

# Observational Searches for Pop III Stars in High- $z$ Galaxies

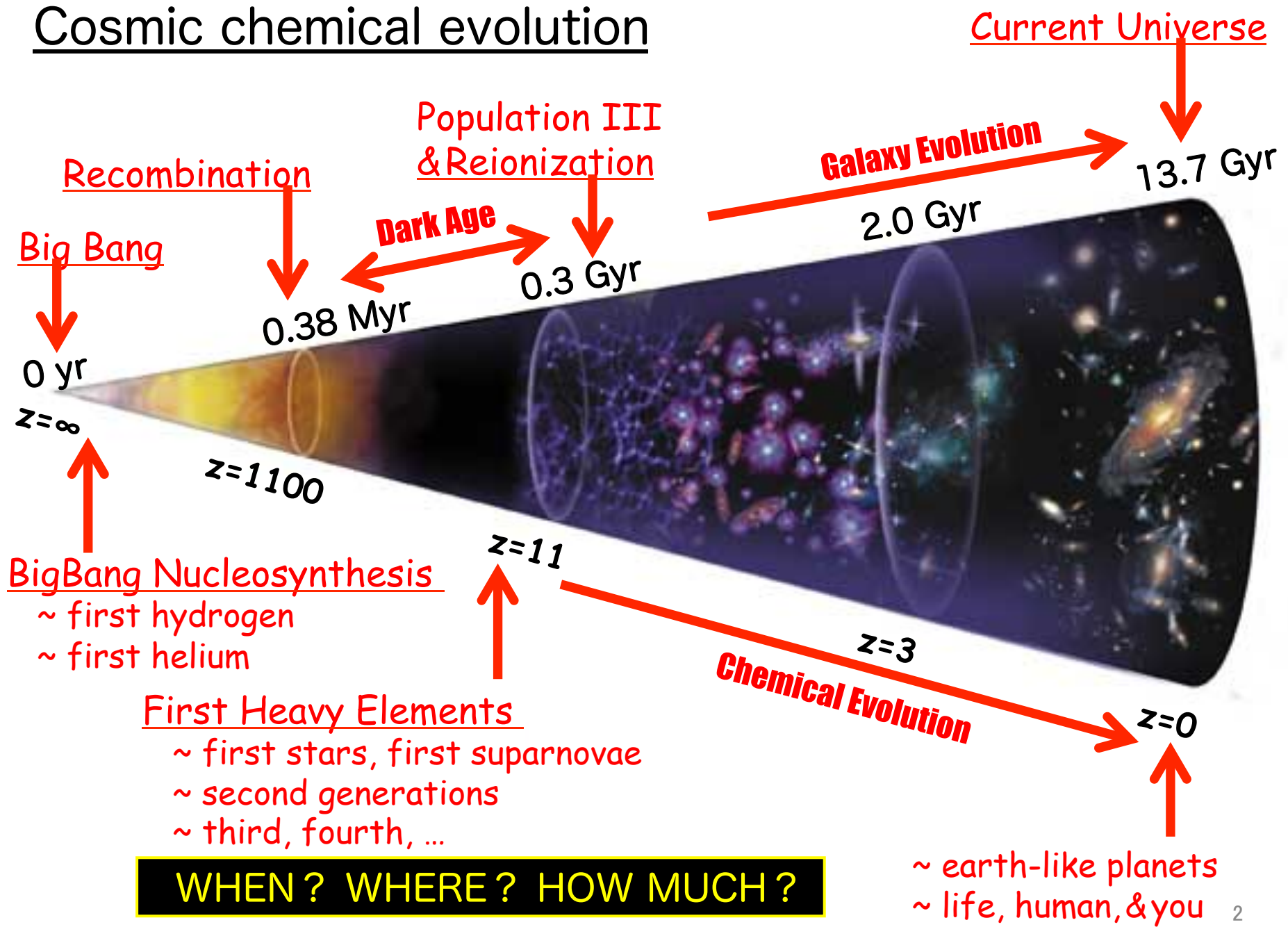
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- Our Observational Trials and Results
- Future Plans with Subaru/HSC

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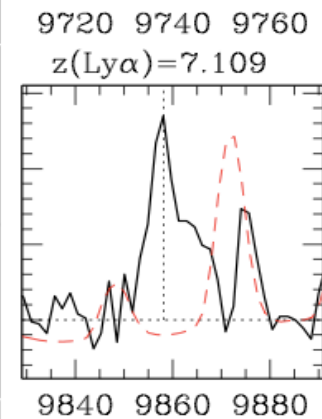
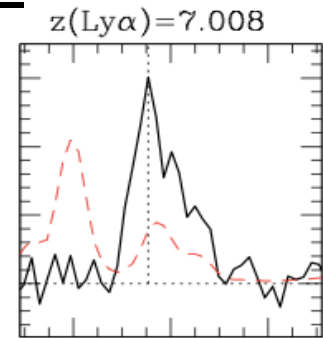
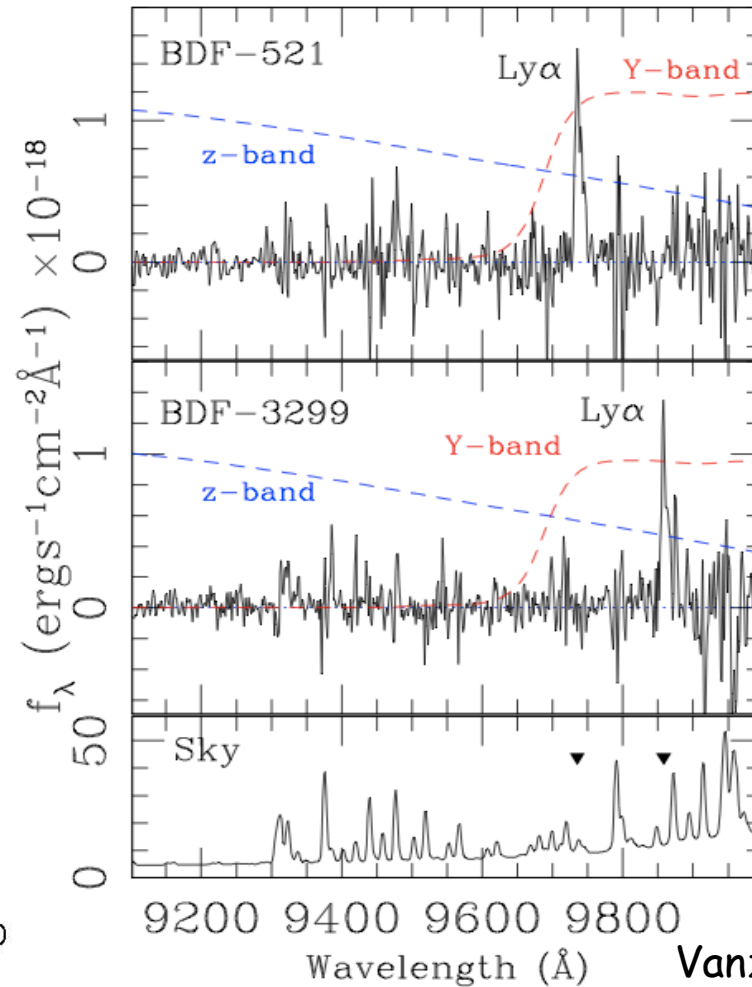
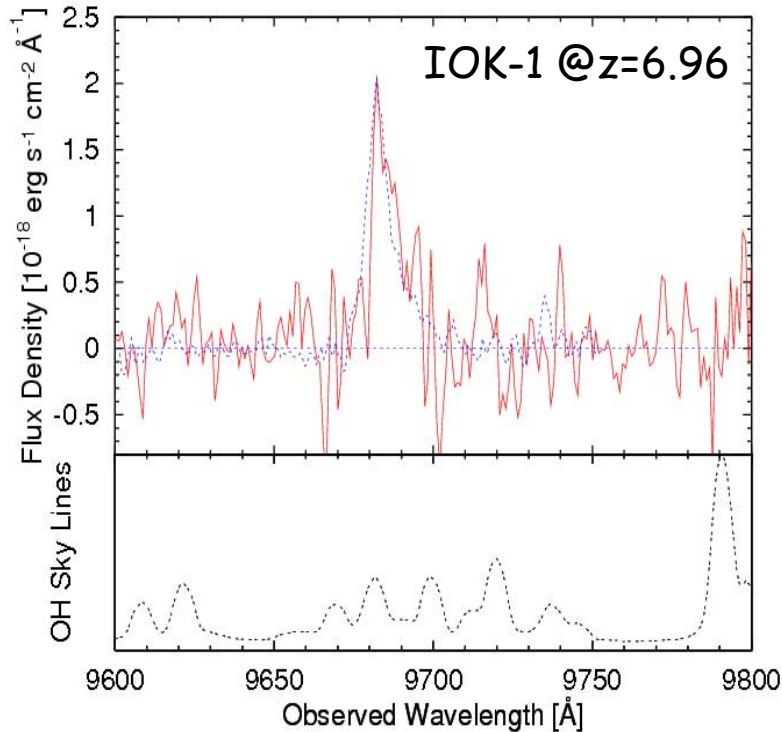
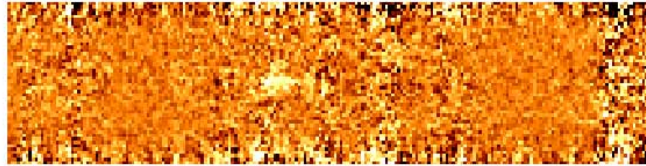


# Cosmic chemical evolution



# Spectroscopic sample of very high-z galaxies

Iye et al. (2006)



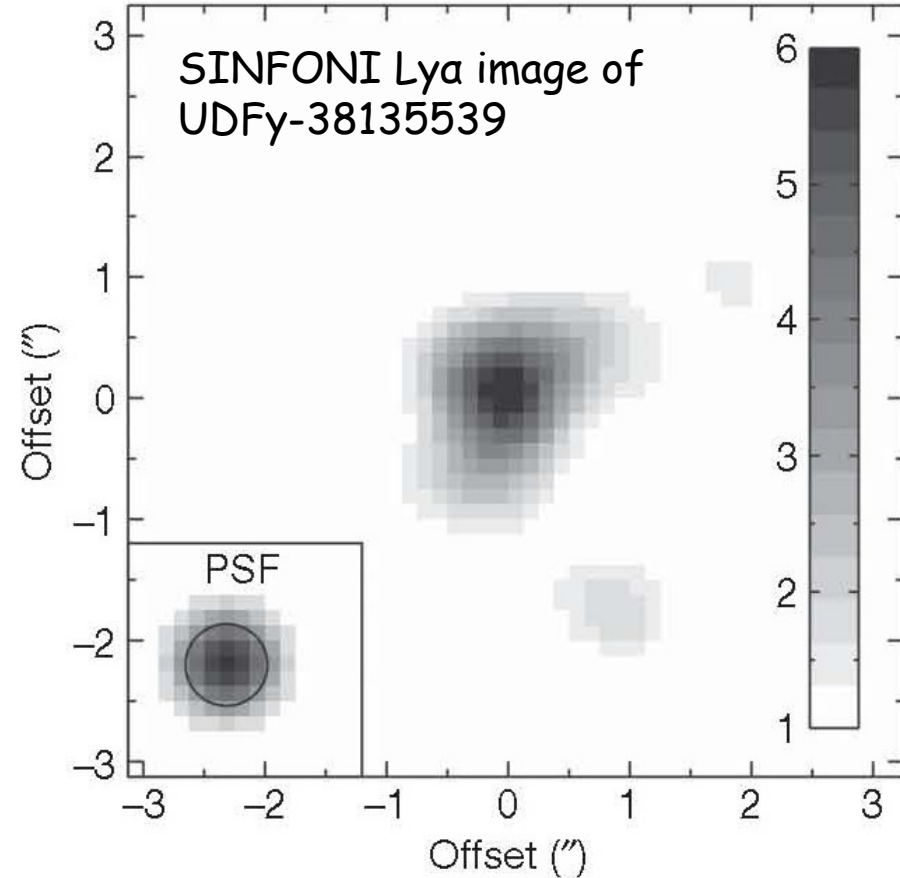
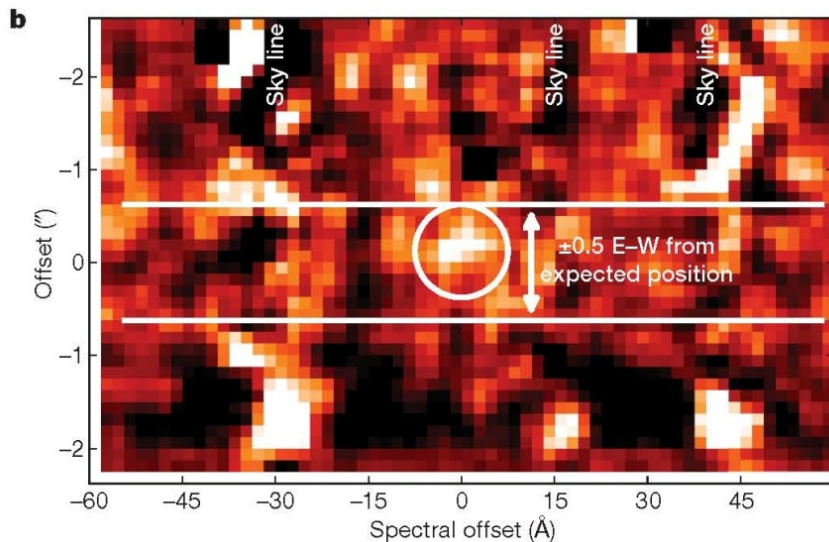
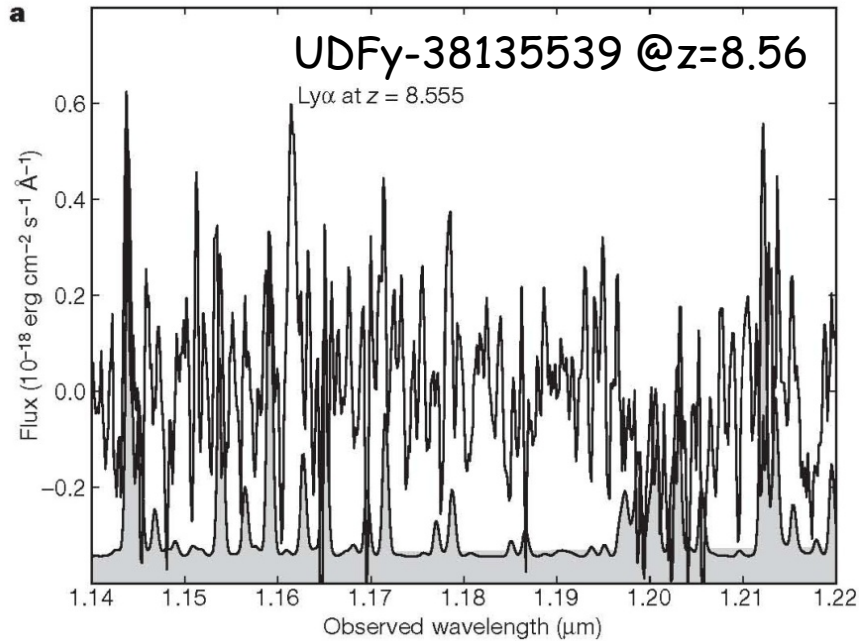
Vanzella et al. (2011)

- NB973-selected LAE @SDF
- Subaru/FOCAS 8.5 hours (!!)
- あとでもう一度でできます

- z'dropout-selected galaxies @GOODS-S
- VLT/FORS 15.9 hours (!!!)
- Simultaneously observed with MOS

# Spectroscopic (??) sample of very high-z galaxies

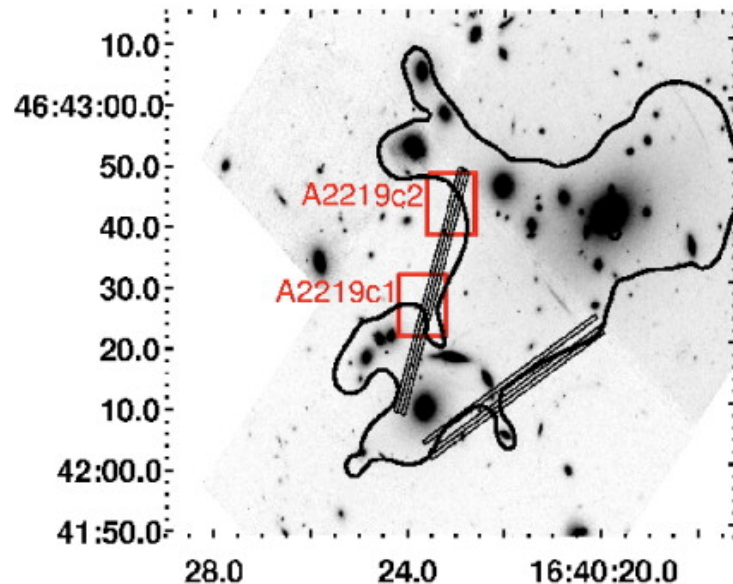
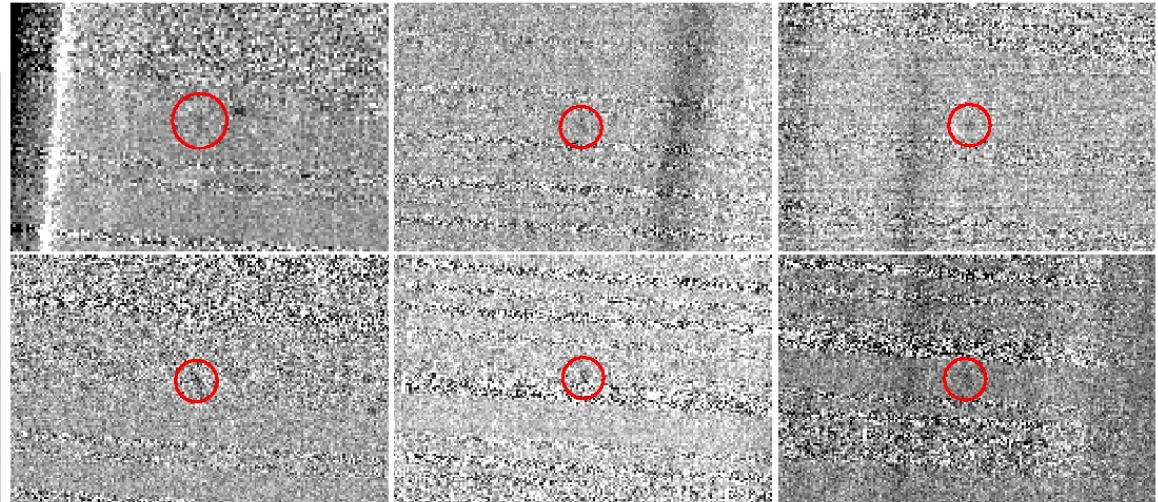
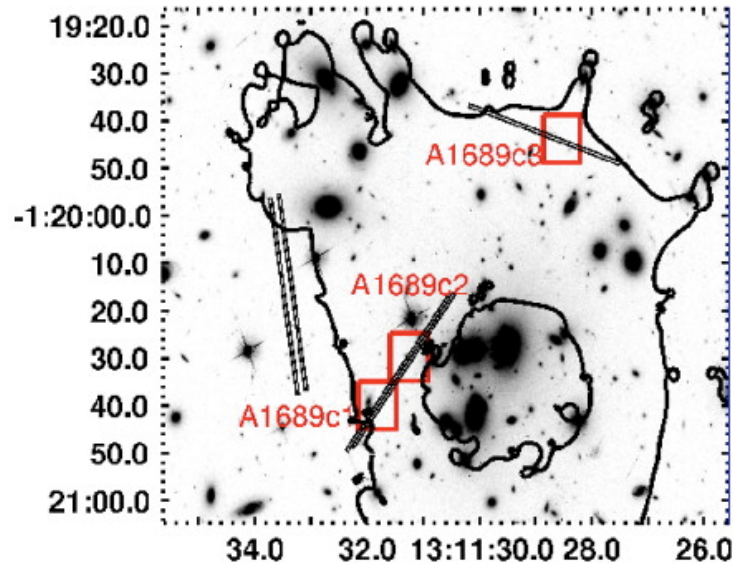
Lehnert et al. (2010)



- Y-dropout galaxy @UDF
- VLT/SINFONI 14.8 hours in DDT (!!!!!)
- 3d spectroscopy in J-band
- 世論的には ok っぽい雰囲気か (?)

# Spectroscopic (????) sample of very high-z galaxies

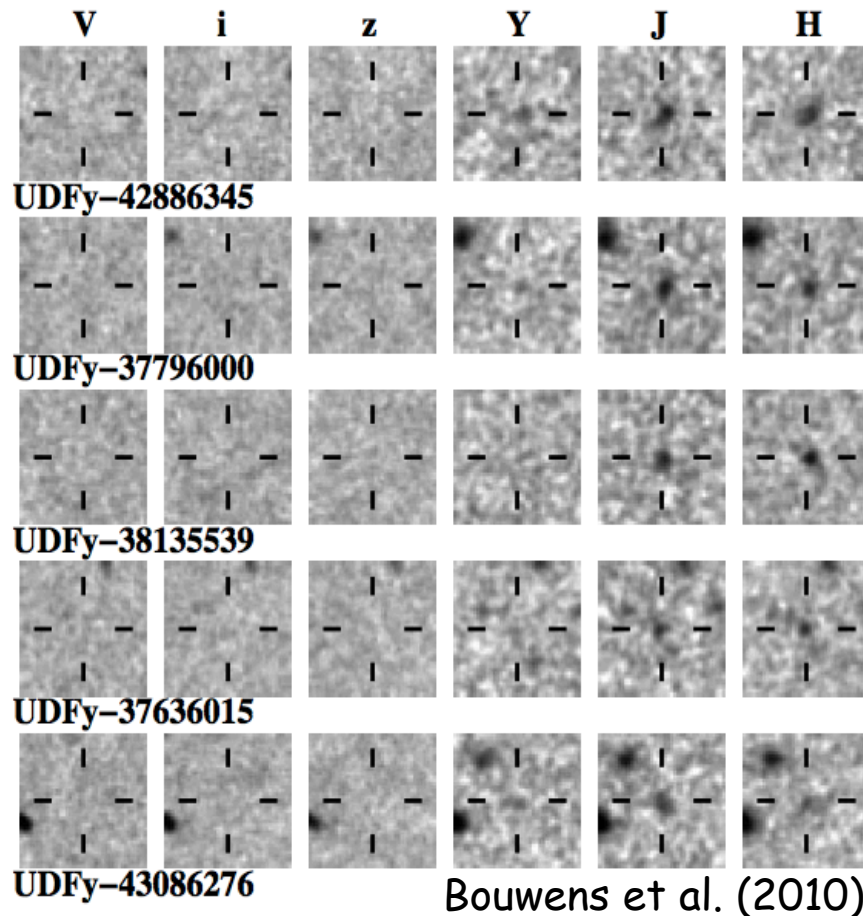
Stark et al. (2007)



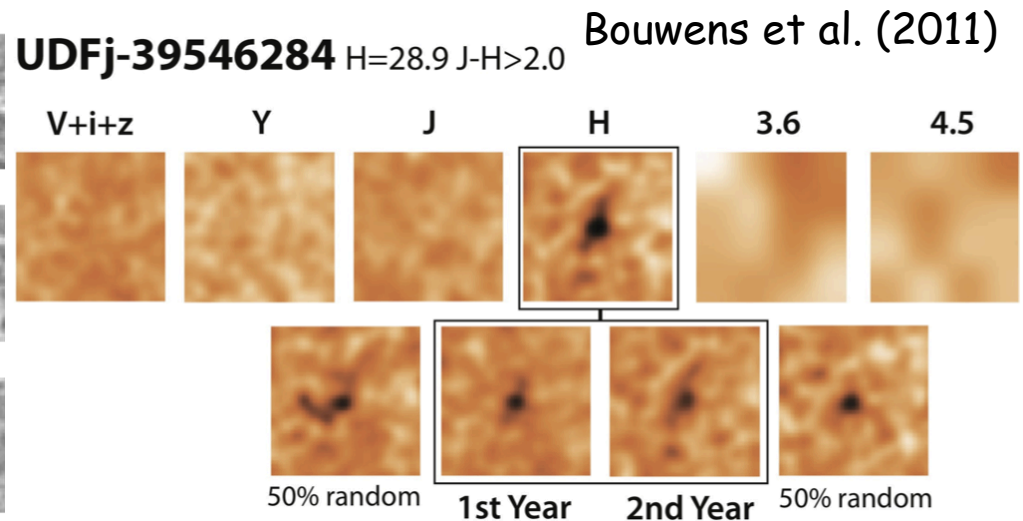
- Blind searches on "critical lines"
- Grav. magnification factor:  $\times 10-50$
- Keck/NIRSPEC 5-15 hours for each slit pos.
- $8.6 < z_{sp\_lensed} < 10.2$

- いまいち世論的には受け入れられてない気がする。
- 本当だと光度関数はかなり変になるからか？
- PhotometricにはBouwens+09等の観測もあり。
- 僕もMOIRCSでやろうとしたけど落ちました...

# Photometric sample of very high- $z$ galaxies



Bouwens et al. (2010)



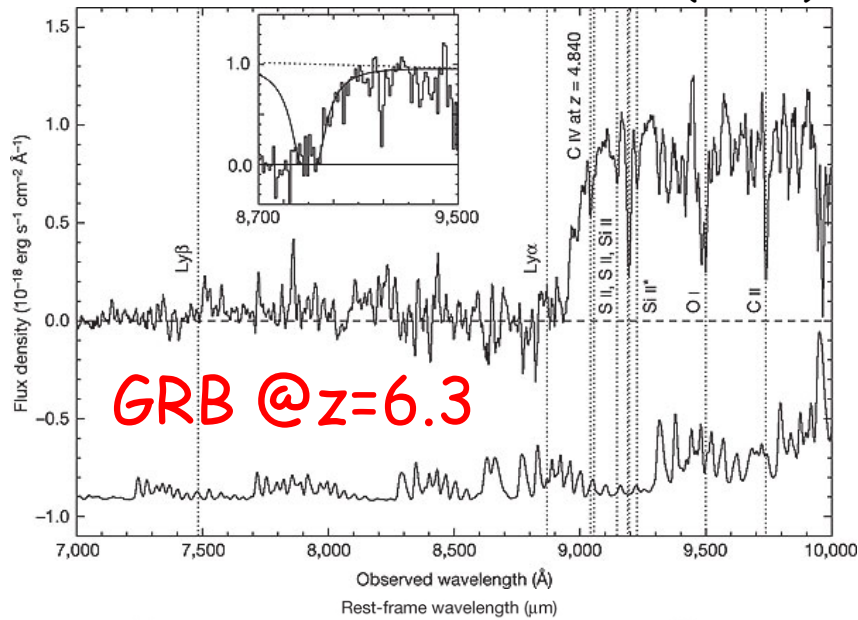
- J-dropout galaxy @UDF
- $z_{\text{ph}} \sim 10$
- Hバンドでしか受かってない…

- Y-dropout galaxies @UDF
- $8.0 < z_{\text{ph}} < 8.5$
- 3rd one was spec-confirmed (?)

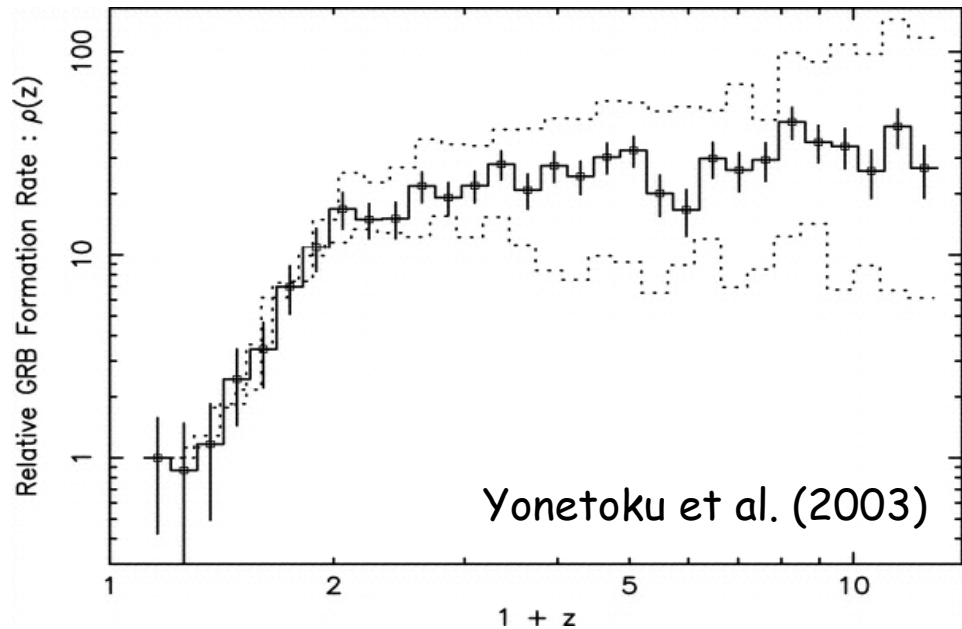
- So, we now know many high- $z$  galaxies.
- How about their stellar population?
- Are they hosting Population III stars?
- めっさ暗いんで、よく分かんない。

# What's happening in such very high-z galaxies?

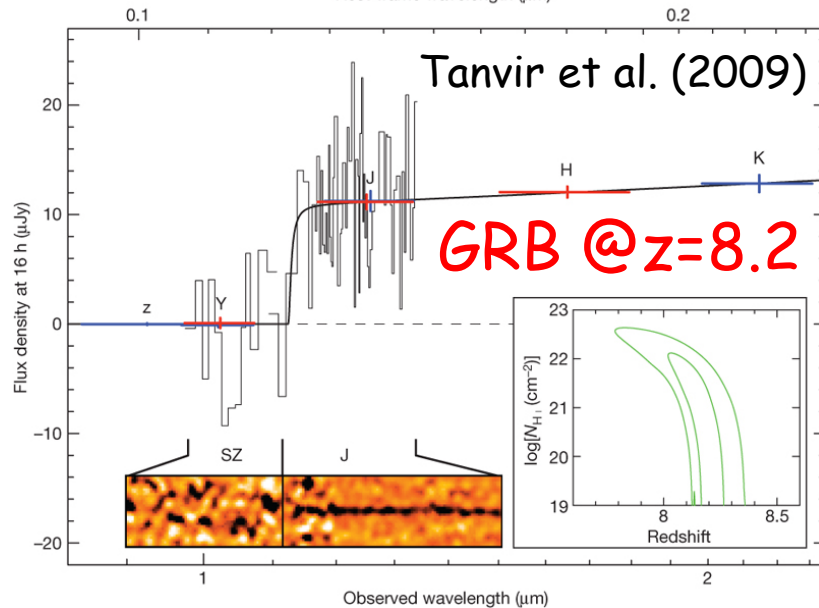
Kawai et al. (2005)



- GRBs also observed at  $z > 6$
- 少なくとも超新星爆発はぼんぼん起きてる。
- もちろんそれは当たり前の話だけど。

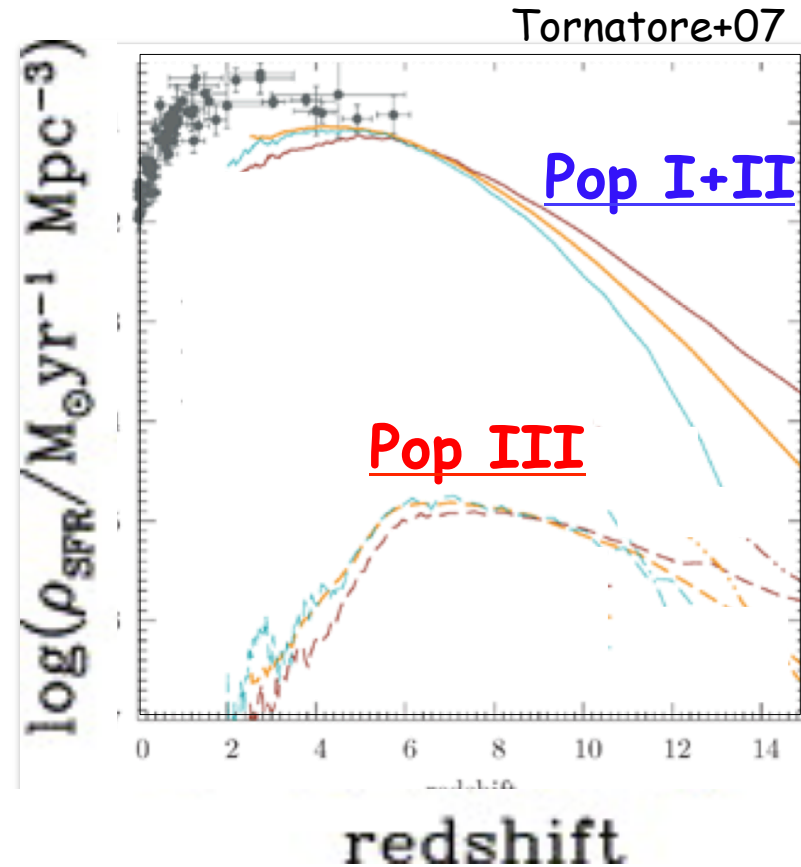
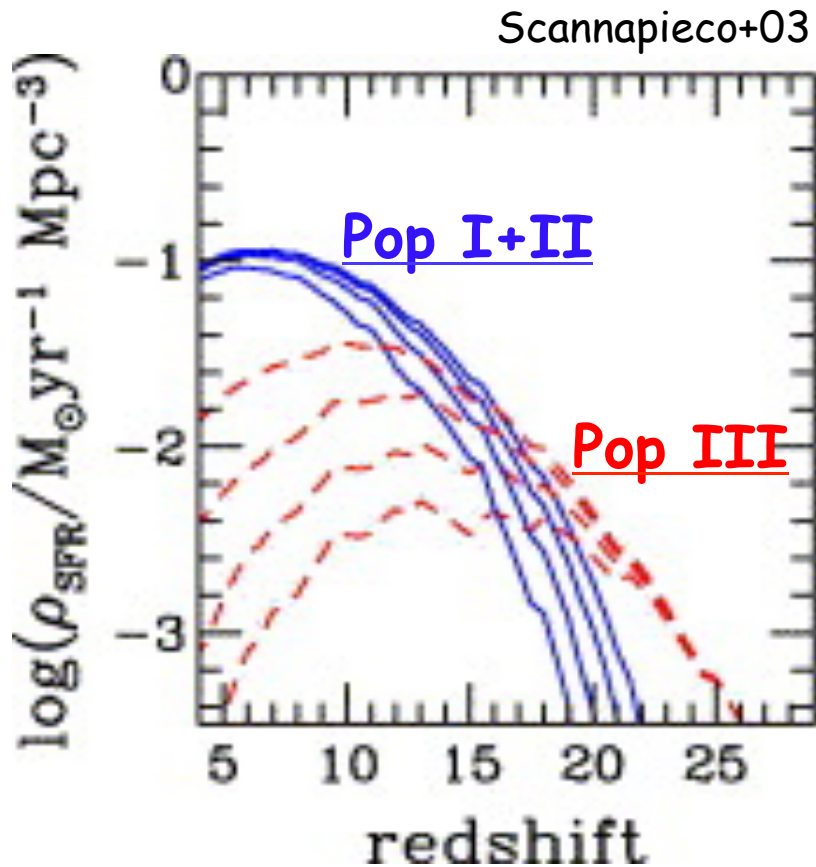


Tanvir et al. (2009)



- Expected GRB rate: high even at  $z \sim 10$
- Population III explosions?

# PopIII stars at $z < 10$ !?

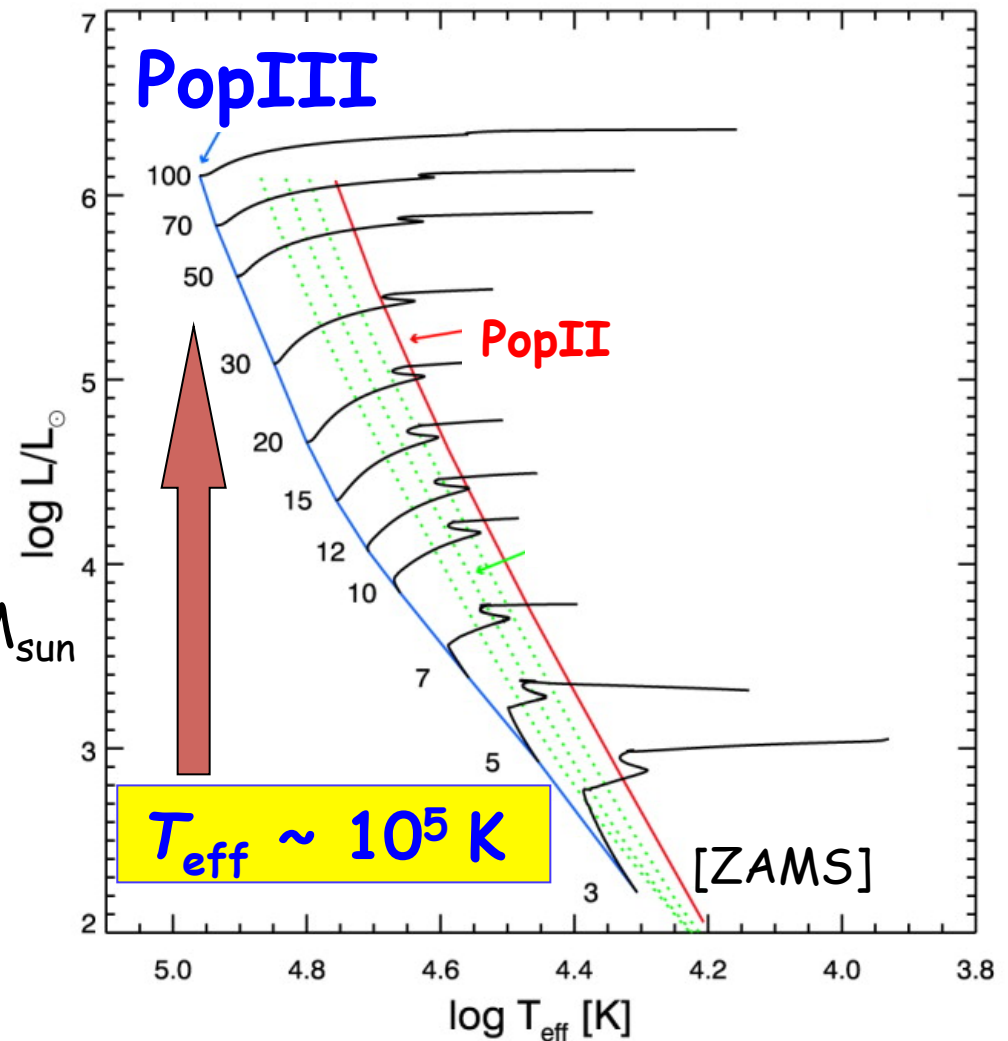
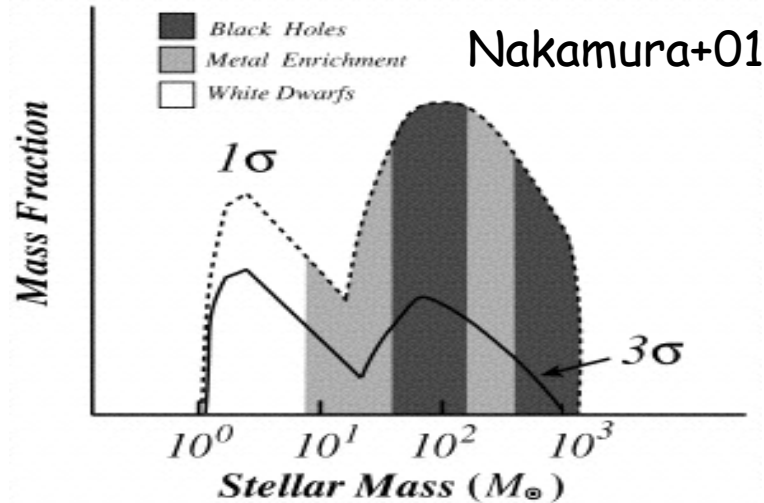


- Some models predict the PopIII presences even at  $z \sim 4-6$ .
- Currently accessible redshifts... Why not search for PopIIIs?
- How to distinguish PopIII-hosting galaxies observationally?



# Properties of Population III stars

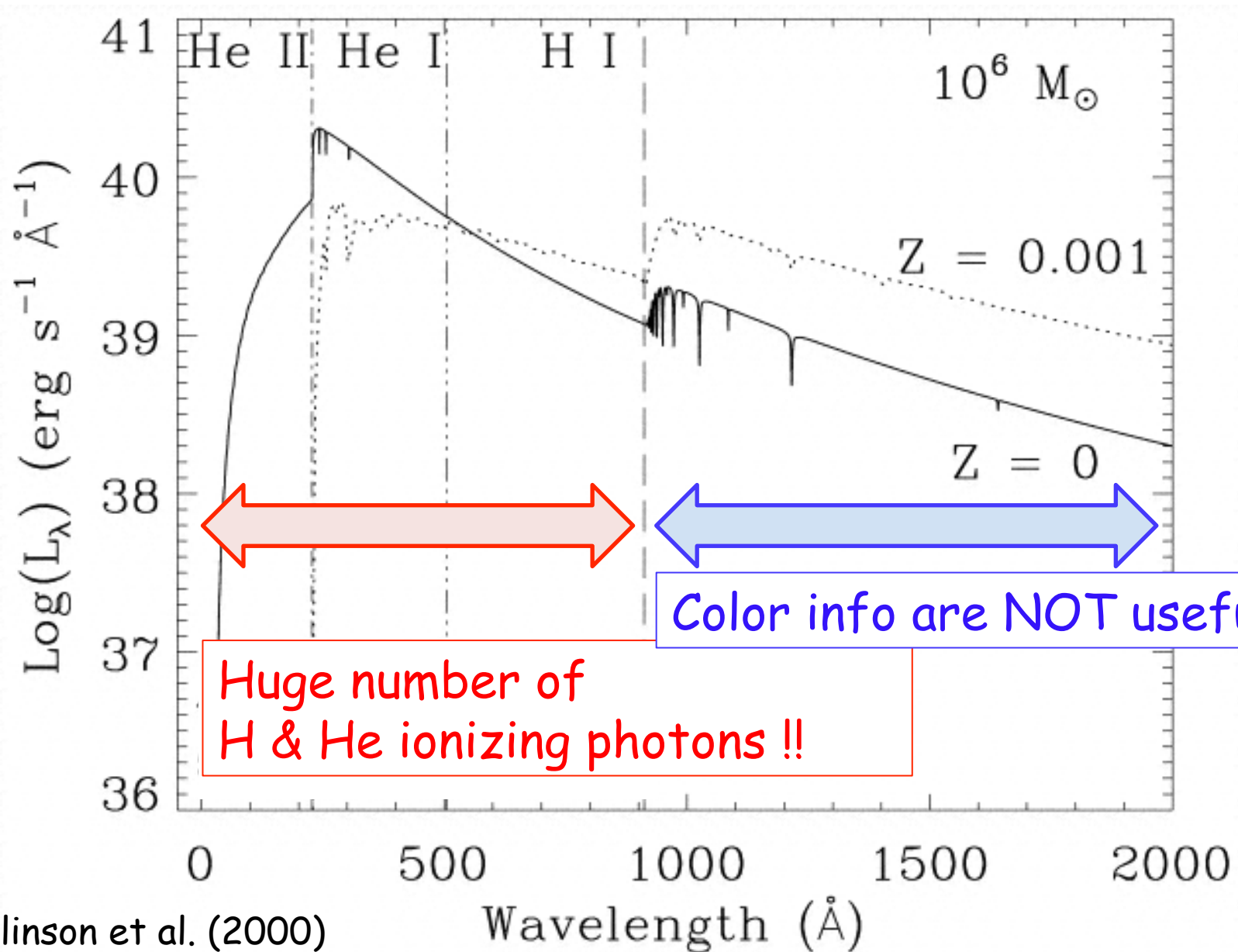
Tumlinson+03



- Very top-heavy IMF reaching up to a few  $100M_{\text{sun}}$
- Very high  $T_{\text{eff}}$  due to low opacity even below  $M=100M_{\text{sun}}$
- Very hard SED especially at FUV

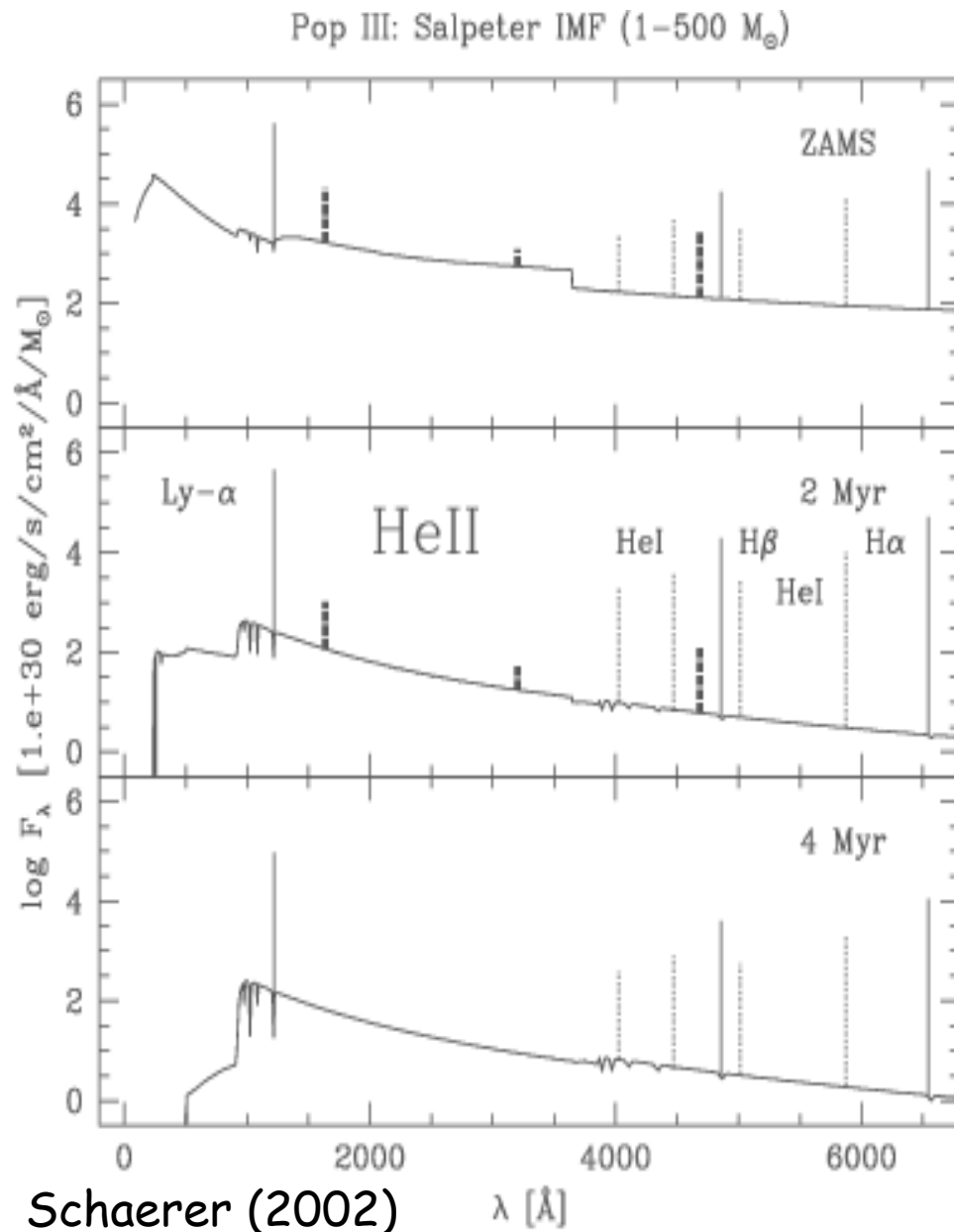
...could be diagnostics for PopIII stars!?

# SED of PopII stellar clusters (= PopII galaxies)



Tumlinson et al. (2000)

# Expected spectrum of PopIII galaxies



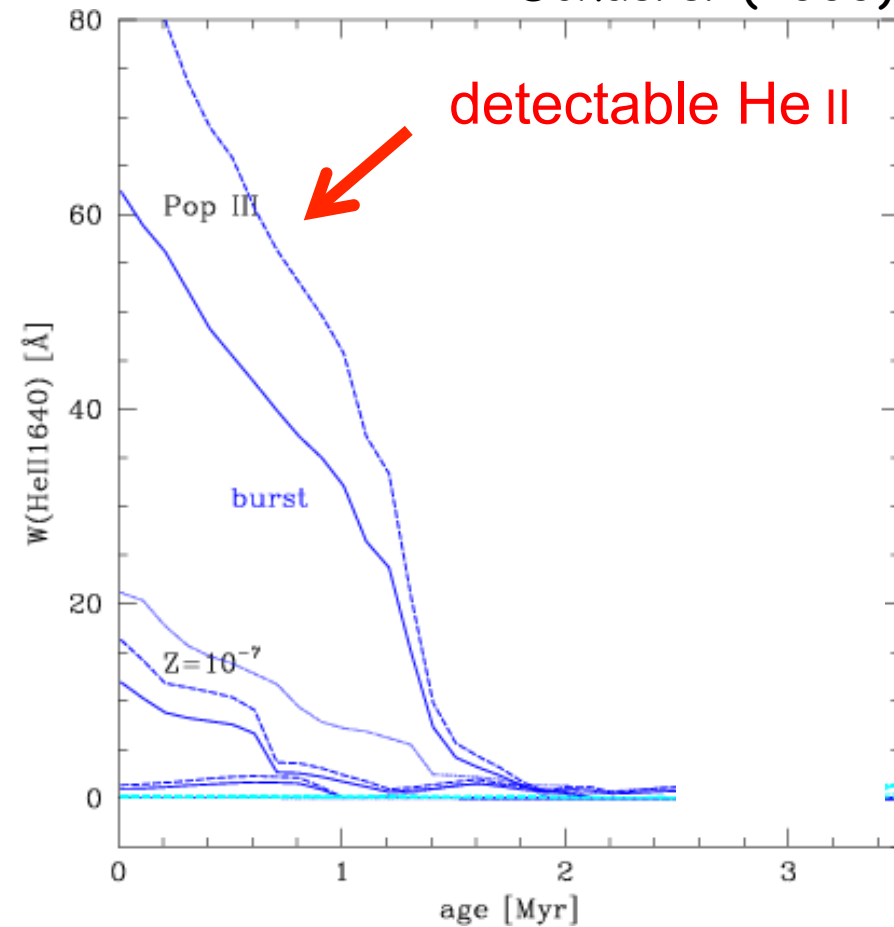
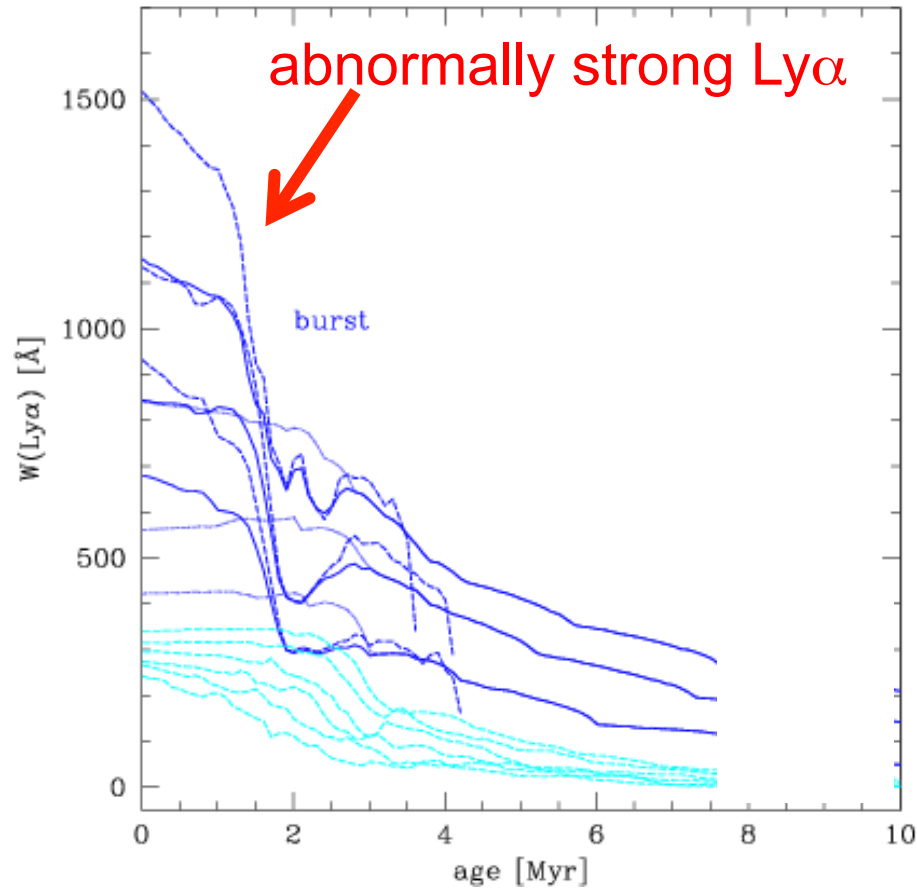
➤ Strong HI and HeII  
discriminating from PopI/II

➤ Especially HeII 1640  
accessible even at high-z  
no resonance effects

➤ No metal lines  
discriminating from AGN

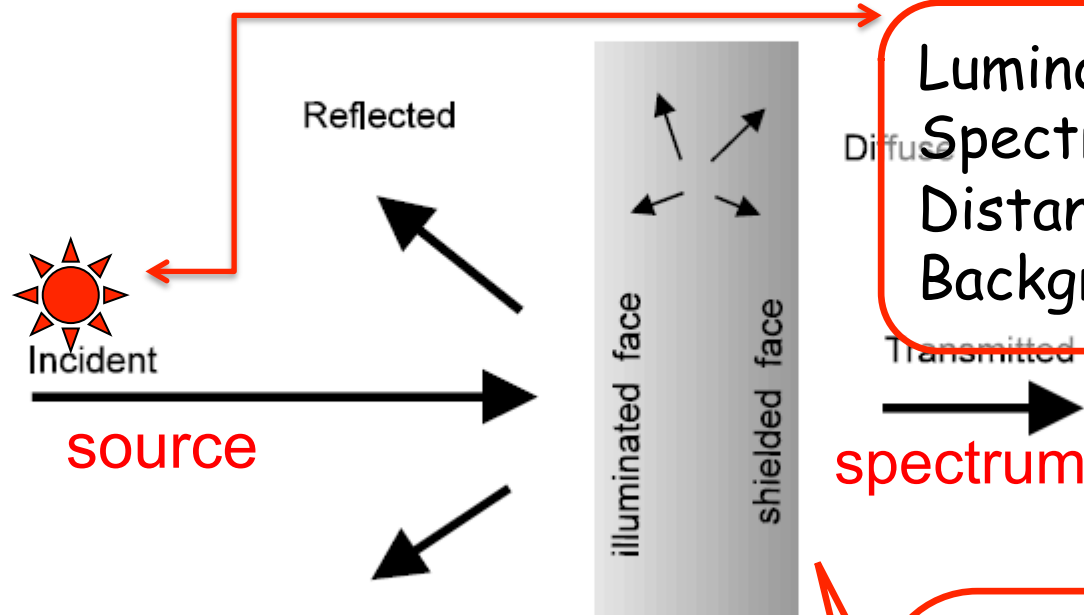
# Expected strengths of emission lines

Schaerer (2003)



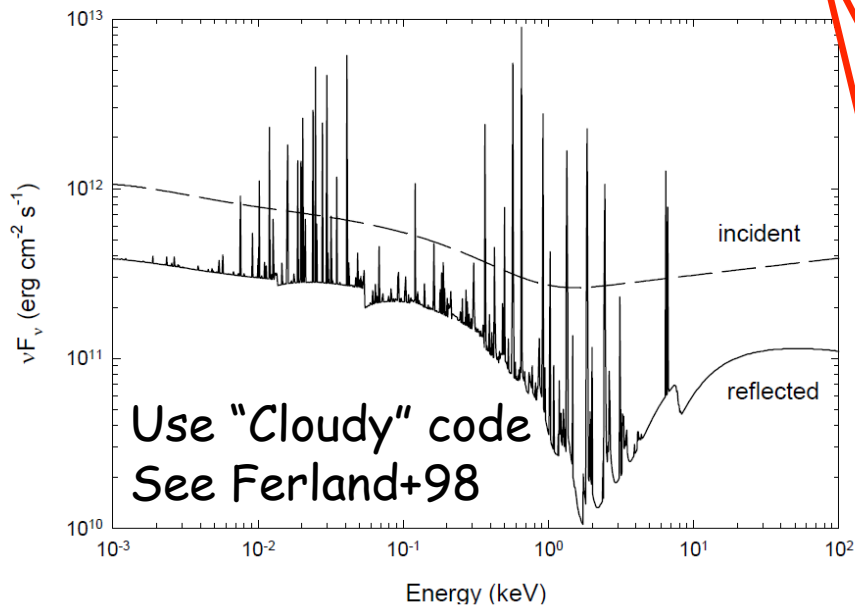
Possible strategy for PopIII searches:  
1) search for strong "Ly $\alpha$  emitters"  
2) identifying He II line among them

# Note: Simulating Emission-Line Spectra



Luminosity (or Flux)  
Spectral energy distribution  
Distance to clouds  
Background radiation

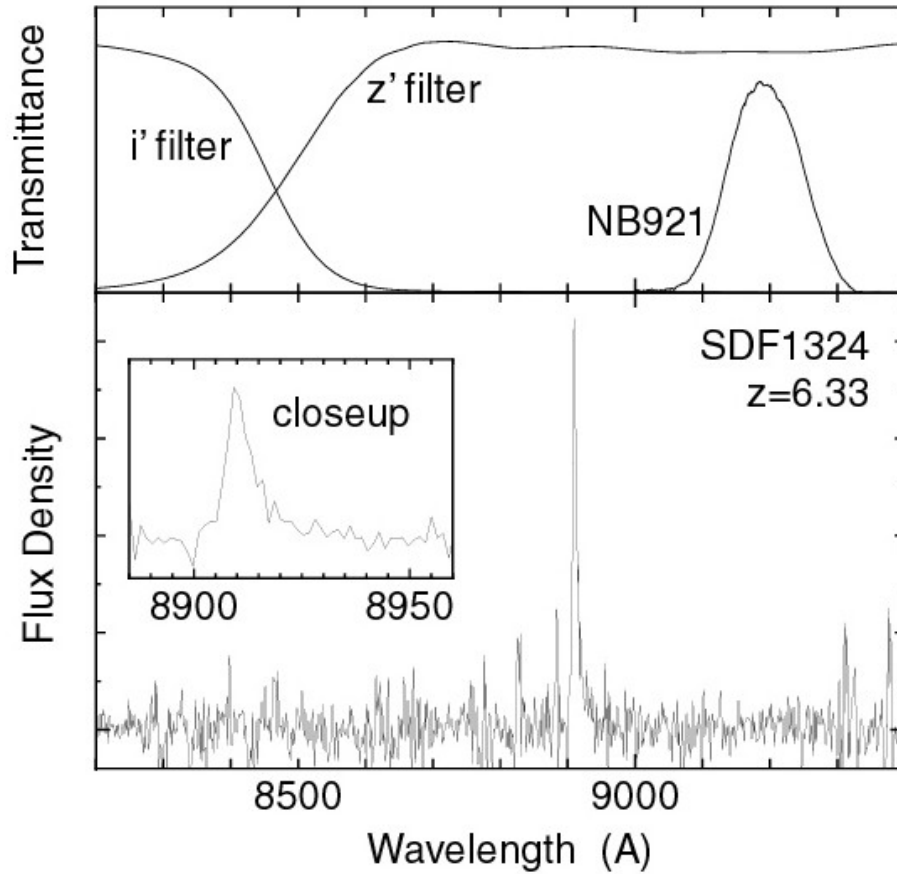
spectrum



Hydrogen number density  
Column density (thickness)  
Metallicity (abundance ratios)  
Dust grains (and molecules)  
Ionization parameter ( $U$ )  
Geometry (gas distribution)  
etc...

# Our searches for “extreme” Ly alpha emitters

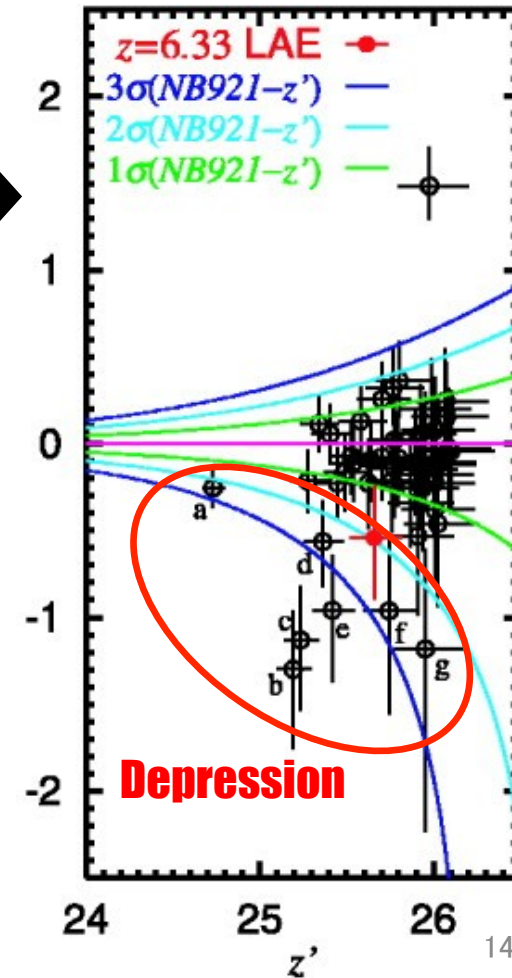
Nagao et al. (2004)



Extremely strong LAEs at  $6.0 < z < 6.5$  cause a “NB921-depression” with respect to  $z'$ -band magnitude



$z' - \text{NB921}$



Eight NB921-depressed objects among 48  $i'$ -dropout galaxies in the Subaru Deep Field (deep & very wide!)

# Further optical spectroscopy

Nagao et al. (2005)

Using Subaru/FOCAS & Keck/DEIMOS

Among 8 photometric candidates...

5 LAEs with a large EW ( $>100\text{\AA}$  !!)

$\sim z_{\text{spec}} = 6.00, EW_{\text{rest}} = 114\text{\AA}$

$\sim z_{\text{spec}} = 6.03, EW_{\text{rest}} = 94\text{\AA}$

$\sim z_{\text{spec}} = 6.04, EW_{\text{rest}} = 236\text{\AA}$

$\sim z_{\text{spec}} = 6.11, EW_{\text{rest}} = 153\text{\AA}$

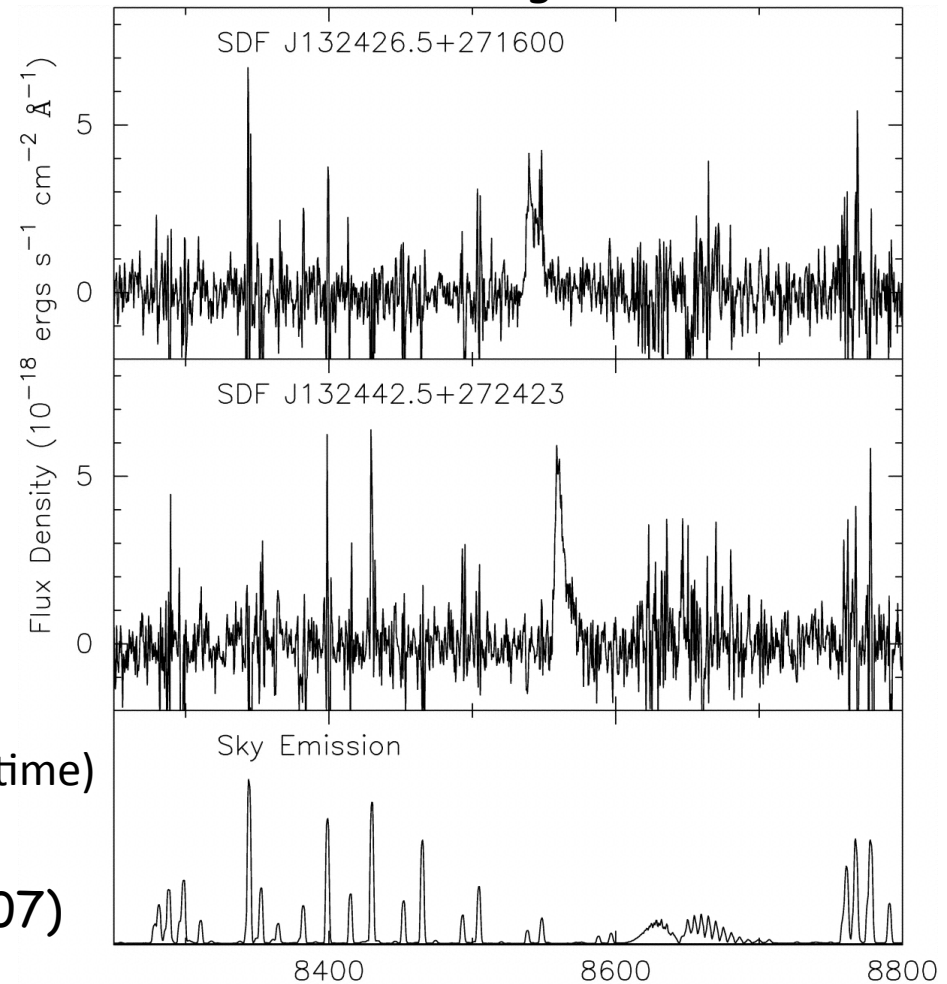
$\sim z_{\text{spec}} = 6.33, EW_{\text{rest}} = 130\text{\AA}$

2 no signal (slit acquisition failure?)

1 unobserved (due to limited observing time)

0 low-z interlopers

Nagao et al. (2007)



NB-depressed i-dropout method is very efficient to find large- $EW$  LAEs  
 $EW$  is accurately determined through  $NB921$  magnitude

# Evolution of Ly alpha equivalent widths

The fraction of the *broad-band selected* galaxies with  $EW_{rest}(Ly\alpha) > 100\text{\AA}$

i'-dropout at  $z\sim 6 \rightarrow$  (at least)  $5/48 \sim 10\%$

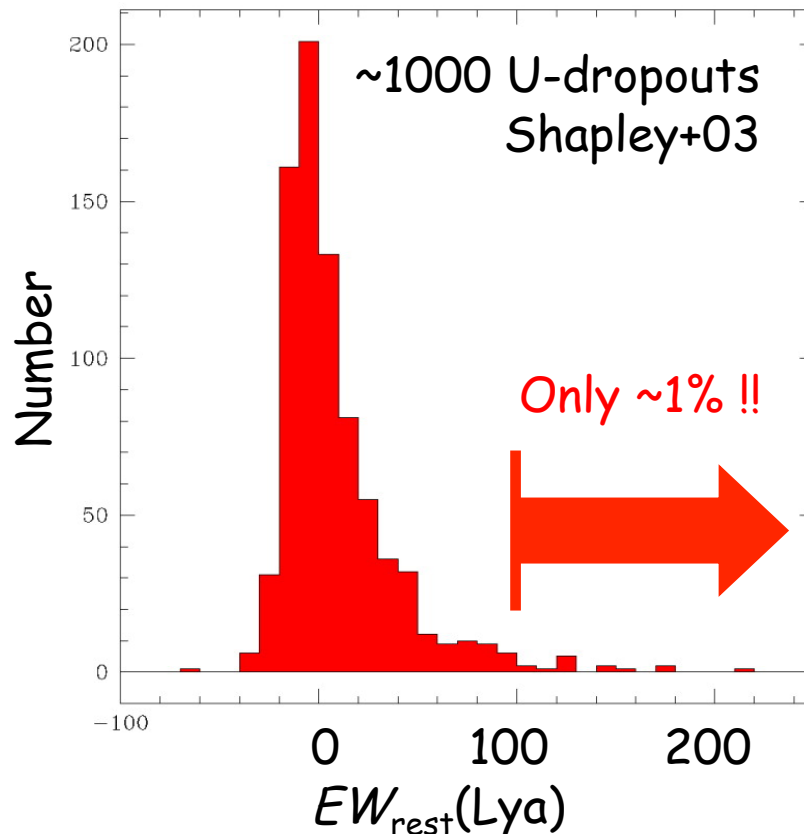
U-dropout at  $z\sim 3 \rightarrow$  roughly  $\sim 1\%$



***Significantly higher at  $z\sim 6$  than  $z\sim 3$***



***Evolution of the stellar population***



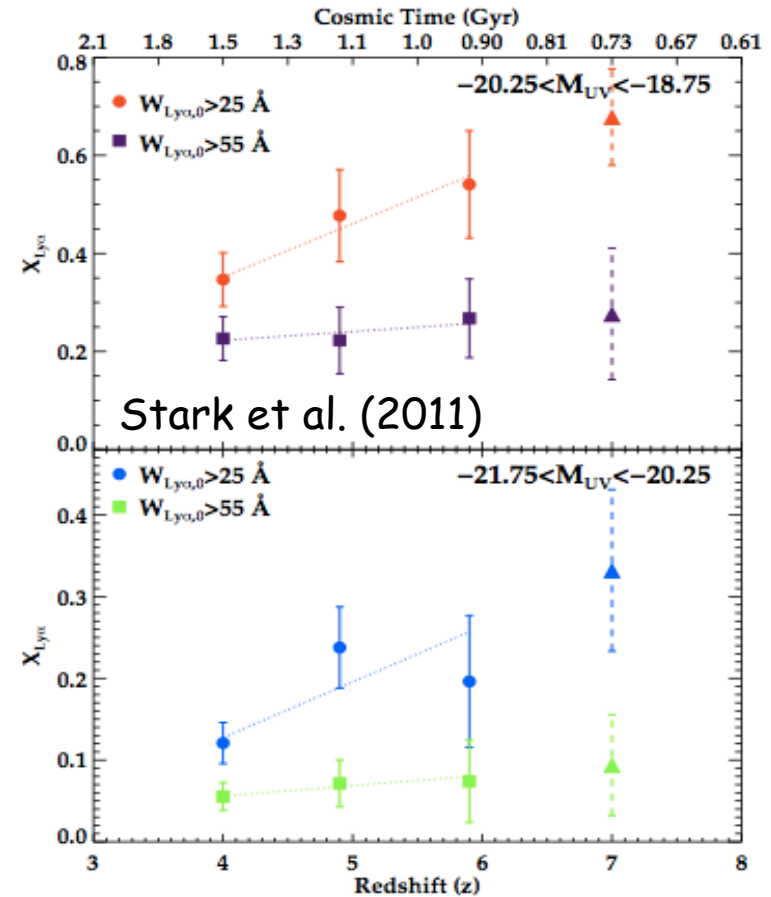
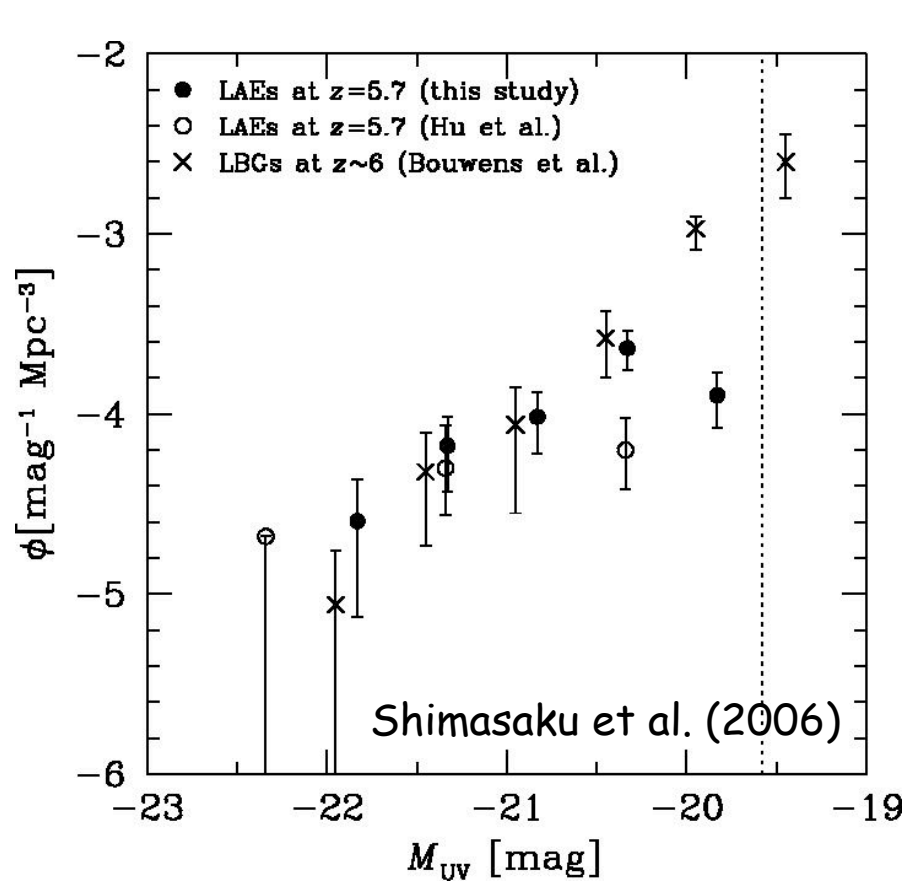
## Possibilities:

- ~ Younger stellar pop. ( $< 10^7$ yr)
- ~ Top-heavy IMF
- ~ Presence of PopIII

**$\rightarrow$  Observational Test through He II !!**



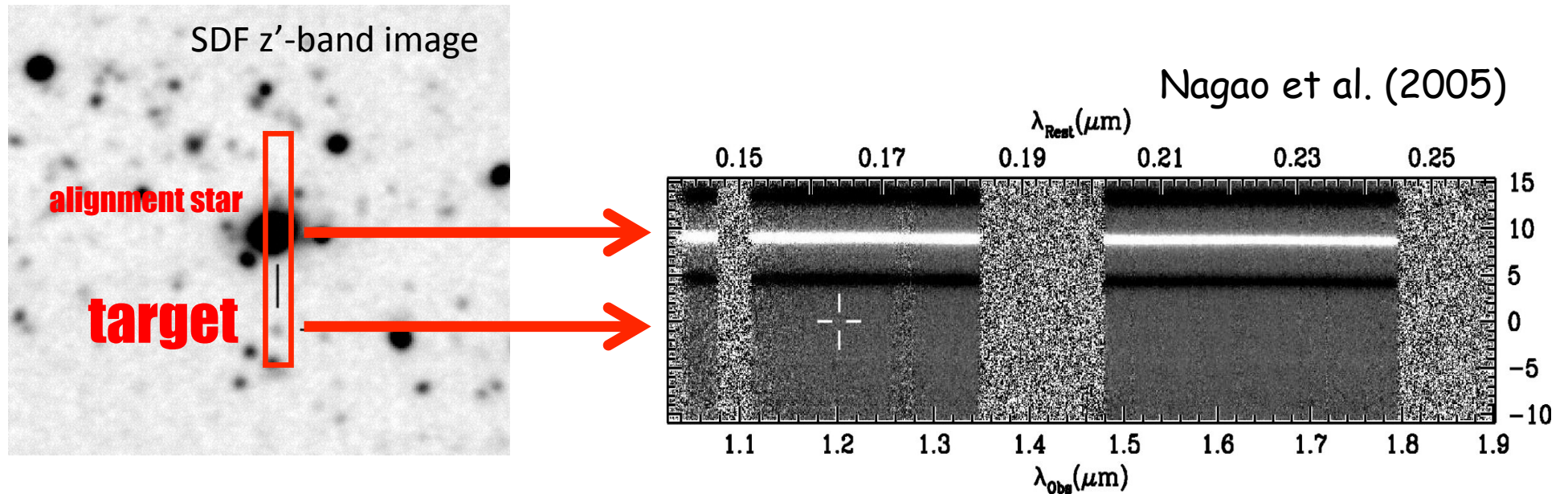
# Evolution of Ly alpha equivalent widths (contd.)



- UV LFs of LAEs & LBGs at  $z\sim 6$  @SDF
- Roughly comparable number density
- Suggesting a high fraction of LAEs

- Spectroscopic campaign @GOODS-N
- LAE fraction is increasing
- Suggesting evolution of stellar pop.

# NIR deep spectroscopy to search for He II emission



Subaru/OHS (OH airglow suppressor)  
 54 ksec on-source exposure for  
 a LAE at  $z=6.33$  with  $EW_{rest}=130\text{\AA}$



only upper limit  
 $\sim F(\text{He II}) < 9.1\text{e-}18 \text{ ergs/s/cm}^2$   
 $\sim SFR_{\text{PopIII}} < 1.8\text{--}13.2 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$

Since  $F(\text{Ly}\alpha)$  suggests  $SFR_{\text{total}} > 16 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$ ,  
 the star formation in this LAE is not dominated by PopIII.

# Possible implication

expected fractions of  
PopIII-dominated galaxies (Scannapieco+03)

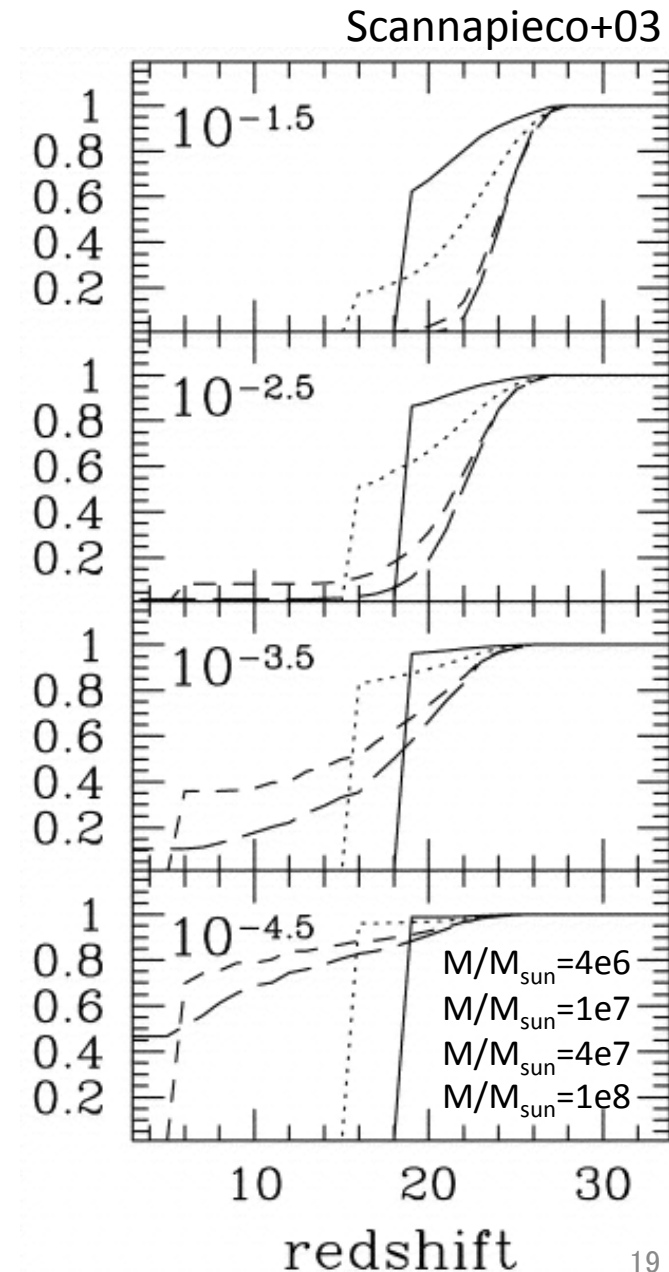
- as a function of mass and  
“energy input per gas mass” ( $\leftarrow$  IMF)
- low feedback models might be disfavored by our result

but no strong constraints...

- *only 1 target* has been examined...



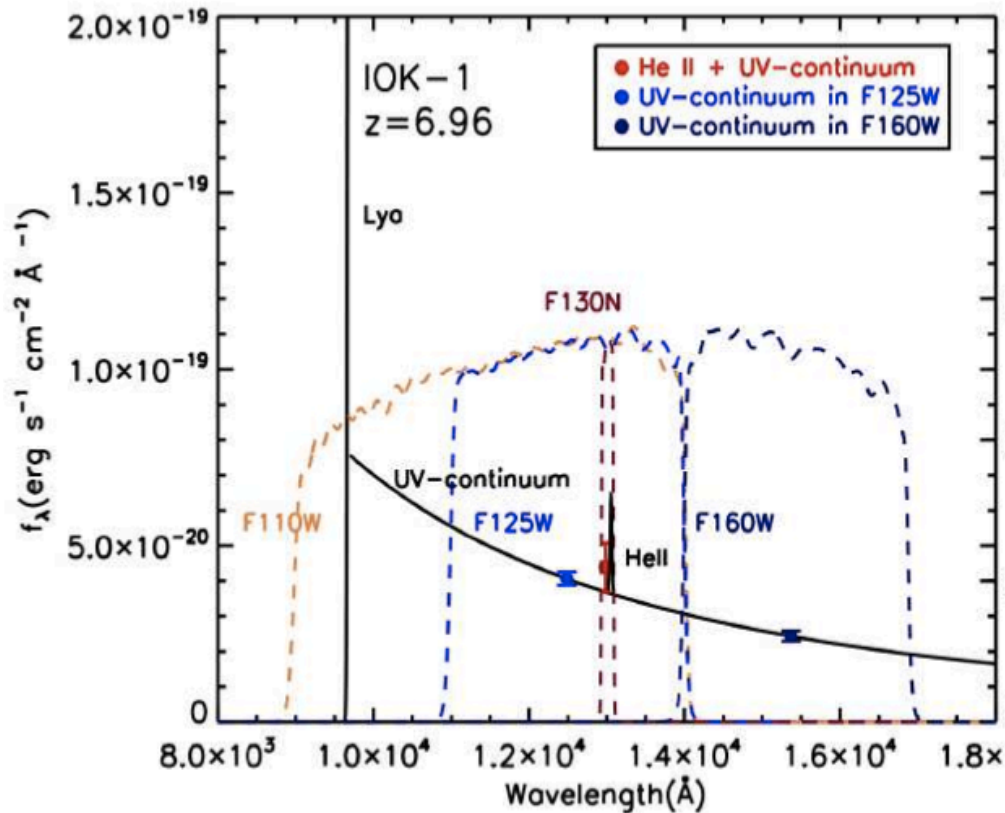
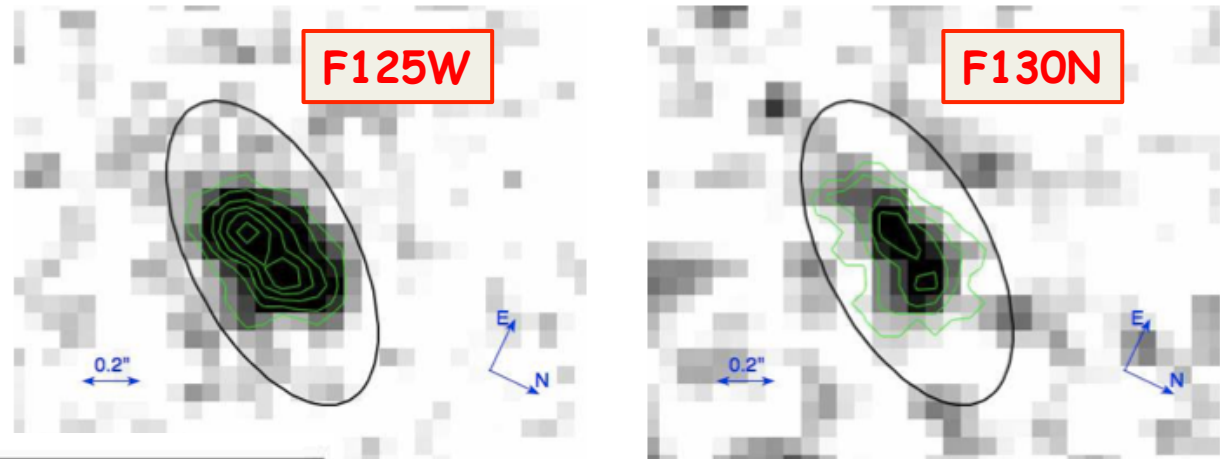
**Further observations are crucial.**



# A further trial for the “direct” He II detection

Cai+11

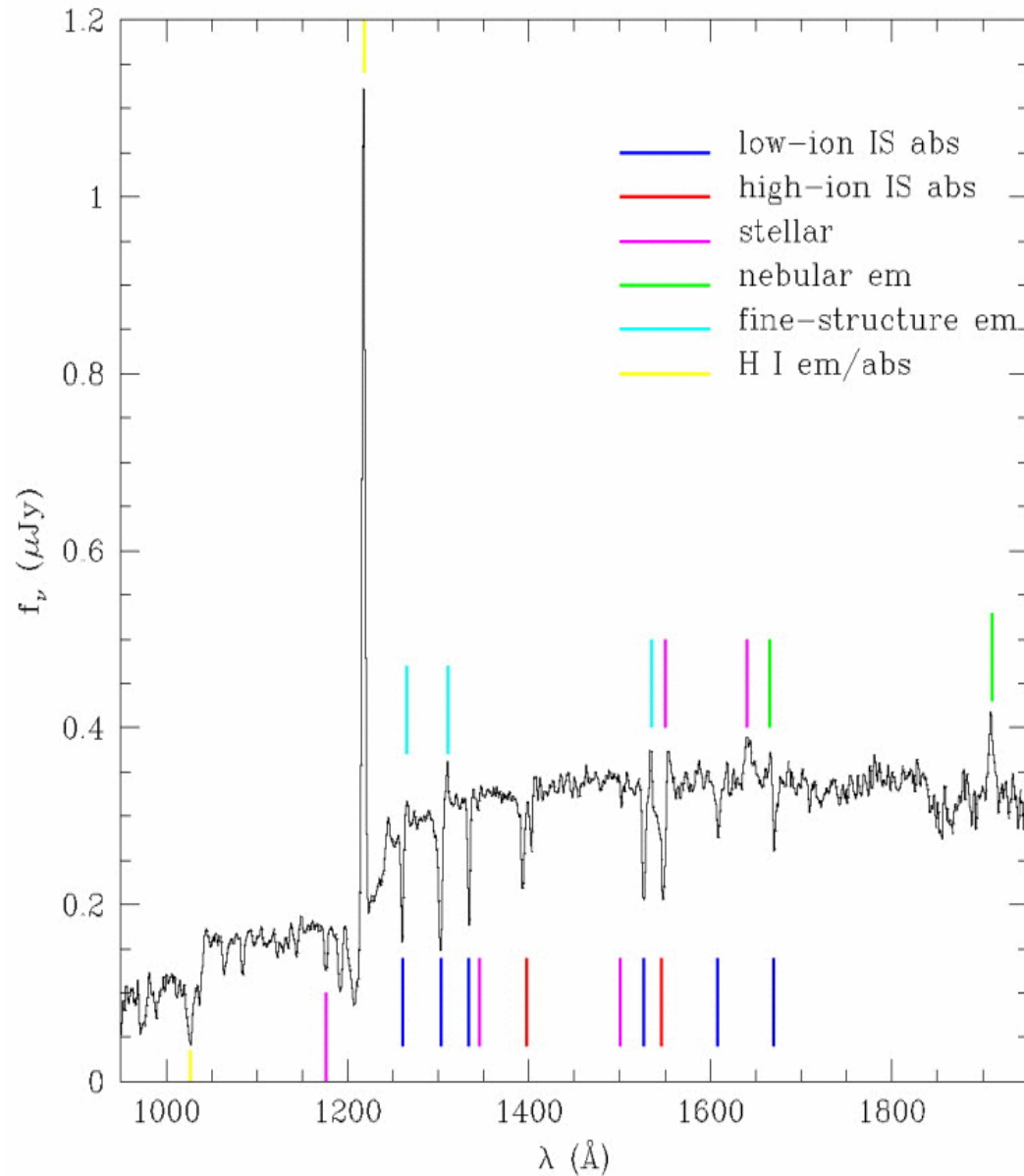
- HST/ACS imaging obs.
- He II with NB filter (!)
- 5.6h (8 orbits) for NB
- 1.4h (2 orbits) for BB



- 1.2 sigma excess in F130N (!?)
- $F_{\text{HeII}} = 1.2 \pm 1.0 \times 10^{-18}$  cgs
- ~5 times deeper than our obs...
- $\text{SFR}_{\text{PopIII}} < 0.5 M_{\text{sun}} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- $\text{SFR}_{\text{PopIII}} / \text{SFR}_{\text{total}} < 6\%$

➤ Detection with JWST is feasible

# Stacking analysis

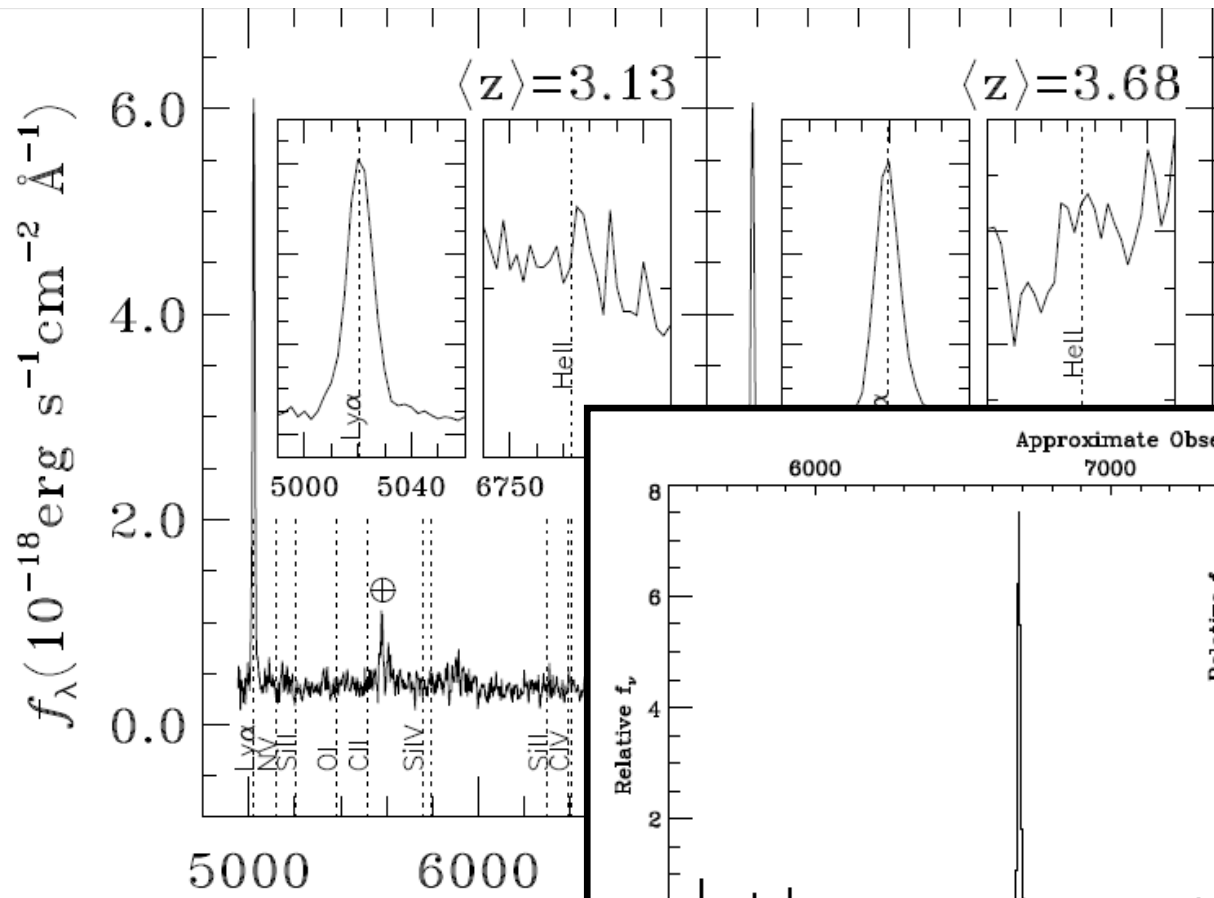


Stacked 811 LBGs  
at  $z=3$   
(Shapley+03)

...He II emission !?

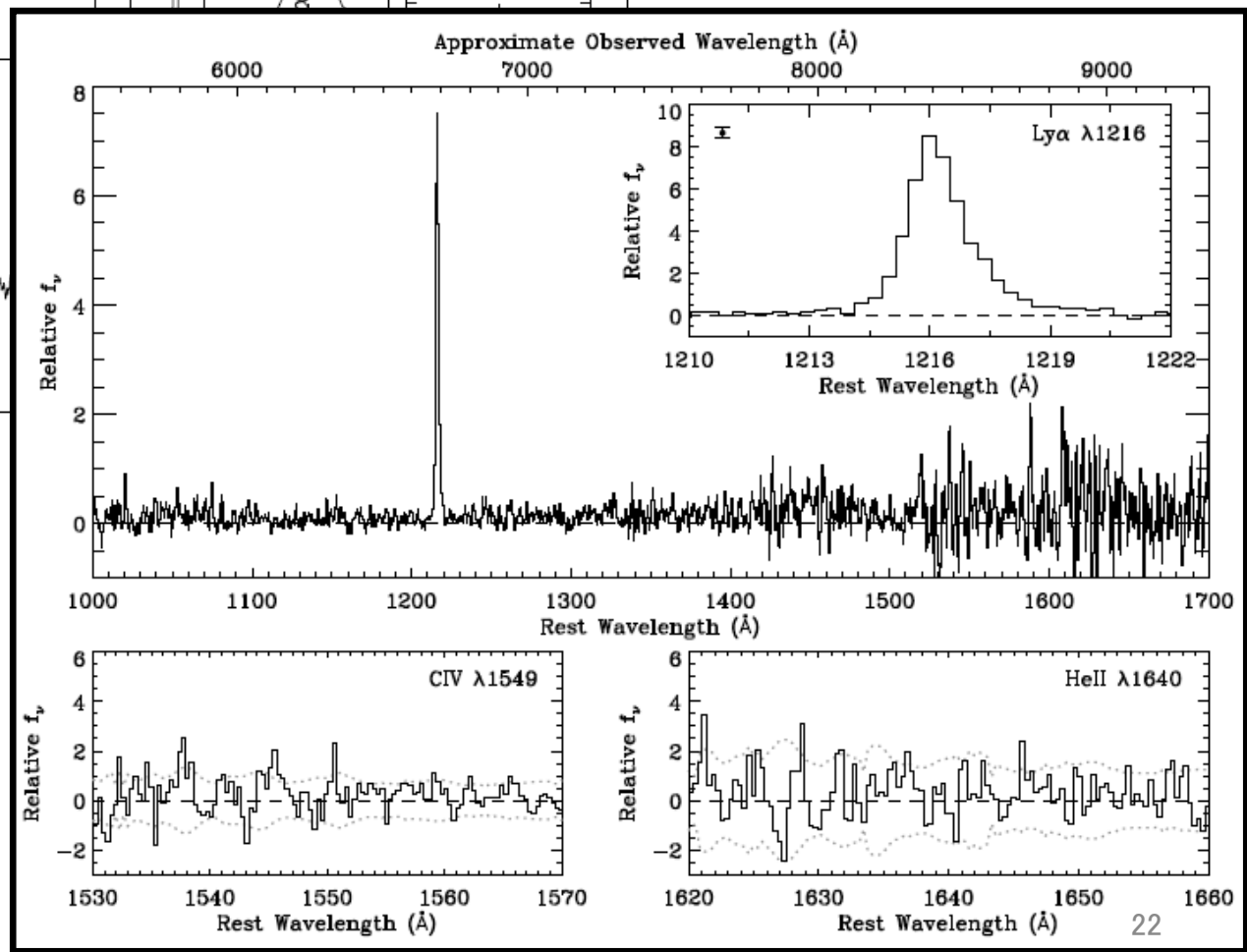
Evidence of PopIII !?  
(Jimenez+06)

Just a stellar feature ?  
(Shapley+03)



36 LAEs at  $z=3.1$   
 31 LAEs at  $z=3.7$   
 (Ouchi+08)

No He II emission...



11 LAEs at  $z=4.5$   
 (Dawson+04)

No He II emission...

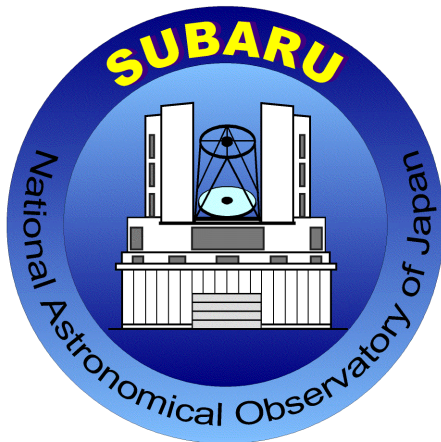
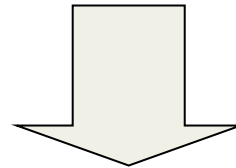
# Our search for “Ly $\alpha$ -He II dual emitters”

➤ Spectroscopy? ...not a bad idea, but too expensive

- ~ faint HeII emission at NIR (or red part in Opt)
- ~ low number density of targets --> longslit obs.

➤ Narrow-Band Imaging?

- ~ requiring “well-matched” combination of filters
- ~ requiring huge FOV to search “rare” objects



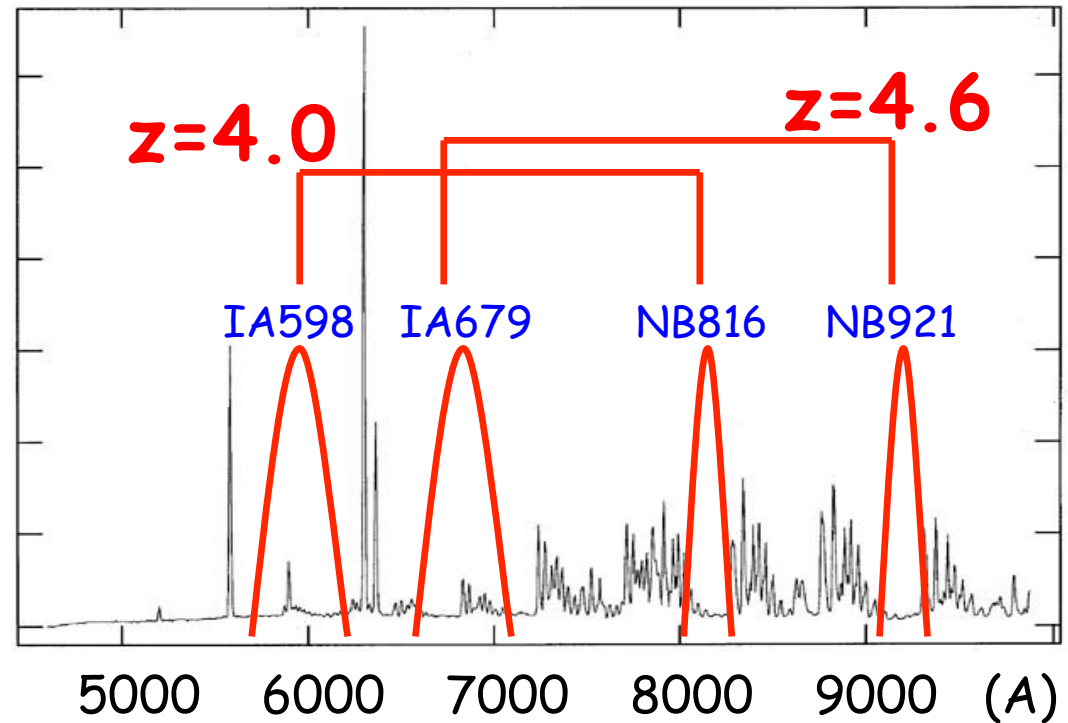
Subaru/Suprime-Cam + custom filter set

very wide FOV  
(27'x34')

For both  
Ly $\alpha$  @  $\lambda_{rest} = 1216\text{\AA}$  &  
HeII @  $\lambda_{rest} = 1640\text{\AA}$

# Observations

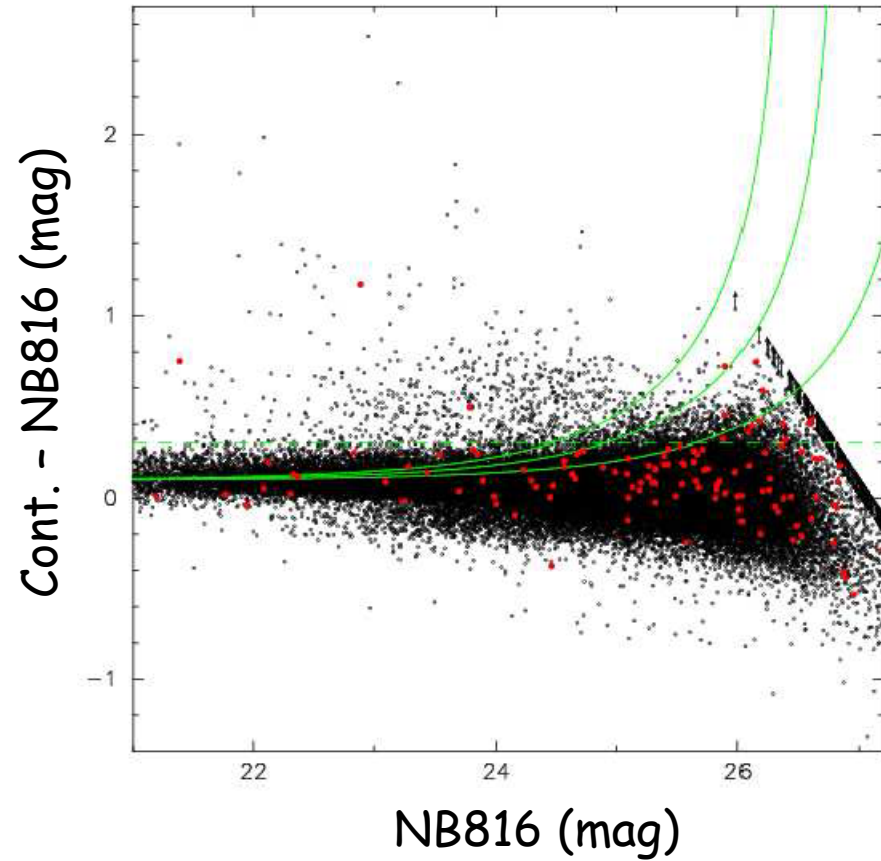
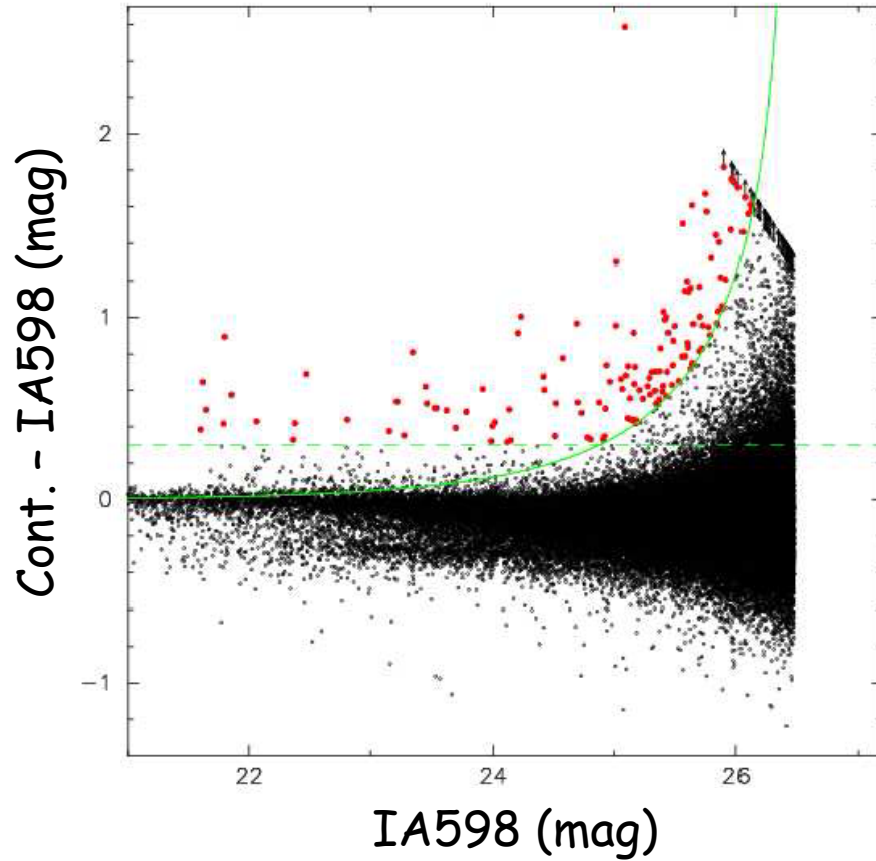
- **$z=4.0$** 
  - ~ HeII@8200A: "NB816"
  - ~ Ly $\alpha$  @6080A: "IA598"
- **$z=4.6$** 
  - ~ HeII@9180A: "NB921"
  - ~ Ly $\alpha$  @6810A: "IA679"



- **NB816 & NB921**
  - ~ originally for Ly $\alpha$  emitters at  $z = 5.7, 6.5$
- **IA598 & IA679**
  - ~ wide bandwidth (DI~300A): sensitive only to large-EW
  - ... no problem for us, because our targets are PopIII !!

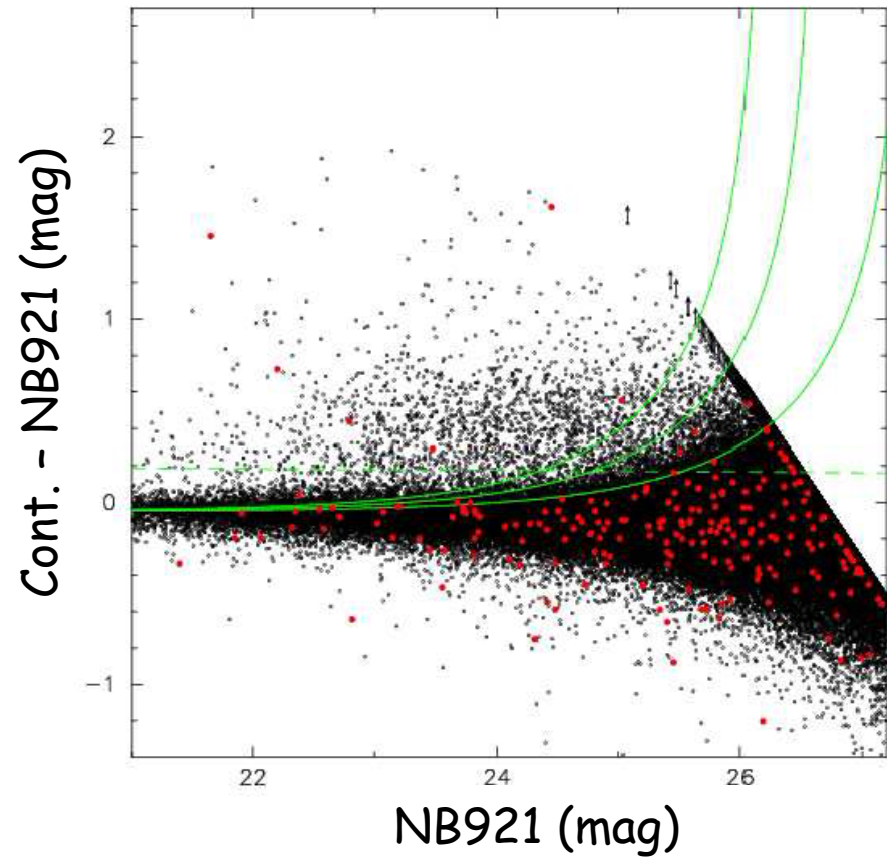
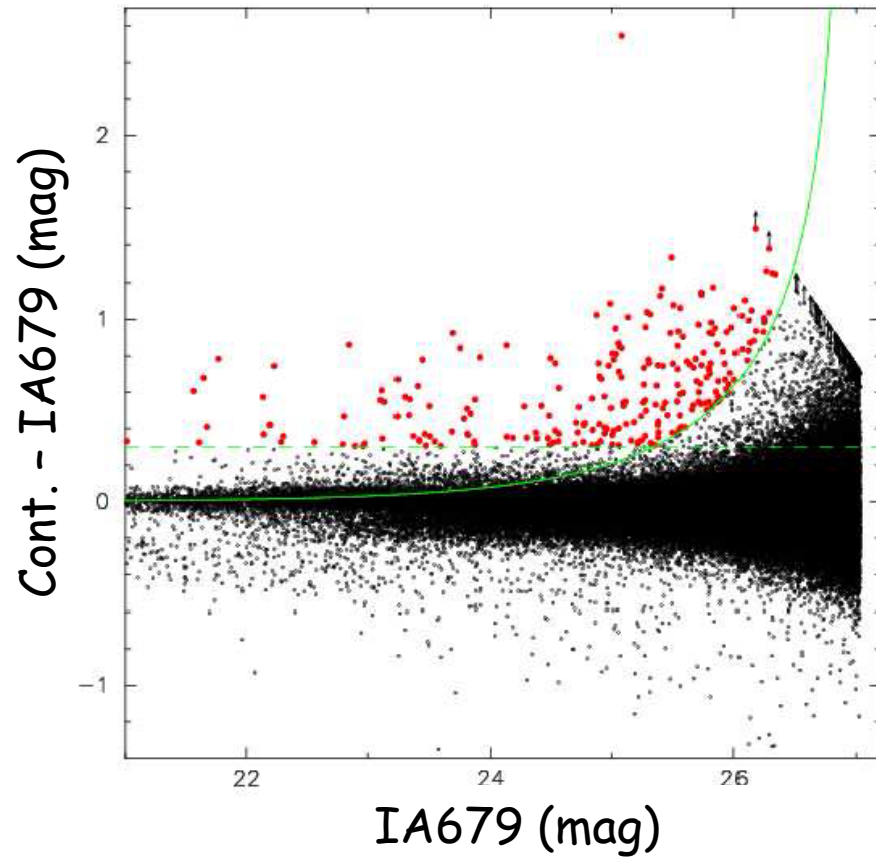


# Selection of “IA598-NB816 dual emitters” ( $z \sim 4.0$ )



- $\text{Cont.} - \text{IA598} > 0.3 \text{ mag}$   $\Leftrightarrow EW_{\text{obs}} > 114 \text{ \AA}$   
(133 objects)

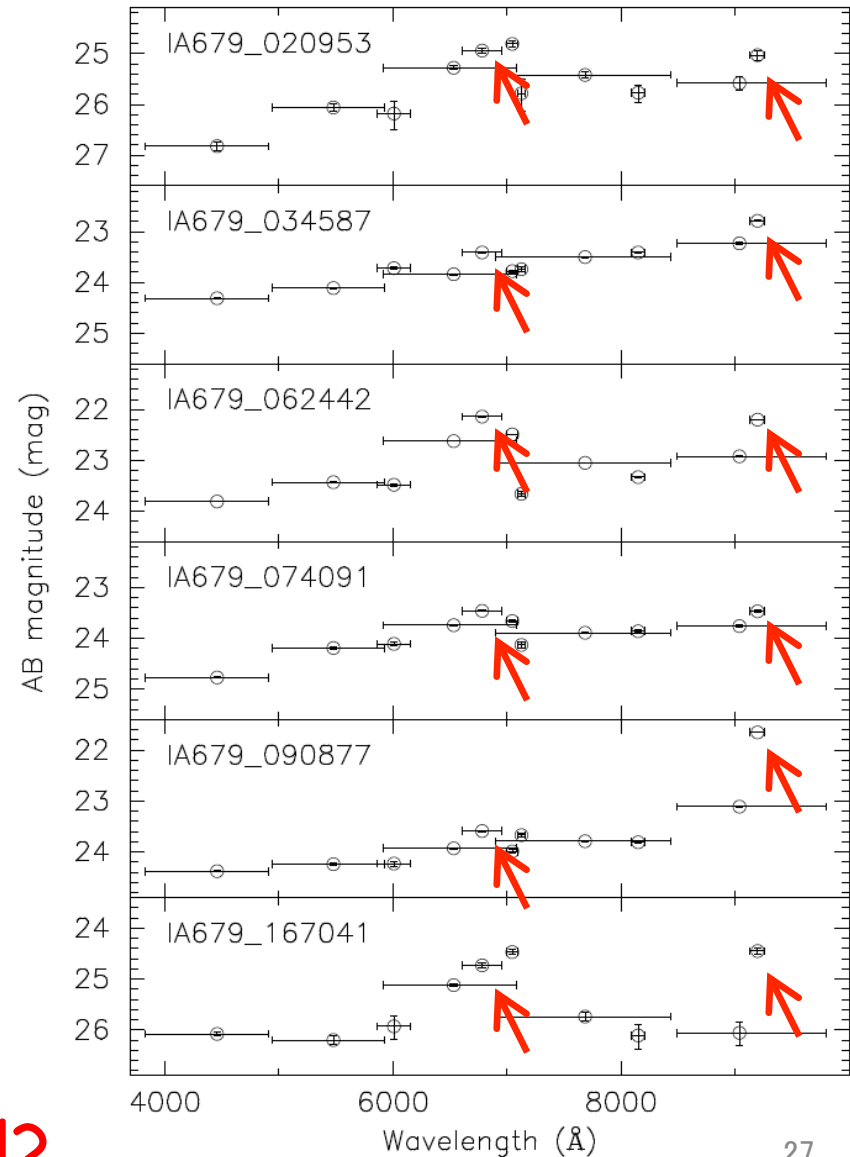
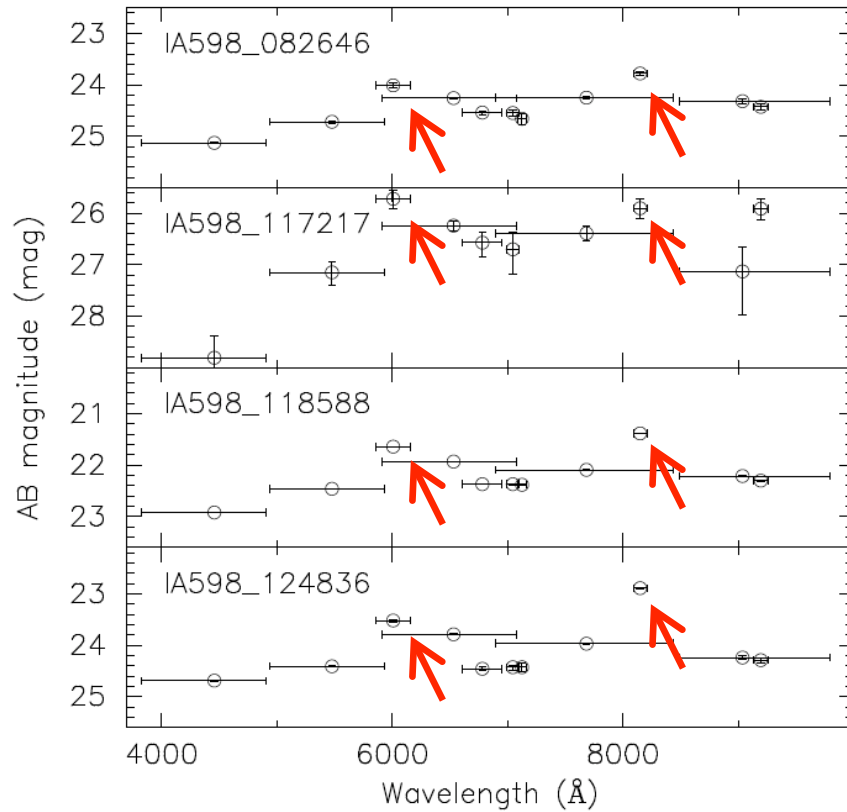
# Selection of “IA679-NB921 dual emitters” (z~4.6)



➤ Cont. - IA679 > 0.3 mag ⇔  $EW_{\text{obs}} > 145\text{\AA}$   
(234 objects)

# Results: Discovery of “dual emitters” !?

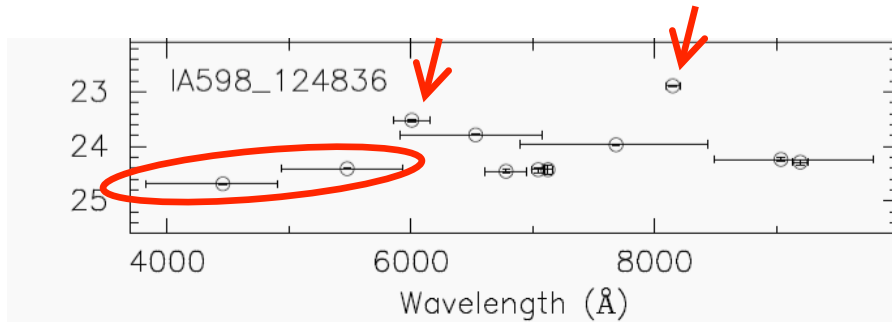
Nagao et al. (2008)



4 IA598-NB816 dual emitters  
6 IA679-NB921 dual emitters

... candidates of PopIII !?

# Results: No “Ly $\alpha$ -He II dual emitters” found...



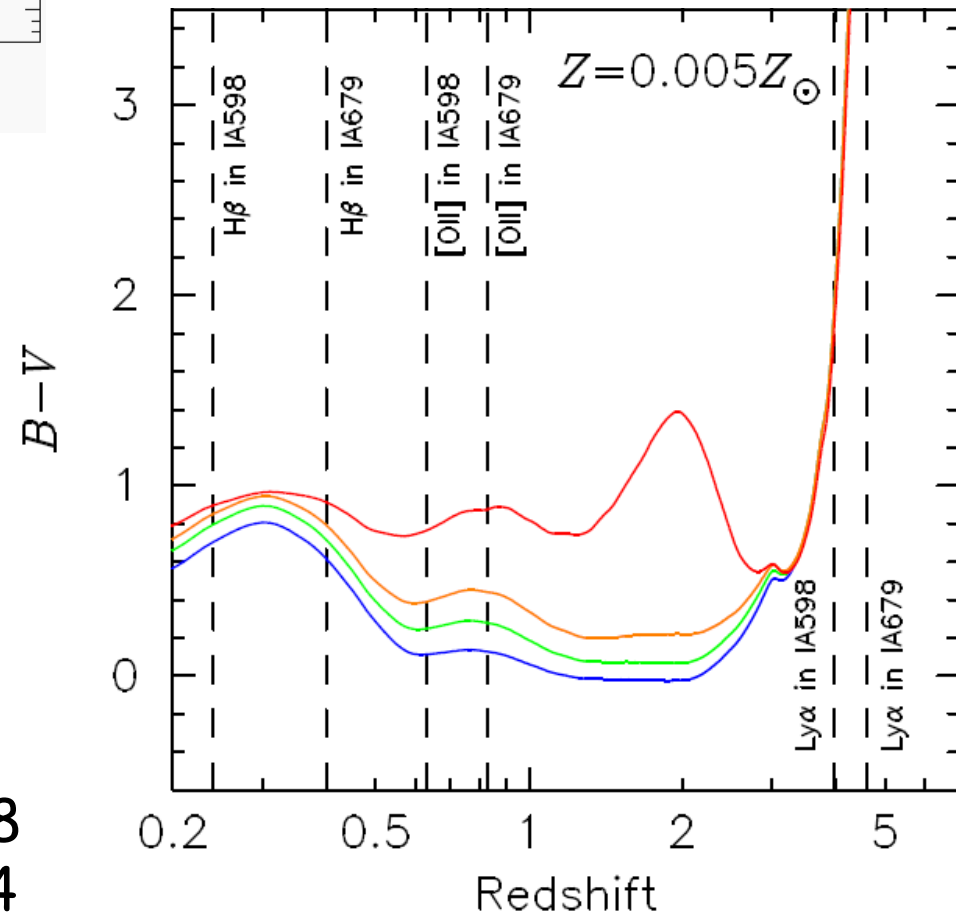
All IA-NB dual emitters show “blue” B-V colors ( $B-V < 1.0$ )

Galaxies at  $z > 4$  should show “red” B-V colors ( $B-V > 1.5$ )

IA-NB dual emitters :  
consistent to

[OII] & [OIII] at  $z=0.6/z=0.8$   
H $\beta$  & H $\alpha$ + [NII] at  $z=0.2/z=0.4$

Models: Bruzual & Charlot (2003)

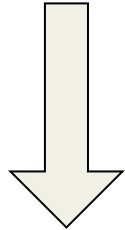


→ No “Ly $\alpha$ -HeII dual emitters” found...

# Upper limit on the PopIII SFR density (SFRD)

## ➤ Our survey sensitivity on $SFR_{\text{PopIII}}$

$$L(\text{HeII}) = f_{1640} \times SFR_{\text{PopIII}}$$



~  $f_{1640}$  : depends on model parameters, e.g., IMF

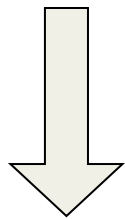
~ adopting  $f_{1640}$  reported by Schaerer (2003)

[assuming Salpeter IMF with  $50 < M_{\text{PopIII}}/M_{\text{sun}} < 500$ ]

$$[SFR_{\text{PopIII}}]_{\text{lim}} \sim 2 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$$

## ➤ Upper limit on the PopIII SFR density ( $SFRD_{\text{PopIII}}$ )

$$V_{\text{survey}} = 4.03 \times 10^5 \text{ Mpc}^3 \quad (3.93 < z < 4.01 \ \& \ 4.57 < z < 4.65)$$



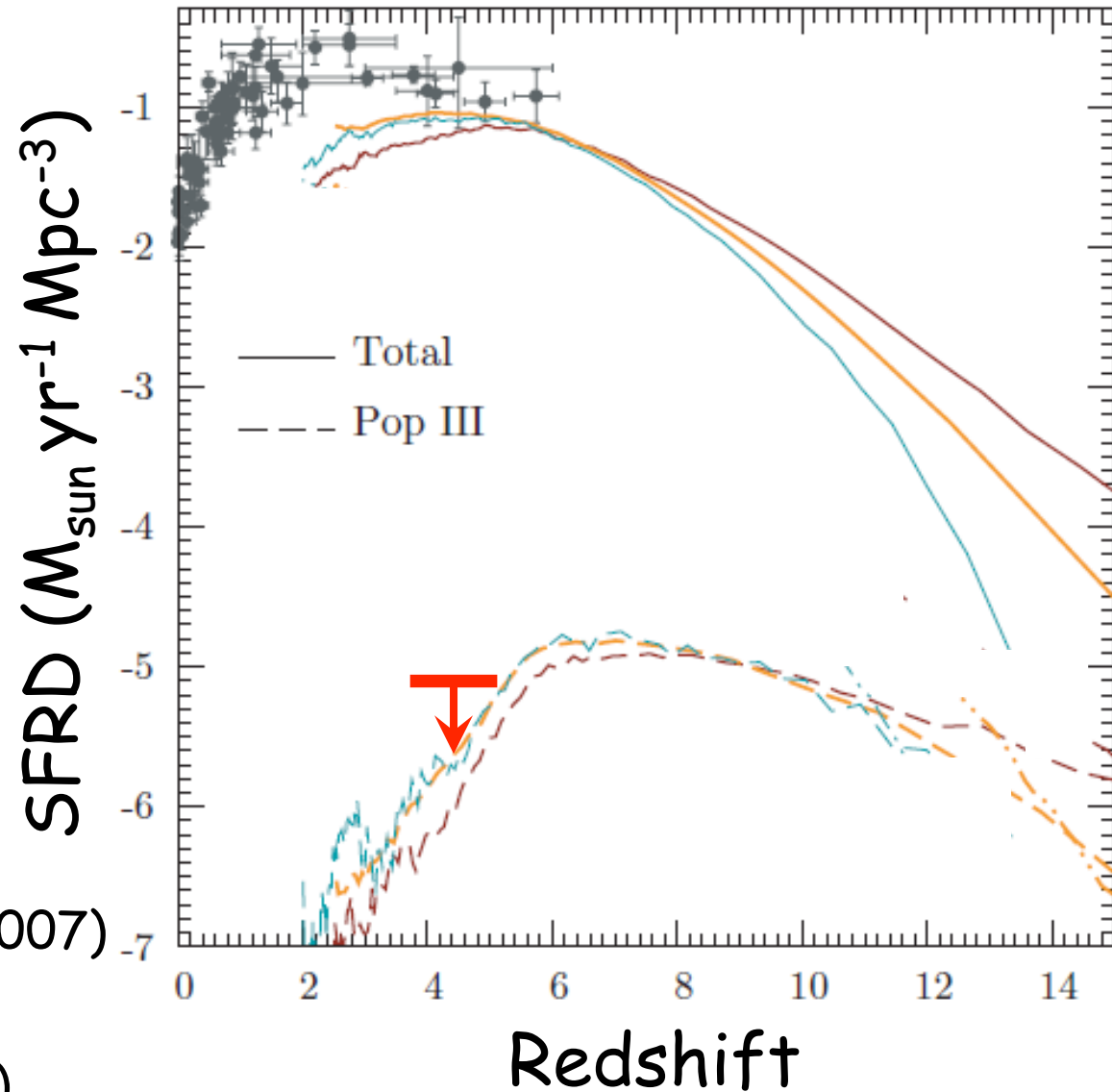
~ no galaxies with  $SFR_{\text{PopIII}} > 2 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$  were found

~ assuming no PopIII formation with low  $SFR_{\text{PopIII}}$

~  $[SFRD_{\text{PopIII}}]_{\text{lim}} = [SFR_{\text{PopIII}}]_{\text{lim}} / V_{\text{survey}}$

$$SFRD_{\text{PopIII}} < 5 \times 10^{-6} M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}/\text{Mpc}^3$$

# SFRD(PopIII): Comparison with a model prediction



SFRD model:  
Tornatore et al. (2007)

Observational limit:  
Nagao et al. (2008)

## Summary

- Some models predict the presence of PopIII even at  $4 < z < 7$   
~ now accessible with large telescopes such as Subaru
- PopIII-hosting galaxies show an extreme Ly $\alpha$  and strong He II  
~ due to the high effective temperature of PopIII stars
- Evolution of the Ly $\alpha$  EW distribution from  $z \sim 6$  to  $z \sim 3$   
~ suggesting the presence of PopIII in galaxies at  $z > 4$ ?
- Our survey for "dual emitters" gave a constraint on  $SFRD_{\text{PopIII}}$   
~ still consistent with predictions, but あともうちよい。
- Future plans with the Subaru/HSC legacy survey  
~ observational tests for PopIII models will be feasible soon!!