

HST/GSFC Project Scientists' Report – Part 1

Presentation to: STUC

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Topics

- Science Highlights and Outlook (Wiseman)
- Hubble Legacy Archive (HLA) Status & Plans (Carpenter)
- Summary of Final Report from COS FUV Sensitivity Decrease Anomaly Resolution Board (ARB) (Carpenter)





Science Highlights



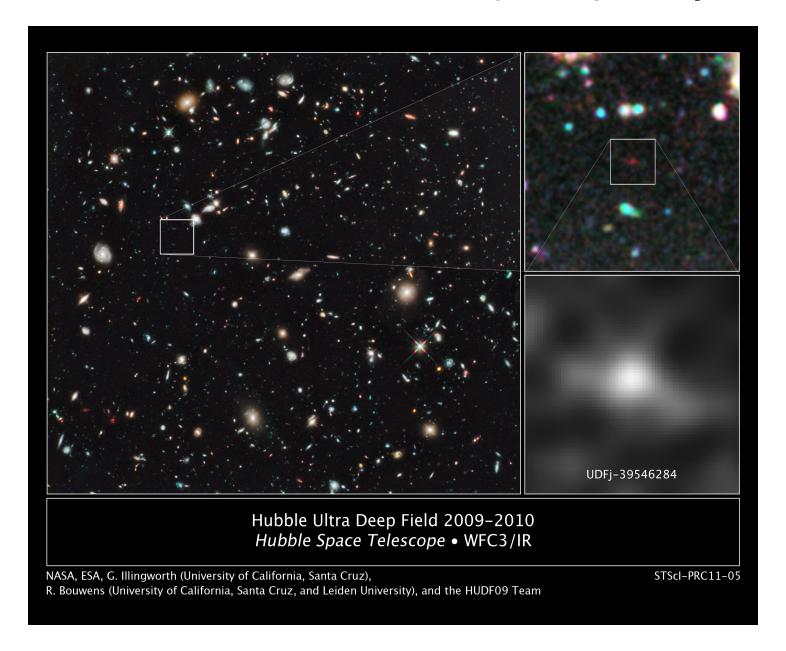


Ultra-High Redshift Galaxies





Hubble Finds Redshift ~10 (Proto-)Galaxy

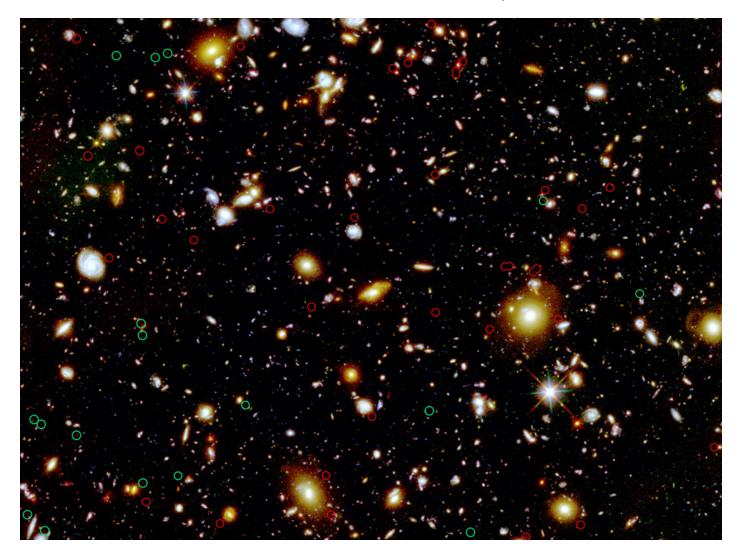


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Ultra-High Redshift Galaxy Candidates (Green Circles: Z ~ 8; Red Circles: Z > 8) Credit: NASA, ESA, S. Wyithe (University of Melbourne), H. Yan (Ohio State University), R. Windhorst (Arizona State University), and S. Mao (Jodrell Bank Center for Astrophysics, and National Astronomical Observatories of China)

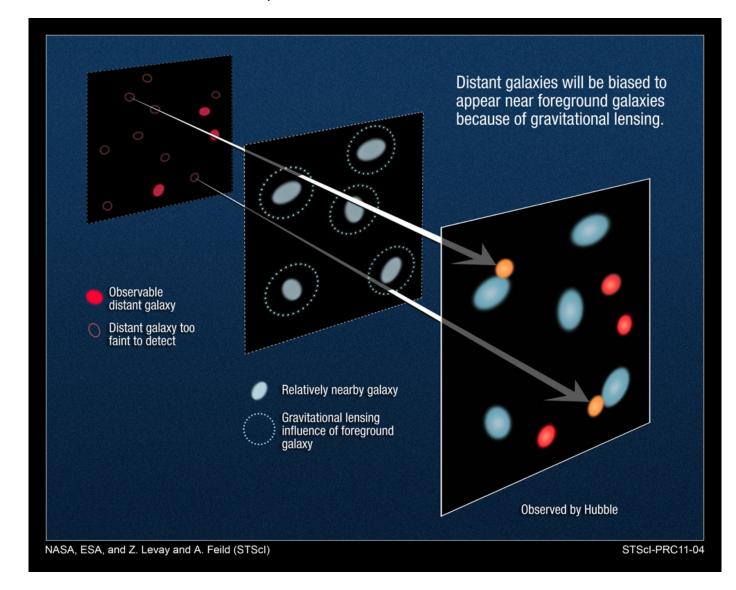


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On Wednesday, January 12, astronomers discussed a theoretical paper on distant galaxies in the HUDF field in a press release entitled "In Deep Galaxy Surveys, Astronomers Get a Boost – from Gravity" (STScI-PR11-04). The PI is Stuart Wyithe of the University of Melbourne. The press release was reported in 25 media outlets.



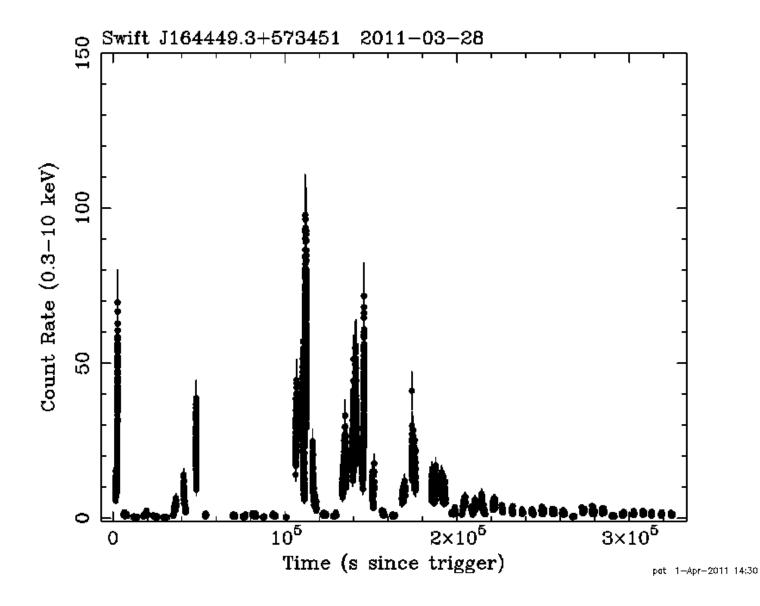




A Very Unusual Gamma-Ray Burst!

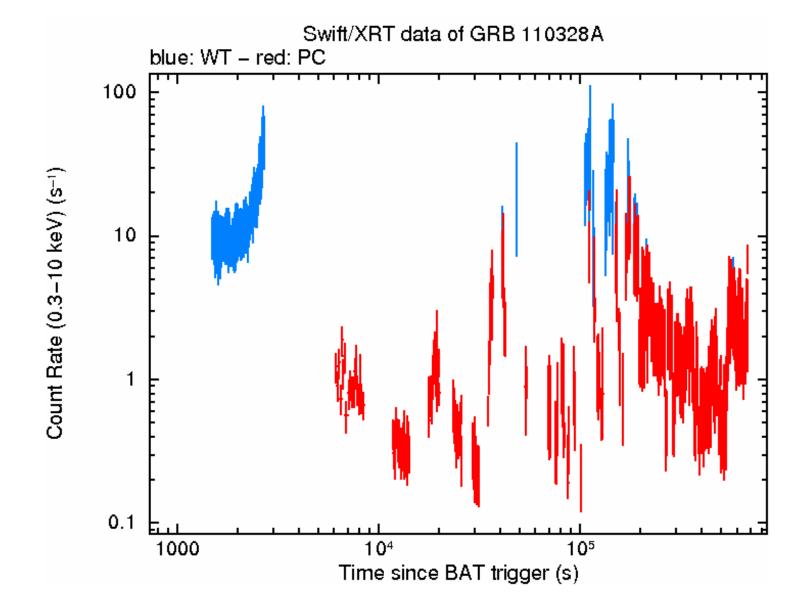






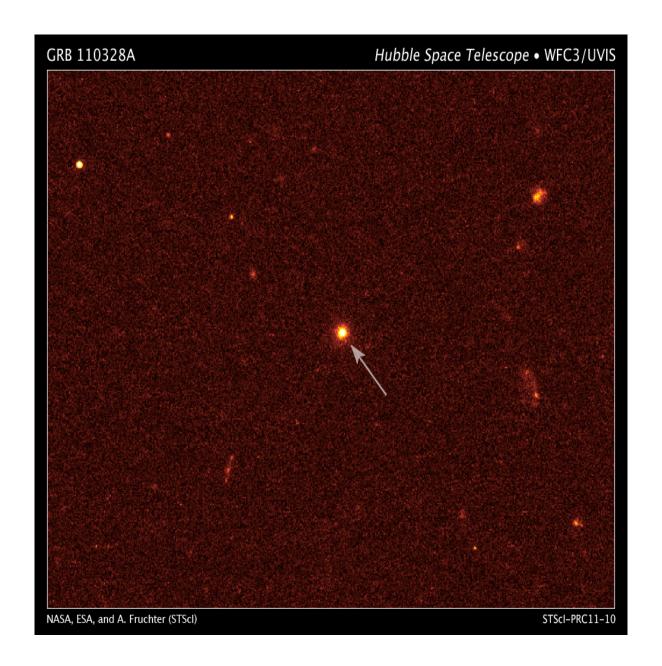








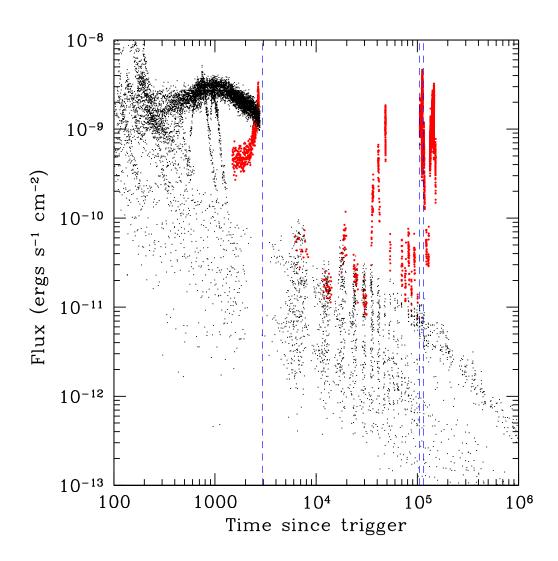








Comparing flux to other GRB's







What is it?

- Repeating burst
- Emanates from the center of an external galaxy (HST)
- Star being torn apart and swallowed by a black hole?
 Viewing down the AGN jet axis?
- Observations continue (VLBI, Chandra, Spitzer, etc...)





Looking to the future...

- Wisest use of science time in years left
- Senior Review for HST
- Impact of potential JWST launch date slip keeping Hubble (and science community) in best use
- Goal of maintaining vigorous science community support and engagement; healthy budget; healthy data archive