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Galaxies at Cosmic Dawn: Exploring the First Billion Years with Hubble and Spitzer – Implications for JWST

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our strange universe

its all dark matter & dark energy – and a little bit of "ordinary matter"



from WMAP and Planck telescopes

dark energy and dark matter are the 800 lb gorilla(s) in the universe

> ordinary matter is, by comparison, a bit mousey...

our strange universe

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figure from WMAP and Planck telescopes







stellar mass density evolution



only ~2% of stellar mass density built up by the end of reionization

only ~0.3% at the peak of reionization

Cosmic Dawn – the time when galaxies were born and began to grow

the first Gyr



when halos of L* galaxies first form... when significant metals first form... when the universe was reionized...



rapid growth of galaxy-scale halos from z~10 to z~6



Springel+2005

gdi

Cosmic Dawn – the time when galaxies were born and began to grow

buildup in the first 1-2 Gyrs

Galaxies are building up extremely rapidly across z~8 to z~4 (even faster at z~10 to z~8)

With HST, we are already approaching cosmic dawn



Oesch+2017

the global stellar mass and cosmic SFR density evolution





evolution of the global stellar mass density over 13 billion years evolution of the cosmic star formation rate density over 13 billion years

Madau & Dickinson 2014

the global stellar mass and cosmic SFR density evolution



Madau & Dickinson 2014

galaxies in the first Gyr

how do we find them? what are their sizes (and colors?) what is their distribution over luminosity? (what are their stellar masses?) what role do they play in reionization? what are the earliest known galaxies? where do we go from here (JWST)?

upgrading Hubble – ACS in 2002, WFC3 in 2009 – Spitzer in 2003



redshift limits with new capability



the survey datasets that are central to high-z galaxy studies

Hubble and Spitzer survey fields for highredshift galaxies



surveys with both wide and deep imaging are the lifeblood of distant galaxy research



now over 15 million seconds of open datasets from HST, Spitzer, Chandra on the CDF-S/HUDF/GOODS-S area



1999-2000	Chandra 1Ms
2002-2003	ACS GOODS
2003	ACS HUDF
2003	NICMOS HUDF
2004	Spitzer GOODS
2003-2007	NICMOS
2004	GRAPES
2005	HUDF05
2009	ERS
2009-2010	HUDF09
2009-2010	Spitzer SEDS
2010-2011	Chandra 3Ms
2010-2012	CANDELS
2010-2012	3D-HST
2010-2011	Spitzer IUDF10
2011-2012	Spitzer S-CANDELS
2011-2012	HUDF UVUDF
2012	HUDF12
2013	Spitzer IGOODS
2013-2016	Frontier Fields
2014	HDUV
2014	FIGS
2015	Spitzer GREATS

Hubble Legacy Field South (HLF-GOODS-S) V1.5 release

GOODS-S/CANDELS-S region – a unique region

The HLF-GOODS-S V1.5 release combines 7211 exposures from 2442 orbits over the GOODS-S/CANDELS-S region



5.8 Msec or ~70% of a Hubble Cycle



ACS + WFC3/IR – 9 filters (10 for V1.5 release with 098M) <u>firstgalaxies.org/hlf</u> & <u>archive.stsci.edu/prepds/hlf/</u>

GDI Magee Bouwens Oesch Labbe+2016

HUDF/XDF is Hubble's deepest image: ~32.5 AB mag 1o

152 GB of aligned astrometric HST images

what we find and how we determine redshifts

Hubble images of galaxies in the first billion years

this is what the largest and brightest highredshift galaxies typically look like at z>~6



this is the size of the smallest high-redshift galaxies on the same scale $\longrightarrow \bullet$

most galaxies in the first billion years are really small!







GDI+2013

LBGs have a distinctly different shape of the spectral energy distribution (SED)

reliable photometric redshift selection

photometric redshifts

enable large, statistically-robust samples



Finkelstein 2016

Lyman break galaxies – LBGs ("dropouts")

ACS+WFC3/IR: efficient detection of galaxies to z~10+



xdf.ucolick.org/



samples but largely z<5 – and so not shown

GOOD



ground surveys also now have very large samples but largely z<5 – and so not shown Bouwens GDI Oesch+ 2015, 2017

luminosity functions – the census of galaxies: a key input for understanding galaxy build-up and reionization



over 12,000 high redshift Hubbleselected galaxies from z~4 to z~10!

HUDF/XDF eXtreme Deep Field

HUDF + HUDF09 + HUDF12 + everything else!

all optical ACS data and all WFC3/IR data on the HUDF from 2003-2013 from 19 programs combined into the XDF: eXtreme Deep Field

2 Msec of data from 2963 HST images (over 800 orbits in total)

matched dataset is deepest Hubble image



reaches ~31 AB mag 5σ or >32.5 AB mag 1σ HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE XDF • EXTREME DEEP FIELD



A decade of imaging on the Hubble Ultra Deep Field The deepest image of the Universe

GDI+2013

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NASA, ESA, G. Illingworth, D. Magee, and P. Desch (University of California, Santa Gruz), R. Bouwens (Leiden University), and the XDF Team *luminosity functions for >10,000 z~4-8 galaxies from all HST deep & wide fields*

two independent determinations (STY and stepwise maximum likelihood – SWML)

Schechter function: luminosity L* (M*) normalization ϕ^* faint-end slope α

#/mag/Mpc³



Bouwens GDI Oesch+2015

see also McLure+2013, Finkelstein+2015, Bowler+2015, Parsa+2016, Alavi+2016

luminosity functions for >10,000 z~4-8 galaxies from all HST deep & wide fields

encouraging consistency!

deviations from Schechter are not significant to z~7-8



luminosity functions: steep faint end slope α

trend in α



68% and 95% confidence intervals

steeper slope α at early times (higher redshift)

normalized to have 21.1) 2 same ϕ at M* ф(M= ф(M) 0 log₁₀ -2-20 -16 -22-18М_{1600,АВ}

clear steepening of LF at earlier times \Rightarrow more UV flux – makes a large difference to integrated flux since divergent at α <-2

Bouwens GDI Oesch+2015

luminosity functions: steep faint end slope α

steeper slope α at early times – important for the reionization of the universe by galaxies

similar trends found by several groups



steeper faint end slope α





Bouwens GDI Oesch+2015

Stark 2016

UV luminosity density and star formation rate density build-up

LFs + colors can be used to give us:

luminosity
density(t) and
star formation
rate density(t)



see later for an update at z~9-10

from Bouwens GDI and Oesch+2015 (UV) and Bouwens+2016 (ALMA) see also Bouwens GDI+ 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012

Frontier Fields

long history of galaxy cluster imaging programs with HST:

ACS GTO Team CLASH HFF + others

6 clusters + 6 parallel fields:

840 orbits of truly remarkable ACS and WFC3/IR data

1000 hours of Spitzer IRAC



MACSJ1149.5+2223

Abell S1063

Abell 370

galaxy sizes out to z~9

typical trends in size go as r_{1/2} ~(1+z)⁻¹



from deep fields

Holwerda et al 2015

Cottage industry! see also Ferguson+2004, Bouwens+2004, Hathi+2008, Oesch+2010, Ono+2013, Kawamata+2014,Curtis-Lake+2014; Shibuyu+2015

trend consistent with constant L at a given halo mass

a remarkable fold arc in CL1358 – sizes of star-forming regions

a strongly lensed fold arc discovered in WFPC2 imaging of CL1358 followed up with Keck LRIS for redshift and kinematics + NIRSPEC imaging

galaxy CL1358-G1 at z= 4.92 - 1.3 Gyr after Big Bang: lensed by a rich cluster of galaxies at $z^{0.3}$





a remarkable fold arc in CL1358

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- very rare example showing such details in an early galaxy
- indicates star-forming regions at high z are very small

see also Swinbank+2009 for more kinematics
the remarkably small sizes of high redshift galaxies

the Frontier Fields enable some very interesting constraints to be set on sizes

clearly if

small they

will be

more

detected

uniformly

regardless



regions provide an opportunity to check sizes of galaxies

simulations with varying size at magnification μ = 20 & fixed total magnitude



Bouwens GDI Oesch+2016

see also Oesch+ 2015

the remarkably small sizes of high redshift galaxies



shear factors S from 12X to 64X

sizes of z~6 galaxies

stacked very faint M_{UV,AB}>-16 galaxies

galaxies that are expected to be highly sheared show no signs of extension!

very low luminosity high-z galaxies (z~6) are small: <10 mas!



Bouwens+2016, 2017

see also Kawamata + 2015, Vanzella + 2016

the impact on the UV luminosity density of size assumptions

 need to take great care to use the correct size of faint galaxies when deriving LF results from lensing clusters

completeness corrections are strongly size dependent – assuming the wrong size can lead to dramatic impacts on the derived slope

for example, differences in the derived luminosity density can be overstated by >10X if 120 mas is used instead of the actual 30 mas, or by >30X if the actual size is <10 mas





** using the correct size of galaxies is crucial if an accurate luminosity density or SFR density is to be derived **

Bouwens GDI Oesch+2016

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the remarkably small sizes of high redshift galaxies

sizes of z~6 galaxies compared to star forming, clusters, globular clusters, dwarf spheroidals, E/S0s

local objects from Norris+2014

could well be seeing some globular clusters forming at very high redshift....

Bouwens GDI Oesch+2016, 2017





the challenges of using lensing clusters to extend the luminosity function to very faint sources – constraints on reionization



We showed in 2015 that shear in higher magnification regions in lensing clusters had a major impact on the completeness corrections and hence on the slope/shape of the LF (depending on size as per previous discussion)

Oesch Bouwens GDI+2015

pushing LFs to fainter limits to derive UV luminosity densities



Bouwens GDI Oesch+ 2015



expect flattening or turn-over in the UV LF at low luminosities

need to go faint to very low luminosities since majority of UV luminosity density with α ~-2 comes from very faint galaxies

strongly lensing clusters provide the opportunity to go much fainter than deep fields, but how faint can we reliably push?

the high magnification uncertainty

very high magnifications are required to go fainter than -14

but comparisons and simulations have shown the magnification uncertainties are large at high magnifications

quantify

simulate using one model and try and recover sources using the other models – repeat with wide range of input parameters (simulated for z~6 galaxies)



Bouwens Oesch GDI+2016

same high magnification region in both models

demonstration of impact on LFs from the HFF of systematic effects at high magnifications





LF well-recovered with same model

LF not recovered – very large systemic offset at high magnifications

systematics are the limiting factor below M_{UV.AB} ~ -15

Bouwens+2016

the high magnification uncertainty

required to go faint

when simulating using one model and recovering sources using the other (6) models, substantial differences are found for very large magnifications >~40



Bouwens Oesch GDI+2016

systematics are the limiting factor

bottom line: the models agree well up to magnifications of ~30-40 but do not produce consistent results for faint sources at higher magnifications (as other comparison tests have shown also)

current limits on reliable LFs from the HFF



the systematic uncertainty fainter than M_{UV,AB} ~-14.5 "blows-up"

the errors in the LF become so large as to make estimates of the LF from the HFF *not credible* below M_{UV,AB}~-14

systematics are the limiting factor



Bouwens+2016

current limits on reliable LFs from the HFF



the Frontier Fields provide a reliable and robust gain of ~3 mags fainter than the HUDF/XDF, but no fainter than about M_{UV.AB} ~-14

JWST will go to ~-13

Bouwens+2016



bottom line: with the current state of the art for lensing models and with current Hubble data one cannot set useful constraints fainter than about $M_{UV,AB} \sim -14$

current limits on reliable LFs from the HFF



Magnifications

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Input: GLAFIC

ts fainter than about $M_{UVAB} \sim -14$

Input: CATS

Hubble data one cannot

see Castellano+2015, Atek+2016, Livermore+2017



example of the range of model magnifications for a very highly magnified galaxy in HFF cluster A2744

> different models return a wide range of magnifications from ~20 to ~110X

measuring the highest redshifts: galaxies at the cosmic dawn







Finkelstein 2016

Spitzer observations of up to 200 hrs per IRAC filter Spitzer has revealed remarkably strong emission lines at z~7-8!

brightness changes in images due to [OIII] + H β moving from the 3.6 μ m band at z~7 to the 4.5 μ m band at z~8



the IRAC color flips from blue to red between z~7 and z~8



Spitzer/IRAC revealed: z~7-8 galaxies have extreme OIII+Hβ line emission

Labbé+2013, 2015, 2017 (in prep)

spectroscopy of the highest redshift galaxies

bright z~7-8 galaxies found recently from Hubble and Spitzer – ideal for spectroscopy

set of four from CANDELS-EGS

HST Spitzer



Roberts-Borsani+2016





photometric redshifts from Hubble+Spitzer

SED fits incl. emission lines to get redshifts



photometric z=7.7±0.3 from Hubble and Spitzer



Oesch+2015

Lya detection at z=7-8

images from Hubble and Spitzer -> spectra from Keck

use SED fits to verify that this is a Ly α detection - and not a low redshift contaminant



Lyα z=7.7302±0.0006 from Keck MOSFIRE spectrum

highest confirmed redshift ever – for 4 months!

see also Ono+2012 and Finkelstein+2013 for other z^{7} Ly α detections

highest redshift Lyα detection at z=8.68

Iuminous galaxies in the heart of the reionization epoch:
note ■ 100% spectroscopic success rate from Lyα detection!

the universe is substantially neutral at these redshifts – each of these very luminous galaxies probably resides in its own ionized bubble



Zitrin+2015

EGSY8p7 has highest Lyα redshift to date

MOSFIRE

Multi-Object Spectrometer for Infra-Red Exploration

so all four z^7-8 from Roberts-Borsani now have Keck Ly α redshifts

Ly α *detections at z=7-8*

surprisingly bright galaxies!



three of these four bright z~7-8 galaxies are located in CANDELS EGS – cosmic variance strikes again!



still just a small number of spectroscopic redshifts at z>7.0

well over 1000 photometric redshifts from z~6.5-10

Oesch+2015

[CIII] & CIV detections at z=7-8

spectra from Keck MOSFIRE

extreme radiation fields in galaxies at z~7+



high EW [CIII] emission (W₀=22+-2 Å) ☞ strong radiation field and low metallicity

CIV R AGN? or hot metalpoor young population?



[CIII] at z=7.73 in EGS-zs8-1 from Keck MOSFIRE

CIV from lensed galaxy A1703_zD6

redshift same as Ly α for EGS-zs8-1 by Oesch+2015

Stark+2017

Stark+2015

[CIII] & CIV detections at z=7-8

spectra from Keck MOSFIRE

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Stark+2015

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Stark+2017

ALMA [C II] 157.74 μ m redshifts and velocity structure in two z~6.8 galaxies



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consistent with rotation but could be more complex (merging?; gas flows?)





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models compared to data



measuring the highest redshifts: GN-z11





Hubble and Spitzer reach out into JWST territory with the determination of the z~ 11.1 redshift of GN-z11

very luminous galaxy candidates at redshift z~9-10

10-20X more luminous than previous galaxies found at 500 Myr





constraints on masses and ages: $\rm ^{\sim}10^9~M_{\odot}~$ and 100-300 Myr

Oesch Bouwens GDI+2014

GN-z10-1 will be discussed below

Hubble

Spitzer



combination of HST grism + WFC3/IR + Spitzer IRAC gives high degree of confidence to redshift determination

GN-z11

first detected as a very luminous z~10 galaxy in GOODS-N as GN-z10-1

GN-z10-1 => GN-z11

WFC3/IR grism detected break & confirmed redshift to be 11.09^{+0.08}-0.12





Oesch+2014, 2016

GN-z11 – the most distant galaxy found to date

surprising discovery of GN-z11: HST+Spitzer are reaching into JWST territory



Oesch+2016



- Detection of GN-z11 in *existing data* is unexpected, given current models
- Expected to require 10-100x larger areas to find one z~11 galaxy as bright as GN-z11
- Difficult though to draw conclusions based on one source

GN-z11



simulations show that galaxies as massive as GNz-11 at z~11 are rare but not unexpected per se

mass $10^9 \ M_{\odot}$ A_{UV} <0.2 mag

SFR 24 M_{\odot}/yr β -2.5 age 40 Myr

physical properties of GN-z11 are consistent with large-volume simulations

unexpected to find GN-z11 in such small search volumes/areas (by factor 10-100)?



Mutch+2016



What does GN-z11 really look like?

GN-z11 will be blue from its numerous hot young stars, and very irregular in shape – with compact regions bursting with forming stars



Image Credit: NASA, ESA, P. Oesch, G. Brammer, P. van Dokkum, G. Illingworth

CL1358-G1 is very rare high-redshift galaxy that has been magnified over 25X by a galaxy cluster gravitational lens

Image Credit: D. Magee, G. Illingworth, A. Zitrin, M. Franx

GN-z11 – the most distant galaxy found to date



just 400 million years after the Big Bang – looking back through 97% of all time

this shatters all other records for "most distant" – previous record holder from Keck is at z~8.68

probably the most distant confirmed galaxy until JWST flies

Oesch+2016

measuring the highest redshifts galaxies at z~10 implications for the cosmic star formation rate density

z~10-11 is the current frontier in the Cosmic Dawn

cosmic star formation rate density over all time



the star formation rate density over 96% of time

"terra incognita" – where the first galaxies form

figure credit Pascal Oesch

galaxies at *z*~10 in HFF and field



the luminosity function at z~10 galaxies



the age of the universe at z~10 is ~500 Myr

the fields searched include all with WFC3/IR data (e.g., HUDF/XDF, CANDELS, ERS, HUDF-Parallels, 6 HFFs + 6 HFF-Parallels)

z~10 galaxies are hard to find! – seven years of WFC3/IR have only turned only ~10 after we have searched essentially every suitable Hubble field including all 6 Frontier Fields

best fit LF: density evolution from z^8 LF by 10x

details are preliminary Oesch+2017 in prep
the luminosity function at *z*~10 galaxies



considerable spread but shape matches (broadly) – but models are consistently high

Oesch+2017 in prep

what is the star formation rate density at *z*~10

derive luminosity density and star formation rate density from luminosity functions



the star formation rate density at z~9-10

the latest results are fascinating!
they indicate clearly a trend to
 lower SFRD at z>8
 "accelerated evolution"

"Combined HST fields" is the SFRD value at z~10 from the latest z~10 luminosity function



Oesch+2017 in prep

see also Bouwens+2017

the star formation rate density at z~9-10



note that "accelerated evolution" is seen in nearly all models, but this topic has been the rather controversial in the field....

Oesch+2017 in prep

the star formation rate density at *z*~9-10

they indicate clearly a trend to lower SFRD at z>8

"accelerated evolution" is actually consistent with the expected buildup* of dark matter halos over that time

*dark matter halo cumulative growth to 10 M_{\odot} from HMFcalc – Murray+2013



Oesch+2017 in prep

the case of the missing *z*~10 galaxies



cosmic star formation in the first 1.5 billion years



"accelerated evolution" is actually consistent with the expected buildup of dark matter halos over that time

galaxies are evolving rapidly in the first ~600 million years there are far fewer galaxies than we (naively) expected at early times this is an important result for JWST



reionization epoch – latest Planck 2016 results



striking concordance between latest Planck results and galaxy constraints

implications of onset of reionization at z~10

simulation: Alvarez et al. 2009

increasing neutral fraction at z>6

large fraction of these Ly α measurements made at Keck with DEIMOS and MOSFIRE



also Stark+2011, Schenker+2012, Treu+2013

contributions from Fontana+2010, Pentericci+2011, 2014; Stark+2011, Ono+2012, Caruana+2012, 2014, Schenker+2012, ; Treu+2013, Tilvi+2014, +

the galaxy luminosity density in the reionization epoch can galaxies reionize the universe?

most likely: steep LF to -14 and plausible f_{esc} around 10-20% needed

see new work by Naidu+2016 on f_{esc} (the escape of the UV photons from galaxies)

consensus view is that galaxies can do the job!

see latest Planck results below that add weight to galaxies doing the job



plenty of UV photons

Planck all-sky map of the microwave 3°K background

three amazing missions





constraints on the reionization history

Planck 2016

remarkable mission

- ...Thomson optical depth $\tau = 0.058 \pm 0.012....$
- ...average redshift at which reionization occurs is found to lie between z = 7.8 and 8.8...
- ...upper limit to the width of the reionization period of $\Delta z < 2.8$.
- …the Universe is ionized at less than the 10% level at redshifts above z ≈ 10...
- ...an early onset of reionization is strongly disfavored by the *Planck* data.

Planck intermediate results

XLVII. Planck constraints on reionization history

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ABSTRACT

We investigate constraints on cosmic reionization extracted from the *Planck* cosmic microwave background (CMB) data. We combine the *Planck* CMB anisotropy data in temperature with the low-multipole polarization data to fit ACDM models with various parameterizations of the reionization history. We obtain a Thomson optical depth $\tau = 0.058 \pm 0.012$ for the commonly adopted instantaneous reionization model. This confirms, with data solely from CMB anisotropies, the low value suggested by combining *Planck* 2015 results with other data sets, and also reduces the uncertainties. We reconstruct the history of the ionization fraction using either a symmetric or an asymmetric model for the transition between the neutral and ionized phases. To determine better constraints on the duration of the reionization process, we also make use of measurements of the amplitude of the kinetic Sunyaev-Zeldovich (kSZ) effect using additional information from the high-resolution Atacama Cosmology Telescope and South Pole Telescope experiments. The average redshift at which reionization occurs is found to lie between z = 7.8 and 8.8, depending on the model of reionization adopted. Using kSZ constraints and a redshift-symmetric reionization model, we find an upper limit to the width of the reionization period of $\Delta z < 2.8$. In all cases, we find that the Universe is ionized at less than the 10% level at redshifts above $z \approx 10$. This suggests that an early onset of reionization is strongly disfavoured by the *Planck* data. We show that this result also reduces the tension between CMB-based analyses and constraints form other astrophysical sources.

Key words. cosmic background radiation - dark ages, reionization, first stars - polarization

Plank Collaboration XLVII + 2016

reionization constraints from Planck 2016

striking consistency with galaxy results



evolution of the integrated optical depth compared to galaxy results

Plank Collaboration XLVII + 2016

constraints on ionization fraction from onset during reionization

reionization

compared with

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history





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Robertson+2015

Ishigaki+2015

evolution of the integrated optical depth compared to galaxy results

Plank Collaboration XLVII + 2016

this is a crucial piece of information for how far back we might have to look to find "first galaxies"





what's needed for further exploration of the first billion years for distant galaxies?

the global stellar mass and cosmic SFR density evolution



🖝 into the JWST era 🖜



Image Credit: Larkin Carey (seen on diving board

JWST is the "what's next" for the earliest galaxies







JWST OTIS CV test at JSC

moving OTIS in through the chamber door and OTIS in the chamber



JWST Spacecraft assembly in the clean room at NGAS

the spacecraft plus sunshield pallets plus the OTIS simulator

the sunshield pallets deployed with (folded) sunshields installed





JWST is very large!

implications for JWST and "first light" from the z~9-10 LFs and the latest Planck 2016 results



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what is "first light" and what are "first galaxies"?
?? first stars ⇒ first star clusters ⇒ larger star clusters
⇒ multiple star clusters of various ages ??

much discussion about what JWST can see in this progression

very challenging if "first galaxies" were very early (z~15-20? – z>15 is very difficult for JWST)



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New results: "accelerated evolution" from z~9-10 LFs and reionization turn-on at z~10-11 from Planck

=> suggest major changes in the nature of the galaxy population at redshifts more like z~12-15

I think these results point to substantial build-up of the earliest galaxies at z~12-15 – very accessible for JWST's "first light" goal

exciting times ahead at "Cosmic Sunrise"!

summary thoughts:

onset of reionization at z~10-11 (Planck), small sizes and "accelerated evolution" at z>8 suggest great opportunities for JWST to see major changes in galaxy build-up to z~15 as part of its "first light" goal "Cosmic Sunrise" may well be within reach of JWST?

remarkable concordance on Planck 2016 results and galaxy LF measurements make it highly likely that galaxies are responsible for reionization – modulo escape fraction uncertainty at z>6

very faint galaxies are extremely small – HFF results suggest <10 mas for faintest galaxies:
 are we seeing globular cluster formation at very early times?

the HFF lensing clusters have allowed luminosity functions to reach substantially fainter limits but are subject to very large systematic uncertainties at magnifications higher than ~40X – this limits current LFs to ~-14.5 – JWST will reach to ~-13, and further possible as models improve, but challenging

detection of bright z~10 candidates is surprising – more numerous than expected by a large factor?