



*Galaxies Over (Nearly) All Time*

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*XDF eXtreme Deep Field*

[firstgalaxies.org](http://firstgalaxies.org)

*M101*



*Hubble Launch*

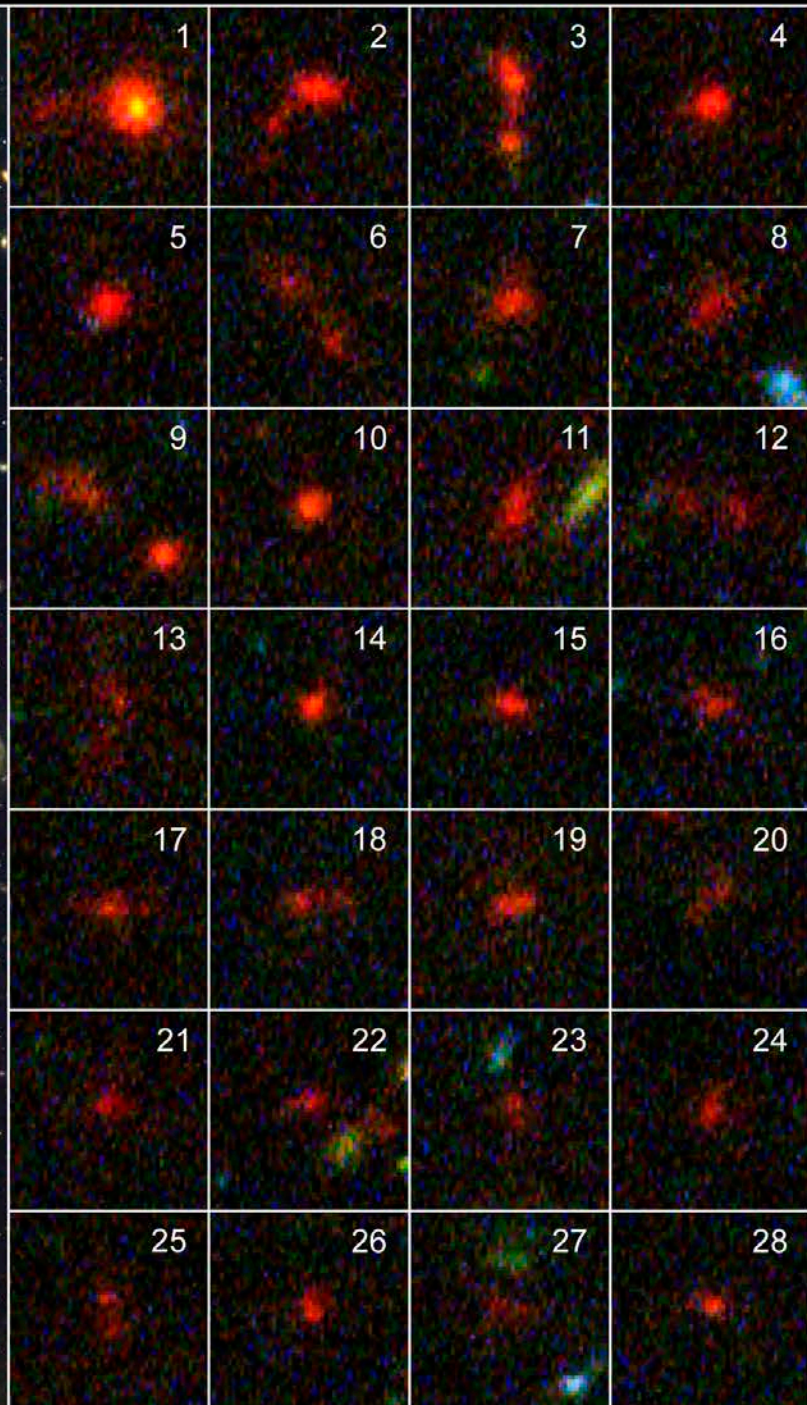
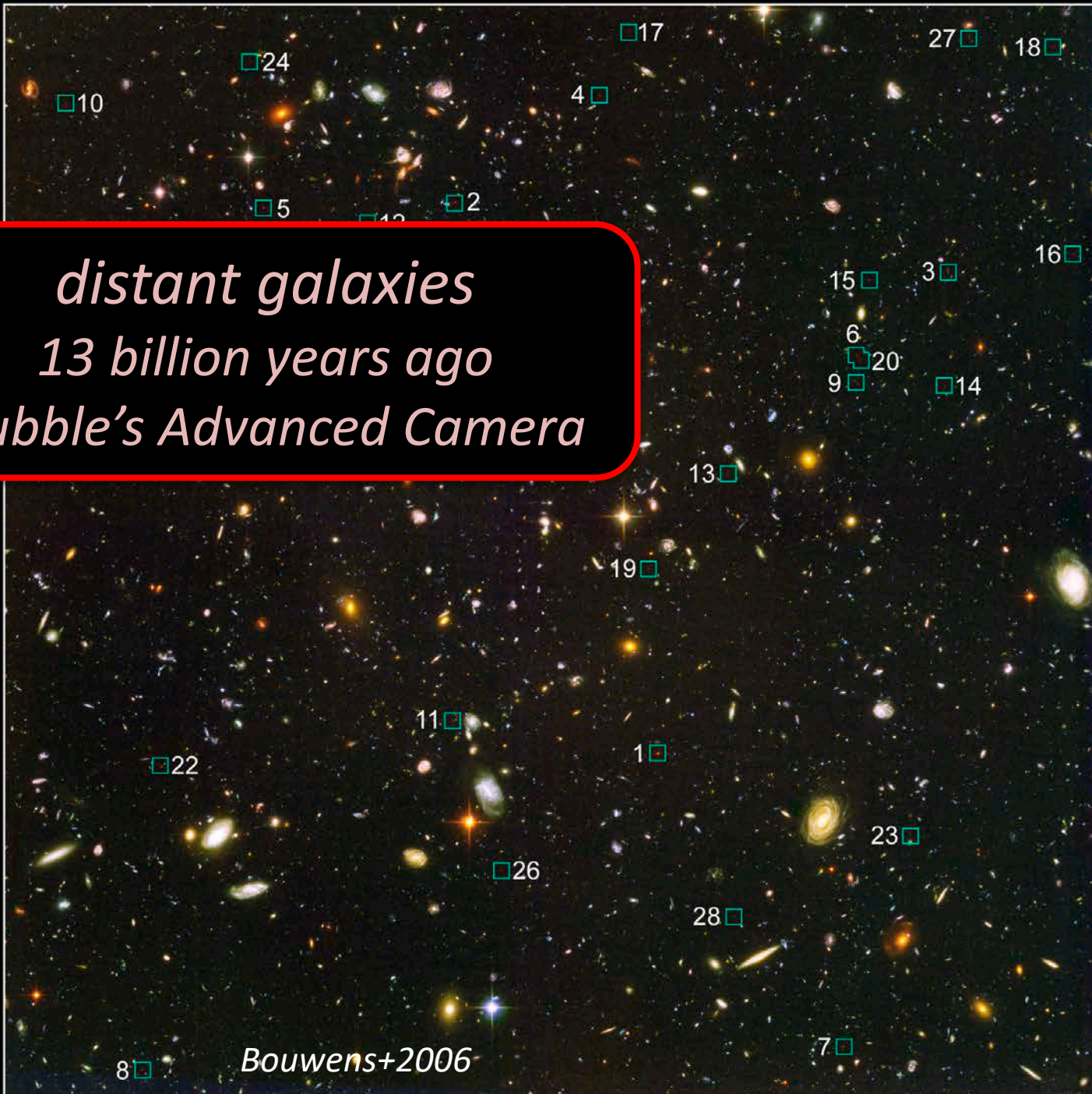




*the first deep Hubble image  
WFPC2  
the "Hubble Deep Field" in 1995*

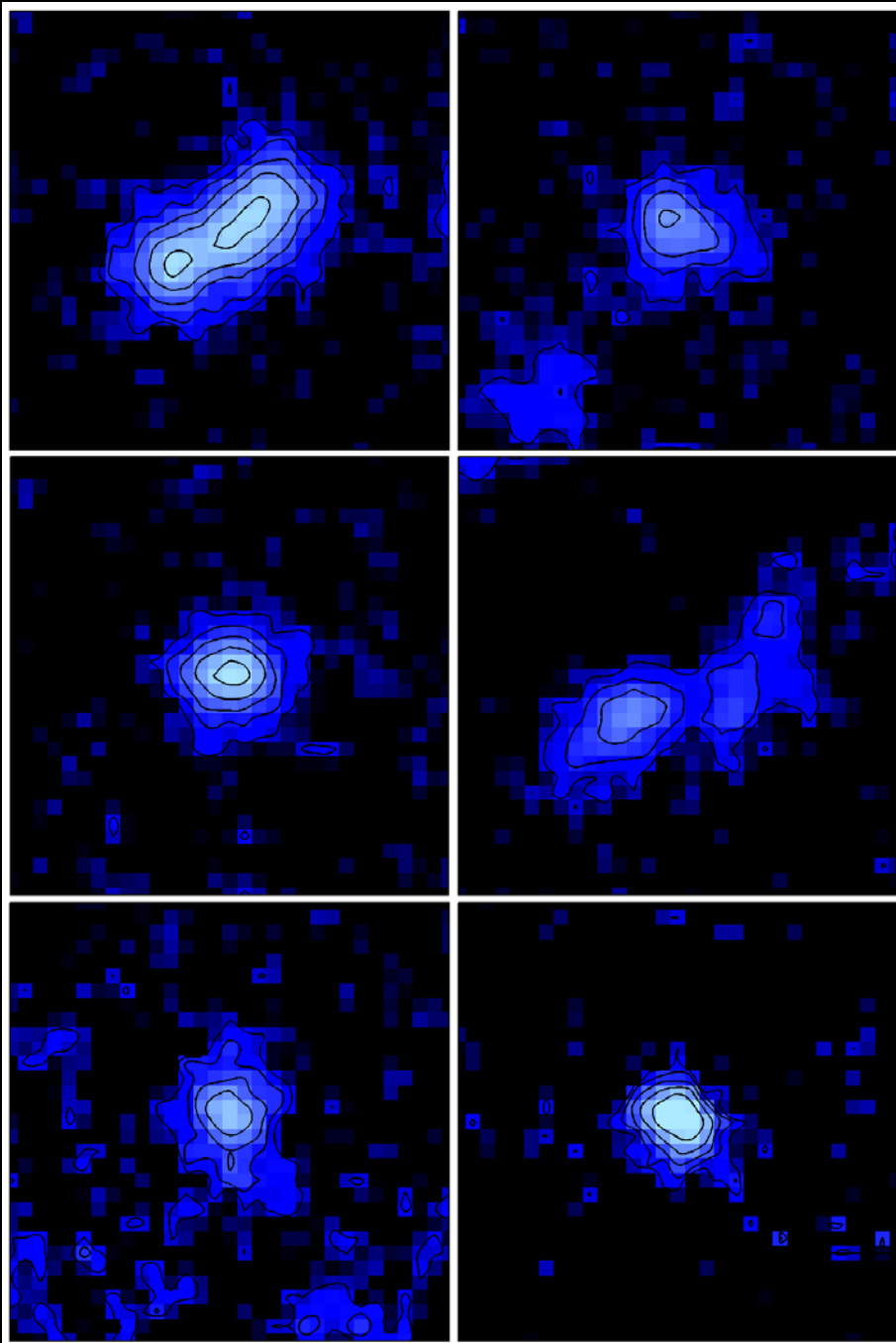
Bob Williams  
and the HDF Team

*distant galaxies  
13 billion years ago  
Hubble's Advanced Camera*



*Bouwens+2006*

*gdi*



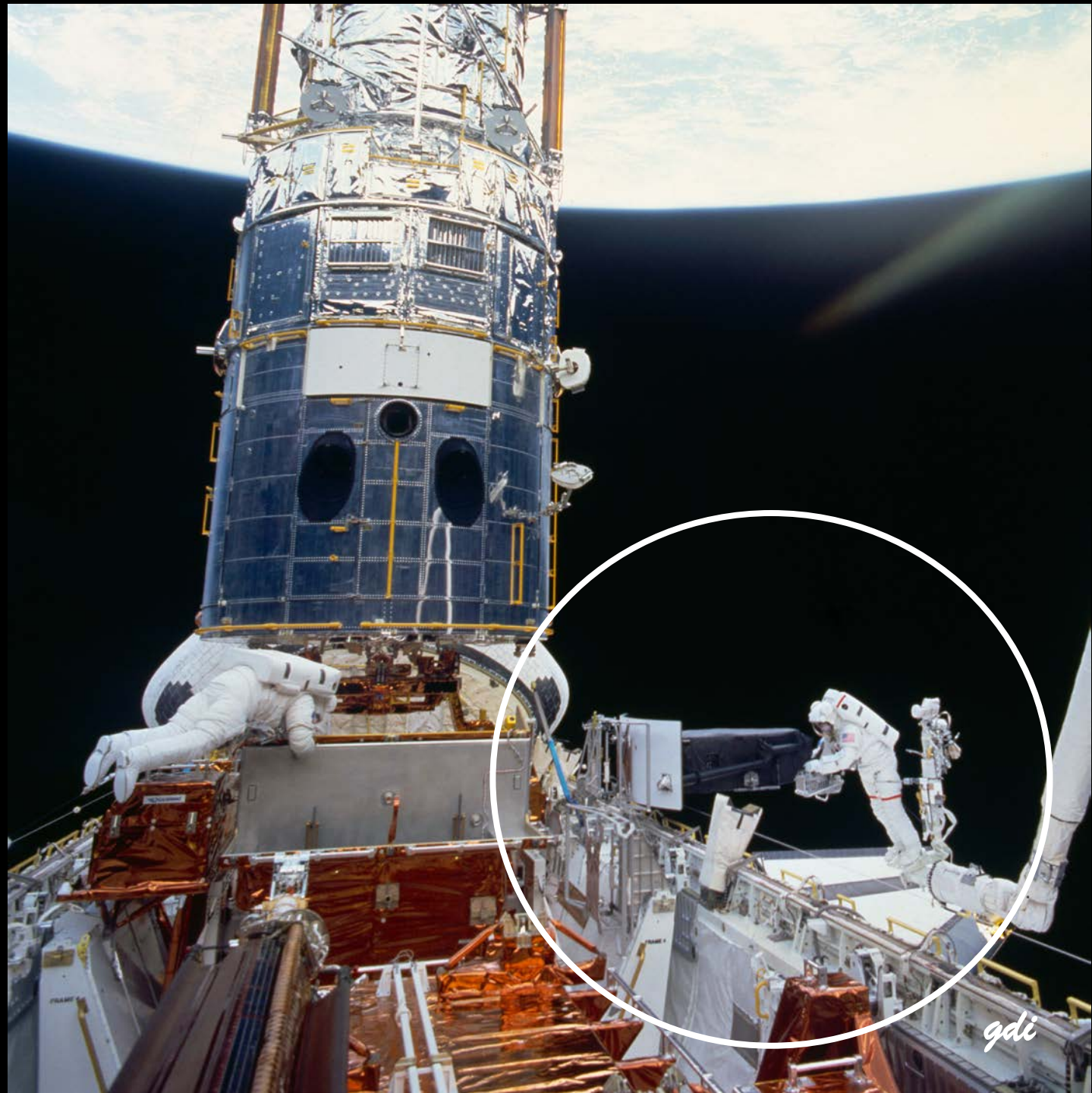
a sample of bright galaxies looking  
back in time  $\sim 13$  billion years to  
 $\sim 800$  million years after the Big Bang



●  
 $\sim$ Hubble resolution

# Hubble Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3 IR & UVIS)

*Hubble's last servicing mission – SM4*



*how far back we can see gets better with each new camera*

## Hubble Probes the Early Universe



**1990**

Ground-based observatories



**WFPC2**

**1995**

Hubble Deep Field



**ACS**

**2004**

Hubble Ultra Deep Field



**WFC3**

**2010**

Hubble Ultra Deep Field-IR



first stars  
↓  
first galaxies  
↓

Time after the Big Bang  
(13.8 billion years ago)

6  
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updating instruments:  
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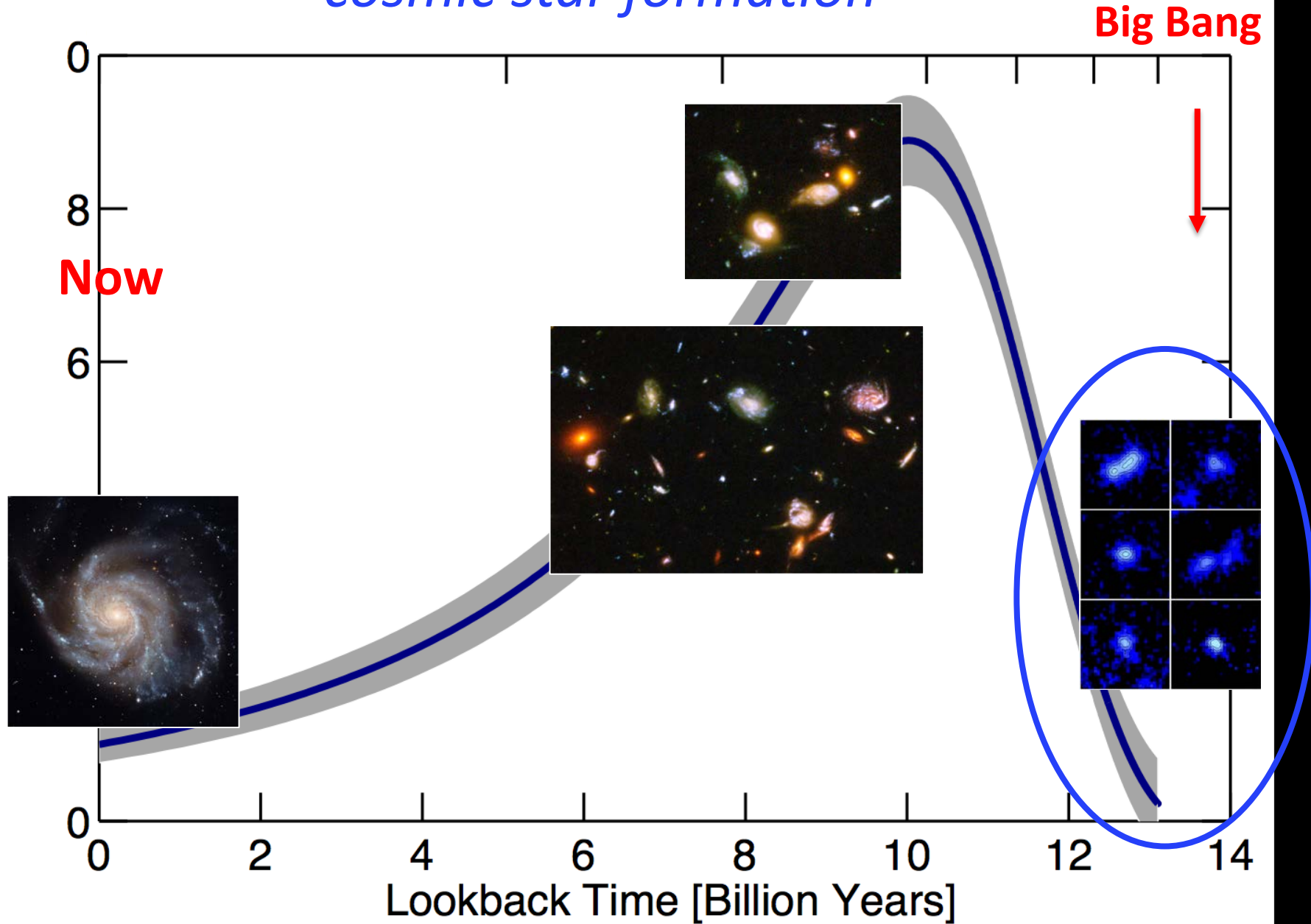
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# cosmic star formation



*the history of star formation over 97% of all time*

figure credit:  
Pascal Oesch

*gdi*

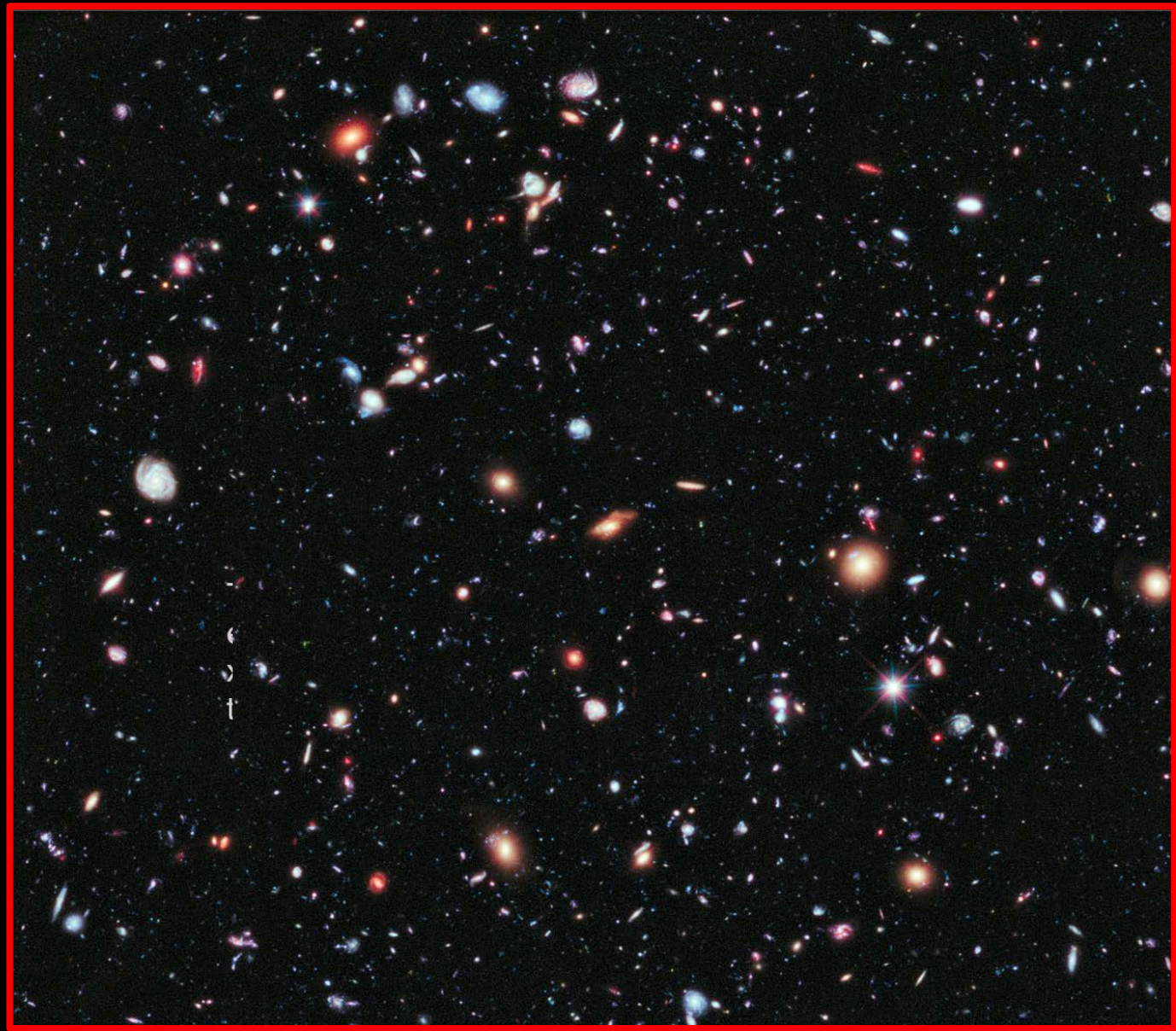
# *XDF (eXtreme Deep Field)*

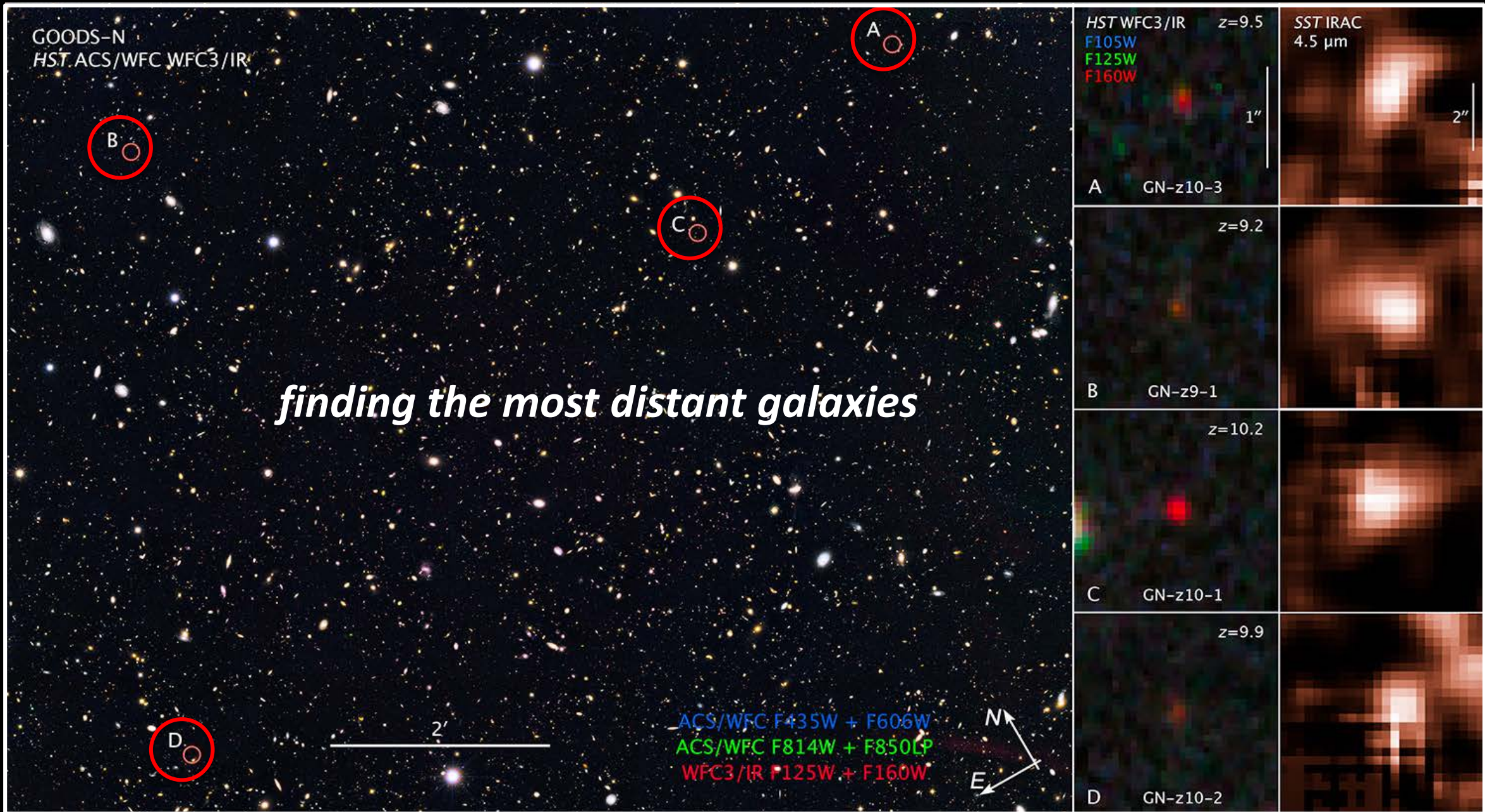
*deepest ever Hubble image*

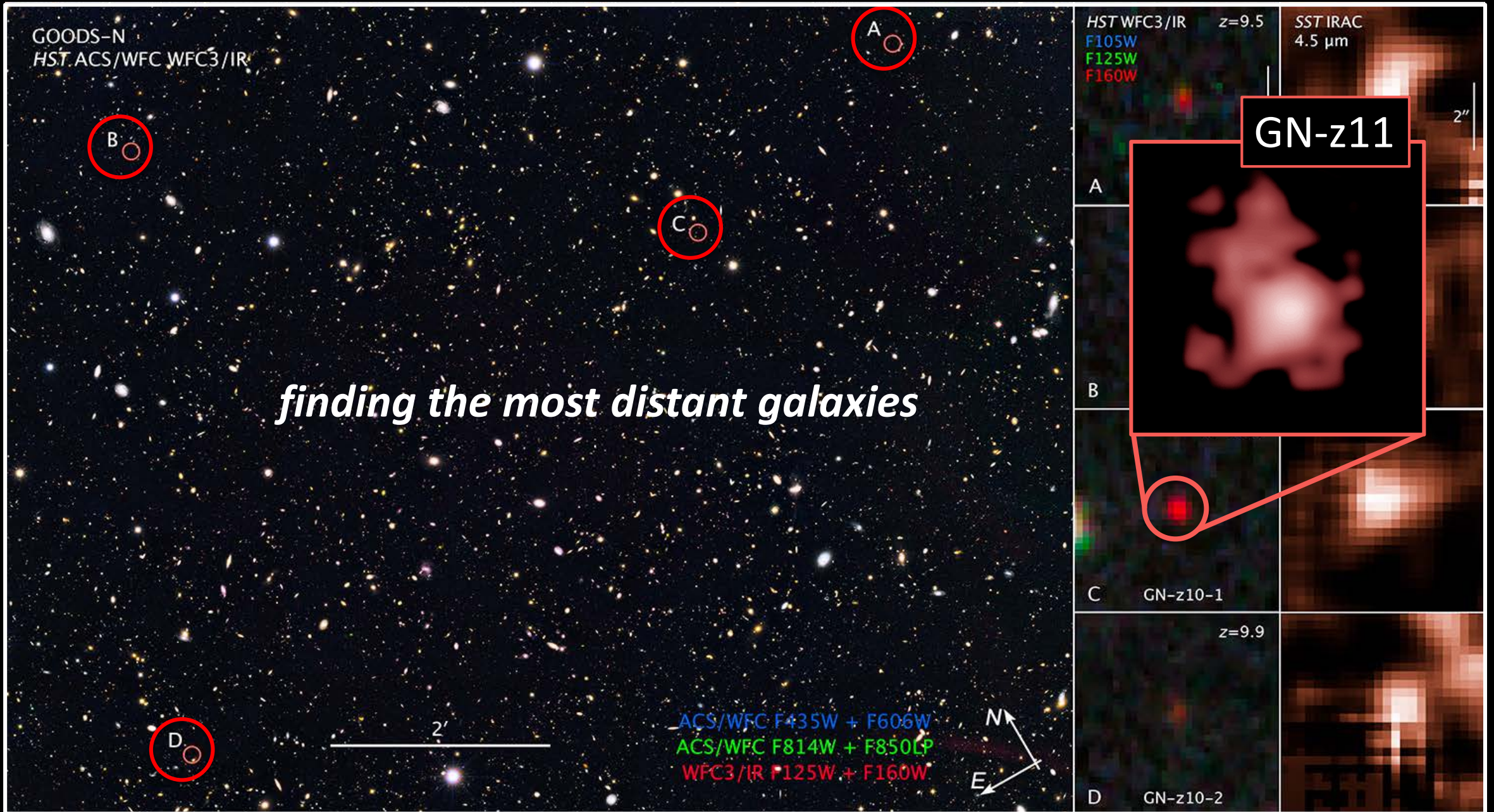
2963 HST images over a decade from 2003-2012

from 800 orbits of Hubble

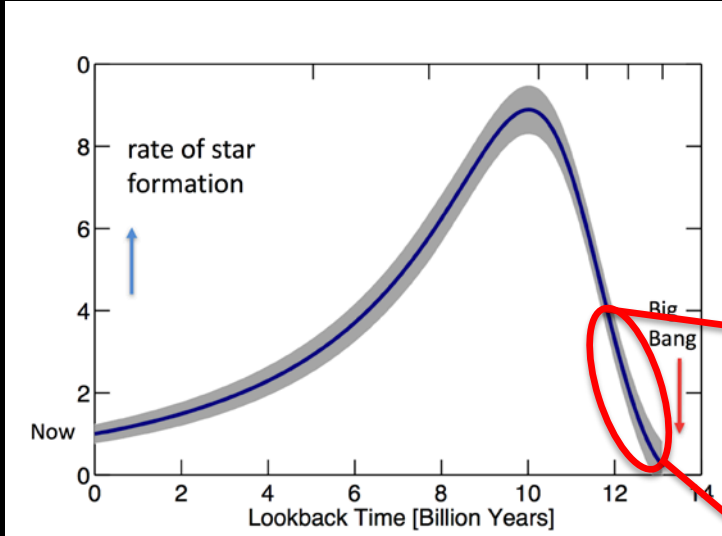
for a 23 day total exposure





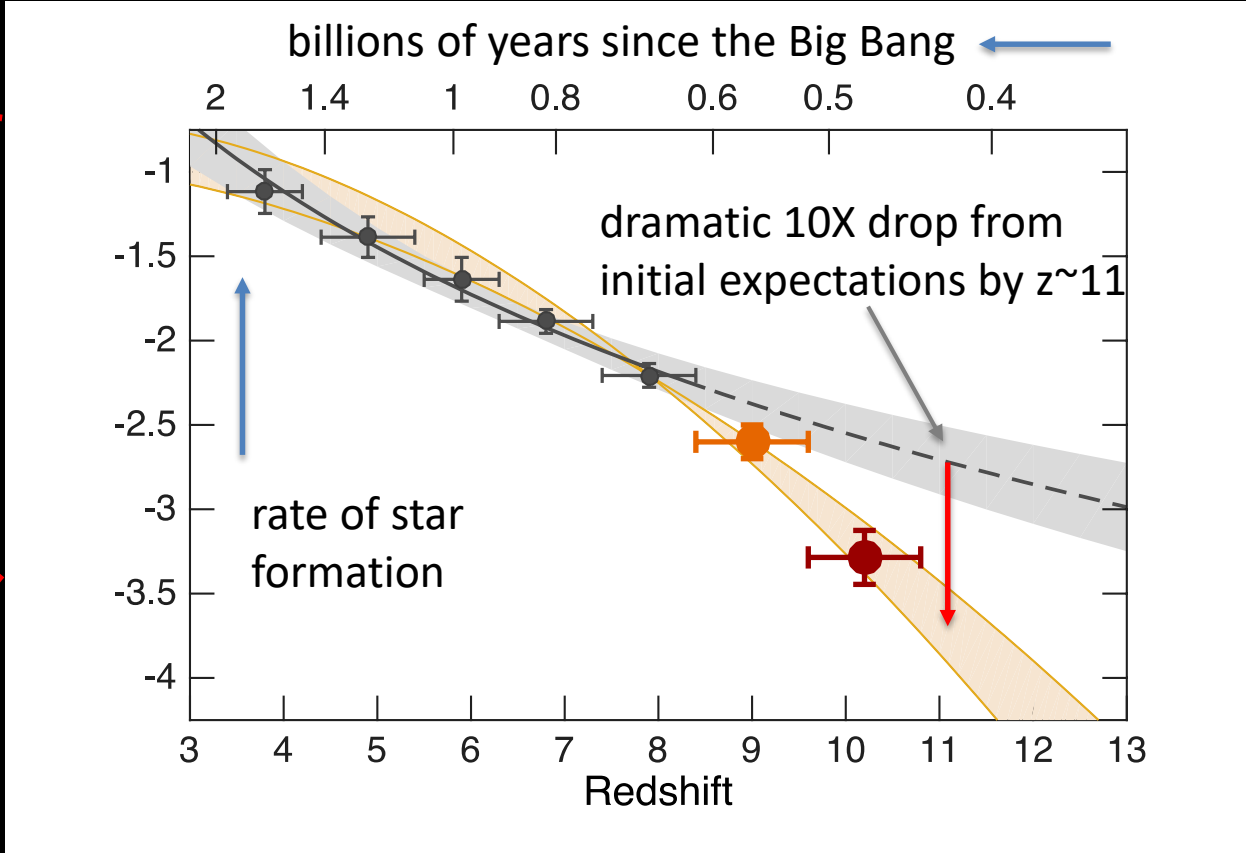


*way fewer galaxies than expected at redshift 10!*



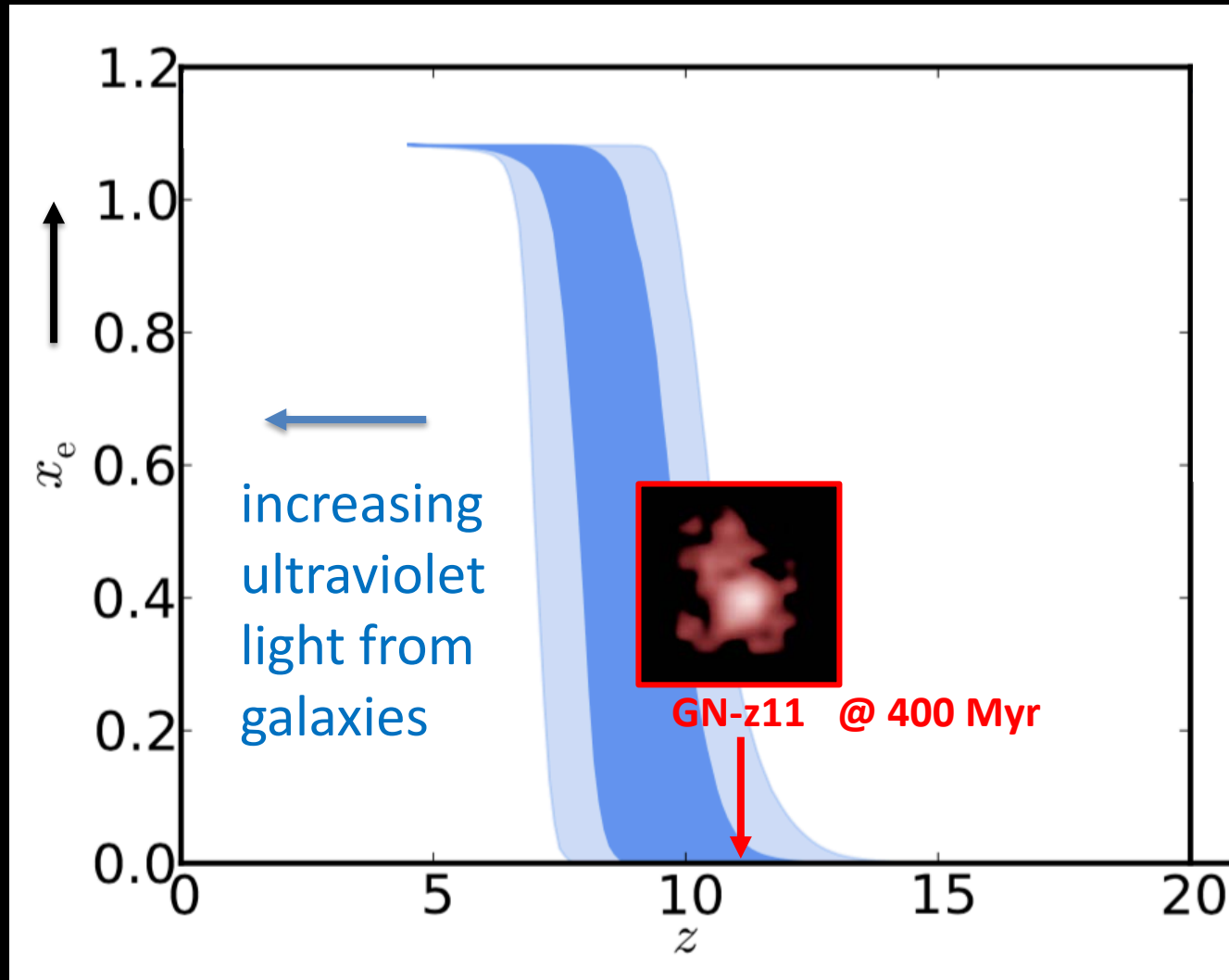
*Hubble has explored to the beginning of time to the realm of the "first galaxies"*

*galaxies are evolving very rapidly earlier than 650 million years*



# the most distant galaxy

hydrogen  
reionized



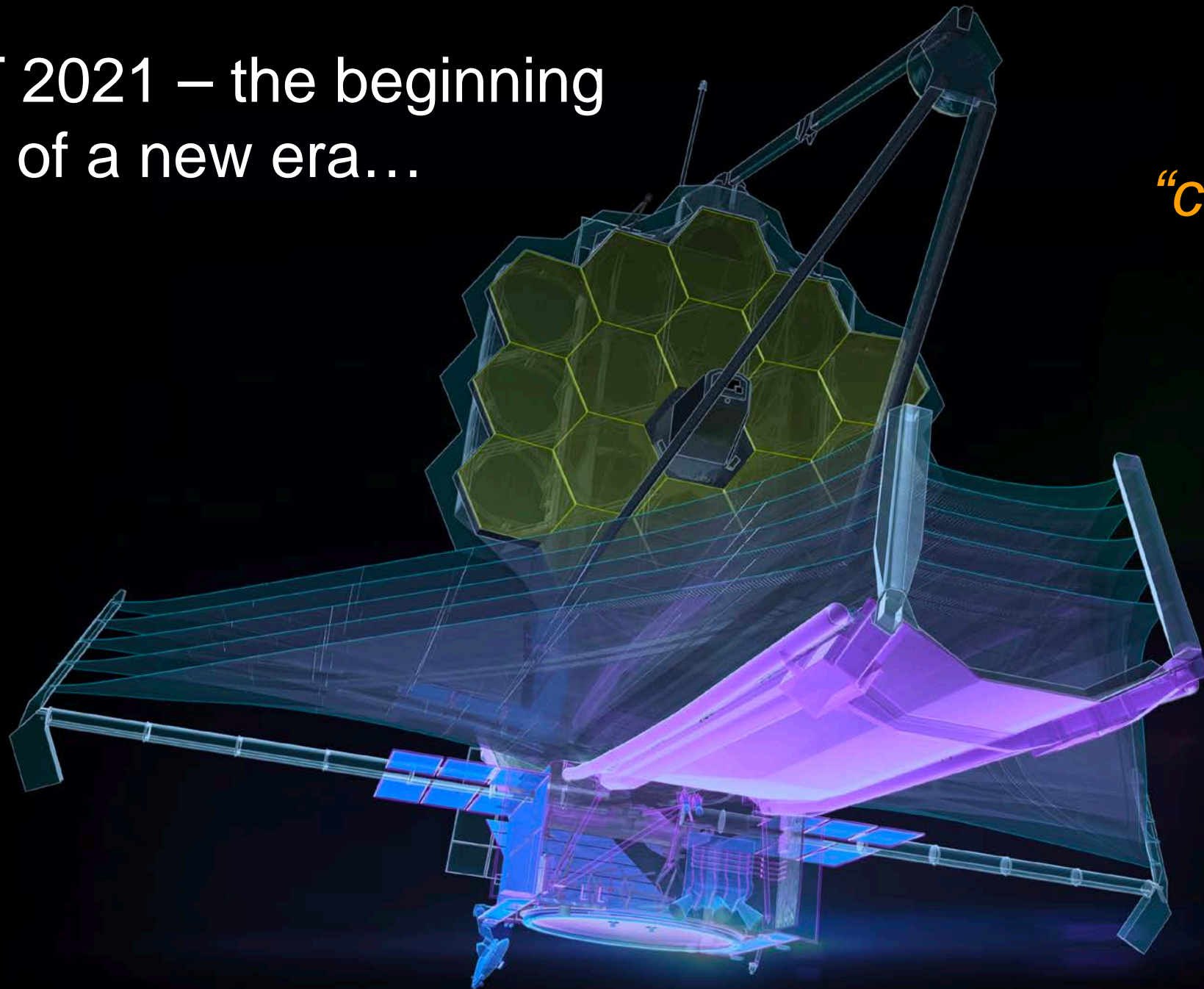
GN-z11 is a pathfinder  
into the epoch of the  
earliest galaxies

looking back through  
97% of all time to GN-z11

Planck Collaboration VI 2018

Oesch + 2014, 2016

JWST 2021 – the beginning  
of a new era...



*our  
“cosmic sunrise”  
telescope*

*exploring in  
search of  
“first light”*

