



PEARLS Observations in the North Ecliptic Pole Time Domain Field

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Incomplete list

PEARLS Fields

- **Lensing Clusters**
 - MACS J0416.1–2403 at $z \simeq 0.397$ (Diego+ 2023a, Yan+2023a)
 - Abell 2744 at $z \simeq 0.31$
 - MACS J1149.5+2223
 - El Gordo at $z \simeq 0.87$ (Diego+ 2023b; Frye+ 2023a; Carleton+ 2023)
 - PLCK G165.7+67.0 (G165) double cluster at $z \simeq 0.35$ (Frye+ 2023b)
 - Clio cluster at $z \simeq 0.42$
 - XC J1212+27 = A1489 at $z \simeq 0.35$
- **Protocluster candidates**
 - PHz G191.24+62.04 (G191) is a protocluster candidate at $z = 2.55$
 - TNJ1338–1942 is a protocluster at $z = 4.1$ (Duncan+ 2023)

- QSOs
 - QSO 1425+3254 (or NDWFS J142516.3+325409) at $z = 5.85$
 - QSO J0005–0006 (or SDSS J000552.35–000655.6) at $z = 5.86$
- Deep fields
 - GOODS-S ERS
 - NEP IRAC deep field (Yan+ 2023b.)
 - NEP time domain field
- VV191 - pair of galaxies with a foreground spiral galaxy and an unassociated elliptical galaxy behind (Keel+ 2013; 2023)

PEARLS Observations in the NEP

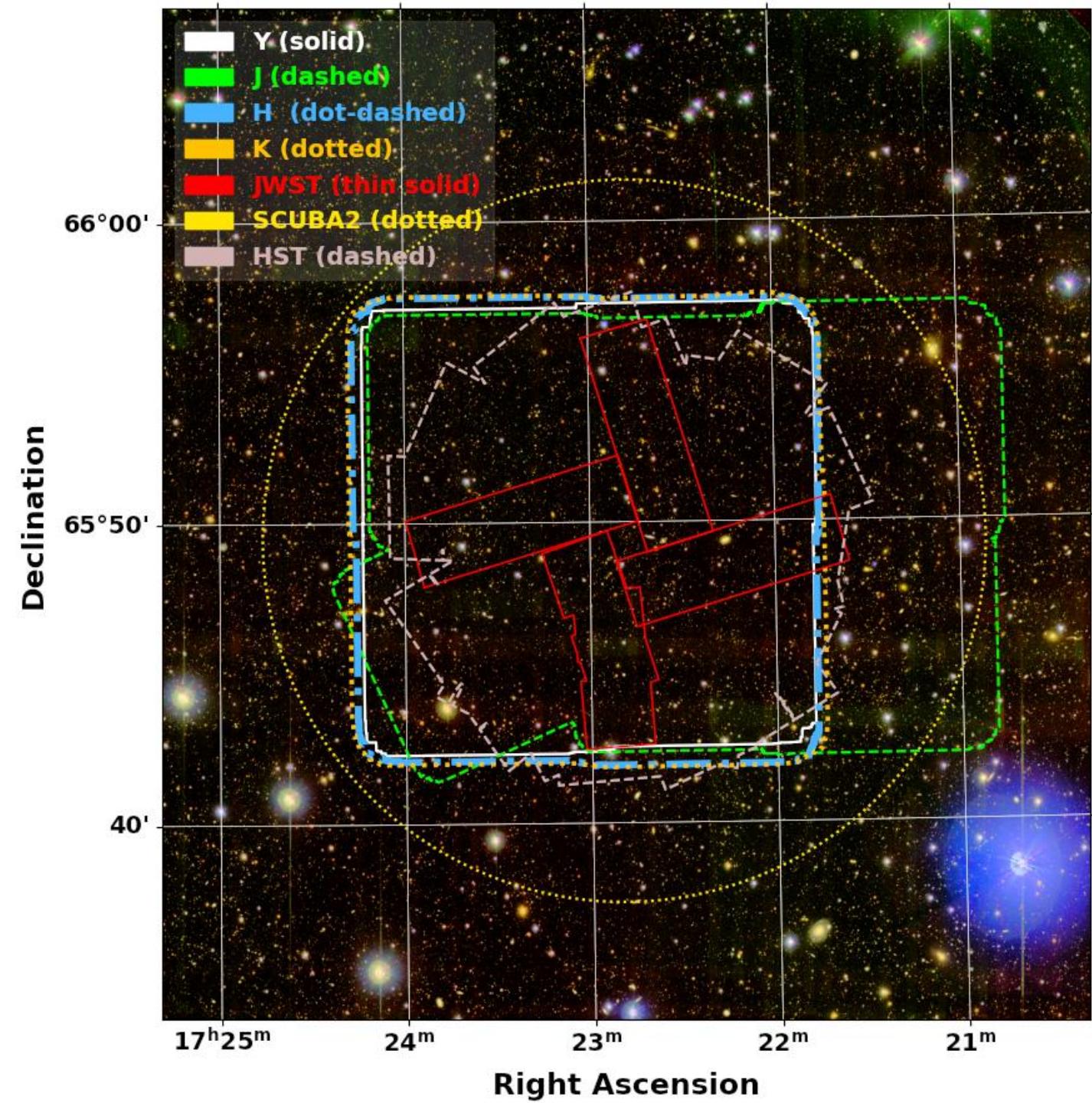
- The Ecliptic Poles are fields that fall in the continuous viewing zone (CVZ) of several (if not all) space observatories.
- The CVZs can be observed any time of the year and are ideal for the search of transients and variable sources.
- The South Ecliptic Pole has a major contribution of sources coming from the Large Magellanic Cloud, which impairs somewhat studies of the very distant universe.
- [Jansen & Windhorst \(2018\)](#) identified a region in the North Ecliptic Pole with no bright stars and low galactic absorption that could be used for the search of transients. This is the NEP Time Domain Field (TDF).
- An additional deep field is being monitored for transients within the NEP – the IRAC Deep Field (IDF) which also has deep coverage from other missions – notably Spitzer and AKARI (which was discussed yesterday by Matt Malkan).

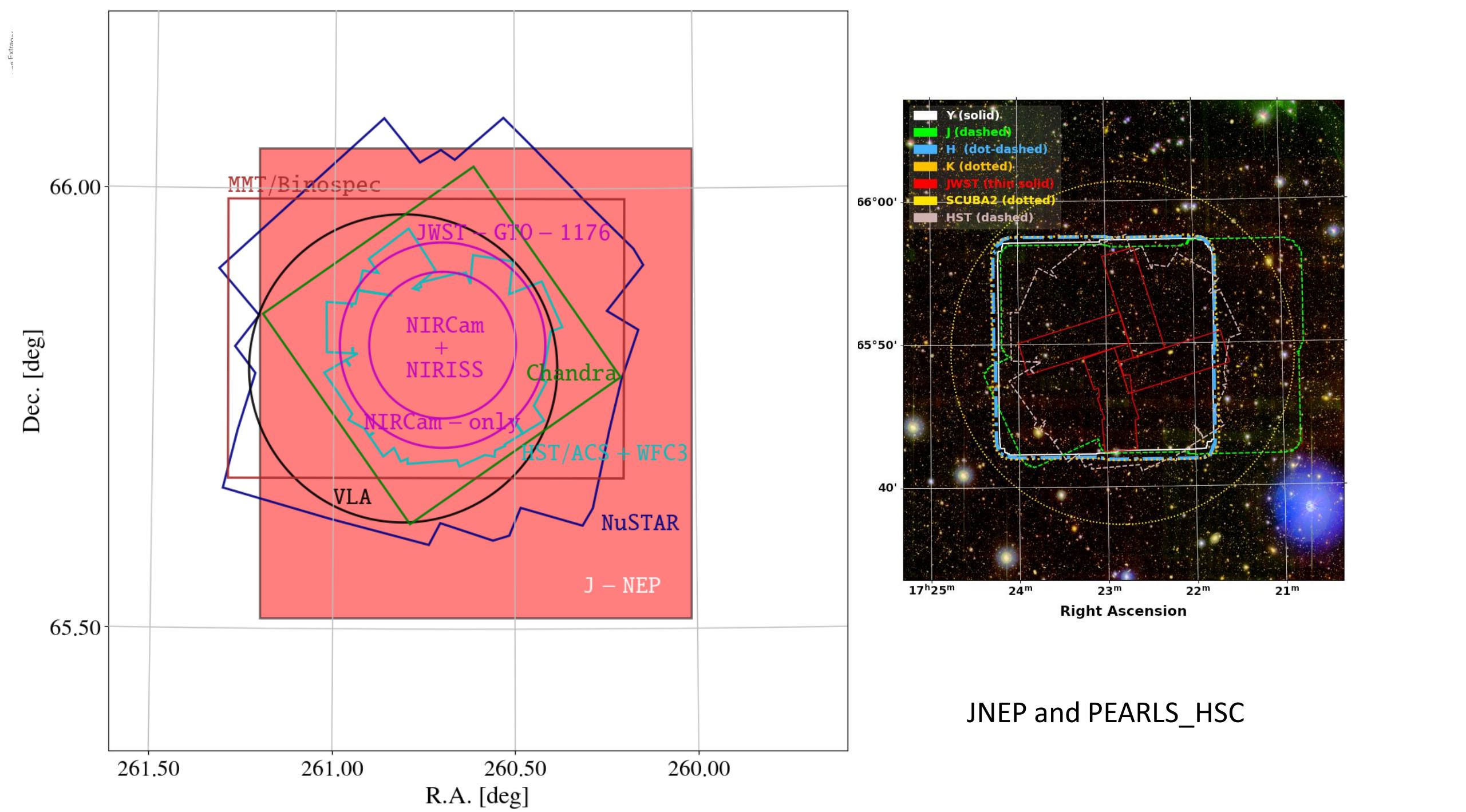
Table 1: JWST NEP Time-Domain Field multiwavelength community investment

Telescope	PI	Status	Depth
<i>NuSTAR</i> 3–24 keV	F. Civano	extant (33 sources)	1467 ks; >50 cts
"	"	approved	855 ks ; "
<i>Chandra/ACIS-I</i> 0.2–10 keV	W.P. Maksym	extant; 238 sources	1300 ks; $\sim 1 \times 10^{-16}$ cgs
"	"	in progress	500 ks; "
<i>XMM-Newton</i> 0.5–2.0 keV	F. Civano	extant / approved	40 ks / 30 ks; 1×10^{-15} cgs
<i>AstroSat/UVIT</i> F154W,F172M	K. Saha	approved	97.78 hrs; $m \sim 27$ mag
<i>GALEX</i> NUV+FUV	MIS+AIS	extant	2×2.8 ks; $m \sim 24.1$ mag
<i>HST/WFC3+ACS</i>	R. Jansen / R. Jansen & N. Grogin	extant	96 CVZ orbits; $r \lesssim 7.5$
<i>F275W,F435W,F606W</i>		GO 15278, GO 16252, GO 16793	$m \sim 27.3, 28.2, 29$ mag
<i>LBT/LBC U_{sp} griz</i>	R.A. Jansen	extant; wide-field (2 epochs)	11 hrs; $m \sim 26.8\text{--}26.0$ mag
<i>Subaru/HSC giz,nb816,nb921</i>	G. Hasinger / E. Hu	extant; wide-field	5 hrs; $m \sim 25.5\text{--}25.1$ mag
<i>GTC/HiPERCAM ugriz</i>	V. Dhillon	extant; $r < 5'$	16×1 hr; $m \sim 27$ mag
<i>TESS</i> (0.6–1.0 μ m bandpass)	G. Berriman & B. Holwerda	in progress; ultra wide-field	357 days; low-SB xtd
<i>MMT/MMIRS YJHK_s</i>	C.N.A. Willmer	extant	68 hrs; $m \sim 24.5\text{--}23.5$ mag
<i>JWST/NIRCam+NIRISS</i>	R.A. Windhorst / H.B. Hammel	<i>guaranteed time</i>	~ 49 hrs; 54.7 arcmin ²
0.8–5 μ m + 1.75–2.23 μ m		GTO #2738	$m < 29\text{--}28.5$ mag
<i>JCMT/SCUBA-2</i> 850 μ m	I. Smail / M. Im	extant; 113 sources (82 at $>4\sigma$)	43.4 hrs; rms ~ 0.8 mJy
"	"	approved	20.0 hrs; rms ~ 0.7 mJy
<i>SMA</i> 0.87 mm	G. Fazio	extant; 11 sources	66 hrs; rms ~ 0.85 mJy/beam
<i>IRAM/Nika2</i> 1.2, 2 mm	S.H. Cohen	extant (pilot)	30 hrs; rms ~ 2 mJy
<i>VLA</i> 3(2–4) GHz	R.A. Windhorst / W. Cotton	extant; ~ 2500 sources	47 hrs; rms ~ 0.9 μ Jy
<i>VLBA</i> 4.7 GHz	W. Brisken	extant; ~ 128 targets	147 hrs; rms ~ 3 μ Jy
<i>eMERLIN</i> 1.5 GHz	A. Thomson	extant	40 hrs
"	"	in progress	100 hrs; rms ~ 3 μ Jy/beam
<i>LOFAR</i> 150 MHz	R. van Weeren	extant; ultra-wide field	72 hrs; rms ~ 0.12 mJy
<i>mini-JPAS</i> (56 narrow-bands)	S. Bonoli / R. Dupke	extant; ultra-wide field	48 hrs; $m \sim 21.5\text{--}22.5$ mag
<i>MMT/Binospec</i> (mos)	C.N.A. Willmer	extant; 1378 spectra/1000 redshifts	26 hrs; $m \sim 22.5\text{--}24$ mag
<i>MMT/MMIRS</i> (mos)	C.N.A. Willmer	approved	$m < 22$, $z > 0.4$

NEP TDF

Footprints of some of the ground-based observations and HST and JWST. Subaru HSC g , $i2$ and z form the background.



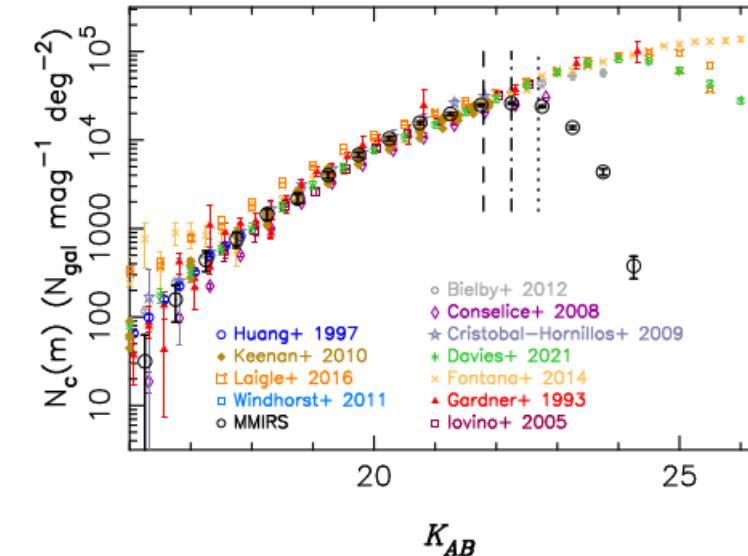
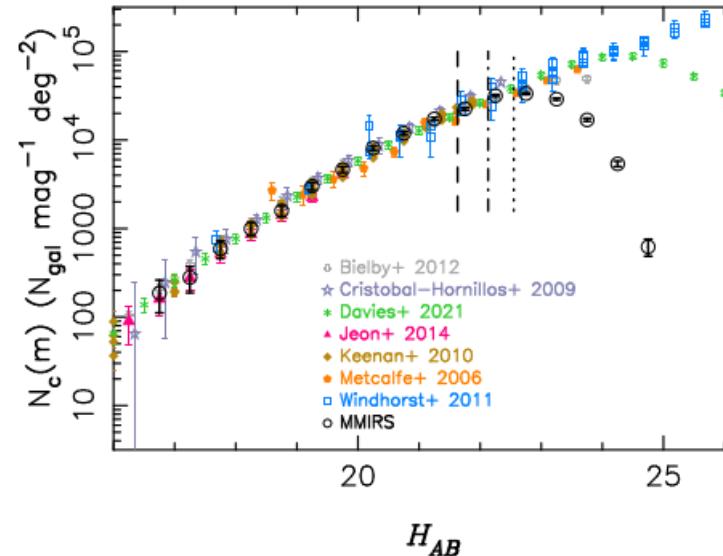
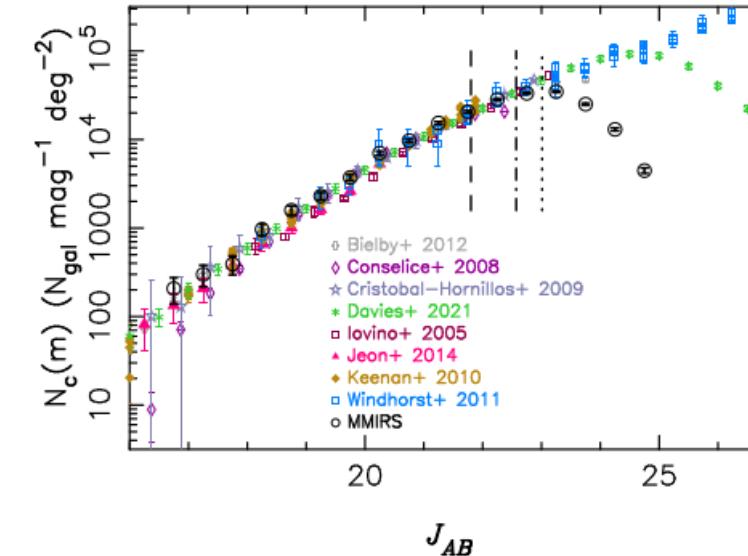
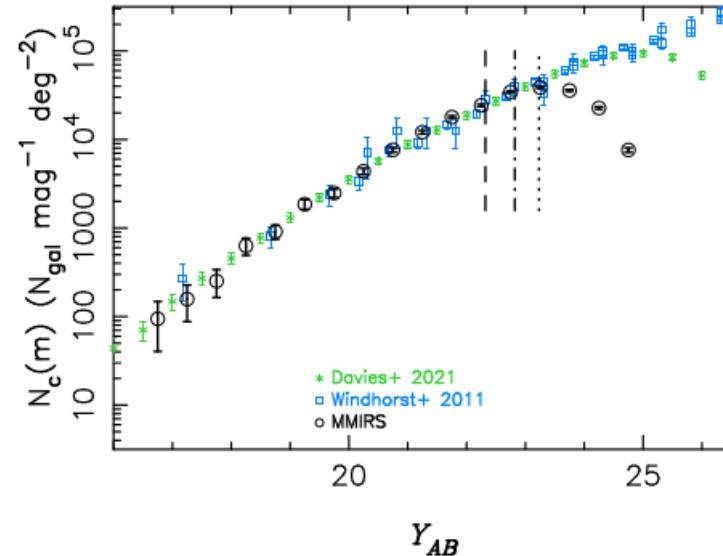


TDF Milestones since last JPAS meeting

- HST imaging is complete (WFC3 F275W, ACS F435W, F606W).
- JWST imaging is complete.
- AstroSat/UVIT observations are complete (F154W, F172M) .
- PEARLS NIR and Subaru PEARLS-HSC data.
- Two MMT/Hectospec runs targeting NuSTAR and XMM sources (PI X. Zhao)

Near Infrared imaging

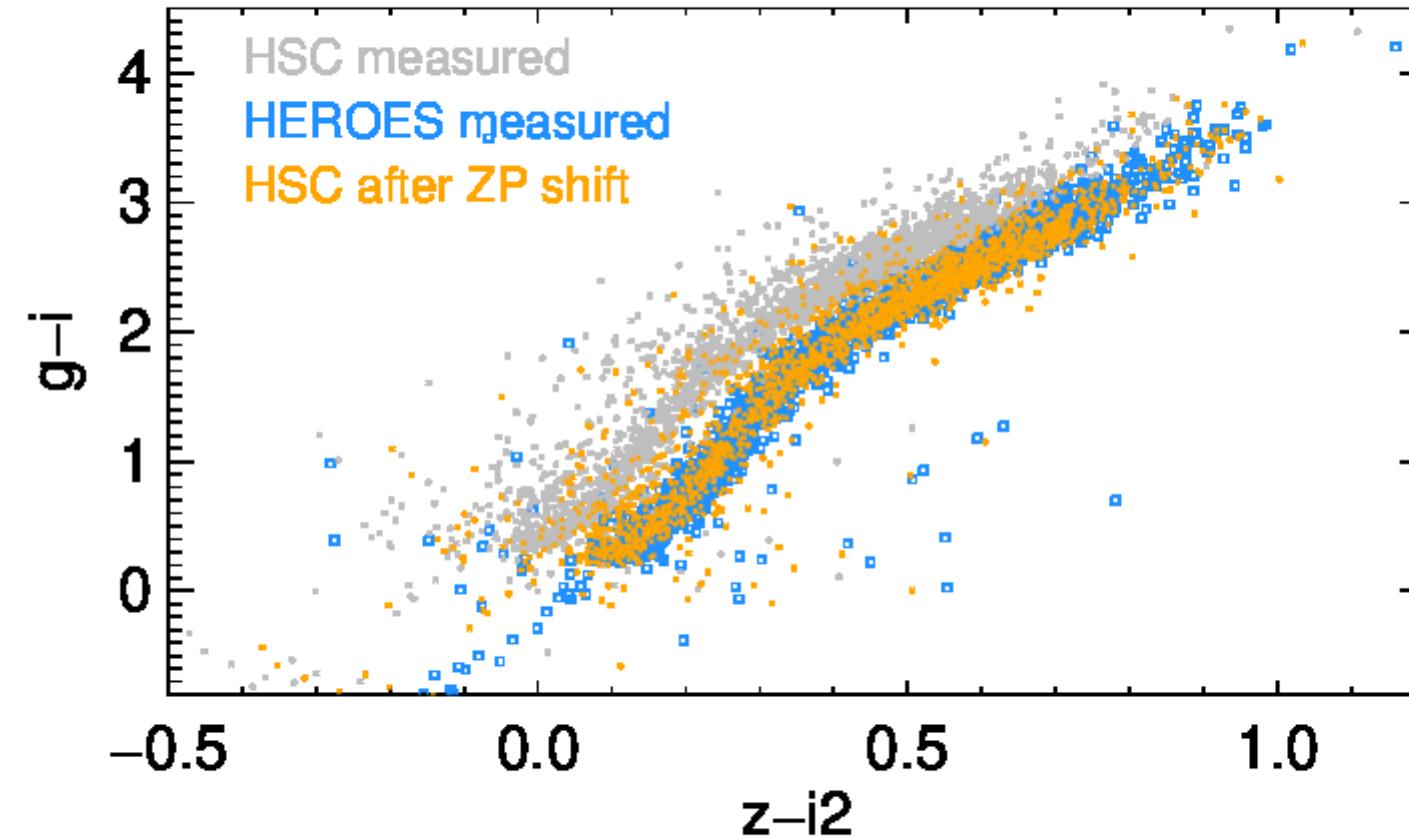
- MMT/MMIRS NIR imaging
 - Observations taken in Y , J , H and K .
 - observations taken over 37 nights between 2017 and 2019
 - Astrometric calibration used GAIA DR3 and produce RMS residuals of ~ 70 mas.
- The number counts in the NIR bands show good agreement with published results.

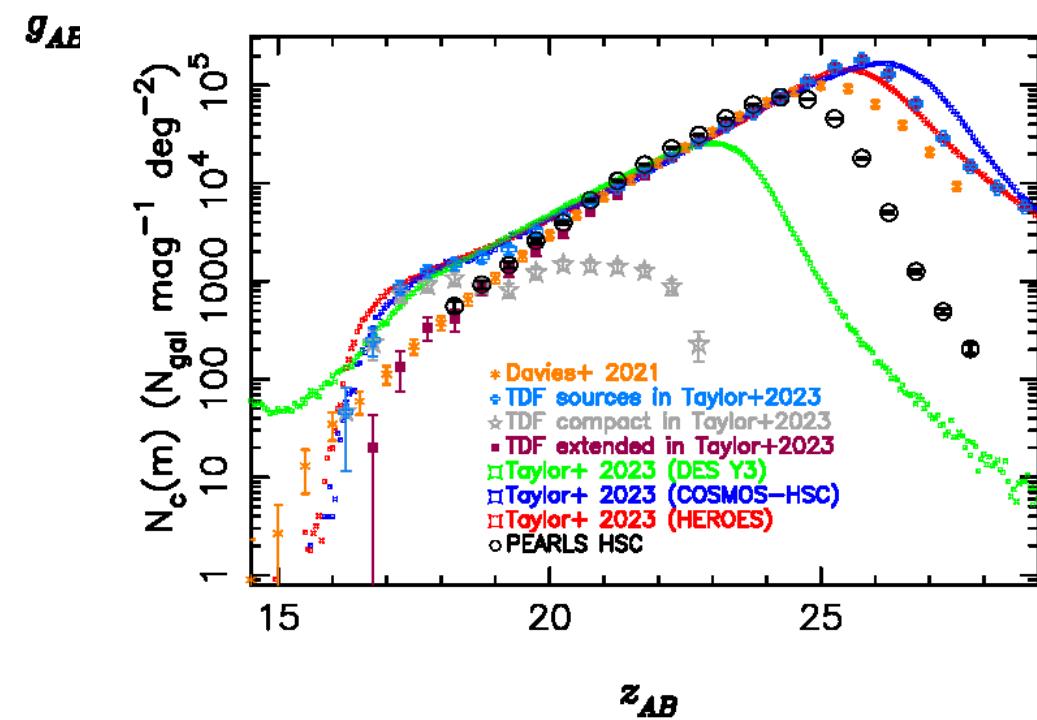
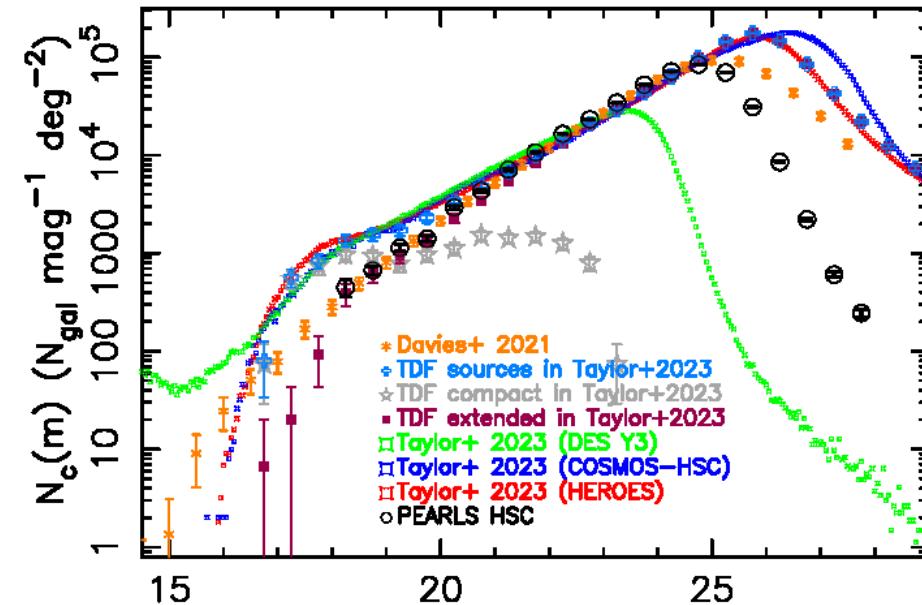
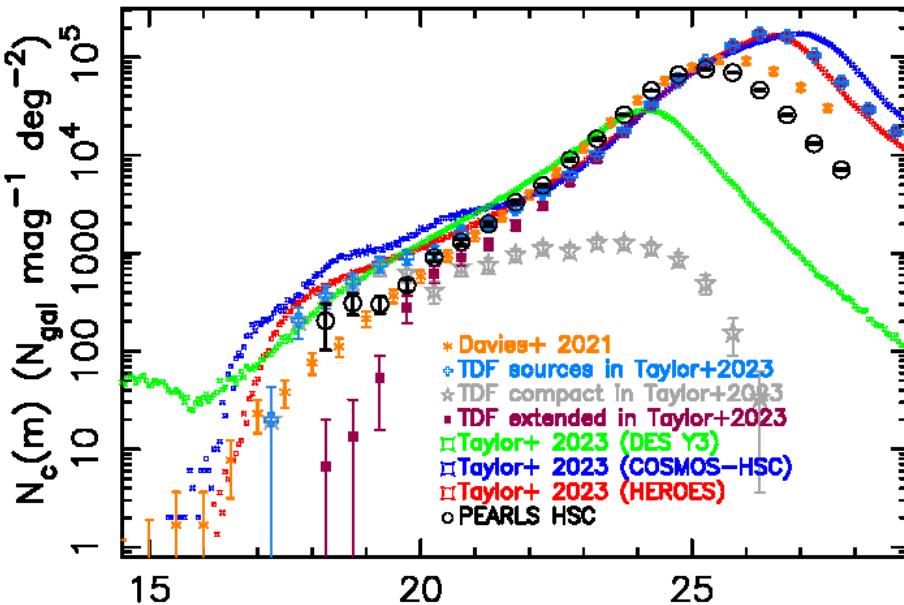


HSC Archival Imaging

- Subaru HSC imaging available in the NAOJ archive early 2020 from HEROES (Hawai'i Erosita Ecliptic Pole Survey) was used to create catalogues in the visible.
- The PEARLS-HSC catalogues were matched to sources identified in the MMT MMIRS observations in Y , J , H and K
- Astrometric quality has an rms of 20 mas relative to GAIA DR3 and was used to calibrate the JWST astrometry in the NEP-TDF.
- In early 2023 a catalogue of the HEROES was published by Taylor+ (2023) and the comparison with PEARLS-HSC showed the latter had small photometric offsets.
- The number counts from both reductions show good agreement.

The Stellar Locus as measured by PEARLS-HSC and HEROES



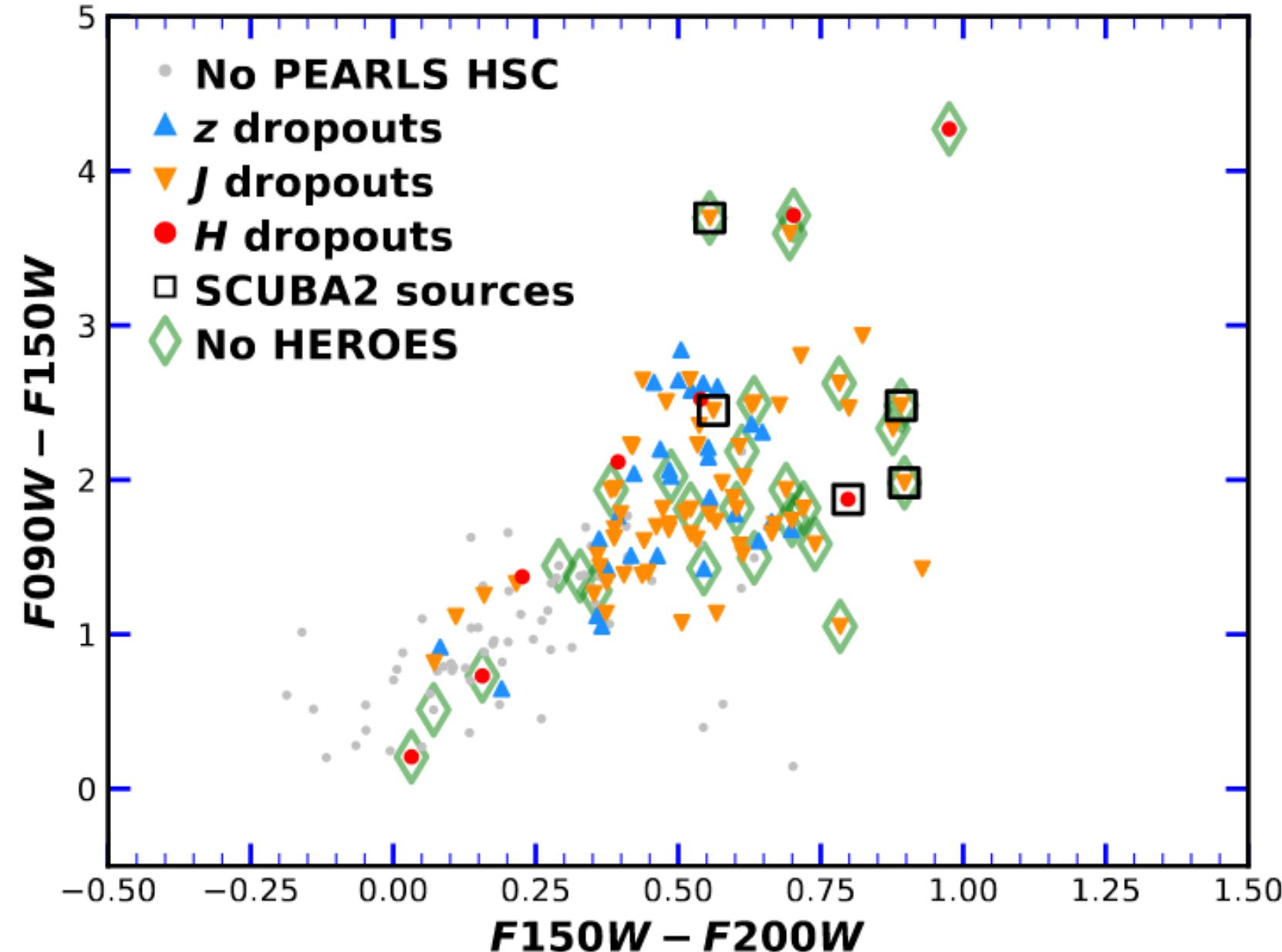


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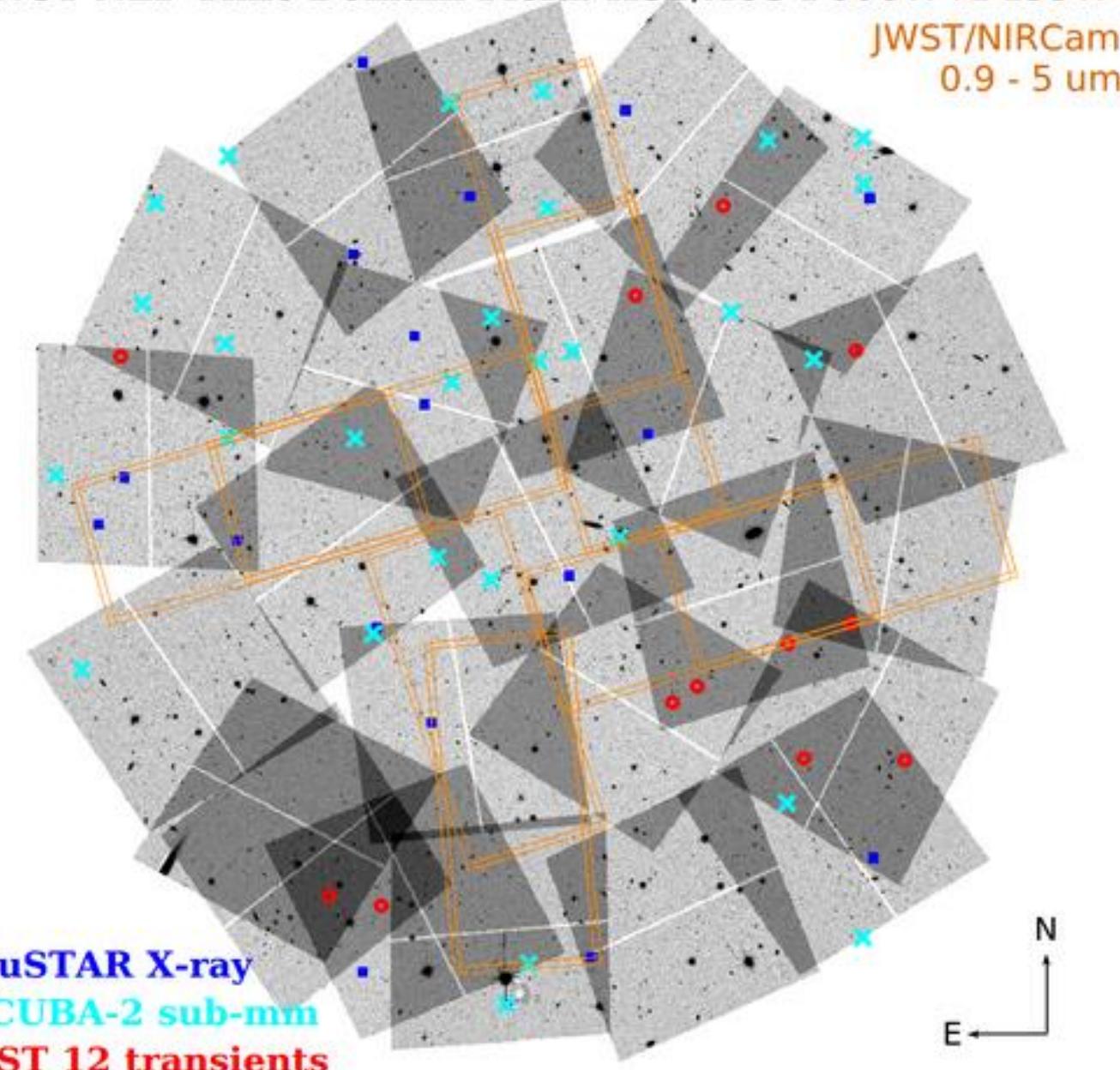
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Summary of ground-based imaging

- Limiting magnitudes at a 95% completeness level for point sources: $(g, i2, z, Y, J, H, K) \leq (25.68, 24.50, 24.09, 23.80, 23.53, 23.13, 23.28)$
- Merged catalogue with 57,467 sources, of which 56,752 are PEARLS-HSC detections and 715 are NIR only-detections.
- Some of these are spurious detections, many are real sources but below the PEARLS-HSC detection limit. A second match was made with the HEROES catalogue and 174 sources had no match.
- A few sources are dusty galaxies detected by SCUBA2.

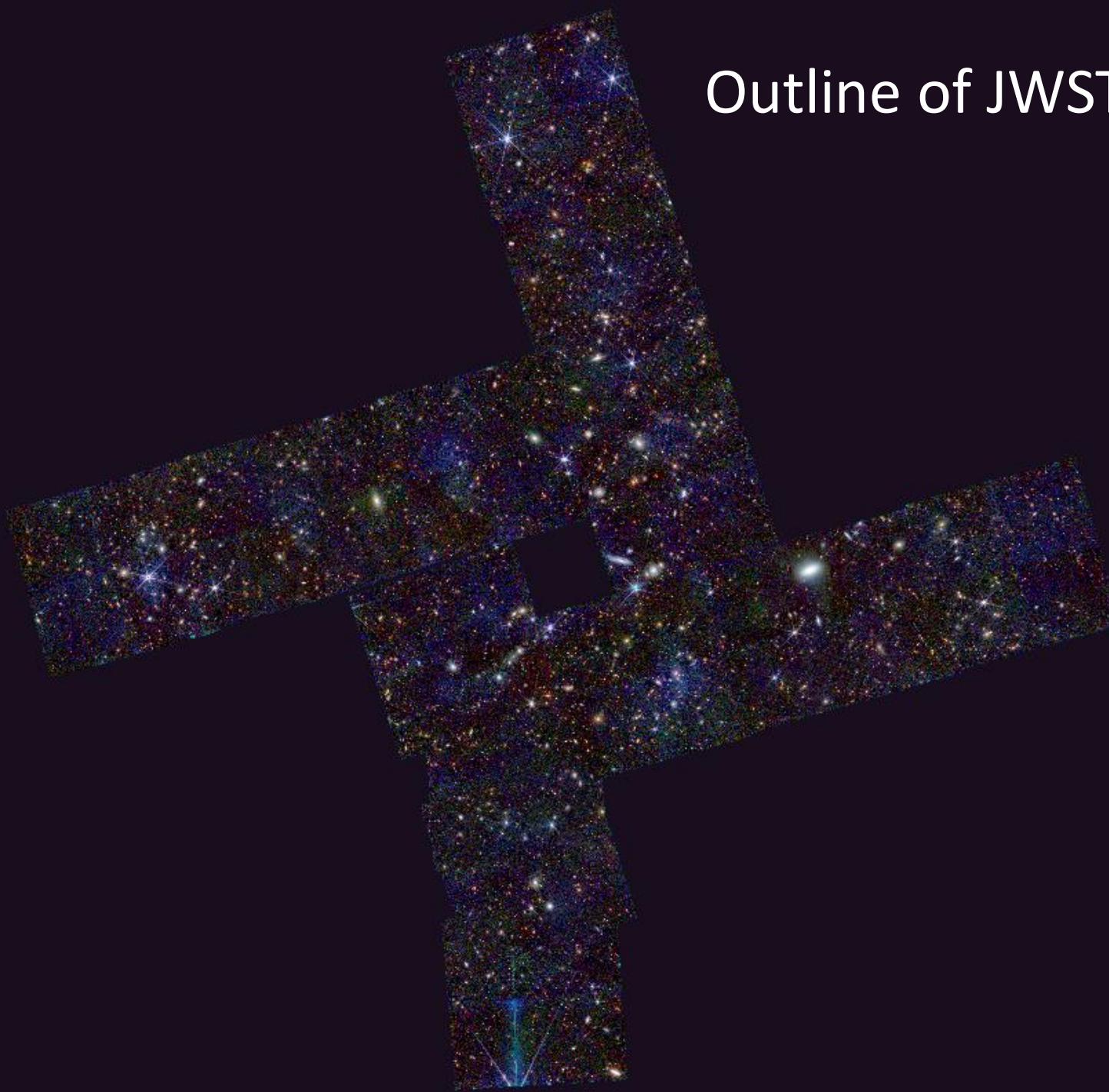


JWST NEP Time Domain Field: HST/ACS F606W+F435W



Jansen & O'Brien
2023 Jun 19

Outline of JWST observations



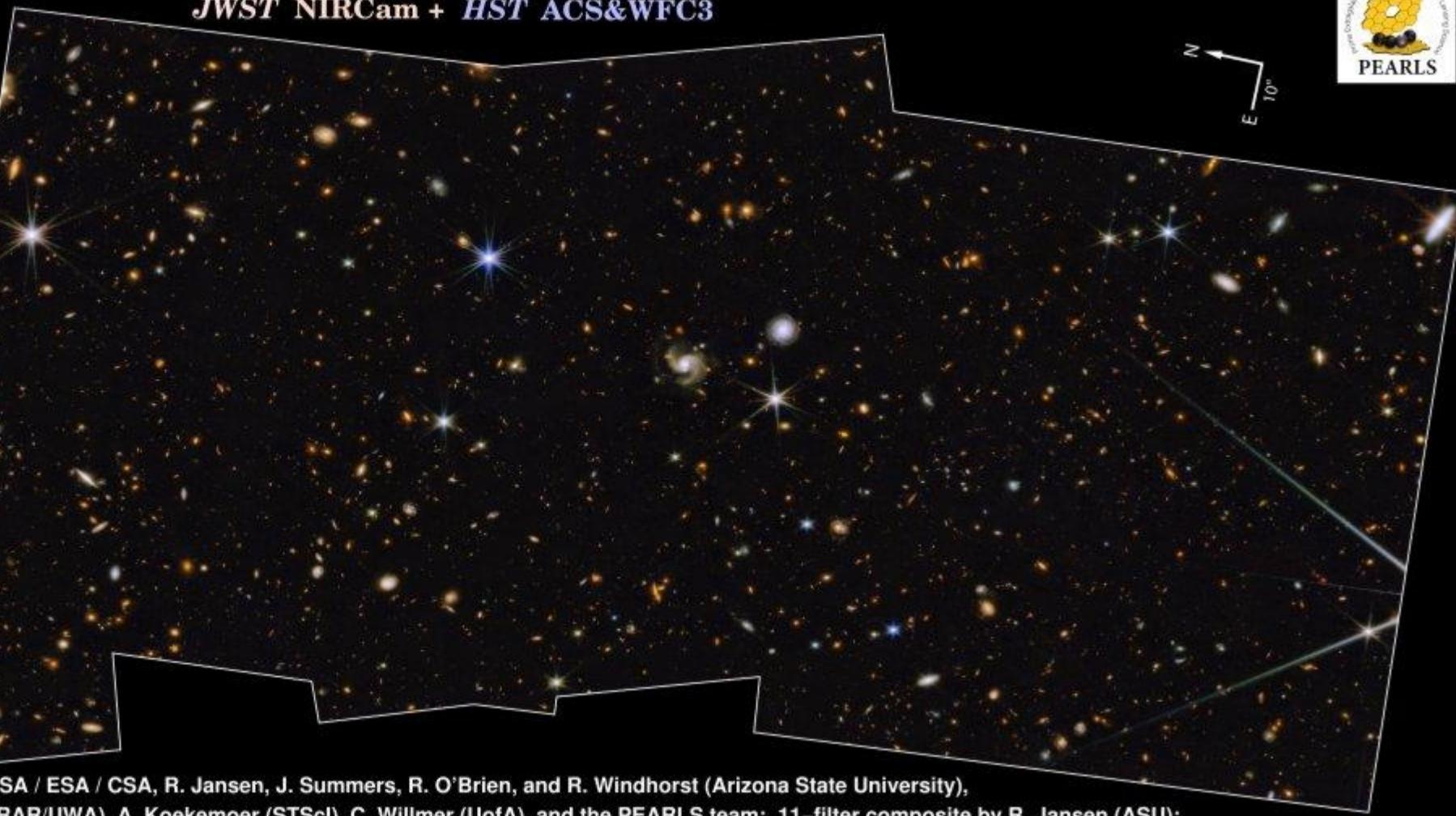


JWST North Ecliptic Pole Time Domain Field - Spoke 1

JWST NIRCam + HST ACS&WFC3

HST F275W
HST F435W
HST F606W
HST F690W
F115W
F150W
F200W
F277W
F356W
F410M
F444W

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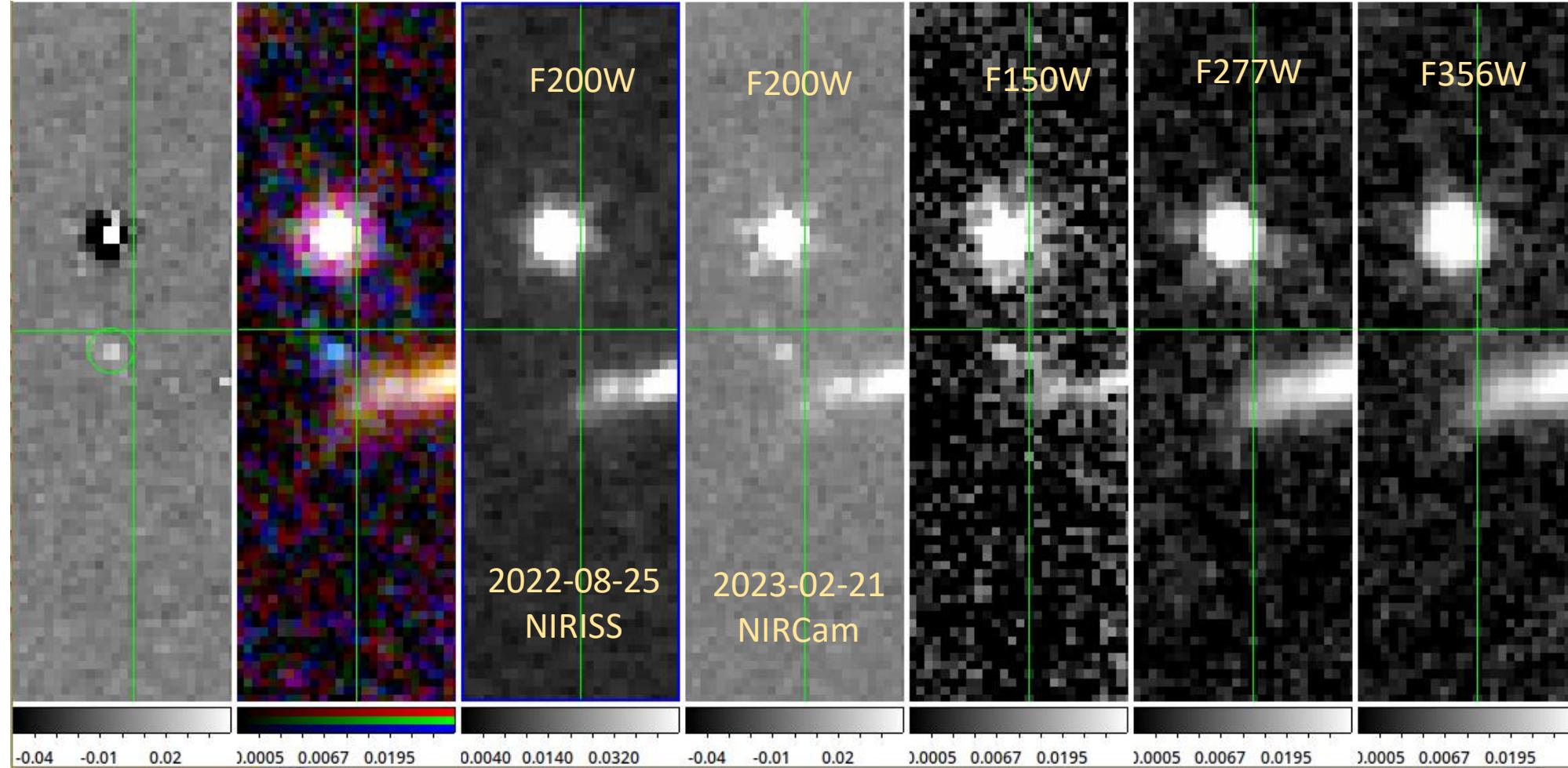
NASA / ESA / CSA, R. Jansen, J. Summers, R. O'Brien, and R. Windhorst (Arizona State University),

A. Robotham (ICRAR/UWA), A. Koekemoer (STScI), C. Willmer (UofA), and the PEARLS team; 11-filter composite by R. Jansen (ASU);

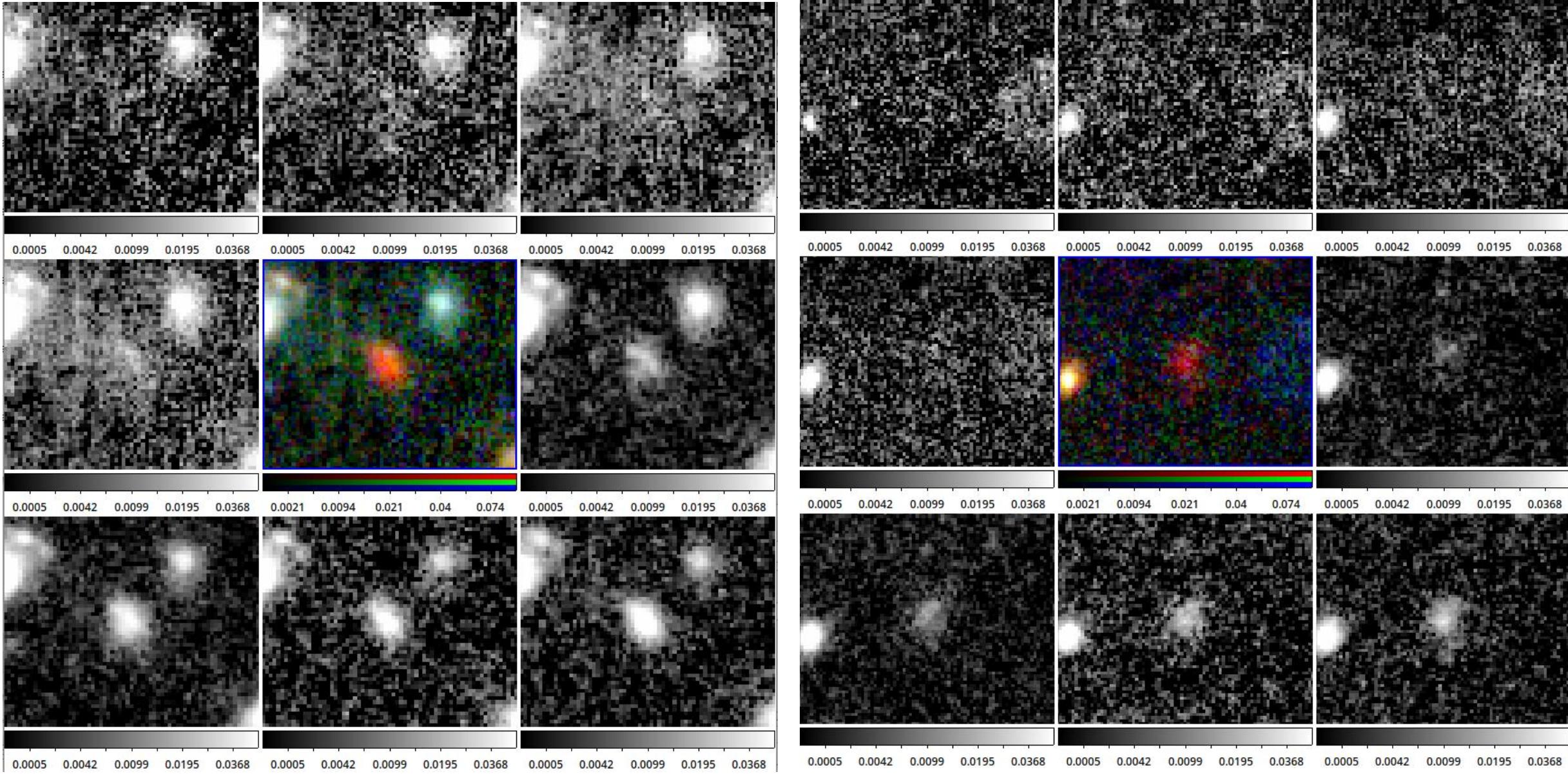
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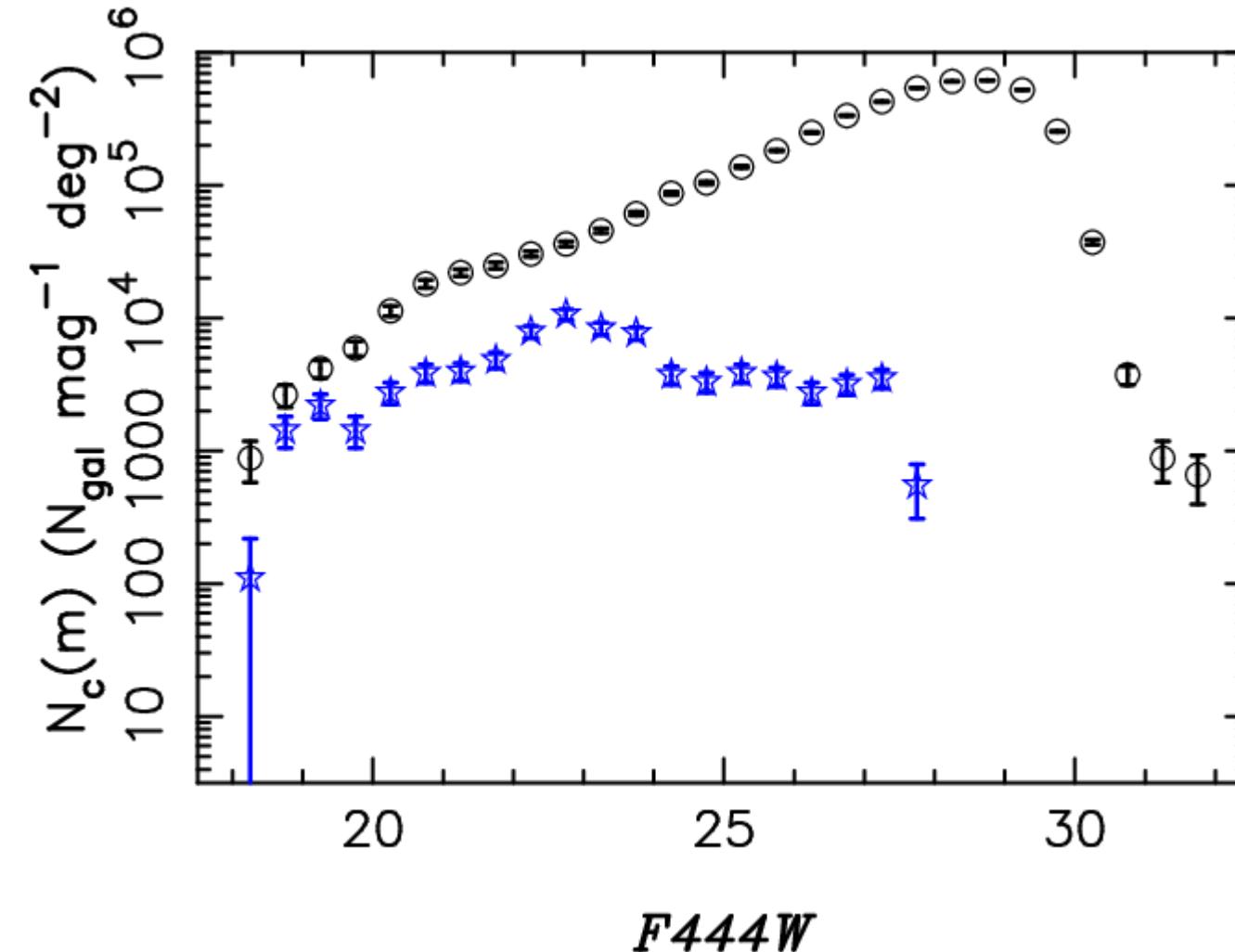
JWST-discovered transient in the TDF



Dusty Galaxies (almost) invisible shortward of 2 μ m



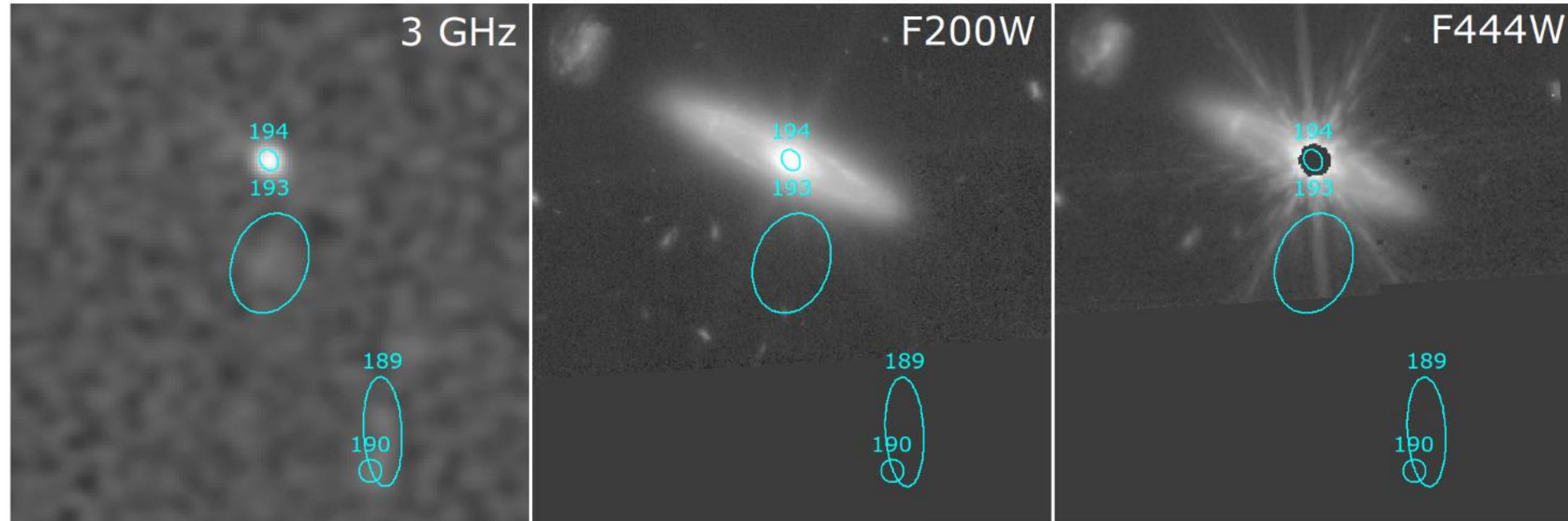
Number counts for full TDF using a preliminary catalogue by Seth Cohen (ASU)

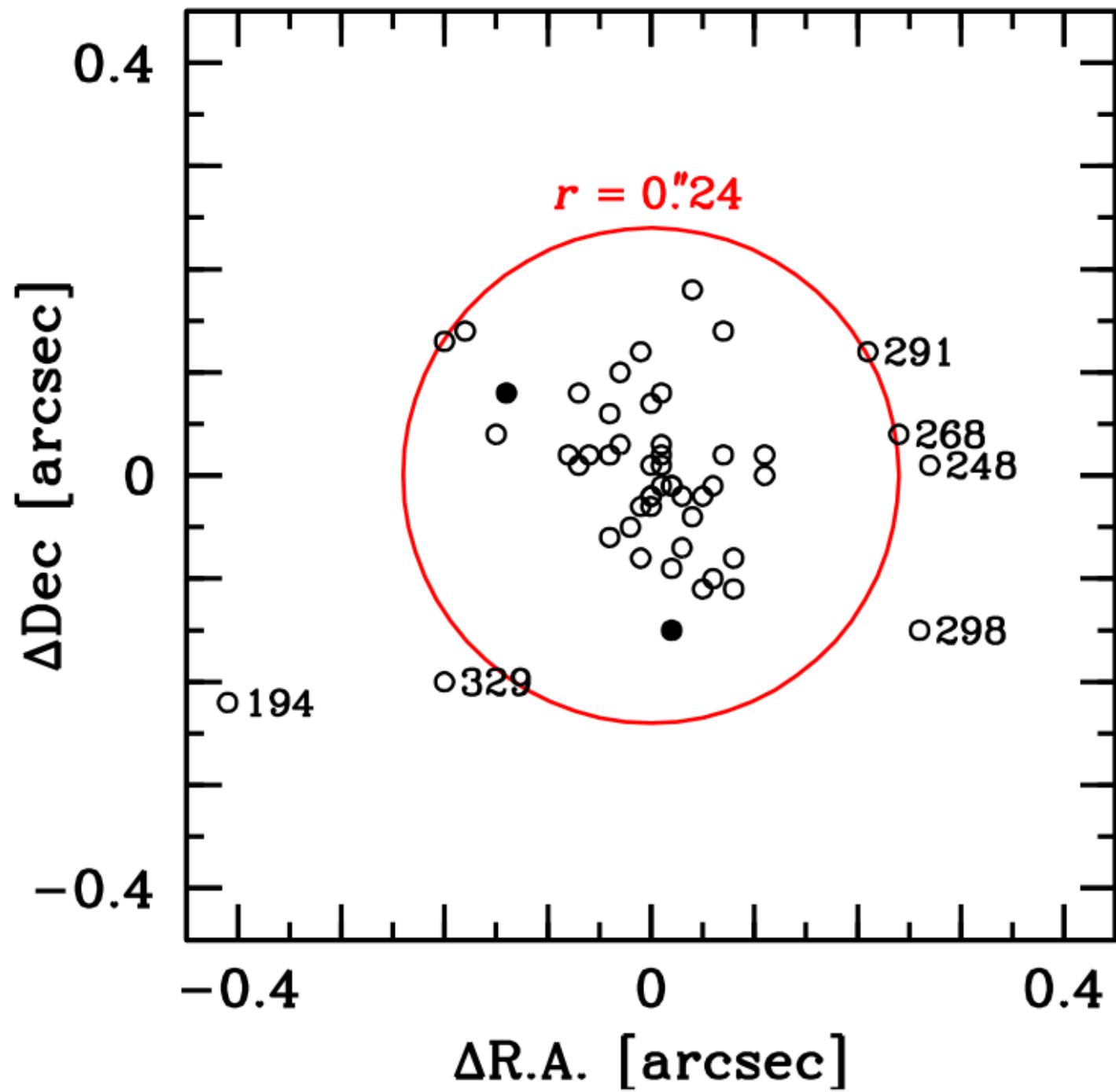


VLA sources in Spoke 1 ([S. Willner+ 2023](#))

- Matched VLA sources from Hyun+2023 with a Spoke 1 catalogue by S. Cohen. A total of 62 out of 63 VLA sources that fall within the JWST footprint have JWST counterparts.
- The one VLA object without a counterpart could be a secondary lobe of the radio source associated to an AGN or an IR-faint radio source.
- The majority of sources fall within 0.24" from their counterparts.
- However, positional matching alone would produce mis-matches.
- About 11% of sample only have counterparts thanks to the imaging beyond 2 μ m.

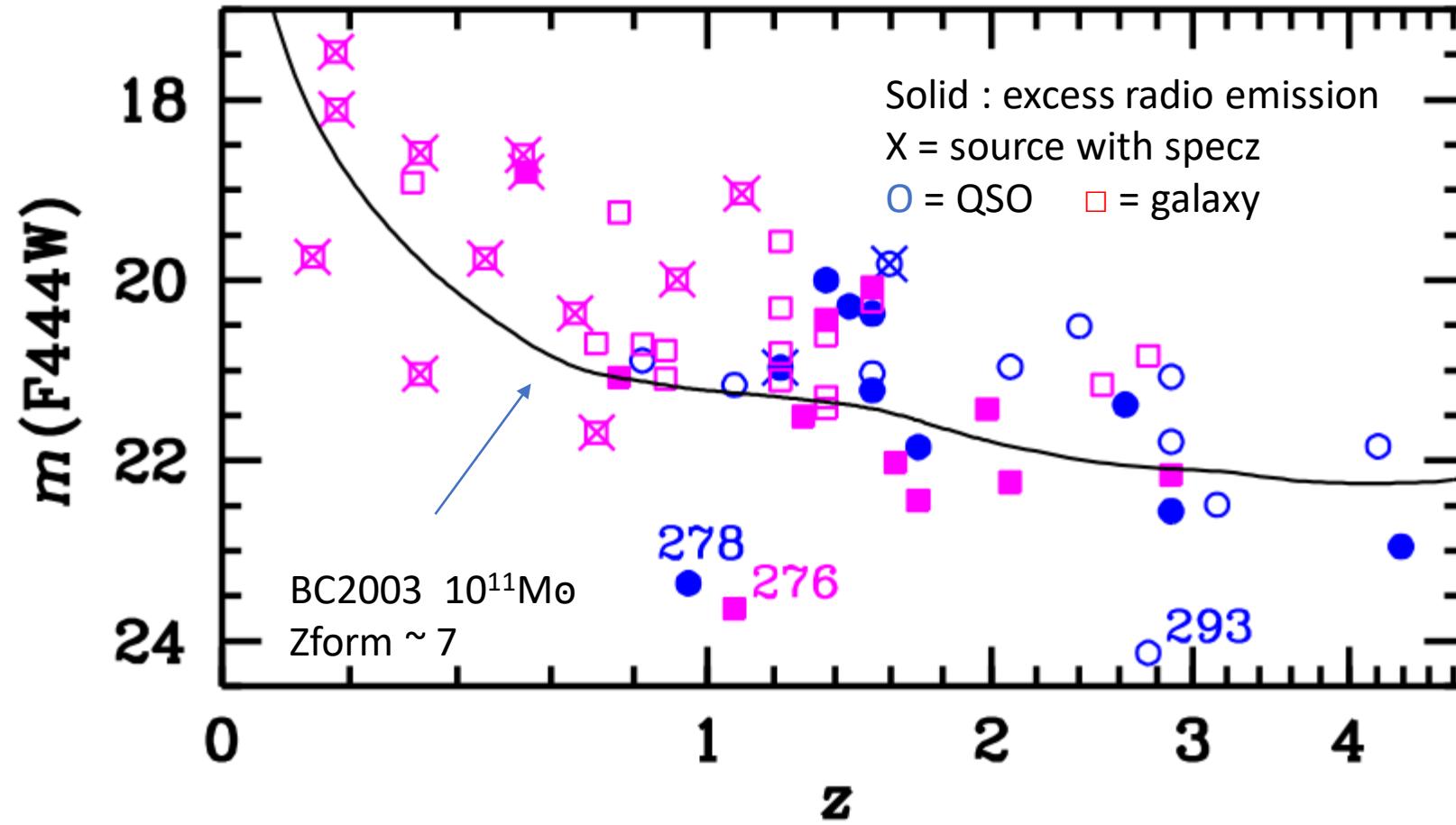
VLA source without counterpart



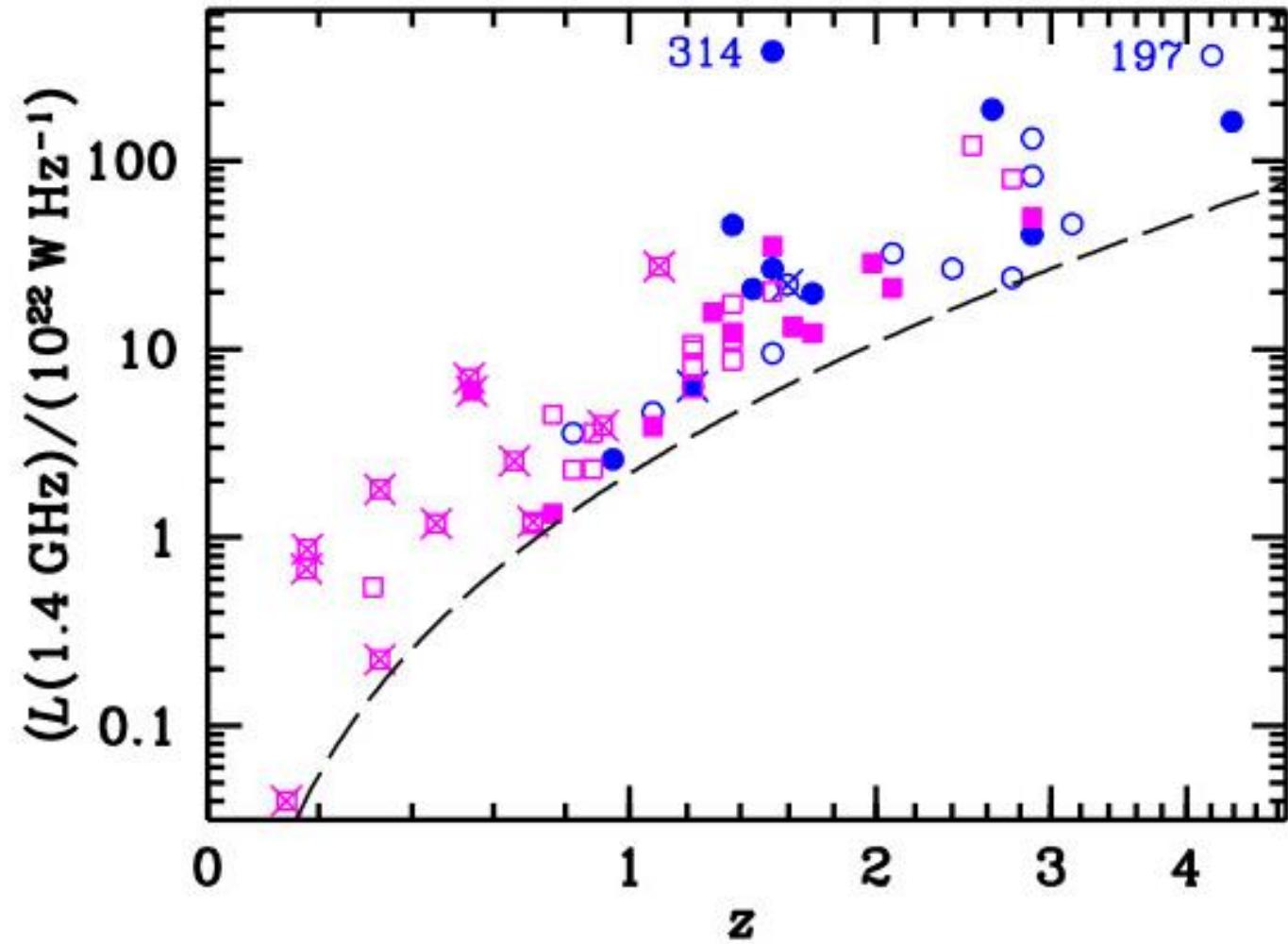


- Spectral energy distributions (SEDs) were estimated combining JWST photometry with ground-based visible and NIR when extant using CIGALE (Boquien+ 2019; Yang+ 2020; 2022).
- CIGALE produced photometric redshifts, spectral classifications and stellar mass estimates.
- Photometric redshifts show good agreement with the spectroscopic ones.
- Distribution of magnitude versus redshift shows that majority of these VLA μ Jy sources are several magnitude brighter than the F444W detection limit

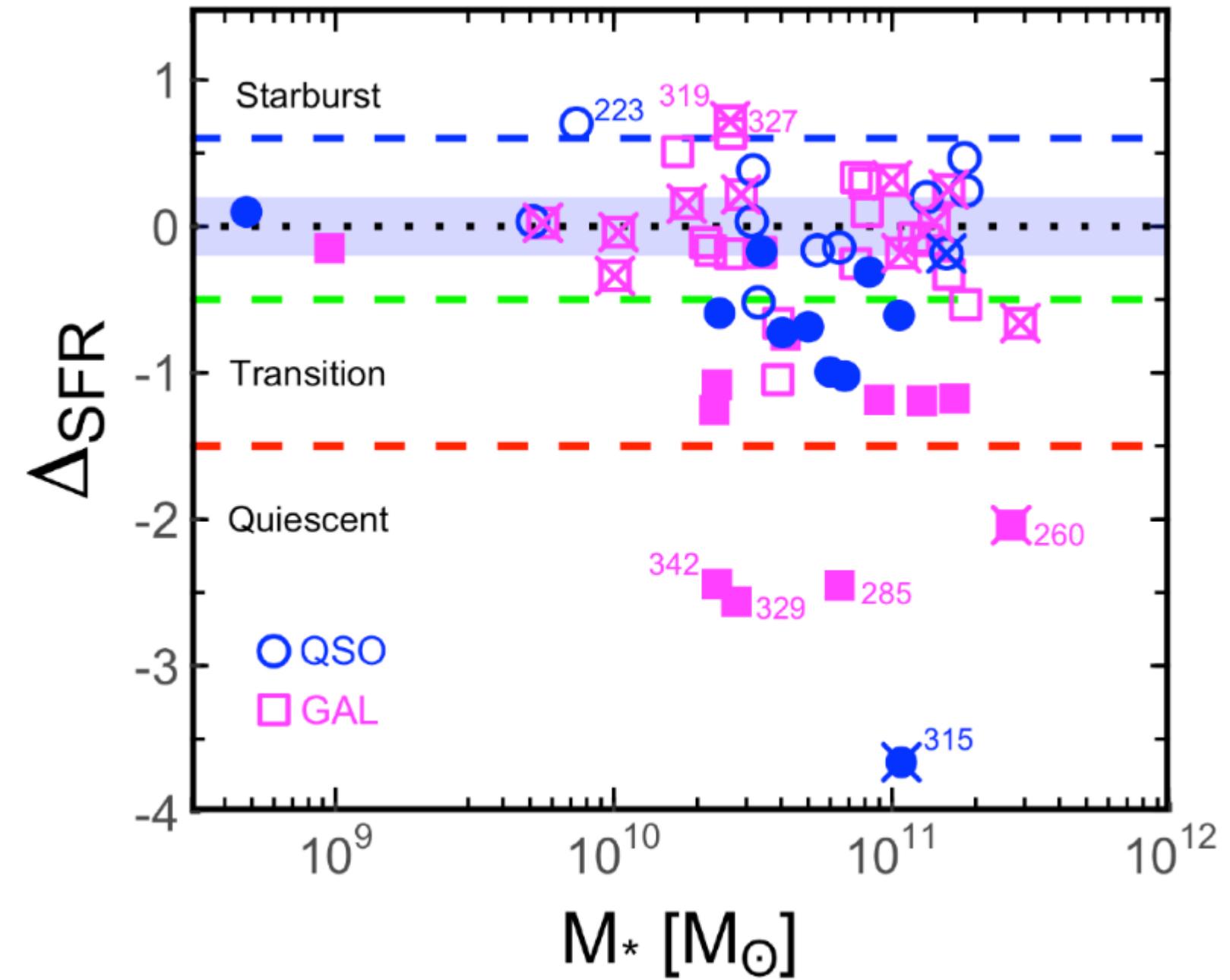
Redshift distribution

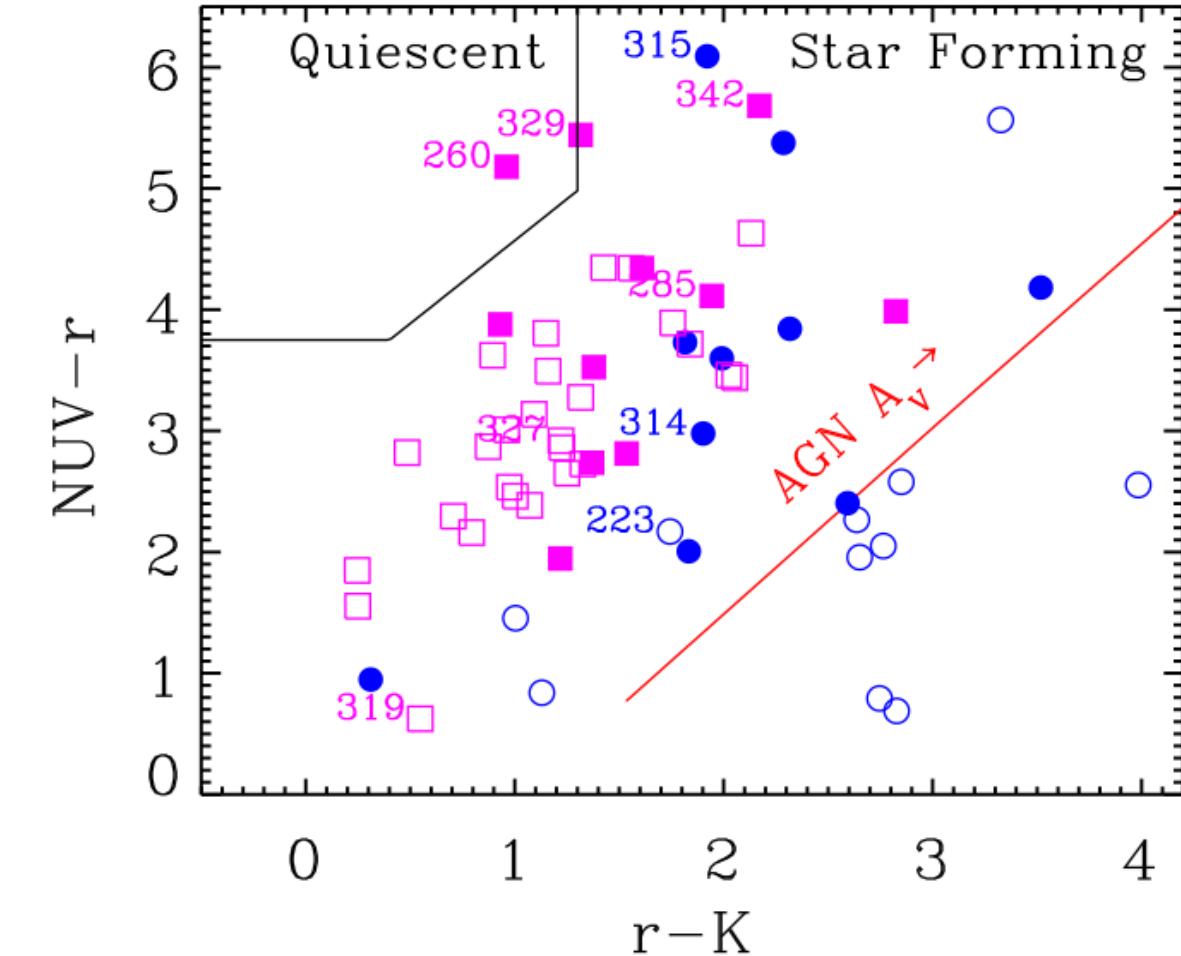
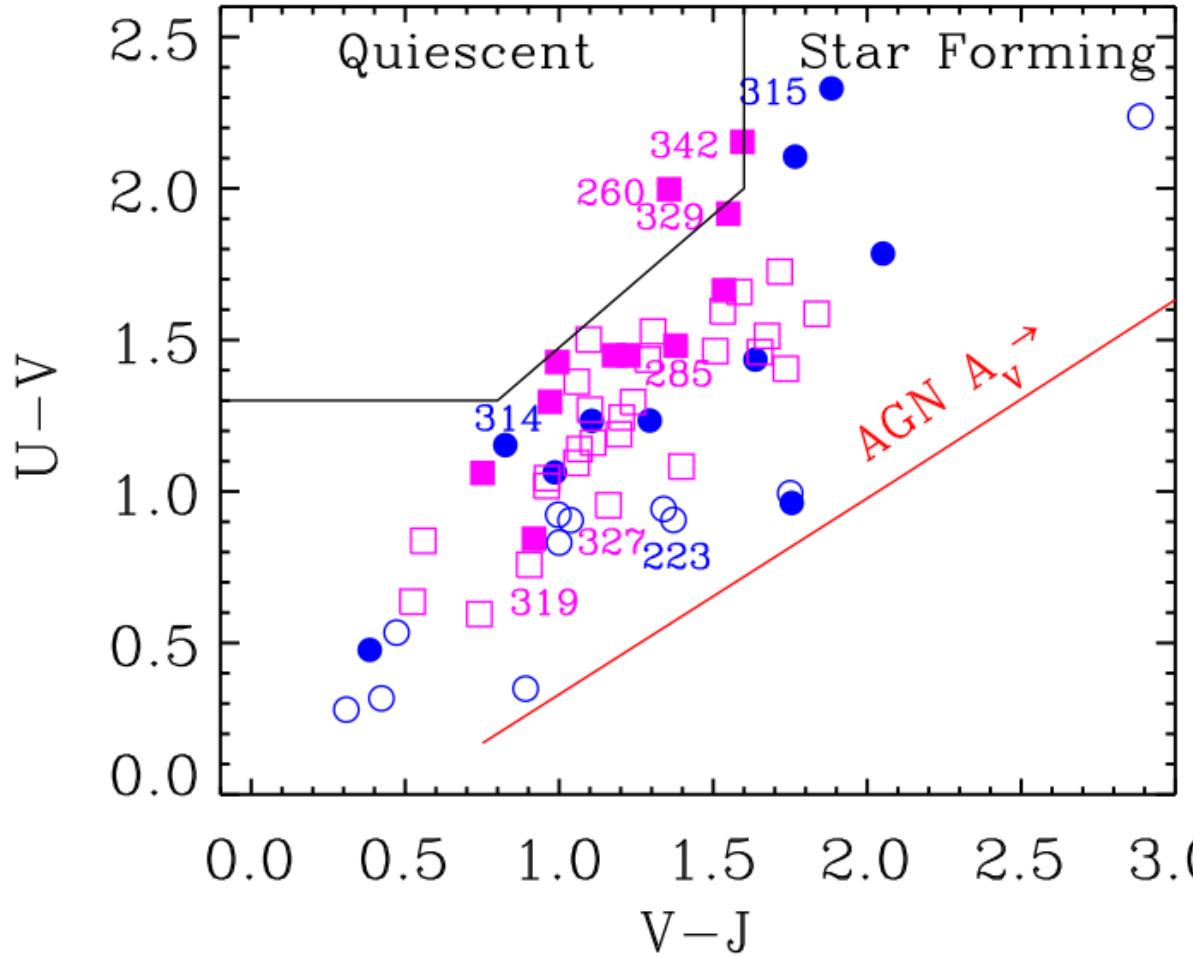


The source luminosity versus redshift plot shows that brightest sources are those with QSO spectral classification.



Object classification
derived from the distance
above or below the
Main Sequence.





- 50 min exposure with NIRCam detects 97% of the 5 μ Jy radio sources.
- No single match radius can give completeness and reliability.
- Radio emission comes mainly from star formation for 64% of the sample.
- The analysis using the full TDF sample is now under way (S. Willner in preparation).

Synergies

- The JNEP data will be essential for the estimation of redshifts of brighter transients in the NEP, as spectroscopic full coverage is not feasible, enabling an efficient follow-up of interesting sources.
- The J-NEP provides additional “epoch 0” observations for the search of transients and variable sources.
- For sources in WEAVE, DESI and Binospec, J-NEP allows identifying redshifts of single emission-line sources, as well as explanations for the causes of failed spectroscopic redshifts.
- J-NEP photo-zs will enable many statistical studies of properties of individual galaxies as well as the clustering properties.

Concluding Remarks

- PEARLS has been successful in detecting transients through multiple observations
 - This is true both for the lensing clusters and the deep fields.
- The first analysis using the NEP TDF data emphasized the properties of radio sources
 - Almost all radio sources are detected by NIRCam imaging
 - In general all detected sources are at least 3 magnitude brighter than the nominal magnitude limit of the observations.
 - The radio sources show a mixture of star-forming and active galaxies, the latter being brighter because of the AGN
- The sparse spectroscopic coverage means that J-NEP will be a prime resource to characterise the statistical properties of galaxies in the NEP TDF.