

The image shows a dark blue background with several bright, multi-colored arcs. These arcs are composed of many small, overlapping segments, each showing a color gradient from blue to red. The arcs are curved and appear to be part of a larger, continuous structure. One prominent arc is on the right side, curving from the top right towards the bottom right. Another arc is on the left side, curving from the top left towards the bottom left. There are also smaller, more fragmented arcs scattered across the field.

# Gravitational lensing at the highest angular resolution

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**z=0.0**

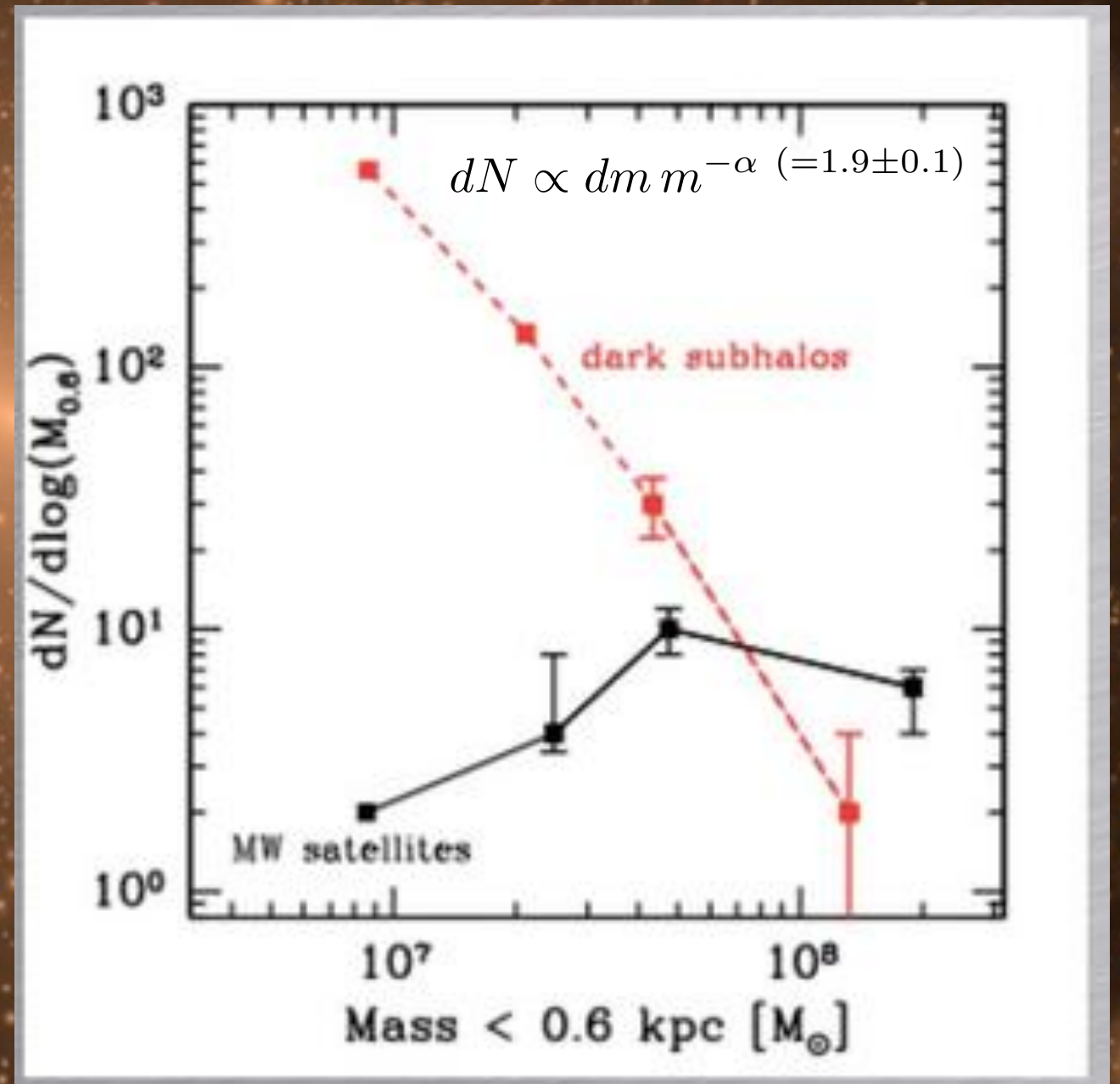
Dark matter only simulation of a Milky Way like halo (Diemand et al. 2007)

**80 kpc**





Dark matter only simulation of a Milky Way like halo (Diemand et al. 2007)



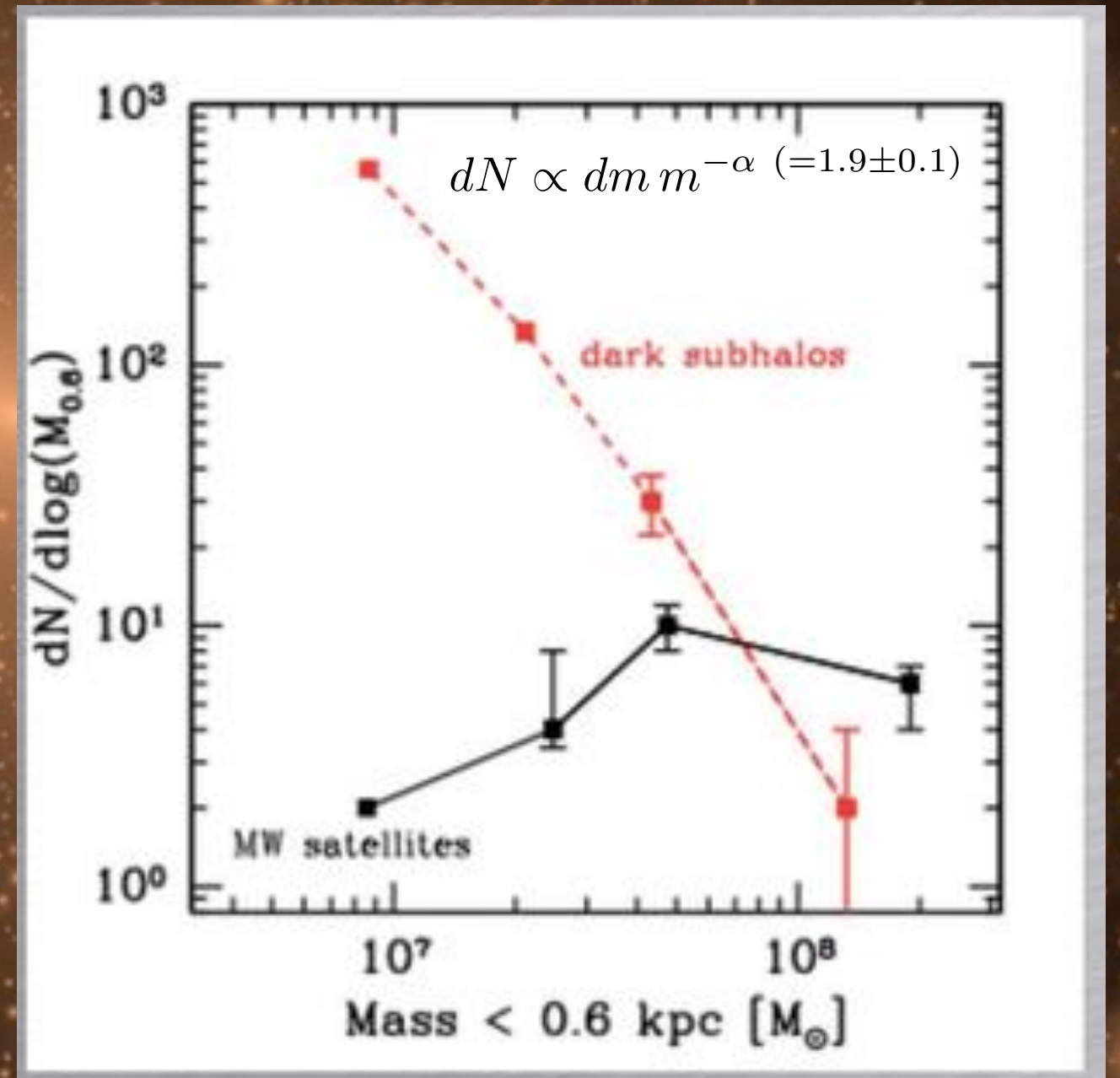


Dark matter only simulation of a Milky Way like halo (Diemand et al. 2007)

i) Something wrong with the galaxy formation model?

ii) The low mass dwarfs are dark (did not form stars at early epoch)?

iii) The Milky Way is a special case?



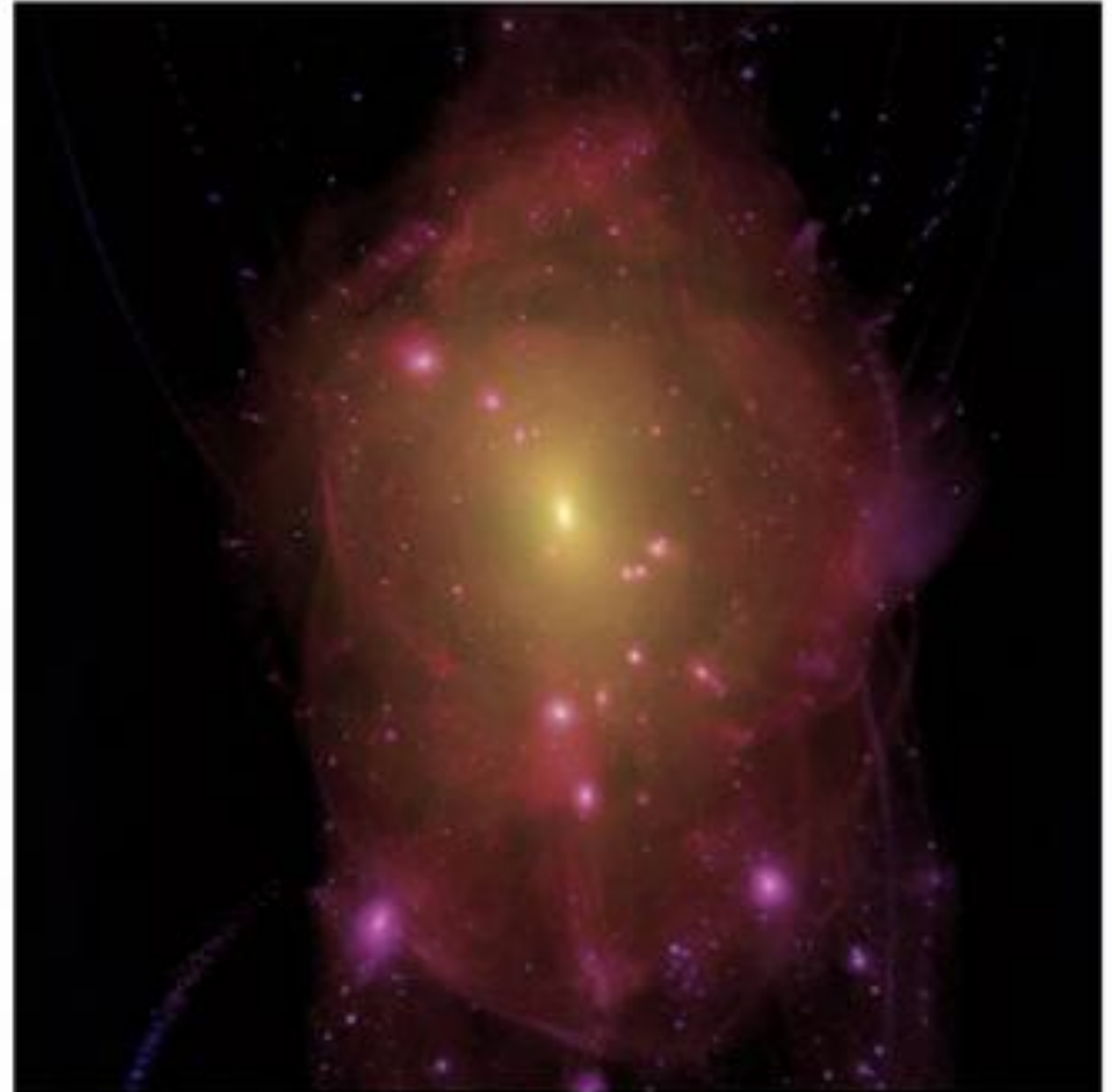


Dark matter halo of mass  $\sim 10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$  (Lovell et al. 2012)

Cold dark matter



Warm dark matter

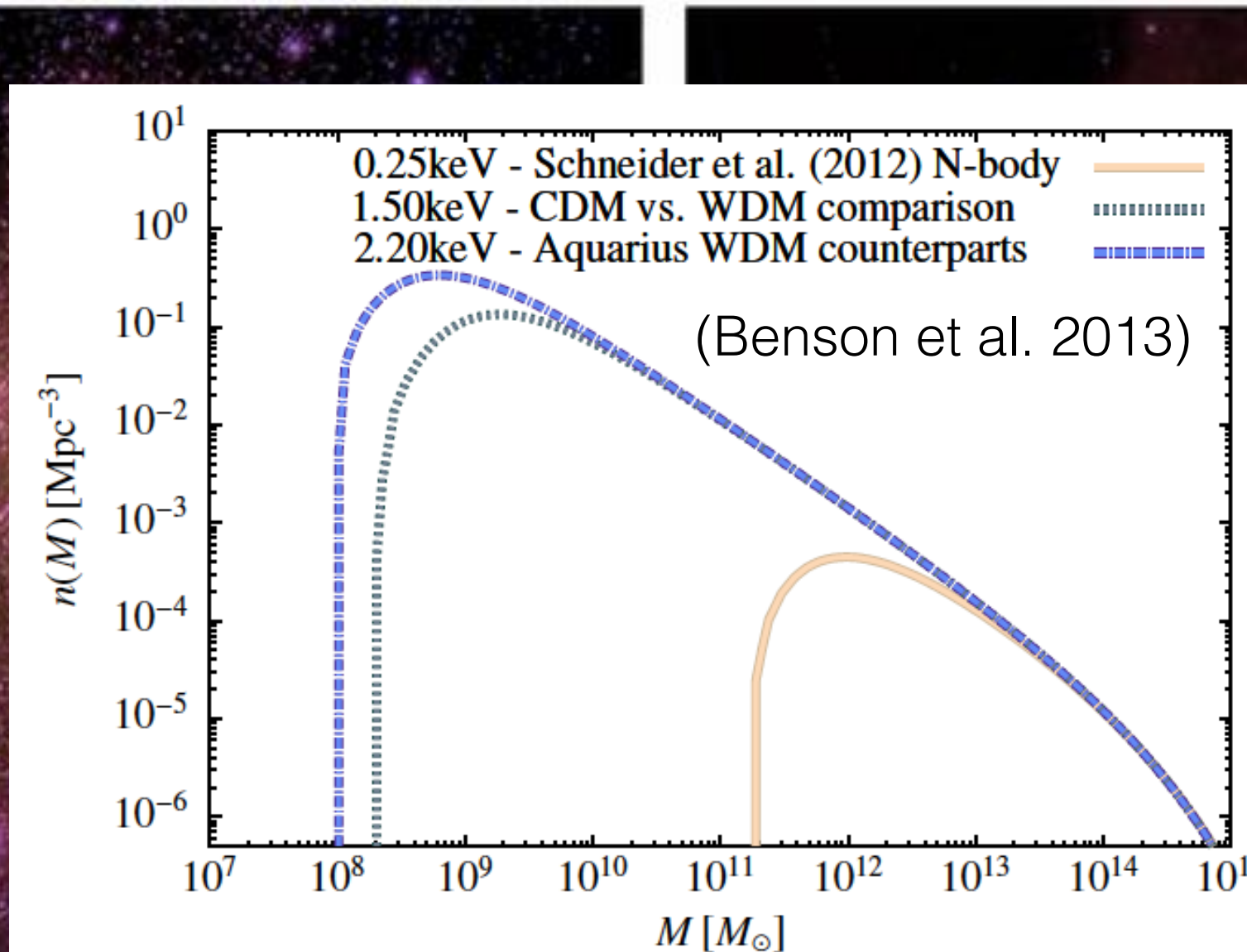




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The cut-off in the mass function is directly related to the model for dark matter.



**a**



**b**



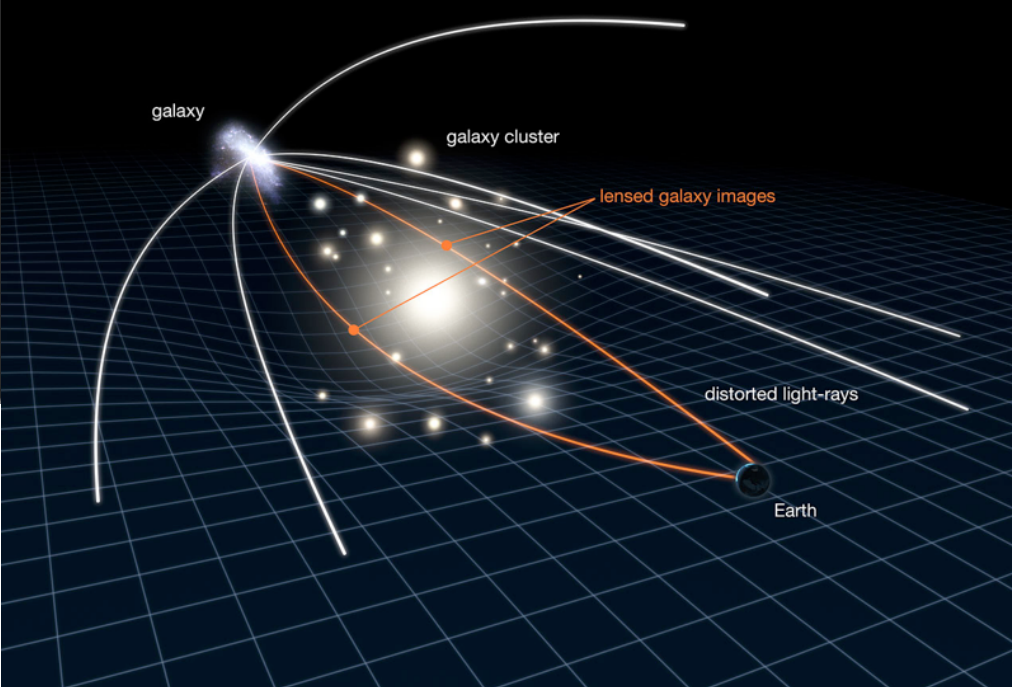
Satellite galaxy's effect



**a**



galaxy  
galaxy cluster  
lensed galaxy images  
distorted light-rays  
Earth



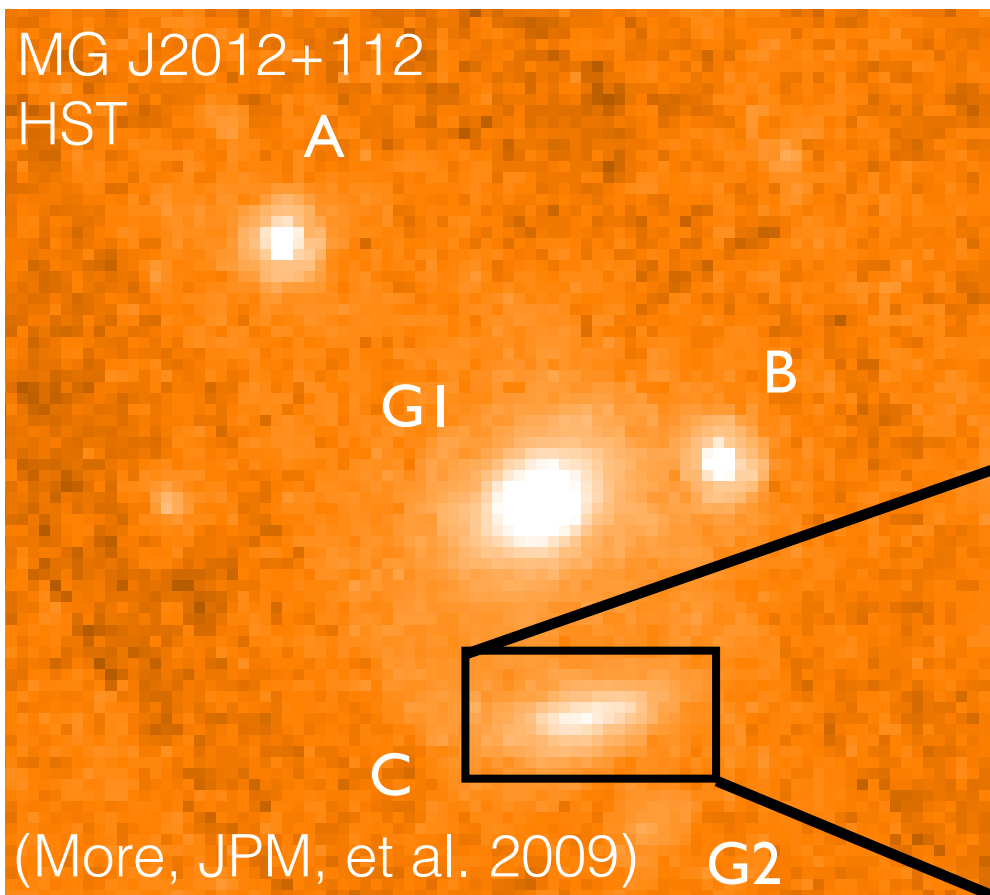
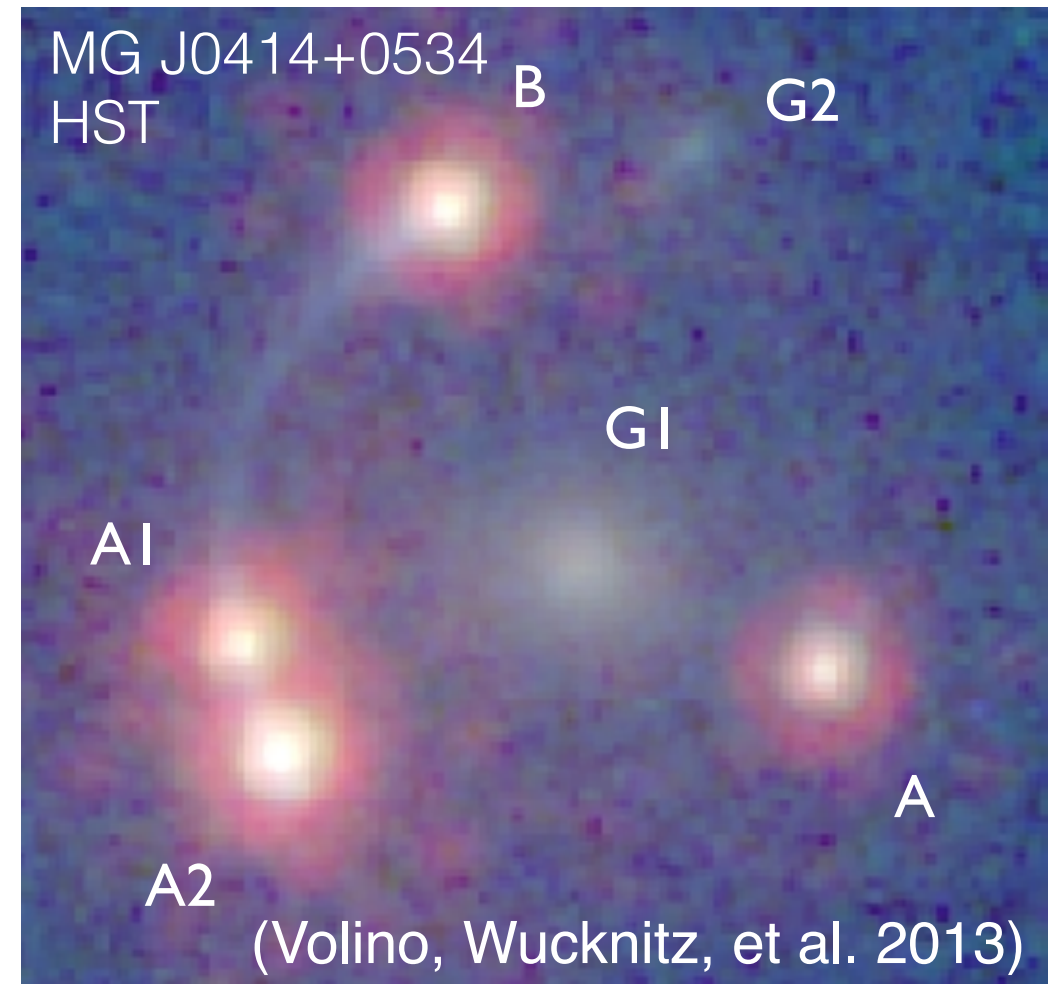
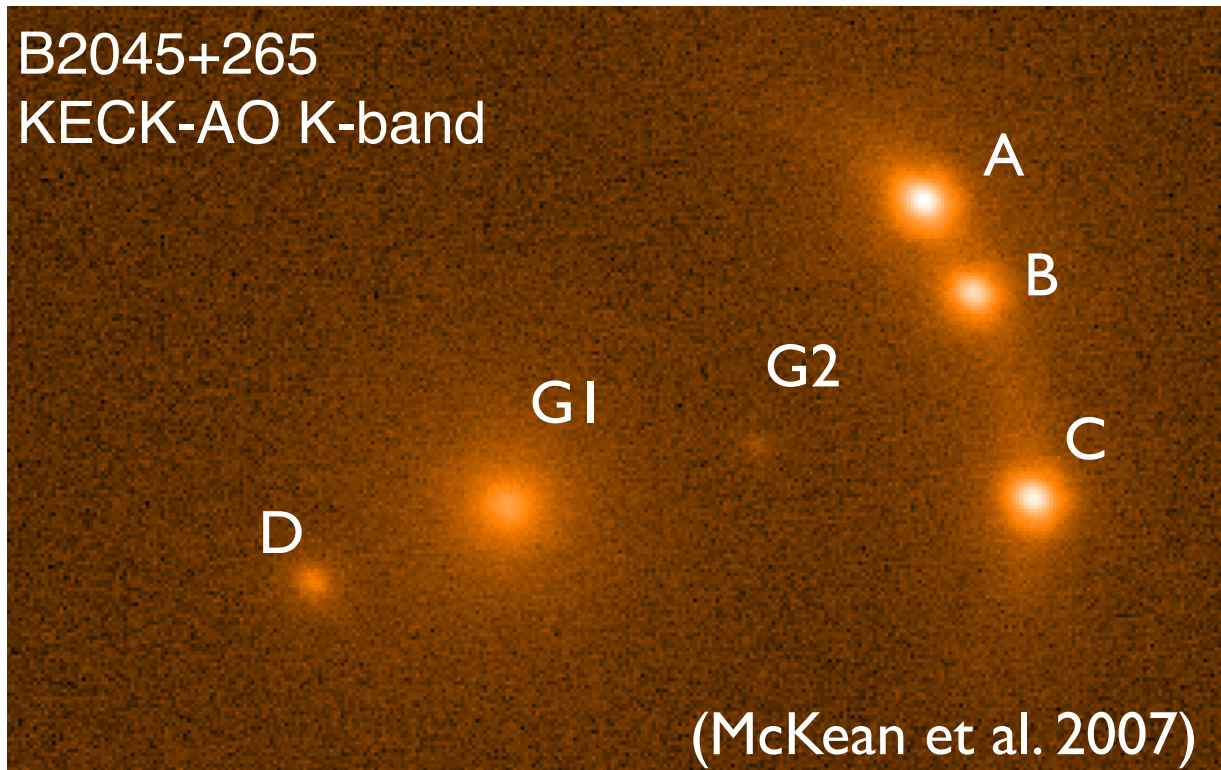
**b**

Satellite galaxy's effect

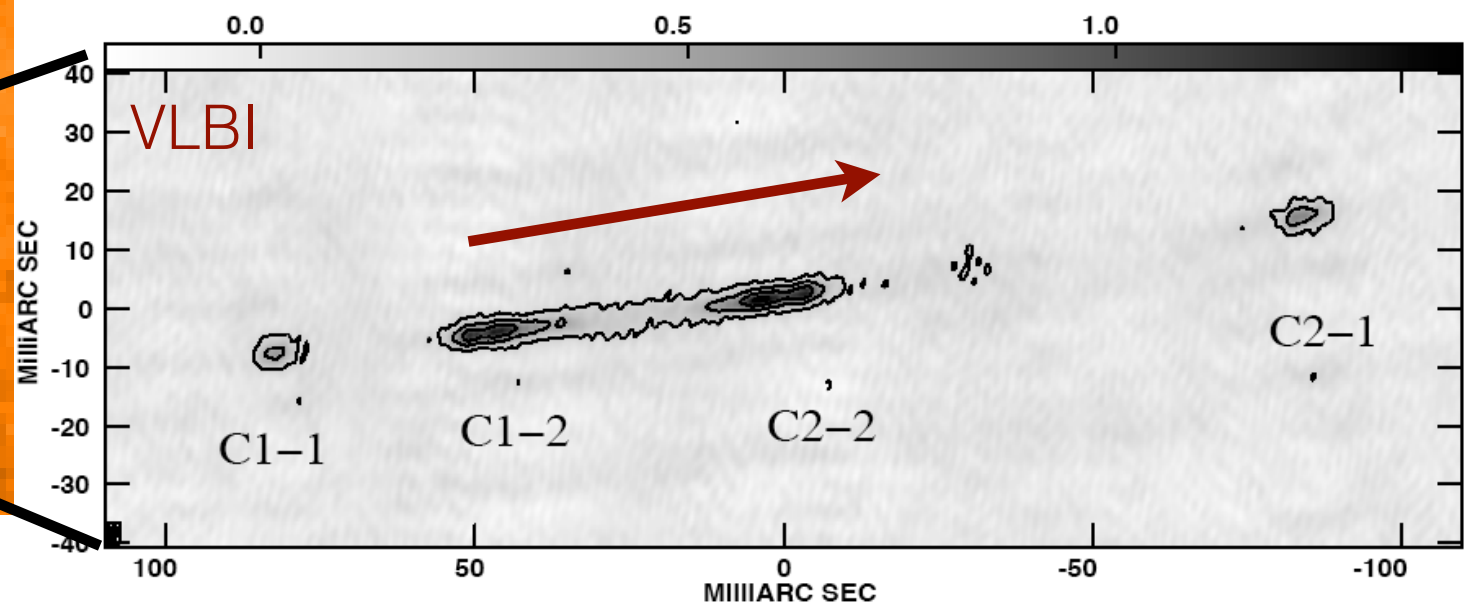




# Top end of the substructure mass function

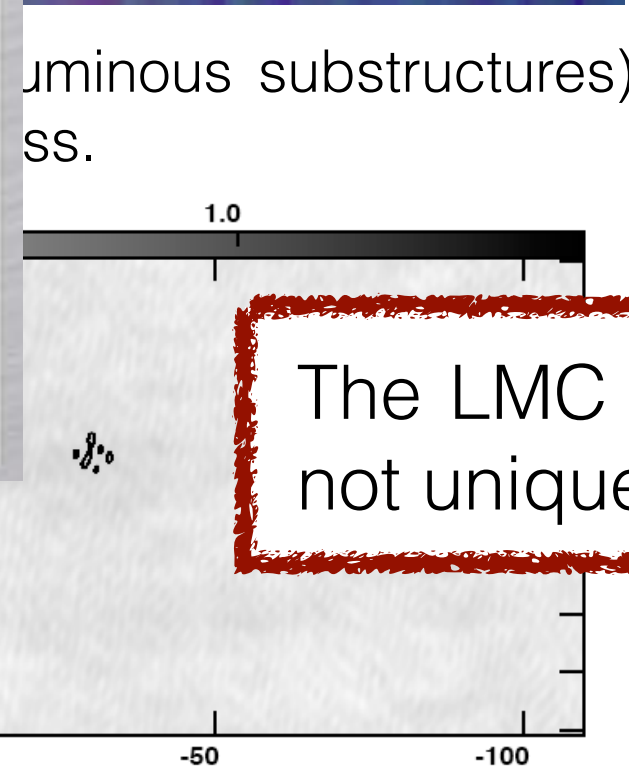
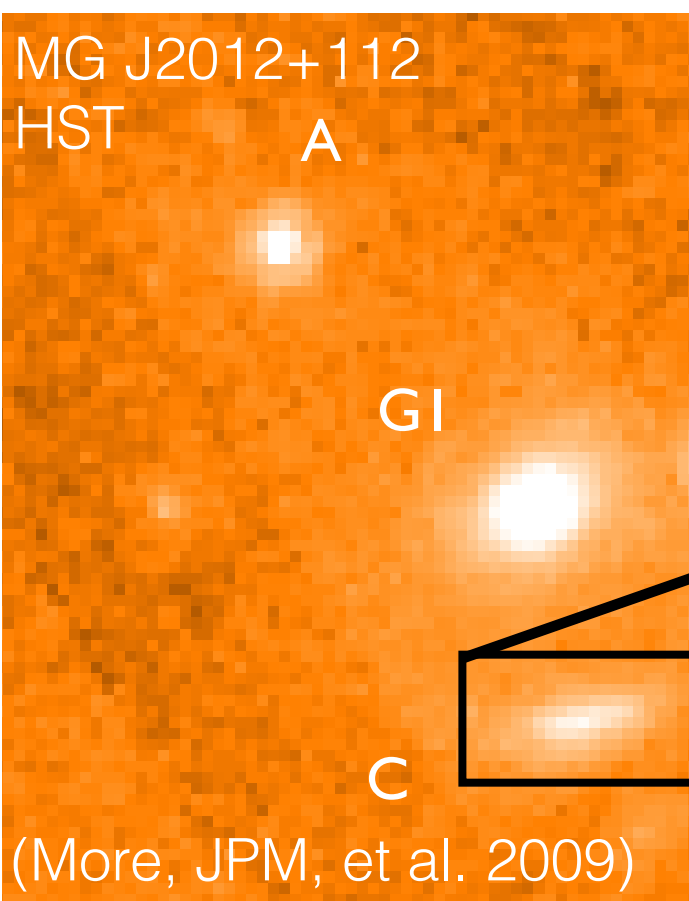
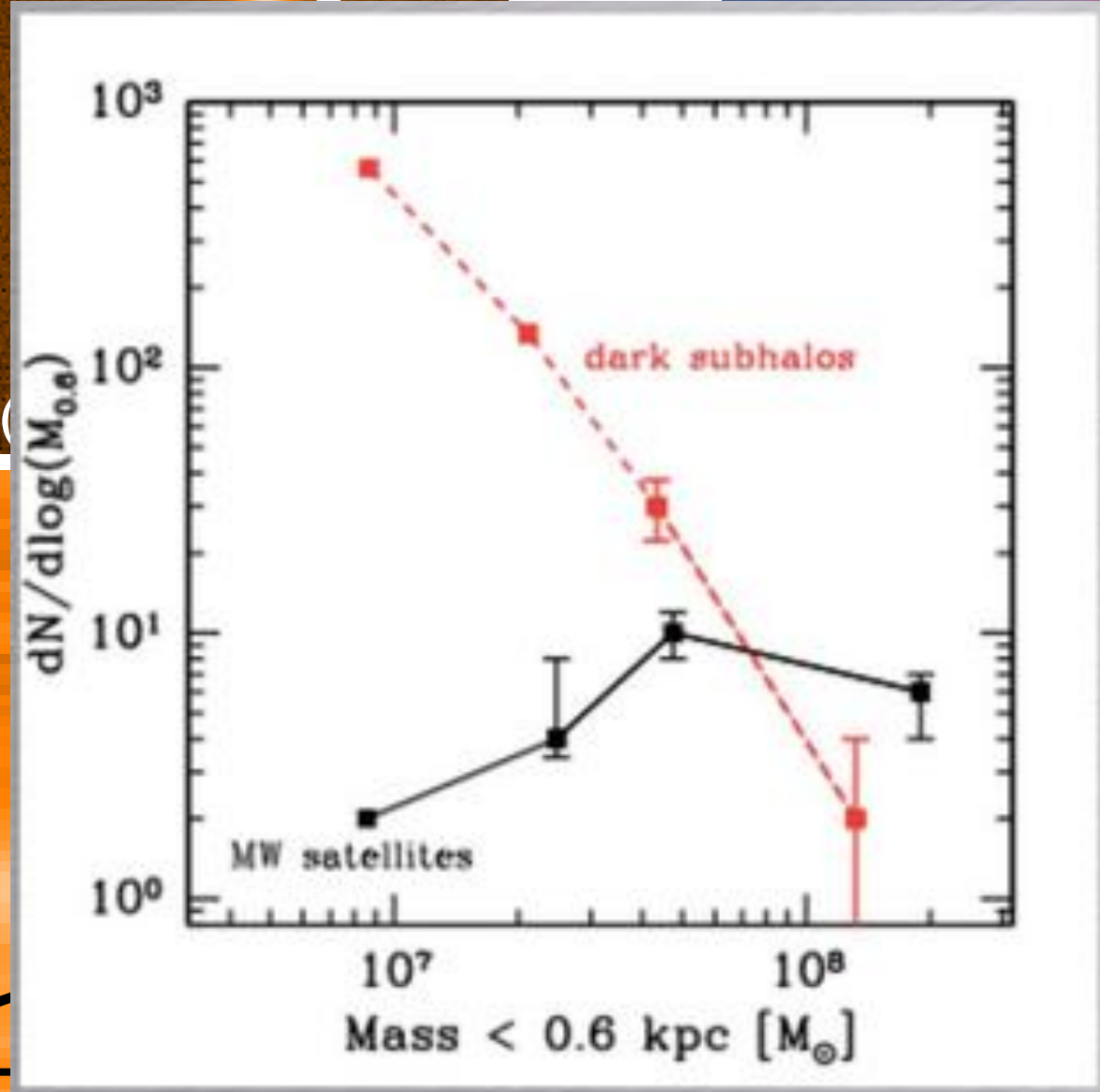
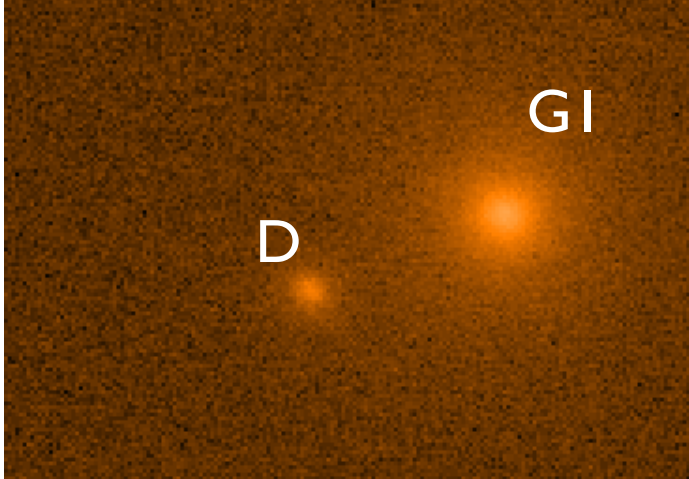
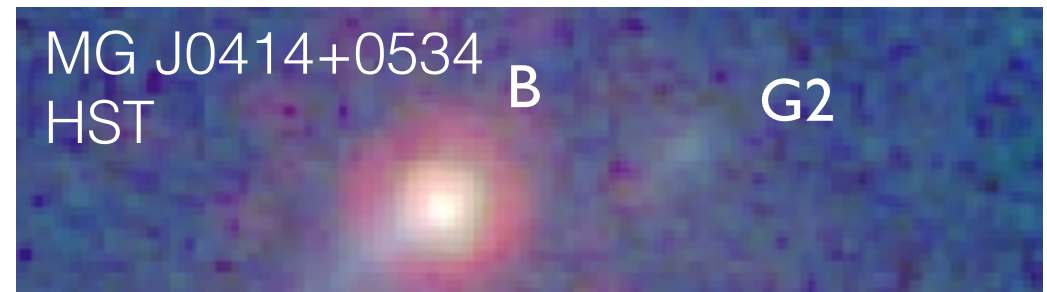


Dwarf companion galaxies (luminous substructures) make up  $\sim 1\%$  of total halo mass.



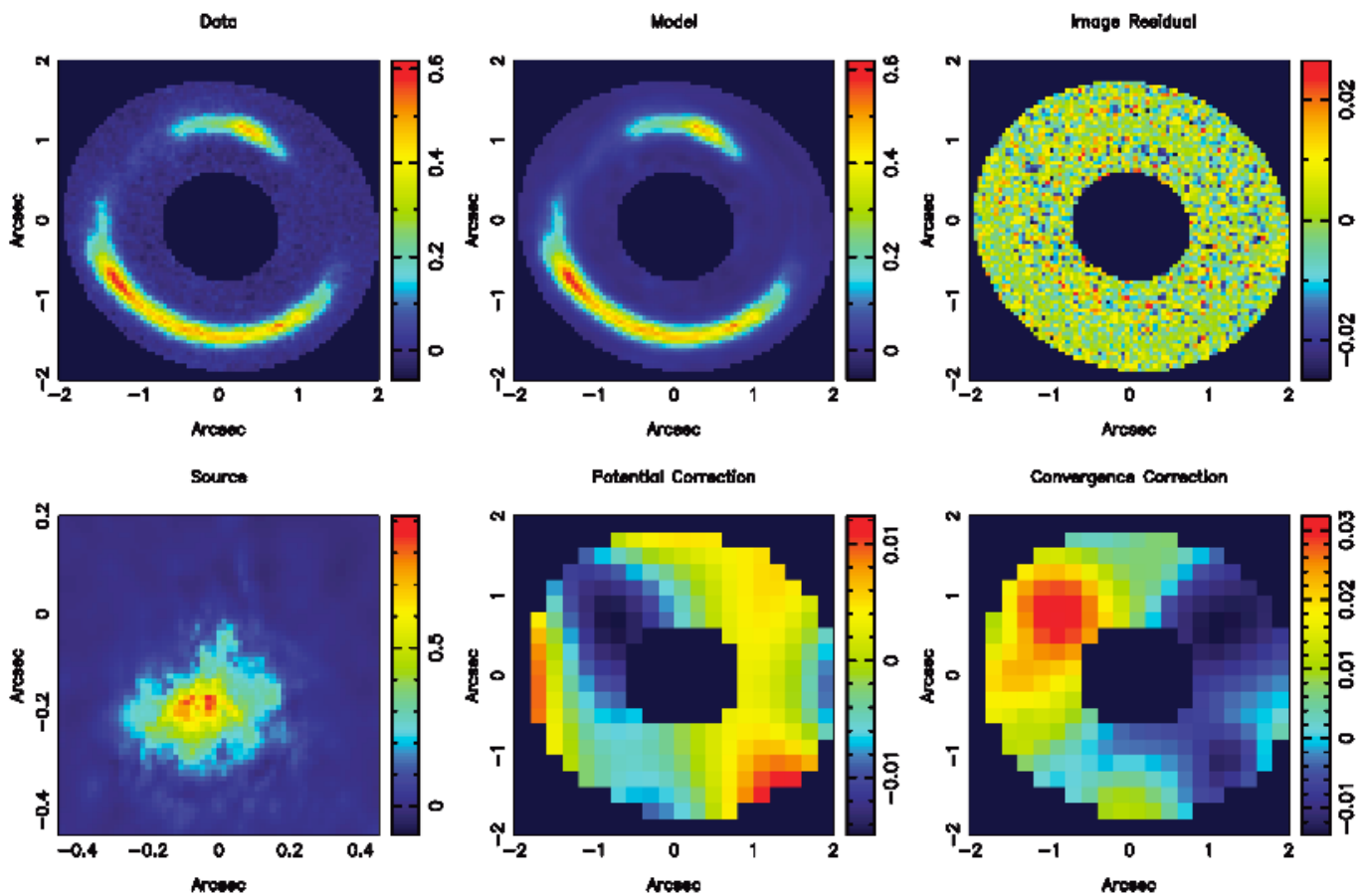


# Top end of the substructure mass function



The LMC is not unique!





SDSS J0946+1006 ( $z = 0.222$ ;  
HST F814W; psf 75 mas)

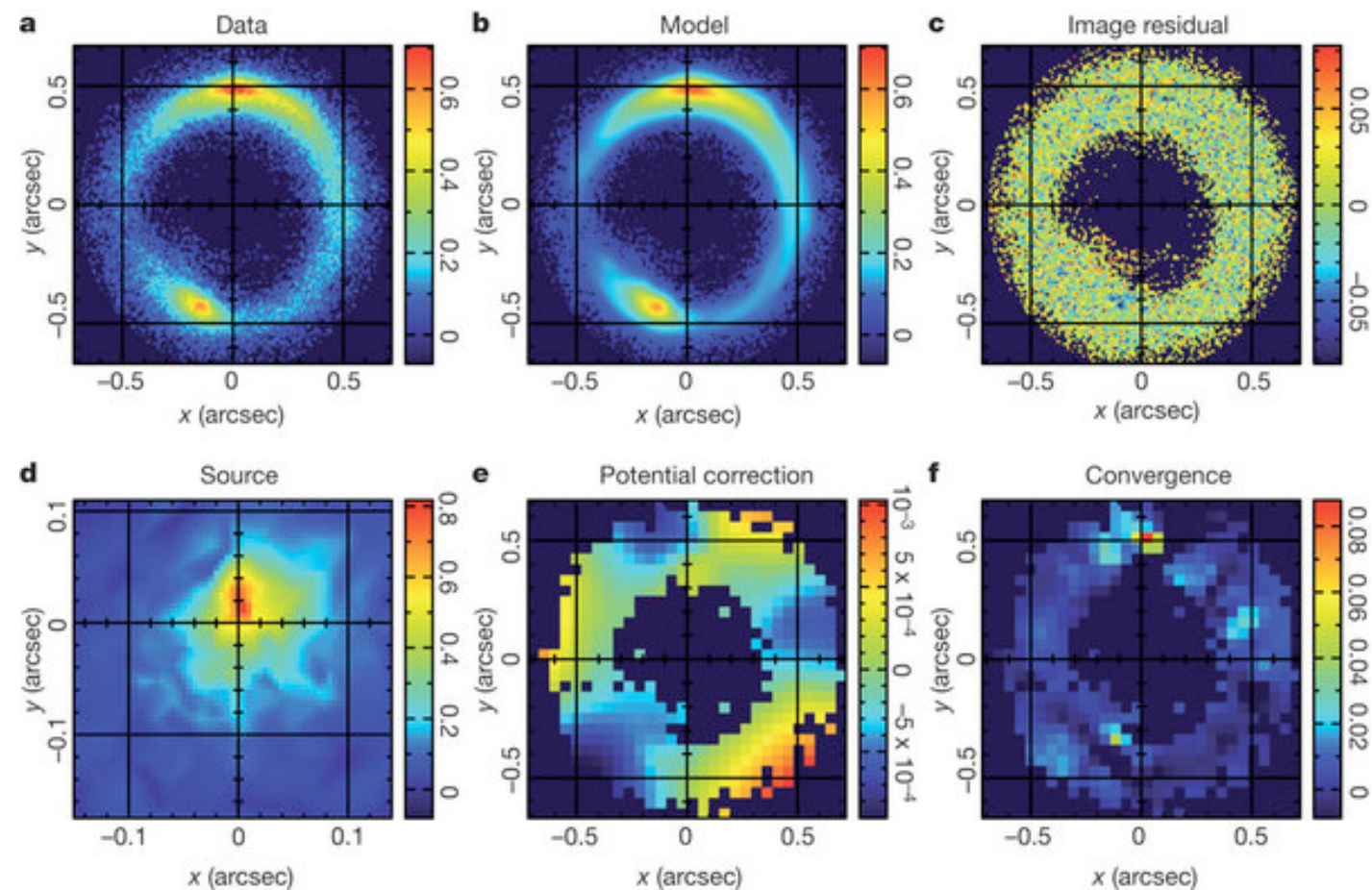
$$M_{\text{sub}} = (3.5 \pm 0.2 \times 10^9 M_{\text{sol}})$$

(Vegetti et al. 2010)

JVAS B1938+666 ( $z = 0.881$ ; Keck  
adaptive optics; psf 65 mas).

$$M_{\text{sub}} = (1.9 \pm 0.1 \times 10^8 M_{\text{sol}})$$

(Vegetti, Lagattuta, JPM et al. 2012,  
Nature)



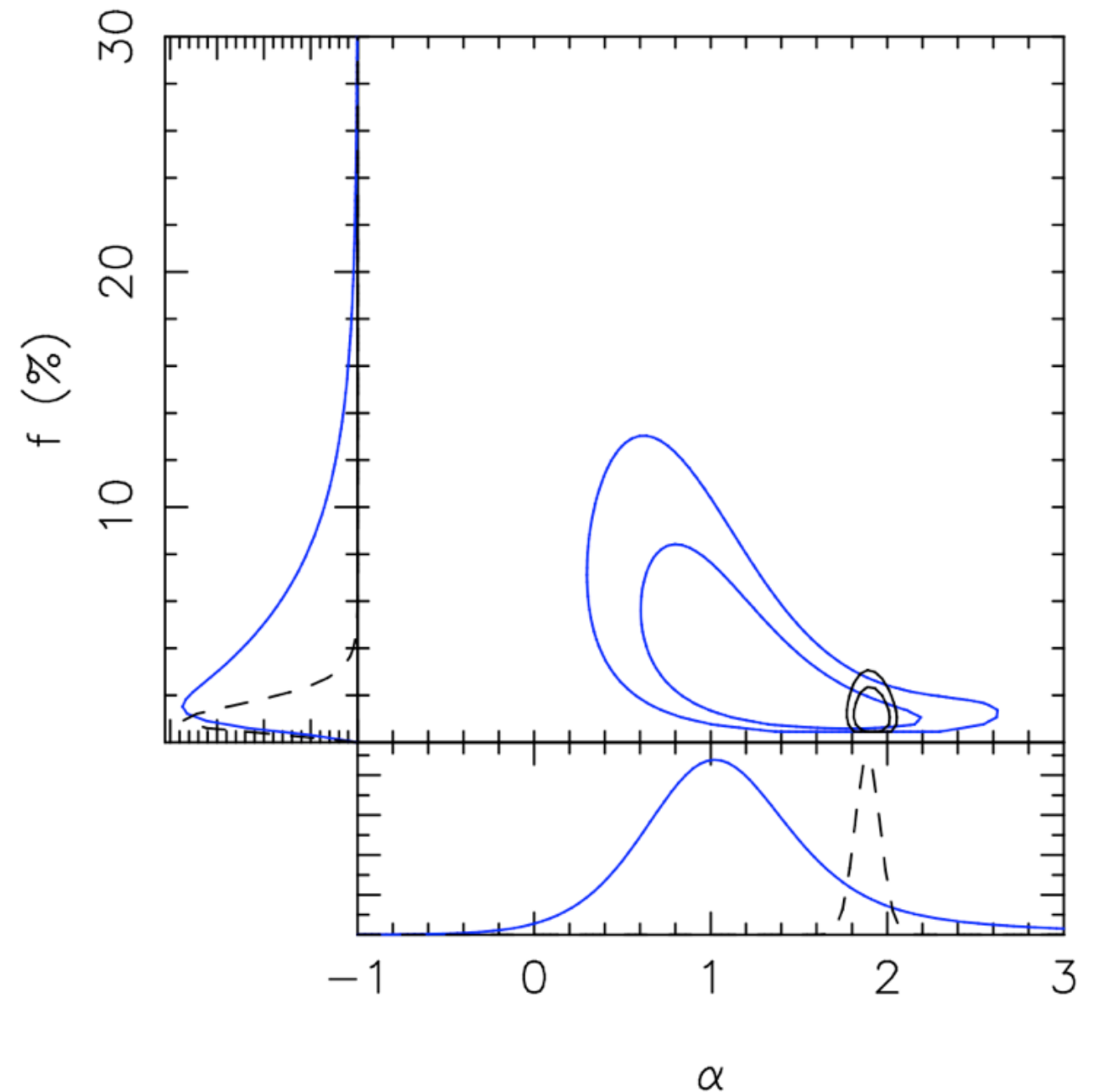


Using the two dark substructures,

$$f_{\text{CDM}} = 3.3^{+3.6}_{-1.8} \% \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = 1.1^{+0.6}_{-0.4}$$

Simulations predict

$$f_{\text{CDM}} < 0.4 \% \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = 1.9 \pm 0.1$$



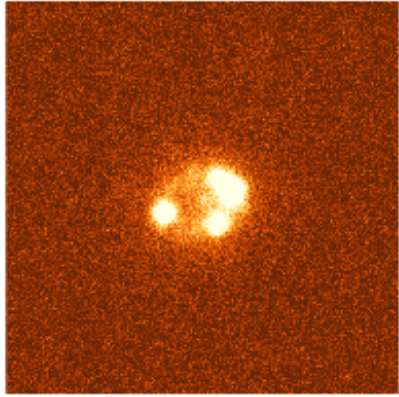
**Key Result:** The mass fraction and the slope of the mass function from 2 lenses are just consistent with what we expect from simulations (95% confidence level).

Can we go orders of magnitude lower in mass to test WDM models?

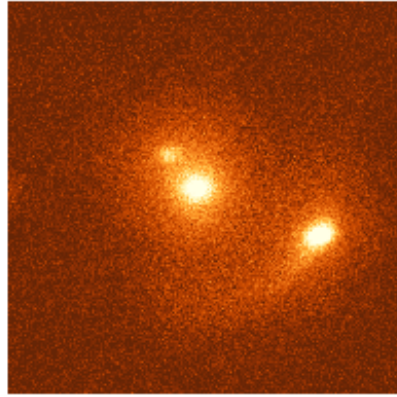
→ need mas resolution for  $10^6 M_{\text{sol}}$  haloes



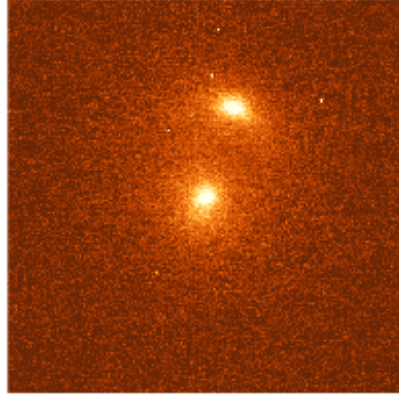
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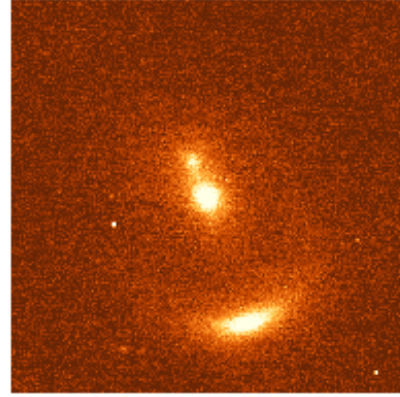
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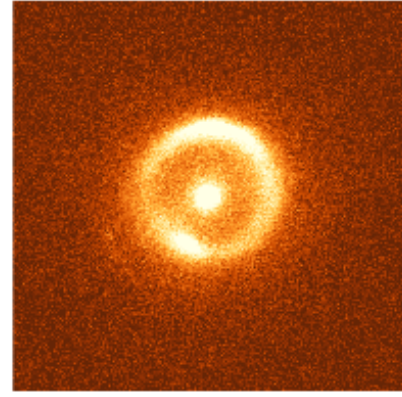
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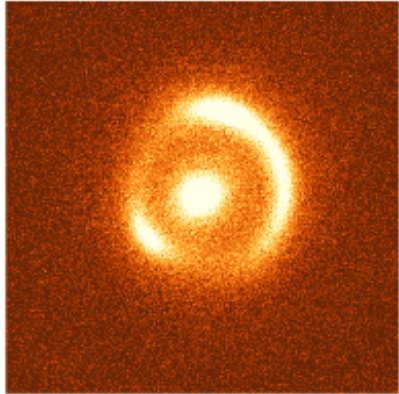
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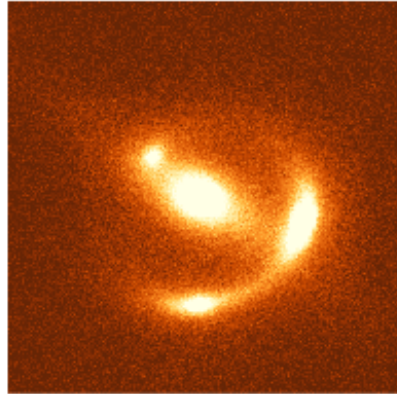
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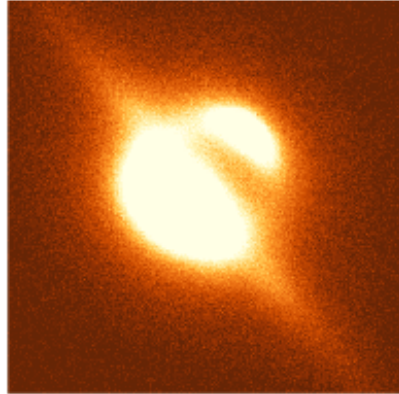
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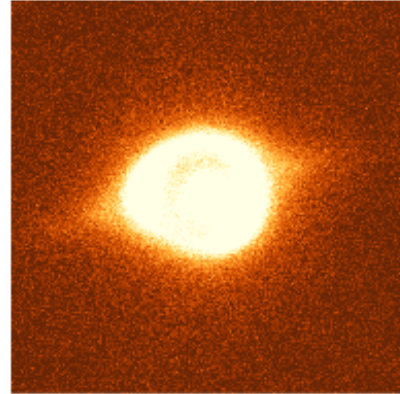
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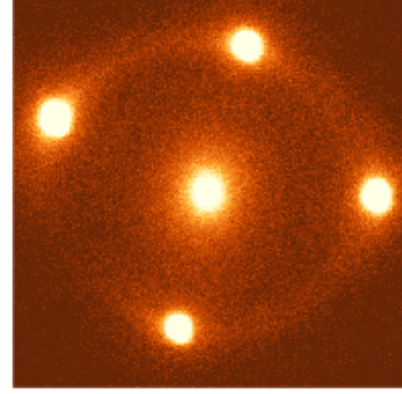
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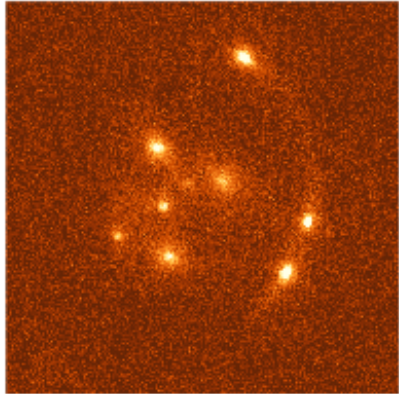
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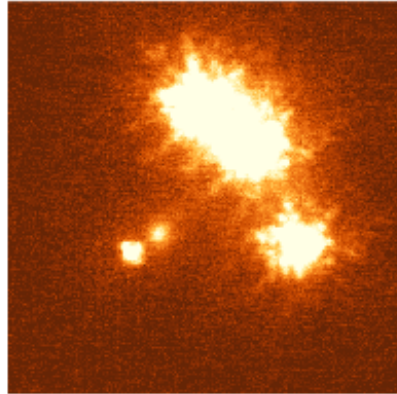
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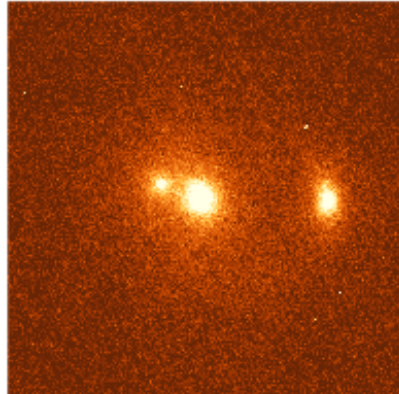
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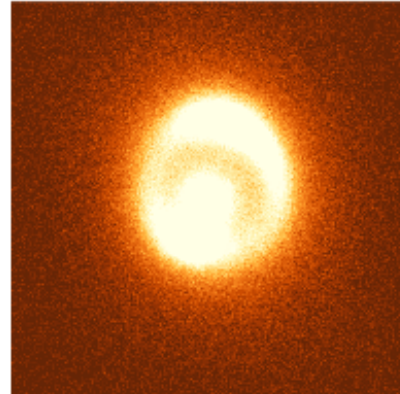
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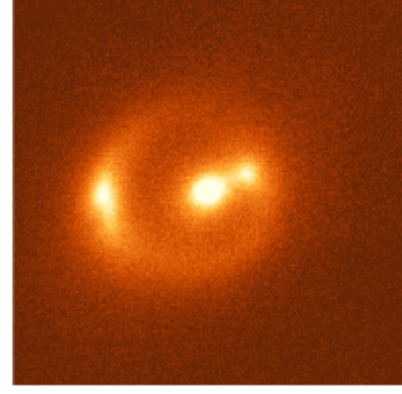
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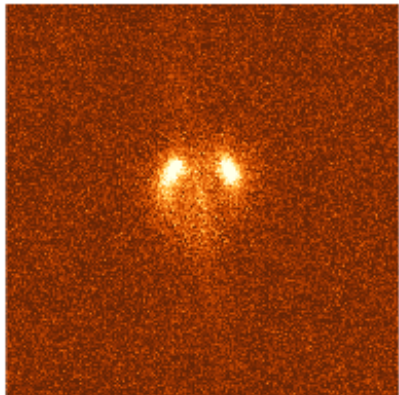
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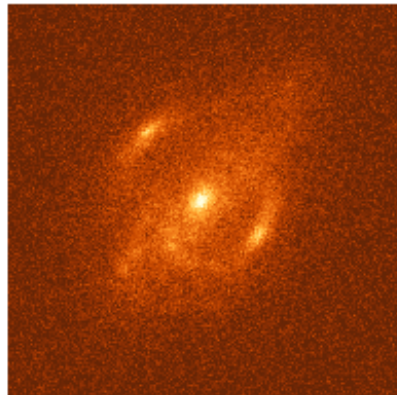
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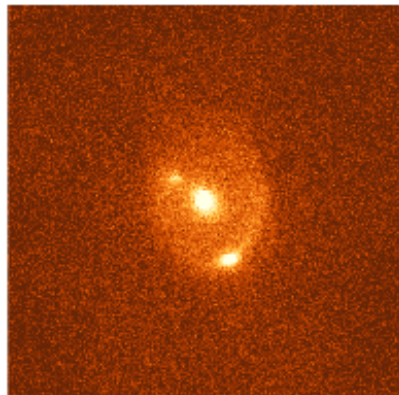
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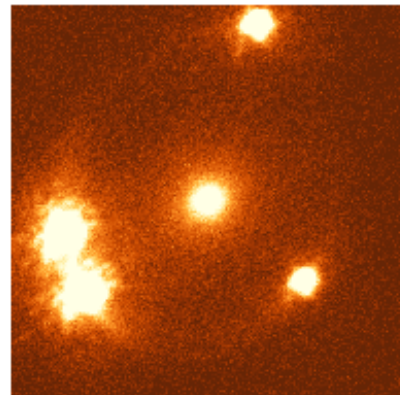
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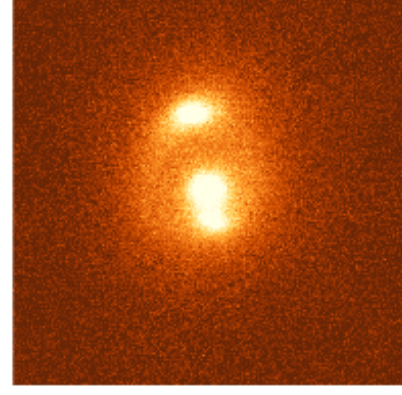
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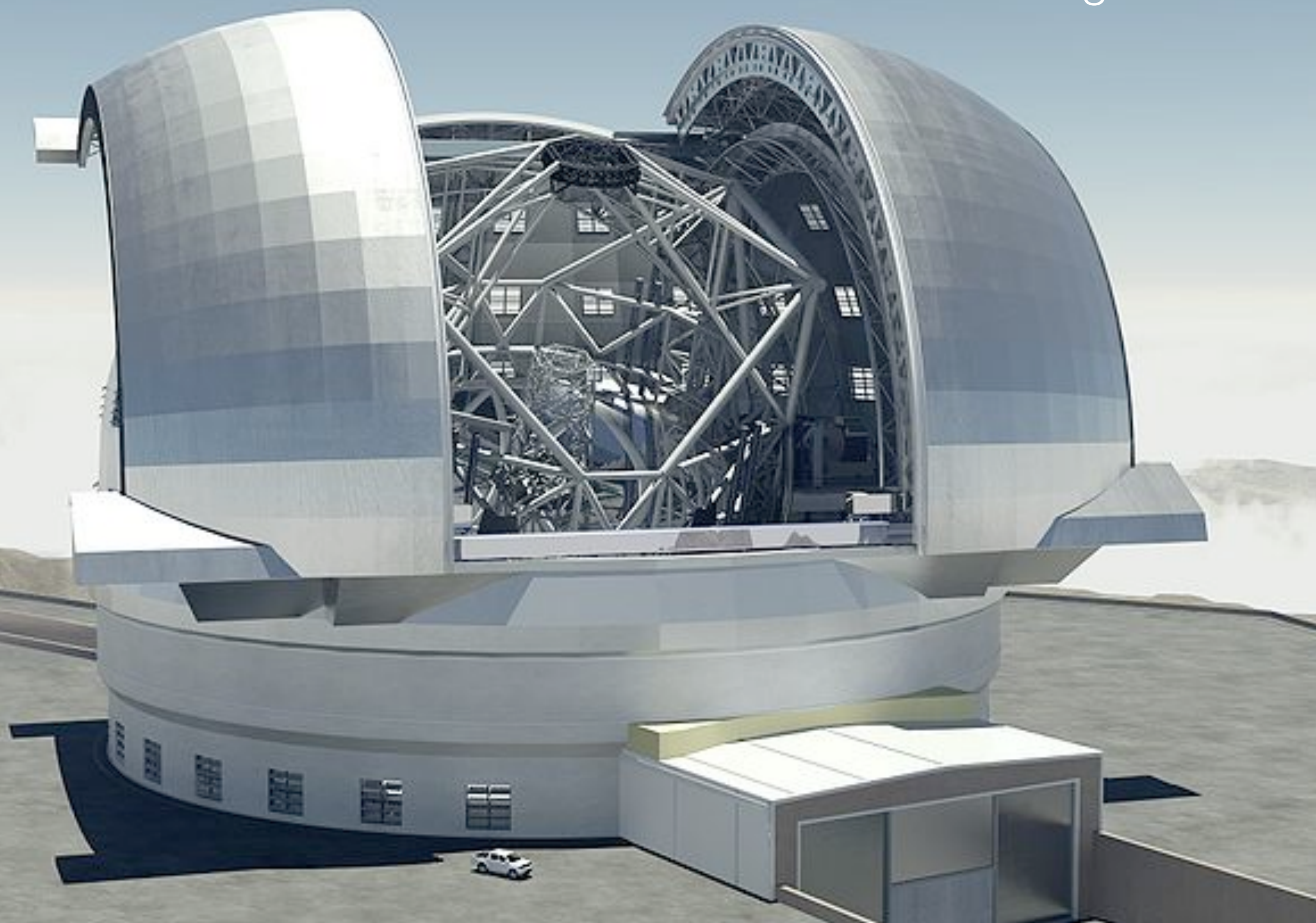


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First light 2022...





# The Global VLBI - Array

NOW!!

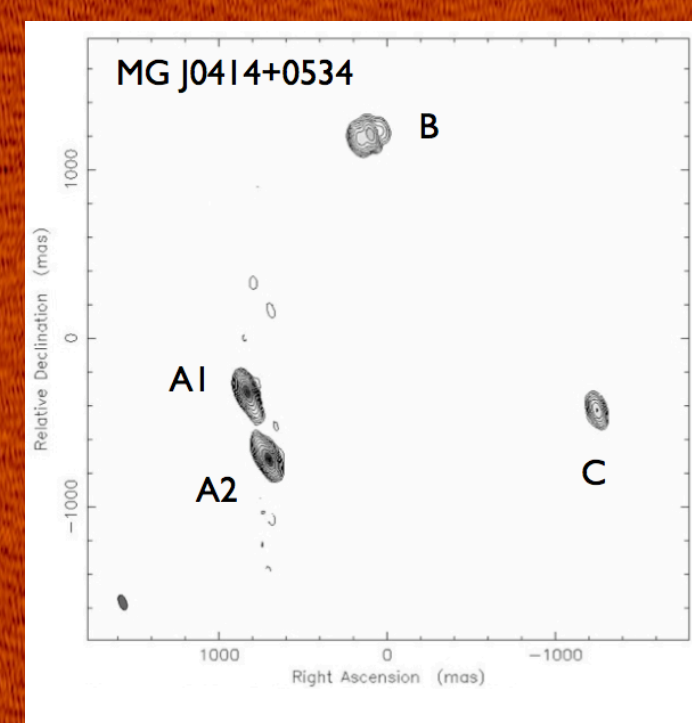




**MG J0414+0534 ( $z = 2.64$ )**

Beam size 9 x 3 mas

300  $\mu$ Jy / beam rms



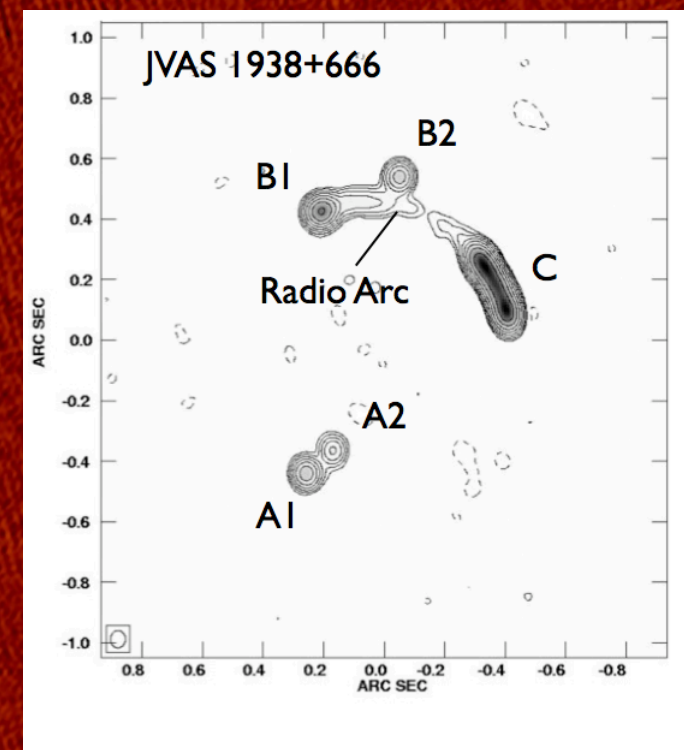
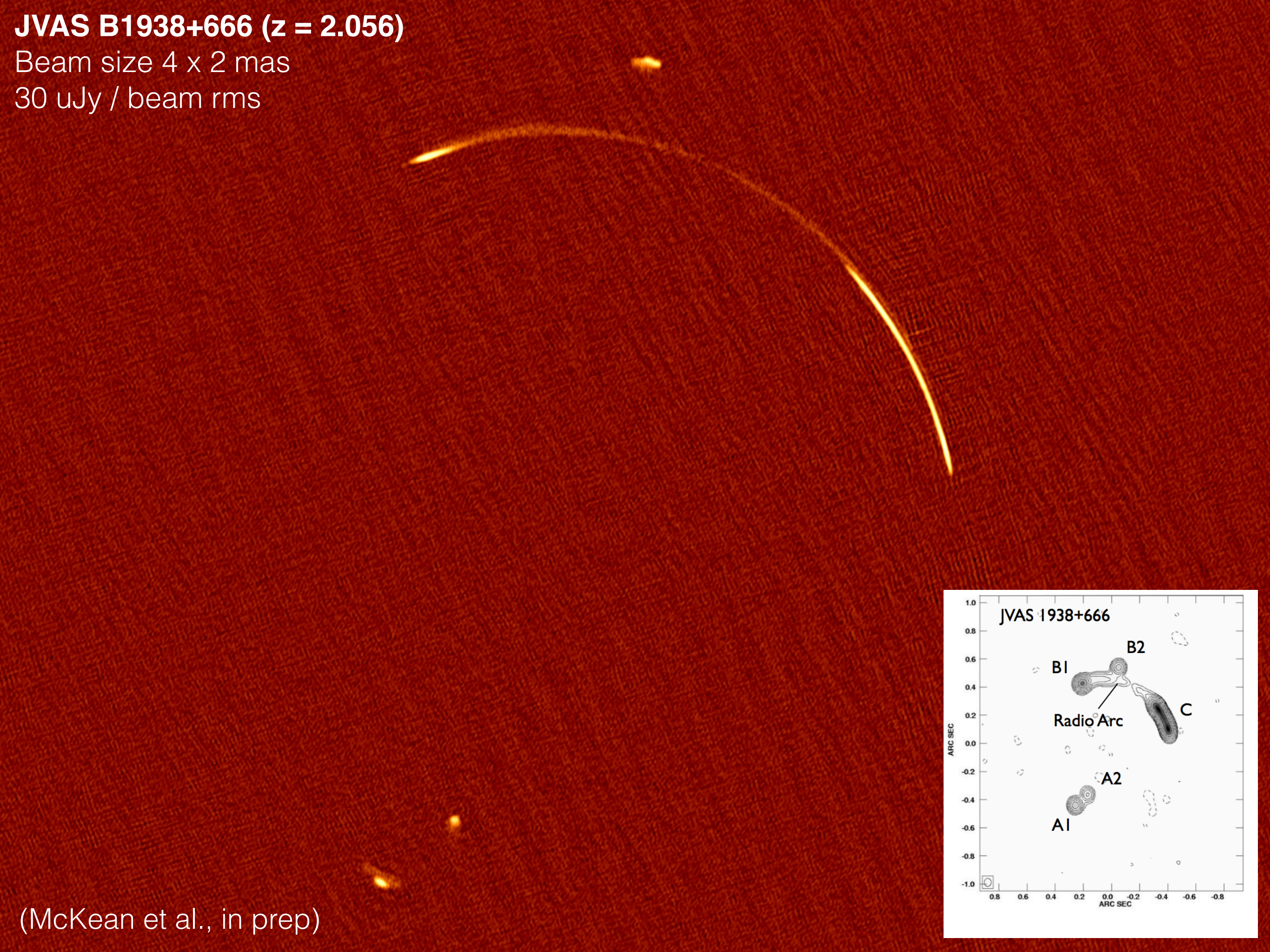
(Volino et al., in prep)



# JVAS B1938+666 ( $z = 2.056$ )

Beam size 4 x 2 mas

30  $\mu$ Jy / beam rms



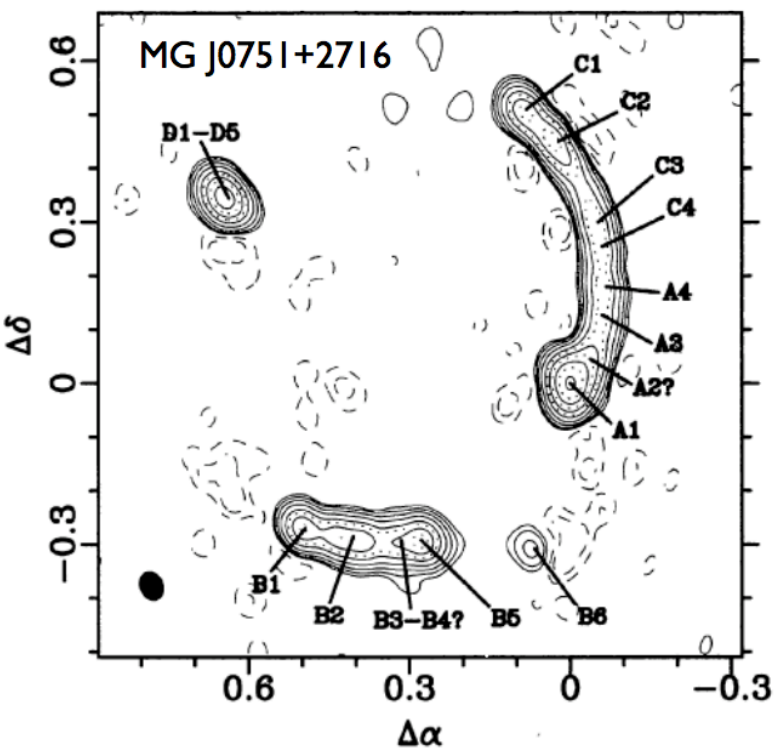
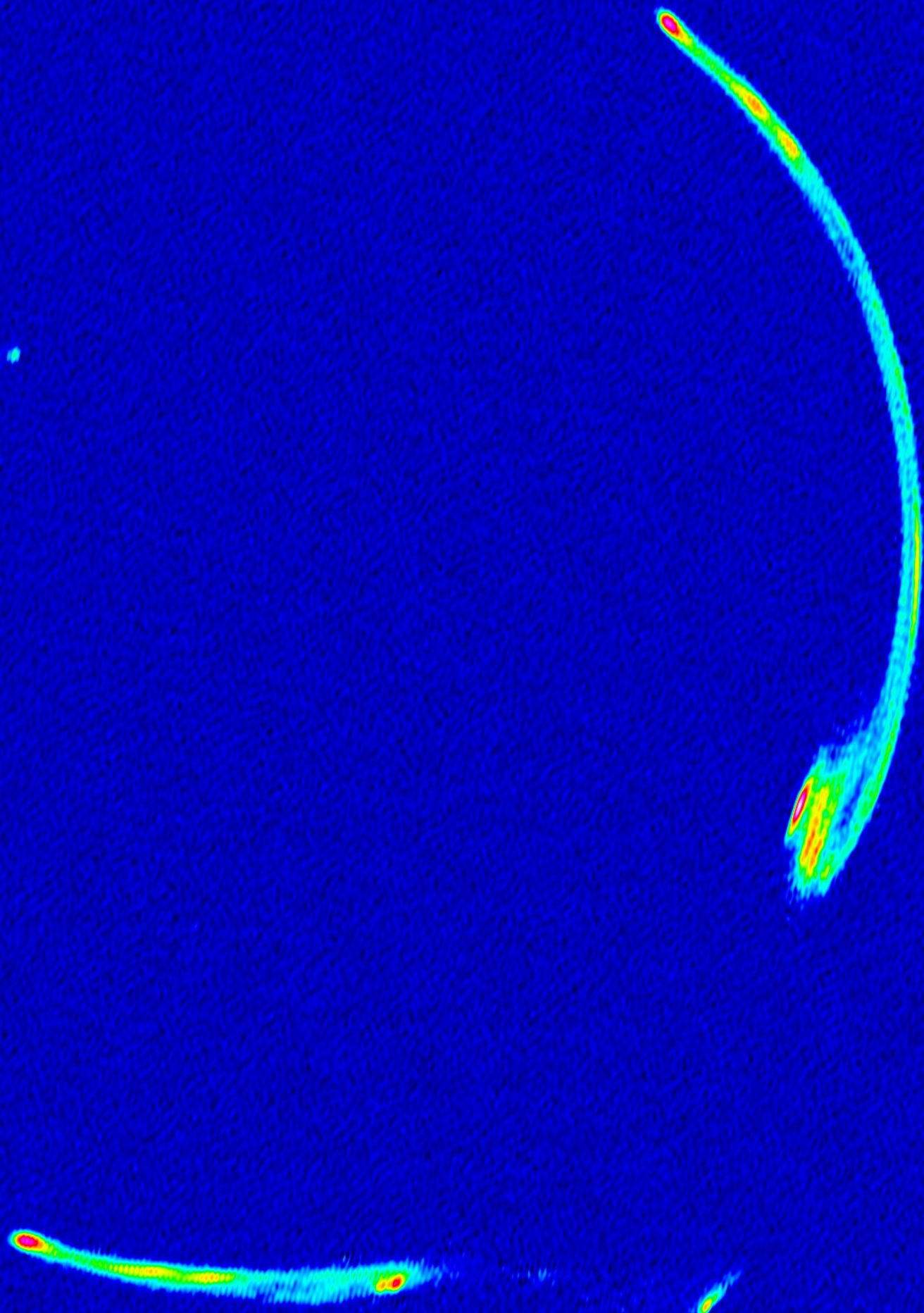
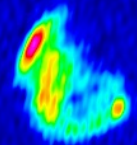
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# MG J0751+2761 ( $z = 2.056$ )

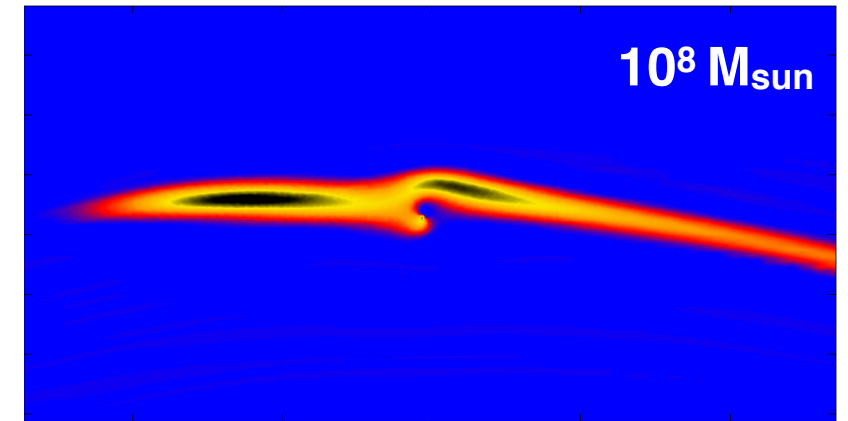
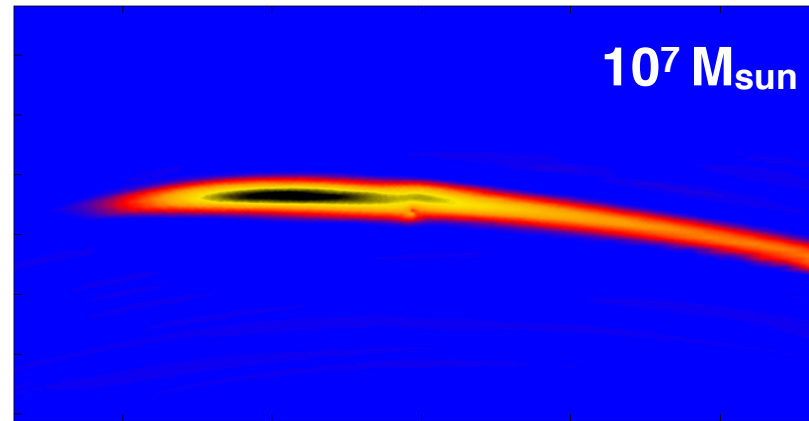
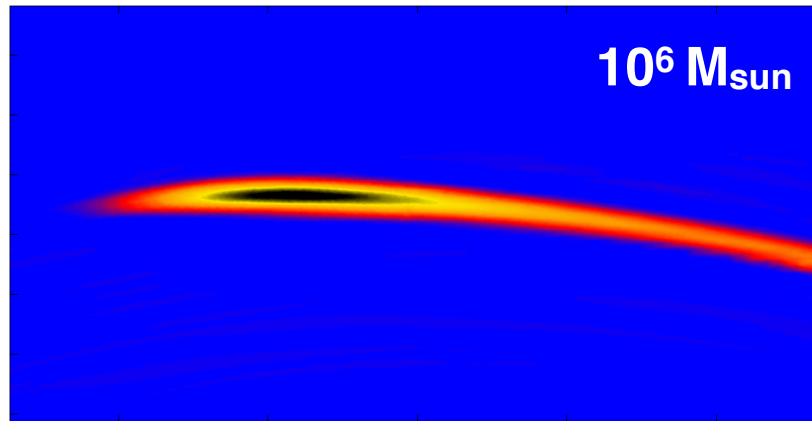
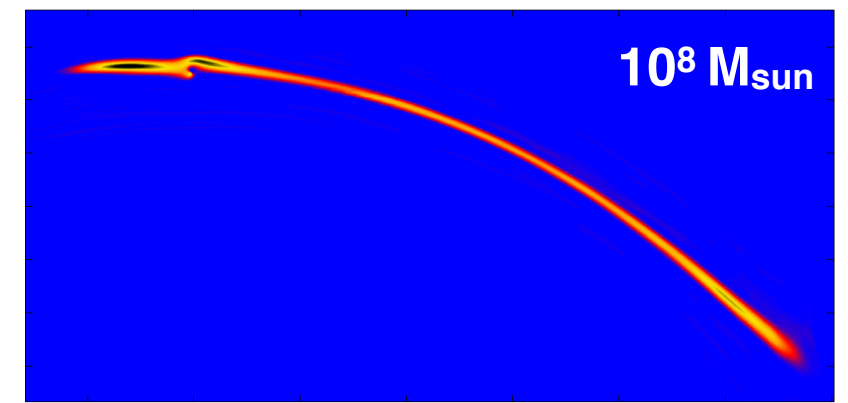
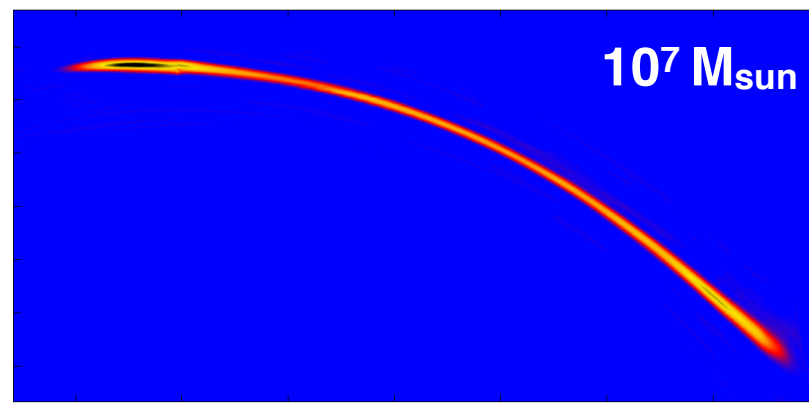
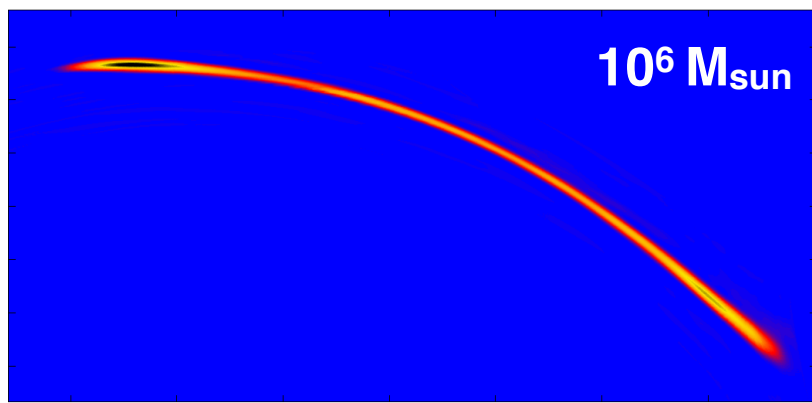
Beam size  $7 \times 2$  mas

10  $\mu$ Jy / beam rms



(McKean et al., in prep)





$f_{\text{sub}} = 1\%$

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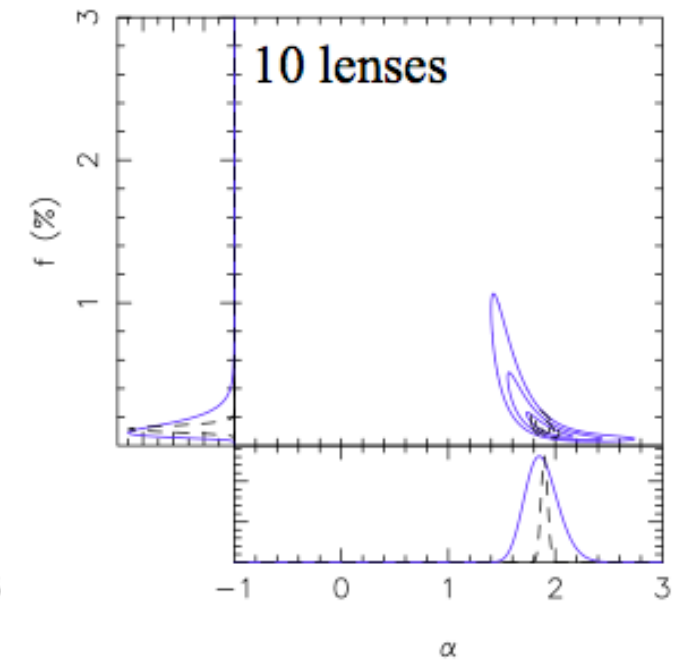
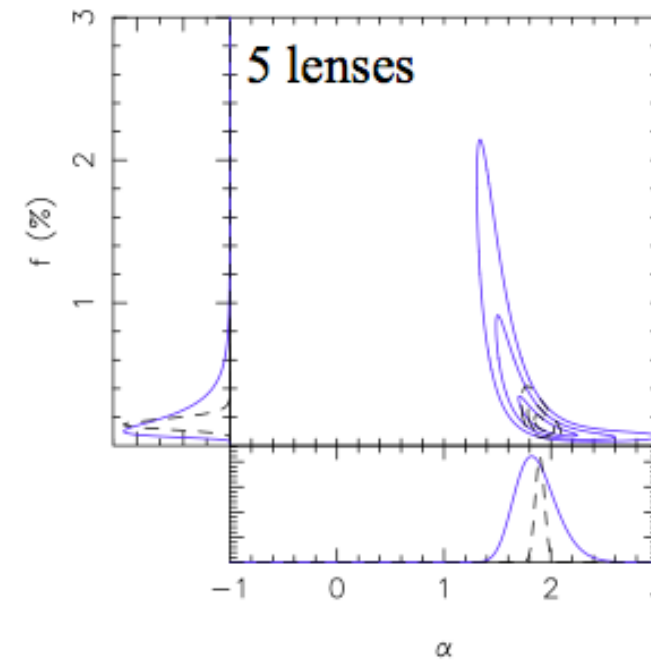
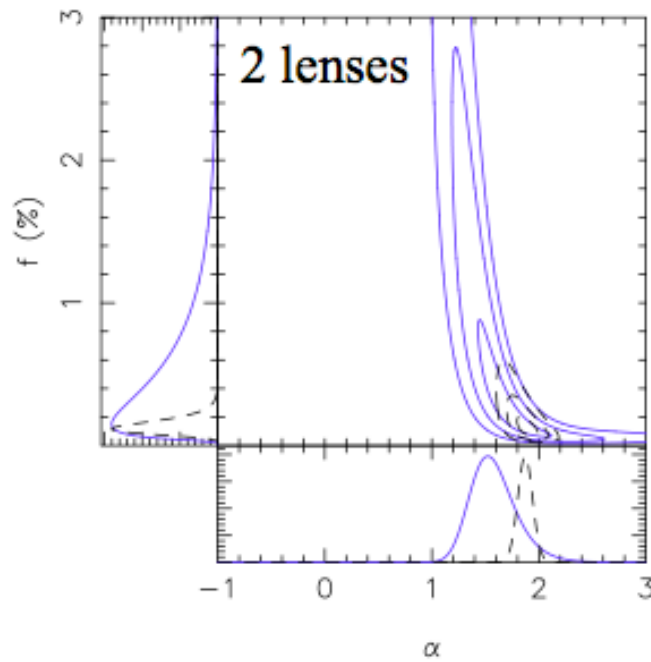
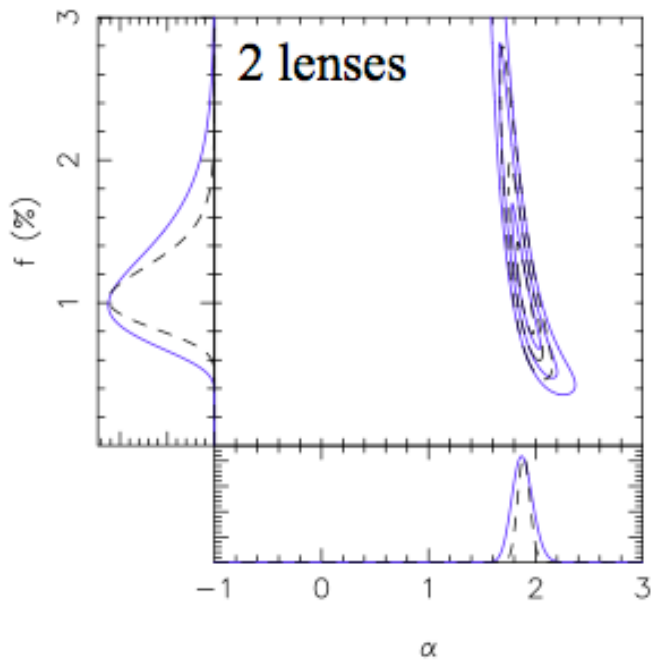
$f_{\text{sub}} = 0.1\%$

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$\alpha = 1.87^{+0.11}_{-0.09}$   
 $f_{\text{sub}} = 1.1^{+0.5}_{-0.3}\%$

$\alpha = 1.57^{+0.23}_{-0.19}$   
 $f_{\text{sub}} = 0.45^{+0.67}_{-0.29}\%$

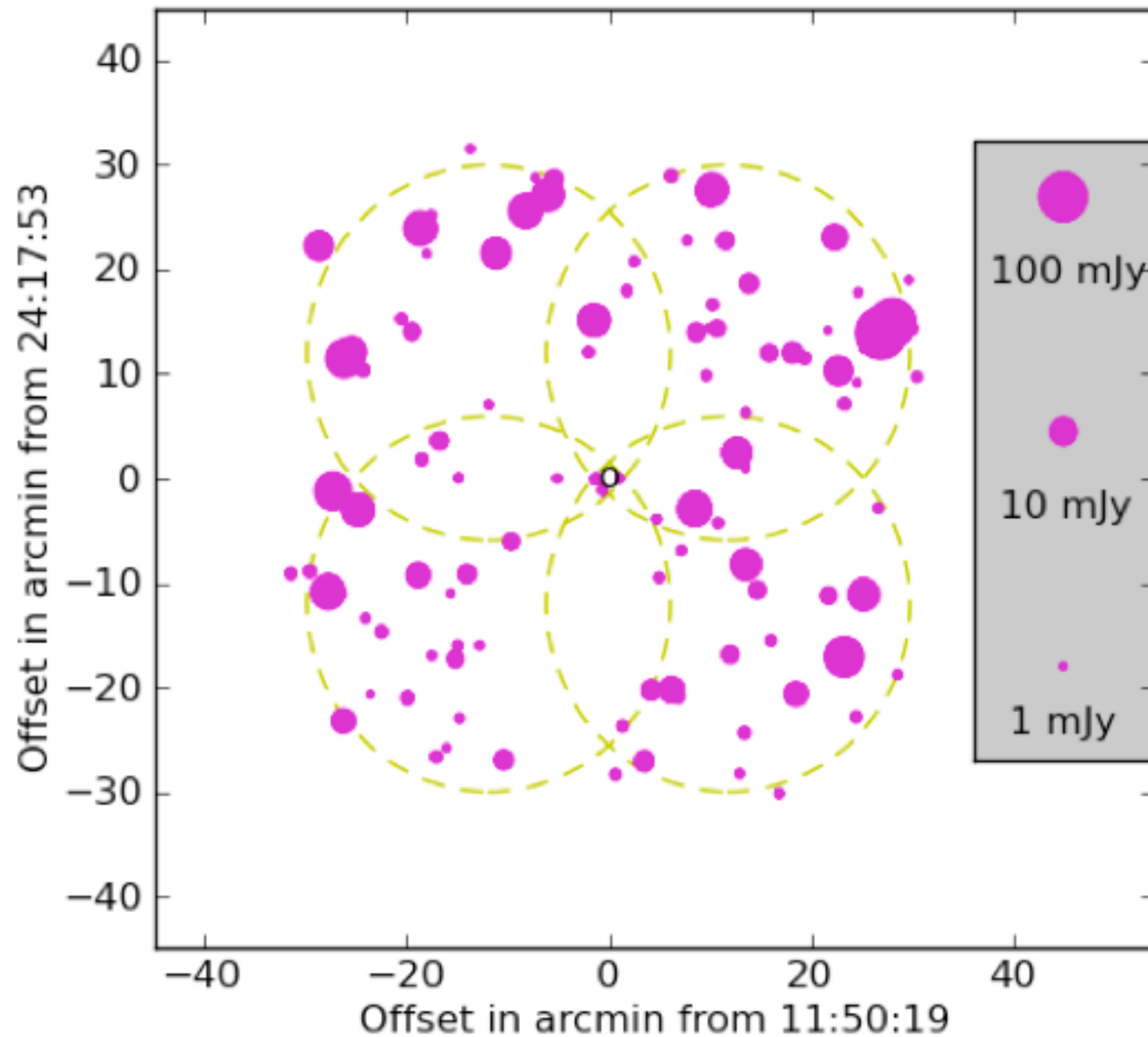
$\alpha = 1.85^{+0.23}_{-0.17}$   
 $f_{\text{sub}} = 0.18^{+0.18}_{-0.08}\%$

$\alpha = 1.87^{+0.16}_{-0.14}$   
 $f_{\text{sub}} = 0.1^{+0.1}_{-0.05}\%$

Need to find more lenses in the radio with extended structure!



mJIVE-20: The mJy Imaging VLBI Exploration at 20 cm ([Deller & Middelberg 2013](#)).



Instrument: VLBA (filler time)

Area: 200 deg<sup>2</sup> (200 h)

Resolution: 5--10 mas

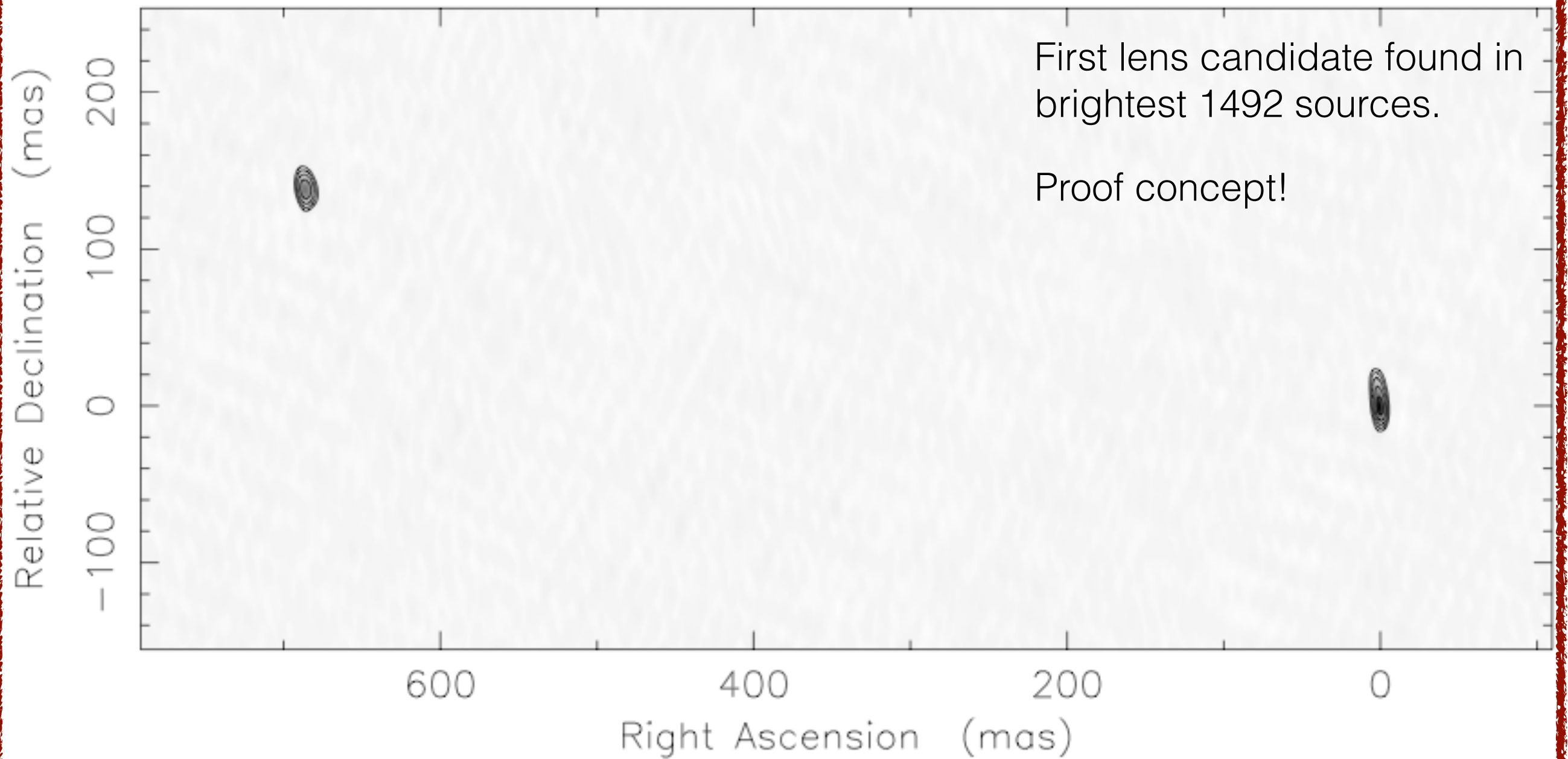
Sources: 14812 (FIRST)

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Potential lenses:  $4 \pm 2$

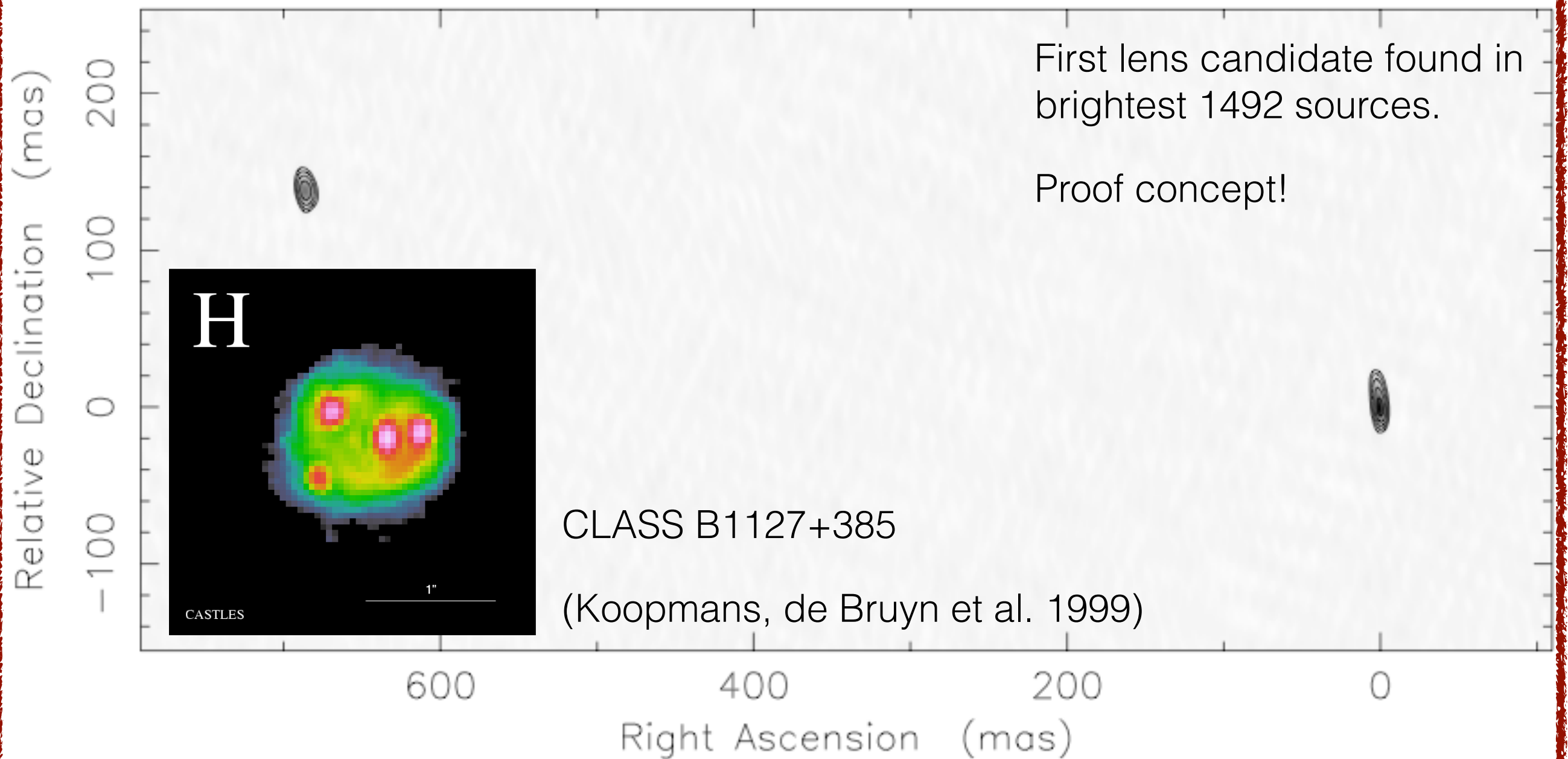


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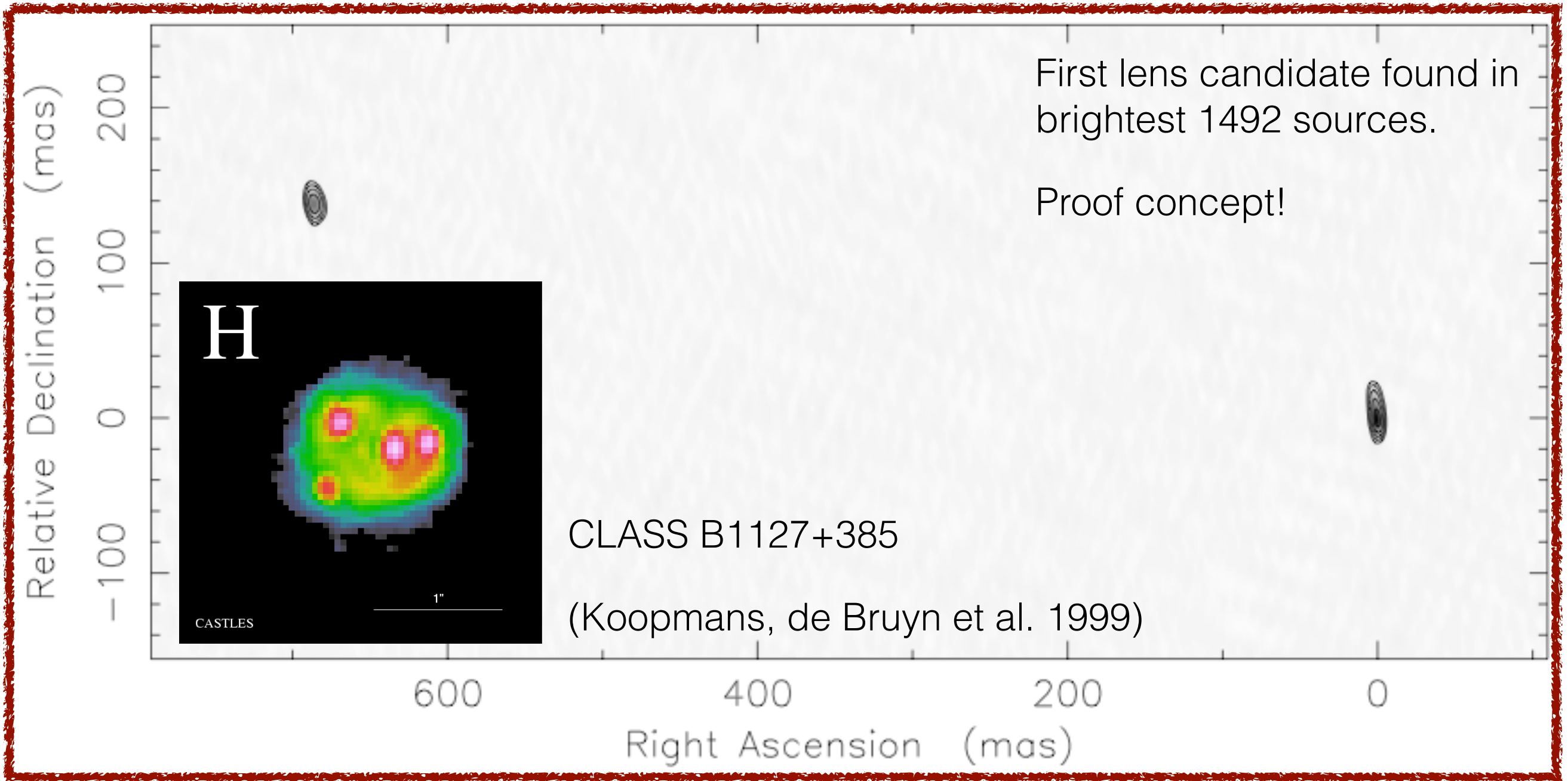


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Proposal for a 8000 deg<sup>2</sup> survey to be completed in VLBA filler time being prepared.

Expect to find ~ 150 new radio-loud gravitational lenses.



# Summary

- The level of low mass substructure around massive galaxies is sensitive to the nature of the dark matter particle.
- Gravitational lenses can be used to measure the substructure mass function out to redshift  $\sim 1$  (actually any lens redshift).
- The level of 'high mass' substructure within lenses is consistent with the over abundance seen in the Local Group (e.g. LMC and SMC).
- Current best constraints suggest a total mass fraction and flat-slope to the mass function consistent with CDM (large errors).
- VLBI imaging of a few select gravitational lenses will directly confirm or rule out the CDM model; combining with optical data will test WDM models.
- Wide-field VLBI surveys have the potential to quickly increase the number of radio-loud lenses by factors  $\sim 5$ .