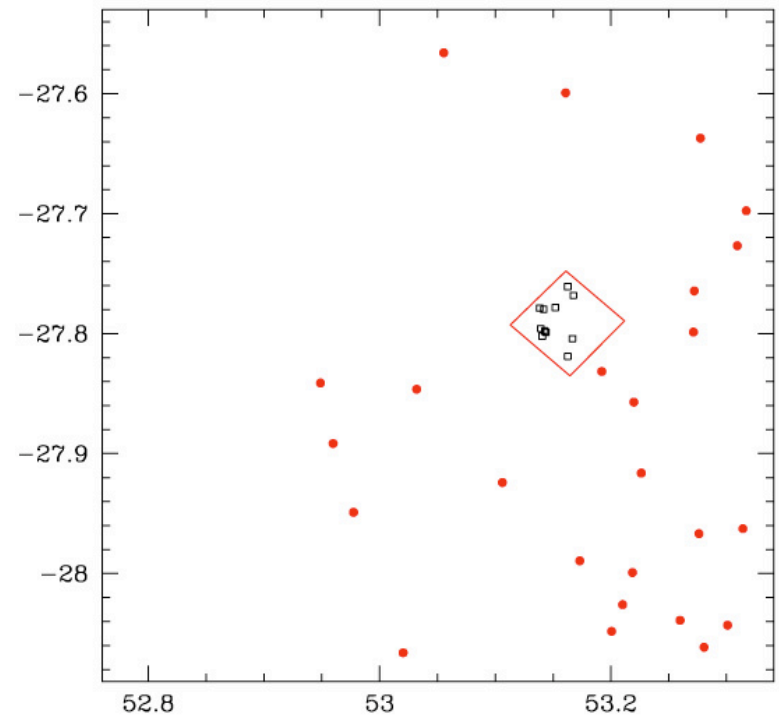
*Aside: We do not have IGM obscuration of Ly $\alpha$  here; it's just galaxy clustering.*



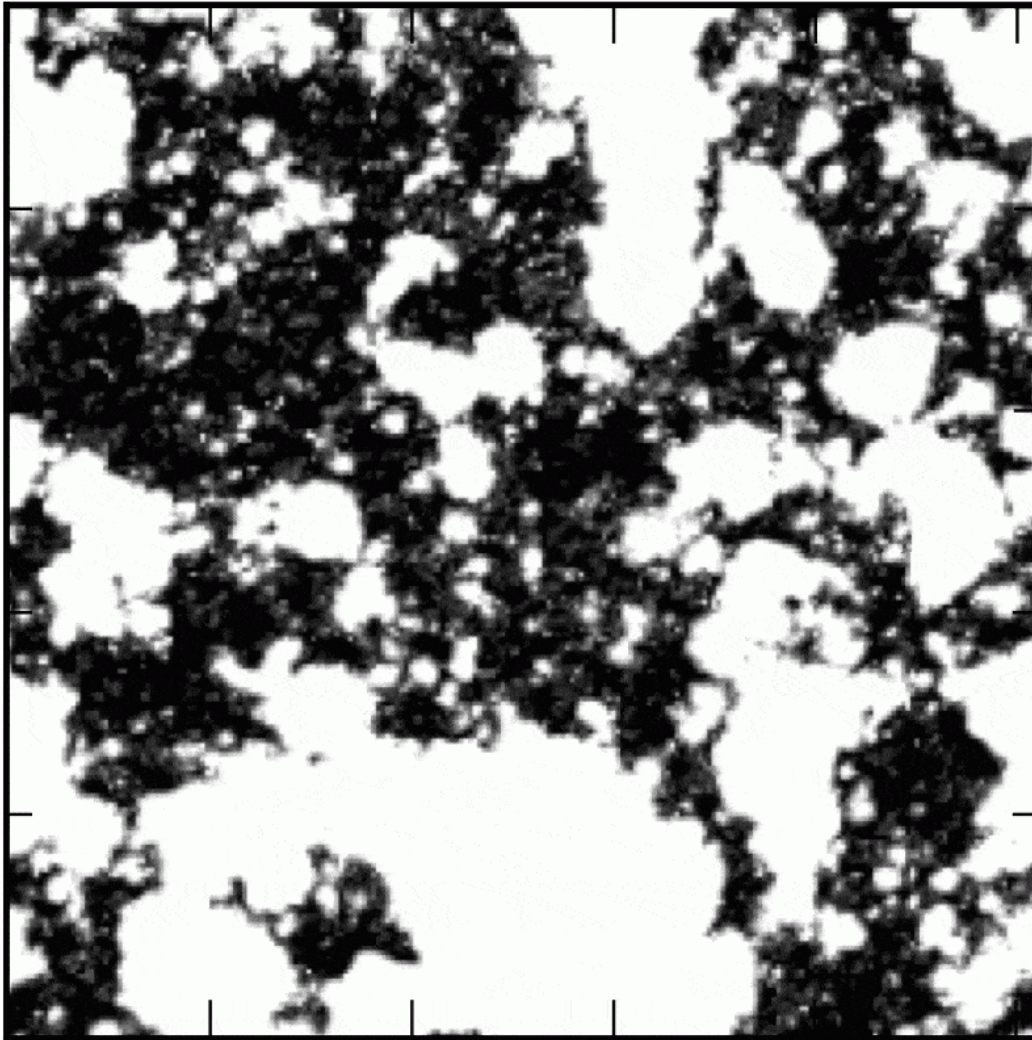
# Ionizing sources (Malhotra 2005)



Overdensity  $> 4$  at  $z=5.8$



# Neutral Fraction Test: Lyman $\alpha$ Galaxies



Neutral and ionized regions /  
observed Ly $\alpha$  galaxies.

WFIRST can map Ly $\alpha$  galaxies  
over a field this size.  
(163 cMpc,  $\sim$  1 deg.)

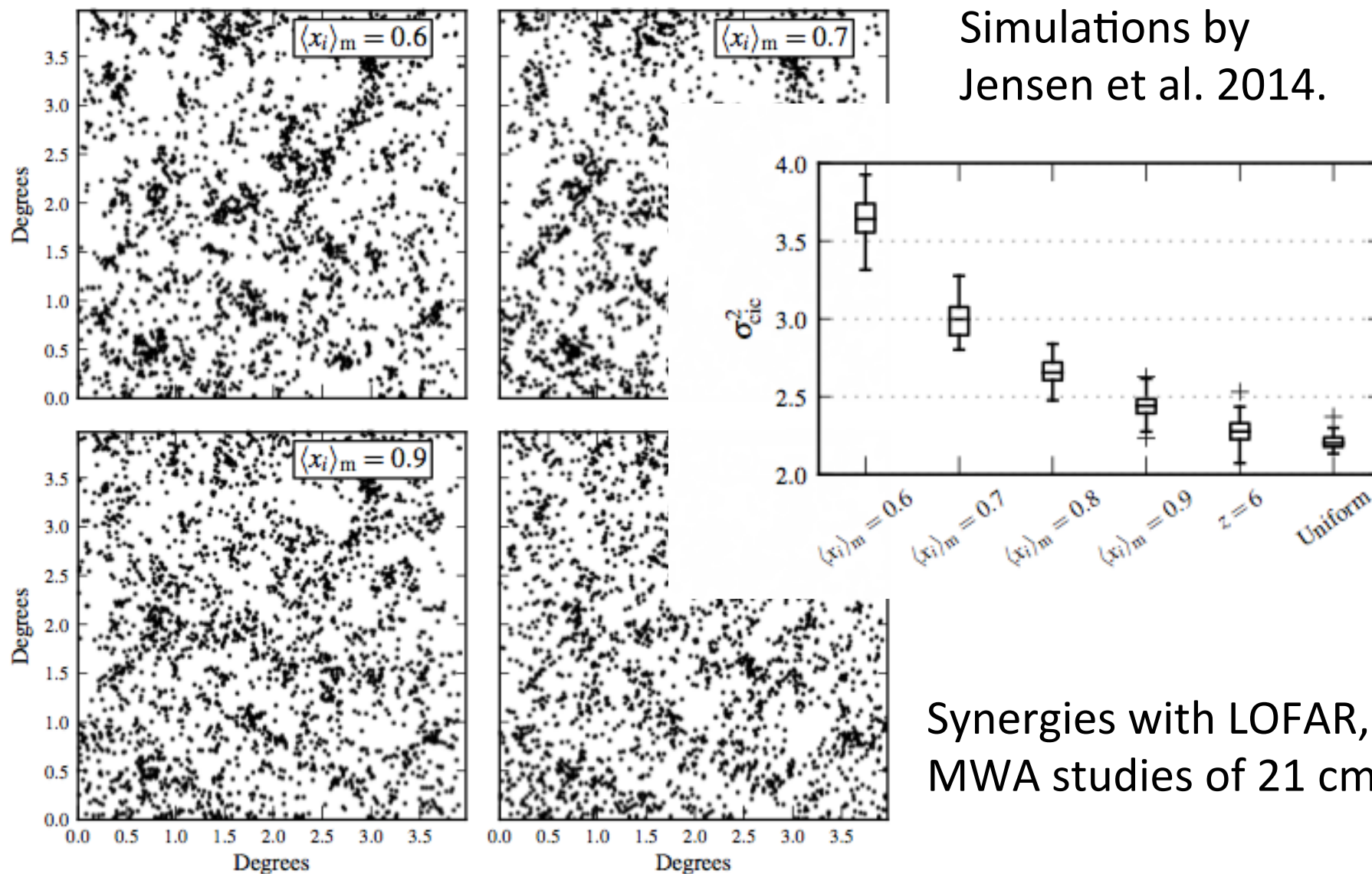
Figures from Jensen et al  
2012.

Ionized bubbles modulate  
visibility of Ly $\alpha$ .  
This is used to infer  
properties of the bubbles.

Clustering test references: Furlanetto et al 2005, McQuinn et al 2007;  
Jensen et al 2012, 2014.

# Topology of Reionization:

Simulations by  
Jensen et al. 2014.

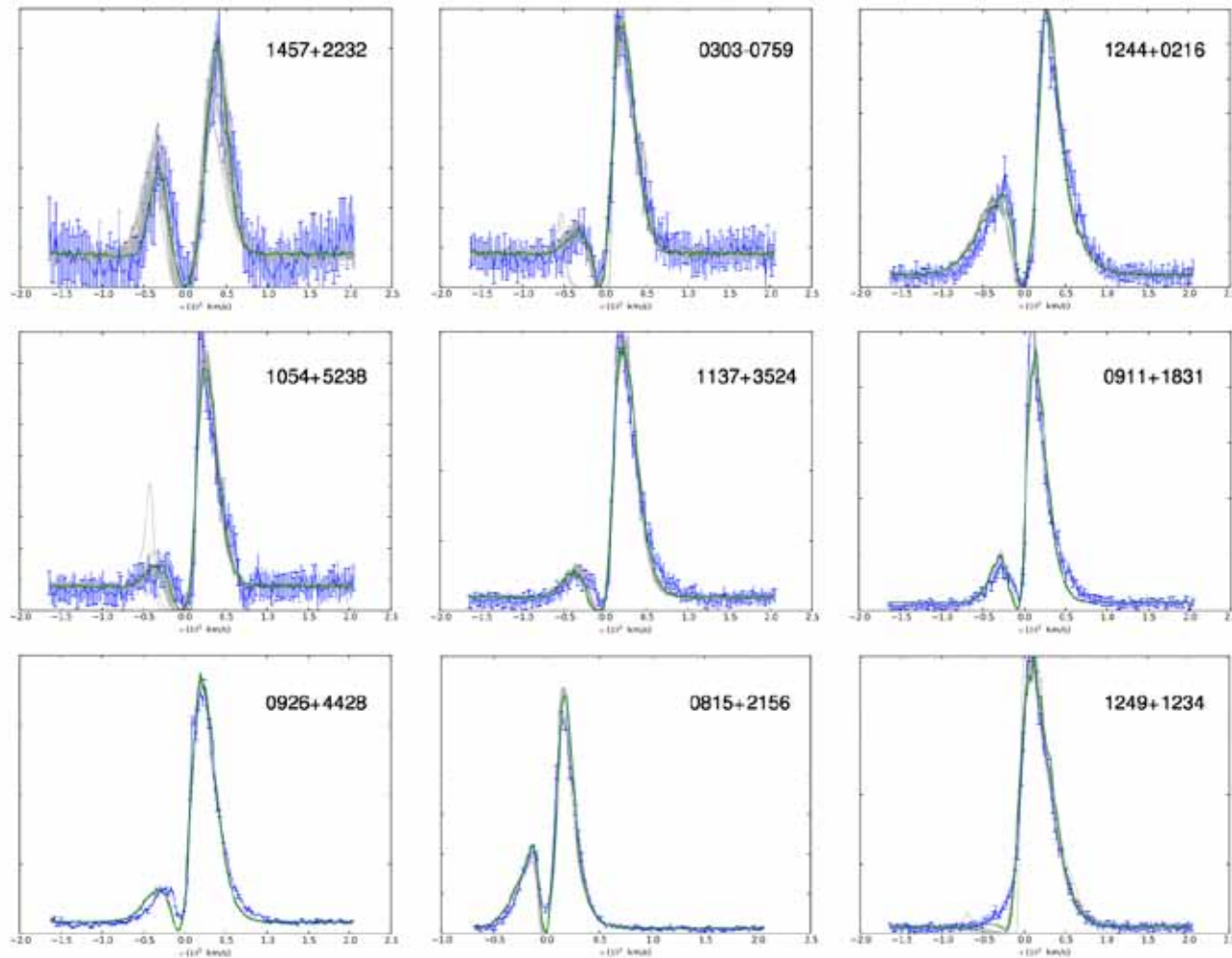


Synergies with LOFAR,  
MWA studies of 21 cm.

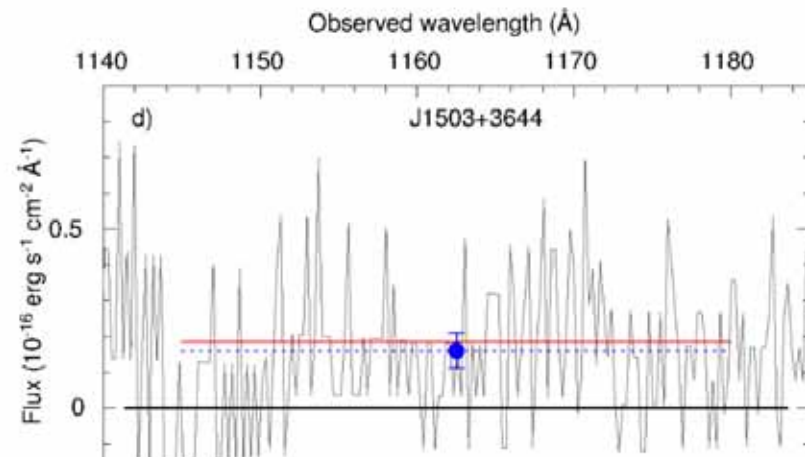
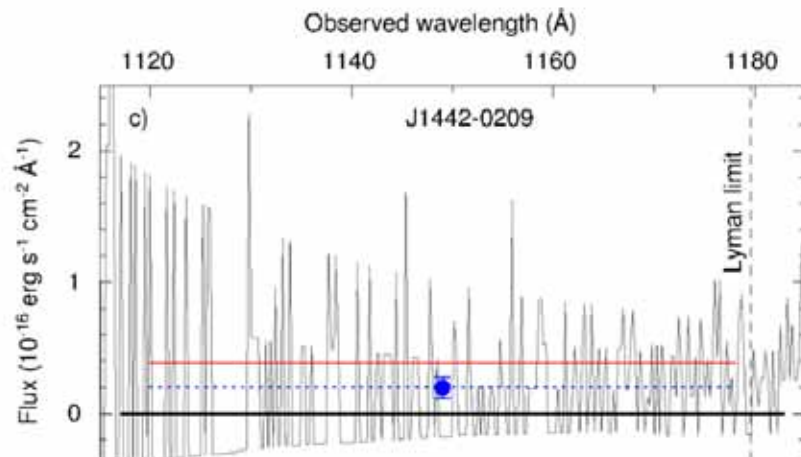
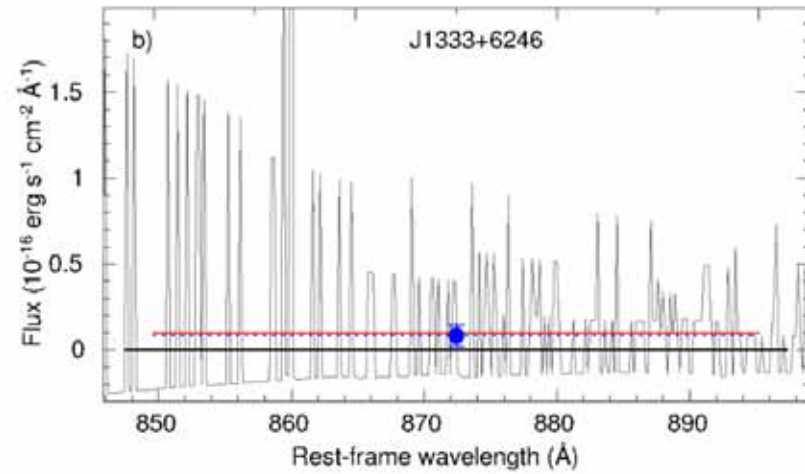
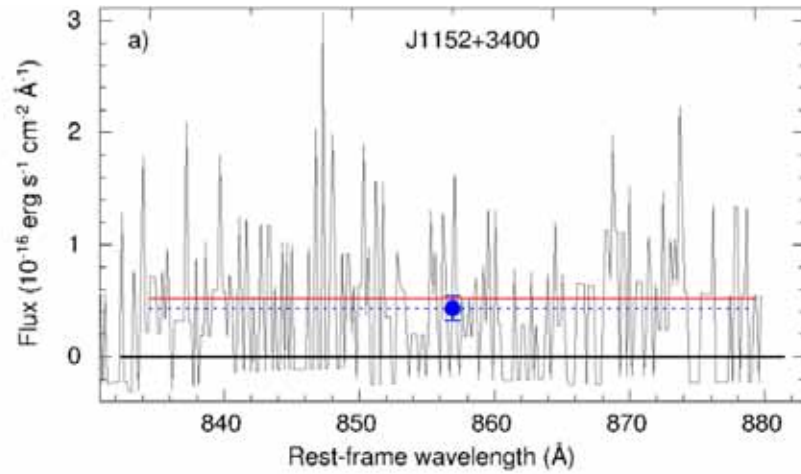
# Galaxy Environment and Reionization

- Environment may affect galaxy properties.
- WFIRST will be our first opportunity to test this in the epoch of reionization, offering galaxy samples in Coma-cluster-progenitor environments and in void environments.
- Studying clumpiness of ionizing photon production will help understand inhomogeneity of reionization (which we may see directly with Ly $\alpha$  and quasar tests.)

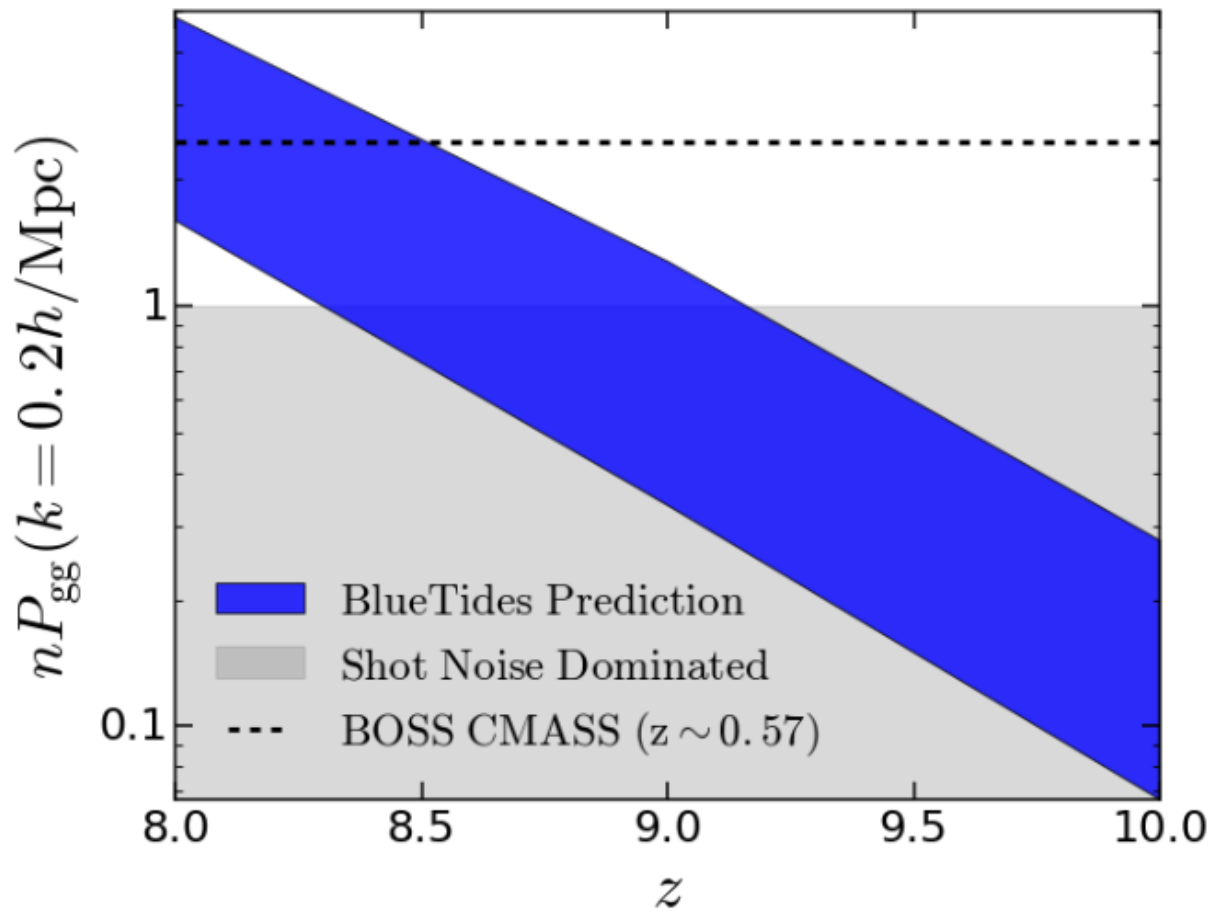
# [OIII] intense objects at $z=0.1-0.3$ (Yang, malhotra et al. 2015)



# Izotov et al. 2016



# BAO at $z \sim 8$ ?



Waters et al. 2016

4.7 – 6.3 $\sigma$  detection of the BAO signal at  $z = 8$   
(Bluetide)

# Science Summary

- WFIRST will find unprecedented samples of Lyman break galaxies, Ly $\alpha$  galaxies, and quasars in the epoch of reionization.
  - This will test luminosity function evolution and provide key data on the ionizing photon budget at  $z > 7$ .
- Both quasars and Ly $\alpha$  galaxies from WFIRST can be used to directly study the neutral fraction during reionization.



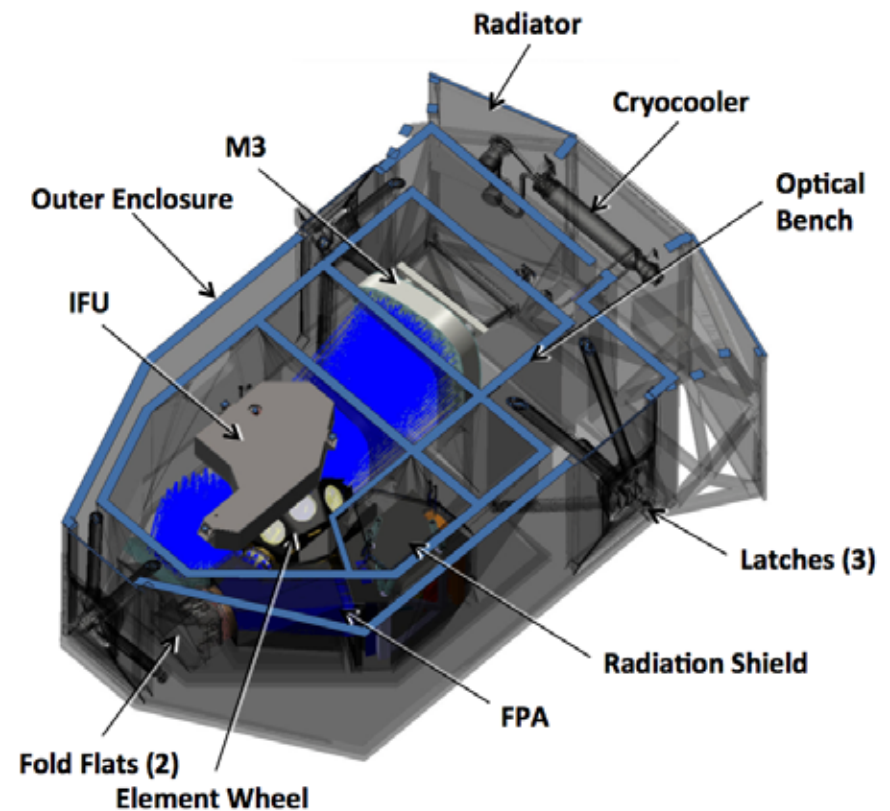
# WFIRST and Euclid are Complementary

- Understanding dark energy will require tight control of systematics and multiple cross checks
- **WFIRST-AFTA**
  - Is deep, infrared over 2000 square degrees
  - Multiple shape measurements in 2-3 well-sampled bands
  - Higher resolution and source density (2.5 times as many as Euclid)
  - High quality survey of >2000 SN using a dedicated IFU
  - Redshift survey for galaxy clustering extends to  $z=3$
- **Euclid**
  - Measures shapes in single optical band but with CCD detectors very well known for WL. Different systematics than WFIRST-AFTA, lower redundancy and internal cross-checks.
  - Much wider (15,000 deg<sup>2</sup>) but shallower
  - No SN
  - Lower redshift range for galaxy clustering
  - Launch in 2020, survey completed by 2026: 2500 deg<sup>2</sup> public in 2023, 7500 deg<sup>2</sup> in 2025, final 2027.
- **Euclid-WFIRST data processing synergy:** lessons learned from Euclid (H2RG detectors, Grisms), tens of scientists and engineers involved in both surveys

**The best constraints on DE and Legacy in the 2020s will come from a combination of Euclid, WFIRST and ground-based (LSST, Subaru) data**



- 0.281 deg<sup>2</sup> (28 H4RG detectors (4k x 4k pixels per detector))
- GRS Spectroscopy (135-1.89) R=461  $\lambda$
- Filter wheel enables 6 filters from 0.76 to 2 microns, a grism, and a dark [ACTIVE DISCUSSION OF OPTIMAL FILTERS: SHOULD WE GO BLUE?]
- Integral Field Unit for slit spectroscopy (0.6-2.0 microns, R~100)

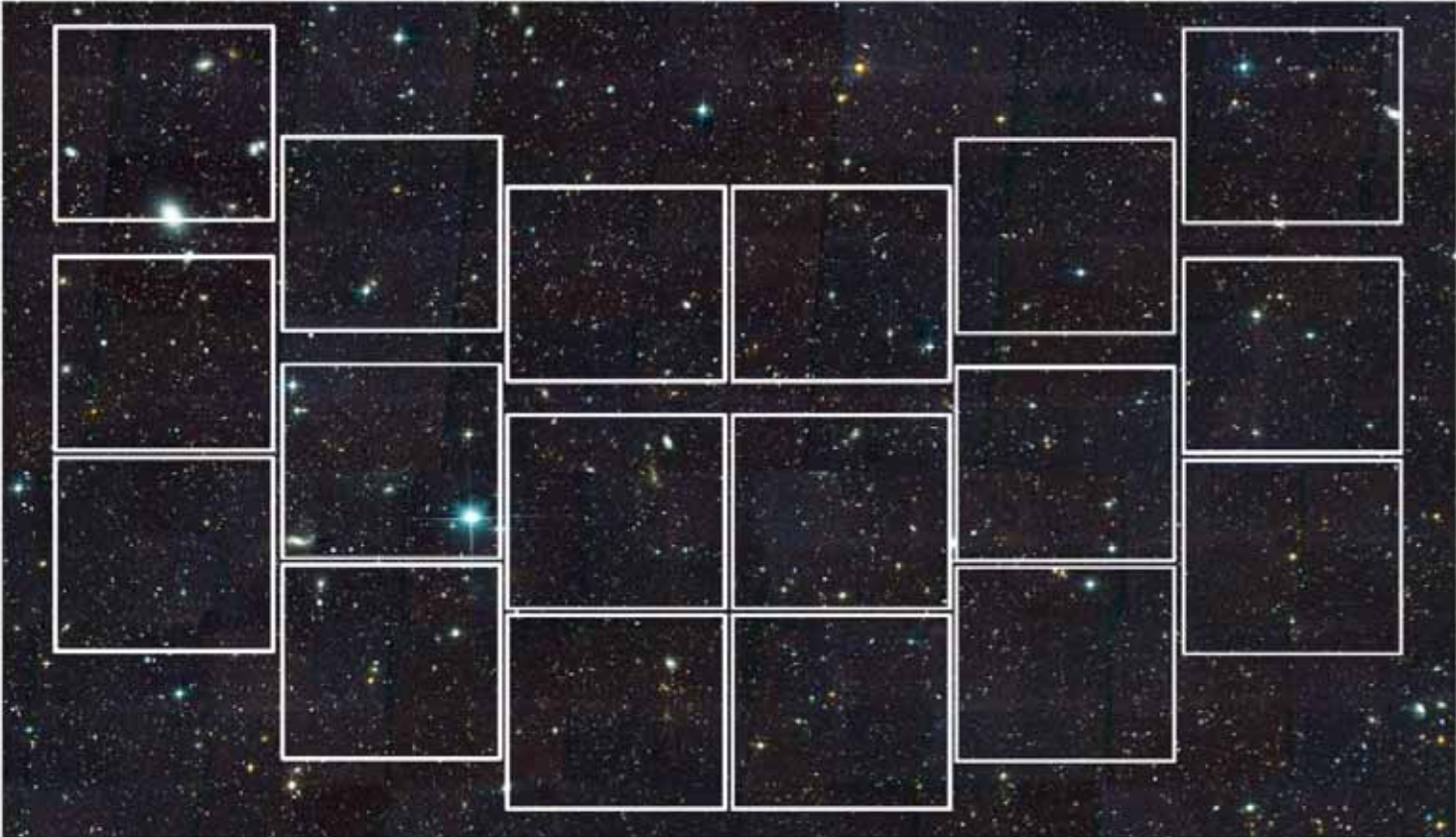


## High Latitude Survey: Optimized to study dark energy

- 2227 deg<sup>2</sup> area YJHF184
  - 7  $\sigma$  line flux of  $1.2 \times 10^{-16}$  erg/cm<sup>2</sup>/s (R=600)
  - 26.7 AB mag YJH (4-5 dithers at each of two roll angles/174 s integration)
- SN surveys: 27.44/8.96/5.04 deg<sup>2</sup> with depths increasing to J=29.3/H=29.4
  - LSST deep drilling fields + Subaru fields

## Bulge Survey: Optimized for exoplanet discussion

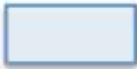
- 6 season of 72 days
- 10 contiguous field (2.8 degrees) each observed every 15 minutes in W149 and once every
- 52 seconds in W149 (33000 epochs) and 290 seconds in Z087 (7000)
- Fields are “confusion-limited”
- Potential for high precision astrometry (50-700 mas/epoch) and seismology
  - 2.6 billion photons from a H=19.6 mag star!



HST/ACS



HST/WFC3



JWST/NIRCAM