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The energy profile of the accretion disk in Q2237+030 from 3 years of VLT spectro-photometric monitoring

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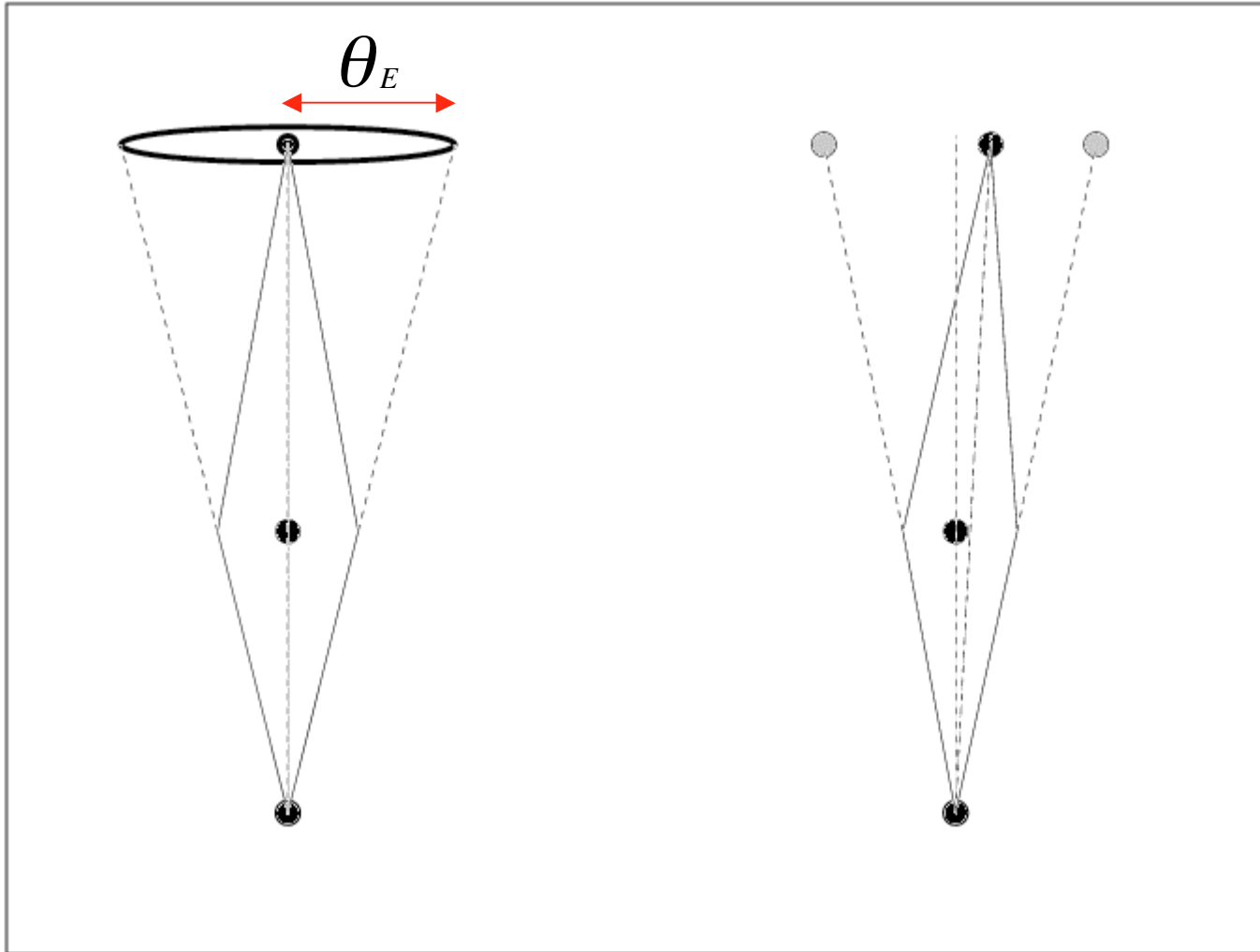


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Gravitational lensing: numerous applications

- Light magnification:
 - natural telescope (high z galaxies)
 - MACHOS
 - detection of planets
 - quasar structure
- Cosmology:
 - measurement of H_0
 - mapping dark matter
 - measuring dark energy with weak lensing
 - measuring Ω_m and Ω_Λ with lensing statistics
- Galaxies, groups and clusters
 - size and shape of halos
 - X-ray vs. lensing mass
 - nature of dark matter (bullet cluster)



Isothermal sphere

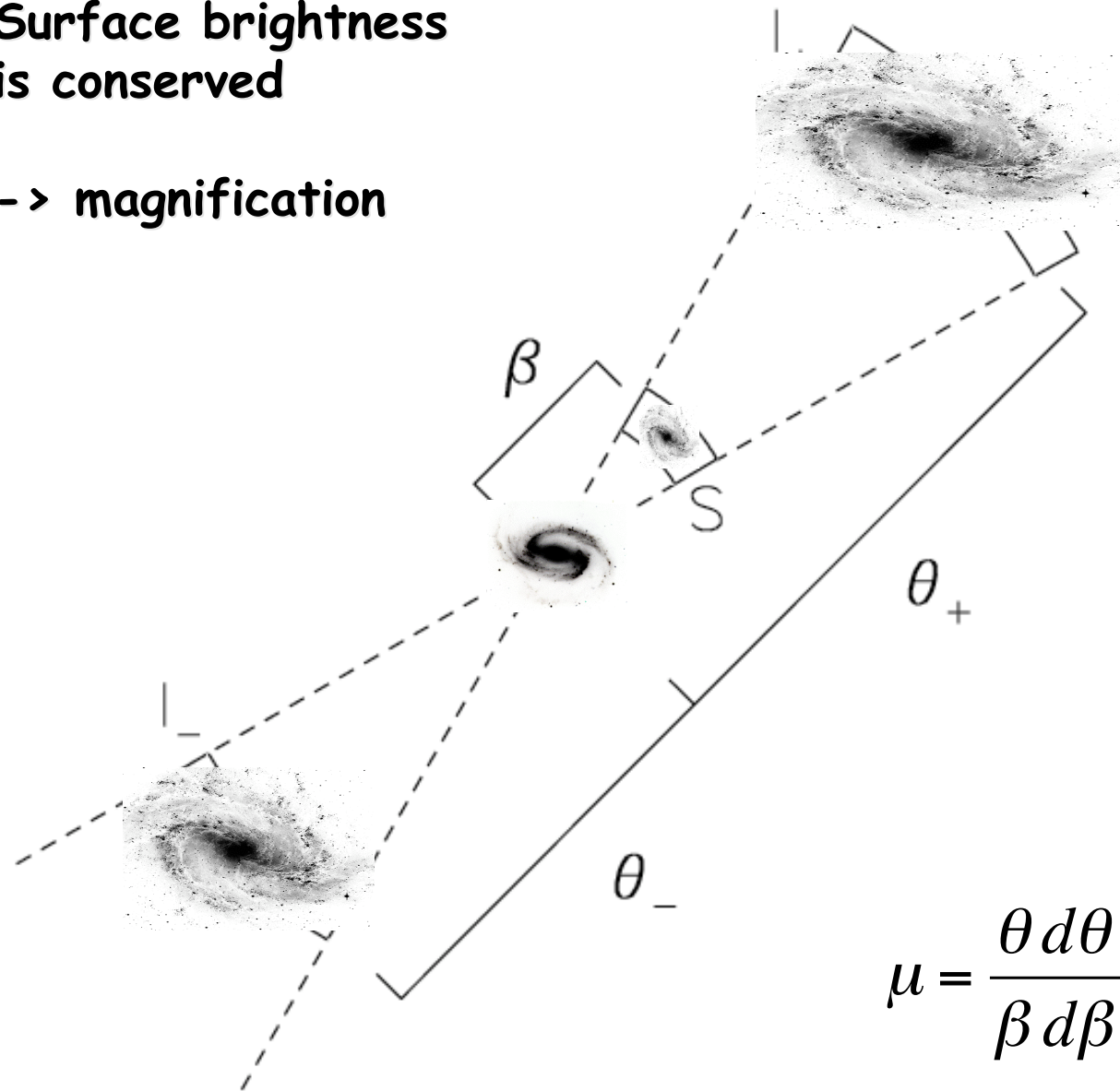
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General mass distribution

$$\theta_E = \sqrt{\frac{4GM}{c^2} \frac{D_{ds}}{D_{od}D_{os}}}$$

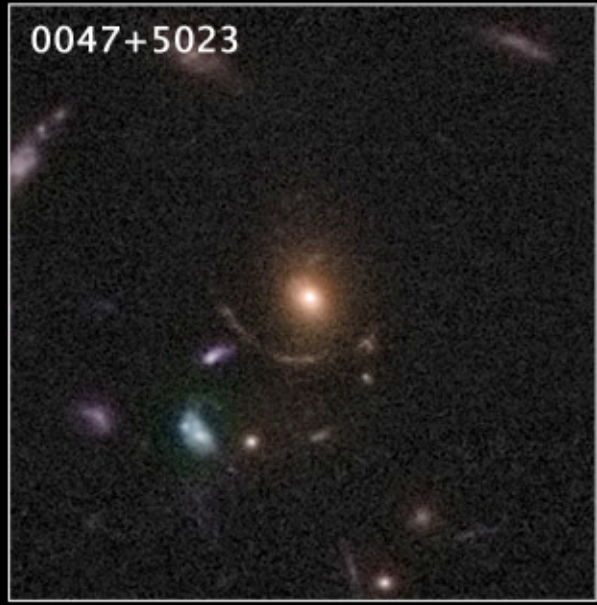
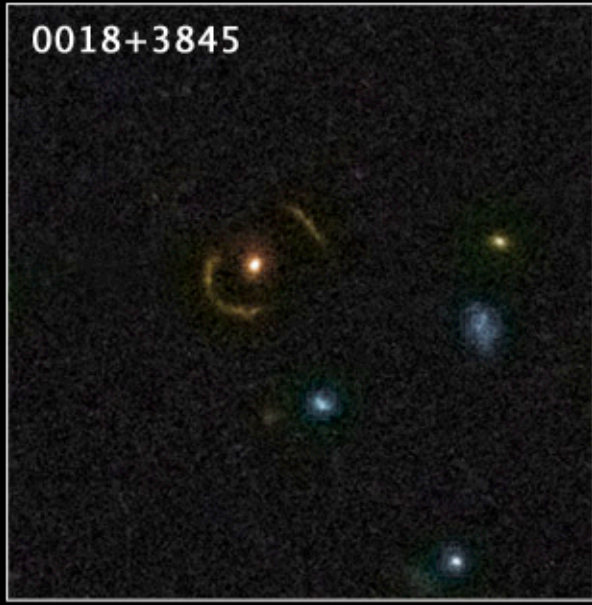
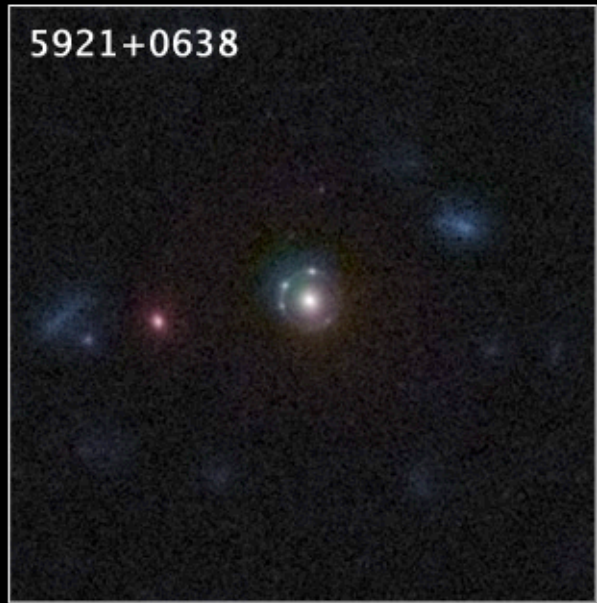
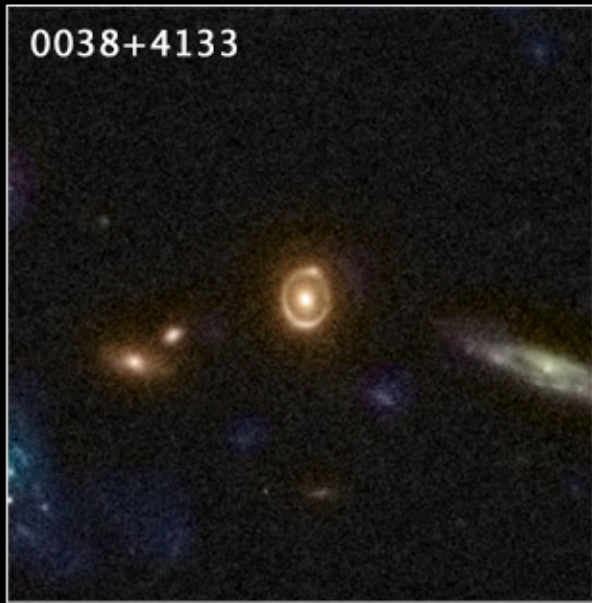
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is conserved

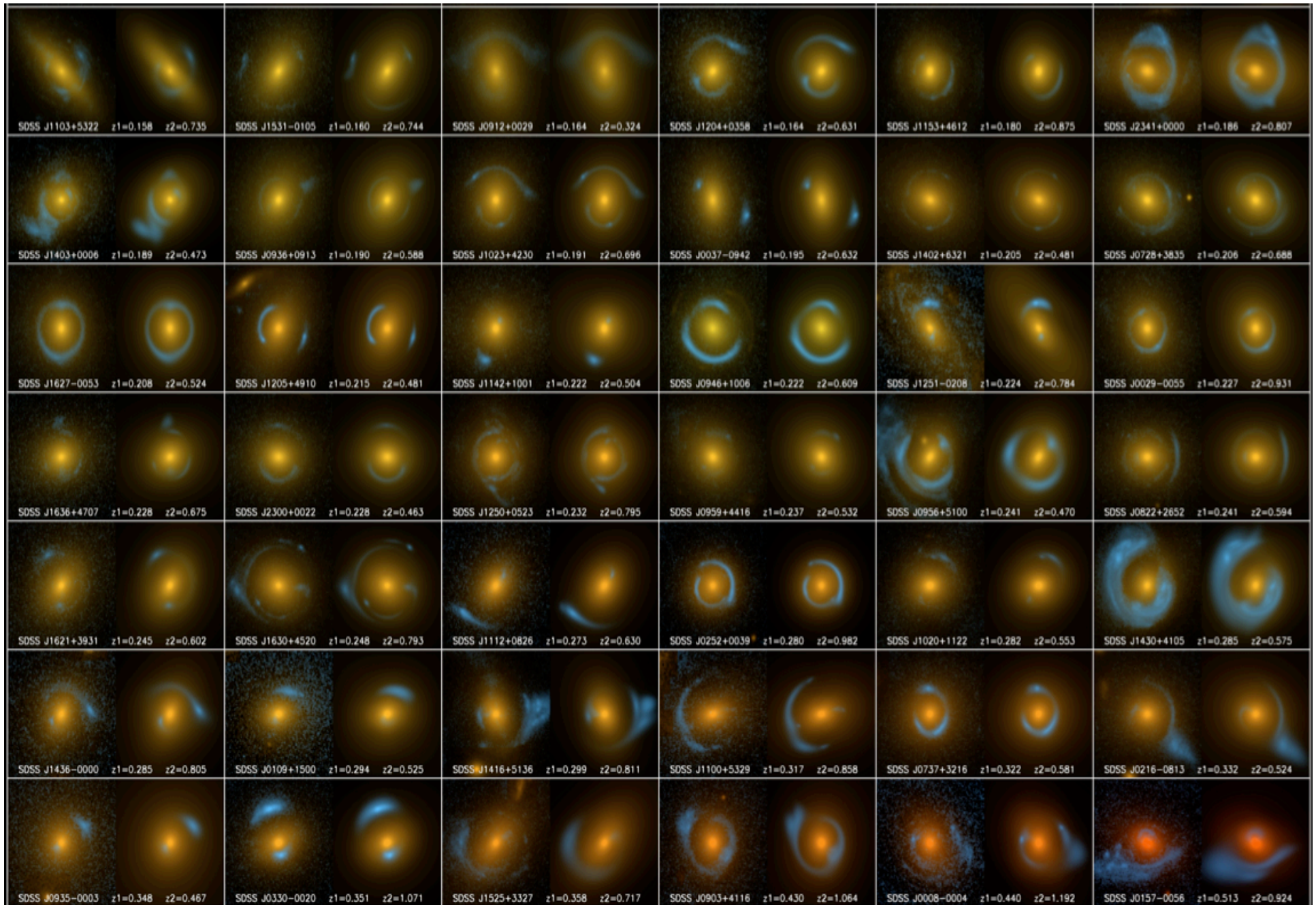
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Gravitational Lenses in the COSMOS Survey

Hubble Space Telescope ■ ACS/WFC



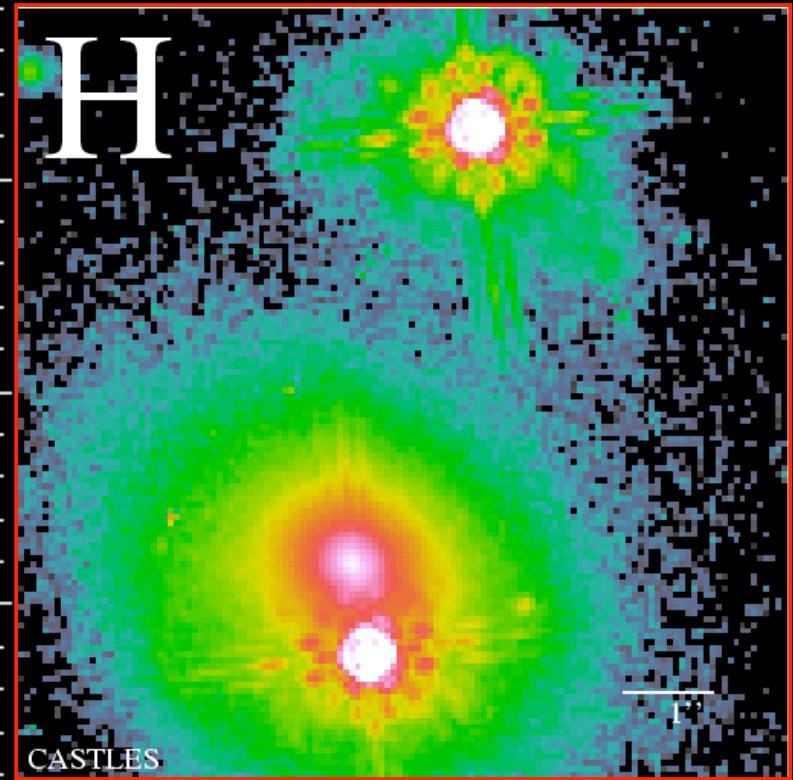
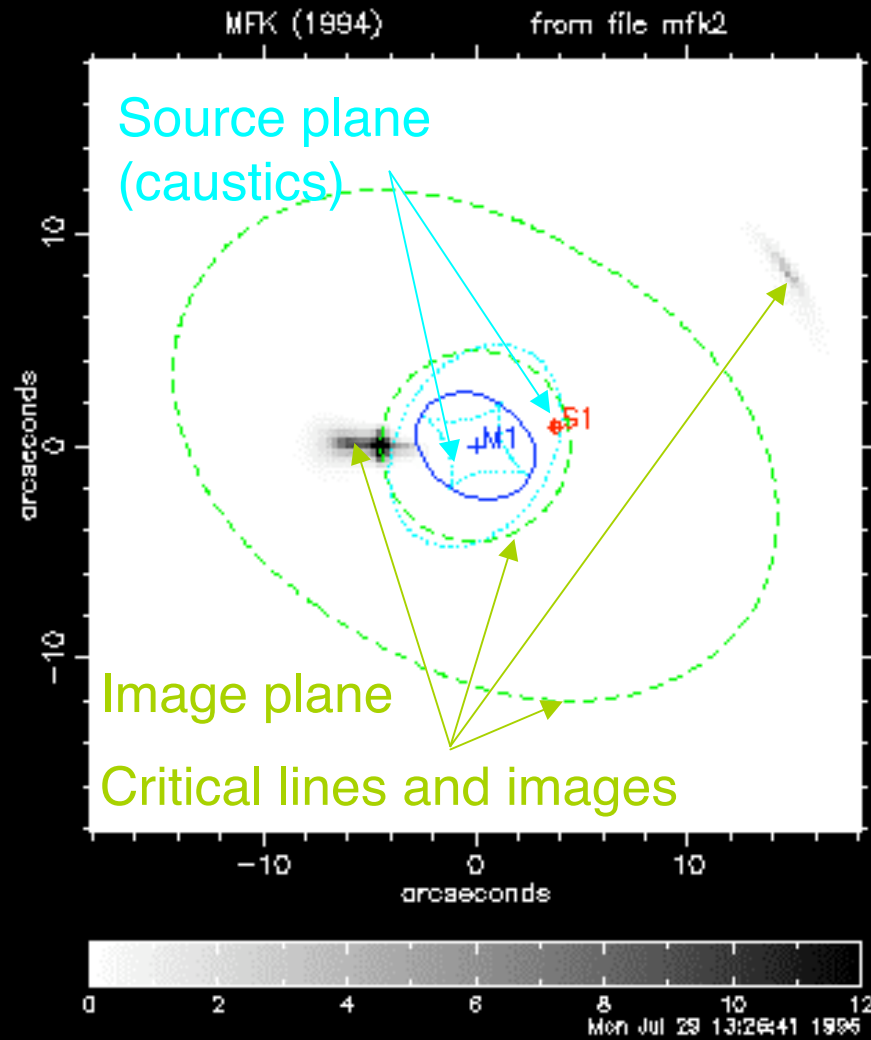


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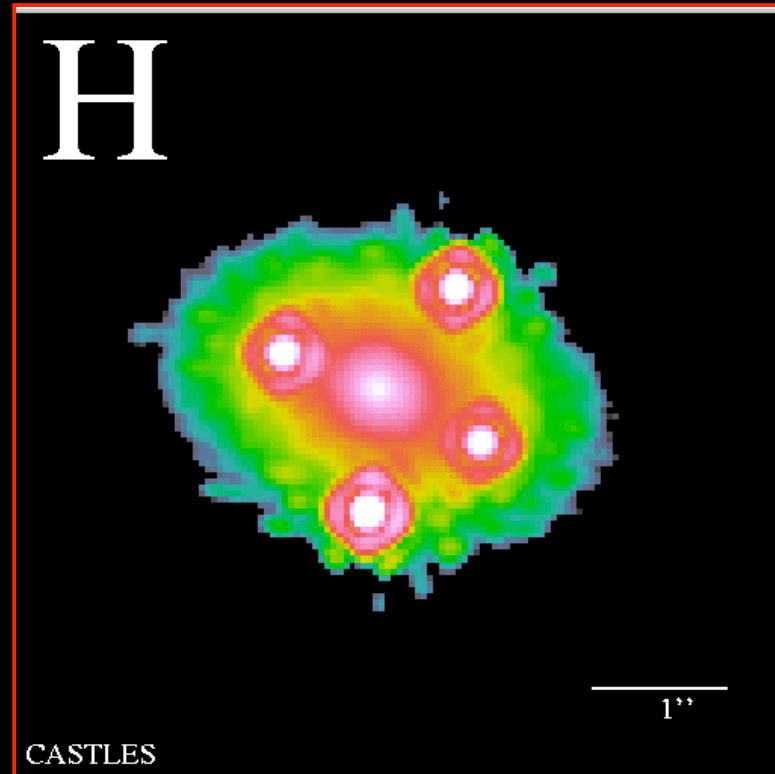
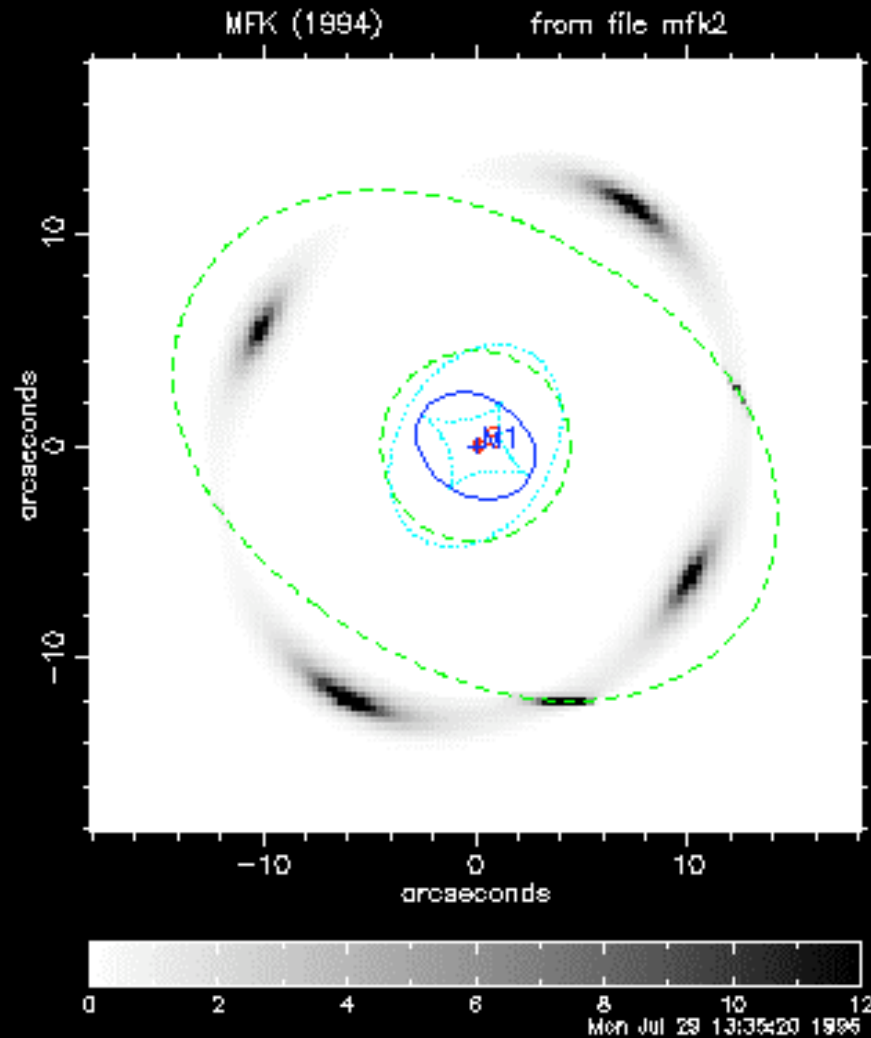
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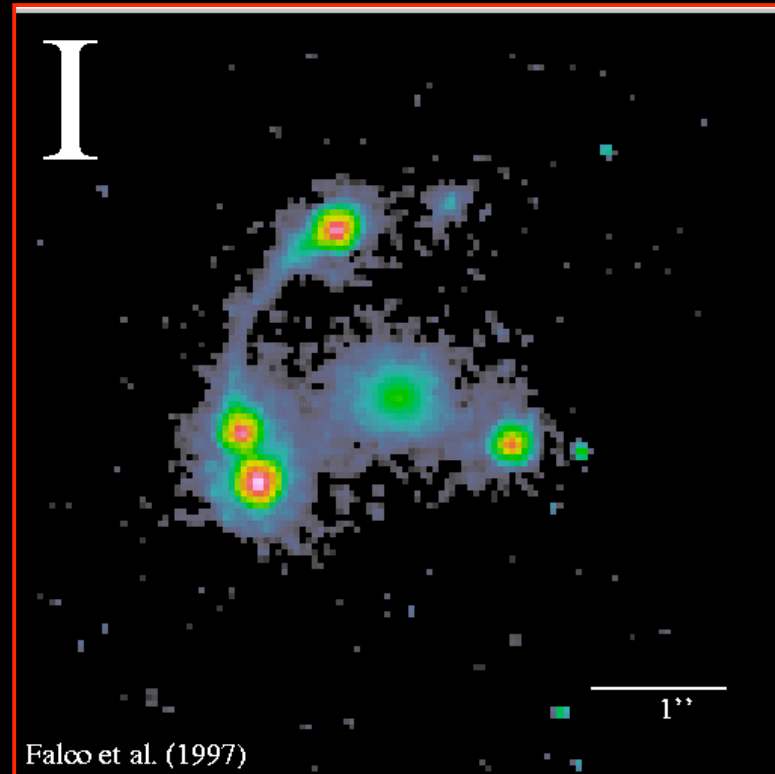
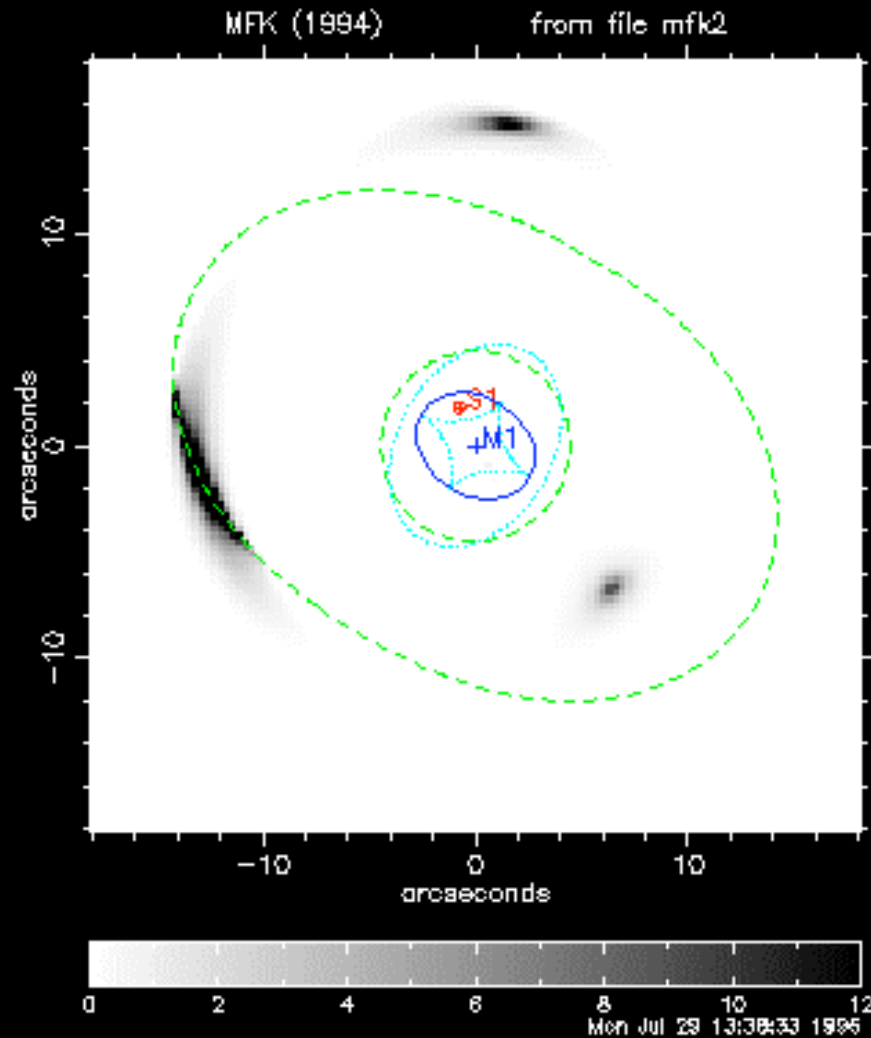
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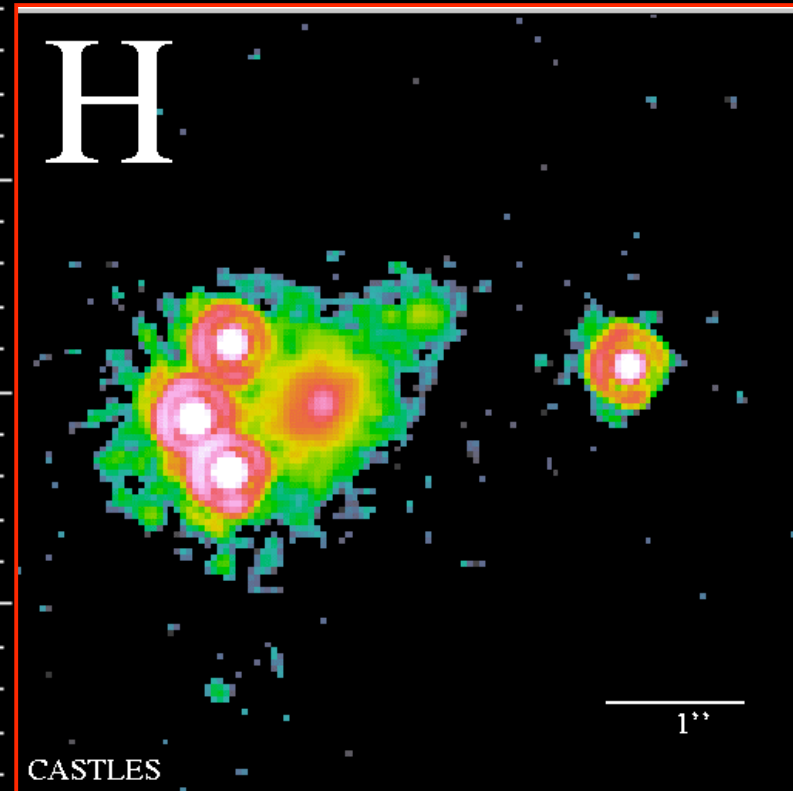
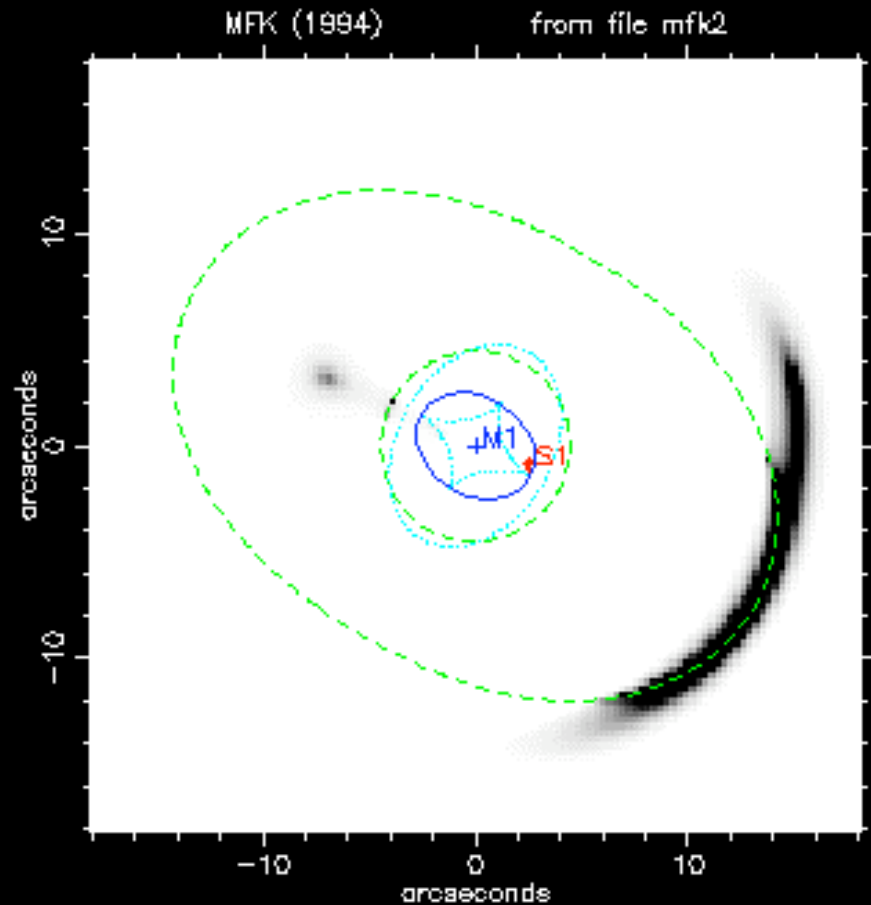
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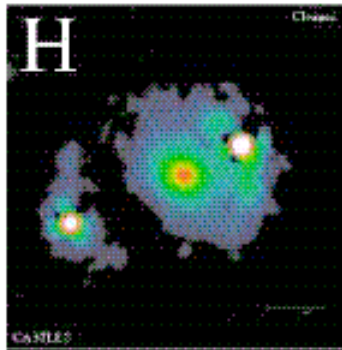
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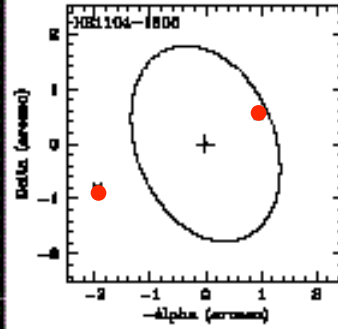
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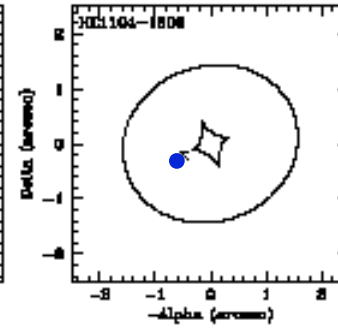
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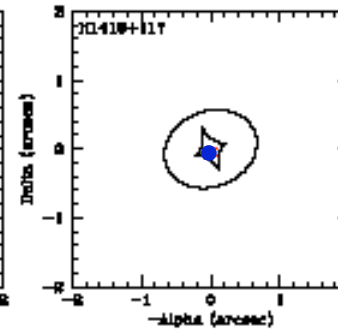
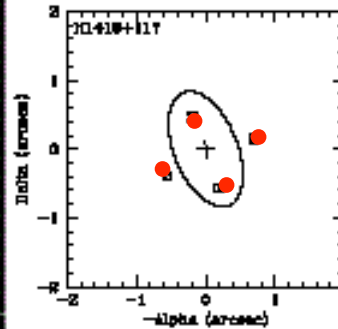
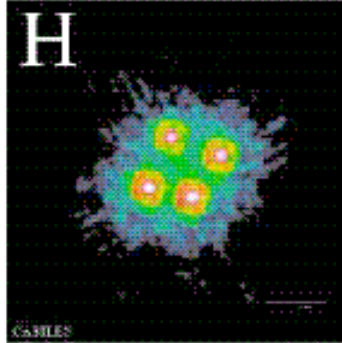
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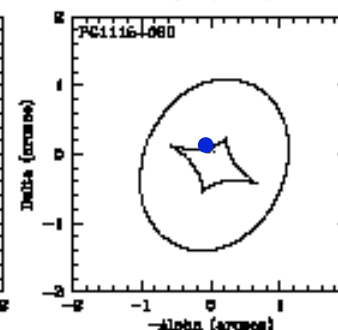
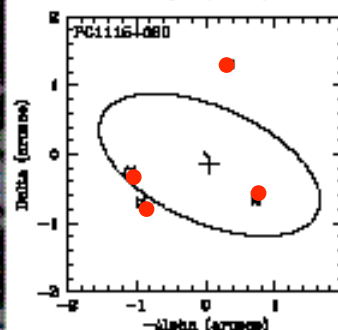
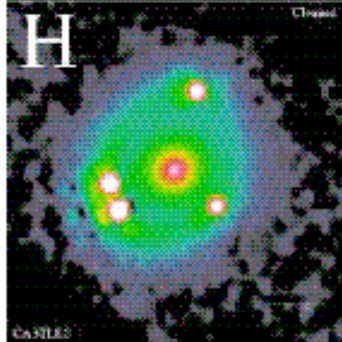
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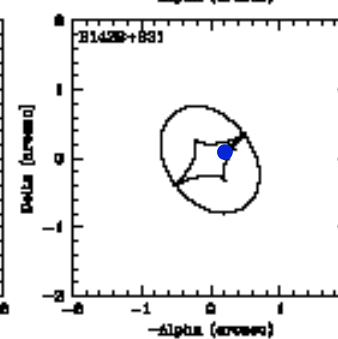
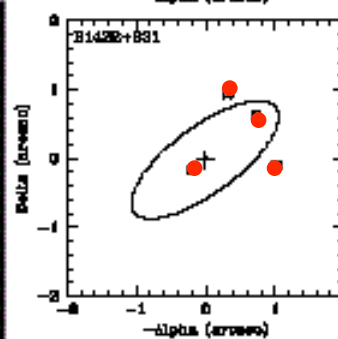
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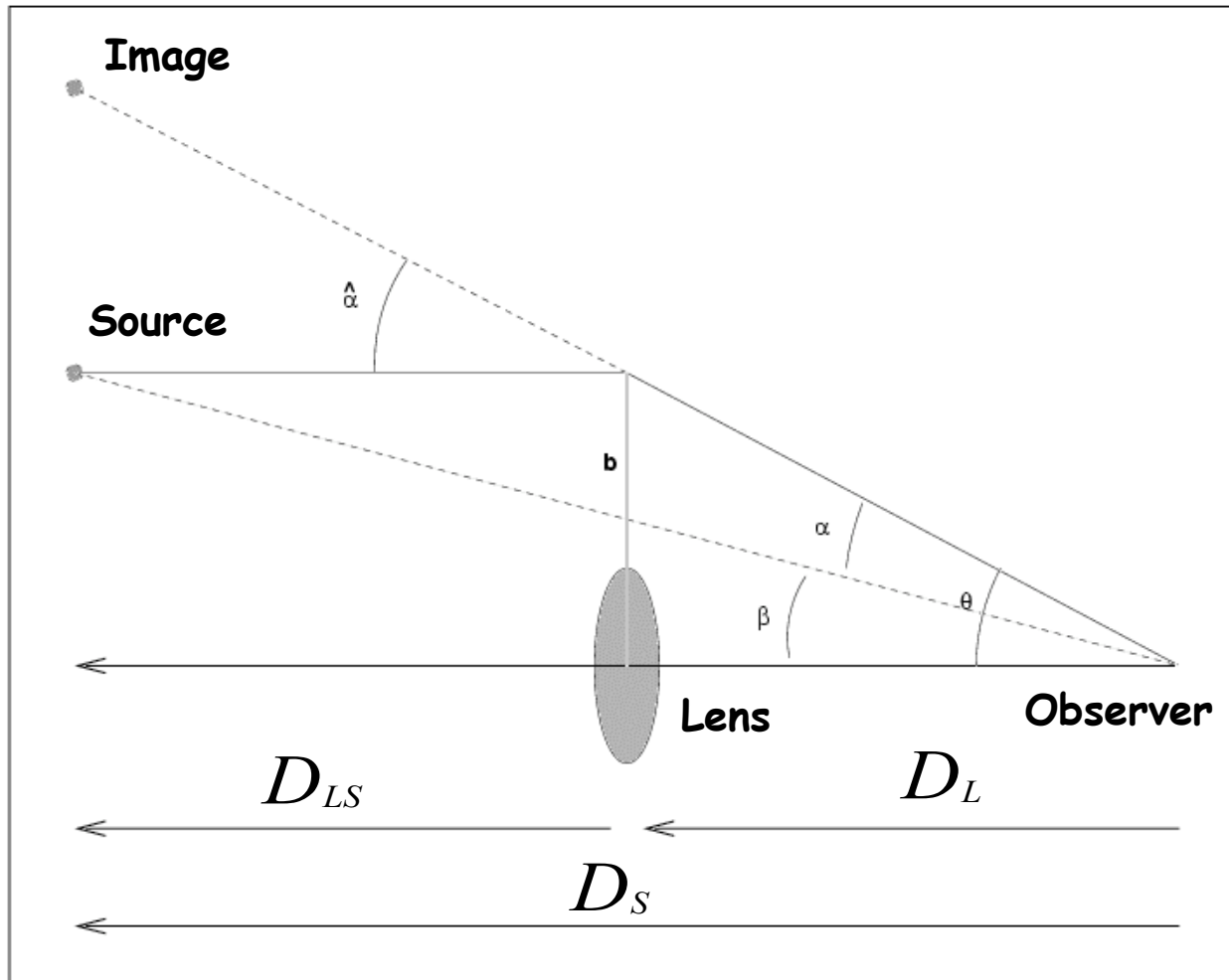
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Quasar time delays, H_0 and galaxy mass profiles

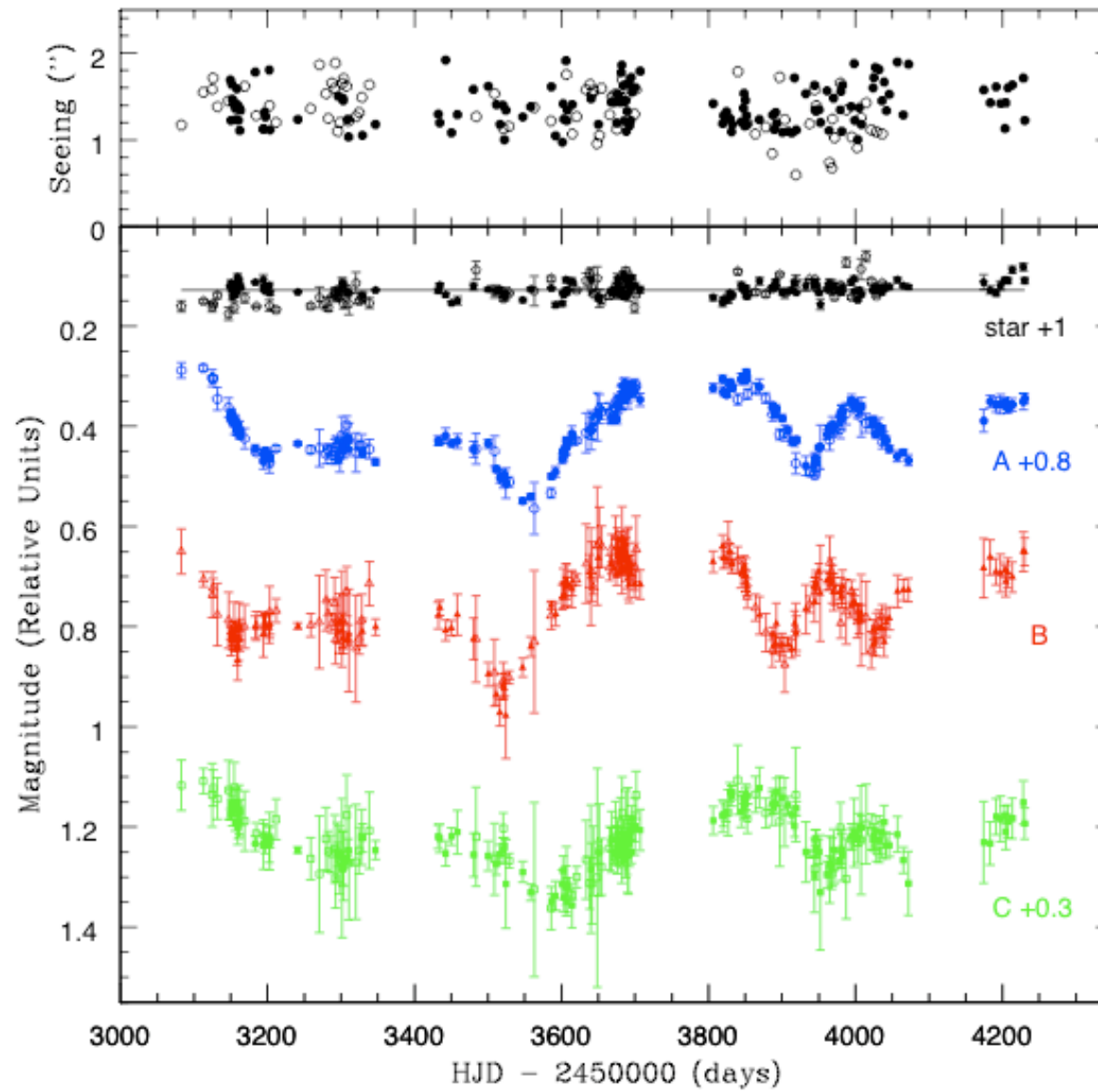


$$t(\vec{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2}(1+z_L)\frac{D_L D_S}{c D_{LS}}(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\beta})^2 - (1+z_L)\frac{8\pi G}{c^3}\nabla^{-2}\Sigma(\vec{\theta}).$$

Geometry (plus H_0)

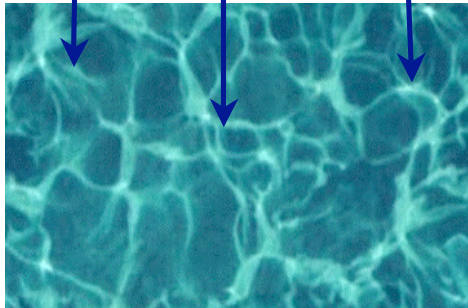
Mass distribution

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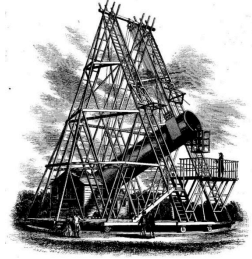


Vuissoz et al. 2008

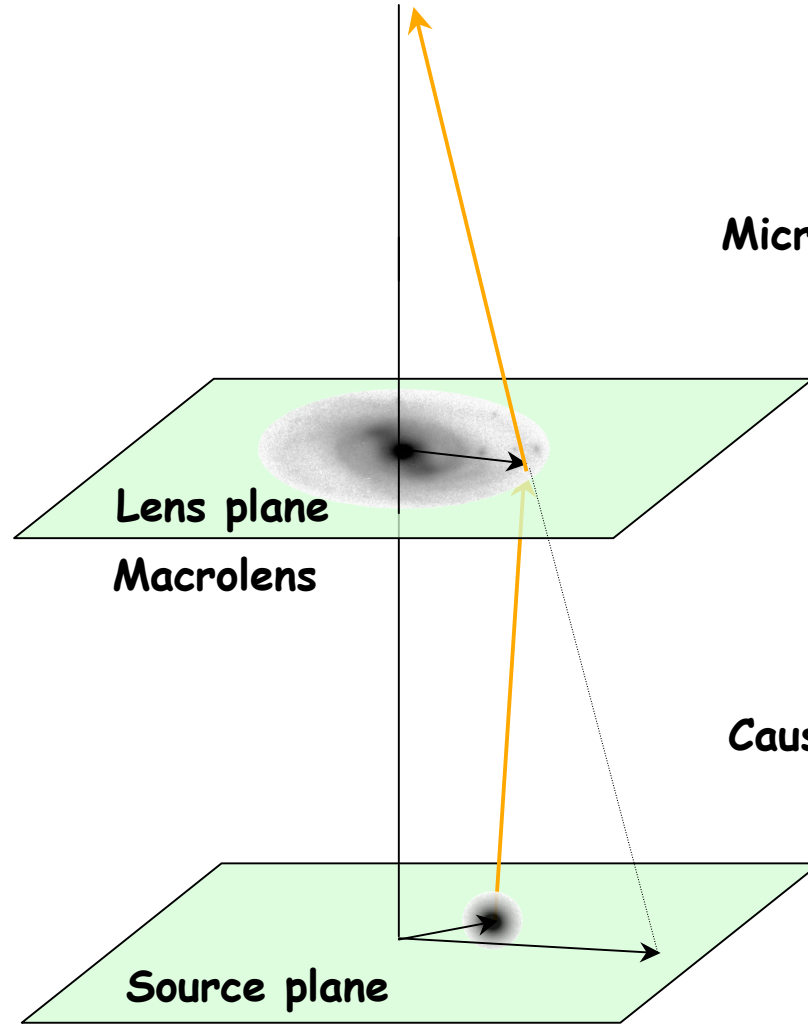
Quasar microlensing



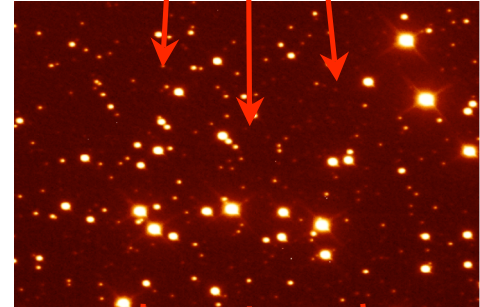
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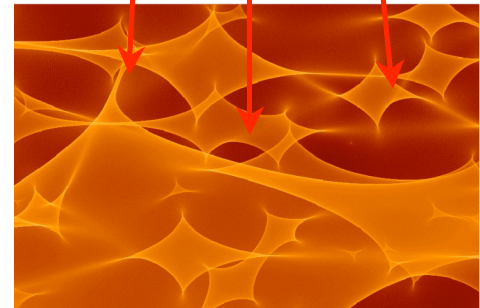
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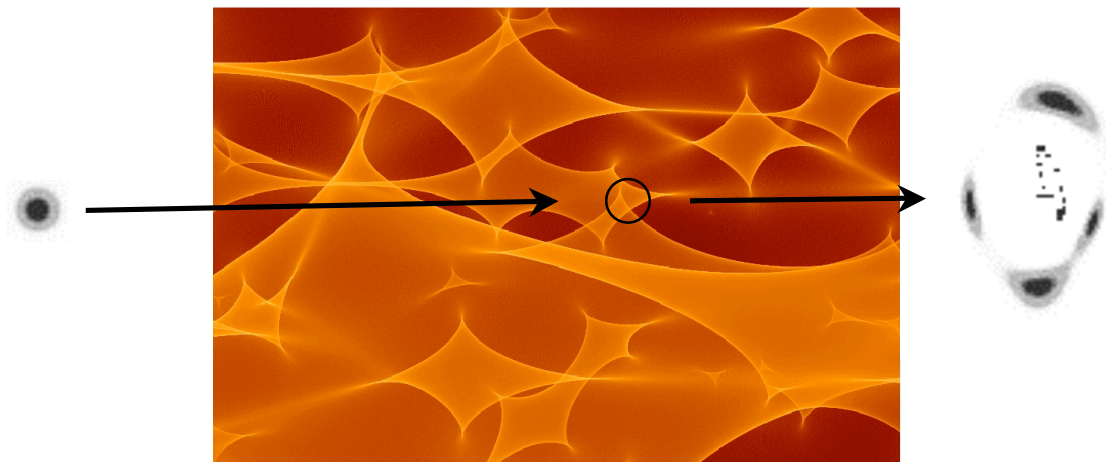


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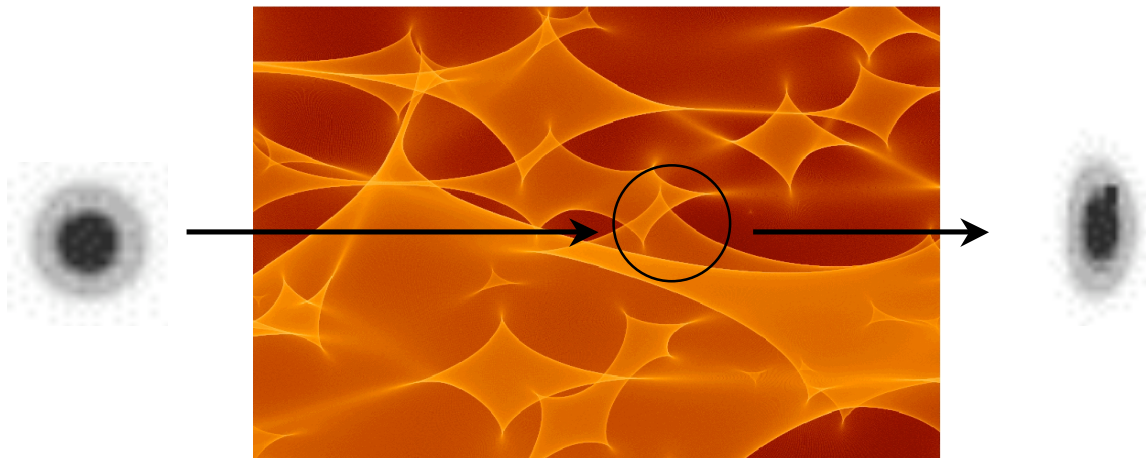


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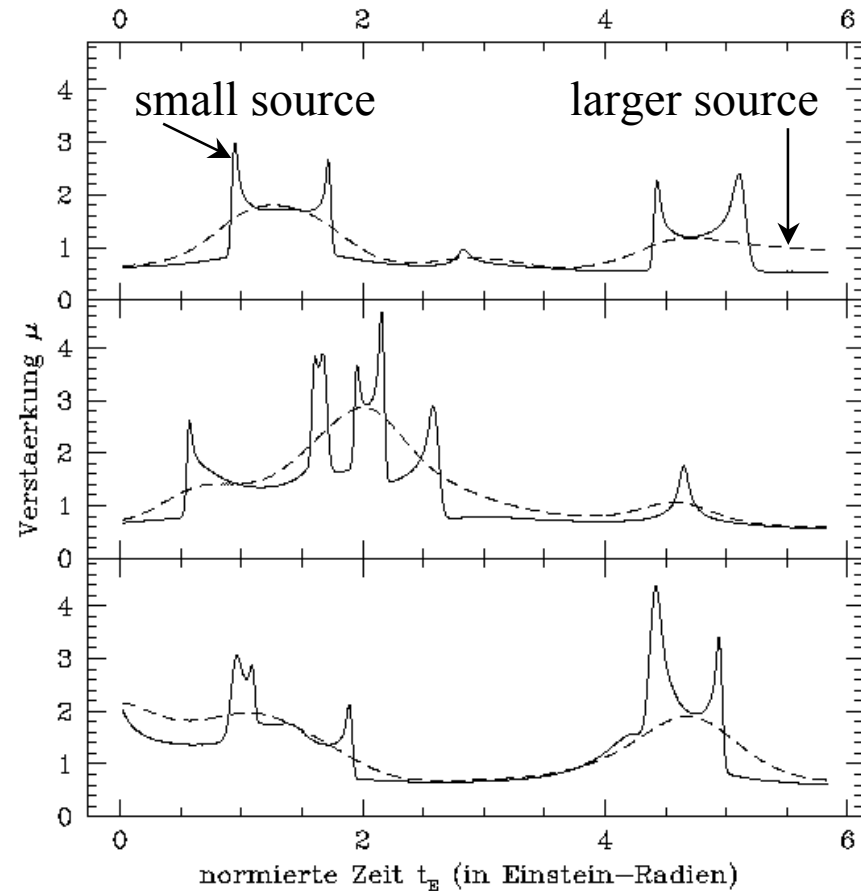
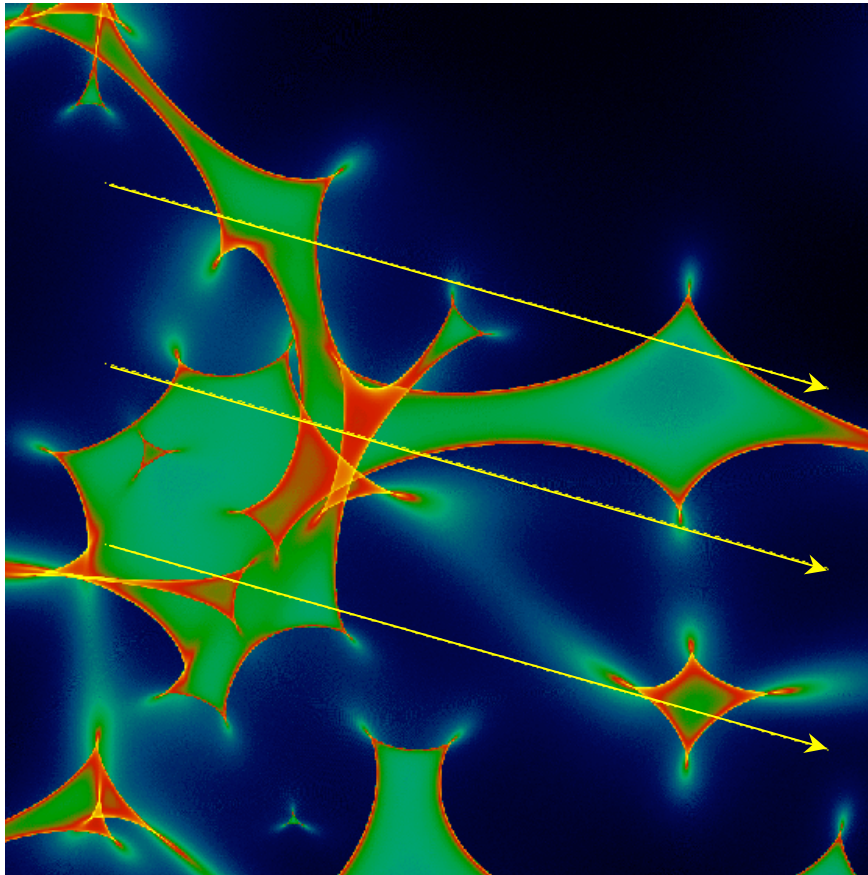
Small sources are fully magnified



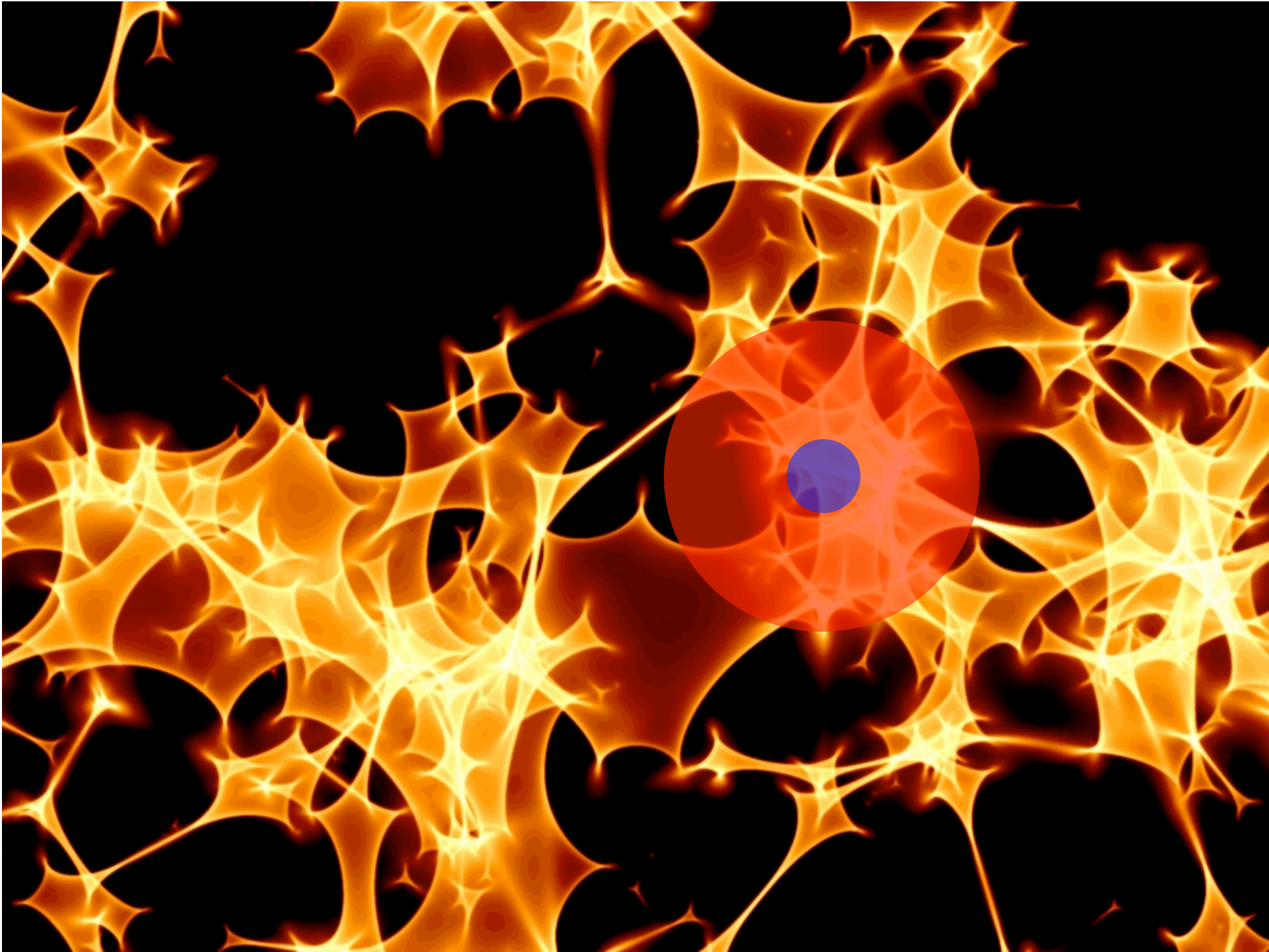
Only parts of large sources are magnified

Smaller sources get more magnified

Microlensing light curves of sources with different angular sizes can be easily predicted and compared with observations. So far only very little information has been gathered on chromatic microlensing variations



Courtesy J. Wambsganss



Motivation

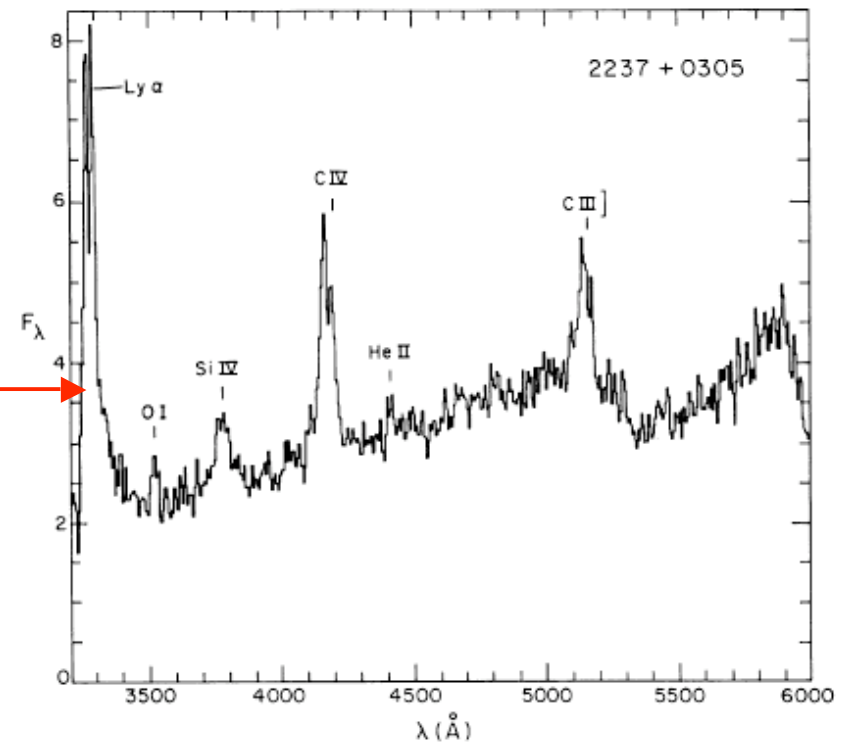
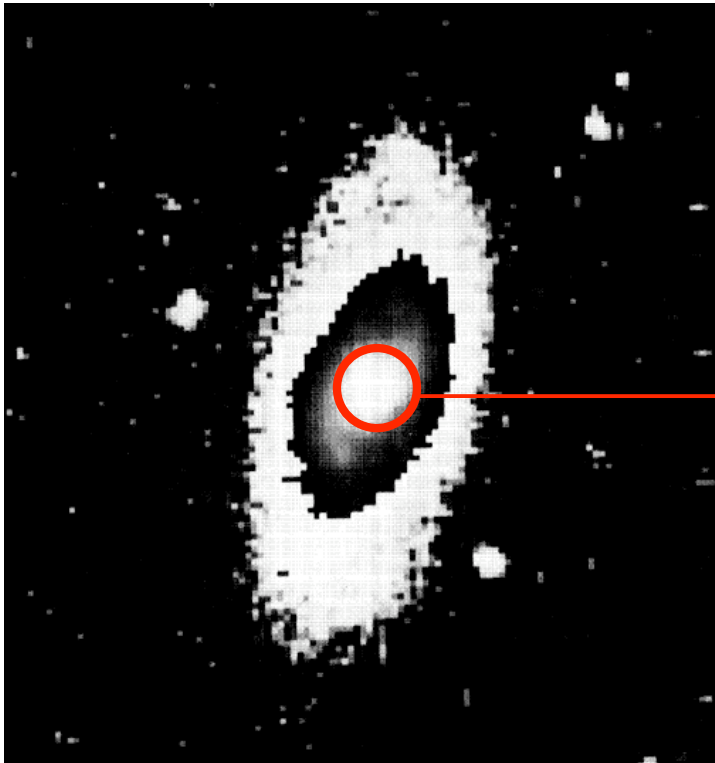
Use chromatic microlensing to constraint the energy profile of quasar accretions disks

Requires:

- clear microlensing events
- remove the time delay effect
- good sampling over several years
- broad wavelength coverage
- deblend the quasar images and the lensing galaxy
- accurate flux calibration over the whole monitoring

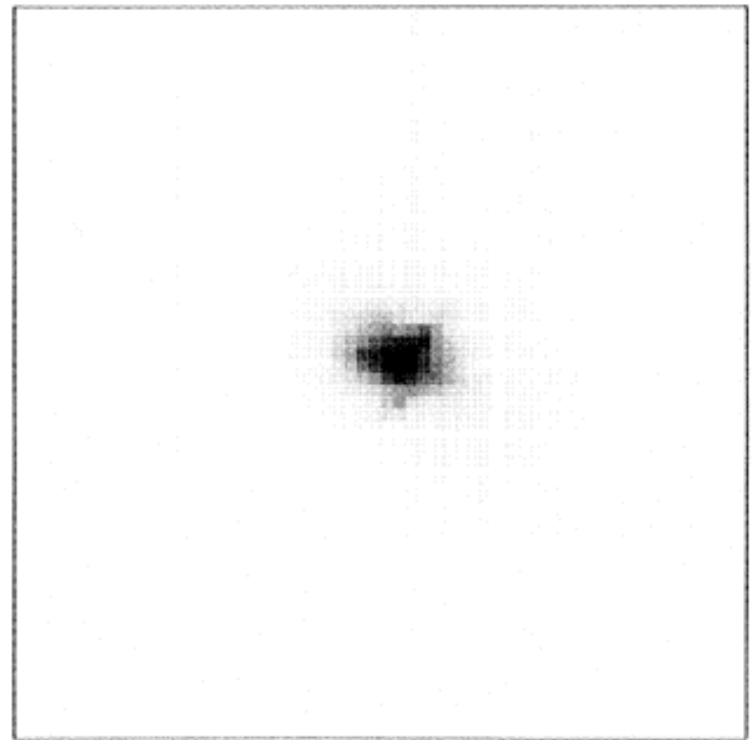
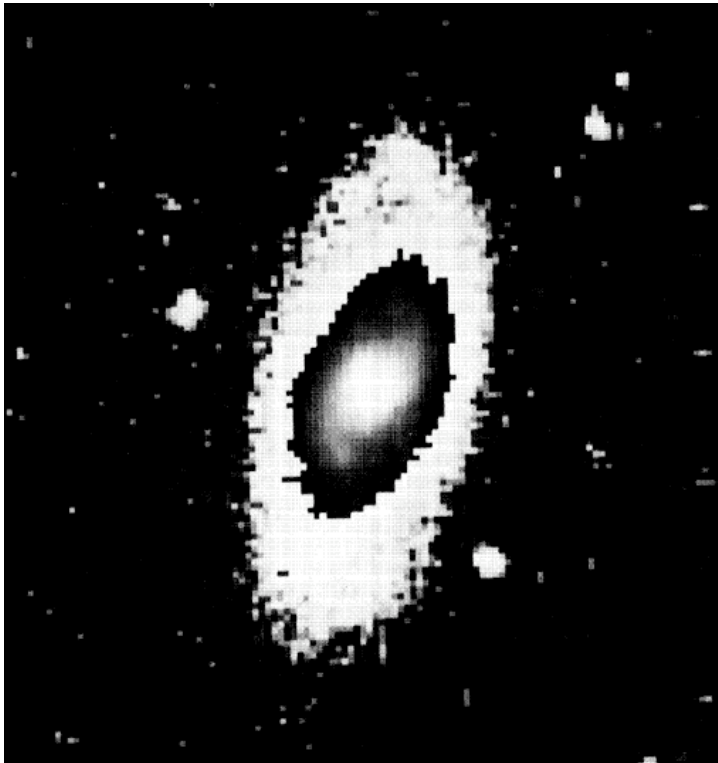
Spectrophotometric monitoring of the Einstein Cross

Discovery of the Einstein Cross: a first lucky case



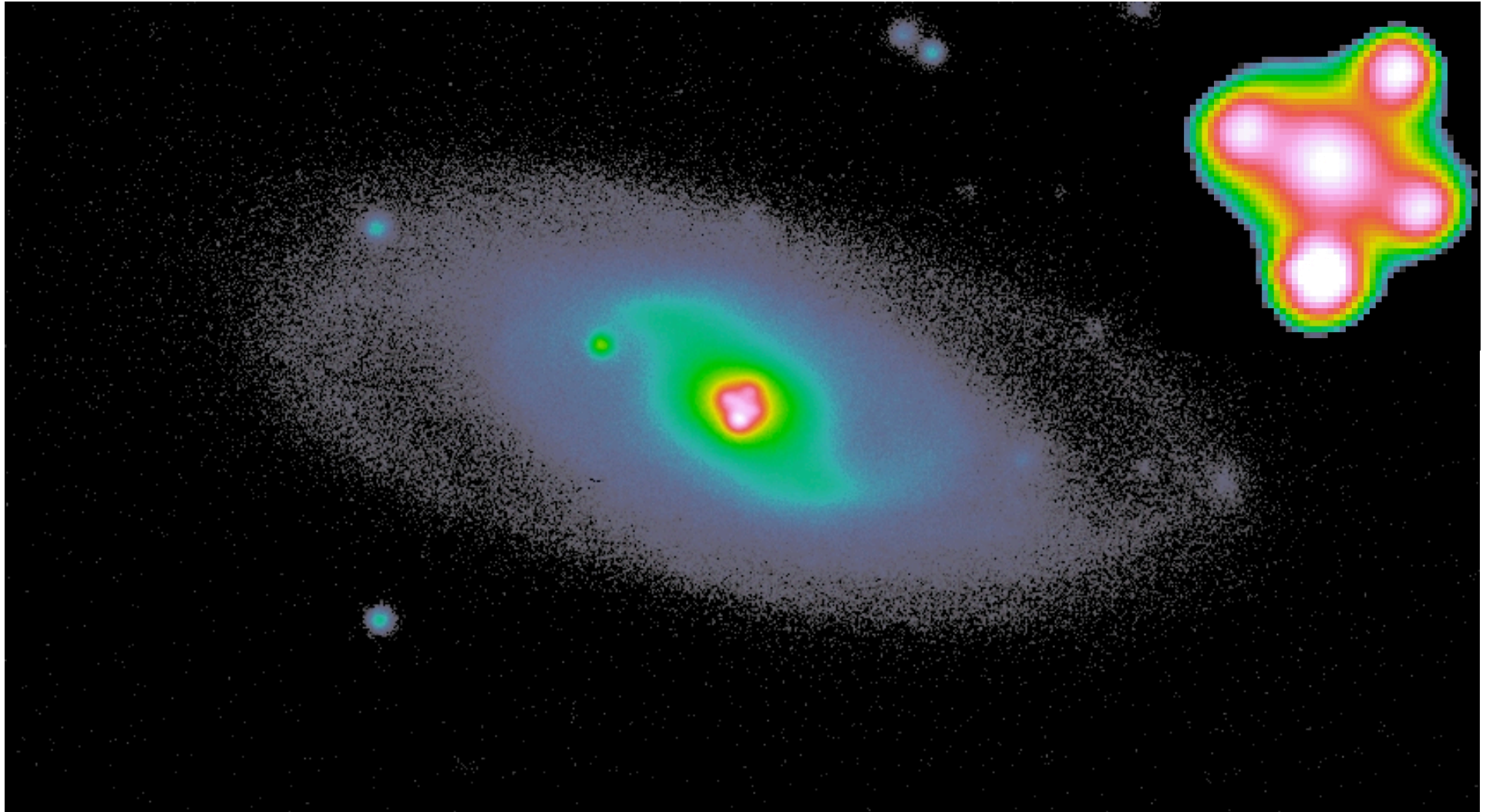
Huchra et al. 1985, AJ 90, 691

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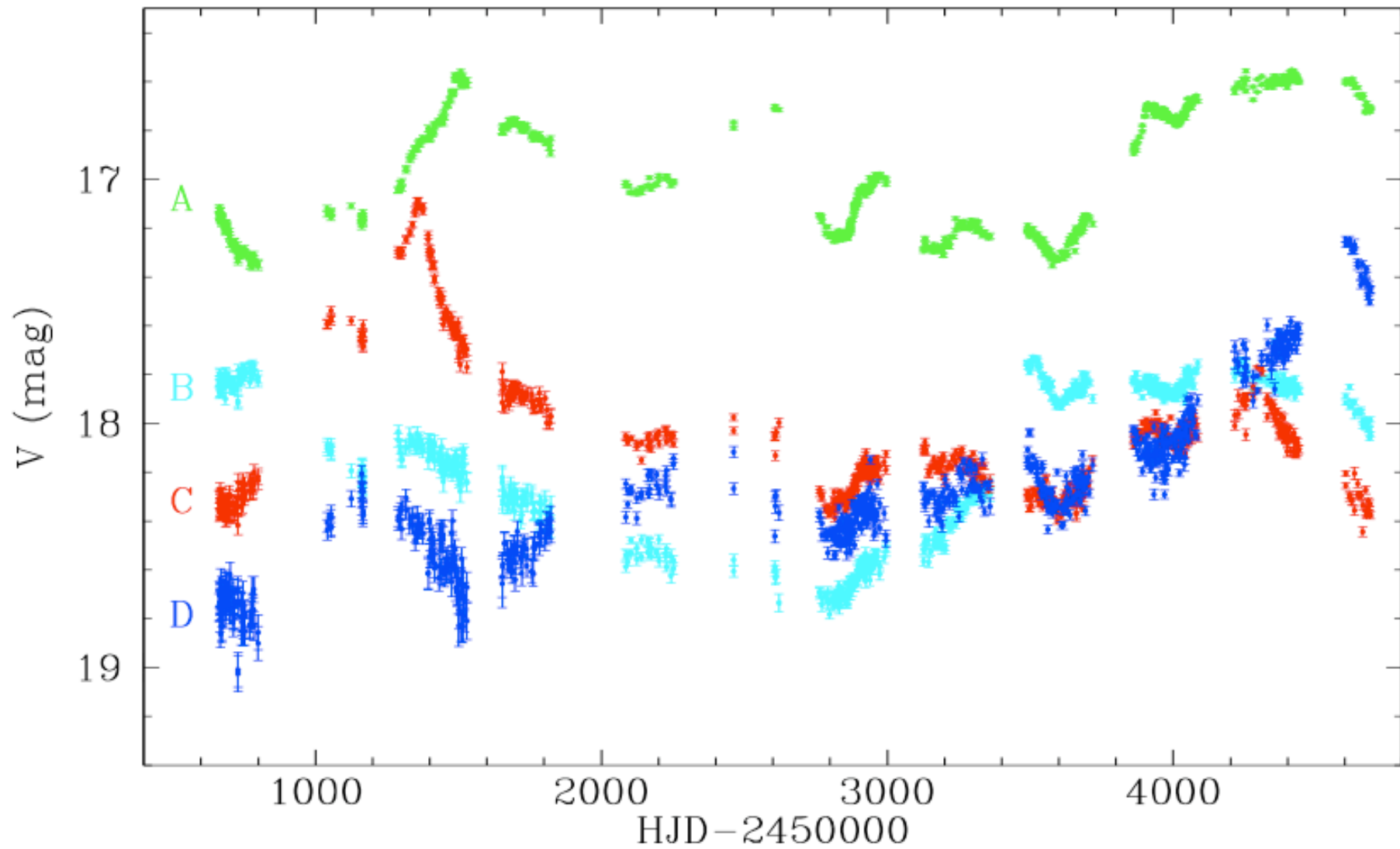
Schneider et al. 1988, AJ 95, 1619

Q2237+080 is ideal for microlensing studies



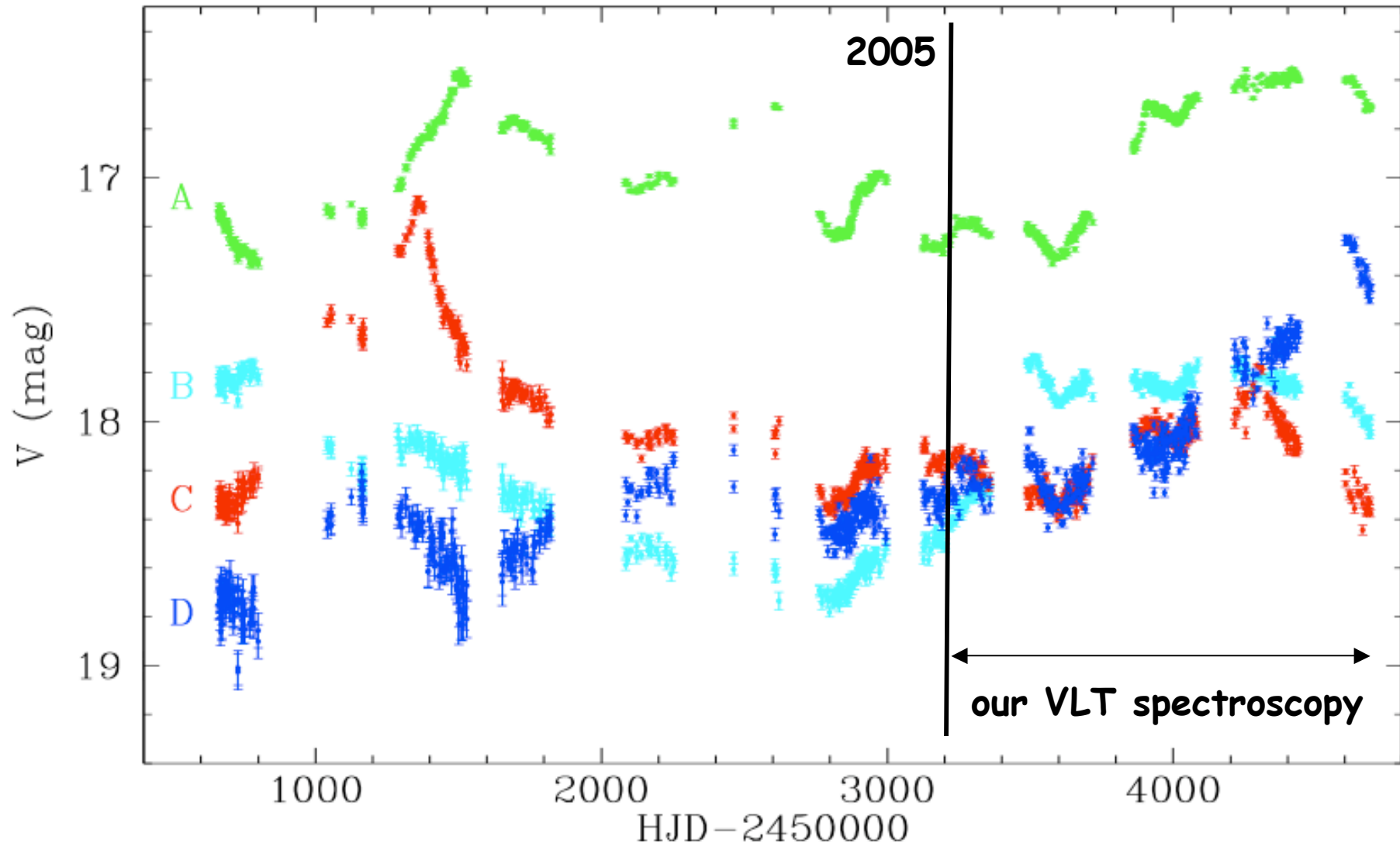
VLT/FORS1 « snapshot » of the Einstein Cross in the R-band

OGLE V-band light curves from 1998 to 2008



(Wozniak et al. 2000, Uzdarski et al. 2008 + recent update)

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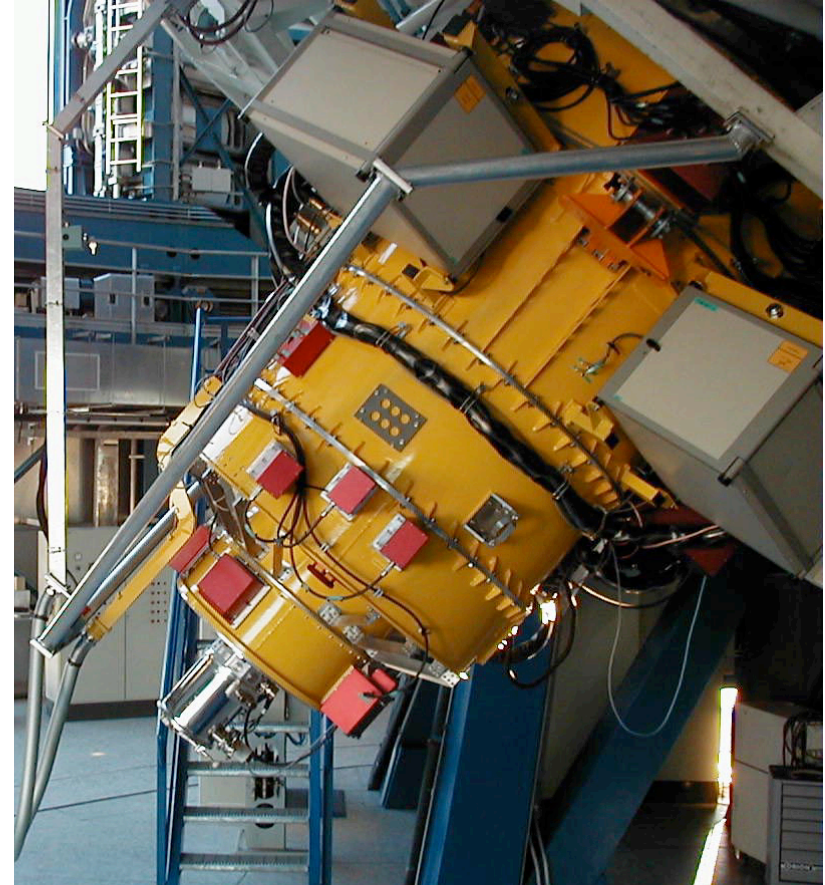


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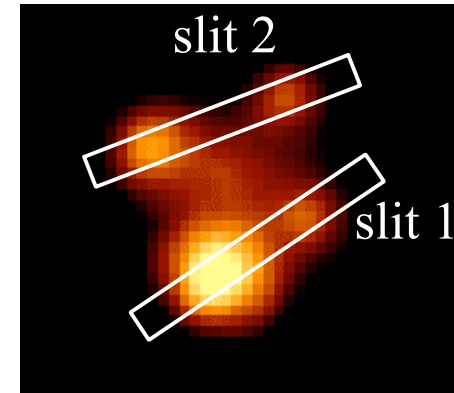
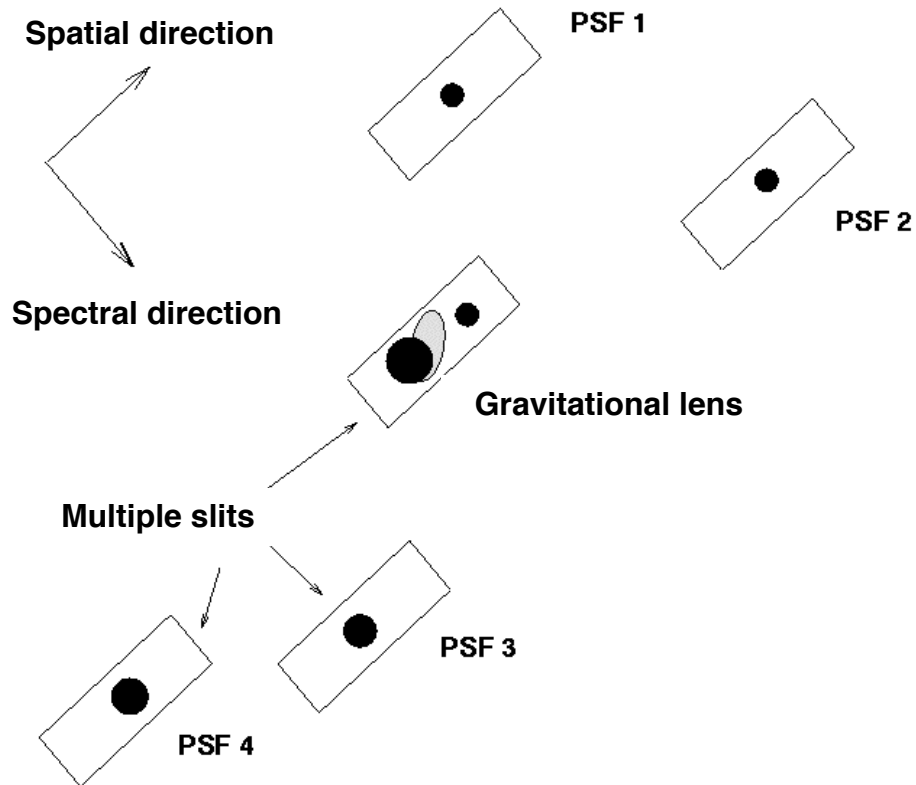


- Large Program at the VLT
- 60 hours with FORS1/VLT in total
- Optical spectra of all 4 components for 42 epochs
- Use of the atmospheric refraction corrector



FOcal Reducer and low dispersion Spectrograph (FORS1)

Extracting the quasar spectra



Two masks per epoch

15 days between 2 epochs

4000-8000 Å

0.7" slit

R~400 (2.7 Å per pixel)

Seeing < 0.8 arcsec

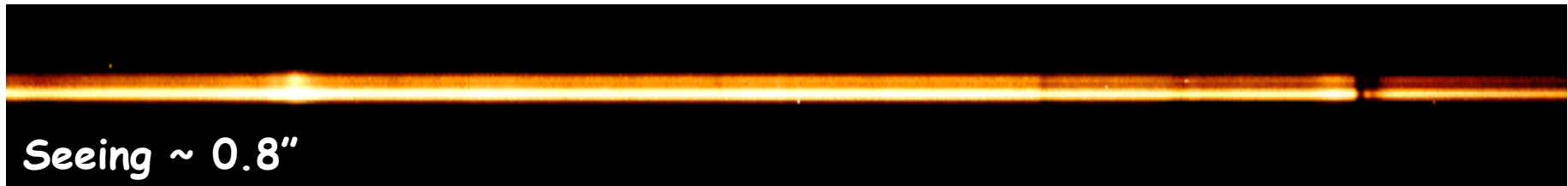
Exp. Time: 1620 s

42 epochs in total

Courbin et al. 2000, ApJ 1136, 529

Extracting the quasar spectra

Example of a spectrum taken in mask1 (comps. A+D)



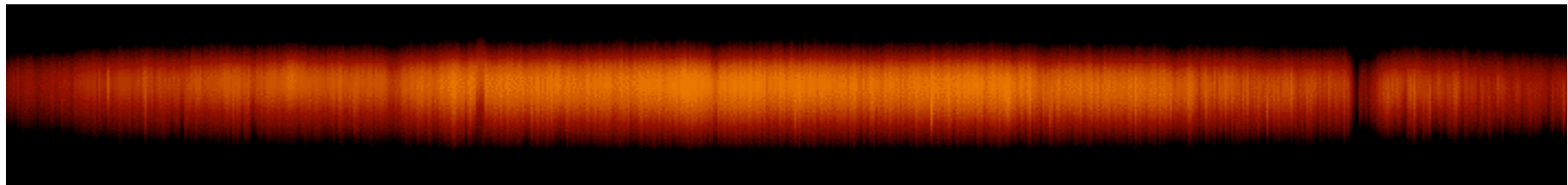
Spatial deconvolution

Components A+D alone

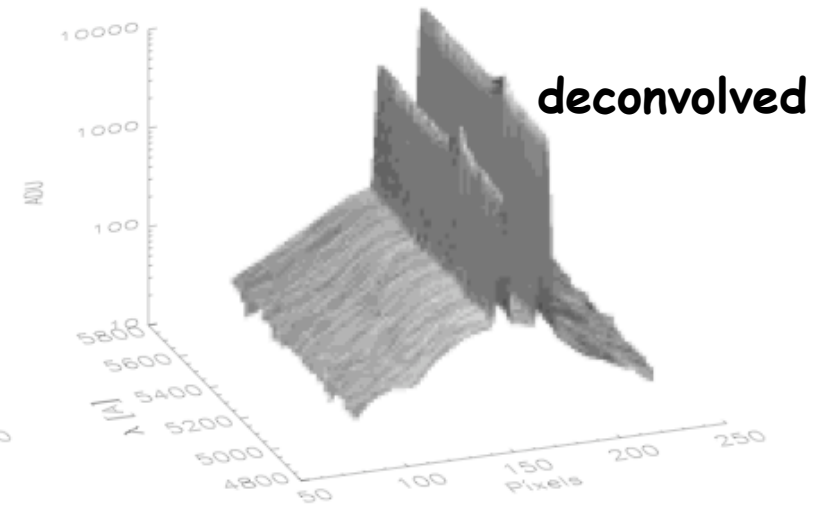
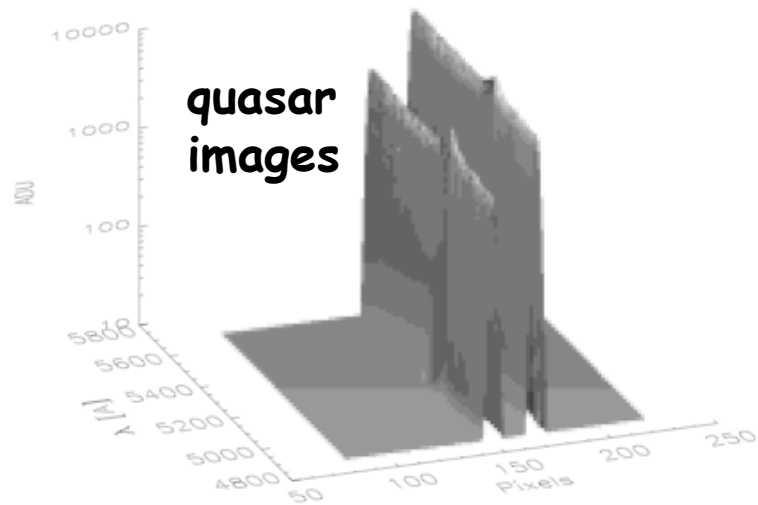
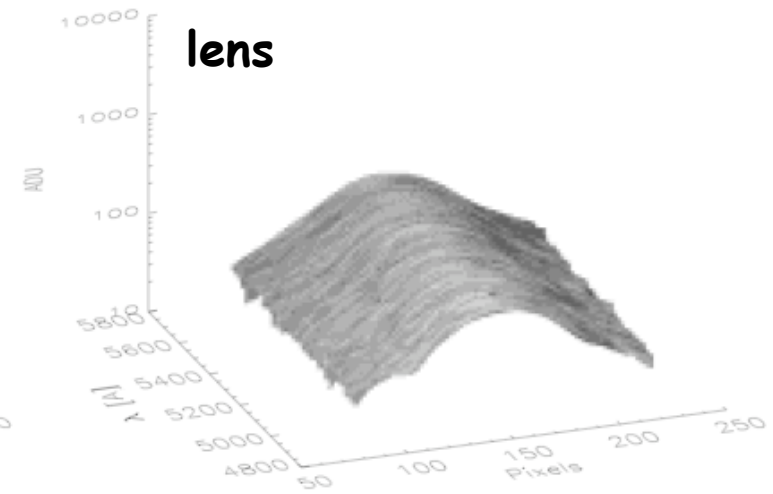
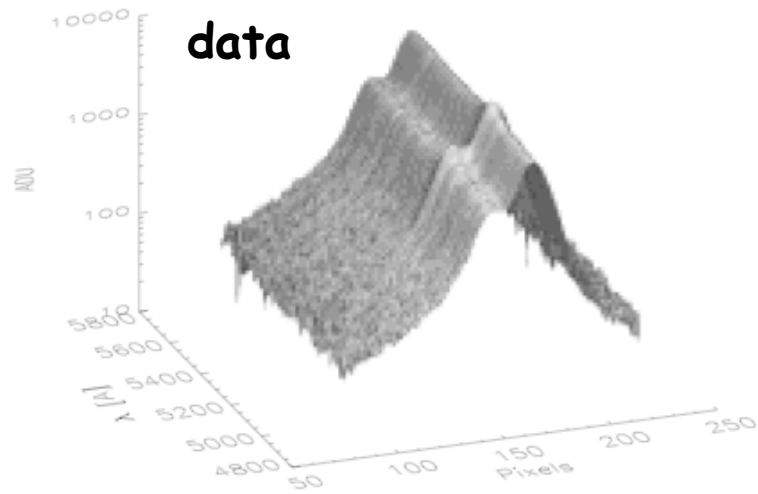


Lensing galaxy alone

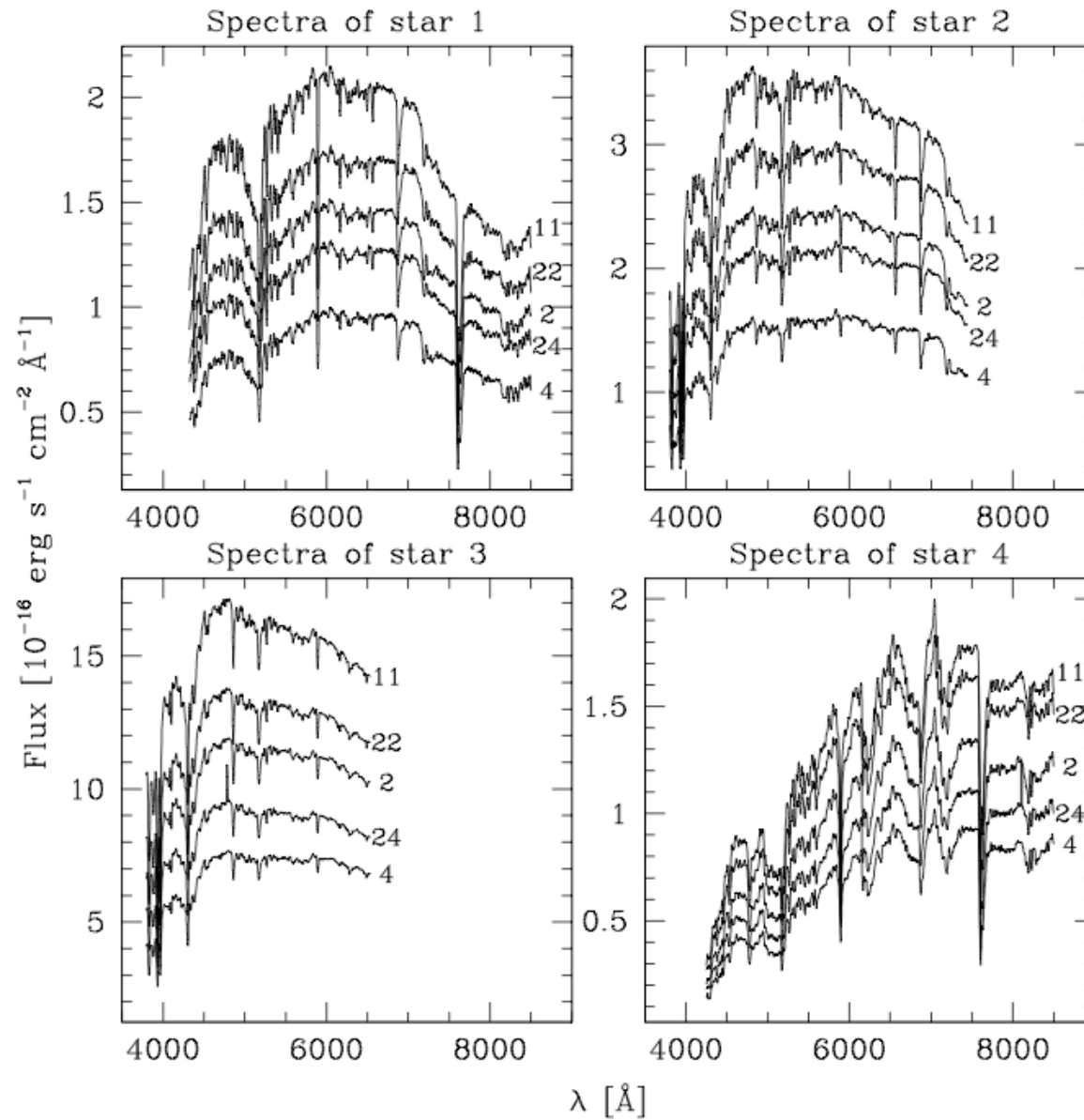
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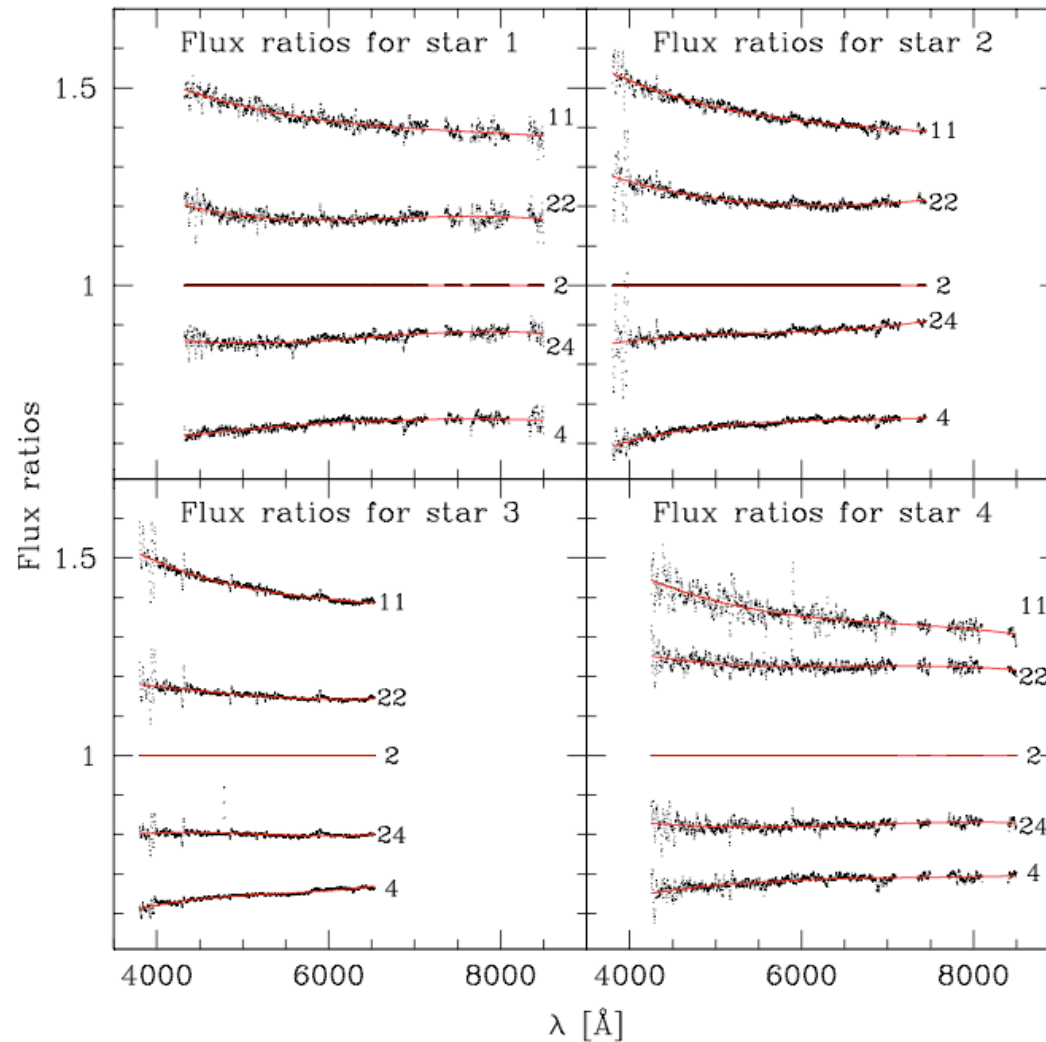
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Flux cross-calibration between epochs

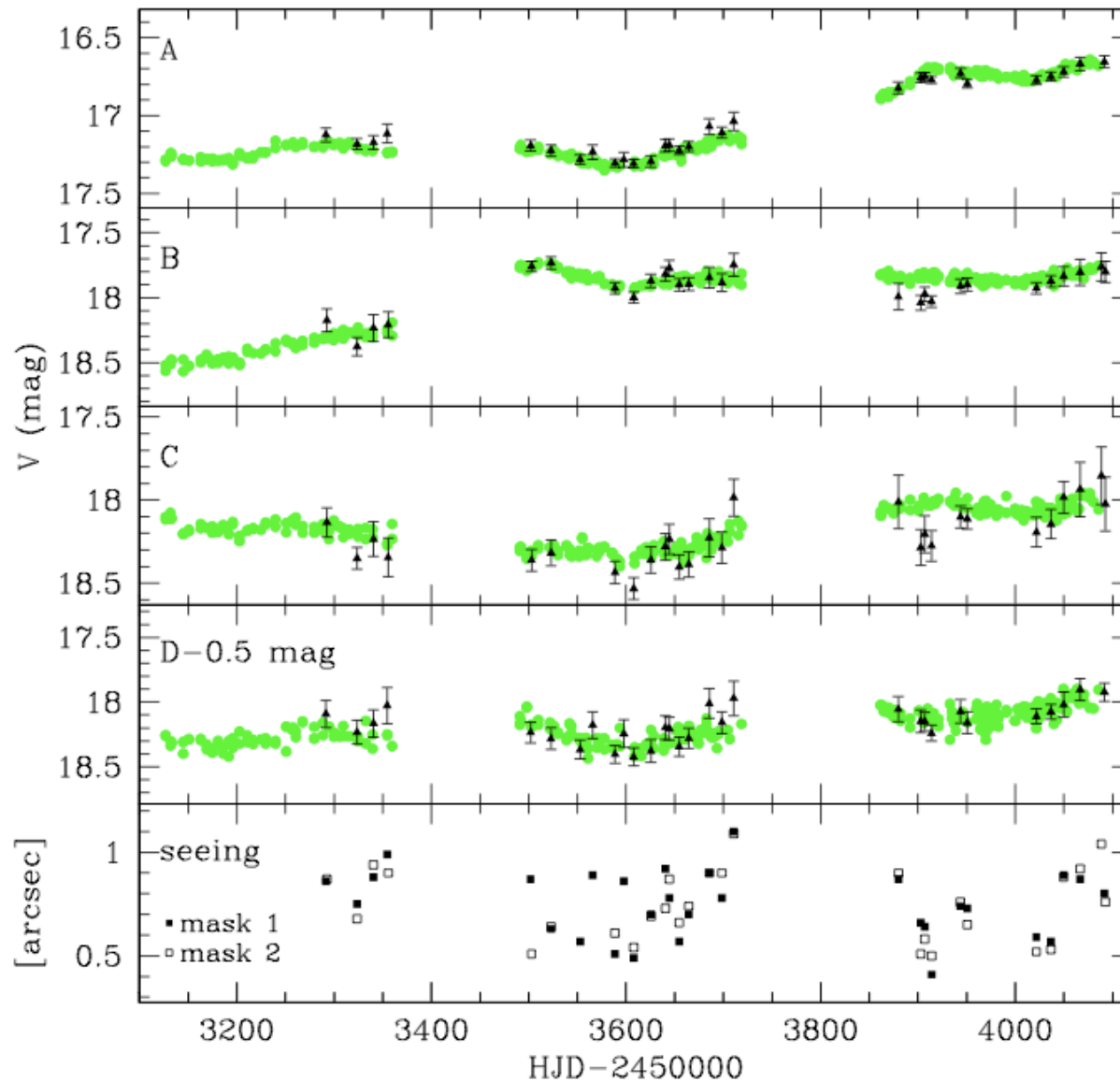


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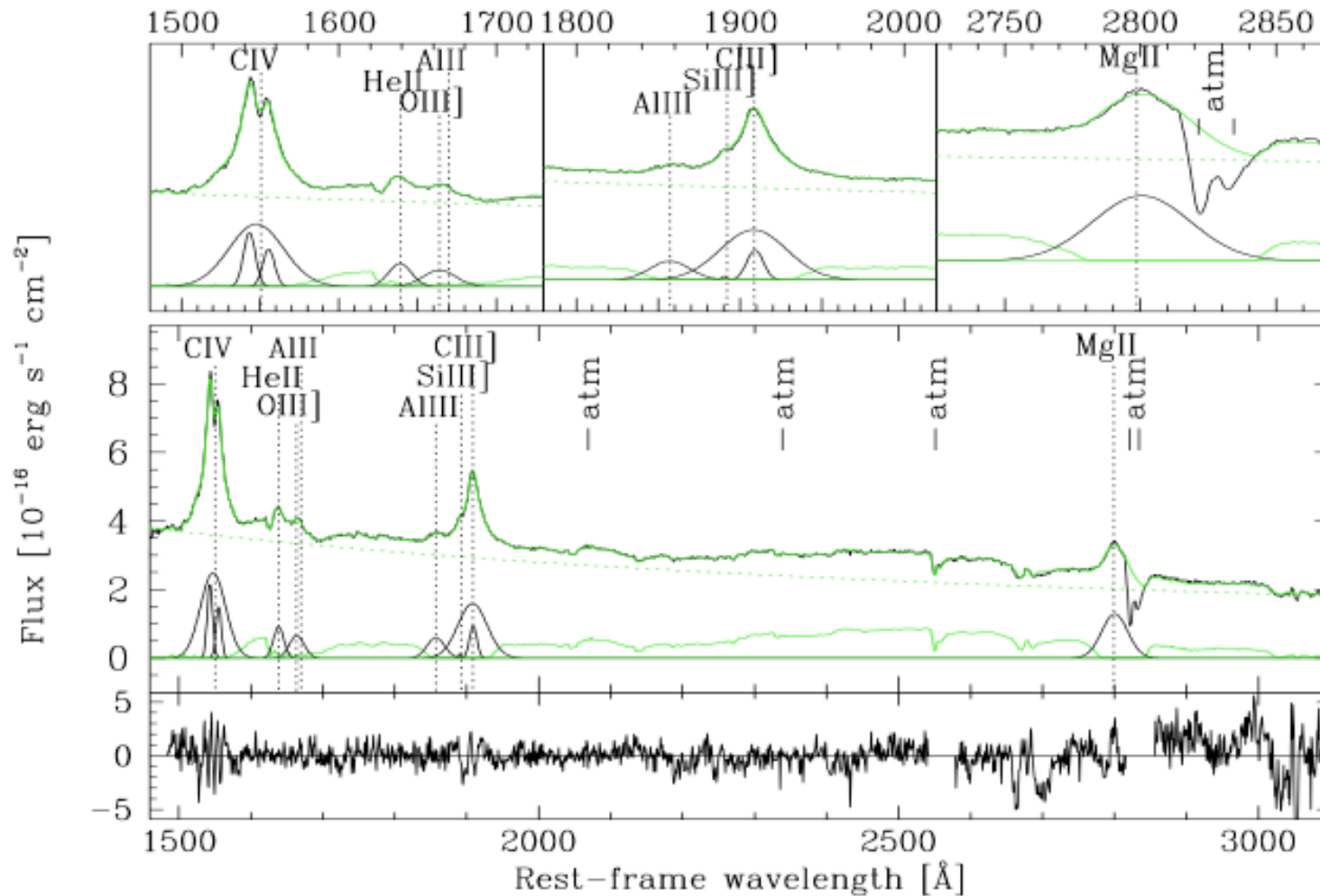
In addition FORS1 on the VLT has an atmospheric refraction corrector

Sanity check using the OGLE photometry



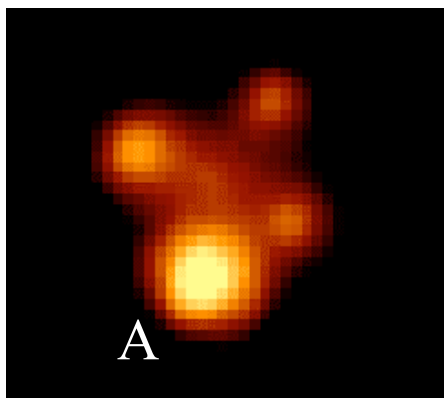
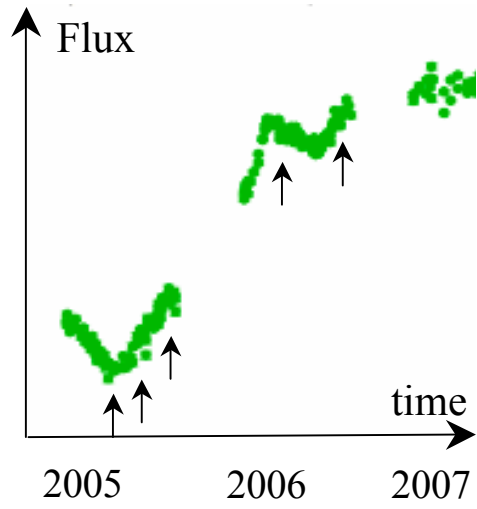
+ the spectra of the lens galaxy in the two masks are identical

Last step: decomposition of the 1D spectra

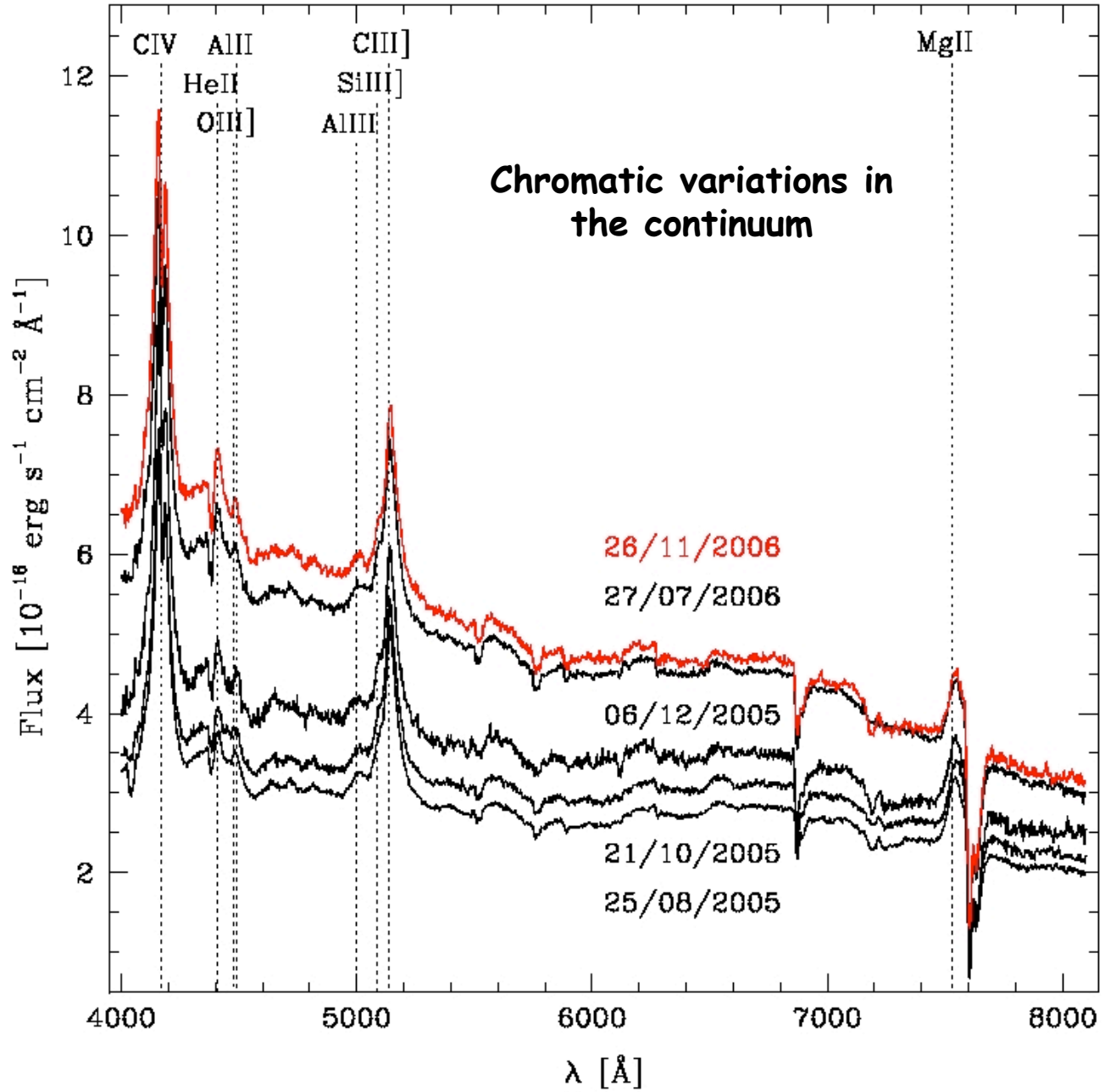


Sum of Gaussian emission lines + power law continuum
+ template for the iron optical emission (from Vestergaard 2001)

Einstein Cross:
Image A

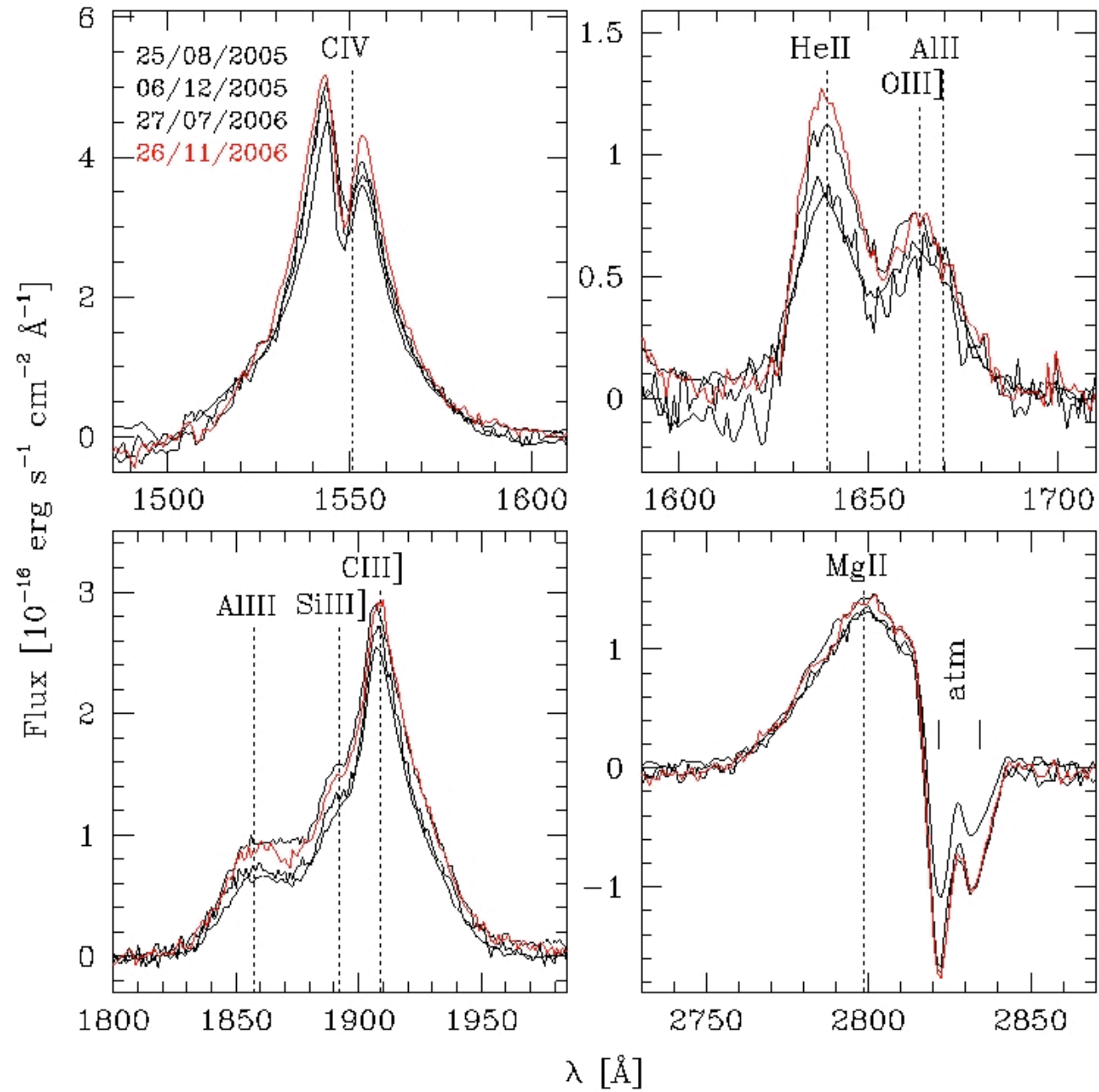
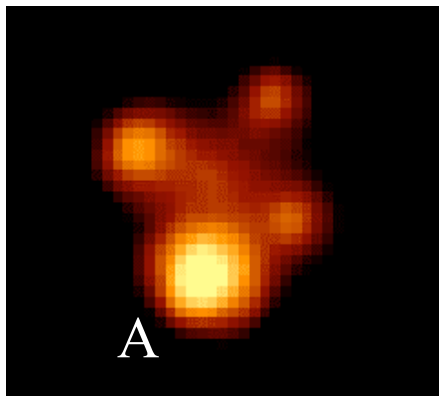
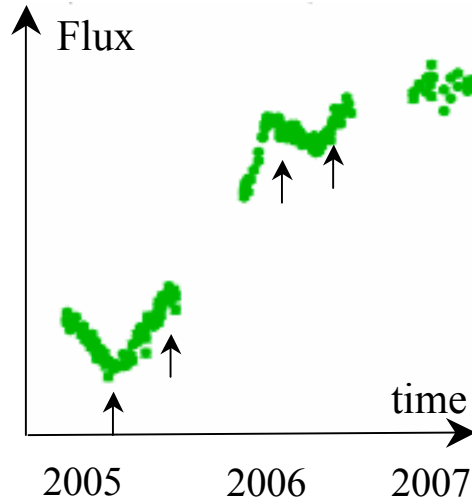


VLT FORS1 R-band



Intensity and profile variations of the BELs

Einstein Cross:
Image A



Microlensing simulations

Goal: to measure the energy profile of the accretion disk

$$R \propto \lambda^\eta$$

Theory tells us that

$$\eta = 1.30 \text{ (Shakura \& Sunyev, 1973)}$$

$$\eta = 1.15 \text{ (Agol \& Krolik, 2000)}$$

$$\eta = 1.75 \text{ (Gaskell 2008)}$$

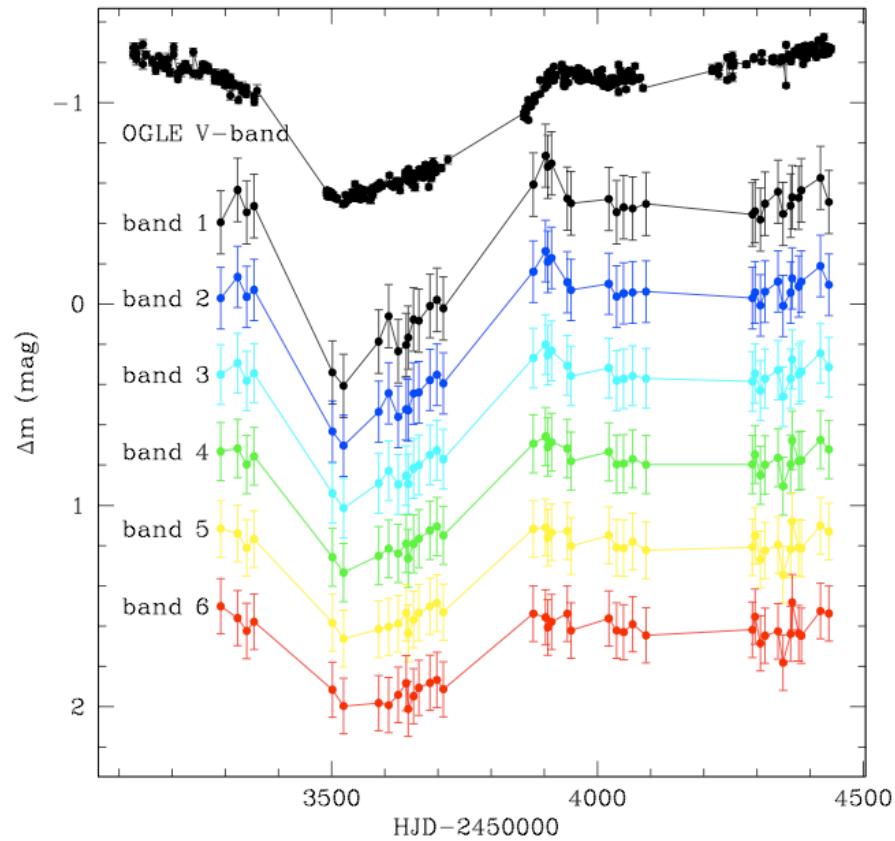
Need to measure source size as a function of distance to the black hole: use microlensing magnification

$$\frac{R}{R_{\text{ref}}} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_{\text{ref}}} \right)^\eta$$

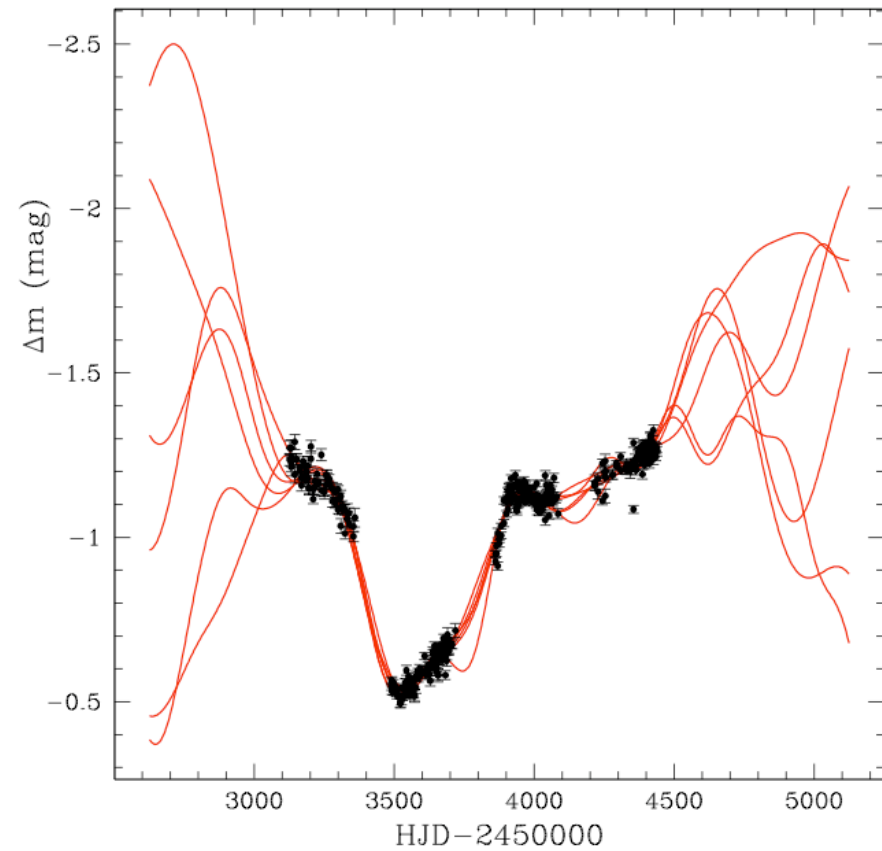
Microlensing simulations

- Convergence and shear from Kochanek (2004)
- $\langle M \rangle = 0.1 M_{\odot}$ (results not sensitive to the mass function)
- Microlensing patterns with 10000×10000 pixels: $100 R_E$
- 10^{11} ray shootings
- We fit difference light curves in six bands (continuum only)
 - 1- remove the intrinsic variations
 - 2- not sensitive to differential extinction

Microlensing simulations



Multiband (200Å) light curves
for the continuum (A-B)



Fit to the V-band OGLE
difference light curve (A-B)

Microensing simulations

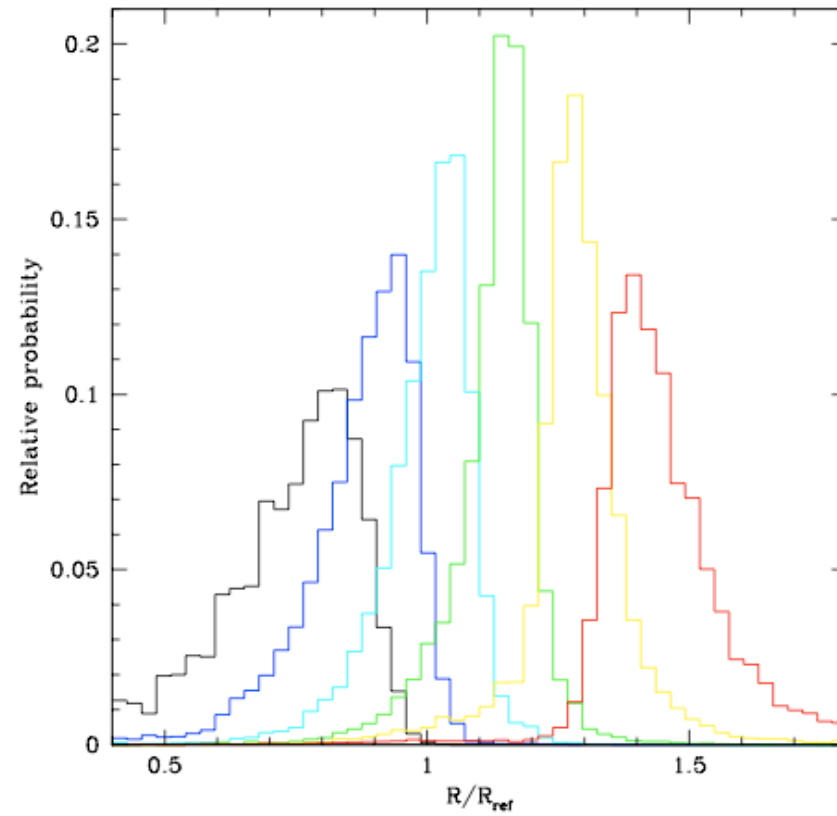
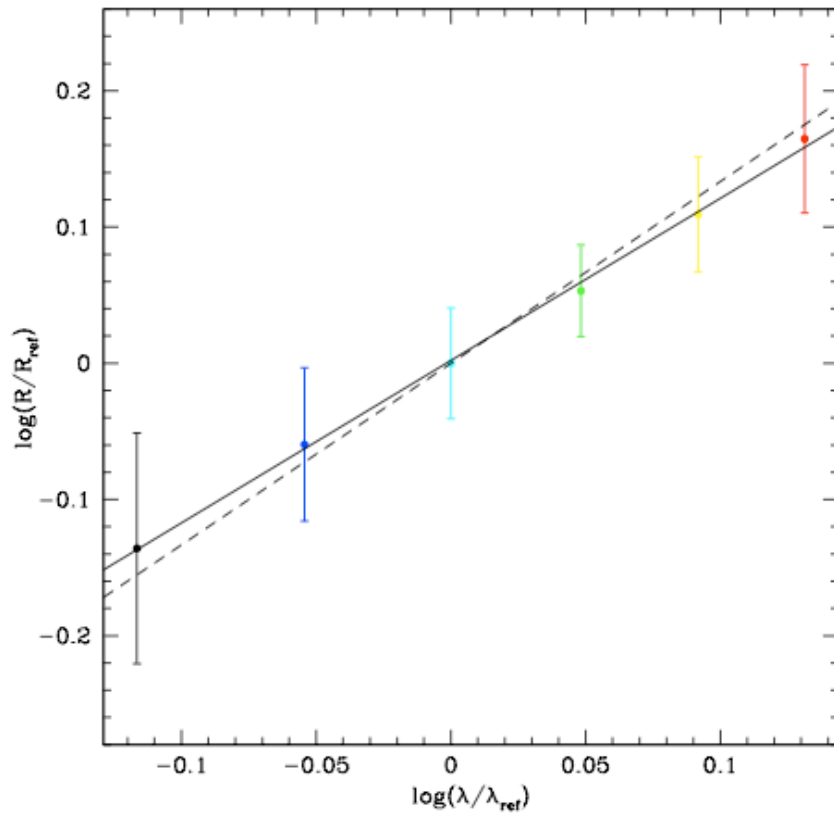
- Source shape is Gaussian (but unimportant)

- Choose 45 different source sizes:

$$0.01 R_E < R < 4 R_E$$

- For the 45 sizes, sample the source plane with 10000 light curves that fit well the OGLE data
- Library of 45000 “good” trajectories to carry out Bayesian analysis similar to Kochanek (2004) and Anguita et al. (2008)
- Find the best source size for each wavelength, i.e., peak of the probability distribution in radii

Microlensing simulations

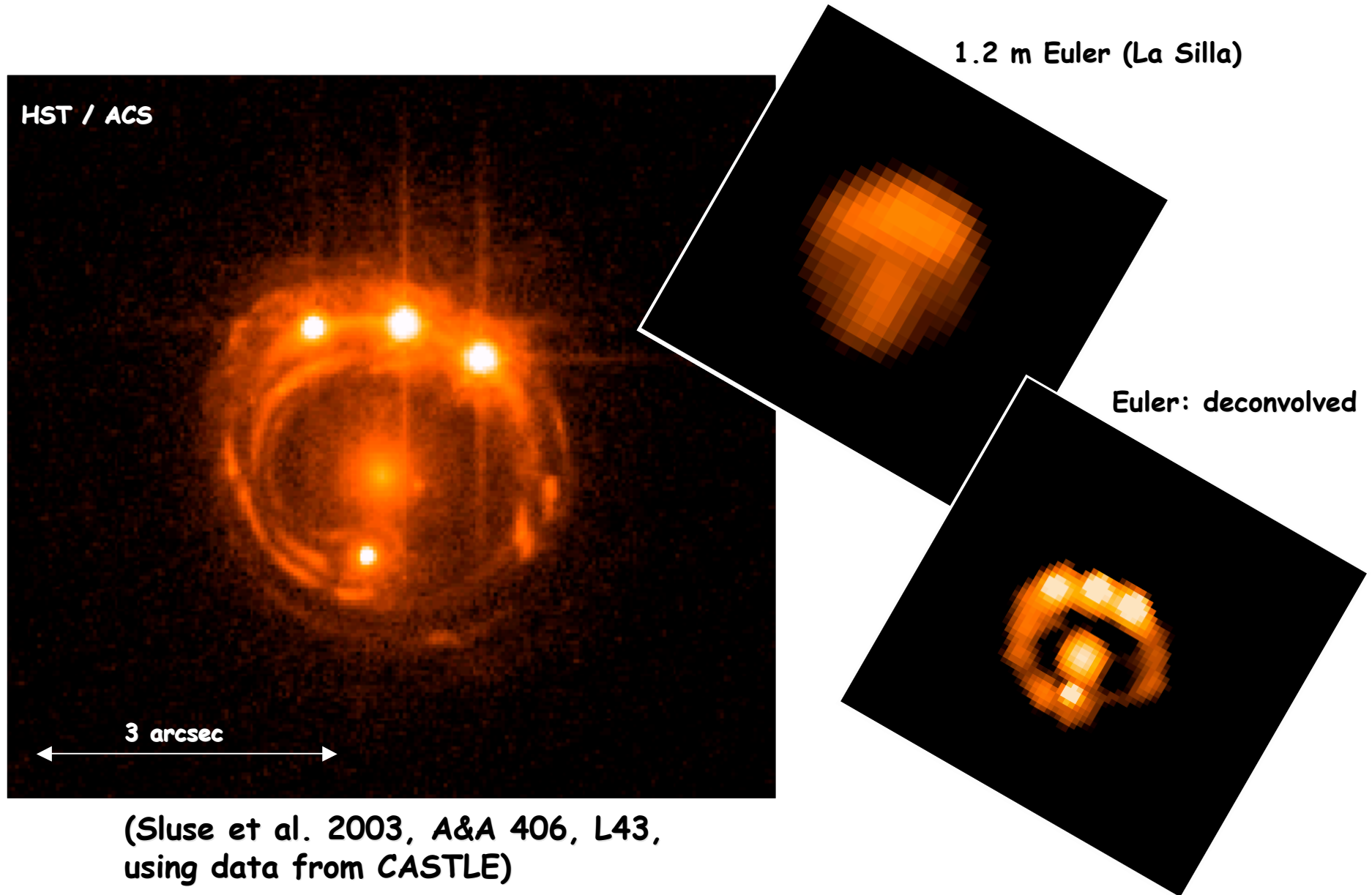


Linear regression to the data gives $\eta=1.2\pm 0.3$

Main results

- 42-epochs VLT spectra of the 4 individual quasar images
- Observations from Oct. 2004 to Dec. 2007
- $S/N \sim 100$ over 4000-8000 Å
- Energy profile is proportional to $\lambda^{1.2 \pm 0.3}$
- Best compatible with prediction from Agol and Krolik (2000), (slope $\eta = 1.14$, accretion disk powered by black hole spin)
- We do not rule out Shakura-Sunyaev (slope $\eta = 1.3$) yet.
- The Broad Emission Line also vary, both in intensity and profile
- High ionisation lines vary more than low ionisation lines, in agreement with reverberation mapping studies

Continuing with the quadruple RX J1131-123



Main results

Observational details in Paper I:

Eigenbrod, Courbin, Sluse, Meylan, Agol, 2008, A&A 480, 647

Microlensing simulations in Paper II:

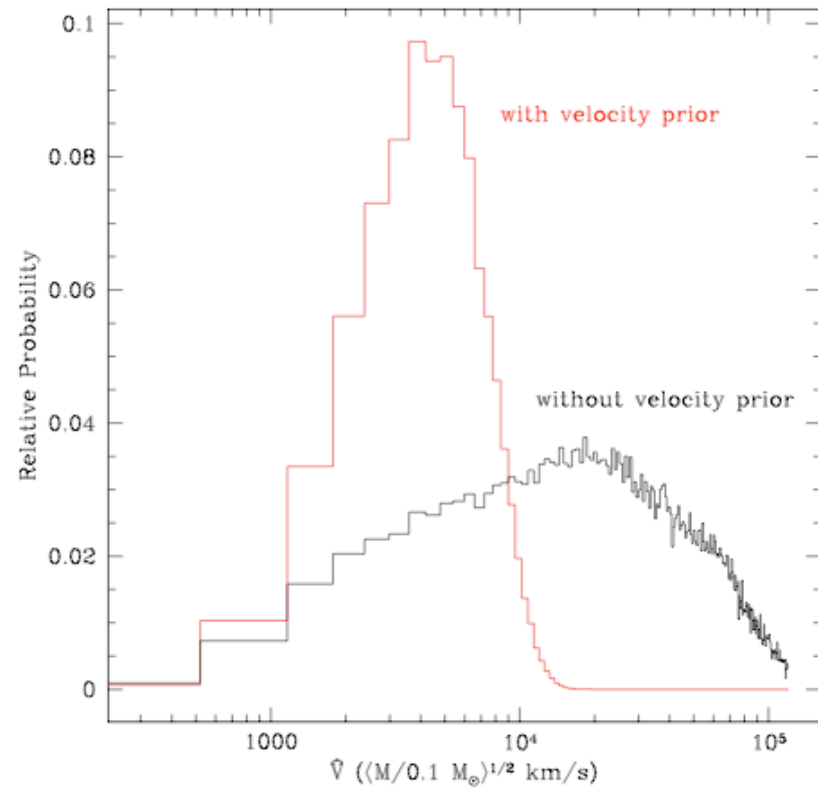
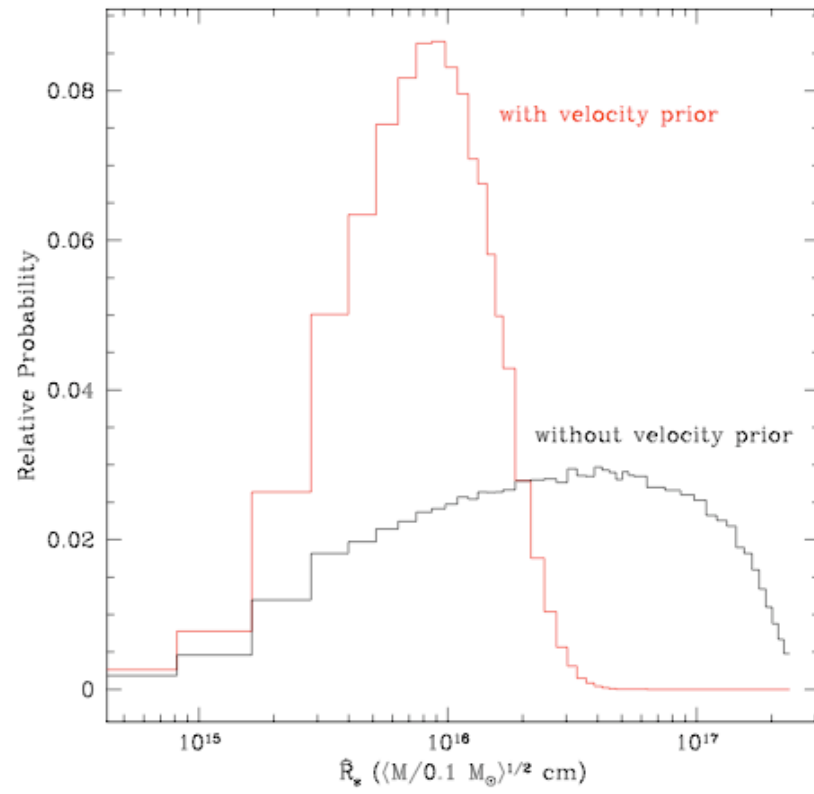
Eigenbrod, Courbin, Meylan, Agol, Anguita, Schmidt, Wambsganss
(in press in A&A, arXiv:0810.0011)

VLT monitoring of RXJ1131-123 has started

PI: Sluse

Questions

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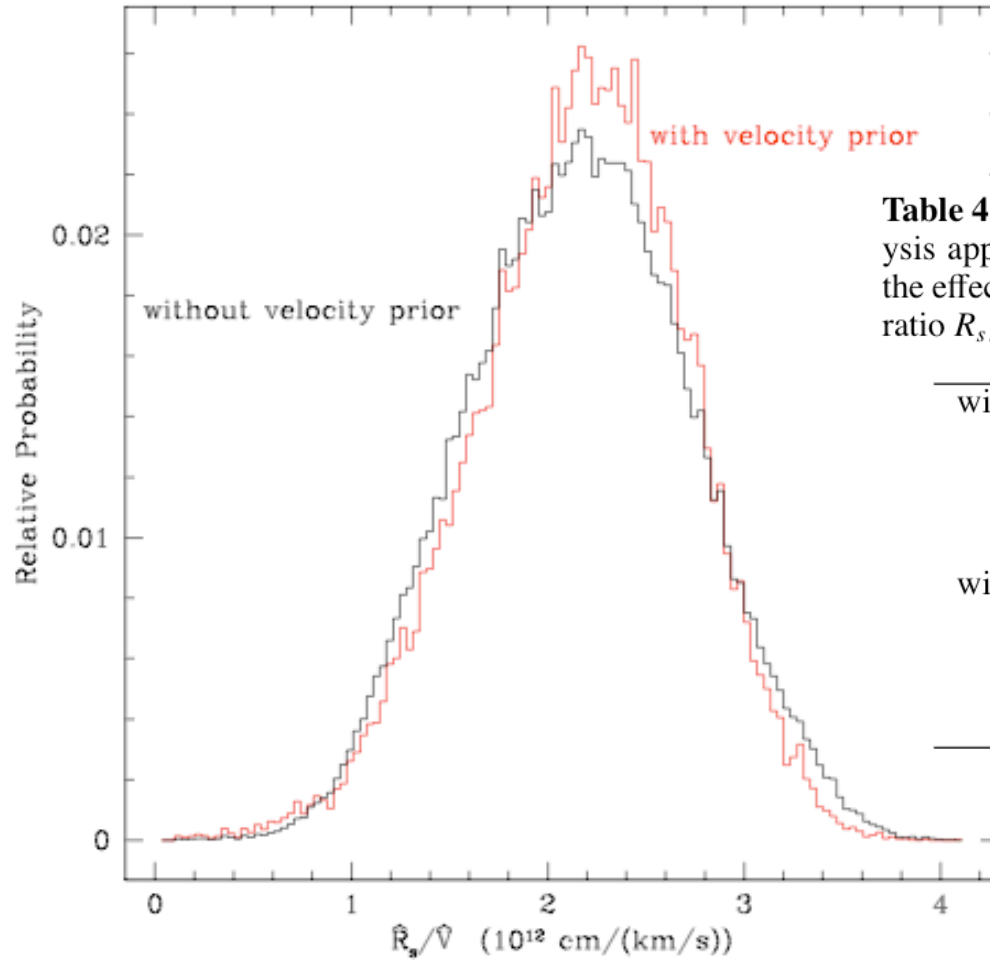


Table 4. Results from the microlensing simulations and Bayesian analysis applied to the OGLE data. We give the FWHM R_s of the source, the effective transverse velocity V measured in the source plane, and the ratio R_s/V .

with velocity prior

$$\hat{R}_s = (9.2^{+6.9}_{-5.8}) \times 10^{15} \langle M/0.1M_\odot \rangle^{1/2} \text{ cm} = (0.16^{+0.12}_{-0.10}) r_E$$

$$\hat{V} = (3.9^{+3.0}_{-1.8}) \times 10^3 \langle M/0.1M_\odot \rangle^{1/2} \text{ km/s}$$

$$\hat{R}_s/\hat{V} = (2.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{12} \text{ cm/(km/s)}$$

without velocity prior

$$\hat{R}_s = (4.0^{+7.5}_{-3.5}) \times 10^{16} \langle M/0.1M_\odot \rangle^{1/2} \text{ cm} = (0.69^{+1.30}_{-0.60}) r_E$$

$$\hat{V} = (1.8^{+2.8}_{-1.6}) \times 10^4 \langle M/0.1M_\odot \rangle^{1/2} \text{ km/s}$$

$$\hat{R}_s/\hat{V} = (2.1 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{12} \text{ cm/(km/s)}$$

Questions

