

# TESTING CDM WITH STRONG GRAVITATIONAL LENSING OF AGN



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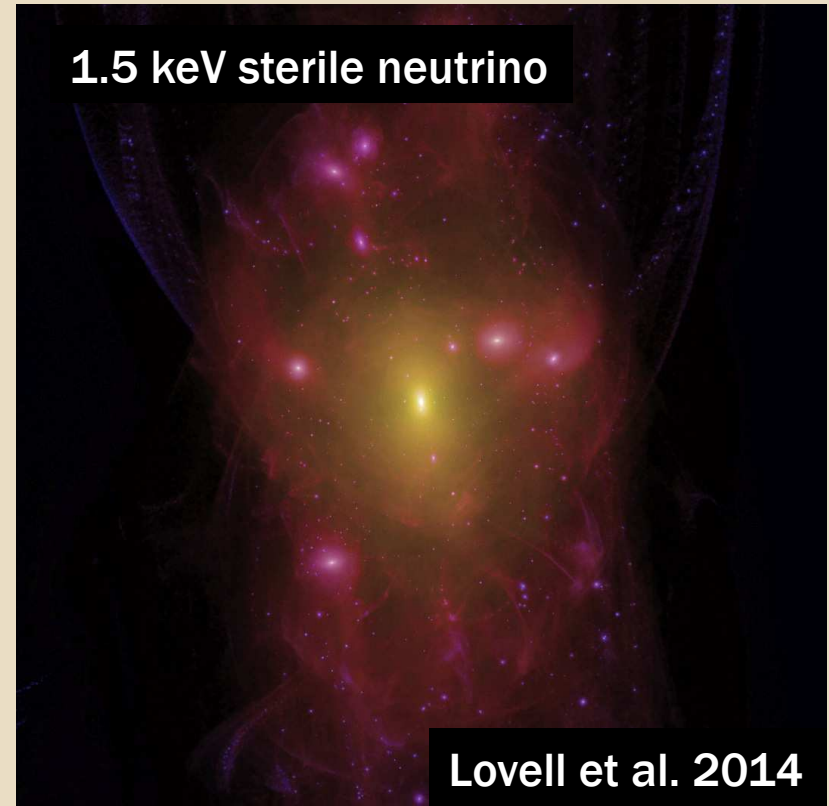
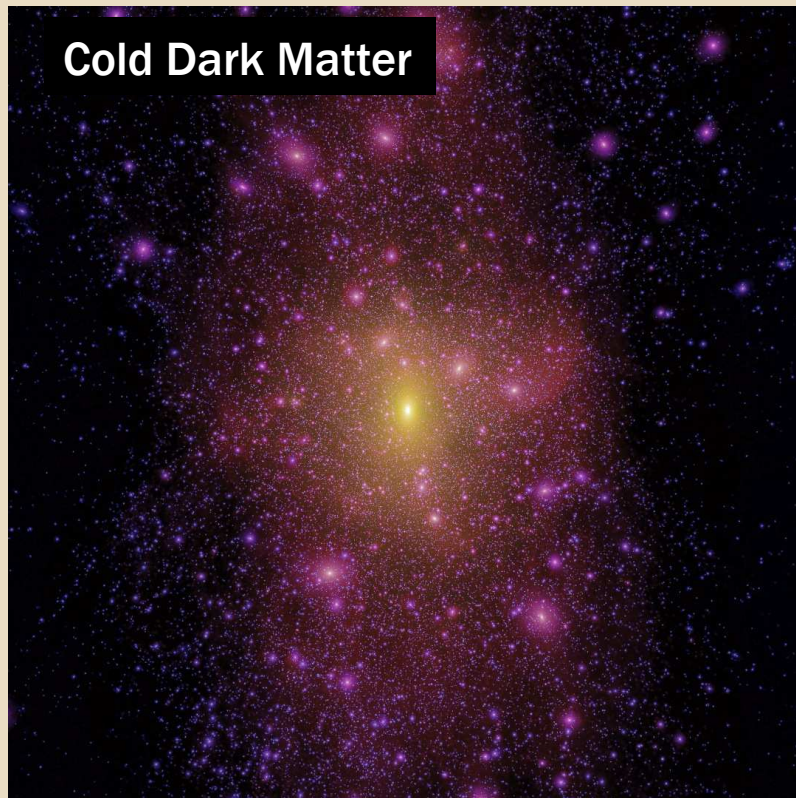
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# OUTLINE

- Dark matter and the matter power spectrum
- Measuring the small scale matter power spectrum with strong gravitational lensing
- Many new lenses with AGN narrow-line lensing
- Future prospects

# THE MICROSCOPIC PROPERTIES OF DARK MATTER AFFECT THE POWER SPECTRUM

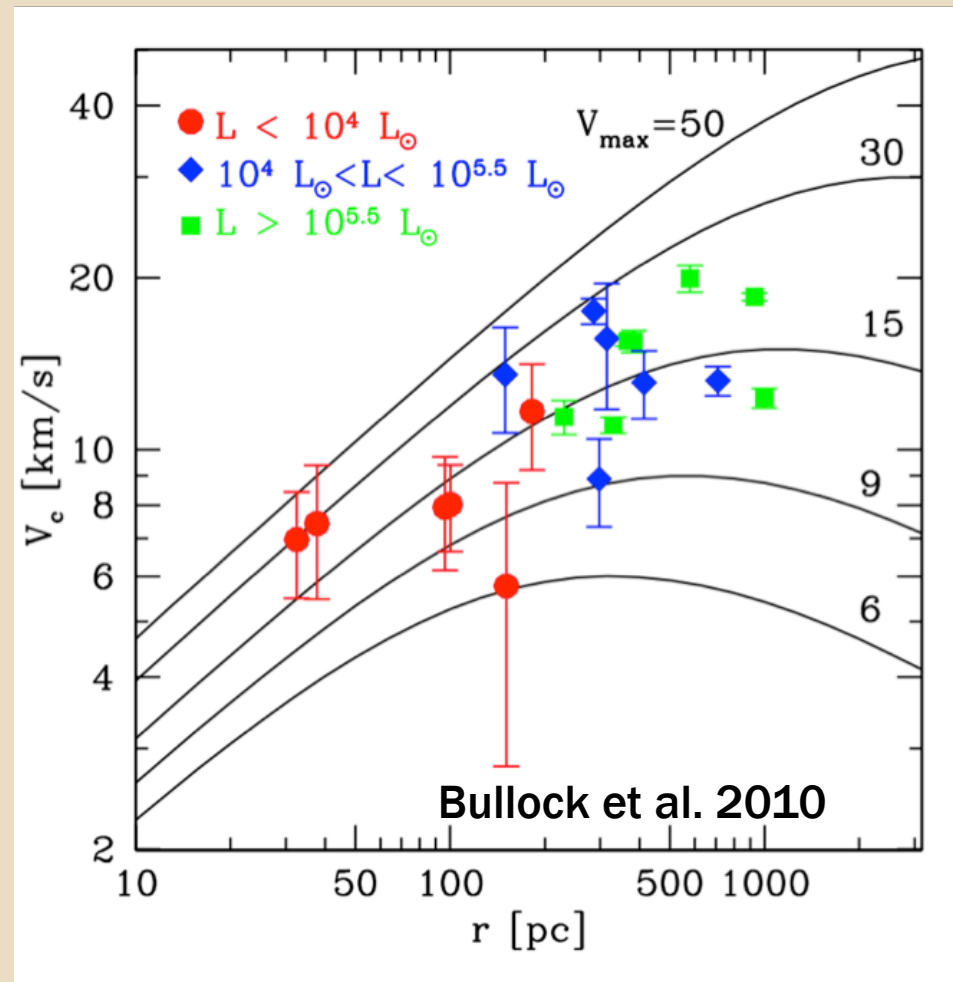
E.g. Warm Dark Matter has a large free streaming length at early times which erases structure on small scales.



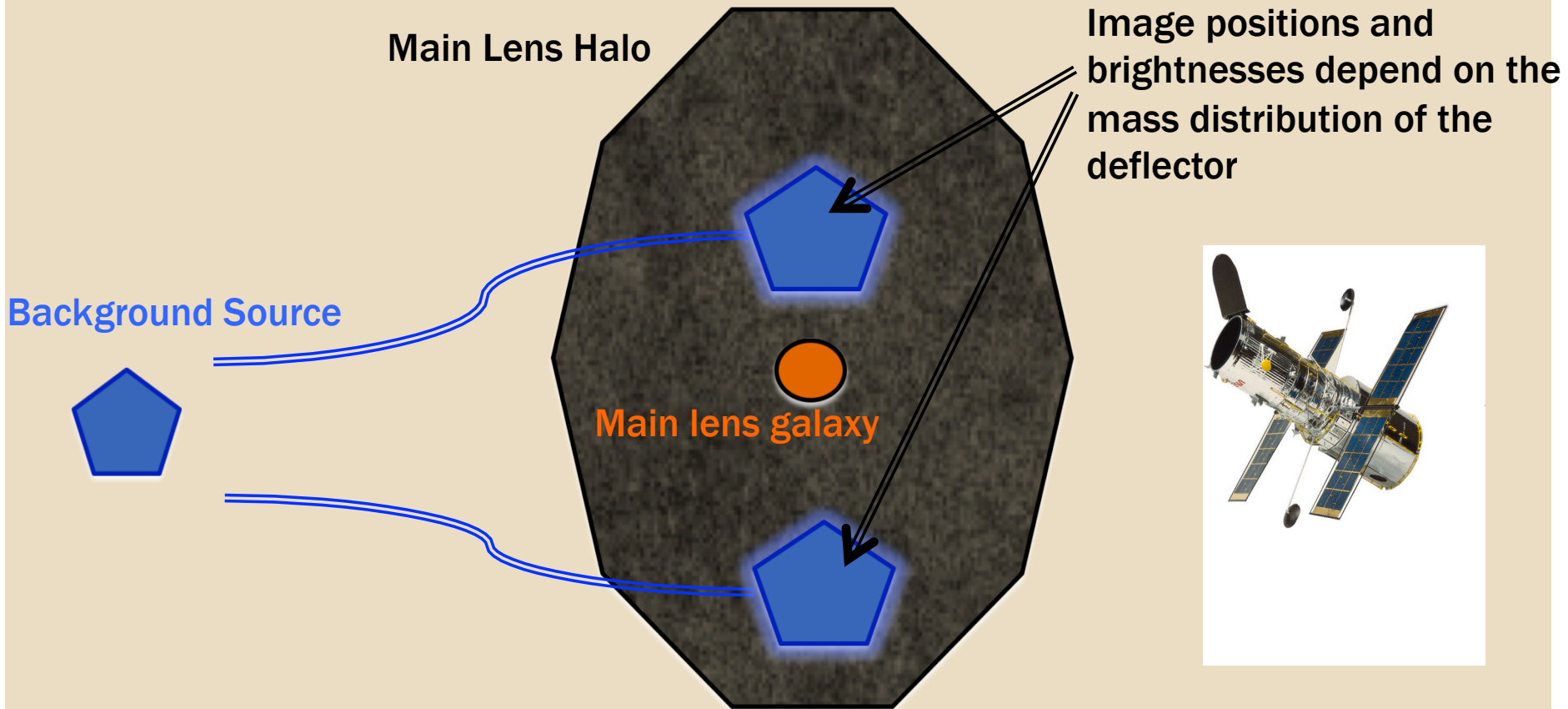
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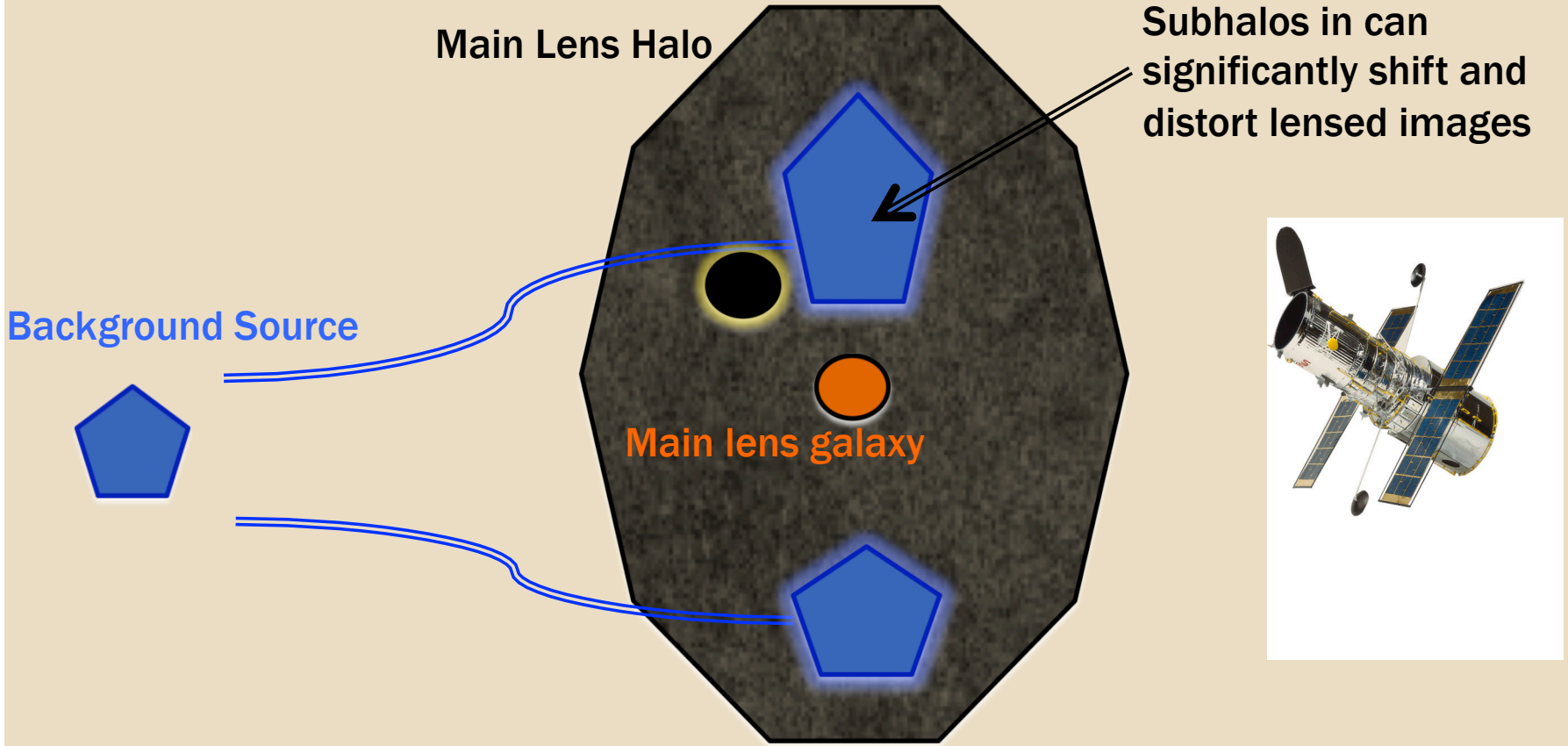
# MEASURING THE SMALL SCALE POWER SPECTRUM IS DIFFICULT WITH STAR TRACERS

- Kinematic measurements rely on bright stars, of which there are very few in small halos
- Stars occupy  $<100$  pc of their DM halo which is believed to extend out  $\sim$ kpc even for small halos
- Some fraction of halos may contain no stars at all.



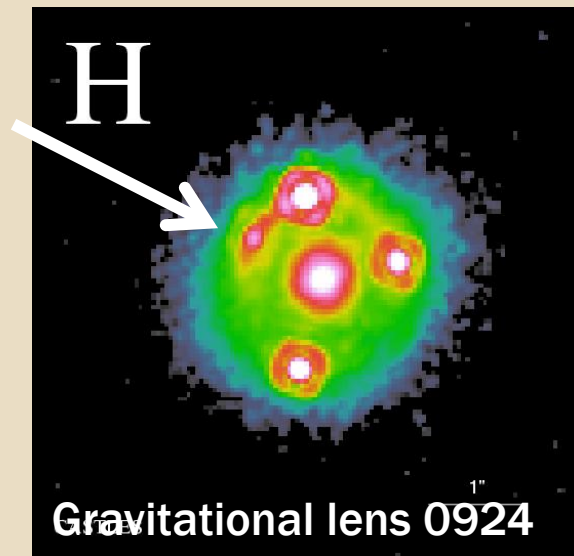
# STRONG GRAVITATIONAL LENSING; THE NEXT BEST THING TO DARK MATTER GOGGLES



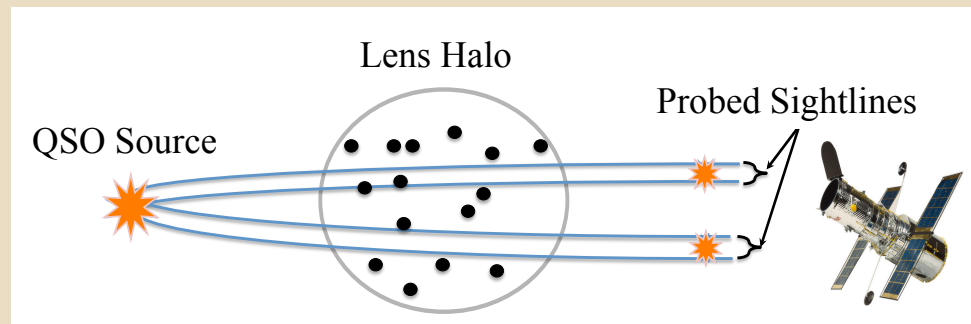
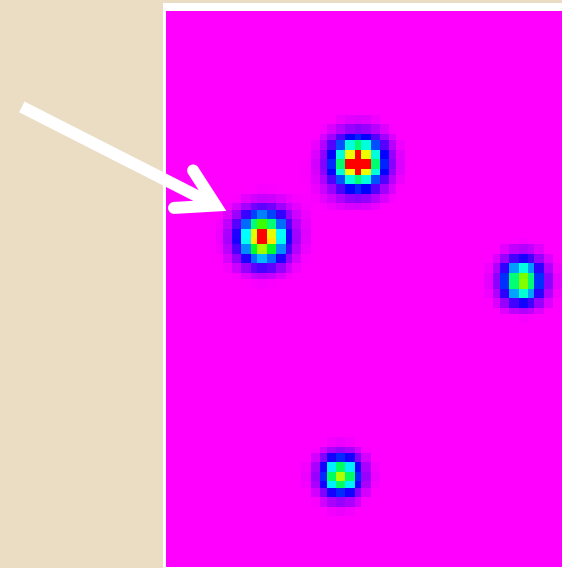


# STRONG GRAVITATIONAL LENSING IN REAL LIFE

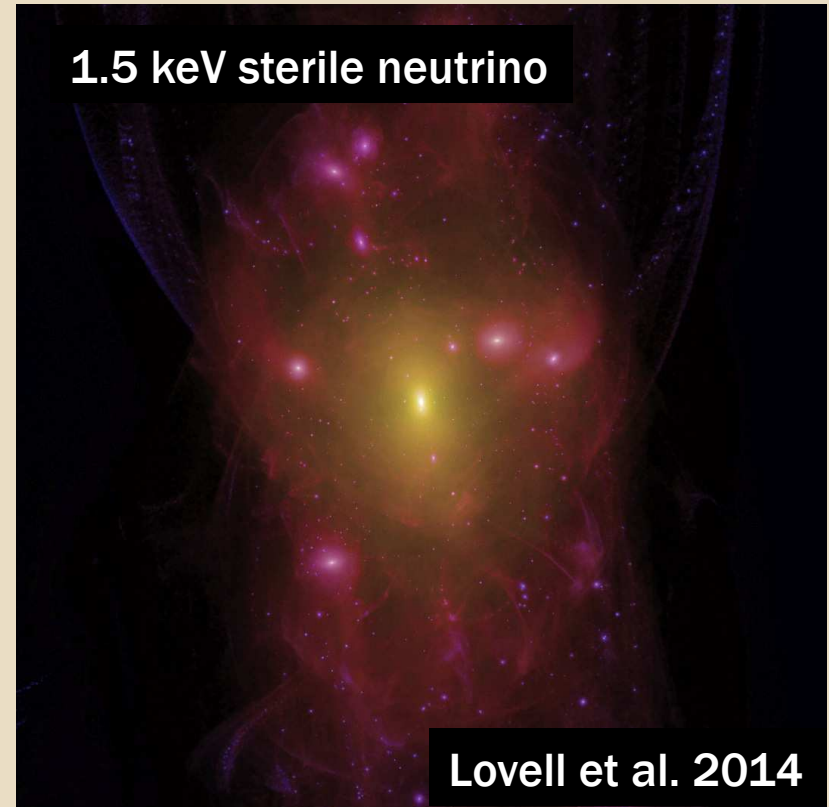
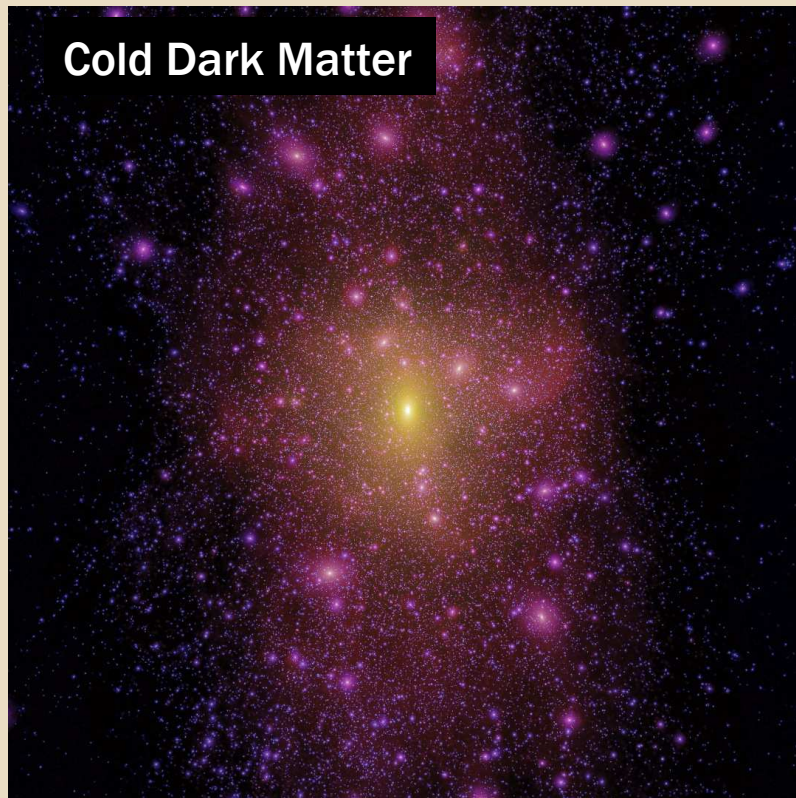
Observed quad lens



Smooth halo model prediction



# WITH ENOUGH LENSES IT IS POSSIBLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THESE SCENARIOS



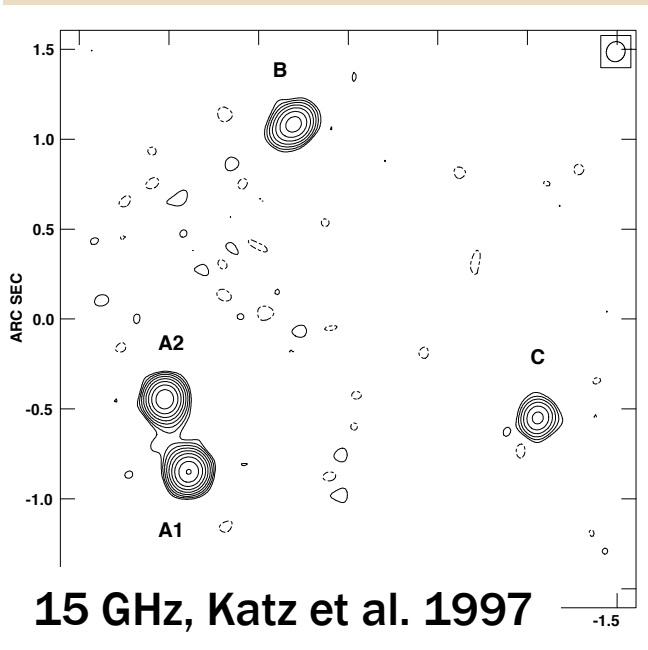
Lovell et al. 2014

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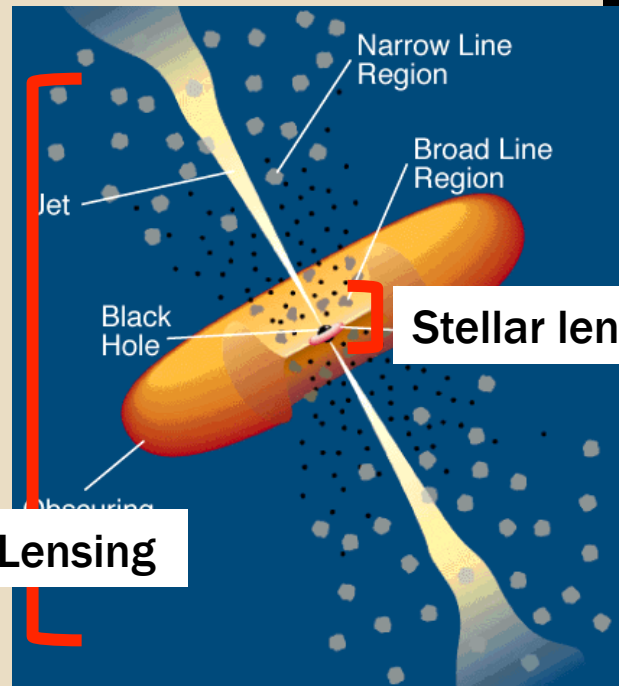
# THE LENS MASS SENSITIVITY DEPENDS ON THE SIZE OF THE SOURCE

## Lensed Radio Jet

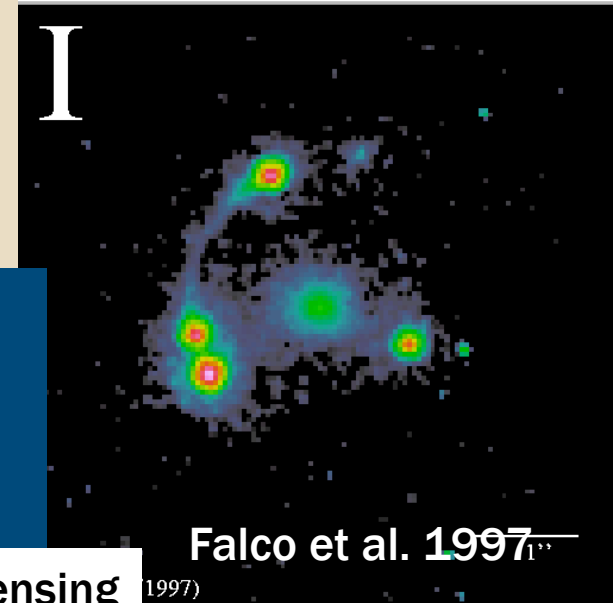


Gravitational lens MG 0414

Subhalo Lensing

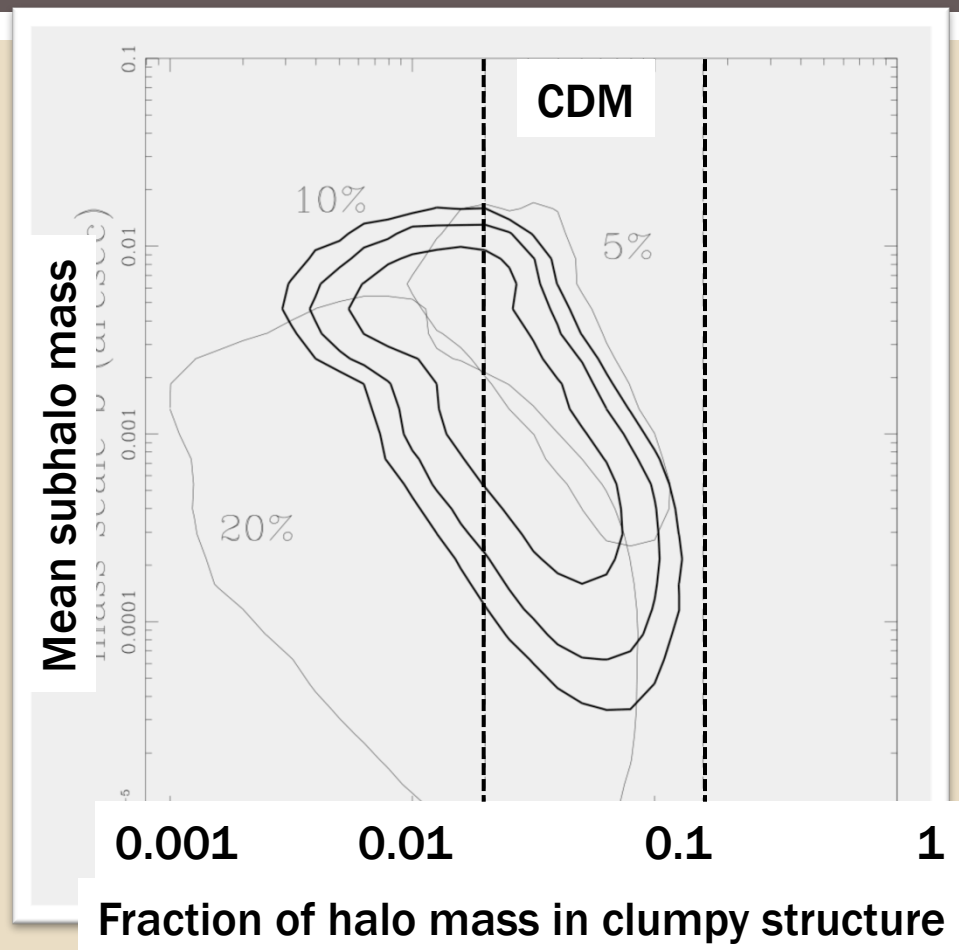


## Lensed Accretion Disk



Falco et al. 1997

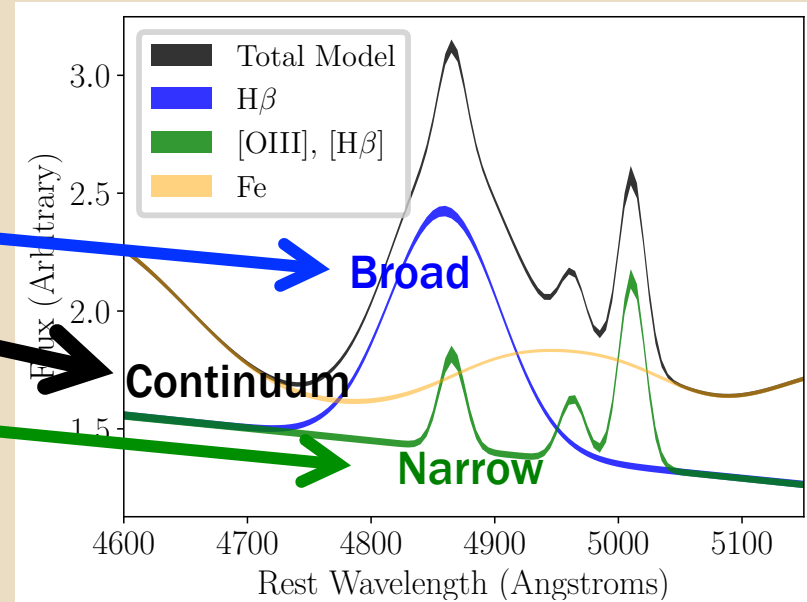
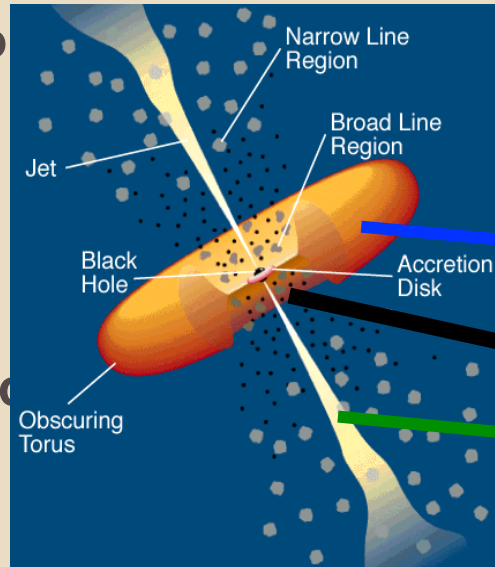
# THERE ARE ONLY 9 RADIO LOUD QUAD LENSES KNOWN



Dalal and Kochanek 2002, 7 radio-loud lens systems

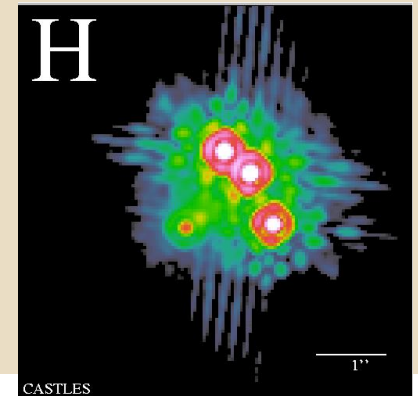
# INCREASE THE SAMPLE OF LENSES USING AGN NARROW LINE EMISSION

- All quasars show significant narrow line emission - can double the number of systems used to detect substructure



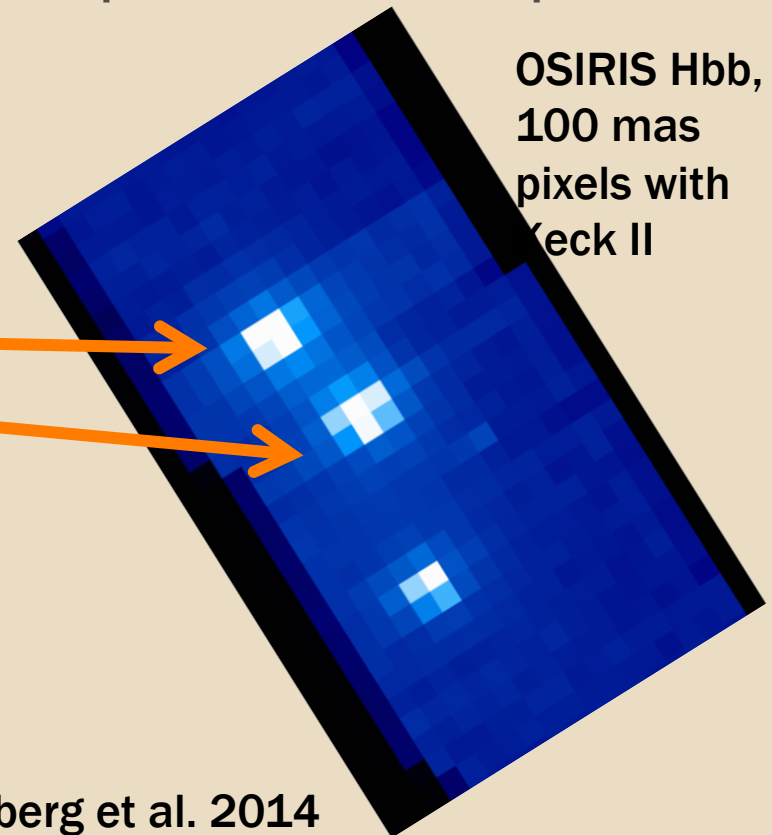
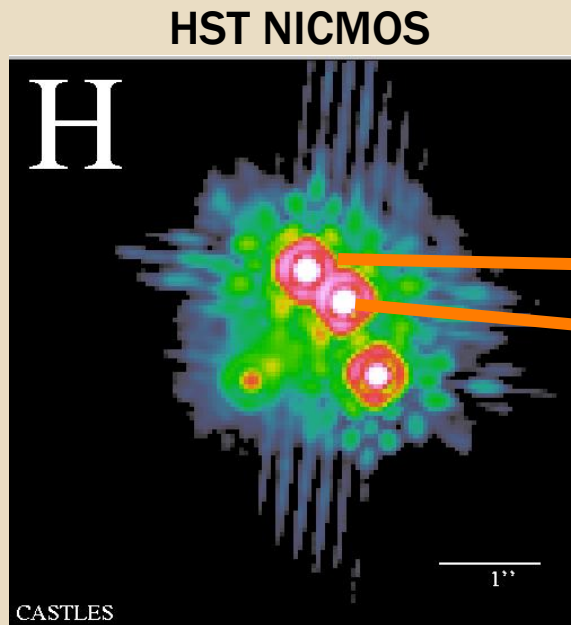
- Narrow-line is not variable and not microlensed

Need high res, spatially resolved spectroscopy



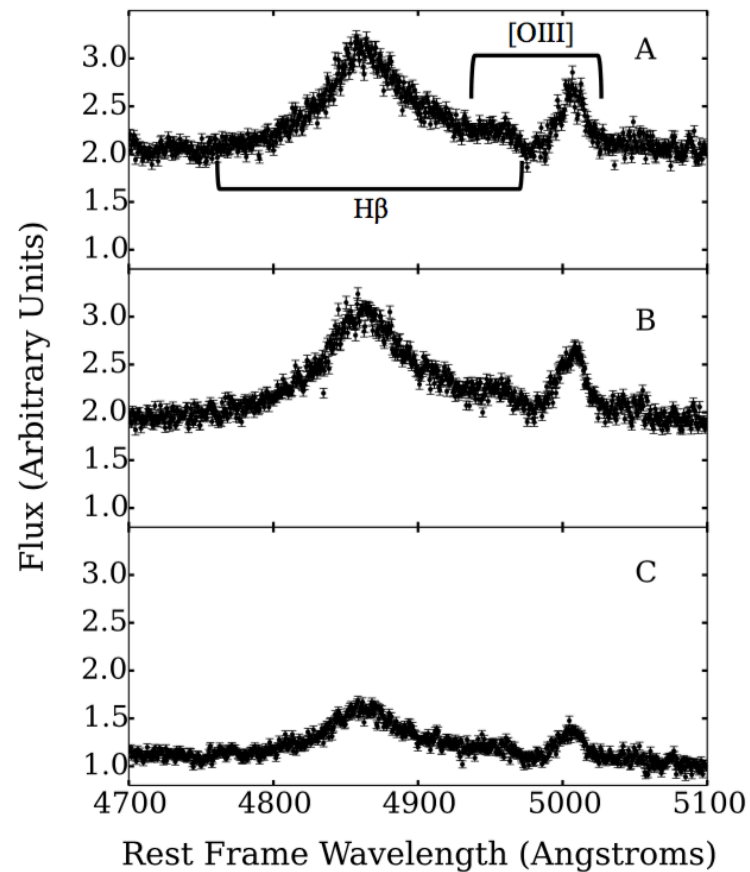
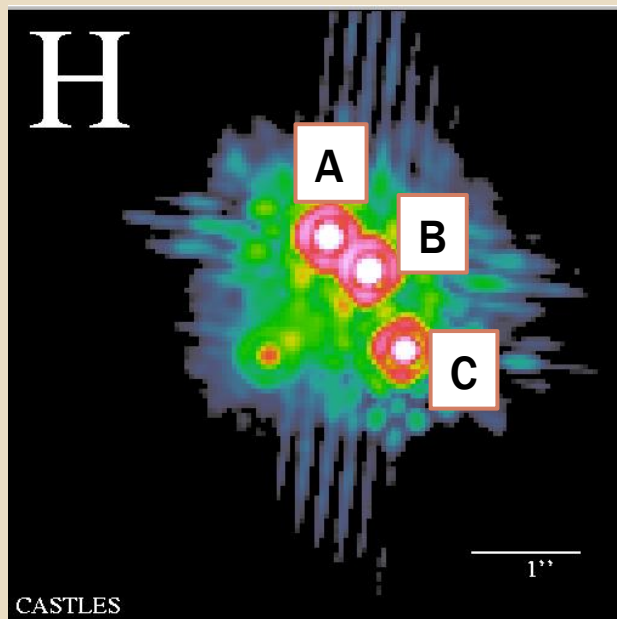
# METHOD 1: KECK OSIRIS

- Adaptive optics gives  $\sim$ mas spatial resolution
- Integral field spectrograph gives spectra at each spatial pixel



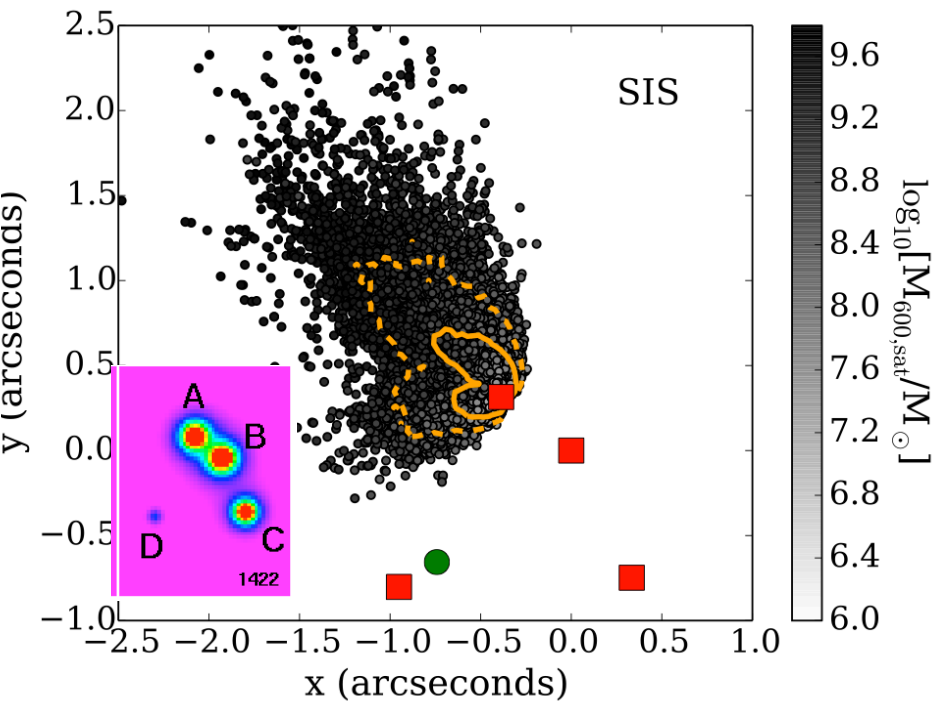
Nierenberg et al. 2014

# EXAMPLE 1: NL LENSING IN B1422+231, OSIRIS WITH KECK AO

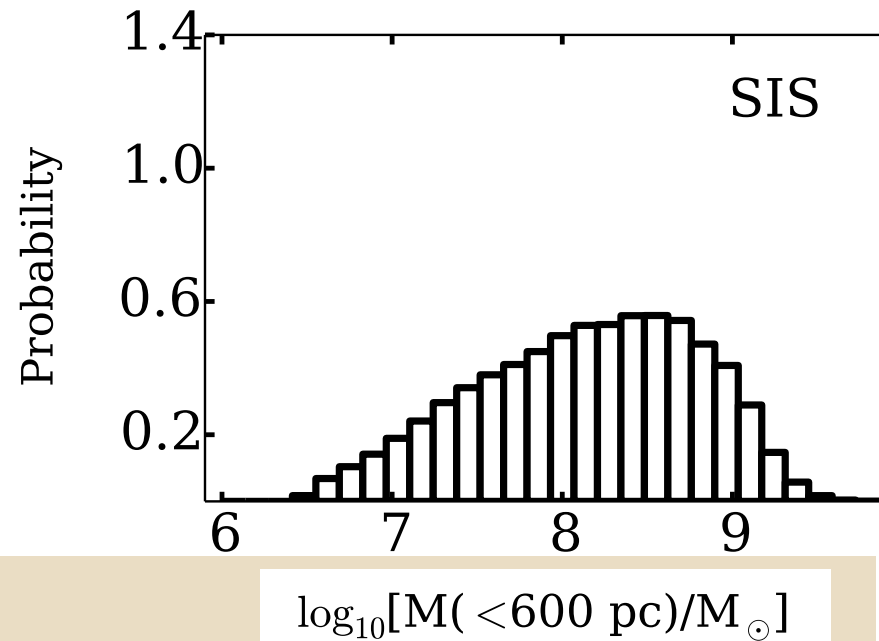


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# INFERRED PERTURBATION NEAR IMAGE A

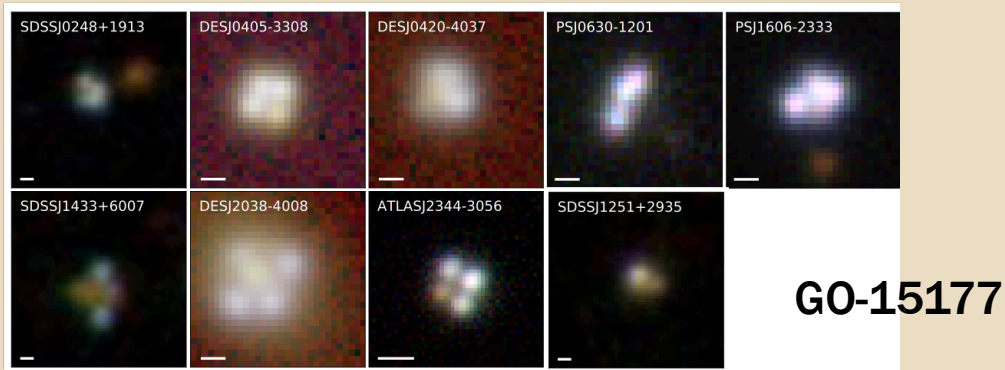


$$\rho(r) \sim r^{-2}$$



Data for four more systems with OSIRIS

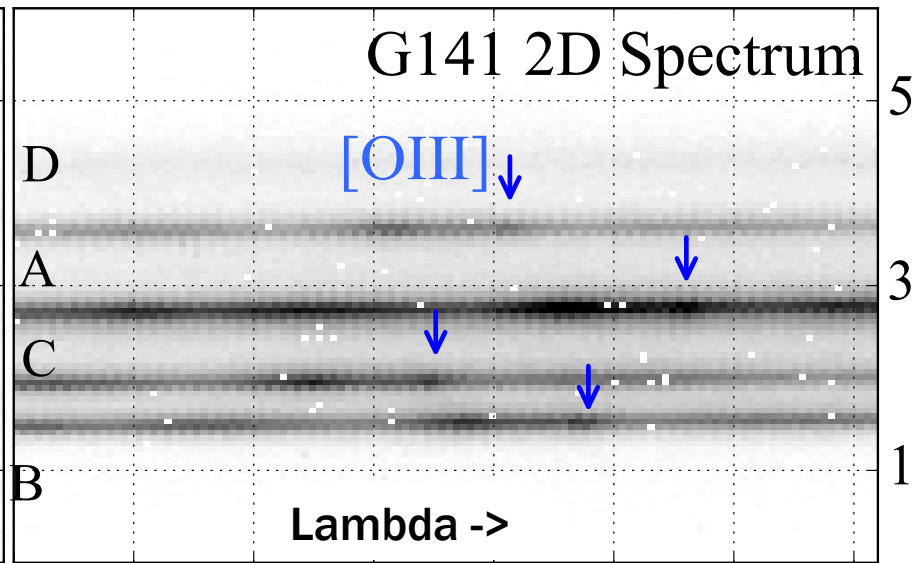
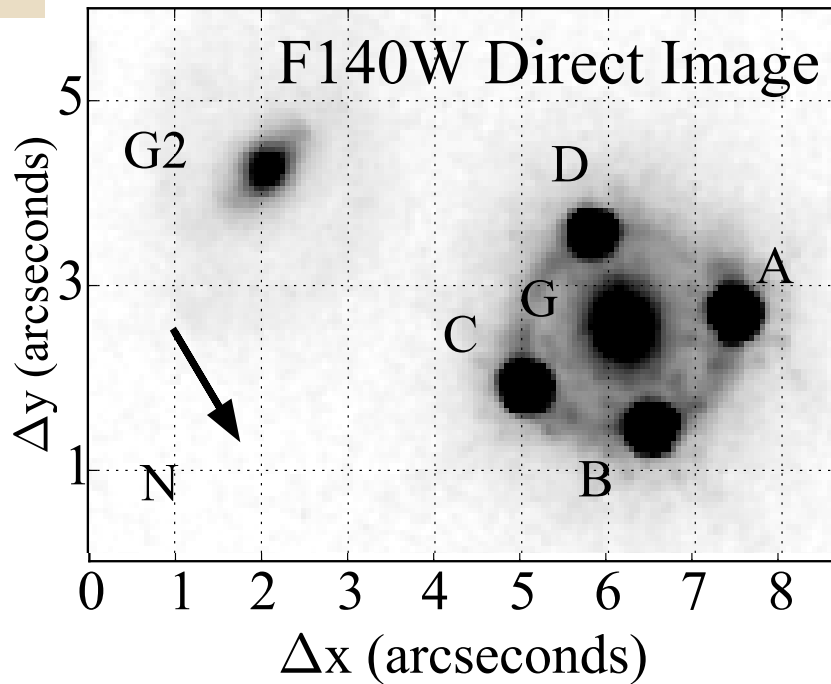
# EVEN MORE LENSES WITH THE WFC3 GRISM



HST GO-13732 and GO-15177 (PI Nierenberg) 15 NL quad lenses from SDSS, DES and PAN-STARRS

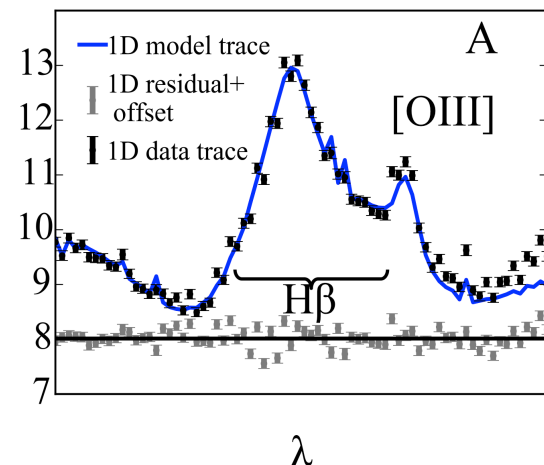
+ 3 more with Keck-OSIRIS –e.g. Nierenberg et al 2014

# PROOF OF METHOD: GRAVITATIONAL LENS HE0435-1223



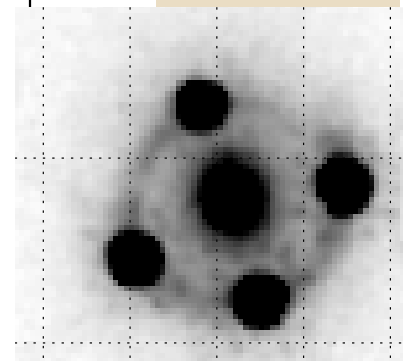
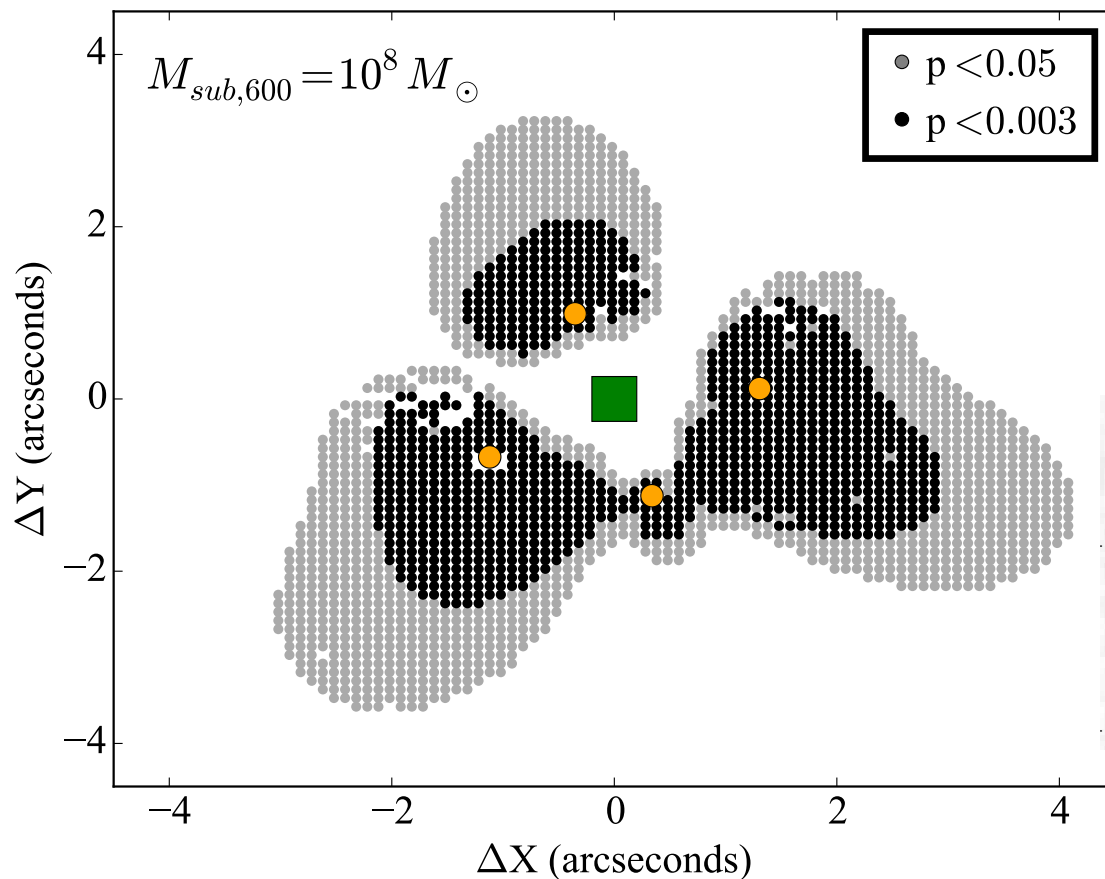
HST-GO 13732 PI: Nierenberg

1D, PSF-weighted grism trace,  
Nierenberg et al. 2017





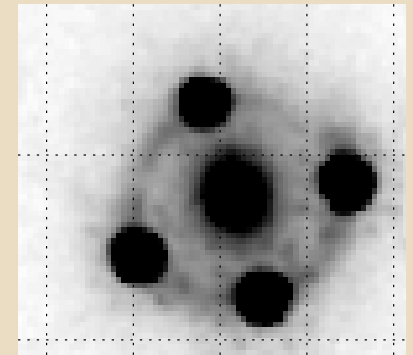
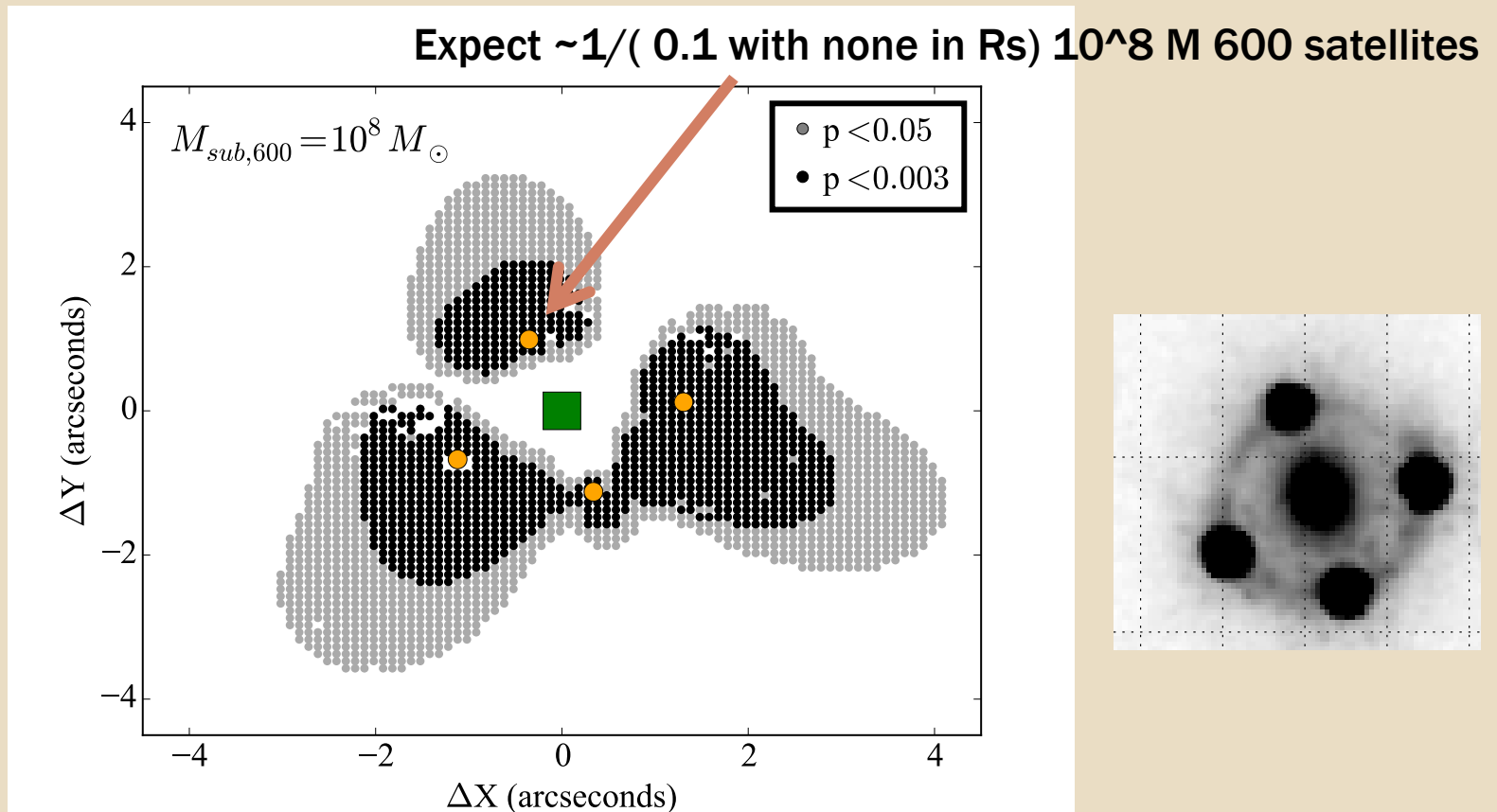
# LIMITS ON THE PRESENCE OF AN NFW PERTURBER



~1" radius excluded around each image (~5.5 kpc)

# APPROXIMATE CDM EXPECTATIONS

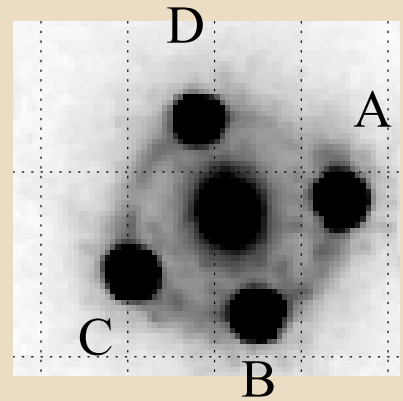
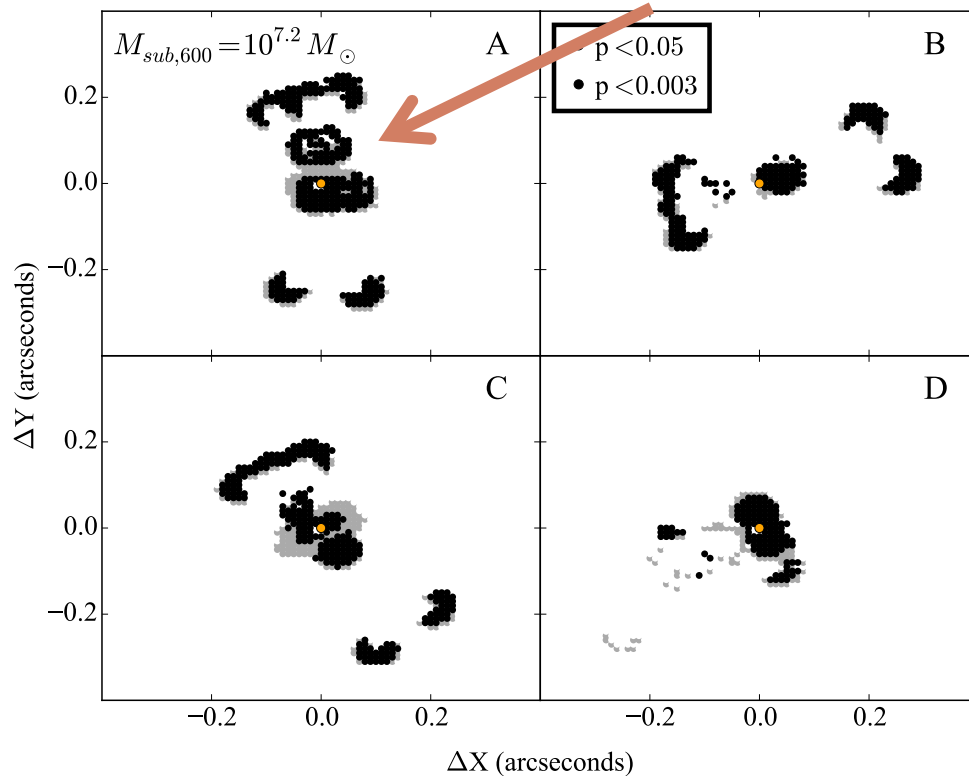
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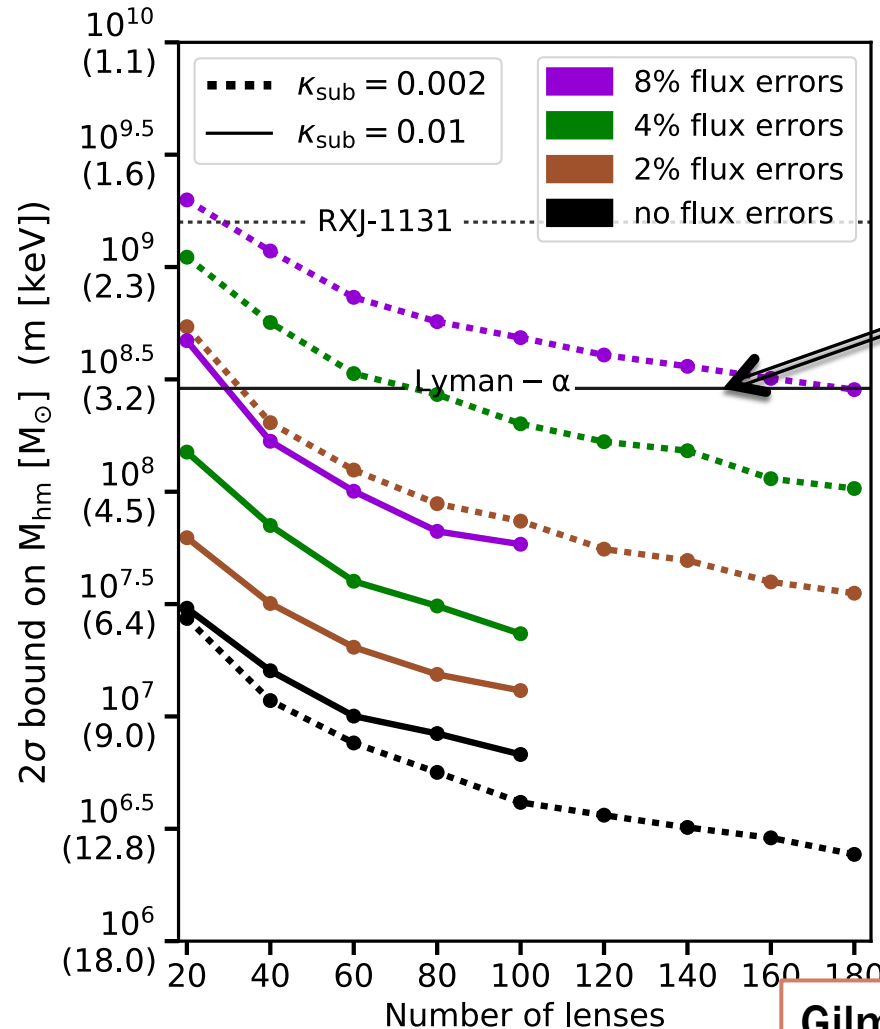
Expect ~1 (0.1 with none in Rs)  $0.1 \cdot 10^7 M_{600}$  satellites



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Simulate realistic lenses with full populations of dark matter subhalos

Neglect added boost to signal from line of sight structure



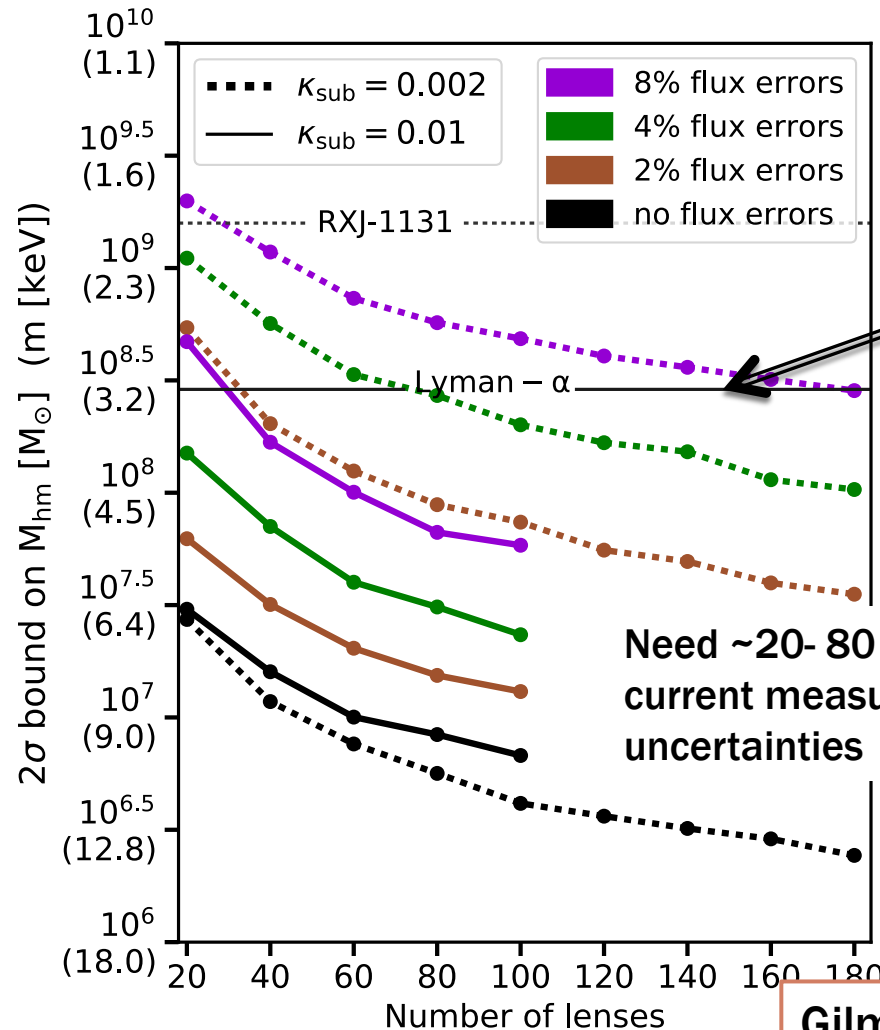
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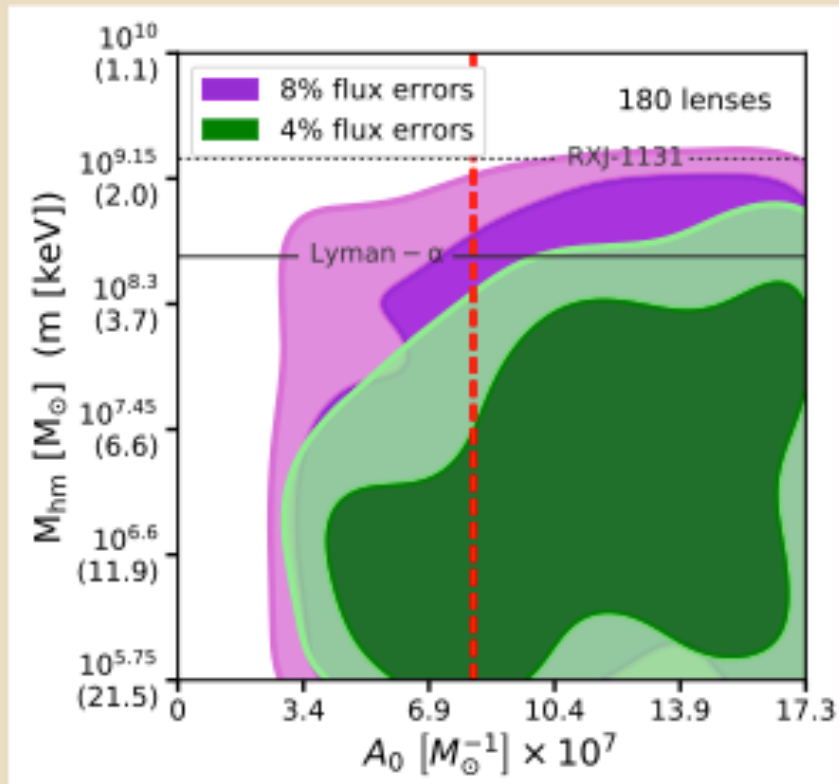
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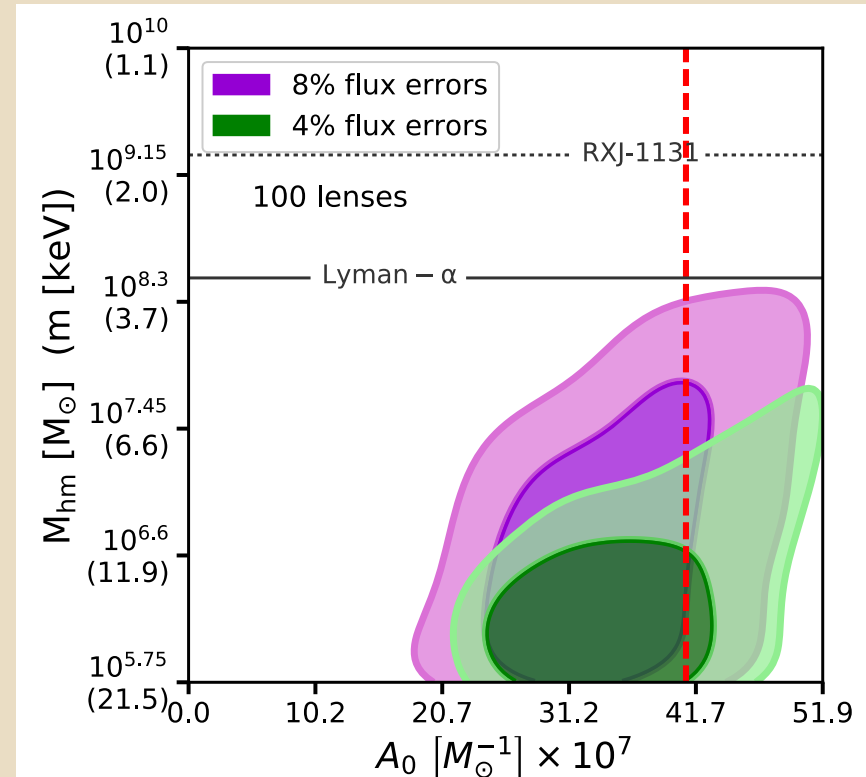
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# DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN A CUTOFF AND CHANGE IN NORMALIZATION

No subhalos within host scale radius



Subhalos follow NFW radial profile of host halo



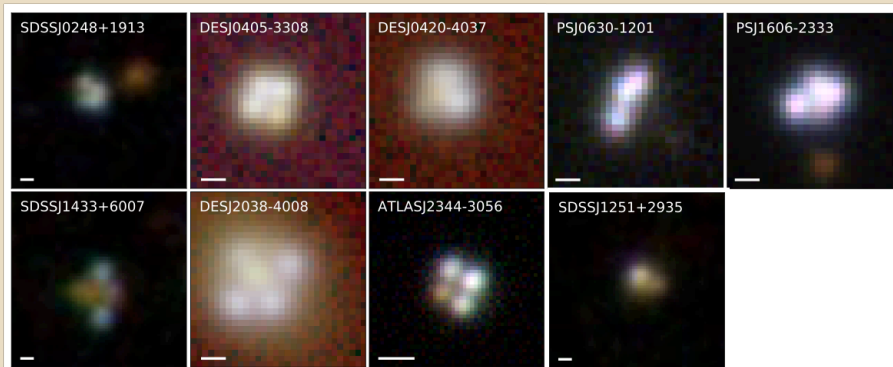
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# CAN WE GET ~100 QUAD QUASAR LENSES?

**YES!!**

- ALREADY have 18 systems with spatially resolved narrow-line emission data
- Next <5 years: DES/PANSTARRS/GAIA teams are finding new systems (~10 since last HST proposal, more on the way, a total of ~100 expected)
- Next decade: HUNDREDS are forecast to be discovered in LSST (Oguri and Marshall 2008)



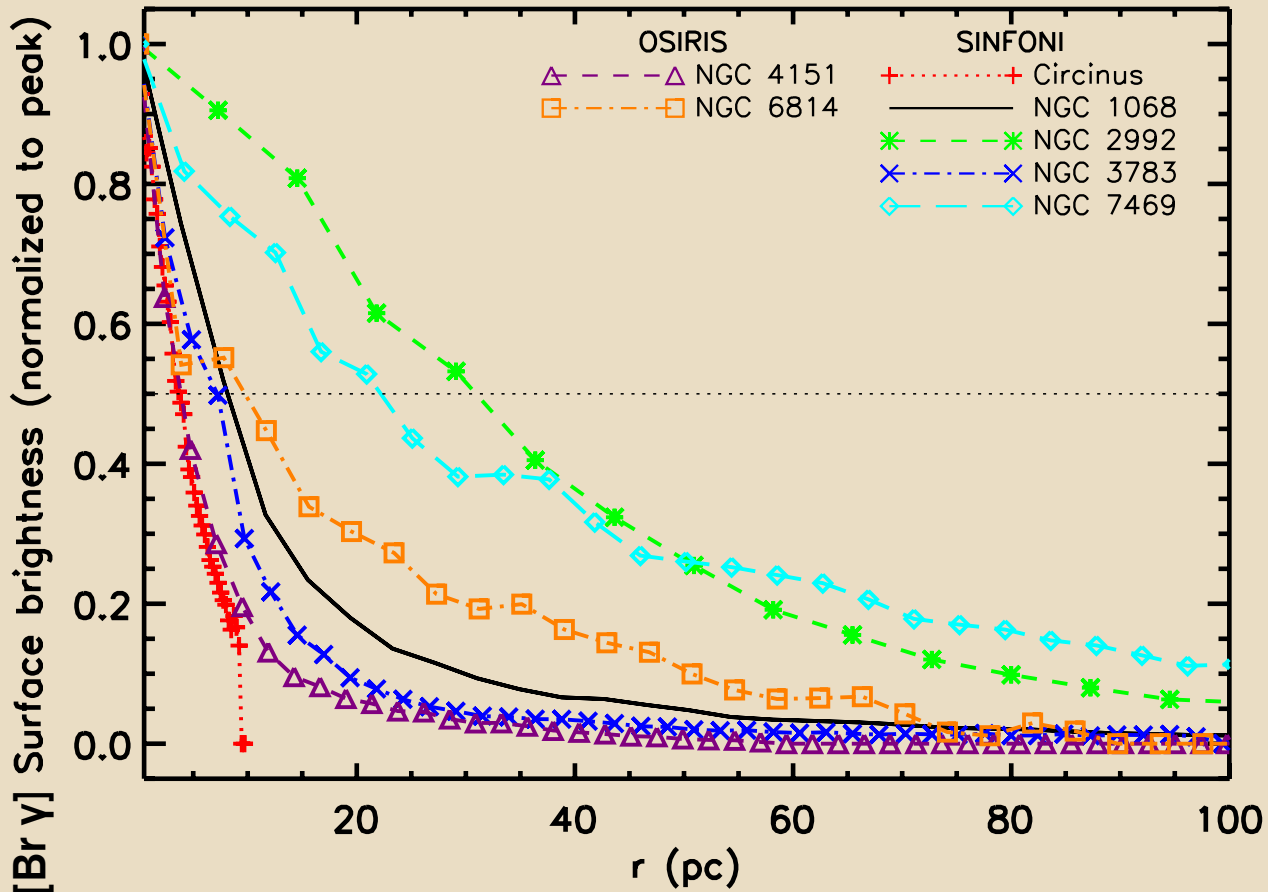
**JWST will enable study of fainter systems and systems inaccessible to ground/HST WFC3**

# CONCLUSIONS (THANKS FOR LISTENING!)

- Strong gravitational lensing is a powerful tool for constraining the properties of dark matter on small scales
- Narrow-line lensing is a promising new way to expand the sample of gravitational lenses which can be used to probe dark matter substructure
- The WFC3 grism provides sufficient spatial and spectral resolution to detect low mass subhalos, well below the regime where stars become unreliable tracers of dark matter.
- With the current sample of narrow-line lenses we expect to be able to place new constraints on WDM/CDM.
- Thousands of new lenses will be discovered in LSST and can be followed up with this method with JWST/next generation of telescopes.



# NARROW LINE LIGHT PROFILE



# FINITE SOURCE EFFECTS FOR HE0435

