# Unveiling the nature of **bright** z ~ 7 galaxies with *HST*, ALMA and *JWST*



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### Bright galaxies into the EoR

#### NIRCam/NIRSpec GTO surveys:

#### Deep ~ tens sq. arcmin Wide 400 sq. arcmin (< CANDELS)



UltraVISTA Survey / COSMOS field

UKIDSS Ultra Deep Survey / Subaru XMM-Newton Deep Survey





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# ~ few per sq. degree for the brightest LBGs



#### $10^{-2}$ Ground-based $10^{-3}$ Number/mag/Mpc 10-10<sup>-5</sup> Bowler et al. (2014) Bowler et al. (2012) McLure et al. (2013) 10<sup>-6</sup> Bouwens et al. (2011) Castellano et al. (2010ab) Ouchi et al. (2009) McLure et al. (2013) $10^{-7}$ Double Power Law Fit 10<sup>-8</sup> -22 -20-18-24 M<sub>1500</sub>

HST surveys

e.g. CANDELS, UDF+



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Near-infrared data from: UltraVISTA\* in COSMOS, UKIDSS and VIDEO\* in the UDS

#### Total area = 1.65 sq. deg

\*ESO Public Surveys

#### The sample of bright z ~ 7 LBGs



~30 Lyman-break galaxies at z ~ 7 (11 brighter than mAB = 25.0)
10 < SFR < 40 Msun/yr</li>
median rest-frame UV slope β = -2.0
half-light radii from 0.5-3kpc



## Nebular emission in bright LBGs



- ★ Deconfused Spitzer SPLASH data at 3.6 and 4.5 microns
- Hints at extremely strong rest-frame optical emission lines
- \* rest-frame EW (Hβ + [OIII]) = 600-1800A

## Nebular emission in bright LBGs

- NIRSpec will clearly detect these lines + the continuum
- Metallicity, Ionisation parameter, temperature indicators
- Balmer break measured directly
- Also access to rest-frame UV lines



#### with R =100, t ~ 8 min; R=1000, t < 1hr



c/o Peter Jacobsen

## **Revealing the nature of bright LBGs**



# The sample includes the **brightest** known z ~ 7 galaxies, which are ideal targets for detailed follow-up:





... in relatively modest integration times:

few hours with near-IR spectrographs (e.g. Oesch+2015, Roberts-Borsani+2015...)

modest integrations with ALMA (e.g. Capak+2015, Maolino+2015...)

#### **Revealing the nature of bright LBGs**

HST can reveal sizes/ morphologies that are elusive in ground-based data

Optical and near-infrared spectroscopy can reveal rest-UV emission lines





ALMA provides unique view of dust emission

# **ALMA observations of the dust continuum** Cycle 3 imaging of 6 bright LBGs at z ~ 7

#### Measured with ALMA



e.g. the 'dusty normal galaxy' at z = 7.5 from Watson et al. (2015)

Balmer decrement and β
 measured by NIRSpec can
 be directly compared to
 ALMA results

# HST/WFC3 follow-up of bright LBGs

17 orbits of HST/WFC3 using the wide JH140 filter

Targeting 17 of the Bowler et al. (2014) sample with 6.5 < z < 7.2,  $M_{UV} < -21.5$ 



# <image>



#### Multiple-components?



Jiang et al. (2013)

# HST/WFC3 imaging of M < -21.5 LBGs





Ouchi et al. 2009, 2013

Sobral et al. 2015

- The brightest Lyman-break galaxies at z ~ 7 are composed of multiple clumps under HST resolution
- Magnitude limited sample, not selected for line emission

arXiv:1605.05325

# Clumpy galaxies at high redshift

z = 2-3 SF galaxies

Elmegreen et al. 2005



NIRCam will reveal the underlying stellar mass distribution

- WFC3 FWHM ~ 0.2", NIRCam <~ 0.1"</li>
- ★ S/N ~ 50 for < 10 min</li>

# Summary

 ★ Using ground-based data from the UltraVISTA + UDS we now have samples of extremely bright star-forming galaxies at z = 7
 ★ The sample is ideal for detailed follow-up to study galaxy properties into the EoR

 $\star$  Observations with HST reveal a clumpy morphology at Muv < -22



#### With **JWST**:

★ Rest-frame optical emission lines (hence Z, U, T)
★ Underly morphology of the rest-frame optical
★ The presence of dust at z ~ 7