

Our Current View of Galaxy Build-up at Cosmic Dawn

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The history of astronomy is a history of receding horizons. E. P. Hubble



Identifying Galaxies at High Redshifts

Lyα Emitters

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Lyman Break Galaxies







LBGs with HST: efficient detection out to z~10-12





optical ACS

near-IR WFC3/IR

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Multi-Tiered Dataset for High-z Studies



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Unprecedented Galaxy Samples at z>=4

(from HST's blank fields only)



Almost 1000 galaxies in the epoch of reionization at z>6 Current frontier: z~9-10

ISM Properties Dust Reemission



Rest-frame Optical Stellar Masses



Source identification UV Light / SFRs



Spectroscopic Confirmation K-band imaging



Our Multi-Wavelength Census of Early Galaxies



Matched Deep IRAC Data: Stellar Masses



What can we learn about these early galaxy populations?

→ Some Science Highlights

The Evolution of the UV Luminosity Function to z~8



New Frontier: Faint-End Cutoff/Turnover?



Hubble Frontier Fields: can probe possible turnover in LF at faint luminosities thanks to lensing

Some debate in the literature, due to uncertainties associated with lensing and size distribution of faint galaxies

clear: LF continues steep at least to Muv~-14

See also: e.g., Alavi+14 , Atek+15, Ishigaki+15, Laporte+16



Did Galaxies Reionize the Universe?



simulation: Alvarez et al. 2009

New Planck polarization results find: $\tau_e = 0.058 \pm 0.012$, i.e. $z_{reion} = 8.2 \pm 1.1$ Consistent with estimates from ultra-faint galaxy population.

Escape of Ionizing Photons?



Escape fraction of ionizing photons is the most uncertain parameter for reionization studies. Recent progress: some sources at high redshift certainly have high enough fesc

High-Redshift Galaxies Resolved with HST

Kawamata+15



Oesch et al. 2010b



Sizes of LBGs in first 2 Gyr of cosmic time evolve as: $r_{1/2} \sim (1+z)^{-1}$ Consistent with constant L at fixed halo mass.

Evidence for extremely small sizes of faint galaxies at z~6-8 (e.g. Bouwens+16, Kawamata+15)

see also: Ferguson+04, Bouwens+04, Ono+12, Holwerda+14, Curtis-Lake+14

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see also: Lee+12, Overzier+11

Rest-Frame UV Colors of Galaxies at z>4



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UV continuum slopes have so far been used for dust corrections at z>3 based on local relations!

See also: Wilkins+11, Dunlop+12/13, Castellano+11, Bouwens+09/10, Finkelstein+10/12, Rogers+13/14

Cosmic SFR Density



Below z~4, dust-obscured SFR dominates

see also e.g. Bouwens+07; Oesch+10d; Bouwens+11,15; Bunker+10, McLure+11,13, Finkelstein+12,14, Schenker+13, ...

First ALMA Constraints on LBG Dust Reemission



Probing the Frontier of Galaxies

HST can detect galaxies out to z~10-12



Sample of 4 Bright z~9-10 Galaxy Candidates



Triply Imaged z~10 Candidate in First FF Cluster



H = 29.9 mag (de-magnified) zphot = 9.8+-0.4magnification: 10-11x



strong geometric support of high redshift solution of photo-z

z=2

F105W

Optical

D1A

JD1B

DIC

F125W

F140W

F160W

RGB

SFRD Evolution at z>8



Full analysis of first 4 HFFs confirms: SFRD evolves very rapidly beyond z~8 but see McLeod+16

see also: Zheng+12, Coe+13, Bouwens+13/15, Ellis+13, McLure+13, Ishigaki+14

The UV Luminosity Function at the Cosmic Frontier



Including HFF galaxy candidates, now have a quite good estimate of the UV LF at $z\sim10$. It lies a factor $\sim12x$ below the $z\sim8$ UV LF measurement at all luminosities

Confirms fast evolution from z~8 to z~10.

Stellar Mass Build-up

Making use of HST+Spitzer imaging over CANDELS (and accounting for rest-frame optical emission lines):



see also: Grazian+15, Caputi+15, Duncan+14, Ilbert+13, Muzzin+13, Gonzalez+11, Lee+12

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NASA and ESA

STScl-PRC14-05a

Powerful combination of HST and Spitzer to explore most distant galaxies

Stellar Mass Density Evolution to z~10



Stellar mass density estimates at z>4 nicely match up with mass limited studies at z<4.

Are witnessing the assembly of the first 0.1% of local stellar mass density. The first two Gyr are a very active epoch of galaxy assembly.

CANDELS/GOODS-North



very bright z~10 sample from Oesch+14 is within reach of the WFC3/IR grism

IRAC detected

Lyman Break Detection at z=11



- 12 orbits of HST grism spectra with WFC3/IR
- Detect UV continuum (at 5.5 σ) and a break at $\lambda > 1.47 \ \mu m$
- Rule out potential lower redshift solutions (quiescent galaxy at z~2 or strong emission line source)
- Best-fit redshift: z=11.09+-0.10

 $GN-z10-1 \rightarrow GN-z11$

Most distant source ever seen

Build-up of massive galaxies well underway at 400 Myr after Big Bang

Physical Properties of GN-z11 in Line with Models



The derived physical properties (SFR, mass, and age) of GN-z11 are in very good agreement with expectations from large-volume simulations

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GN-z11 is off the Charts



- Detection of GN-z11 in existing data is quite unexpected, given current models
- Expected to require 10-100x larger areas to find one such bright z~11 galaxy as GN-z11
- Difficult to draw conclusions based on one source. Need larger survey!

Changing Physics at Highest Redshifts?



Massive galaxies found in current surveys at high redshift are still compatible with "standard" picture of galax $\frac{1}{2}$ formation.

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The Current Spectroscopic Frontier



With surprising discovery of GN-z11, HST+Spitzer have already **reached into JWST territory**

Moving Forward with JWST NIRSPEC



However, JWST spectroscopy will completely revolutionize this field!

JWST can in principle get spectroscopic redshifts for every single source currently known with HST

JWST/NIRSpec: Unprecedented Spectra



- JWST will be extremely efficient in spectroscopic characterization of z>7 galaxies
- For brightest targets, like the recently confirmed target EGS-zs8-1 at z=7.73, we will even be able to measure absorption lines

What is the ionization state of gas in early galaxies? What is their dynamical state? How fast did they build up their metals?

Wide area surveys like HSC are critical to find bright targets that will provide unique information with JWST spectra



Summary

- Deep imaging with HST enabled the detection of an unprecedented sample of galaxies at z>3 (11'000), and extended our frontier into the heart of the cosmic reionization epoch (~1000 galaxies at z~7-10). Cosmic Frontier: z=11.1
- The UV LF is extremely steep during the reionization epoch (faint end slopes as steep as $\alpha = -2$) \rightarrow ultra-faint galaxies likely main drivers for reionization
- Combination of very deep HST and IRAC data allow us to measure rest-frame optical colors and stellar mass build-up from z~10 to z~3-4. We now explored 97% of cosmic history in build-up of star-formation and mass
- Discovery of GN-z11 in current search area is surprising according to models: Need larger area surveys to confirm the number densities of bright galaxies at z>10. Needs to be done now with HST, likely won't be done with JWST!
- Finding bright galaxies at high redshift (e.g. with HSC) is crucial for JWST: these sources will give access to unique information with spectroscopy