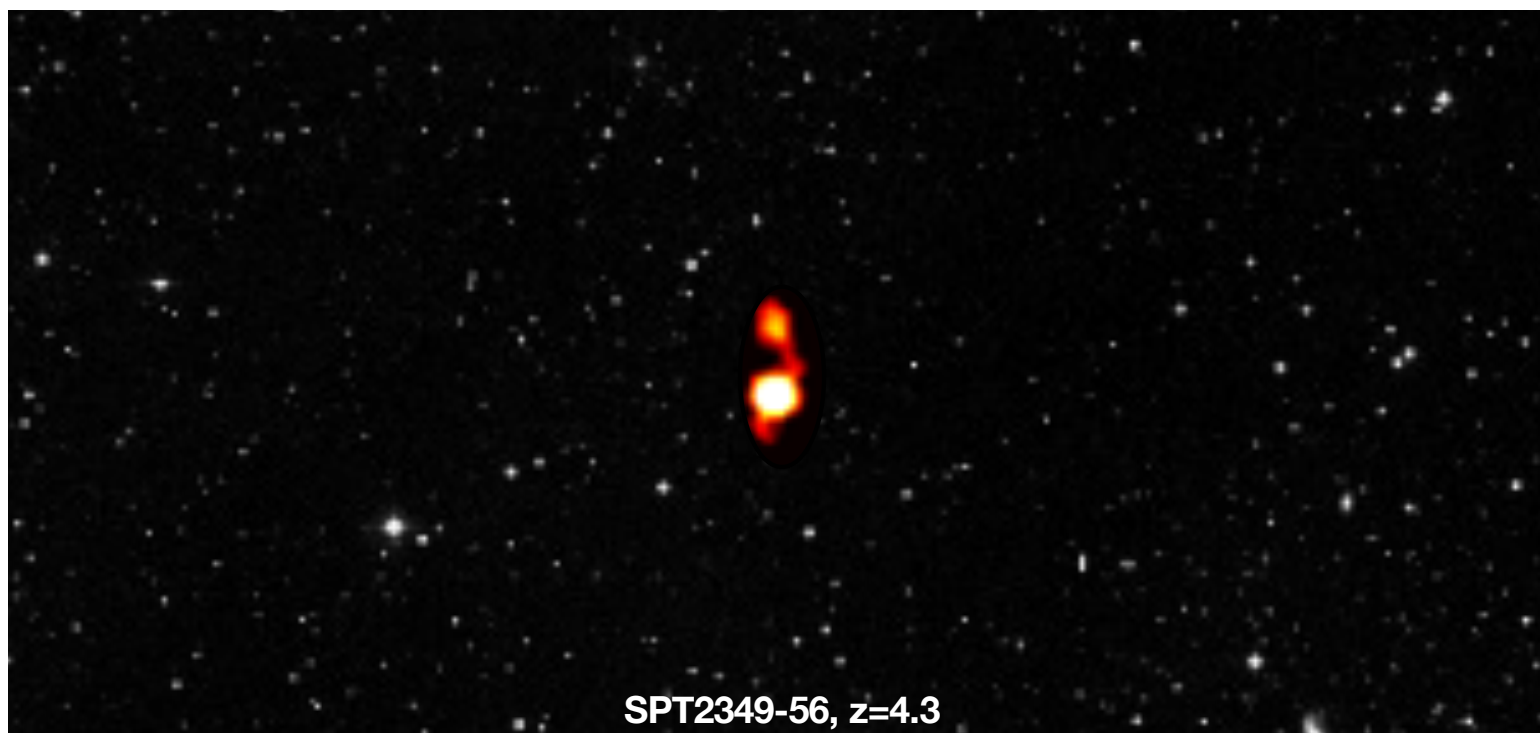


# Massive protoclusters from $z=7$ to $z=3$ observed in the submillimeter

*First Structures, June 24, 2024*



# A wide field 350 $\mu\text{m}$ imager/polarimeter for CCAT / FYST

**Prime-Cam: 1mm to 350 $\mu\text{m}$  wide field maps  
and C+ intensity mapping**

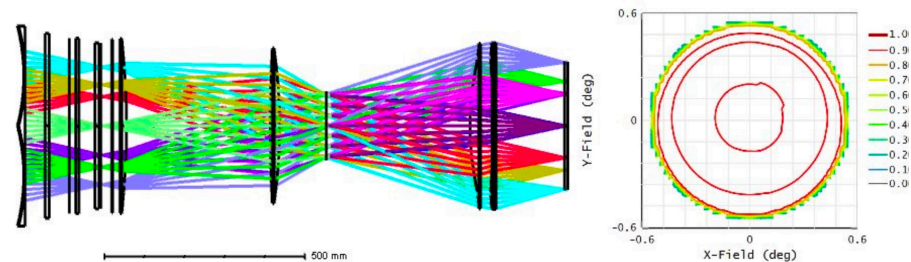
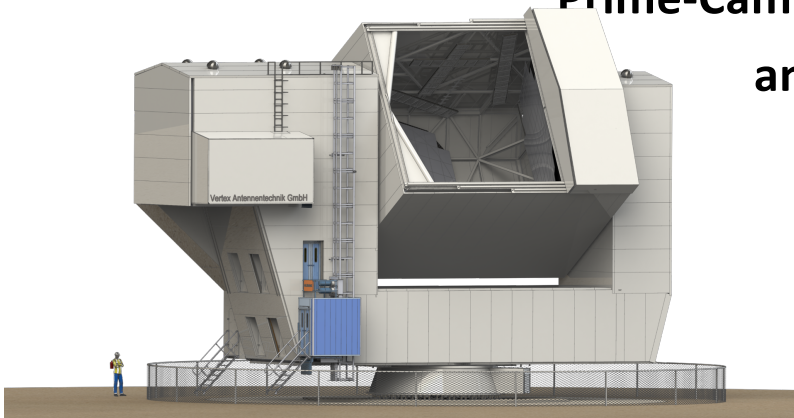
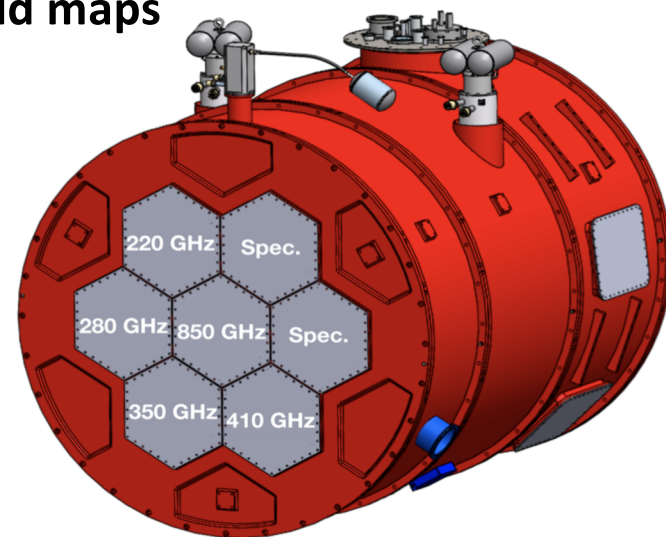
**First light 2025**

**SPIE2022 on arXiv:**

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Sinclair+ 2208.07465

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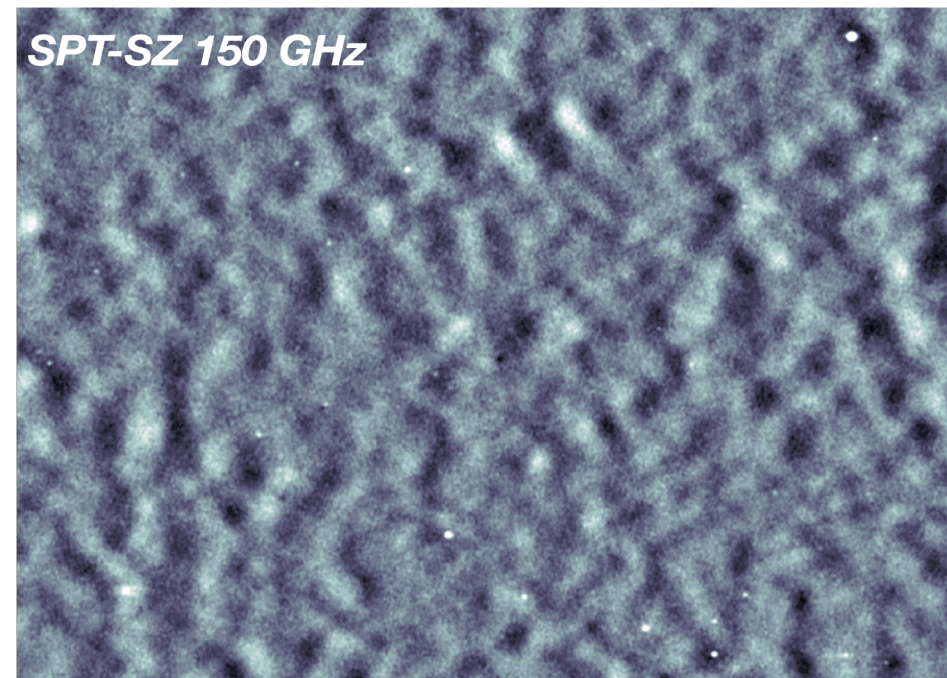


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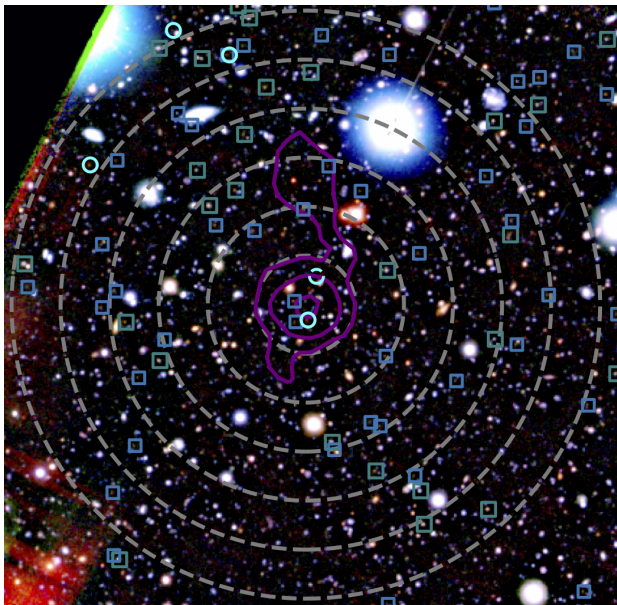
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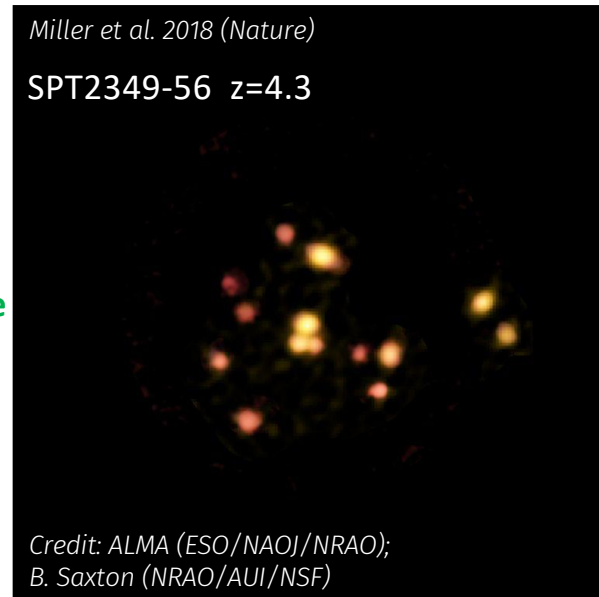
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- **Some massive protoclusters can only be found in the submm!**



SPT2349 in  $z \sim 4$  LBGs  
( $g, r, i$  false colour)  
Rottermund+2021

**Can be identified by LBGs,  
but not very high contrast**

**Brightest source  
in 2500 deg<sup>2</sup>**

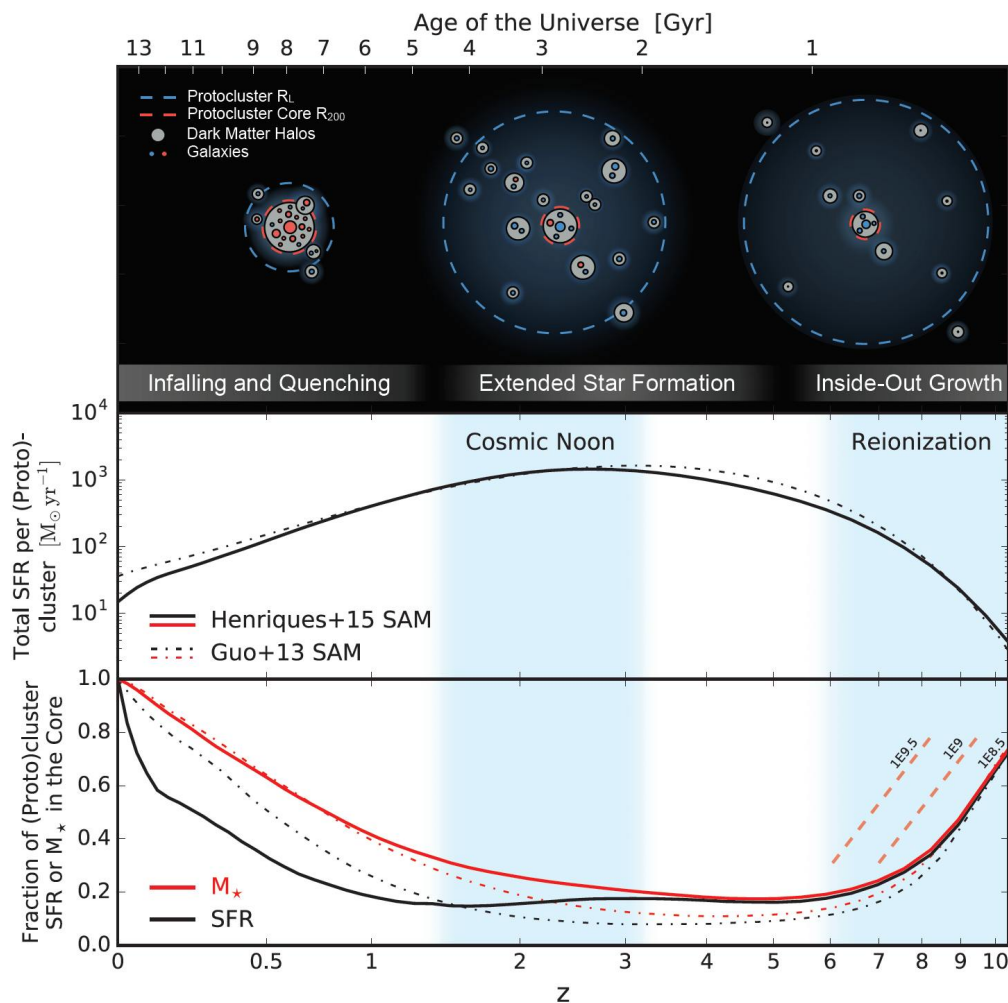


Miller et al. 2018 (Nature)

SPT2349-56  $z=4.3$

Credit: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO);  
B. Saxton (NRAO/AUI/NSF)

# Early *inside-out* formation of protocluster cores (e.g. Chiang et al. 13,17)



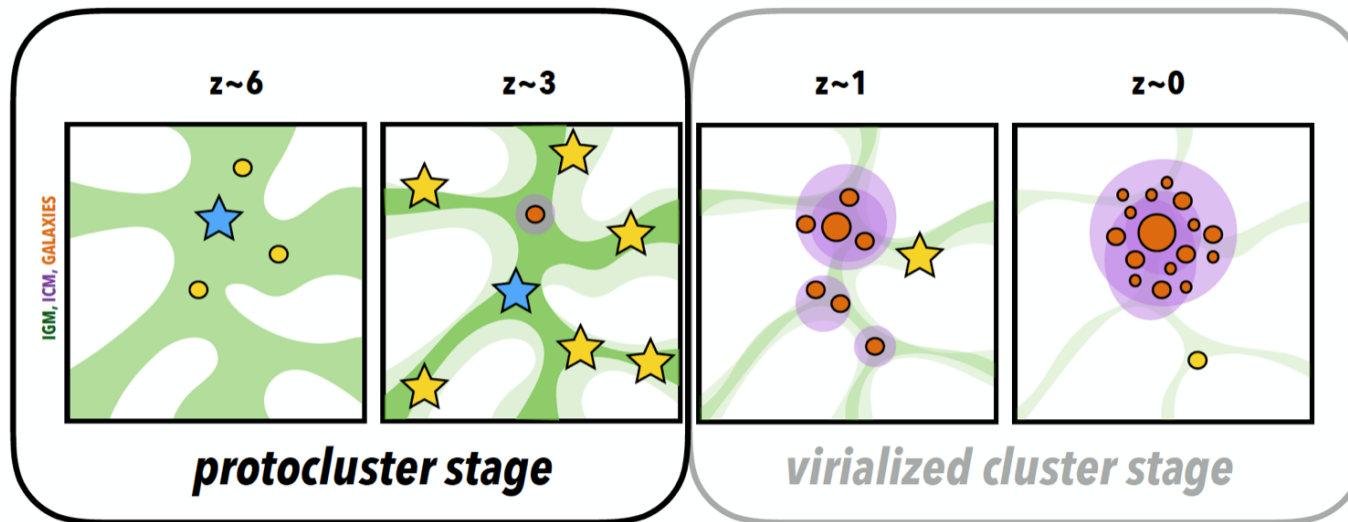
... SPT finding early forming 'cores' as protocluster signposts ?

(see also Ryley Hill and Nikolaus Sulzanauer talks)



# Protoclusters traced by luminous galaxies?

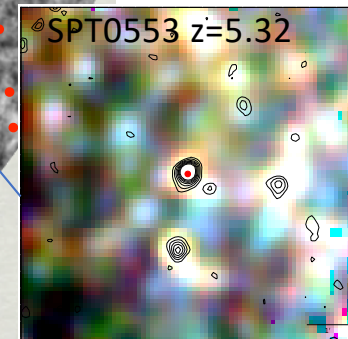
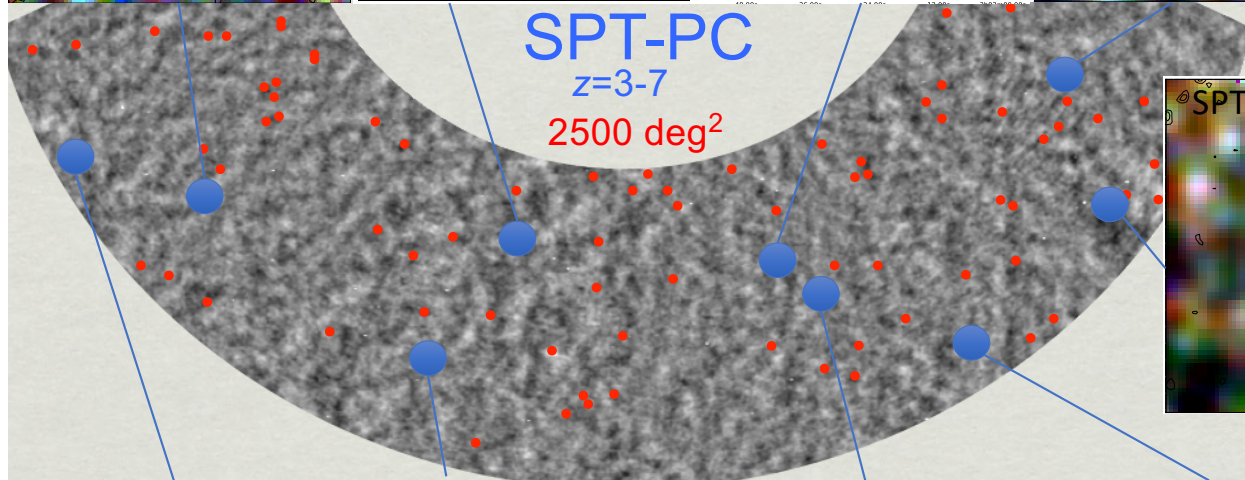
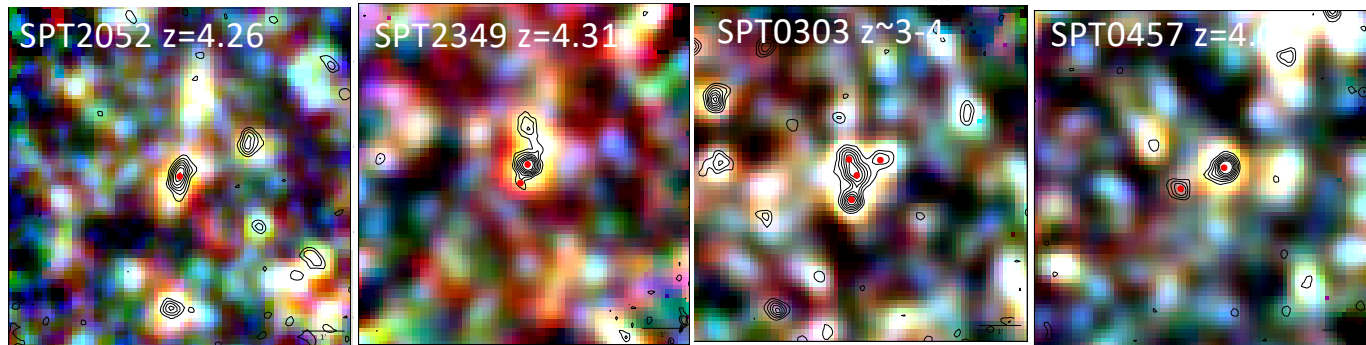
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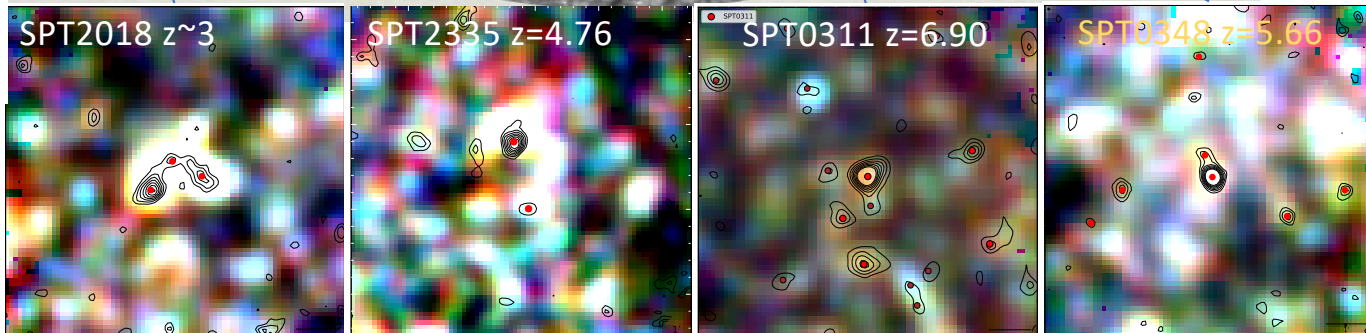
Courtesy of Caitlin Casey

Protoclusters form stars at higher- $z$  than field

# SPT-PC



George Wang+2021

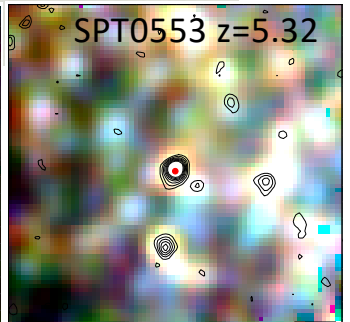
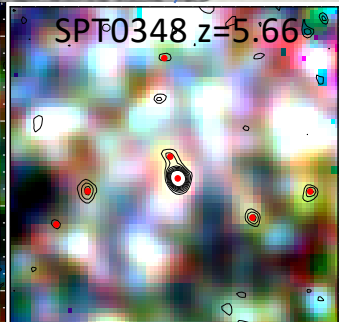
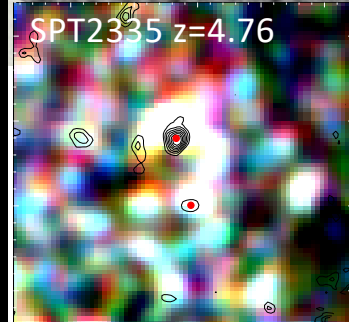
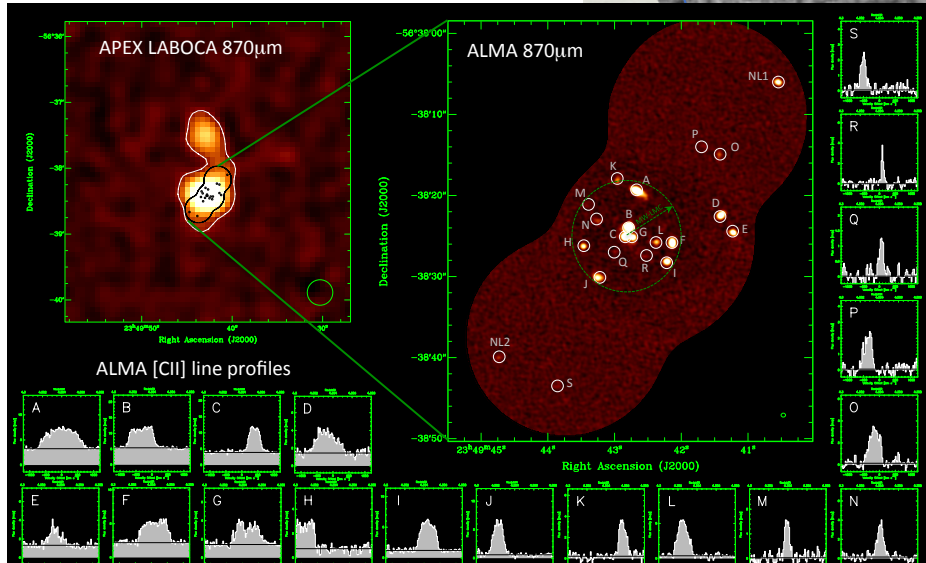
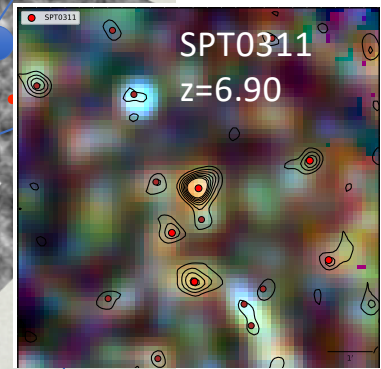
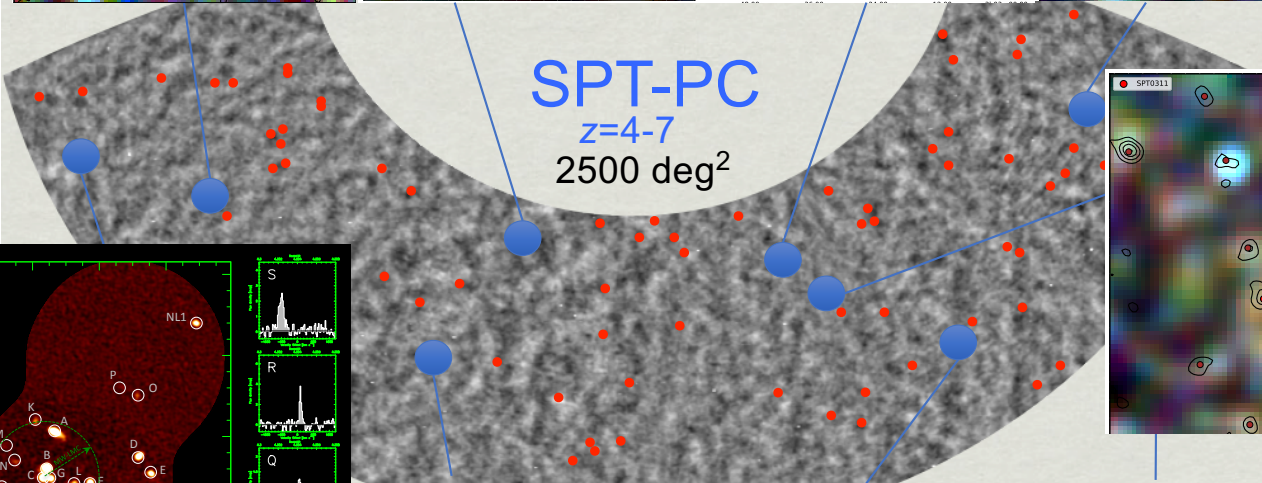
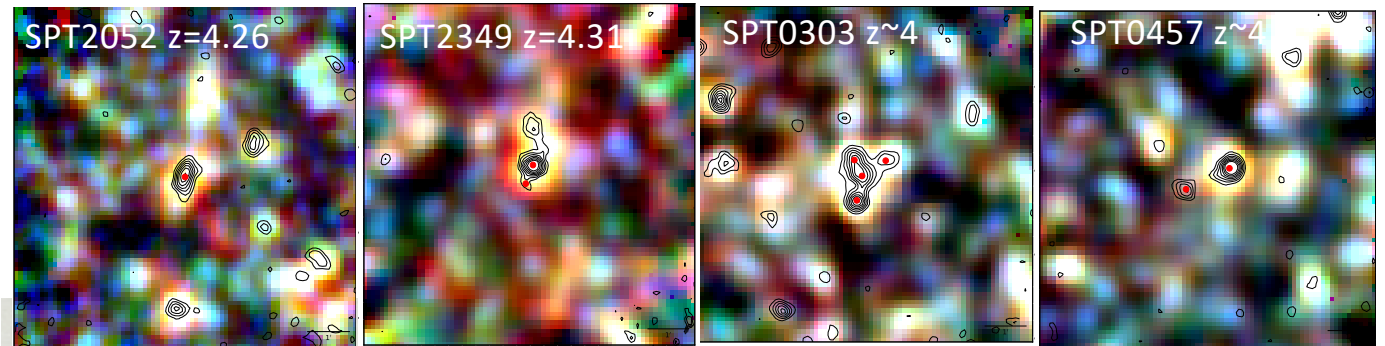


# SPT-PC

ALMA followup for  
protocluster candidates

- Find redshifts with  
spectral scans
- resolve dusty sources  
into multiple SMGs

SPT2349-56  $z=4.3$

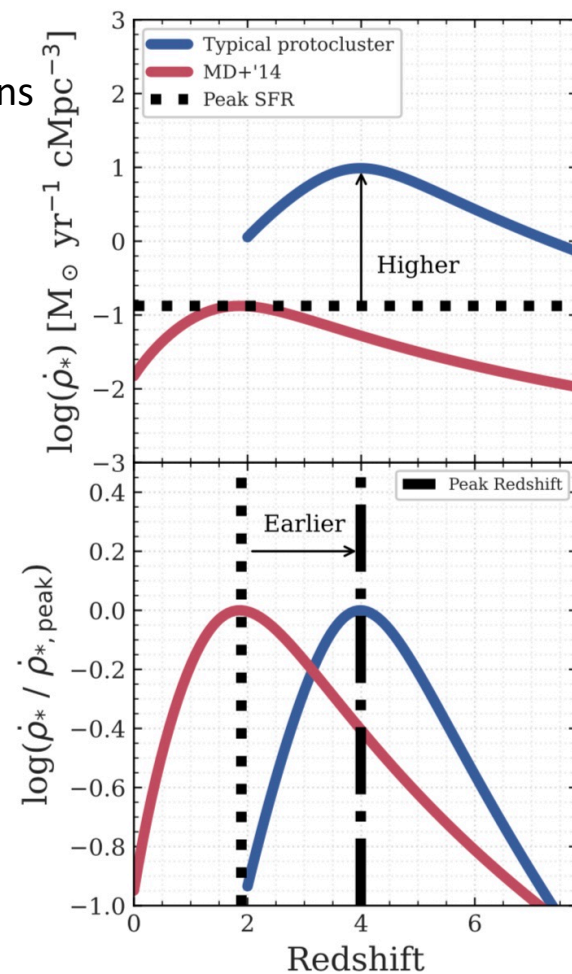
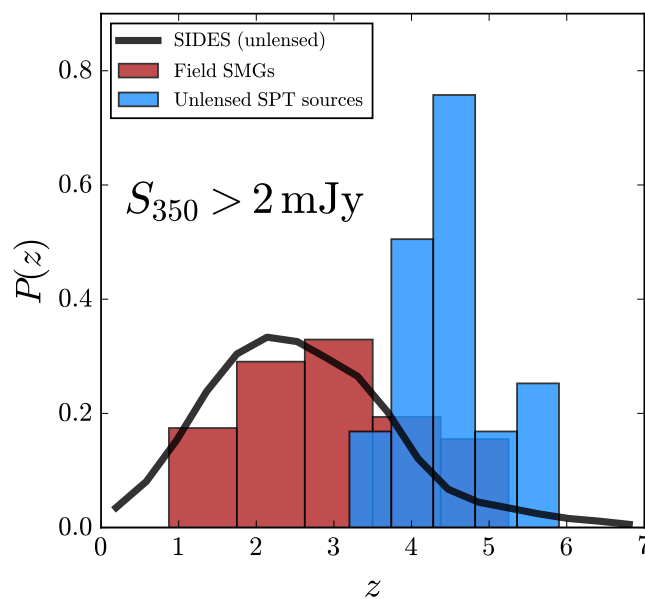
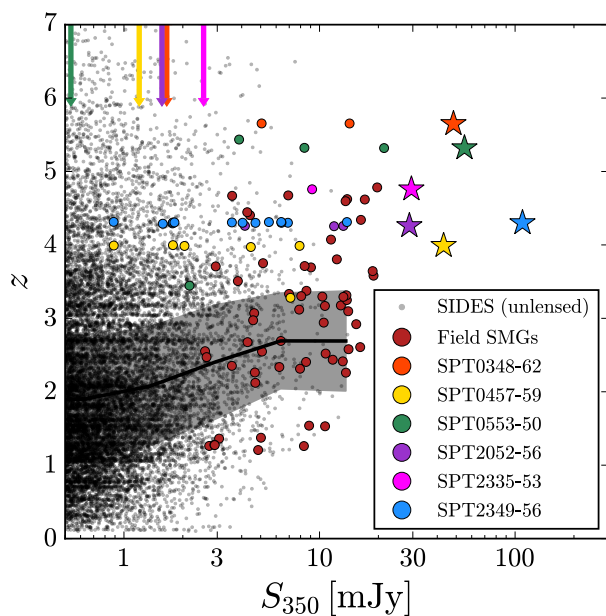




$\langle z \rangle \sim 4.5$  of SPT-PC redshifts indicates massive halos / protoclusters?

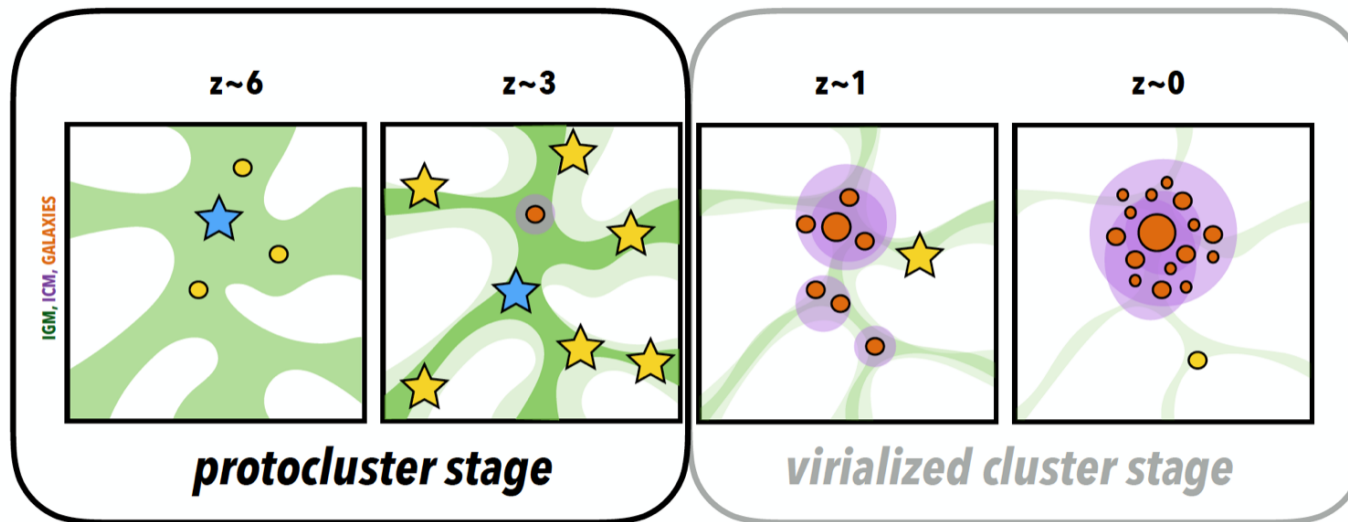
Rennehan+2024:  
Assembly bias means  
 $\langle z \rangle \sim 4$  for PC SFRD

R.Hill+in prep: SPT-PC candidates higher- $z$  than field SMGs



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- **SPT0311**  $z=6.9$  JWST + HST results
- SPT-PCs  $z\sim 4$  systems
  - **SPT2349**
  - **SPT0457**
  - **SPT2052**
- $z\sim 3$  cores can be moderately active, but more submm action in wider collapsing structure
  - **SSA22**
  - **HS1549**

# SPT0311-58 at $z=6.9$

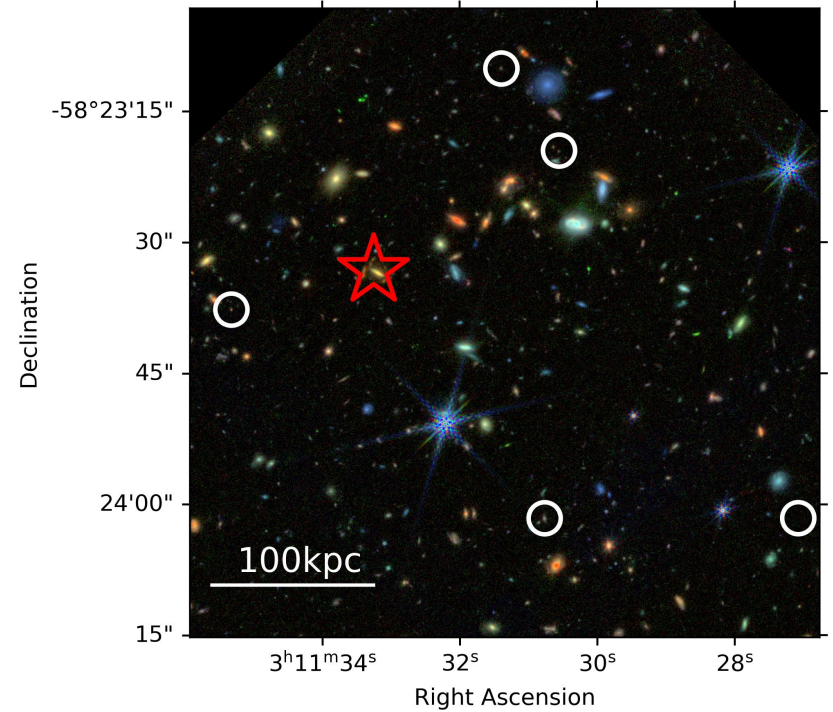
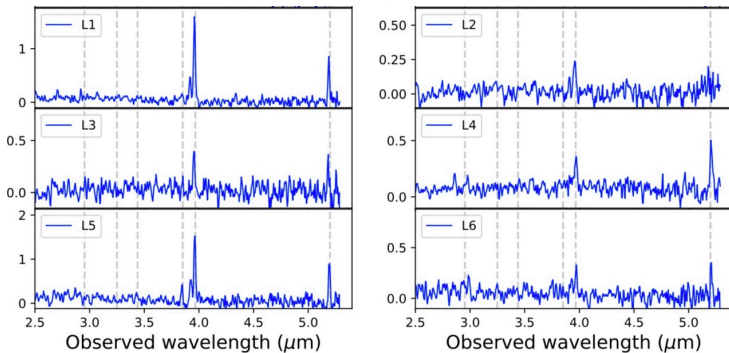
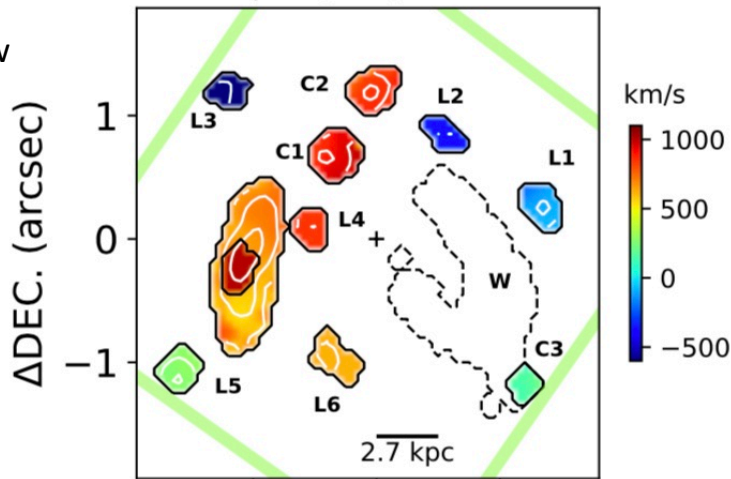
*Is it a protocluster?*

JWST NIRSpec and

NIRCam+HST results

3" field: 10 new  
 $z\sim 6.9$  galaxies  
(Santiago Arribas  
et al. 2024)

NIRSpec [OIII] Vel. Field



NIRCam + HST find robust LBG and double-break candidates in wider field  
5 very massive LBGs! (D. Zhou+ in prep).

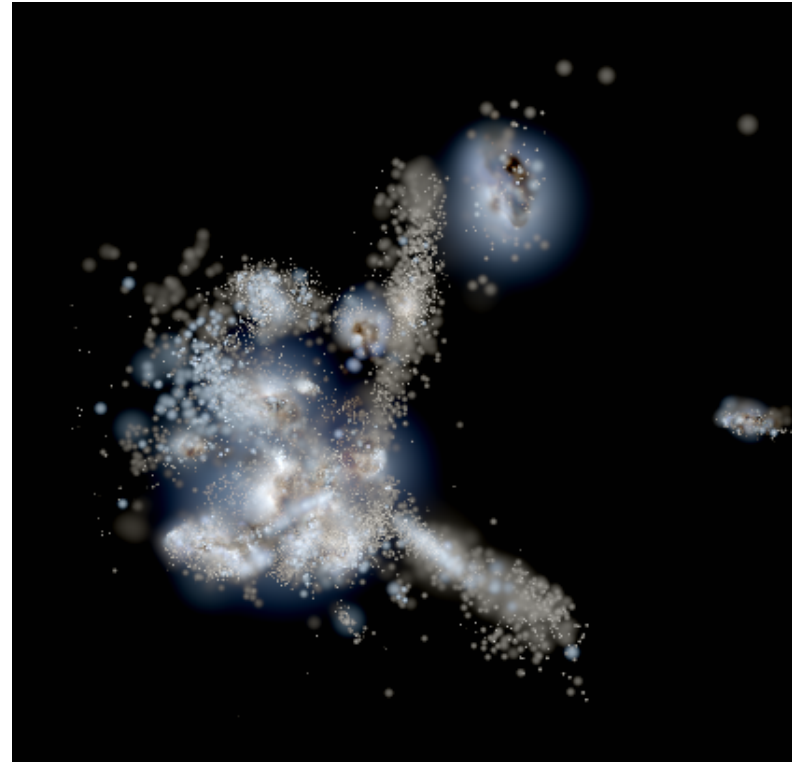
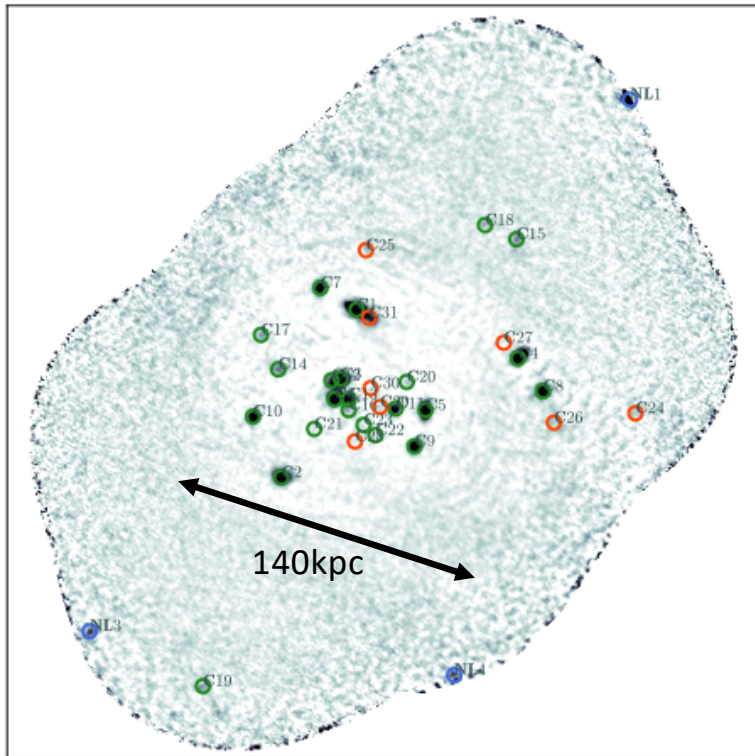


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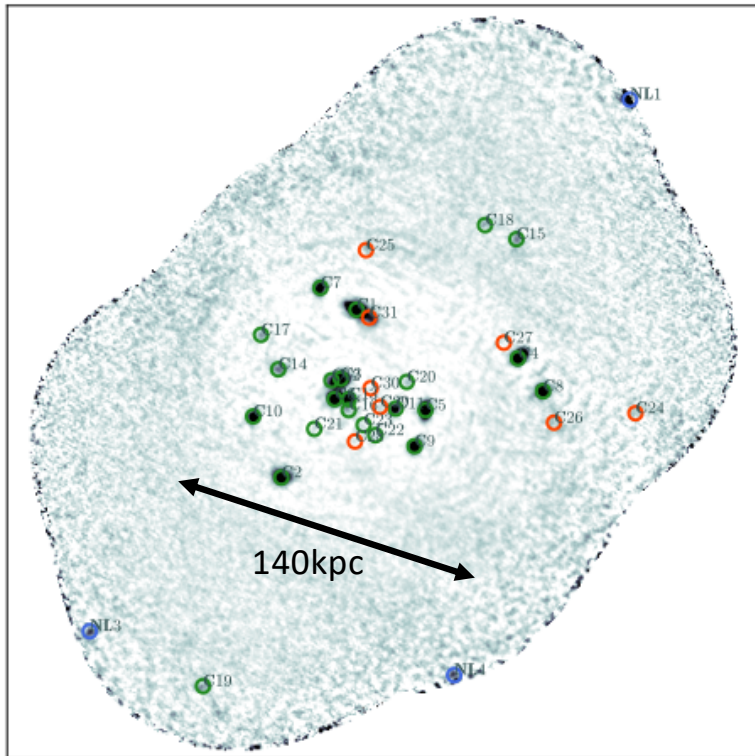
New GIZMO simulation suite (Hansen+ in prep)

30 galaxies with initial positions/velocities and gas/stellar masses consistent with SPT2349 SMGs

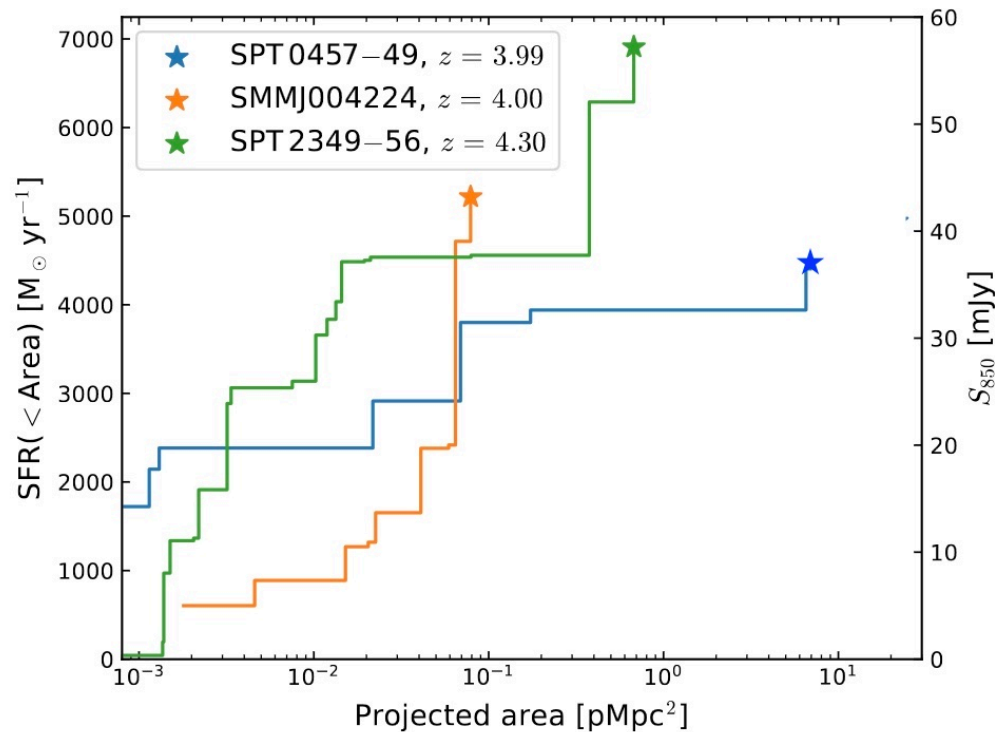


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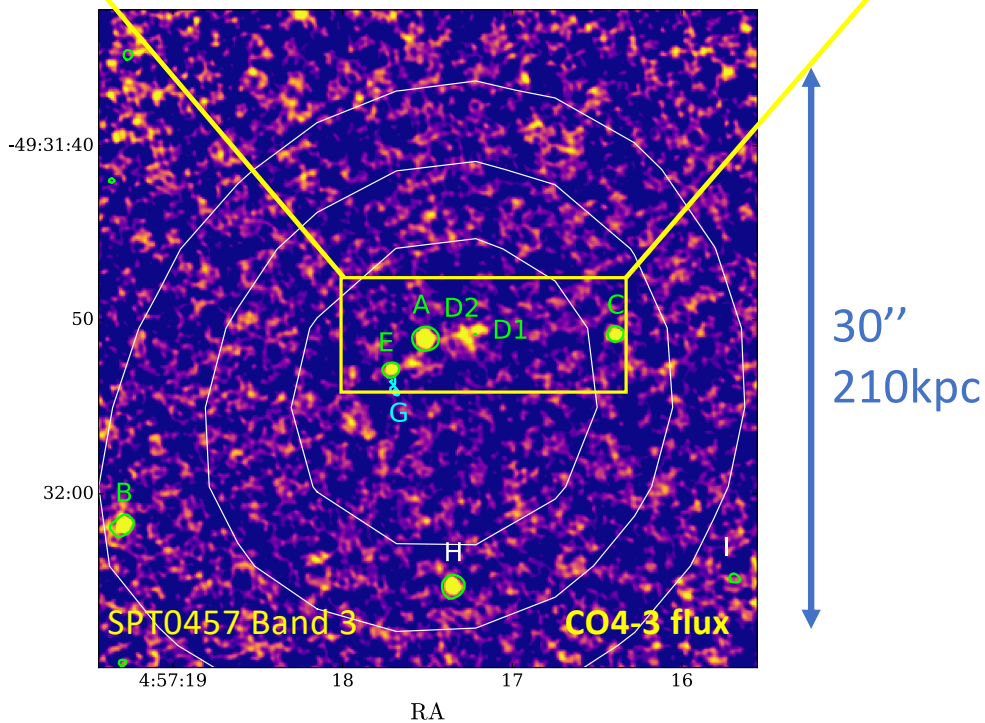
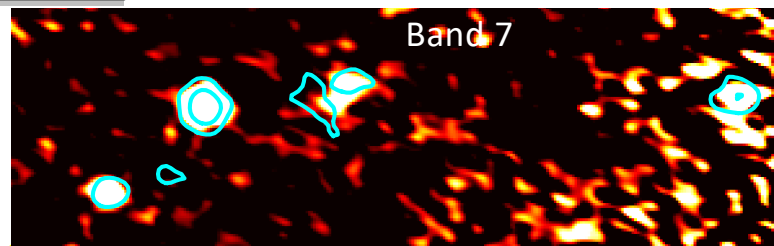
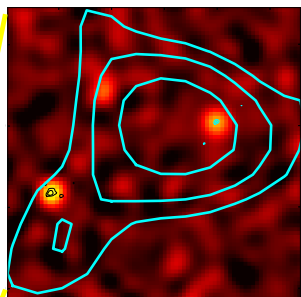
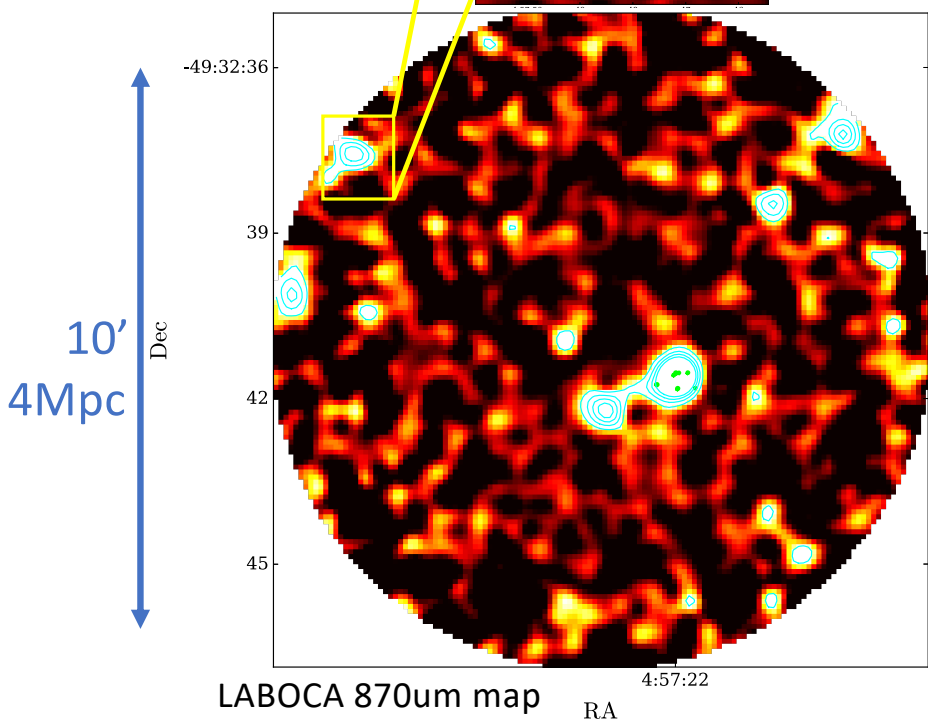


Are SPT2349 and DRC (Oteo+2018) unique?  
Despite 6 years since 2018 discovery papers,  
more emerging now with deep ALMA followup:  
e.g., SPT0457-49 at  $z=4.0$

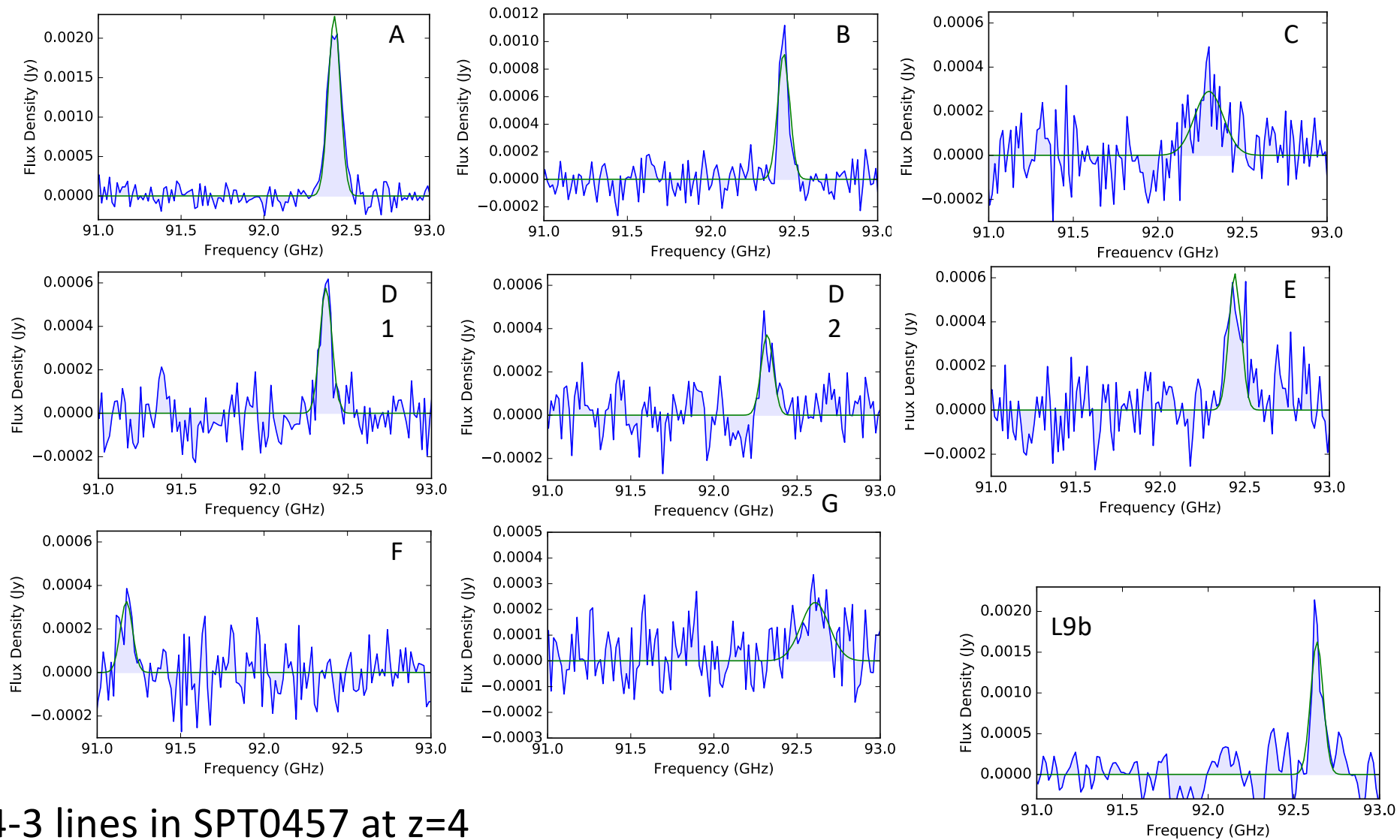


# SPT0457 z=4.0

One (of 7) satellite confirmed at z=4.0

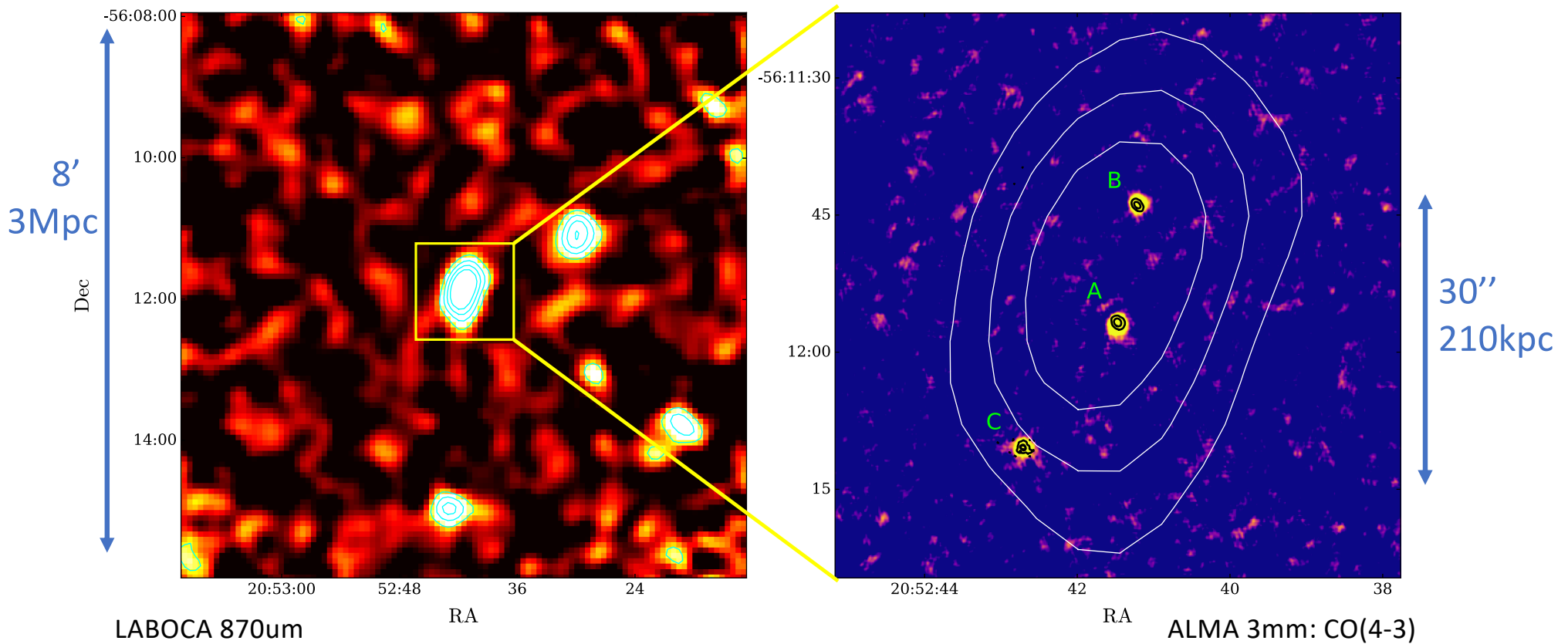




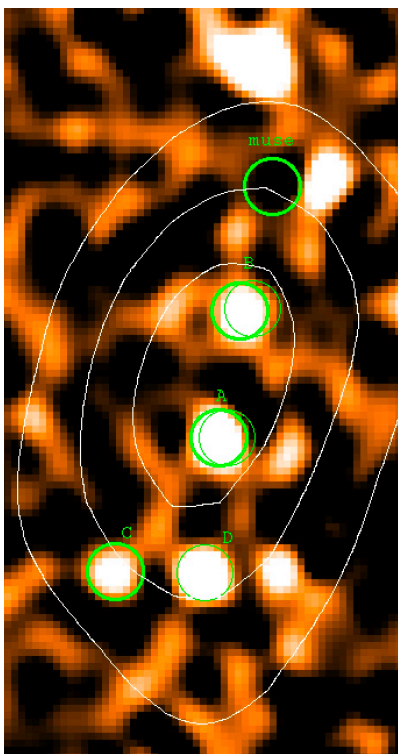


CO4-3 lines in SPT0457 at  $z=4$

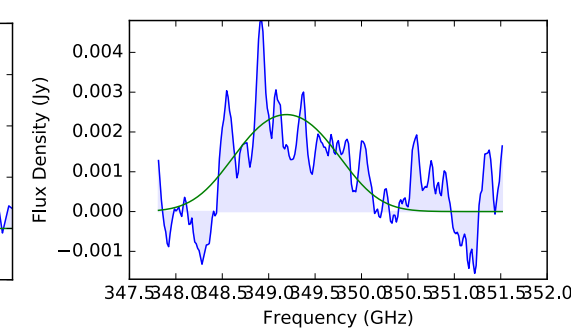
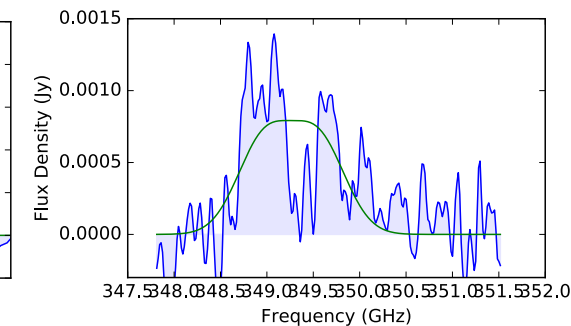
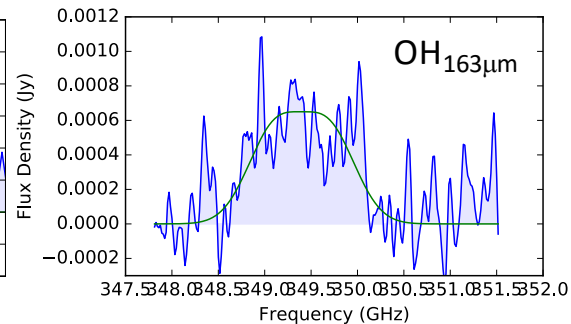
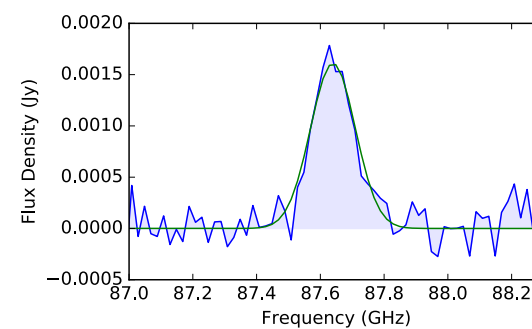
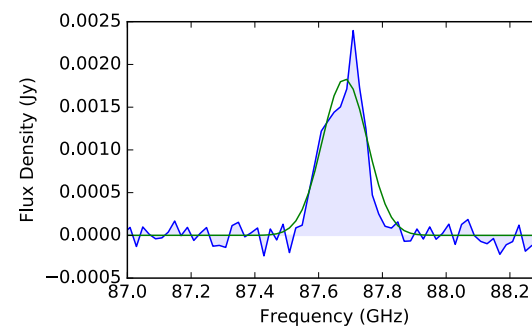
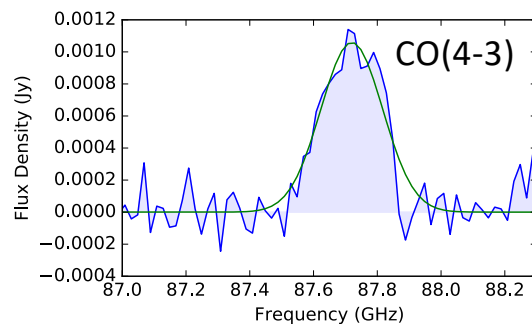
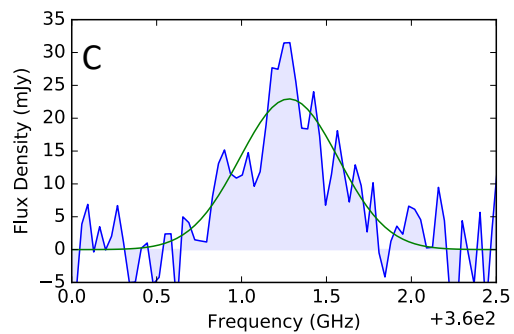
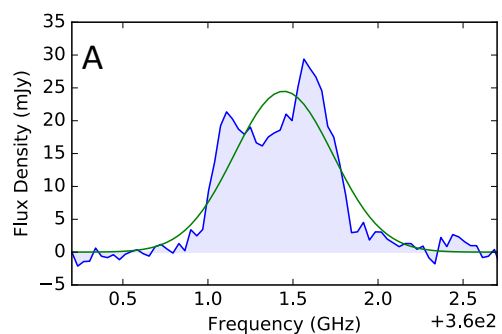
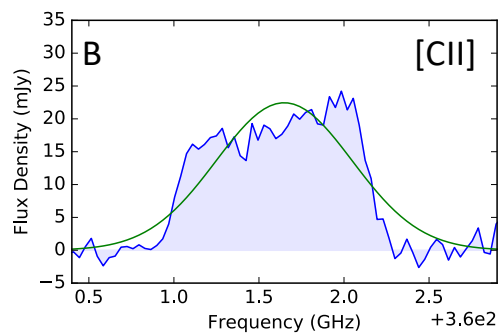
**SPT2052-56** at  $z=4.26$  – even more extreme than SPT2349 or DRC?



### 3 HyLIRGs with bright / broad lines (FWHM~800 km/s)

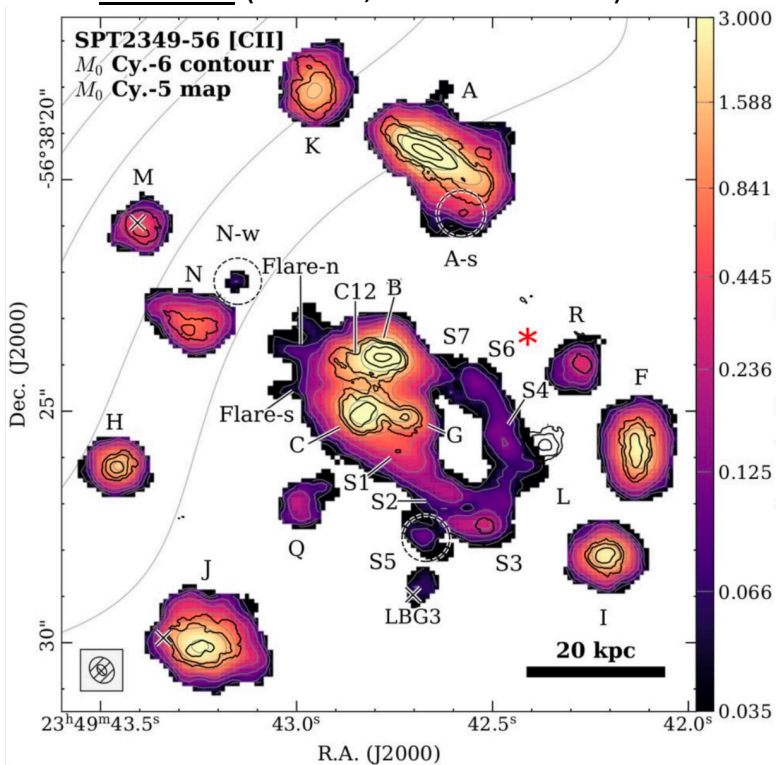


Meerkat 2GHz  
Similar radio fluxes  
SFRs~2000Ms/yr



# SPT2052 C+ neighbours / streams

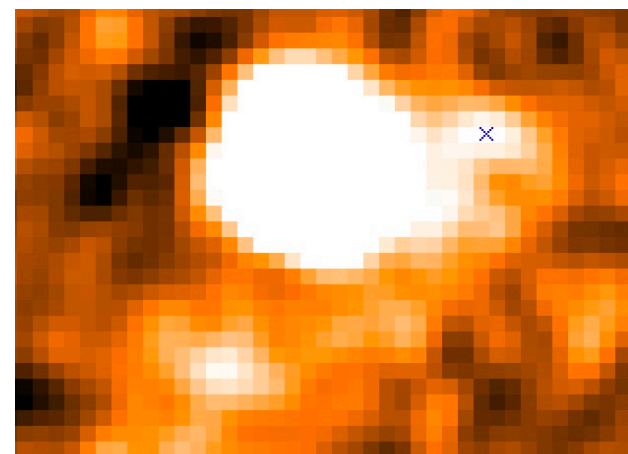
**SPT2349** (Hill+20, Sulzanauer+24)



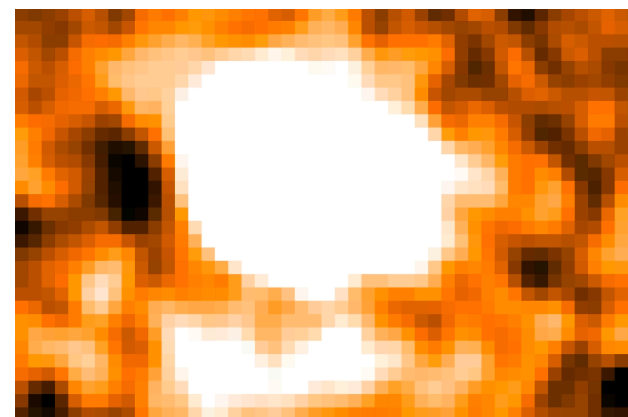
- >5sigma structures surrounding all 3 HyLIRGs: SPT2052A,B,C
- Faint neighbouring galaxies?
- Streamer/halo like SPT2349?
- Evidence of significant merger activity surrounding these HyLIRGs

**SPT2052**

Vel= 100 to 400 km/s



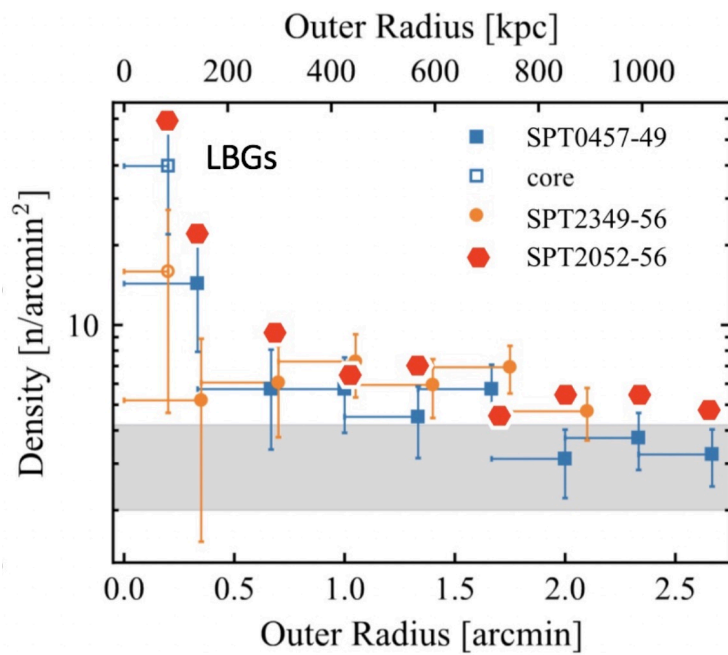
SPT2052 [CII] streamer in source A



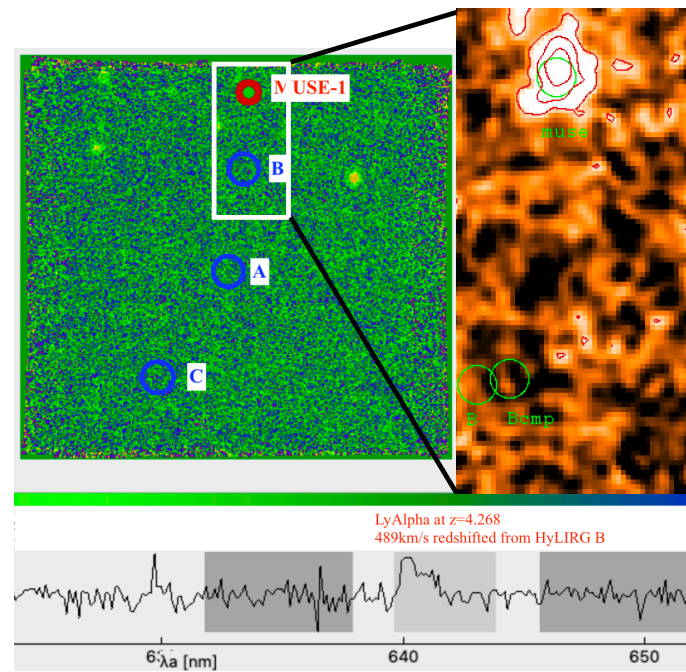
Vel=-300 to + 200 km/s

# SPT2052 protocluster in optical: other 'cluster' ingredients

## LBGs overdense, MUSE LAB/LBG



(annotated from old Kaja plots)

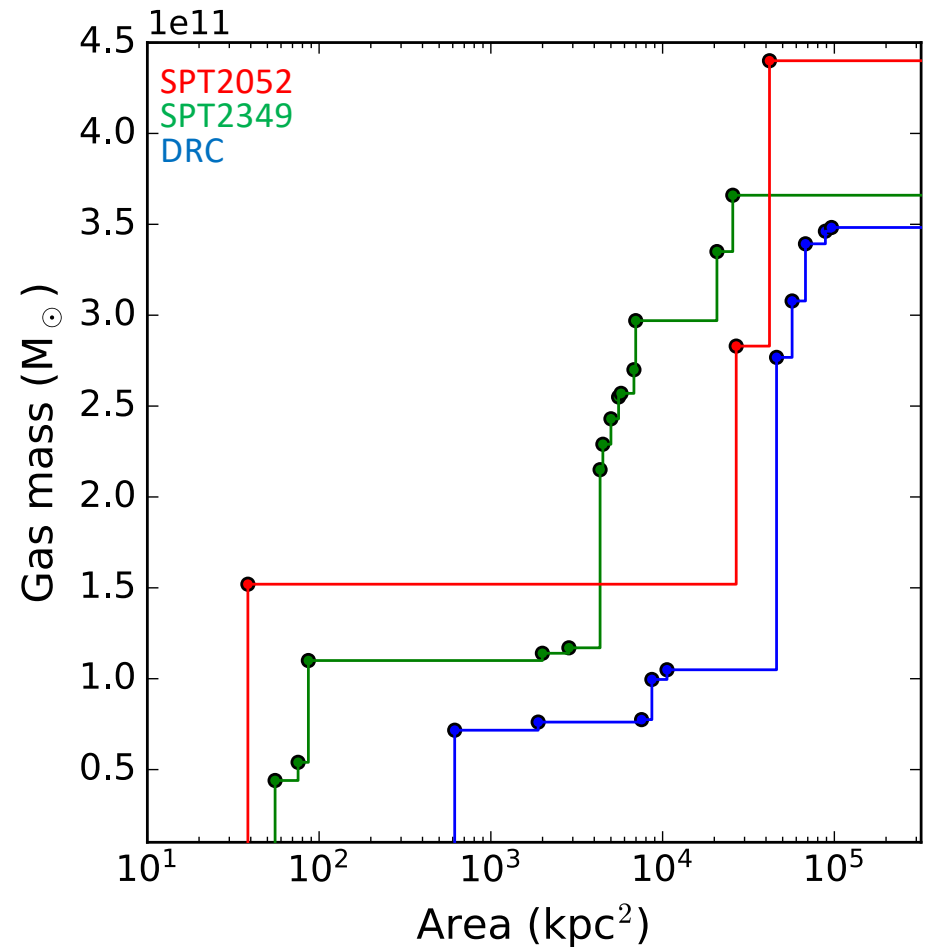


(Manuel working on optimizing the LAB contrast)



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(courtesy Pablo Araya Araya)



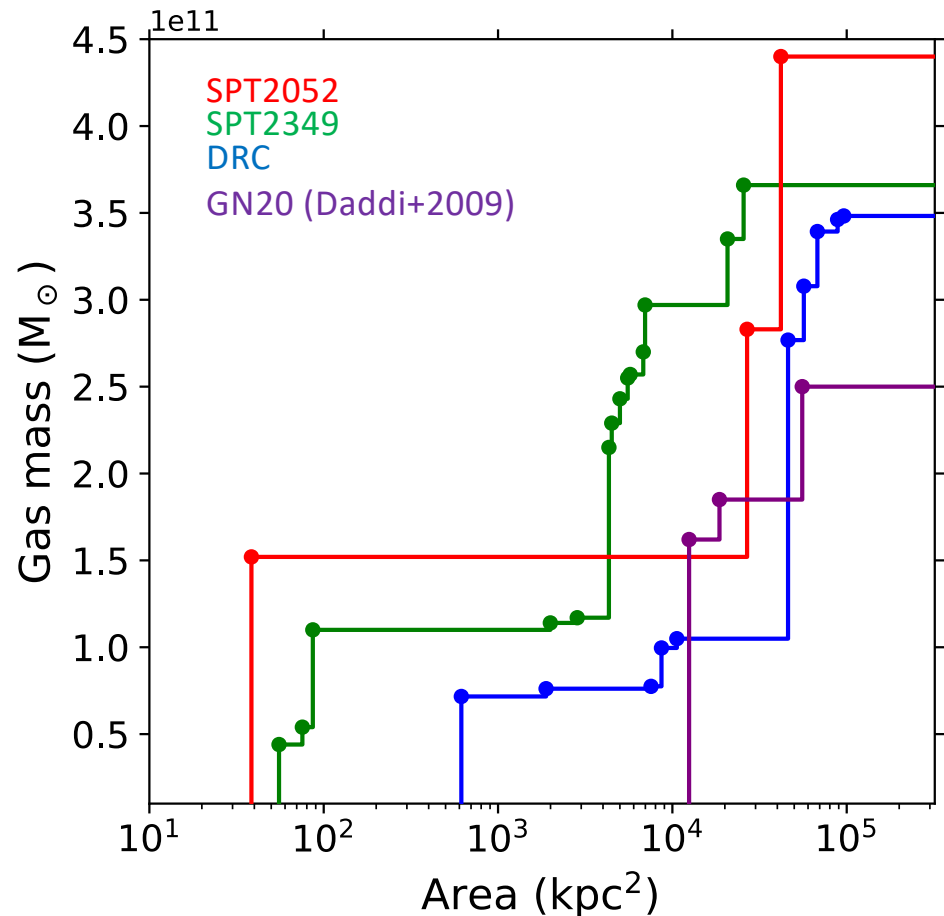
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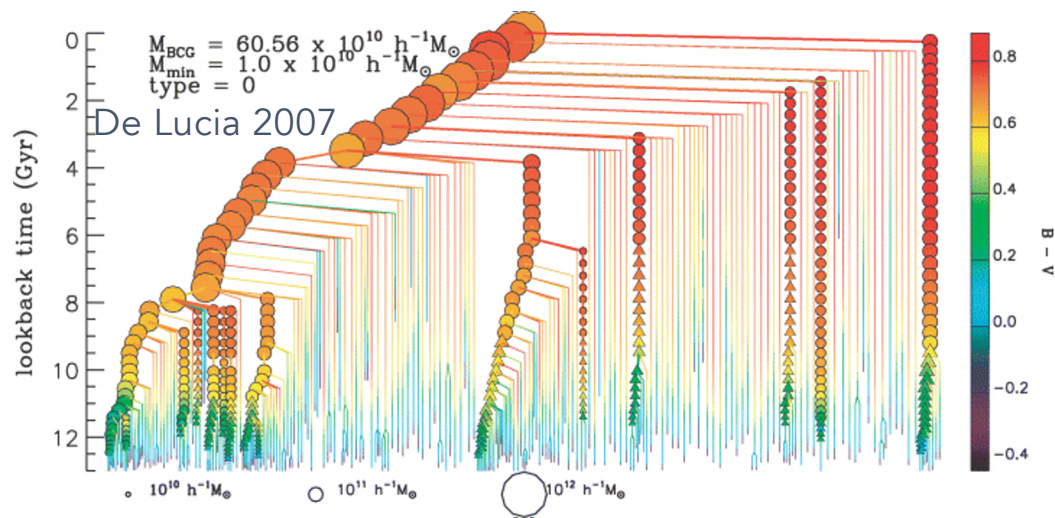
- GOODS-N, **GN20** system is pretty extreme
- COSMOS, 5 bright SMGs  $z > 4$  (Chen+2023), only one has a faint companion
- ALESS, Lockman, UDF, etc. have none.

Extreme gas rich PC-cores are pretty rare?



# Ruminations on protocluster cores and BCG growth

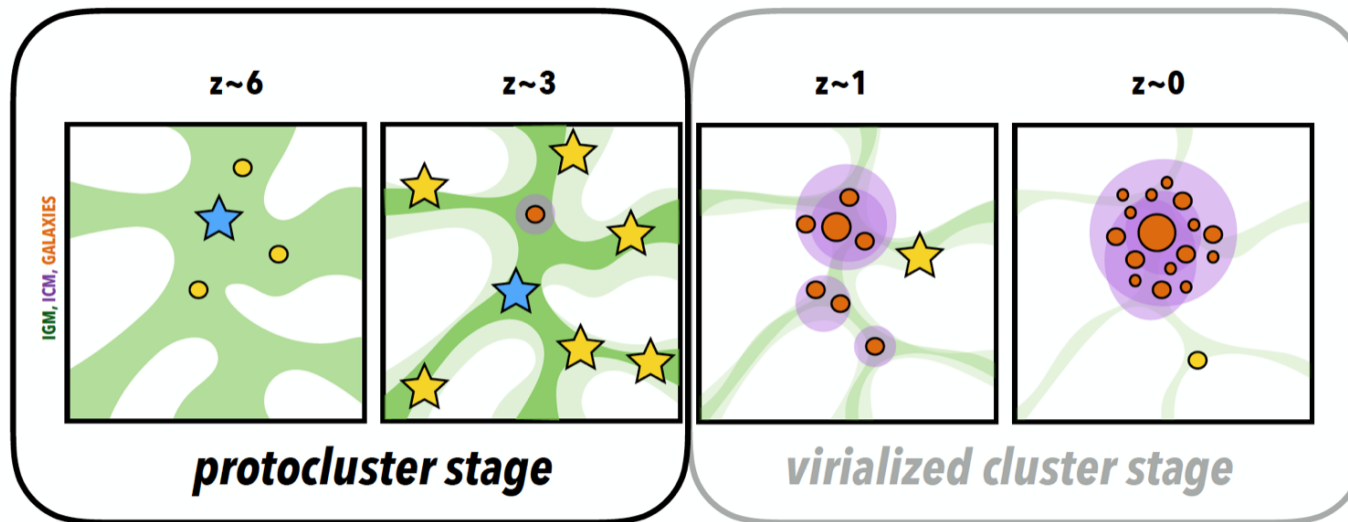
- No question : BCGs can have an incredibly active and violent, gas-rich, 'mega-merger' formation epoch at  $z > 4$ .
- Unclear how typical this is in massive clusters
- Duty cycle is short, *but these 'spectacular' examples only  $\sim 1$  per  $100 \text{ deg}^2$*



- GN20  $z=4$ , COSMOS  $z=4.3$ , Herschel systems: argues for almost as extreme systems,  $\sim 1/5$  to  $1/10 \text{ deg}^2$
- SIMULATIONS? Lots of directions at this conference

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Two recent case studies: bright *submm sources* in extended  $\sim 30'$  ( $\sim 15$  pMpc) scale protoclusters at  $z \sim 3$

HS1549  $z=2.9$

SSA22  $z=3.1$

Do bright SMGs trace the very extended collapsing structure of protoclusters?

Is this important for forming ellipticals in PCs?



# $z=3.1$ SSA22 protocluster (Steidel+2000)

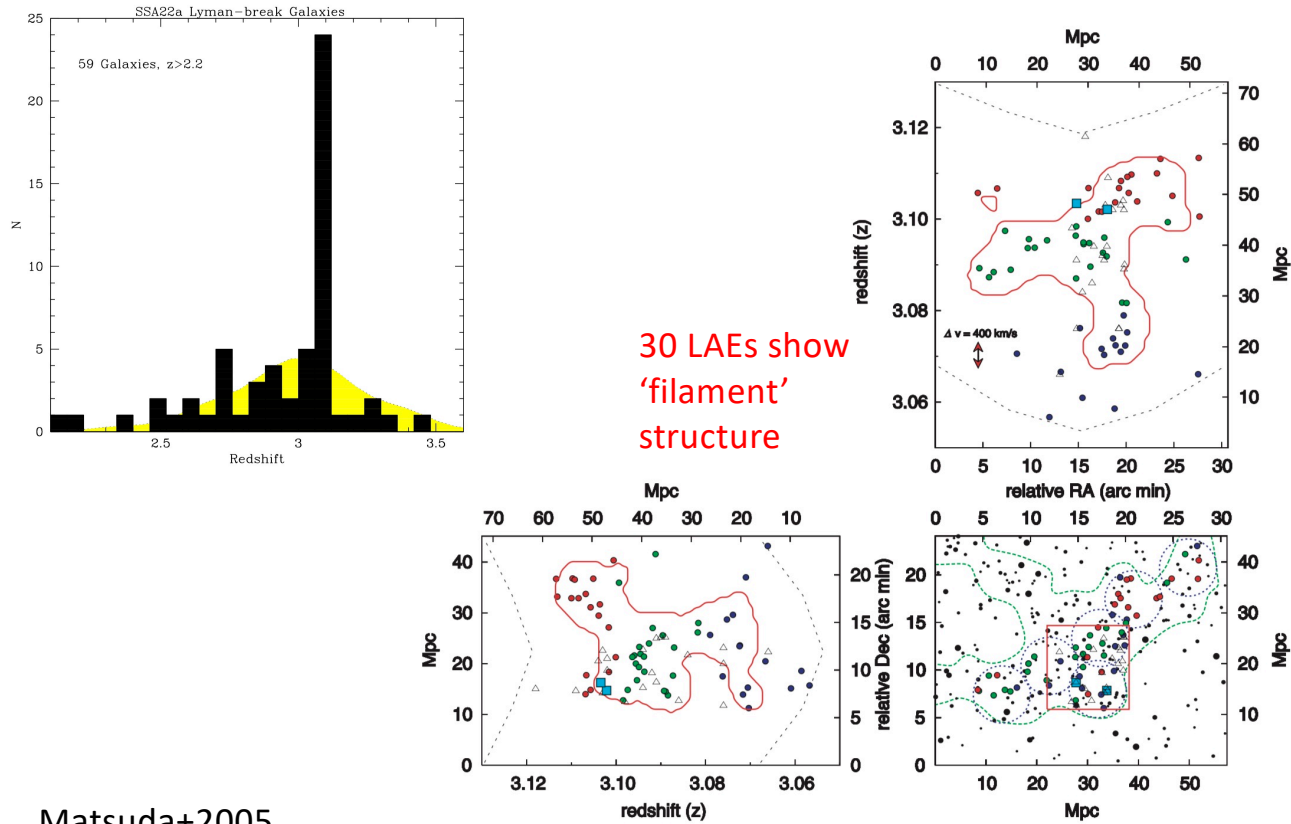
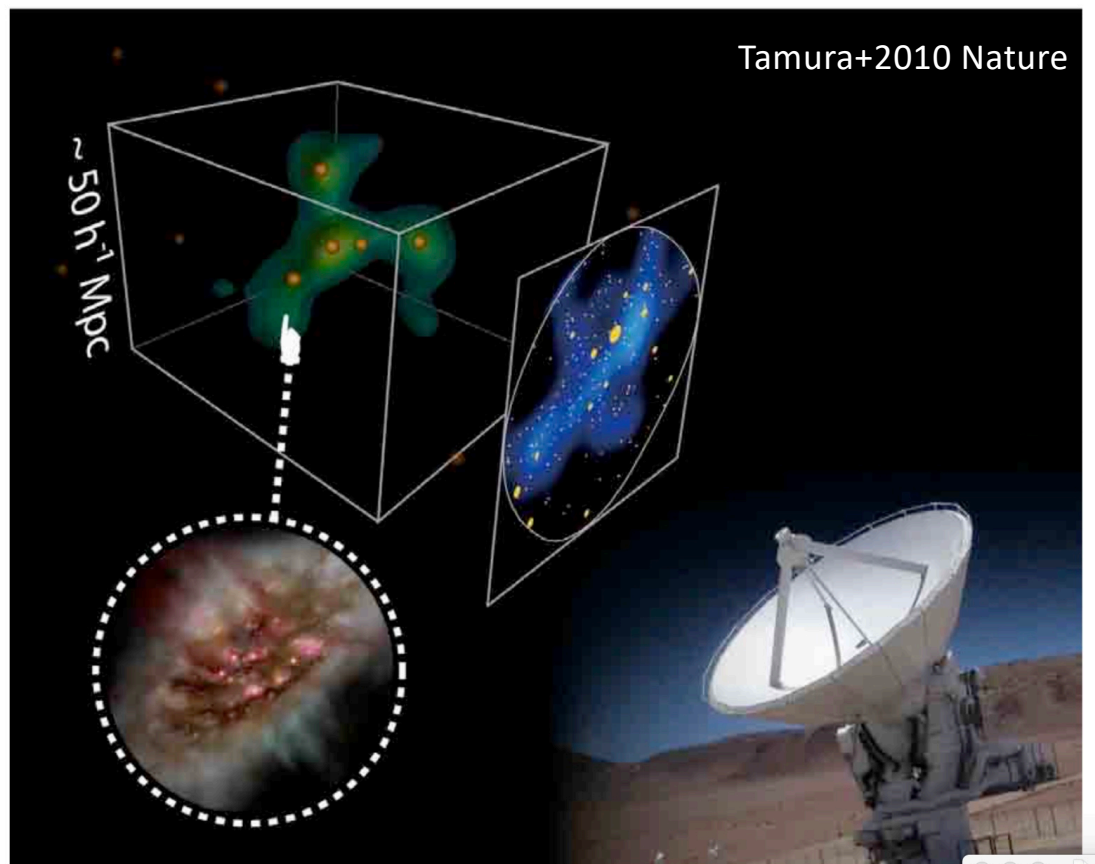
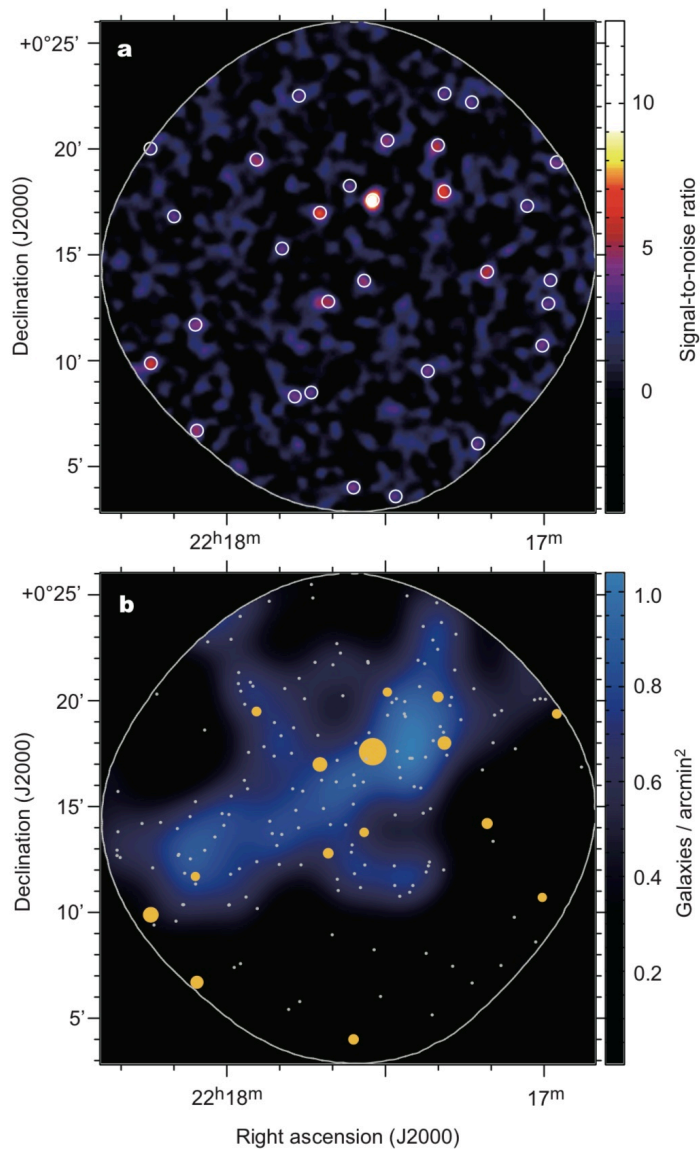


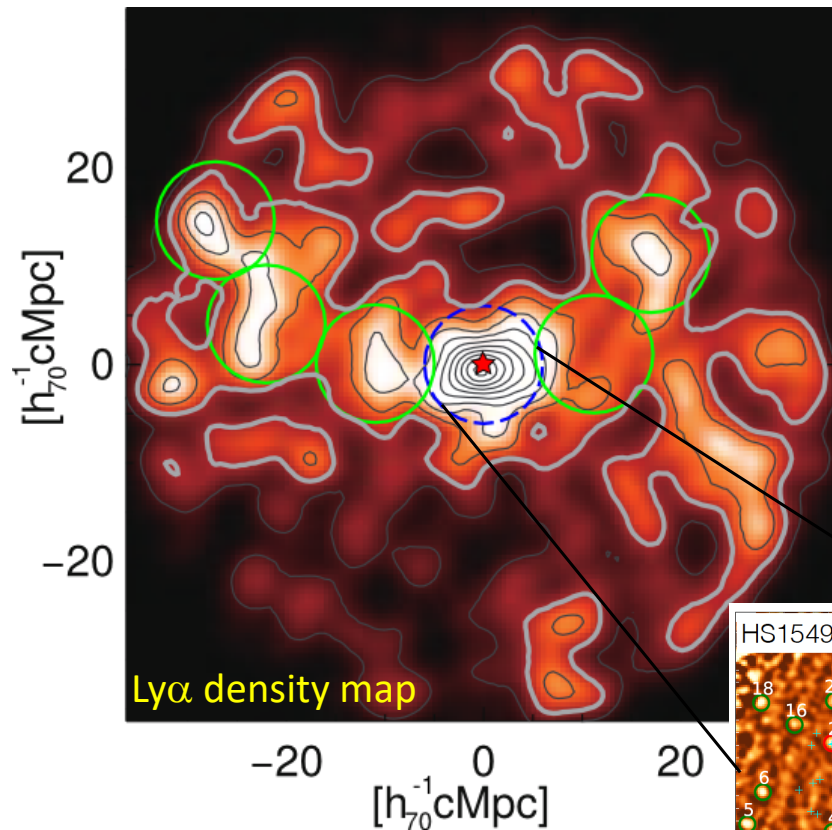
FIG. 1.—*Bottom right*: Sky map of the 283 candidate LAEs detected in Hayashino et al. (2004). The green line shows the average local surface density of LAEs in this field (see text). Cyan squares show two giant LABs. Blue circles show the field of view of six masks. Blue, green, and red points show the LAEs at  $z = 3.05\text{--}3.08$ ,  $3.08\text{--}3.10$ , and  $3.10\text{--}3.12$ , respectively. The triangles show the LBGs in the SSA 22a field (red box;  $8.7 \times 8.9$ ; Steidel et al. 2003). *Top right and bottom left*: Redshift-space distribution of 56 LAEs with spectroscopic redshifts. The red line shows the projected contour of the local volume density of LAEs of  $2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$  (see text). The predicted peculiar velocity dispersion of  $400 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  is shown by red arrows. The dotted lines show the redshift range sampled within  $\geq 50\%$  of the peak transmittance of our narrowband filter.



**Figure S1 | Schematic picture of this work.** The filamentary structure in green shown in the top-left corner represents the proto-cluster outlined by Lyman- $\alpha$  emitting galaxies in the SSA 22 field. We found an apparent clustering of submillimetre galaxies, which are believed to be massive dusty starburst galaxies (orange dots; an artist's conception of a submillimetre galaxy is shown in the bottom-left corner), towards the proto-cluster using the AzTEC camera mounted on the ASTE telescope (shown in the bottom-right corner). Although the 1,100- $\mu\text{m}$  map shows only the projected distribution of the submillimetre galaxies on the plane of the sky, it is likely that some fraction of our submillimetre galaxies actually belongs to the proto-cluster, marking the local peak of underlying mass distribution.

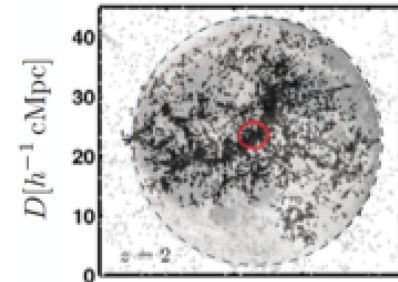
# HS1549+19 $z=2.9$ protocluster (Steidel et al. 2011)

Protoclusters at  $z > 3$  are large,  $\sim 1 \text{ deg}^2$  region will collapse down by factor 100x



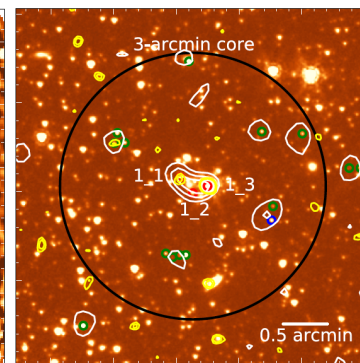
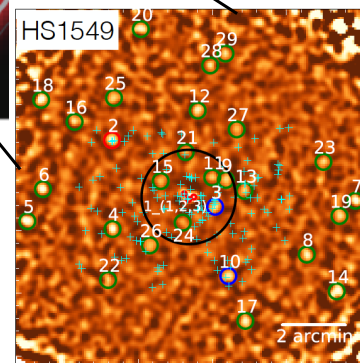
Ly $\alpha$  density map

Looks like sims



(Lacaille et al. 2017)

Kikuta+2019

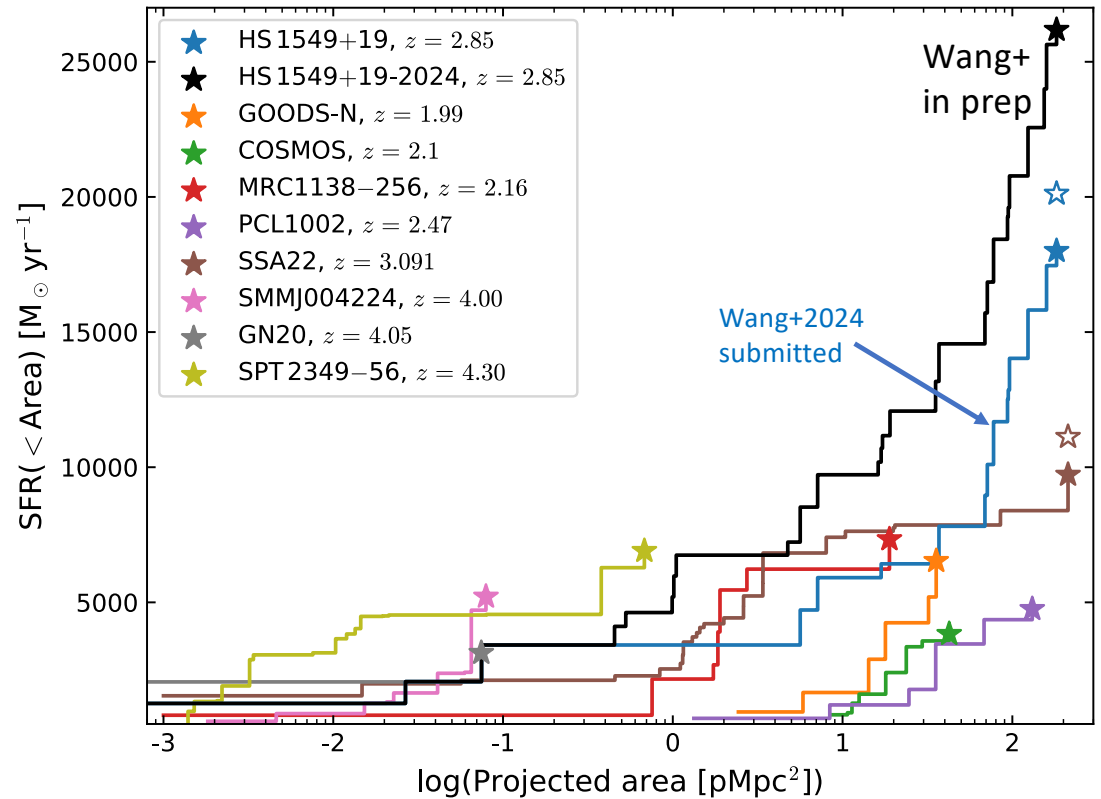


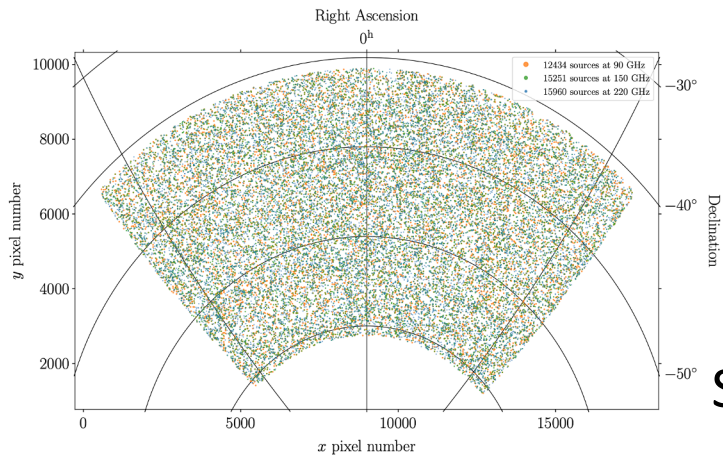
# HS1549+19: SFRD from SMGs alone.

see George Wang talk Tuesday

Survey of all *HyLIRG* SMGs with  $S_{850} > 8\text{mJy}$  demonstrated a unique wide field SFRD in PC (Wang et al. 2024, [arXiv240616637](https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.16637))

Recent followup of fainter SMGs with NOEMA reveals HS1549 is an SMG monster!



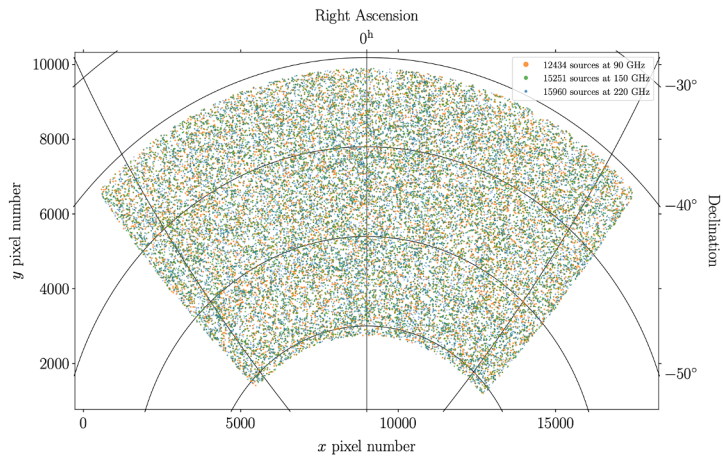


SPT-3G: 1500 deg<sup>2</sup>  $S_{220\text{GHz}} > 4.6\text{mJy } 5\sigma$

*Prospects for efficient selection at 1.4mm-2mm  
of next luminosity tier of protocluster cores*

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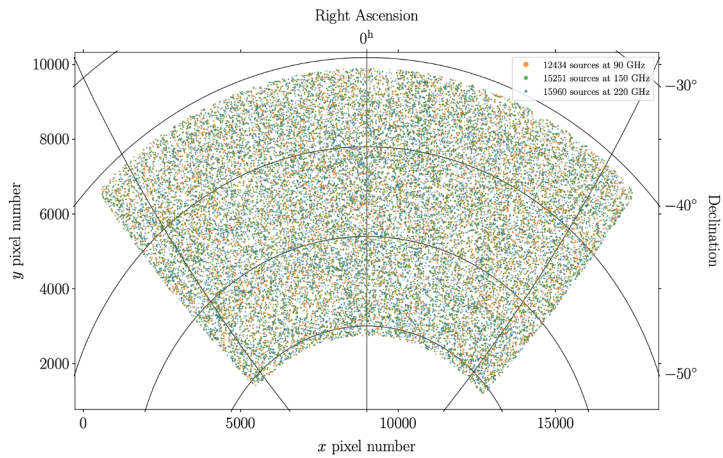




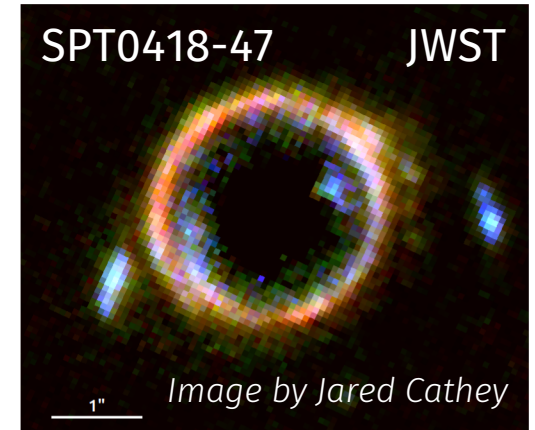
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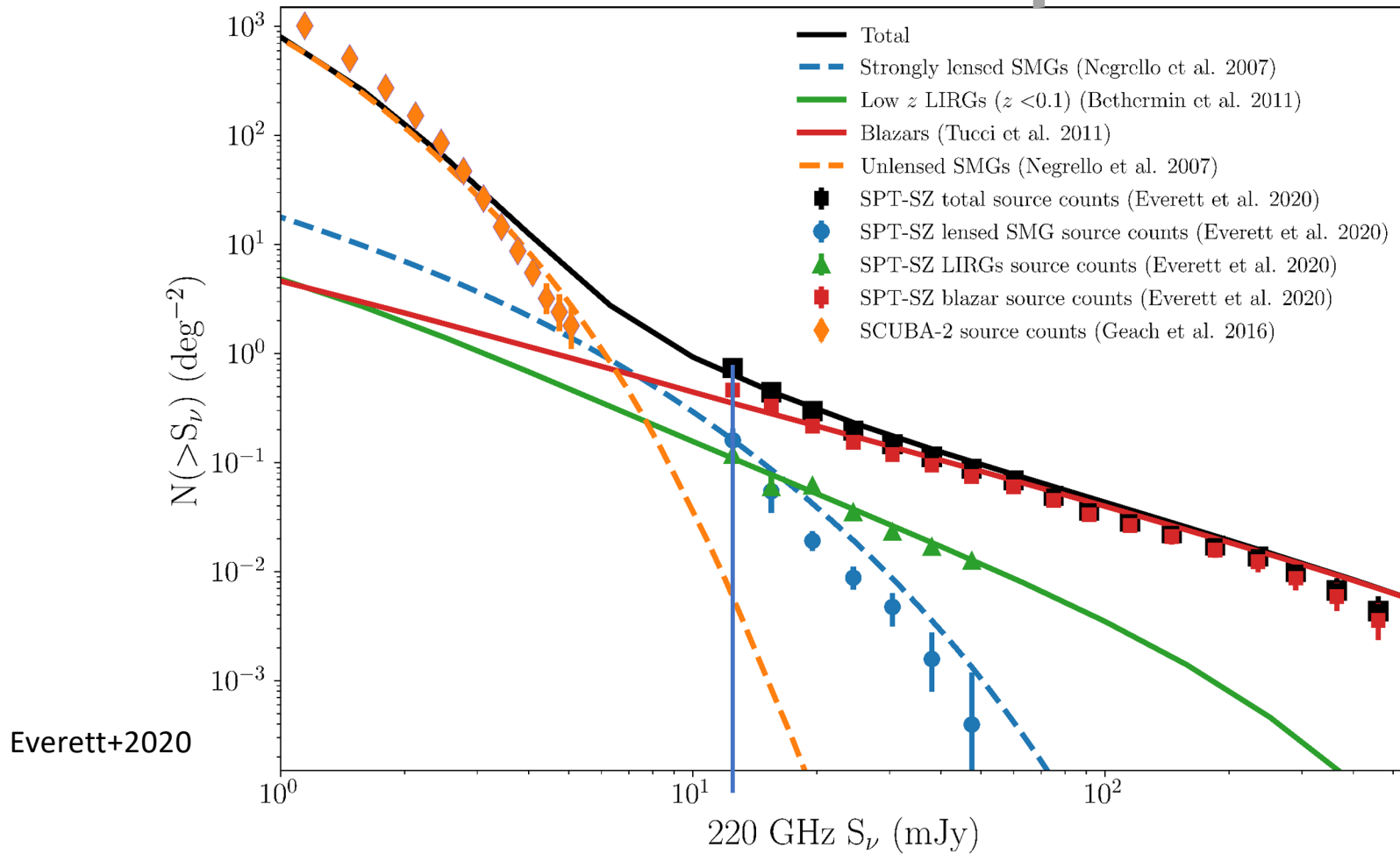


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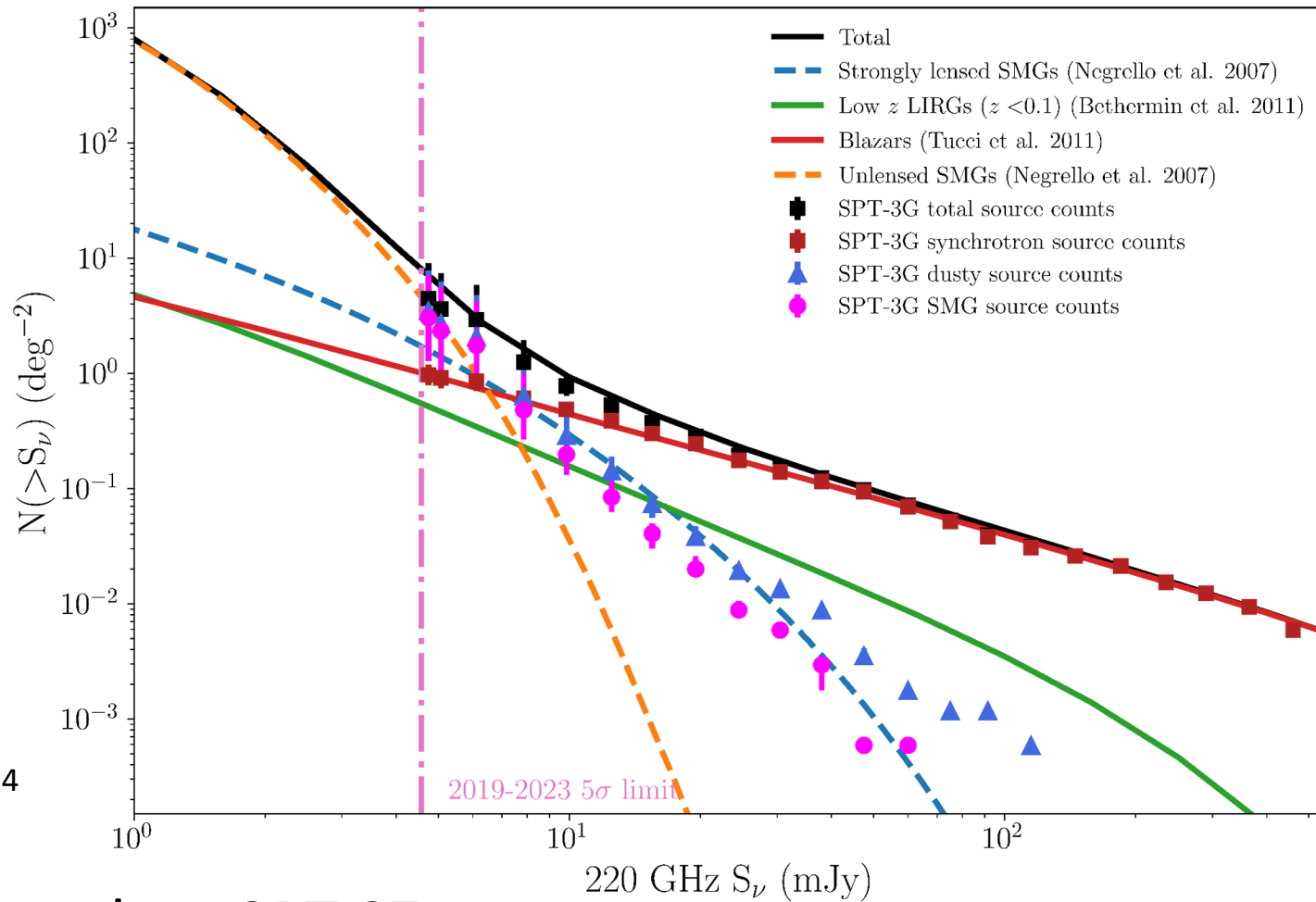
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The other half are dusty star-forming galaxies. Many of these lack counterparts and are high-z SMGs and PCs.

# Cumulative counts at 220 GHz **prior to** SPT-3G



# Cumulative source counts at 220 GHz **with** SPT-3G



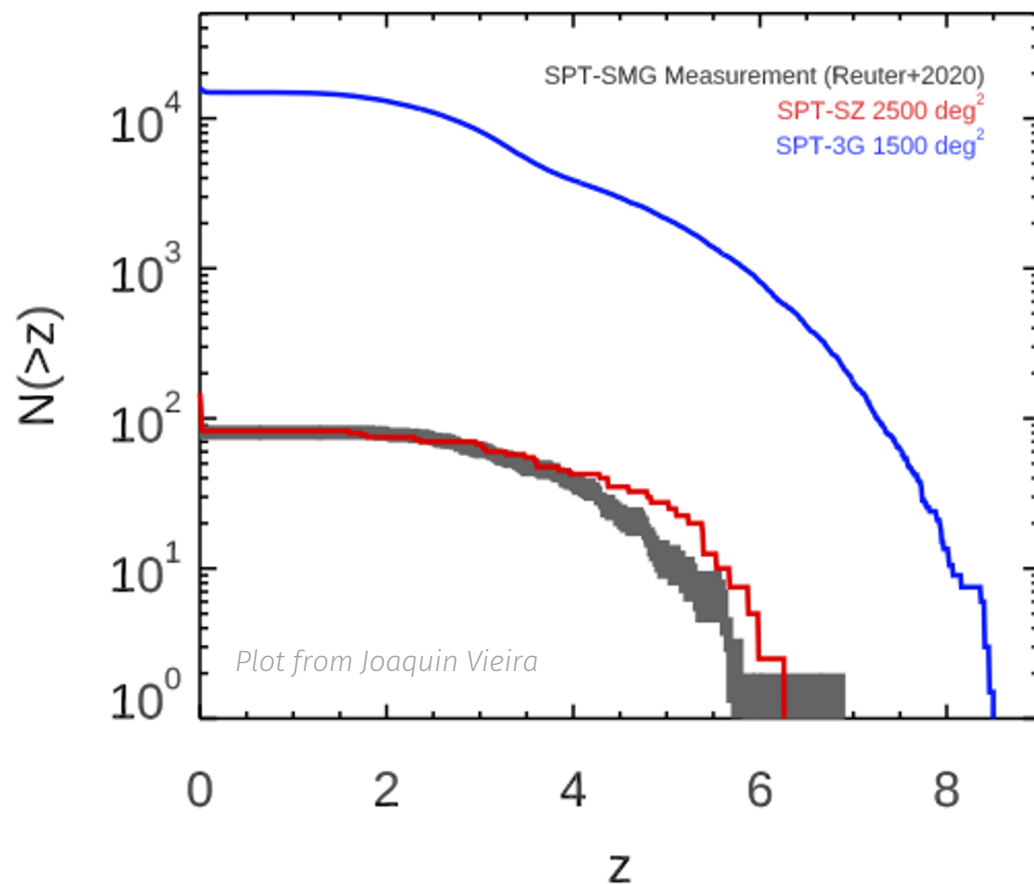
Archipley+2024

>4x deeper than SPT-SZ

# Forecasts of SPT-3G sources (Bethethermin+ models)



*Redshift forecasts of SPT-3G :*  
predicts *10 z~7 sources*  
in  $100 \text{ deg}^2$  pilot field  
(with SPIRE overlap)



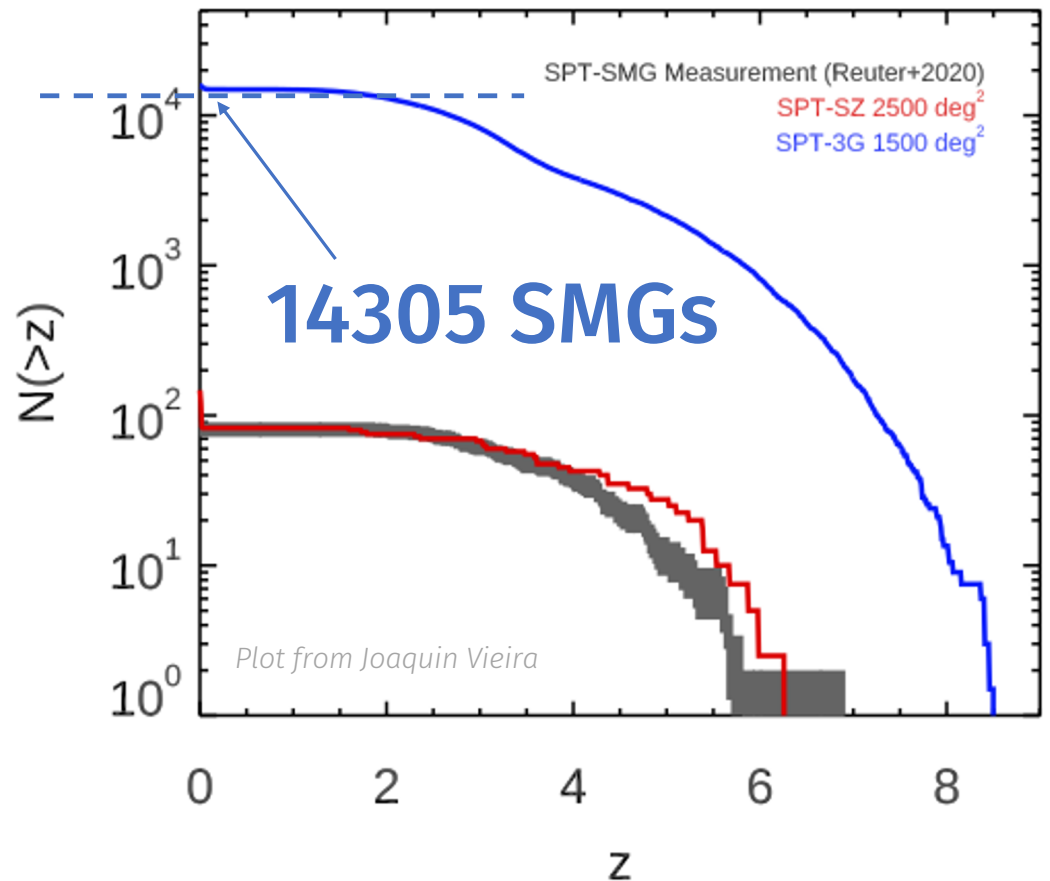


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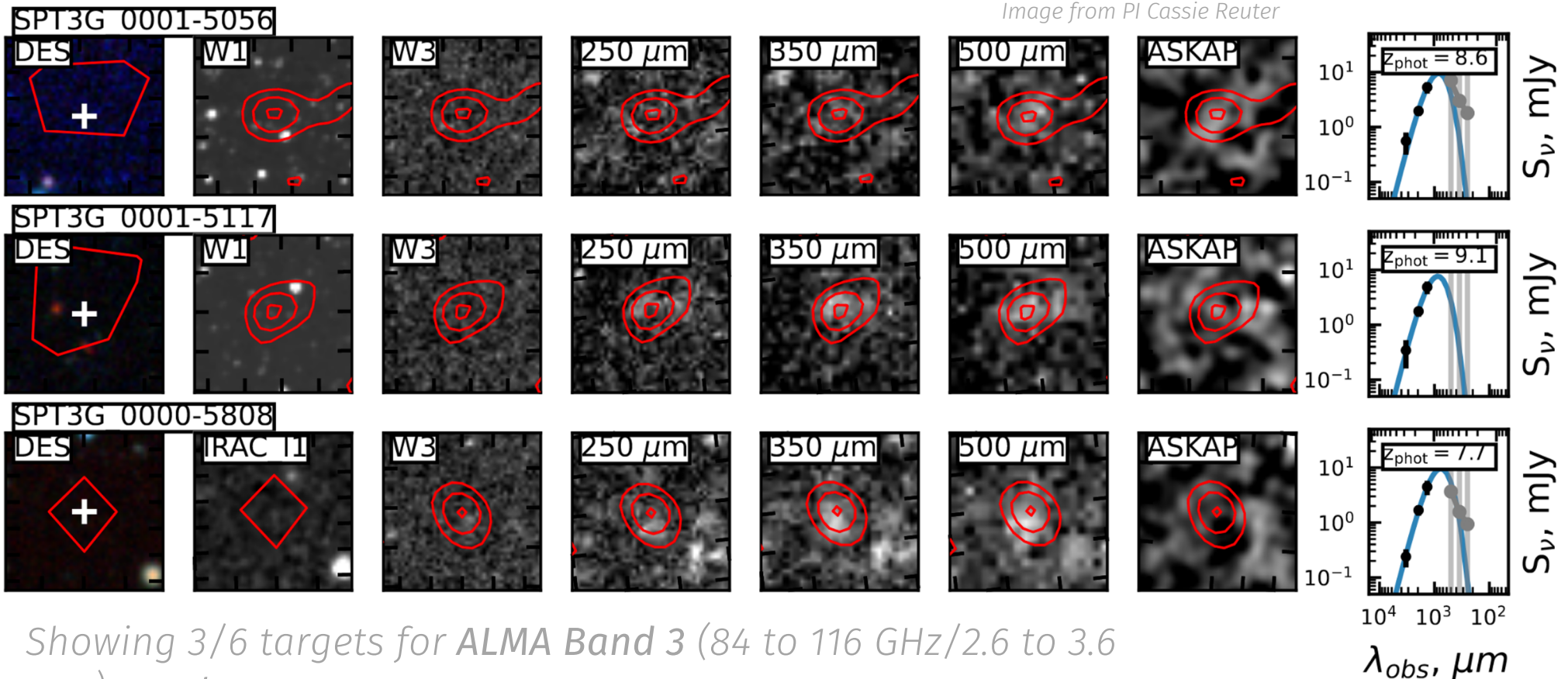


Imaging 226 sources with 30hr  
ALMA Band 6 (1.2mm)  
(PI Chapman)

Spectroscopy: 7 sources selected  
with no SPIRE, or steep rising  
emission at  $500 \mu\text{m}$   $\rightarrow$  red, high z  
(PI Reuter)



# Two ALMA cycle 11 proposals: imaging and **highest-z**



# Conclusions

- Assembling protoclusters are forming lots of stars
- Wide field submm surveys can efficiently find them
- Some massive protoclusters can only be found in the submm!
- Extreme submm-luminous protocluster cores at  $z > 4$  (e.g., SPT2349 & DRC):
  - More have been found and studied (SPT0457  $z=4.0$ ; SPT2052  $z=4.3$ )
  - Highlight an important mode for BCG assembly
  - May be beacons of most massive  $z=0$  clusters?
- Studying  $z \sim 3$  protoclusters with SMGs in wide field is important
  - SSA22 and HS1549
- SPT-3G and CCAT will be protocluster finding machines

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