

# JWST Deep Imaging with MIRI: A mid-IR view of the Reionization Epoch.

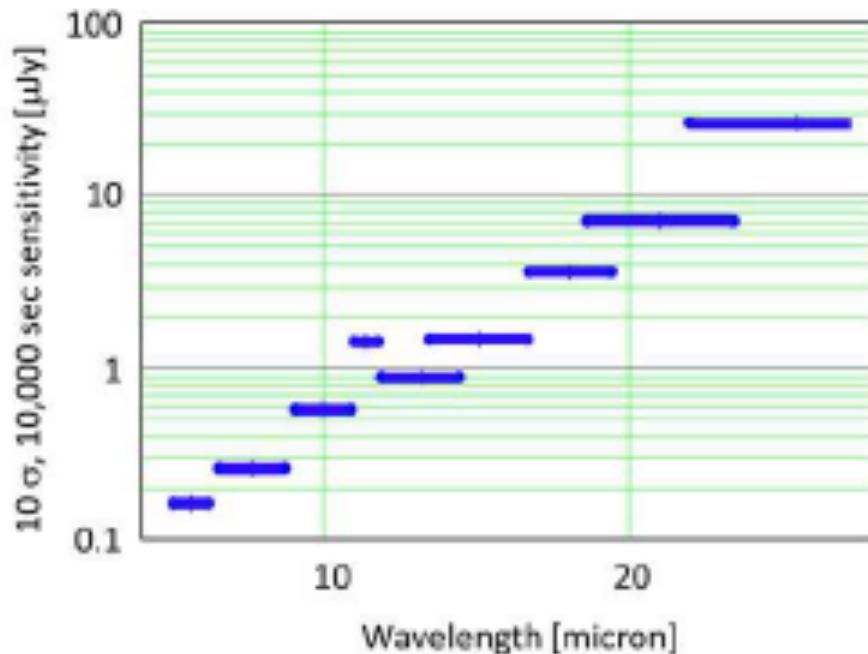
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## Introduction to MIRI Capabilities for Deep Imaging - 1

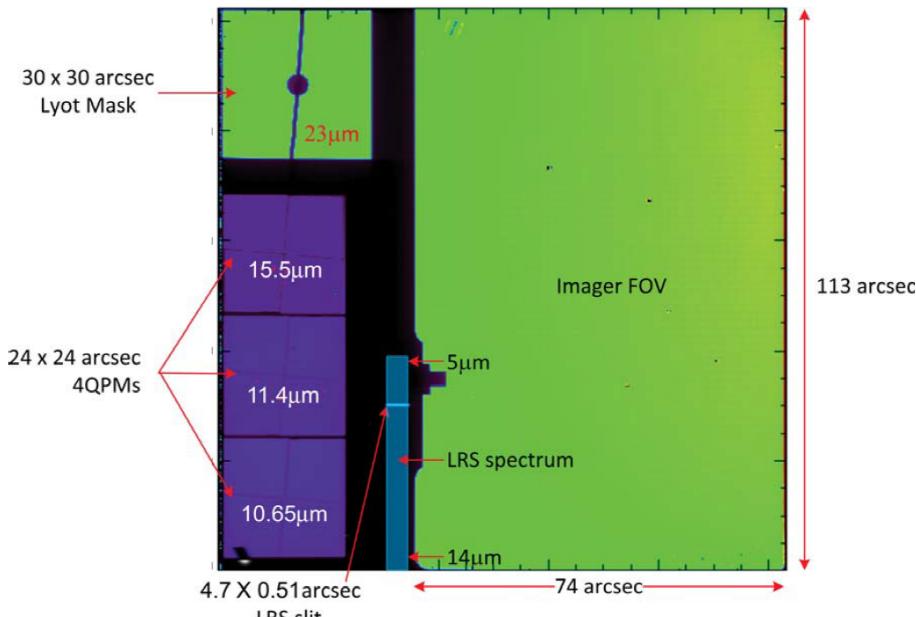
MIRI's unprecedented sensitivity in the mid-IR means it can provide critical data in the epoch of ionisation.



At long wavelengths MIRI sensitivity is limited by telescope background radiation

Therefore for deep imaging of very faint high redshift sources the filters at 5.6, 7.7, 10.0 and 11.3 microns are of most interest

## Introduction to MIRI Capabilities for Deep Imaging - 2



MIRI provides diffraction limited images of FWHM 0.32 arcsec at 10um sampled with 0.11 arcsec pixels

The field for imaging is 74x113 arcsec

To obtain the best sensitivity observations are taken using a pre-defined dither pattern

JWST instruments do not simultaneously image the same field

The relatively small field size of MIRI means that it is not well suited to wide area searches /surveys

MIRI is best used to study areas already well studied or follow-up known or suspected very high redshift sources to constrain their properties

**Reionization Epoch:** start:  $z \sim 1000$  (CMB)      end:  $z \sim 6$  (QSO)

**Key issue:** where are the ionizing photons coming from?

Most likely: low luminosity star forming galaxies  
 $\langle \text{luminosity} \rangle$  unknown

**Need to push JWST + MIRI to the limit: Exploit Nature's own extremely large Telescope**

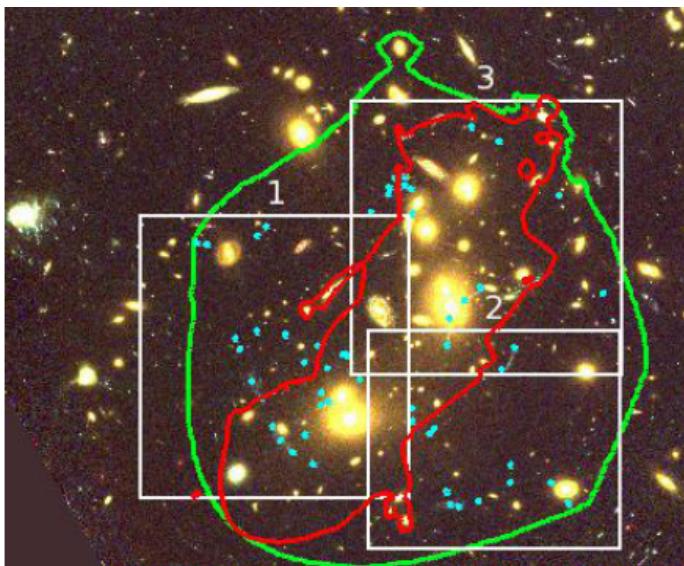


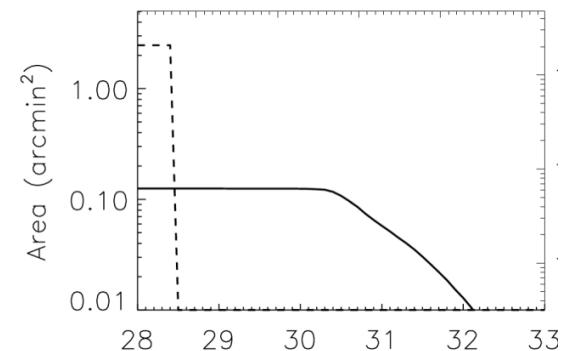
Figure 2. Color image of A2744 as obtained with HST/ACS (F435W+F606W+F814W). In green the enclosing region where we expect multiple images at  $z = 7$ , and blue circ modelling. Thin white lines delineate the regions shown in more detail in Fig. 3

Massive clusters: magnification by factors  $\leq 40$  of background galaxies

emphasize on intrinsically faint galaxies

unique feature for lensing cluster fields compared to blank fields (for the same investment in observing time)

**Ex . Abell 2744**



# Richard et al. (2014) HFF clusters

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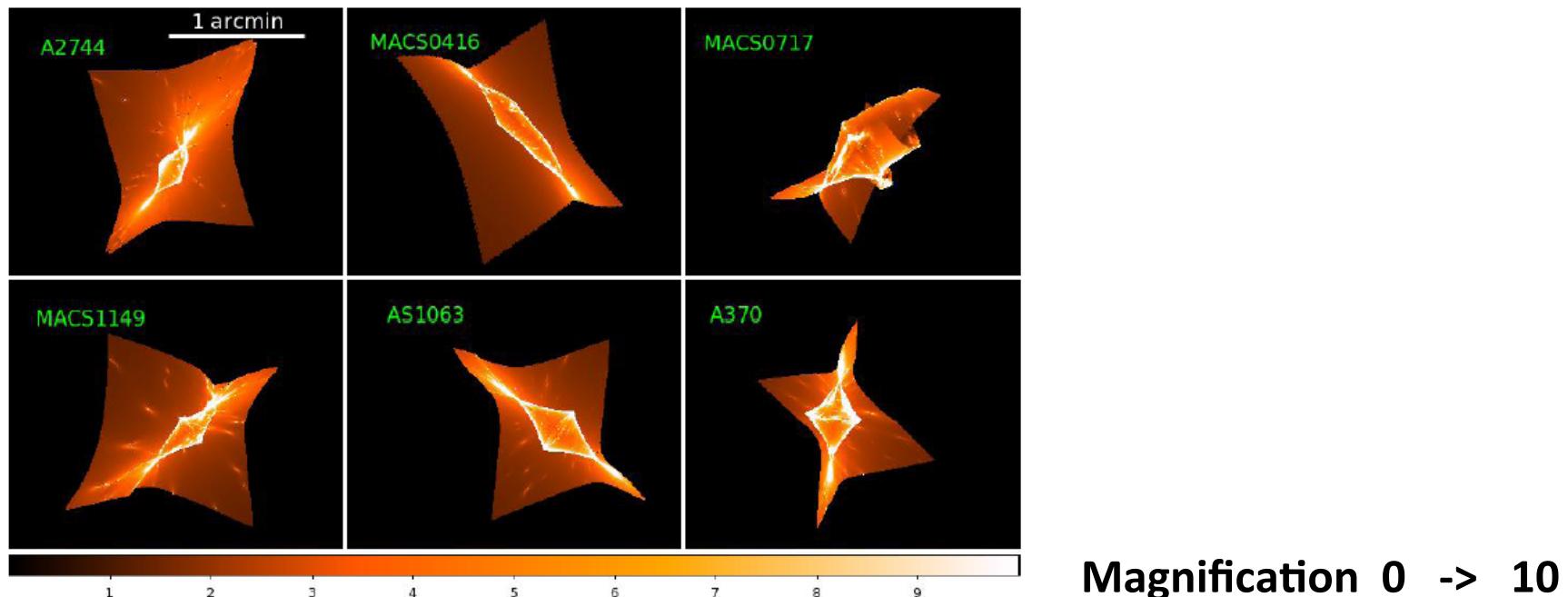
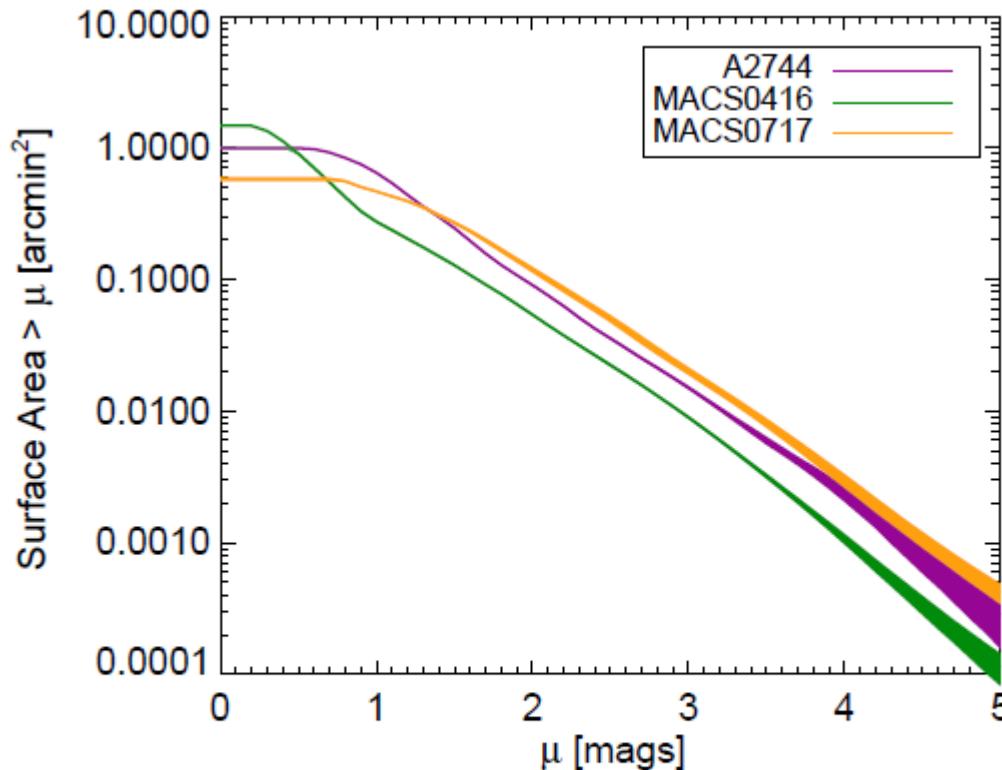


Figure 14. Source-plane magnification maps corresponding to the expected ACS+WFC3 coverage of the Frontier Field clusters. The color scale gives the magnification value.

**HST Frontier Fields: ~140 orbits per cluster ->  
many more multiple images -> large improvement in  
lensing models -> accurate magnification maps and effective  
volumes**

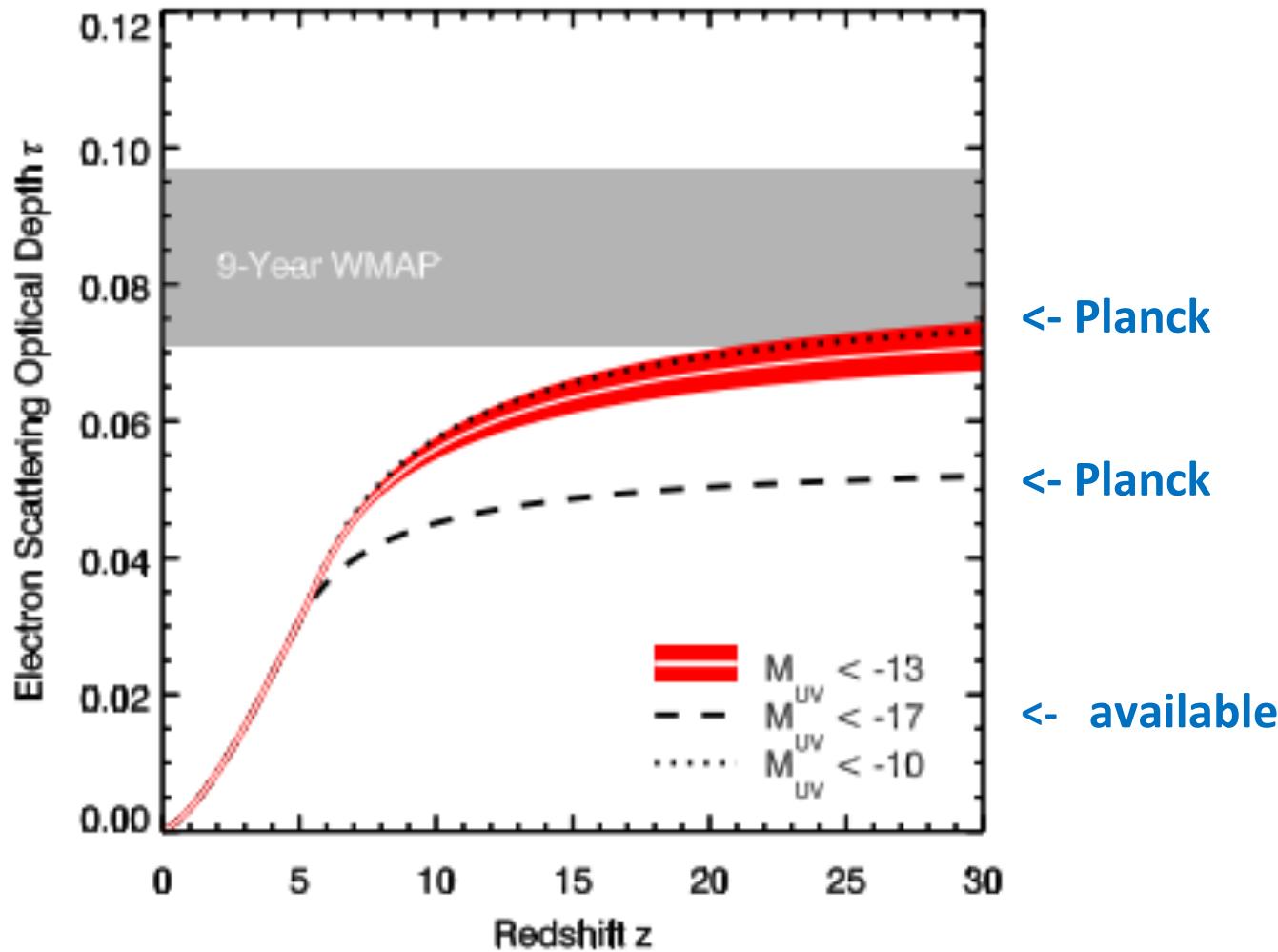
**Strong emphasis on obtaining more spectroscopic redshifts**

## Atek et al. (2015)



Typical magnification:  
1.0 – 1.5 mag

FIG. 4.— The cumulative surface area in the source plane at  $z \sim 7$  as a function of the amplification factor (in magnitudes) derived from the mass modeling of the three HFF clusters. Uncertainties in the surface area are also shown at the  $1-\sigma$  level .



Contributions from galaxies with  $M_{UV} < -17$  (maximum likelihood model shown)

Robertson et al. (2013)

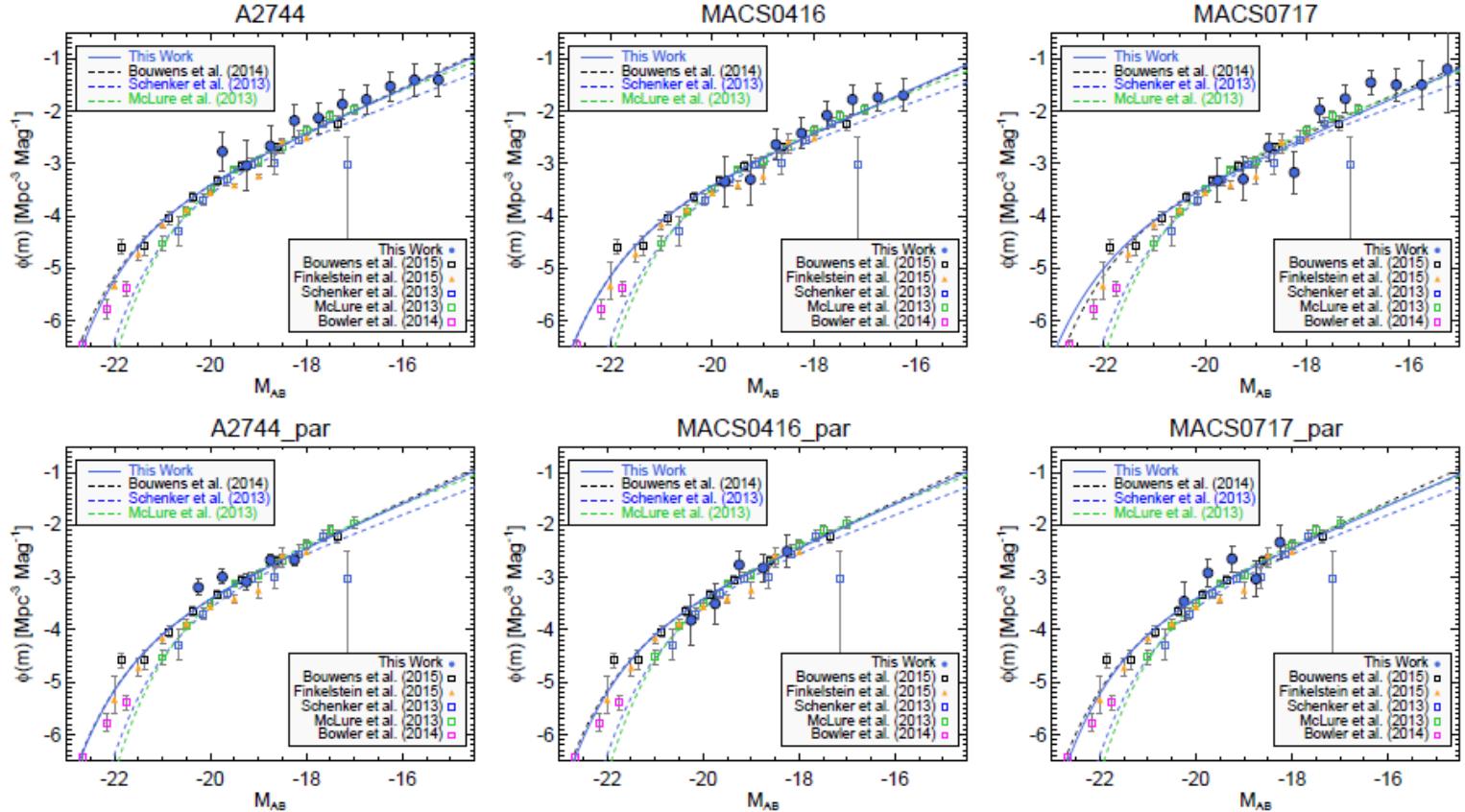


FIG. 7.— UV luminosity function at  $z \sim 7$  computed individually in each field. The blue circles represent our determination with  $1-\sigma$  uncertainties while the blue solid curve is our best Schechter function fit to the LF. We compare our results to previous literature results in blank fields. The black squares and dashed curve are from a compilation of *HST* legacy fields by [Bouwens et al. \(2014\)](#). We also show the LF determination of [Schenker et al. \(2013b\)](#), blue squares and dashed curve) and [McLure et al. \(2013\)](#), green squares and dashed curve) derived in the UDF12 field. We also include data points on the bright-end of the LF [magenta squares] from a wide area survey by [Bowler et al. \(2014\)](#).

Atek et al. (2015)  $z \sim 7 - 8$  HFF

$M_{AB} < -15$ ,  $\Phi(m)$  increased for  $M_{AB} > -18$

**Main spectral features for high – z objects:**

**Ly $\alpha$  break -> redshift**

**Balmer jump and slopes  $\leq 4000 \text{ \AA}$**

**→ age**

**Very young population -> emission lines, UV slopes**

**Old star populations in high-z objects**

e.g. Egami et al. 2005, Eyles et al. 2005, Richard et al. 2011, Zeng et al. (2012)

**stellar population synthesis →**

**$z \sim 6$  stellar age  $\sim 400 - 500$  mill yrs**

**$8 < z < 13$  -> information about SFR at age(z) and previous epochs**

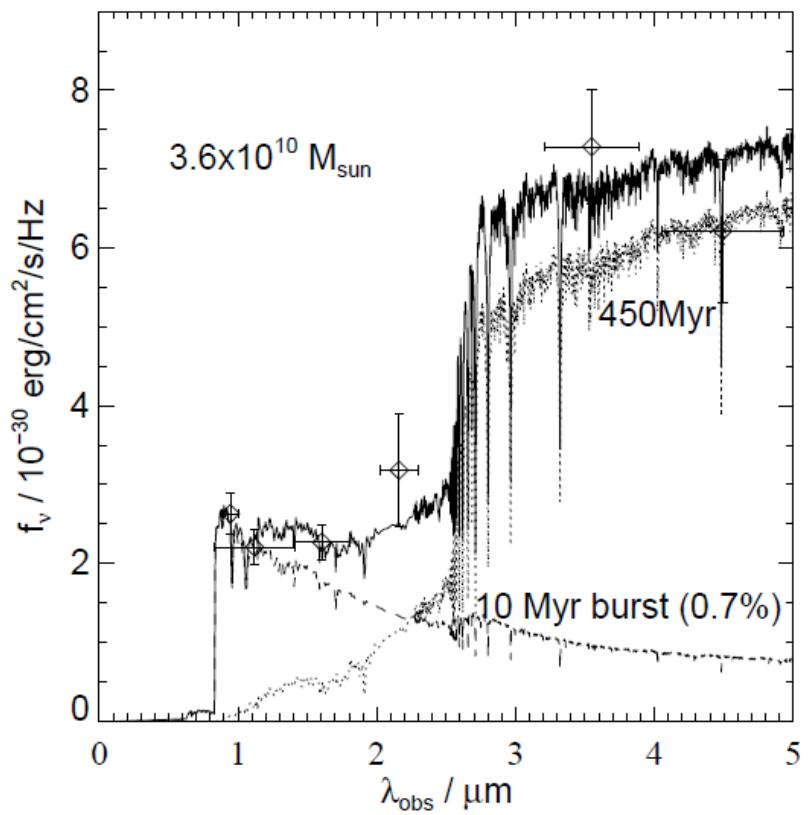


Figure 9. The best-fitting two-component stellar population model (Salpeter IMF) for SBM03#1: a dominant 450 Myr population of mass  $3.6 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ , with some ongoing star formation activity (a burst for the last 10 Myr involving 0.7% of the stellar mass). Using a Chabrier IMF produces an identical best-fit age,

Eyles et al. (2005)  $z \sim 6$

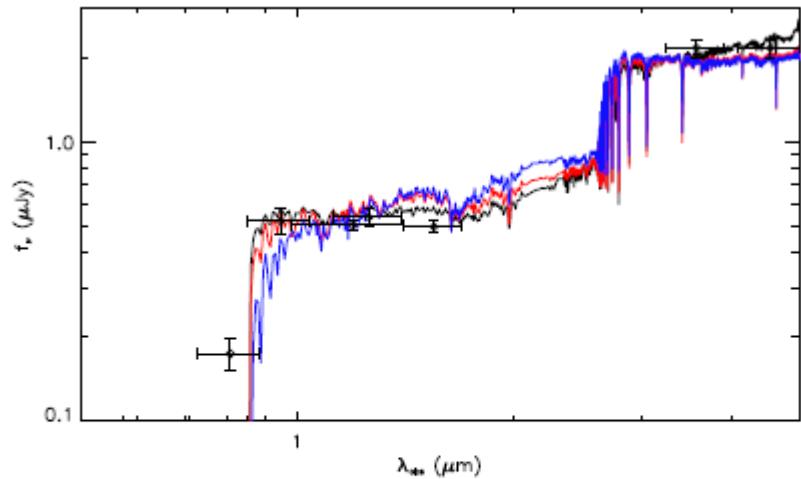


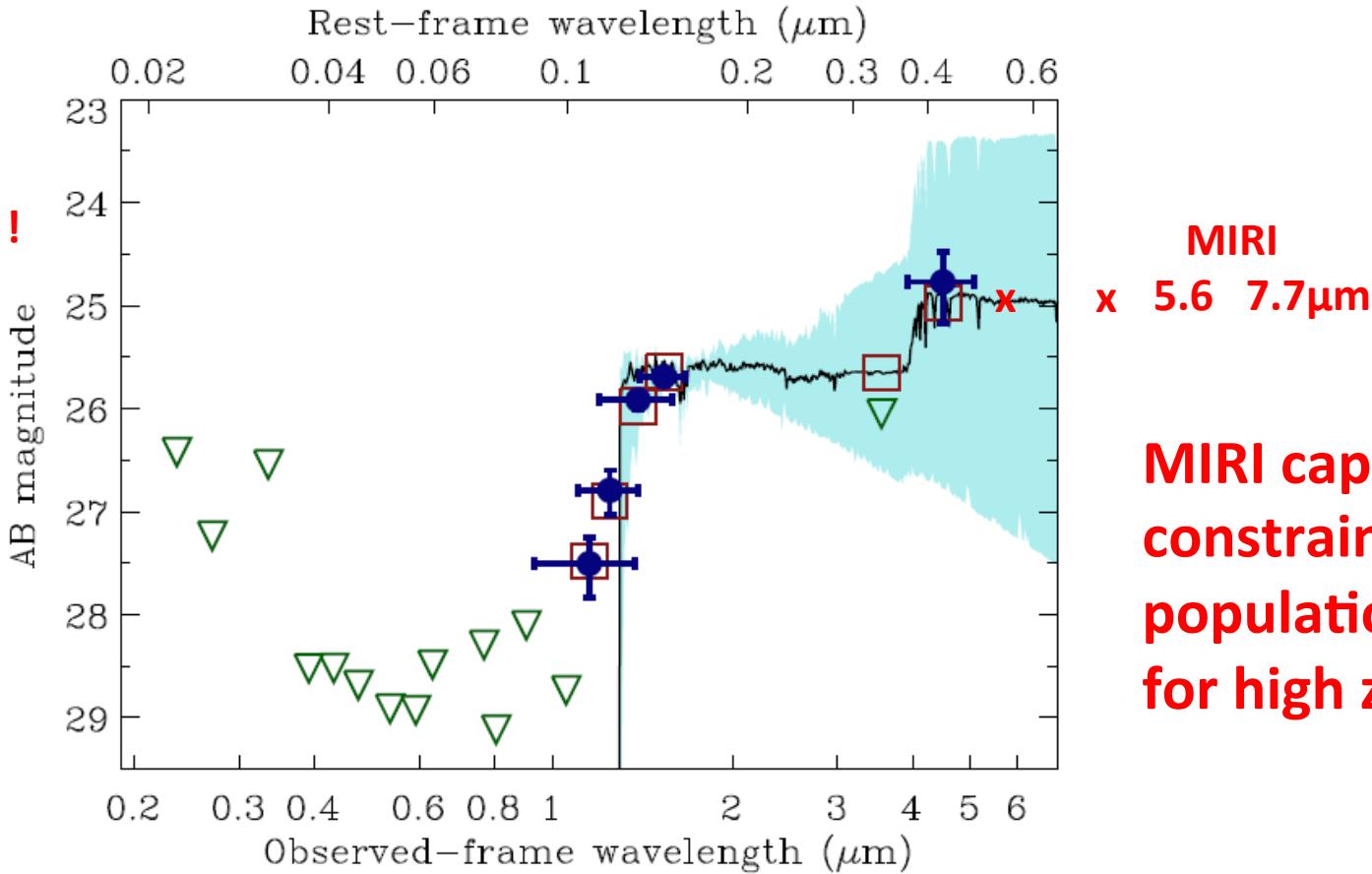
Figure 3. Observed SED of image 5.1 (black data points) and model templates. The black curve represents the best fit to the photometry ( $\tau = 500$  Myrs), whereas the blue/red curves show the best fit for younger but more punctuated star-formation histories ( $\tau = 10/100$  Myrs respectively), giving a poorer fit to the photometry.

Richard et al. (2011) Abell 383,  
 $z \sim 6, \mu \sim 11$

Zeng et al. (2012) MACS1149-JD1:  $z = 9.6 \pm 0.2$ ,  $\mu \sim 14$ , age  $\sim 500$  Myr

Age  $\sim 500$  Myr  $\rightarrow z(\text{stellar pop}) > 11.3$

Bright  
object !  
→



MIRI  
x 5.6 7.7  $\mu\text{m}$

**MIRI capability for constraining stellar population models for high  $z$  sources**

Figure 4 – Stellar population synthesis modeling results for MACS1149-JD1.

## Justification for MIRI/JWST

**MIRI has unique sensitivity  $> 5 \mu\text{m}$ , complementing the sensitivity of NIRCam at lower wavelengths**

**NIRCam? F440W clean Balmer jump:  $z < 9$ ,  $z > 9$  MIRI**

**To obtain SED's to constrain stellar mass and reddening: coverage restframe  $> 0.7\mu\text{m}$  required ->**

**NIRCam       $z \leq 5$**

**MIRI  $5.6\mu\text{m}$     $z \leq 7$**

**MIRI  $7.7\mu\text{m}$     $z \leq 10$**

# To discover First Light Objects: a key science goal for JWST

Single First Light Object very faint even for NirCam

Primodial gas  $Z = 0$  (POP III)

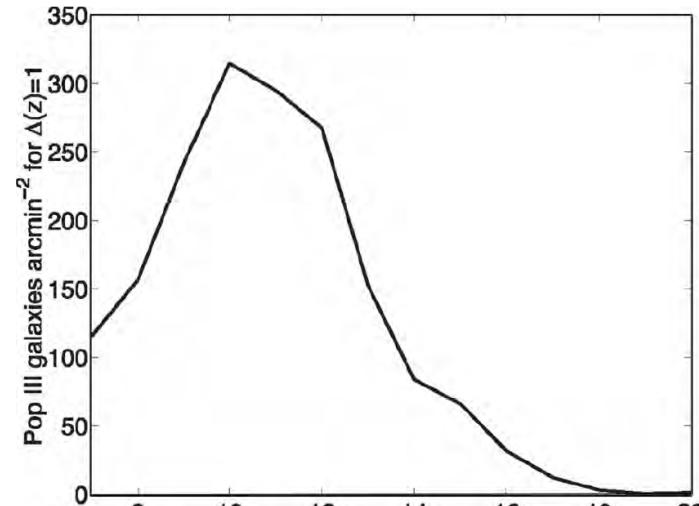
First Light stars formed in  $10^{**5} - 10^{**6}$  Mo dark halos, mass  $> 100$  Mo,  
 $z = 20 - 50$

Lifetime a few mill. Yrs

POP III galaxies formed in  $10^{**7} - 10^{**8}$  Mo dark halos,  $z \leq 15$

Zackrisson et al. (2012)

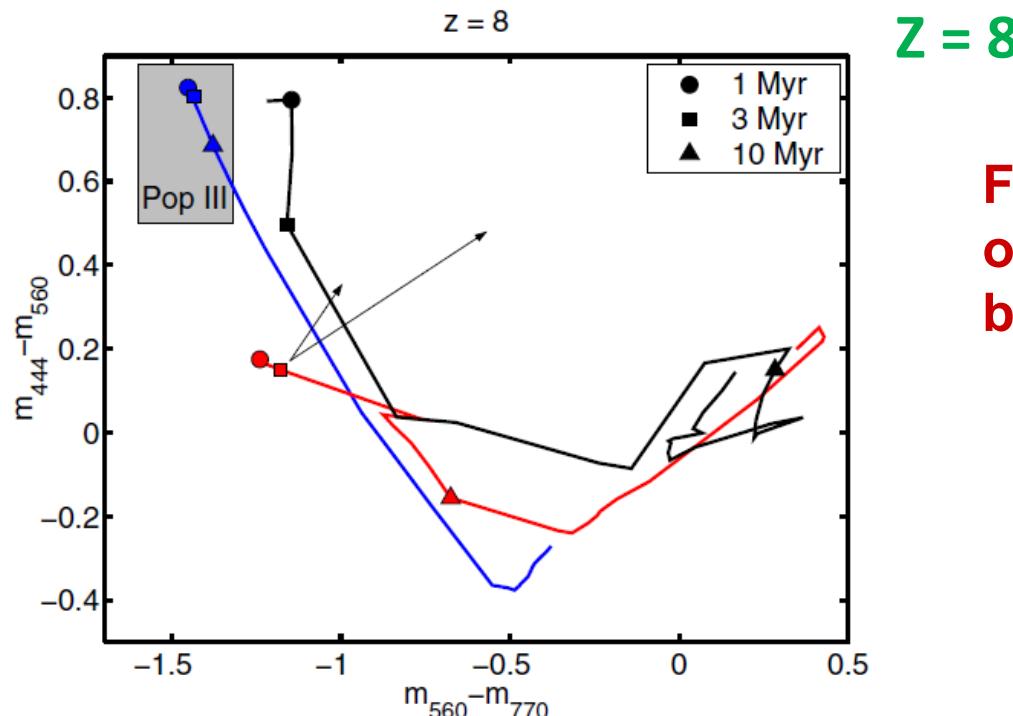
POP III galaxies( $z$ ) based on Trenti et al. (2009) dark halo simulations  
and detailed modeling of formation, spectral evolution etc



The predicted number of pop III galaxies per square arcmin (Zackrisson et al. 2012).

# Zackrisson et al. (2011) Yggdrasil (Tree of Life!) spectral analysis code -> color criteria for selecting Pop III galaxies

Combination of MIRI and NirCam:  
 $m(560) - m(770) \leftrightarrow m(444) - m(560)$



$Z = 8$

Follow-up spectroscopy  
of brightest objects will  
be needed

Figure 8. Signatures of type A, Pop III galaxies in the  $m_{560} - m_{770}$  vs.  $m_{444} - m_{560}$  diagram at  $z = 8$ . The lines correspond to a limited set of the instantaneous-burst models presented in Figure 7 (to avoid cluttering): Pop III.2 (blue line), Pop II (red line), and Pop I (black line). Markers along the tracks

**Capability of MIRI for deep Imaging:**

**Ex. assuming 20 h observing available ->**

**limit AB 27.9 (<5.6 $\mu$ m, 7.7 $\mu$ m>, 4  $\sigma$ ) can be obtained  
supplemented with NIRCam photometry**

# Expected number of sources detected

Richard (2015) based on Atek et al.(2015)  
luminosity function

numbers for 3 cluster and 2 blank fields

DROP-FILT	Z - INTERVAL	BLANK	CATS	3L + 2B
F070W	4.9 - 6.3	26.3	19.6	111
F090W	6.3 - 8.3	19.0	15.1	84
F115W	8.3 - 10.5	10.6	9.1	49
F150W	10.5 - 12.5	5.3	5.0	26

**The 5 x 20 h deep MIRI observations will  
also detect a lot of low – redshift objects  
( $z < 6$ )**

**> 1000 sources     $2.0 < z < 4.9$**

**$\sim 100$  sources     $4.9 < z < 6.3$**

# Galaxy sizes: strong evolution with z

MIRI 6 - 8  $\mu\text{m}$  imaging ->

first time direct high resolution obs  
(6 times better than Spitzer) ->

morphology of the older  
( $> 100$  Myr ) stellar populations

Unique for establishing the  
relationship between assembly of the stellar mass and size  
growth for  $z > 3$

Kawamata et al. (2015)

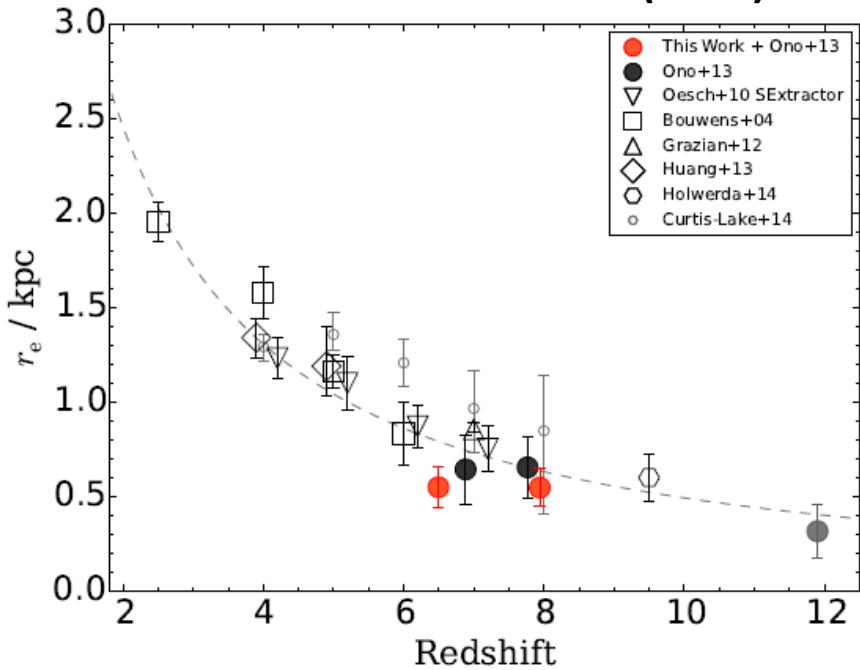
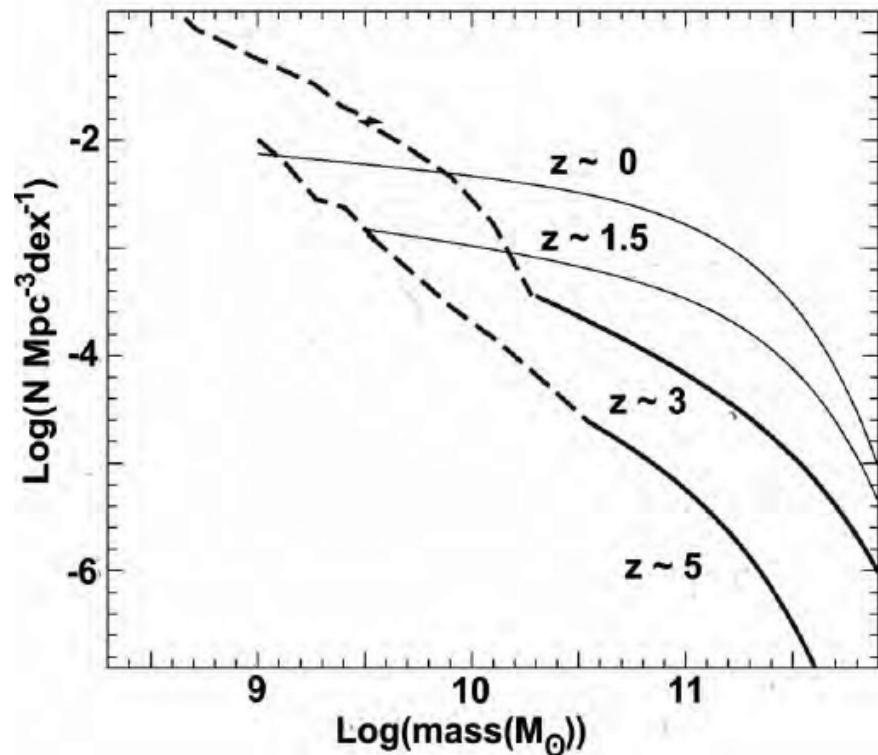


Figure 6. Redshift evolution of the average size of bright galaxies. The red circles show the weighted-average radii of our samples combined with Ono et al. (2013)'s, while the black circles are for Ono et al. (2013)'s. The error bars show the  $1\sigma$  standard error.

**Star formation peaks z ~1  
Galaxy mass distribution expected  
to skew ->  
low mass objects by z ~5**

**Reliable mass estimates require obs  
at  
 $\sim 1.5 \mu\text{m} \rightarrow \sim 8 \mu\text{m}$  at  $z \sim 5$**

**MIRI enables obs:  $3 < z < 6$**   
-> faint end of mass function  
 $z \sim 3: \sim 10^{**8} M_\odot$   
 $z \sim 6: \sim 10^{**9} M_\odot$



- Evolution of galaxy mass function with redshift (Caputi et al 2011)
  - Solid lines, deepest IRAC images (confusion ltd)
  - Dotted – MIRI [5.6]=27

**Deep MIRI imaging will provide unique information needed for our understanding of the details of the Reionization Epoch e.g.**

**the stellar populations in the sources responsible for the ionizing photons**

**stellar masses, morphology and reddening of intermediate redshift objects.**

**Identification of Z = 0 Objects**

**For More detailed information about MIRI capabilities:**

**Posters by :**

**Glasse et al: Modelling of the Performance of JWST MIRI (M 3)**

**Garcia-Marin et al: Observing nearby galaxies with MIRI, Challenges and Optimization (GA 29)**

**and**

**PASP Volume 127, Issue 953 (2015) available at  
<http://ircamera.as.arizona.edu/MIRI/index.htm>**

Robertson et al. (2014)