

An Overview of Our Research Activities:  
**Observing Galaxies in Wide x Deep Optics & IR**

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# Our Members in FY2024

- Total of 13 members including 8 students
- Conducting wide variety of researches on observational cosmology/galaxy formation



# Subaru



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# HETDEX



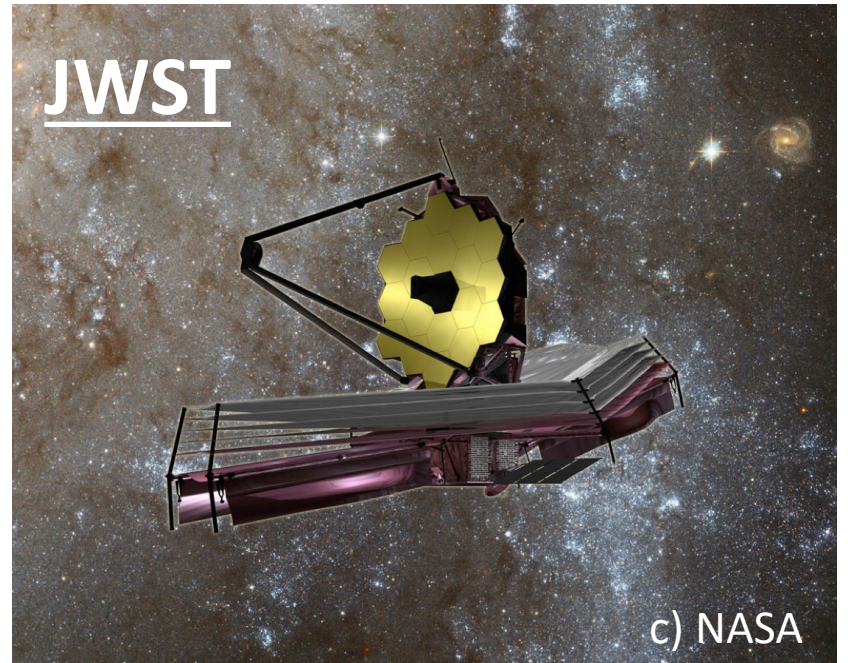
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# ALMA



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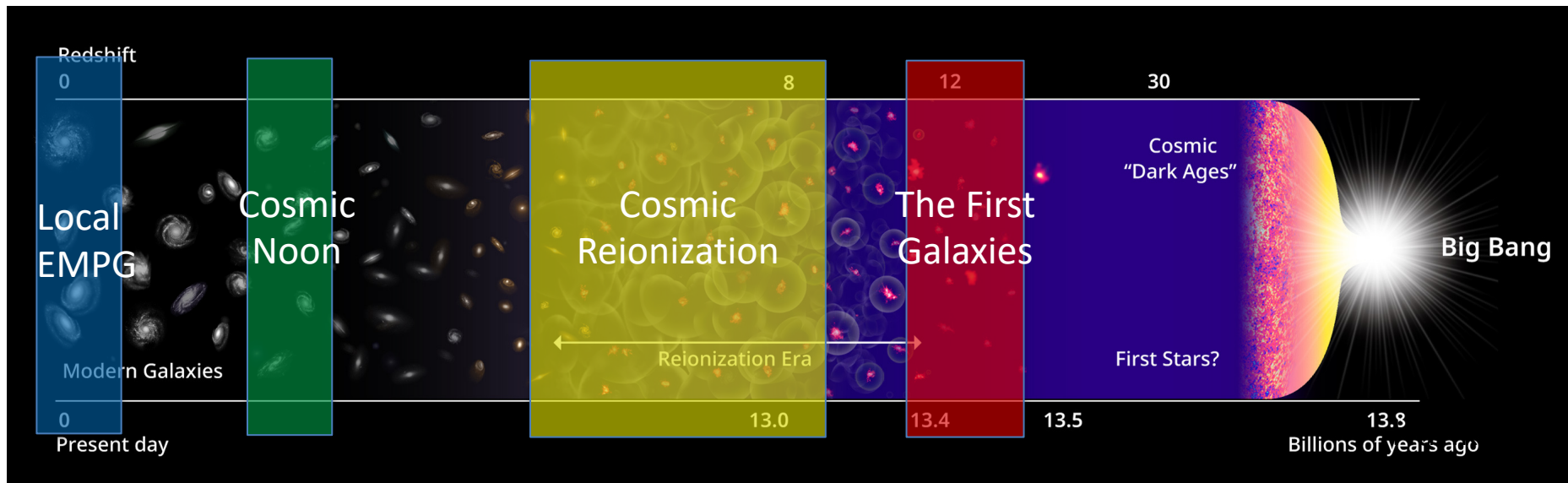
# JWST



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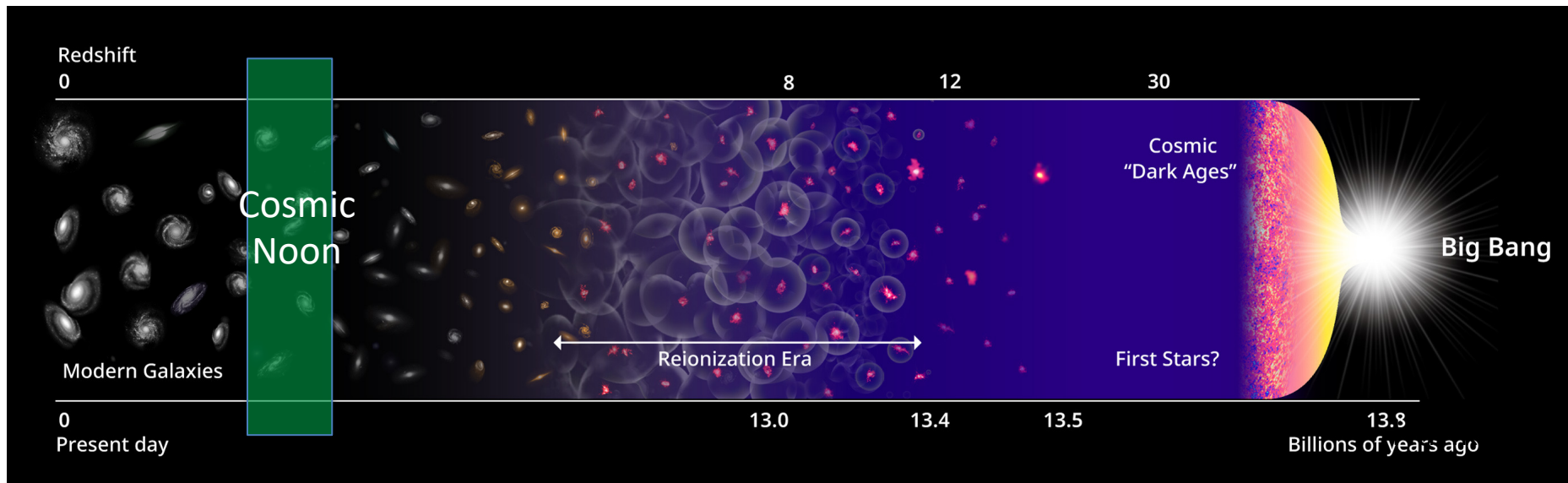
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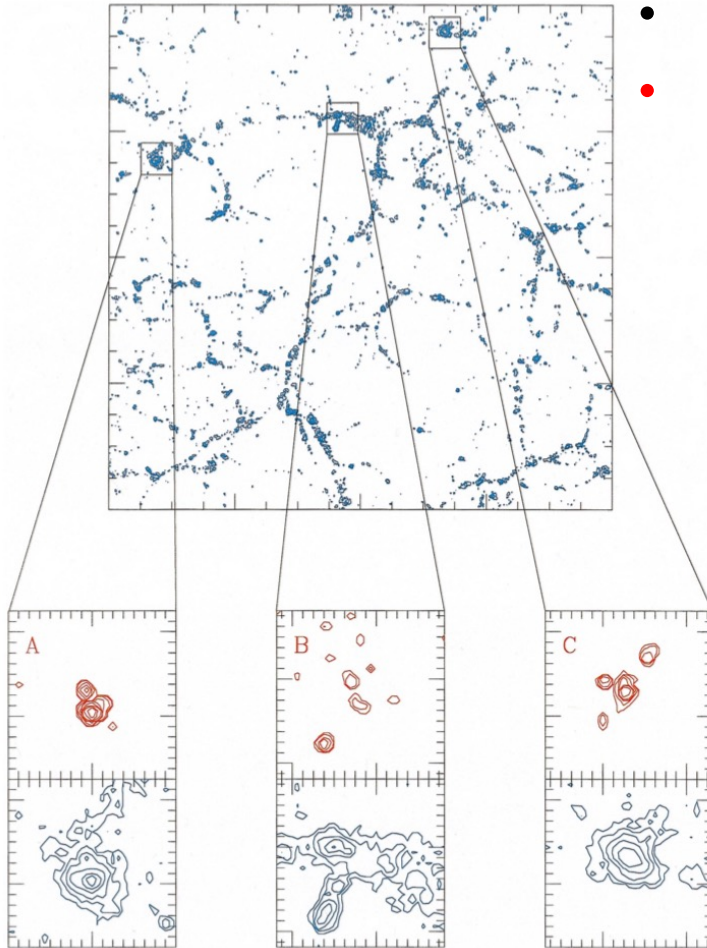
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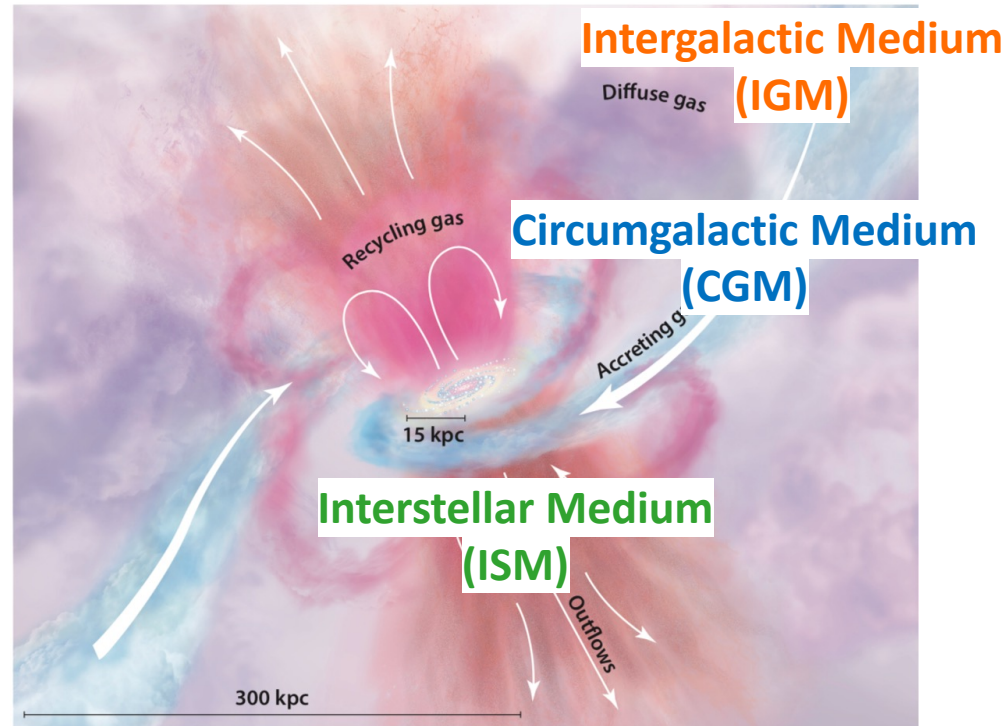


# Structure Formation and Evolution

- Galaxy preferentially form in cosmic nodes
- **Gas-Galaxy interplay** is critical in galaxy formation and evolution



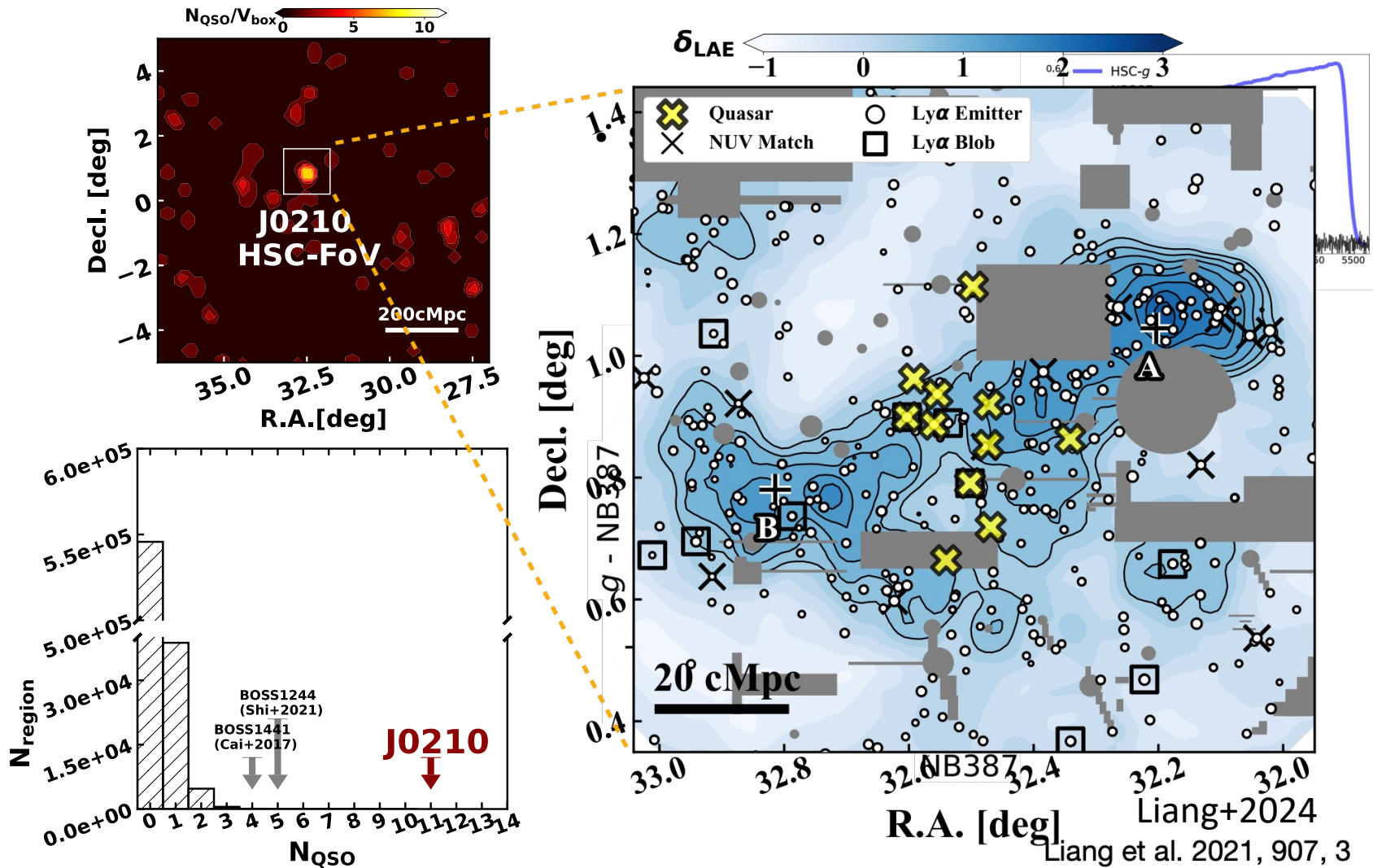
Cen & Ostriker 2000  
(simulation)



Tumlinson+2017

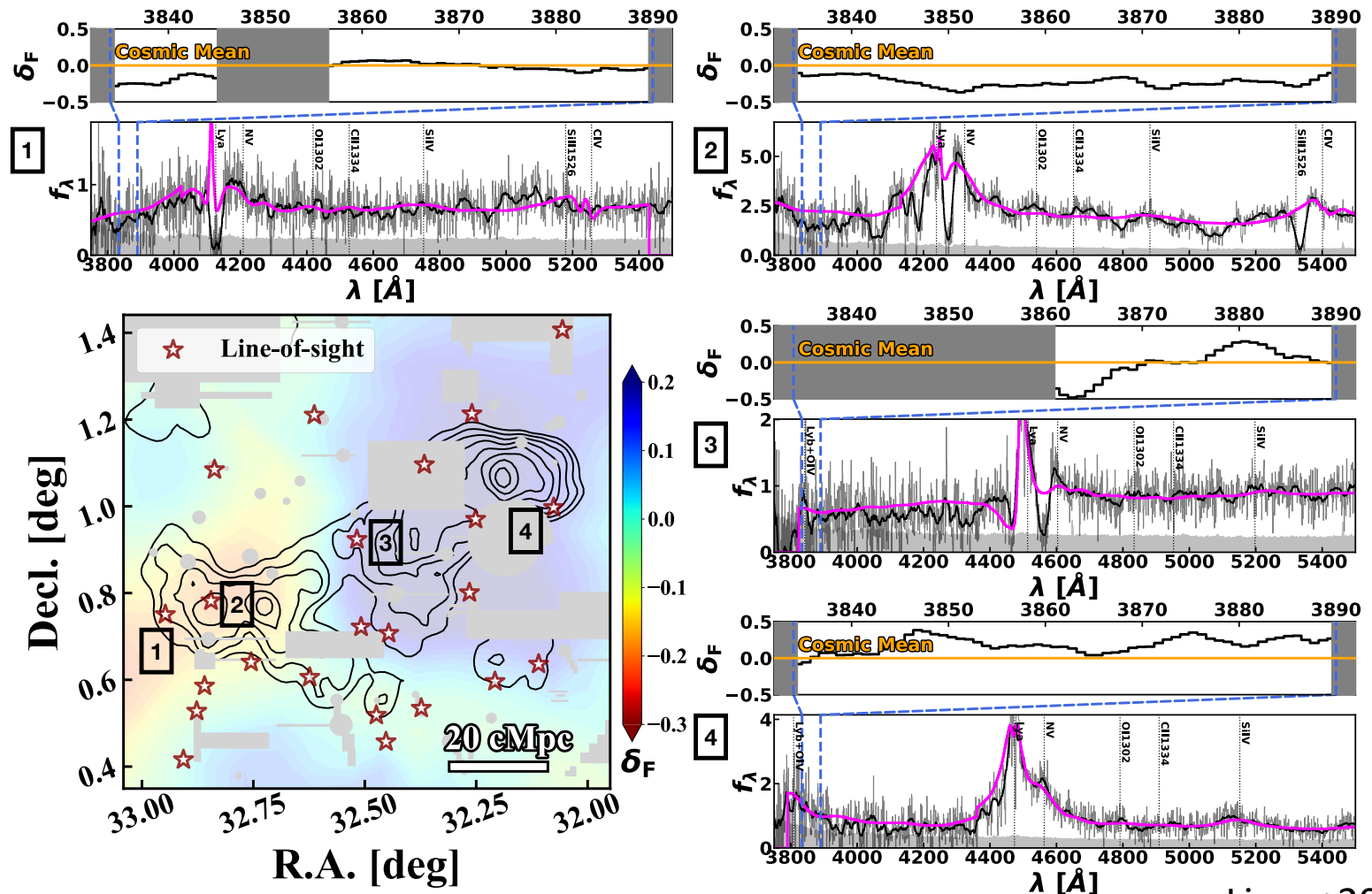
# The Densest QSOs at $z \sim 2$

- QSO overdensity of 30x the cosmic mean (at  $17\sigma$ )
- With spatial offset to galaxies – Ly $\alpha$  emitters mapped by Subaru/HSC



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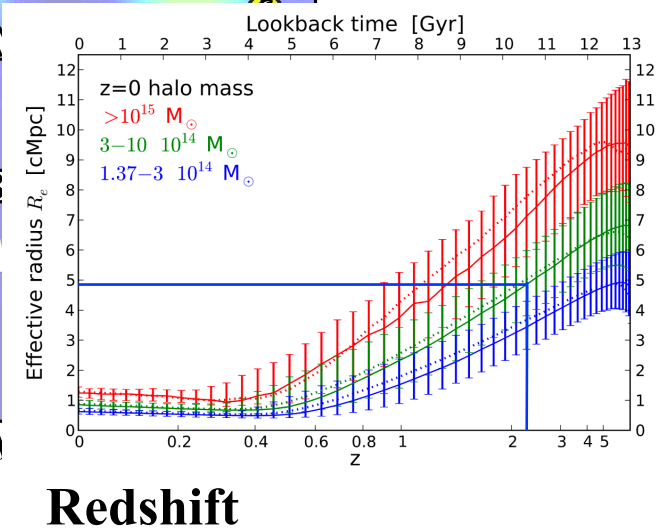
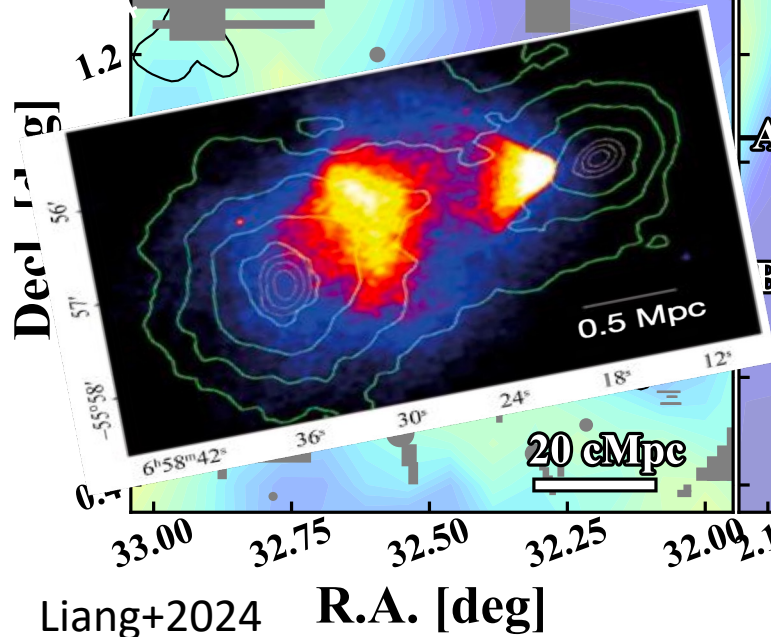
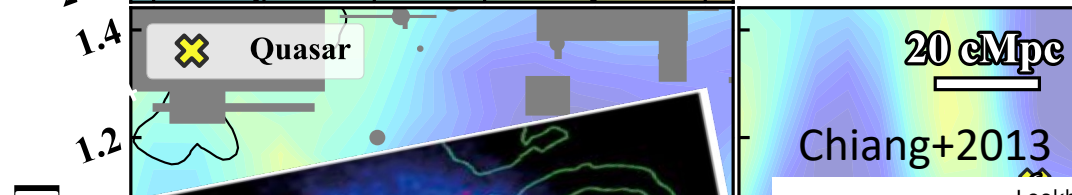
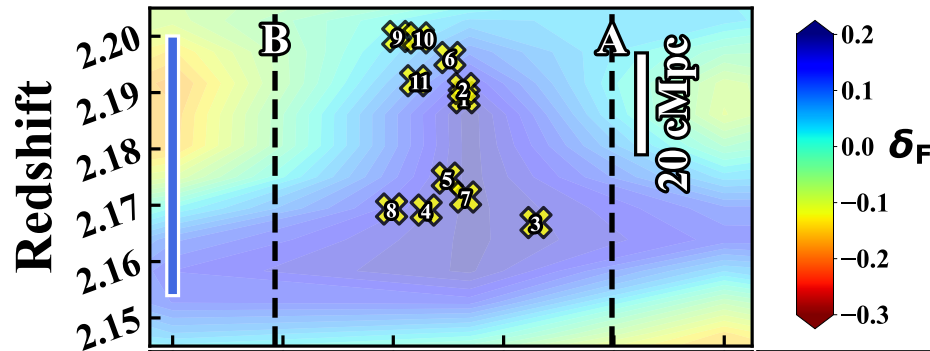
- Reconstruct IGM tomography using spectra of background quasars.
- A bimodal ionizing structure is identified.





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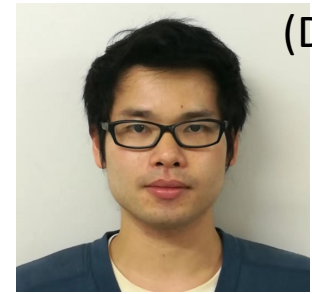
- An extreme protocluster with preheating IGM/rich dust?
- A progenitor of cluster merger in the local universe?



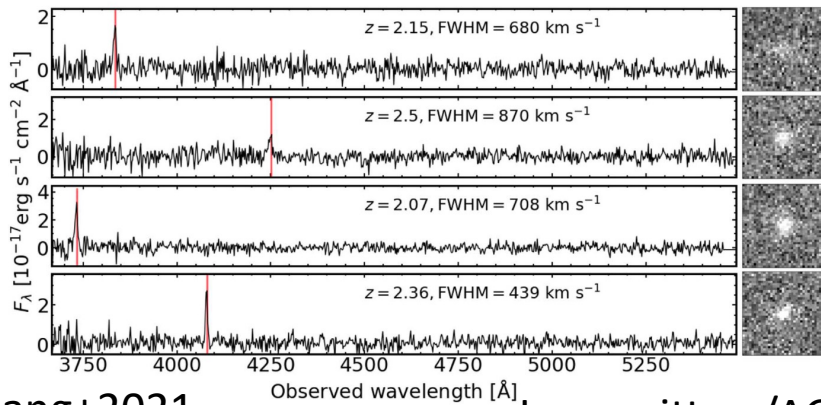
Cosmic  
Himalayas

# Galaxy-IGM correlation at $z \sim 2$

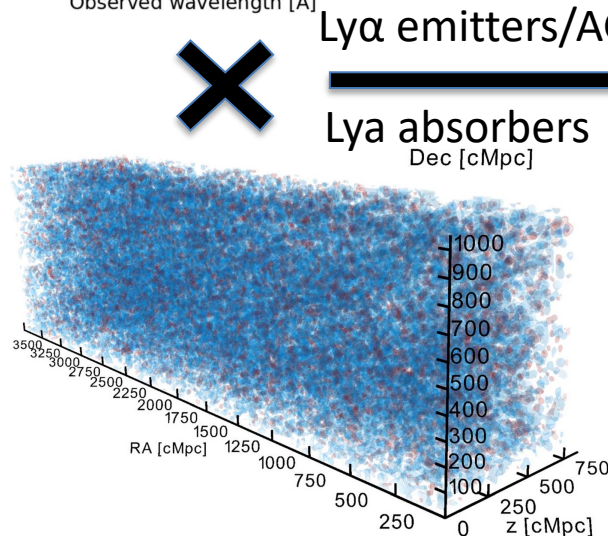
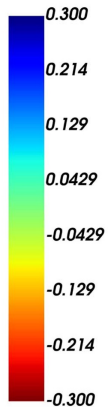
Sun, Dongsheng  
(D3)



- Galaxies & AGNs from HETDEX (3D spec) + SDSS quasars in the bg.
- Ionization + gravitational well.

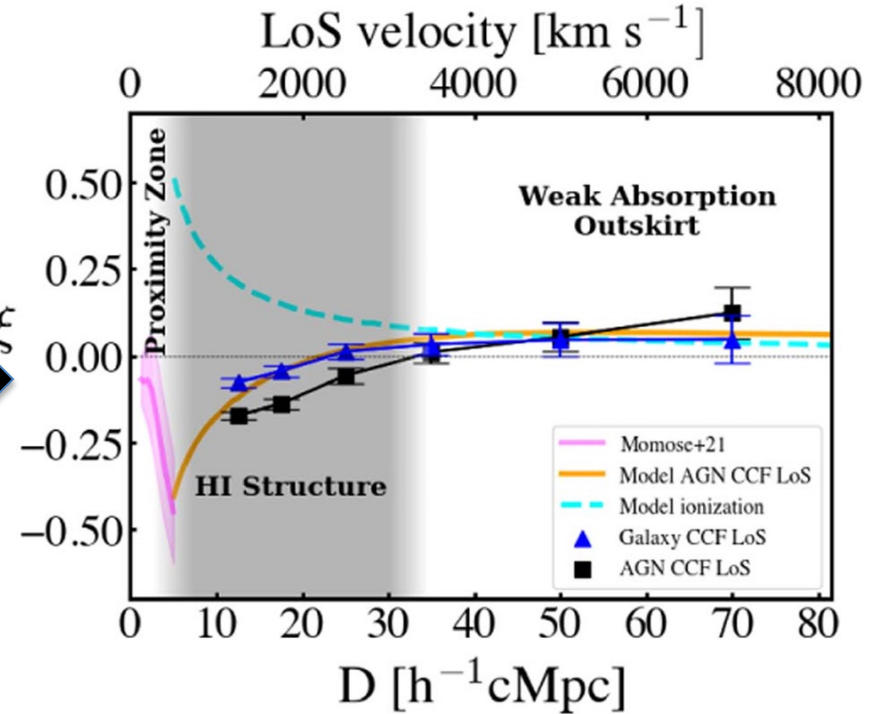


Zhang+2021



Ly $\alpha$  emitters/AGNs:  $D\xi$

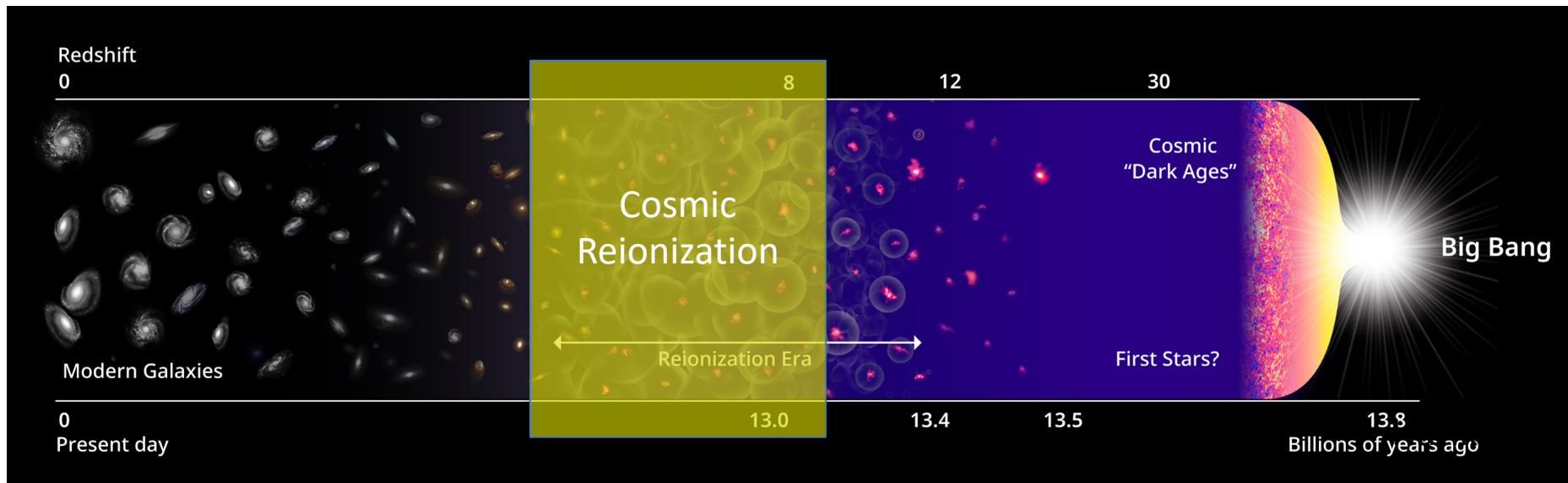
Ly $\alpha$  absorbers  
Dec [cMpc]



Sun+2023

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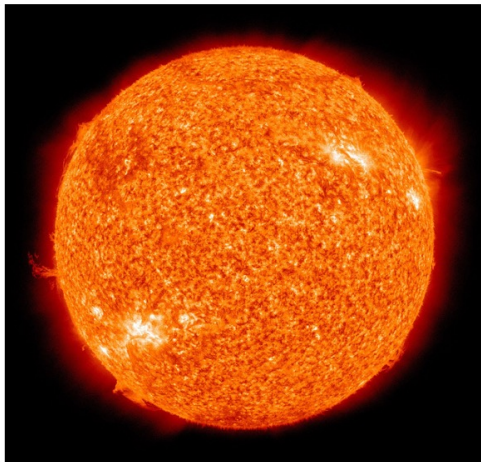
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# Distance Galaxies are...

- Faint: 25-30 magnitudes,  $\times 10^{10}$  fainter than Sirius
- Red: due to redshift  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = (1+z) \times \lambda_{\text{int}}$ 
  - Hubble space telescope: up to 1.6 $\mu\text{m}$  ( $z \sim 11$ )
- **Need a large infrared telescope  $\rightarrow$  JWST**

Sun -27 mag



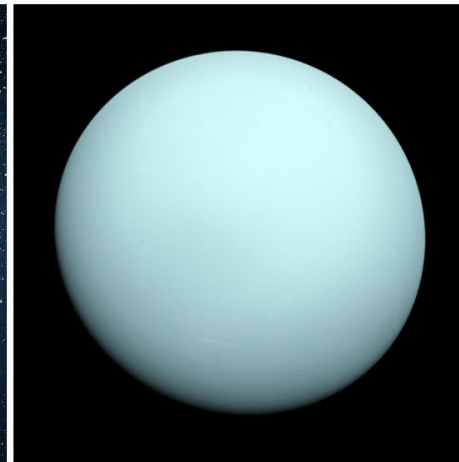
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Sirius -1 mag



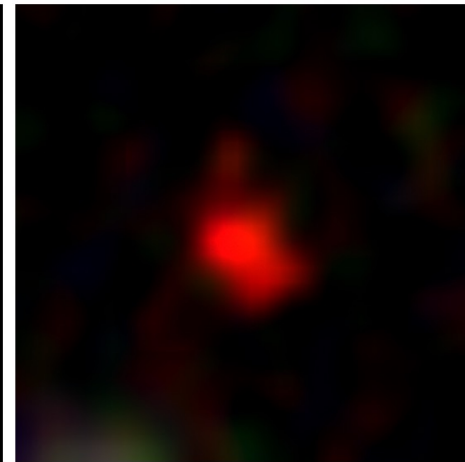
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Uranus 6 mag



(NASA)

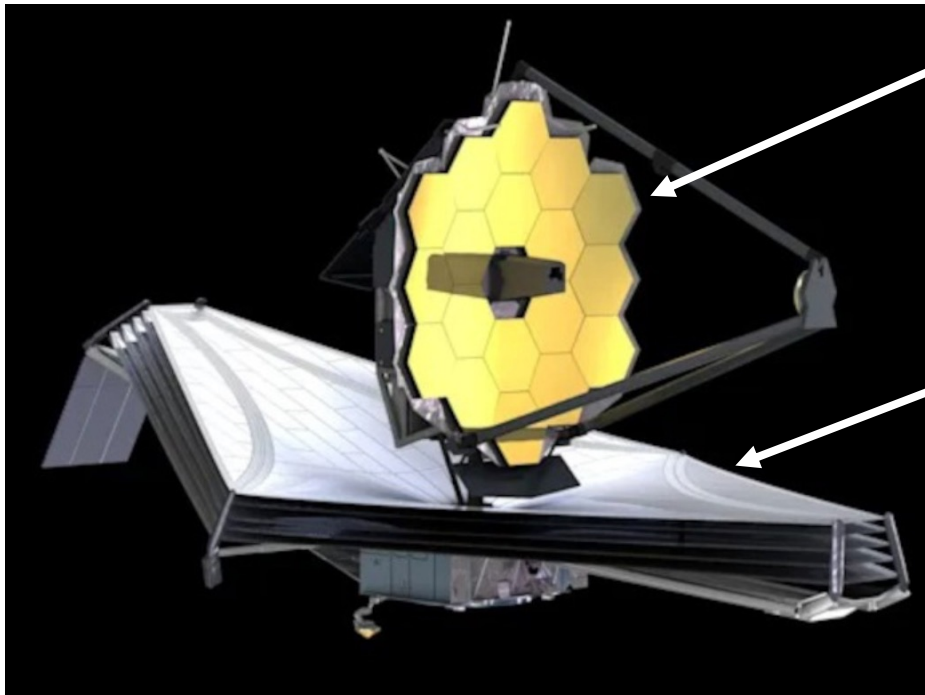
Distant galaxy  
25 mag



(Harikane et al.)

# James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)

- Infrared telescope with 6.5m-diameter mirror
  - Hubble: 2.4m
  - Launch on 2021 Dec. 25th, first data on 2022 July 12th

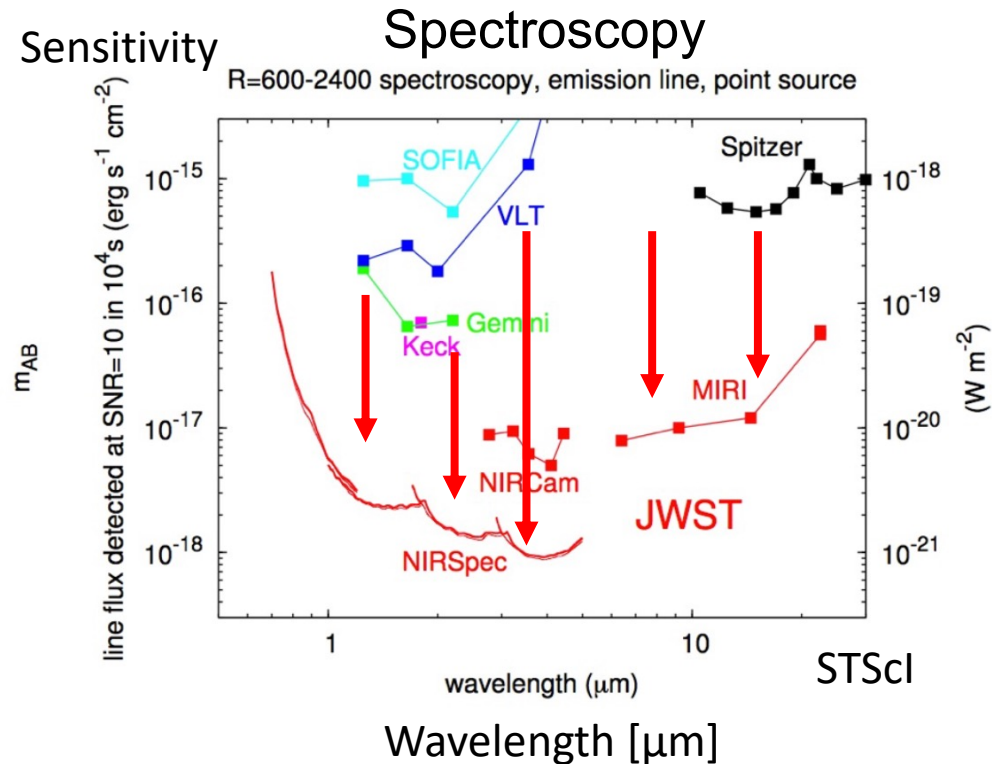
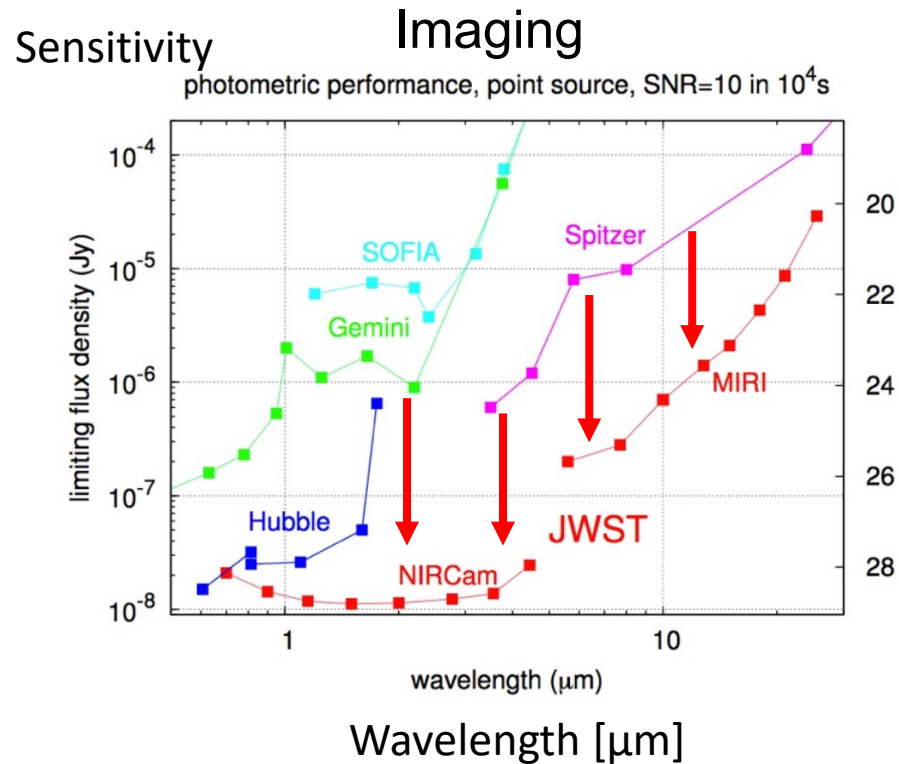


**Main mirror** (6.5m-diameter)  
Combination of 18 segment mirrors  
Gold-coated

**Sun-shield**  
Keeping 40 K by shielding sunlight

# Comparison with Other Telescopes

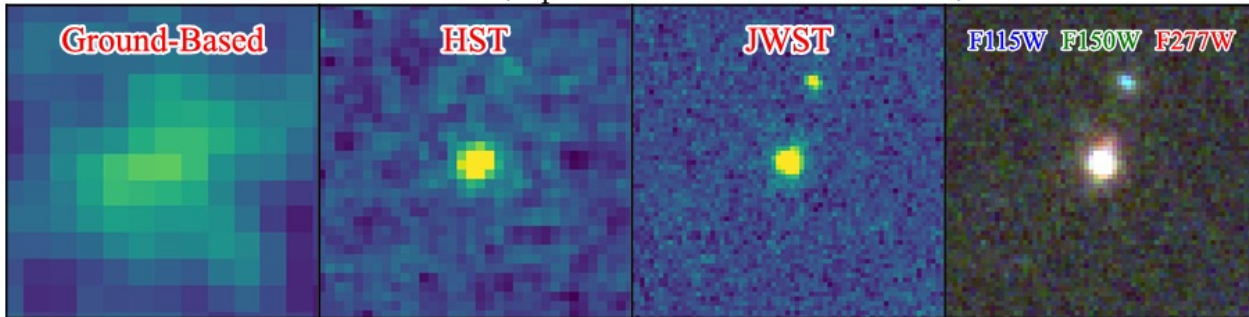
- Sensitivity improved by x10-1000 at infrared



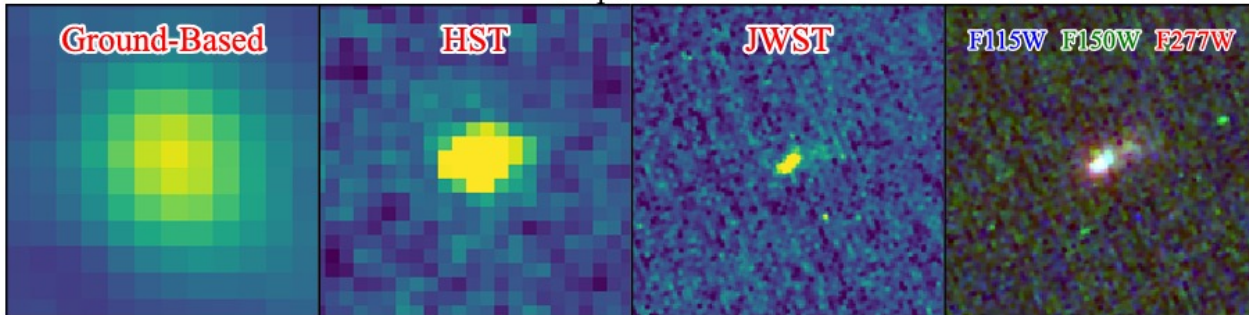
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- Spatial resolution by from 0.6" @ground to <0.1"

COS-zs7-1 ( $z_{\text{spec}}=7.154$ ,  $M_{\text{UV}}=-21.9$ )



UVISTA-238225 ( $z_{\text{spec}}=6.982$ ,  $M_{\text{UV}}=-22.4$ )

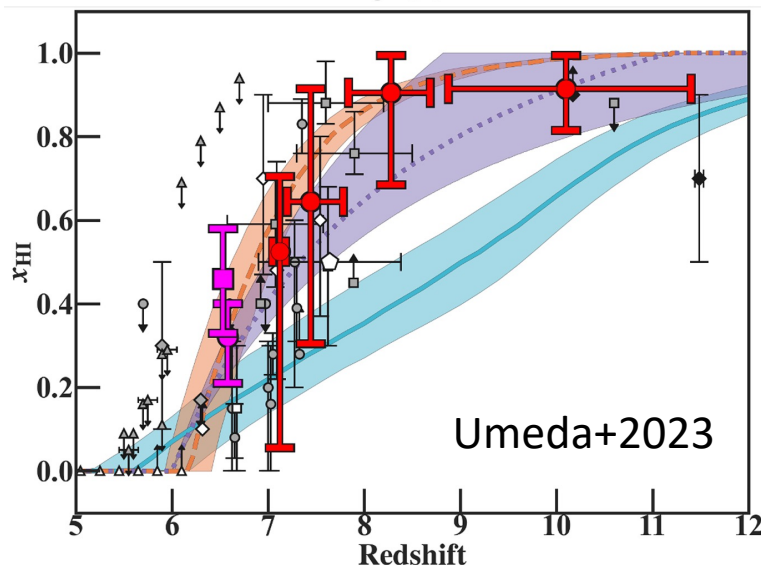
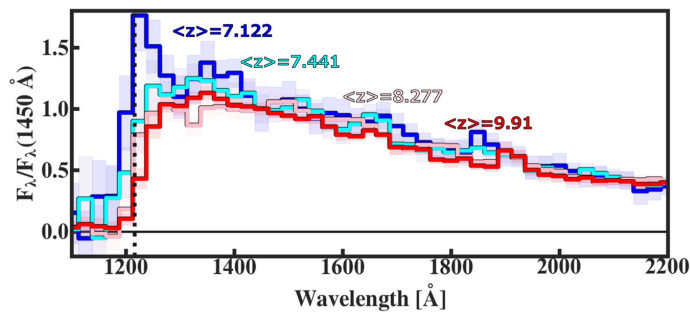
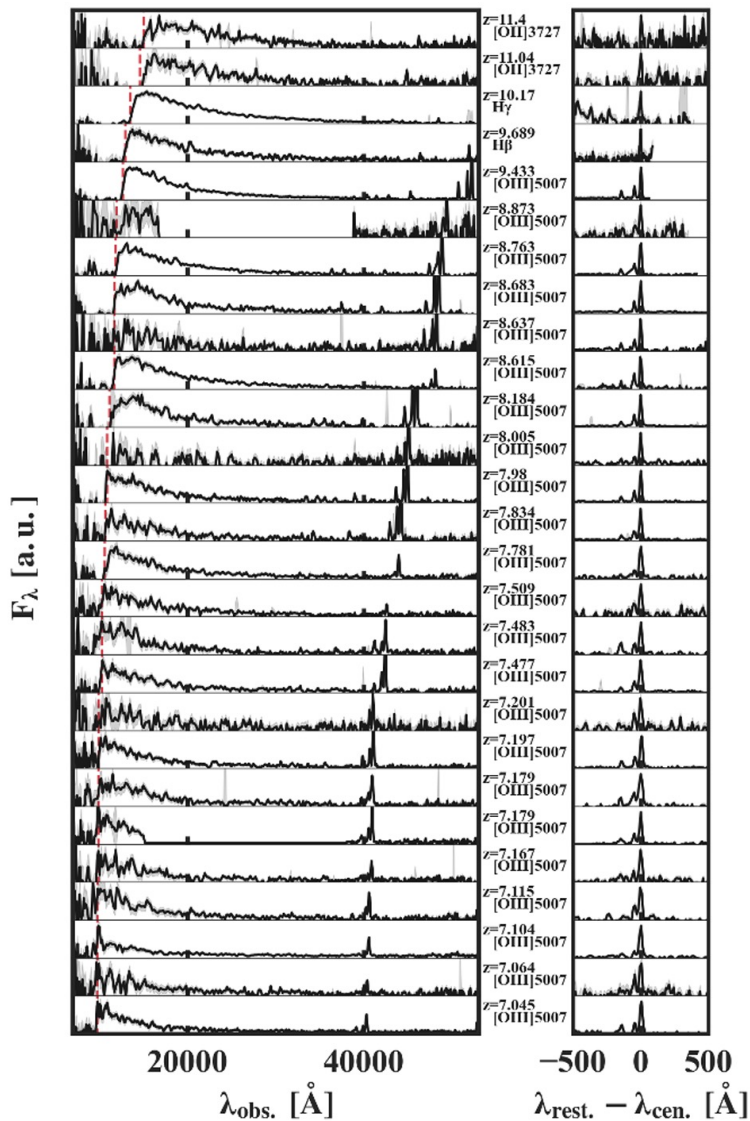


# HI Fraction at $z=7-12$ Obtained by Ly $\alpha$ Damping Wing Absorption

- Stack galaxies with luminous continua detected by JWST
- The first constraint of  $X_{\text{HI}}$  beyond  $z=7$ .



Umeda, Hiroya (D2)



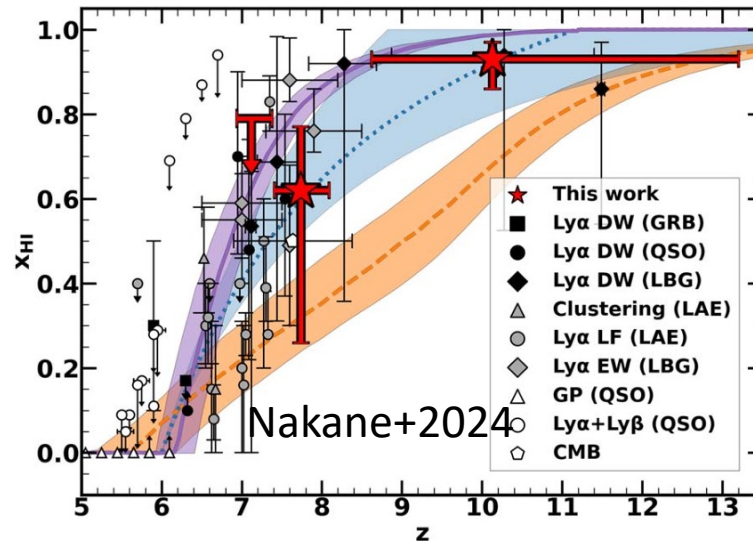
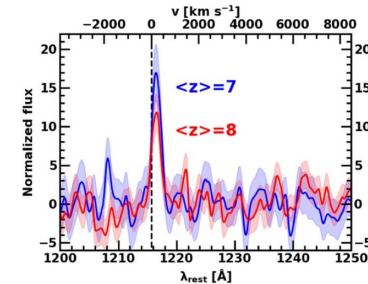
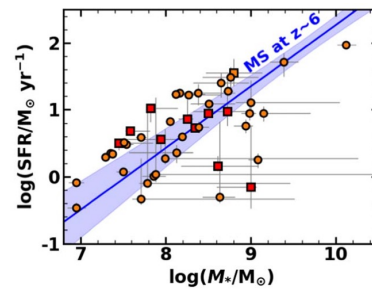
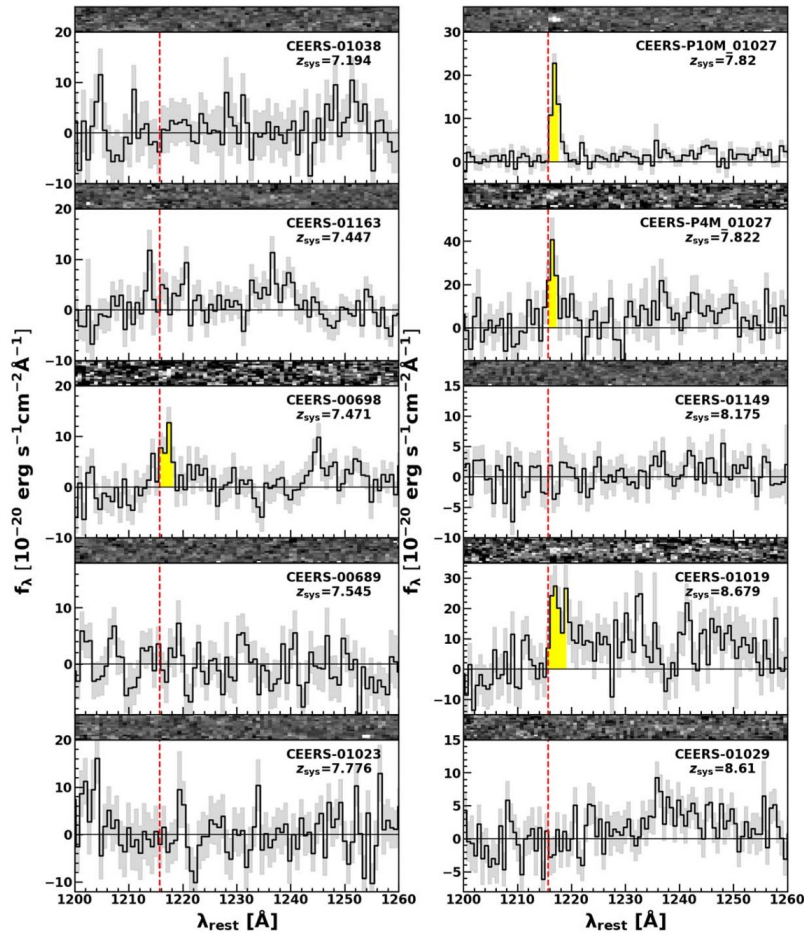


# HI Fraction at $z=7-13$ Obtained by Ly $\alpha$ Equivalent Width

Nakane, Minami (M2)



- Stack galaxies with Ly $\alpha$  emission detected by JWST
- Clear indication of a late cosmic reionization.

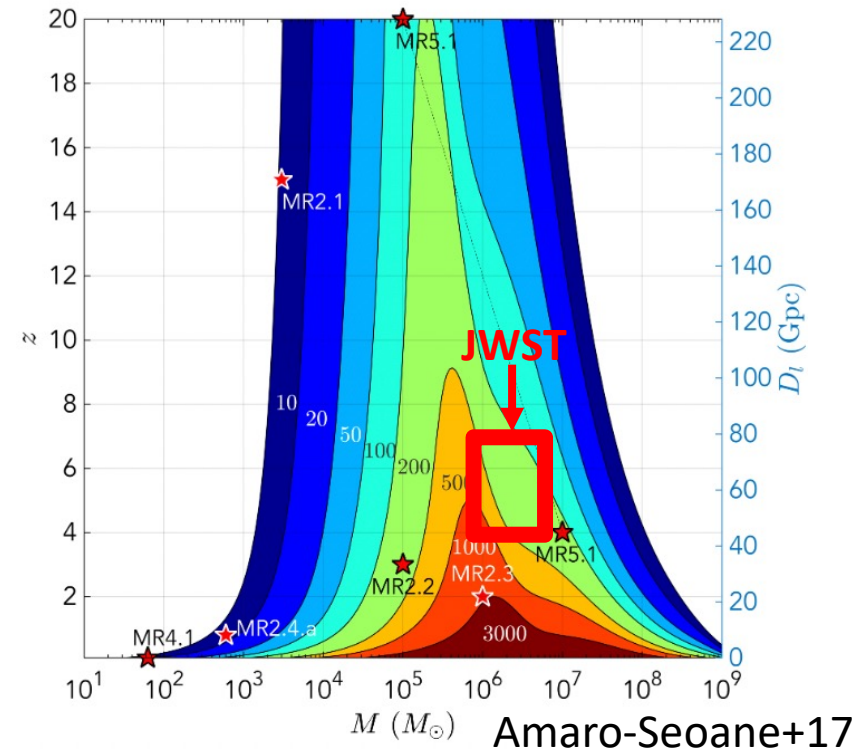
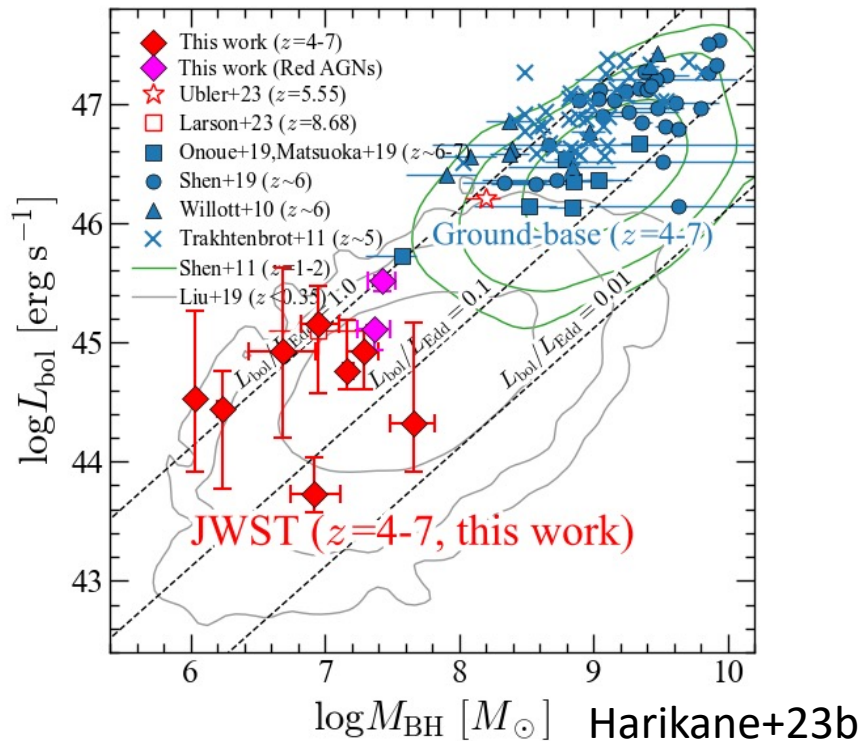


# Many AGNs at $z > 4$ !



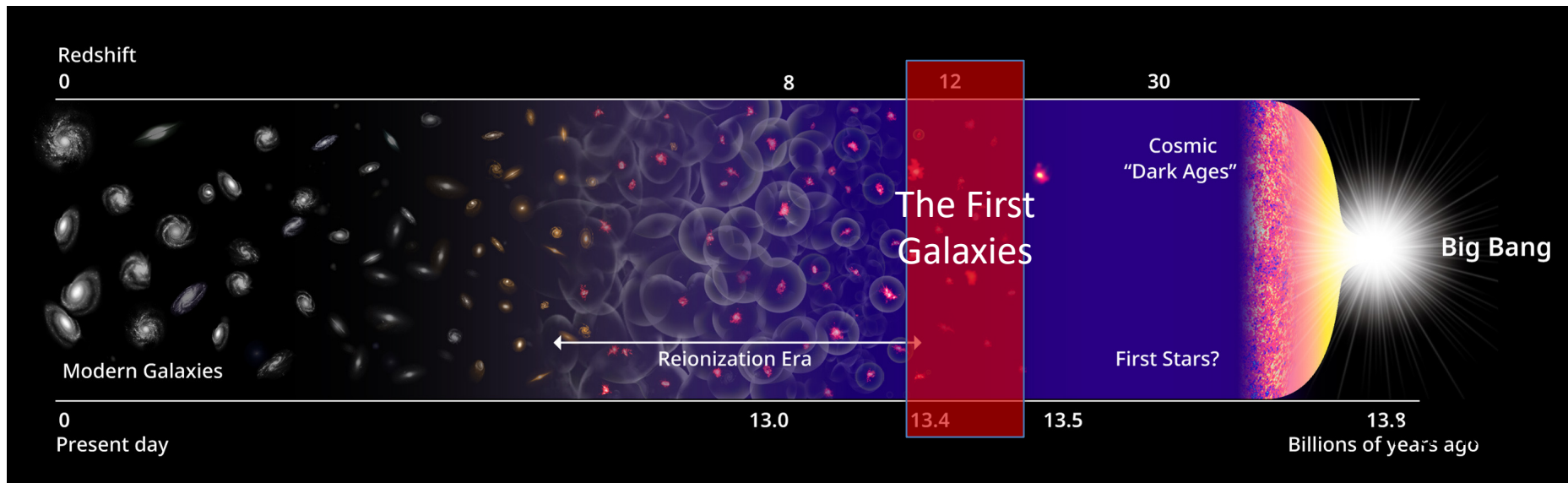
Harikane, Yuichi  
(Assistant Prof.)

- $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^6 - 10^7 M_{\text{sun}}$  higher than  $z \sim 0$   $M_* - M_{\text{BH}}$  relation
  - Significantly lower  $M_{\text{BH}}$  than quasars at  $z > 4$
  - BH-BH binary of these BHs can be detected with LISA?



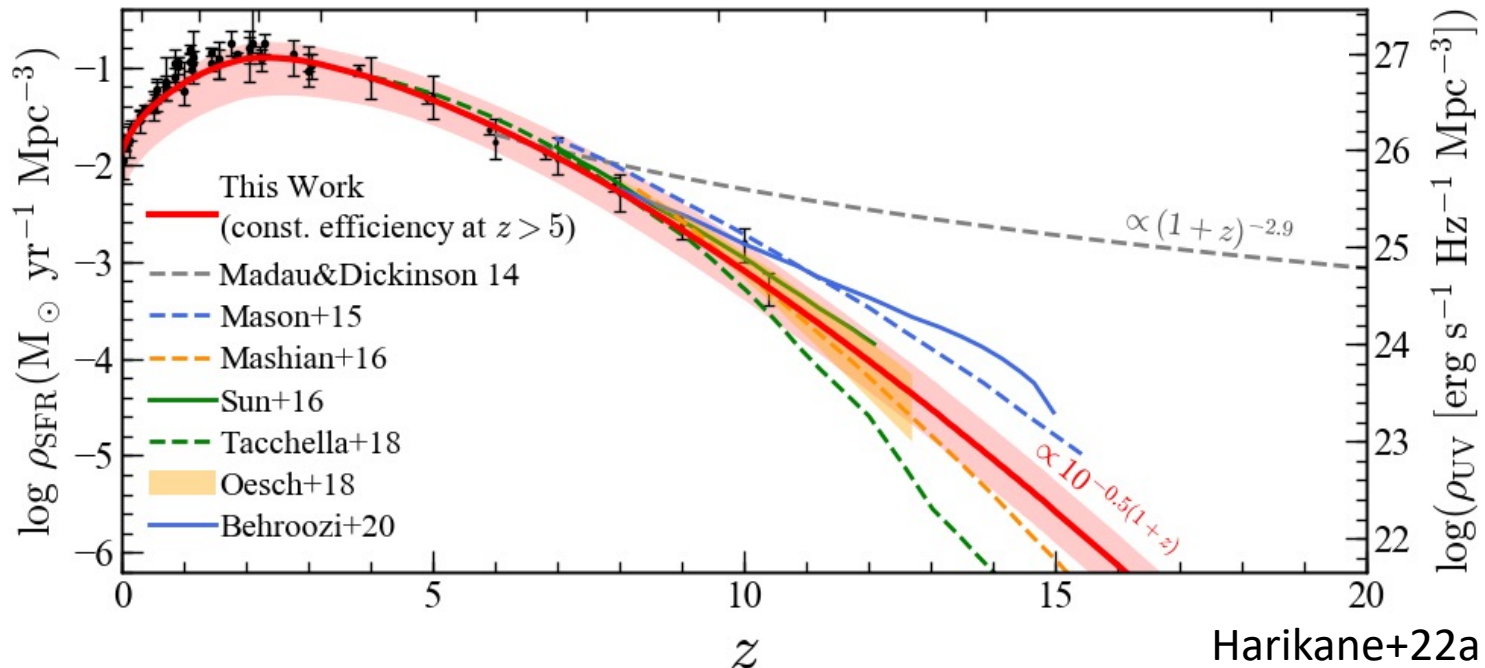
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# Cosmic Star Formation Rate Density

- SFR density evolution at  $z \sim 0-10$ 
  - HST results (e.g., Bouwens+15, Finkelstein+15)
- **Constant star formation efficiency** model (SFR/( $dM_h/dt$ )
  - Reproducing evolution at  $z=0-10$ ,  $10^{-0.5(1+z)}$  at  $z > 10$



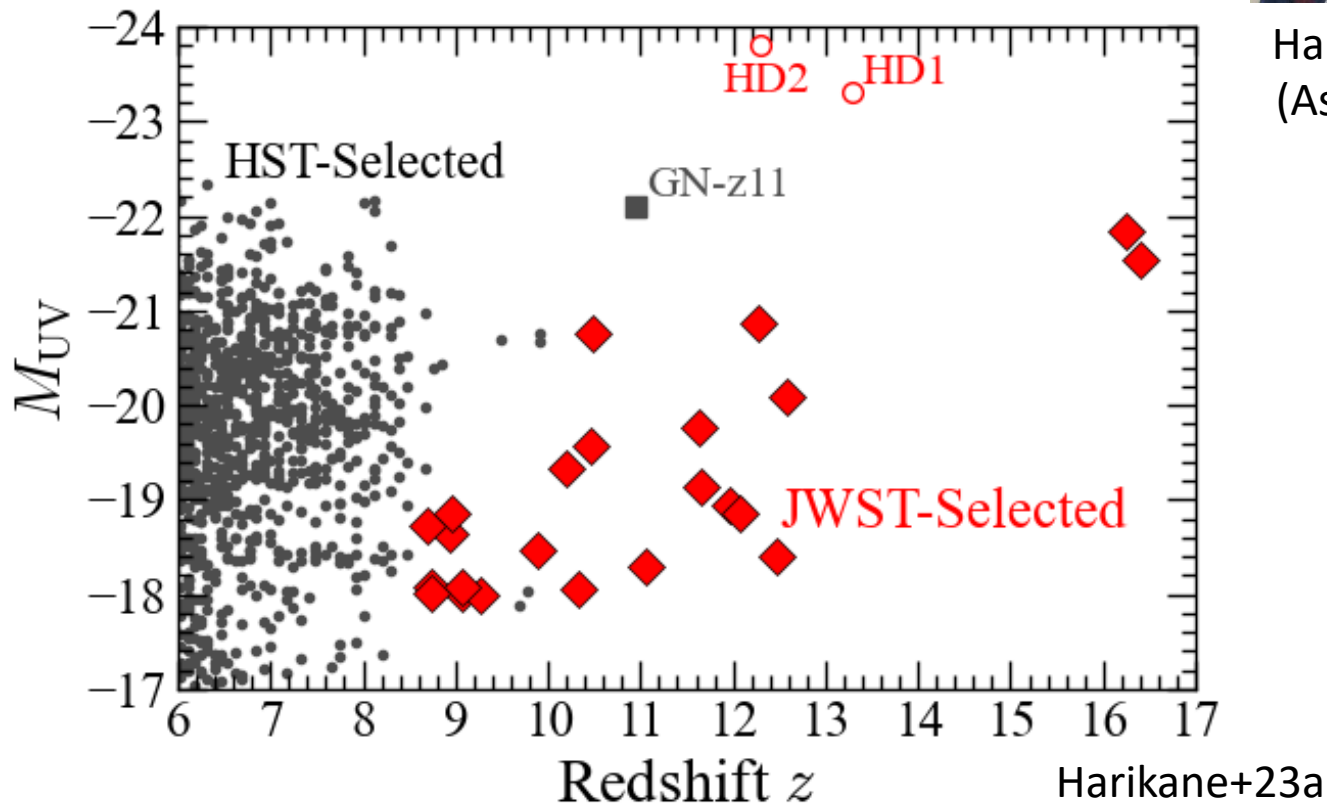
See also e.g., Madau+14, Bouwens+15,20, Mason+15, Tacchella+18,...

# JWST Galaxy Sample at $z \sim 9-16$

- A total of 23 galaxy candidates at  $z \sim 9-16$ 
  - 90 arcmin<sup>2</sup> from ERO+ERS NIRCам images
  - Lyman break color selection + photo- $z$

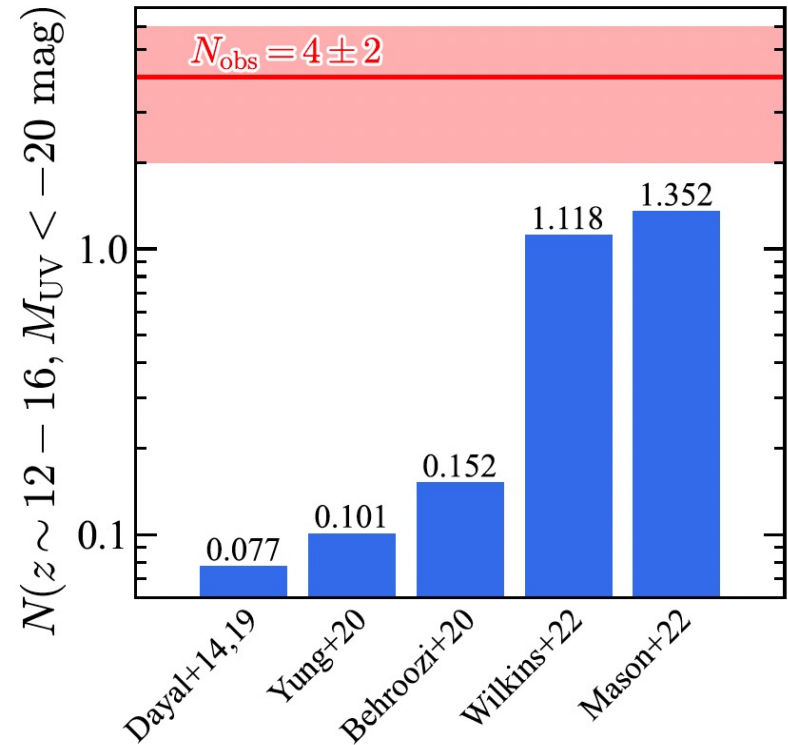
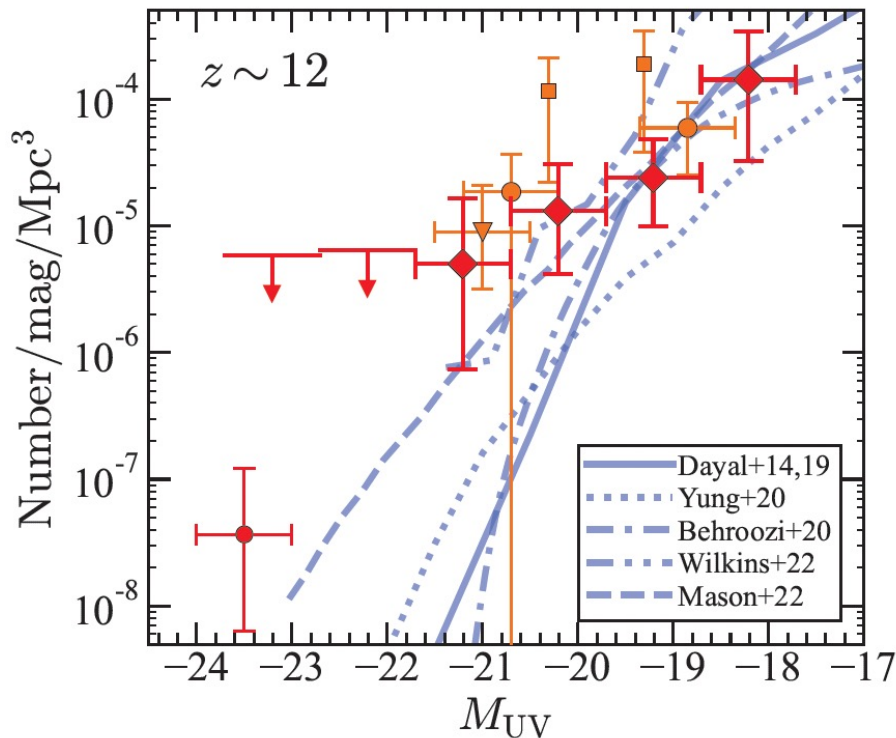


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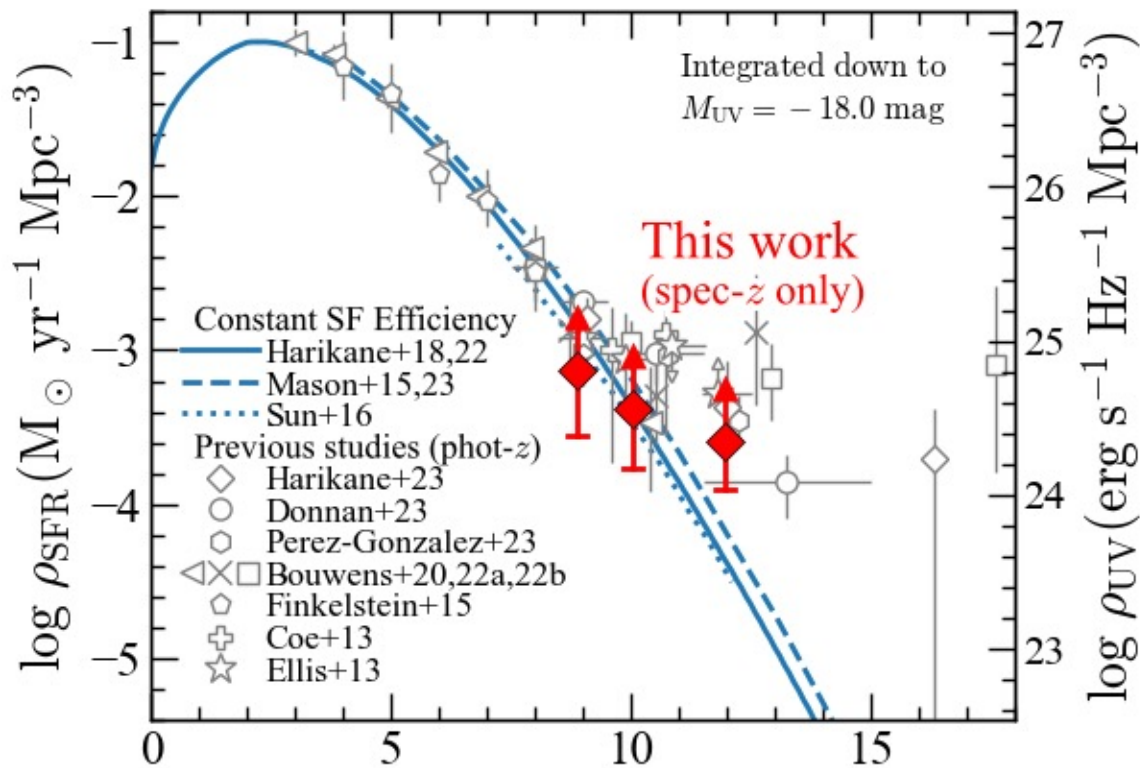
# Comparison with Models

- Surprisingly larger number of galaxies than models
  - Tension between models and observations



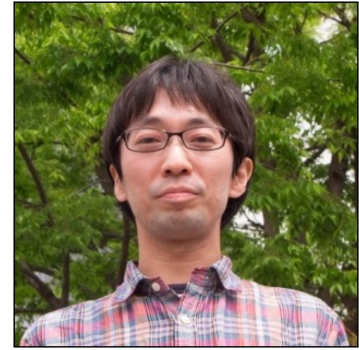
# Spec-z Cosmic SFR Density at z=9-12

- UV→SFR:  $SFR(M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = \mathcal{K}_{UV} L_{UV}(\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1})$ .  
 $\mathcal{K}_{UV} = 1.15 \times 10^{-28} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1} / (\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1})$
- Tension with constant efficiency models at z>10

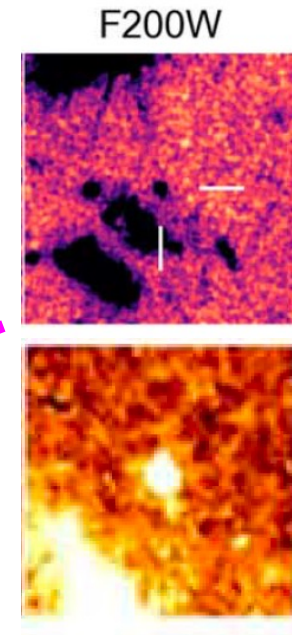
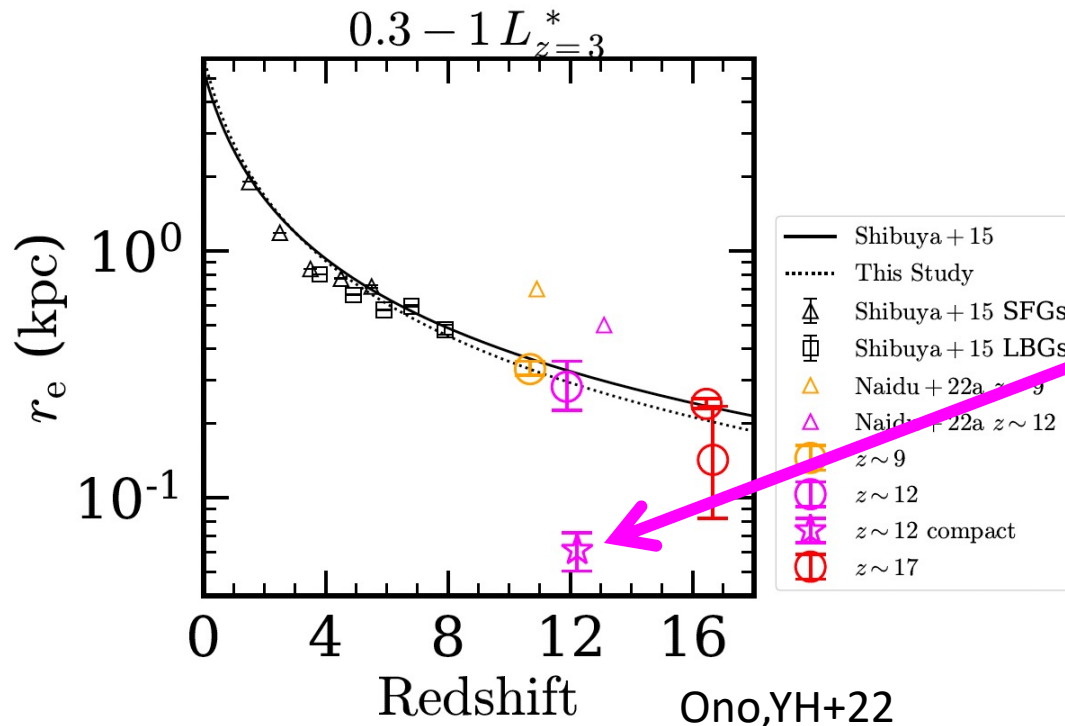


# Size of $z > 10$ Galaxies

- $R_e = 200\text{-}300$  pc w/ Sersic index = 1-1.5 (disk)
  - Consistent w/ size evolution at  $z=9\text{-}16$  w/  $(1+z)^{-1.2}$
- GL-z12-1 is very compact ( $r_e = 60$  pc)
  - Why this galaxy is so compact?



Ono, Yoshiaki  
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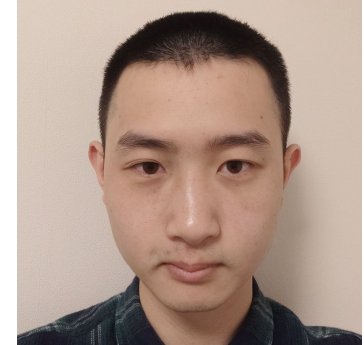


Naidu+22

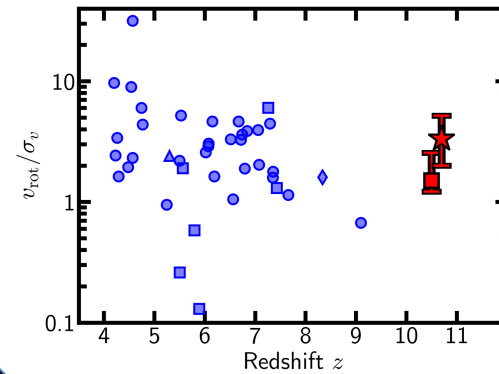
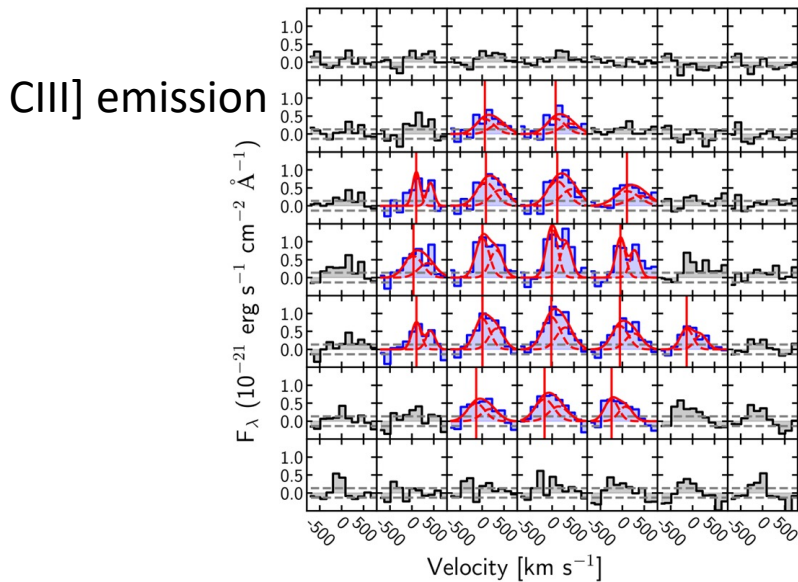
Castellano+22



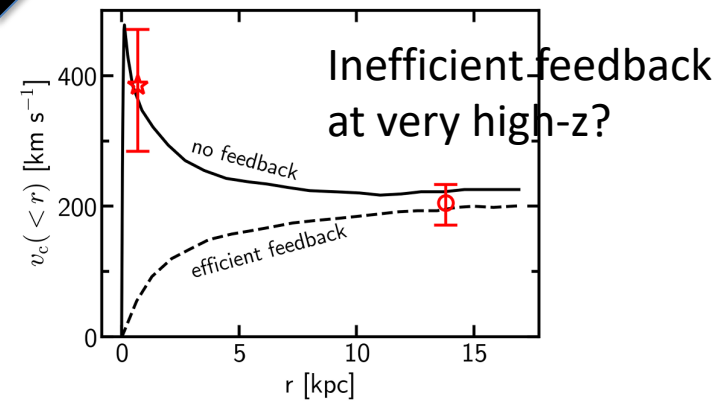
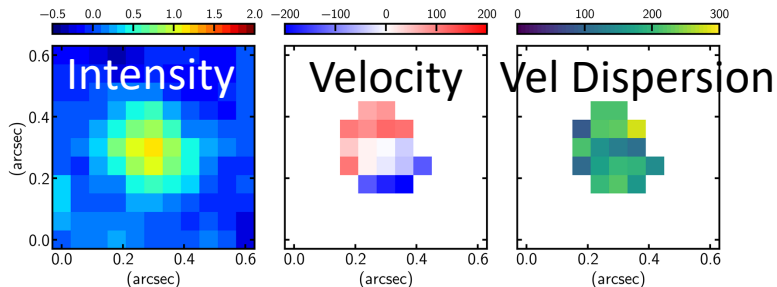
# Dynamics of GN-z11



- Dynamics of the most luminous  $z > 11$  galaxy, mapped by JWST/NIRSpec IFU observation (res $\sim 0.1''$ )



Xu, Yi (D2)



Inefficient feedback at very high- $z$ ?

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