

Extreme UV emitting Lyman Continuum leakers at the Cosmic Noon

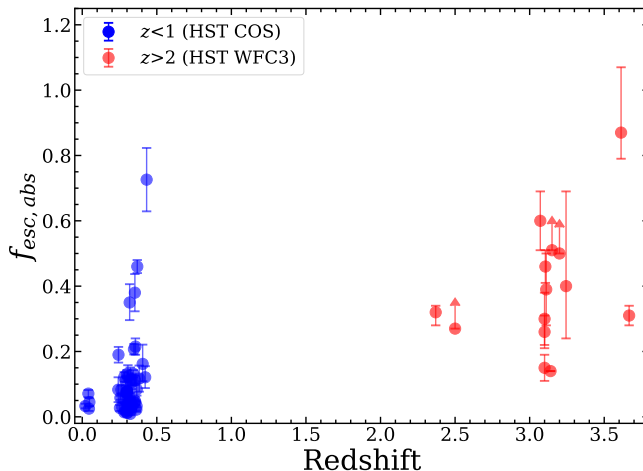
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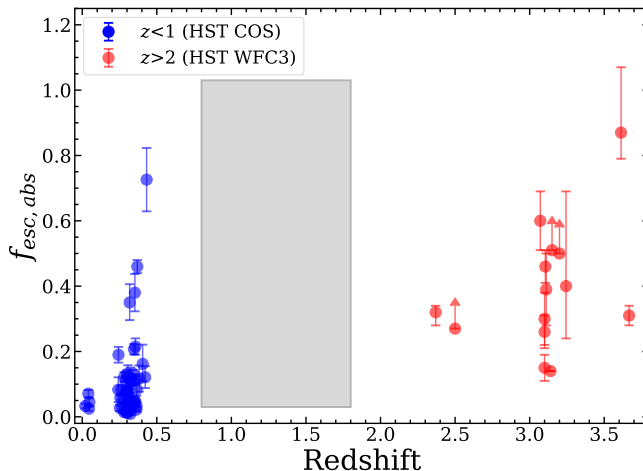
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Detecting LyC photons is challenging!!

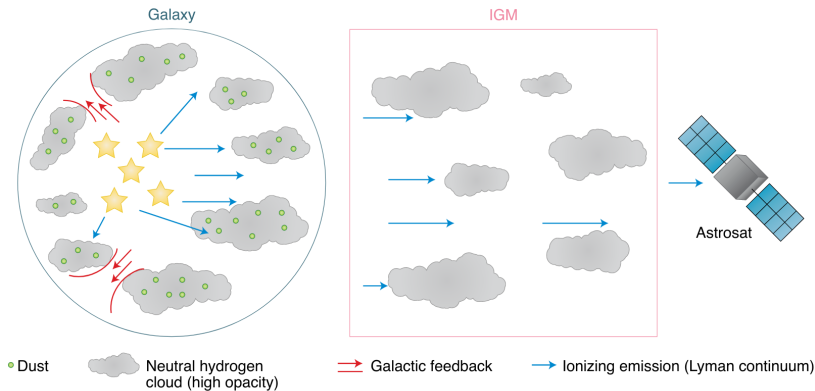
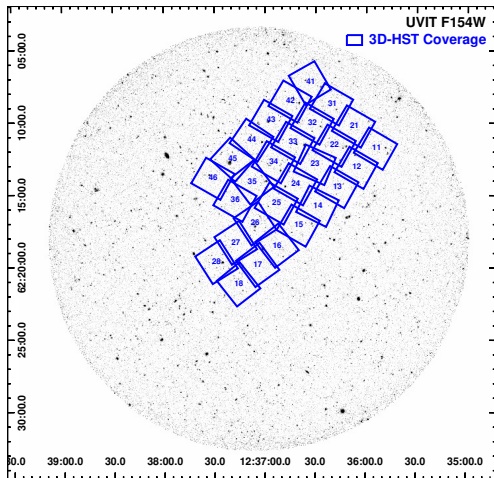


Figure from Alavi (2020)

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AUDF ideal for LyC leaker detections

Lyman Limit $\sim 912 \text{ \AA}$

$\lambda_{\text{mean}} = 1541 \text{ \AA}$

$\Delta\lambda = 380 \text{ \AA}$

Any source detected in F154W band at $z > 0.97$ would be a LyC leaker.

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UVIT Imaging

FUV F154W $\sim$ 34 kilo sec

NUV N242W $\sim$ 19 kilo sec

Resolution: FUV $\sim 1.5''$, NUV $\sim 1.2''$

5σ limiting magnitude FUV $\sim$ 26.79, NUV $\sim$ 26.73

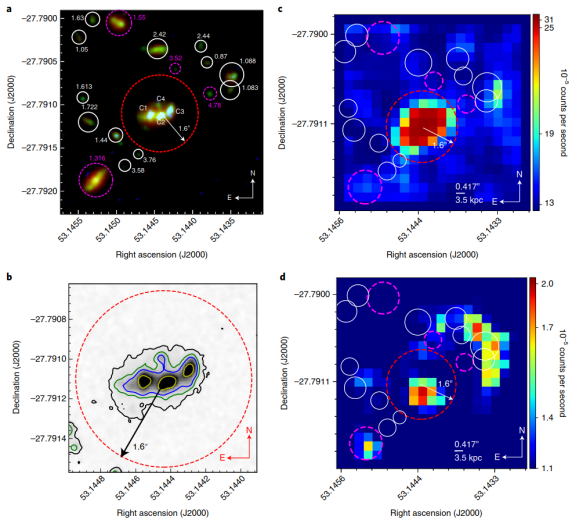
3D-HST Grism spectra and deep imaging archival data

WFC3/G141 spectra with wavelength coverage from 1.1-1.6 μm .

Spatial resolution $\sim 0.''13$

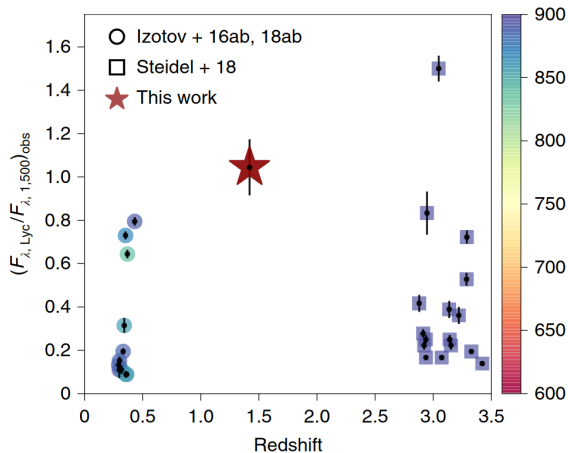
Deep imaging in UV (HST, UVIT), Optical (HST, Keck, Subaru) and IR (HST, Subaru, Spitzer).

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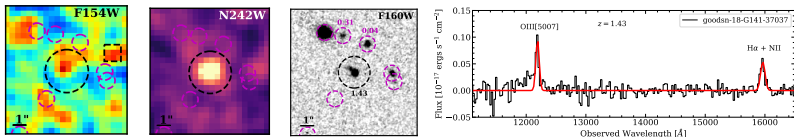


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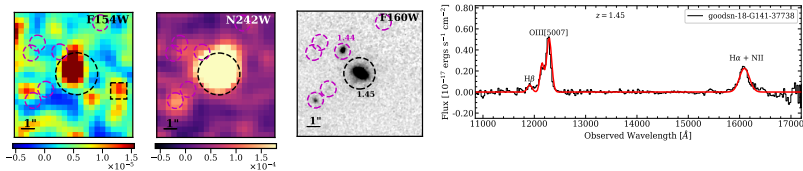
Identifying LyC leakers

- We use the $H\alpha$ and [OIII]5007 lines having line flux SNR > 3 to identify emission line sources (178 sources).
- Of the 178 sources, 56 sources are found to have detection in UVIT F154W.
- To avoid contamination, sources having neighbouring companions within $1.2''$ radius are excluded (39 sources).
- 11 sources are found with FUV SNR > 3 .
- One source in this 11 sources is observed to have $H\alpha$ line at the edge of the spectral coverage of G141. To avoid uncertainty in redshift and line flux measurement we exclude this source from our sample.

LyC leakers Images and Spectra

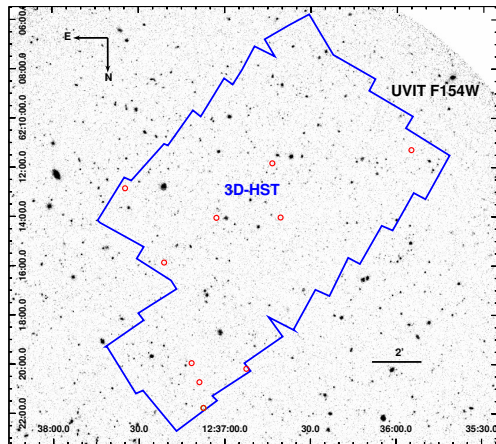


FUV mag: 26.10 ± 0.33 , f_{esc} : 0.60 ± 0.04 , Rest Frame UV λ : $\sim 630 \text{ \AA}$



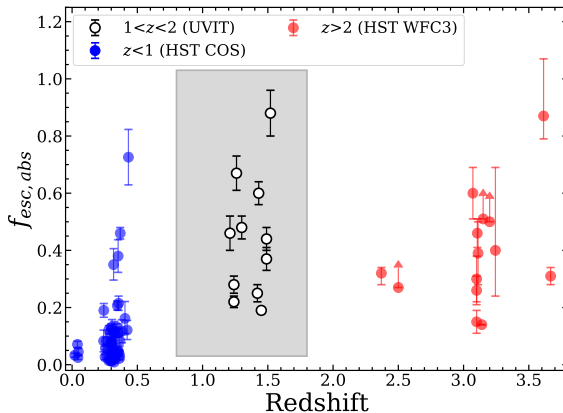
FUV mag: 25.55 ± 0.24 , f_{esc} : 0.19 ± 0.01 , Rest Frame UV λ : $\sim 630 \text{ \AA}$
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LyC leakers in AUDFn



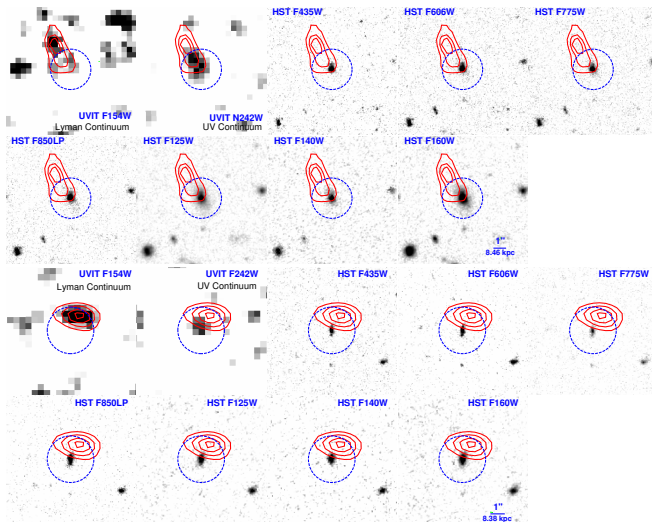
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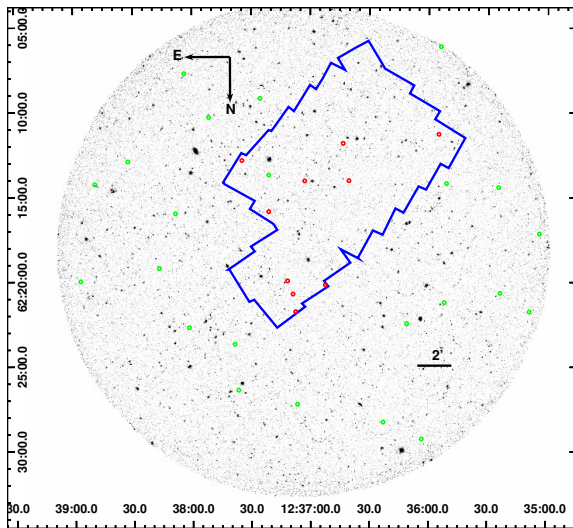
Offset in LyC emission



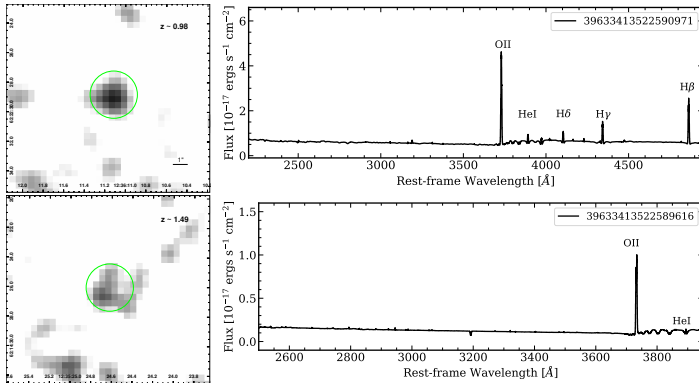
Properties of LyC leakers

ID	z	f_{esc}	β	SFR (H α) $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	Stellar mass $\times 10^9 M_{\odot}$
goodsn-33-G141_11332	1.24	0.15 ± 0.04	-0.60	31.46 ± 1.73	9.06 ± 2.59
goodsn-17-G141_36246	1.26	0.56 ± 0.10	-1.04	4.49 ± 1.14	3.12 ± 0.77
goodsn-36-G141_25099	1.52	0.79 ± 0.13	-0.21	2.41 ± 1.70	4.49 ± 0.48
goodsn-18-G141_37037	1.43	0.44 ± 0.08	-1.06	10.94 ± 1.47	4.35 ± 1.02
goodsn-35-G141_18763	1.24	0.19 ± 0.05	-0.48	22.74 ± 2.14	7.78 ± 1.20
goodsn-11-G141_09345	1.21	0.35 ± 0.09	-0.48	8.09 ± 1.79	7.33 ± 1.44
goodsn-18-G141_37738	1.45	0.11 ± 0.02	-0.96	124.45 ± 2.78	58.61 ± 6.55
goodsn-17-G141_35906	1.30	0.36 ± 0.08	-0.27	12.41 ± 1.66	3.87 ± 1.05
goodsn-46-G141_14637	1.49	0.24 ± 0.06	-0.33	30.34 ± 2.74	18.49 ± 4.31
goodsn-24-G141_18817	1.49	0.29 ± 0.06	-0.77	25.85 ± 2.16	4.25 ± 1.31

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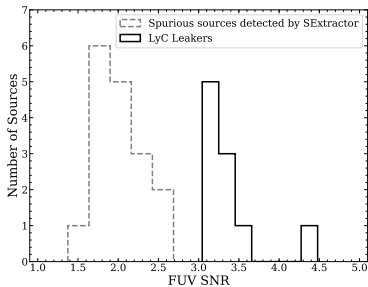
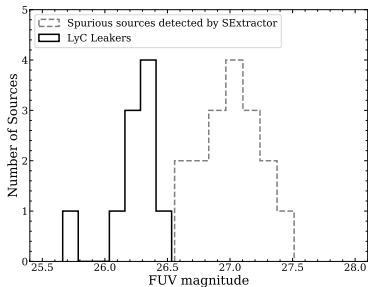


Summary

- Using the UVIT F154W imaging and 3D-HST grism spectra, 10 LyC leakers are detected in AUDFn at $1.0 < z < 1.6$
- This is the first sample of LyC leakers at $1.0 < z < 1.6$
- Escape fractions are estimated to be 10-70%
- The rest frame wavelength of the detected LyC leakers falls in the extreme ultra violet regime $\sim 600\text{-}750 \text{ \AA}$.
- This sample fills an important niche between GALEX and COS at low- z and HST at high- z and would help in understanding the evolution of LyC leakers.
- We are exploring the fields around 3D-HST using DESI spectra (with ~ 20 potential LyC leakers candidates detected).

Thank you for your attention!

Detection Significance



Estimation of f_{esc}

$$N_{LyC}^{non-esc} = 7.28 \times 10^{11} L(H\alpha), (non - escaping ionizing photons) \quad (1)$$

$$N_{LyC}^{esc} = \frac{L_{F154W} (\lambda_{mean}^{F154W})^2}{hc} e^{\tau_{IGM}}, (escaping ionizing photons) \quad (2)$$

$$f_{esc} = \frac{N_{LyC}^{esc}}{N_{LyC}^{esc} + N_{LyC}^{non-esc}} \quad (3)$$