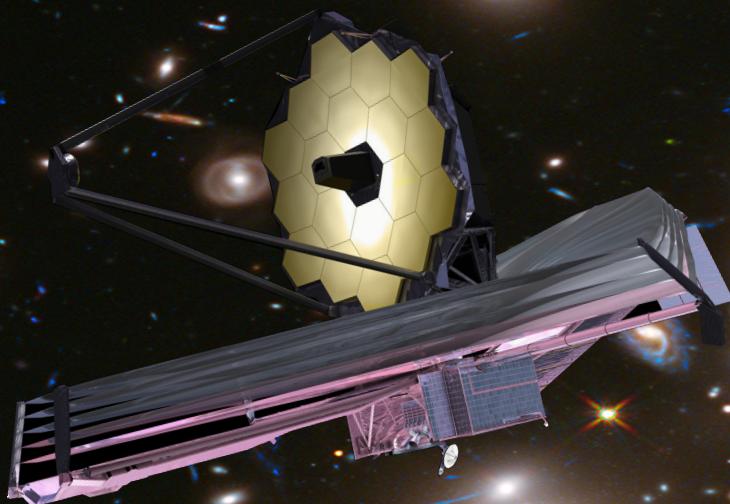


# Preparing JWST observations at the Frontiers of the Universe



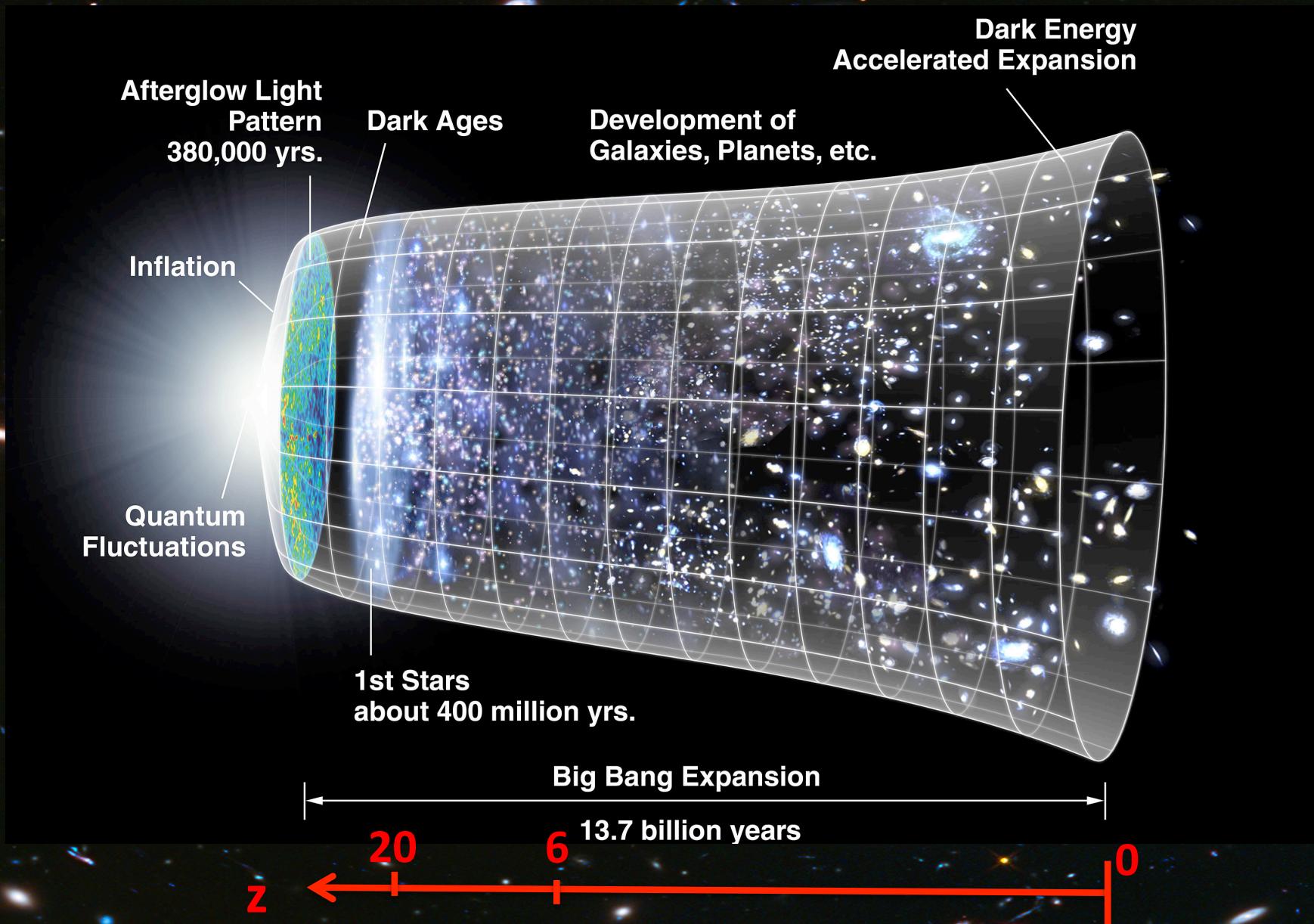
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# Scientific context



# Re-ionization of the Universe

From Alvarez et al. (2010)

- The first stars and galaxies produced UV photons that started to re-ionize the IGM.
- This process is first local, and then global via a percolation phenomenon.
- Distant quasars observations show that the Universe is fully re-ionized at  $z \approx 6$  (Fan et al. 2002)
- Are the first galaxies the only source responsible for the re-ionization ?

# The last *Hubble* legacy program as a sneak peek of the *JWST*

FRONTIER  
FIELDS

$\approx 1200$  ks



$\approx 1000$  h



$\approx 840$  orbits



OBSERVED

Abell 2744

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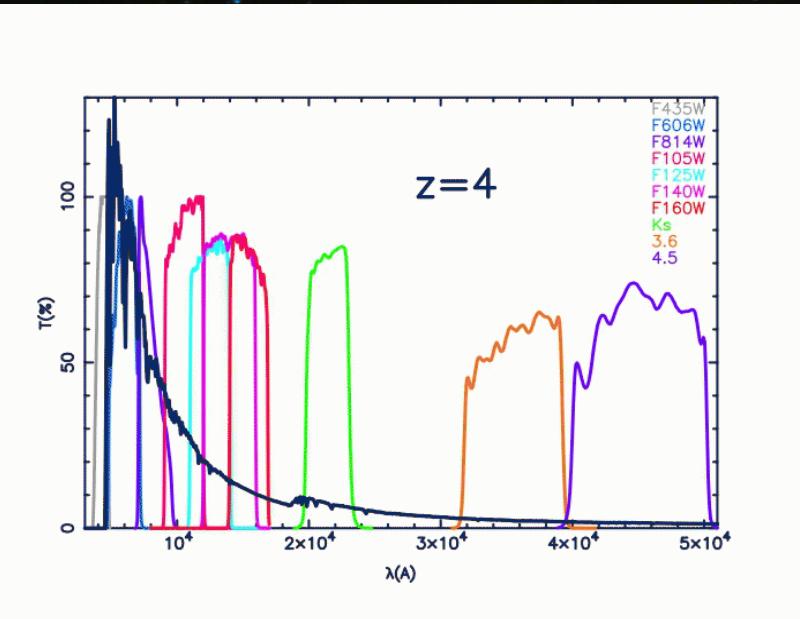
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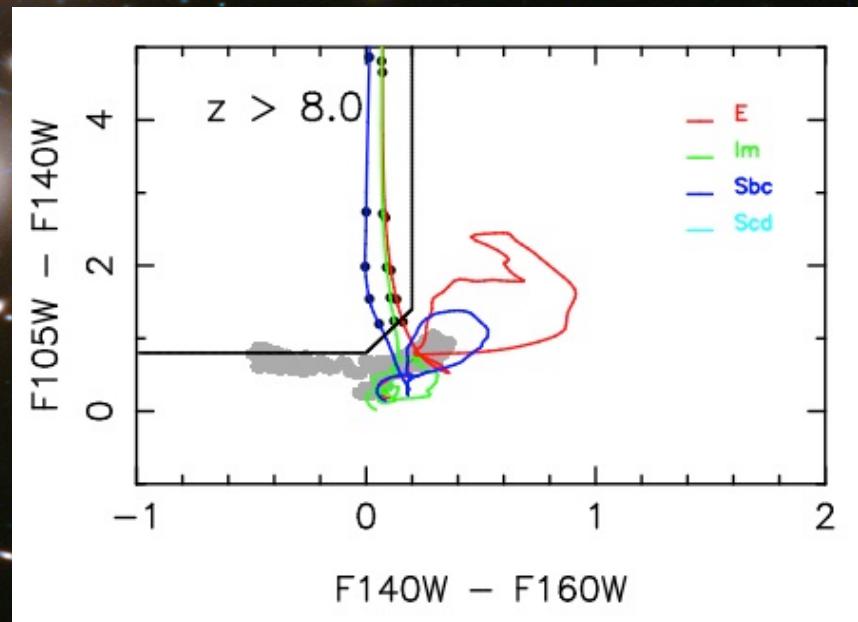
2h per pointing with NIRCAM at  $1\mu\text{m}$   
instead of  $\approx 20\text{h}$  with WFC3/HST



# Search for $z > 6.5$ in the 3 first HFFs

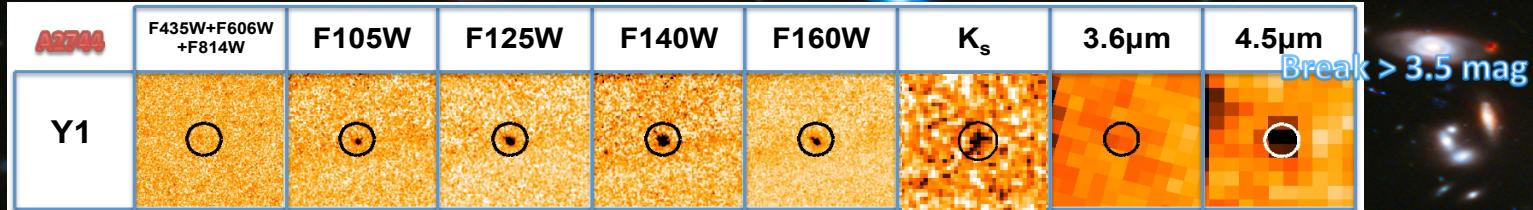


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  - color selection in NIR

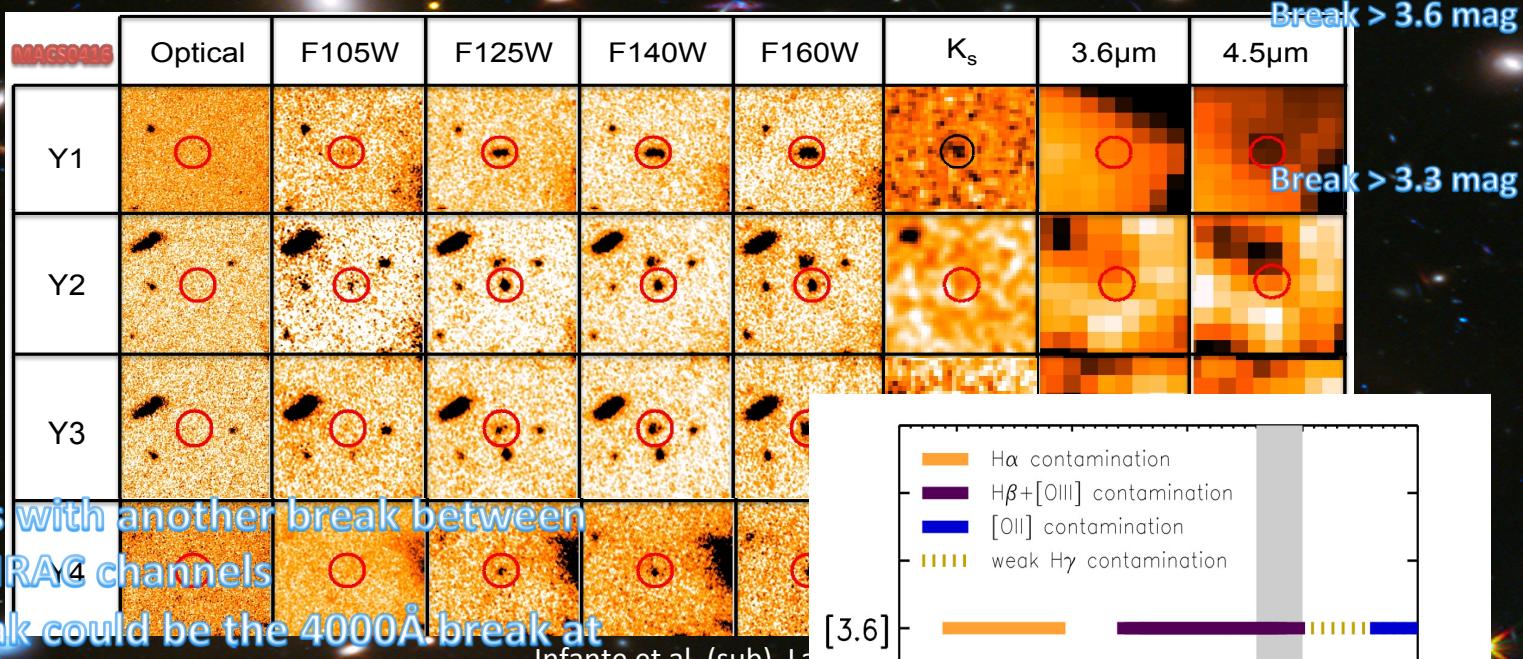


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# Examples of good $z \approx 8$ candidates

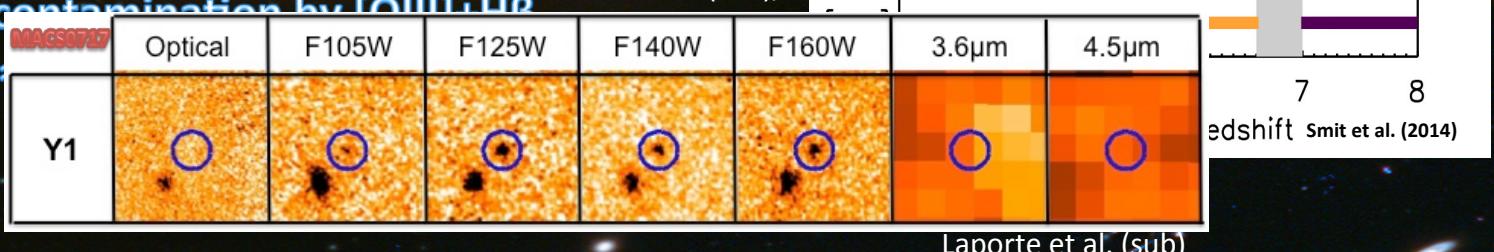
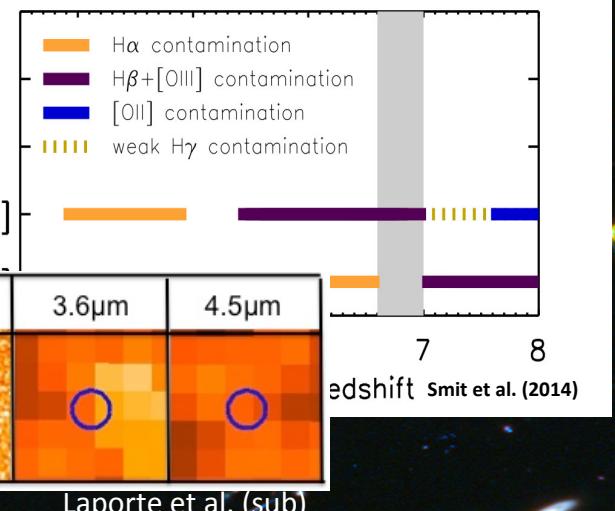


Atek et al. (2014), Coe et al. (2014), Ishigaki et al. (2014), Laporte et al. (2014), Zheng et al. (2014)



- 3 objects with another break between the two  $I_{RAC}$  channels
- This break could be the  $4000\text{\AA}$  break at  $z \approx 8$  or a contamination by [OIII] + H $\beta$  lines at  $z = 7$

Infante et al. (sub), La



Laporte et al. (sub)

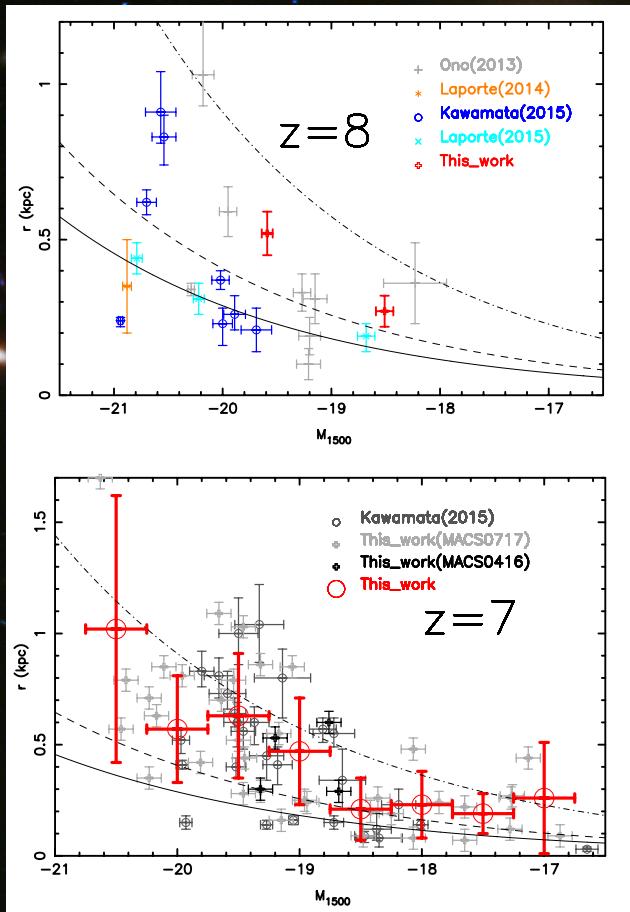


None of the  $z > 7.5$  LBG candidates selected on  
A2744 data has counterpart on ALMA map (PI :  
*F. Bauer*)

- Limit at  $2\sigma = 0.10\text{mJy}$
- Band 6 (211 – 275 GHz)
- $\text{SFR} < 60 \text{ M}_\odot/\text{yr}$

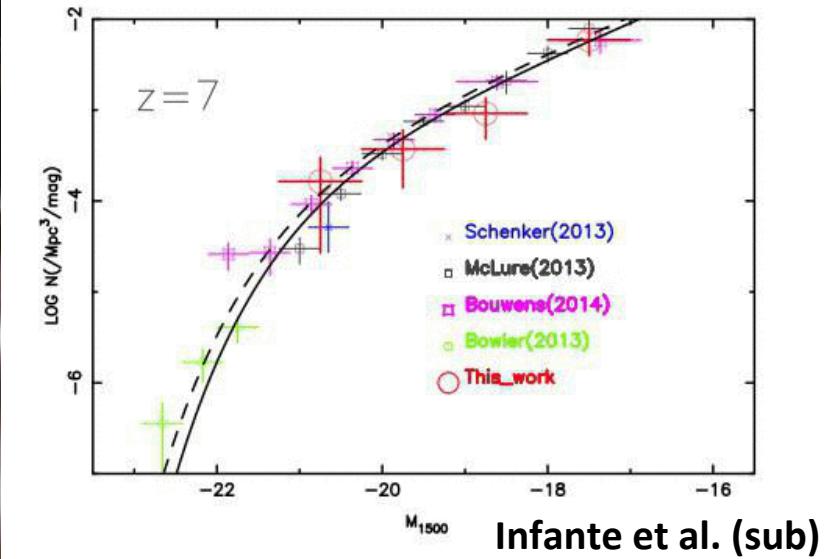
# Physical properties

Size evolution of  $z > 6.5$  objects



Laporte et al. (sub)

UV Luminosity Function with 2 HFFs



Infante et al. (sub)

- Thanks to HST data quality we can study the evolution of the size as a function of the luminosity at very high- $z$
- HFFs are improving the robustness of constraints we put on the faint-end of the LF up to  $z=10$

# Spectroscopic follow-up

MMIRS / Clay

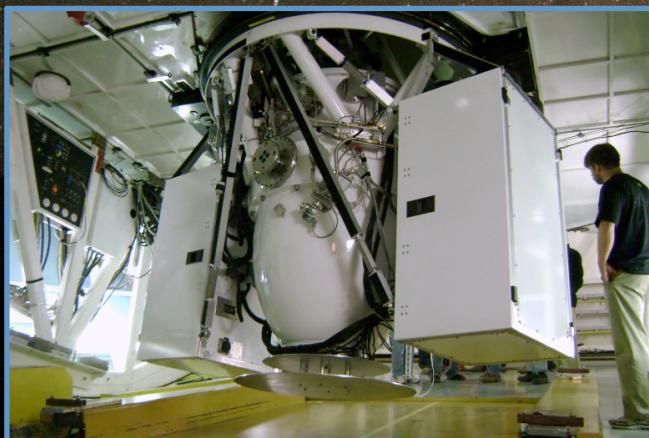
Grism : J Filter : zJ

R = 2400

Exposure time : 10h

Proposal : CNTAC2014B-101

(PI : F.E. Bauer)



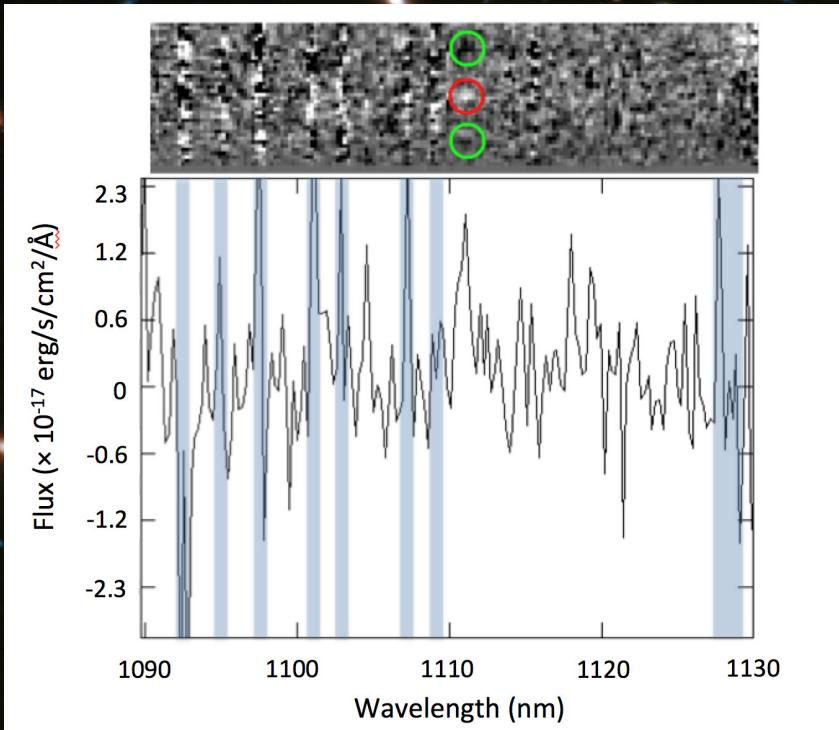
31 objects

=> dozen at  $z > 6.5$

From 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Seeing : 0.4"

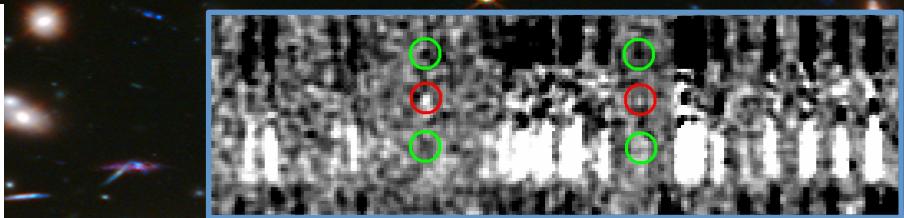
# Preliminary results



- **3 $\sigma$  line at  $\lambda=1111\text{nm}$**   
→ If Ly $\alpha$  :  $z=8.34$

Confirmations on-going with :

- X-Shooter/VLT (July 2015)
- FLAMINGOS2/Gemini (Sep. 2015)



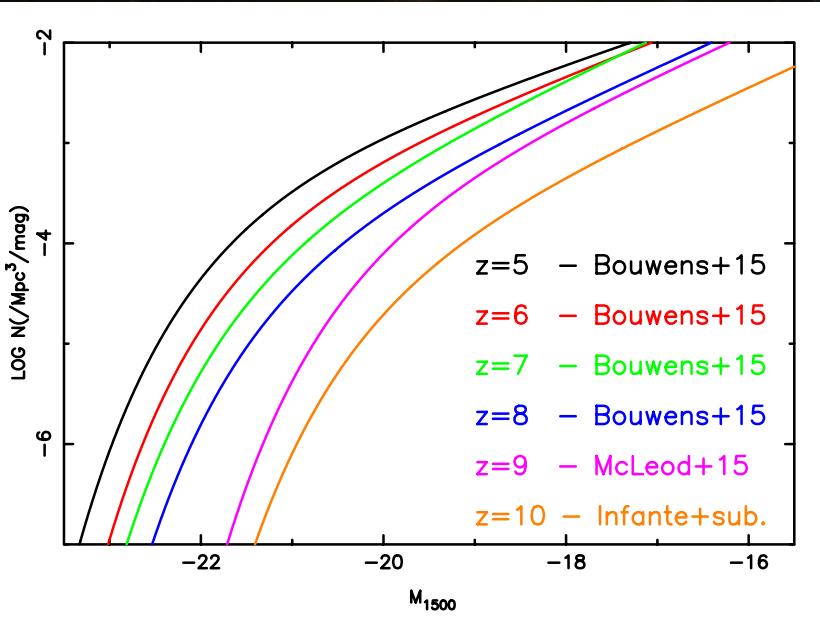
- **Expected at  $z \approx 8$**   
→ [OIII] doublet at  $z=1.3$
- Break between F814W and F125W > 3mag
- Object combining two stellar populations :
  - (1) Young : responsible for lines
  - (2) Old : responsible for large break



10h with MMIRS  
only  $\approx 15\text{mn}$  with NIRSPEC/JWST  
and up to 5μm

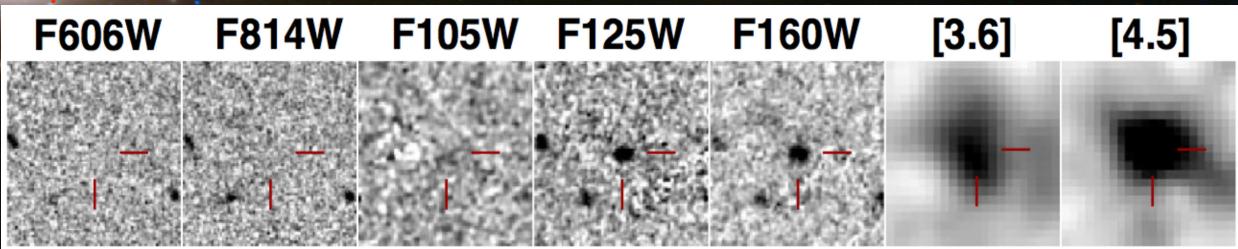


# State of the art *before the arrival of the JWST*



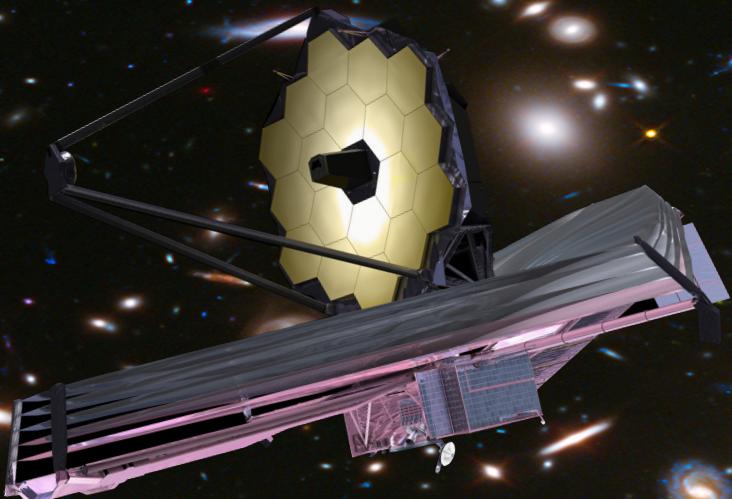
- The most distant galaxy confirmed by spectroscopy is at  $z=7.73$  (Oesch 2015)
- The most distant object is found at  $z \approx 11$  (LBG selection – Coe et al. 2013)
- The shape of the UV Luminosity Function is well known up to  $z \approx 7$ - $8$
- Beyond  $z \approx 7$ - $8$  there are few robust candidates that is not enough to draw a conclusion on the shape of the LF.

$z_{\text{spec}} = 7.73$

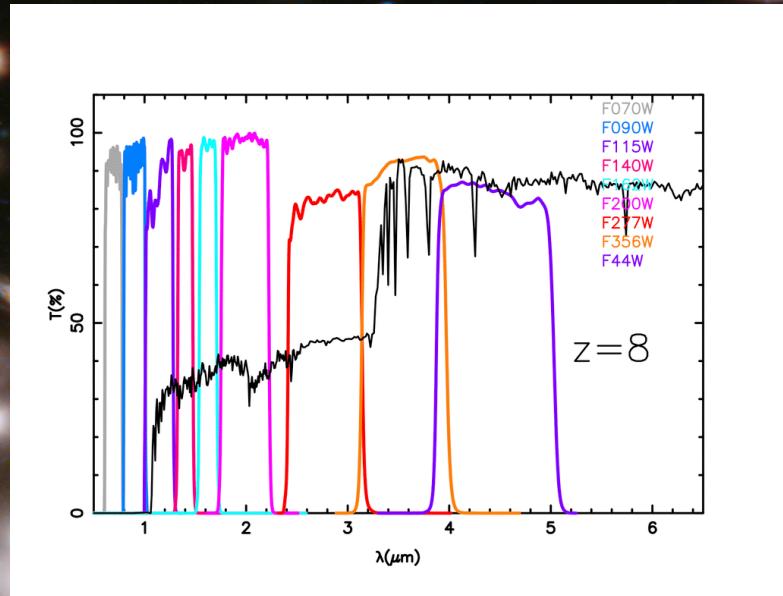


Oesch et al. (2015)

# After the Frontier Fields : *the crucial role of the JWST*

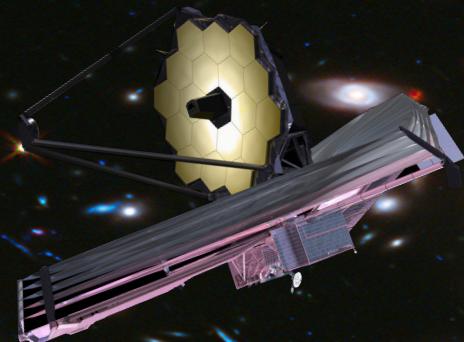


- The JWST will detect the 4000Å break up to  $z \approx 12$ , and thus improve the constrain on the stellar mass.
- **JWST will reach 30AB mag at  $\approx 5\sigma$  in F356W and F444W in  $\approx 20$ h**



- The detection of two clear breaks in SED of high- $z$  candidates would strongly reduced the low- $z$  hypothesis
- **We absolutely need to observe the 6 Frontier Fields with NIRCAM JWST at long wavelength to get a complete picture of the faintest  $z > 8$  candidates (redshift, stellar mass, ...)**

# Summary



Same Exposure Time  
&  
6 clusters and parallel fields

5sigma depth : 29.0 AB mag

$N(z=8) \approx 100$

$N(z=9) \approx 50$

$N(z=10) \approx 20$

$N(z=11) \approx 10$

$N(z=12) \approx 1$

5sigma depth : 30.5 AB mag

$N(z=8) \approx 500$

$N(z=9) \approx 300$

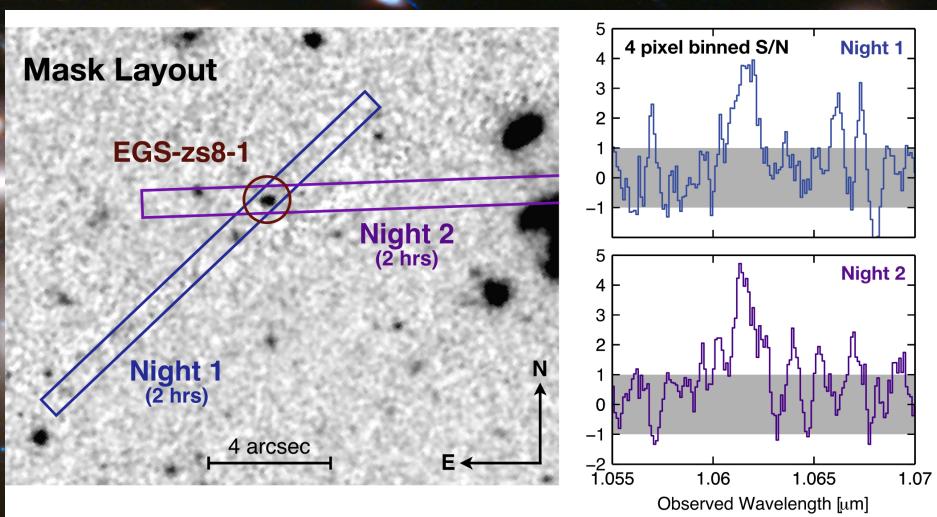
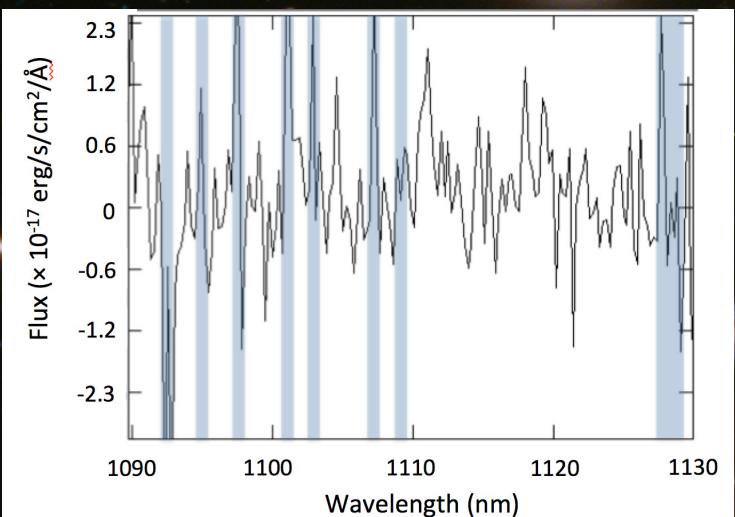
$N(z=10) \approx 150$

$N(z=11) \approx 80$

$N(z=12) \approx 40$

- To increase the number of first galaxies known, a legacy program such as the FF should be initiated with the JWST
- The Frontier Fields clusters should be re-observed with JWST to constrain the SED of high-z candidates selected on HST images

# The shape of Ly- $\alpha$



Oesch et al. 2015