

# Extreme emission line galaxies in J-PLUS

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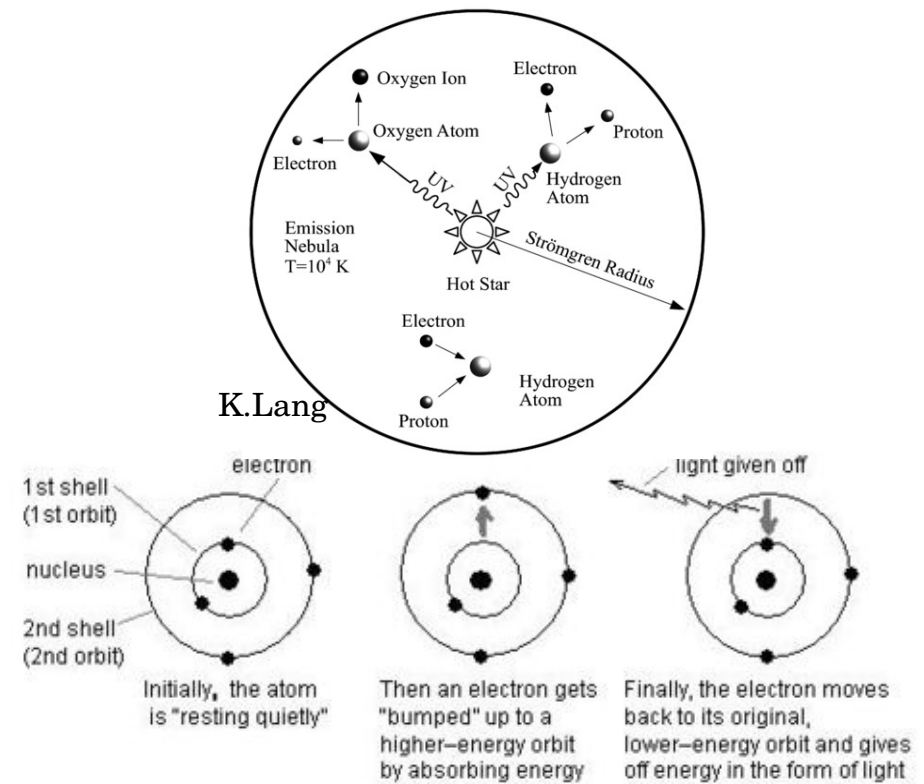


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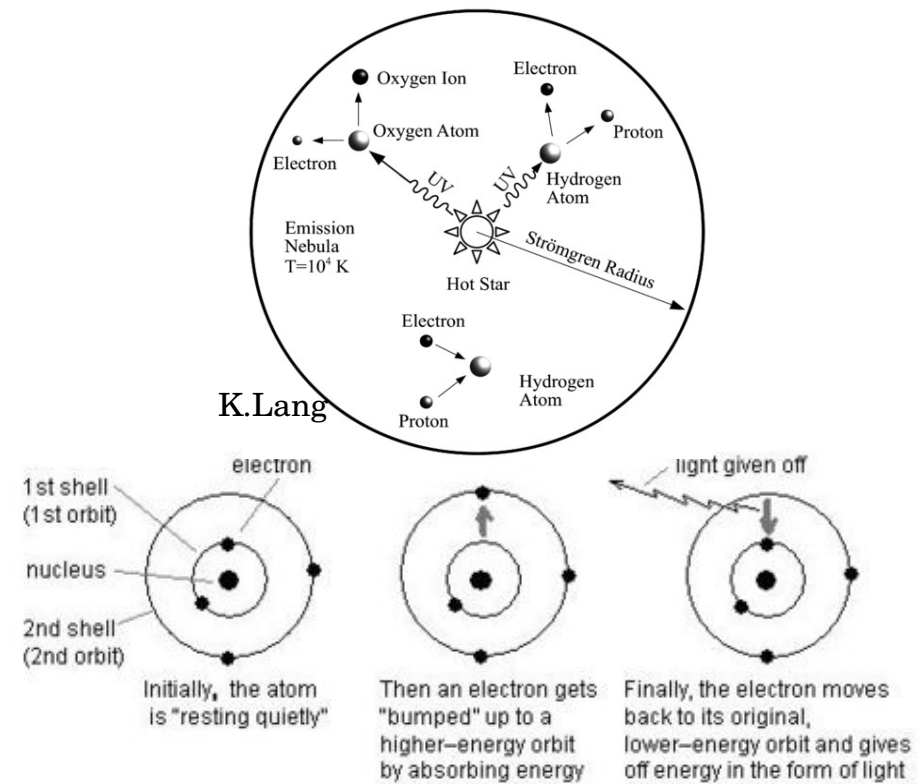
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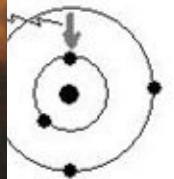
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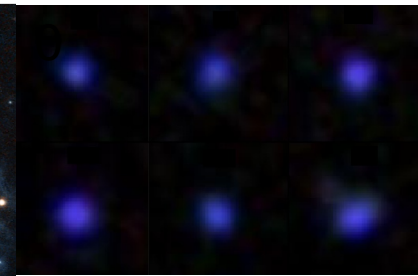
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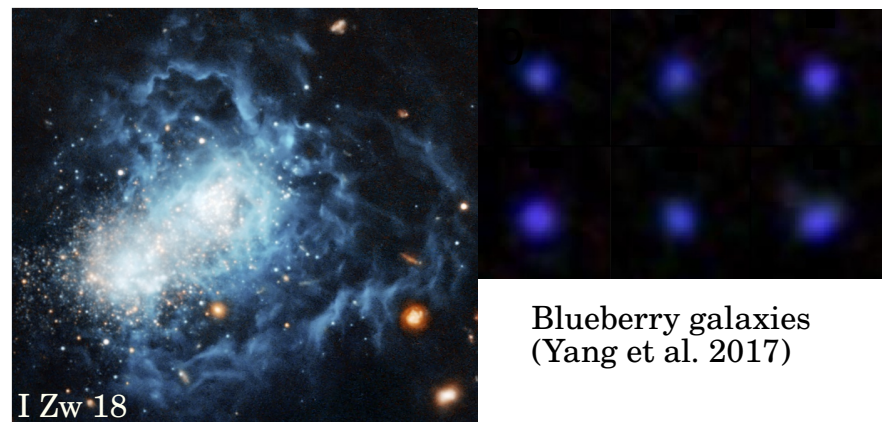
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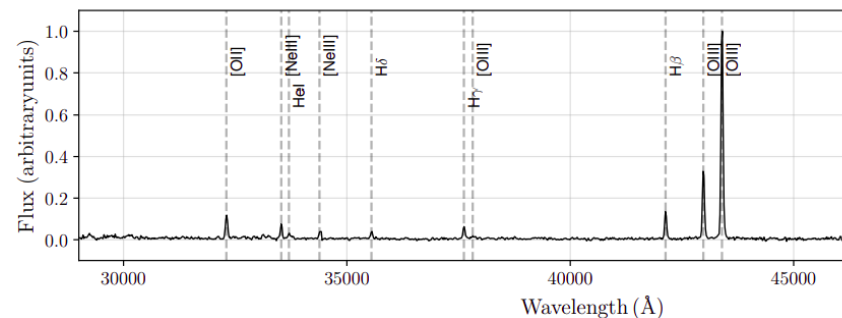
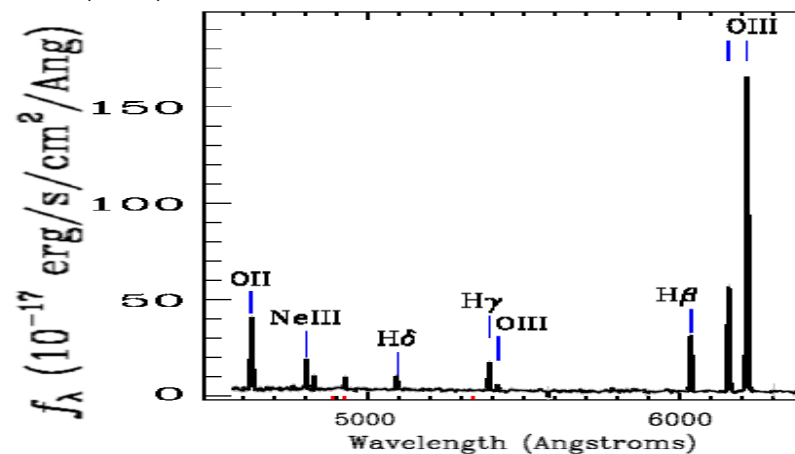
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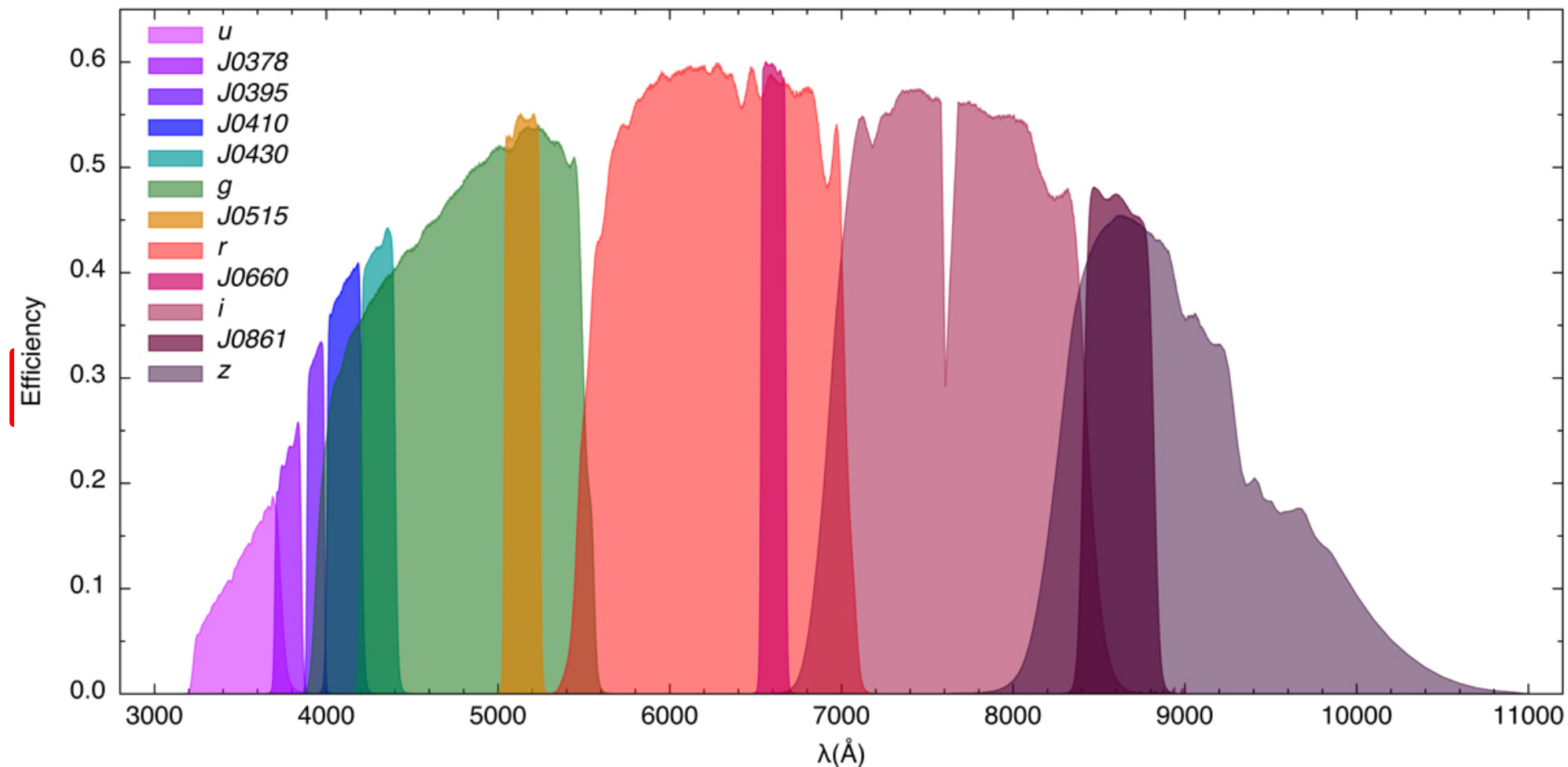
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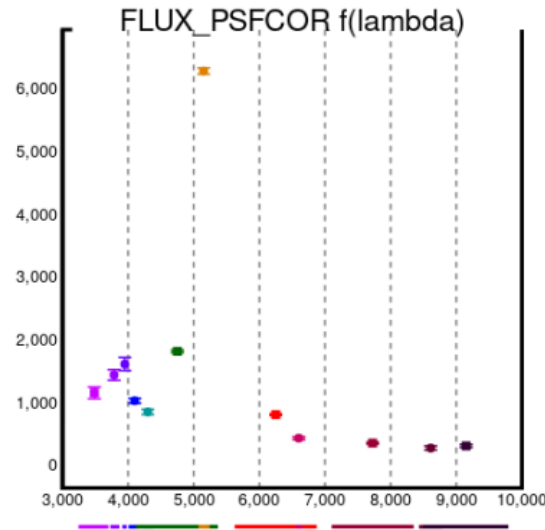
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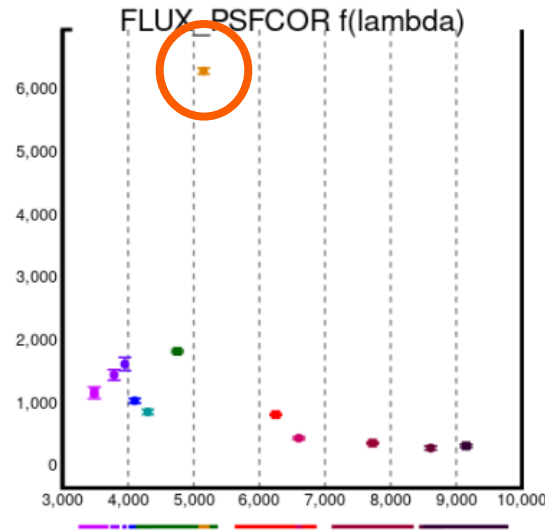
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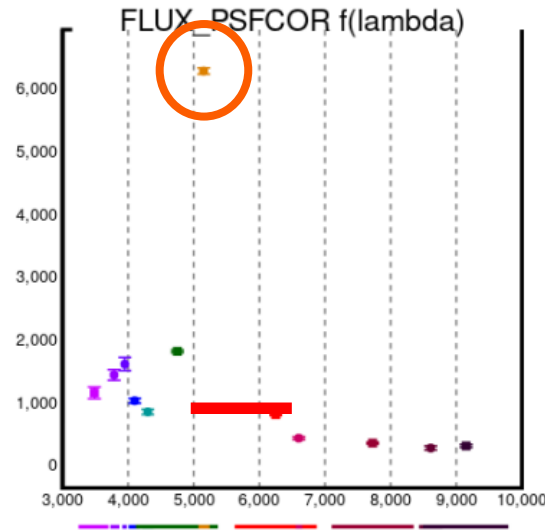
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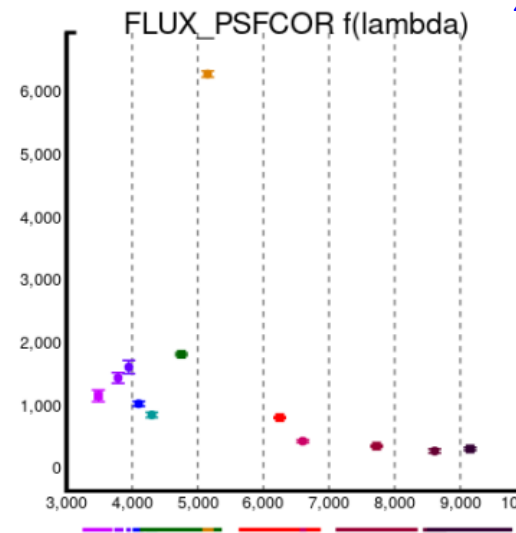
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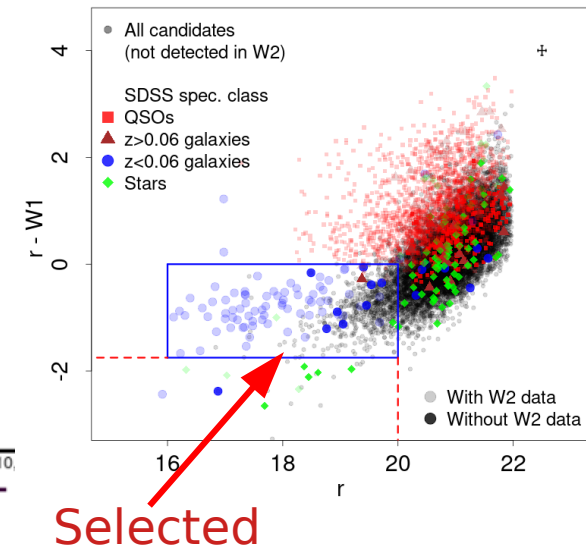


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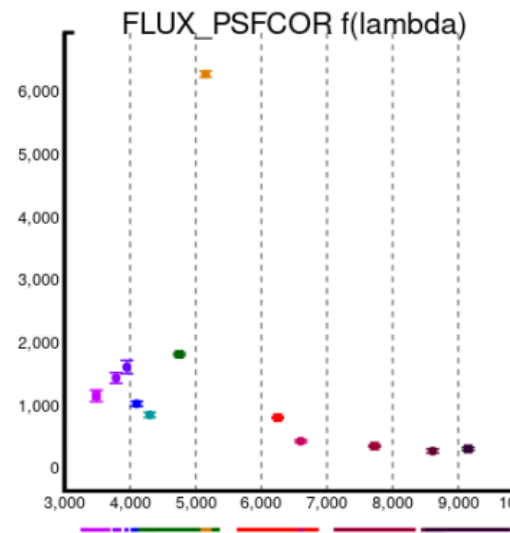
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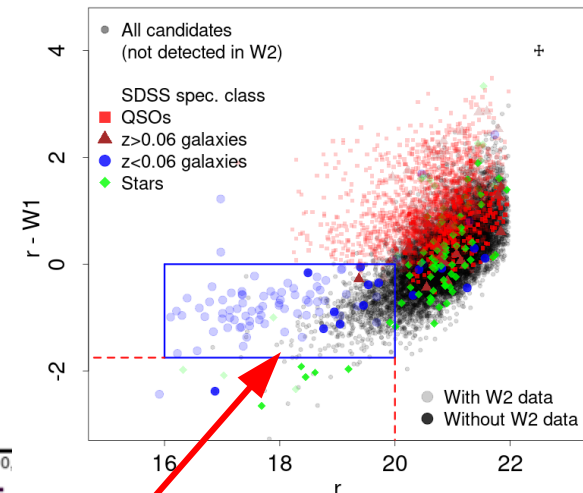
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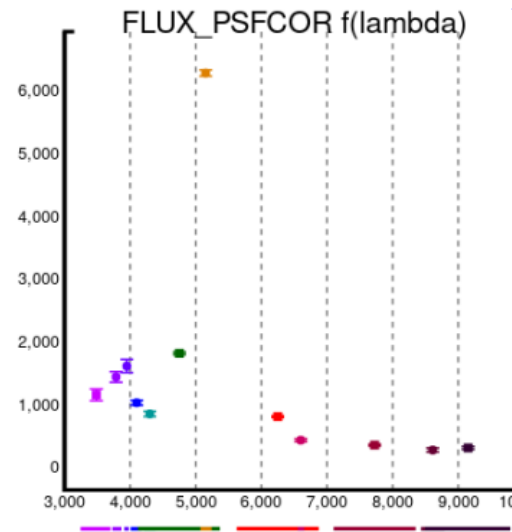
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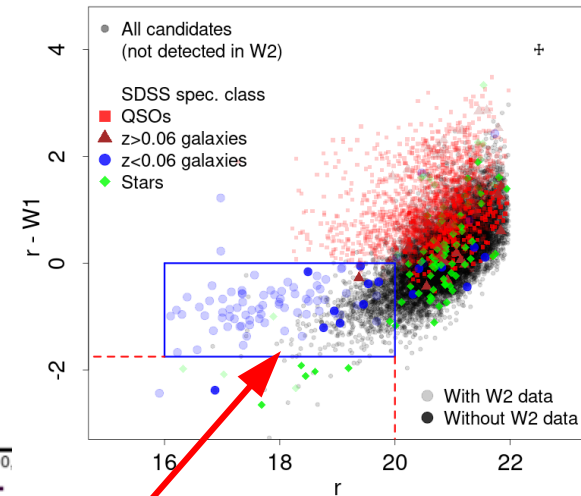
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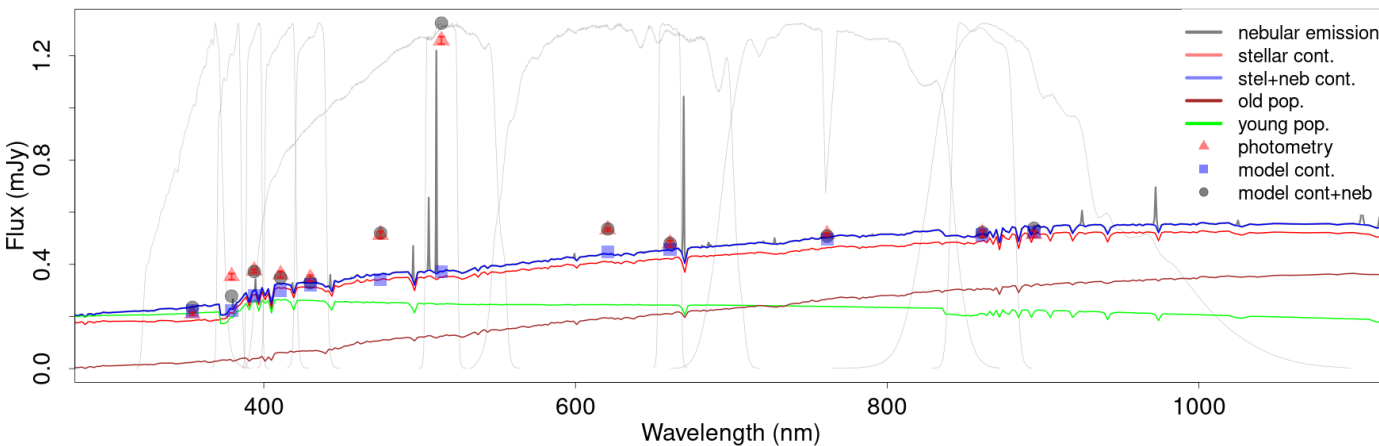


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**3. SED fit to extract physical information**

- Compare light distribution to theoretical models
- Very young burst ( $\leq 6$  Myr)
- Low-mass galaxies
  - Median value  $\log(M_*/M_\odot) \sim 8$   $M_\odot$  (7.5-9)
- Low dust extinction  $E(B-V) \sim 0.15$

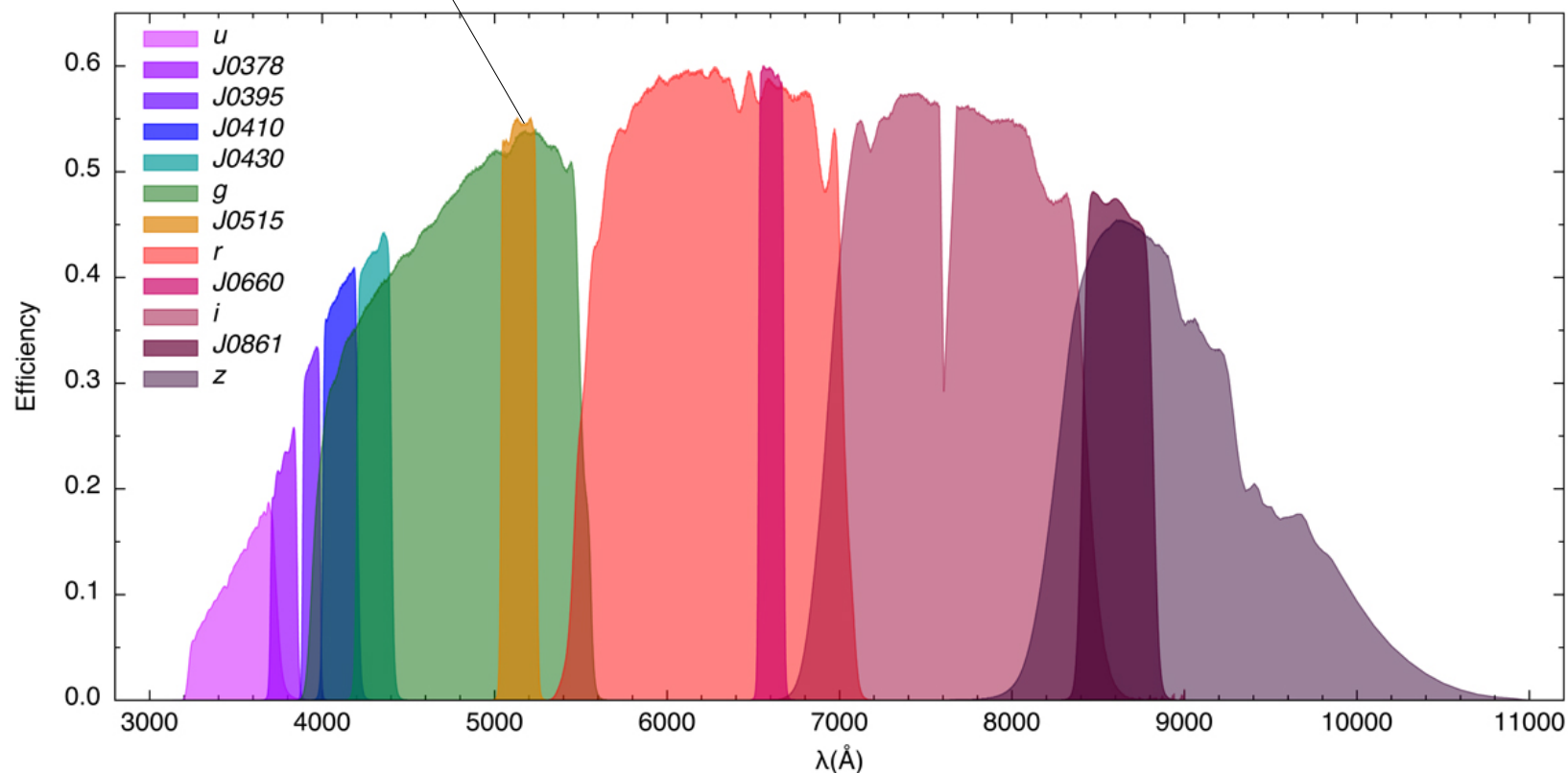
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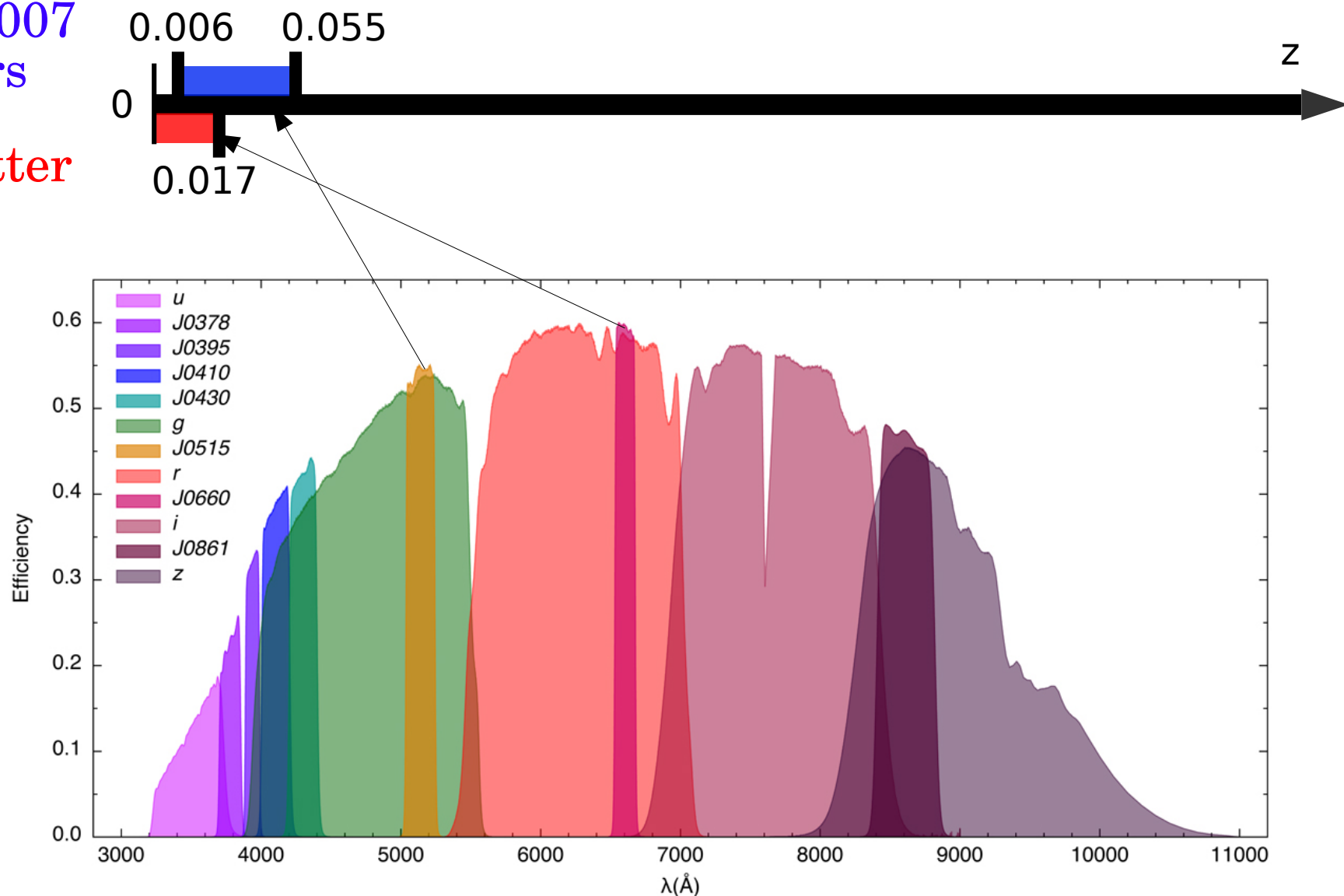


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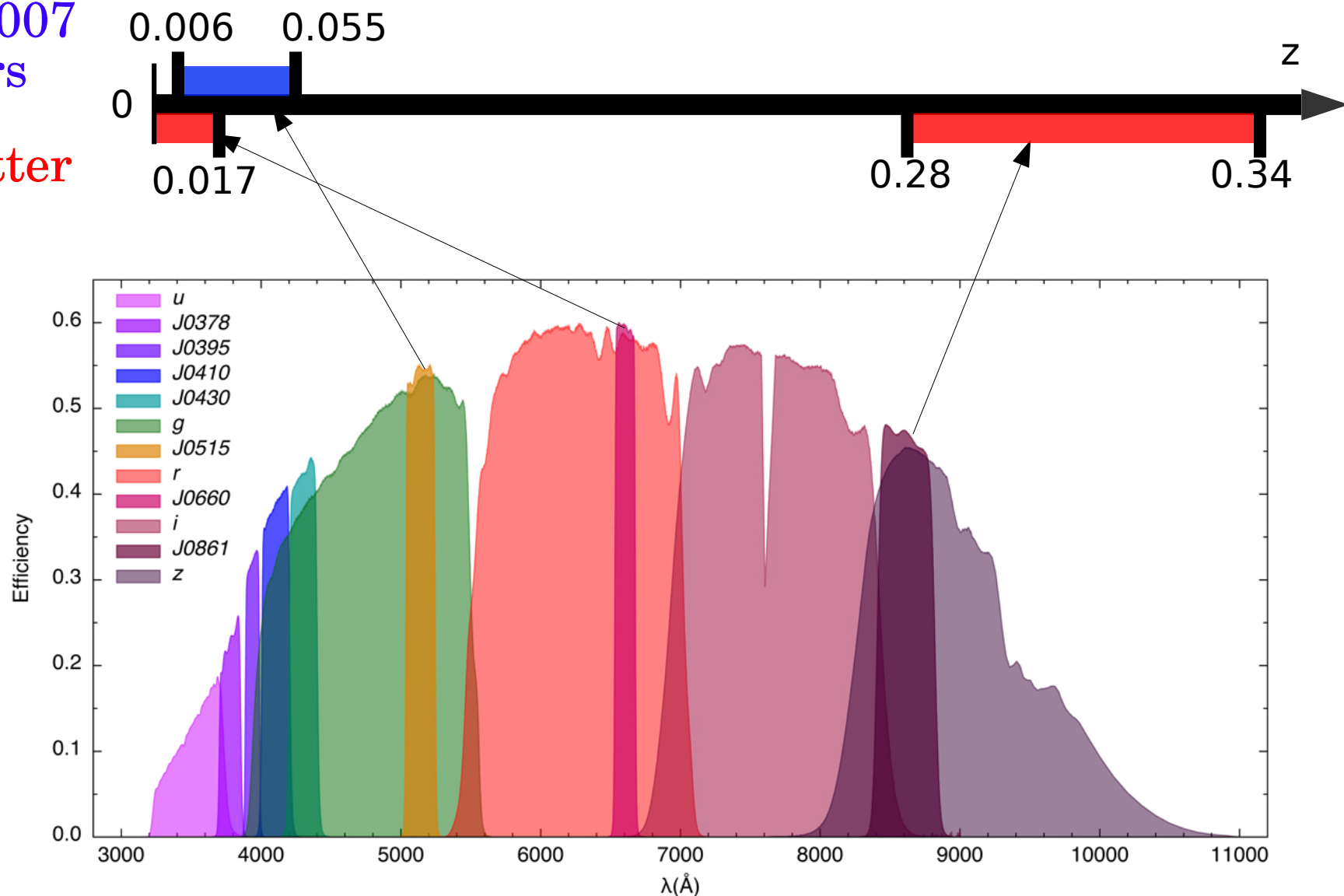


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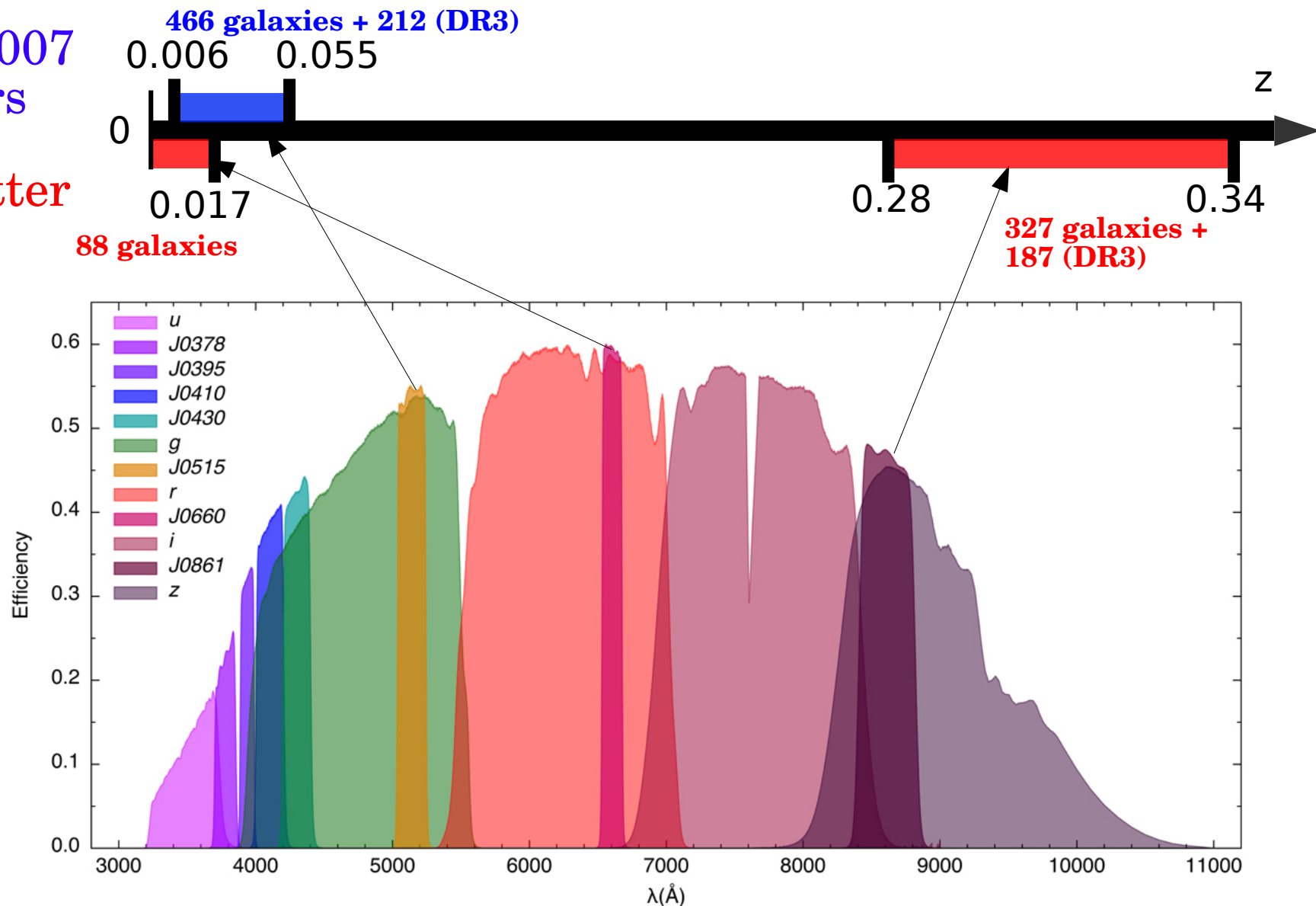


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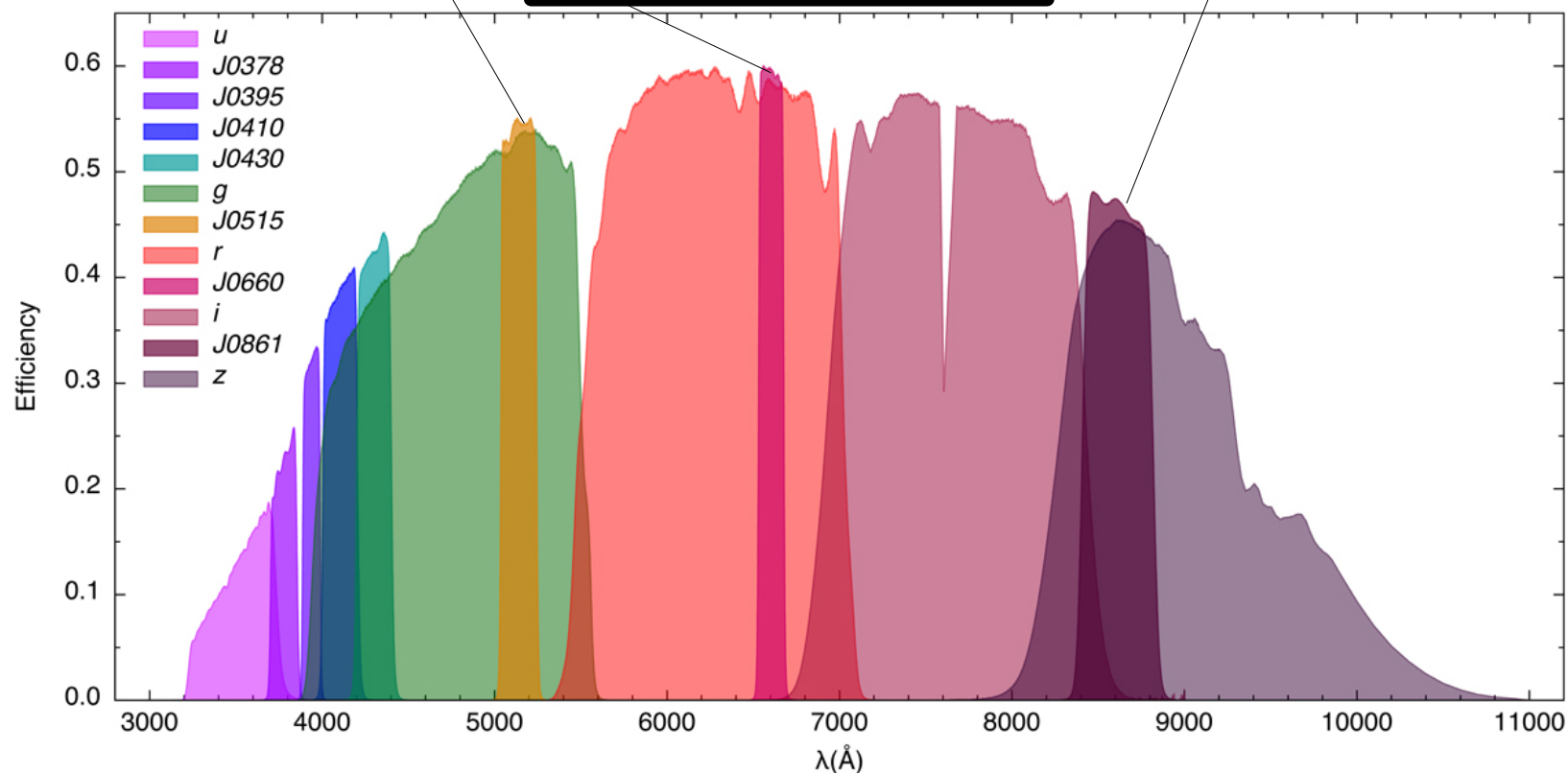
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88 galaxies

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327 galaxies +  
187 (DR3)

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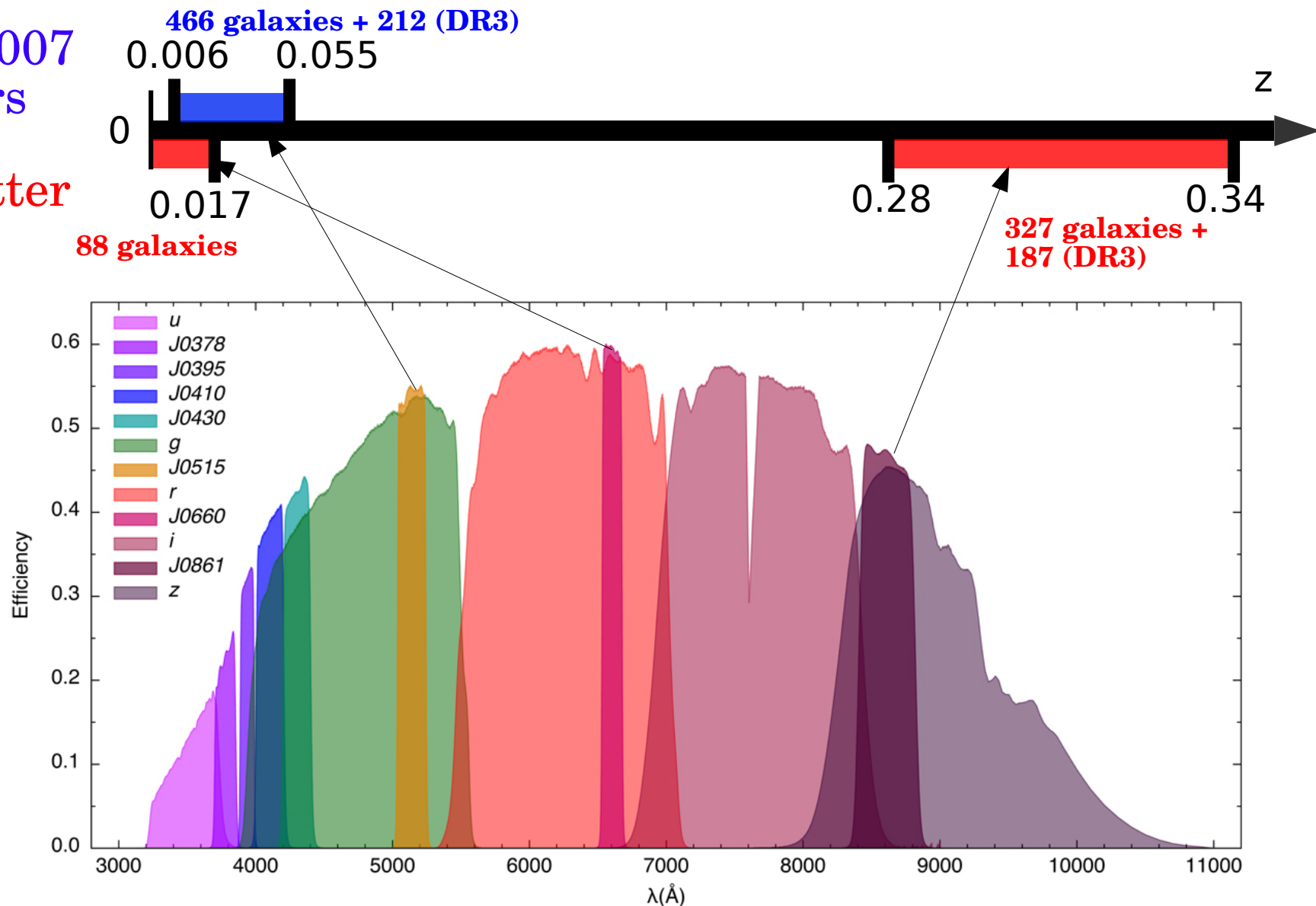


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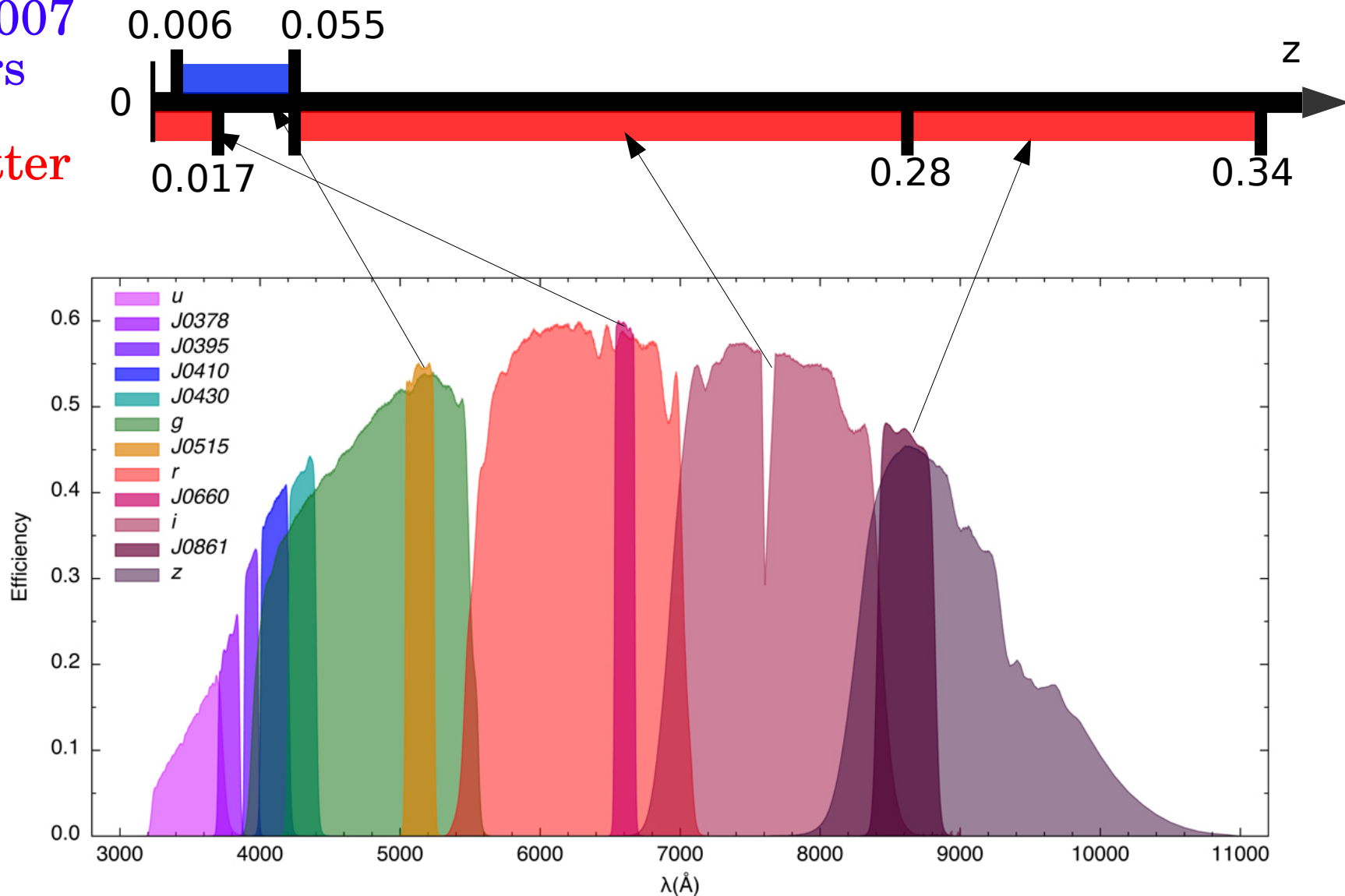
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## Final redshift gap covered

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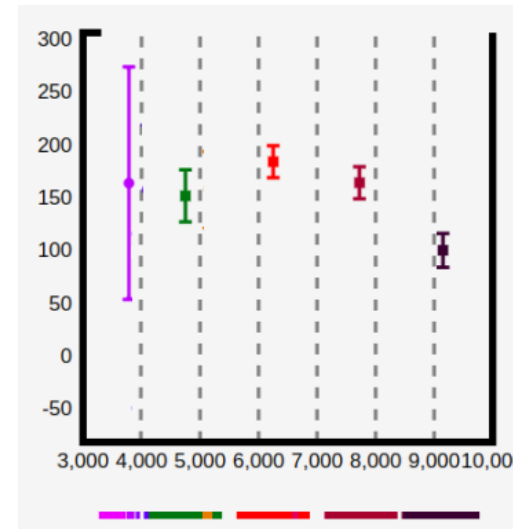
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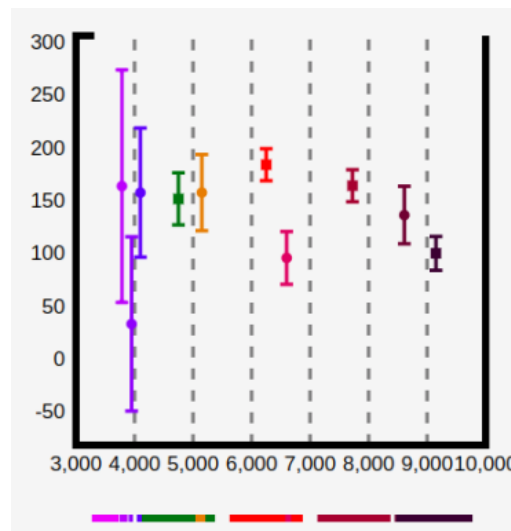
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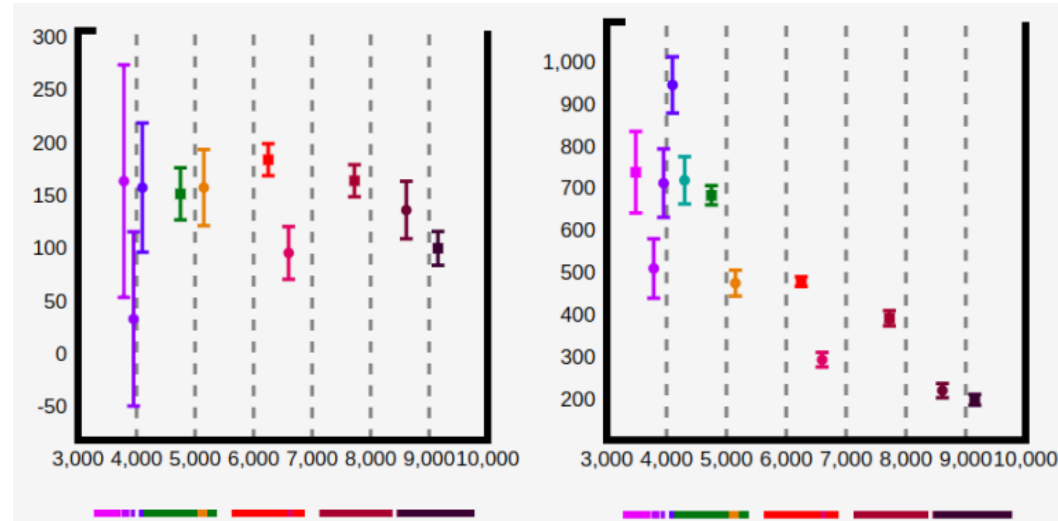
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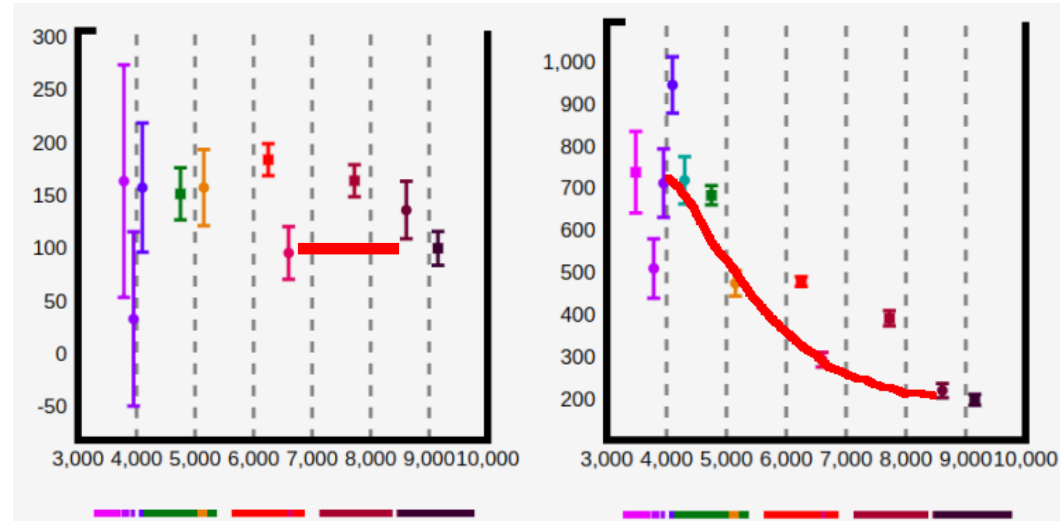
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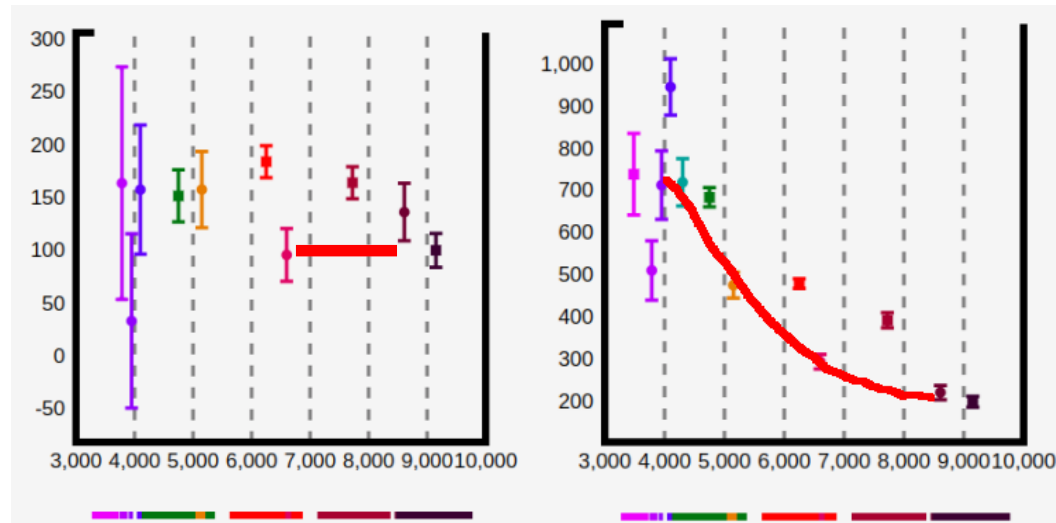
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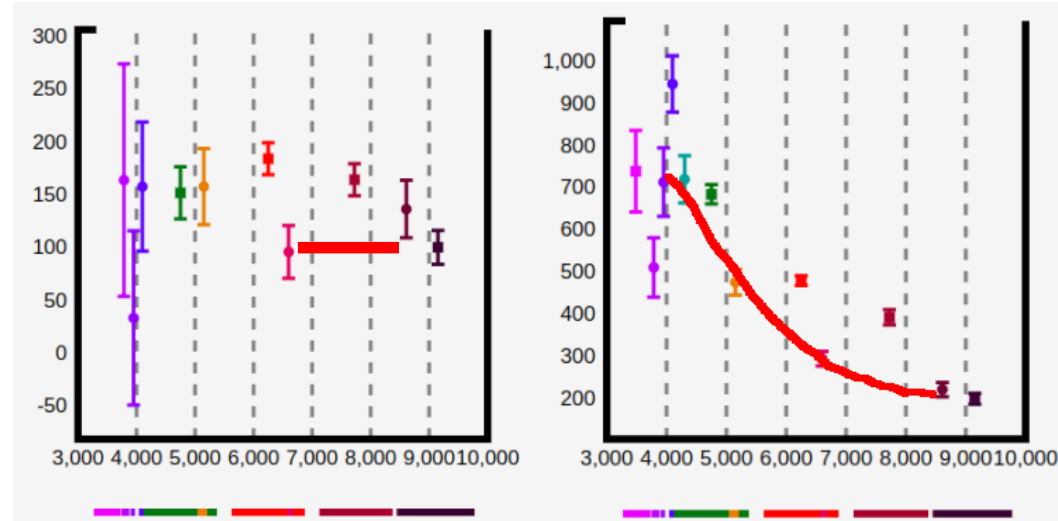
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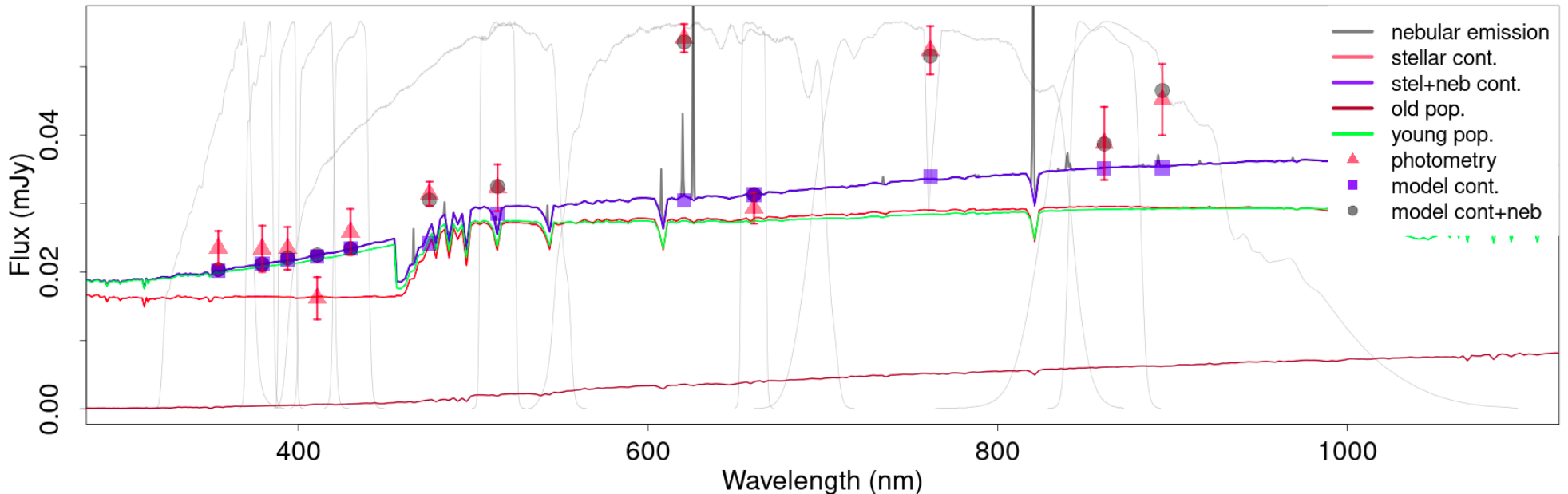
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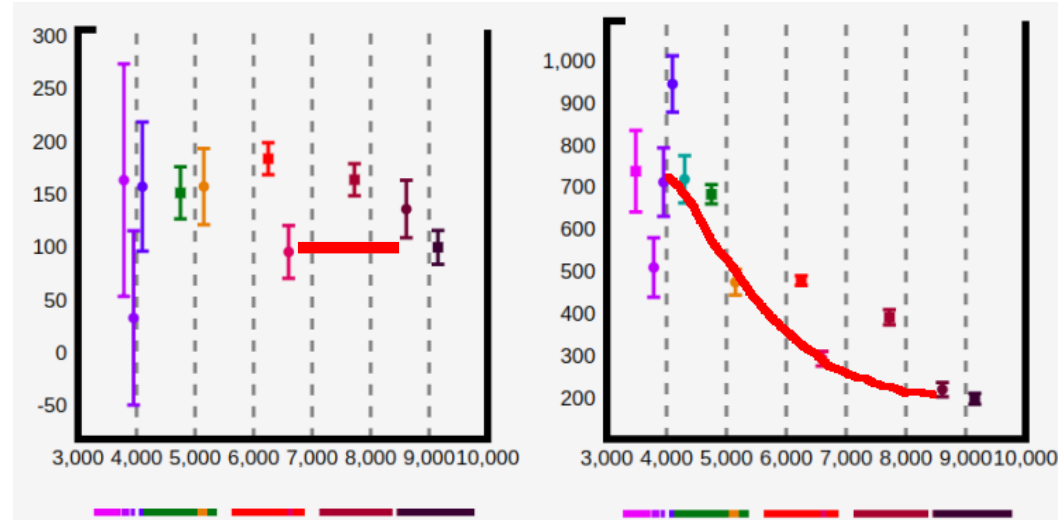
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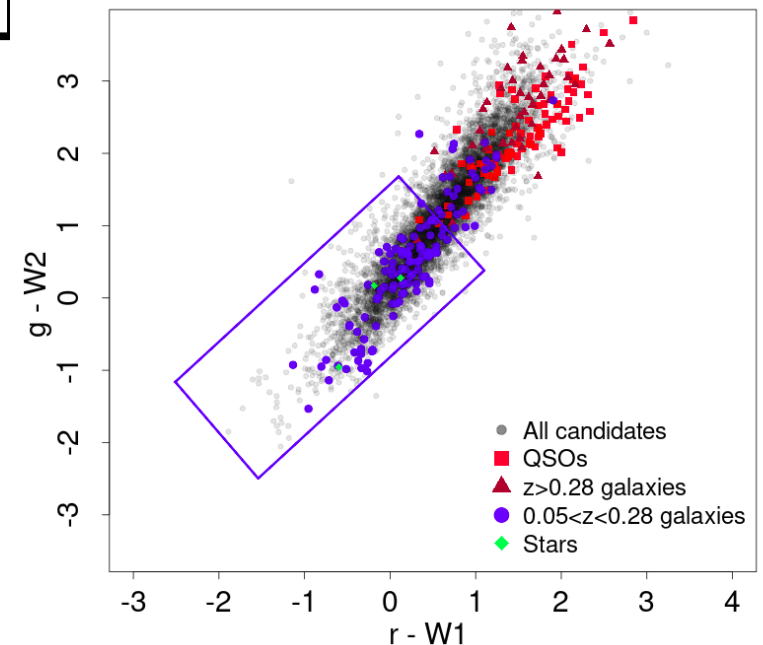
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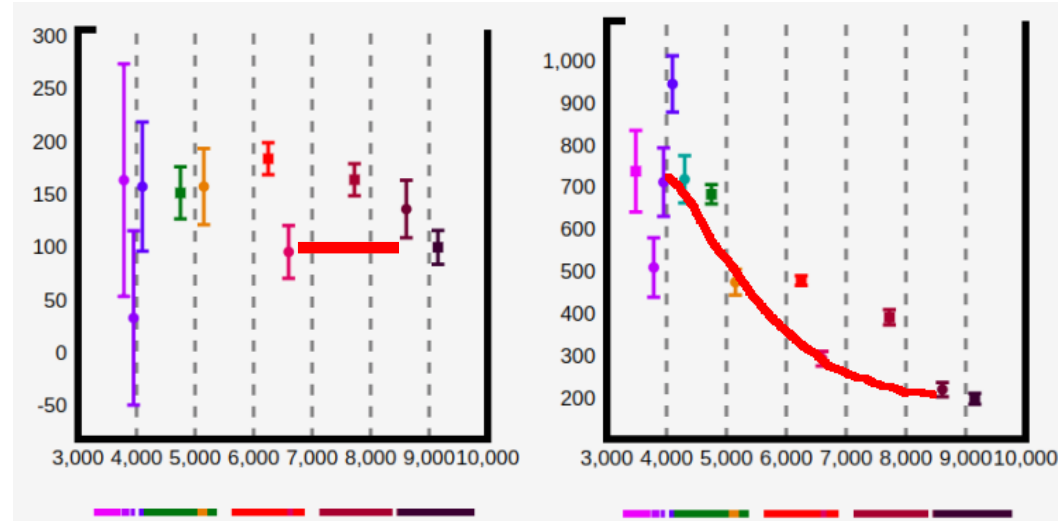
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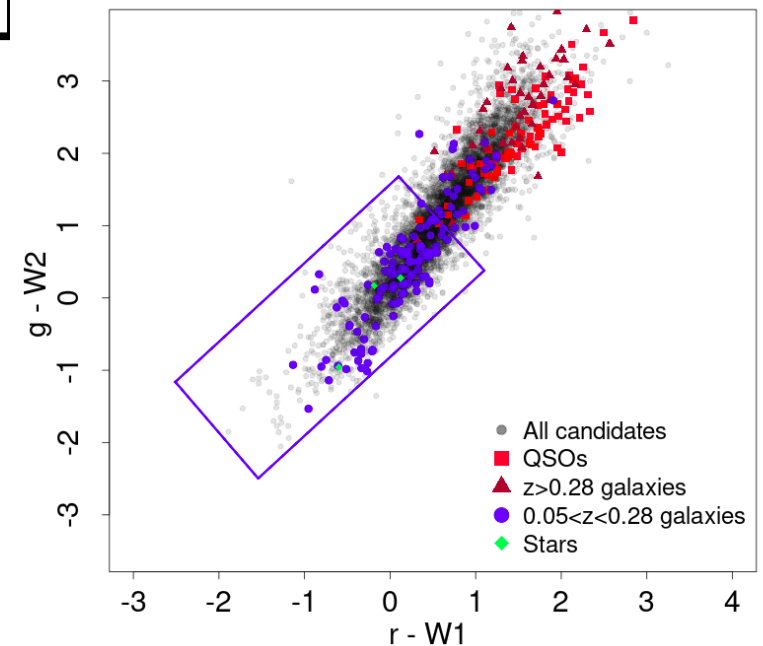
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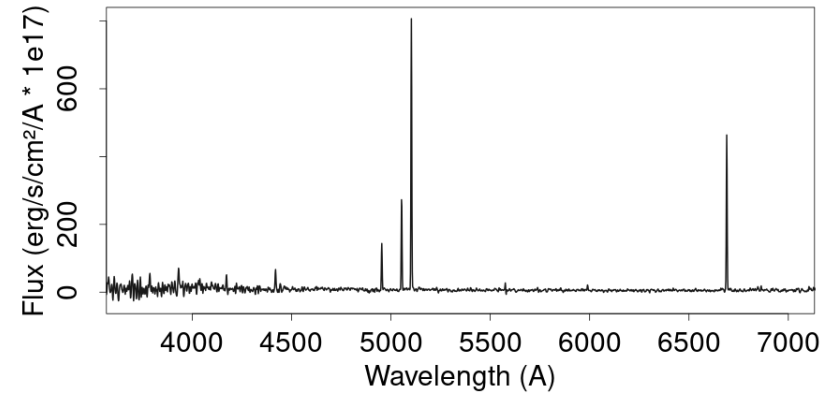
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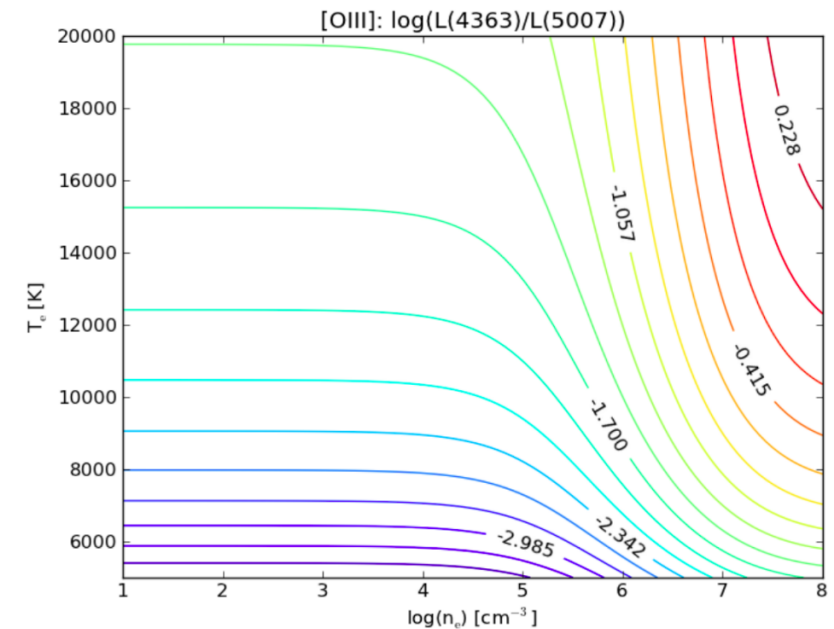
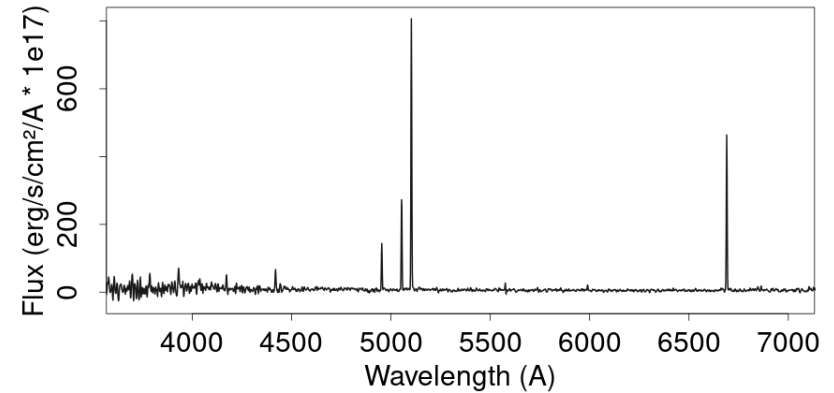
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Paper in preparation

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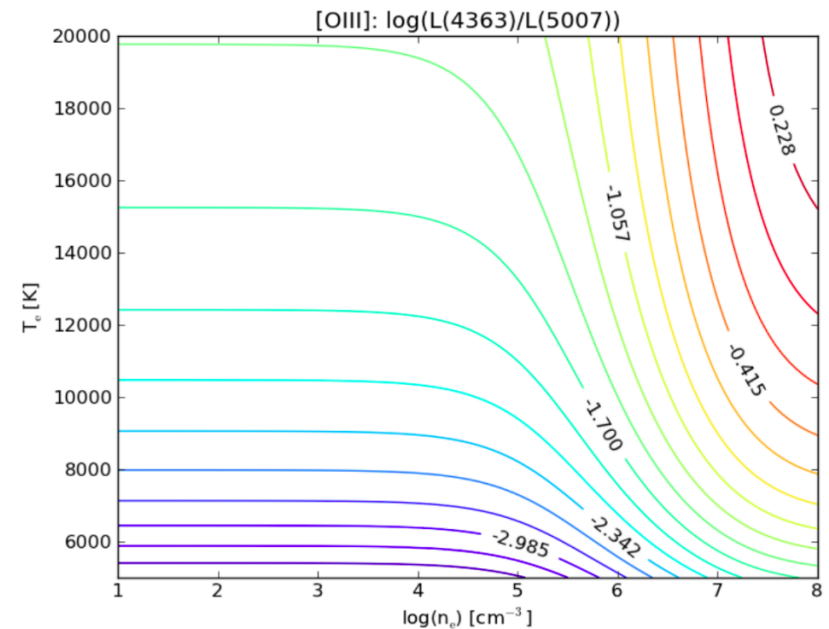
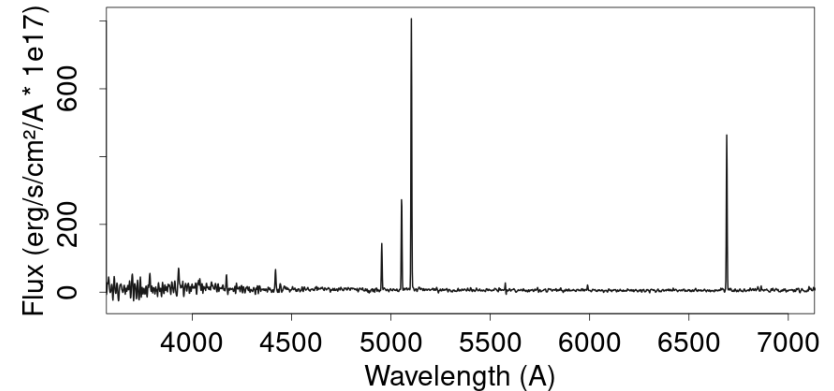
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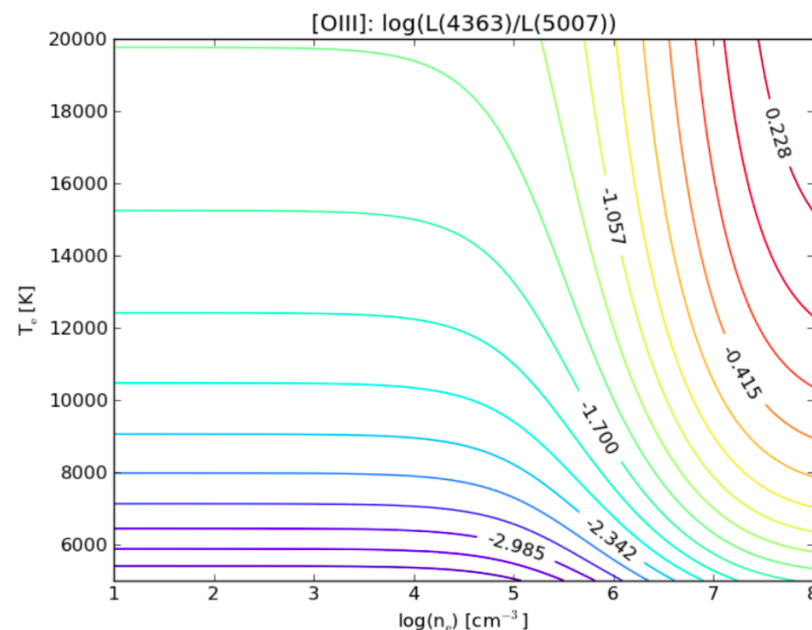
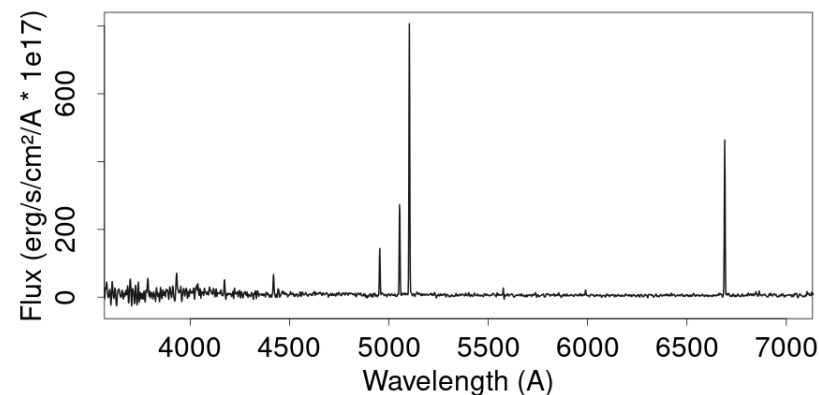
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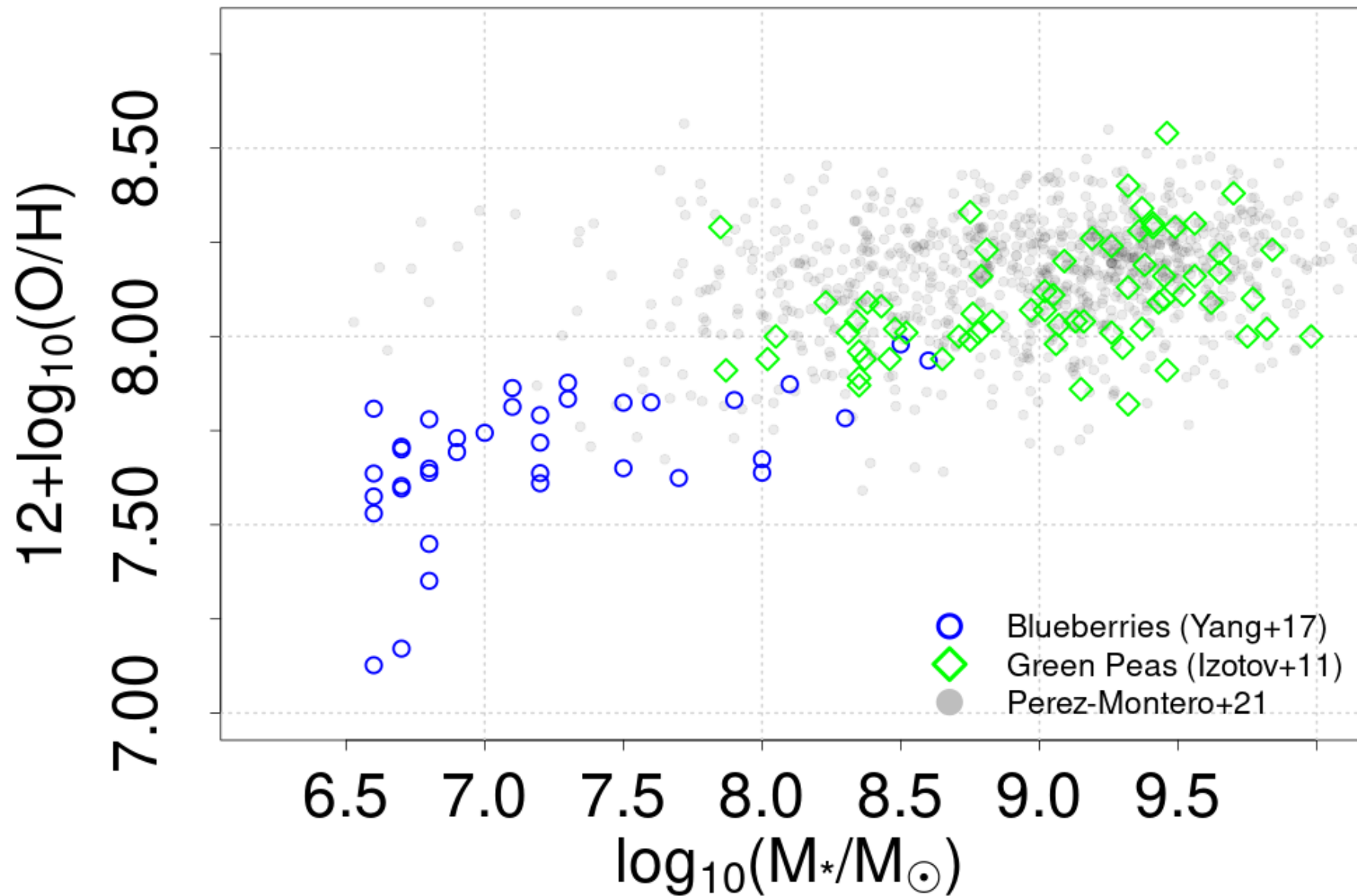


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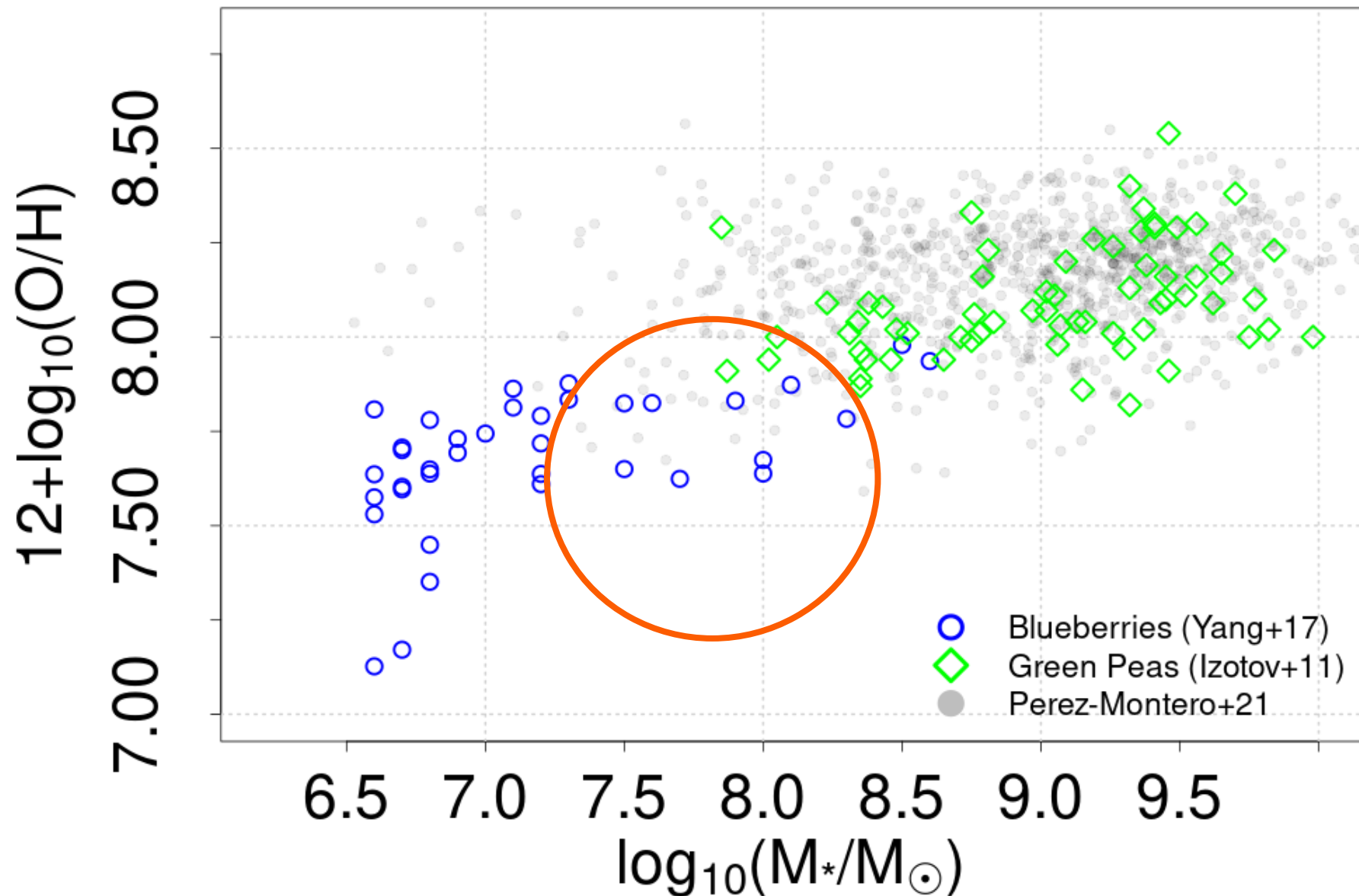
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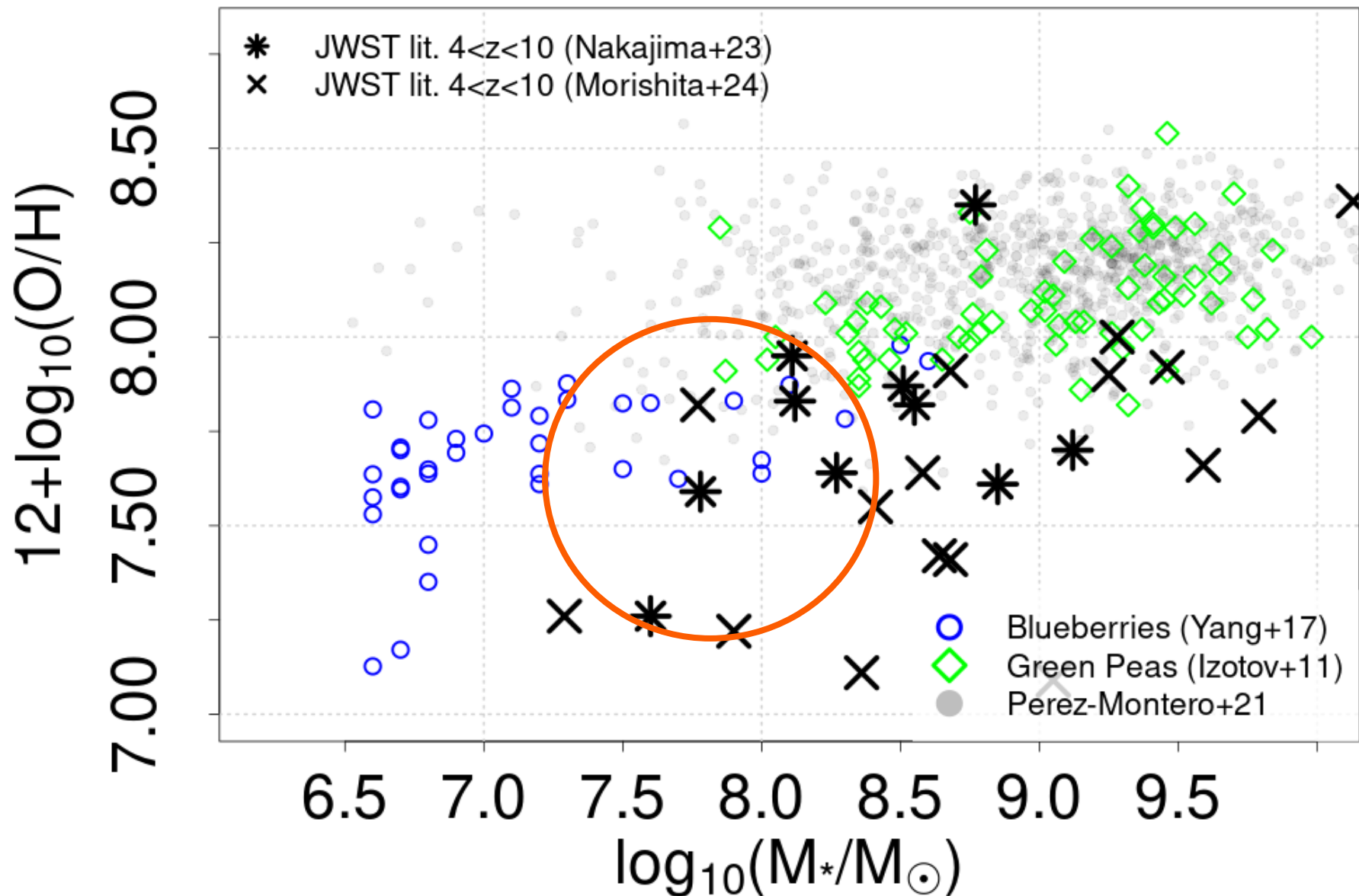
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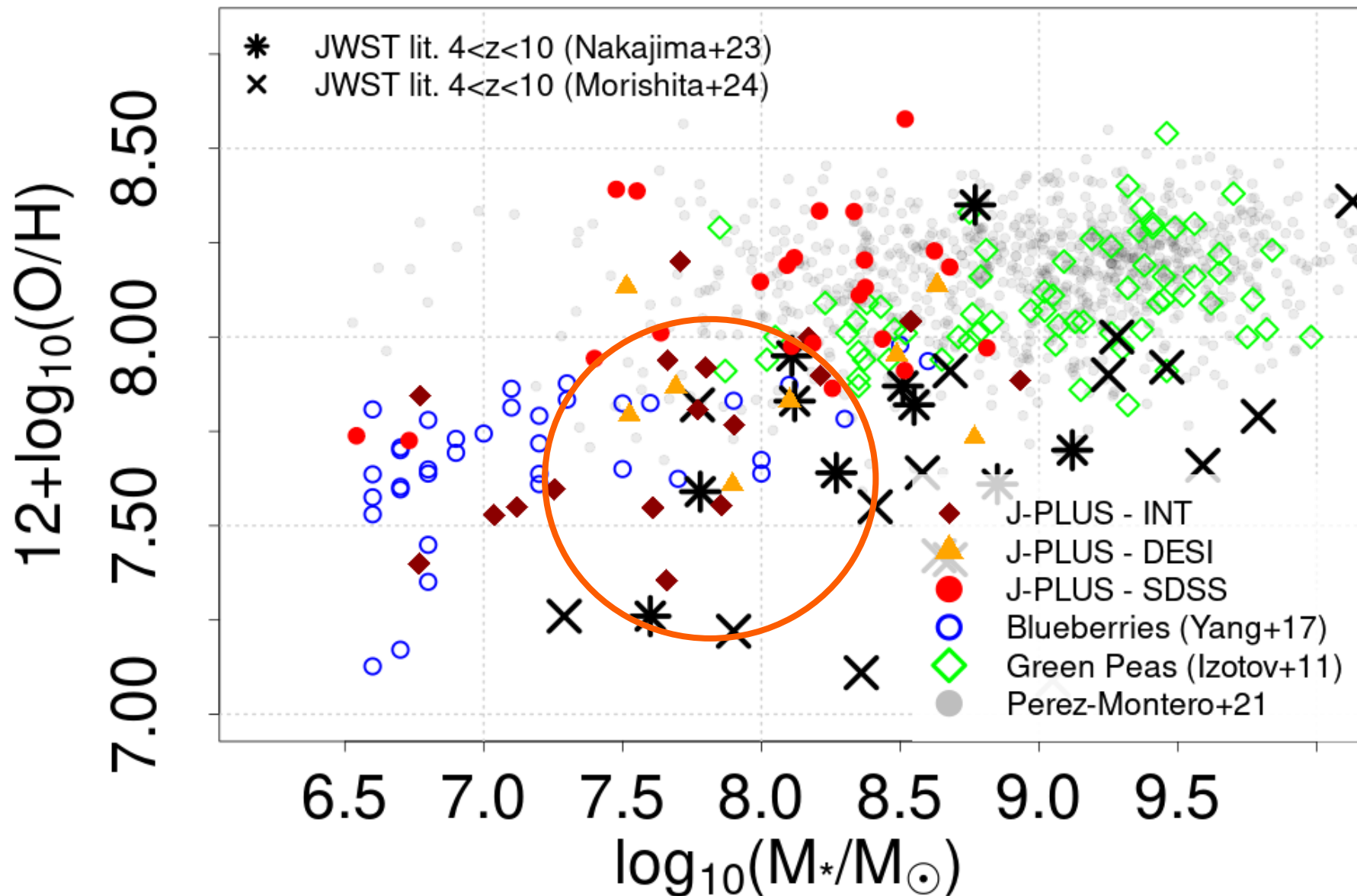
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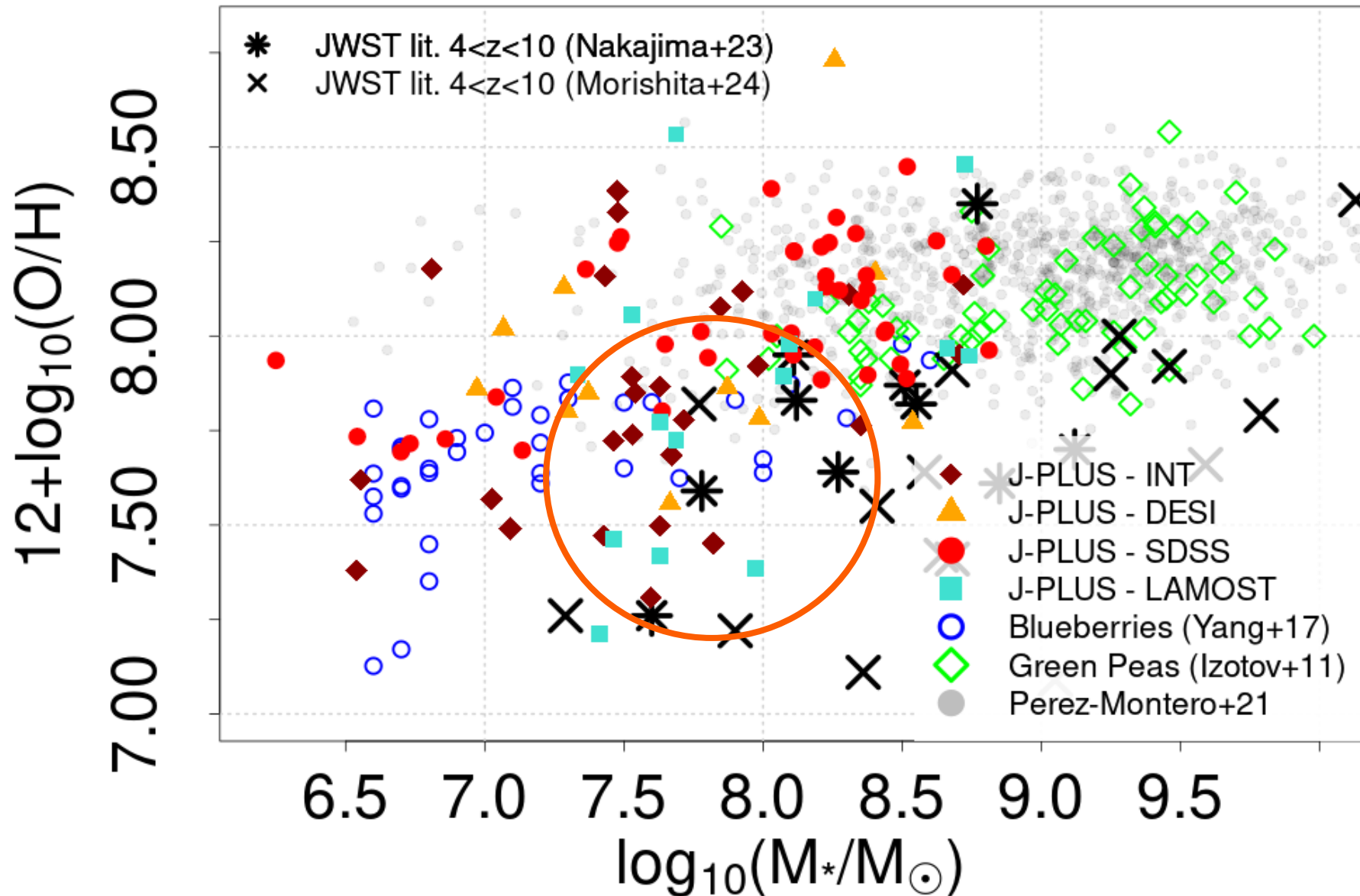


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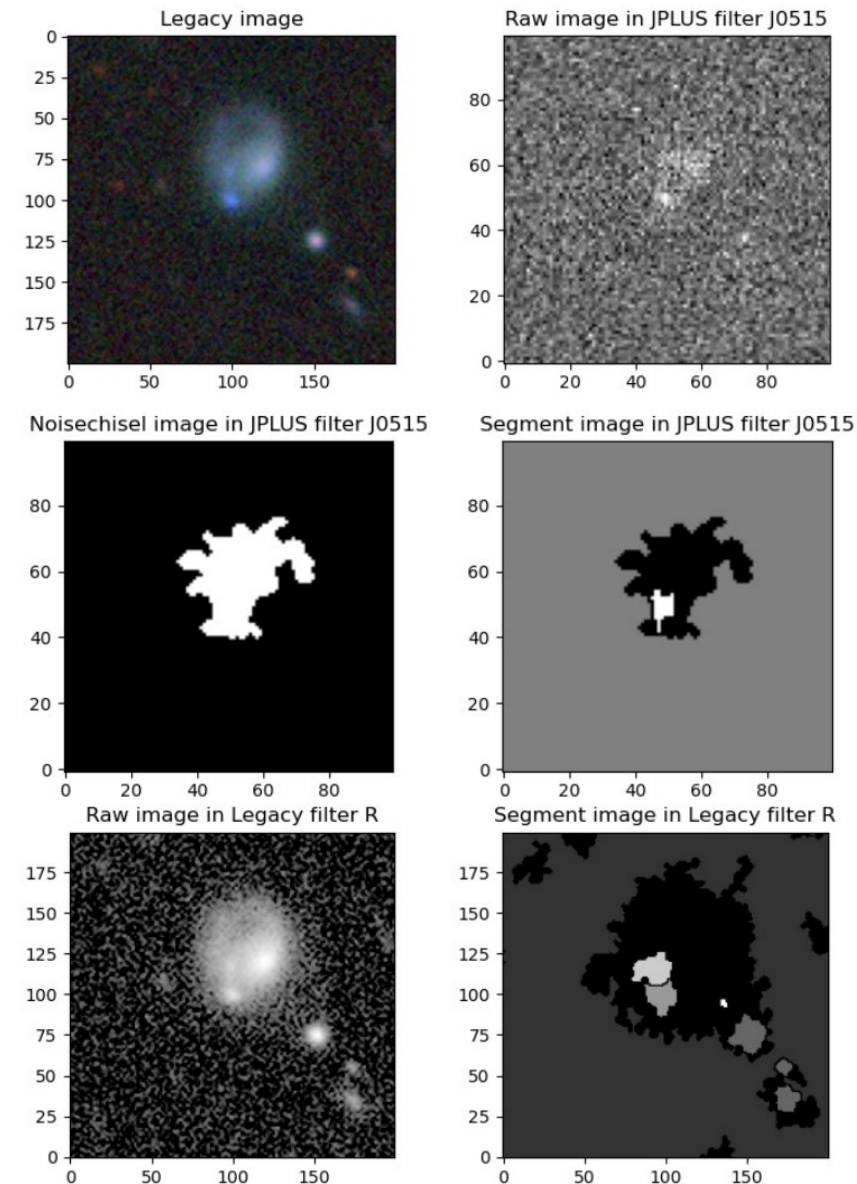
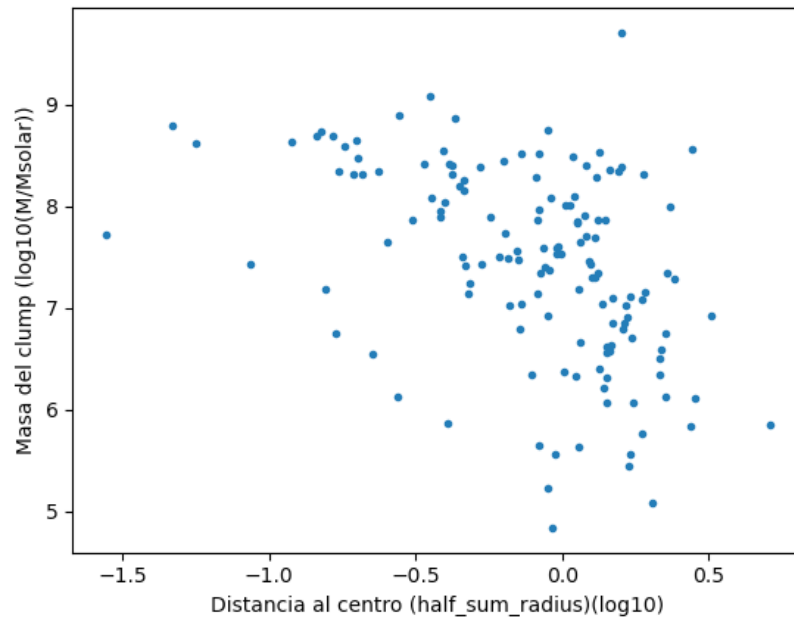


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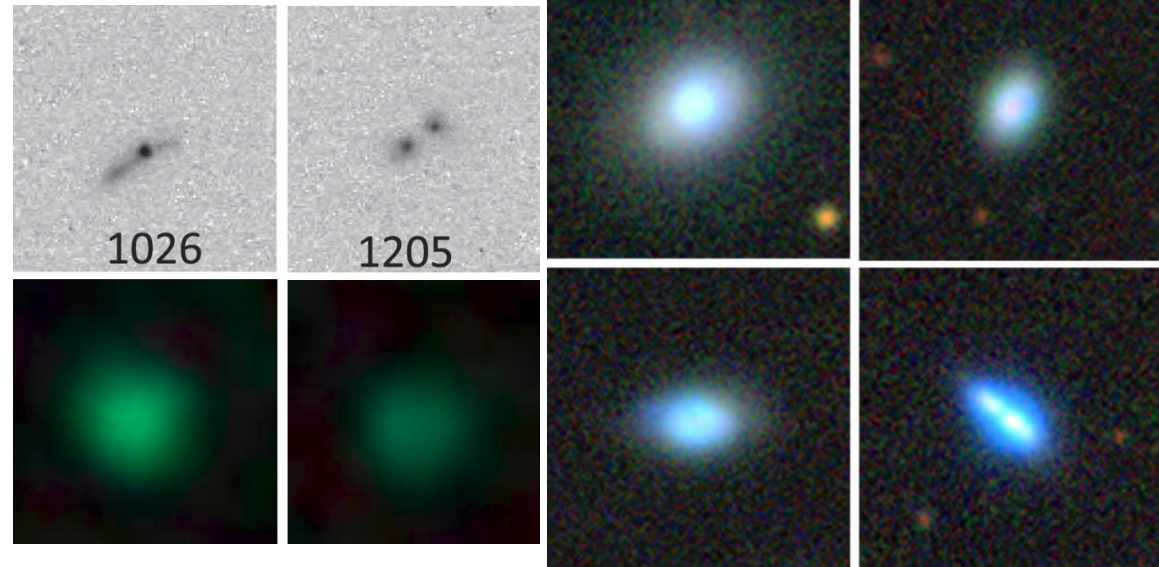
# Further analysis of J-PLUS EELGs

- **Jorge Porrón (Unizar) Master Thesis**
- Identify star-forming clumps in extended EELGs using GNUastro
- The narrowband filter in J-PLUS is just as good (even better) than deeper, higher resolution broadband data identifying clumps
- The farther from the center of the galaxy, the smaller/less massive the clump



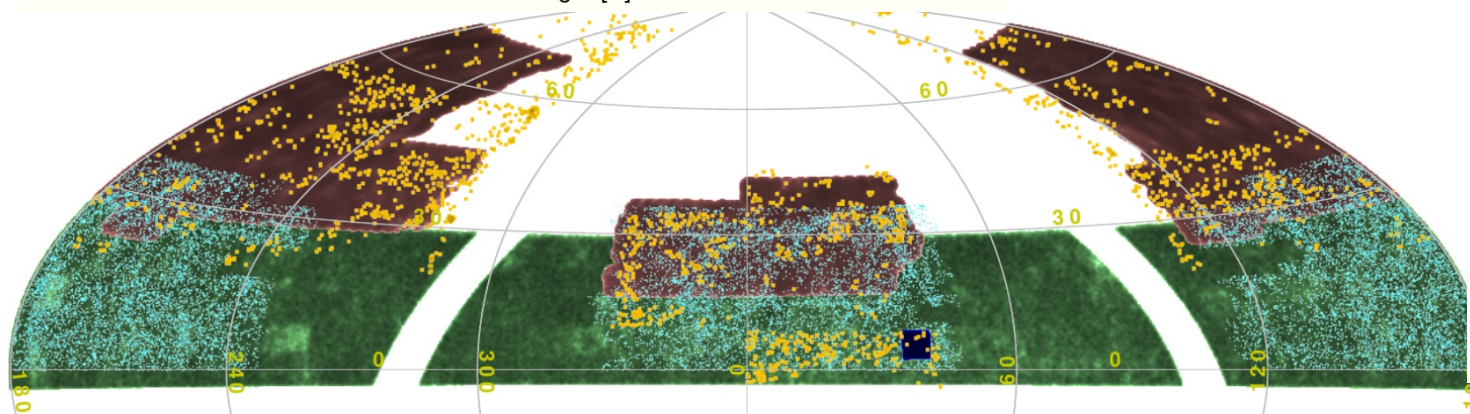
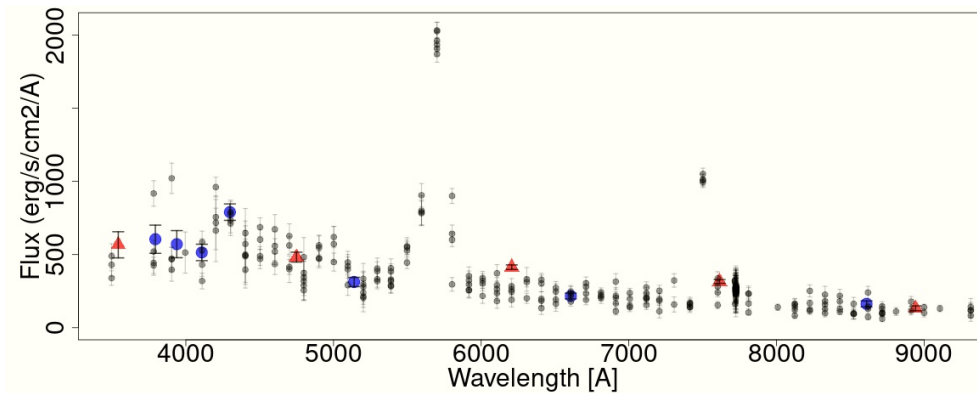
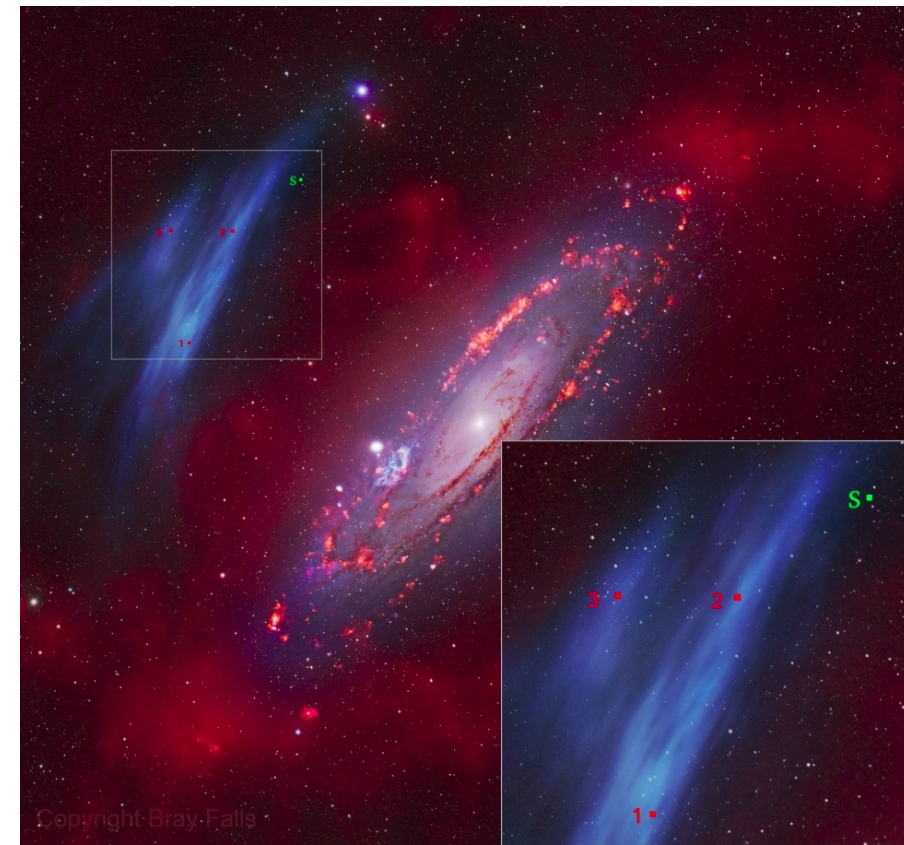
# Chandra and HST observations

- Accepted Chandra observations (X-Ray)
  - **Do EELGs produce more X-ray binaries than expected?**
  - PI J. Irwin (U. of Alabama)
  - 7 galaxies, 156 ksec
  - First two galaxies: **NO X-RAY!**
    - Perhaps too young to have developed X-ray binaries?
- Joint HST observations accepted for 2024/2025
  - High resolution imaging
    - Unveil the structure of the interstellar medium
  - 7 orbits
  - UV, near-IR and H $\alpha$  filters



# 4. Other work

- First tests on JPAS-SV
- SKA precursors-pathfinders (synergy!)
  - HI emission in EELGs
- Out of J-PLUS/J-PAS
  - DESI extreme emitters
  - [OIII] nebula near M31



- RACS (north of  $-3^\circ$  DEC)
- LOFAR DR2
- ALFALFA
- WALLABY
- EELG candidates J-PLUS DR3

# Summary

- Finalizing the selection of extreme emission line galaxies in J-PLUS
  - Identifying new sample (iSDSS selection, filling the gap)
  - Polishing the selections (BANNJOS galaxy-QSO separation, variation of filter transmission curves)
- In depth analysis of detected EELGs
  - Spectroscopic follow-up:
    - Analyzing the emission line and deriving physical properties: similar metallicity as the most distant galaxies
    - Performing and securing more observations (GTC, WEAVE)
  - Morphological analysis, finding clumps (TFM J. Porrón)
  - Securing X-Ray (Chandra) and high resolution follow-ups (Hubble)
  - SKA: Radio detections of neutral hydrogen in EELGs, fueling the star formation
- Other work aqonutug
  - OAJ surveys: First tests with JPAS-SV data
  - Other: DESI spectra // [OIII] nebula near M31

