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Pieces to the Puzzle of Galaxy Formation

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Abstract

The observational study of galaxies and very large look-back times has been very fascinating to follow in the latest 20 years. The field has undergone a revolution from a situation where nearly nothing was known 20 years ago to a situation today where galaxies are routinely found at studied over a very wide range of redshifts z=2 to z=10. I will describe projects I have been involved in studying different aspects of early galaxies using a range of selection techniques such as QSO absorption lines, Gamma-Ray Bursts and emission lines galaxies. I also describe how the Nordic Optical Telescope has played a central role in these studies.