

Galaxy Stellar Mass Assembly from *Spitzer* to *JWST*

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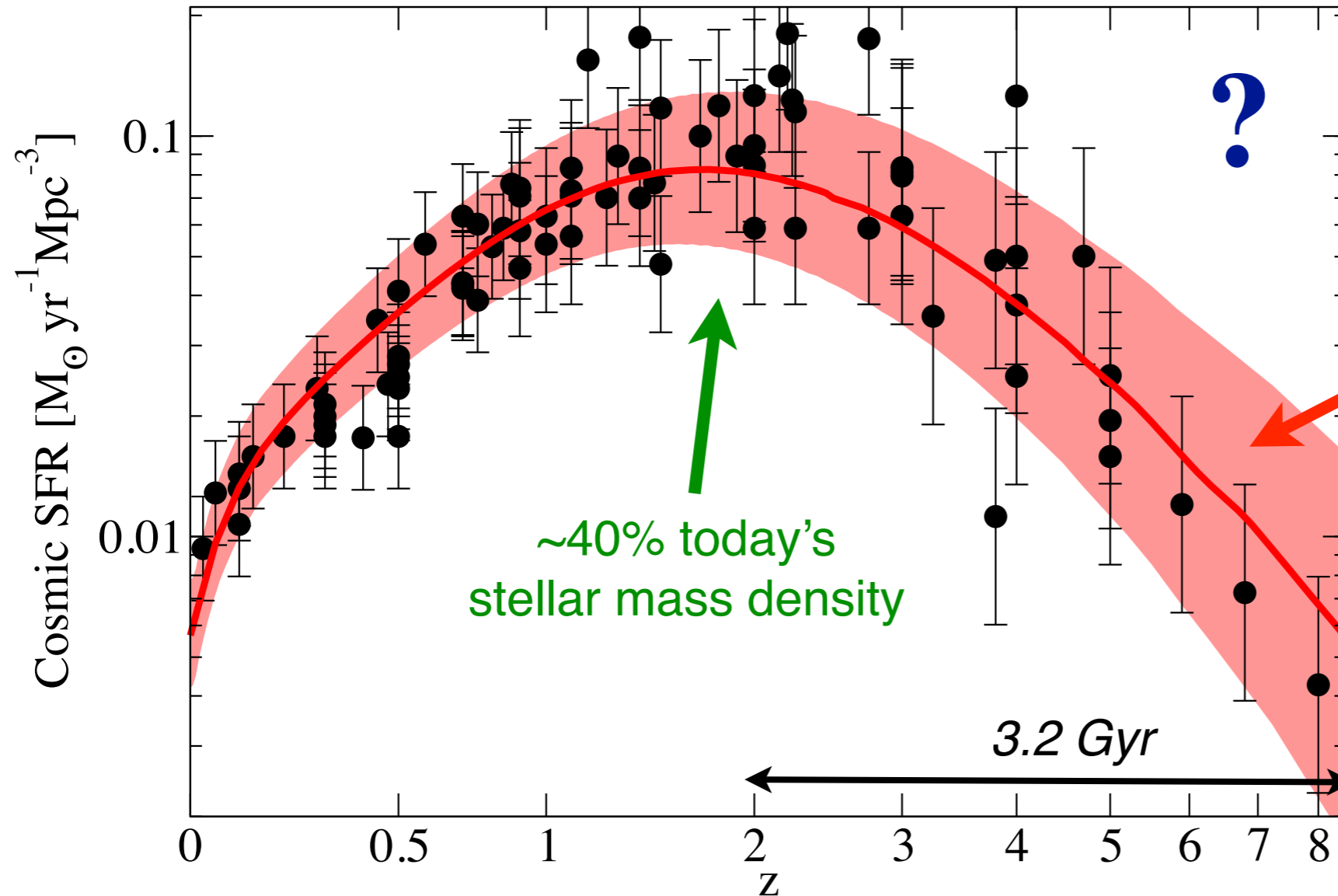
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Stellar mass assembled by $z \sim 3$

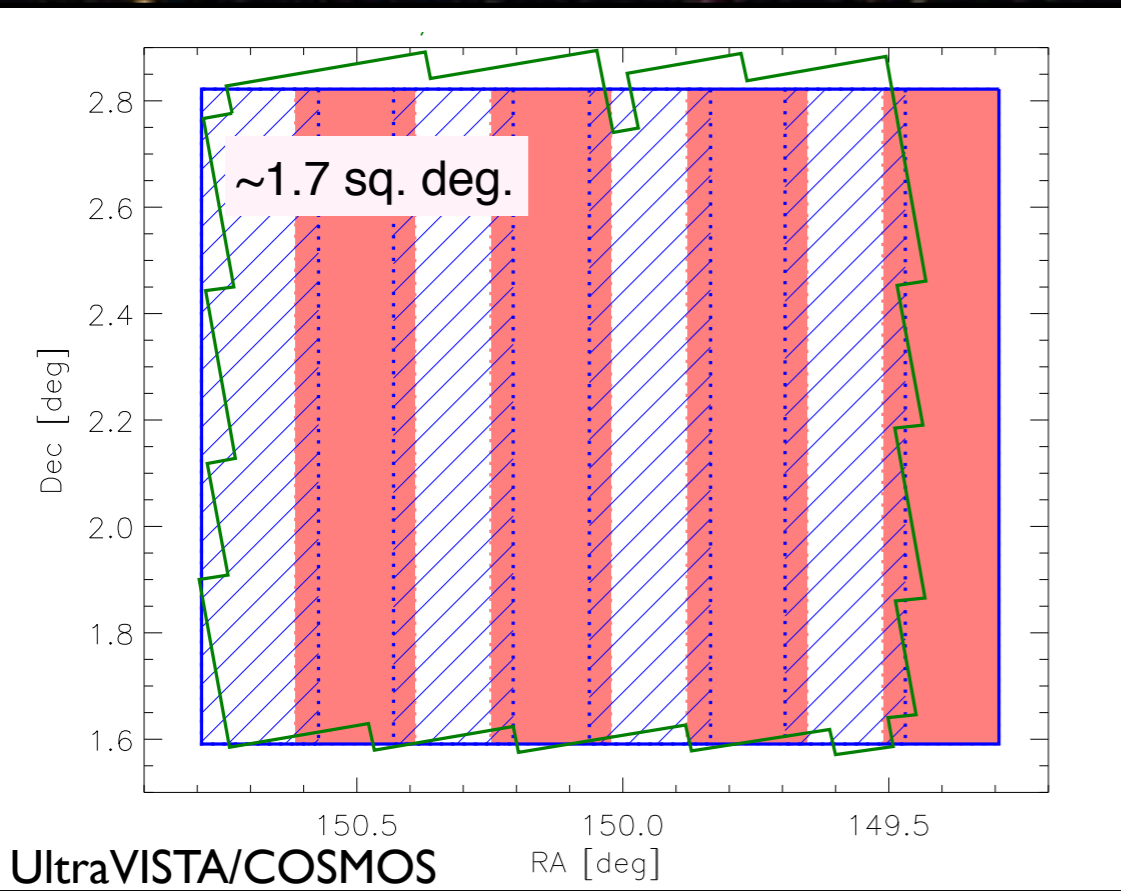


Behroozi et al. (2013); Madau & Dickinson (2014)

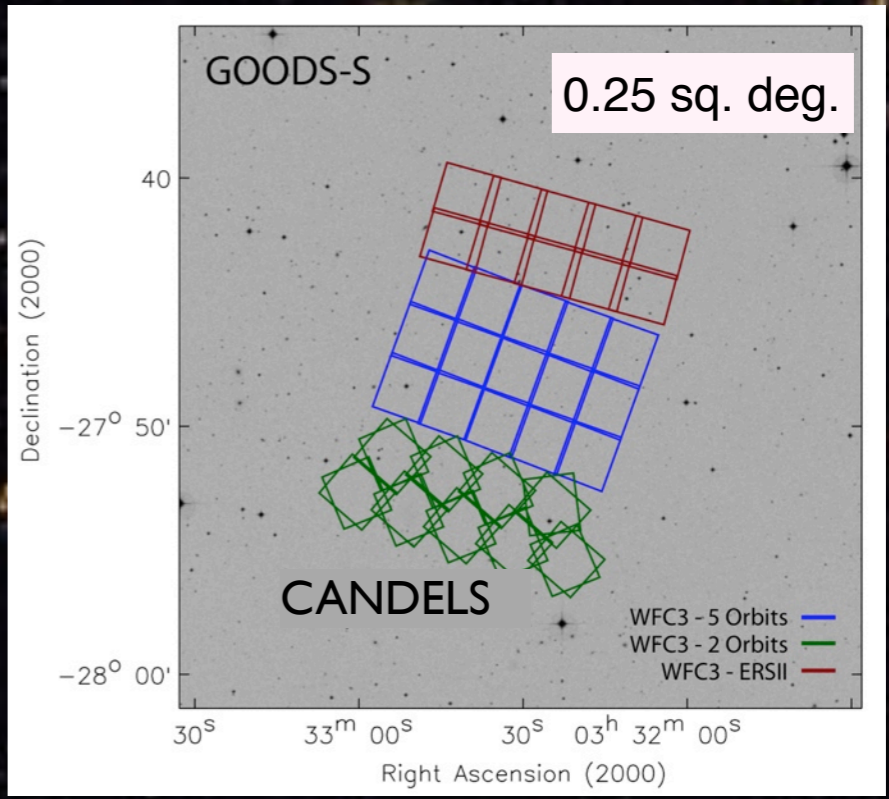
very efficient period of galaxy stellar mass assembly

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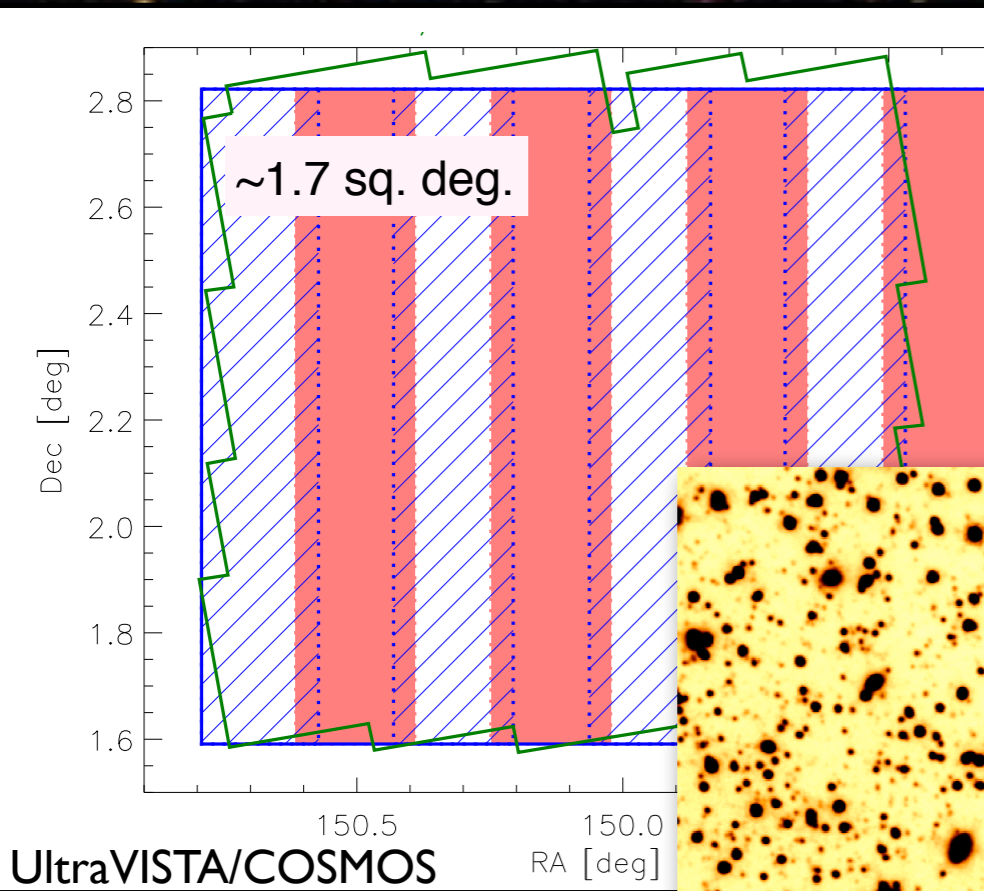
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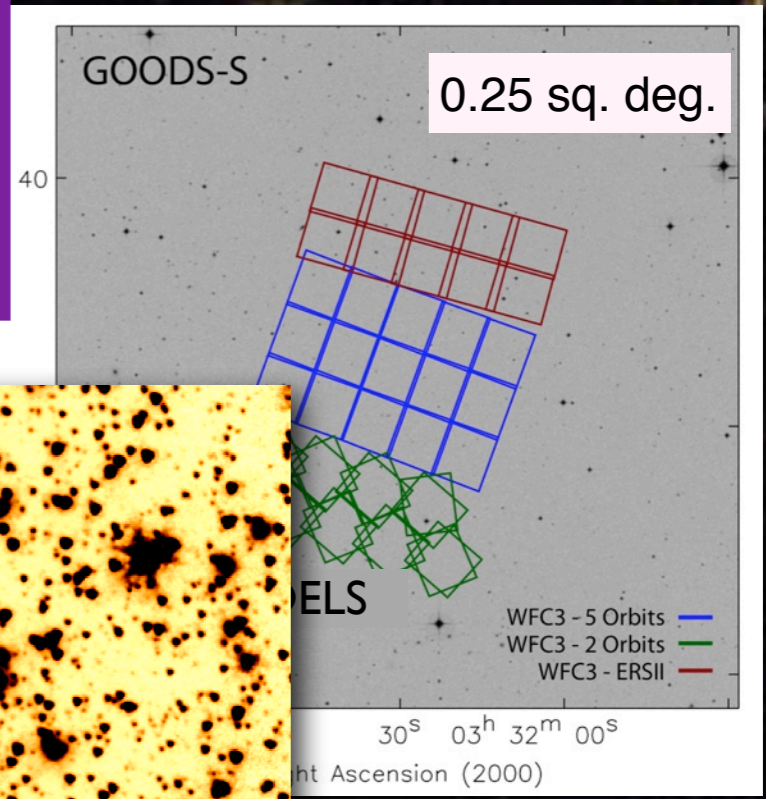
$F160W \sim 27$ (3σ ; AB)
Grogin et al. (2011); Koekemoer et al. (2011)

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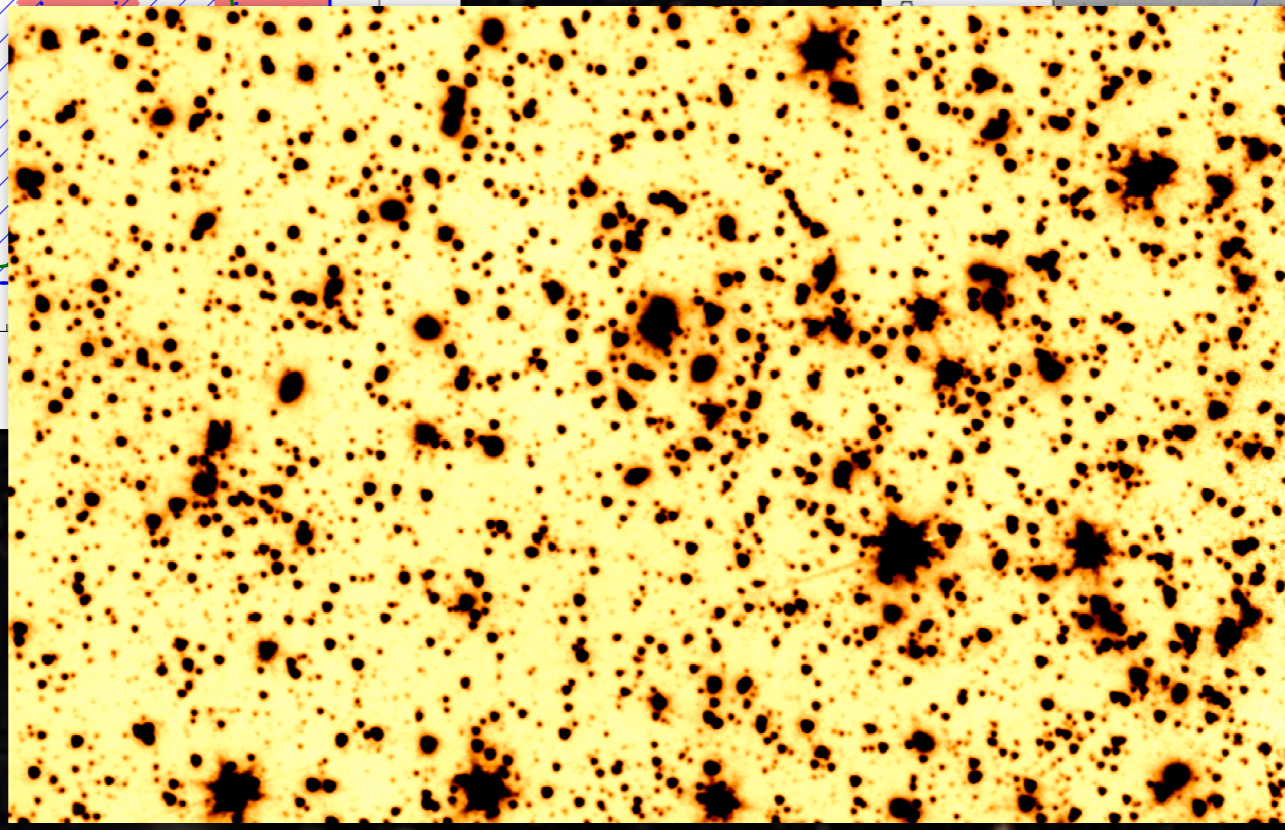
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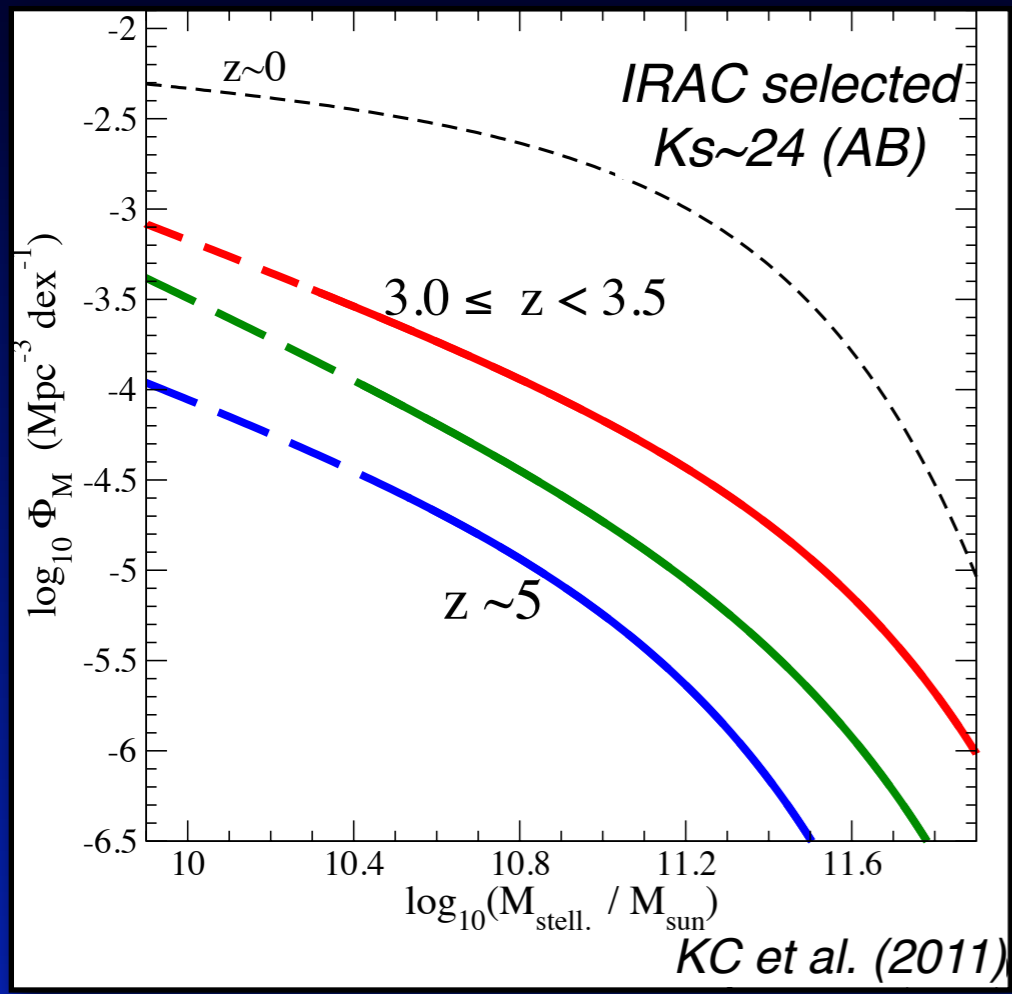


$60W \sim 27$ (3σ ; AB)
Bekemoer et al. (2011)

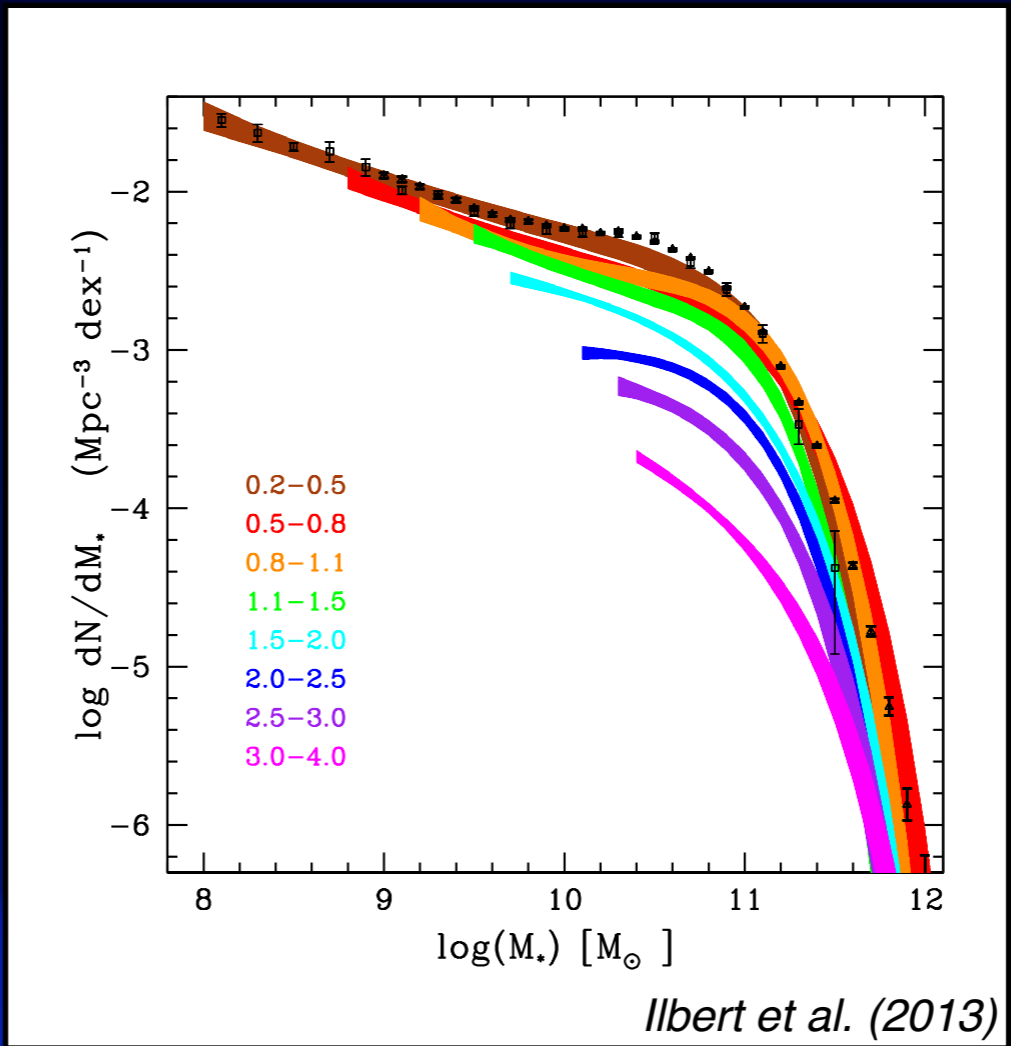


extend baseline to $\sim 5 \mu m$ to trace light of old stars at $z > 3$

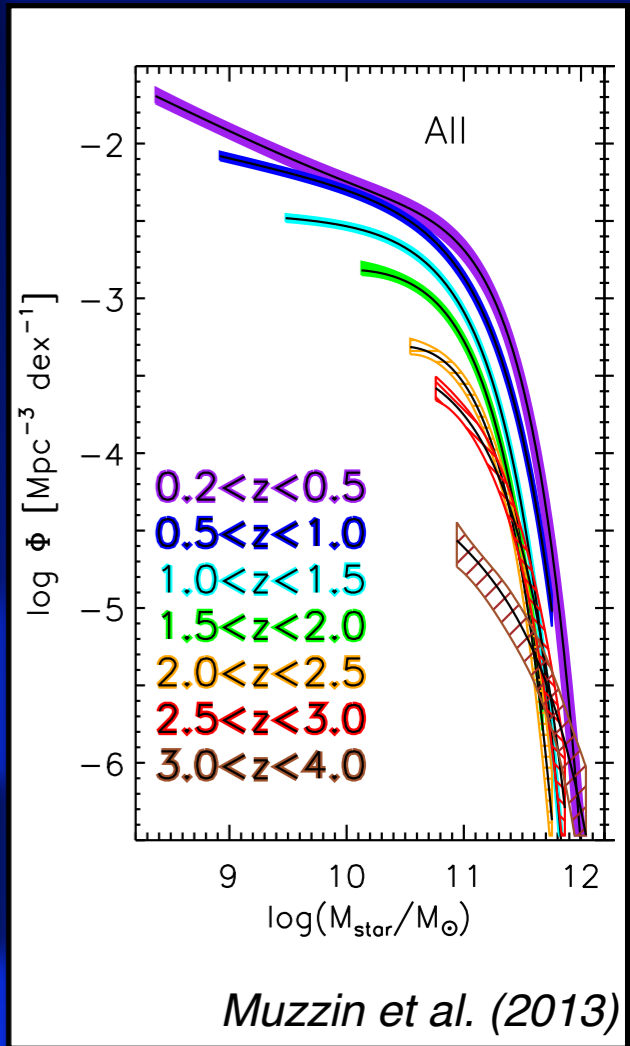
The GSMF up to $z=4-5$ from large-area surveys



UKIDSS / UDS
0.6 sq. deg

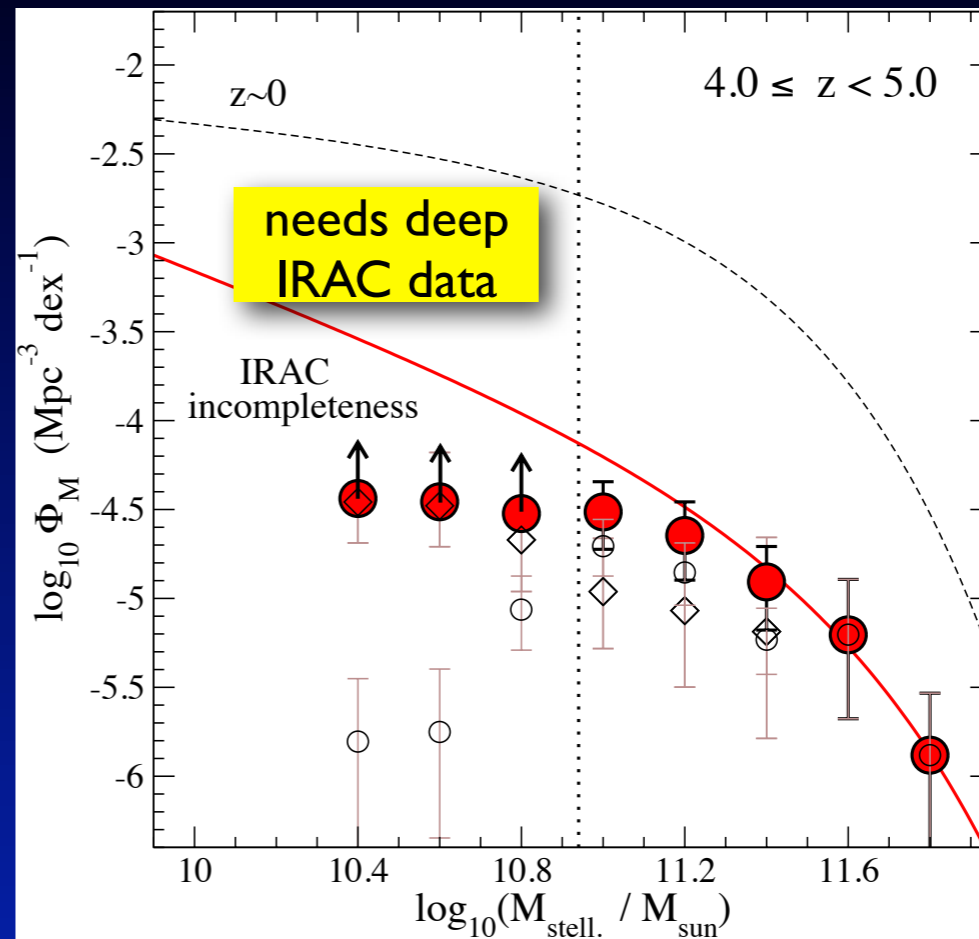
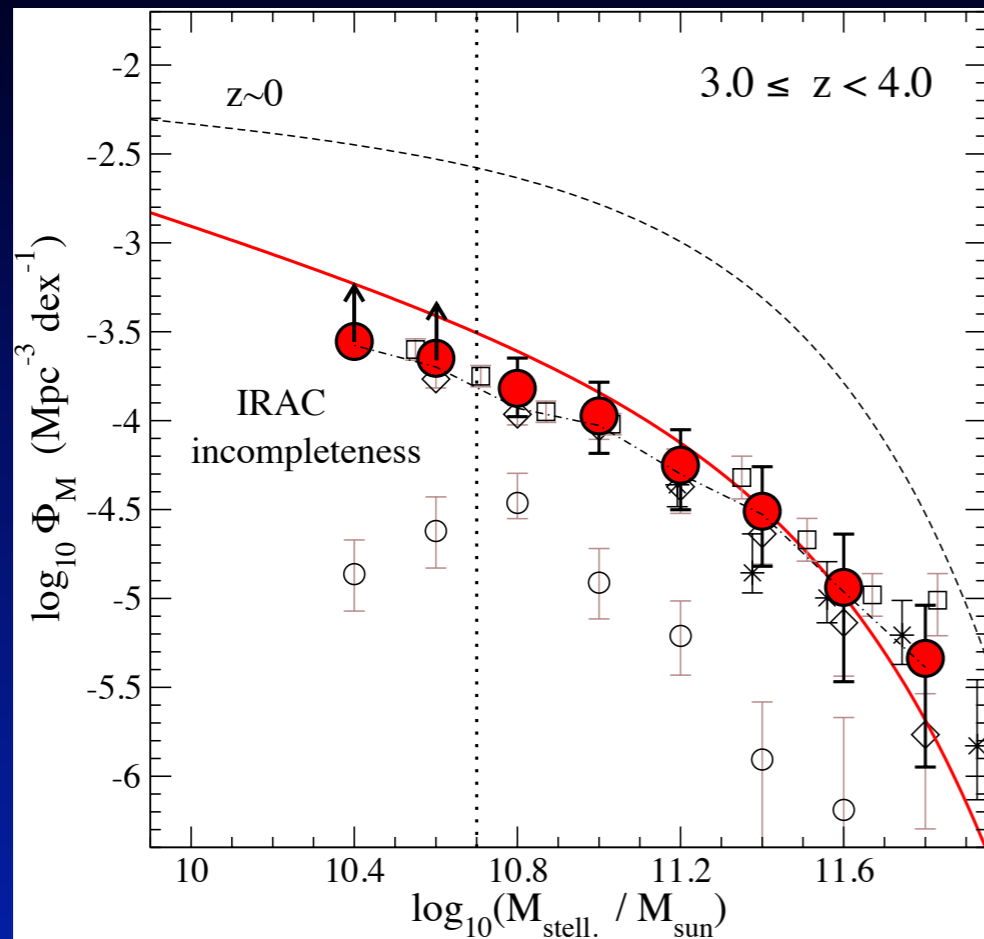


COSMOS
UltraVISTA
1.5 sq. deg
 $Ks \sim 24$ (AB)



GSMF high-mass end well constrained to $z \sim 4$
(incomplete at higher z)

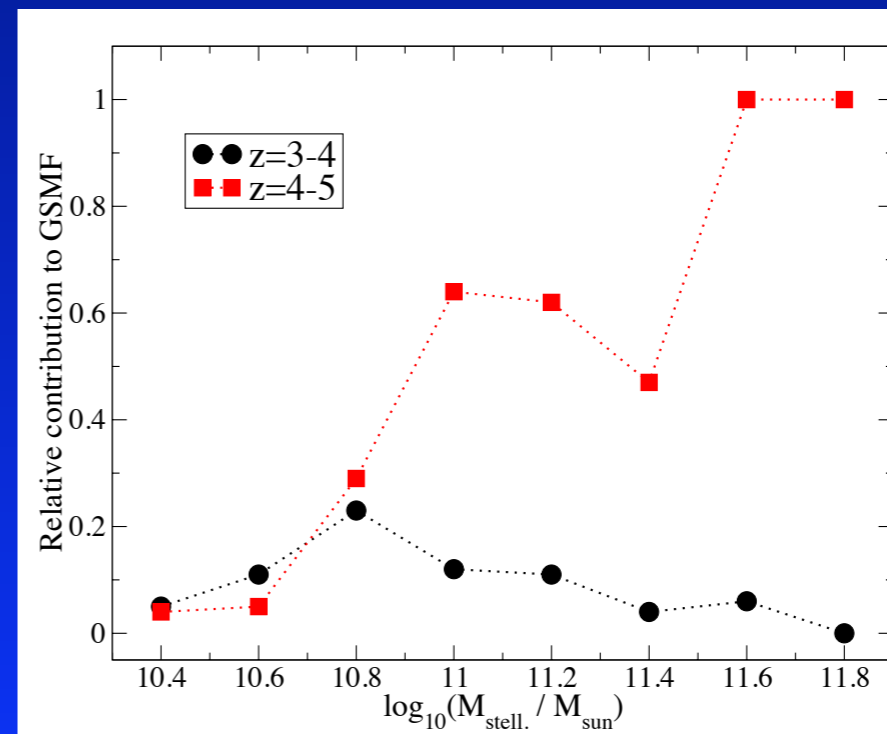
The updated GSMF at $3 < z < 5$



KC et al. (2015)

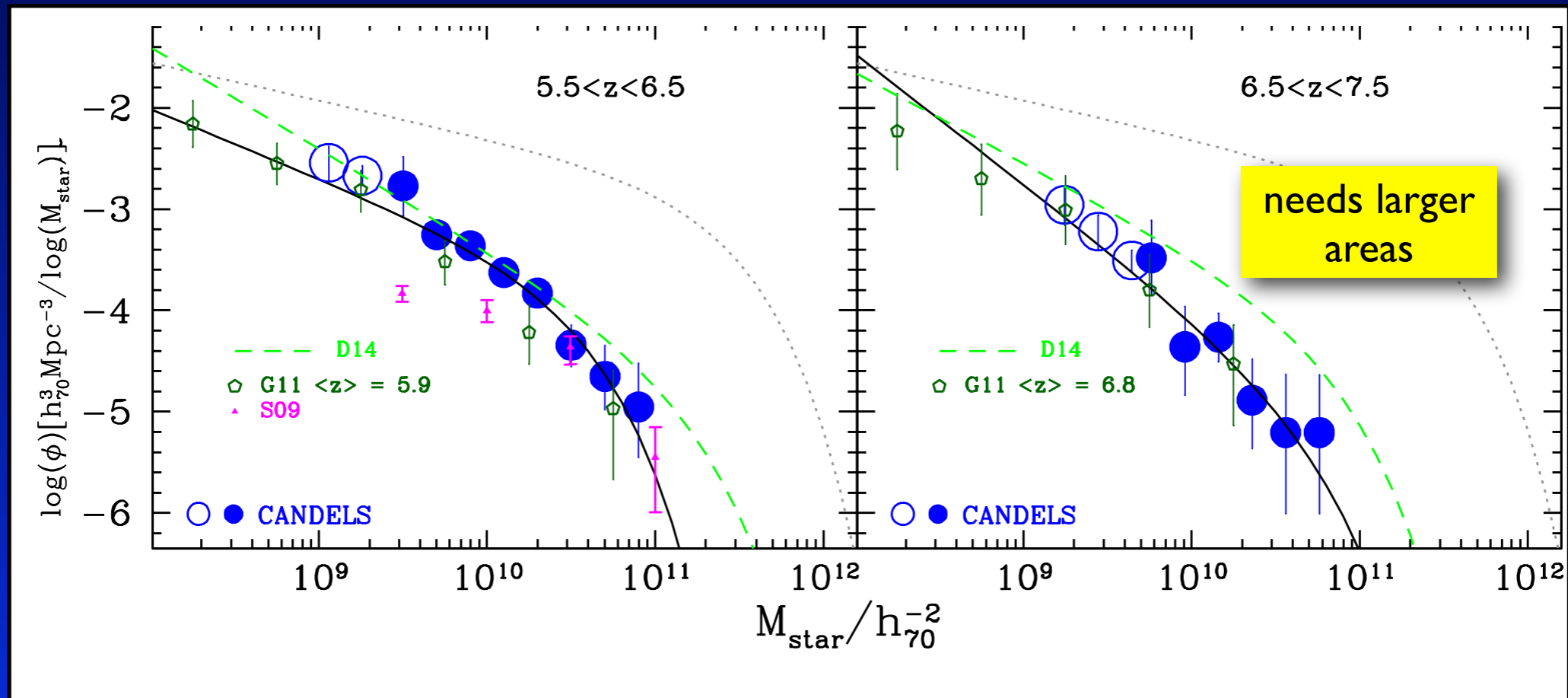
*[4.5] < 23, Ks > 24 galaxies have an **important contribution** to the high-mass end at $4 < z < 5$*

Wide-area, ultra-deep near-IR surveys are necessary for complete census of massive galaxies at $z > 4$



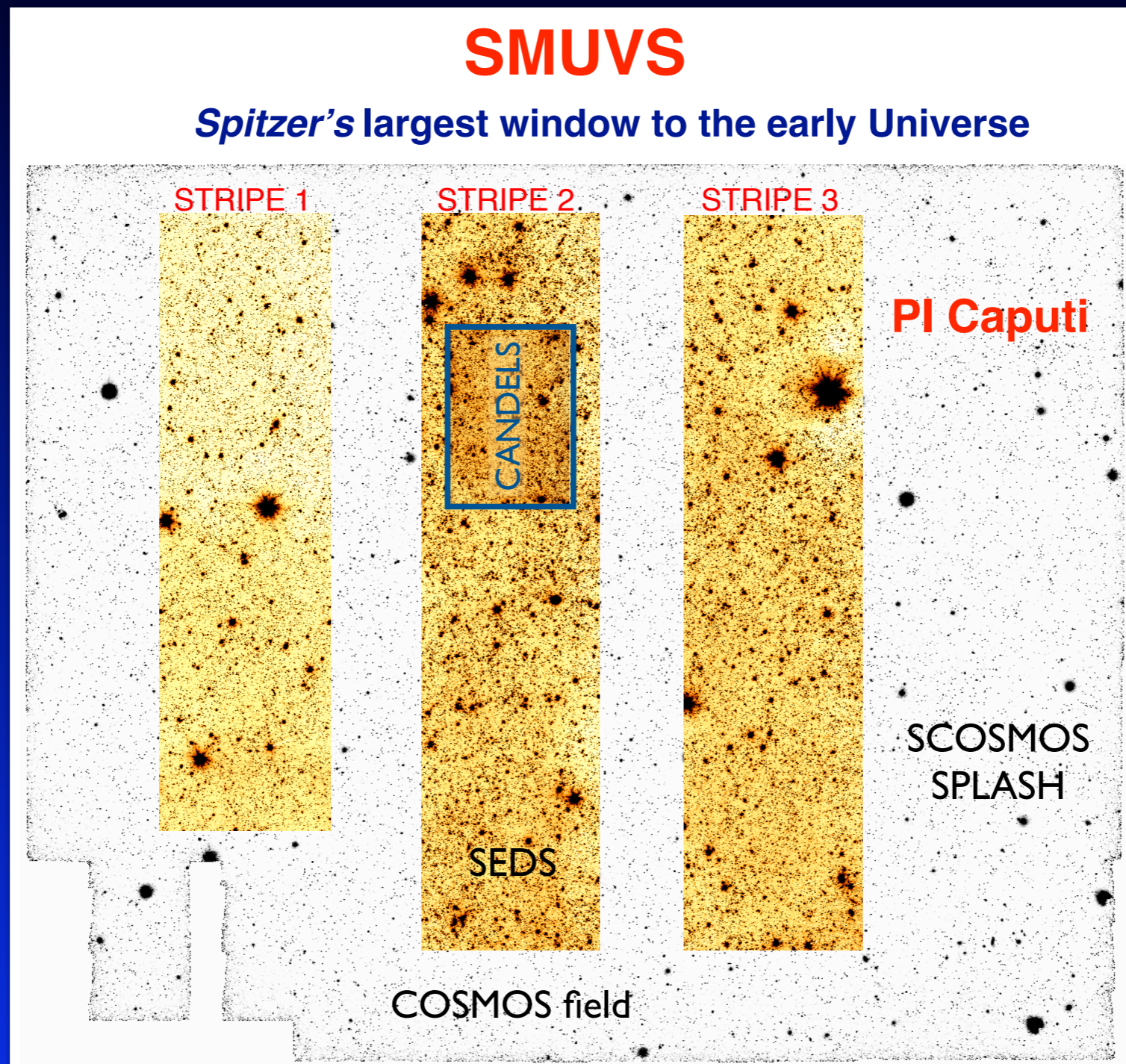
The GSMF at $z \sim 6-7$

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Grazian et al. (2015)

New *Spitzer* data in COSMOS



Spitzer
**Exploration
Science Program**

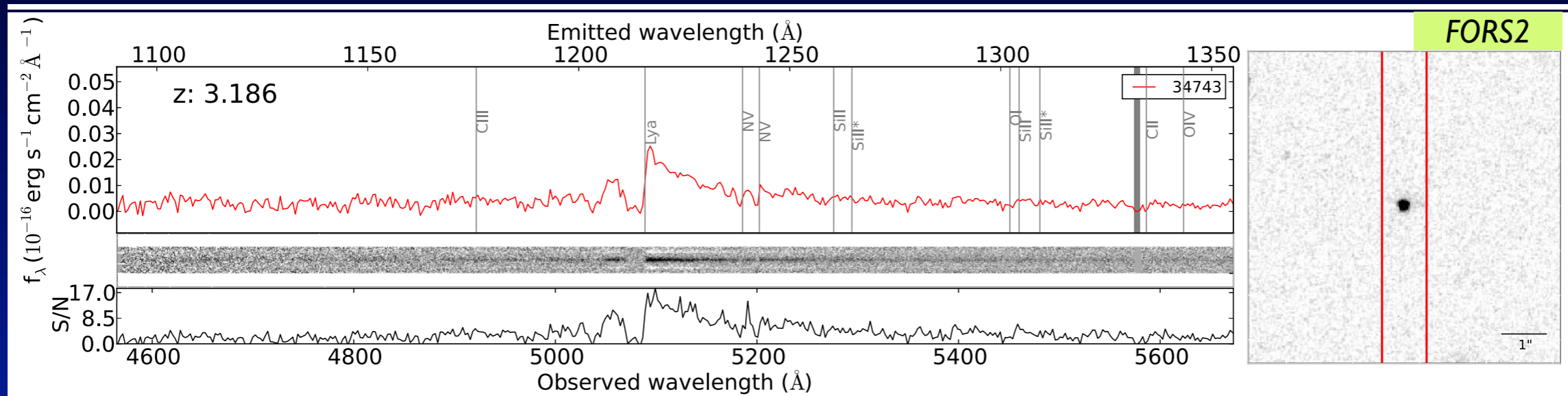
~1800 h total

~35 h / pointing

will be (almost) completed in Sep 2016 -- ***stay tuned!***

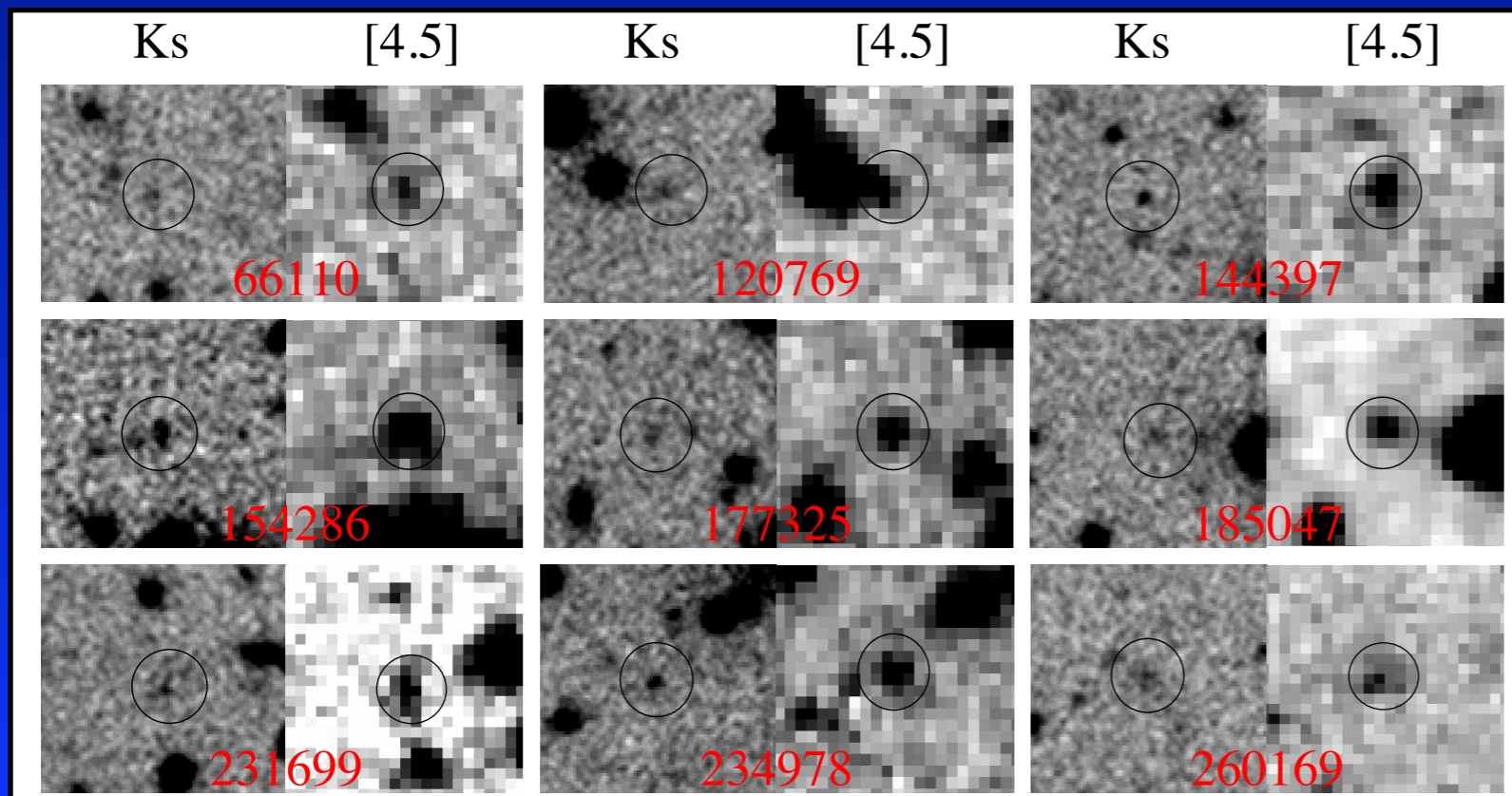
Outstanding Problem

Limited spectroscopic confirmation for massive galaxies at $z > 3$



Karman, KC et al. (2014) -- see also VUDS survey

biased to optically bright galaxies



too faint for current spectrographs!

KC et al. (2015)

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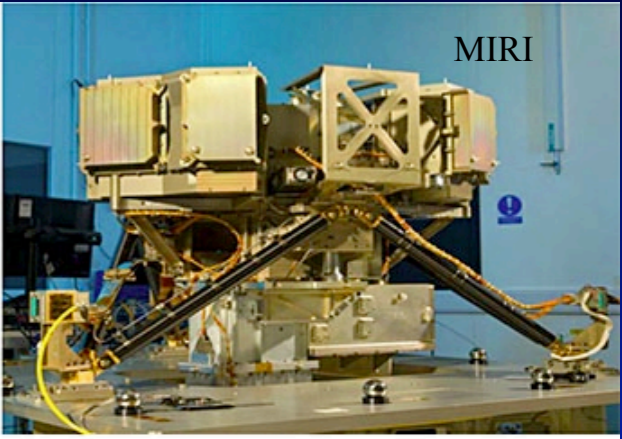
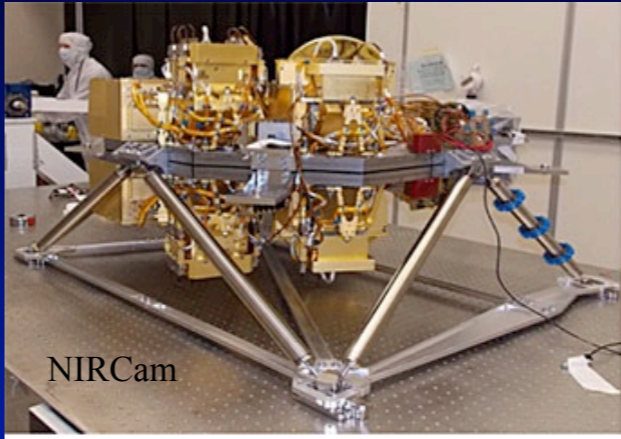
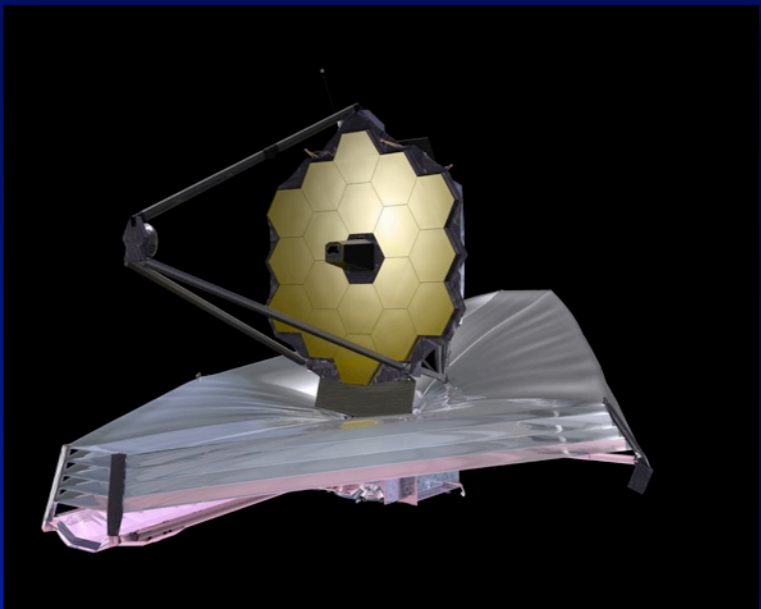
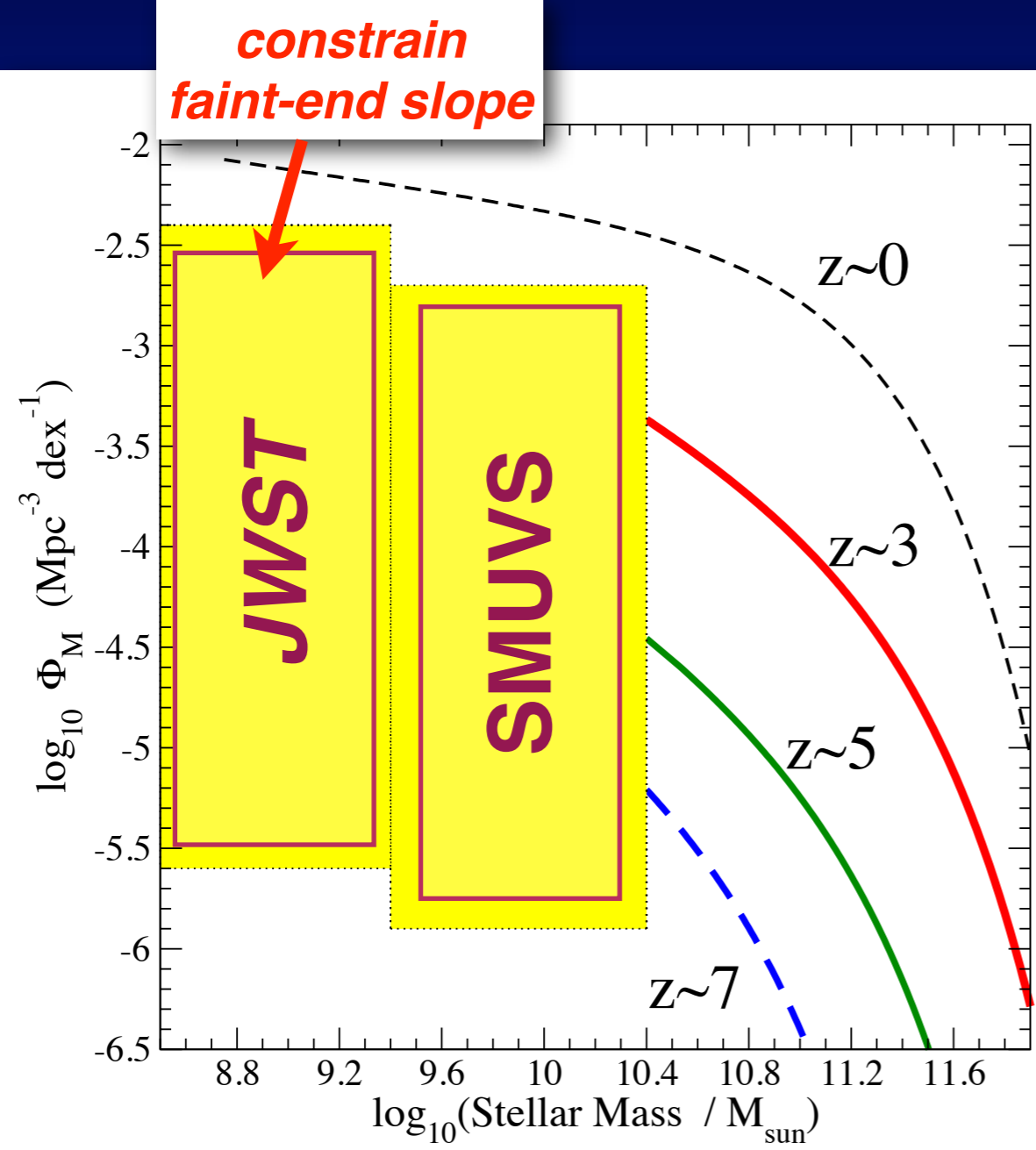
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Stellar mass assembly with JWST

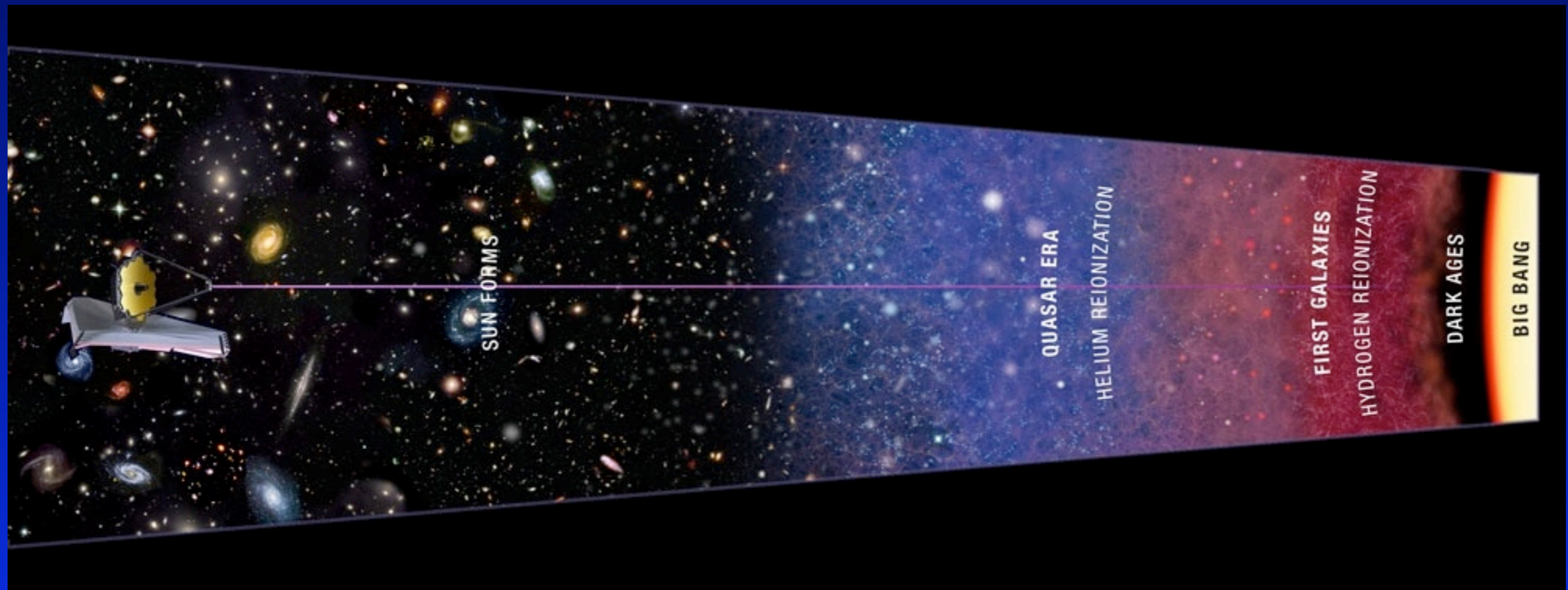
When and how have the building blocks of today's (massive) galaxies formed?



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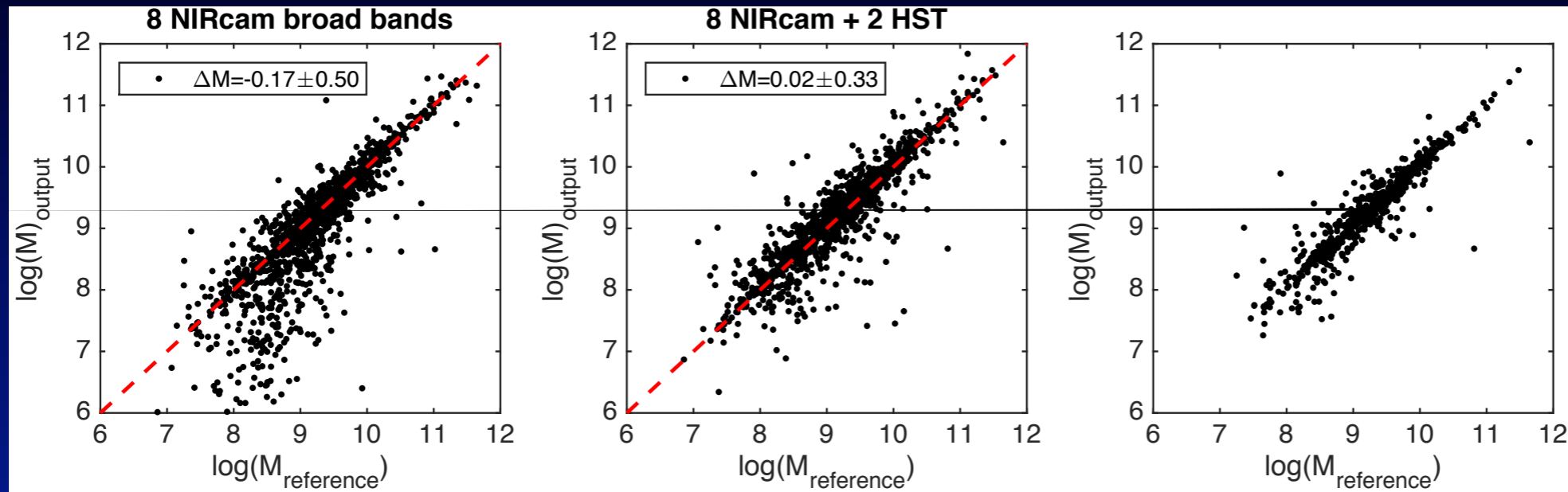
How much stellar mass was formed in the first billion years?

What is the maximal stellar mass in a single galaxy?



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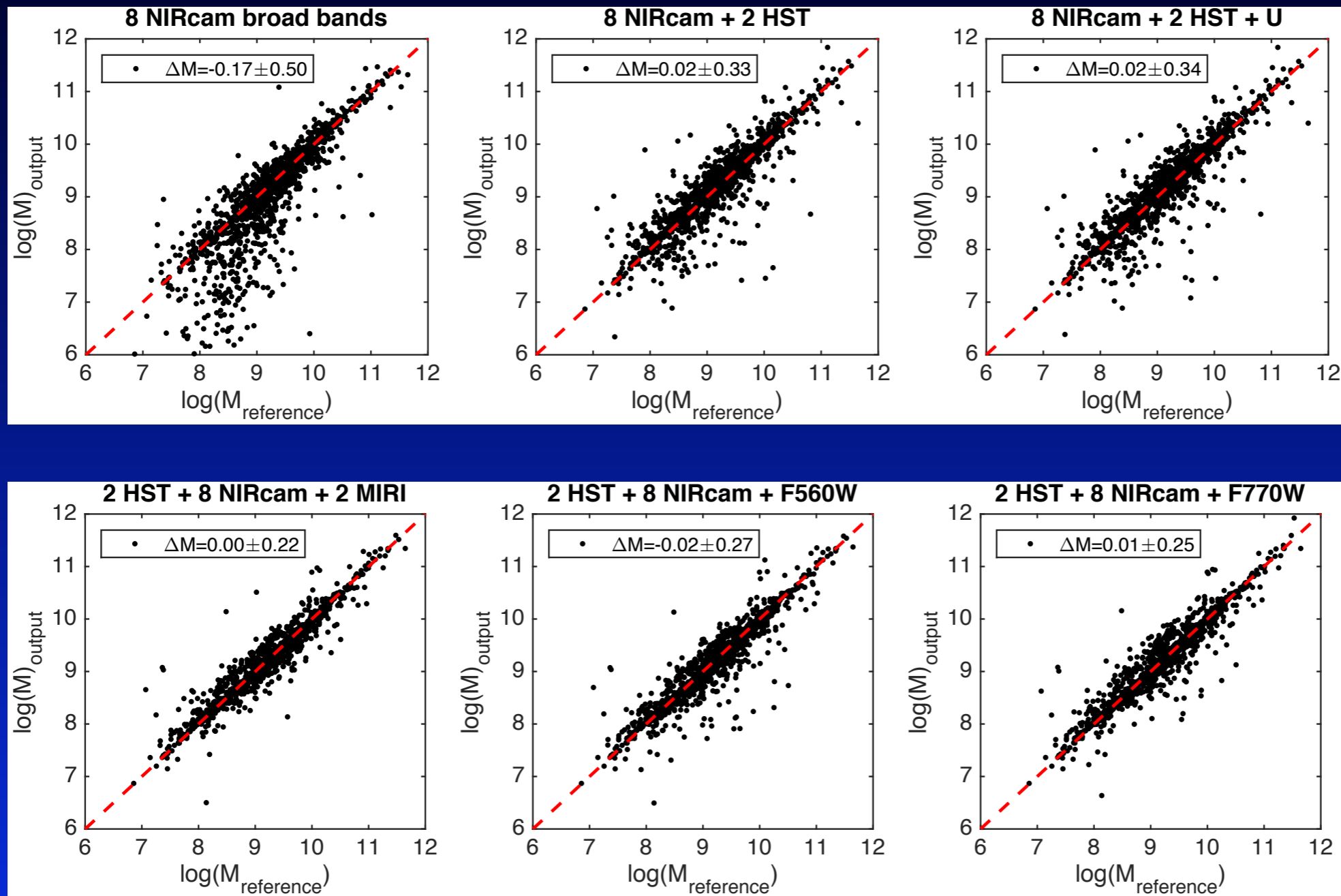
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GOODS-S
galaxies
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For extensive zphot testing see [Bisigello, KC et al. \(2016\)](#)

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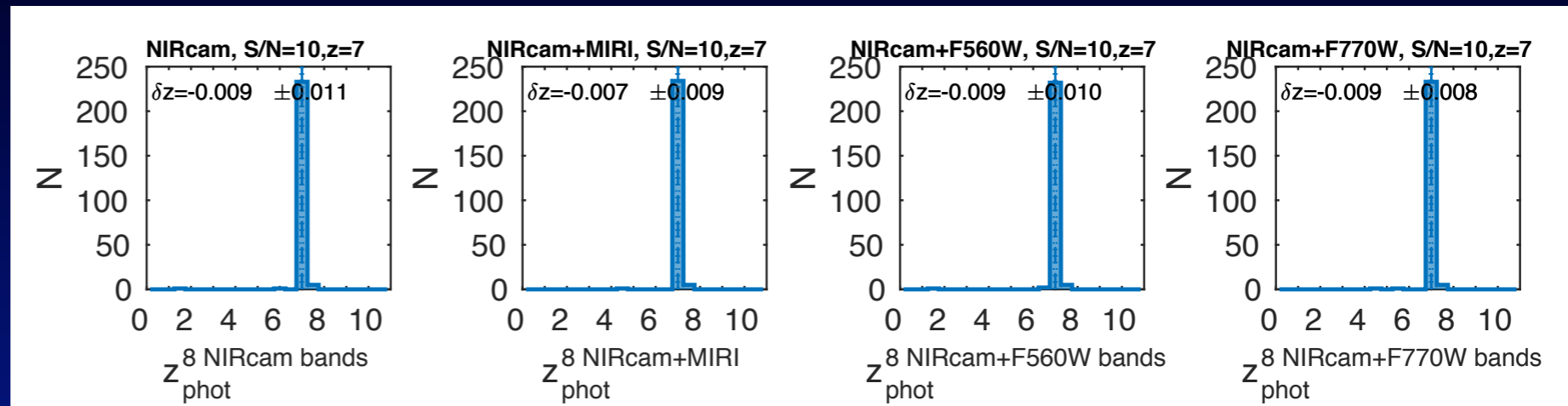
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For stellar mass testing see [Bisigello, KC et al., in prep.](#)

Stellar mass recovery for *JWST* galaxies

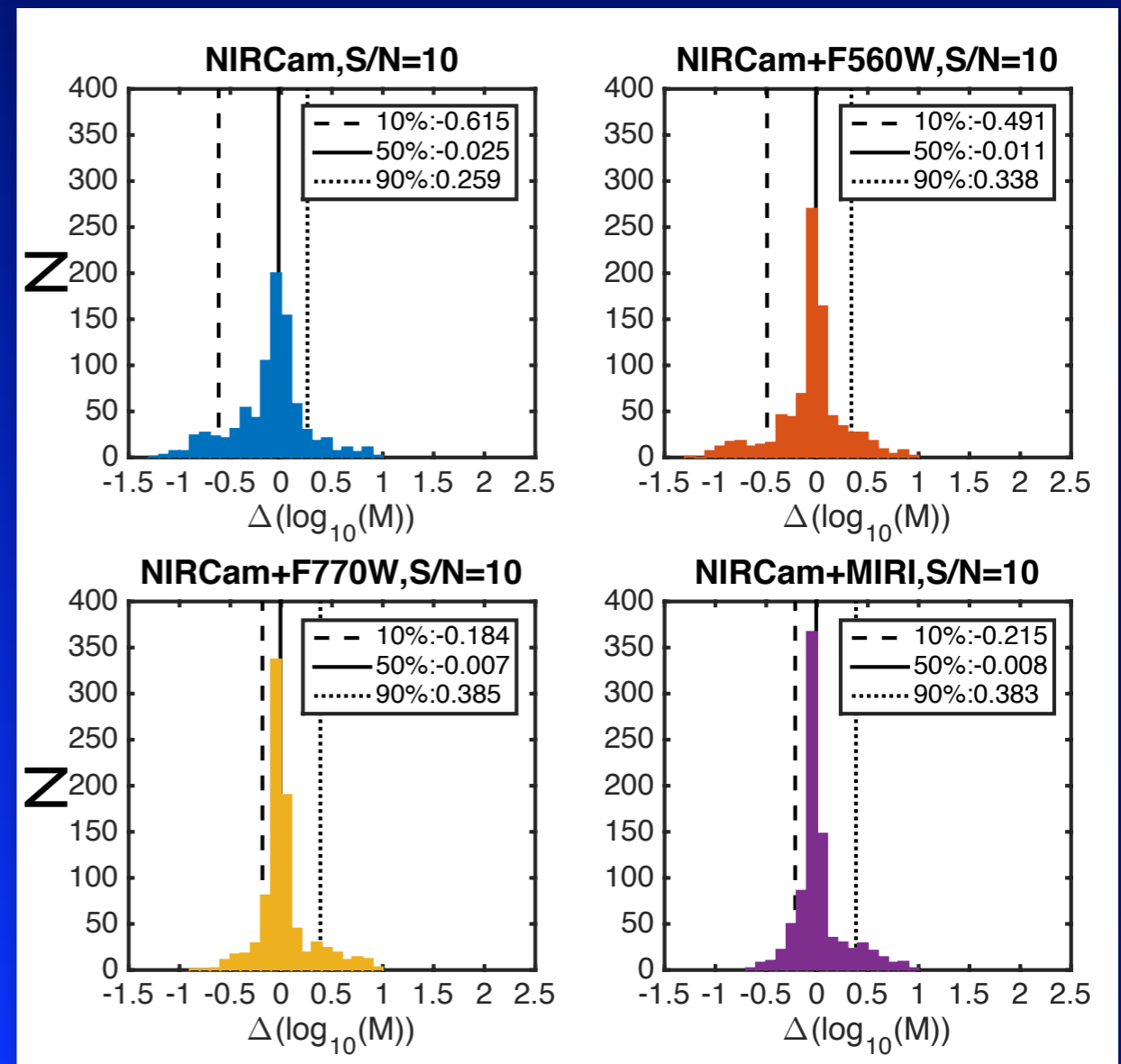
mock galaxies
at $z=7,8,9,10$

Bisigello, KC et al. (2016)



MIRI data very
important to recover
stellar masses at high z

Bisigello, KC et al., in prep.



Summary

- ❖ *Spitzer* images + deepest near-IR surveys allow us to constrain GSMF up to $z \sim 6-7$
but not consensus yet on low-mass end
- ❖ *JWST* will probe the GSMF low-mass end at high z
building blocks of today's galaxies at early cosmic times
- ❖ *JWST* will open up stellar mass assembly studies at $z > 7$
investigate the very first steps of galaxy buildup

definitive constraints for galaxy formation theories

Thanks!