



THE IMPACT OF JWST OBSERVATIONS OF FRONTIER OBJECTS ON GALAXY FORMATION

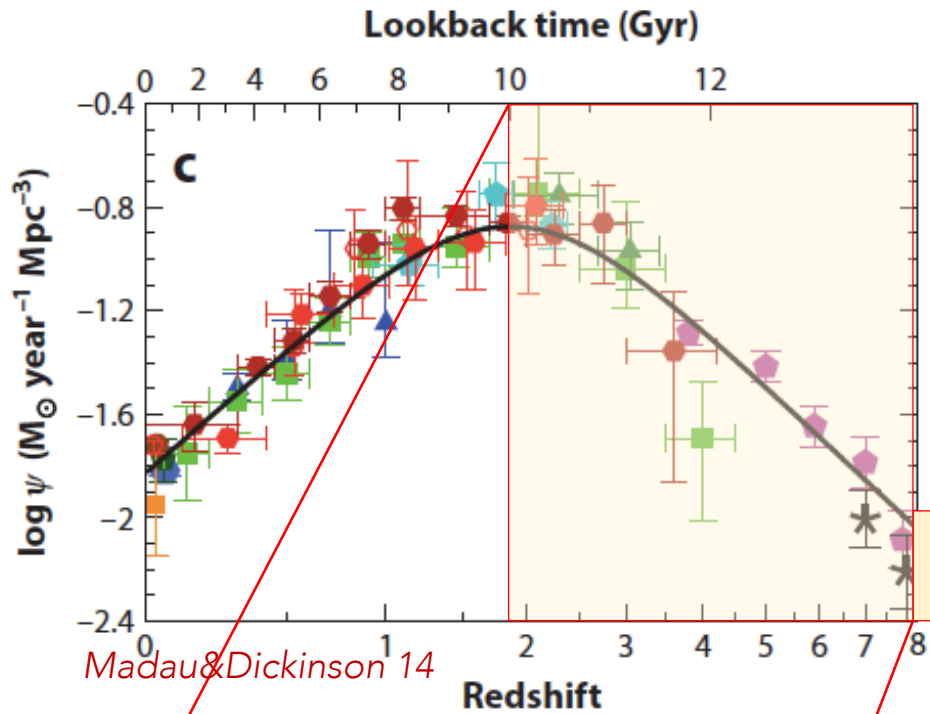
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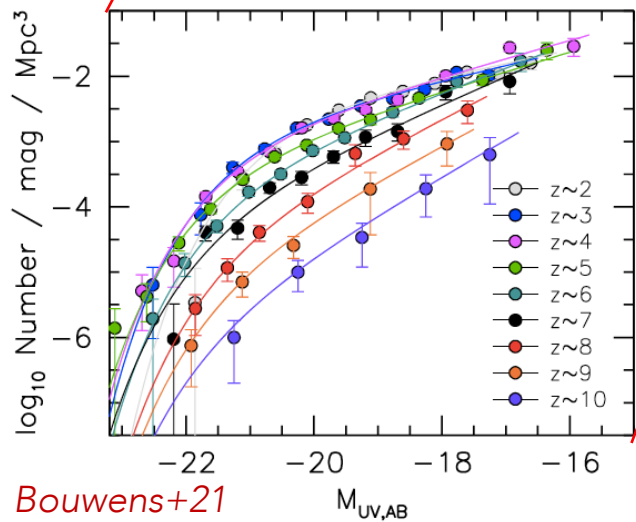
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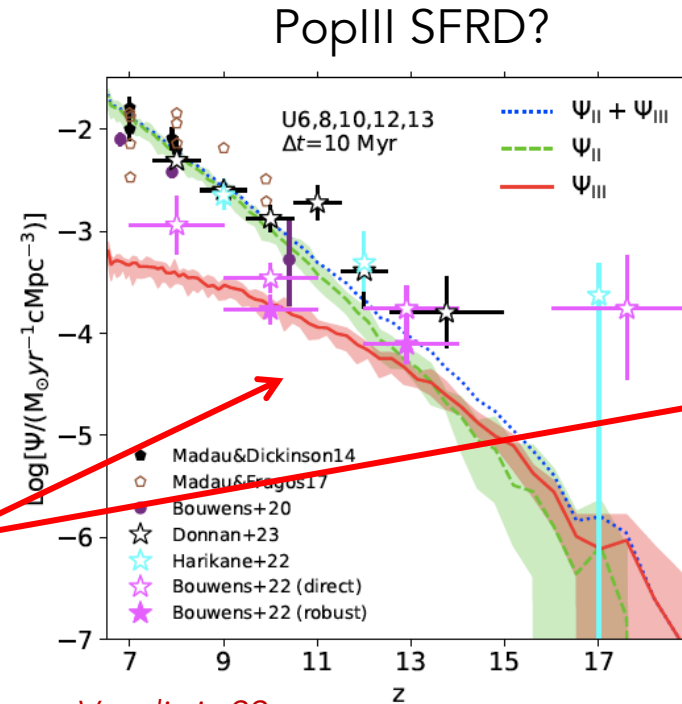
THE COSMIC FRONTIER: RE-IONIZATION AND COSMIC DAWN



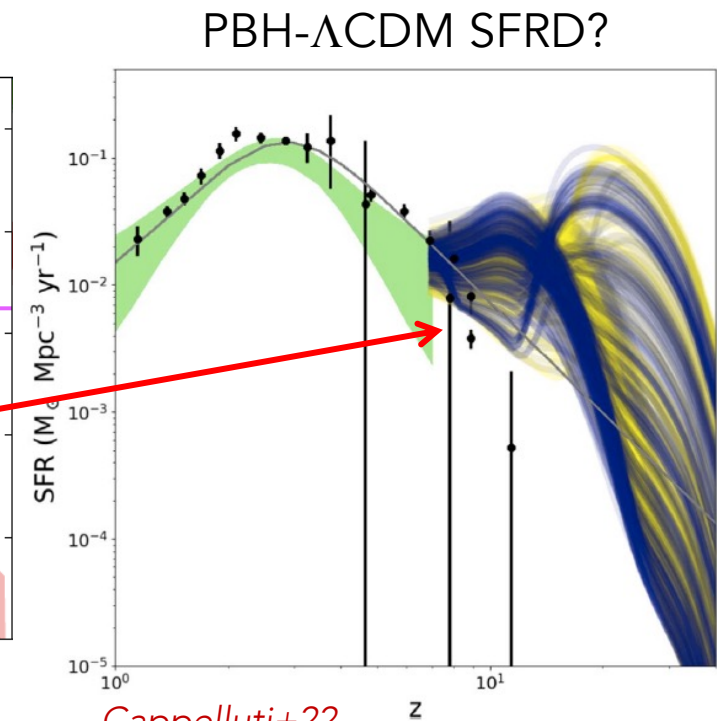
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Bouwens+21



Venditti+22
Luca Graziani's talk



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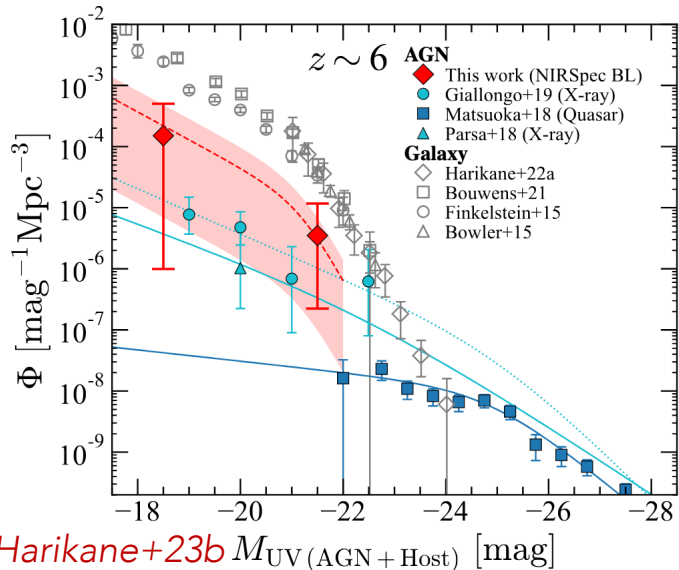
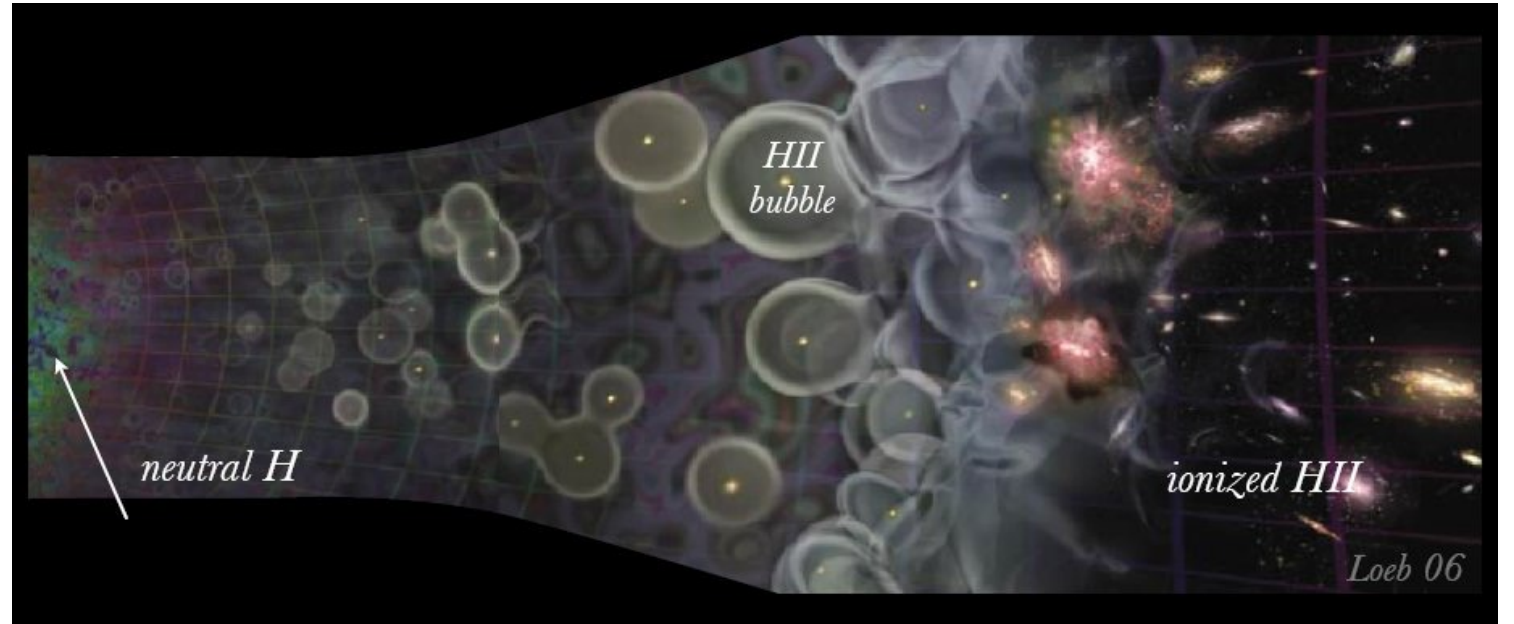
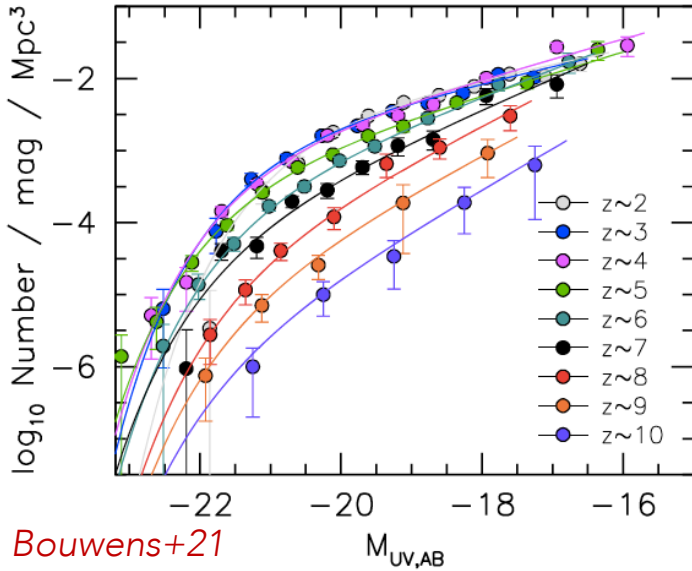
We (think we) know well the evolution of the SFRD after reionization

JWST has opened the exploration of the SFRD at $z > 10$.

Fundamental for reionization, BH seeds, first stars, chemical evolution, etc

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First ingredient: luminosity density



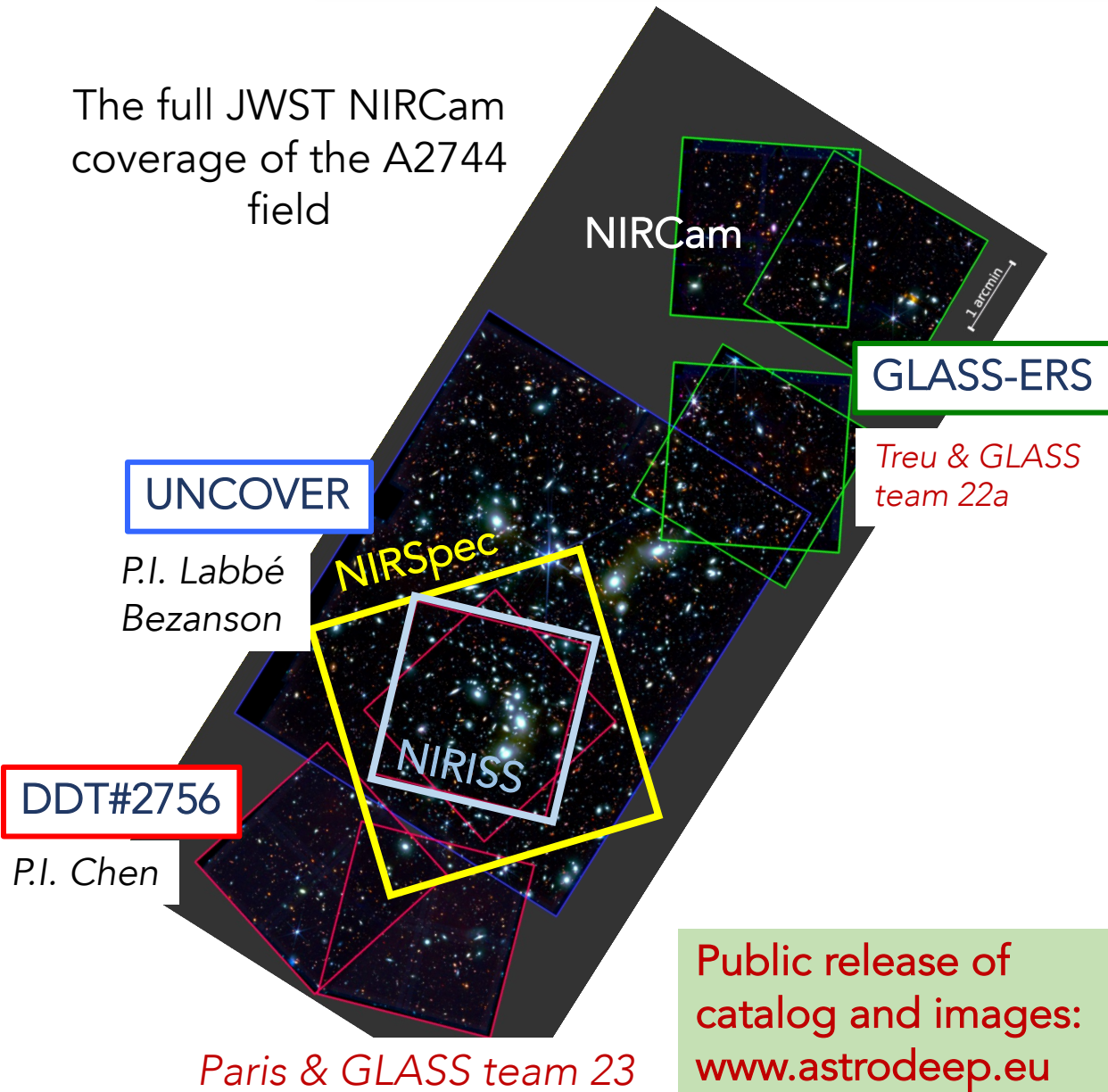
$$\dot{N} = \rho_{UV} \xi_{ion}^* f_{esc}$$

Which sources are driving reionization? Which are the timeline and topology of reionization?

First building block: measure the LF of the high redshift populations

JWST SURVEYS ON THE A2744 FIELD

The full JWST NIRCam coverage of the A2744 field



The A2744 field has become one of the most revealing fields for high-redshift science

- Deep multi-band imaging from HST (Frontier Fields, BUFFALO) and JWST (UNCOVER, GLASS-ERS, DDT#2756).
- Extensive spectroscopic coverage with MUSE and JWST.
- Ancillary data: ALMA, Chandra.
- Accurate lensing models (Bergamini+23, Furtak+23).
- Several JWST programs in Cycle 2 and 3

Discovery and confirmation of very high-redshift galaxies (e.g., Roberts-Borsani+23, Boyett+23, Wang+23) and AGN (e.g., Labbe+23, Greene+23).

HIGH-REDSHIFT GALAXIES IN GLASS-JWST

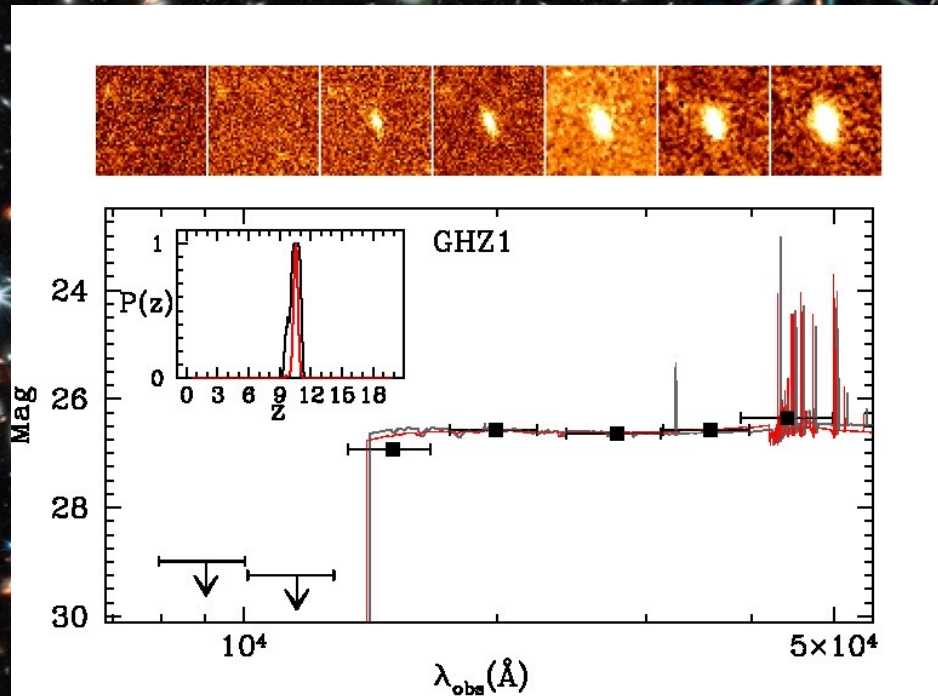
Abell 2744 GLASS
JWST/NIRCam

GHZ1/GLASS-z10

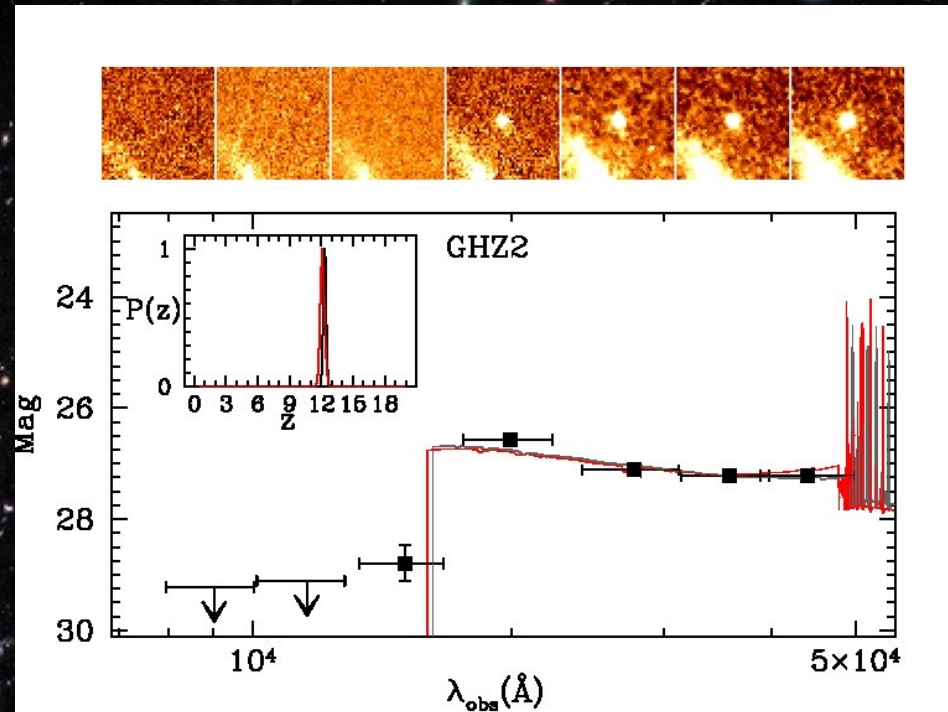
1 $z \sim 10.5$

GHZ2/GLASS-z12

2 $z \sim 12.5$

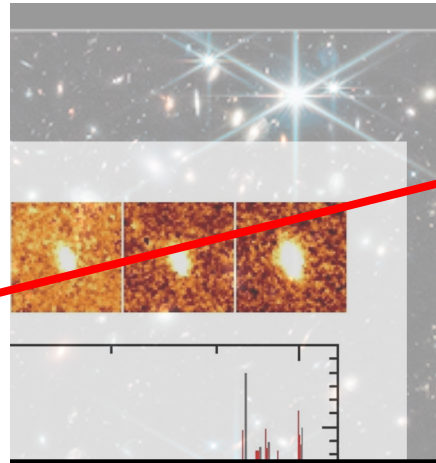
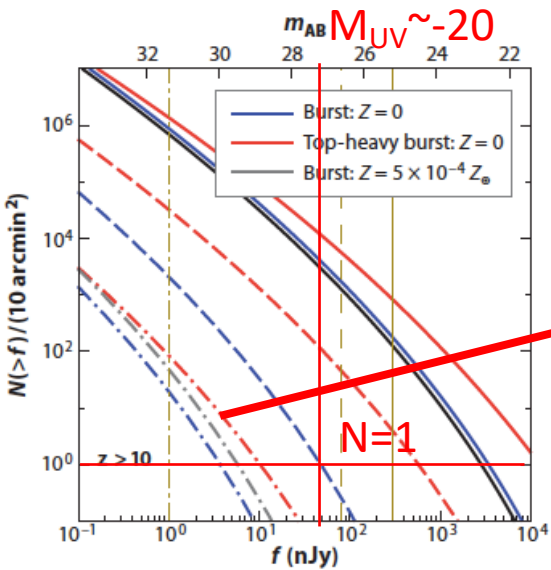


Extended ($R_e \sim 400 \text{ pc}$), disk-like shape
Flat UV slope
 $\text{SFR} \sim 10 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$



Very compact ($R_e \sim 100 \text{ pc}$)
Blue UV slope
 $\text{SFR} \sim 15 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$
High $s\text{SFR} > 150 \text{ Gyr}^{-1}$
High $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}} \sim 100 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}/\text{kpc}^2$

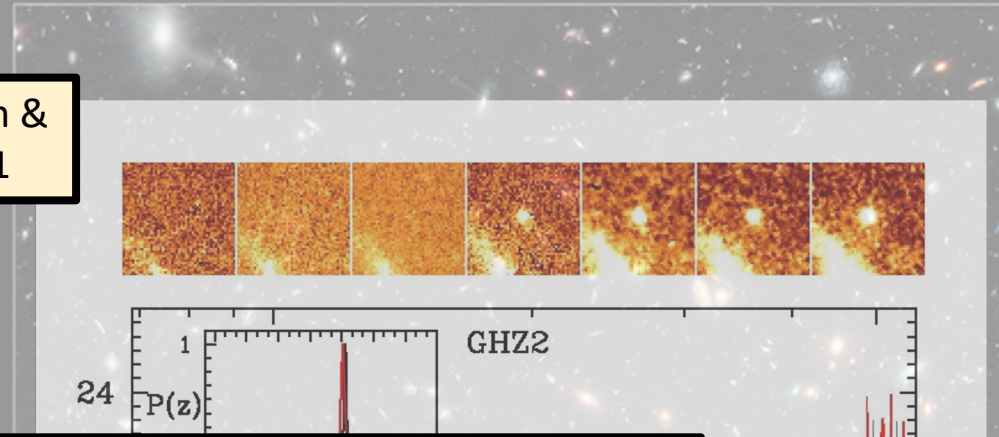
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Abell 2744 GLASS

Predictions in Bromm & Yoshida ARA&A 2011

GHZ1/GLASS-z10



GHZ2

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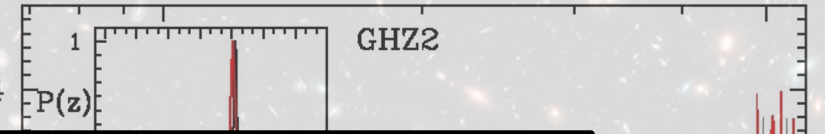


Table 2

Predictions on the Number of $z > 9$ Objects in GLASS-JWST-ERS^a

UV LF	$z = 9-11$		$z > 11$	
	$M_{UV} < -21.0$	$M_{UV} < -19.0$	$M_{UV} < -21.0$	$M_{UV} < -19.5$
Oesch+18 ^b	<0.06	$1.7^{+1.1}_{-0.6}$	<0.04	$0.6^{+0.5}_{-0.3}$
LF(z) Bouwens+21 ^c	"	"	<0.01	$0.1^{+0.1}_{-0.05}$
Mason+15 ^d	$0.16^{+0.07}_{-0.05}$	$6.8^{+2.9}_{-1.8}$	0.002 ± 0.001	$0.08^{+0.06}_{-0.03}$
Bowler+20 ^e	$0.06^{+0.30}_{-0.03}$	$2.4^{+1.6}_{-1.9}$	$0.05^{+0.1}_{-0.04}$	$0.5^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$

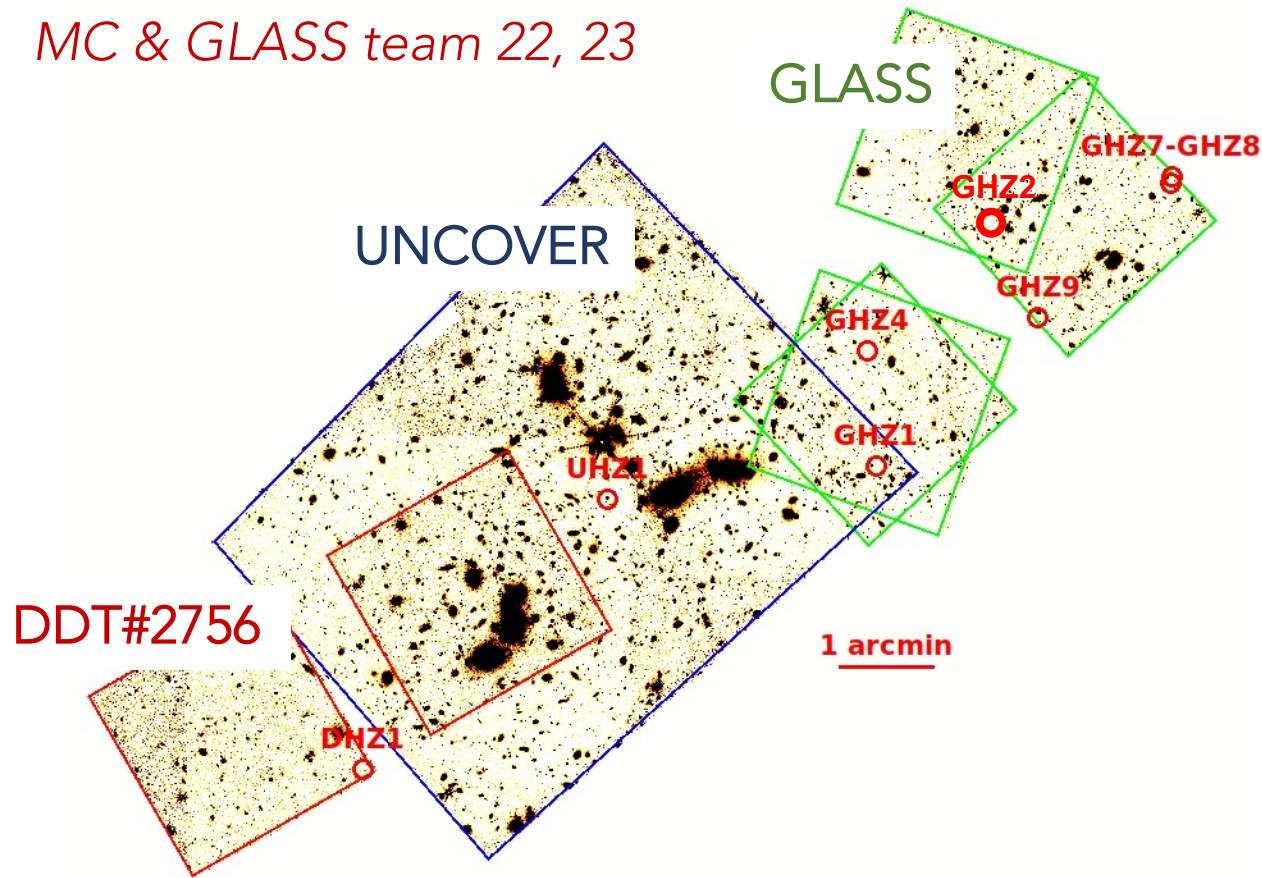
Low probability of finding these two objects in GLASS according to predicted evolution of the UV LF.

A high number-density compared to previous estimates and theoretical models.

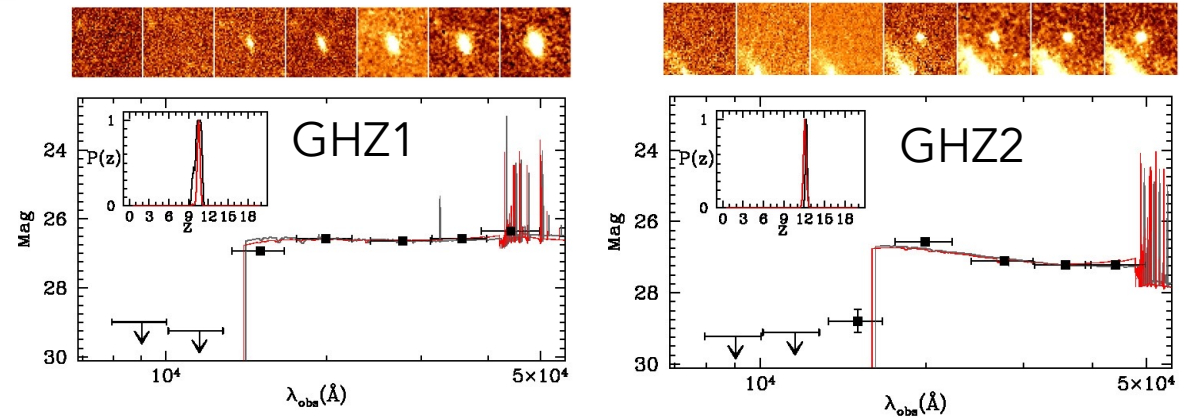
Consistent results from other surveys: CEERS (Finkelstein+22a,b), MDS (Perez-Gonzalez+23)

EVEN MORE HIGH-REDSHIFT GALAXIES BEHIND A2744

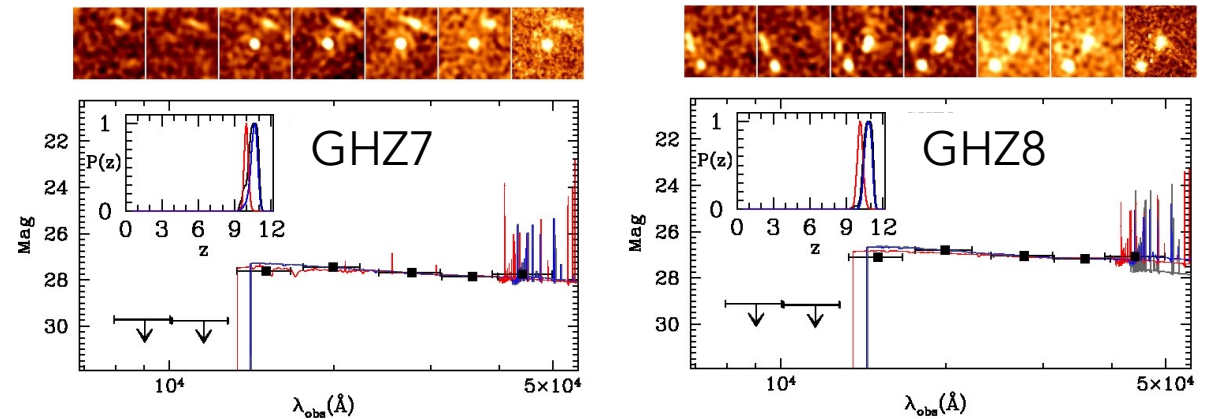
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Robust candidates at $z > 9$ analysed in several works, with a high density localized in the GLASS-ERS region. MC+22,+23, McLeod+23, Atek+23.



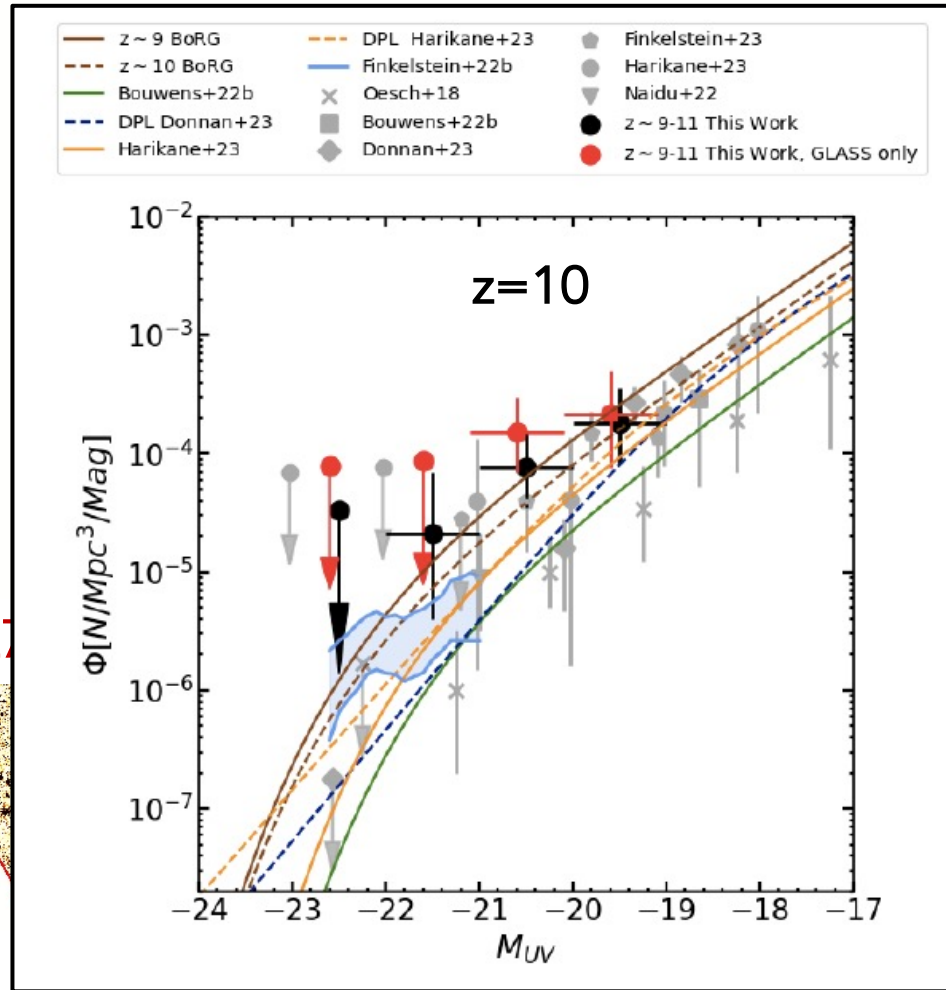
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AN EXCESS OF $z \sim 10$ GALAXIES IN THE A2744 REGION

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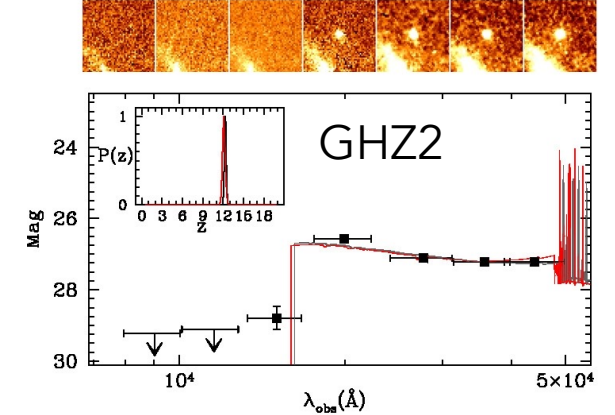
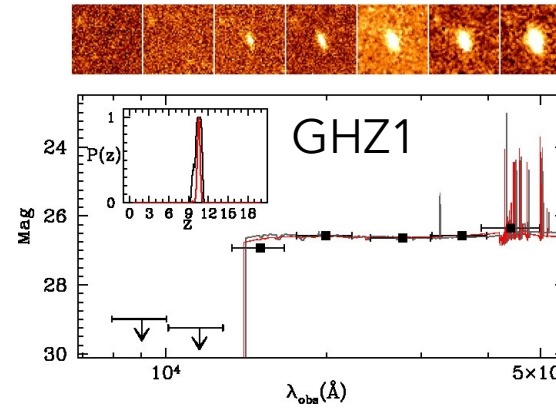
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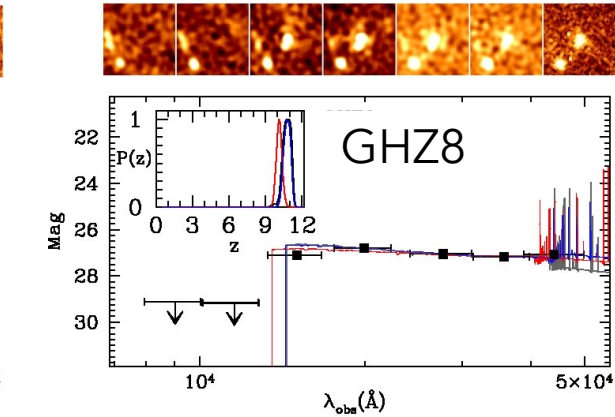
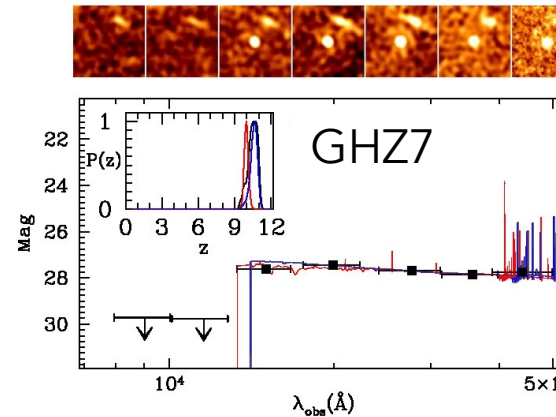
DDT#2



The UV LF at $z \sim 10$ in the region even higher than other JWST estimates

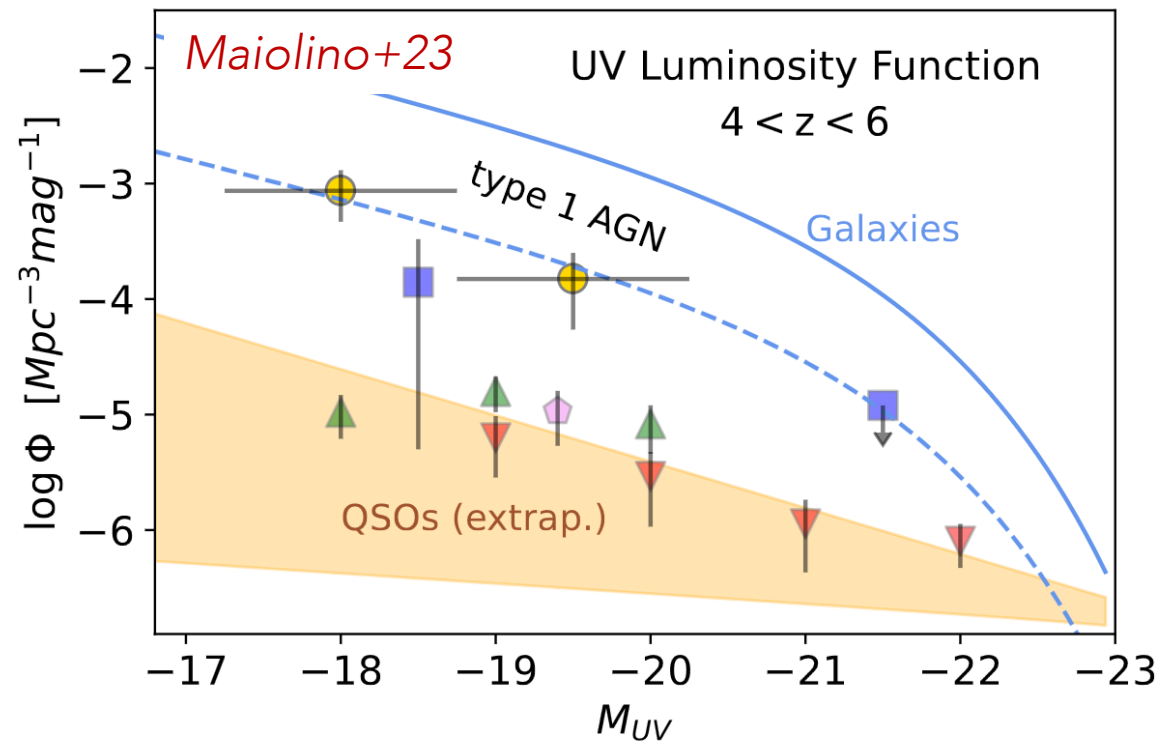
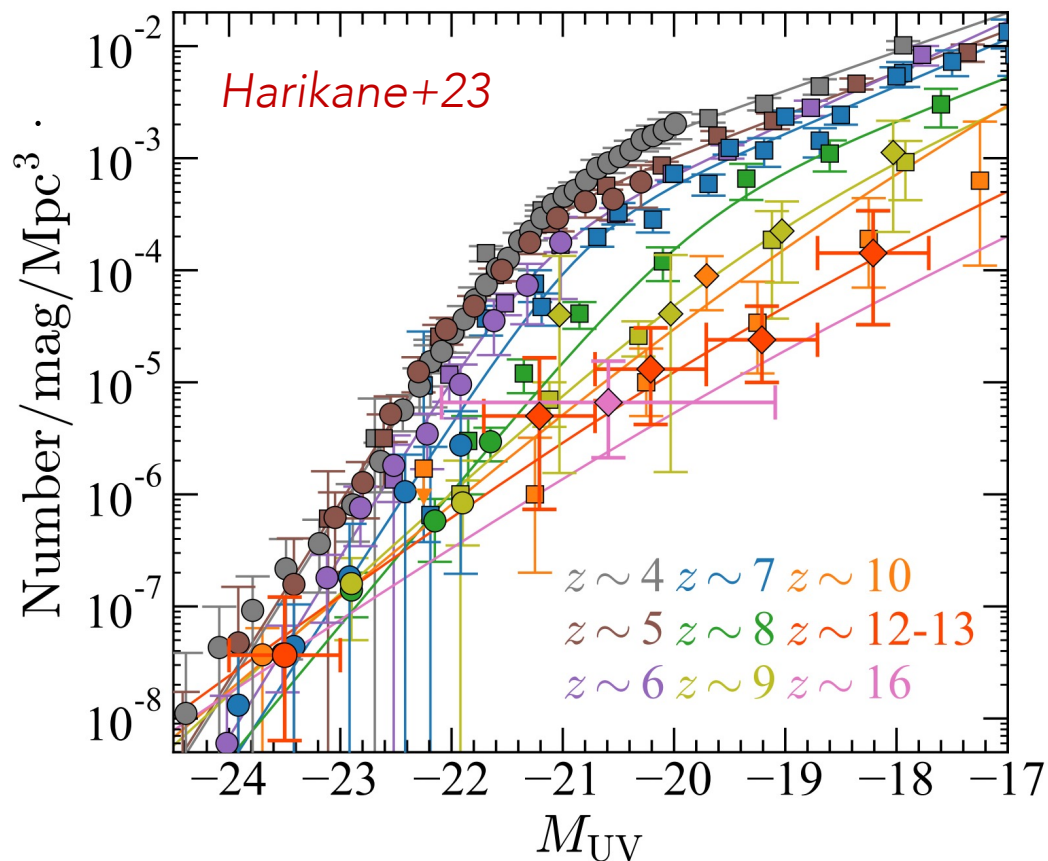


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CONSENSUS ON THE EXCESS OF BRIGHT GALAXIES (AND AGN)



A high abundance of bright galaxies at $z > 9$

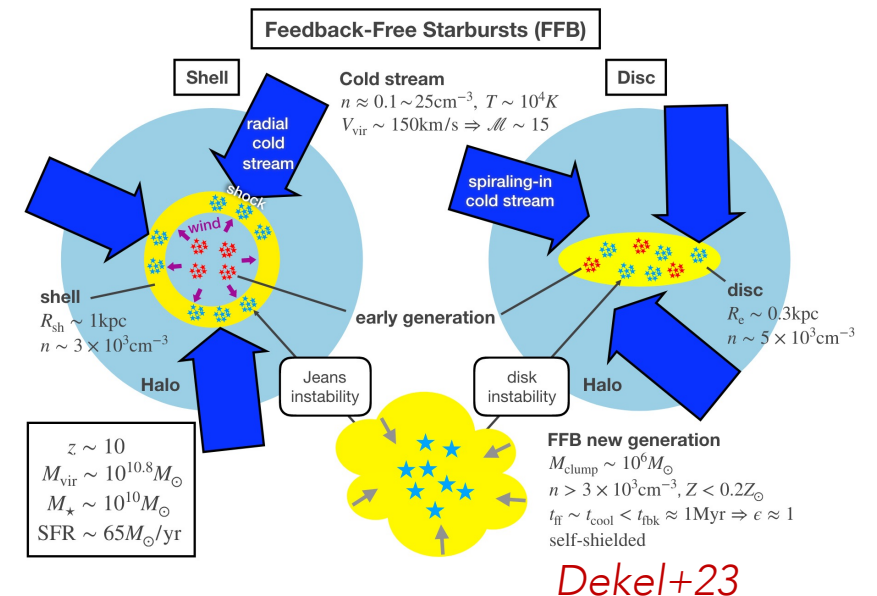
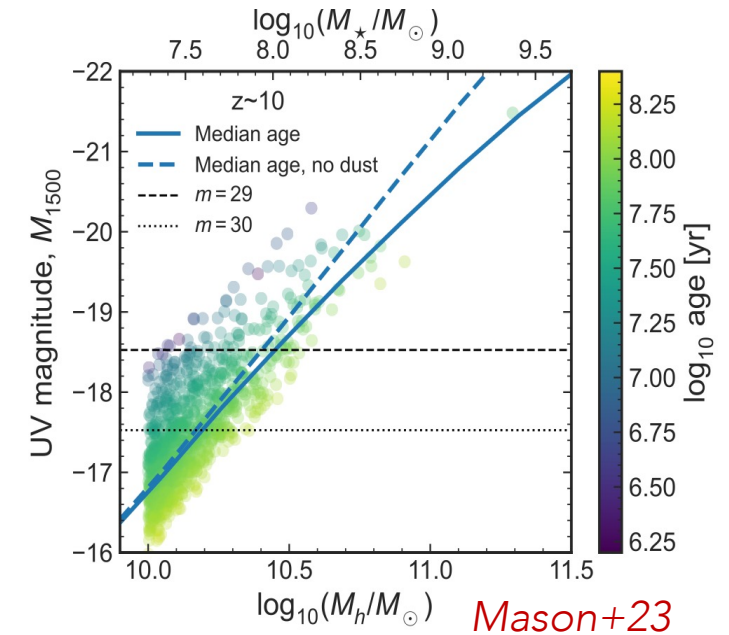
MC+22,+23, Finkelstein+23,+24; Donnan+23,
McLeod+24, Harikane+23,+24; Perez-Gonzalez+23
and many others

A large number of AGN at high-redshift

Barro+23, Matthee+23, Kocevski+23, Labbe+23,
Furtak+23, Larson+23, Greene+23, Bogdan+23
and many others

EXCESS OF BRIGHT GALAXIES? EXCESS OF POSSIBLE INTERPRETATIONS

- Decreasing dust attenuation, making galaxies brighter, almost compensates for the increasing shortage of their host halos (Ferrara+22). Dust could have been efficiently ejected during the very first phases of galaxy build-up (Ziparo+23, Fiore+23).
- SFR stochasticity: only the youngest (<10Myr) and most highly star-forming galaxies are detected so far, scattered up to 1.5 mag above the $M_{UV}-M_h$ relation (Mason+23, Shen+23).
- Maximally efficient SF and ~10 Myr ages (max UV emission) (Mason+23).
- Star-formation efficiency at $z \sim 12-16$ higher than at $z < 10$ due to no suppression of the star formation at the pre-reionization epoch (Harikane+23, Qin+23).
- High star-formation efficiency and lack of feedback due to fast accretion (Dekel+23) and/or 'early overcooling' (Renzini 23).
- AGN or PopIII activity boosting UV emission, and/or presence of top-heavy IMFs (Kannan+22, Harikane+23, Haslbauer+22, Finkelstein+23, Yung+23, Trinca+24)
- Modified LCDM power spectrum with enhanced power at ~1Mpc scales (Padmanabhan & Loeb 23), alternative cosmologies (Melia 23), exotic objects (Ilie+23, Iocco&Visinelli 24).



SPECTROSCOPIC FOLLOW-UP OF THE A2744 REGION

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GLASS

UNCOVER

GHZ7-GHZ8

GHZ2

GHZ9

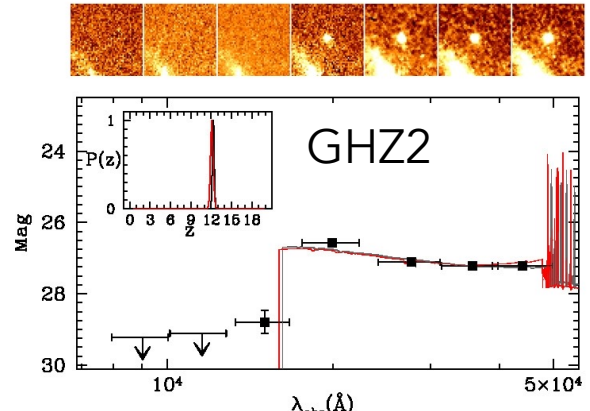
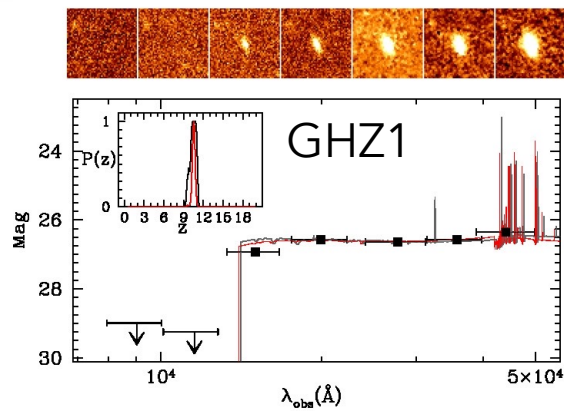
GHZ4

GHZ1

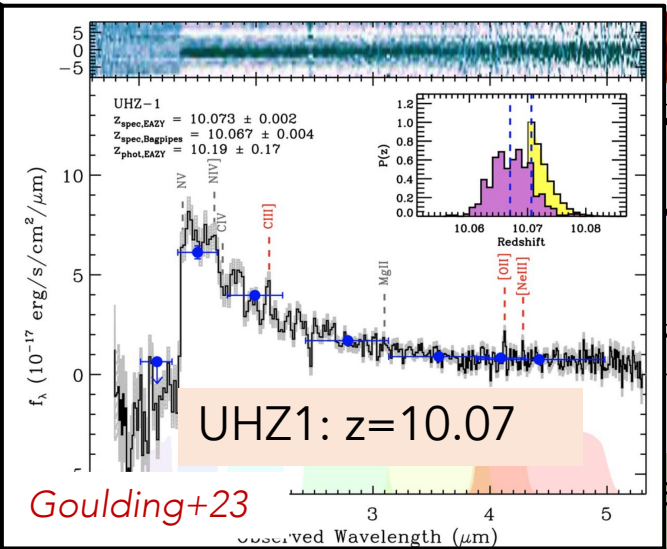
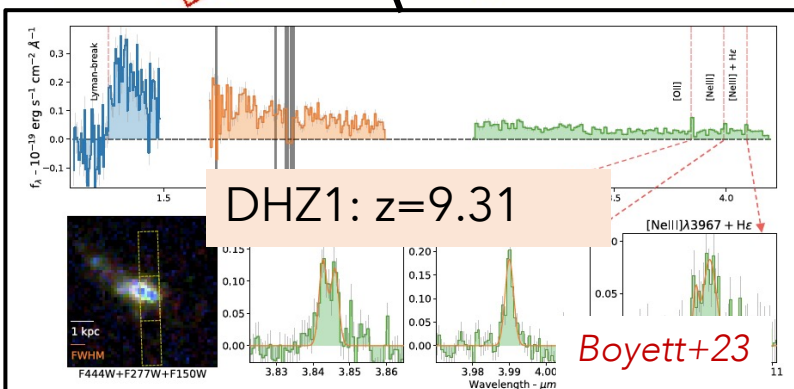
UHZ1

DDT#2756

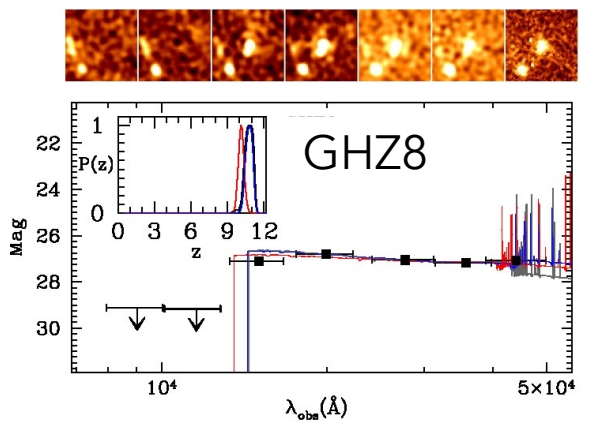
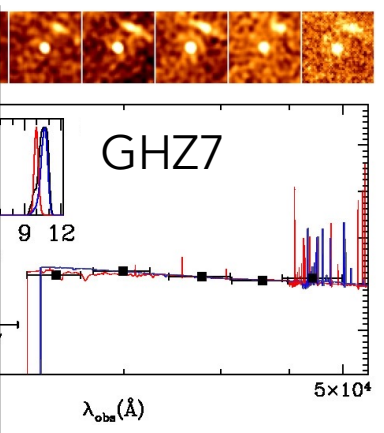
DHZ1



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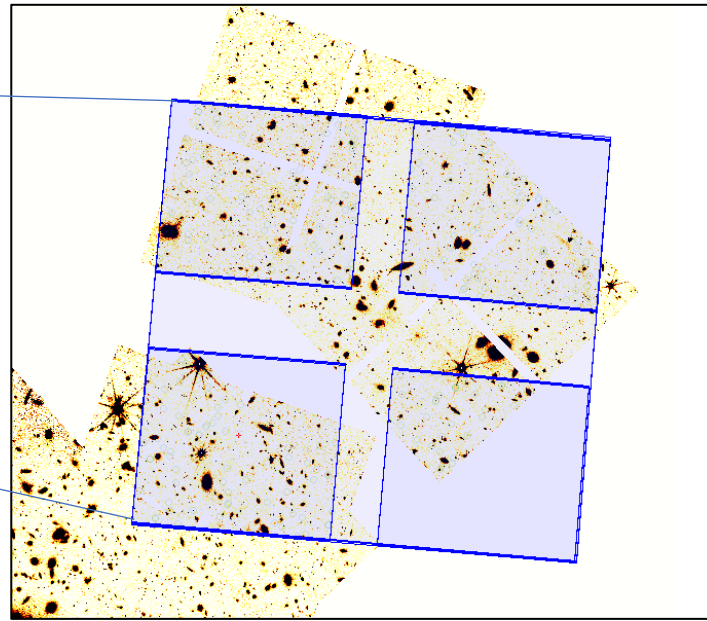
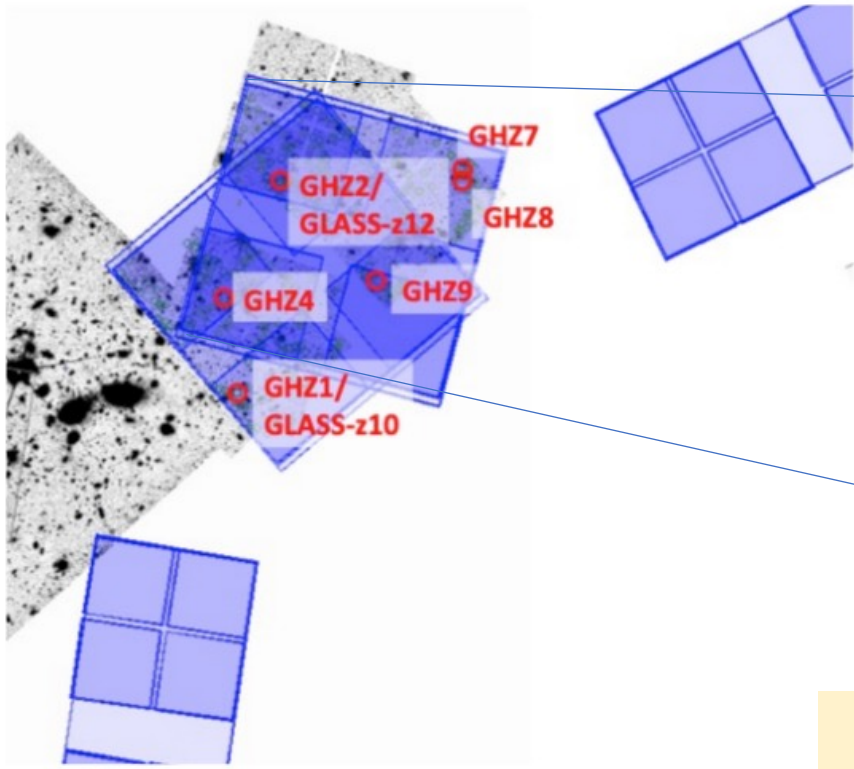
Goulding+23



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Bozett+23

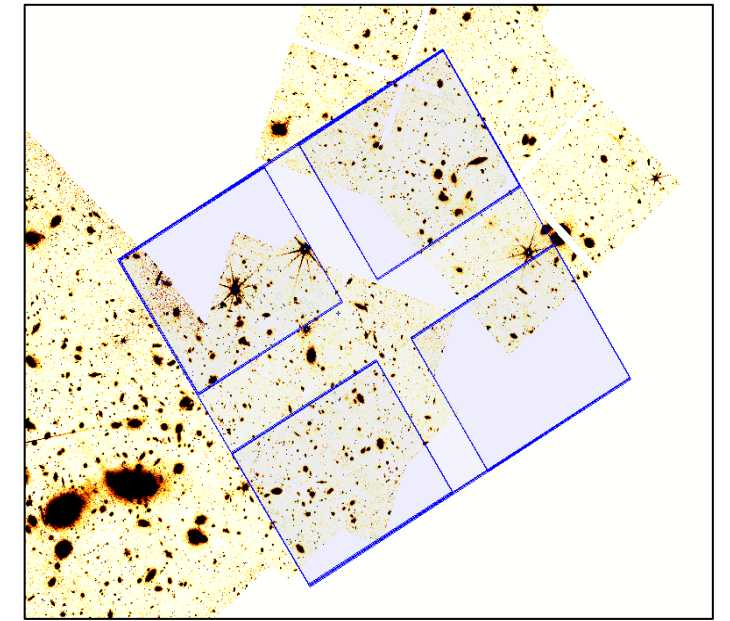
NIRSPEC FOLLOW-UP OF GLASS-ERS (GO-3073)



First pointing.

Observed on Oct. 25 2023

Primary targets: GHZ2, GHZ7, GHZ8, GHZ4, GHZ9



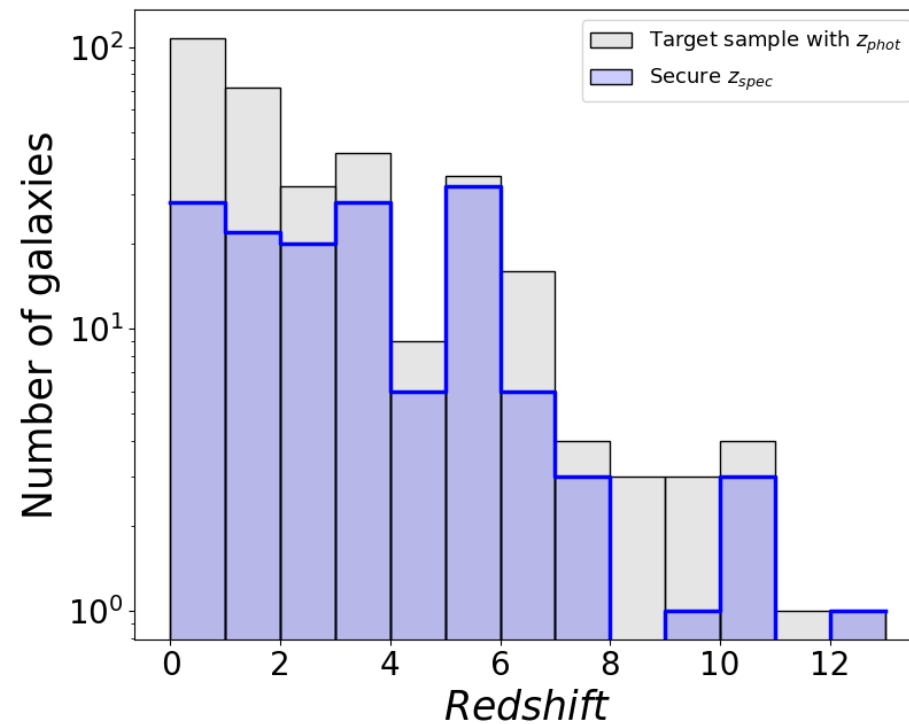
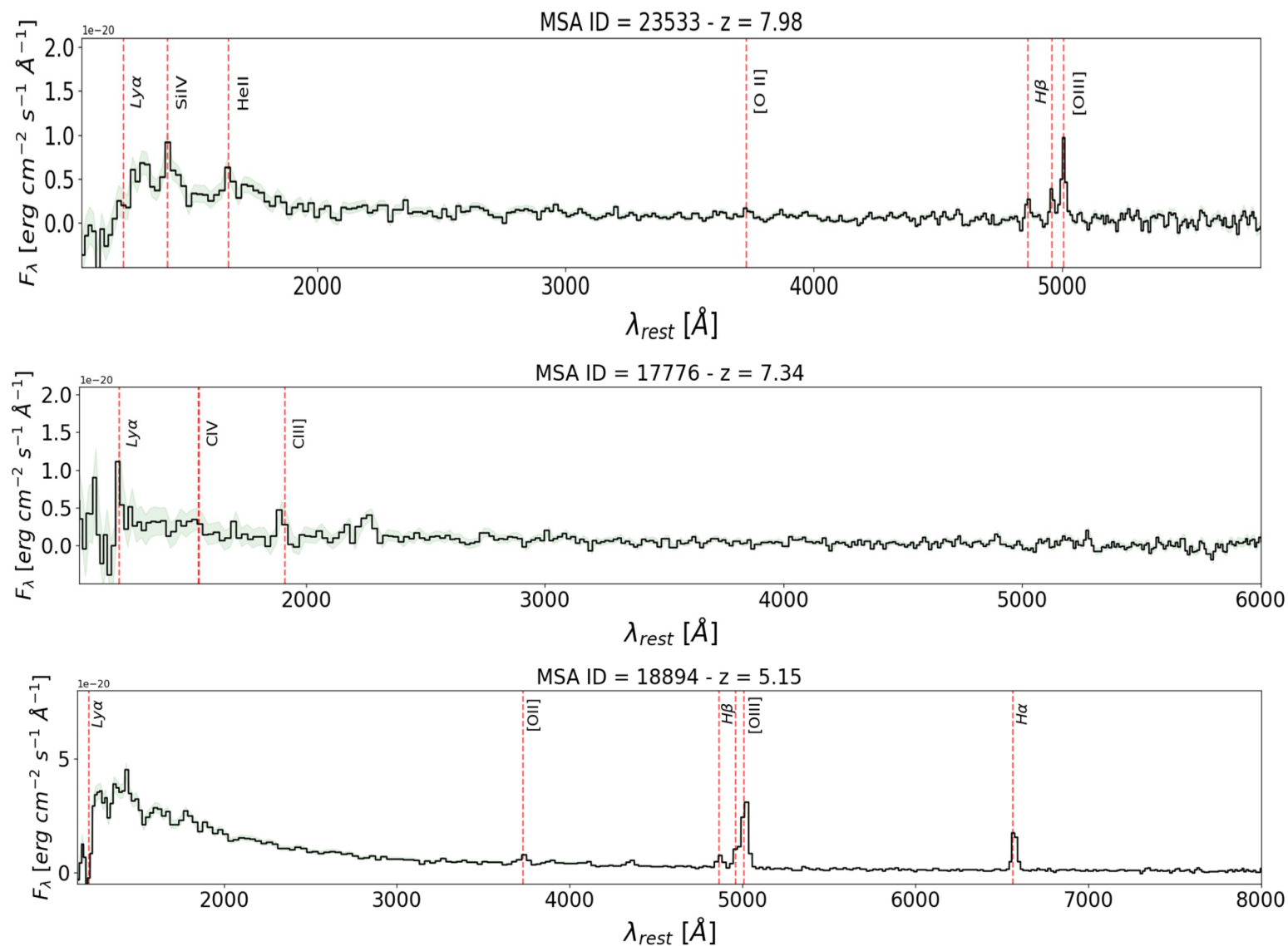
Second pointing.

Planned for June/July 2024

Primary targets: GHZ1, GHZ4, GHZ9

12 hours of NIRSPEC PRISM on two pointings to confirm $z \sim 9-12$ galaxies in the GLASS-ERS parallel
+ two flanking fields with NIRCAM to extend the sample and map the potential overdensity

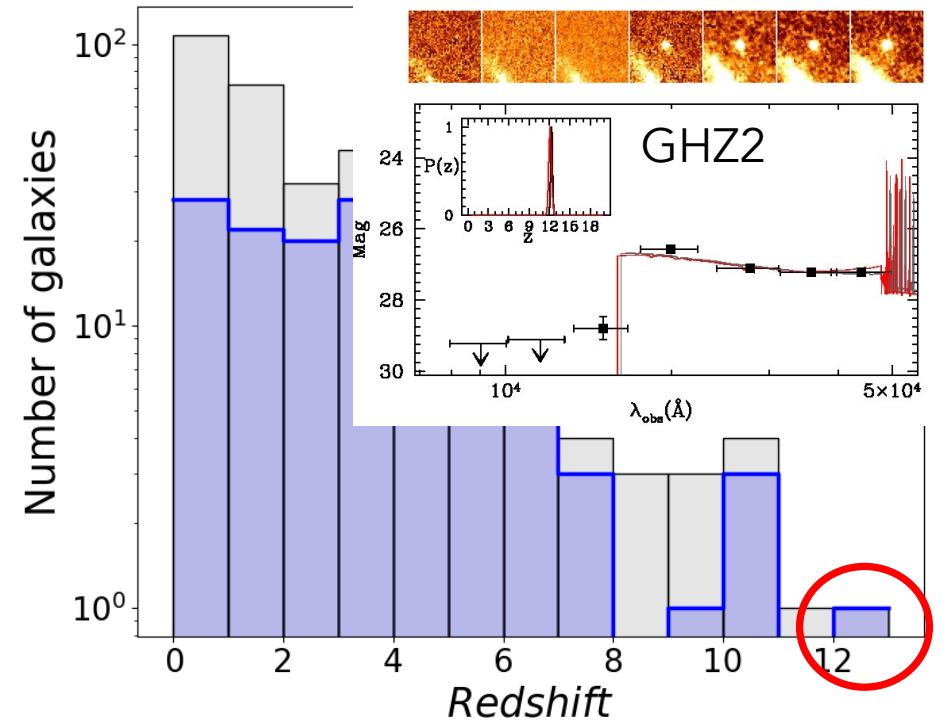
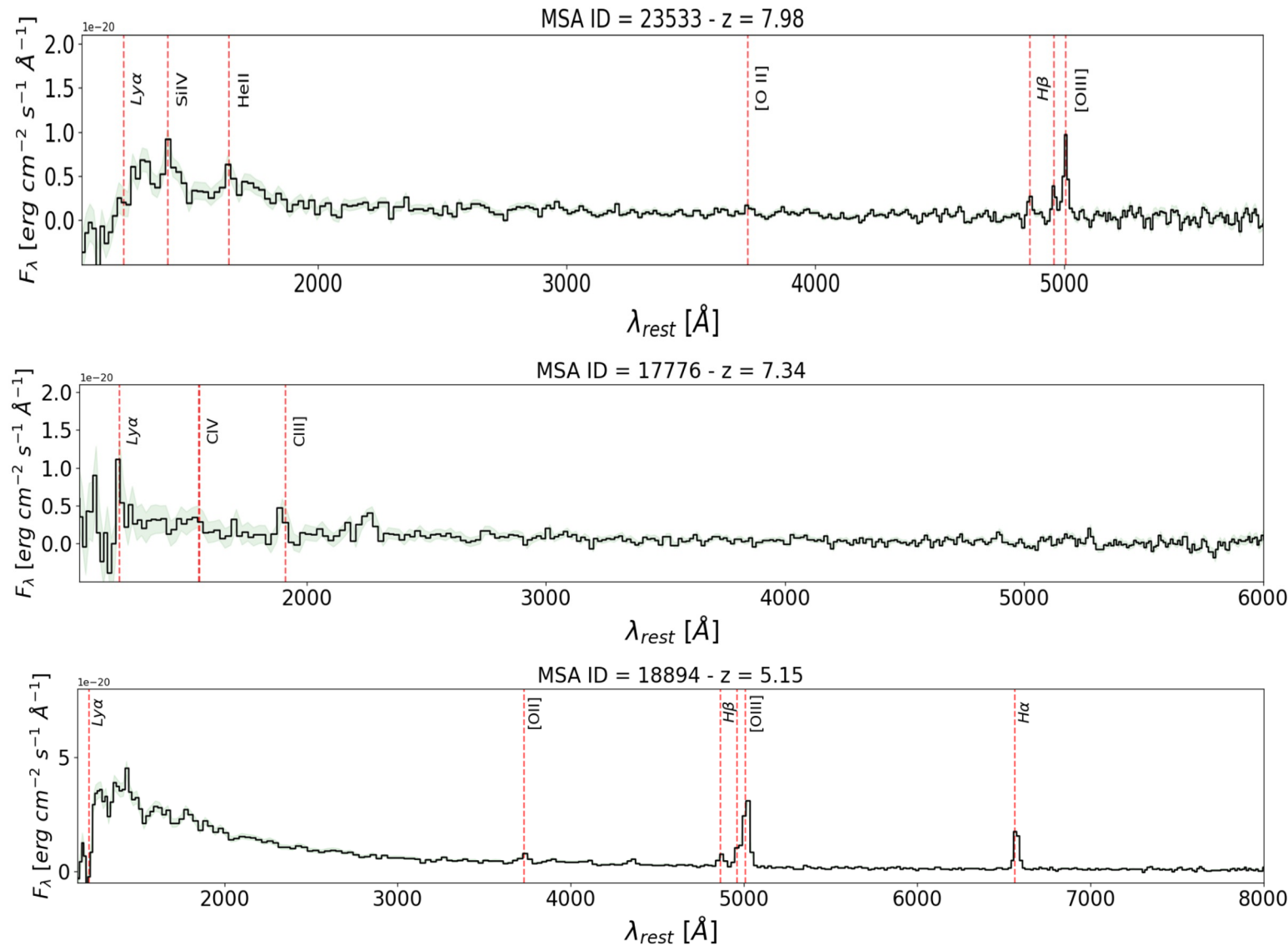
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214 redshifts measured
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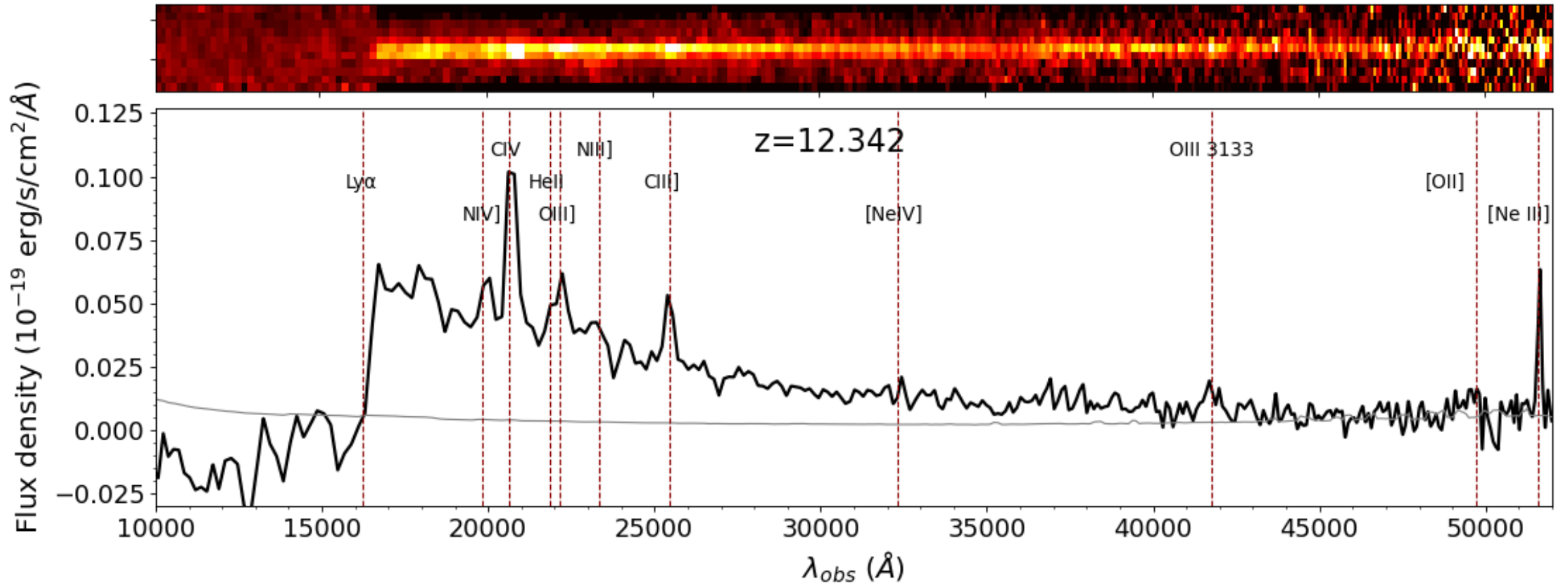
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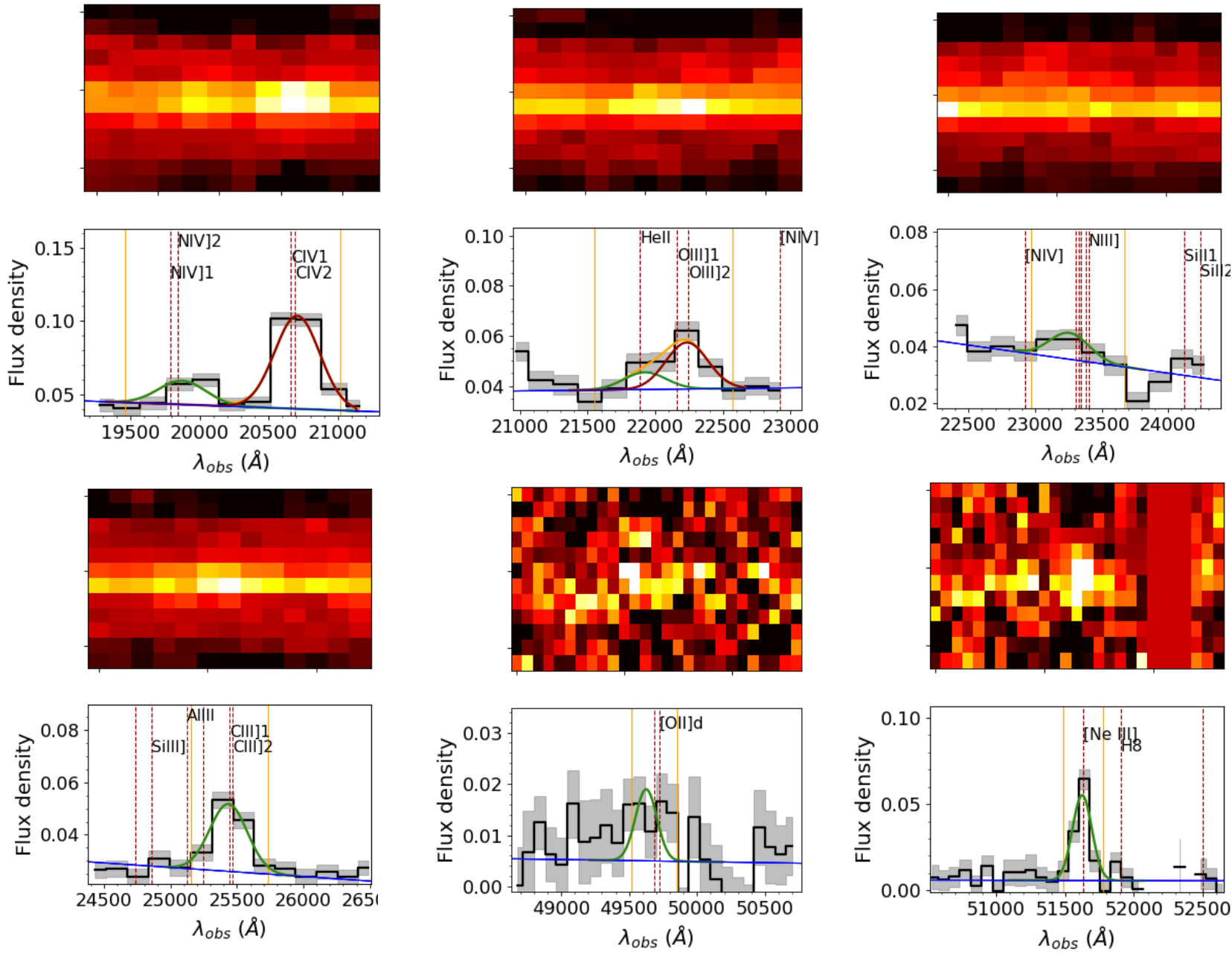
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SPECTROSCOPIC CONFIRMATION OF GHZ2/GLASS-z12



GHZ2/GLASS-z12 confirmed at $z=12.34$ by both NIRSpec and MIRI.
($z_{phot} = 12.3$ in MC+22, z_{phot} code, the first JWST selections were not that bad after...)

DETECTED EMISSION LINES IN GHZ2/GLASS-Z12



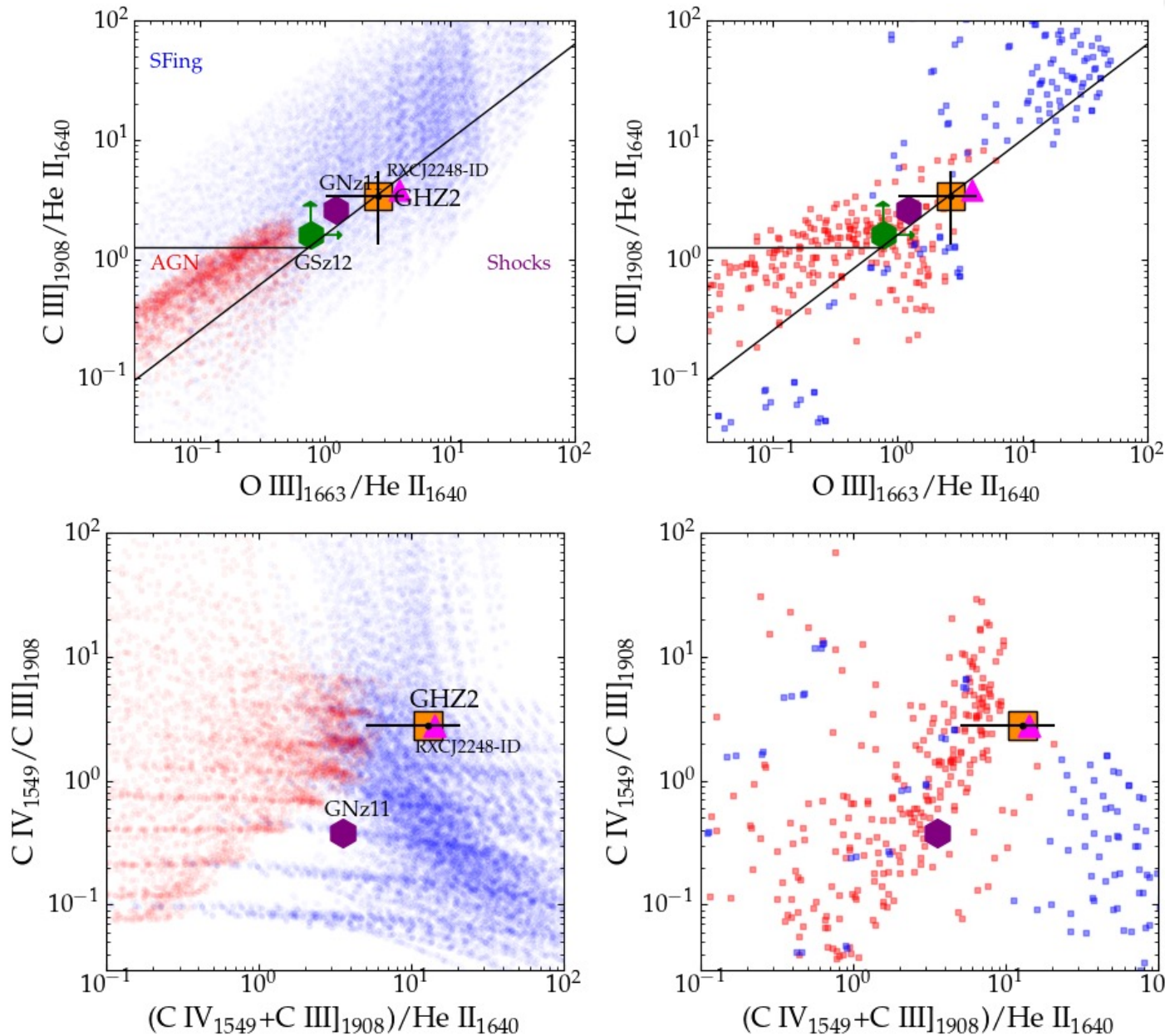
Several emission lines detected at high SNR:

NIV] $\lambda 1488$, CIV $\lambda 1549$,
HeII $\lambda 1640$, OIII] $\lambda 1663$,
CIII] $\lambda 1909$, OII] $\lambda 3727$,
[NeIII] $\lambda 3868$

High ionization conditions,
EW(CIV)=46Å,
Ne3O2=2.4.

Modeling with Gaussian fit
and local continuum
subtraction.

STAR FORMATION OR AGN IN GHZ2/GLASS-Z12?



“Classic” BPT diagrams with UV lines.

Models from Feltre+16, Gutkin+16 (left) or Nakajima & Maiolino 2022 (right).

Selection criteria from Mingozi+23

Line ratios compatible with both AGN and star-formation.

GNz11: Bunker+23, Maiolino+23

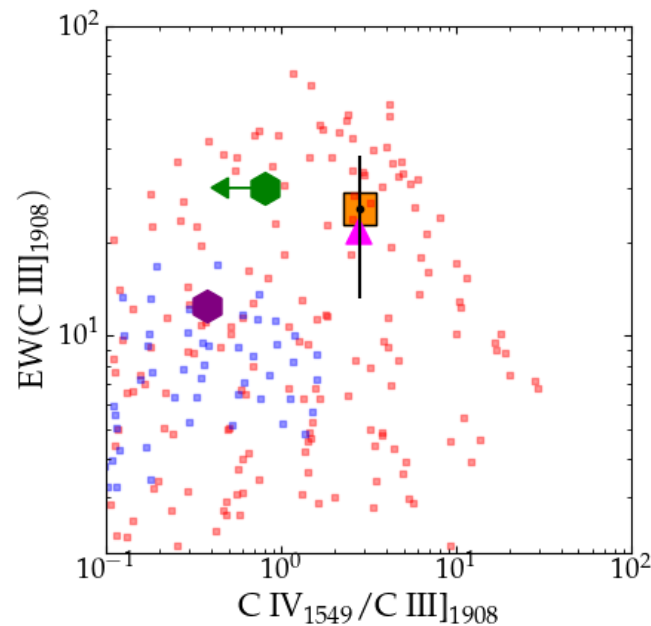
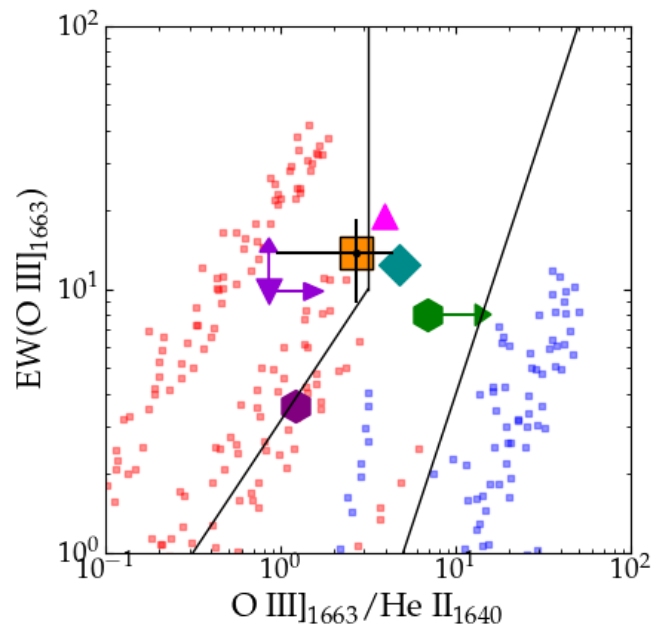
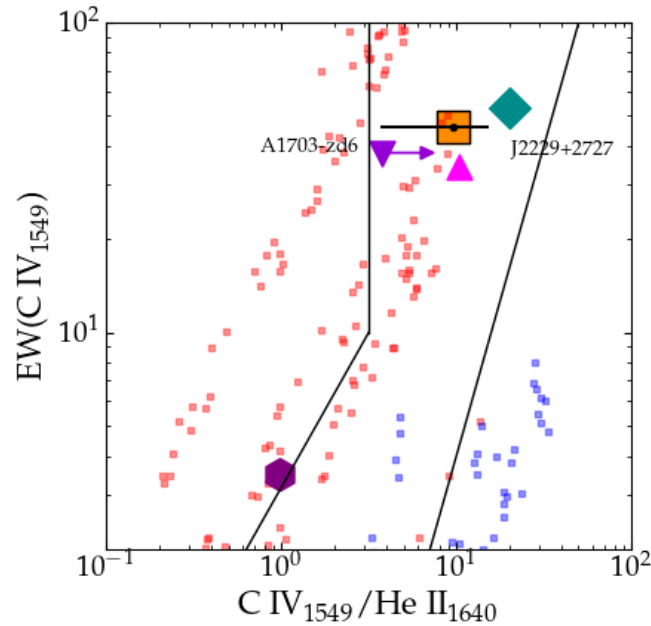
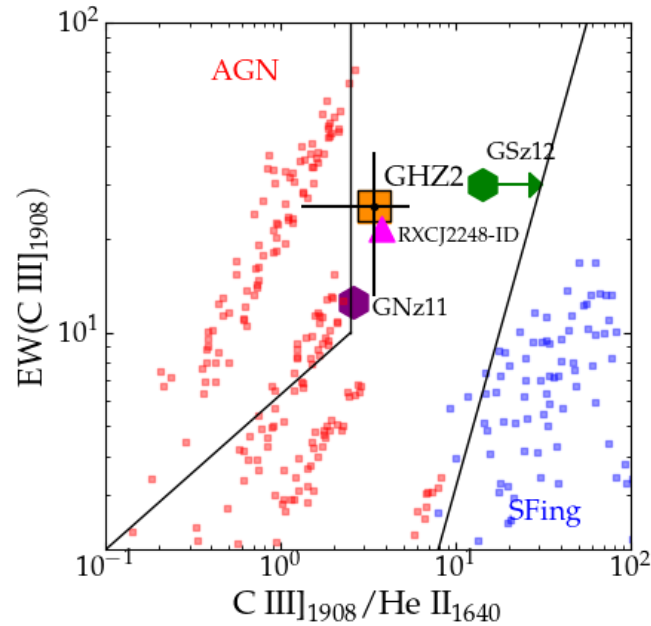
GSz12: D’Eugenio+23

RXCJ2248-ID: Topping+24

Blue: star-forming models

Red: AGN models

STAR FORMATION OR AGN IN GHZ2/GLASS-Z12?



EW diagnostics.

Models from Nakajima & Maiolino 2022.

Selection criteria from Hirschmann+19

EW compatible with AGN and composites.

GNz11: Bunker+23, Maiolino+23

GSz12: D'Eugenio+23

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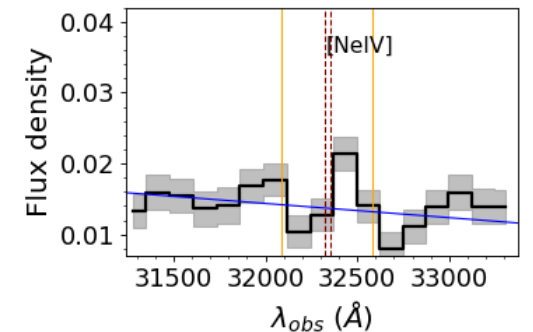
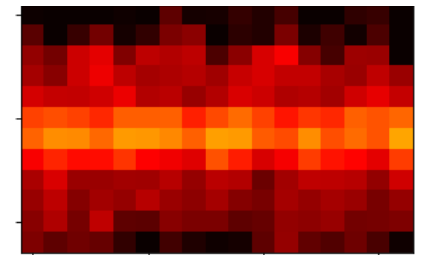
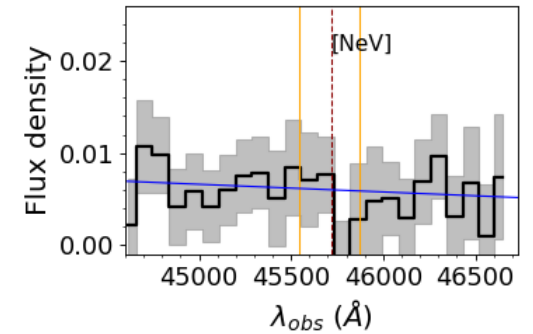
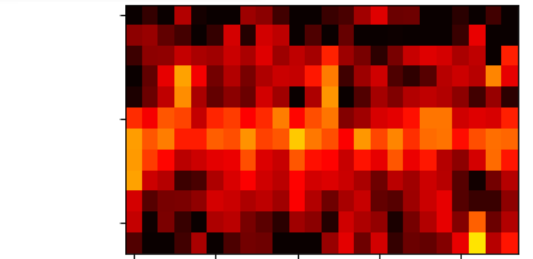
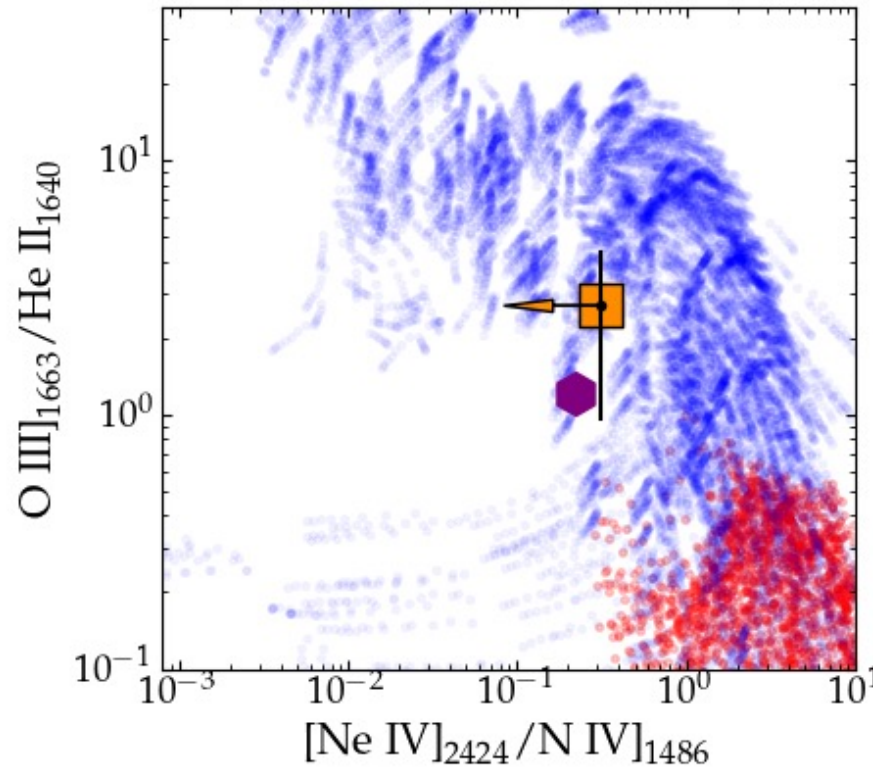
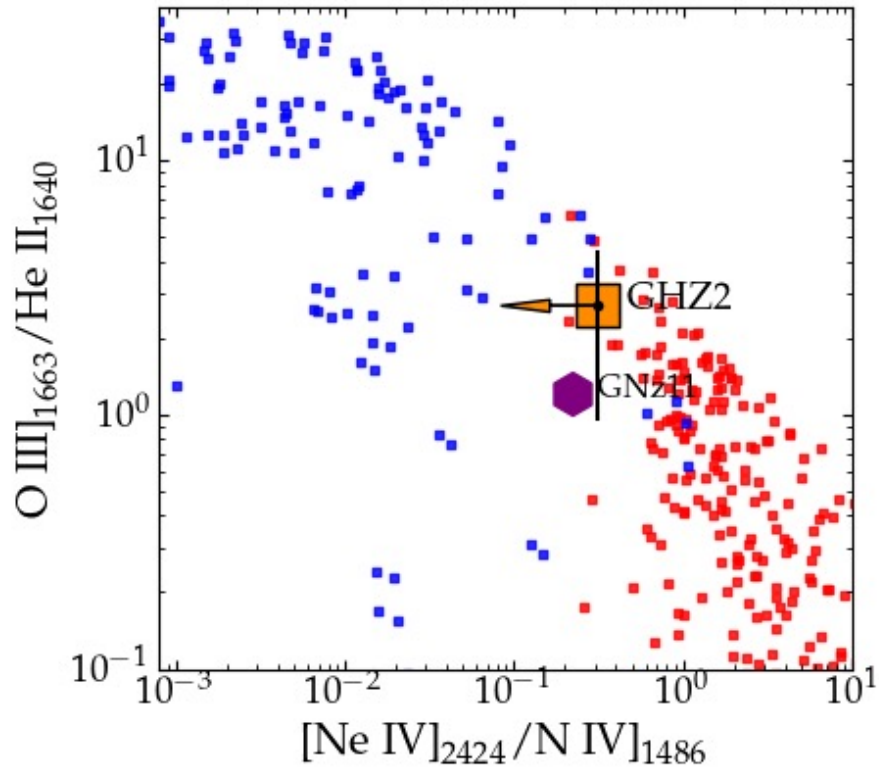
A1703-zd6: Stark+15

J2229+2727: Izotov+24

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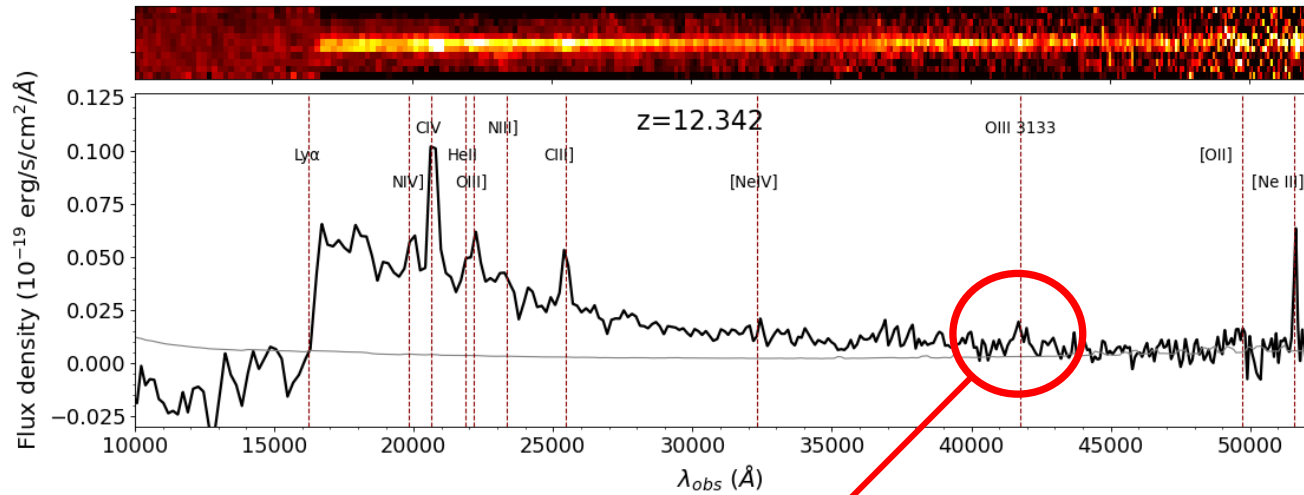


Very high-ionization lines diagnostics

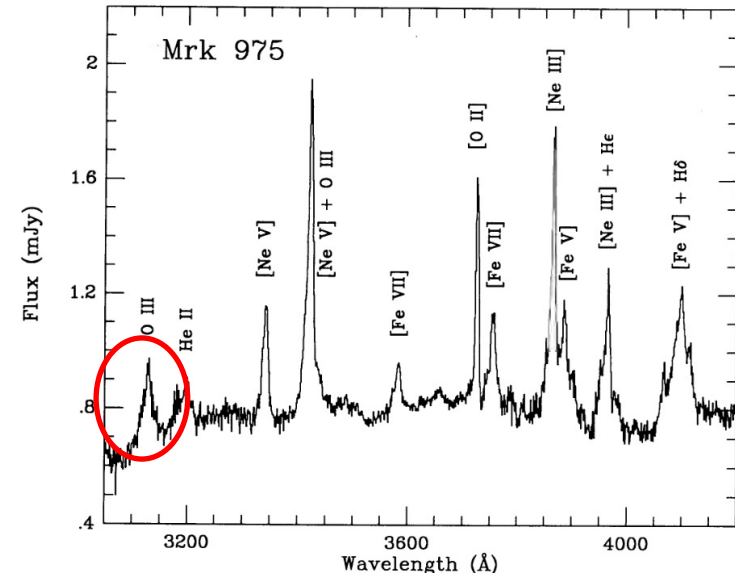
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Non detection of high-ionization lines compatible with star-formation.

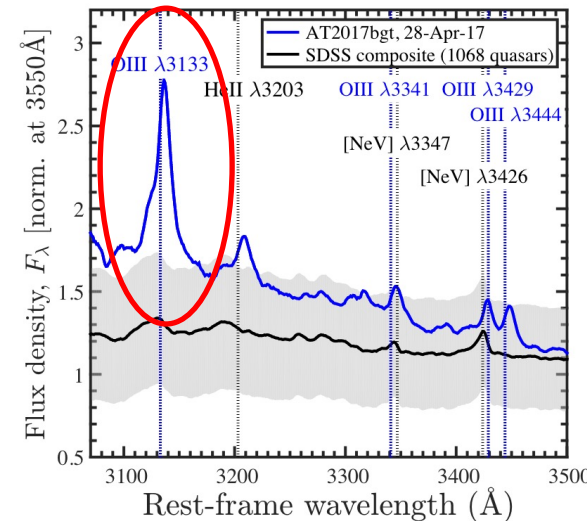
FIRST DETECTION AT HIGH-Z OF OIII λ 3133 BOWEN FLOURESCENCE LINE



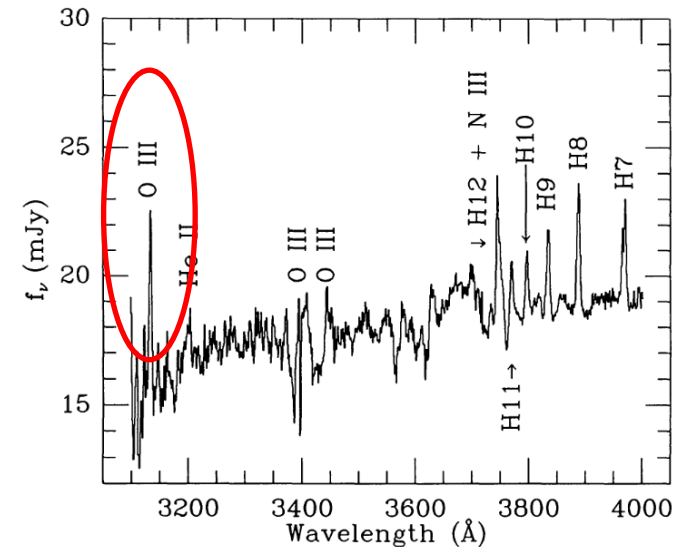
Local Seyferts, Shachter+90



Flaring SMBHs, Trakhtenbrot+19

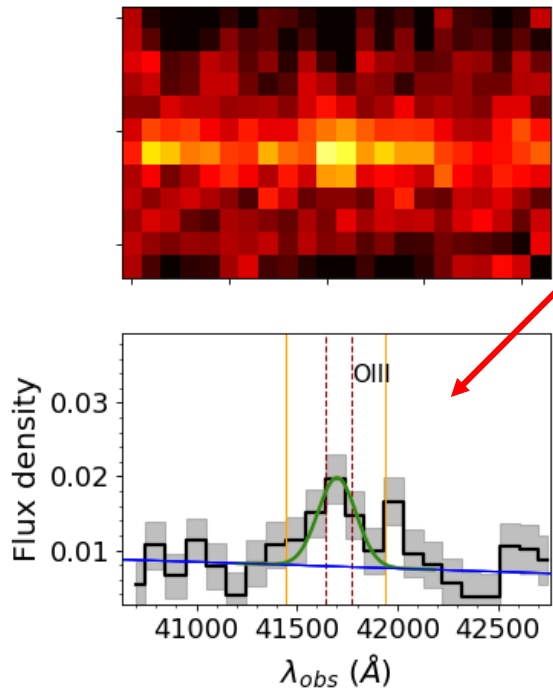


Sco X-1, Shachter+89

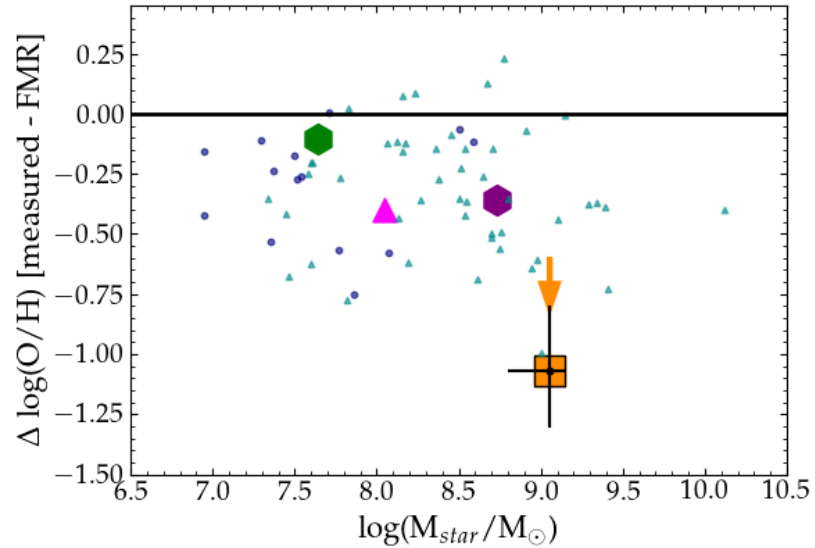
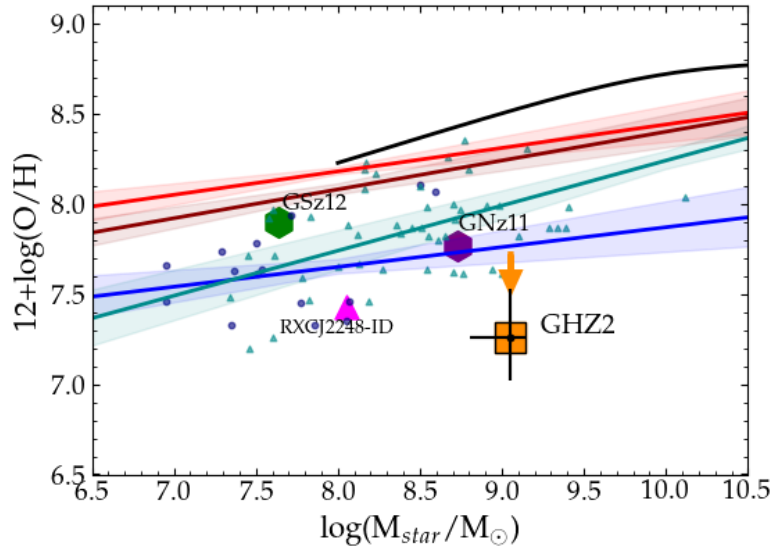


Evidence of OIII emitted through Bowen fluorescence (resonance with HeII Ly α 303.8Å).

Found in local Seyferts and SMBH, X-ray binaries, planetary nebulae.



A LOW METALLICITY, HIGHLY IONIZING, N-ENHANCED GALAXY?



M_{UV}	-20.49 ± 0.01
UV slope	-2.39 ± 0.07
$\log(M_{\text{star}}/M_{\odot})$	$9.05^{+0.10}_{-0.25}$
SFR ($M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$)	$5.2^{+1.1}_{-0.6}$
sSFR (Gyr^{-1})	$4.7^{+5.1}_{-1.0}$
Σ_{SFR} ($M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-2}$)	75 ± 4
Σ_M ($M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-2}$)	$16.2^{+1.1}_{-5.4} \times 10^3$
A_V (mag)	$0.04^{+0.07}_{-0.03}$
$12 + \log(\text{O}/\text{H})$	$7.26^{+0.27}_{-0.24}$
$\log U$	-1.78 ± 0.28

Star-forming scenario for GHZ2:

Compact star-forming region hosting star clusters with massive stars enriching ISM with Nitrogen (GC progenitor?).

Low metallicity, high ionization parameter, likely Ly-c emitter.

Significant deviation from the FMR

Metallicity and ionization :

$$Z < 0.1 Z_{\text{sun}}$$

$$\log(U) > -2$$

$$\text{N}/\text{O} \sim 4\text{-}5 \times \text{solar}^*$$

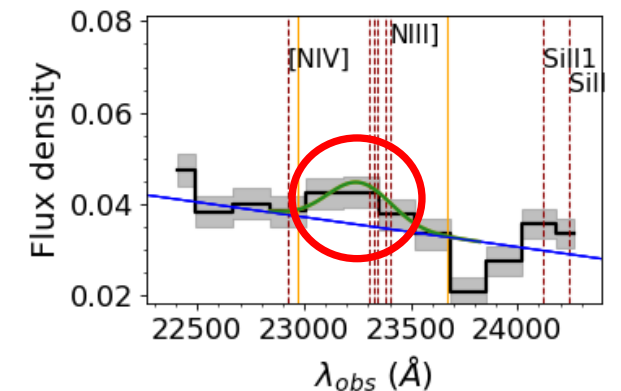
$$\text{C}/\text{O} \sim 0.2\text{-}0.5 \times \text{solar}$$

Global properties :

$$\text{Very compact } R_h < 100 \text{ pc}$$

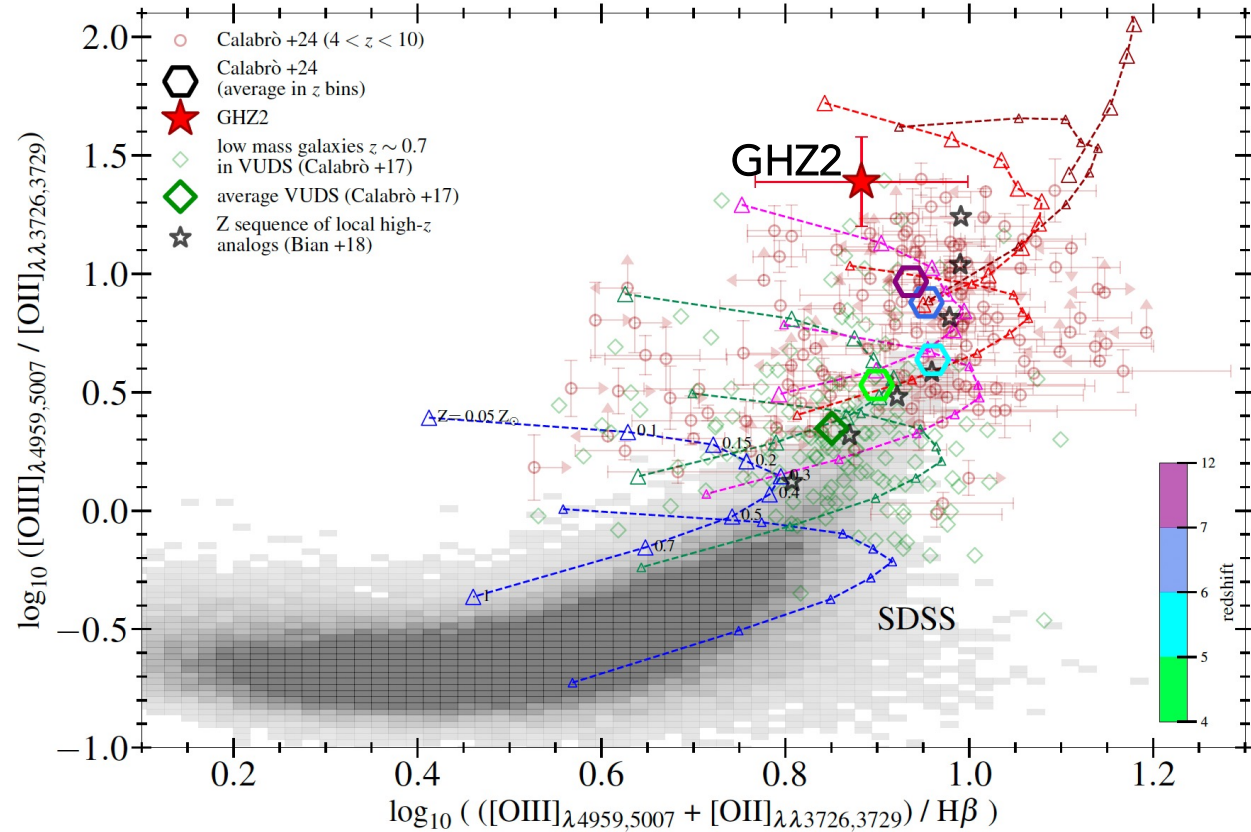
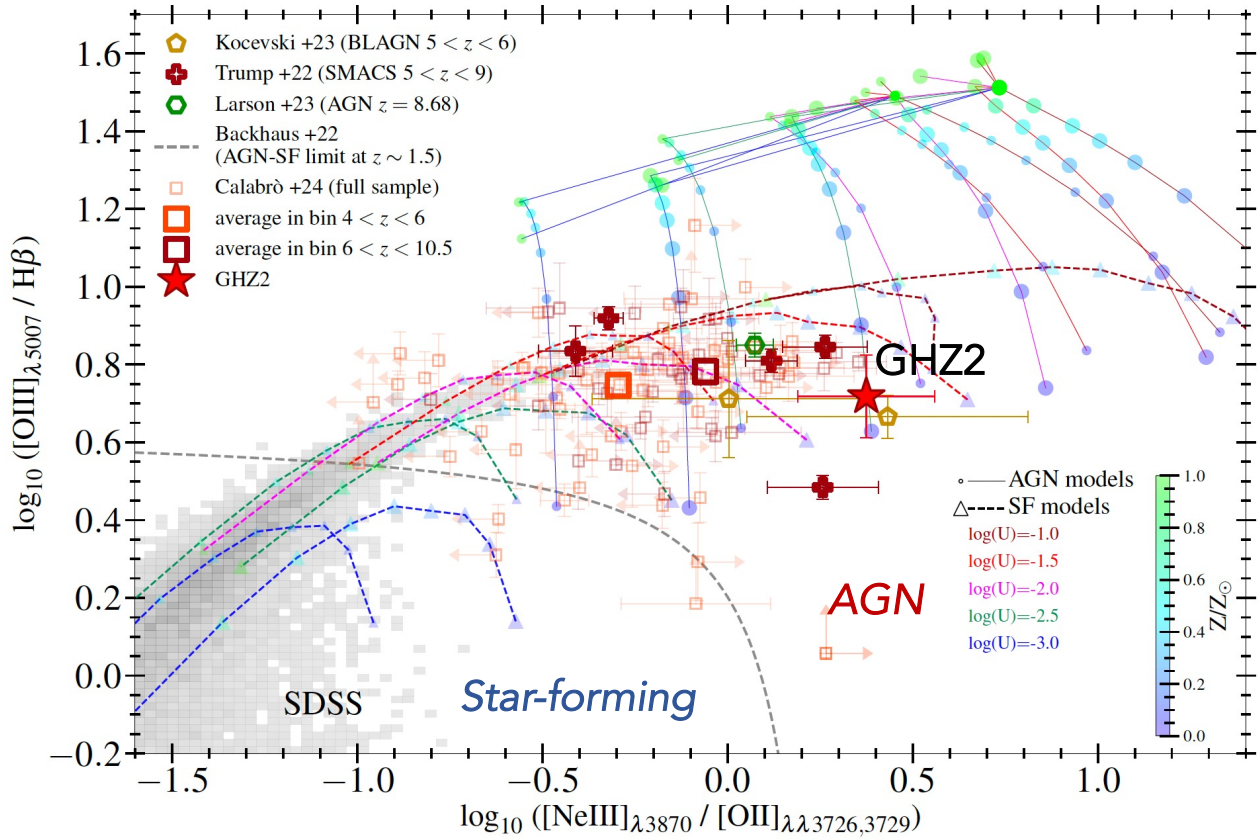
$$\log(M) > 8.5 M_{\text{sun}}$$

$$\text{SFR} \sim 5\text{-}10 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$$



* [NIII] meas. dependent on local continuum estimate, to be confirmed at higher resolution

LOW METALLICITY, HIGH IONIZATION: JOINT NIRSPEC - MIRI ANALYSIS

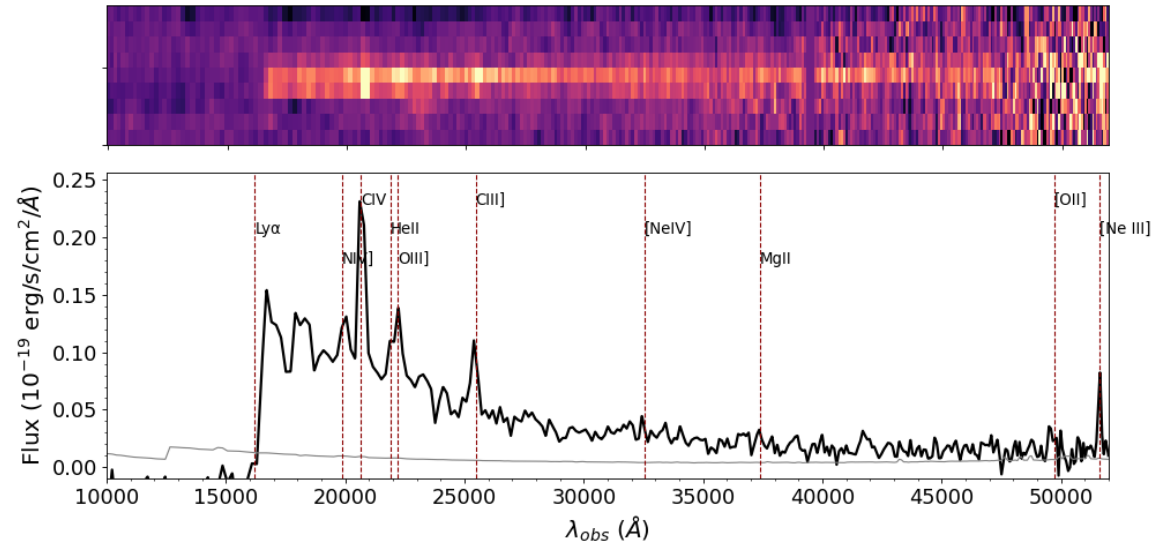
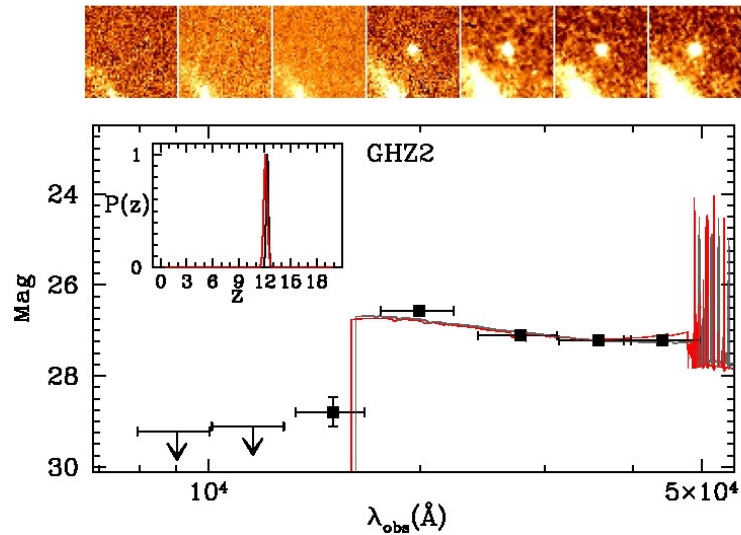


Index	Line ratio	Z^A	Z^B	Z^C	Z^D
		Z_{\odot}	Z_{\odot}	Z_{\odot}	Z_{\odot}
R2	-0.52 ± 0.20	-	-	$0.06^{0.11}_{0.03}$	$0.06^{0.09}_{0.04}$
R3 ¹	0.72 ± 0.11	-	$0.12_{0.09}$	$0.08^{0.16}_{0.05}$	$0.05^{0.12}_{0.03}$
R23	0.88 ± 0.12	-	$0.11_{0.06}$	$0.08^{0.19}_{0.05}$	$0.05^{0.13}_{0.03}$
O32	1.39 ± 0.19	$0.11^{0.14}_{0.07}$	-	-	$0.07^{0.10}_{0.05}$
Ne3O2 ²	0.37 ± 0.18	$0.07^{0.10}_{0.06}$	-	-	$0.04^{0.05}_{0.02}$
Ne3O2Hd	0.59 ± 0.12	-	-	-	-
average		0.08 ± 0.02	0.11 ± 0.04	0.07 ± 0.03	0.054 ± 0.009

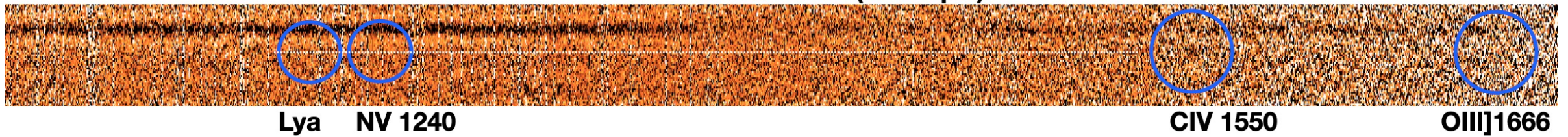
Combined analysis confirms:

- Degeneracy AGN vs SFing diagnostics
- High ionization parameter $\log(U) > -2$
- Metallicity ≤ 0.1 solar

ONLY JWST CAN OBSERVE FRONTIER OBJECTS



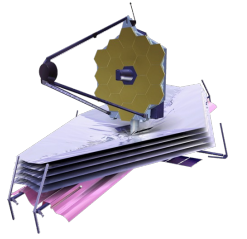
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30 hours spectroscopic follow-up with X-Shooter (PI Vanzella) compared to NIRSPec PRISM. SNR~4 detection of CIV (after some binning). Highest redshift reached from the ground.

Enables limits where NIRSpec is heavily affected by ISM and IGM: NV λ 1240 < 1/4 CIV λ 1550

TAKE-HOME MESSAGES



- JWST has opened a new frontier at cosmic dawn. The only instrument that can explore it for the foreseeable future.
- Discovery of a high abundance of galaxies and AGN at high-redshift. Why? Many hypothesis on the table.
- Spectroscopic follow-up of **frontier objects** is essential to answer these questions.
- The A2744 field has opened the way. First half of the NIRSspec follow-up program GO-3073 on the GLASS ERS region completed.
- Successful confirmation of galaxies at $z \sim 10-12$ including the $M_{UV} = -20.5$ object GHZ2/GLASS-z12 at $z = 12.34$.
- **Extremely ambiguous:** AGN or star-forming? **Extreme properties:** $\log(U) > -2$, low-metallicity ($\leq 0.1 Z_{\text{sun}}$), very low extinction, peculiar abundance patterns.
- Supersolar N/O in a compact, highly-ionizing object suggests a connection with GC formation.