INTO THE STARLIGHT: The End of the Cosmic Dark Ages

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# Revealing Cosmic Sunrise: Galaxy Build-up in the First 600 Myr

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insight into the epoch of the first galaxies — inspired by JWST "first light" goal



# reionization epoch – Planck 2016/2018 results





#### remarkable mission

reionization simulation: Alvarez et al. 2009

# Planck 2016/2018

constraints on the reionization history

...Thomson optical depth:  $\tau = 0.054 \pm 0.007$ 

...mid-point redshift at which reionization occurs is found to lie at  $z = 7.7 \pm 0.7$ 

...upper limit to the width of the reionization period of  $\Delta z < 2.8$ .

...the Universe is ionized at much less than the 10% level at redshifts above  $z \simeq 10$ ... (<1% above  $z \simeq 15$ )

...an early onset of reionization is strongly disfavored by *Planck* data

Planck Collaboration XLVII + 2016 Planck Results VI Cosmological Parameters + 2018 Planck Results I Overview and Legacy + 2018



....*Planck* data prefer a late and fast transition from a neutral to an ionized universe...

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....non-standard early galaxies or significantly evolving escape and clumping factors are no longer required.

....nor do the *Planck* results require *any* emission from high-redshift (z = 10-15) galaxies.



#### we now know when

galaxies really began to reionize the universe (at z<10)

this is a crucial piece of information re the epoch of the first galaxies

reionization history compared with observational astrophysical constraints



figure from Planck Collaboration XLVII + 2016

Bouwens+2015 Robertson+2015 Ishigaki+2015

#### striking consistency with Hubble results

indicates that galaxies were responsible for reionization

reionization history compared with observational astrophysical constraints



# when did the "first stars" appear?



#### **EDGES:**

#### Experiment to Detect the Global Epoch of Reionization Signature

EDGES low-1 antenna Murchison Radio-Astronomy Observatory (MRO) Tet.

# timing the "first stars"

when the "first stars" started to produce UV L $\alpha$  photons



Age of the Universe (Myr)

EDGES: first stars become prominent at redshift z~20 (~180 million years)

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# searching for the earliest galaxies





Oesch + 2014

Hubble

Spitzer



Oesch + 2014, 2016

Hubble

#### the most distant galaxy found to date

surprising discovery of GN-z11



detection of GN-z11 in *existing data* is unexpected, given current models

Oesch+2016

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#### *GN-z11*

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



#### **GN-z11** observed properties

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Mutch+2016

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the derived physical properties of GNz11 are consistent with expectations from large-volume simulations



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

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Planck Collaboration Results I + 2018

Spitzer IRAC



Planck Collaboration Results I + 2018



# what constraints do we have on the first galaxies?

# searching for evidence of early star formation

# MACS1149–JD1

z=9.11 from ALMA [OIII]

Hashimoto et al (and Katz et al) show large IRAC break in JD1 SED interpreted as a Balmer break, indicating old population that formed 300 Myr earlier at z~15

**IRAC** color

from

Zheng et al 2017

very puzzling since Balmer breaks are quite rare at somewhat lower redshifts – where samples are large

errors on the IRAC photometry are surprisingly small





Hashimoto+2018

what constraints can Hubble and Spitzer put on the first galaxy epoch?

what do the highest redshift galaxies at z~10 (480 Myr) tell us

## z~10 (500 Myr) galaxies are hard to find!



from 8 years of WFC3/IR imaging

searched every WFC3/IR dataset but we find only 9 z~10 galaxies (at ~500 Myr)

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#### Oesch+2017

see also: Zheng+2012; Coe+2013; Bouwens+2013,15,16; Ellis+2013; McLure+2013; Ishigaki+2014,17; Infante+2015; Bernard+2016; Calvi+2016; McLeod+2016

# model comparisons – the luminosity function at z~10



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

#### "accelerated evolution" – the star formation rate density at z~9-10

clearly a trend to lower SFRD at z>8 than initially expected

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\*dark matter halo growth (>~ $10^{10} M_{\odot}$ ) from HMFcalc – Murray+2013



Oesch+2013,2014,2017

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Note: this result also indicates that the star formation efficiency (SFE) does not evolve significantly with cosmic time at z>6



Oesch+2013,2014,2017

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# model comparisons – the star formation rate density at z>6

note that there is a large range of shapes/slopes!







#### way fewer galaxies than expected at redshift 10!



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can JWST find the first galaxies?

will they be so rare that they will be hard to find?

will they occur at such high redshifts that they will be hard for JWST to see?



galaxies evolving rapidly at z>9 + reionization turn-on at z~10 (<1% at z~15)

suggest major changes in galaxy population at z~10-12-15

great for JWST's "first light" goal since galaxies likely evolving rapidly at z~10-12-15 and JWST will be able to detect galaxies out to z~15











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#### James Webb Space Telescope JWST

# **JWST STATUS UPDATE**

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#### THE NEXT GENERATION SPACE TELESCOPE



Proceedings of a Workshop held at the Space Telescope Science Institute Baltimore, Maryland, 13-15 September 1989

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Simulated images of NGC2903 translated to Z=1

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1990 Decadal Survey: UV-Optical in Space Panel recommended:

- 6-m passively-cooled infrared telescope
- *derived a cost of \$2B in FY90\$ (~\$4B in 2018\$)* 
  - for launch in 2009 to a high orbit

OTIS in JSC Chamber A in mid-2017 for the three month cryogenic vacuum test

and -

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JWST flight sunshield in Northrop Grumman clean room

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#### JWST launching on the European Ariane 5 in about 2 years





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#### reionization constraints from Planck 2018



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

Planck Collaboration



Oesch + 2014, 2016

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#### James Webb Space Telescope JWST

#### operational in 2021

NASA ESA CSA

our "fírst galaxy epoch" telescopes









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#### MACS1149–JD1

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#### comparison of IRAC measurements from three different groups

Hashimoto+ & Katz+ IRAC color 3.6-4.5 =  $0.91\pm0.18$ \*\* this is ~5 $\sigma$  \*\* Shipley+ IRAC color 3.6-4.5  $\sim$  0.3±0.? \*\* this is  $\sim 1\sigma$  \*\* our recent IRAC color 3.6-4.5 =  $0.51\pm0.26$ \*\* this is  $\sim 2\sigma$  \*\*









the inconsistencies in the IRAC photometry need to be resolved

vertical scales are ~same – horizontal differ