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# **LARGE HIGH REDSHIFT *SPECTROSCOPIC* SURVEYS**

Goals and principles  
Historical perspective  
Recent and on-going surveys  
Some "hard facts"  
Future surveys



# Why “Surveys” ?

1. “Continents mapping”: Map the distribution of galaxies in space
  - Large volumes
2. “Population surveys”: understand the properties of galaxies, in relation with their environment
  - Large numbers
3. “Discovery surveys”: pushing the observational frontier; higher redshifts, fainter galaxies, higher spectral/spatial resolution
  - Very faint
4. Provide robust sub-samples
  - More detailed follow-up studies: other wavelengths, IFU,...

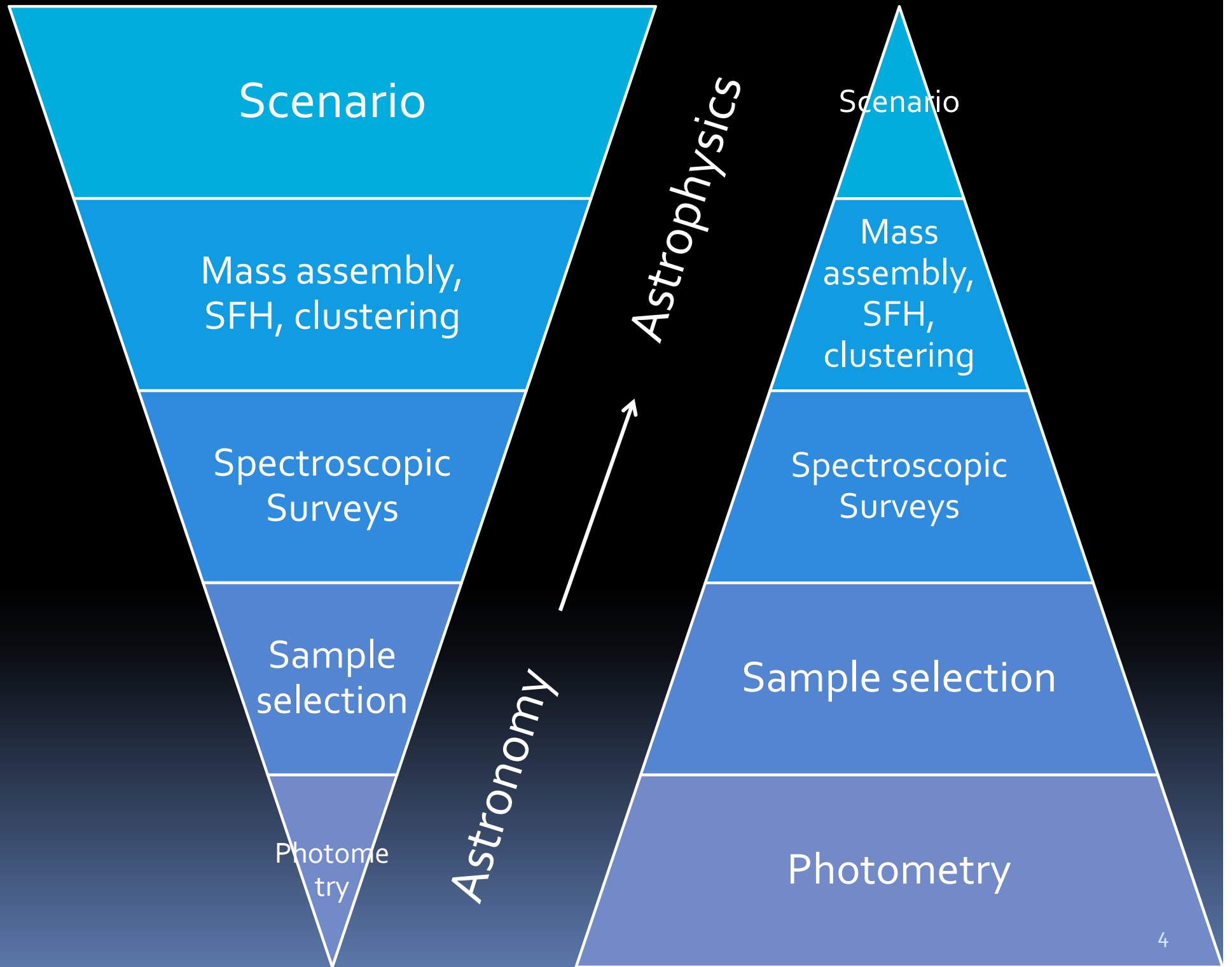
**Establish a robust scenario for galaxy formation and evolution based on secure facts**

# Some Principles

- Surveys need to be unbiased
  - Volume, luminosity/mass, type, environment...
  - Proper photometric catalogs
- Statistically robust
- Complete census

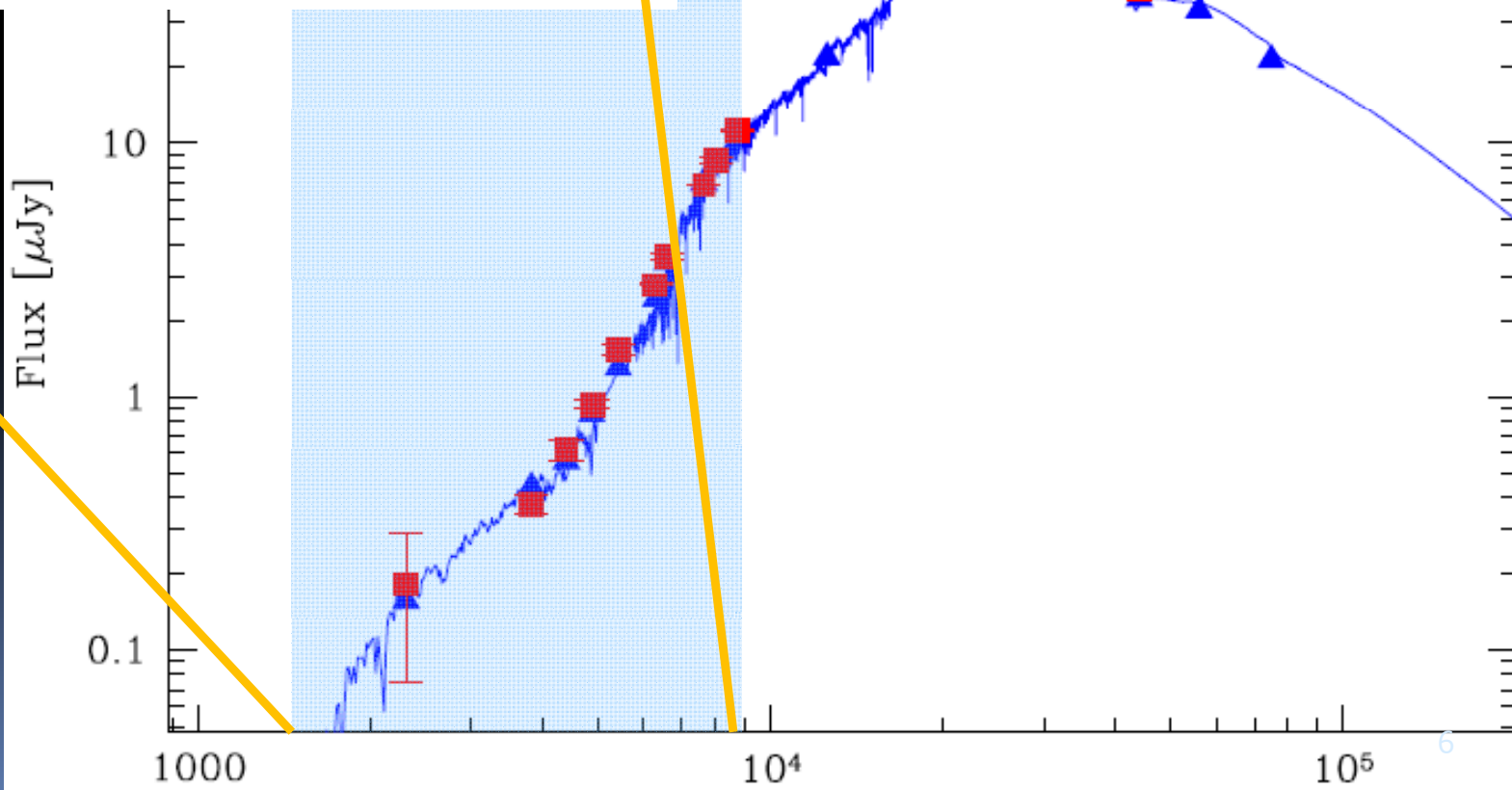
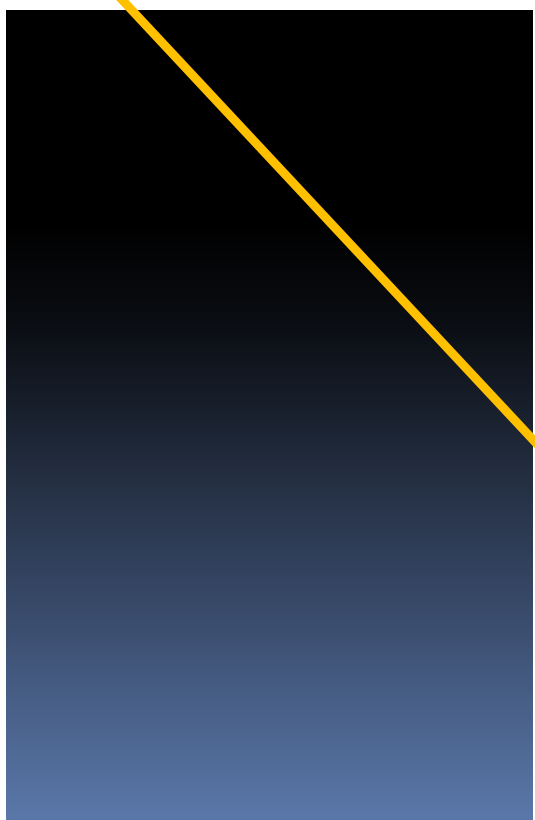
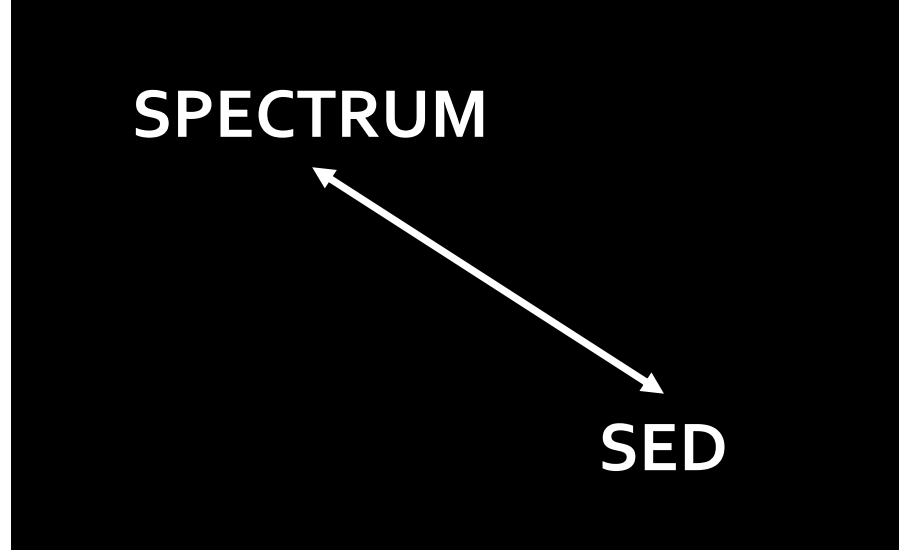
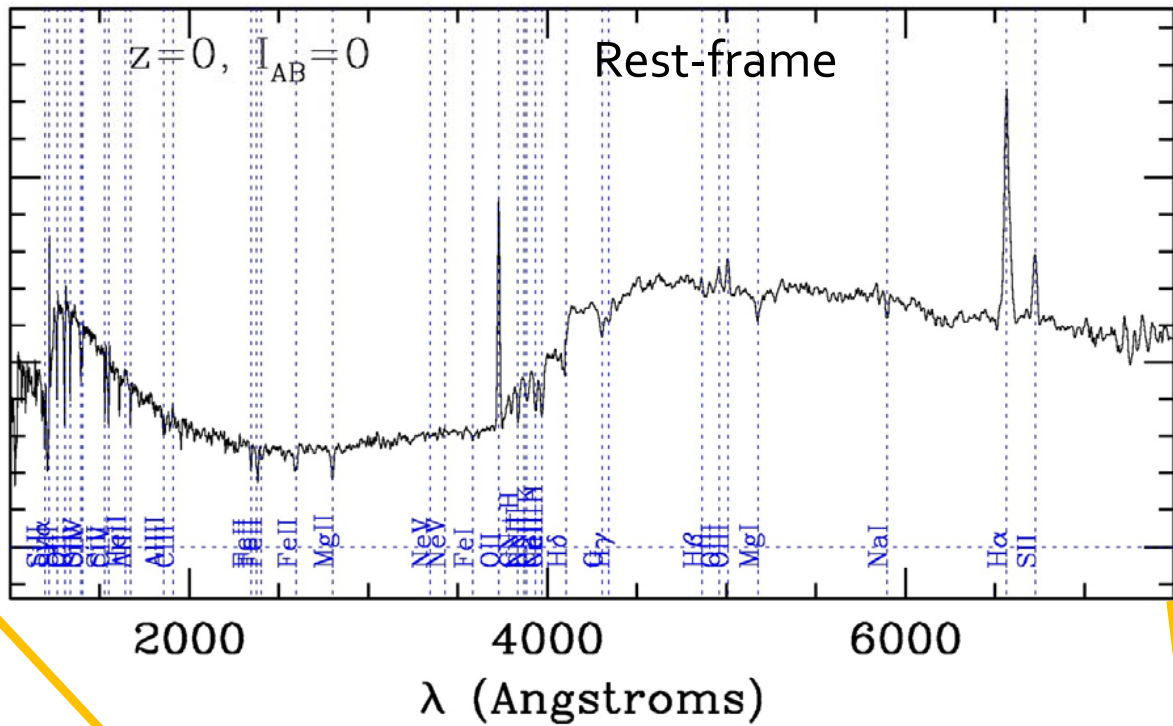


- Selection function control
  - Apriori hypotheses
  - Large deep imaging surveys
- Large samples
- Multi-wavelength

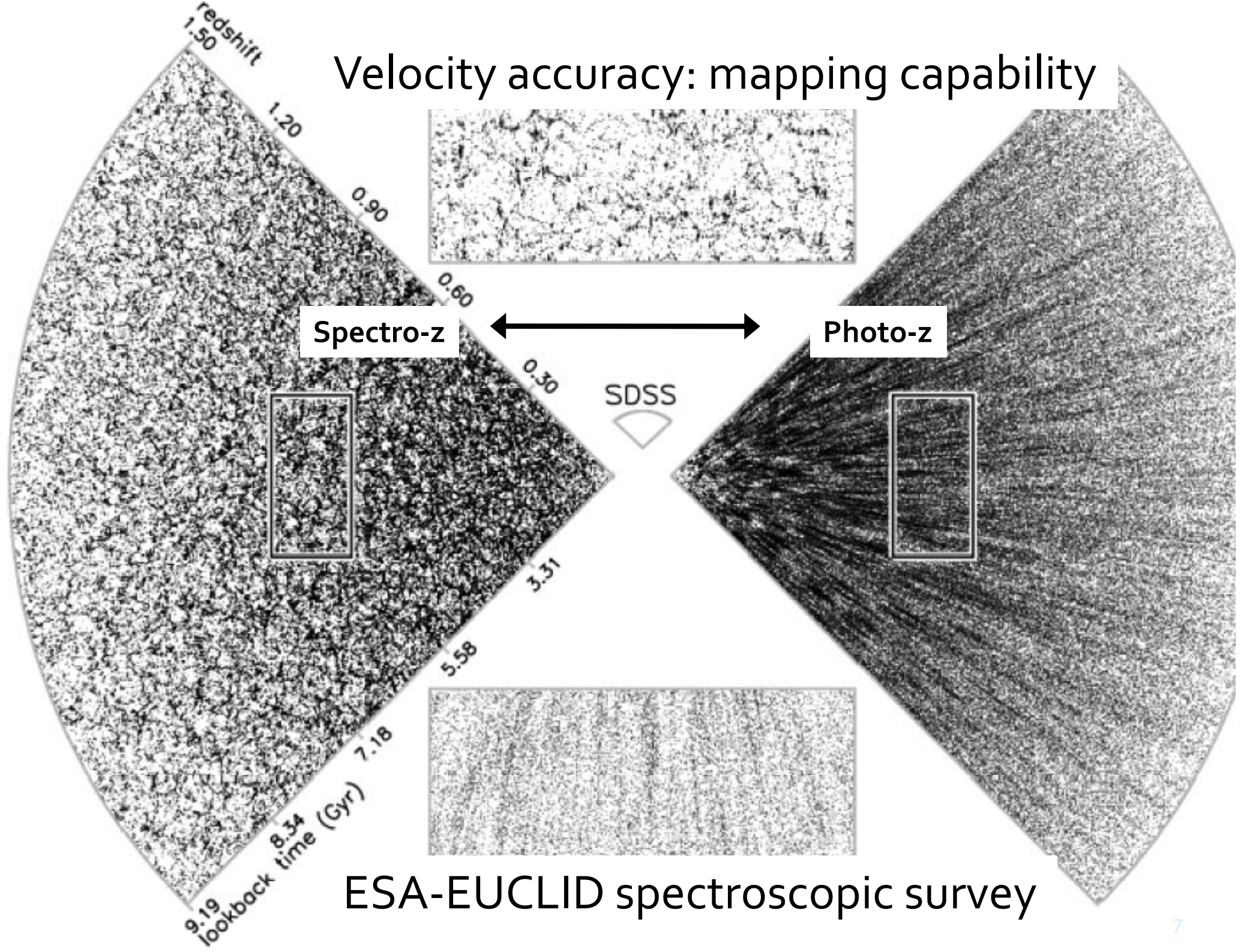


# Why *spectroscopic-z* surveys? (vs. *photo-z* surveys)

- Spectral features
  - Complementary to multi- $\lambda$  Spectral Energy Distribution from photometry
- Redshift accuracy
  - A few tens to a few hundreds km/s
- Mapping ability
- High sample completeness
  - Failure rate but limited catastrophic failures



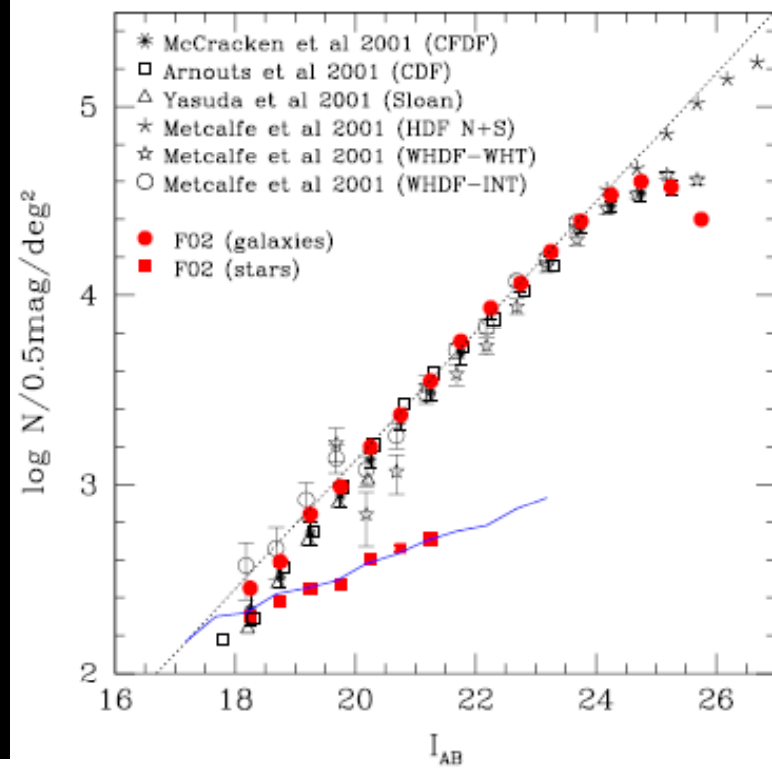
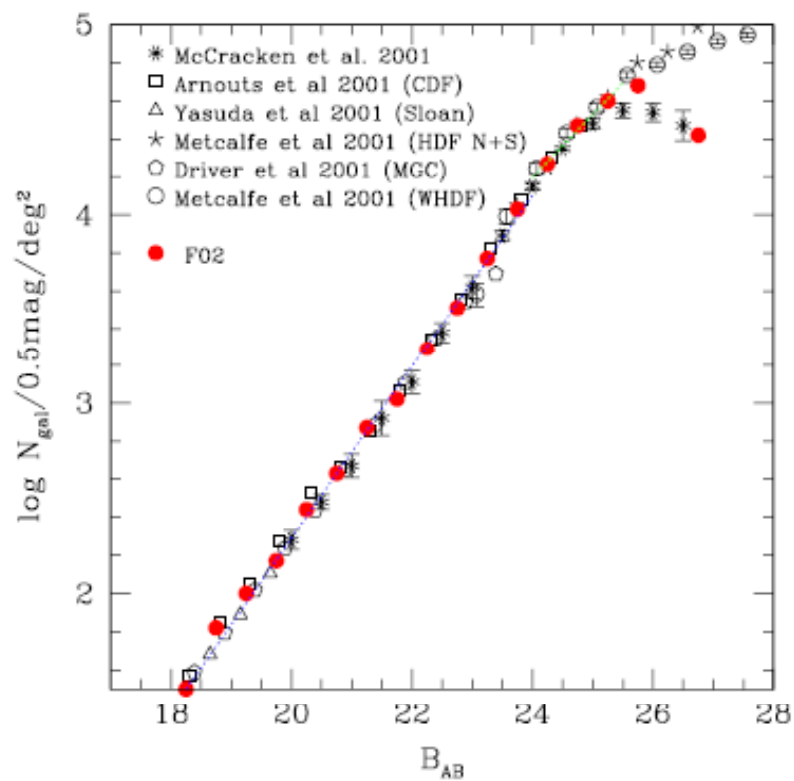
# Velocity accuracy: mapping capability



# Spectroscopic surveys need deep(er) imaging surveys

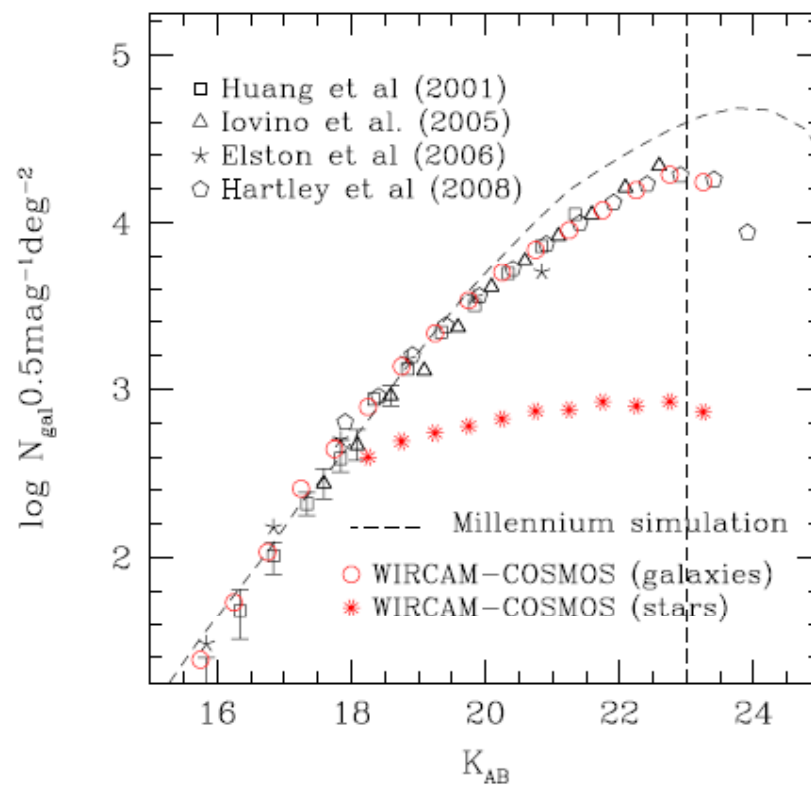
- Targets for spectroscopy are selected from imaging
  - Whatever the selection method (except “serendipitous” surveys)
- Imaging needs to be much deeper than spectroscopic limit
  - No bias from imaging
  - At least 1 mag. deeper (LSB, photometric errors...)
- Spectroscopic surveys progress follows imaging surveys progress
  - Field size
  - Depth
  - IR at higher redshifts
- Photometry+spectroscopy is needed to measure the SED, and get \*mass, SFR, age, ...



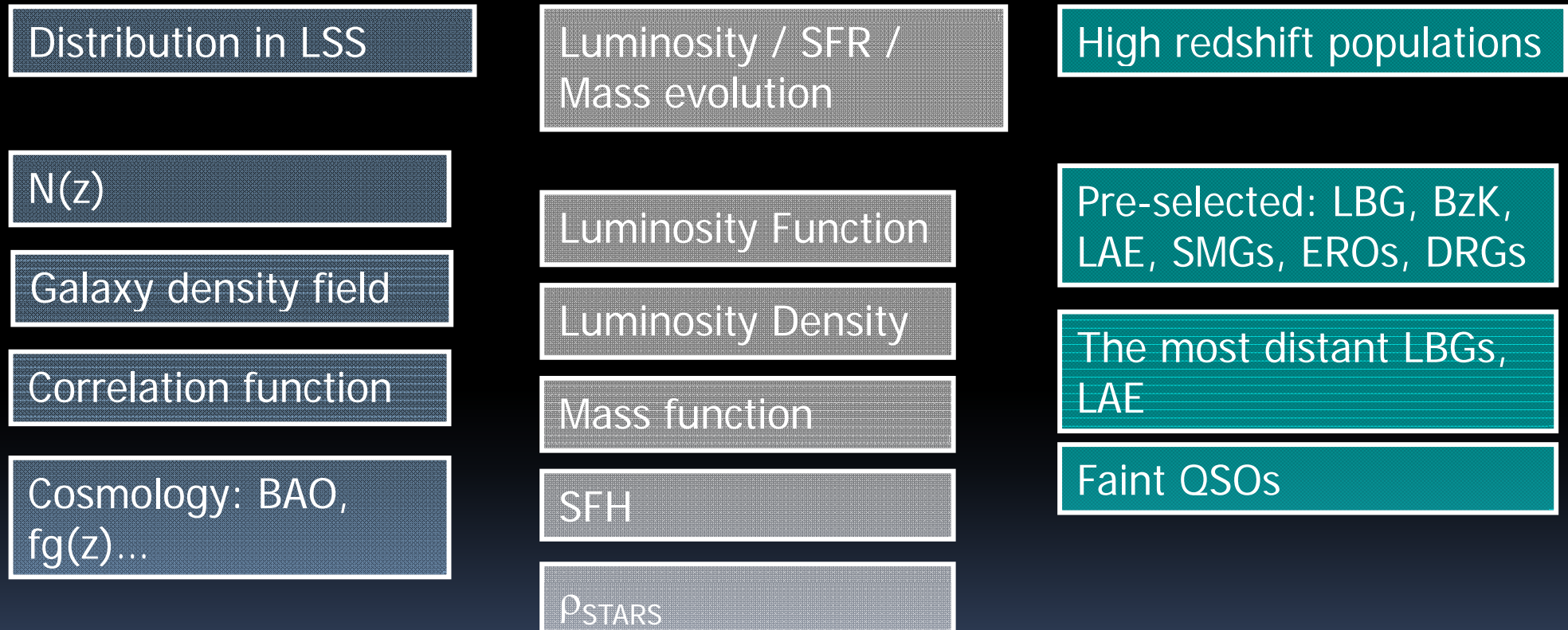


McCracken et al., 2003

McCracken et al., 2010



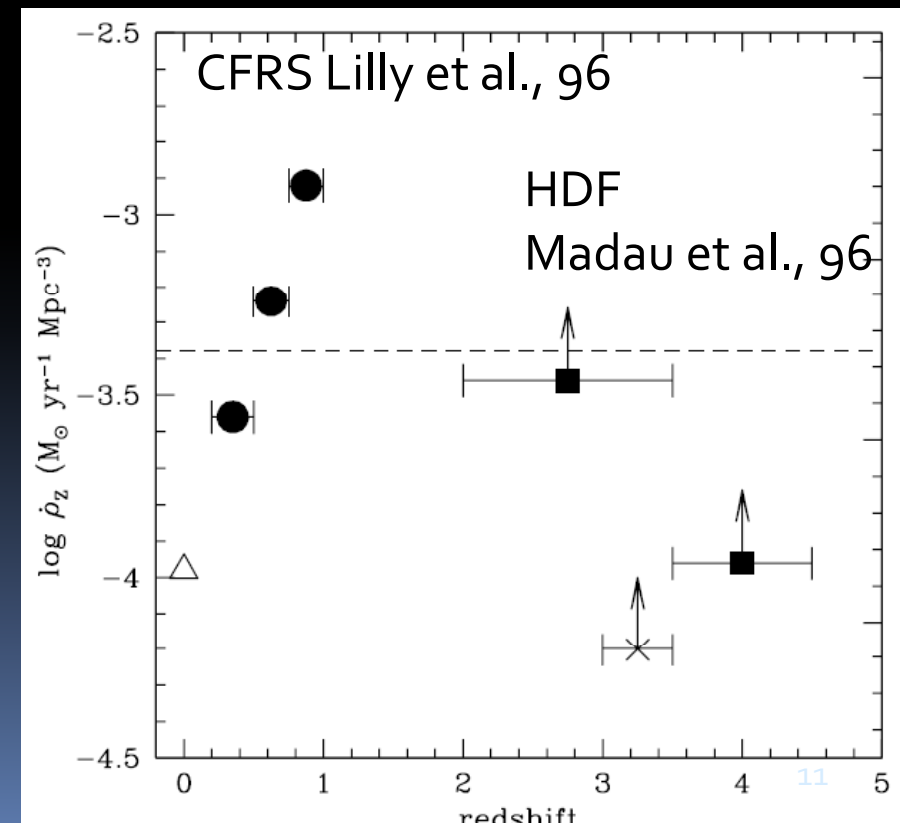
# Measuring galaxy evolution with spectro-z surveys



Track evolution versus Environment, Luminosity, galaxy type,...

# Historical perspective

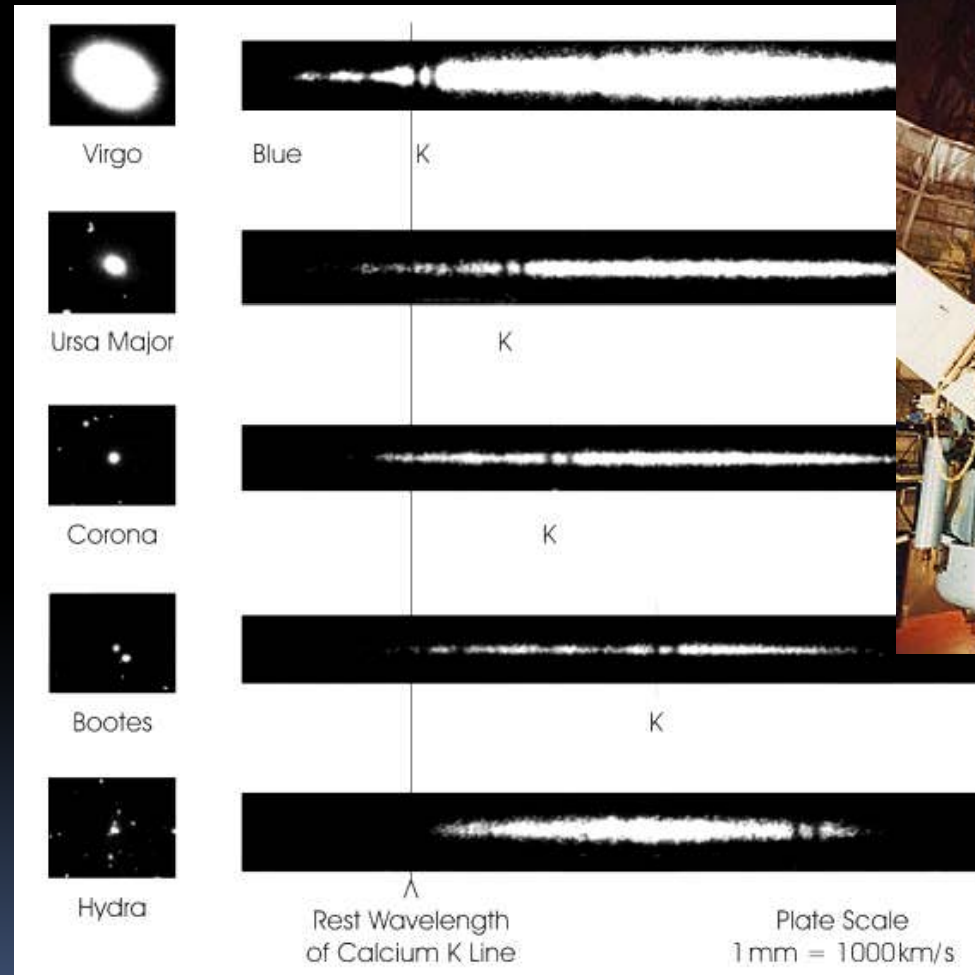
- Early times: galaxies one by one (Hubble...)
- The invention of multi-object spectroscopy
  - First efficient MOS in the '90s
- '90s: the discovery age
  - 2dFGRS, SDSS in the local U.
  - CFRS, LDSS:  $z \sim 1$
  - LBG:  $z \sim 3$
- Today: the precision age



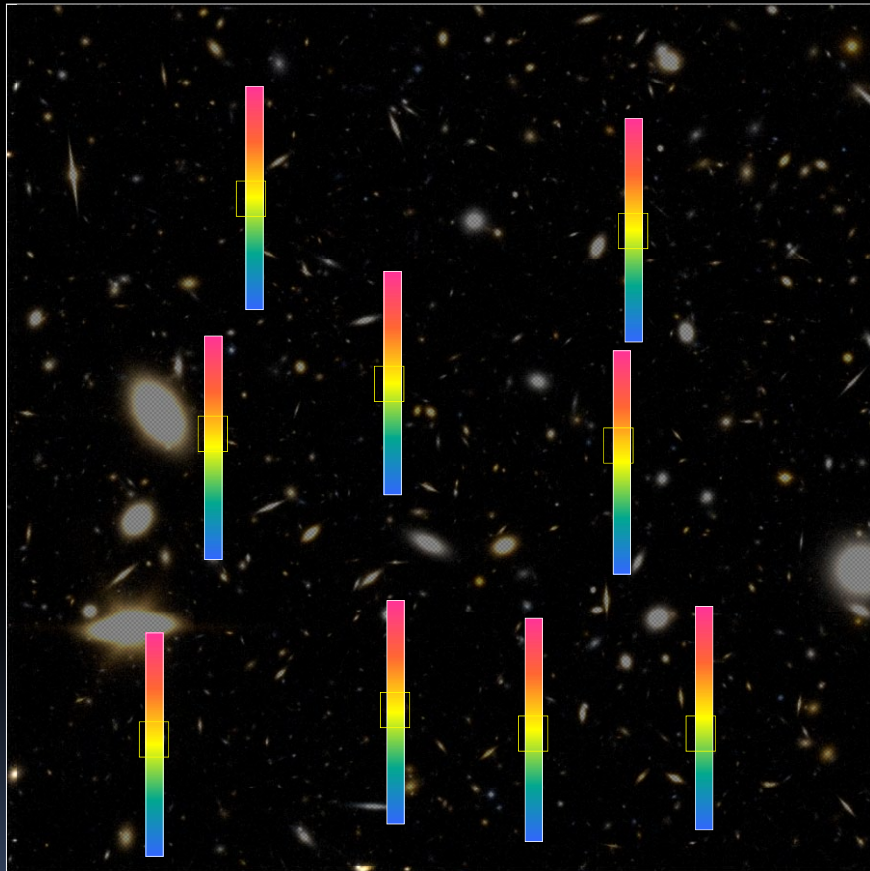
# Spectra, one by one



E. Hubble



# Today: multi-object spectroscopy



- Deep multi-color imaging
- Target selection
- Multi-object spectroscopy

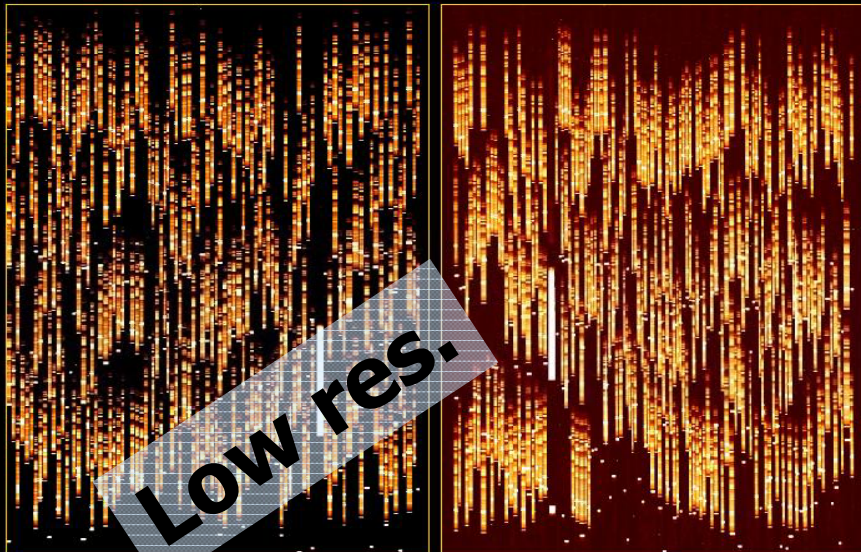
Today MOS have  $N_{\text{obj}} \gg 100$   
Multiplies the efficiency of your telescope by  $N_{\text{obj}}$  !

# State of the art today: VIMOS example

Strictly equivalent to 1000 8m telescopes doing single object spectro in parallel !

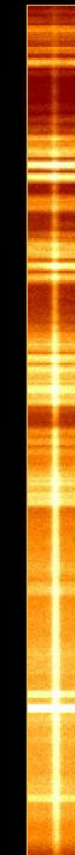
**VIMOS at the ESO VLT  
measures the distance of 1001 distant galaxies  
in one single observation !**

**VIMOS at the VLT observes 150 galaxies  
at once at high spectral resolution (R~4000)**

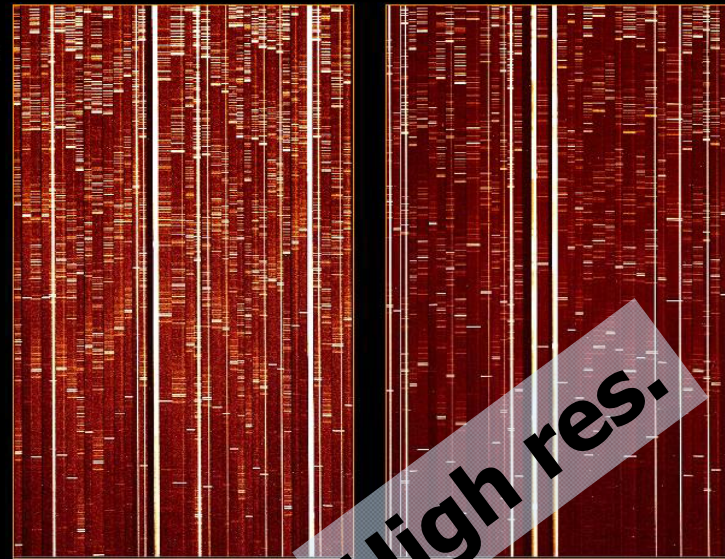


1 spectrum  
of 1001

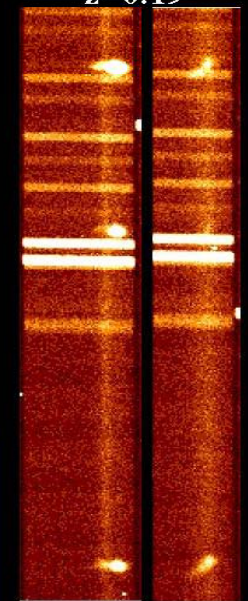
9500 Å



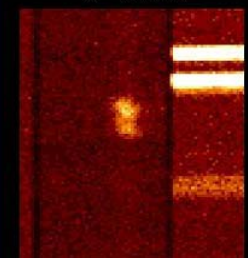
5500 Å



Hydrogen+Oxygen  
H $\beta$ +[OIII]  
z=0.19

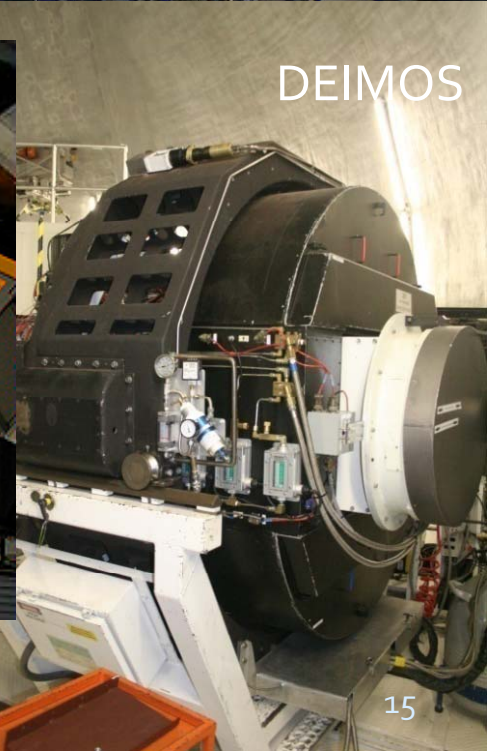
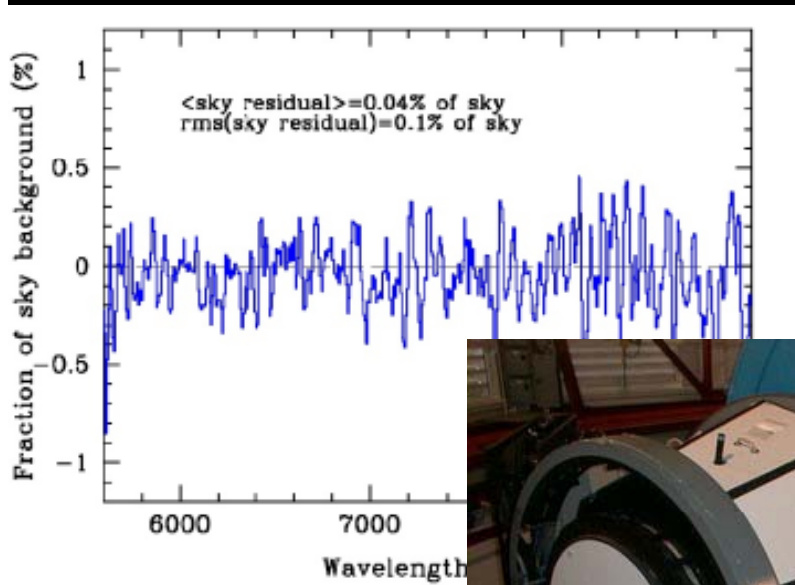


Oxygen  
[OII] doublet  
z=0.71



# The power of multi-slit MOS at high-z

- The workhorse of major observatories: CFHT-MOS/SIS, Keck-LRIS, VLT-FORS, GMOS, Keck-DEIMOS, VLT-VIMOS, IMACS ...
- Multi-slit: higher sky subtraction accuracy

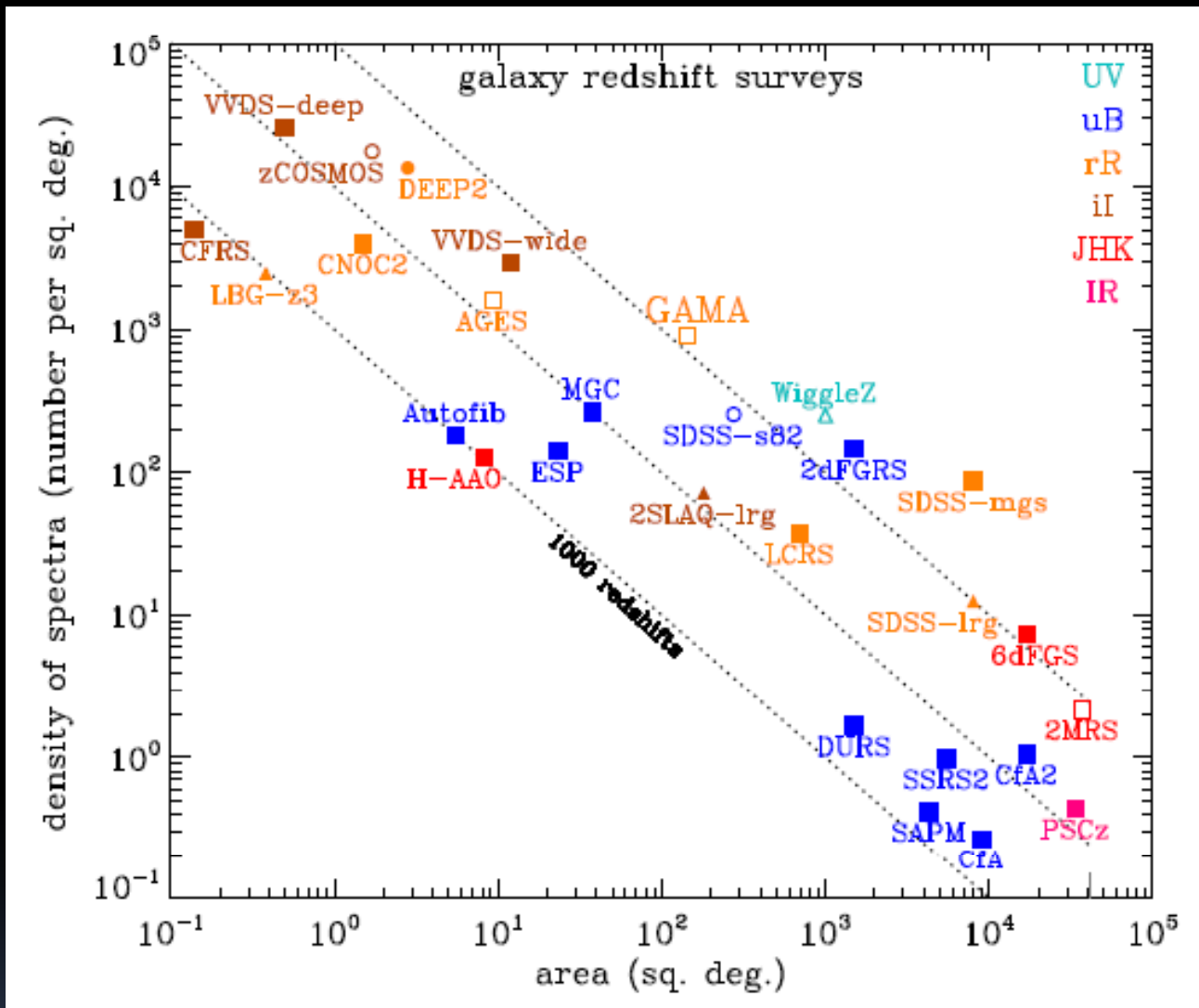


# Past and present high-z spectroscopic surveys

Survey	Instrument	redshift	# galaxies	Exp. Time /gal eq. 8m	Total T survey
CFRS – 1995	CFHT-MOS	$0 < z < 1.2$	600	2h	21 nights
LBG – 1999	KECK-LRIS	$2.5 < z < 4.5$	1000	3h	40 nights
GOODS	VLT FORS2	$0 < z < 7.1$	1000	2h	40 nights
DEEP2, 2005+	KECK-DEIMOS	$0.7 < z < 1.4$	50000	1.5h	70 nights
VVDS, 2005+	VLT-VIMOS	$0 < z < 5$	50000	1h 4h	35 nights
zCOSMOS, 2007+	VLT-VIMOS	$0 < z < 1.2$ $1.4 < z < 3$	20000 10000	1h 4h	450h
VIPERS, 2009+	VLT-VIMOS	$0.5 < z < 1.2$	100000	1h	450h
VUDS , 2010+	VLT-VIMOS	$2.5 < z < 7$	10000	14h	640h

Not complete !





A lot of surveys

Another dimension:  
depth/redshift

*From Baldry et al., 2010*

# Hard facts !

Which need to be reproduced by simulations...

- Redshift distribution  $N(z)$
- LF/LD and Star formation history
- MF and stellar mass density history
- Merger rate history
- Build-up of the color-density relation
- Quenching at work ?

# Redshift distributions

*From magnitude selected surveys*

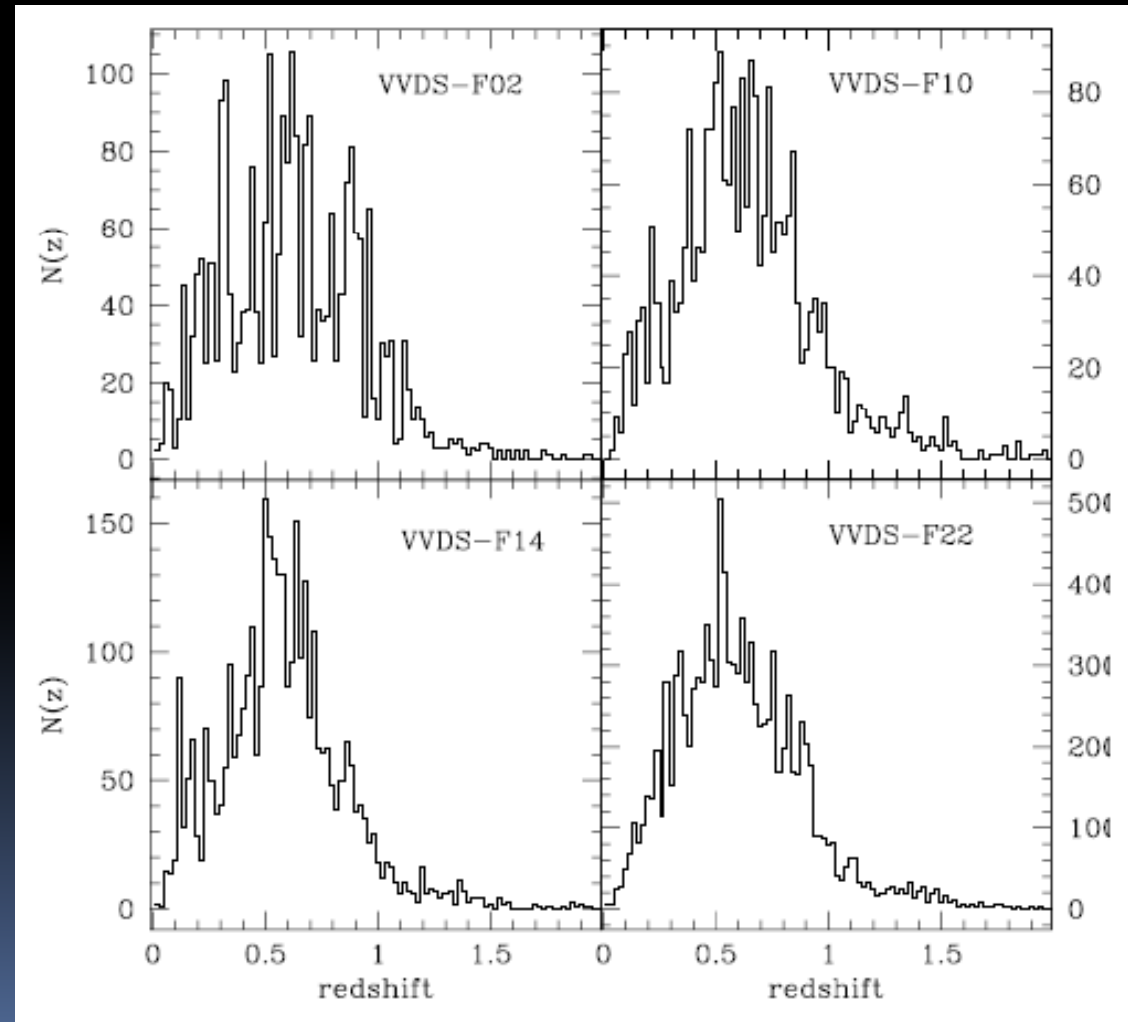
$$i_{AB} \leq 22.5$$

- CFRS
- VVDS-wide
- zCOSMOS-bright

$$\langle z \rangle = 0.55$$

Still strong variance on  
1deg scales:

*Cosmic variance is a serious  
problem for most current  
highz surveys*



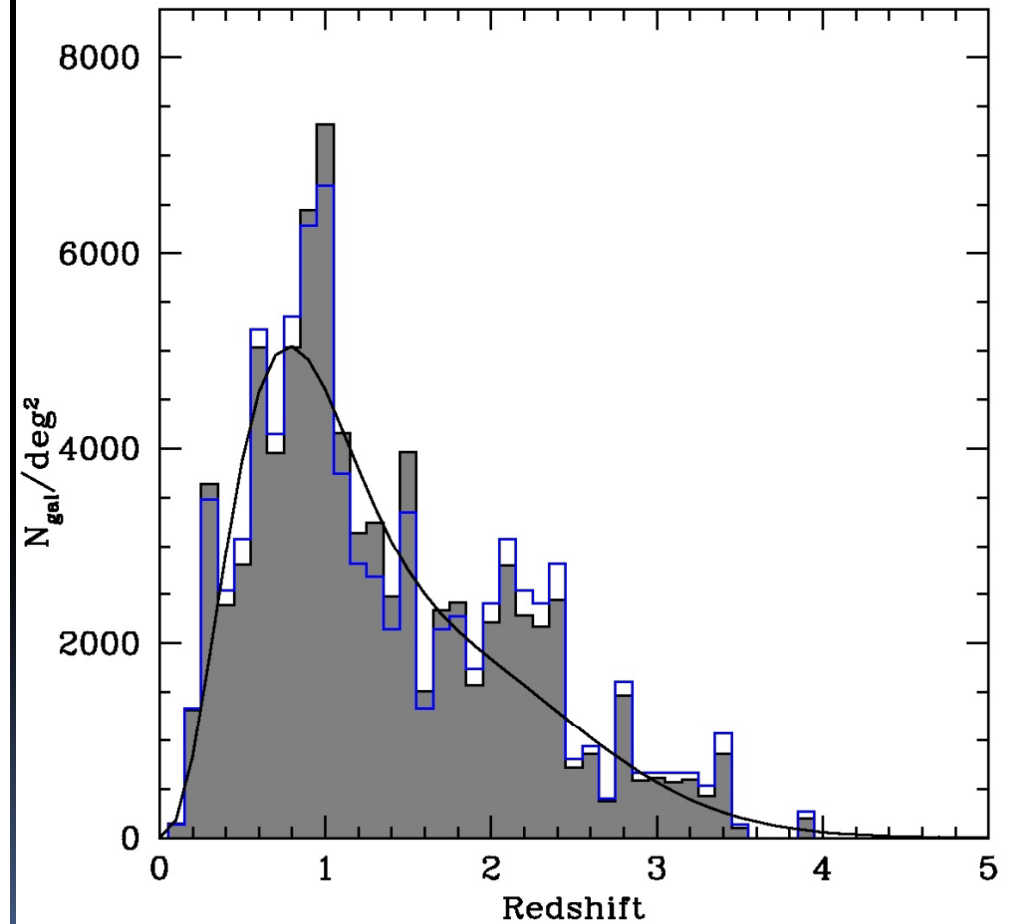
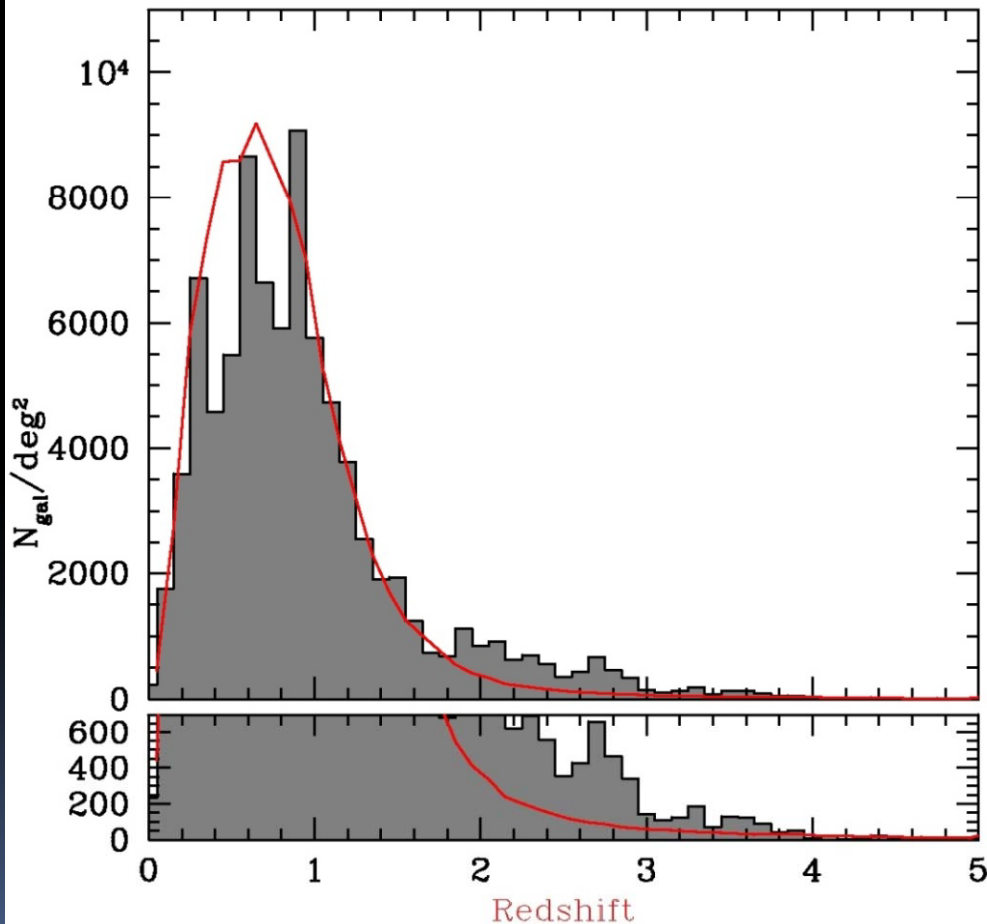
# Redshift distributions

$$i_{AB} \leq 24$$

- $\langle Z \rangle = 0.8$

$$23 \leq i_{AB} \leq 24.75$$

- $\langle Z \rangle = 1.3$



# Star formation history

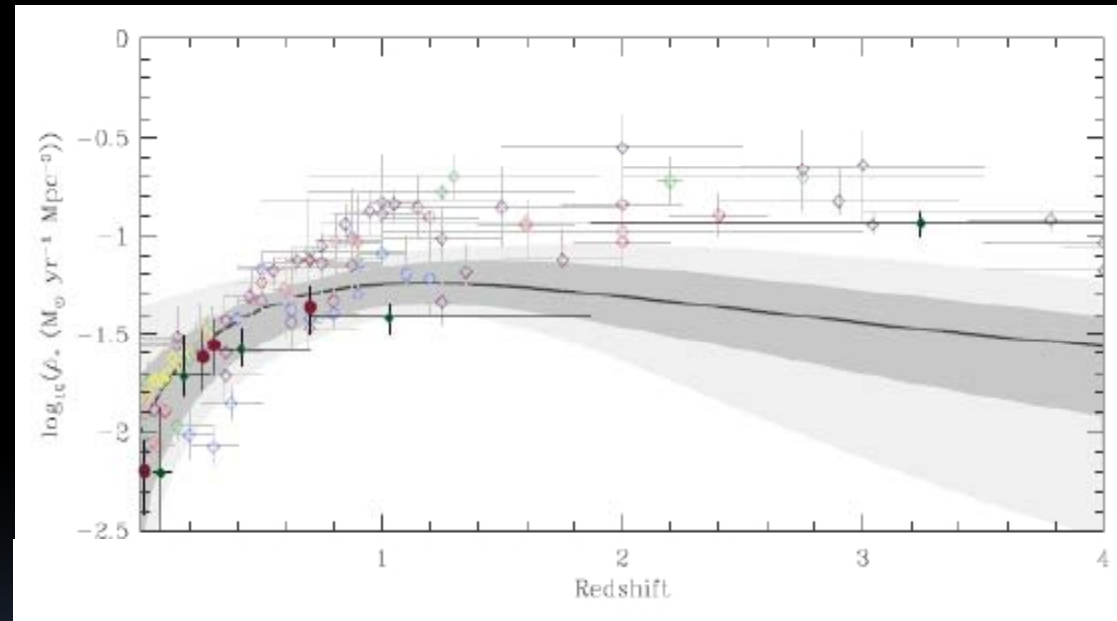
- Directly derived from Luminosity Function

## Peak in SFRD at $z \sim 2$

- Strong rise from  $z=0$  to  $z=1$
- Plateau to  $z \sim 3$
- Decrease beyond  $z \sim 3$ ?

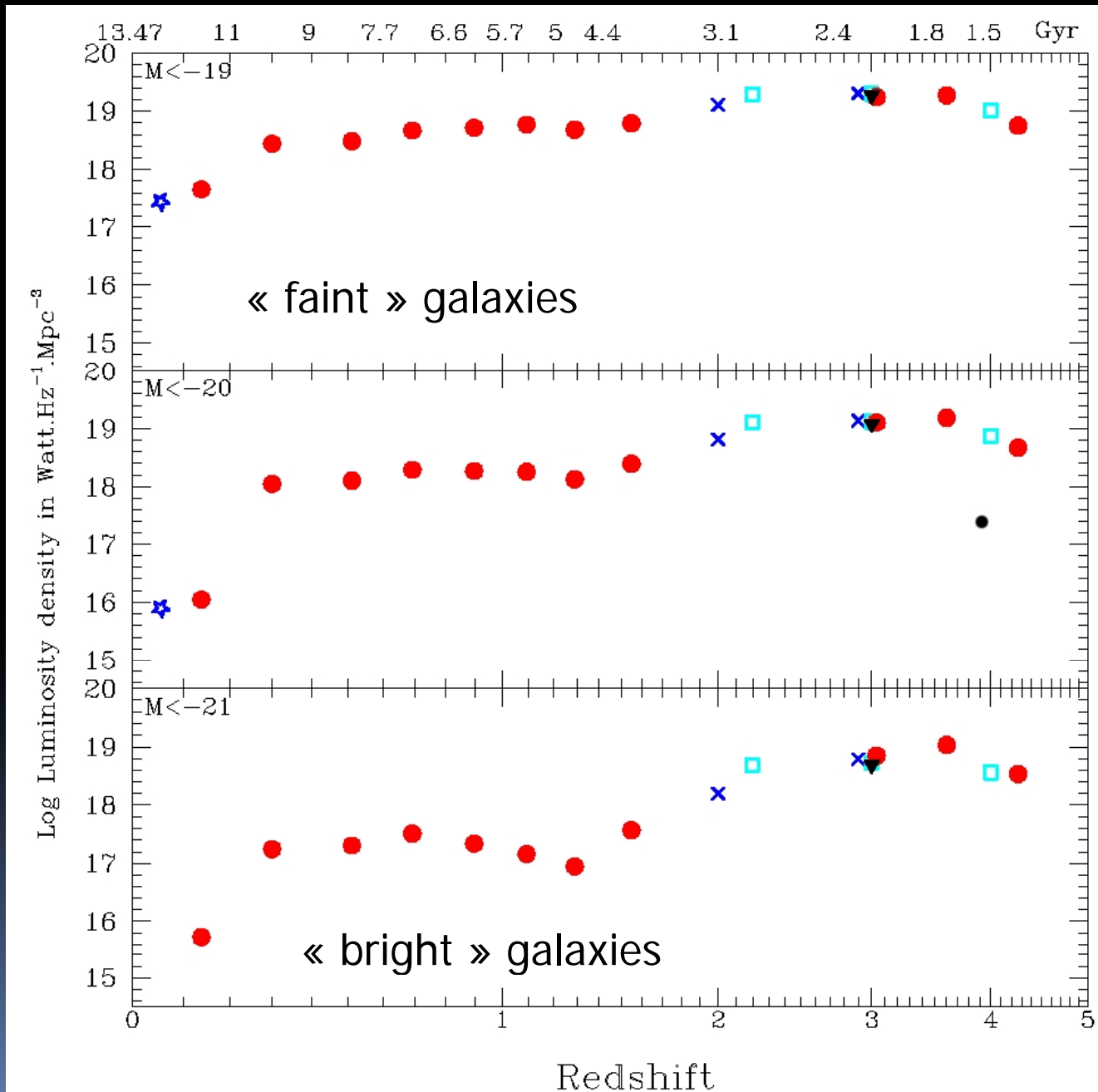
## ▪ Difficulties

- Need complete samples
- Transform luminosity into SF, dust correction
- Large uncertainty on LF faint-end slope at high- $z$
- SFRD from LF not consistent with SFRD from MF



Wilkins et al., 2009

# FUV global luminosity density since $z=5$



Downsizing :

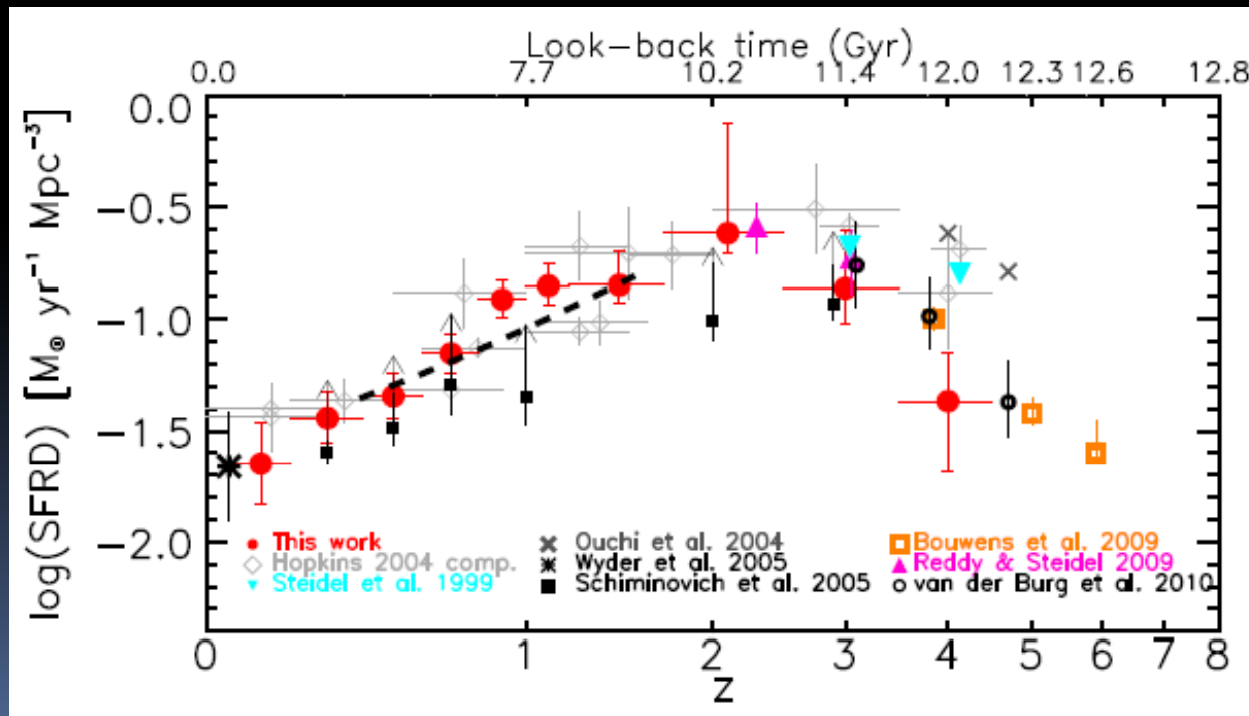
Luminous galaxies form most of their stars early

Faint galaxies contain more star formation at low  $z$

Downsizing trends observed from various indicators

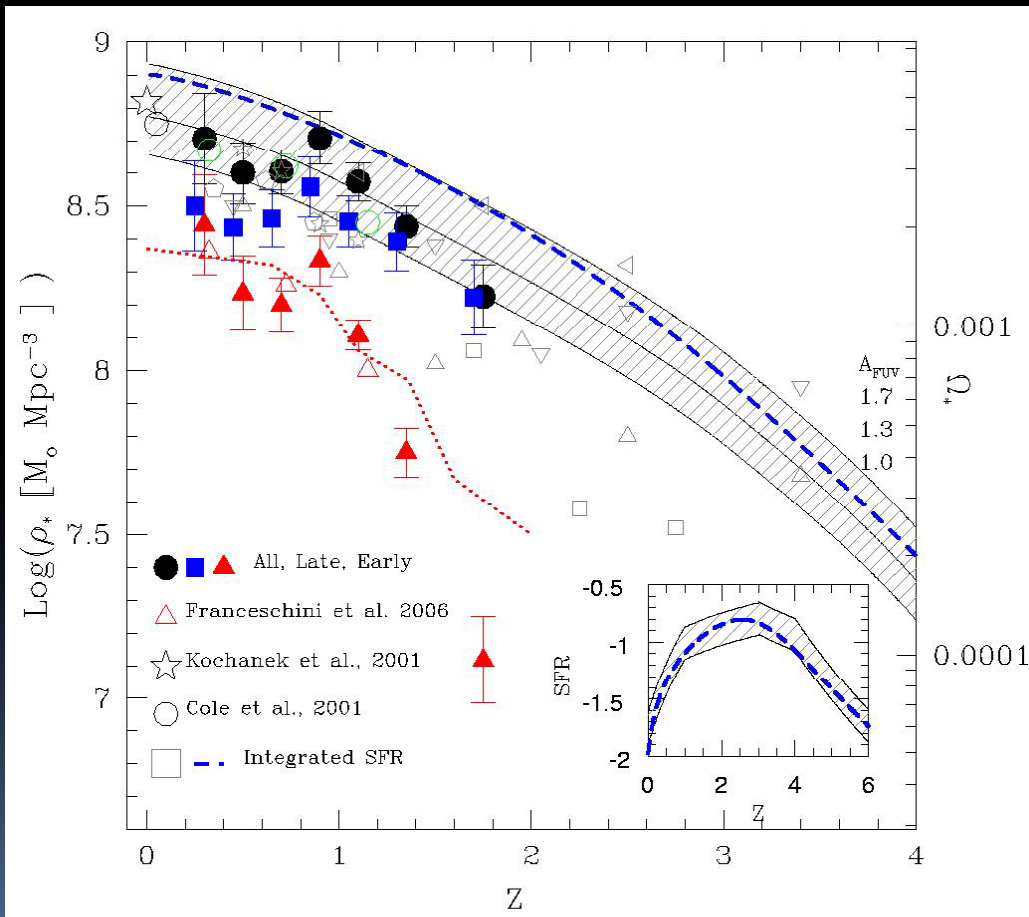
*Tresse et al., 2007*

- Magnitude selected  $23 \leq i_{AB} \leq 24.75$
- 15h blue + 15h red integrations
- First results from 1000 galaxies
- On-going: 10000 galaxies
- LF and SFRD derived from "spectroscopy-only" data
- Bright end well constrained
- Despite depth, still major uncertainty on LF slope @  $z > 1.5$

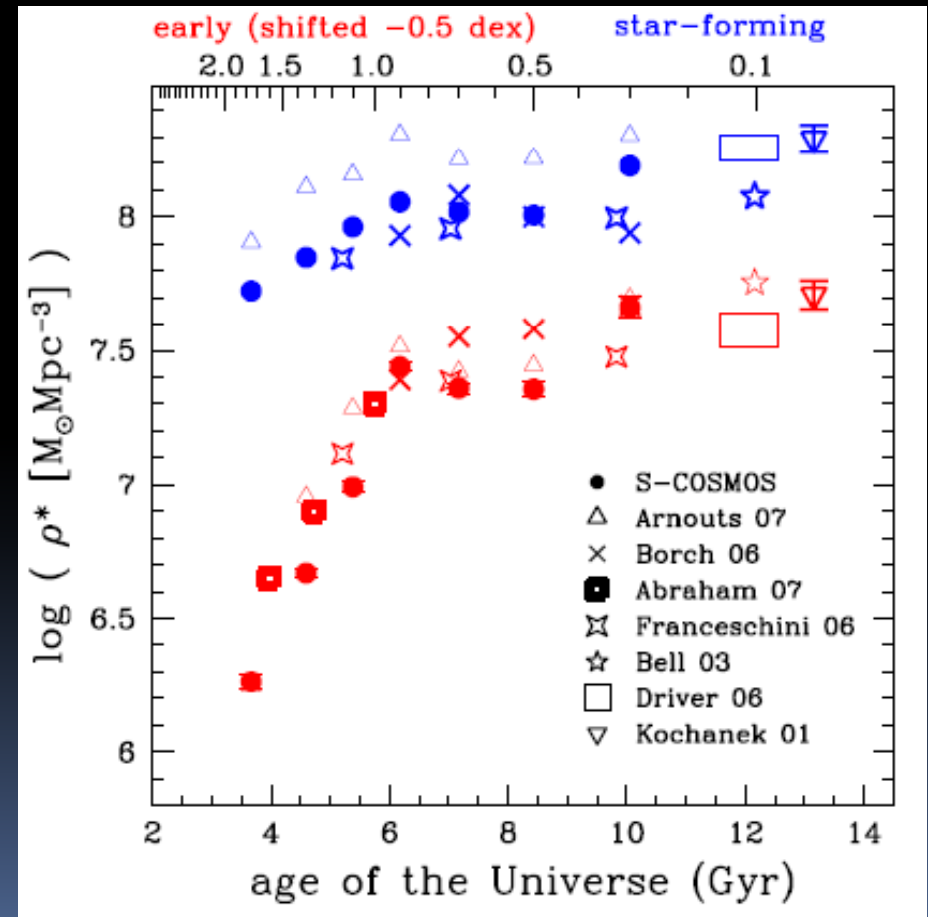


# Assembly of stellar mass

- Very fast mass growth in early/red galaxies  $1 < z < 2$
- Steady mass growth in star-forming galaxies



*VVDS, Arnouts et al., 2007*



*COSMOS, Ilbert et al. 2010*

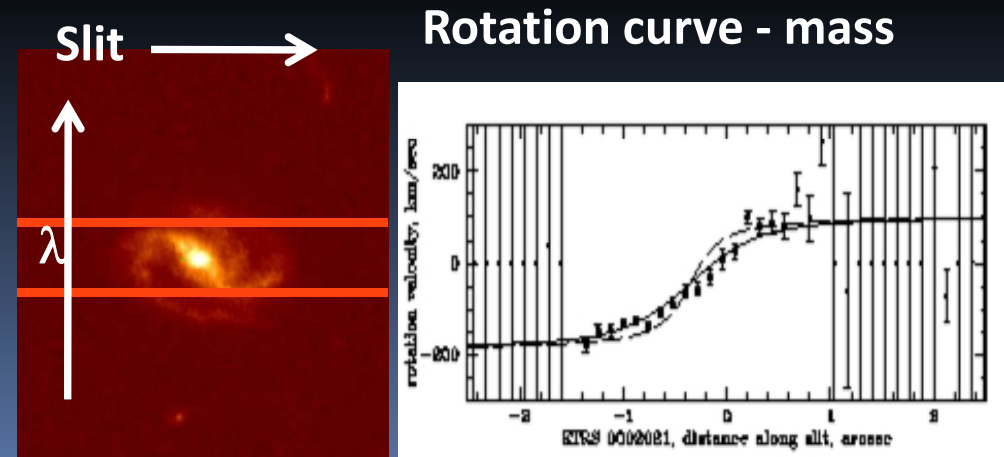


# Mass assembly

## \*-mass vs. total mass

- Strong dependency of today's results on mass function on SED-derived "stellar mass"
- SED-derived \*-masses differ by  $\sim x2$
- Need direct measurements of "total galaxy mass"
  - Use kinematics (2D/3D)
  - Use weak lensing

Tresse et al.,  
VIMOS survey

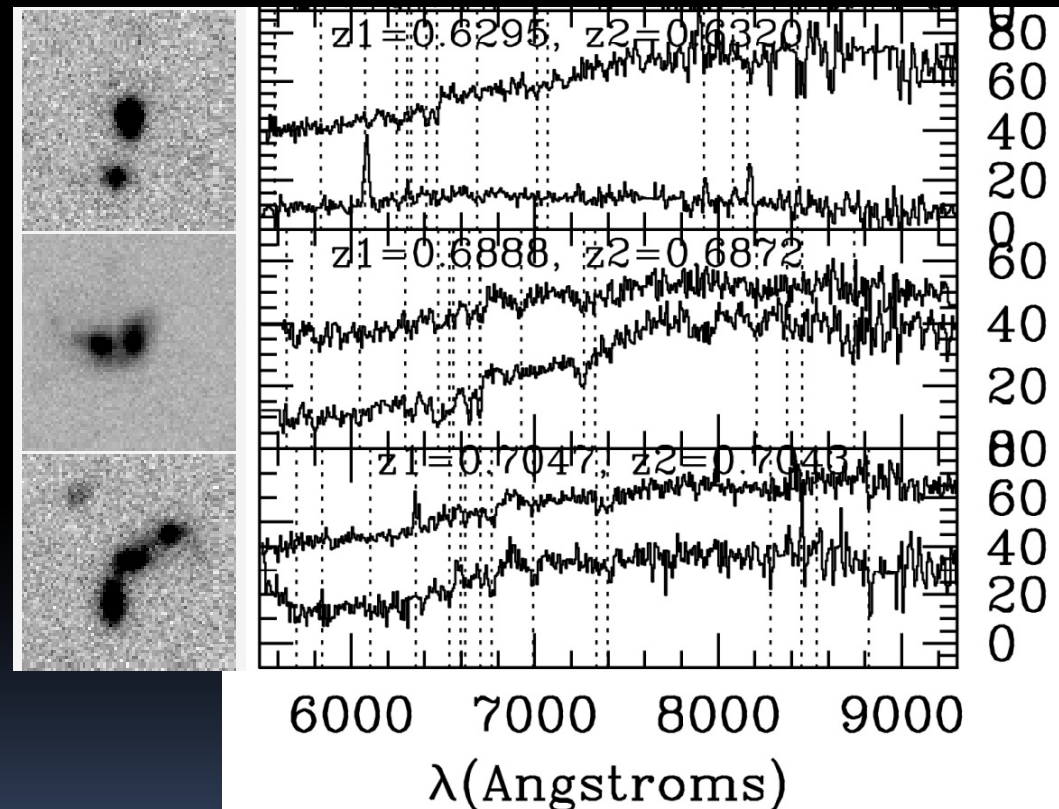


# Merger rate history

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What is the contribution of mergers to galaxy evolution ?

- Merger rate from spectroscopically measured pairs
  - Major (ratio  $>1/4$ ), and minor (ratio  $<1/4$ ) mergers
- Measurements
  - zCOSMOS
  - DEEP2
  - VVDS

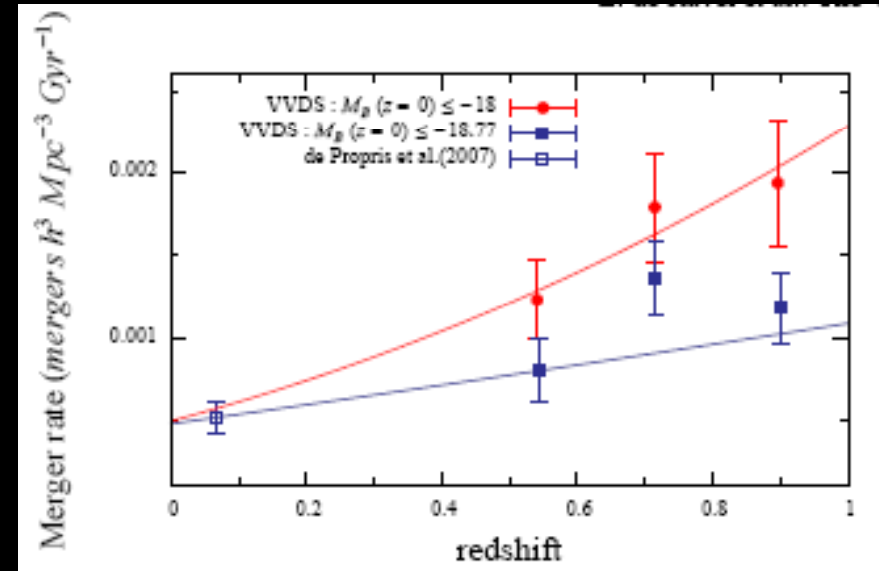


# Merger rate history

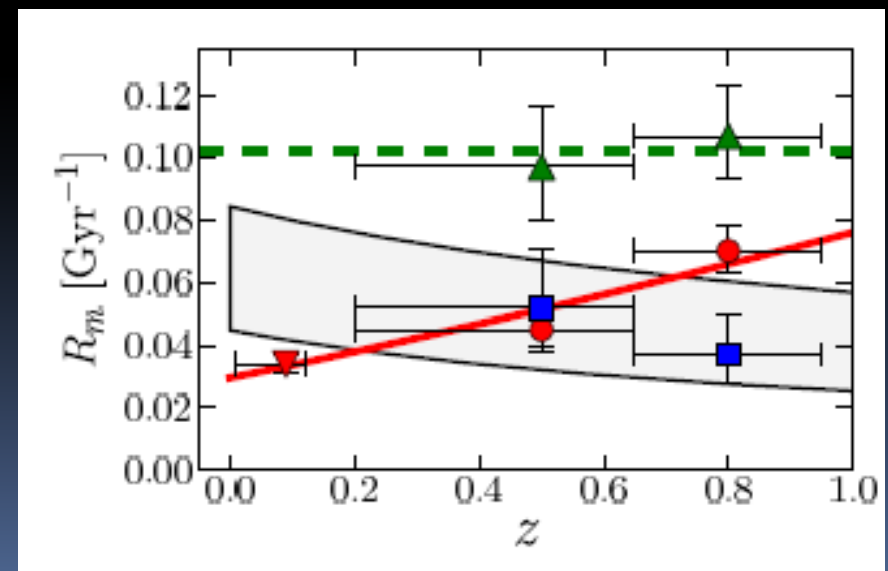
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- Merger rate is depending on luminosity/mass
- $L_B \geq L_B^*$  galaxies have grown 25% of their mass from mergers since  $z \sim 1$  (1/4 minor, 3/4 major)
- Major mergers more important for the mass growth of ETGs (40%) than LTGs (20%)

*Mergers contribute significantly to mass growth since  $z \sim 1$*



Major mergers, de Ravel et al. 2009



Minor mergers, Lopez-sanJuan et al. 2009

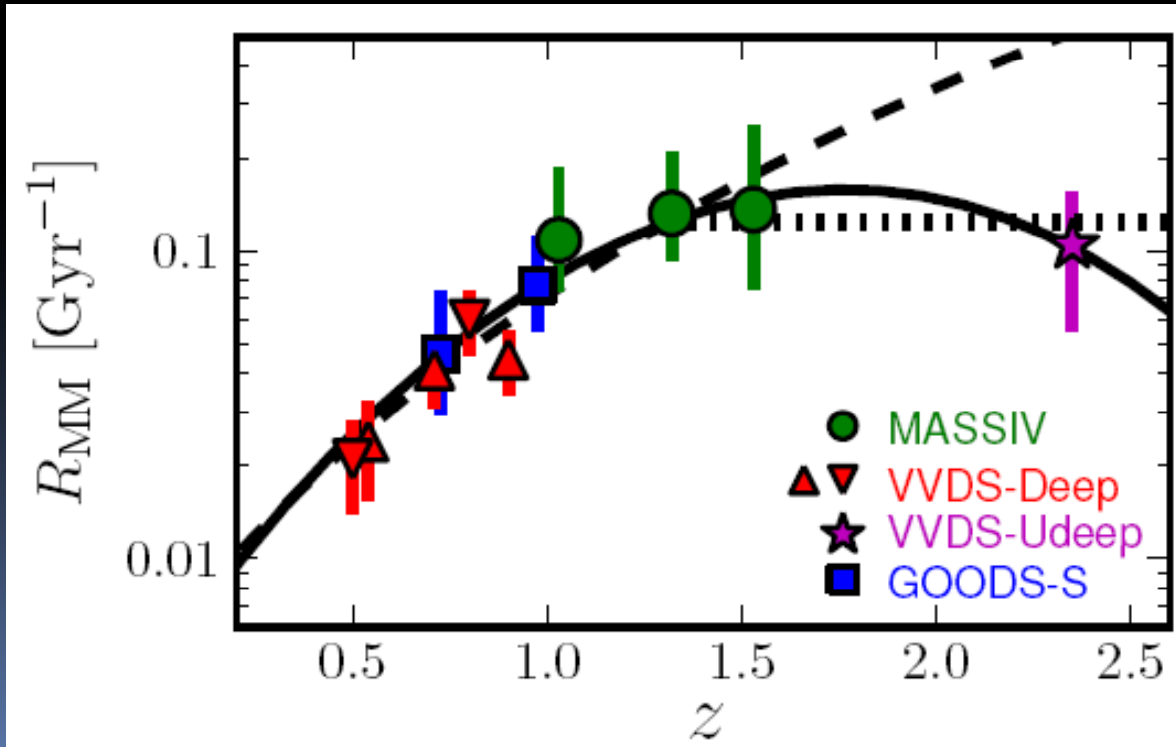
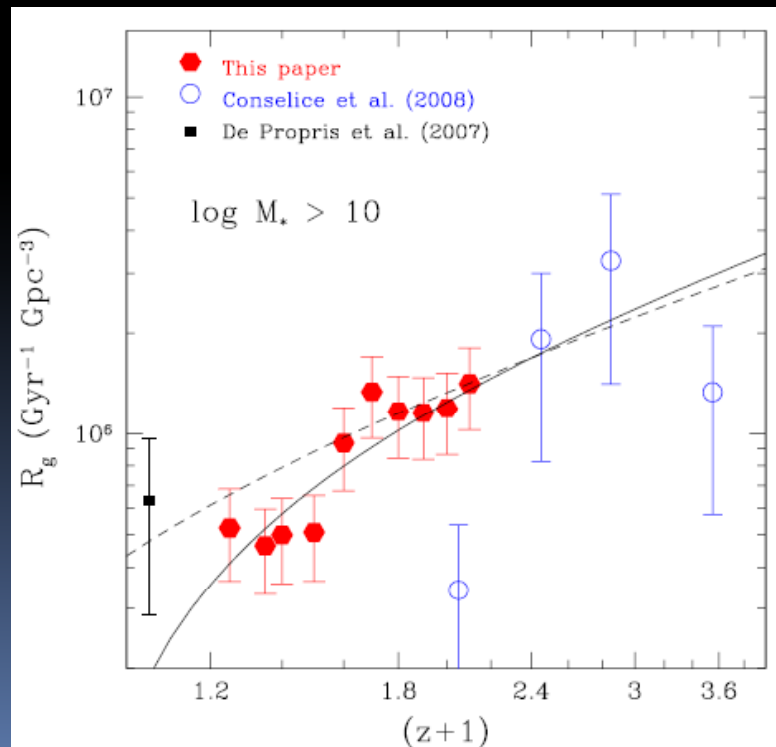
# Merger rate history

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- Evolution of merger rate beyond  $z \sim 1$  is not yet securely established
- Peak in major merger rate at  $z \sim 1.5$ ?
  - On-going from VVDS and MASSIV

Conselice et al., 2009

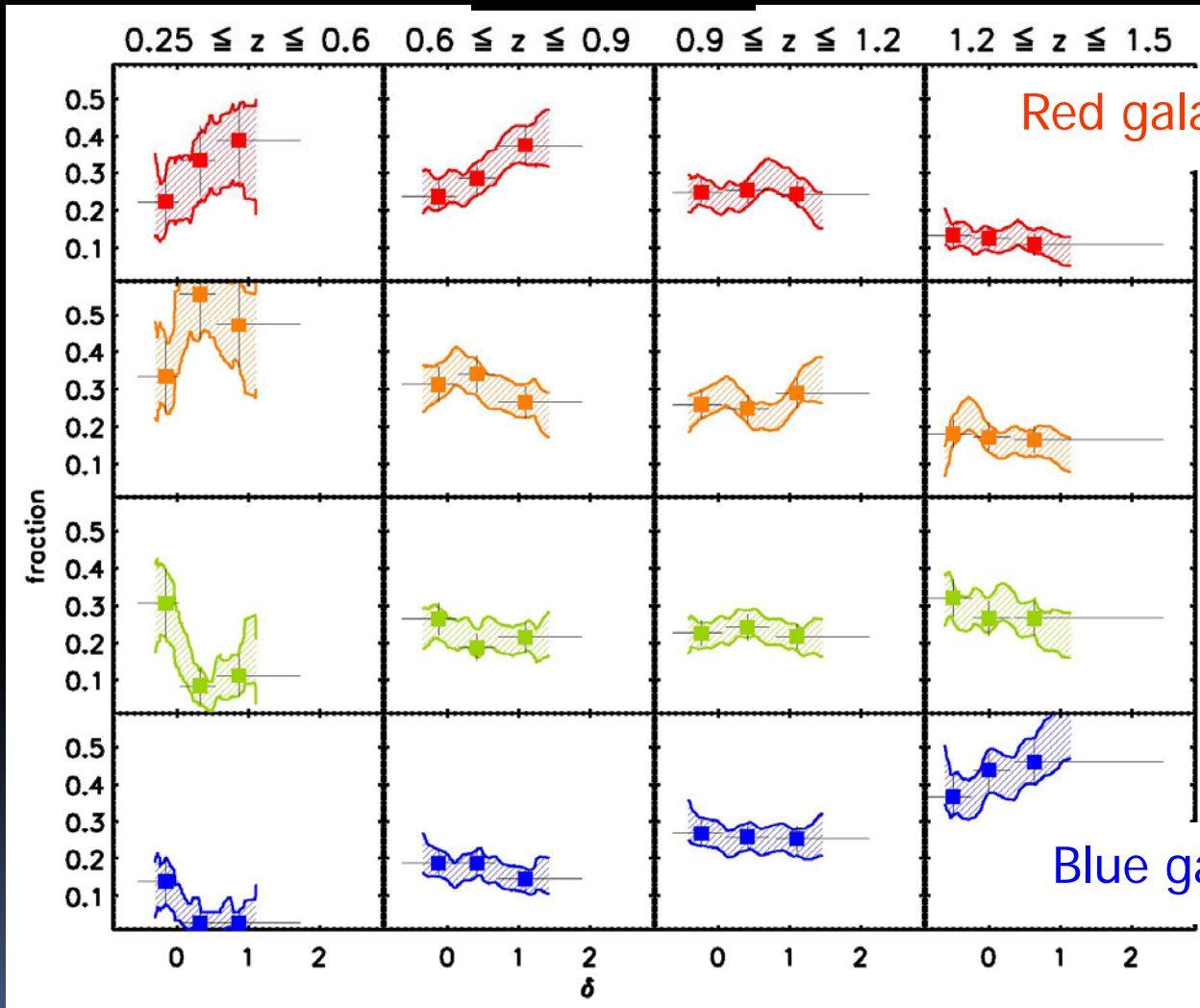
Lopez-SanJuan, Le Fèvre et al., in prep





# the build-up of the Colour-density relation

Redshift



Red galaxies

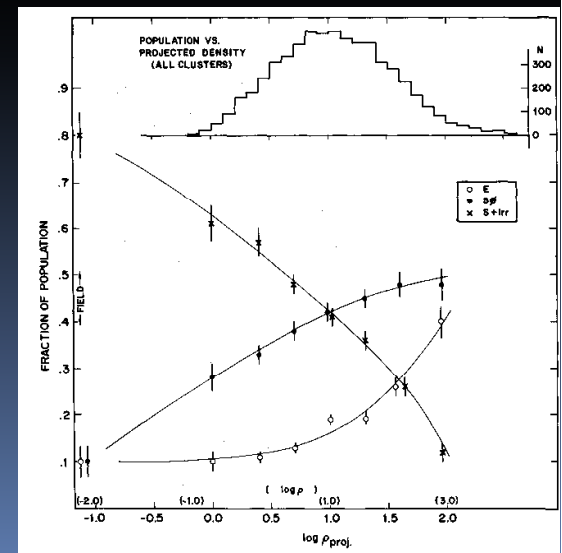
Blue galaxies

Density contrast

*VVDS: Cucciati et al., 2006*

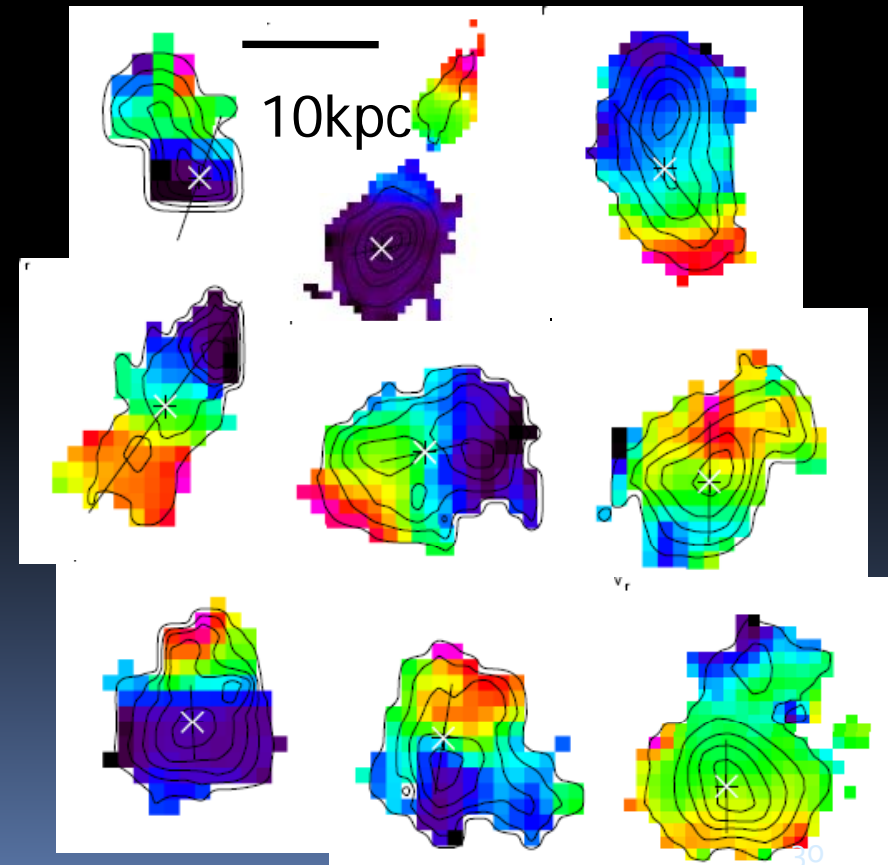
*DEEP2: Cooper et al., 2006*

*Dressler, 1980*



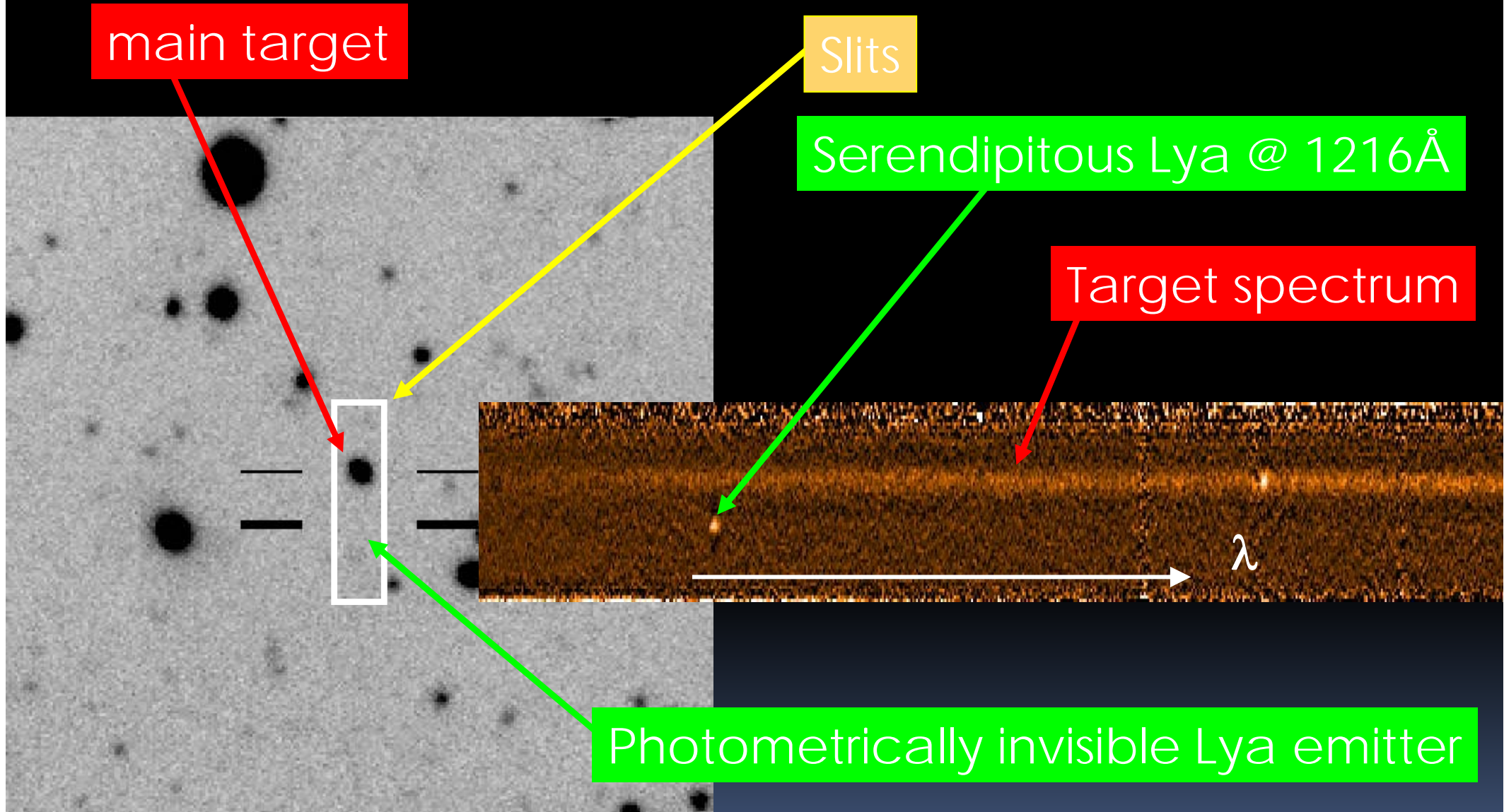
# Follow-up surveys

- Use bias-free MOS surveys to select unbiased populations
- Complete IFU-3D surveys
  - MASSIV @ $z\sim 1.5$
  - SINS @ $z\sim 2$
  - ...
  - MUSE



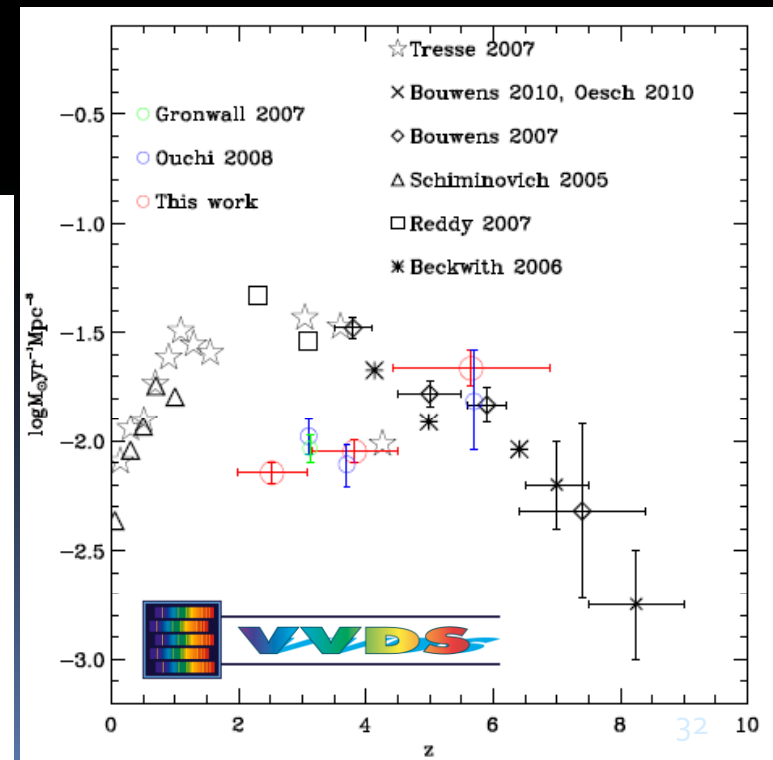
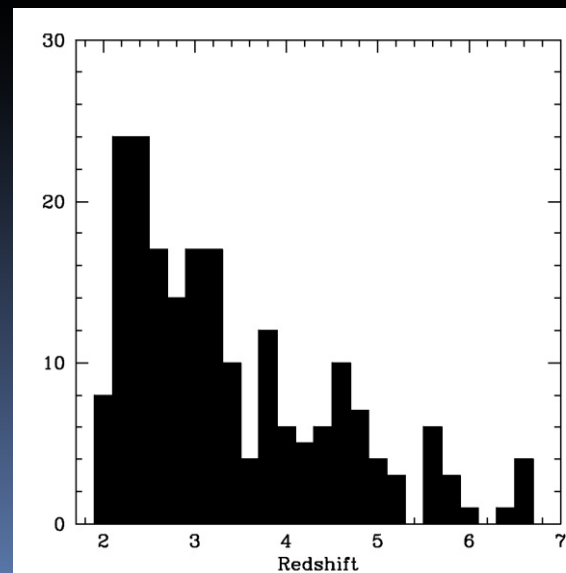
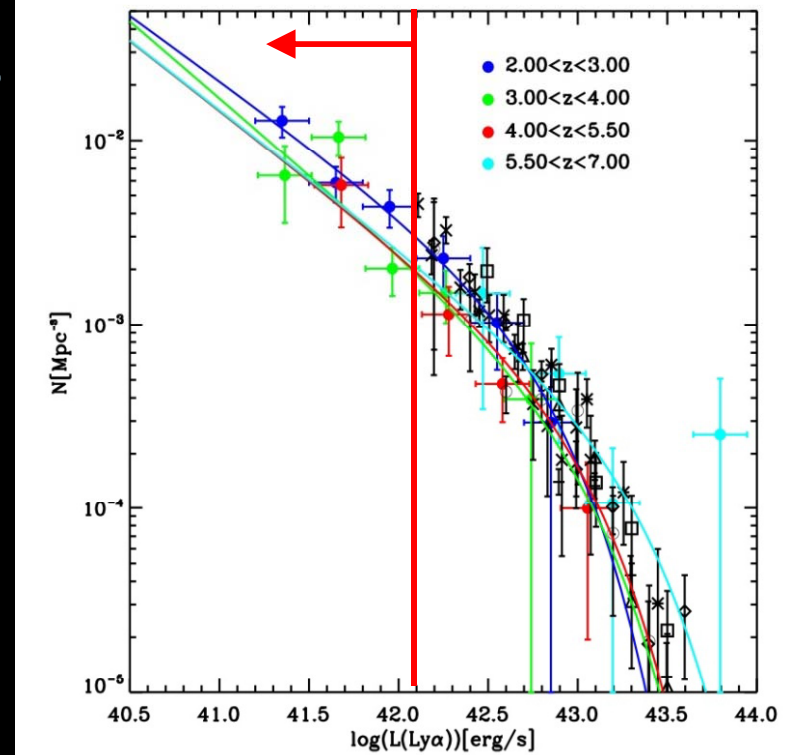
MASSIV:  
Mergers at  $z\sim 1.5$

# Serendipitous power of multi-slit MOS



# Serendipitous redshift surveys

- Rauch et al. 2008, 92h VLT, 27 LAE
  - $10^{-18}$  erg.cm<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup> !
- VVDS: Cassata et al., 2011
  - 15-30h VLT,  $1.5 \times 10^{-18}$  erg.cm<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>
  - 10,000 slits, 25 arcmin<sup>2</sup> of "blank sky" covered
  - 217 serendipitous LAE  $2 < z < 6.5$  !
- Steep slope of the LF:  $\alpha=1.7$
- LAE: dominant contribution to SFRD beyond  $z \sim 5$
- MUSE will contribute to the faint end

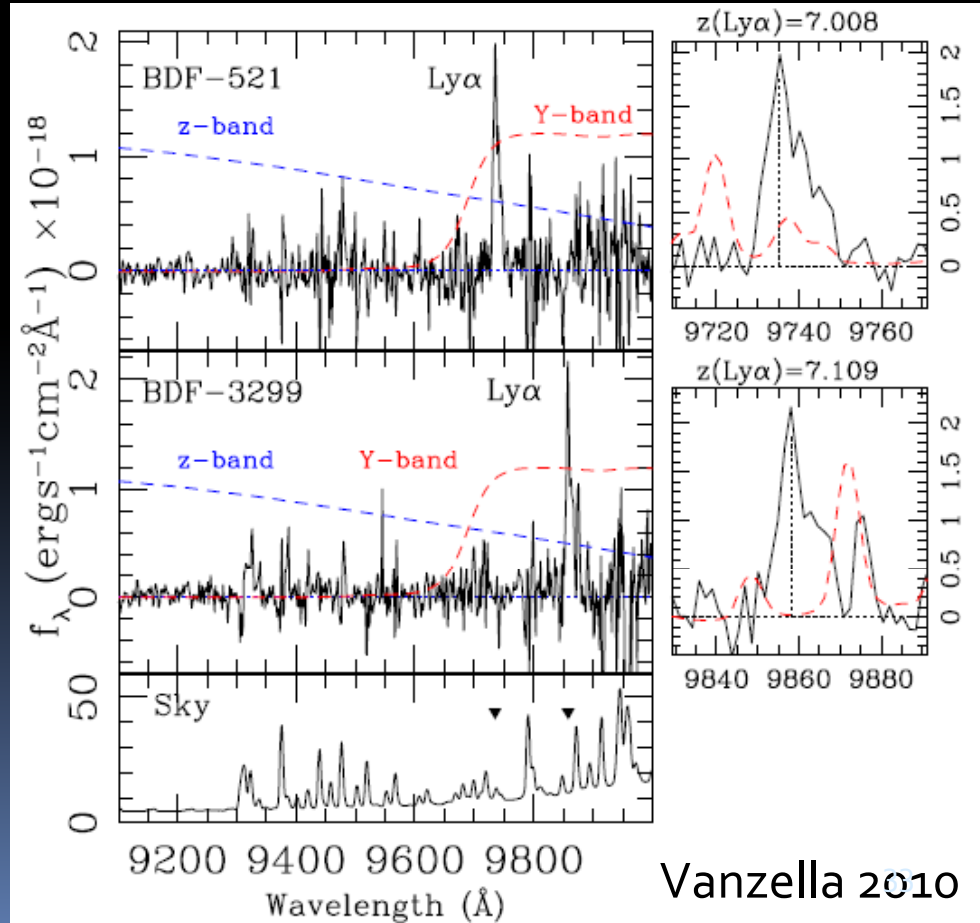
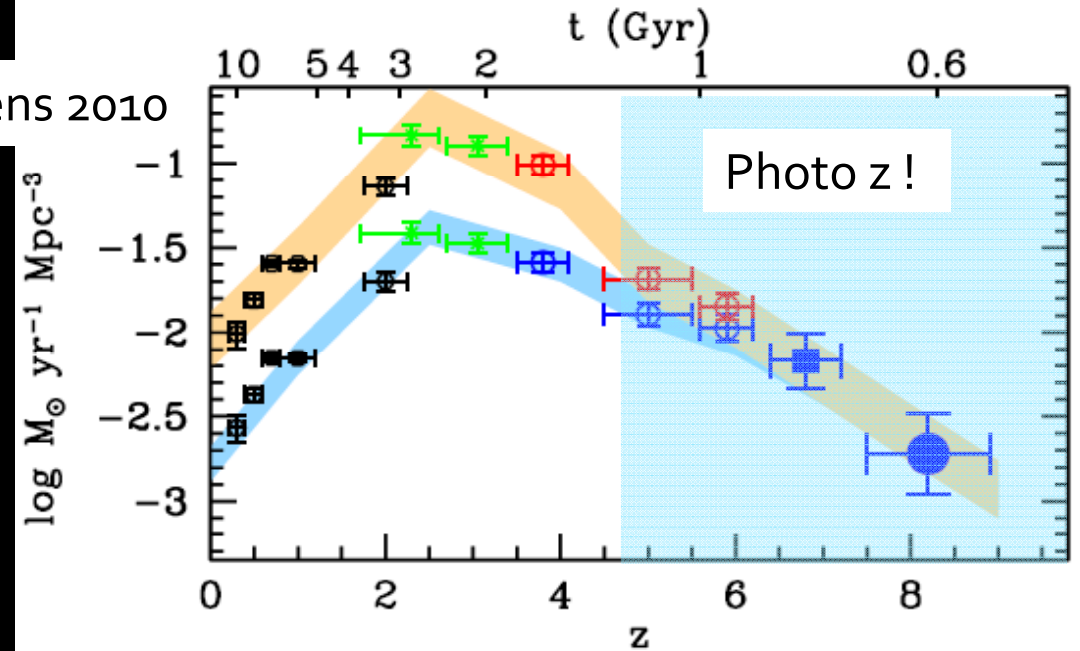




# Discovery space: $z > 6$

- Spectroscopy needed !
  - SFH beyond  $z=4$  is mostly photometry-selected
- Photo-z or color selection is increasingly uncertain at higher  $z$ 
  - LAE selection promising (Ouchi et al., 2009)
  - Serendipitous power (Cassata et al., 2011)
- Very deep NIR imaging needed
  - Ultra-Vista at ESO
- Very deep NIR spectroscopy needed

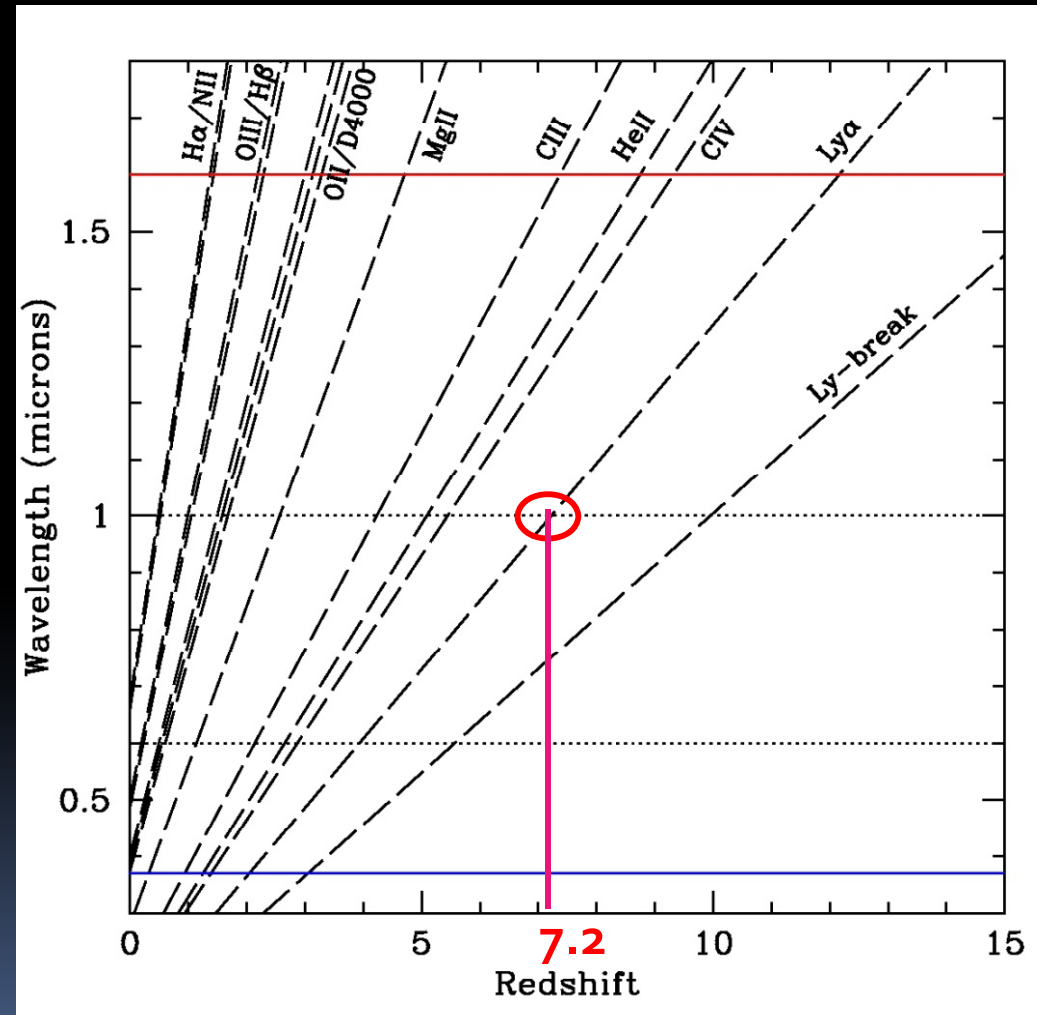
Bouwens 2010



Vanzella 2010

# Breaking the z-frontier: need for efficient NIR multi-object spectrographs

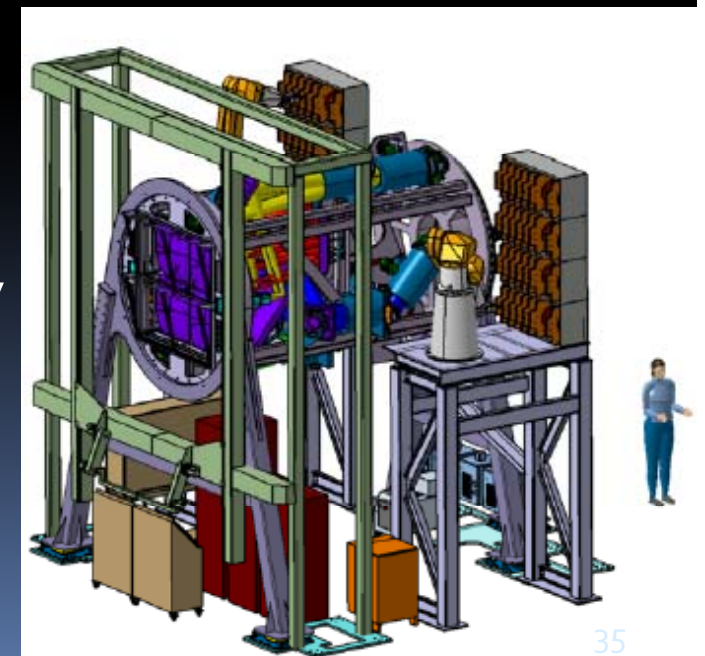
- MOSFIRE on Keck: 2012
  - YJHK, 6x6 arcmin<sup>2</sup>
  - 45 slits
- KMOS on VLT, 2012 ?
  - YJHK, 7 arcmin diameter
  - 24 IFUs, 2.8x2.8 arcsec<sup>2</sup>
- LUCIFER on LBT
- EMIR on GTC
- NIRSPEC-JWST: 2018...

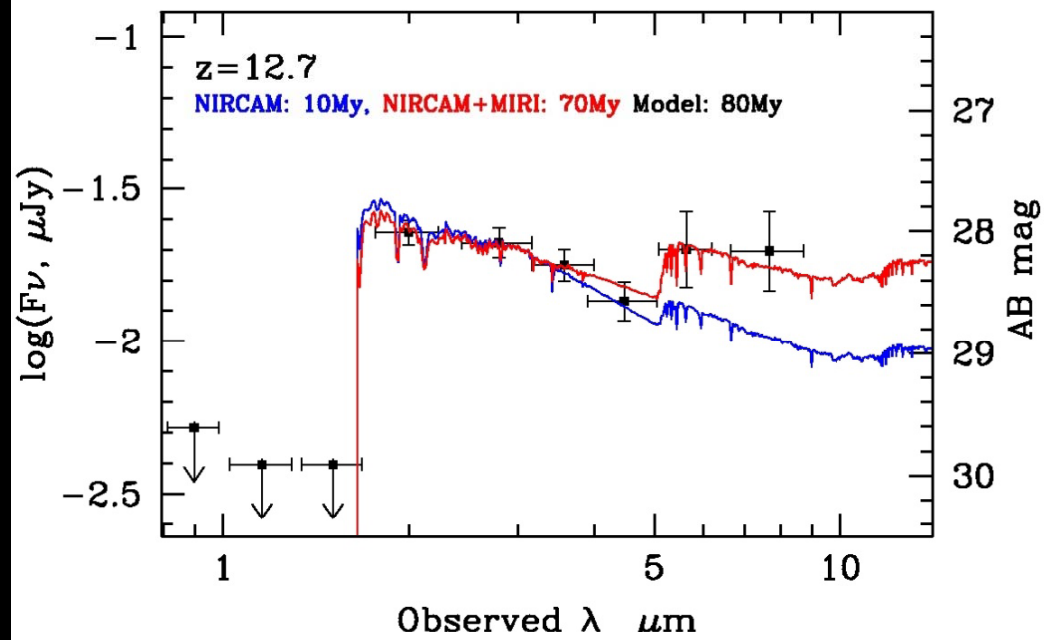
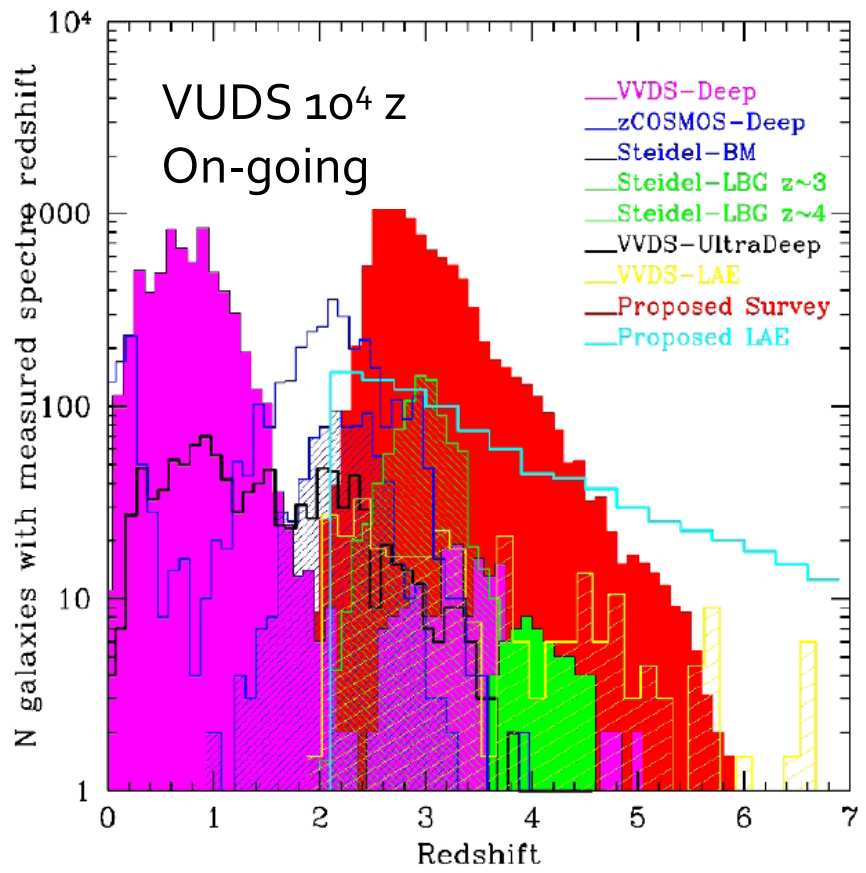


# Future surveys

- Very wide field: toward all sky to  $z \sim 2$ 
  - VIMOS-VIPERS, on-going:  $10^5$  redshifts,  $z \sim 1$
  - Big-Boss, PFS-SUMIRE...:  $3 \times 10^7$  redshifts,  $z \sim 1-1.5$
  - ESA-EUCLID:  $5 \times 10^7$  redshifts,  $z \sim 2$
- Large surveys, mass assembly,  $z \sim 2-6$ 
  - VUDS: on-going at the VLT:  $10^4$  redshifts
  - Proposed for the VLT-VIMOS:  $10^5$  redshifts
- Large galaxy kinematics surveys
  - VIMOS: Tresse et al., 1000-z, on going
  - VLT-KMOS, 24 IFU, near-IR
  - MUSE surveys
- Reionisation, early SFH,  $z > 6$ 
  - VUDS: VIMOS Extreme Spectroscopic Survey
    - On-going at the VLT-VIMOS:  $10^4$  redshifts,  $z \sim 4-7.2$
  - JWST: NIRSPEC, MIRI
  - EELT: DIORAMAS, EAGLE

EELT-DIORAMAS





JWST: finding first light ?

EELT: survey reionisation epoch

VIPERS  $10^5$  z (25,000 z so far)  
On-going

DIORAMAS-EELT  
Simulation

