JWST Constraints on Early Galaxy Formation and AGN Activity at z=4-14

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Goal of Galaxy Formation Study

• Understanding how galaxies form and evolve in the 13.8 billion-year cosmic history

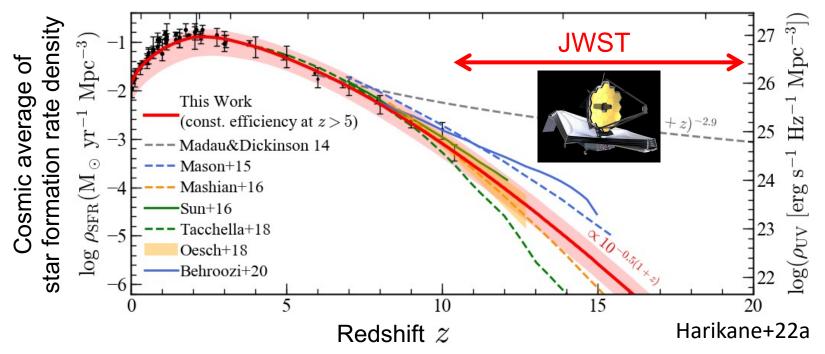
Redshift 0 Research topics		30 Cosmic "Dark Ages"	
 When the first stars and galaxies form and their properties? g Bang How galaxies evolve (mass, size, heavy-element abundance)? Co-evolution of galaxies and their super massive black holes? Relation of galaxies and AGNs to cosmic reionization? ¹³⁸ 			
Present day			Harikane et al.
	High redshift galaxies	First stars?	- DIY Dally
Milky way galaxy Andromeda galaxy		First galaxies?	

Results/Predictions Before JWST

- Cosmic star formation rate density at z~0-10

 Results from Hubble Space Telescope
- Constant star formation efficiency (SFR/(dM_h/dt)) model

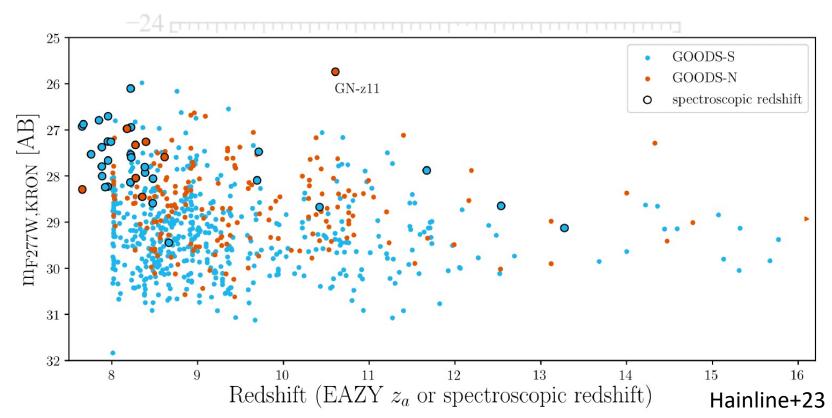
- Reproducing evolution at z=0-10, $10^{-0.5(1+z)}$ at z>10



See e.g., Bouché+10, Madau+14, Bouwens+15, Finkelstein+15, Mason+15, Tacchella+18, Oesch+18, Tacconi+20...

JWST High Redshift Galaxy Candidates

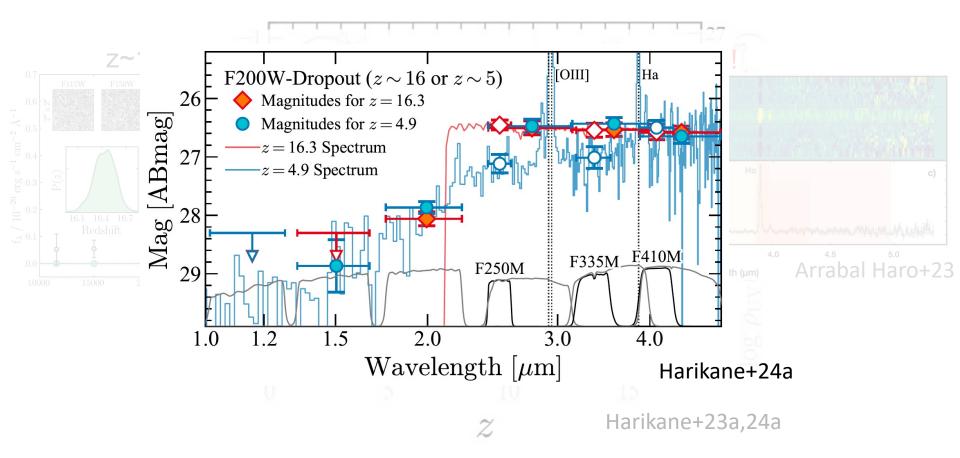
>20 galaxies at z~9-16 from the first datasets
 – Current: >700 galaxies at z>8 from JADES GTO



See also, Naidu+22, Castellano+22, Finkelstein+22,23ab, Donnan+23ab, Bouwens+23ab, Perez-Gonzalez+23, Franco+23, Atek+22,23, Adams+22,23, McLeod+24, Austin+23, Casey+23, Morishita+23ab, ...

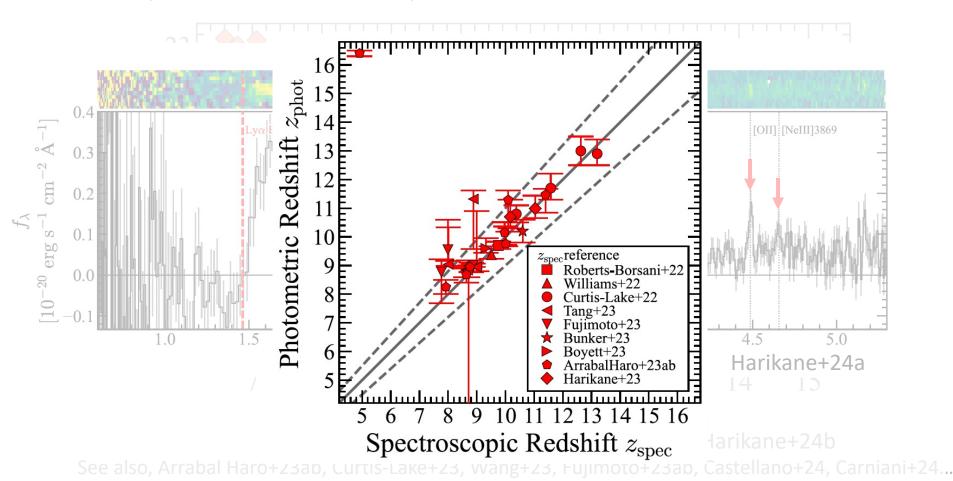
JWST Observations

- Higher SFR density at z>10 based on photo-z
- Contamination? e.g., $z \sim 16$ candidate $\rightarrow z = 4.9$



JWST Spec-z Sample

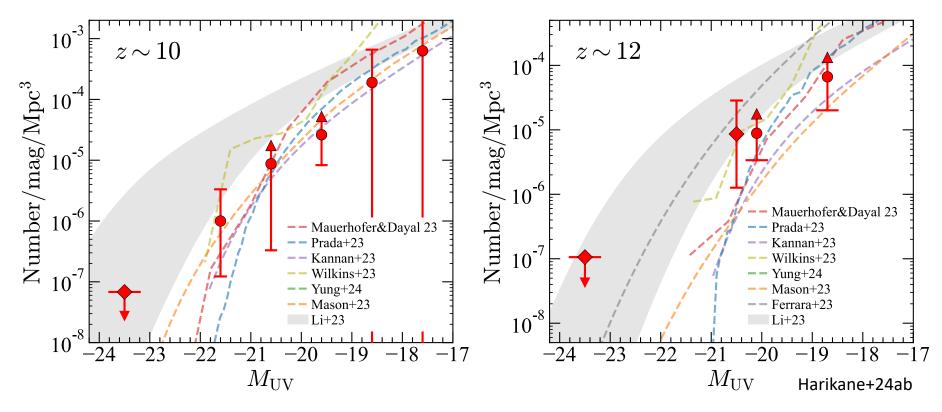
- ~20 galaxies at z_{spec} >10 confirmed w/ NIRSpec
 - z_{phot} agrees well with z_{spec} except for a few sources



Spec-z UV Luminosity Function

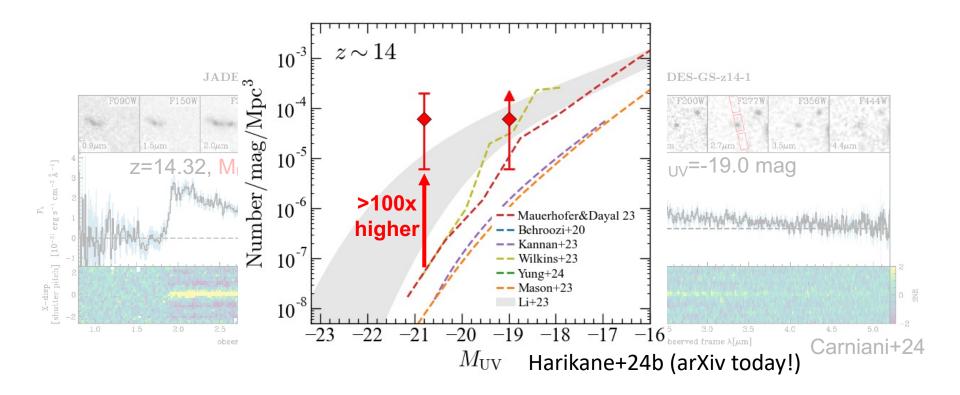
• Free from low-z contamination

- Consistent with photo-z results
- Some models underestimate at $z\sim12$ & $M_{UV}<-20$ mag



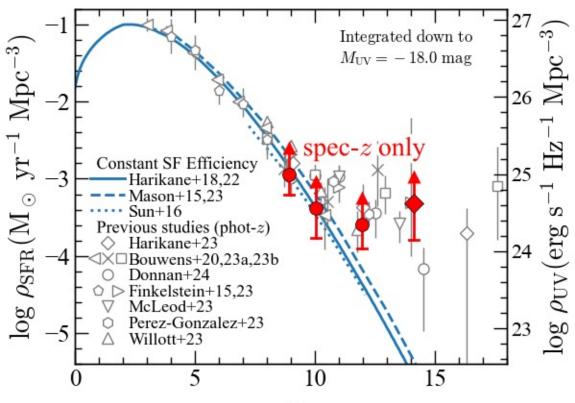
Recent Confirmation of z=14 Galaxies

- Two galaxies at z_{spec} =14 found in 9 arcmin² data
 - >100x higher number density than theoretical models
 - Really high density? Cosmic variance? (but included in the error...)



Spec-z Cosmic SFR Density at z=9-14

- UV \rightarrow SFR: $SFR(M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = \mathcal{K}_{\text{UV}} L_{\text{UV}}(\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1})$. $\mathcal{K}_{\text{UV}} = 1.15 \times 10^{-28} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}/(\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1})$
- Tension with constant efficiency models at z>10



 \mathcal{Z} Harikane+24ab, see also Bouwens+23

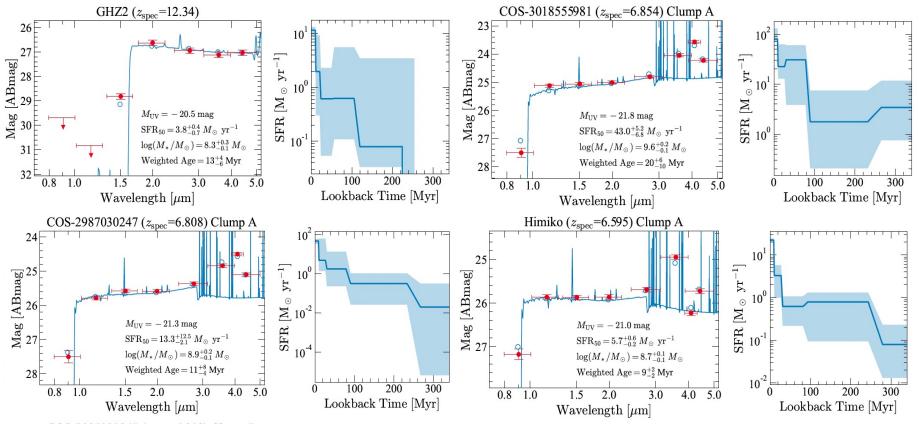
Physical Interpretations

Why are we finding more galaxies at z>10 than models? Models: calibrated at z=0-10. Different galaxy formation physics at z>10?

- **1. High star formation efficiency**, e.g., by feedback free starburst (Dekel+23), compact star formation (Fukushima+22, Ono+23)
- **2. Top-heavy initial mass function** (lower K_{UV}, possibly w/ Pop-III, e.g., Chon+22, Cameron+23, see also Rasmussen Cueto+23, Anne's talk)
- 3. Radiation driven outflow (Ferrara+22,23)
- **4. Bursty star formation** (e.g., Mason+23, Shen+23, Sun+23ab, see also Pallottini+23, discussed in next slide)
- 5. Cosmology (e.g., Menci+23, Parashari+23, Hirano+23)
- 6. AGN activity (e.g., Hedge+24)

Star Formation Histories

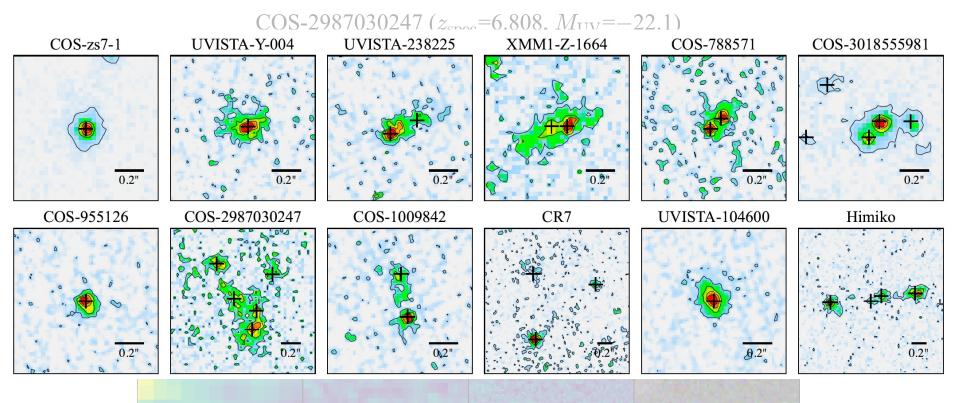
Bright gals at z~7-12: bursty star formation histories
 Starbursts boosting the UV luminosity of these galaxies



Harikane+24b, See also e.g., Endsley+23

Clumpy Morphologies at z~7

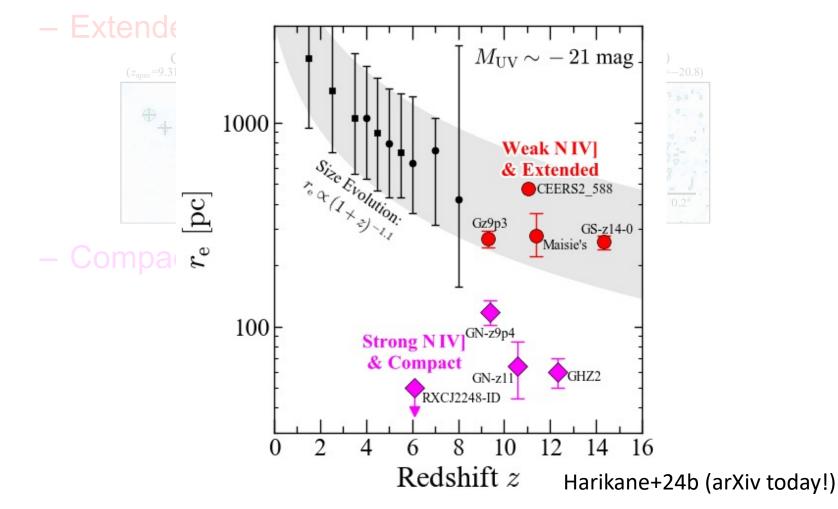
- 70% of bright galaxies at z_{spec}~7 show clumpy morphologies w/ multiple components
 - Recent starburst induced by mergers?



Harikane+24b

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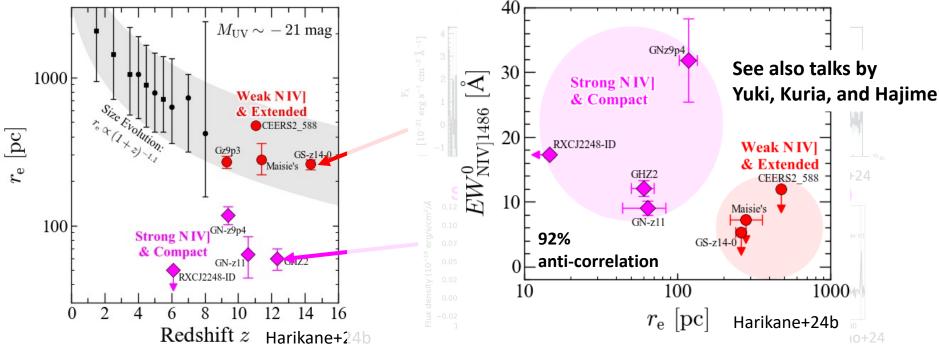
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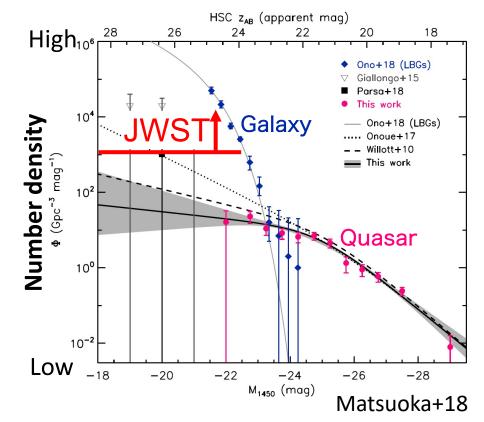
- Two types of bright (M_{UV}<-20 mag) galaxies at z>10
 - Extended galaxies wo/ strong emission lines
 - \rightarrow merger-induced starburst?
 - Compact galaxies w/ high ionization emission lines

 \rightarrow compact SF (enhancing N production) or AGN?



How About AGNs?

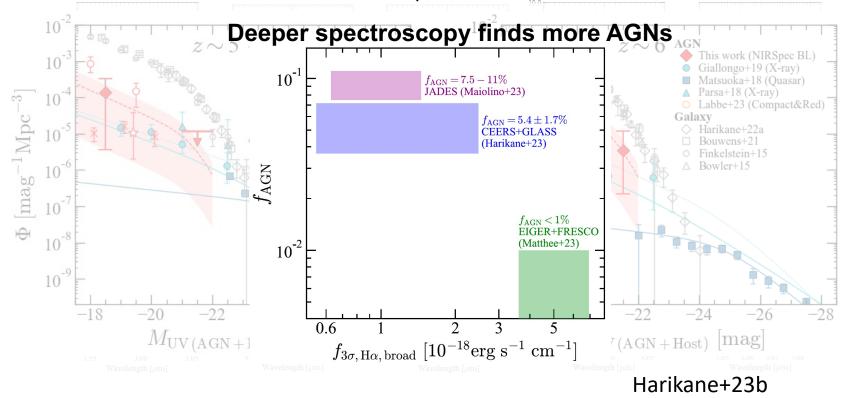
- Before JWST: quasars at $z\sim4-7$ w/ $M_{BH}\sim10^9$ M_{sun}
- Quasar luminosity function at z~4-7
 - Flat slope at faint end \rightarrow N<0.2 obj. expected in JWST



Many AGNs at z>4!

See also Jorryt's talk

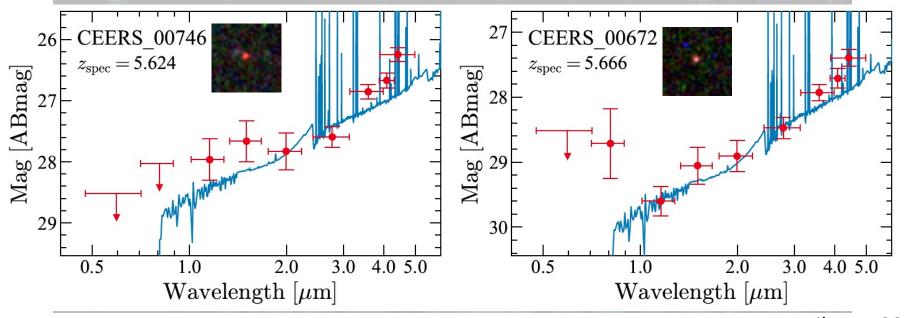
- 10 AGNs at z=4-7 (from NIRSpec/MSA; Nakajima+23)
 - Broad Ha (FWHM~1000-6000 km/s), narrow [OIII] (<1000 km/s)
 - From 185 galaxies at z_{spec}>3.5, ~5% (~1-2% at z~0, Stern+12)



see also e.g., Kocevski+23, Ubler+23, Larson+23, Maiolino+23ab, Matthee+23, Labbe+23, Kokrev+23,24, Greene+23

Many AGNs at z>4!

- 7/10 show extended morphologies
 - Dominated by host galaxies, Seyfert galaxies at z>4
 - Contribution of AGNs (compact emission) to rest-UV: 50%
 - Two red&compact AGNs (Av>3, little red dots)

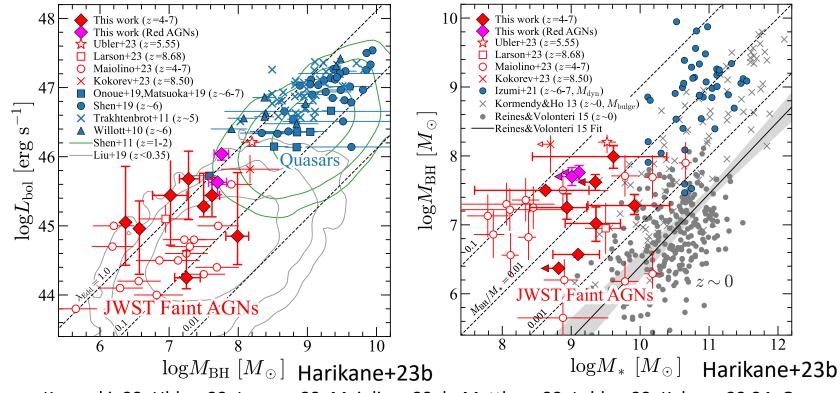


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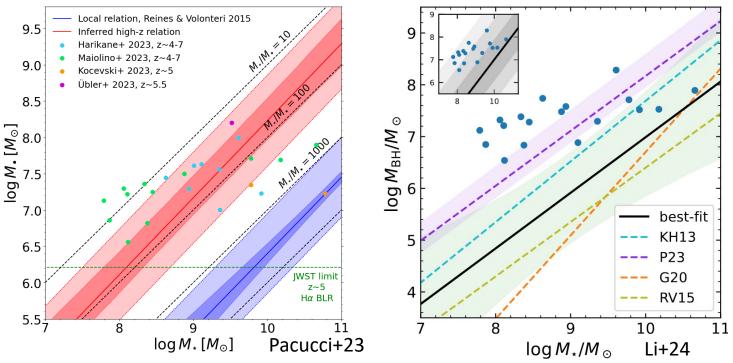
M_{BH}~10⁶-10⁸ M_{sun}, 100x smaller than quasars
 – Significantly higher M_{BH} than z~0 M_{BH}-M_{*} relation



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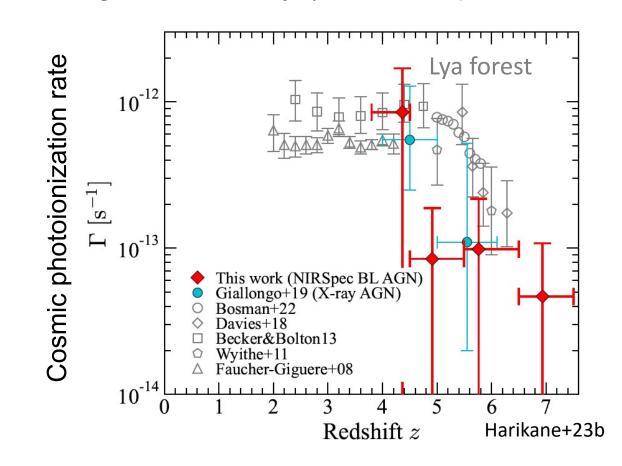
Is Intrinsic Relation Really Overmassive?

- Observational selection bias should be considered
 - Pacucci+23: Intrinsic relation is overmassive compared to local relation
 - Li+24: consistent with the local relation



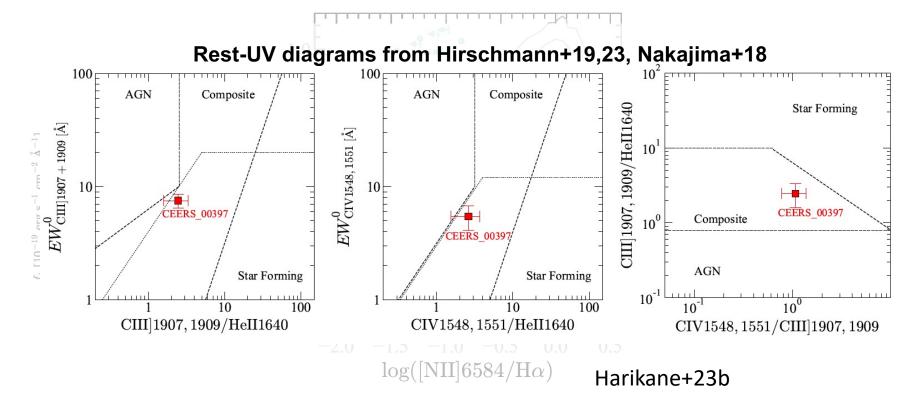
Contribution to Reionization

Contribution from AGNs is up to ~50% at z~6
 – w/ large uncertainty (from escape fraction assumption)



BPT Diagram

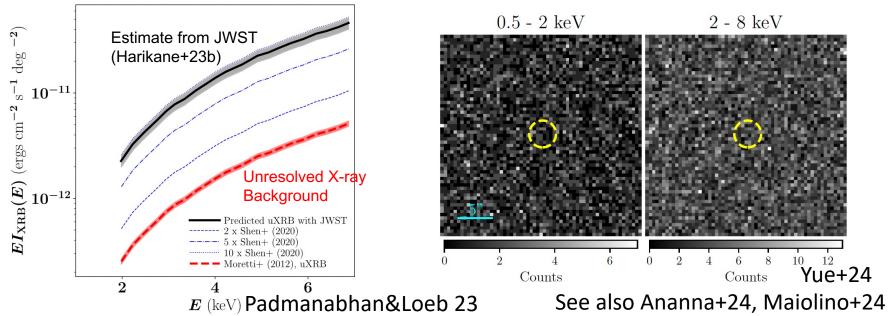
- Classical optical BPT diagram does not work
 Due to low metallicity
- Rest-frame UV diagram may work



Are They Really AGNs?

- JWST broad-line detected AGNs are weak in X-ray

 Comparison w/ X-ray background (Padmanabhan&Loeb 23)
 Stacking/individual analysis (Yue+24, Ananna+24, Maiolino+24)
- Special AGNs (Compton-thick and intrinsically faint in X-ray)
- or low-metallicity outflow? (but Z<0.01 Z_{sun} needed)



Summary

- JWST spec and phot studies of high-z galaxies
 - Large number of z>10 galaxies, more than theoretical model predictions. Excess in SFR densities at z~12-14.
 - Merger-induced starbursts in z~7 bright galaxies?
 - Two types of bright galaxies at z>10 (compact, extended)
 - 10 broad-line AGNs at z=4-7 with $M_{BH} \sim 10^{6} 10^{8} M_{sun}$

