

HETDEX: first galaxy bias measurements from our $z \sim 0.5$ and $z \sim 2.5$ samples

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Photograph of the Hobby-Eberly telescope, at the McDonald Observatory, West Texas



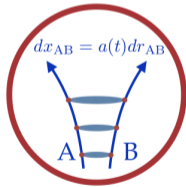
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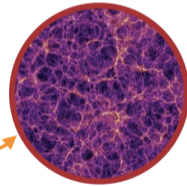


The puzzle of the Dark Universe

- The Λ CDM model fits a wide range of cosmological probes
- It suggests the majority of the Universe is made up of “dark energy”
- We test these models with large-scale structure. This probes:



The Universe's
expansion
and
structure growth
histories.



The correlation function - $\xi(s)$

- Correlation functions: the probability above random of finding a pair of galaxies at a given separation
- Fourier transform of the power spectrum, $P(k)$
- $\xi(s)$ and $P(k)$ are the main clustering statistics for constraining cosmology

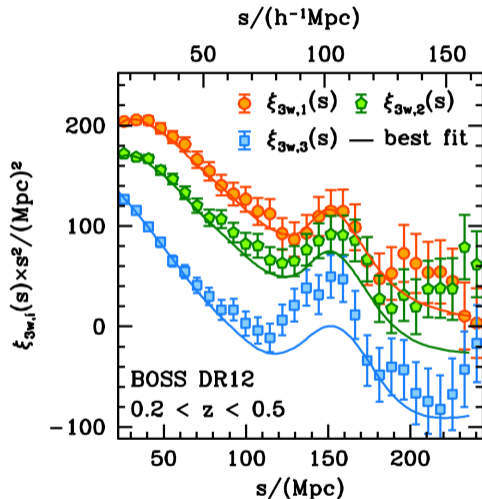
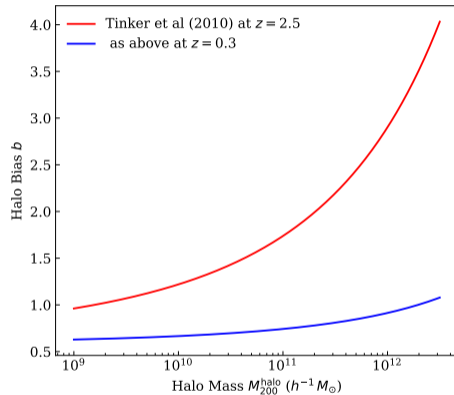


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Galaxy bias

- Most models predict the clustering of the matter, $\xi_M(s)$
- We measure the clustering of galaxies
- Galaxies are biased tracers, in the simplest model $\xi_{\text{gal}}(s) = b^2 \xi_M(s)$
- Galaxy bias depends on halo mass



Credit: Mass function evaluated using [Diemer \(2018\)](#)

Introducing HETDEX

- **Hobby Eberly Telescope Dark Energy eXperiment**
- Array of 74 'VIRUS' IFUs
- 18' diameter field of view
- $R \sim 800$
- $3500 < \lambda (\text{Å}) < 5500$
- 10 m Hobby-Eberly telescope.
- 32,000 spectra at once.
- UT Austin lead, with heavy involvement by MPE, the USM & other partners

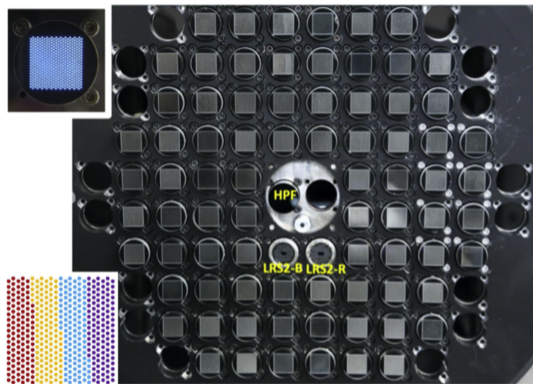


Figure credit: [Hill, G. J. et al. 2021, AJ, 162, 298](#)

Introducing HETDEX

- $\sim 1\text{M}$ Lyman α emitters (LAEs) at $1.9 < z < 3.5$
- $\sim 1\text{M}$ [OII] emitters at $z < 0.5$
- Two fields: Spring (390 deg^2) and Fall (150 deg^2)
- 60% of observations made, 43% processed
- Already 1M emission line detections
- Completion expected 2024

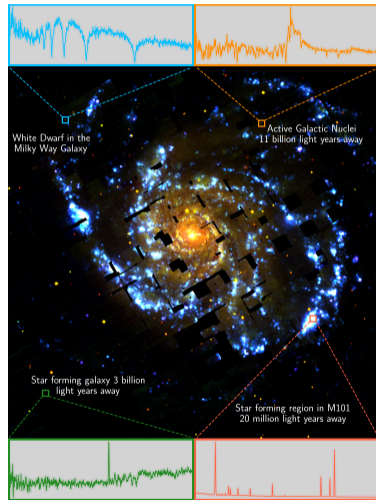
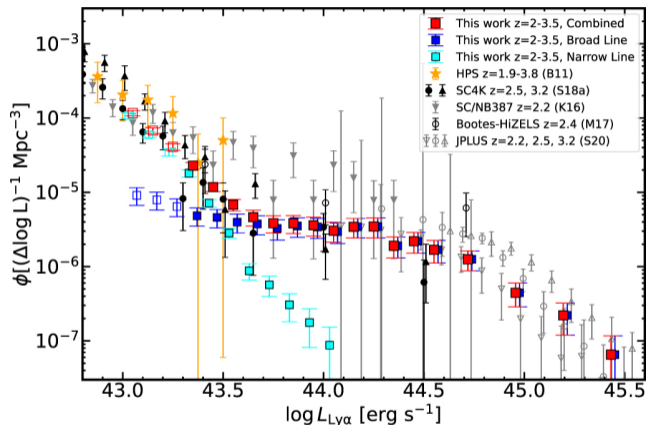


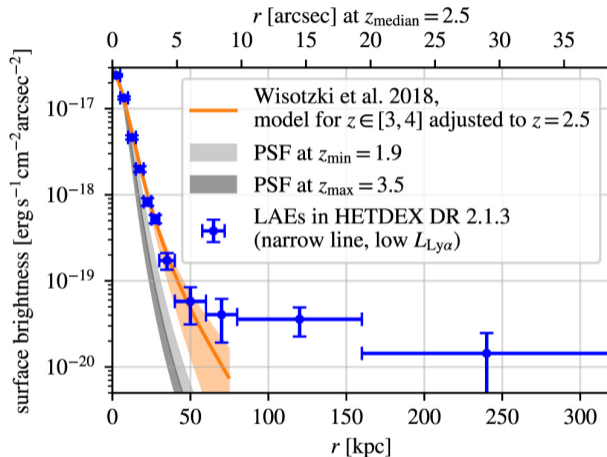
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A couple of HETDEX science highlights



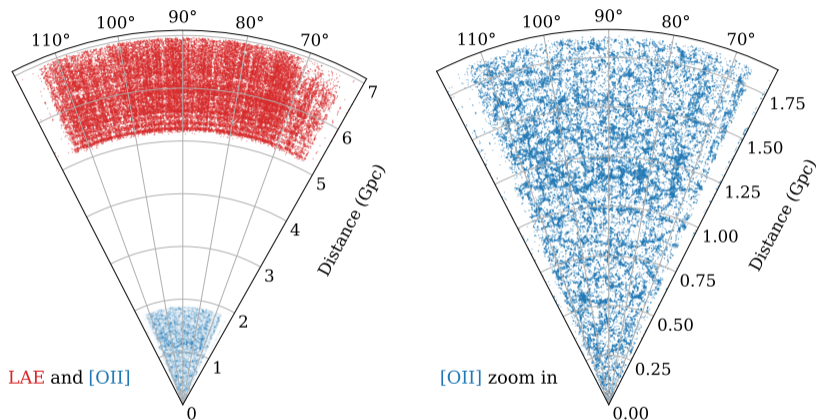
The bright end LAE luminosity function
Zhang Y. et al. (incl. Farrow), 2021, ApJ, 922, 167.

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The surface brightness profile of ~ 1000 LAEs, from Lujan Niemeyer M. et al. (incl. Farrow), 2022, ApJ, 929, 90

The Cosmic Web in HETDEX

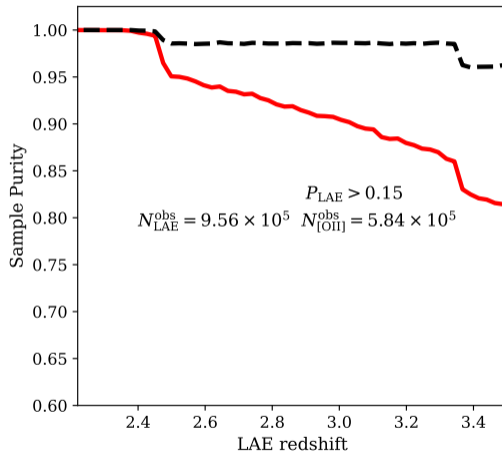


Using this data for cosmology faces two challenges: **catalogue contamination** and **understanding the selection function**. We are addressing both these issues.

Challenge I: [OII] Contamination

- Given the resolution of the spectrograph the [OII] doublet is not resolved
- This means [OII] can be mistaken for Lyman α (e.g. [Leung et al. 2017](#)).
- Adds a systematic bias to results
- Generated mock catalogues to explore this issue

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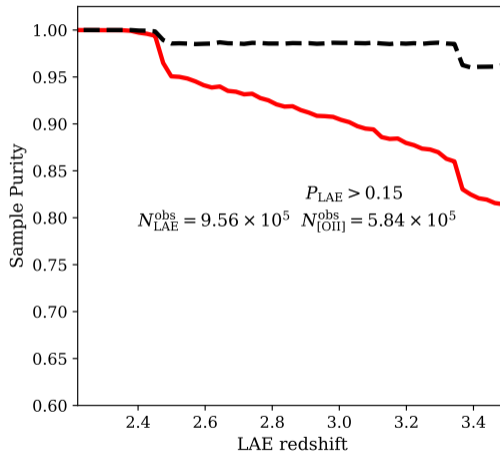


Results from mock catalogues

Challenge I: [OII] Contamination

- Decontamination and measurement of interloper fraction using auto- and cross-correlation functions (e.g. [Grasshorn Gebhardt et al 2019](#), [Awan & Gawiser 2020](#))
- Integrate over z-ranges via [Yamamoto & Suto \(1999\)](#), [Suto et al \(2000\)](#)
- Can correct for contamination from measurements in broad z-bins
- Can fit the z-dependent contamination fraction

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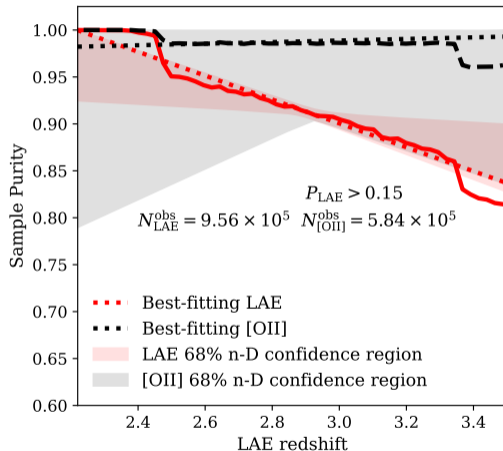


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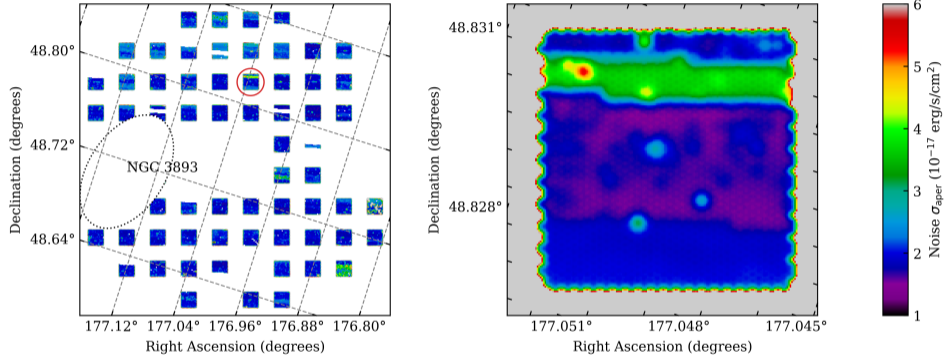
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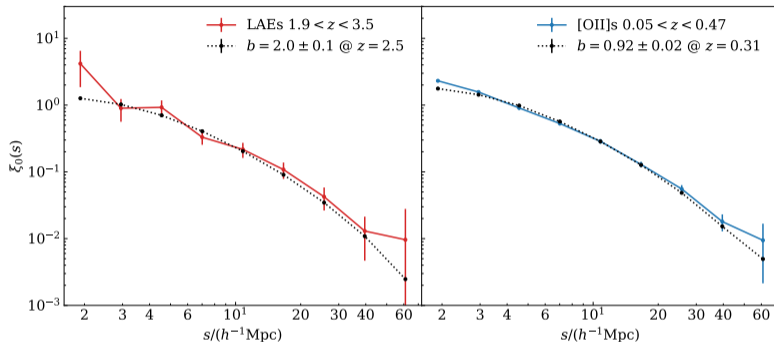
Challenge 2: Dealing with the selection function



A major requirement in measuring the correlation function is understanding how the completeness of the survey depends on position and redshift. This is a major area of research.

Figure credit: [Farrow et al \(in prep, 2022a\)](#)

First correlation function measurements



First measurements of the LAE and [OII] correlation function in HETDEX, with a simple linear theory model fit and a linear bias. Can be roughly translated via [Tinker et al \(2010\)](#) to DM halo masses of

$$\log_{10} M_{\text{LAE}}(h^{-1}M_{\odot}) = 11.3 \pm 0.1 \quad \log_{10} M_{[\text{OII}]}(h^{-1}M_{\odot}) = 12.0 \pm 0.1$$

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Cosmological Forecasts

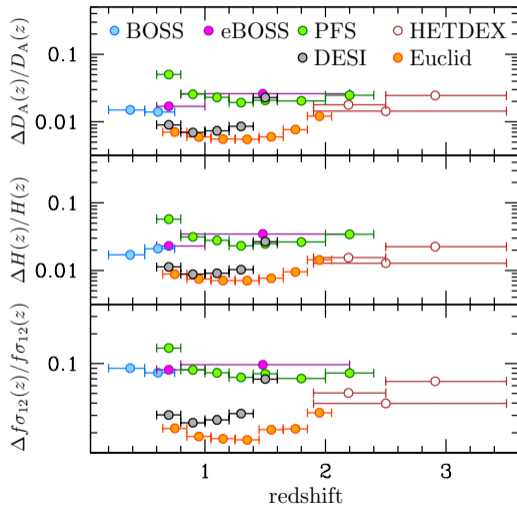


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Upcoming plans

Future exciting HETDEX projects with a cosmology focus

- **First LAE/[OII] clustering measurements** Farrow, Sánchez et al (in prep, 2022a)
- **Cosmological Forecasts** Farrow, Sánchez et al (in prep, 2022b)
- **Structure growth rate measurements from the [OII] sample**
- **Cosmological constraints from the LAE sample**

Other exciting projects

- **AGN luminosity function** Liu et al (submitted, 2022)
- **Catalogue description** Mentuch Cooper et al (in prep, 2022)
- **Faint end luminosity function** Jeong et al (in prep, 2022)

And many more excellent projects I didn't have space to list ...

Summary

- HETDEX: cosmology with 1M $z > 2$ LAEs & similar number of $z < 0.5$ [OII] emitters
- Unique in that it covers a large area (540 deg²) with untargeted IFU observations
- Over half way complete! First papers appearing
- Developed methods for dealing with misclassified sources
- Selection function a work in progress
- Made first clustering measurements
- On a \sim year timescale - first cosmology results



References/Recent HETDEX Publications I

Recent HETDEX science results

- **Survey paper:** Gebhardt, K., Mentuch Cooper, E., Ciardullo, R., et al. 2021, ApJ, 923, 217
- **Instrument paper:** Hill, G. J., Lee, H., MacQueen, P. J., et al. 2021, The Astronomical Journal, 162, 298.
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Recent HETDEX science results

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- **Bright LAE Luminosity Functions** Zhang Y., Ouchi M., Gebhardt K. et al., 2021, ApJ, 922, 167.
- **LAE surface brightness profile** Lujan Niemeyer M., Komatsu E., Byrohl C. et al., 2022, ApJ, 929, 90.
- **AGN** Liu C., Gebhardt K., Mentuch Cooper E., Davis D., Schneider D. P., Ciardullo R., Farrow D. J., et al., 2022, arXiv, arXiv:2204.13658



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