

# Extragalactic Background Light: Measurements, Opportunities, And Challenges

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# Outline

- **Introduction to EBL**
- **EBL measurement opportunities and challenges**
- **EBL anisotropies or spatial fluctuation measurements**
  - Near-IR with Spitzer, Hubble, CIBER etc
- **Brief introduction to intensity mapping of spectral lines**
  - Lyman- $\alpha$  has lots of information
  - Plans with SPHEREx, Euclid etc



Heinrich Olbers  
1758-1840

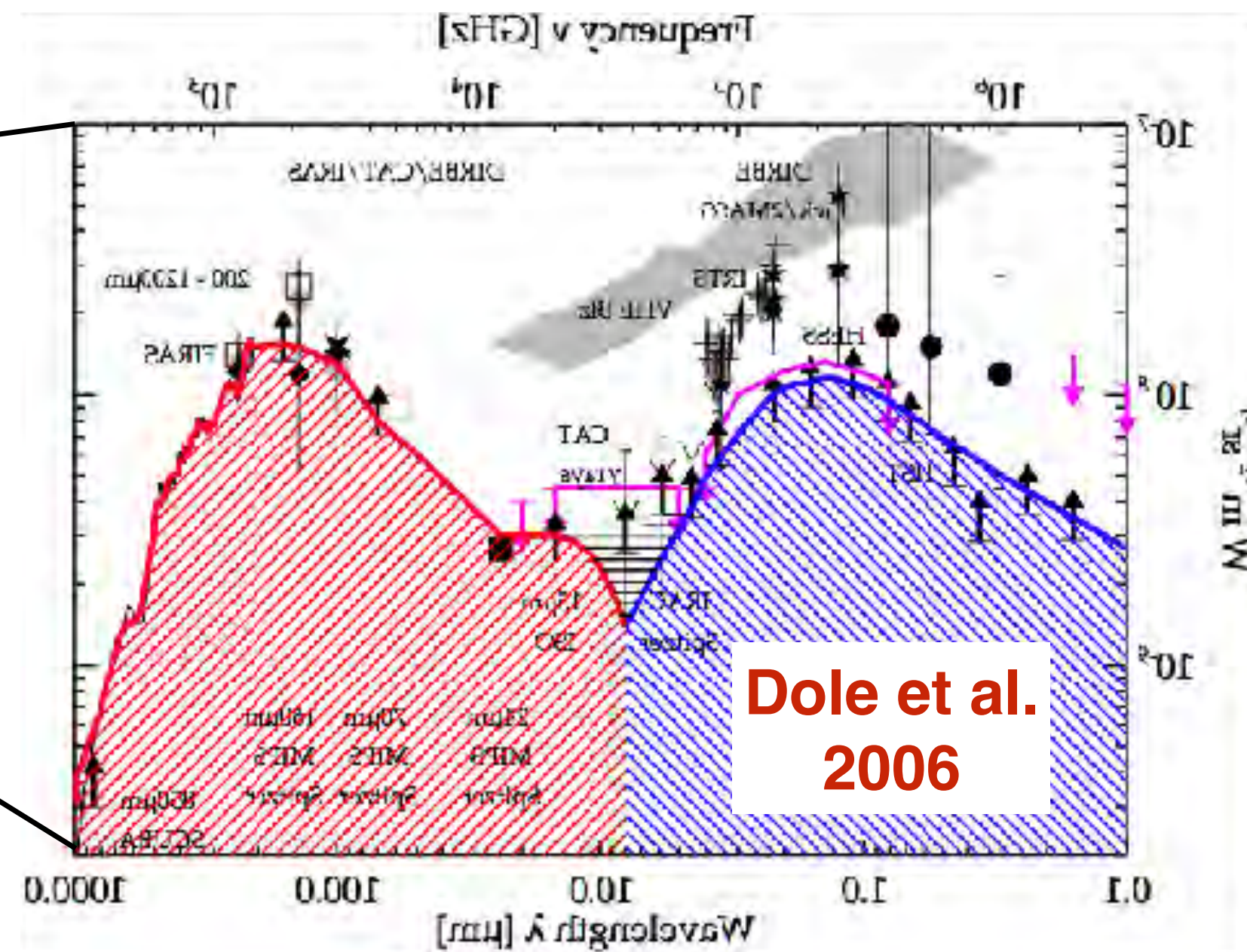
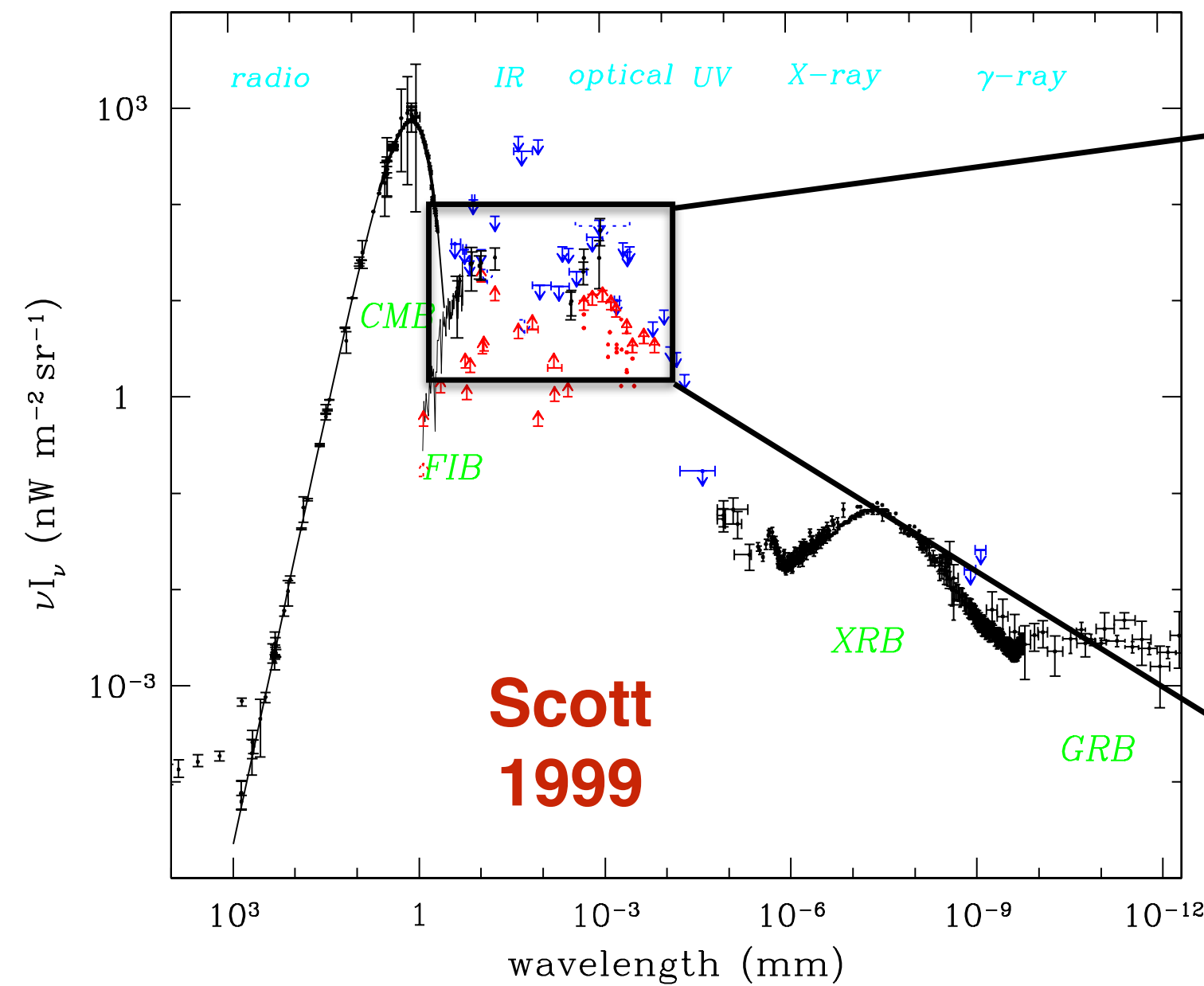
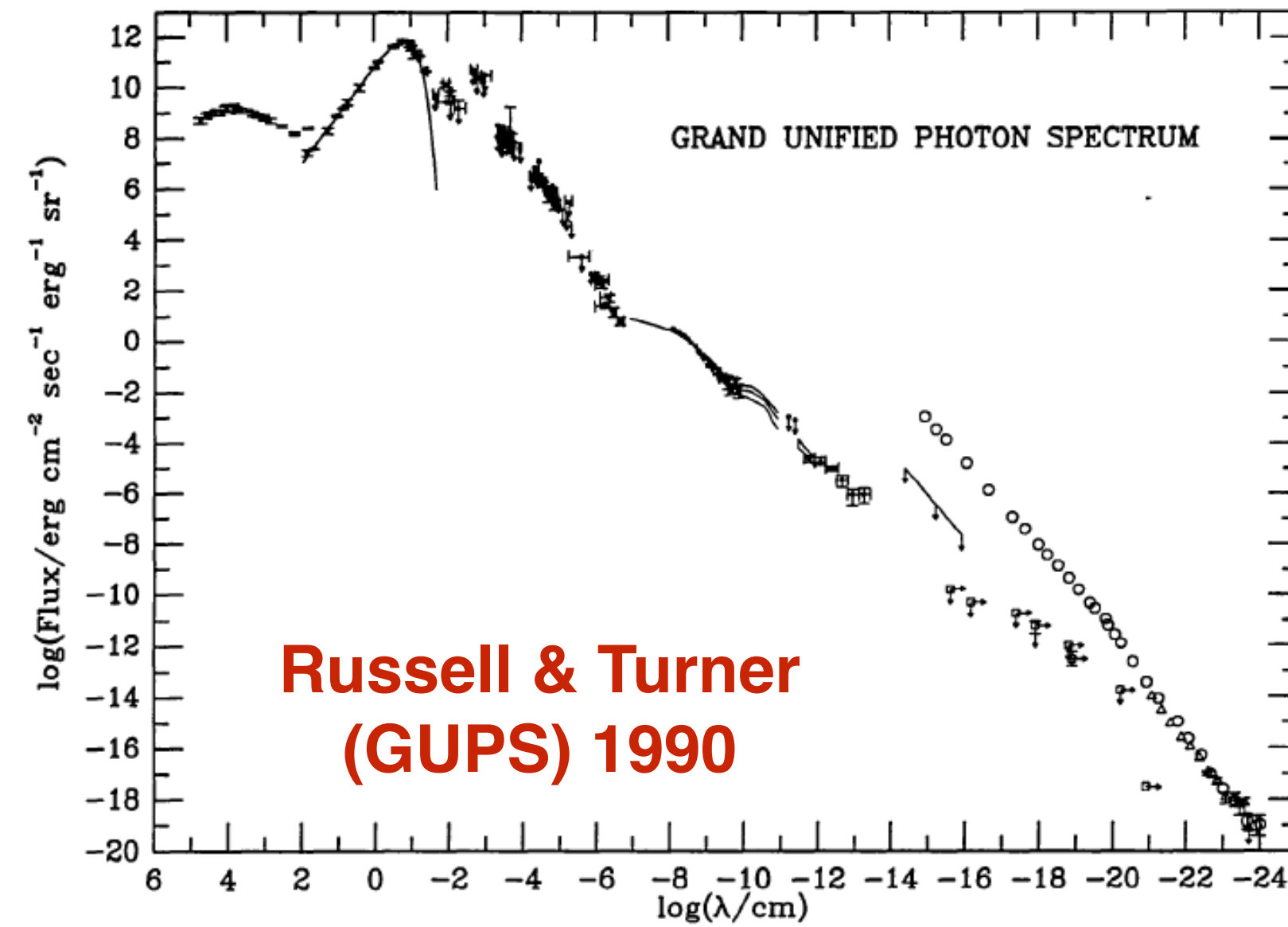
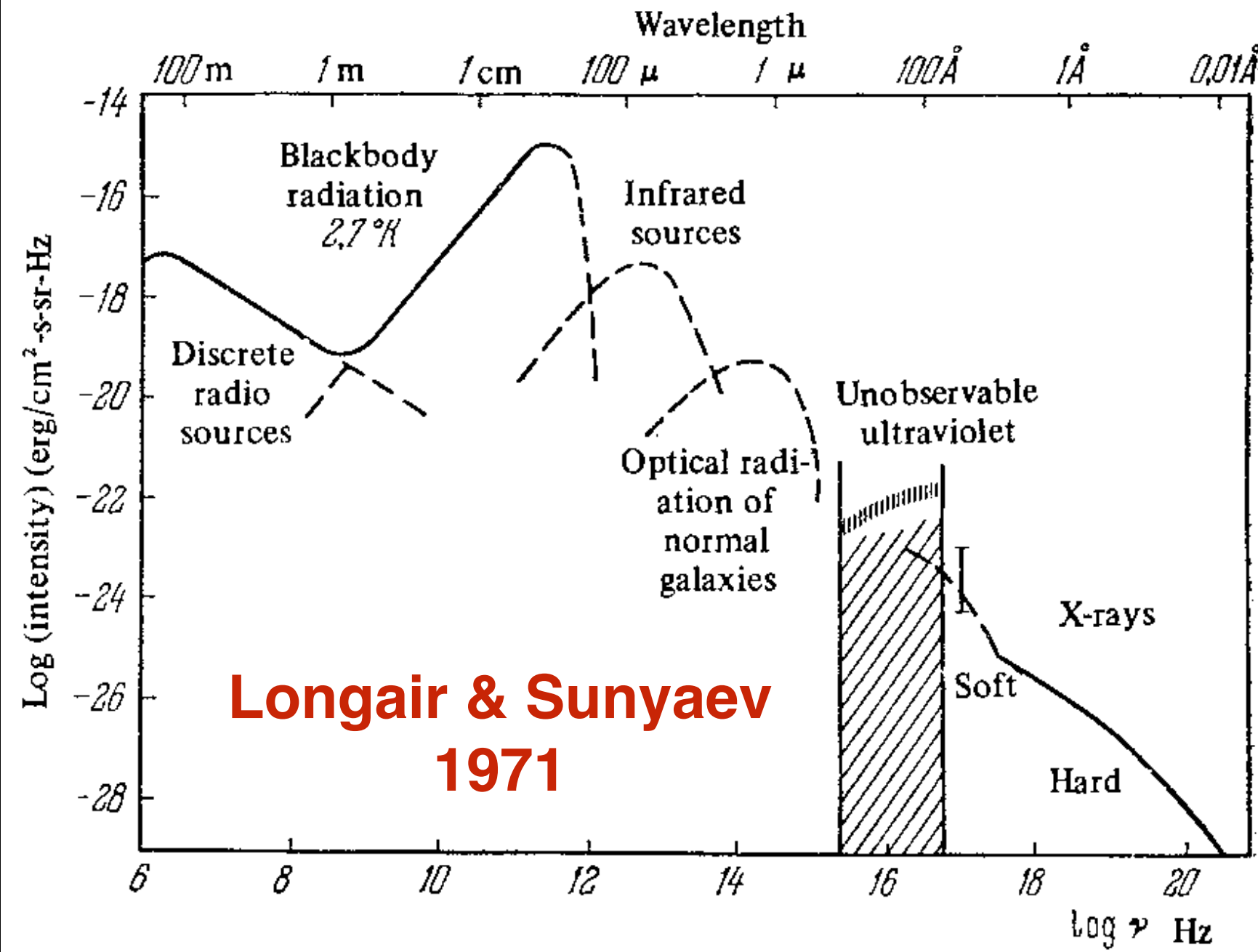
“Why is the night sky dark?”

21st century version:

*What is the spectrum of the background light in the Universe?*

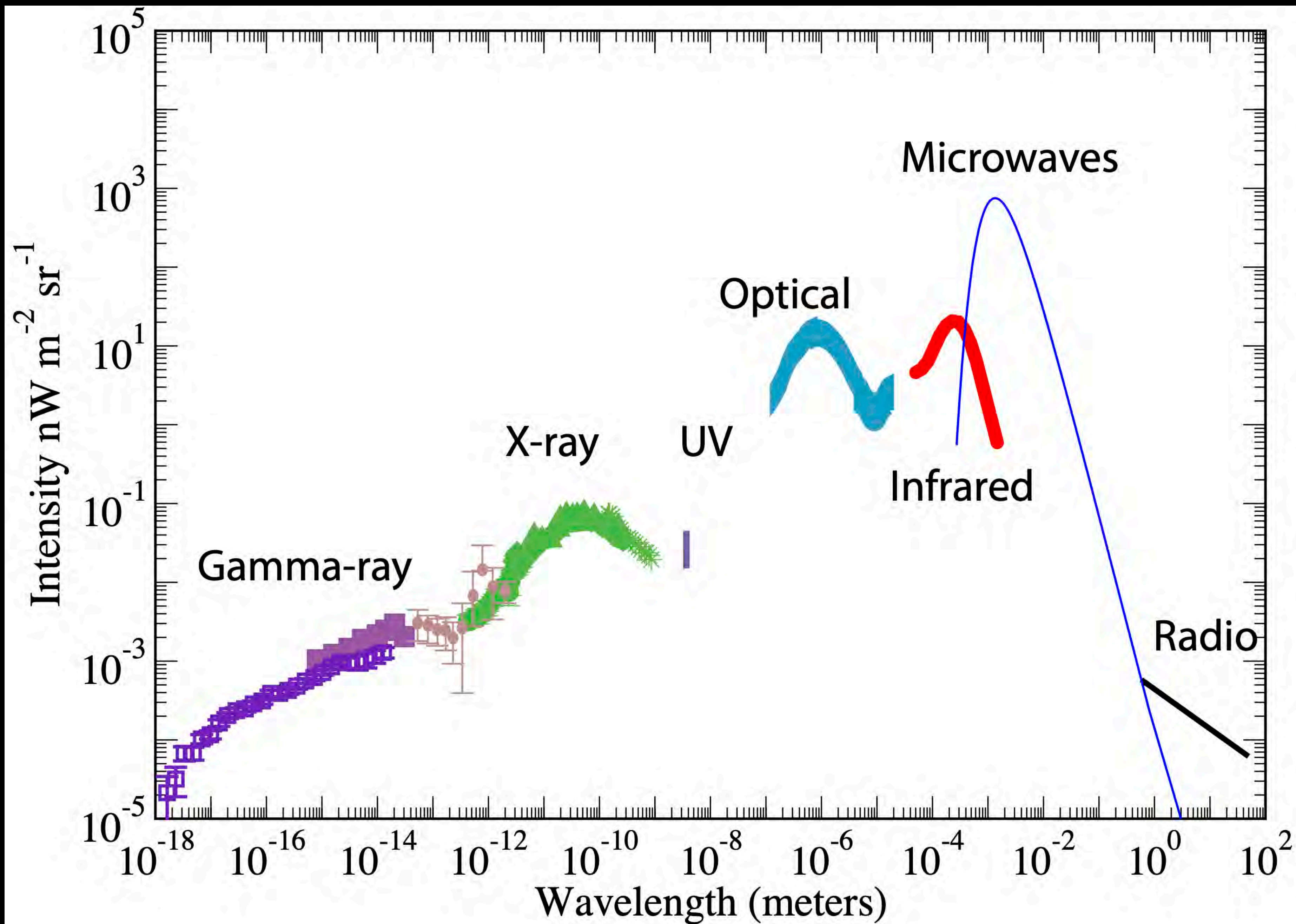


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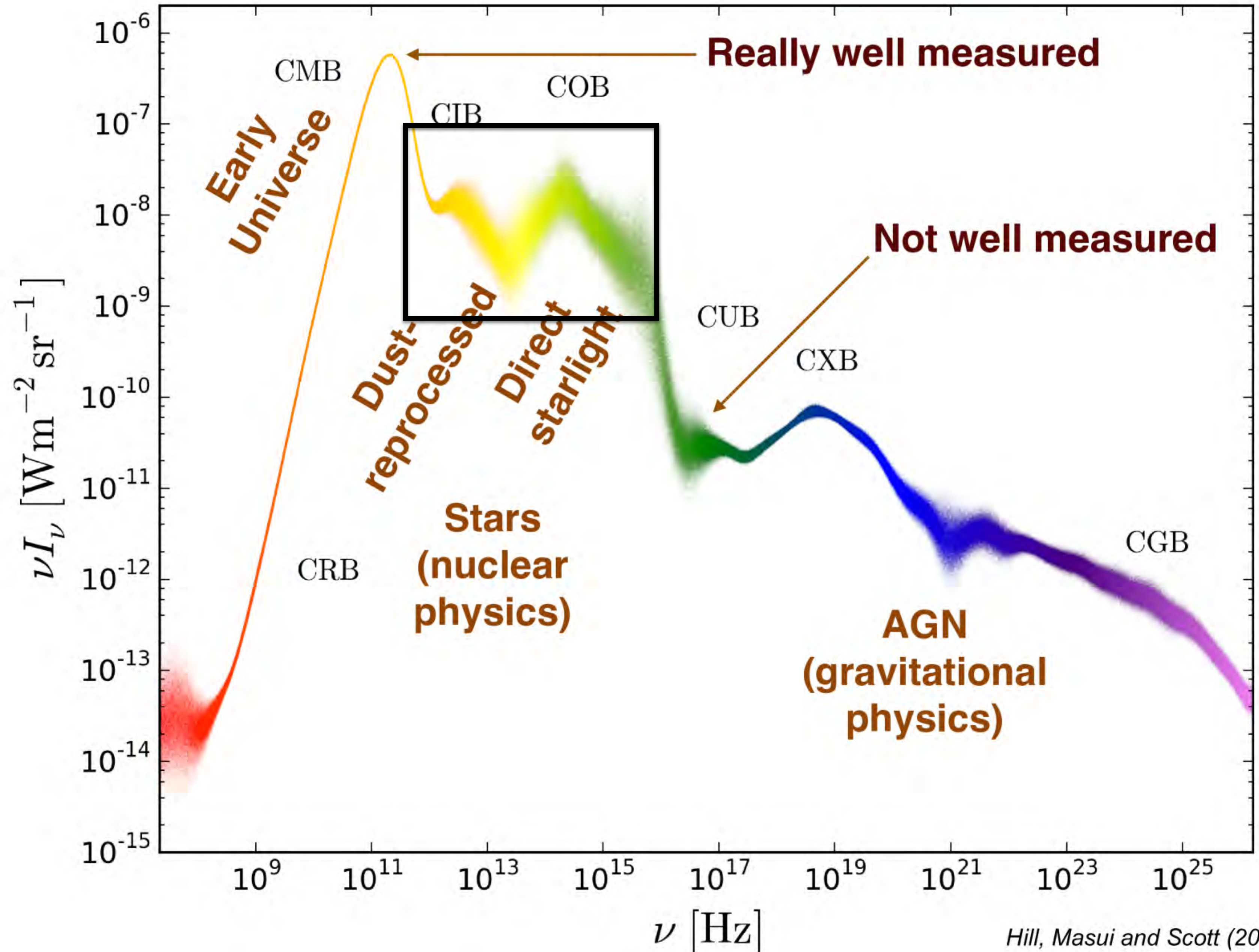


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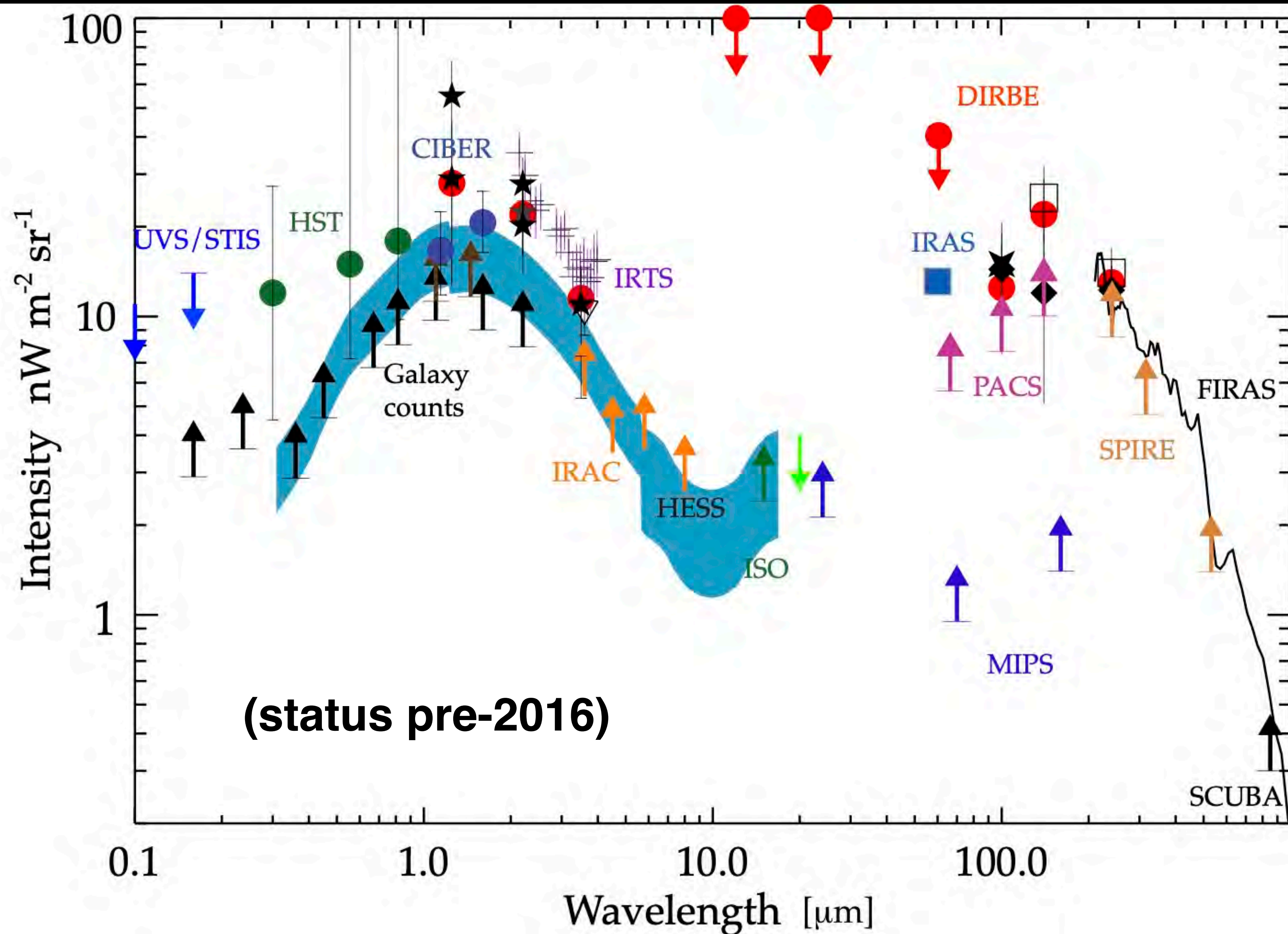


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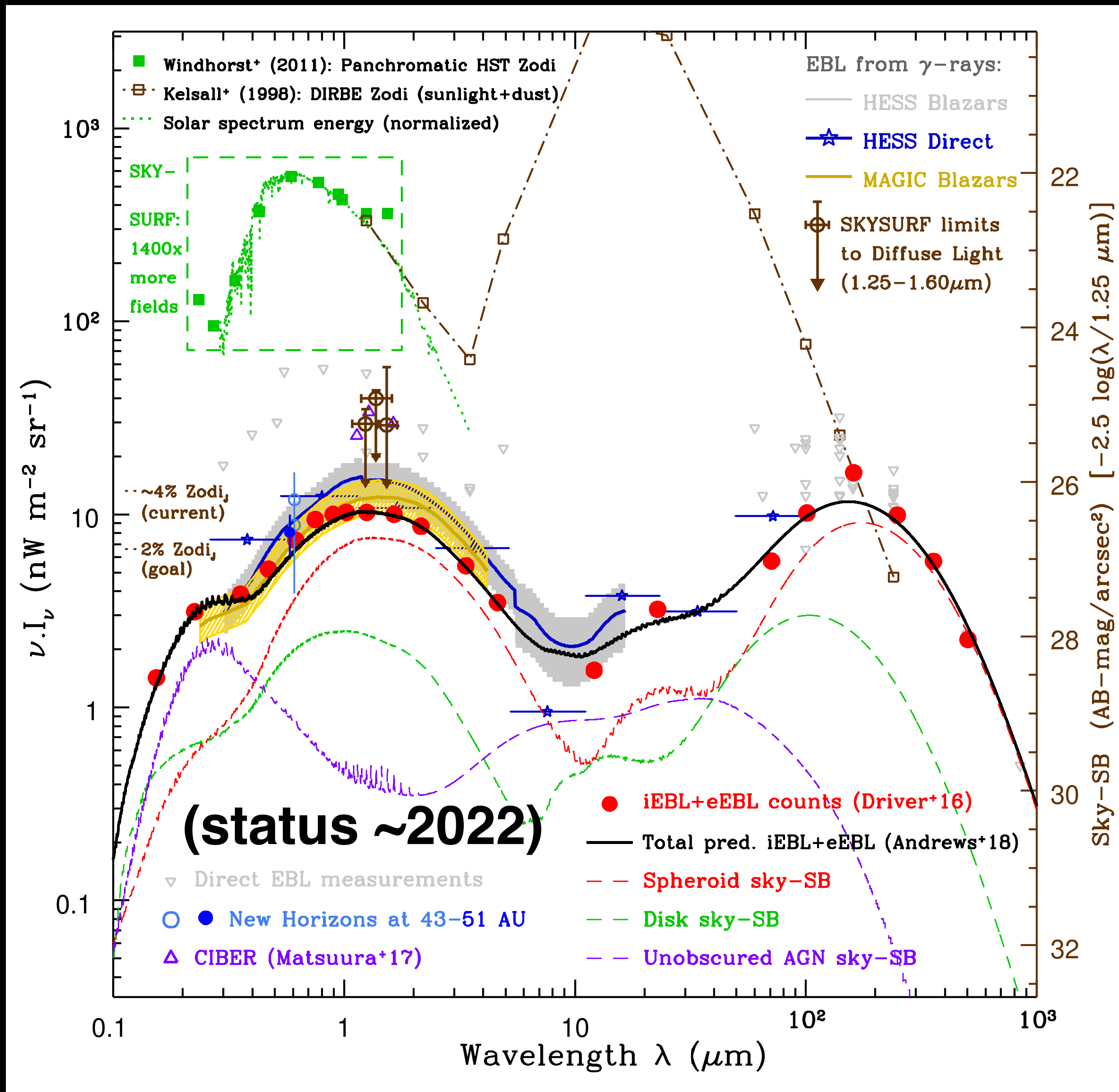


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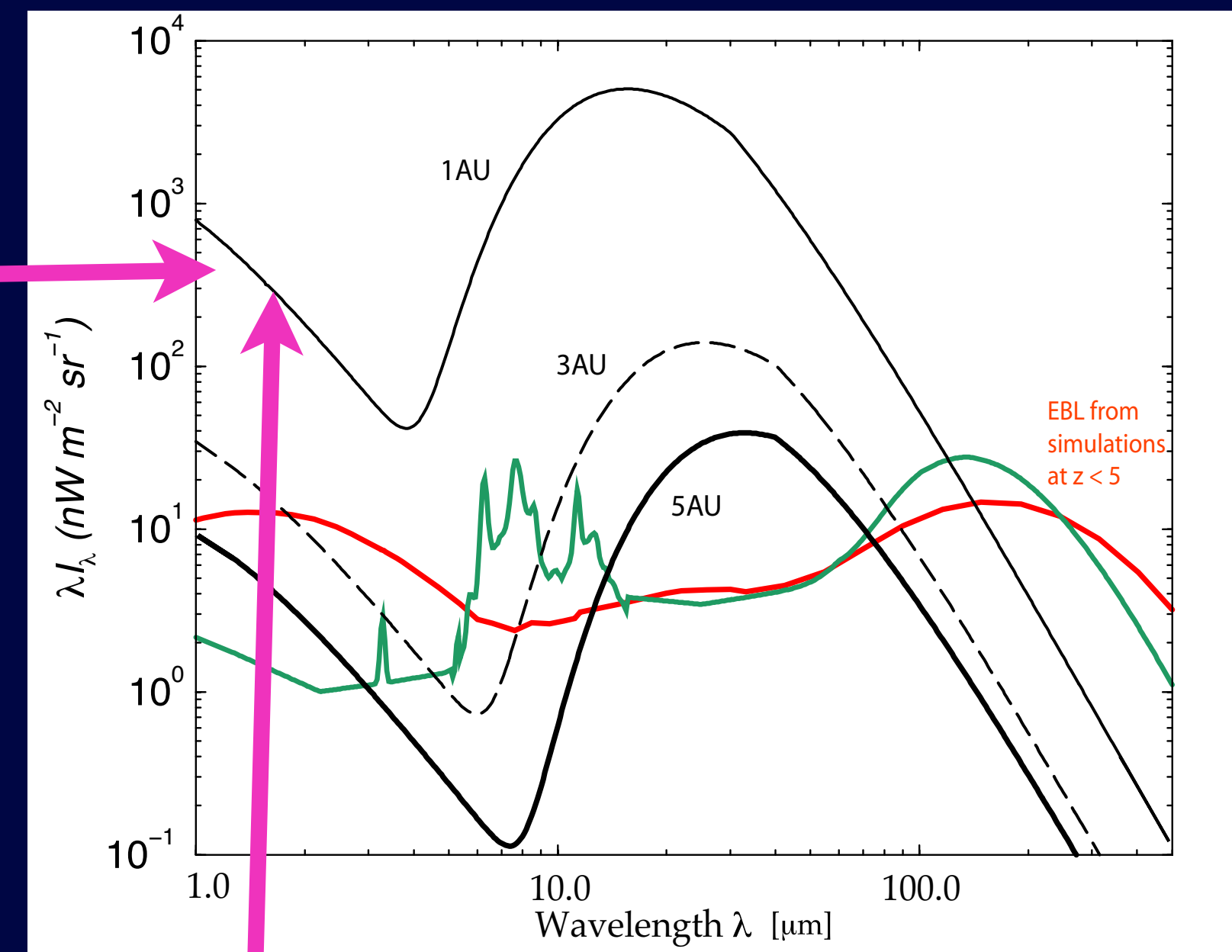
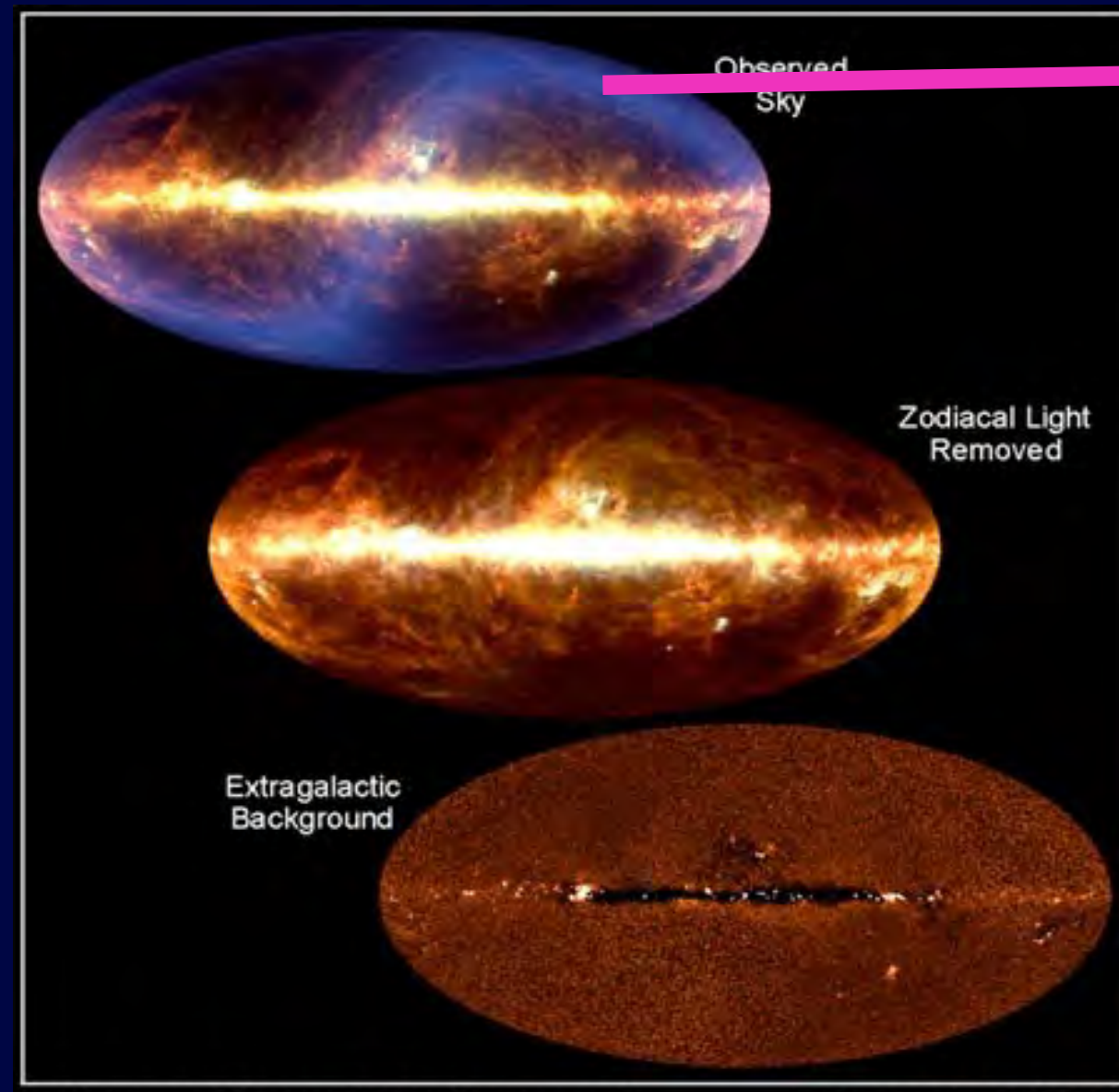


SKYSURF team;  
Windhorst et al. 2022

2022+  
CosmoGlobe effort  
to reanalyze all of DIRBE  
to improve Zodi models  
and EBL/CIB

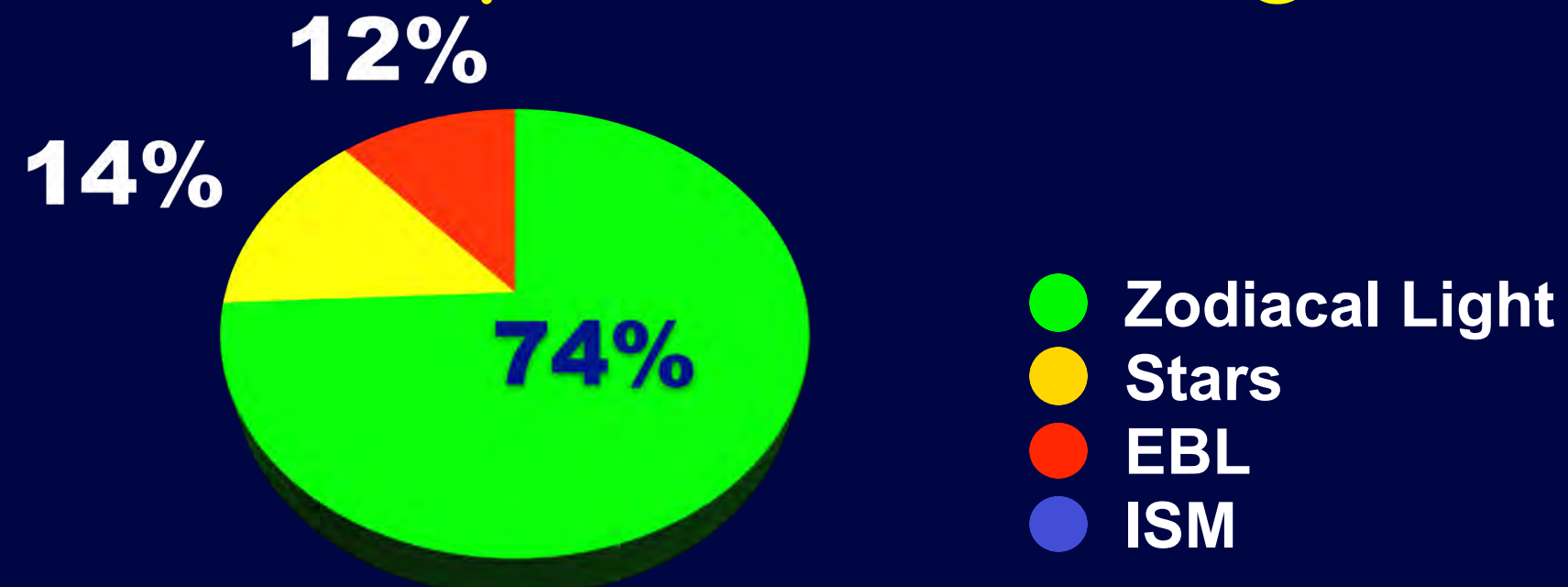
San et al. 2022  
Watts et al. 2024  
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# Why is the UV to IR EBL is hard to measure?

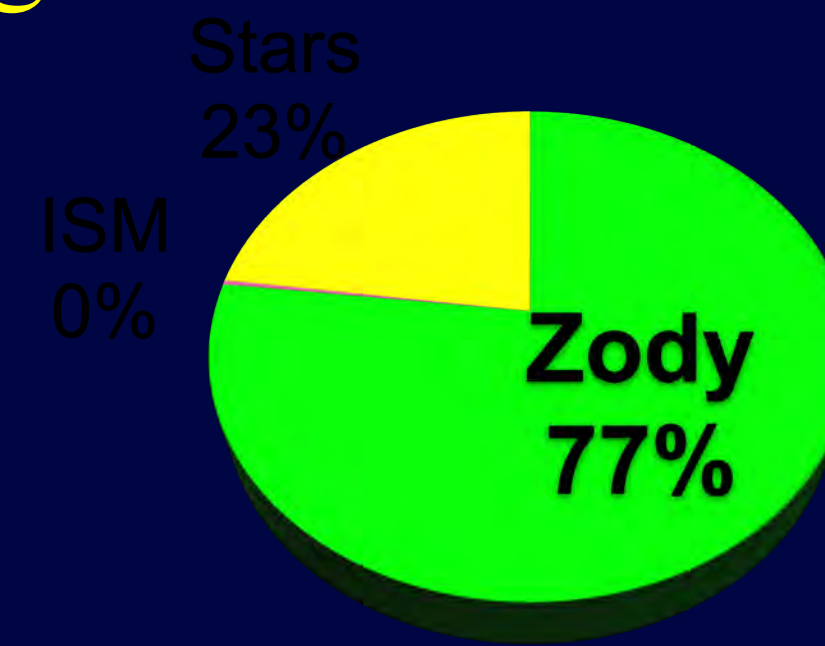


Extragalactic Background Light =  
Total sky brightness – Stars – Zodiacal light – ISM

74% of the sky brightness at  
2.2  $\mu\text{m}$  is zodiacal light



77% of the 2.2  $\mu\text{m}$  EBL error  
budget is from zodiacal light



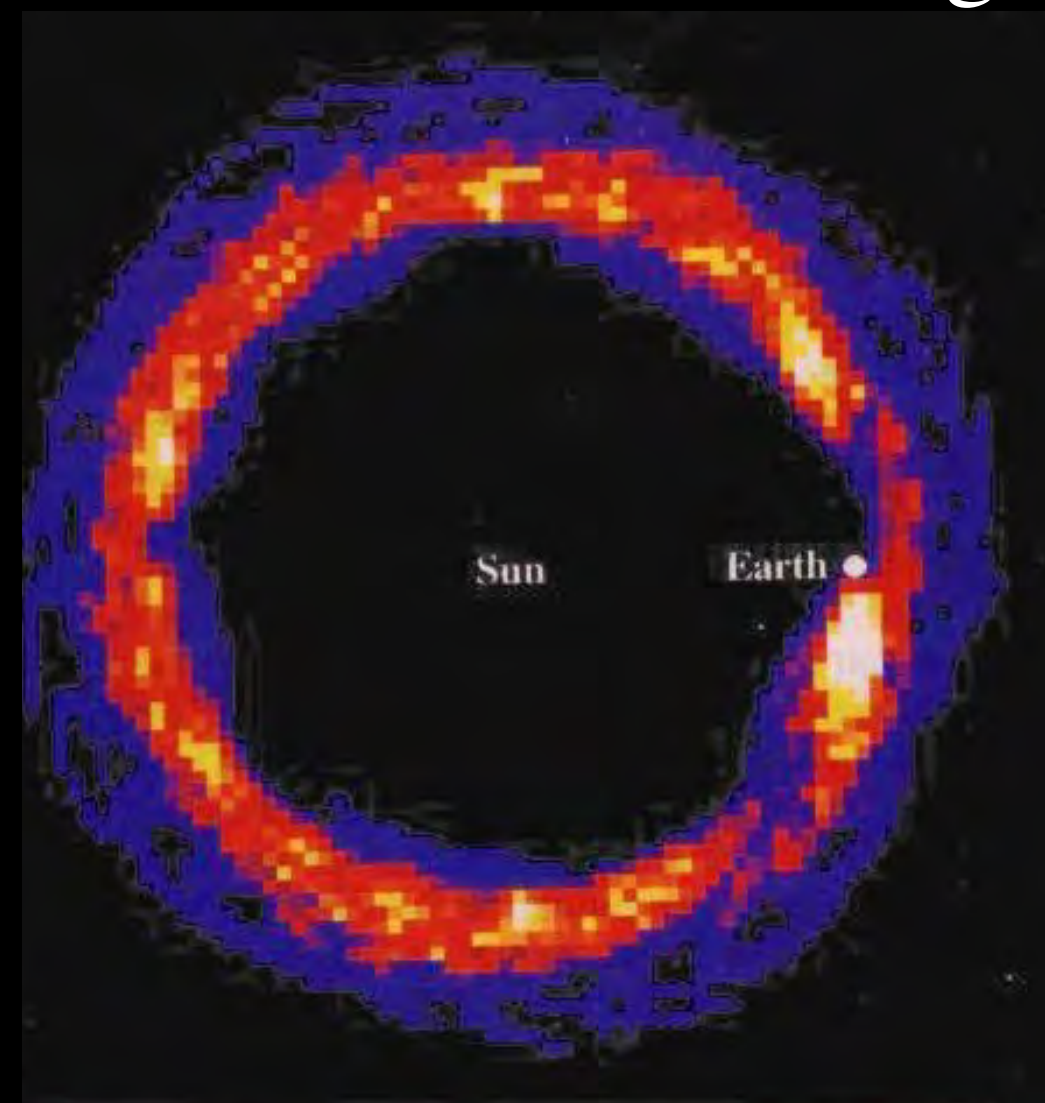
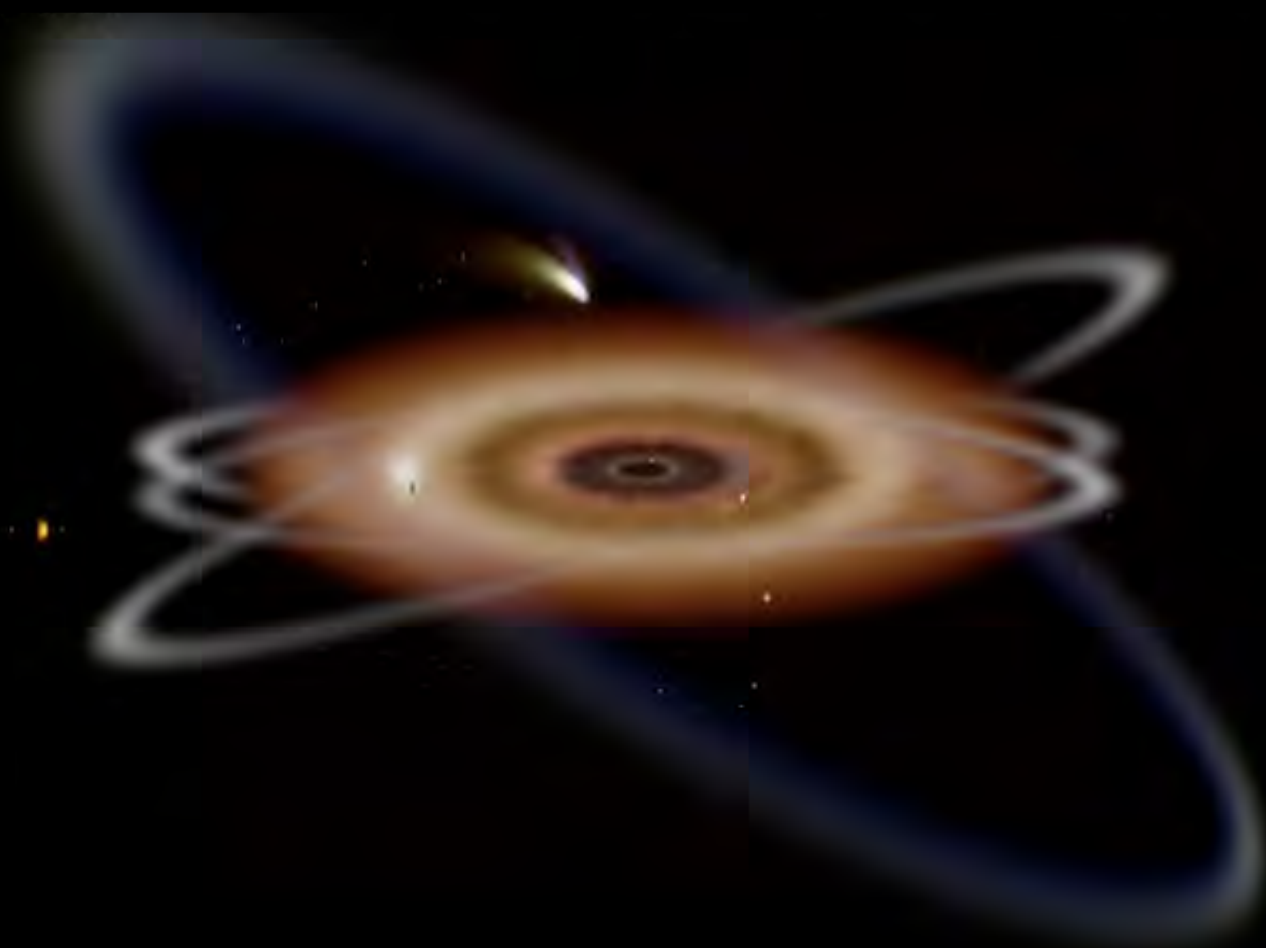


# What do we know about Zodiacal Light?

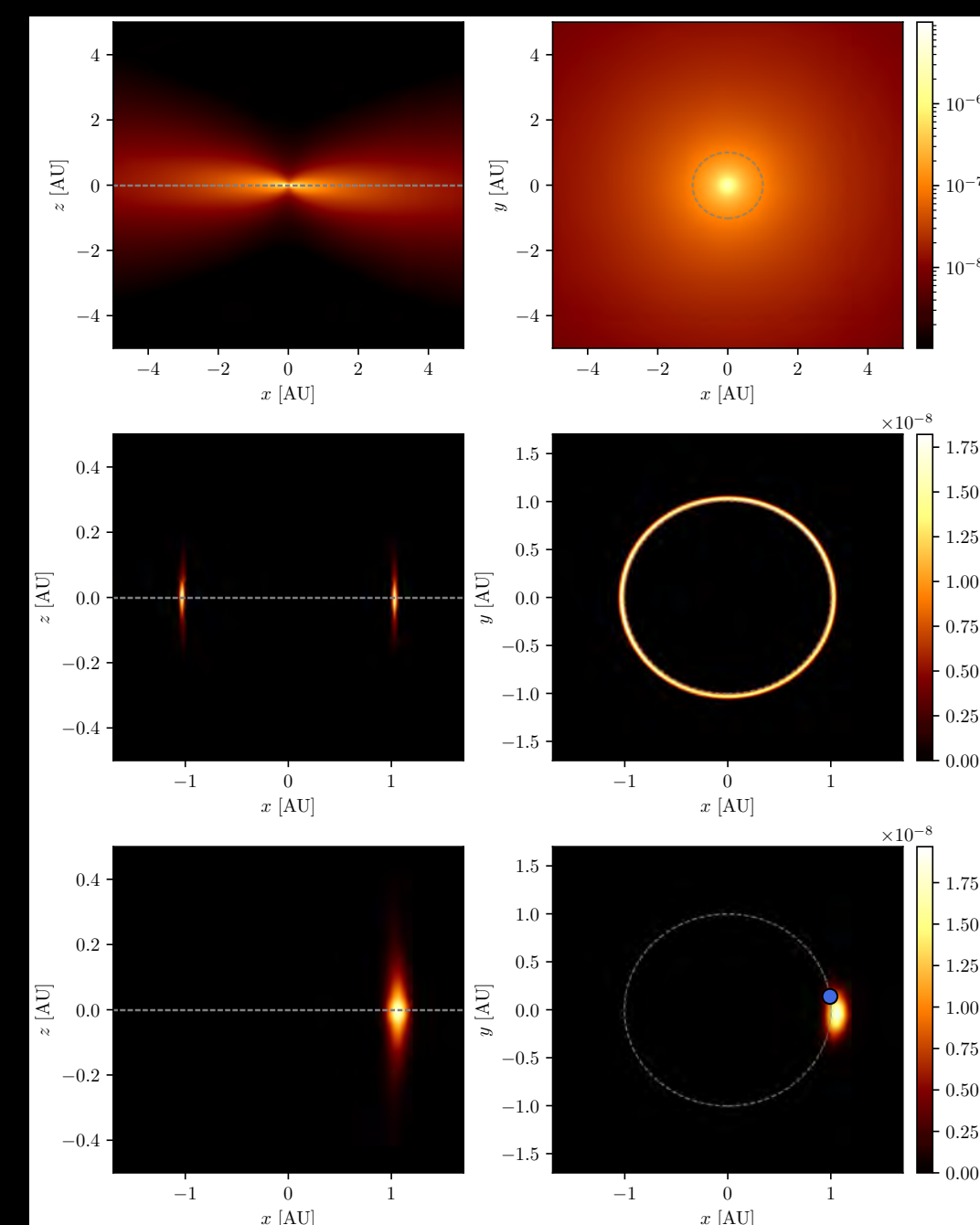
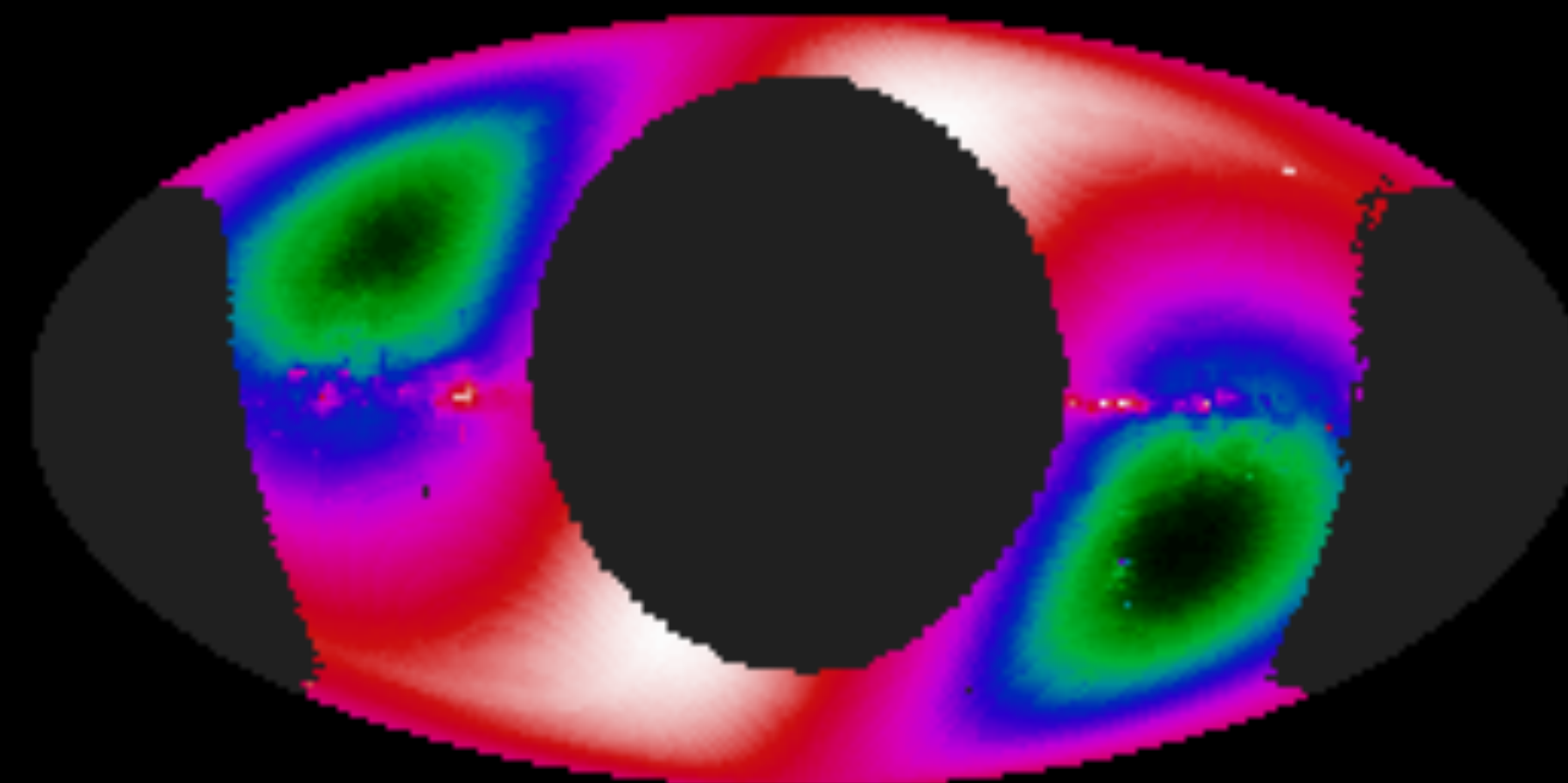
Two models with similar 3D structure (Kelsall et al. 1998; Wright 1998)

- both position- and time-dependent.
- ~90 free parameters!
- Wright (1998) assumes all of DIRBE 25 micron brightness is Zodi with no extragalactic monopole.

1. Diffuse cloud
2. 3 dust bands (in COBE/DIRBE) at +/- 1.4, +/- 10 and +/-15 degrees identified with asteroid families. [IRAS found a total of 5 bands.]
3. Circumsolar ring in resonance with Earth and a trailing clump.



DIRBE Annual Modulation 25um



Diffuse cloud

Circumsolar ring

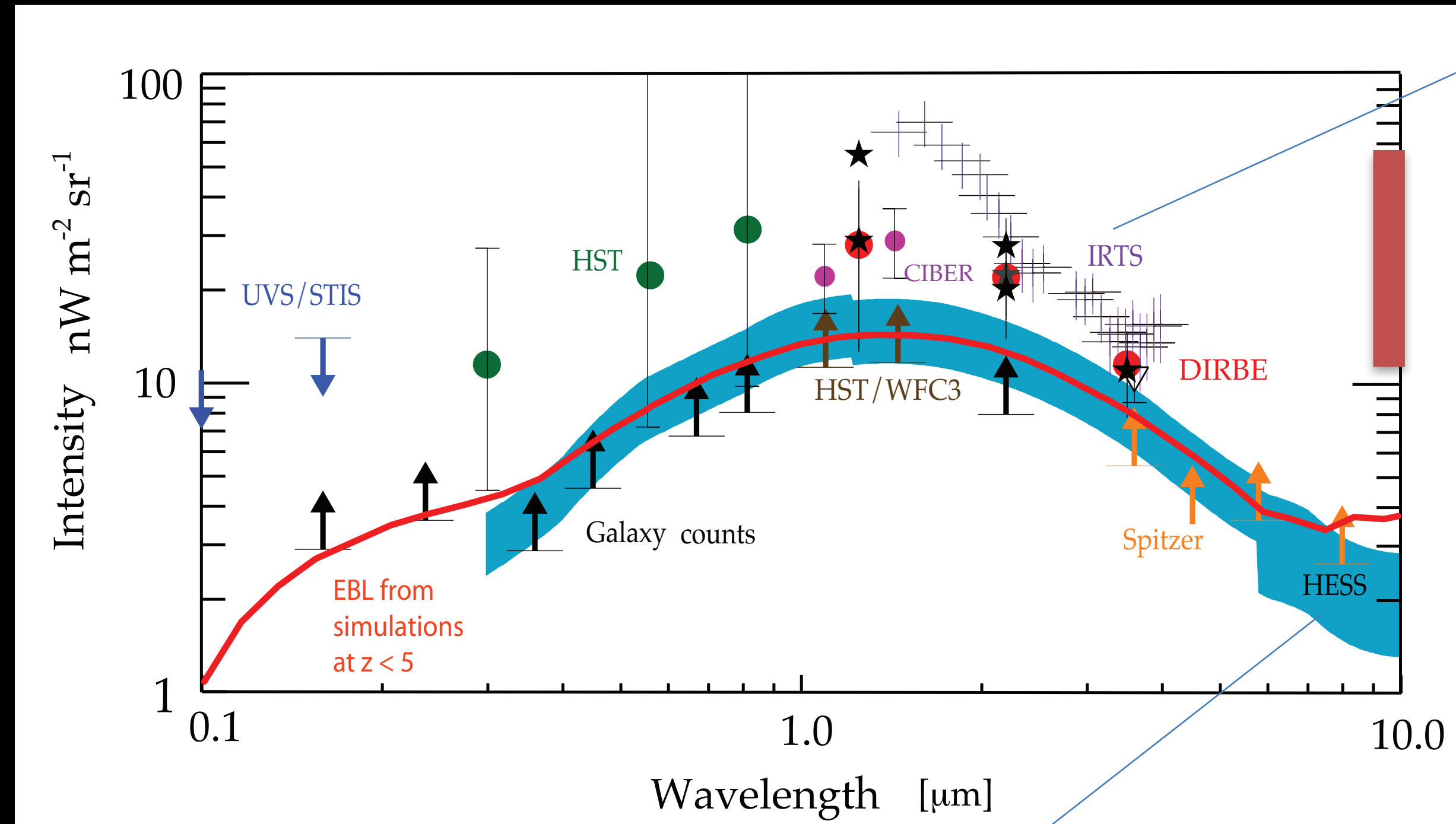
Earth trailing blob.



# From Measurements to EBL

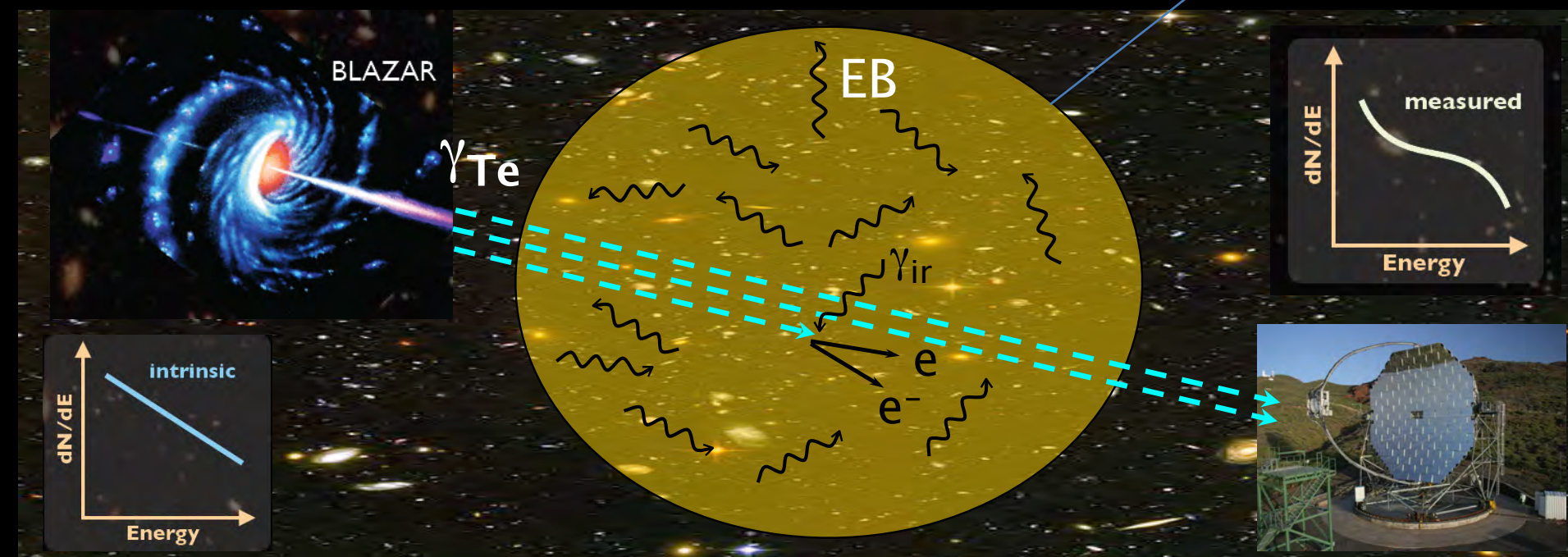
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Difference in absolute  
photometry  
measurements is  
predominantly  
foreground model



Component	3.5 $\mu\text{m}$ ( $\text{kJy sr}^{-1}$ )
Total .....	$105.3 \pm 0.3$
Zodi .....	$80.4 \pm 3.3$
ISM .....	$1.1 \pm 0.2$
Stars, $m < 9$ mag.....	$5.3 \pm 1.8$
Stars, $m > 9$ mag.....	$5.7 \pm 0.3$
CIRB .....	$12.8 \pm 3.8$

Hard to quantify a systematic error  
to the ZL model



## TeV absorption

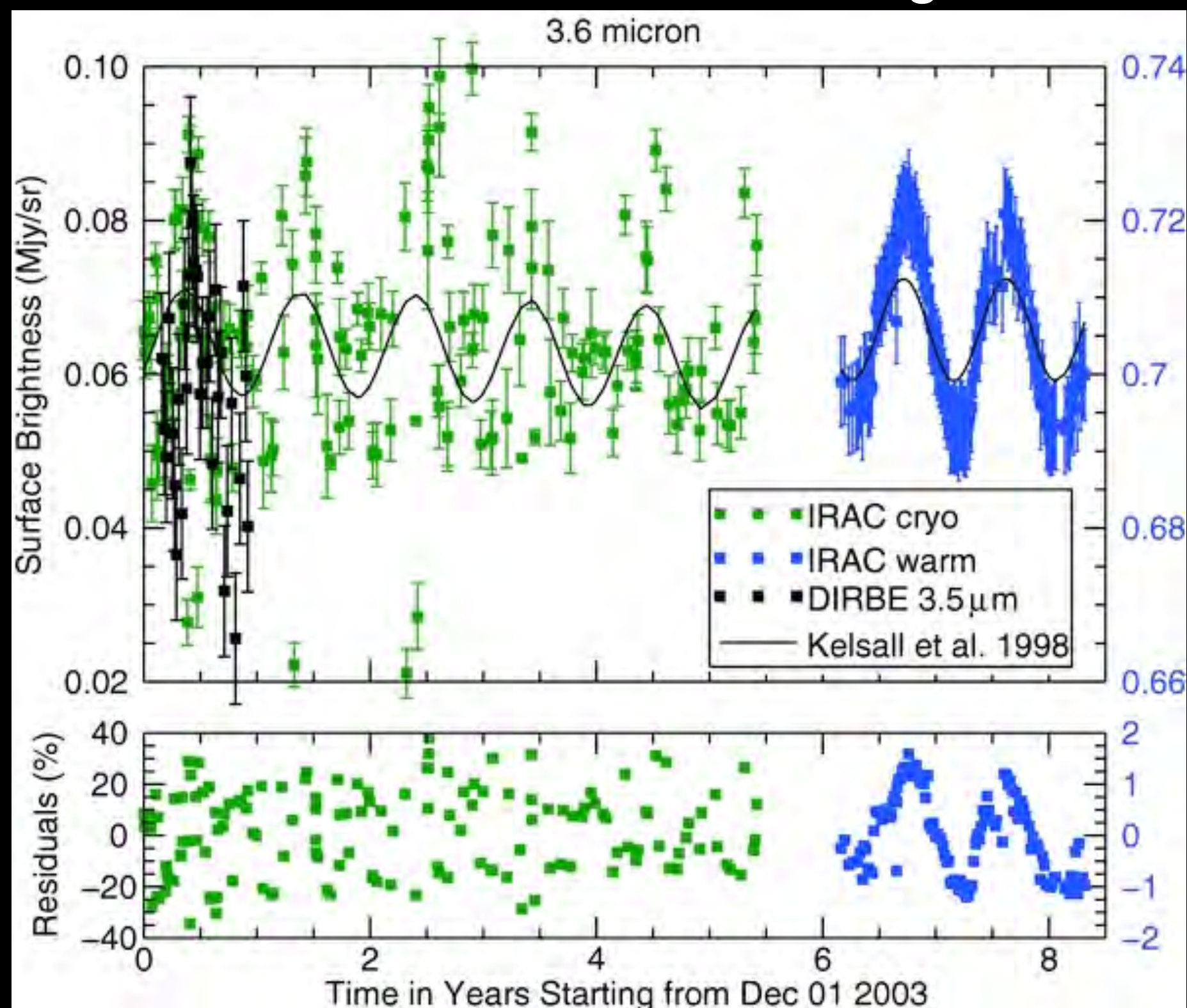
From TeV data 1.4  $\mu\text{m}$  EBL  
known to  
 $\pm 15\%$  statistical



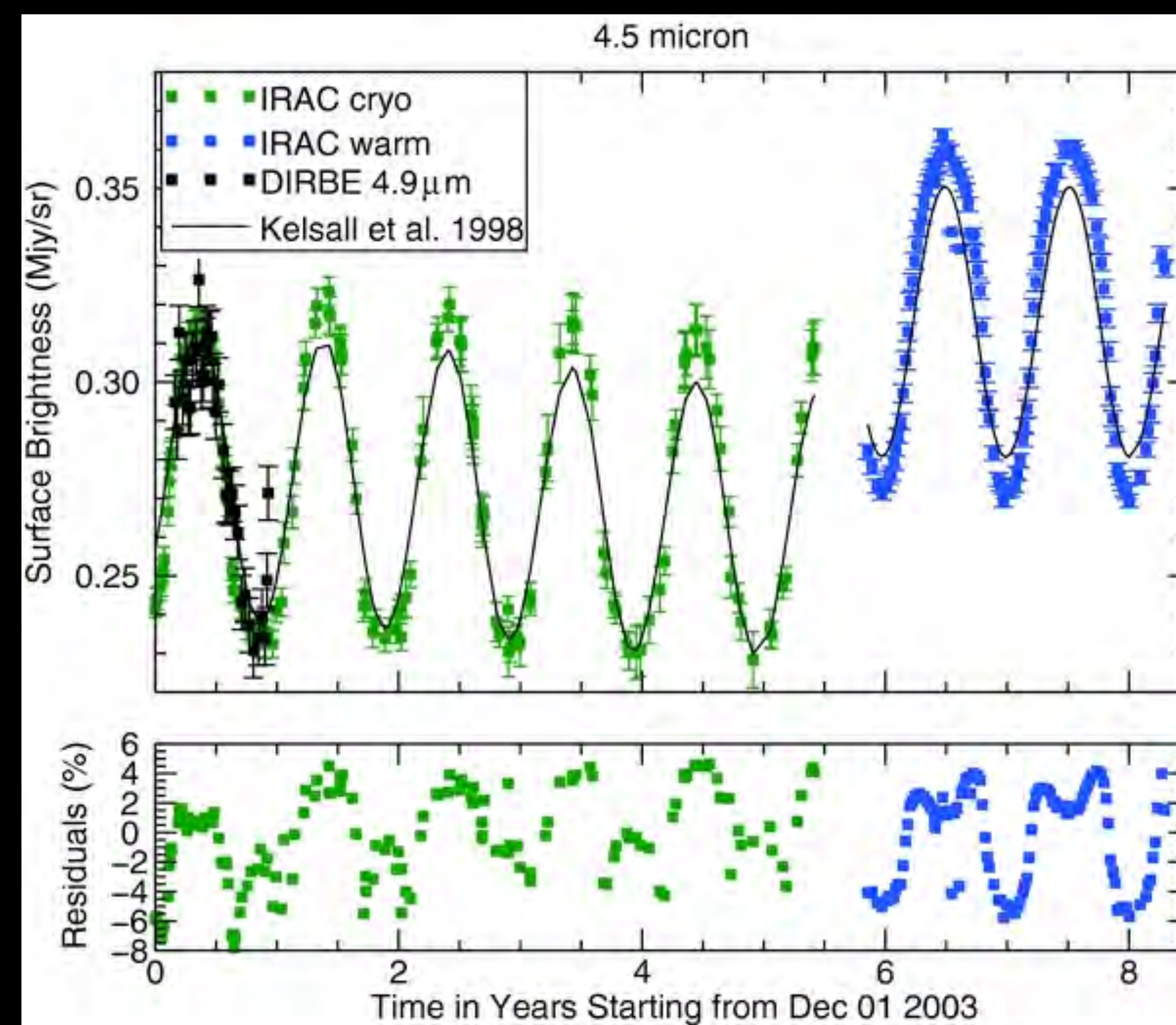
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3.6 micron: dust scattered light

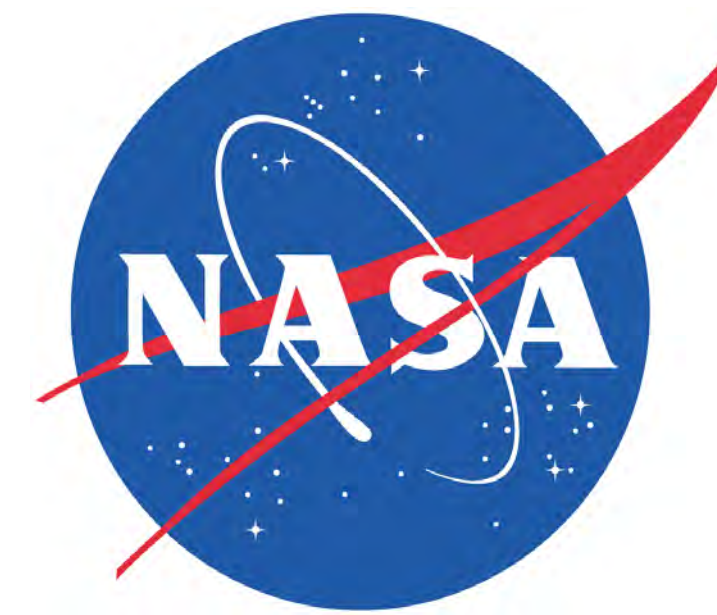
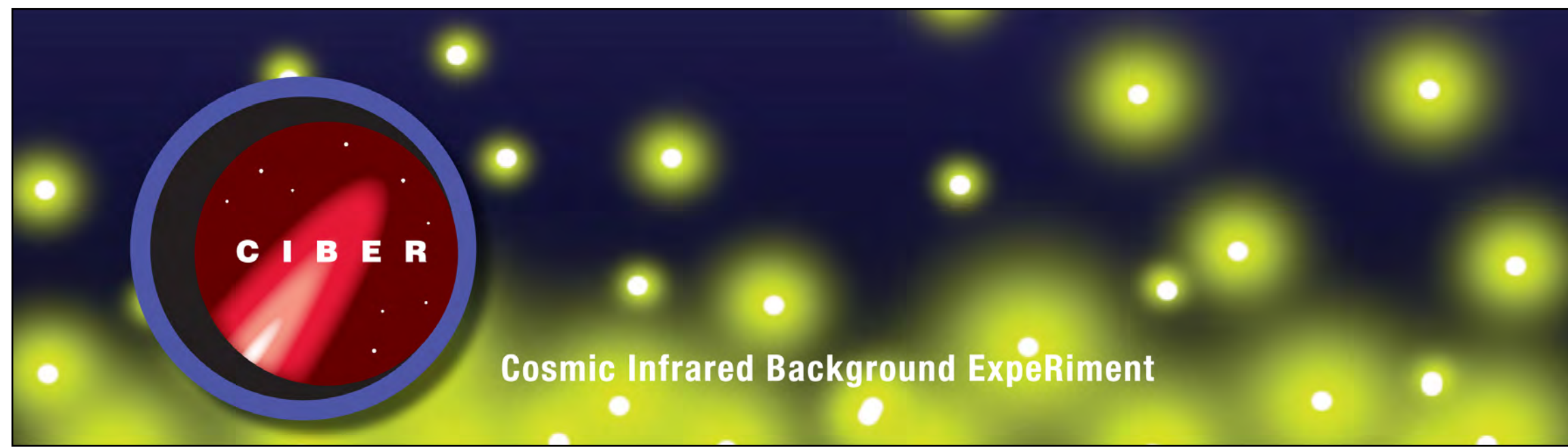


4.5 micron: direct dust emission



Existence of large differences relative to model already clear from Krick+ 2012, especially for scattered component.





# The CIBER Collaboration

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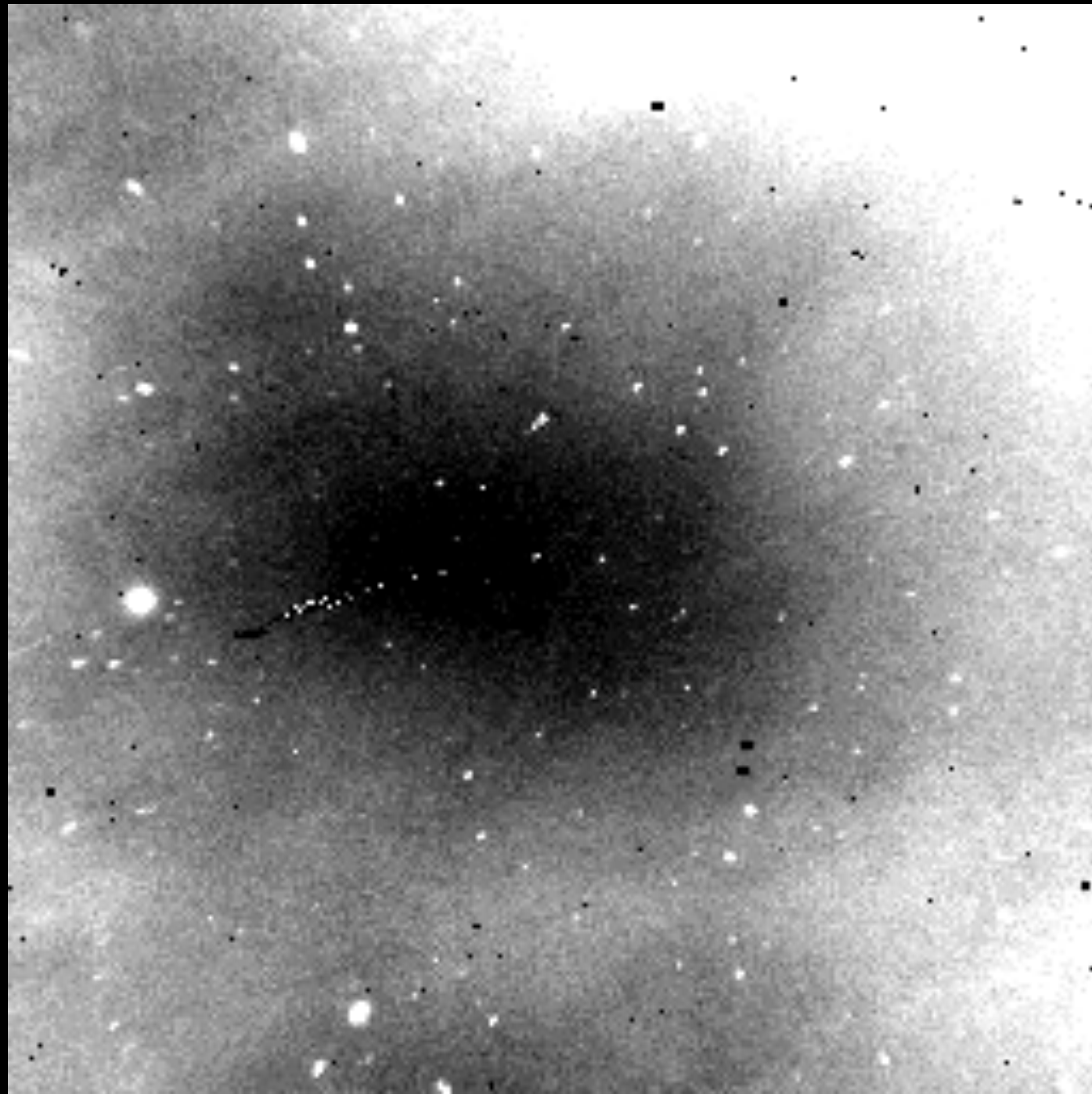
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# THE CASE FOR SPACE



**H-BAND 9° X 9° IMAGE OVER 45 MINUTES FROM KITT PEAK**  
WIDE-FIELD AIRGLOW EXPERIMENT: [HTTP://PEGASUS.PHAST.UMASS.EDU/2MASS/TEAMINFO/AIRGLOW.HTML](http://pegasus.phast.umass.edu/2mass/teaminfo/airglow.html)

## Airglow Emission

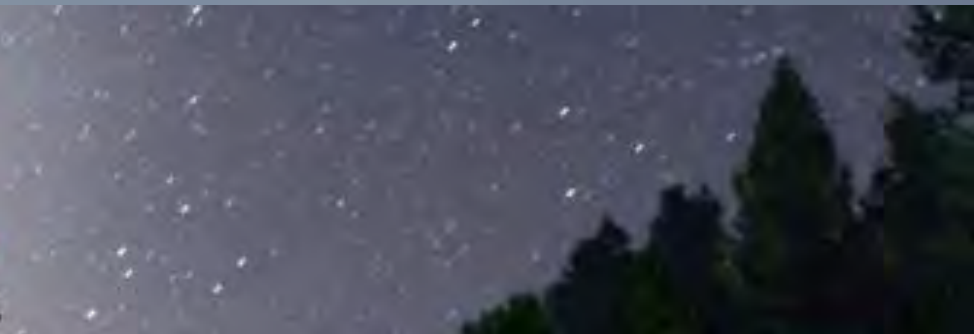
- Atmosphere is **500 – 2500** times brighter than the astrophysical sky at 1-2  $\mu\text{m}$
- Airglow fluctuations in a **1-degree** patch are  **$10^6$**  times brighter than CIBER's sensitivity in 50 s
- Brightest airglow layer at an altitude of **100 km**... can't even use a balloon



# CIBER-1: before third flight



**CIBER**  
Cosmic Infrared Background Experiment





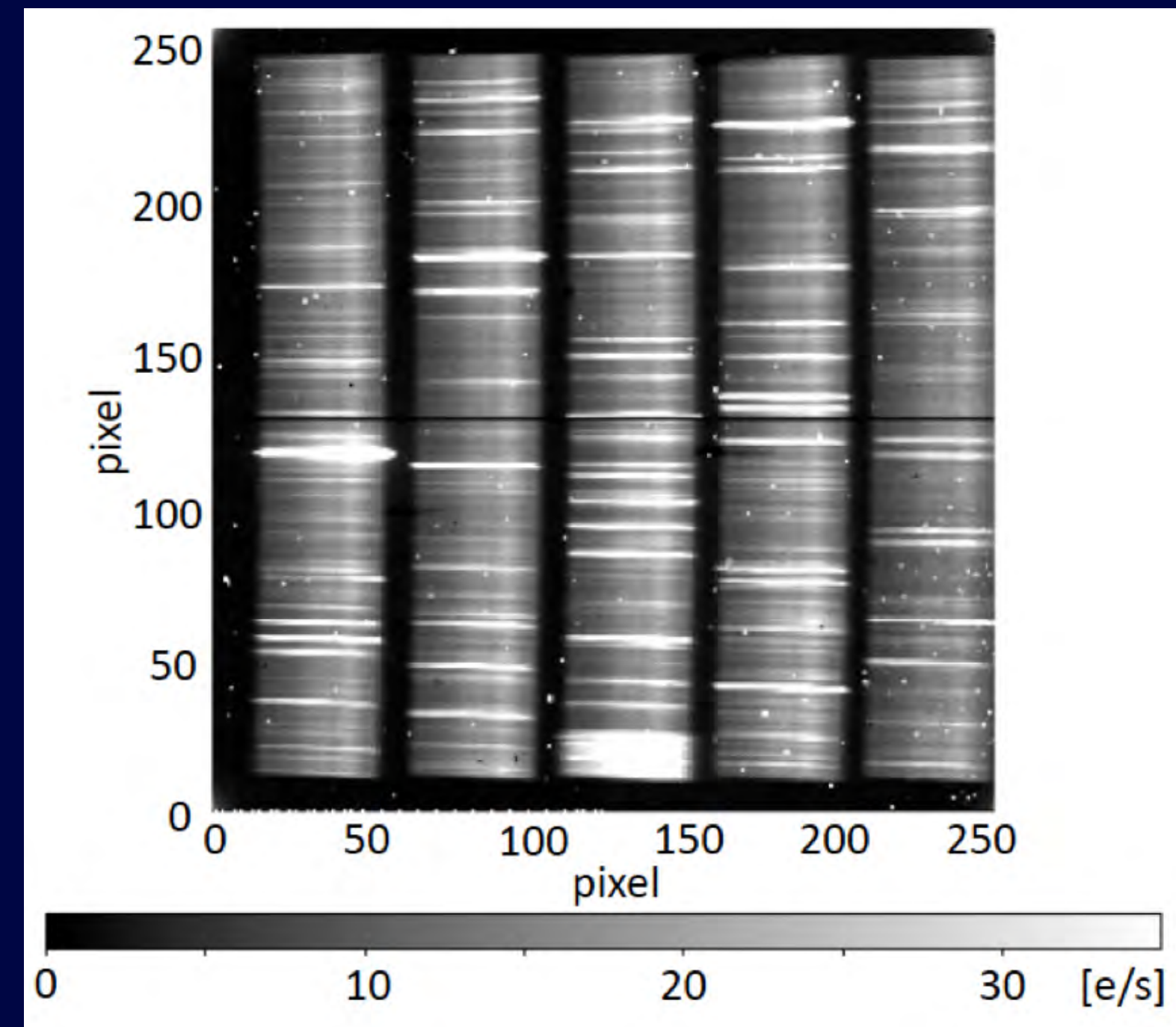
# EBL measurement with CIBER/Low Resolution Spectrometer

## Low-Resolution Spectrometer

$$\lambda = 0.8 - 2.0 \mu\text{m} \quad \lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 20$$

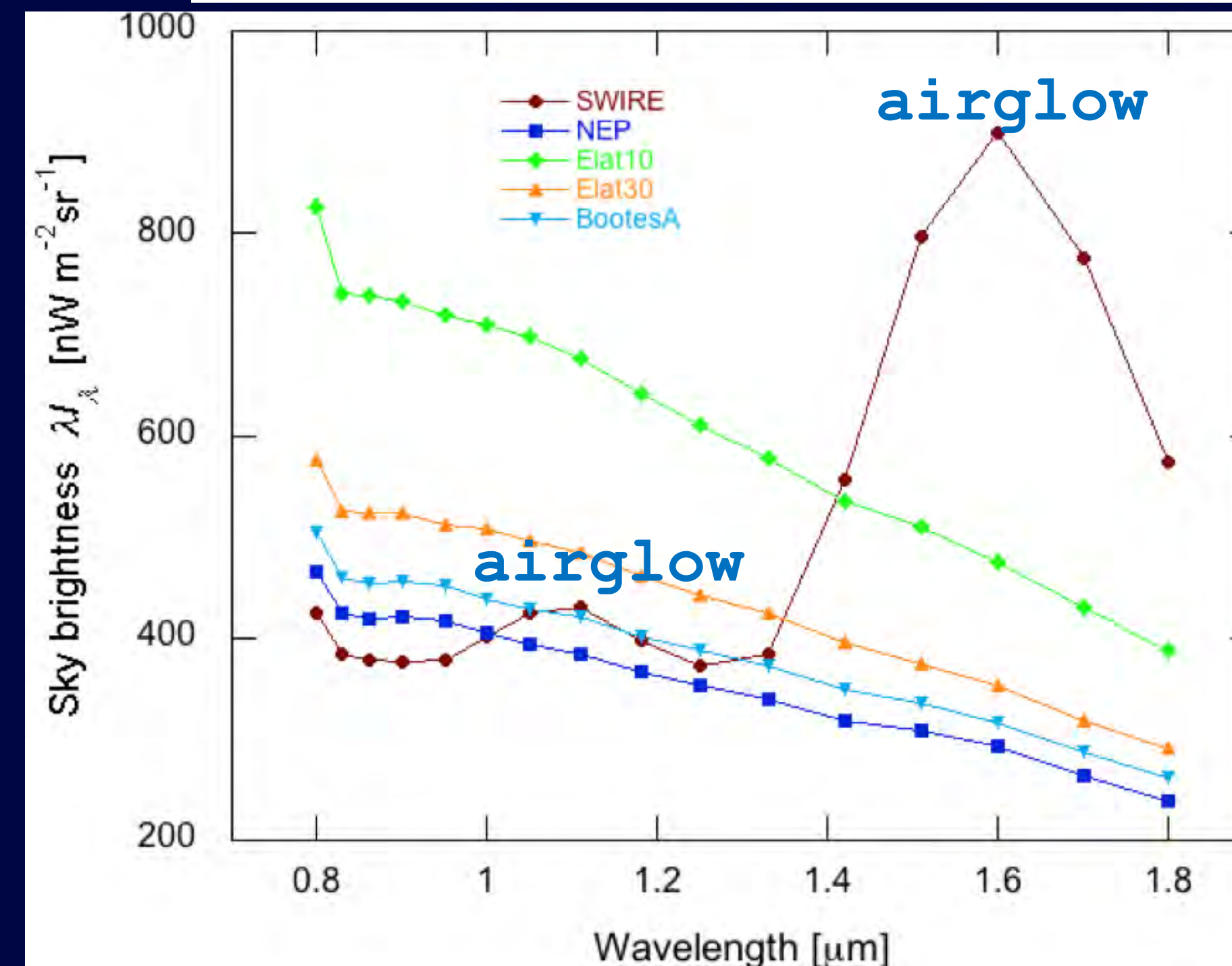
4° x 4° FOV      60" pixels

- Dispersed with a prism
- Laboratory calibrated
- Uses NIST-calibrated LEDs on the focal plane (that are turned on between sky observations)



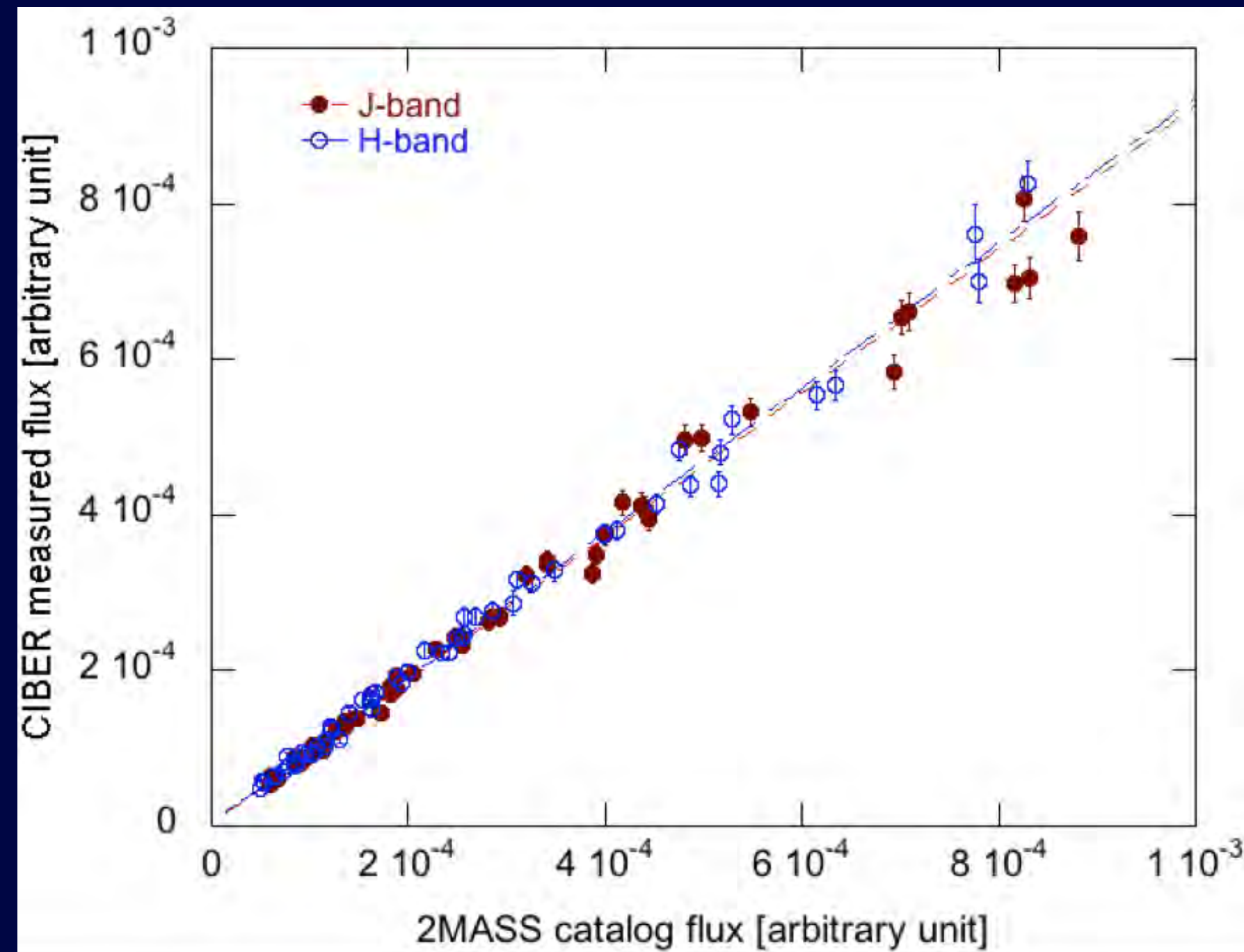
Measured intensities are a x10-20 larger than the expected EBL

Thermal emission from rocket skin, scattered via optics, dominates above 1.8 microns.

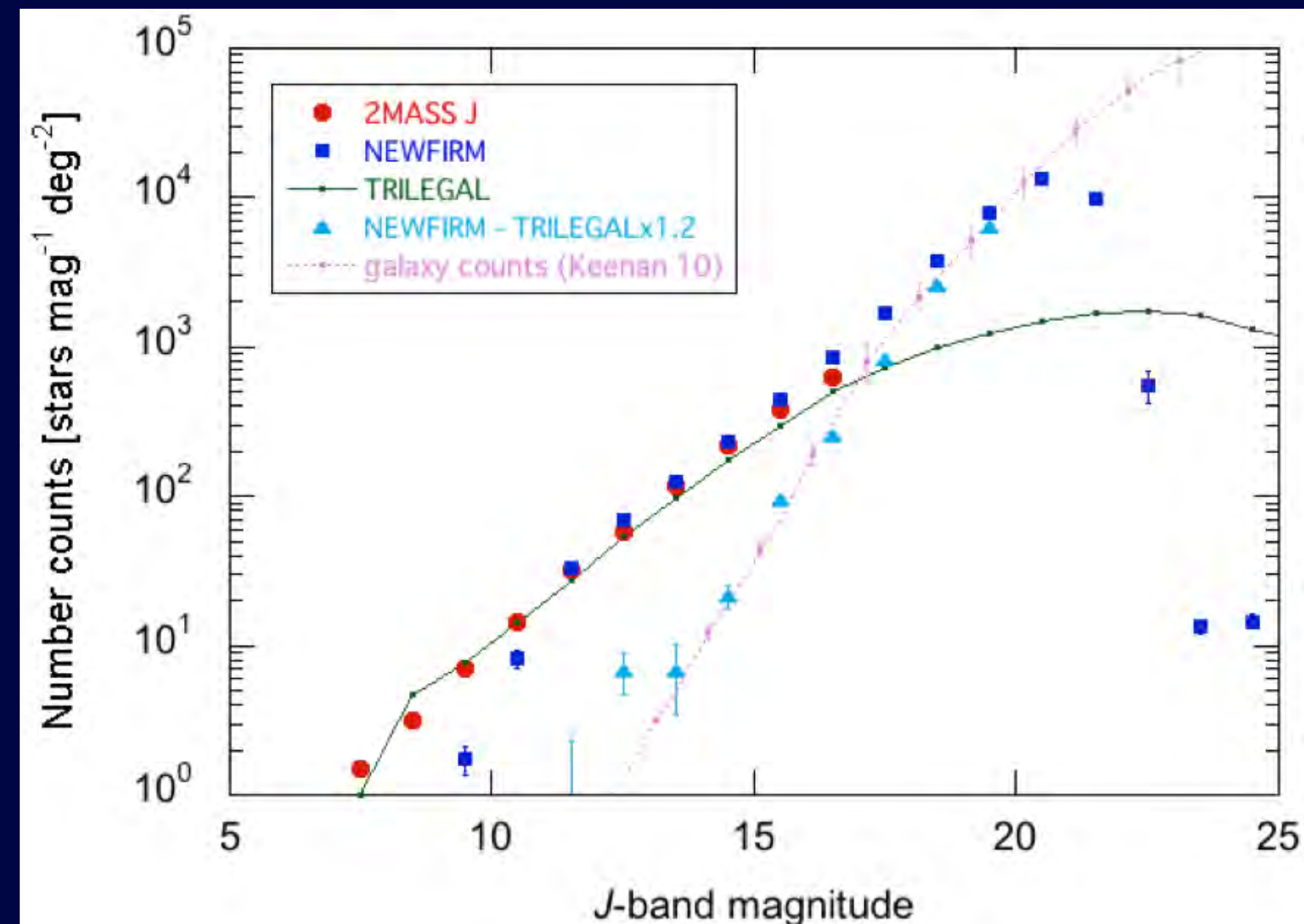




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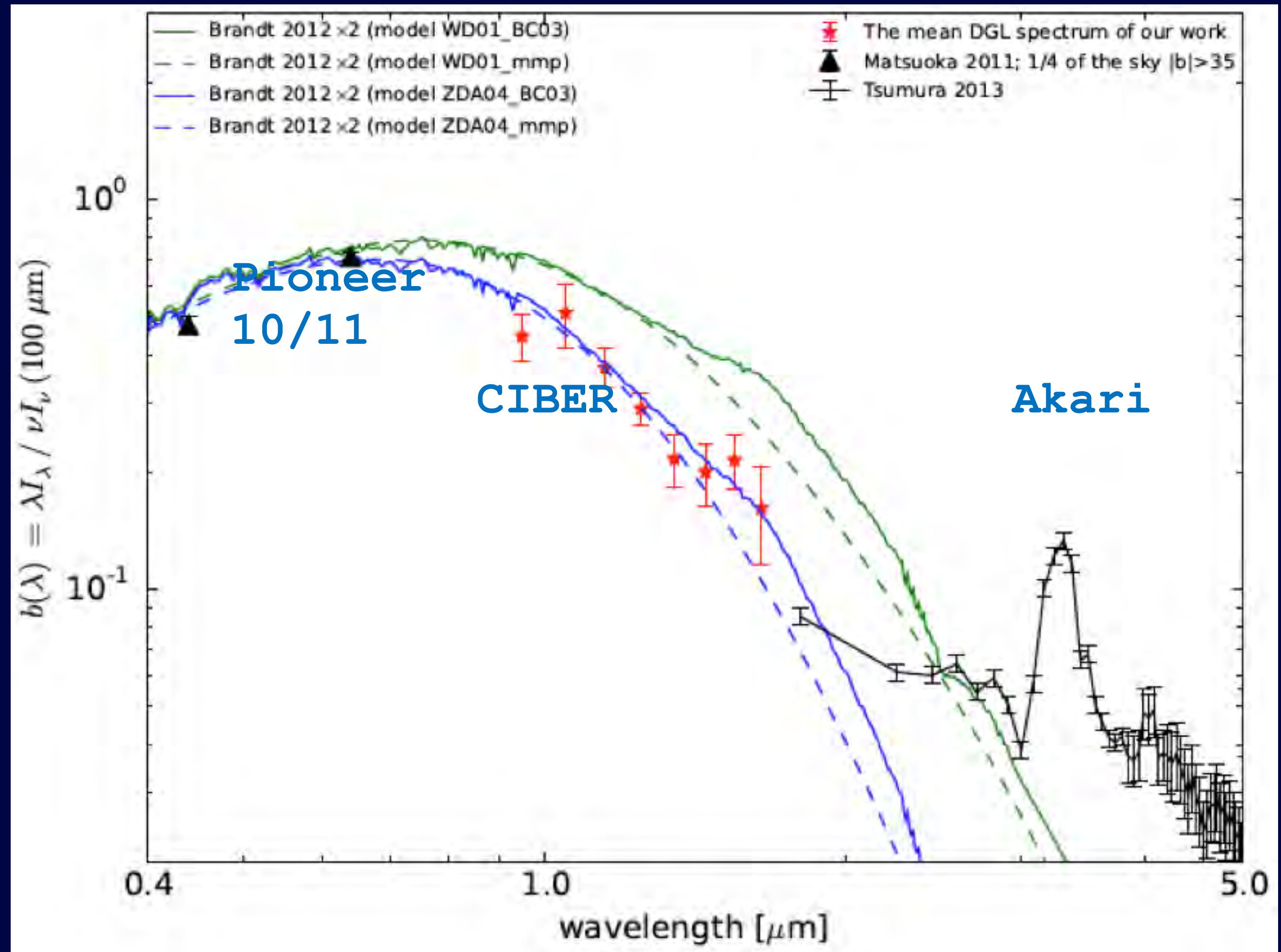
Detected star counts



Extrapolated down based on  
models/known counts  
in each of the Legacy fields



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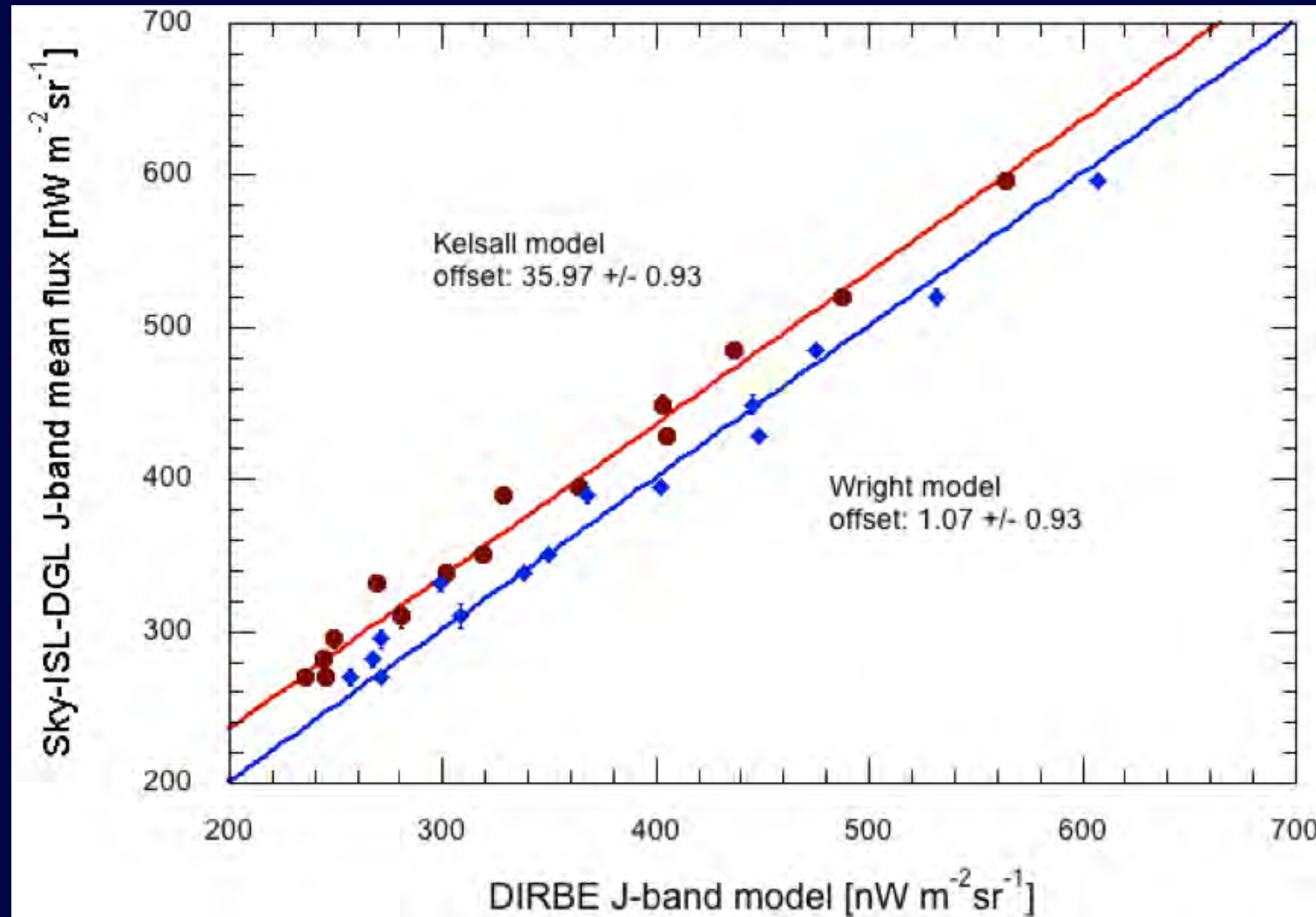


Tsumura et al. 2013

ISM (Diffuse Galactic Light) constructed from CIBER/LRS (assumes a Zodi model)



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Assuming Kelsall+ 98 or Wright 01 Zodiacal light normalization.

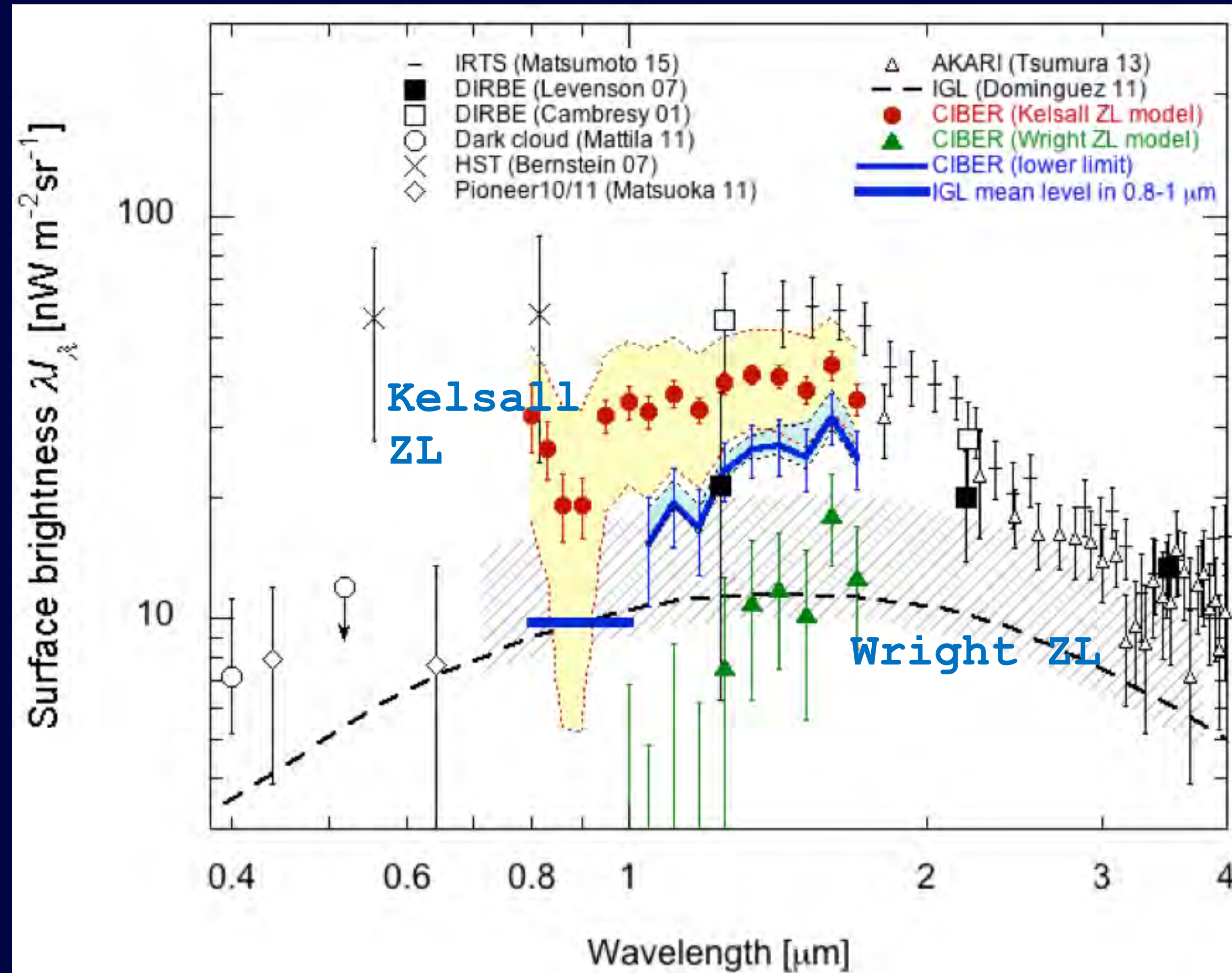
Intercept should be the absolute EBL. Wright's model leads to effectively no EBL.

LRS Zodiacal light intensity absolute level can be calibrated with NBS ZL measurement.



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CIBER finds Wright model is not a good description of ZL at < 3.5 microns - for the scattered component.

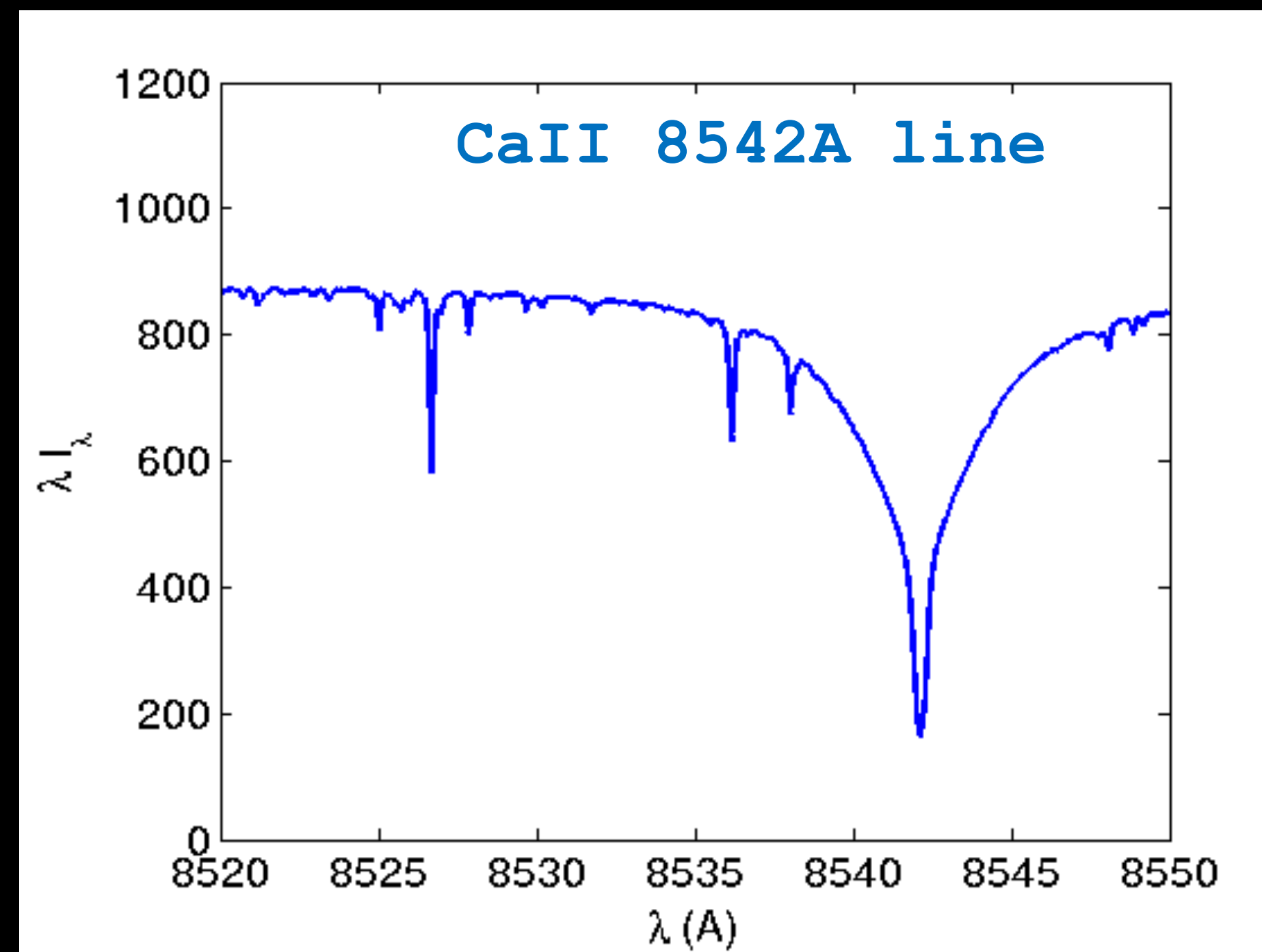


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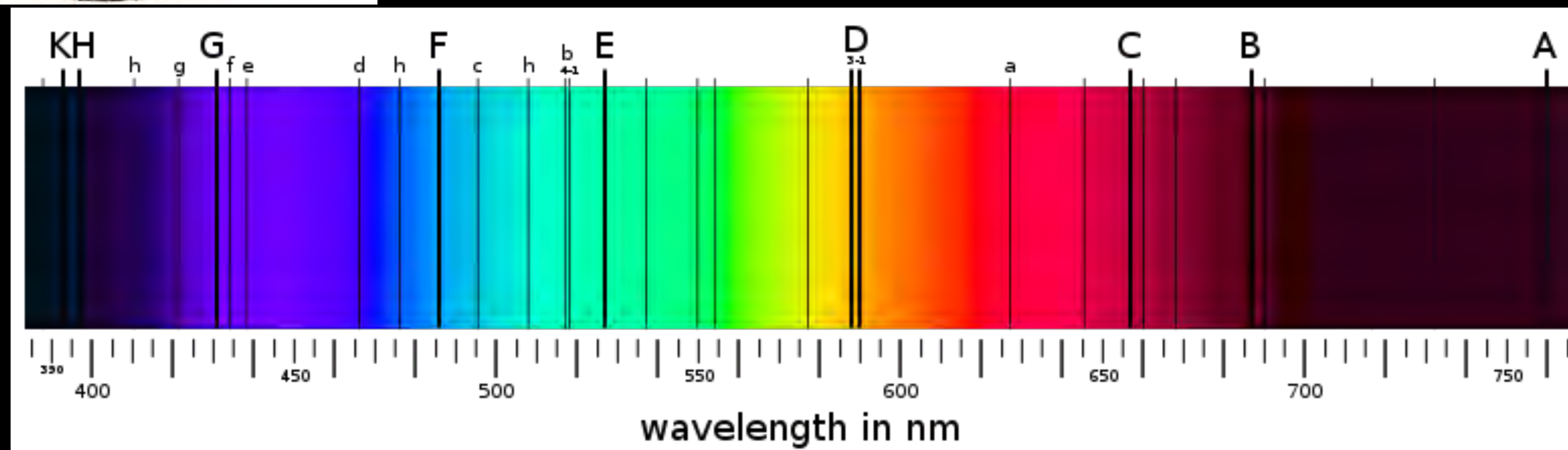
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(1787 – 1826)



Line depth



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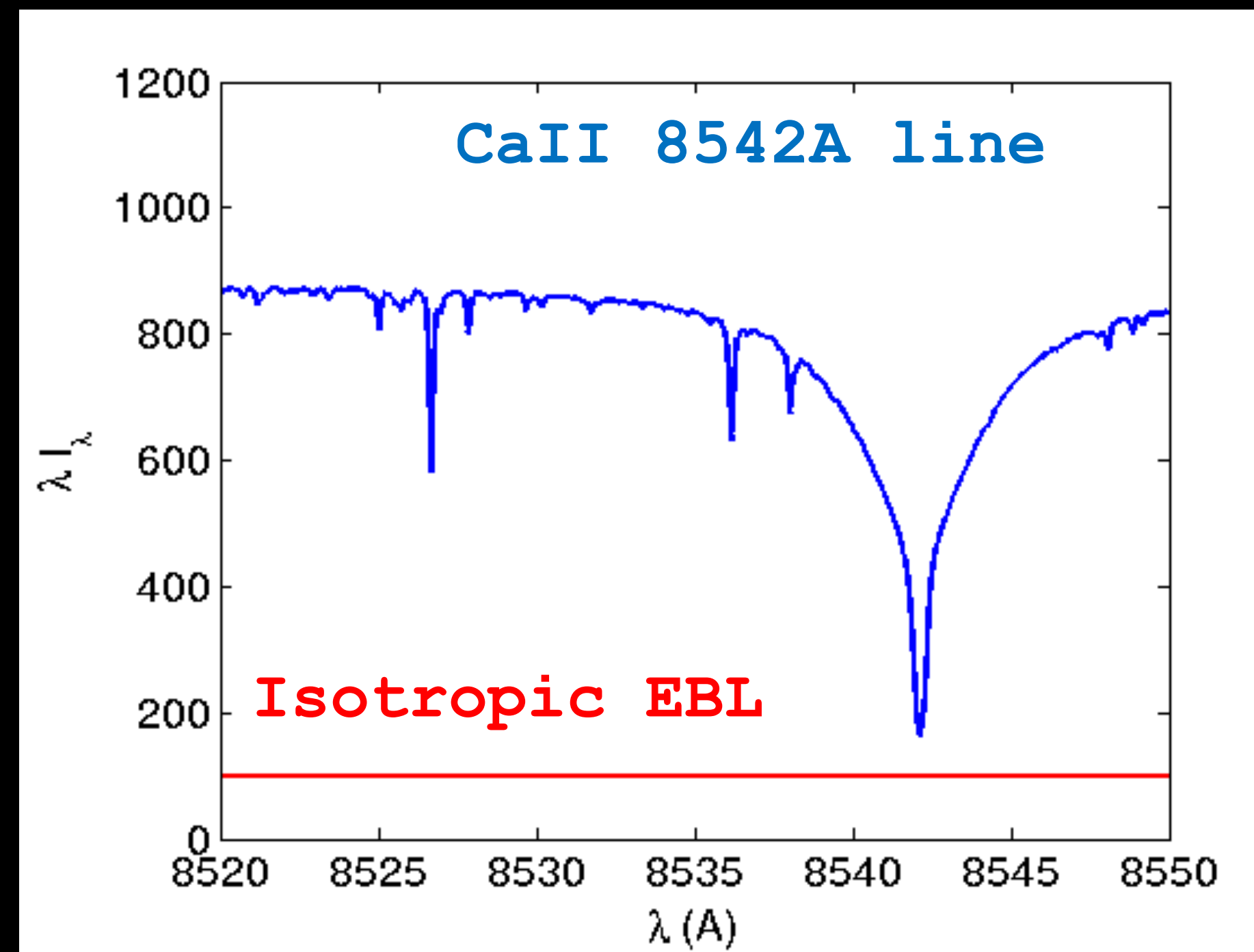


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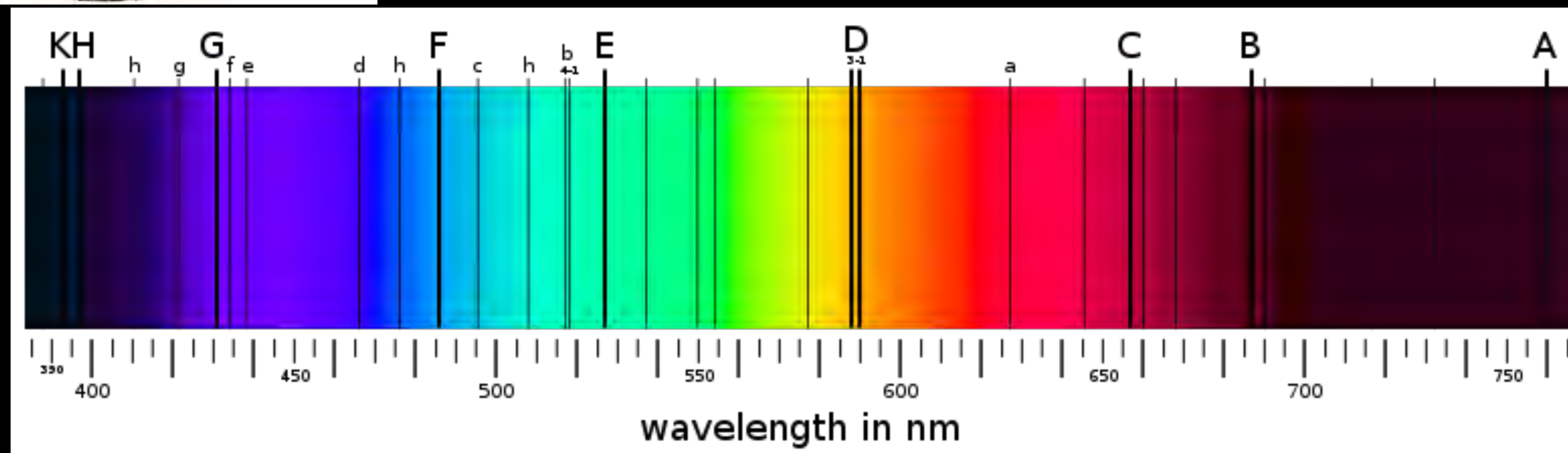
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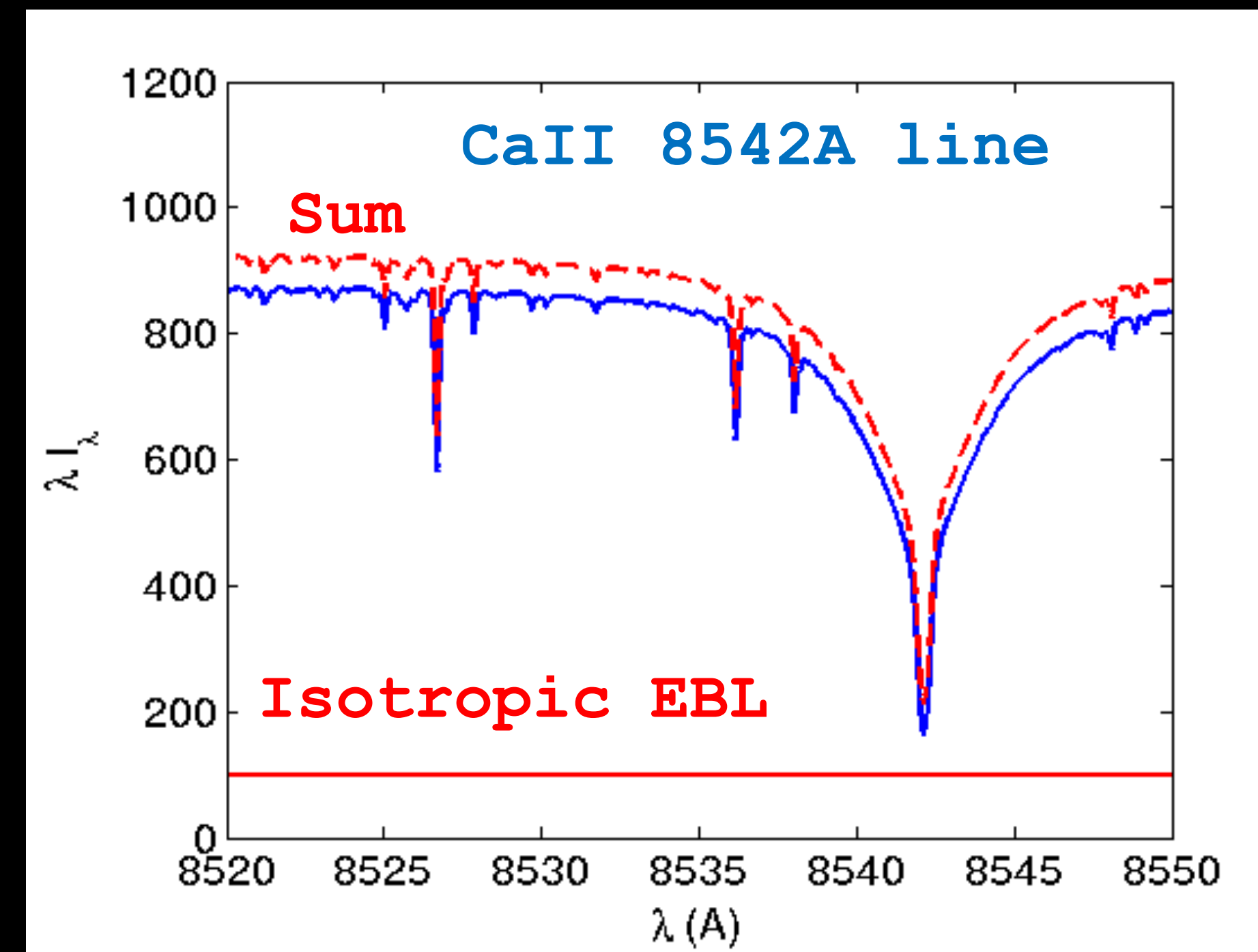
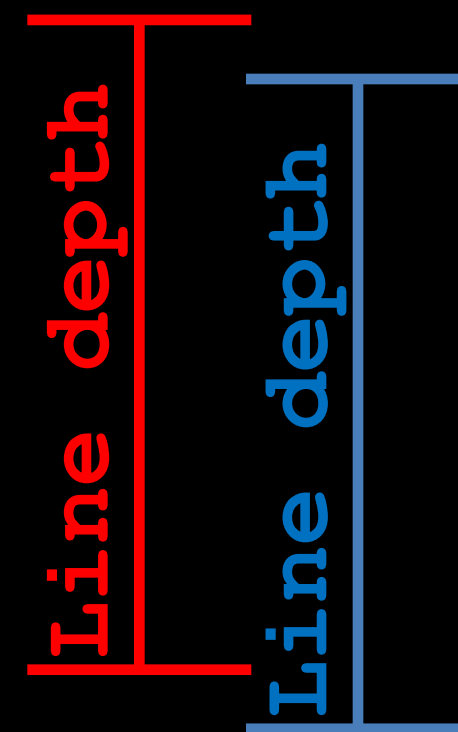
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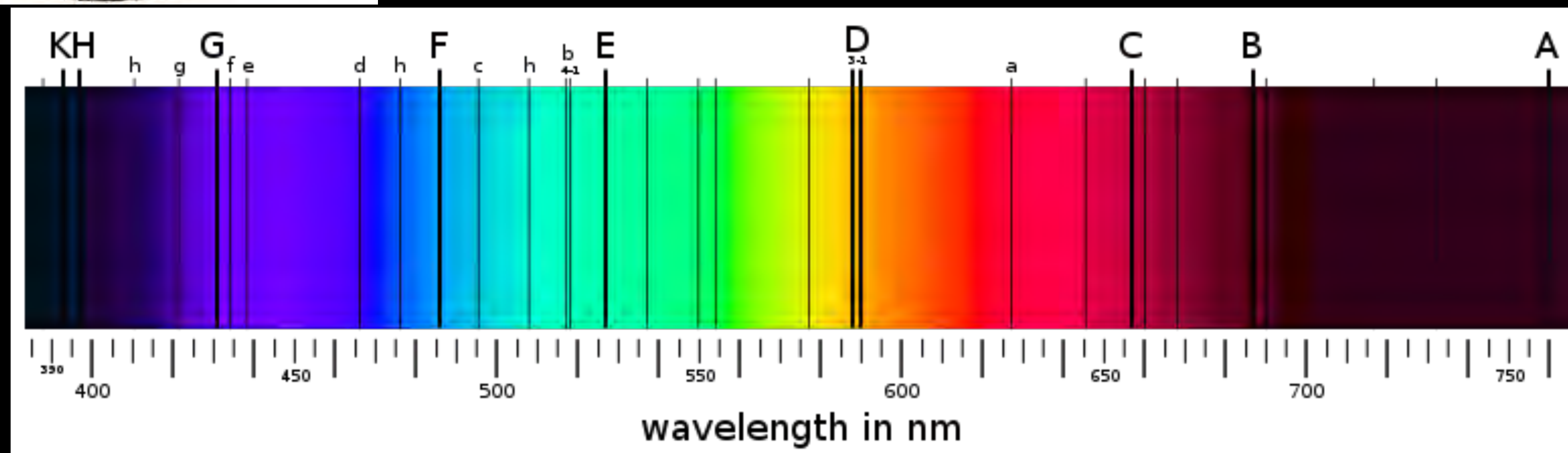


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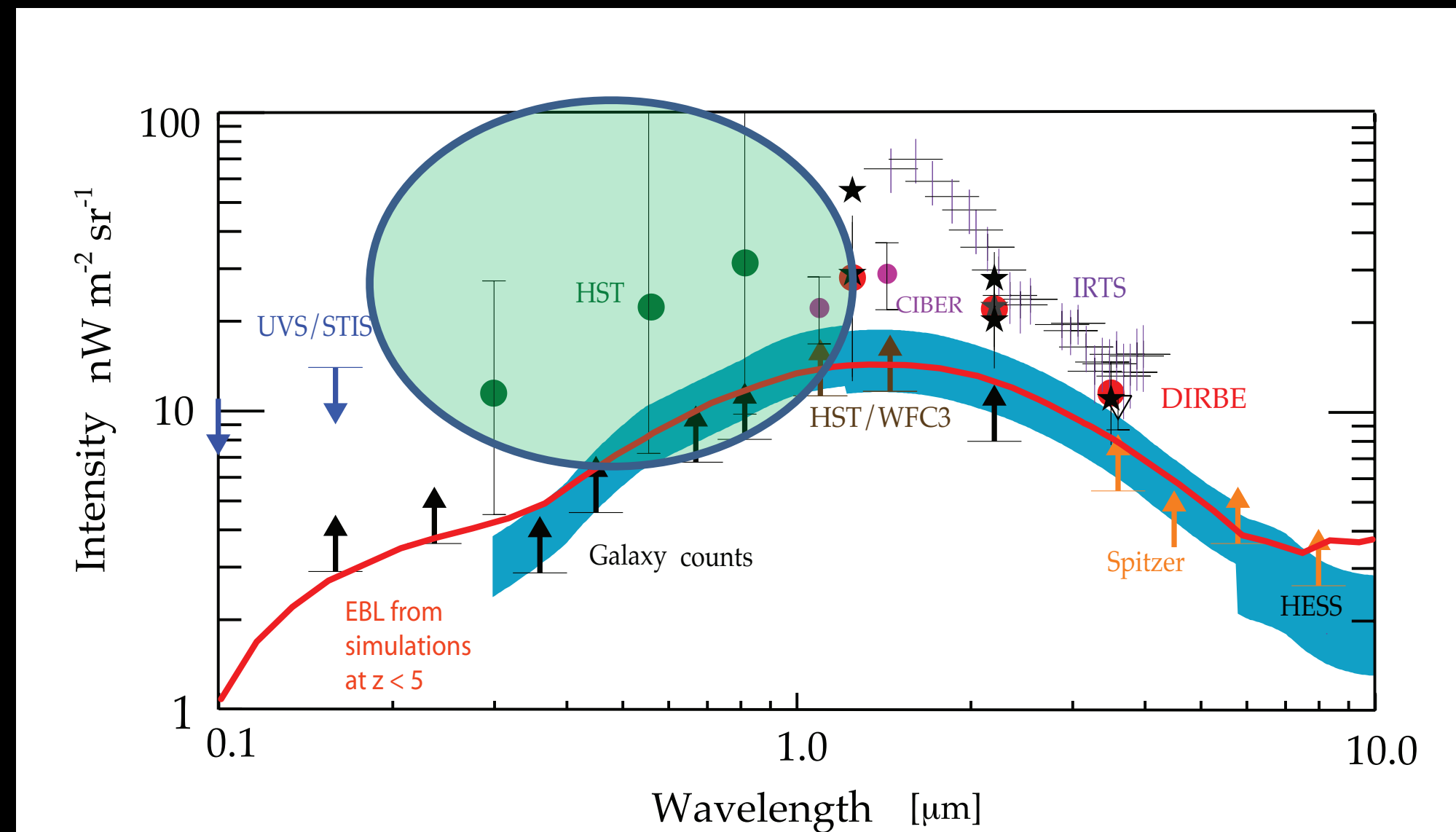


# Previous Application of Fraunhofer Line Measurements to EBL

Bernstein et al 2002

Measurements From HST + the Ground

Systematics in Matilla 2003; Revision in Bernstein 2003



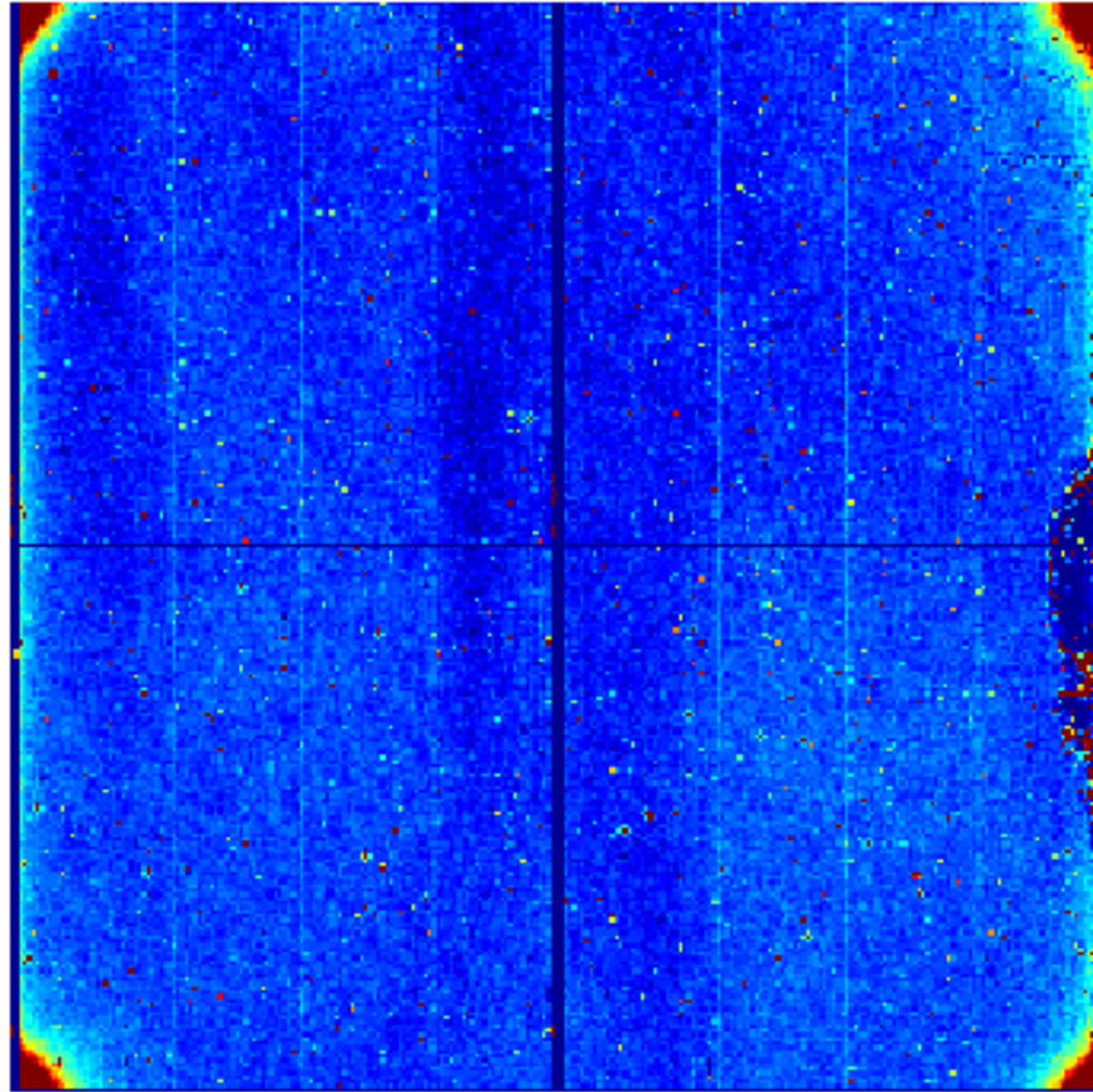
**Systematic limitation: Atmospheric Extinction & Atmospheric scattering**

**Lesson: ground to space transfer of Fraunhofer line is subject to large uncertainties**  
***Many systematics can be avoided by doing this measurement from Space!***

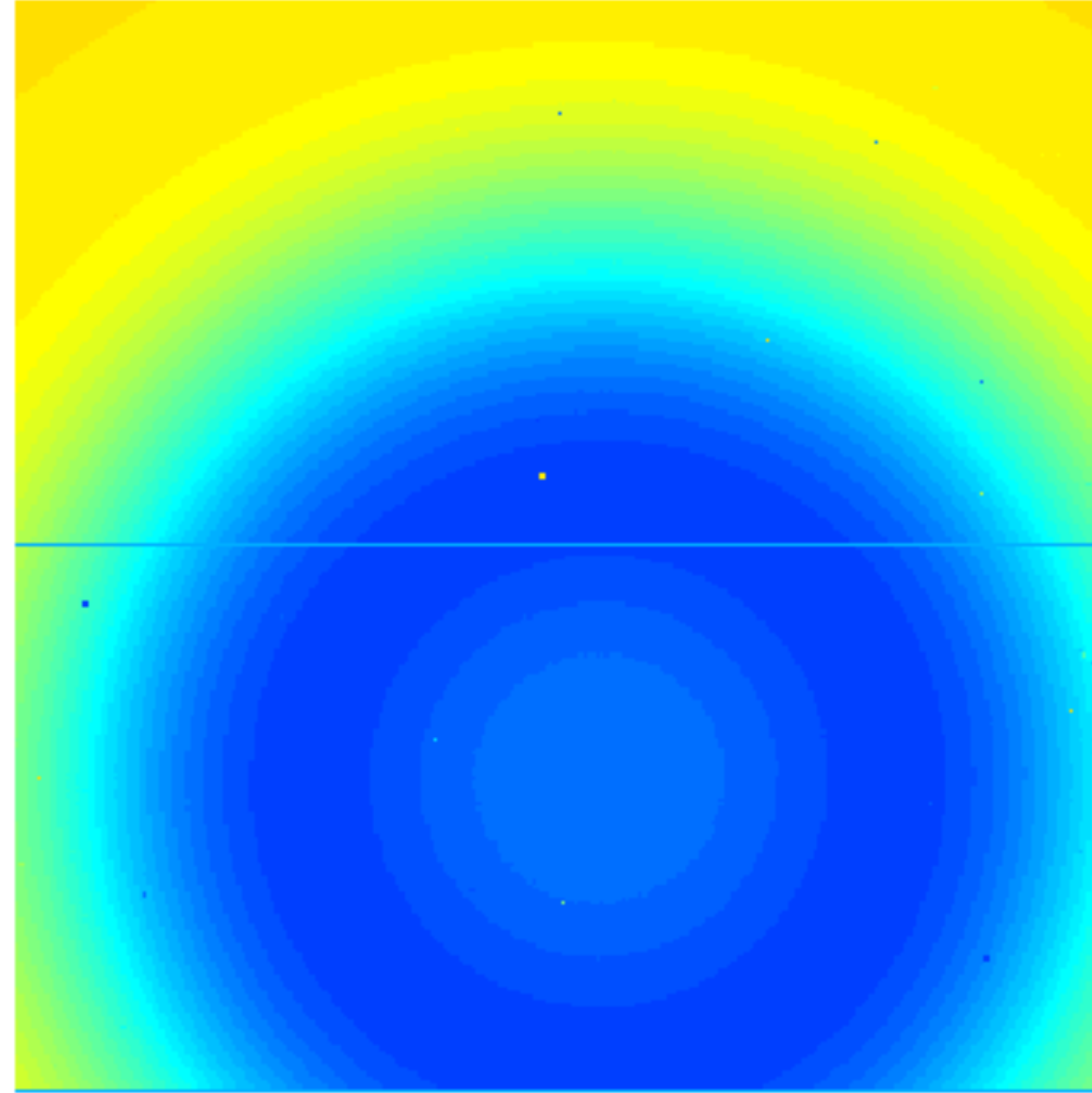


# Narrow Band Spectrometer Data Reduction

Raw Single field NBS Image



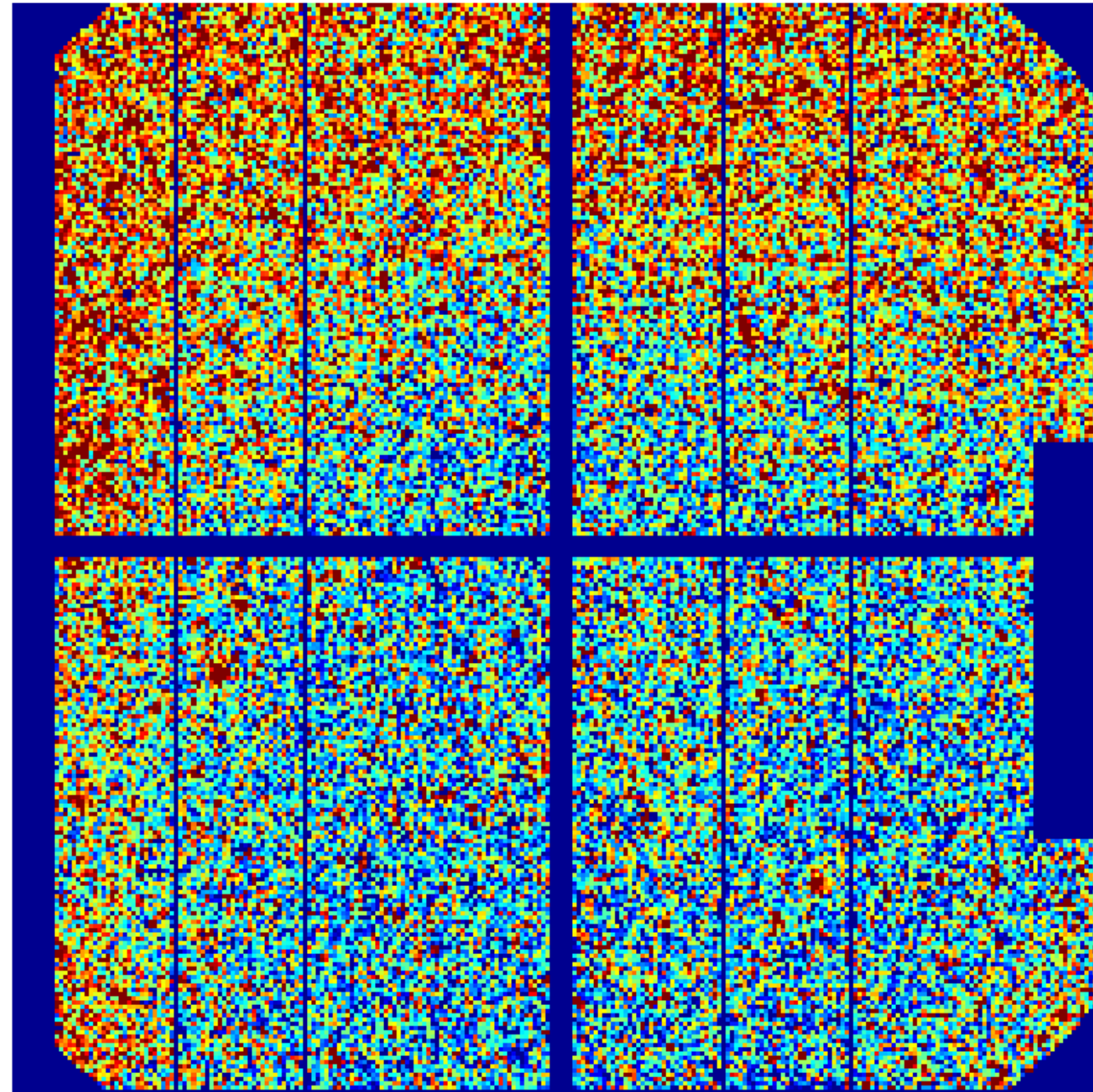
Ideal ZL Call image



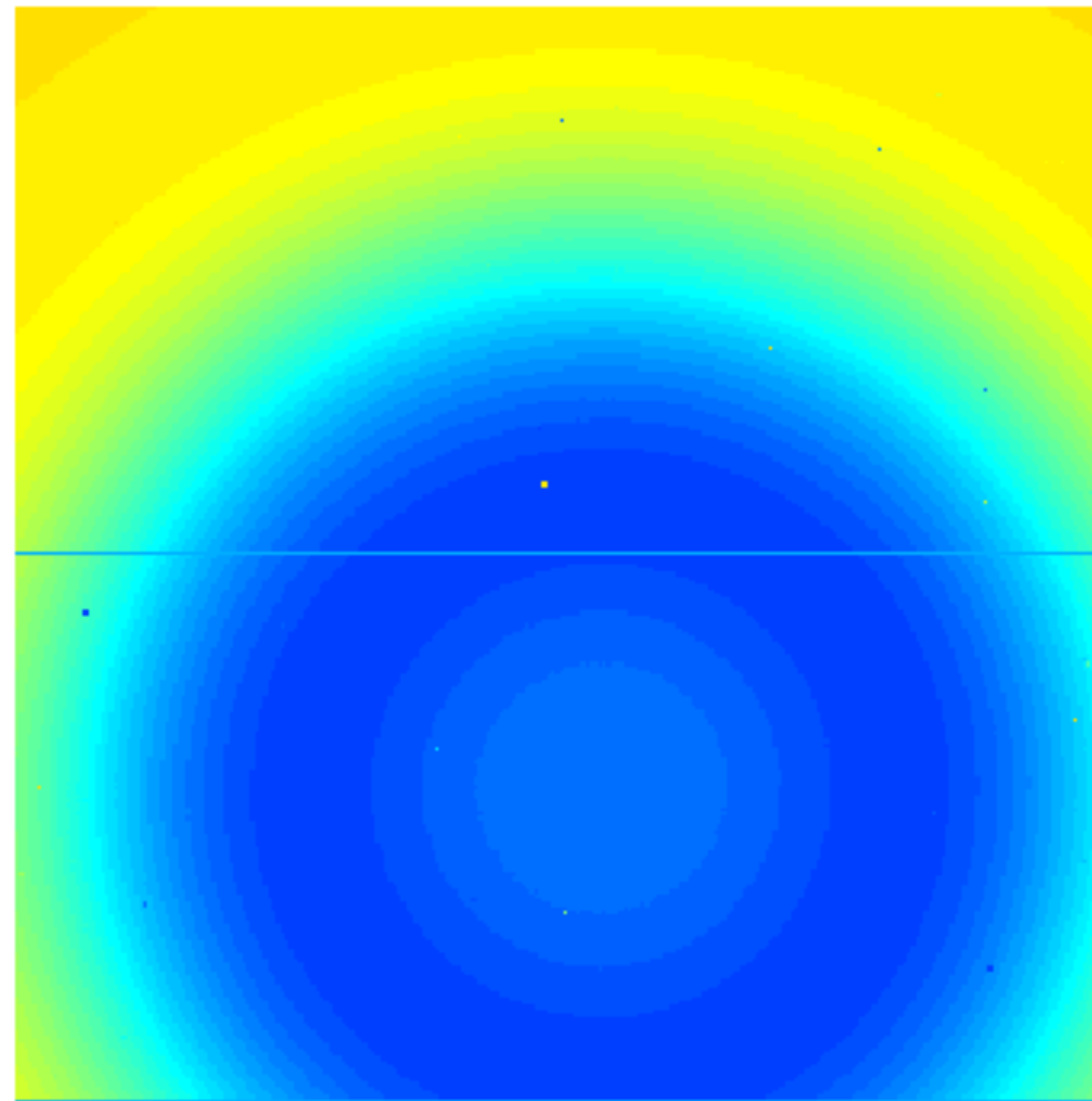
Subtract Dark Current and mask outlier regions.

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Single field NBS Image  
Dark Current, Flat field, Bad  
pixels masked



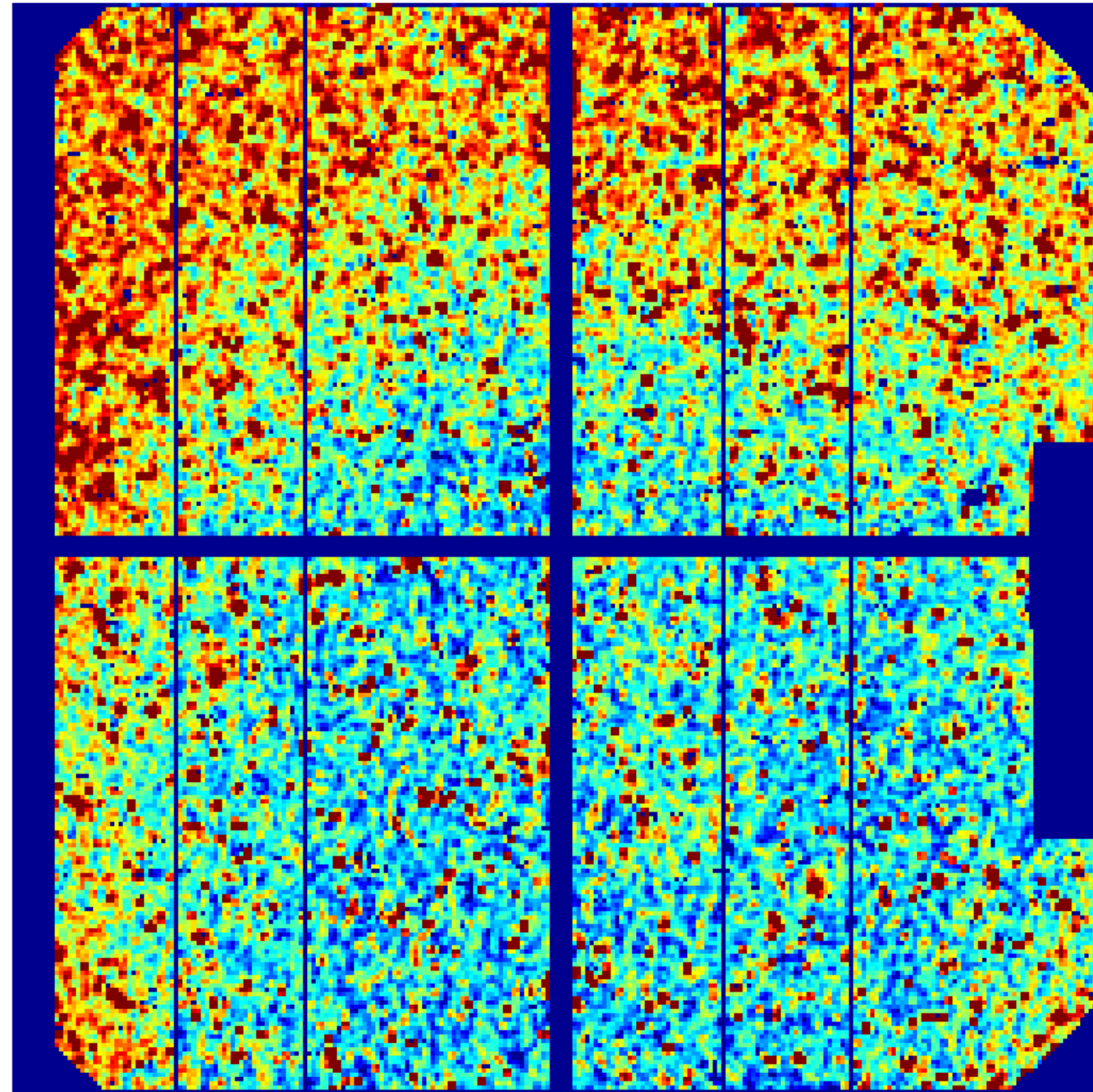
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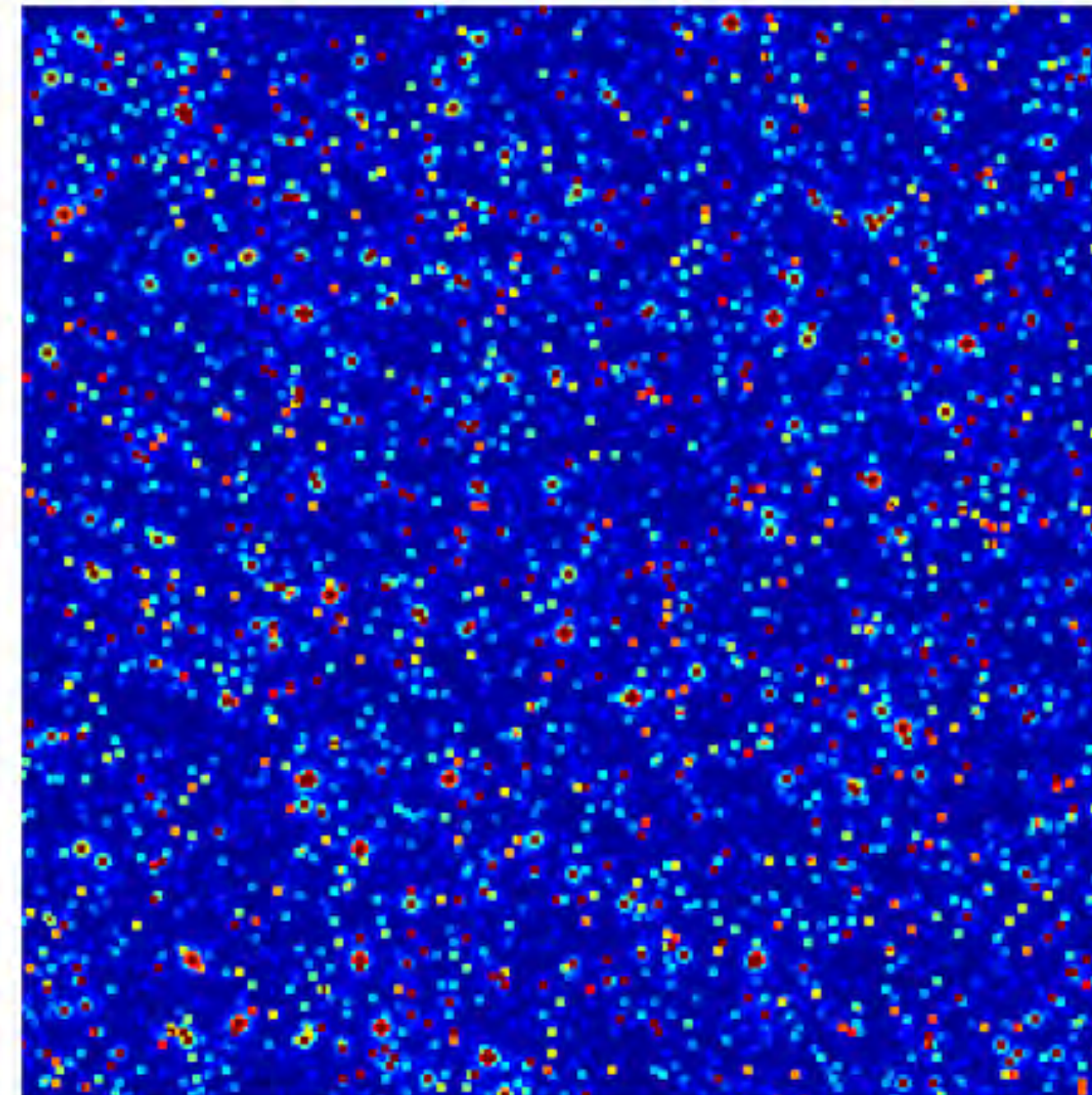


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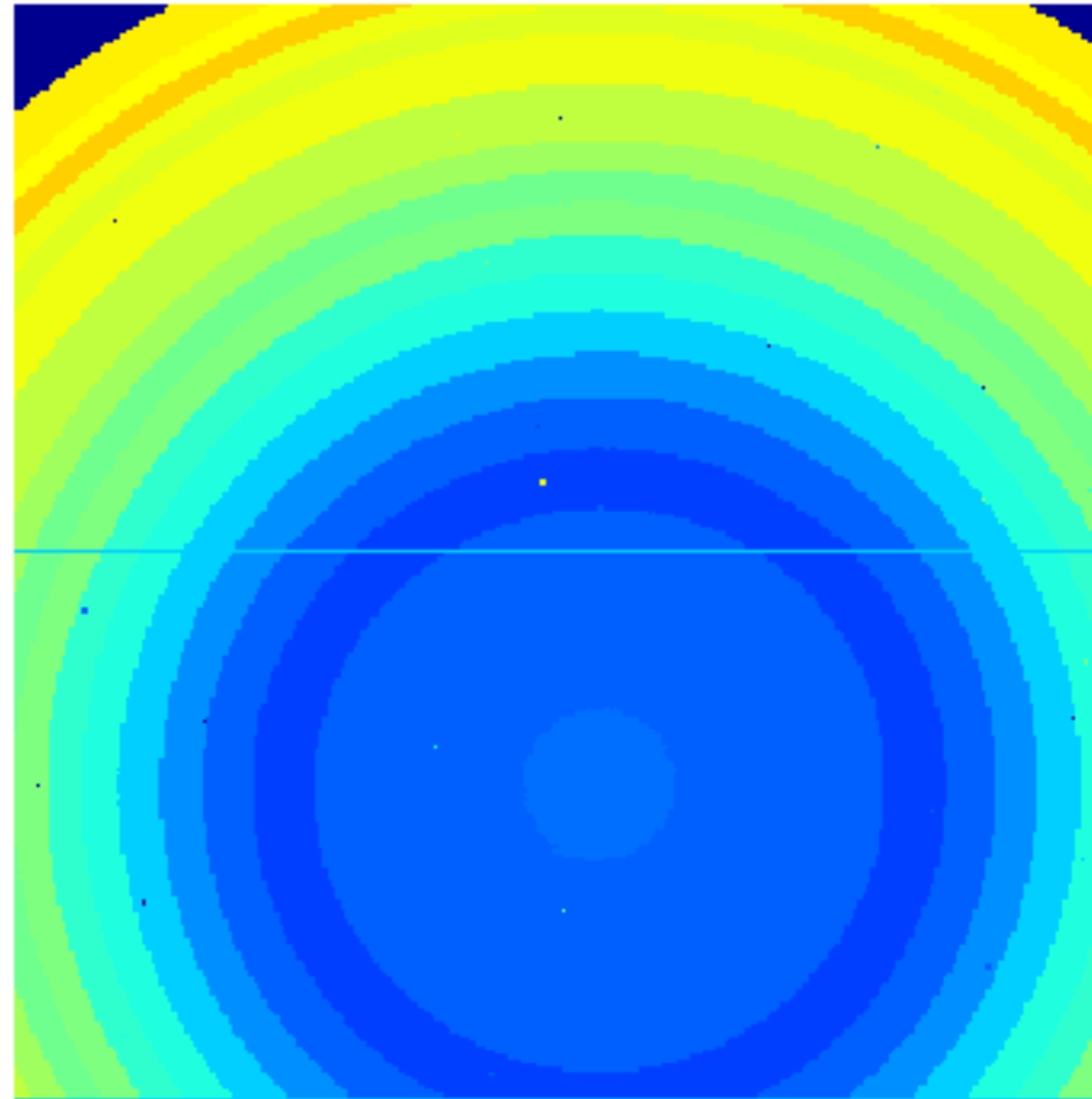
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Register Astrometry & Create synthetic image based on 2MASS stars



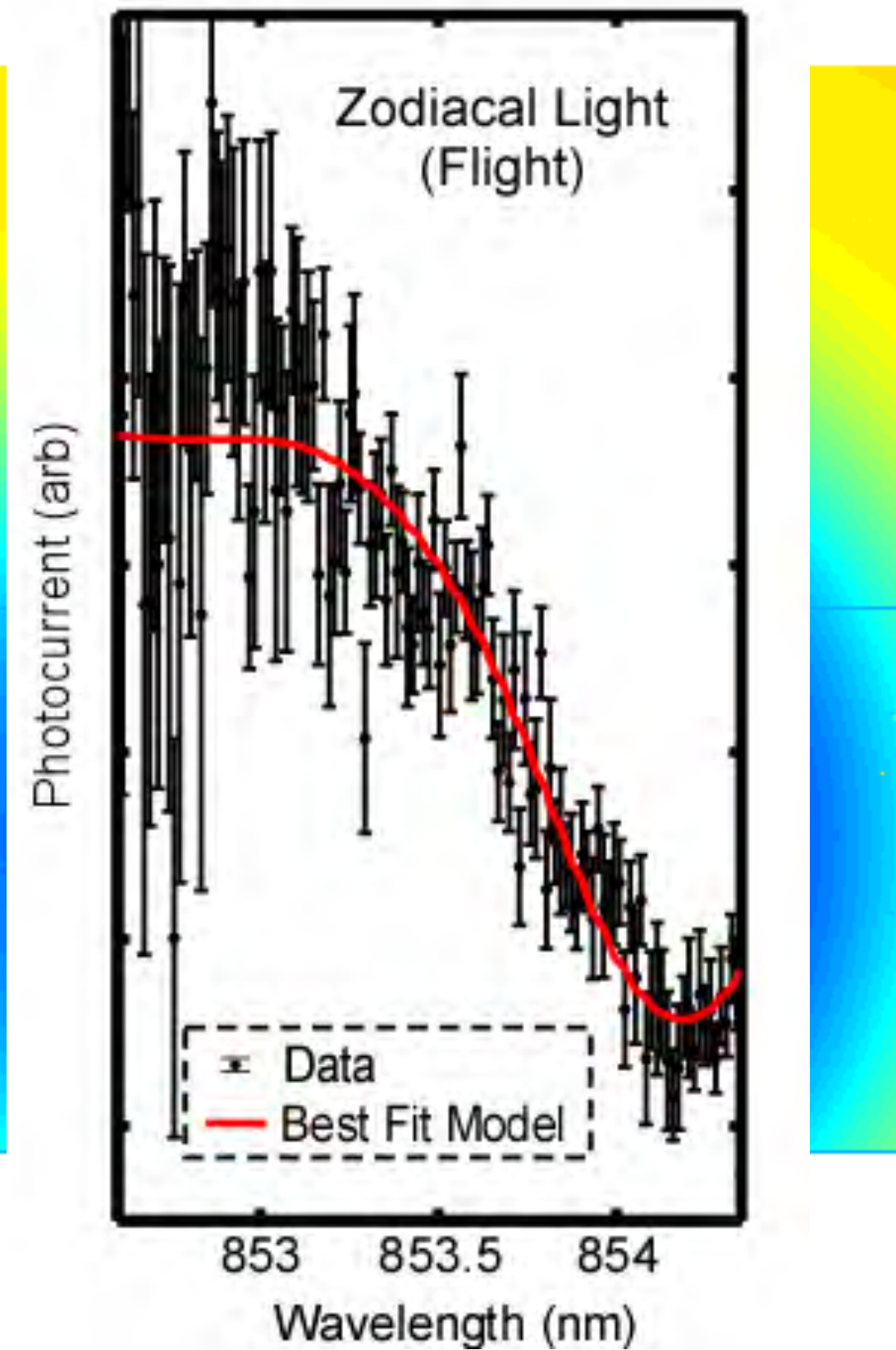
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Binned By Wavelength

Ideal ZL Call image





# Modeling all of the components required for Accurate ZL Estimates

What we measure

What we want

$$\lambda I_{\lambda, total, x, y} =$$

$$A_{ZL} G_{ZL, x, y} \int d\lambda \Lambda_{x, y}(\lambda) F_{\lambda, ZL}(\lambda)$$

Zodiacal Light

$$+ A_{DGL} G_{DGL, x, y} \int d\lambda \Lambda_{x, y}(\lambda) F_{\lambda, DGL}(\lambda)$$

Diffuse Galactic Light (ISM)

$$+ A_{BISL} G_{BISL, x, y} \int d\lambda \Lambda_{x, y}(\lambda) F_{\lambda, BISL}(\lambda)$$

Stellar Light

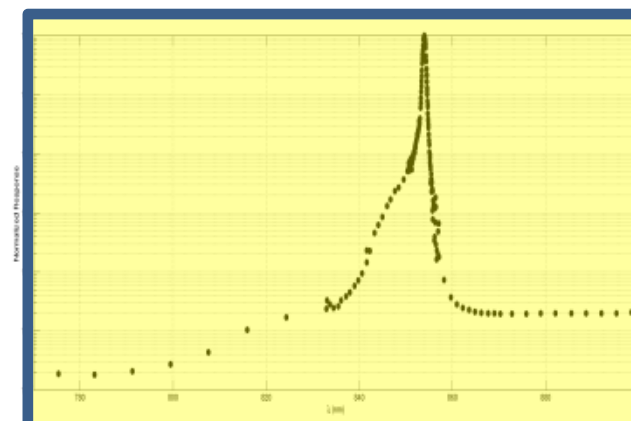
amplitude

$$+ A_{FISL} \int d\lambda \Lambda_{x, y}(\lambda) F_{\lambda, FISL}(\lambda)$$

EBL, Airglow resid, Dark Current Resid etc.

+

Spatial Distribution

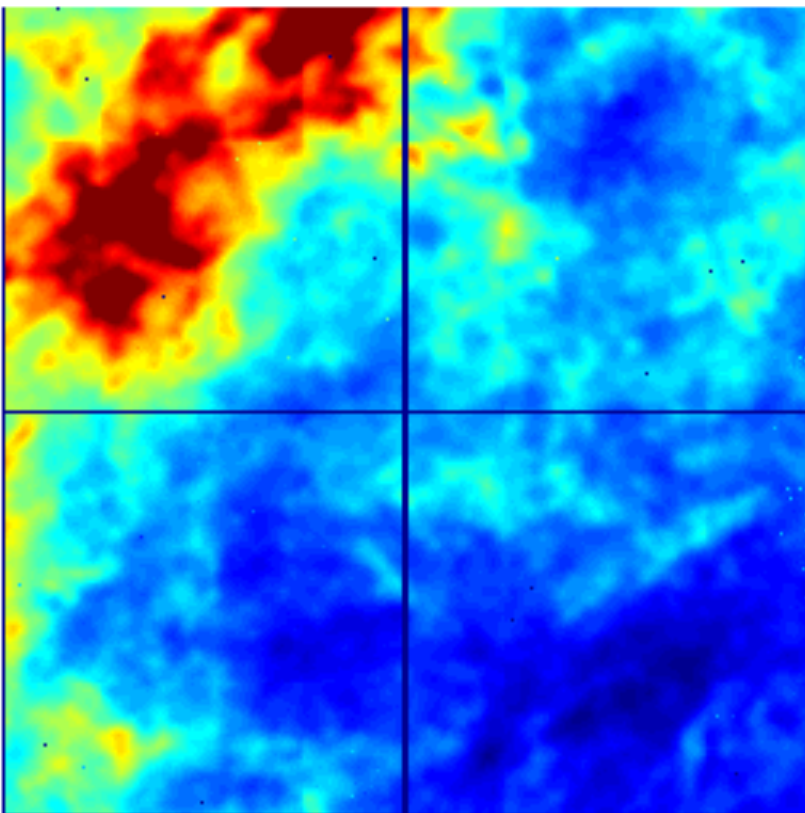


Effective CaII absorption profile of the component

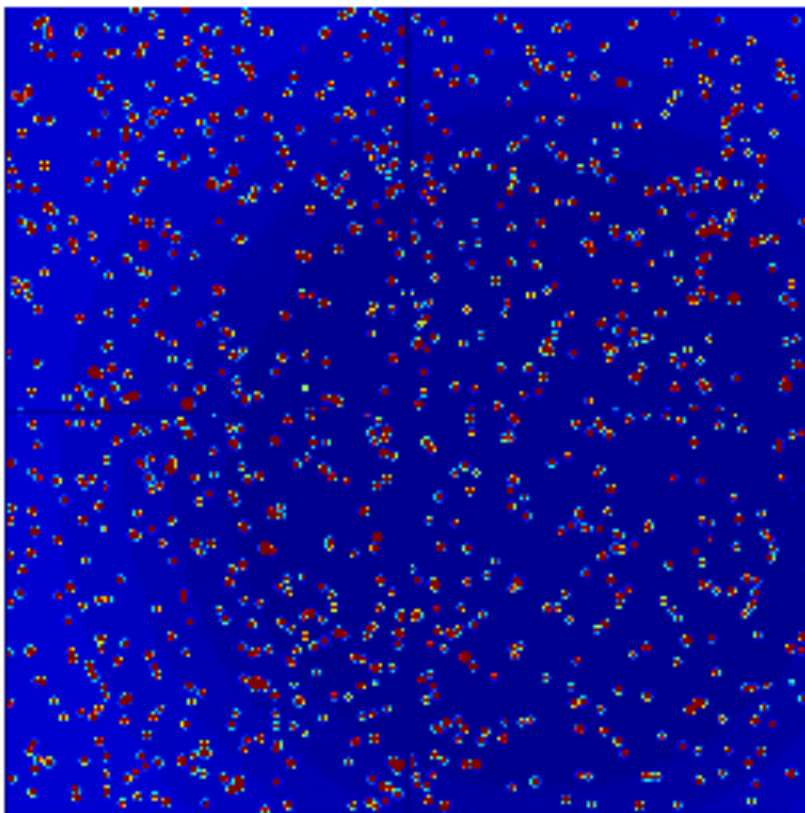


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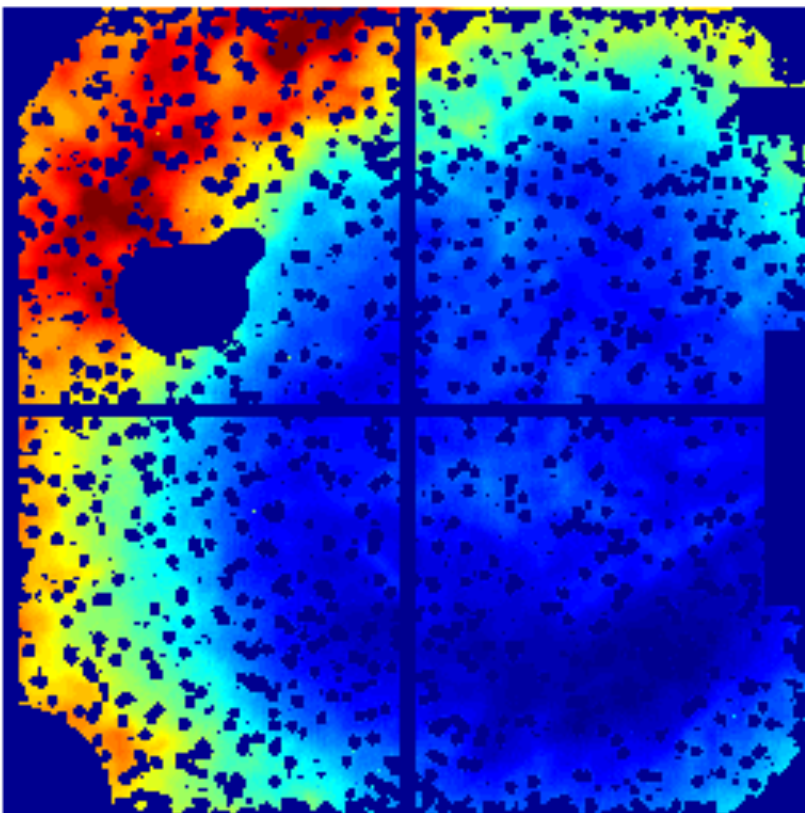
DGL (ISM)



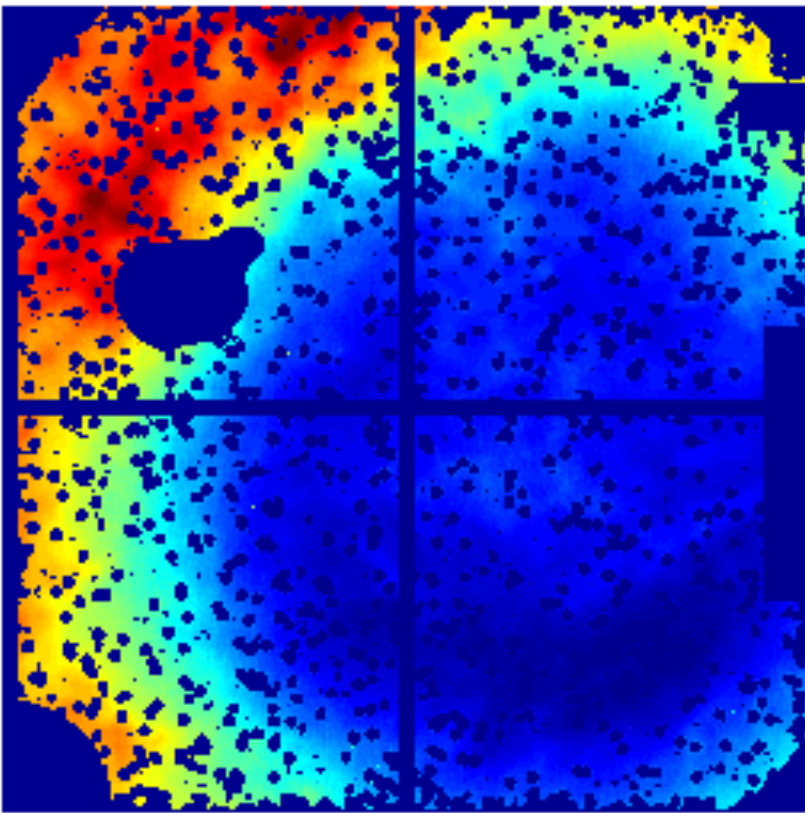
ISL



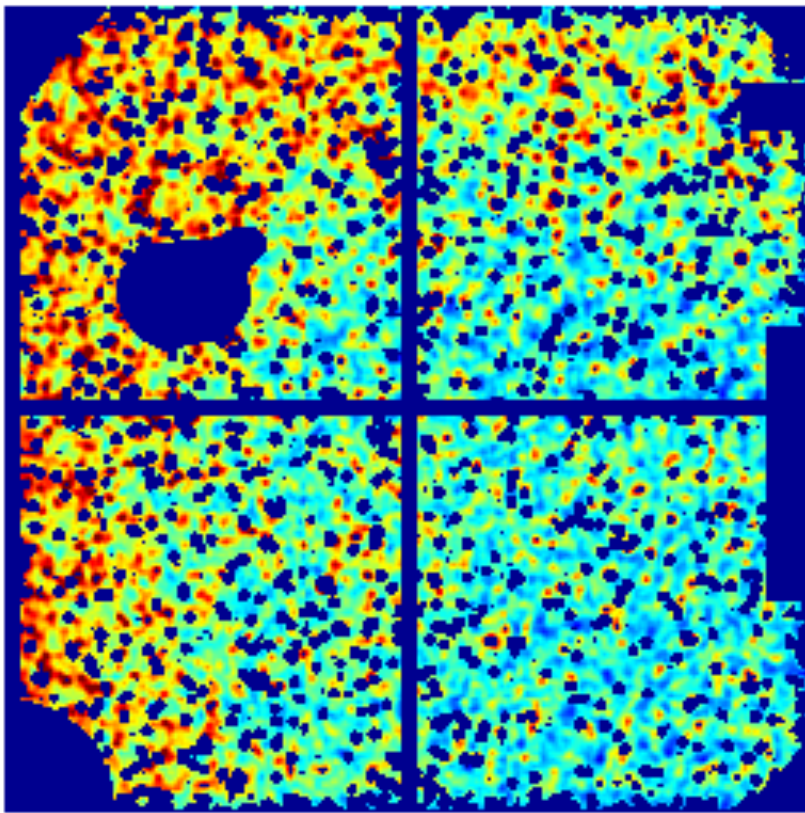
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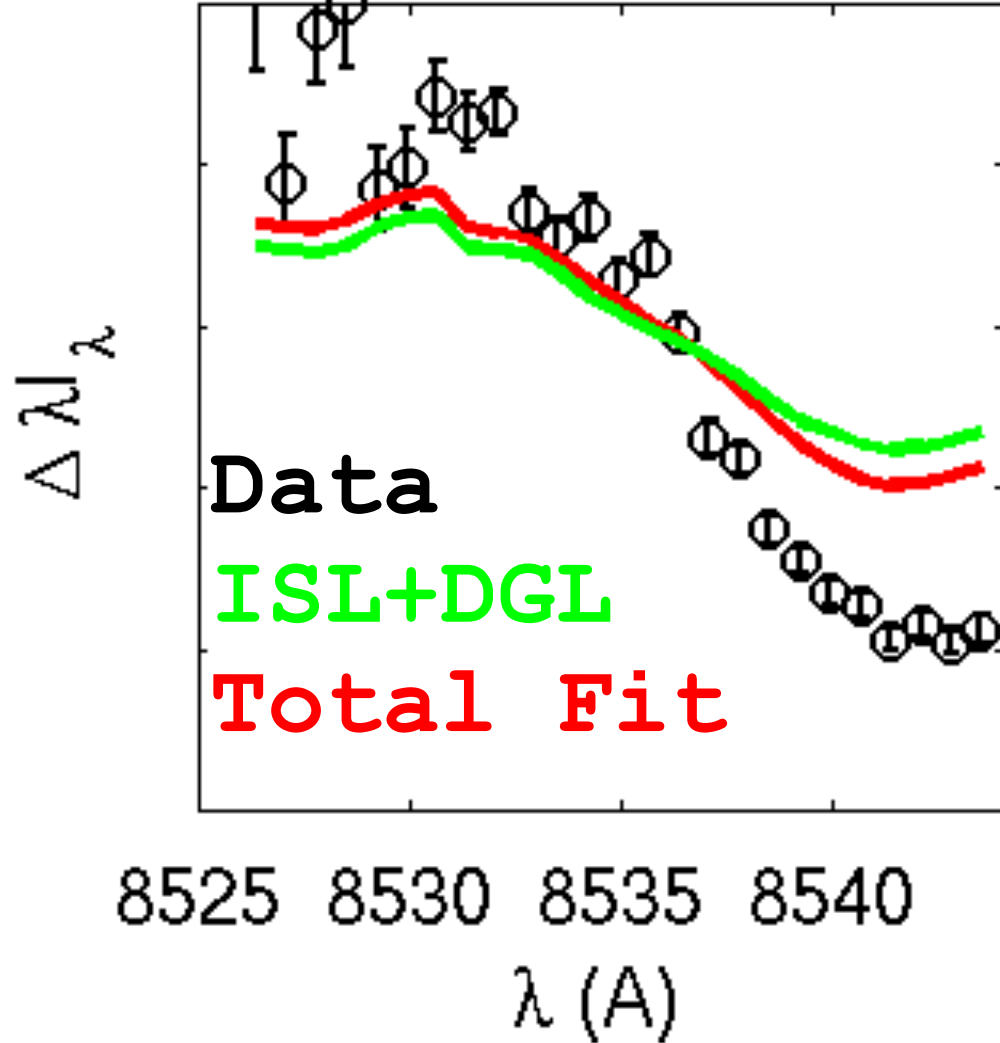
DGL+ISL+  
ZL (free)



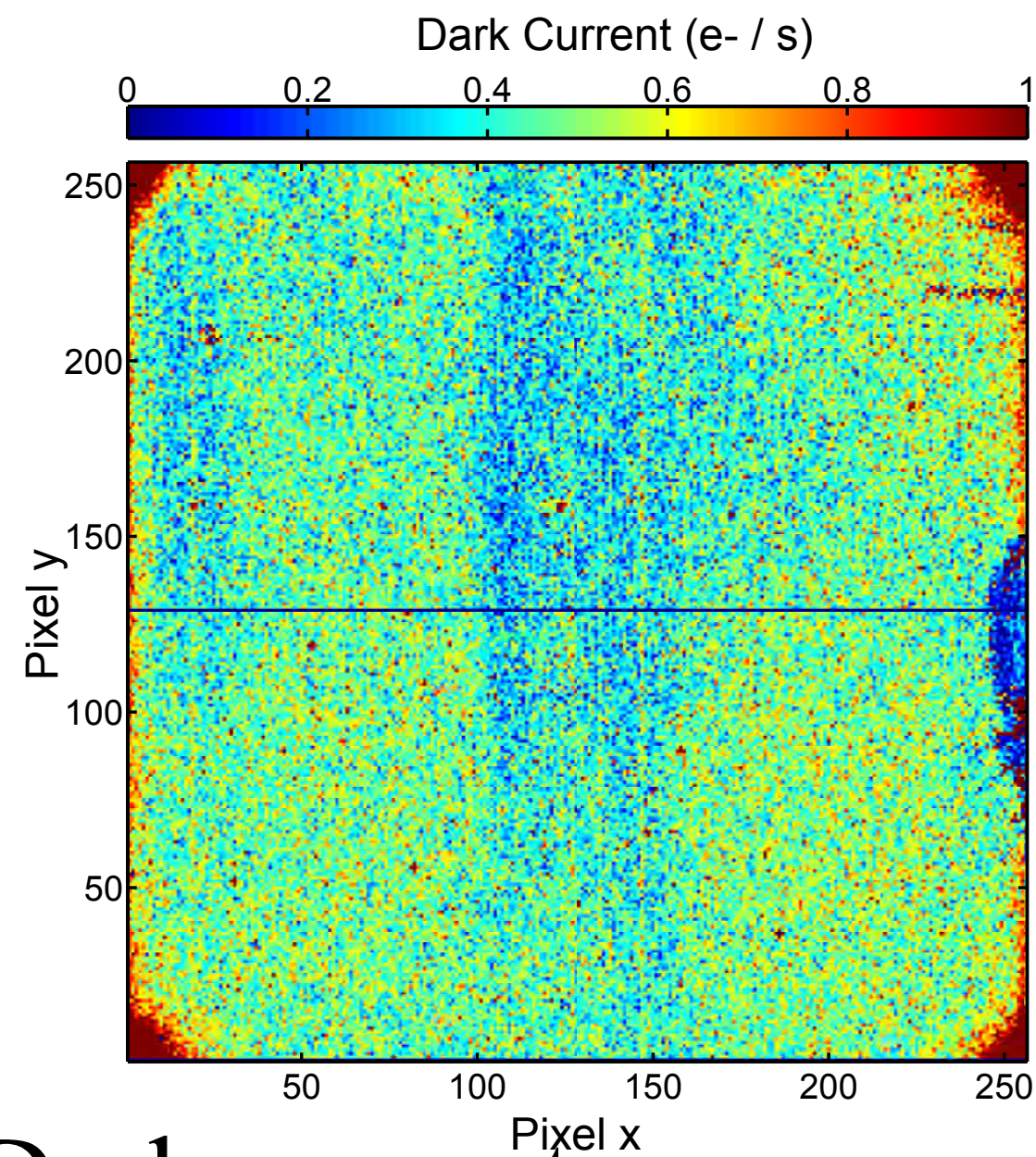
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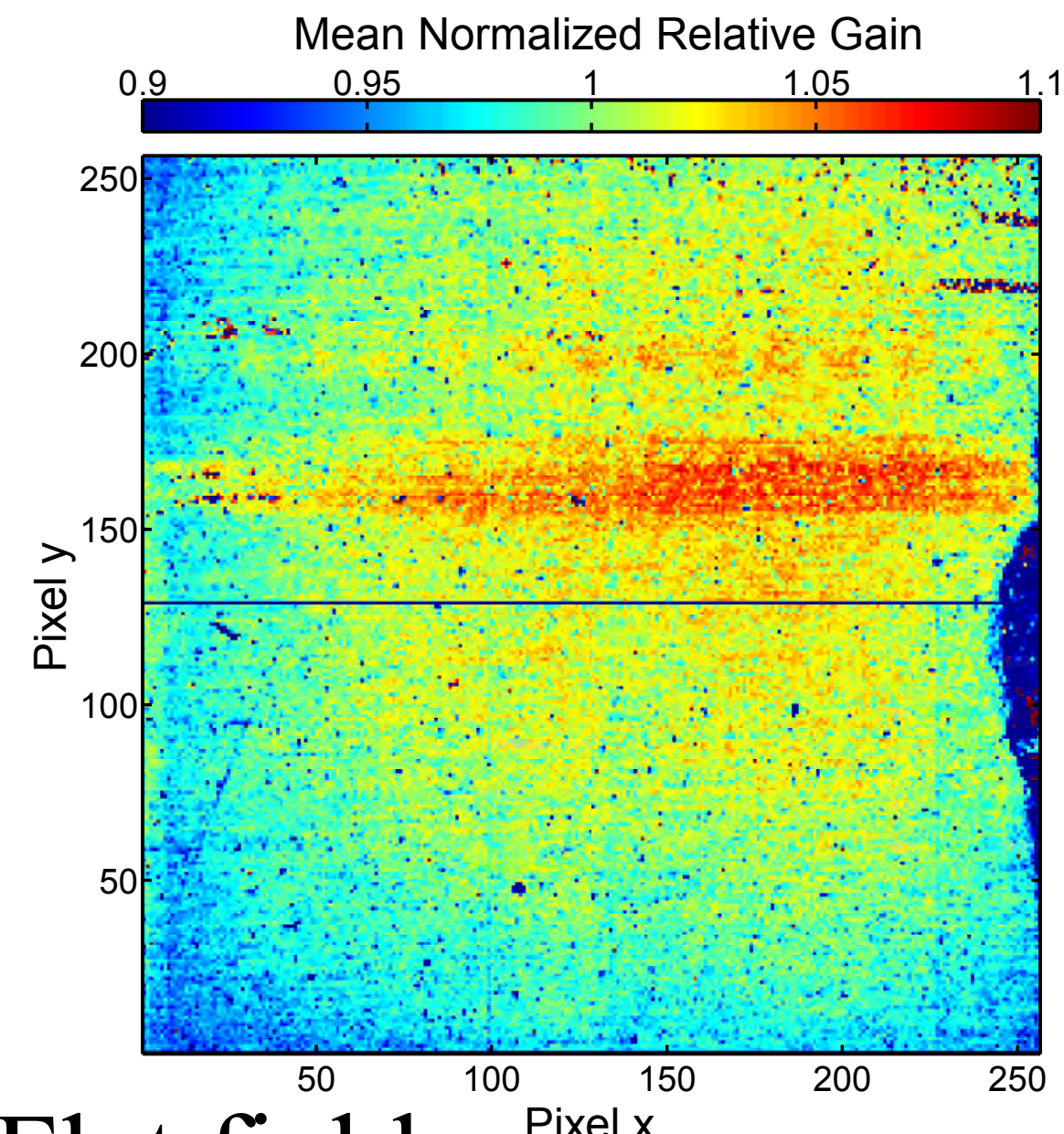
1D Spectra



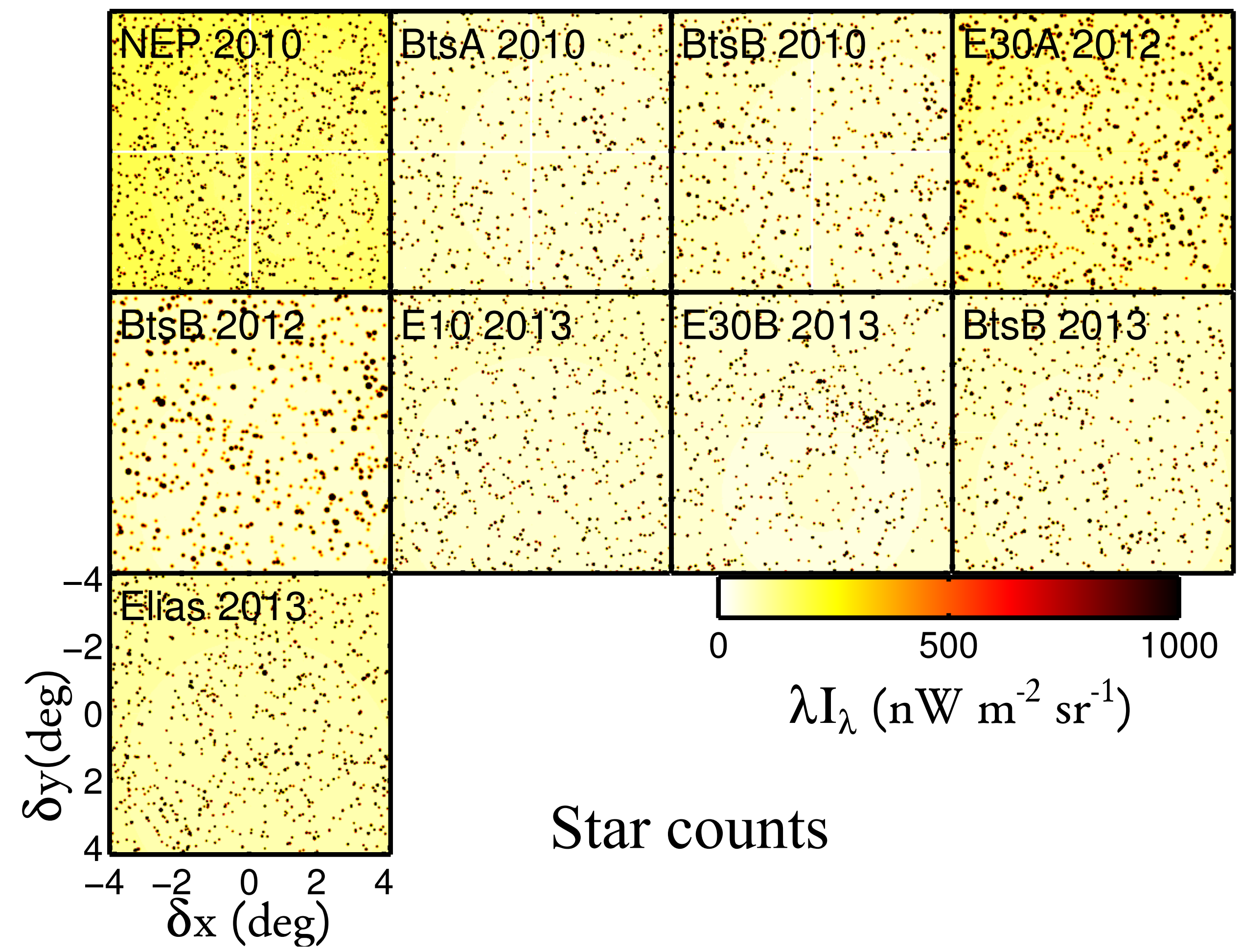




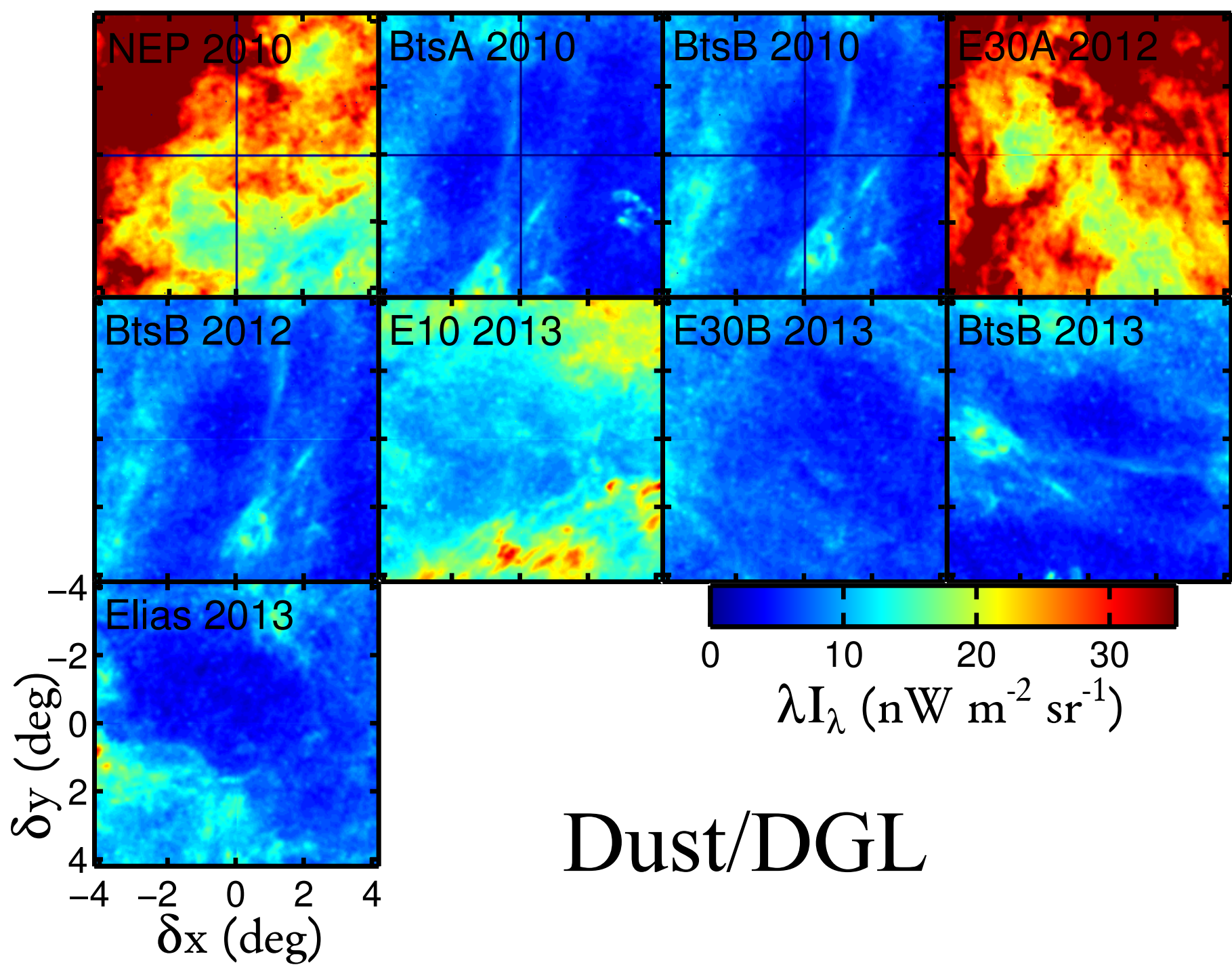
Dark current



Flat field



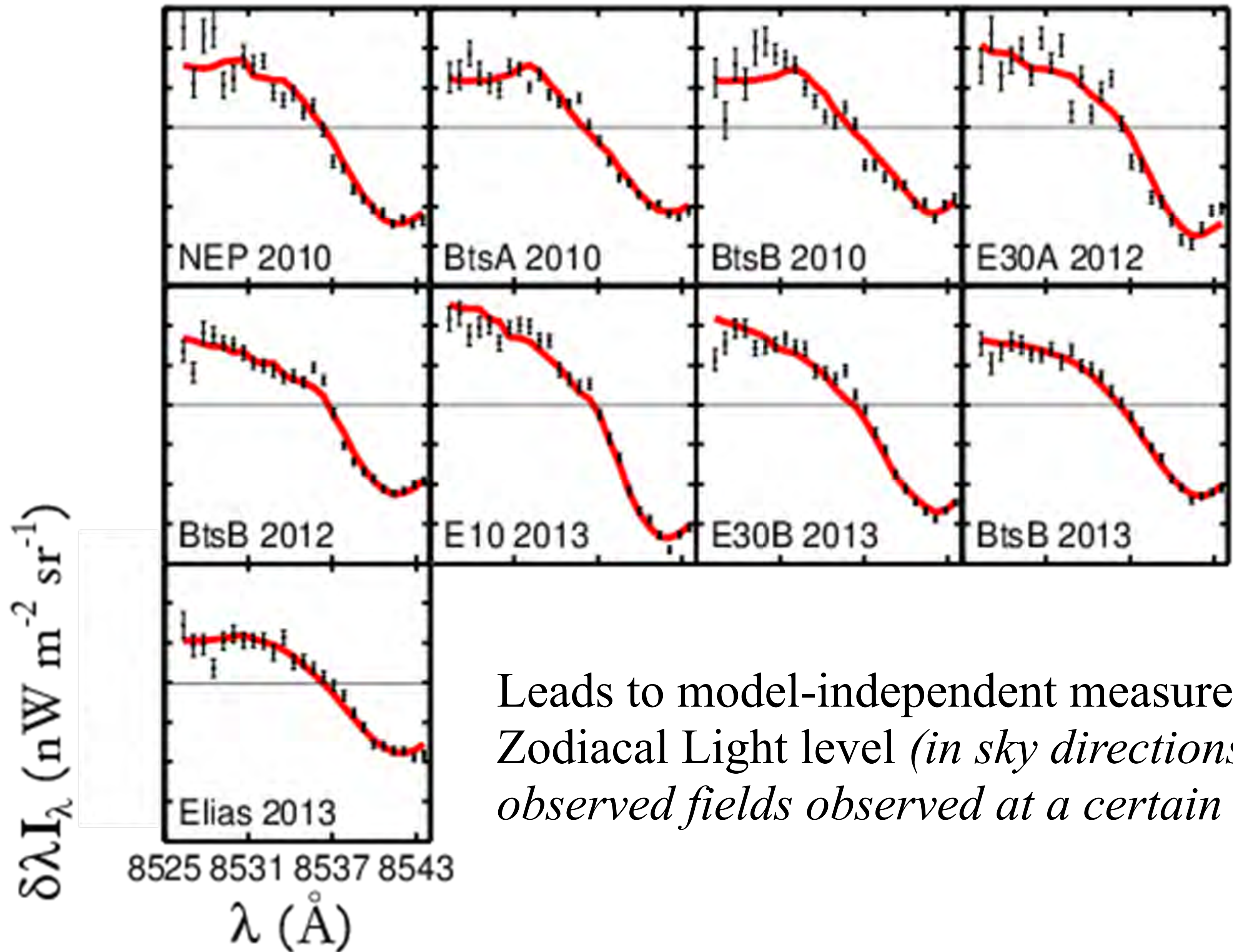
Star counts



Dust/DGL



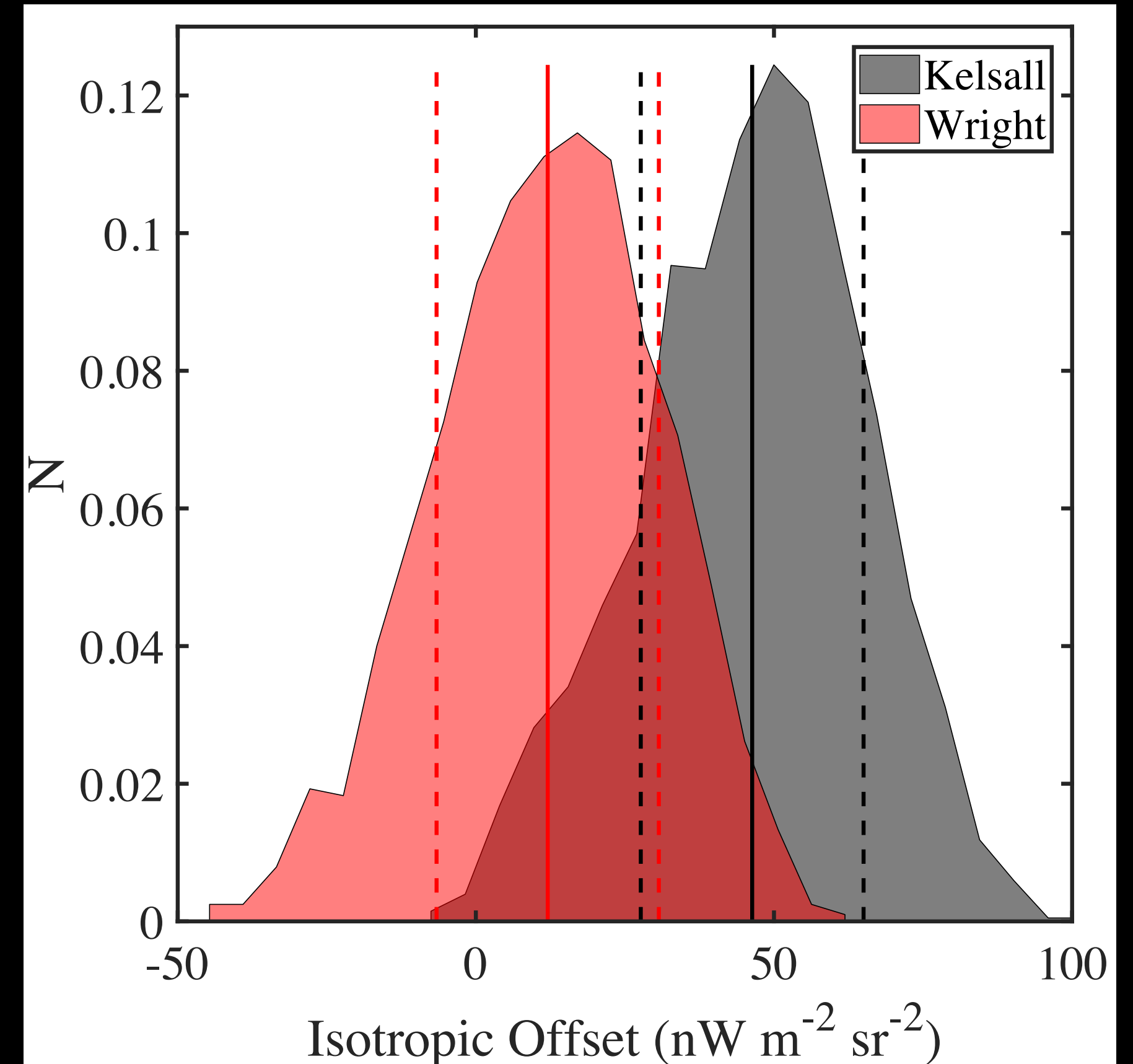
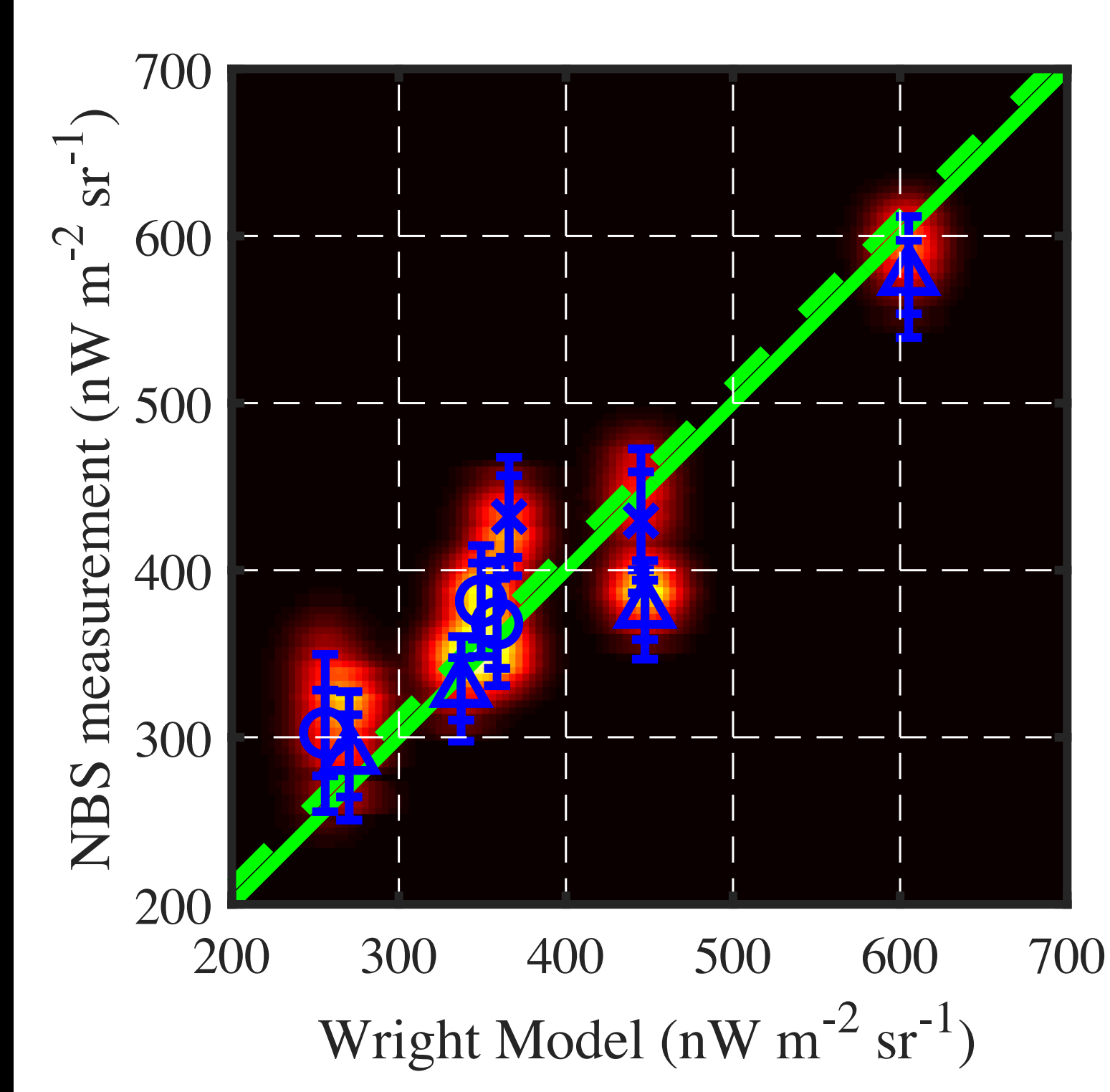
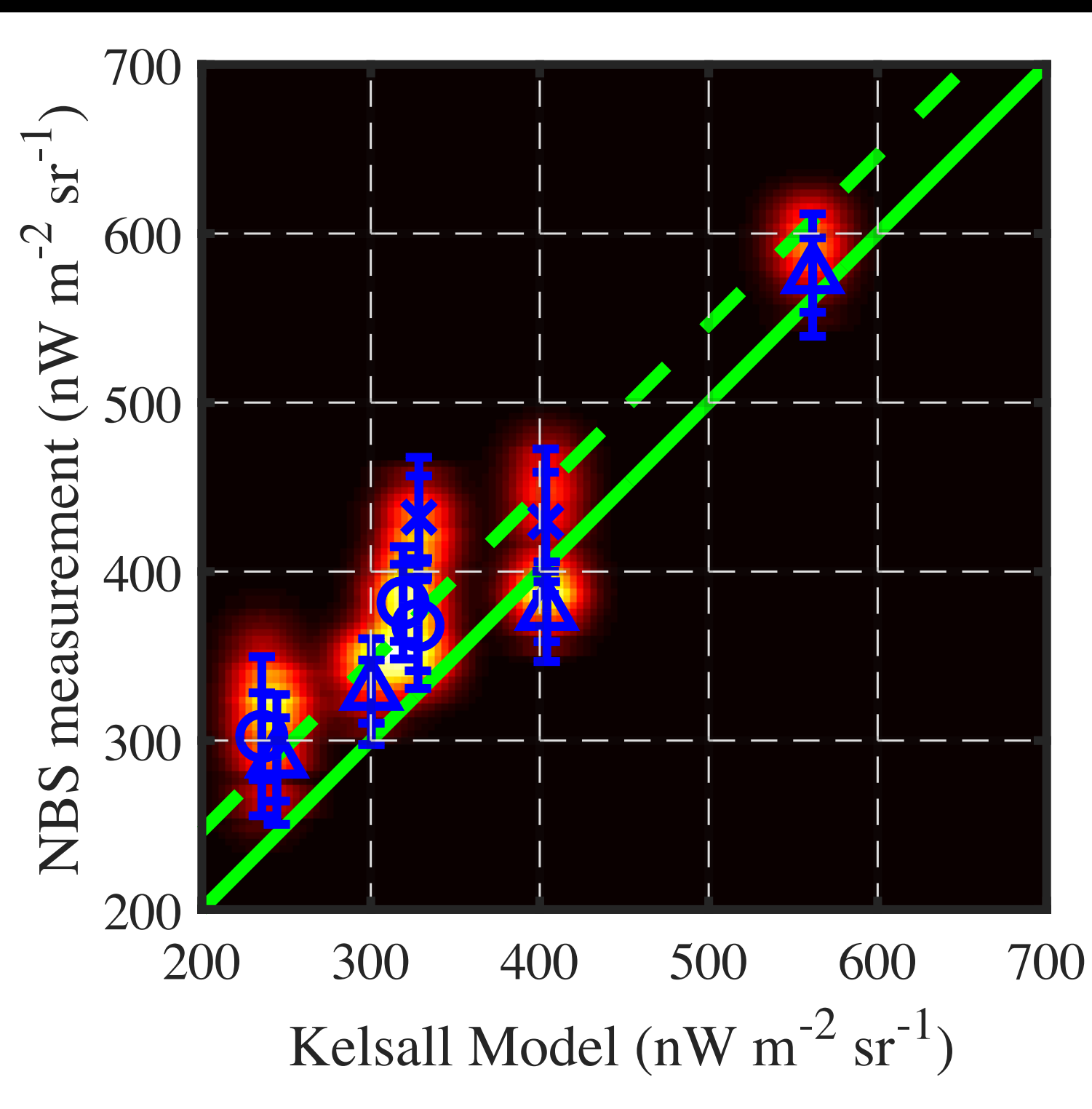
# Best Fit Spectra For the Whole Sample



Leads to model-independent measurement of Zodiacal Light level (*in sky directions of the observed fields observed at a certain time*).



## Is there a missing component in Zodi models?



CIBER/NBS zodi measurement show an “isotropic” excess above Kelsall zodi models.  $46 \pm 19$  nW m<sup>-2</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup> at  $1.25 \mu\text{m}$ . An isotropic component is not in Kelsall model.

This excess is not seen in Wright (1988) zodi model - Wright re-normalization include flux from an isotropic component through  $25 \mu\text{m}$  EBL assigned to zodiacal light.



## Is there a missing component in Zodi models?

Origin of Zodiacal dust (Inter-Planetary Dust): Nesvorny et al. (2010): ~85-90% Jupiter family comets, ~10% Oort cloud comets, <10% asteroids. (*exact fraction depends on the size of the dust particle*). Oort cloud comets (OCCs) produce an isotropic dust distribution, isotropic zodi.

*Also in models of Poppe et al. (2016)*

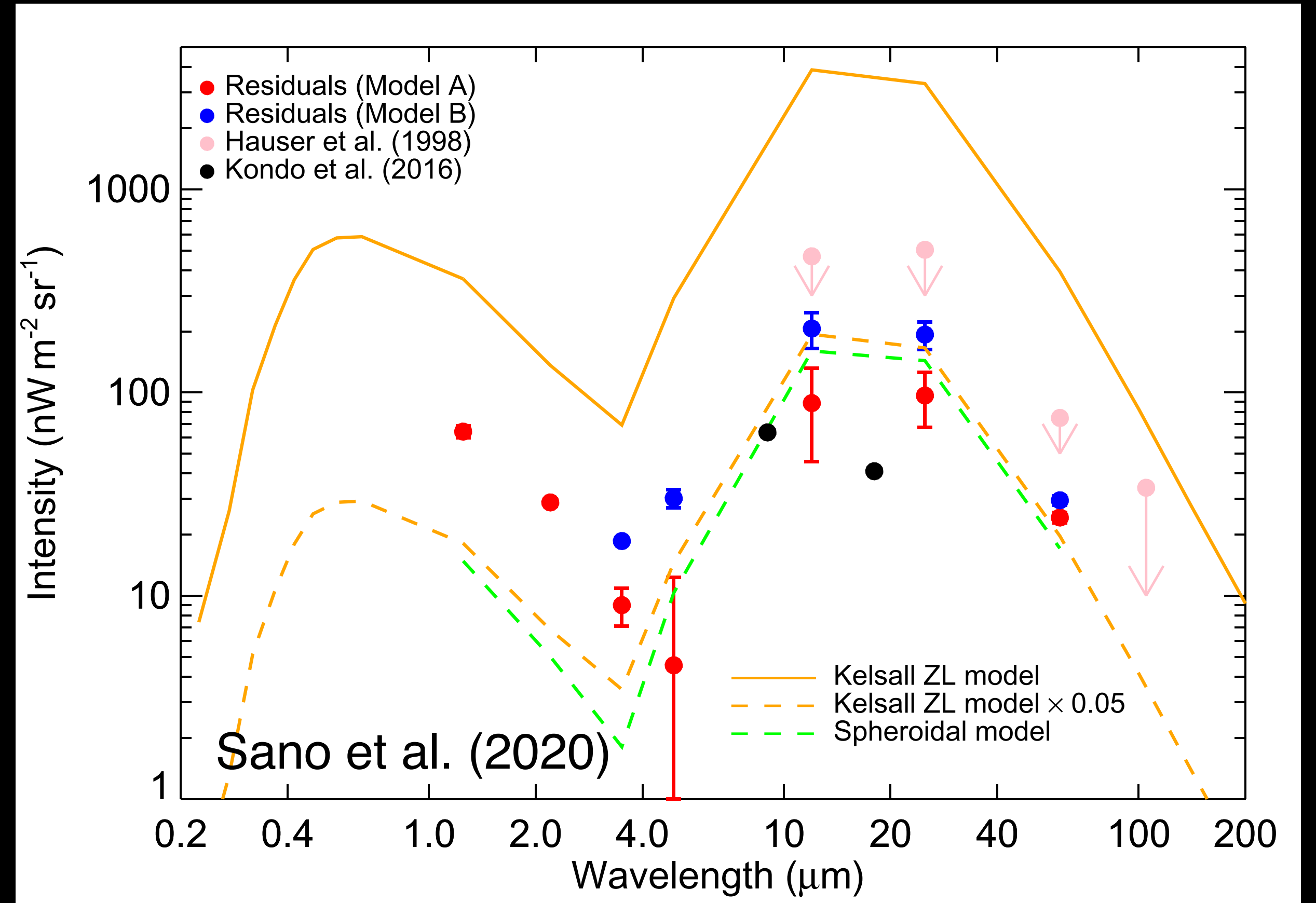
Sano et al. (2022)

DIRBE reanalysis finds 5% of the zodiacal light intensity is isotropic.

$19 \pm 2 \text{ nW m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$  at  $1.25 \mu\text{m}$ .

**Not all dust are equal: Dust responsible for scattering may not be the same dust seeing in emission at longer wavelengths.**

***Or, asteroidal dust may scatter more than cometary dust!***





# EBL Opportunity: Spitzer

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \text{Extragalactic Background Light} = & & & & \\ \text{Total sky brightness} & - & \text{Zodiacal light} & - & \text{Stars} & - & \text{ISM} - \text{Instrumental Bias} \\ \text{Measure} & & \text{Model/Measure} & & \text{Model/Measure} & & \text{Shutter} \end{array}$$

Spitzer/IRAC had a shutter but never used (soon after launch in instrument verification shutter did not behave properly and it was decided to leave shutter open for all of IRAC operations).

Spitzer can absolute calibrate time-dependence in NEP or other fields, with multiple observations separated at  $\sim 1$  month, as a way to improve Zodiacal light models at  $3.6$  and  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$

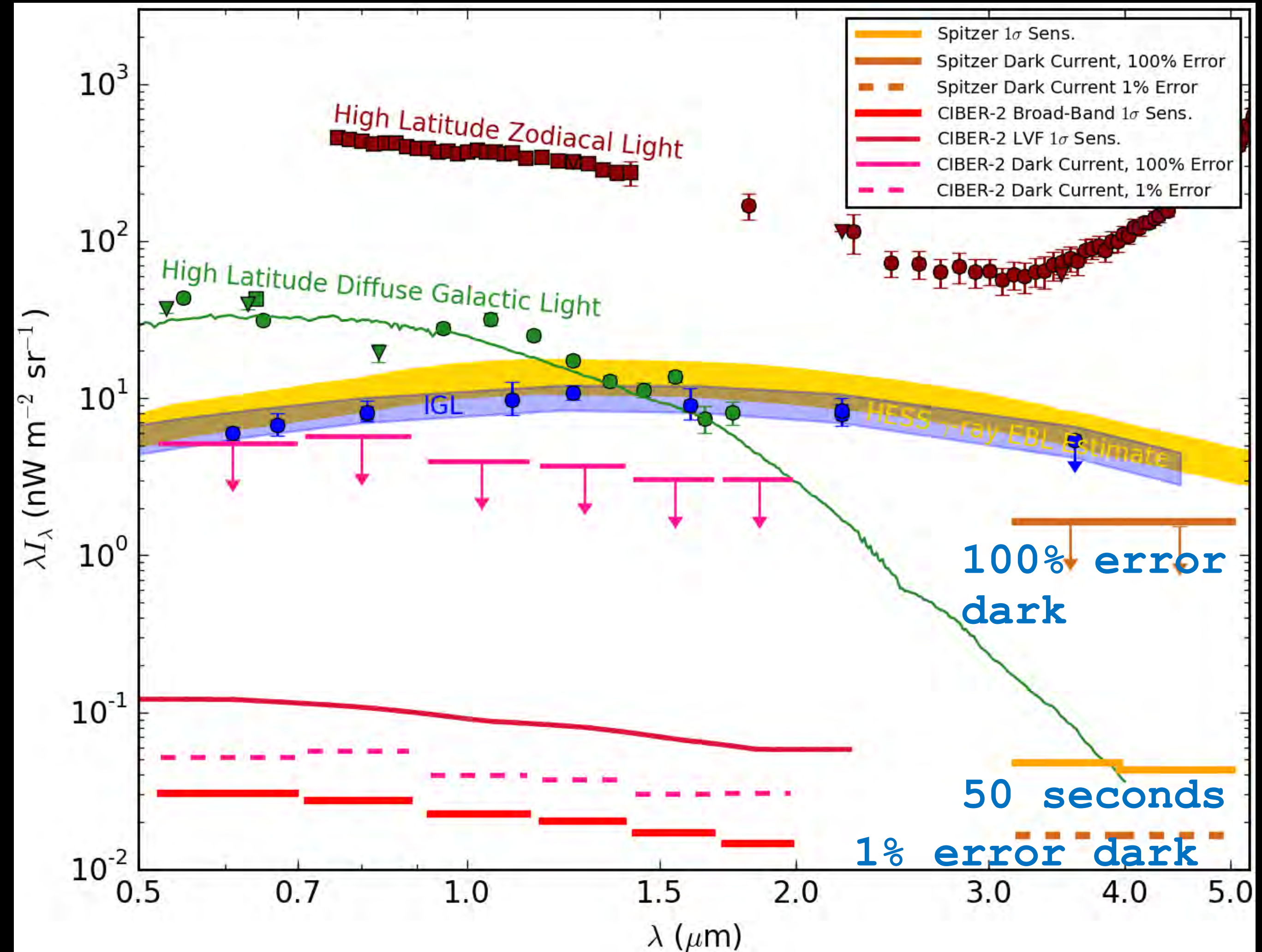
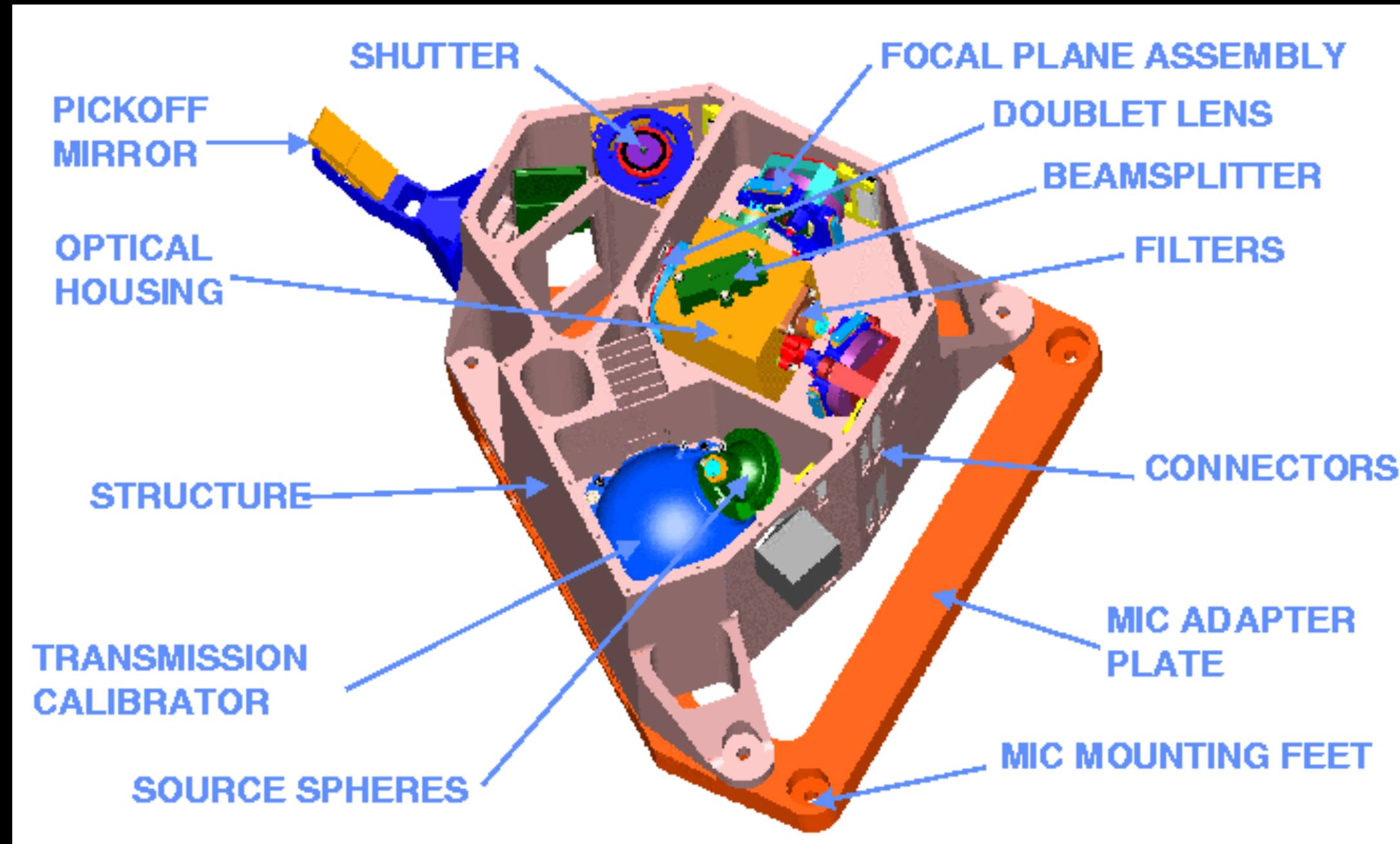
Proposal was to do a new measurement of EBL with an improved ZL model.

Spitzer operations thought it was risky using the shutter even during the last few months of the mission.

Spitzer shutter was only used during the last 24 hours of observations. Shutter had no mechanical issues!



# EBL Opportunity: Spitzer

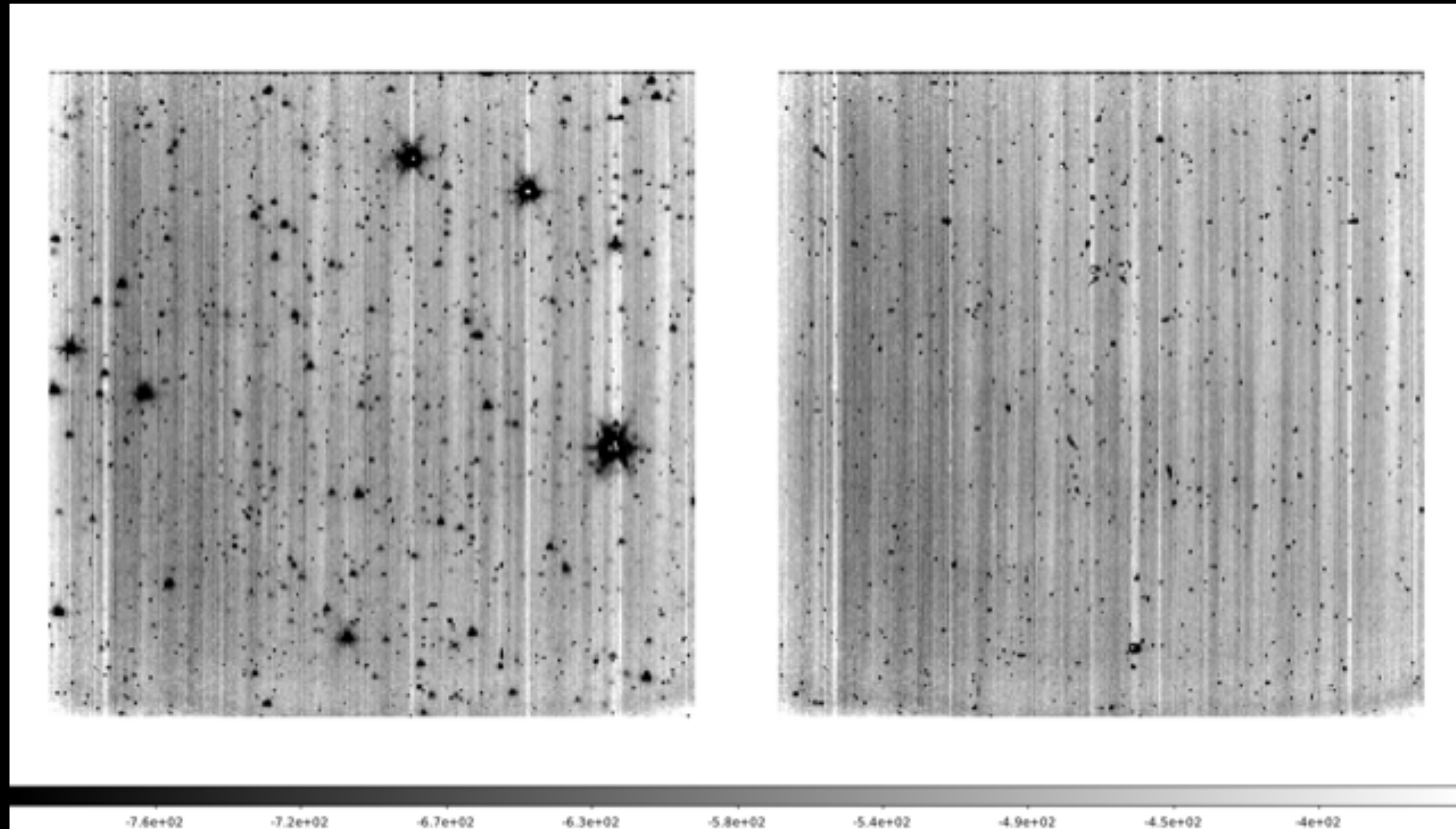


Proposed a proper zodi/EBL program over 1600 hours during the last six months, allocated 24 hours of DDT observations during the last day of Spitzer operations.



# EBL Opportunity: Spitzer

Raw frames - first ever shutter closed IRAC image  
(Jan 28 2020), 17 years after launch.  
Spitzer powered down: Jan 29 2020

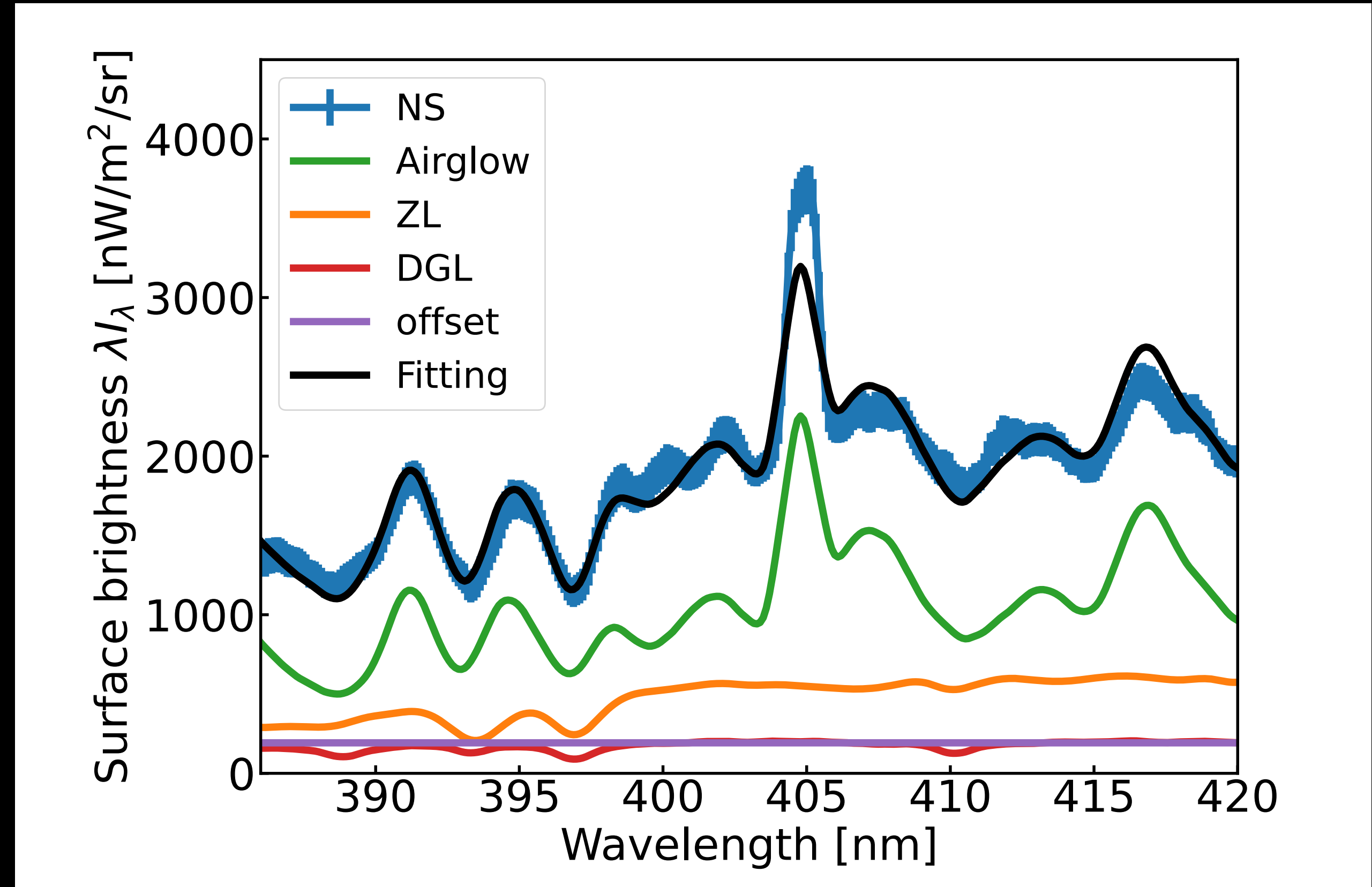
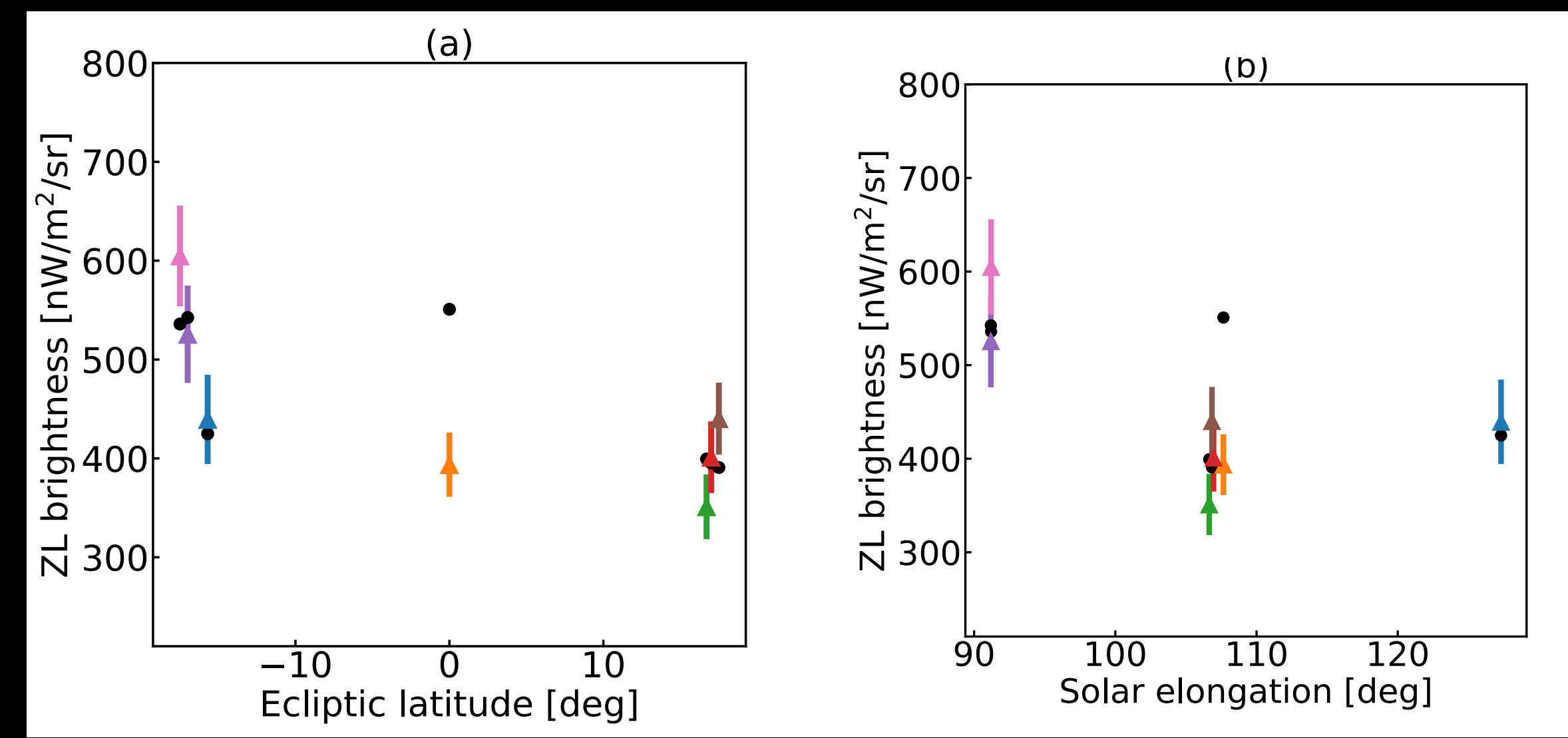
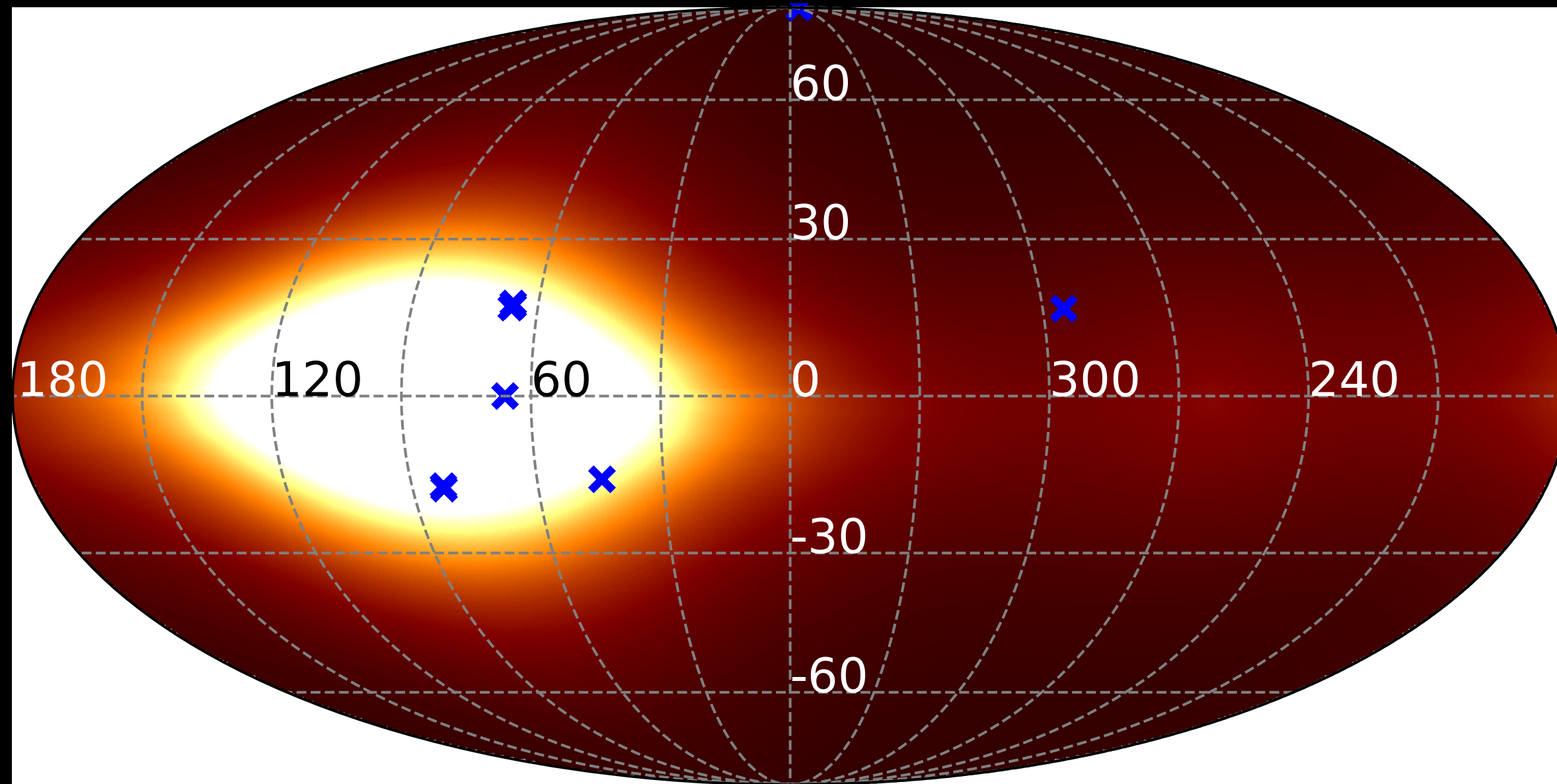


Shutter open

Shutter closed

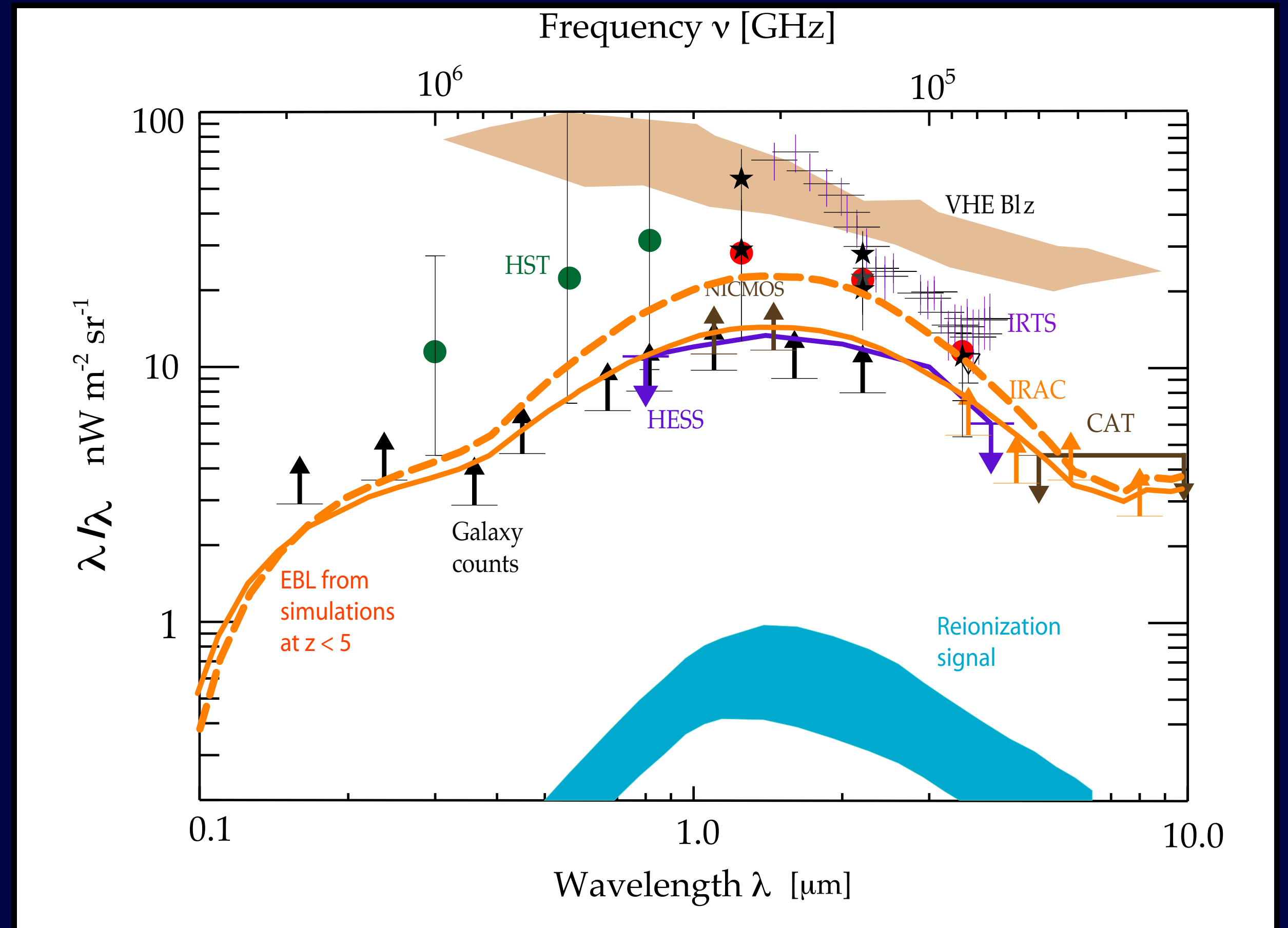
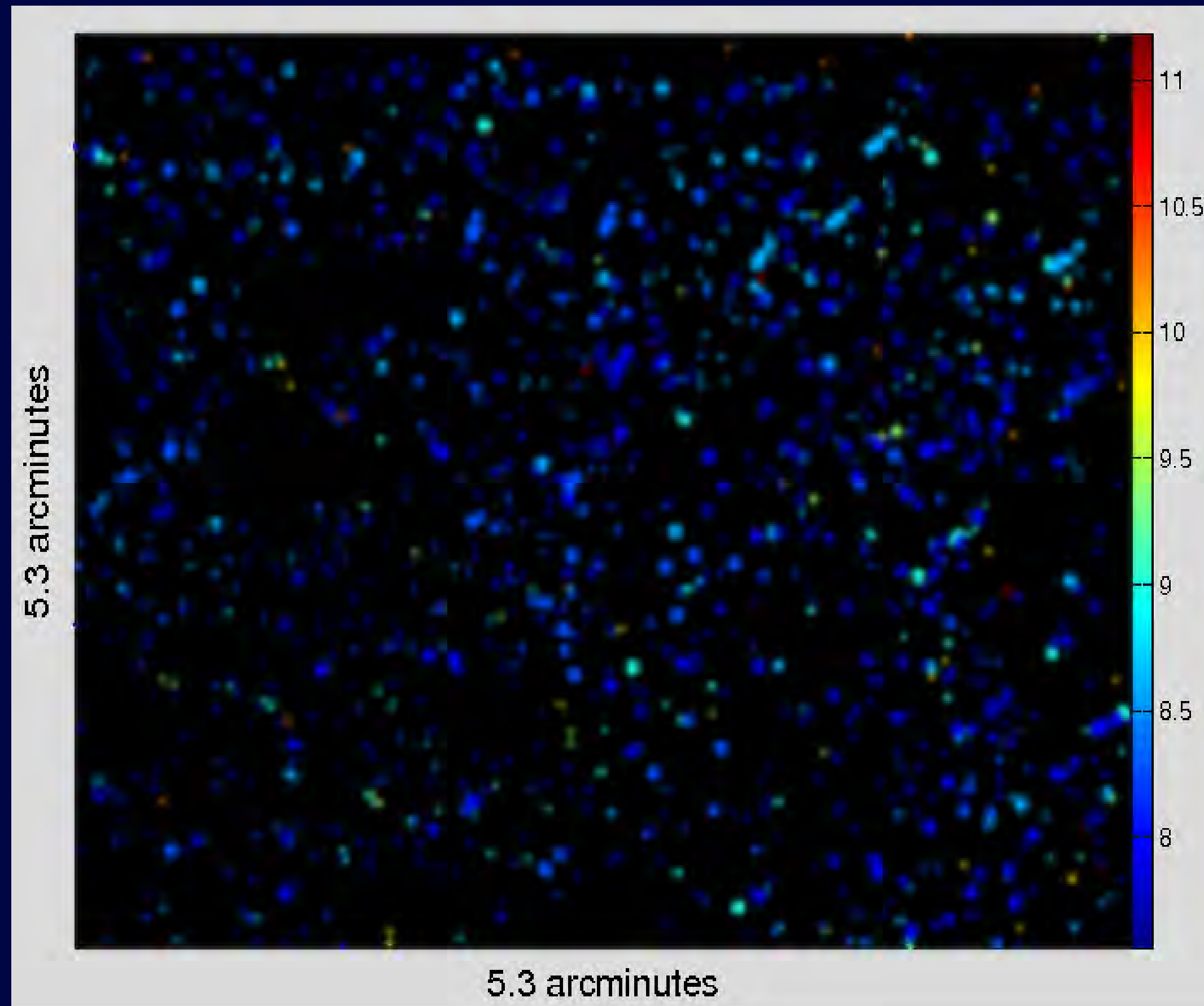


# Spitzert + Ground Palomar observations of Fraunhofer lines of IRAC shutter fields





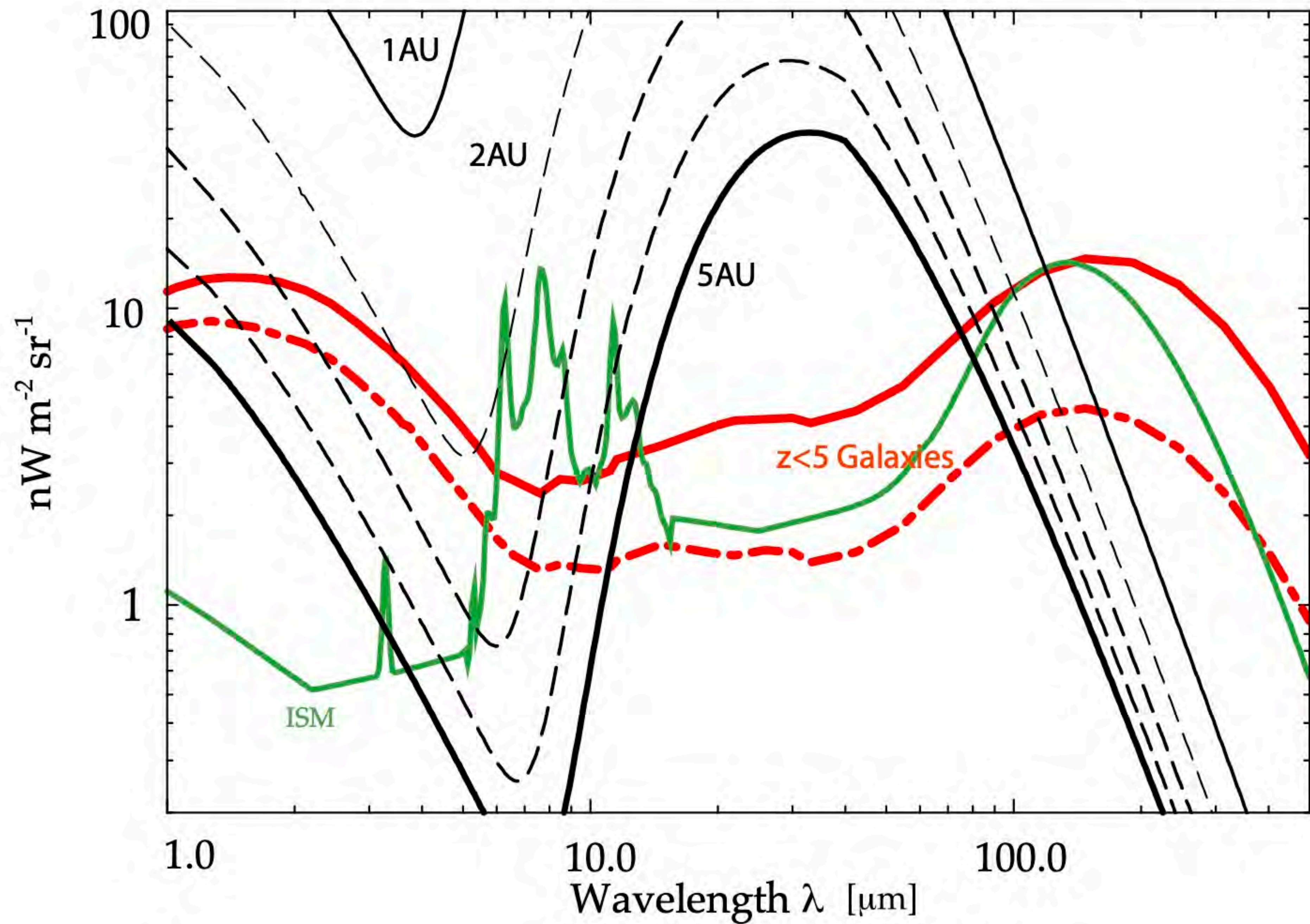
# Can we ever measure EBL to sub-1% accuracy?



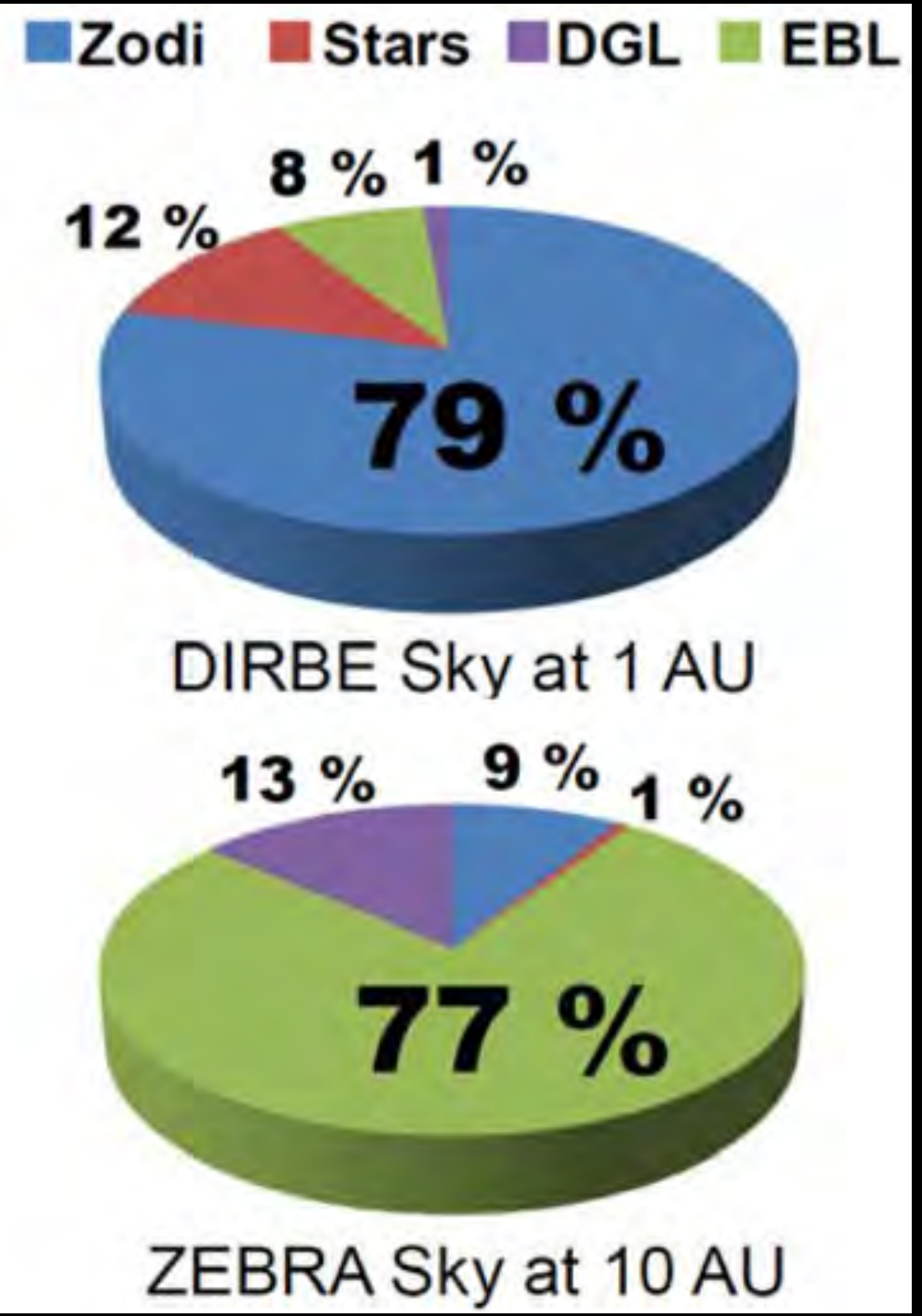
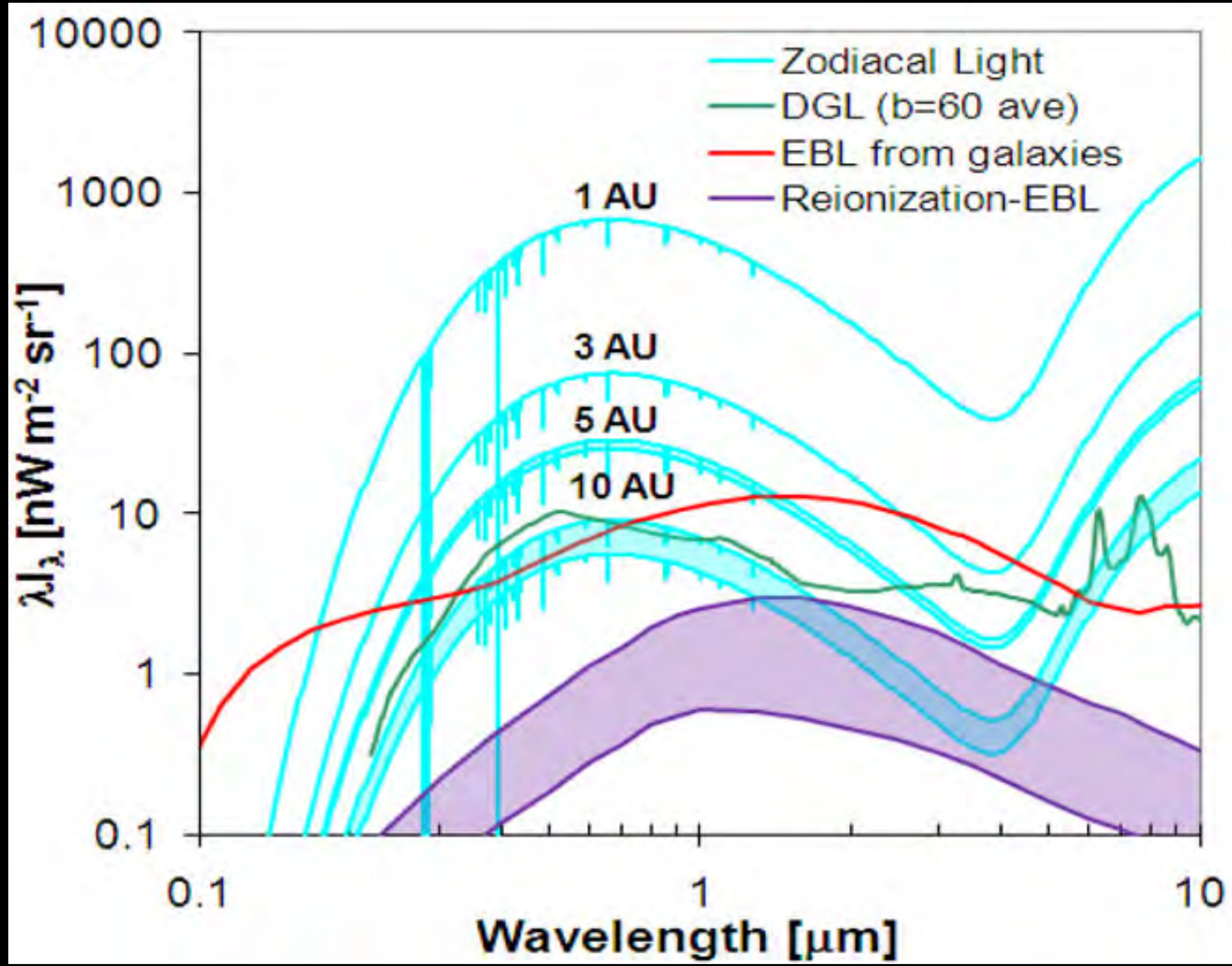
## What do we need:

A small aperture telescope with multi-wavelength coverage observing outside of 5-10 AU











ZEBRA

# ZEBRA Mission Concept Study

Concept Study for Strategic Space Flight Science Missions

ZODIACAL DUST, EXTRAGALACTIC BACKGROUND AND REIONIZATION APPARATUS

Planetary mission  
Astrophysics mission

Nature of the Universe  
Nature of planetary systems

*A Science Enhancement  
Option for an Outer  
Planet Discovery  
Mission*



# ZEBRA

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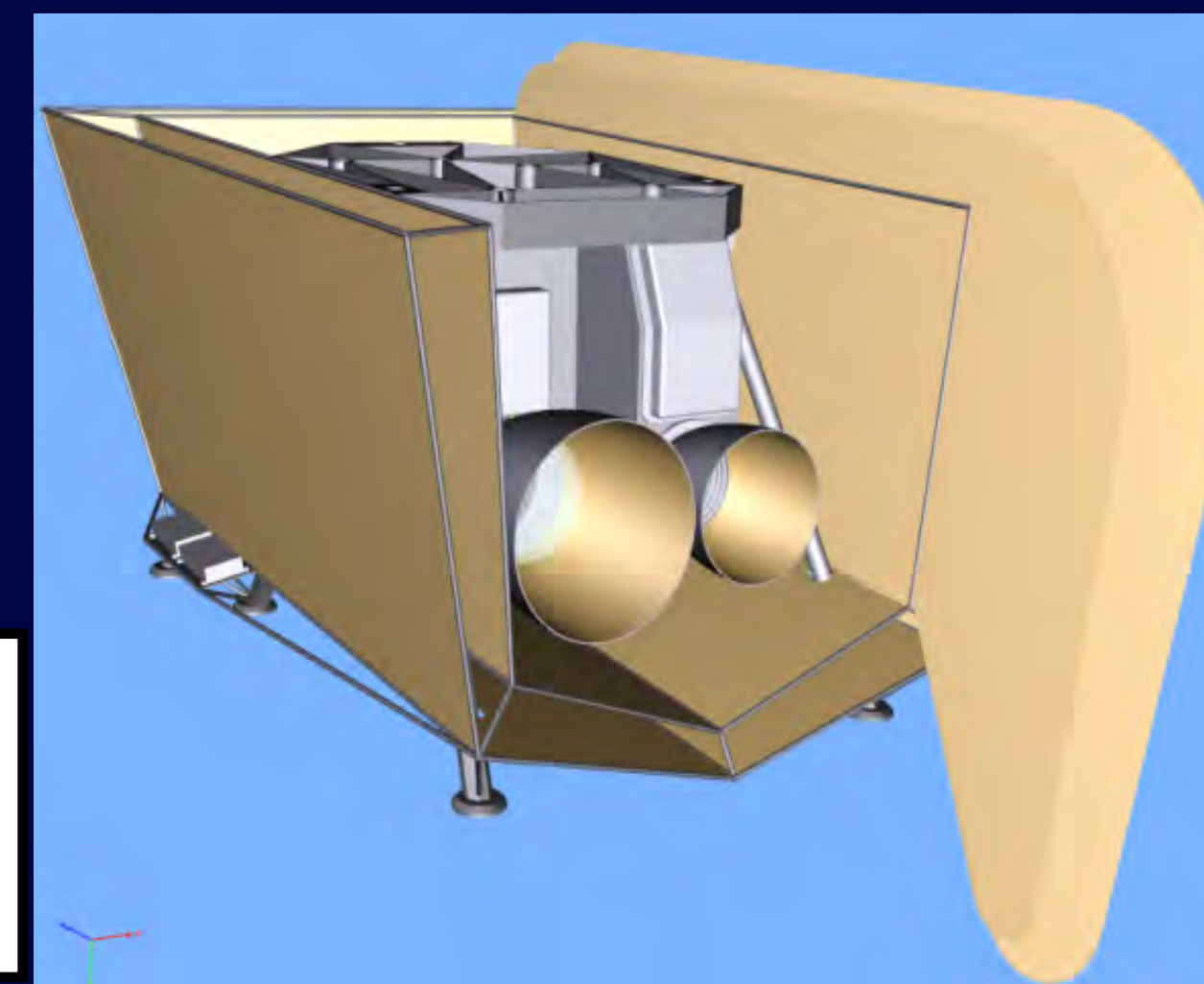
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ZODIACAL DUST, EXTRAGALACTIC BACKGROUND AND REIONIZATION APPARATUS

## Two Fundamental Science Goals in One Instrument to the Outer Planets

- **Extragalactic Background Light**
  - Measures galaxy history
  - Epoch of reionization galaxies
- **Zodiacal Dust**
  - Structure and origin of solar system dust
  - Detect and map Kuiper belt dust

- **Platform:** Outer planets mission to Saturn
- **Description of payload instrumentation:** Optical to near-infrared absolute photometer with 15 cm telescope; Wide field optical camera with 3 cm telescope
- **Mission duration:** 5-year outer planets cruise-phase
- **Temperature:** 50 K
- **Pointing requirements:** 0.5" stability over 500 s.
- **Data rate to ground (kbits/day):** 0.5 Mbpd



Optics: 15 cm & 3 cm off-axis  
Wavelengths: 0.4 – 5  $\mu\text{m}$   
Cooling: Passive to 50 K

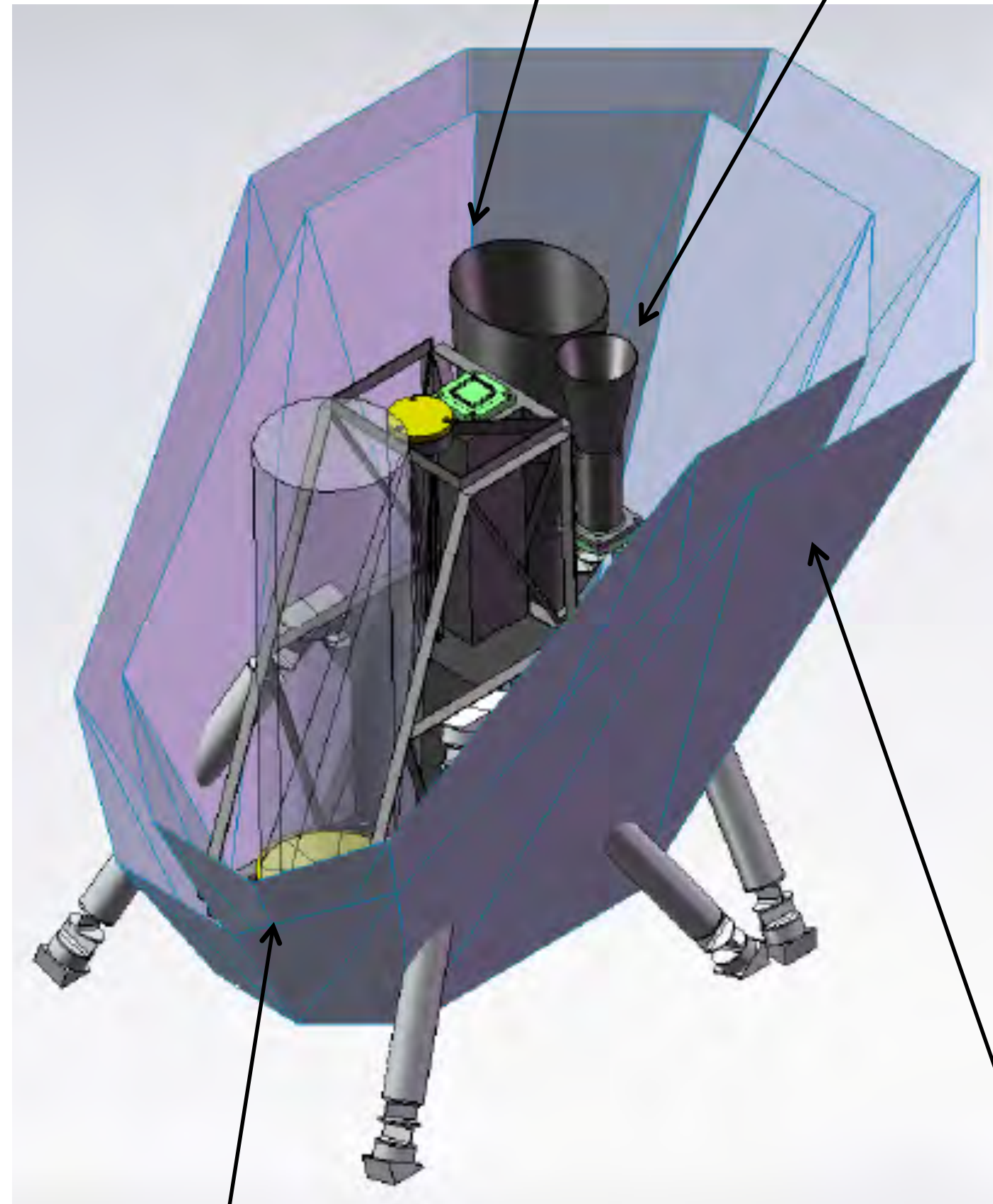
Bock, Cooray et al. 2012  
Mission of Opportunity proposal  
to NASA for an instrument for EBL  
as part of a mission to Saturn

**ZEBRA is a high-TRL instrument with minimum impact to host mission**

- All key technologies demonstrated
- Well-defined interfaces
- ZEBRA engineers offset to net mass



## Fraunhofer Line Spectrometer

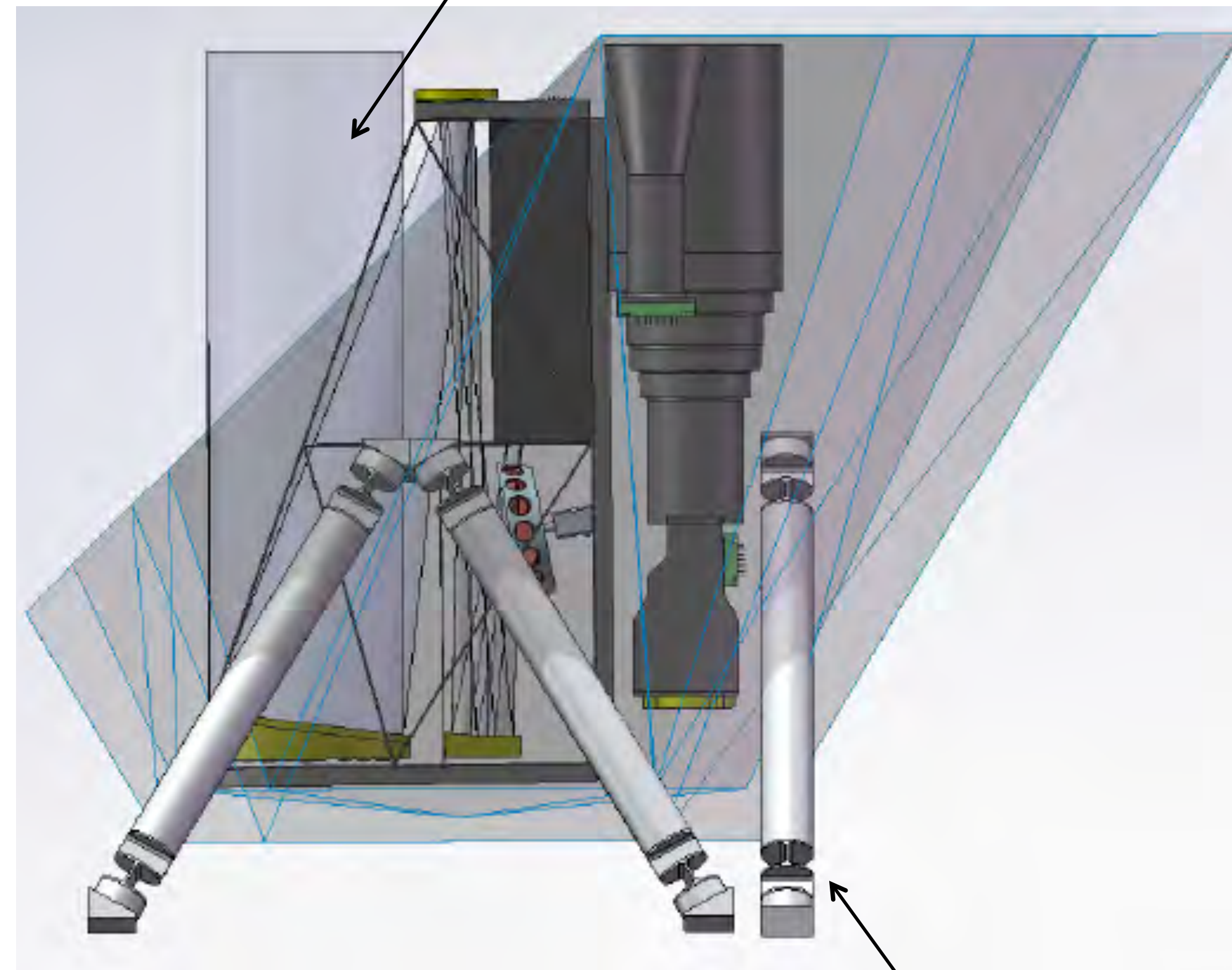


Wide-Field Camera

3-stage Passive Cooling System

Kapton Radiation Shields (2)

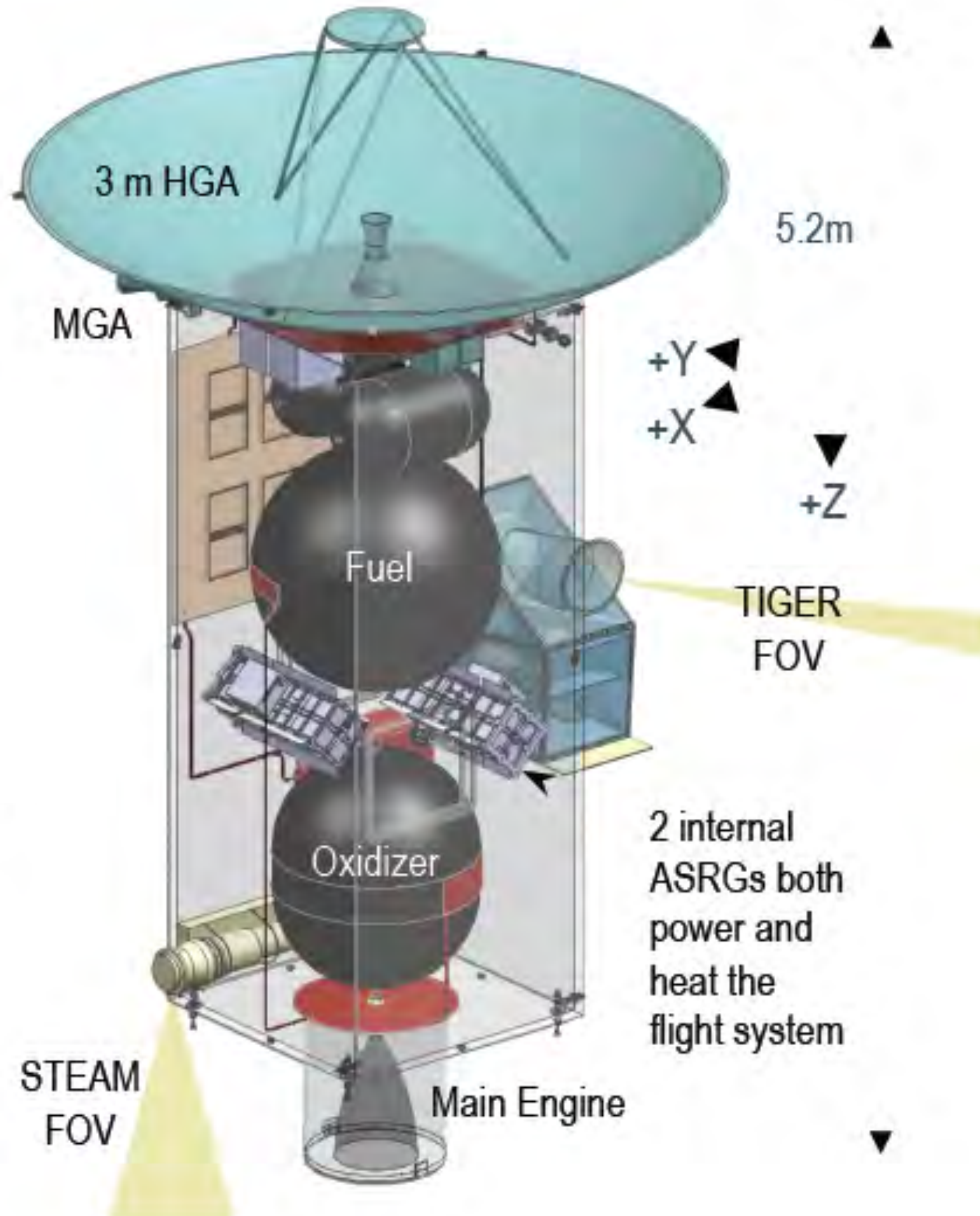
## Absolute Photometer



Support Struts



*e.g a mission to Enceladus*



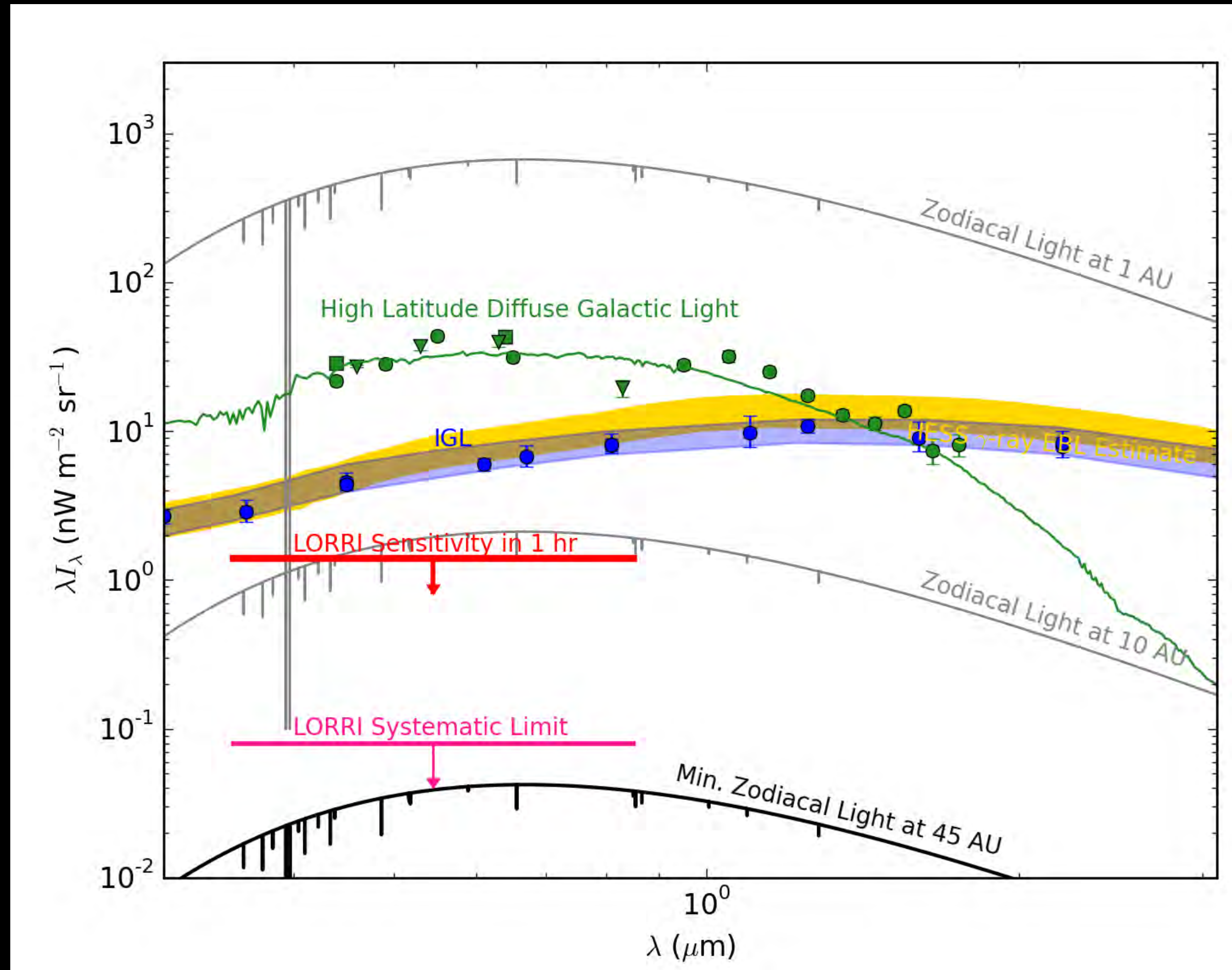
- 3-axis stabilized, redundant RWA
- Two 30-A-hr Li-ion batteries for peak load
- X-Band comm: HGA, MGA, 2 LGA
- 2 NASA ASRGs also heat subsystems
- 1-axis TIGER gimbal, S/C roll for 2<sup>nd</sup> DOF
- 652.7 kg dry, 1786 kg wet, 25.2% margin
- 32 Gb storage, 4 flyby capacity
- Flight-qualified solar system avionics
- Dual-mode biprop with 2.45 km/s  $\Delta V$
- Standard intermediate LV from CCAFS

Use the small instrument during cruise phase between Jupiter and Saturn

ZEBRA was not selected in 2012. And we have yet to re-propose (hard to put an astrophysics instrument to a planetary S/C - at least with NASA)



# Since 2018 or so, EBL with New Horizons/LORRI instrument



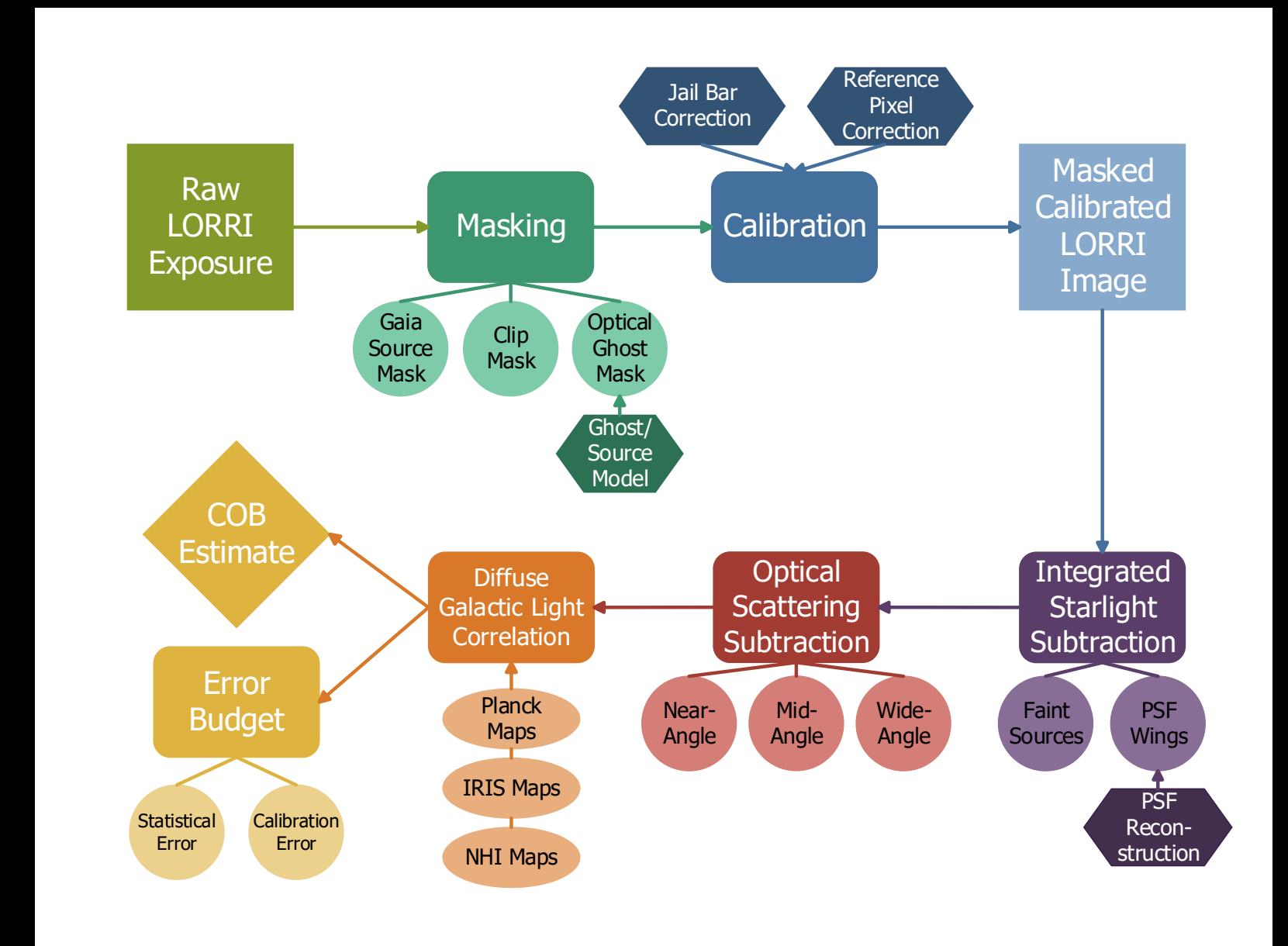
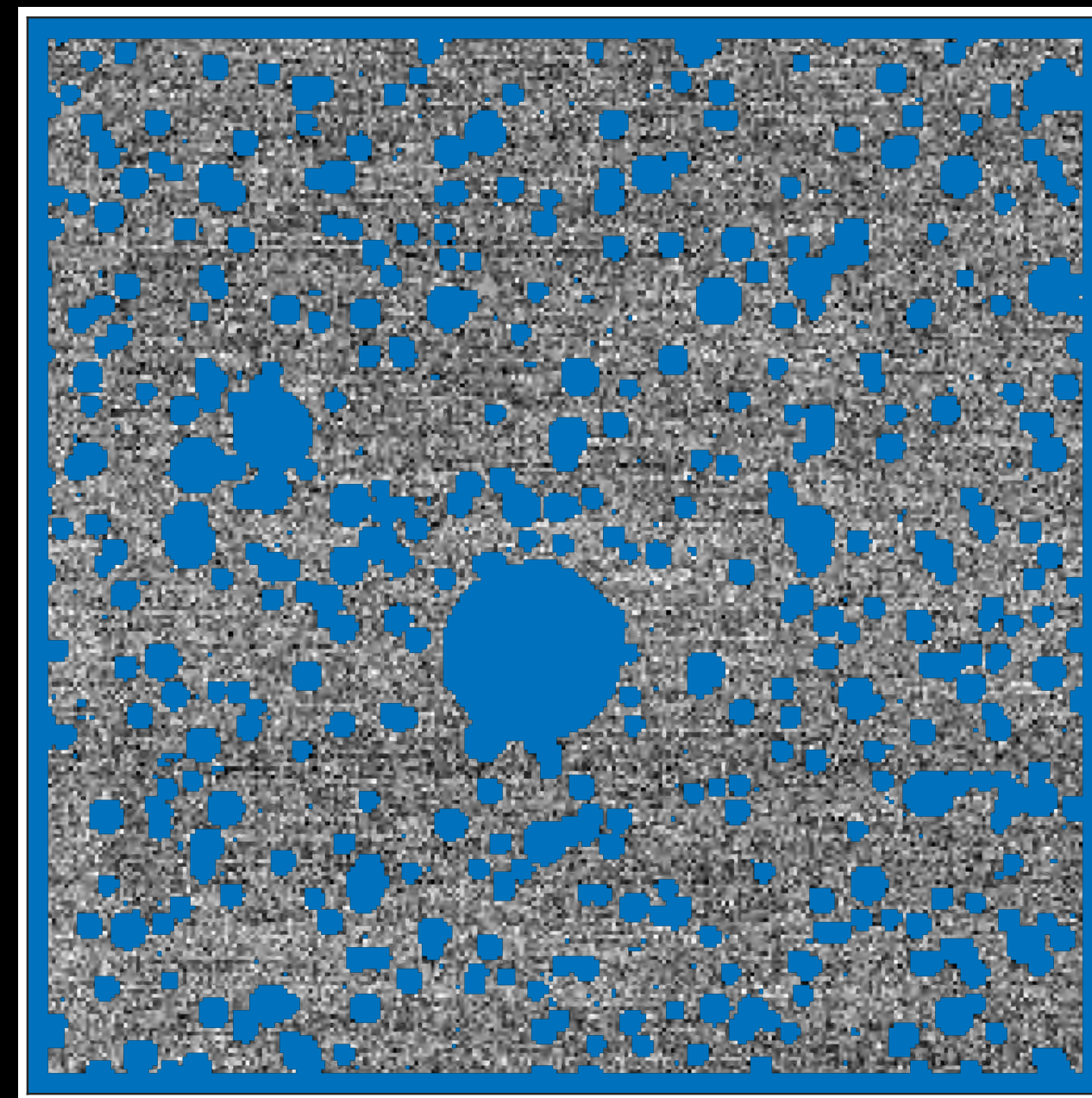
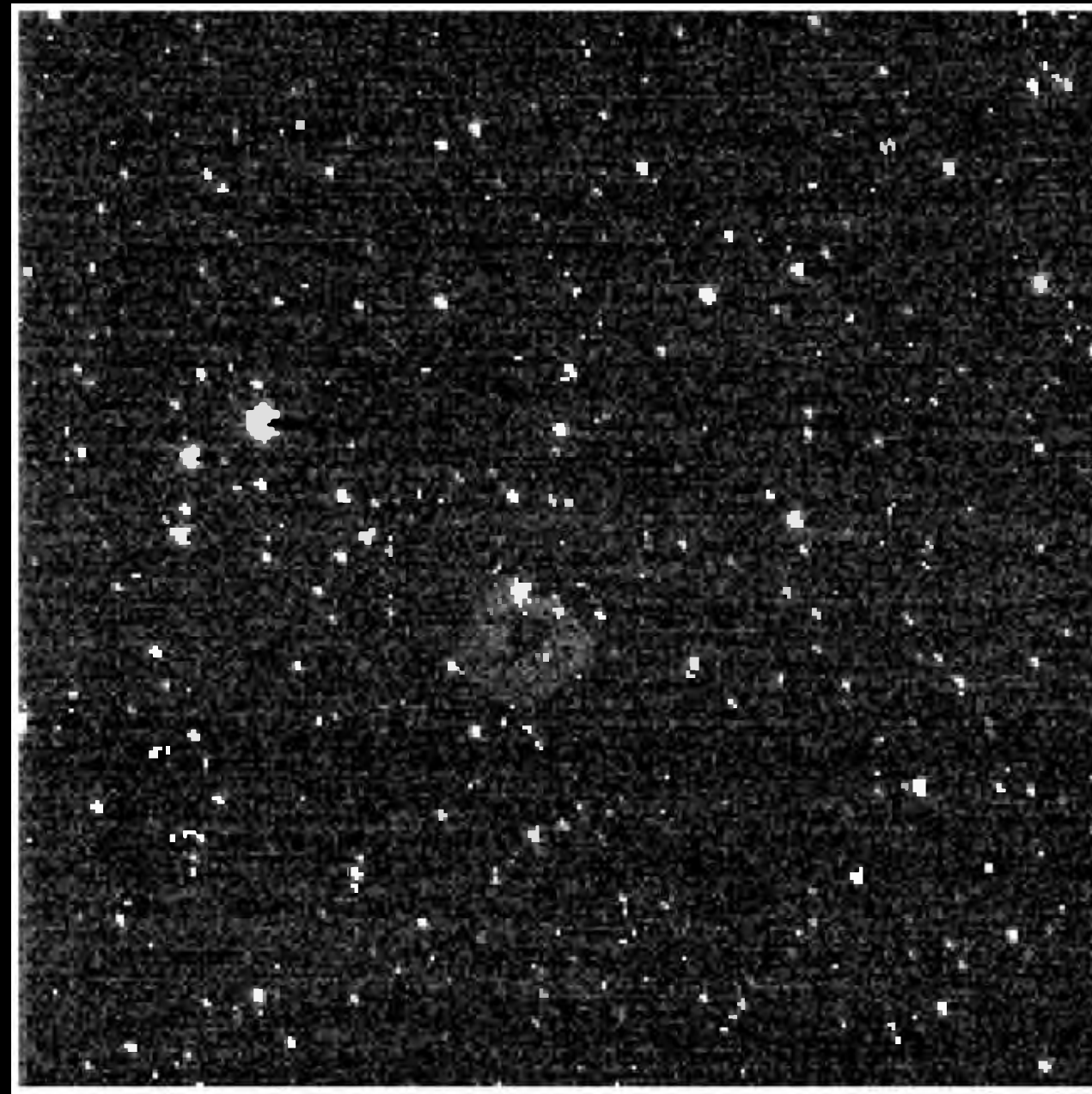
Teresa Symons RIT PhD/UCI Postdoc

Symons et al. 2023

Parameter	LORRI	Ralph/MVIC	Ralph/LEISA
Wavelength Range	350-850 nm, single band.	400-975 nm 400-550 nm 540-700 nm 780-975 nm 860-910 nm	1.25 - 2.5 mm, LVF
Spectral Resolution	1.2	1.2, 3.2, 3.9, 4.5, 17.7	240
Pixel Resolution	1.0x1.0 arcsec <sup>2</sup>	4.1x4.1 arcsec <sup>2</sup>	12.8x12.8 arcsec <sup>2</sup>
FOV (smallest w/ complete spectral sampling).	0.29 deg x 0.29 deg	5.7 deg x 0.037 deg	0.9 deg x 0.9 deg
N <sub>pix</sub>	1024x1024	Wide-band 2x5000x32 pix; all others 5000x32 pix	256x256 (~1 pix/spectral band)
Telescope Aperture	20.8 cm	7.5 cm	7.5 cm
Diffraction Limited Performance	0.5 arcsec	2.0 arcsec	5.3 arcsec
Temperature	200 K	200 K	100 K
Nominal Spectral Scan Speed	-	? (32x row transfer time)	25.7 arcsec/s
Data Size (@ 16 bits/pixel)	16.8 Mb/frame (1.0 Mb/frame in 4x4 pixel means).	17.9 Mb/frame	1.0 Mb/frame
Max Integration Time	30 s	4 s (?)	4 s
Point Source Sensitivity	V=19.3 1σ in 4x4 pixel bins in 30s	V=10 14σ in 0.25 s	?
Surface Brightness Sensitivity	4.06x10 <sup>3</sup> nW m <sup>-2</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup> pixel rms in 30 s	9.51x10 <sup>4</sup> nW m <sup>-2</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup> pixel rms in 4 s	6x10 <sup>4</sup> nW m <sup>-2</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup> pixel rms in 4 s
Total Surface Brightness Sensitivity	16 nW m <sup>-2</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup> at 1σ in 30 s	170 nW m <sup>-2</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup> at 1σ in 4 s	750 nW m <sup>-2</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup> at 1σ in 4 s at R~10

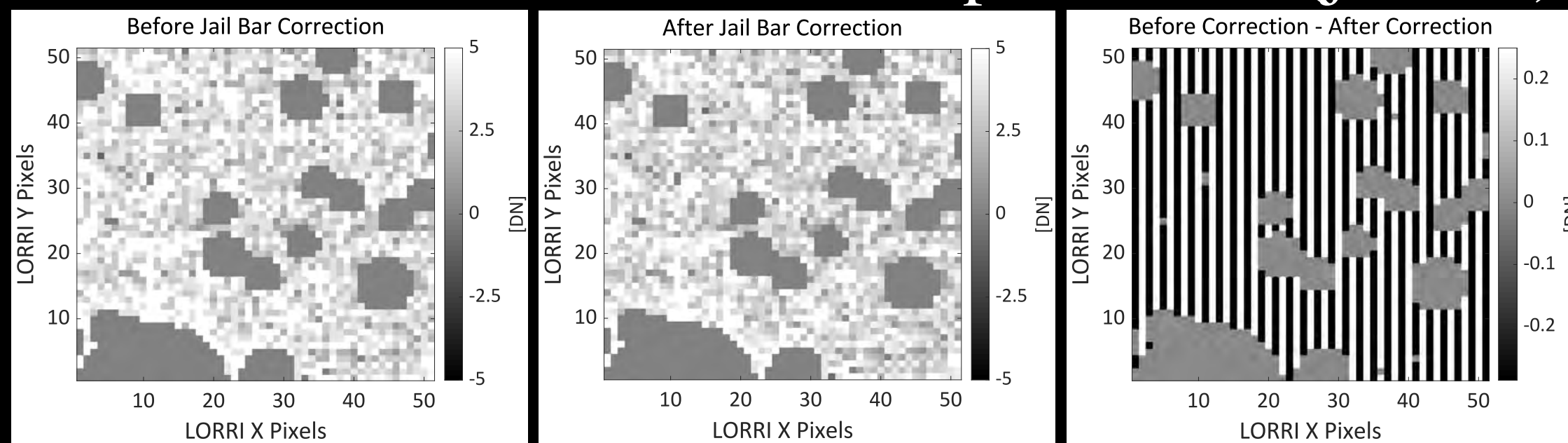


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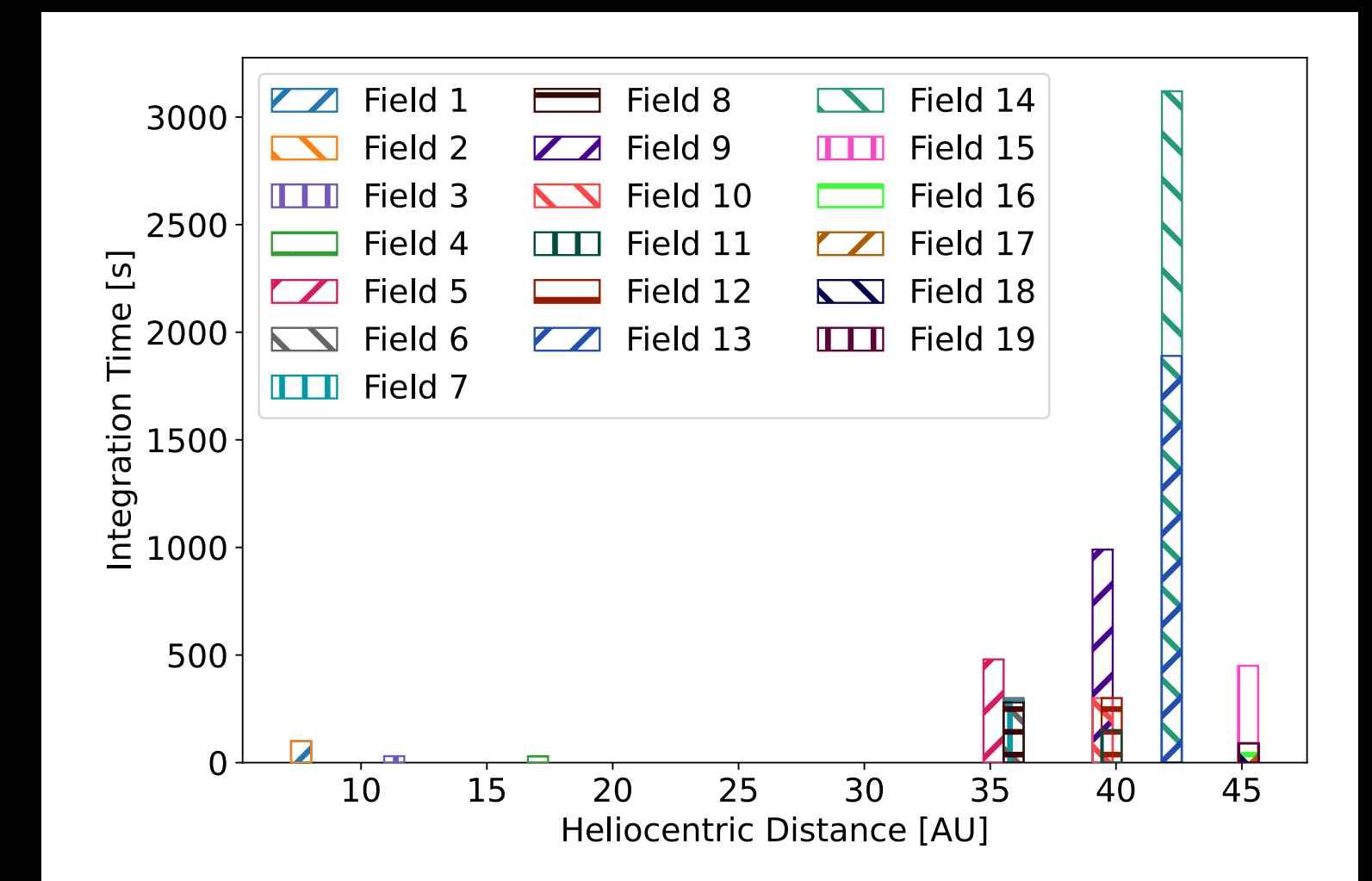


LORRI was not designed for EBL measurements - straylight/ghosts (donut)

## LORRI readout electronics amplifier bias (jail bar)

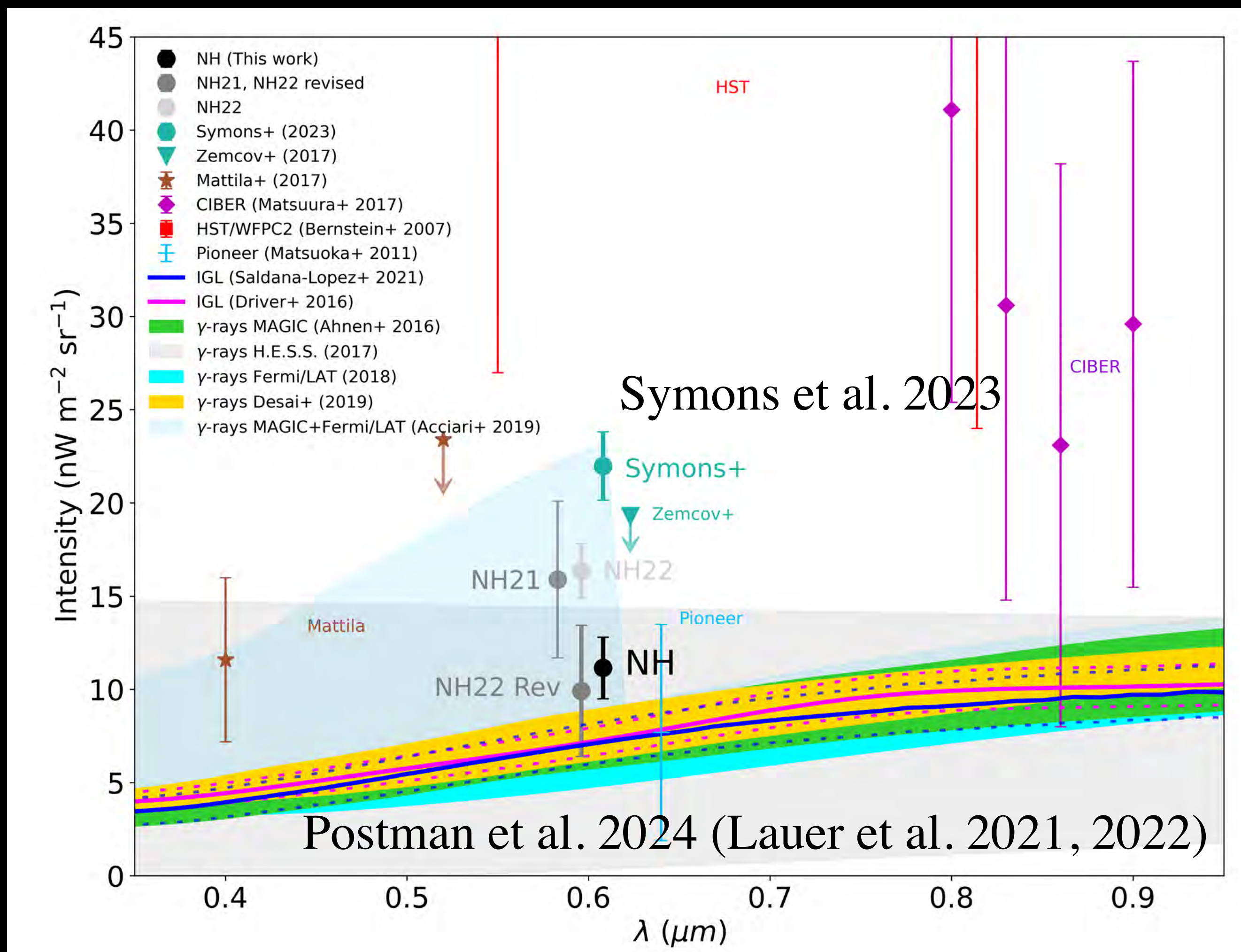


each readout column has a different bias due to small voltage offsets.





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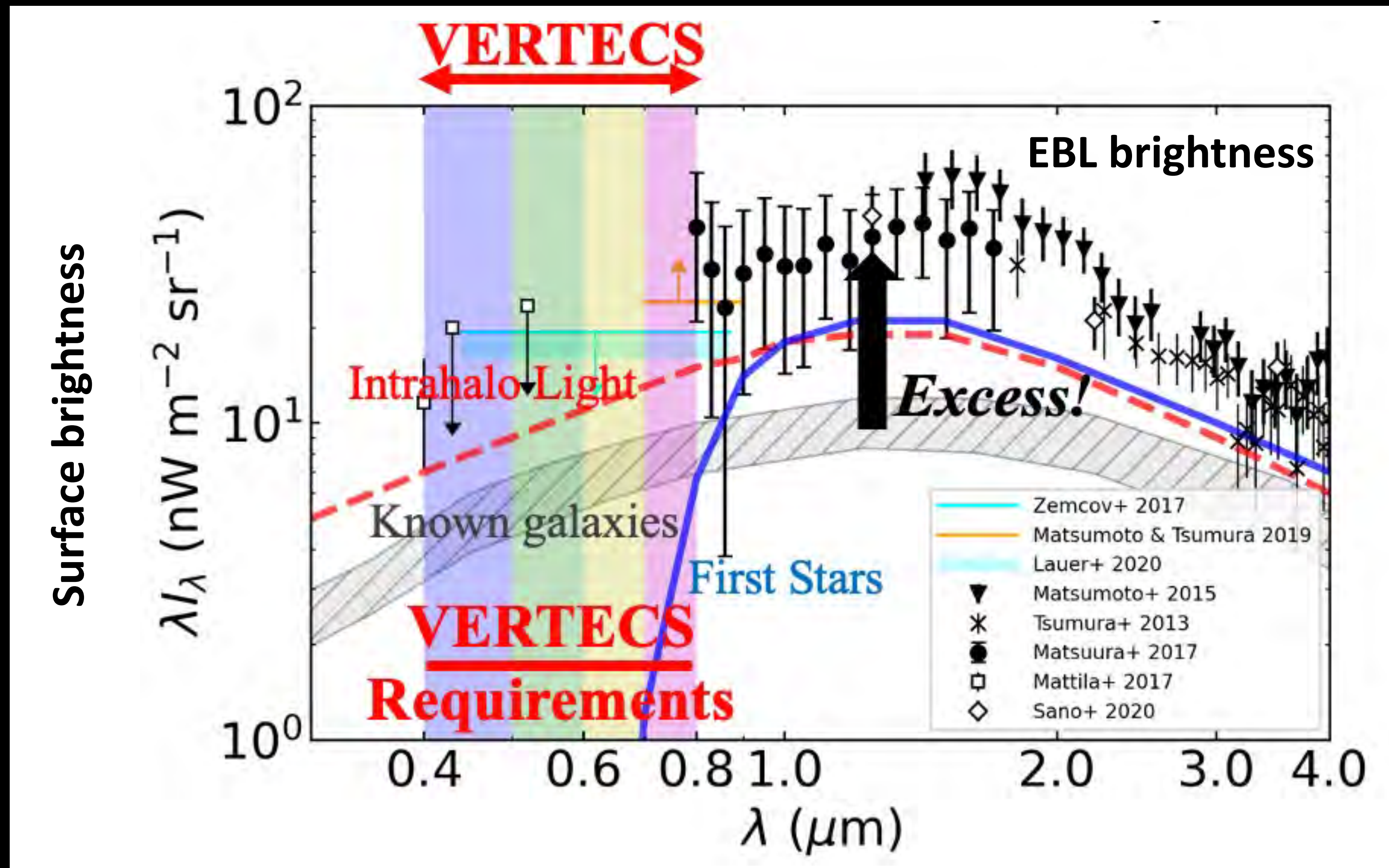
Is there an isotropic zodi component at 1 AU? - answer seems yes  
(from CIBER NBS; Sano et al.)

Is there an isotropic zodi-like component at 50 AU? - likely not according to latest New Horizons/LORRI team analysis (Postman et al. 24):  
 $2.99 \pm 2.03 \text{ nW m}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1}$  excess ( $\sim 1.5\sigma$ )

Leaves a very small contribution above IGL and EBL inferred from TeV absorption spectra.



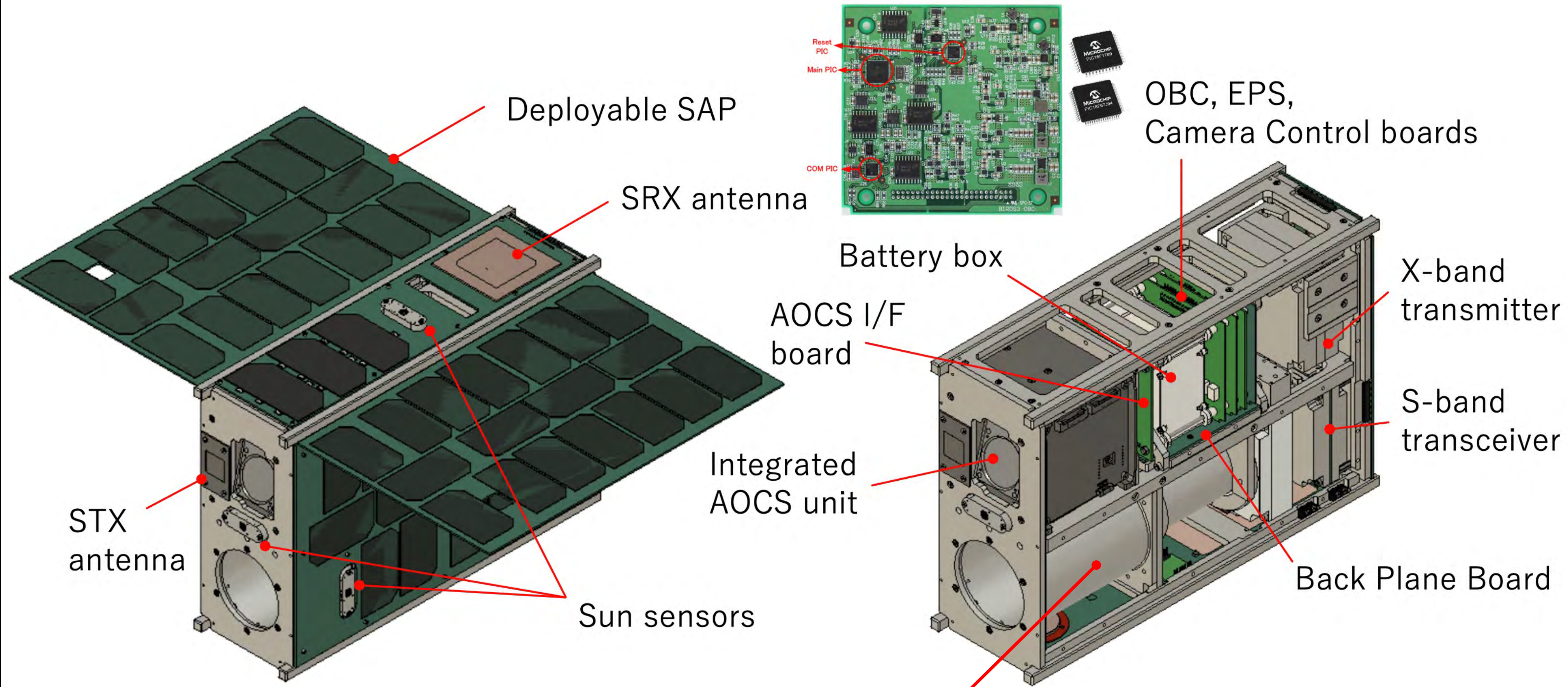
# EBL Opportunity: VERTECS



Matsuura et al.

**VERTECS - JAXA Small Sat Rush Program Selected 2022 and launching 2025**

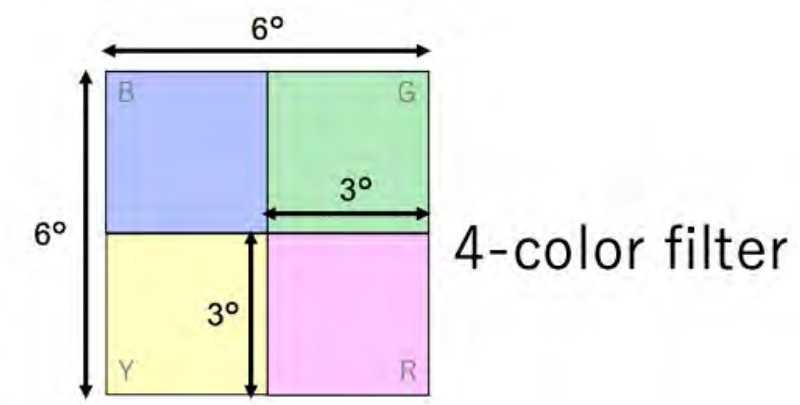




**Telescope**

- 2U size wide-field optics and baffle structure

Mission Payload



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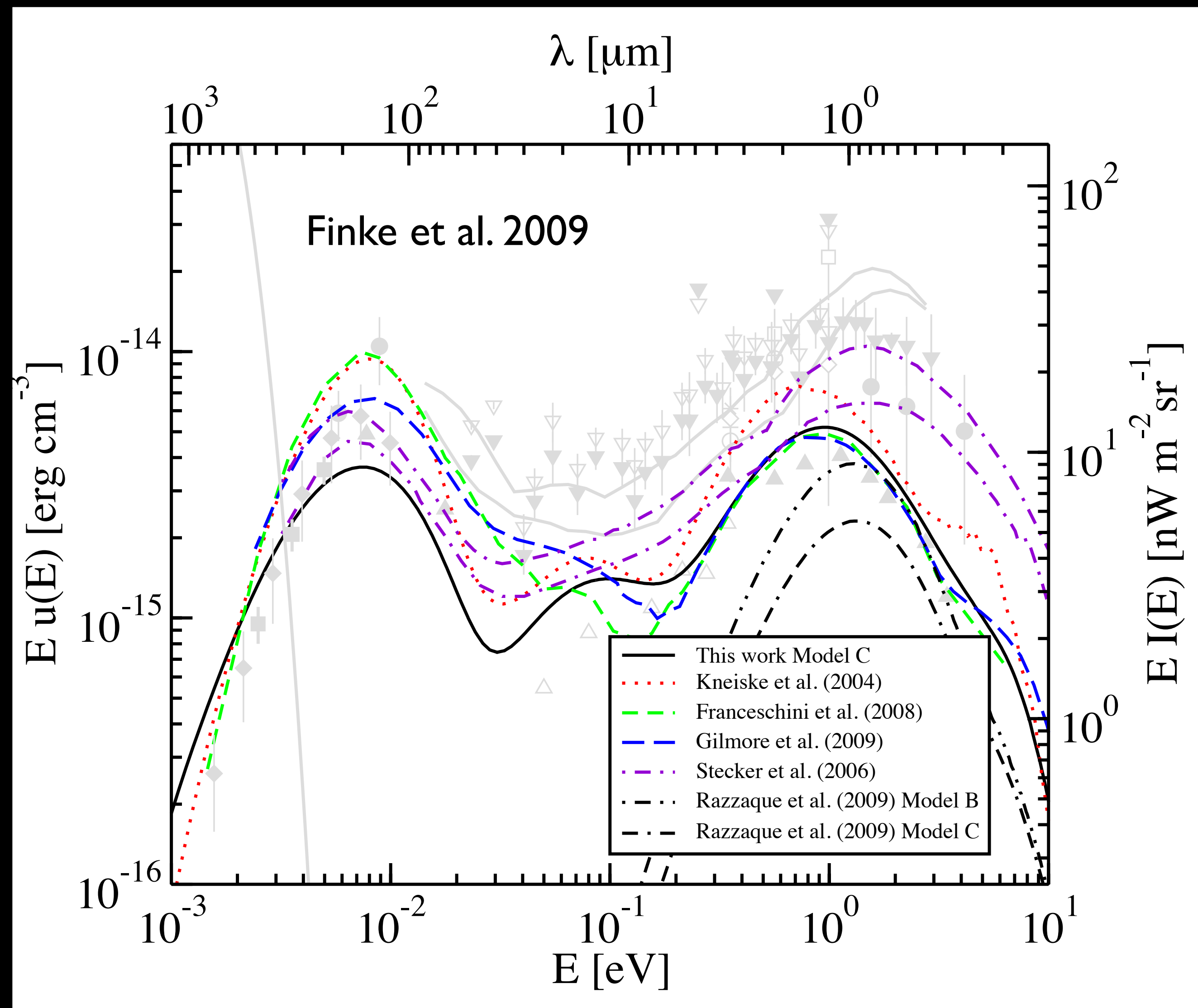


# Why measure EBL?

## I. Improve our models of galaxy evolution model

*EBL provides an anchor that all theories of galaxy formation and evolution must satisfy.*

EBL can distinguish between different models of galaxy formation and evolution

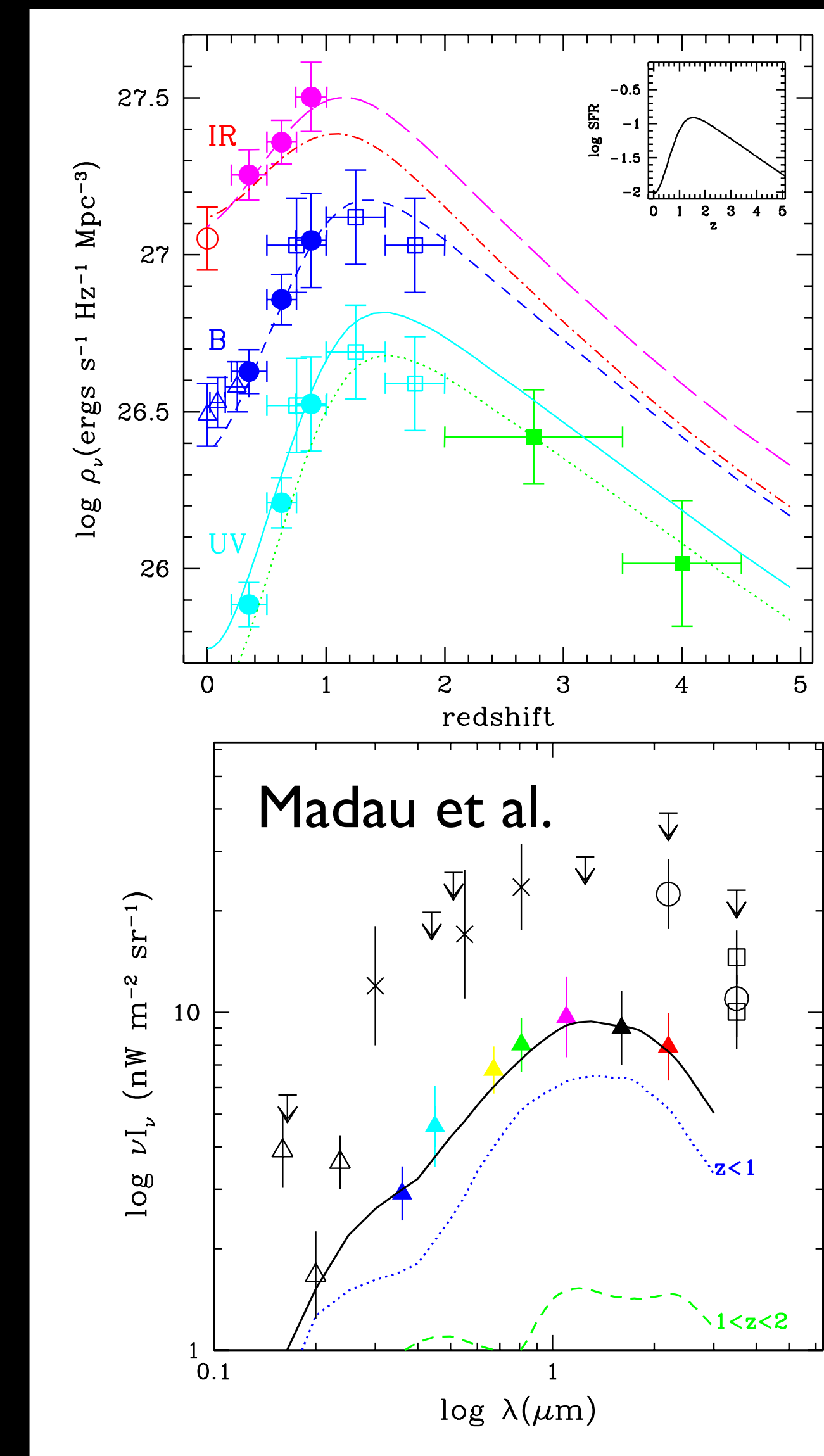
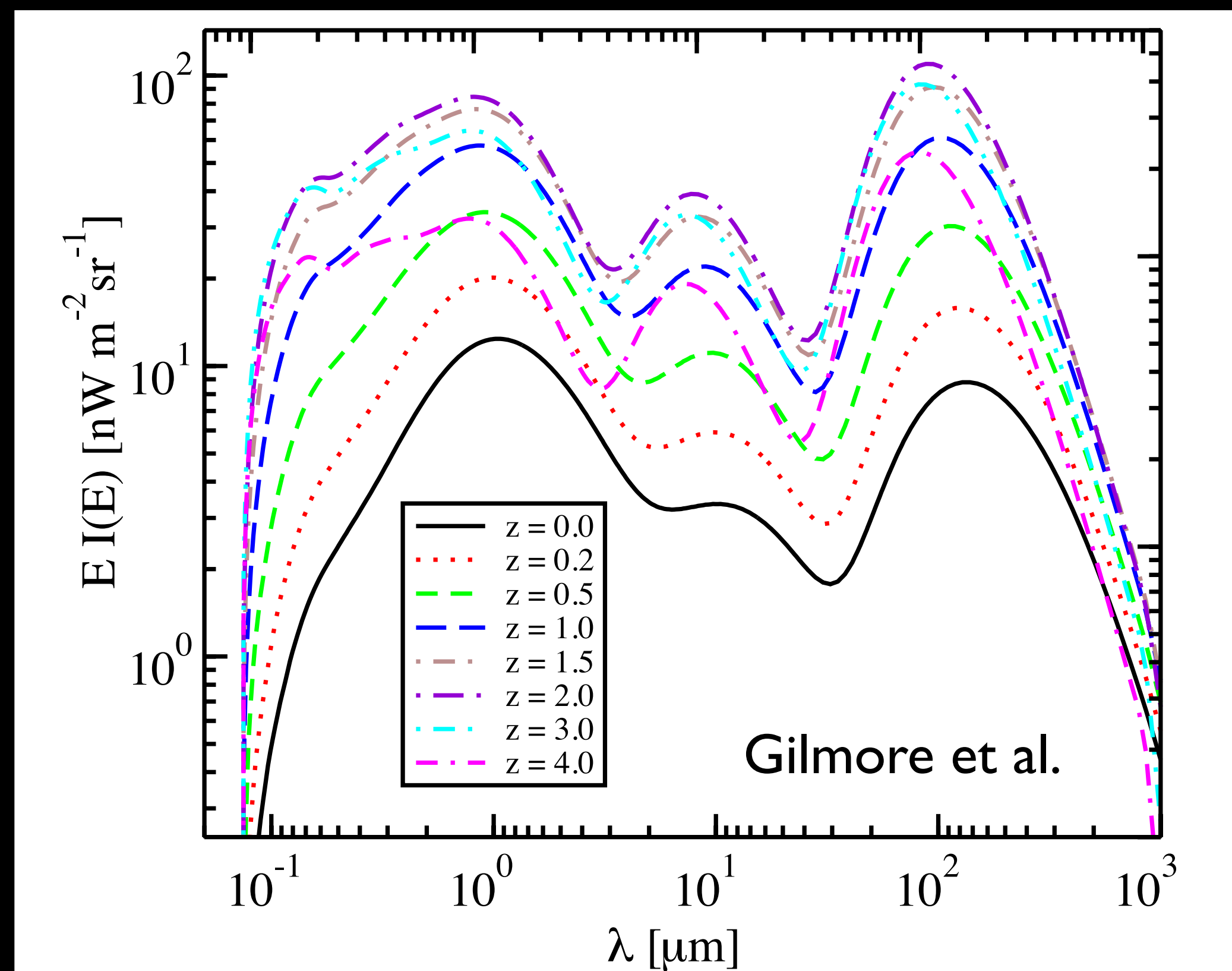




# Why measure EBL?

## II. EBL provides an independent probe of star-formation history of the Universe

What is the fraction of EBL as a function of the redshift when combined with deep galaxy surveys?

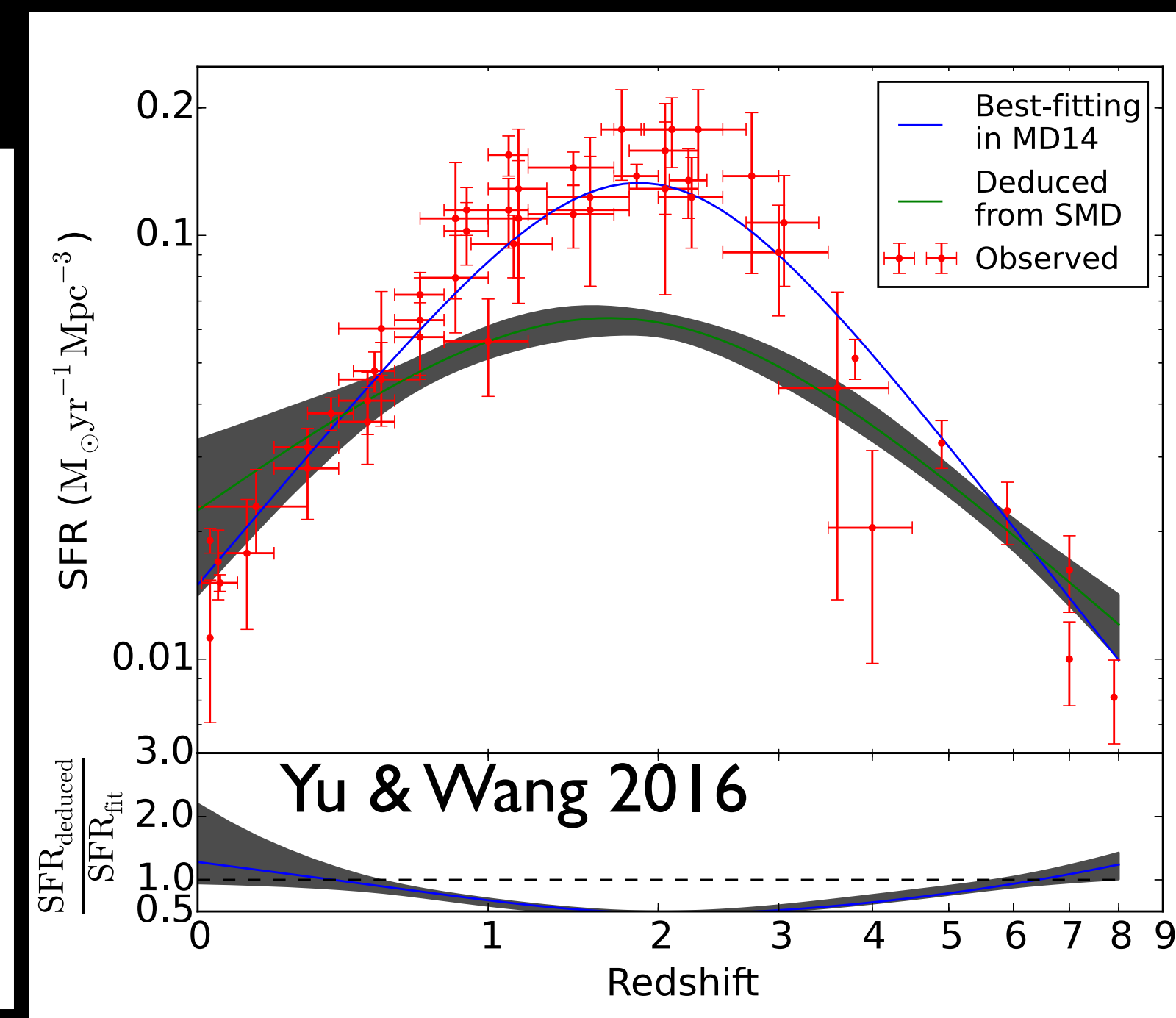
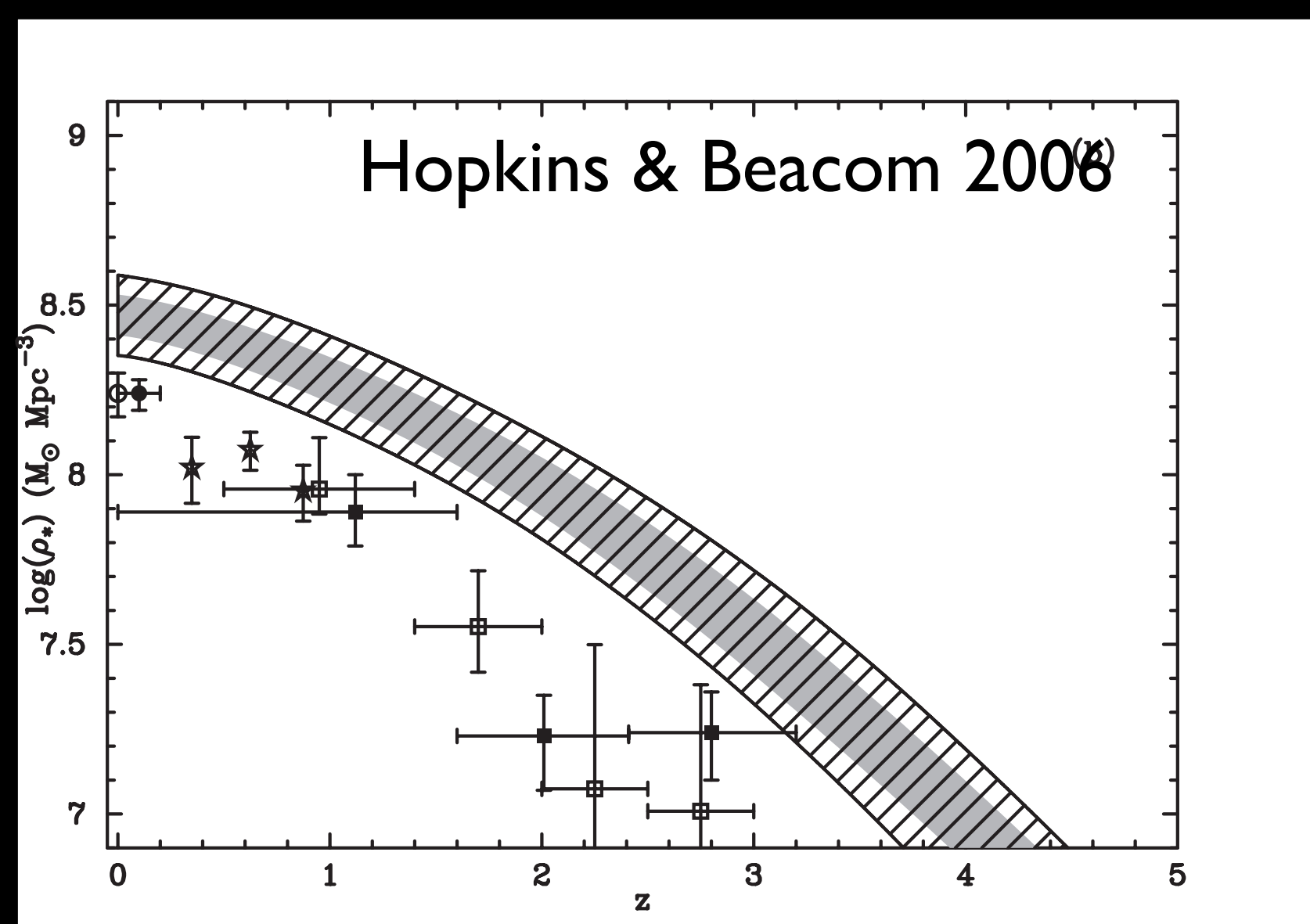
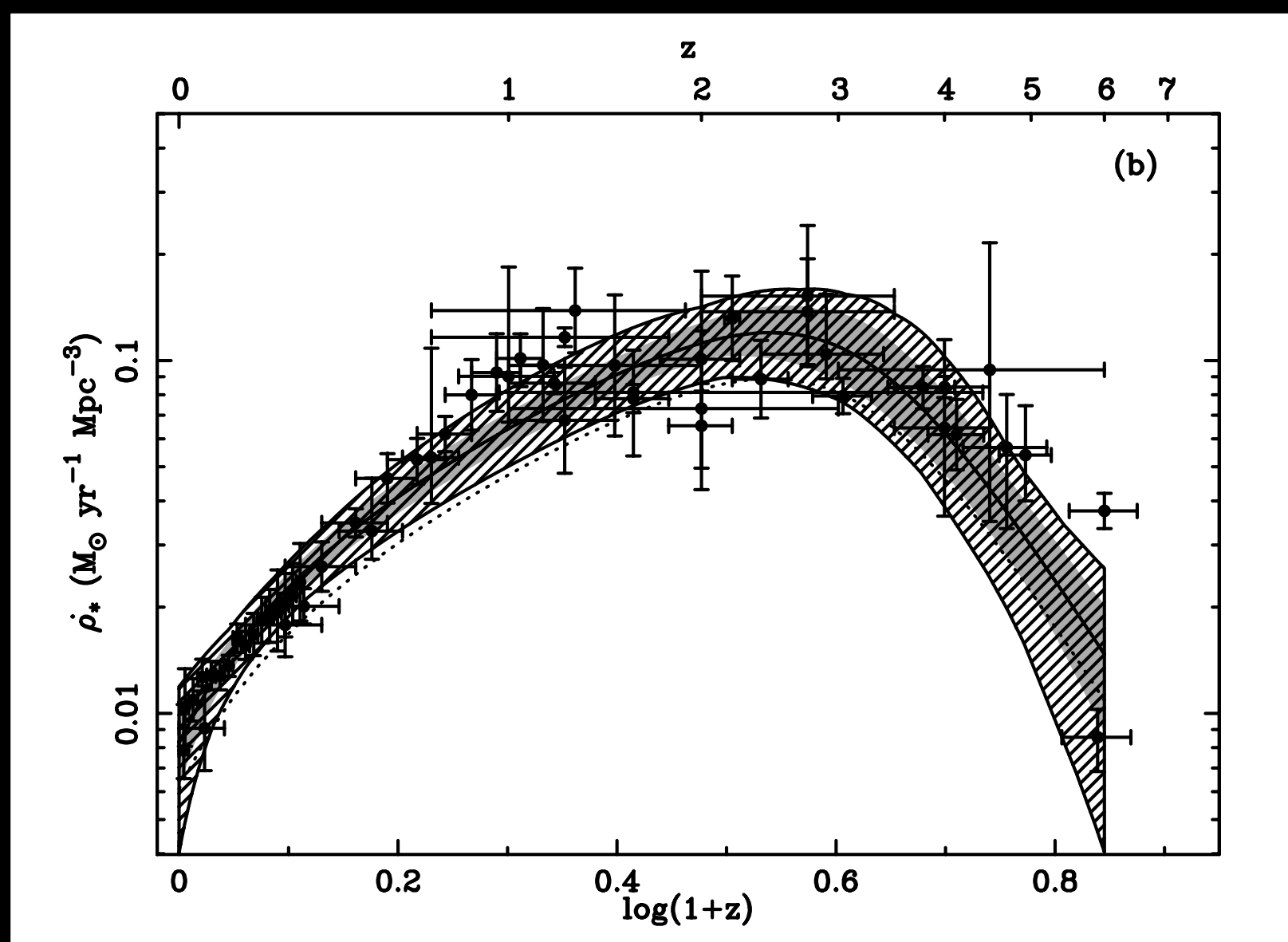




# Why measure EBL?

## III. EBL could untangle the missing stellar mass problem

*Too much star-formation or not enough stellar mass density - Star-formation history is inconsistent with stellar mass density at all redshifts.*



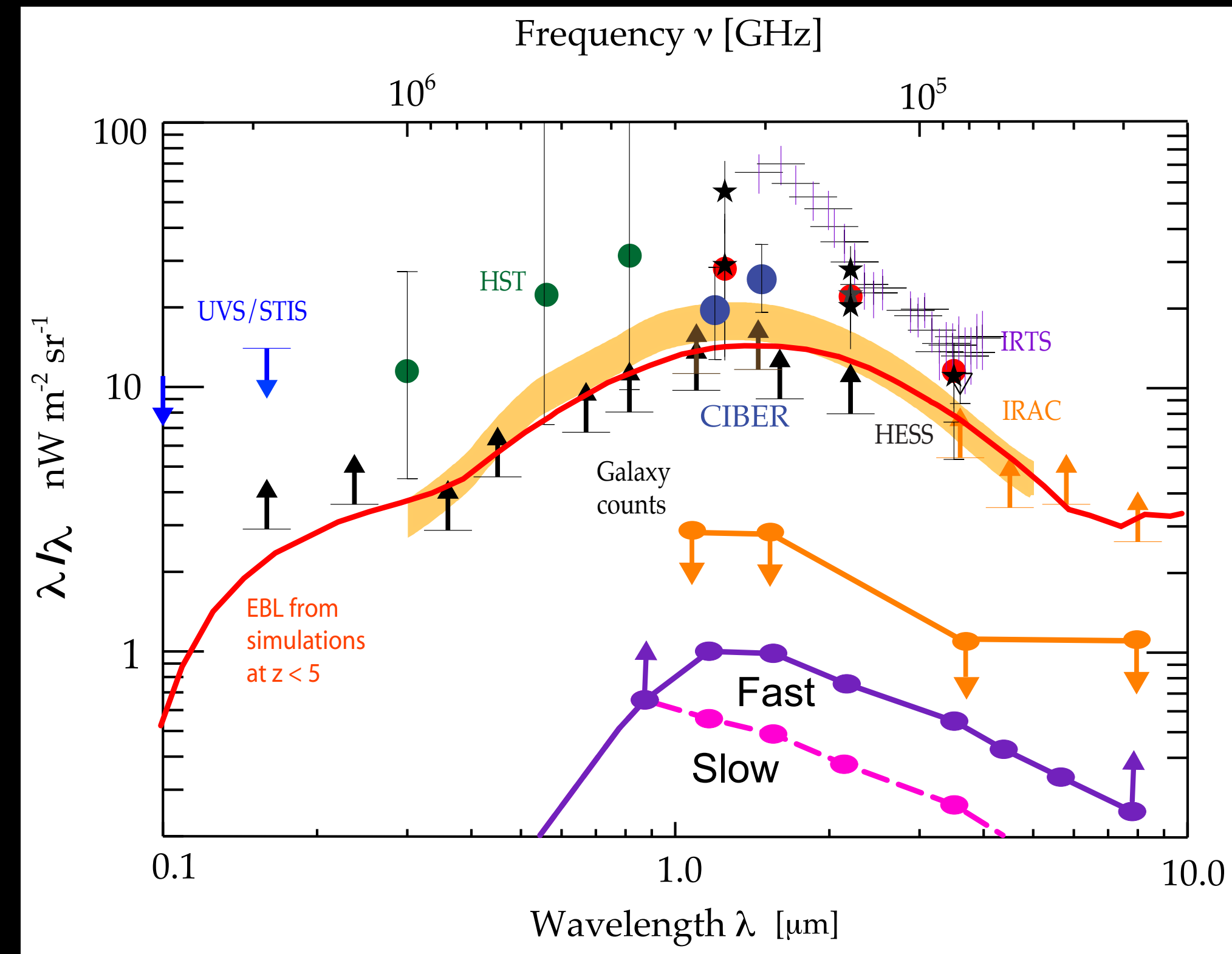
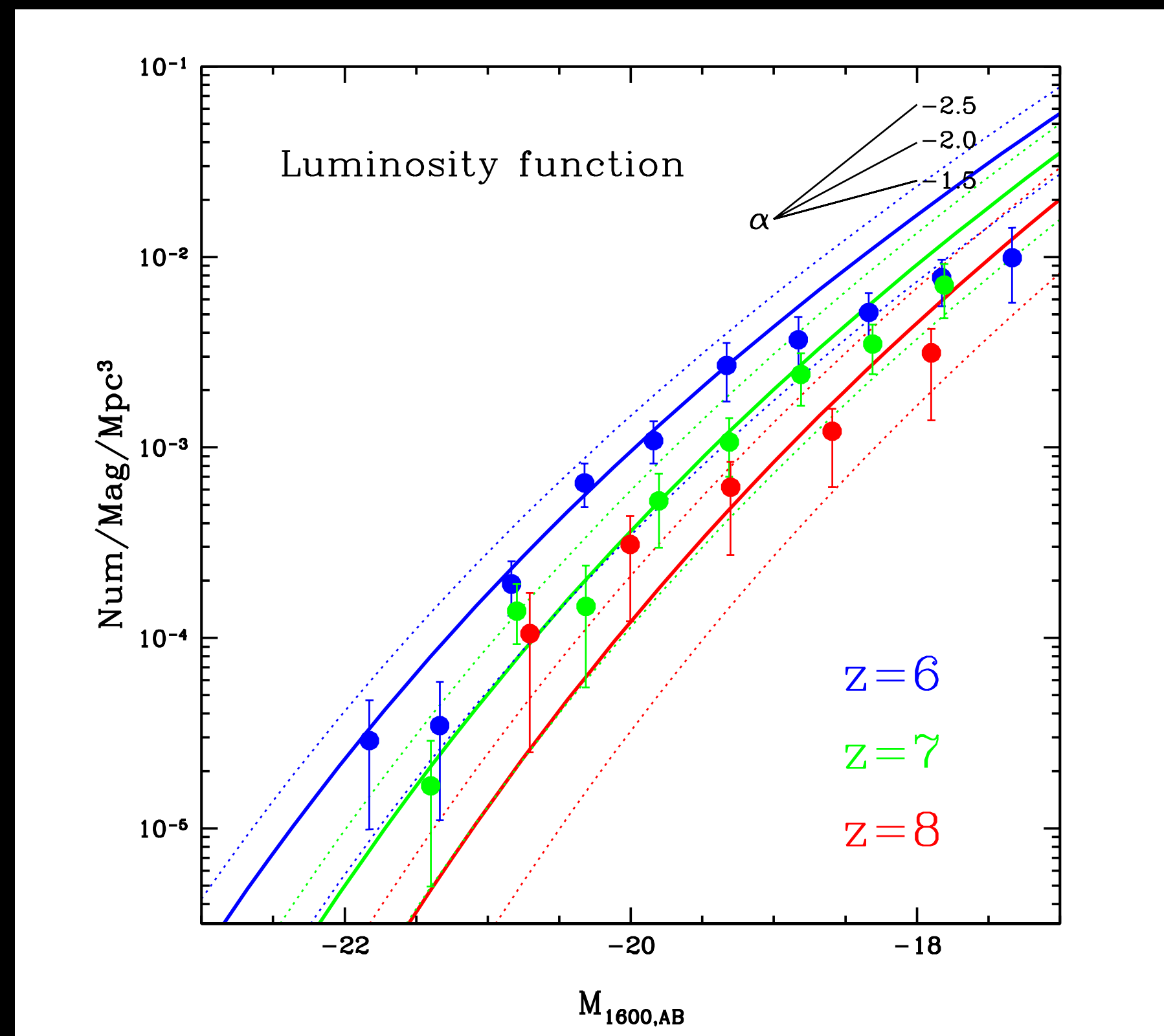
Solutions: IMF of stars top heavy (Chabrier or heavier), metallicity, mass loss from galaxies ( $\sim 50\%$ ), tidally stripped stars (IHL) etc.

also Driver et al. 2018 from GAMA



## IV. EBL as a probe of reionization

Detect the collective emission from faint galaxies/quasars etc responsible for reionization.

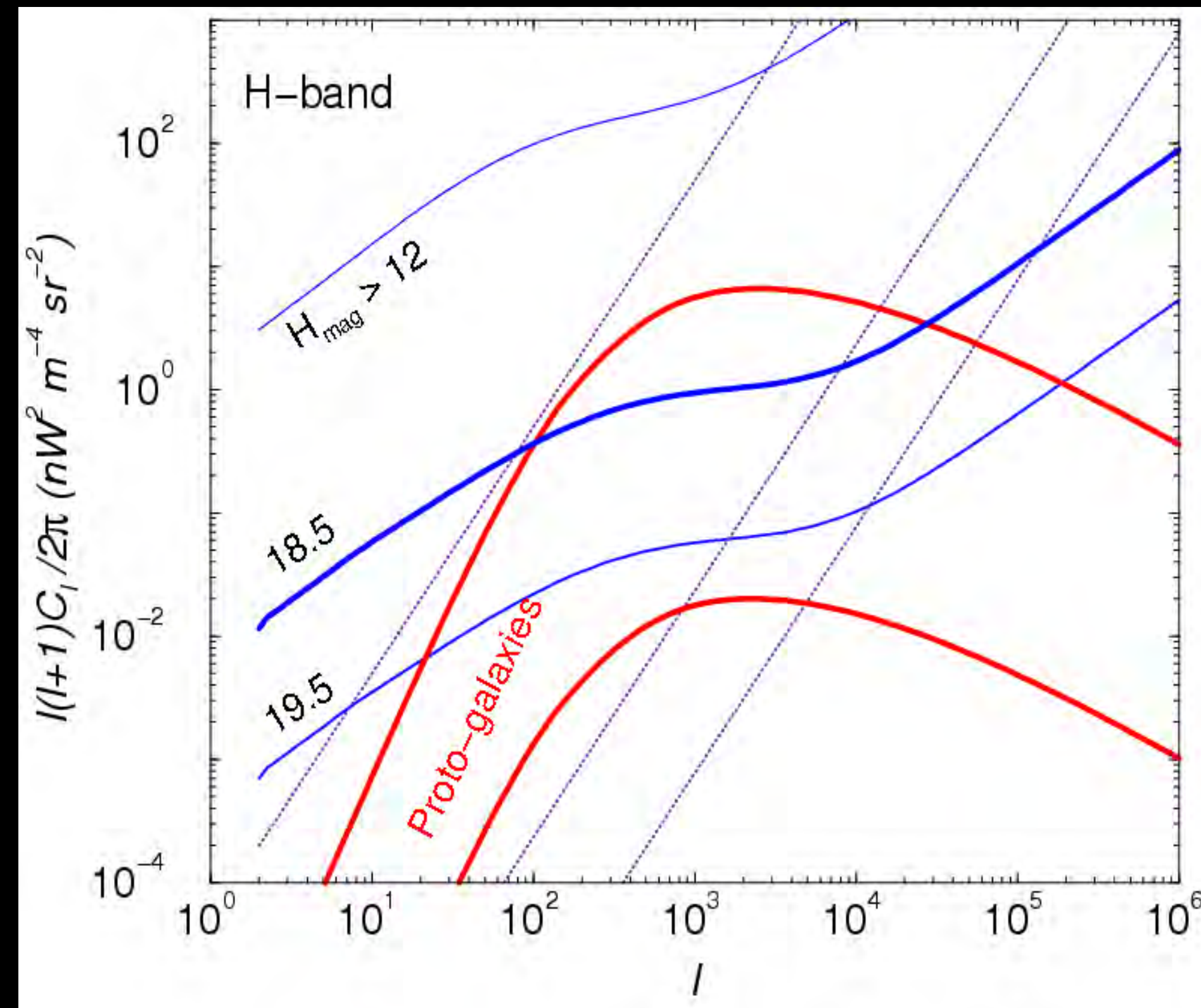


- The predicted  $z > 8$  background intensity  $\sim 0.1$  to  $0.8$  nW/m<sup>2</sup>/sr between 1 to 3 microns.
- Could we search for this signal? SPHEREx will attempt.



# IR Background Fluctuations Measurements

**Missing emission components  
Study EBL anisotropies.**



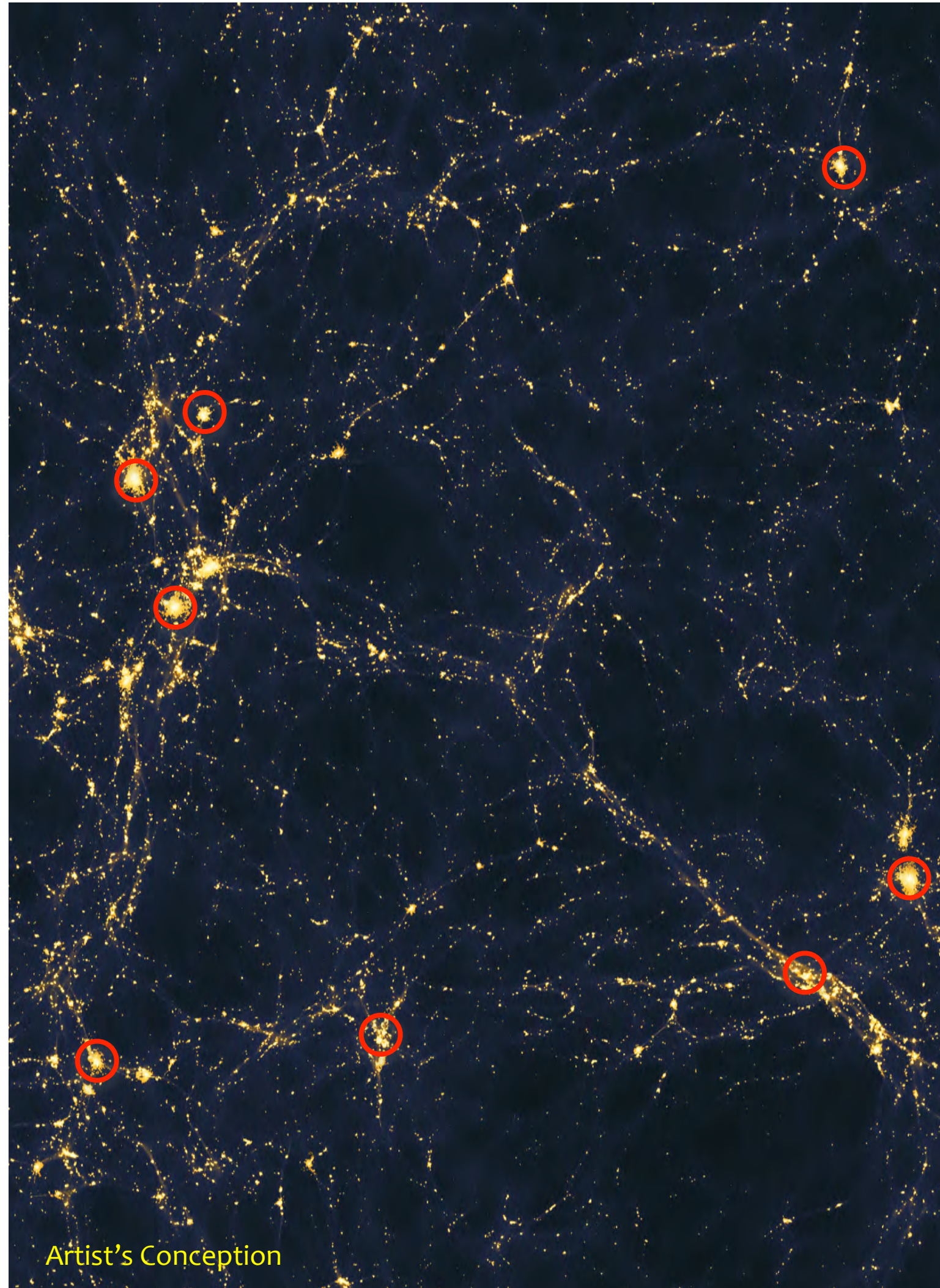
**Instead of the absolute total IRB intensity, measure anisotropies or fluctuations of the intensity (just like in CMB).**

**IRB anisotropies probe substantially below 0.1 nW/m<sup>2</sup>/sr intensity.**

*(Cooray, Bock, Keating, Lange & Matsumoto 2004, ApJ)*



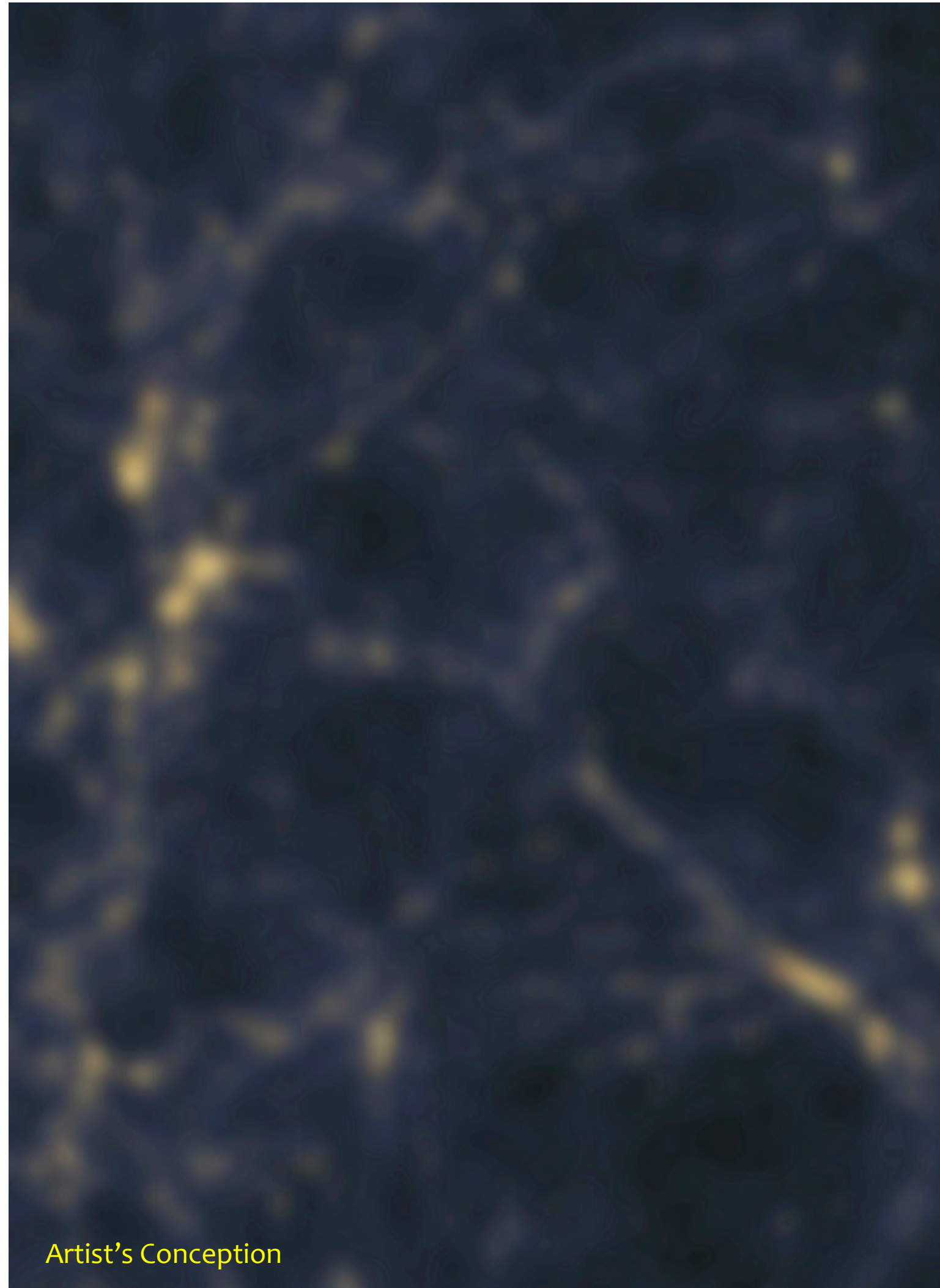
# An Introduction to Fluctuations



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- To find out, we could identify individual sources of emission.



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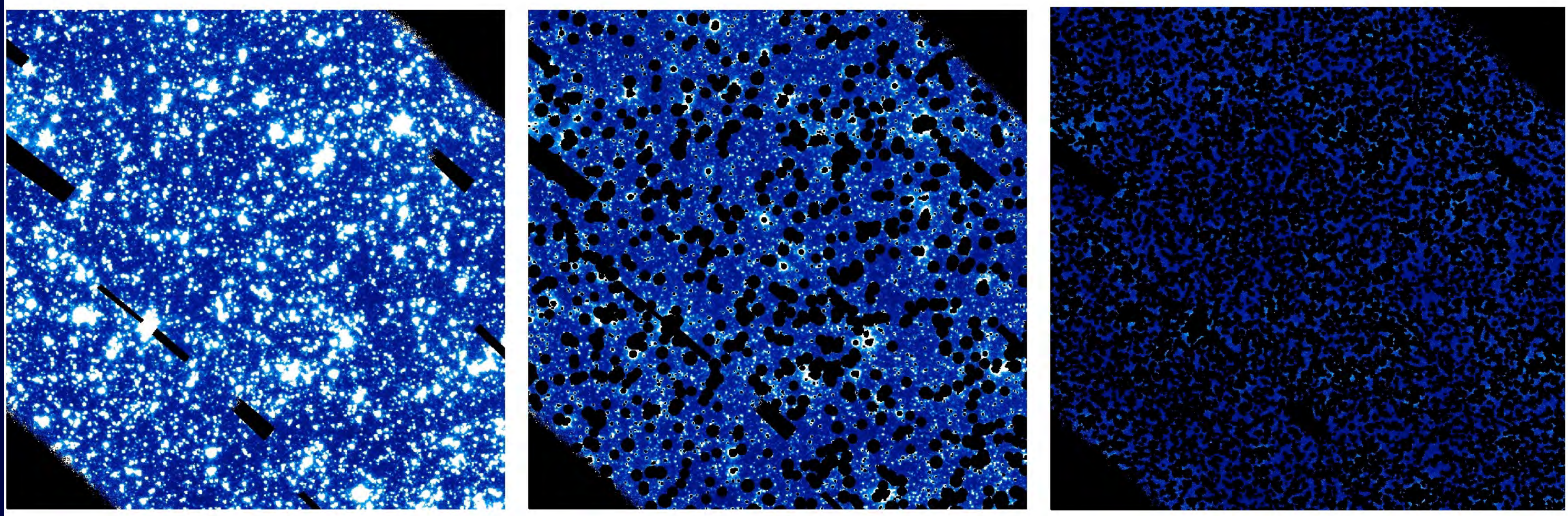


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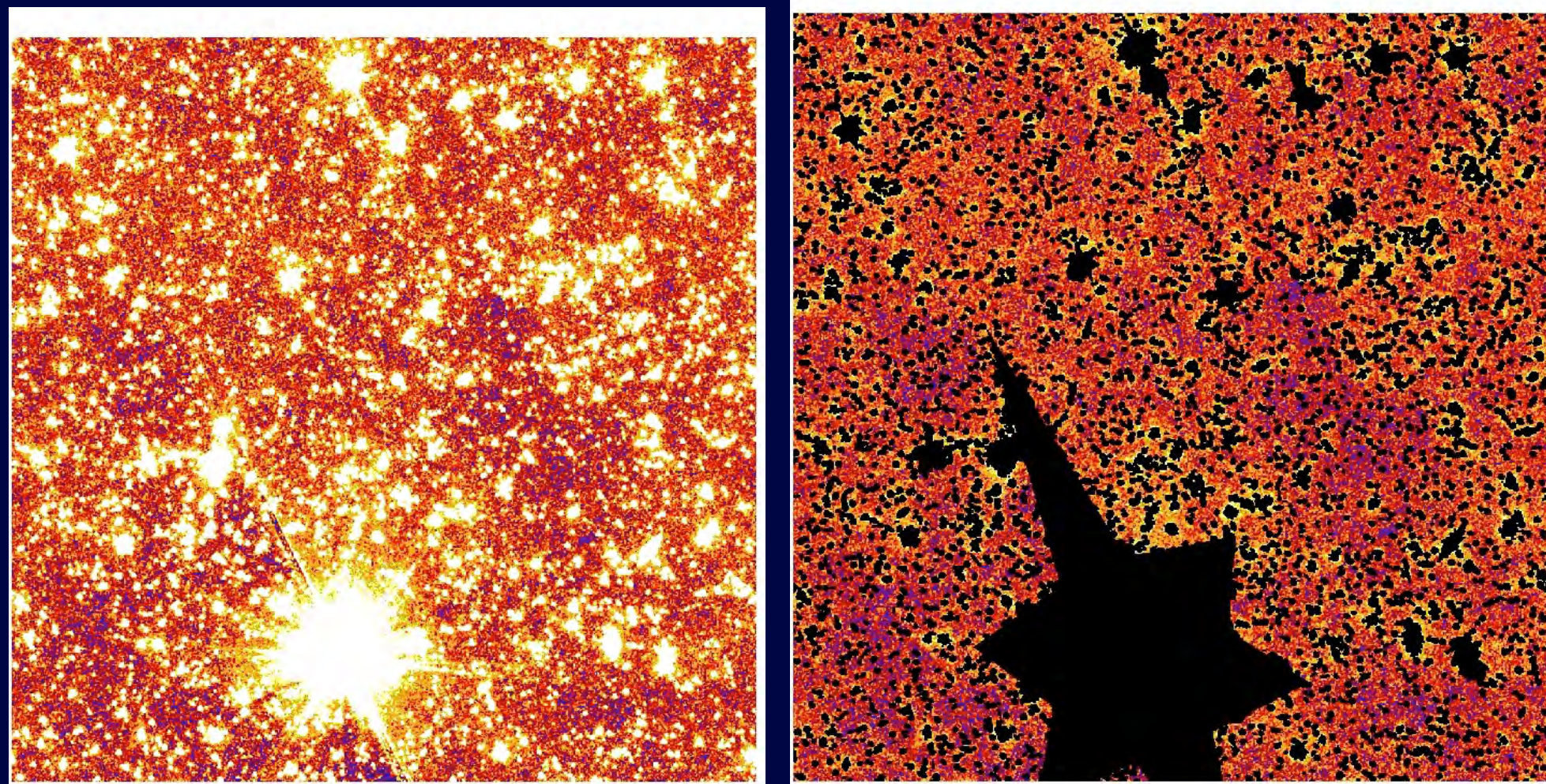
- What is the large scale structure of the universe?
- To find out, we could identify individual sources of emission.
- Alternatively, we could sum all the emission in large areas and measure fluctuations.
- This is called “Intensity Mapping”.



# IR Background Fluctuations Measurements



**GOODS  
CDF-S**



**COSMOS**

## **What do we do?**

Measure statistics of “empty” pixels.

If unresolved faint galaxies are hidden in noise, then there is a clustering excess above noise

**Challenges:** > 10 million of pixels (higher complexity than analyzing CMB data.)

We also mask > 50% of pixels (GOODS we masked 70% of pixels).

Techniques to handle mask - borrowed from CMB analyses.



# Foregrounds – Zodiacal Light



- » Sunlight scattered off dust in the solar system.
- » Intensity at some point in the sky is a function of time, so observing same area at different times give different overall offset.
- » Effectively a fictitious anisotropy.

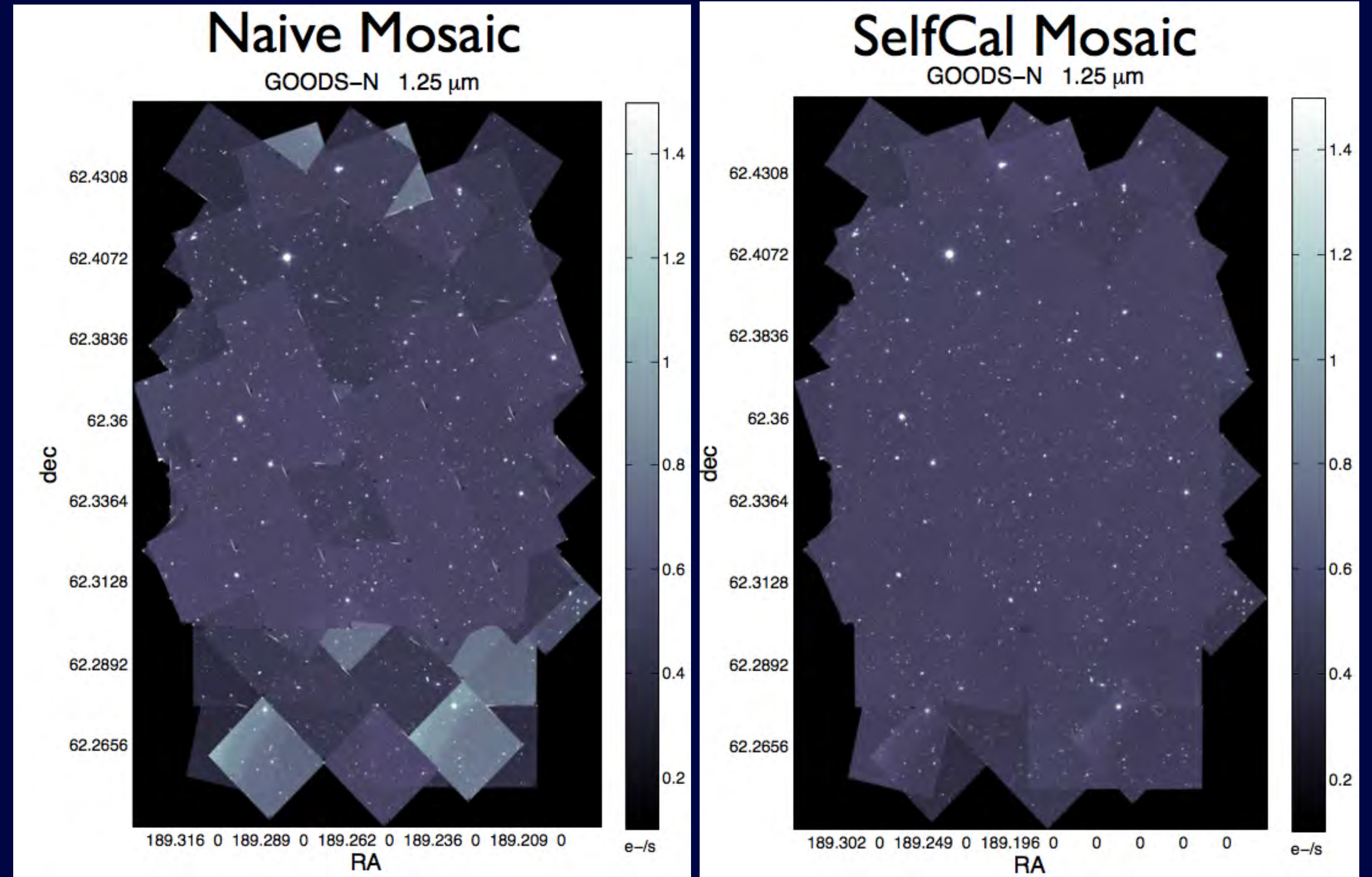
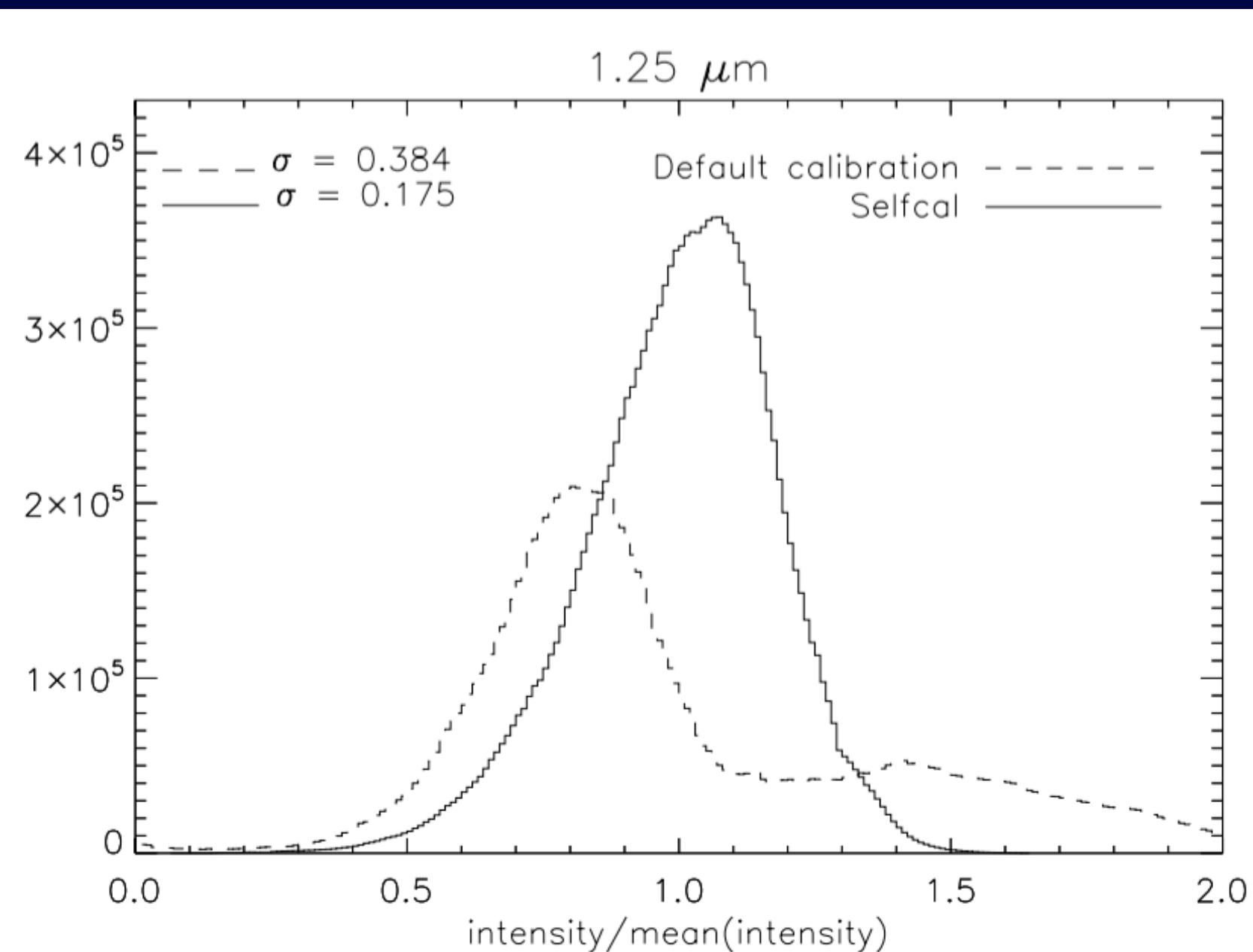


# Self-Calibration vs. Default Calibration

Use multiple pointings of the same sky area with different pixels to simultaneously solve for sky brightness and detector properties (non-constant gain and offset parameters) via Self-Calibration algorithm

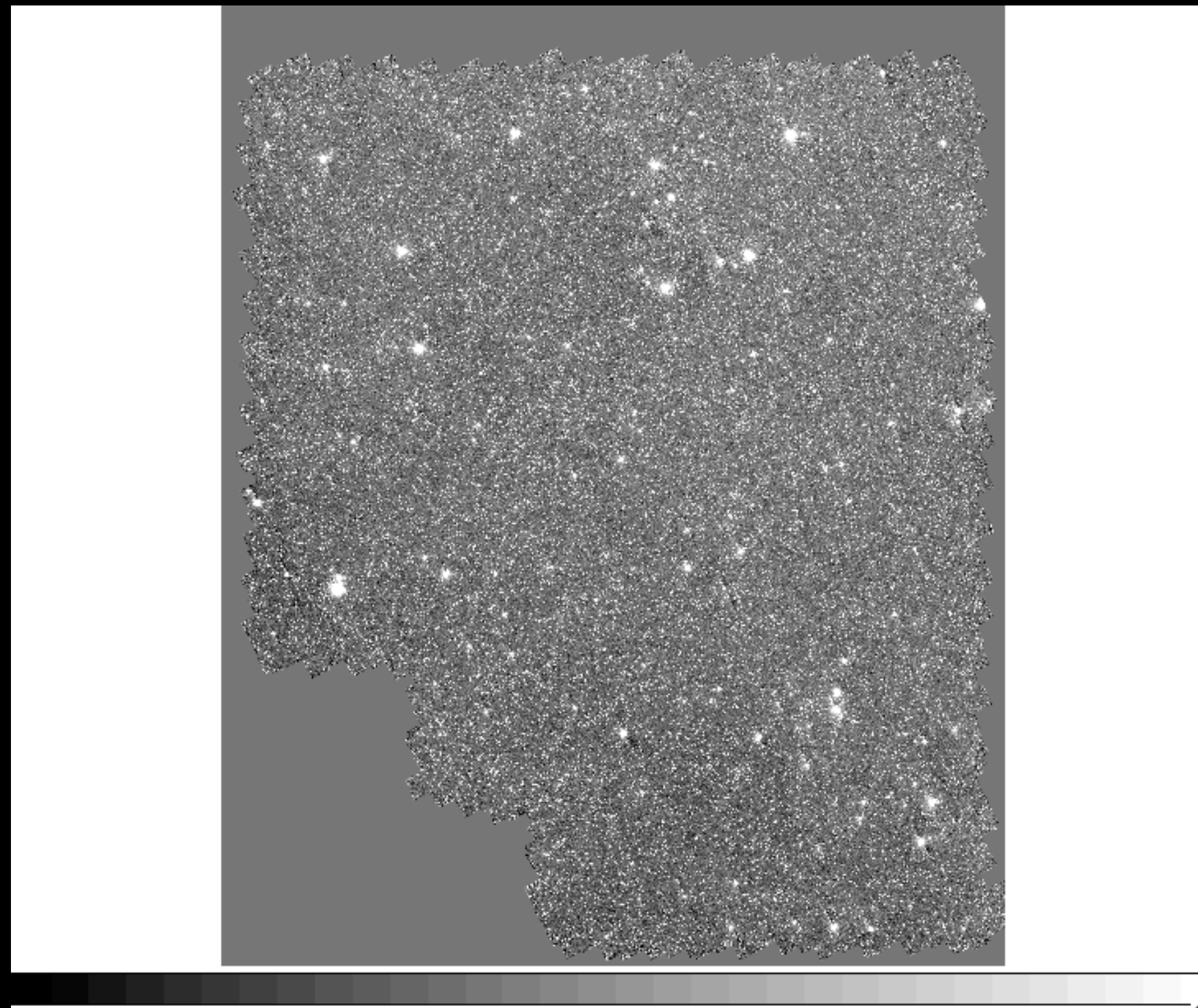
(Fixsen, Moseley & Arendt, 2000, ApJS)

**Must have sufficient pixel overlap for Self-Cal to work!**

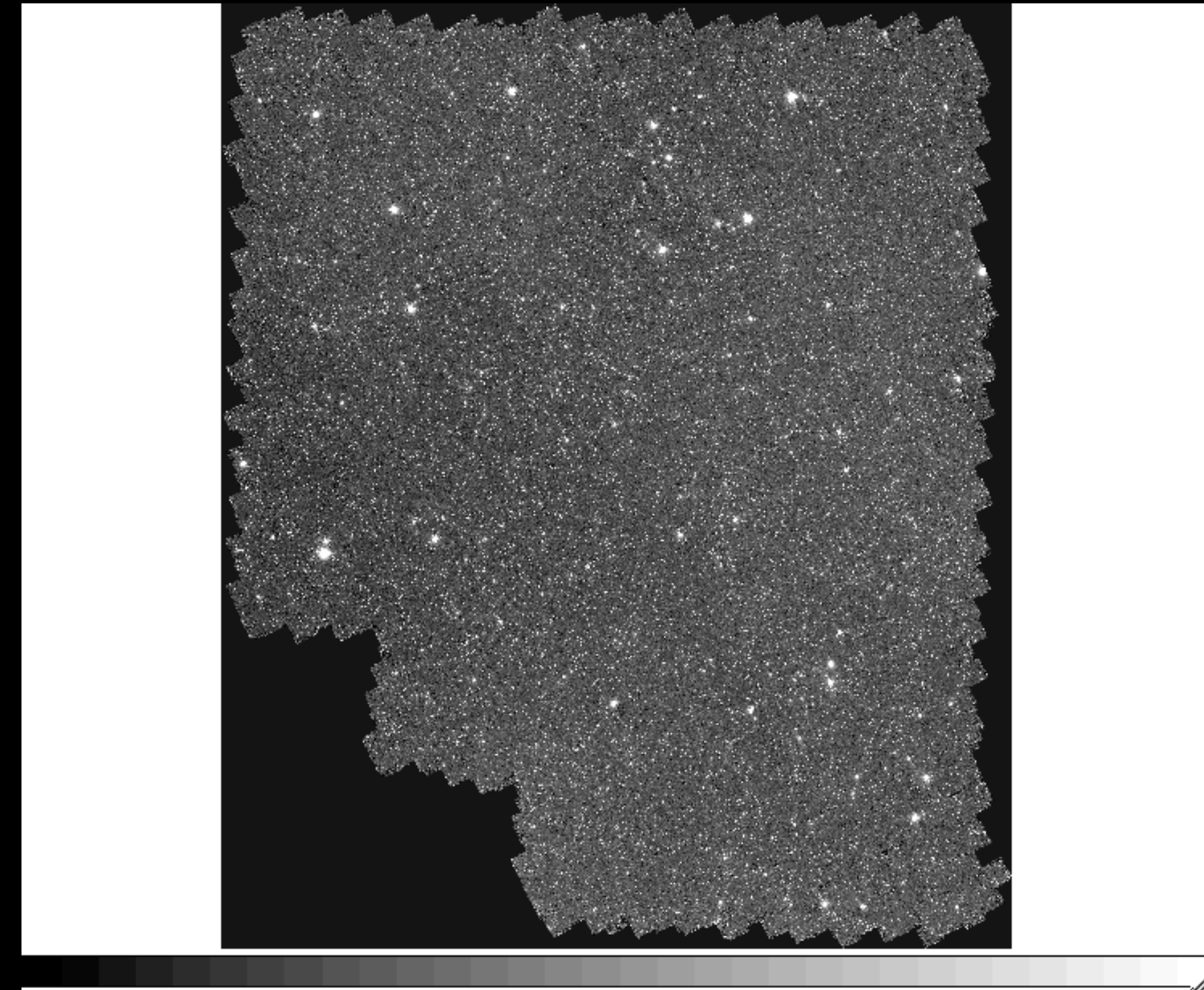


**Self-calibrate data to remove background offsets**





**Standard *Spitzer* software, MOPEX**



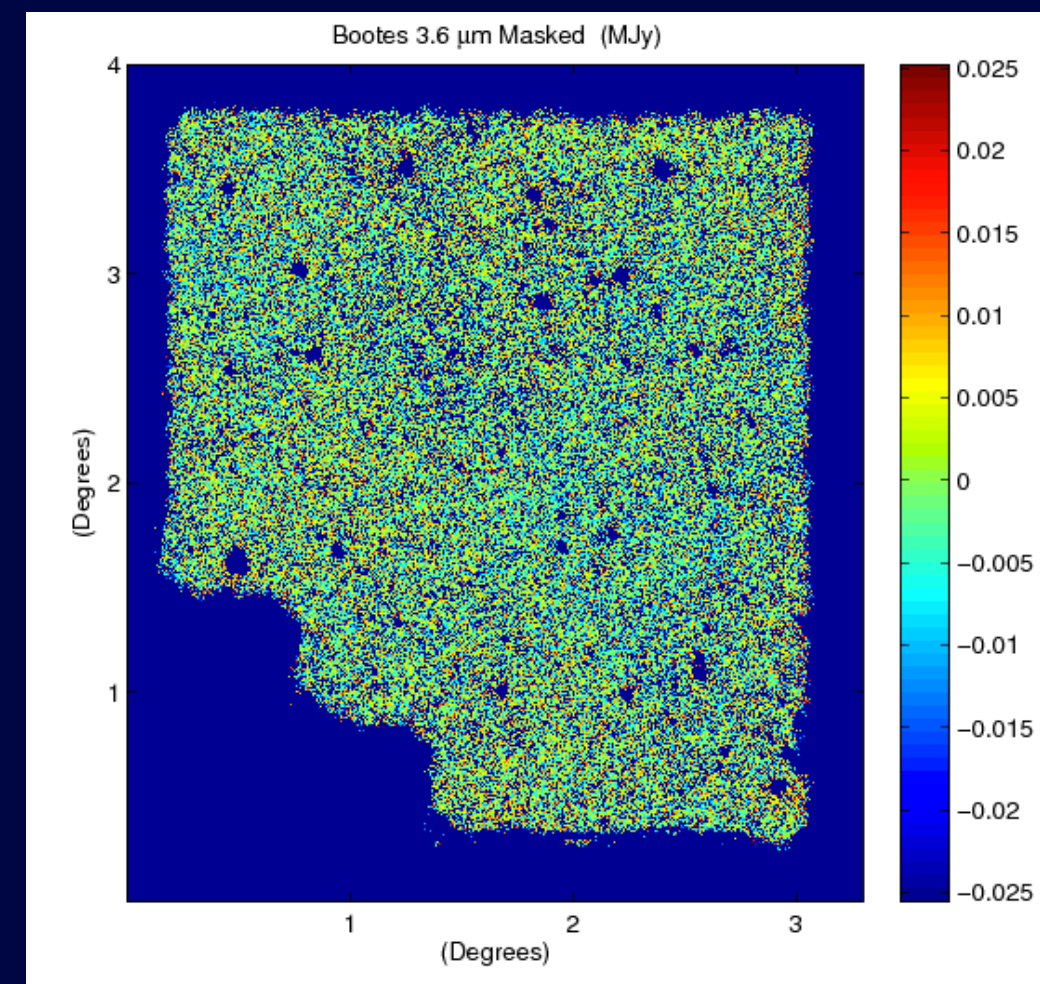
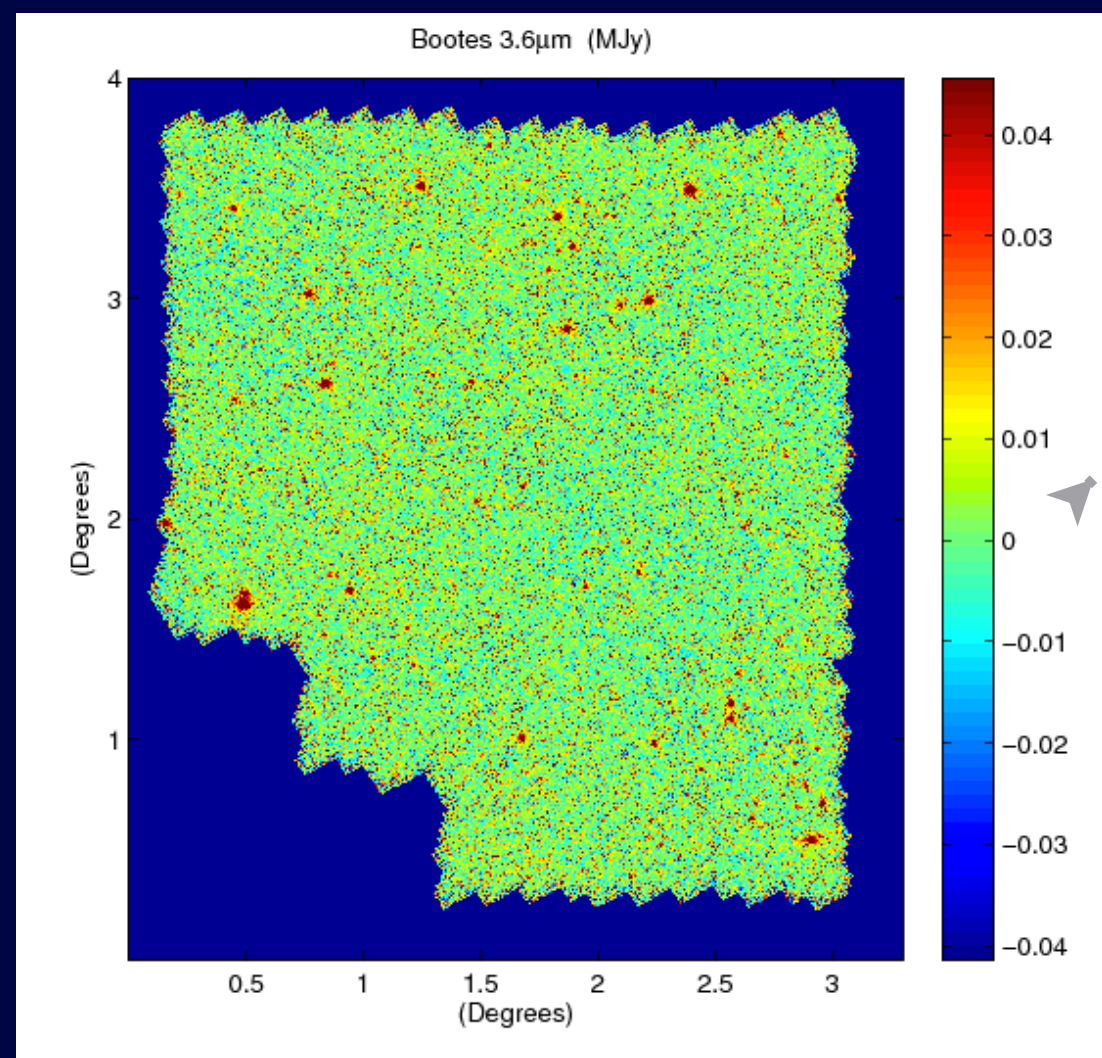
**Our self-calibrated mosaic**

Self-calibrated mosaics are aimed at preserving the background, unlike MOPEX and HST multi-drizzle for WFC3. Based on works by Fixsen et al. 1998 & Arendt et al. 2010 (Our internal code is cross-checked against Rick Arendt's routines).

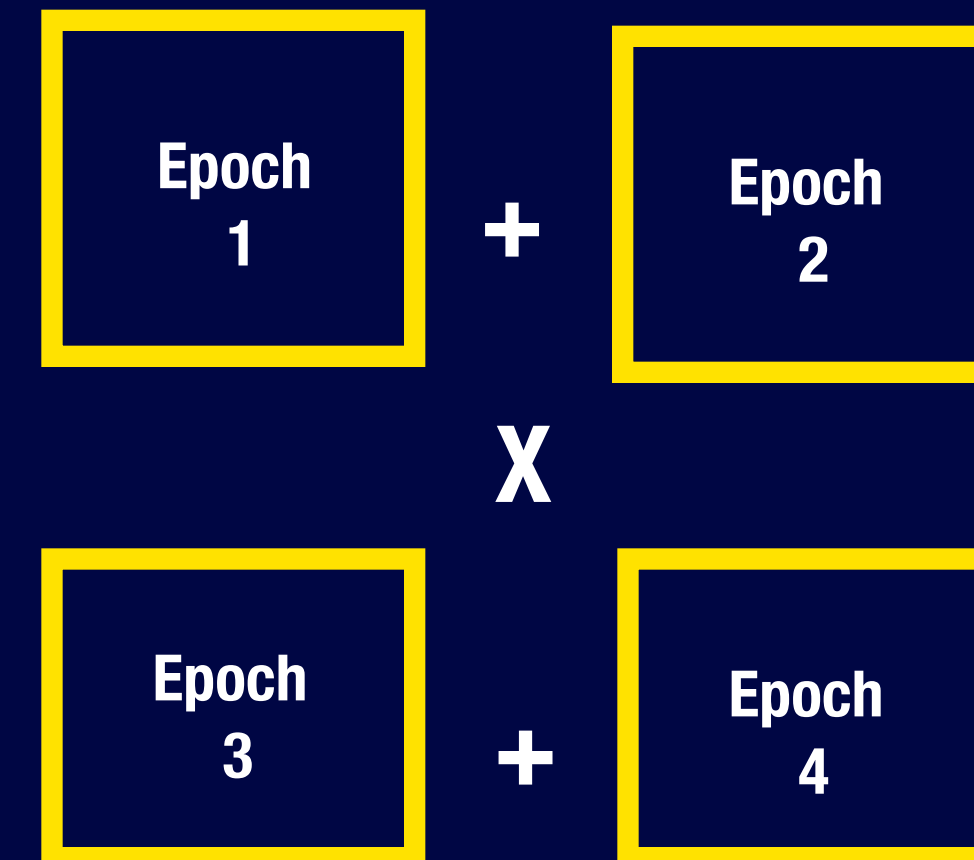
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**Cooray et al. 2012, *Nature*, 490, 514**

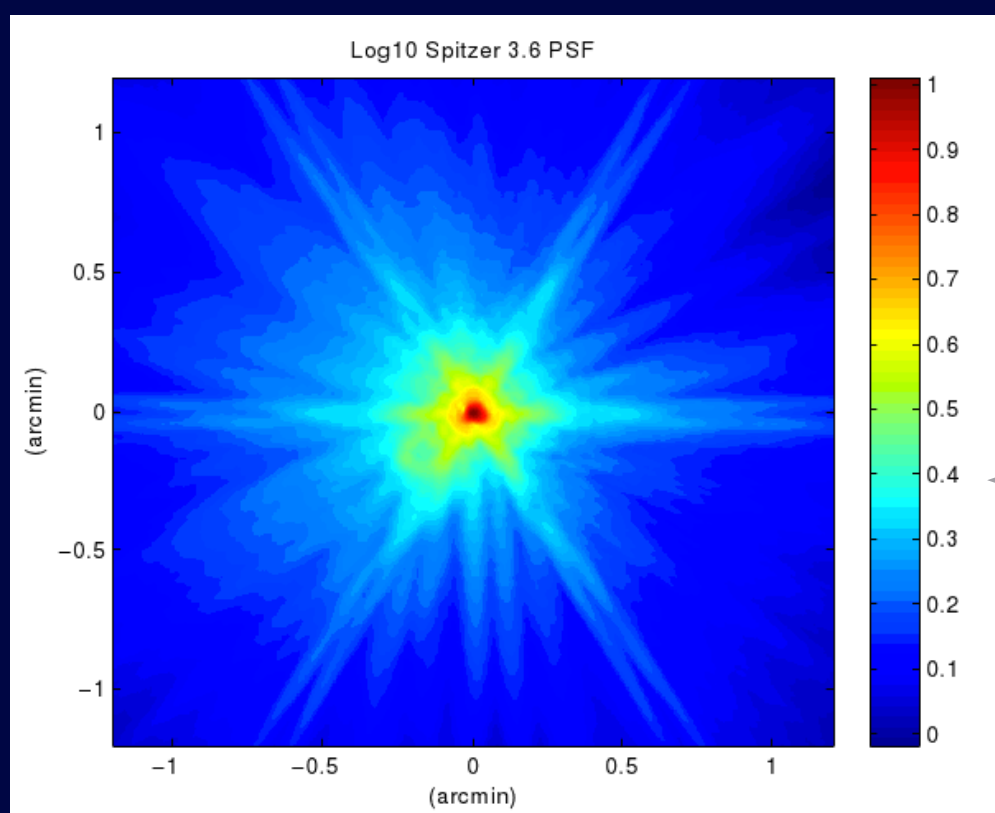




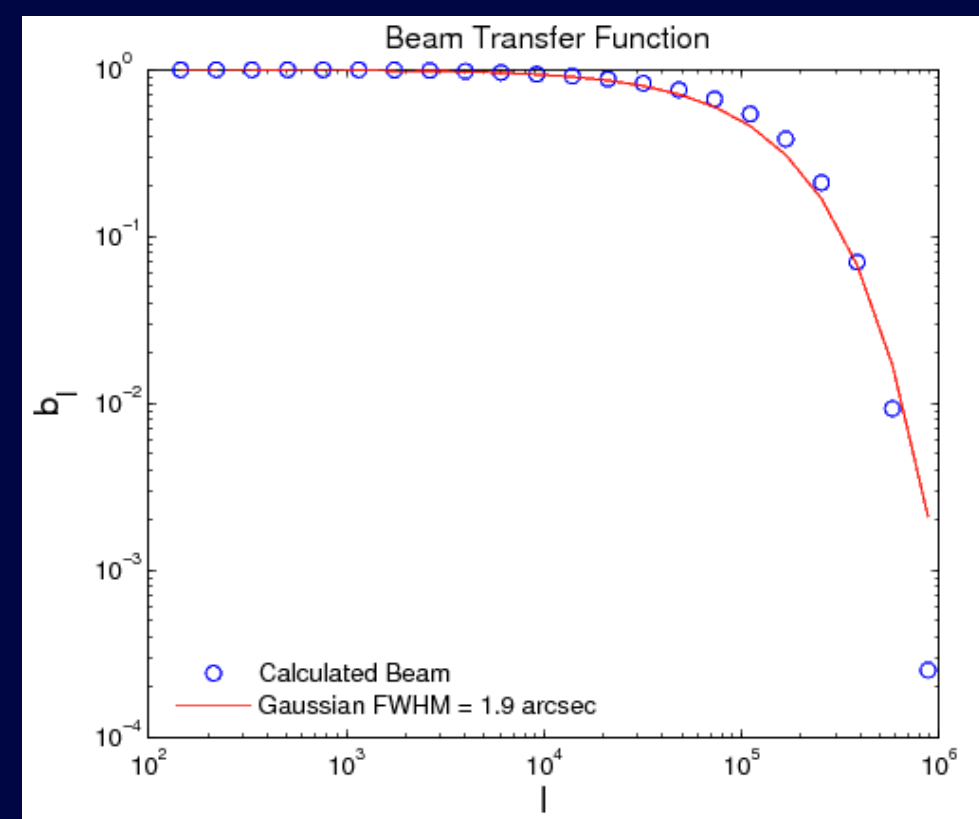
Mask map. (SExtractor)



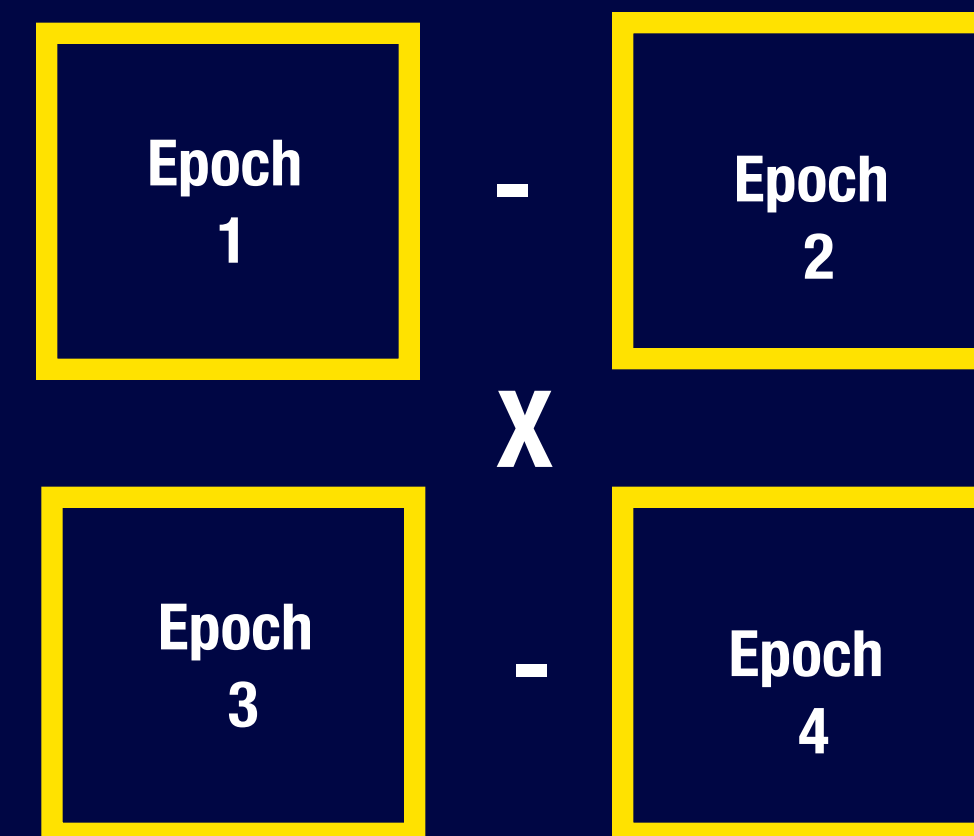
Cross-Correlate Coadded Epochs



Fourier Transform



BEAM TRANSFER FUNCTION



Jackknife For Noise Errors

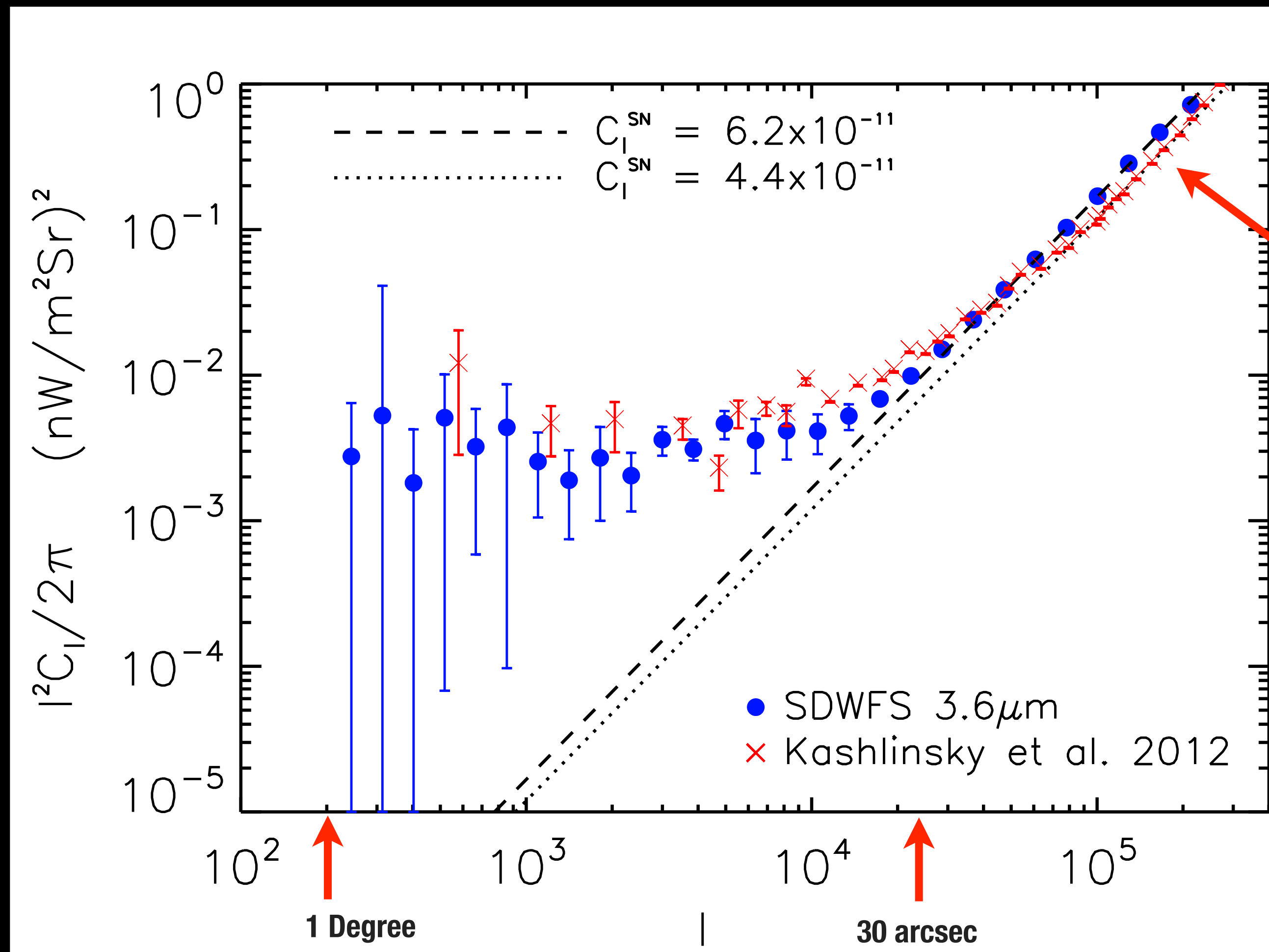
PSF

# Spitzer Background Fluctuations in SDWFS

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*Spitzer* fluctuations are real! Not an instrumental systematic nor zodiacal light.  
***Its extragalactic, repeatable, time-independent.***

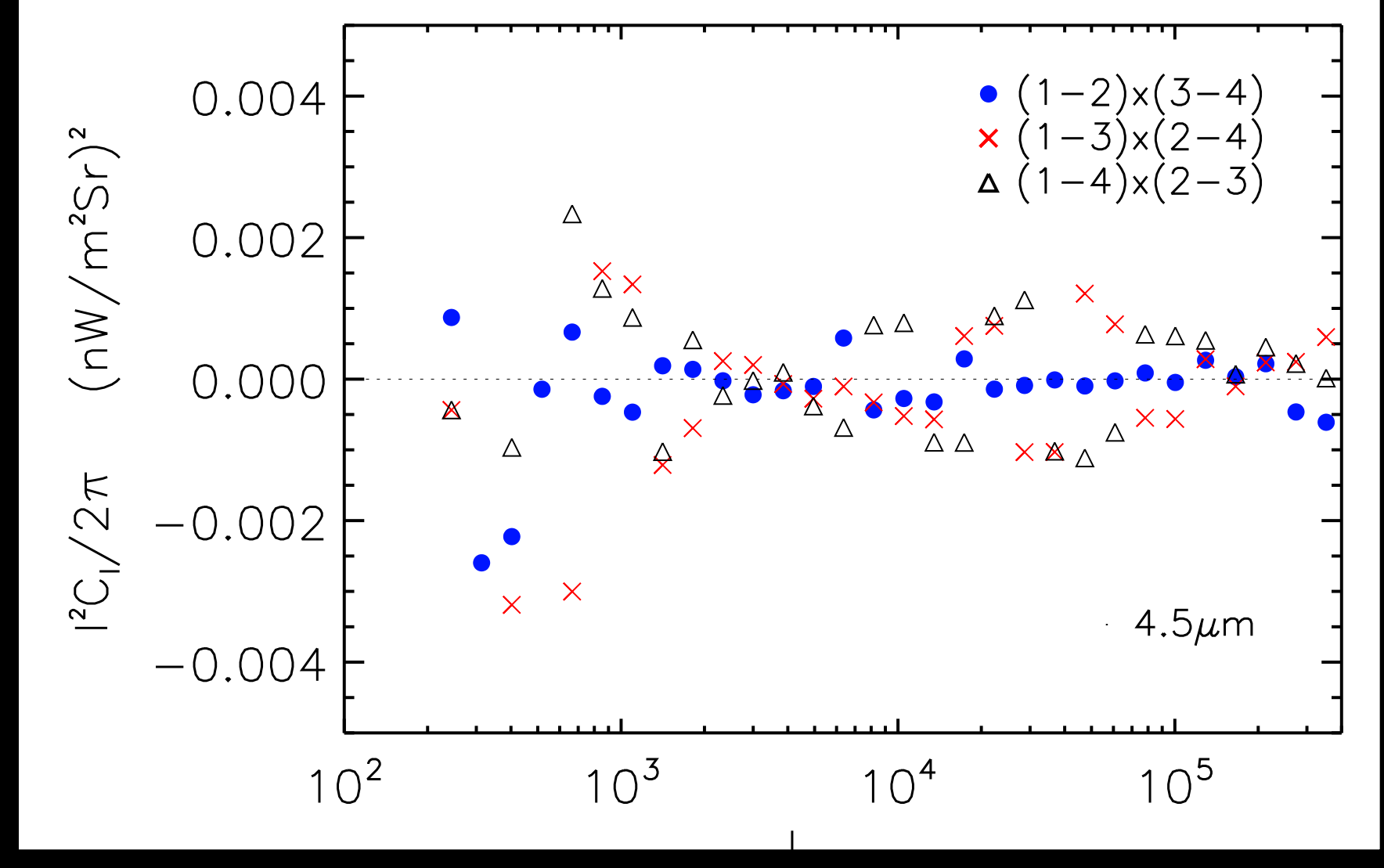
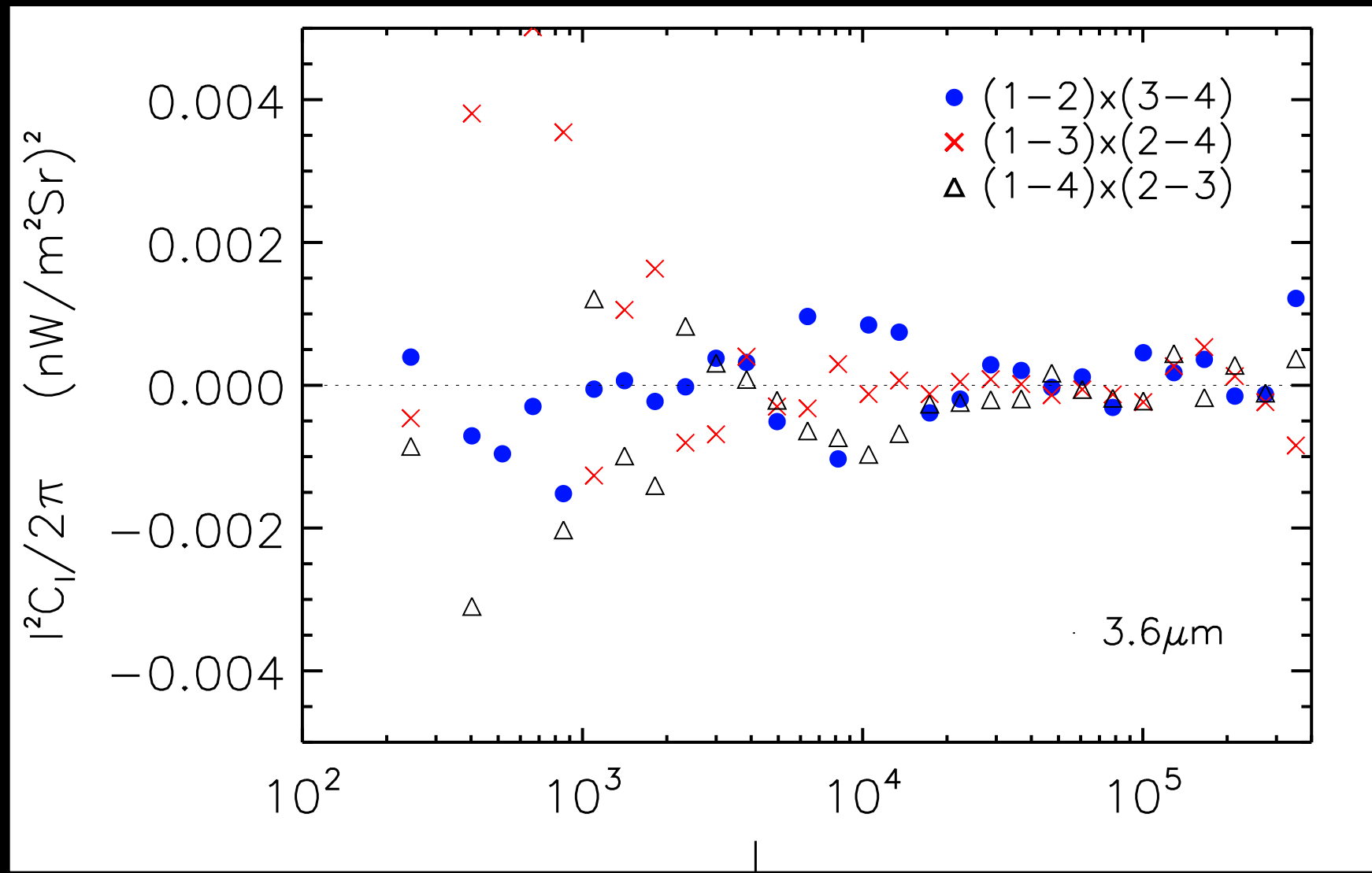
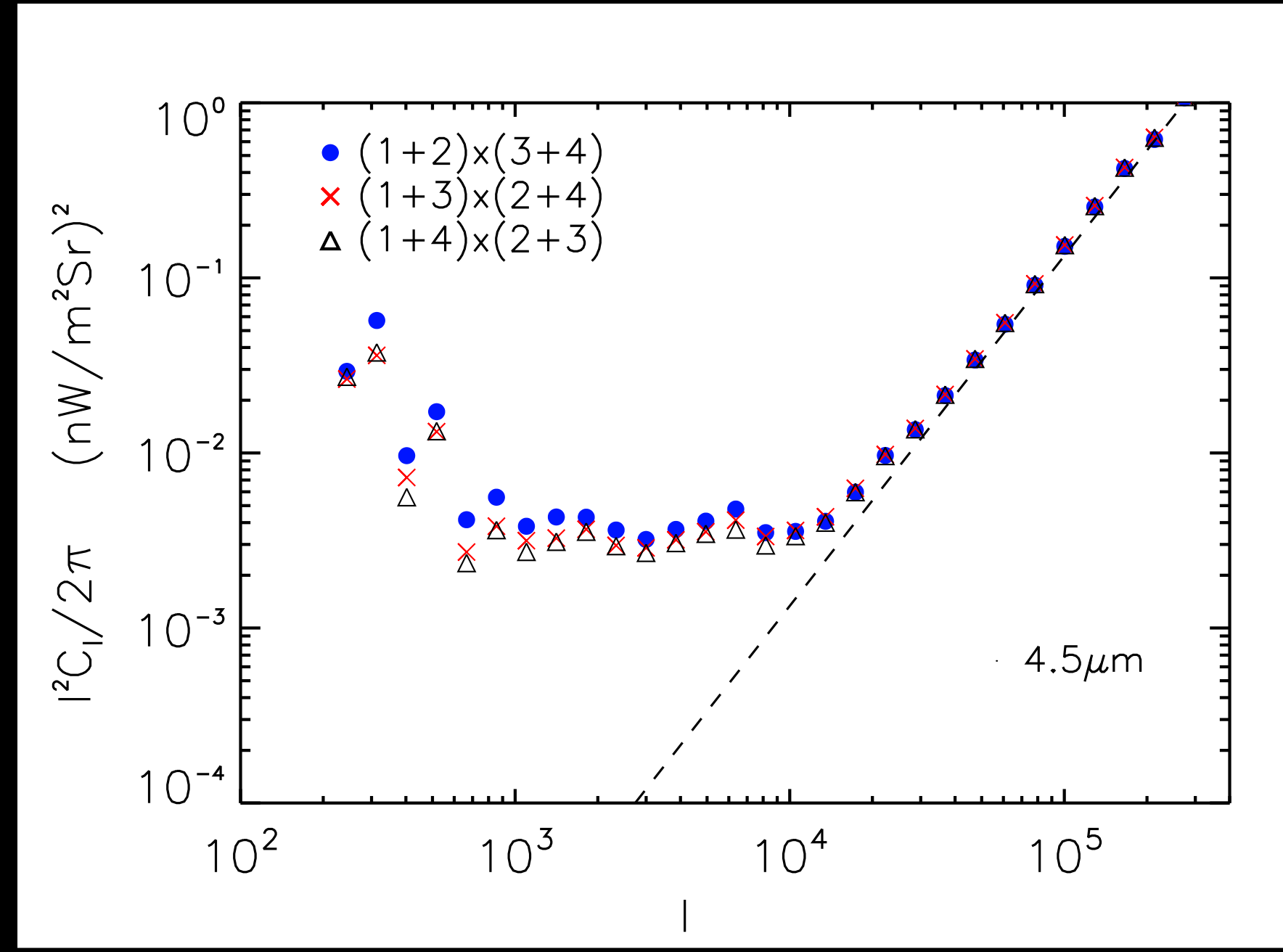
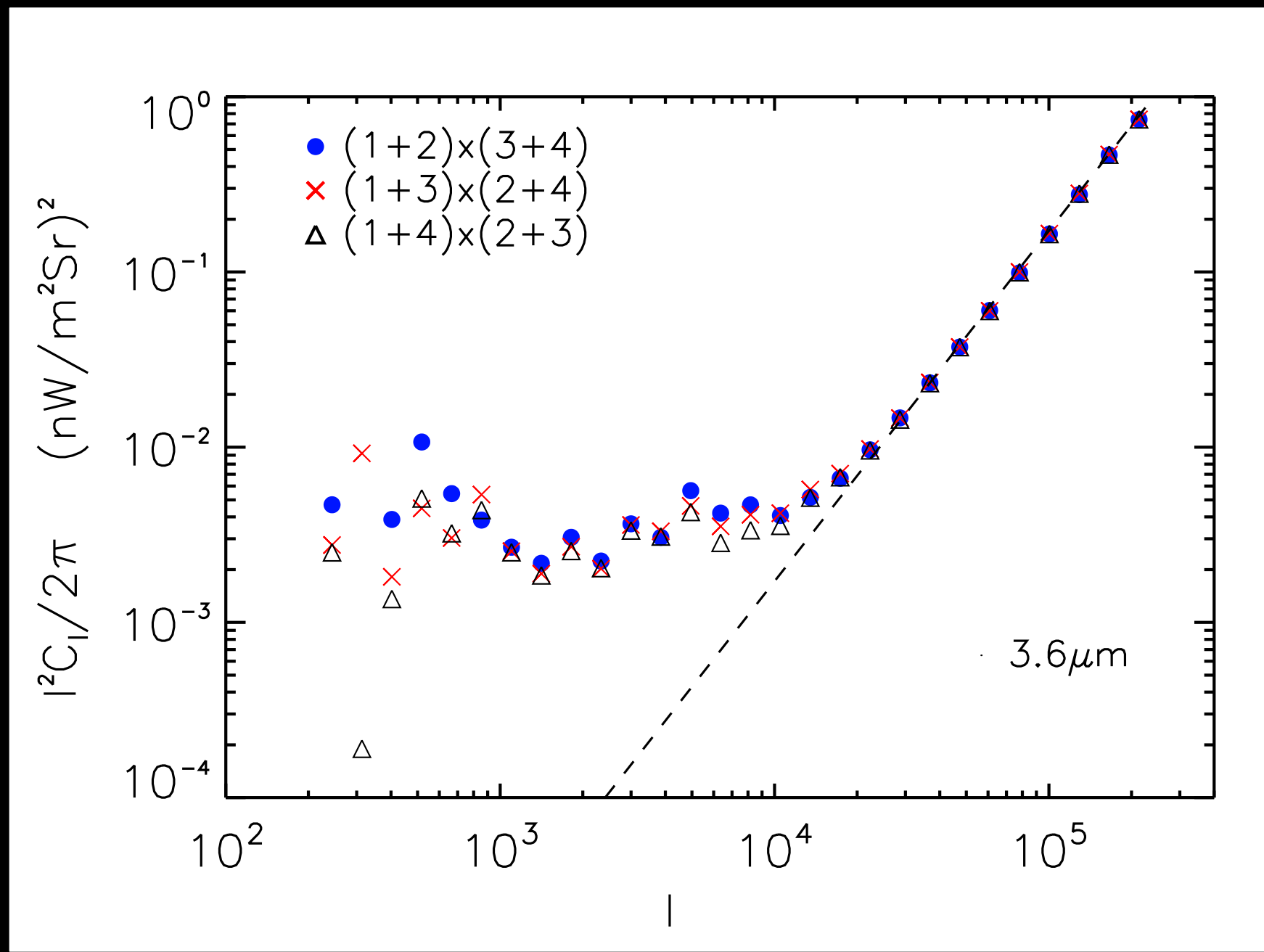


Kashlinsky et al.  
SEDS data are deeper than SDWFS (so more point sources are masked)

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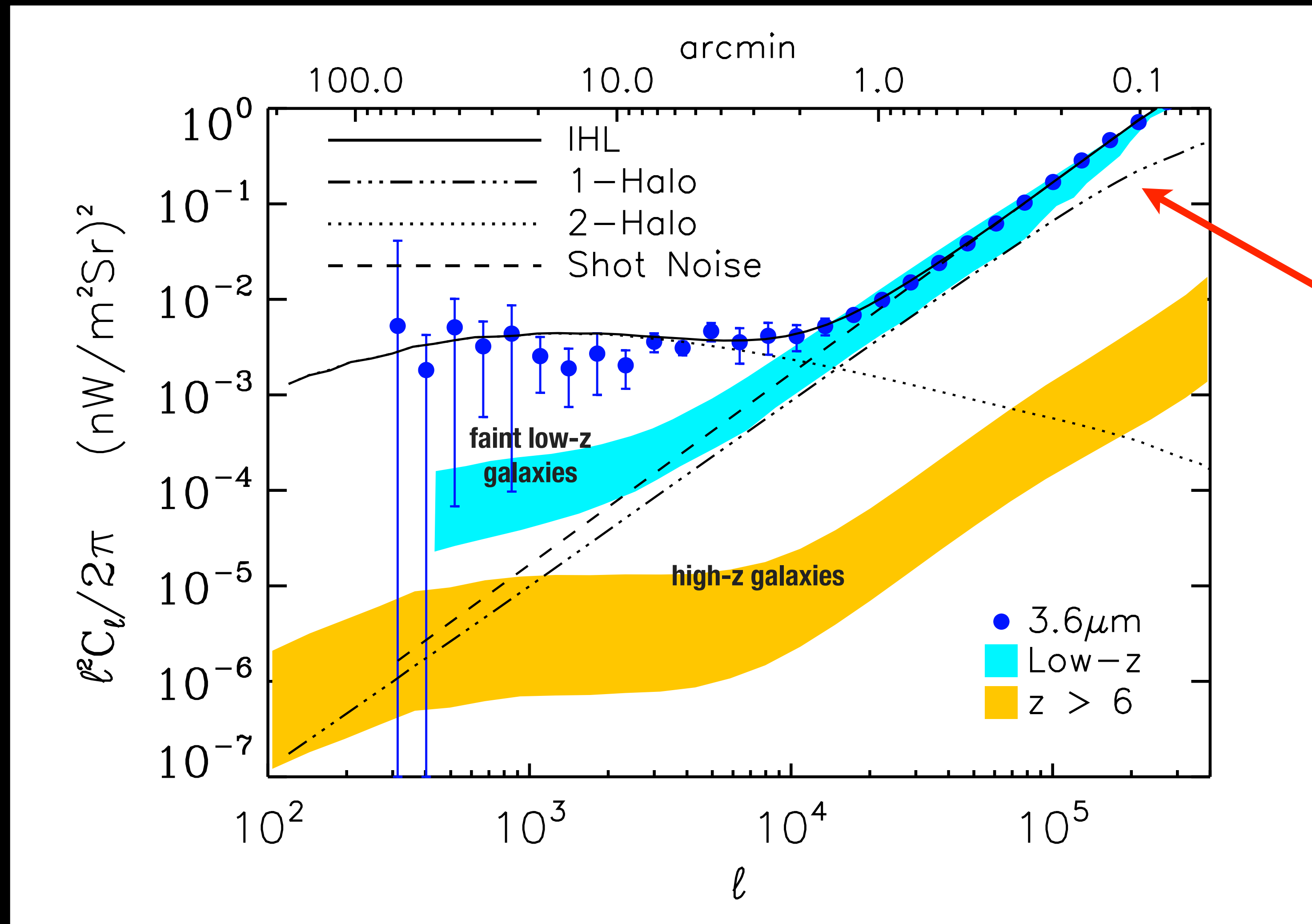


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# Spitzer Background Fluctuations



**Measured shot-noise agrees with prediction for faint galaxies below the detection threshold (Helgason et al. 2012)**

**Argues against a new source population to explain the observations**

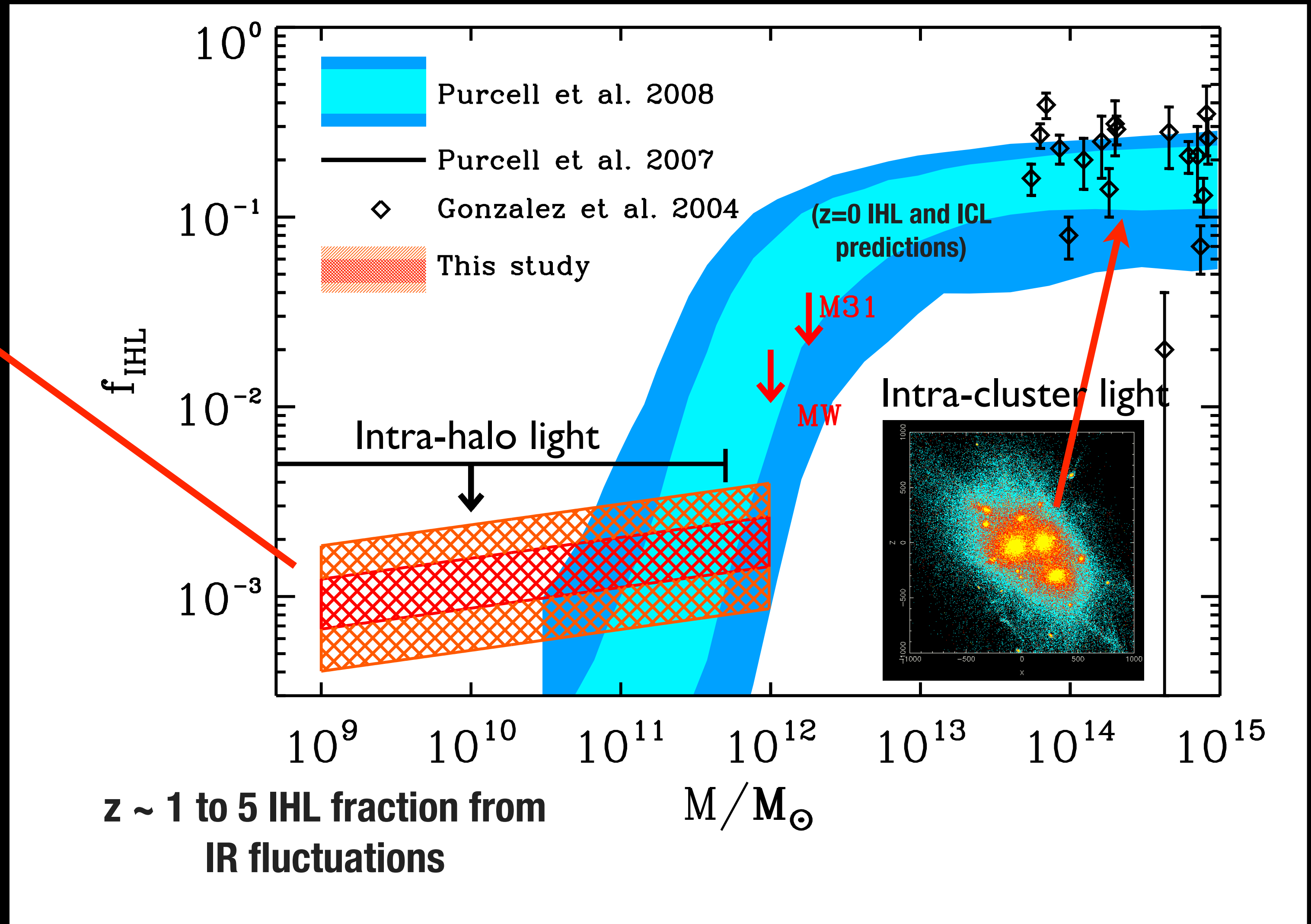


# Intra-halo light in galaxy-scale dark matter halos



Intrahalo light: stars outside of the galactic disks and in the outskirts of dark matter halos due to tidal stripping and galaxy mergers.

Simulation/theory predictions:  
Purcell et al. 2007  
Watson et al. 2012

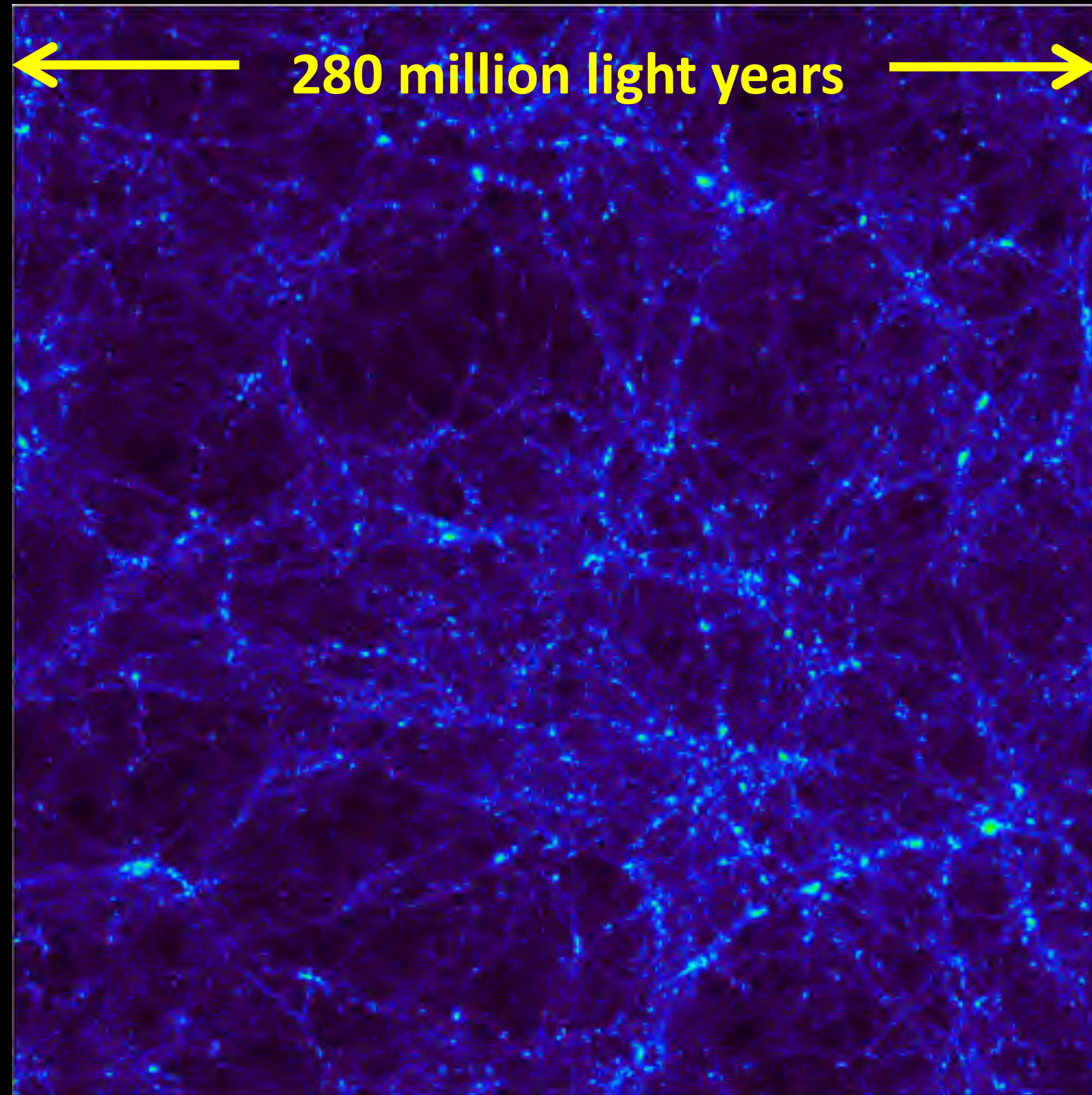


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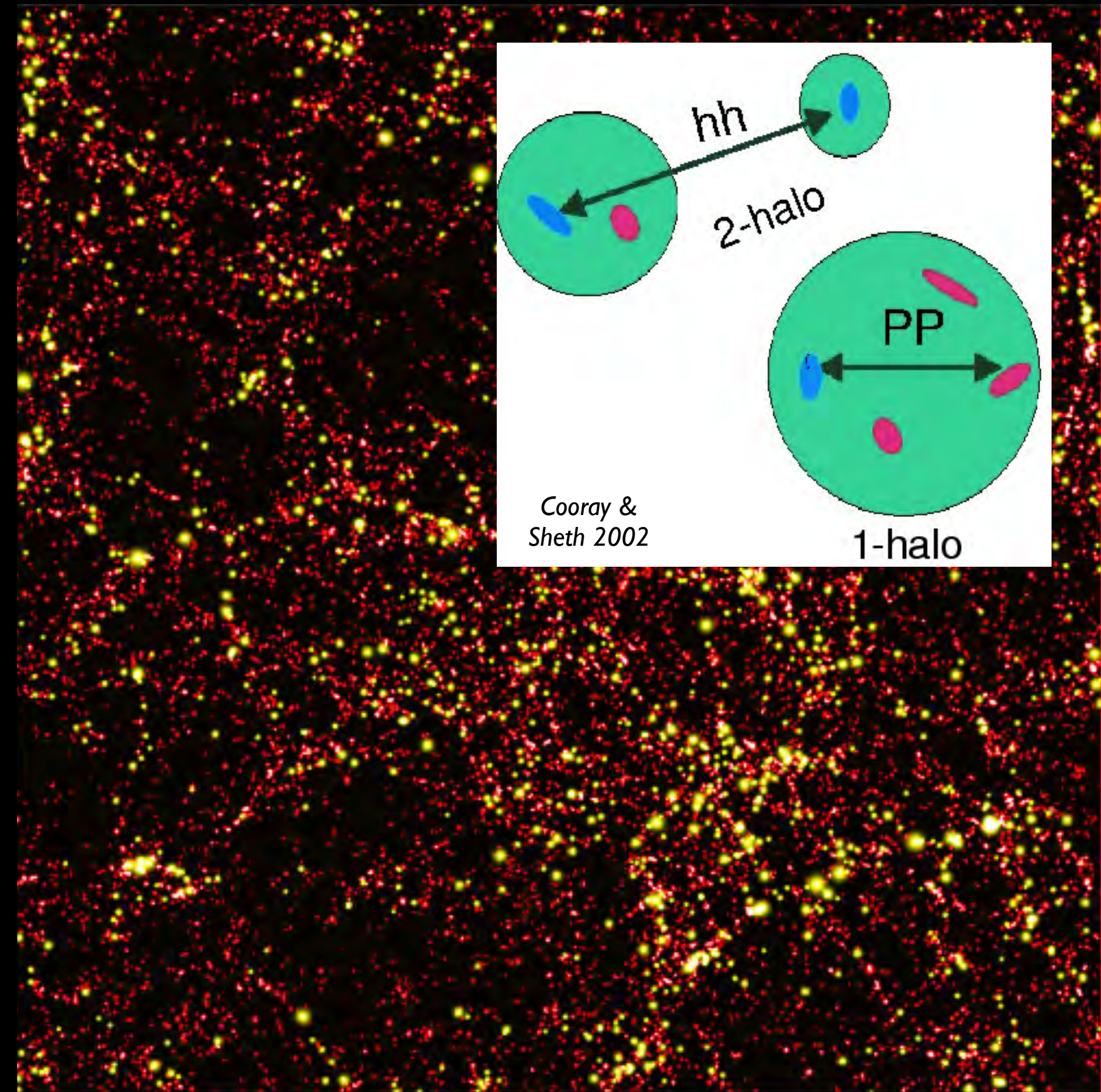


# Relating Galaxies to Dark Matter

Dark Matter from Numerical Simulation ( $z = 2$ )



Dark Matter Clumps Color-Coded by Mass

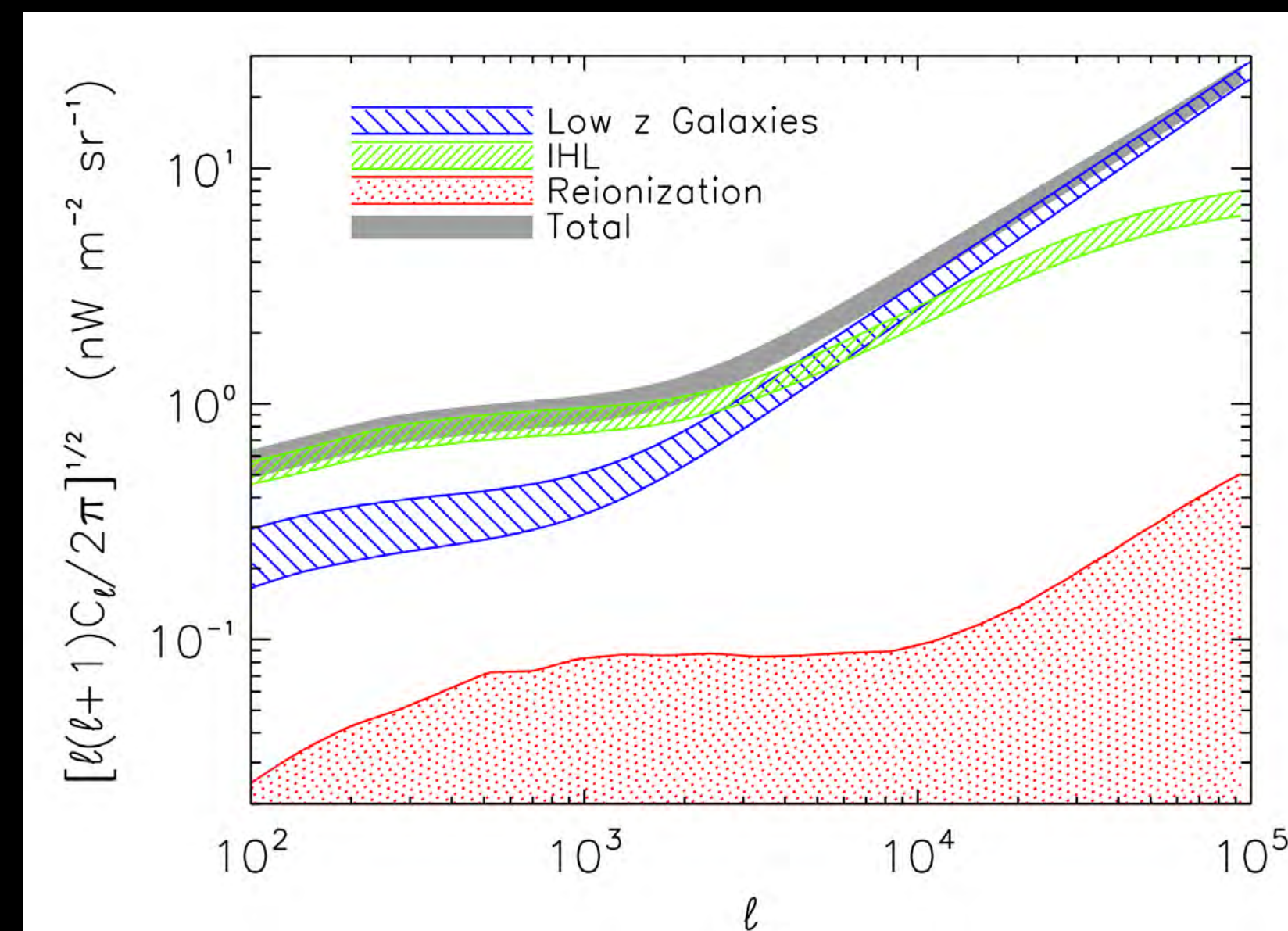


- |               |                          |        |                                |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Large scales: | Light traces dark matter | -----> | Integrated luminosity          |
| Med scales:   | Non-linear clustering    | -----> | Galaxy formation within a halo |
| Small scales: | Poisson fluctuations     | -----> | Galaxy luminosity function     |



# Intra-halo light

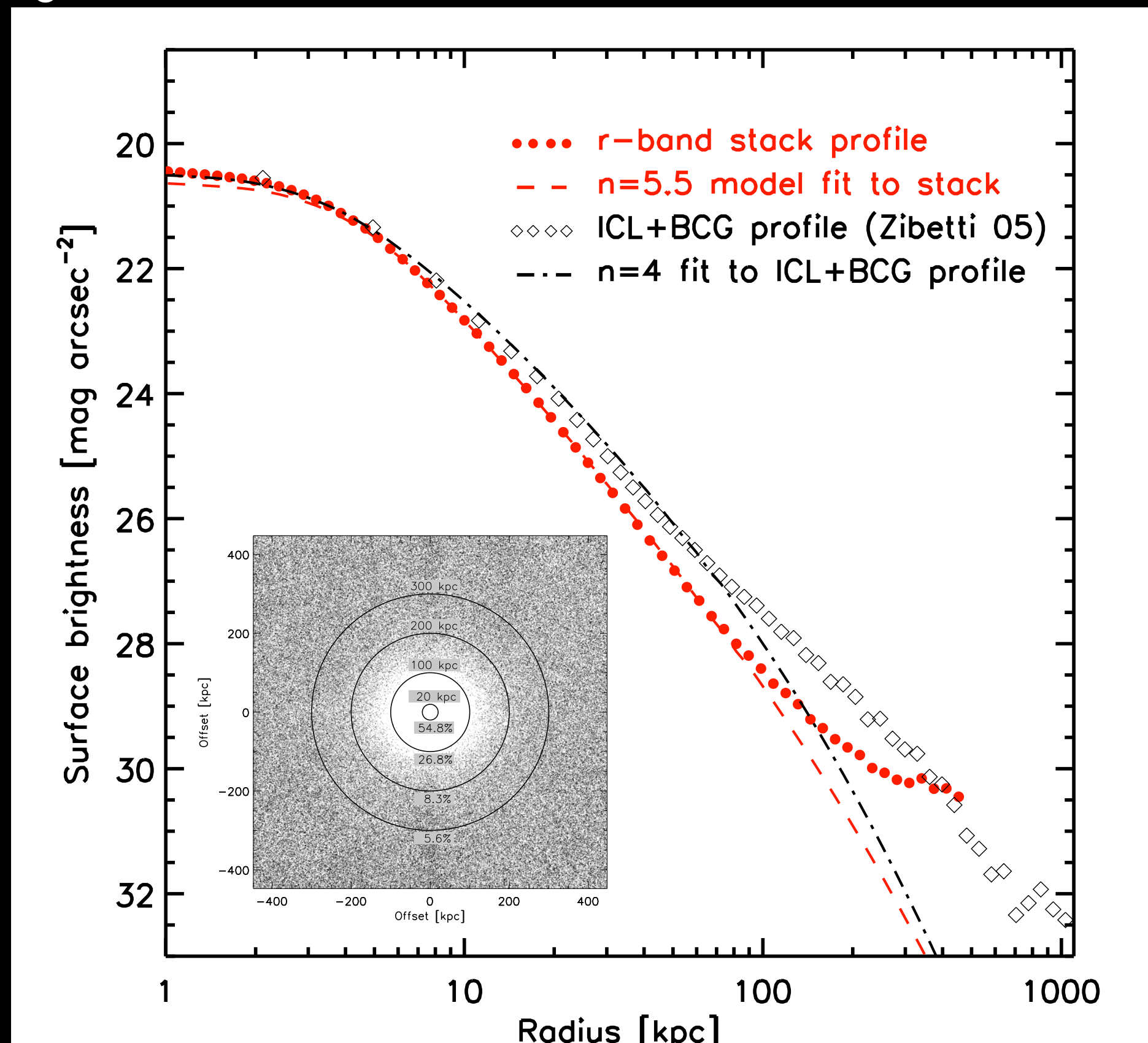
Intra-halo light (IHL): stars which have been tidally stripped from their parent galaxies during galaxy mergers and go onto form an extended diffuse sea of stars in dark matter halos.



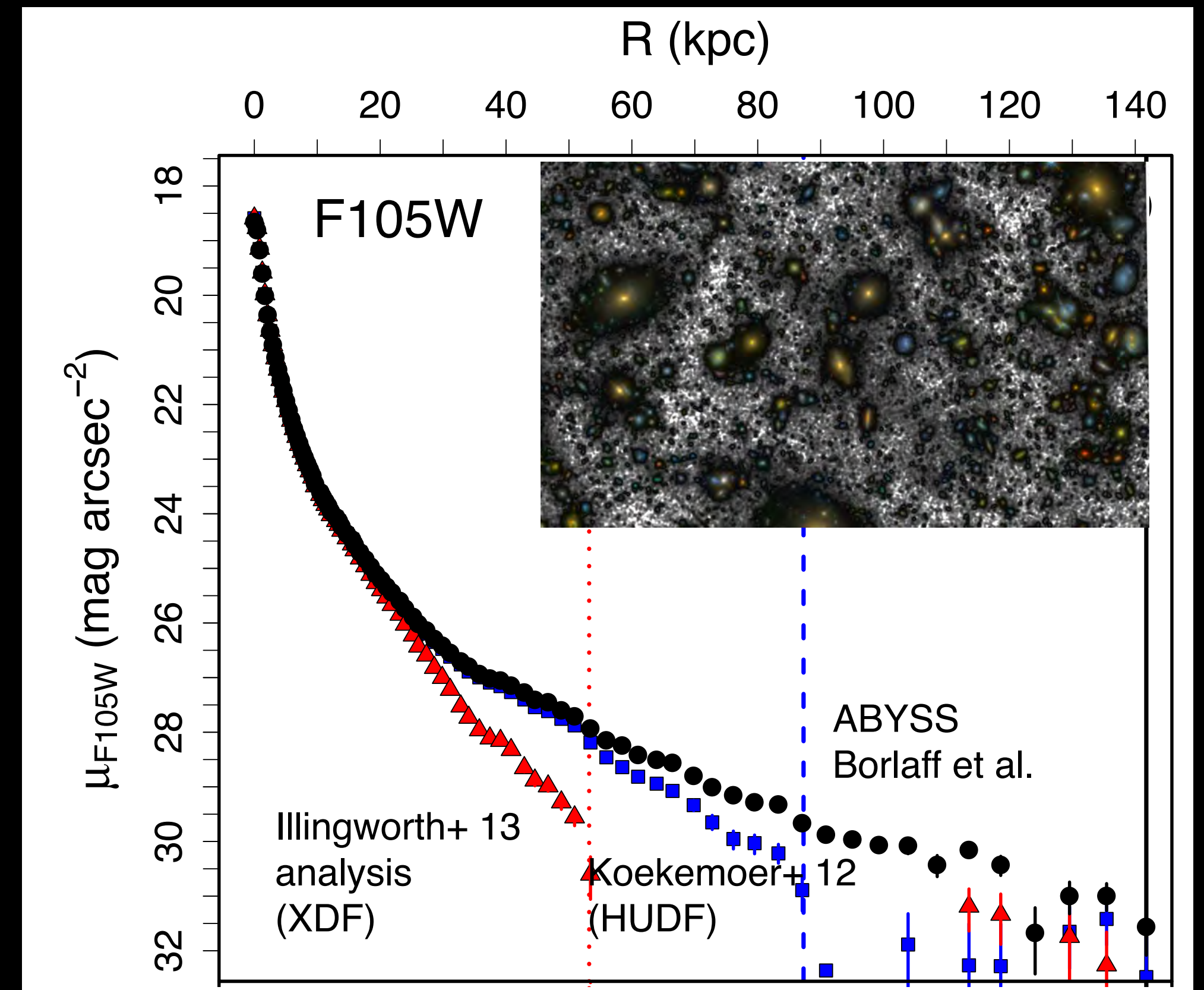


# Is IHL Real? extended light profiles of galaxies

400k galaxies SDSS stack (Tal & van Dokkum 12)



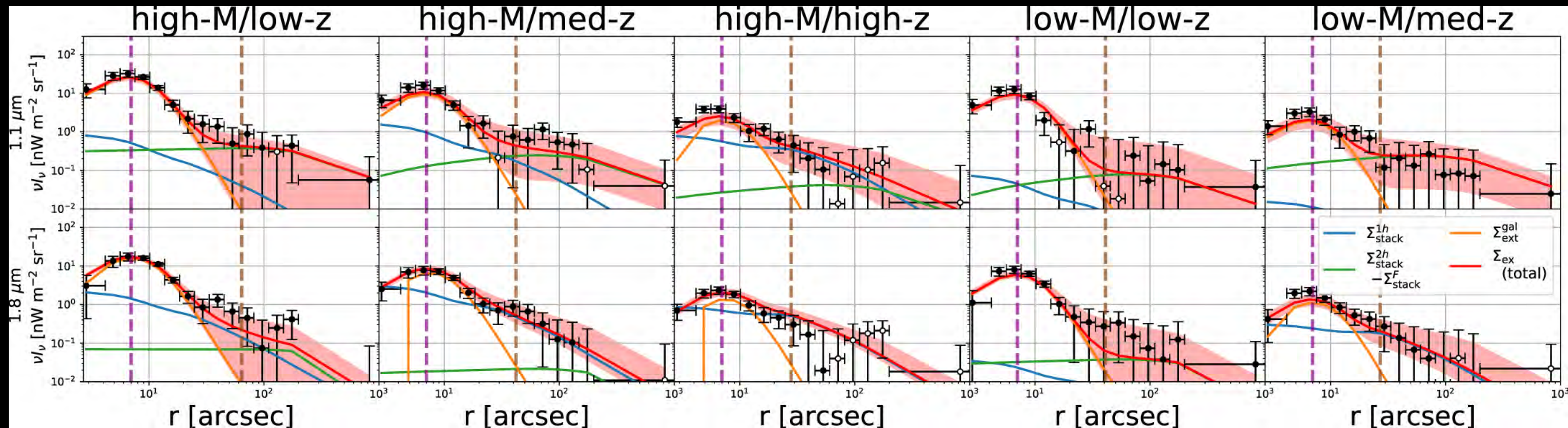
The missing light of the HUDF (Borlaff et al. 2019)



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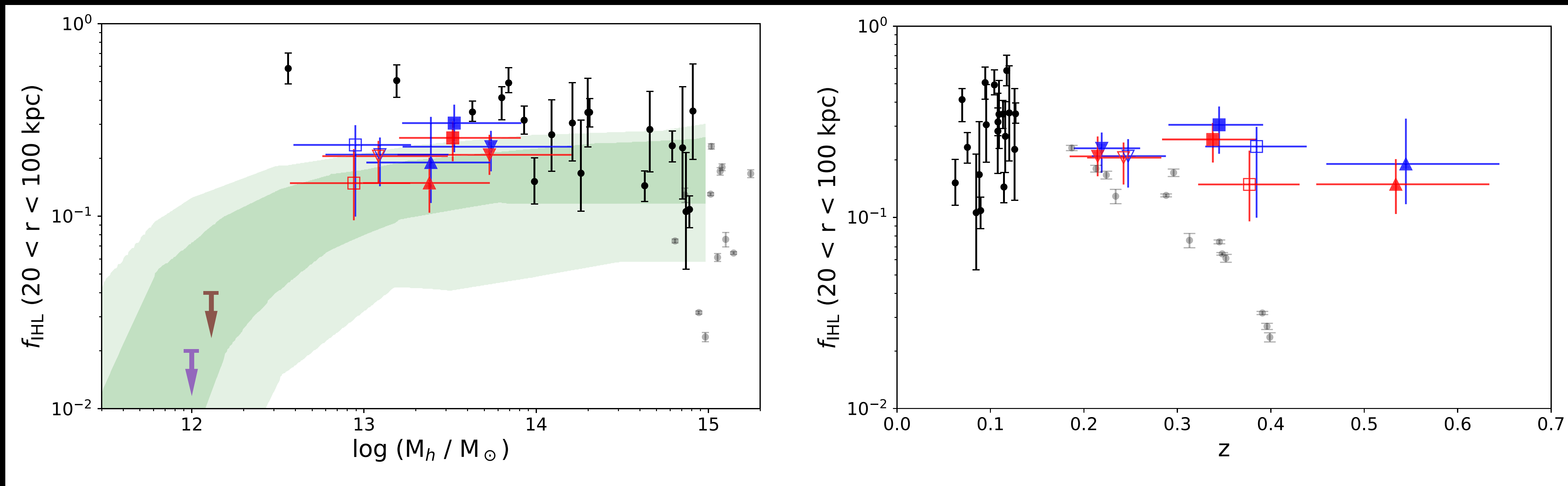


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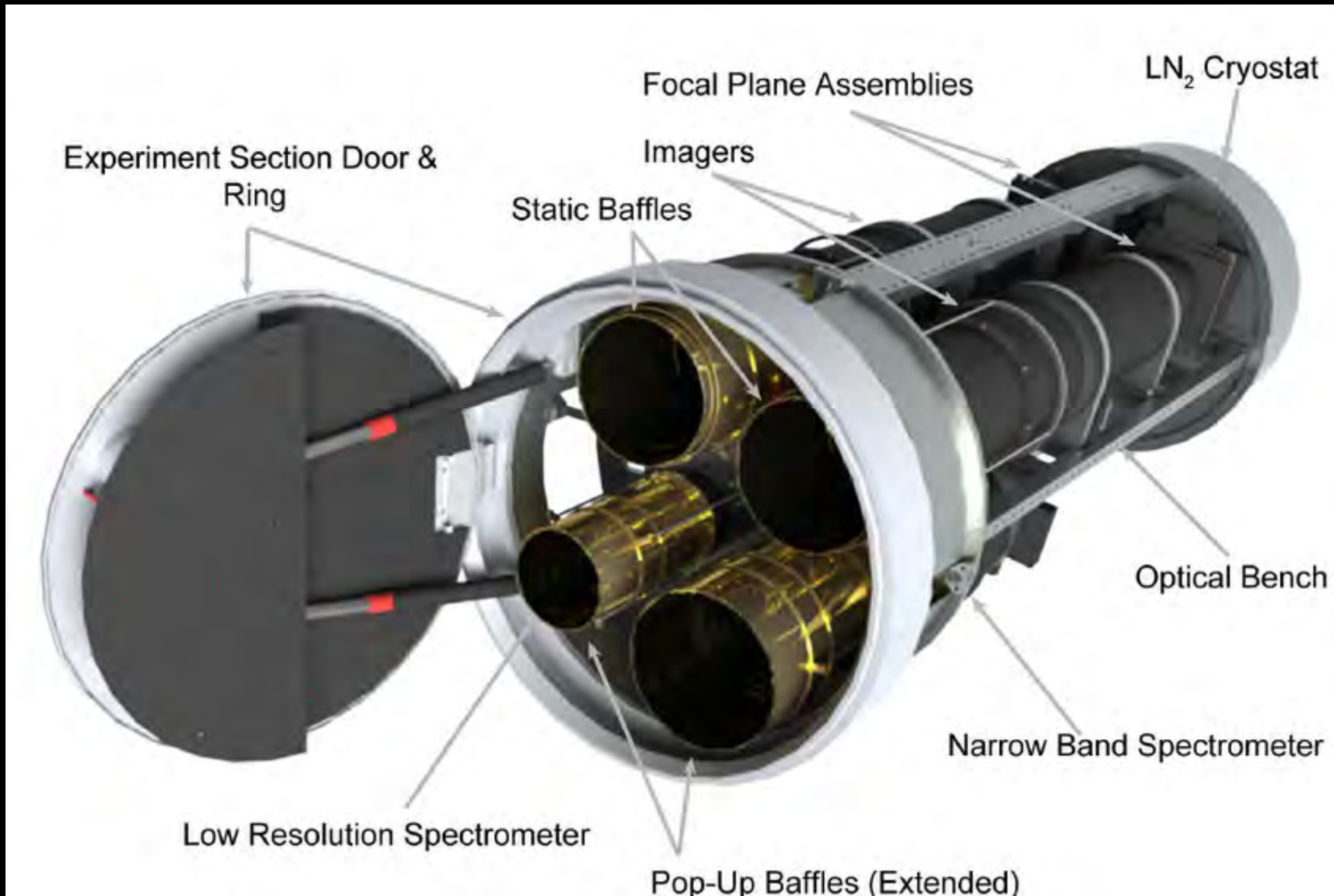
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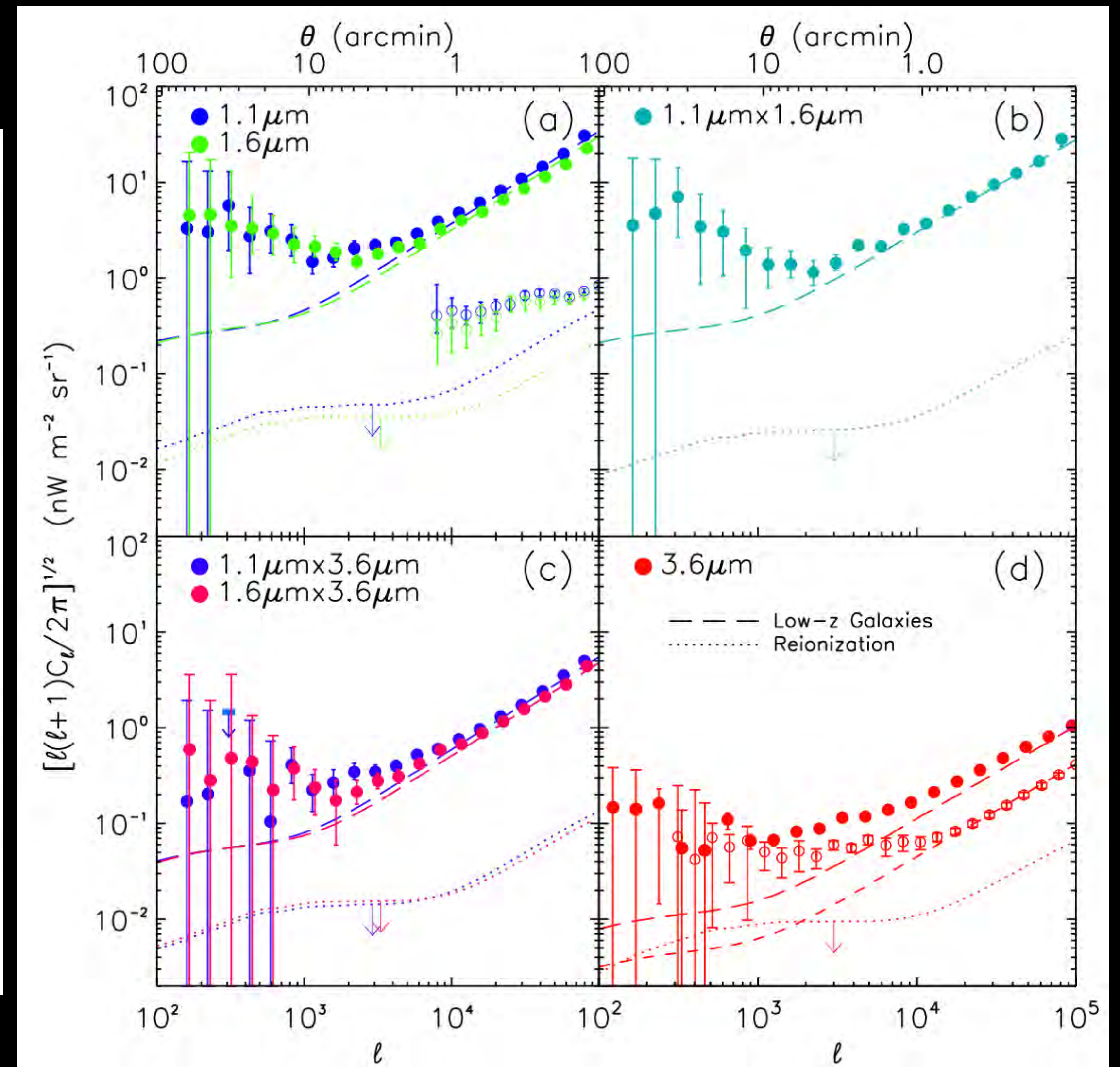
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Uses the two imaging cameras

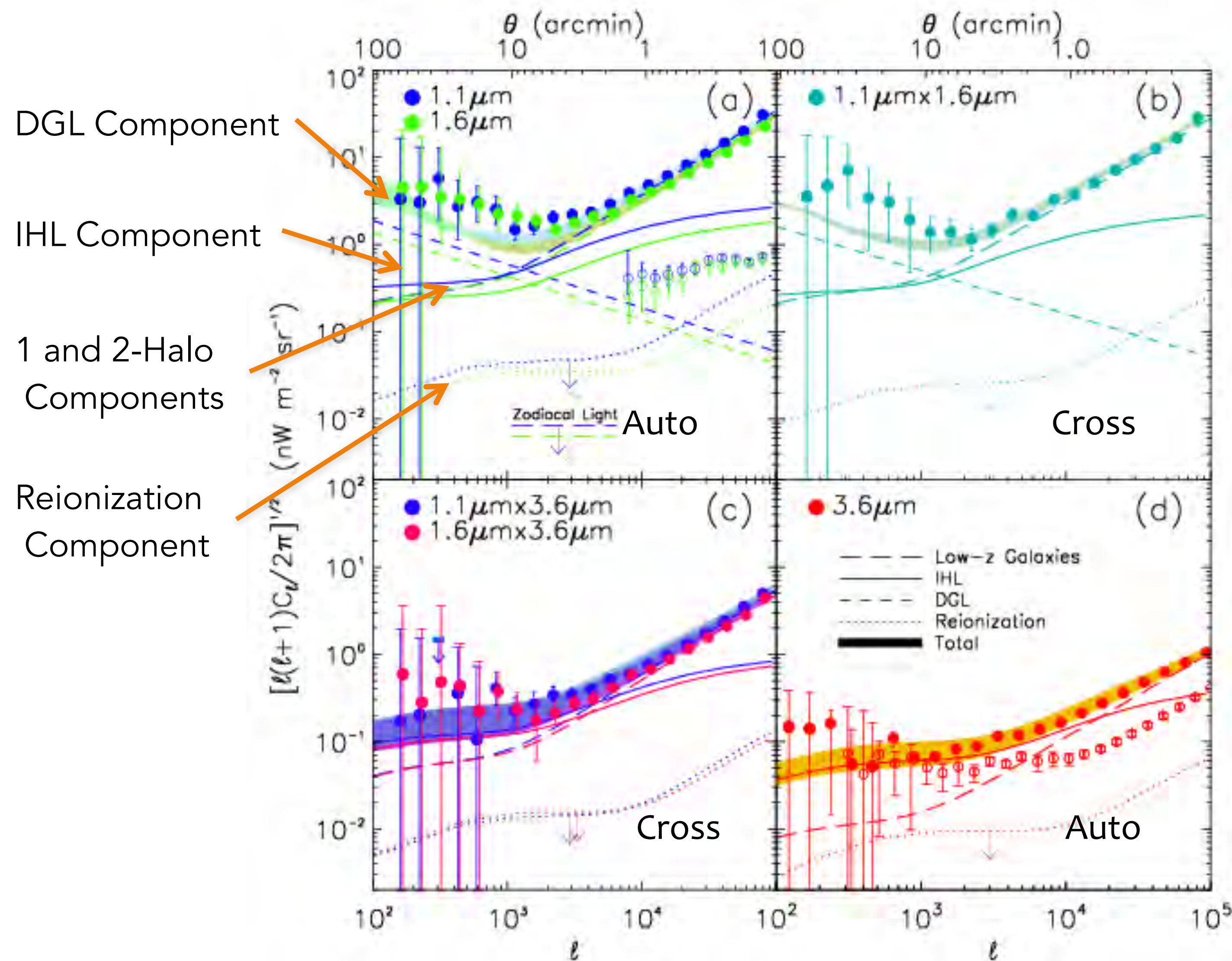


# CIBER Fluctuations

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# CIBER Fluctuation Results



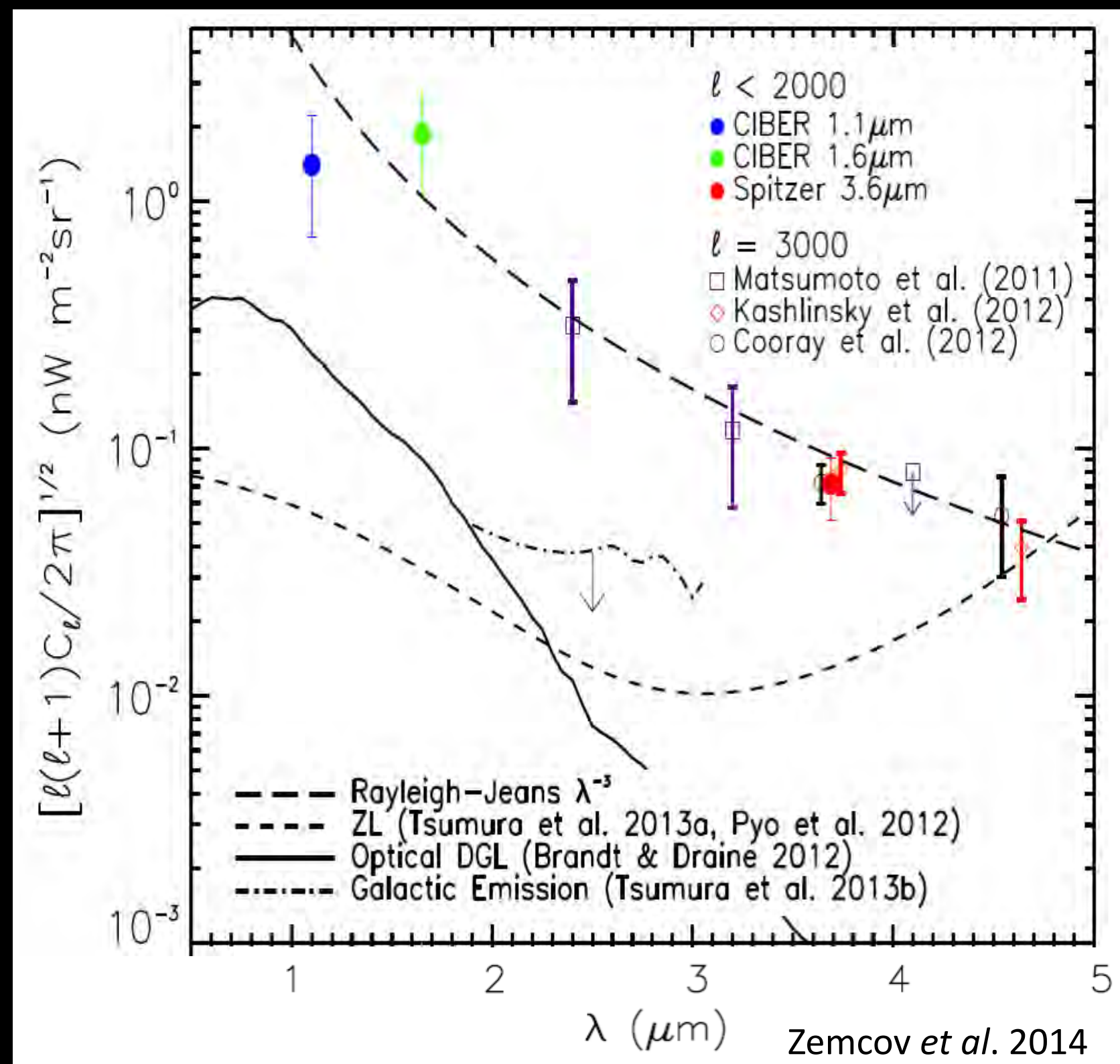
- CIBER power spectra follow galaxies to scales of a few arcmin, and then strongly deviate.
- Behavior is well matched by Spitzer data at longer wavelengths.



# Near-Infrared Clustering Fluctuations

*IHL (at redshift 0-2) or EOR (at redshift 6-8)?*

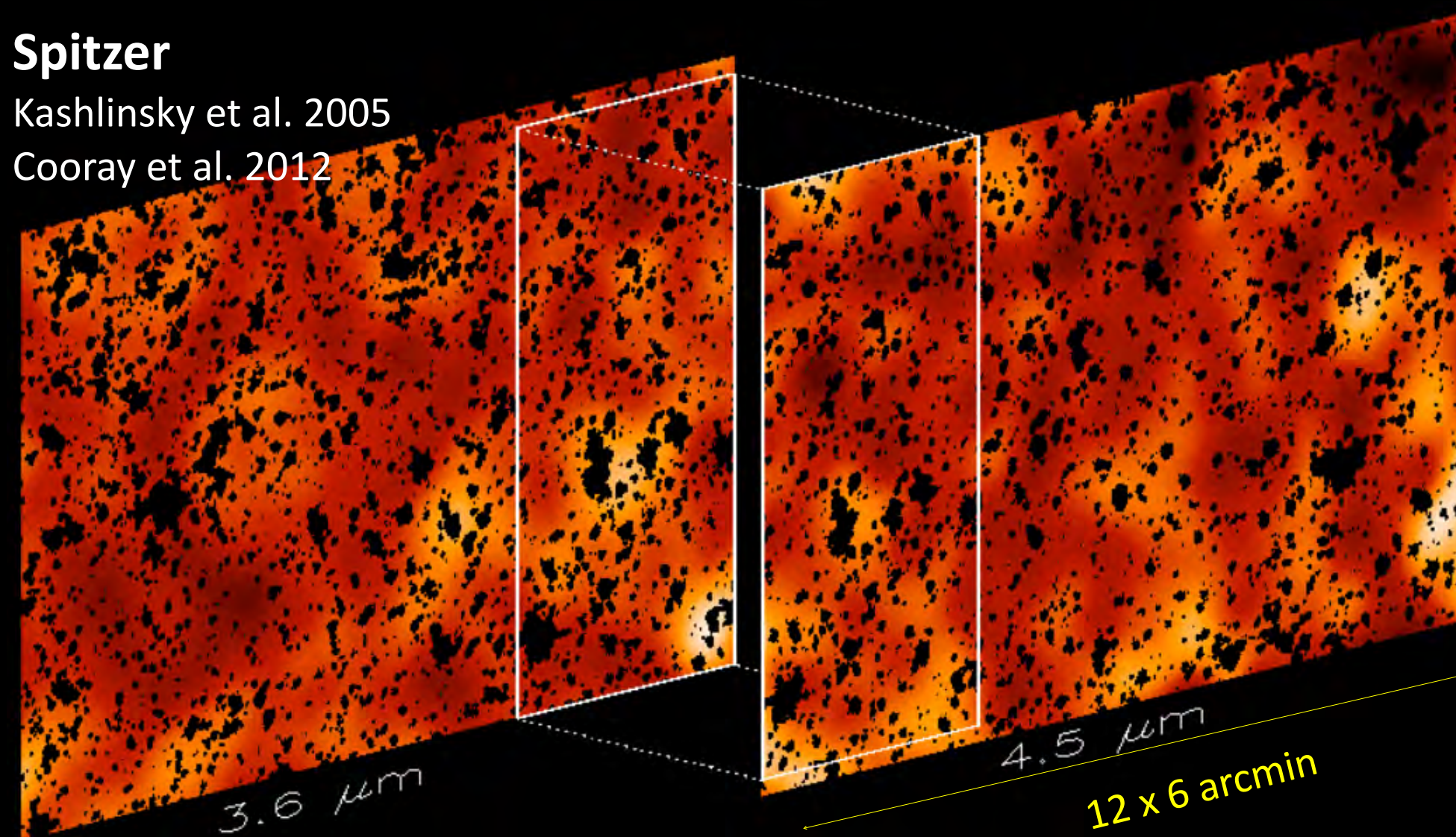
Amplitude of clustering power spectrum



## Spitzer

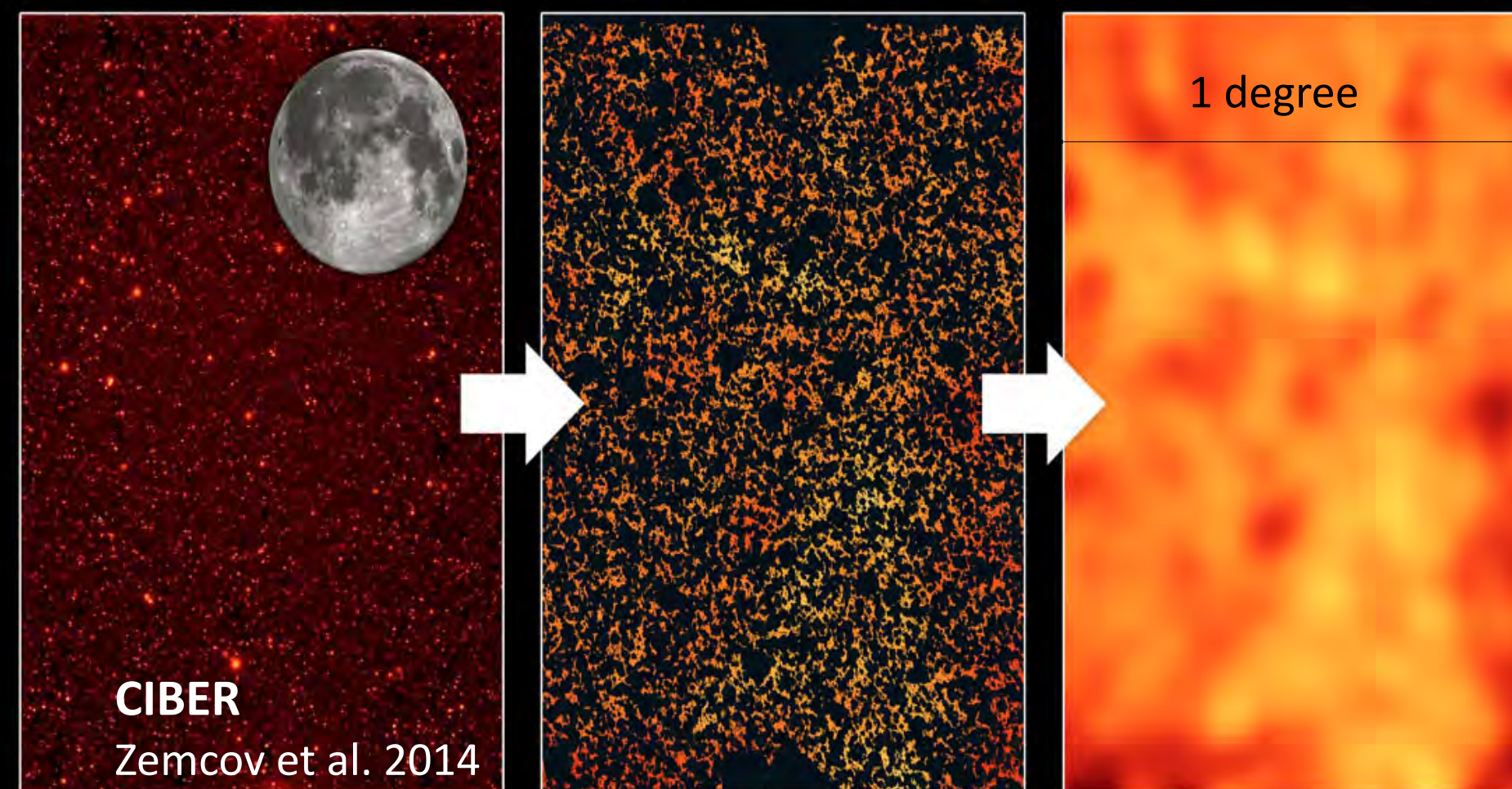
Kashlinsky et al. 2005

Cooray et al. 2012

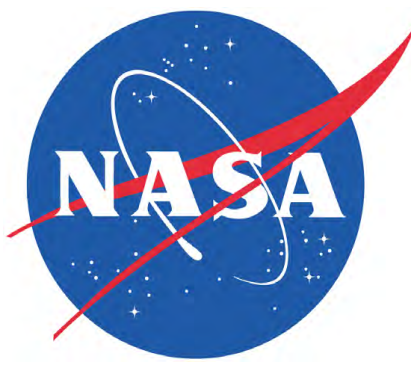


## Inferred Extragalactic Background

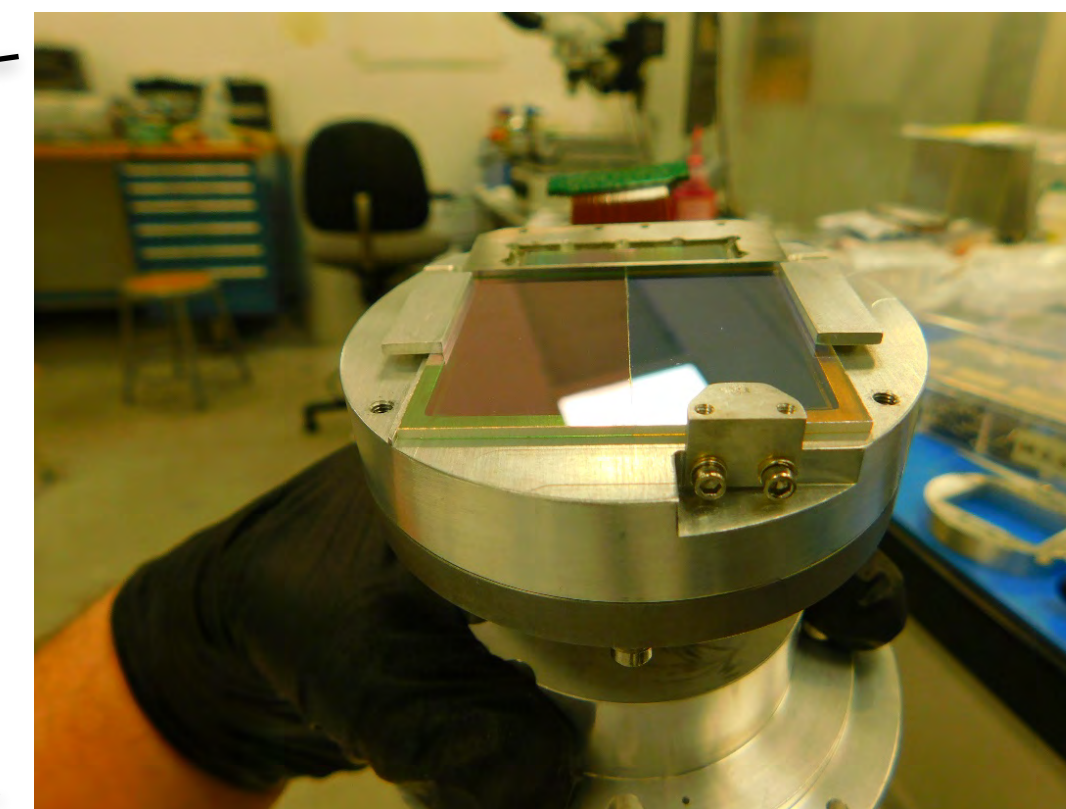
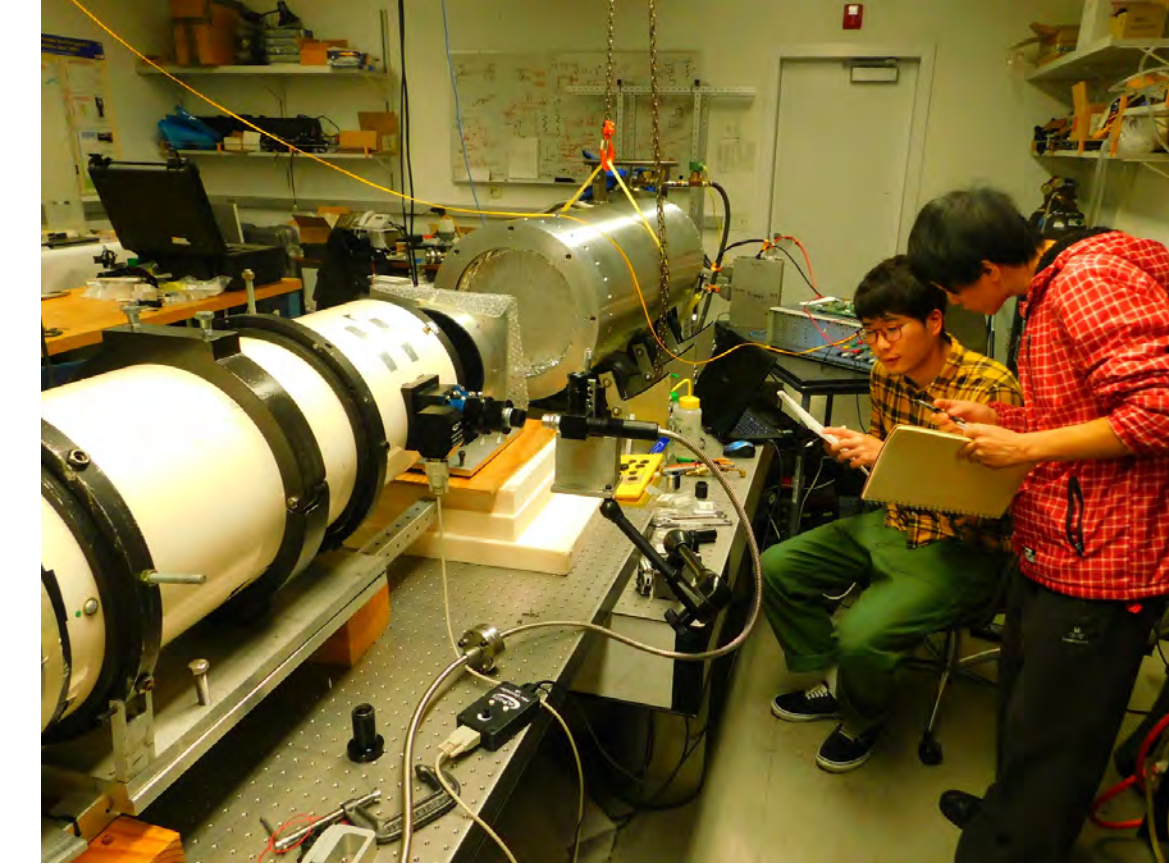
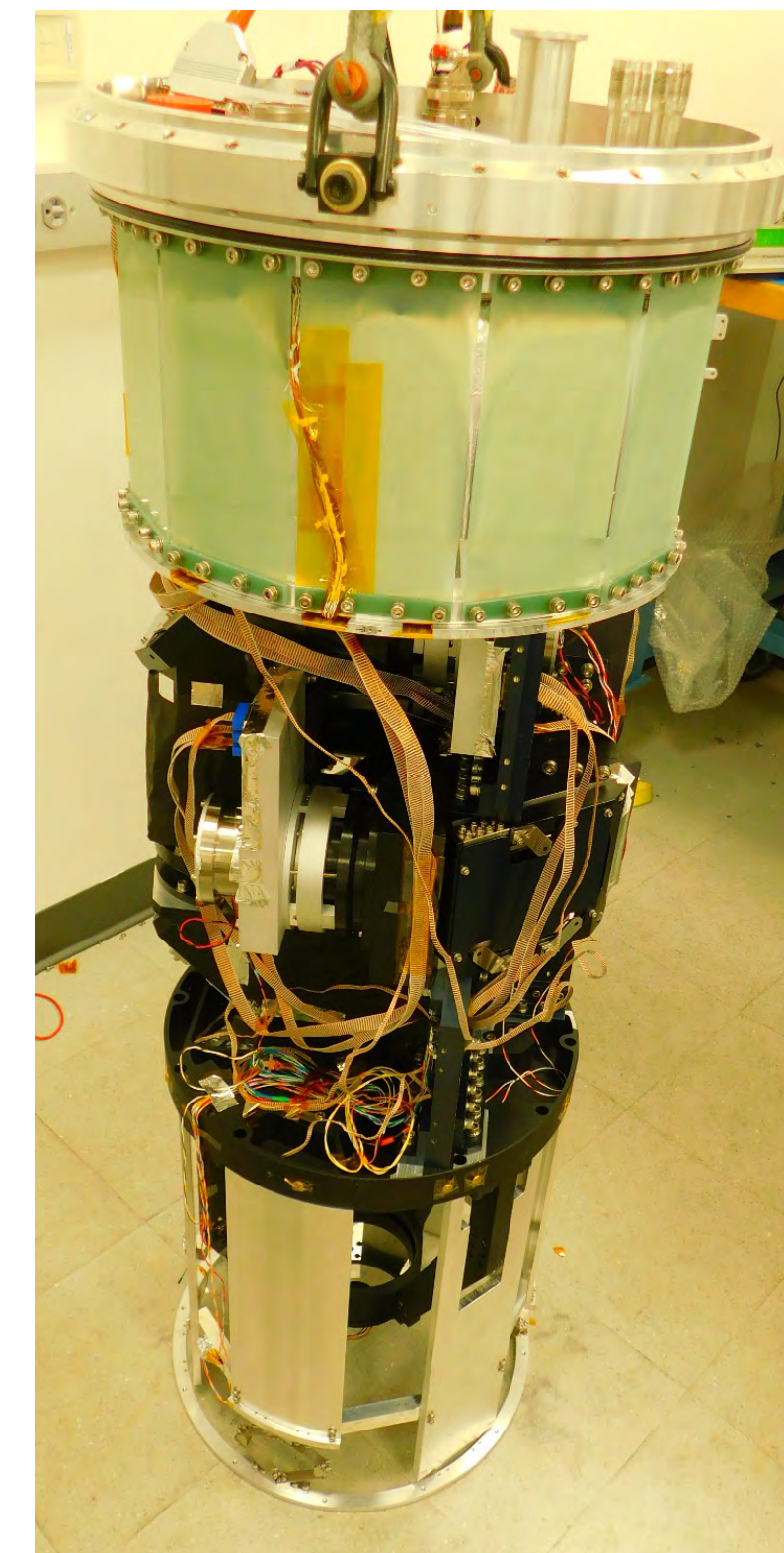
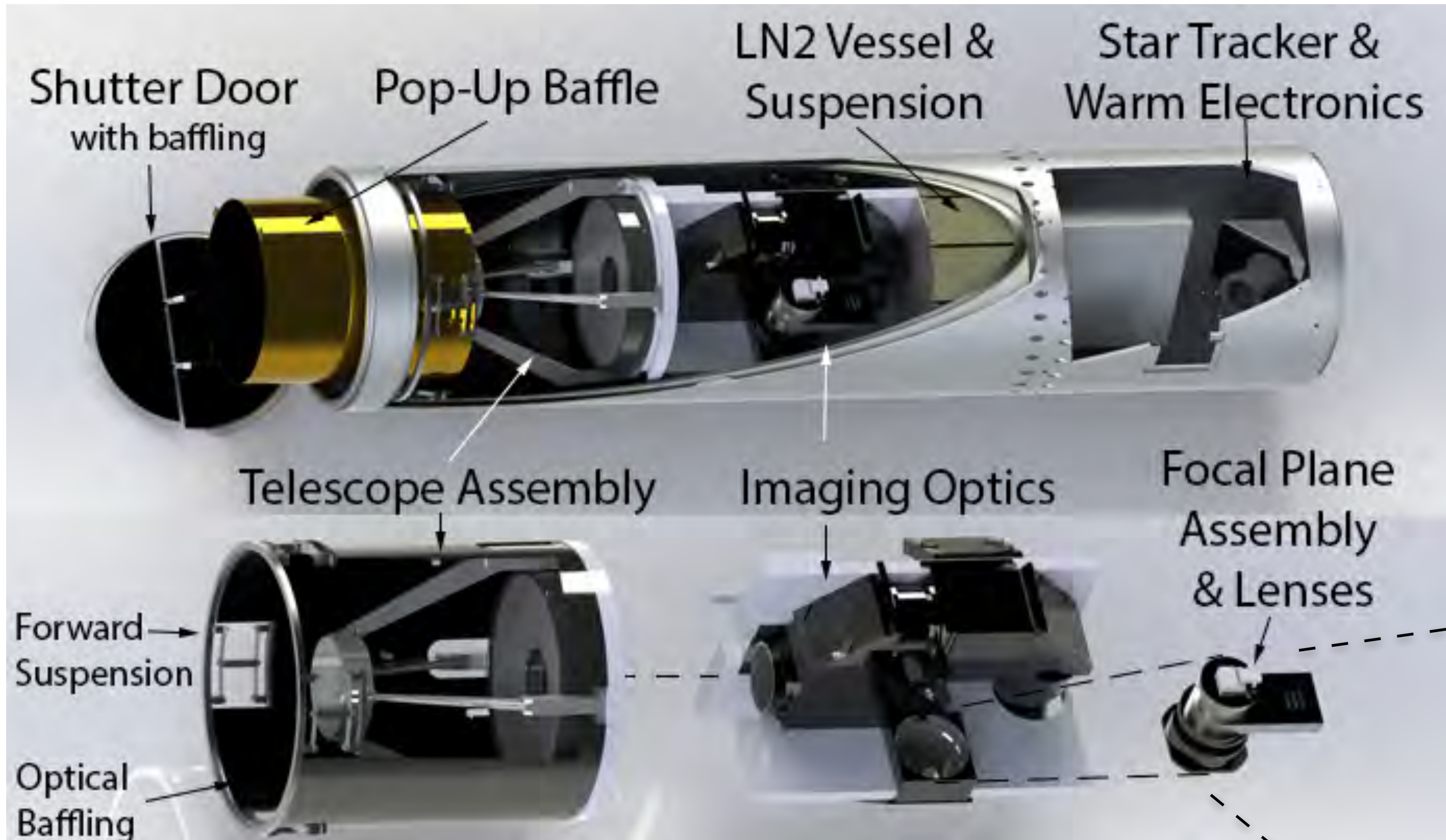
$\lambda$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Measured $\delta\lambda I_\lambda^a$ ( $\text{nW m}^{-2}\text{sr}^{-1}$ )	$\frac{\lambda I_{\lambda,\text{IHL}}}{\delta\lambda I_\lambda}$	$\lambda I_{\lambda,\text{IHL}}^b$ ( $\text{nW m}^{-2}\text{sr}^{-1}$ )	$\lambda I_{\lambda,\text{IGL}}^c$ ( $\text{nW m}^{-2}\text{sr}^{-1}$ )
1.1	$1.4^{+0.8}_{-0.7}$	5	$7.0^{+4.0}_{-3.5}$	$9.7^{+3.0}_{-1.9}$
1.6	$1.9^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$	6	$11.4^{+5.4}_{-4.8}$	$9.0^{+2.6}_{-1.7}$
2.4	$0.32 \pm 0.05^*$	7	$2.2 \pm 0.4$	$7.8^{+2.0}_{-1.2} e$
3.6	$0.072^{+0.019}_{-0.021}$	9	$0.65^{+0.17}_{-0.19}$	$5.2 \pm 1.0$
3.6 <sup>f</sup>	$0.049^{+0.021}_{-0.007}$	9	$0.44^{+0.19}_{-0.06}$	$5.2 \pm 1.0$
4.5	$0.053 \pm 0.023^*$	7	$0.37 \pm 0.16$	$3.9 \pm 0.8$







# CIBER-2 (2 flights 2022-2024)

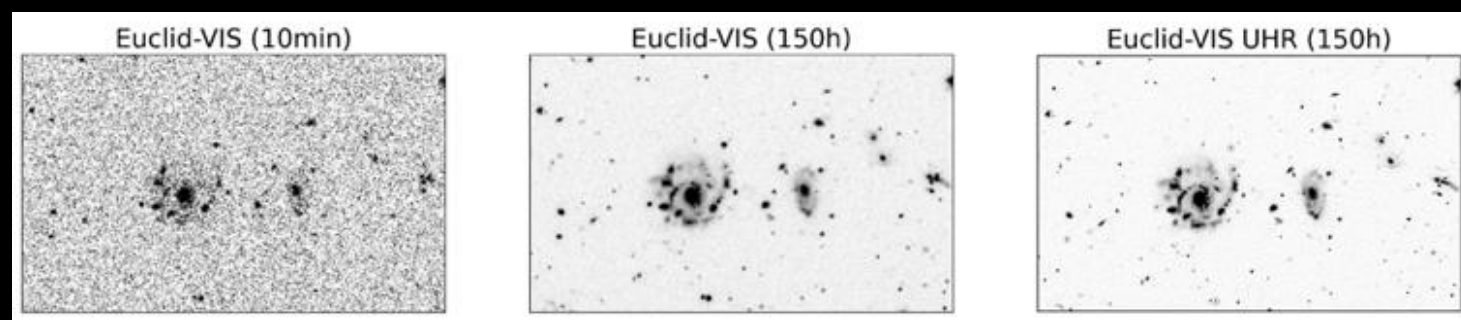
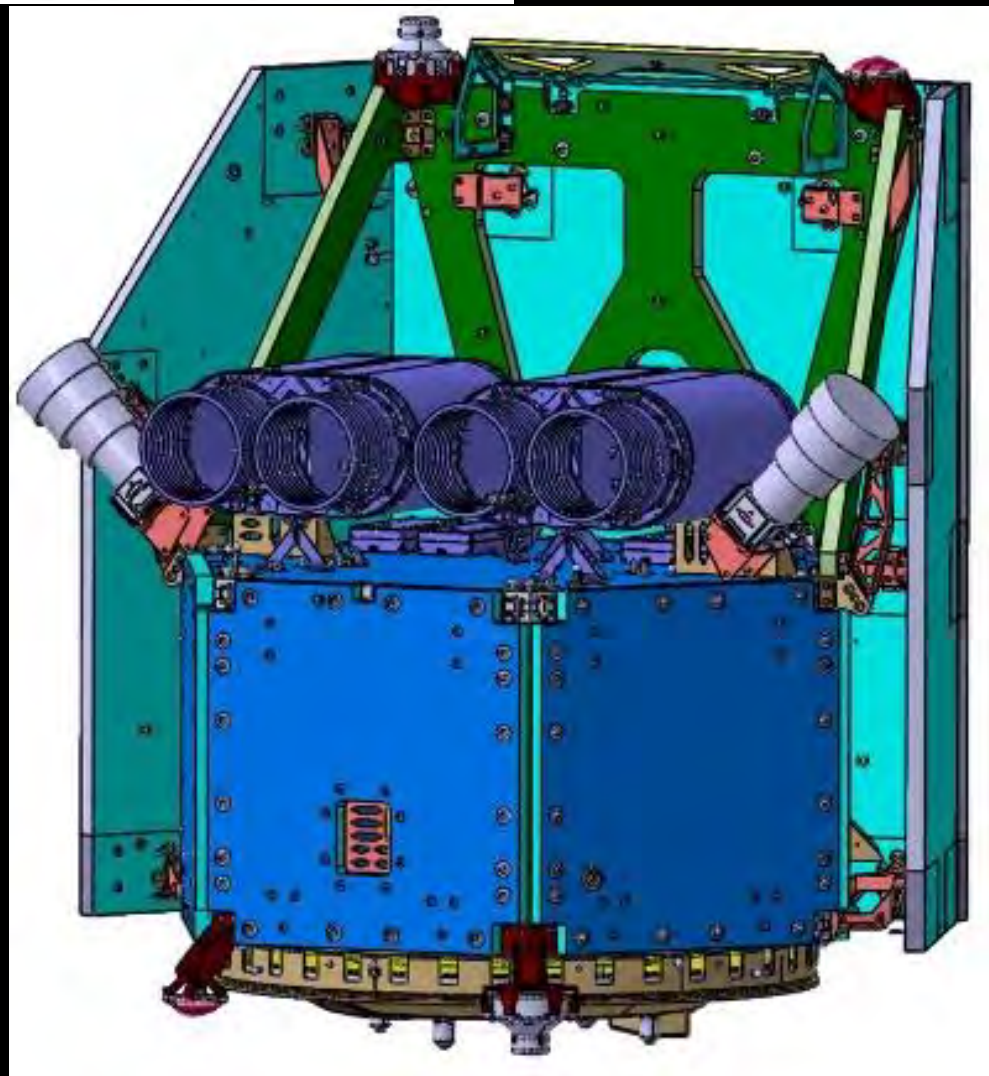
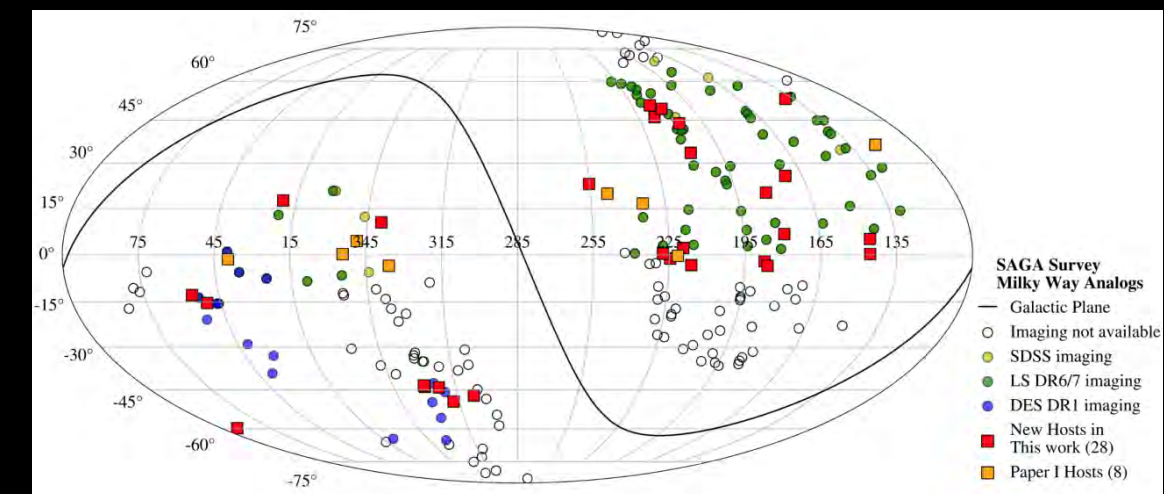
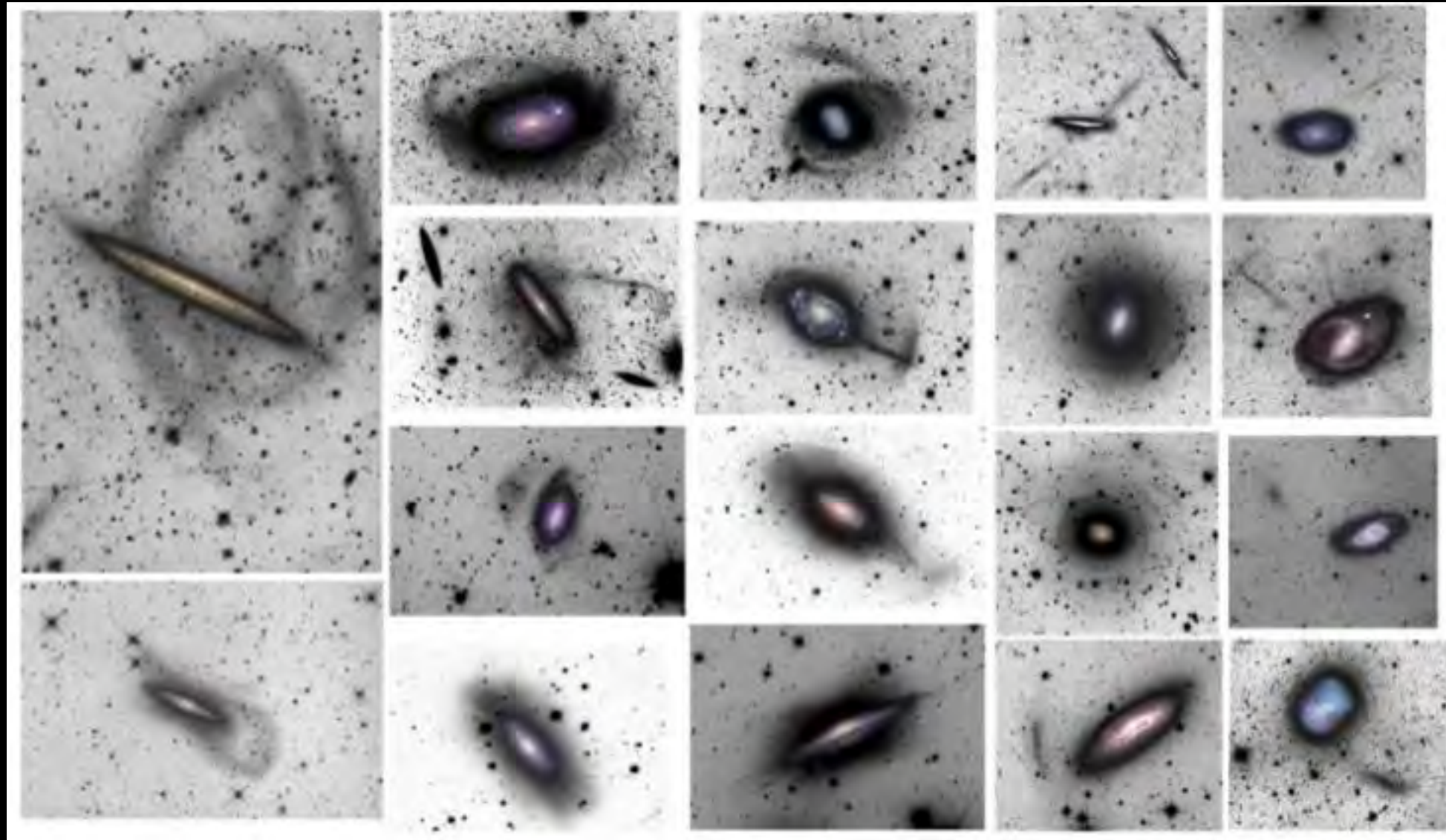


- NASA-APRA funded
- Hardware integrated at Caltech
- Two launches completed; papers now in preparation





# IHL imager

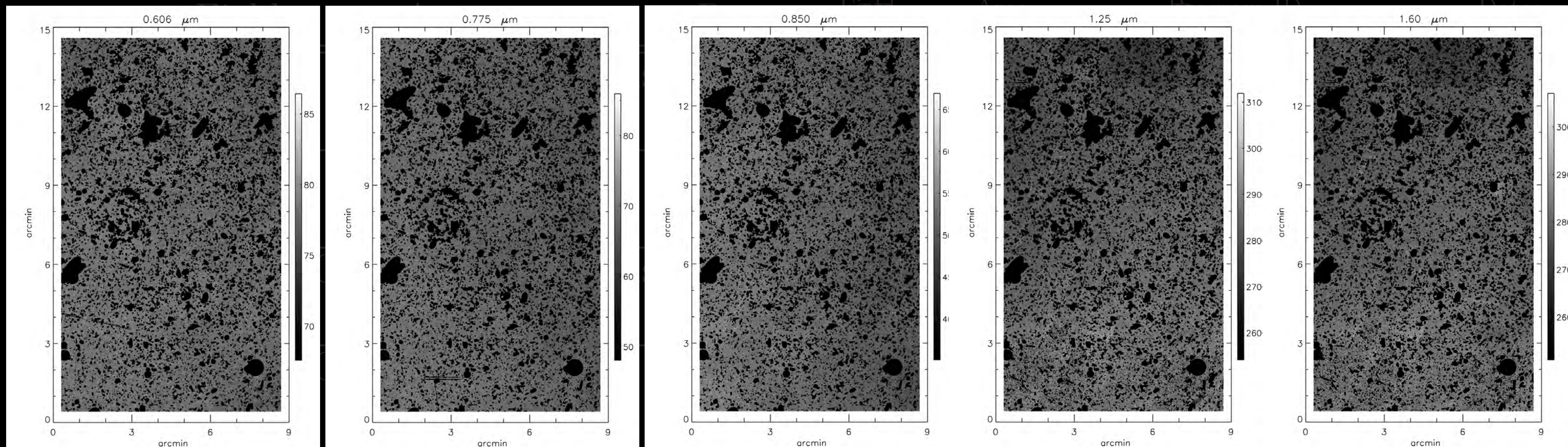
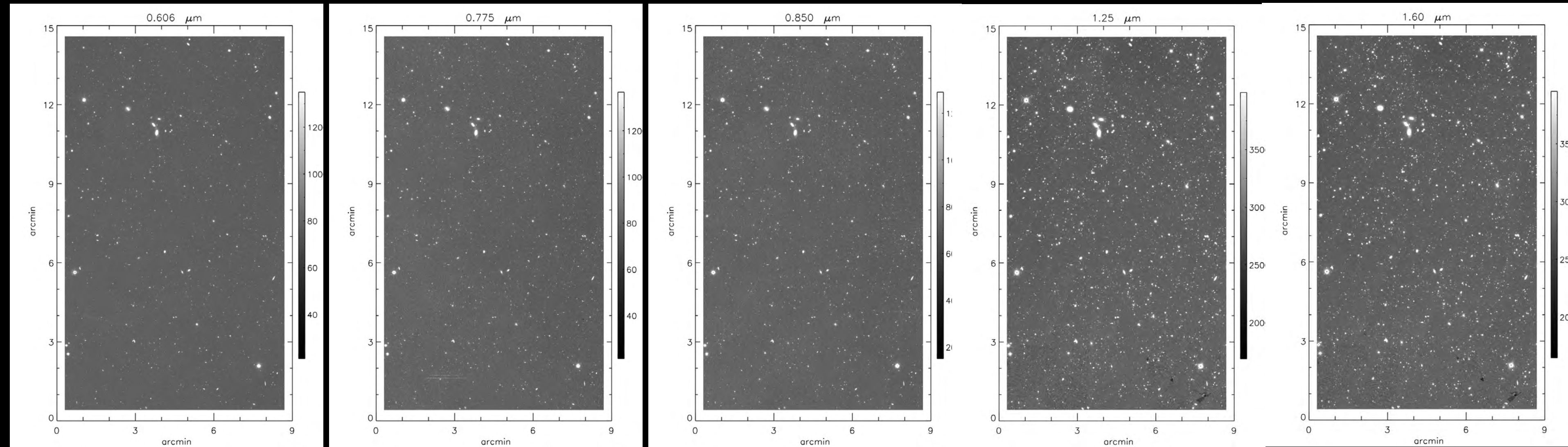


MAIN SCIENCE GOALS				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test the predictions of the Cold Dark Matter model with unprecedented ultra-low surface brightness observations of a magnitude-limited and volume-limited sample of Milky Way-type galaxies in the local universe.</li> <li>• Determine the statistics and distribution of satellite galaxies down to <math>M_v &lt; -6</math> in the haloes of Milky Way-type galaxies</li> <li>• Determine the statistics and geometry of the stellar streams and diffuse extended light in these galaxy haloes</li> </ul>				
SURVEY				
Sample Selection	115 MW-type galaxies from the SAGA survey between 25Mpc and 40Mpc			
	<i>Targets</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Dithers / Target</i>	<i>Total Integration time</i>
Main Sample	100 galaxy systems	160 deg <sup>2</sup>	900	150h
Duration	2 years (nominal) - 3 years (goal)			
PAYLOAD				
Telescope	Design	4x modified Maksutov-Cassegrain		
	Aperture	150 mm		
	Field-of-View	1.4 deg diameter		
Instrument Type	Visible and Infrared Imager			
Weight	50-60 kg			
Filters	HST-F475X	Euclid VIS	Euclid Y	Euclid J
Wavelengths	380 - 630 nm	550 - 900 nm	920 - 1230 nm	1169 - 1590 nm
Pixel scale	1.37 arcsec		2.3 arcsec	
Coadd resolution	0.8 arcsec		1.25 arcsec	
Detector	2x Teledyne e2v 4k x 4k CCD		2x Teledyne 2k x 2k H2RG	
Operating temp	150 K		140 K	
Sensitivity	~ 31 mag/arcsec <sup>2</sup>		~ 30 mag/arcsec <sup>2</sup>	
SPACECRAFT				
Launcher	Vega C dedicated or Rideshare			
Orbit	Sun Synchronous Orbit LTAN 6AM/6PM from 600 to 1000 km			
Pointing	0.5 arcsec RMS over 10 minutes			
Cooling	Passive radiators and heat pipes			
Communications	Bands	S and X		
	Downlink Rate	15 Mbps		
	Daily data volume	11,1 GB		
AOCS & Propulsion	Micro Propulsion Subsystem, Reaction Wheels, Gyro Payload Fine Guidance System			
Total Wet Mass	< 300 kg			
SCHEDULE				
	<i>Mission Kick Off</i>	<i>Mission Adoption</i>	<i>Launch</i>	<i>End of Observations</i>
	2023 Q1	2025 Q2	2029 Q3	2032 Q1

ESA F (fast) mission, selected in 2020; final adoption decision in 2025-2026; launch in 2029 with M-class ARIEL (ride share for ARIEL)



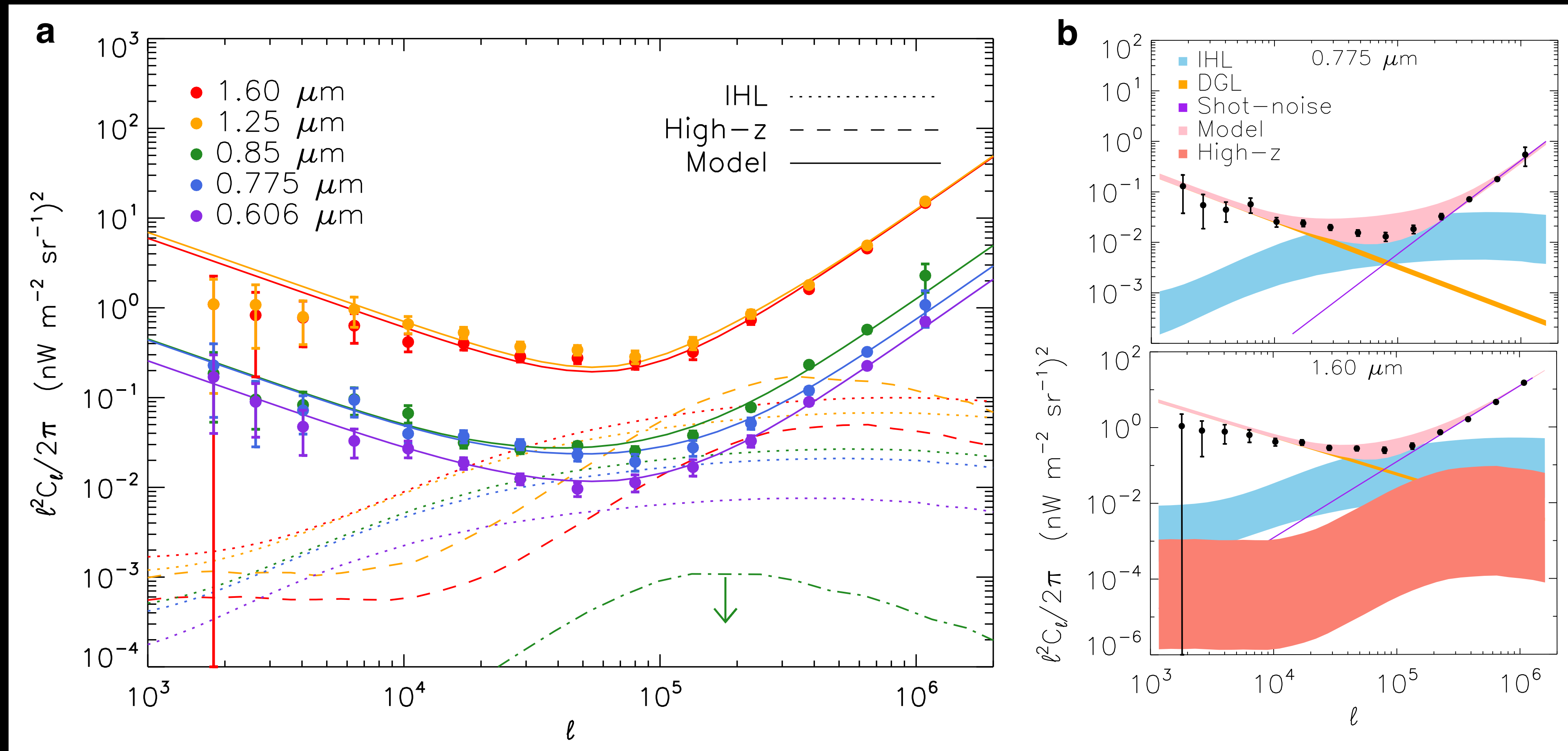
# Reionization signal in IR fluctuations?



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using archival Hubble CANDELS deep fields



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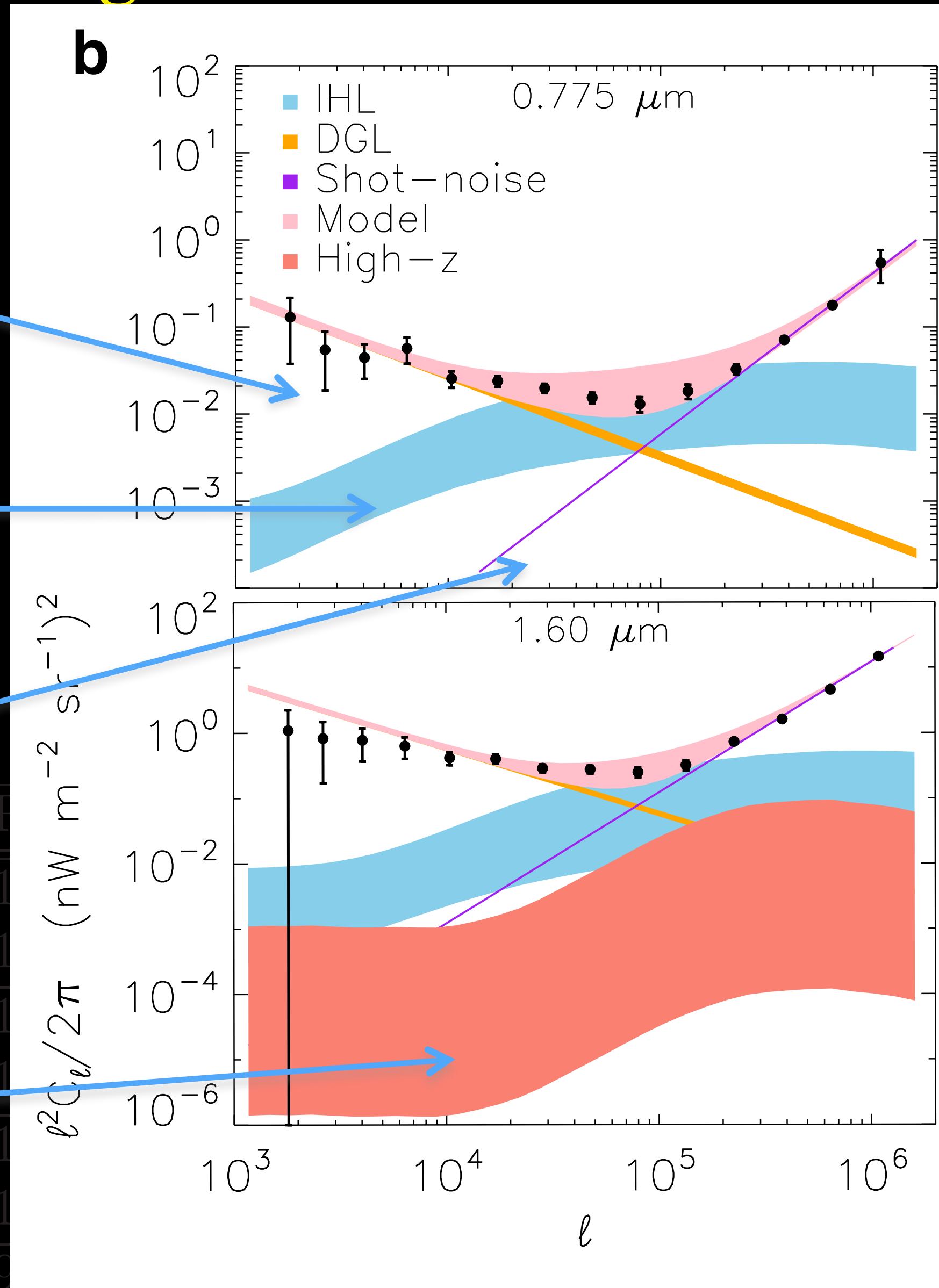
# Reionization signal in IR fluctuations?

DGL (?) Component

IHL Component

Shot-noise from low-z galaxies

High-redshift galaxies



Field	Area
UDS	210 sq arcmins
EGS	90 sq arcmins
COSMOS	210 sq arcmins
COSMOS	1.8 sq degrees

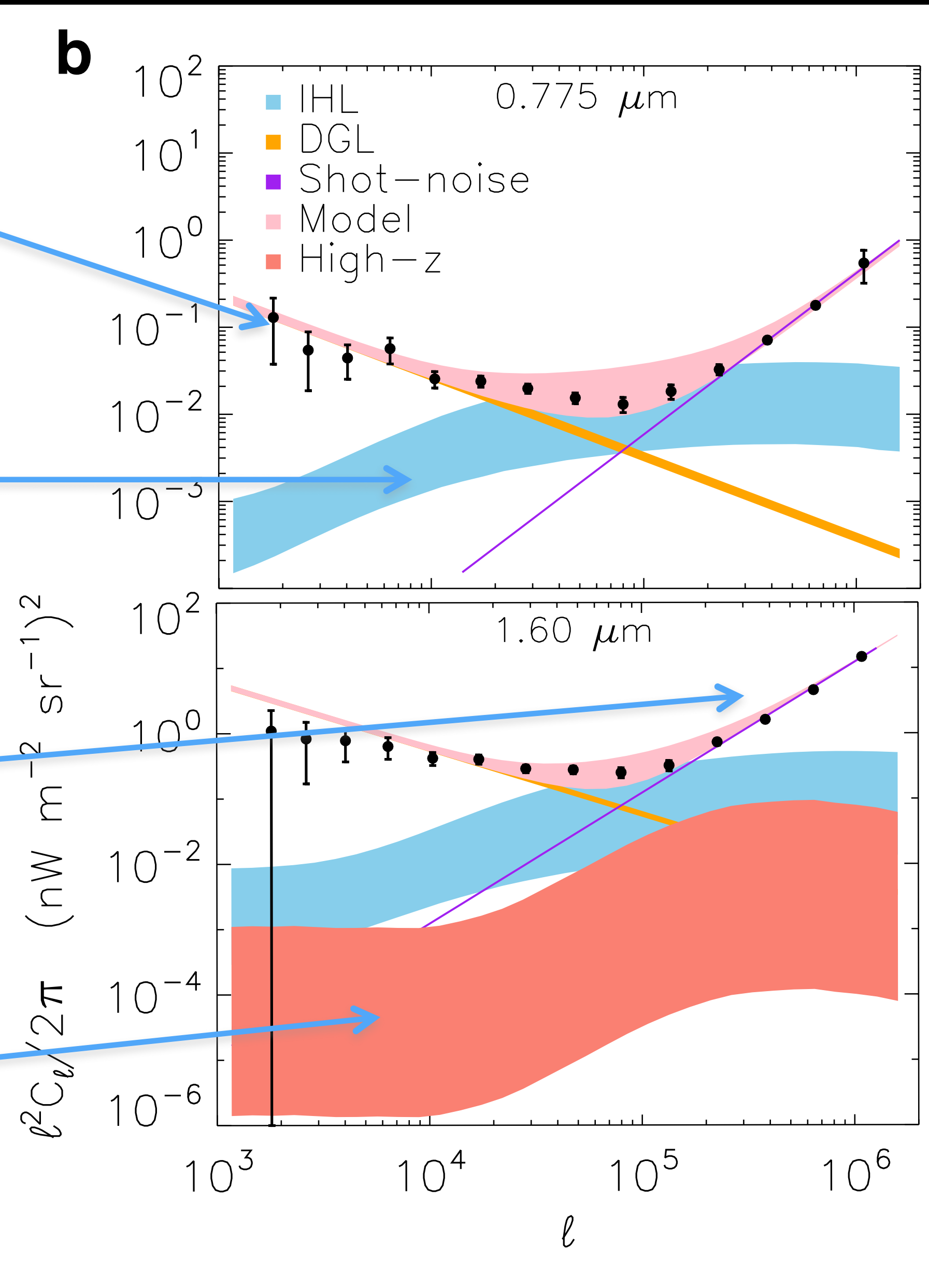
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# Reionization signal in IR fluctuations (CIBER-II/SPHEREx)

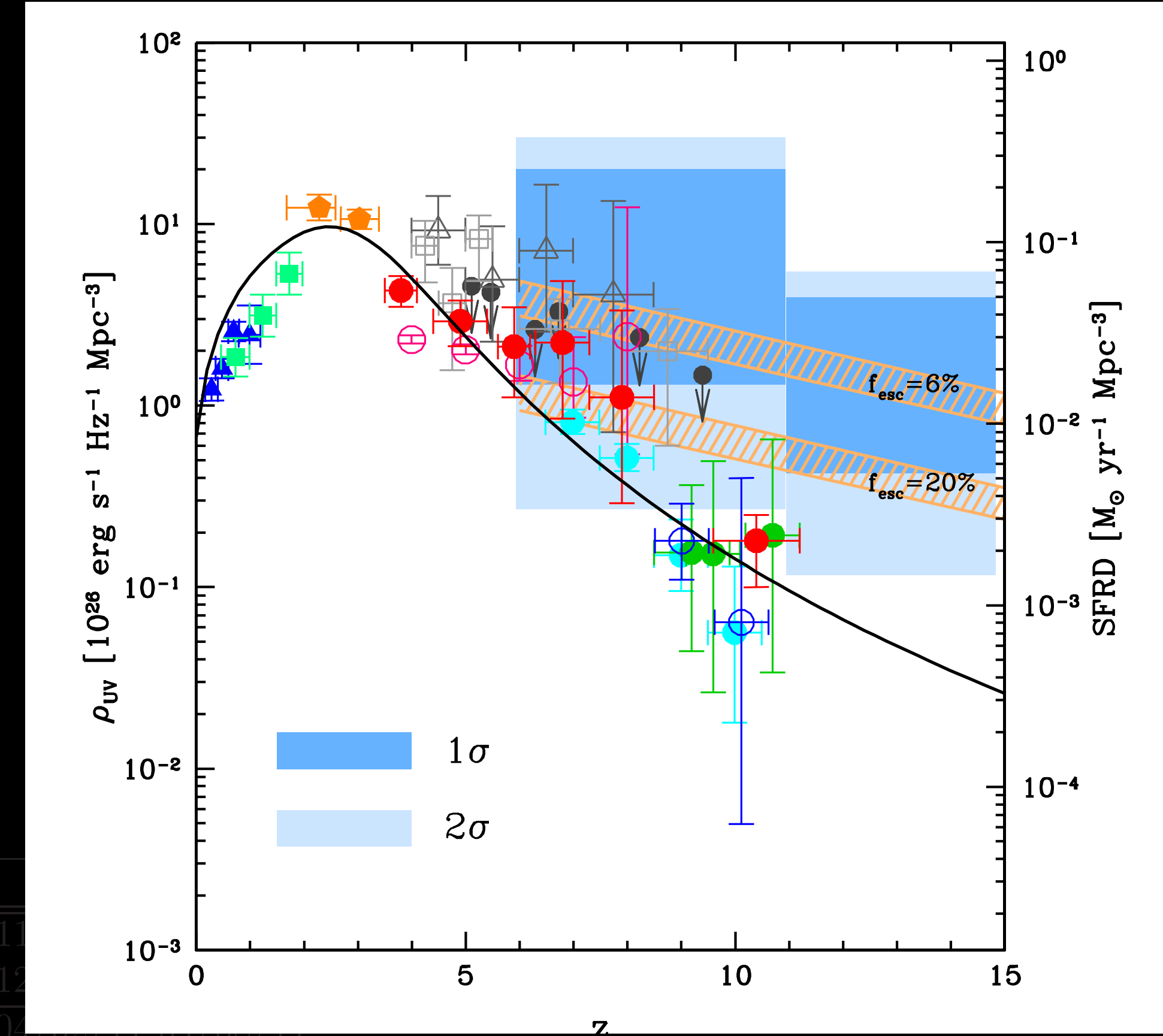
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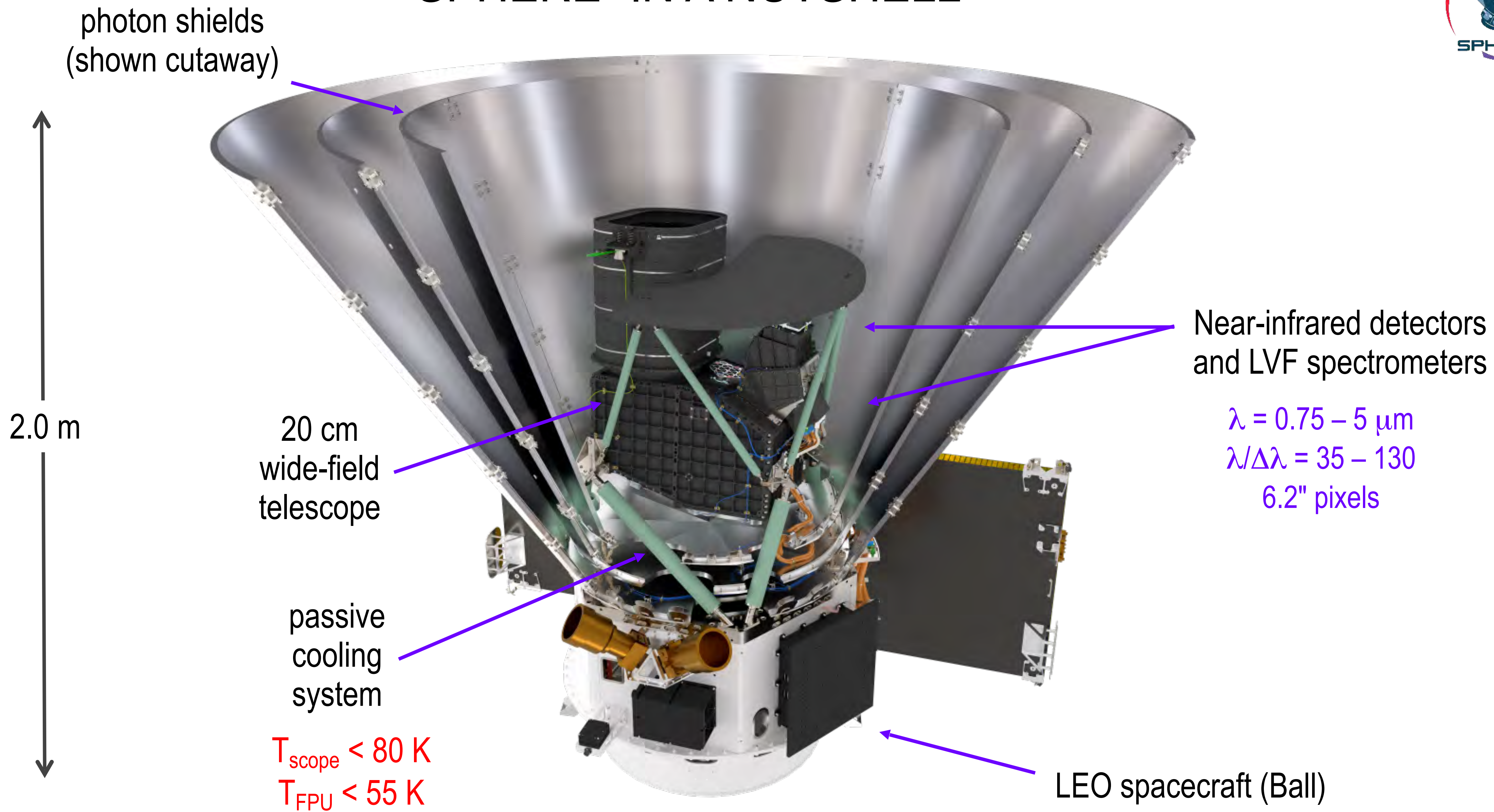


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# SPHERE<sup>x</sup> IN A NUTSHELL



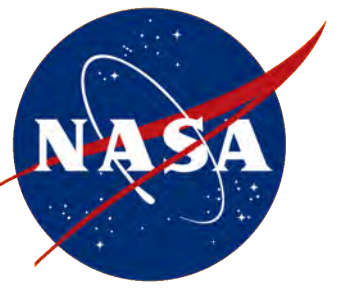
Launch around Feb-March 2025





SPHEREx

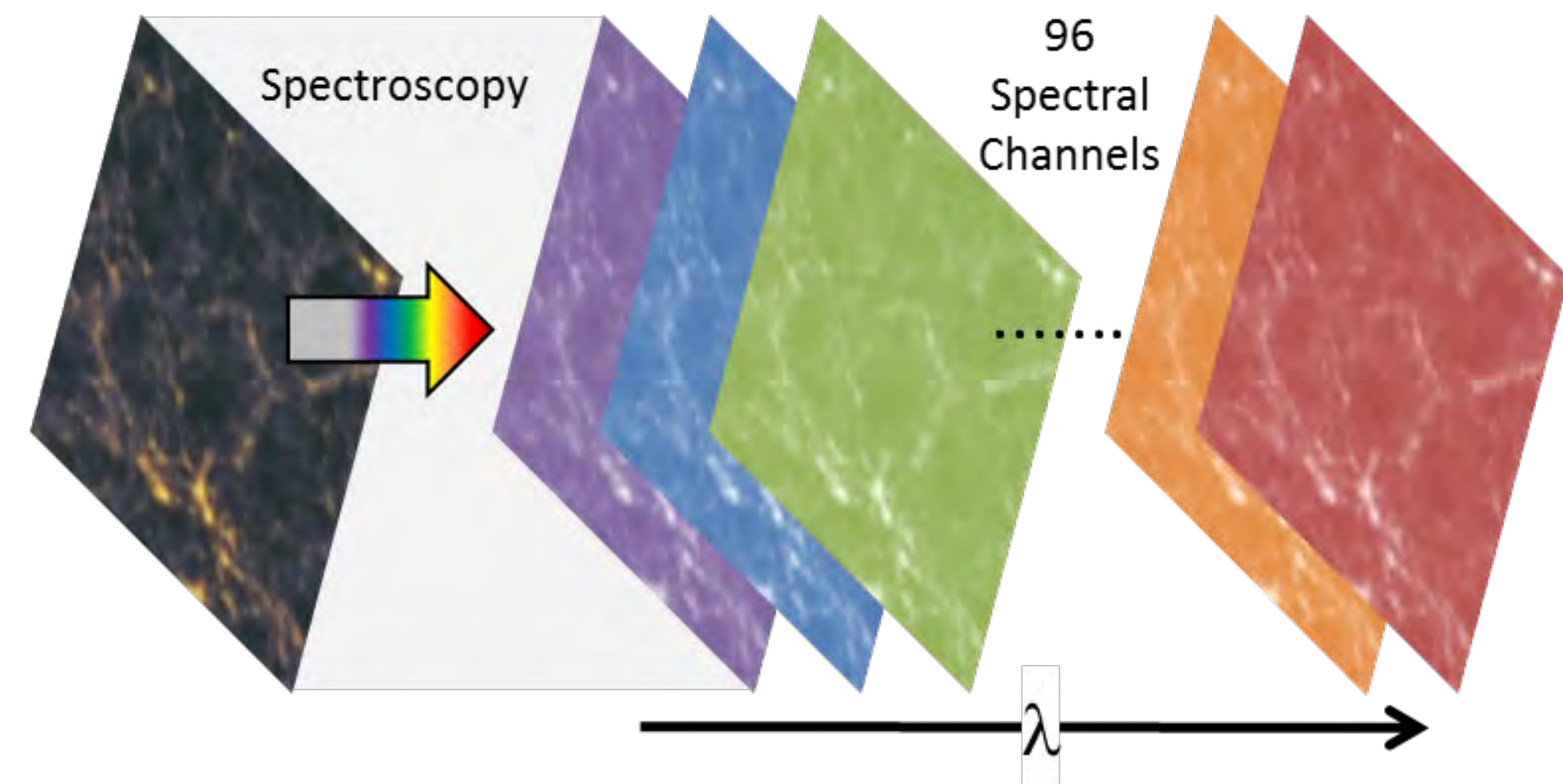
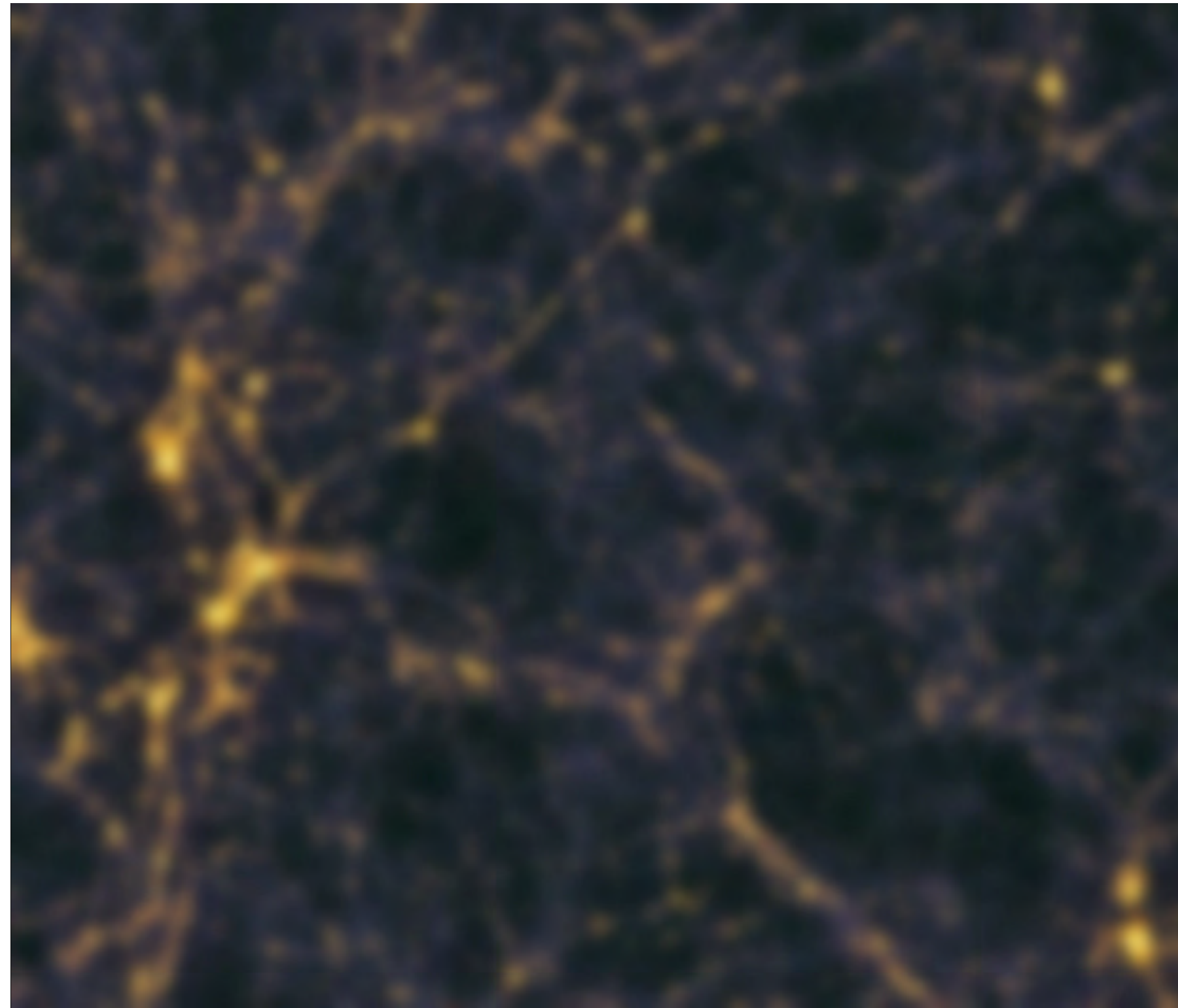
# Surveying Cosmic History with EBL fluctuations



## EBL anisotropy measures light emitted by *everything that gravitationally clusters*

- Traces faint light associated with dark matter
  - Emission from all galaxies
  - Dwarf galaxies responsible for reionization
  - Diffuse emission from stripped stars
  - Dark matter decay (?)
- Complements galaxy-by-galaxy surveys
- Method used on CIBER, Spitzer, Herschel, Planck

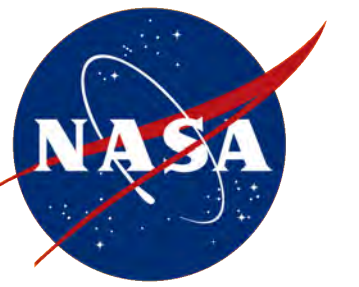
### Spectroscopy is key for untangling cosmic history



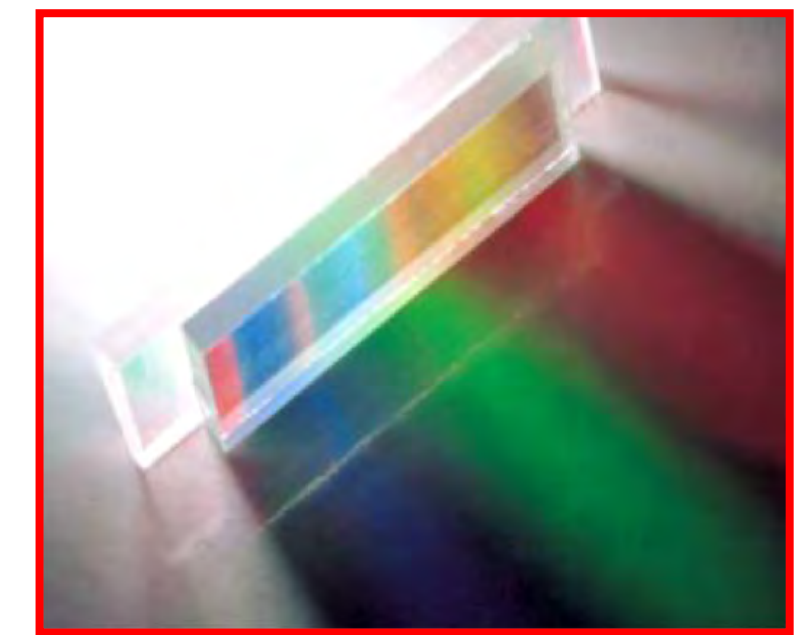




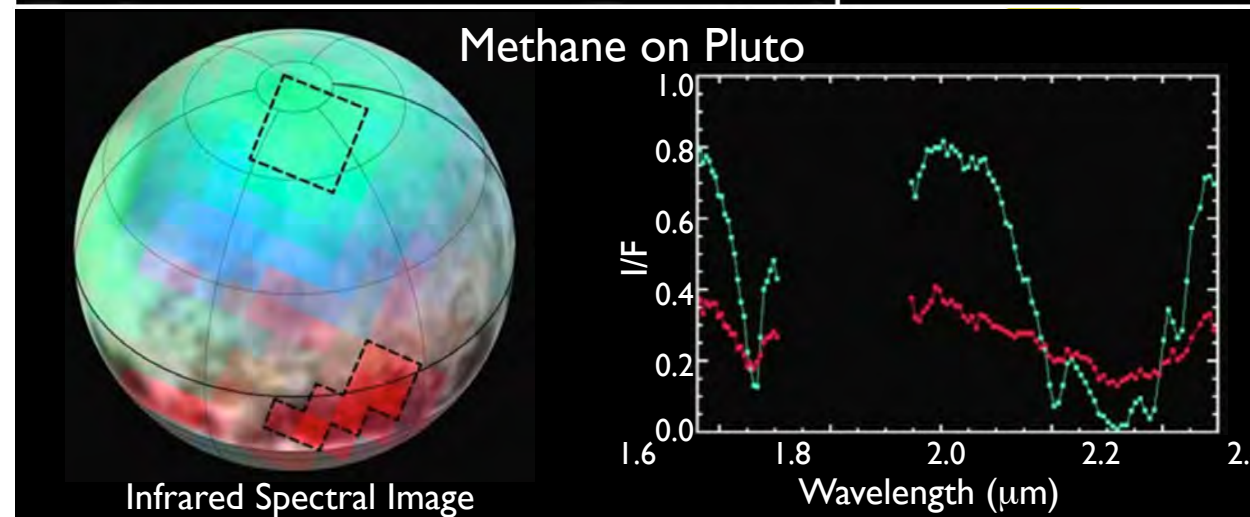
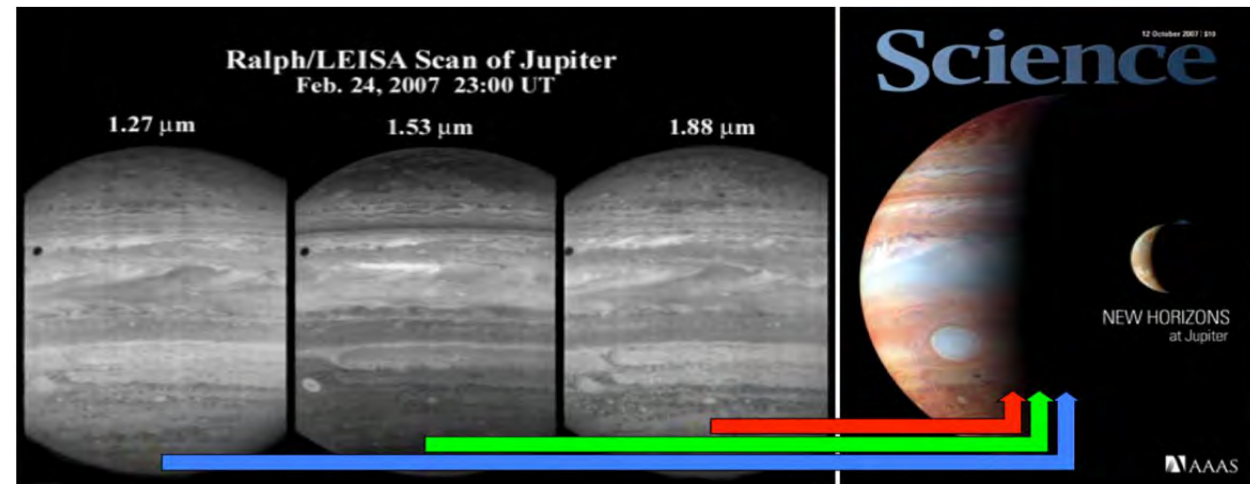
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# High-Throughput LVF Spectrometer

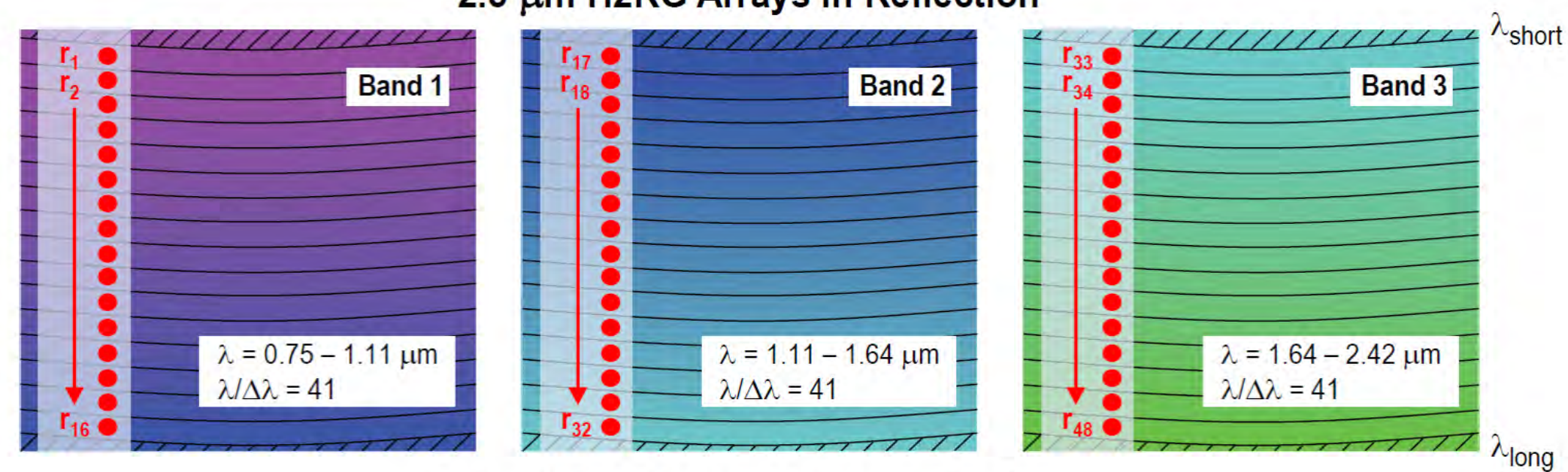


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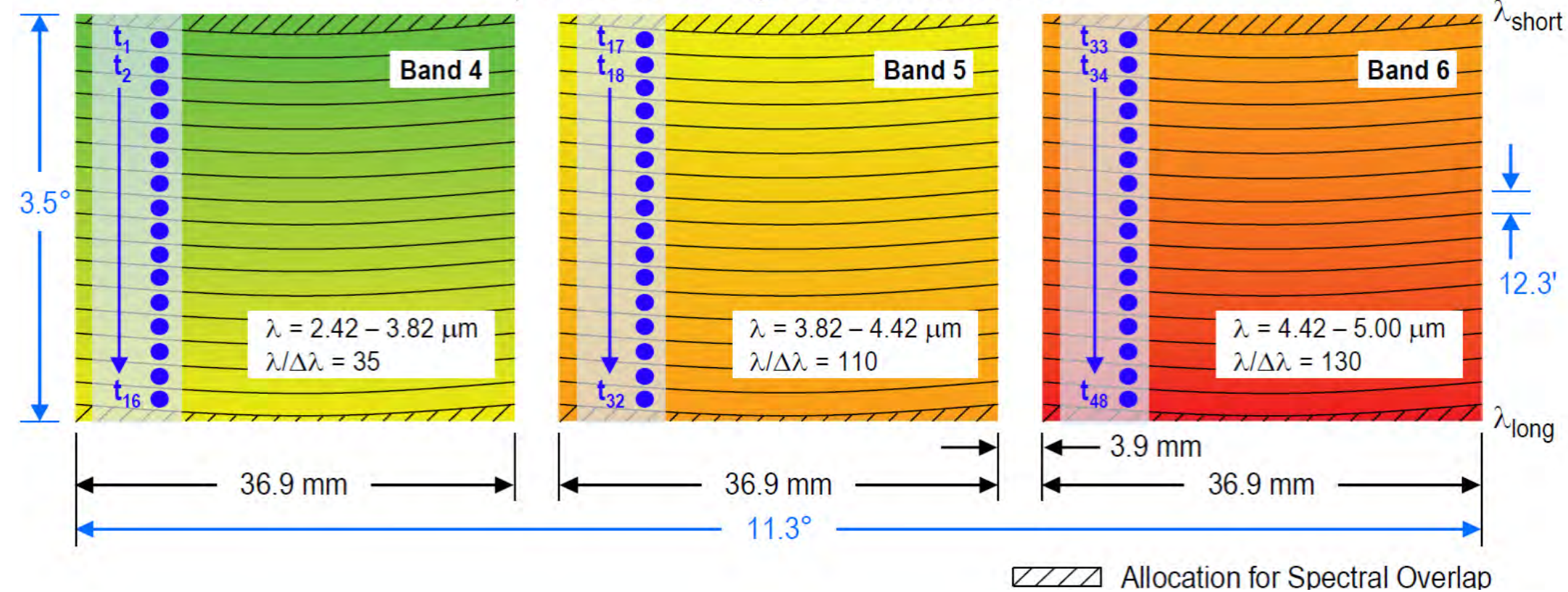


LVFs used on ISOCAM, HST-WFPC2, New Horizons LEISA, and OSIRIX-Rex

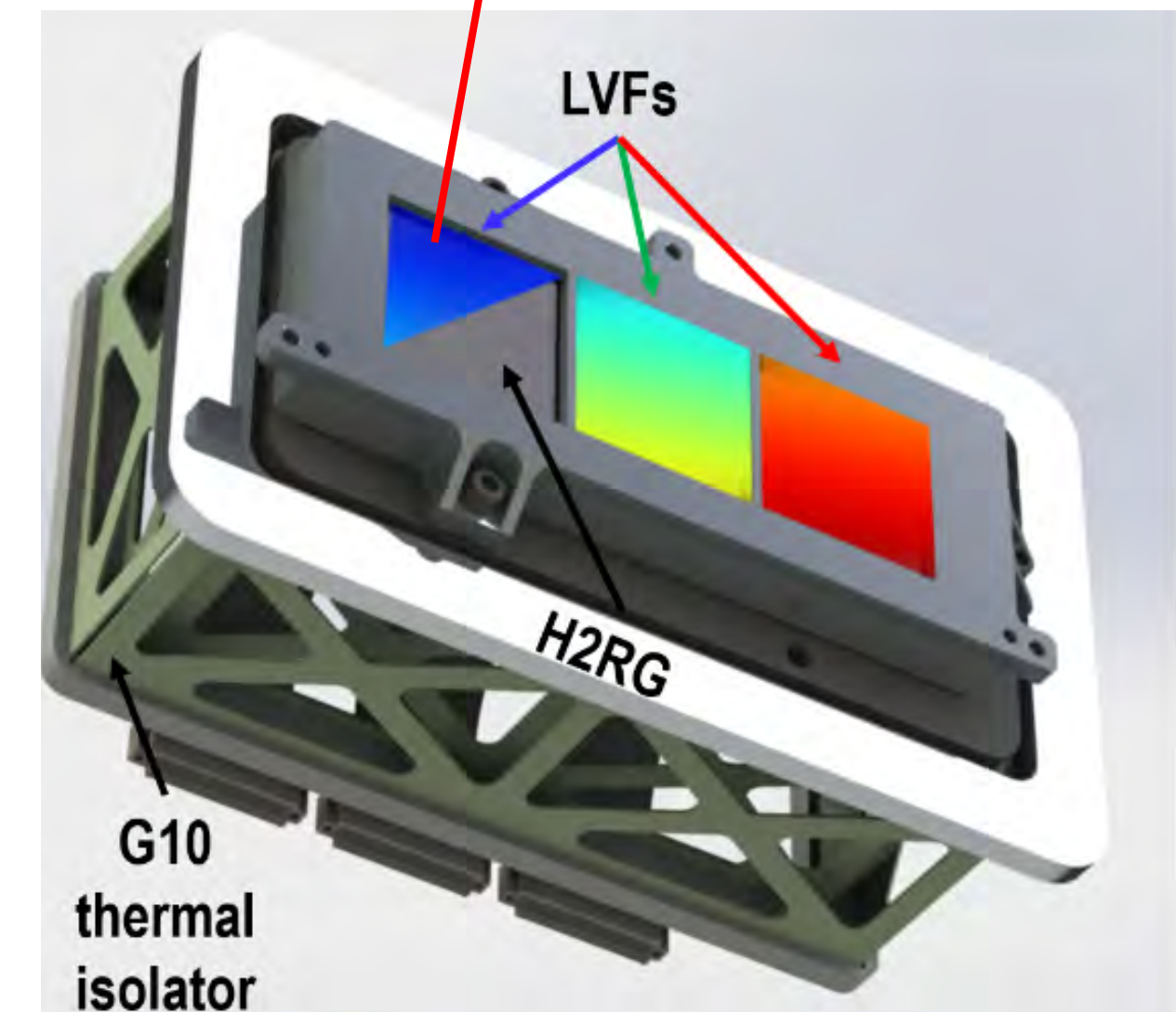
2.5 μm H2RG Arrays in Reflection



5 μm H2RG Arrays in Transmission



Allocation for Spectral Overlap

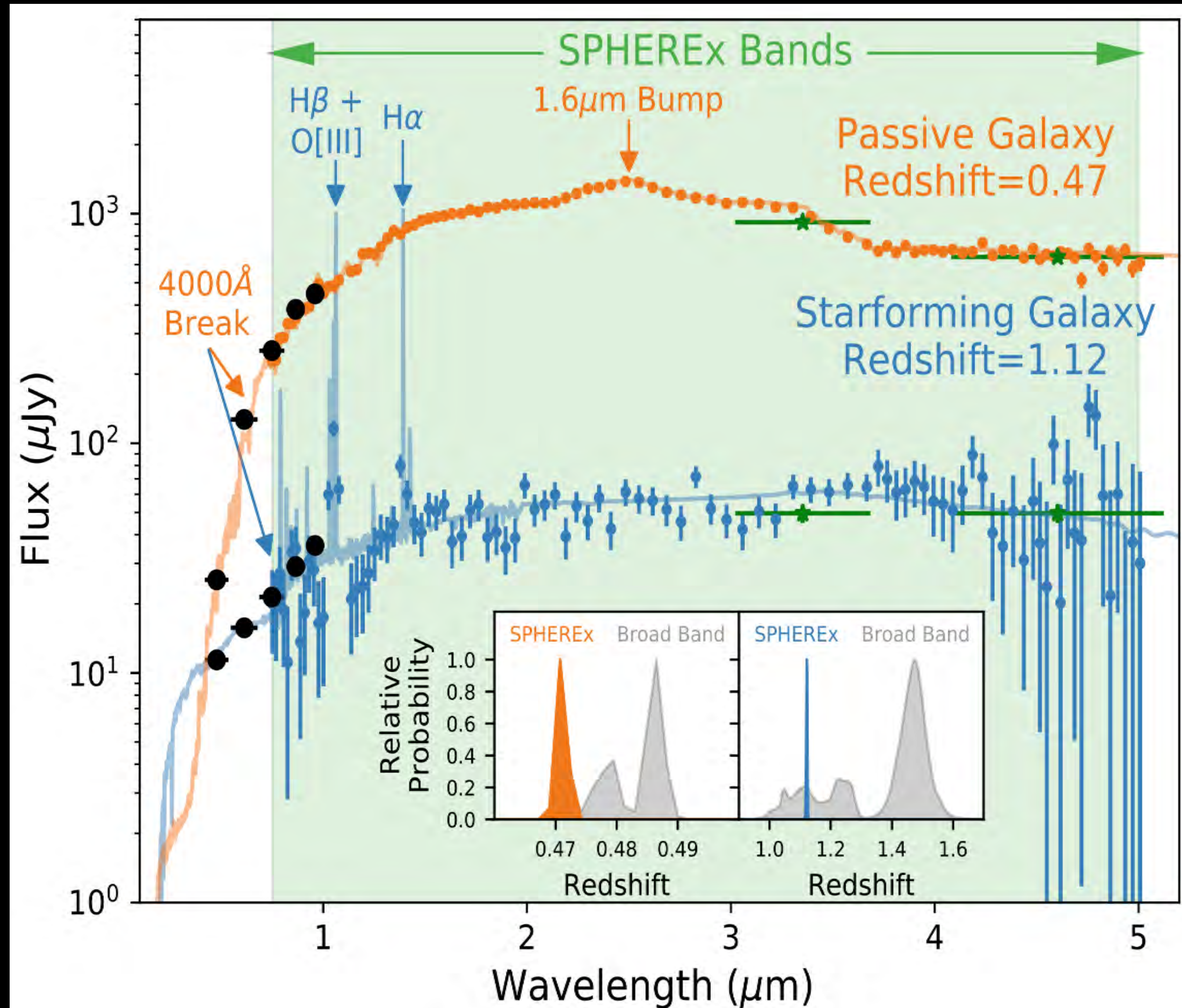


Focal Plane Assembly

Spectra obtained by stepping source over the FOV in multiple images: **no moving parts**



# How SPHEREx Determines $z$



**Detected galaxies** > 1 billion  
**Galaxies  $\Delta z/1+z < 10\%$**  > 450 million  
**Galaxies  $\Delta z/1+z < 0.3\%$**  > 10 million

- We extract the spectra of *known* sources using the full-sky catalogs from PanSTARRS/DES.
- ➔ **Controls blending and confusion**
- We compare this spectra to a template library (robust for  $z < 1.5$  sources).
- ➔ **For each galaxy: redshift & type**
- The 1.6 μm bump is a well established universal photometric indicator, see **Simpson & Eisenhardt 99**.
- We simulate this process using the COSMOS data set (similar to Euclid/WFIRST assessments; **Stickley et al.**)



# How To Measure Non-Gaussianity



Quantified through the Power Spectrum via 2 point correlation function

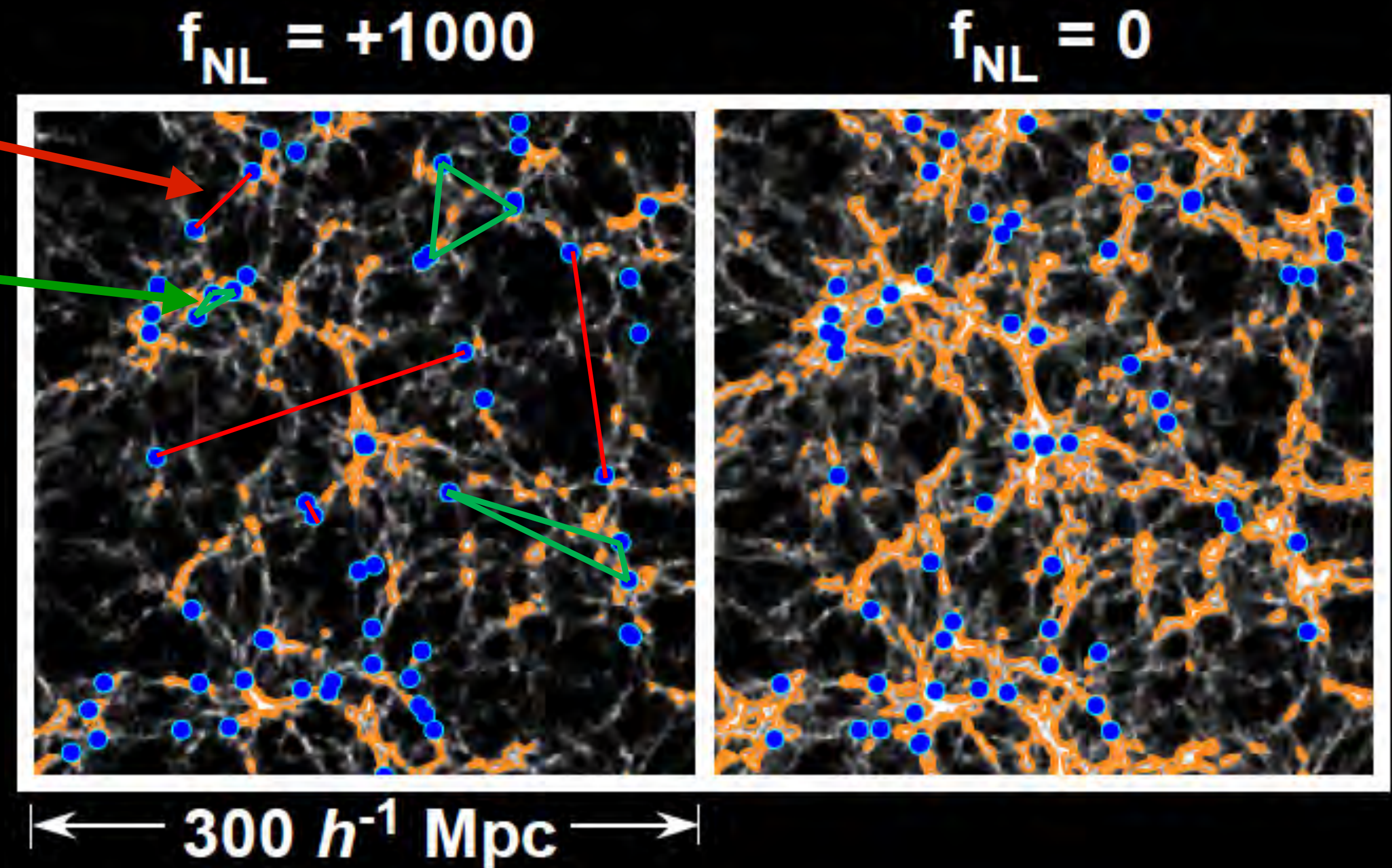
And the BiSpectrum via the 3 point correlation function

$$\phi = \phi_{linear} + f_{NL} \phi^2_{linear}$$

primordial potential = Gaussian random field +  $f_{NL} \times \chi^2$ -like field

*Current best*  
*CMB:  $f_{NL} < 10.8 (2\sigma)$*   
*Cosmic Variance Limited*

$f_{NL}$  Affects the clumpiness of galaxies.  
Probes the non-gaussianity at early times.



**Non-Gaussianity appears on largest spatial scales – need a large volume survey**

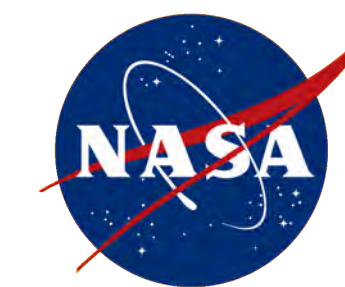




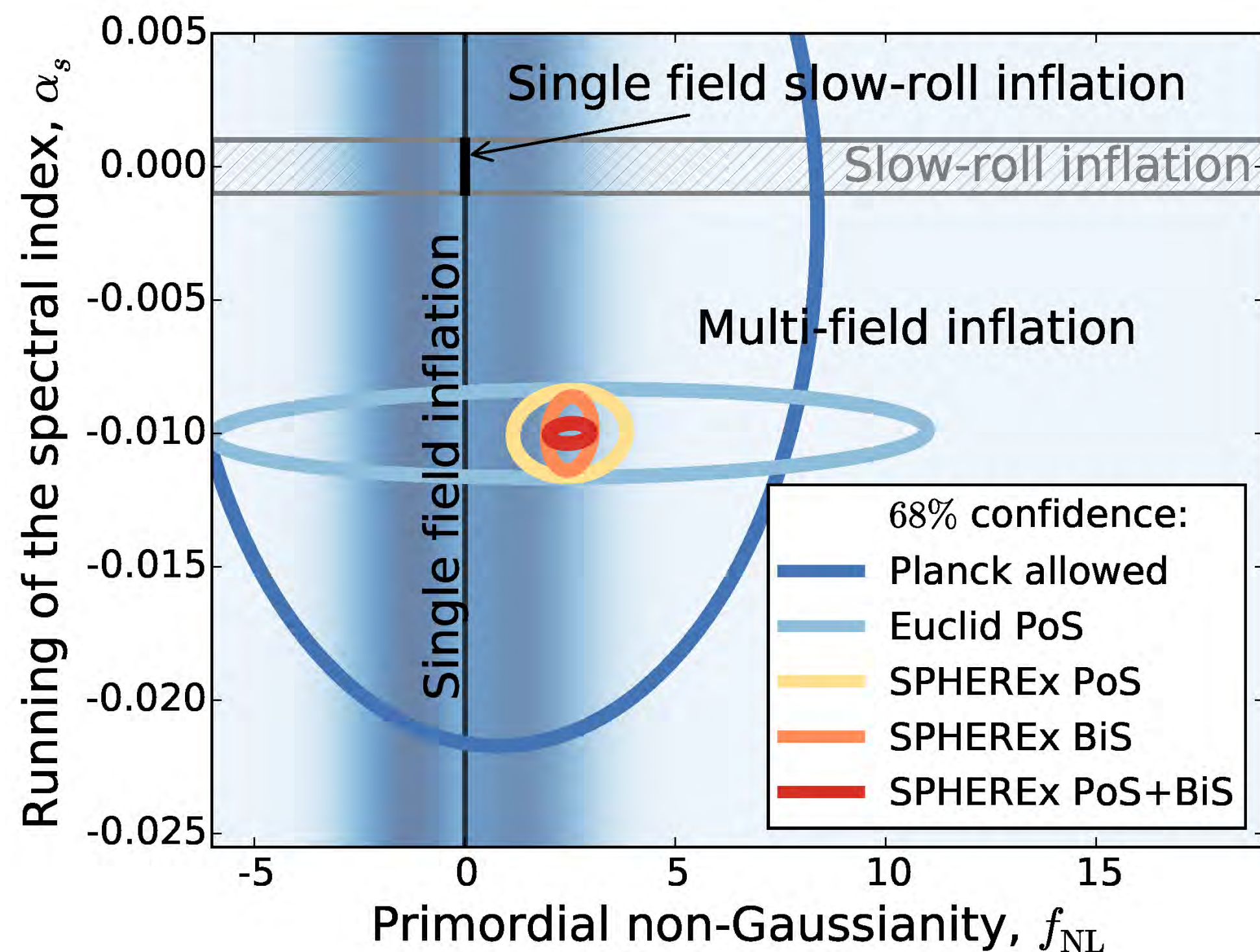
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# Science to Requirements: Cosmology



- SPHEREx accuracy on inflationary non-Gaussianity is  $\Delta f_{NL} < 0.5$  ( $1\sigma$ )
  - Two independent tests via power spectrum and bispectrum



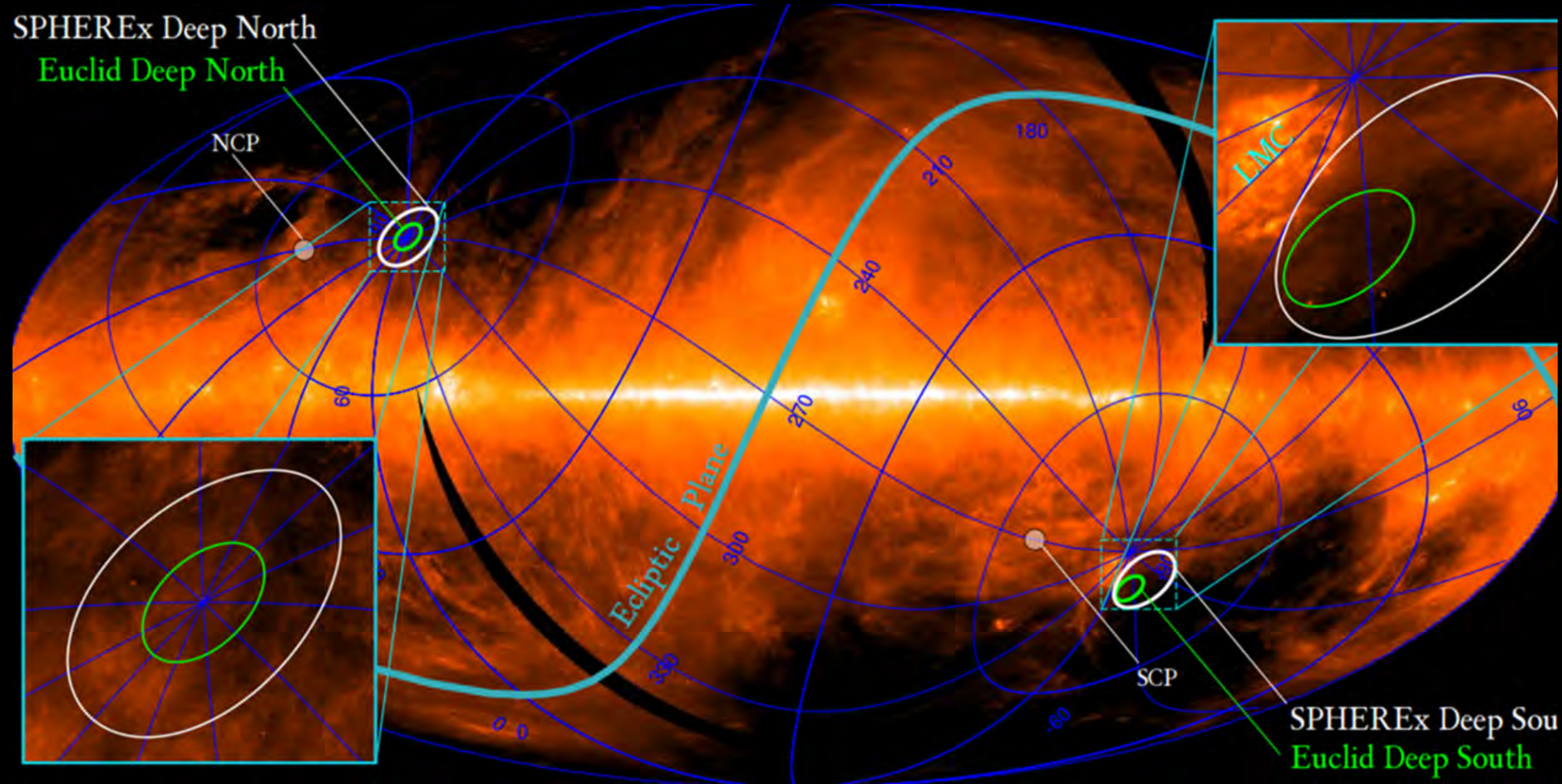
1 $\sigma$ errors statistical (systematics)	SPHEREx (MEV)			Euclid PoS	Planck & BOSS
	PoS	BiS	PoS+BiS		
SPHEREx $f_{NL}$ Req't	1.15	0.55	0.5	N/A	N/A
$f_{NL}$	0.89 (0.53)	0.35 (0.22)	0.32 (0.21)	5.6	5.0
Spectral Index $n_s$ ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.6	4.0
Running $\alpha_s$ ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )	1.0	0.9	0.25	1.1	13
Curvature $\Omega_k$ ( $\times 10^{-4}$ )	7.7	8.1	4.4	7.0	40
Dark Energy figure of merit (bigger is better)	371			309	14

**SPHEREx improves non-Gaussianity accuracy by >10x**

Discriminates between models: Single-field inflation,  $f_{NL} < 0.01$  and Multi-field inflation,  $f_{NL} > 1$

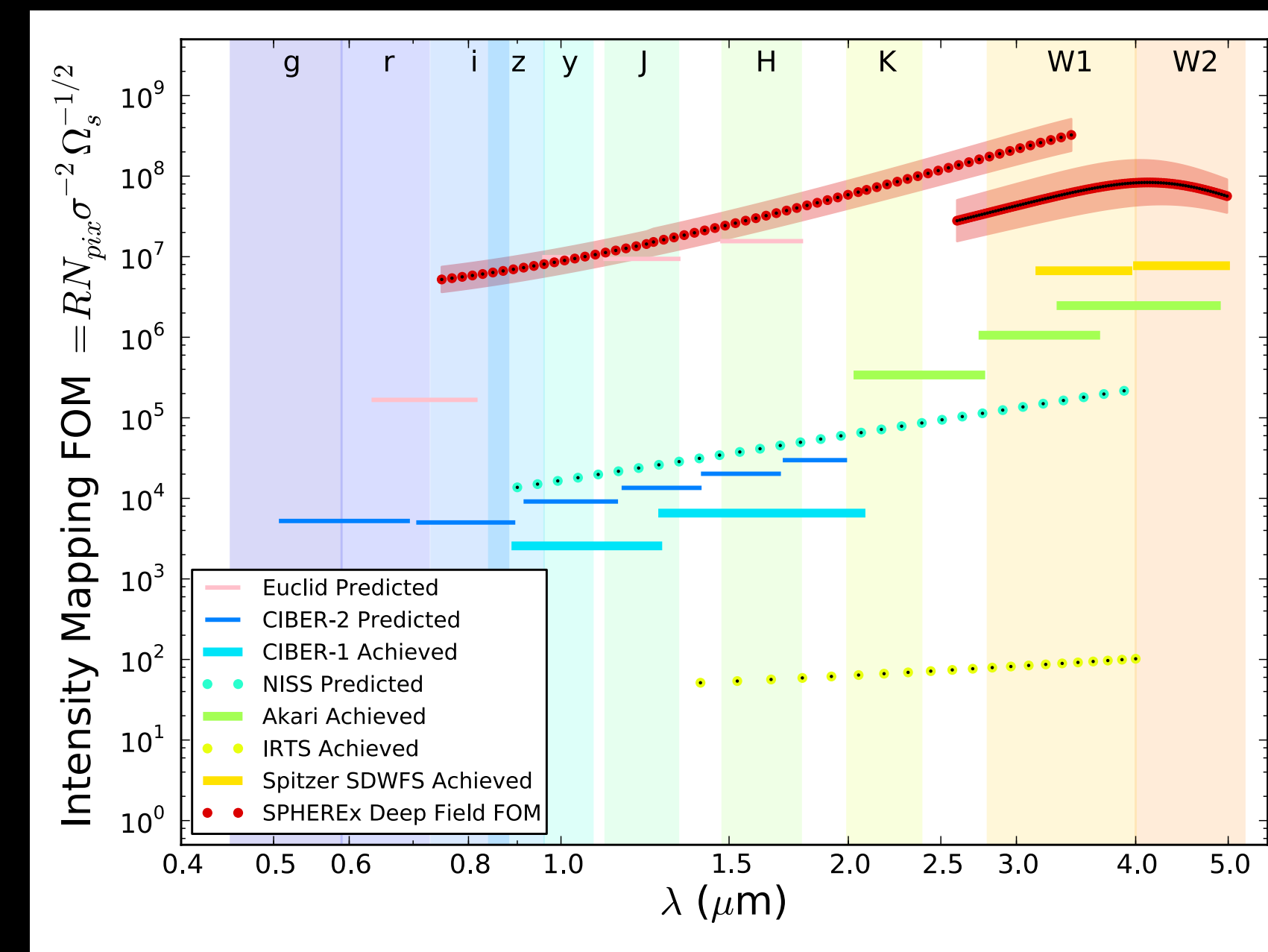
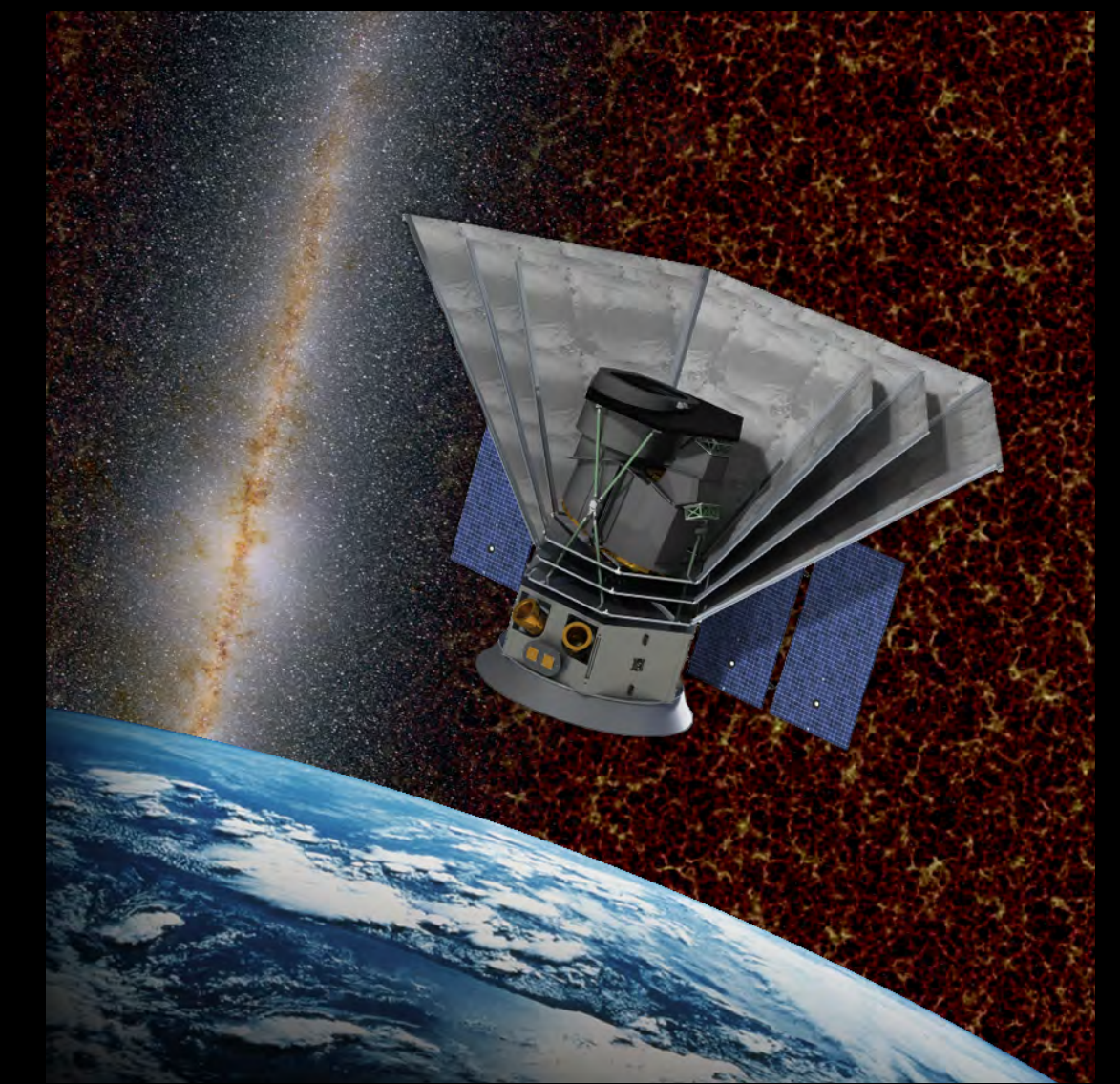


# EBL Fluctuation Measurements with SPHEREx



2 x 100 sq. degree regions at the poles which are ~30x deeper than the all-sky survey.

*An opportunity for unique science*



**SPHEREx Intensity Mapping  
Figure of Merit**



# SPHEREx EBL Continuum Fluctuations

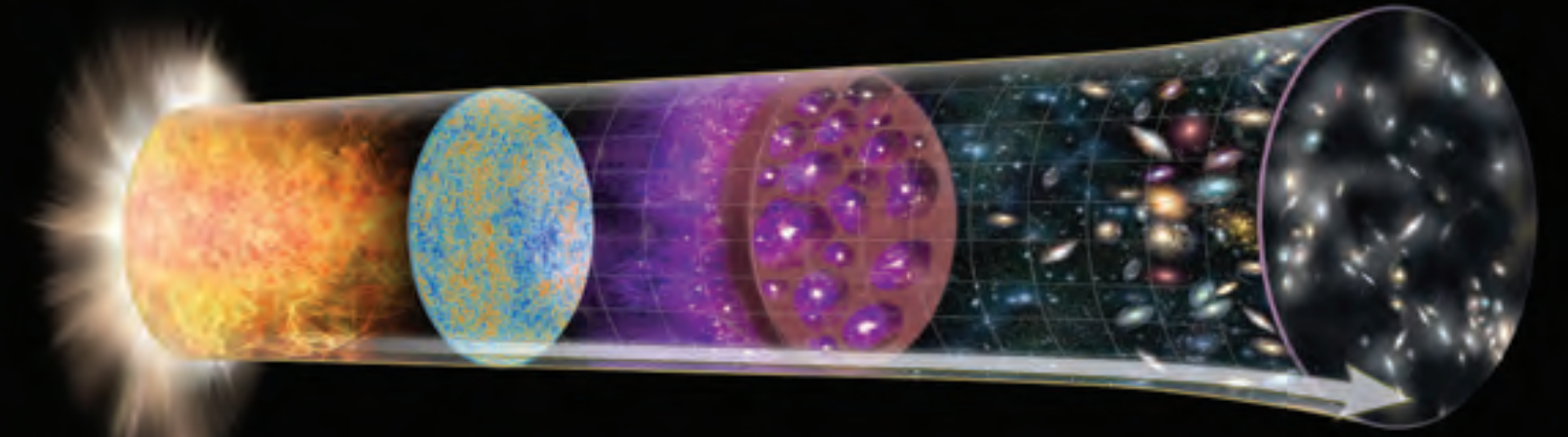
## NASA GOAL

Explore the origin and evolution of galaxies



SPHEREx traces the total light emitted over cosmic time from the first stars to modern galaxies.

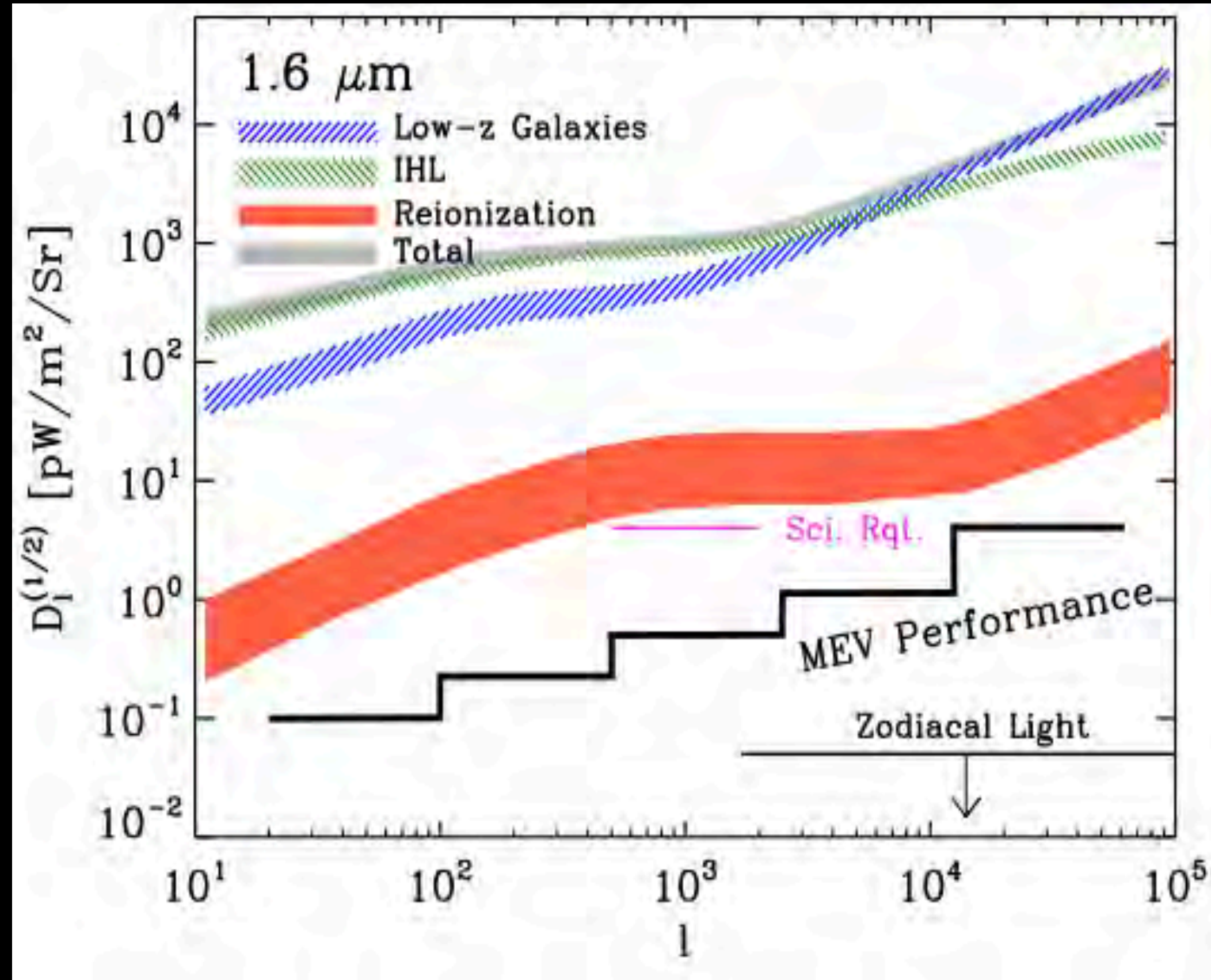
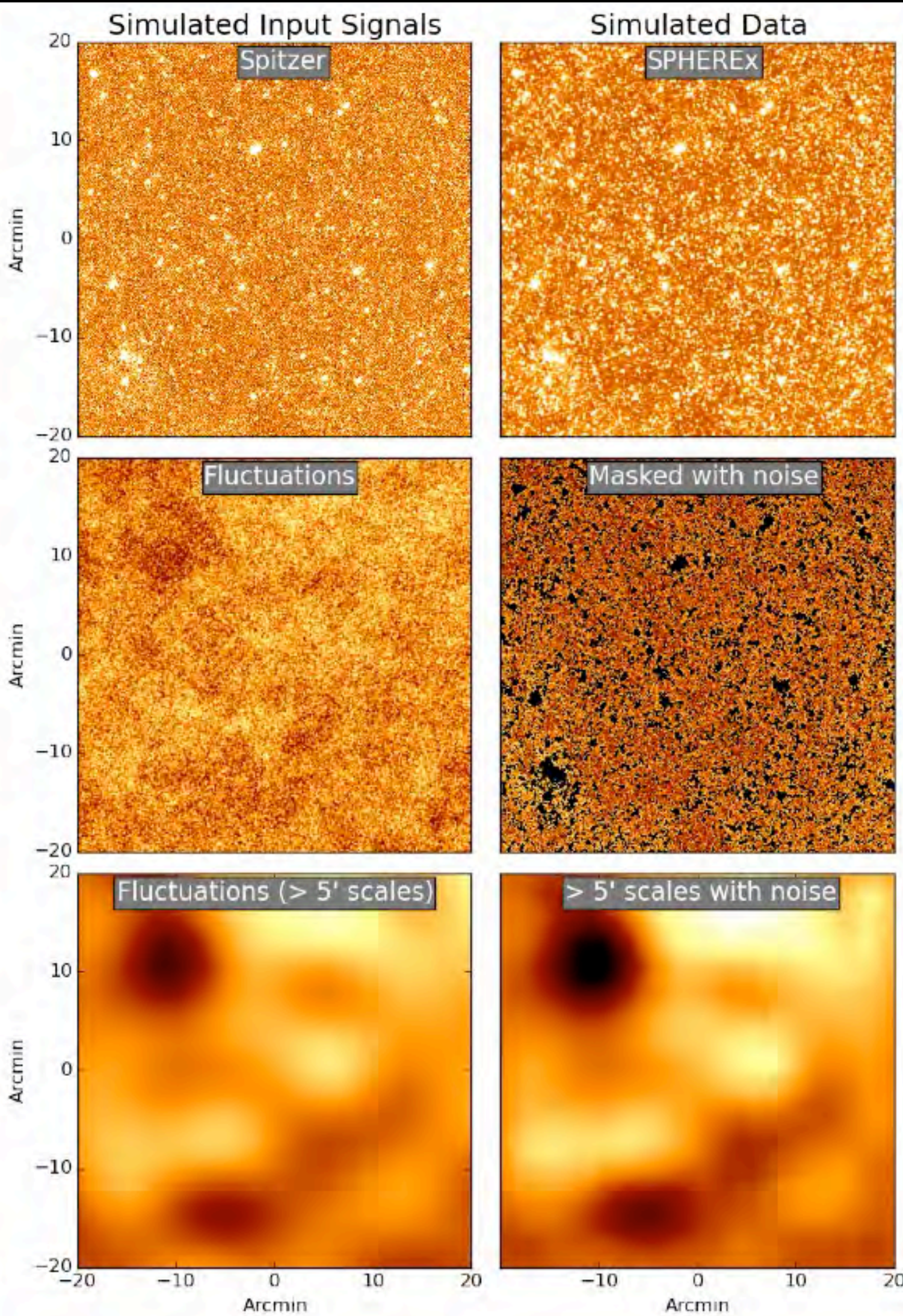
SPHEREx measures the cosmic history of galactic light production



First stars ignite  
200 Myr

Reionization  
600 Myr

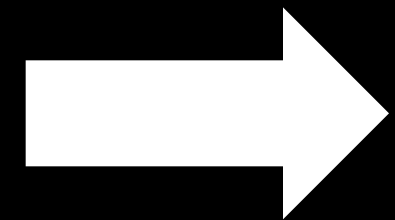
Galaxies form and evolve



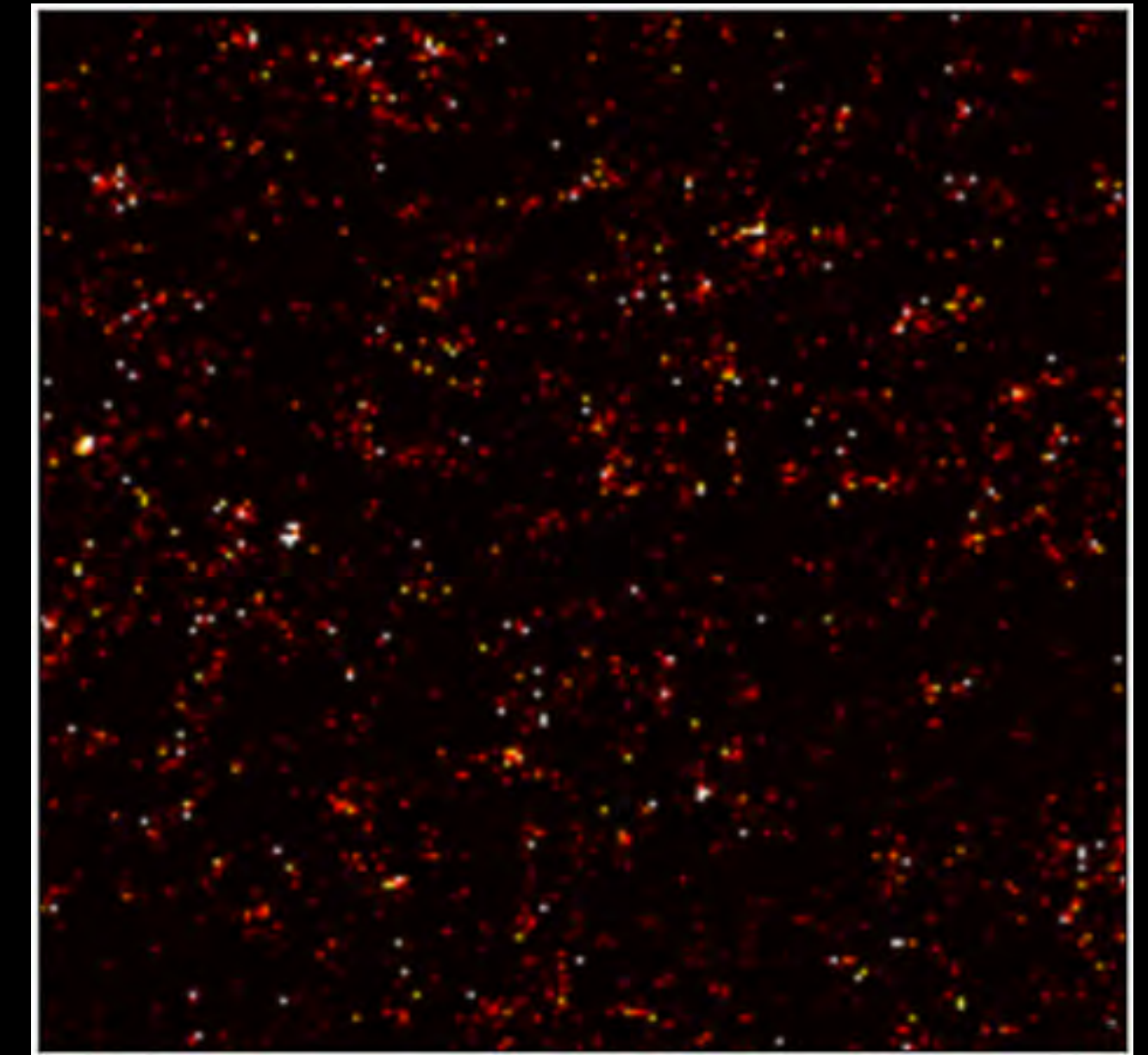
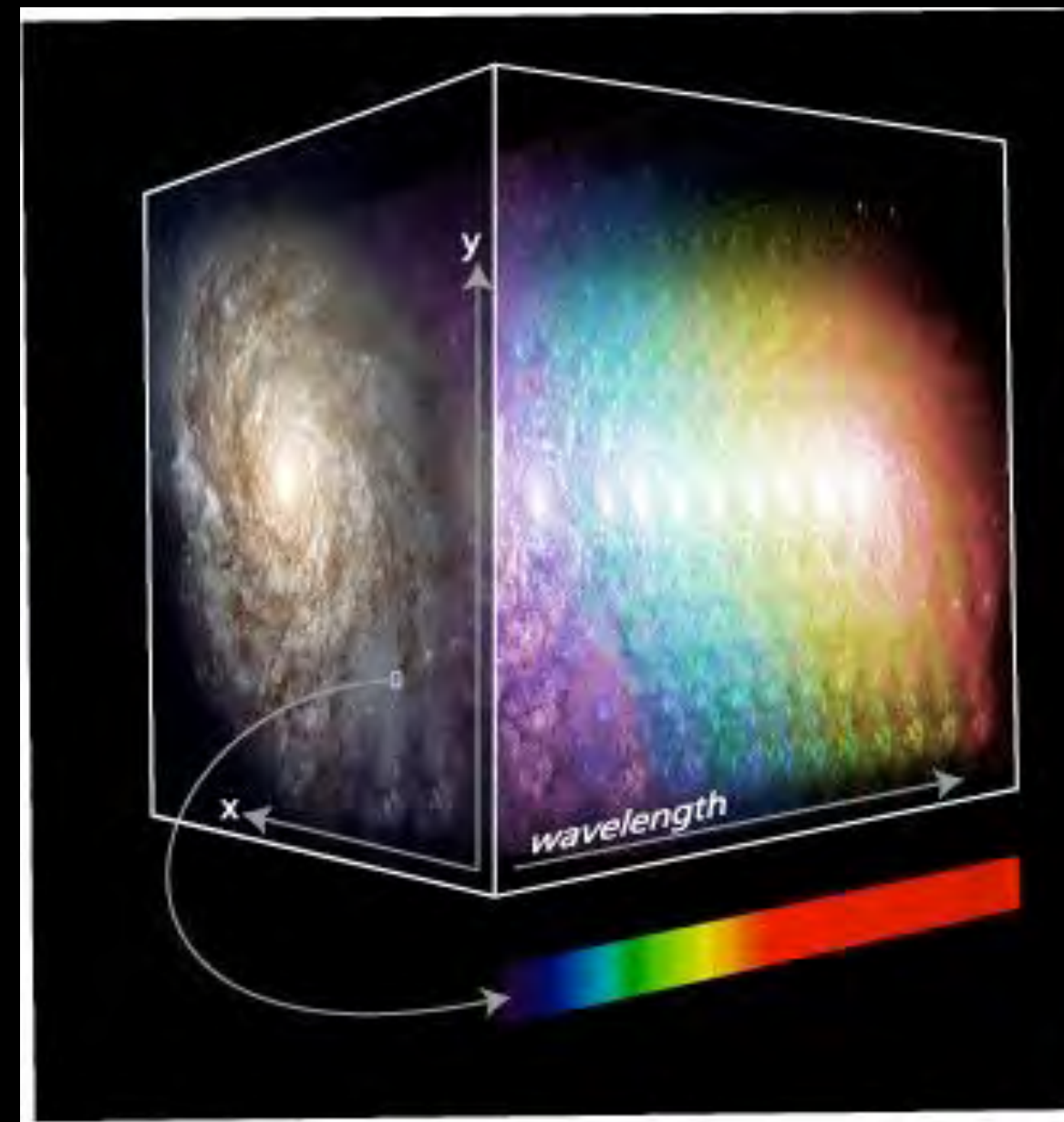


# 3-D Intensity Mapping

Sky map at  $z$



Intensity map at  $z$



- No need to resolve individual sources
- Measure the **collective emission** from many sources
- Map **large volume** throughout cosmic history economically
- Astrophysical and cosmological applications from cosmological parameters, structure formation to galaxy formation.



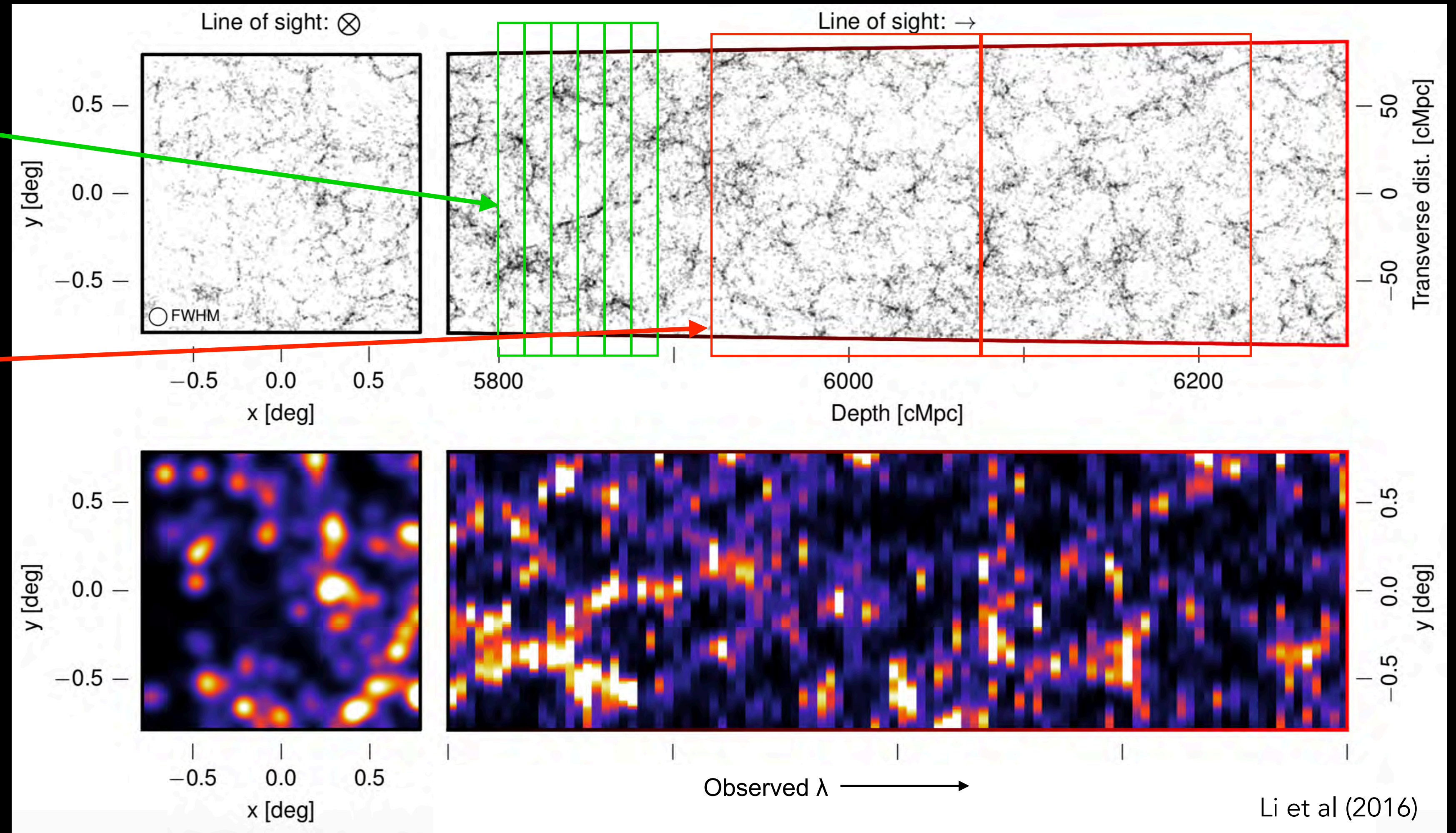
# Spectral line Intensity Mapping



Measurements in fine bins trace line emission

Measurements in coarse bins trace continuum emission

Power spectra allow us to quantify the measurements and compare to models





Galaxy Evolution

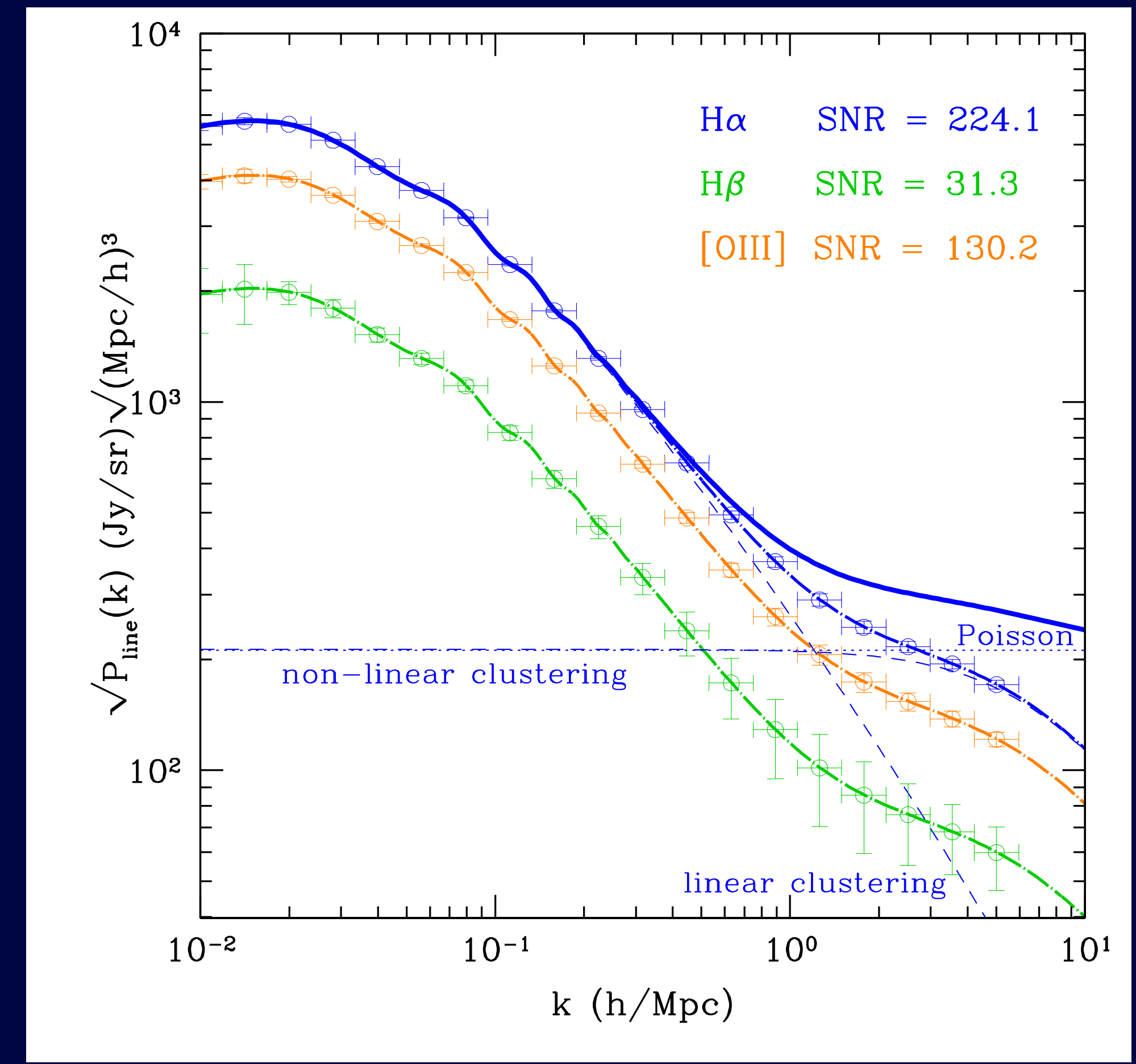
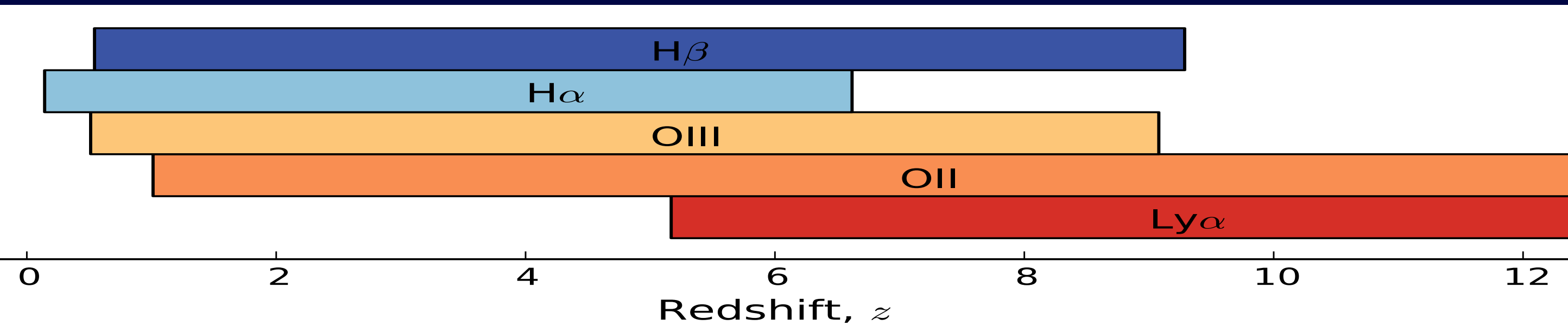
$6 > z$

Formation of First Stars:

$15 > z > 6$

Dark Ages:

$15 > z$



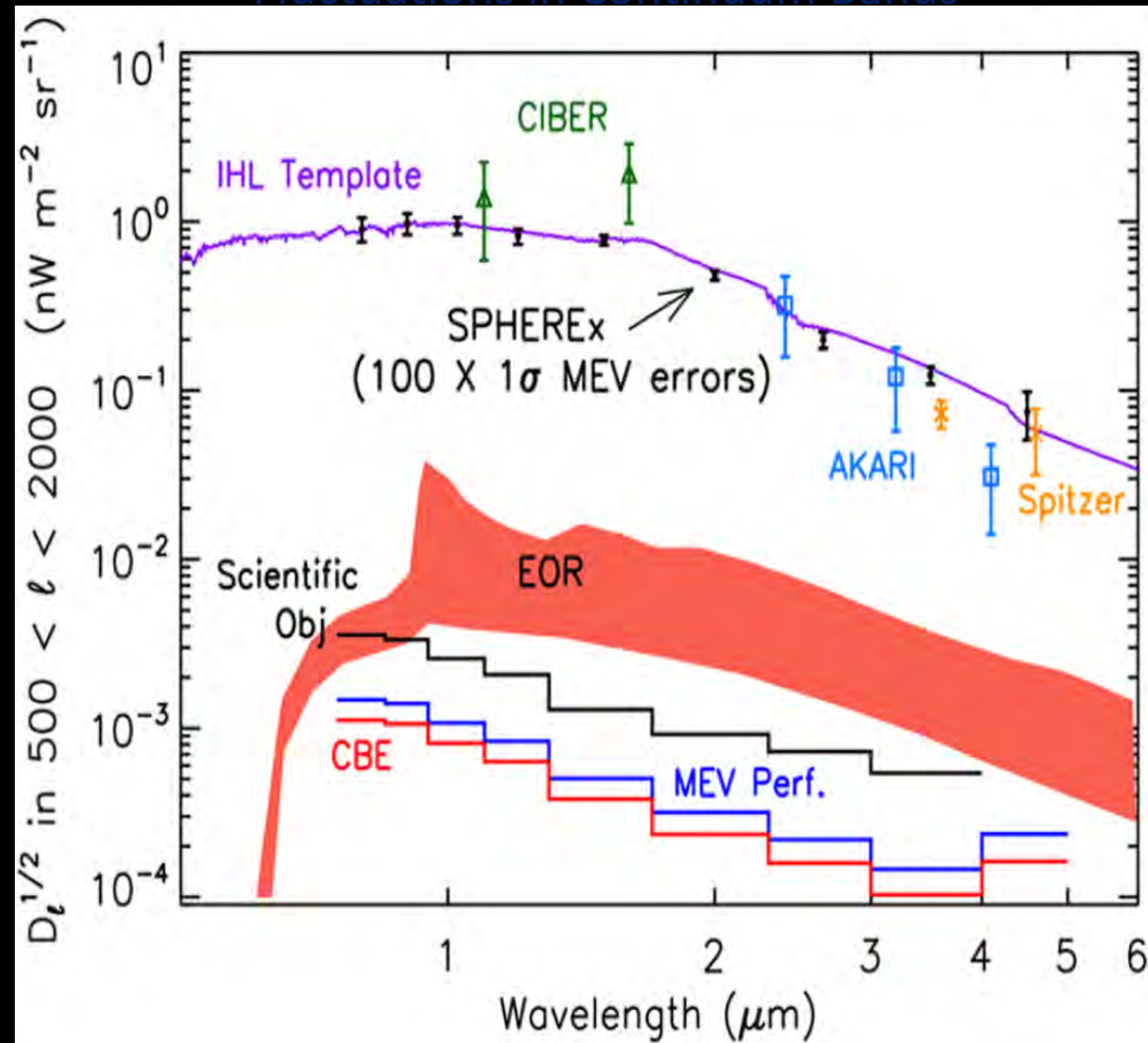
## SPHEREx Spectral Line Intensity Mapping

- Our key galaxy formation science program concentrates on continuum fluctuations
- But with  $R \sim 40$  spectro-imaging, SPHEREx contains some spectral line information throughout the cosmic history.
- Opportunity with  $H\alpha$  and  $H\beta$  between  $0.5 < z < 6$  - combine the two to IM of dust as a function of  $z$  slices.
- Challenging to do  $Ly\alpha$  IM at  $z > 6$  with SPHEREx due to low S/N, but could be surprises.



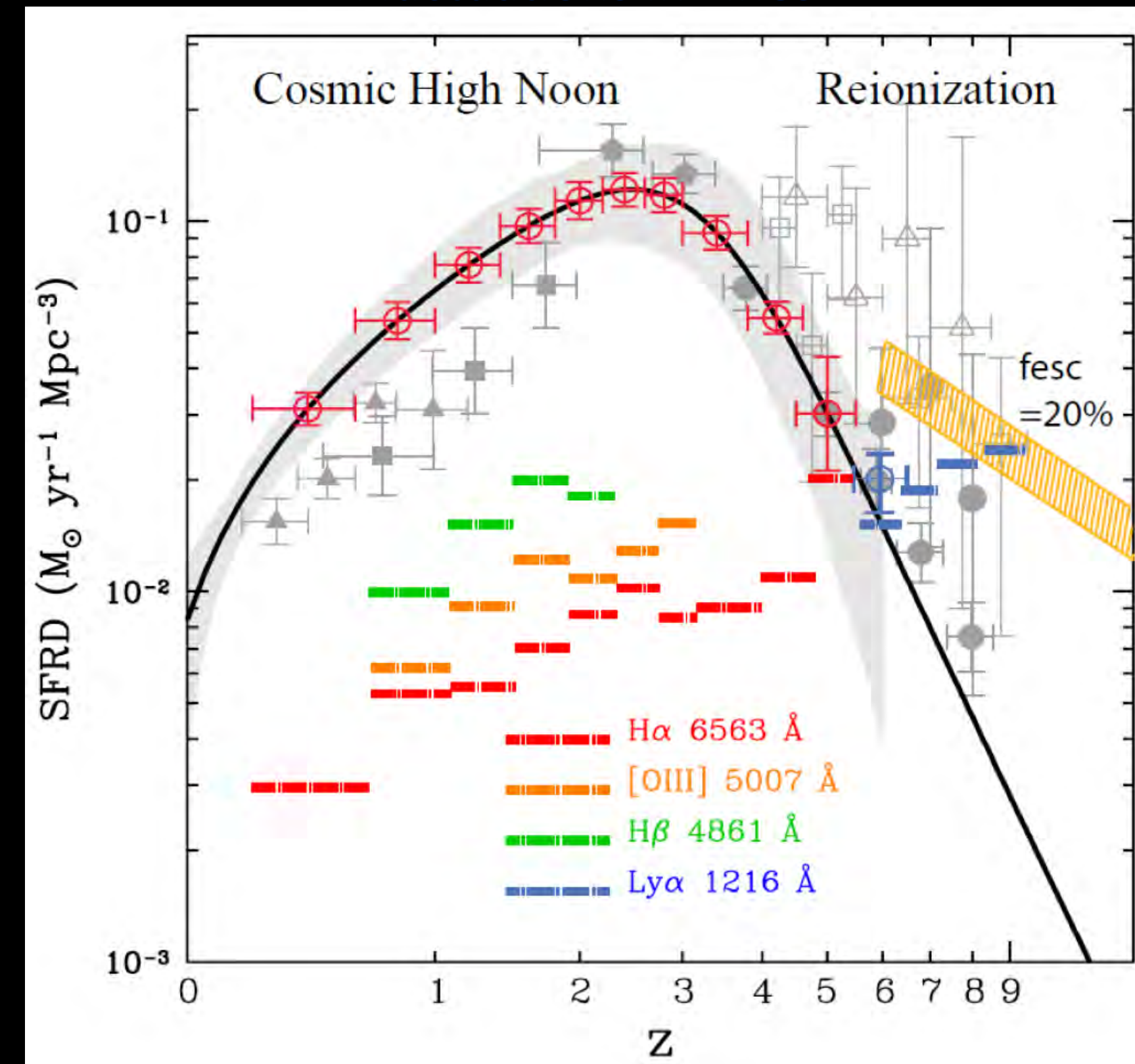
# SPHEREx Measures Large-Scale Fluctuations

Fluctuations in Continuum Bands



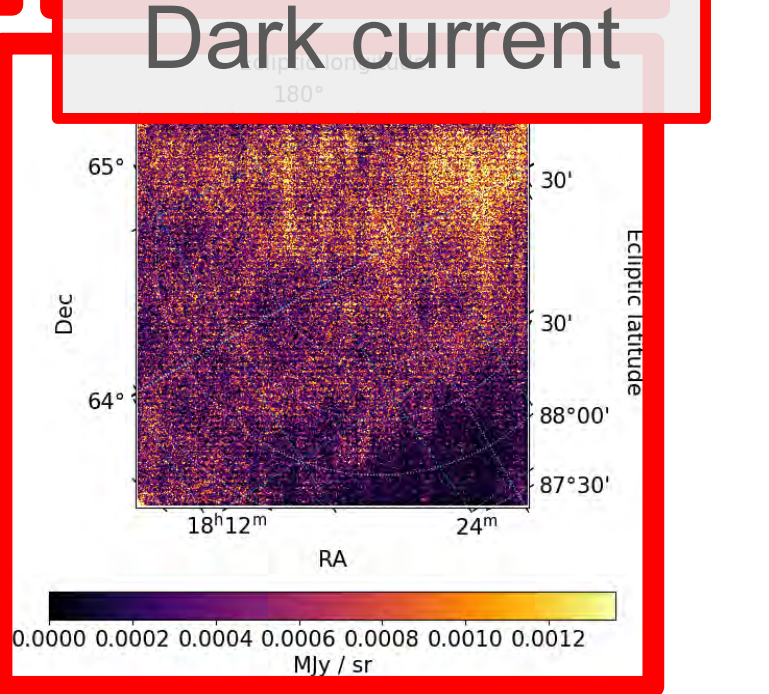
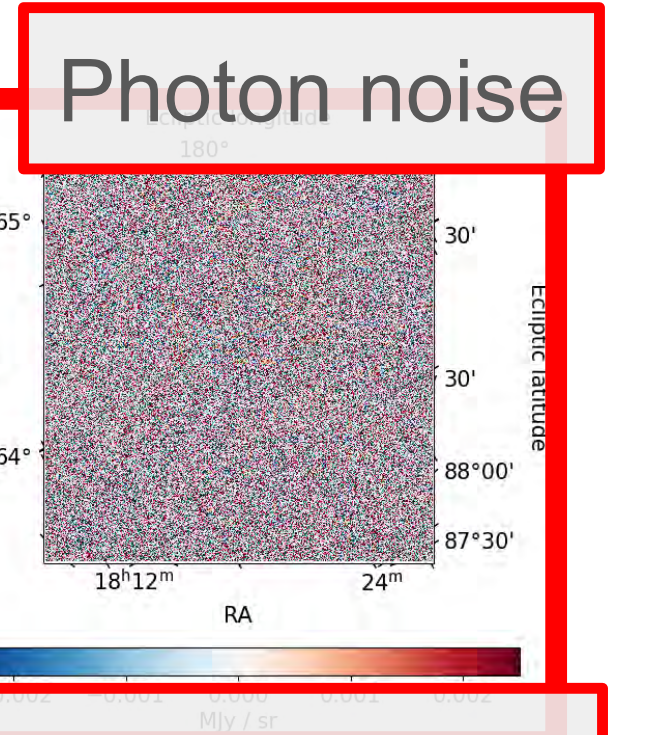
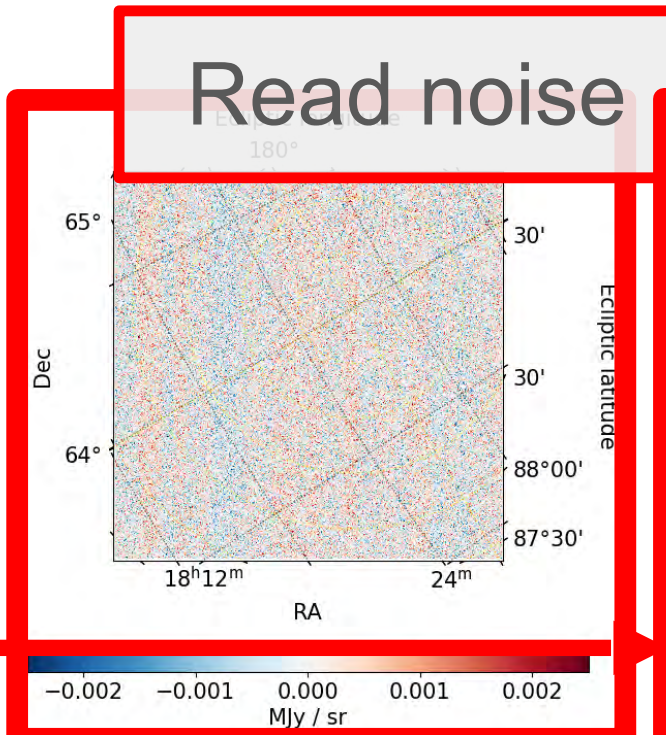
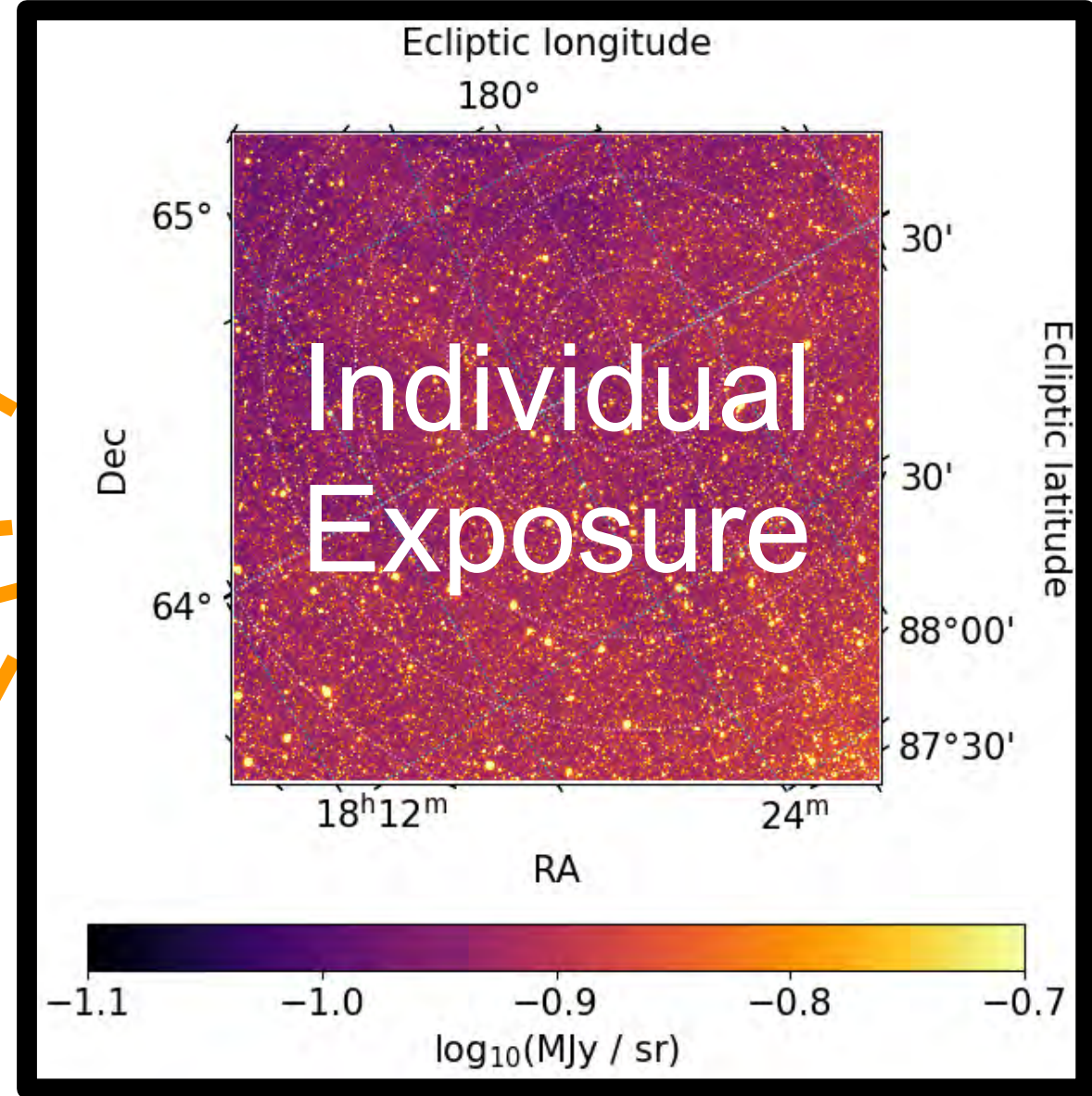
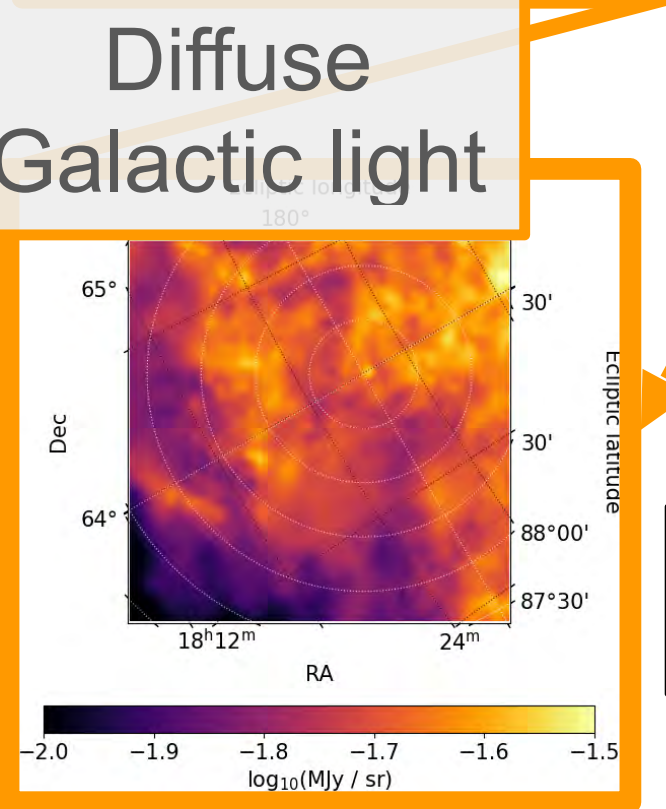
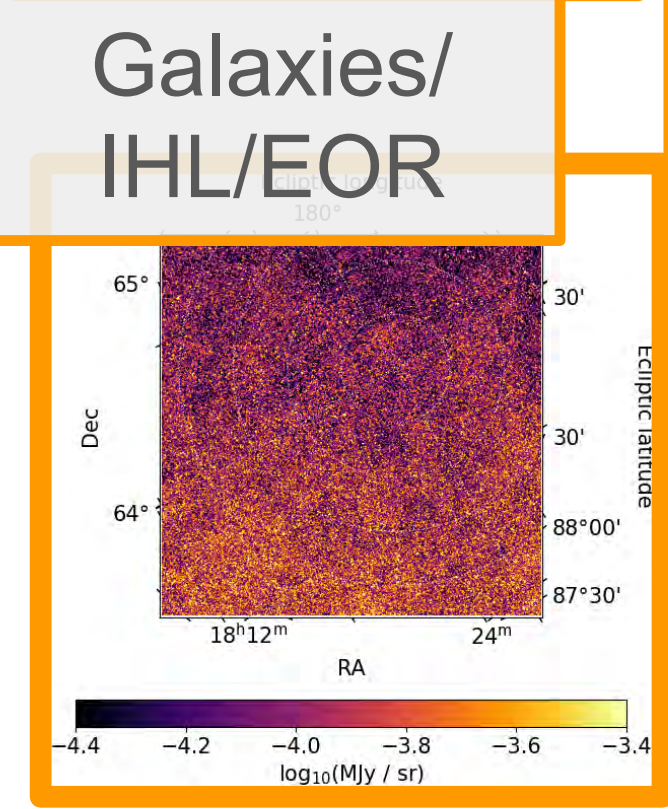
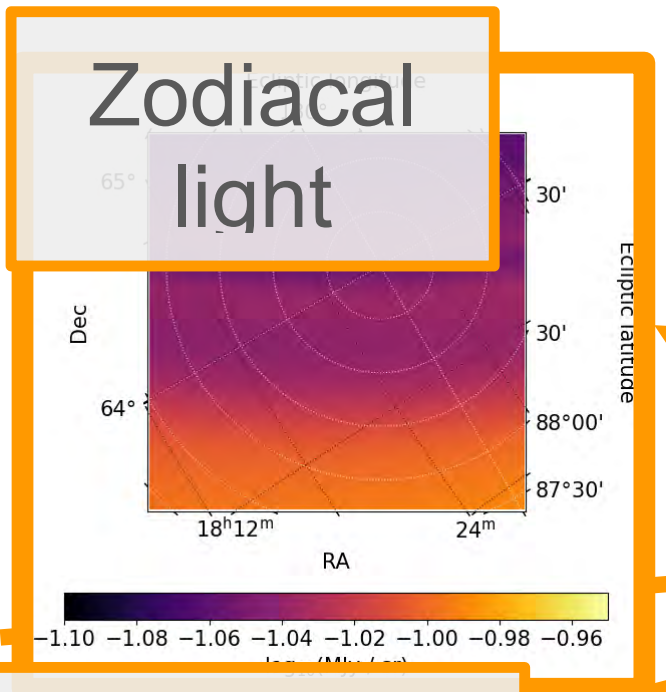
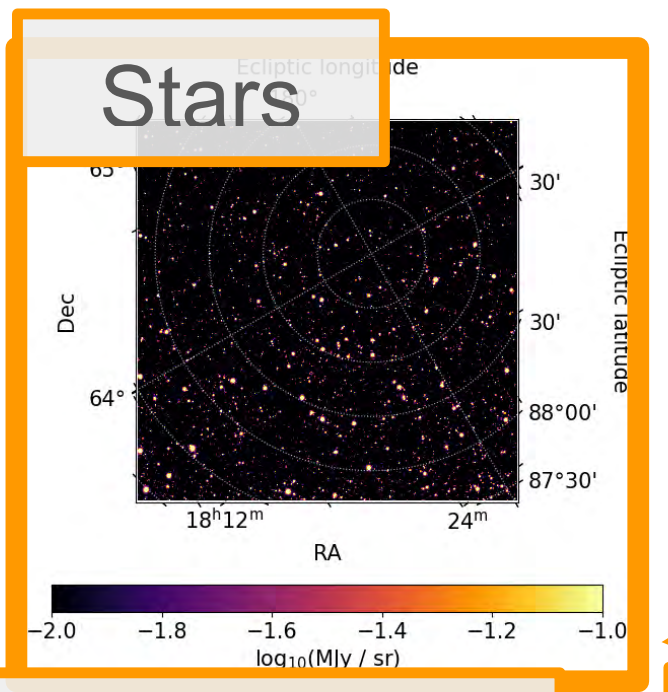
- SPHEREx has ideal wavelength coverage and high sensitivity
- Multiple bands enable correlation tests sensitive to redshift history
- Method demonstrated on Spitzer & CIBER

Fluctuations in Lines



- Emission lines encode clustering signal at each redshift over cosmic history
- Amplitude gives line light production
- Multiple lines trace star formation history
  - High S/N in H $\alpha$  for  $z < 5$ ; OIII and H $\beta$  for  $z < 3$
  - Ly $\alpha$  probes EoR models for  $z > 6$
  - H $\alpha$  and Ly $\alpha$  crossover region  $5 < z < 6$

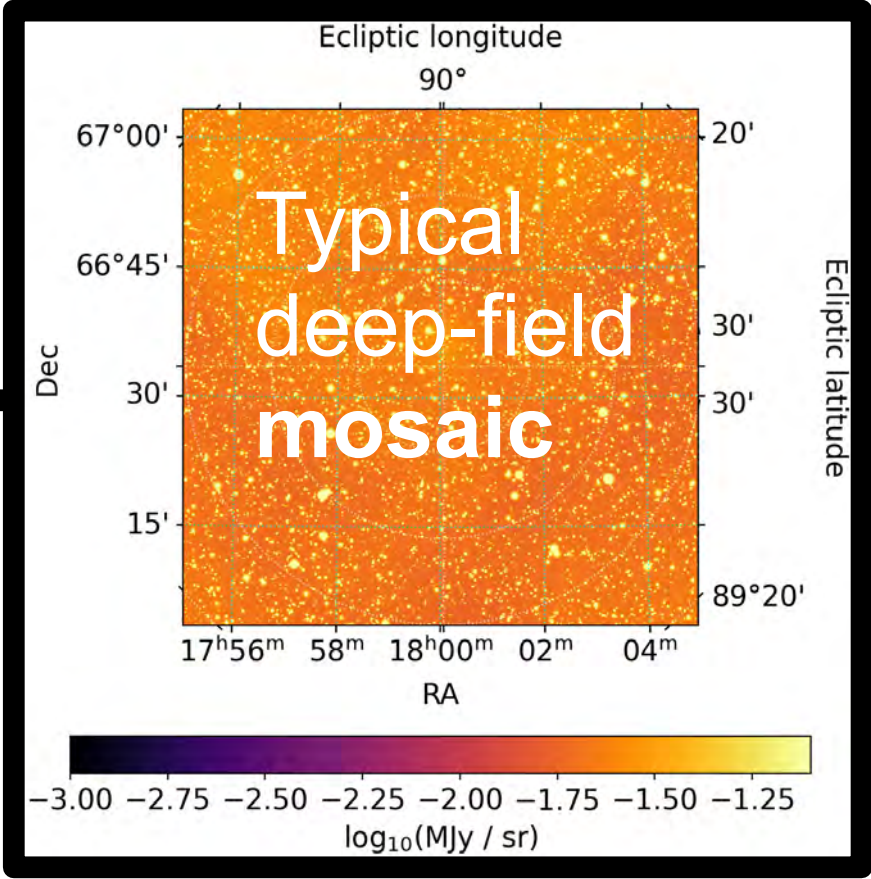
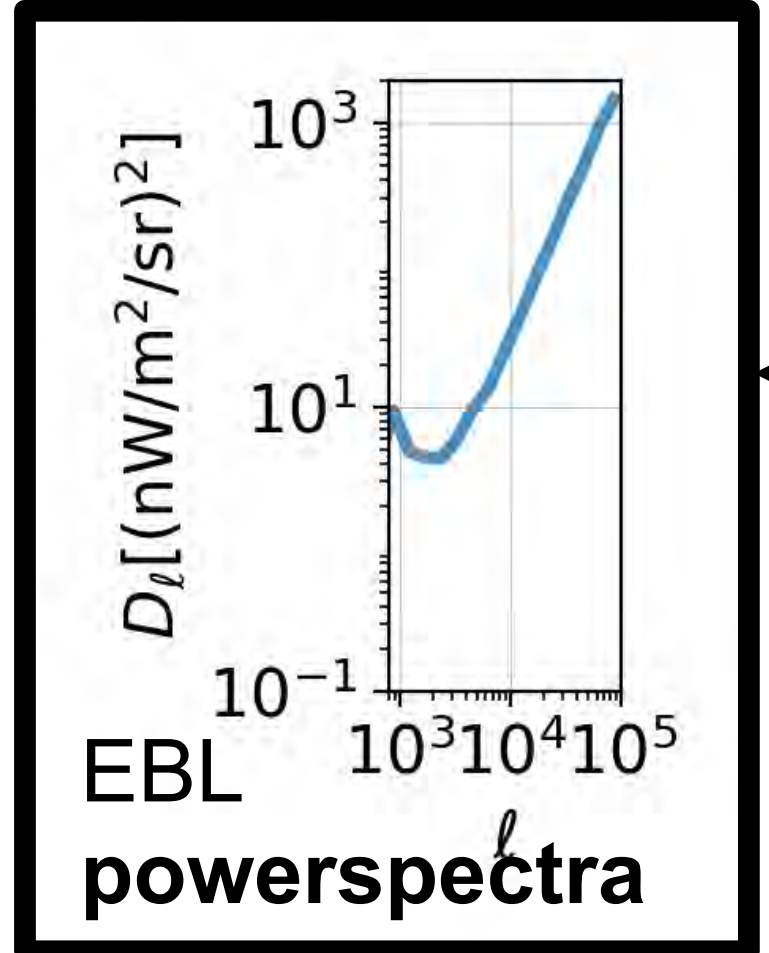




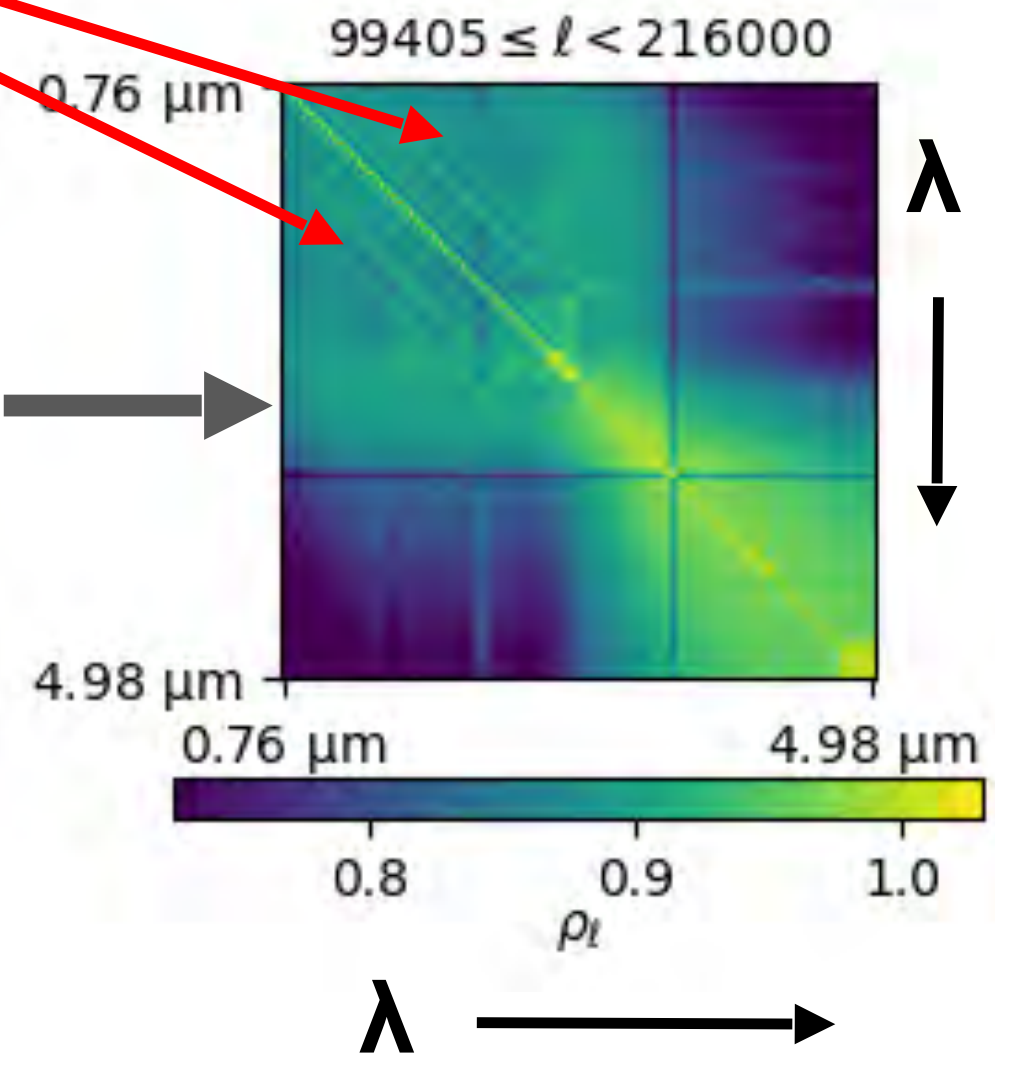
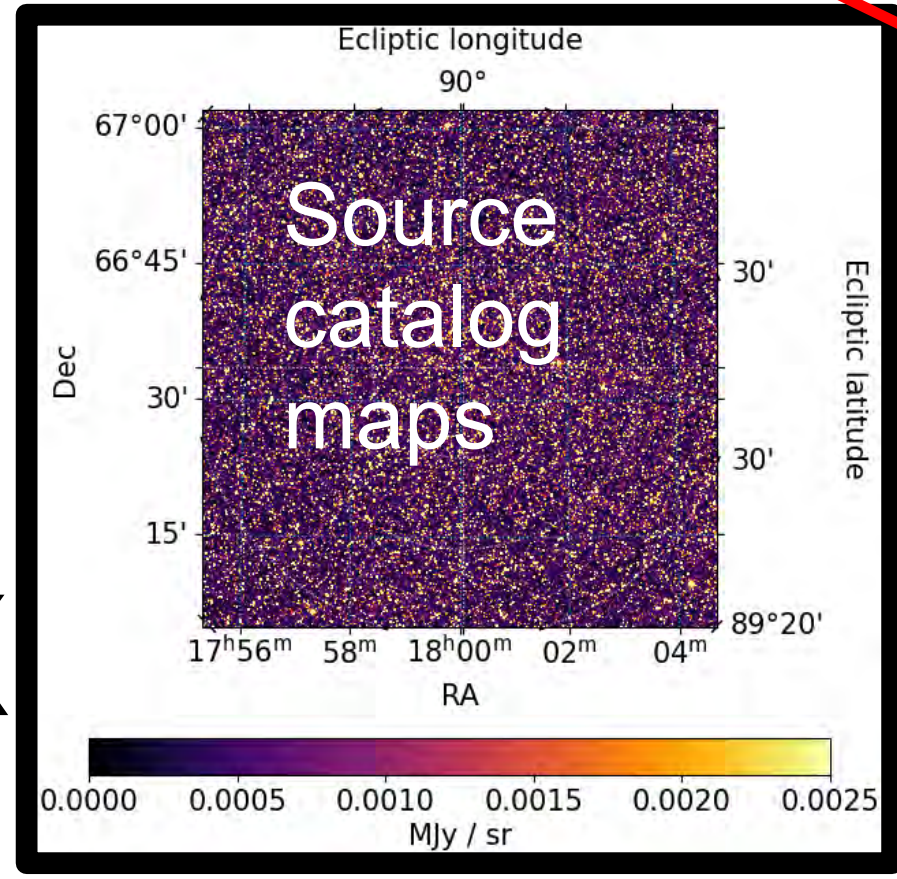
EBL pipeline acting on exposures

Redshifted  
line emission

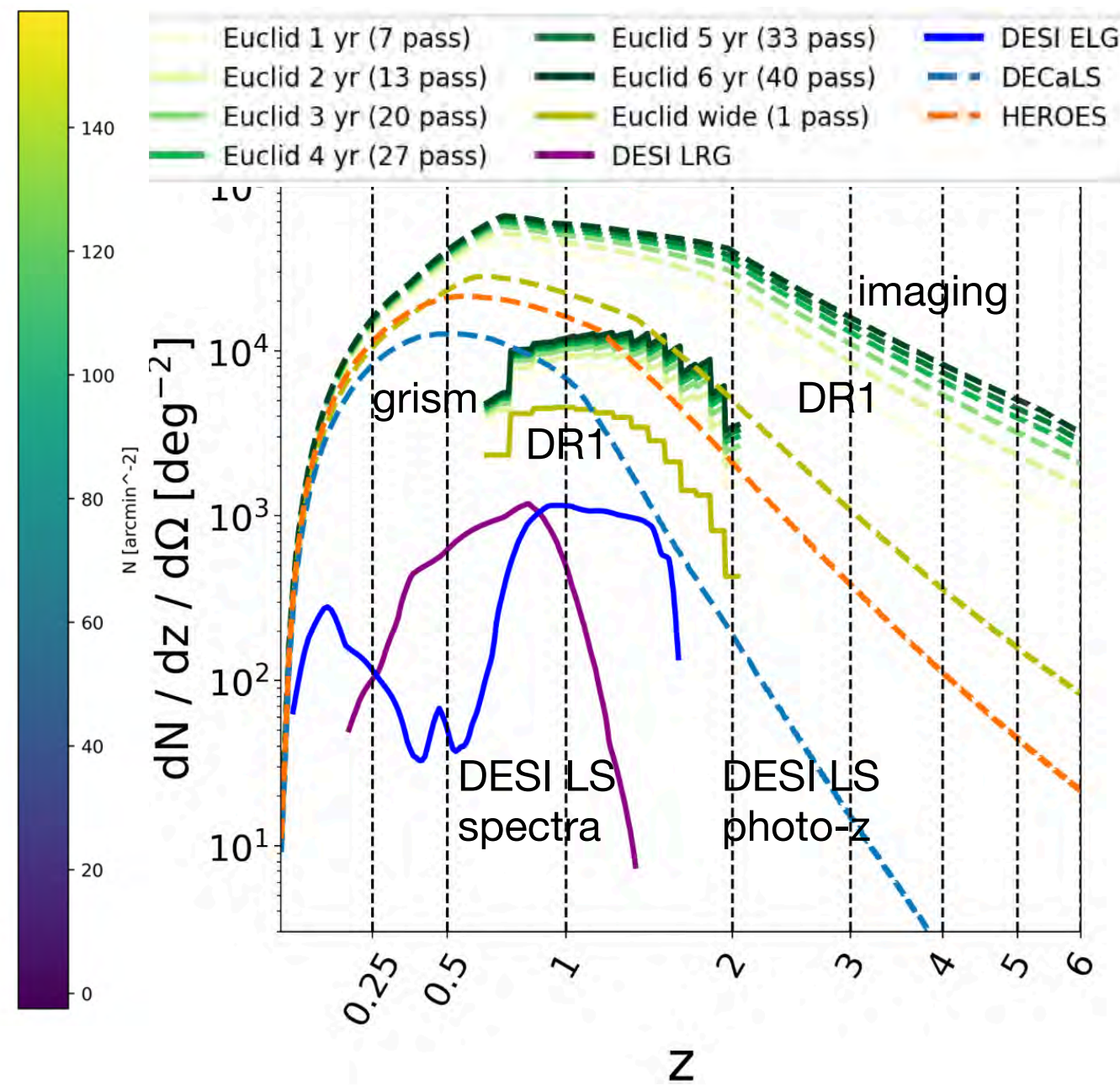
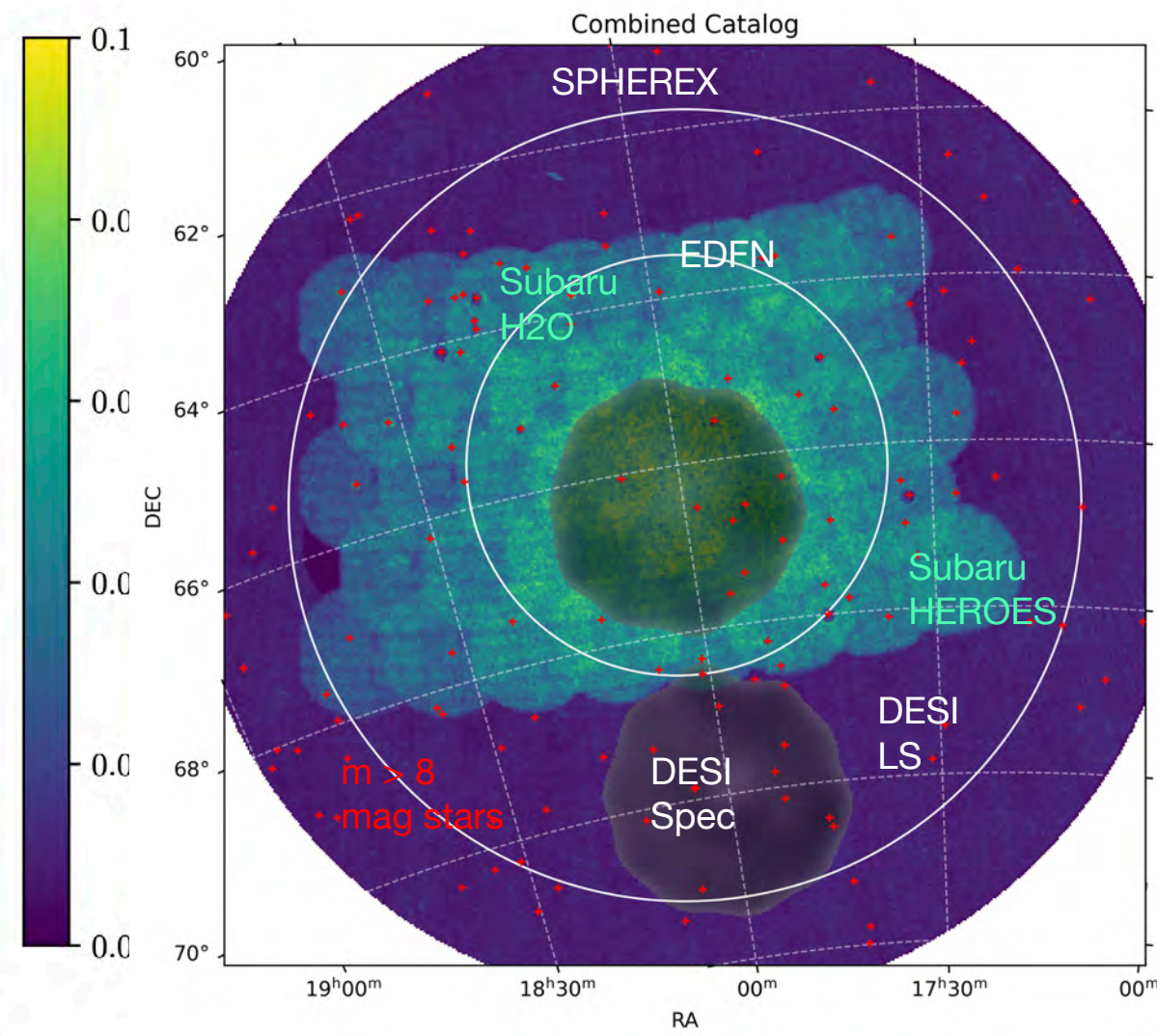
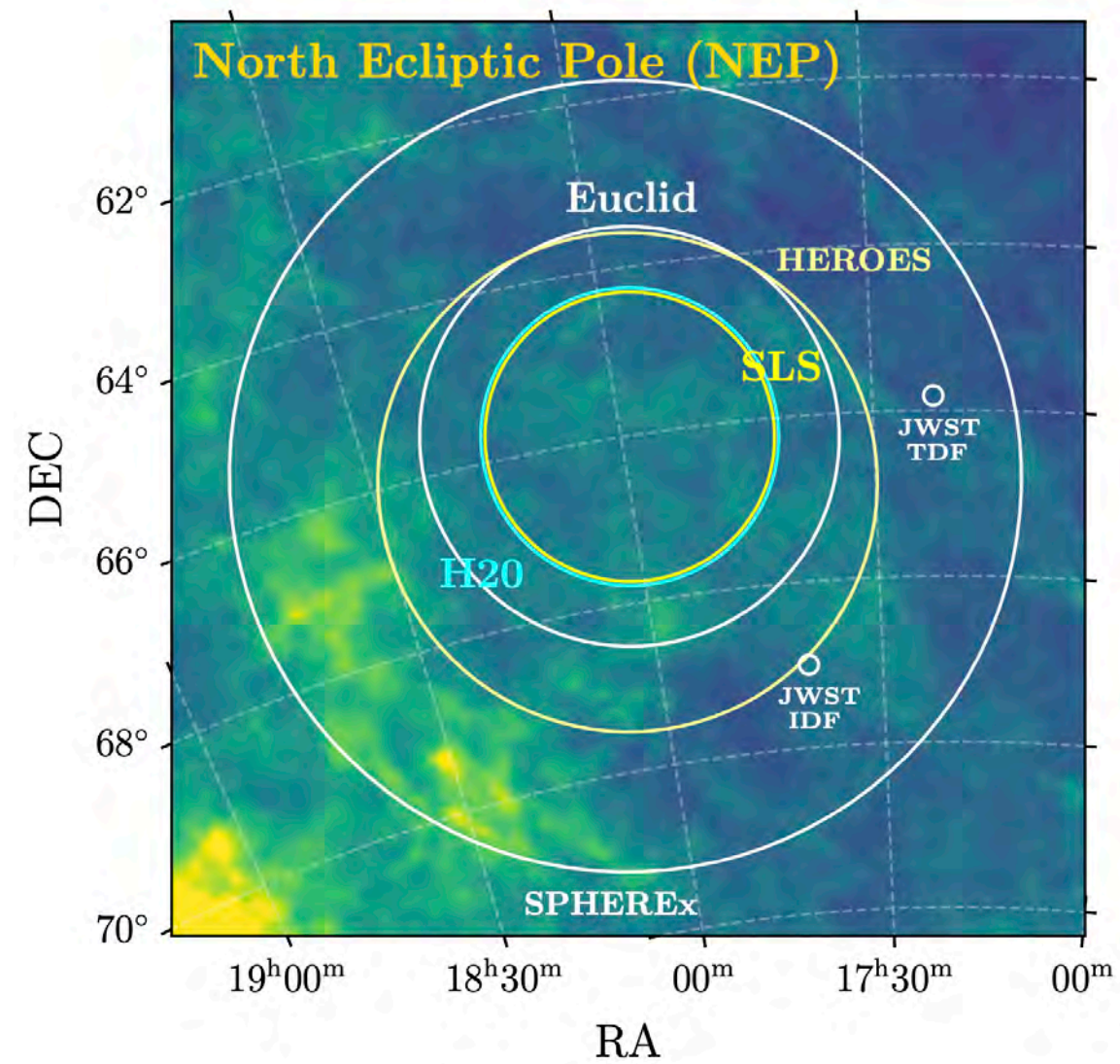
Determine  
SFRD(z),  
 $f_{IHL}(M,z)$   
EoR,  
 $z < 6$  galaxies.



Cross-Corr  
X



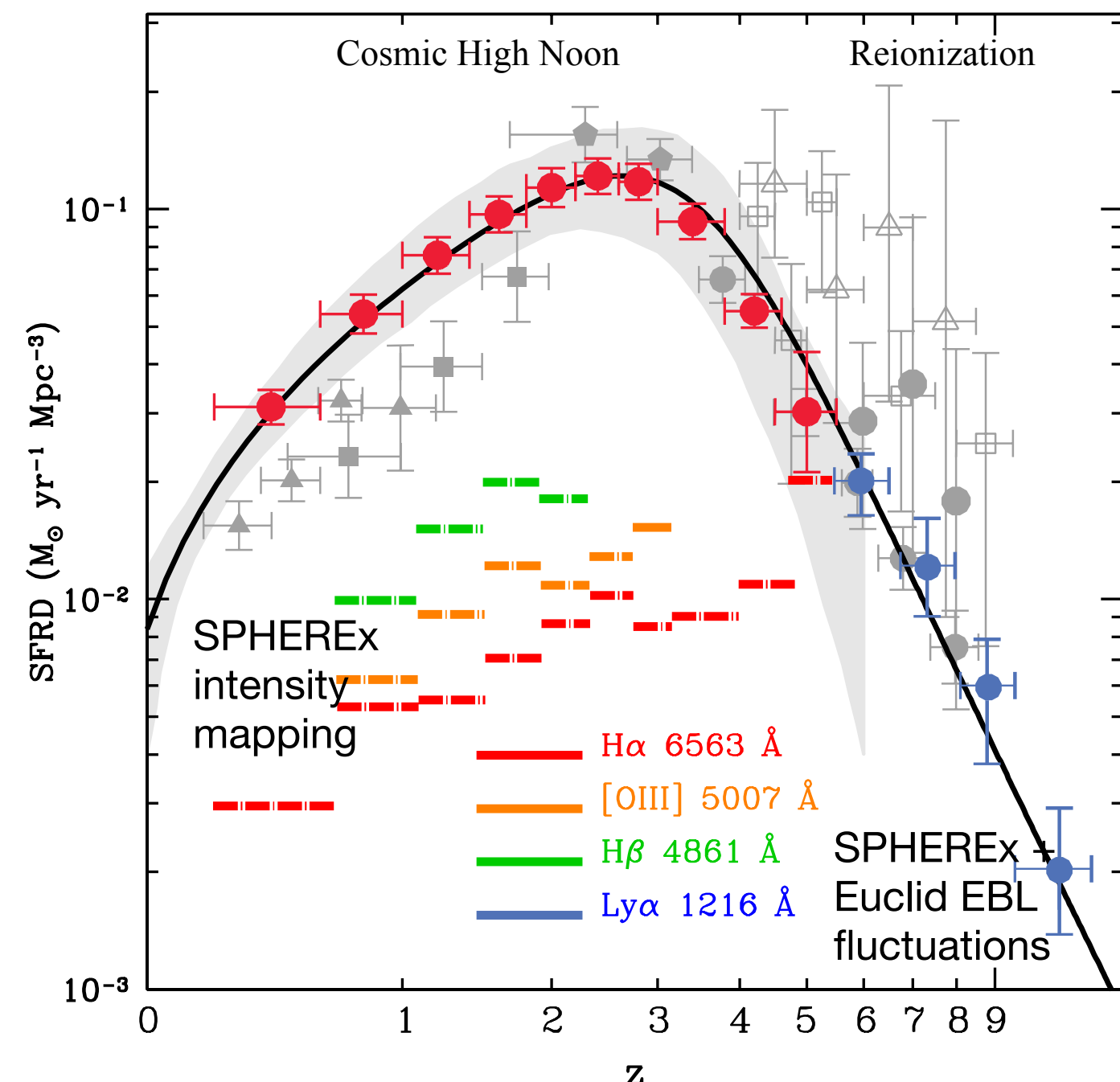
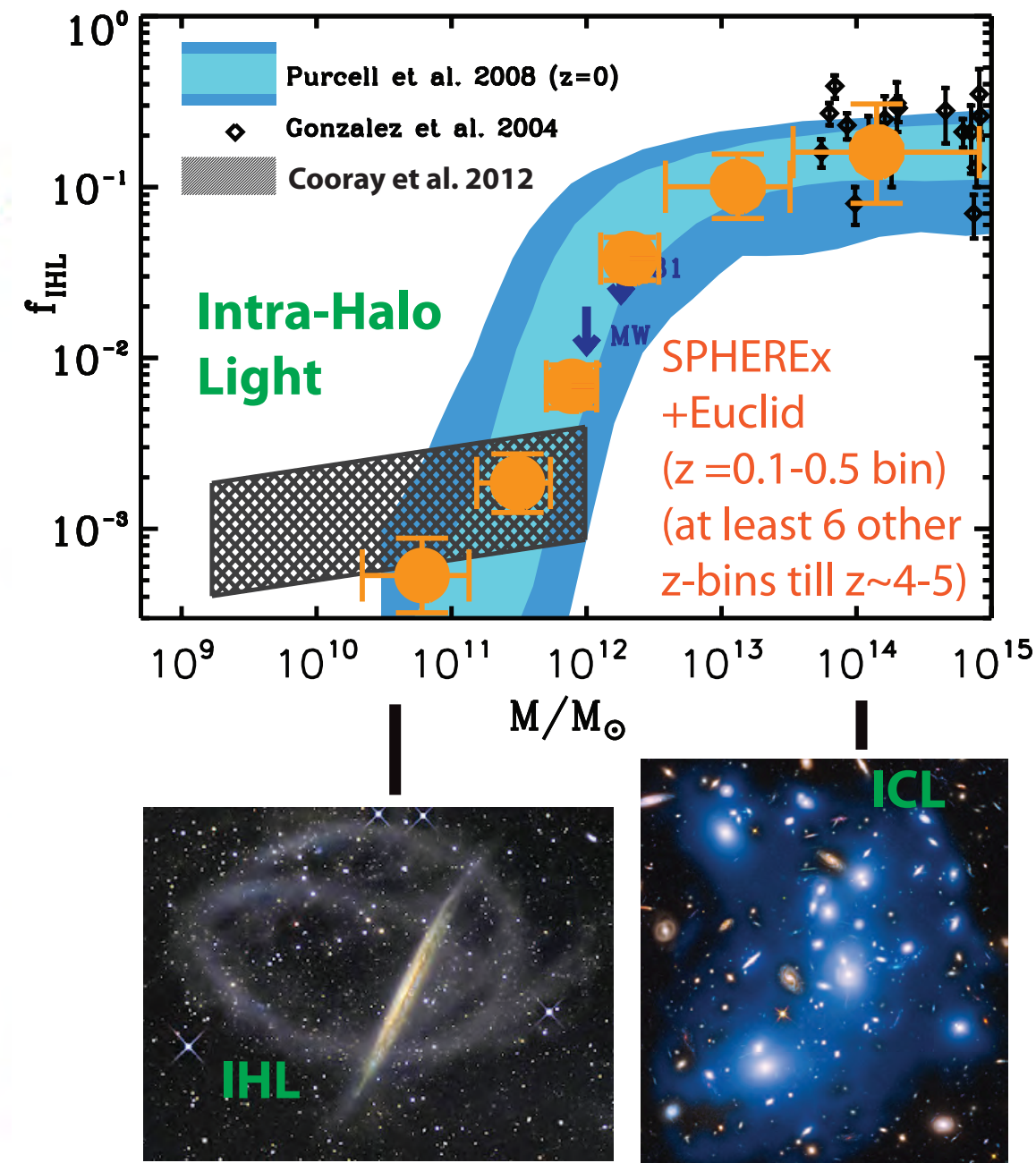
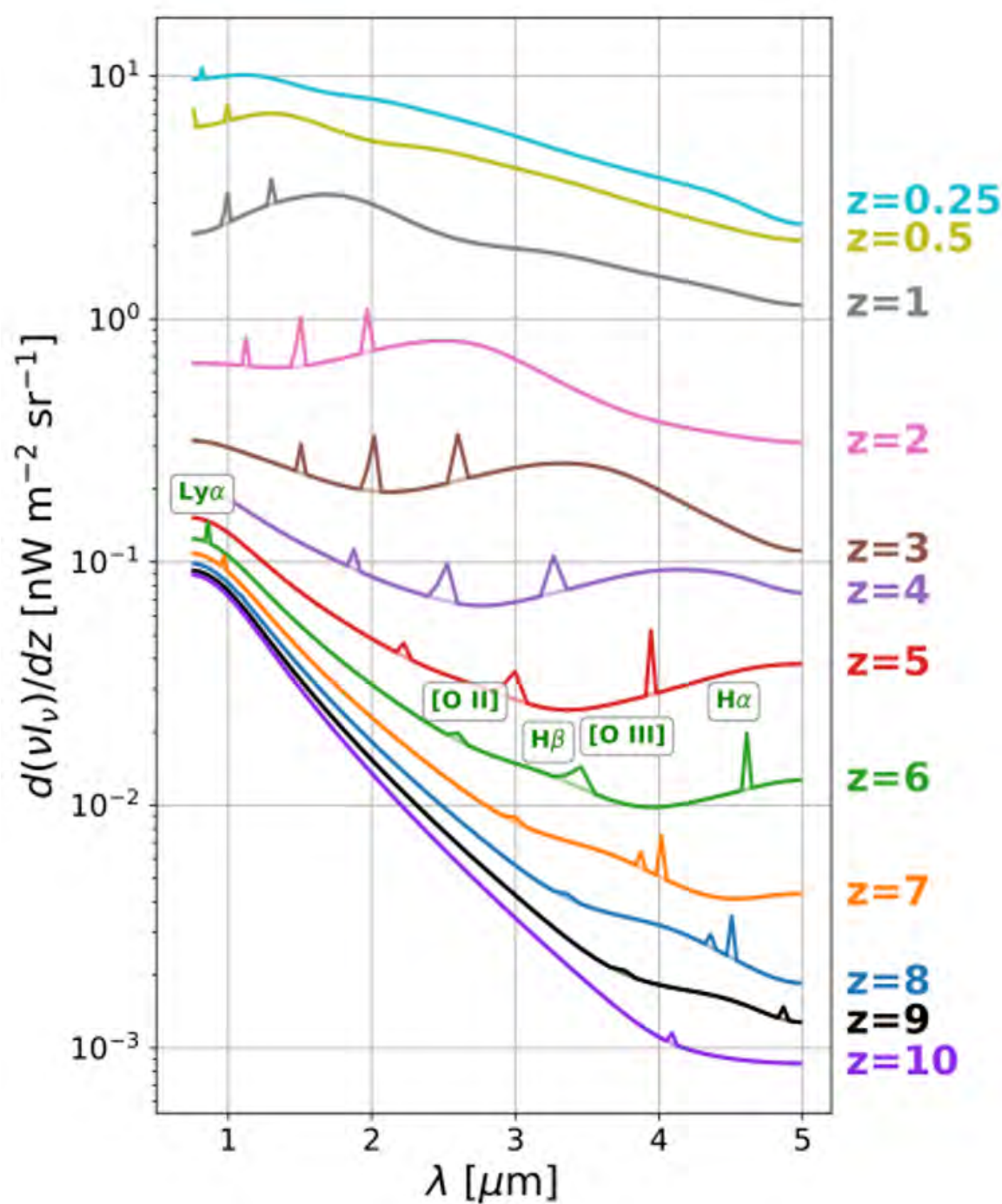




Euclid DFN overlaps with SPHEREx NEP deep field

Cross-correlate SPHEREx intensity maps with Euclid-WL and galaxy catalog

Reconstruct IHL( $M_{\text{halo}}, z$ ) and SFRD ( $z > 6$ )





# Summary

**Infrared background is a probe of high- $z$  galaxies and low- $z$  intra-halo light.**

**From Spitzer fluctuations at 3.6 microns, a 0.1 to 0.5% of IHL fraction in  $z \sim 1$  to 5 Milky Way-like galaxies.**

**CIBERI has extended fluctuations to 1.1 microns, with strong evidence for IHL; CIBERII concluded - results forthcoming.**

**From Hubble/CANDELS, a measure of total UV luminosity density of the Universe at  $z > 8$  with fluctuations.**

**SPHEREx will be the ultimate  $z < 0.6$  cosmology and  $z > 8$  fluctuations. Launching in February 2025.**

**Still unresolved issues on absolute EBL, but steady progress with data on-hand. A dedicated instrument to the outer Solar system would be helpful.**