

Resolved Star Formation in Galaxies Using Slitless Spectroscopy

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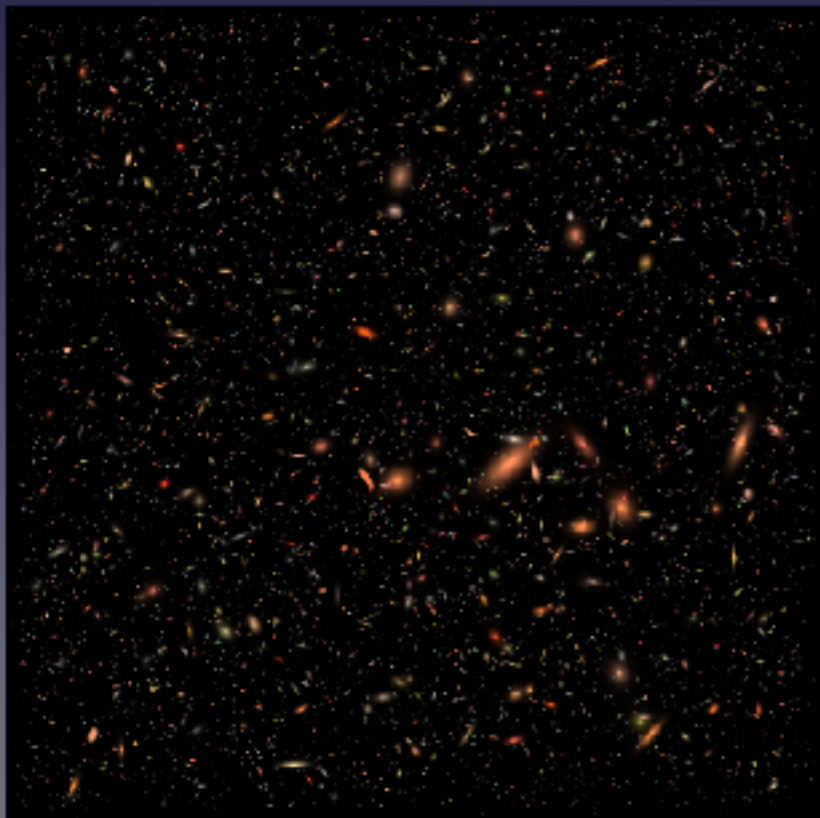
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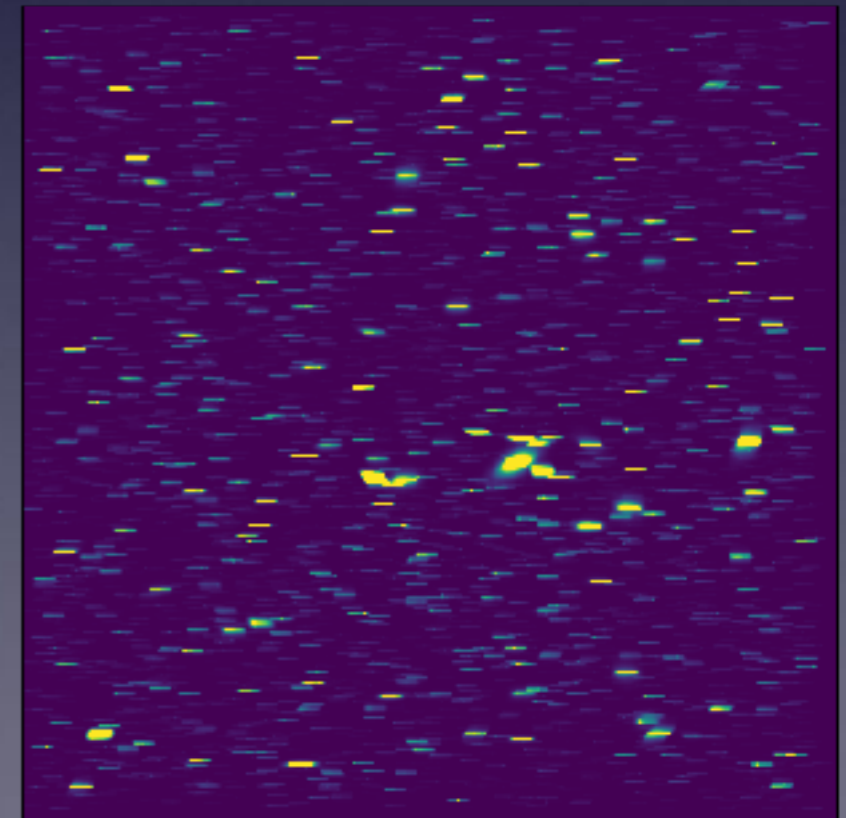
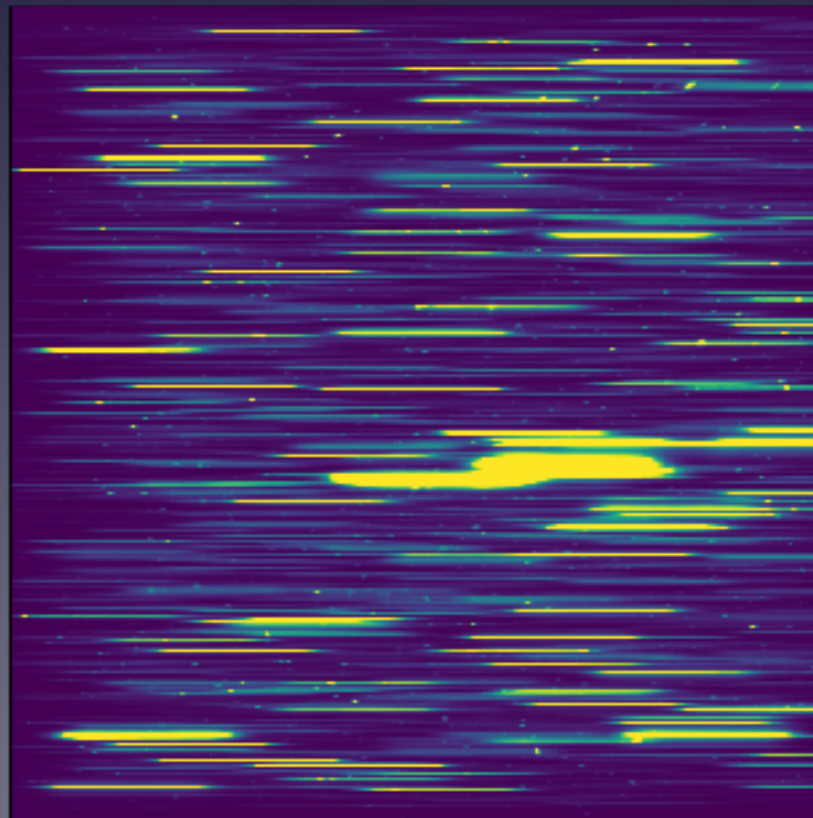
Wide Field Slitless Spectroscopy

- Efficient blind emission line searches
- Large multiplexing
- Wide, un-interrupted wavelength (redshifts) ranges
- Successfully used with NICMOS, ACS, WFC3 (GRAPES, PEARS, 3D-HST, FIGS)
- Future missions (JWST, WFIRST)

JWST NIRCAM $\sim 4.1\mu\text{m}$

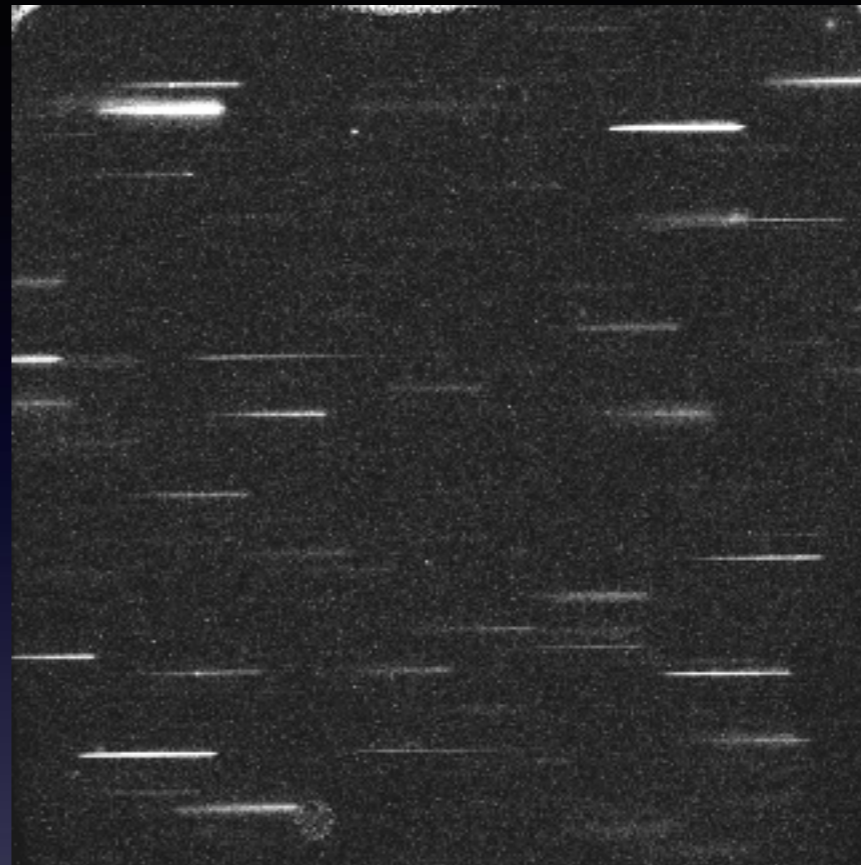


JWST NIRISS $\sim 1.5\mu\text{m}$



Looking for Ly- α and emission lines using Simulation Based Extraction (SBE)

- “Classic” slitless extraction
- Starts with being able to simulate individual observations:
 - Improved contamination correction
 - Improved flux calibration
 - Based on deep imaging and source catalogs from ancillary data
- Really still just an improved simple box extraction



Single exposure

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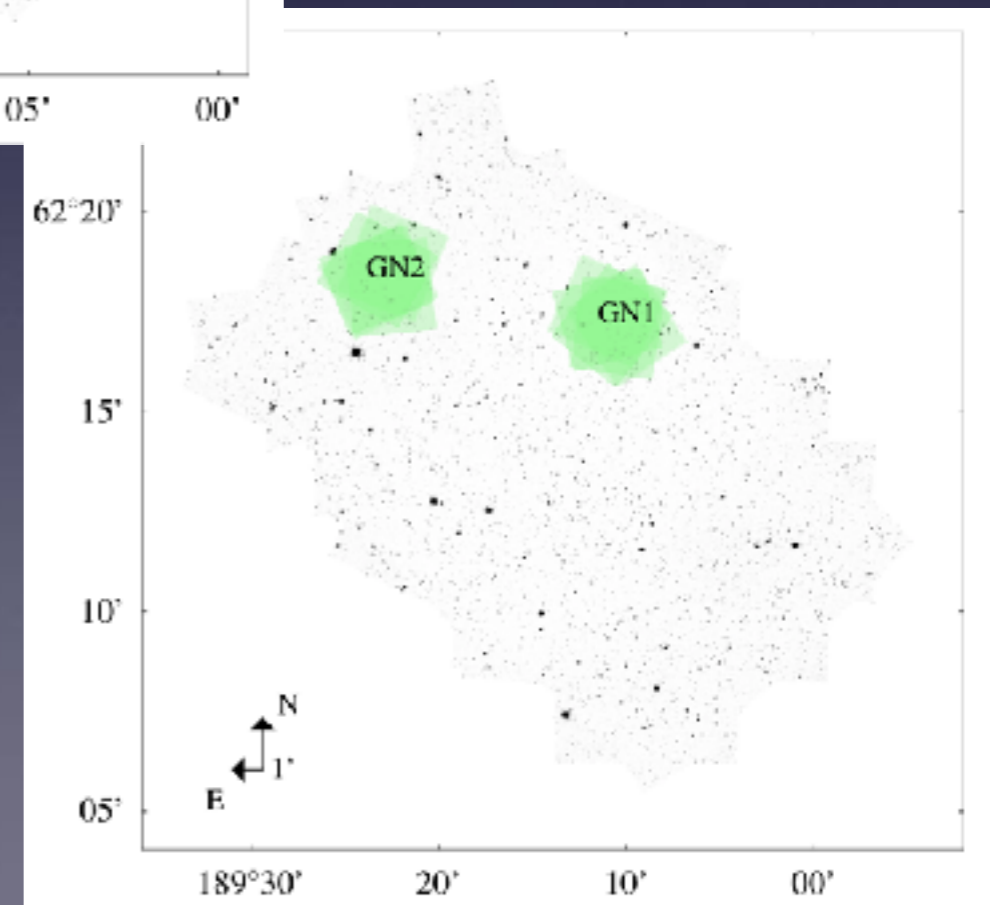
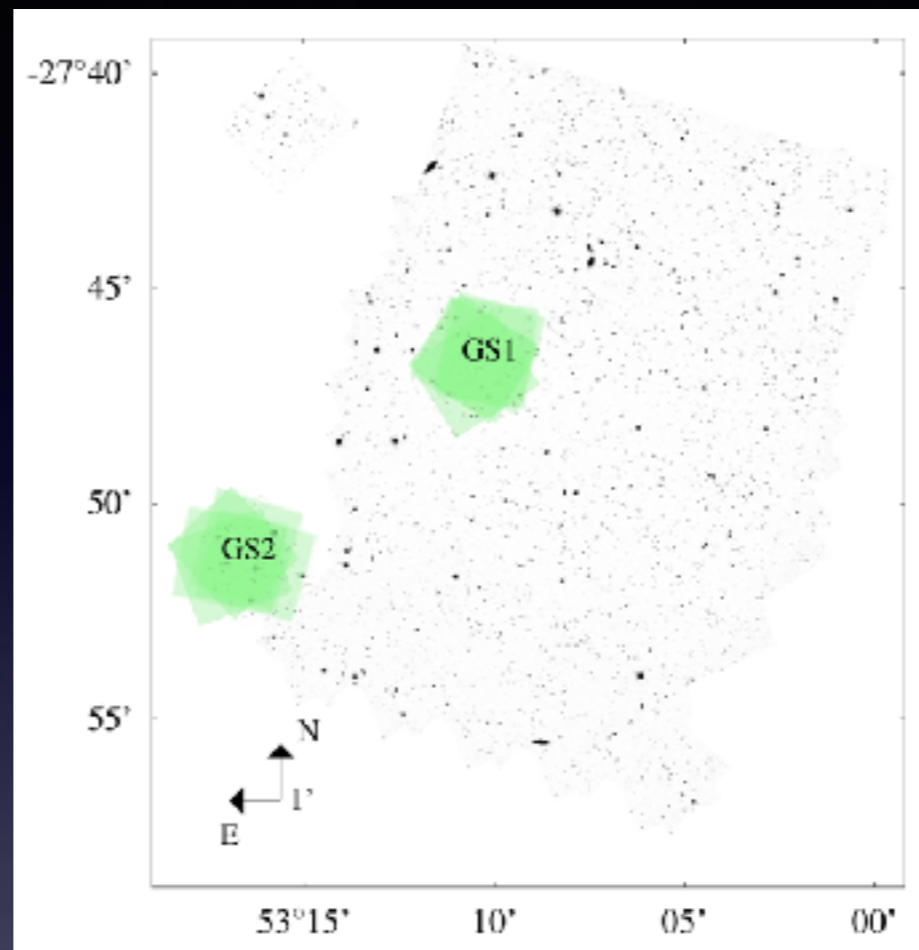


Simulation



WFS using HST/WFC3: FIGS, Faint Infrared Grism Survey

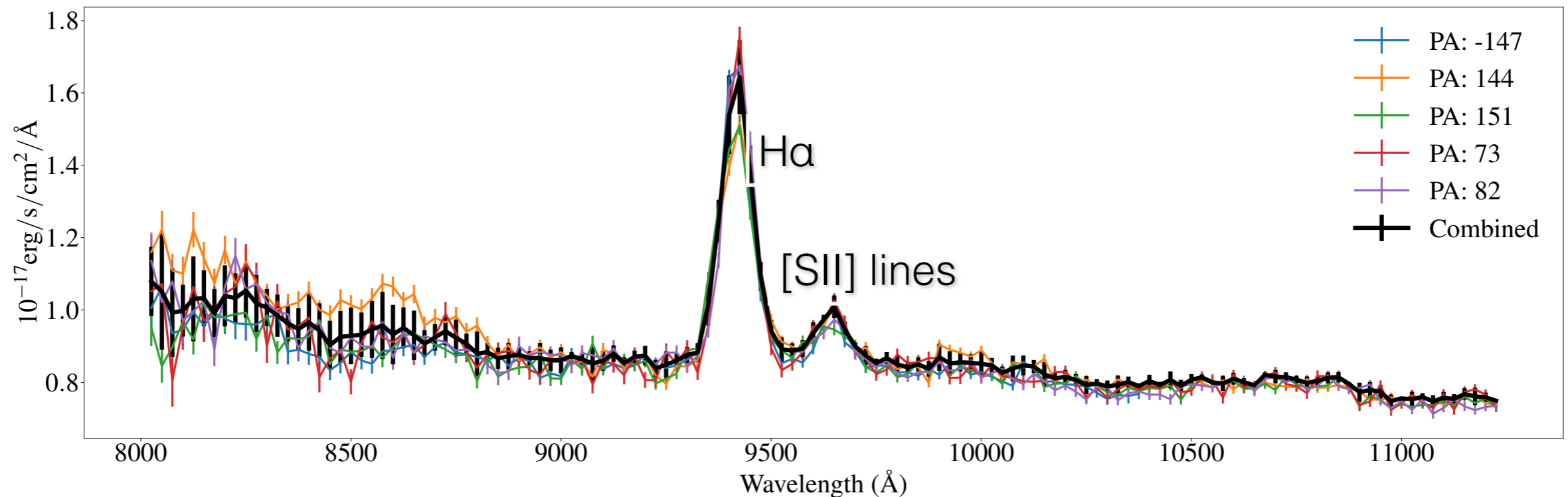
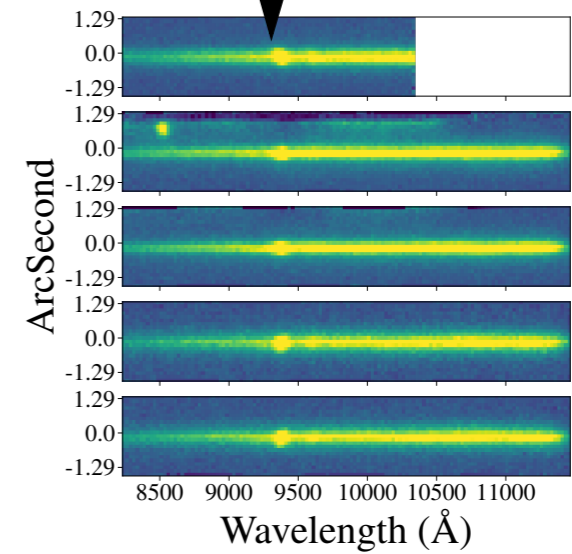
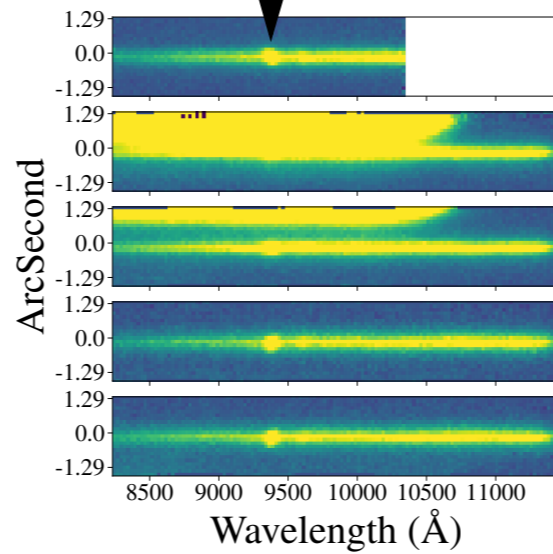
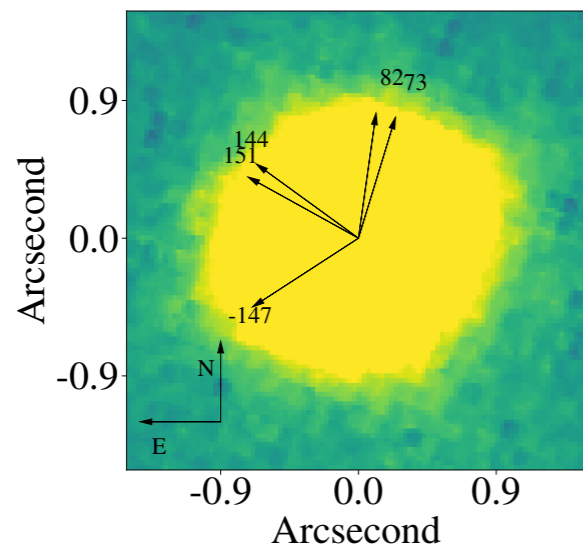
- Deepest WFC3 G102 grism observations
- $R=150$, $8000\text{\AA} < \lambda < 11500\text{\AA}$
- 4 pointings/fields, 40 orbits depth
- 5 PAs per field
- 18 arcmin^2
- Science goals: high- z Ly- α , old massive galaxies, intermediate redshift H α , [OIII], and [OII] emitters.



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FIGS, Simulation Based Extraction Low-z sources

H α z=0.43 example



FIGS, Simulation Based Extraction

Two $z \sim 7.5$ Ly- α galaxies

EW $\sim 50\text{\AA}$

EW $\sim 150\text{\AA}$

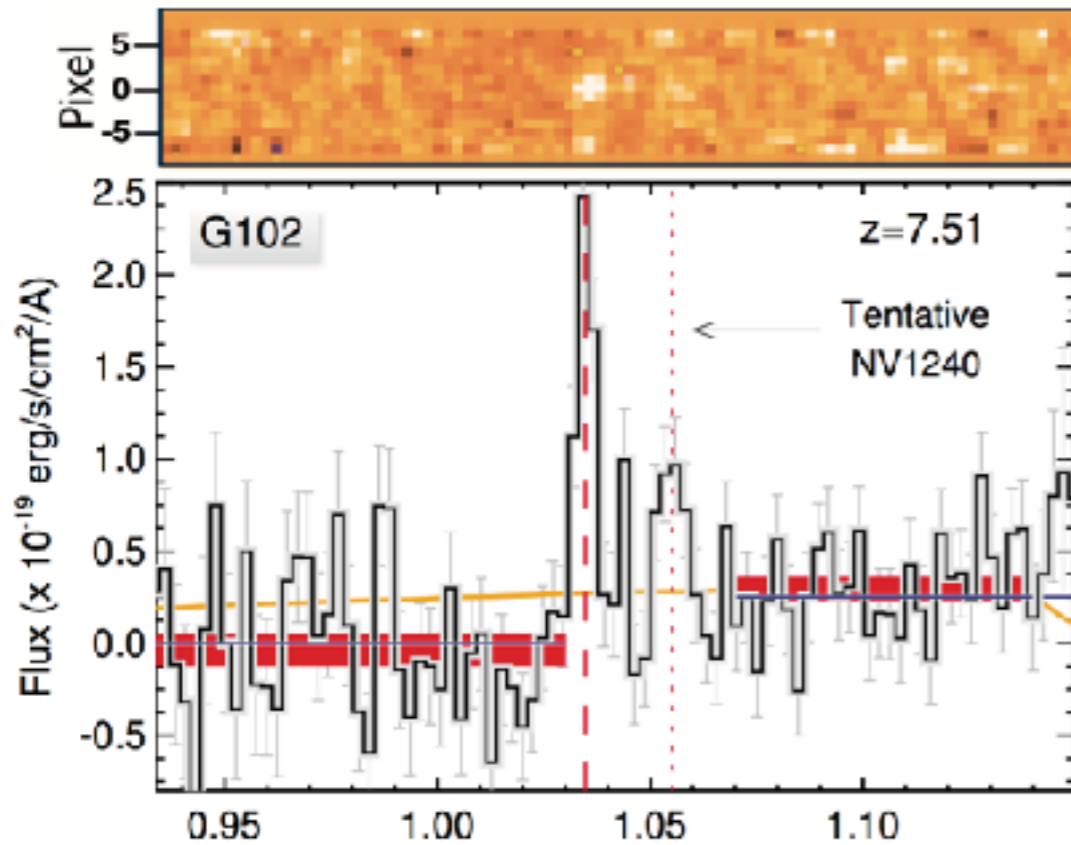


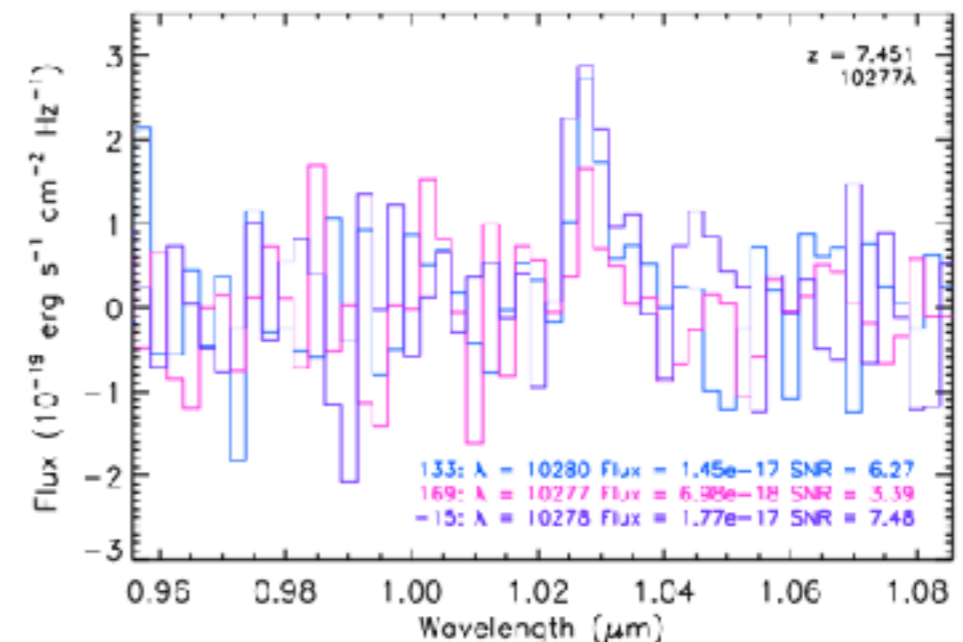
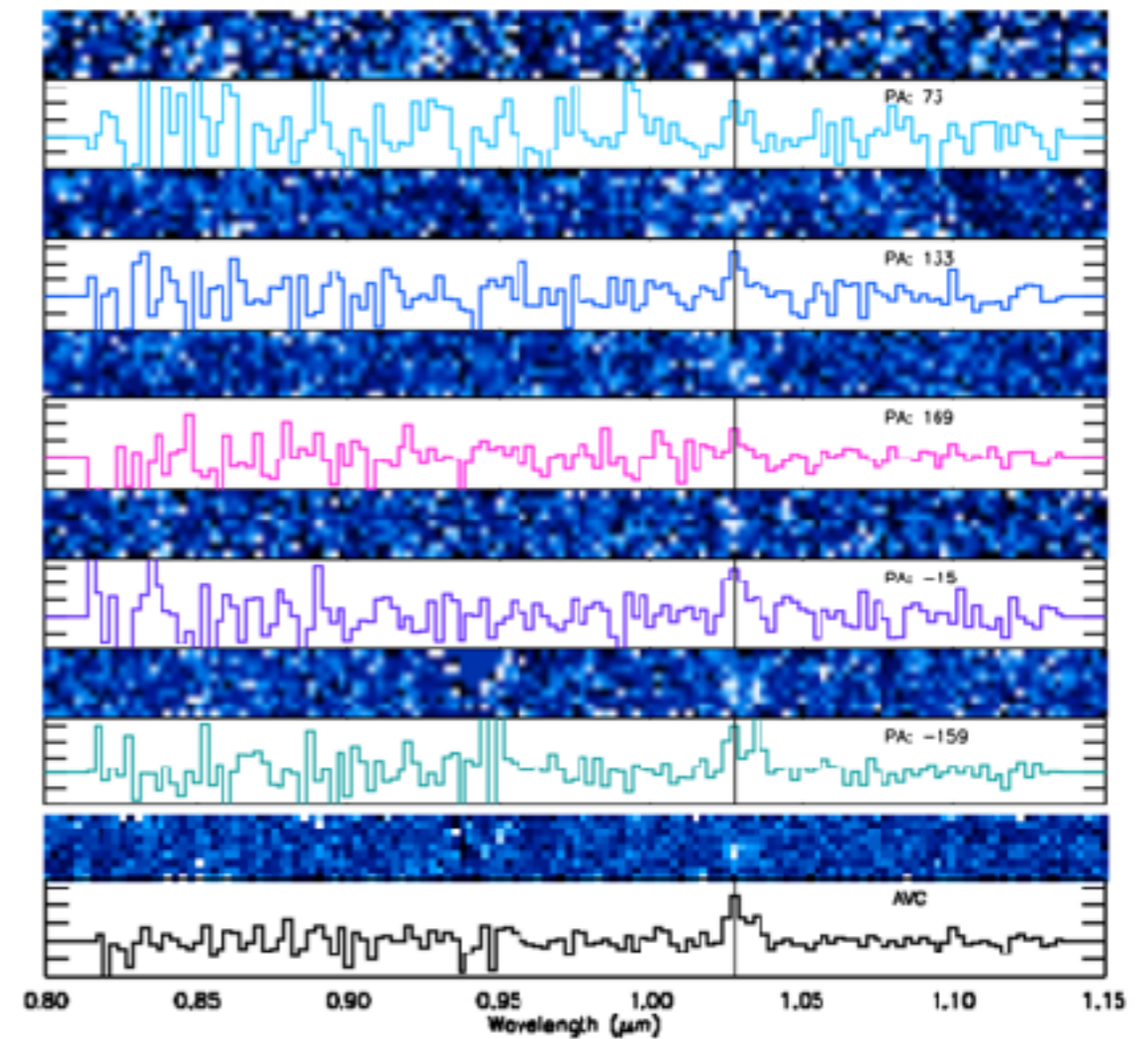
TABLE 1
PROPERTIES OF FIGS_GN1.1292

	Grism	MOSFIRE ^a
RA, DEC	12:36:37.913 +62:18:08.60	
$\lambda_{Ly\alpha}$ (μm)	1.0347 ± 0.005	1.0343 ± 0.0004
$z_{Ly\alpha}$	7.512 ± 0.004	7.5078 ± 0.0004
$z_{Lyman-break}$	7.512	—
$f_{Ly\alpha}$ (10^{-17} erg s $^{-1}$ cm $^{-2}$)	1.06 ± 0.19	0.264 ± 0.034
$f_{\lambda > 1.07 \mu\text{m}}$ (10^{-20} erg s $^{-1}$ cm $^{-2}$)	2.52 ± 0.59	—
$W_{Ly\alpha(rest)}$ (\AA)	49.3 ± 8.9	7.5 ± 1.5
FWHM (\AA)	44 ± 9	7.7 ± 1
$L_{Ly\alpha}$ (10^{42} erg s $^{-1}$)	7.1 ± 1.3	1.77 ± 0.36
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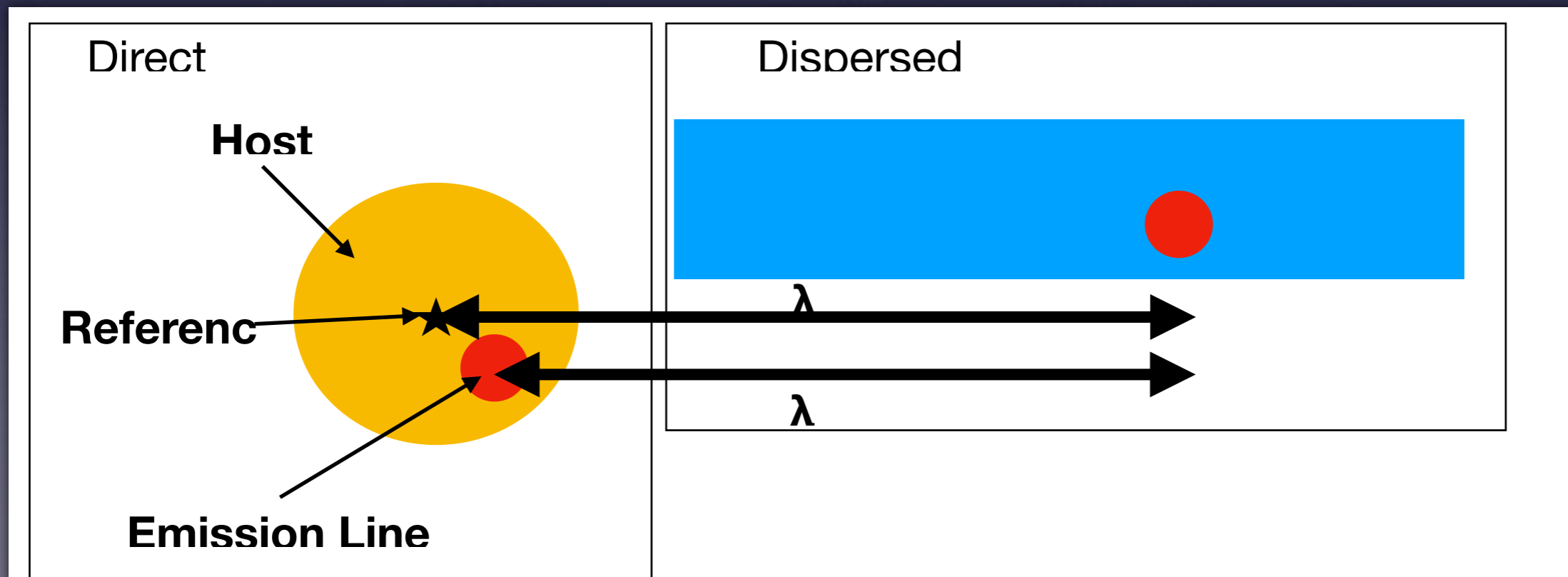
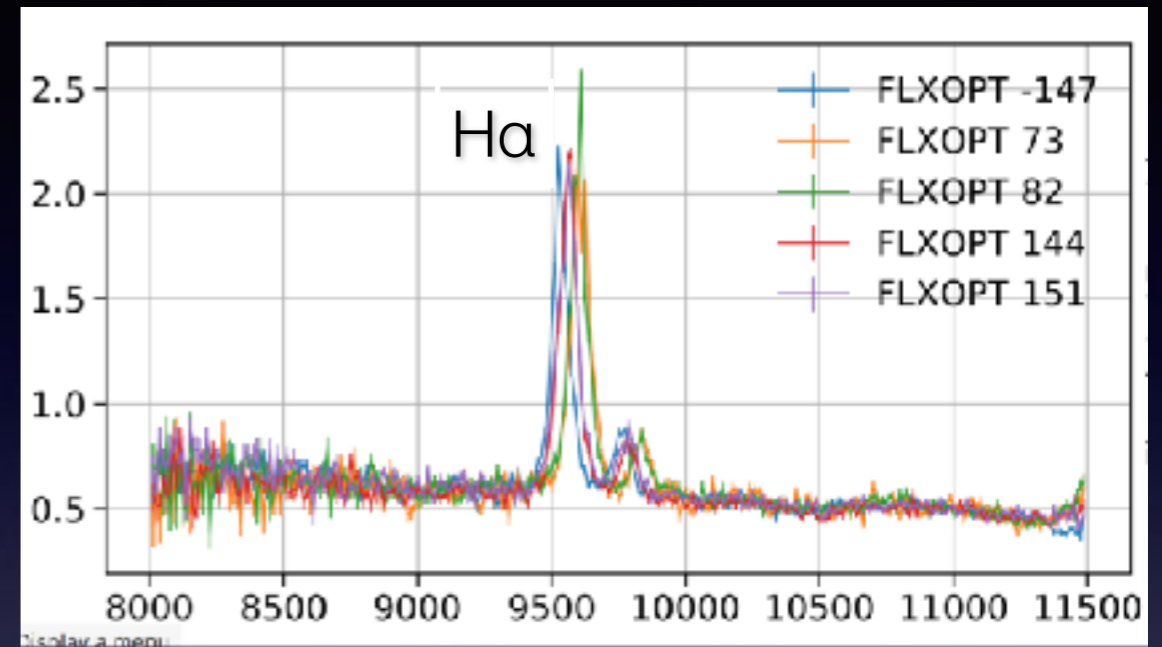
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Resolving star formation: EM2D

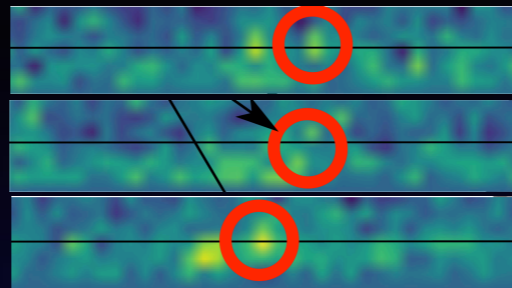
- Location, location, location!
- Importance of deriving the exact source of emission lines
- Impact on wavelength calibration and combination of multi-PA observations



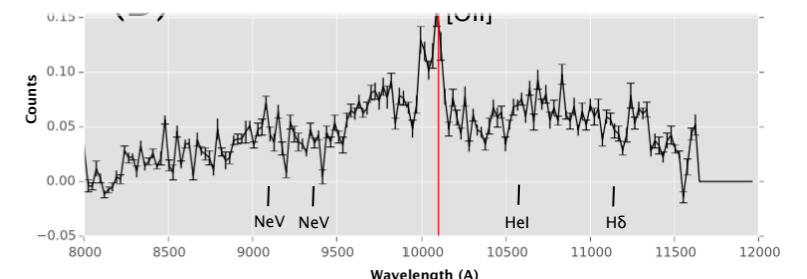
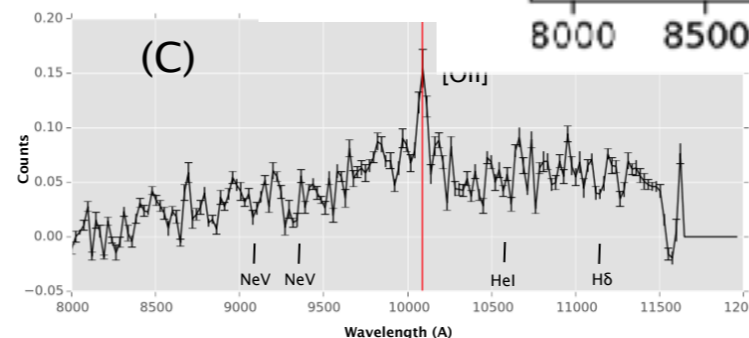
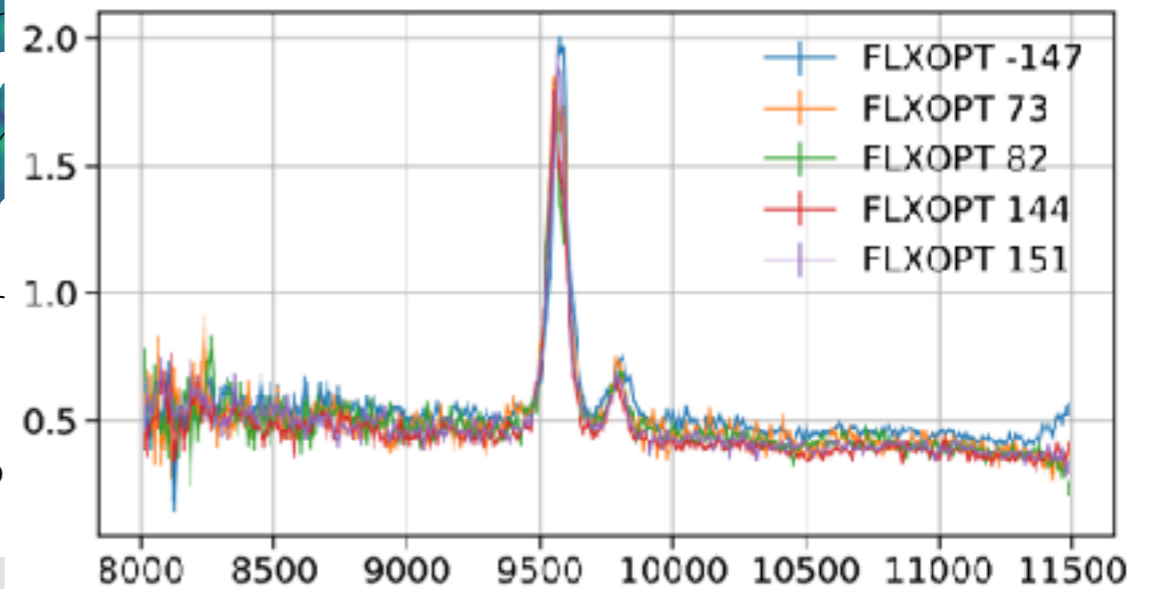
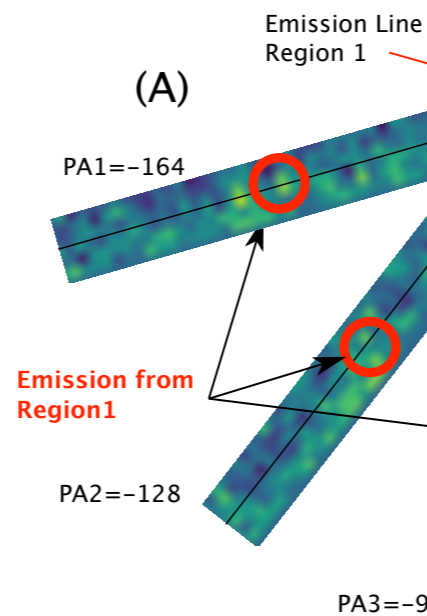
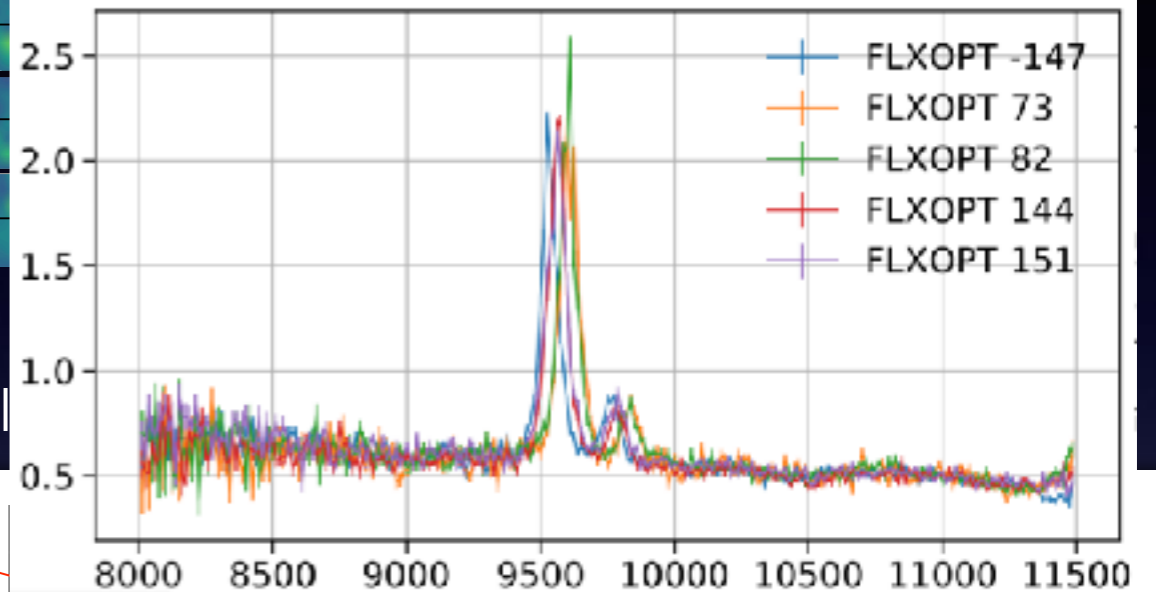
Resolving star formation: EM2D

- Identify emission lines independently of host galaxy
- Leverages multiple PA observations
- We determine the exact location of the emission line region AND its observed wavelength
- Multiple emission lines (e.g. [OIII]/H α , [OII]/[OIII]) detected separately

Dispersion Direction 



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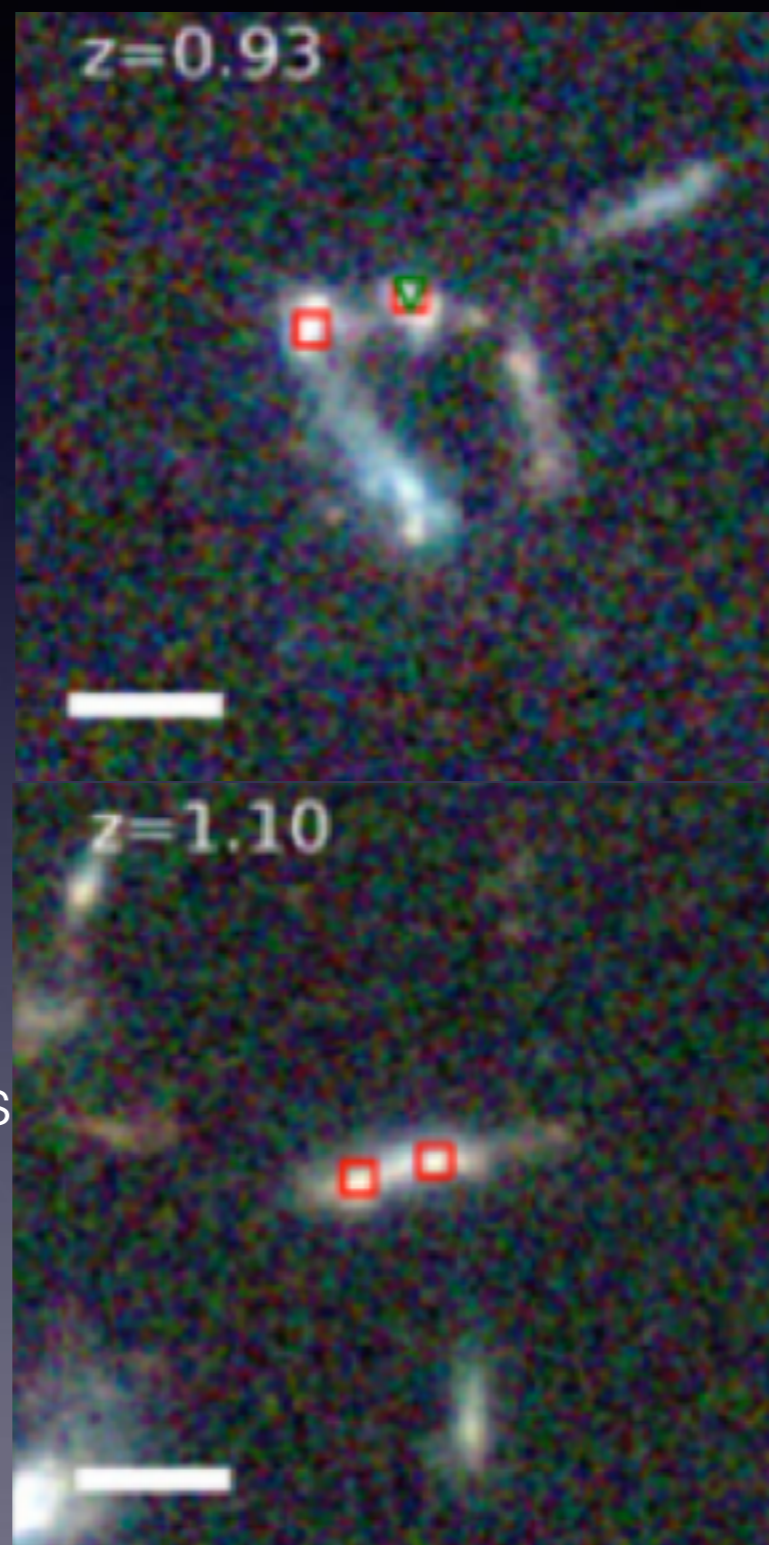




Locating star formation: EM2D

WFSS in the optical using ACS

- PEARS, ACS grism survey
- 1162 emission lines
- $z < 1.5$
- flux limit of $\sim 10^{-17}$ erg/s/cm²
- Multiple star forming regions AND line species
- Spectral extraction of individual star forming regions
- Allows for studying properties (SFR etc..) of individual star forming regions! (Pirzkal+2013)

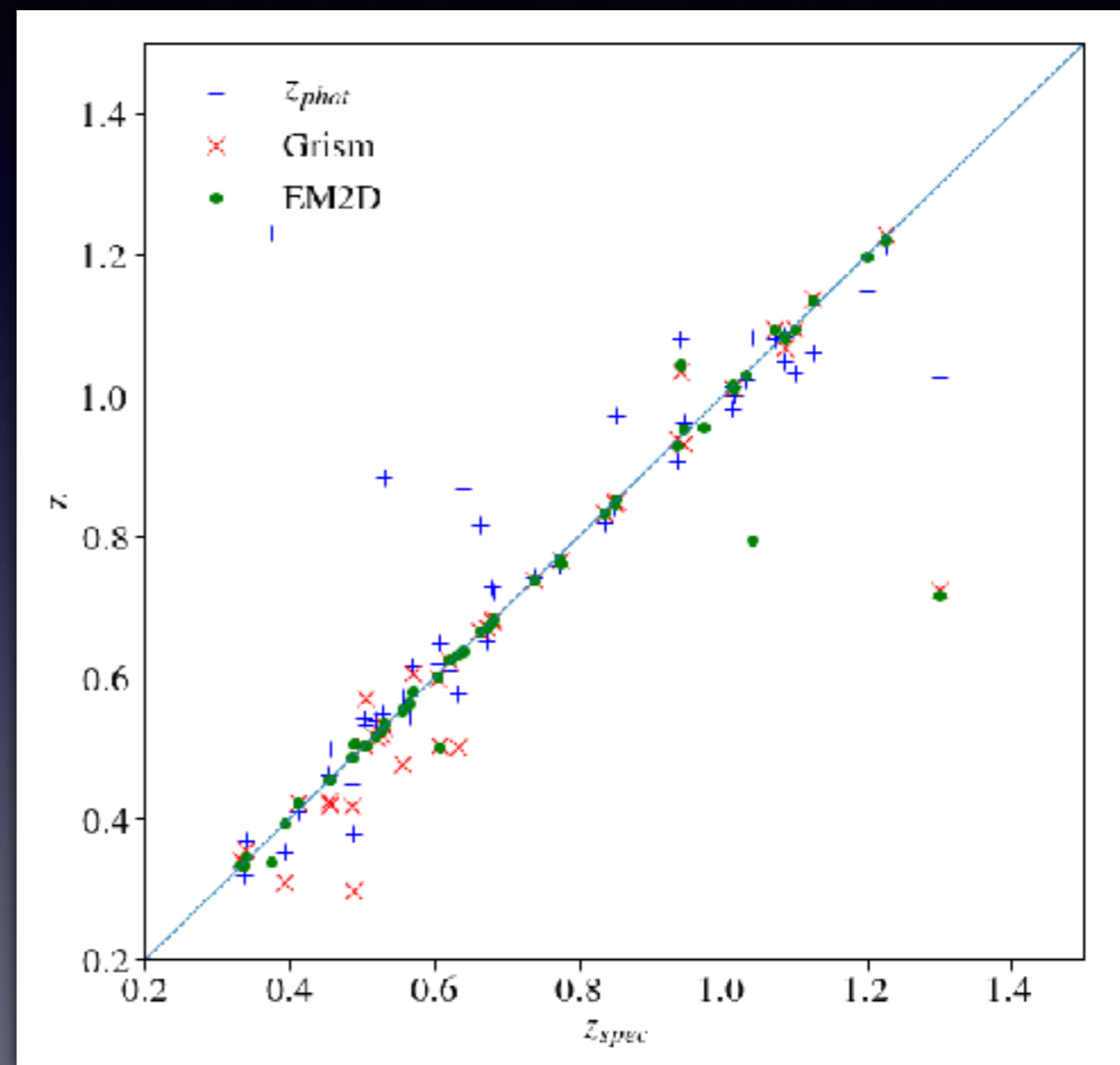




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WFSS Spec-Z improvement

- FIGS, WFC3 grism survey (NIR)
- 303 emission line regions
- 237 galaxies
- H α (134), [OIII] (115), [OII] (58)
- Ly α (1): $z=7.5$ independently detected (Larson et al. 2017 source)
- $z < 3$
- flux limit of $\sim 10^{-17}$ erg/s/cm 2
- Position of emission line regions $\sim e^{-0.8x}$
- Significant correction with 30% of sources $\delta z / (1+z) > 0.005$

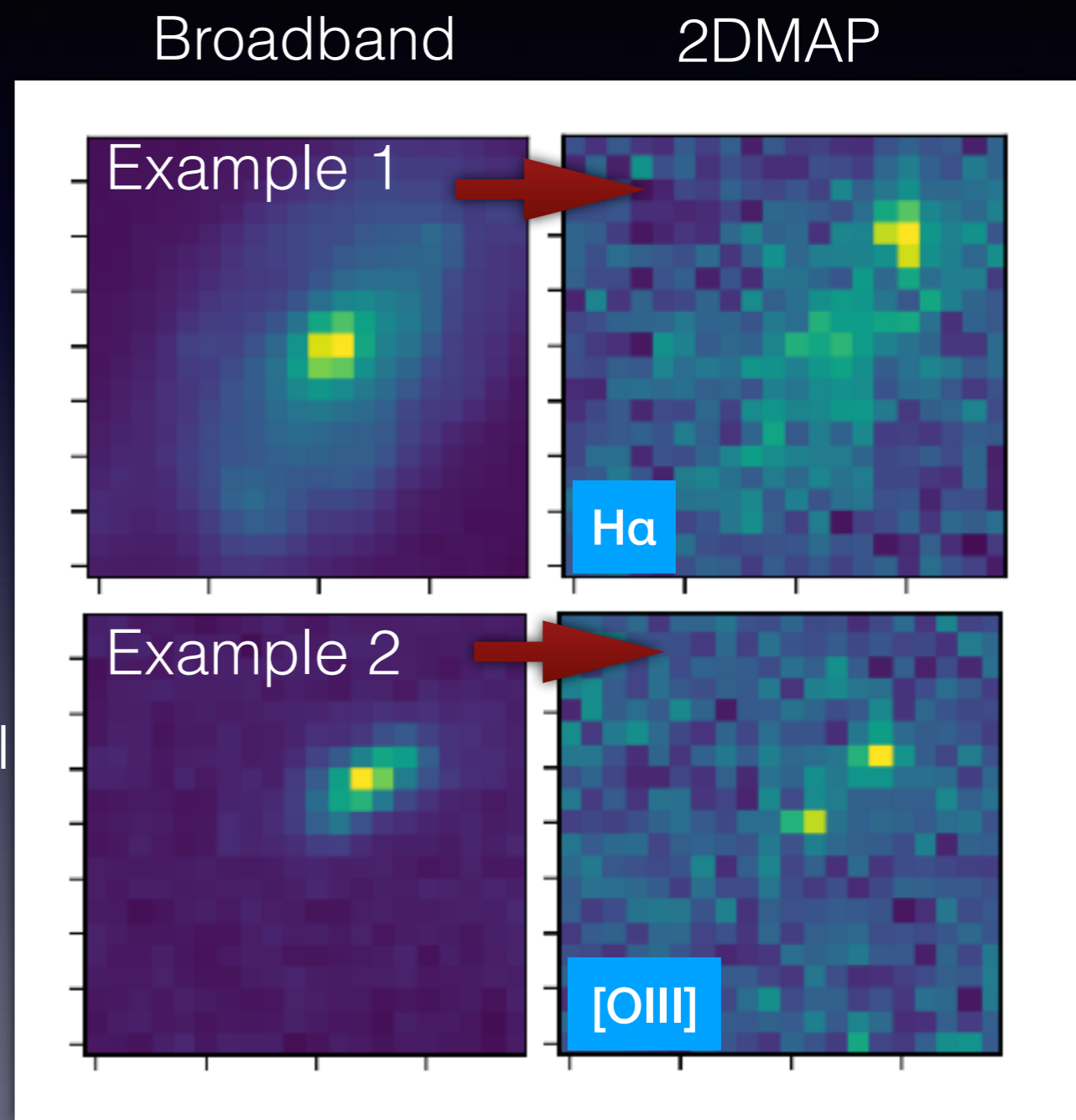


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Resolving star formation: MAP2D

- Once an accurate observed wavelength is known, we can build full 2D maps of the emission features
- Forward model each individual, continuum subtracted spectra
- Enables a more intricate look at star formation in these objects
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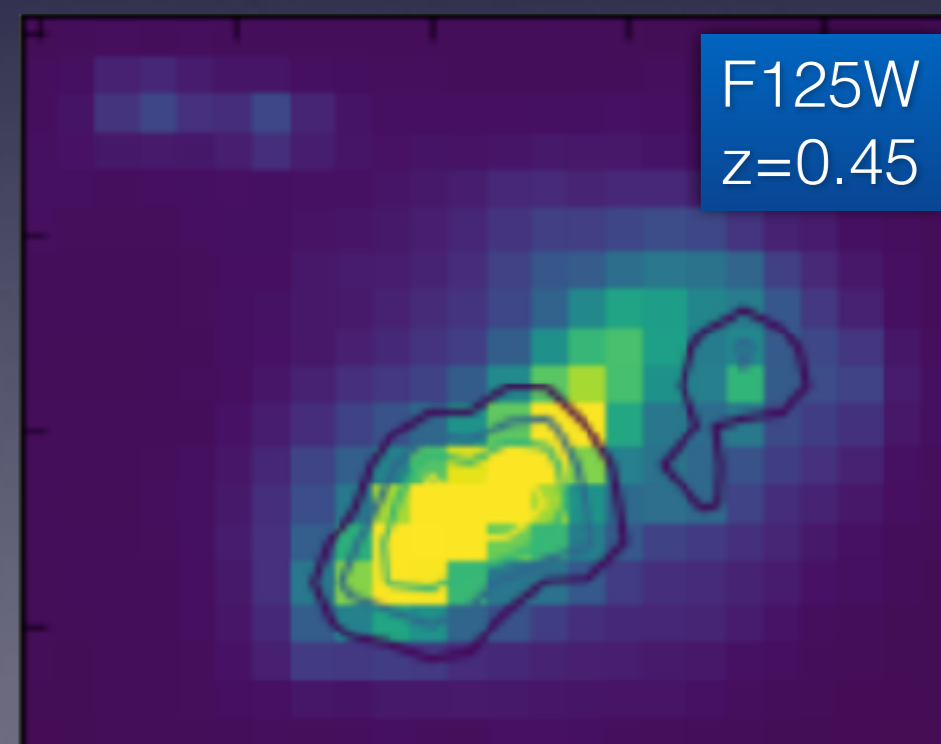
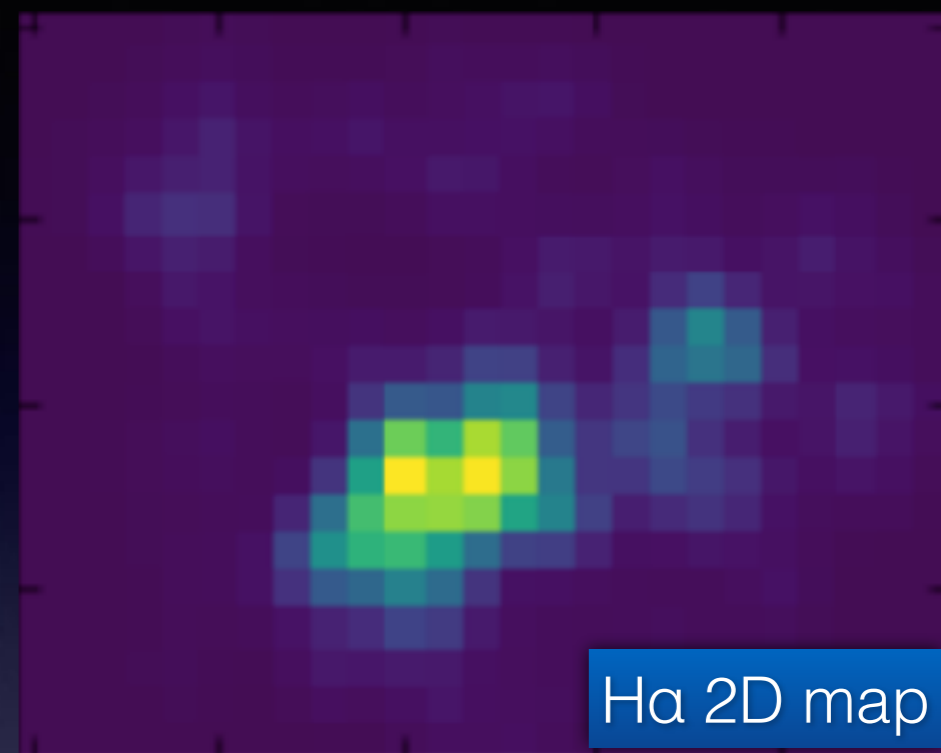


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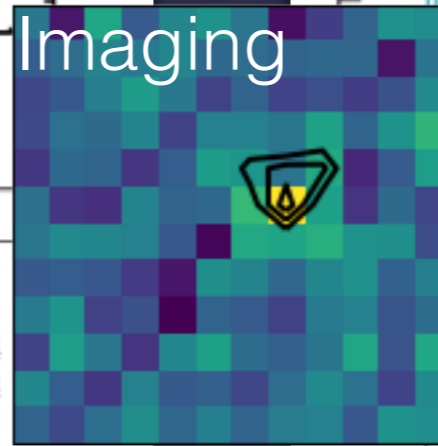
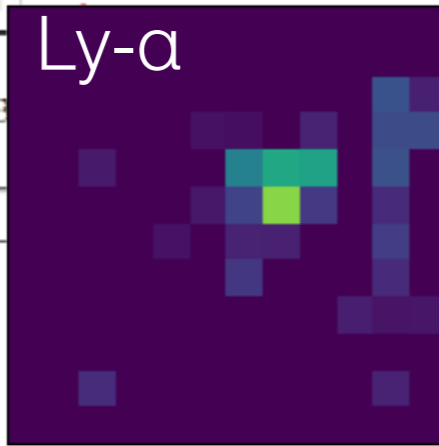
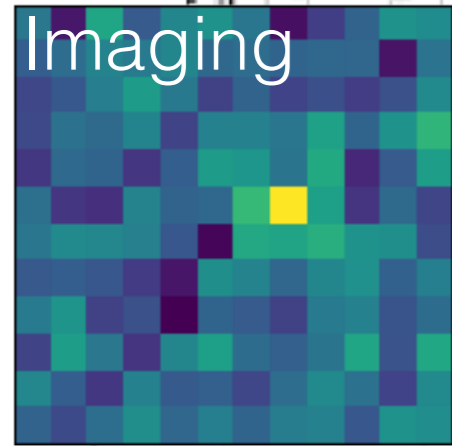
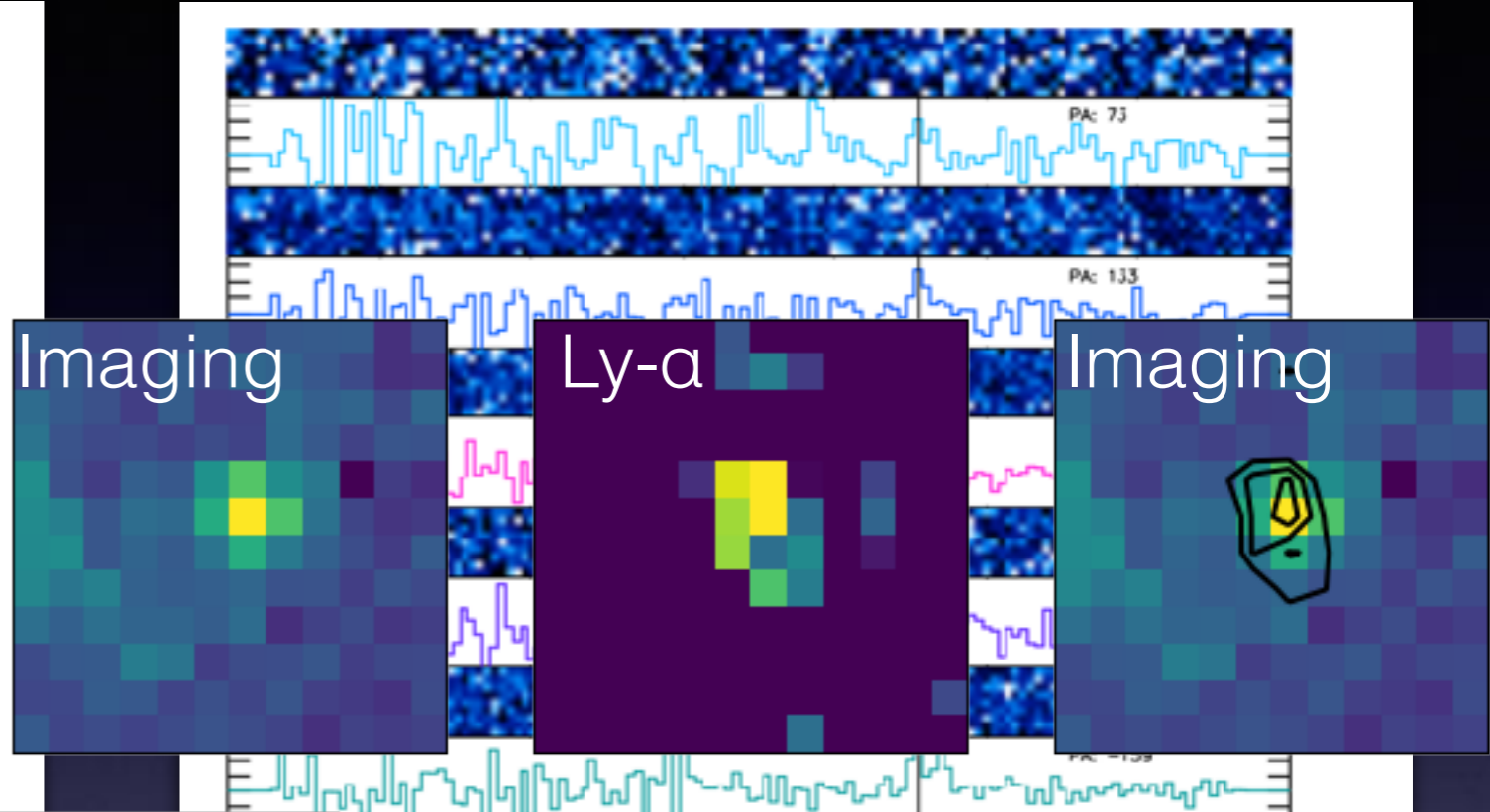
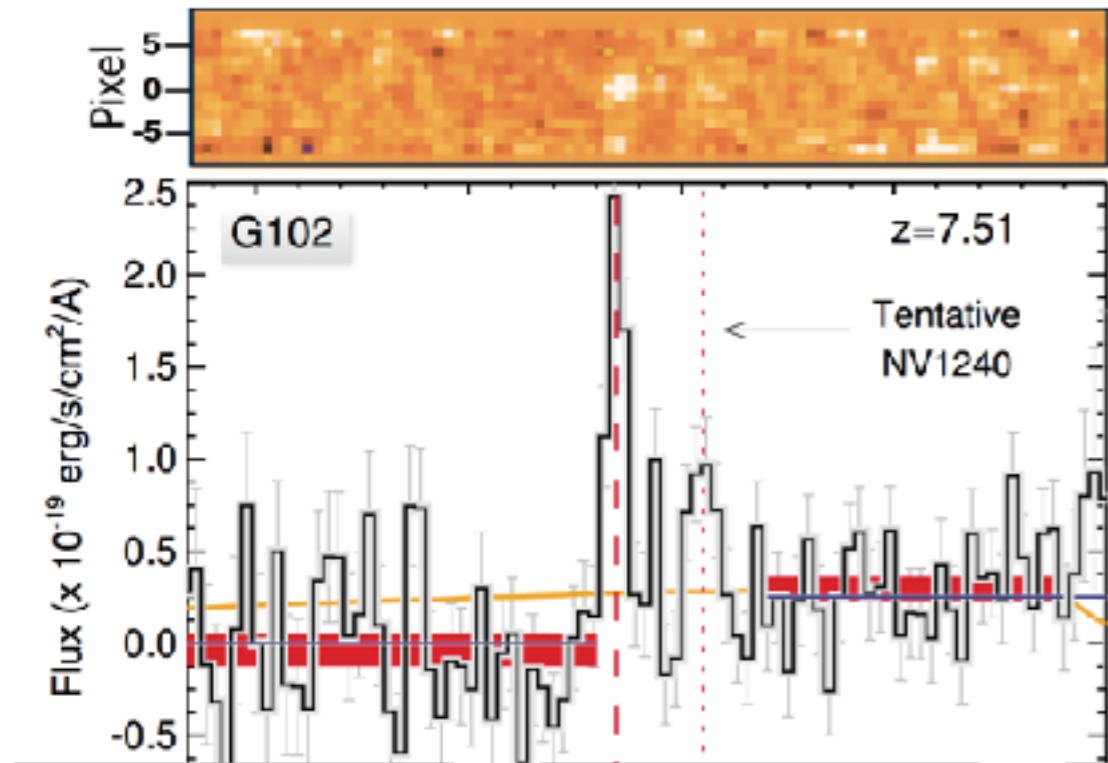


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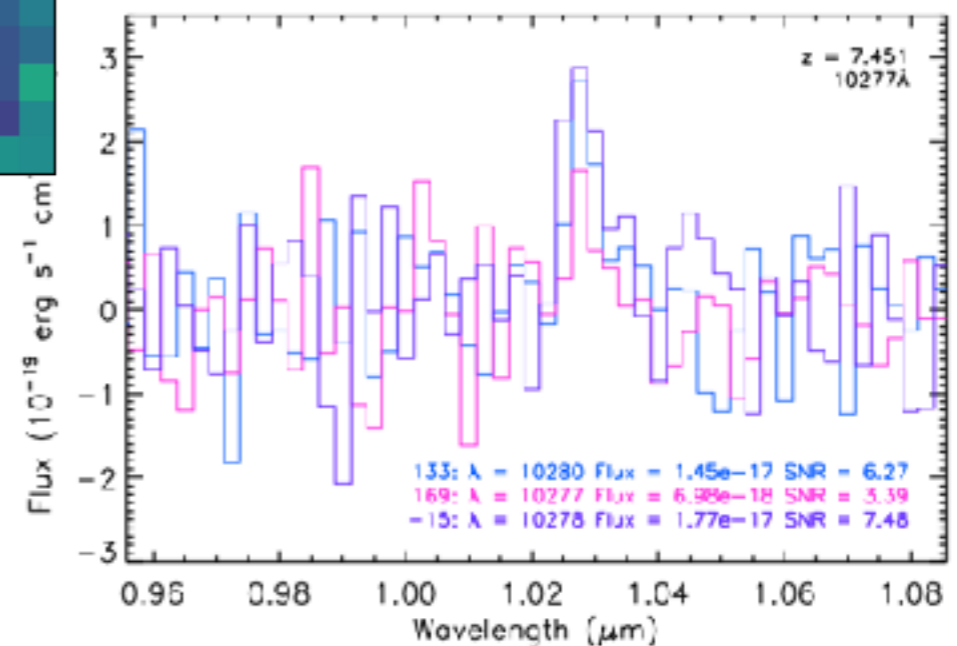
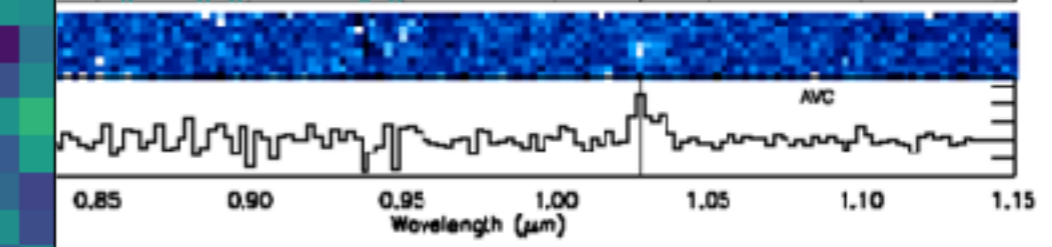


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Finding faint Ly- α emitters: LINEAR

- Extraction of faint emission line from WFSS data requires an optimal approach to maximize S/N:
 - LINEAR: non parametric forward modeling
 - Resolves the problem of contamination
- Overlapping spectra (contamination) has up to now been solved using modeling (SBE)
- Problem can be framed as a large matrix operation
- Non-parametric reconstruction of the spectra in the field
- Arbitrary spectral resolution can be tailored to specific cases (lower resolution for faintest spectra)
- FIGS: 100 images, 10^6 pixels each, with 1000 objects with 100 spectral element spectra
- Problem is one of a VERY large matrix inversion ($10^8 \times 10^5$)
- But most elements are zero (>99.9%)
- Can be handled using modern computers and LQSR algorithm
- This is now implemented in LINEAR!!!

grism observations

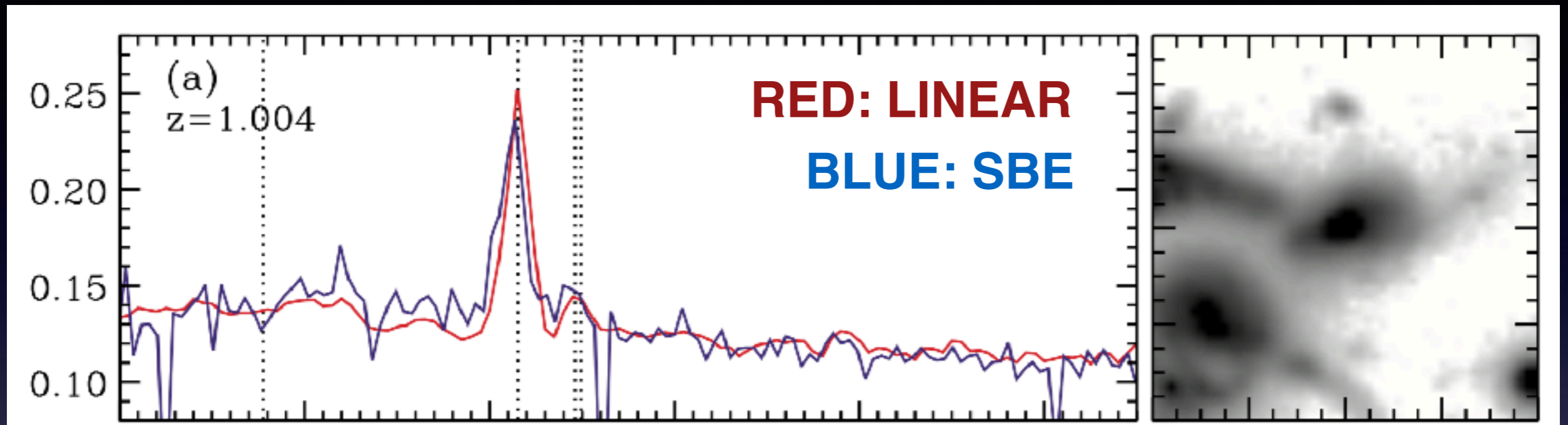
Individual Source Spectra

$$G_{x,y,i} = \sum_{\lambda} \sum_j^{N_{\text{obj}}} W_{x,y,i,\lambda,j} f_{\lambda,j}$$

Disperser Properties

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LINEAR examples

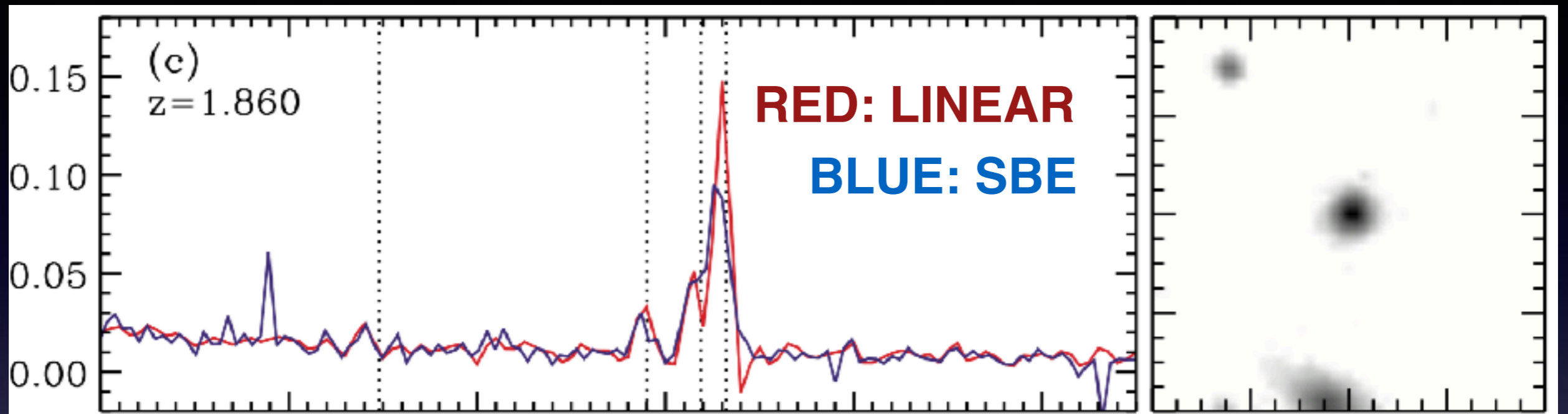


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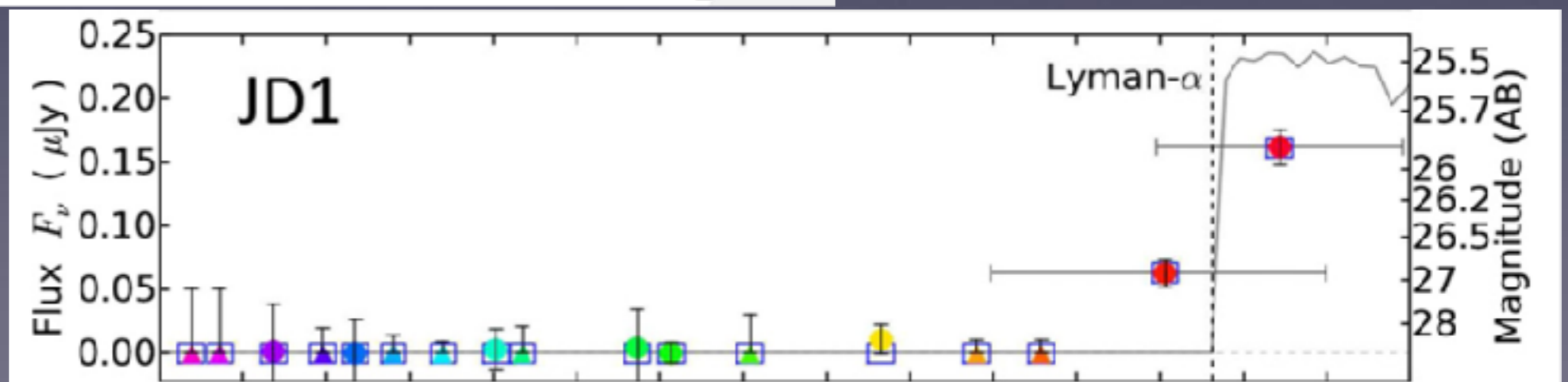
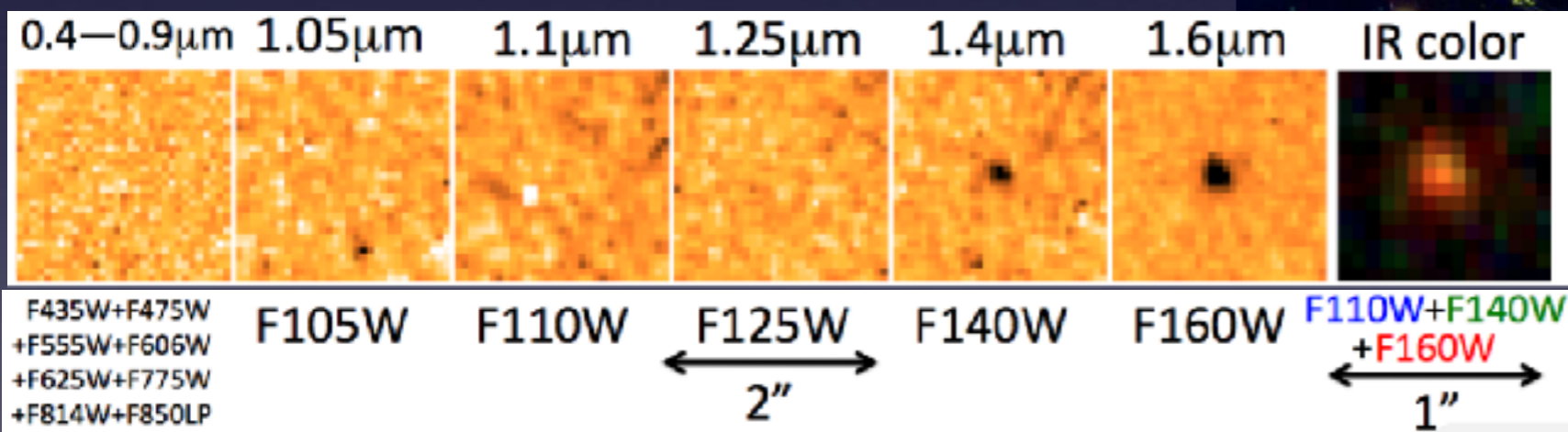
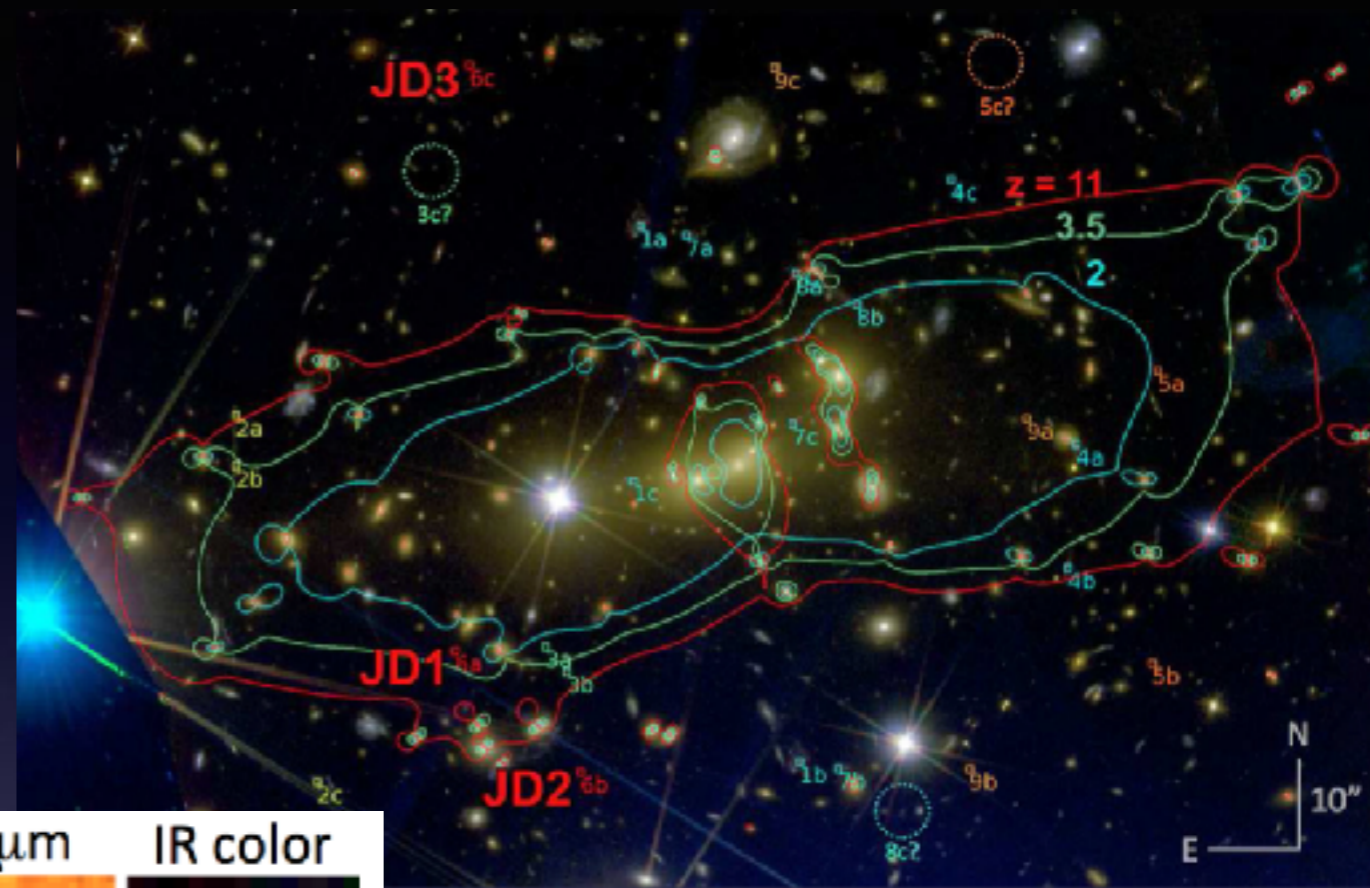
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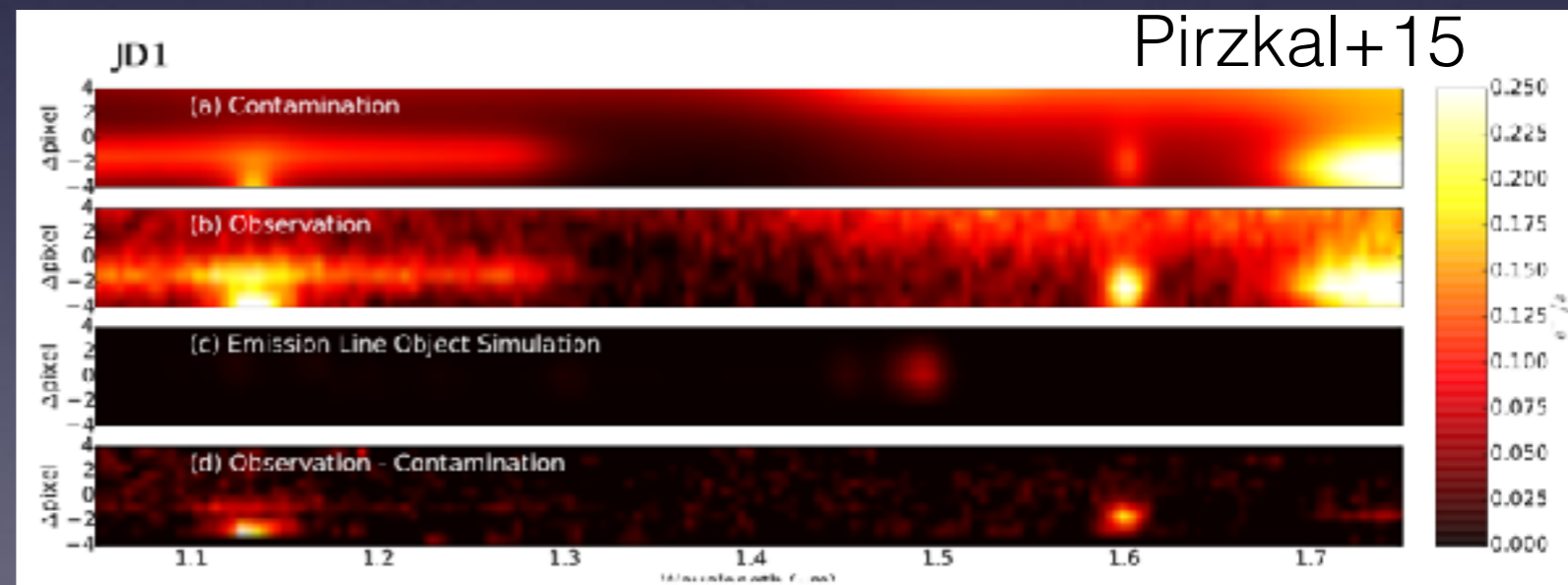
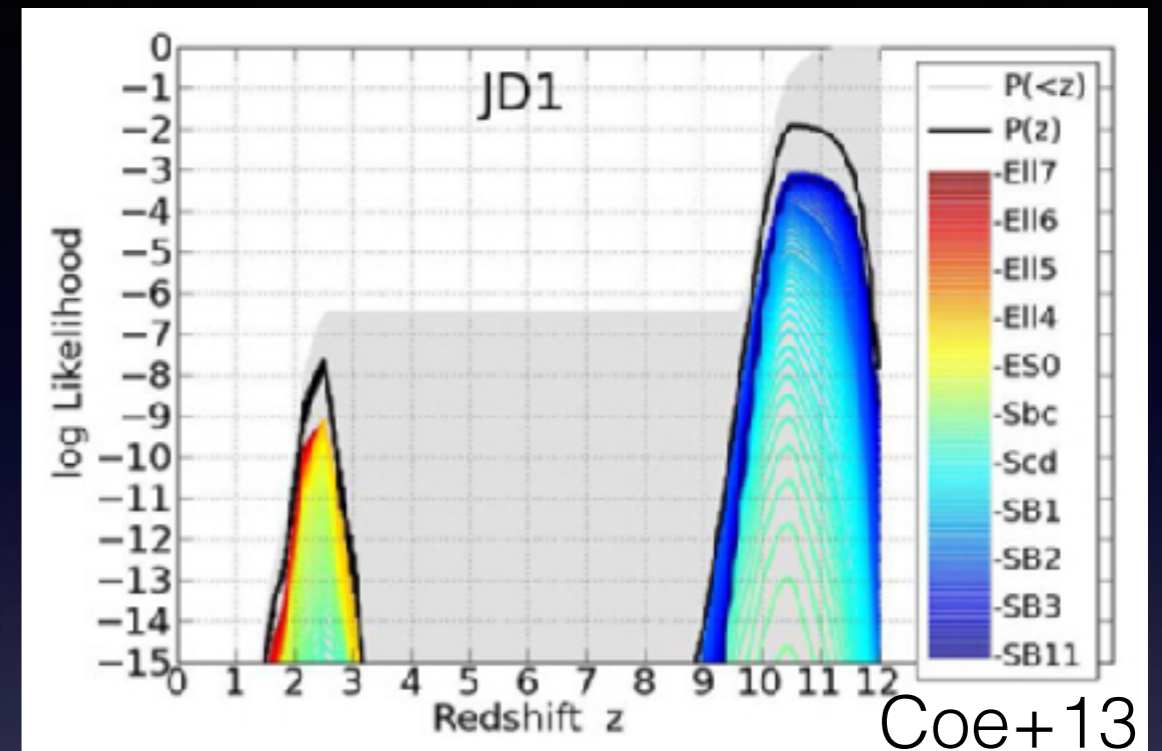
LINEAR and very high-z LBG WFSS

- $z \sim 11$ triple lensed dropout in MACS0647-JD (Coe+13)
- Very faint source (AB=26.)
- $z = 10.7 \pm 0.6 / -0.4$
- $10^8 - 10^9 M_{\odot}$



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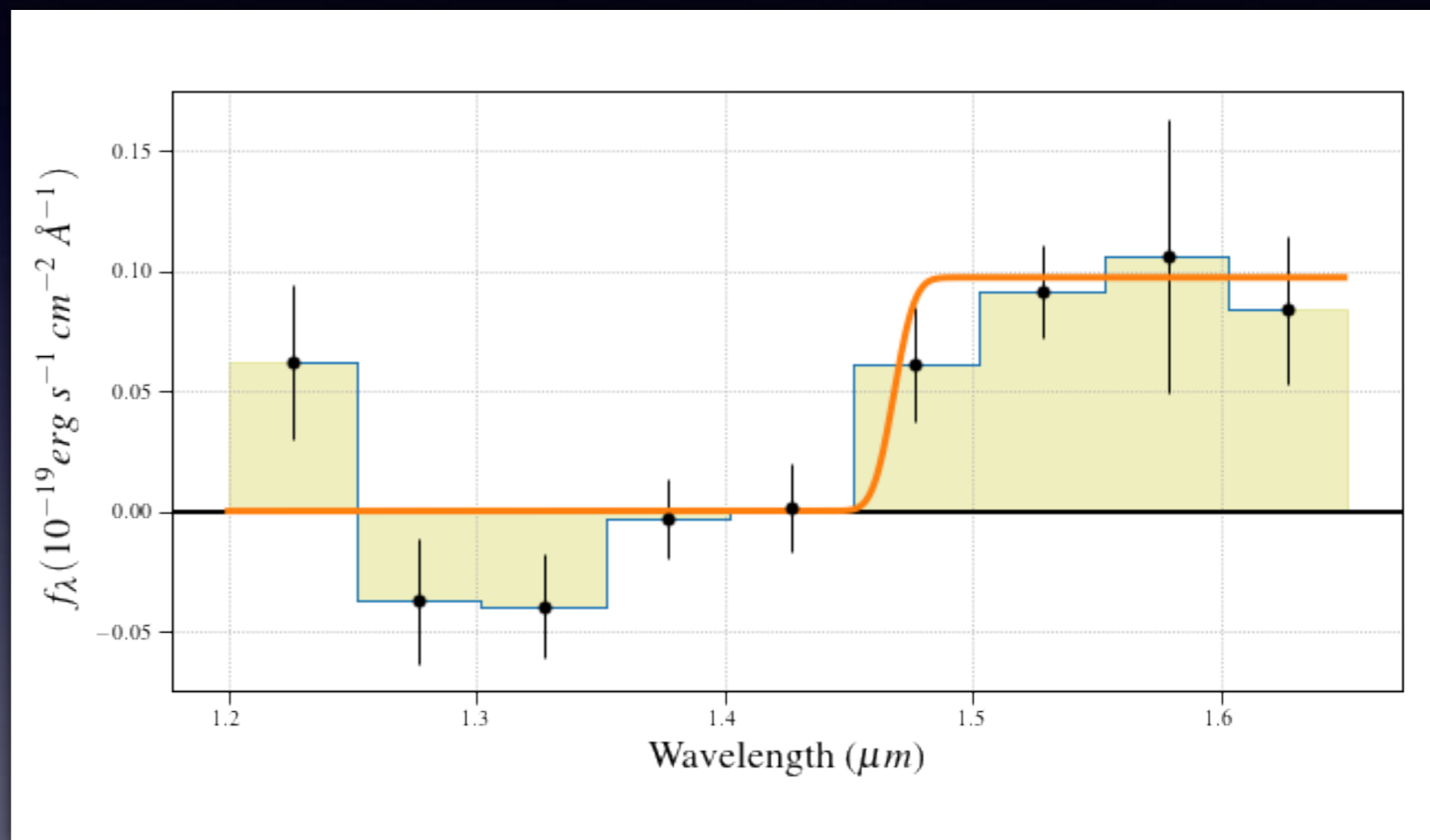
- Photometrically more likely to be at high redshift BUT a low redshift solution existed
- Observed using 12 orbits WFC3/G141 grism observation
- Low redshift interloper **ruled out** using just the first 4 orbits:
 - No high EW emission lines!
- Very crowded, contaminated field and faintness of this source makes SBE extractions challenging
- Good case for LINEAR



- Pirzkal et al. 2015

LINEAR and very high- z LBG WFSS

- Spectral reconstruction using LINEAR
- Detection of a spectral break at the expected wavelength
- Fitting this spectra to a Lyman-break, we estimate this source to be at $z \sim 11.1 \pm 0.1$
- Break detected at 5.5σ
- **This low mass, $z=11$ source will be “easily” detected using JWST!!(*)**



Summary

- “Classical” extraction method simply sums the fluxes from multiple PAs, losing spatial information and degrading redshift accuracy.
- SBE improves extraction of faint sources by handling contamination better.
- EM2D and MAP2D fully realize the potential of slitless observations by improving redshift accuracy AND resolving individual SF regions.
- LINEAR’s breakthrough is a robust reconstruction of the crowded fields - for example, finally confirming a faint lensed galaxy at $z \sim 11$ that could only be inferred before.
- All of these approaches will allow an optimal use of JWST WFSS