

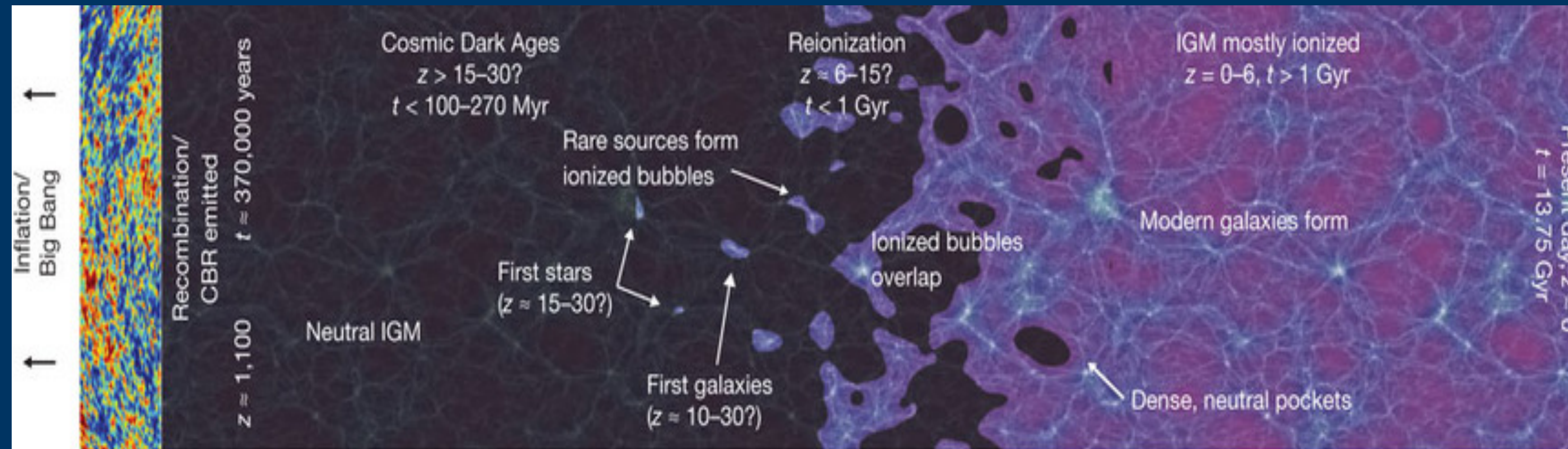


# Tow ionised bubbles in the BDF, at $z \sim 7$

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# Reionisation of the Universe



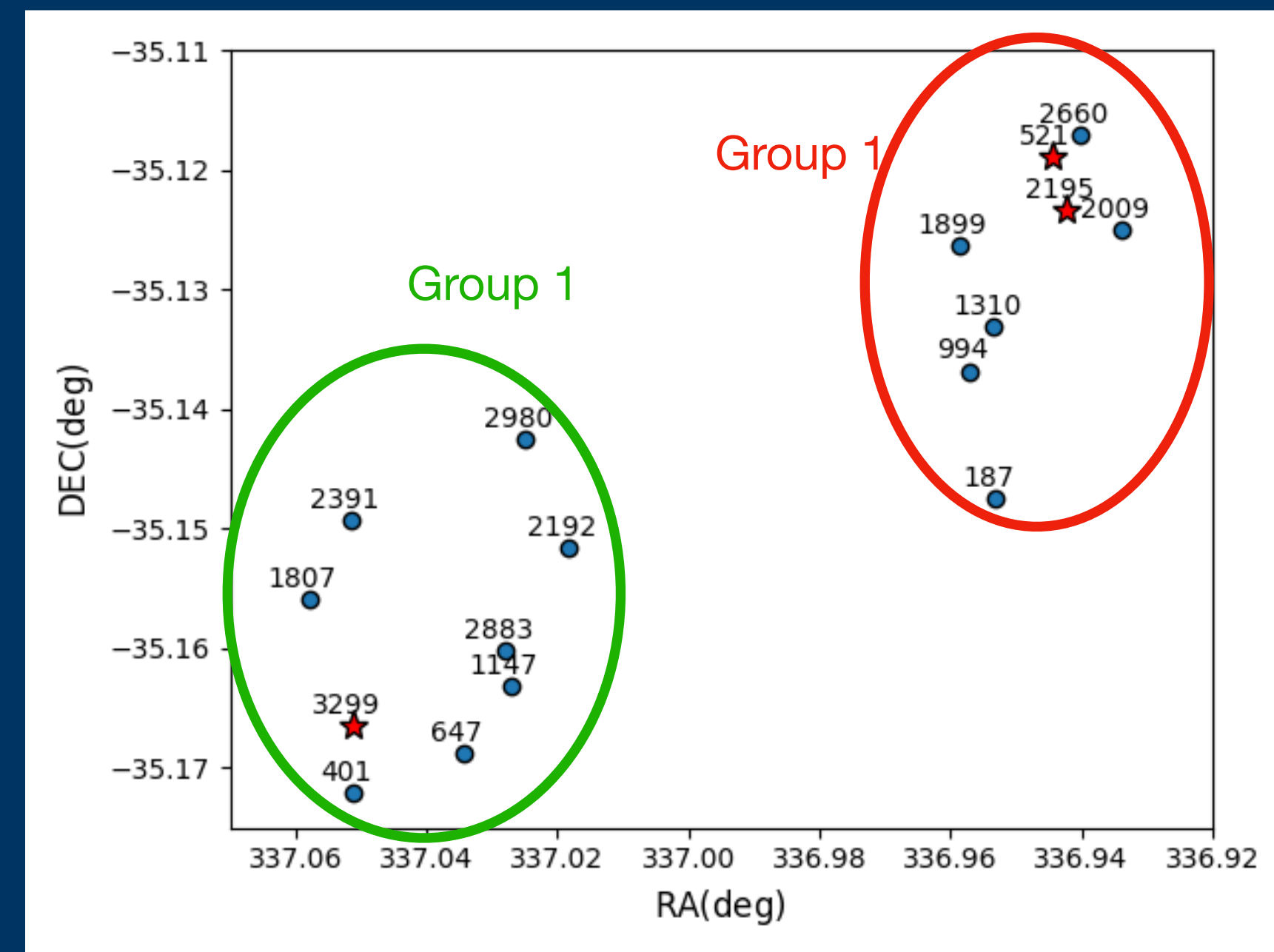
Reionisation occurred through ionised bubbles that merge into each other, thus getting bigger, and finally completing the reionisation by  $z \sim 6$

# The Bremer Deep Field

✱ Vanzella et al (2011) & Castellano et al. (2018) discovered three Ly $\alpha$  emitters in the BDF

✱ The pointings were guided by the three LAEs discovered by Vanzella (2011)

✱ They also discovered 14 LBG



# What they did not do

✱ Consider the LBGs

✱ Consider any low luminosity sources

✱ So we did considered all these sources, namely:

- The three LAEs discovered by Vanzella
- The LBGs they discovered
- Plus the Low Luminosity sources

**Table A1**  
Observed Surface Densities of  $z \sim 4$ ,  $z \sim 5$ ,  $z \sim 6$ ,  $z \sim 7$ ,  $z \sim 8$ , and  $z \sim 10$  Galaxy Candidates from All Fields<sup>a</sup>

Magnitude	Surface Density <sup>c</sup> (arcmin <sup>-2</sup> )	Magnitude	Surface Density <sup>c</sup> (arcmin <sup>-2</sup> )	Magnitude	Surface Density <sup>c</sup> (arcmin <sup>-2</sup> )
$z \sim 4$		$z \sim 6$		$z \sim 8$	
22.50 < $i_{775}$ < 23.00	< 0.0039 <sup>b</sup>	22.40 < $Y_{105}$ < 22.90	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>	22.50 < $H_{160}$ < 23.00	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>
23.00 < $i_{775}$ < 23.50	0.0106 ± 0.0061	22.90 < $Y_{105}$ < 23.40	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>	23.00 < $H_{160}$ < 23.50	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>
23.50 < $i_{775}$ < 24.00	0.0354 ± 0.0112	23.40 < $Y_{105}$ < 23.90	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>	23.50 < $H_{160}$ < 24.00	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>
24.00 < $i_{775}$ < 24.50	0.2376 ± 0.0290	23.90 < $Y_{105}$ < 24.40	0.0014 ± 0.0014	24.00 < $H_{160}$ < 24.50	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>
24.50 < $i_{775}$ < 25.00	0.6494 ± 0.0480	24.40 < $Y_{105}$ < 24.90	0.0081 ± 0.0033	24.50 < $H_{160}$ < 25.00	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>
25.00 < $i_{775}$ < 25.50	1.4575 ± 0.0718	24.90 < $Y_{105}$ < 25.40	0.0350 ± 0.0069	25.00 < $H_{160}$ < 25.50	0.0041 ± 0.0023
25.50 < $i_{775}$ < 26.00	2.4695 ± 0.0935	25.40 < $Y_{105}$ < 25.90	0.0981 ± 0.0115	25.50 < $H_{160}$ < 26.00	0.0081 ± 0.0033
26.00 < $i_{775}$ < 26.50	3.7300 ± 0.1627	25.90 < $Y_{105}$ < 26.40	0.2584 ± 0.0419	26.00 < $H_{160}$ < 26.50	0.0527 ± 0.0190
26.50 < $i_{775}$ < 27.00	4.7275 ± 0.7609	26.40 < $Y_{105}$ < 26.90	0.3806 ± 0.1638	26.50 < $H_{160}$ < 27.00	0.1441 ± 0.1019
27.00 < $i_{775}$ < 27.50	6.6043 ± 0.8993	26.90 < $Y_{105}$ < 27.40	1.0717 ± 0.2749	27.00 < $H_{160}$ < 27.50	0.4270 ± 0.1754
27.50 < $i_{775}$ < 28.00	6.5582 ± 0.8962	27.40 < $Y_{105}$ < 27.90	1.2049 ± 0.2915	27.50 < $H_{160}$ < 28.00	0.4992 ± 0.1897
28.00 < $i_{775}$ < 28.50	8.3582 ± 1.0117	27.90 < $Y_{105}$ < 28.40	1.8070 ± 0.3570	28.00 < $H_{160}$ < 28.50	0.6403 ± 0.2148
28.50 < $i_{775}$ < 29.00	10.4910 ± 1.4912	28.40 < $Y_{105}$ < 28.90	2.9412 ± 0.7896	28.50 < $H_{160}$ < 29.00	1.0643 ± 0.4908
29.00 < $i_{775}$ < 29.50	16.8280 ± 1.8886	28.90 < $Y_{105}$ < 29.40	5.8268 ± 1.1113	29.00 < $H_{160}$ < 29.50	1.3466 ± 0.5520
29.50 < $i_{775}$ < 30.00	10.7412 ± 1.5089	29.40 < $Y_{105}$ < 29.90	4.5725 ± 0.9845	29.50 < $H_{160}$ < 30.00	1.6986 ± 0.6200
$z \sim 5$		$z \sim 7$		$z \sim 10$	
22.50 < $Y_{105}$ < 23.00	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>	22.95 < $J_{125}$ < 23.45	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>	22.20 < $H_{160}$ < 23.20	< 0.0014 <sup>b</sup>
23.00 < $Y_{105}$ < 23.50	0.0014 ± 0.0014	23.45 < $J_{125}$ < 23.95	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>	22.70 < $H_{160}$ < 23.70	< 0.0014 <sup>b</sup>
23.50 < $Y_{105}$ < 24.00	0.0041 ± 0.0023	23.95 < $J_{125}$ < 24.45	< 0.0015 <sup>b</sup>	23.70 < $H_{160}$ < 24.70	< 0.0014 <sup>b</sup>
24.00 < $Y_{105}$ < 24.50	0.0231 ± 0.0055	24.45 < $J_{125}$ < 24.95	0.0014 ± 0.0014	24.70 < $H_{160}$ < 25.70	< 0.0014 <sup>b</sup>
24.50 < $Y_{105}$ < 25.00	0.0893 ± 0.0110	24.95 < $J_{125}$ < 25.45	0.0215 ± 0.0054	25.70 < $H_{160}$ < 26.70	0.0070 ± 0.0070
25.00 < $Y_{105}$ < 25.50	0.2771 ± 0.0194	25.45 < $J_{125}$ < 25.95	0.0333 ± 0.0067	26.70 < $H_{160}$ < 27.70	< 0.0792 <sup>b</sup>
25.50 < $Y_{105}$ < 26.00	0.5549 ± 0.0274	25.95 < $J_{125}$ < 26.45	0.1569 ± 0.0327	27.70 < $H_{160}$ < 28.70	< 0.2488 <sup>b</sup>
26.00 < $Y_{105}$ < 26.50	1.1366 ± 0.0884	26.45 < $J_{125}$ < 26.95	0.2821 ± 0.1411	28.70 < $H_{160}$ < 29.70	0.4523 ± 0.3198
26.50 < $Y_{105}$ < 27.00	1.9991 ± 0.3950	26.95 < $J_{125}$ < 27.45	0.3527 ± 0.1577	...	...
27.00 < $Y_{105}$ < 27.50	2.2056 ± 0.4149	27.45 < $J_{125}$ < 27.95	0.8306 ± 0.2420	...	...
27.50 < $Y_{105}$ < 28.00	3.1493 ± 0.4958	27.95 < $J_{125}$ < 28.45	1.2726 ± 0.2996	...	...
28.00 < $Y_{105}$ < 28.50	4.3133 ± 0.5802	28.45 < $J_{125}$ < 28.95	1.2638 ± 0.5176	...	...
28.50 < $Y_{105}$ < 29.00	4.6413 ± 0.9919	28.95 < $J_{125}$ < 29.45	4.2857 ± 0.9531	...	...
29.00 < $Y_{105}$ < 29.50	6.3116 ± 1.1566	29.45 < $J_{125}$ < 29.95	3.4843 ± 0.8594	...	...
29.50 < $Y_{105}$ < 30.00	5.2184 ± 1.0517			...	...

# The three LAEs

Derived from the EW<sub>o</sub> (Sobral & Matthee 2019)

$$L_{Ly\alpha, intr} = L_{Ly\alpha} / f_{esc, Ly\alpha}$$

Name	Group	EW <sub>o</sub> Å	Flux <sub>Lyα</sub> 10 <sup>-17</sup> erg s <sup>-1</sup>	f <sub>esc, Lyα</sub>	L <sub>Lyα</sub> 10 <sup>42</sup> erg s <sup>-1</sup>	L <sub>Lyα, intr</sub> 10 <sup>43</sup> erg s <sup>-1</sup>	Q <sub>ion</sub> 10 <sup>54</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
BDF521	1	64±6	1.62±0.16	0.32±0.03	9.14±0.91	2.98±0.41	2.53 ± 0.35
BDF2195	1	50±12	1.85±0.46	0.24±0.06	10.56 ± 2.63	4.40 ± 1.52	3.73 ± 1.29
BDF3299	2	50±6	1.21±0.14	0.24±0.24	7.08±0.83	2.95±0.49	2.50 ± 0.42

Group 1

✱ Total for Group 1 = 6.26 10<sup>54</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

✱ Total for Group 2 = 2.50 10<sup>54</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

# The medium luminosity LBGs

✱ We derived the  $Q^*_{\text{ion}}$  in the following way:

✱ First we found the fluxes from the AB Magnitudes

✱ Then we derived the Luminosity at  $\lambda 1500\text{\AA}$

Name	Group	$M_{\text{AB}}$	$f_{\lambda 1320}$ $10^{-20} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ \AA}^{-1}$	$L_{1500}$ $10^{40} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ \AA}^{-1}$	$Q^*_{\text{ion}}$ $10^{54} \text{ s}^{-1}$
BDF2009	1	$26.89 \pm 0.08$	$13.75 \pm 12.78$	$6.89 \pm 5.61$	$0.65 \pm 0.50$
BDF994	1	$27.11 \pm 0.19$	$11.23 \pm 9.43$	$5.69 \pm 4.19$	$0.53 \pm 0.39$
BDF2660	1	$27.27 \pm 0.10$	$9.69 \pm 8.84$	$4.91 \pm 3.93$	$0.46 \pm 0.34$
BDF1310	1	$27.32 \pm 0.16$	$9.26 \pm 7.99$	$4.69 \pm 3.55$	$0.44 \pm 0.31$
BDF187	1	$27.33 \pm 0.10$	$9.17 \pm 8.37$	$4.65 \pm 3.72$	$0.43 \pm 0.33$
BDF1899	1	$27.35 \pm 0.15$	$9.00 \pm 7.84$	$4.56 \pm 3.49$	$0.42 \pm 0.31$
<b>Total Group 1</b>					<b><math>2.93 \pm 0.15</math></b>
BDF2883	2	$25.97 \pm 0.08$	$32.10 \pm 29.82$	$16.08 \pm 14.94$	$1.51 \pm 1.32$
BDF401	2	$26.43 \pm 0.08$	$21.01 \pm 19.52$	$10.53 \pm 9.78$	$0.99 \pm 0.87$
BDF1147	2	$27.26 \pm 0.11$	$9.78 \pm 8.84$	$4.72 \pm 4.23$	$0.46 \pm 0.39$
BDF2980	2	$27.30 \pm 0.12$	$9.43 \pm 8.44$	$4.72 \pm 4.23$	$0.44 \pm 0.38$
BDF647	2	$27.31 \pm 0.15$	$9.34 \pm 8.14$	$4.68 \pm 4.08$	$0.44 \pm 0.36$
BDF2391	2	$27.33 \pm 0.17$	$9.17 \pm 7.84$	$4.59 \pm 3.93$	$0.43 \pm 0.35$
BDF1807	2	$27.36 \pm 0.09$	$8.92 \pm 8.21$	$4.47 \pm 4.11$	$0.42 \pm 0.36$
BDF2192	2	$27.40 \pm 0.10$	$8.60 \pm 7.84$	$4.31 \pm 3.93$	$0.41 \pm 0.35$
<b>Total Group 2</b>					<b><math>5.11 \pm 0.64</math></b>

Finally we derived the  $Q^*_{\text{ion}}$  using the expression:

$$L(1500) = 1.18 \times 10^{-11} \times Q^*_{\text{ion}} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ (Osterbrock 1989)}$$

# The Low Luminosity LBGs

$M_{AB}$ range	Surface Density $\text{arcmin}^{-2}$	# Group 1 3.94 $\text{arcmin}^2$	# Group 2 3.82 $\text{arcmin}^2$	# Corrected 1 overdensity	# Corrected 2 overdensity
27.45 - 27.95	$0.831 \pm 0.242$	$3.27 \pm 0.95$	$3.17 \pm 0.92$	$11.46 \pm 0.85$	$11.11 \pm 0.85$
27.95 - 28.45	$1.273 \pm 0.300$	$5.02 \pm 1.18$	$4.86 \pm 1.15$	$17.55 \pm 1.05$	$17.01 \pm 1.05$
28.45 - 28.95	$1.264 \pm 0.518$	$4.98 \pm 2.04$	$4.83 \pm 1.98$	$17.43 \pm 1.81$	$16.90 \pm 1.81$
28.95 - 29.45	$4.286 \pm 0.953$	$16.89 \pm 3.75$	$16.37 \pm 3.64$	$59.10 \pm 3.34$	$57.30 \pm 3.34$
29.45 - 29.95	$3.484 \pm 0.859$	$13.73 \pm 3.38$	$13.31 \pm 3.28$	$48.05 \pm 3.01$	$46.59 \pm 3.01$

Once we knew how many sources we could derive the  $Q^*_{\text{ion}}$  in the same way as for the LBGs

$M_{AB}$	$f_{\lambda 1320}$ $\times 10^{-20}$ $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{\AA}^{-1}$	$L_{1500}$ $\times 10^{40}$ $\text{erg s}^{-1}$	$Q^*_{\text{ion,G1}}$ $\times 10^{54}$ $\text{s}^{-1}$	$Q^*_{\text{ion,G2}}$ $\times 10^{54}$ $\text{s}^{-1}$
27.70	6.74	3.38	$3.64 \pm 0.38$	$3.53 \pm 0.27$
28.20	4.25	2.13	$3.52 \pm 0.30$	$3.41 \pm 0.21$
28.70	2.68	1.34	$2.20 \pm 0.33$	$2.14 \pm 0.23$
29.20	1.69	0.85	$4.72 \pm 0.38$	$4.57 \pm 0.27$
29.70	1.07	0.54	$2.42 \pm 0.22$	$2.35 \pm 0.15$
Total			$16.49 \pm 0.39$	$15.99 \pm 0.27$

# Putting everything together

	$Q_{\text{ion,G1}}^*$ $\times 10^{54} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$Q_{\text{ion,G2}}^*$ $\times 10^{54} \text{ s}^{-1}$
LAEs	$\gtrsim 6.26 \pm 0.94$	$\gtrsim 2.50 \pm 0.42$
Mid Luminosity	$2.93 \pm 0.15$	$5.11 \pm 0.64$
Low Luminosity	$16.49 \pm 0.39$	$15.99 \pm 0.27$

**Table 5.** The number of intrinsic ionising continuum photons produced by the medium and low luminosity LBGs in each of the Groups. The values listed for the LAEs are just lower limits as they should be corrected by the corresponding Lyman continuum escape fraction as discussed in the text.

Note that for the LAEs we do not yet know their total output,  
as we do not know the  $f_{\text{esc,LyC}}$



# Deriving the $f_{\text{esc,LyC}}$

- ✱ Finally, we compare the number of photons required to reionise Group1 and Group2 with the number of photons available from the sources in the BDF
- ✱ There is an ingredient missing, which is the  $f_{\text{esc,LyC}}$
- ✱ We get this value solving the following equation:

$$\llbracket Q_{\text{ion}}^* + Q_{\text{LAEs}}/(1-f_{\text{esc,LyC}}) \rrbracket \times f_{\text{esc,LyC}} = \dot{N}_{\text{ion}}$$

Where  $\dot{N}_{\text{ion}}$  comes from the AMIGA code

# The results are

	$\dot{N}_{min,corr}^S$ $\times 10^{54} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\dot{N}_{min,corr}^D$ $\times 10^{54} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$f_{esc,S}$	$f_{esc,D}$
Group 1	$2.20 \pm 0.09$	$3.01 \pm 0.09$	0.09	0.11
Group 2	$2.12 \pm 0.08$	$2.91 \pm 0.08$	0.13	0.15

- ✱ These are the  $f_{esc,LyC}$  obtained. Note they are fairly small in agreement with many authors
- ✱ These are the values that produce a bubble that fills the volume of either Groups
- ✱ Increasing the value of  $f_{esc,LyC}$  we increase the volume of the ionised bubbles

# Summary

- ✱ We have found two large ionised bubbles in the BDF
- ✱ The ionising photons required have been provided by three types of sources: LAEs, Medium Luminosity LBGs and low luminosity LBGs
- ✱ We have derived the  $f_{\text{esc,LyC}}$  required, that it is relatively small, in line with many authors
- ✱ We note that the low luminosity galaxies are the stronger contributors to provide ionising photons to ionise these bubbles
- ✱ This in agreement with the current reionisation scenarios