What current samples of z=9-10 candidates from CANDELS, the HUDF, and the Frontier Fields tell us about future science with WISH

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#### HUDF NICMOS J<sub>110</sub>+H<sub>160</sub>

#### 144 orbits

#### HUDF WFC3/IR Y<sub>105</sub>+J<sub>125</sub>+JH<sub>140</sub>+H<sub>160</sub>



120 z > 6.5 galaxies (first 850 Myr of universe)

#### (after WFC3/IR)

ALL FIELDS

15 z > 6.5 galaxies (before WFC3/IR)

~ 800 z >~ 6.5 galaxies (after WFC3/IR)

#### **255 orbits**

#### Large Samples of z~6.3-10.0 Galaxies Now Exist:



#### Large Numbers of Galaxies at all Luminosities



Bouwens+2014

#### Independent Search Fields allow us to Overcome Large Field-to-Field Variance Observed at High Redshift

Estimated field-tofield variance for z~4-8 samples.

Field-to-field variance is substantial, especially at high redshifts and at the bright end of the LF.



Bouwens+2014

# What source is the likely/plausibly the highest redshift galaxy currently identified?



Coe et al. 2012, ApJ, accepted

Triply-Imaged z~10.8 Galaxy behind MACS0647+7015

Bright ~26 mag

Both photometric evidence for this redshift as well as evidence from lensing model

Magnified by ~10x

Coe+2013

# Why are studies of galaxies at very high redshifts interesting?

-- It is when galaxies first form... (halos of L\* and sub-L\* galaxies built up from z~30+ to z~3)

-- It is when the universe was reionized... (galaxies are most likely driver, so by studying the formation of first galaxies perhaps we can gain insight)

-- It is when the stellar populations of galaxies change rapidly (from metal and dust build up)

#### WISH Science Interest #I: How Fast Do Massive / Luminous Galaxies Build up?

WISH Science Interest #1: Large Numbers of Luminous Galaxies at z=7-15

Essential to Make Optimal Use of Current Surveys to Predict the Evolution of the LF to high redshift

#### Large Samples of z~6.3-10.0 Galaxies Now Exist:



z~4-10 LFs from all CANDELS + HUDF + other legacy fields (Bouwens et al. 2014, arXiv:1403.4295, 48 pages) First Two



#### New determinations of UV LF at z~4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 from all HST Legacy Fields

(Bouwens et al. 2014, arXiv:1403.4295), >

>11000 galaxies



#### Volume Density of Bright z~9-10 Galaxies

Of particular interests/for the biew was zonveloped are the prevalence of z~9-10 galaxies

What work has been done on this?







#### Are the bright z ~ 9-10 galaxy candidates from Oesch+2014 plausible / reliable?

#### **Very Low Formal Probability of Contamination**

(CANDELS z~9-10 sample much more robust than HUDF z~9-10 sample)



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How many z~10 galaxies would we expect in the WISH UDS survey (5σ depth of 28 mag over 100 deg<sup>2</sup>) based on existing LFs using CANDELS (Bouwens+2014)?





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# Expected WFC3/IR Spectrum



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~7 more bright z~9-10 candidates using remaining CANDELS fields **PI: R. Bouwens** 

Hubble Space Telescope

A Complete Census of the Bright z~9-10 Galaxies in the CANDELS Data Set Scientific Category: COSMOLOGY Scientific Keywords: Evolution, Galaxy Formation And Instruments: WFC3, ACS Proprietary Period: 0 Orbit Request Cycle 22 Abstract At present, we have only limited inf ses, and luminosity function of galaxies at z-9-10. While the ly improve our knowledge of the prevalence of fainter sources a exist to study the properties of the Ø brighter z~9-10 galaxies. 10 candidates are more amenable to

Cycle 22 GO Proposal

nce of only 8 reasonably reliable bright sctify this situation by using the existing dentify all plausible z~9-10 candidates in that is to be secure. Here we propose to follow up to determine which are likely at z-9-10 and liable z~9-10 candidates known to ~17 galaxies. Our efficient as tiling the relevant CANDELS fields with 1ches in fields with no pre-existing data. The large samples gram will be used to solidify current conclusions about the

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### Refining our constraints on the prevalence of z~9-10 galaxies is important for extrapolations to z > 10...

As there is some uncertainty as to whether the evolution of the LF is faster (in units of redshift) at z > 8 than at z<8...



Oesch+2014

### If we assume no acceleration in the evolution, here are the predicted LFs...



### If we assume accelerated evolution (pessimistic scenario), here are the predicted LFs...



It is possible that WISH will discover even more distant galaxies than JWST

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#### **BEFORE OESCH+2014**

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Name	Redshift	Discoverer
MACS0647-JD	10.8	Coe et al. (2013)
GN-z10-1	10.2	Oesch et al. (2014)
GN-z10-2	9.9	Oesch et al. (2014)
GS-z10-1	9.9	Oesch et al. (2014)
XDFj- Three of the Four Most Distant (2013)		<b>lost Distant</b> (2013) +
MAC	Galaxies Known! (2012)	
GN-z10-3	9.5	Oesch et al. (2014)

#### What is the value of the wide-area data like from the new WISH surveys in distinguishing LF evolution models?

#### Value of future wide surveys is illustrated by improvement in our own LF results using wide-area CANDELS fields...

Until CANDELS in 2012, there had been only limited deep wide-area to probe bright end of z>~6.5 LFs



#### Bouwens+2011/2014

Is it possible that gravitational lensing by foreground galaxies will help us in WISH to find galaxies at z >~ 13? Given the wide areas probed by WISH (100 deg<sup>2</sup>), lensing magnification of z~8-20 galaxies by foreground galaxies will allow us to push to even higher redshifts



WISH Science Interest #2: What can we learn about the stellar populations of typical and/or rare galaxies at z>6?

#### Of particular interest are galaxies with stellar populations that are particularly different from at lower redshift...

## One example of an unexpected population of galaxies with strong emission lines are the so-called EELGs



Many faint z~1-2 galaxies are found to have very strong OIII emission lines

Most of the rest-frame EWs of these lines range up to 1000 Angstroms

However, there are reports of a few systems found in other surveys with EWs up to 10000 Angstroms

van der Wel+2011; see also Atek+2011; Brammer+2012

### Substantial number of EELGs at z~1-2 due to substantial evolution in [OIII]/Hbeta ratio from z~3 to z~0

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Kewley+2013; Shirazi+2013; Holden+2013; Schenker+2013

#### Do we find evidence for this type of line emission at High Redshift?

Challenging to investigate this question, since we cannot make use of spectroscopic data.

Must make use of deep imaging observations from the Spitzer Space Telescope

# Evidence from Stacking the Fluxes for z~7-8 galaxies in the deepest fields

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#### Labbe+2013 (from HUDF)

#### Also evidence for extreme lines in individual sources....

Here's an example:

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Smit et al. 2013

Renske Smit

#### Large Numbers of Similar z~7 Galaxies Found behind Lensing Clusters

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# Sample of 20 z~7 Galaxies with Ultra-Blue IRAC Colors over the full CANDELS program

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#### Smit+2014 submitted