THE PREVALENCE OF CIII EMISSION AT 1.5 < z < 4

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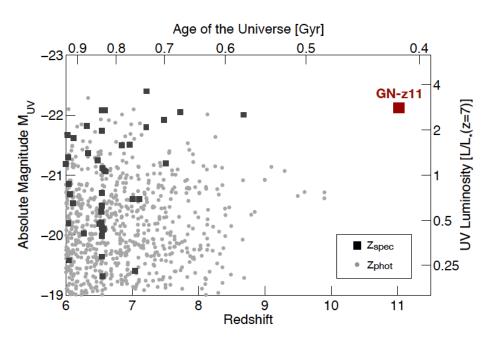
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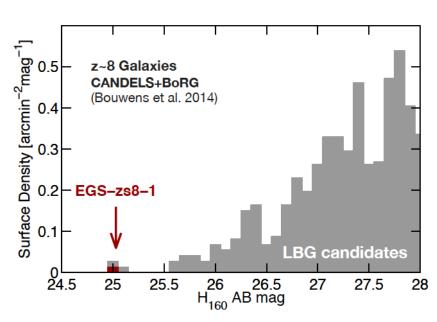




The current state of high-z studies

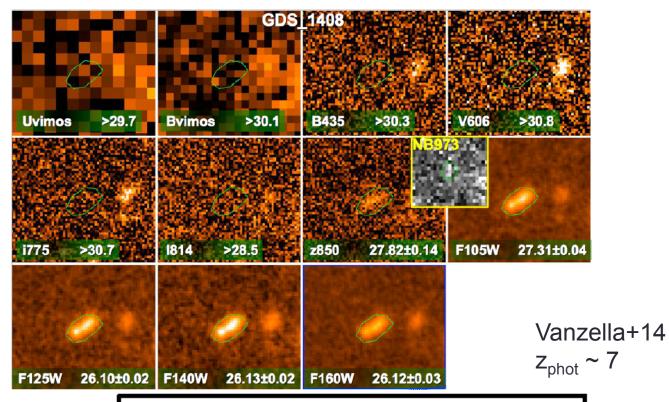
- Hundreds of photometric candidates at z > 5 from CANDELS, HUDF, BoRG, etc.
- But relatively few spectroscopic confirmations from Ly-α or continuum breaks





Oesch+15,16

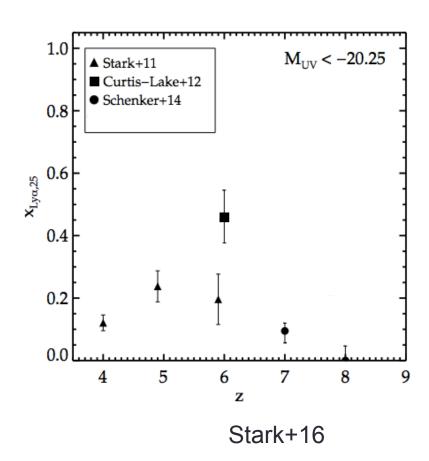
We usually do OK with the brightest ones, but...



z-band dropout HUDF-J033242.56-274656.6

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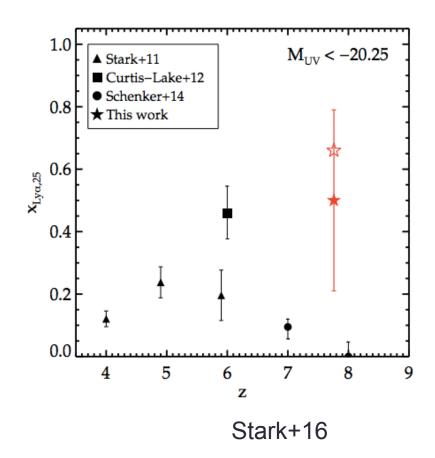
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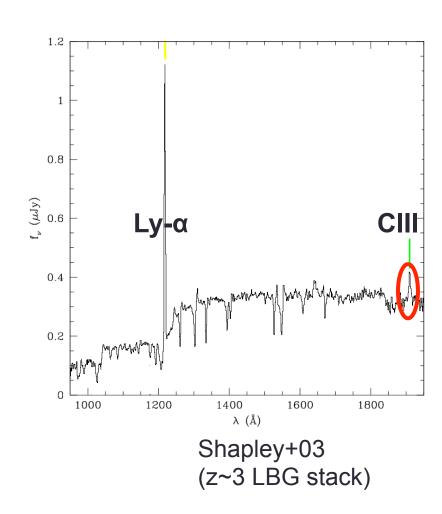
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 (New results indicate that this may not be true around the most extreme galaxies)



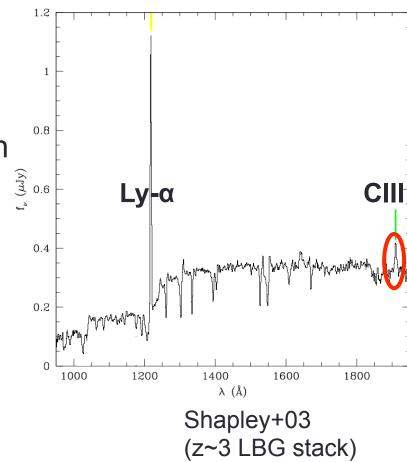
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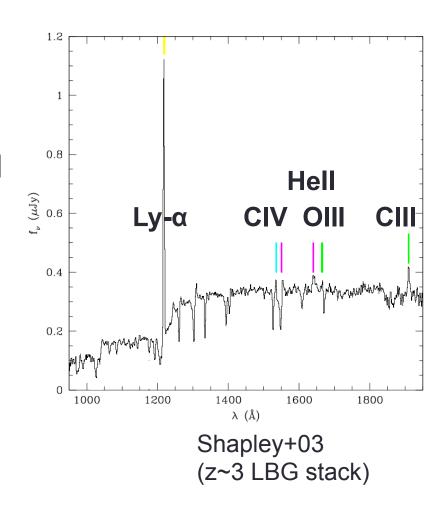
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 - "Easier" to interpret than Ly-α



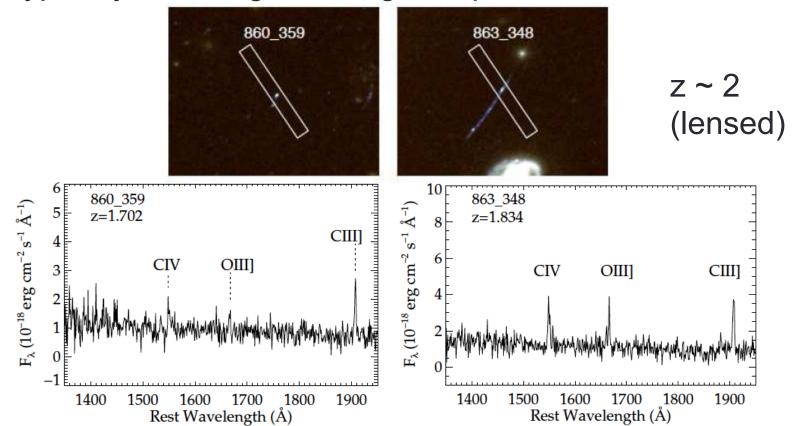
Physics with CIII and the rest-UV in general

- CIII doublet sensitive to electron density
- CIII and OIII 1665 (or 5007)
 can constrain C/O abundance
- These and other lines, like HeII 1640 and CIV 1549 can constrain:
 - Ionization parameter
 - AGN diagnostics
 - Metallicity

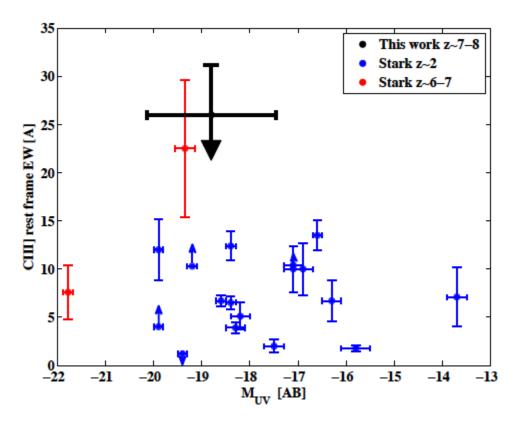


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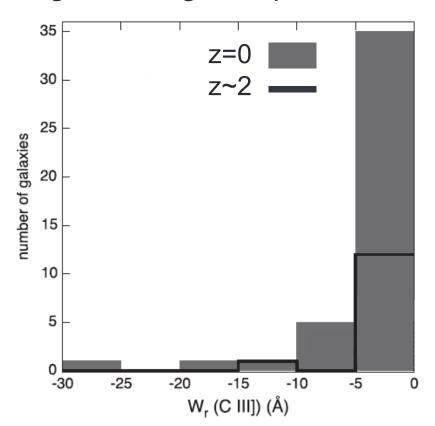
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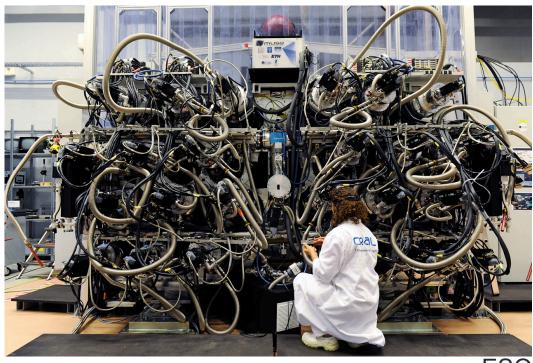
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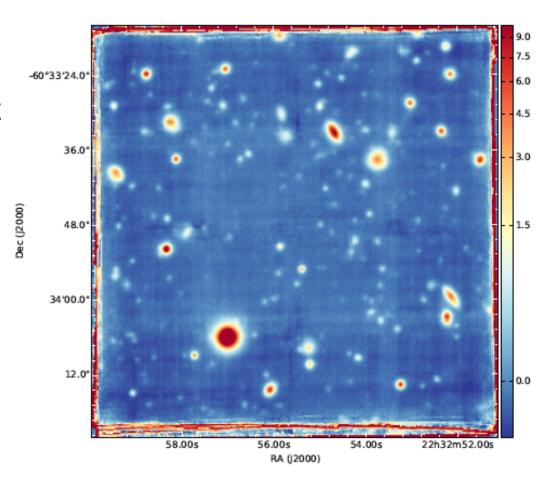
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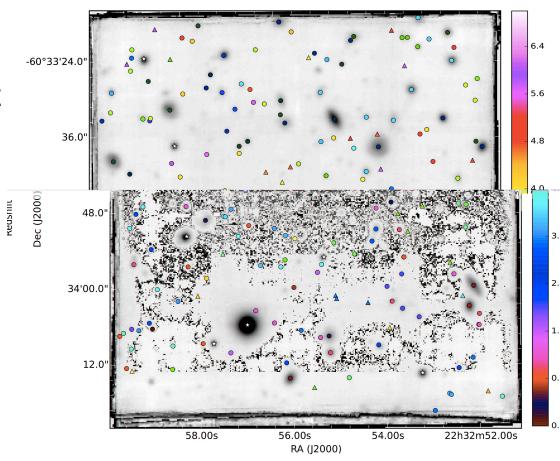
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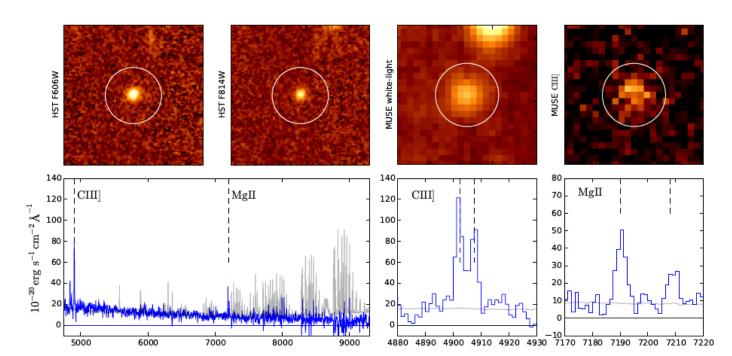
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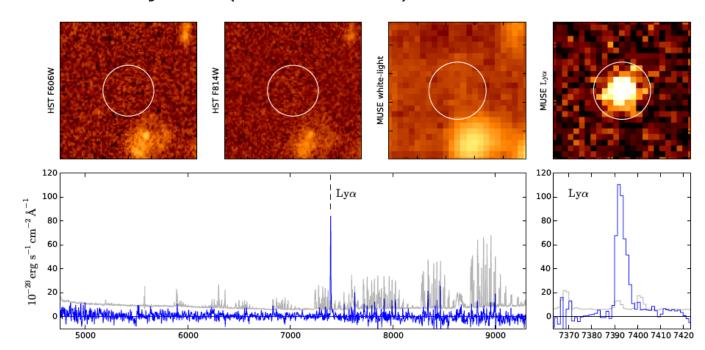
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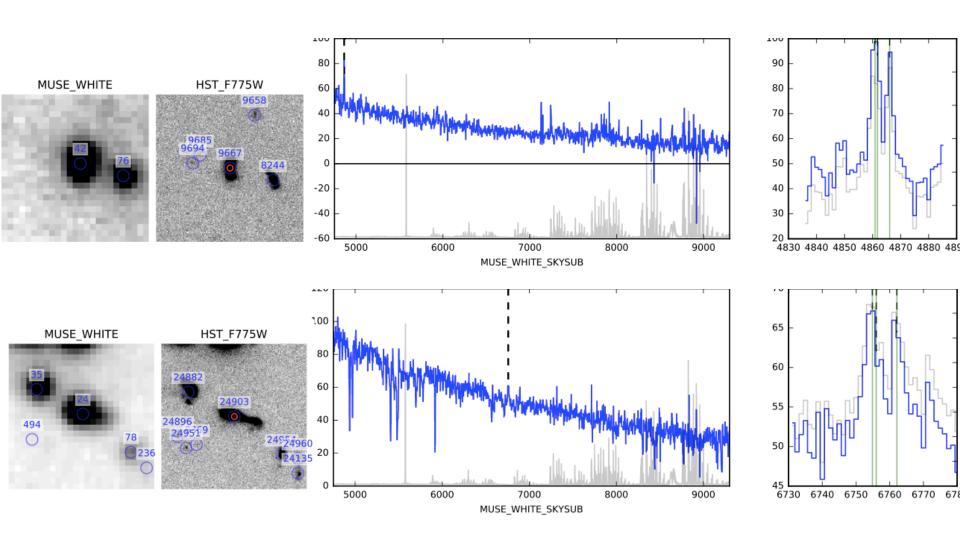
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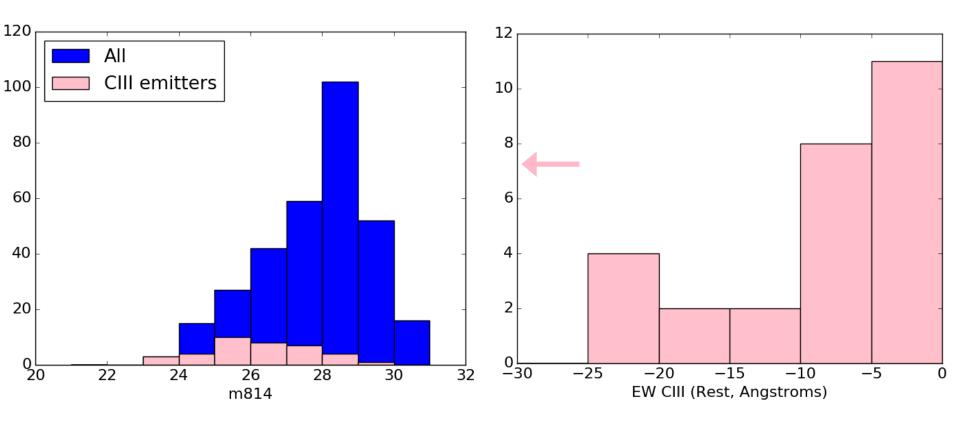
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- Line fluxes and EWs determined with platefit (Tremonti +14, Brinchmann+14)
- Redshifts for other sources from 3D-HST grism spectroscopy (UDF only) or photometry

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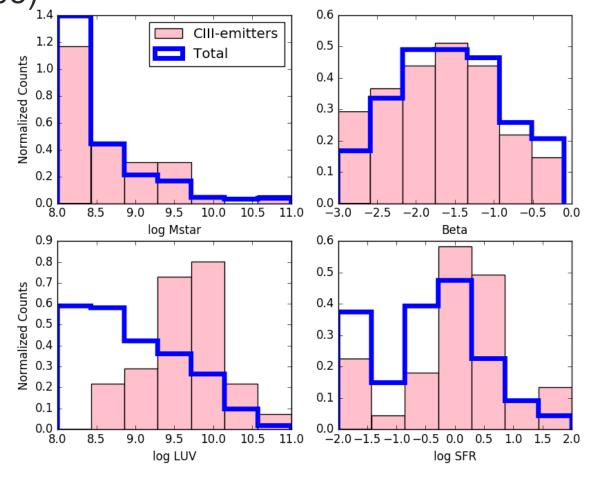
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 38% (17/45) of m814 < 26 galaxies at these z's have CIII detection

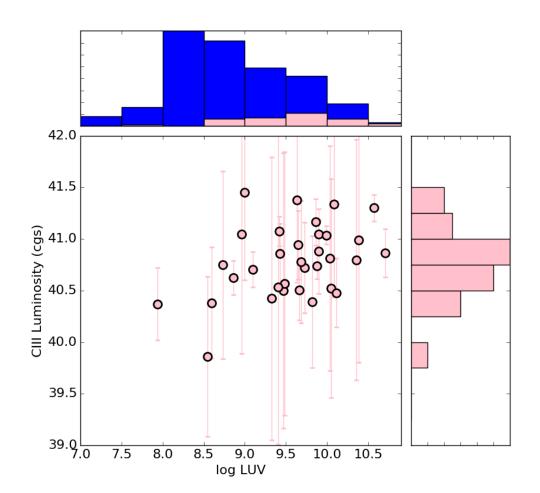


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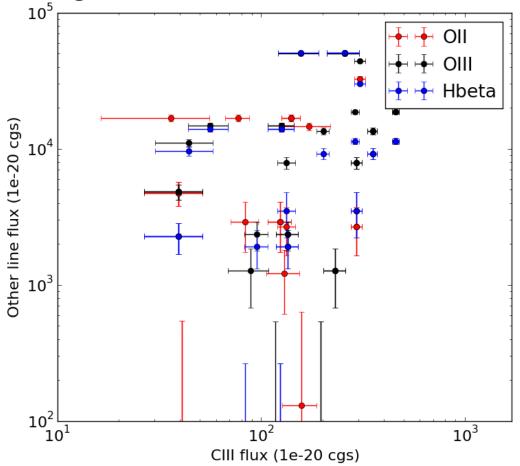
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Relation between LUV and CIII luminosity tentative



Brighter optical emission lines (OIII, Hβ, OII; from 3D-HST in UDF)
 → brighter CIII



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In general, CIII (and other rest-UV emission) is "common" in galaxies – **Go deep!**

- At z>12, these lines may be our only chance with NIRSpec
- Otherwise, can use this information to improve modeling and learn about physical properties