



## A Slitless Spectroscopic Survey of *ten thousand* Distant Galaxies

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#### CANDELS UDS WFC3/F140W



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• Finding and identifying faint lines greatly aided by constraints from **ancillary photometry** (e.g., CANDELS, Skelton+2014)



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# Sensitivity

- WFIRST continuum sensitivity will be lower due to higher spectral resolution
  - 5σ @ *H*<sub>140</sub>=23.2

- Line sensitivity ×1.5—2 deeper than baseline WFIRST HLS
  - $5\sigma @ 5 \times 10^{-17} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$



## Redshift precision

- For objects with detected lines,  $\delta z/(1+z)$ ,  $\sigma=0.3\%/1000$  km/s
- 1% for objects without lines, depends on availability of good photometry + photo-zs.



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 Slitless spectra provide a spectrum of everything in the field. The challenge is *extracting, fitting and cataloging* spectra of everything.



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#### Science: Ha maps at HST spatial resolution

Wuyts+2013, see also Nelson+2012,2013



### Science: Absorption line spectra

 Near-IR Continuum sensitivity difficult/impossible to achieve from the ground for N > few samples



### Science: Population studies

• E.g., evolution of Milky Way progenitors (number-density selected)



#### van Dokkum+2013, Patel+2013

### Simulating WFIRST (see also poster by J. Colbert)



### Summary

- Grism surveys like 3D-HST offer highly complete spectroscopic resource for galaxy evolution studies
- Existing *HST* grism surveys can tell a lot about what WFIRST will see e.g., H $\alpha$ , [OIII] $\lambda\lambda$ 4959+5007, [OII] $\lambda$ 3727 luminosity functions
- Grism data analysis will be challenging for WFIRST, critical for achieving all of R. Abraham's goals "for free"
- Ongoing development motivated by HST surveys (wide:3D-HST,WISPS, deep:FIGS/Malhotra, lensing clusters:GLASS/Treu)

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