

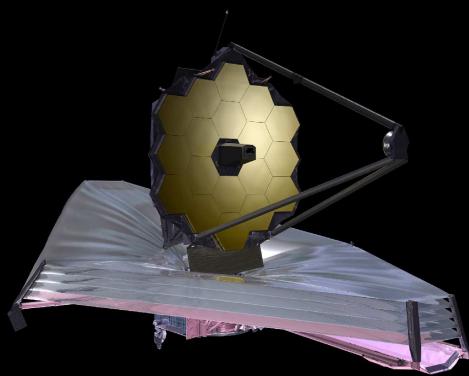
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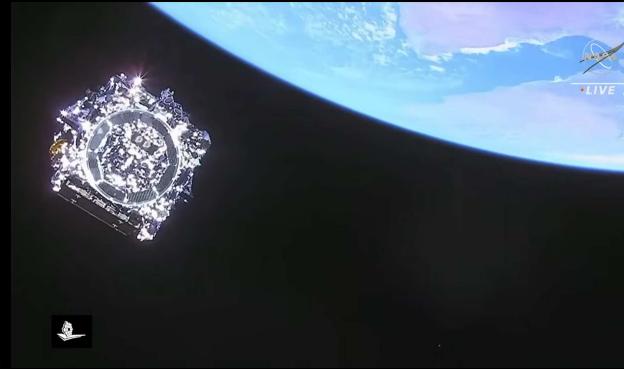
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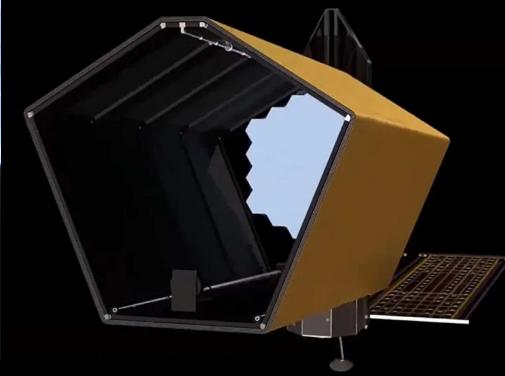
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*Review at the “Escape of Lyman radiation from Galactic Labyrinths” Conference*

*Monday April 14, 2025; Sterrewacht Leiden, the Netherlands*

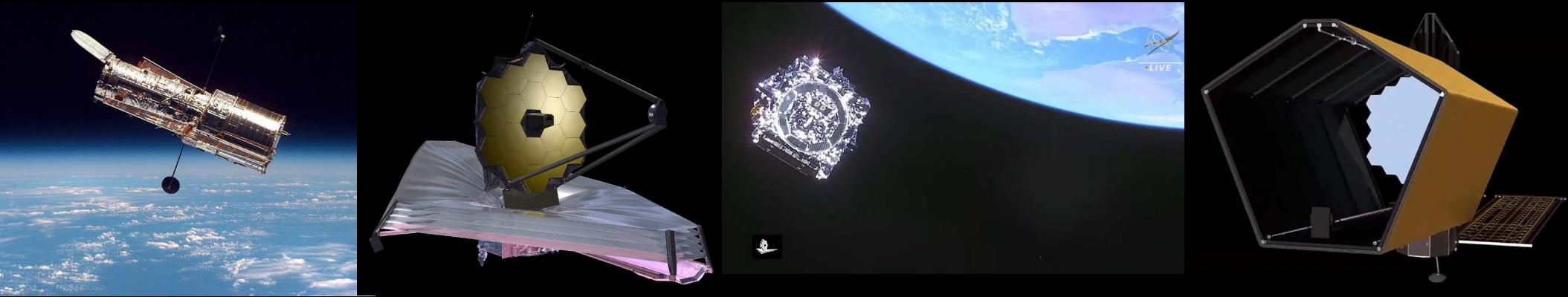
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*This talk is dedicated to our friend and PEARLS colleague Dr. Mario Nonino ( 07/2023).*

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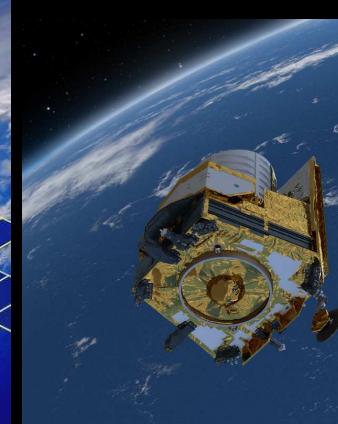
India Astrosat (2015)

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Euclid (2023)

2009~2035?



Roman (2027)

2011~2037?

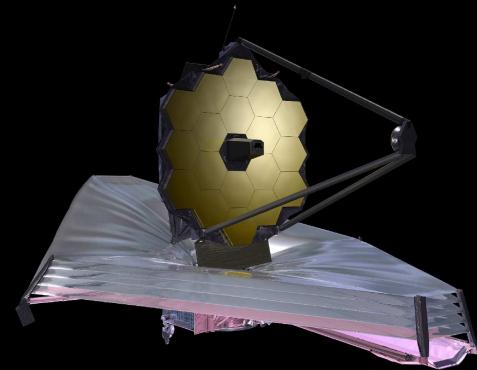
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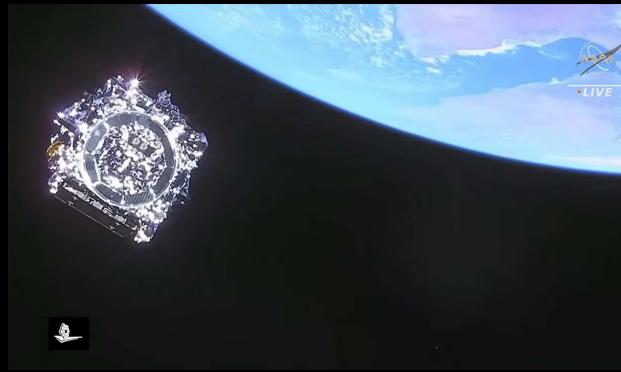
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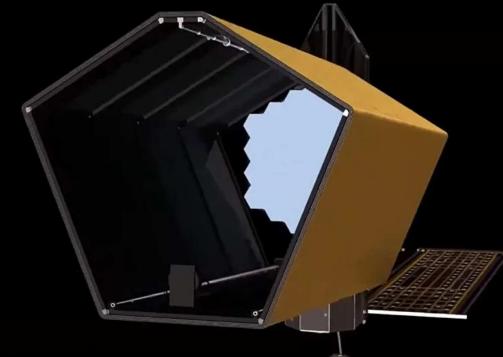
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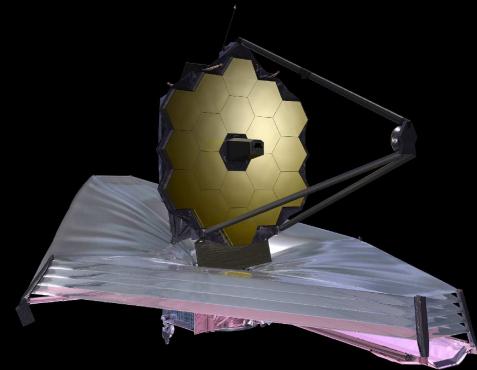
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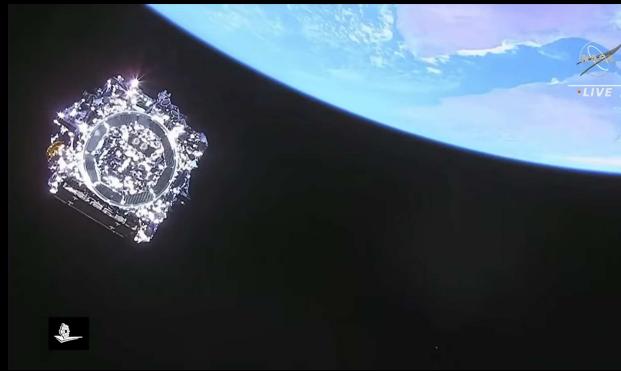
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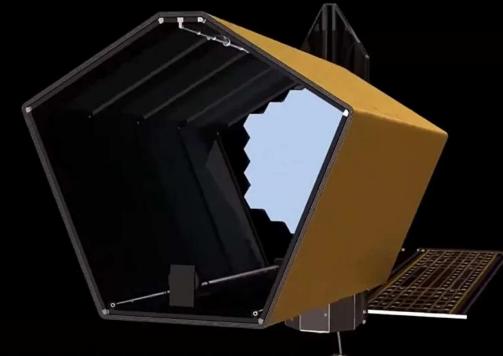
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- HST–HWO will span  $\sim$ 25 US presidential & 50 congressional elections.  
⇒ Maintain the long-term vision to do LyC work 30 years from now!

JWST is like a hot bath. It feels good while you're in it; but the longer you stay, the more wrinkled you get.



WARNING: Both Hubble and James Webb are 50–60+ year projects:

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# Outline

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- (1) Uniquely complementary roles of Hubble and Webb:  
414–500 hr combined HST+JWST images  $\Rightarrow$  keep HST alive!
- (2) Viewing the Universe through the Eyes of Einstein”
- (3) Need space-based resolution for contamination-free LyC work
- (4) Habitable World Observatory requirements for LyC work
- (5) Summary and Conclusions



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# 2025 Crete LyC Conference Summary: Smoking Guns of Cosmic Reionization



Bronze "Falcon" gun in Heraklion's Historical Museum ...

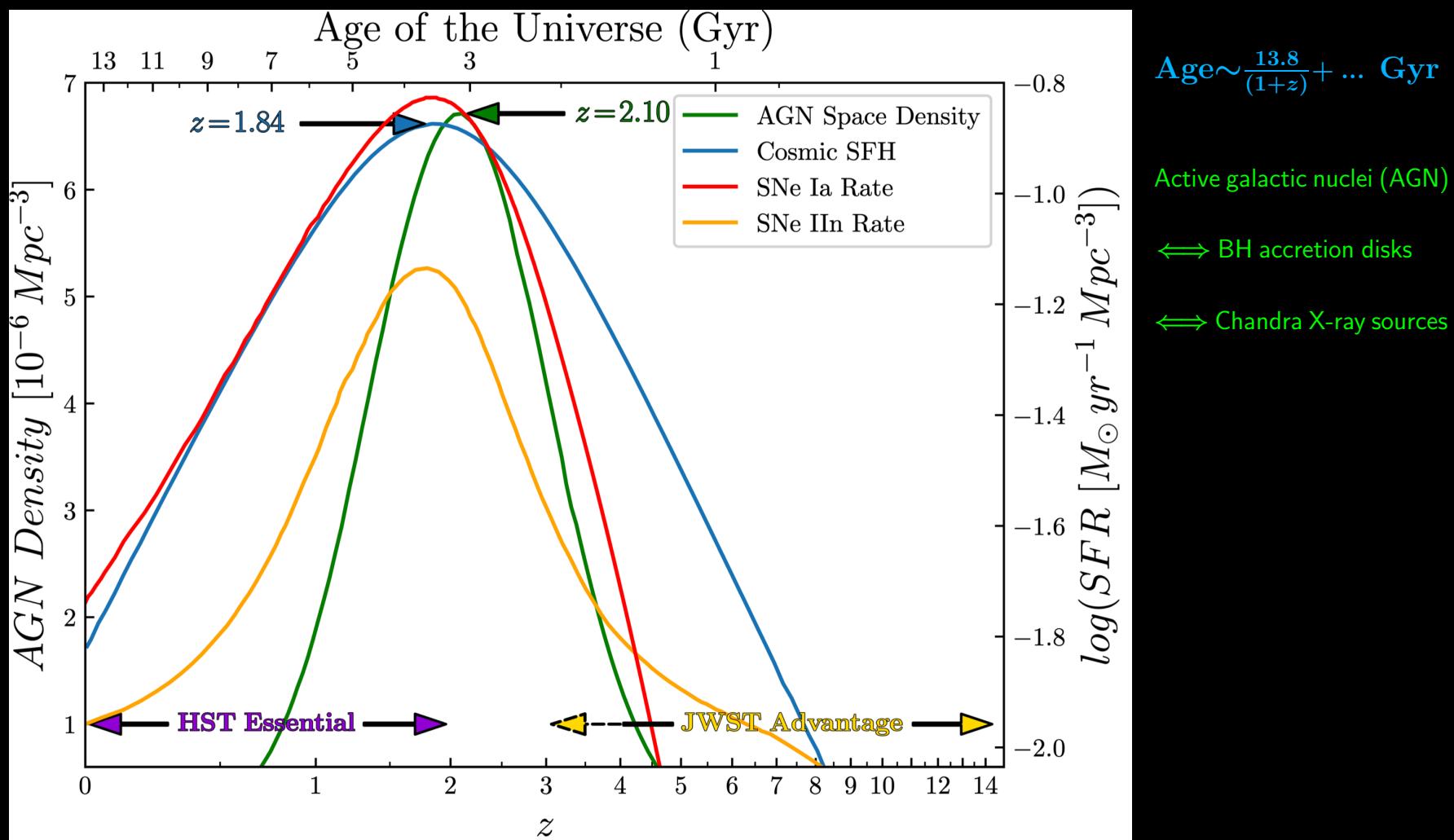
- LyC from (weak) AGN with outflows !



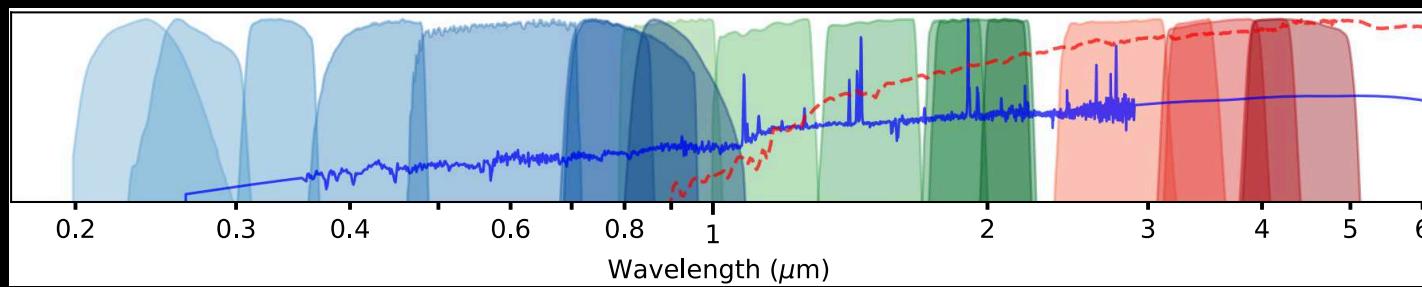
Venetian fortress Spinalonga in Elounda, Crete ...

- LyC from galaxies with (small holes) !

- Reionization by LyC escaping from Galactic fortresses with small holes!



Star Formation, Supernova Rate, & Black Hole growth peak  $\sim 10$  Gyr ago!



$\Rightarrow$  HST best samples *unobscured* SFH & BH growth in last 10 Gyr ( $z \lesssim 2$ ),  
while JWST best samples *obscured* parts, especially in first 3 Gyr ( $z \gtrsim 3$ ).

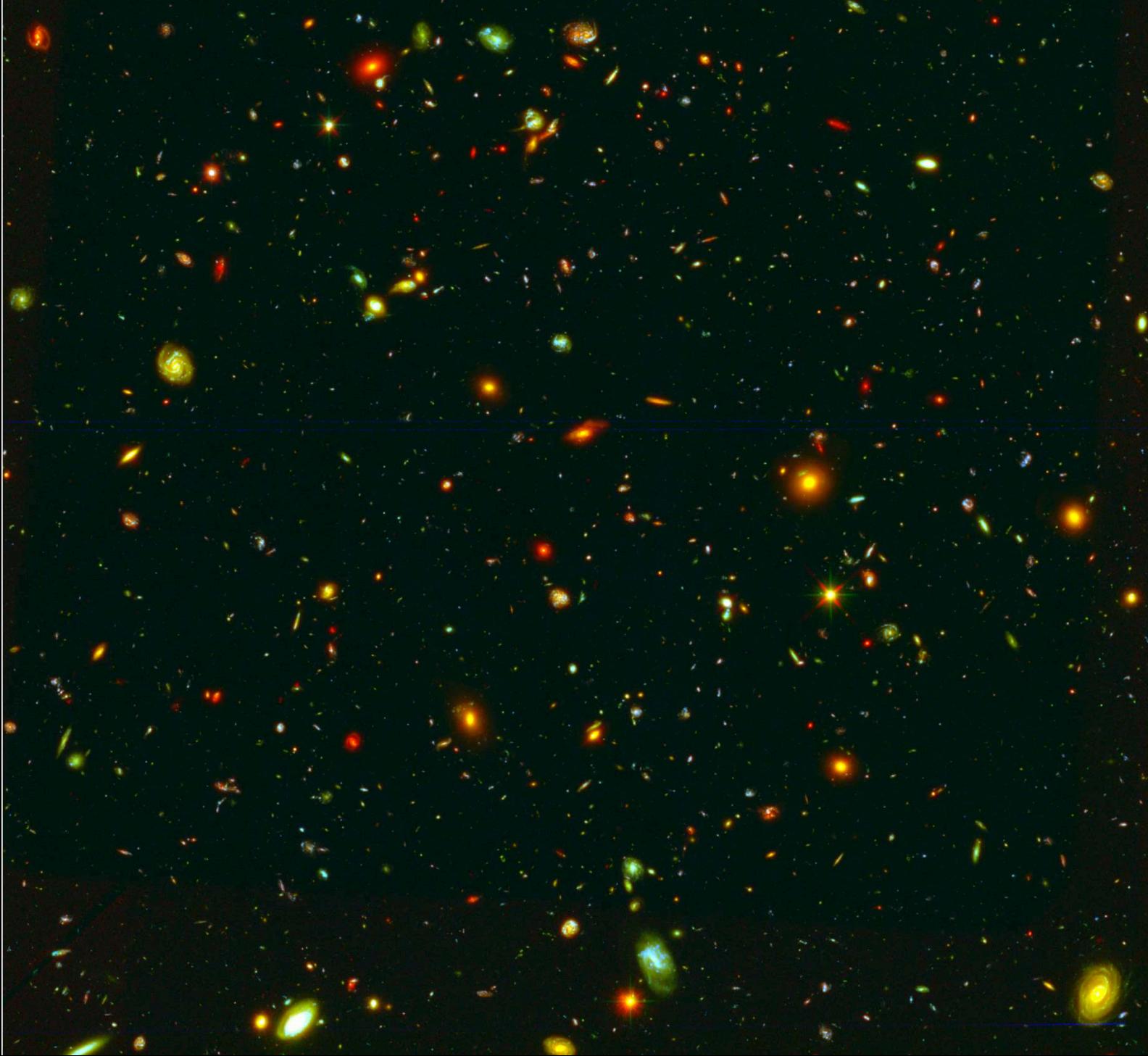
# (1) Uniquely complementary roles of Hubble and Webb:



500 hrs HST+JWST: 45 filters (0.2–5.0 $\mu$ m), lensing cluster MACS0416:

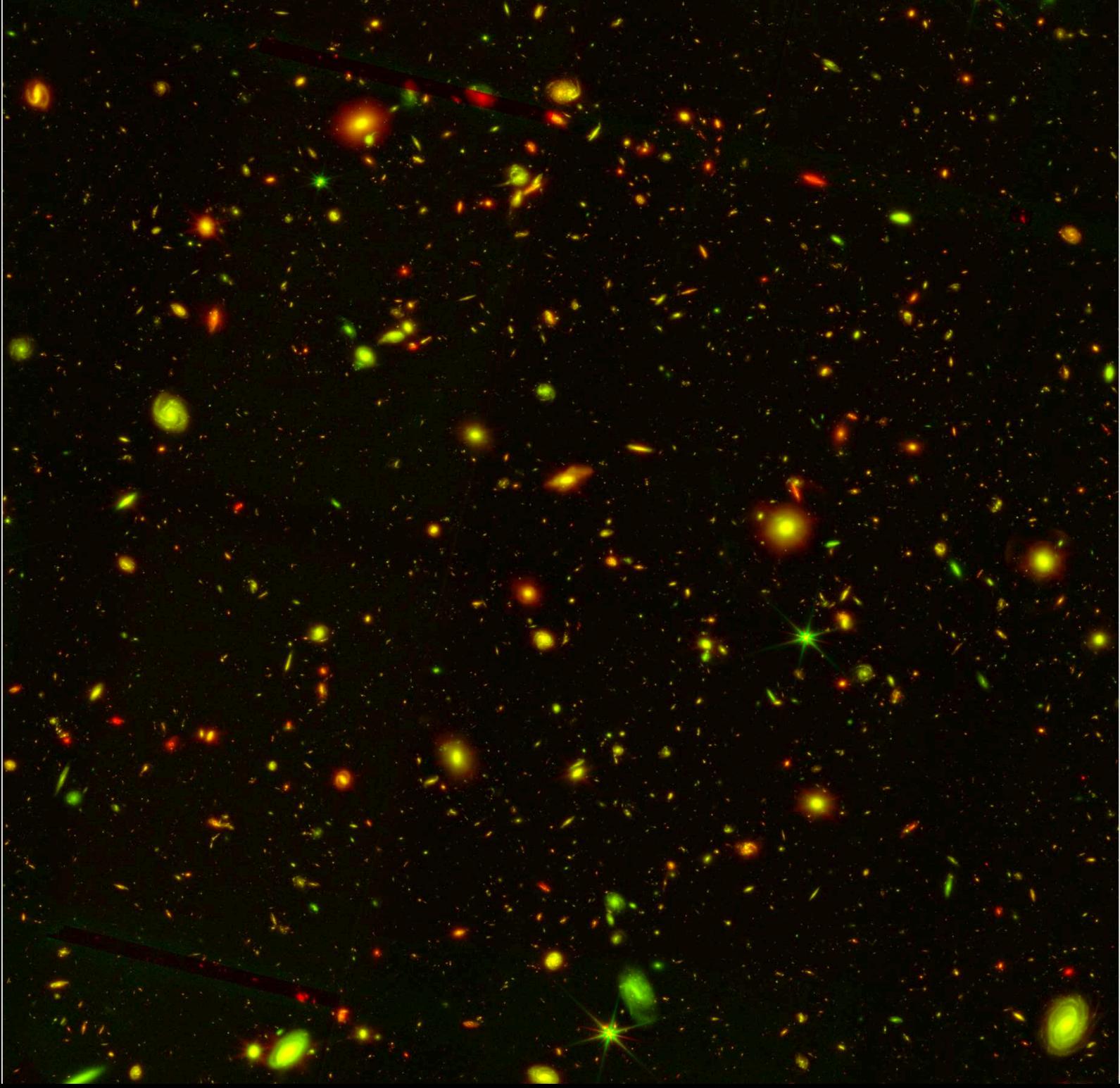
- HST darkest skies ( $10\text{--}10^3 \times$  darker) + JWST's dark skies ( $10^3\text{--}10^5 \times$  darker than ground based):  
     $\implies$  HST & JWST reach 30–31 mag ( $\simeq 1 \text{ nJy} \simeq 1 \text{ firefly from Moon}$ ).

Field-of-View  $\sim (\text{Moon}/10)^2$



556 hr HST Hubble UltraDeep Field: 12 filters at 0.2–1.6  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $\text{AB} \lesssim 31$  mag;  $\sim 1$  nJy; full BGR).

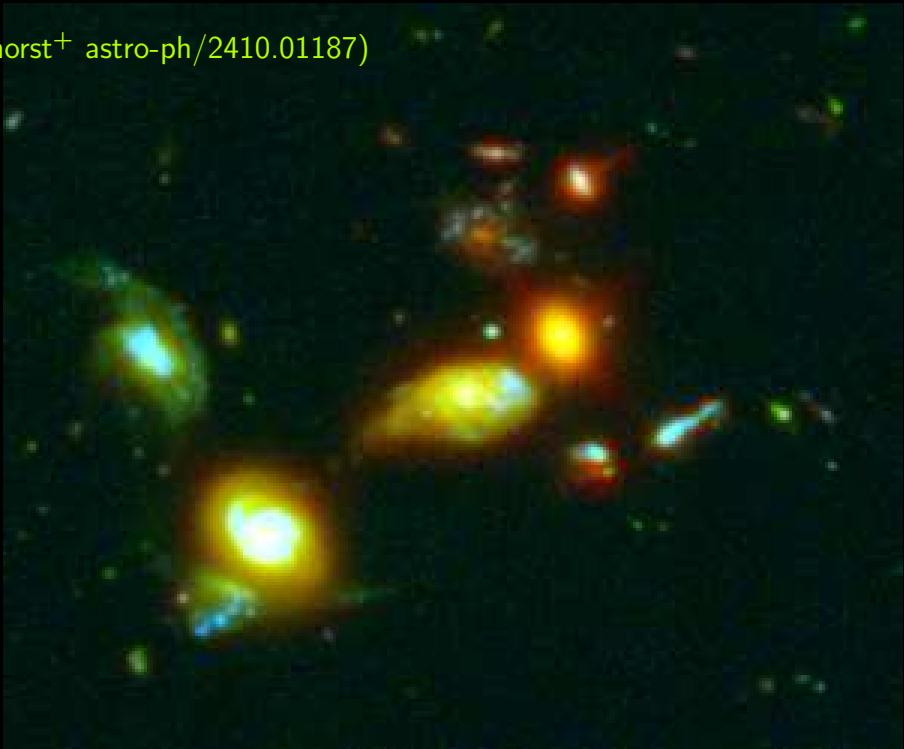




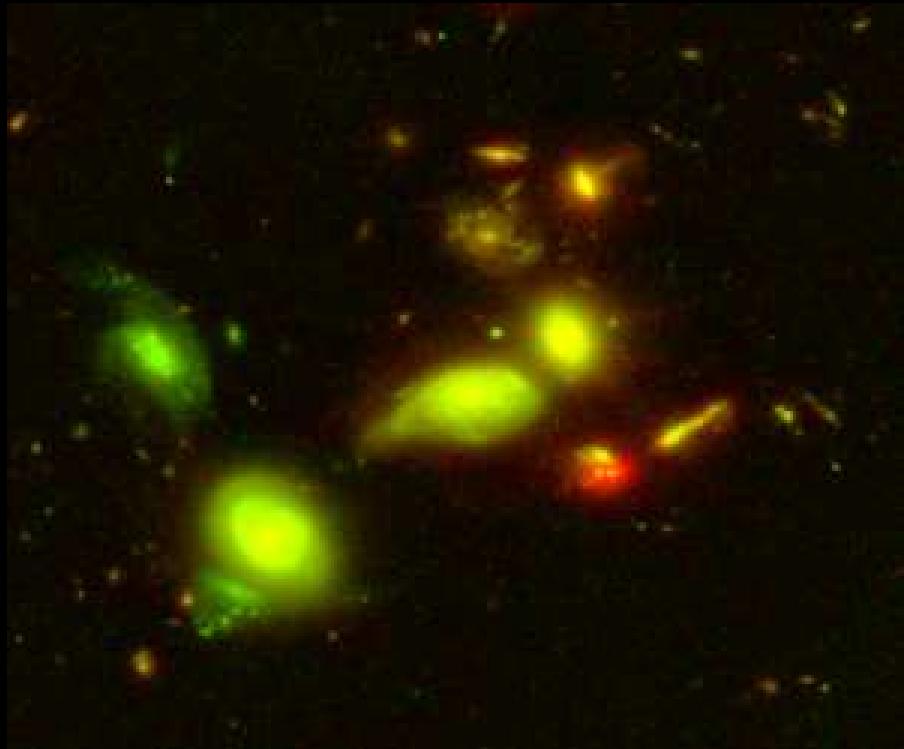
53 hr JWST/NIRCam Hubble UltraDeep Field: 12 filters at 0.9–5.0  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $\text{AB} \lesssim 31$  mag; in green + red).



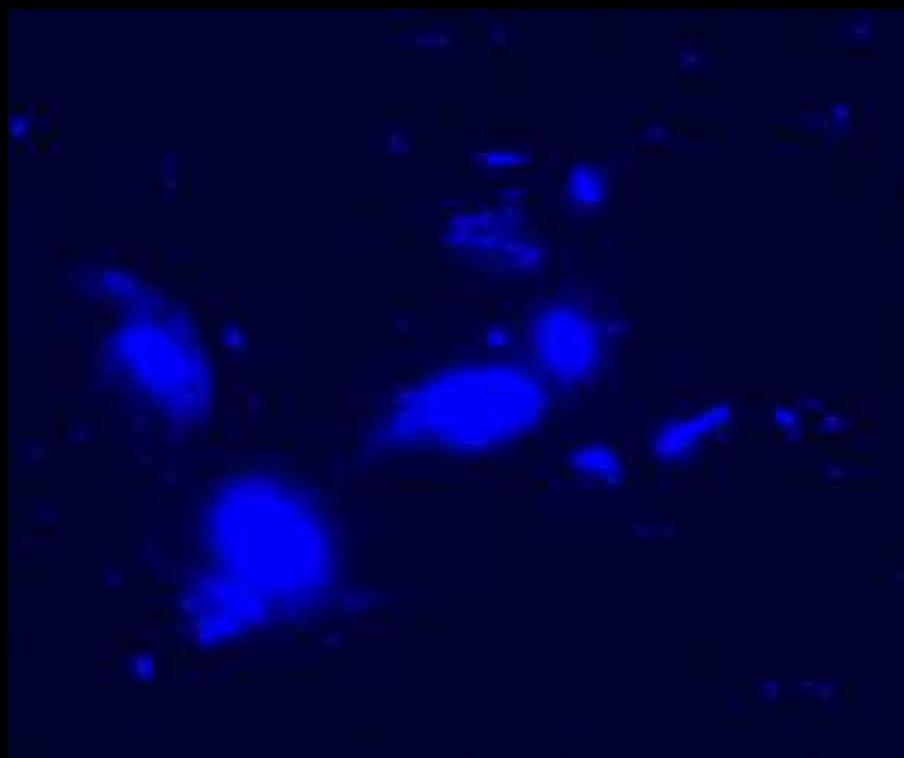
414 hr HST+JWST Hubble UltraDeep Field: 20 filters at 0.2–5.0  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $\text{AB} \lesssim 31.5$  mag; full BGR).



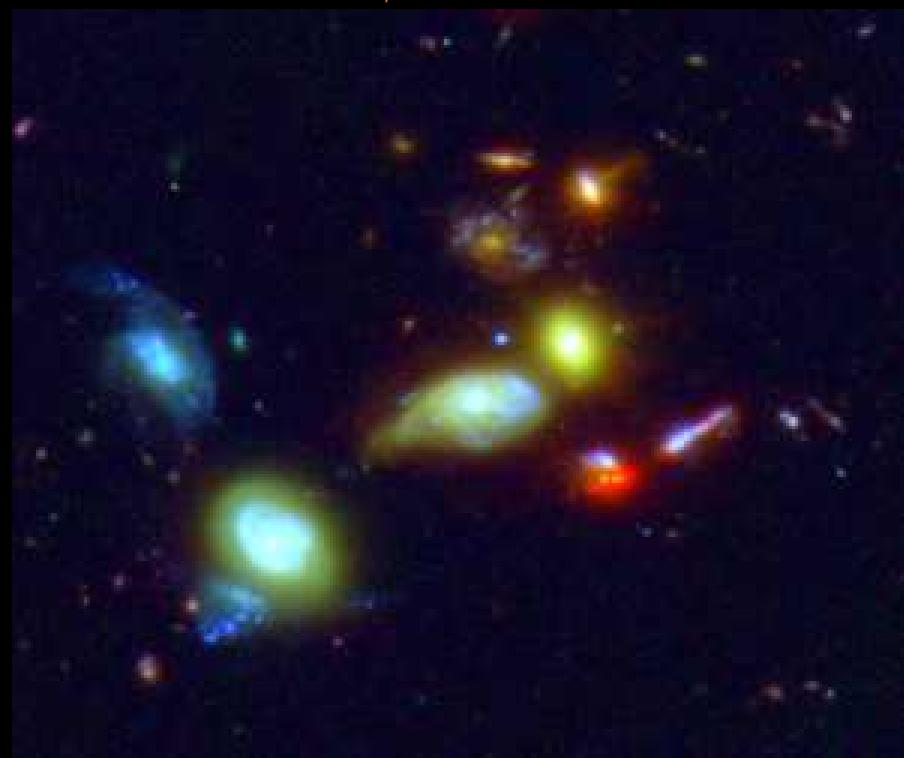
556 hr HST HUDF 12 filters



53 hr JWST/NIRCam 12 filters

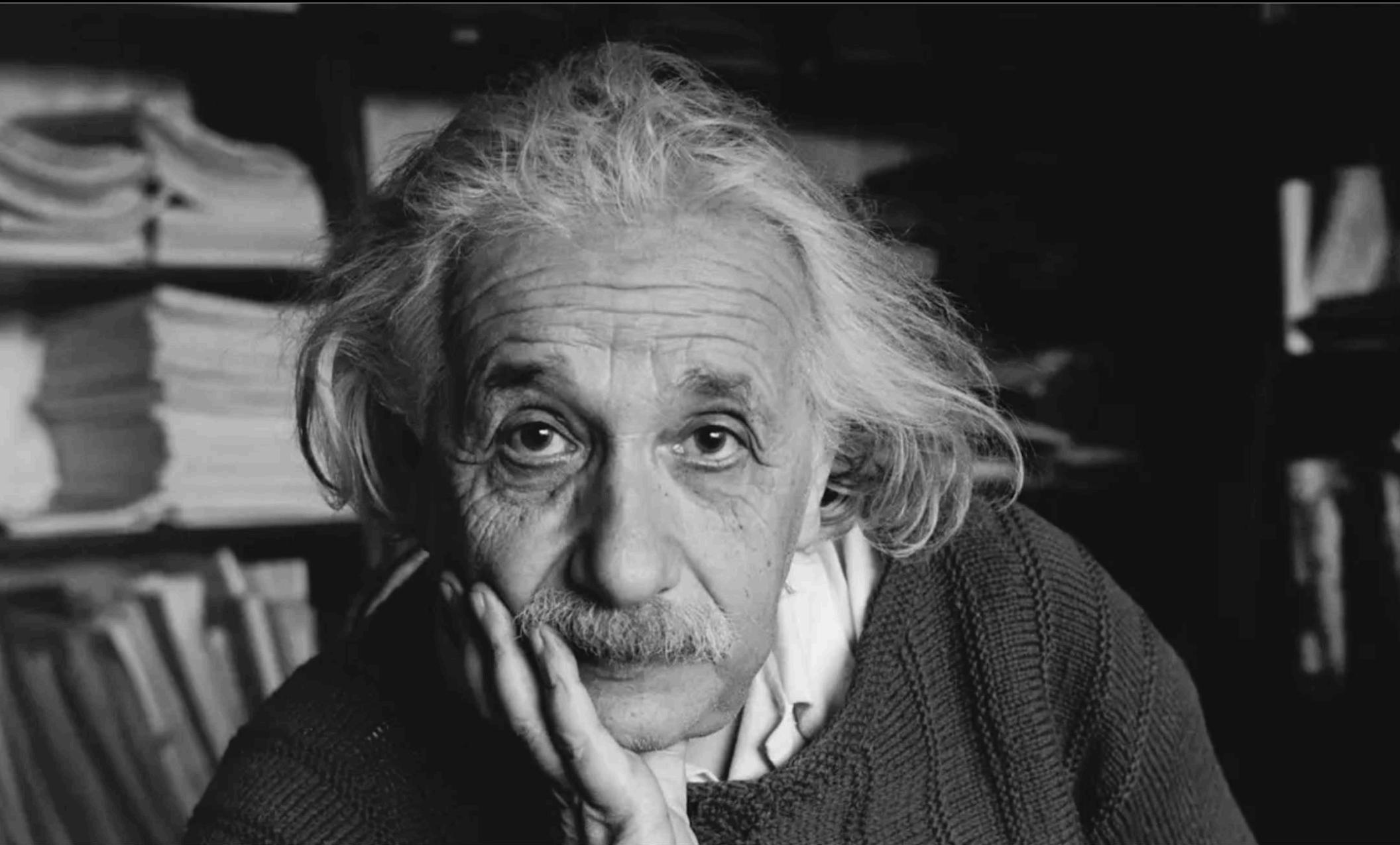


361 hr 8 HST-unique filters (false-blue)



414 hr HST+JWST 20 filters

- (2) Viewing the Universe through the “Eyes of Einstein”



Webb is observing many things Einstein correctly predicted, yet doubted:  
Gravitational lensing, Black Holes, the Hubble Expansion, ...



- Spiral overlapping Elliptical VV191: Tracing dust: small grains! (Keel<sup>+</sup> 23).
- 150 Globular Clusters in  $z=0.0513$  Elliptical (Berkheimer<sup>+</sup> 2024, ApJ, 964, L29).

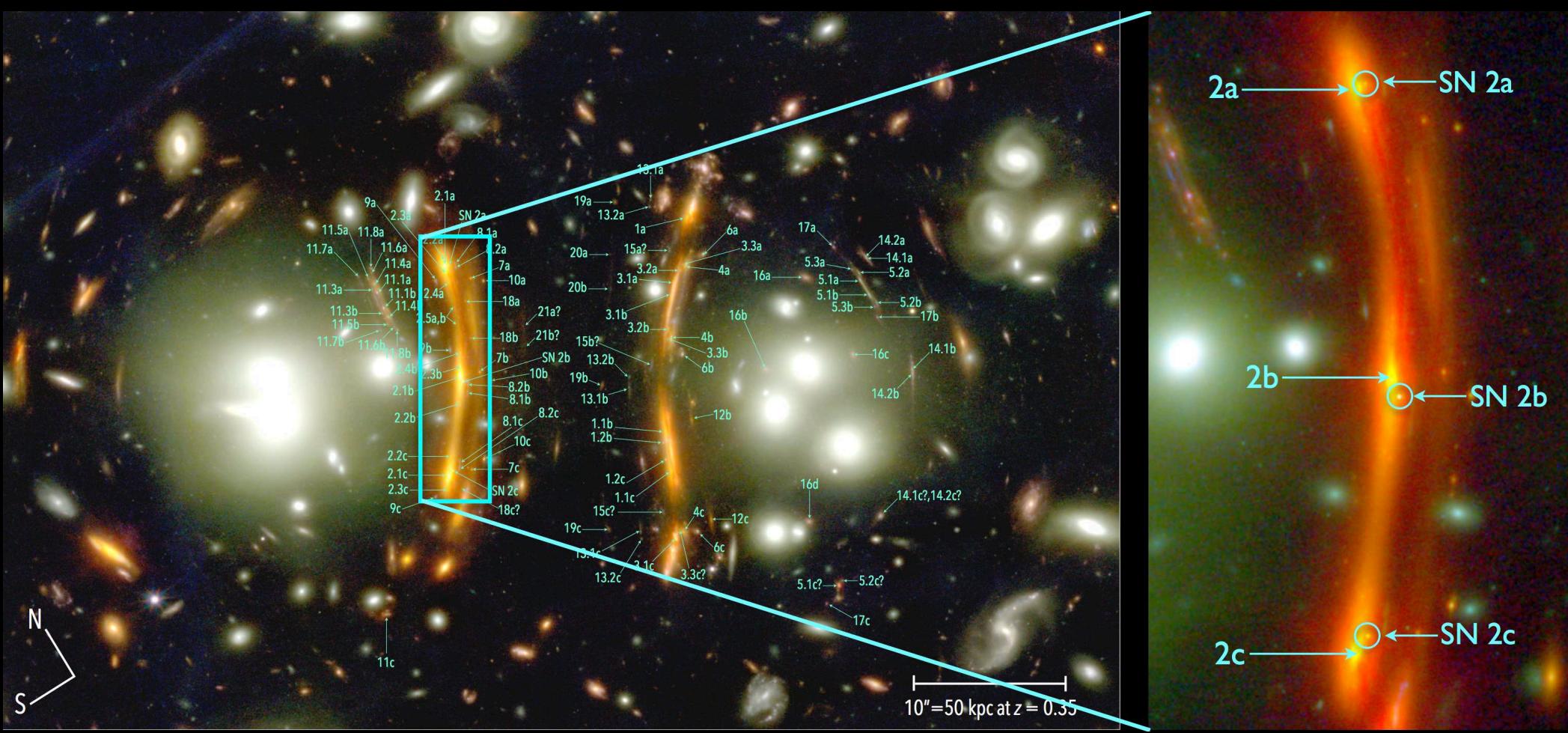


... and the  $z=0.0513$  Elliptical also lenses a background galaxy at  $z \sim 1$  (Keel<sup>+</sup> 2023, AJ, 165, 16)!



JWST image of most luminous far-IR Planck cluster G165 at  $z=0.35$  found:  
Lensed Supernova Ia at  $z=1.78 \rightarrow$  measured  $H_0 = 75.4^{+8.1}_{-5.5}$ , 10 Byrs ago!

<https://bigthink.com/starts-with-a-bang/triple-lens-supernova-jwst/> (Frye<sup>+</sup> 2023, Pascale<sup>+</sup> 2025).



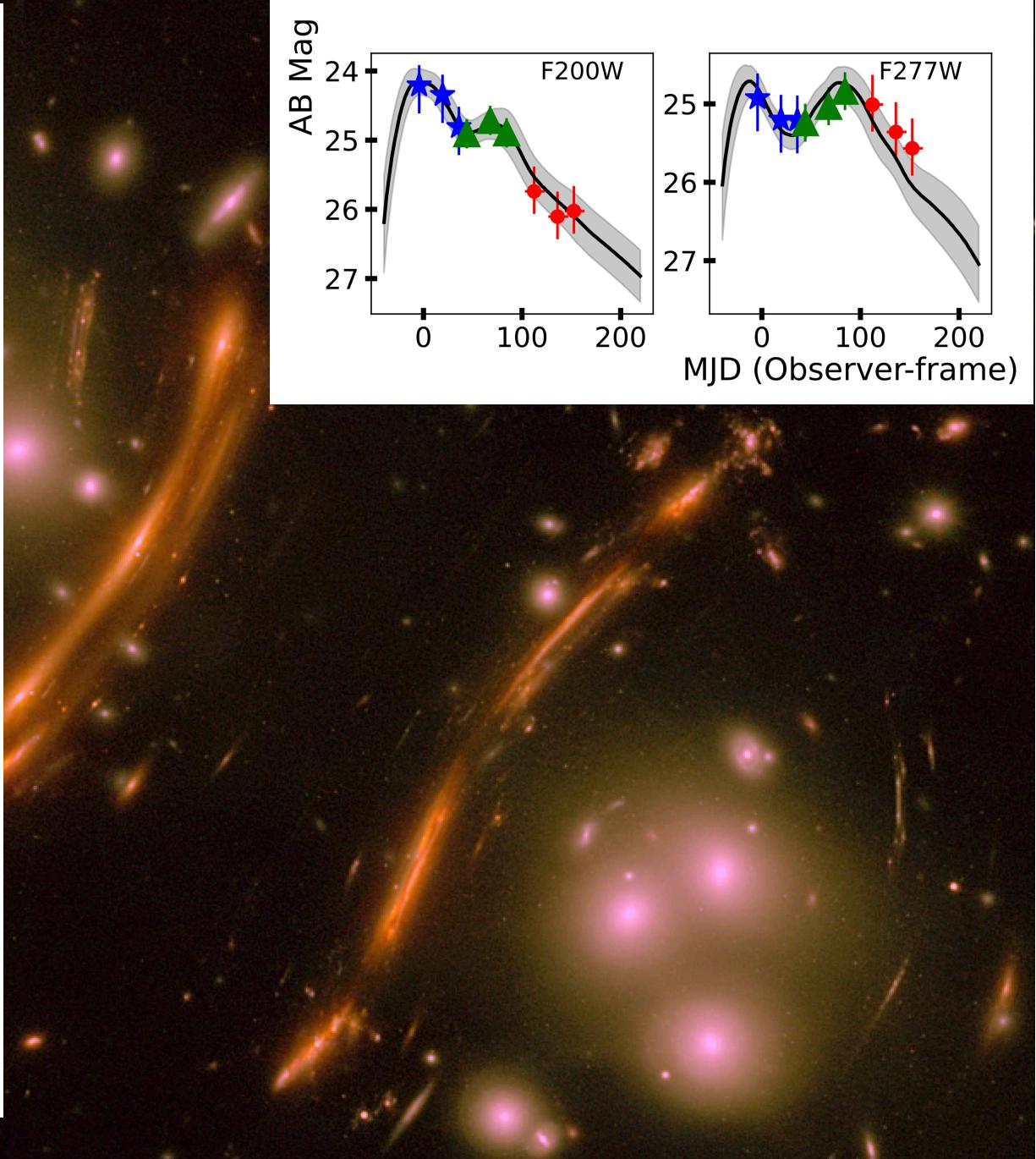
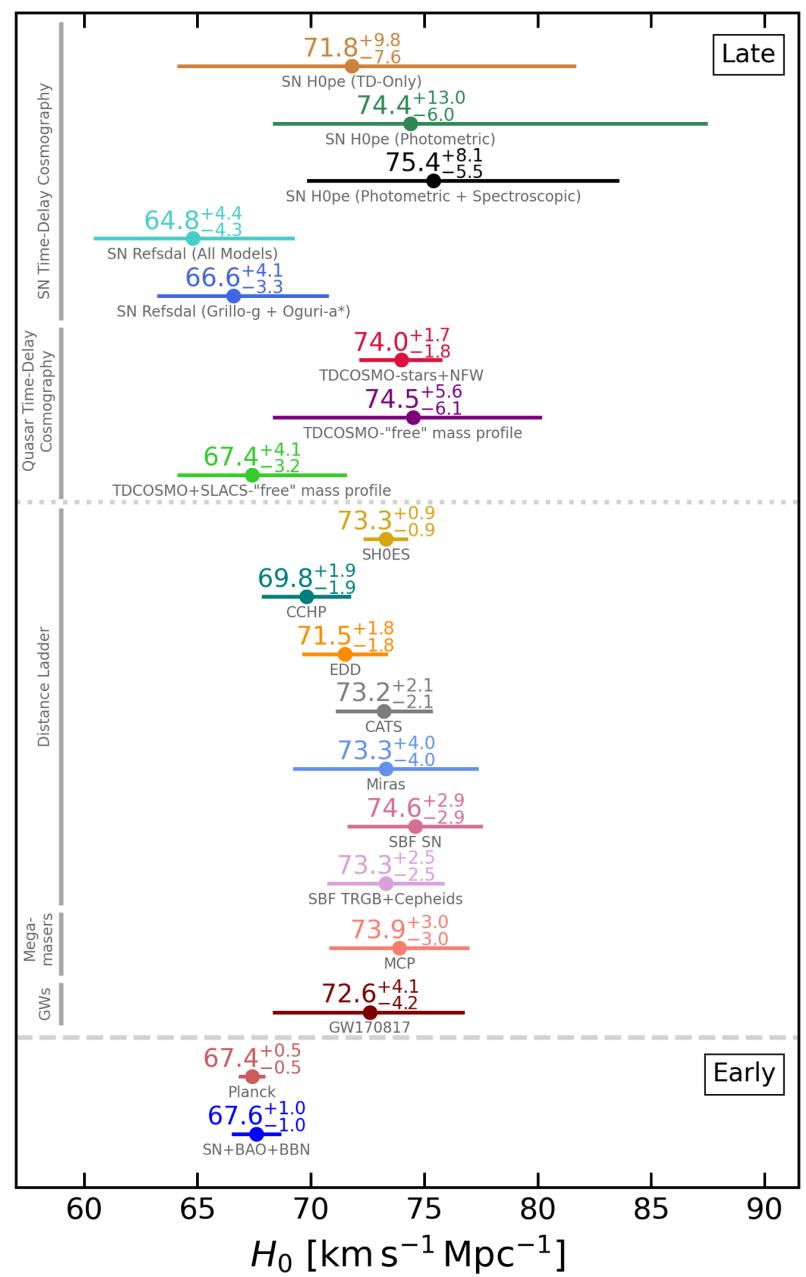
NIRCam in G165 shows: 3 bright point sources parity-flipped w.r.t. Arc-2:

- Clearly a lensed SN Type Ia at  $z=1.783$ , seen only 3.6 Byrs after BB!
- 3-epoch NIRCam: 9-point light curve!  $\implies$  measure  $H_0$  directly !

(Polletta<sup>+</sup> 2023, Frye<sup>+</sup> 2024, Chen<sup>+</sup> 2024, Kamieneski<sup>+</sup> 2024, Pierel<sup>+</sup> 2024, Pascale<sup>+</sup> 2025).

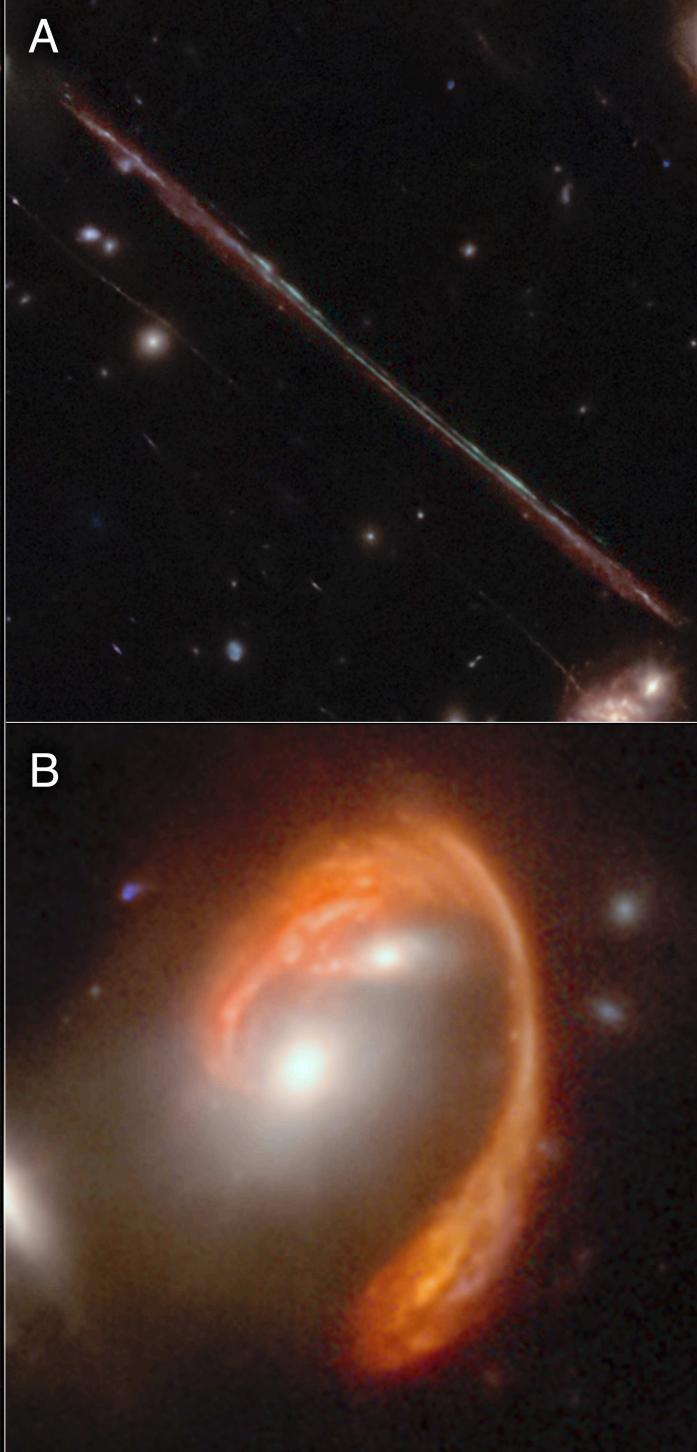
→ Regular monitoring of clusters with extreme SF to yield more lensed SNe!

- Total SFR  $\simeq 200\text{--}350 M_\odot/\text{yr}$  predicts  $\gtrsim 1$  lensed SN/yr (Kamieneski<sup>+</sup> arXiv/2404.08058)



Pascale<sup>+</sup> (2025, ApJ, 979, 13): Photo & spectro time delay:  $H_0 = 75.4^{+8.1}_{-5.5}$  (at  $z=0.35$ ).

- Monitoring G165 predicts  $\gtrsim 1$  lensed SN-Ia/yr ! (Kamieneski<sup>+</sup> 2024, ApJ, 973, 25)



Monster cluster El Gordo distorts distant galaxies into “pencils” (Diego<sup>+22</sup>)

<https://news.asu.edu/20230801-jwsts-gravitational-lens-reveals-distant-objects-behind-el-gordo-galaxy-cluster>



and El Gordo makes a super-lens “El Anzuelo” — Einstein’s fishhook!

<https://webbtelescope.org/contents/news-releases/2023/news-2023-119>

<https://news.asu.edu/20230802-global-engagement-asu-webb-telescope-einstein-werner-salinger-holocaust>

4-epoch 22-hr NIRCam + 122-hr HST on HFF cluster MACS0416 ( $z=0.397$ )



It's Christmastime in the Cosmos

Astronomers have a long tradition of finding holiday cheer in outer space.

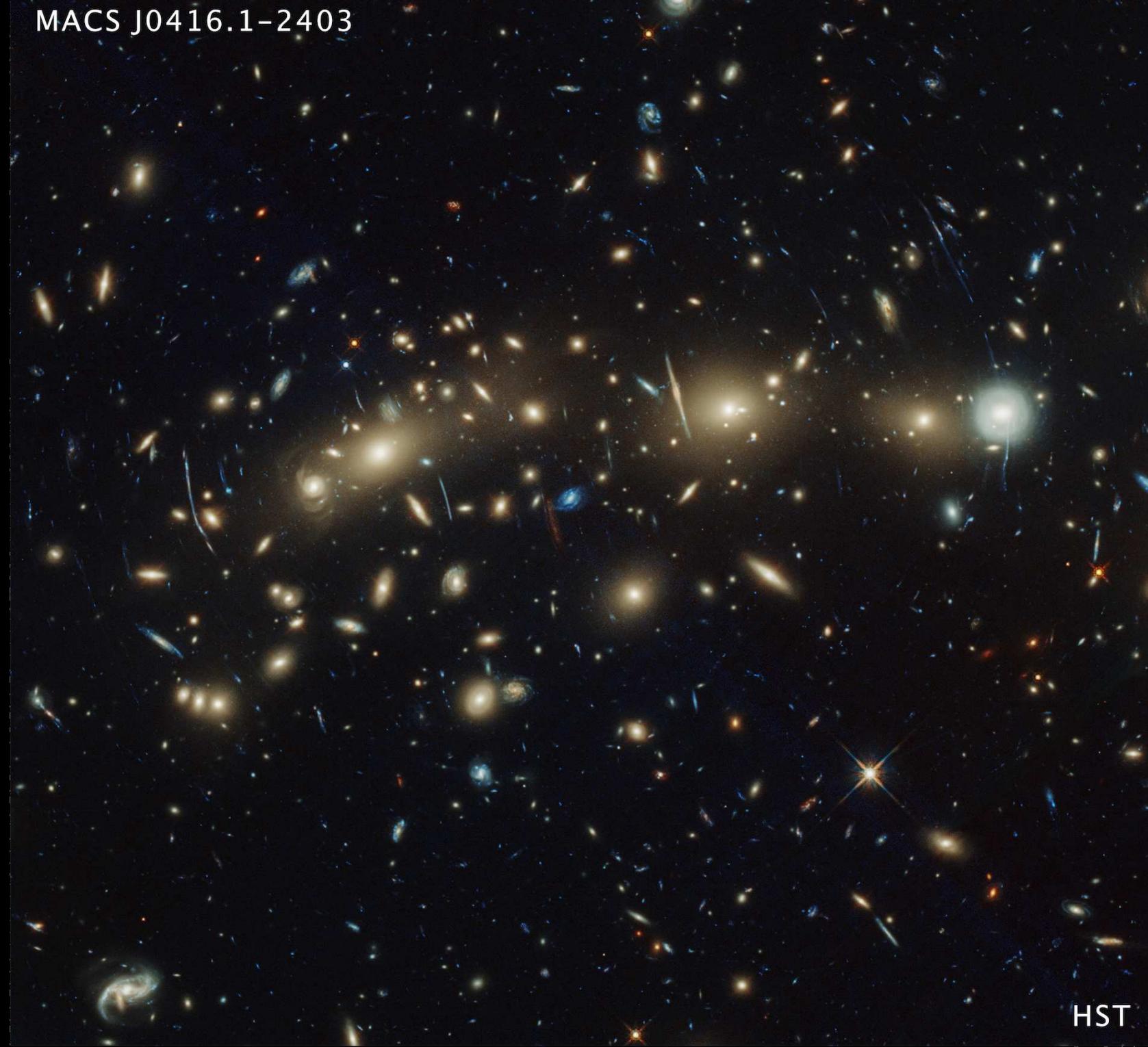
12 new caustic transits at  $z \approx 1-2$  from 4 epochs! (Yan, H.+, 2023, ApJS, 269, 42)

Extremely magnified binary star at  $z=2.091$ ! (Diego, J.+, 2023, A&A 679, A31)

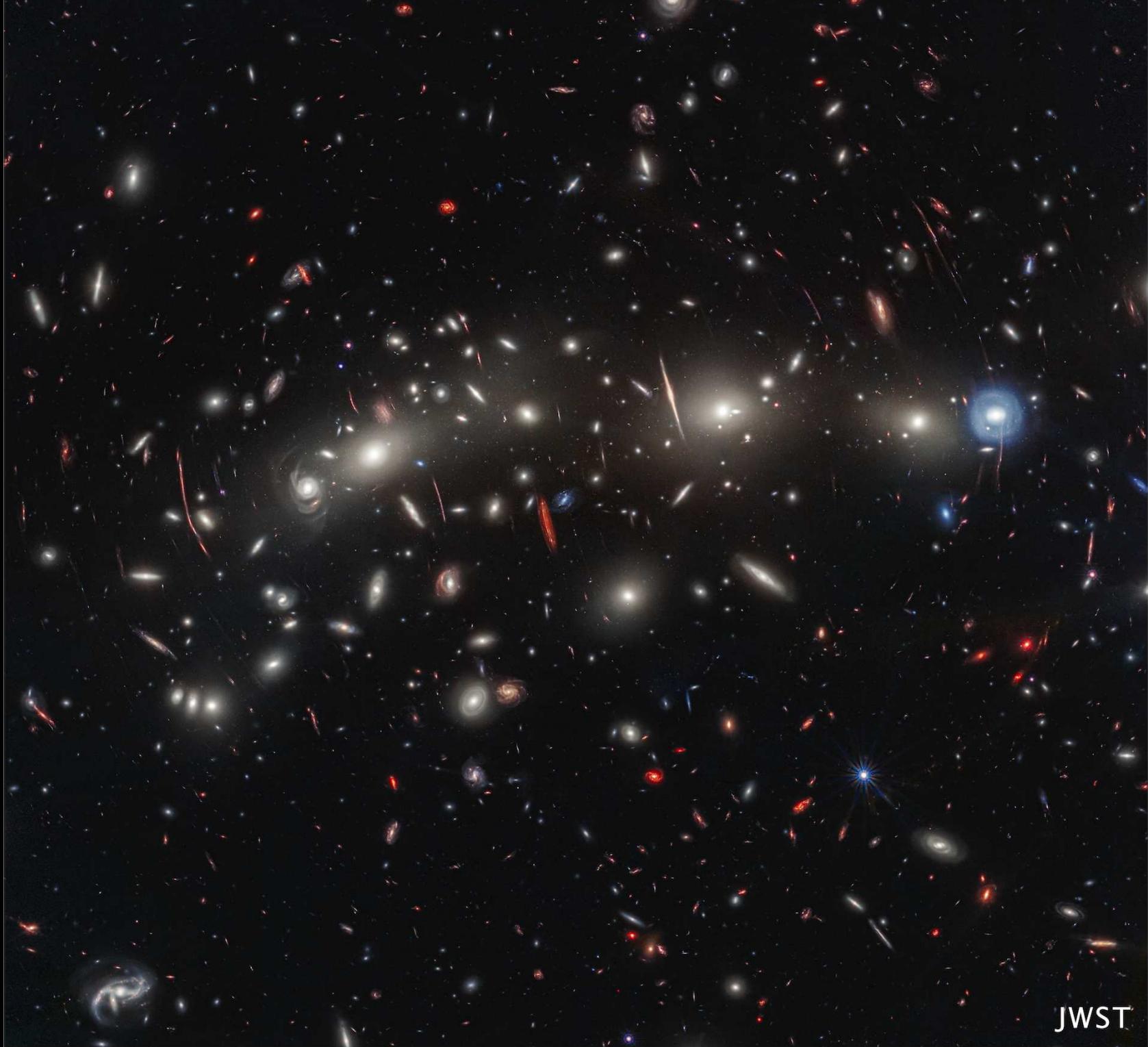
<https://www.cnn.com/2023/11/09/world/webb-hubble-colorful-galaxy-cluster-scn/index.html>

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MACS J0416.1-2403

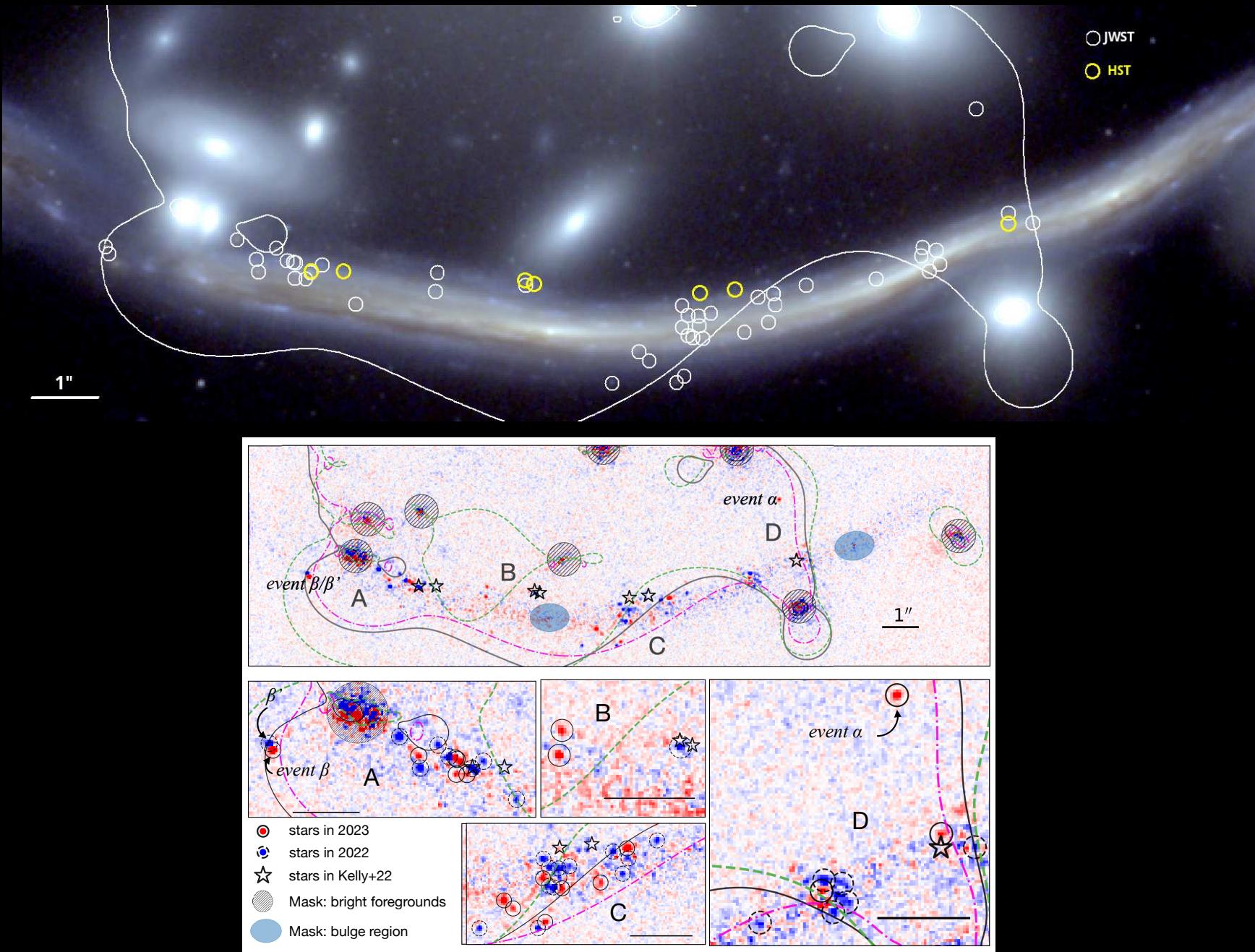


122 hr HST on Hubble Frontier Field cluster MACS0416 ( $z=0.397$ ; 4.3 Blyr)



JWST

22 hrs JWST on Hubble Frontier Field cluster MACS0416 ( $z=0.397$ ; 4.3 Blyr)

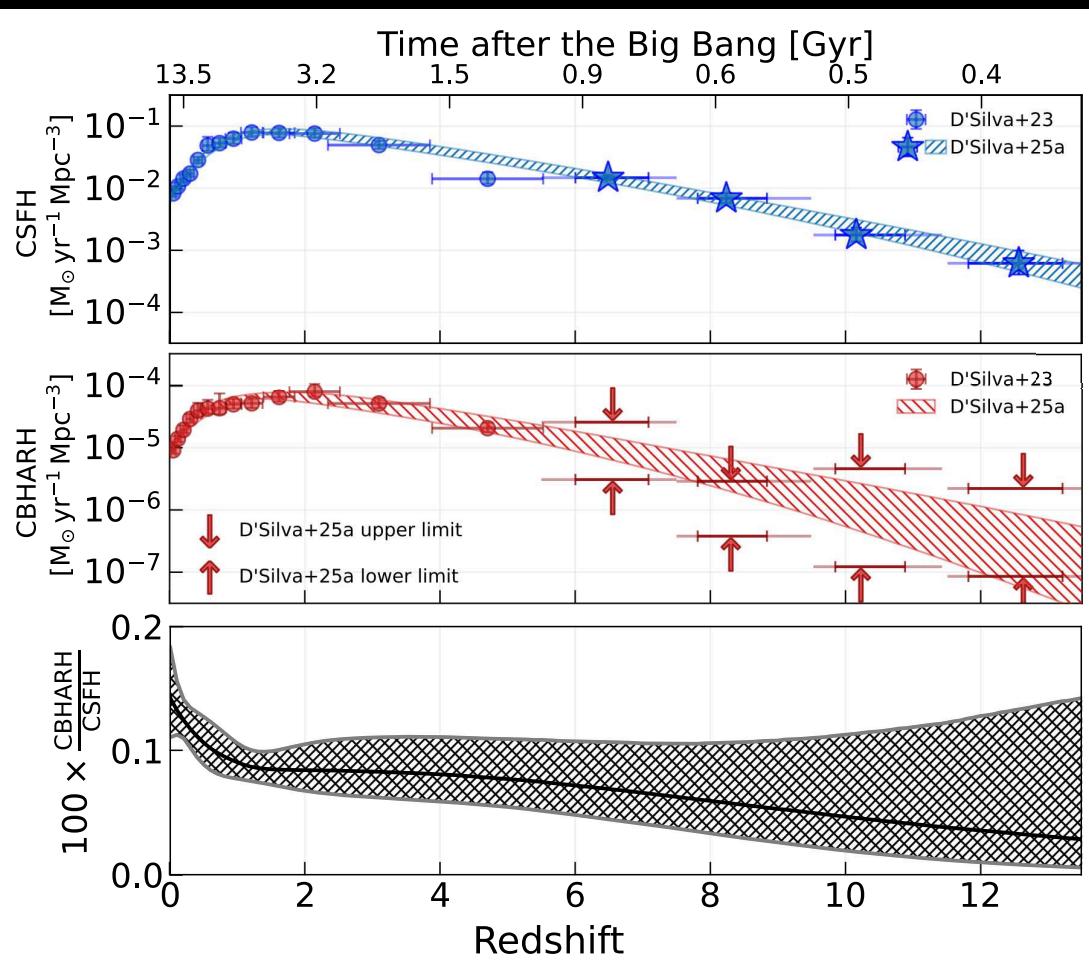
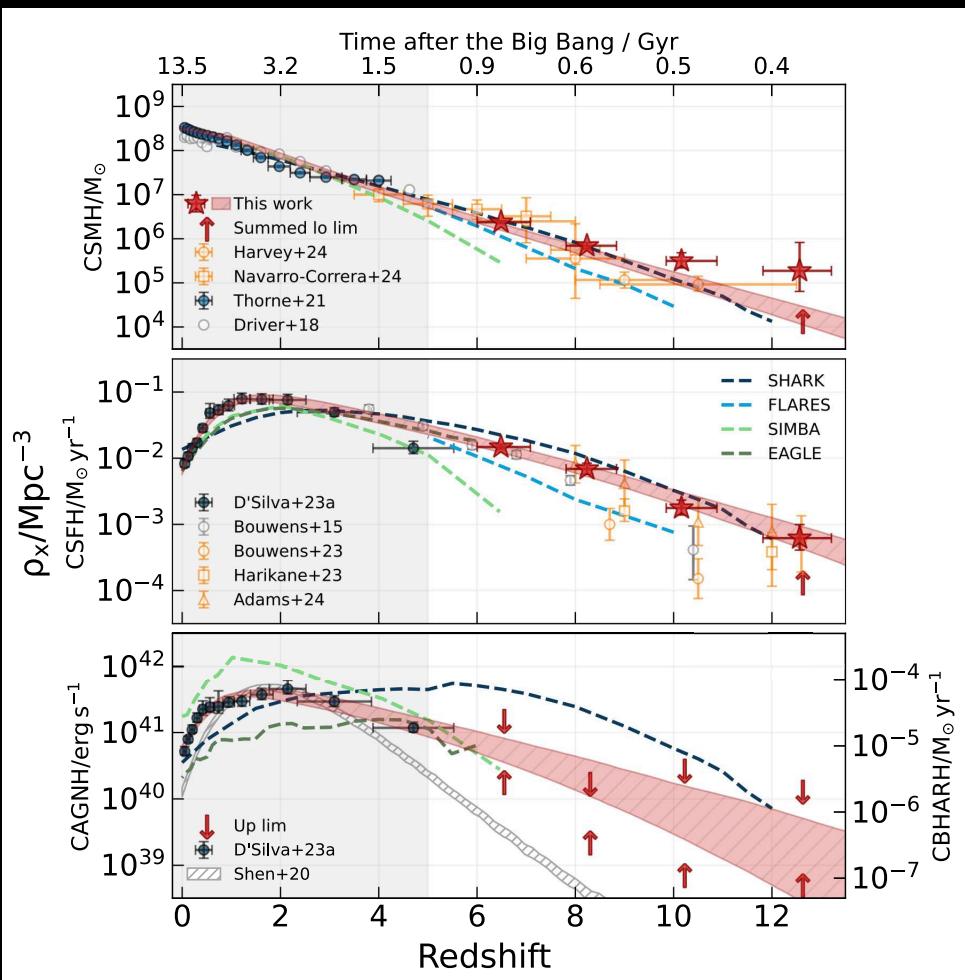


Abell 370 Dragon's arc: 44 individual caustic-transiting stars at  $z=0.73!$

(Y. Fudamoto<sup>+</sup>, *Nat. Astron.* 9, 428, astro-ph/2404.08045; J. Diego<sup>+</sup> 2024, *A&A*, 689, A167).

⇒ JWST Time-Domain detects luminous stars at  $z \gtrsim 0.7$  directly!

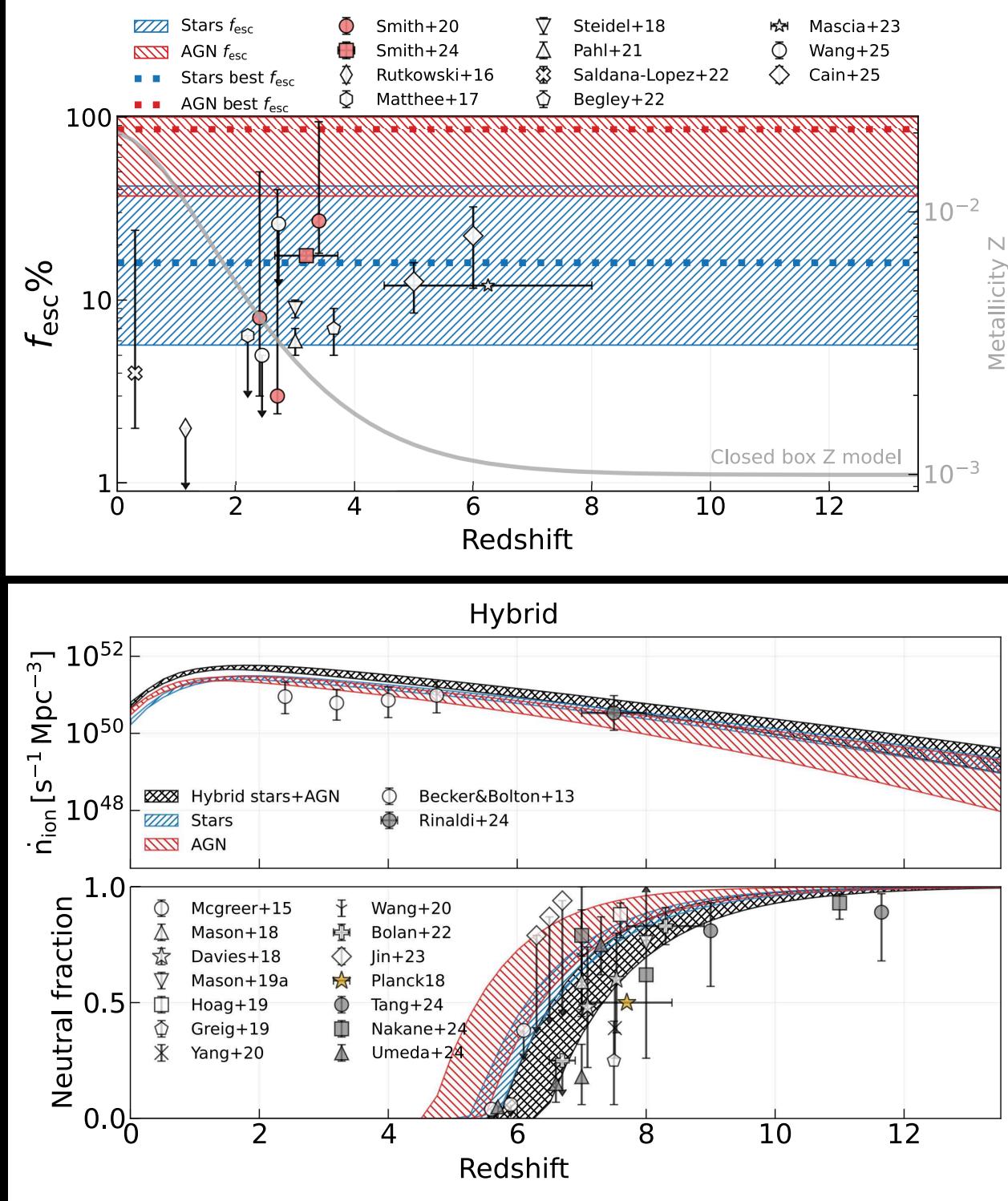
# Summary of Cosmic SFH & AGN-FH from HST+JWST:



- Cosmic SFH & AGN-FH derived from multi-band HST+JWST data:
- Use ProSpect to decompose into galaxy & AGN SEDs.

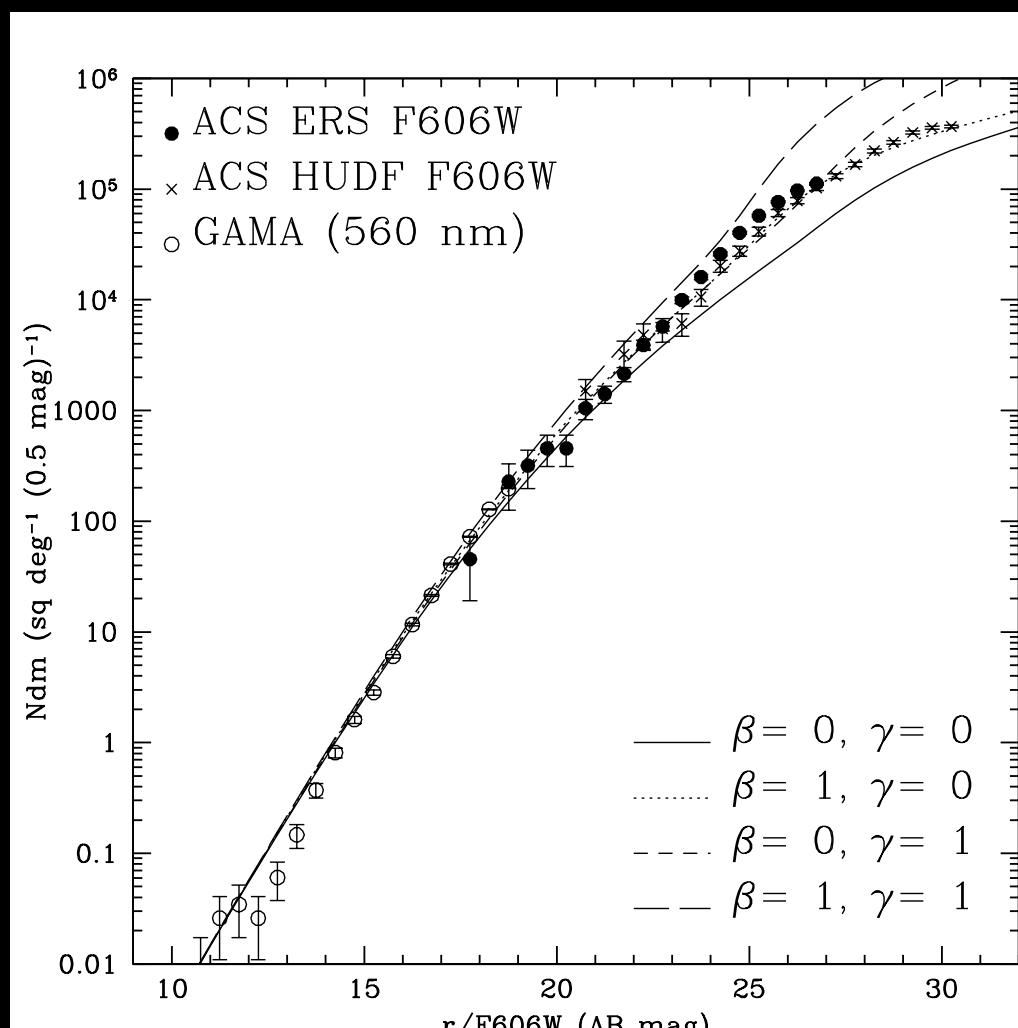
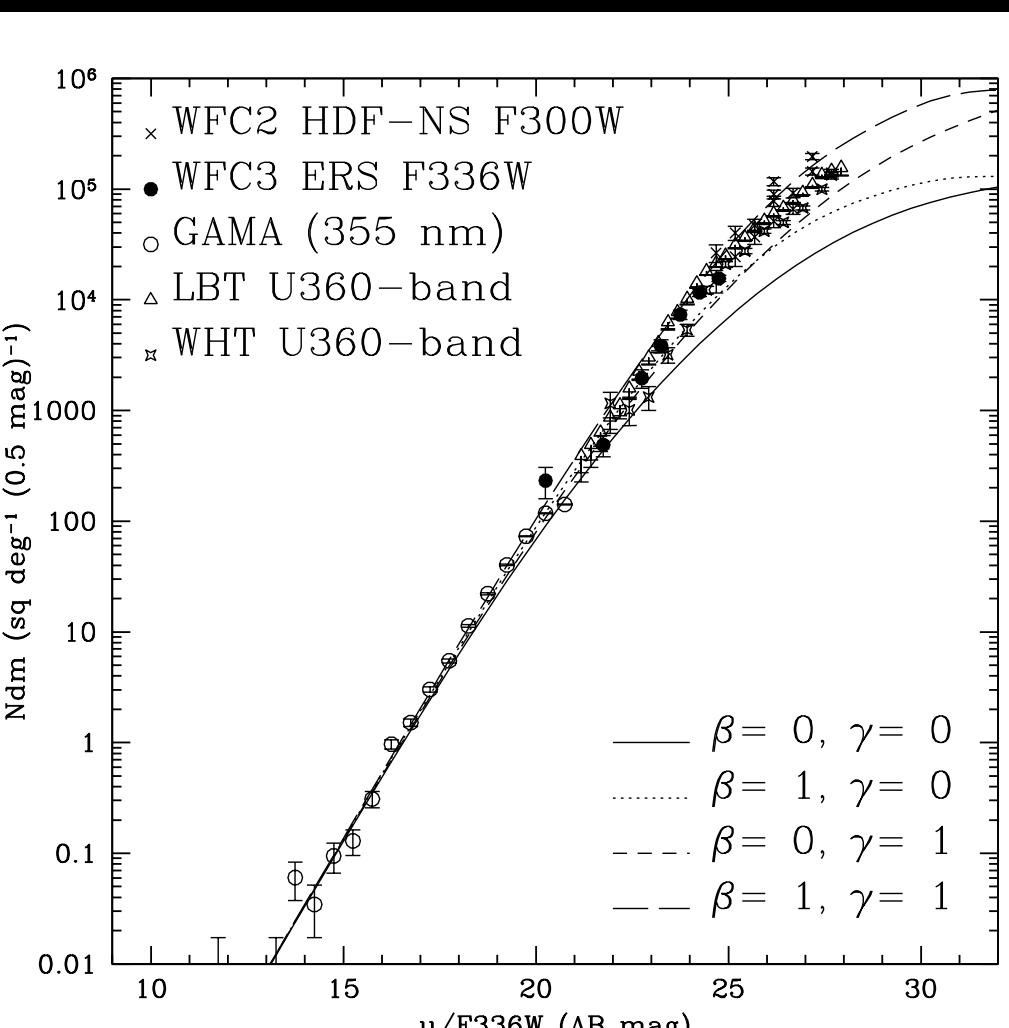
(J. D'Silva<sup>+</sup> 2023, MNRAS, 524, 1448; — 2024, ApJL, 959, L18; — 2025, A&A, astro-ph/2503.03431).

⇒ Within errors,  $\text{AGN-FH/SFH} \simeq \text{constant}$  at  $z \gtrsim 2$ , but increases at  $z \lesssim 1$ .



- HST+JWST's SFH & AGN-FH consistent with  $f_{\text{esc}}$ ,  $n_{\text{ion}}$ ,  $X_{HI}(z)$ .

### (3) Need space-based imaging for contamination-free LyC work !

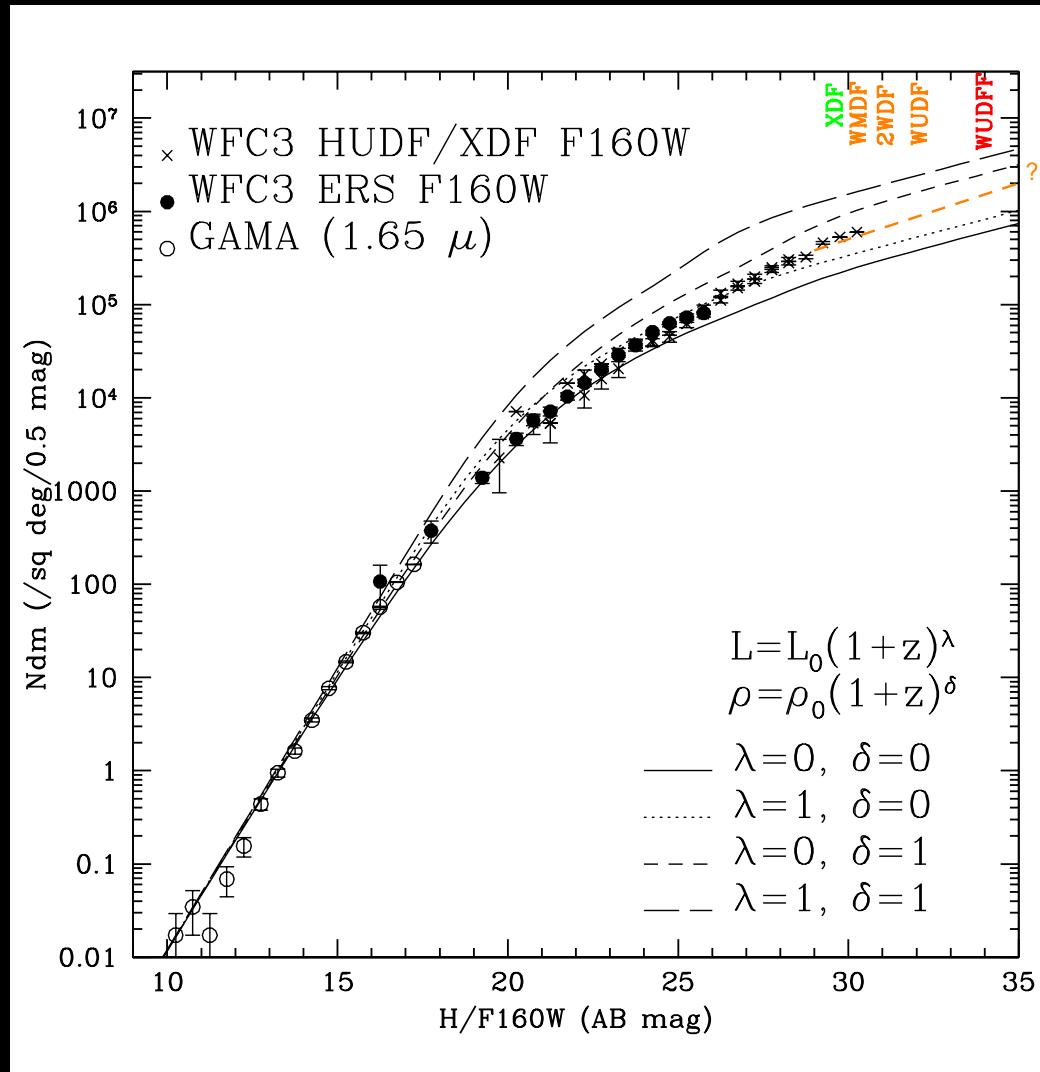
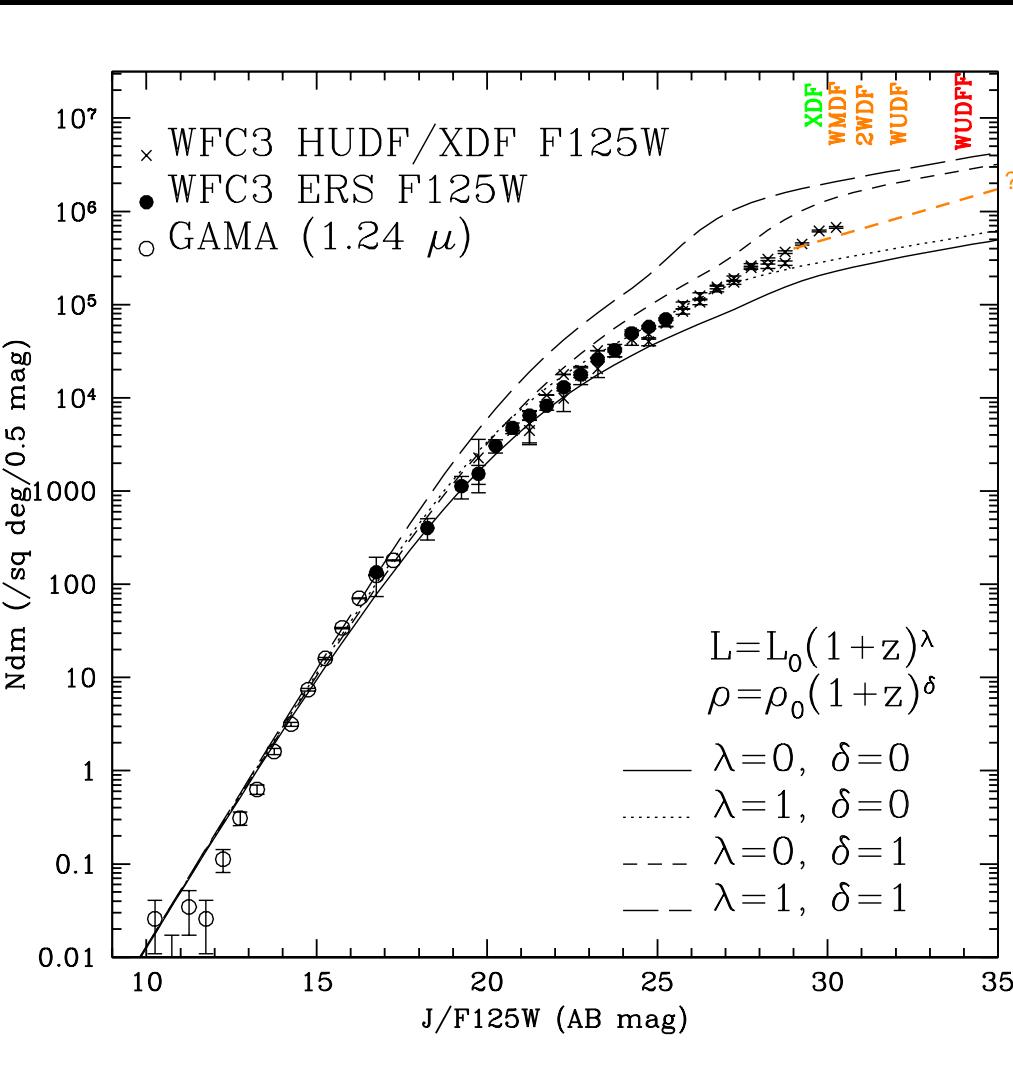


U-band and V-band galaxy counts (Windhorst<sup>+</sup>2011, ApJS, 193, 27).

Faint-end blue count-slope  $\simeq 0.30\text{--}0.40 \text{ dex/mag}$ .

Integrated surface density at AB  $\lesssim 31$  mag:  $3 \times 10^6 \text{ deg}^{-2}$ .

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J-band and H-band galaxy counts (Windhorst<sup>+</sup>2011, ApJS, 193, 27).

Faint-end near-IR count-slope  $\simeq 0.12 \pm 0.02$  dex/mag.

Integrated surface density at  $AB \lesssim 31$  mag:  $4.2 \times 10^6\ deg^{-2}$ .

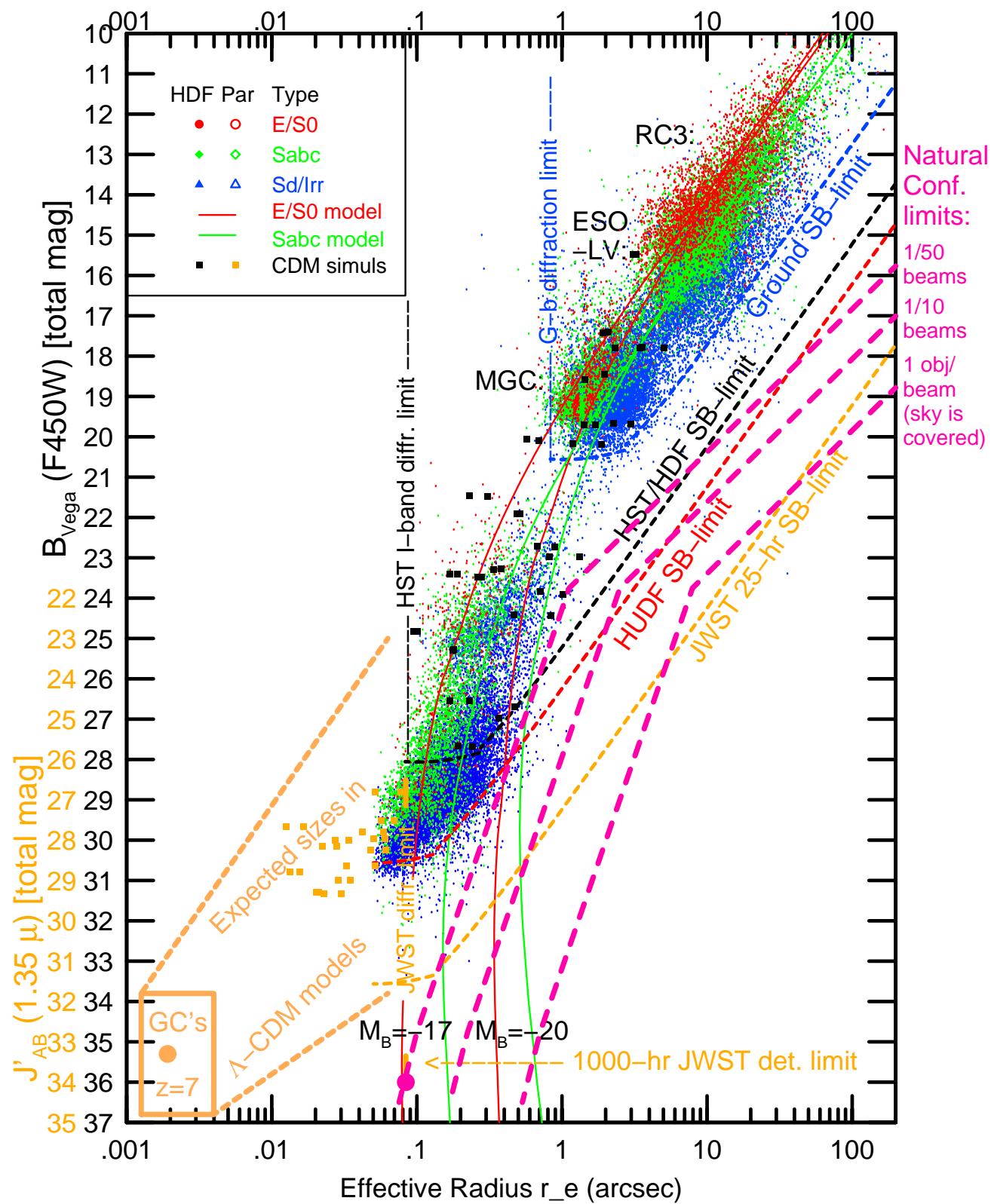
B, I, J AB-mag vs.  
half-light radii  $r_e$   
from RC3 to HUDF.

All surveys limited by  
by SB (+5 mag dash)

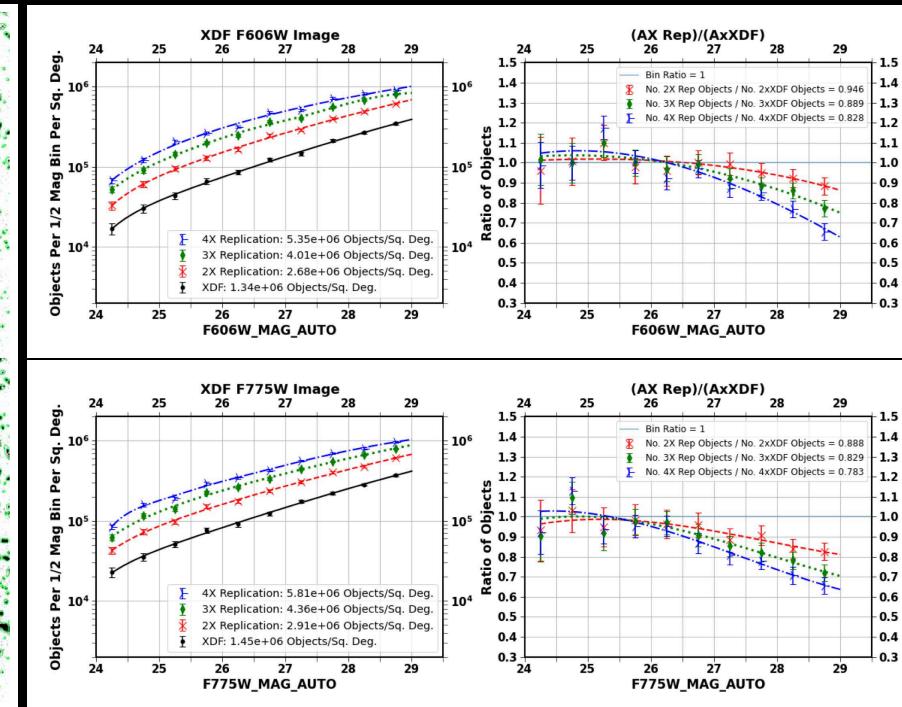
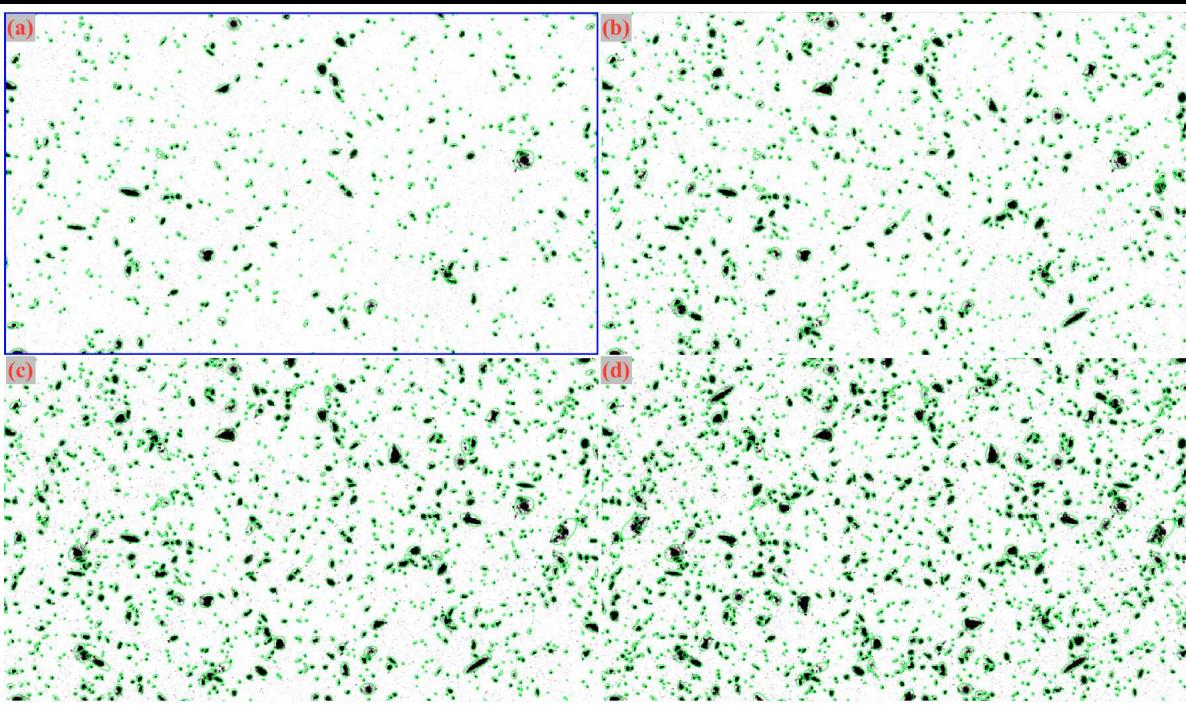
Deep surveys bounded  
also by object density:

violet lines are gxy  
counts converted to  
to natural conf limits.

Since UVC/LyC  $\lesssim -3.7$   
mag, LyC imaging  
must avoid contami-  
nants at all costs!



# How much does deep-field object-overlap affect reliable LyC detections?



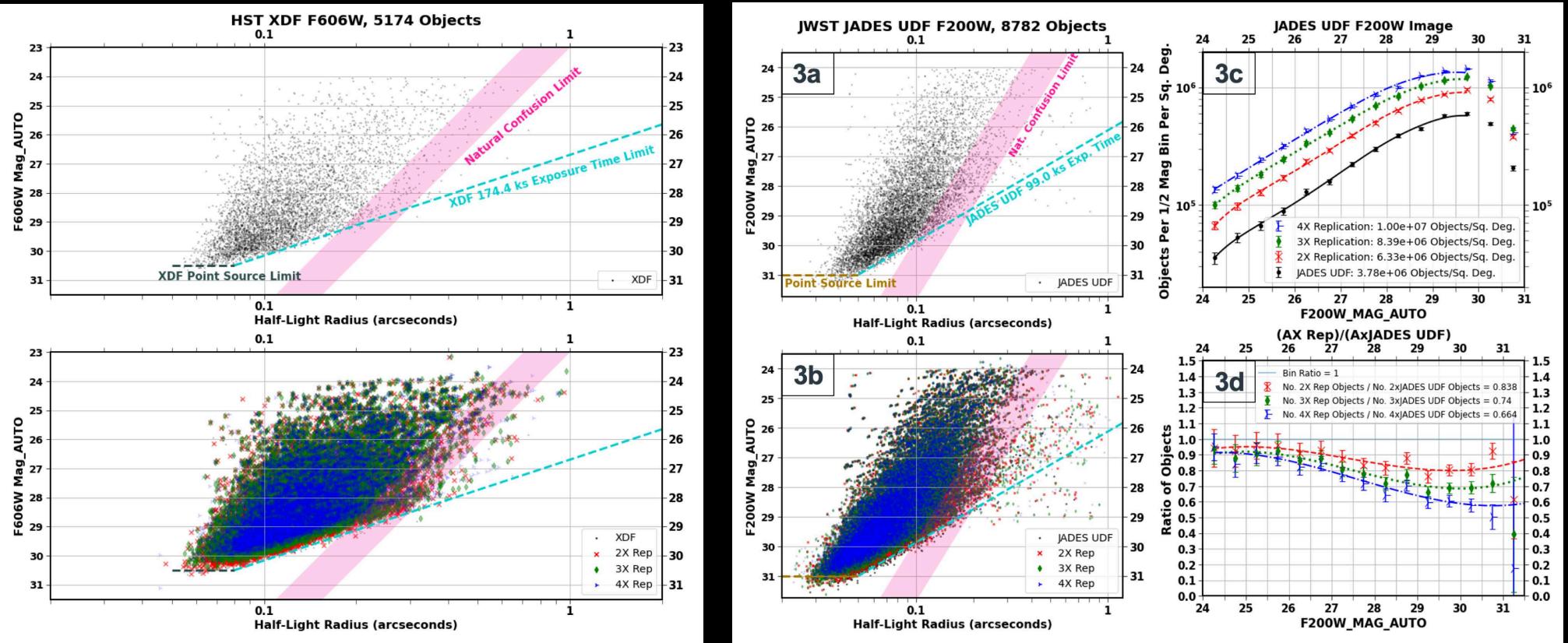
[Left]: Add HUDF image to itself  $2\times$ ,  $3\times$ ,  $4\times$  after  $n \times 90^\circ$  rotation:

[Right]:  $4\times$ HUDF counts still  $\gtrsim 65\%$  complete for  $AB \gtrsim 28.5-29$  mag.

(Kramer, D.+, 2022, ApJL, 940, L15; astro-ph/2208.07218v2).

- Natural confusion ( $\neq$  instrumental confusion): increasing inability of object detection algorithms to deblend extended galaxies at  $AB \gtrsim 24$  mag.
- $3-4 \times 10^6$  galaxies/ $\text{deg}^2$  at  $AB \lesssim 31$  mag with  $r_{hl} \lesssim 0\farcs1-0\farcs2$  FWHM.

(Windhorst<sup>+</sup> 2008, Adv. in Space Res., 41, 1965 (astro-ph/0703171); — 2011, ApJS, 193, 27; — 2022, AJ, 164, 141; — 2023, AJ, 165, 13; see also Fernando Buitrago's talk).



Top: mag vs  $r_e$  for 174 ksec XDF (left) & 99 ksec JADES (middle) galaxies.  
 Bottom: Same for XDF & JADES rotated+replicated onto itself 2 $\times$ , 3 $\times$ , 4 $\times$ .

Right: Counts and completeness functions for 2 $\times$ , 3 $\times$ , 4 $\times$  rotated images.

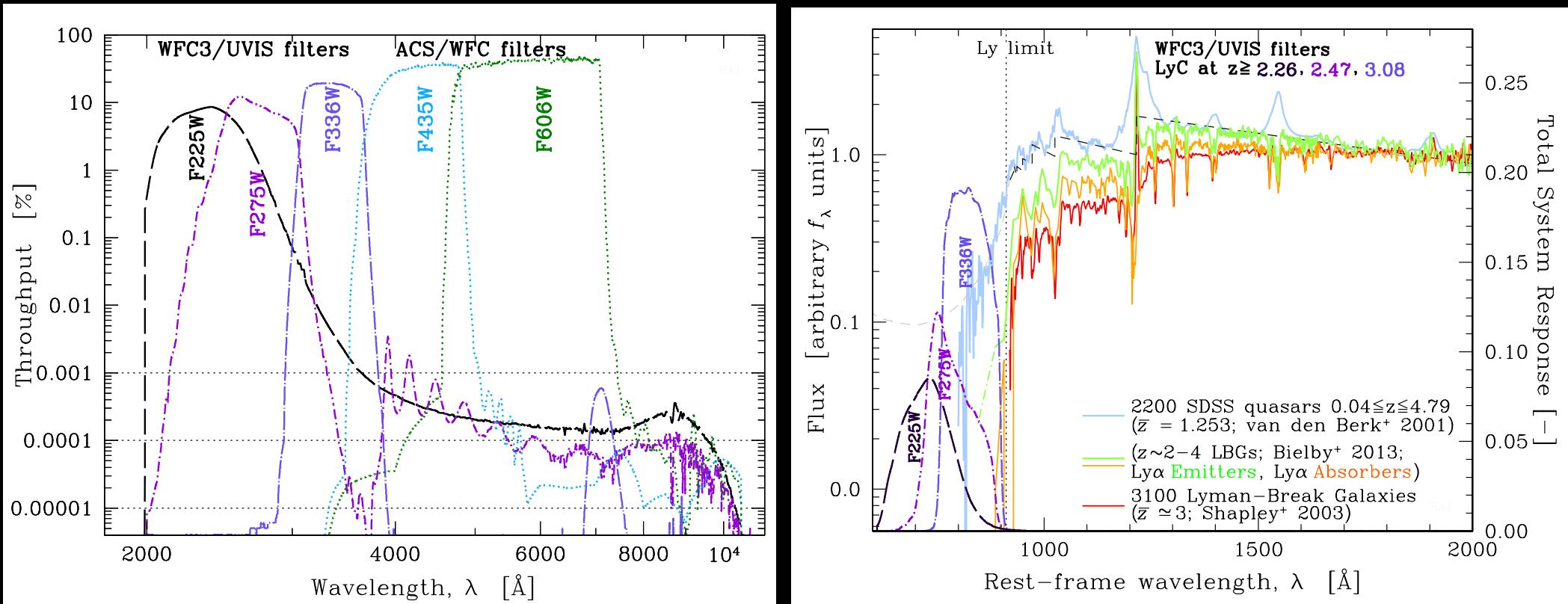
- $\lesssim 35\%$  of faintest galaxies lost due to statistical object overlap.

(Kramer, D.+, 2022, ApJL, 940, L15; astro-ph/2208.07218v2).

$\Rightarrow$  LyC work at UVC $\sim 24$ -27 must avoid contaminants with AB  $\lesssim 28$ -31 mag!

JWST: 1" LyC apert  $\lesssim 30\%$  contaminated by foreground UVC  $\lesssim 31$  mag!

- HST WFC3/UVIS Constraints of LyC at  $z \sim 2.2$ – $3.5$  (Smith<sup>+</sup> 2018).

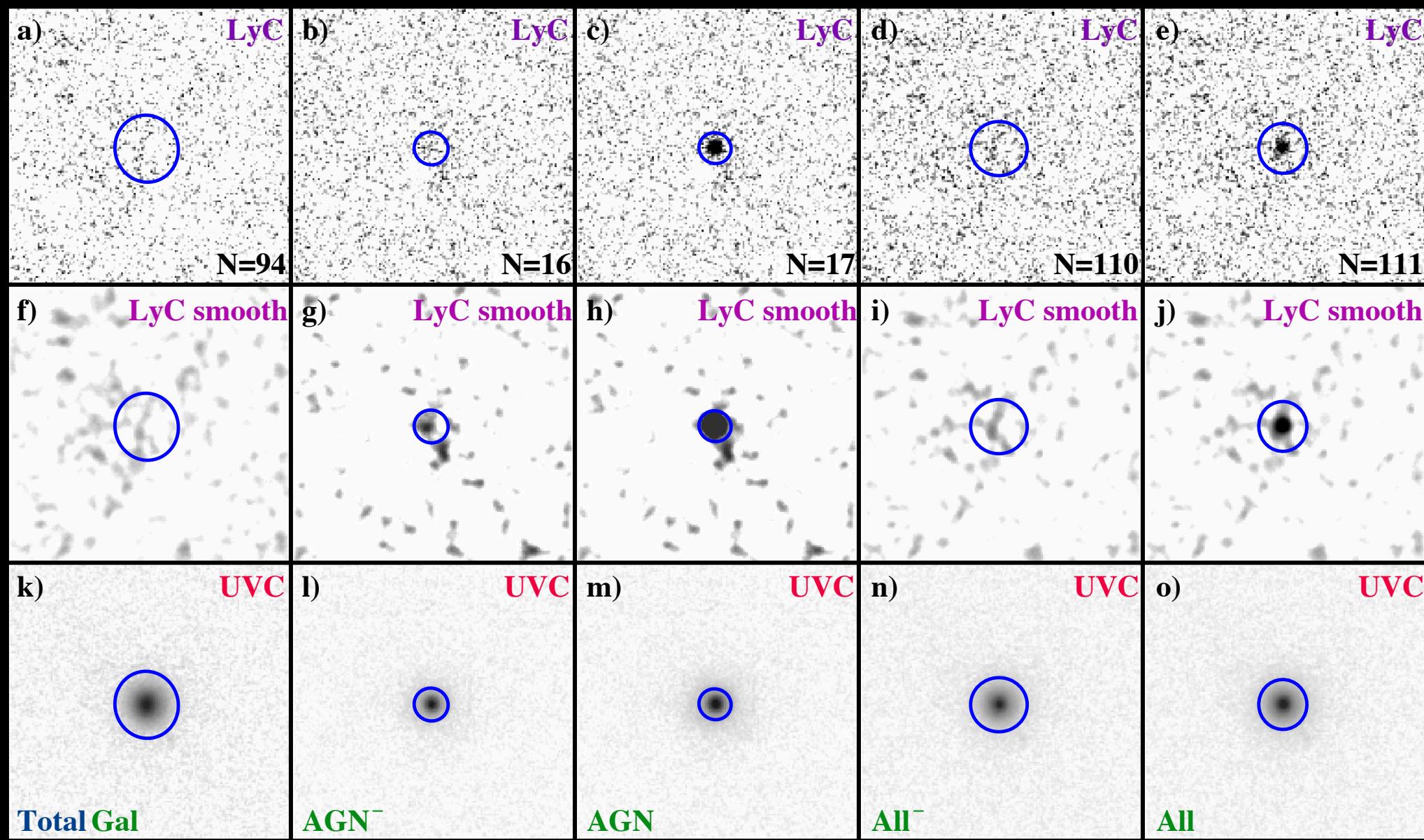


[Left] WFC3 designed to maximize throughput and minimize red-leak:

- Red-leaks  $\lesssim 3 \times 10^{-5}$  of peak transmission, or  $\lesssim 0.6\%$  of LyC signals.

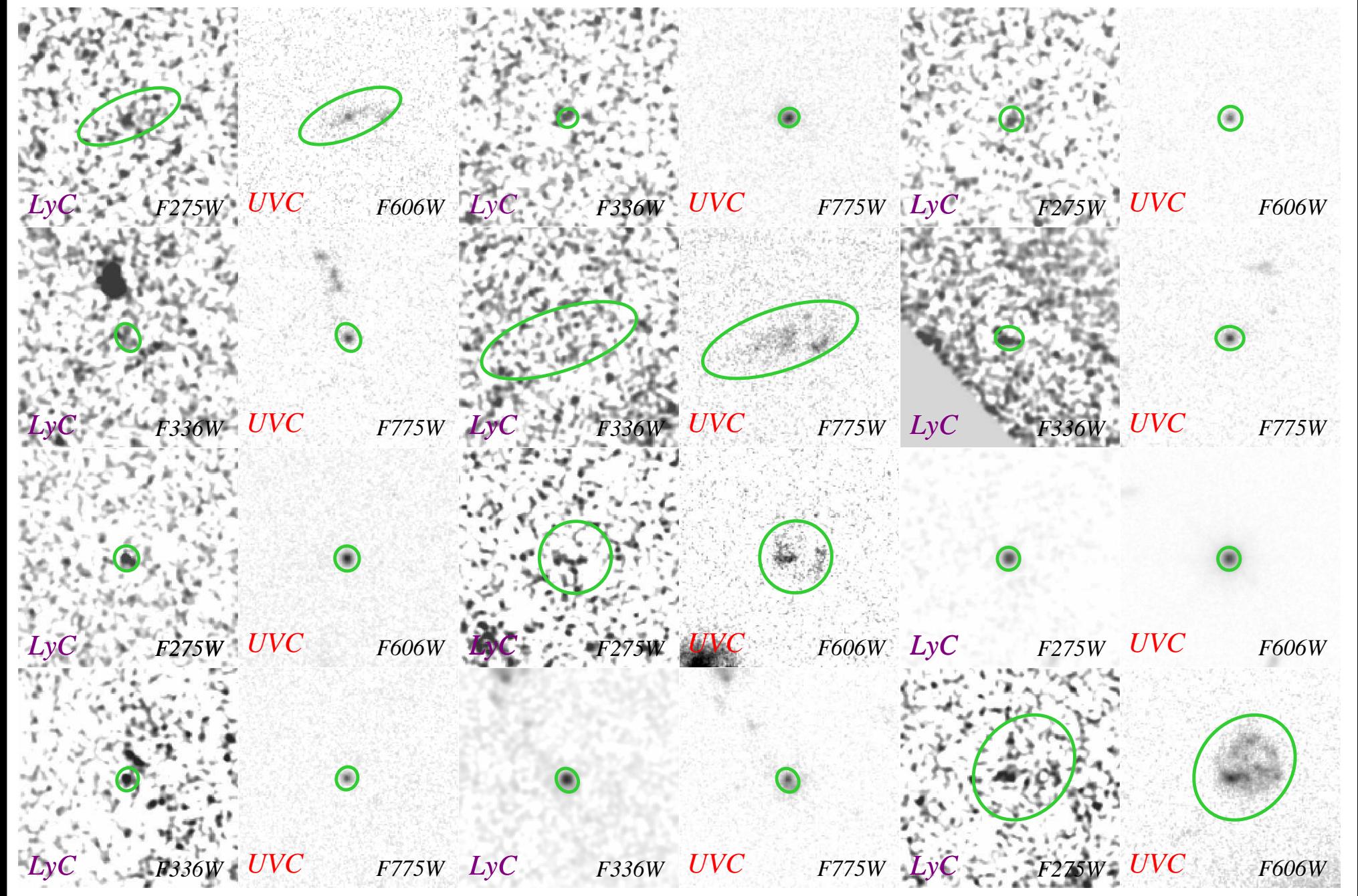
[Right] Composite rest-frame far-UV spectra of: SDSS QSOs at  $z \sim 1.3$ ; LBGs at  $z \sim 2$ – $4$ : Ly $\alpha$  emitters, & absorbers; & LBGs at  $z \sim 3$ .

- WFC3/UVIS F225W, F275W, F336W filters sample LyC ( $\lambda < 912 \text{ \AA}$ ) at  $z \geq 2.26$ ,  $z \geq 2.47$ , and  $z \geq 3.08$  (best at low-end of each  $z$ -range).
- Lower  $z$ -bounds: *no*  $\lambda > 912 \text{ \AA}$  below filter's red-edge ( $\equiv 0.5\%$  of peak).

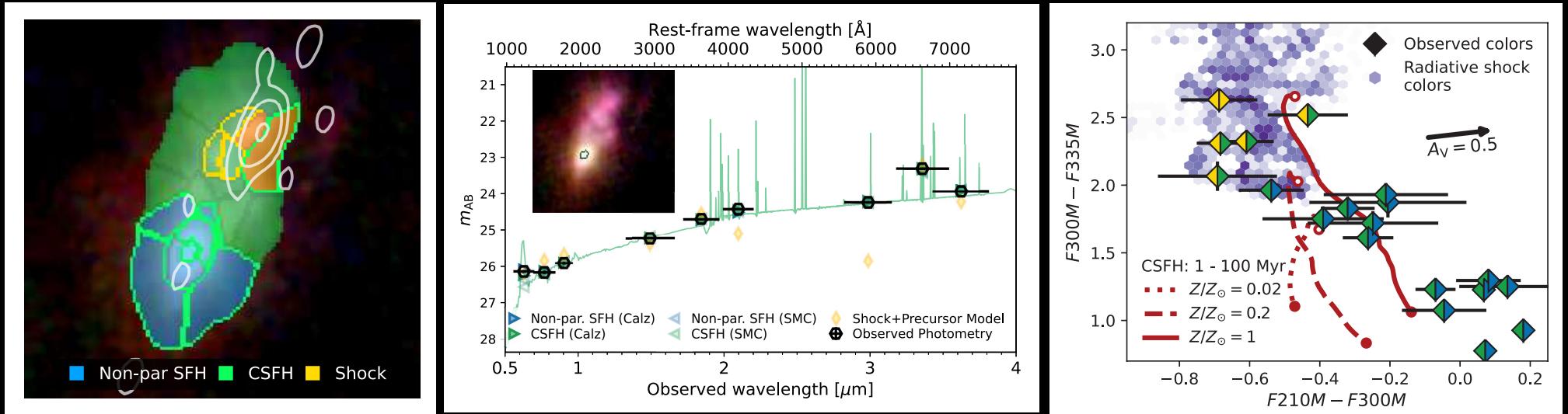
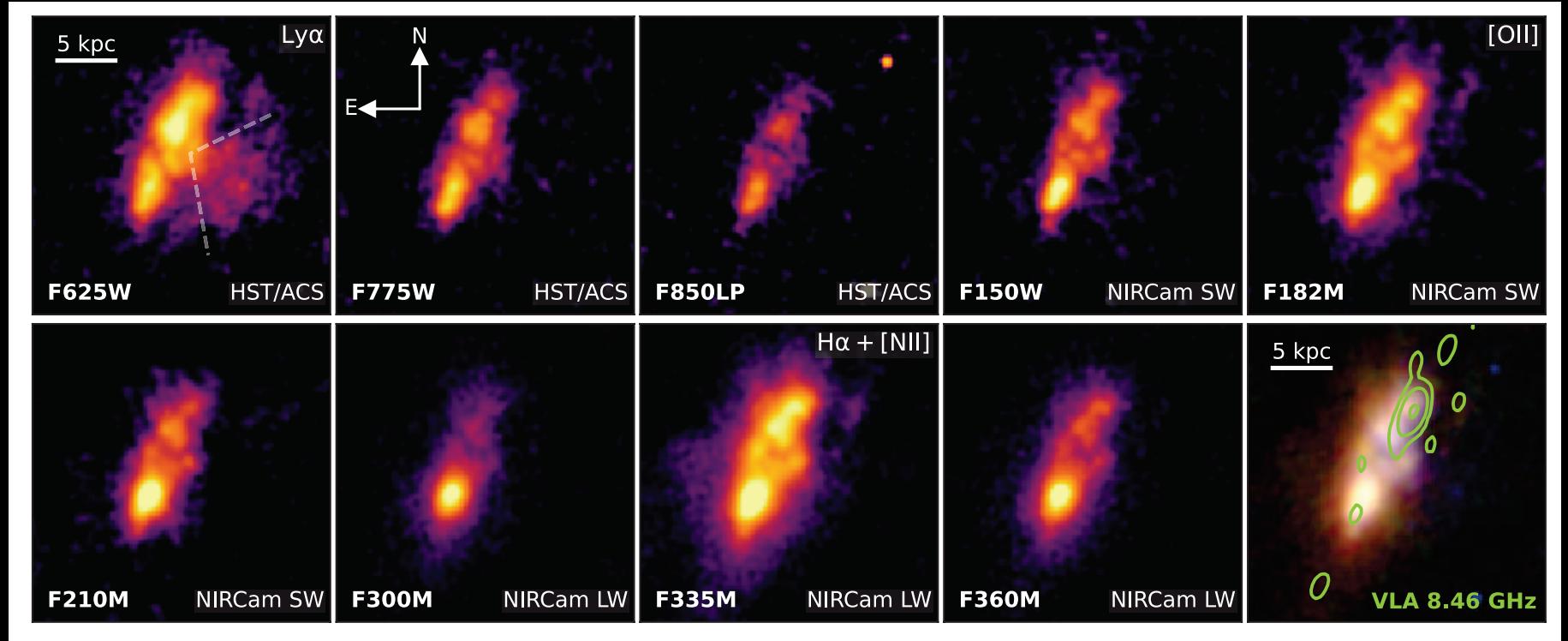


WFC3/ERS & HDUV AGN+Galaxy LyC stacking (Smith et al. 2018, ApJ, 853, 191; — 2020, ApJ, 897, 41).

- Rare (weak) AGN with robust spectroscopic redshifts at  $z \simeq 2.3\text{--}3.5$  dominate reionizing LyC flux in stacked WFC3/UVIS images ( $\text{AB} \lesssim 29$  mag).
- Need  $\simeq 0''.04$  WFC3 UV-PSF to remove all foreground interlopers at  $>> 99\%$  confidence!



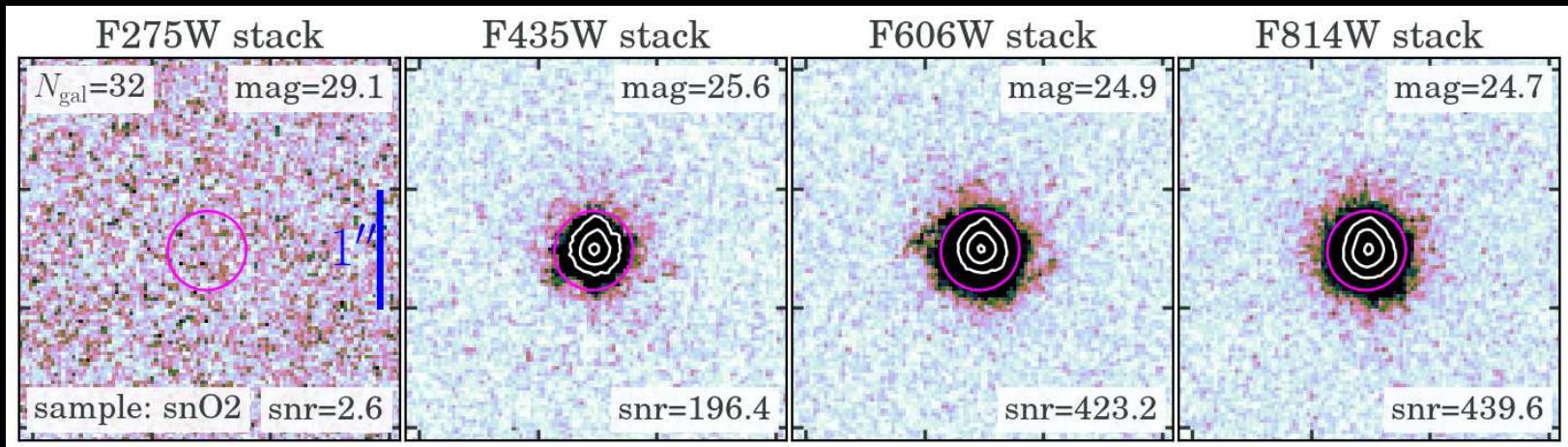
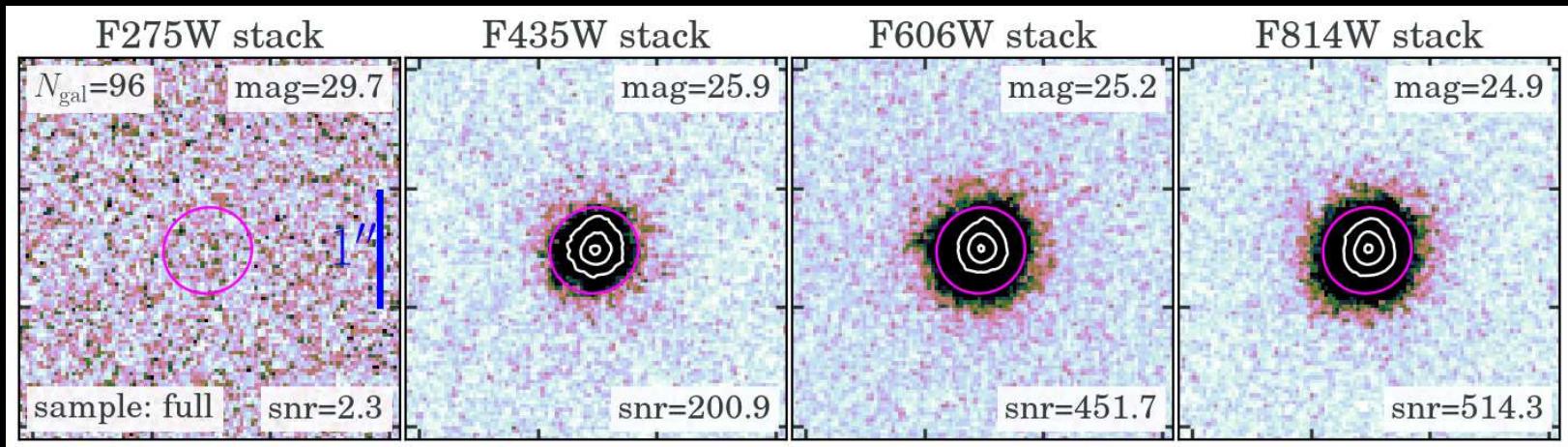
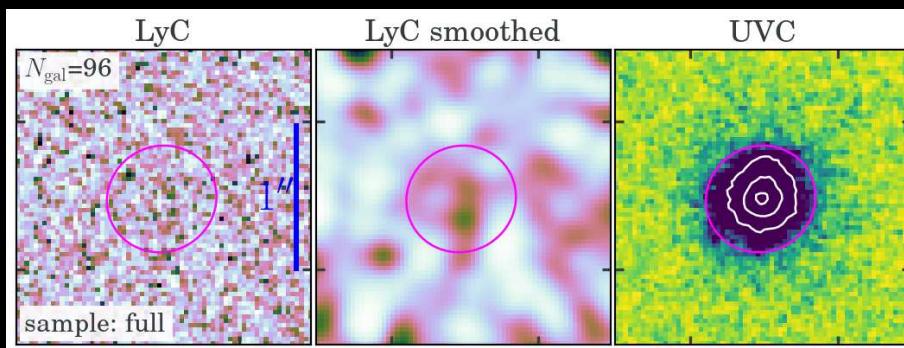
- UVCANDELS AGN LyC detections AB $\simeq$ 23.4–28.5 mag:  $f_{esc} \simeq 30 \pm 25\%$ .
- 12/58 detected (21%):  $\langle \text{LyC opening } \theta \rangle \lesssim 40^\circ$  (Smith<sup>+</sup> 2024, ApJ, 964, 73).



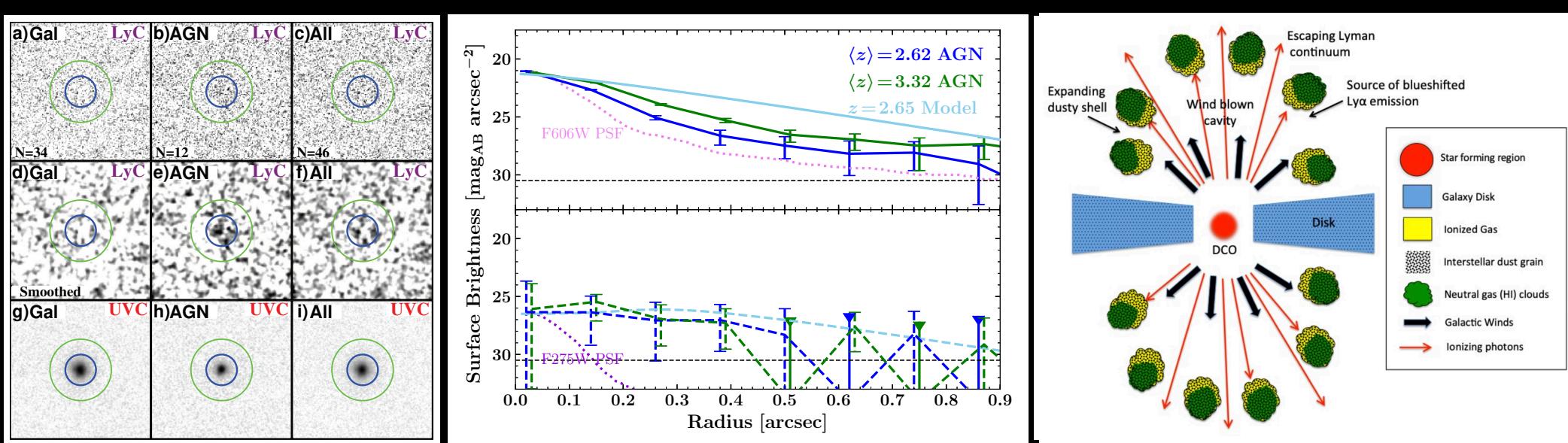
One of the most massive ( $10^{10.9} M_{\odot}$ ) high-z radio galaxies at  $z=4.11$ :

- TNJ1338: NIRCam medium-band SFR  $\sim 1800 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$ ; extreme jet-induced SFR  $\gtrsim 500 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$ ,  $t_{\text{SFR}} \simeq 4 \text{ Myr}$ .

Opening angles: HST Ly $\alpha$   $\theta_h \lesssim 50^\circ$ ; NIRCam+VLA jet  $\theta_h \sim 10^\circ$  (Duncan<sup>+</sup> 2023, MNRAS, 522, 4548)



- UVCANDELS galaxy LyC detections AB $\simeq$ 25.5-26.6 mag, LyC stacks  $\sim$ 29.1-29.7 mag; resulting  $f_{esc} \sim$ 6-10%. [1-cos( $\theta_h$ )=detected fraction]:
- 5/96 detected (5%):  $\langle \text{LyC opening } \theta \rangle \lesssim 20^\circ$  (Wang<sup>+</sup> 2025, ApJ, 980, 74)



[Left]: WFC3 LyC stack of Gals, weak AGN and All, +non-ionizing UVC.

[Middle]: Radial SB-profiles of stacked UVC [Top]; LyC stack [Bottom]:

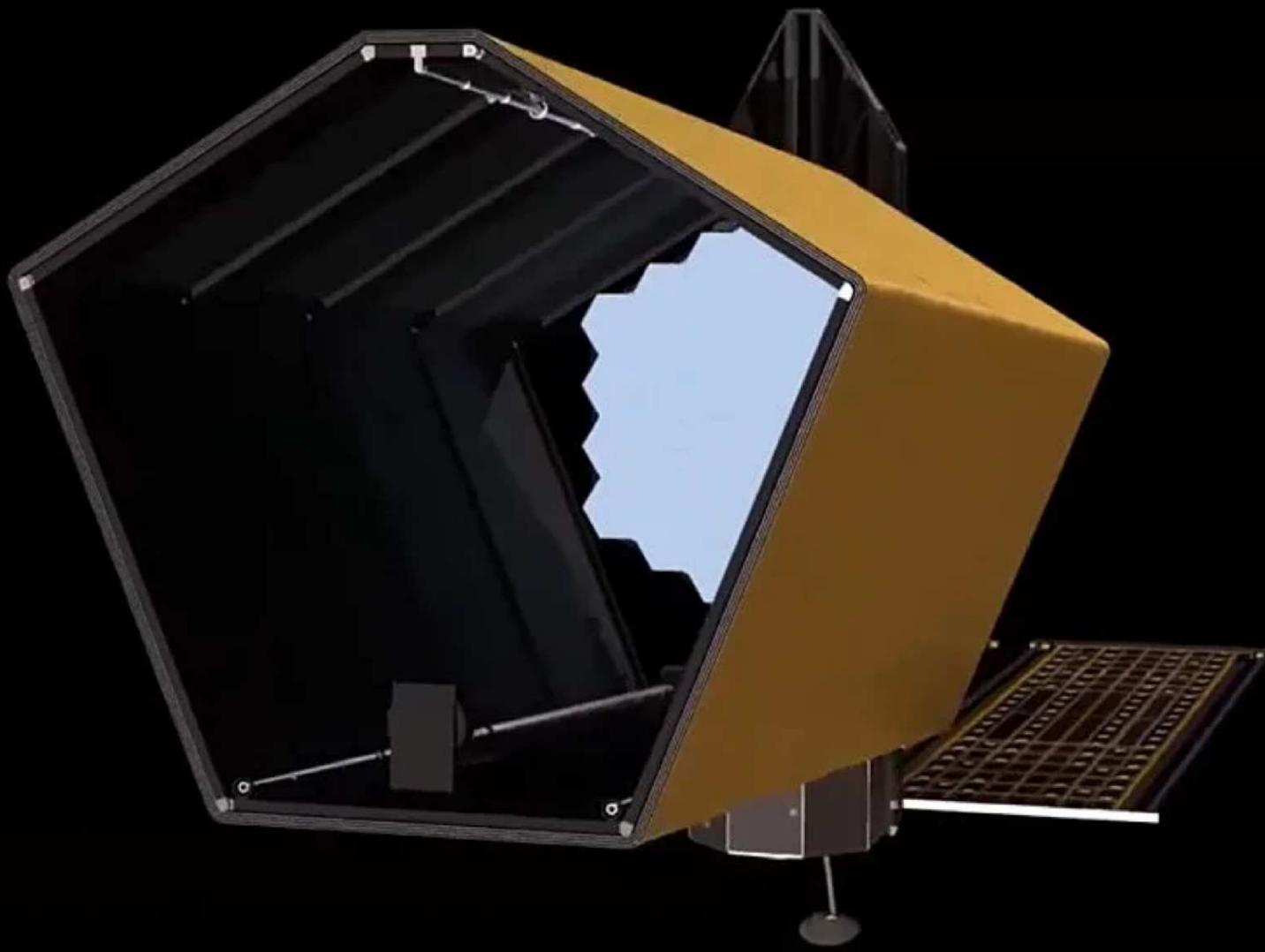
- LyC SB-profiles extended compared to PSFs, but very non-Sersic like!

Dashed: scattering model with ISM porosity+escaping LyC (Smith, B.+ 2018).

[Right]: Patchy ISM model of escaping LyC (& Ly $\alpha$ ) (Borthakur<sup>+</sup>14).

- WFC3 Galaxy and AGN  $\langle \text{LyC opening angle} \rangle \lesssim 20\text{--}40^\circ$ , respectively.
- Weak AGN more/bigger holes than Gals; LyC not always from accretion disk

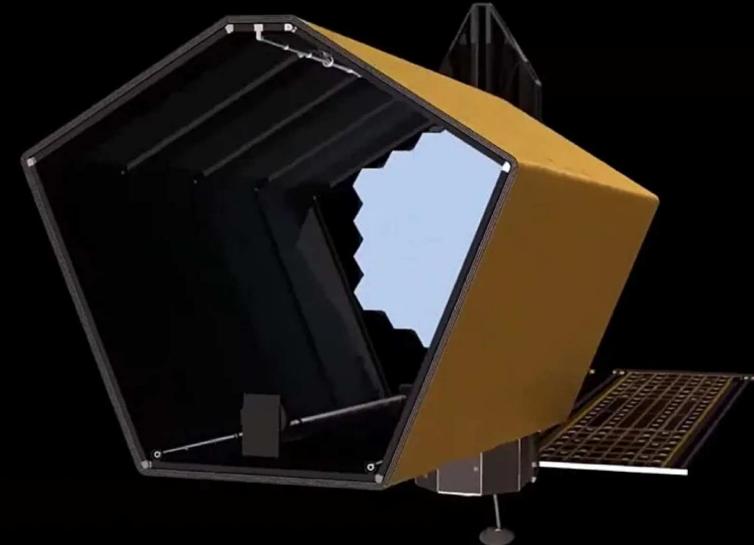
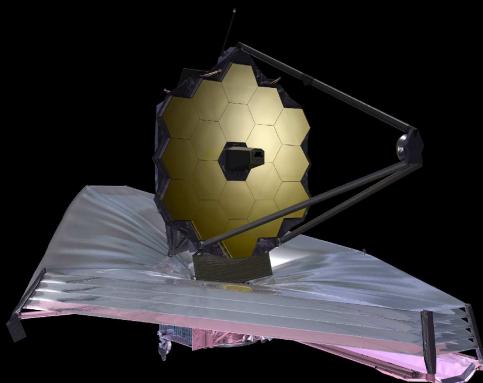
## (4) Habitable World Observatory requirements for LyC work



- Next generation  $\gtrsim 6\text{--}8$  meter UV-optical space telescope (HWO) essential for  $\text{AB} \lesssim 30$  detections and  $\text{AB} \sim 32$  mag for LyC stacks ( $N \gtrsim 10^4$ ).
- Need: L2 servicing, periodic CCD replacement, & wide-field UV IFU/MSA.

# Past, Present and Future: Can and will the dream continue?

True relative size: Hubble, James Webb, Roman, & HWO



1973–2034<sup>+(!)</sup>

Launch: 1990

$\Sigma_{FC}$ :  $\gtrsim 20$  B\$

1996–2046<sup>+</sup>

2021

$\gtrsim 10$  B\$

2012–2037?

$\gtrsim 2027$

$\sim 3$  B\$

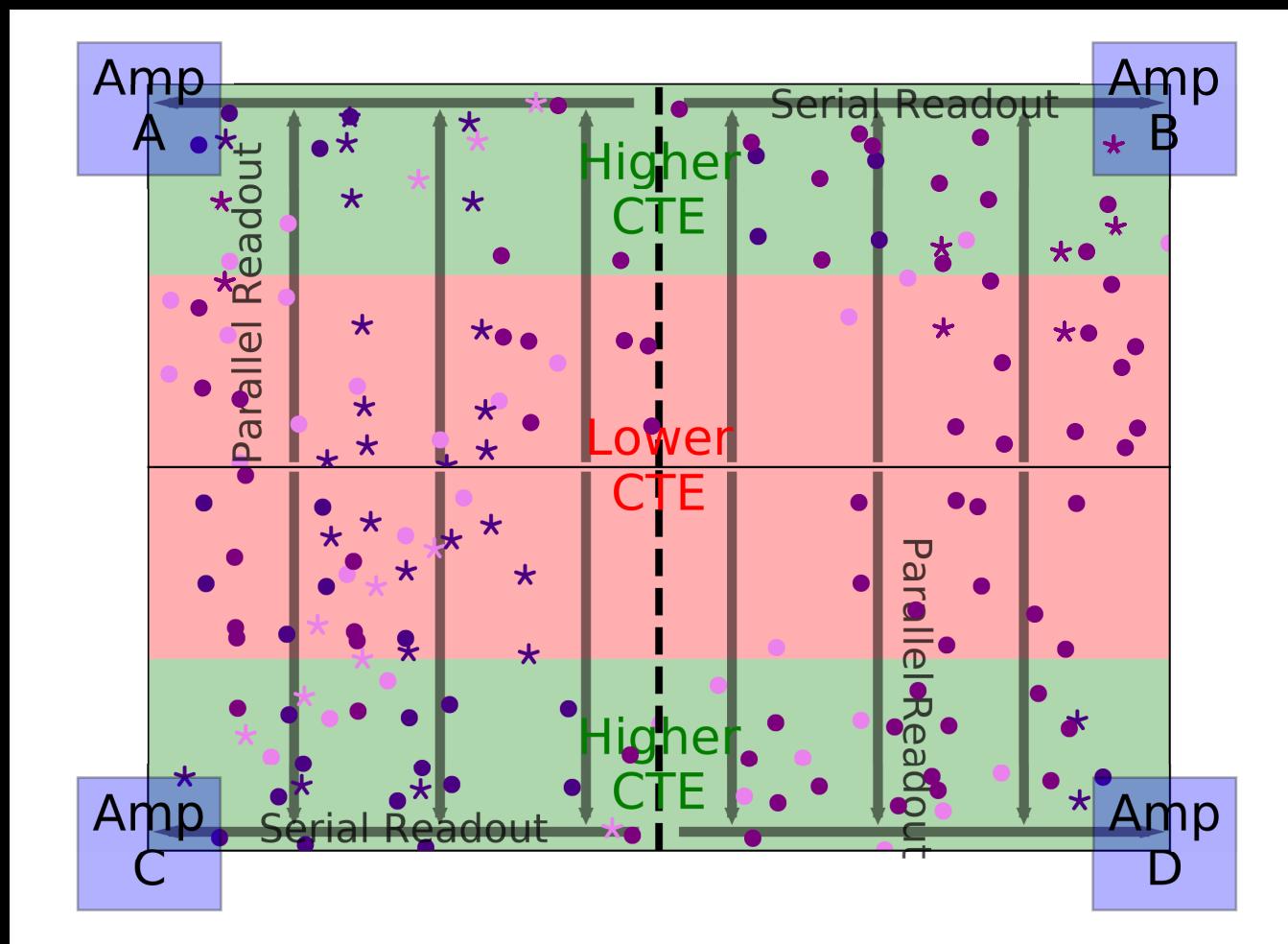
2025–2070<sup>+(?)</sup>

$\gtrsim 2040$ ?

15–20 B\$?

- My goal today: Inspire the younger folks in the audience to successfully build the Habitable Worlds Observatory (HWO).

Many speakers this conference already talked about future prospects, amongst others: Pratika Dayal, Andrea Grazian, Sara Mascia, Ivan Nikolić, Allison Strom, Ana Sofia Uzsoy, Alessandra Venditti, and others.



Main CCD LyC limitation: Charge-Transfer Efficiency (CTE) degradation.  
“Higher-CTE” & “Lower-CTE” sub-samples for WFC3/UV filters.

- Green regions are closest to parallel read-out amplifier. Red regions are furthest from amplifiers, and suffer more from CTE-degradation.
- CTE-degradation may be mitigated by s/w corrections (Anderson 2016, 2021).
- CTE-loss linear with time/CR-flux: need CCD replacement every 10 yrs!

# Summary of lessons learned from JWST: What is required to make Mega-Science projects succeed?

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- JWST Lessons: Mega-project lessons also apply to HST & HWO. Key is that scale of efforts goes beyond what people are used to.
- Mega-projects demand new rules, in particular regarding building and keeping together a *strong Coalition* of project supporters and advocates.

Consumers Report: Very Good  $\Rightarrow$  Good  $\Rightarrow$  Neutral  $\Rightarrow$  Fair  $\Rightarrow$  Poor.

- (A) Scientific/Astro-Community Lessons
- (B) Technical Lessons
- (C) Management/Budget/Schedule Lessons
- (D) Political/Outreach Lessons

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Full 1-hr talk is on: [http://www.asu.edu/clas/hst/www/jwst/jwsttalks/fall2020\\_jwstlessons.pdf](http://www.asu.edu/clas/hst/www/jwst/jwsttalks/fall2020_jwstlessons.pdf)



- Infighting killed the 1988 Superconducting Supercollider in Texas (left).
  - Canceled project funds never returns: CERN didn't make that mistake (right).
- ⇒ Avoid infighting with other (exoplanet) HWO stake-holders.
- Design HWO for exoplanets, reionization, and everything in between.

## Summary: Main Lessons from the JWST Project:

(1) Mega-projects demand new rules, in particular regarding building and keeping together a *strong Coalition* of project supporters and advocates:

### (A) JWST Scientific/Astro-Community Lessons:

- 1) Project is a must-do scientifically and cannot be done any other way.
- 2) Keep advocating Mega-project to community until launch/first light.
- 3) Don't ignore importance of communication with patrons: Scientists, international partners, contractors, tax-payers, Congress, White House.
- 4) Don't have community infighting ("My mission is better than yours"— One key reason for Supercollider (SSC) demise).

### (B) JWST Technical Lessons:

- 1) Use advanced technologies being developed elsewhere, if possible.
- 2) Know when not to select the most risky technologies.
- 3) Do your hardest technology development upfront. Have all critical components at TRL-6 before Mission Preliminary Design Review (PDR).

### (C) JWST Management/Budget/Schedule Lessons:

- 1) Make conservative full end-to-end budget before Mission CDR.
- 2) Make sure budgets are externally reviewed, and at  $\gtrsim 80\%$  joint cost+schedule confidence level. (Could not do  $\lesssim 2010$ ; Did so early 2011).
- 3) Plan & effectively use 25–30% (\$+schedule!) contingency each FY.

### (D) JWST Political/Outreach Lessons:

- 1) Assemble, maintain and fully use a broad Coalition of supporters and advocates who will fight for the project (SSC did so too late).
- 2) Have strong multi-partisan & multi-national support for project.
- 3) Strong technology benefits/lessons *TO* other parts of government.
- Today, JWST *is* the telescope that the community asked for almost 30 years ago, and has become an amazing reality. JWST has become the most-in-demand NASA Astrophysics mission ever (see spare charts).

OVERALL CONCLUSION: JWST was built and launched right, but we had to learn our lessons over 25 years.

## (5) Summary and Conclusions

(1) HST and JWST uniquely complement each other to trace cosmic star-formation and (supermassive) black-hole formation over 13.5 Gyr.

(2) (Faint) galaxies and (weak) AGN contribute similar LyC vs. redshift.

Dusty objects w outflows especially good at LyC escape( $\theta$ , nr of holes)!

(3) Need space-based resolution for contamination-free LyC at  $z \simeq 2.3\text{--}3.5$

- Design HWO filters with low-enough redleak to enable this.
- Deepest multi-band images to mask foreground AB  $\lesssim 31$  mag interlopers.

(4) Habitable World Observatory requirements for LyC work:

- L2 servicing every 5–10 years or so — is feasible to L2.
- Wide-field UV sensitized CCDs with periodic replacement in L2.
- Wide-field UV IFU, & UV MSA Spectrograph — needs development.

(5) Coherent team: design HWO for science from exoplanets to reionization.

What the Scientists See:

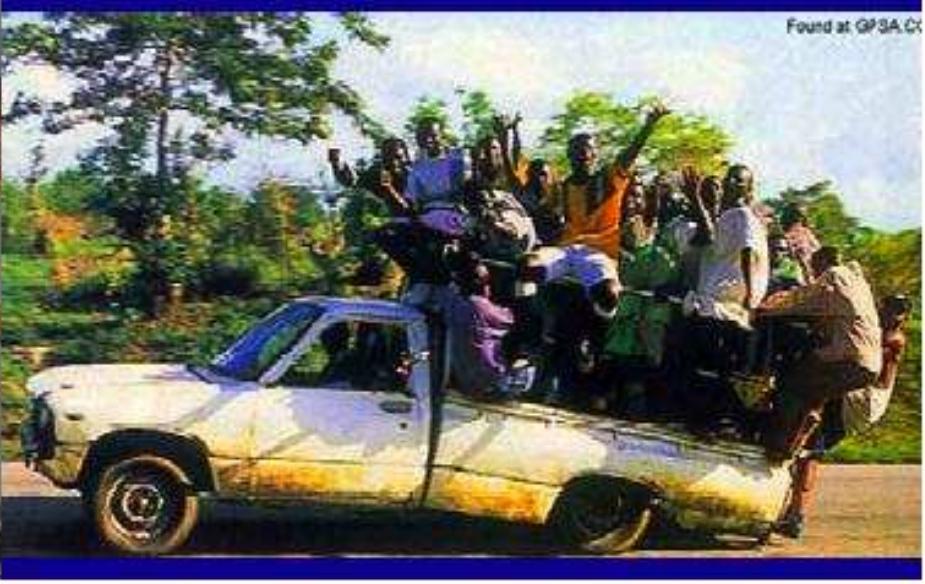


What the Project Manager Sees:

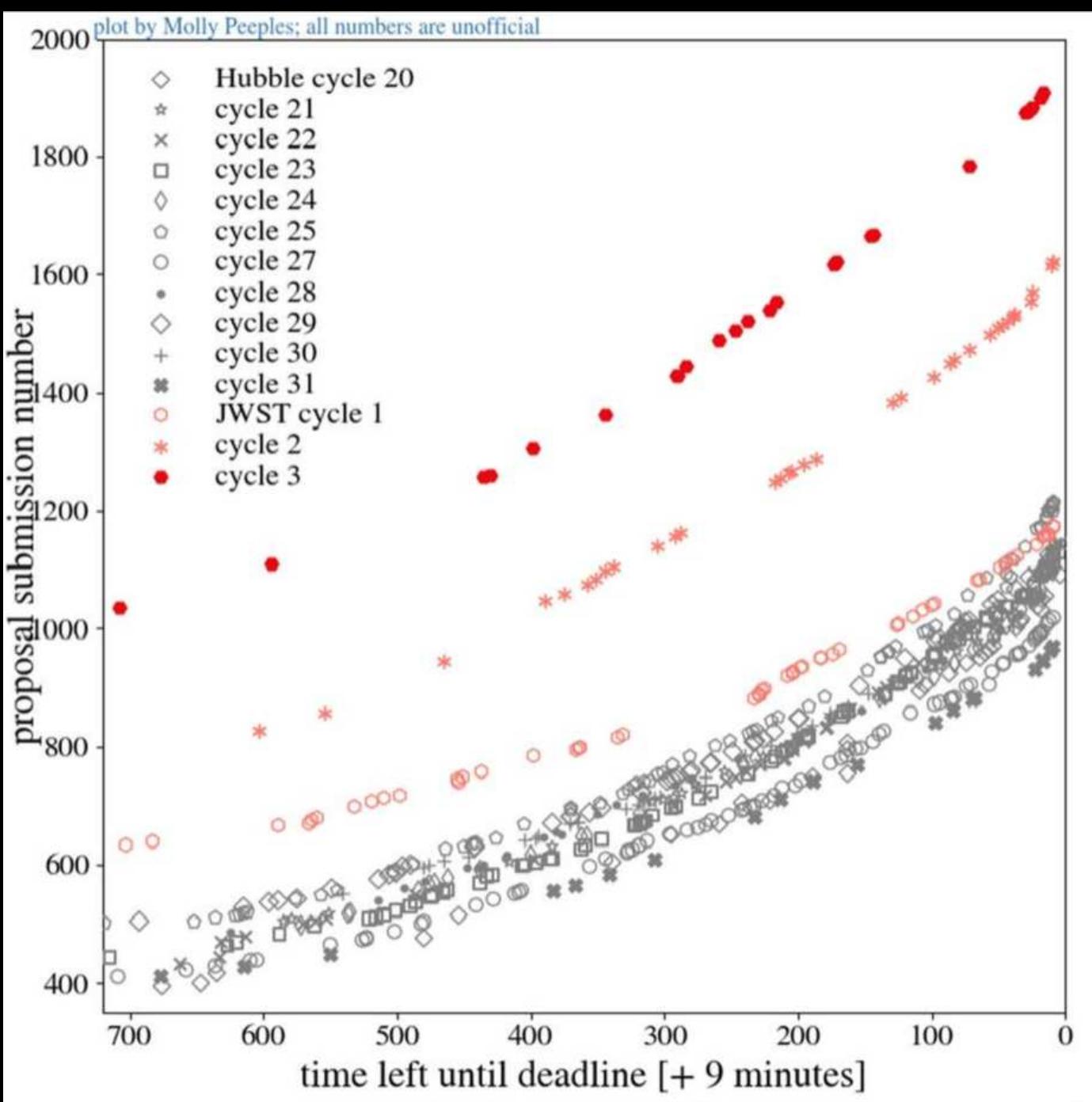


The Happy Balance

Found at GP3A.CX



Any (space) mission is a balance between what science demands, what technology can do, and what budget & schedule allows ... (courtesy Prof. R. Ellis).



- Webb is now THE highest-in-demand NASA Flagship mission ever, but Hubble remains in at least as high a demand as it was 30 years ago!

## (1) SCIENCE IMPACT BY THE HST & JWST COMMUNITY (Feb. 2025):

- HST:  $\gtrsim 500\text{--}1000$  refereed papers/year by the community since 1990.
- 45,900 HST papers on [ADS](#), 948,800 citations since 1990,  $h_{HST}=322!$
- JWST: over 2300 refereed papers ([57k cites](#)), since July 2022 alone!
- In year 1-3: JWST already outdoing HST's yearly production.

## (2) NEWS RELEASES BY THE HST & JWST COMMUNITY (Feb 2025):

- NASA's Hubble Space Telescope (HST) had 1,100 science press releases since 1990, each with  $\gtrsim 400$  million readers (or impressions) worldwide.
- $\sim 480 \times 10^9$  reads (or impressions) of Hubble press releases in total  $\Rightarrow$
- *On average* each human on Earth would have read  $\gtrsim 60$  Hubble stories during their lifetimes.
- HST is the most publicized space astrophysics mission in NASA history.
- JWST:  $\gtrsim 170$  press releases since 2022, each 0.5–1 billion readers.
- JWST is now the most-in-demand space mission in NASA history.
- ASU Cosmology: 10 billion [readers](#) from  $\gtrsim 10$  releases since 2022 ([URL](#)).

# Related papers, press releases and other URLs

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