

High-Redshift Predictions and Early Results from the Frontier Fields

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MACSJ0416.1-2403
Frontier Fields + SN + CLASH
deep ACS + WFC3/IR imaging

Hubble has observed galaxy evolution over 13 billion years

Hubble Sequence

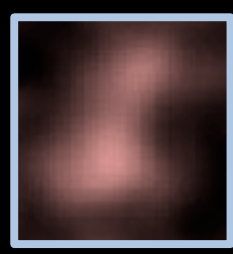
Elliptical

Spiral

Irregular, Starburst

Clump clusters, chains

Single clump?
 $r \lesssim 100$ pc



Abell S0740
Blakeslee

M74
Chandar

Antennae
Whitmore

in CANDELS
 $z = 2.05$
Wuyts12
3 Gyr

A1689-zD1
 $z \sim 7.8$
Bradley08
650 Myr

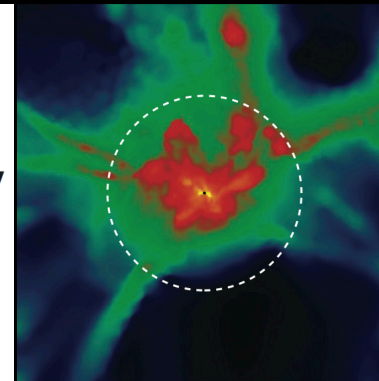
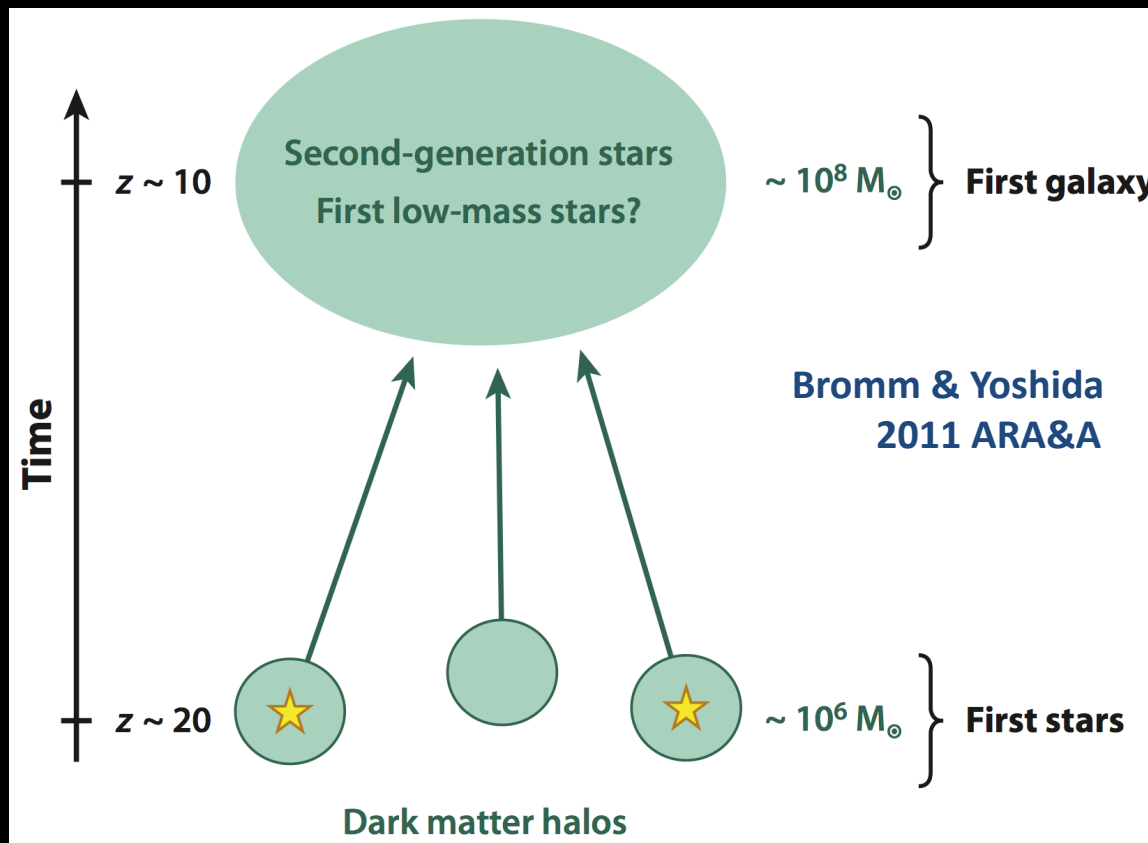
in CLASH
MACS0647-JD
 $z \sim 10.8$
Coe13
420 Myr

time
←

all images from Hubble

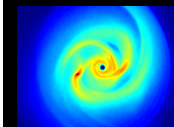
Frontier questions about galaxy evolution

- When did the first galaxies form? $z \sim 10$ (465 Myr)
– 30 (100 Myr)



Greif et al.
(2010)

Hubble:
 $z < 13$ (325 Myr)



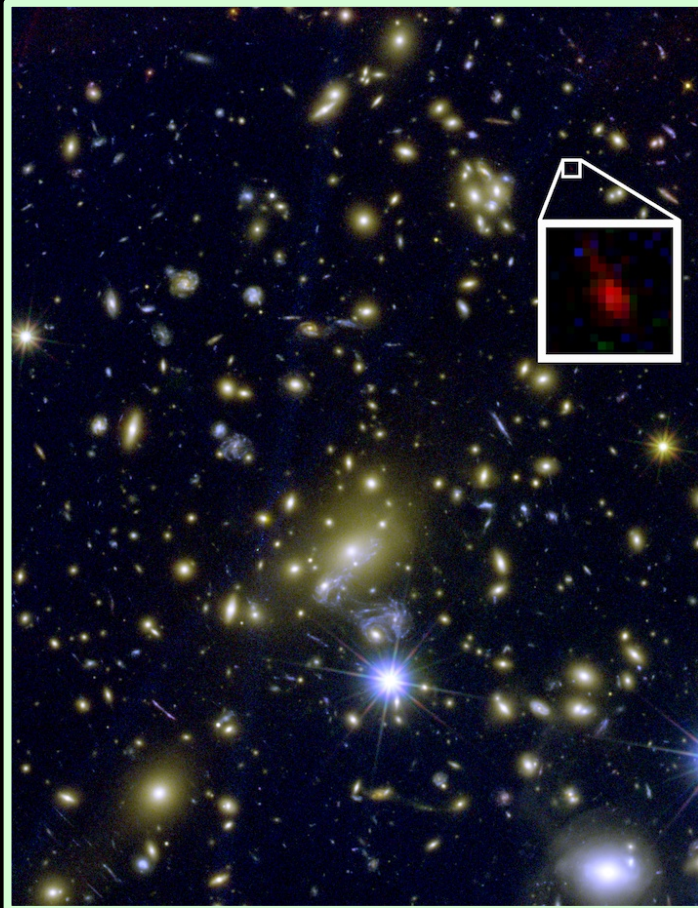
Clark et al.
(2011)

Frontier questions about galaxy evolution

- When did the first galaxies form?
- What were their properties?
- How many were there?
- Did they reionize the universe?

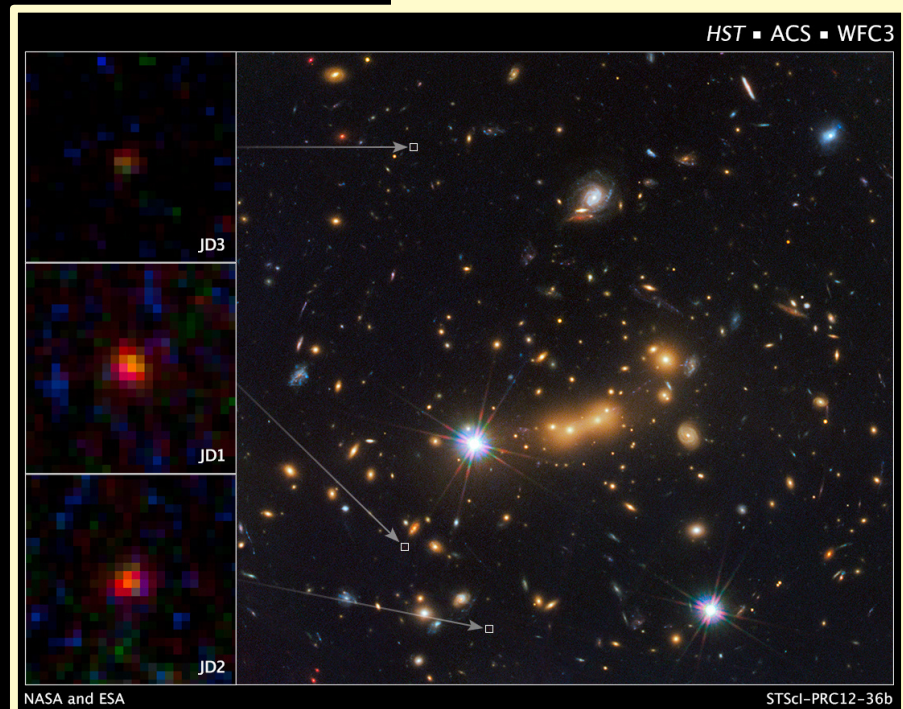


CLASH found two robust candidates in the first 500 Myr



MACS1149-JD
 $z \sim 9.6$ (490 Myr)
 Wei Zheng et al. (2012)
 Nature 489, 406

MACS0647-JD
 $z \sim 10.8$ (420 Myr)
 Dan Coe et al. (2013)
 ApJ 762, 32

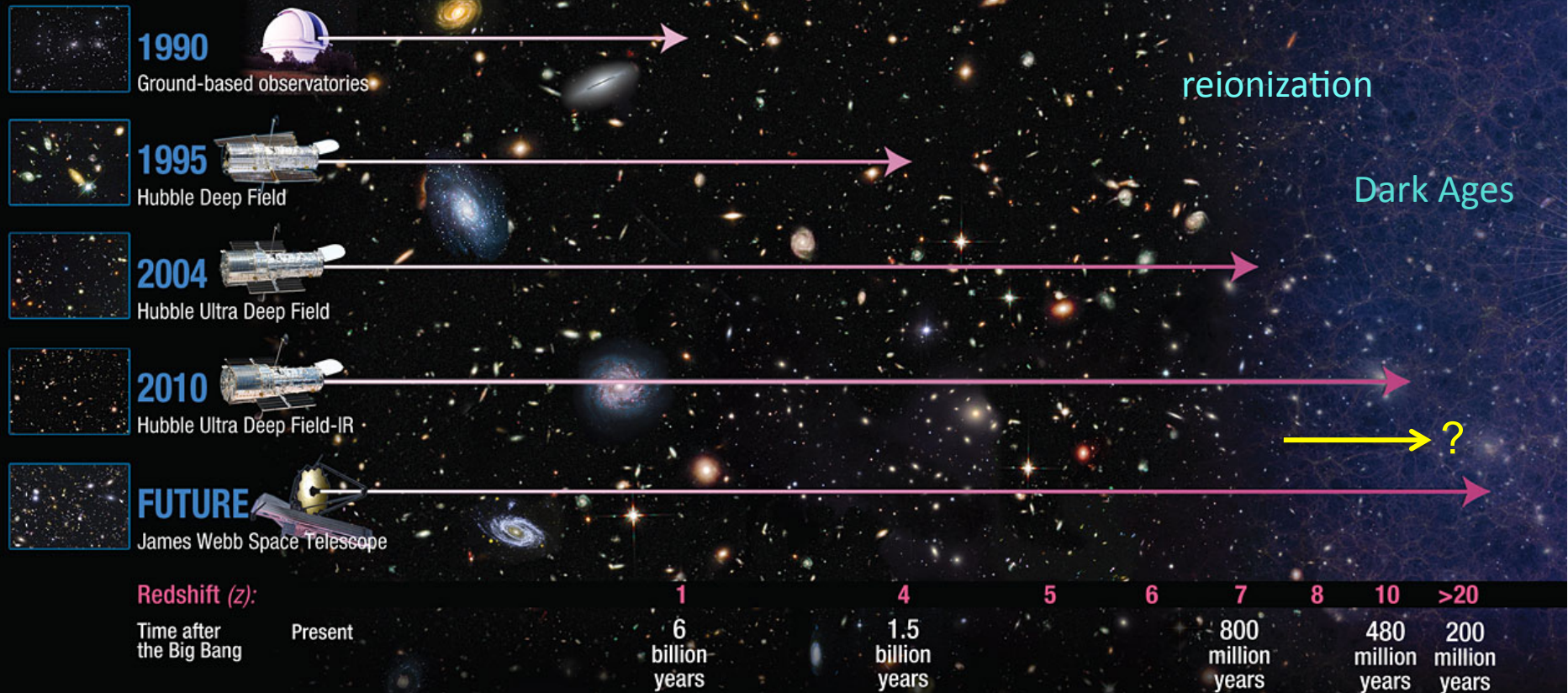


in 2 / 5 “high-magnification” CLASH clusters

How can we improve on the Hubble deep fields before the launch of JWST?

-Matt Mountain
STScI director

Hubble Probes the Early Universe



Coe & Zheng led white paper recommending deep WFC3/IR imaging of strong lensing galaxy clusters

submitted to the HDFI science working group chaired by James Bullock

A Preview of JWST: Measuring Cosmic Evolution from $z \sim 8$ to $z \sim 11$ with Gravitational Lenses

Mapping structure formation in the first 1 billion years of cosmic history is required for a comprehensive understanding of star and galaxy formation. Unlensed sources in this epoch are extremely faint (>28 mag) and are a challenge to observe even with the largest telescopes today. While JWST will reveal this epoch in detail, we can get a jump-start by combining HST's resolution with the gravitational lensing amplification of massive clusters. Current field searches to date have yielded a single $z \sim 10$ candidate, suggesting dramatic evolution in the < 200 Myr between $z \sim 10$ and 8, including an order of magnitude buildup in star formation rate density (SFRD). Searches behind lensing clusters with the CLASH program have yielded two $z \sim 9 - 11$ candidates to date, more consistent with an evolving luminosity function ($dM^*/dz \sim 0.3$) as extrapolated from lower redshifts ($z \sim 4 - 8$) and lensed through our models. However, these results remain uncertain due to small number statistics. A 250-orbit HST survey of 6-10 galaxy clusters, each to a depth of 25-40 orbits (primarily with WFC3/IR), would distinguish between these two scenarios with $>99\%$ confidence. New tests confirm that lens magnification uncertainties are not a primary source of uncertainty. These data will robustly constrain the $z \sim 10$ SFRD and galaxy formation models, providing one of the keys to understanding the source and epoch of reionization.

The buildup of stars from $z \sim 10 - 8$: CLASH observations to date have yielded one lensed candidate each at $z \sim 9.6$ (Zheng12) and 10.7 (Coe12), both with AB mag ~ 26 . This is consistent with (slightly below) expectations of ~ 4 such galaxies based on the observed $z \sim 8$ luminosity function (Bradley12) extrapolated to higher redshifts assuming $dM^*/dz \sim 0.3$ (as observed between $z \sim 4 - 8$) and magnified through our lens models (cropped to the WFC3/IR FOVs and with foreground galaxies masked out). In the field, the single $z \sim 10$ candidate detected to date (Bouwens11) suggests a lower number count density by a factor of \sim six (Oesch12). The implication from this latter work is that SFRD increased by an order of magnitude over the ~ 200 Myr between $z \sim 10$ and 8, a greater increase than observed over the following ~ 800 Myr to $z \sim 4$ (Fig. 1). At least one galaxy formation model predicts such a dramatic buildup (Trenti10). However strong observational conclusions are not yet possible given the small number counts.

Ten galaxies at $z \sim 9 - 11$: Based on extrapolations of an evolving luminosity function and the observed lensed number counts in

CLASH, we expect observations one magnitude (6 times) deeper to reveal ~ 10 galaxies at $z \sim 9 - 11$ (Fig. 2). This is conservative with respect to the extrapolation from $z \sim 4 - 8$ (which suggests ~ 20) but optimistic based on the single field $z \sim 10$ candidate (which suggests only ~ 3). The primary goal of these observations is to determine to high confidence (Fig. 3) which of these scenarios is true, placing robust constraints on SFRD at $z \sim 10$ for the first time and providing an important new test for galaxy formation models.

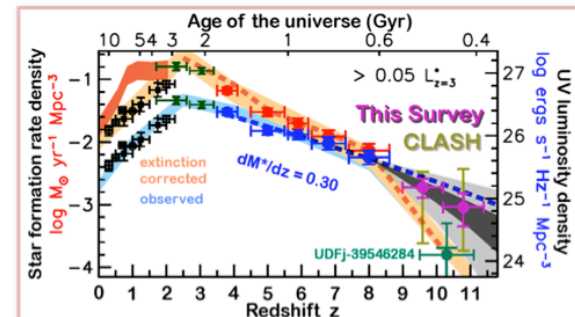
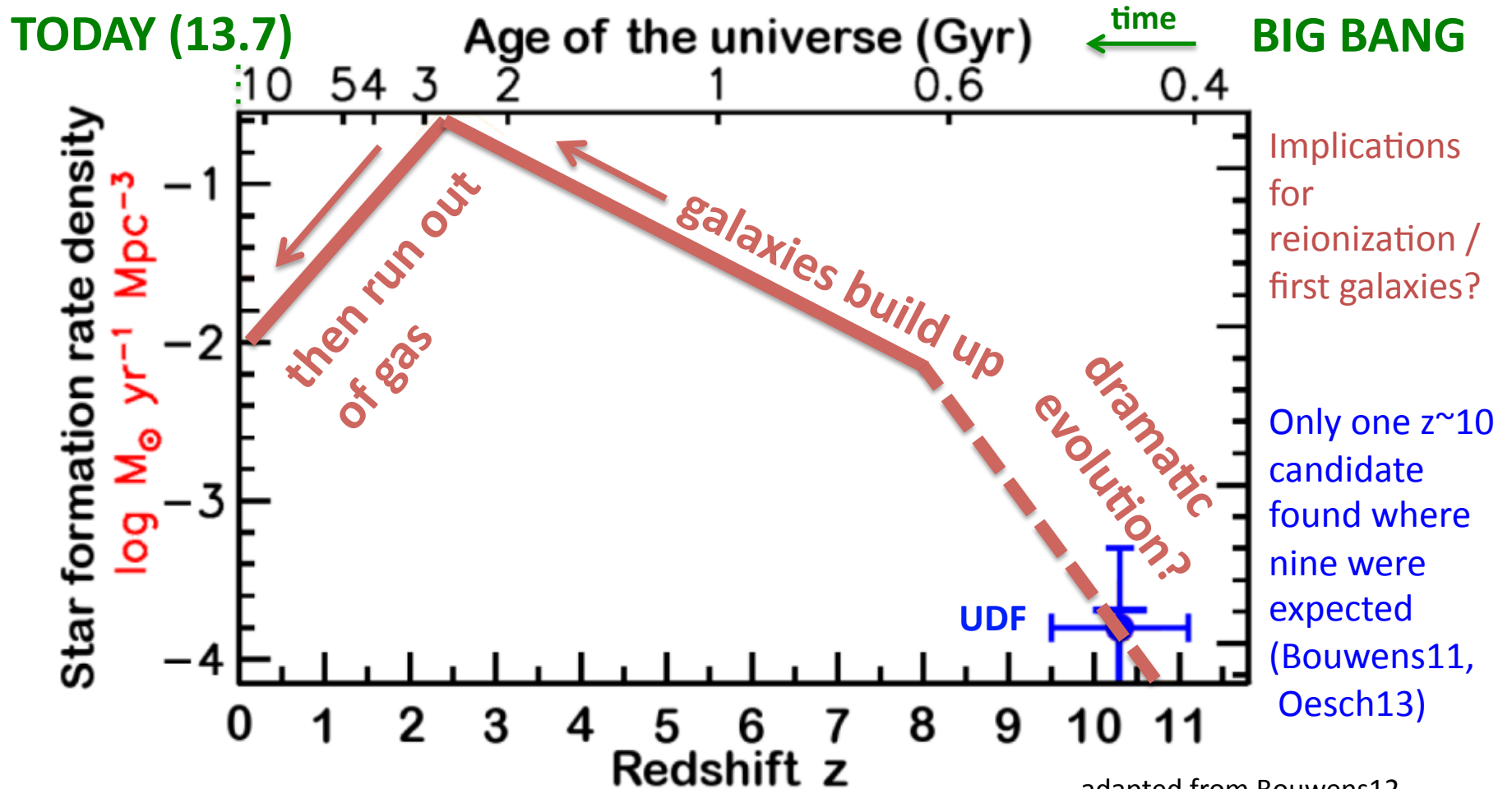


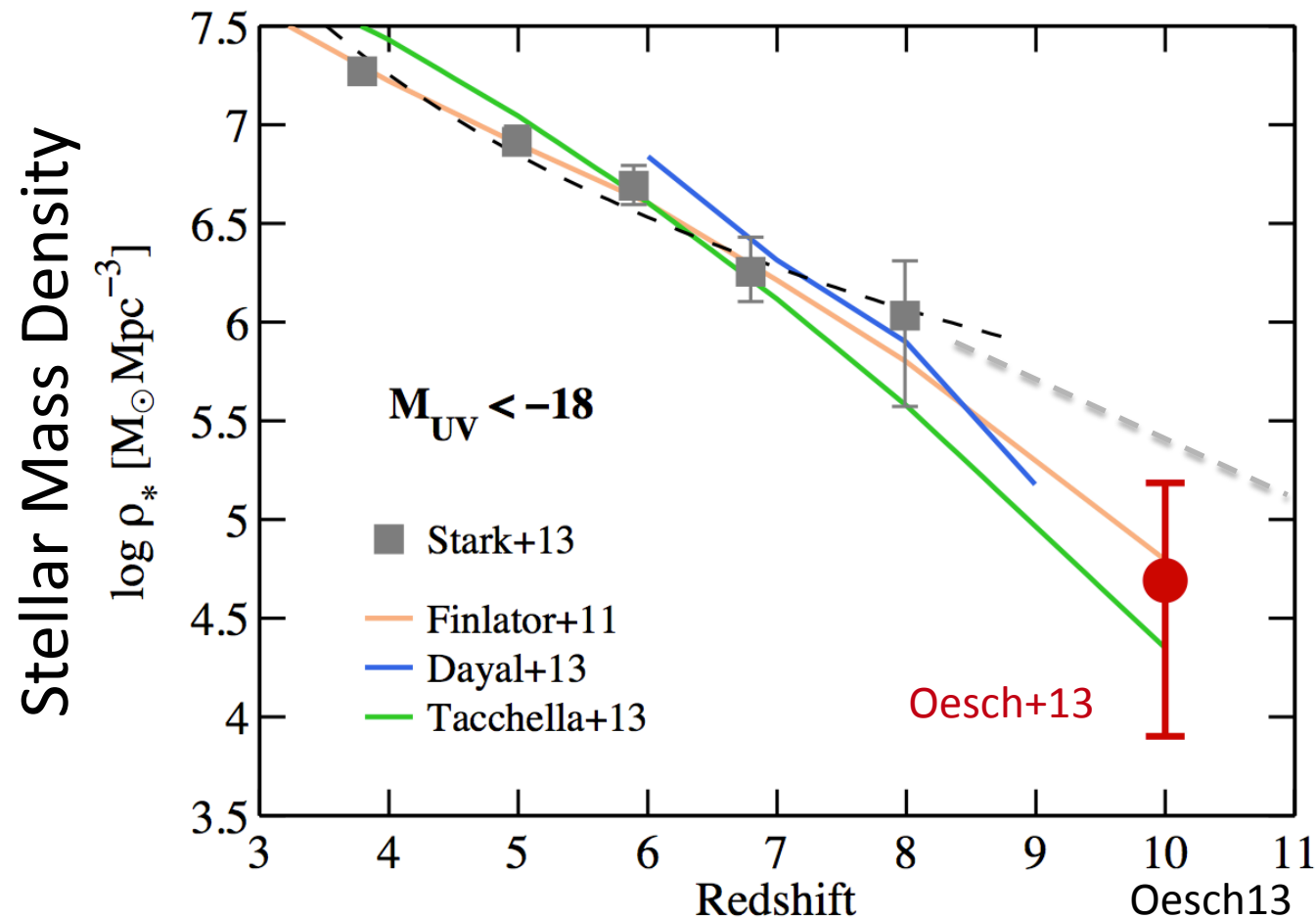
Fig. 1 – This survey will provide the first robust constraints on the $z \sim 10$ SFRD (magenta and dark gray), significantly reducing the current uncertainties from CLASH (yellow and light gray) and the field (green). SFRD constraints from lower redshifts with and without correction for dust extinction are from works as compiled by Bouwens12.

Dramatic build up at $z > 9$ (first 500 Myr)?

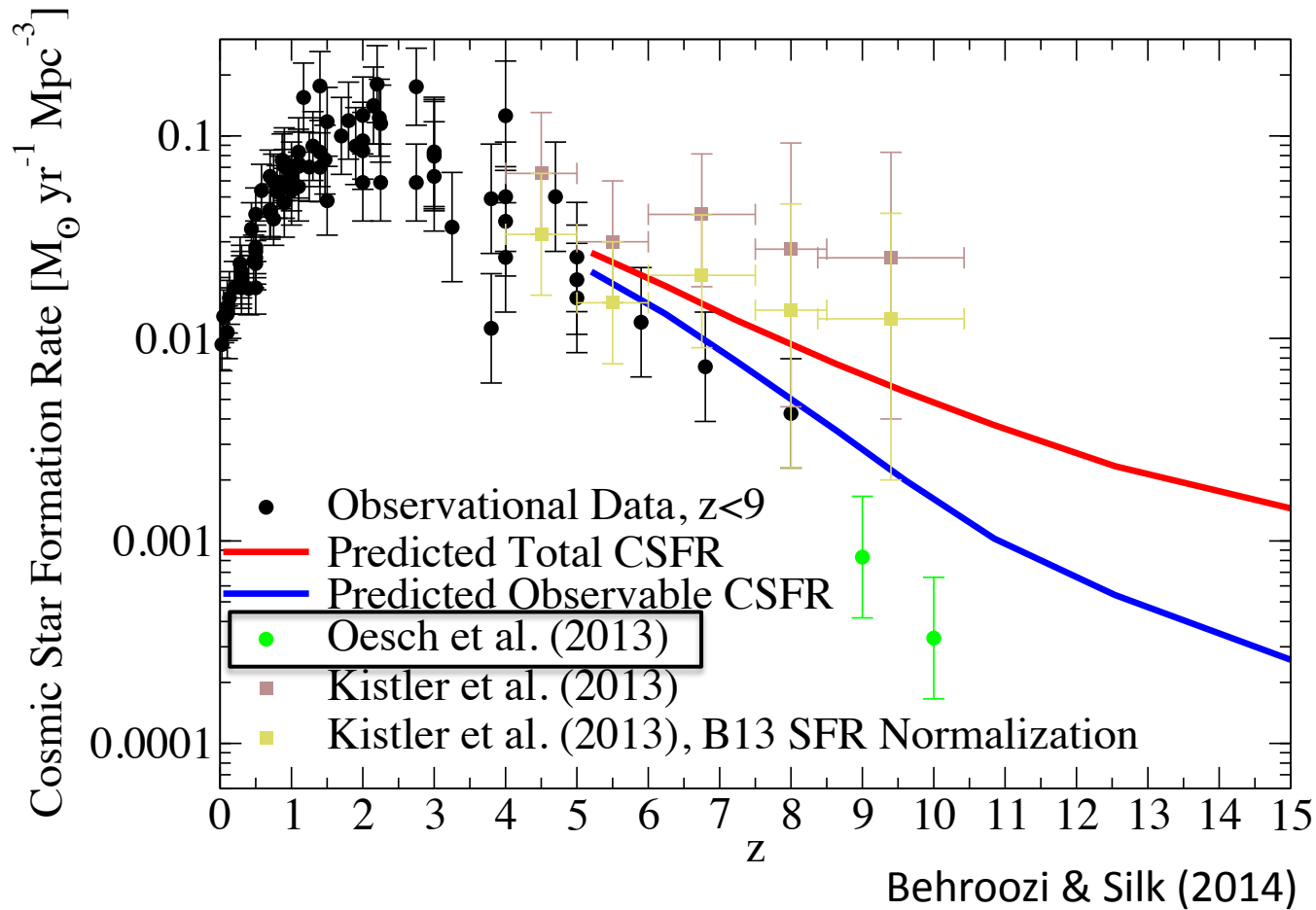


adapted from Bouwens12
 see also Oesch12,13

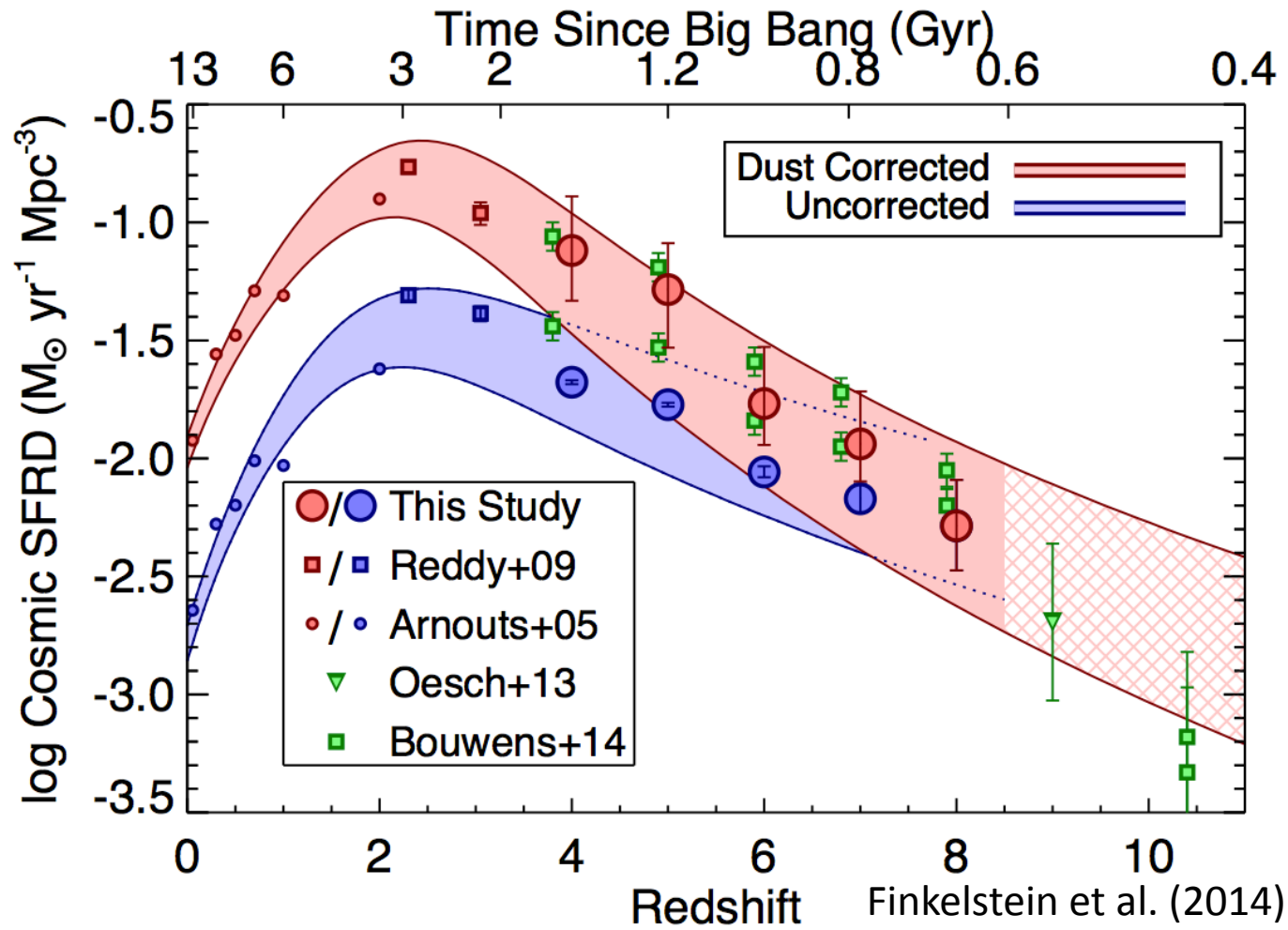
Multiple models predict $z > 9$ drop off in star formation rate and mass densities



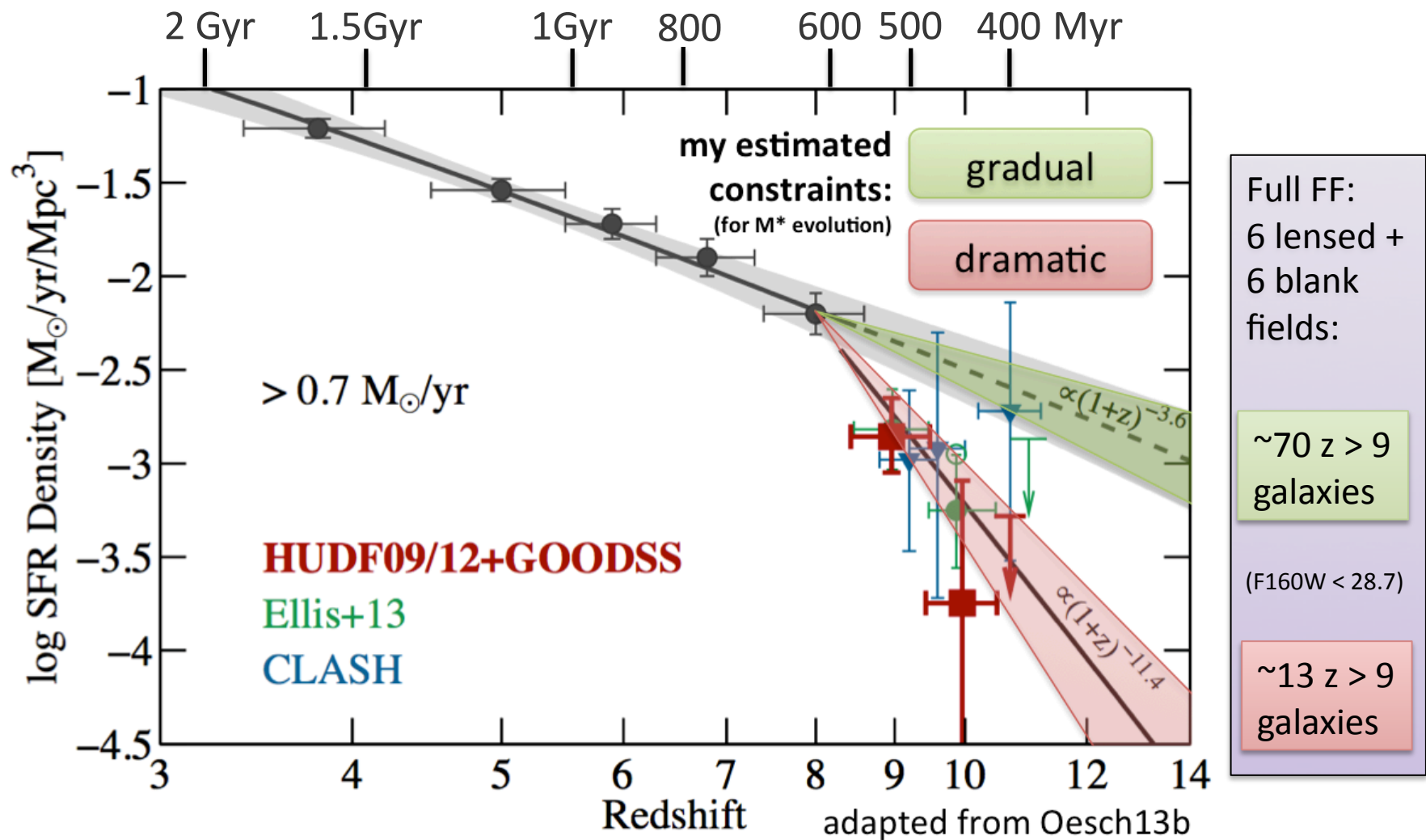
But at least one model predicts smoother $z > 9$ evolution



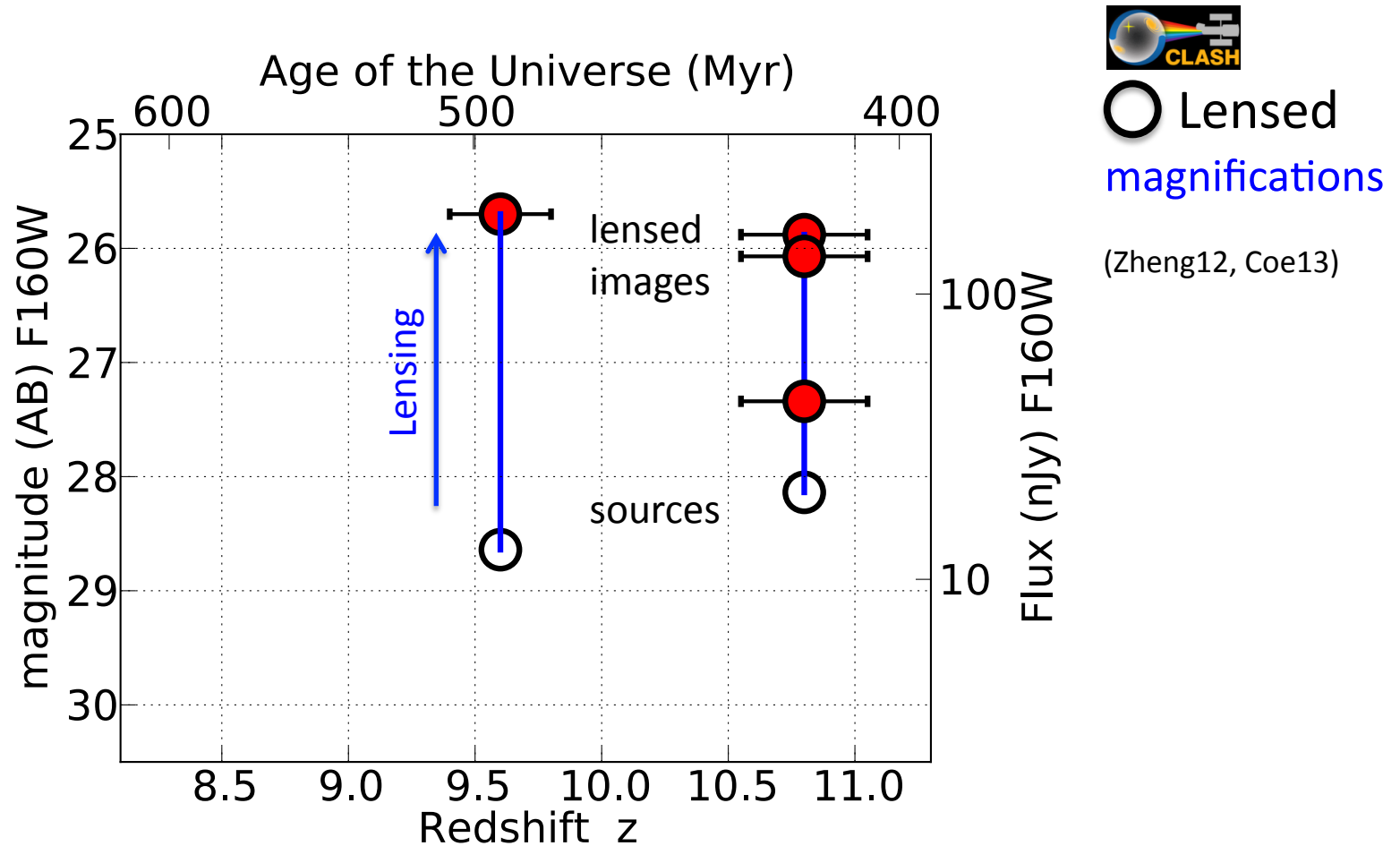
And at least one recent analysis finds a smoother $z > 9$ evolution



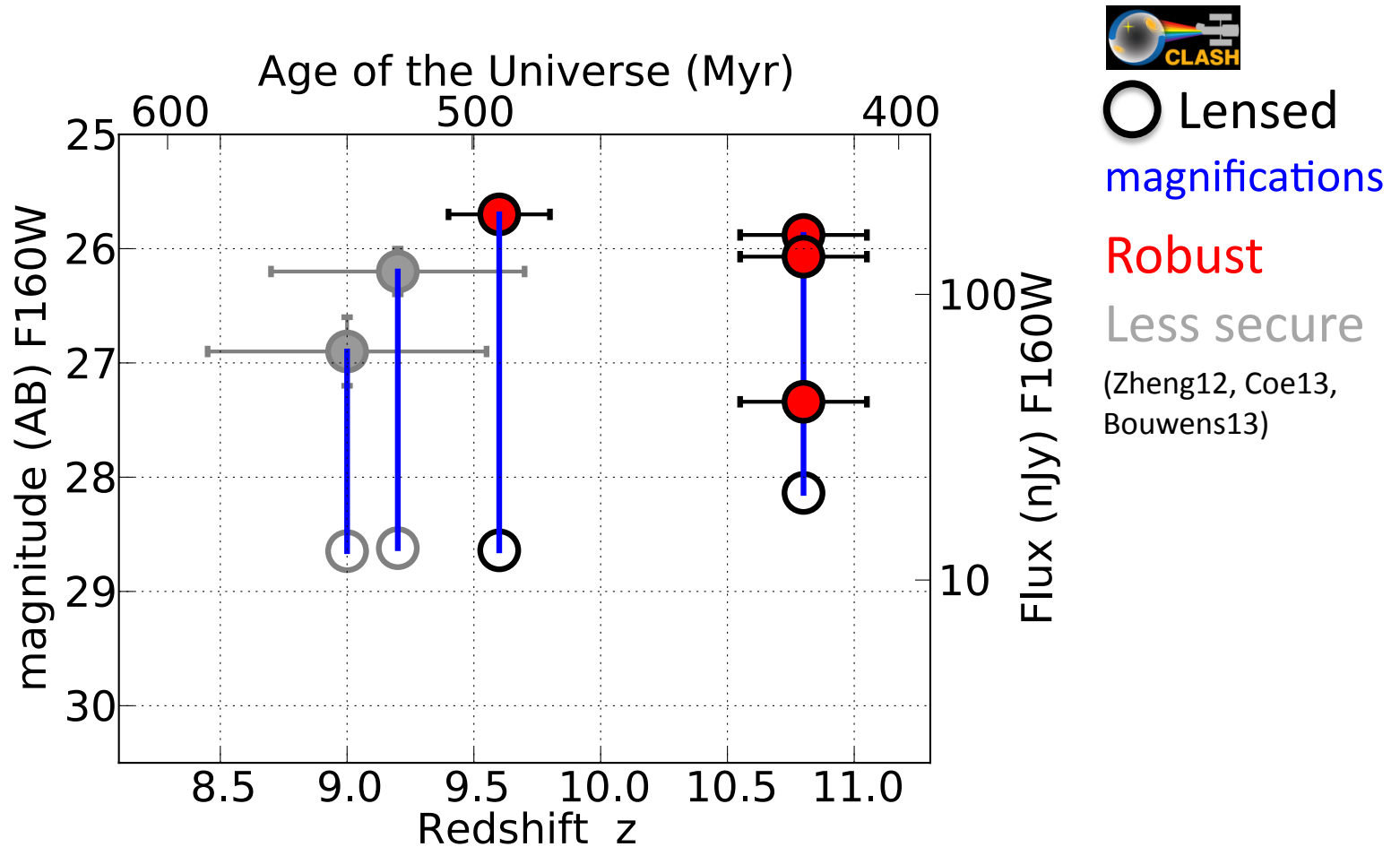
The Frontier Fields should confirm or rule out dramatic $z > 9$ evolution with high confidence



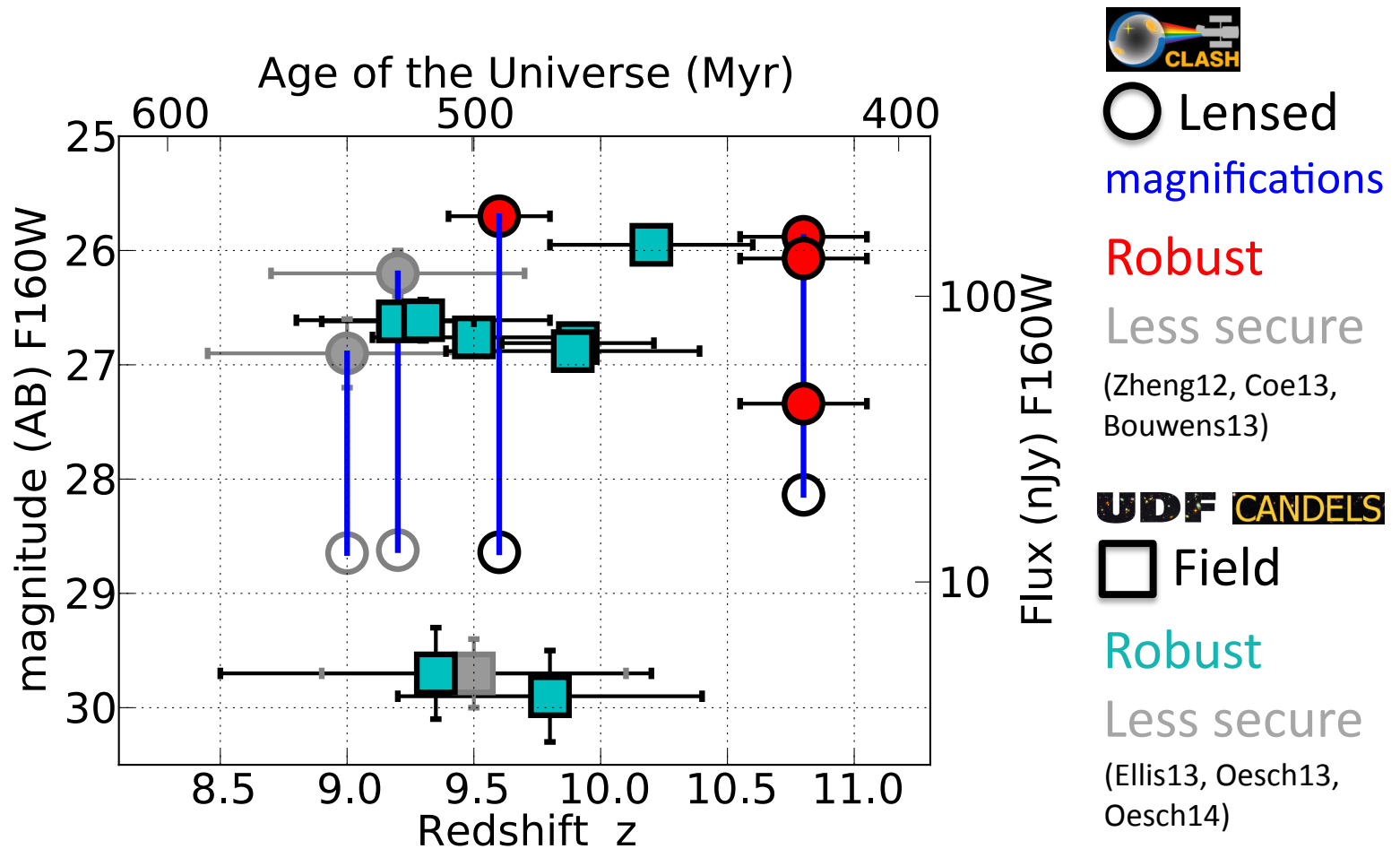
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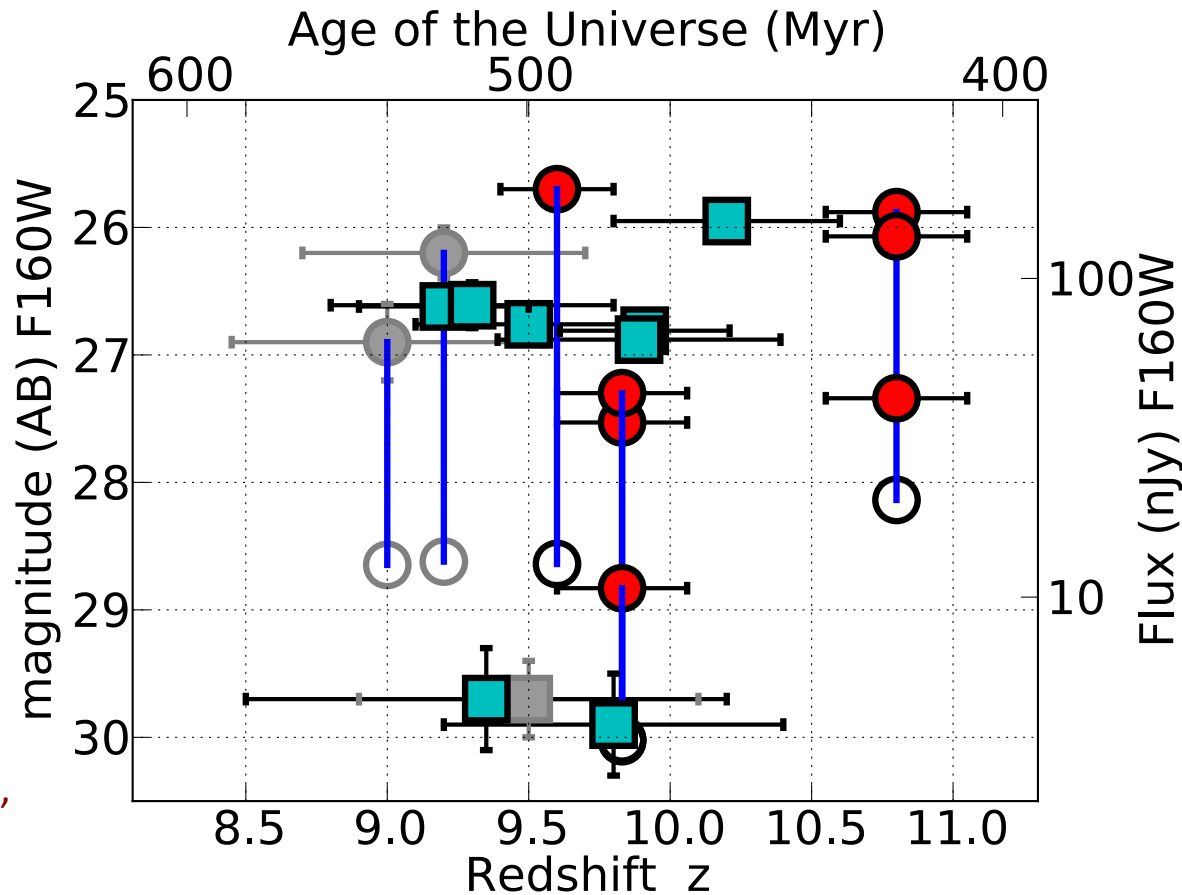
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~14 $z > 9$ candidates

~200 $z \sim 8$ candidates
(e.g., Bouwens14, Finkelstein14)



○ Lensed magnifications

Robust

Less secure

(Zheng12, Coe13, Bouwens13, Zitrin14)

UDF CANDELS

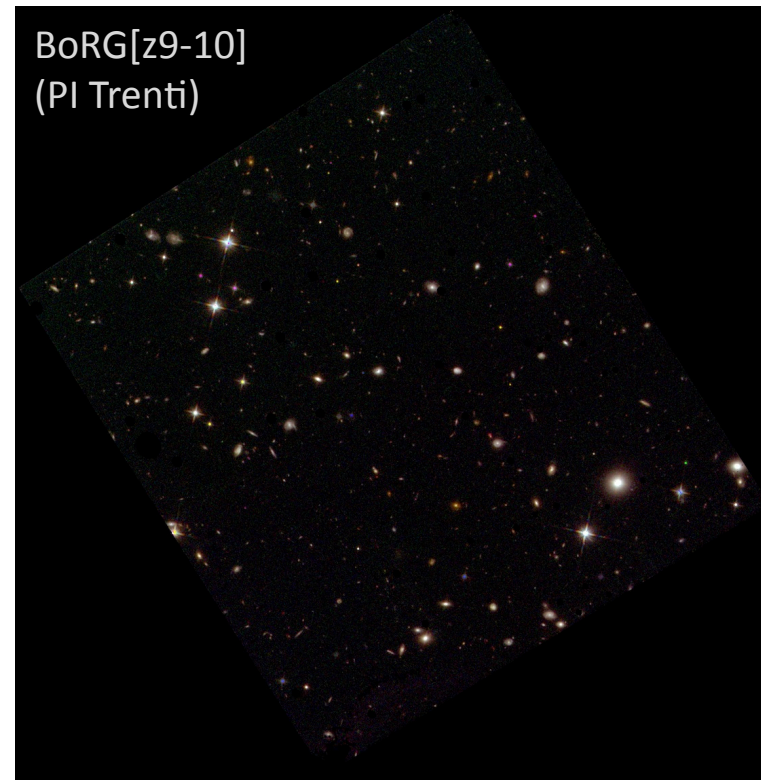
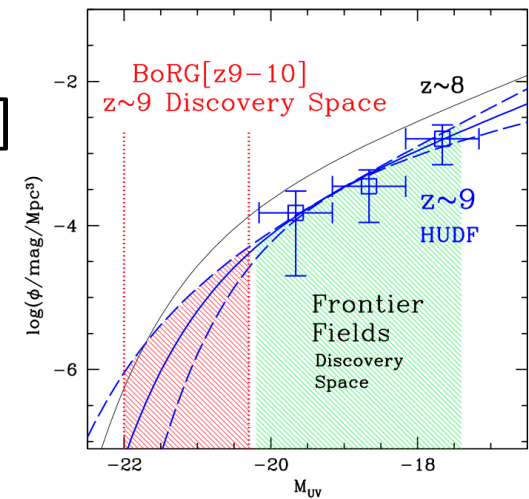
□ Field

Robust

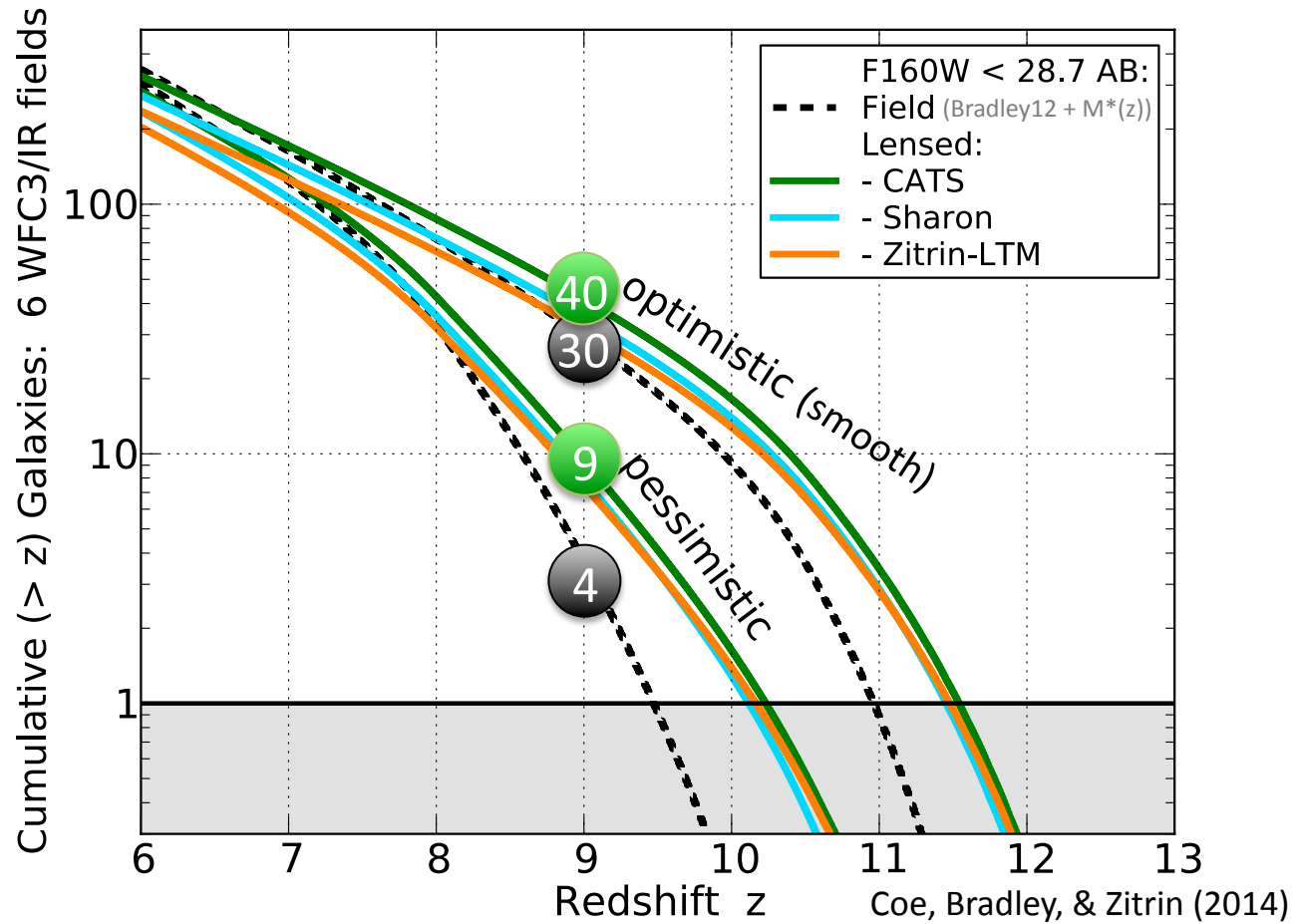
Less secure

(Ellis13, Oesch13, Oesch14)

The Frontier Fields and BoRG_[z9-10] may make $z \sim 9$ the new $z \sim 8$ with ~ 100 candidates



We predict up to ~ 70 $z > 9$ galaxies
in the Frontier Fields (6 per field)
not accounting for incompleteness



Lens model uncertainties propagate to some, but not all, observables

Full uncertainties

Luminosity:

- Mass
- Star formation rate

Size (radius)

Reduced uncertainties

(integrated quantities)

Number counts:

- Luminosity function
- Star formation rate
cosmic density

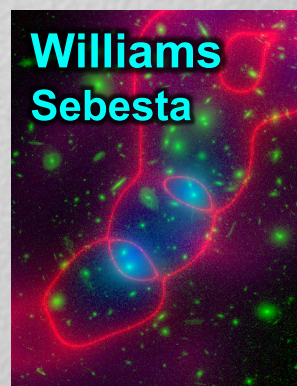
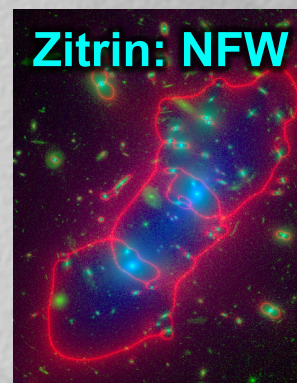
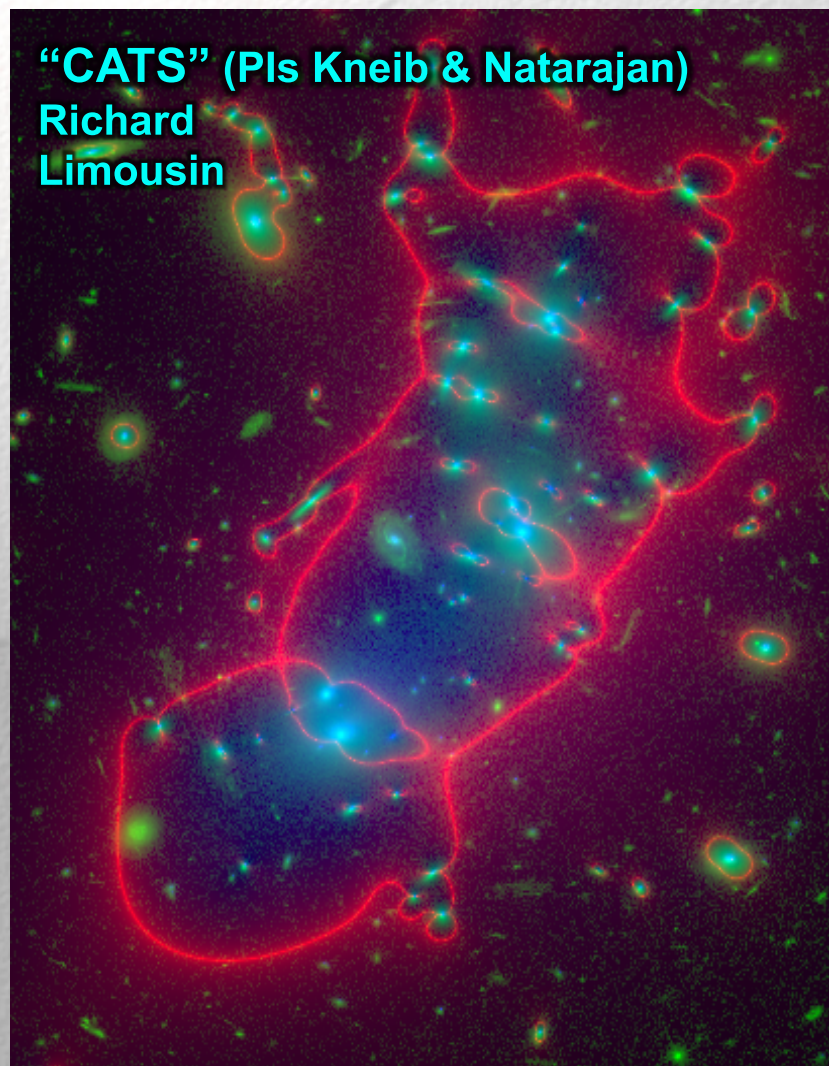
No added uncertainties

Colors:

- Redshift
 - Age (Balmer break)
 - Metallicity
 - Equivalent Width (EW)
 - UV slope β
- Specific star formation rate
(SFR / stellar mass)

Did galaxies reionize the early universe?

Pre-FF submitted lens models of Abell 2744



Abell 2744

red = magnification for a lensed galaxy at $z = 9$

green = HST

blue = mass

available via MAST: <http://archive.stsci.edu/prepds/frontier/lensmodels/>

3 new lens models submitted based in part on Frontier Fields HST imaging

* = Based in part on FF imaging	Abell 2744	MACS J0416.1-2403	MACS J0717.5+3745	MACS J1149.5+2223	Abell S1063	Abell 370
CATS						
CATS v2		*				
Sharon						
Sharon v2						
Zitrin-NFW						
Zitrin-LTM						
Zitrin-LTM-Gauss						
GLAFIC	*					
Williams						
Williams v2		*				
Bradac						
Merten						

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Interactive model magnification web tool

Hubble Frontier Fields lens model magnification estimates

Calculated at any redshift from the mass and shear maps submitted by each team (see [lensing primer](#)).
(Not extrapolated from the magnification maps pre-calculated at $z = 1, 2, 4, 9$.)
[Lens model main page](#)

Single lensed galaxy:

RA:
Dec:
z =
observed radius (arcseconds):

List of lensed galaxies: RA, Dec, z, (optional) radius

```
0:14:23.219 -30:23:44.07 10.8
4h16m12.356s -24h04m35.01s 7.8
(109.36925, 37.772828) 5.3
11 49 36.888 22 24 18.93 3.2
342.2026 -44.536809 2.1
2:39:51 -1:34:09 0.9
3.47968, -30.37596 9.6
```

Save results with run number and optional passcode:

Models: % confidence, calculated from a range of models provided by each group
[\(README\)](#) show all results from each range of models, yielding likelihood distributions

CATS with uncertainties
 Sharon with uncertainties
 Zitrin-NFW with uncertainties
 Zitrin-LTM with uncertainties
 Zitrin-LTM-Gauss with uncertainties
 Williams with uncertainties
 Bradac with uncertainties
 Merten with uncertainties

Uncertainty calculations add a few seconds response time per lensed galaxy per group.

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Input
RA, Dec, redshift
of lensed galaxies

Hubble Frontier Fields lens model magnification estimates

Lensing cluster: MACSJ0416.1-2403 ($z = 0.396$)

Output
Magnification estimates
with uncertainties

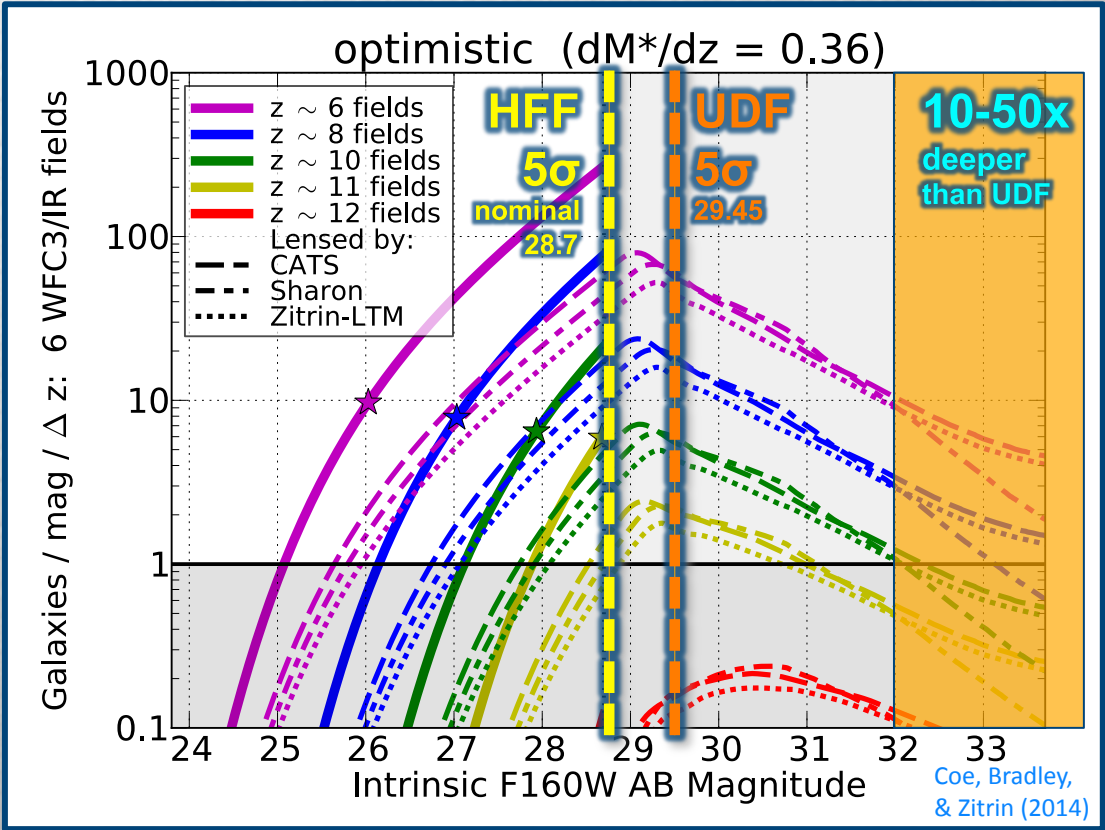
Lensed source ($z = 9.0$):
RA, Dec = (04:16:05.555, -24:03:53.00) = (64.02315, -24.06472)
observed radius = 0.0 arcseconds

CATS	1.83 best;	$1.84^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$	[1.74, 1.93]	median and 68.3% confidence range
Sharon	3.05 best;	$2.99^{+0.22}_{-0.20}$	[2.79, 3.21]	median and 68.3% confidence range
Zitrin-NFW	1.45 best;	$1.47^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	[1.44, 1.51]	median and 68.3% confidence range
Zitrin-LTM	1.88 best;	$1.62^{+0.21}_{-0.11}$	[1.51, 1.83]	median and 68.3% confidence range
Zitrin-LTM-Gauss	1.48 best;	$1.44^{+0.39}_{-0.42}$	[1.03, 1.83]	median and 68.3% confidence range
Williams	1.22 best;	$1.21^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	[1.18, 1.25]	median and 68.3% confidence range
Bradac	2.36 best;	$2.11^{+0.07}_{-0.04}$	[2.07, 2.18]	median and 68.3% confidence range
Merten	4.45 best;	$10.24^{+1.85}_{-0.87}$	[9.37, 12.09]	median and 68.3% confidence range

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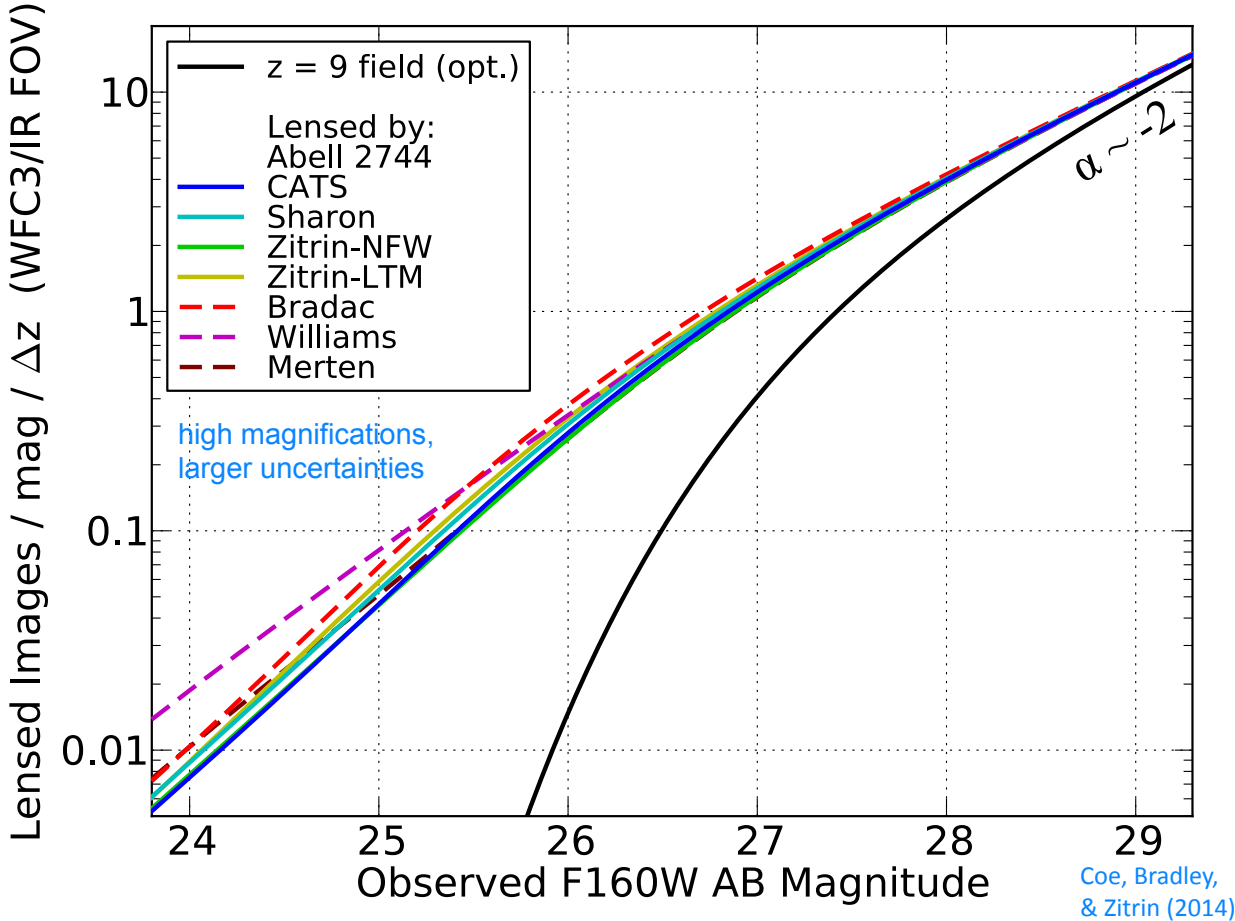
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The lensed Frontier Fields are yielding the faintest galaxies yet observed

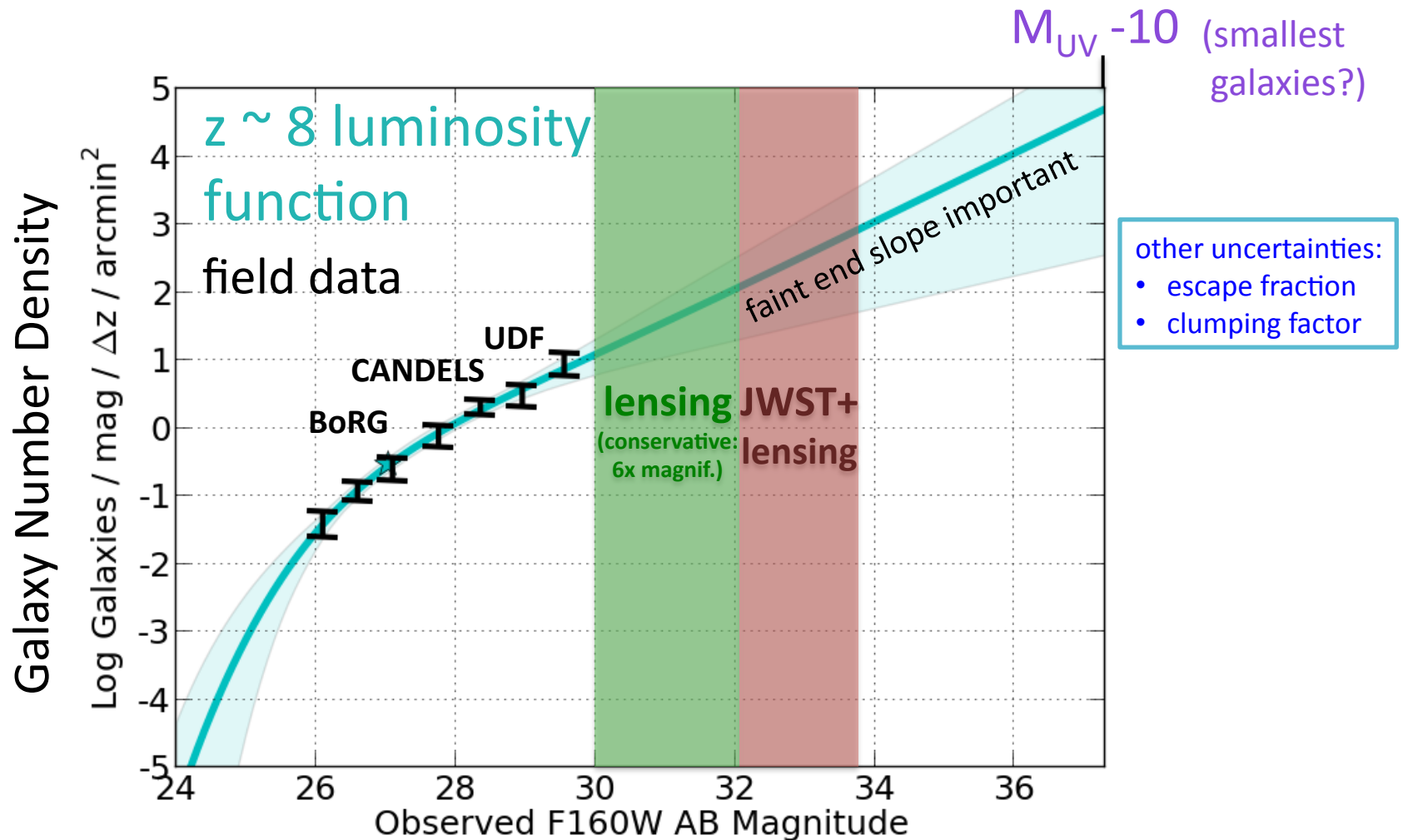


Lens models yield consistent predictions

Lens models yield consistent predictions for faint lensed number counts



Large extrapolations required to estimate faint galaxy contribution to reionization

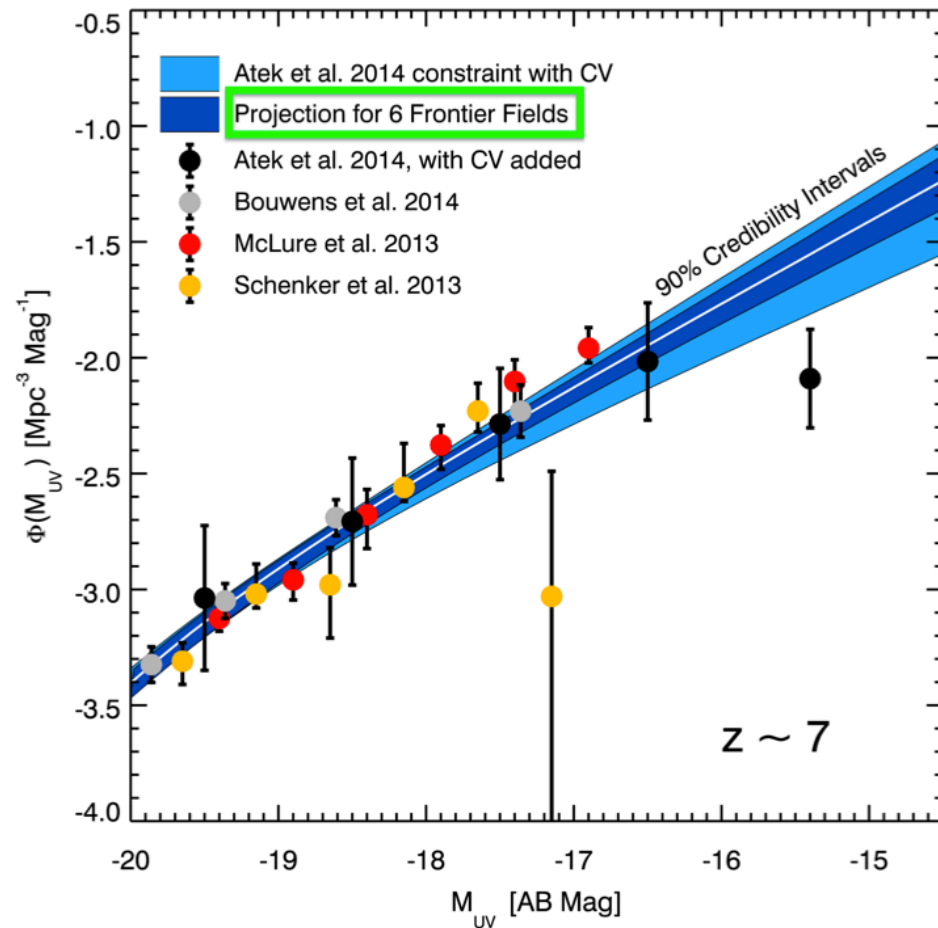


The Frontier Fields will tightly constrain high-z luminosity function faint end slopes

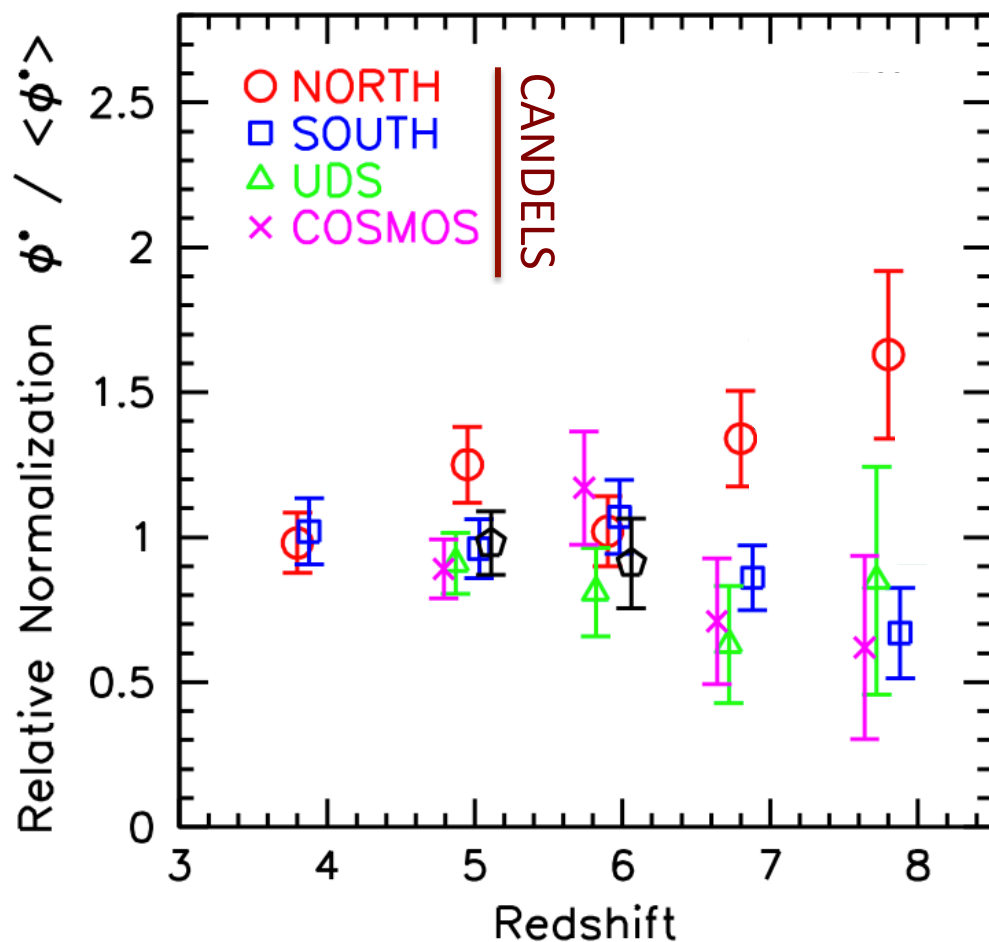
$z \sim 7$ LF faint end slope:
precision \rightarrow 0.05

UV luminosity density:
2x precision \rightarrow 30%

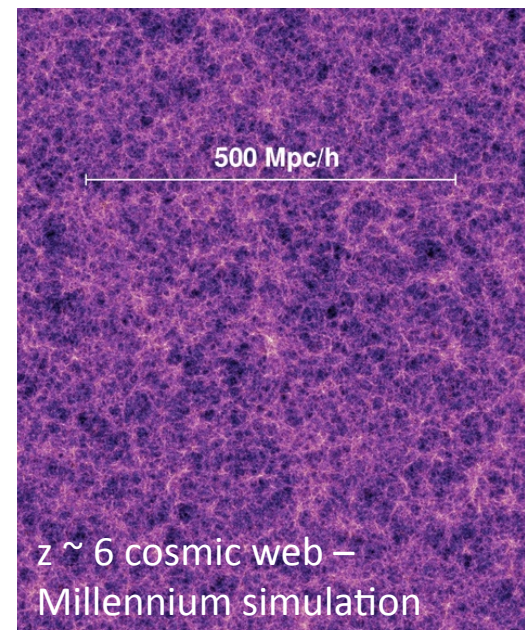
Robertson et al. (2014)



The need for multiple sightlines: cosmic variance



factor
of 3
(+/- 50%)



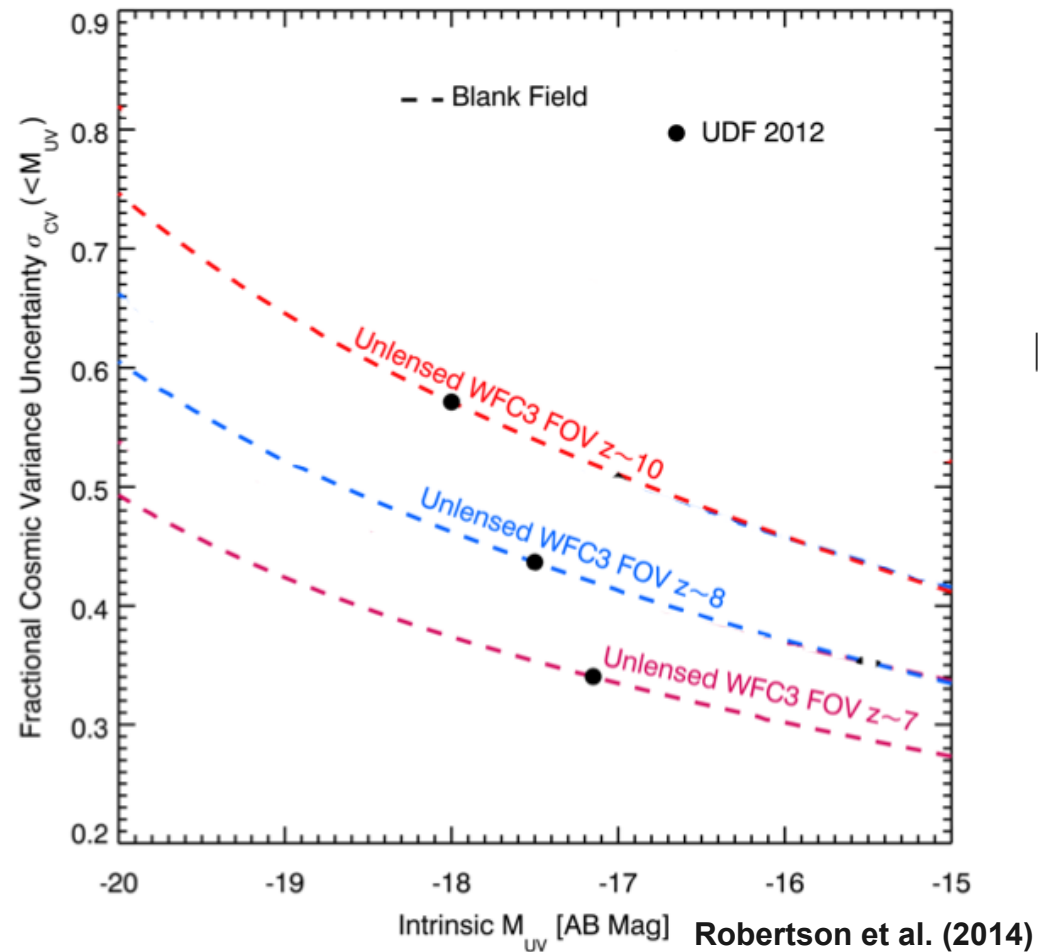
Bouwens et al. 2014
arXiv:1403.4295

Cosmic variance estimates for the Frontier Fields

$z \sim 10$	27.5	28.5	29.5	30.5	31.5	32.5 mag
$z \sim 7$	27.0	28.0	29.0	30.0	31.0	32.0 mag

Brighter galaxies are
more biased tracers of mass

Bias diminishes over time
as larger galaxies form



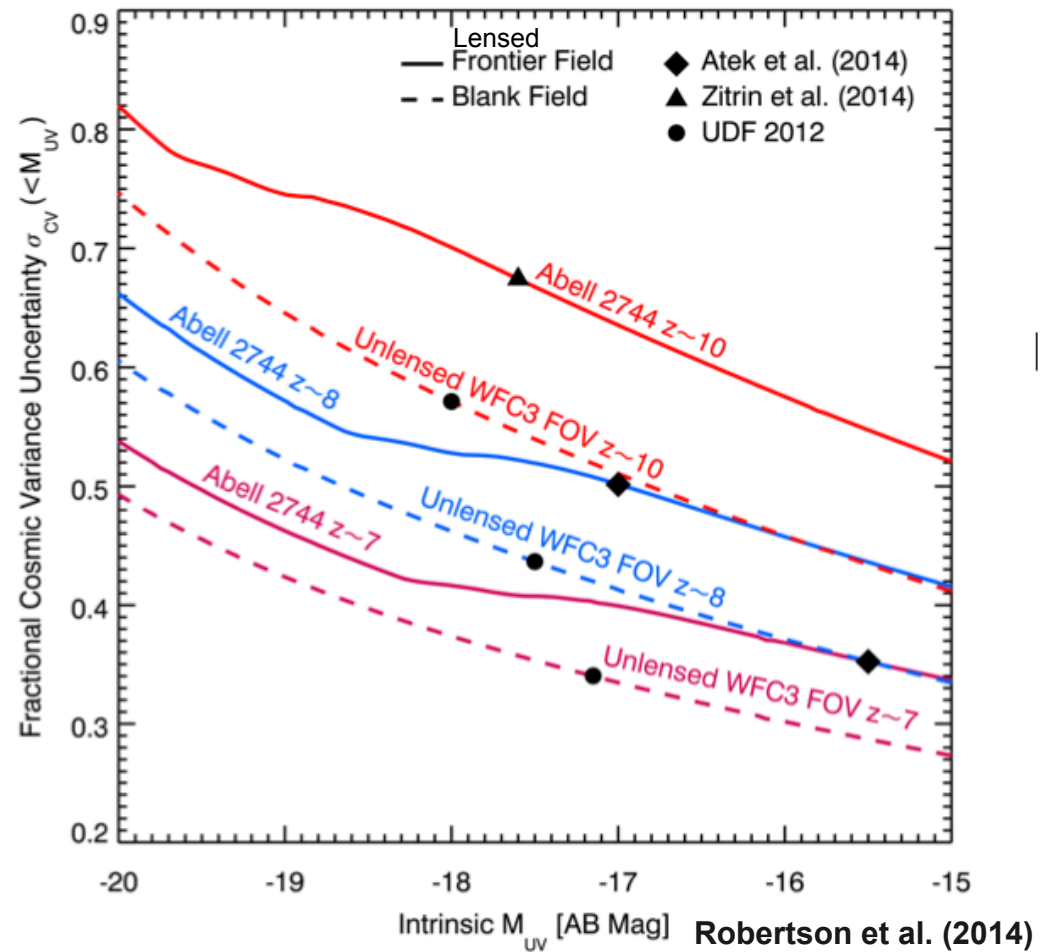
Lensing can increase cosmic variance

Lensing

decreases search volume: CV \uparrow

and probes fainter galaxies: CV \downarrow

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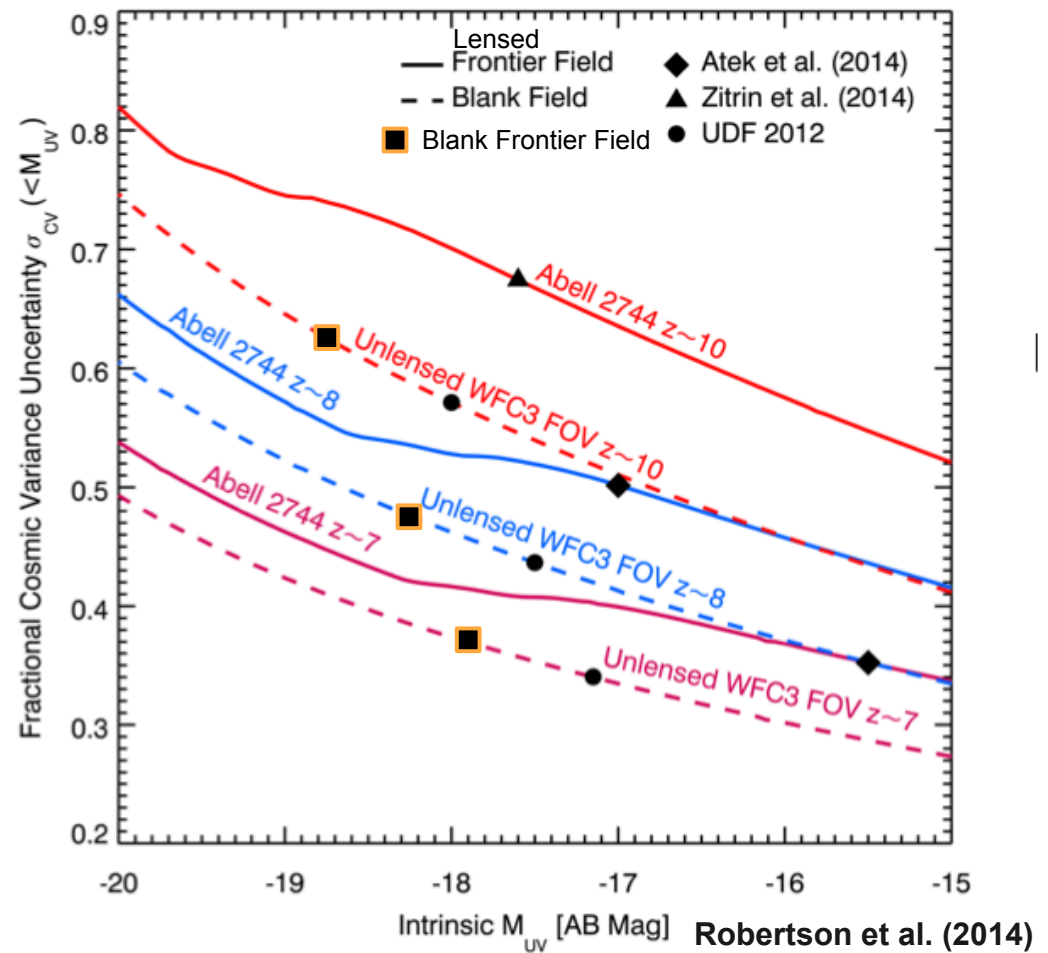
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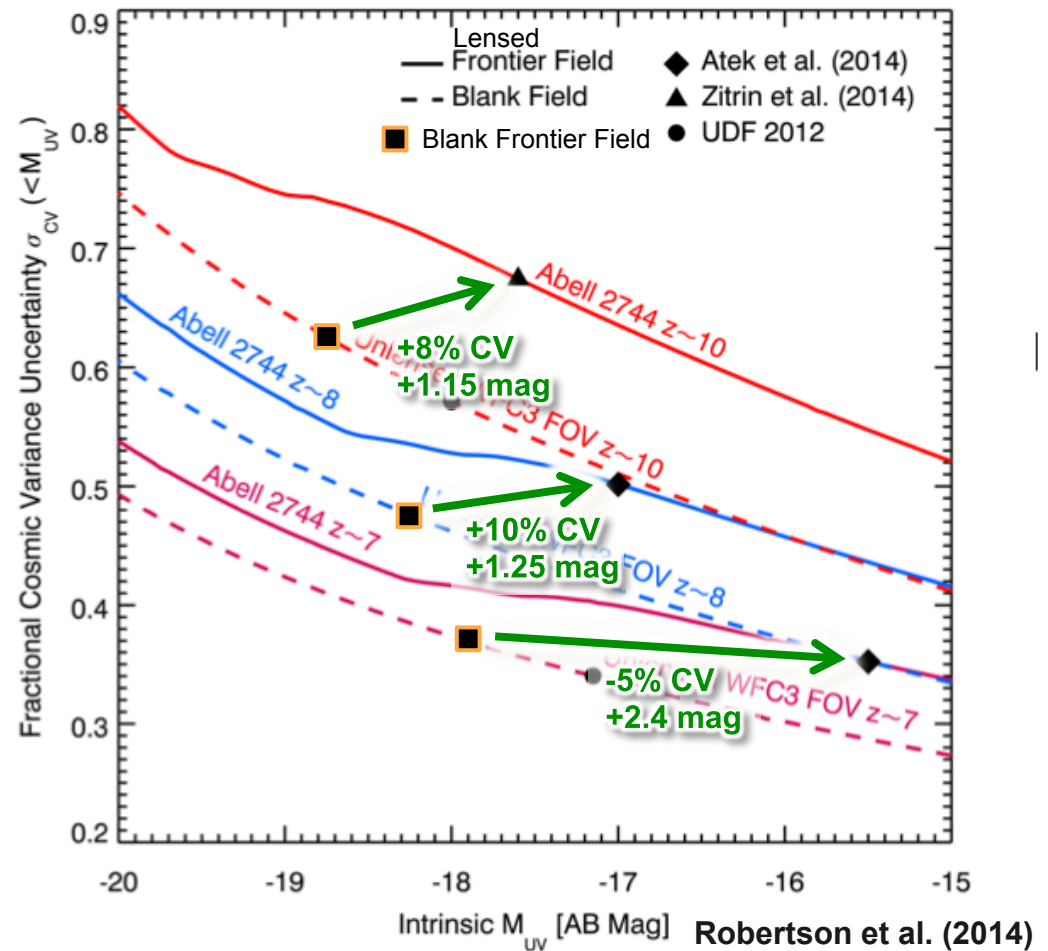
Lensing affects cosmic variance by ~10% wrt blank field at $z = 7 - 10$

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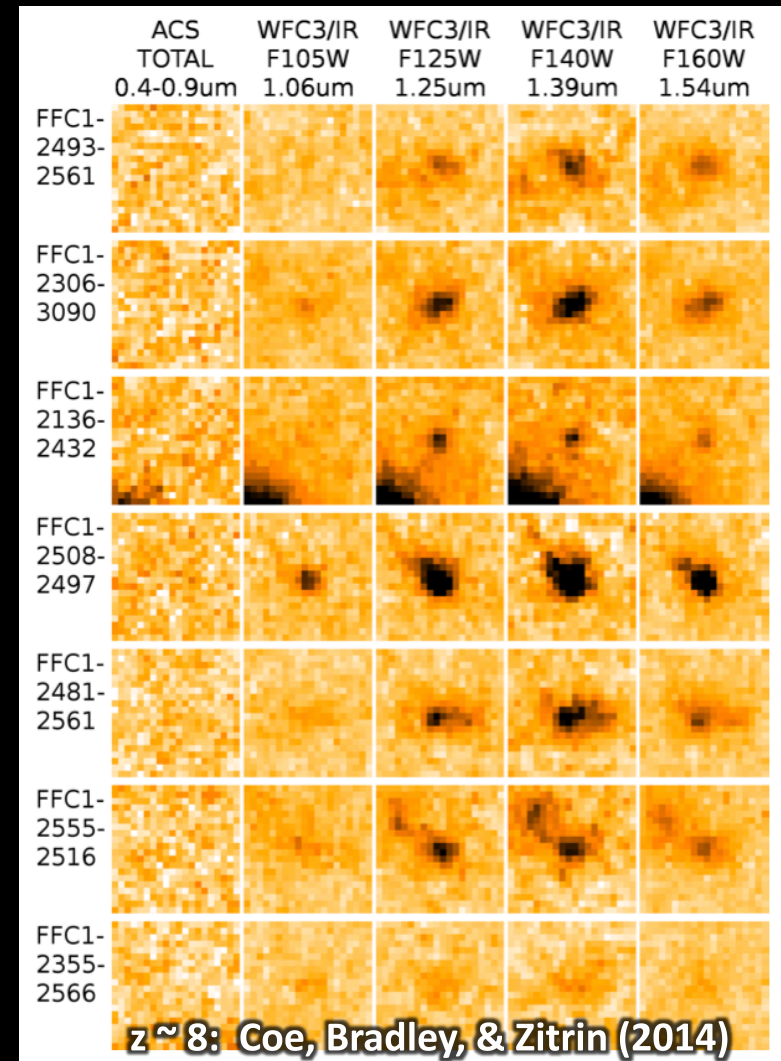
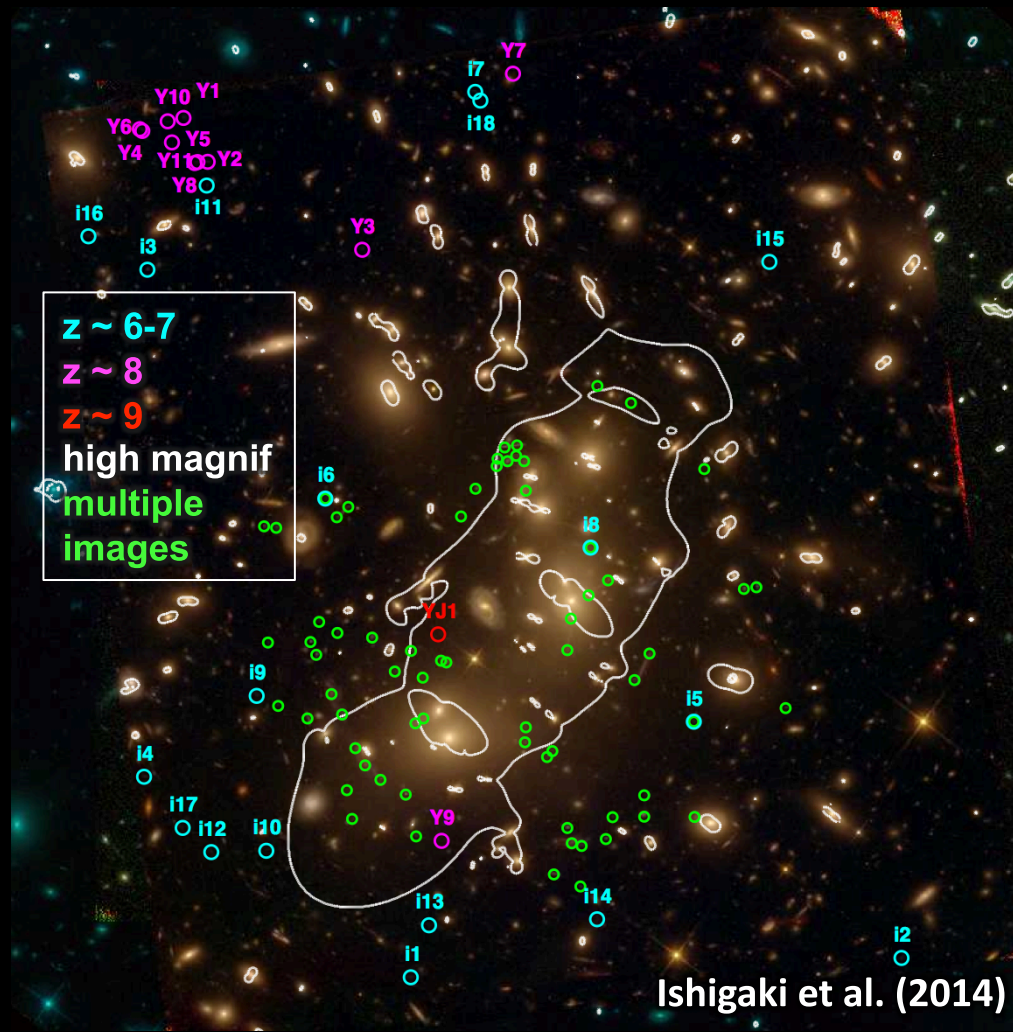
Brant cautions that
nonlinear halo bias
(not included here)
will be more significant
for the lensed fields
with their smaller volumes

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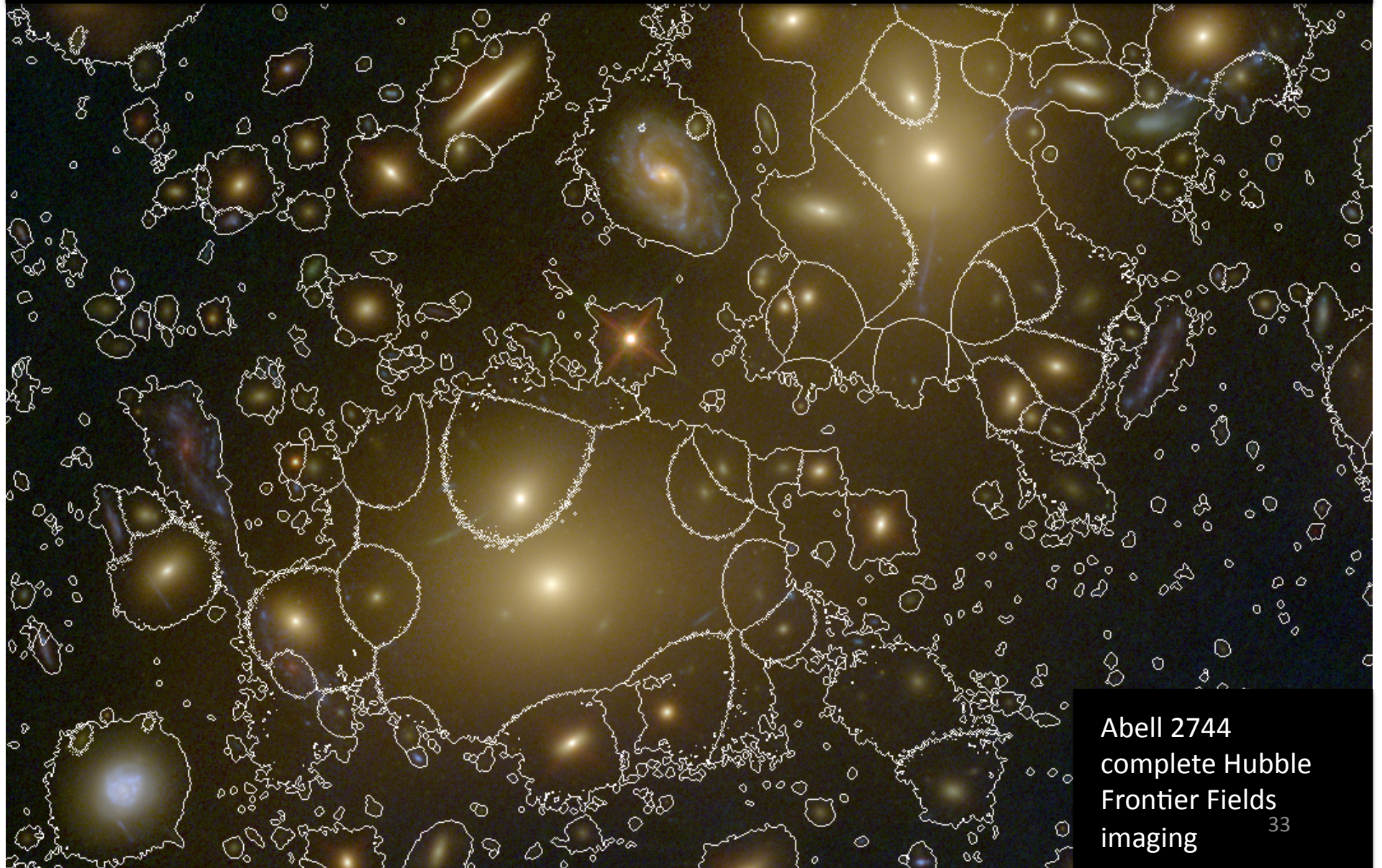


High-z candidates lensed by A2744

(see papers led by Zheng; Atek; Laporte; Coe; Zitrin; Ishigaki; Oesch...)

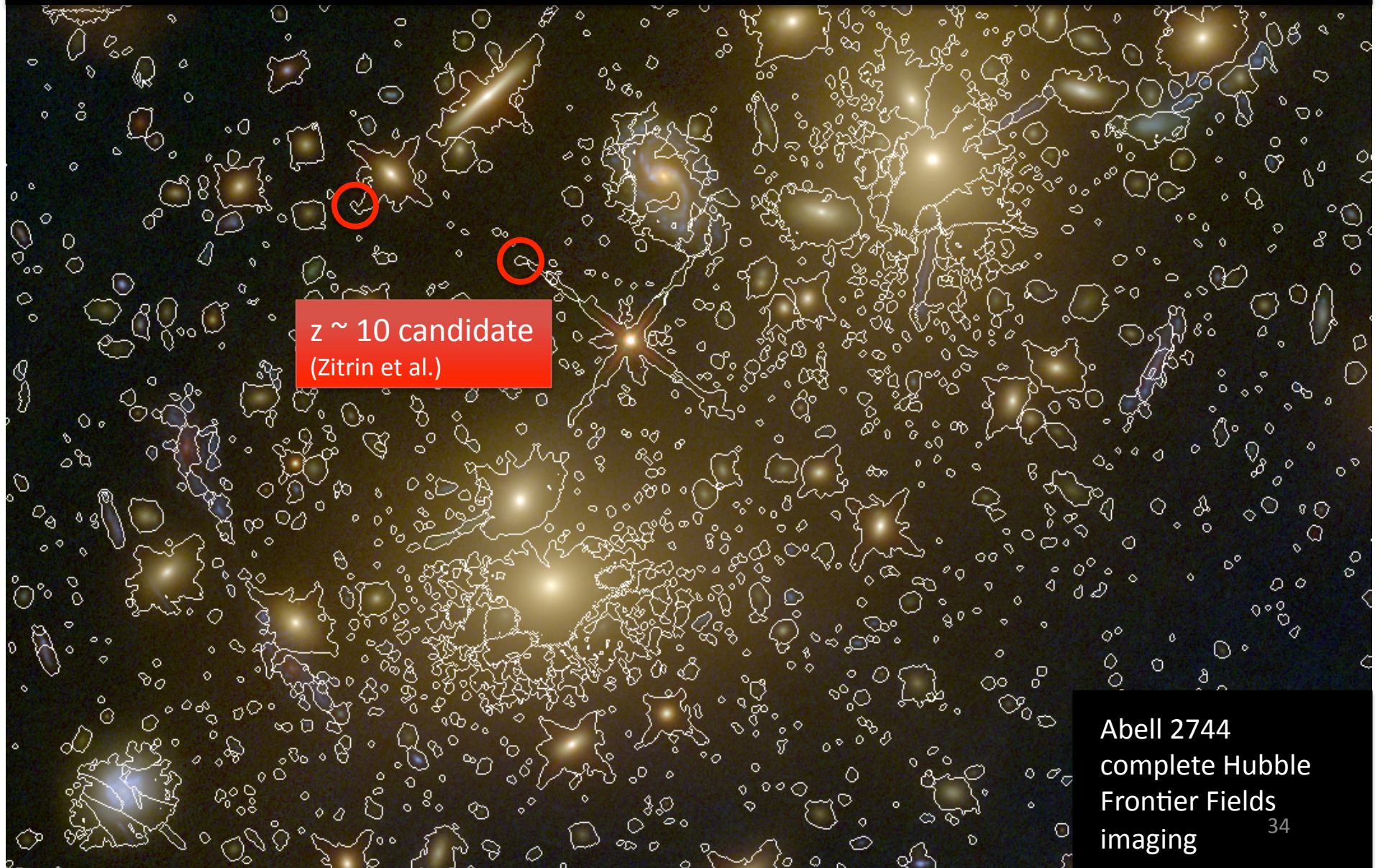


SExtractor detection with CLASH parameters



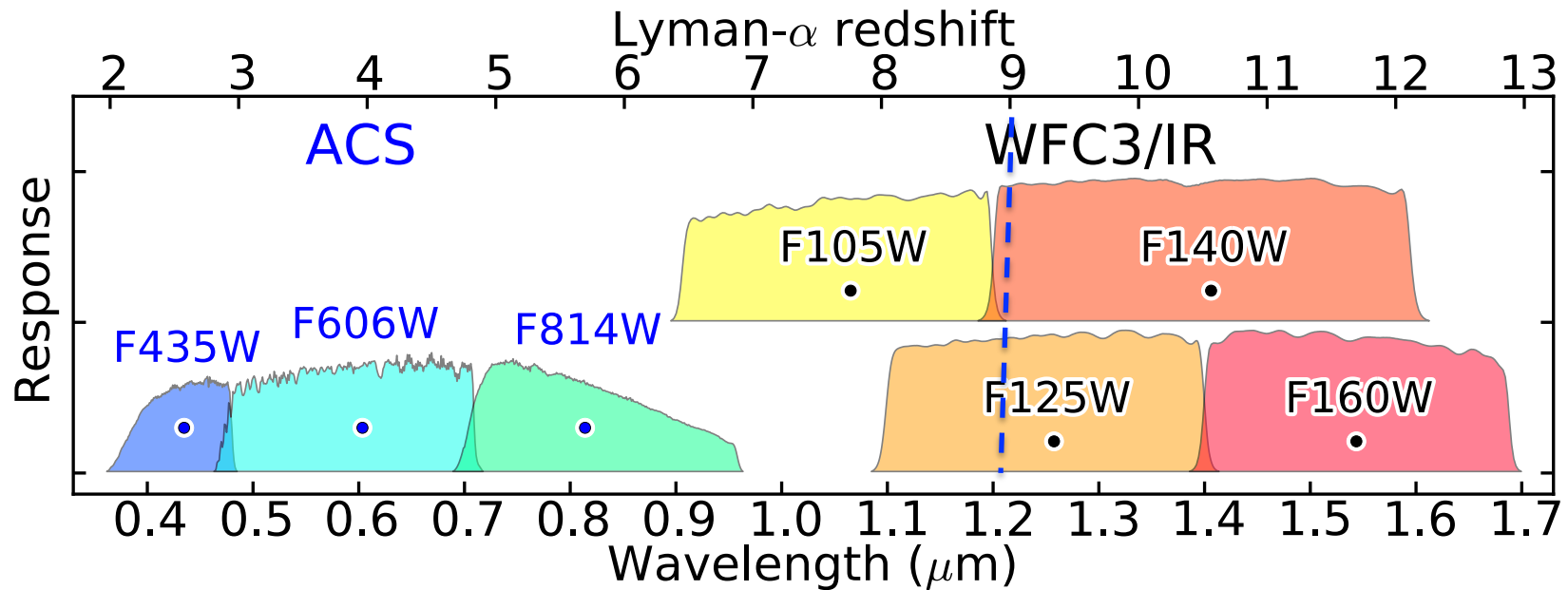
Abell 2744
complete Hubble
Frontier Fields
imaging ³³

More aggressive SExtractor parameters

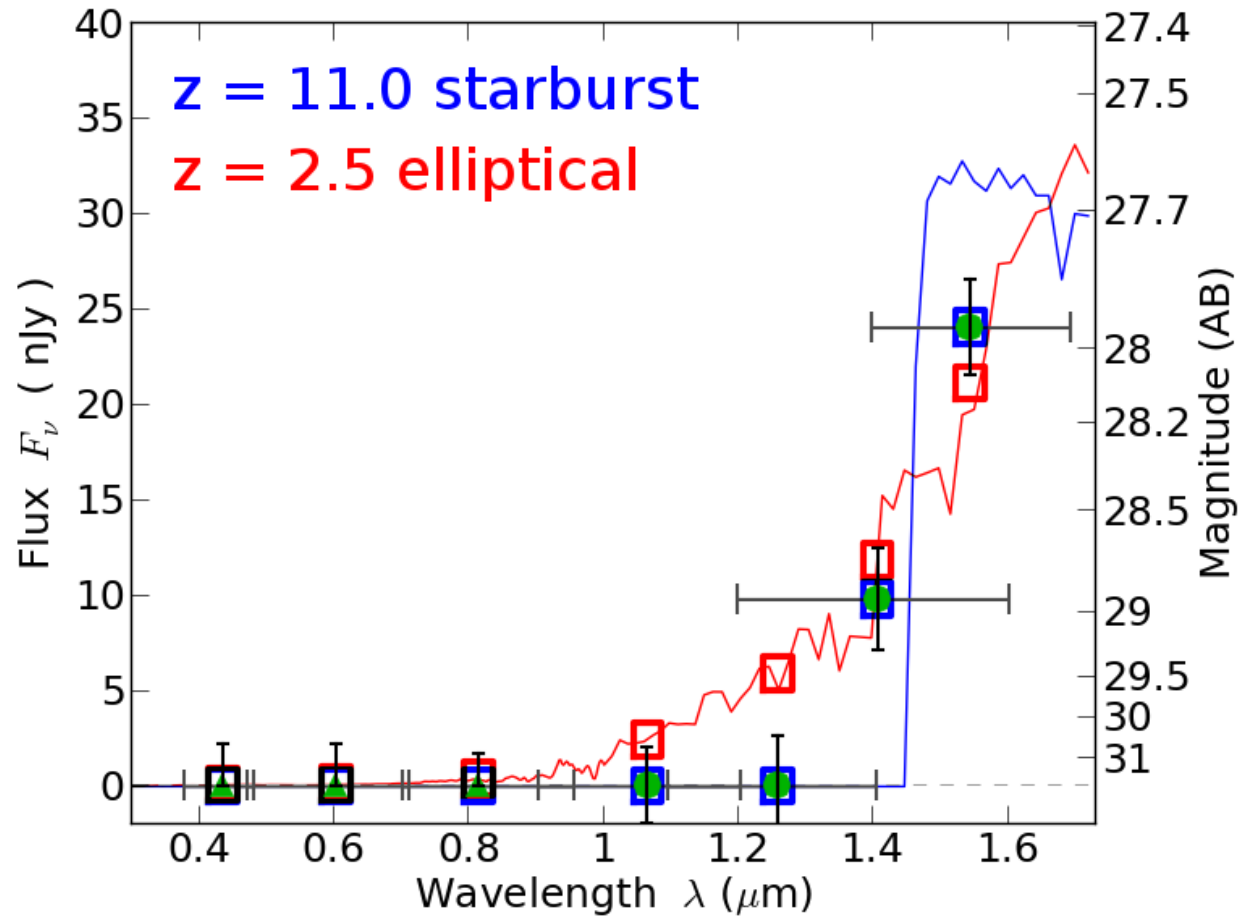


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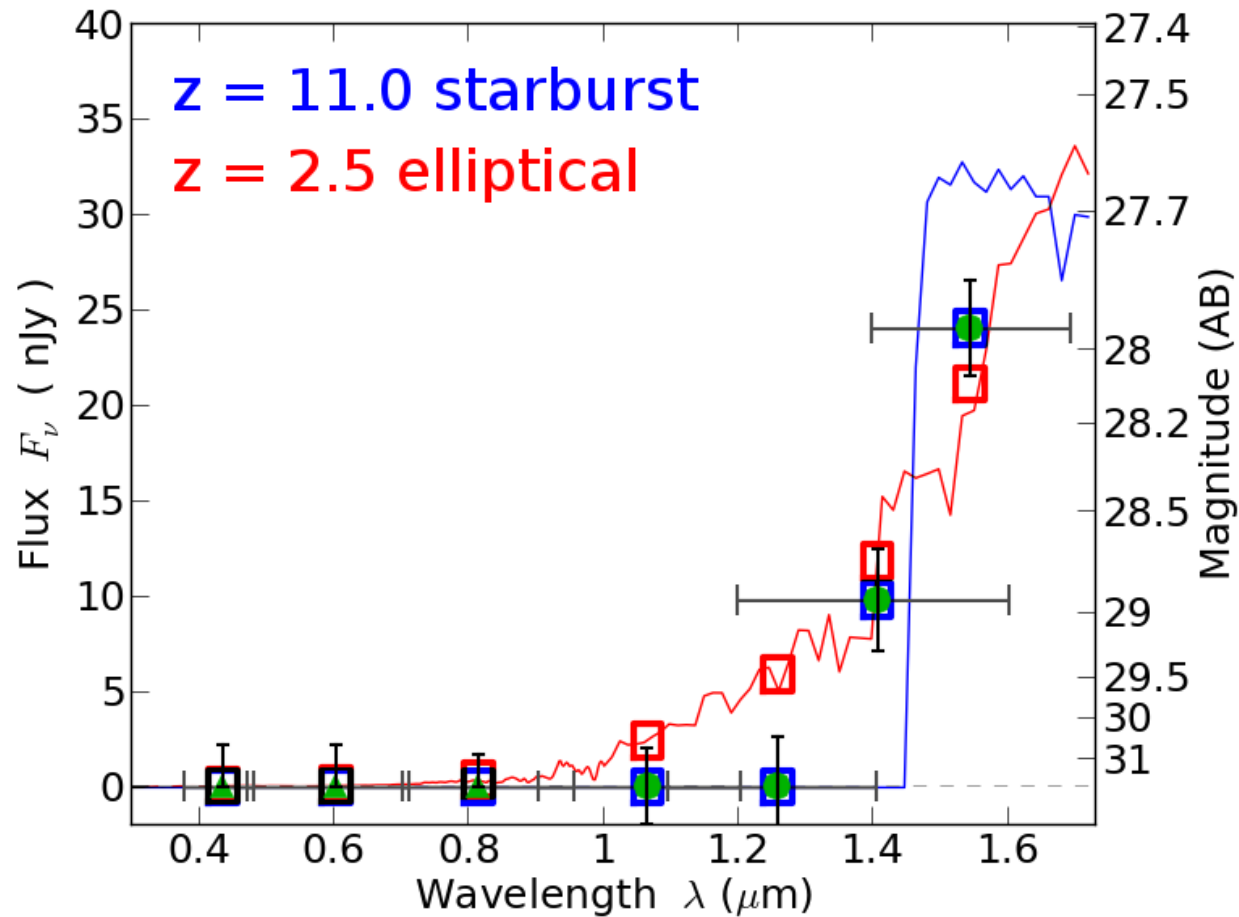
9 < z < 11 galaxies can look like red z ~ 2 galaxies in the FF HST filters



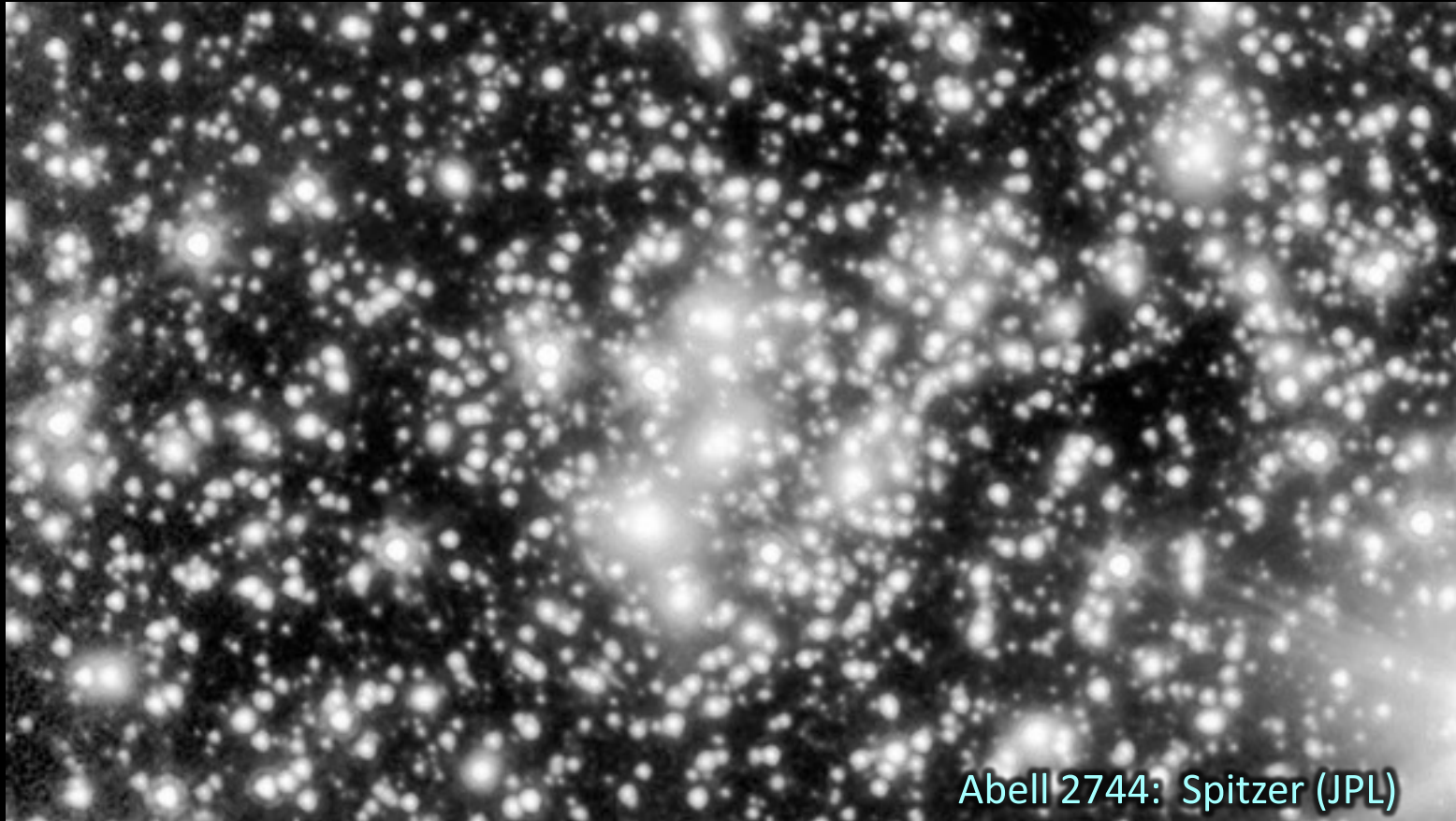
$z \sim 10$ galaxies can look like red $z \sim 2$ galaxies in the FF HST filters



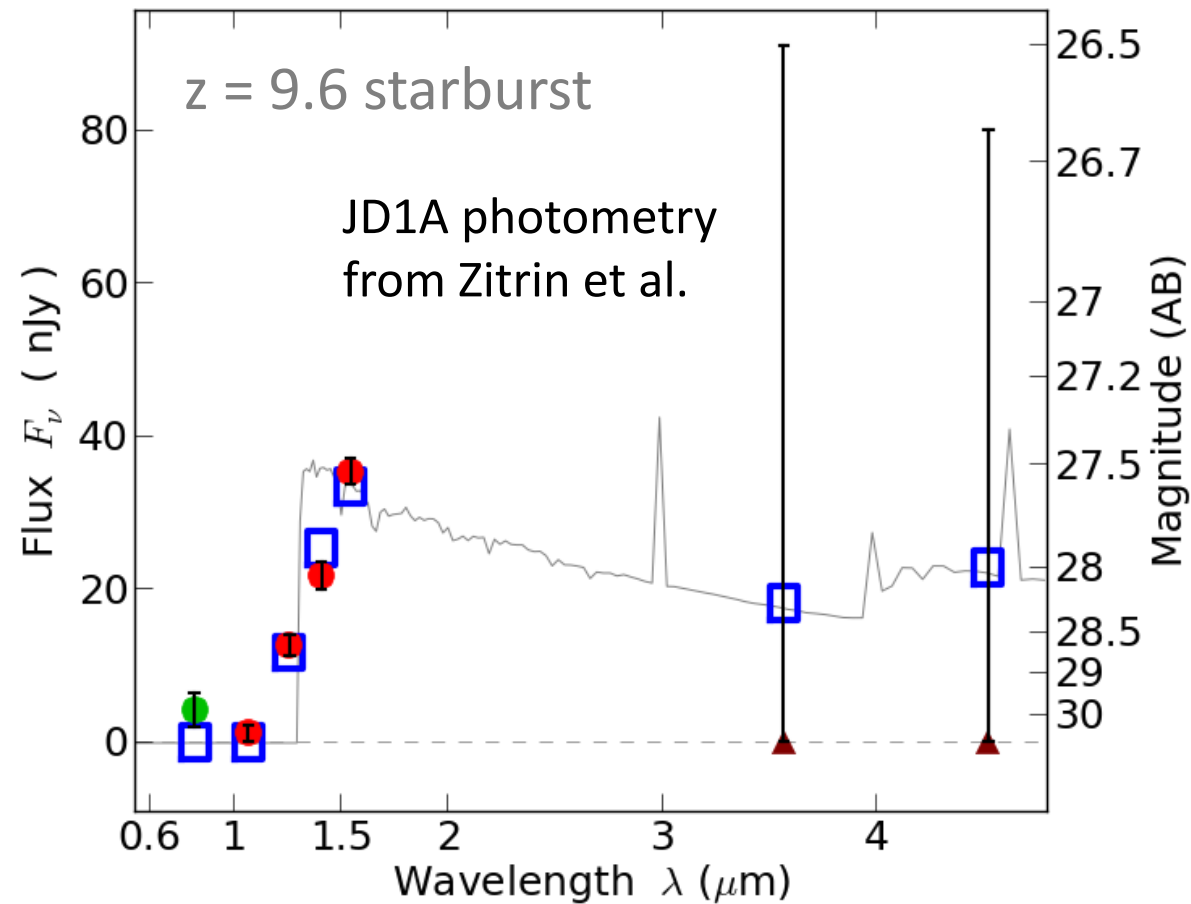
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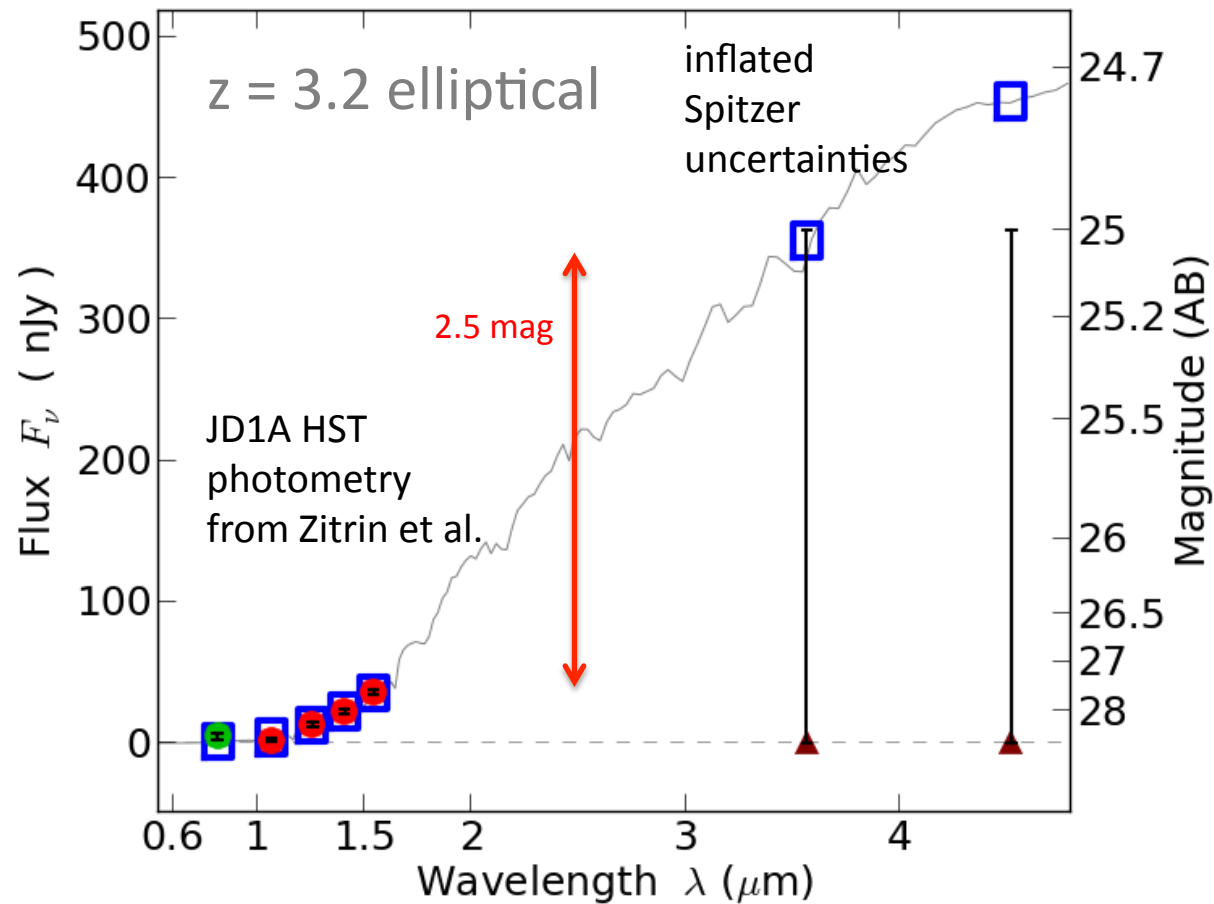
Hubble + Spitzer photometry can distinguish blue $z \sim 10$ galaxies from red $z \sim 2$ galaxies



Spitzer photometry adds confidence to $z \sim 10$ candidates

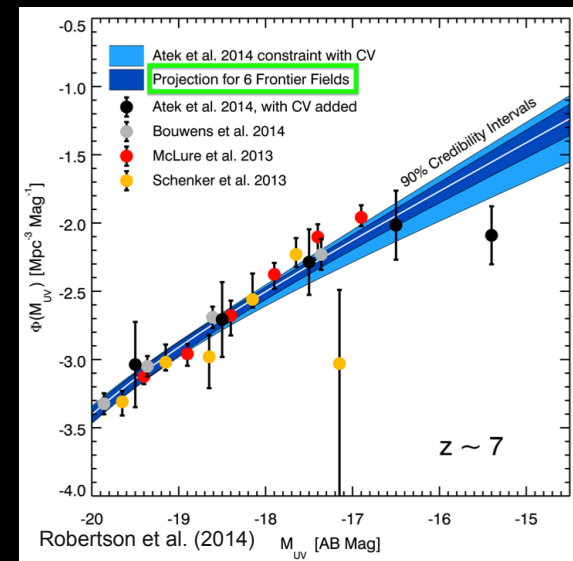
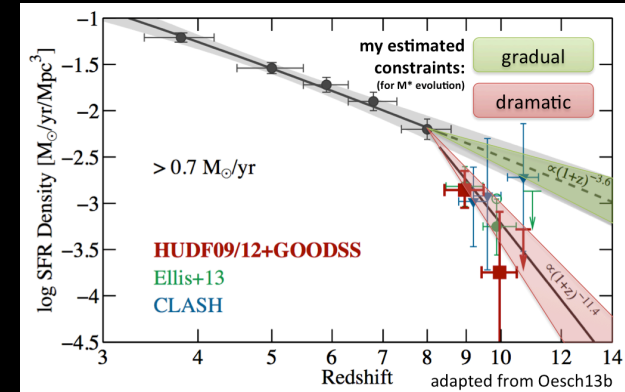


Spitzer detection limits within ~ 2 mag of HST flux add confidence to $z \sim 10$ candidates



The Frontier Fields will strongly constrain high-z galaxy evolution and reionization

I believe our biggest current obstacles (which are being overcome) are detecting faint galaxies and HST + Spitzer photometry, not lensing uncertainties nor cosmic variance



Thank you

