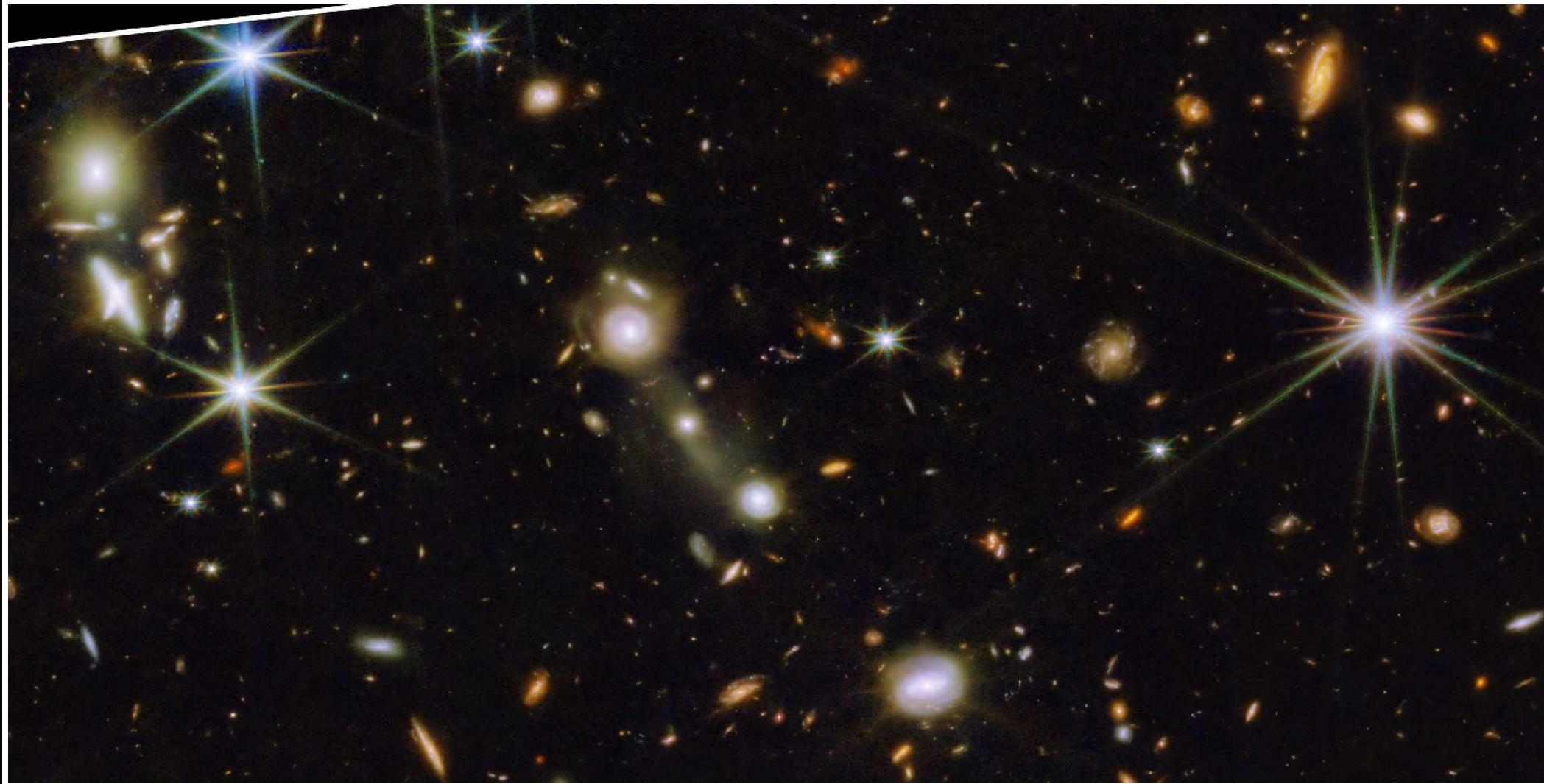


Diffuse Light Constraints from HST and JWST at 1 AU

Rogier Windhorst (ASU) — JWST Interdisciplinary Scientist

and the HST SKYSURF and JWST PEARLS teams: S. Cohen, R. Jansen, J. Summers, S. Tompkins, R. O'Brien, C. Conselice, S. Driver, H. Yan, D. Coe, B. Frye, N. Grogin, A. Koekemoer, M. Marshall, R. O'Brien, N. Pirzkal, A. Robotham, R. Ryan Jr., C. Willmer, J. Berkheimer, T. Carleton, J. Diego, W. Keel, P. et al.



Talk at the New Horizons Science workshop, We. Jan 18, 2023 (APL, Laurel, MD; via Zoom)

PDF on: http://www.asu.edu/clas/hst/www/jwst/nh23_HST_JWST_DL.pdf

Outline and Conclusions

- (1) Summary of the HST SKYSURF project and Diffuse Light
- (2) Summary of the JWST PEARLS project and Diffuse Light
- (3) Combined Limits to Diffuse Light at 0.9–4.5 μm

Some remarkable results in PEARLS and other JWST projects:

- Abundance of red (dusty) spirals, $\sim 30\%$ more spirals than seen by HST
- Accurate 0.9–5 μm galaxy counts to $\text{AB} \lesssim 28.5\text{--}29$ mag.
- (Old SED) tidal tails everywhere: $\lesssim 20\%$ of Integrated Galaxy Light (IGL).
- 0.9–5 μm Diffuse Light limits to $\sim 10\%$ of Zodiacal.

SKYSURF-1: Windhorst, Carleton, O'Brien et al. (2023, AJ, 165, 13; astro-ph/2209.04119)

SKYSURF-2: Carleton, Windhorst, O'Brien et al. (2022, AJ, 164, 170; astro-ph/2205.06347)

SKYSURF-3: Kramer, Carleton, Cohen, et al. (2022, ApJL, 940, L15; astro-ph/2208.07218v2)

SKYSURF-4: O'Brien, Carleton, Windhorst, et al. (2022, AJ, submitted astro-ph/2210.08010)

PEARLS: Windhorst, Cohen, Jansen et al. (2023, AJ, 165, 13; astro-ph/2209.04119)



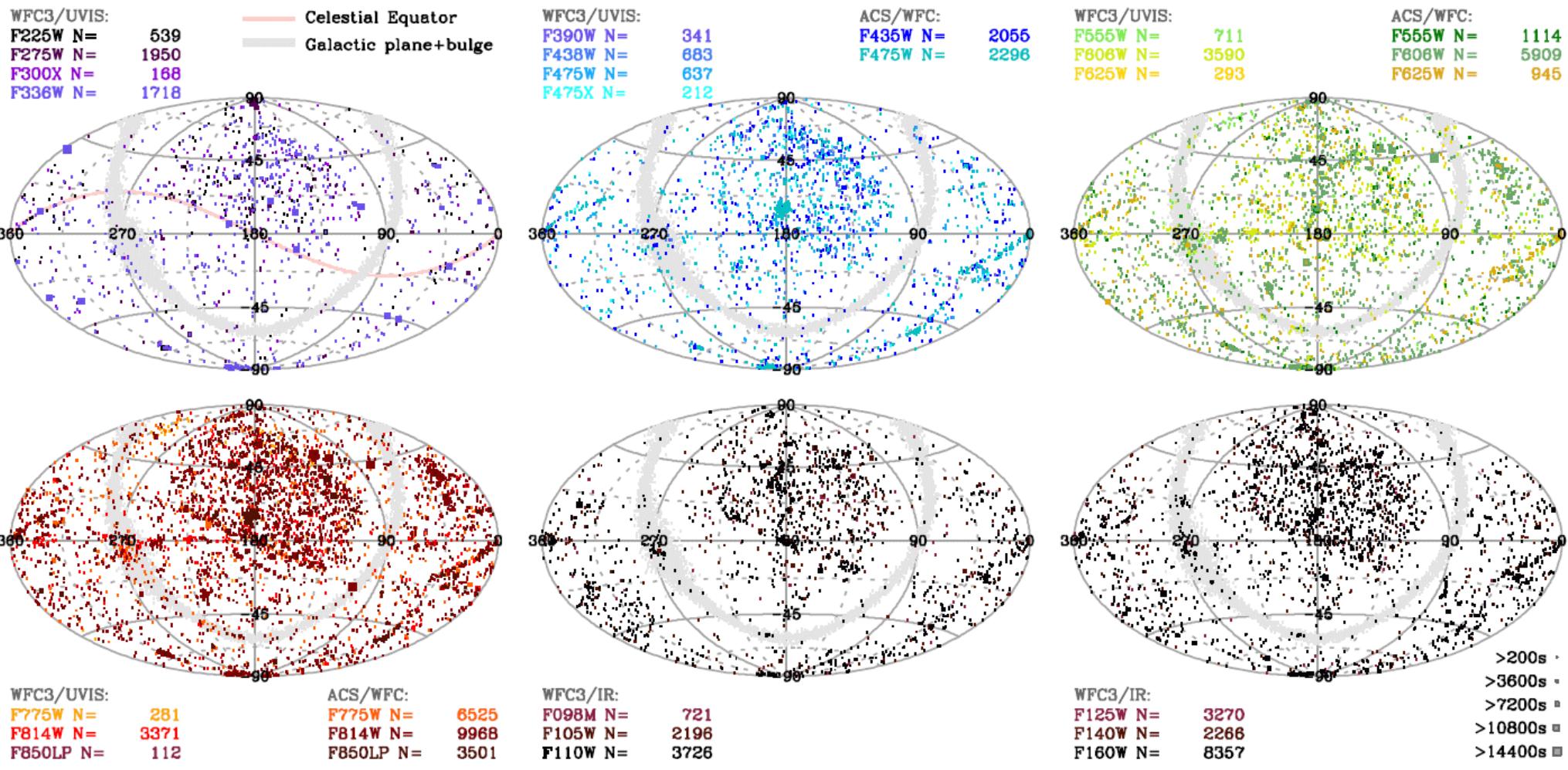
Galactic plane and the
Zodiacal disk at night:

They are inclined by 60° .

SKYSURF aims to map
both their diffuse light
across the sky.

JWST can now do the
same, but in much darker
 $0.9\text{-}5 \mu\text{m}$ sky.

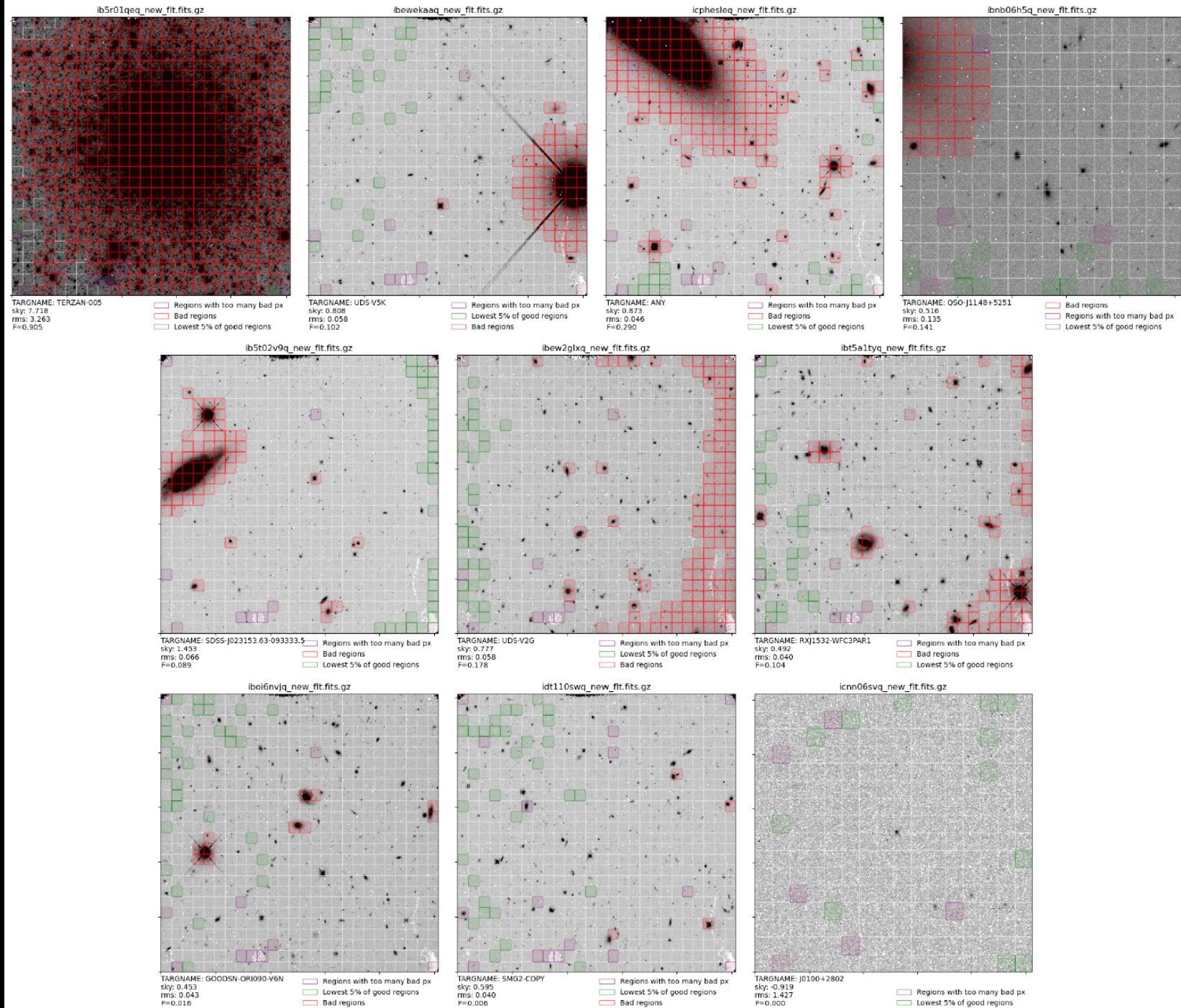
More than 95% of photons in STScI Archive
(outside the Galactic plane; $|b^{II}| \gtrsim 25^\circ$) come
from distances $D \lesssim 5$ AU.



SKYSURF's database: 249,861 exposures (878,000 readouts) in 16,822 HST field-of-views (FOVs) taken over 28 years.

28 filters from 0.2-1.6 μm ; with 12 main broad-band filters in \sim 1400 independent HST fields.

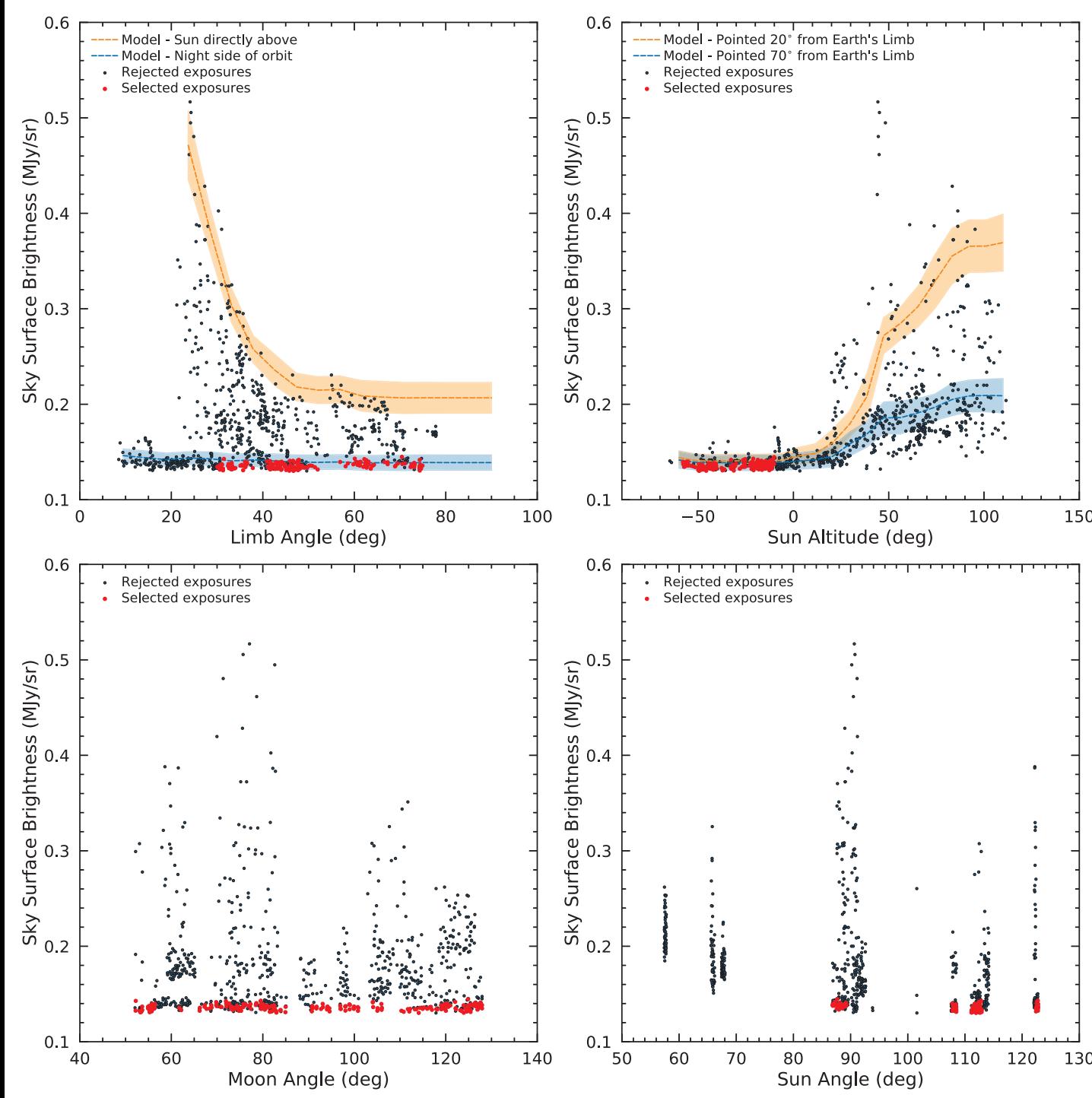
Tim Carleton, Rosalia O'Brien: database lead. UGs built database in 2020.



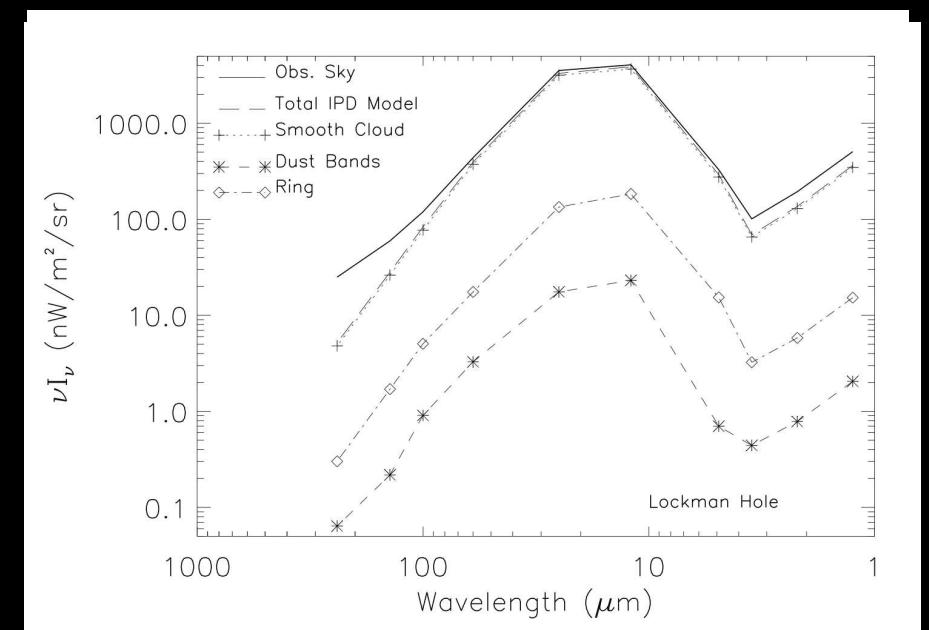
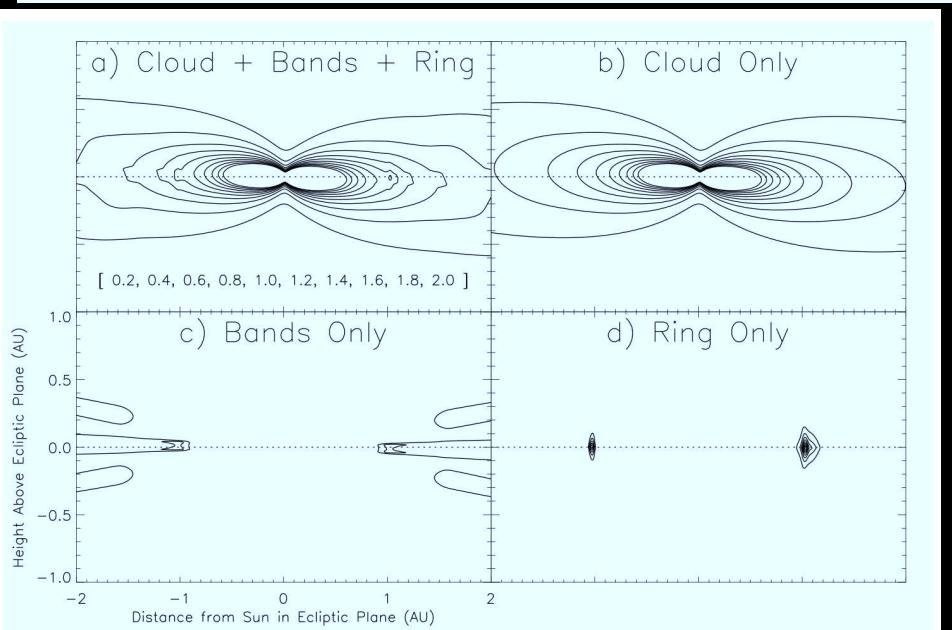
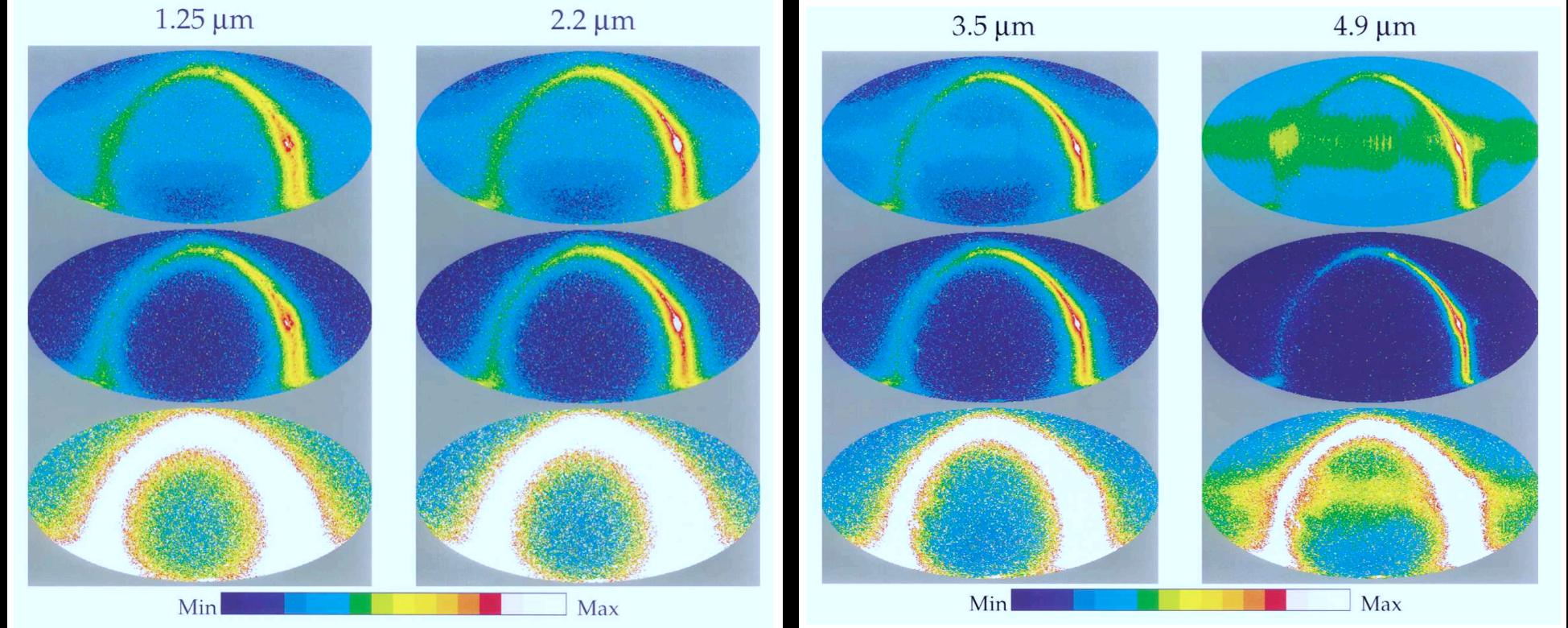
First, identify all sub-grid regions with objects or defects (R. O'Brien).
 5% of object-free boxes give best match with simulated sky-SB (D. Carter).

Sarah Caddy's study to minimize straylight:

- (a) Earth Limb Angle $LA \gtrsim 30\text{--}40^\circ$ to avoid Earthshine; and
- (b) Sun Alt. above Earth $\alpha_\odot \lesssim -10^\circ$ (orbital night side) minimizes Sunlight scattered off the bright Earth; and
- (c) The Moon Angle $MA \gtrsim 50^\circ$; and
- (d) Sun Ang. $SA \gtrsim 80^\circ$ avoids straylight into the HST optics.



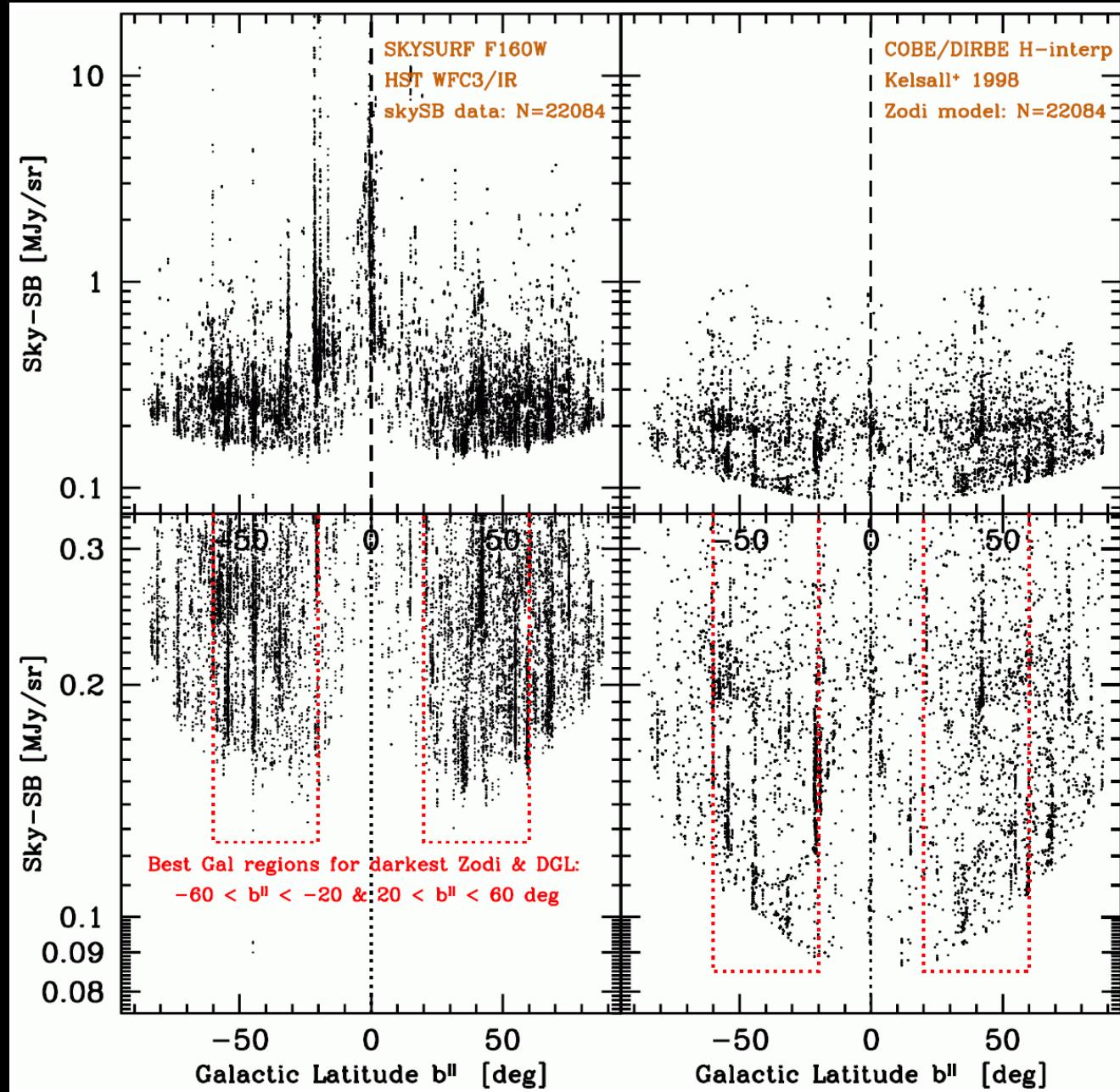
SKYSURF's high-fidelity sample applies all these constraints (R. O'Brien).



Kelsall (1998) Zodi model based on Cosmic Background Explorer data.

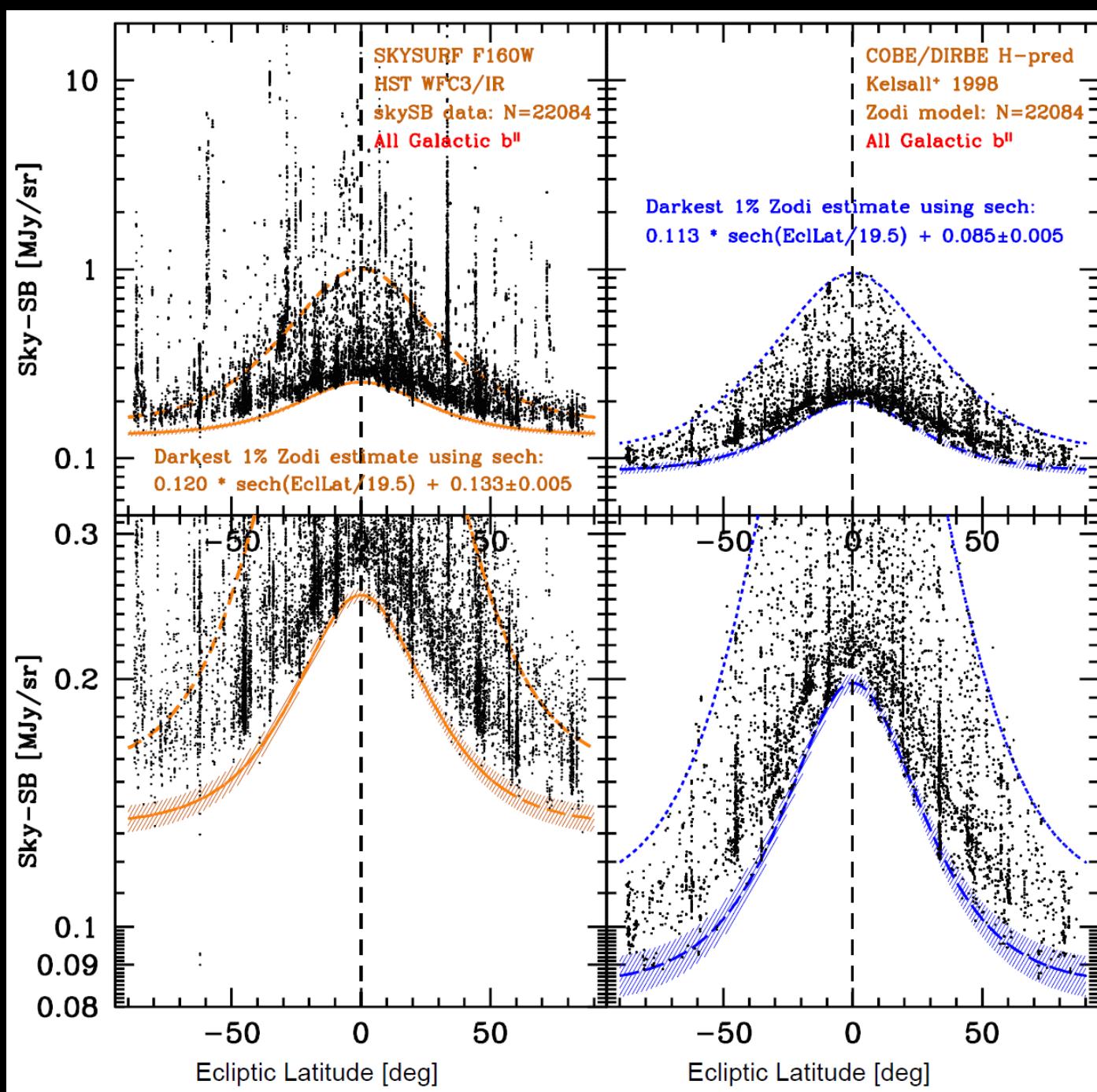
We'll show that compared to HST, Kelsall misses significant 1-2 μm sky-SB.

(5) SKYSURF's first results and estimates of diffuse 1.25-1.6 μm light



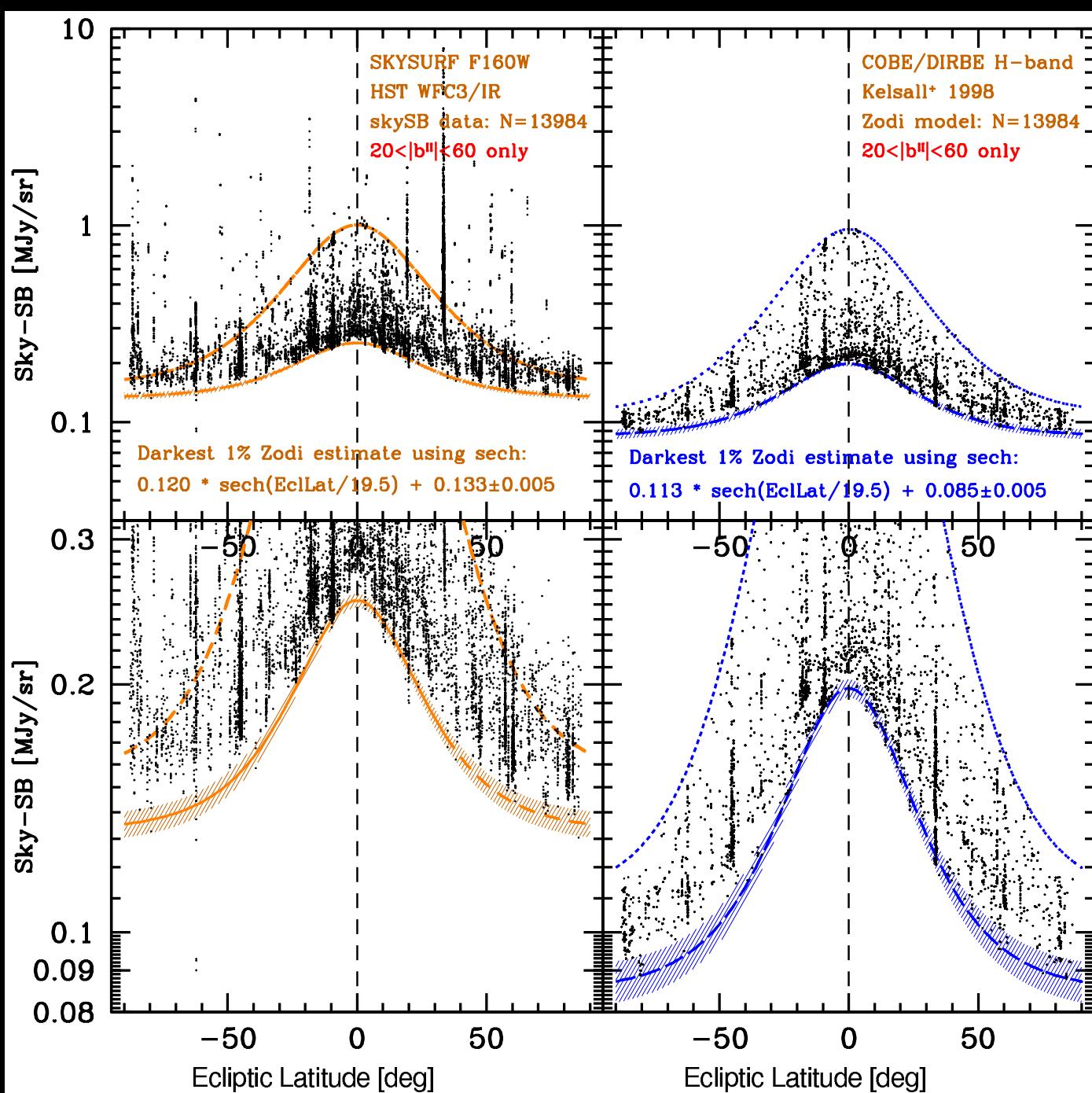
[Left]: 1.60 μm HST sky-SB; [Right]: Kelsall model for *same* (RA, Dec, t).

First, identify *darkest* regions in Galactic coordinates ($20^\circ \lesssim |b''| \lesssim 60^\circ$).



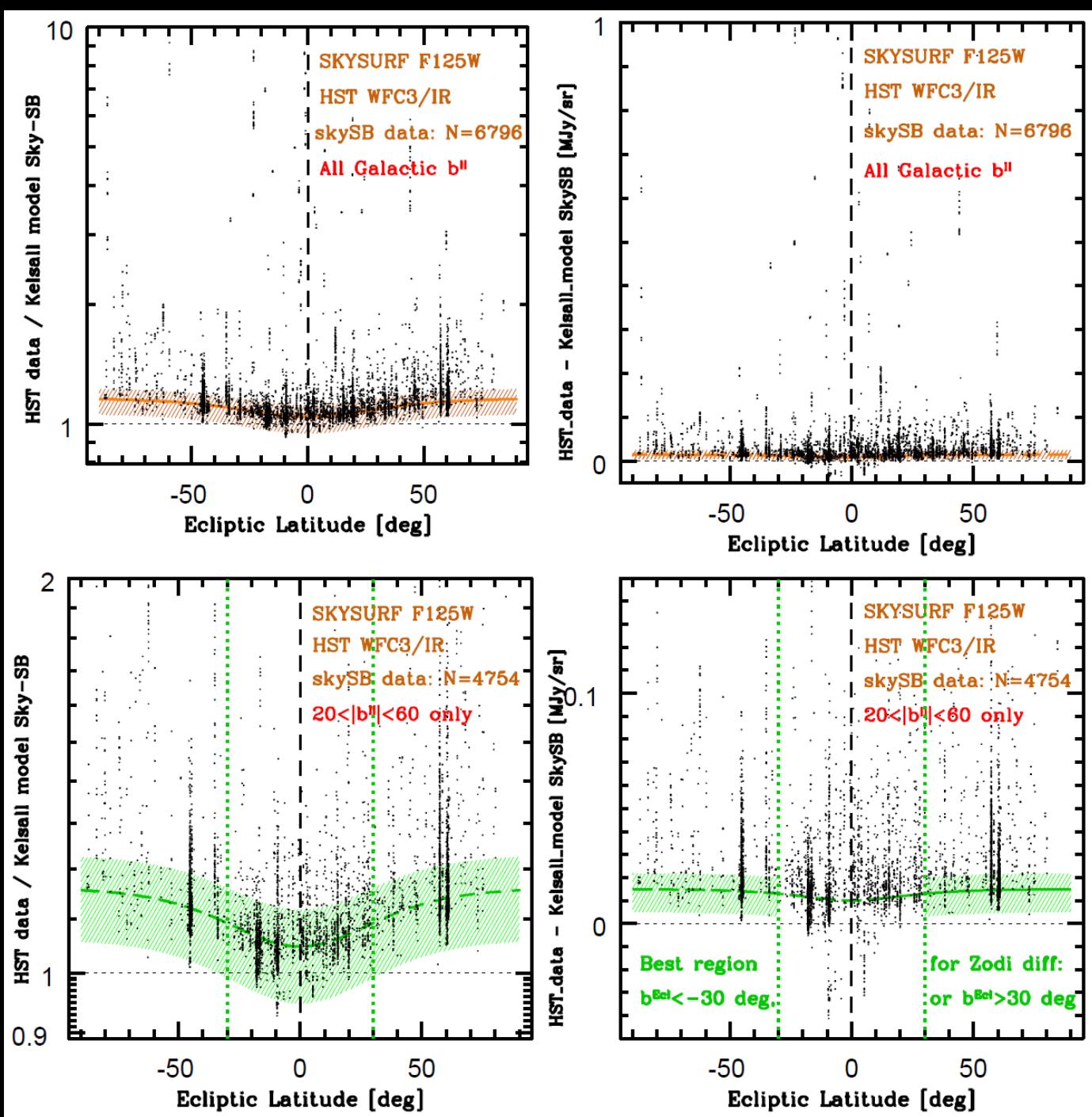
1.60 μm HST+Kelsall vs. b^{Ecl} : $\text{sech}+\text{error} = \text{lowest } 1\% \text{ of sky-SB.}$

Lowest data-model 1% yields $\Delta(\text{HST}-\text{Kelsall}) \simeq 0.048 \pm 0.009 \text{ MJy/sr.}$

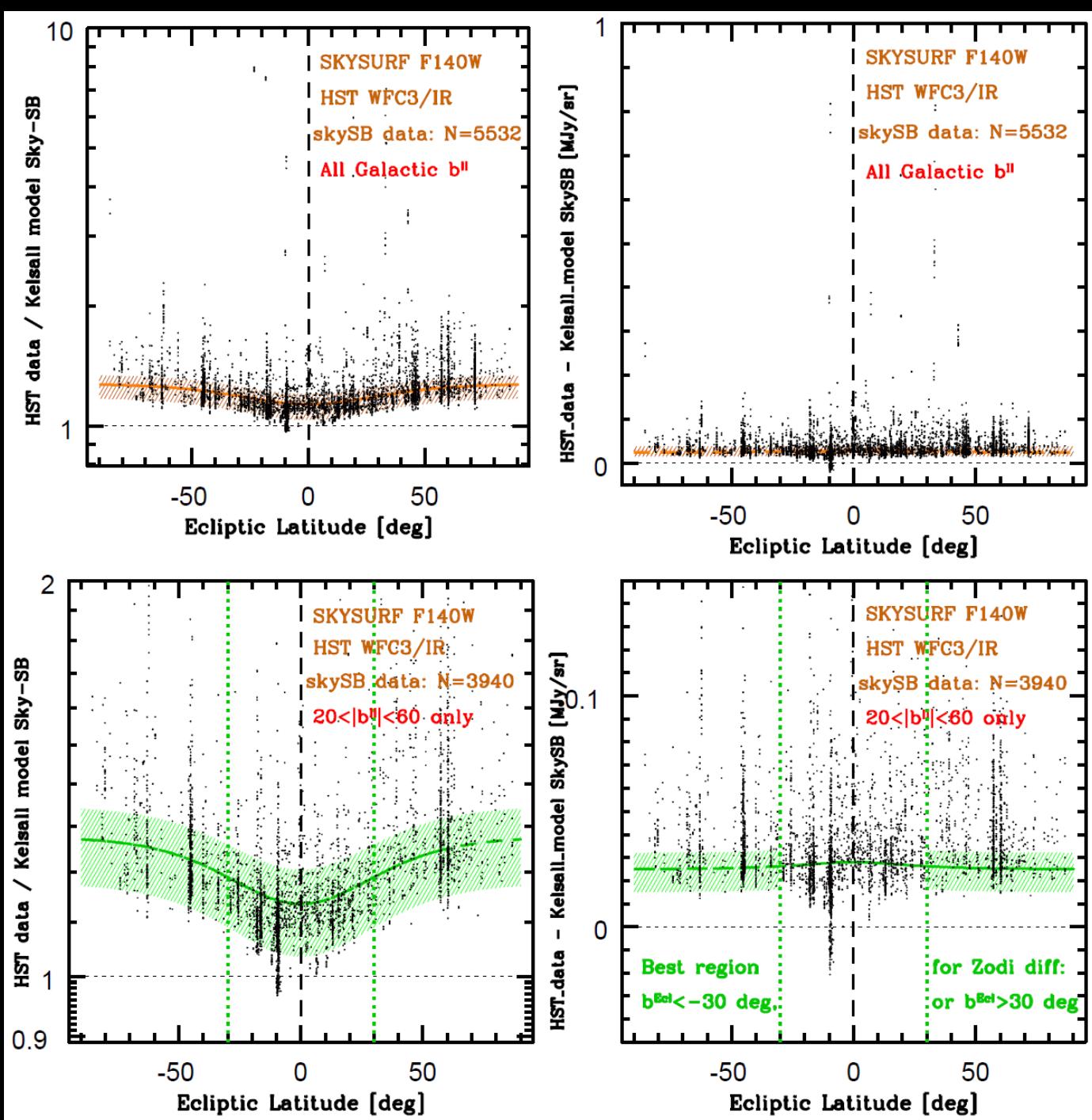


$1.60 \mu\text{m}$ HST+Kelsall vs. b^{Ecl} : $\text{sech}+\text{error} = \text{lowest } 1\% \text{ of sky-SB.}$

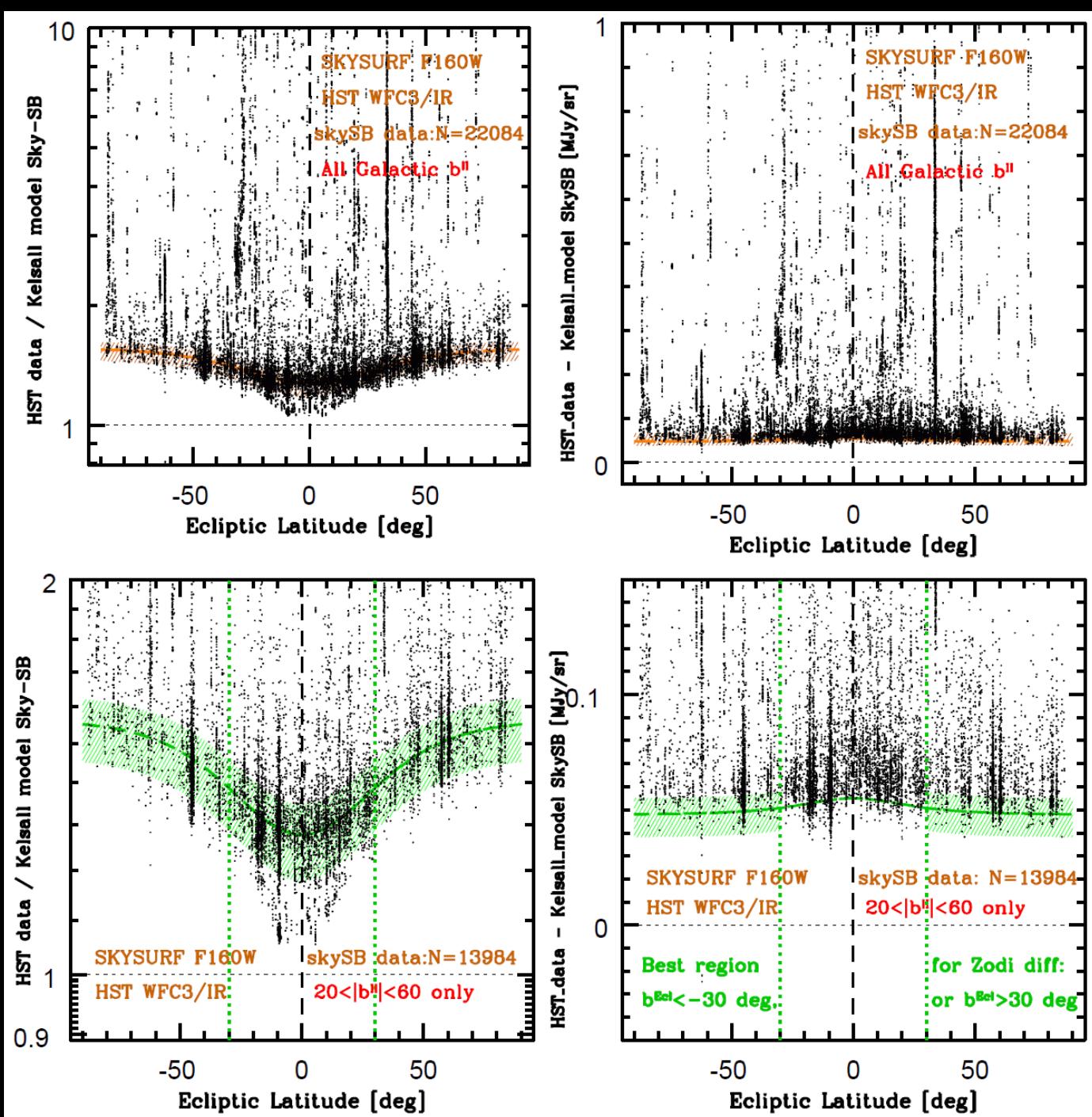
Lowest 1% $\Delta(\text{HST}-\text{Kelsall}) \simeq 0.048 \pm 0.009 \text{ MJy/sr}$ at darkest Galactic.



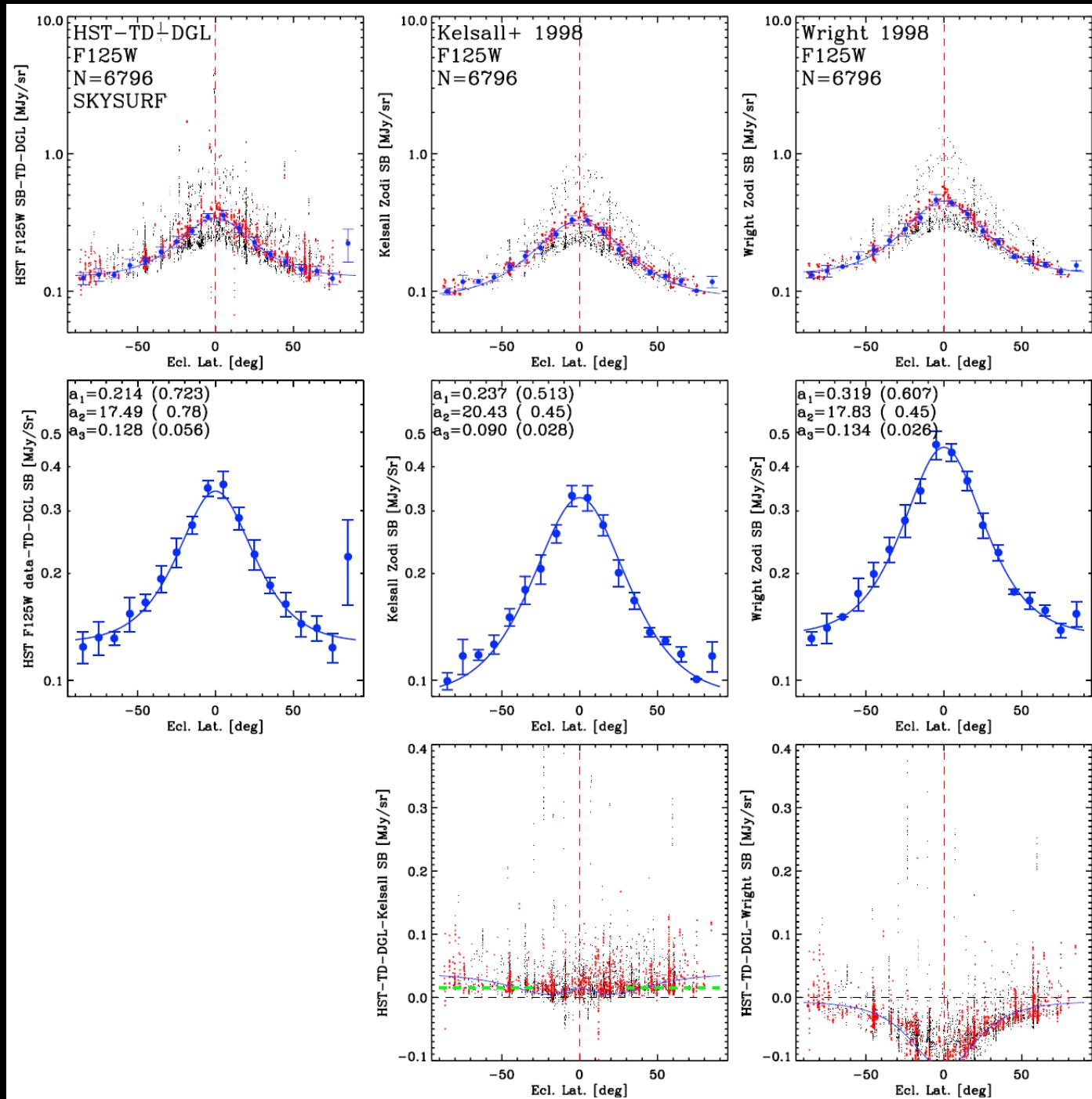
1.25 μm [Left]: HST/Kelsall ratio vs. b^{Ecl} ; [Right] HST–Kelsall difference.
 Linear offset $\Delta(\text{HST-Kelsall}) \simeq 0.015 \pm 0.008 \text{ MJy/sr}$ remains best fit.



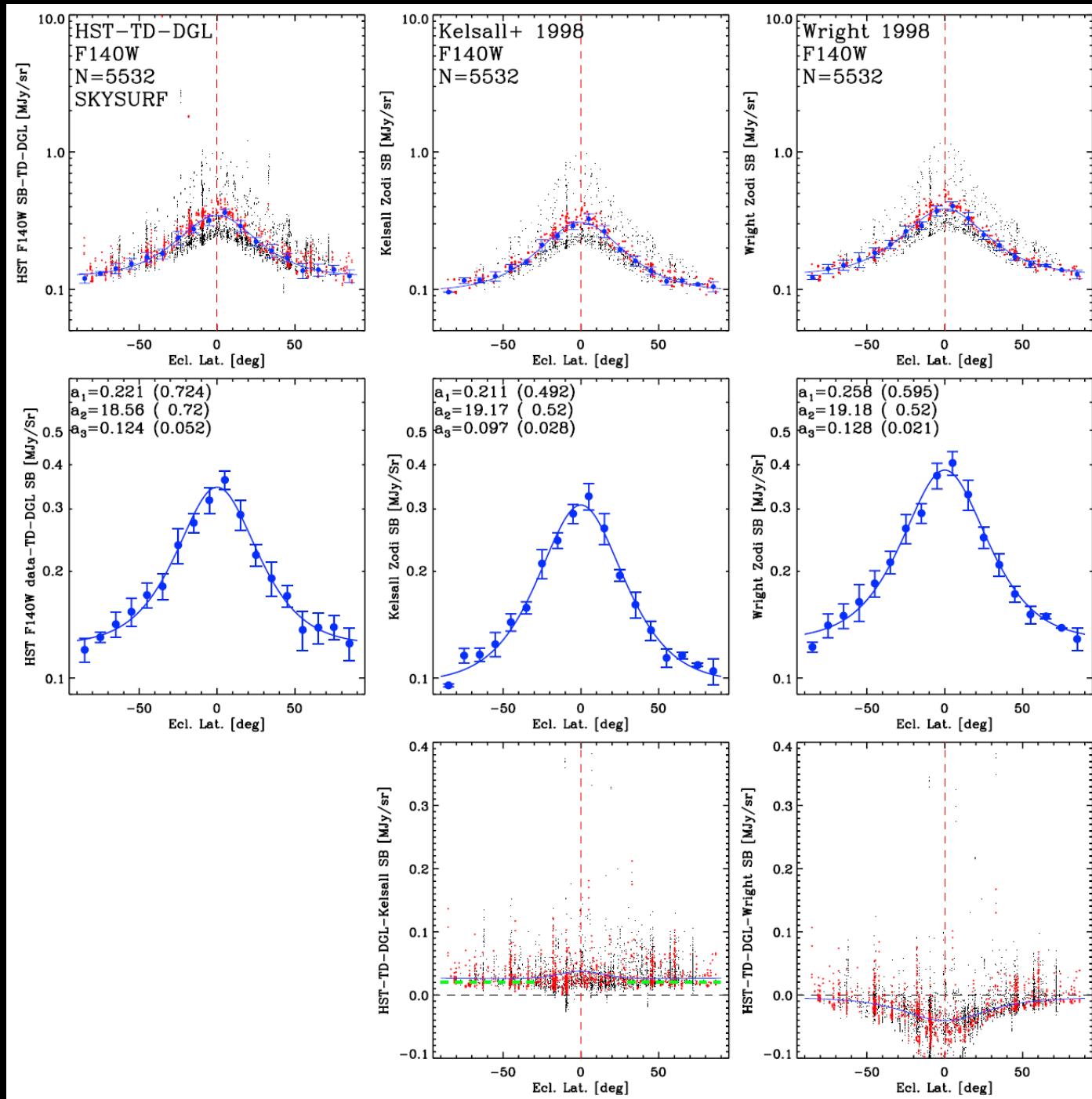
1.40 μm [Left]: HST/Kelsall ratio vs. b^{Ecl} ; [Right] HST–Kelsall difference.
 Linear offset $\Delta(\text{HST} - \text{Kelsall}) \simeq 0.025 \pm 0.009$ MJy/sr remains best fit.



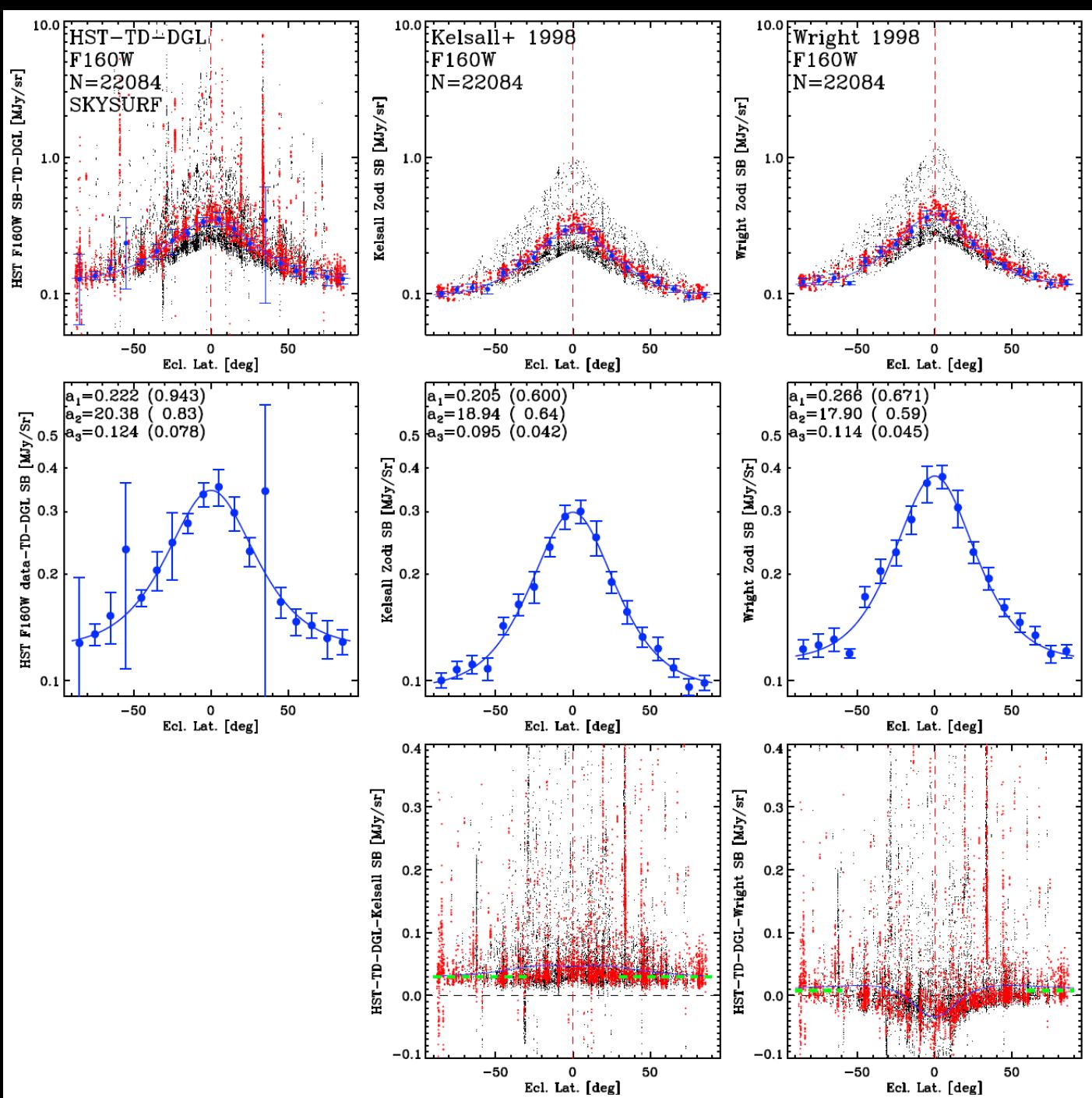
$1.60\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ [Left]: HST/Kelsall ratio vs. b^{Ecl} ; [Right] HST–Kelsall difference.
 Linear offset $\Delta(\text{HST} - \text{Kelsall}) \simeq 0.048 \pm 0.009\text{ MJy/sr}$ remains best fit.



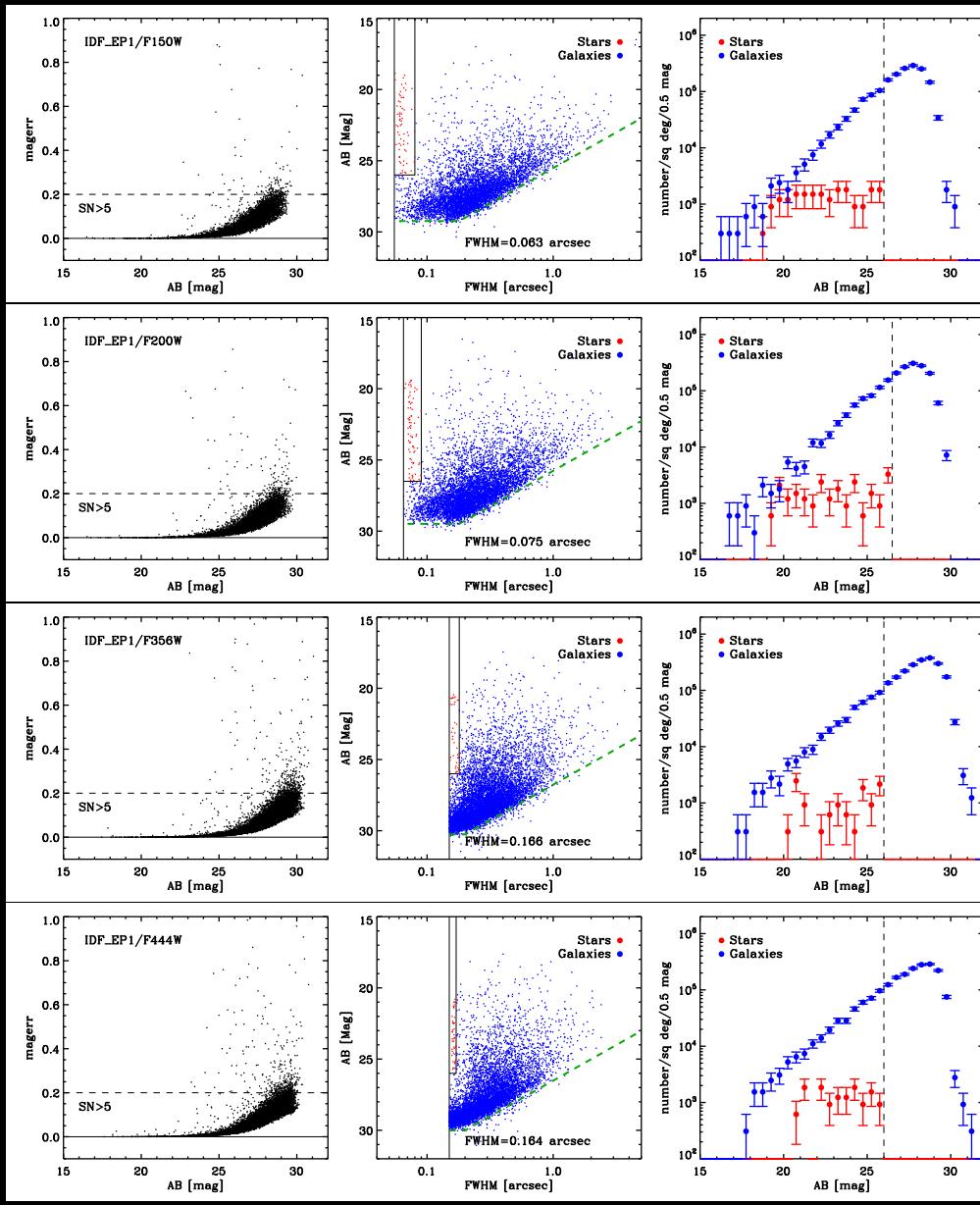
$1.25 \mu\text{m}$ [Left]: HST; [Middle] Kelsall; [Right] Wright model vs. b^{Ecl} .
 HST(TD+DGL-subtracted): Kelsall linear offset stays; Wright shows none.



1.40 μm [Left]: HST; [Middle] Kelsall; [Right] Wright model vs. $b^{\text{Ecl.}}$.
 HST(TD+DGL-subtracted): Kelsall linear offset stays; Wright shows none.



1.60 μm [Left]: HST; [Middle] Kelsall; [Right] Wright model vs. b^{Ecl} .
 HST(TD+DGL-subtracted): Kelsall linear offset stays; Wright has marginal.

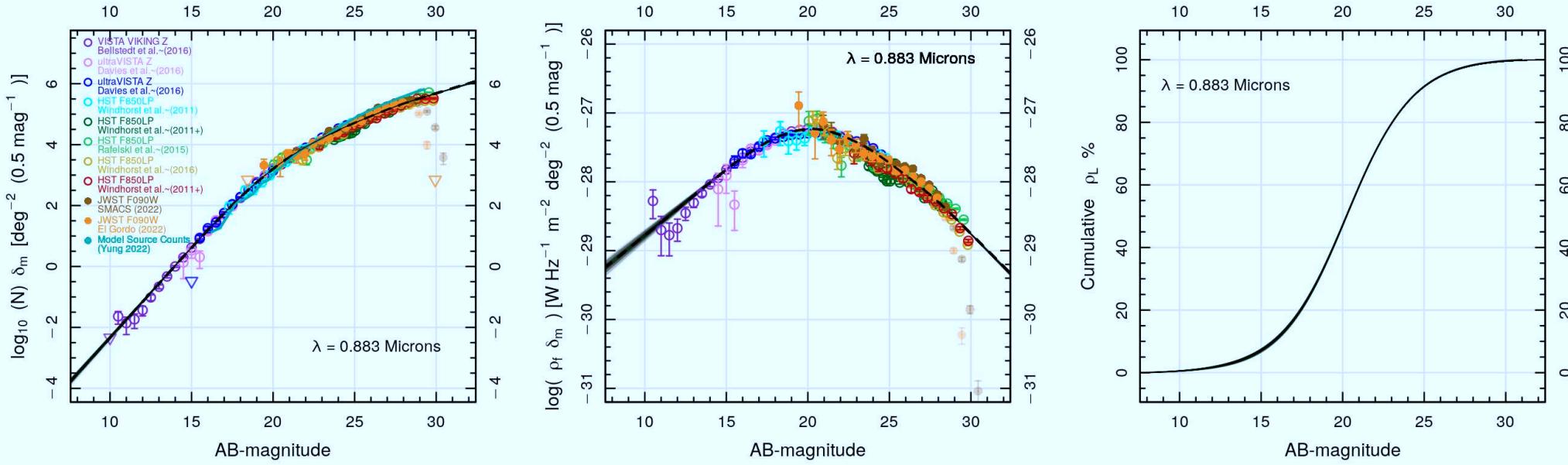


[Left]: Mag-error vs. AB: 5σ NIRCam completeness to $AB \lesssim 28.5\text{--}29$ mag.

[Middle]: AB vs. FWHM: accurate star-galaxy separation to $AB \lesssim 26\text{--}27$!

● Stellar sequence FWHM improves below $2.00\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ JWST diffraction limit!

[Right]: $0.9\text{--}4.5\mu\text{m}$ Galaxy counts complete to $AB \lesssim 28.5\text{--}29$ mag, resp.



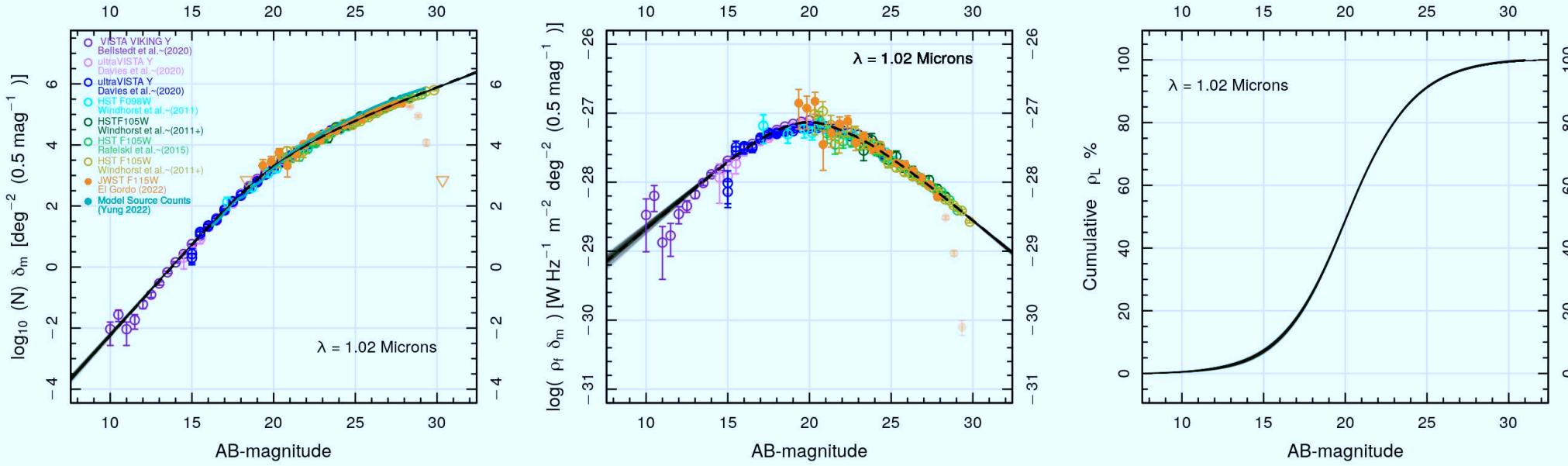
[Left]: Normalized differential galaxy counts.

[Middle]: Galaxy energy counts (after dividing by 0.4 dex/mag slope).

[Right]: Integrated Galaxy Light (IGL) from best fit spline.

0.88 μm Ground-based+HST+JWST galaxy counts (AB \simeq 10–30 mag).

- Energy counts narrow with increasing λ . Peak amplitude around 2 μm .



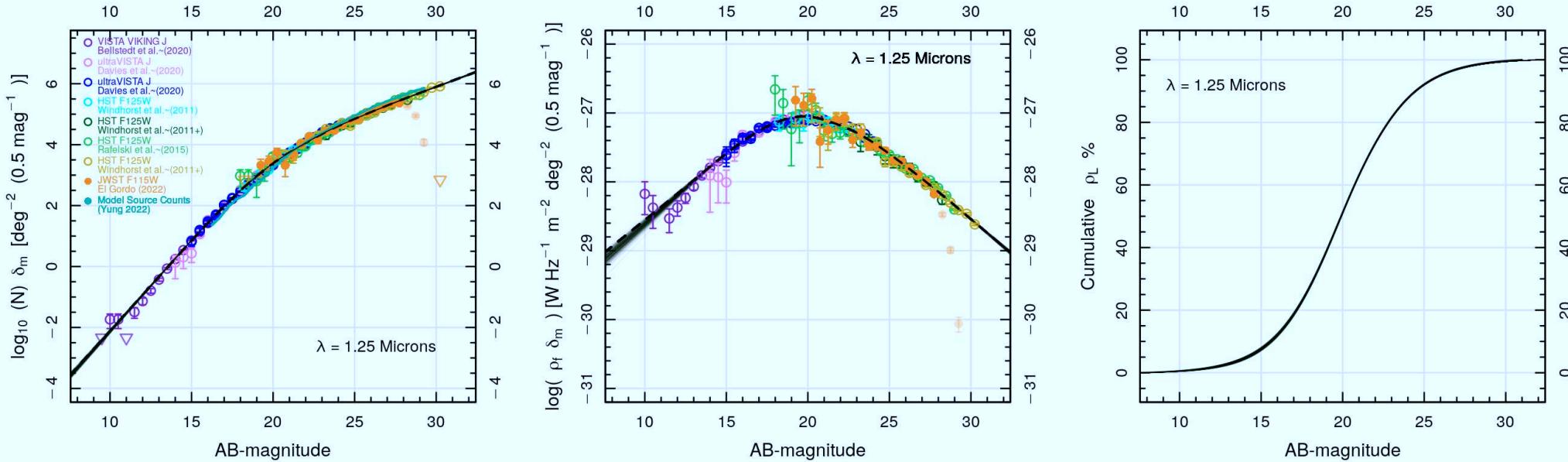
[Left]: Normalized differential galaxy counts.

[Middle]: Galaxy energy counts (after dividing by 0.4 dex/mag slope).

[Right]: Integrated Galaxy Light (IGL) from best fit spline.

$1.02 \mu\text{m}$ Ground-based+HST+JWST galaxy counts ($\text{AB} \simeq 10\text{--}30$ mag).

- Energy counts narrow with increasing λ . Peak amplitude around $2 \mu\text{m}$.



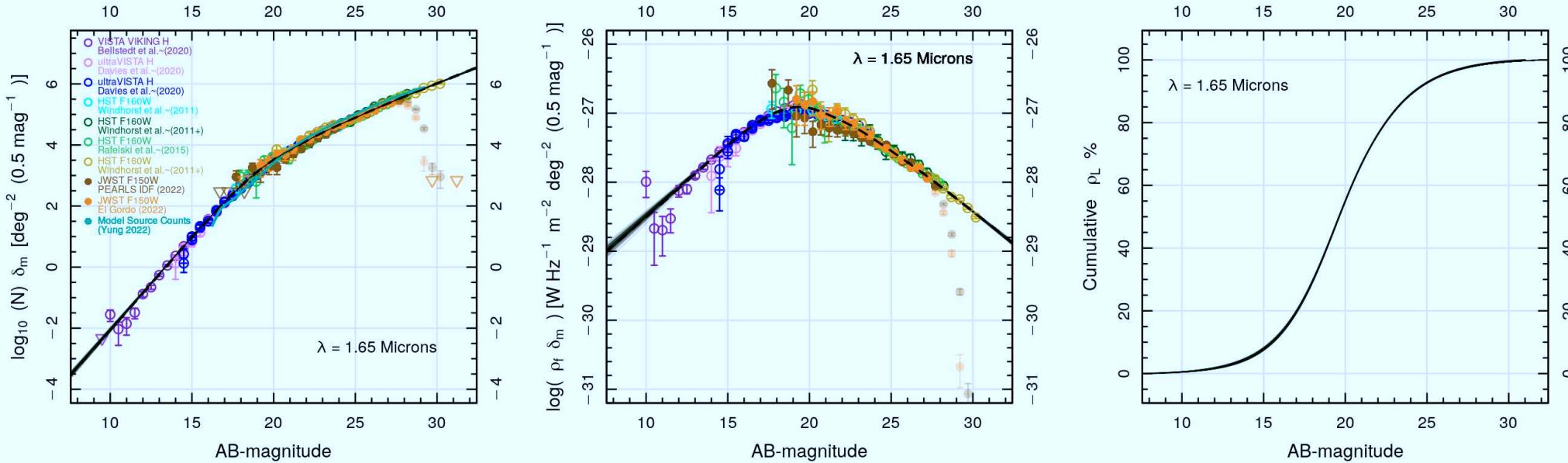
[Left]: Normalized differential galaxy counts.

[Middle]: Galaxy energy counts (after dividing by 0.4 dex/mag slope).

[Right]: Integrated Galaxy Light (IGL) from best fit spline.

1.25 μm Ground-based+HST+JWST galaxy counts (AB \simeq 10–30 mag).

- Energy counts narrow with increasing λ . Peak amplitude around 2 μm .



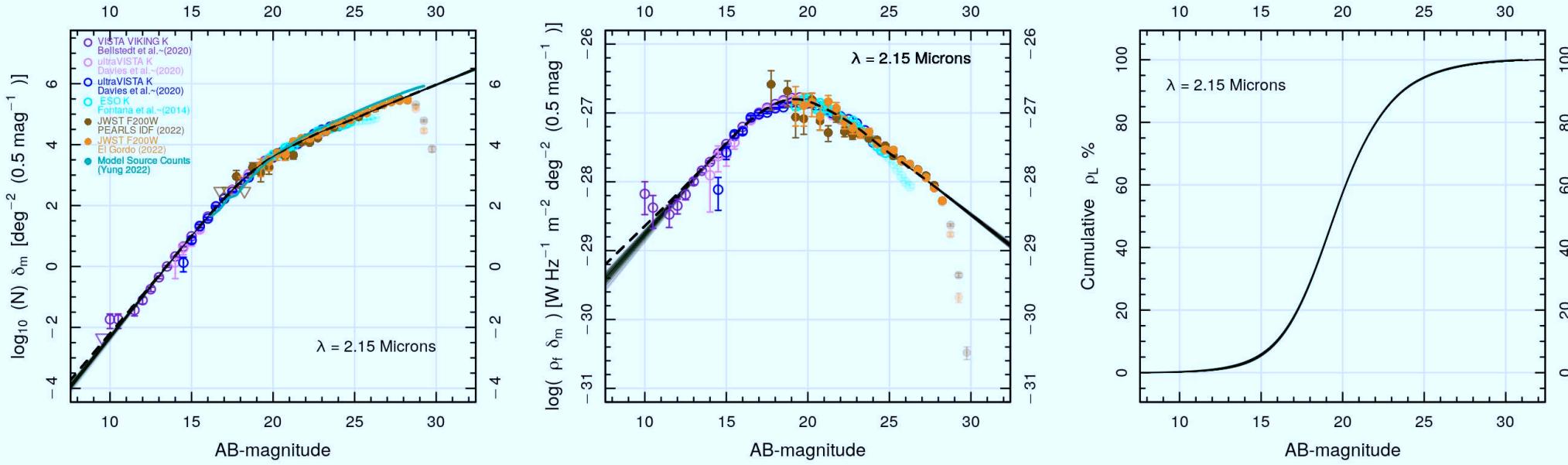
[Left]: Normalized differential galaxy counts.

[Middle]: Galaxy energy counts (after dividing by 0.4 dex/mag slope).

[Right]: Integrated Galaxy Light (IGL) from best fit spline.

$1.65 \mu\text{m}$ Ground-based+HST+JWST galaxy counts ($\text{AB} \simeq 10\text{--}30$ mag).

- Energy counts narrow with increasing λ . Peak amplitude around $2 \mu\text{m}$.



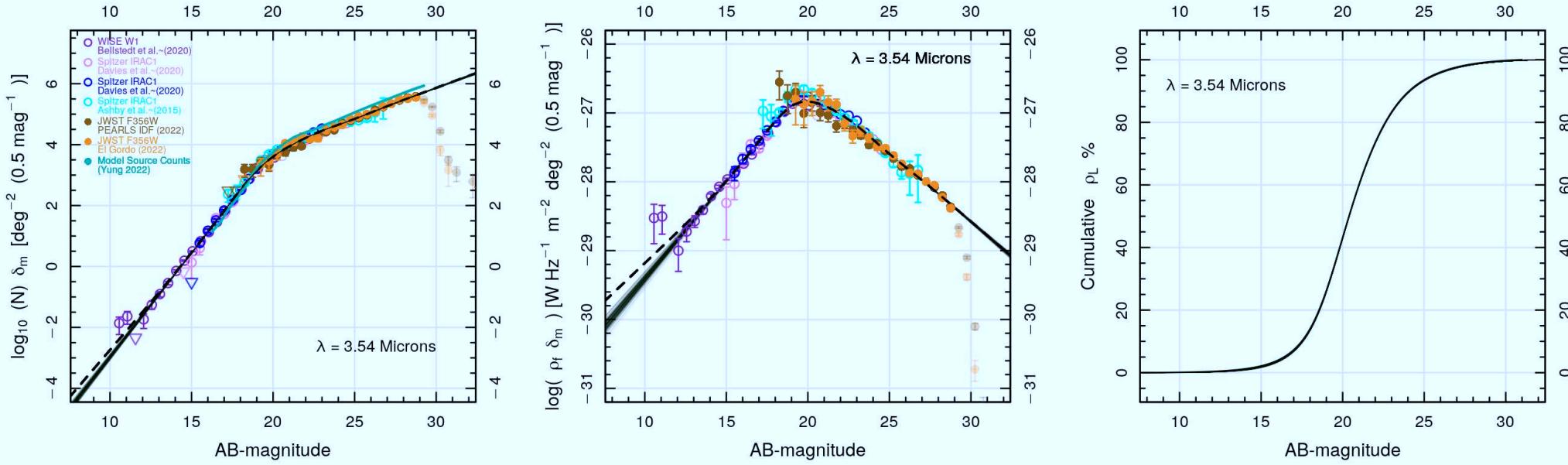
[Left]: Normalized differential galaxy counts.

[Middle]: Galaxy energy counts (after dividing by 0.4 dex/mag slope).

[Right]: Integrated Galaxy Light (IGL) from best fit spline.

2.15 μm Ground-based+JWST galaxy counts (AB \simeq 10–30 mag).

- Energy counts narrow with increasing λ . Peak amplitude around 2 μm .



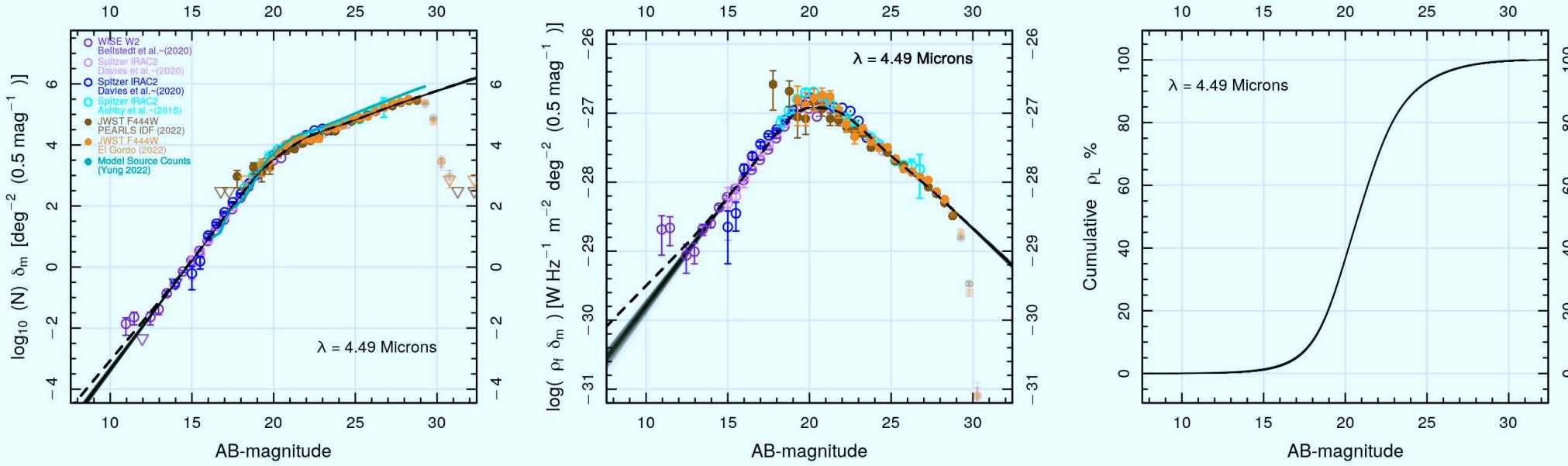
[Left]: Normalized differential galaxy counts.

[Middle]: Galaxy energy counts (after dividing by 0.4 dex/mag slope).

[Right]: Integrated Galaxy Light (IGL) from best fit spline.

$3.54 \mu\text{m}$ WISE+Spitzer+JWST galaxy counts ($\text{AB} \simeq 10\text{--}30 \text{ mag}$).

- Energy counts narrow with increasing λ . Peak amplitude around $2 \mu\text{m}$.



[Left]: Normalized differential galaxy counts.

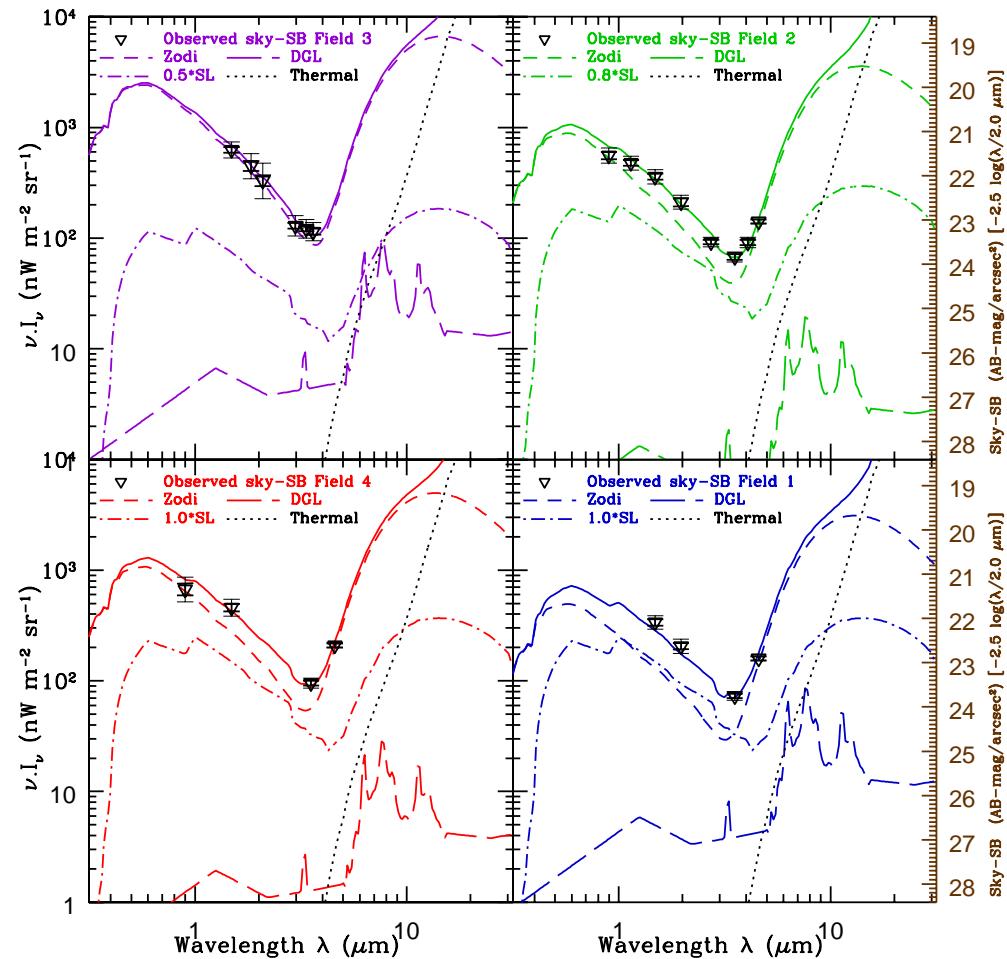
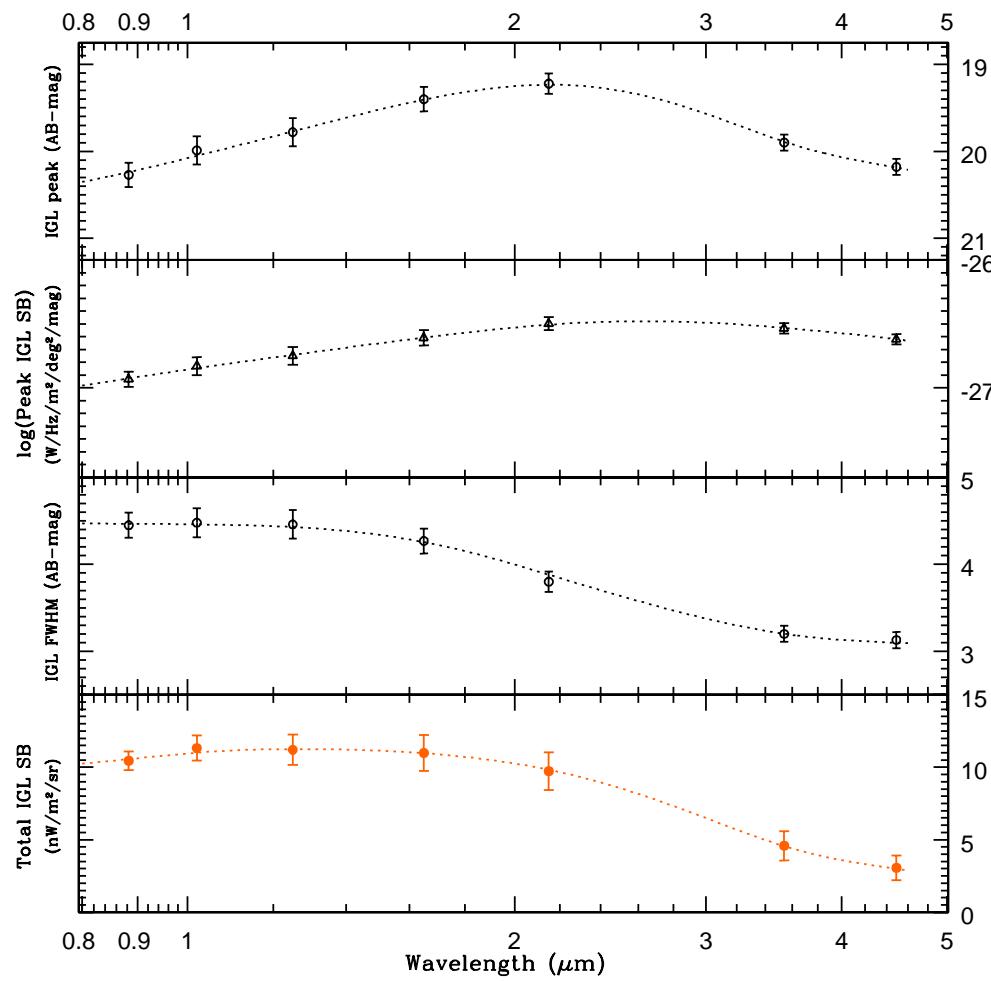
[Middle]: Galaxy energy counts (after dividing by 0.4 dex/mag slope).

[Right]: Integrated Galaxy Light (IGL) from best fit spline.

$4.49 \mu\text{m}$ WISE+Spitzer+JWST galaxy counts ($\text{AB} \simeq 10\text{--}30 \text{ mag}$).

- Energy counts narrow with increasing λ . Peak amplitude around $2 \mu\text{m}$.
- $0.9\text{--}4.5 \mu\text{m}$ Integrated Galaxy Light (IGL) now well determined ($\lesssim 10\%$)!

(These figures by Scott Tompkins).

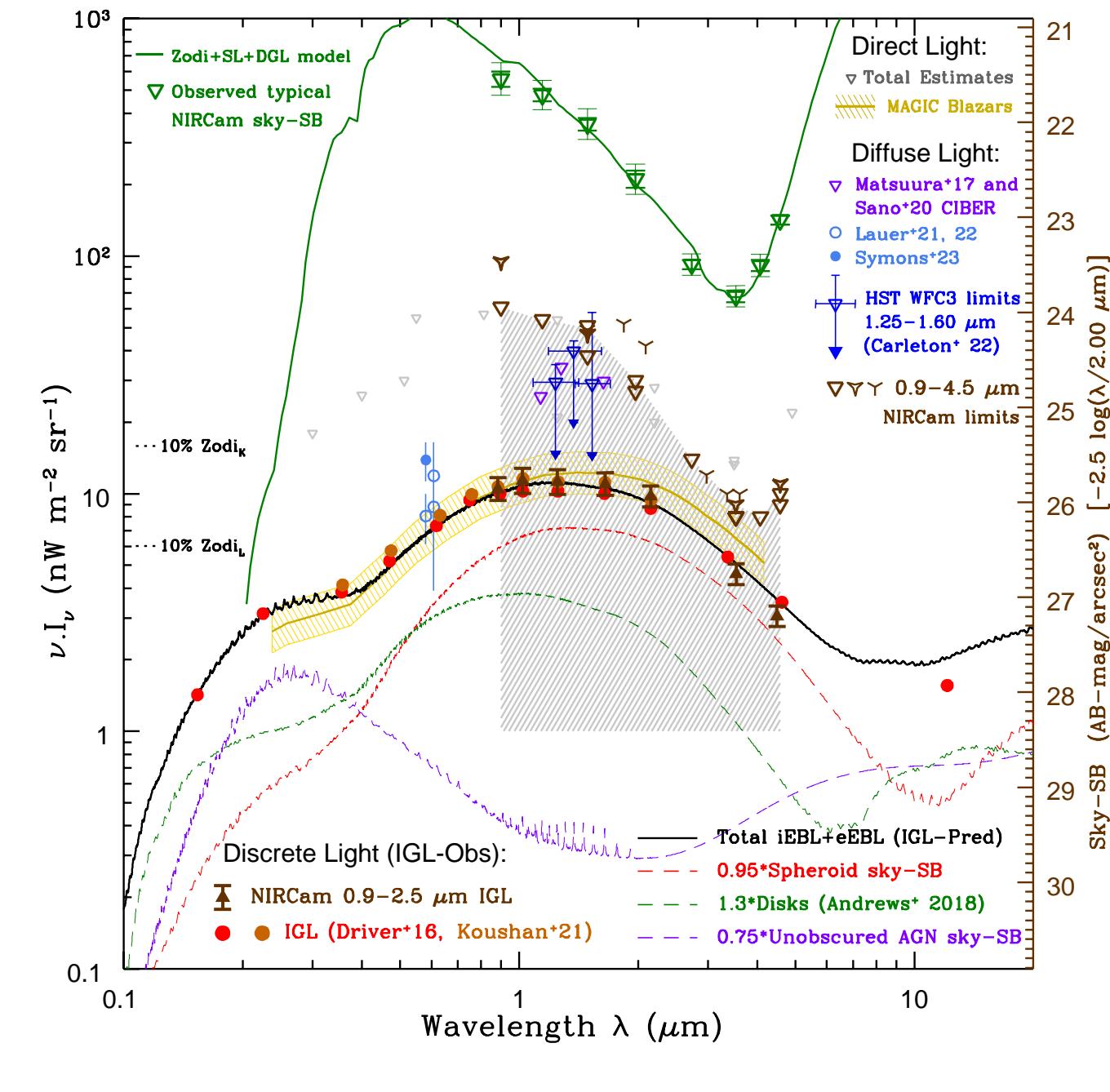


[Left]: IGL vs. λ : Peak (AB & mks units); IGL FWHM (AB); and $\nu \cdot I_\nu$.

- 0.9–4.5 μm Integrated Galaxy Light (IGL) now well determined ($\lesssim 10\%$)!

[Right]: 13-band sky-SB vs. λ : Model-sum = Zodi + JWST-Straylight (SL) + Diffuse Galactic Light (DGL) + JWST Thermal

- Model-sums match total JWST NIRCam sky-SB within $\sim 10\%$ of Zodi.



Conclusions: (1) JWST NIRCam accurately determined 0.9–4.5 μm IGL.
 (2) 0.9–2 μm diffuse light limits confirm previous work. Firm 2.7–4.5 μm limits.
 • These limits can significantly improve with many more JWST fields.

(6) Summary and Conclusions

- (1) HST built to measure faint objects & sky over decades at 0.2–1.6 μm .
- (2) More than 95% of photons in STScl Archive come from $D \lesssim 3\text{--}5$ AU.
Traditional imaging techniques ignored sky-foreground for 27 years.
- (3) SKYSURF can measure sky-SB to $\lesssim 3\text{--}4\%$ & identify orbital straylight.
- (4) Compared to Kelsall et al.'s (1998) Zodiacal model, SKYSURF finds $\lesssim 29\text{--}40$ nW/m²/sr of diffuse light at 1.25–1.6 μm .
 - This amounts to the *brightness* of ~ 10 Jupiters over 4π steradian!
 - Compared to Wright's (1998) Zodiacal model, HST finds no significant diffuse light at 1.25–1.6 μm .
- (5) JWST yields best limits of $\lesssim 8$ nW/m²/sr in its darkest 3–5 μm sky.
- (6) Zodiacal models need update to include dim spherical diffuse light.
 - Need to include higher-albedo Oort Cloud Comet dust at $D \gtrsim 3\text{--}10$ AU?

SPARE CHARTS

Table 5. Error Estimates^a in Calibration, Zeropoints, Sky-SB Measurements, and Thermal Dark Signals

Source of Error	WFPC2	ACS/WFC	WFC3/UVIS	— WFC3/IR —			(§§)
	(2)	(3)	(4)	F125W	F140W	F160W	(8)
(1)				(5)	(6)	(7)	
Bias/Darkframe subtraction	~1.0%	~1.5%	~1.5%	~1.0%	~1.0%	~1.0%	4.1
Dark glow subtraction	~2%	—	—	—	—	—	4.1.1
Postflash subtraction	—	~1%	~1%	—	—	—	4.1
Global flat-field quality ^b	~1–3%	0.6–2.2%	~2–3%	~0.5–2%	~0.5–2%	~0.5–2%	4.1
Numerical accuracy of LES ^c	≤0.1–0.4%	≤0.1–0.4%	≤0.1–0.4%	≤0.1–0.4%	≤0.1–0.4%	≤0.1–0.4%	4.2.3
Photometric zeropoints ^d	~2%	0.5–1%	0.5–1%	~1.5%	~1.5%	~1.5%	4.1.5
Thermal Dark signal ^e	—	—	—	~1%	~1%	~3%	4.1.4, 5.2
Total Error ^f	~4.3%	~3.0%	~3.7%	~2.9%	~2.9%	~4.1%	

^a All relative errors in this table are expressed as a percentage of the typical Zodiacal sky-SB in the F125W, F140W, and F160W filters, which are ~331, ~282, ~240 nW m⁻² sr⁻¹, respectively (e.g., Fig. 1).

^b For WFPC2, the large-scale flat-field errors in the filters F439W and redwards are ≤1%, but the upper bound includes the 1% error in the contamination correction and the ~3% error in the residual CTE correction. For the less frequently used WFPC2 UV filters, these errors can be larger.

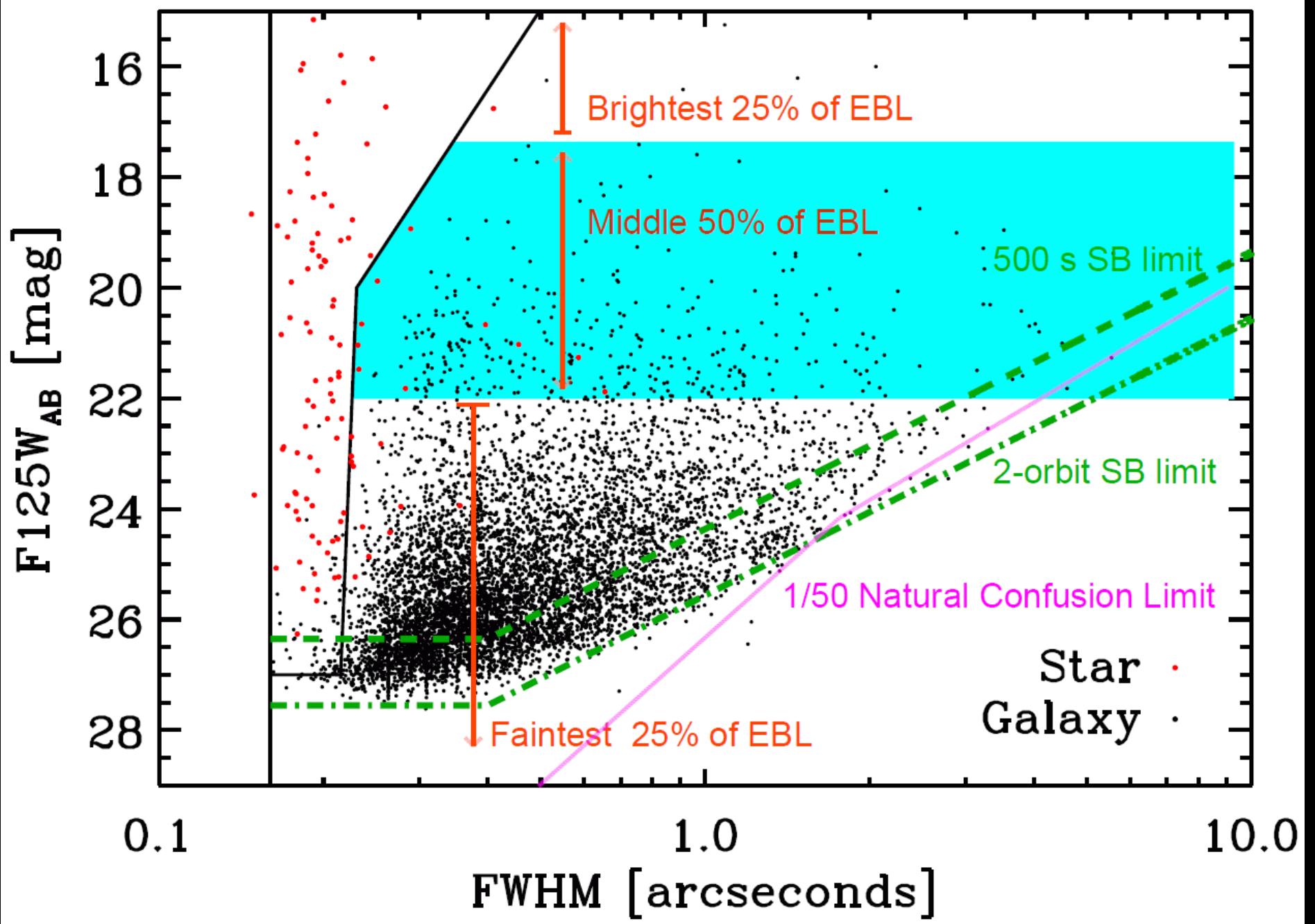
^c Numerical accuracy of Lowest Estimated Sky values away from detected objects (§ 4.2). The LES algorithms also avoid areas of significant persistence or cross-talk when estimating the sky-SB, so these effects are not included as an extra term in the error budget.

^d For WFC3/IR, this includes the ~0.5% uncertainty in the applied detector count-rate non-linearity correction (§ 4.1.4).

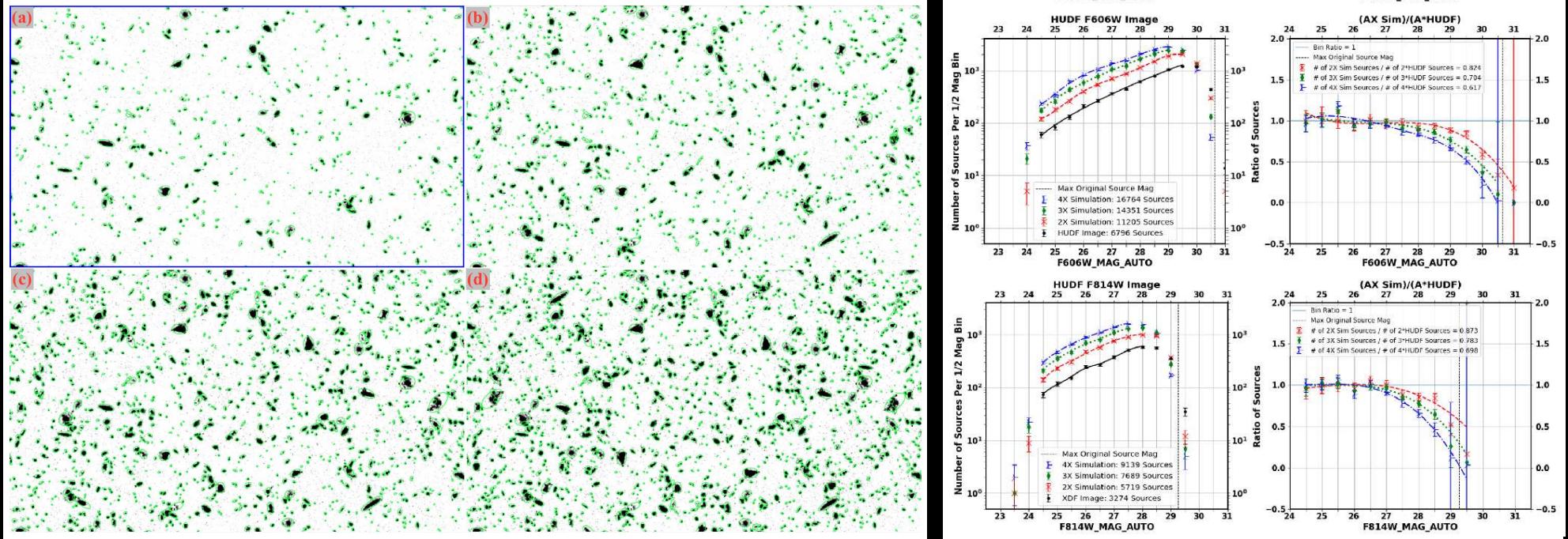
^e The errors in the estimated Thermal Dark signal values are given for the F125W and F140W filters as a percentage of the typical Zodiacal sky-SB, and are larger for the F160W filter (§ 5.2).

Absolute HST sky-SB photometry errors ≤3–4% (as fraction of Zodi).

Windhorst et al. 2022, Carleton et al. 2022 (AJ).



Cohen: star-galaxy separation, with SB- and natural confusion limits.
• Subset of deeper exposures yield accurate completeness corrections.

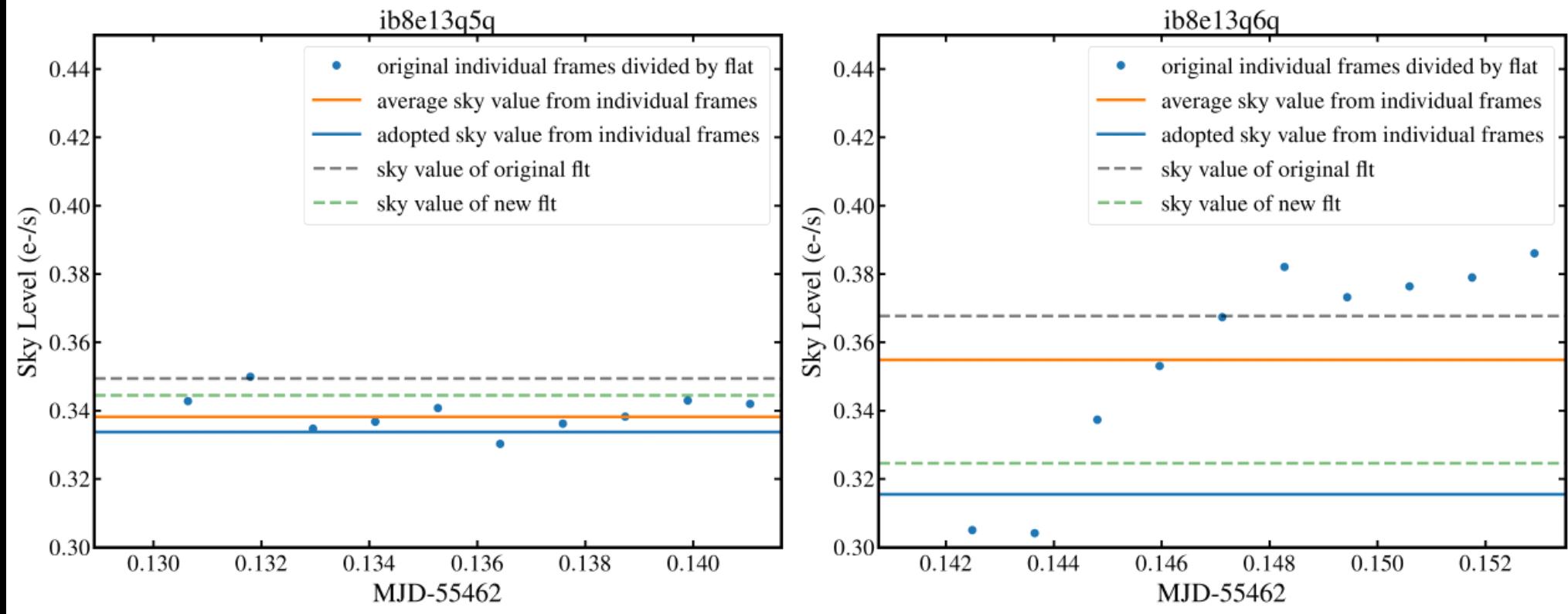


Kramer et al. (2022): Can we really hide a factor ~ 4 of faint galaxies?

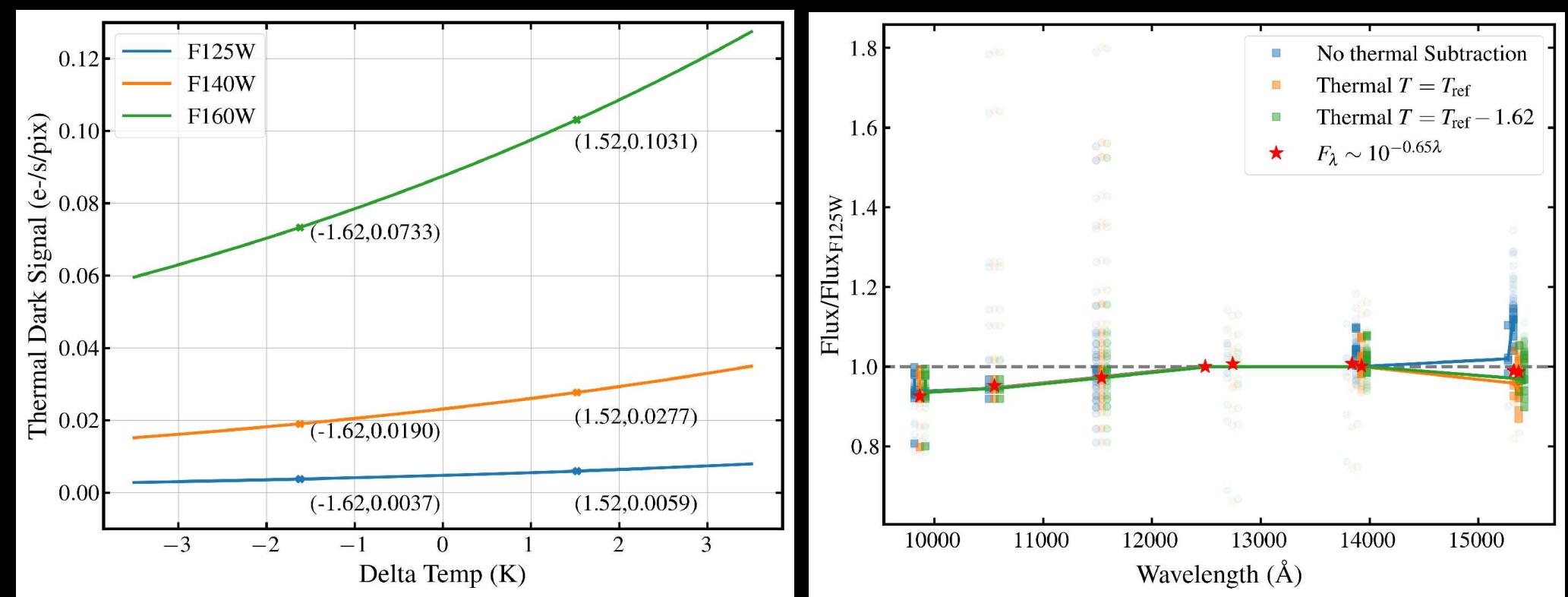
[Left]: Add HUDF image to itself $2\times$, $3\times$, $4\times$ after $n\times 90^\circ$ rotation.

[Right]: HUDF counts become $\sim 50\%$ incomplete for $AB \gtrsim 28.5$ – 29 mag.

- Crowding not enough to explain factor 3–5 missing flux at $AB \gtrsim 24$ mag.
- ⇒ Cannot explain diffuse light through missing ordinary galaxies!
- Missing diffuse light caused by other sources?



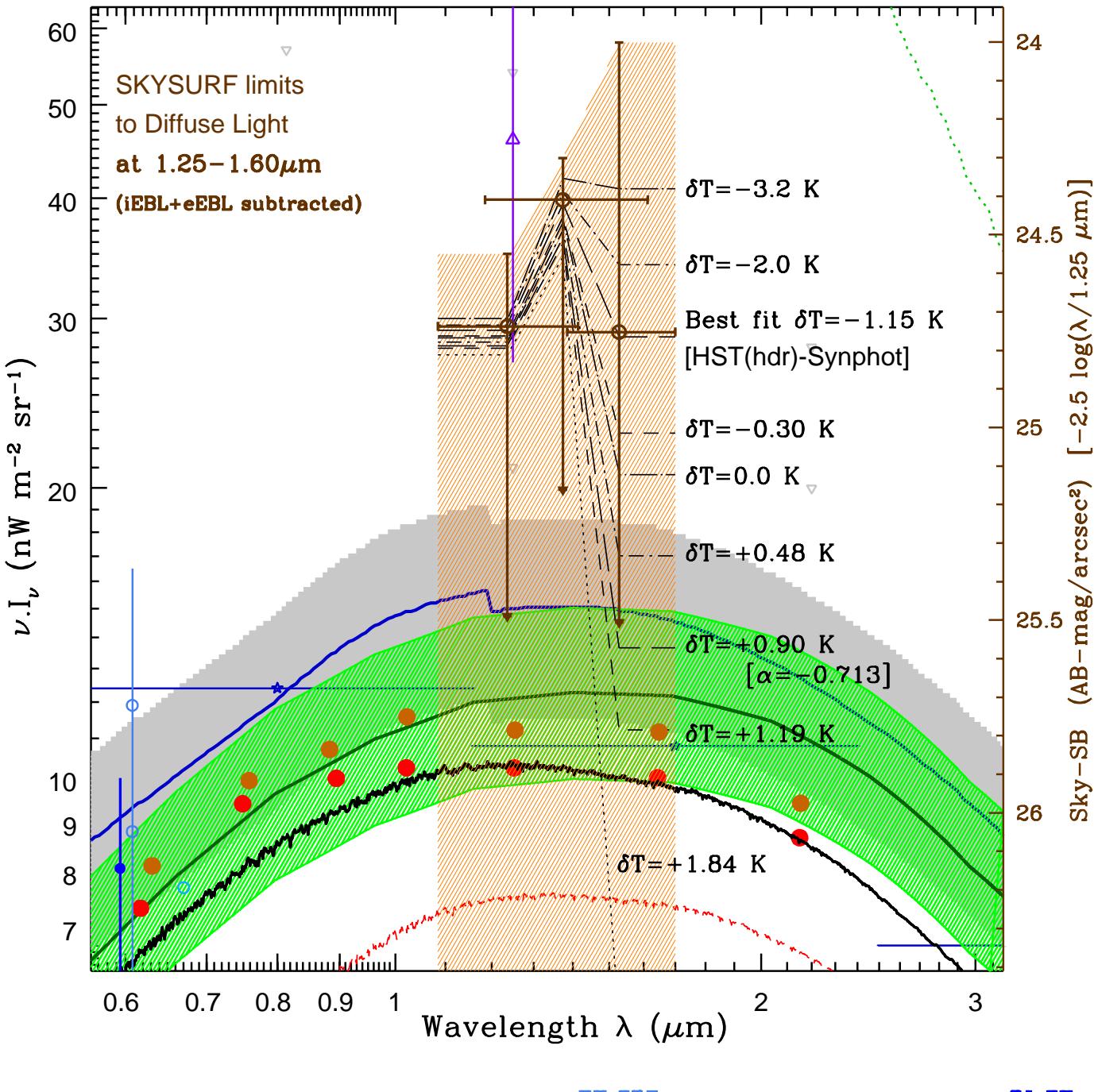
- SKYSURF's 50,073 WFC3/IR exposures are split into $\gtrsim 400,000$ on-the-ramp sub-exposures (Carleton et al.) — we are not lacking statistics.
- These (+all 210,000 sub-orbital CCD exposures) allow us to monitor sky-SB vs. HST's orbital phase [Left: Start; Right: End of orbit].
- Critical for flagging & removing SKYSURF exposures with straylight.



[Left]: *synphot* WFC3/IR Thermal Dark (TD) signal modeling.

[Right]: TD for $\langle T(\text{HST}) \rangle \simeq -1.62 \text{ K}$ (compared to nominal T).

- Thermal Dark signal largest at $1.6 \mu\text{m}$, but well determined and small at $1.25\text{--}1.40 \mu\text{m}$ (Carleton, McIntyre et al. 2022).



HST shows 29-40 nW/m 2 /sr of diffuse light at 1.25-1.6 μm compared to Kelsall's Zodiacal model.

- HST sees no significant signal compared to the Wright model.

- HST diffuse light at 1 AU larger than New Horizon's 8-10 nW/m 2 /sr at 43-51 AU (Lauer⁺ 20, 21).

Next step: Refine Zodiacal models to explain (most or all) of the diffuse light.
May need to include higher-albedo Oort Cloud Comet dust at $D \gtrsim 3\text{--}10$ AU.

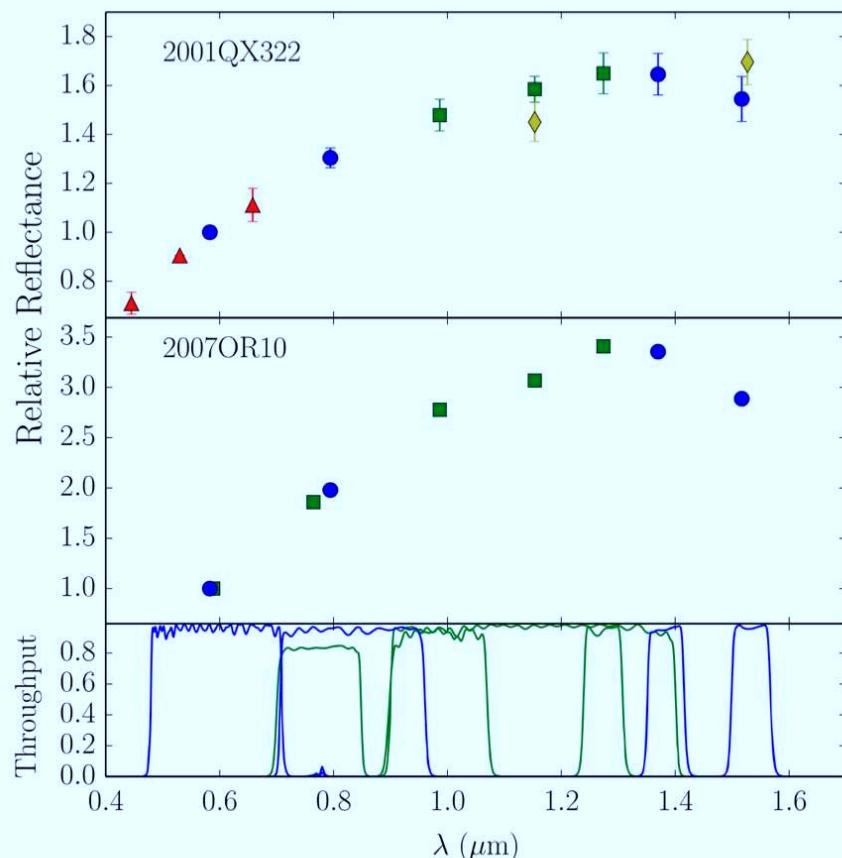


Figure 8. As in Figure 6. The yellow diamonds mark the spectra obtained for 2001 QX322 from the data presented by Benecchi et al. (2011). The F098m, F110w, and F127m photometry of 2001 QX322 have been vertically scaled for visible representation to match the F139m photometry and the photometry of Benecchi.

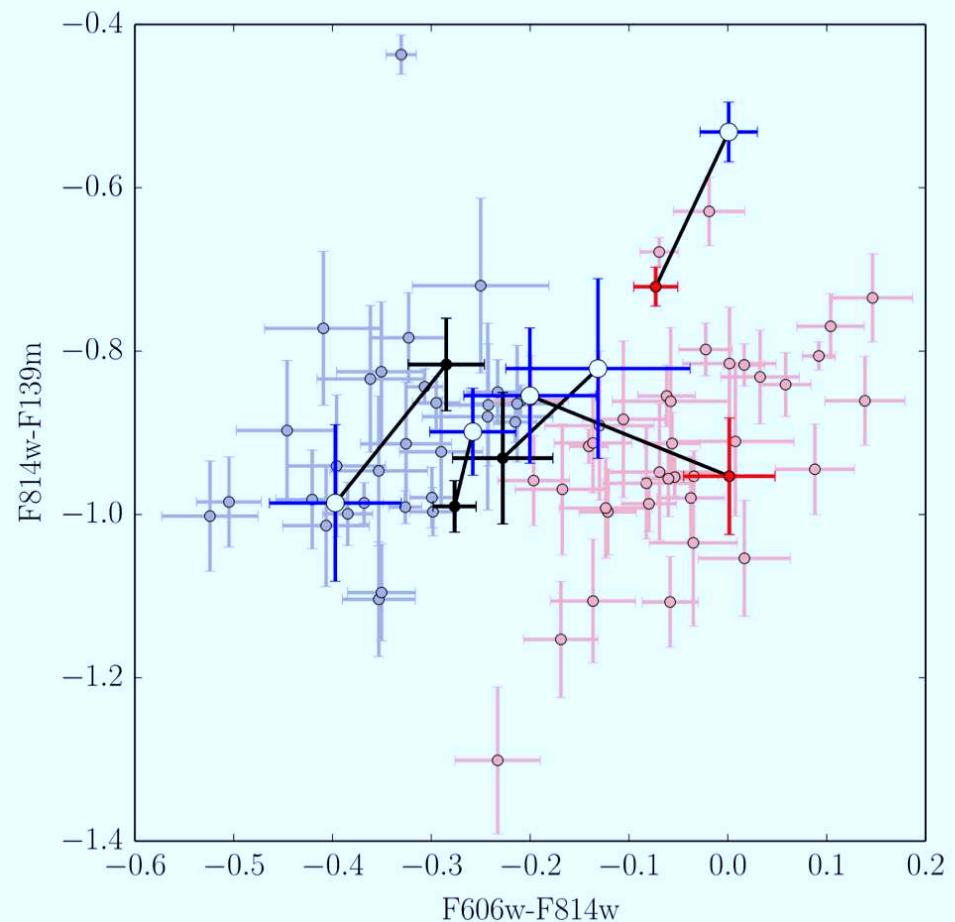
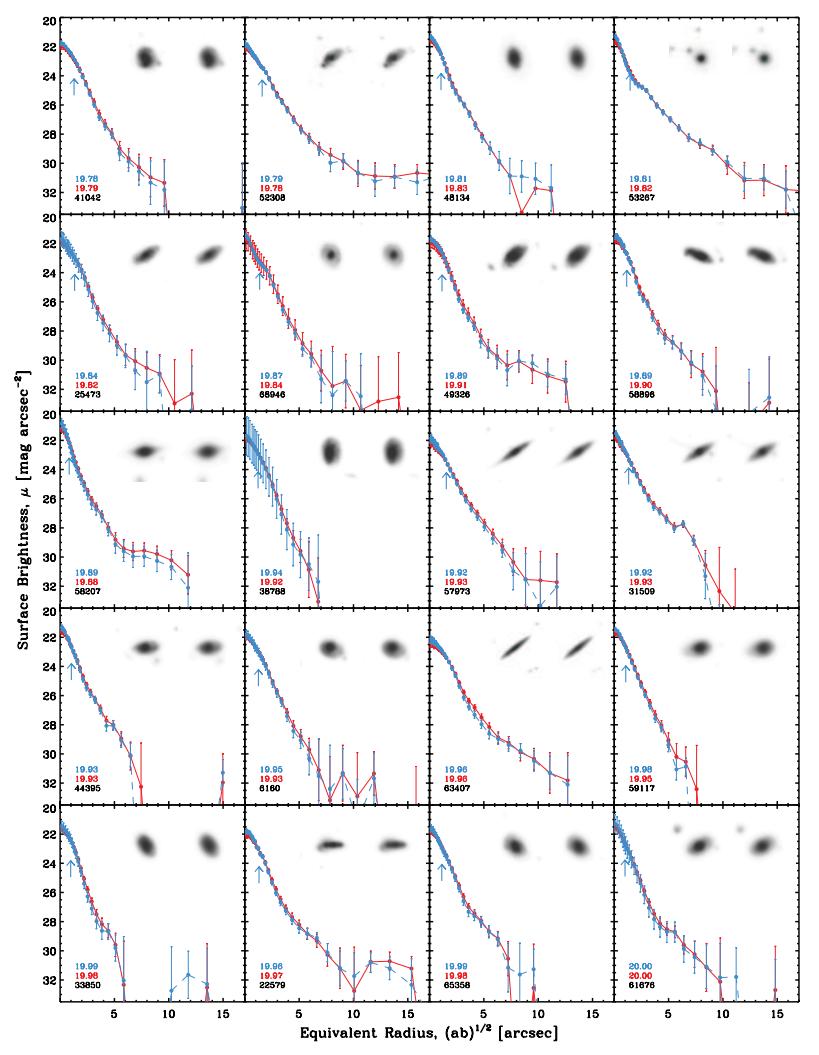
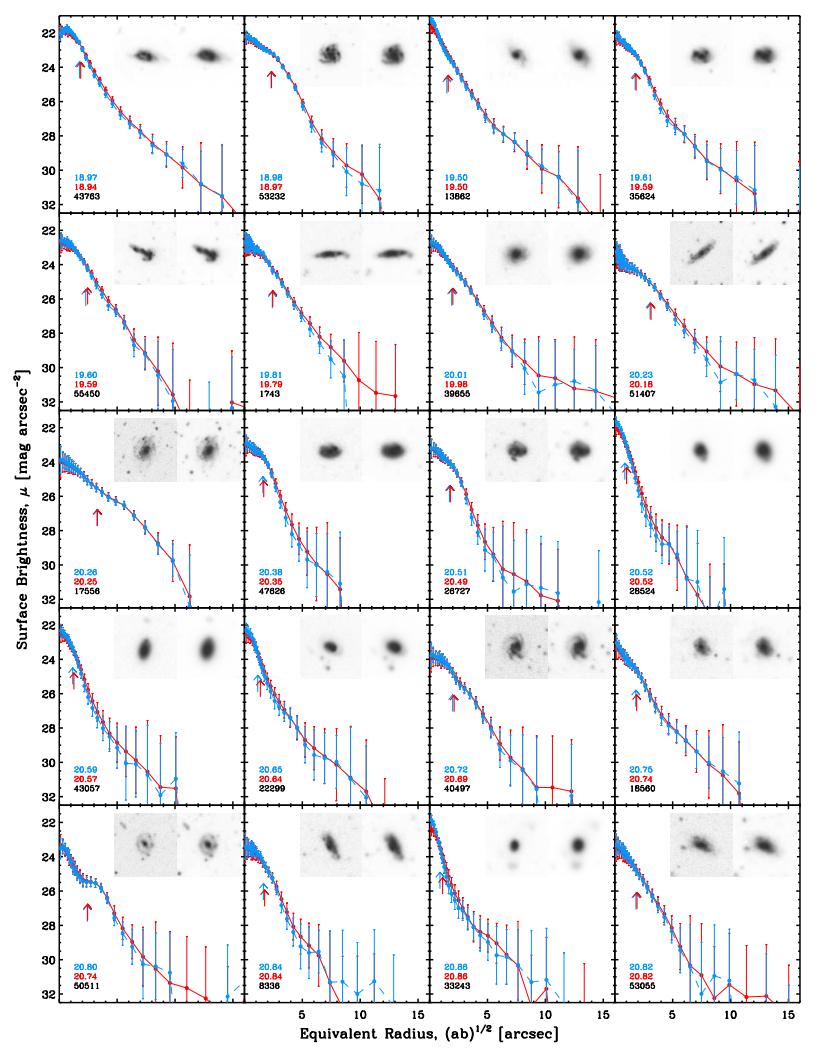


Figure 10. Observed and model optical and infrared colors of the five spectrally variable objects. The model cycle 18 colors are shown in blue points, while the observed cycle 17 colors are shown as solid red or black points according to their cycle 17 classification. Black lines connect the observed and model colors for each source. Gray and light red points show the full cycle 17 colors for comparison.

HST work on KBOs at 10–1000 AU show some remarkably blue IR colors.
Does OCC cometary dust in the inner solar system have similar albedos?



[Left]: LBT U-band, [Right] r-band: 20 of ~ 300 galaxies with $17 \lesssim AB \lesssim 22$ (i.e., comprising middle 50% of EBL; Ashcraft⁺ 2018, 2022).

- 27-hr LBT stack to $\lesssim 32$ mag/arcsec 2 shows on average $\lesssim 10\text{-}20\%$ extra flux in galaxy outskirts compared to 6-hr best-seeing LBT stack.

\implies Factor of 3–5 diffuse light not likely hiding in dim galaxy outskirts!

● References and other sources of material

Talk: http://www.asu.edu/clas/hst/www/jwst/nh23_HST_JWST_DL.pdf

Data: <https://sites.google.com/view/jwstpearls> and <http://skysurf.asu.edu/>

- Carleton, T., Windhorst, R. A., O'Brien, R., et al. 2022, AJ, 164, 170 ([astro-ph/2205.06347](#))
Cheng, C., Huang, J.-S., Smail, I., et al. 2023, ApJ, 942, L19 ([astro-ph/2210.08163](#))
Diego, J. M., Meena, A. K., Adams, N. J., et al. A&A, submitted ([astro-ph/2210.06514](#))
Duncan, K. J., Windhorst, R. A., Koekemoer, A. M., et al. 2022, MNRAS, submitted ([astro-ph/2212.09769](#))
Ferreira, L., Adams, N., Conselice, C. J., et al. 2022, ApJL, 938, L2 ([astro-ph/2207.09428](#))
Jansen, R. A., et al. 2023, BAAS 241, 207.05 (iPoster at this mtg: HST+JWST NEP Time Domain Field)
Keel, W. C., Windhorst, R. A., Jansen, R. A., et al. 2022, AJ, resubmitted ([astro-ph/2208.14475](#))
Kramer, D. M., Carleton, T., Cohen, S. H., et al. 2022, ApJL, 940, L15 ([astro-ph/2208.07218v2](#))
O'Brien, R., Carleton, T., Windhorst, R. et al. (2022, AJ, submitted [astro-ph/2210.08010](#))
Windhorst, R., Cohen, S. H., Hathi, N. P., et al. 2011, ApJS, 193, 27 ([astro-ph/1005.2776](#))
Windhorst, R., Timmes, F. X., Wyithe, J. S. B., et al. 2018, ApJS, 234, 41 ([astro-ph/1801.03584](#))
Windhorst, R. A., Carleton, T., O'Brien, R., et al. 2022, AJ, 164, 141 ([astro-ph/2205.06214](#))
Windhorst, R. A., Cohen, S. H., Jansen, R. A., et al. 2023, AJ, 165, 13 ([astro-ph/2209.04119](#))
Yan, H., Cohen, S. H., Windhorst, R. A., et al. 2023, ApJL, 942, L8 ([astro-ph/2209.04092](#))

<https://blogs.nasa.gov/webb/2022/10/05/webb-hubble-team-up-to-trace-interstellar-dust-within-a-galactic-pair/>

<https://blogs.nasa.gov/webb/2022/12/14/webb-glimpses-field-of-extragalactic-pebbles-studded-with-galactic-diamonds/>

<https://esawebb.org/images/pearls1/zoomable/>