

Quiz

- Range of Size of Galaxies?
- What are the 2 main types of galaxies?
- What dynamical tracers in galaxies?
- What dynamical measure to measure the mass of disk galaxies? Of elliptical galaxies?
- What is the relation between halo mass and stellar mass?
- What does this relation tell us about star formation?

Gravitational Lensing - 1

Jean-Paul KNEIB

Outline

- Introduction of gravitational (strong) lensing
- A brief history & key observations
- Strong lensing on galaxy & clusters scale
- Basics of weak lensing

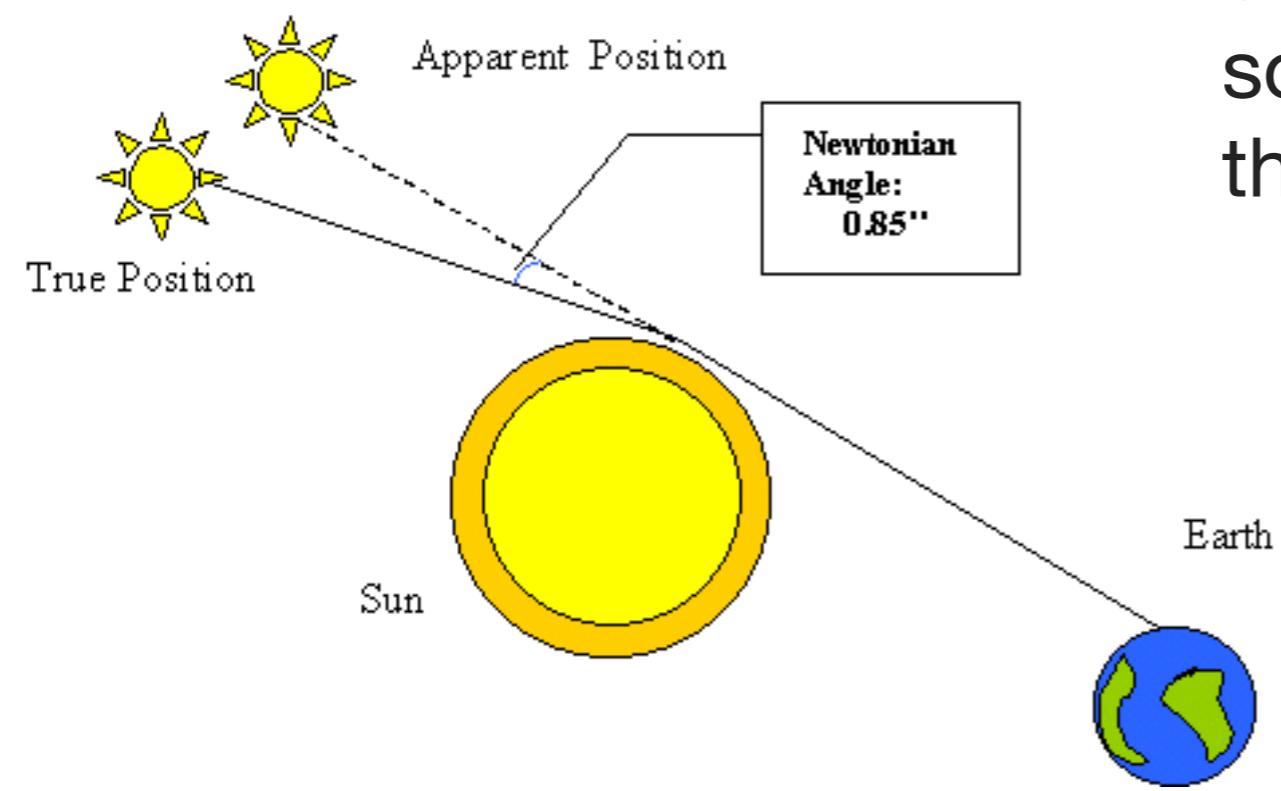
Very First Ideas and Measurements



Albert Einstein

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Jean-Paul Kneib - Observational Cosmology

1915: Einstein: General Relativity, one of the test is the deflection of light (twice larger than the Newtonian theory or 1.75 arcsec)

1919: Eddington: first measure of the deflection of light by the Sun during a solar eclipse: observations favors GR theory of Einstein





Zwicky's vision of gravitational lensing

- 1933: Zwicky “discovered” DM in Coma cluster
- 1937: Zwicky’s “vision”: observation of gravitational lensing (by clusters) should allow to probe:
 - the Dark Matter distribution
 - study distant galaxies thanks to the magnification effects



Nebulae as Gravitational Lenses

Einstein recently published¹ some calculations concerning a suggestion made by R. W. Mandl, namely, that a star *B* may act as a "gravitational lens" for light coming from another star *A* which lies closely enough on the line of sight behind *B*. As Einstein remarks the chance to observe this effect for stars is extremely small.

Last summer Dr. V. K. Zworykin (to whom the same idea had been suggested by Mr. Mandl) mentioned to me the possibility of an image formation through the action of gravitational fields. As a consequence I made some calculations which show that extragalactic nebulae offer a much better chance than stars for the observation of gravitational lens effects.

In the first place some of the massive and more concentrated nebulae may be expected to deflect light by as much as half a minute of arc. In the second place nebulae, in contradistinction to stars, possess apparent dimensions which are resolvable to very great distances.

Suppose that a distant globular nebula *A* whose diameter is 2ξ lies at a distance, a , which is great compared with the distance D of a nearby nebula *B* which lies exactly in front of *A*. The image of *A* under these circumstances is a luminous ring whose average apparent radius is $\beta = (\gamma_0 r_0/D)^2$, where γ_0 is the angle of deflection for light passing at a distance r_0 from *B*. The apparent width of the ring is $\Delta\beta = \xi/a$. The apparent total brightness of this luminous ring is q times greater than the brightness of the direct image of *A*. In our special case $q = 2la/\xi D$, with $l = (\gamma_0 r_0 D)^2$. In actual cases the factor q may be as high as $q = 100$, corresponding to an increase in brightness of five magnitudes. The surface brightness remains, of course, unchanged.

The discovery of images of nebulae which are formed through the gravitational fields of nearby nebulae would be of considerable interest for a number of reasons.

(1) It would furnish an additional test for the general theory of relativity.

(2) It would enable us to see nebulae at distances greater than those ordinarily reached by even the greatest telescopes. Any such *extension* of the known parts of the universe promises to throw very welcome new light on a number of cosmological problems.

(3) The problem of determining nebular masses at present has arrived at a stalemate. The mass of an average nebula until recently was thought to be of the order of $M_N = 10^9 M_\odot$, where M_\odot is the mass of the sun. This estimate is based on certain deductions drawn from data on the intrinsic brightness of nebulae as well as their spectrographic rotations. Some time ago, however, I showed² that a straightforward application of the virial theorem to the great cluster of nebulae in Coma leads to an average nebular mass four hundred times greater than the one mentioned, that is, $M_N' = 4 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$. This result has recently been verified by an investigation of the Virgo cluster.³ Observations on the deflection of light around nebulae may provide the most direct determination of nebular masses and clear up the above-mentioned discrepancy.

A detailed account of the problems sketched here will appear in *Helvetica Physica Acta*.

F. ZWICKY

Norman Bridge Laboratory,
California Institute of Technology,
Pasadena, California,
January 14, 1937.

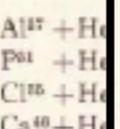
¹ A. Einstein, *Science* 84, 506 (1936).

² F. Zwicky, *Helv. Phys. Acta* 6, 125 (1933).

³ Sinclair Smith, *Astrophys. J.* 83, 23 (1936).

Emergence of Low Energy Protons

In some experiments recently made at the University of California protons in alpha-particle bombardment of various elements have been studied. In several cases the results show that protons of relatively low energy are emitted in considerable numbers. Thus



a group of protons of maximum energy of 1.5 Mev and the yield is in general large. The total number of protons emitted per unit time per unit range 10 cm are observed to be of the order of 10¹⁰ to 10¹¹ sec. The probability of emission of these low energy protons is

In recent experiments in which the energy of the alpha-particle bombardment has been varied, the radius found to be 7.3×10^{-14} cm. Bethe's revised radii for the same elements are taken as a basis for calculating the cross sections. Si^{28} , S^{34} , A^{36} , Ca^{40} and Sc^{43} . (The experiments) indicates, if an average radius is found in this way. In Table I the data are given, together with the height of the barrier and the range of a proton. It will be seen that the observed ranges are smaller than the barrier. It therefore appears that the conclusions drawn from the data are significant.

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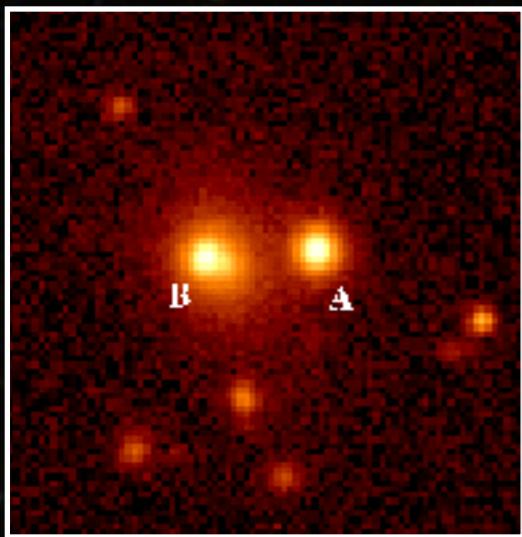
Zwicky, 1937

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PRODUCT NUCLEUS	NUCLEAR RADIUS ($\times 10^{-14}$ cm)	PROB. BAR. (M)
Si^{28}	6.7	3.
S^{34}	6.9	3.
A^{36}	7.2	3.
Ca^{40}	7.4	3.
Sc^{43}	7.5	4.

1979

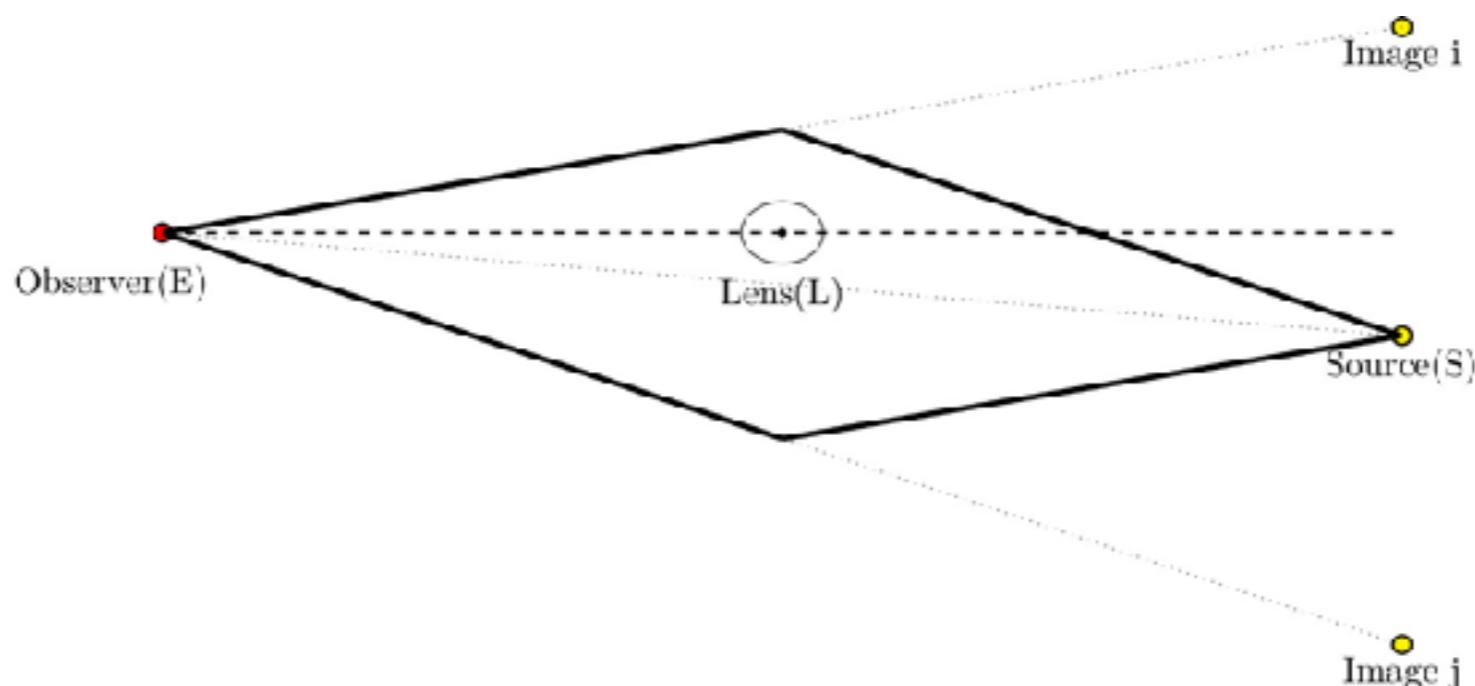
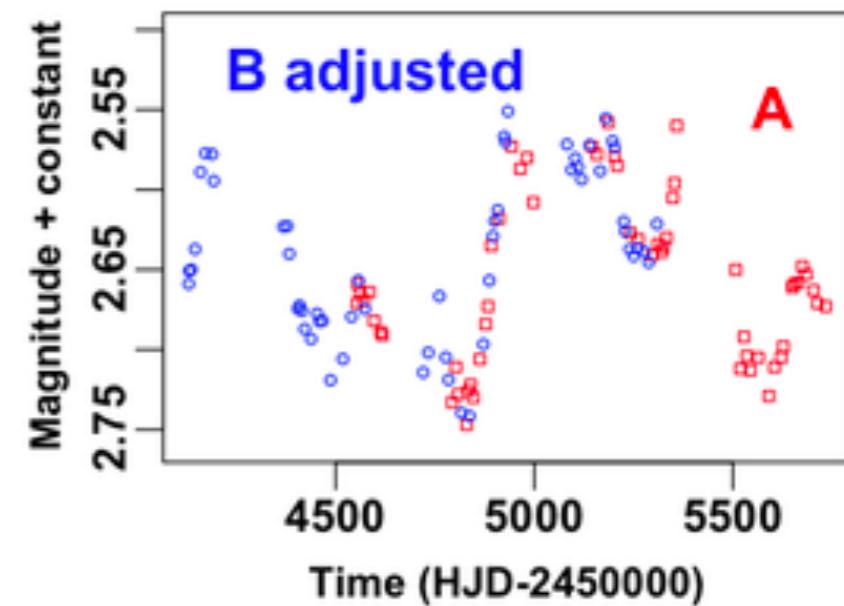
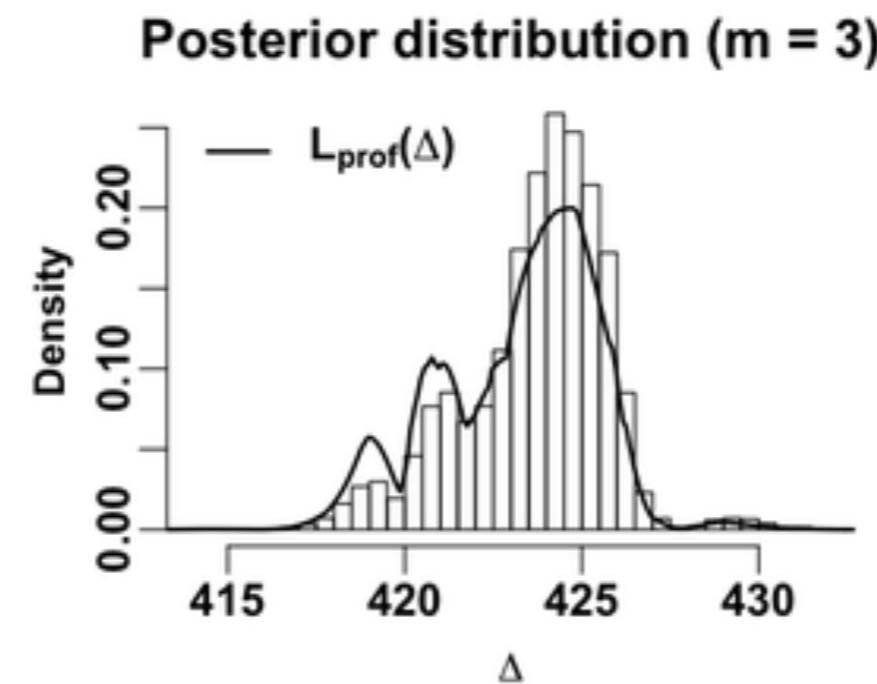
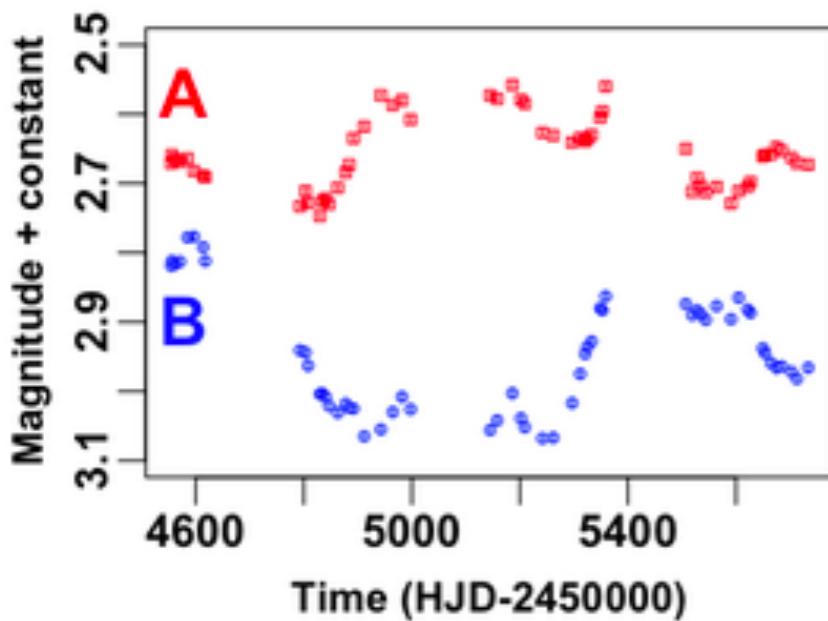
... discovery of *the first double quasar: an illusion created by gravity or physical twins?*



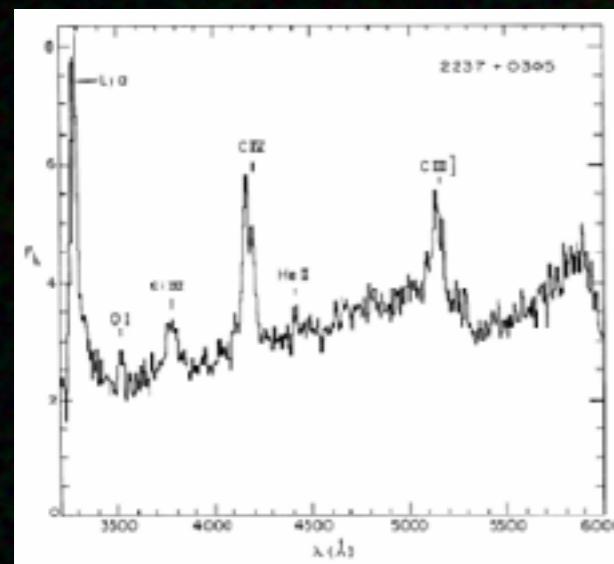
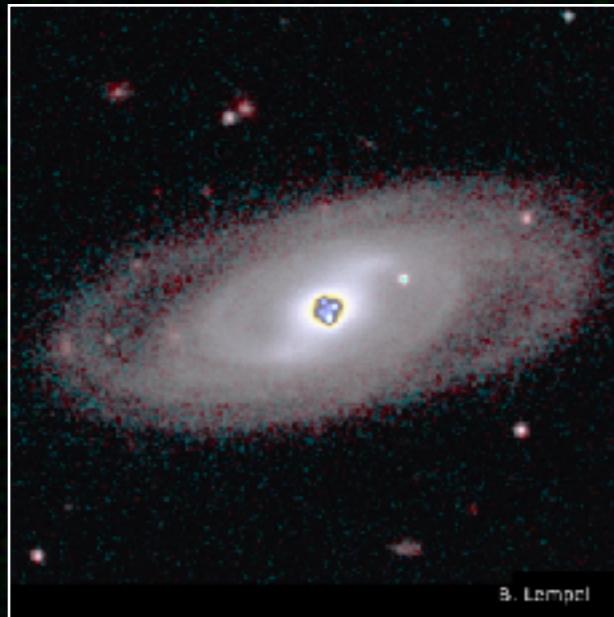
Double Quasar seen with the Hubble Space Telescope

Light curve of the double quasar and time delay

Hainline et al. (2012)



1985 ... discovery of the *Einstein Cross* by J. Huchra
a nearby galaxy with a peculiar spectrum ...

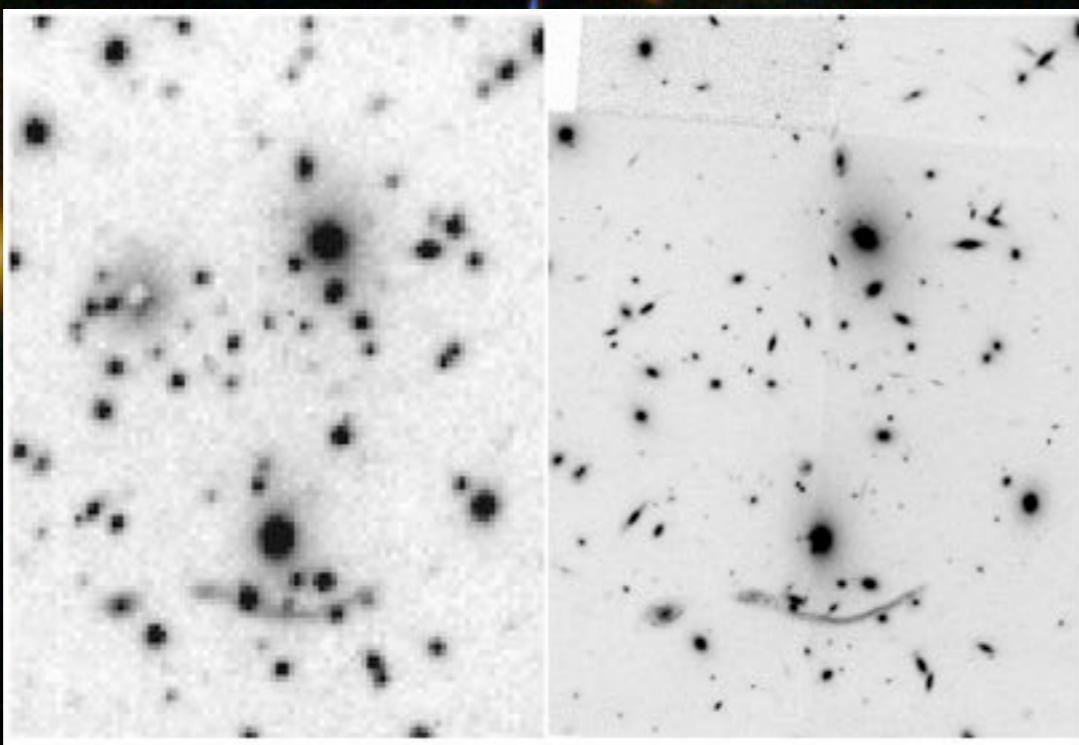


Einstein Cross seen with the Hubble Space Telescope

1987

... discovery of *Gravitational Arcs in massive clusters:*

Every cluster is a potential strong lens ...



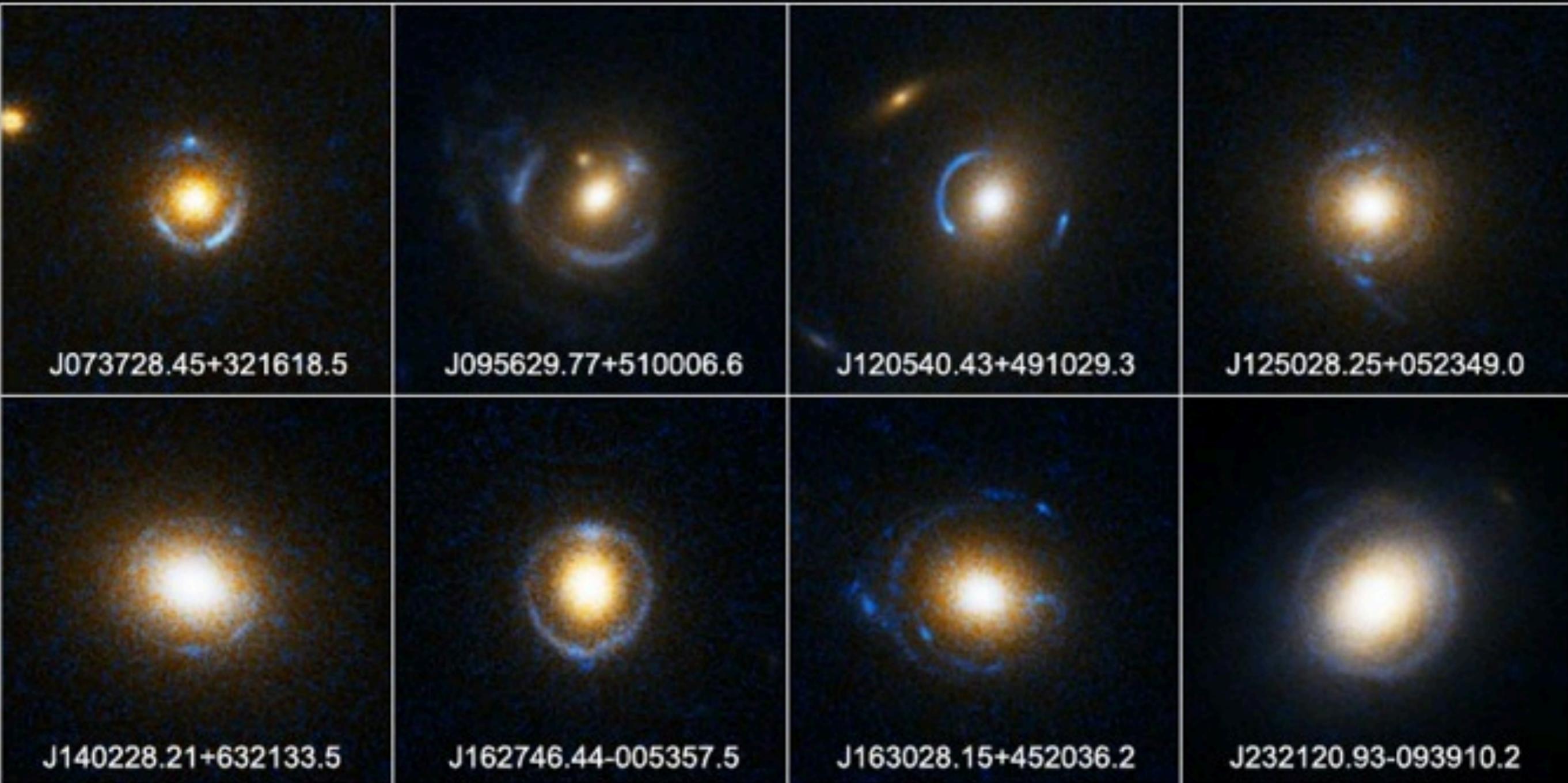
Giant Arc in A370 seen with the Hubble Space Telescope

2005

**... searching through SDSS spectroscopic surveys:
discoveries of many galaxy-lens systems**

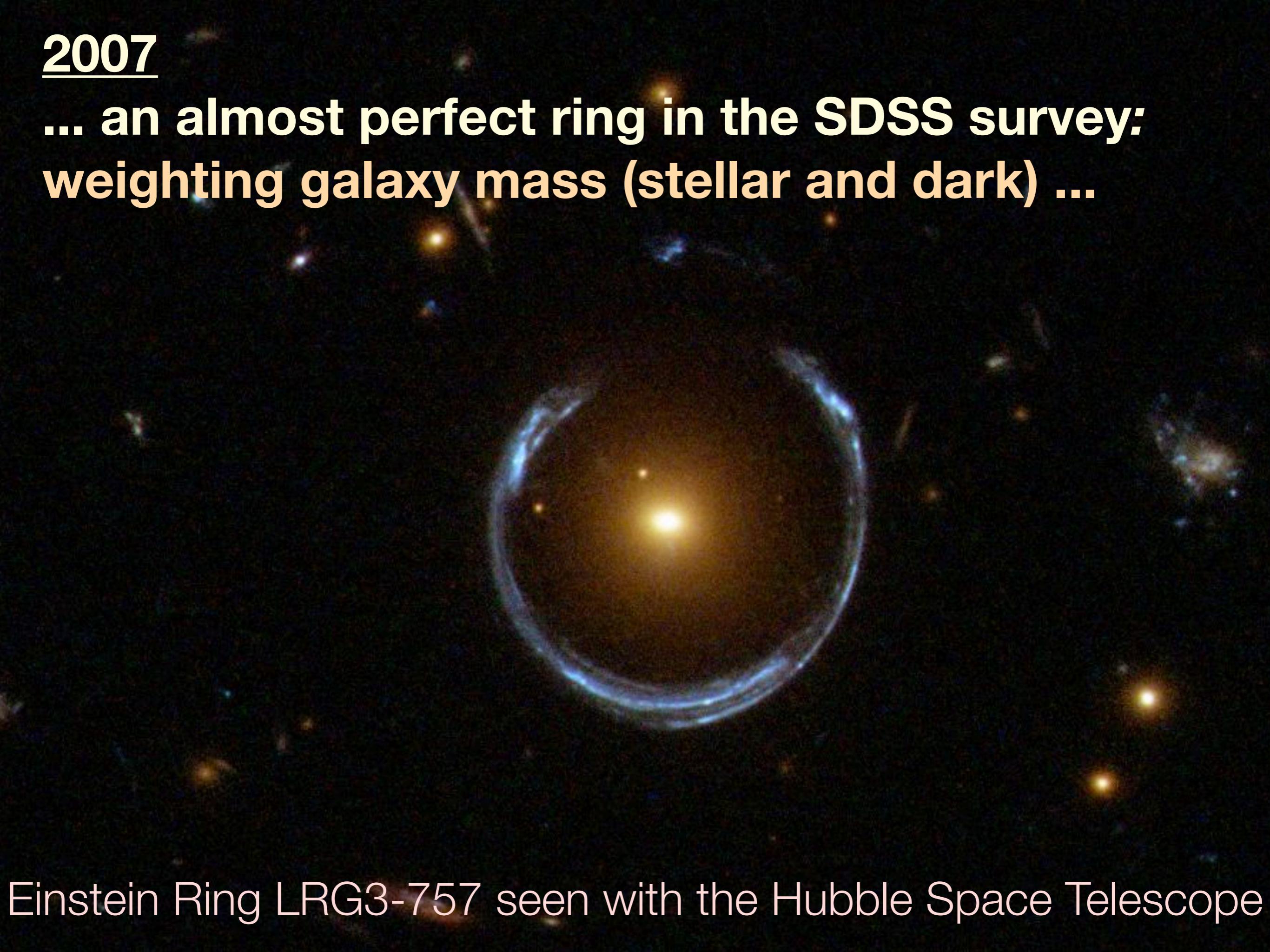
Einstein Ring Gravitational Lenses

Hubble Space Telescope • ACS



2007

**... an almost perfect ring in the SDSS survey:
weighting galaxy mass (stellar and dark) ...**



Einstein Ring LRG3-757 seen with the Hubble Space Telescope

RA,Dec = 177.1375, 19.5008, zoom 15

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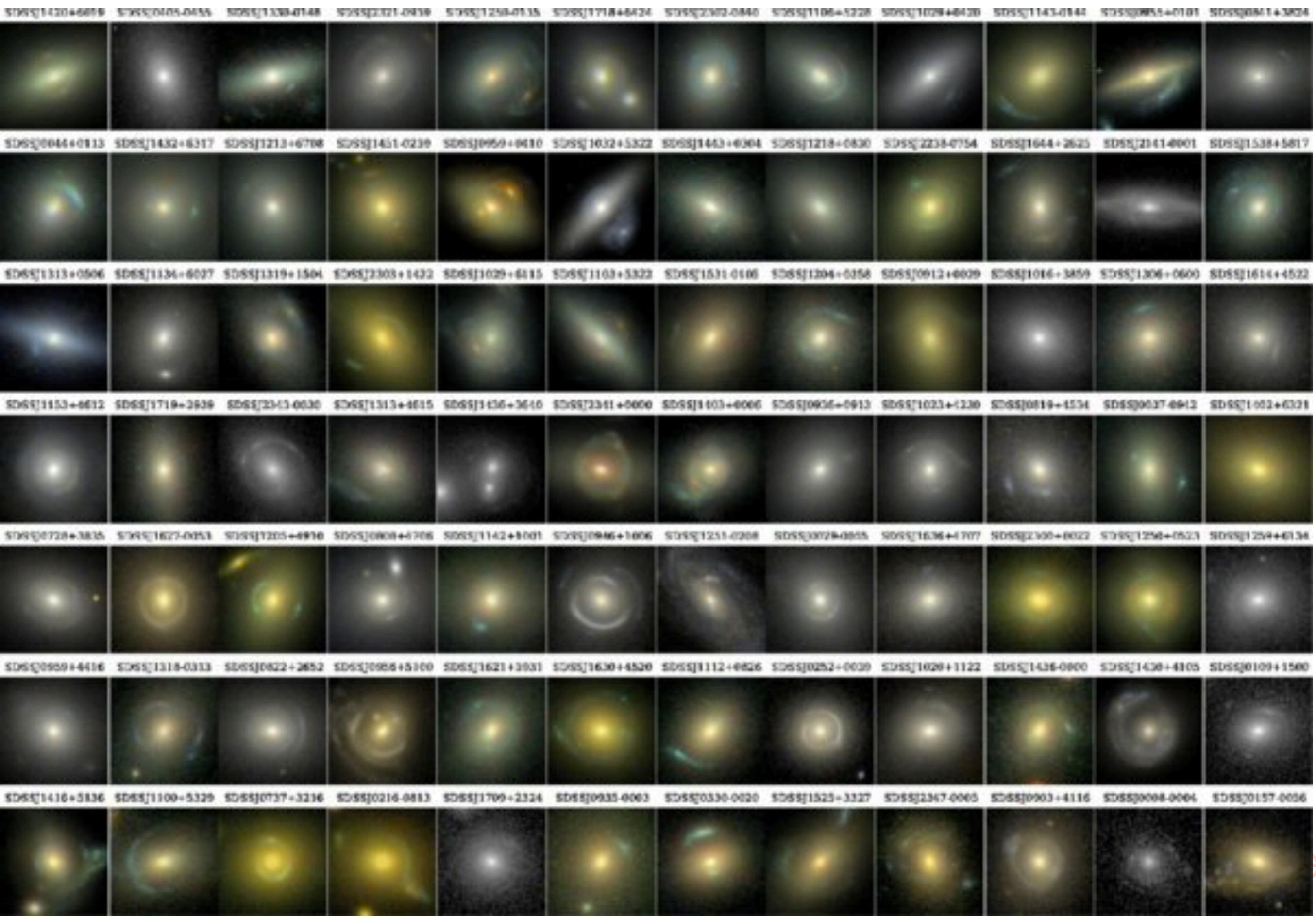
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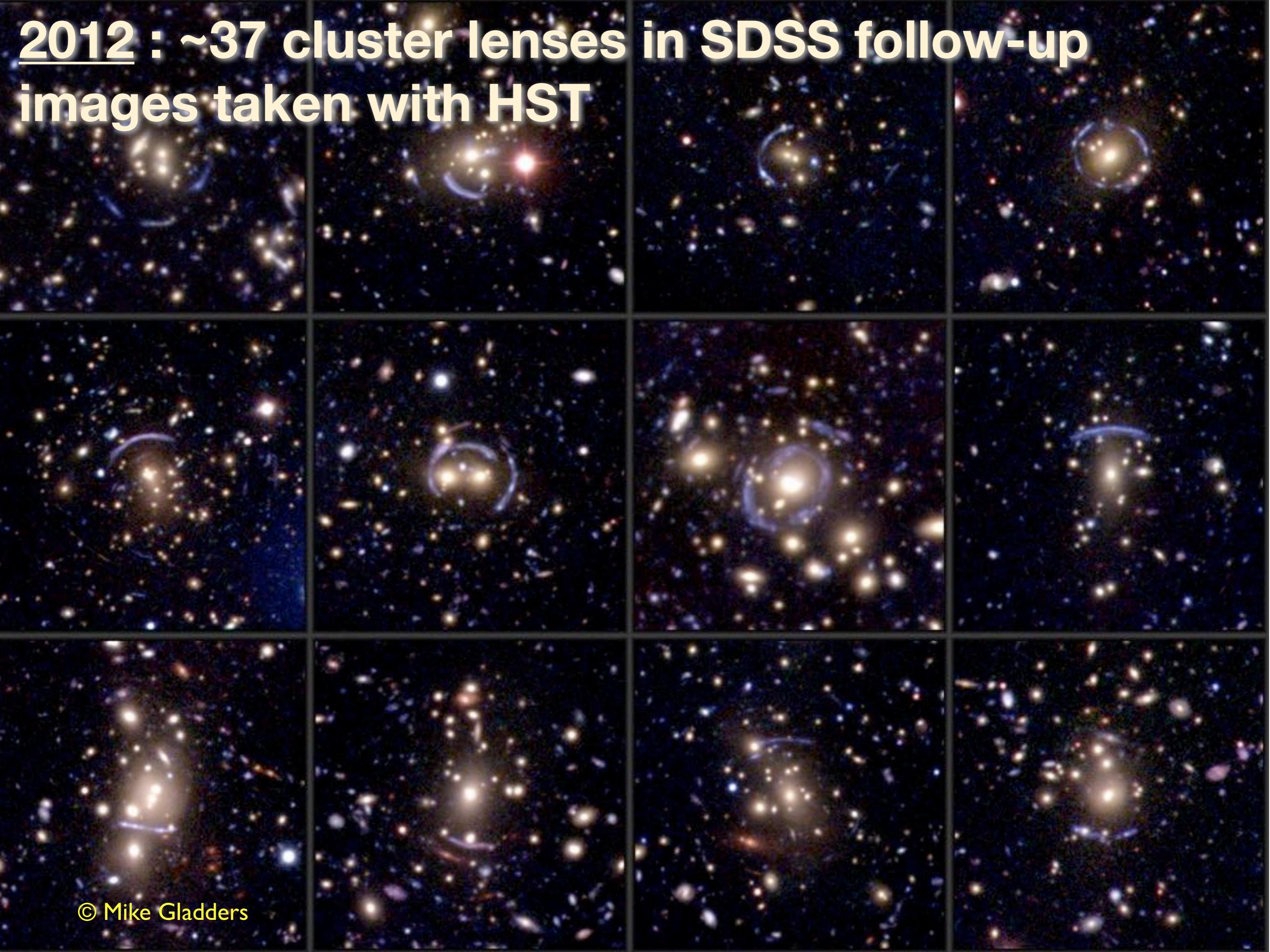
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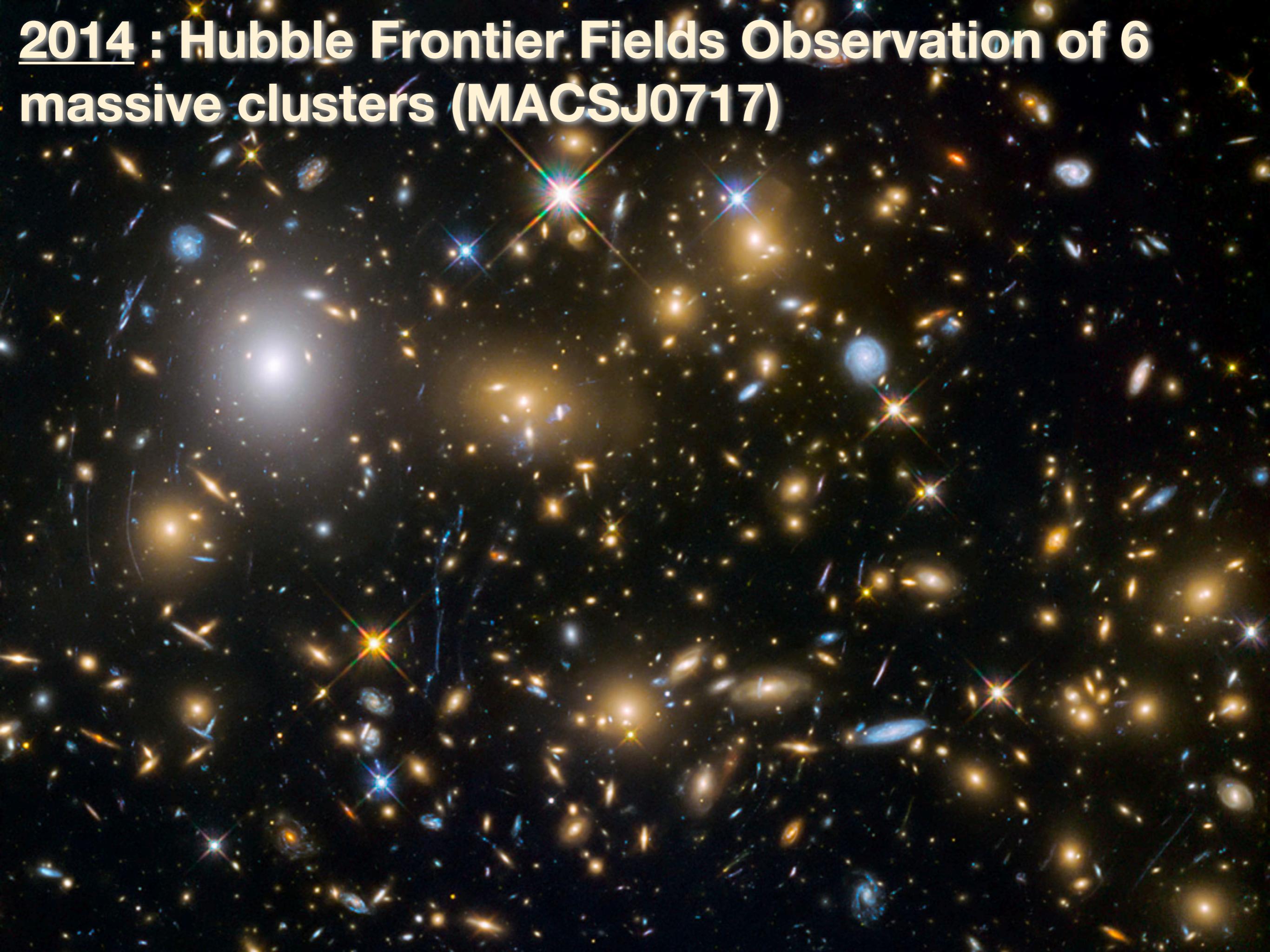
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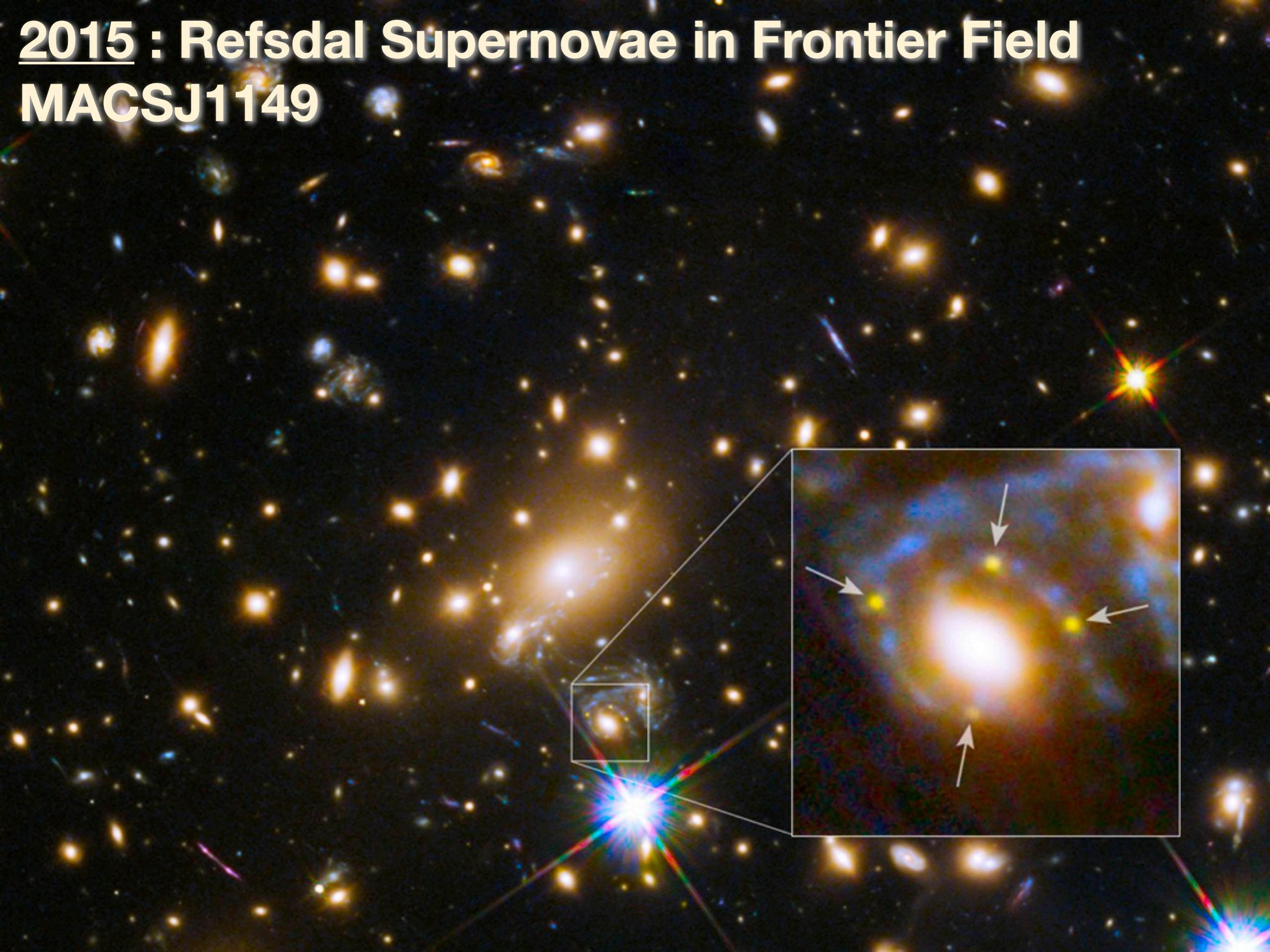
2012 : ~37 cluster lenses in SDSS follow-up images taken with HST



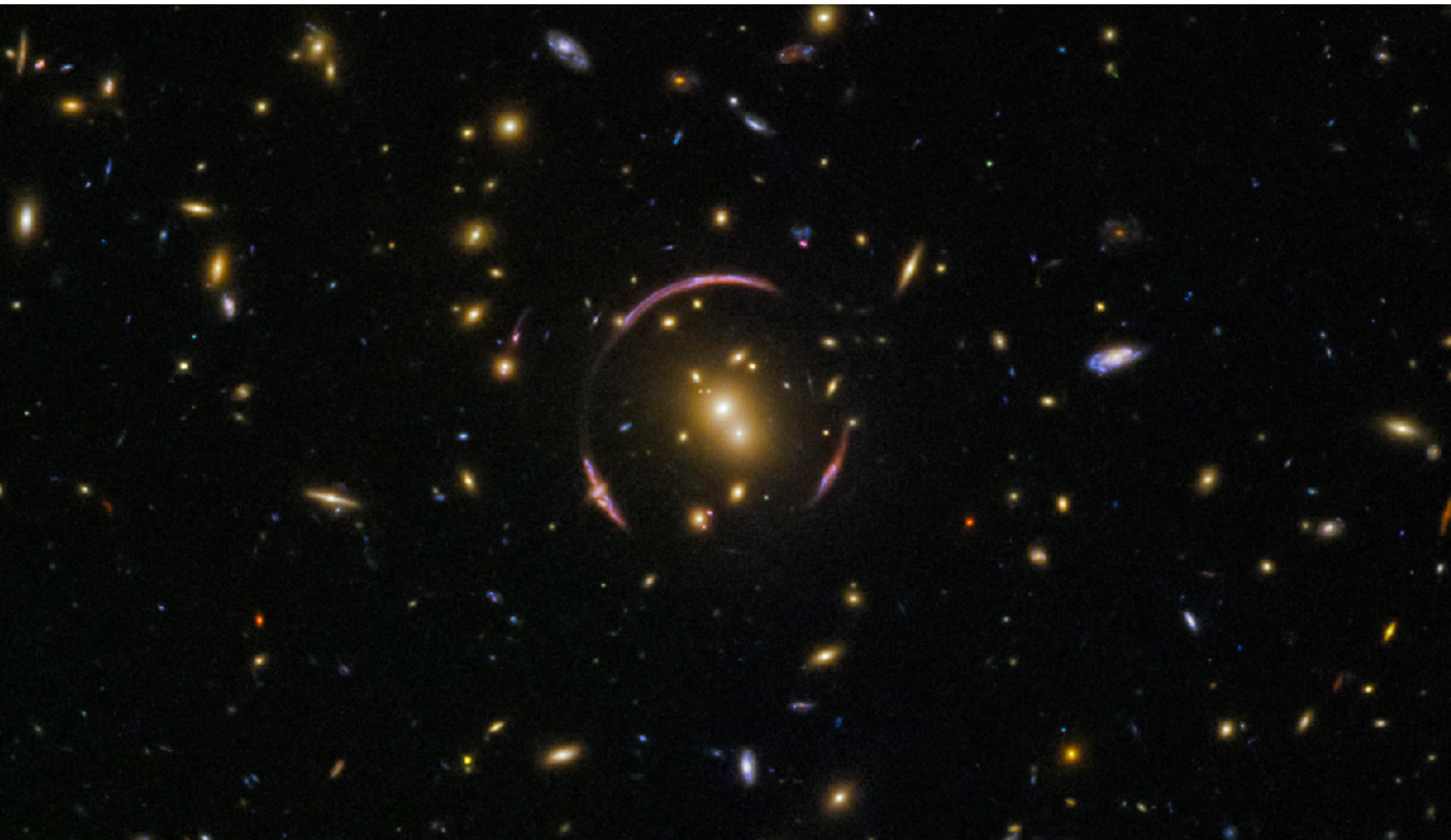
2014 : Hubble Frontier Fields Observation of 6 massive clusters (MACSJ0717)



2015 : Refsdal Supernovae in Frontier Field MACSJ1149



April 6, 2018: Hubble Finds an Einstein Ring



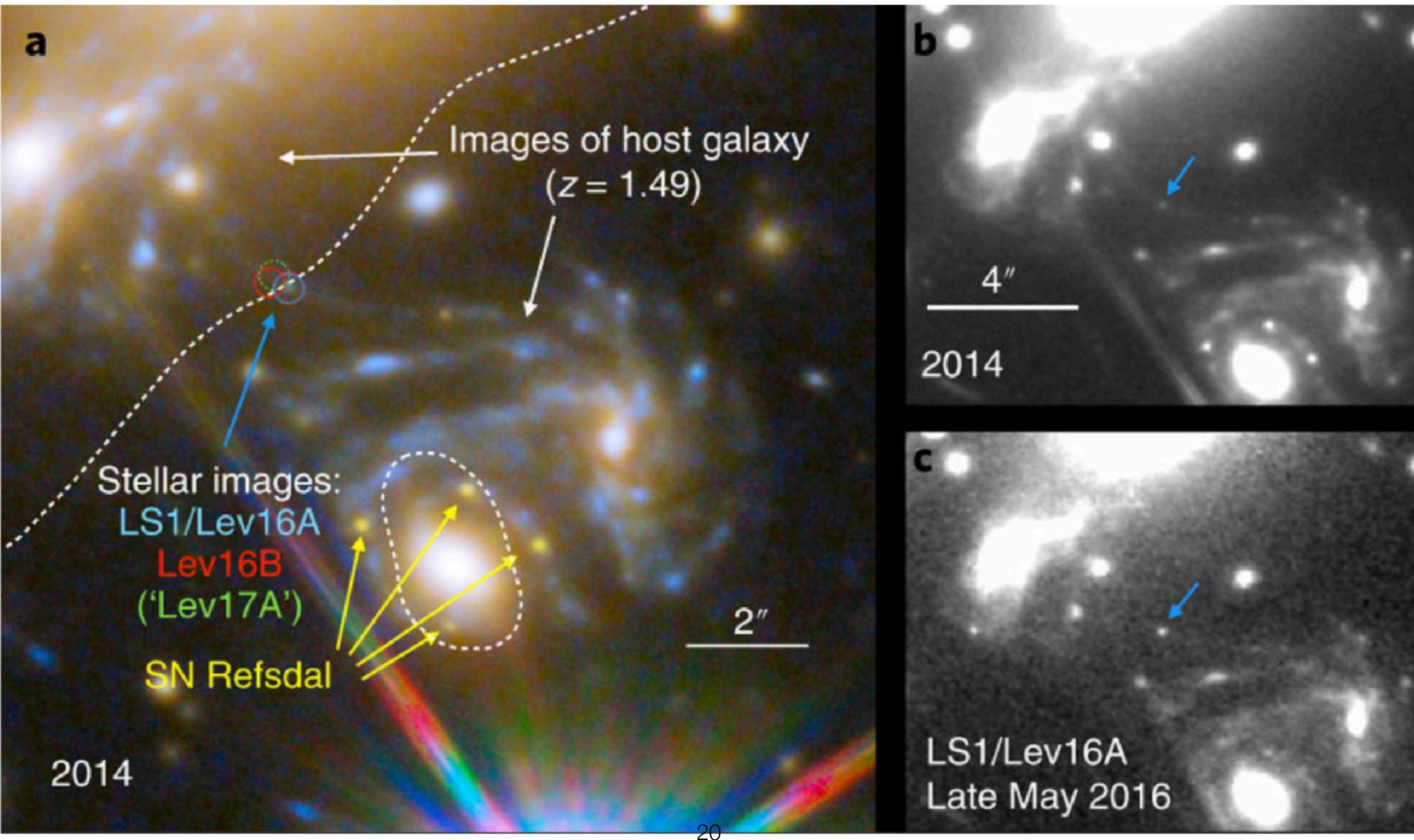


Extreme magnification of an individual star at redshift 1.5 by a galaxy-cluster lens

Kelly et al 2018, Nature Astronomy - April 2nd, 2018

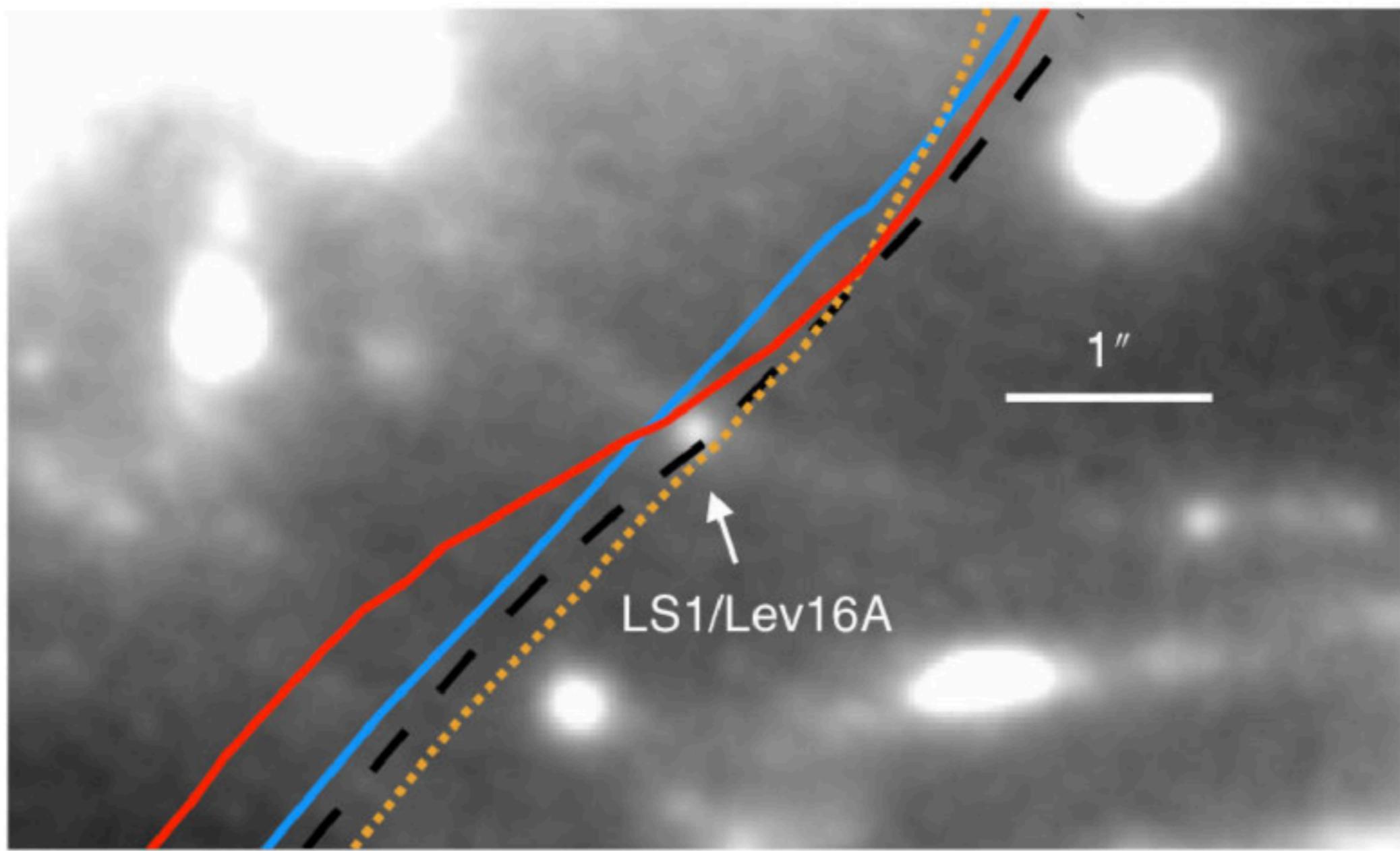
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Observations: Follow-up of the SN Refsdal

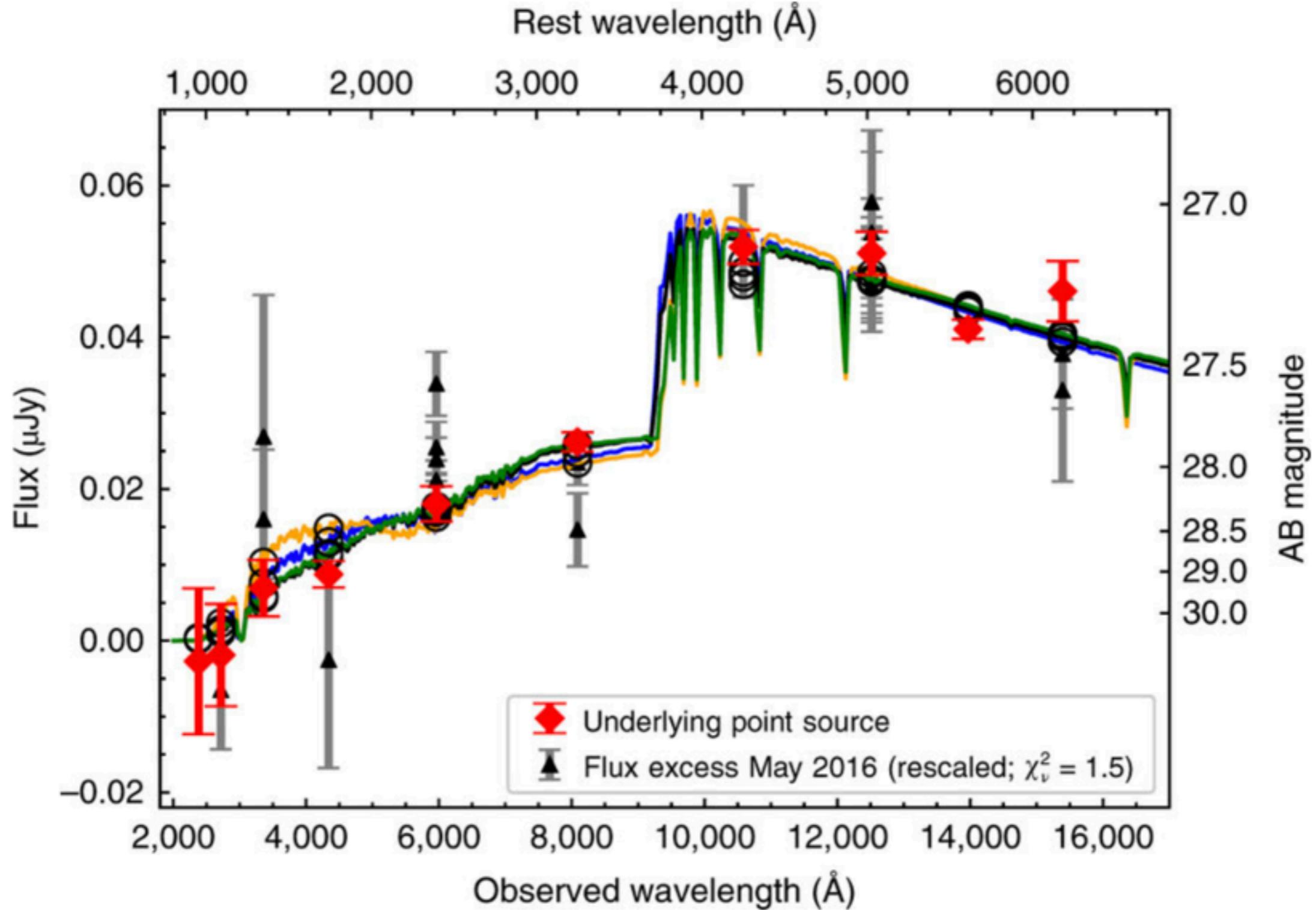


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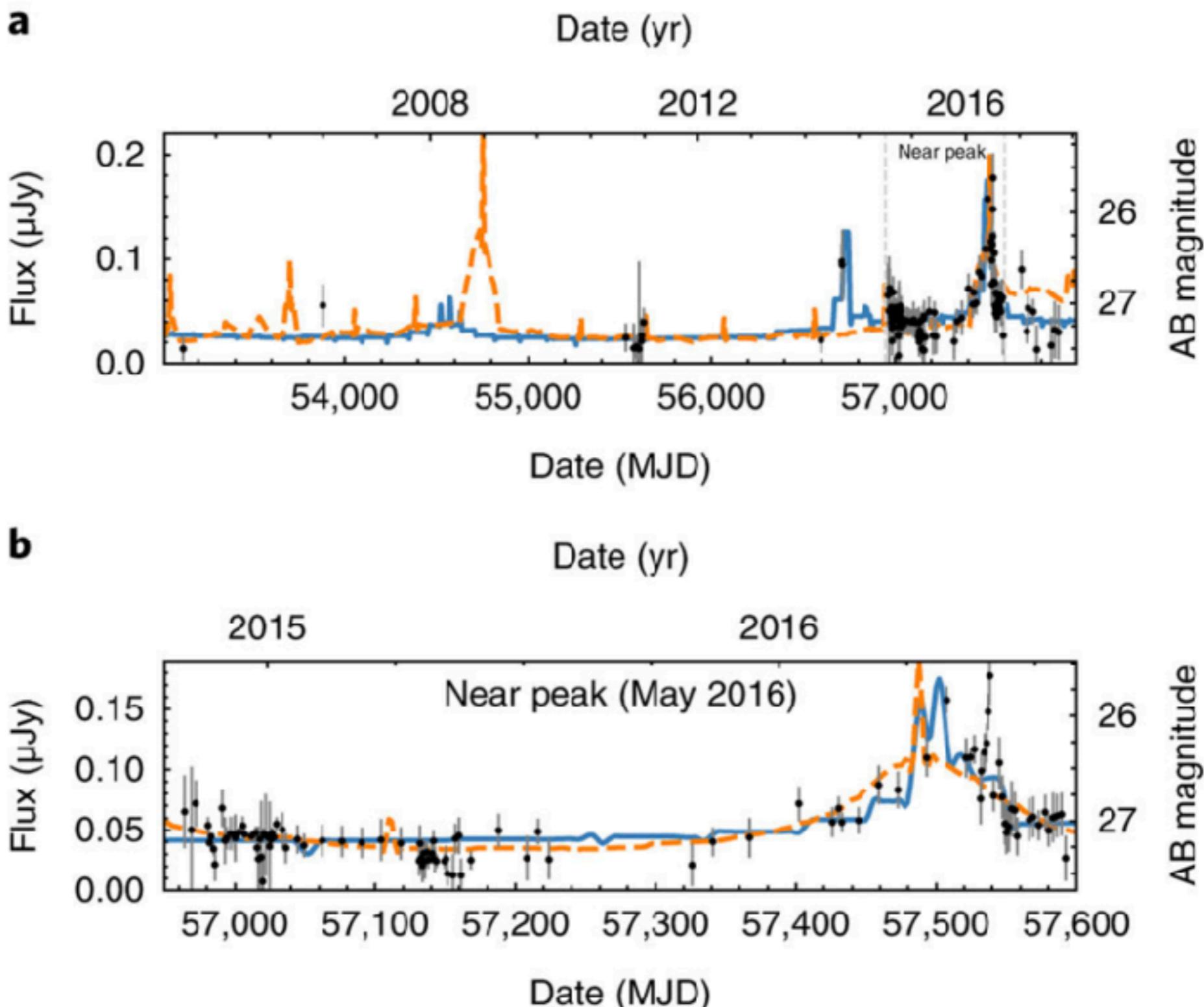
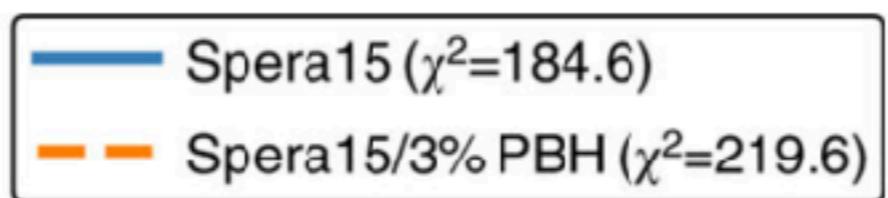
Cluster Lens Modeling Uncertainties



Critical curves for models with available high-resolution lens maps including ref. ⁸ (CATS; solid red line), ref. ⁴⁰ (dotted orange line), ref. ¹⁰ (solid blue line) and ref. ⁷⁶ (dashed black line) are superposed on the HST WFC3 IR F125W image. Although predictions for the location of the critical curve near LS1 disagree by $\sim 0.25''$, LS1 lies within $\sim 0.13''$ of all of these models' predictions.



Rescaling the SED of the flux excess (Lev16A; black triangles) to match that of the 2013–2015 source (red diamonds) yields $\chi^2_\nu = 1.5$, indicating that they are statistically consistent with each other despite a flux density difference of a factor of ~ 4 . The SED shows a strong Balmer break consistent with the host-galaxy redshift of 1.49, and stellar atmosphere models¹⁷ of a mid-to-late B-type star provide a reasonable fit. Error bars correspond to 68% confidence intervals. The blue curve has $T = 11,180$ K, surface gravity $\log g = 2$, $A_V = 0.02$ and $\chi^2 = 16.3$; the orange curve has $T = 12,250$ K, $\log g = 4$, $A_V = 0.08$ and $\chi^2 = 30.6$; the black curve has $T = 12,375$ K, $\log g = 2$, $A_V = 0.08$ and $\chi^2 = 12.9$; and the green curve has $T = 13,591$ K, $\log g = 4$, $A_V = 0.13$ and $\chi^2 = 16.5$. Black circles show the expected flux density for each model. Error bars correspond to 68% confidence levels.

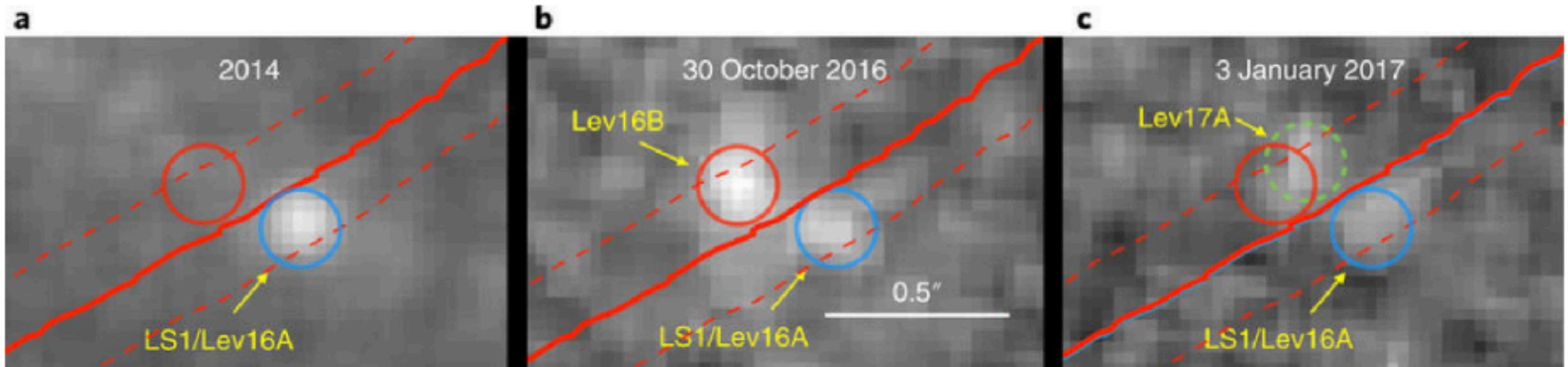


Black circles show fluxes measured through all wideband HST filters converted to F125W using LS1's SED. Error bars correspond to 68% confidence levels. **a**, LS1's full HST light curve, which begins in 2004. **b**, The most densely sampled part of the light curve including the May 2016 peak (Lev16A). This maximum shows two successive peaks that may correspond to a lensed binary system of stars at $z = 1.49$. MJD is modified Julian date. Error bars correspond to 68% confidence levels.

Ingredients for modeling

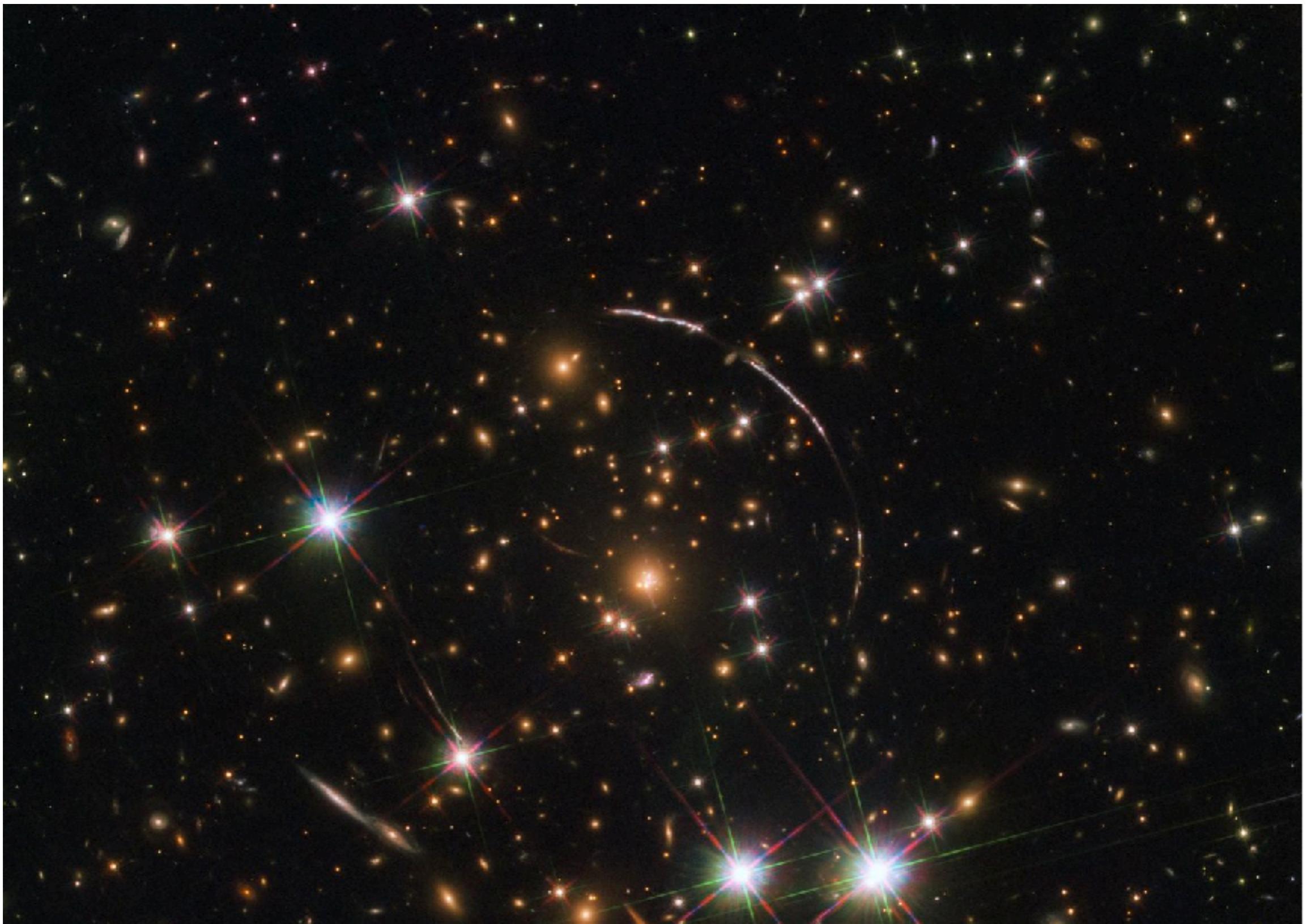
- Light curve measurement from the Hubble data
- Light curve simulation:
 - Background Galaxy: Transverse velocity of stars 200-2000 km/s, IMF of stars in the distant galaxies (more luminous stars are more likely to be lensed)
 - Mass model: smooth [macro-lensing] and compact [micro-lensing] components:DM (Compact DM? =>BHs)+galaxies (stars=> IMF)

Multiple image? More detections

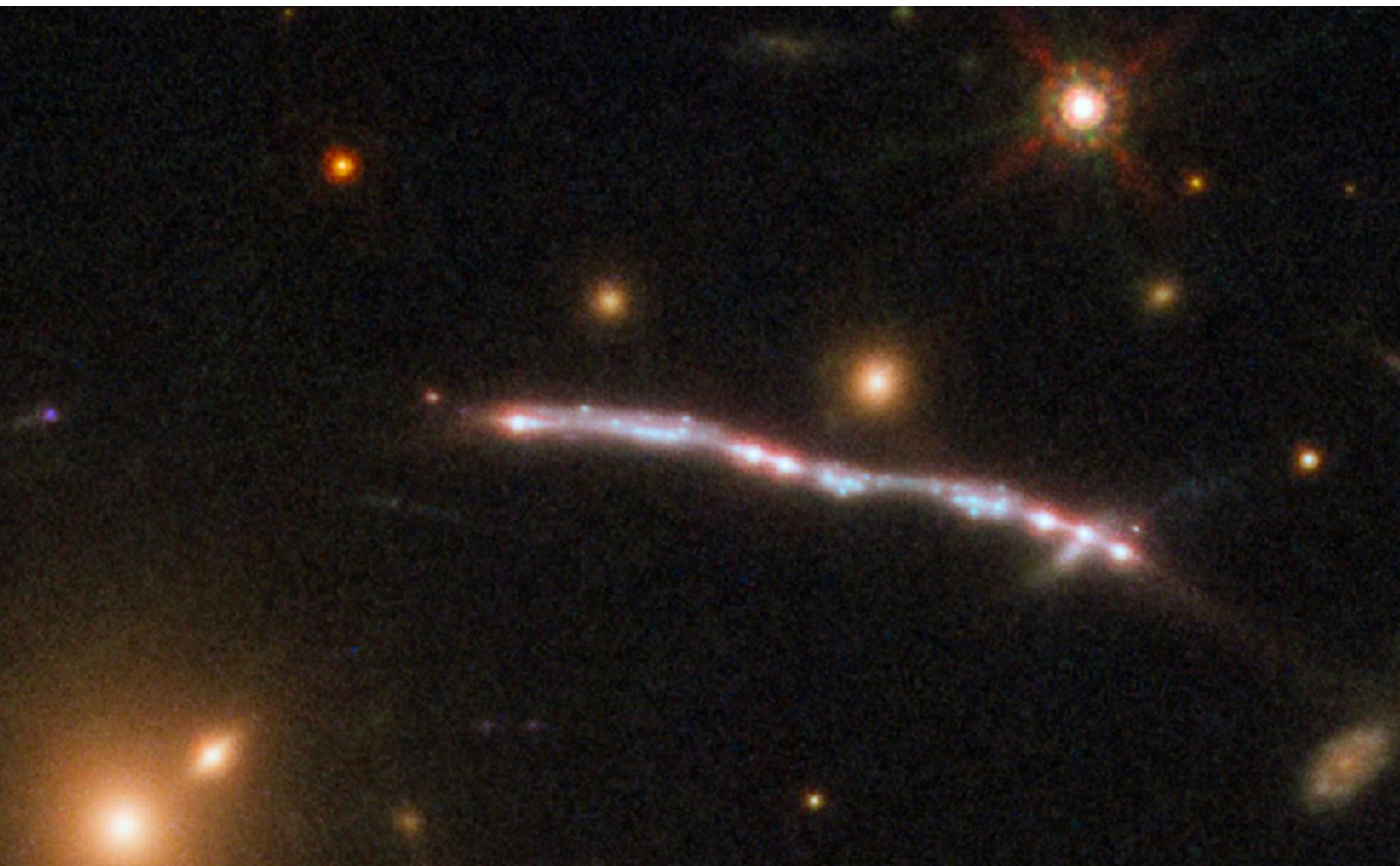


a, LS1 in 2014; we detected LS1 when it temporarily brightened by a factor of ~ 4 in late April 2016, and its position is marked by a blue circle. **b**, The appearance of a new image dubbed Lev16B on 30 October 2016, whose position is marked by a red circle. The solid red line marks the location of the cluster's critical curve from the CATS cluster model⁸, and the dashed red lines show the approximate 1σ uncertainty from comparison of multiple cluster lens models^{5,6,7,8,9,10}. Lev16B's position is consistent with the possibility that it is a counterimage of LS1. **c**, The candidate named Lev17A at the location of the green dashed circle had a $\sim 4\sigma$ significance detection on 3 January 2017. If a microlensing peak, Lev17A must correspond to a different star.

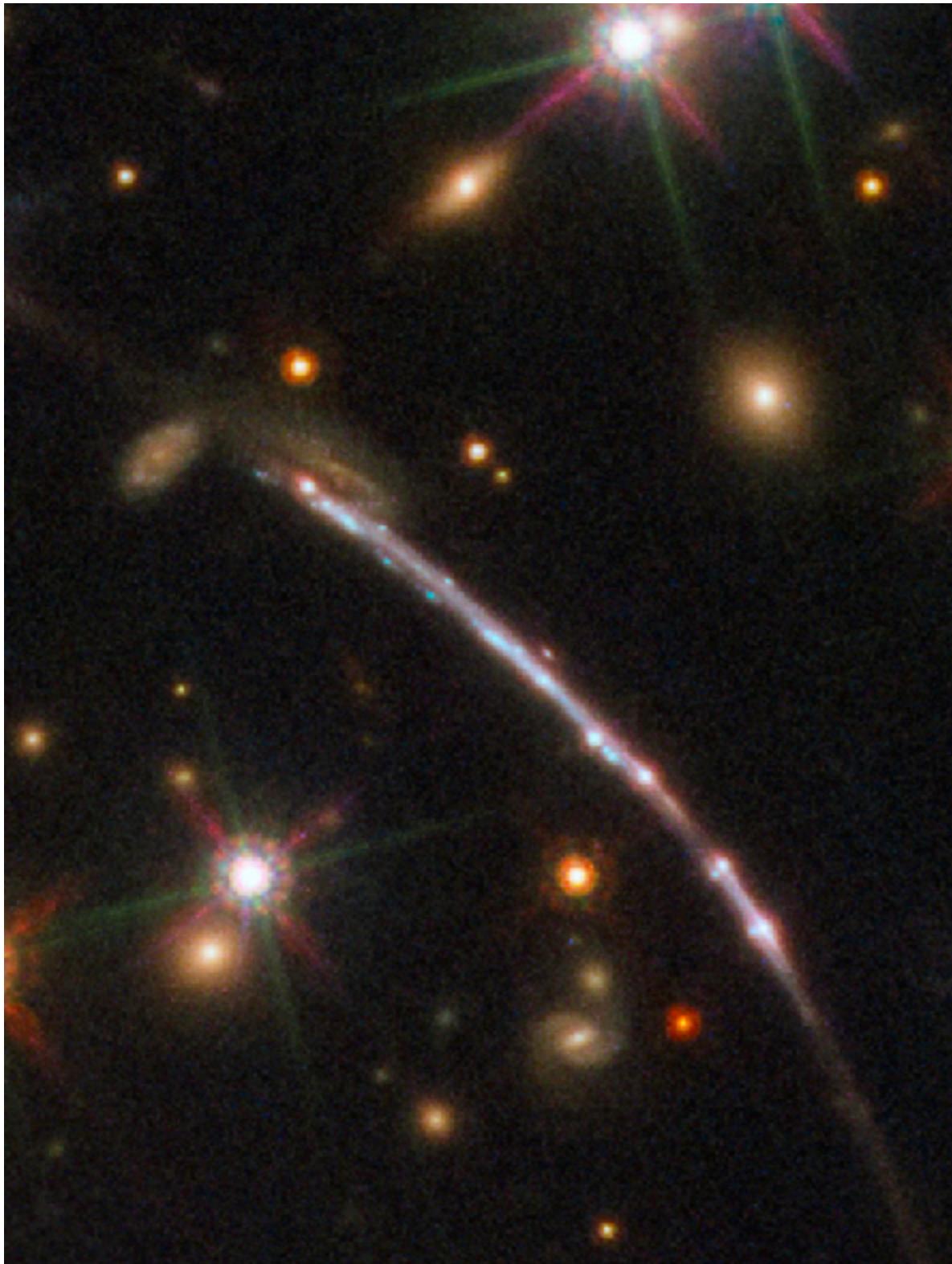
7 Nov 2019: The Sunburst Arc (12 images!)

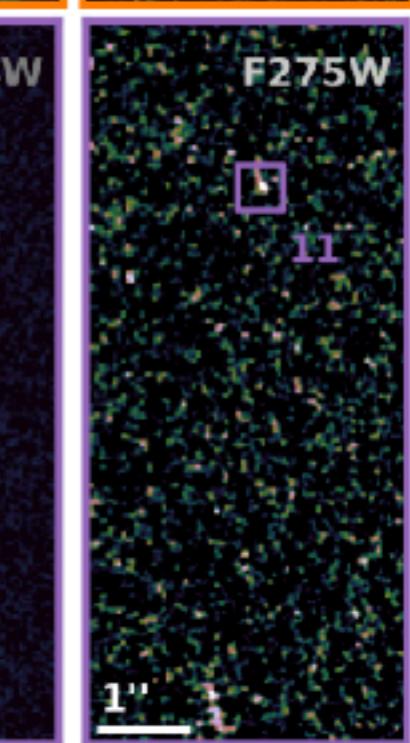
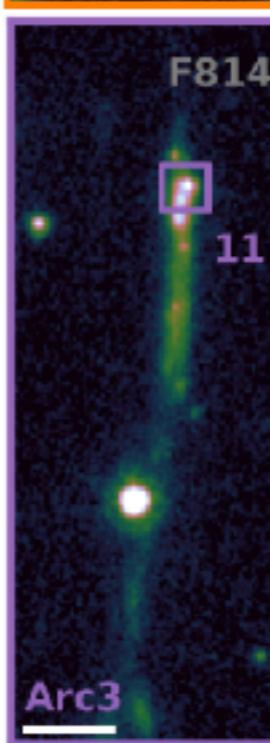
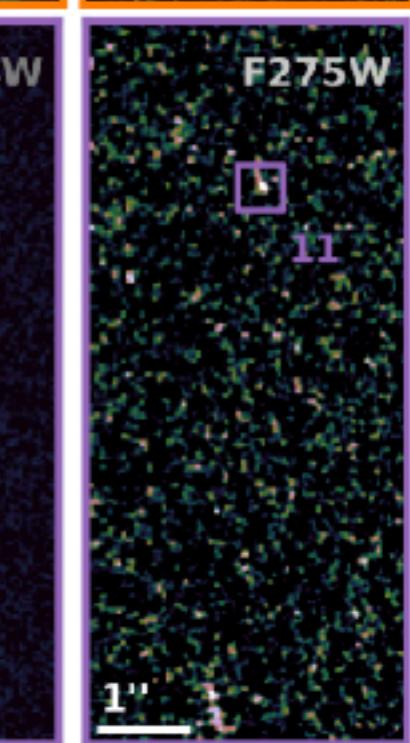
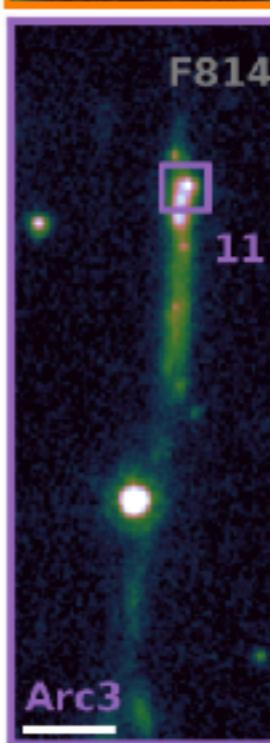
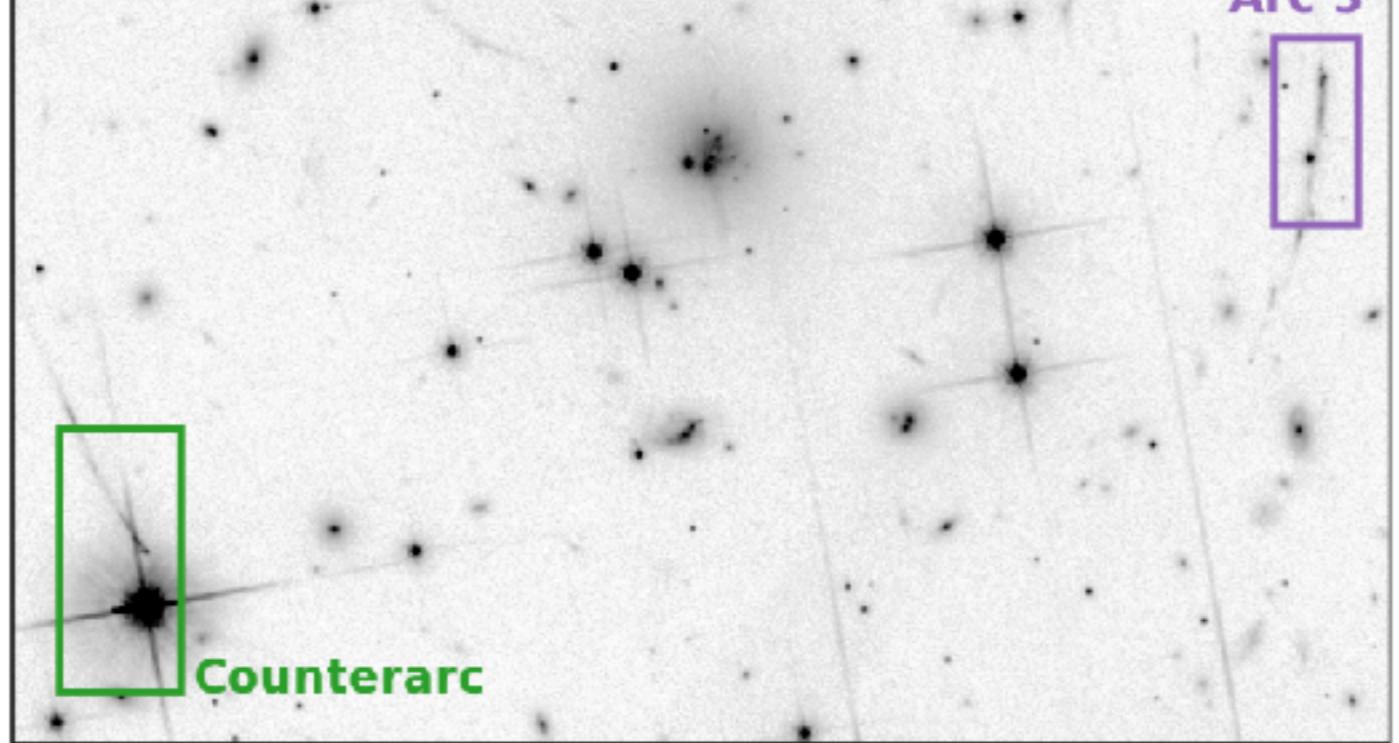
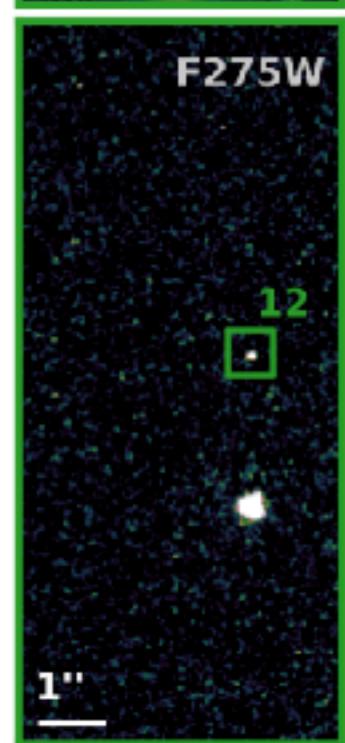
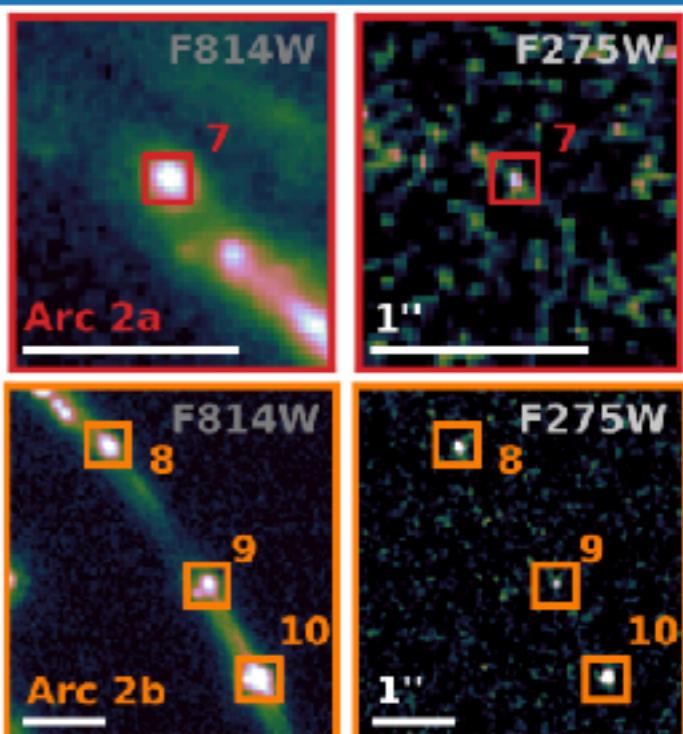
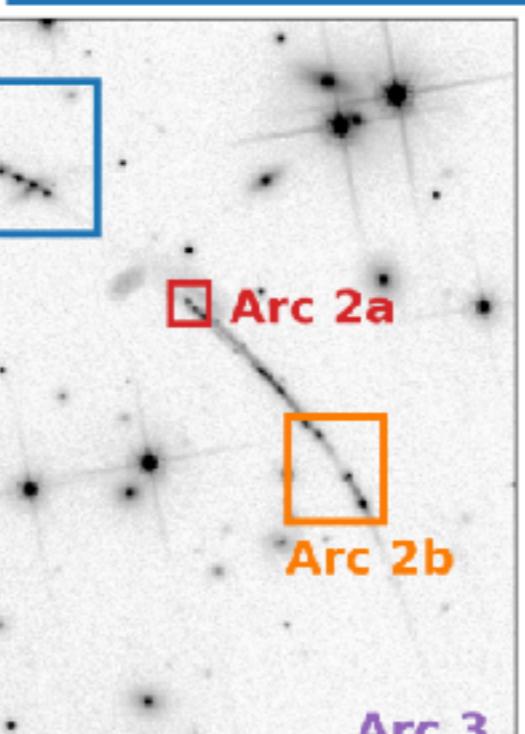
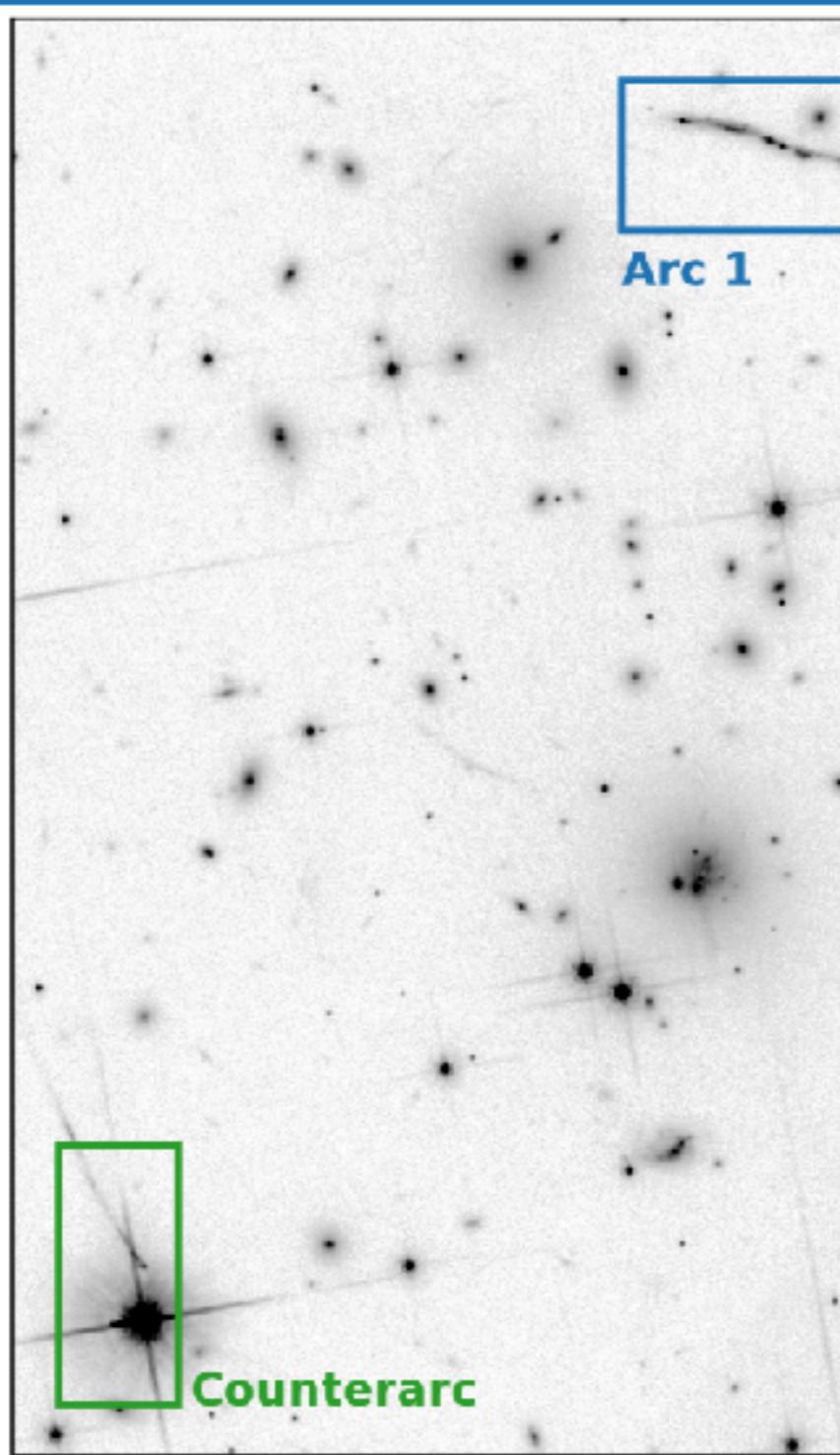
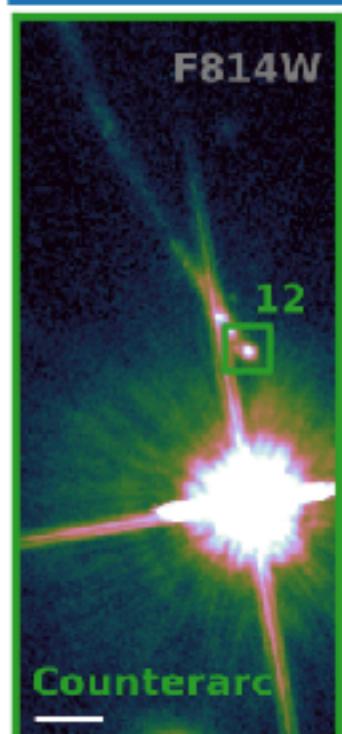
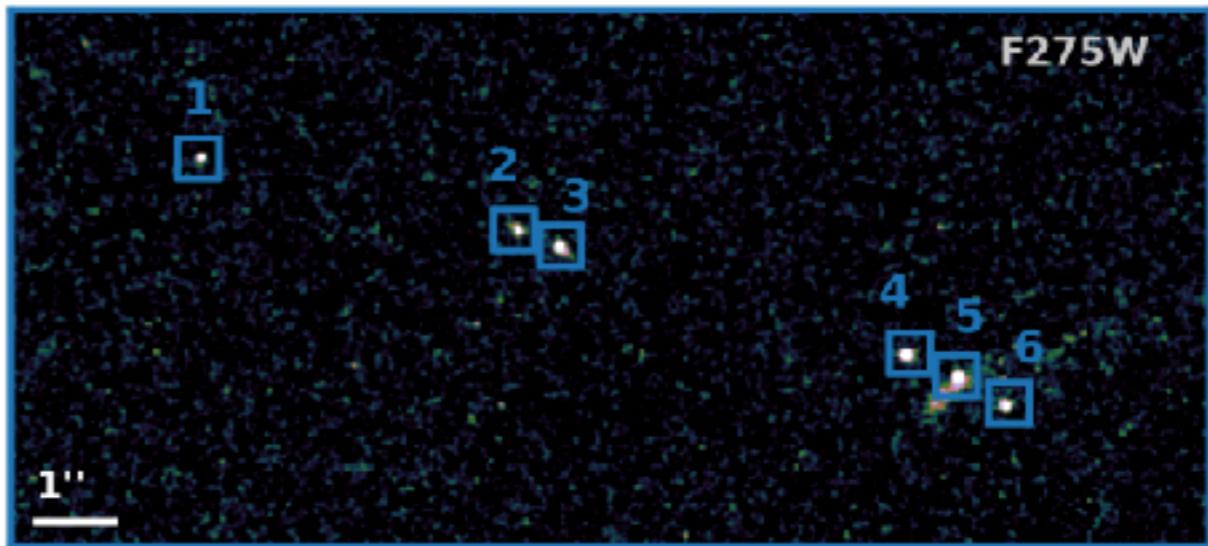
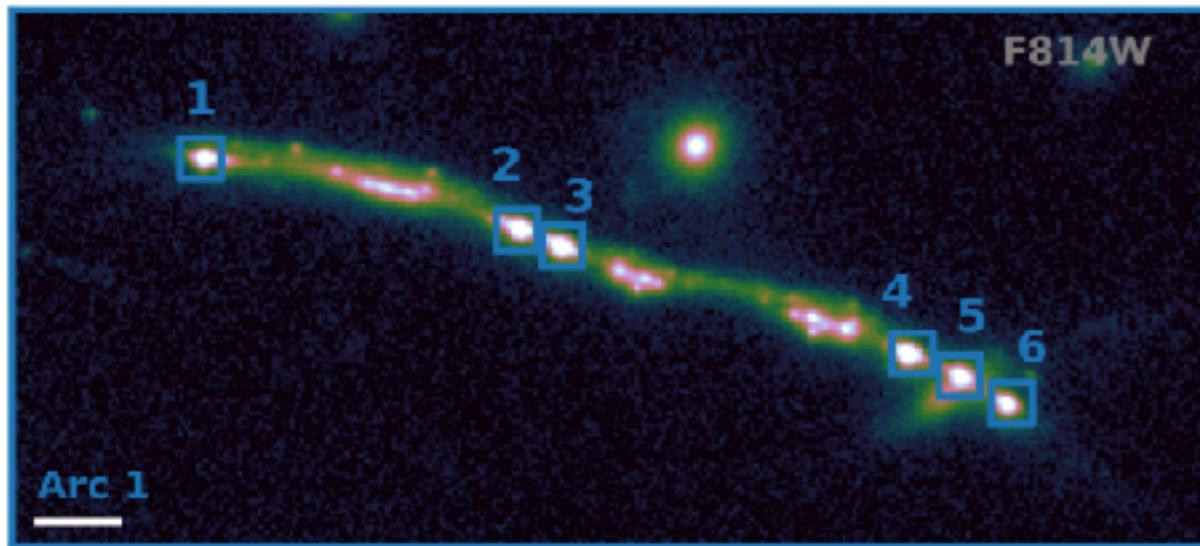


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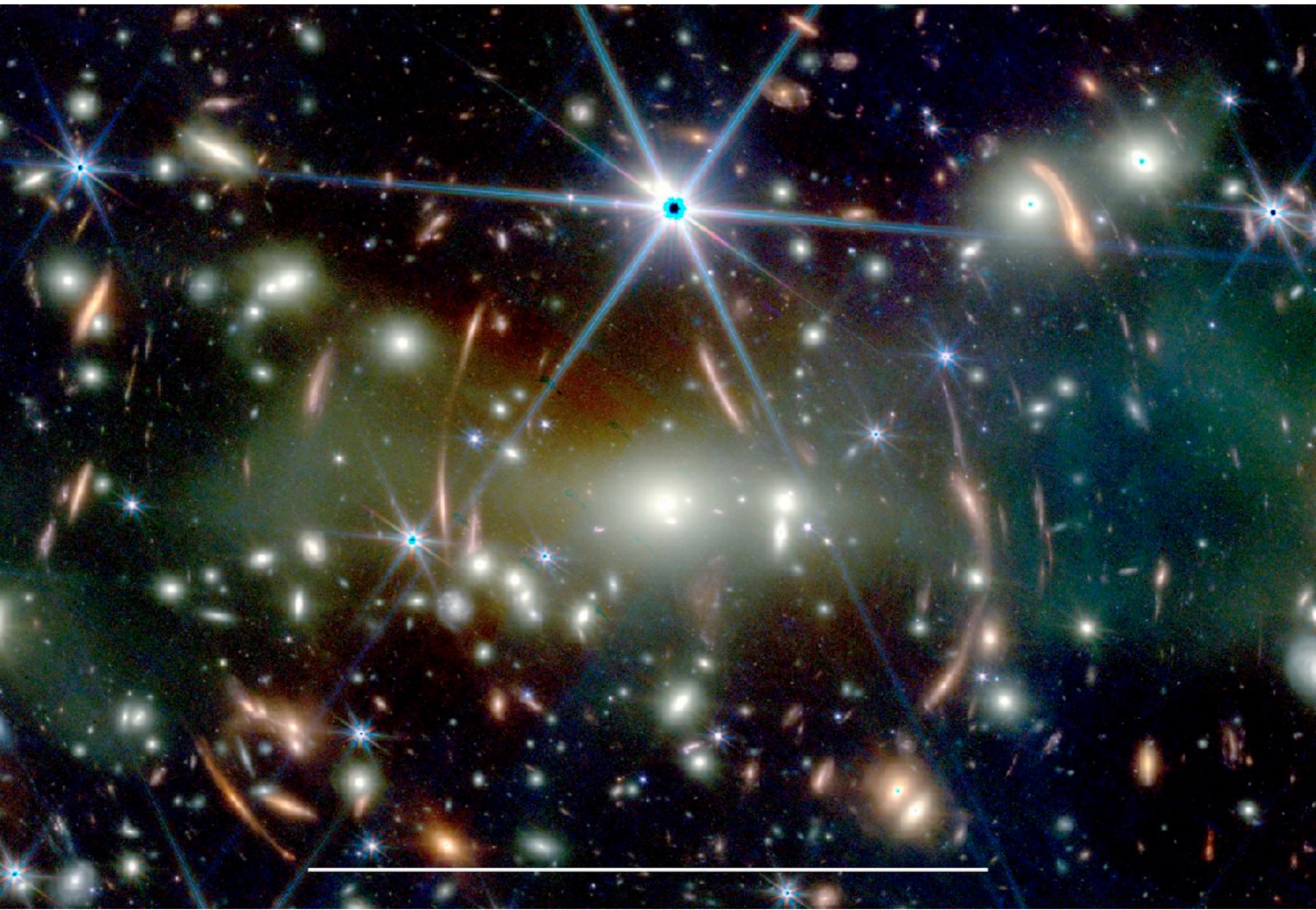


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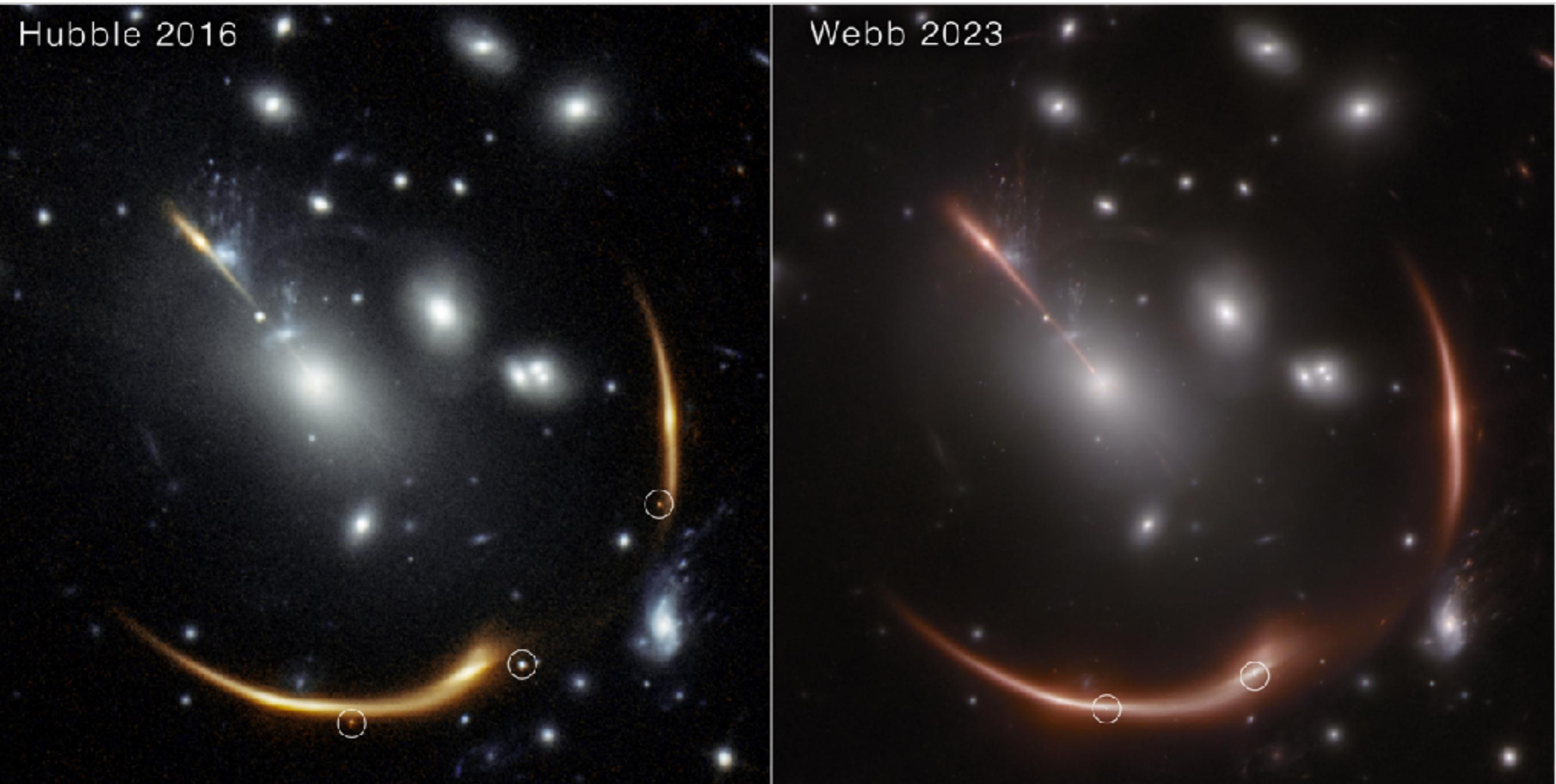




July 2022: Galaxy Cluster SMACSJ0723 seen by JWST

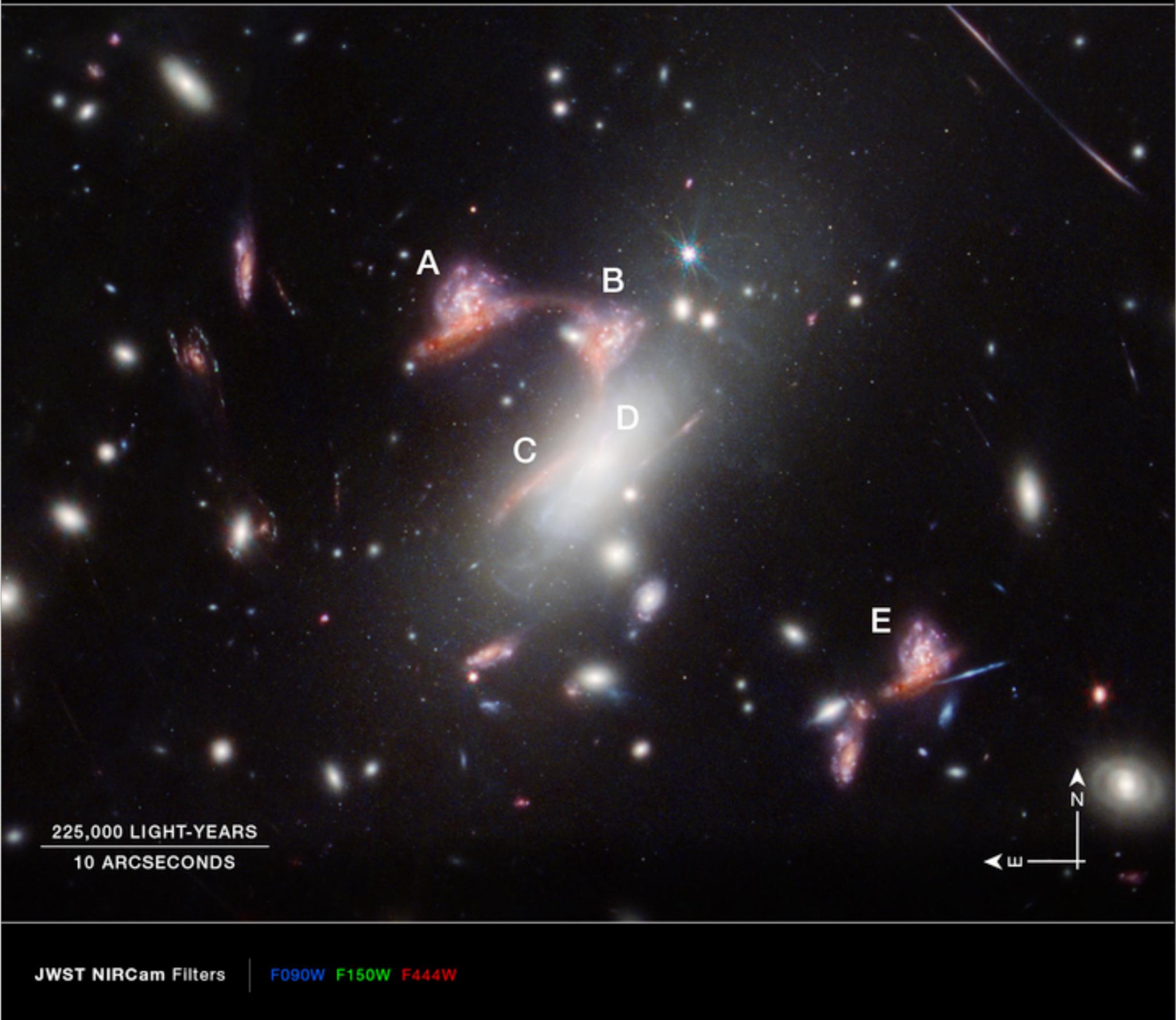


MACS J0138 Hubble and Webb Side-by-Side



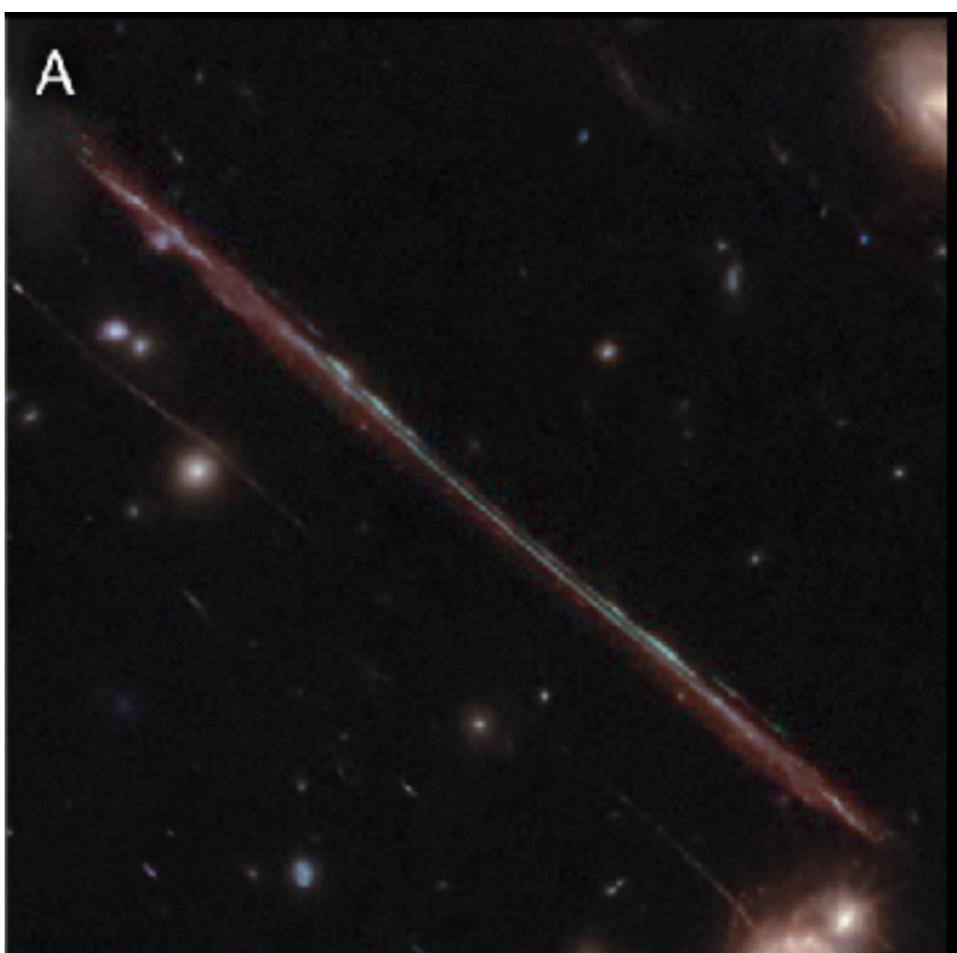
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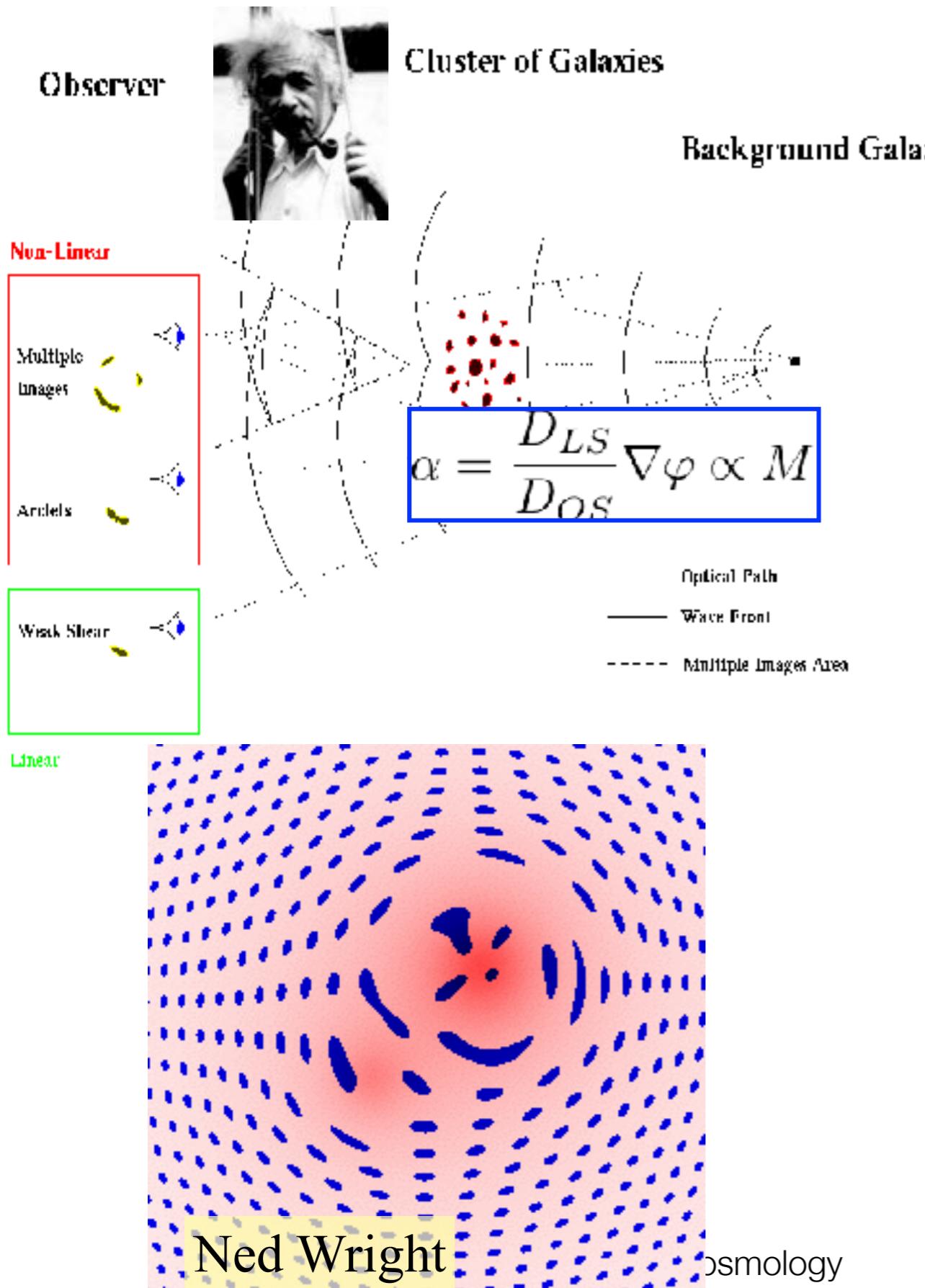


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Strong Lensing Basics

Cluster Lensing - Back to Basics

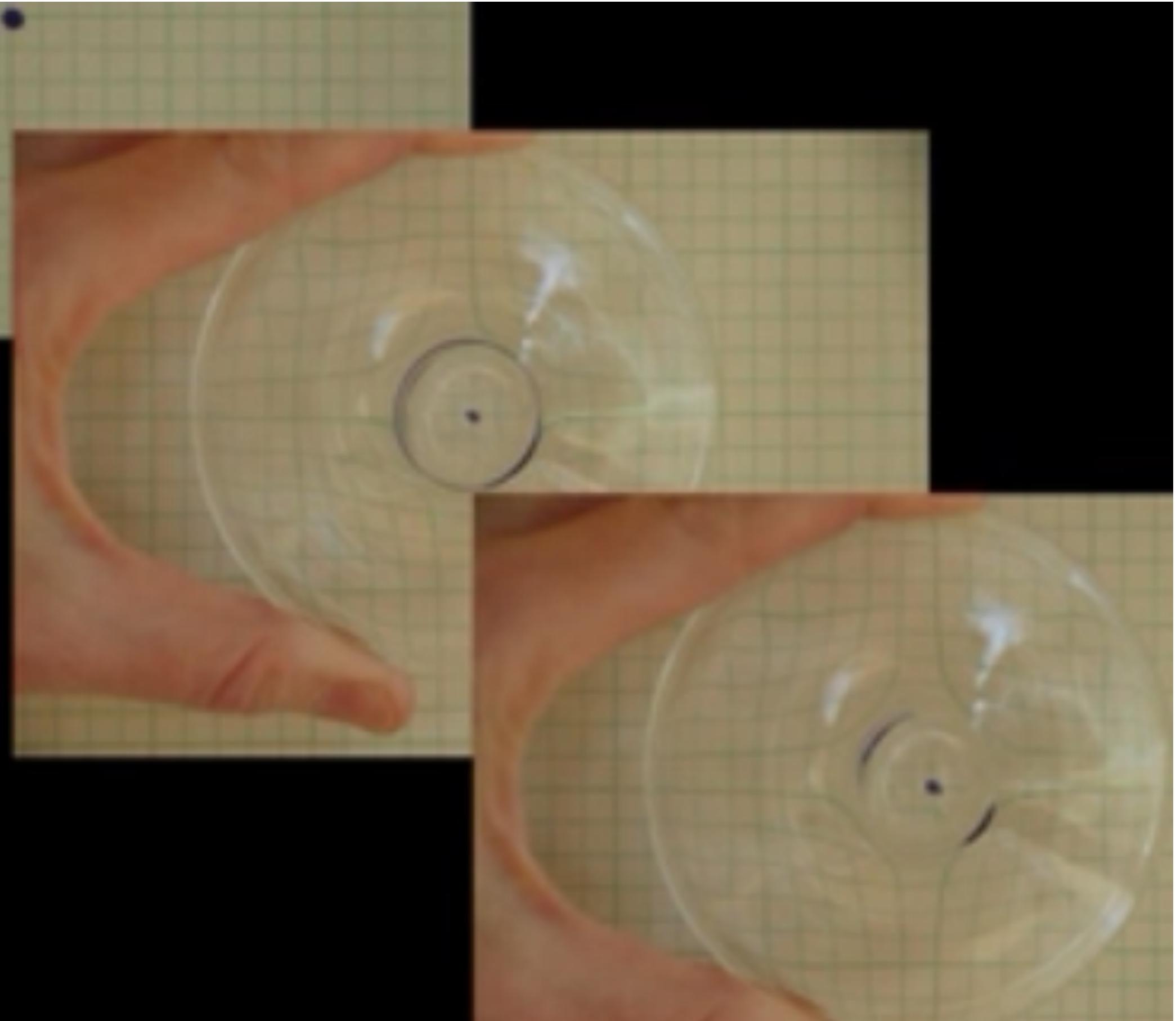


- **Basics of lensing:**

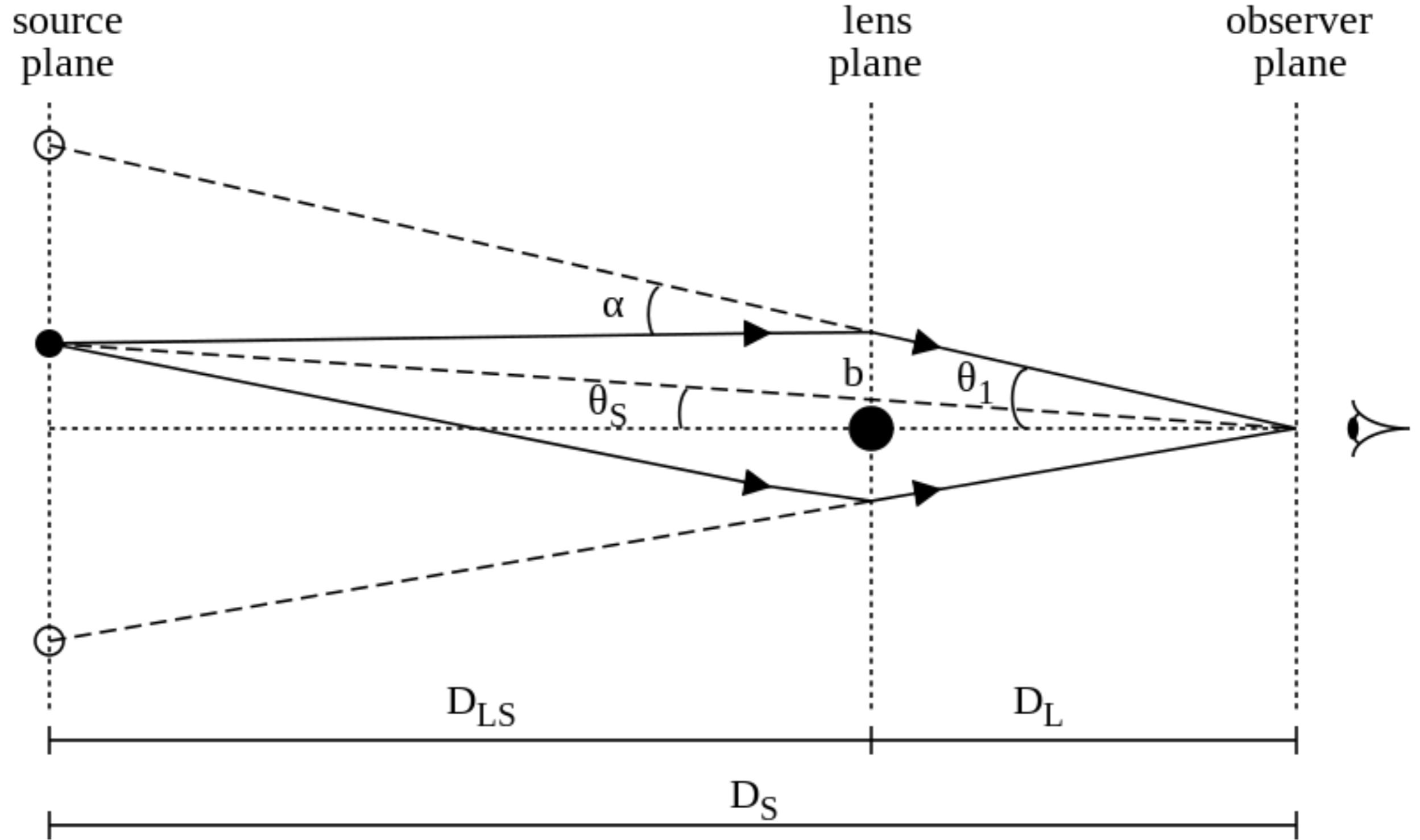
- Large mass over-densities locally deform the Space-Time
 - *A pure geometrical effect, no dependence with photon energy - depends on TOTAL MASS*

- **Lensing by (massive) clusters**

- Deflection of $\sim 10\text{-}50$ arcsec
 - *strongly lens many background sources => allow detailed mass reconstruction at different scales: cluster core, substructures, large scales*
 - *~1 SL cluster-lens per ~ 10 sq. deg: potentially ~ 2000 to study, Probably only ~ 200 identified today, nearly 20 with “a good” (SL) mass model*



Gravitational lensing diagram



Lensing Equation

- Metric near a point mass

$$ds^2 = \left(1 + \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}\right) c^2 dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}\right) dr^2$$

- Where Φ is the 3D gravitational potential
- Use the Fermat principle to find the effective light rays:

- $$\frac{dt}{d\theta_I} = 0$$

Lensing Equations

Lens Mapping:

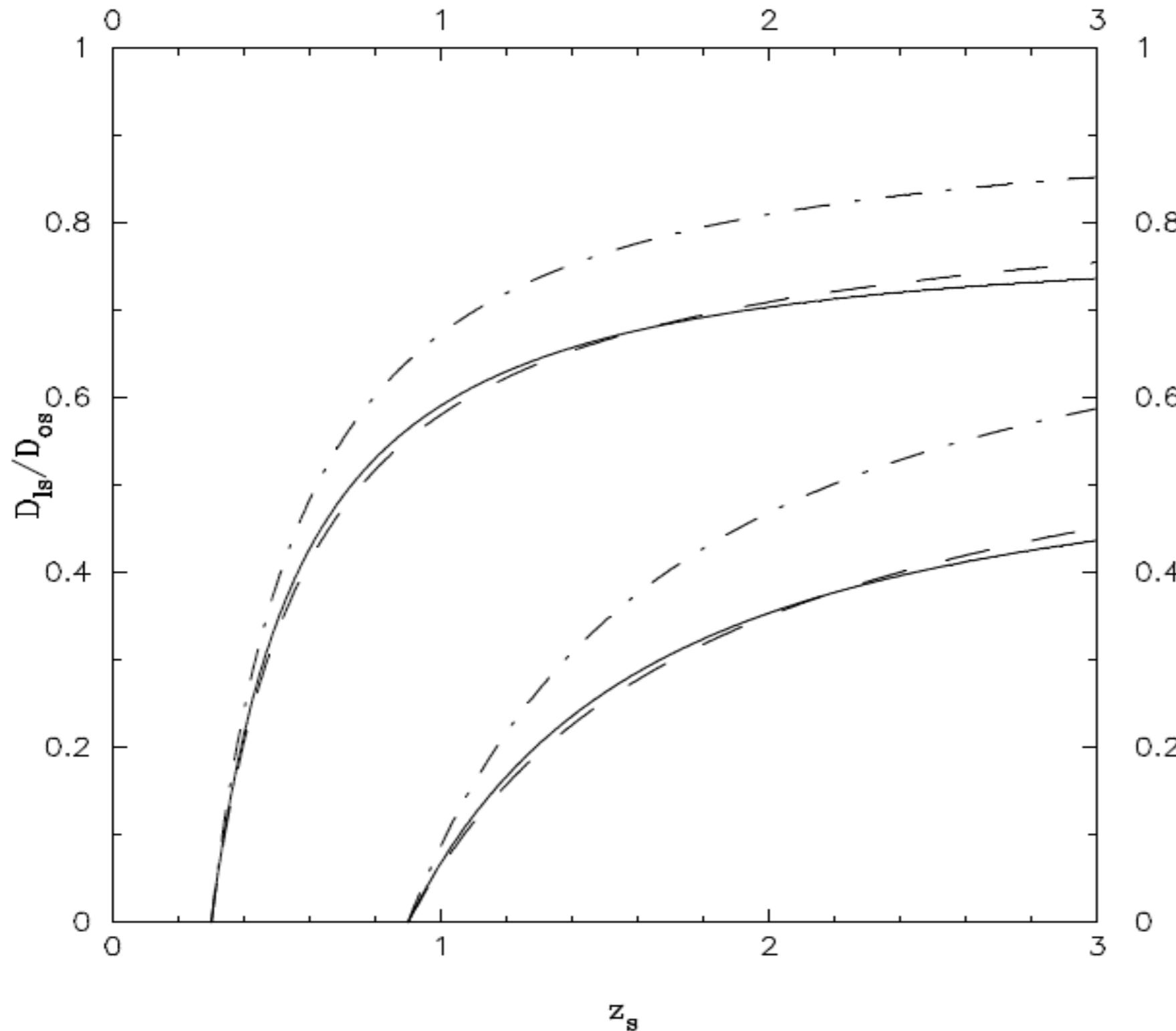
$$\vec{\theta}_S = \vec{\theta}_I - \frac{2\mathcal{D}}{c^2} \vec{\nabla} \phi_N^{2L}(\vec{\theta}_I) = \vec{\theta}_I - \vec{\nabla} \varphi(\vec{\theta}_I)$$

φ : lensing potential

Lensing Potential

- ⇒ Link with catastrophe theory
- ⇒ Parameters: **Distances and Mass**
- ⇒ Purely geometrical: *Achromatic effect*

Redshift and Cosmology



Lens Efficiency:

$$D_{LS}/D_{OS}$$

For a fixed lens redshift, the efficiency increase with source redshift

Weak cosmology dependence

Lensing Equations

Lens Mapping distortion (first order):

$$\frac{d\vec{\theta}_S}{d\vec{\theta}_I} = \mathcal{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \partial_{xx}\varphi & -\partial_{xy}\varphi \\ -\partial_{xy}\varphi & 1 - \partial_{yy}\varphi \end{pmatrix}$$

In polar coordinates:

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \partial_{rr}\varphi & -\partial_r \left(\frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta \varphi \right) \\ -\partial_r \left(\frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta \varphi \right) & 1 - \frac{1}{r} \partial_r \varphi - \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_{\theta\theta} \varphi \end{pmatrix}$$

Lensing Equations

Amplification Matrix:

$$\mathcal{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \kappa - \gamma_1 & -\gamma_2 \\ -\gamma_2 & 1 - \kappa + \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

κ : convergence

$$\kappa = \Delta\varphi/2 = \Sigma/2\Sigma_{crit}$$

$\gamma(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$: shear vector

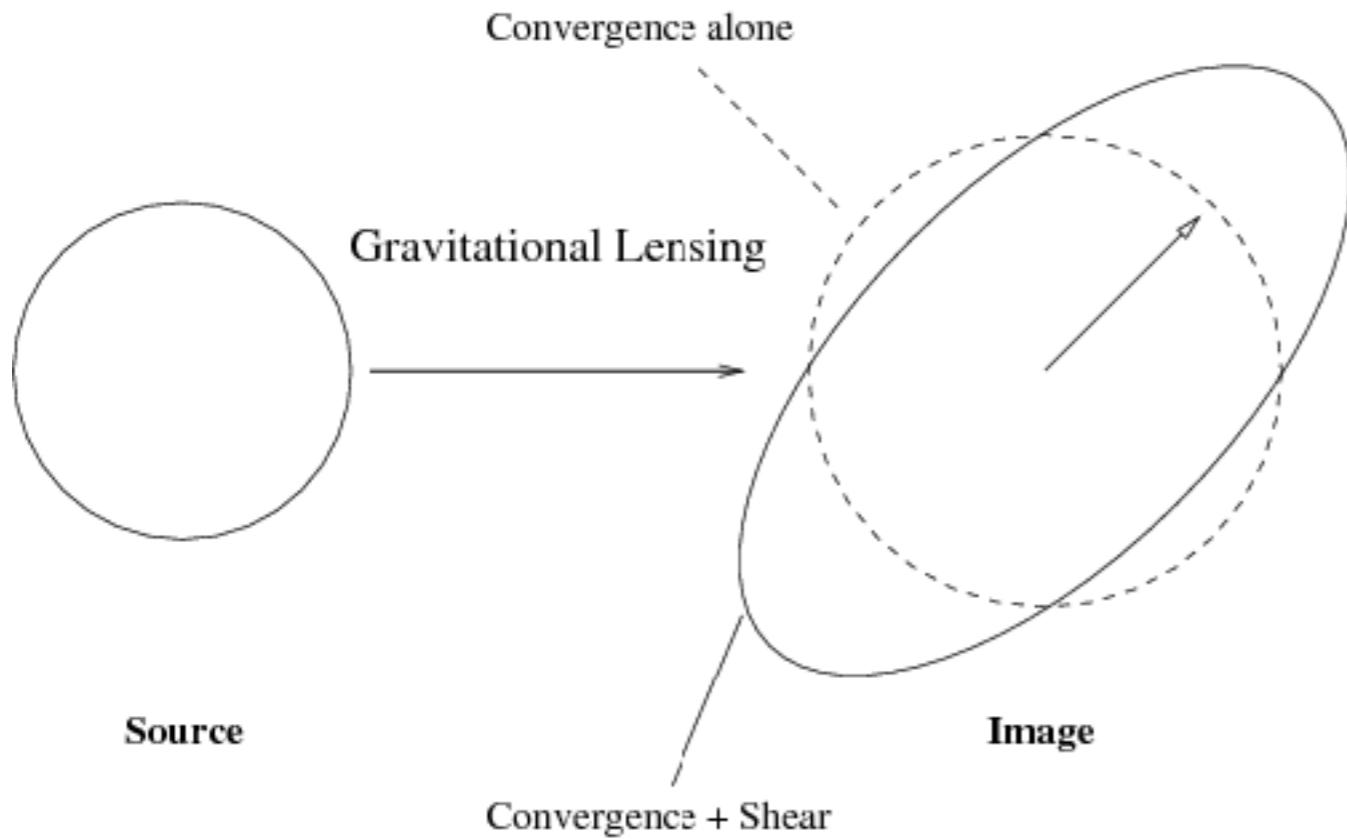
$$\Sigma_{\text{cr}} = \frac{c^2}{4\pi G} \frac{D_s}{D_d D_{ds}}$$
$$= 0.35 \text{ g cm}^{-2} \left(\frac{D}{1 \text{ Gpc}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\gamma_1 = (\partial_{yy}\varphi - \partial_{xx}\varphi)/2 \quad \gamma_2 = \partial_{xy}\varphi$$

Reduced shear:

$$g = \frac{\gamma}{1 - \kappa}$$

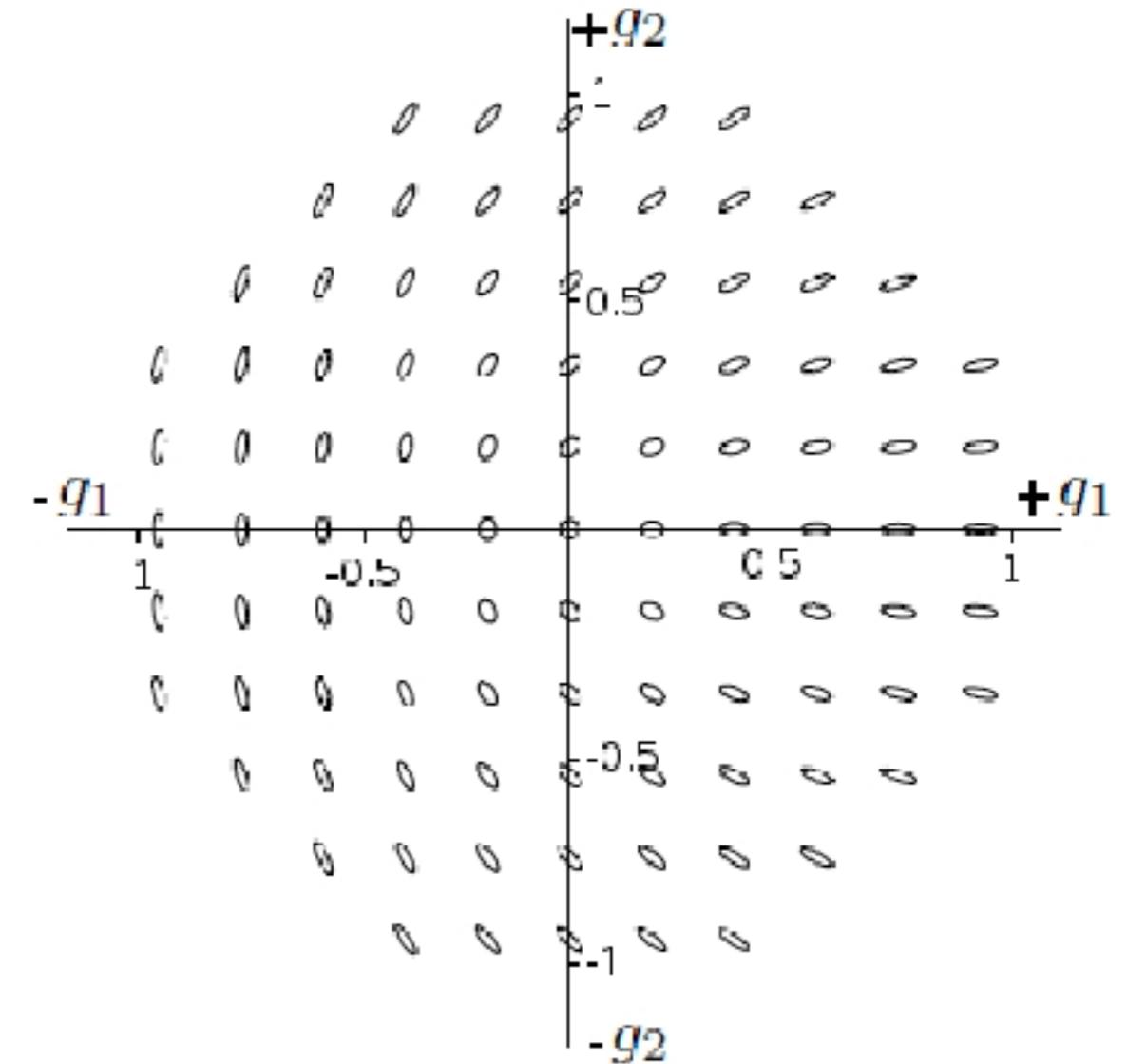
Convergence and Shear



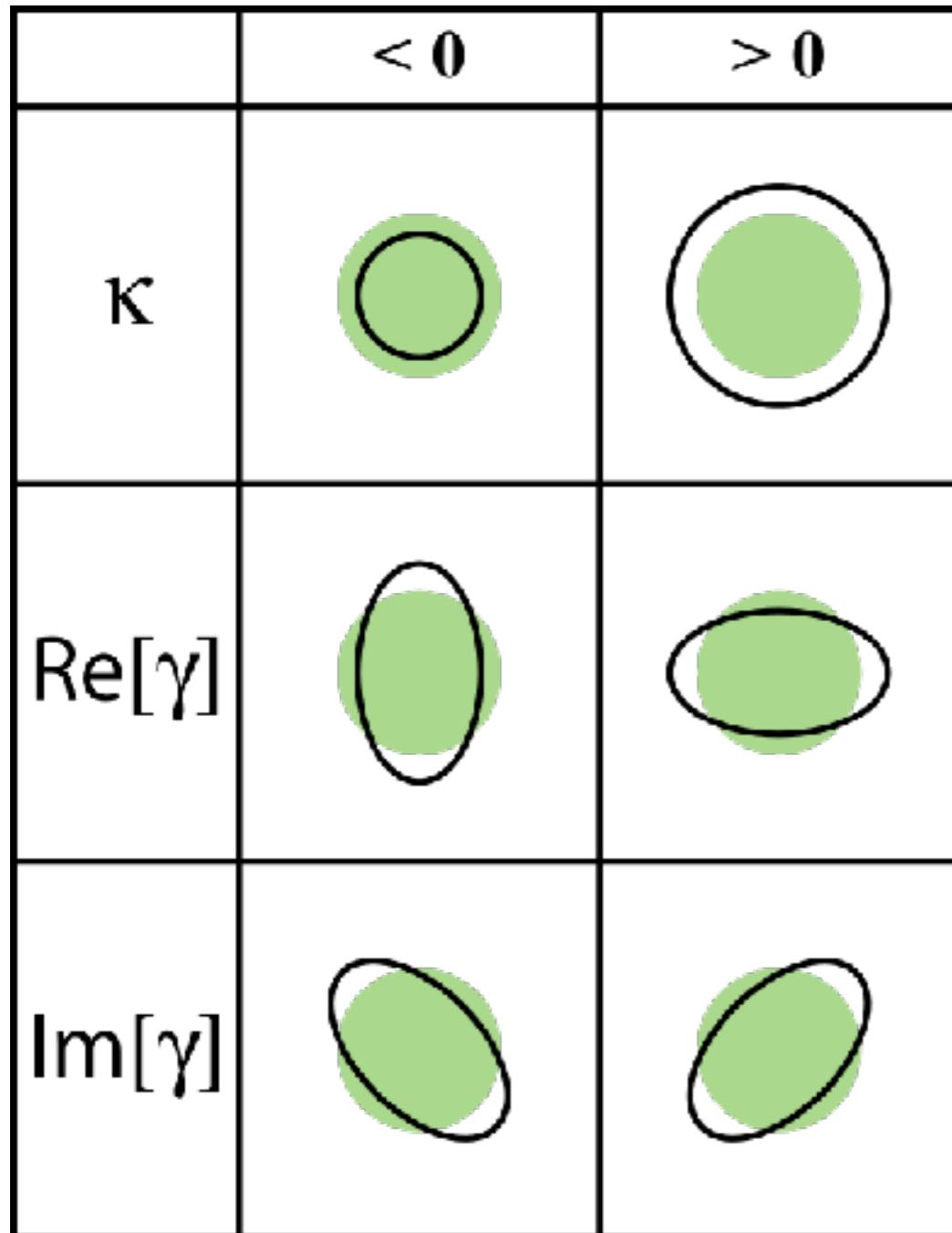
$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \kappa + \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \kappa - \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (1 - \kappa) \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\gamma}{1 - \kappa} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

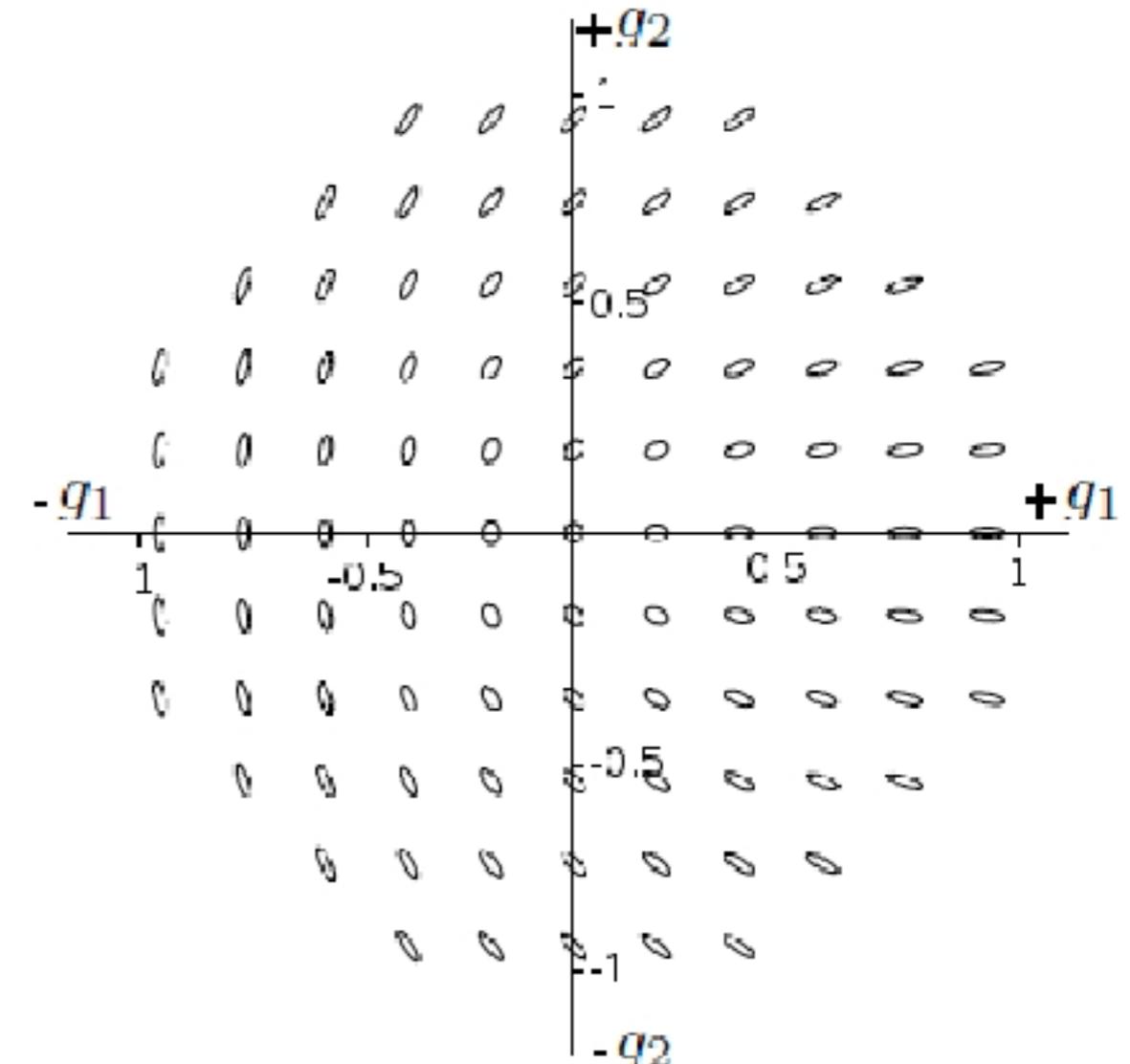
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Convergence and Shear



$$g = \frac{\gamma}{1-\kappa}$$

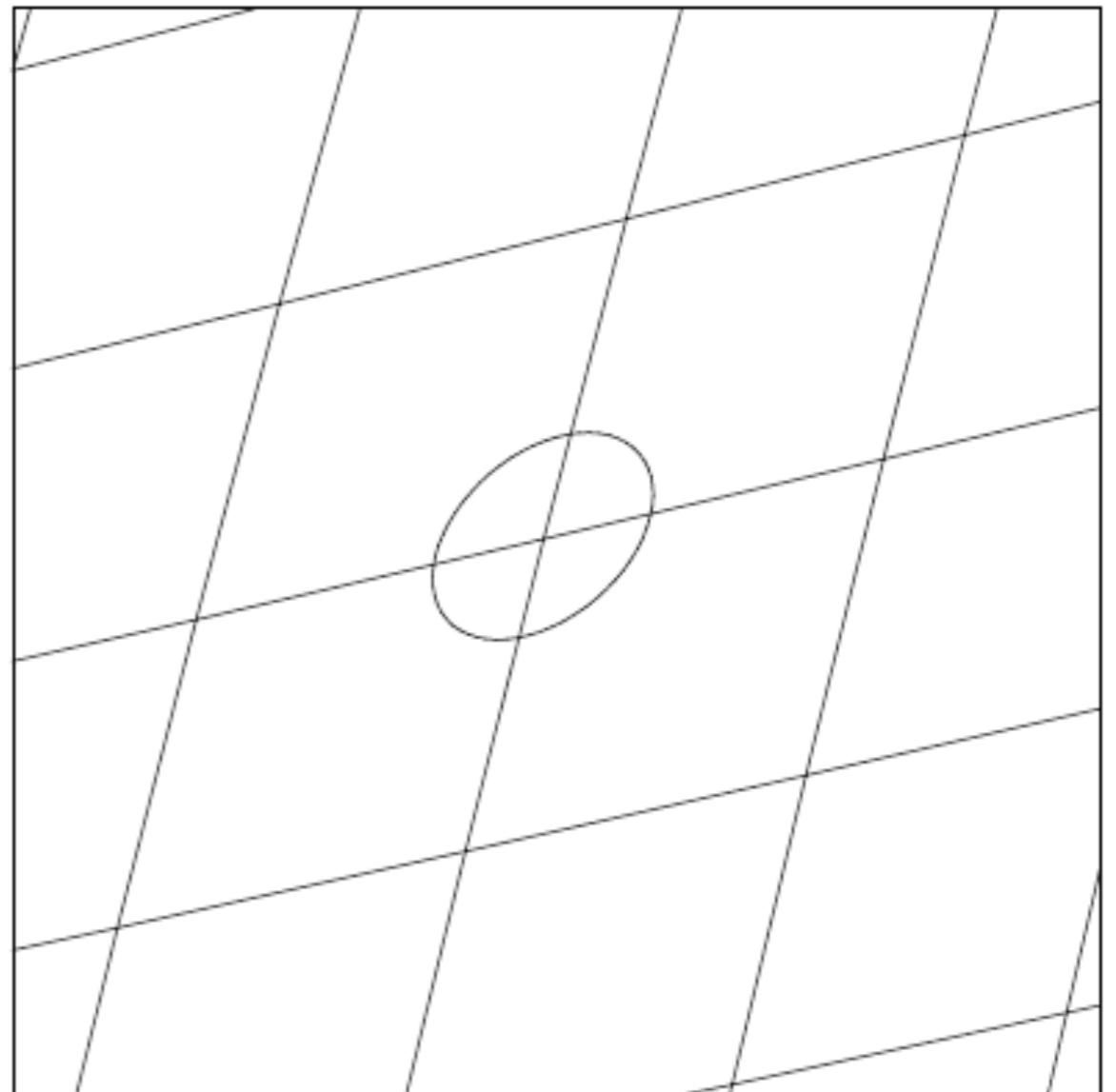
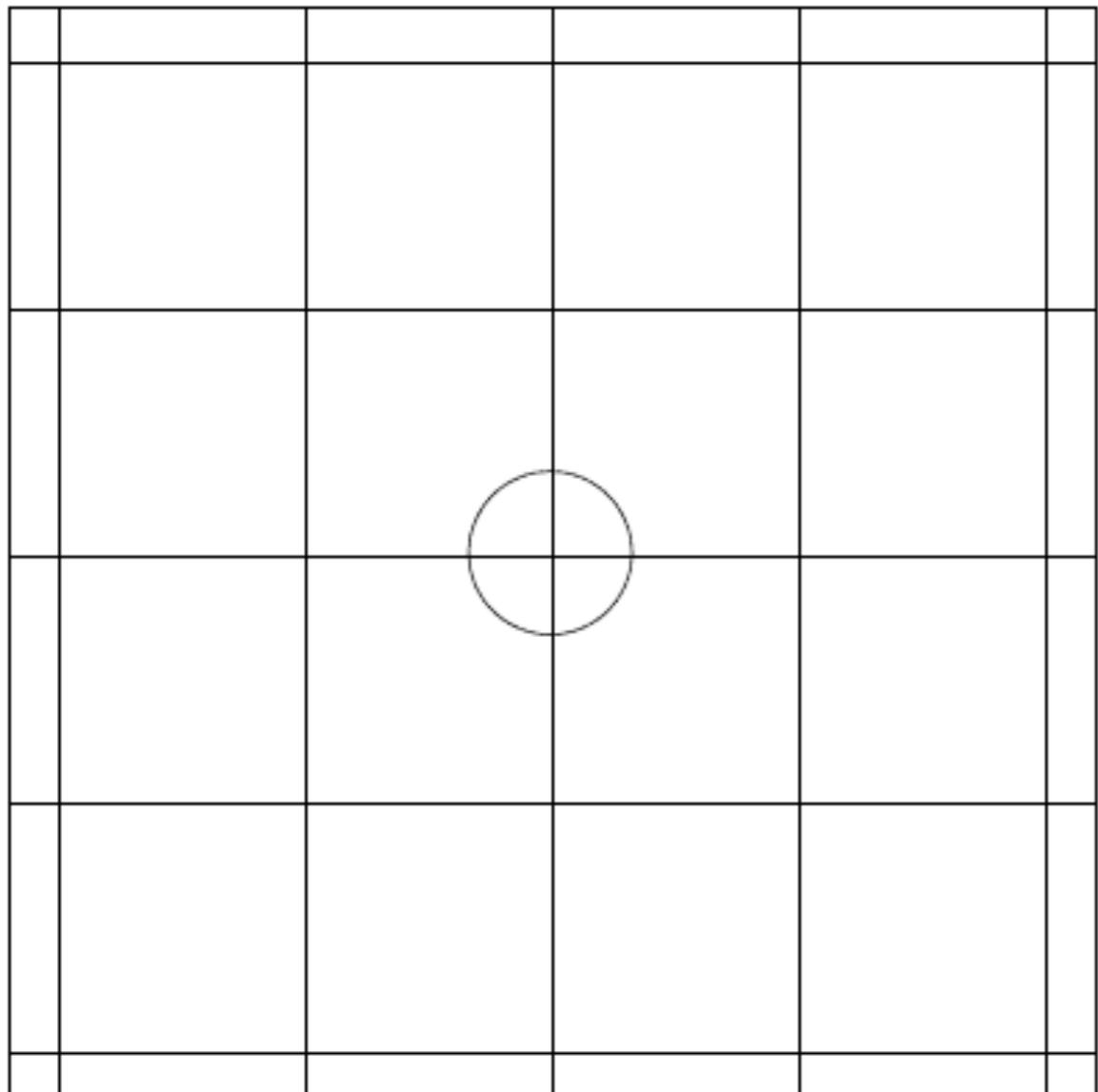


Lensing Equations

Plane transformation for constant κ and γ

Measured distortion: reduced shear

$$g = \frac{\gamma}{1 - \kappa}$$



Lensing Equations

Magnification:

$$\mu$$

Size Magnification
=> Total flux increase

$$\mu^{-1} = \det(\mathcal{A}^{-1}) = (1 - \kappa)^2 - \gamma^2$$

Shear direction is independent of distance parameters:

$$\tan 2\theta_{shear} = \frac{2\partial_{xy}\varphi}{\partial_{yy}\varphi - \partial_{xx}\varphi}$$

Important properties for weak shear analysis &
direction of large arc = direction of the shear

Lensing Equations

Definition: Critical lines

Locus of the image plane where the determinant of the (inverse) magnification matrix is zero:

$$1 - \kappa = \pm \gamma \quad (\mu = \infty)$$

Critical lines are closed curves and non over-lapping.

In general: 2 types of critical lines:

- tangential (external)
- radial (internal)

Lensing Equations

Definition: Caustic lines

Transform of the critical lines in the source plane;

Caustic lines are delineating the regions with different number of multiple images: crossing a caustic lines adds 2 images

In general: 2 types of caustic lines:

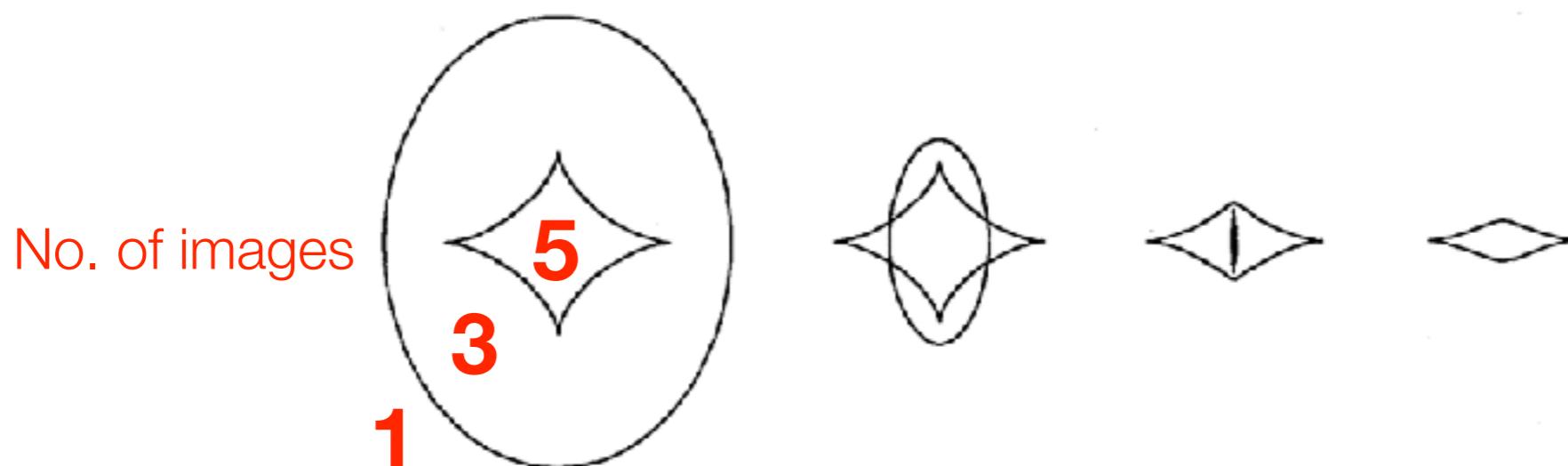
- tangential => diamond shape caustic [astroid]
- radial (usually larger than the tangential one if regular shape)

Lensing Equations

Definition: Caustic lines

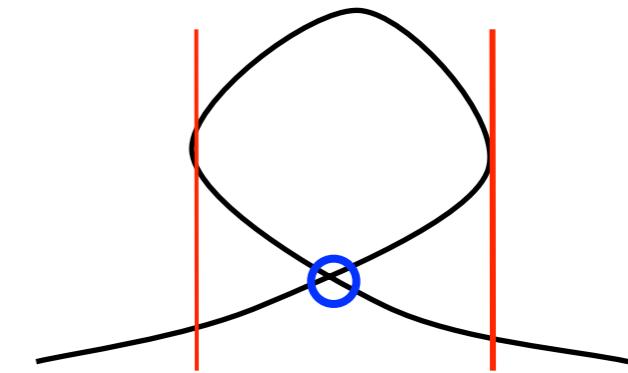
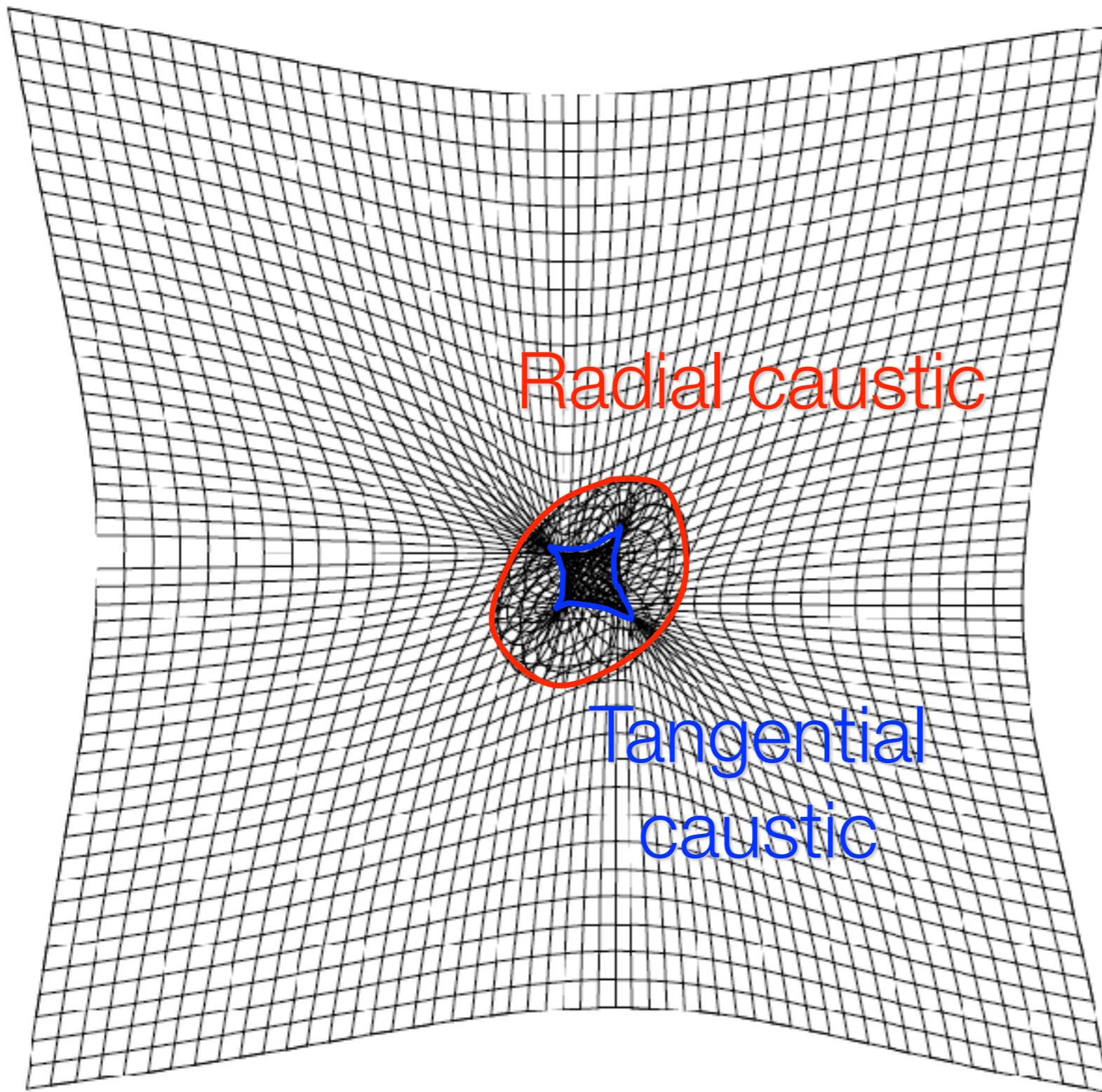
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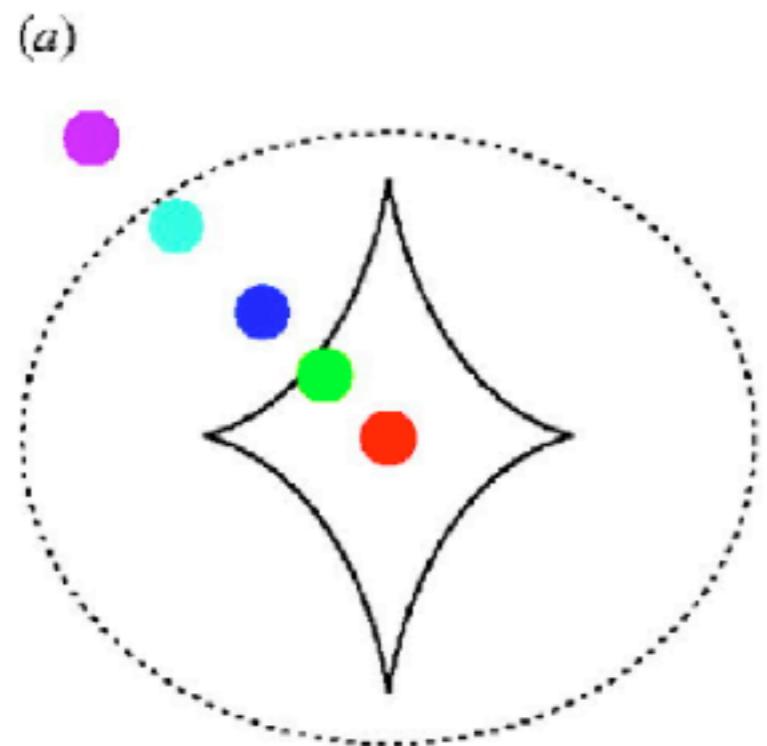
Evolution of the caustic structure with increasing core radius

Lensing theory



Transform of a regular image plane grid in the source plane

Lensing theory



Source plane
caustics

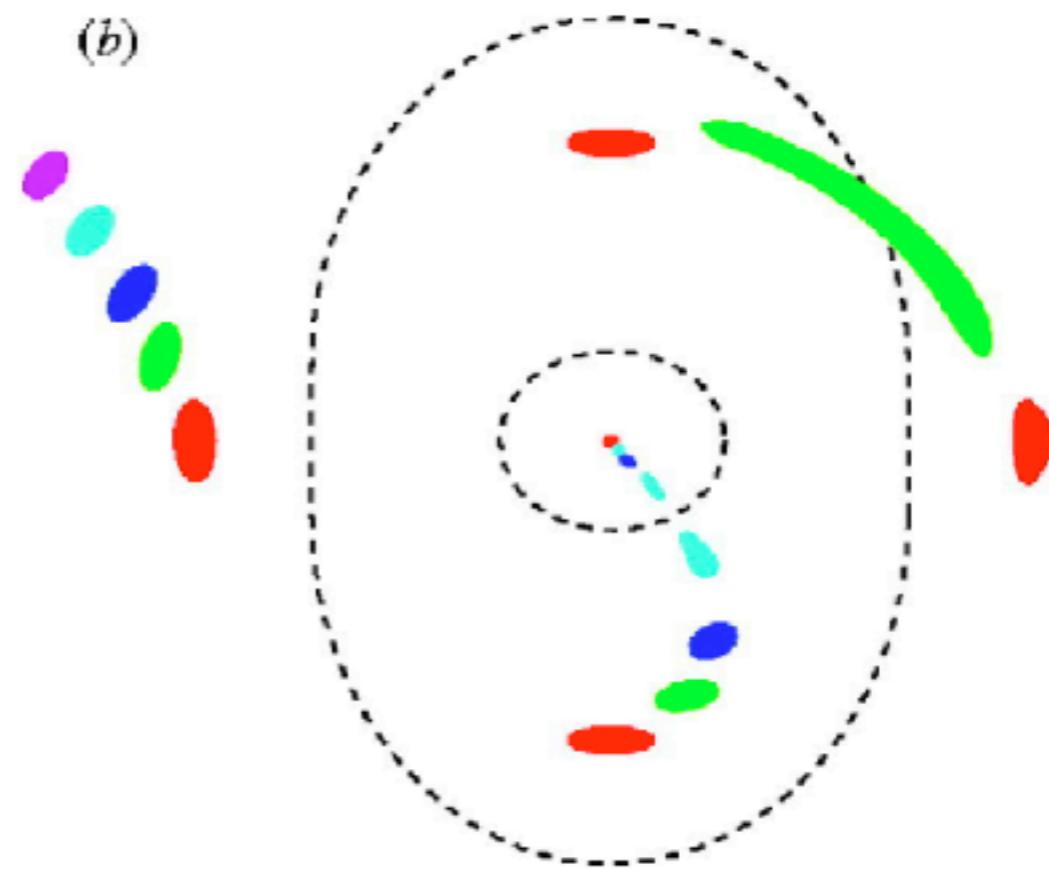


Image plane
critical curves

Lensing Equations

Critical (dashed) and Caustic (solid) Lines

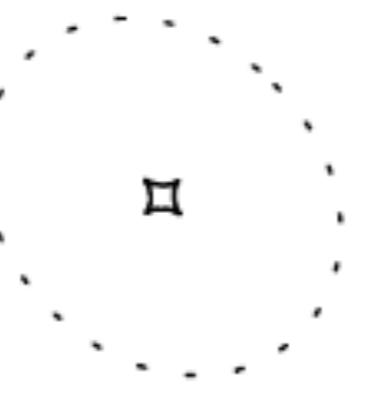
Circular + singular



Always 2 images

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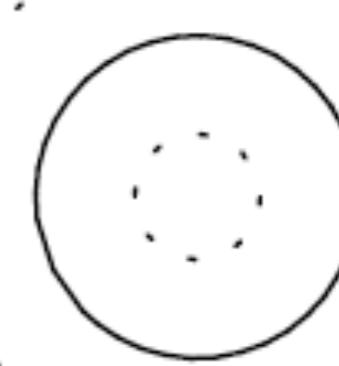
elliptical + singular



Always 2 images

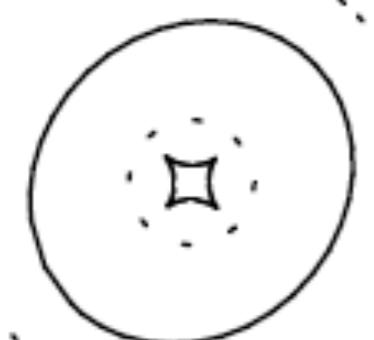
(b)

Circular + non-singular



(c)

elliptical + non-singular



(d)

Bimodal equal-mass



(e)

Bimodal different mass



(f)

Lensing Equations

The case of a circular mass distribution:

Magnification matrix in polar coordinates

matrix radial

$$a^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \partial_{rr}\varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \frac{1}{r}\partial_r\varphi \end{pmatrix}$$

tangential

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \partial_r \frac{m(<r)}{r} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \frac{m(<r)}{r^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

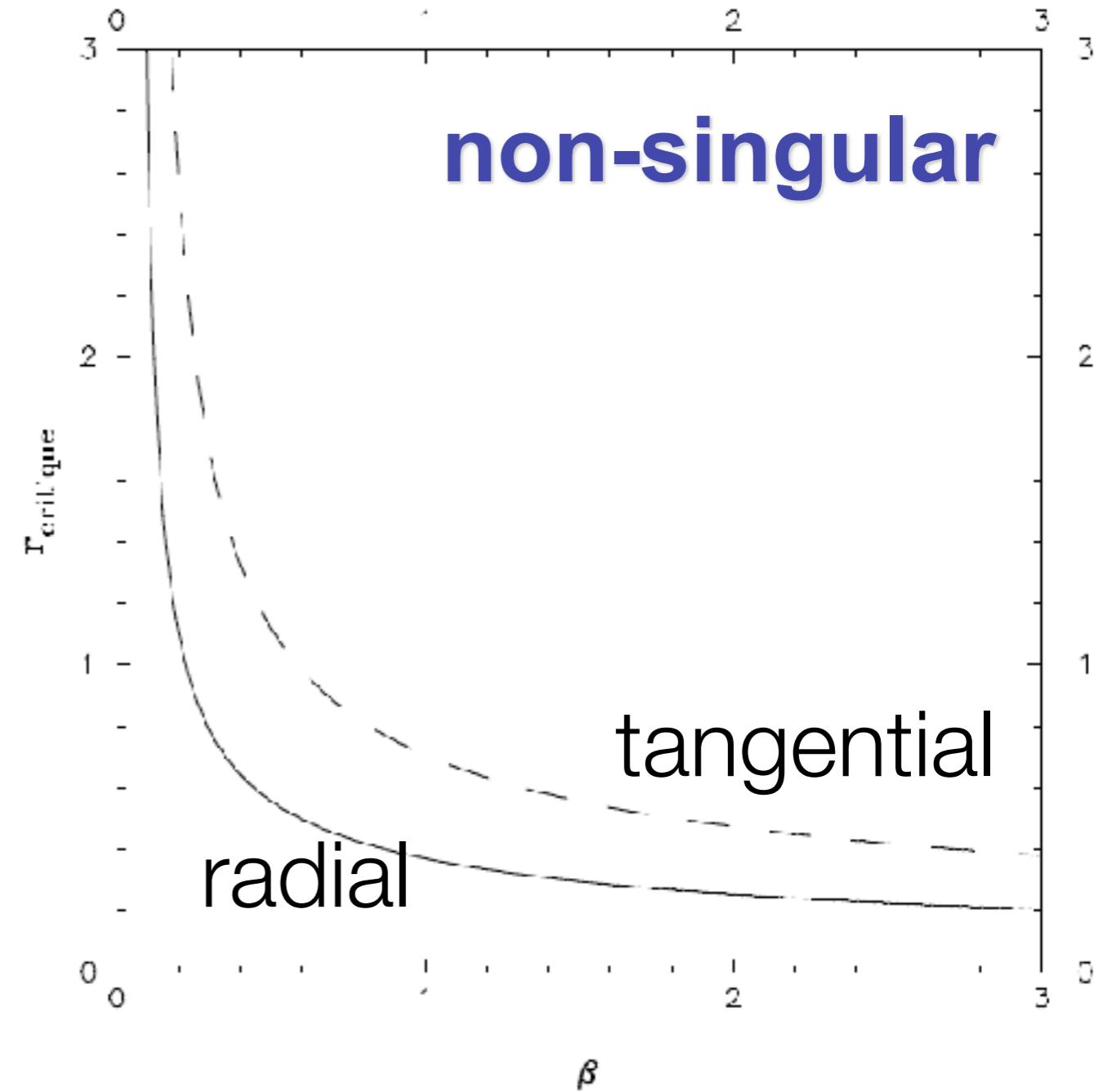
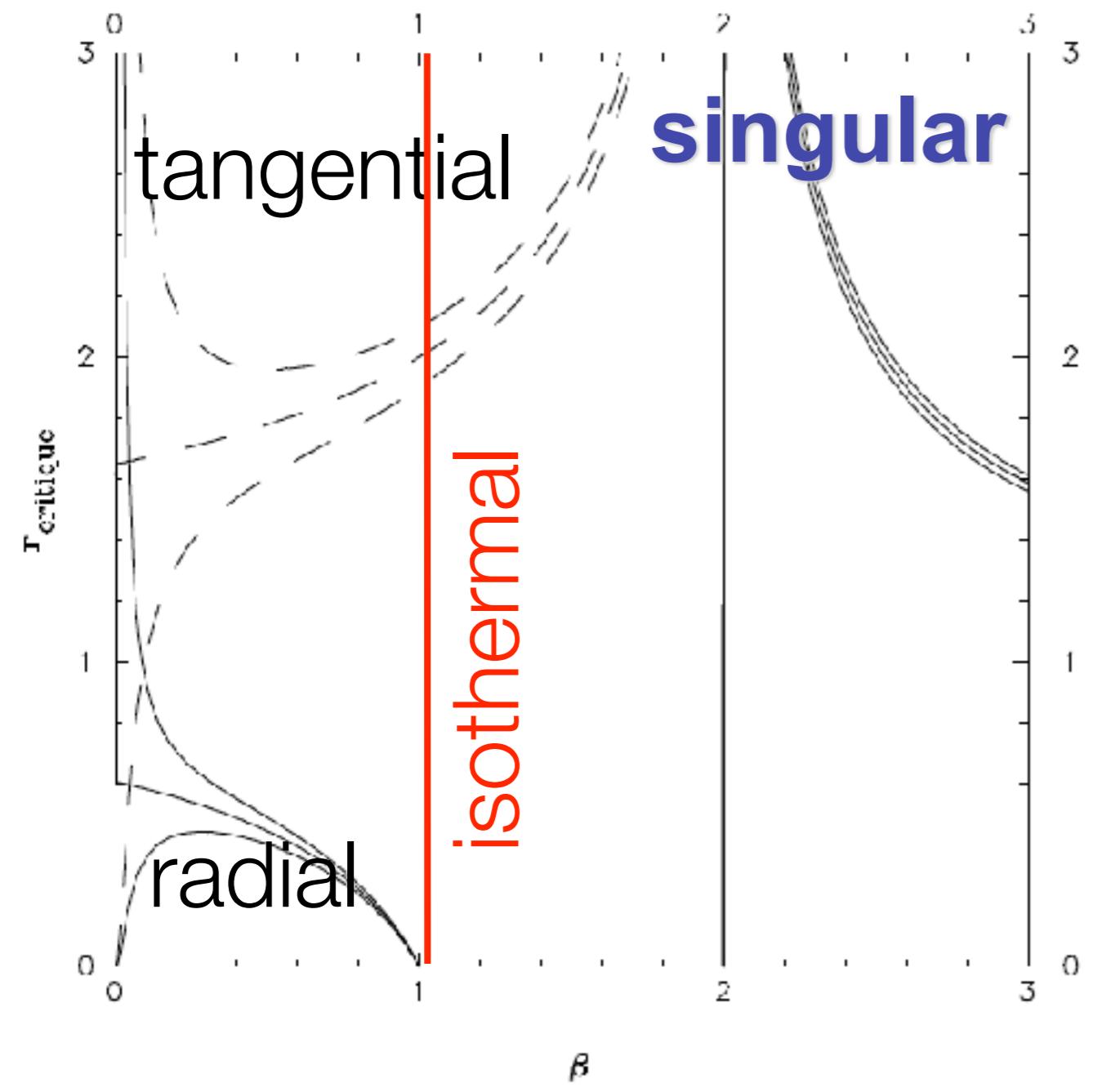
The tangential caustic is reduced to a point

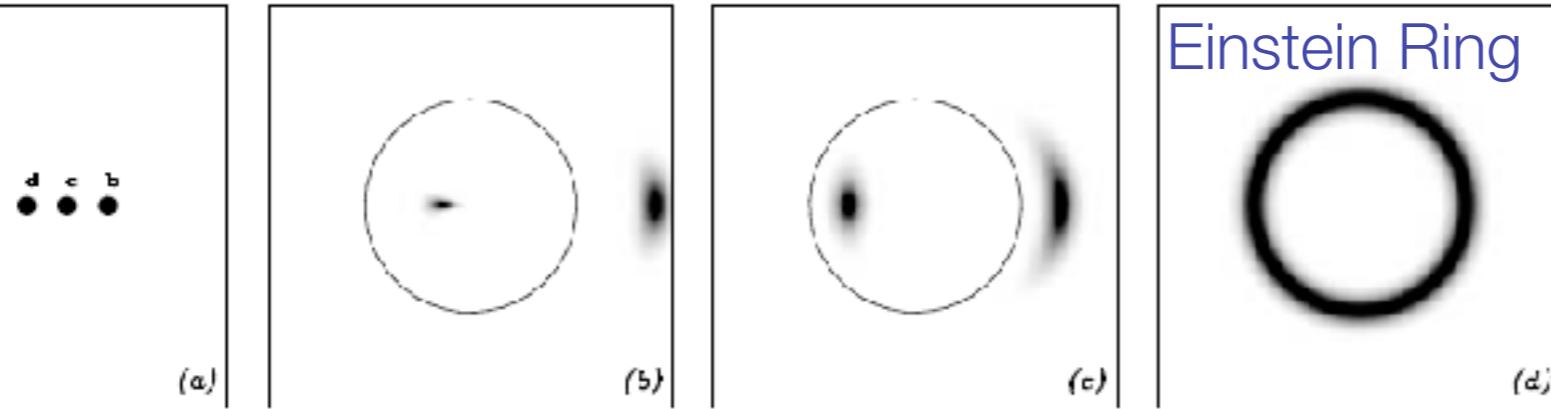
*Tangential arc
probe mass
Radial arcs
probe mass
profile*

Lensing equations

Critical line for power-law mass profile

$$\Sigma \propto \frac{1}{r^\beta}$$



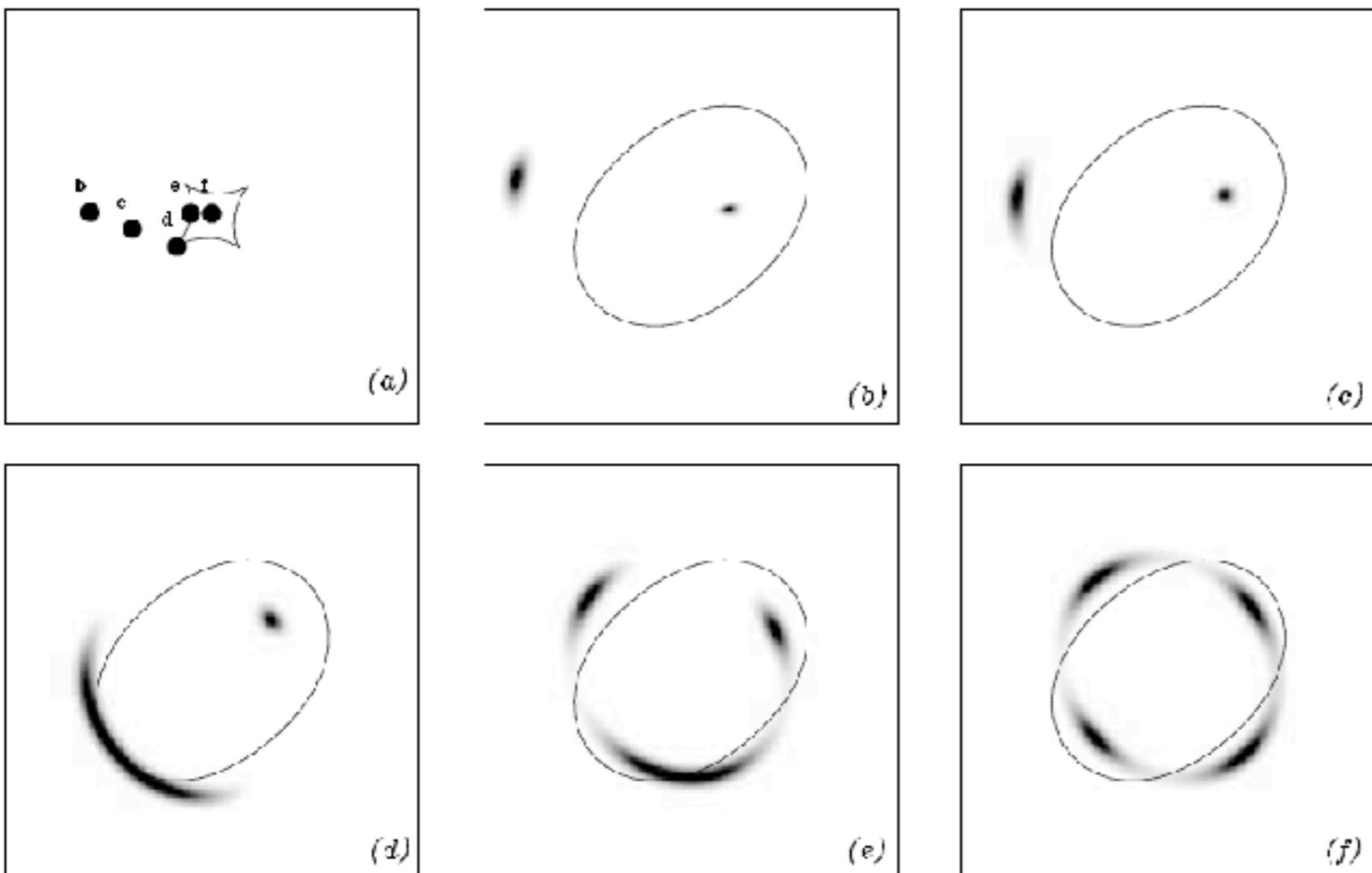


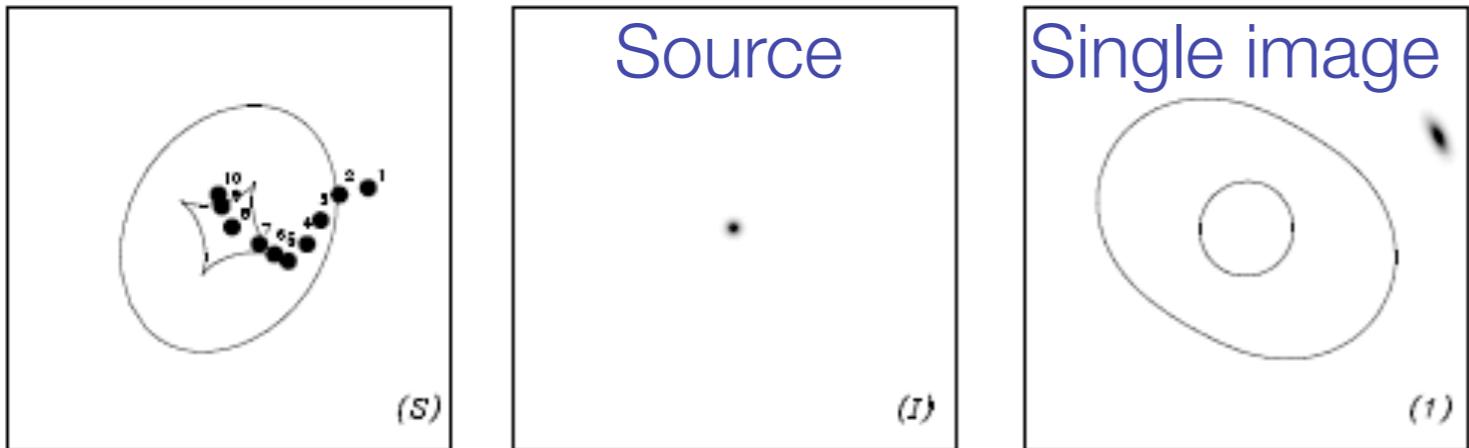
Circular+Singular Mass

Lensing Theory

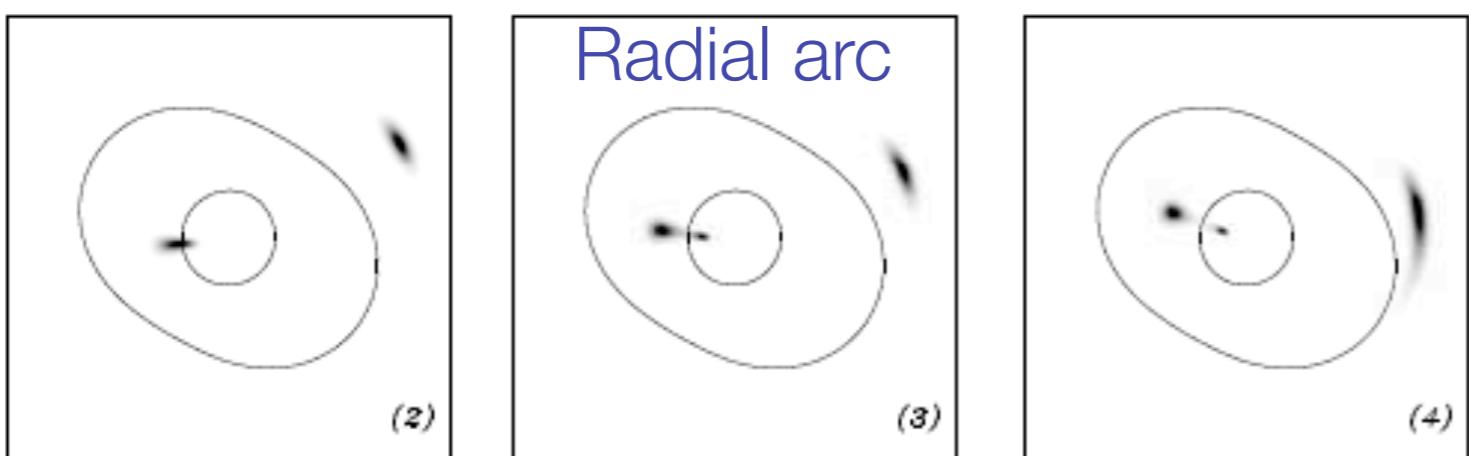
Elliptical+Singular Mass

Multiple image configurations for a *singular circular and elliptical mass distribution*

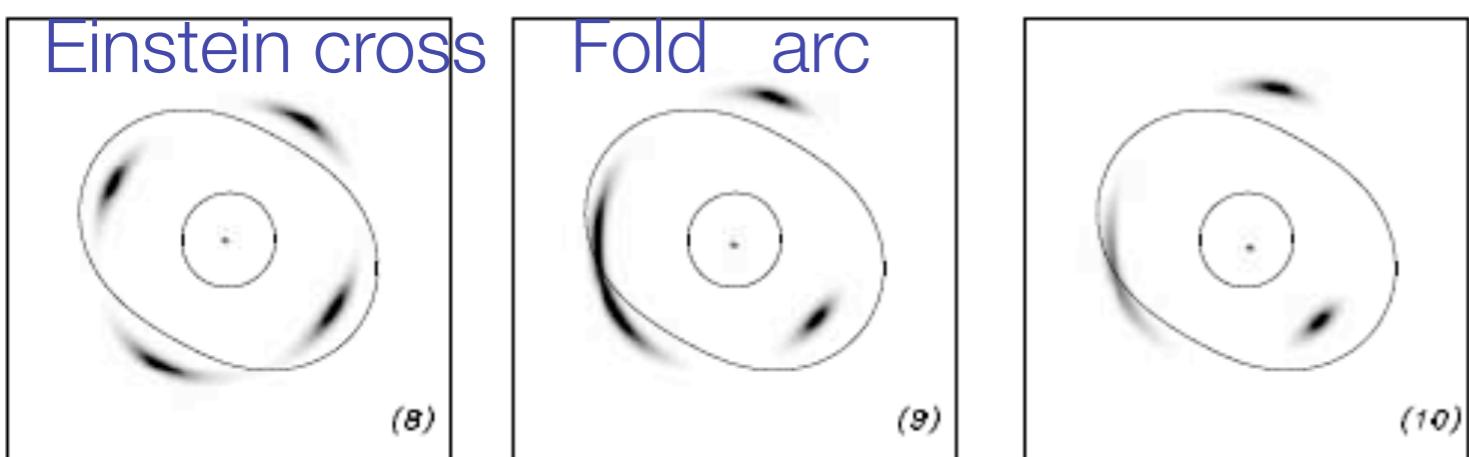
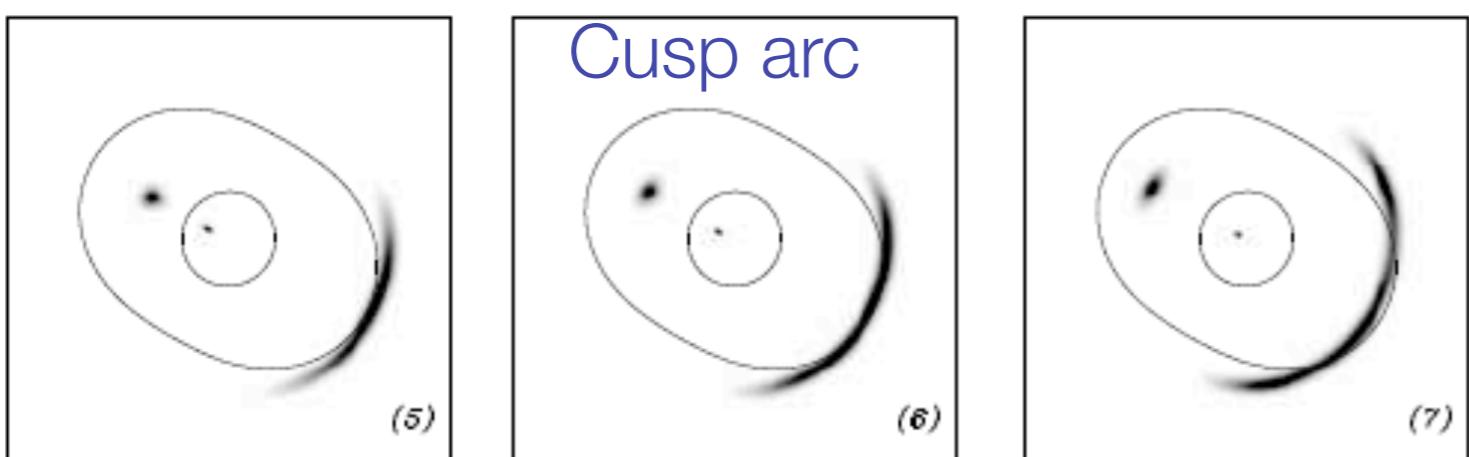




Lensing Theory



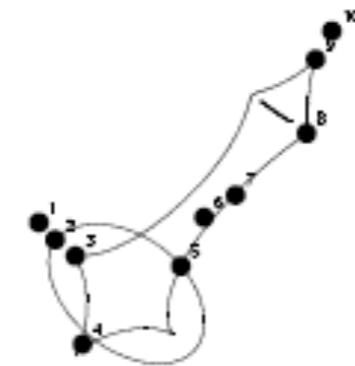
Multiple image configurations for a *non-singular elliptical mass distribution*



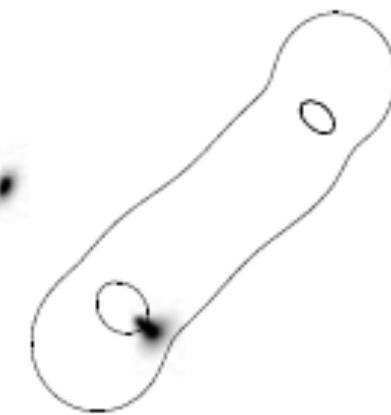
Lensing Theory

Multiple image configurations for a *bimodal mass distribution with similar mass clumps*

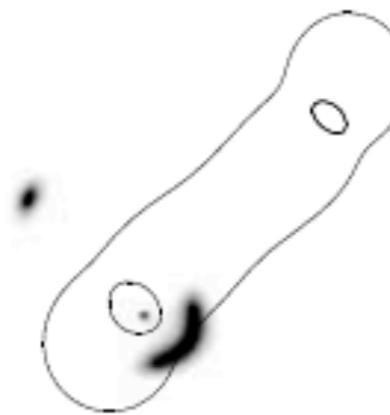
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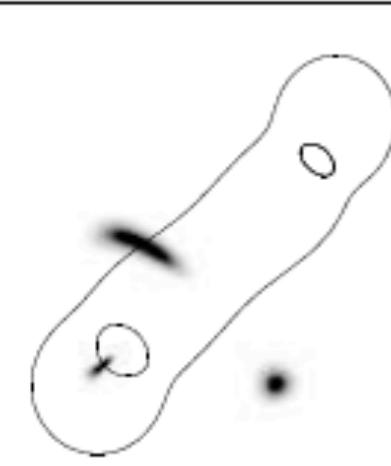
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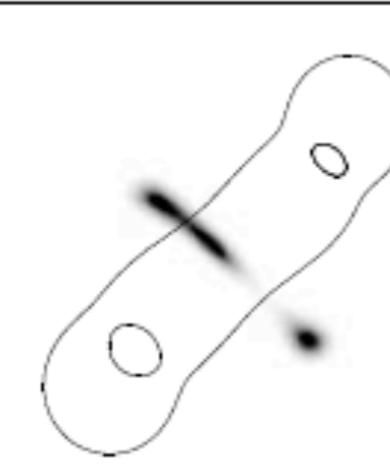
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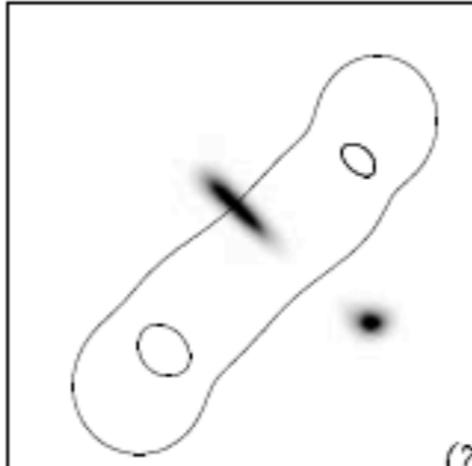
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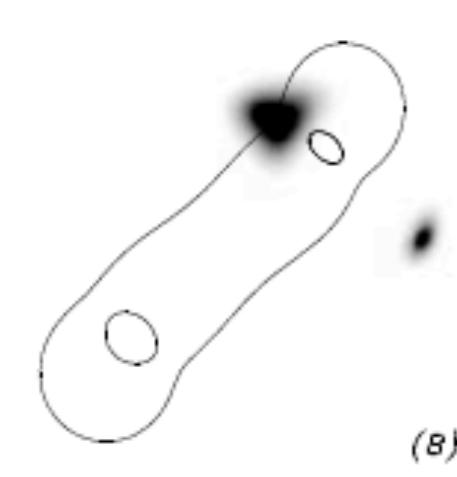
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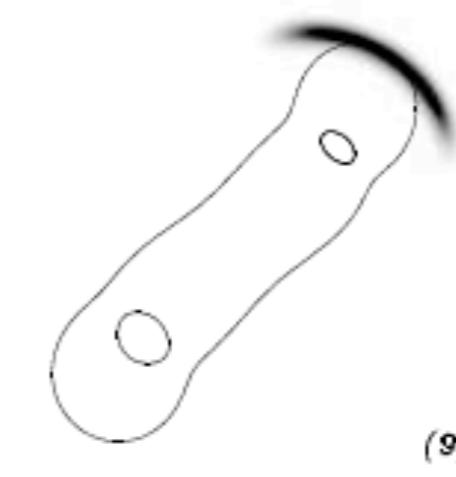
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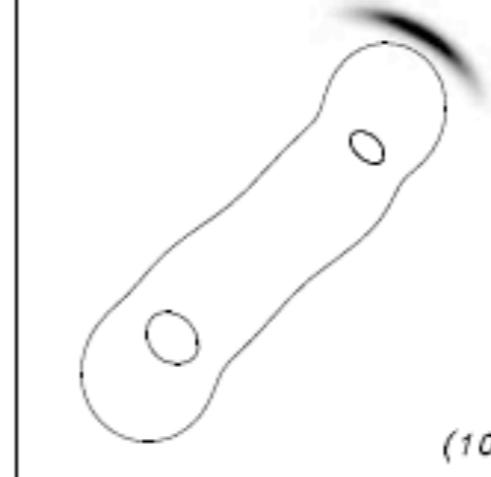
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Lensing Theory

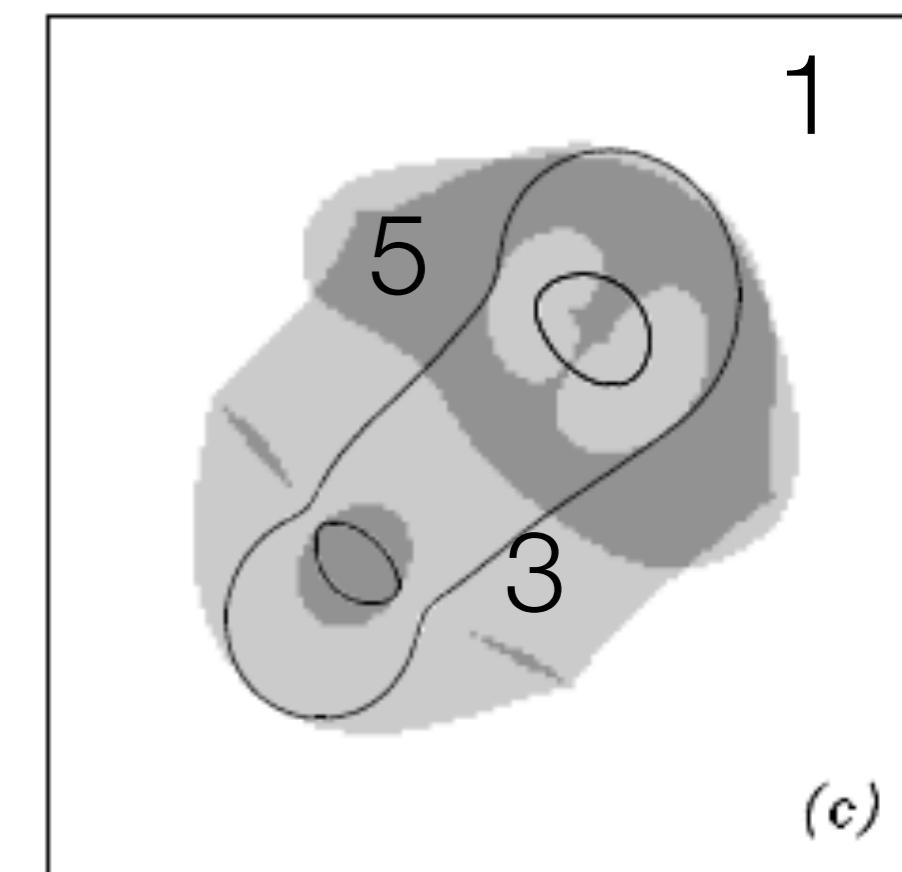
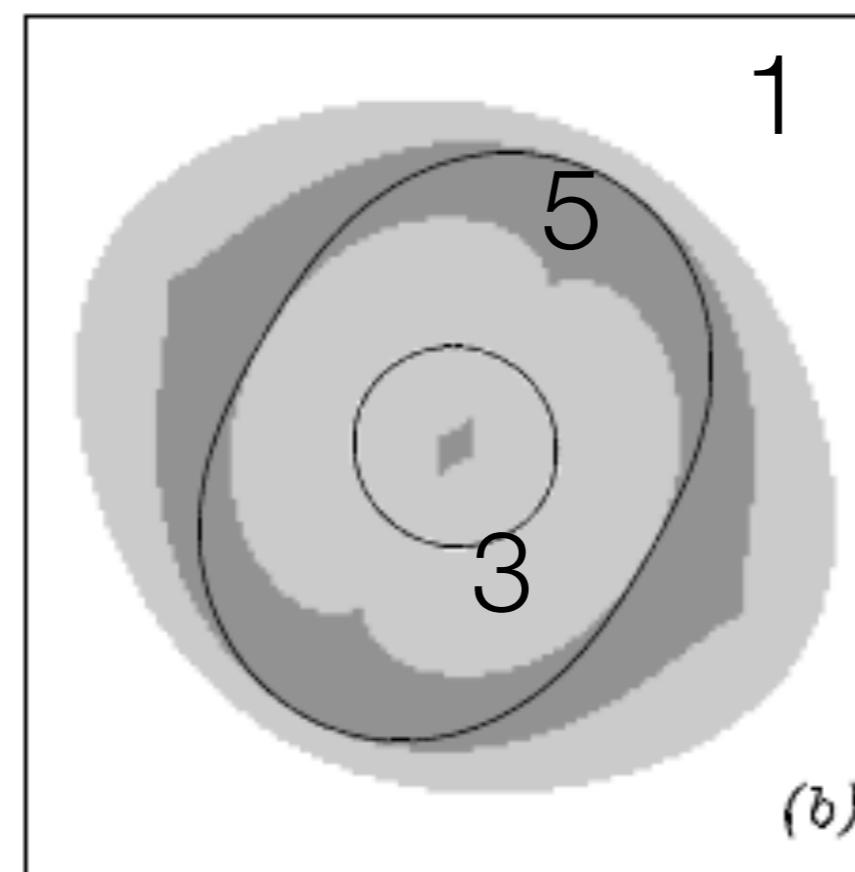
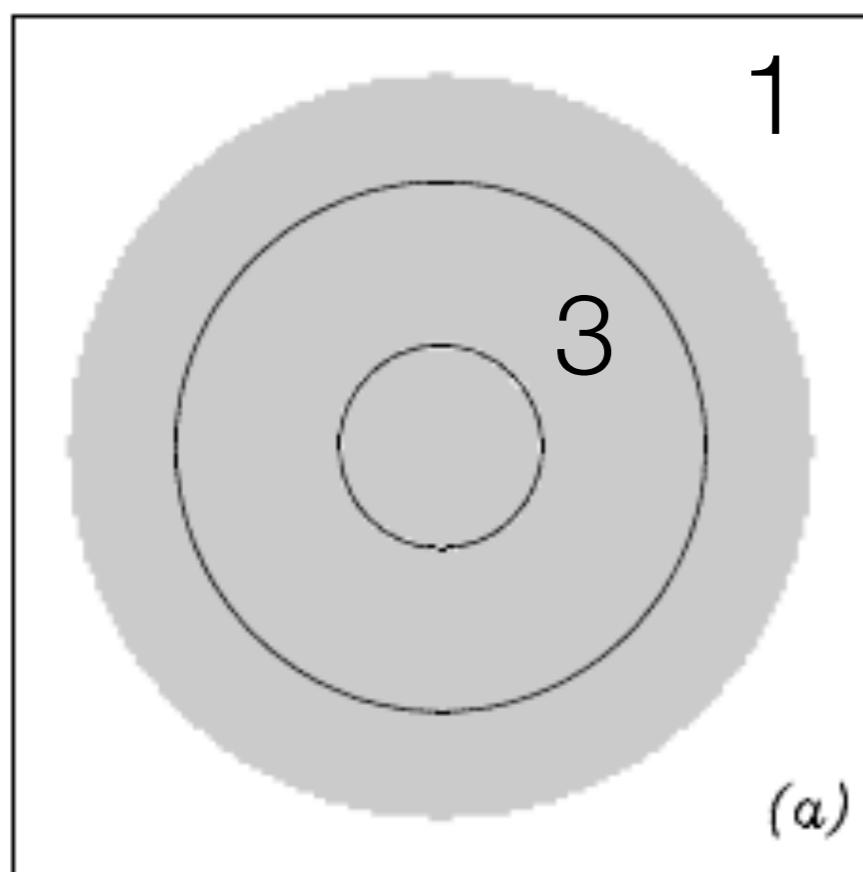
Multiple image region for:

Circular

Elliptical

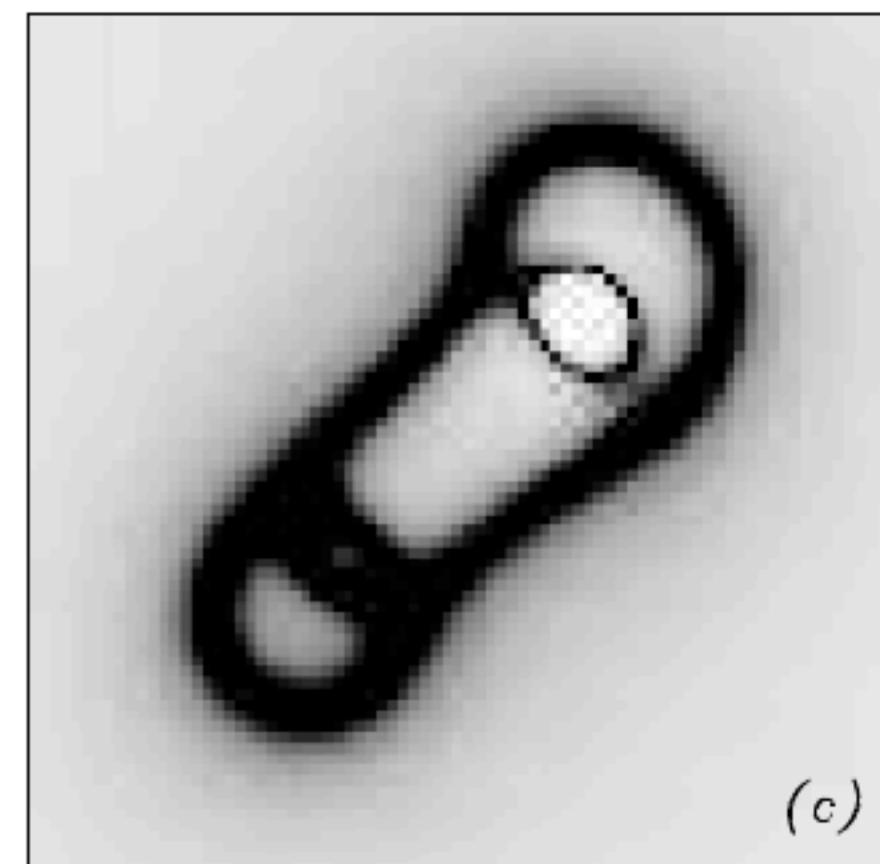
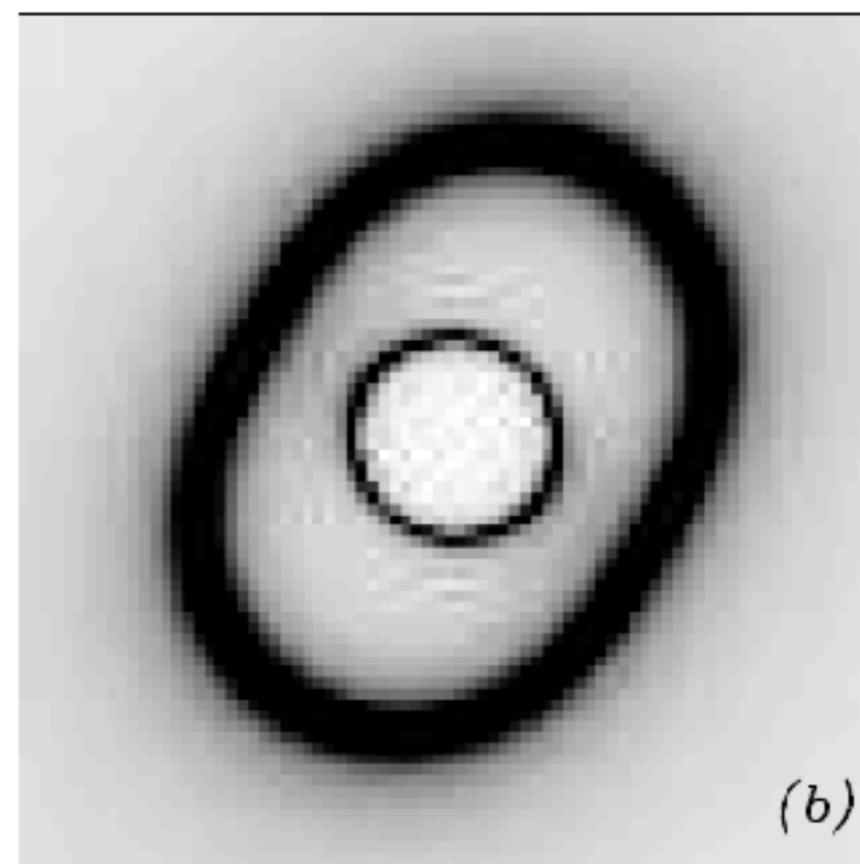
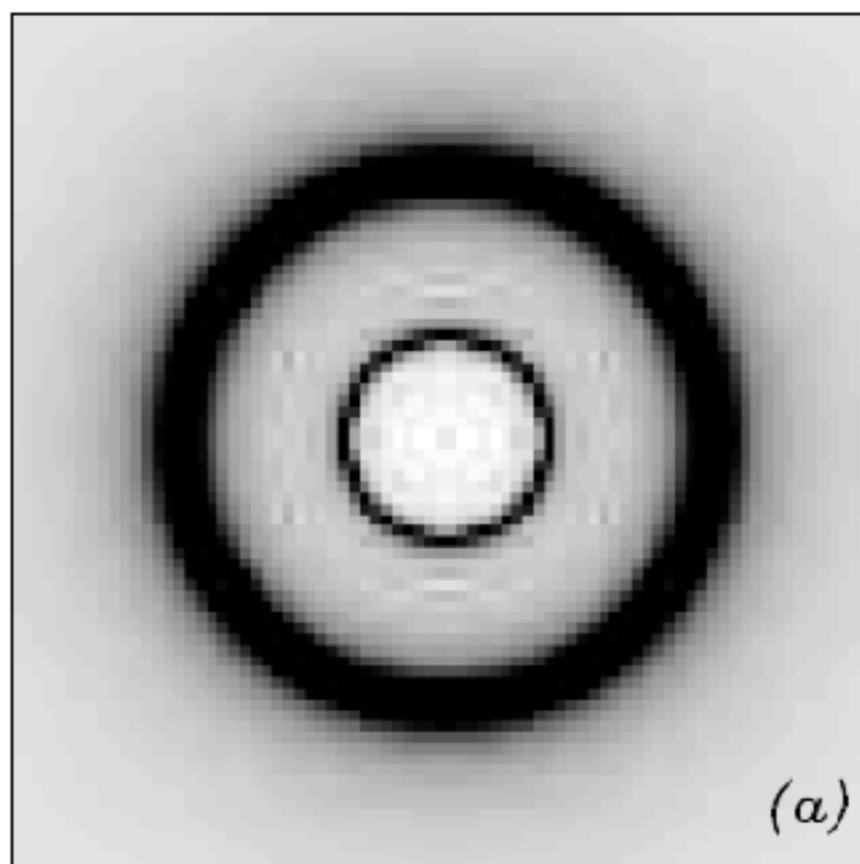
Bimodal

mass distribution



Lensing Theory

Amplification map for:
Circular Elliptical
mass distribution



Lensing Theory

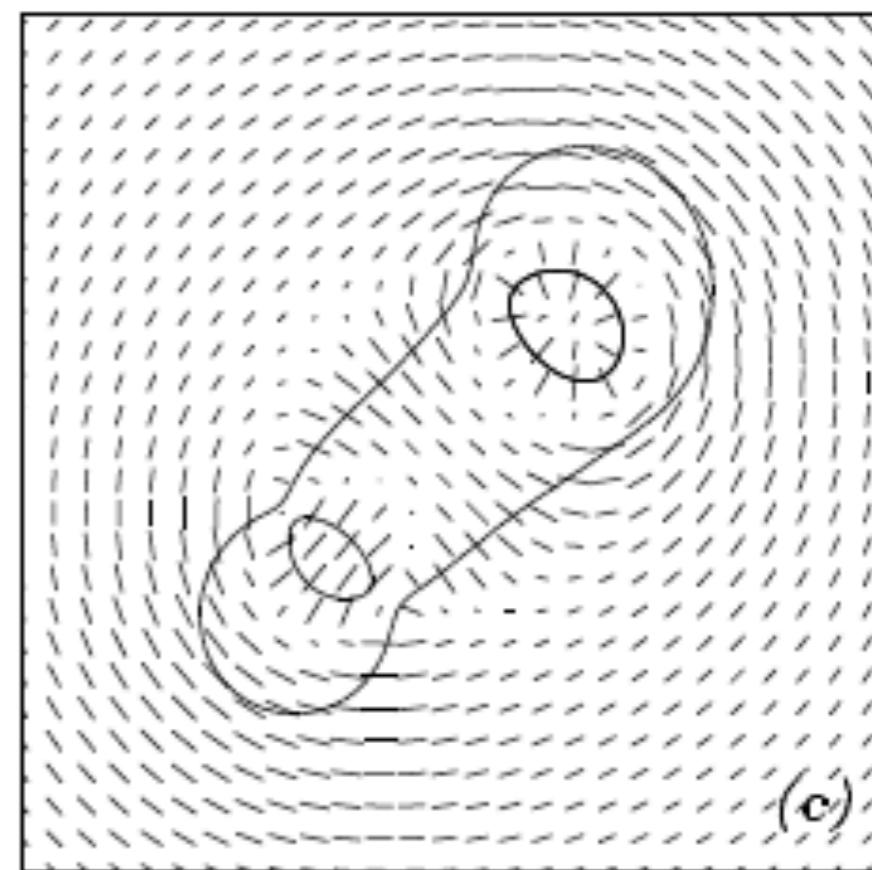
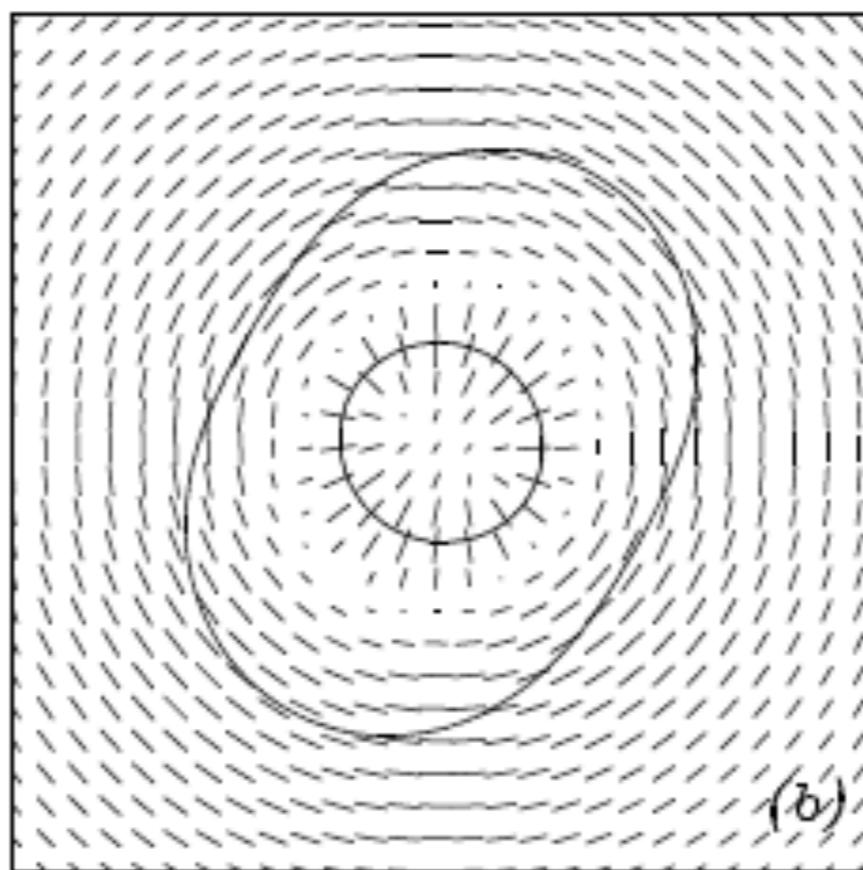
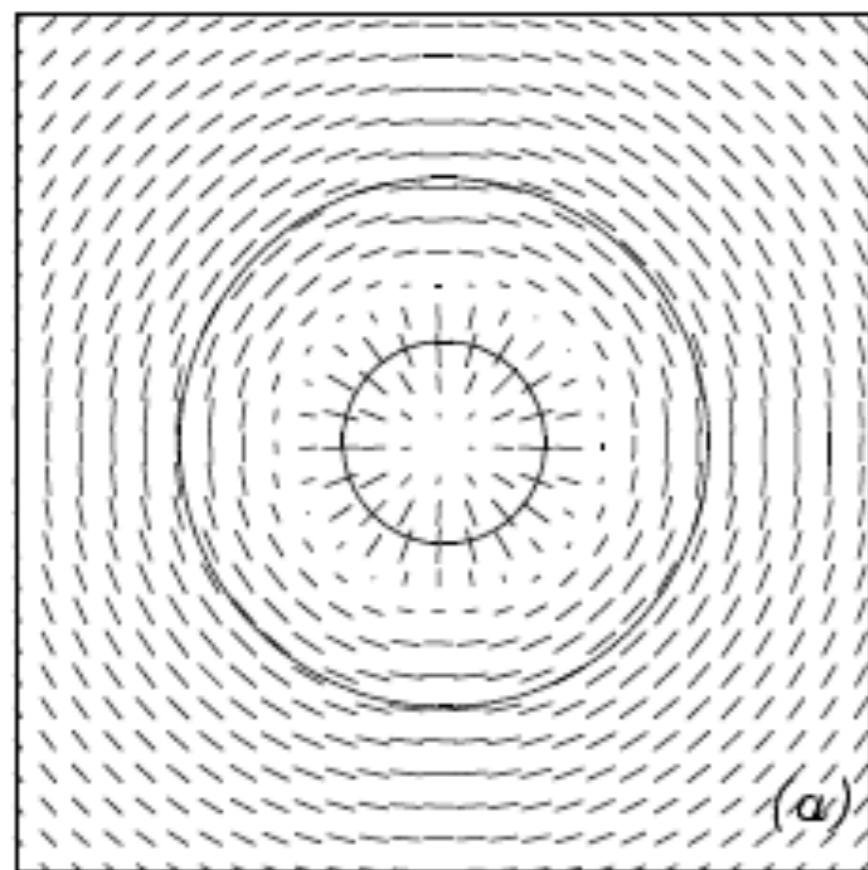
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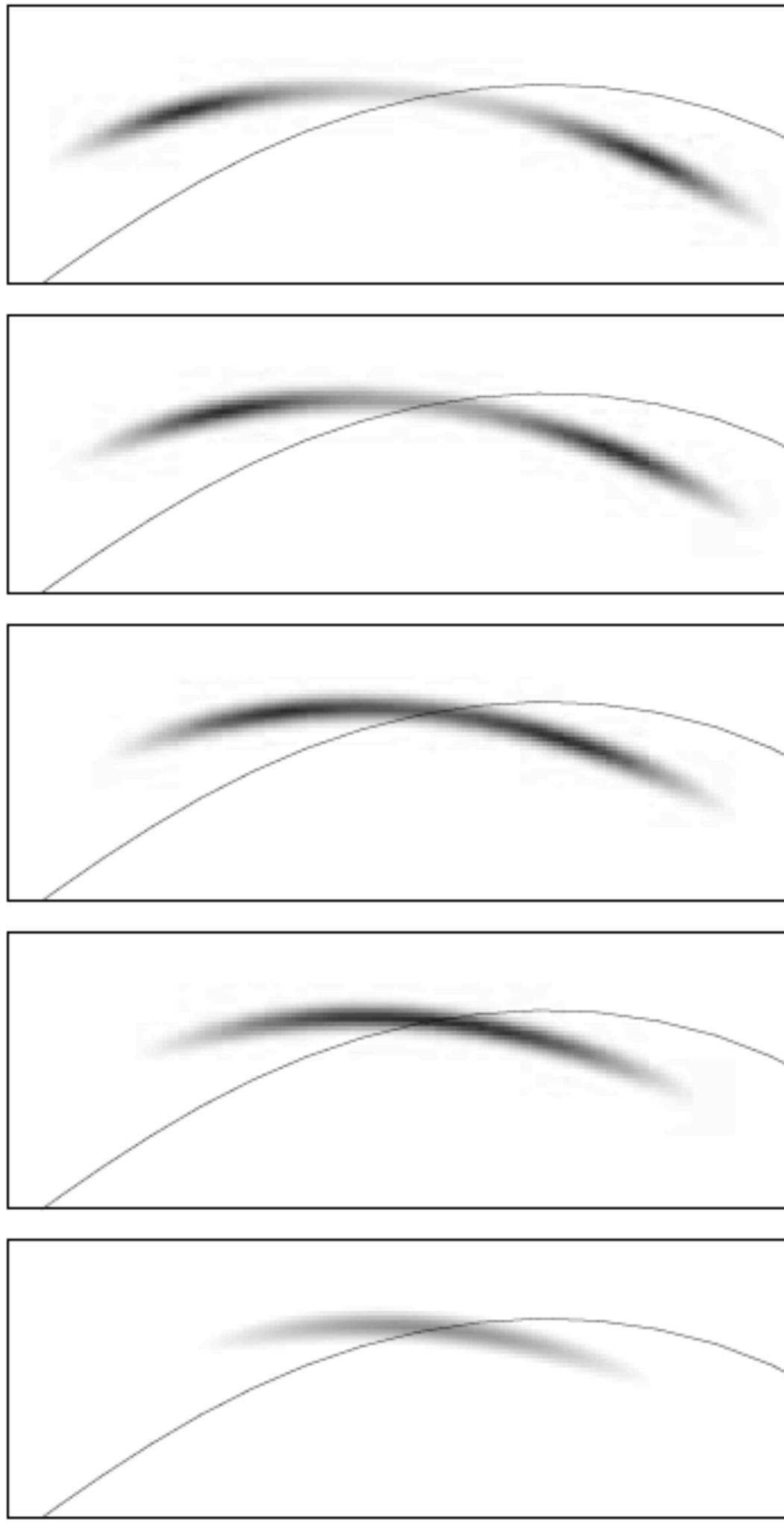
Circular

Elliptical

Bimodal

mass distribution





Strong Lensing

Schematic of image fusion on the critical line

Magnification is due to stretching of the image:
surface brightness is conserved through lensing

Strong Lensing

Image parity

Elliptical case

$(+,+)$

$(+,-)$

$(-,-)$

(a)

Bimodal case

$(+,+)$

$(+,-)$

$(-,+)$

(b)

Mass & Einstein Radius

Mass within the Einstein ring:

- mass as a function of lensing potential (circular case):

$$M(r) = \frac{c^2}{4G} \frac{D_{OS} D_{OL}}{D_{LS}} r \partial_r \varphi(r)$$

- Mass within the tangential critical line (Einstein ring):

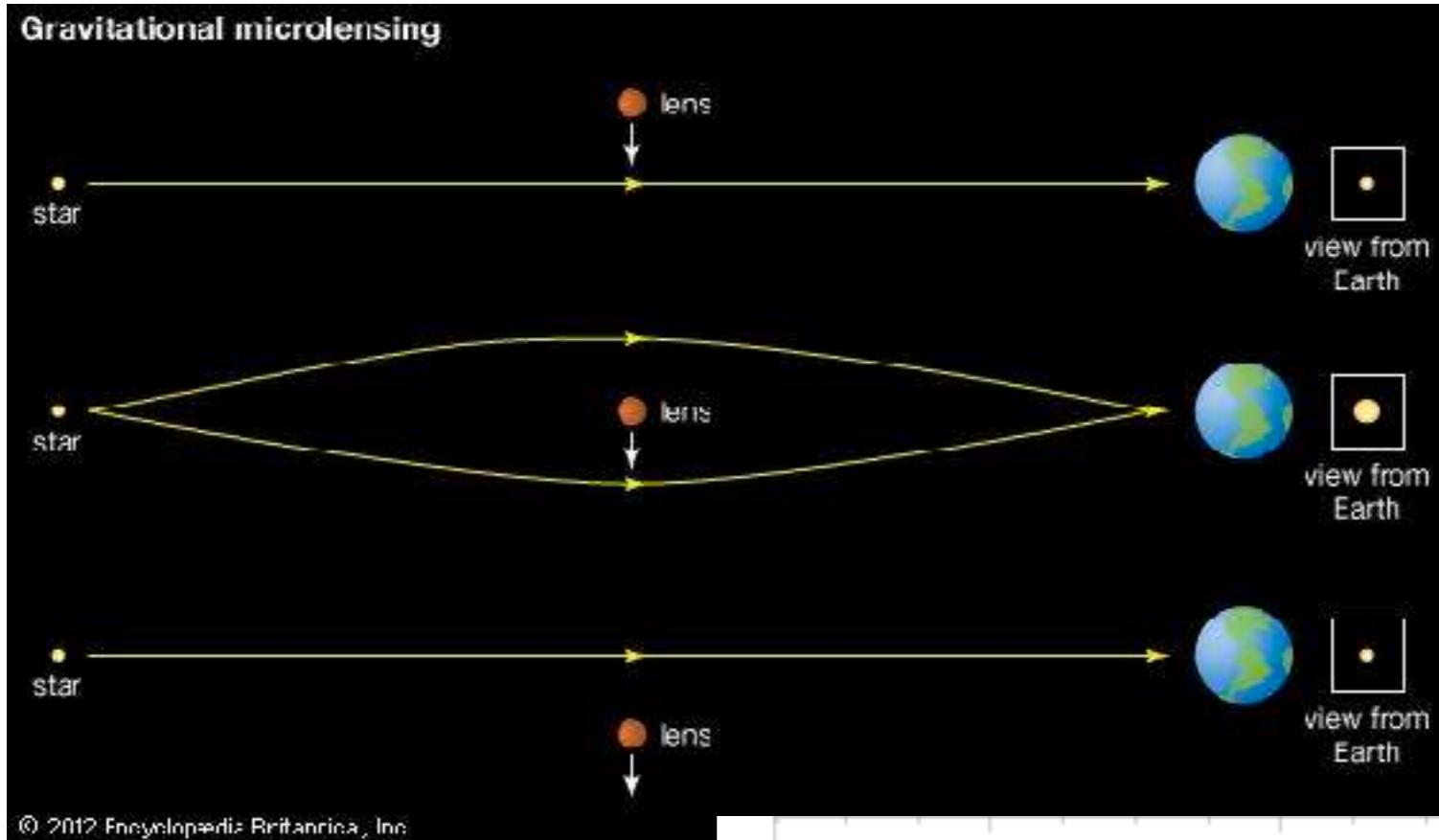
$$M(r_E) = \pi \Sigma_{crit} r_E^2$$

$$\approx 1.1 \times 10^{14} M_\odot \left(\frac{\theta_E}{30''} \right)^2 \left(\frac{D}{1 \text{ Gpc}} \right)$$

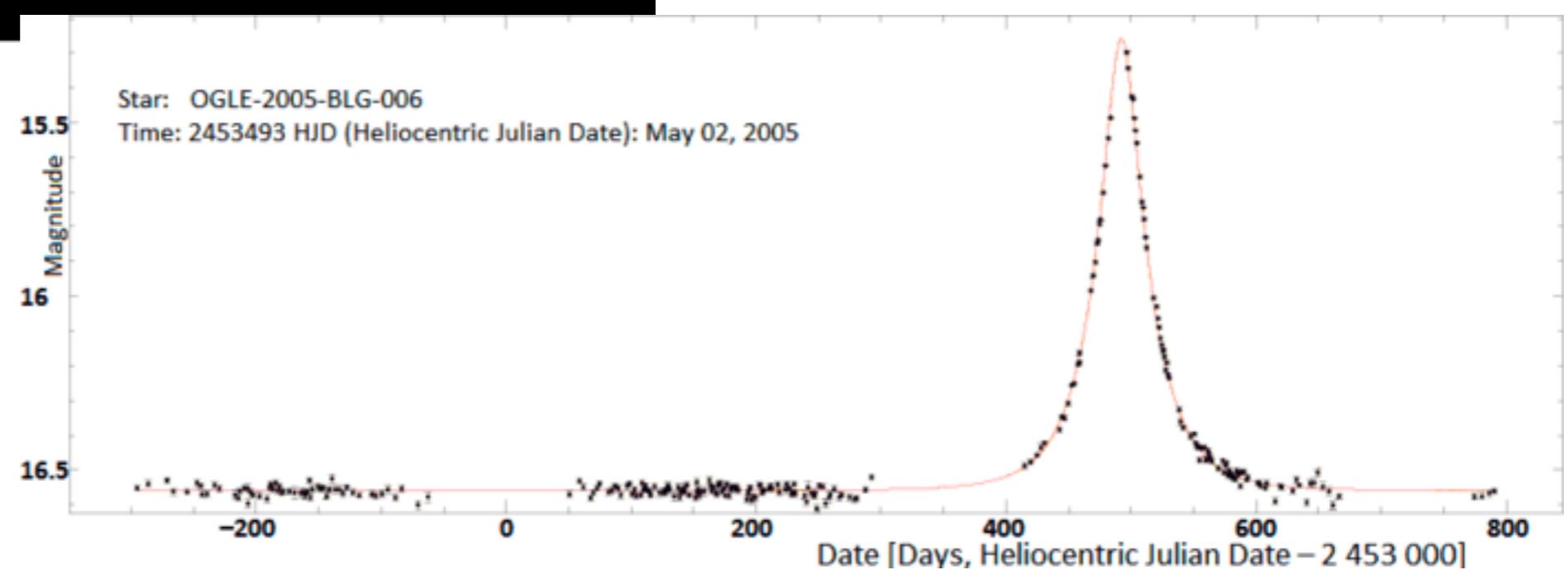
- Value of Einstein radius is not everything!
Anisotropy is also very important.

Micro-Lensing

Micro Lensing



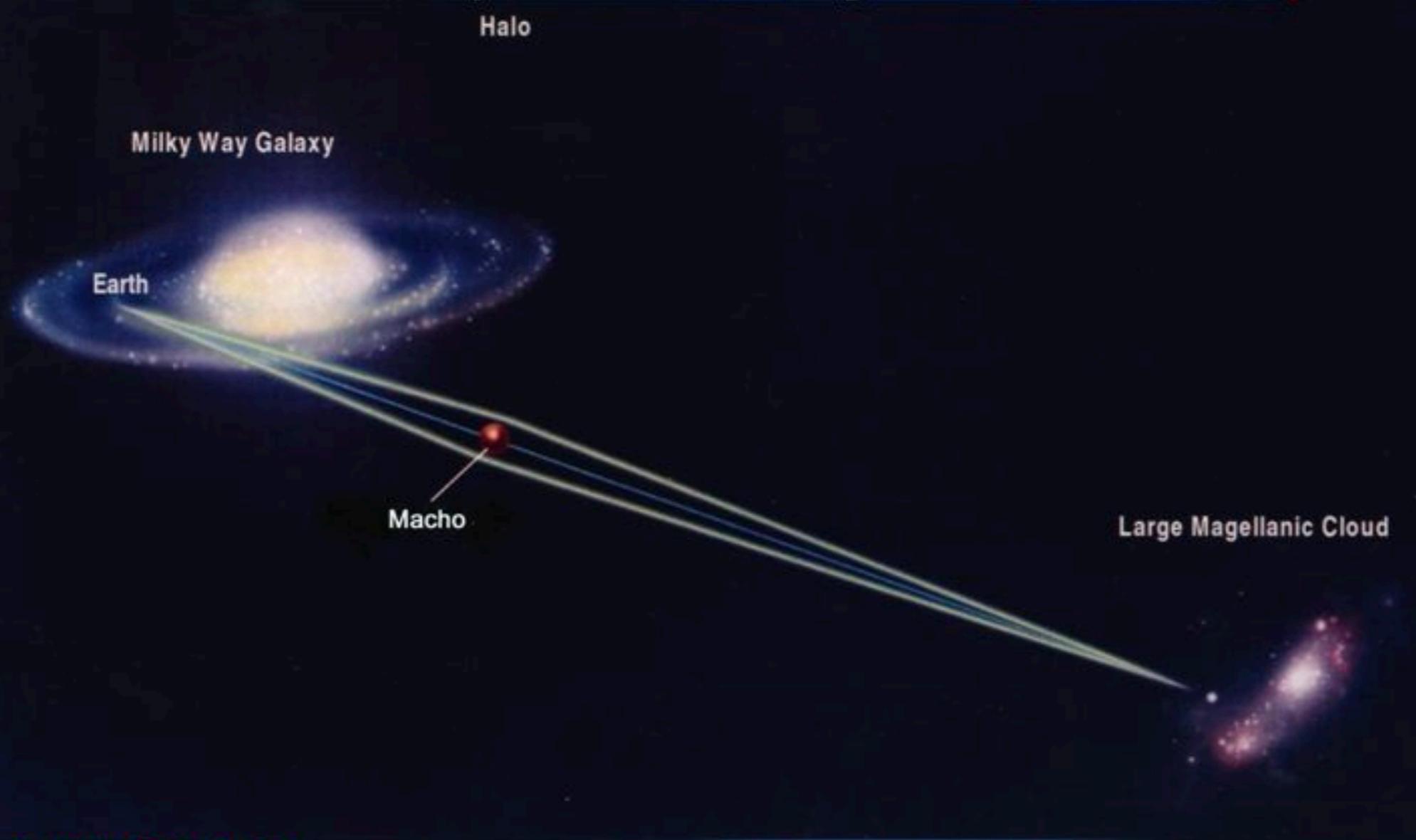
- Moving object lensing a distant star
- Achromatic effect
- search for DM in compact form (EROS, MACHO, OGLE projects)



Halo Dark Matter & Paczynski's Idea

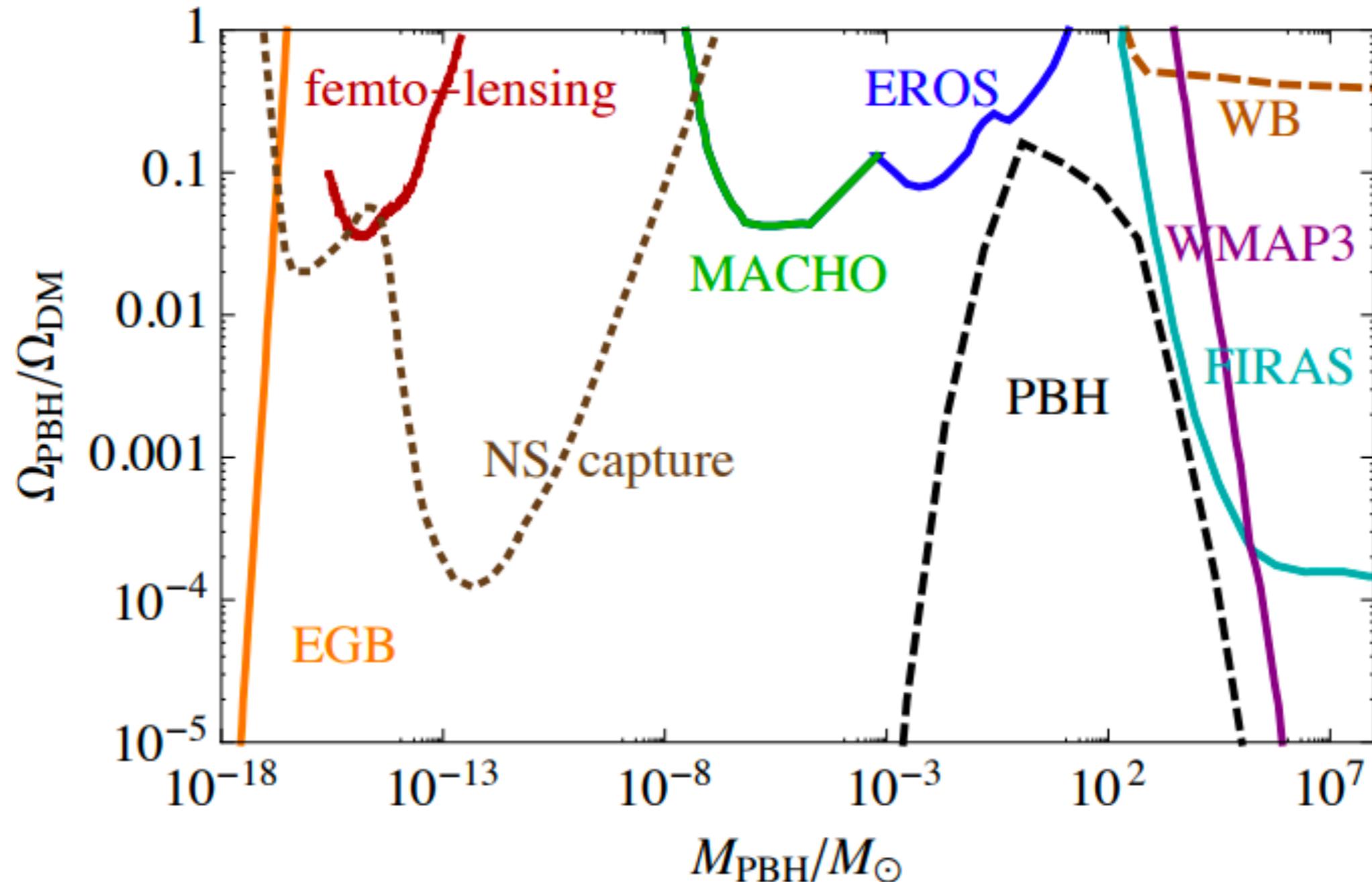
(Paczynski 1986)

- 20~40 times more dark matter than visible mass.
- MAssive Compact Halo Objects (MACHOs) \leftrightarrow WINPs



- MACHO can be observed by Microlensing.
- $\tau \sim 10^{-6}$ \rightarrow need to observe 1M stars !

Constraints on the fraction of DM as compact object (BH)



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Micro Lensing by exo-planets

