

Pushing today's facilities

Waiting and preparing for E-ELT



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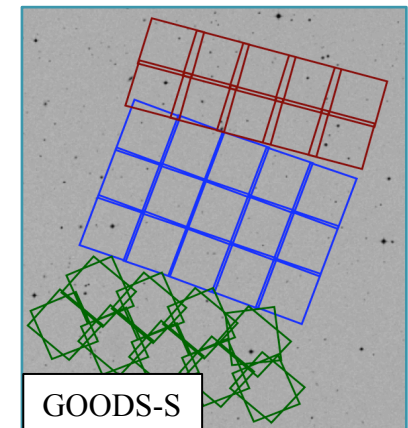
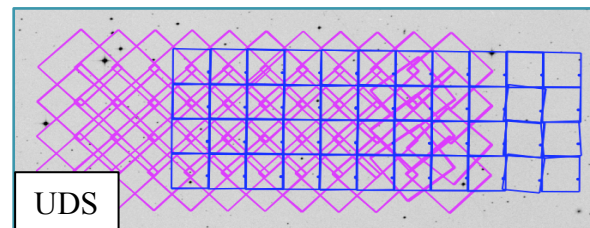
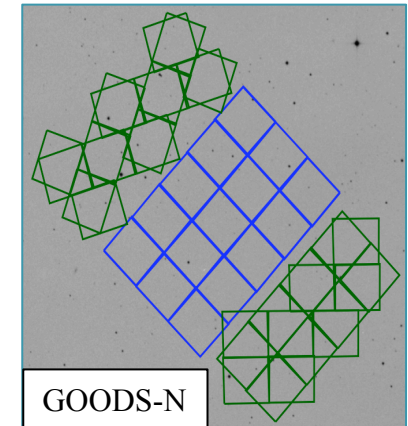
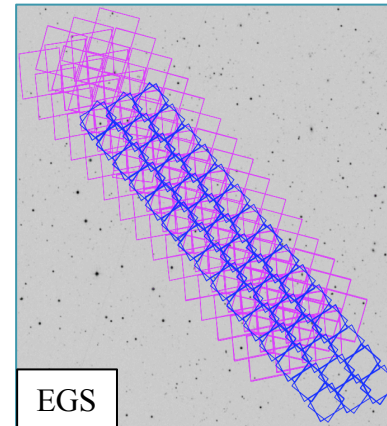
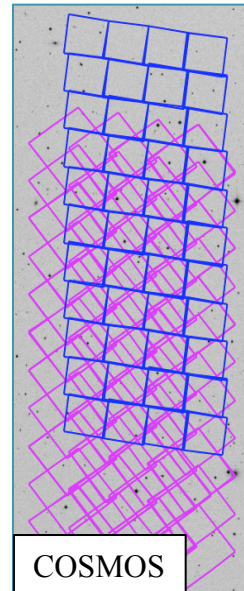
- ✓ Small area (0.2 sq. degrees), best available multi-wavelength data
- ✓ Medium resolution spectra (MR grism)
- ✓ Ultra-long integrations, minimum 20-80 hrs per source
- ✓ Pre-selection biased to very high redshift (85% of targets at  $z > 3$ )



# VANDELS: survey fields



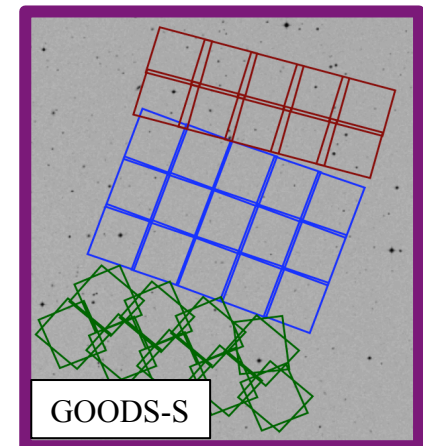
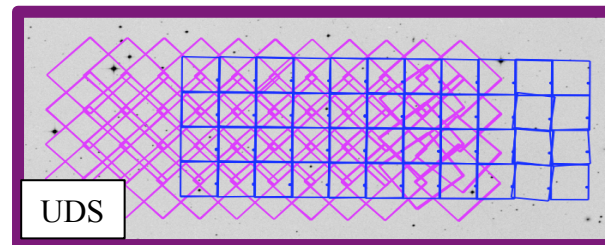
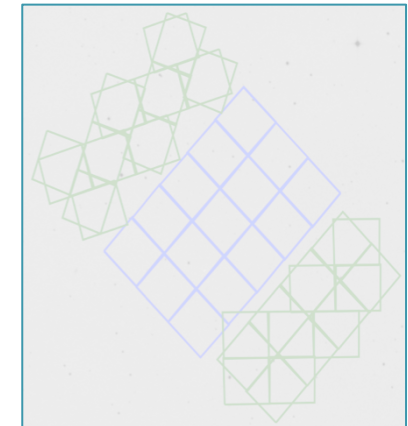
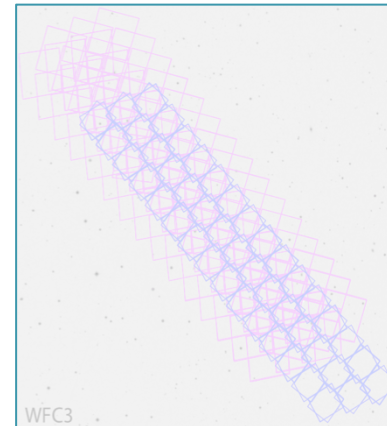
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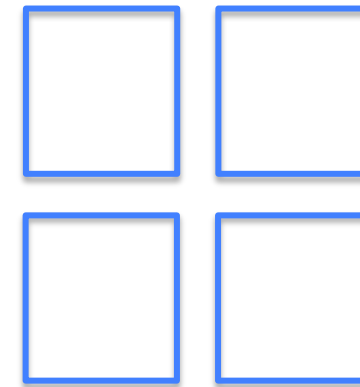
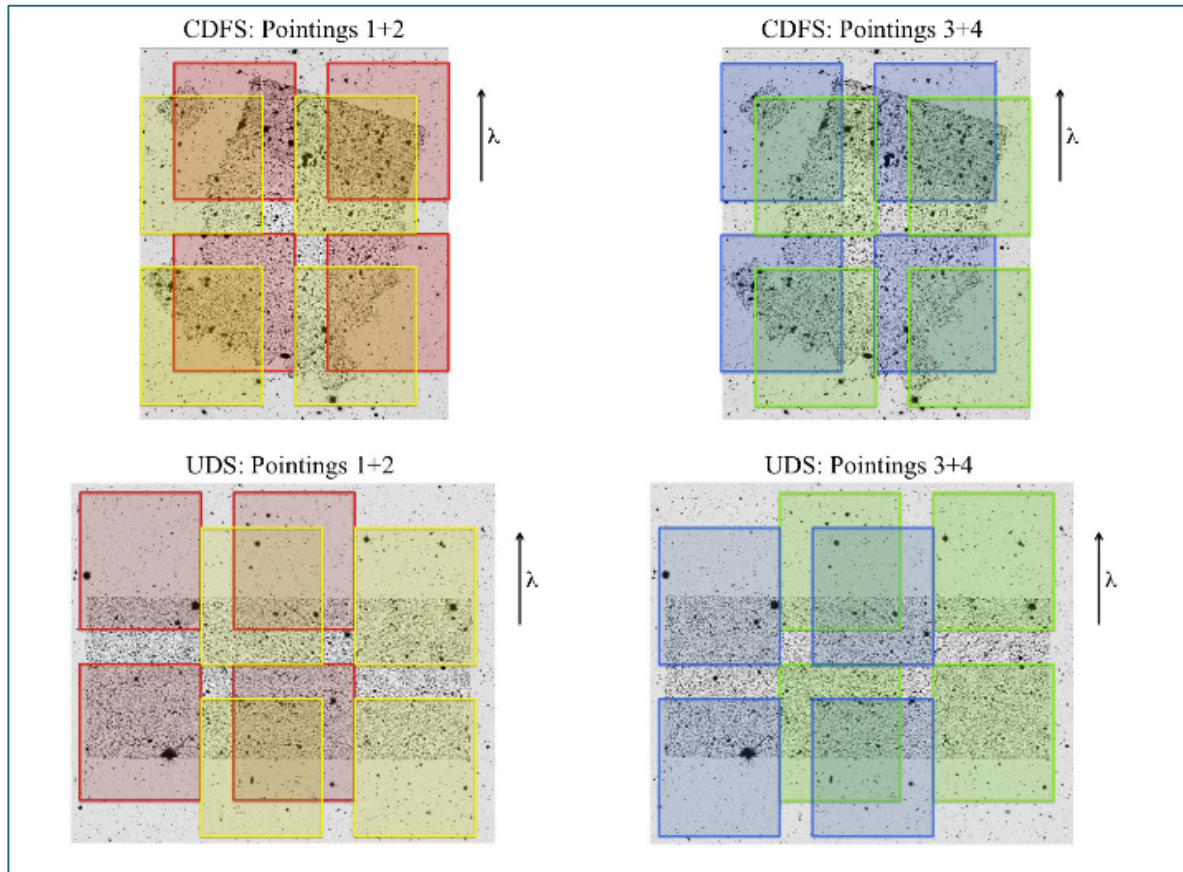


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VANDELS targets the two southern CANDELS fields, exploiting unrivalled 15+ band (0.3mm-4.5mm) photometry and near-IR grism spectra (3D-HST)

# VANDELS: observations



VIMOS FOOTPRINT

- ✓ 8 Pointings in total, designed to cover HST imaging area (75% of slits allocated to HST area)
- ✓ Each pointing targeted four times, 20 hours each: bright targets get 20 hours, faint targets get 80 hours



# VANDELS: targets

## Primary Targets

- ✓ Star-forming galaxies at  $2.5 < z < 5.0$  ( $H_{AB} < 24$ )
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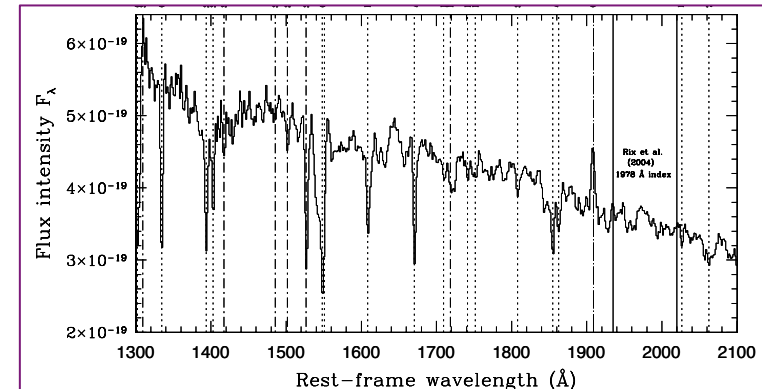
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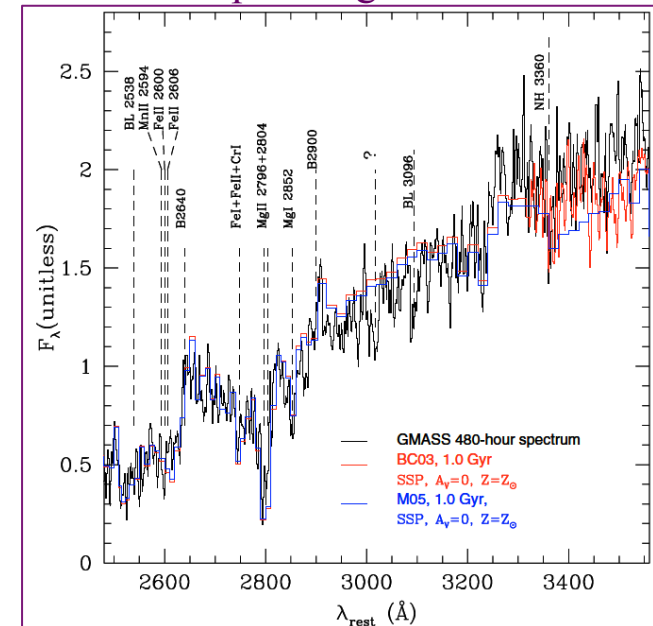
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Ultra deep optical VIMOS + HST near-IR grism spectroscopy + 0.3 $\mu$ m-4.5 $\mu$ m photometry will enable us to measure the *physical* tracers of galaxy evolution: age, mass, dust, SFR, outflows, stellar + gas metallicity

Absorption line metallicities



UV+optical age constraints



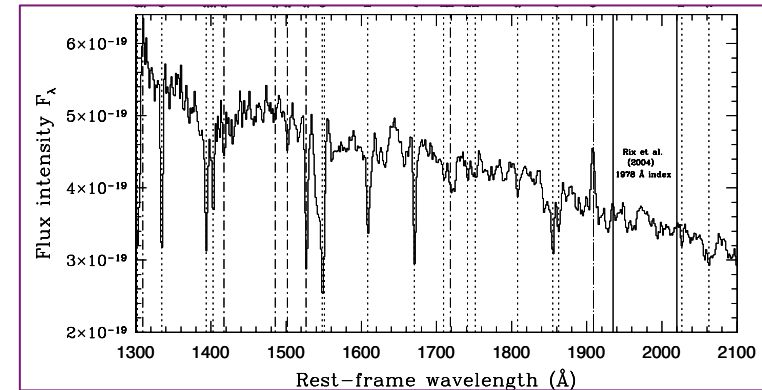
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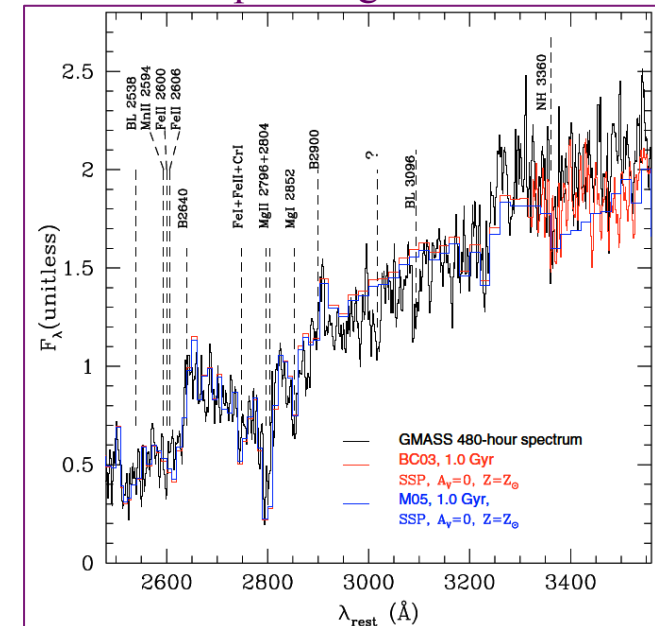
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Fundamental aim is to **move** beyond **redshift measurement** and extract **physical** information from the spectra

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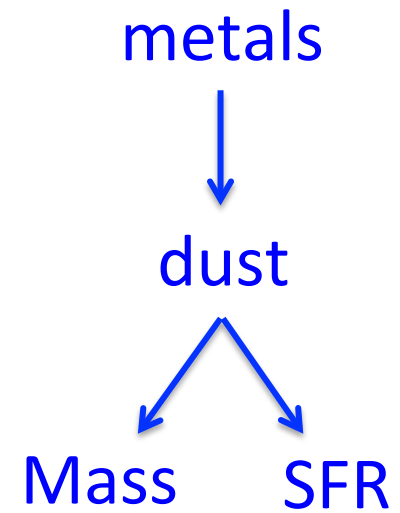
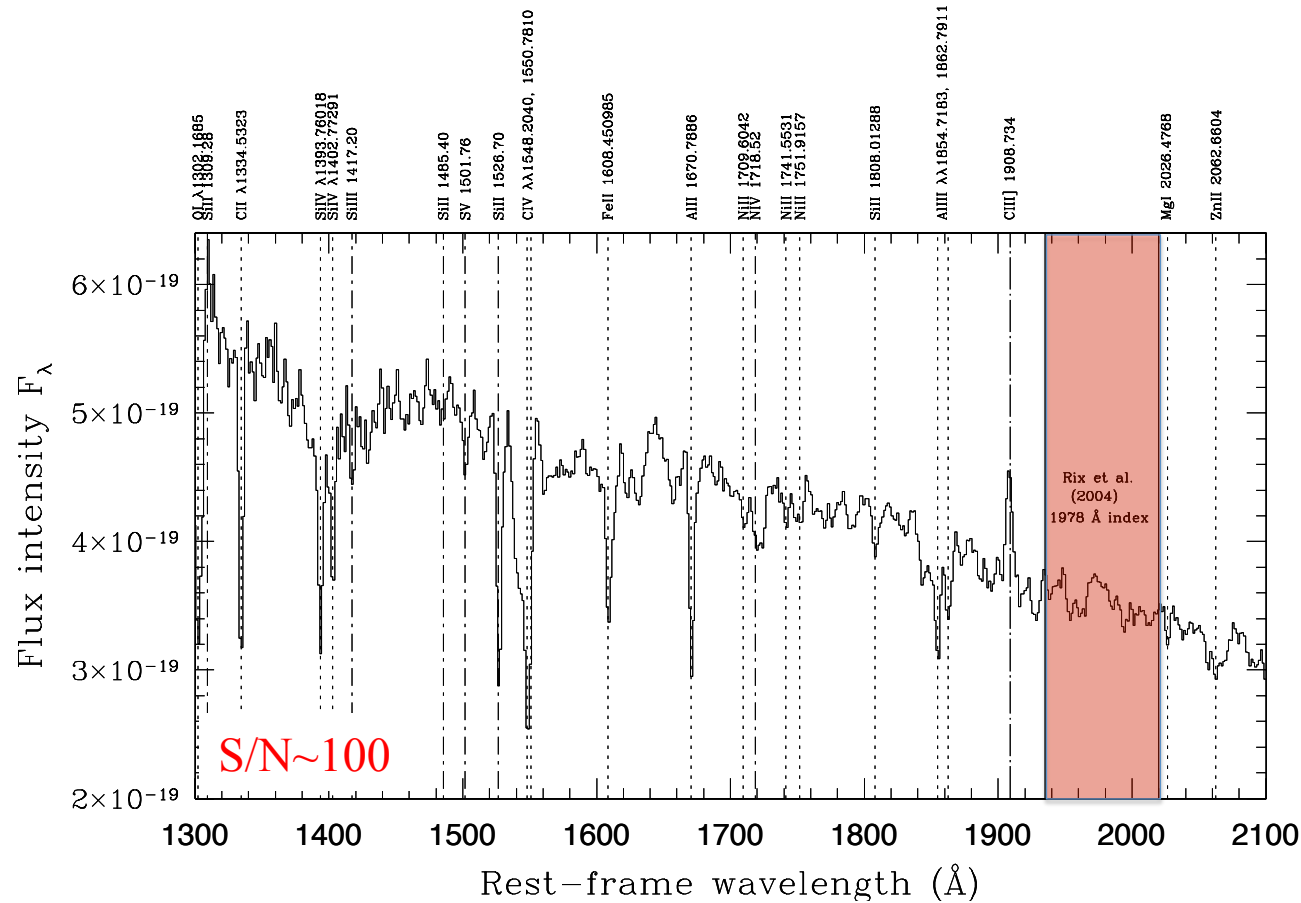
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# VANDELS: main science case

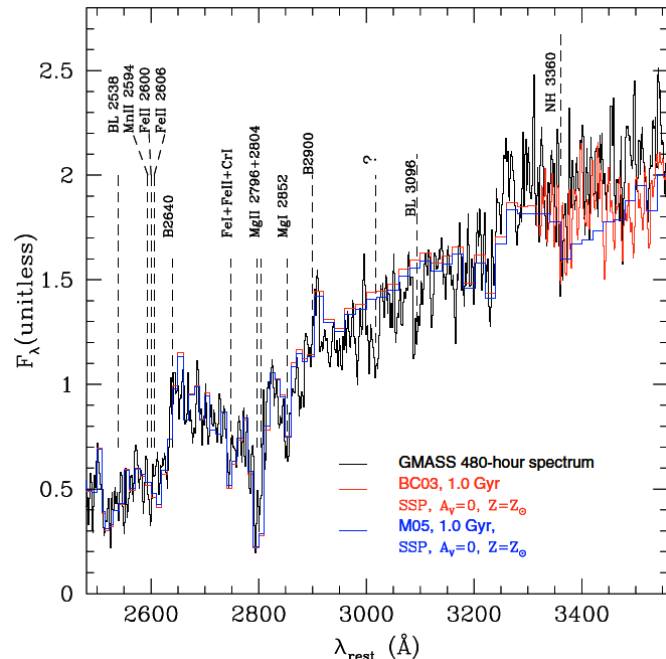
## 1. metallicity of star-forming galaxies at $2.5 < z < 5.5$



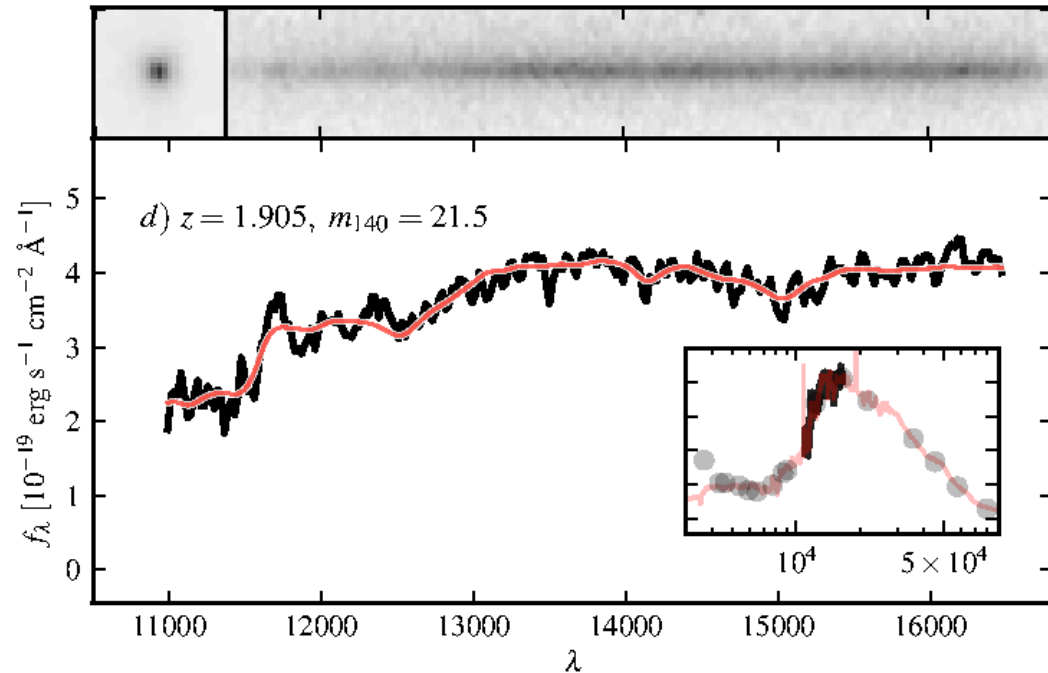
Halliday et al. (2008), stack of 75 GMASS galaxies at  $z \sim 2$

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## 2. Detailed investigation of the descendants of high- $z$ SFG: passive galaxies at $1.5 < z < 2.5$



Cimatti et al. (2008)



3D-HST (van Dokkum et al.)

- ✓ It is possible to constrain ages from UV breaks (2600/2800 Angs) from VANDELS and Balmer break from 3D-HST spectra
- ✓ Through spectrophotometric fitting (photometry+spectra) we can derive accurate stellar ages, masses and metallicities of massive quiescent galaxies at  $z \sim 2$

# VANDELS: photo-z pre-selection

- A key point of VANDELS is to PRE-SELECT the targets using robust photo-z
- This is possible thanks to the wide multi-wavelength photometric coverage available in UDS and CDFS

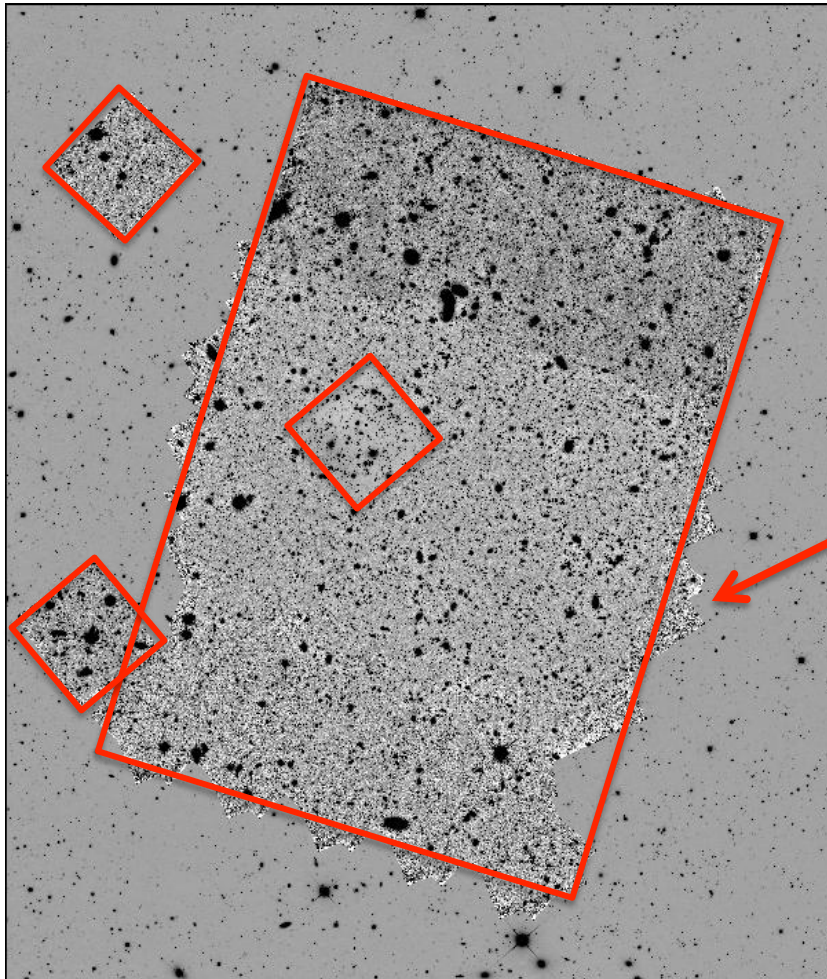


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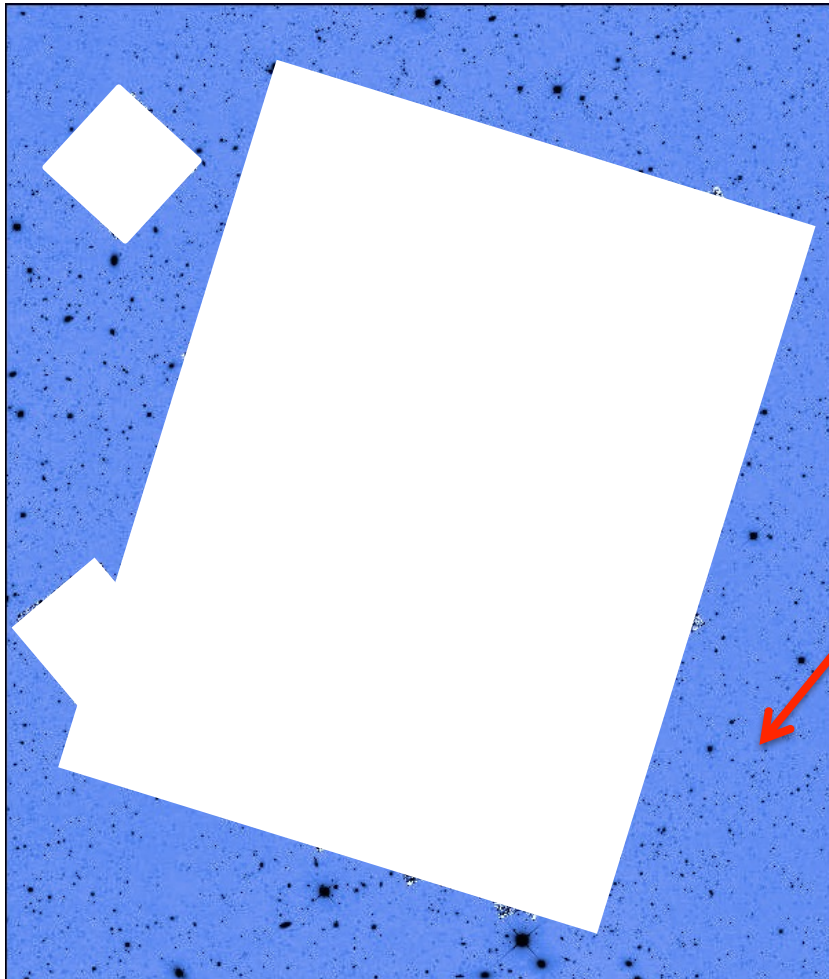
- In area covered by CANDELS HST imaging we use the Guo et al. (2013) TFIT catalogues featuring aperture matched, 14-band photometry 0.3-4.5 $\mu$ m



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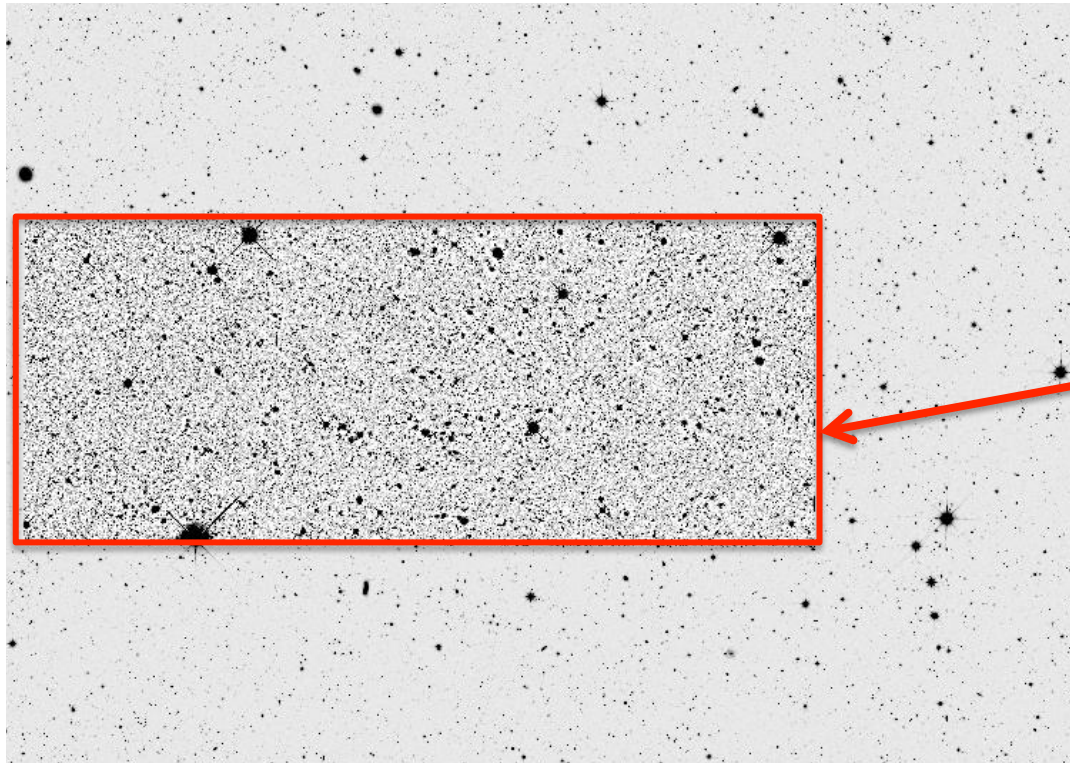
- For extended CDFS region we use a new VANDELS catalogue, which uses a combination of 16-band photometry: VIMOS U, R-band, Subaru BVR $_{\text{z}}$  $_{\text{nb}}$ , GEMS HST V $_{606}$ , z $_{850}$ , CFHT J and K, H from VISTA VIDEO Survey and IRAC

For the test runs we employed the Hsu et al. 2015 catalogue based on MUSYC +TENIS

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- Within CANDELS HST region, we exploit Galametz et al. (2013) TFIT catalogue, which features 15-band aperture matched photometry covering 0.3-4.5 $\mu$ m

VANDELS UDS FIELD



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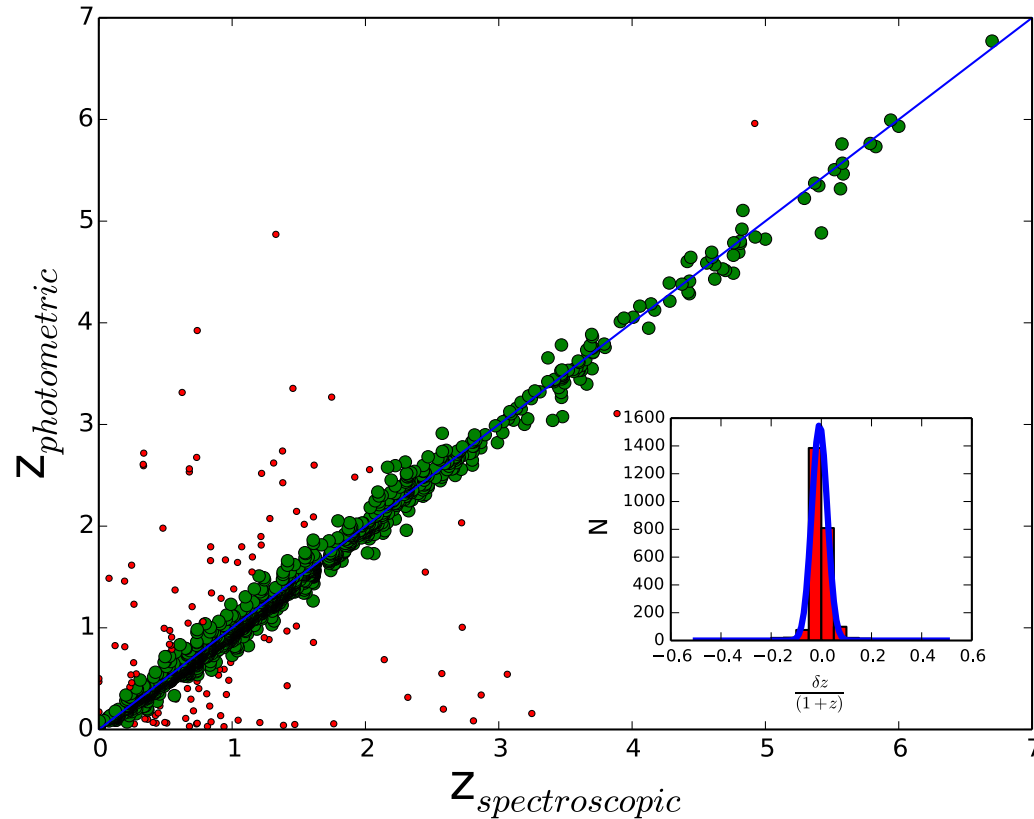


- Within extended UDS region, Edinburgh VANDELS catalogue using 13-band photometry: CFHT U-band, Subaru BVR<sub>izz<sub>nb</sub></sub>, VIDEO Y-band, JHK from UKIDSS UDS, IRAC from SEDS

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CDFS photometric redshifts

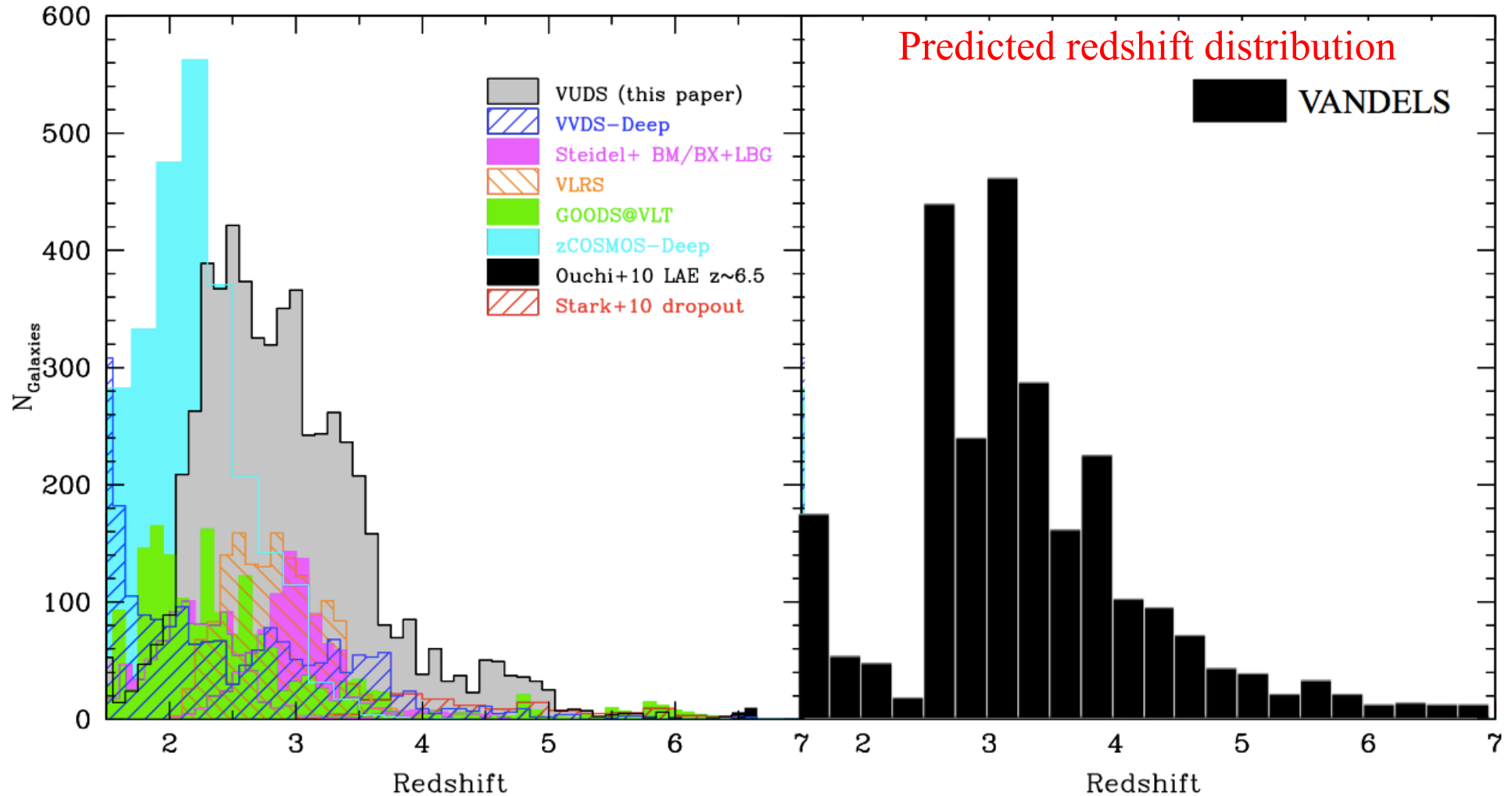
$$\sigma=0.013$$

Outlier fraction < 4%  
down to  $H_{\text{AB}}=26$

Aim is for <100 low-redshift interlopers in final sample of 2600 galaxies

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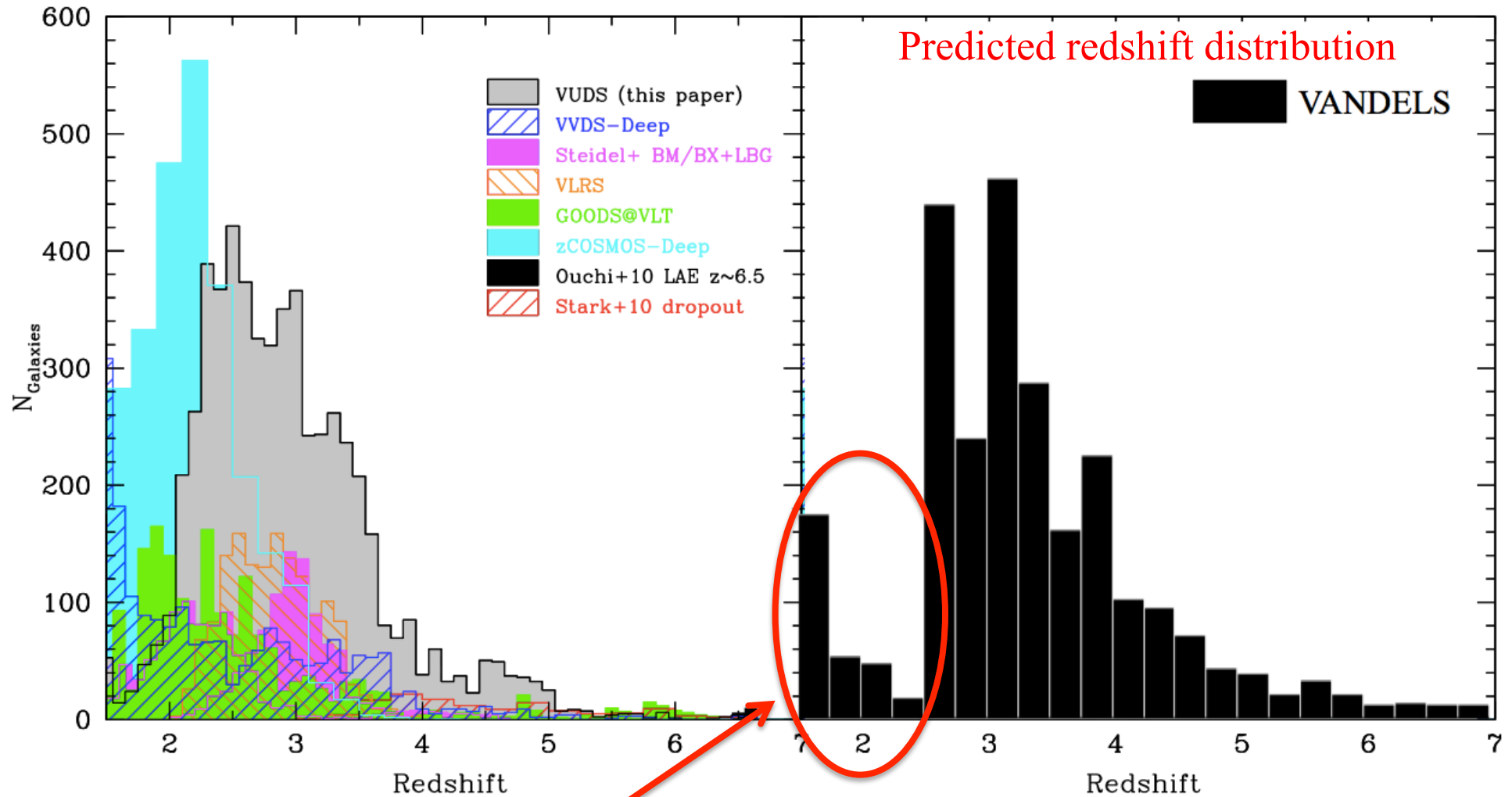


The VANDELS selection function should ensure that  $\sim 20\%$  of the final sample are at  $z > 4$  with  $\sim 200$  galaxies at  $z > 5$



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Passive galaxy sub-sample at  $1.5 < z < 2.5$

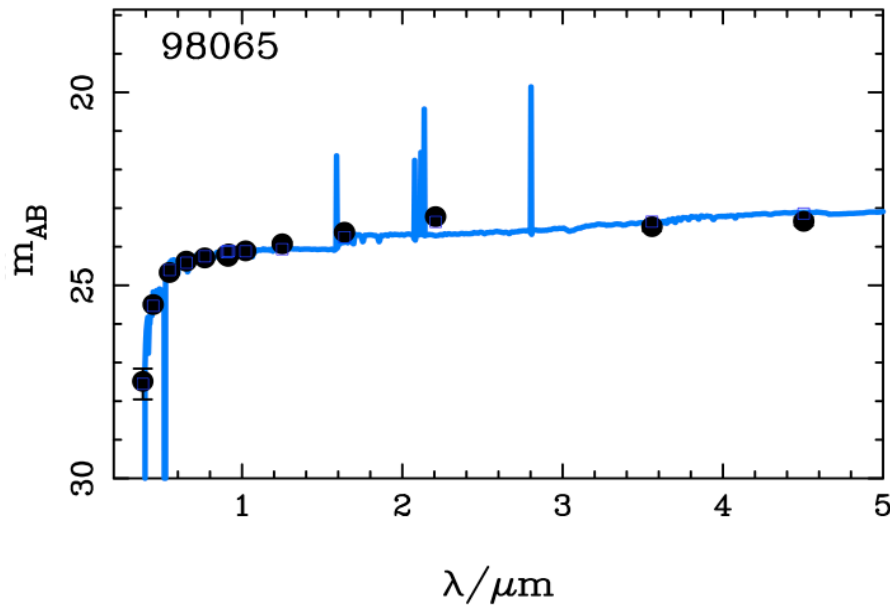
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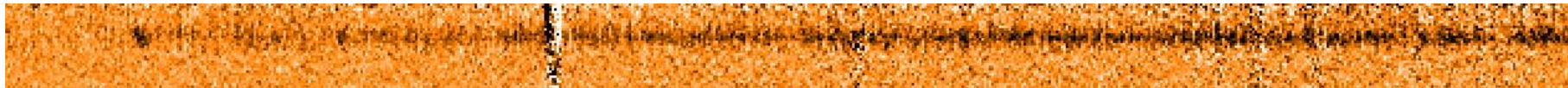
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CLASS:  $2.5 < z < 5.5$  SF

$z_{\text{phot}} = 3.27$

$z_{\text{spec}} = 3.24$

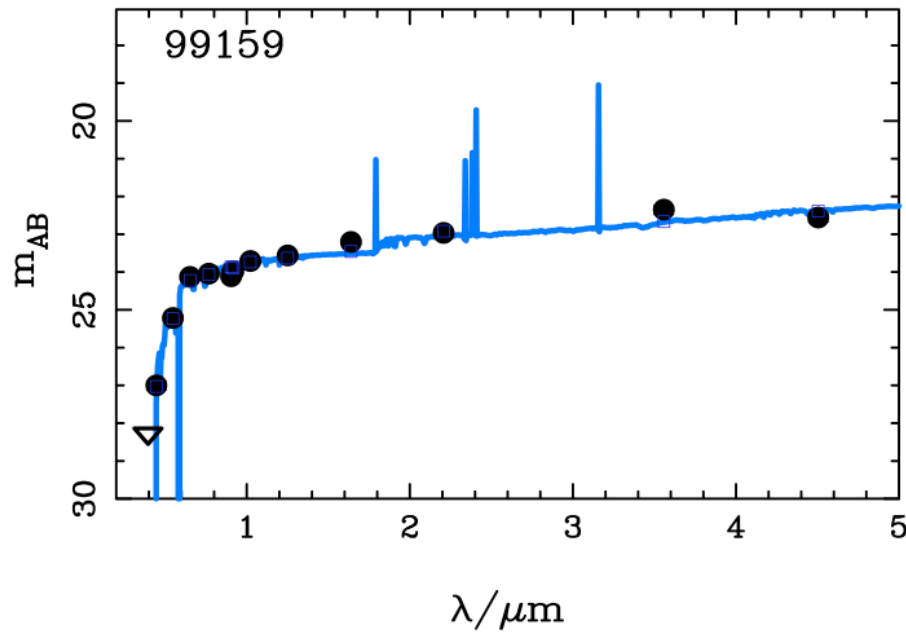


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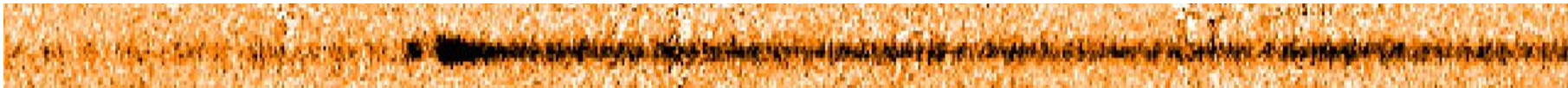
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ID: 99159

CLASS: High-z AGN

$z_{\text{phot}} = 3.81$

$z_{\text{spec}} = 3.97$

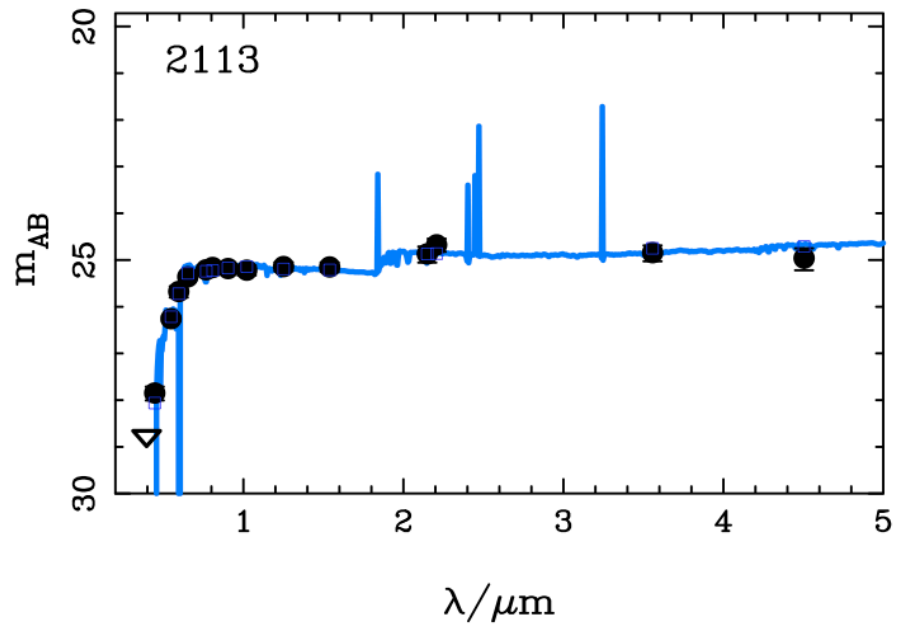


Type 1 AGN at  $z=3.97$

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ID: 2113

CLASS:  $3.0 < z < 7.0$  LBG

$z_{\text{phot}} = 3.94$

$z_{\text{spec}} = 4.03$

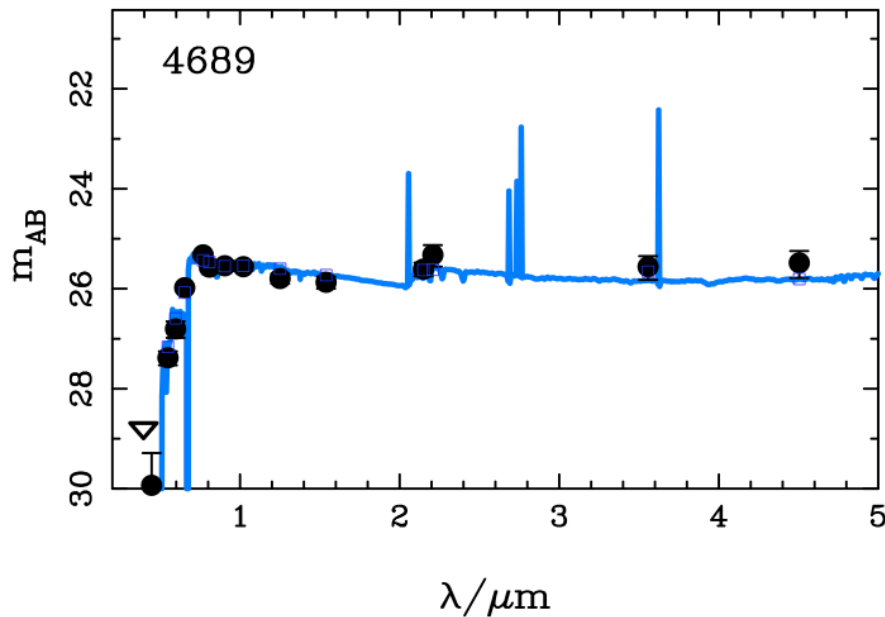


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ID: 4689

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$z_{phot} = 4.52$

$z_{spec} = 4.62$



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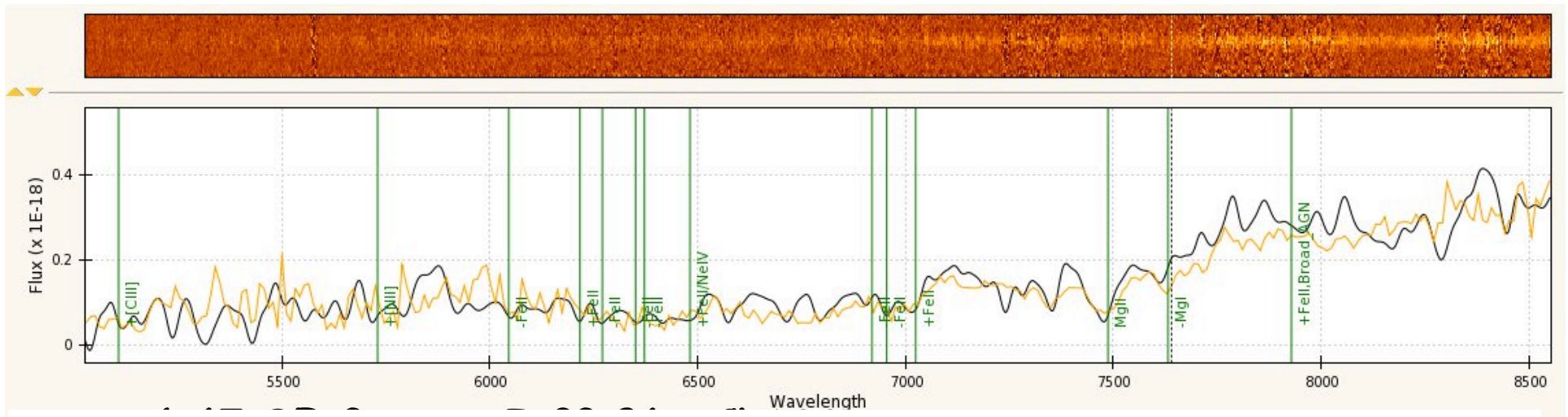
Example 1& 2D spectra from CDFS mask:

FIELD: CDFS (CANDELS AREA)

CLASS:  $1.5 < z < 1.5$  PASSIVE

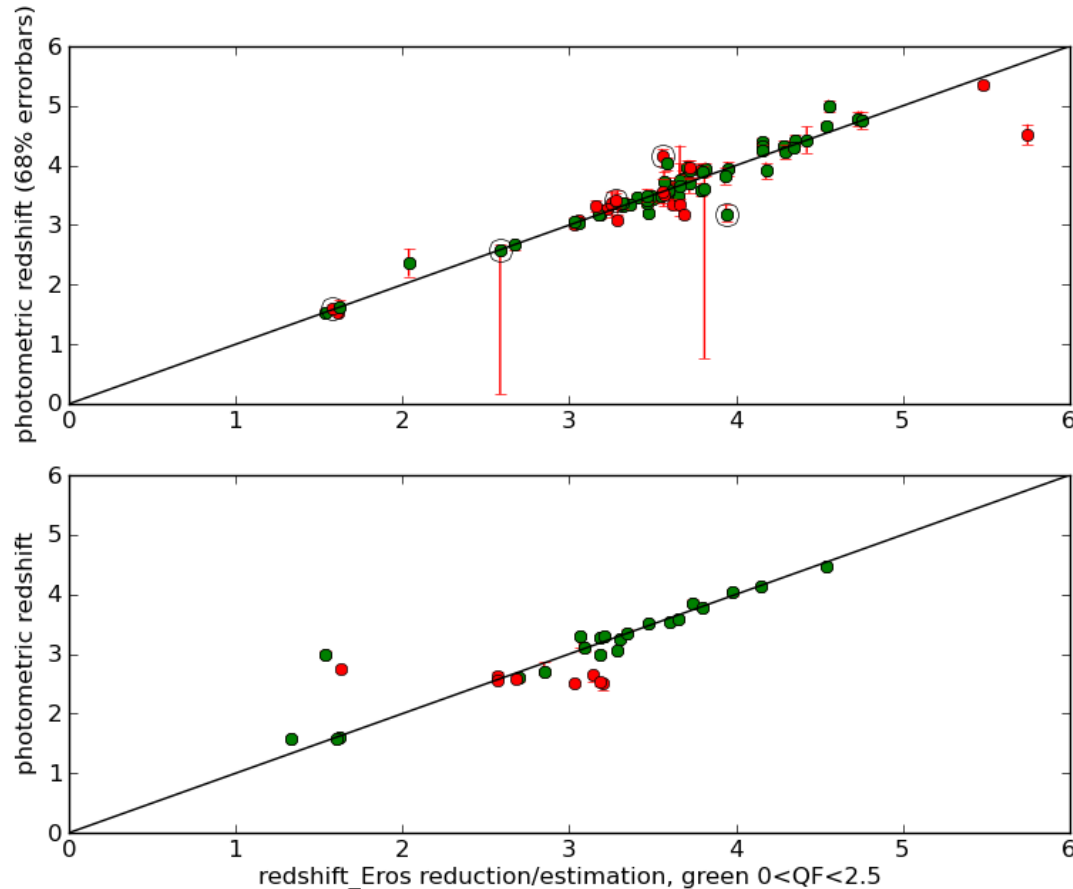
$z_{\text{phot}} = 1.522$

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$Z_{\text{spec}} - Z_{\text{phot}}$  comparison from test mask in CDFS

Upper plot: CANDELS area

Lower plot: EXTENDED area

Green = high quality redshift

Red = low quality redshift

Target selection appears to be working well...

# VANDELS: schedule

## Observations:

- ✓ 912 hours of **visitor mode observations** (spread over 240 nights) to be carried out in four observing seasons (Aug-Dec) during 2015-2018.
- ✓ Science goals: ages, masses, metallicities and outflows at high-z
- ✓ All raw data are immediately public on ESO archive

## Data Reduction:

- ✓ Data reduction is being carried out in Milan, by the team responsible for reducing VIMOS data obtained in VVDS, zCOSMOS, VIPERS and VUDS surveys
- ✓ Fully calibrated 1d and 2d spectra as well as additional data products will be made available ~9 months after observations

## Provisional Data Release Schedule:

Data release	Date	No. of completed spectra			No. of partially complete spectra			Total
		20-hrs	40-hrs	80-hrs	40-hrs(50%)	80-hrs(25%)	80-hrs(50%)	
DR1	Sept 2016	160	160	0	320	320	160	1120
DR2	Sept 2017	320	480	160	320	320	160	1760
DR3	Sept 2018	480	960	320	0	0	320	2080
DR4	Sept 2019	640	1280	640	0	0	0	2560

# VANDELS: waiting for E-ELT



- ✓ VANDELS is pushing today's facilities to perform the first survey aimed at studying the physics of high- $z$  galaxies
- ✓ VANDELS will open the road towards our understanding of high- $z$  galaxy physics. The findings will drive future observations using E-ELT
  - E-ELT MOS to push this kind of studies at  $z > 5$ . VANDELS effort on pre-selection will be precious.
  - VANDELS galaxies at  $z = 3-5$  will be the best targets for spatially resolved IFU E-ELT observations