

NEW PERSPECTIVES 2021

# RUNNING WITH BUFFALO ON THE FRONTIER

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# THINGS I WORK ON

- Photometry in crowded environments (also not crowded!)
  - Hubble Frontier Fields and BUFFALO
  - Exploring machine learning algorithms to denoise astronomy images
- Open questions that are applicable to large and small scales
  - Cross-over with Dark Energy Survey

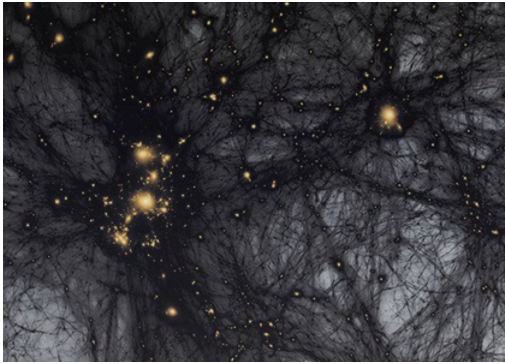


# WHAT ARE CLUSTERS?

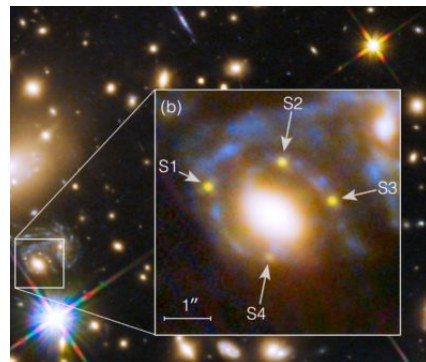
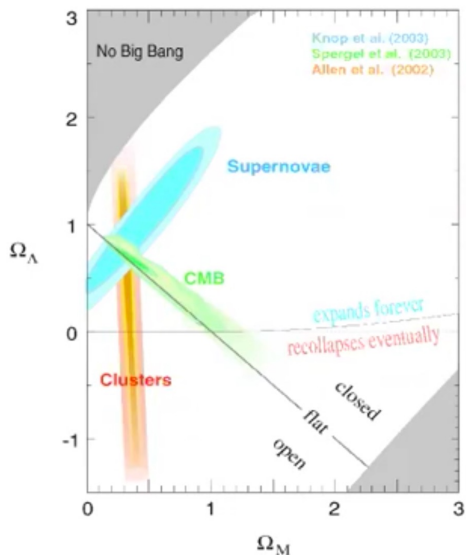
- Clusters represent the high density tails of matter distribution in the universe
- $10^{14}$ - $10^{15}$  solar masses
- 100s to 1000s of galaxies per cluster, called richness



# CLUSTERS GIVE US ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON MULTIPLE SCALES



Frank van den Bosch



C. Grillo et al 2018

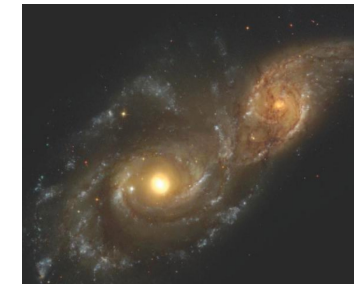
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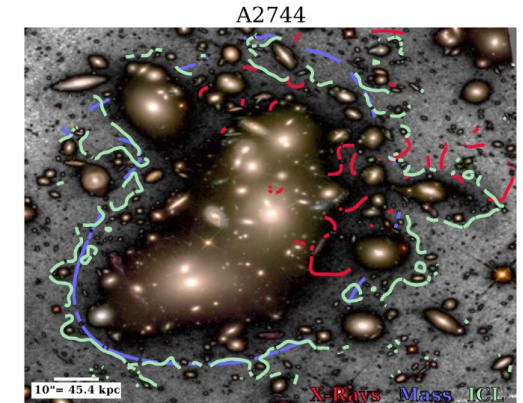
- Structure formation
- **Gravitational lensing**
- Time delay cosmology

### Small scales

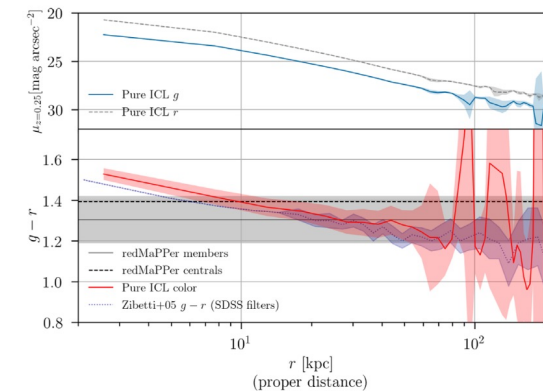
- Galaxy dynamics and evolution
- **Gravitational lensing**
- Environmental effects
- Intracluster medium
- High-z galaxies



Binney and Tremaine

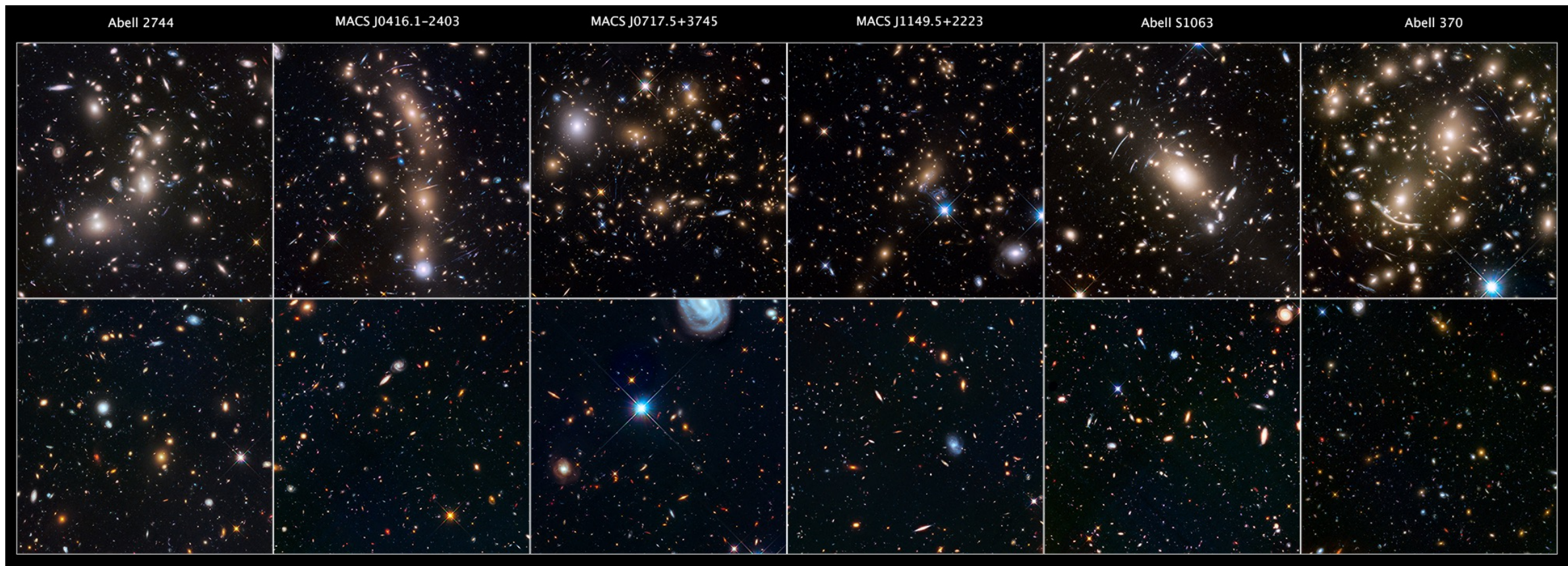


Montes et al 2019



Zhang et al 2019

# MEET THE HUBBLE FRONTIER FIELDS

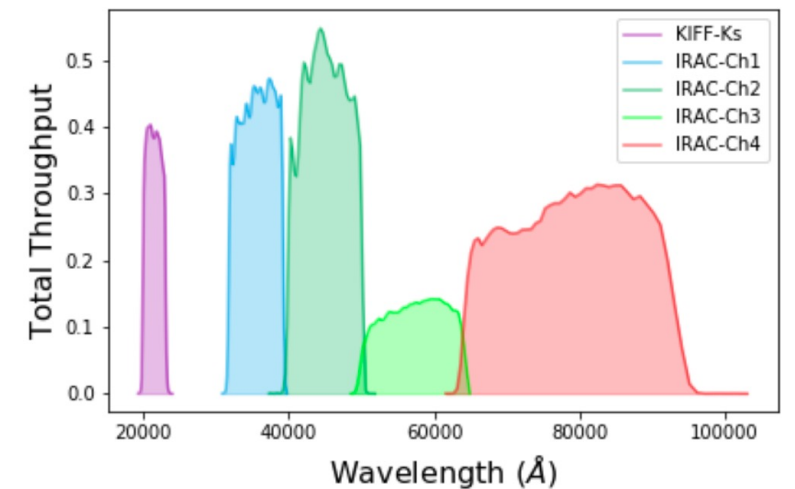
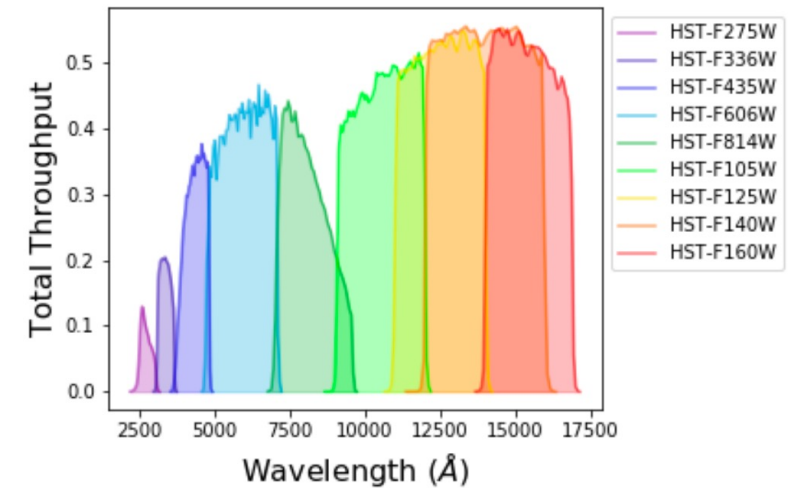
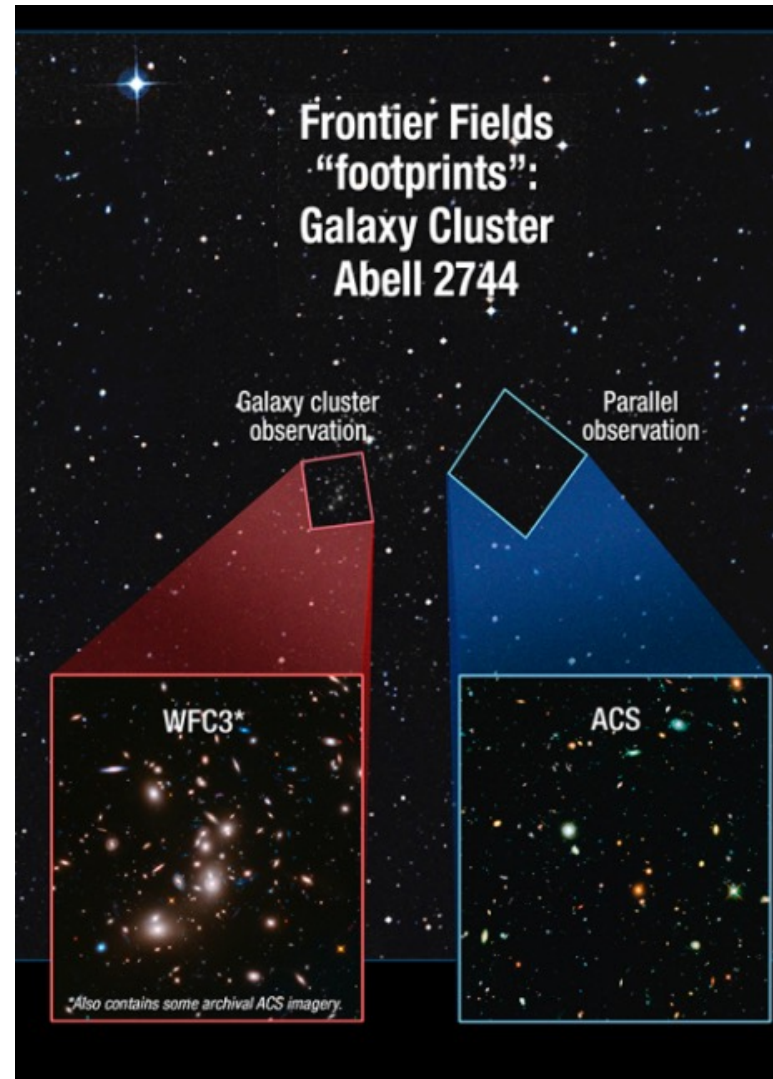


Credits: [NASA](#), [ESA](#), [STScI](#), and the HFF team

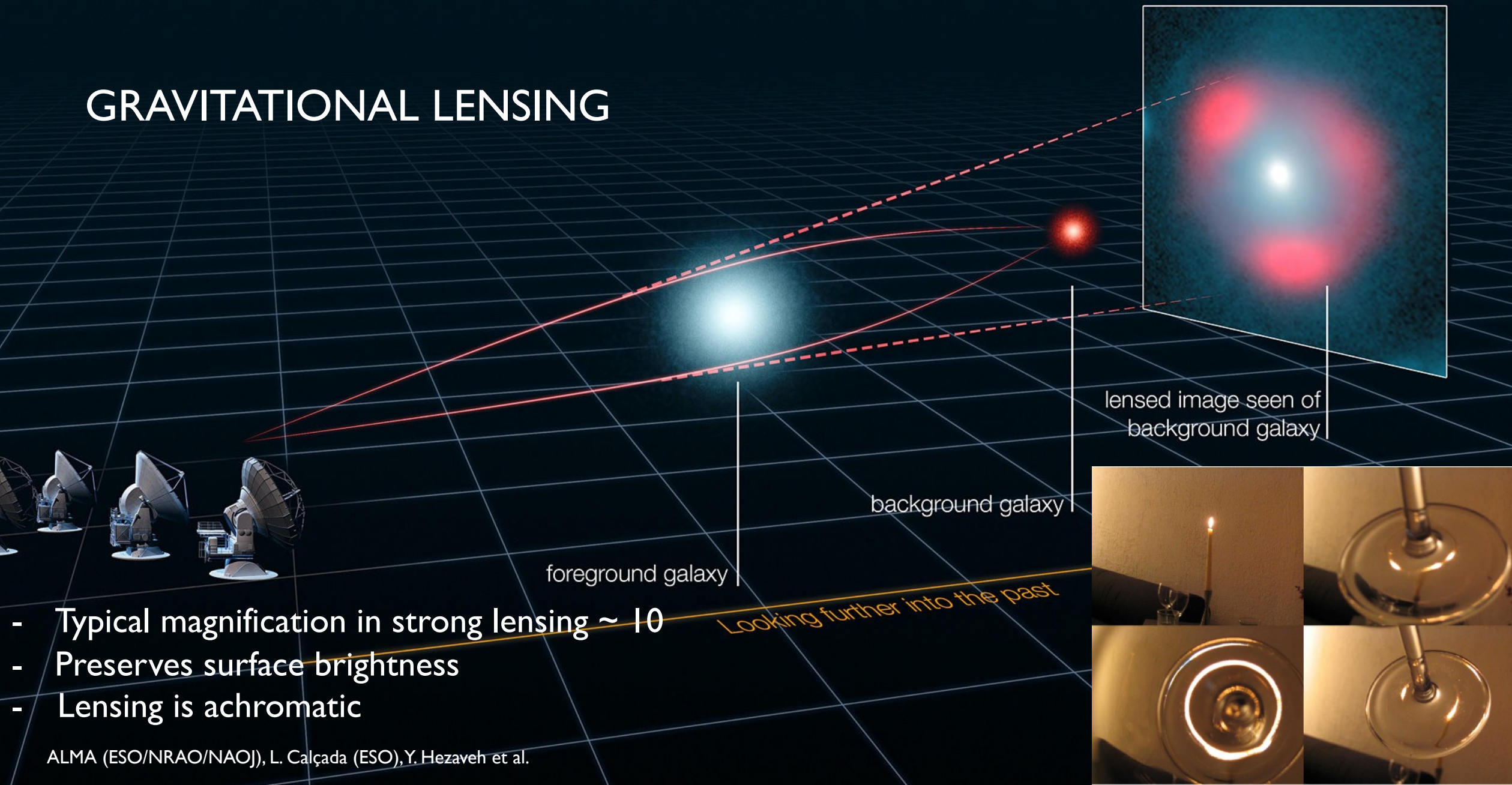


# MEET THE HUBBLE FRONTIER FIELDS

- Deep imaging of 6 massive clusters and their parallel (infall) fields
- Massive clusters = strong lensing, “Nature’s magnifying glass”
- Data from >10 HST bands, I Ks band, and 4 Spitzer bands—large wavelength coverage



# GRAVITATIONAL LENSING



- Typical magnification in strong lensing  $\sim 10$
- Preserves surface brightness
- Lensing is achromatic

# WHAT CAN CLUSTER STUDIES TELL US?

1

Understand how the galaxy properties evolve in different environments

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Understand galactic assembly and clustering

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Probe the high redshift universe

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Prepare for future surveys, such as JWST and LSST



## BEHIND THE SCENES

- This science is based on the existence of (galaxy) catalogs
- Raw products are (beautiful) images
- Data reduction and processing is an important building block in doing cluster science

# HOW DO YOU GO FROM

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Images courtesy of the BUFFALO collaboration

This?

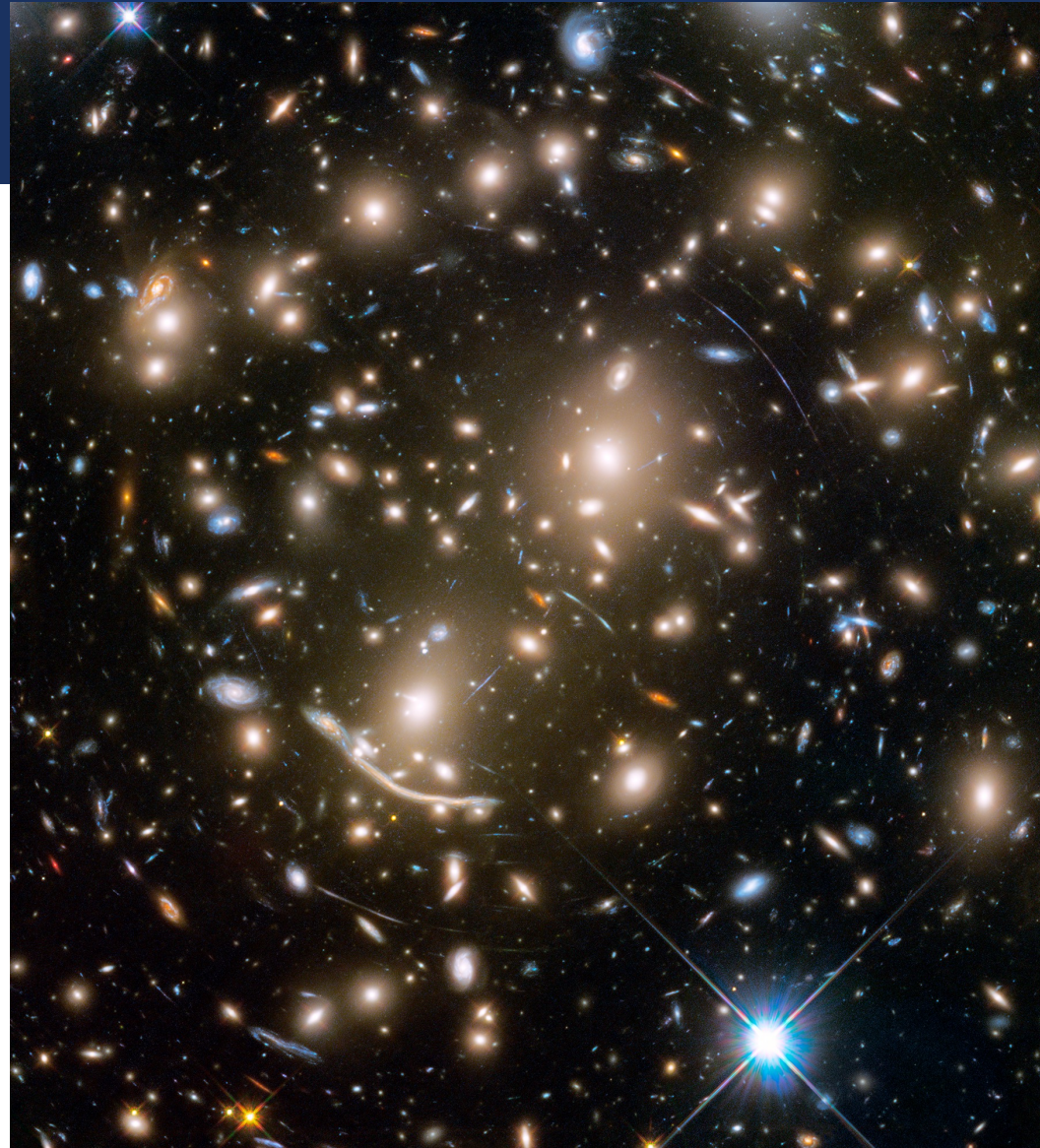


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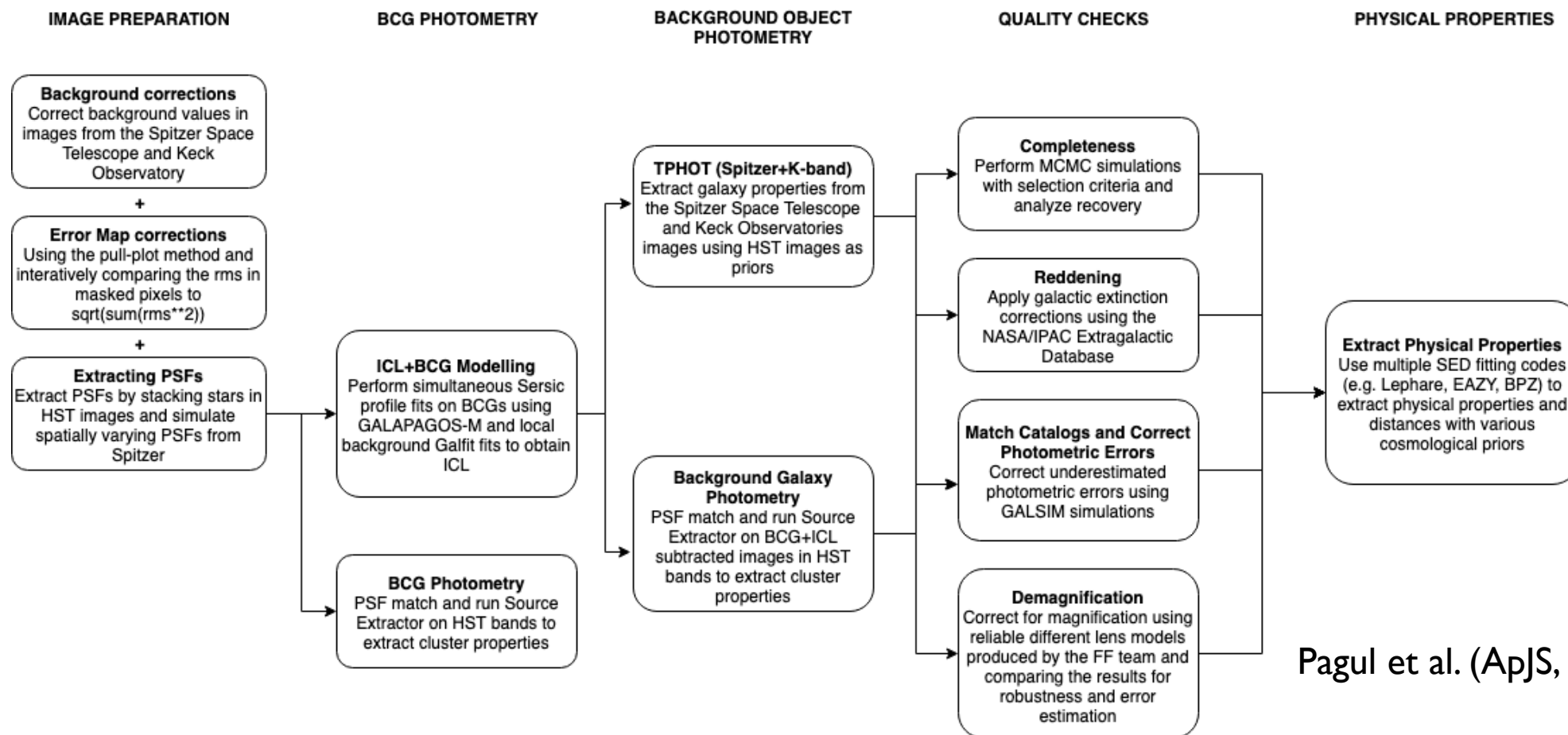
- Extracting galaxy properties in crowded fields is a difficult problem
  - Blending
  - Bright cluster members
  - Intra-cluster light



# PUFFIN PIPELINE



## Photometric Utilities in the Frontier Fields INitiative





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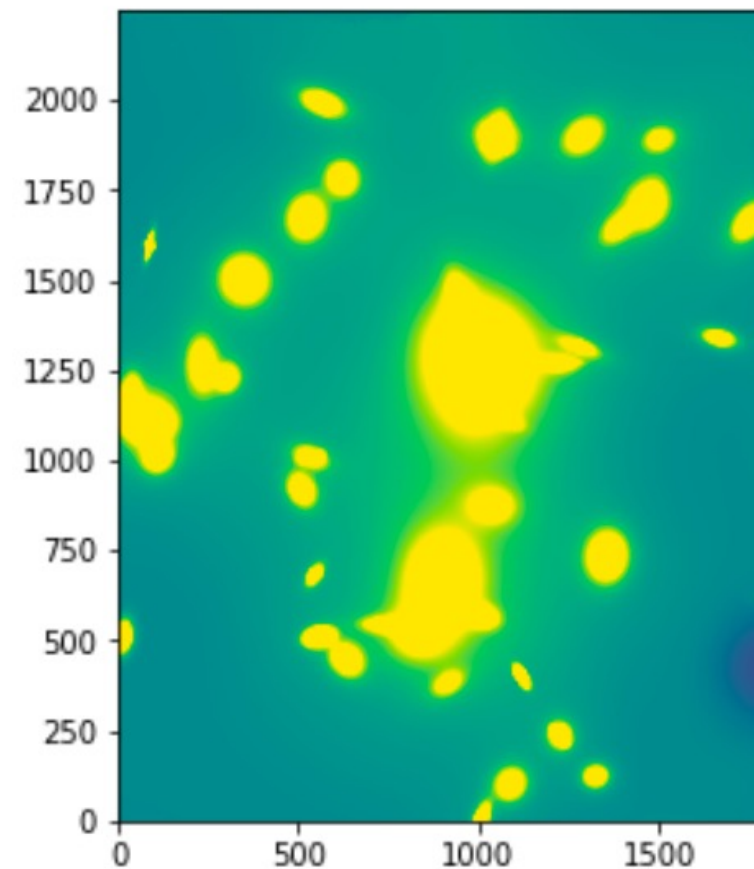
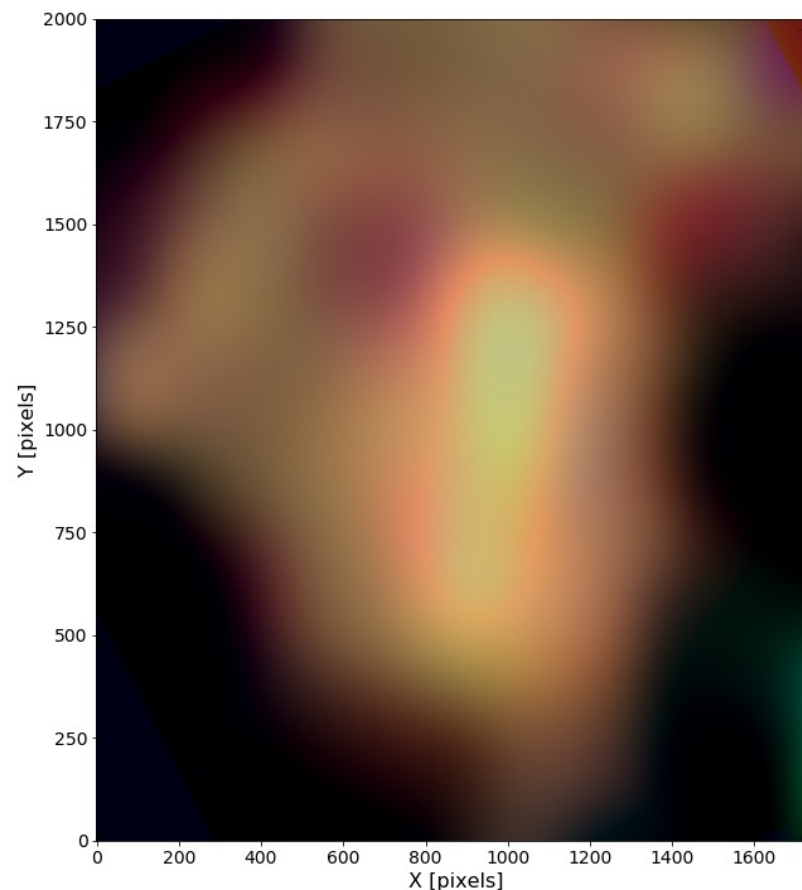


## ICL+BCG Modelling

Perform simultaneous Sersic profile fits on BCGs using GALAPAGOS-M and local background Galfit fits to obtain ICL

## BCG Photometry

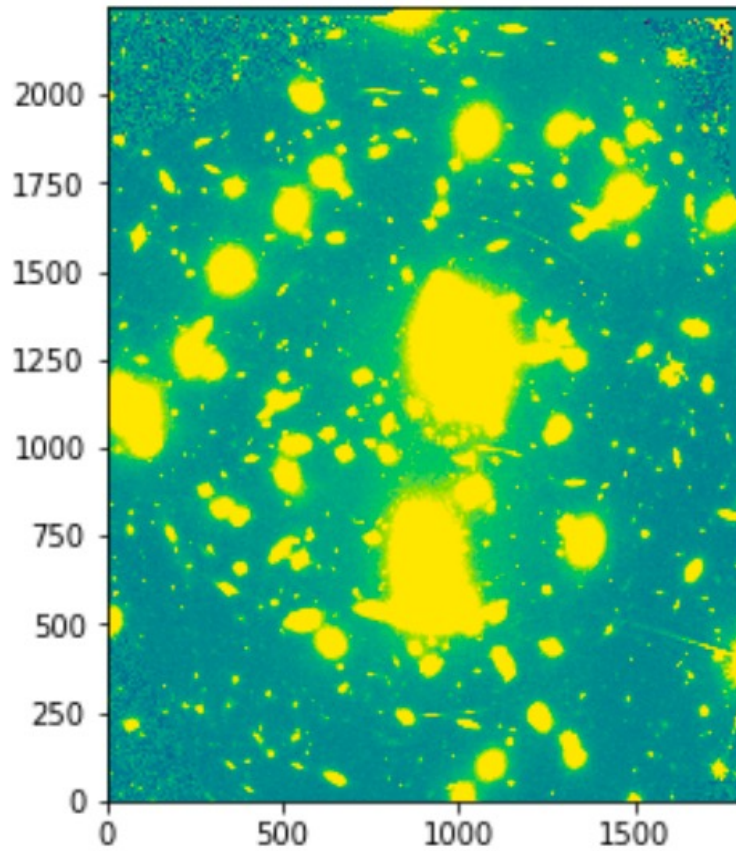
PSF match and run Source Extractor on HST bands to extract cluster properties



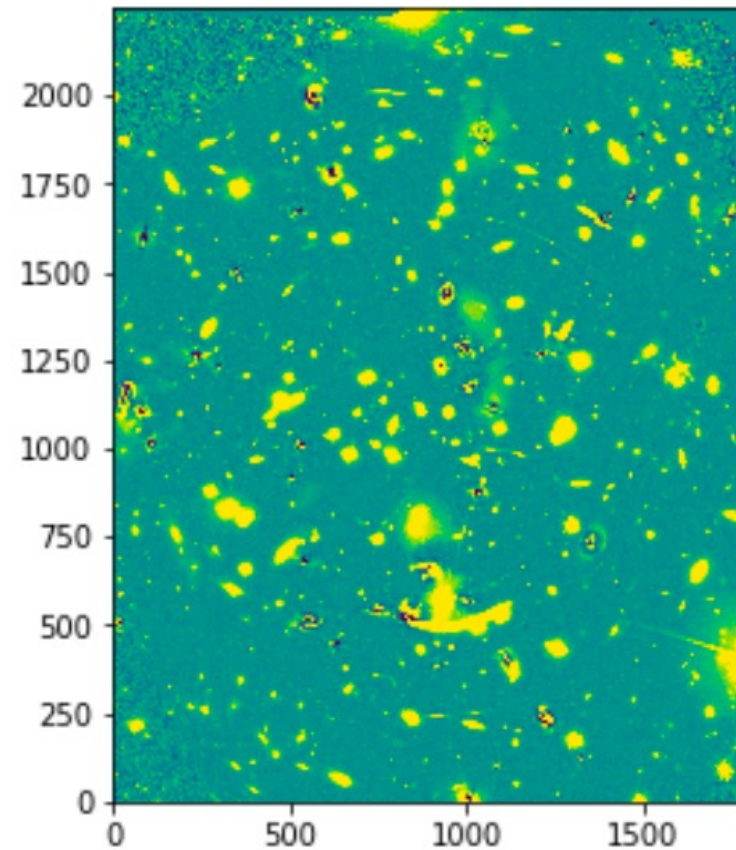
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After ICL+BCG subtraction



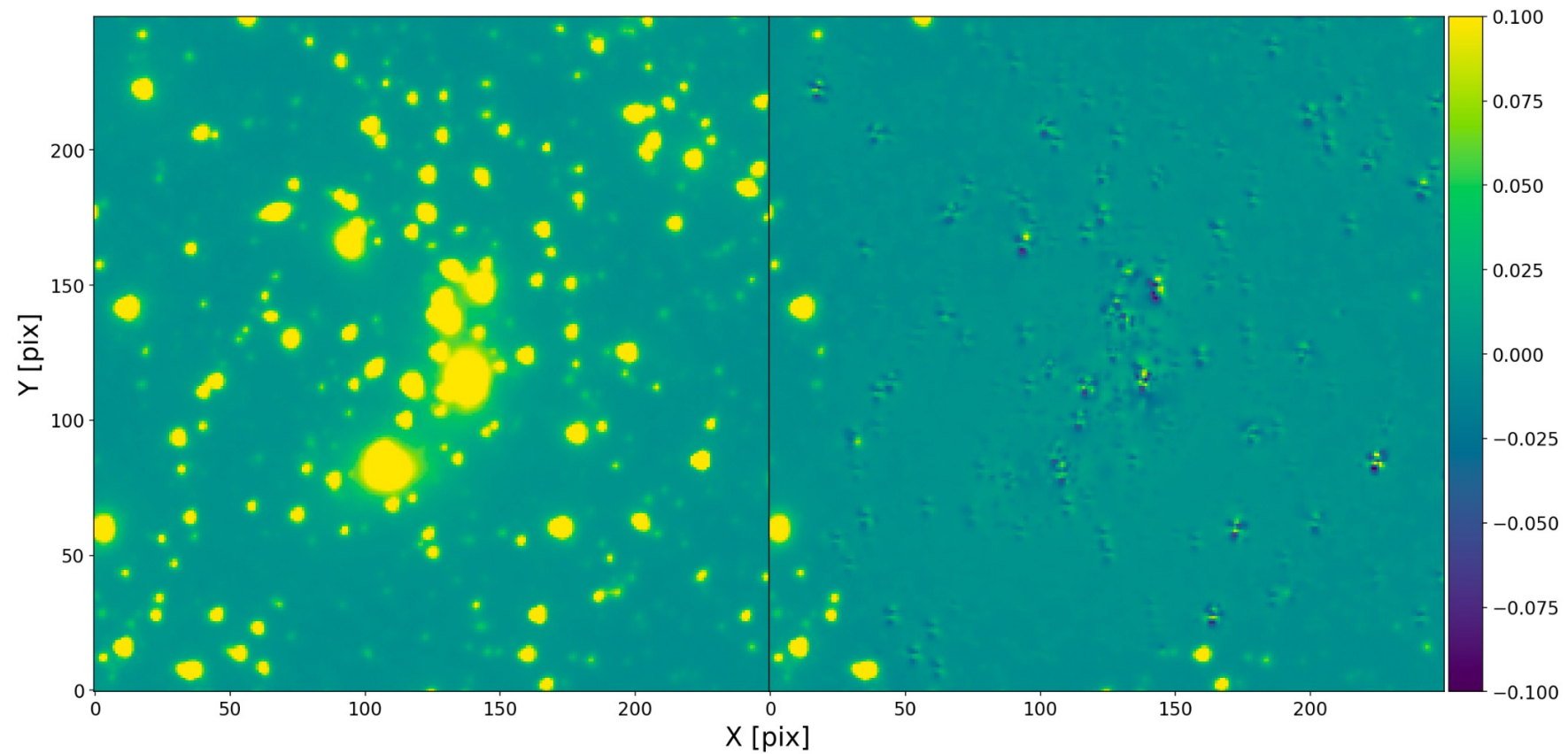


# REDUCING ANCILLARY DATA

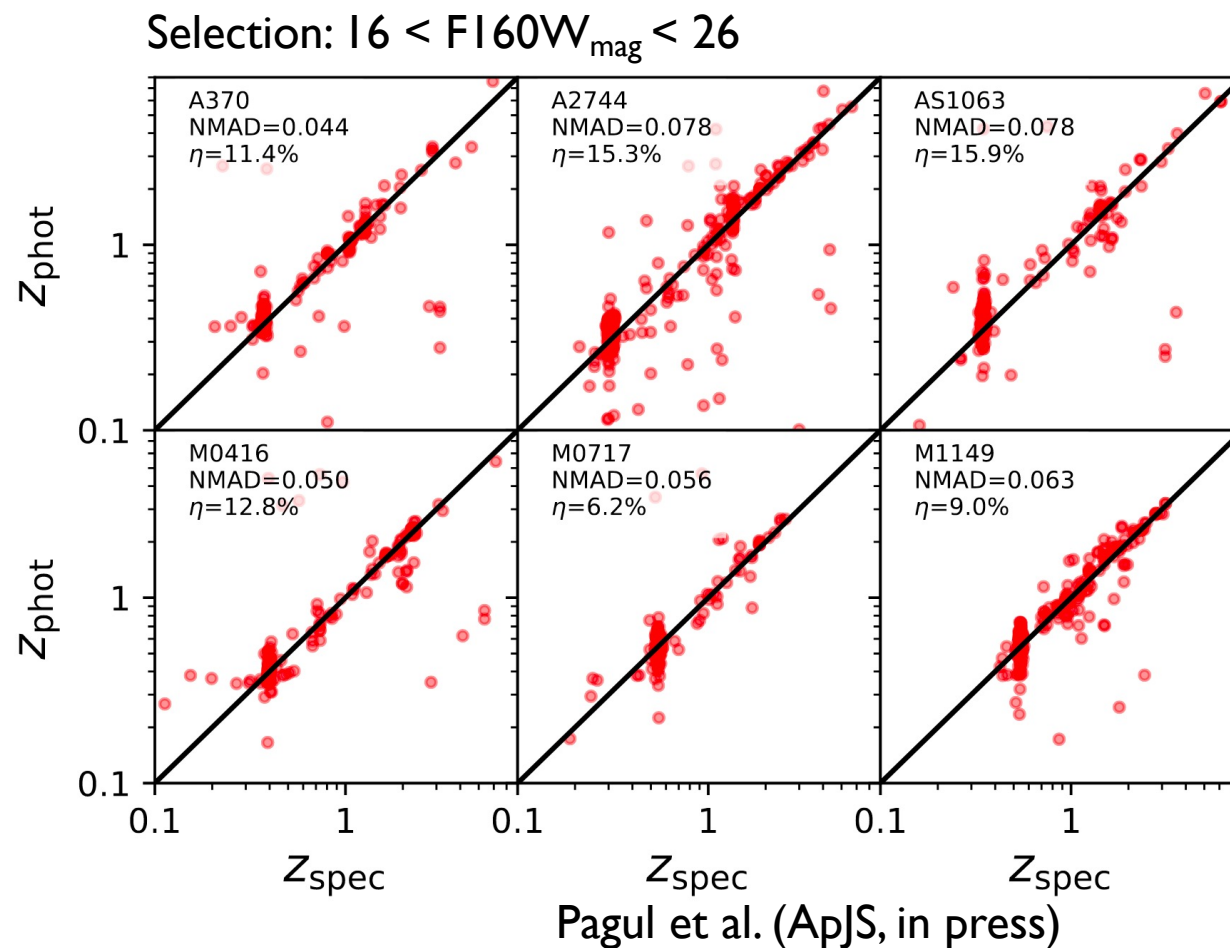
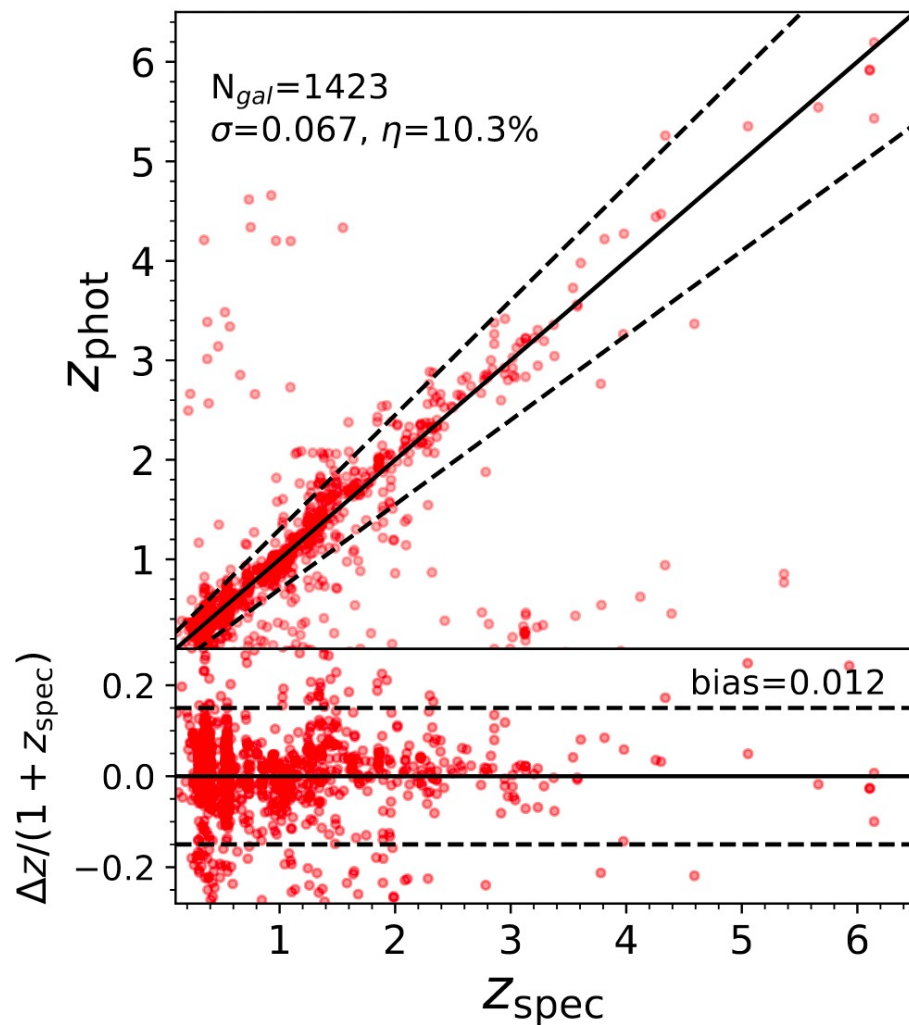


IRAC Channel I

TPHOT Residual



# CATALOG DIAGNOSTICS & RESULTS





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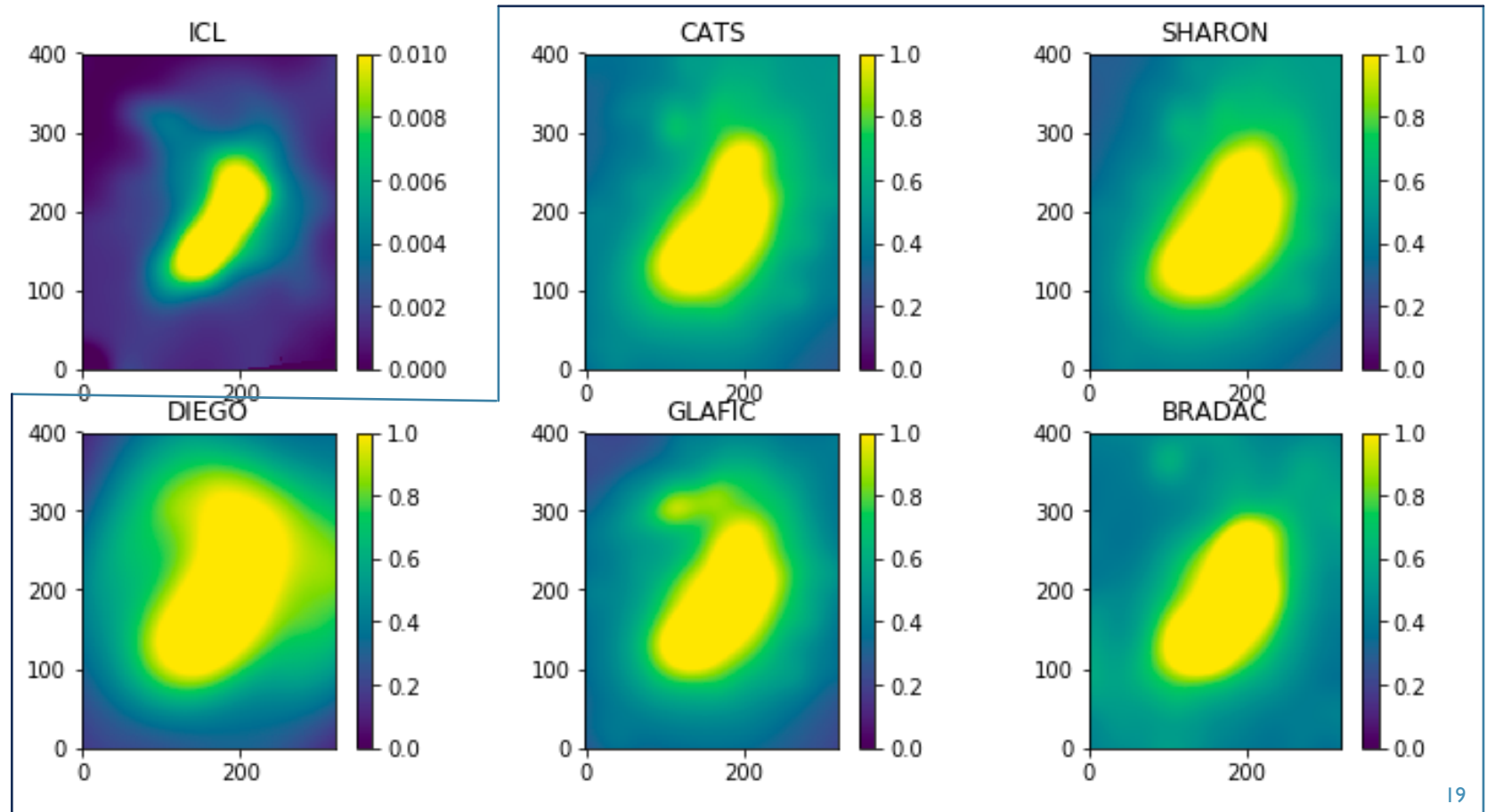
- Intra-cluster light is a significant contribution to light in clusters: 10-50% (Behroozi+ 13, Zhang+ 19 )
- Is the ICL the same color as galaxies? Or stars?
- Can we infer properties about the gas from the ICL?
- Does the ICL trace matter? (Montes & Trujillo 19, Sampaio-Santos+ 20)
- Can the ICL help us make better mass maps?



# WHAT CAN CLUSTER STUDIES TELL US?

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Understand early  
galactic assembly  
and clustering



# WHAT CAN CLUSTER STUDIES TELL US?

## BEYOND **ULTRA-DEEP FRONTIER FIELDS AND LEGACY OBSERVATIONS**

3

Probe the high  
redshift universe

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surveys, such as  
JWST and LSST



**BUFFALO**

Steinhardt, Jauzac, and the BUFFALO collaboration (2020)

<https://buffalo.ipac.caltech.edu/>

## SUMMARY

- Cluster science can help us answer questions about the universe at the smallest and largest scales.
- Cluster science is also very complex and efficiently capturing the data in a catalog is difficult.
- If you would like to use these HFF catalogs, please reach out to me at [apagul@ucr.edu](mailto:apagul@ucr.edu).
- Check out the work that BUFFALO is doing—potential for exciting new science!



# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!

## UNDERWHELMED

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"Fixing Hubble"

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# BACKUP SLIDES

# CATALOG DIAGNOSTICS & RESULTS

- Value added catalogs include >100 columns detailing positions, photometry, redshifts, and error/diagnostics in 15 HST+Ks+IRAC bands
- SED fitting done with LePhare

Arnouts & Ilbert

