

A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a dense network of purple filaments and yellowish-white galaxy clusters against a dark background.

Observations of the Early Universe with HST and JWST

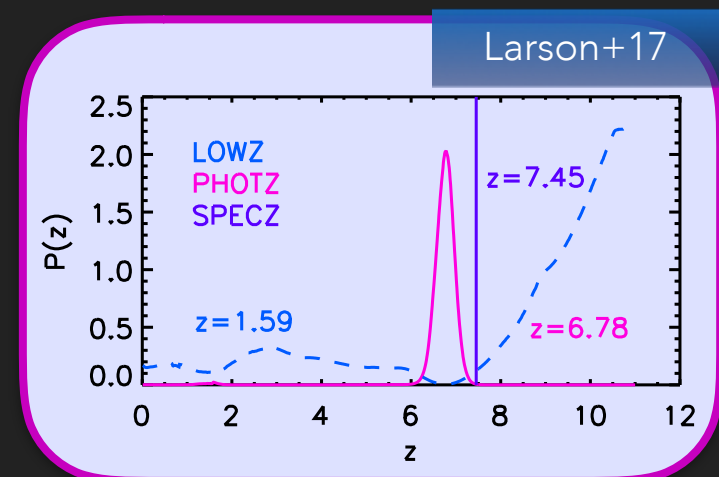
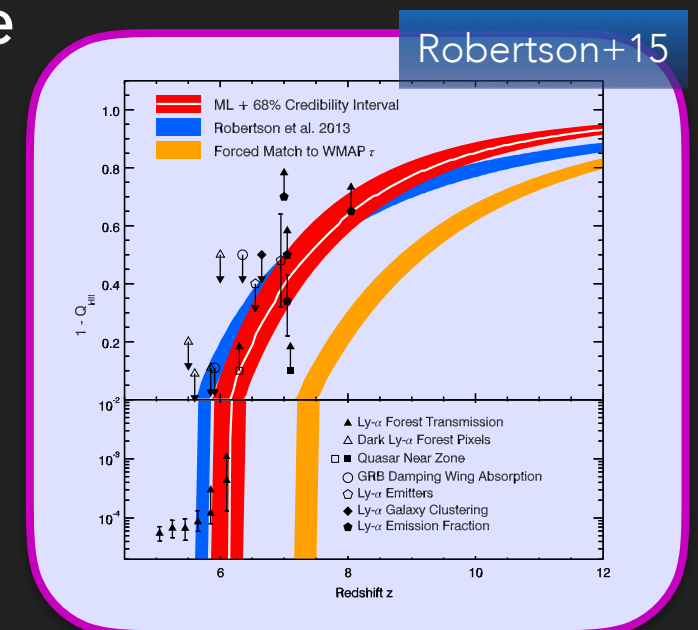
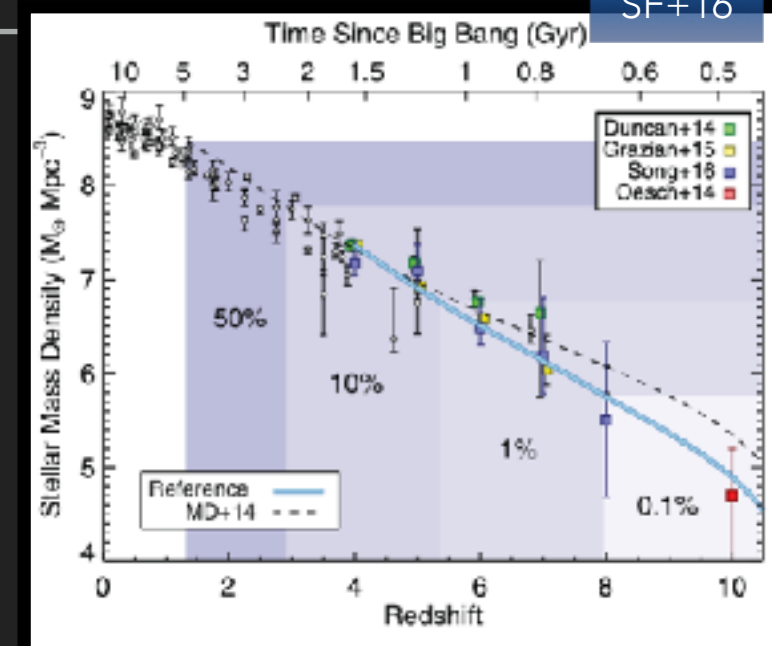
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(SOME) OPEN QUESTIONS FOR JWST

- ▶ Do we have the full picture on star-formation at high redshift?
 - ▶ Are the rest-UV morphological structures representative of the full underlying stellar populations?
 - ▶ Have we found all of the galaxies, or is there a quiescent population?
- ▶ When does reionization start and end, and can galaxies contribute all needed ionizing photons?
- ▶ What is the true redshift distribution of photometric candidates, and what can we learn about their stellar populations from spectroscopy?

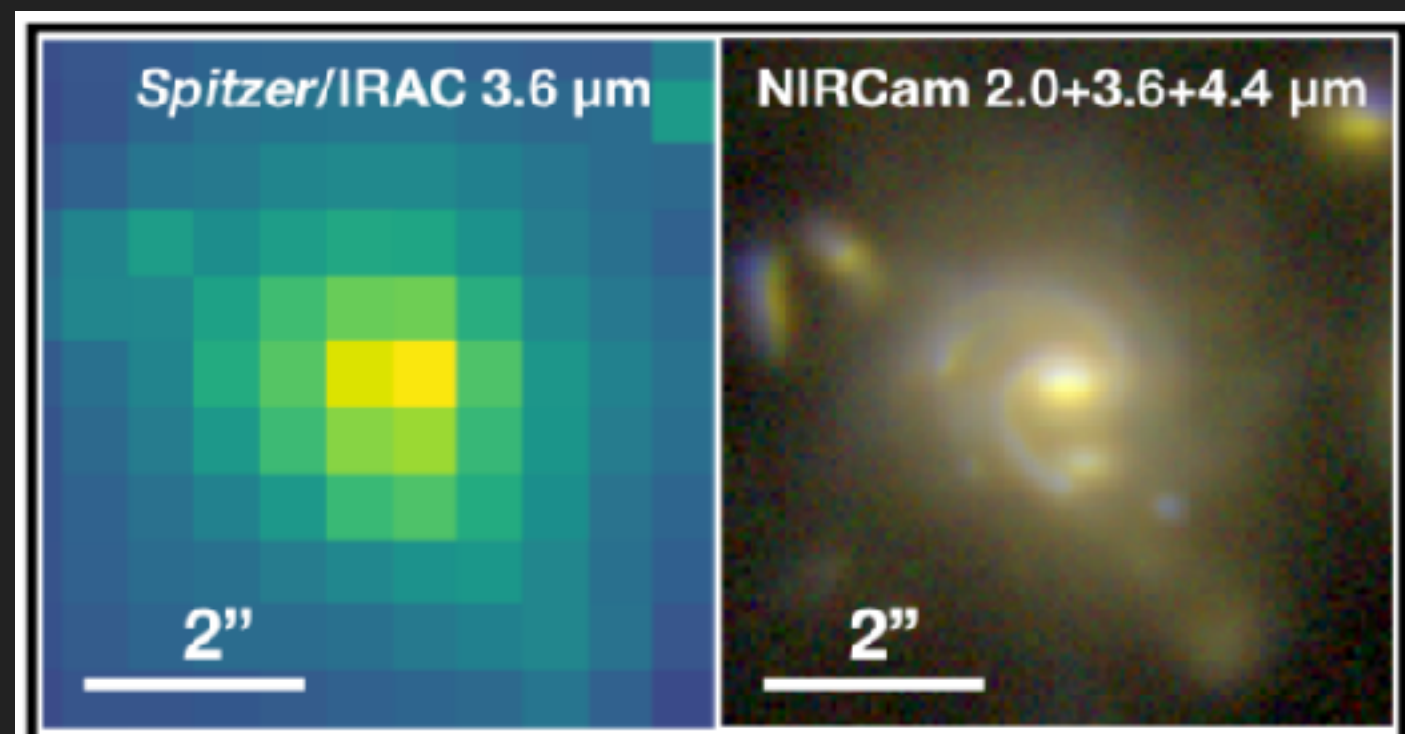


THIS IS AN INHERENTLY MULTI-WAVELENGTH PROBLEM

- ▶ While JWST opens up several new observational windows, past and future Hubble data have advantages in key areas, including:
 - ▶ Optical ($<1\mu\text{m}$) imaging probes the rest-frame non-ionizing UV at $z < 5$.
 - ▶ This imaging also probes below the Lyman break at $z=4-7$.
 - ▶ Vast samples of galaxies at $z=3-10$ have been discovered with Hubble, which will comprise a reference set of early-cycle JWST spectroscopic targets.
 - ▶ Only Hubble can probe escaping Lyman continuum radiation at $z=0-4$, answering key questions about reionization.

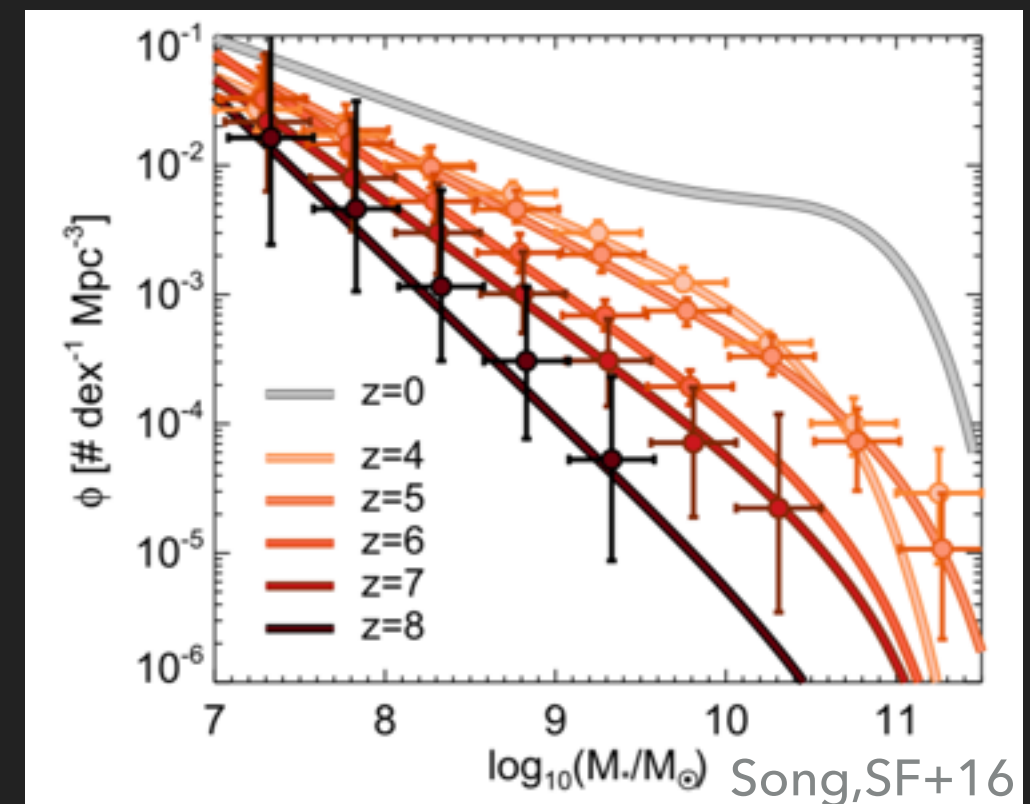
1. A FULL VIEW OF STARLIGHT FROM GALAXIES

- ▶ At $z > 3$, we currently only have a rest-UV view of galaxies. This gives us wonderful information on the level and extent of their unobscured star-formation, but we are lacking knowledge of whether older stellar populations exist.
- ▶ Deep imaging at $\lambda > 2\mu\text{m}$ is needed to probe the rest-frame optical at $z > 3$. A comparison of the morphologies across rest-UV and optical will allow us to better understand the formation of early galaxies.
- ▶ While Spitzer/IRAC probes these wavelengths, the resolution does not permit us to understand whether the rest-optical and rest-UV are coincident.



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- ▶ A related topic - much work has gone into measuring the stellar mass function at high-redshift, but this is based purely on rest-frame UV light at $z > 4$.
- ▶ Combining *Hubble* optical with *Webb* NIR imaging will not only improve stellar mass measurements from star-forming galaxies, it will allow for us to quantify the presence of weakly star-forming yet massive galaxies, which would be invisible in current *Hubble* surveys (e.g., SMUVS paper).



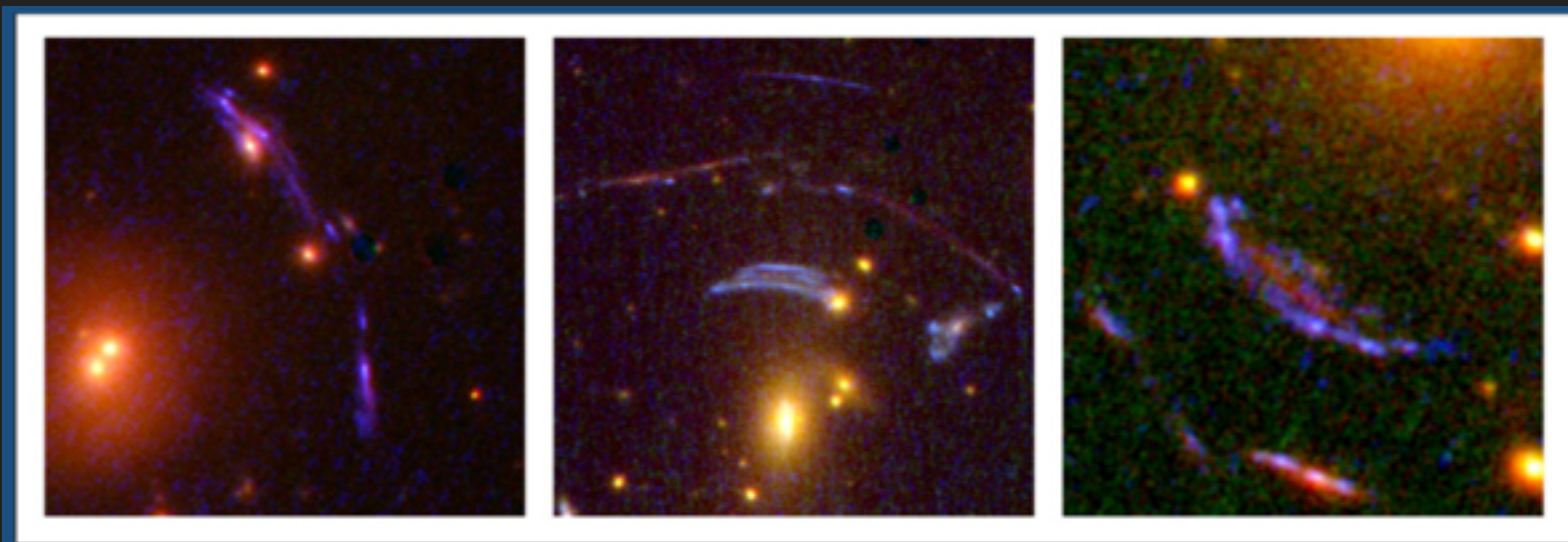
2. LYMAN BREAK SELECTION AT $z > 4$

- ▶ While JWST is excellent at detecting the rest-UV and optical emission at $z > 7$, it cannot probe blue enough to reach below the Lyman break.
- ▶ Hubble imaging at $< 1\mu\text{m}$ is necessary for robust photometric selection of distant galaxies. We'd like to understand these populations for a number of reasons, but one is to constrain the total amount of star formation in the universe at all times.
- ▶ One reason why all early programs are in well-studied HST fields. New fields will require new blue-optical *HST* imaging.



3. ULTRAVIOLET SPECTROSCOPY

- ▶ Deep JWST imaging surveys will better constrain the total non-ionizing UV emissivity from galaxies, and spectroscopic surveys will inform us on the stellar populations, and thus the conversion from non-ionizing to ionizing.
- ▶ The major unknown is the ionizing photon escape fraction.
 - ▶ This can only be done at $z \sim 0-3$ (perhaps 4) due to the opacity of the IGM, which requires deep imaging or spectroscopy at $\lambda < 4000 \text{ \AA}$.
 - ▶ Thus, combining Hubble UV observations with JWST imaging and spectroscopic surveys can significantly improve our understanding of how reionization was completed.

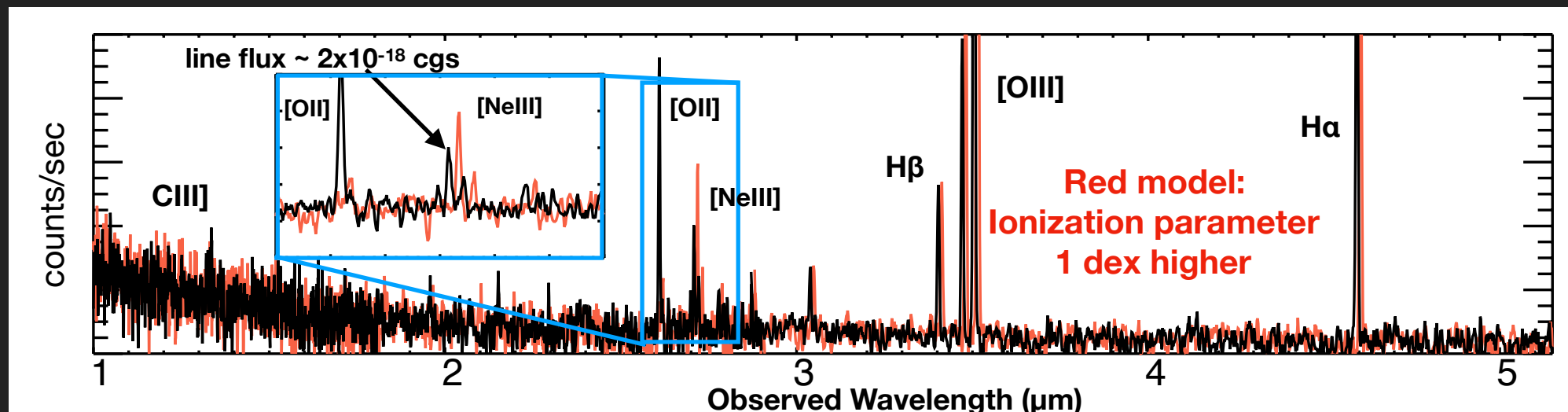


COS-targeted lensed galaxies (poster by Allyssa Riley; PI Harry Ferguson)
See also recent programs by Anne Jaskot, Brant Robertson, among others.

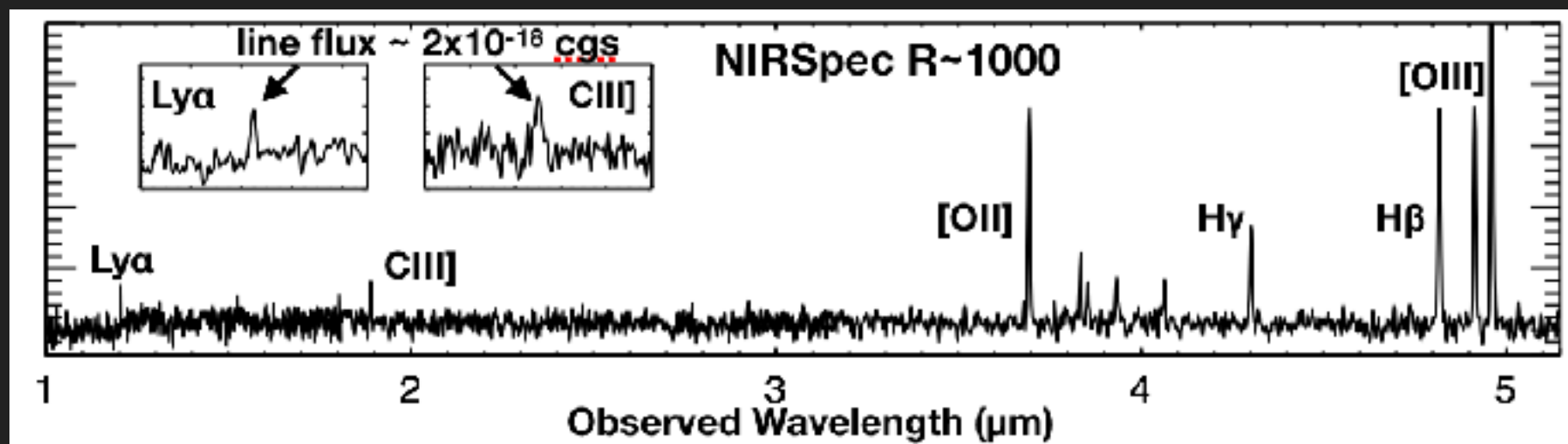
4. EARLY-CYCLE SPECTROSCOPIC TARGETS

- ▶ One of the early-Webb most impactful results will be spectroscopic studies of high- z galaxies.
- ▶ While followup of faint Webb-discovered galaxies will be interesting, the most astrophysical knowledge will be learned from followup of HST-discovered galaxies, which are bright enough for a large number of diagnostic lines to be well-detected.

$z \sim 6$



$z \sim 9$



SUMMARY

- ▶ Previous and future HST imaging and spectroscopic observations are needed to complement (and in some cases make possible) some of the key science goals of JWST, including:
 - ▶ Resolved galaxy studies at high redshift*
 - ▶ Complete stellar mass functions*
 - ▶ Lyman break selection at $z < 10^*$
 - ▶ Spectroscopic observations of known galaxies*
 - ▶ Direct measurements of ionizing photon escape fractions.
- ▶ *These will all be trialed by the Cosmic Evolution Early Release Science program.

