



# Role of Gravitational Lensing in Cosmology & Galaxy Formation

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*Applications of Gravitational Lensing*

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# Topical Applications of Strong & Weak Lensing

## Q: What does the non-lensing community expect of the lensing community?

- **Dark energy:** Weak lensing is thought, by theorists, to play the crucial role in precision studies. But is this a practical proposition?
- **Dark matter:** How can lensing probe the interplay between dark and baryonic matter? Why are the current efforts controversial?
- **Distant galaxies:** Highly magnified  $z > 2$  galaxies can play a vital role. How can we systematically search for more?
- **Cosmic Reionization:** What are the limitations and advantages of using gravitational telescopes to chart the  $z > 7$  Universe? Should we be devoting more effort here c.f. blank surveys?



# Dark Energy: theorists are having a field day...

**"Dark energy dynamics is perhaps the most pressing today in cosmology" (Bassett et al 2004)**

Riess et al. 2004, ApJ, 607, 665  
 "Type Ia Supernova Discoveries...Constraints on Dark Energy Evolution"  
 $w(z)=w(z,w_0,w')$   
 "Our constraints are consistent with a constant  $w$  and value of  $w$  expected for a cosmological constant, inconsistent with very rapid evolution."

aastro-ph/0311622, revised Apr 2004  
 "Cosmological parameters from supernova observations"  
 Choudhury and Padmanabhan

aastro-ph/0405446  
 Gong

analysis of dark energy I:  
 different forms  
 observations, no firm conclusions.

astro-ph/0403292  
 "New dark energy constraint from supernovae, microwave background, and galaxy clustering"  
 Wang and Tegmark  
 $w(z)=w(z,w_1,w_a,etc)$   
 "We have reported the most precise measurements to date of the dark energy density as a function of time in the universe. We have found that the data have a constraining power, the spectral index, high- $z$  supernova measurements, and no hints of departures from the  $\Lambda$ CDM corresponding to Einstein's cosmological constant."

astro-ph/0404468  
 "No evidence for Dark Energy Metamorphosis?"  
 Jonsson et al  
 $w(z)=\text{summation}(A_k, z, p_k)$   
 "For the ansatz proposed for dark energy evolution is both free and forced...Our best fit to the data with additional high redshift supernovae is consistent with the cosmological constant at the 68% confidence level."

astro-ph/0378  
 Padmanabhan  
 constraints on low redshift dark energy"  
 "By combining the supernova observations with the data from WMAP observations) restricts any possible variation of  $w(z)$  in recent epochs. The results rule out  $w(z)$  in recent epochs completely consistent with the constant as the source of dark energy."

astro-ph/07094  
 "Constraints on the dark energy equation of state from recent supernova data"  
 $w(z)=w(z,w_1)$   
 "Models for the equation of state of dark energy will remain a mug's game until there is substantially more data at higher redshift, i.e., data not highly precise."



**..go get data!**

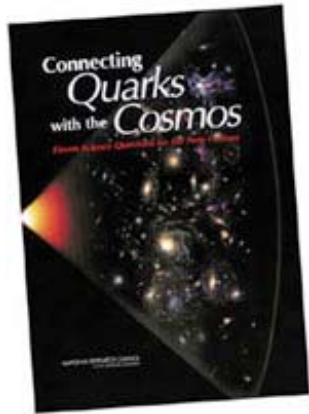
aastro-ph/0407364  
 "The essence of quintessence and the cost of compression"  
 Bassett, Corasaniti, Kunz  
 $w(z)=w(a,a_t,w_0,w_m,\delta)$ ; allows rapid changes  
 "Rapid evolution provides a superlative fit to the current SN Ia data...[significantly better than  $\Lambda$ ]"

astro-ph/0407372  
 "Cosmological parameter analysis including SDSS..."  
 Seljak et al.  
 $w(z)=w(a,w_0,w_1)$   
 "We find no evidence for variation of the equation of state with redshift."

astro-ph/0407452  
 Probing Dark Energy with Supernovae : a concordant or a convergent model?  
 Virey et al.  
 $w(z)=w(z,w_0,w')$   
 "Worries that wrong prior on  $\omega_m$  will bias the result. Suggests weaker prior, data consistent with  $\Lambda$  or significant DE evolution."

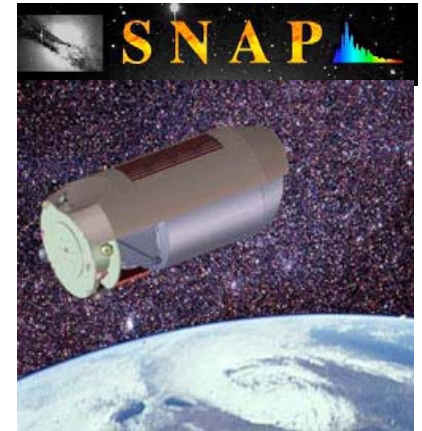
astro-ph/0408112  
 "Scaling Dark Energy"  
 Capozziello, Melchiorri, Schirone  
 $w(z)=w(z,z_b,z_s)$ ; phenomenological  
 "We found that the current data does not show evidence for cosmological evolution of dark energy...a simple but theoretically flawed cosmological constant still provides a good fit to the data."

# New Proposals for Tracking Dark Energy



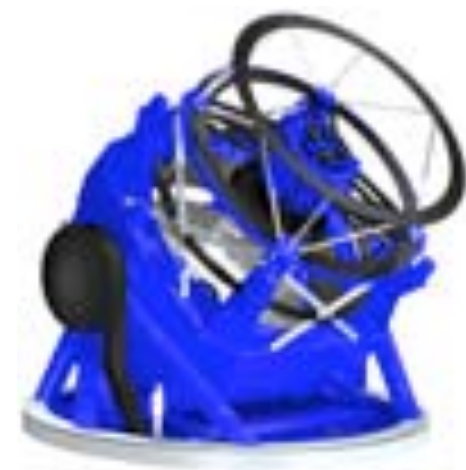
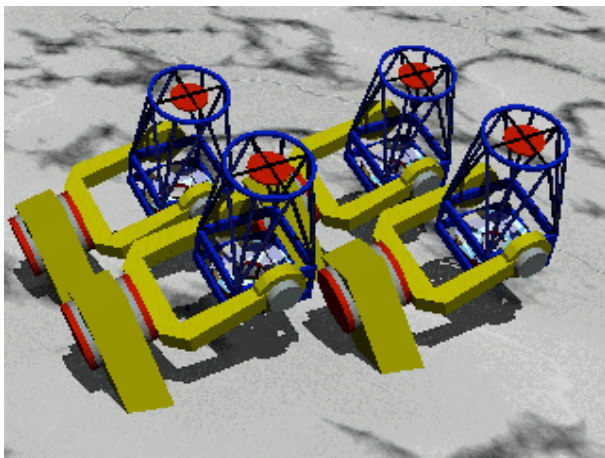
DoE/NASA initiated studies for a Joint Dark Energy space mission (JDEM, 2015+), also ESA/CNES

**Contenders: SNAP, Destiny, ADEPT. Also GRALE/DUNE**



Shorter term initiatives on the ground (DoD/DoE/NSF):

**Pan-STARRS (2007) Dark Energy Survey (2009), VISTA-Dark Camera (2011), Subaru HSC/WFMOS (2012), LSST (2013+)**





# Should Significant Observational Resources be Devoted to DE Studies?

## Positive opinions:

- Dark Energy is a very pressing problem in the physical sciences; whatever the outcome, the impact on our view of the Universe will be profound
- We can't ignore what we don't understand; this is the ultimate quest

## Negative opinions:

- DE studies, if supported, would dominate our observing facilities for next 20 years & might offer improved precision without any further understanding. If  $w = -1.0000$  in 2026 what will we have learned?
- DE will distract resources & young people from more tractable and fruitful astrophysical questions.
- We are becoming particle physicists: 'a community chasing one goal'

# What's the Observer's Target? Stepwise Approach

- Dark energy has no agreed physical basis

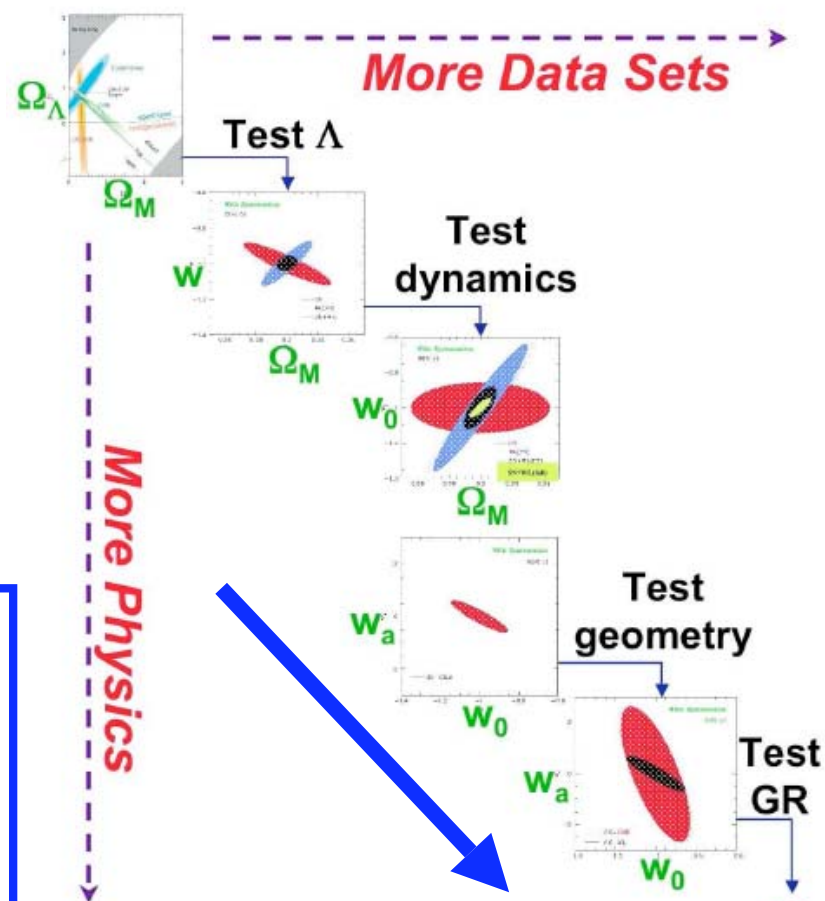
constant  $\Lambda \rightarrow$  static  $w \rightarrow$  dynamic

$$w = w_0 + w_a (1-a)$$

$w(t)$  has no naturally-predicted form

- Wrong parameterization can lead to incorrect deductions: models are degenerate!

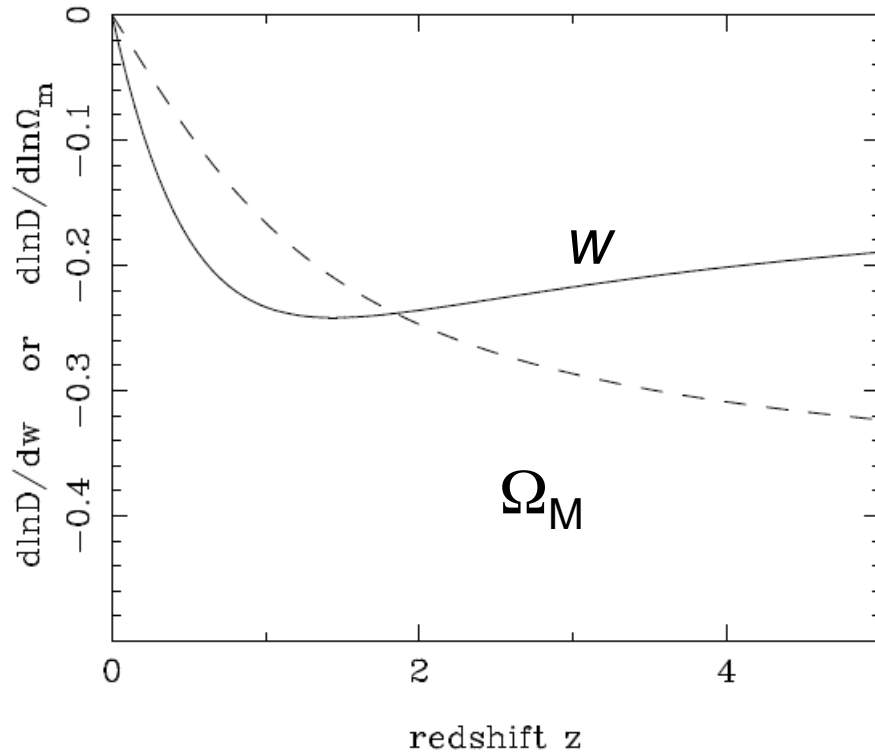
- Incremental approaches:
  - reject null hypothesis of  $\Lambda$  ( $w \neq -1$ )
  - prove via more than one method  $w \neq \text{const}$
  - derive empirical evolution  $a(t)$ ,  $G(t)$ ,  $d_A(z)$ , so test GR



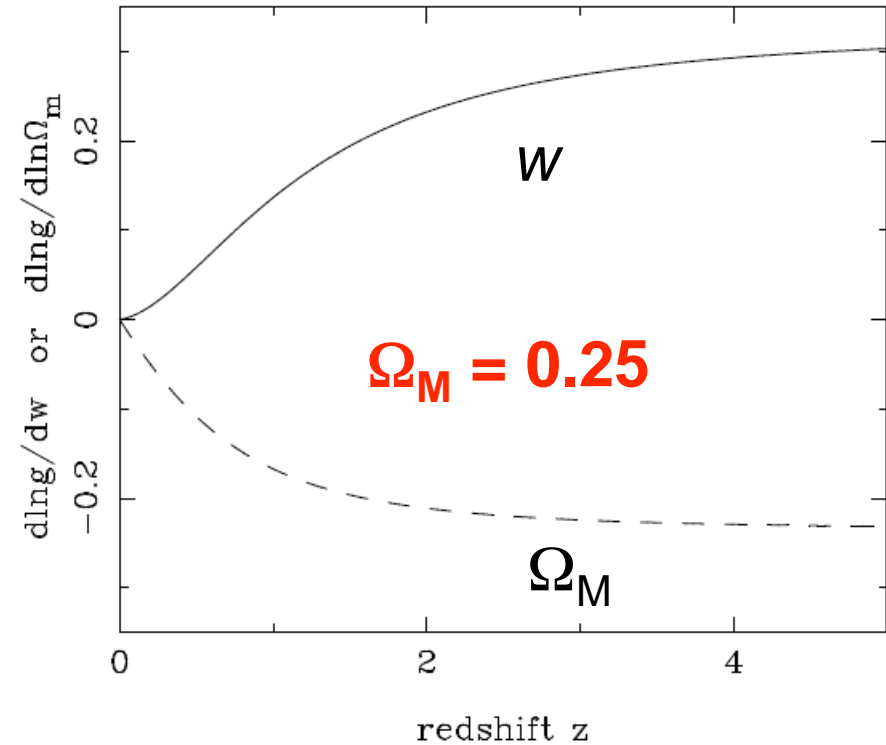
Linder (astro-ph/0511197)

# Contrasting Distance & Growth-based Methods

$d\ln D/dw$  (SNe/wiggles)



$d\ln g/dw$  (lensing)



$D(z)$ : not v. sensitive to  $w$ : 1% precision requires  $D$  to 0.2%  
also  $w$  degenerate with changes in  $\Omega_M$

$g(z)$ :  $w$  has opposite effect to  $\Omega_M$   
weak lensing could thus play a key role

# Is Weak Lensing Going to Cut It..?

Everyone agrees WL is a promising probe....but.....

## Issues include:

- **Calibration:** Need to measure shear to  $10^{-3}$  & control systematics to  $10^{-3.5}$ ; current best methods 10 x worse. OK if we understand limitations - not clear we do, much work needed (STEP project: Heymans & Massey )
- **PSF correction:** Ground versus space: is space required? (Refregier et al AJ 127, 3102, 2004)
- **Redshift distributions:** require accurate  $N(z)$  for background populations (see van Waerbeke et al astro-ph/0603696 for appraisal of issues)
- **Intrinsic Alignments:** e.g. due to tidal torques; ~few % effect mitigated by down-weighting very close pairs or using photo-z information (Heyman & Heavens MN 339, 711 (2003))
- **Shear-Galaxy Correlations:** Subtle bias first noticed by Hirata & Seljak, Phys. Rev D, 70, (2004) due to possible correlation of foreground galaxy with density enhancement which could contaminate cosmic shear at 10% level for typical surveys (Heymans et al (astro-ph/0604001)).

**Not just simulations but direct observational comparisons**



# Shear Testing Evaluation Project

Blind comparisons on simulated datasets (Heymans & Massey)

Author	Key	Method
Bergé	JB	Shapelets (Massey & Refregier 2005)
Clowe	C1	KSB+ (same PSF model used for all galaxies)
Clowe	C2	KSB+ (PSF weight size matched to galaxies')
Hetterscheidt	MH	KSB+
Hoekstra	HH	KSB+
Jarvis	MJ	Bernstein & Jarvis (2002)
Jarvis	MJ2	Bernstein & Jarvis (2002) (new weighting scheme)
Kuijken	KK	Shapelets (Kuijken 2006)
Mandelbaum	RM	Reglens (Hirata & Seljak 2003)
Nakajima	RN	Bernstein & Jarvis (2002) (deconvolution fitting)
Paulin-Henriksson	SP	KSB+
Schirmer	MS1	KSB+ (scalar shear susceptibility)
Schirmer	MS2	KSB+ (tensor shear susceptibility)
Schrabback	TS	KSB+
Semboloni	ES1	KSB+ (shear susceptibility fitted from population)
Semboloni	ES2	KSB+ (shear susceptibility for individual galaxies)

		Shear measurement method	
		Moments	Fitting
PSF correction scheme	Subtraction	KSB+ (various) Reglens (RM) RRG* K2K* Ellipto*	BJ02 (MJ, MJ2)
	Deconvolution	Shapelets (JB) im2shape*	Shapelets (KK) BJ02 (RN)

STEP1 (Heymans et al, astro-ph/0506112): ellipsoidal ground-based data

STEP2 (Massey et al, astro-ph/0608643): shapelet ground-based data

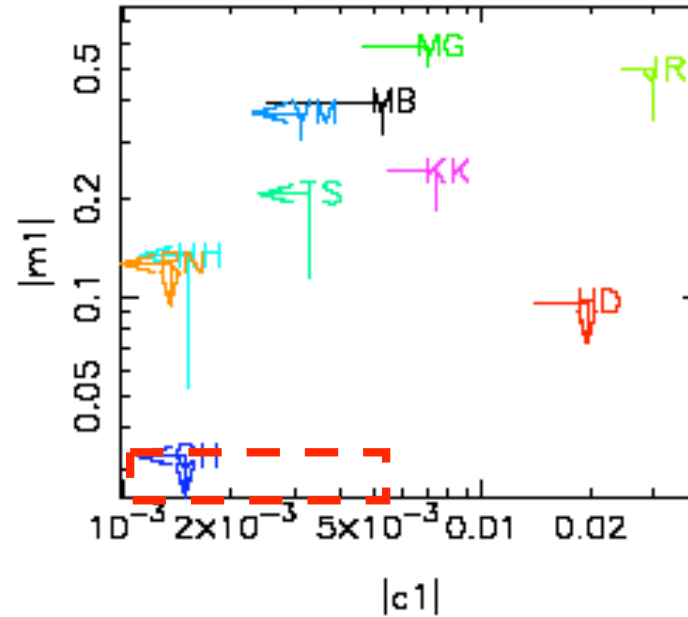
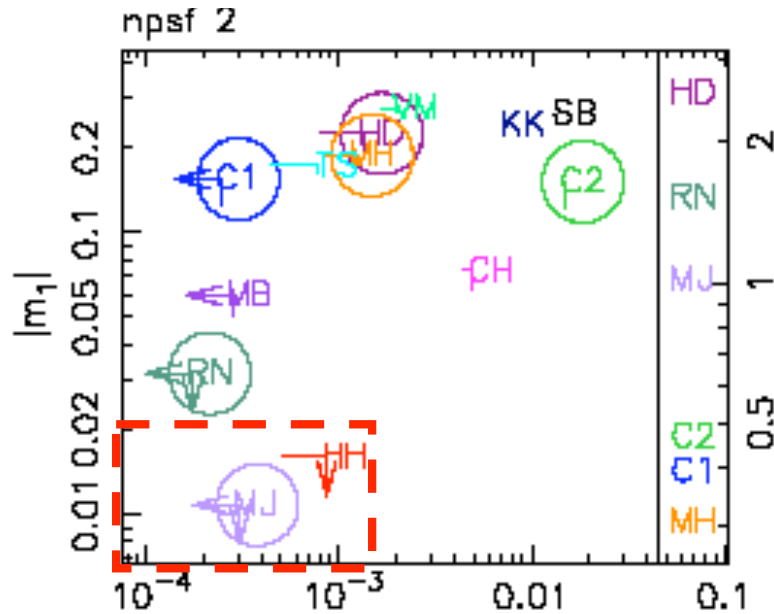
STEP3 (in progress): shapelet space-based data

# Testing Shear Codes with Simulations

$$\Delta\gamma = m_1\gamma + c_1$$

Ellipsoidal simulations

Shapelet simulations

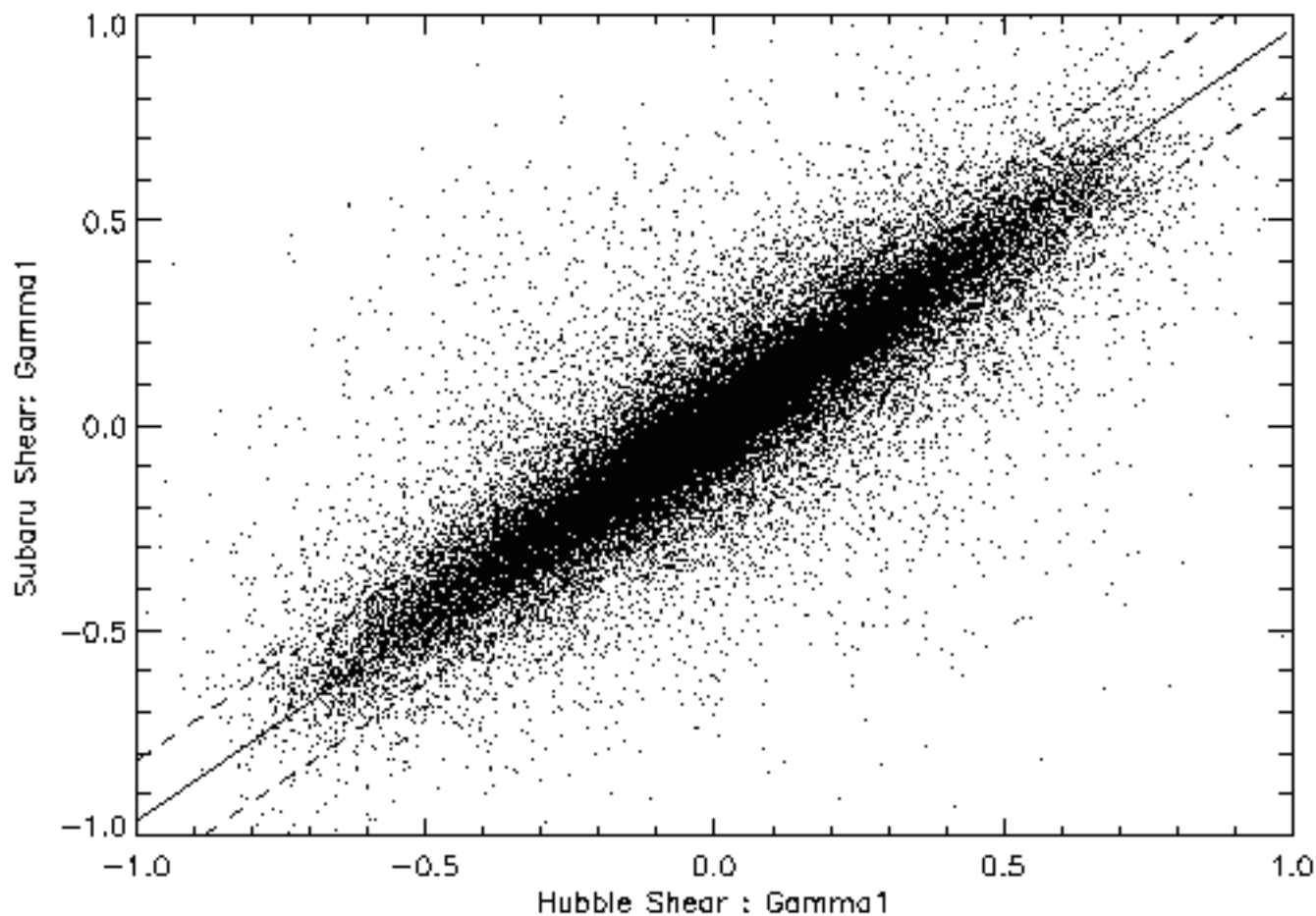


Can we understand the results?

- Groups with acceptable results with one form of simulation perform poorly on another (more realistic?) type - why?
- Many modified algorithms offer no apparent gain over classical formalism (KSB) - why?

*Heymans et al ; Massey et al*

# Ground vs Space: Shear-Shear Comparison



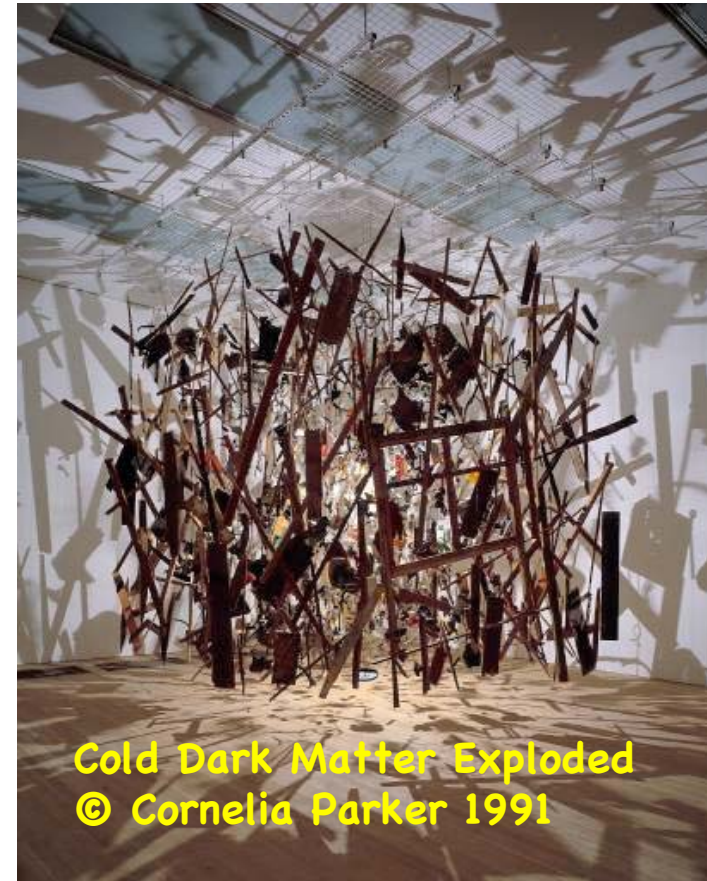
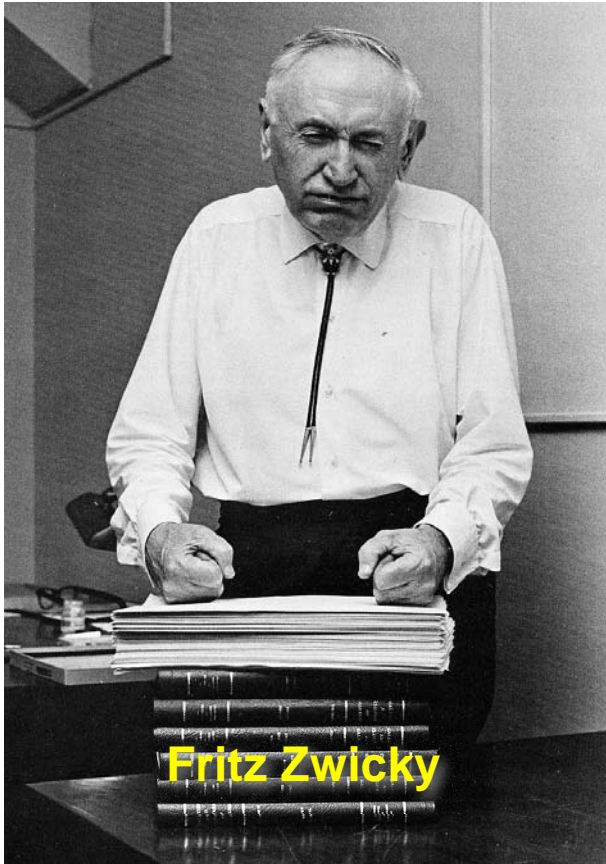
**COSMOS field 2 deg<sup>2</sup>**

**Kasliwal et al, in prep**





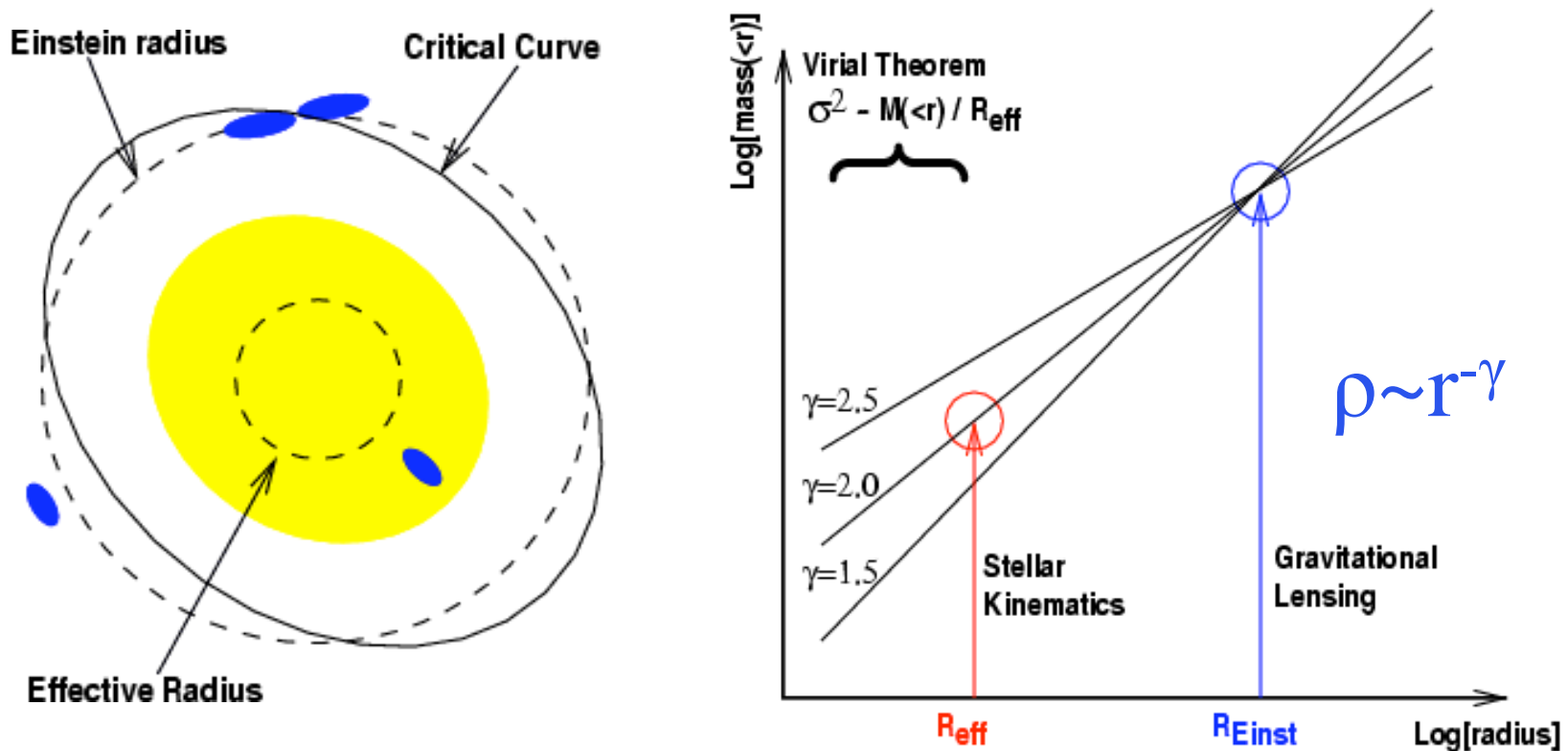
# Dark Matter



Key role of strong & weak lensing:

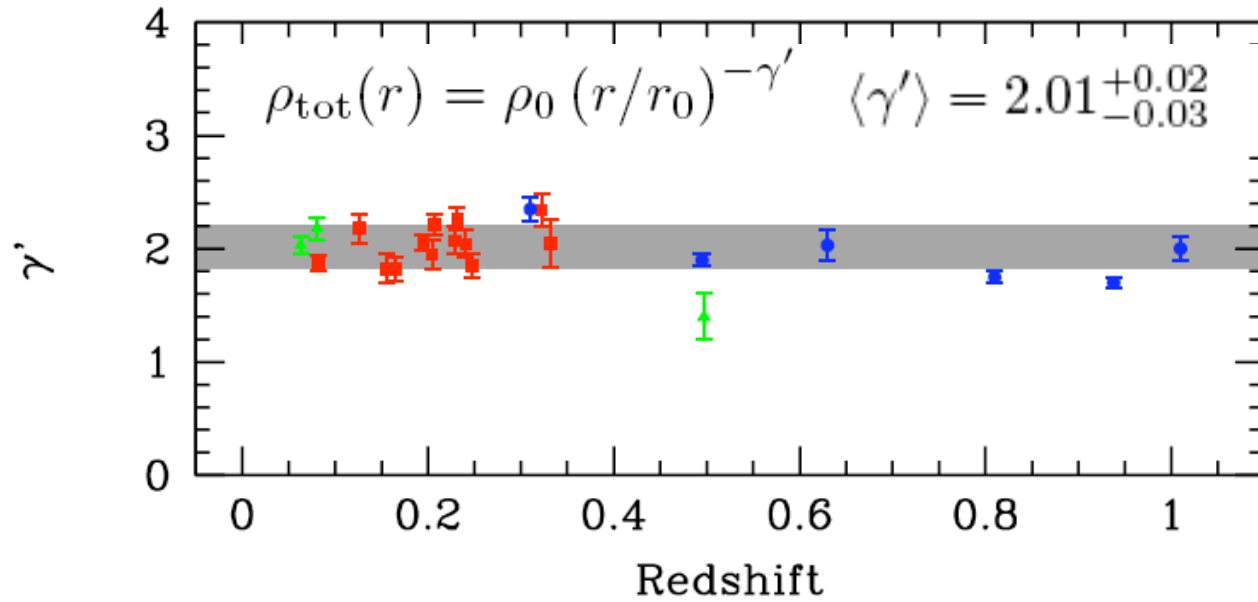
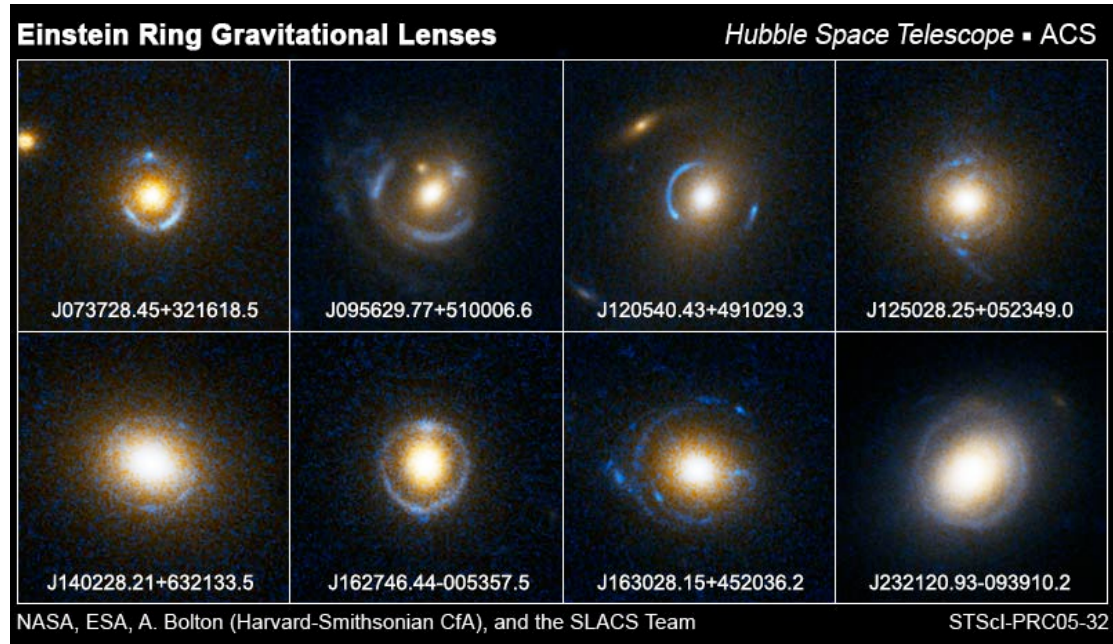
- DM distribution on large & small scales
- Relation to baryons: separate using dynamics

# Combining Lensing & Stellar Dynamics: I



On galactic scales, lensing and stellar dynamics provide complementary constraints on the mass distribution. In combination, therefore, they constrain the slope,  $\gamma$ , of the total mass distribution and can be used to separate baryonic and DM distributions

# SLACS: DM as $f(L, z)$





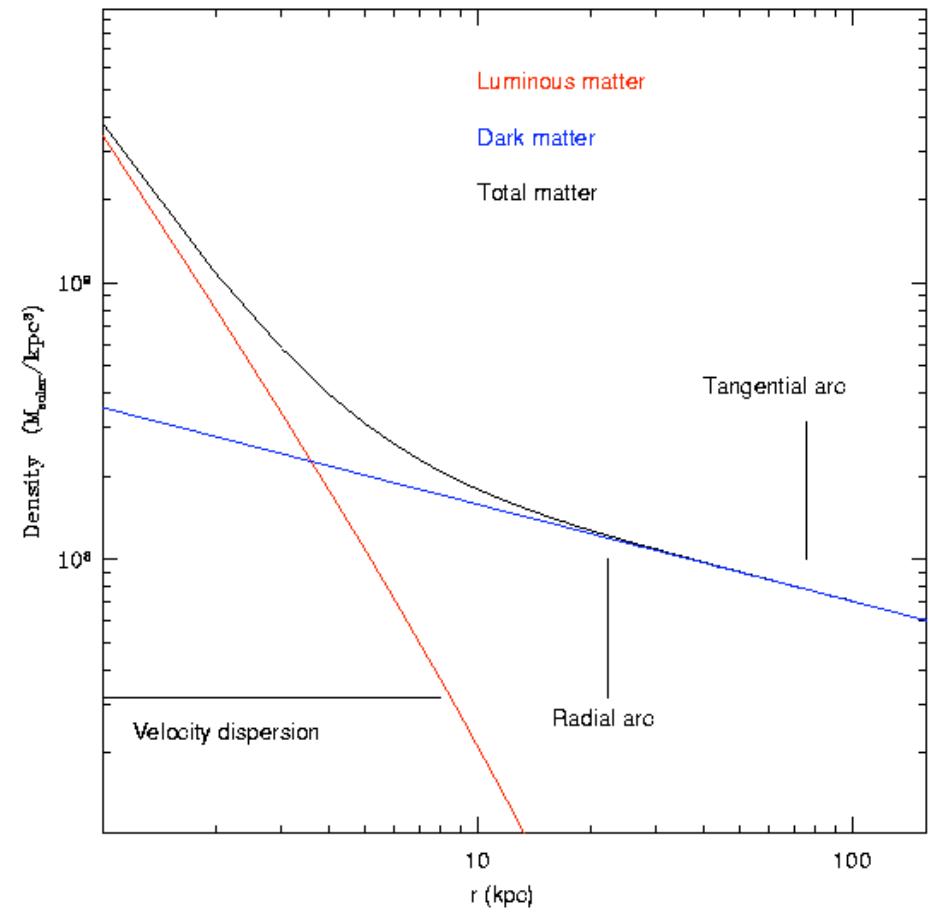
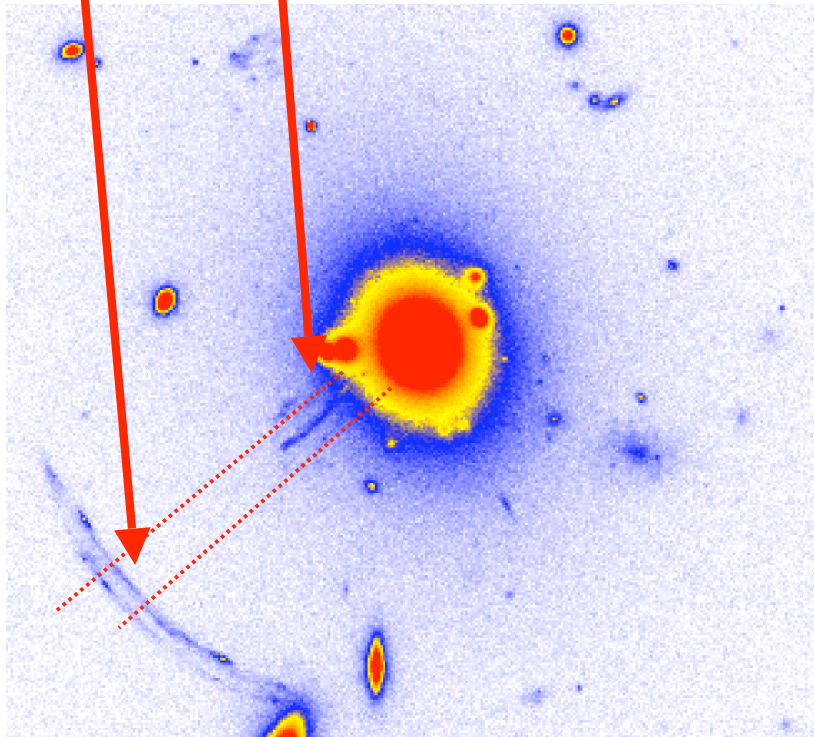
# Combining Lensing & Stellar Dynamics: II

MS2137-23 ( $z=0.313$ )

Sand et al

Tangential:  $M(<r)$

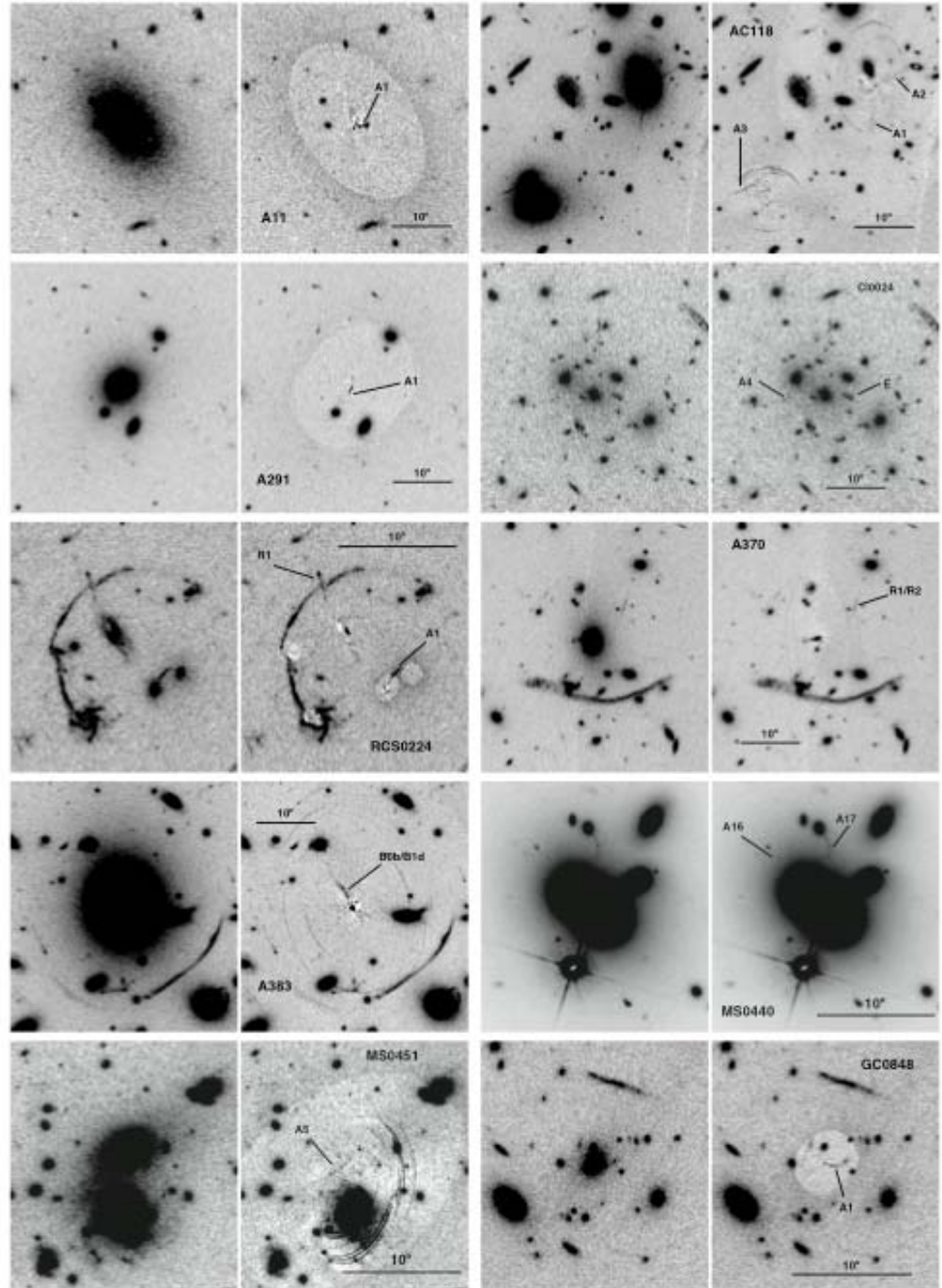
Radial:  $dM/dr$



Separating baryons and DM in cluster cores

# Hubble WFPC2 Archive

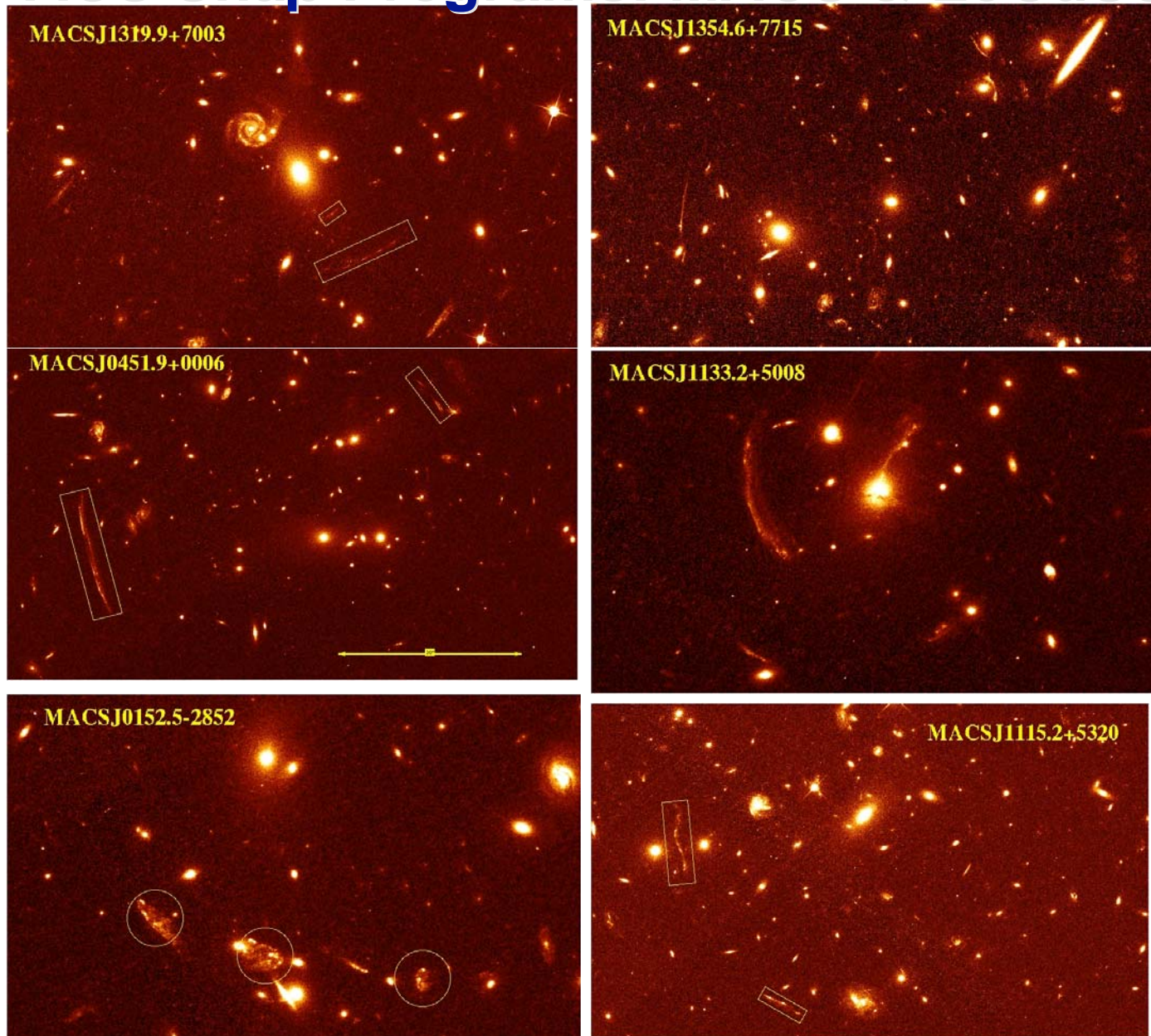
- 129 HST clusters
- 105 tangential arcs
- 12 radial arcs
- Key uncertainties:  
BCG mass,  
asymmetries,  
substructure
- Survey worthwhile



*Sand et al (2005)*



# Great Progress Will Follow Spectroscopic Followup of ACS Snap Programs: MACS & LoCuSS



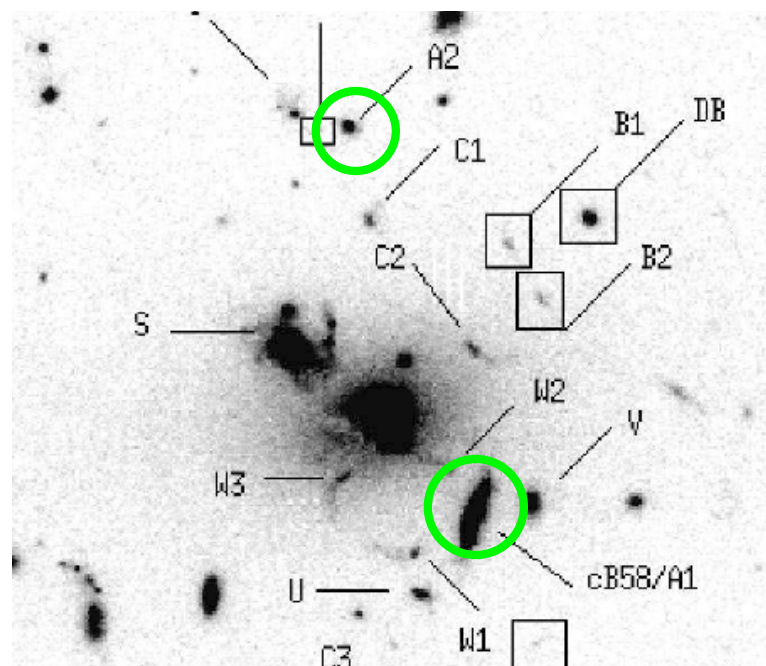
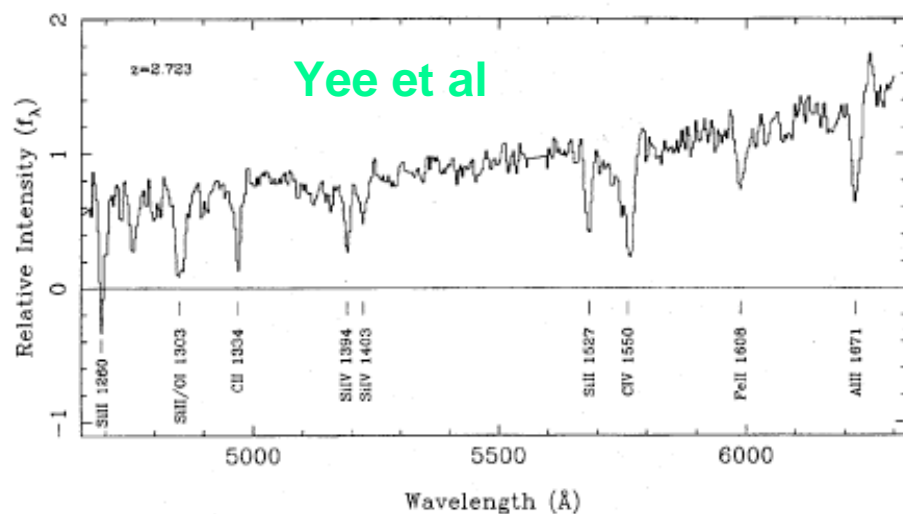


## Distant Galaxies: cB58 - the first lensed LBG

Yee et al (1996): serendipitous discovery of  $z \sim 2.72$   $V=20.5$  source during CNOC cluster survey

Seitz et al (1998): HST demonstration of strong-lensing (mag  $\sim \times 20-40$ )

Pettini et al (2002): exploitation via Keck Echelle Spectroscopic Imager (ESI)

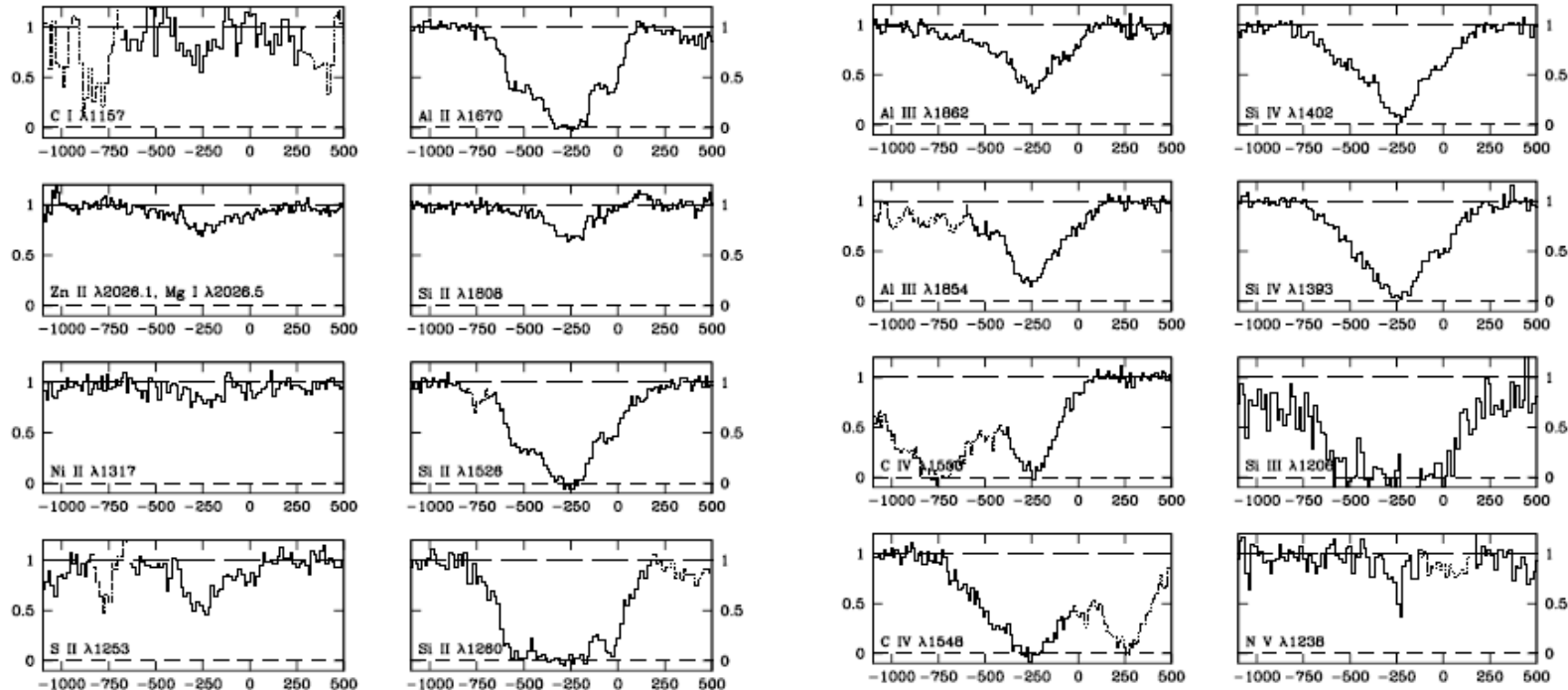


**See also Rowan-Robinson et al (1991) IRAS 10214+4724  $z=2.286$   
Lensed AGN mag  $\sim \times 50$**

# Keck ESI spectrum of cB58 (Pettini et al 2002)

Low ionisation

High ionisation

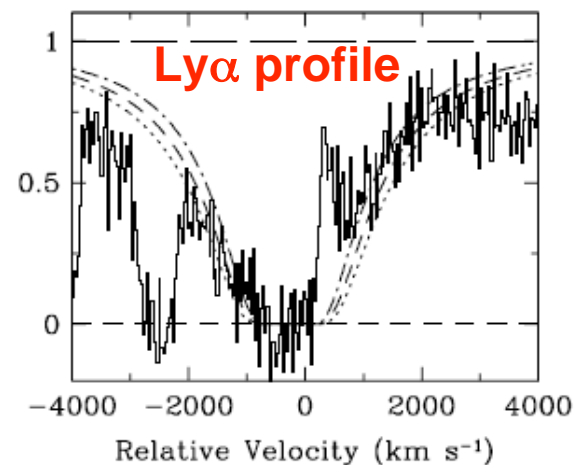


ESI: 10 orders,  $4000\text{\AA} - 1\mu\text{m}$ ,  $11.5\text{km/s/pix}$

Abundances & outflow kinematics for  $\sim 40$  interstellar species from H through Zn

ISM enriched by SNII (2/3 solar) in past 300Myr

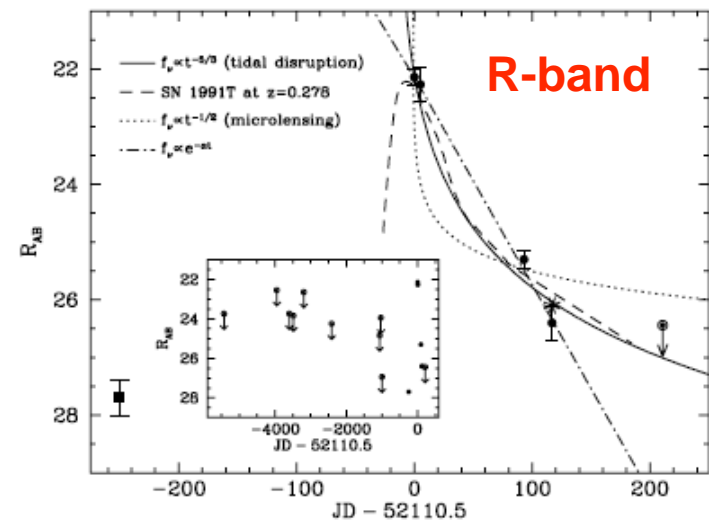
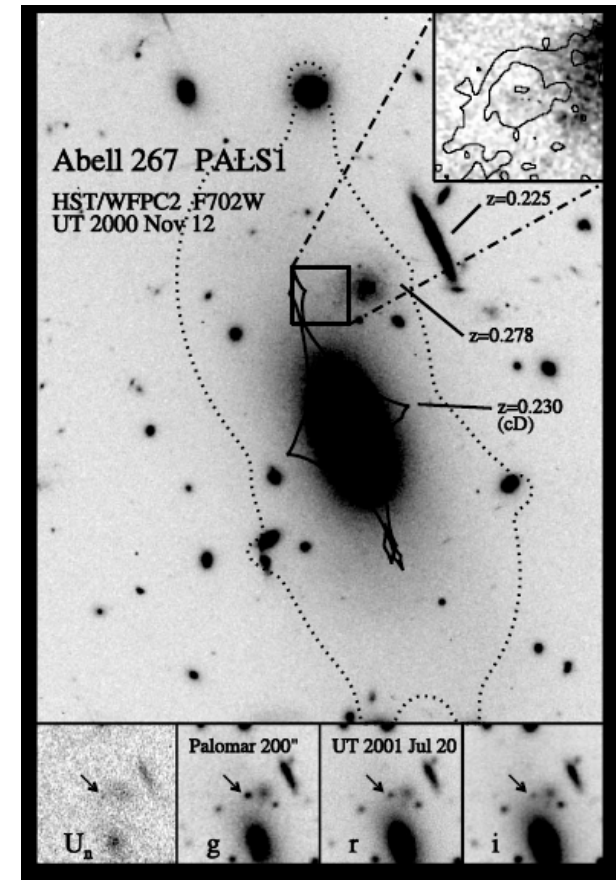
*Can we find more examples of lensed LBGs?*



# Systematic Searches for Lensed LBGs

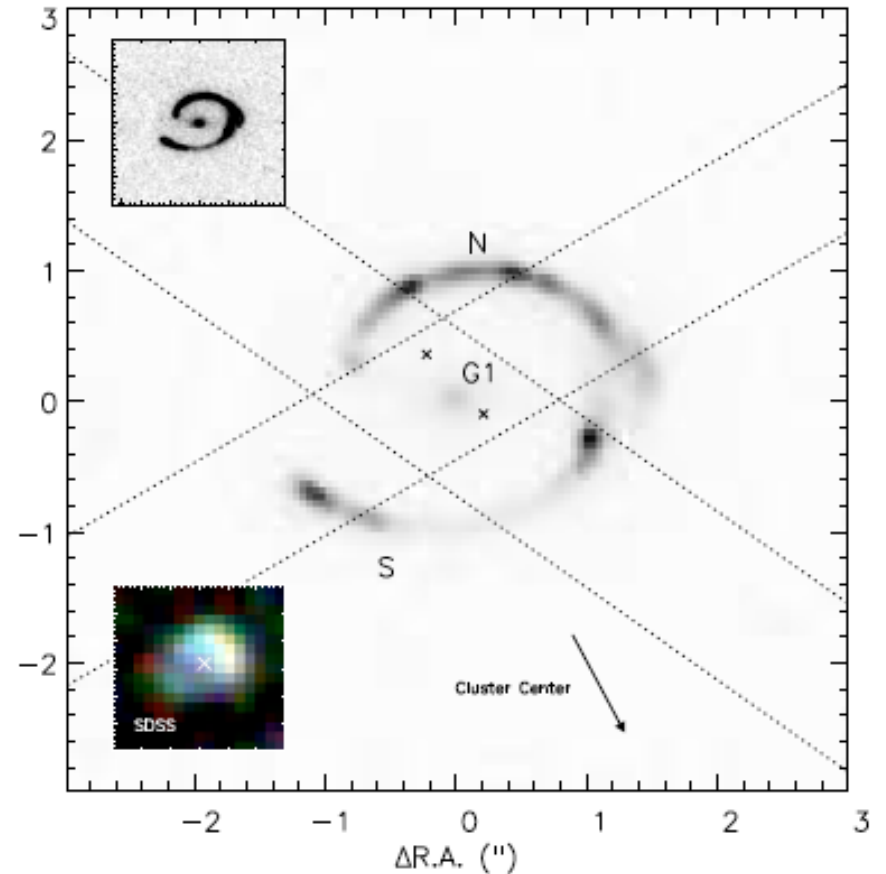
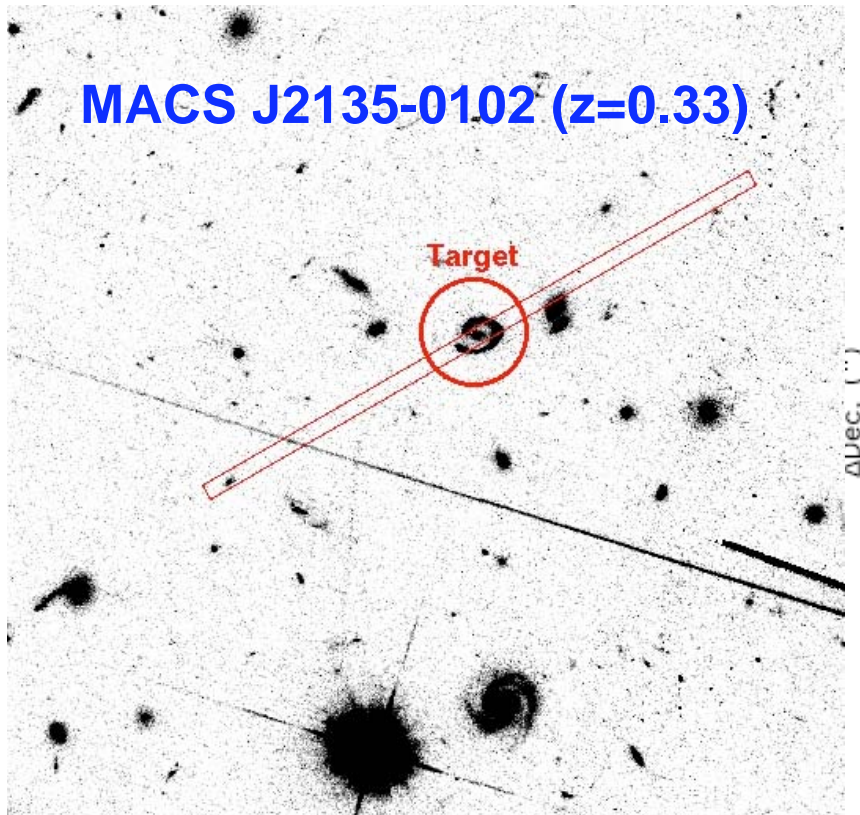
## Palomar Amplified Lyman Break Survey (PALS)

- Ugr*i* snapshot imaging of ~100 X-ray selected lensing clusters (PI: Dave Sand)
- To first locate LBGs at Palomar, Steidel used 15000s (U), 10000 (g), 5000s (r, i)
- To find magnified examples, we used 900s (U), 600s (g), 240s (r, i)
- But despite two years of searching, no more lensed LBGs were found (in ~30 clusters)!
- See Stern et al (2004) for the only 'science deliverable' from this heroic effort: a lensed transient (possibly a flare from a tidally distributed star at  $z=3.3$ ) or SN1991T-like SN in the foreground cluster





# The 'Cosmic Eye'



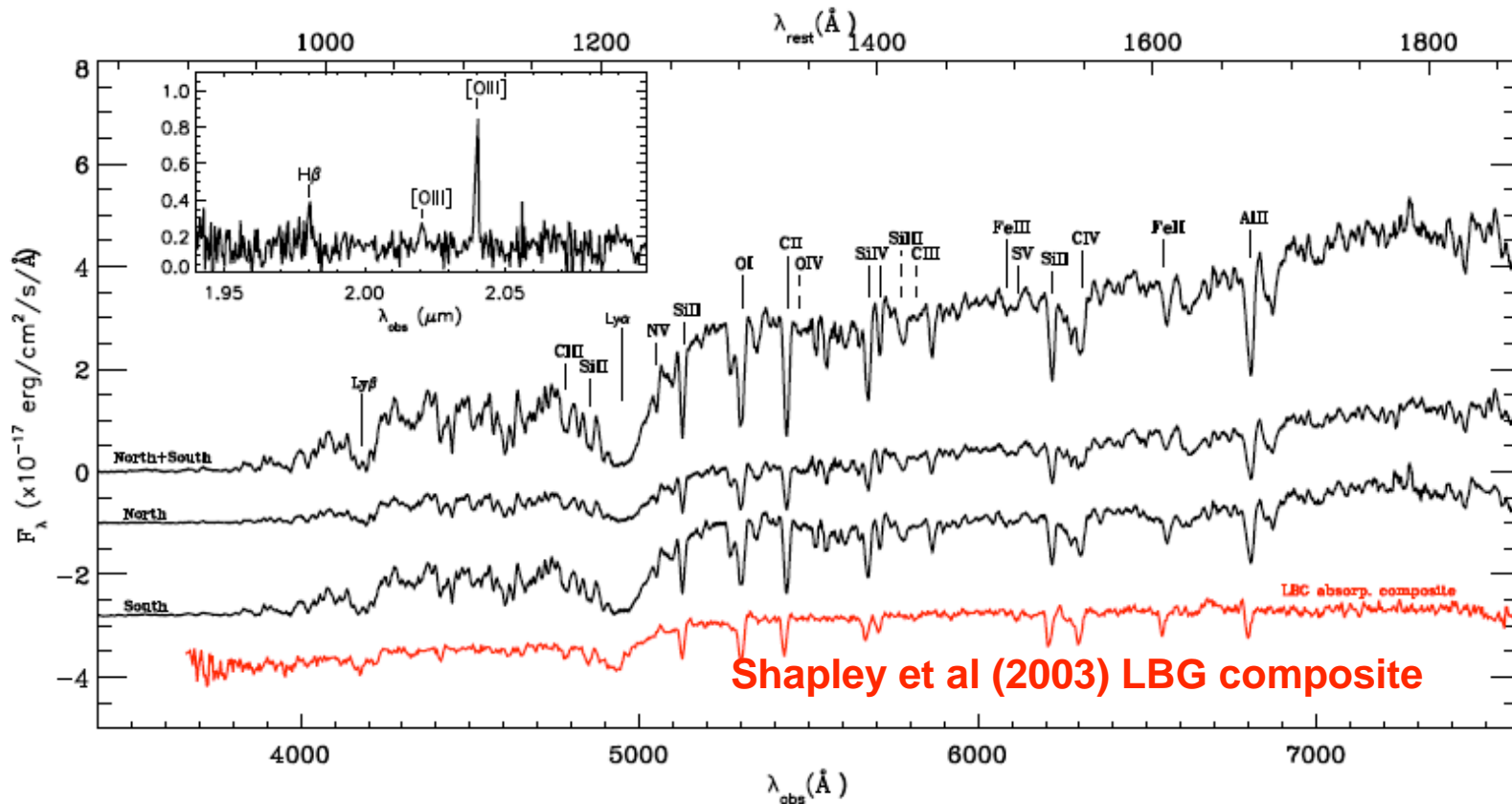
HST snapshot F606W imaging of MACS clusters (PI: Ebeling)

Two non-concentric arcs in periphery (75" from cD)

Named after the Egyptian 'Eye of Horus'



# Keck Follow-up



LRIS (JR): June 30,  $2 \times 1$  hr : arcs have same redshift,  $z=3.0747(\pm 5)$   
 subtle differences in Ly $\alpha$ , Ly $\beta$  profiles,  
 $z(\text{G1})=0.7268$  (not a cluster member!)

NIRSPEC (DPS/RSE): July 24, 40m, [O III], H $\beta$  emission,  $z=3.0743(\pm 1)$

NIRC-K (JR): July 4, 1000s,  $R_{606}$ -K colors of arcs identical,  $K(\text{G1})=19.7$  ( $L^*$ )

# Upshot: A Typical LGB Magnified by $\times 30$

Mass model (Kneib et al, in prep) using *LENSTOOL*:

- $z \sim 3.07$  LGB pair lensed by a combination of a  $L_K^* z=0.73$  galaxy and a  $z=0.33$  cluster
- Einstein radii of arcs  $\sim 1.0$  arcsec (c.f. 0.73 arcsec implied for G1 alone)
- Boosting by cluster is  $\sim 30\%$  effect
- Cluster shear accounts for non-concentric nature of two arcs
- Provisional model gives  $\text{mag} = \times 30 \pm 5$
- Two sources are 1.5 kpc apart in source plane (and  $< 1$  kpc in size)

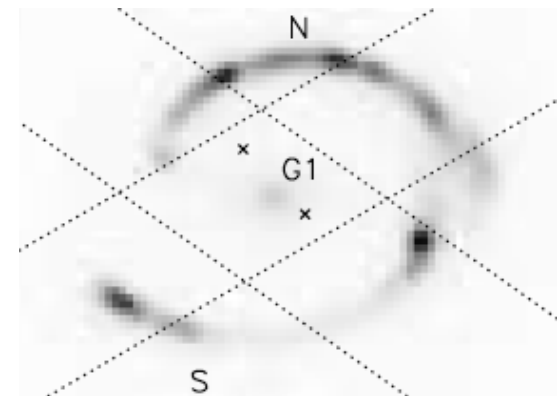
## LGB properties

Correcting for lensing,  $L_K = 22.6 \pm 0.2$  (AB)

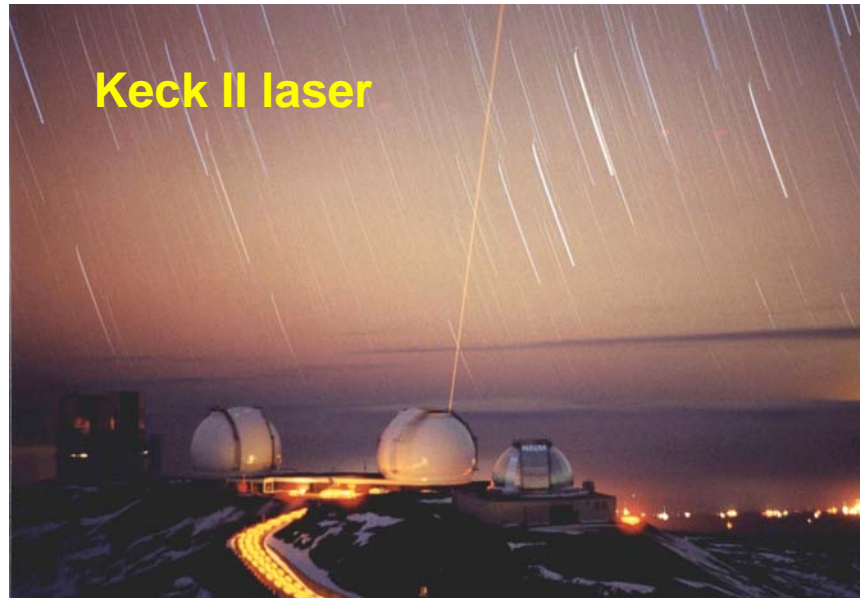
Shapley et al gives  $L_K^*(z \sim 3) = 22.5 \pm 0.25$  (AB)

$R_{606} - K_{AB} \sim 1.6$  (c.f.  $1.0 \pm 0.6$  for Shapley et al)

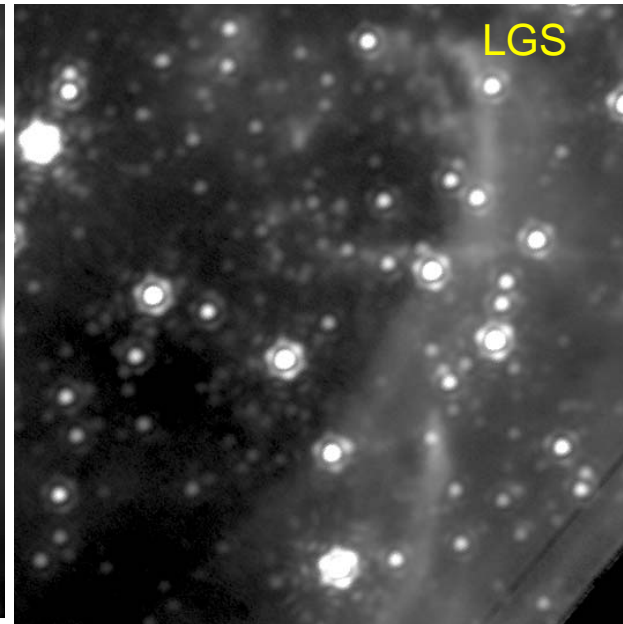
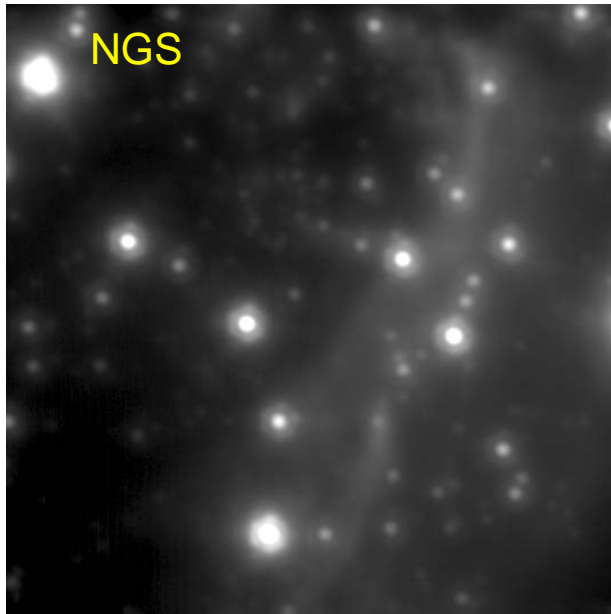
SFR  $\sim 100 M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$



# The Era of All-Sky Adaptive Optics Has Arrived!



Natural GS  
Strehl=0.34  
FWHM: 92  
mas

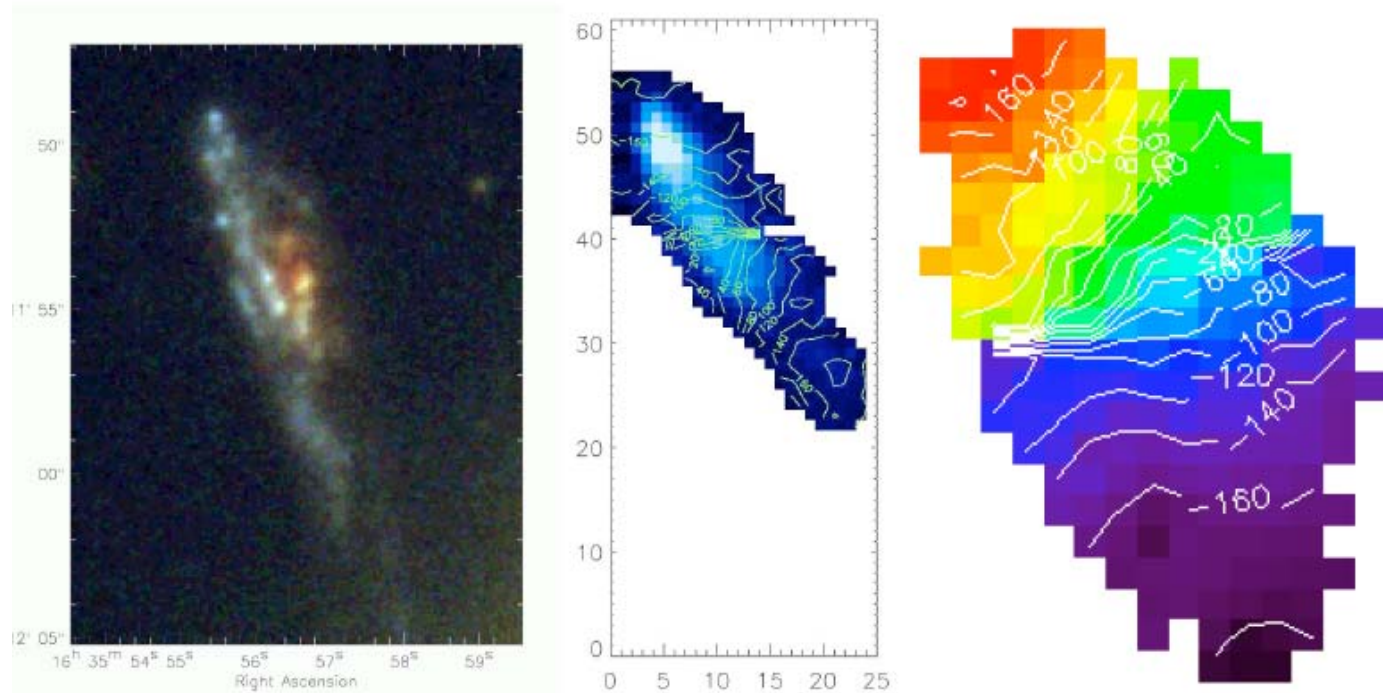


Laser GS  
Strehl=0.75  
FWHM: 82  
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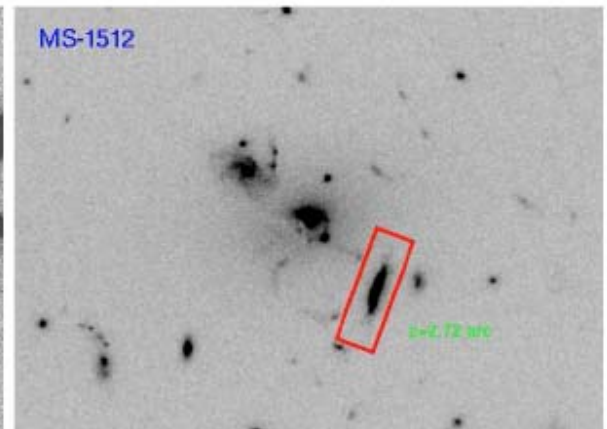
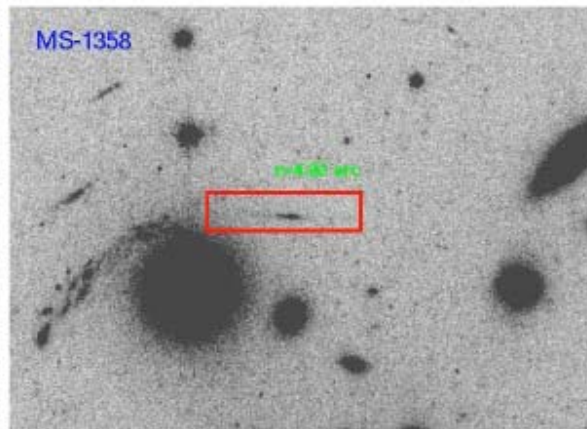
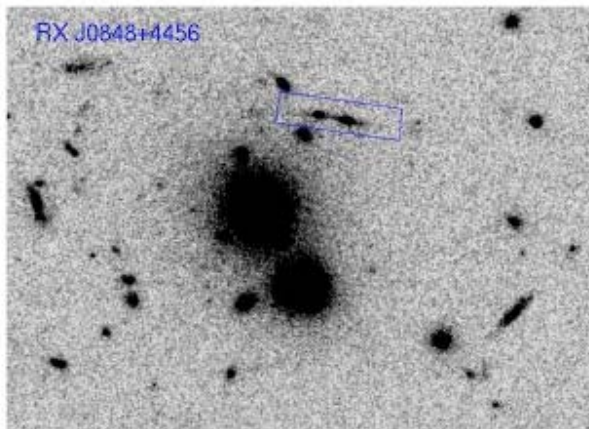


# Resolved Dynamical Data for $z \sim 5$ Arcs

$z \sim 1$  arc in  
A2218  
(GMOS IFU  
without AO,  
Swinbank et  
al 2004)



$z > 4$  arcs with OSIRIS IFU: lensing + AO probe 150pc scales at  $z \sim 5$

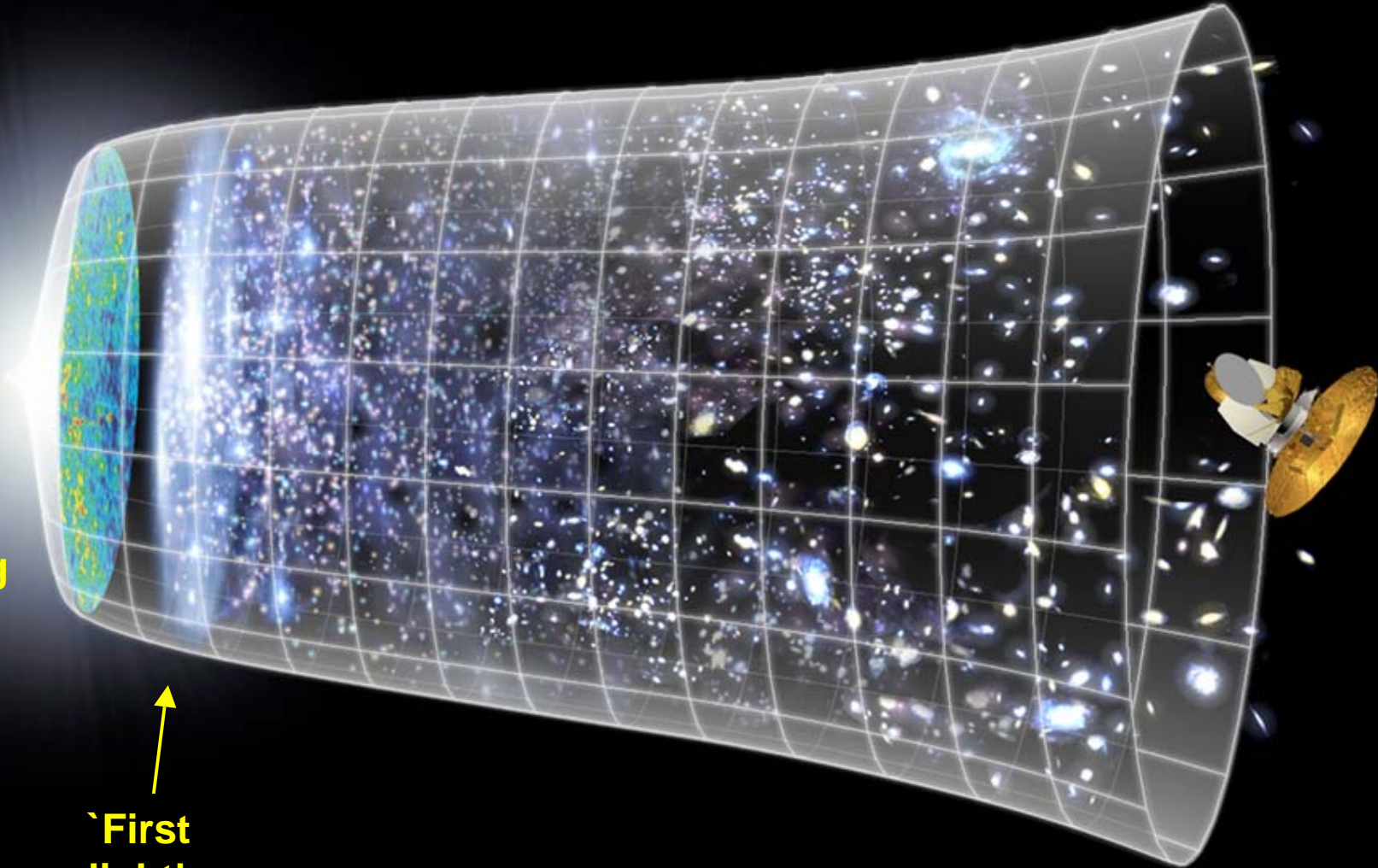


# Searching for Cosmic Dawn

Big Bang

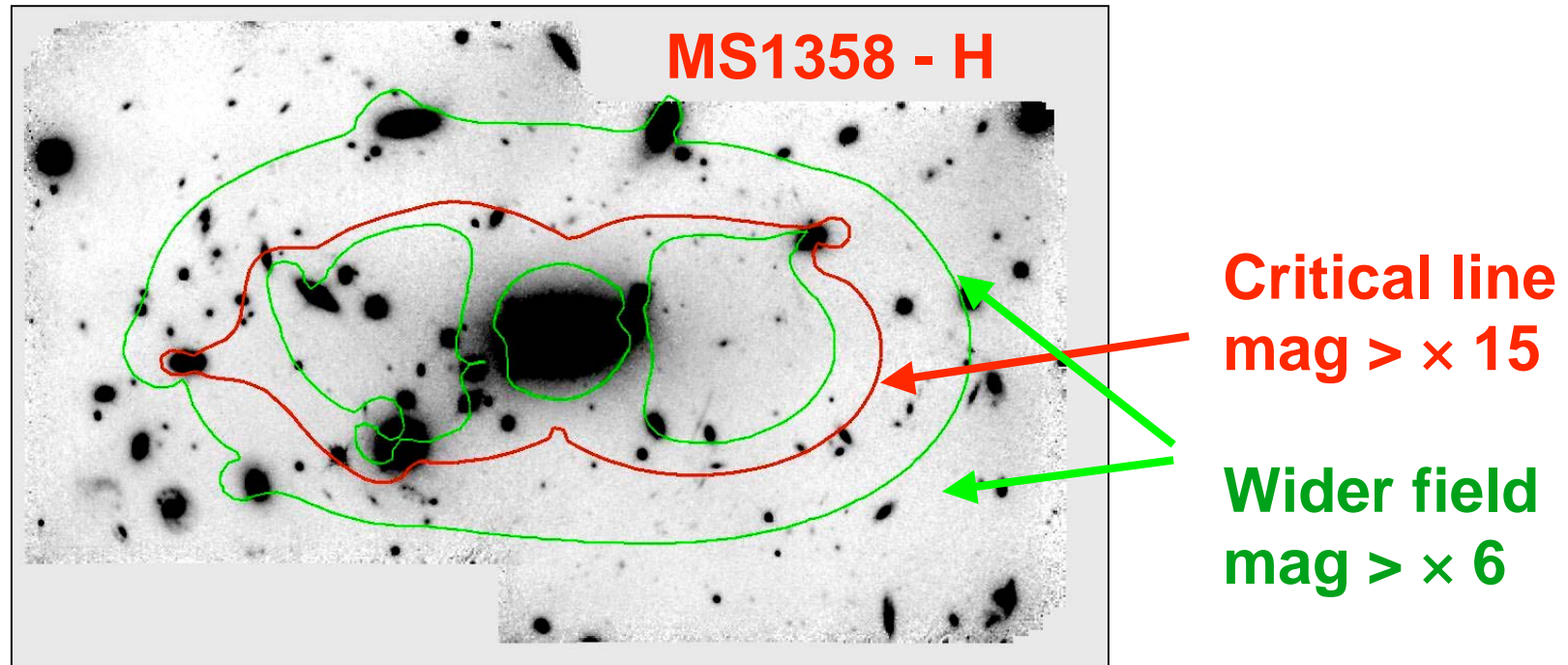
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`First  
light`

today





# Searching for $z > 7$ Lensed Sources with NICMOS

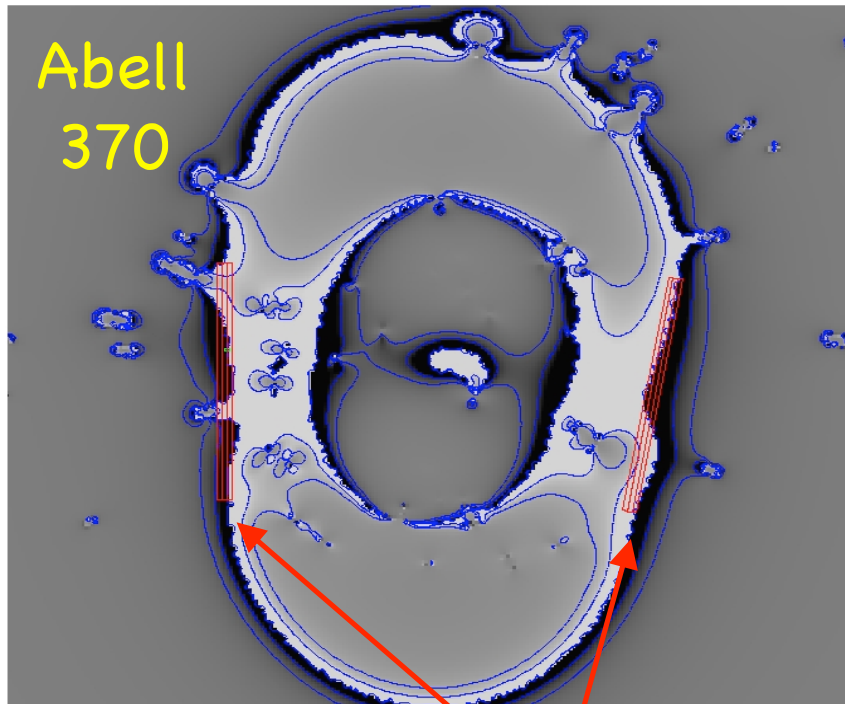


Use of clusters as natural magnifiers:

- moderate field imaging (a la SCUBA)
- critical line searches

Best approach depends on unknown surface density & LF

# Low Luminosity $z \sim 10$ Ly $\alpha$ Emitters: Critical Line Mapping With Keck



NIRSPEC  
Slit  
Positions

Critical line mapping of 9 clusters  
in J-band, corresponding to  
Ly $\alpha$  at  $8.5 < z < 10.4$

Clusters limited to those where  
the location of the critical line is  
precisely known (<20 all-sky).

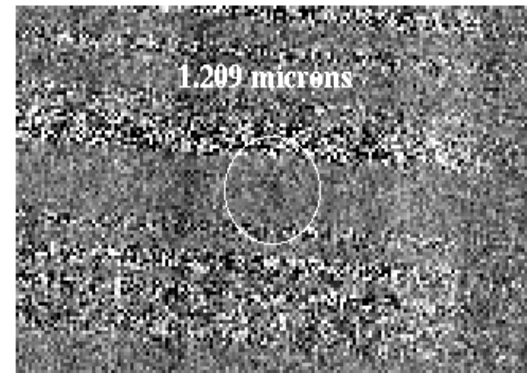
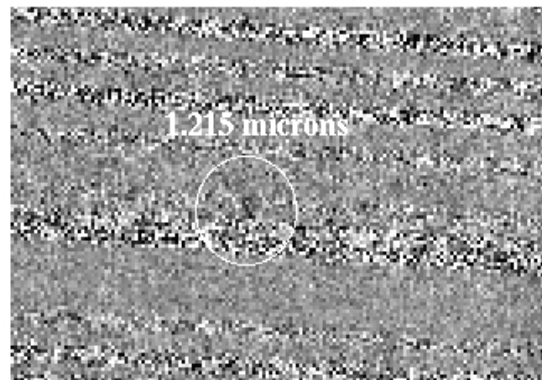
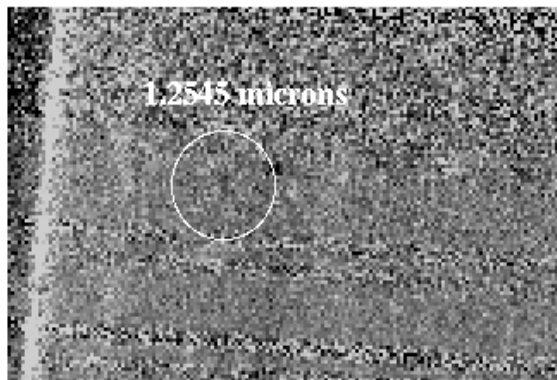
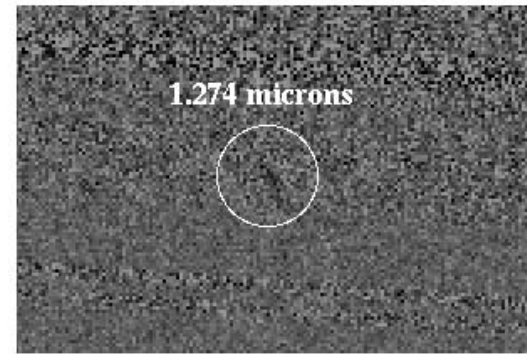
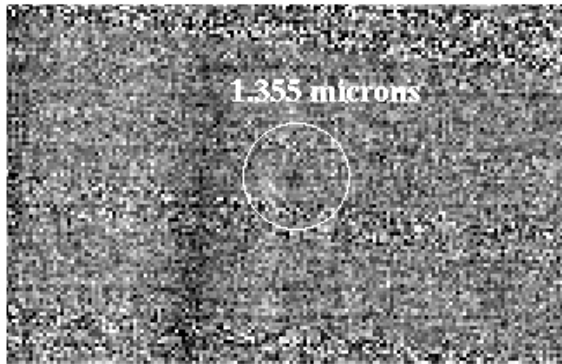
Sensitive to sources  $0.1 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$   
over  $50 \text{ Mpc}^3$  (comoving)

**Stark et al (submitted)**



# Candidate Ly $\alpha$ Emitters

$8.6 < z < 10.2$ ;  $L \sim 2 - 10 \cdot 10^{41}$  cgs;  $SFR \sim 0.2 - 1 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$



**Recognize burden of proof that these are  $z \sim 10$  emitters is high!**

**Each detection is  $> 5\sigma$ , seen in independent exposures/visits**

**Can rule out interloper low  $z$  via rejection of associated lines**

# Did faint SF galaxies at $z \sim 10$ cause reionization?

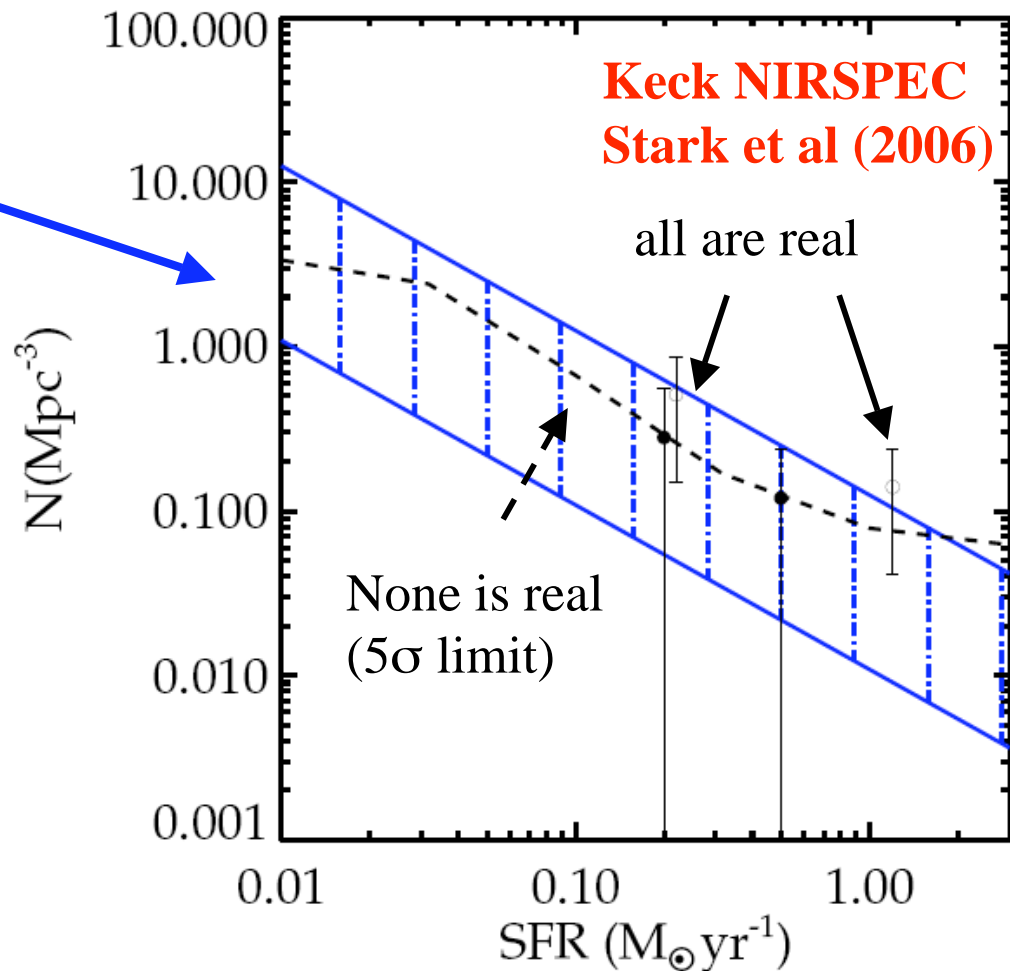
$$n = \left(\frac{B}{10}\right) \left(\frac{n_{\text{H}}}{10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-3}}\right) \left(\frac{f_c}{0.1}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\text{SFR}}{1.0 \text{ M}_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{n_c}{3 \times 10^{53}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\Delta t}{575 \text{ Myr}}\right)^{-1}$$

Consider range:

$f_c \sim 0.1-0.5$

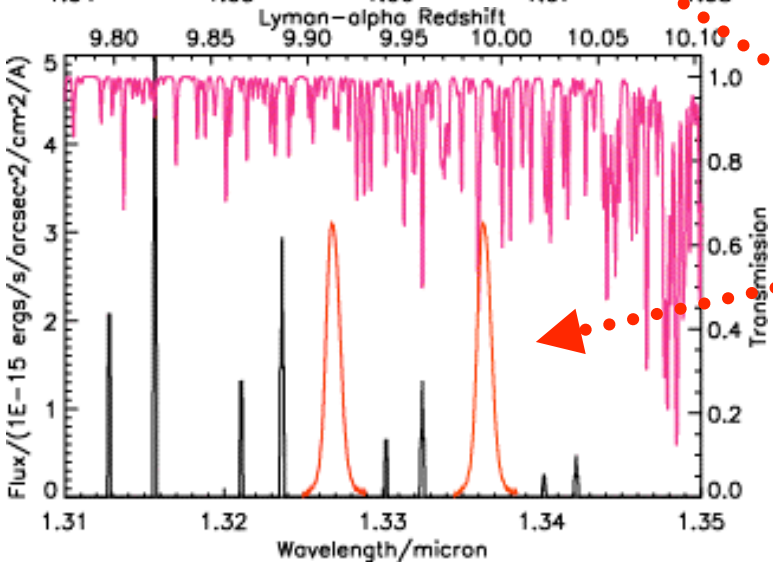
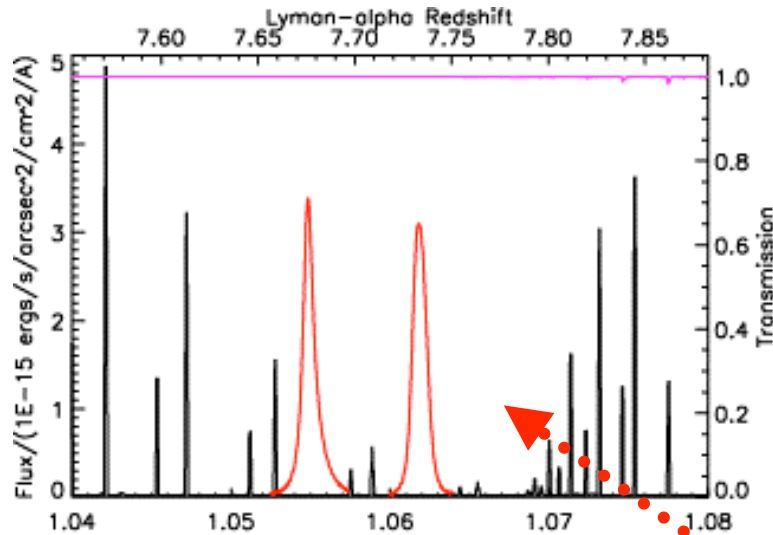
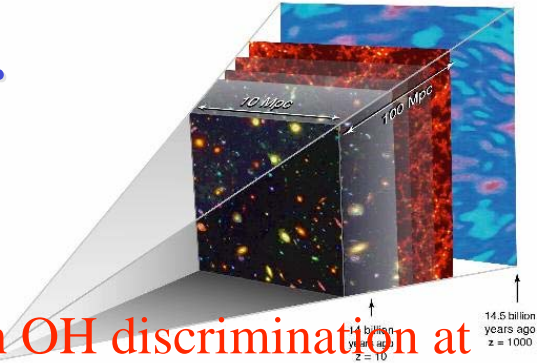
$\Delta t \sim 250-575 \text{ Myr}$

**If even 2-3 of our 6 candidates are real, low luminosity galaxies may play a dominant role in cosmic reionization**



# DAZLE – Dark Age Z Lyman Explorer

McMahon, Parry, Bland-Hawthorn et al



IR nb imager with OH discrimination at  $R=1000$  i.e. 0.1% filter

FOV  $6.9 \times 6.9$  arcmin 2048 Rockwell Hawaii-II  $0.2''/\text{pixel}$

Sensitivity:  $2 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1} (5\sigma)$ , 10hrs on VLT i.e.  $\sim 1 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  at  $z=8$ ;

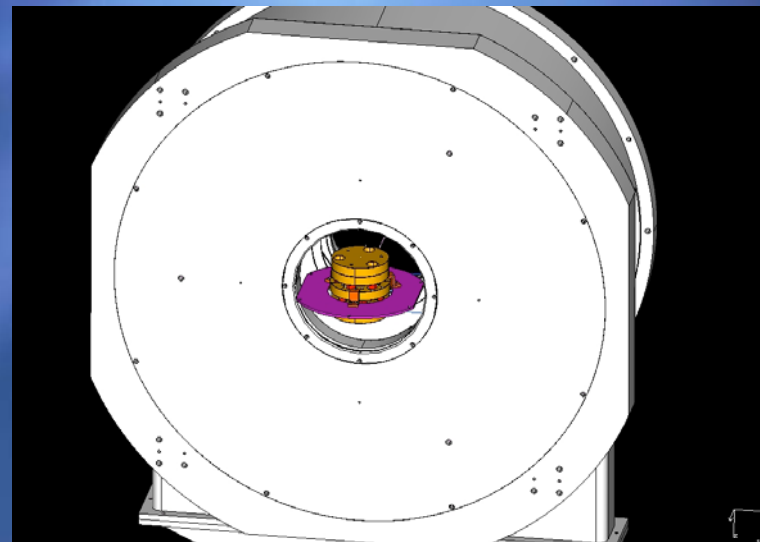
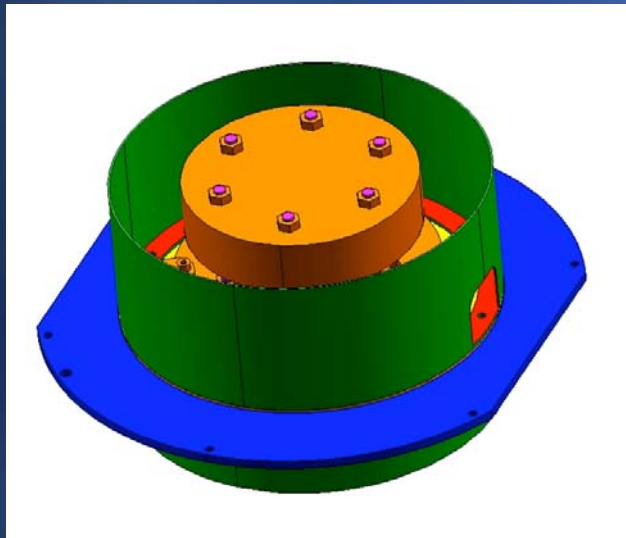
• Each filter targets slice of  $dz=0.011$   
Comoving volume/exposure  $\sim 3000 \text{ Mpc}^3$ .

• Sky emission and absorption spectrum around 1.06 and 1.33 microns showing DAZLE filter pairs for Lyman  $\alpha$  at  $z=7.7, 9.9$ ; other gaps are at 8.8, 9.2



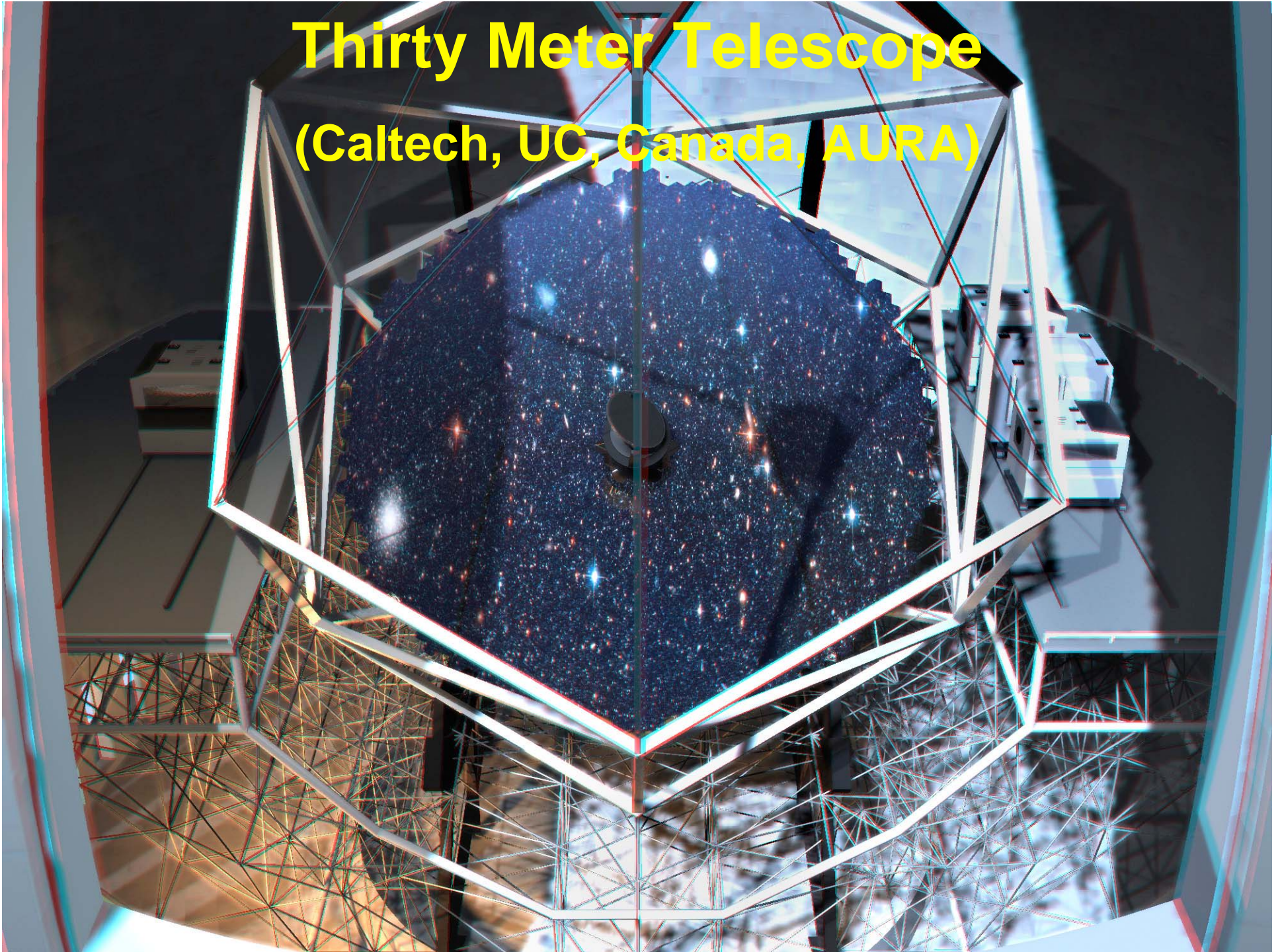
# *F2T2 - Gemini Genesis Project*

Prototype for the JWST Tunable Filter Imager... F2T2 will be fed by multi-conjugate AO & be facility-class instrument on Gemini  
(PI: Bob Abraham)





# Thirty Meter Telescope (Caltech, UC, Canada, AURA)

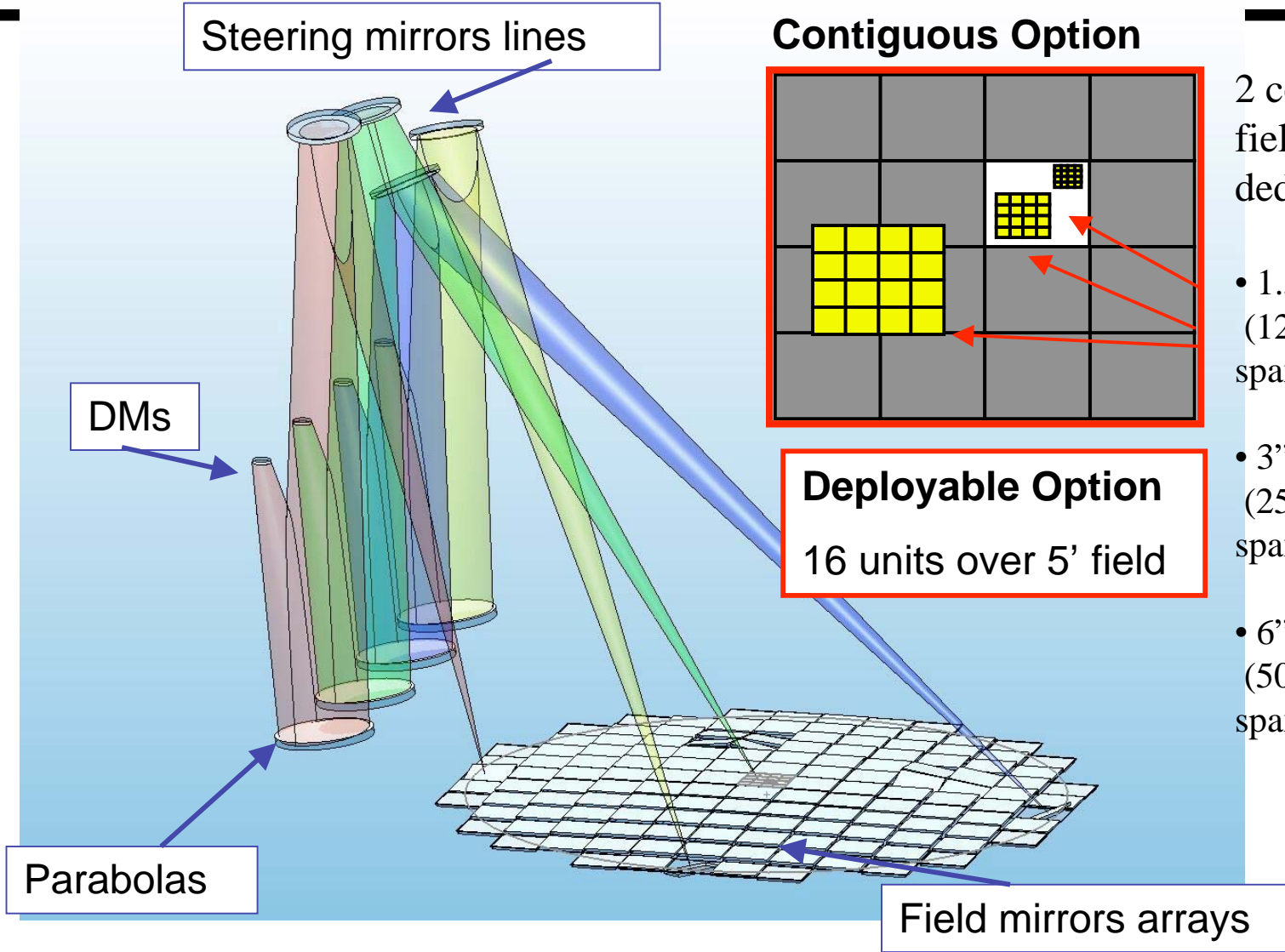






THIRTY METER TELESCOPE

# AO-fed multi-IFU spectrograph

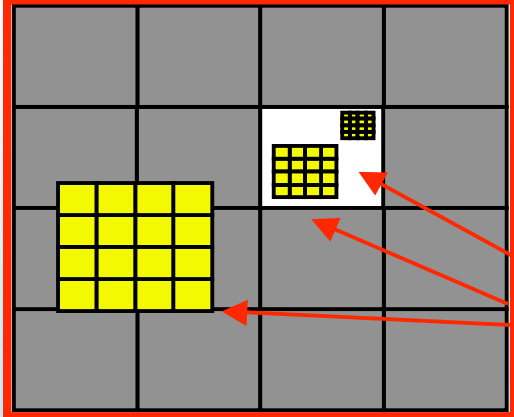


Steering mirrors lines

DMs

Parabolas

## Contiguous Option



2 contiguous fields sub-tiles dedicated to:

- 1.5" sq. (12.5 mas spaxial)
- 3" sq. (25 mas spaxial)
- 6" sq. (50 mas spaxial)

**Deployable Option**  
16 units over 5' field

Field mirrors arrays

## Epilogue

**Dark energy:** more cooperation in WL welcome, extend from simulations to independent ground & space-based datasets

**Dark matter:**

- huge challenge of spectroscopic follow-up of new lens surveys!
- less arguing about flat inner slopes.. separating DM & baryons is a `noble pursuit' that should be encouraged (more practical with better data)

**Distant galaxies:** More HST snapshots & coordinated searches followed by AO-studies

**Cosmic Reionization:** Adequate support for new instrumentation probing magnified areas in clusters