

# FIRST RESULTS ON THE EARLIEST GALAXIES FROM THE JWST PROGRAMS

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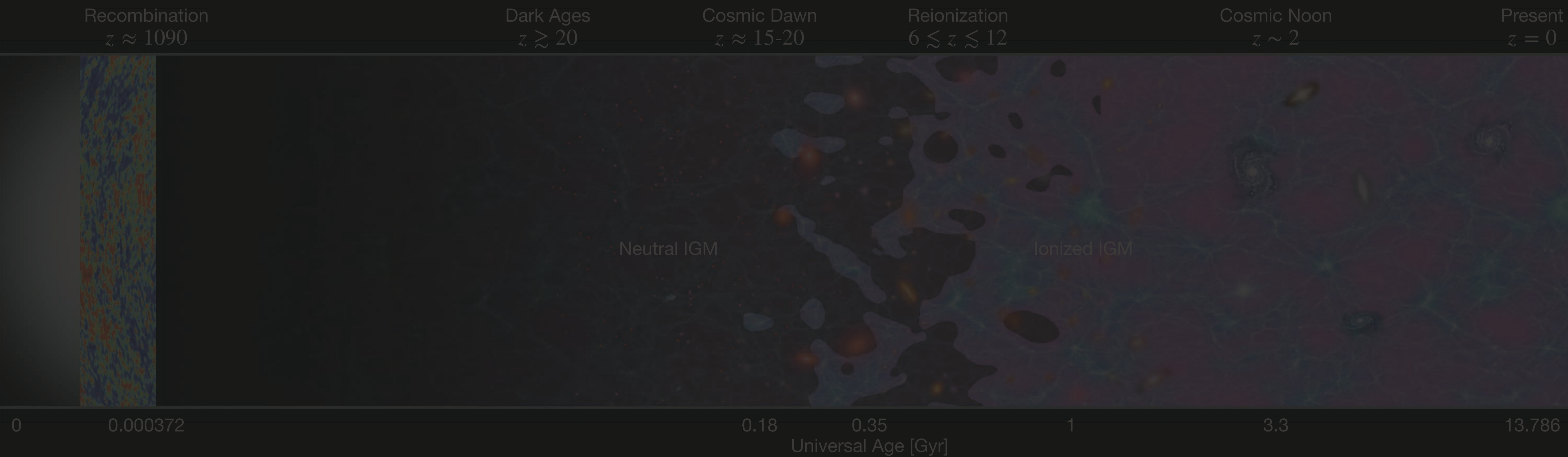
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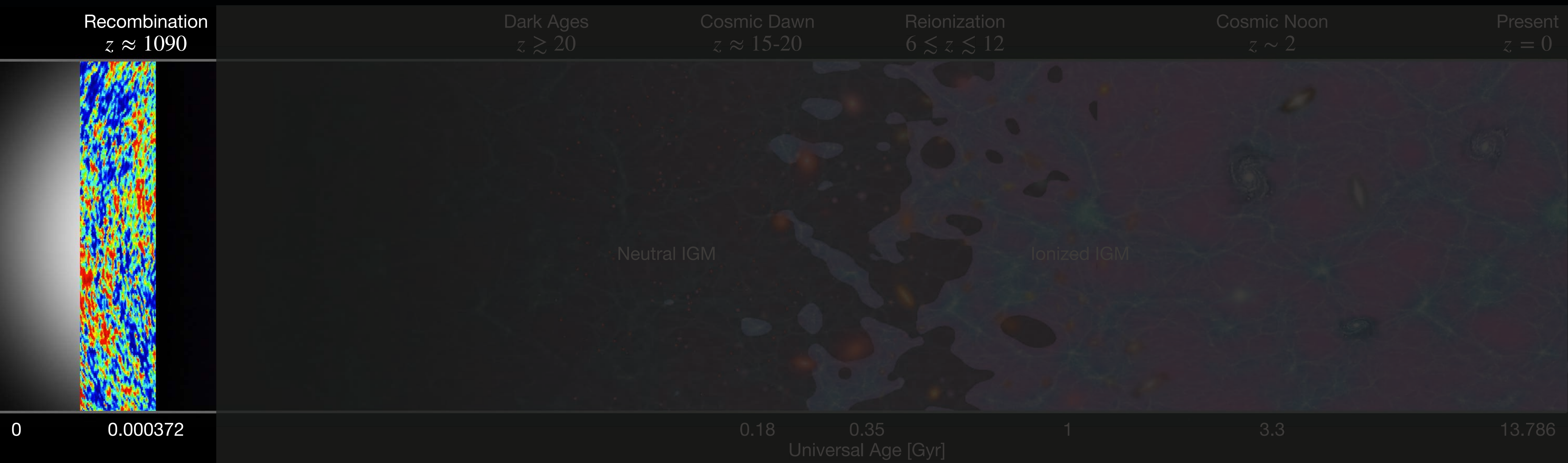
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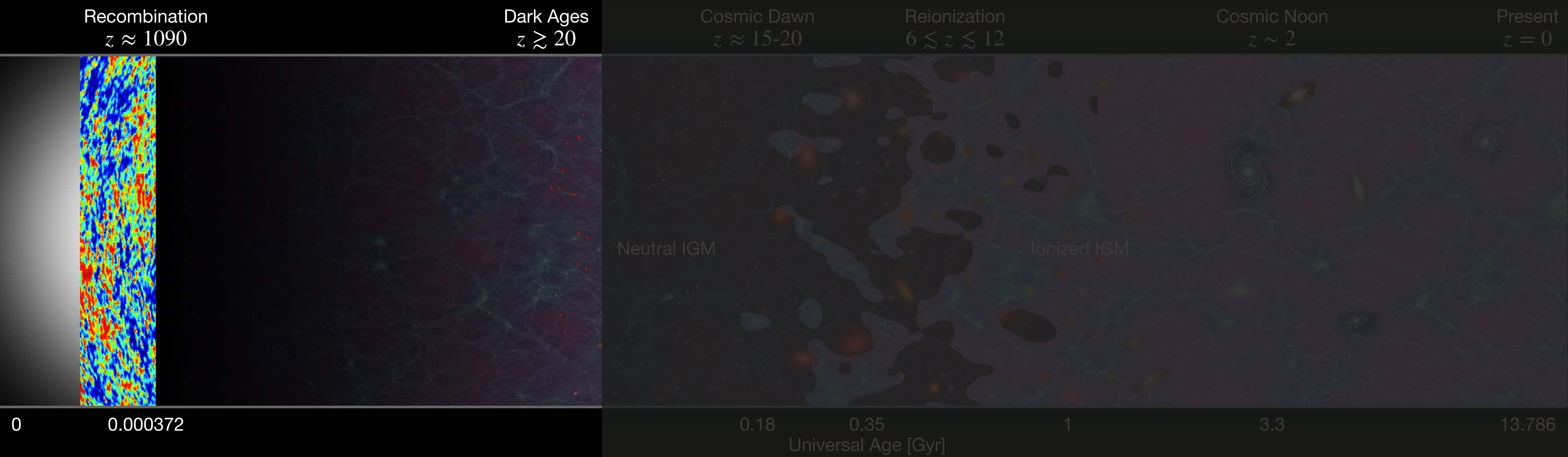
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Recombination  $z \approx 1100$

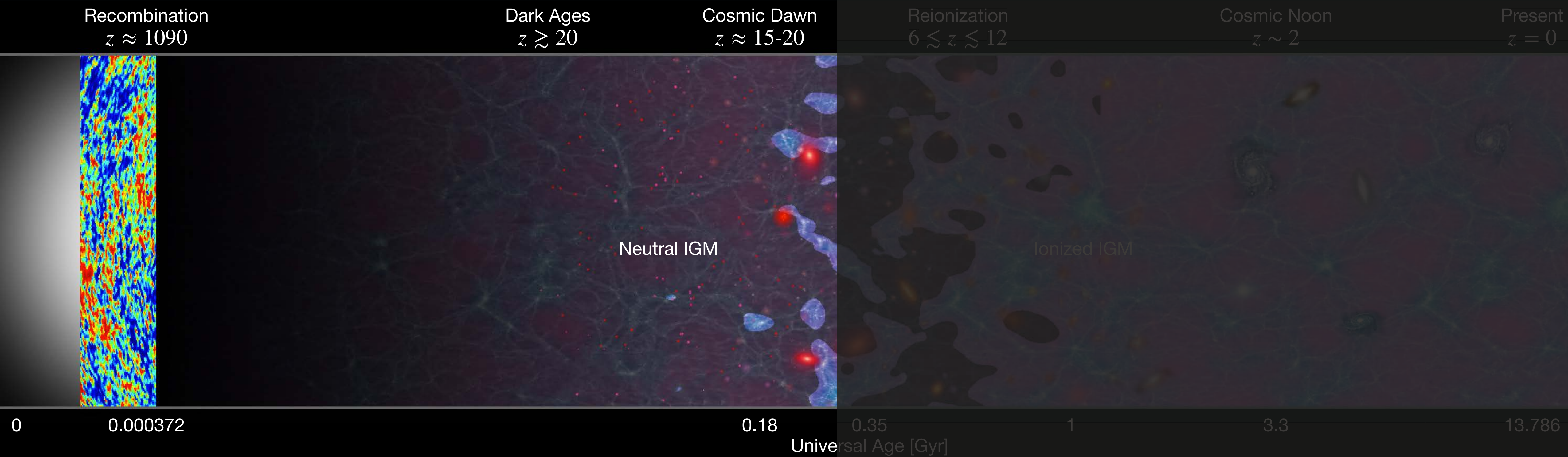
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**Dark Ages  $z \gtrsim 20(?)$**

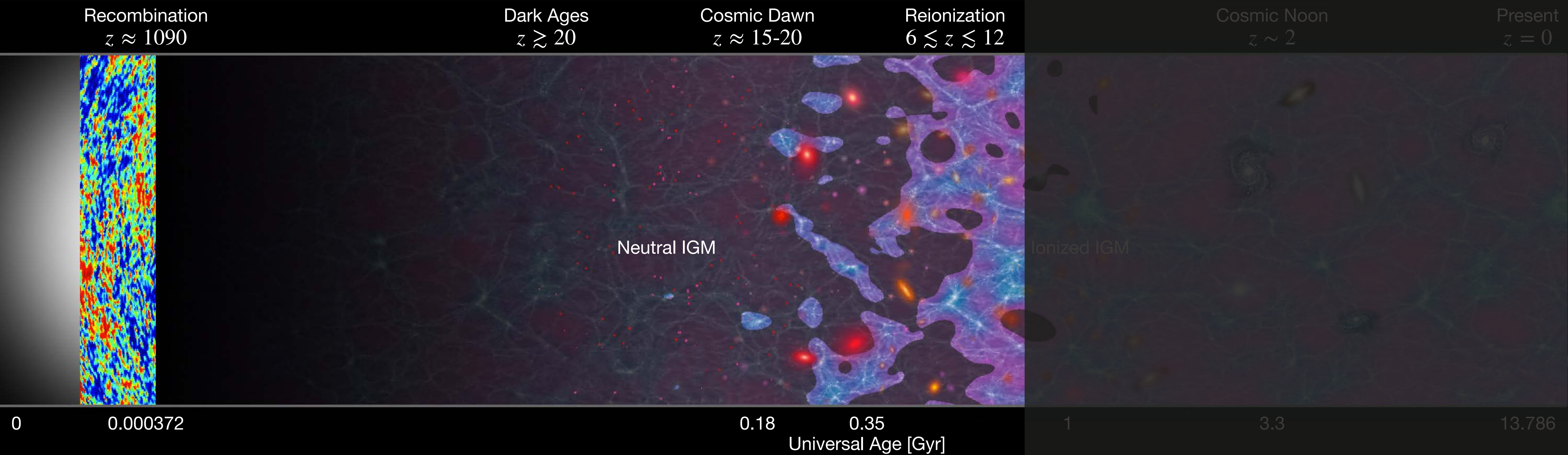
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**First Galaxies  $z \sim 15 - 20(?)$**

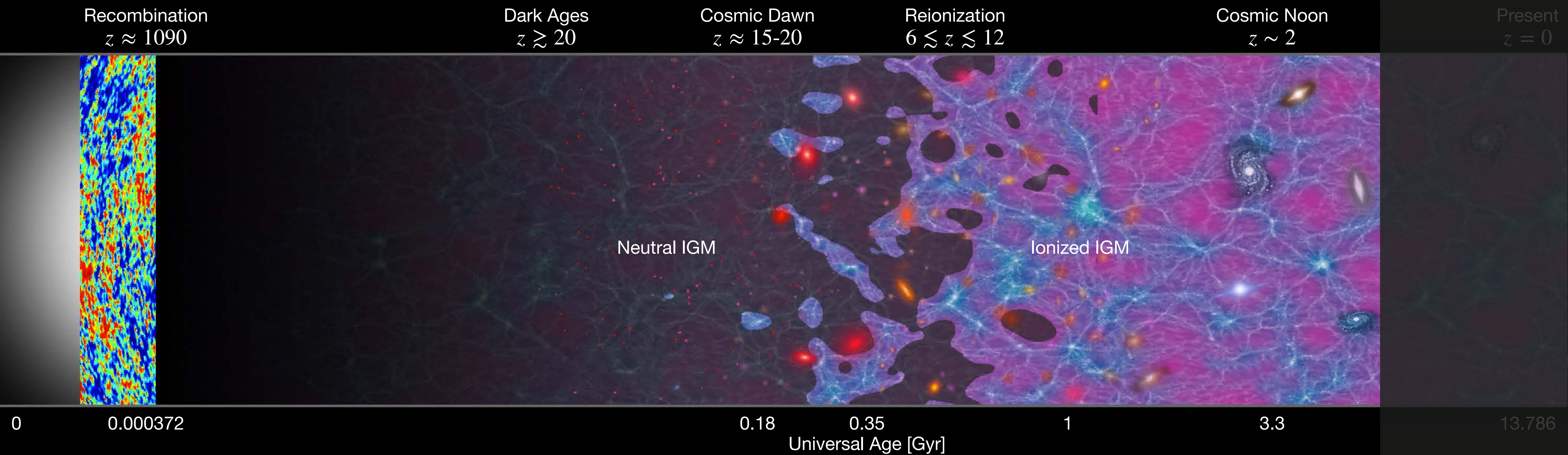
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**Reionization  $z \sim 6 - 12(?)$**

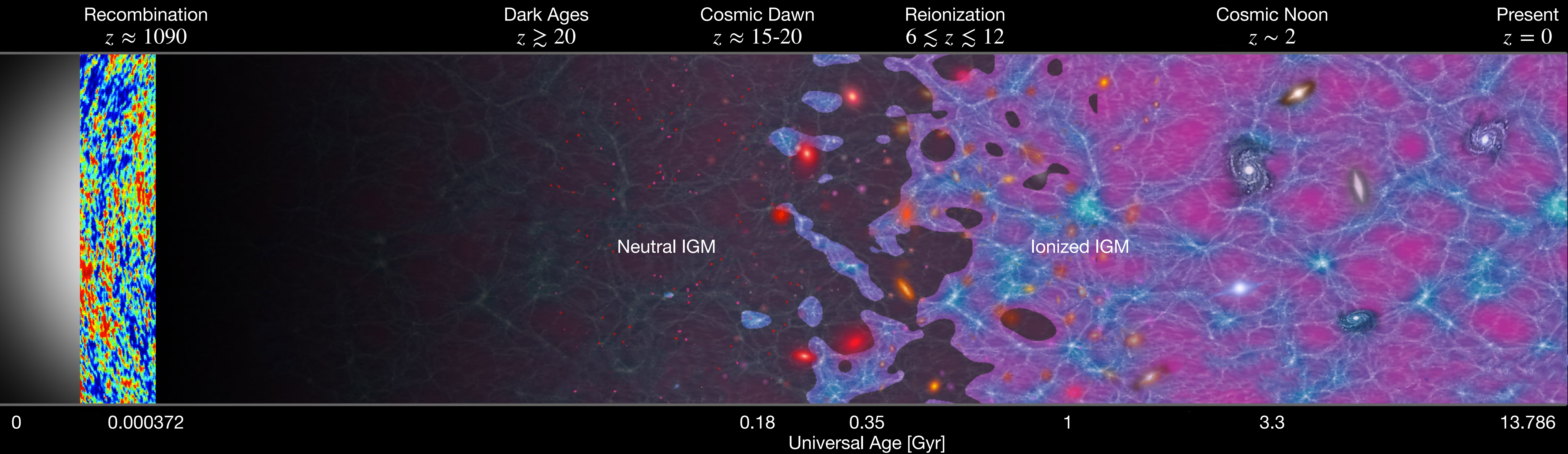
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## Modern Galaxies Form

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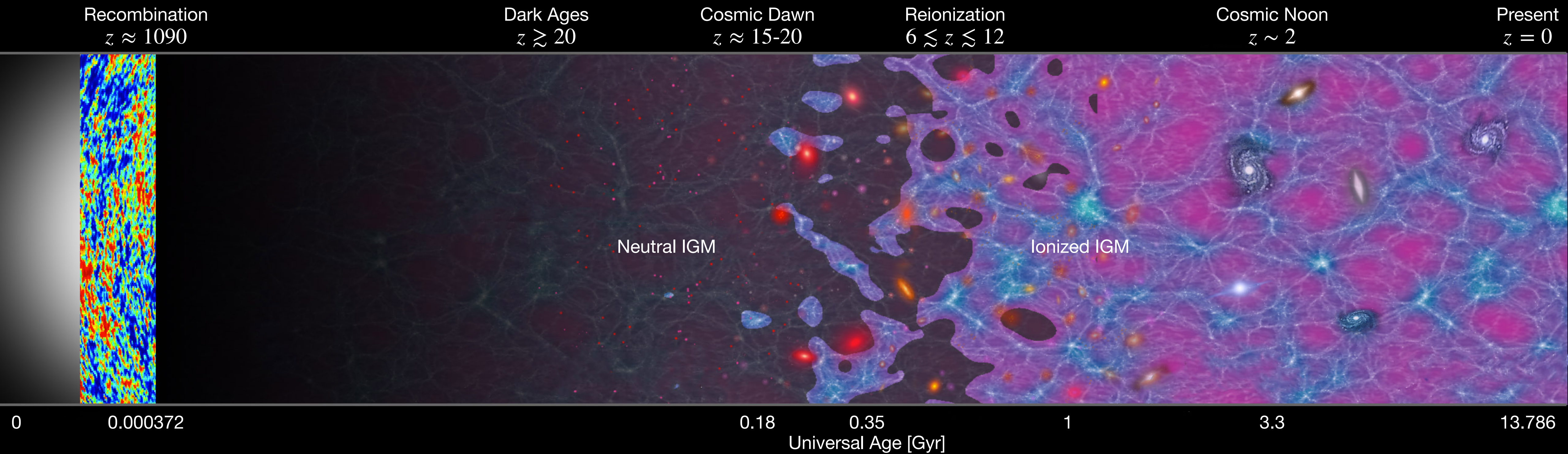


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## Present Day

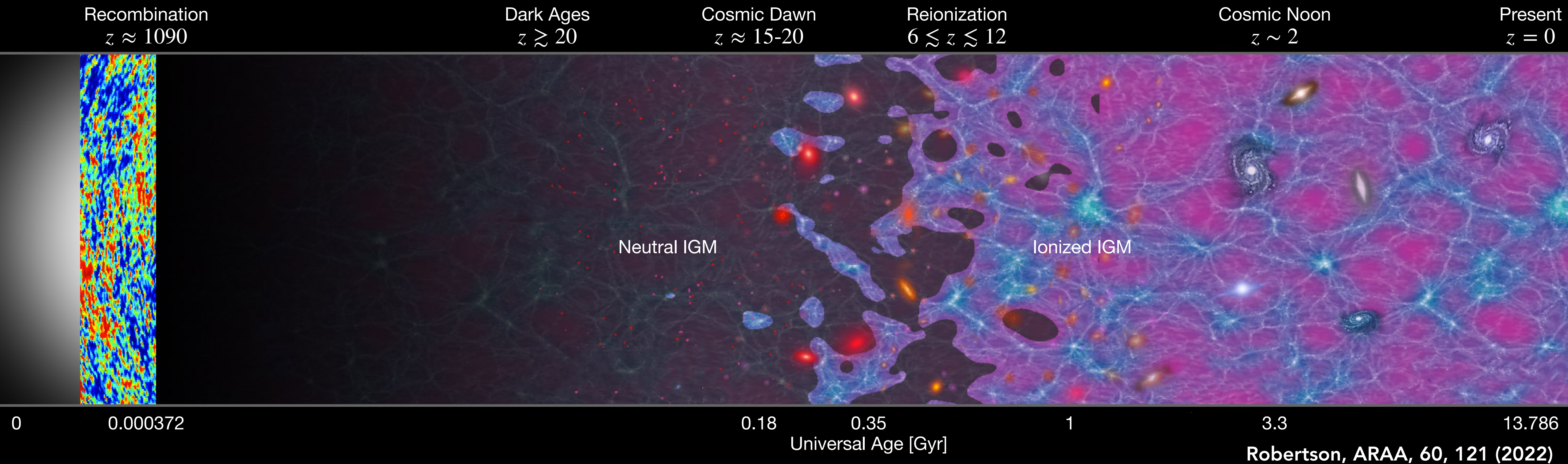


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**Can we find and confirm distant galaxies close to Cosmic Dawn?  
What are the properties of the earliest confirmed galaxies?**

# JWST SURVEYS OF THE DISTANT UNIVERSE

COSMOS-Web (GO 1727) - COSMOS

PRIMER (GO 1837) - COSMOS + UDS

CEERS (ERS 1345) - EGS

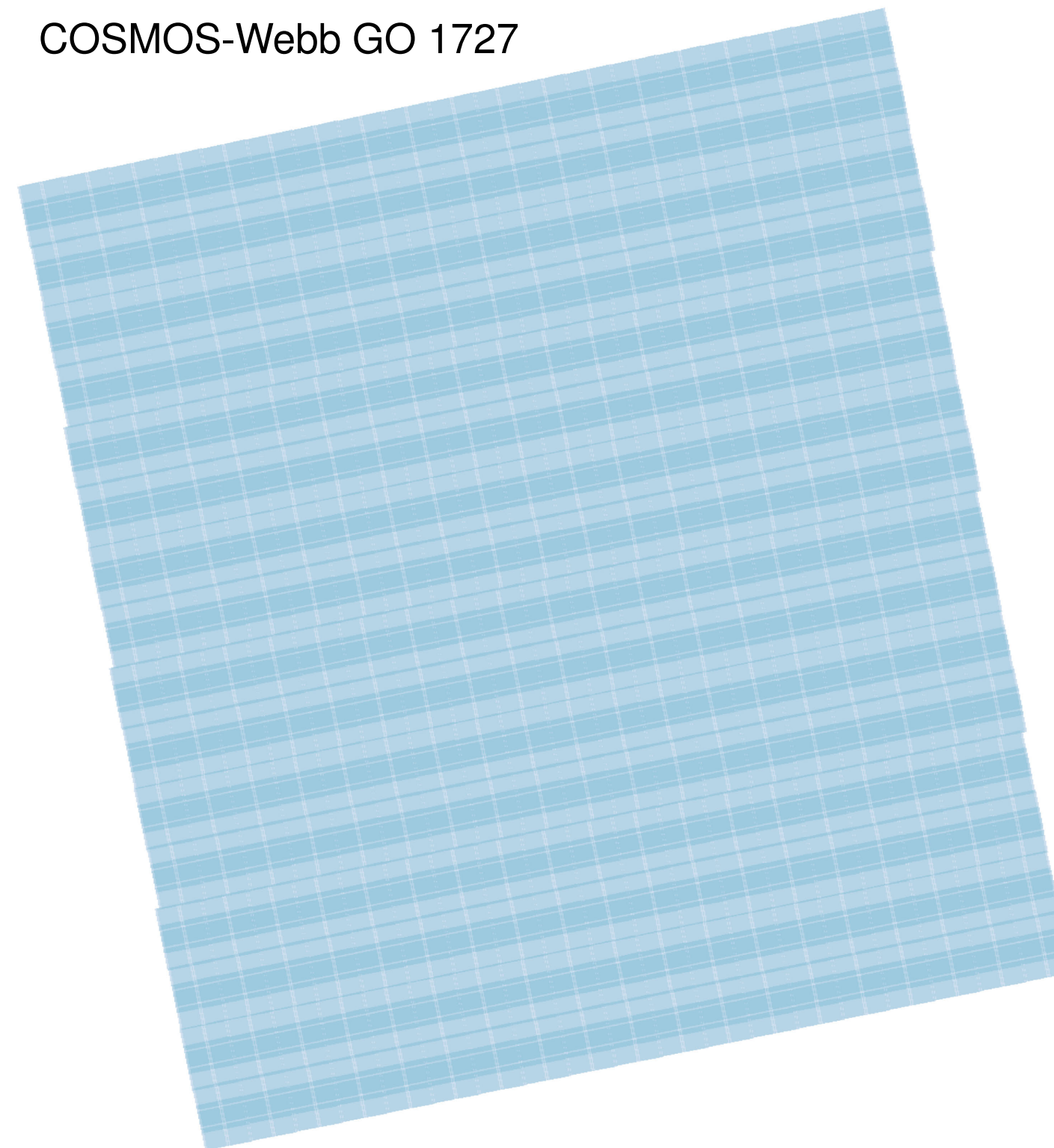
NGDEEP (GO 2079) - NIRISS on  
HUDF, NIRCam on UDF Par2

JADES (GTO 1180, 1181, 1210,  
1286, 1287) - GOODS N+S

\*Pre-launch layouts shown

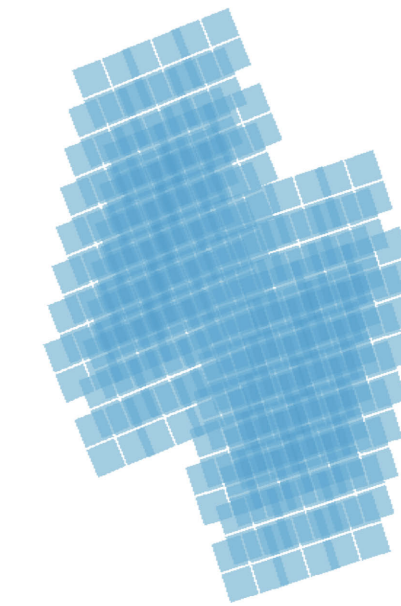
## JWST Programs

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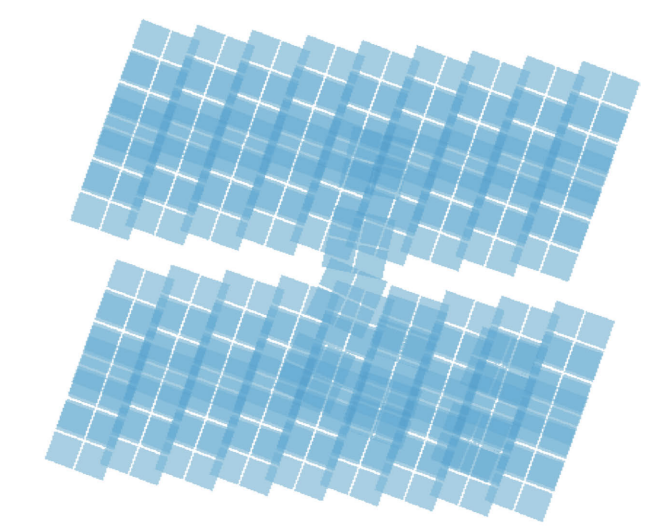


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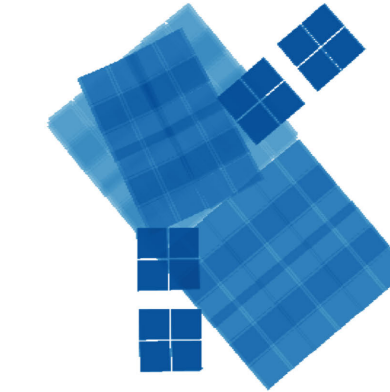
PRIMER COSMOS GO 1837



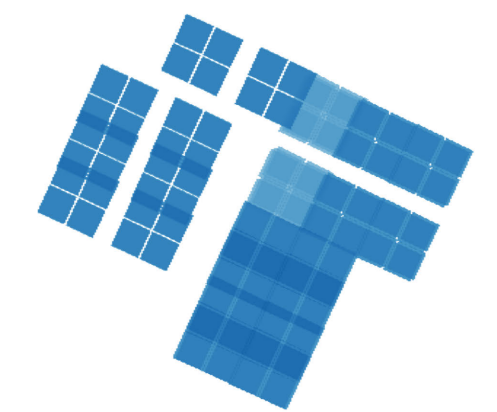
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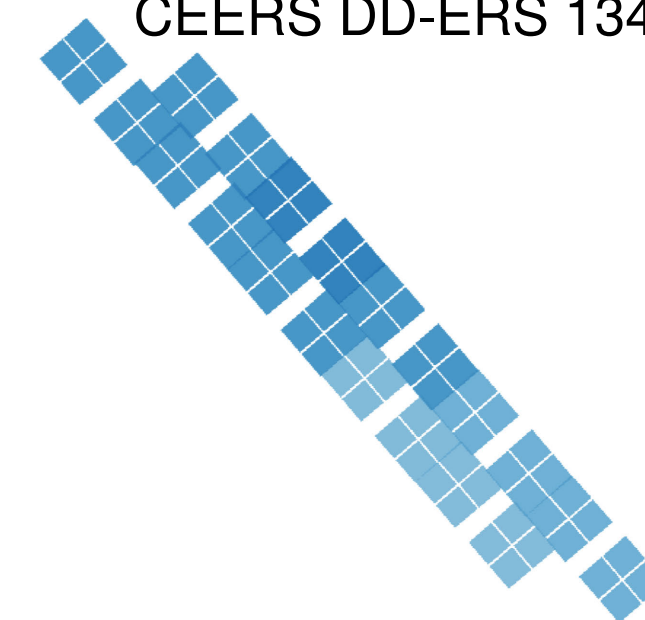
JADES GOODS-S  
GTO 1180,1210,1287



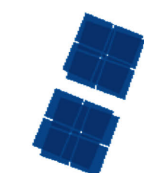
JADES GOODS-N  
GTO 1181



CEERS DD-ERS 1345



WDEEP GO 2079



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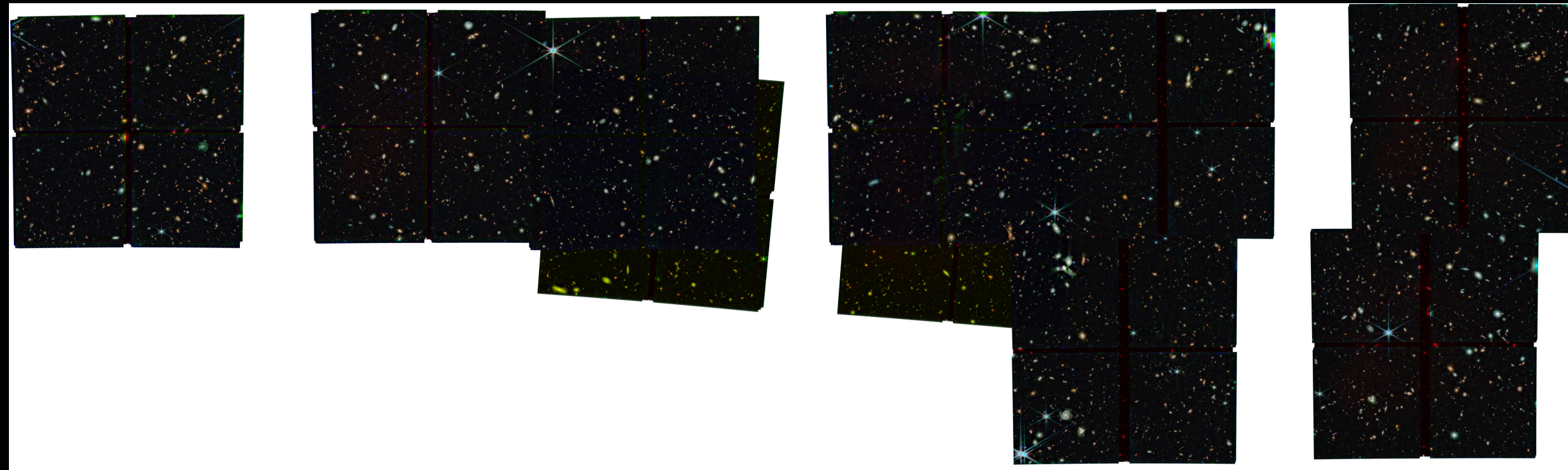
# JWST SURVEYS OF THE DISTANT UNIVERSE

Program	Hours	Target	Area	NIRCam	NIRSpec	NIRISS	MIRI
GLASS DD-ERS 1324 PI Treu	35.1	Abell 2744	~Single pointing w/ parallels	F090W, F115W, F150W, F200W, F277W, F356W, F444W 29-29.4AB Parallel	~0.8-5 micron R~2700 t~17.7 ks	NIRISS R~150 25.5-26.3 AB	-
FRESCO PI Oesch	53.1	GOODS-N GOODS-S	~120 square arcmin	F444W Grism	-	-	-
CEERS DD-ERS 1345 PI Finkelstein	65.7	EGS	~100 square arcmin	F115W, F150W, F200W, F277W, F356W, F410M, F444W t ~ 2.8ks	~0.97-5 micron R~1000 t~2.9 ks; R~100 prism, 26.5AB	-	F1000W, F1280W, F1500W, F1800W, F2100W
UNCOVER PI Labbe	68.2	Abell 2744	~2 NIRCam pointings	(F090W), F115W, F150W, F200W, F277W, F356W, F444W	R~100 prism t ~ 20 hours	(Imaging) F115W, F150W, F200W, F356W, F444W	-
NGDEEP GO 2079 PI Finkelstein	121.7	HUDF (NIRISS) HUDF Par 2 (NIRCam)	~Single pointing w/ parallels	F115W, F150W, F356W, F444W 30.6-30.9AB	-	F115W, F150W, F200W Grism to f~10 <sup>-18</sup> erg/s/ cm <sup>2</sup>	-
PRIMER GO 1837 PI Dunlop	188.1	COSMOS UDS	144/112 arcmin <sup>2</sup> 234/125 arcmin <sup>2</sup>	F090W, F115W, F150W, F200W, F277W, F356W, F410M, F444W 28.5-28.5AB	-	-	F770W (25.6AB), F1800W
COSMOS-Web GO 1727 PI Kartaltepe, Casey	207.8	COSMOS	0.6 deg <sup>2</sup> / 0.2 deg <sup>2</sup>	F115W, F150W, F277W, F444W 27.4-28AB	-	-	F770W (parallel) 24.3-24.5AB

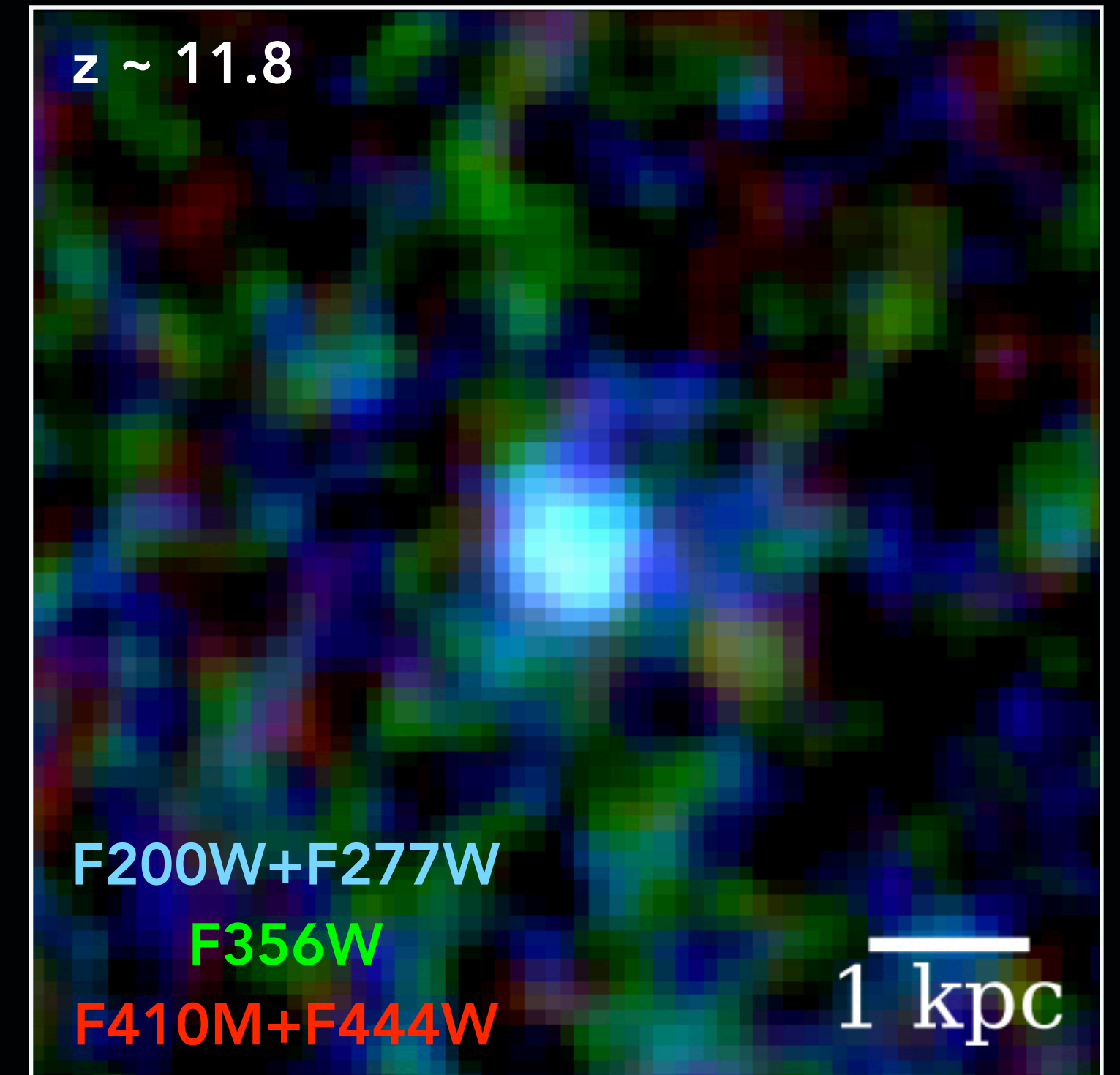
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# PROGRESS TO DATE

## CEERS JWST 1345



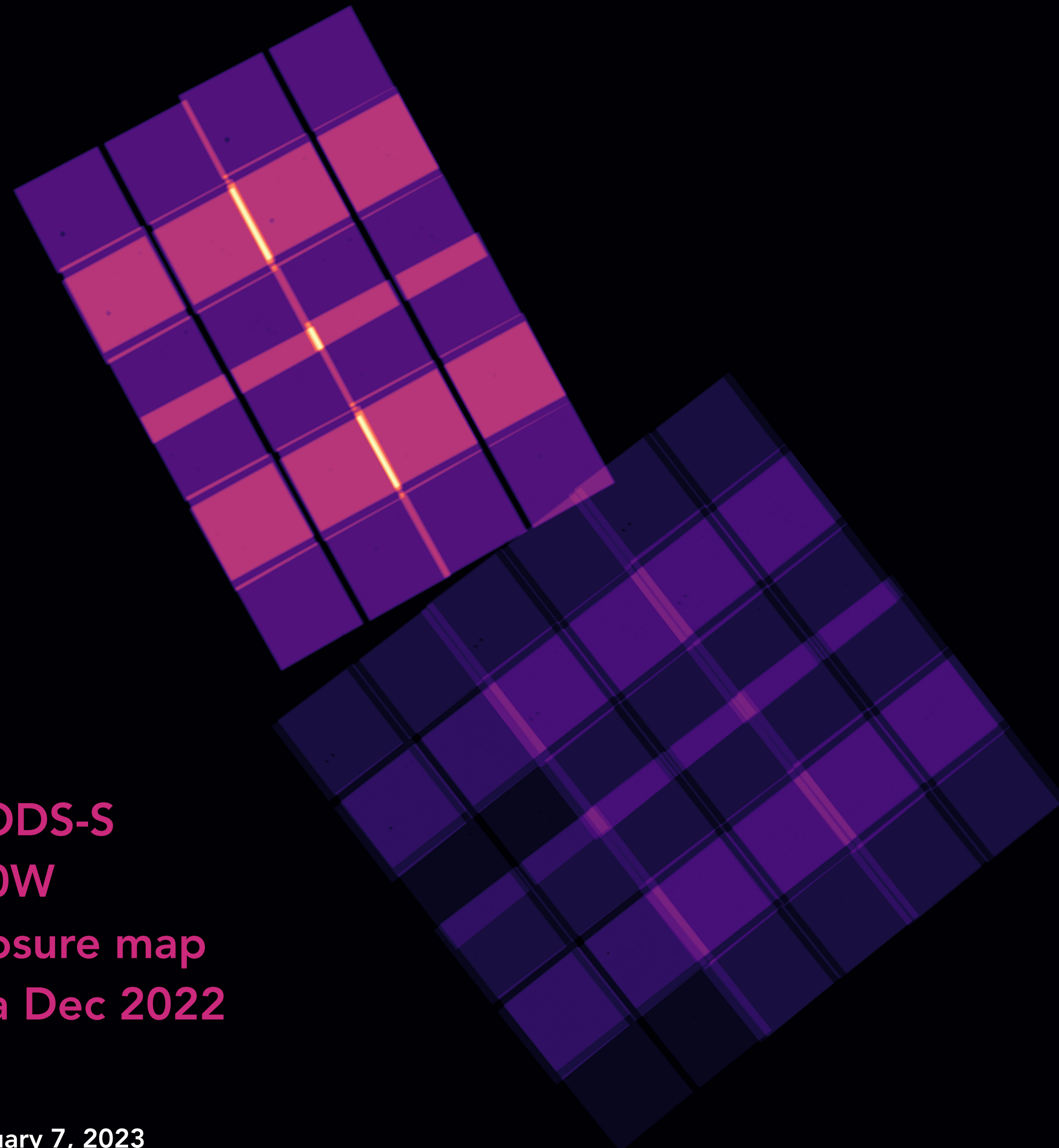
Wealth of galaxy candidates inferred to lie at  $z > 10$  discovered with NIRCam. Detailed spectroscopic properties of galaxies at  $z < 10$  being probed with NIRSpec.



Finkelstein et al., arXiv:2207.12474

Castellano et al. (2022), Adams et al. arXiv:2207.11217, Finkelstein et al., arXiv:2207.12474, Naidu et al. arXiv:2207.09434, Donnan et al. arXiv:2207.12356, Carnall et al. 2207.08778, Brinchmann et al. 2208.07467, Tacchella et al. 2208.03281, Curti et al. (2022), Trussler et al. 2207.14265, Morishta et al. arXiv:2207.11671, Schaerer et al. (2022), Endsley et al. arXiv:2208.14999, Whitler et al. arXiv:2208.10599, Topping et al. arXiv:2208.01610, Ono et al. arXiv:2208.13582, Rodighiero et al. arXiv:2208.02825, Harikane et al. arXiv:2208.01612, Roberts-Borsani et al. arXiv:2210.15639, + many others!

# NIRCAM+NIRSPEC GTO PROGRAM IN GOODS-S+N



GOODS-S  
F200W  
Exposure map  
Circa Dec 2022

## NIRCam Program 1180 (PI: Eisenstein)

F090W, F115W, F150W, F200W, F277W, F335M, F356W, F410M, F444W imaging acquired late Sept. / early Oct. 2022. More imaging later.

Currently 9.9, 16.8, 9.9, and 6.9 hrs of exposure in F090W, F115W, F150W, F200W. Point-source, 0.15" radius aperture  $5\sigma$  depth about 30AB incl. pix covar. on a 0.03"/pix mosaic.

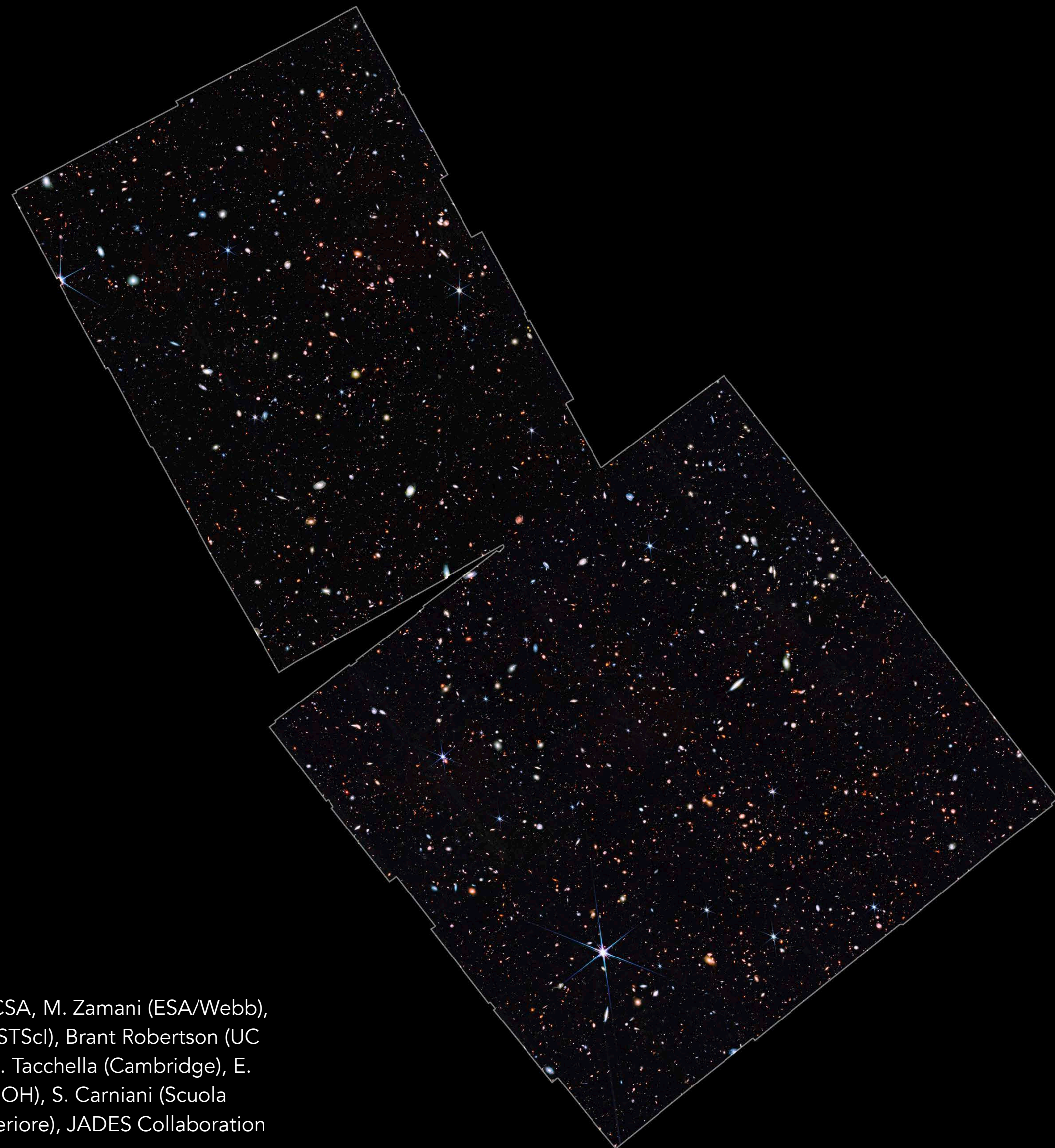
UDF Medium Band program co-located (Program 1963; PI Williams, Maseda, & Tacchella), providing F182M, F210M, F430M, F460M, F480M.

Some regions have all 14 NIRCam bands!

GOODS-N being acquired as we speak...

# NIRCAM IMAGING, OBJECT DETECTION, AND PHOTOMETRY

F115W  
F200W  
F444W

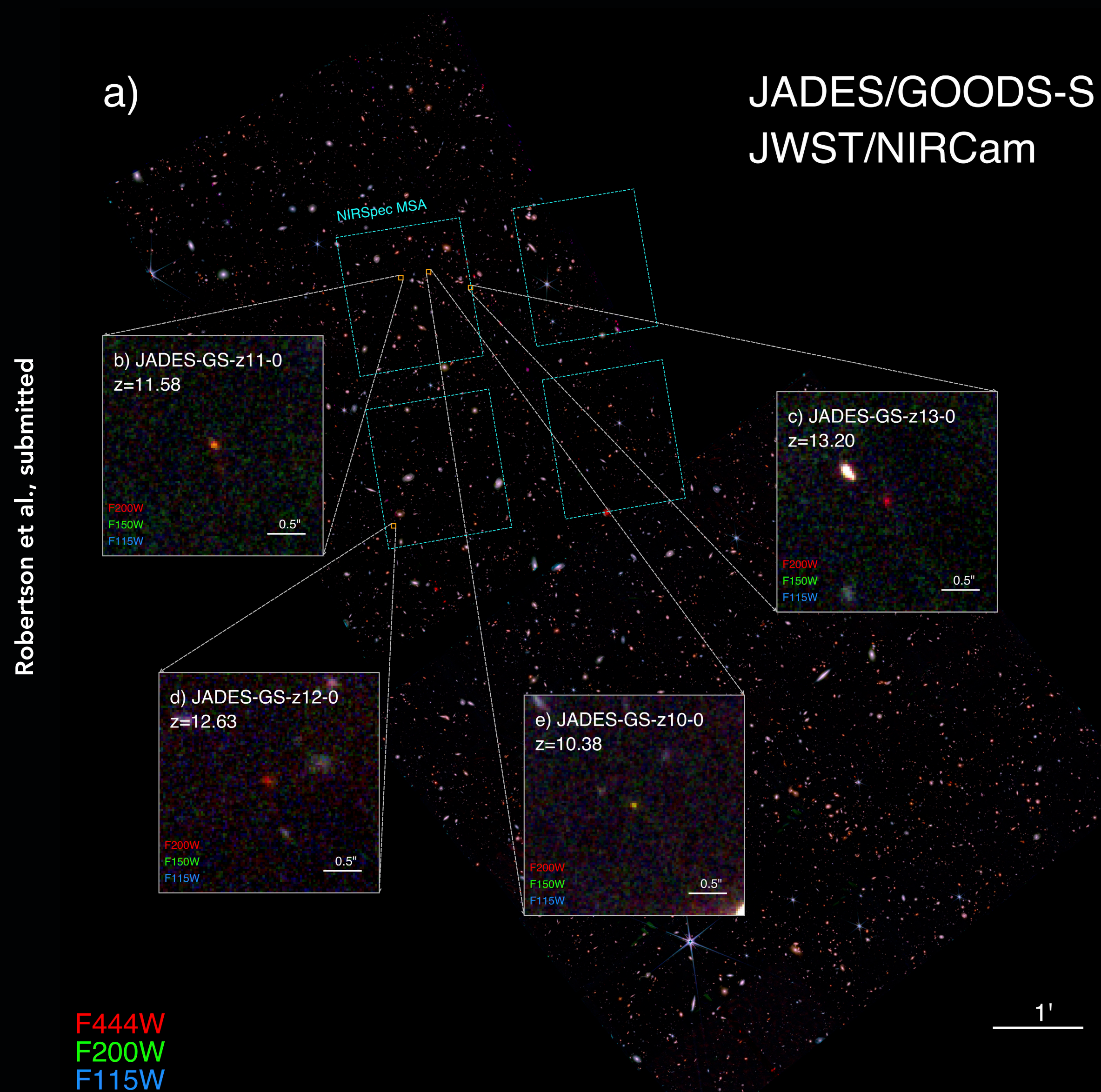


Custom reduction based mostly on the STScI *jwst* pipeline, including 1/f noise, snowballs, wisp removal, background subtraction.

SNR detection image constructed from inverse-variance stack of F200W, F277W, F335M, F356W, F410M, and F444W.

*Photutils*-based detection and photometry pipeline to create catalog.

# DISCOVERY OF EARLIEST GALAXIES WITH CONFIRMED DISTANCES



Four high-redshift candidates, confirmed spectroscopically; two were discovered in JADES/NIRCam imaging (Robertson et al., arXiv:2212.04480; Curtis-Lake et al., arXiv:2212.04568). F115W or F150W dropout selections (Hainline et al., ApJ, 892, 125, 2020).

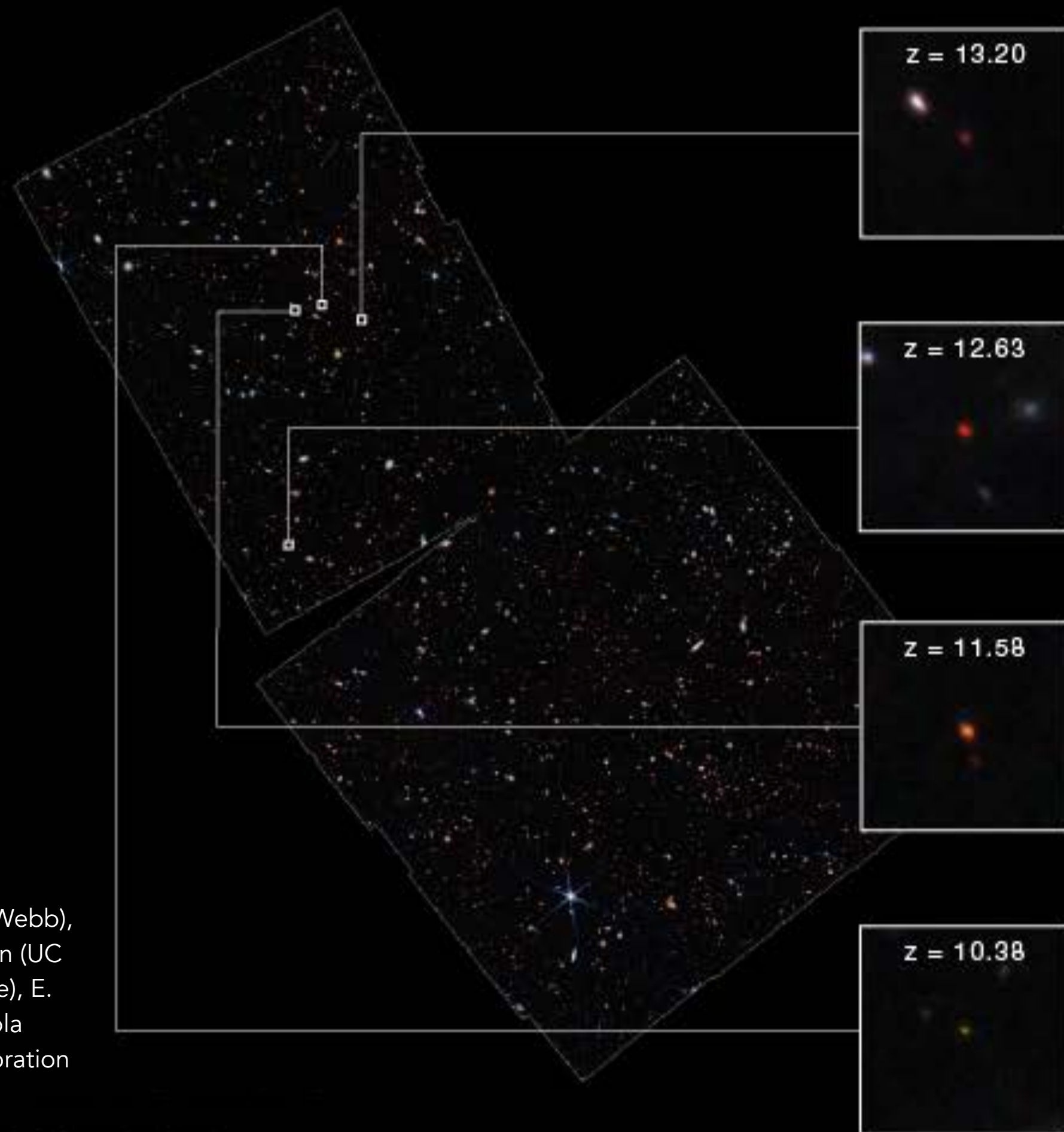
The two lower redshift galaxies (JADES-GS-z10-0 and JADES-GS-z11-0) were discovered with HST as  $z \sim 10$  candidates by Bouwens et al. (2011).

Through UDF12, which had ultra deep Y105 and added J140, Ellis et al. (2013) found  $z_{phot} \sim 11.9^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$  for JADES-GS-z11-0. JWST NIRCam UDF Medium Band observations (Program 1963; PI Williams, Maseda, Tacchella) suggest a similar photo- $z$  (Bouwens et al., arXiv:2211.02607).

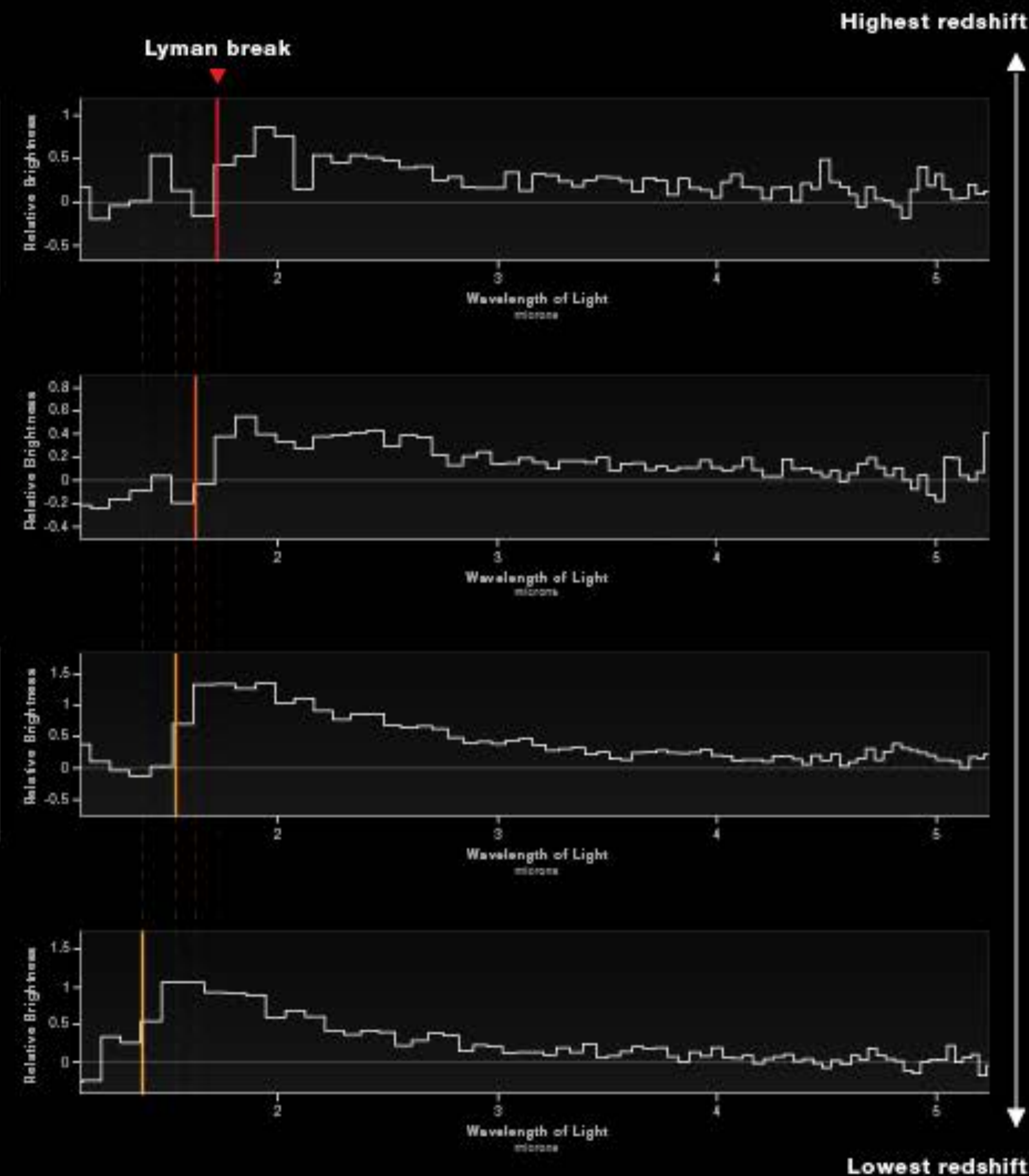


# WEBB SPECTRA REACH NEW MILESTONE IN REDSHIFT FRONTIER

NIRCam Imaging



NIRSpec Microshutter Array Spectroscopy

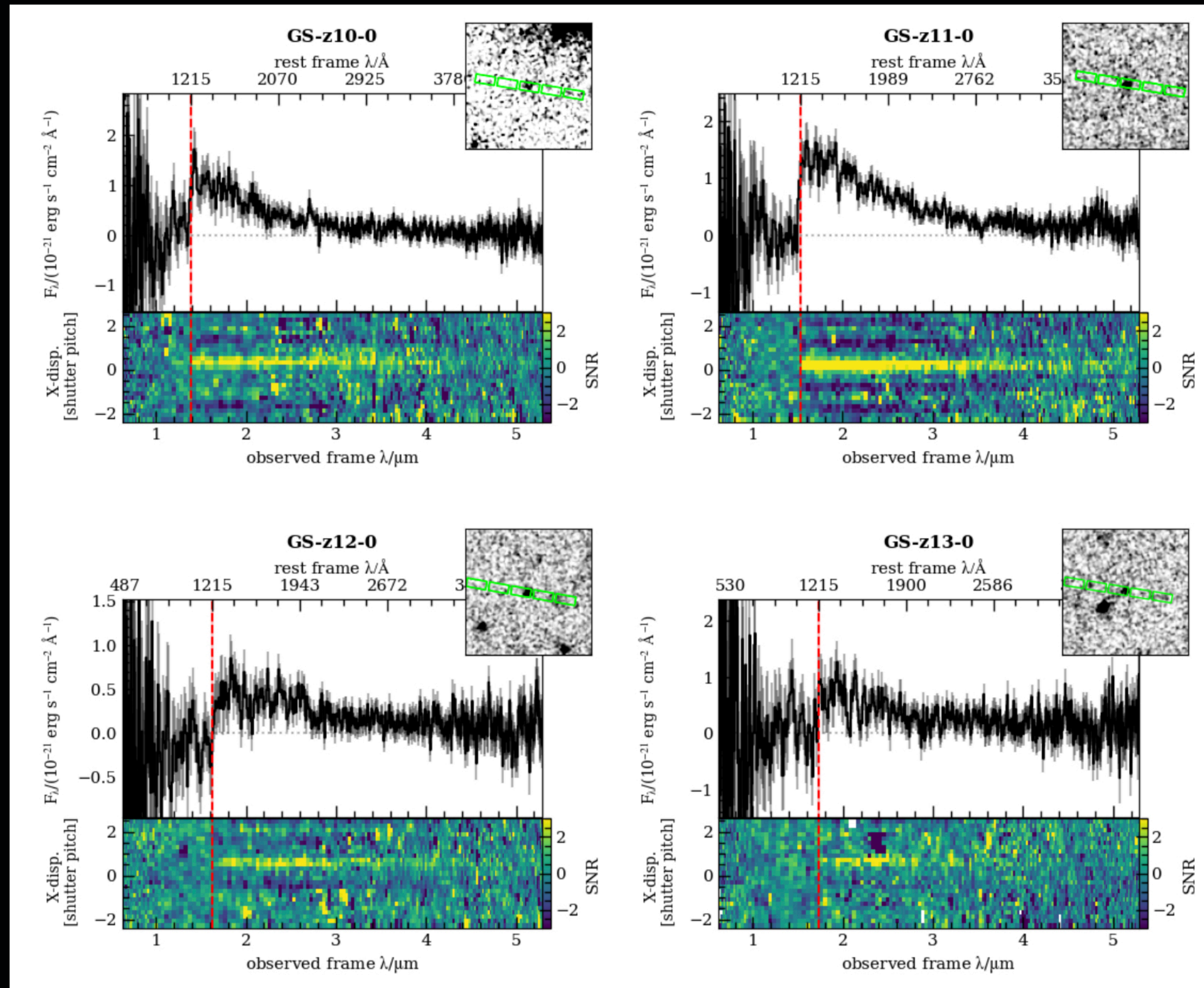


See Emma Curtis-Lake's paper [arXiv:2212.04568](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.04568) for the spectral analysis!

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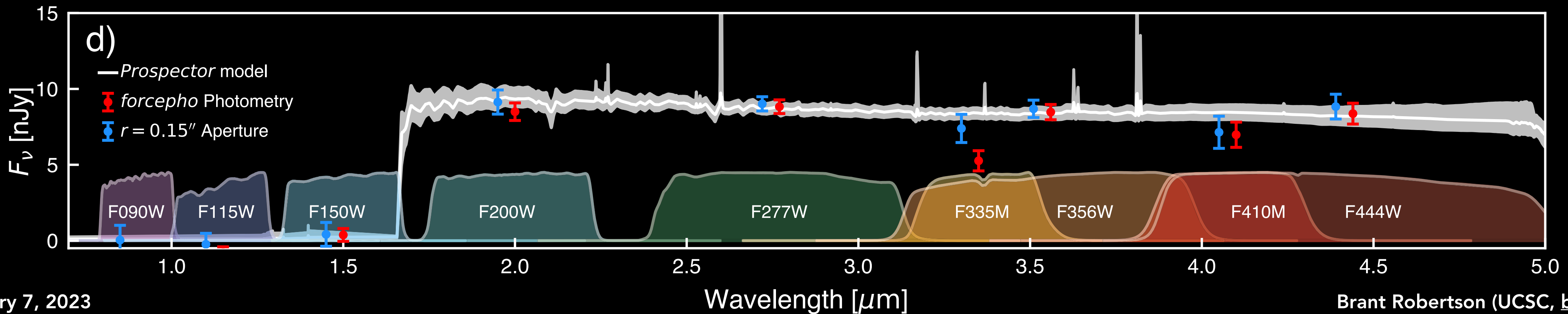
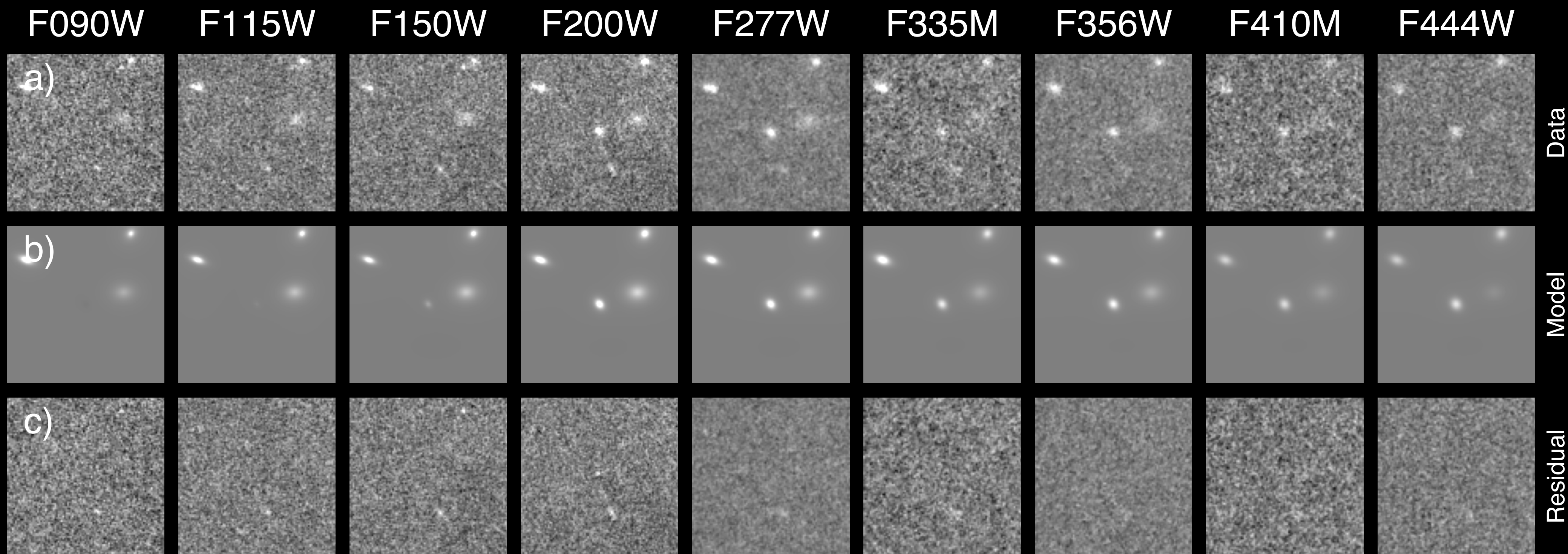


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# PHOTOMETRIC FORWARD MODELING WITH *forcepho*

Robertson et al., submitted

JADES-GS-z12-0,  $z = 12.63$

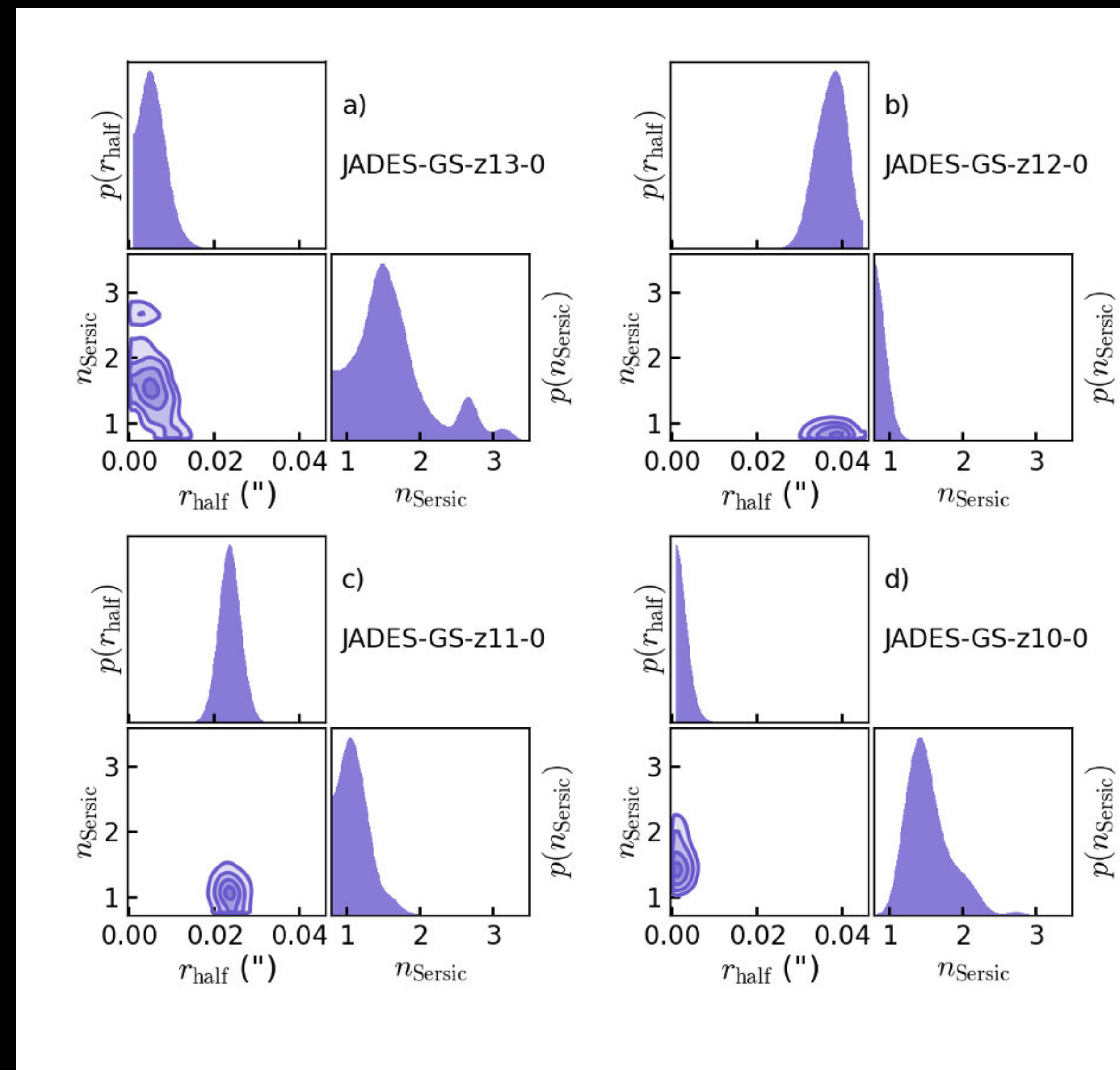


# STRUCTURAL CONSTRAINTS ON DISTANT GALAXIES

*forcepho* (B. D. Johnson et al., in prep.) allows us to forward model the surface brightness profile of each object, accounting for possible covariances with other neighboring sources.

These objects are small! JADES-GS-z10-0 and JADES-GS-z13-0 are unresolved. Other objects are 0.02-0.04" in half-light radius.

Sérsic indices are  $n < 2$ .

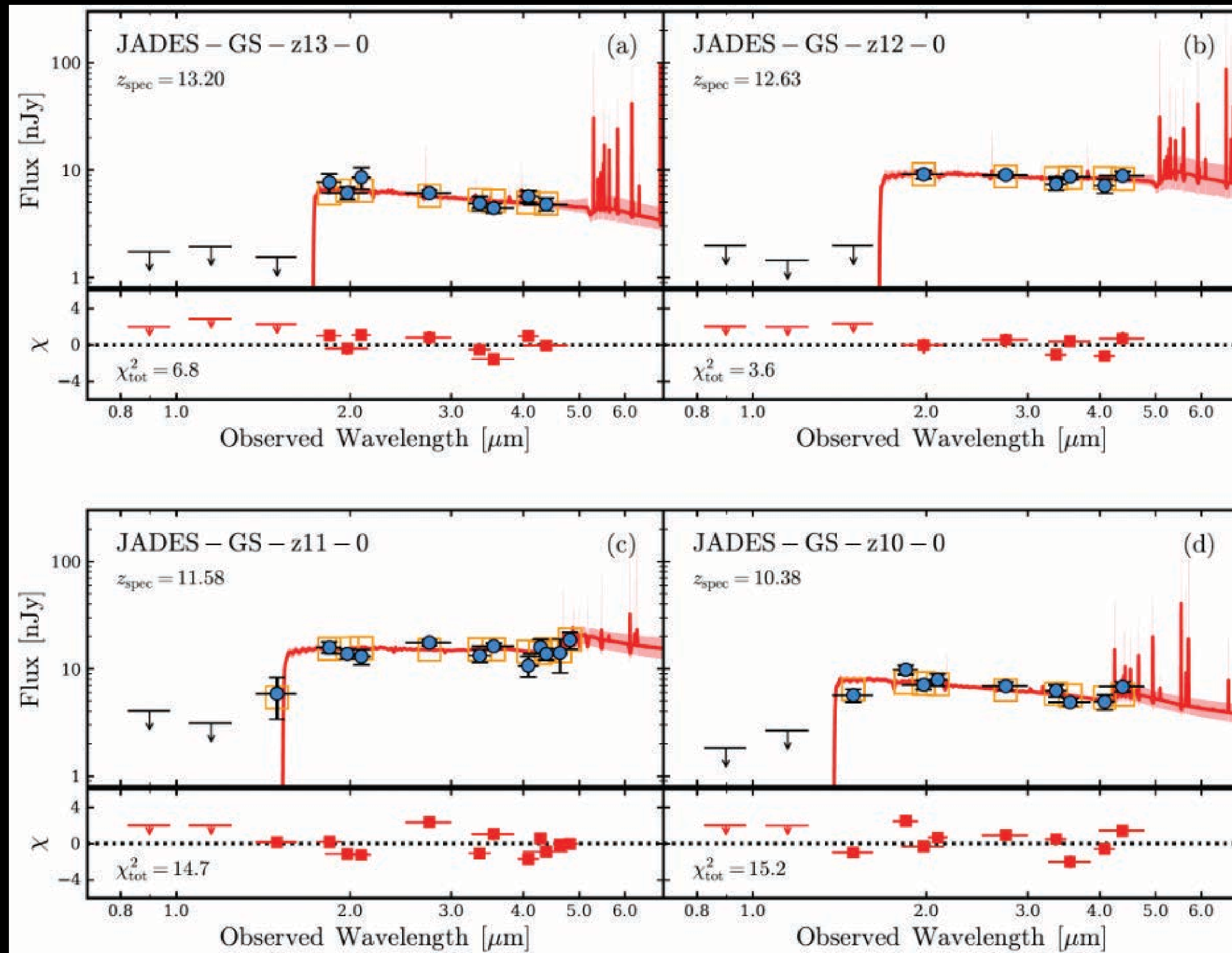


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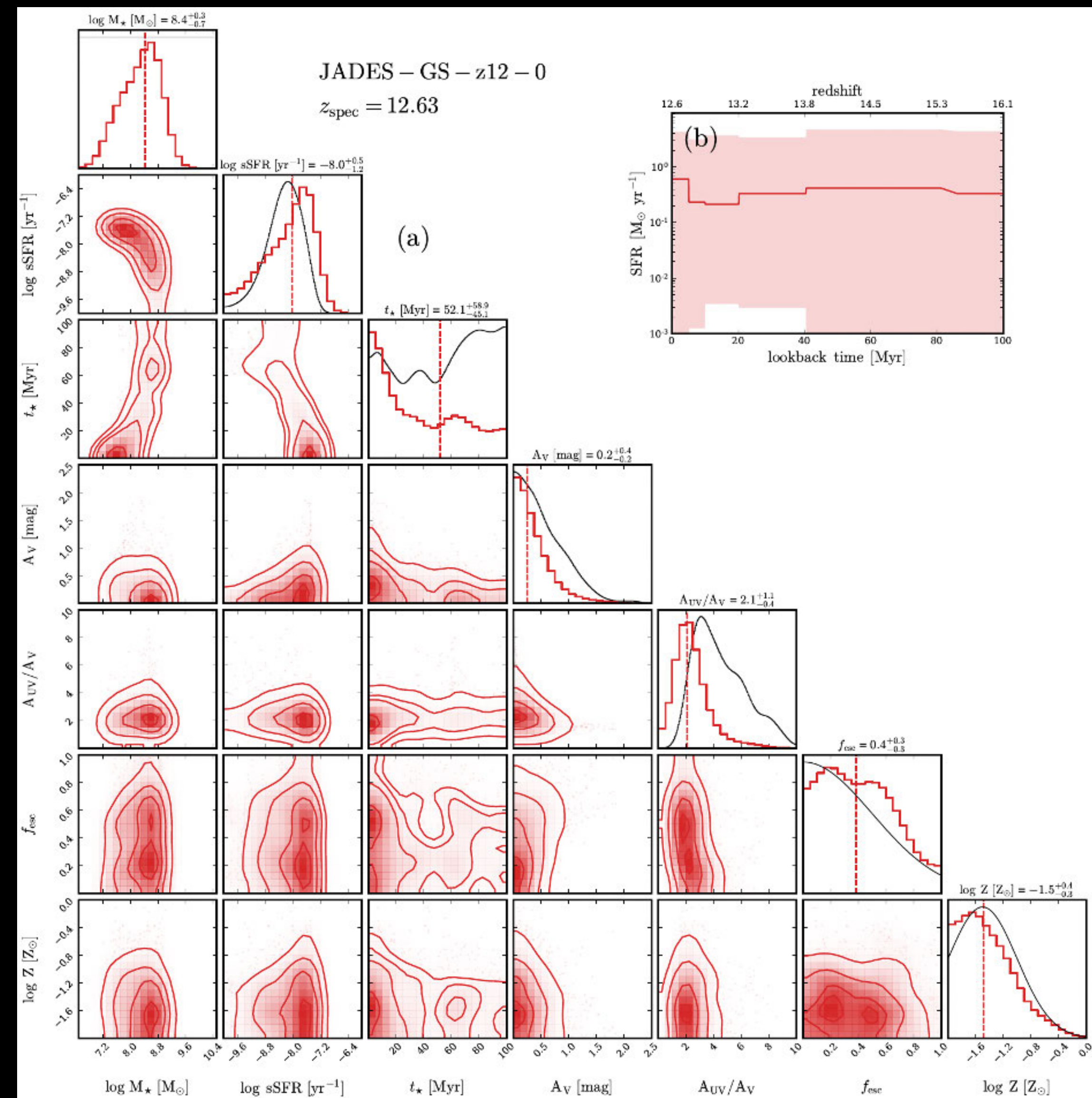
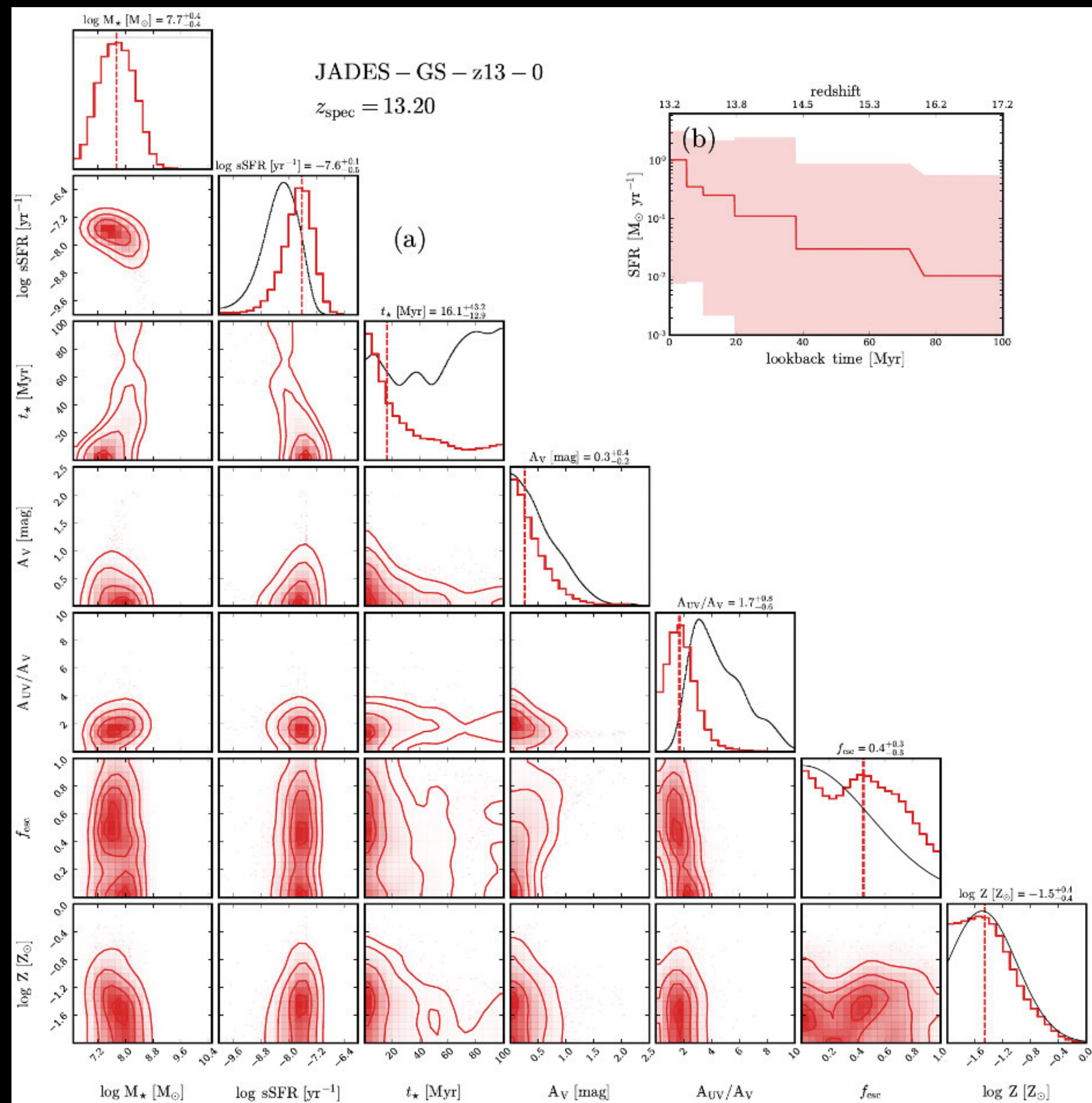
# STELLAR POPULATION MODELS OF PHOTOMETRY

Using *Prospector* (B. D. Johnson et al. 2021) we can model the stellar populations by fitting to the photometry while keeping the redshift fixed at the measured spectroscopic value.

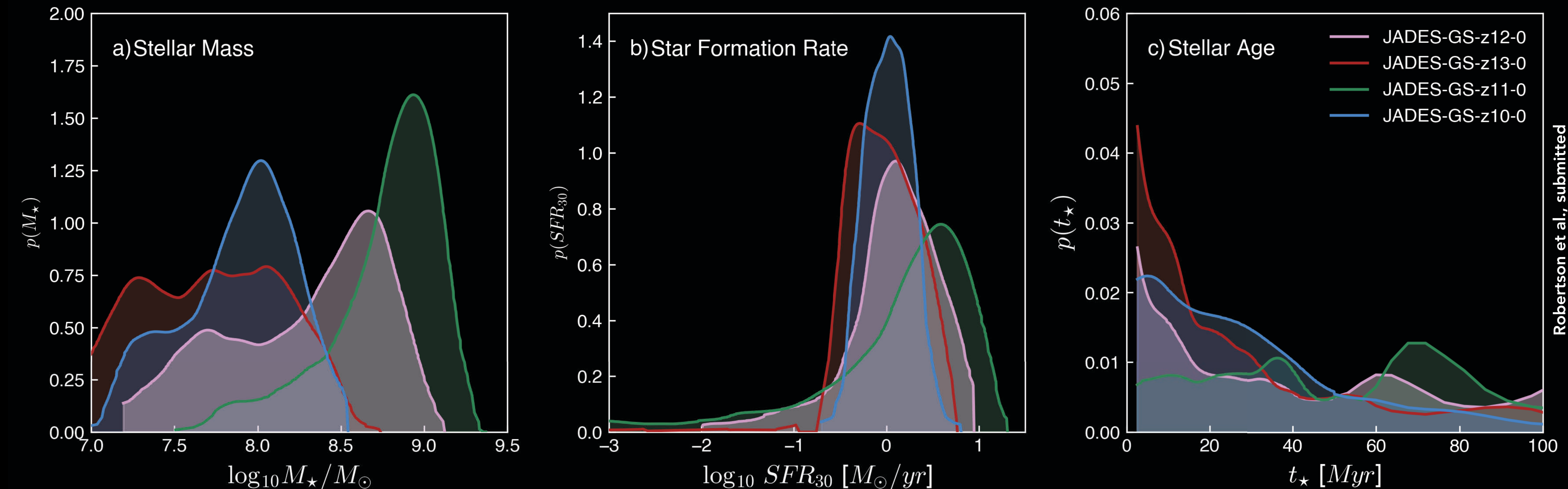
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# STELLAR POPULATION CONSTRAINTS AT $z > 12.5$



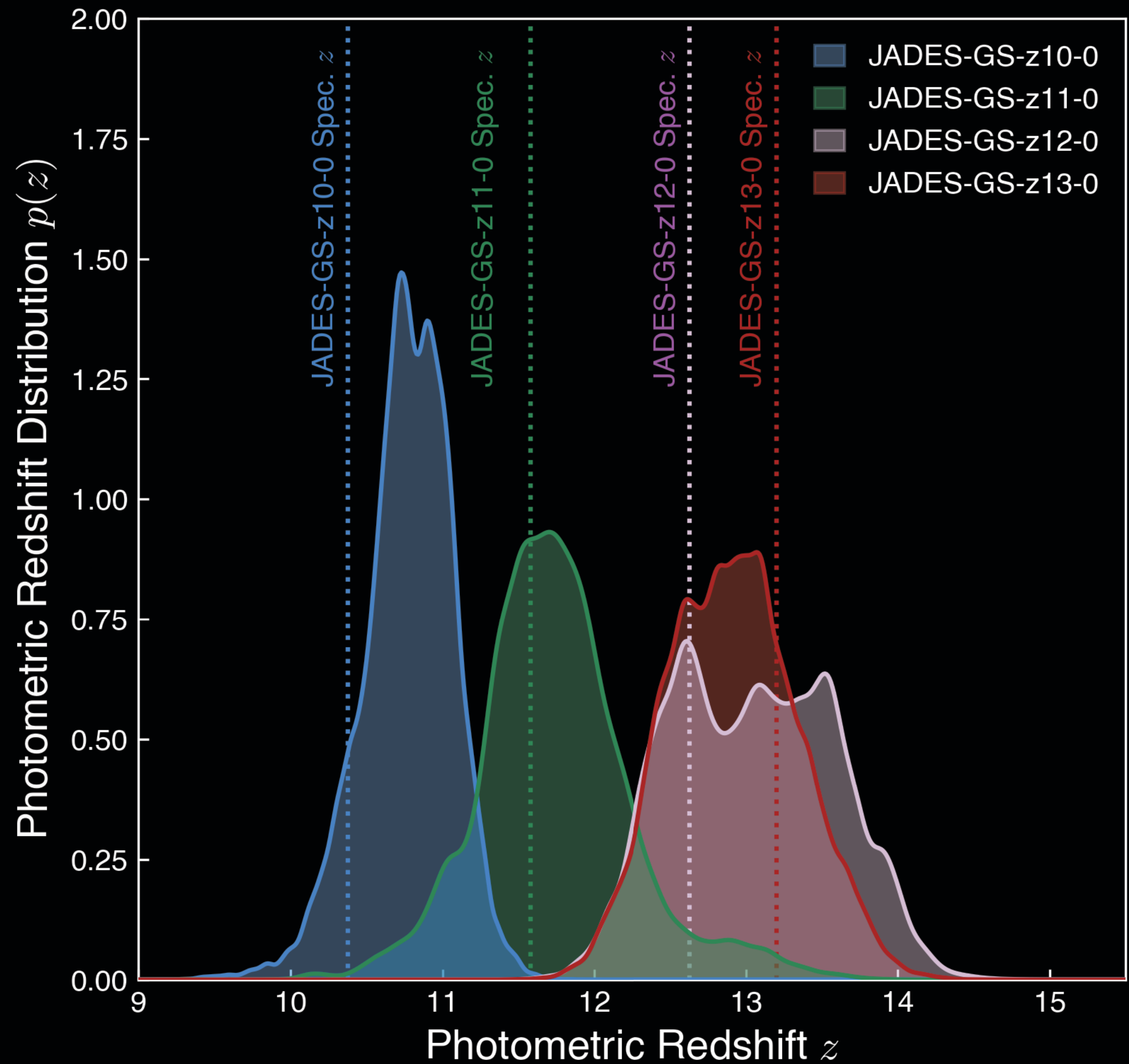
# STELLAR POPULATION CONSTRAINTS AT $10.4 < z < 13.2$



Robertson et al., submitted

Marginal posterior distributions show that stellar masses are  $M_{\star} \approx 10^8 - 10^9 M_{\odot}$ , solar masses,  $SFR \approx 1 M_{\odot}/yr$ , and half stellar mass ages of  $t_{\star} \lesssim 100$  Myr.

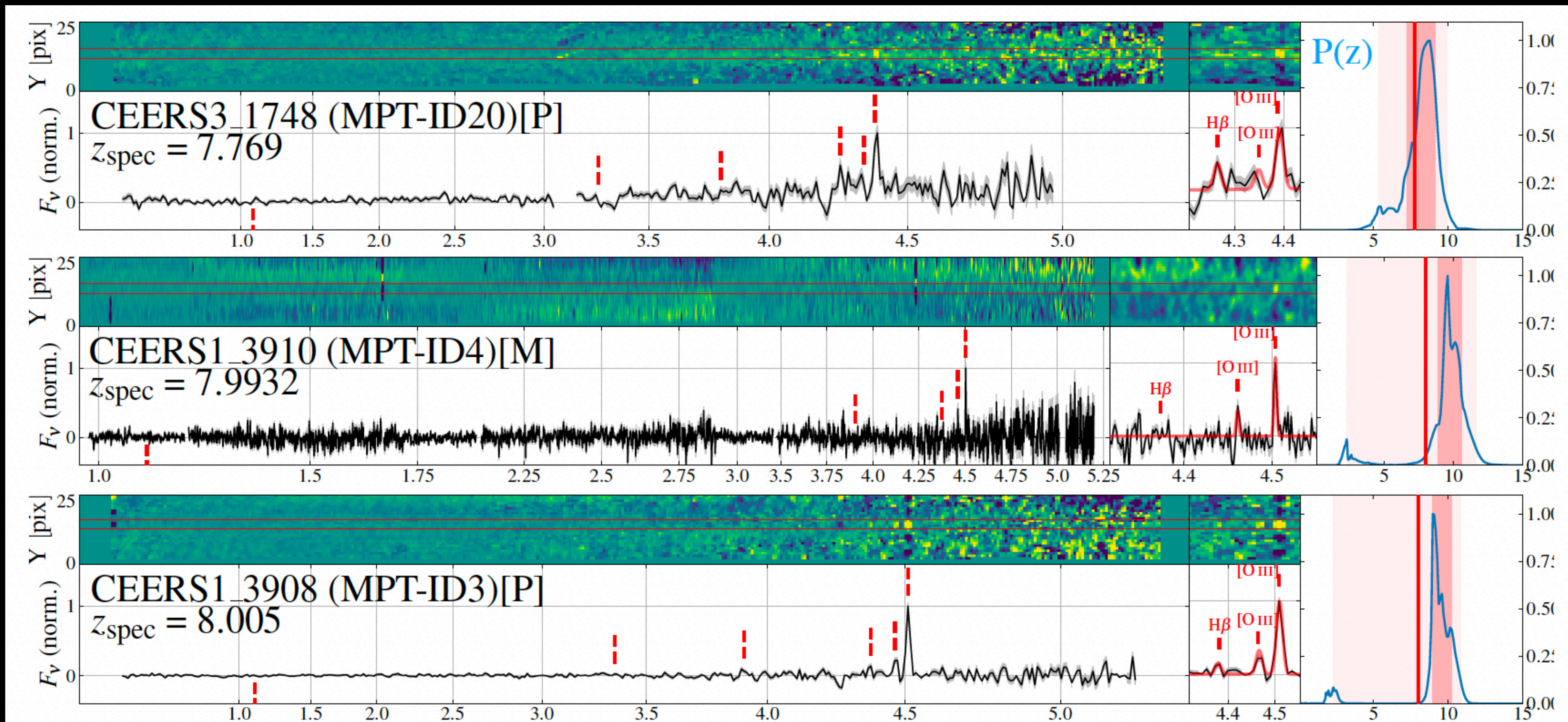
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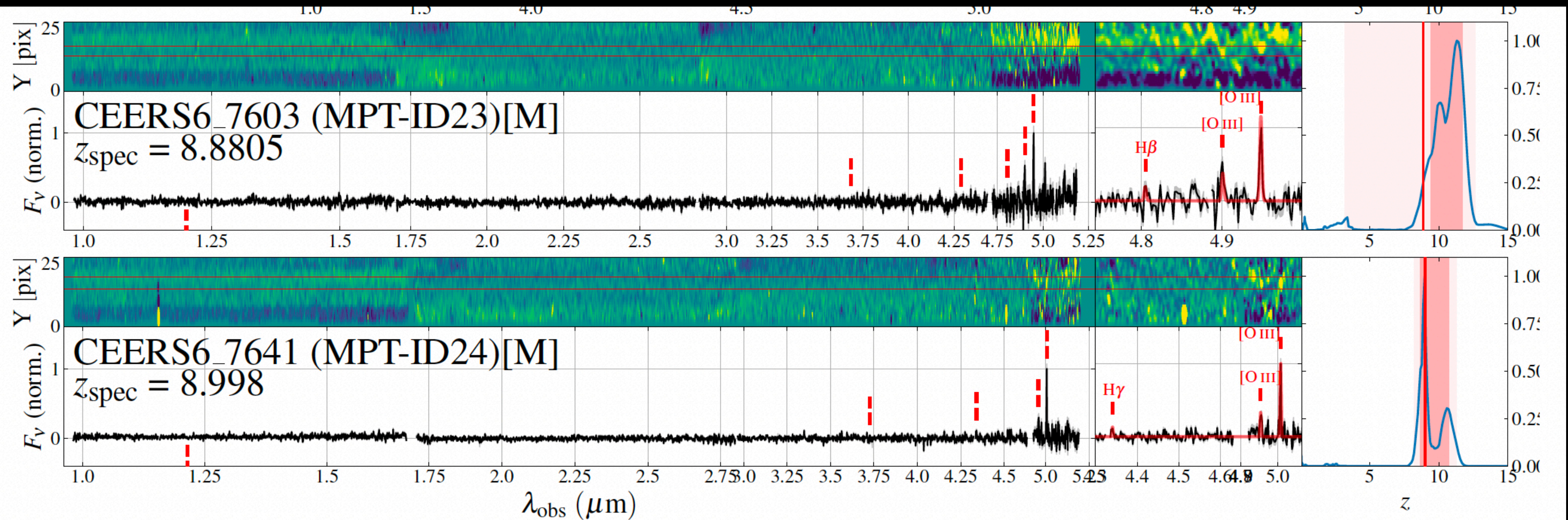


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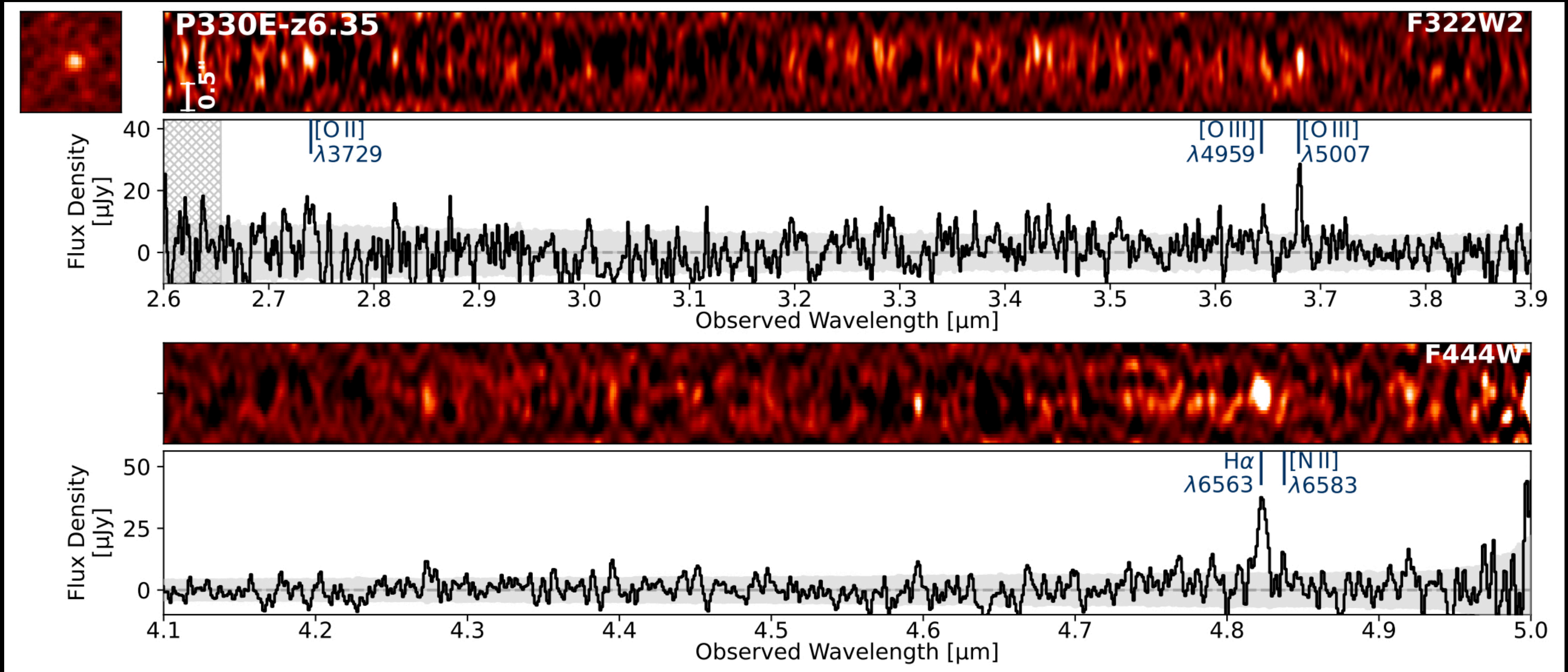
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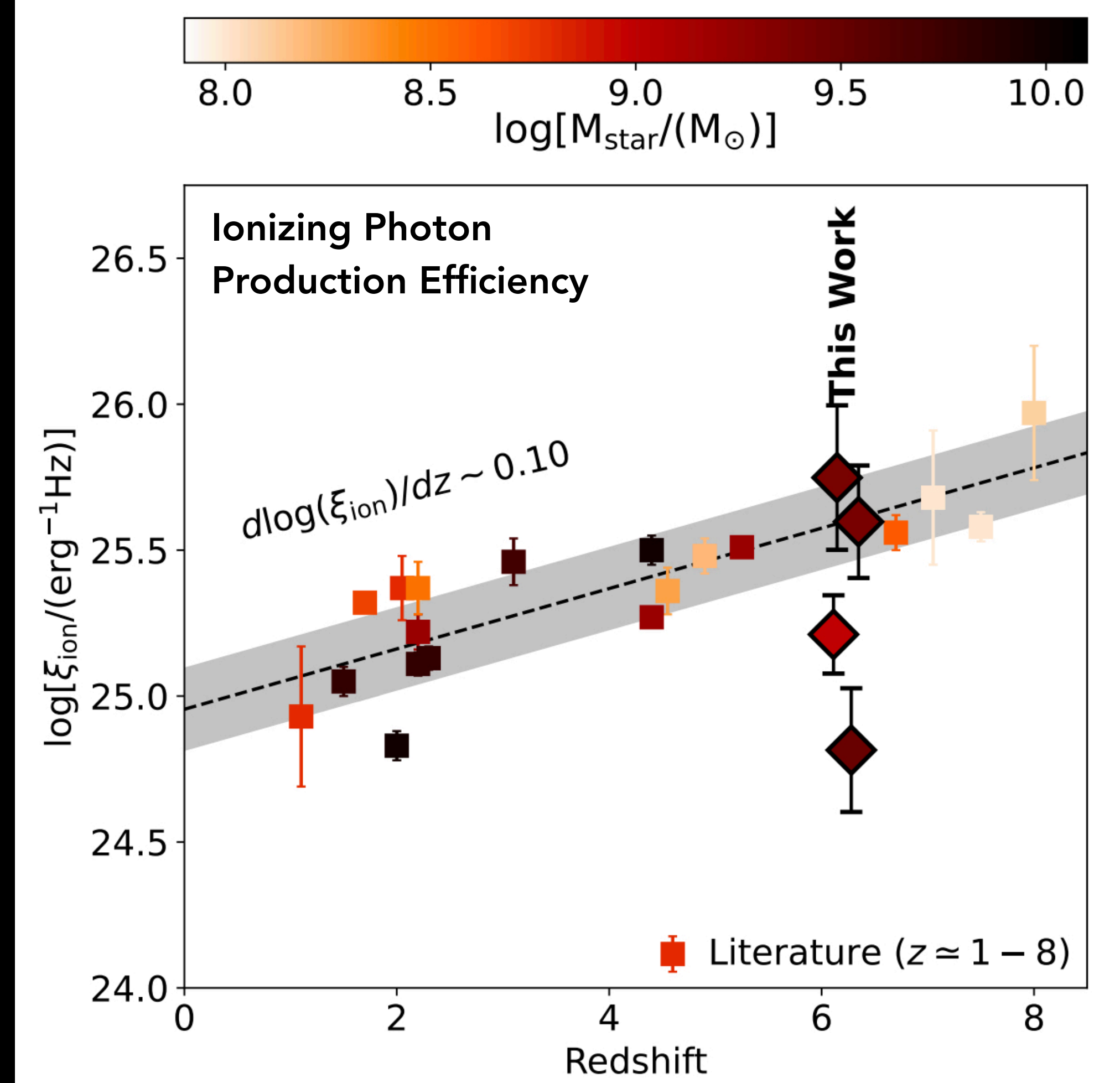
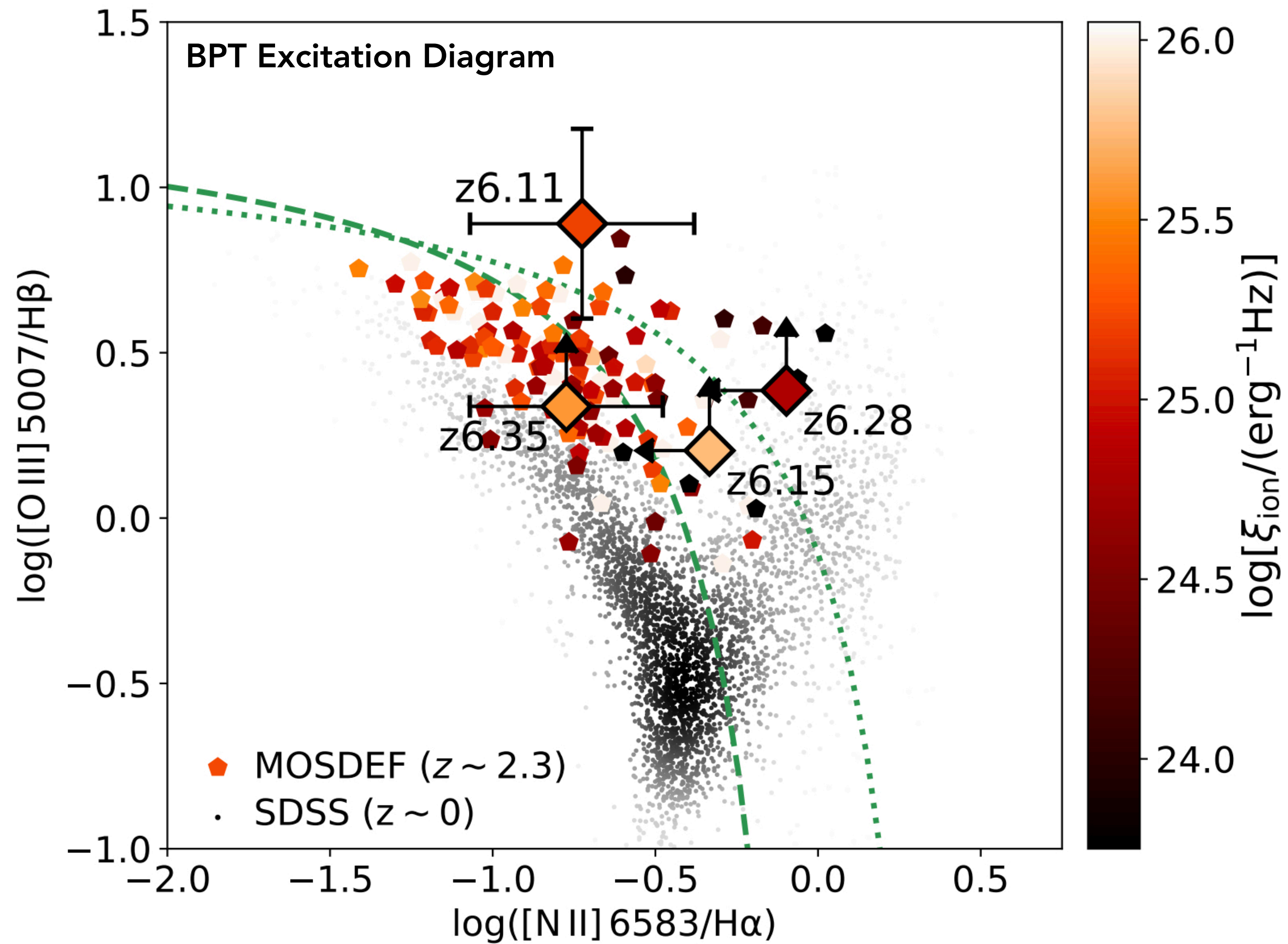
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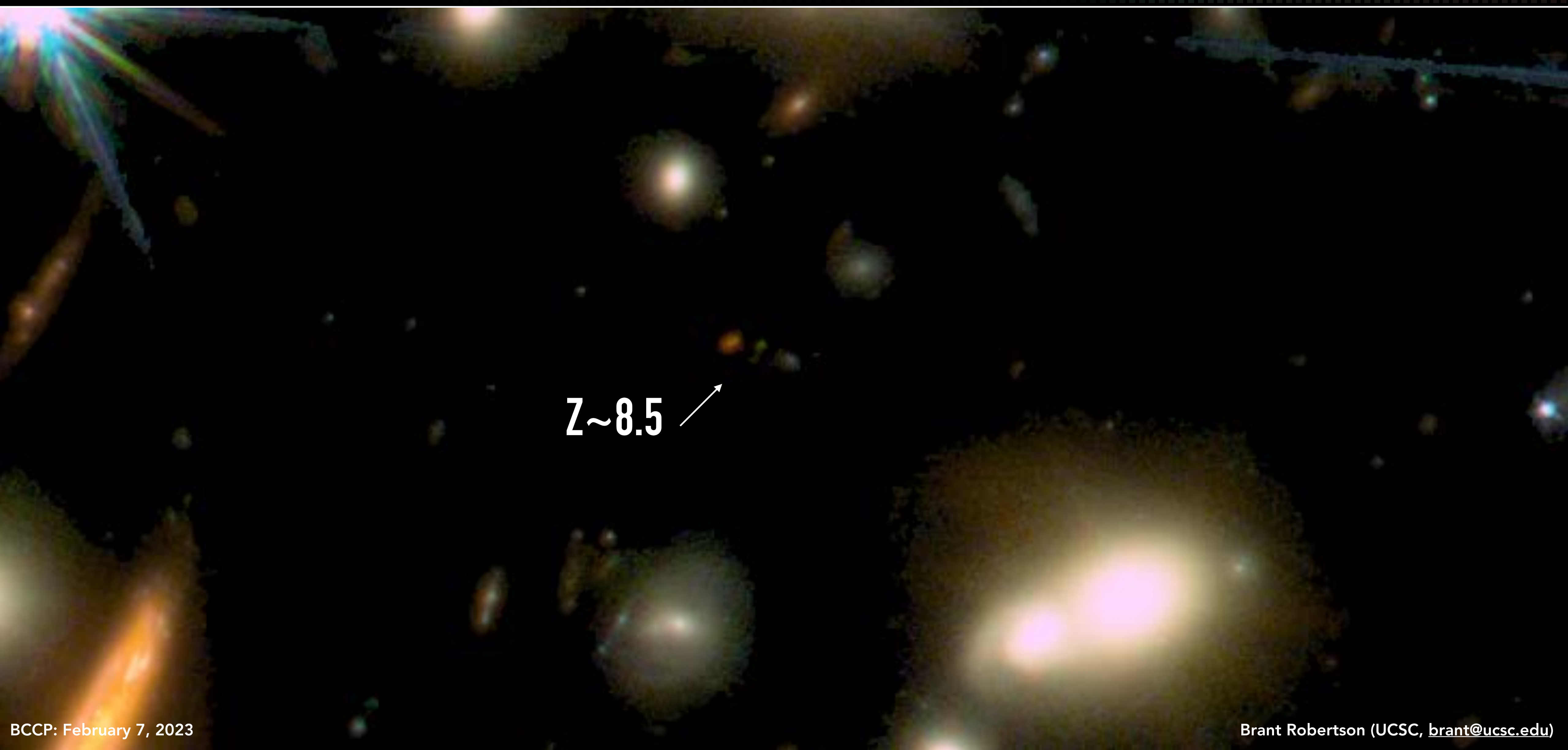


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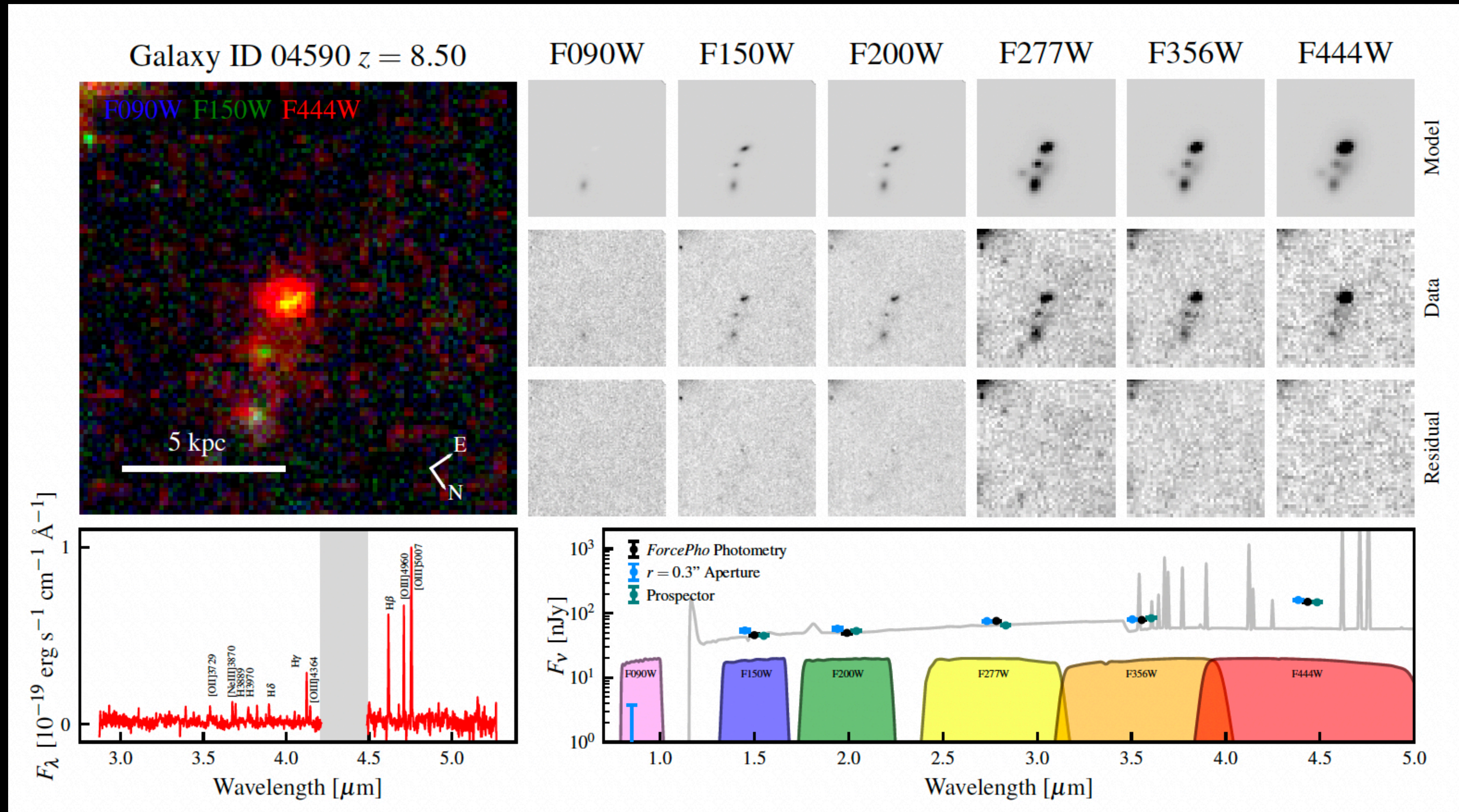
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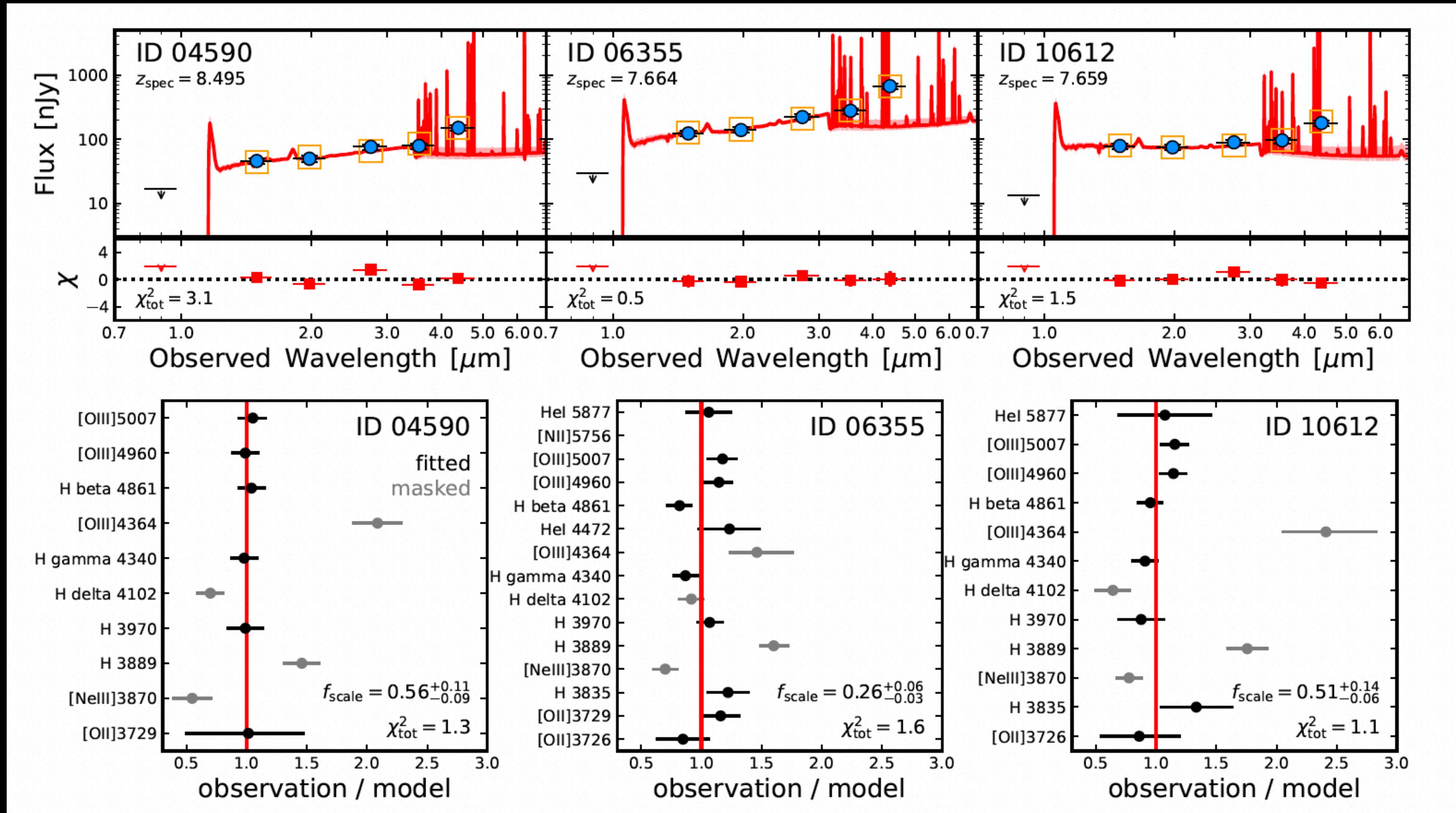


$Z \sim 8.5$  

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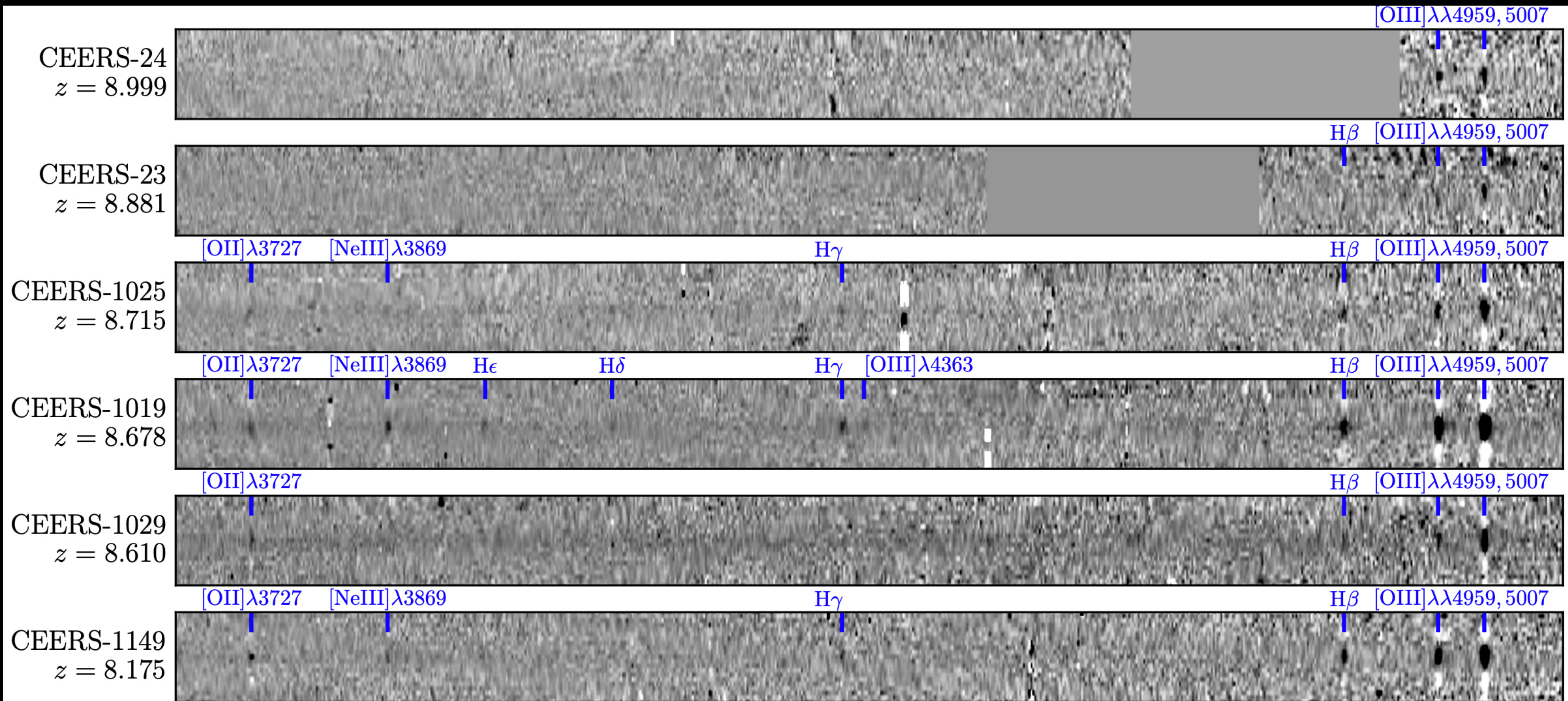


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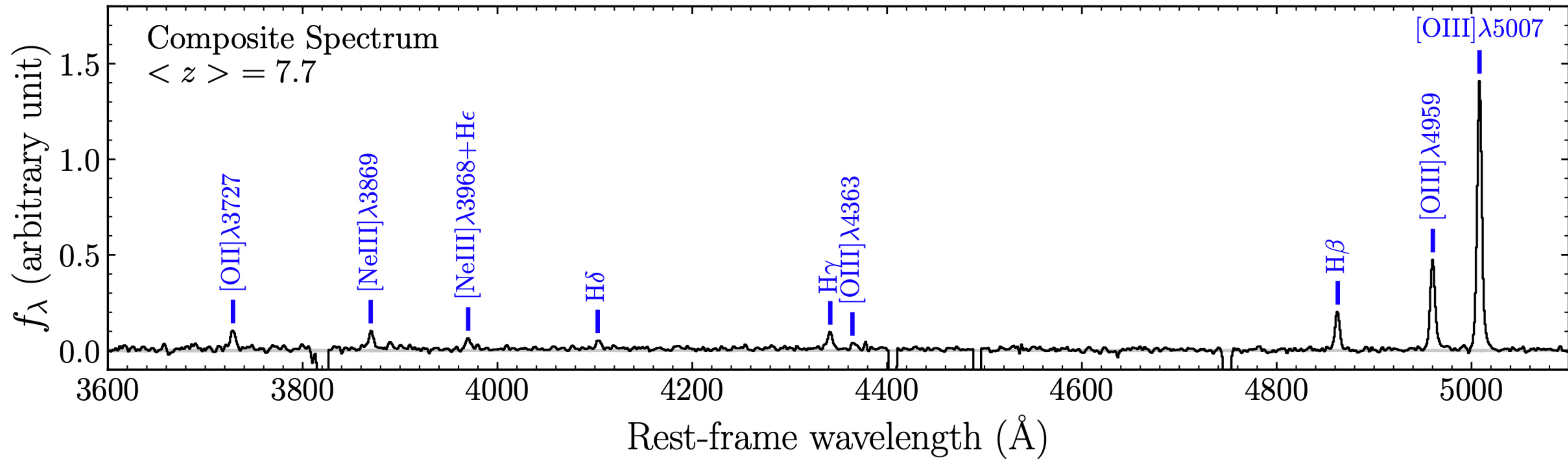




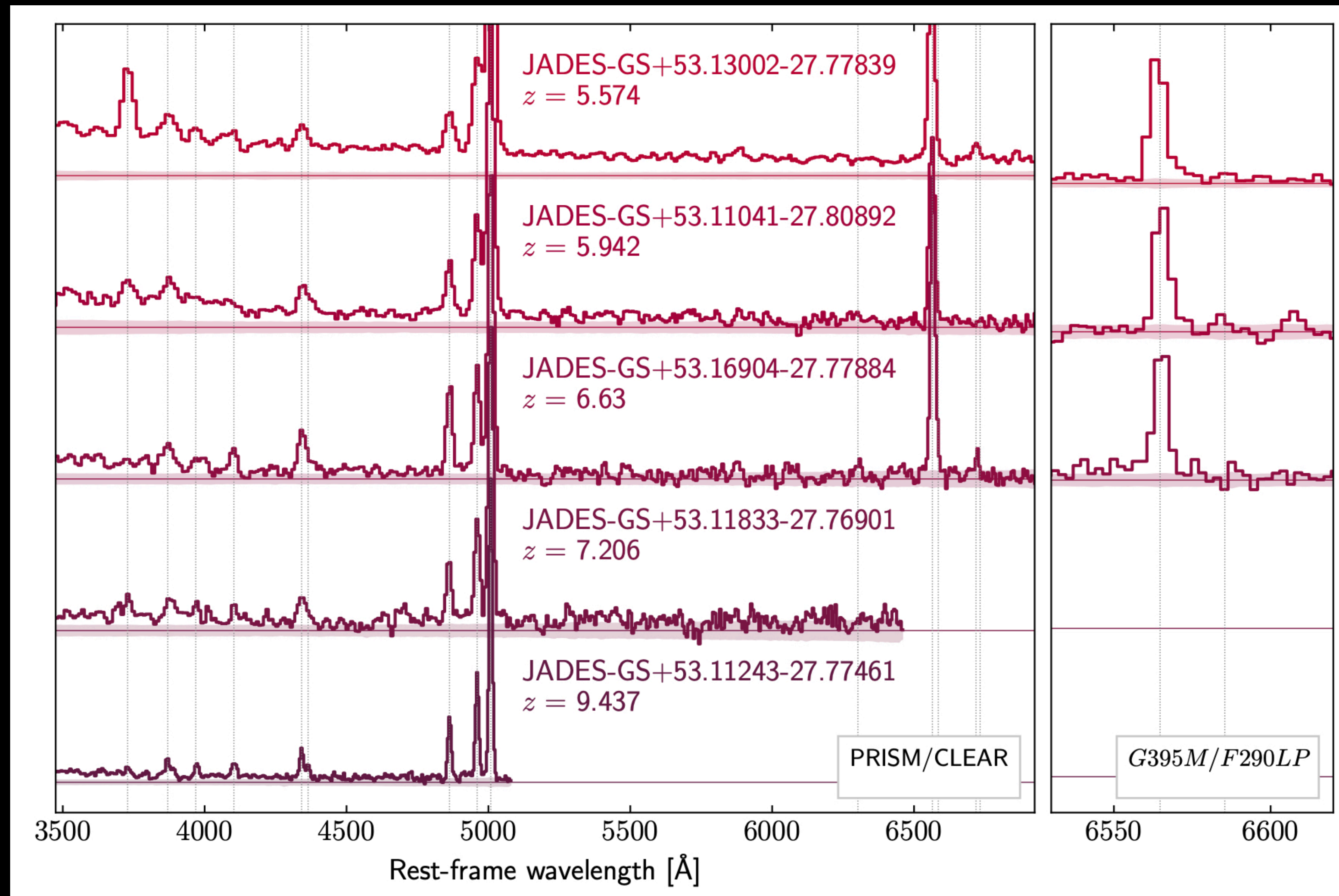
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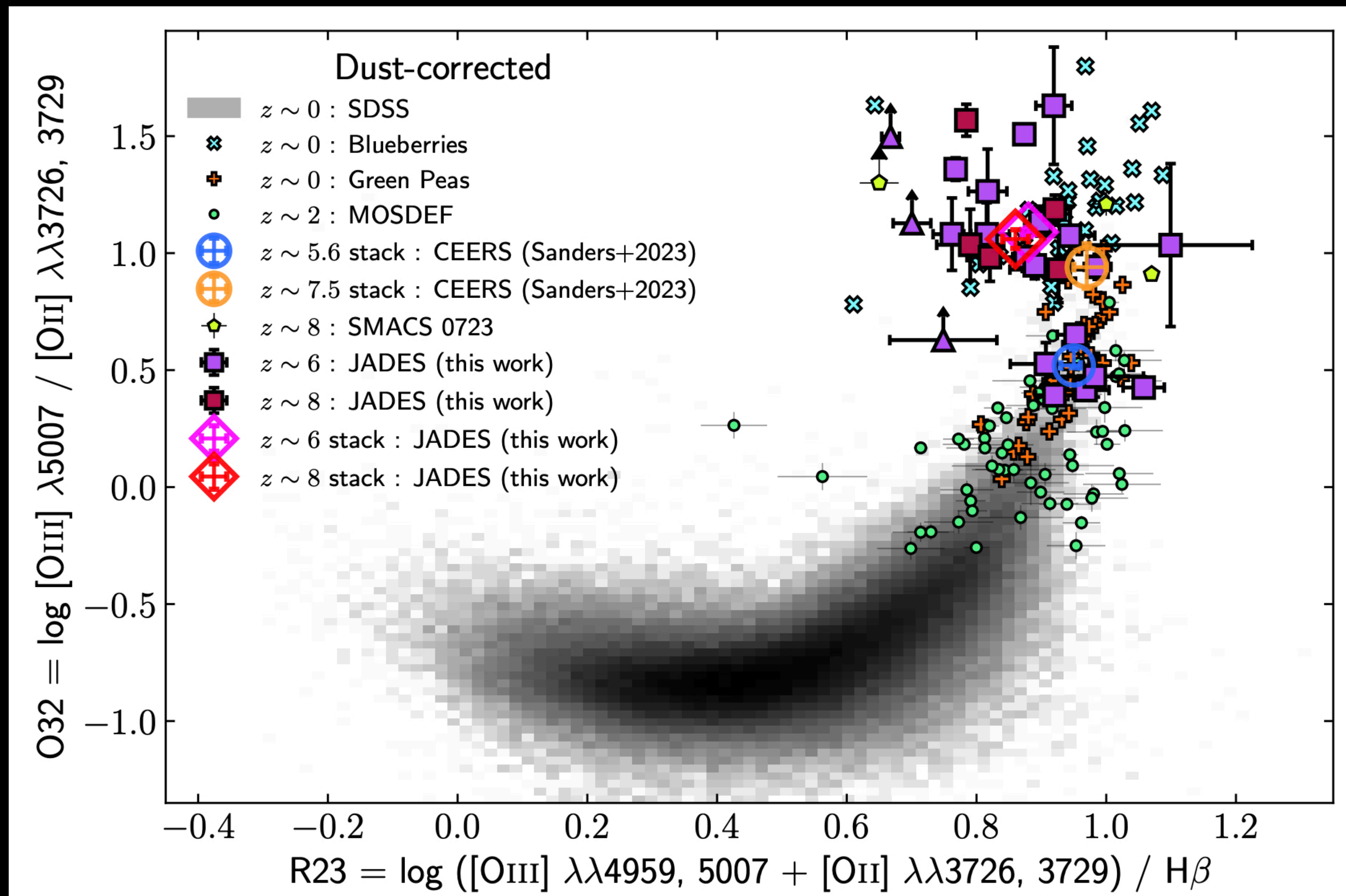
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# ISM PROPERTIES TO $z \sim 9$ (ALEX CAMERON ET AL, arXiv THIS WEEK)

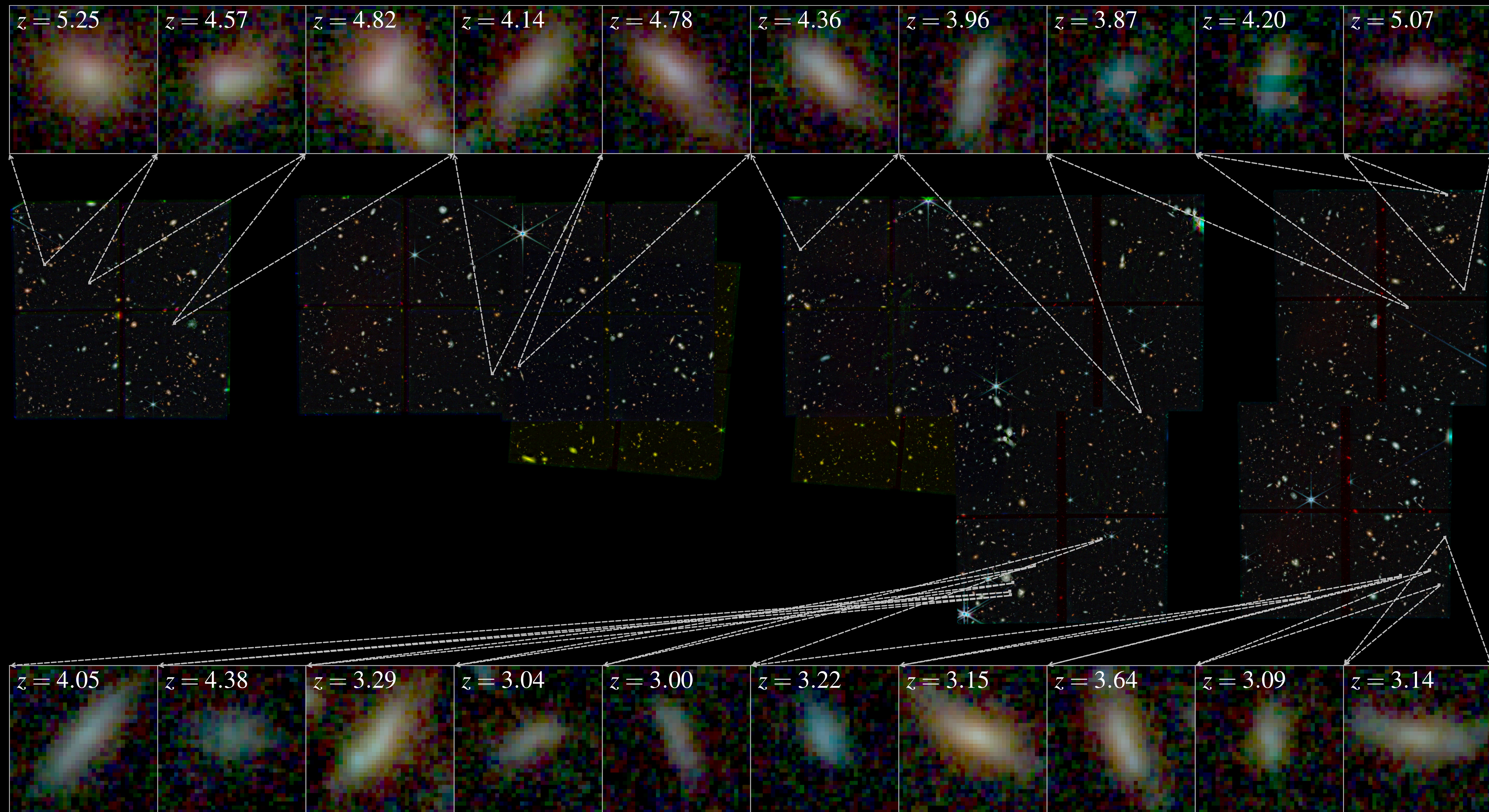


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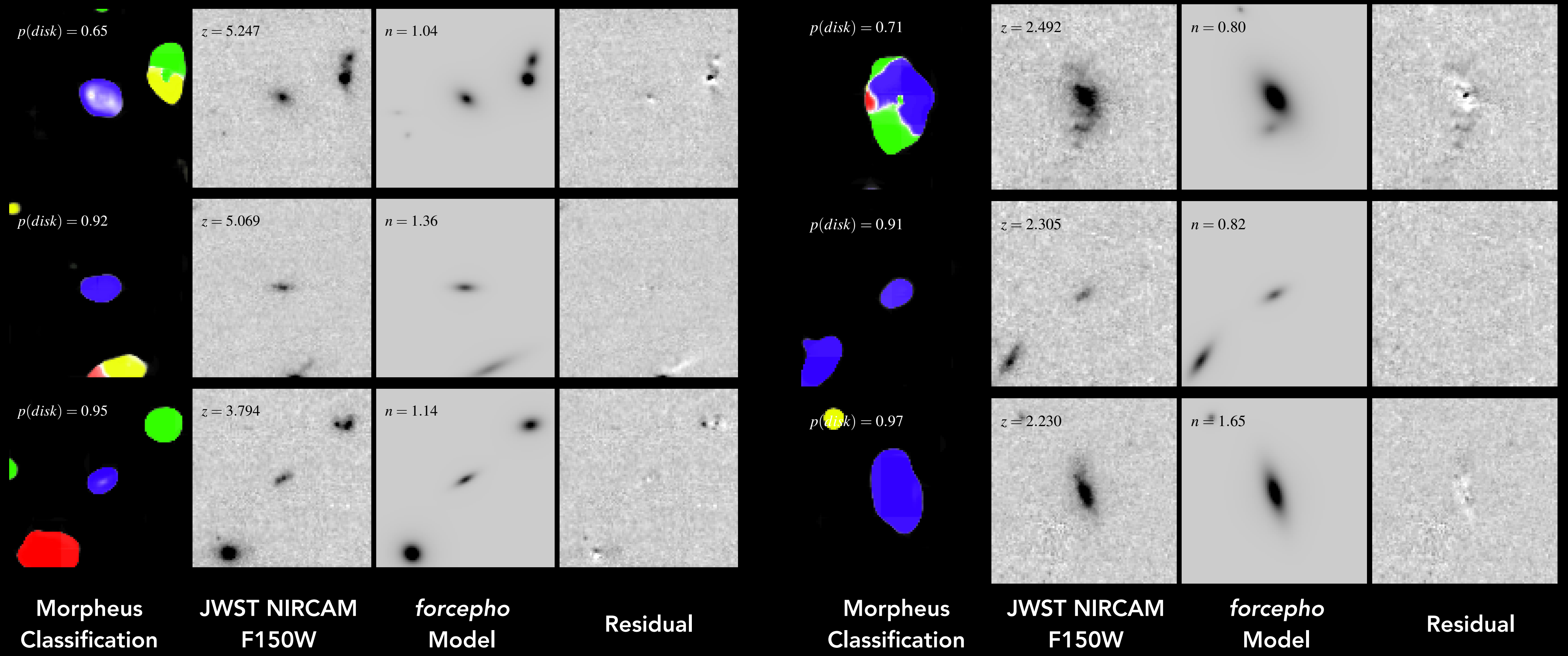
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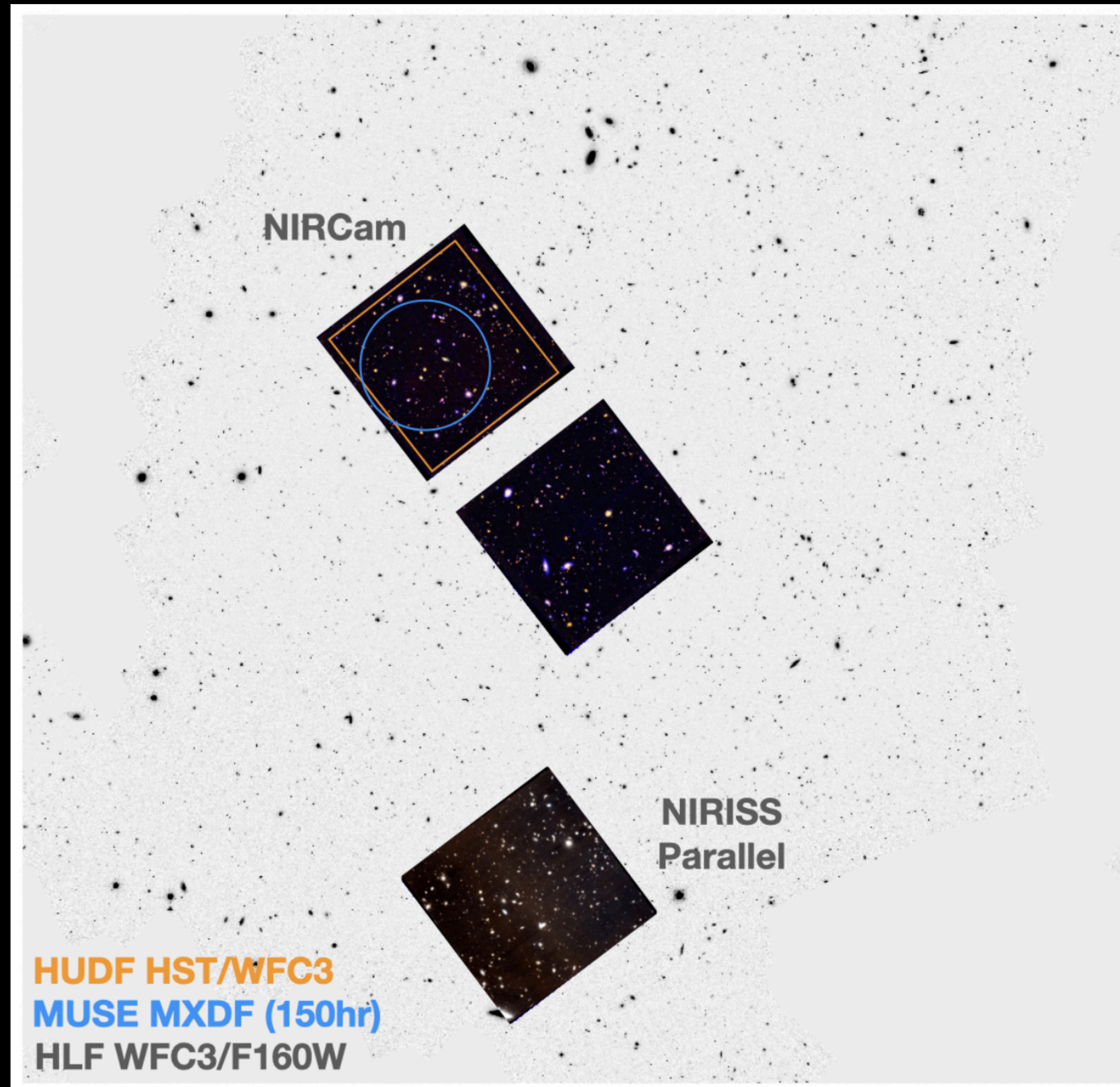


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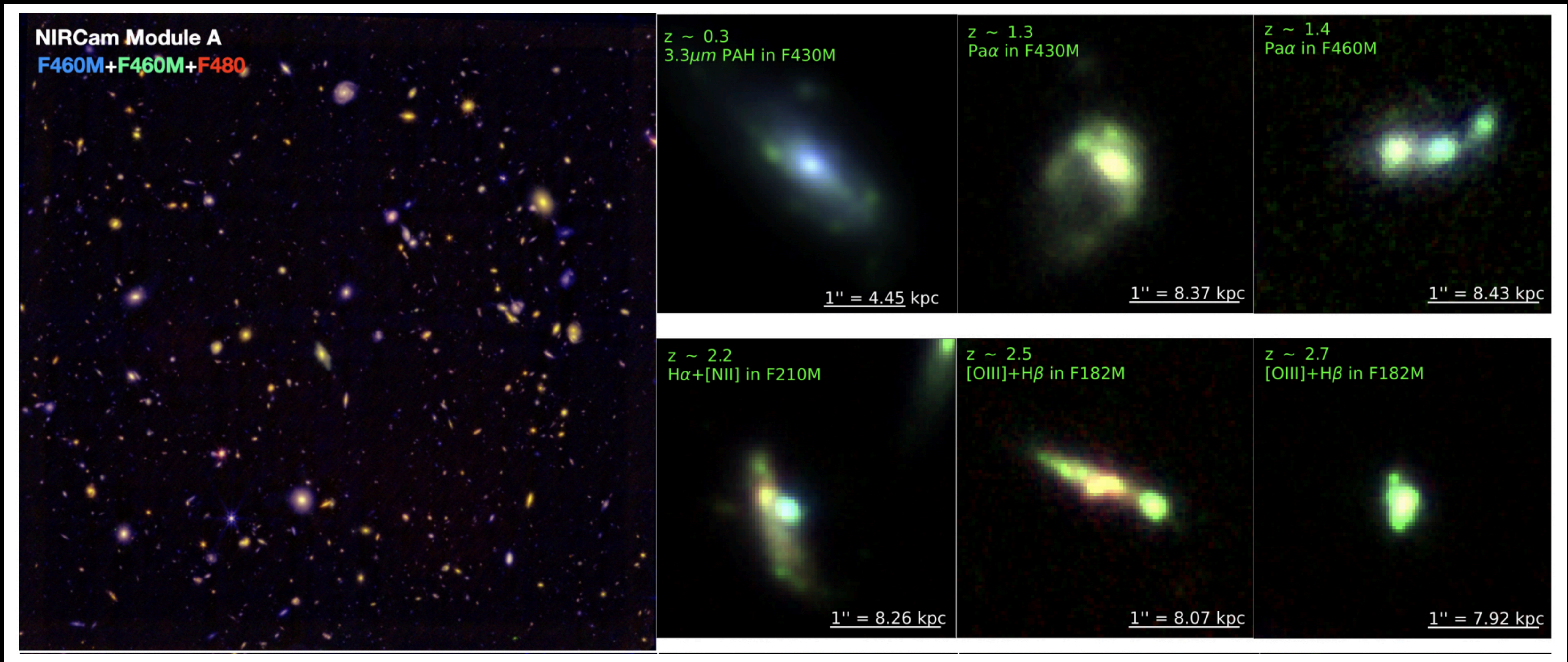


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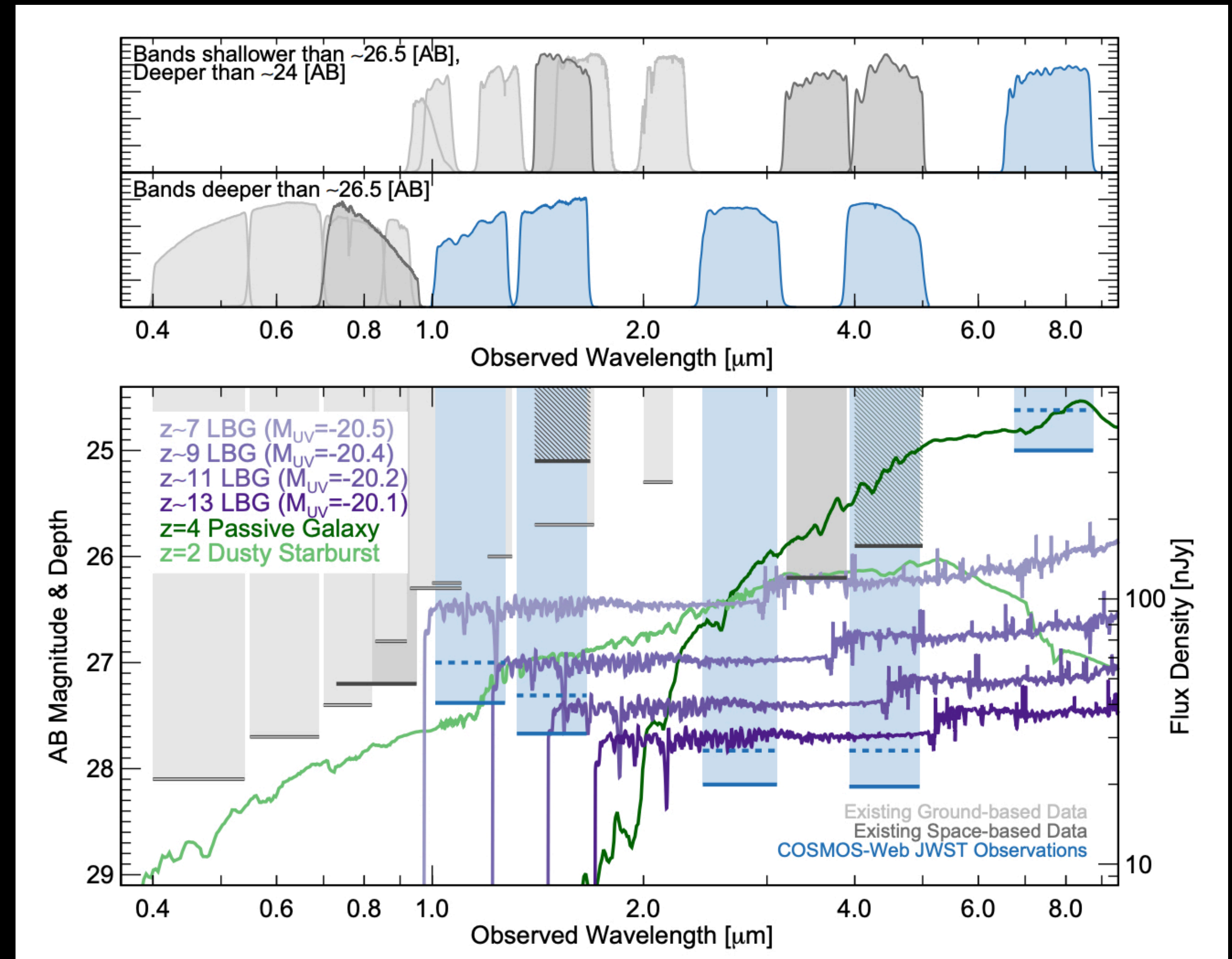
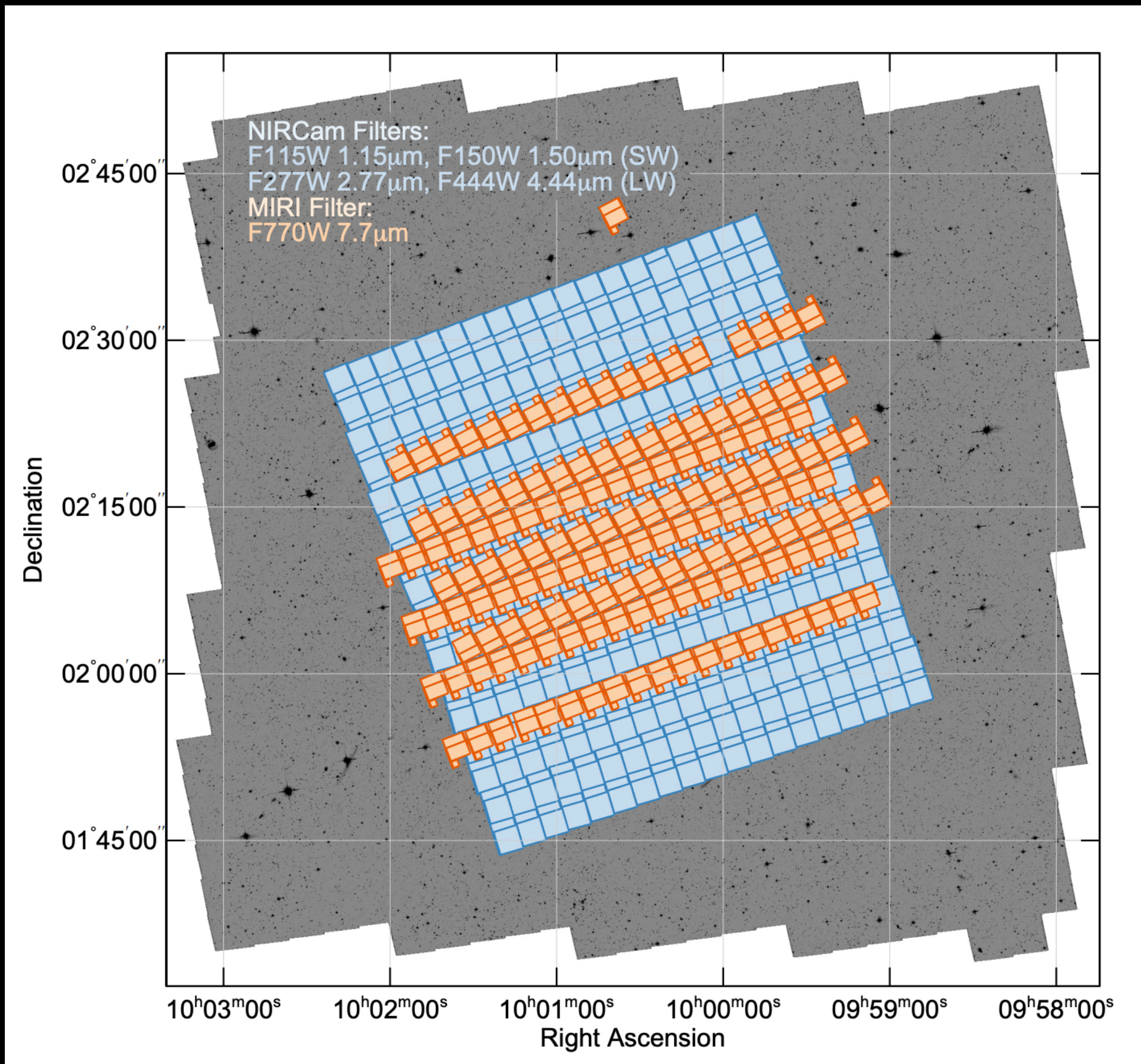
# ULTRADEEP FIELD JWST/NIRCAM MEDIUM BAND SURVEY



Williams, Tacchella, Maseda,  
Robertson al., arXiv:2301.09780



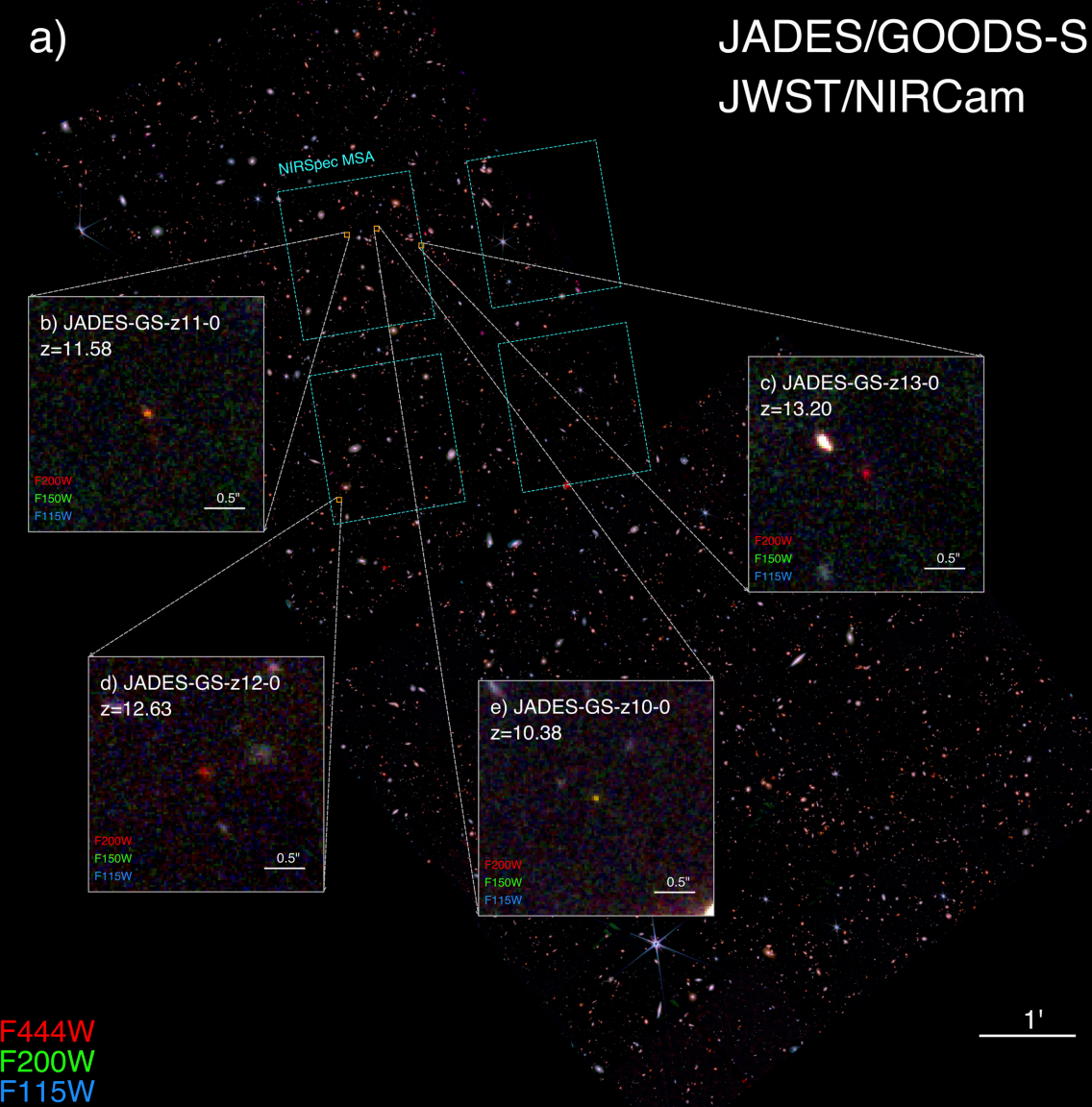
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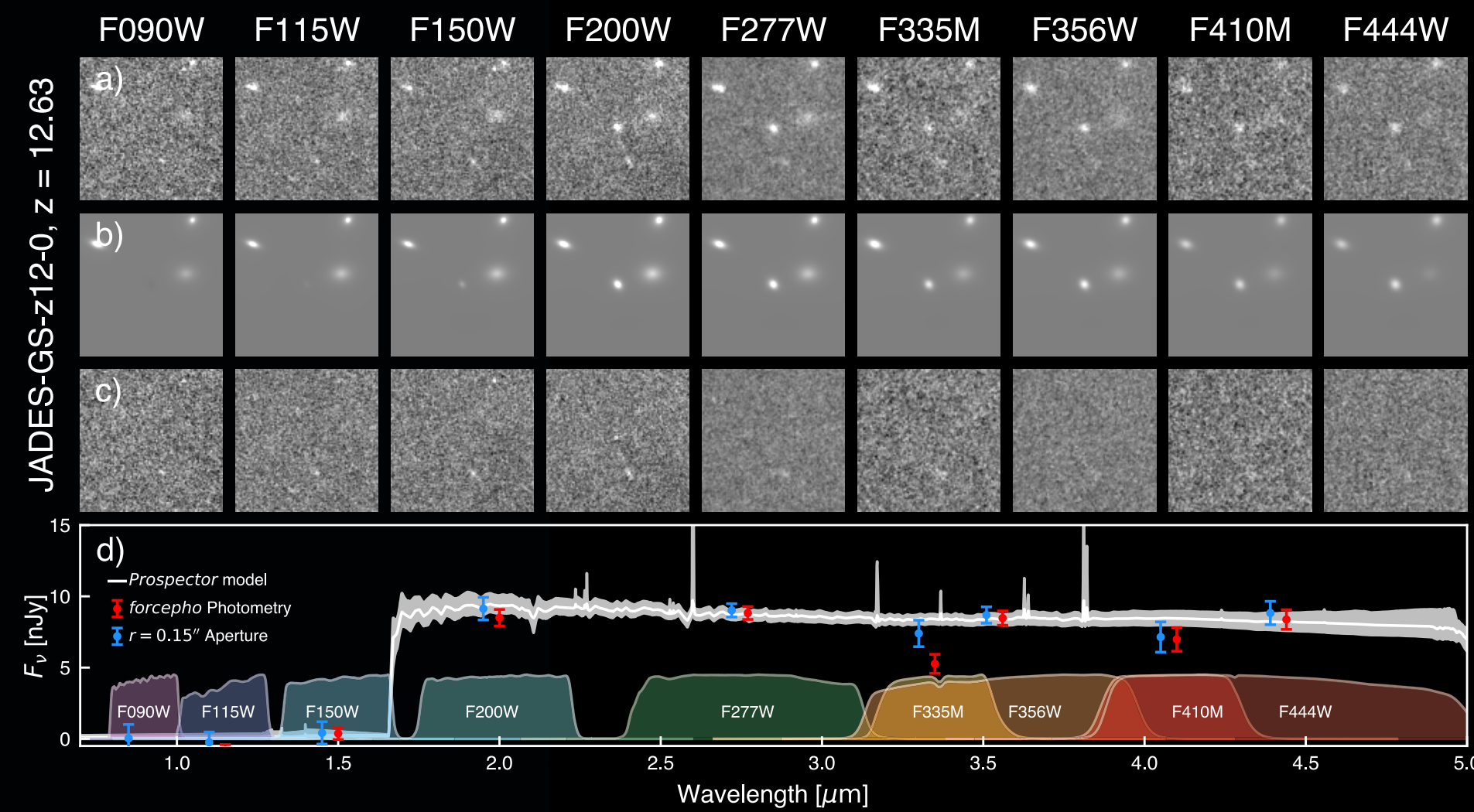
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# SUMMARY: EARLIEST GALAXIES

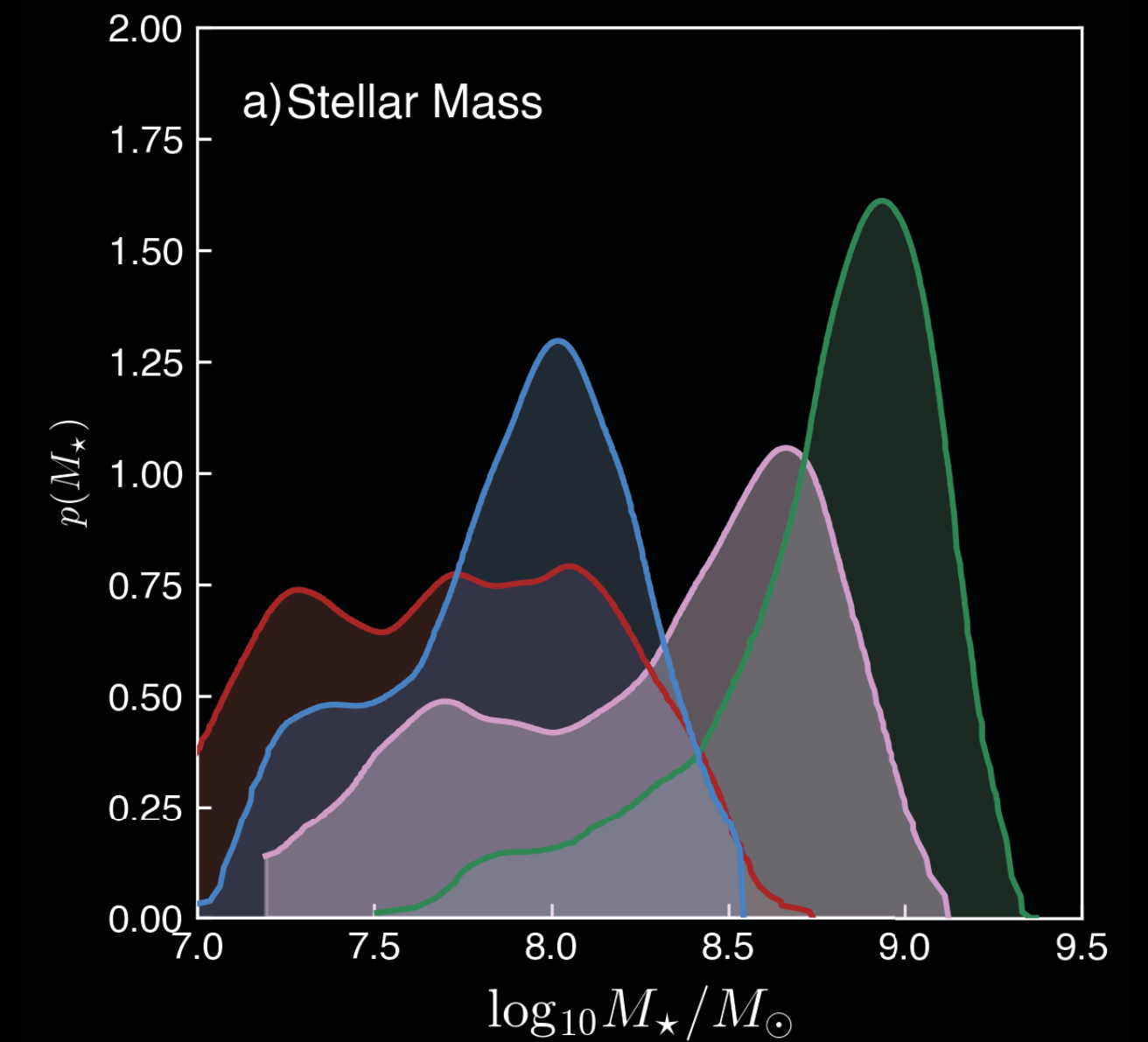
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We have discovered galaxies at  $z > 12$  with JWST and spectroscopically confirmed their distances.



Using forward modeling of the light profile, we can simultaneously infer photometry and constrain the structures at these fantastically distant galaxies.



The galaxies' properties are not extreme, with between 100 million and a billion solar masses of stars formed over  $< \sim 100$  million year times.

Thanks!