

Star-Forming

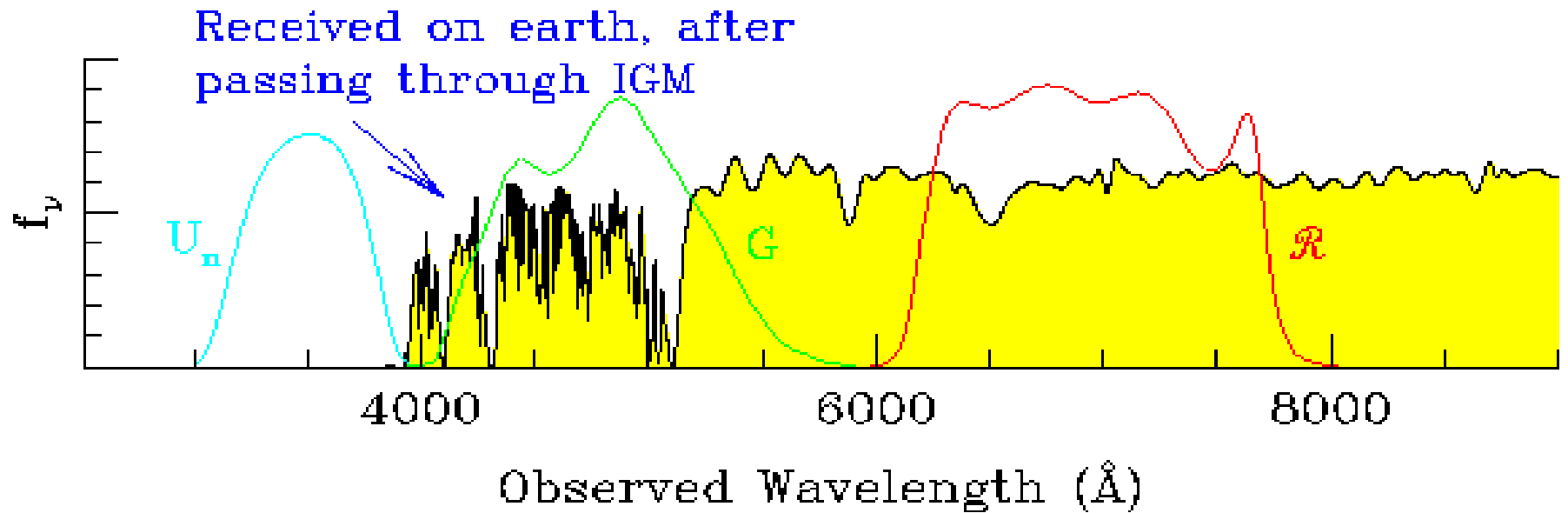


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Galaxies at $z > 5$ & Reionization

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A satellite in space, likely the James Webb Space Telescope, is shown in the background of the slide. The satellite is a complex structure with various instruments and antennas, set against the backdrop of Earth's blue and white clouds.

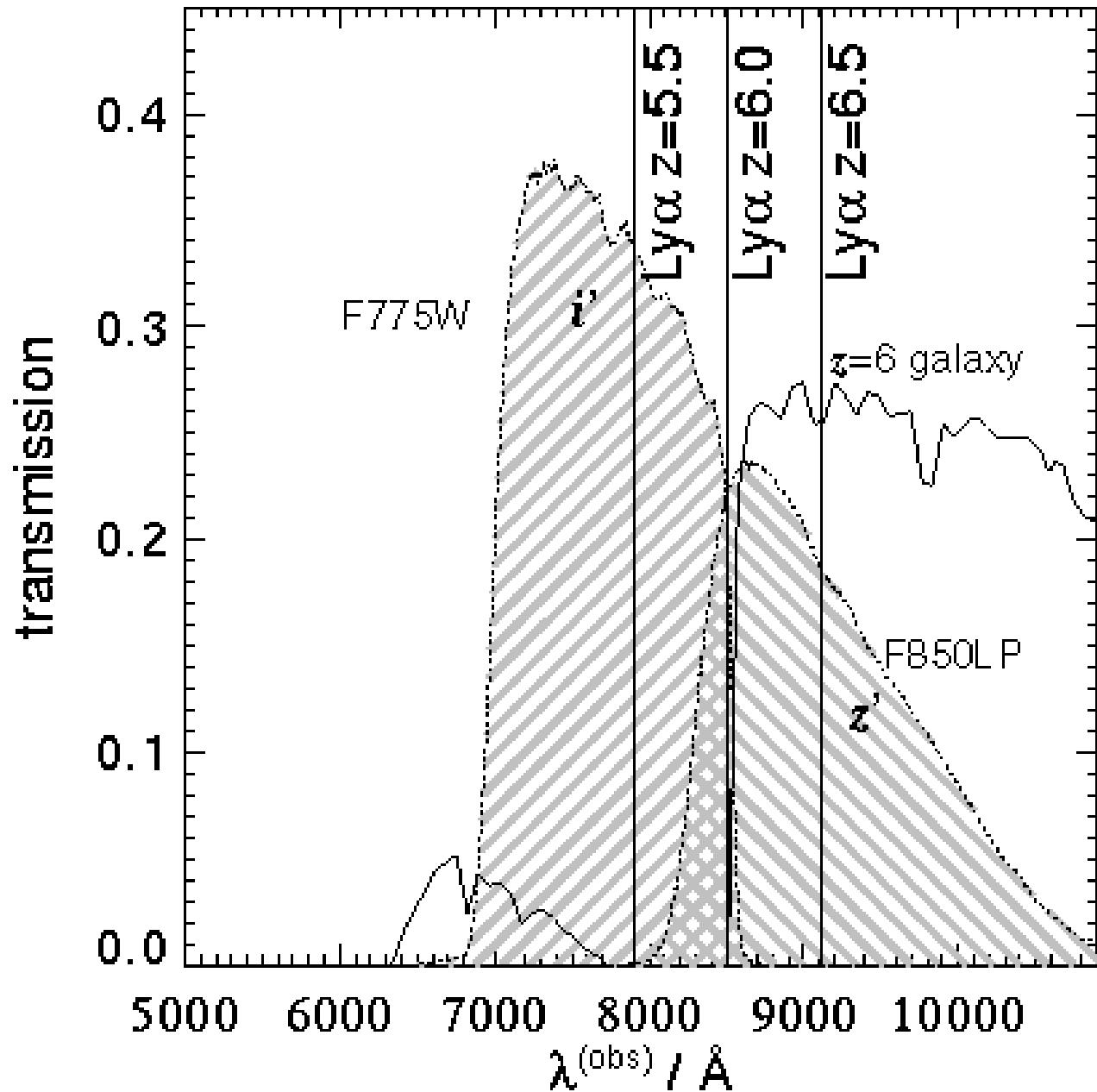


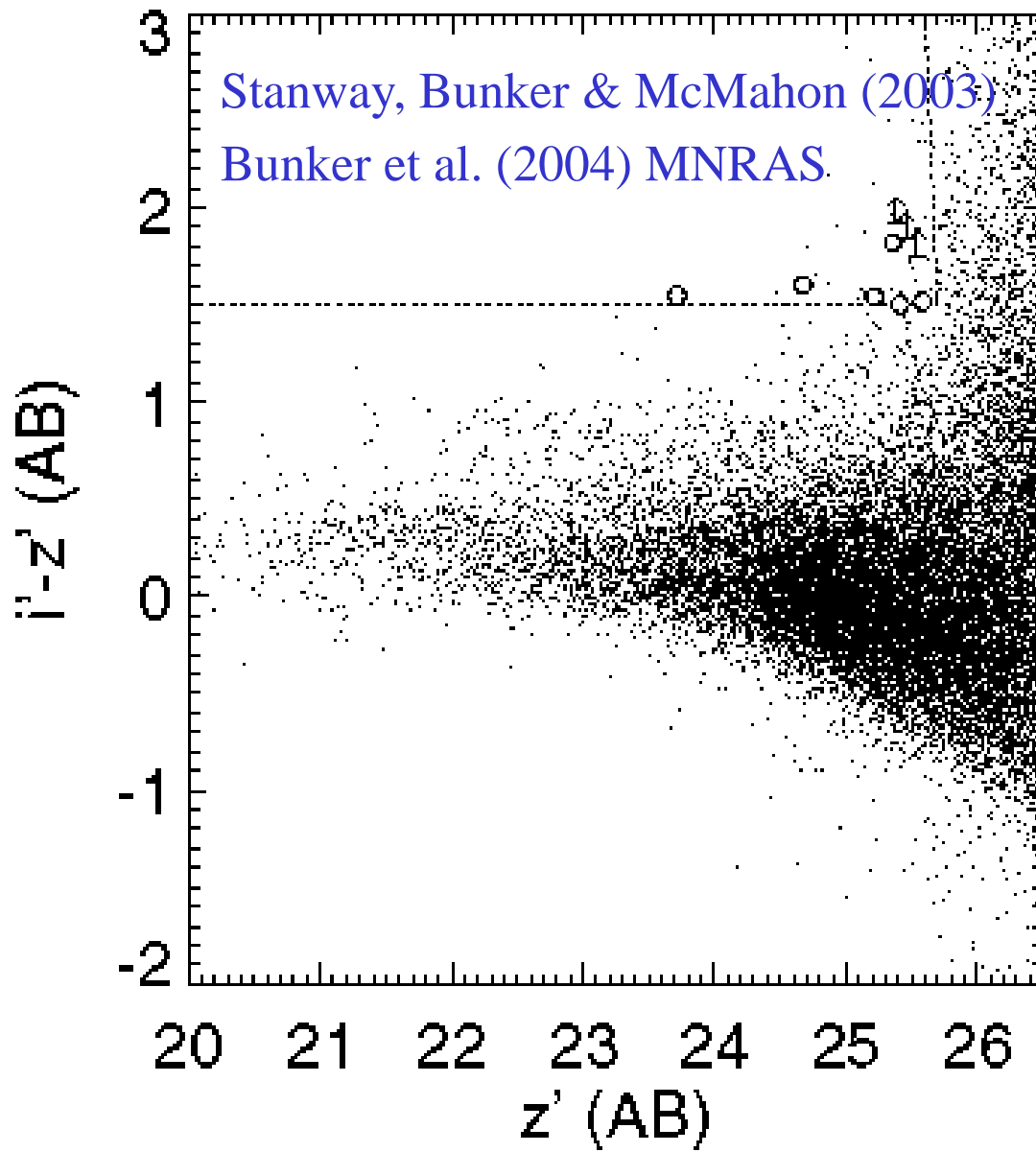
"Lyman break technique" - sharp drop in flux at below Ly- α . Steidel et al. have >1000 $z \sim 3$ objects, "drop" in U-band.

The image shows the Hubble Space Telescope in orbit above Earth. The telescope is a long, cylindrical structure with a large, flat, rectangular solar panel extended from its side. It is positioned diagonally across the frame, pointing towards the upper right. The Earth's surface is visible below, showing a blue ocean and white clouds. The sky is a deep, dark blue. The text "HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE" is overlaid in yellow, serif font on the left side of the image.

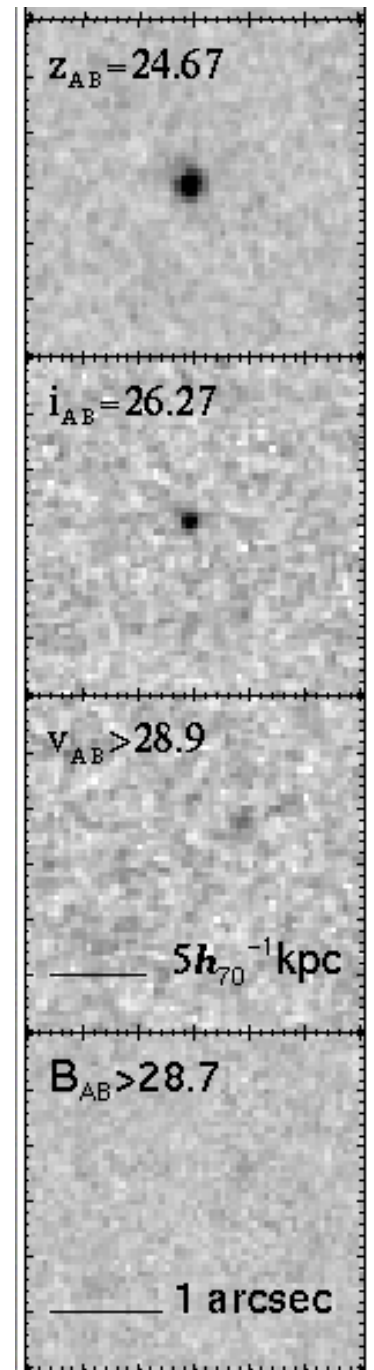
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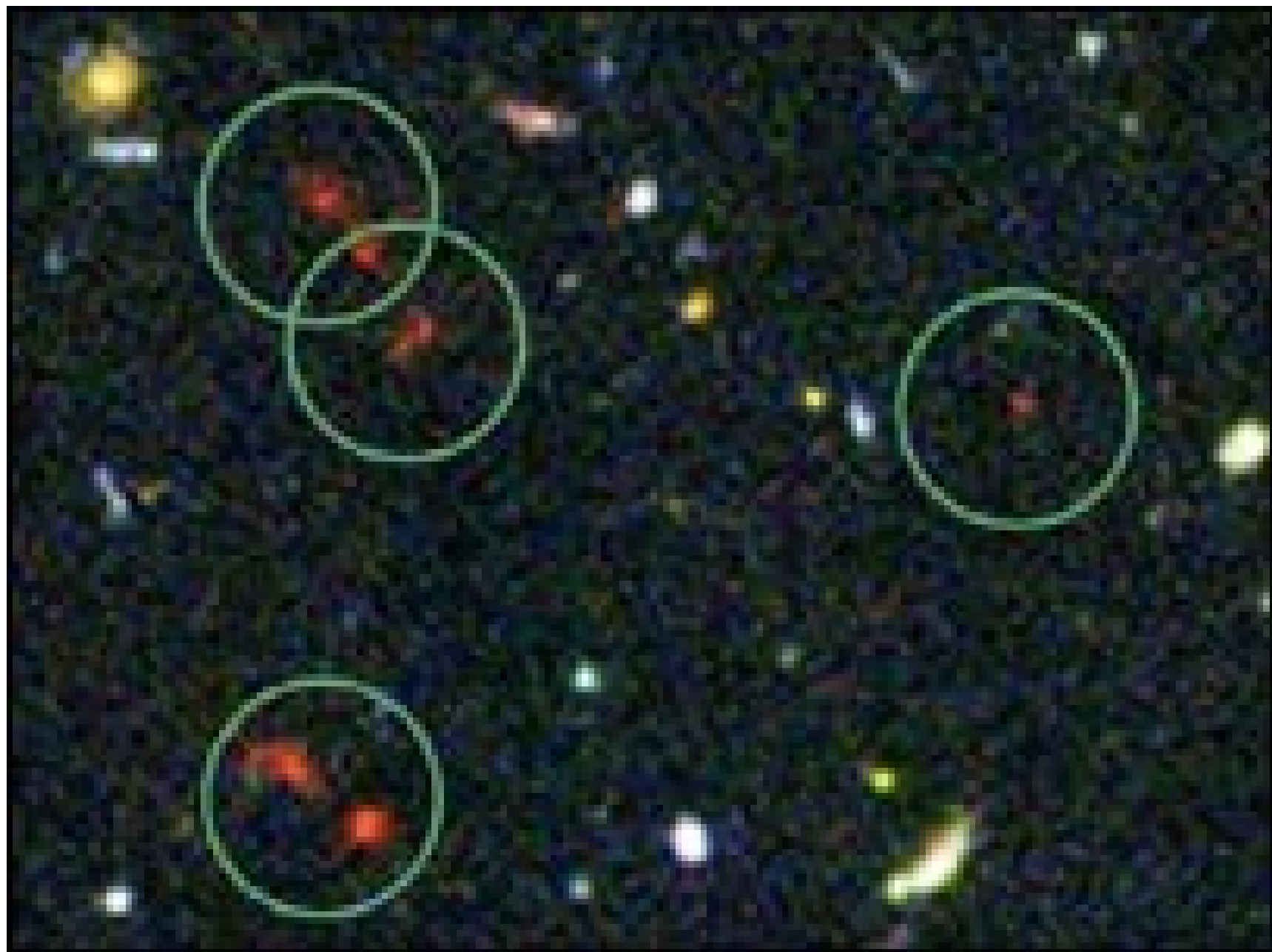
Pushing to higher redshift- Finding Lyman break galaxies at $z \sim 6$: using i -drops, enabled by HST/ACS (Stanway et al 2003, Bunker et al 2004, Bouwens et al 2004)

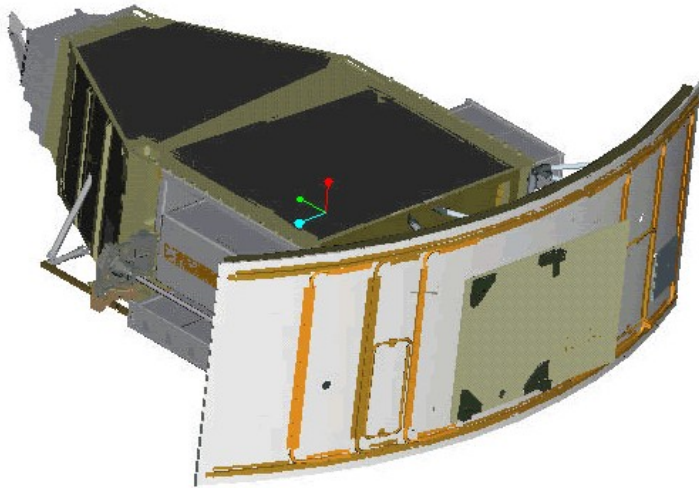




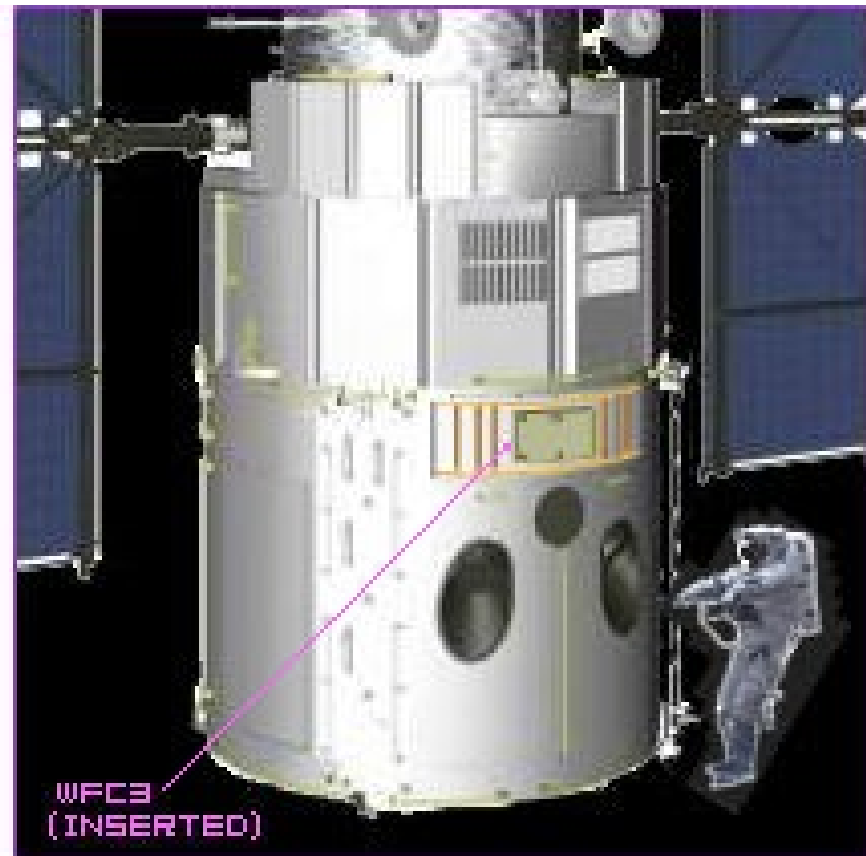
Using HST/ACS GOODS data - CDFS &
 HDFN, 5 epochs B,v,i',z'



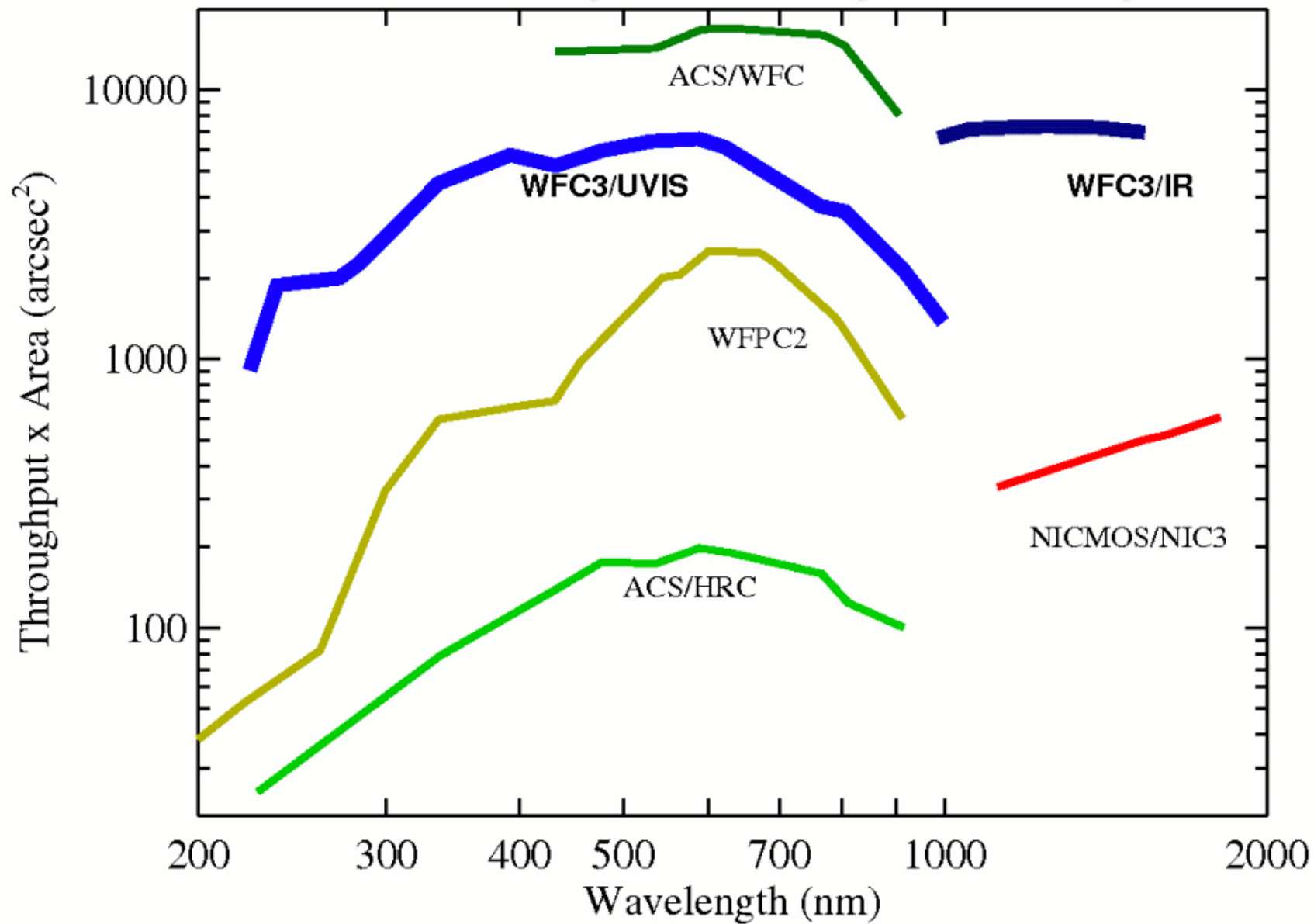


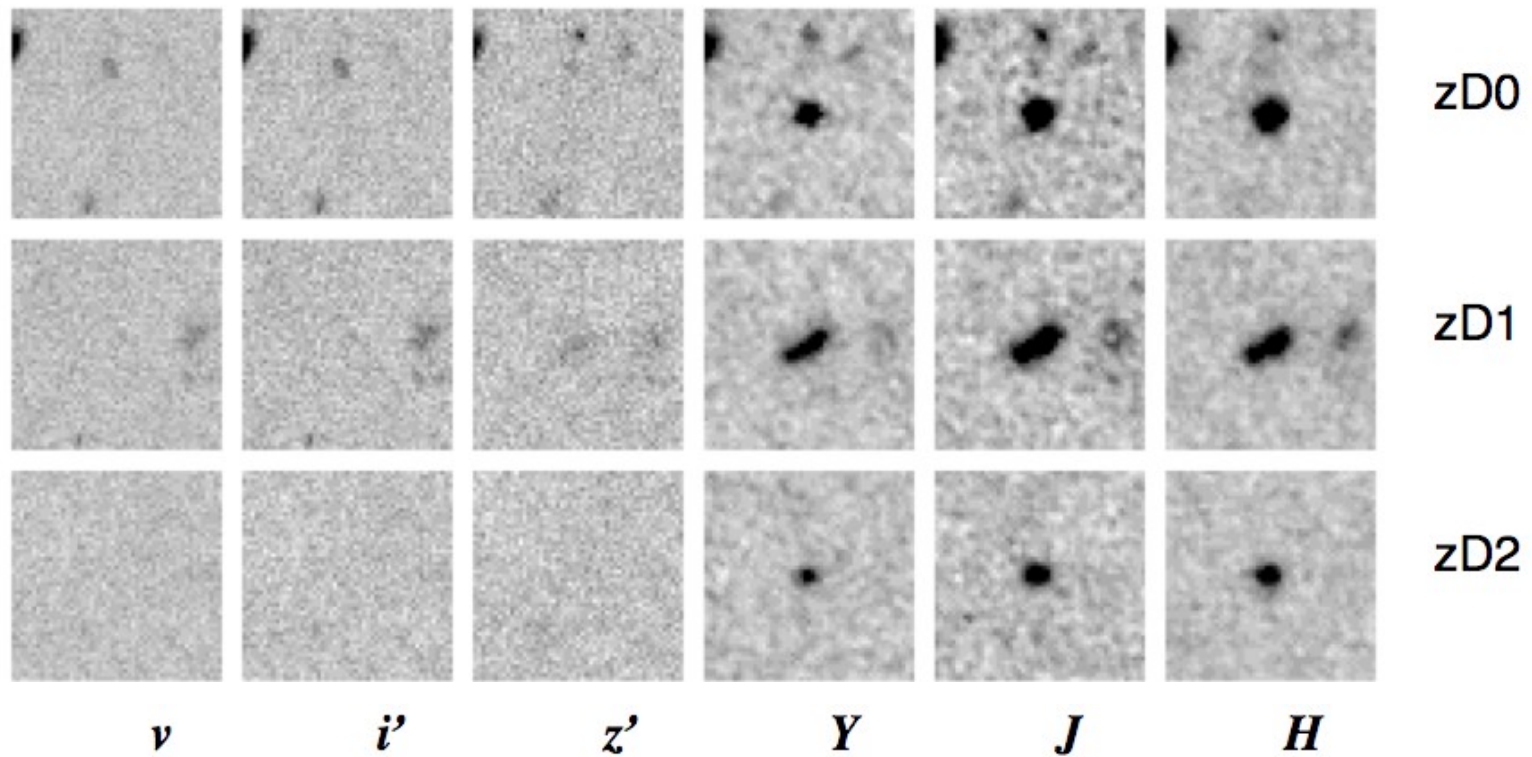


HST WFC3



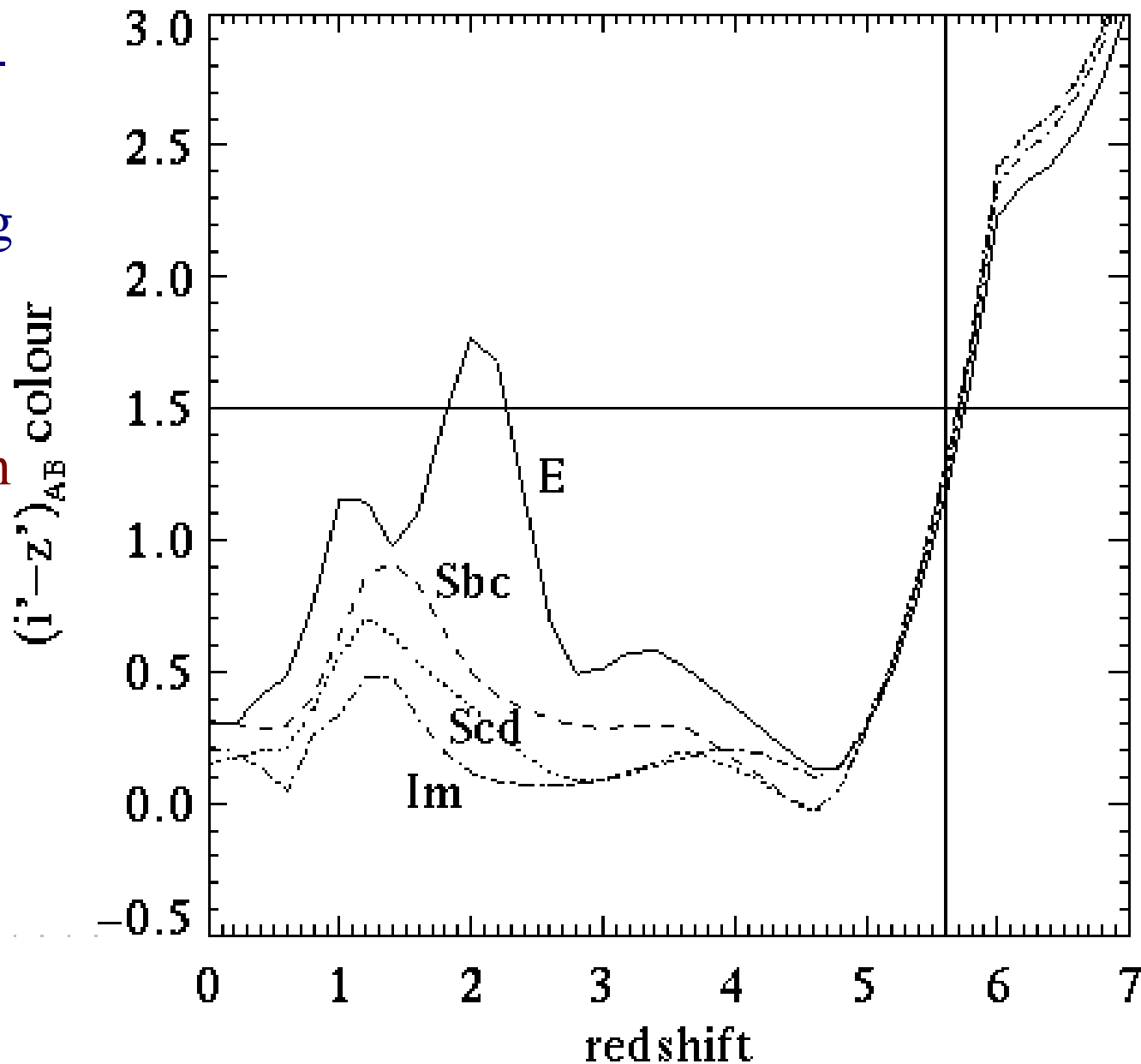
HST Survey Discovery Efficiency

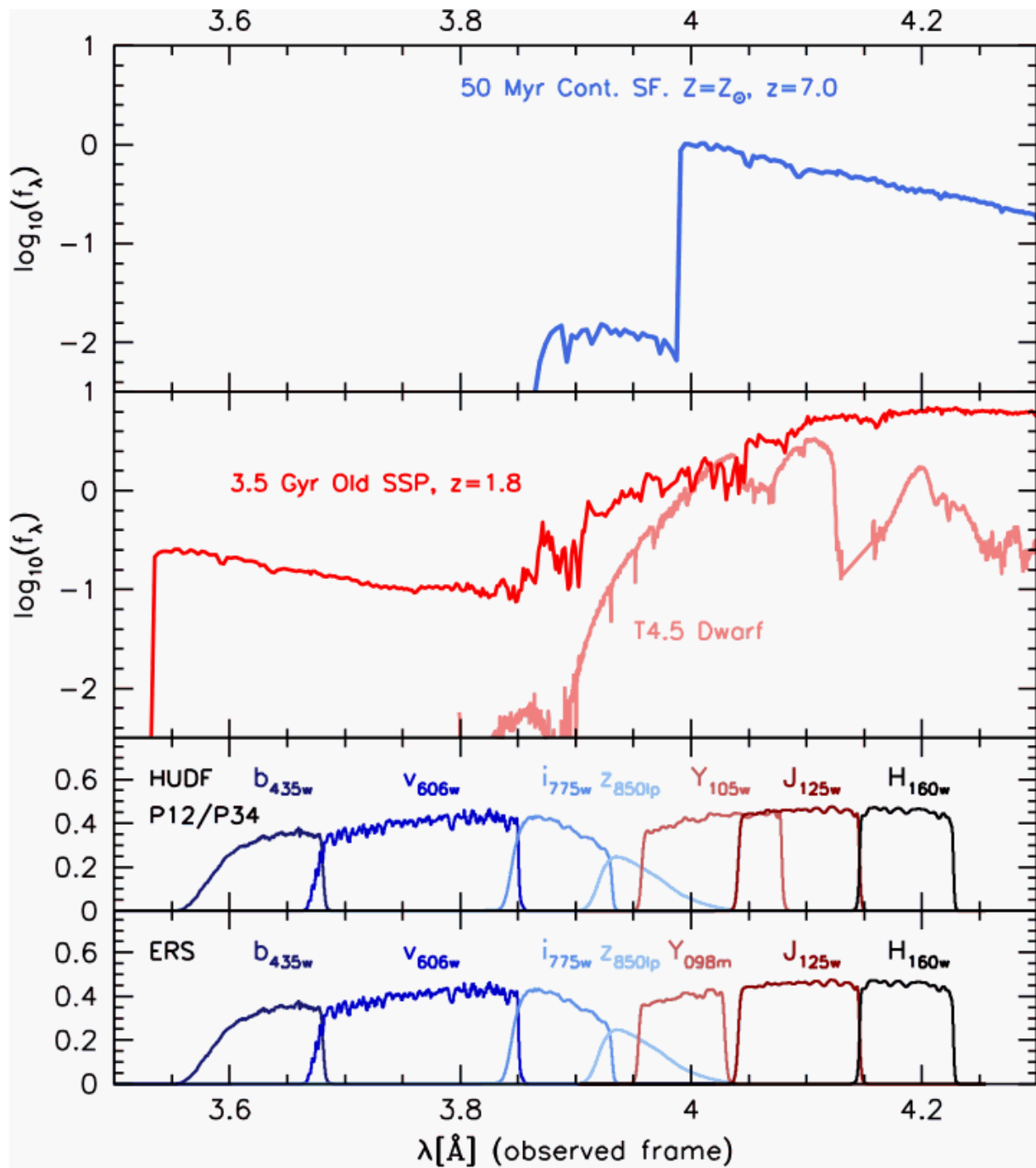




RECENT EXCITEMENT - 100 orbits of HST with WFC3 in 3 near-IR filters on Hubble Ultra Deep Field. Galaxies at $z=7-9$! Data first taken in August-Sept. 2009 4 papers immediately (Bouwens et al., Bunker et al., McLure et al., Oesch et al.) and 9 more since. 3 large HST surveys (Illingworth UDF; WFC3 team – O'Connell; Faber - CANDELS)

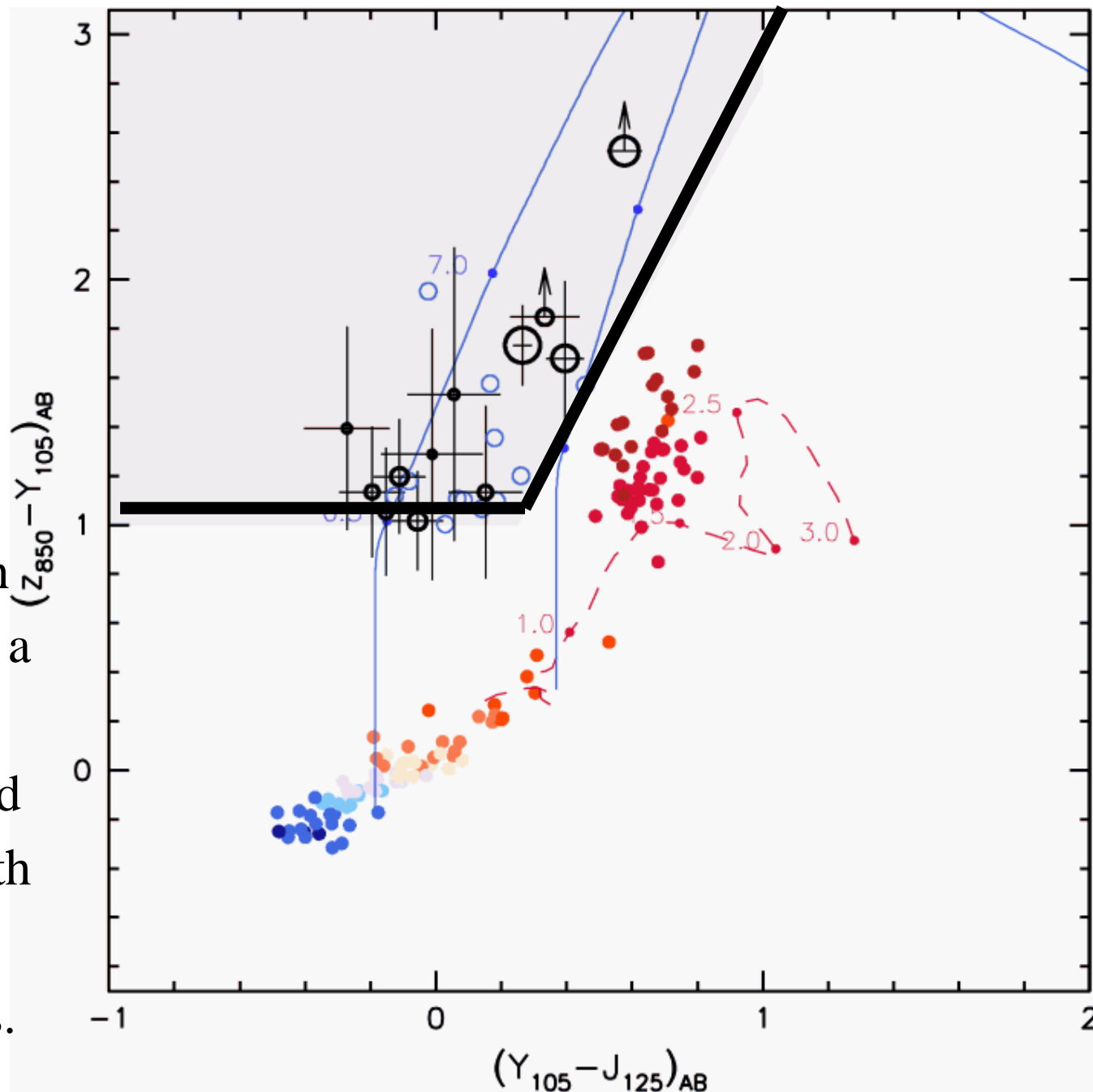
By selecting on rest-frame UV, get inventory of ionizing photons from star formation. Stanway, Bunker & McMahon (2003 MNRAS) selected z-drops $5.6 < z < 7$ - but large luminosity bias to lower z. Contamination by stars and low-z ellipticals.





Latest results:
Wilkins et al.
(2010) MNRAS
ArXiv:
1002.4866

We studied 3
deep fields (each
5sq.arcmin) and a
larger
40sq.arcmin field
in GOODS-South
to search for
 $7 < z < 10$ galaxies.
Found 44



ESO VLTs

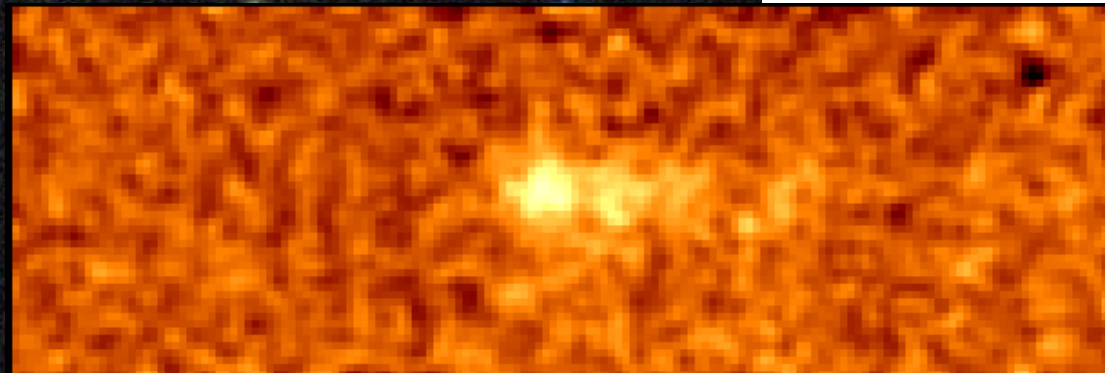
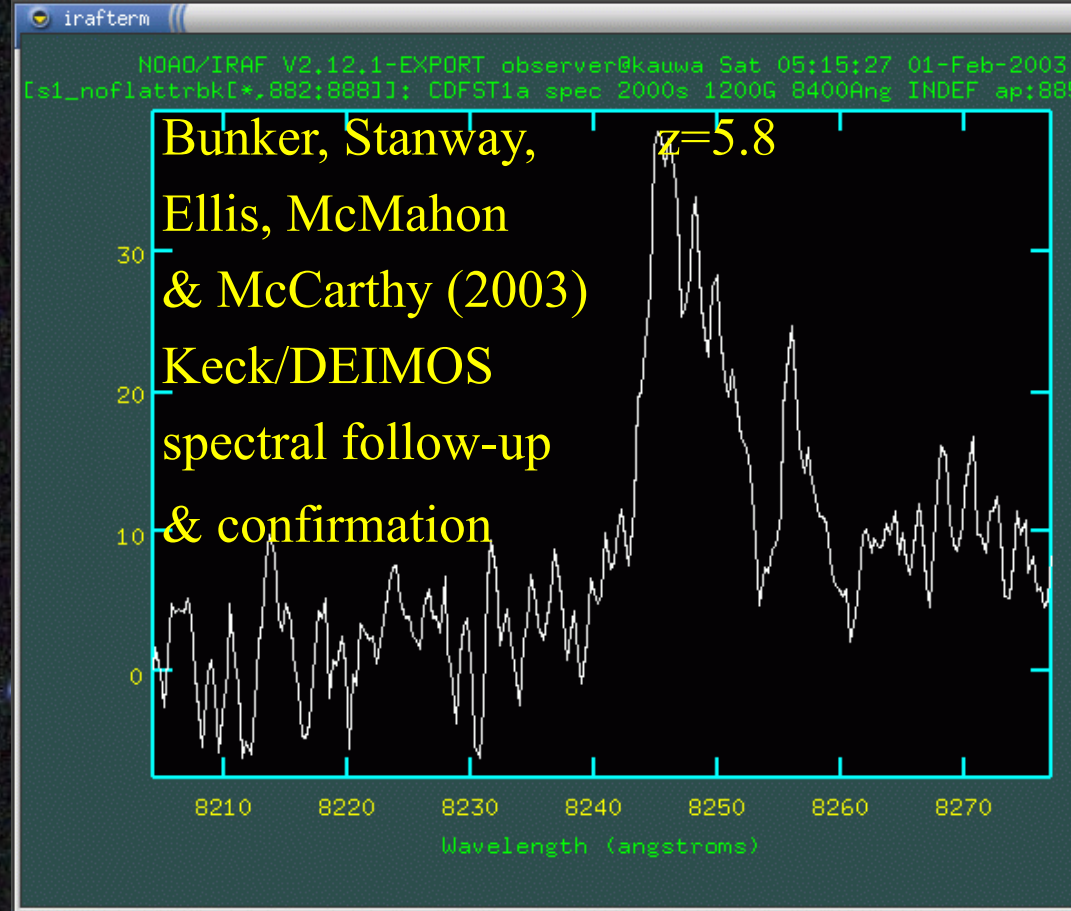


10-m Kecks



The Star Formation History of the Universe

I-drops in the Chandra Deep
Field South with HST/ACS
Elizabeth Stanway, Andrew
Bunker, Richard McMahon
2003 (MNRAS)



Brightest HUDF Y-drop

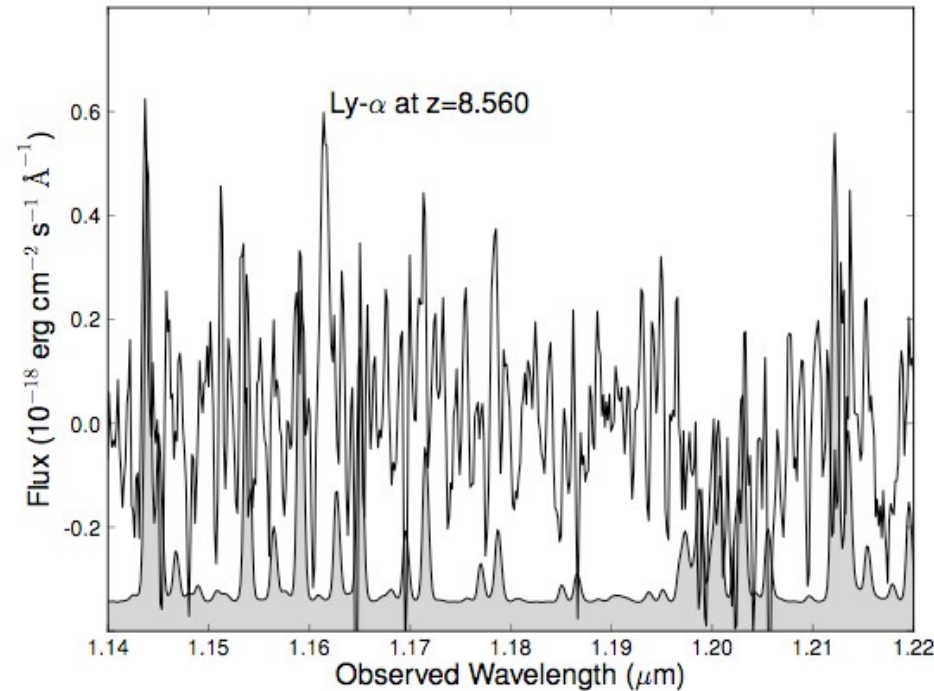
Found in Sept 2009:

YD3 in Bunker et al

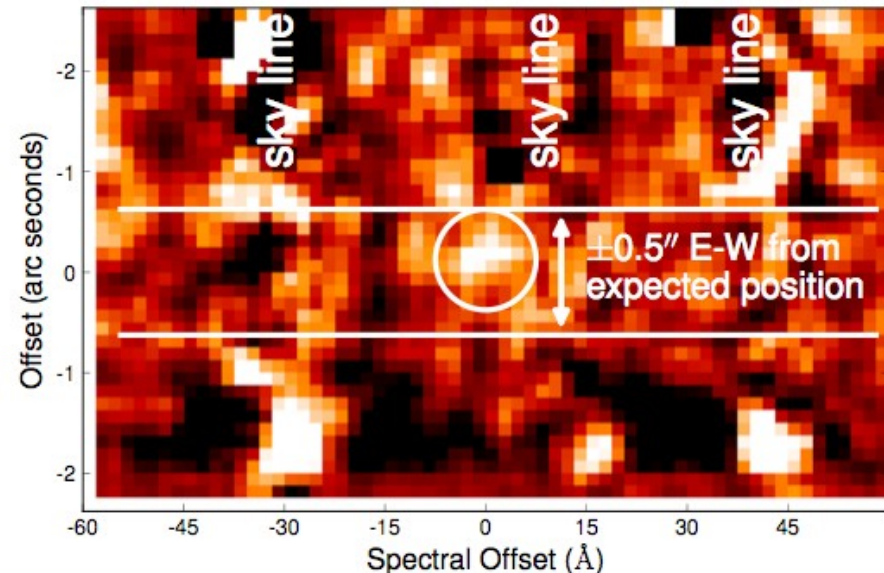
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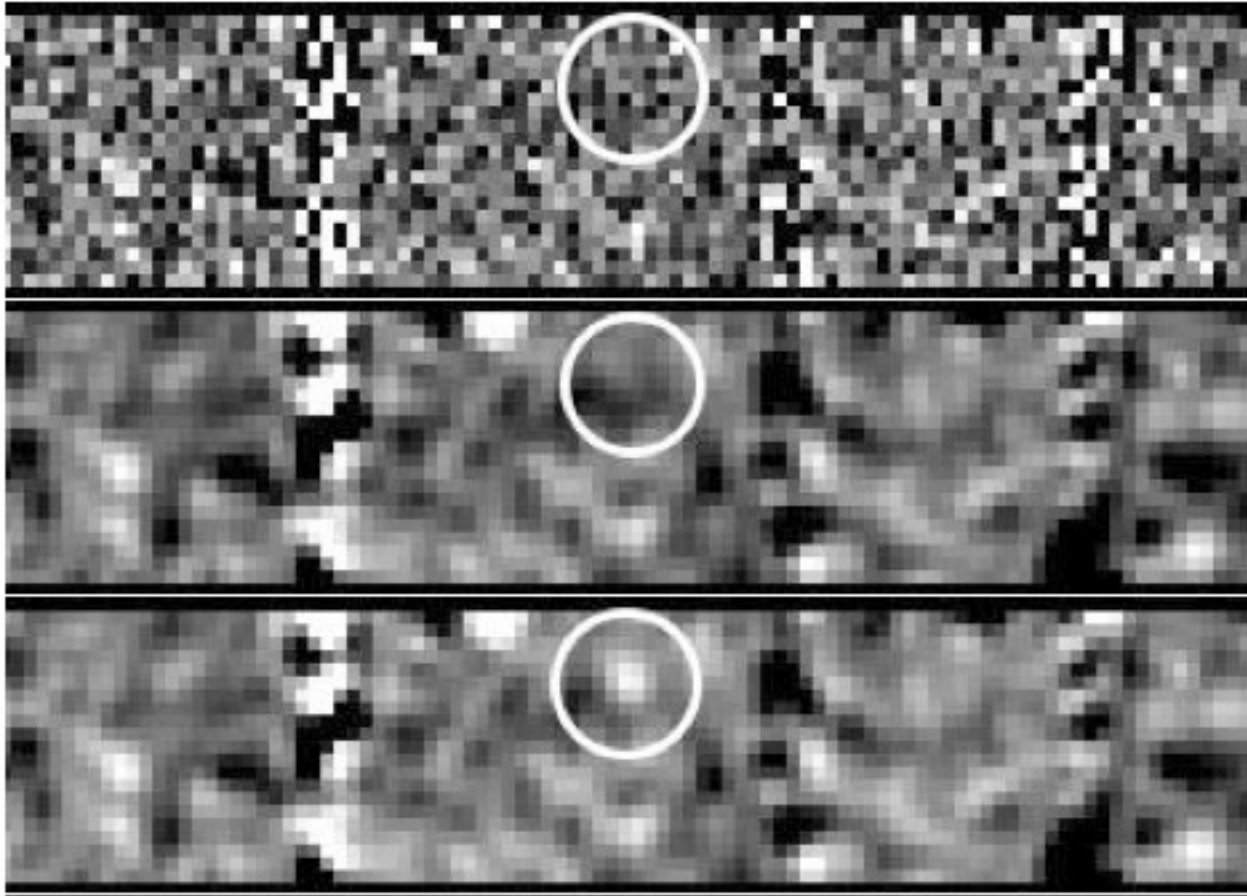
Bouwens et al.;

#1721 in McLure et al.



In late 2009, Nature paper
Lehnert et al. claiming
spectroscopic confirmation
of Ly-alpha at $z=8.55$
with SINFONI-IFU on VLT

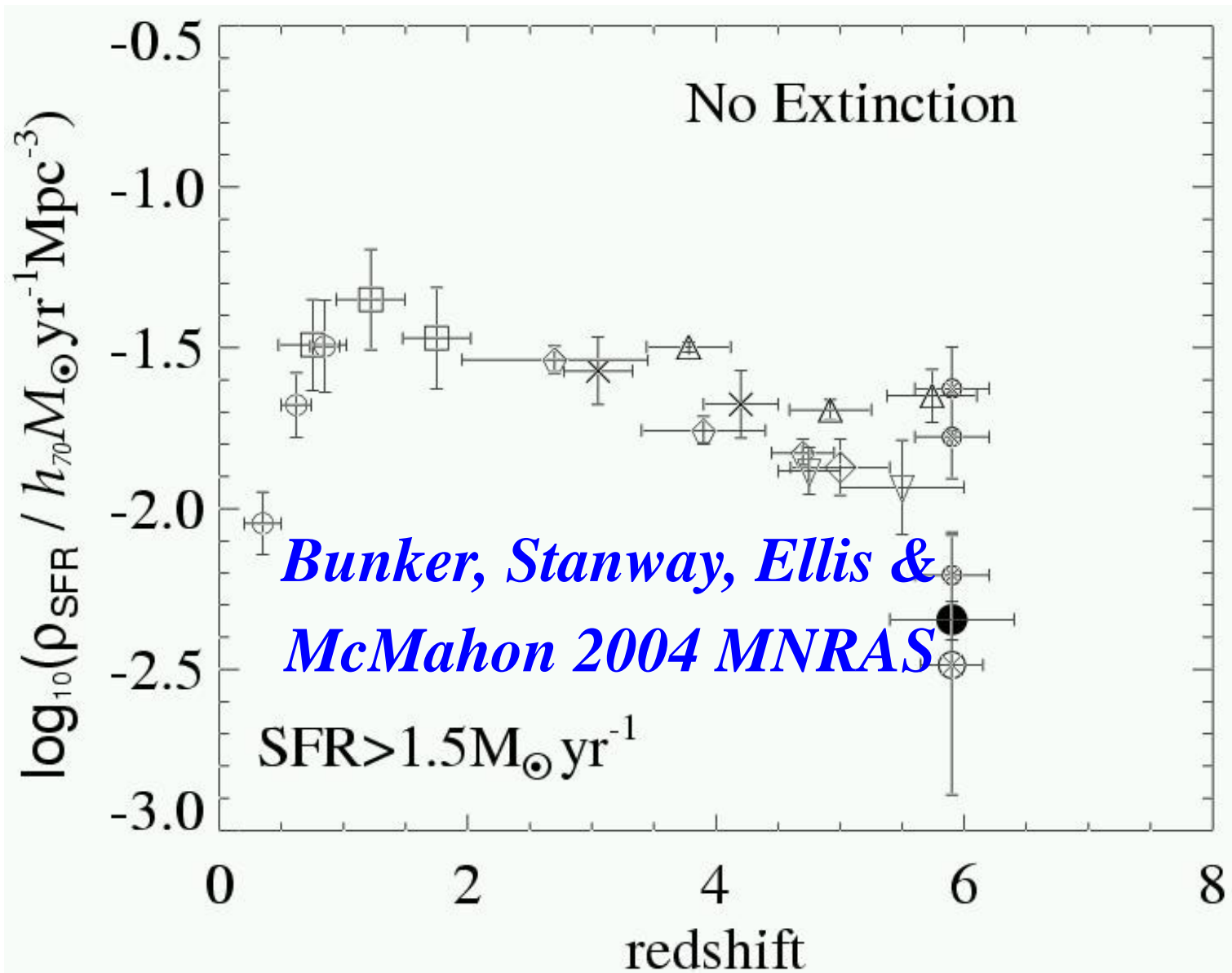




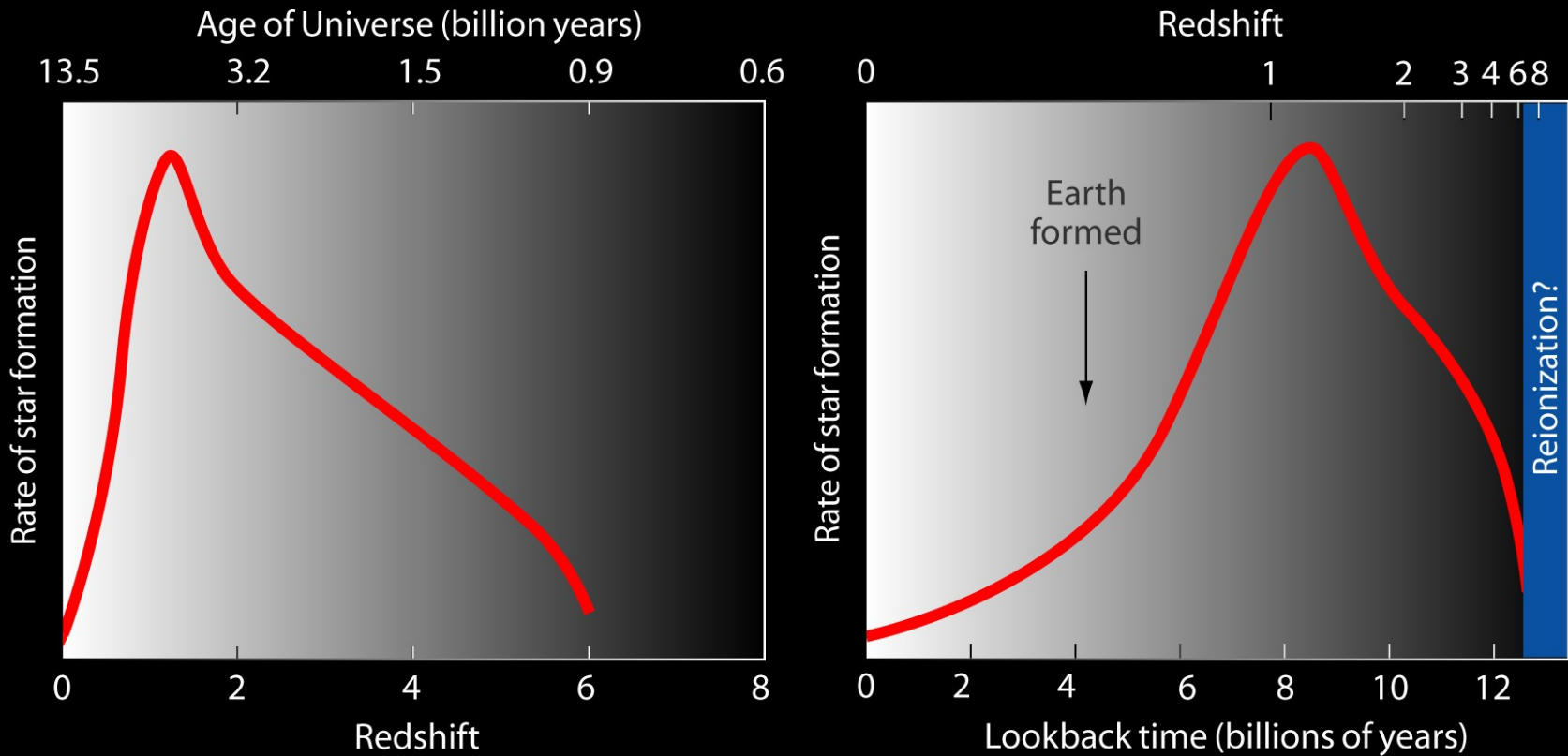
No evidence of Ly-alpha at $z=8.55$ in 5-hour VLT/XSHOOTER and 11-hour Subaru/MOIRCS spectrum.

Also, the deep HST/WFC3 Y-band encompasses Ly-alpha, should be detected at $\sim 4\sigma$ but is undetected

Looking at the UDF (going 10x deeper, $z'=26-28.5$ mag)



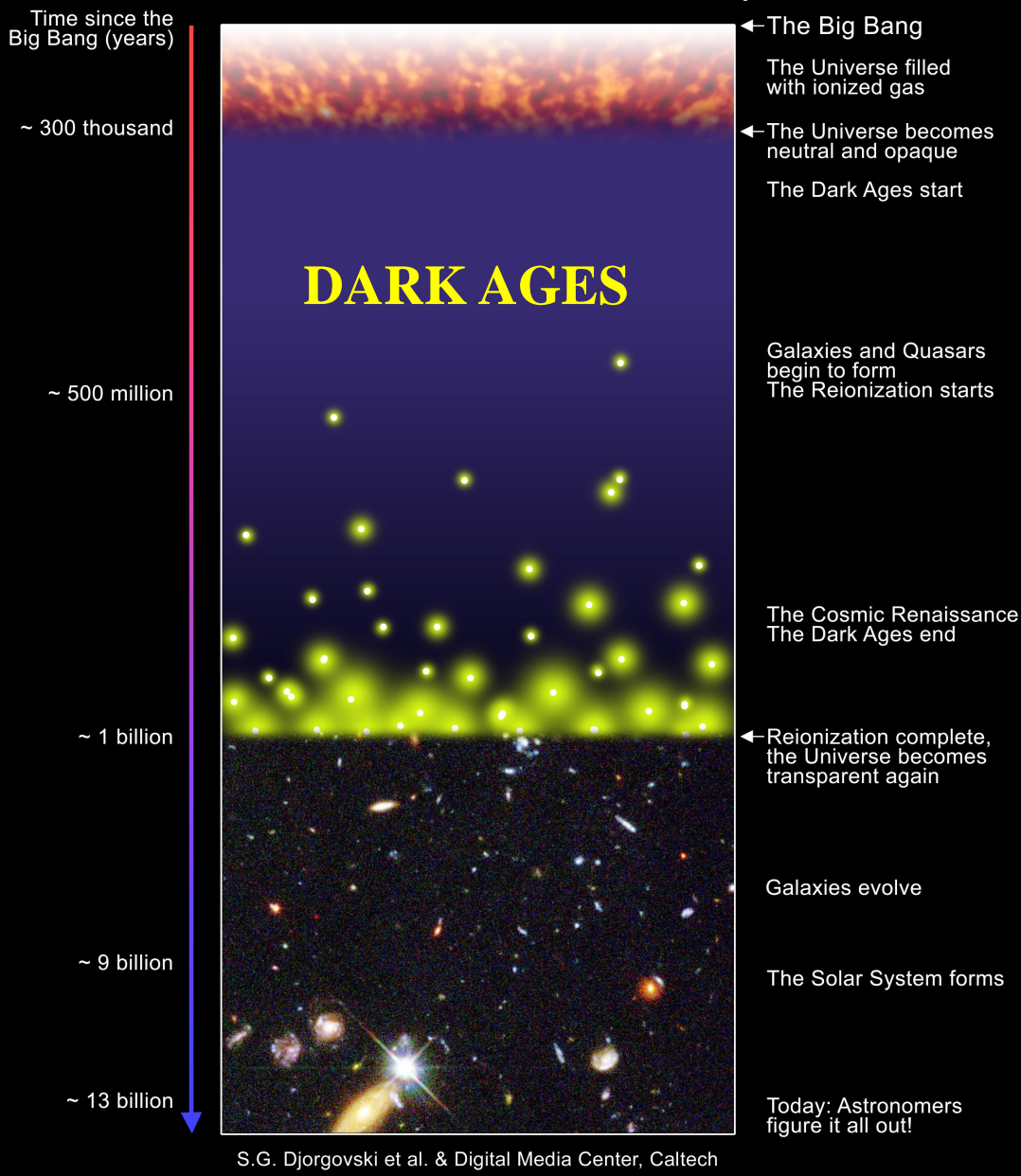
Star formation history of the Universe



- ***UDF enables us to identify even fainter galaxies at these times (end of dark ages)***
- ***We were first to analyse & publish 50 high redshift galaxies in the UDF***
- ***Confirms our previous work: much LESS star formation than in more recent past***

What is the Reionization Era?

A Schematic Outline of the Cosmic History



Redshift z

↑
1100

10

5

2

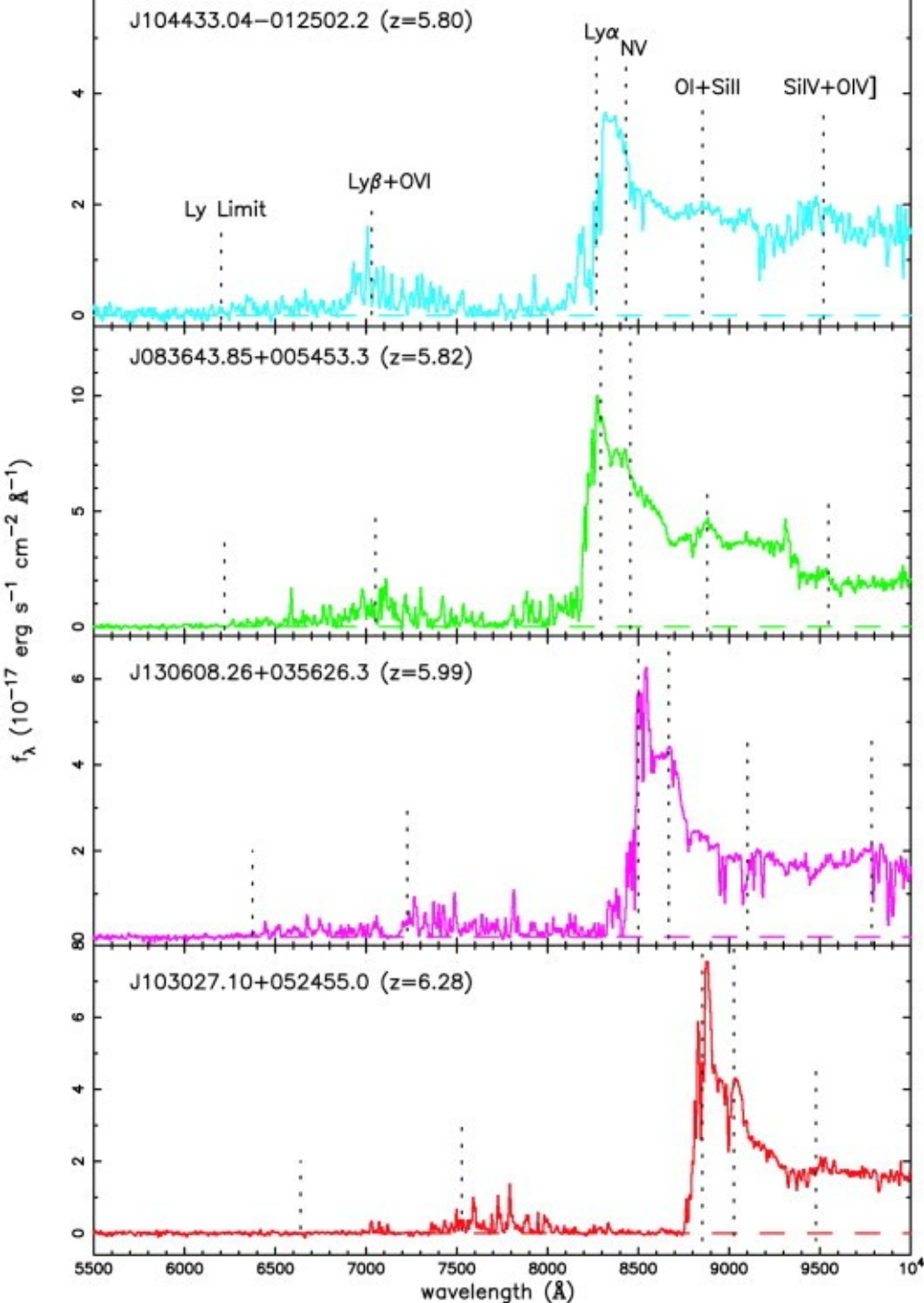
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After era probed by WMAP the Universe enters the so-called “dark ages” prior to formation of first stars

Hydrogen is then re-ionized by the newly-formed stars

When did this happen?

What did it?



Reionization

At high redshift, the Lyman- forest can absorb most of the flux below $\lambda_{\text{rest}}=1216\text{\AA}$. Indications from $z>6.3$ SDSS QSOs that Universe may be optically thick (Fan et al. 2001; Becker et al. 2001). BUT confusing message from WMAP CMB - reionization at $z\sim 11$? (Dunkley et al. 2010).

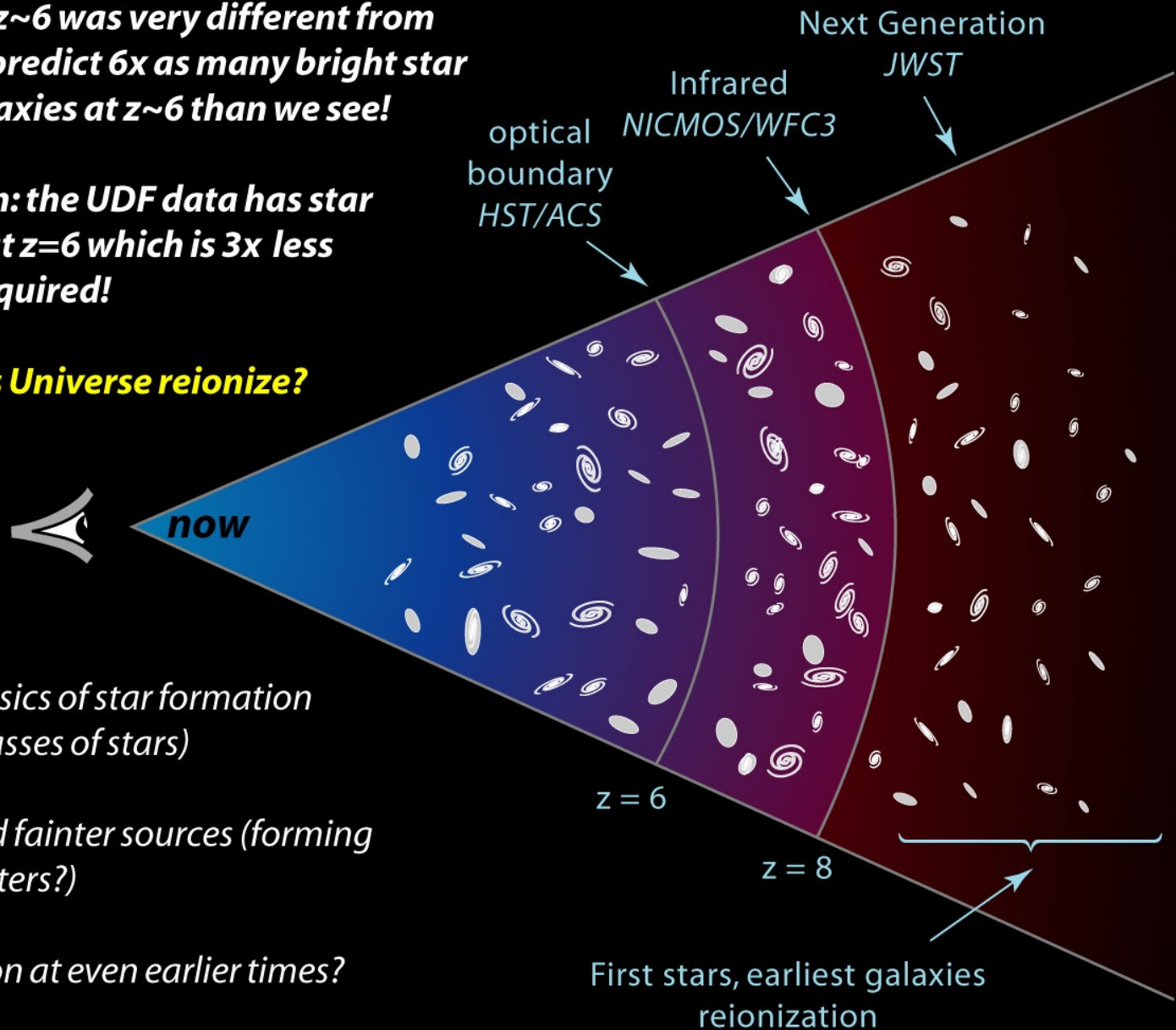
Probing the dark ages

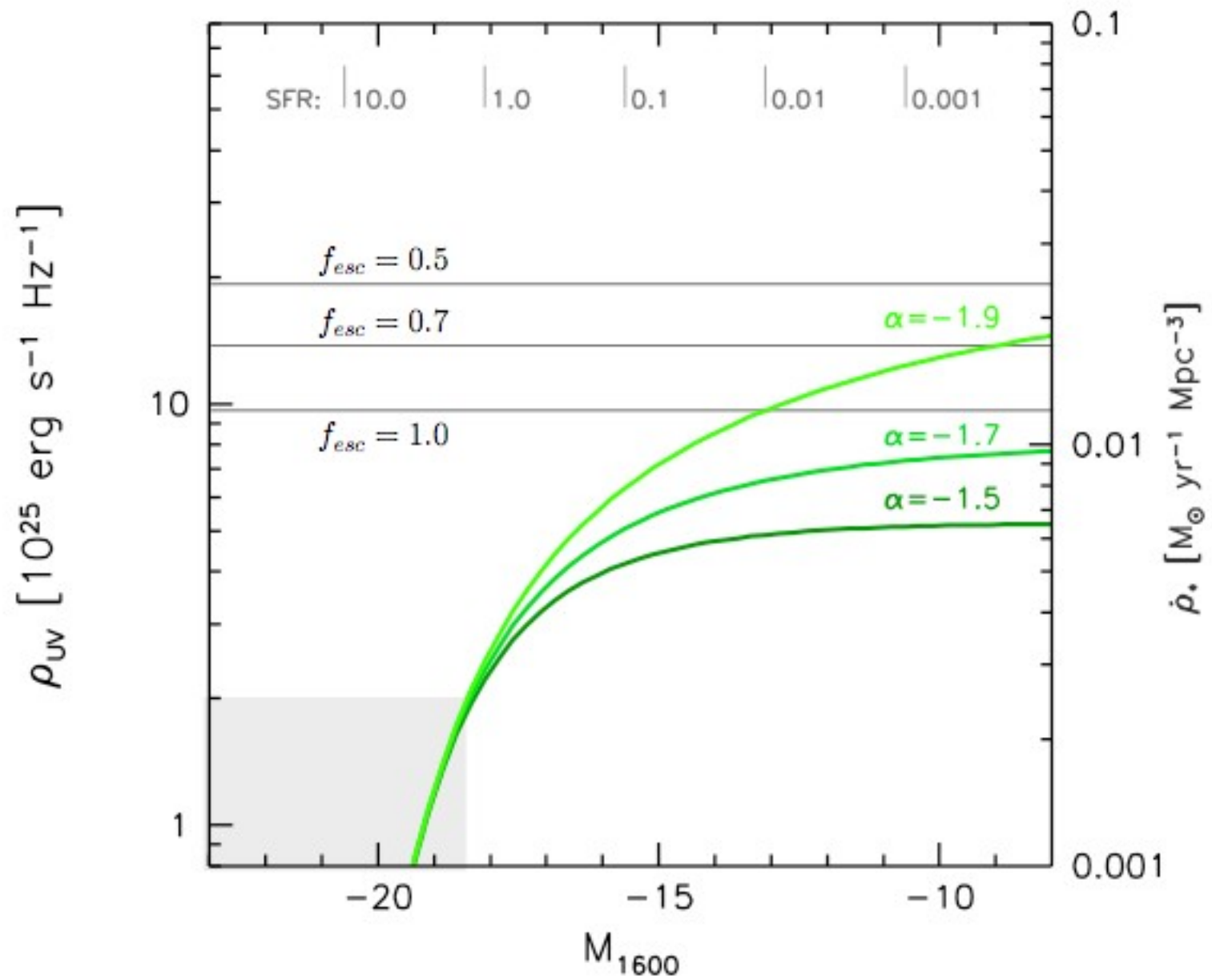
reionization and distant galaxies

- Universe at $z \sim 6$ was very different from $z \sim 3$: would predict 6x as many bright star forming galaxies at $z \sim 6$ than we see!
- Reionization: the UDF data has star formation at $z=6$ which is 3x less than that required!

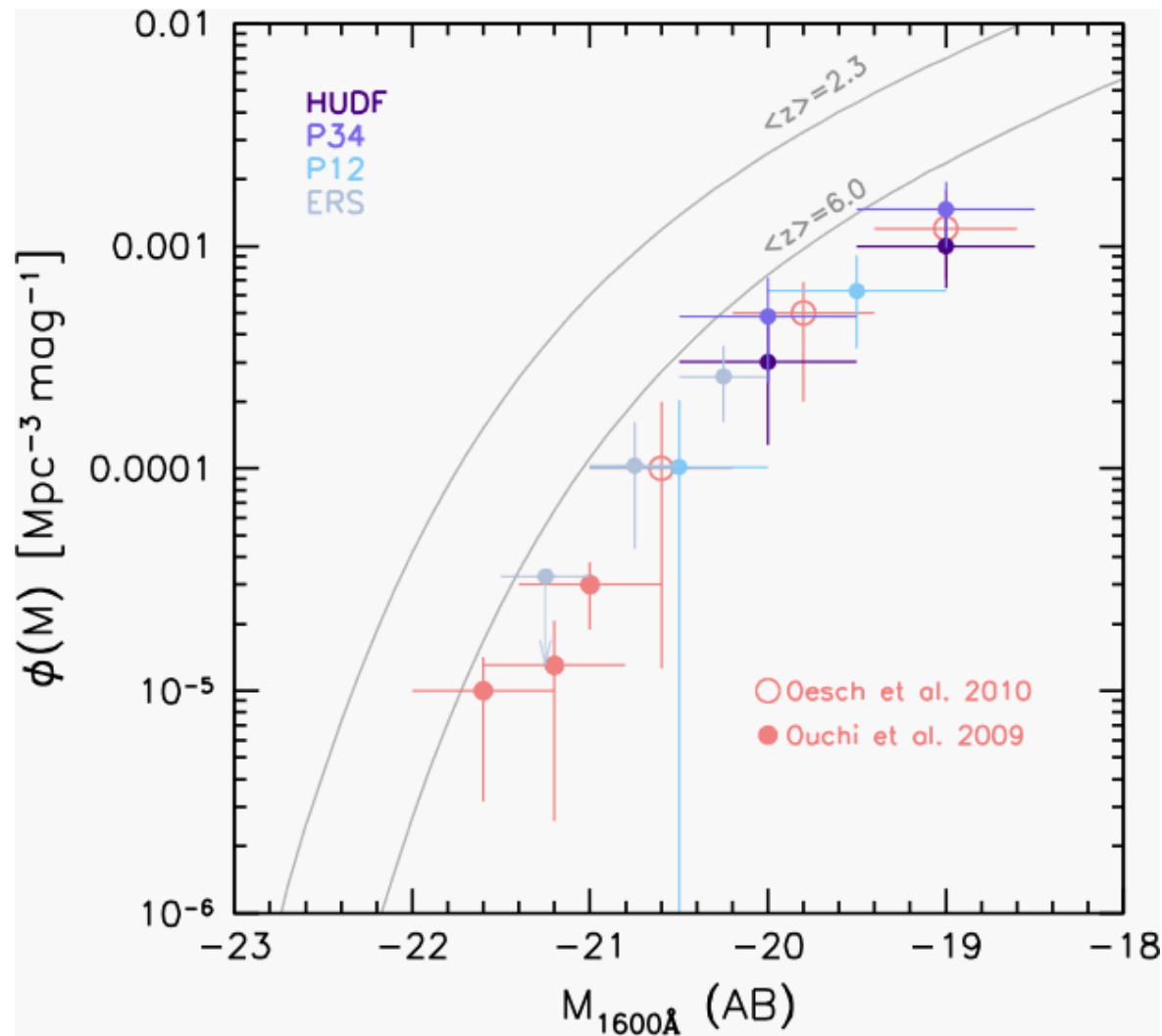
So how does Universe reionize?

- Different physics of star formation early on? (masses of stars)
- Undiscovered fainter sources (forming globular clusters?)
- Star formation at even earlier times?



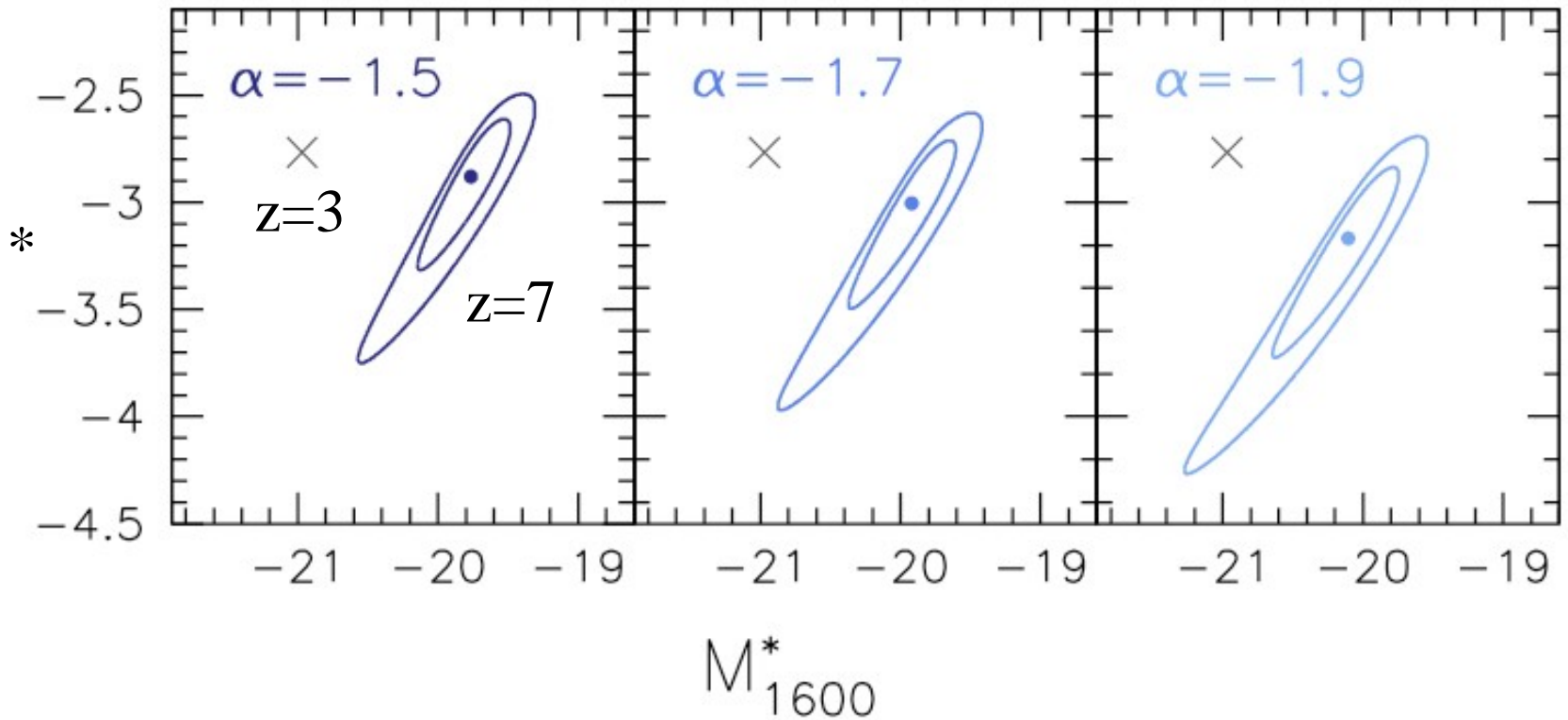


Wilkins et al. (2010)



Wilkins et al.
(2010) MNRAS
The Luminosity
Function at $z \sim 7$

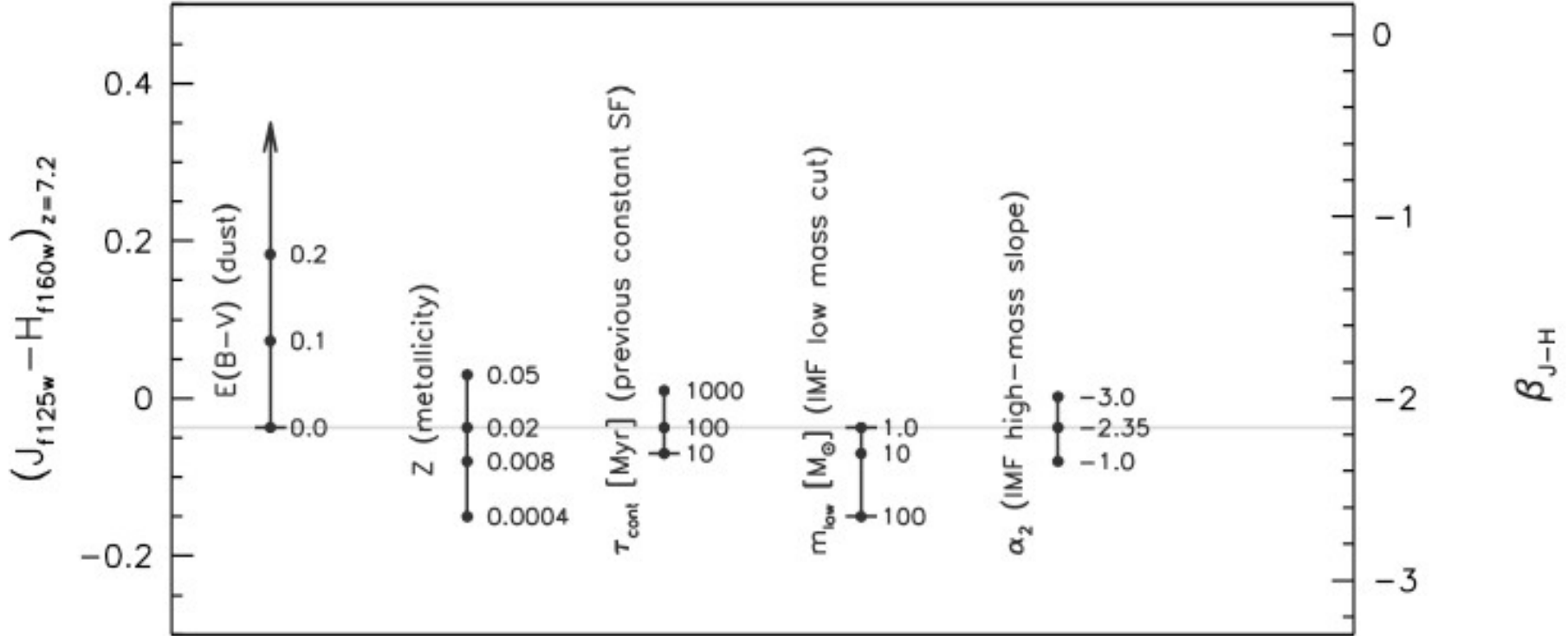
An increasing problem for reionization: requires steep faint-end slope (< -1.7), large contribution from unobserved faint galaxies, high escape fraction ($f_{\text{esc}} > 0.5$) and very smooth IGM (low clumping, $C \sim 5$)



Evolution of luminosity function
(note M^* is correlated with $*$)

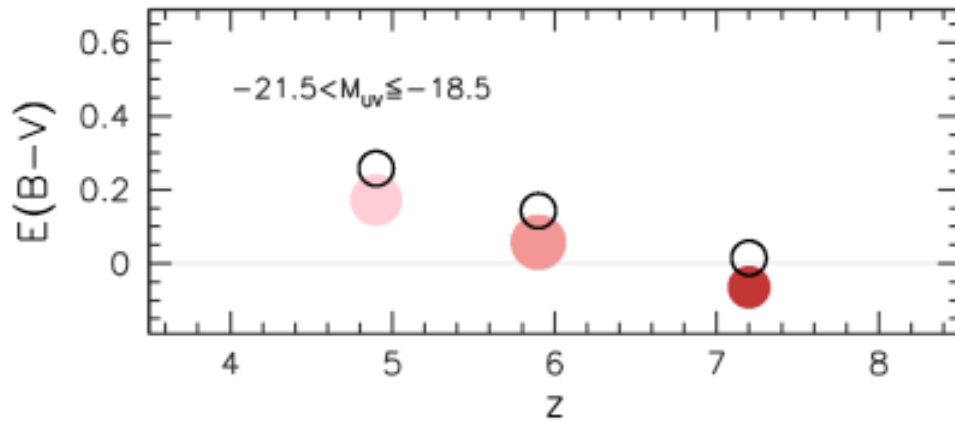
Wilkins et al. (2011)

UV Spectral Slopes at $z > 6$: $f \sim -$



Stanway, McMahon & Bunker (2005) - found very blue colours for i-drops in NICMOS UDF

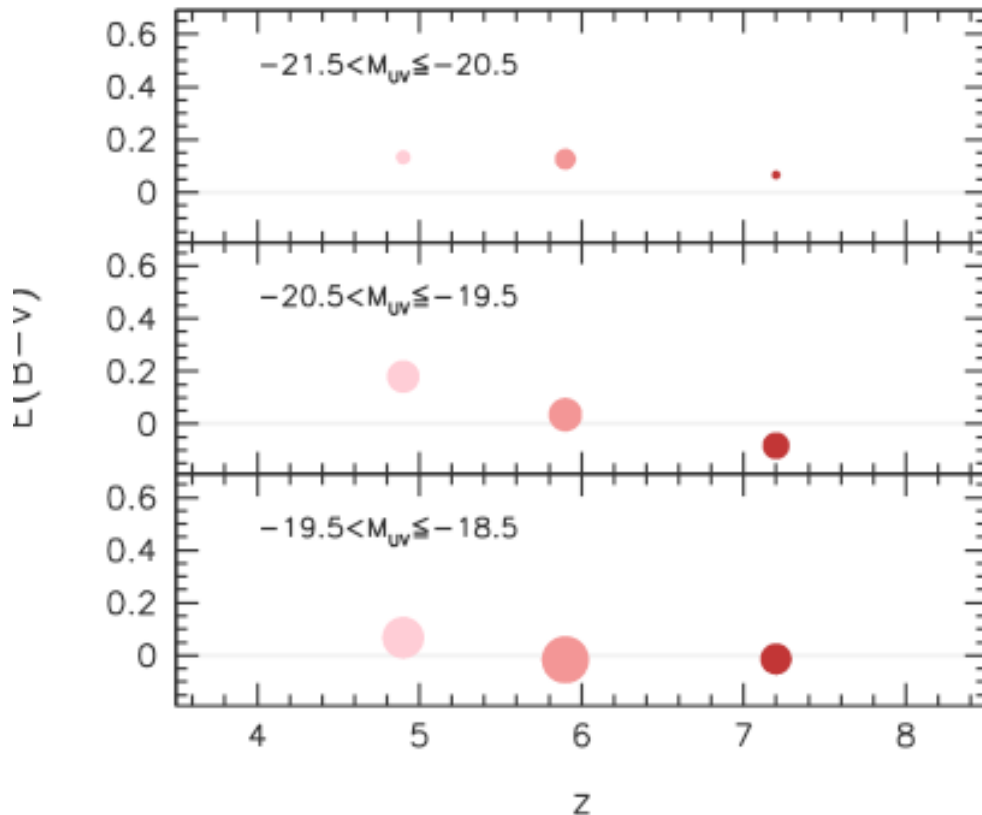
Also now seen in z-drops with WFC3 (Bouwens et al. 2011, Dunlop et al. 2011, Wilkins et al. 2011)



- From Wilkins et al. (2011) MNRAS

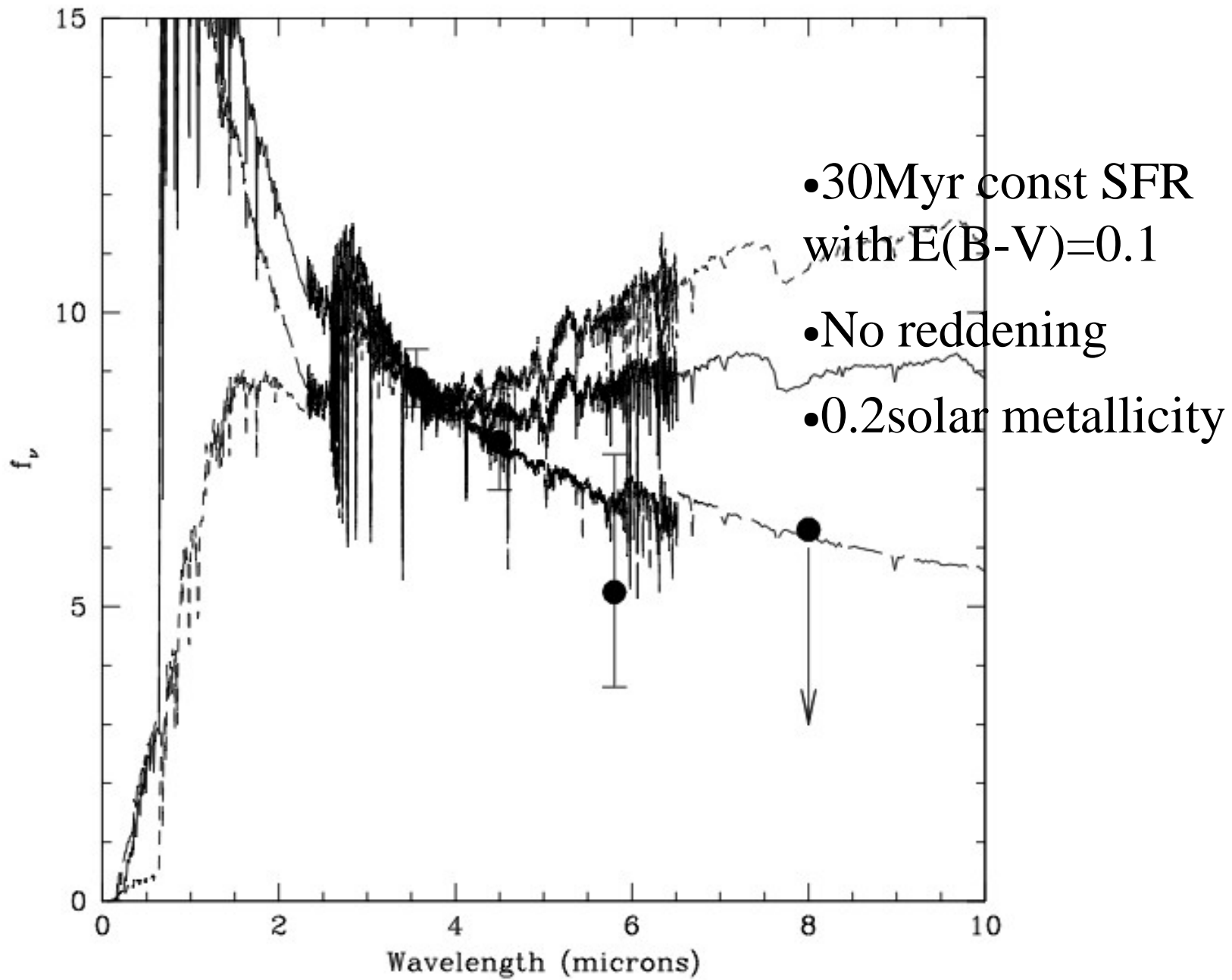
- Weak dependence of beta evolution on luminosity

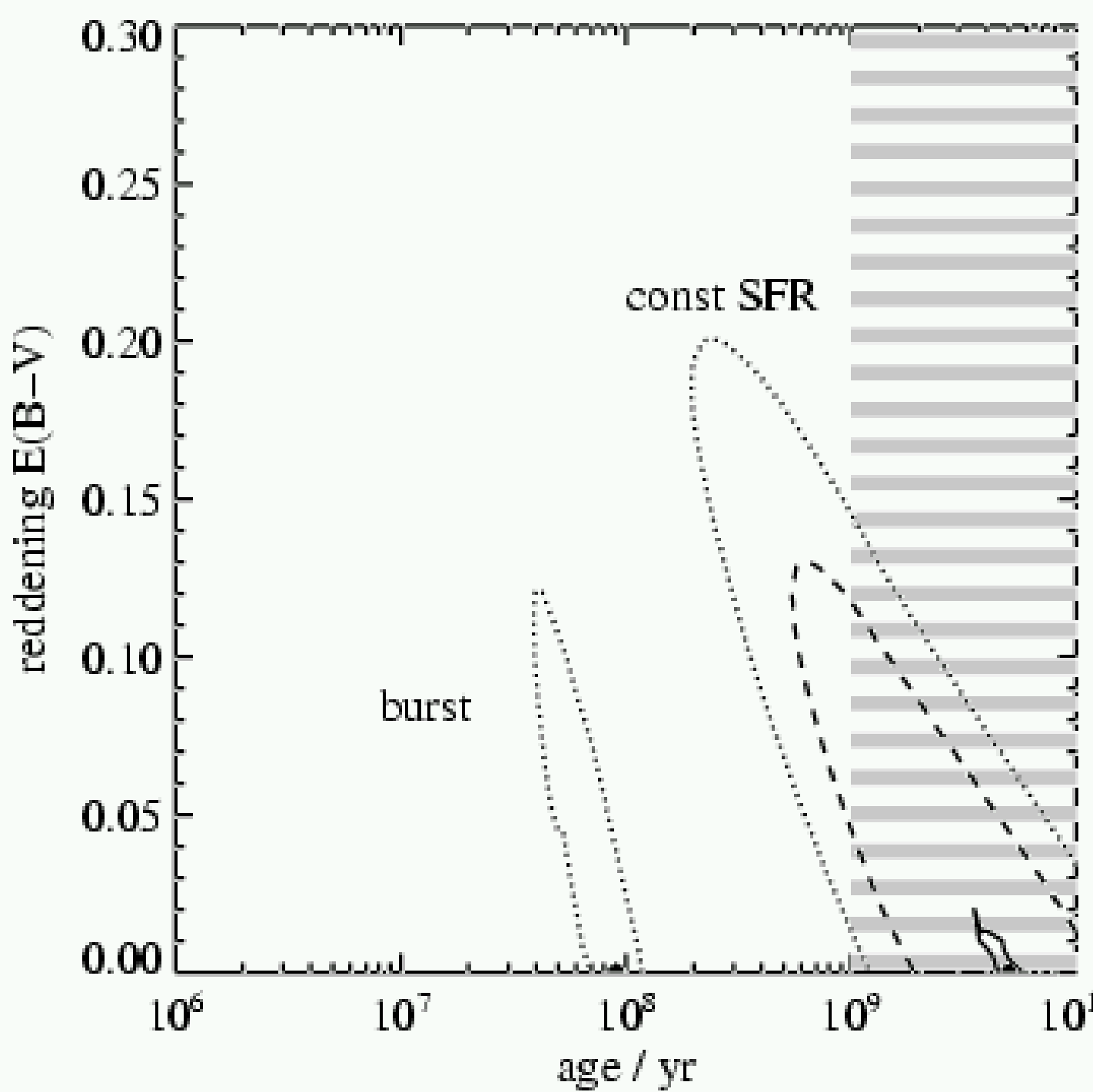
- Careful on filters - the Lyman-alpha break will redden intrinsic colours



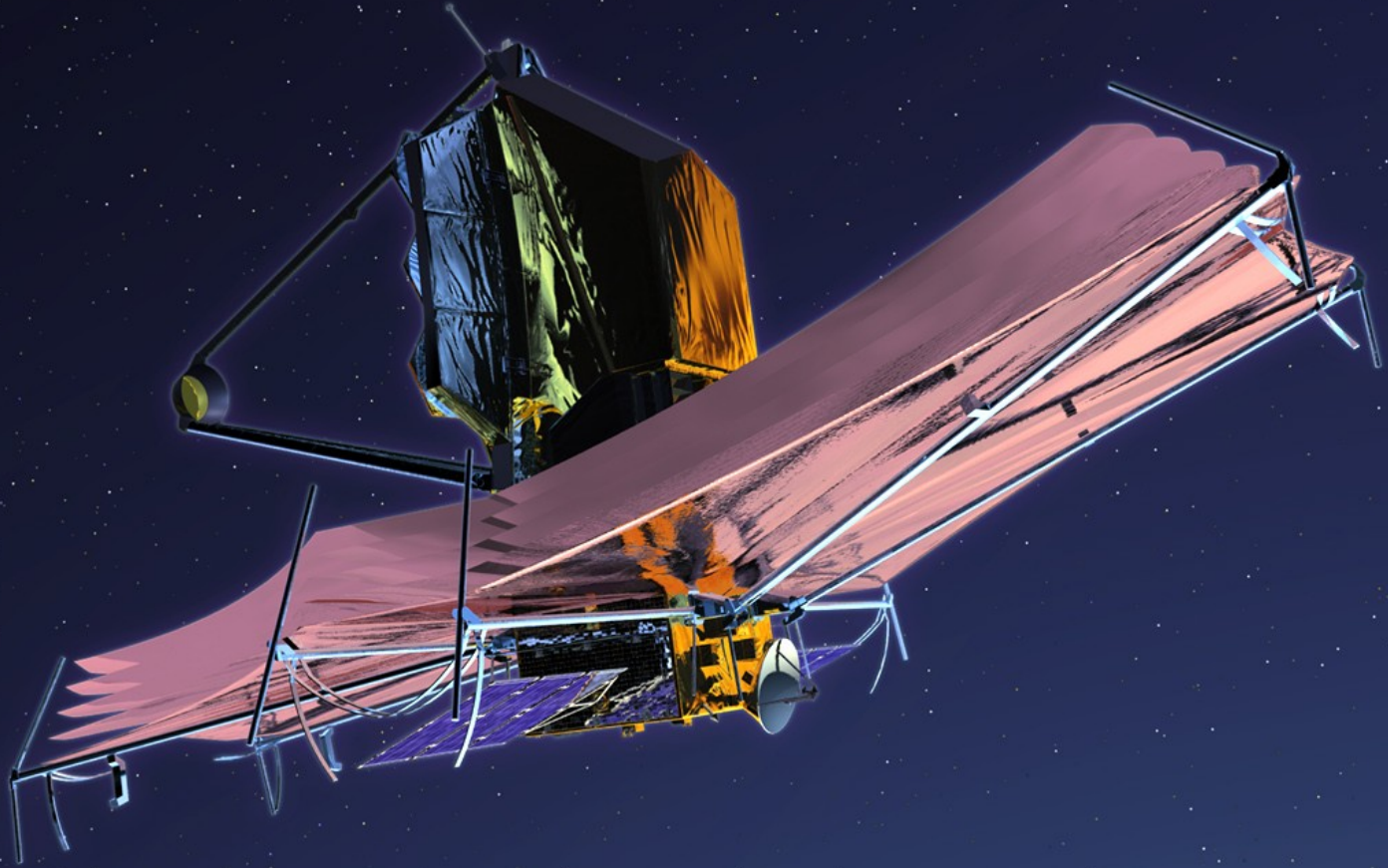


Spitzer – IRAC (3.6-8.0 microns)



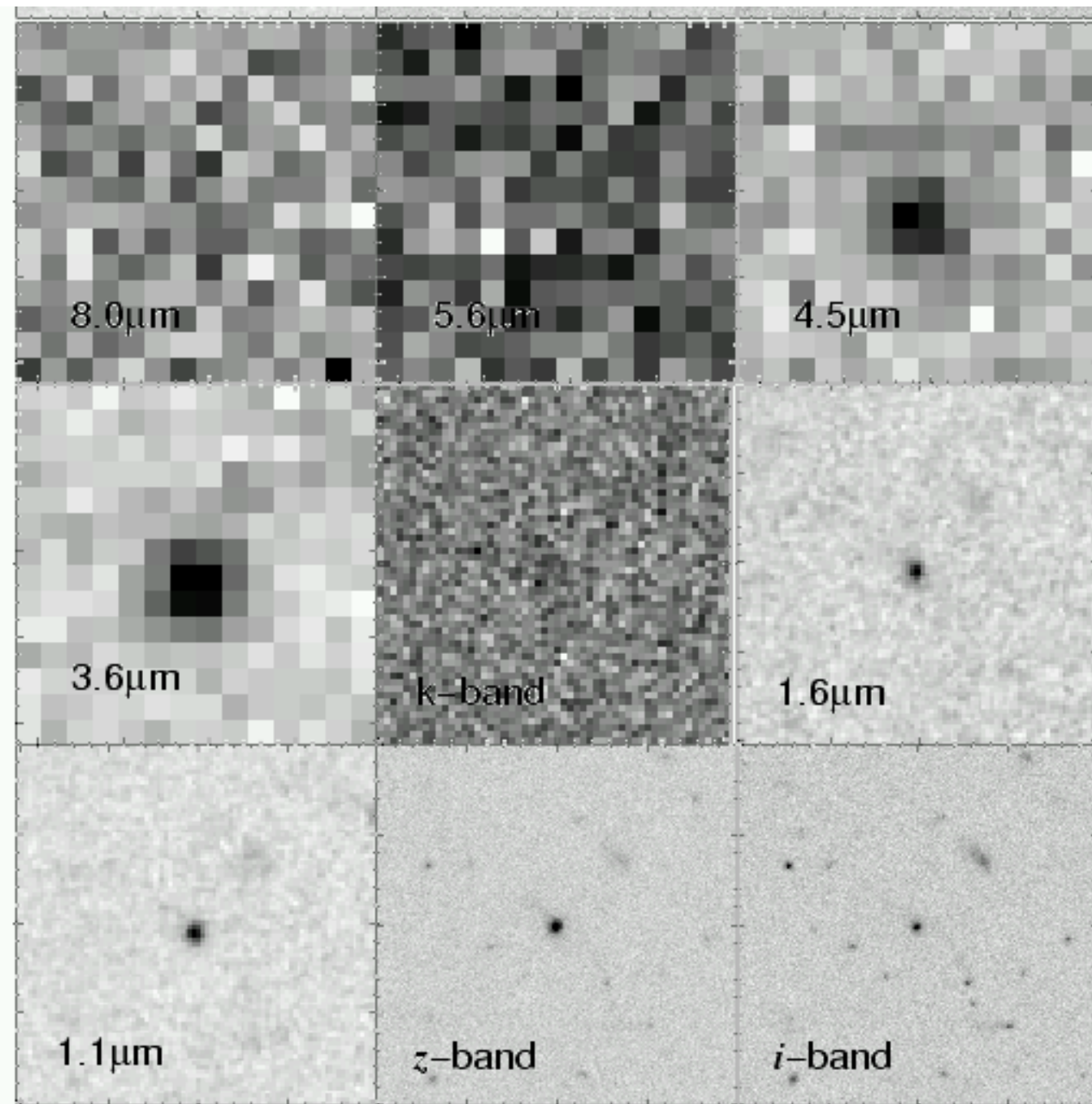


JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE – successor to Hubble (???? 2016+ \$\$\$\$)

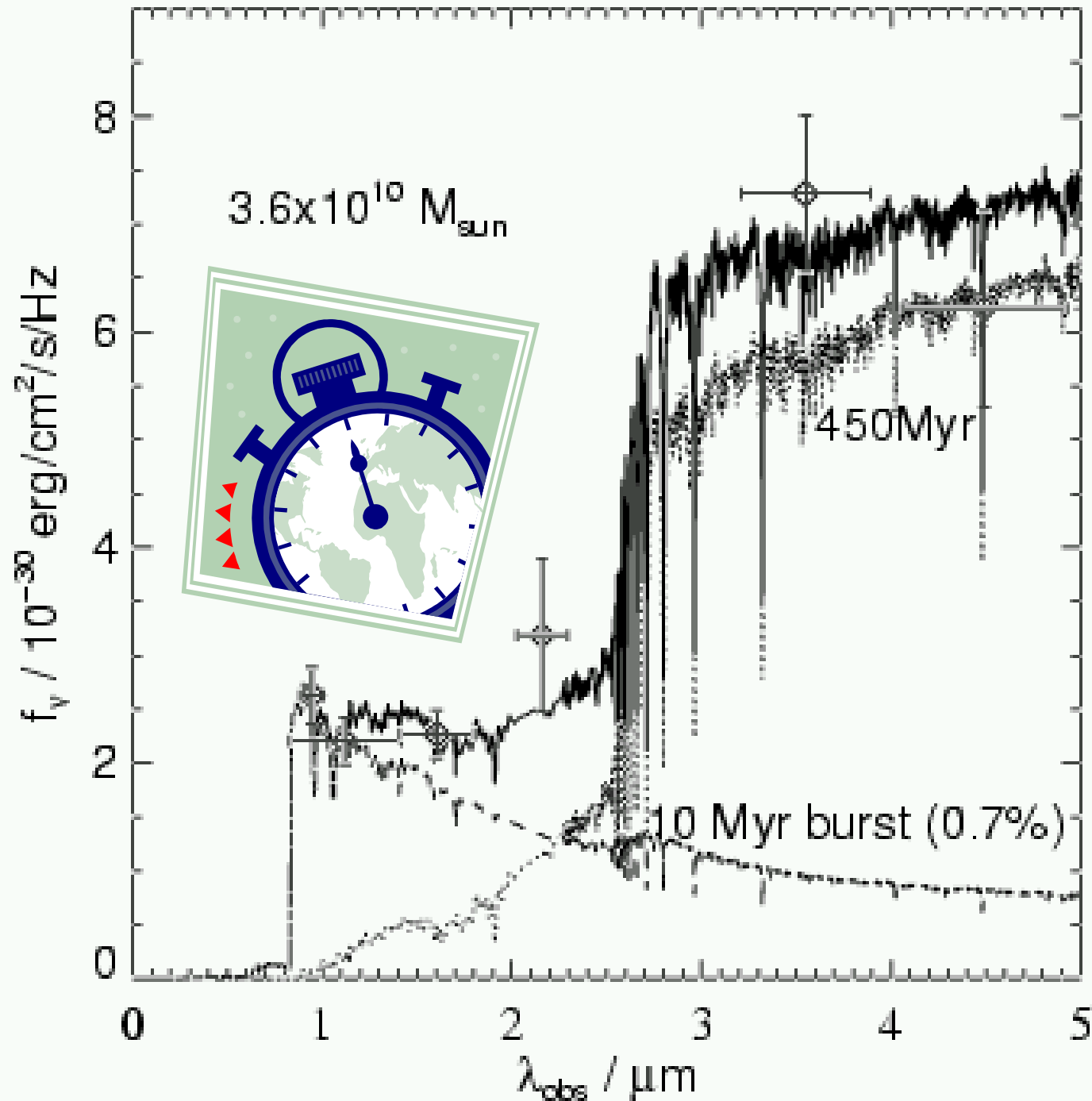


Conclusions

- Have found star-forming galaxies at $z=6-10$ (Lyman breaks), and spectroscopic confirmation at $z\sim 6$
- However, $z>7$ number counts from HST/WFC3 imply the newly-discovered galaxies would struggle to reionize
- Many of these have very blue rest-UV spectral slopes
- High escape fraction/Steep faint end slope/low metallicity/smooth IGM?
- JWST and E-ELT spectroscopy should resolve many questions
- PLENTY OF CURRENT TARGETS TO FEED THE GIANTS



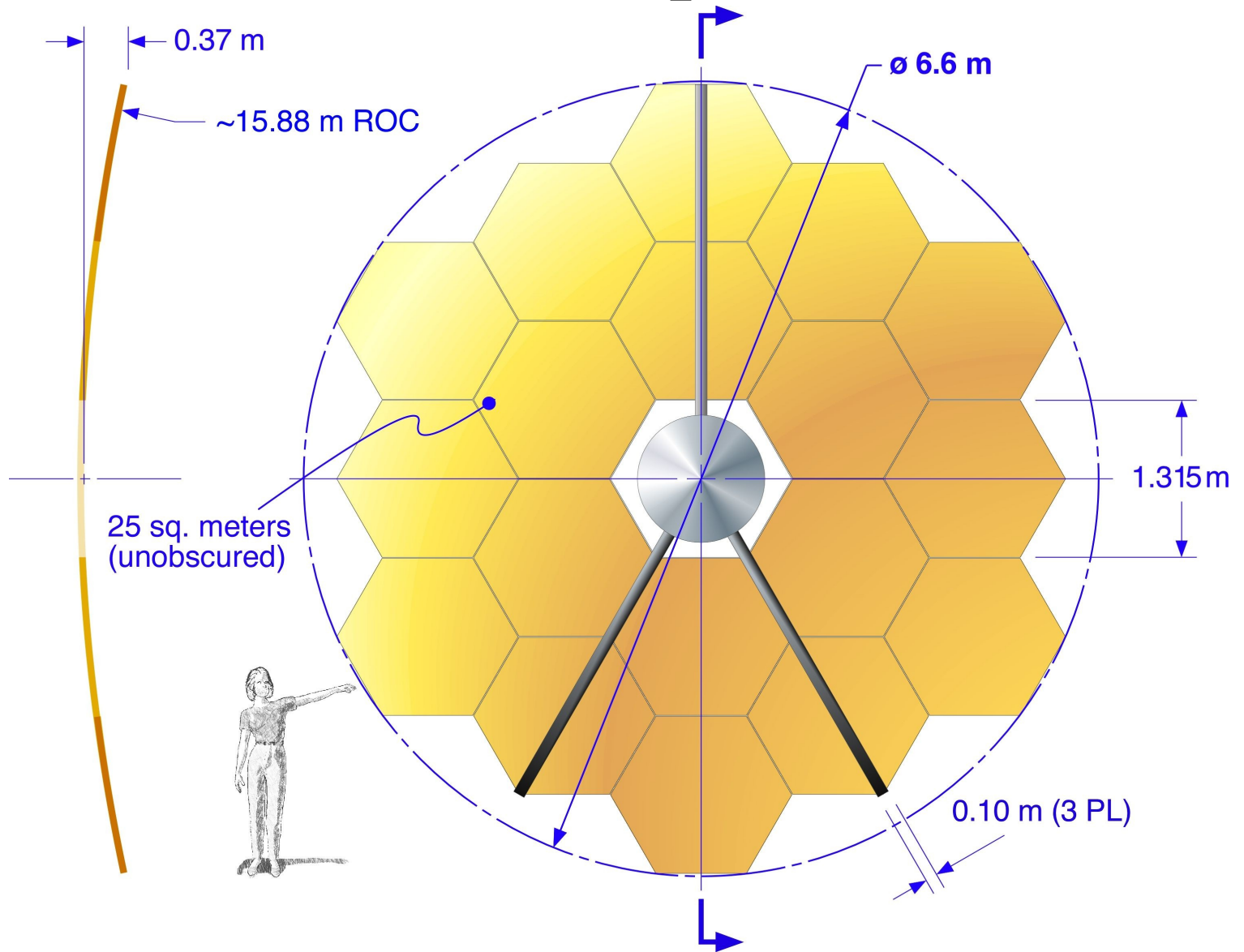
- $z=5.83$ galaxy
#1 from
Stanway, Bunker
& McMahon
2003 (spec conf
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al. 2004,
Dickinson et al.
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in GOODS
IRAC 3-4 m:
Eyles, Bunker,
Stanway et al '04



Eyles et al.
(2005) MNRAS

Emission line
contamination
does not
seriously affect
the derived
ages and
masses

Telescope



What is JWST?

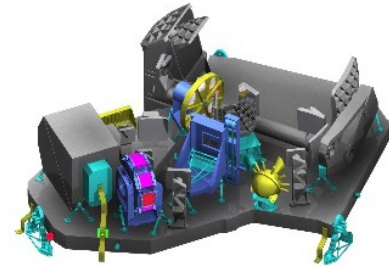
- 6.55 m deployable primary
- Diffraction-limited at 2 μm
- Wavelength range 0.6-28 μm
- Passively cooled to <50 K
- Zodiacal-limited below 10 μm
- Sun-Earth L2 orbit
- 4 instruments
 - 0.6-5 μm wide field camera (NIRCam)
 - 1-5 μm multiobject spectrometer (NIRSpec)
 - 5-28 μm camera/spectrometer (MIRI)
 - 0.8-5 μm guider camera (FGS/TF)
- 5 year lifetime, 10 year goal
- 2014 launch

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are needed to see this picture.

ESA Contributions to JWST

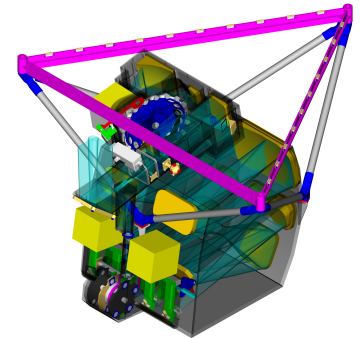
NIRSpec

- ESA Provided
- Detector & MEMS Arrays from NASA



MIRI Optics Module

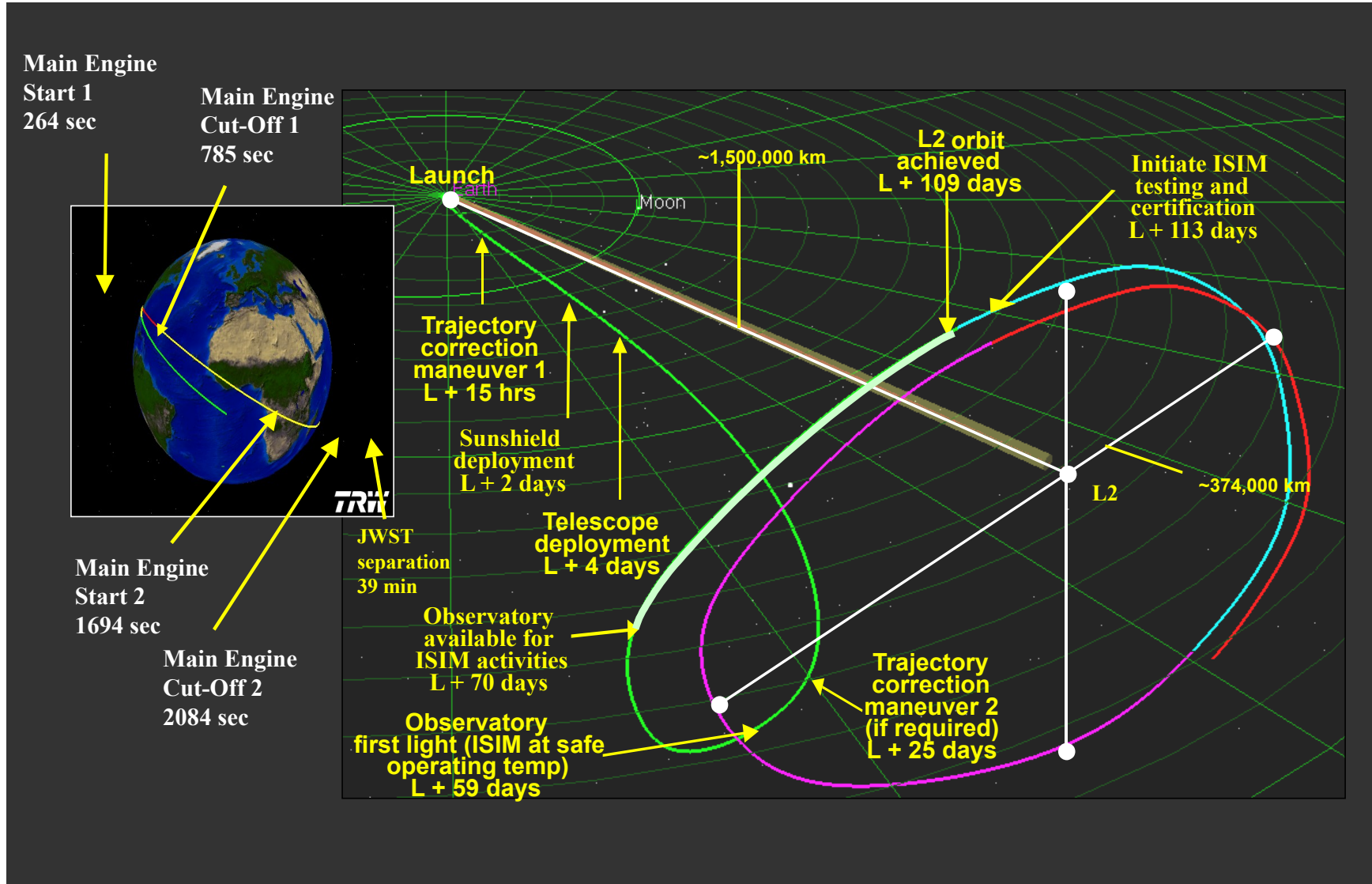
- ESA Member State Consortium
- Detector & Cooler/Cryostat from NASA



Ariane V Launcher (ECA)

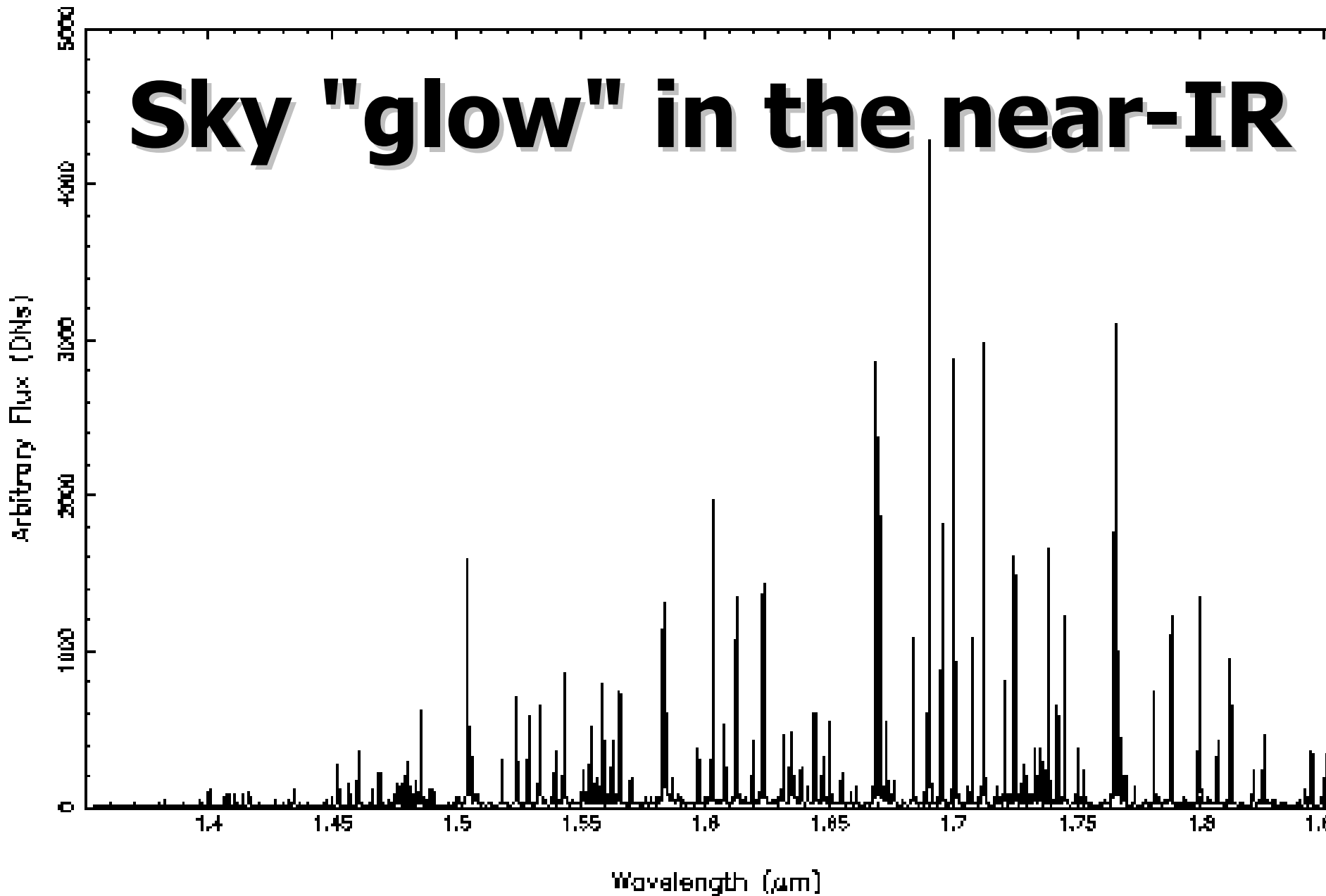
(closely similar to HST model...)

Orbit





Sky "glow" in the near-IR



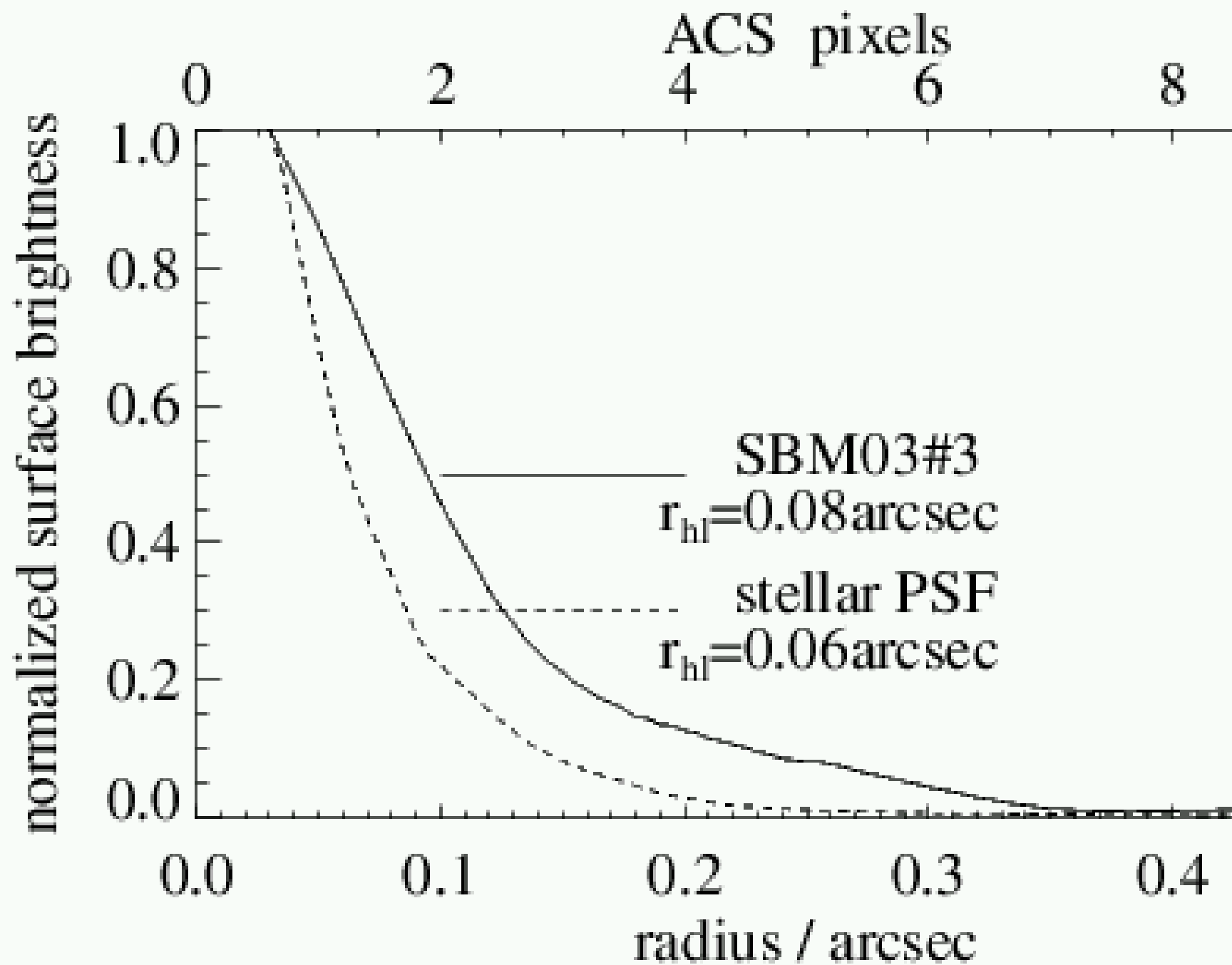
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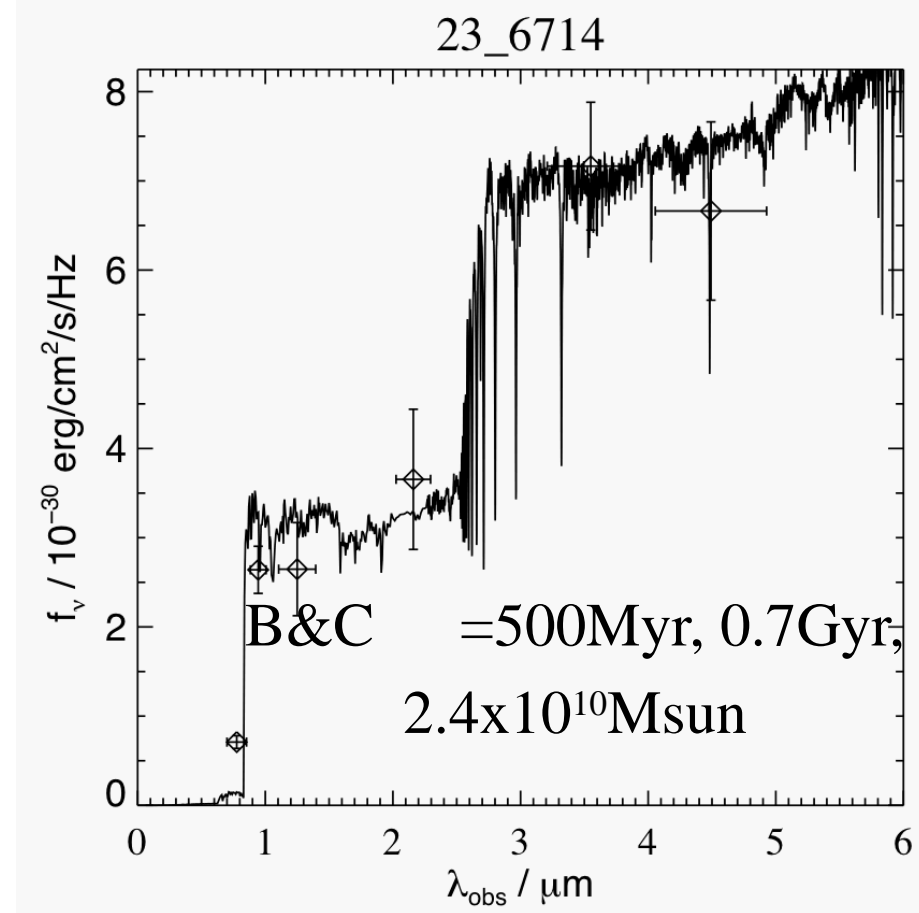
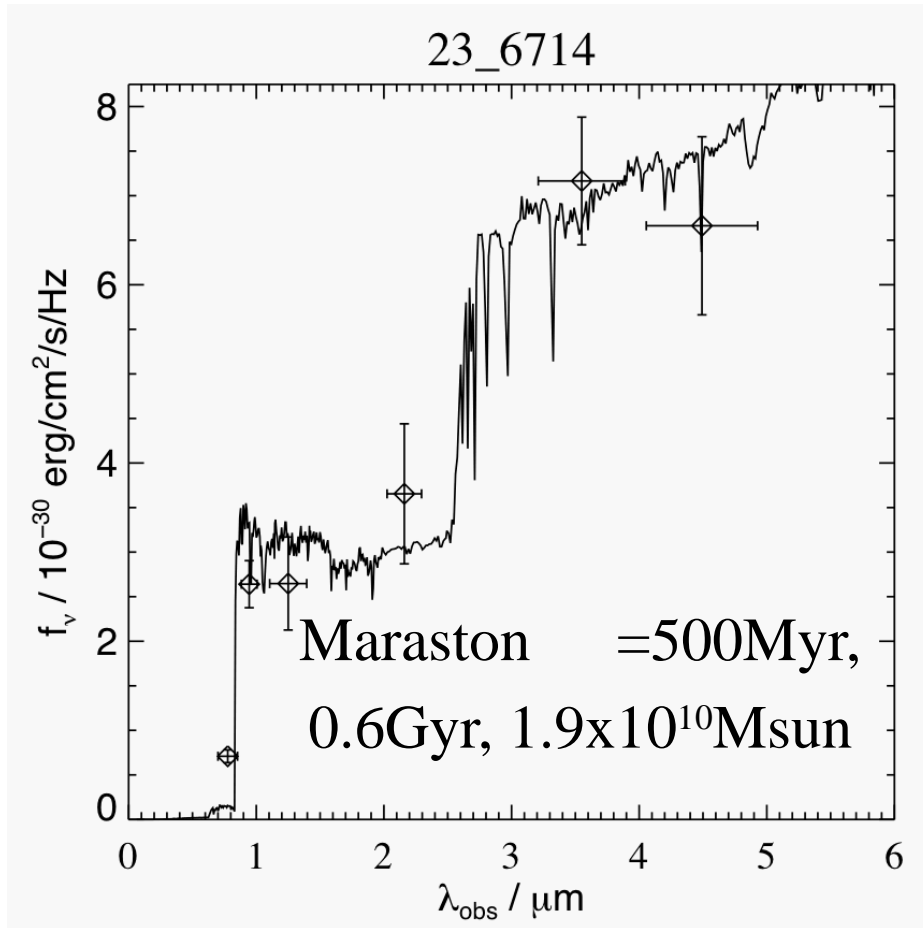
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Near Infrared Spectrograph
(NIRSpec) Mockup
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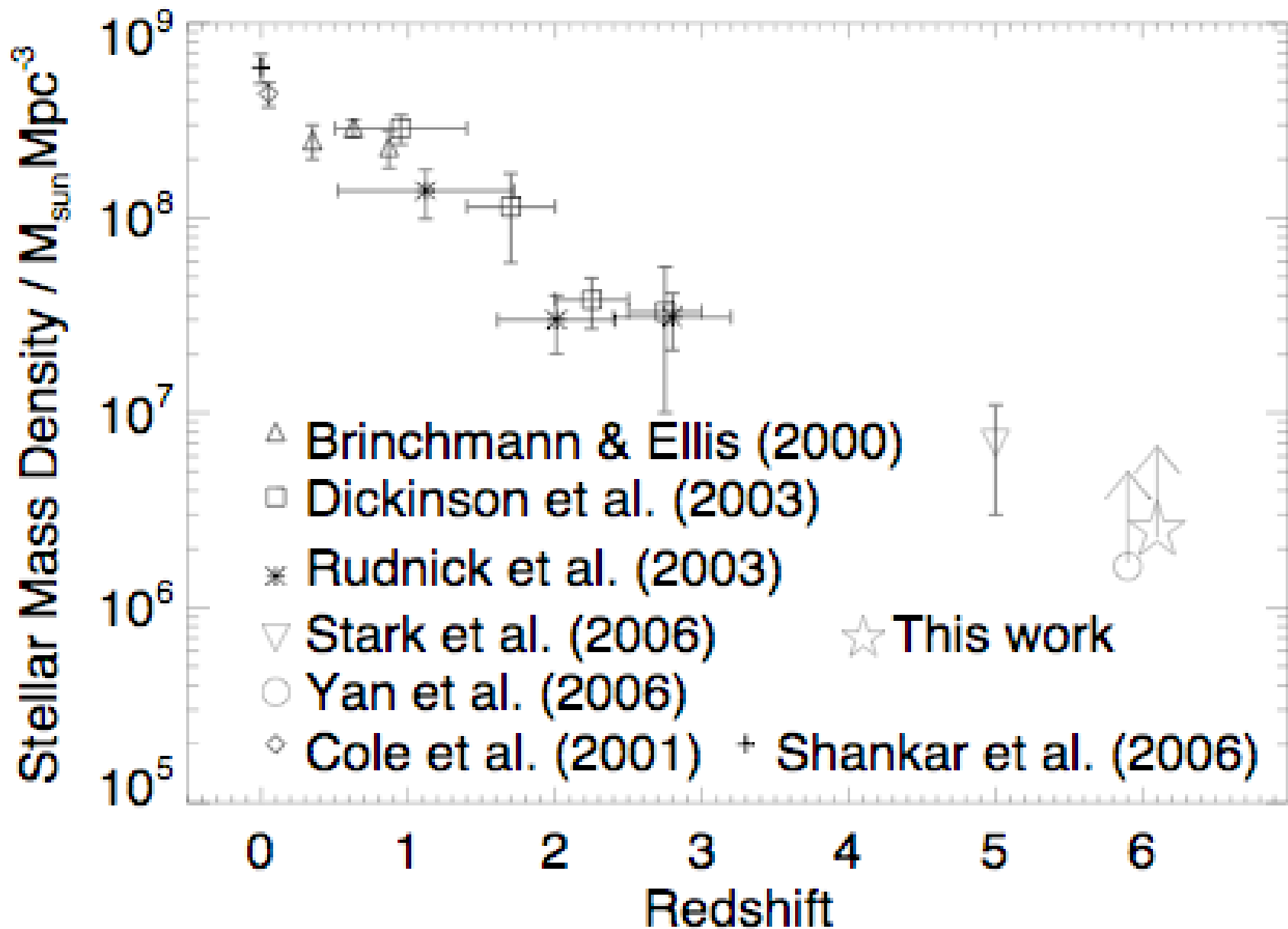


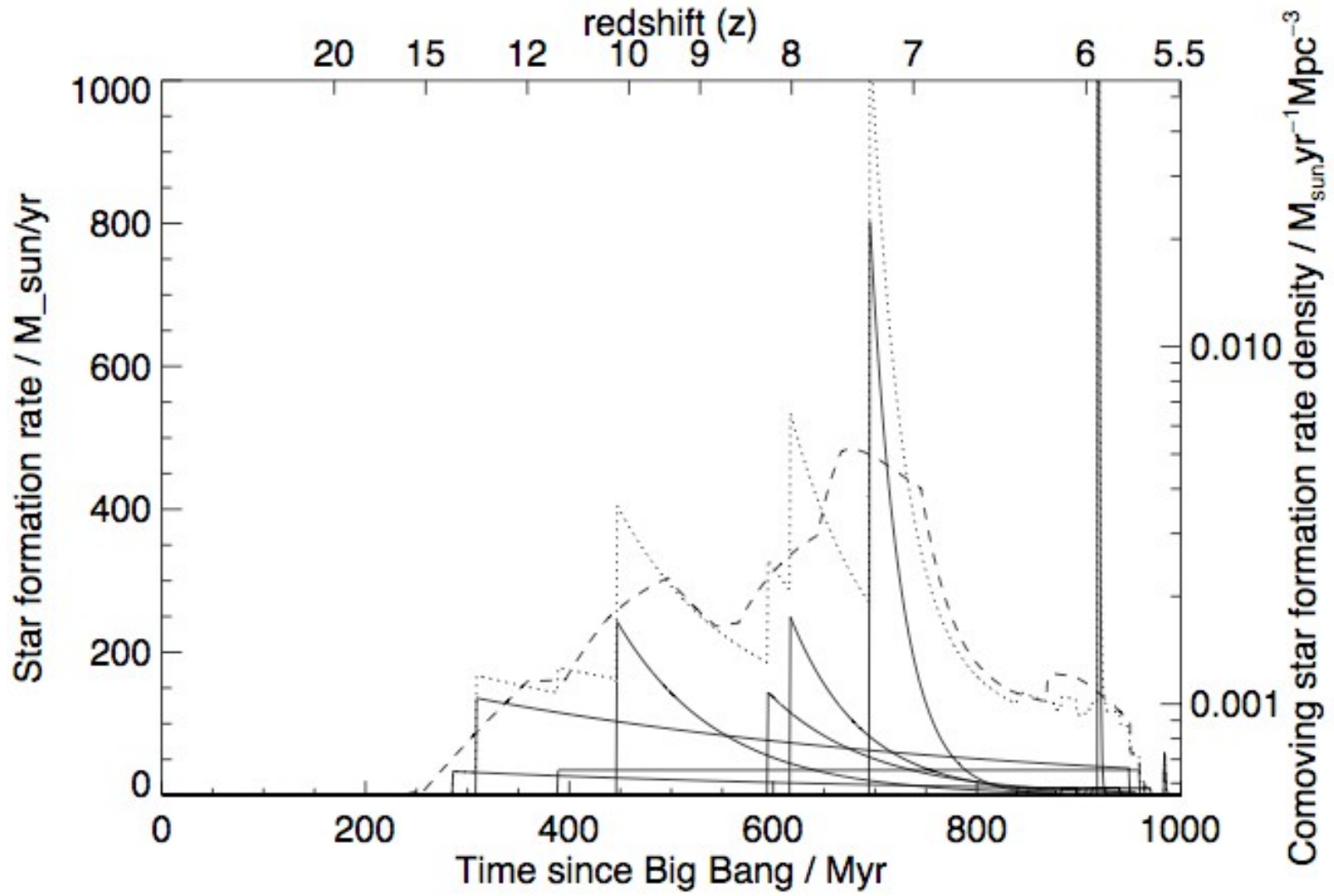


Other Population Synthesis Models

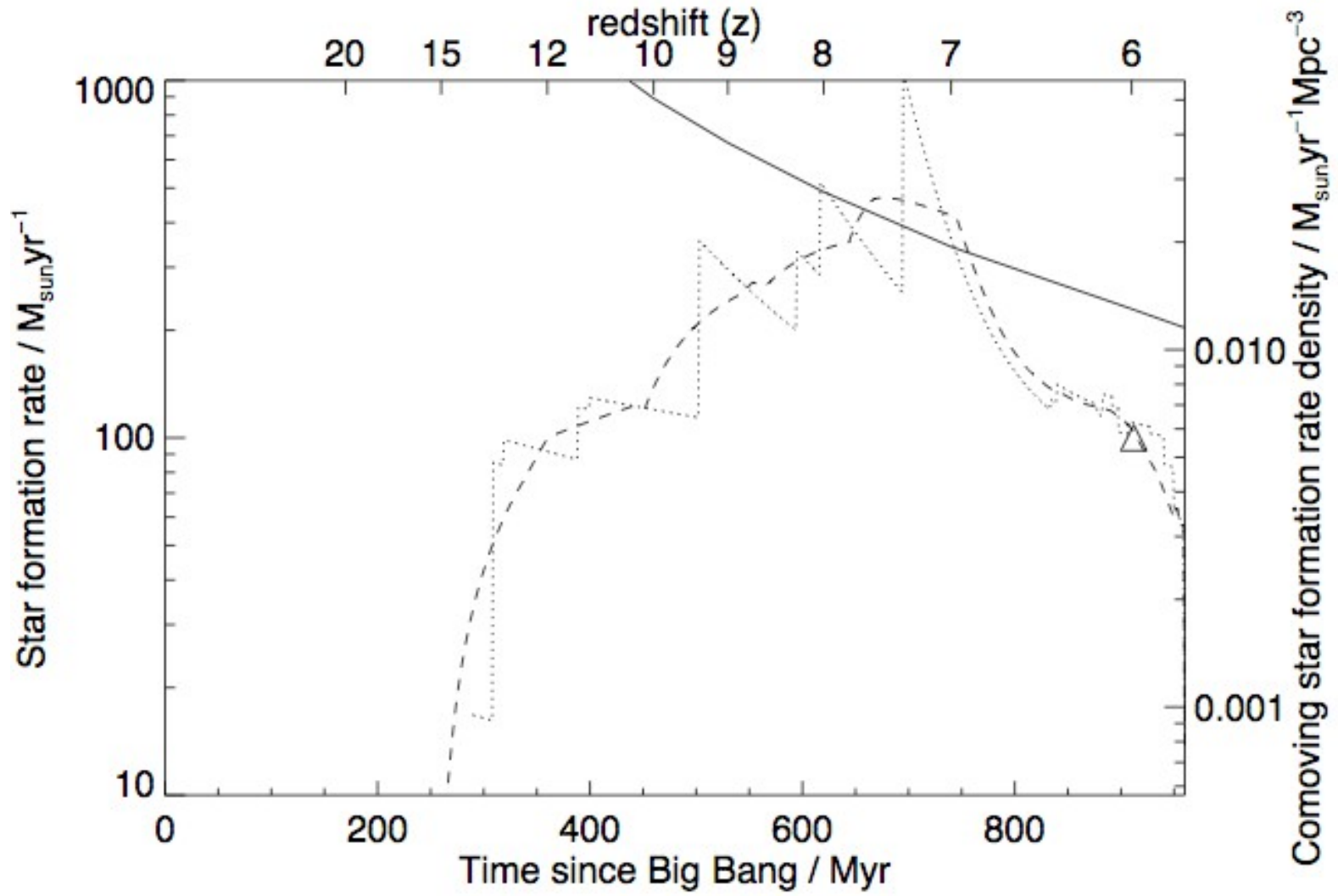


Maraston vs. Bruzual & Charlot - consistent

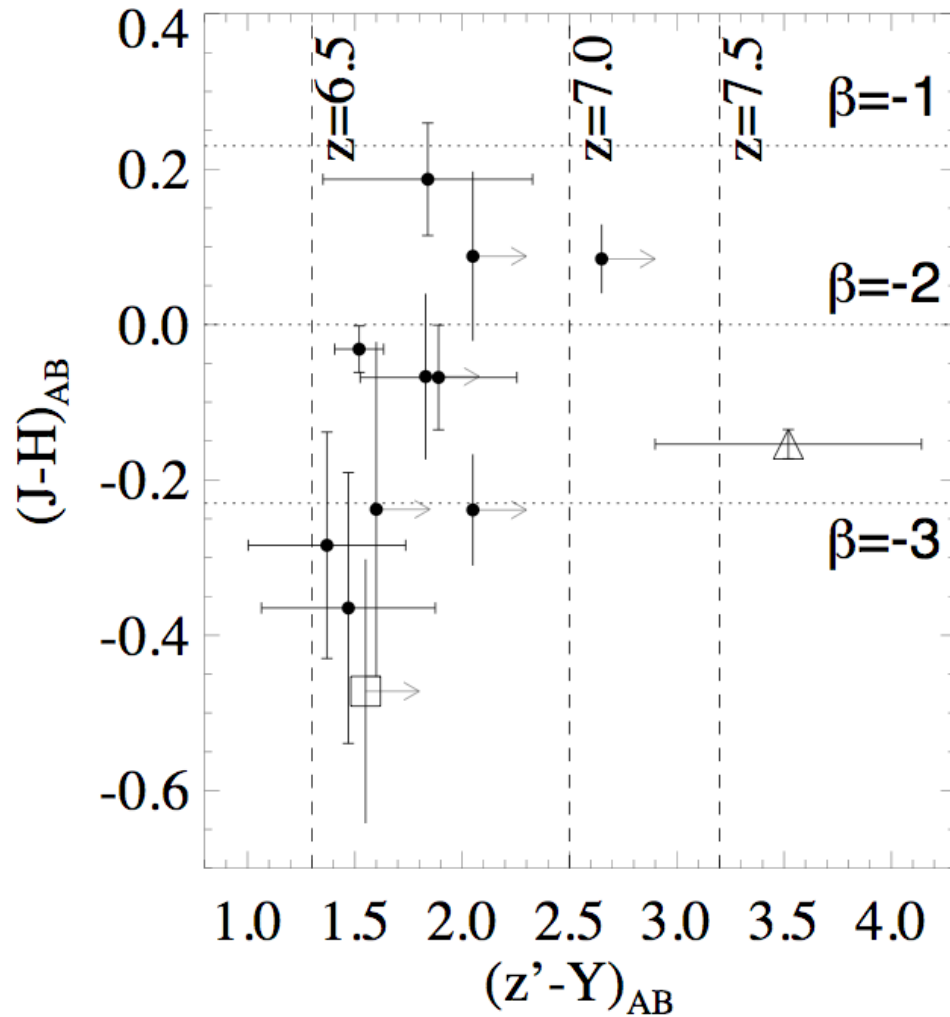




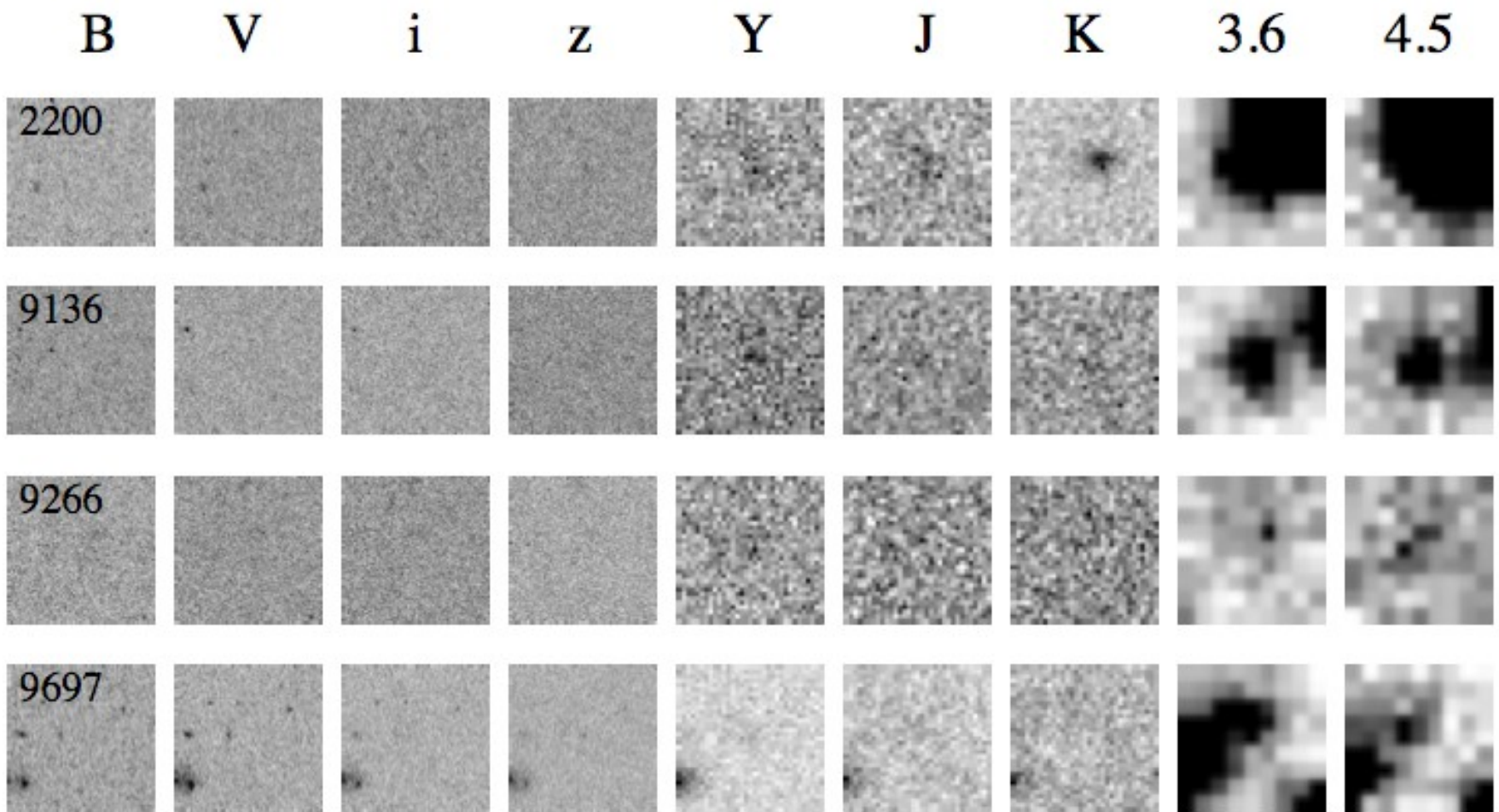
Eyles, Bunker, Ellis et al. astro-ph/0607306



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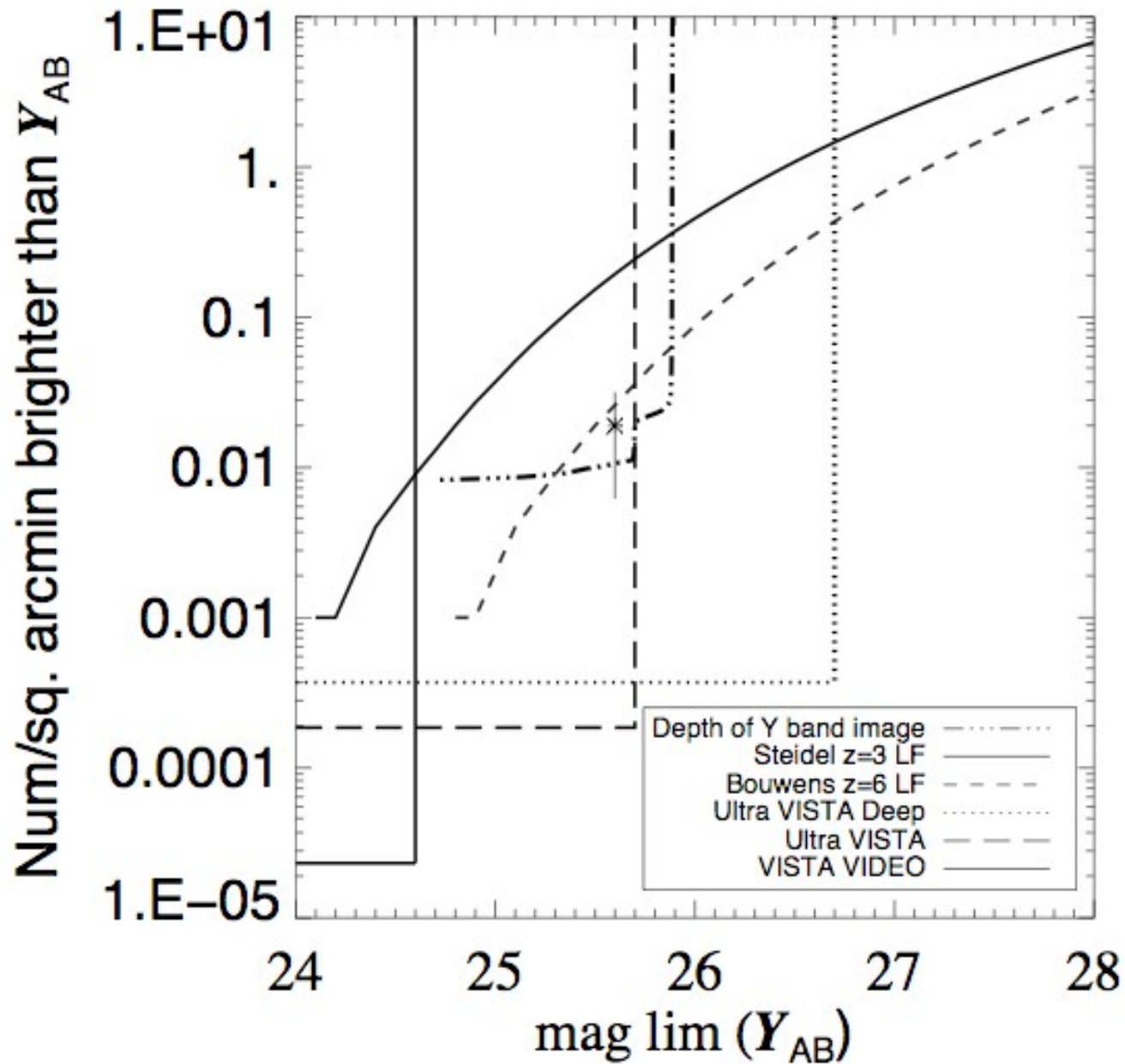
Very blue colours - different IMF? No dust? Low metallicity?
 Bunker et al. (2010) MNRAS



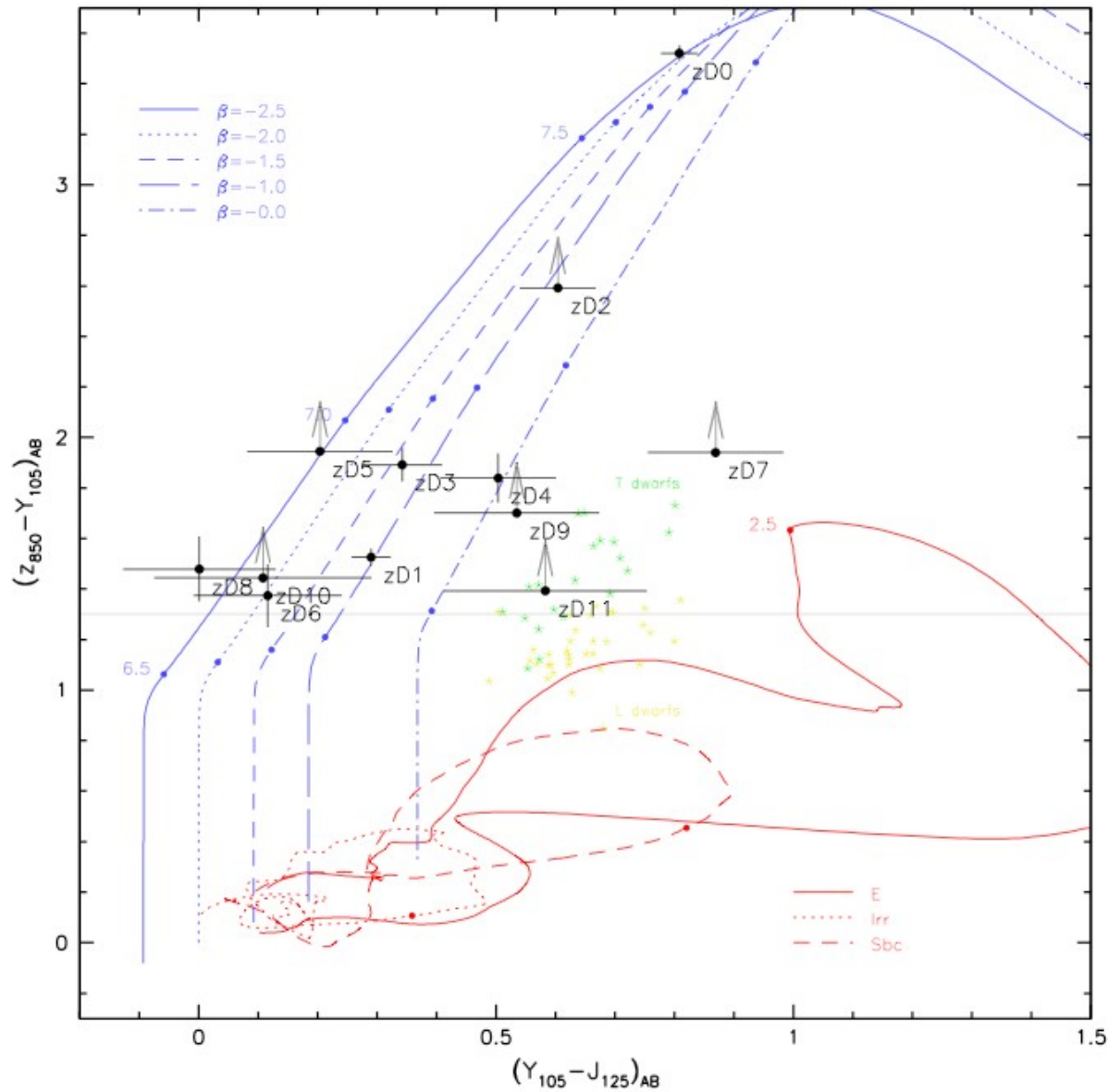
Hickey, Bunker, Jarvis, Chiu & Bonf eld (2010 MNRAS):

z-band dropout candidates in GOODS-South from HAWK-I

The next-step: finding galaxies at $z > 7$ to explore stellar pops



ESO/VLT
HAWK-I
Y-band: look
for z-band
dropouts
At $z > 7$
Samantha
Hickey,
A. Bunker,
Matt Jarvis
et al. (2010)
MNRAS



Bunker et al (2009) - HST/WFC3 near-IR imaging of the HUDF