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Eather & Reasoner (1969)

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LSST and many new telescope designs have extremely fast converging beams, making narrow-band observations very difficult.

ODI's f/6.3 beam allows for unique science opportunities.

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Morgenthaler et al. (2001) – outer ring is 22' in size



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Intracluster Planetary Nebulae



IPNe are excellent dynamical tracers of the intracluster light. Hundreds of IPNe can be found with ODI in a single night of observing time.



Measuring the decrease in star formation since $z \sim 1$



The measured decline in the star formation rate from z = 1 to z=0 varies by over a factor of six between research groups. Above are some first results from Wyoming Survey for H α – Dale et al. (2008) – an H α survey at z = 0.16, 0.24, 0.32, 0.40

Cosmic variance is a major uncertainty – doing more fields would help enormously.

Ly- α galaxies and blobs



Gronwall, Gawiser et al. (2009) - z = 3.1 LAEs





Himiko – Ouchi et al. (2009) z=6.595 blob

Many groups are using the redshifted Lyman- $\alpha \lambda$ 1215 emission to study high redshift galaxies (LALA: Rhoads & Malhotra, MUSYC, Gawiser & Gronwall, Ouchi et al.) – all require deep and wide narrow-band surveys