## What Is JWST Telling Us about Early Galaxy Formation & Cosmology?









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### **Timeline of the Life**



The diversity of life on Earth today is the result of **Universe evolution** 

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## Why JWST







galaxy cluster SMACS 0723, known as Webb's *First* Deep Field unveiled July 11, 2022

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Near Infrared Spectrograph (NIRSpec): near-IR spectroscopy from 0.6–5.3 μm

**Near Infrared Camera (NIRCam):** offers imaging from 0.6–5.0 μm, coronagraphy, slitless spectroscopy



Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI): imaging and spectroscopic from  $\sim 5$  to  $28 \mu m$ 

Near Infrared Imager and Slitless Spectrograph (NIRISS): slitless spectroscopy, and imaging



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### First look by Webb

GLASS-JWST Early Release Science (PI:Tommaso Treu)



"In 2017, thirteen "Early Release Science" (ERS) Programs were selected with the goal of collecting as quickly as possible public datasets that would showcase the power of JWST while enabling a full characterization of its instrument suite."

Treu .... **Yang** et al, 2022

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### **Dropout technique & SED Fitting**

searching for the high-z galaxies



### **Dropout technique:**

large break occurs at the **912-1216** Å (Lyman limit-Lyman alpha) from **neutral hydrogen absorption** in the line-of-sight

### **Spectral energy distributions (SED):**

Estimating galaxies's properties, such as stellar mass, dust attenuation etc

### **Discovery 2 bright early galaxies**

#### With just <u>4 days</u> of analysis





Milky Way: ~13 kpc, Magnitude ~ -21.3

Castellano ..., **Yang**, et al. 2022 **Yang** et al.2022

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### **Discovery 1 ultra-faint early galaxy**

### With gravitational lensing



Lensed image is reconstructed by Lenstruction, Yang et al 2020

### Spectroscopically redshift z=13.20

### JWST ADVANCED DEEP EXTRAGALACTIC SURVEY (JADES) WEBB SPECTRA REACH NEW MILESTONE IN REDSHIFT FRONTIER



JADES-GS-z13-0 spectroscopically confirmed redshift 13.20



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## **Galaxies Transformed the Early Universe**





Credits: NASA, ESA, CSA, Joyce Kang (STScI)



## **Determine the shape of UVLF**

### **Correcting selection bias**



Distance

preferential detection of intrinsically **bright** objects



### higher surface brightness

Given luminosity, **smaller size** are easier to be observed



## **UVLF using JWST data**

#### **Updated** of UVLF at bright-end



Harikane et al.2023

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See also Bouwens et al. 2022; Donnan et al. 2023; Finkelstein et al. 2022; Naidu et al. 2022

## The first optical band Size-L relation

#### **Updated of size-L at bright-end**



**Yang** et al. 2022



## Sizes of early galaxies z~7-13



### Faint galaxies observed via strong lensing

red points are Hubble lensed galaxies





## **Overview of UV luminosity function**



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Observations

Theory



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# **Pre-JWST expectations**

Steep fall-off in star formation toward higher redshift



Harikane et al. 2022

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Harikane et al. 2022, 2023

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# Massive early galaxies: in tension with ACDM

**Uh oh:** require *all* available baryons in the halo to be converted into stars in  $\Lambda$ CDM (i.e.,  $\epsilon_{\star} \approx 1$ ). *Note*: at z = 0,  $\langle \epsilon_{\star} \rangle \leq 0.2$  at all halo masses





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Massive dust-obscured galaxies (with ALMA detections)?



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If the issue is cosmological: need more (faster) formation of cosmological structure at early times. No wiggle room in base  $\Lambda$ CDM — all parameters are known to  $\leq 1 \%$  precision — but extensions with additional parameters might work

- need higher  $\rho_{\rm m}, \sigma_8,$  and/or  $n_{\rm s}$
- a small(ish) possible modification: a short period of **early dark energy** with  $\Omega_{EDE} \sim 0.1$  at  $z \sim 3500$ (Kanvalue 2016: Pouline e 2018, 2010: Smither 2020, Piece & Kamionkowski 2022)

(Karwal++ 2016; Poulin++ 2018, 2019; Smith++ 2020, Riess & Kamionkowski 2022)

## EDE leads to enhanced high-z structure formation

higher  $\rho_{\rm m},\sigma_{\rm 8},~\&~n_{\rm s}$  than base Planck model: more high-z galaxies (Klypin et al. 2021)



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Dayal & Giri 2023

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Hirano & Yoshida 2023

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# **Programs relevant for galaxies and cosmology**

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# The COSMOS-Web survey

### the biggest survey

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discover thousands of galaxies in the Epoch of Reionization

Casey .... Yang, et al. 2022

# Summary

What are the first stars/galaxies?
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 $M_{
m halo} \, [M_\odot]$