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Abstract: Strong gravitational lenses with measured time delays between the multiple images can be used to determine the Hubble-Lemaitre constant ( $H_0$ ) that sets the expansion rate of the Universe. An independent determination of  $H_0$  is important to ascertain the possible need of new physics beyond the standard cosmological model, given the tension in current  $H_0$  measurements. A program initiated to measure  $H_0$  to  $\sim 3.5\%$  in precision from strongly lensed quasars is in progress, and I will present the latest results and their implications. Search is underway to find new lenses in imaging surveys. An exciting discovery of the first strongly lensed supernova offered a rare opportunity to perform a true blind test of our modeling techniques. I will outline a new research program on lensed supernovae, showing their bright prospects as a competitive and unique probe of cosmology and stellar physics.

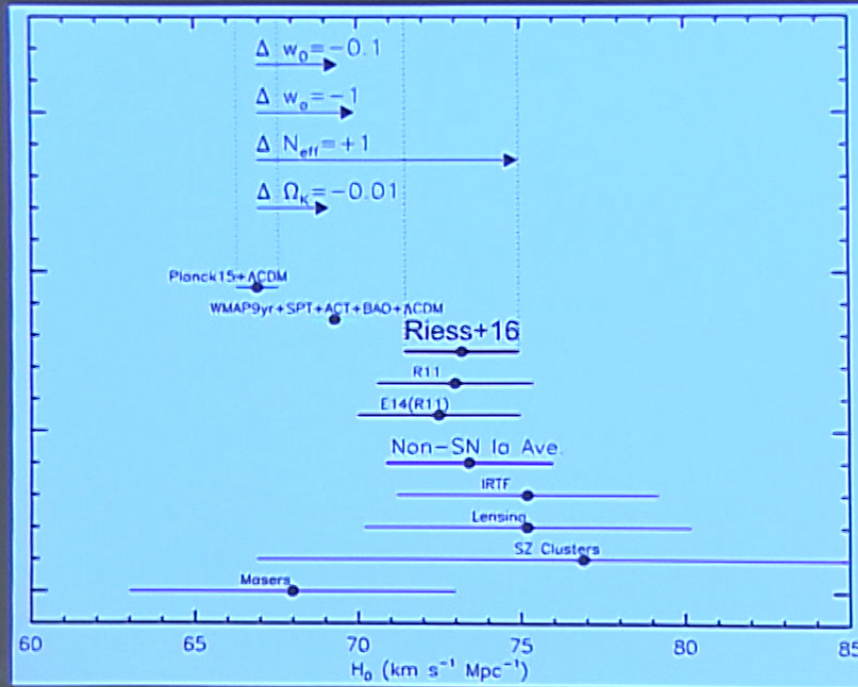
# Cosmology with Gravitational Lens Time Delays

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# Hubble-Lemaître Constant $H_0$



[Riess et al. 2016]

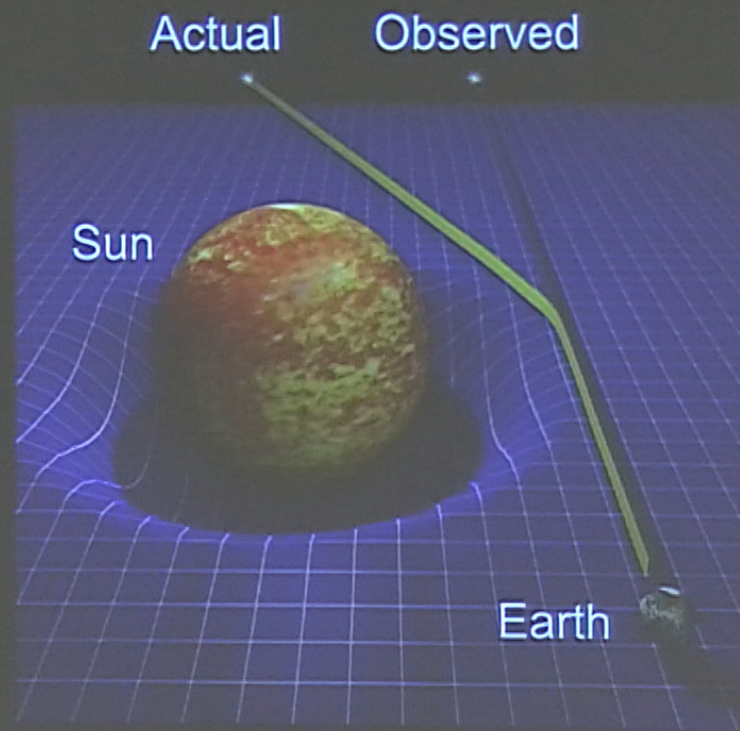
$H_0$  importantly sets:

- age, size of the Universe
- expansion rate:  
 $v = H_0 d$

Tension? New physics?

➔ *Need Independent methods to overcome systematics, especially the unknown unknowns*

# Gravitational Lensing



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# Strong Optical Lensing

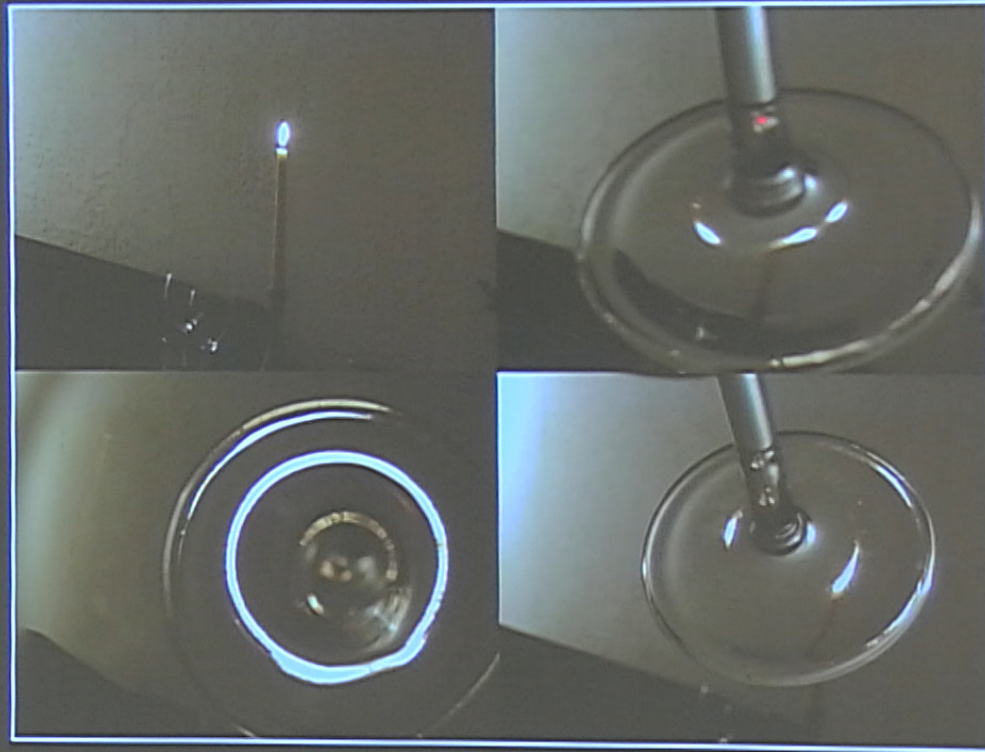
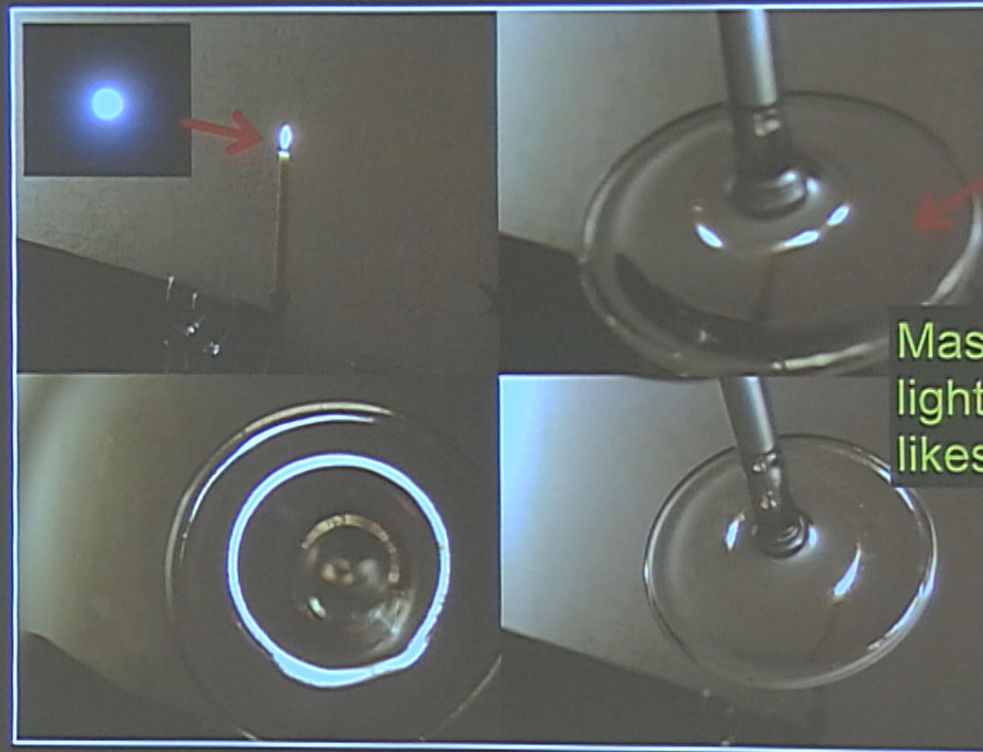


Image Credit: P. J. Marshall

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# Gravitational ~~Optical~~ Lensing



Mass "bends"  
light and acts  
like a lens

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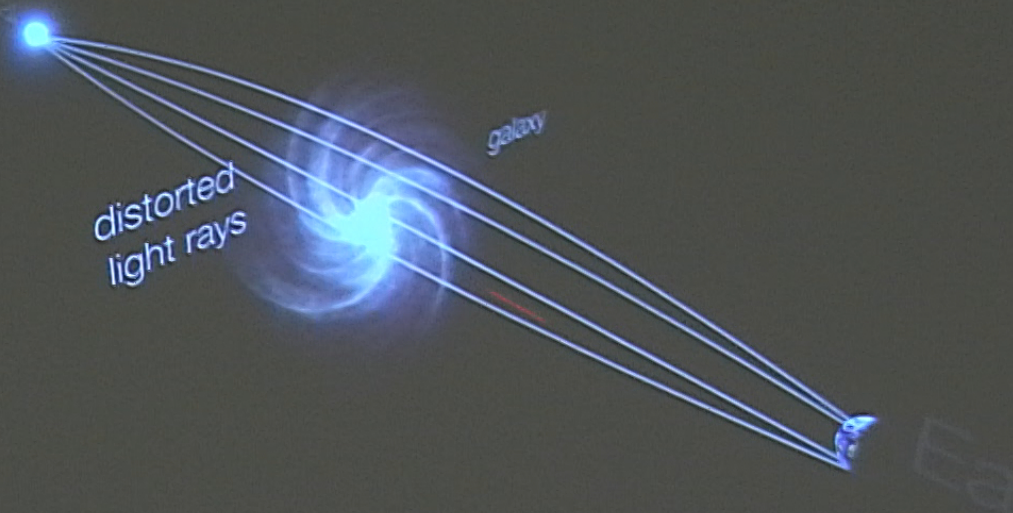
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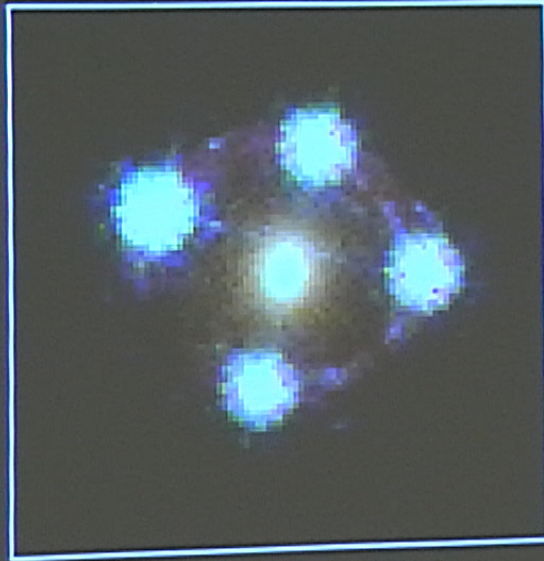
lensed quasar  
images



[Credit: ESA/Hubble, NASA]  
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# Variability of quasar emission

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[Suyu et al. 2017]

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[Suyu et al. 2017]

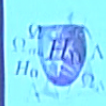
quasar powered by  
accretion of material onto  
supermassive black hole:



light emitted from quasar  
changes in time ("flickers")

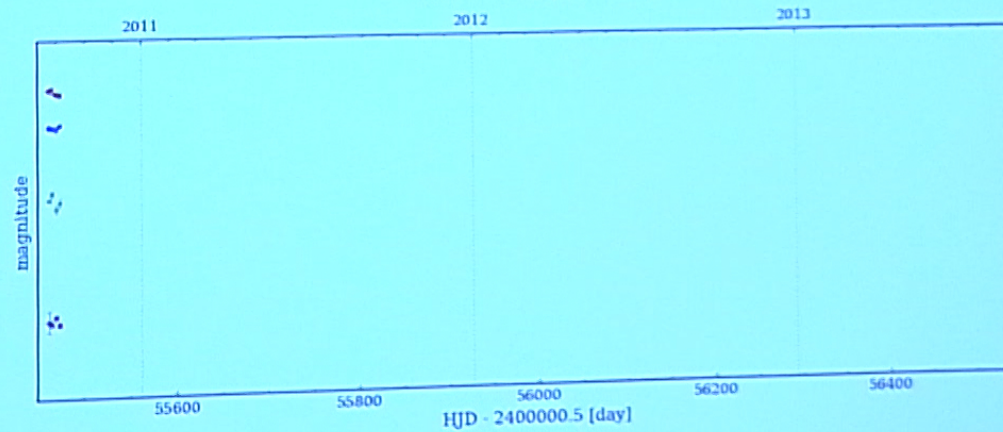
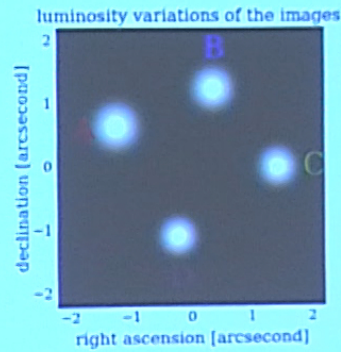
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# Cosmology with time delays



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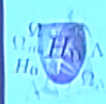
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PI: F. Courbin]



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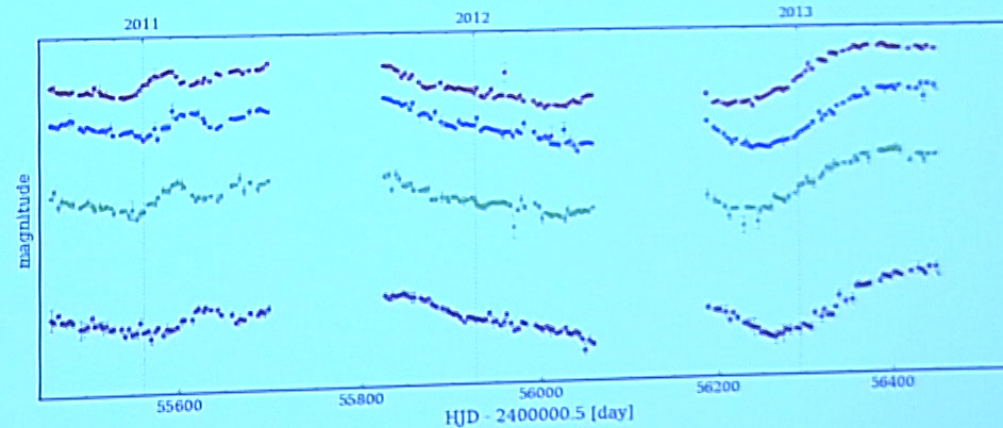
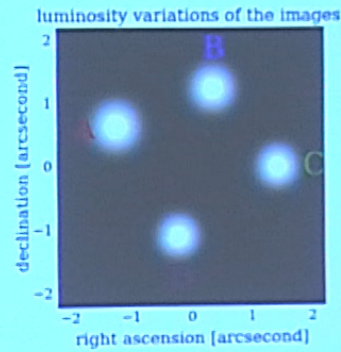
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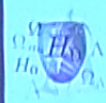
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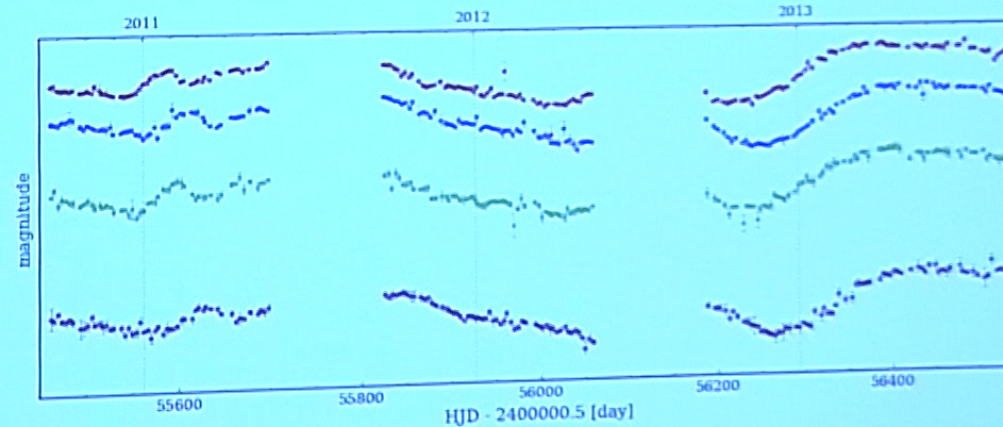
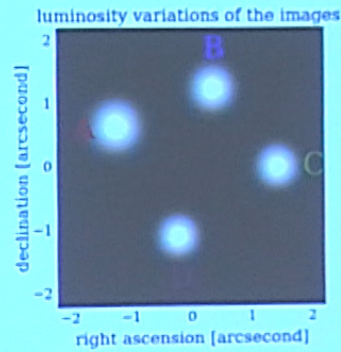
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[Credit: V. Bonvin]

# Cosmology with time delays



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[Credit: V. Bonvin]

# Cosmology with time delays



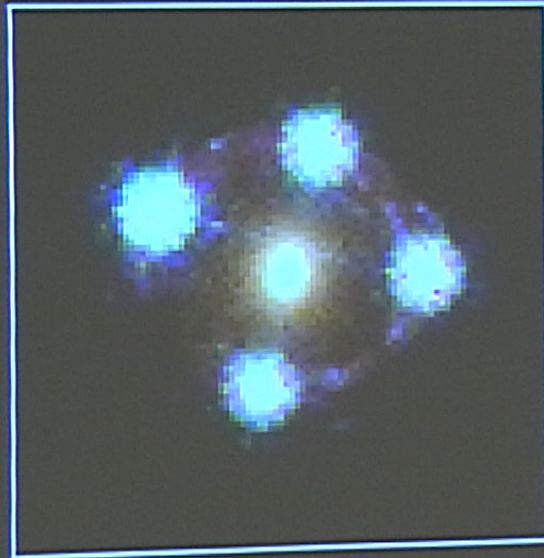
[Credit: V. Bonvin]

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# Cosmology with time delays

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[Suyu et al. 2017]

Time delay:

$$t = \frac{1}{c} D_{\Delta t} \phi_{\text{lens}}$$

Time-delay  
distance:

$$D_{\Delta t} \propto \frac{1}{H_0}$$

Obtain from  
lens mass  
model

For cosmography, need:

- (1) time delays
- (2) lens mass model
- (3) mass along line of sight

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# Cosmology with time delays

HE0435-1223



[Suyu et al. 2017]

*Advantages:*

- *simple geometry & well-tested physics*
- *one-step physical measurement of a cosmological distance*

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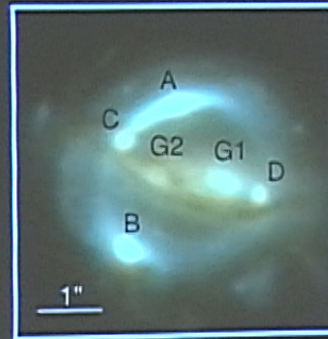
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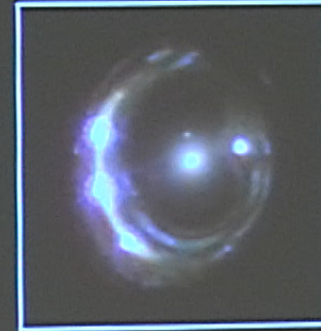
# H0LiCOW

## $H_0$ Lenses in COSMOGRAIL's Wellspring

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WFI2033-4723



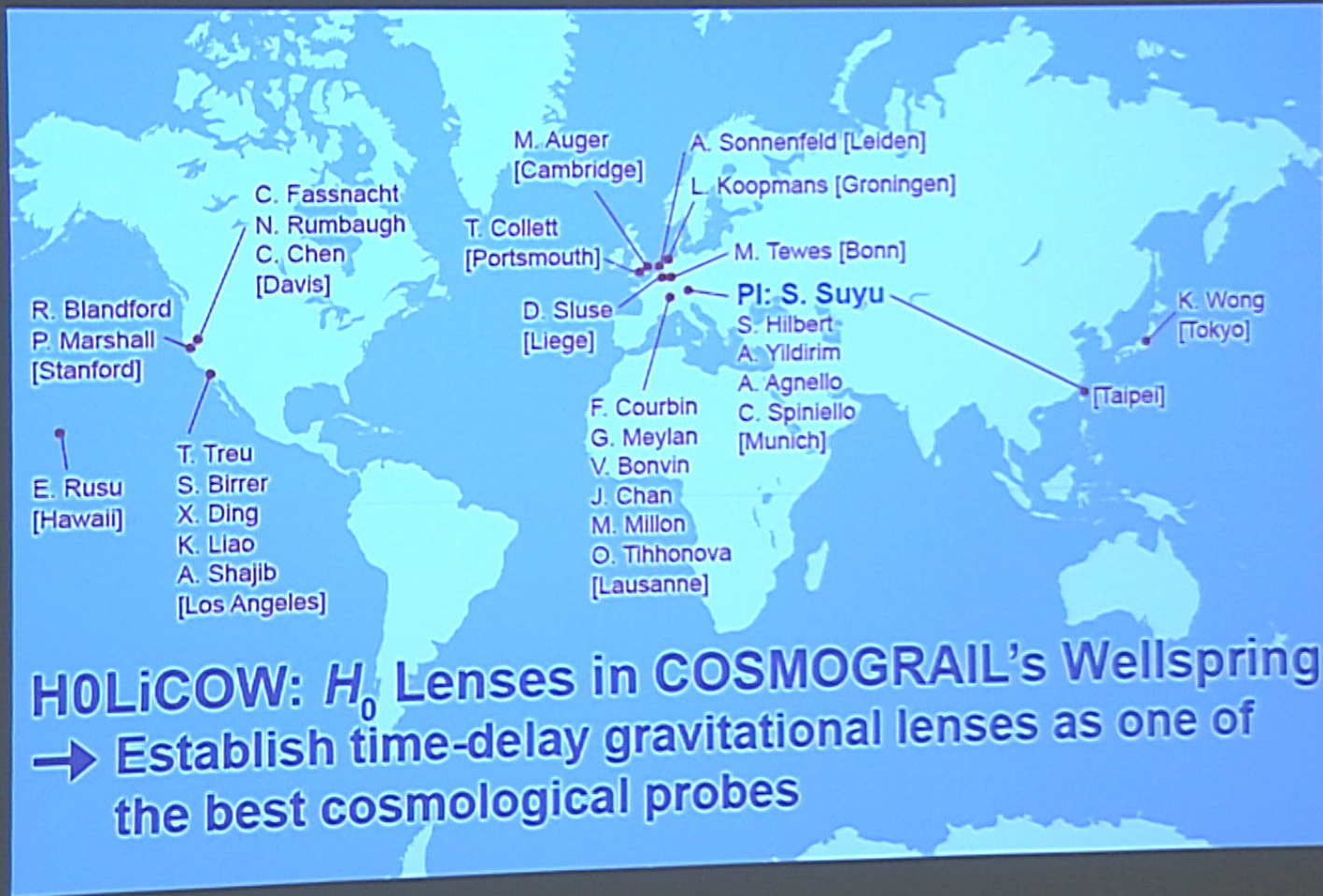
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[Suyu et al. 2017]

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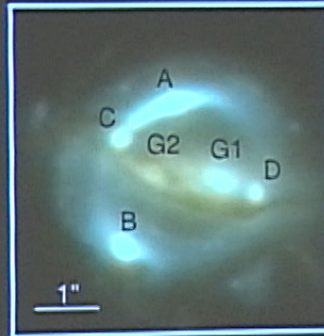
# H0LiCOWers



# HOLICOW: latest results

[Suyu et al.  
2010]

B1608+656



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[Suyu et al.  
2013, 2014]

[Wong, Suyu  
et al. 2017;  
Rusu et al.  
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et al. 2017;  
Bonvin et al.  
2017]

HE0435-1223



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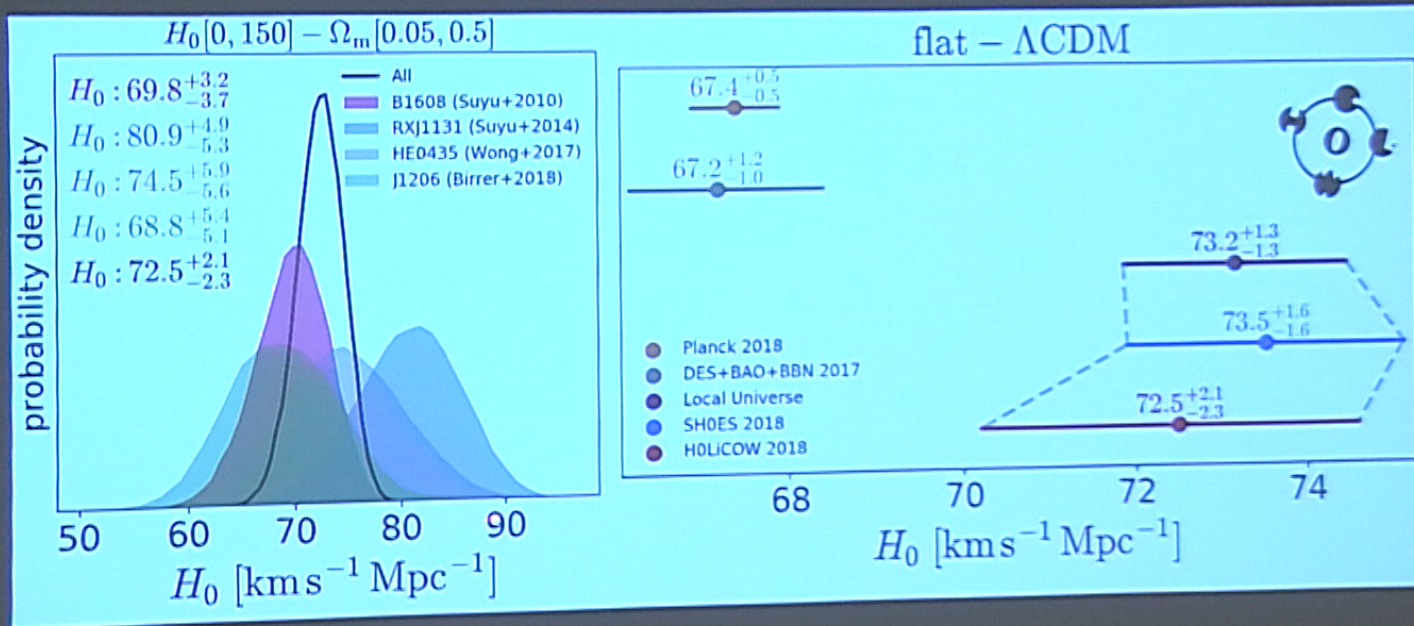


part of  
extended  
sample

[Birrer et al.  
2018]

# $H_0$ from 4 strong lenses

Blind analysis to avoid confirmation bias



$H_0$  with 3% precision in flat  $\Lambda$ CDM

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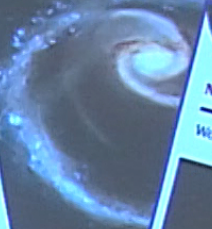
**The New York Times**

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## Speedy universe expansion challenges Einstein's theory

The universe is expanding faster than we thought, causing problems for cosmologists. It could even mean Einstein's theory of relativity needs revising

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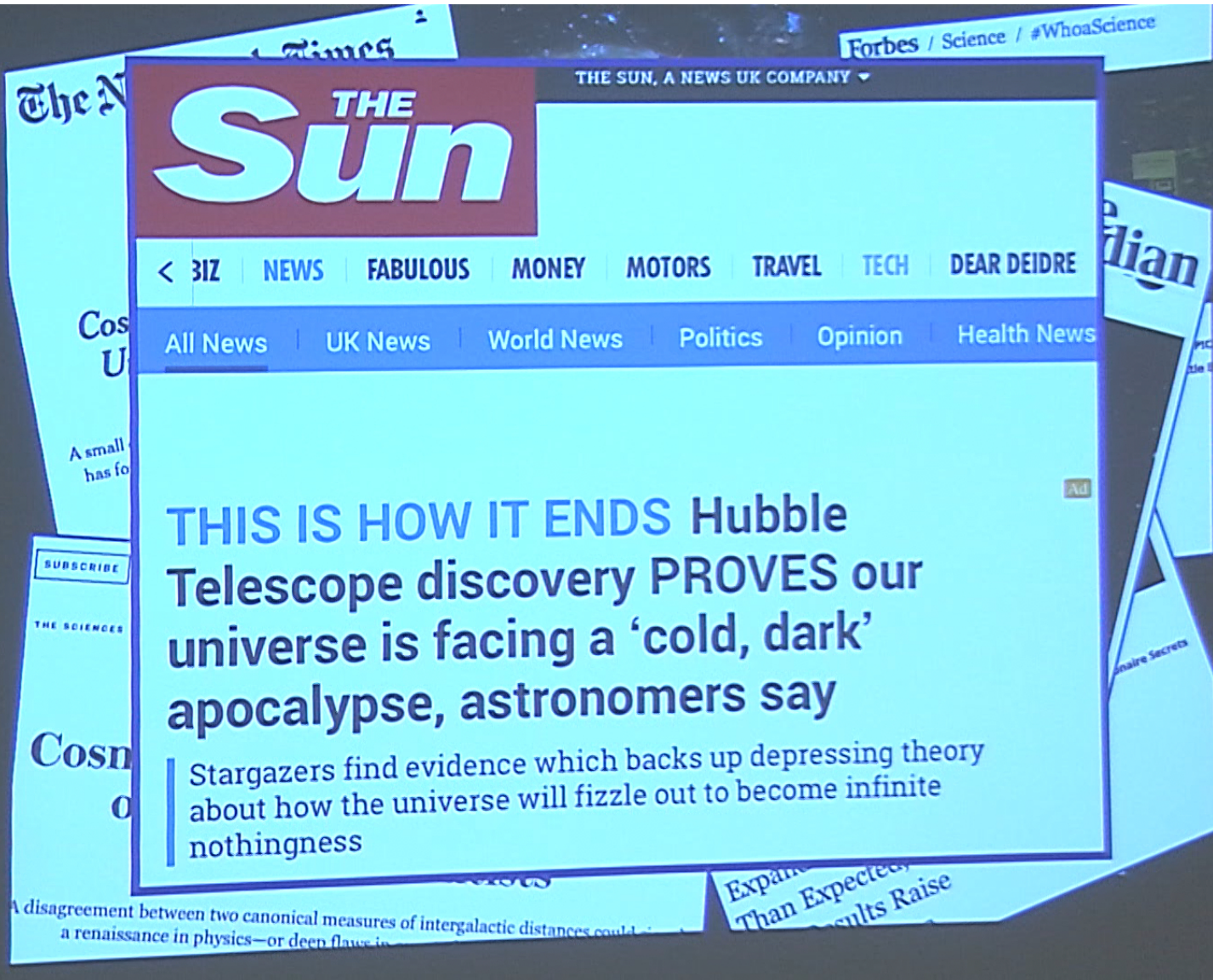
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## Cosmic Conflict: Diverging Data on Universe's Expansion Polarizes Scientists

A disagreement between two canonical measures of intergalactic distances could lead to a renaissance in physics—or deep flaws in

24, 2017 © 193

## The Universe Is Expanding Faster Than Expected, But Results Raise





# Looking forward

WFI2033-4723



WFI2033-4723:  
blind analysis ongoing  
[Rusu et al., Sluse et al.,  
Wong et al., in prep.]

HE1104-1805



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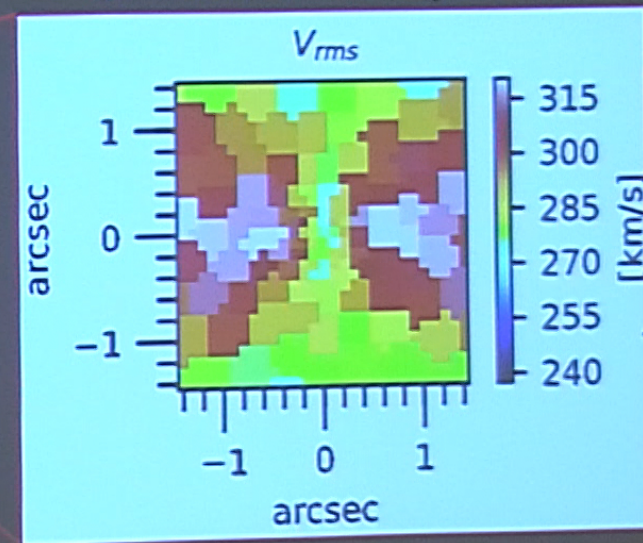
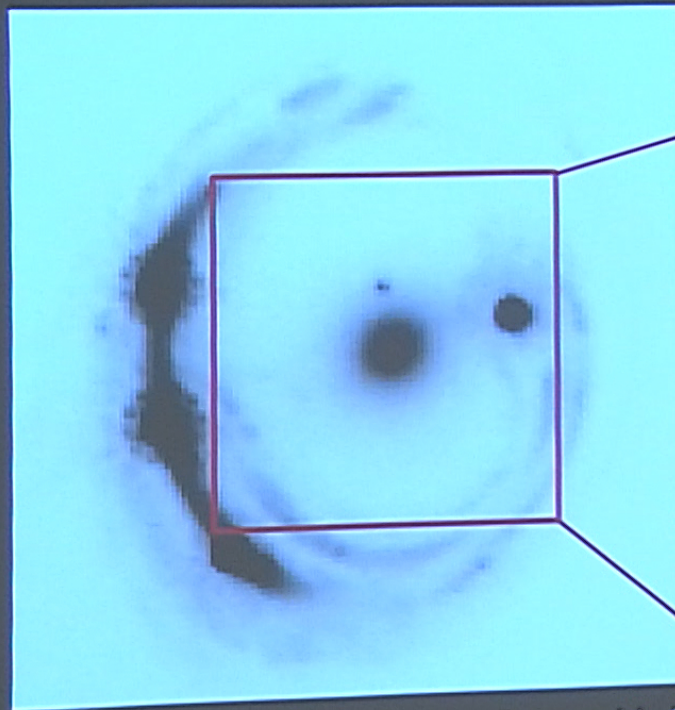
PG1115+080 :  
blind analysis of  
adaptive-optics  
and HST images  
ongoing  
[Chen et al., in prep.]<sup>7</sup>

# Stellar kinematics really helps

Akın  
Yıldırım



simulated James Webb Space  
Telescope NIRSpec observations of  
stellar kinematic map of lens



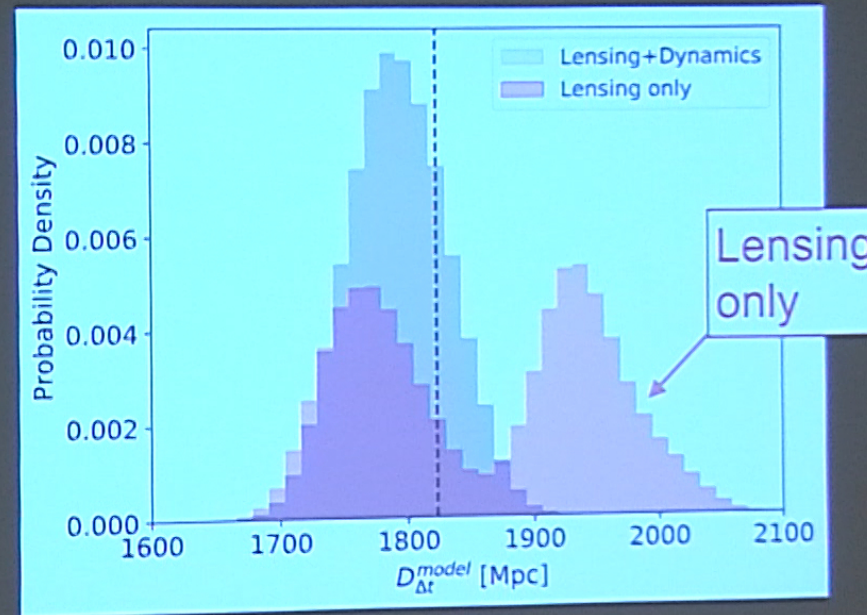
[Yıldırım, Suyu, Halkola, to be submitted]

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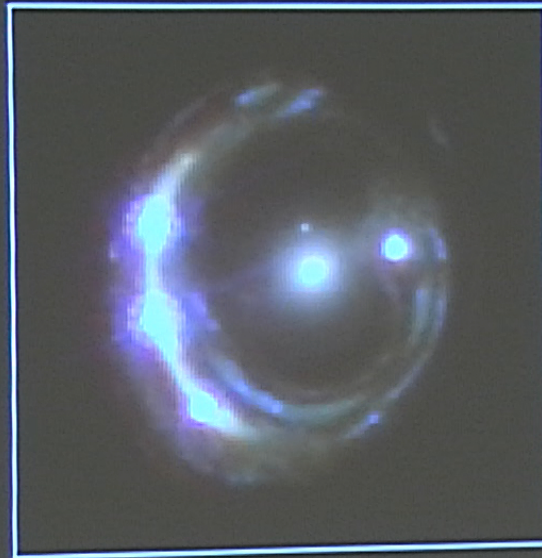


- Inferred  $D_{\Delta t}$  depends on assumptions of mass model
  - Including kinematic data:
    - reduces dependence of  $D_{\Delta t}$  on mass model assumption
    - tightens constraints on  $D_{\Delta t}$
- [Yildirim, Suyu, Halkola, to be submitted]

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# $D_A$ to the lens

Inh  
Jee



Time delay:

$$\Delta t \sim GM$$

Lens velocity dispersion:

$$\sigma^2 \sim GM/r$$

Angular diameter distance:

$$D_A \sim r/\Delta\theta$$

$$D_A \sim \frac{\Delta t}{\sigma^2 \Delta\theta}$$

- $D_A$  more sensitive to dark energy than  $D_{\Delta t}$
- $D_A$  insensitive to mass along LOS, but depend on anisotropy in stellar velocity dispersion
- Can measure  $D_A$  to  $\sim 15\%$  per lens with current data

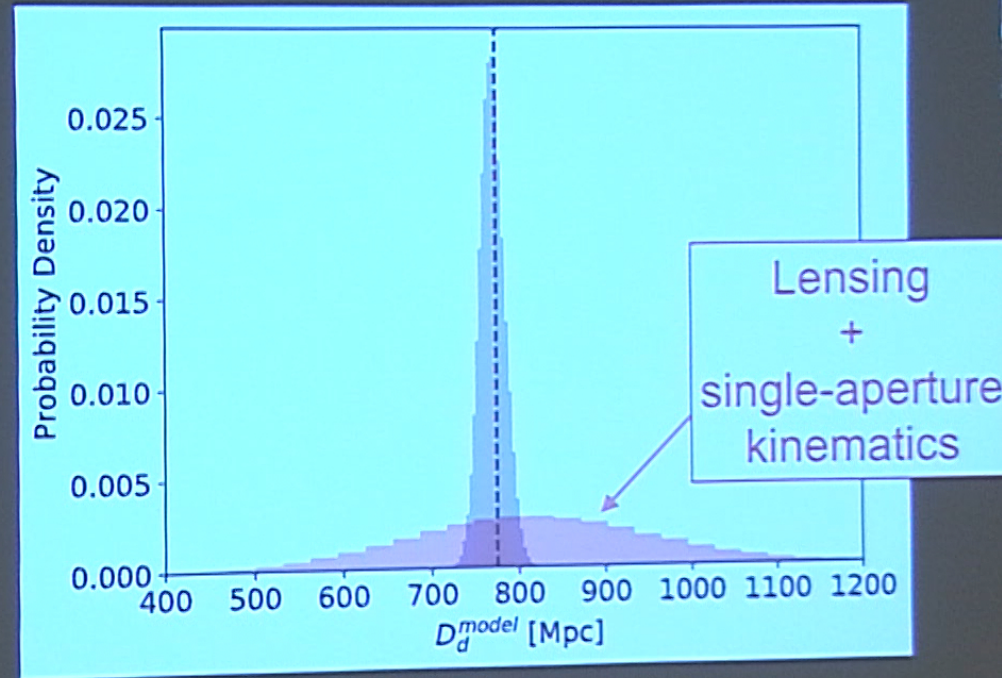
[Paraficz & Hjorth 2009; Jee, Komatsu & Suyu 2015;  
Jee, Suyu, Komatsu et al., submitted]

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# Stellar kinematics really helps



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- Including spatially-resolved (2D) kinematic data:
- drastically reduces the uncertainty of  $D_A$  from  $\sim 15\%$  to  $\sim 3\%$
  - sensitive to systematic errors in kinematic measurements

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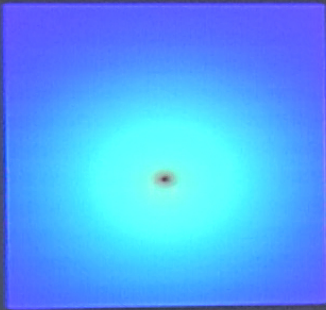
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# Stellar kinematics of source galaxies



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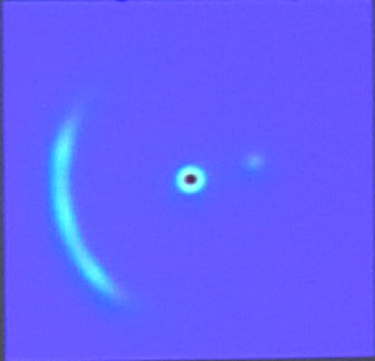
source intensity



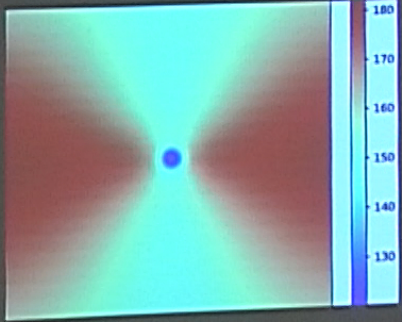
lensed by galaxy  
in foreground



intensity of lens system



source kinematics (velocity)



kinematics of lensed source



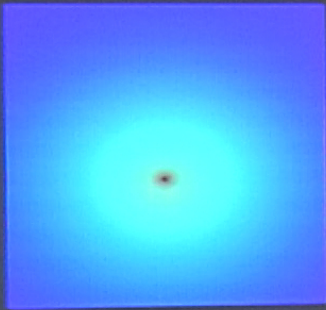
[Chirivi, Yıldırım, Suyu et al., in prep.]

# Stellar kinematics of source galaxies



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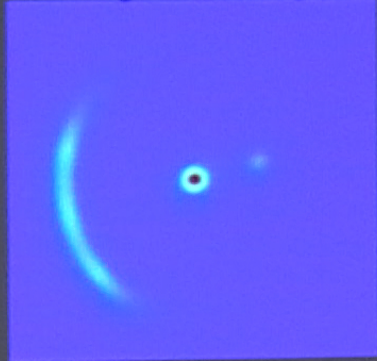
source intensity



lensed by galaxy  
in foreground

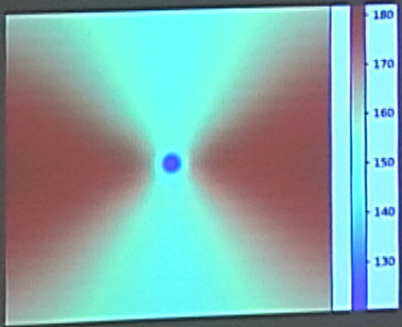


intensity of lens system



joint lensing  
and kinematic  
modeling  
of sources

source kinematics (velocity)



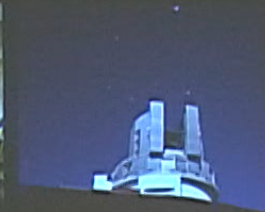
kinematics of lensed source



[Chirivi, Yıldırım, Suyu et al., in prep.]

# Towards hundreds of lenses

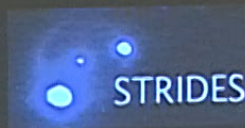
## Hyper Suprime-Cam Survey



8m Subaru Telescope  
Mauna Kea, Hawaii

- 1400 deg<sup>2</sup> with  $i_{\text{limit}} \sim 26$
- 2014-2019
- expect ~600 lenses  
[Oguri & Marshall 2010]

## Dark Energy Survey



STRong-lensing  
Insights into Dark  
Energy Survey  
(PI: Treu)

4m Blanco Telescope, CTIO, Chile

- 5000 deg<sup>2</sup> with  $i_{\text{limit}} \sim 24$
- 2012-2017
- expect ~1100 lenses  
[Oguri & Marshall 2010]

## Kilo Degree Survey



2.6m VLT Survey Telescope, Paranal, Chile

- 1500 deg<sup>2</sup> with  $r_{\text{limit}} \sim 25$
- 2011-~2018

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# New quads imaged with HST

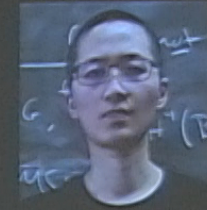
New lens systems discovered in DES, Pan-STARRS, SDSS, ATLAS:



[Shajib et al. 2018]

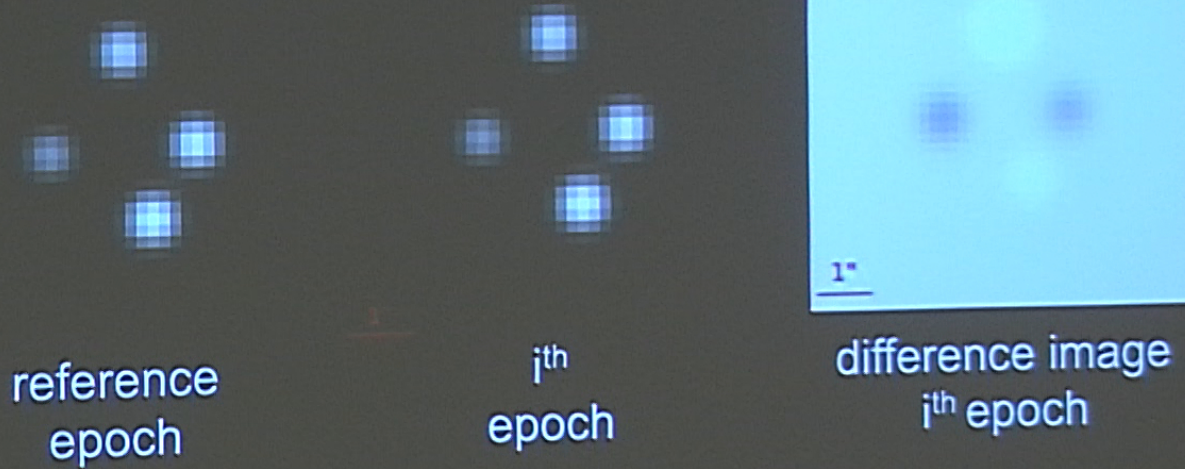
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# Lens search via variability



Dani Chao

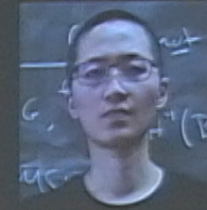
If have observations at multiple epochs:



[Chao et al, in prep.]

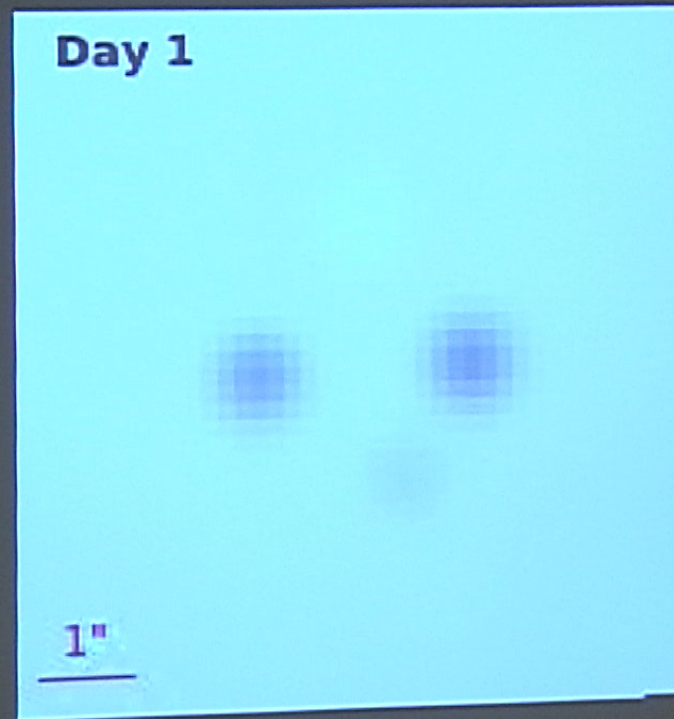
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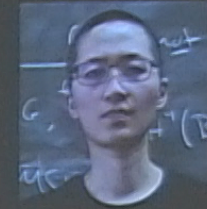
Difference image, over time:



[Chao et al, in prep.]

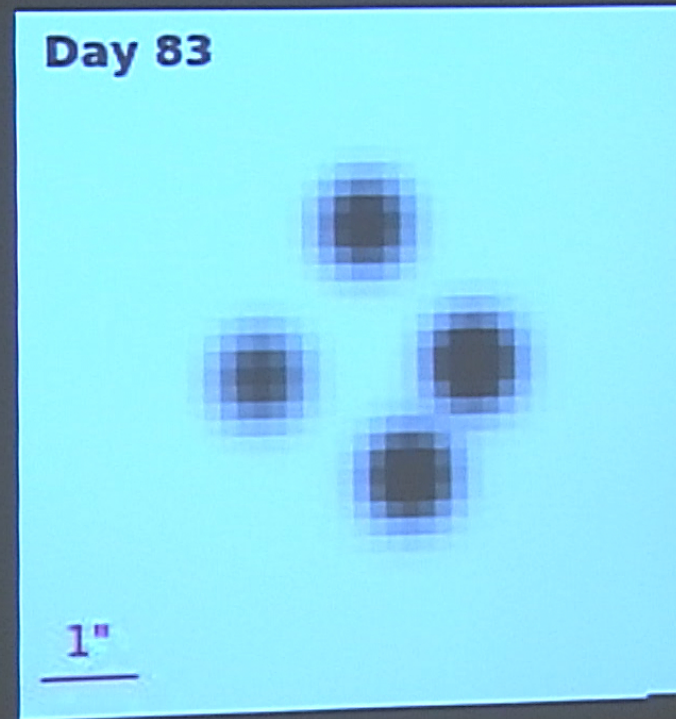
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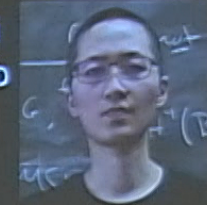


[Chao et al, in prep.]

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# Lens search via variability

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Difference images of Hyper Suprime-Cam survey



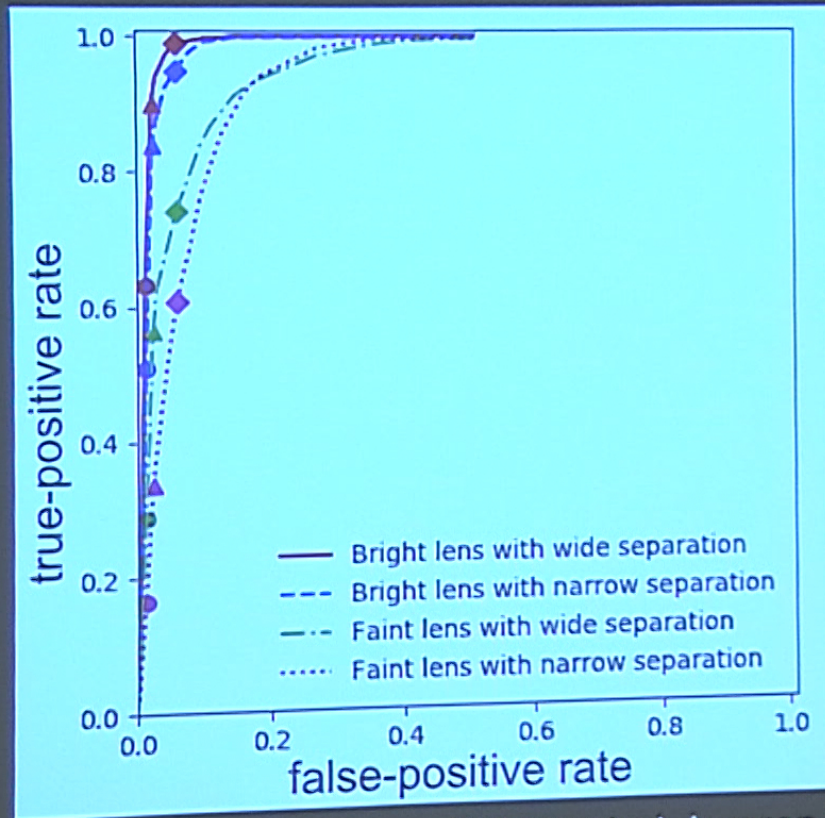
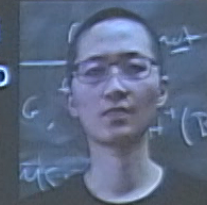
Detect lensed quasars using size of different image residuals:  
size  $> S_{\text{threshold}}$  in multiple epochs  $\rightarrow$  Lensed quasar candidate  
size  $\leq S_{\text{threshold}}$  in multiple epochs  $\rightarrow$  NOT lenses

[Chao et al, in prep.]

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# Detection efficiency

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Chao



[Chao et al, in prep.]

- Classify a sample of non-lenses and lenses for a given  $S_{\text{threshold}}$  → true-positive and false-positive rates
- Vary  $S_{\text{threshold}}$  to find optimal value
- For bright lenses, achieve high true-positive rate with low false-positive rate

# Strongly lensed supernova



# Supernova "Refsdal"

discovered serendipitously in November 2014



[Kelly et al. 2015]

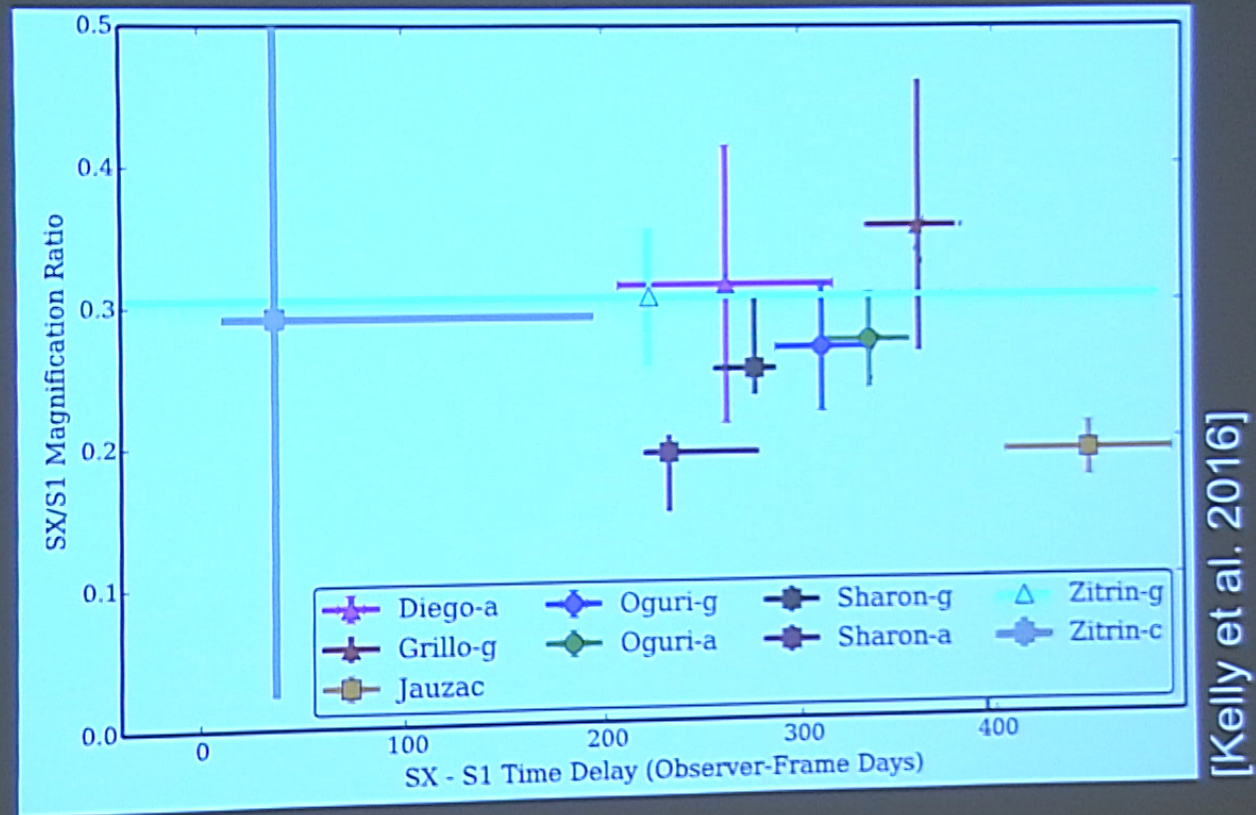
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# When will the other SN images appear?



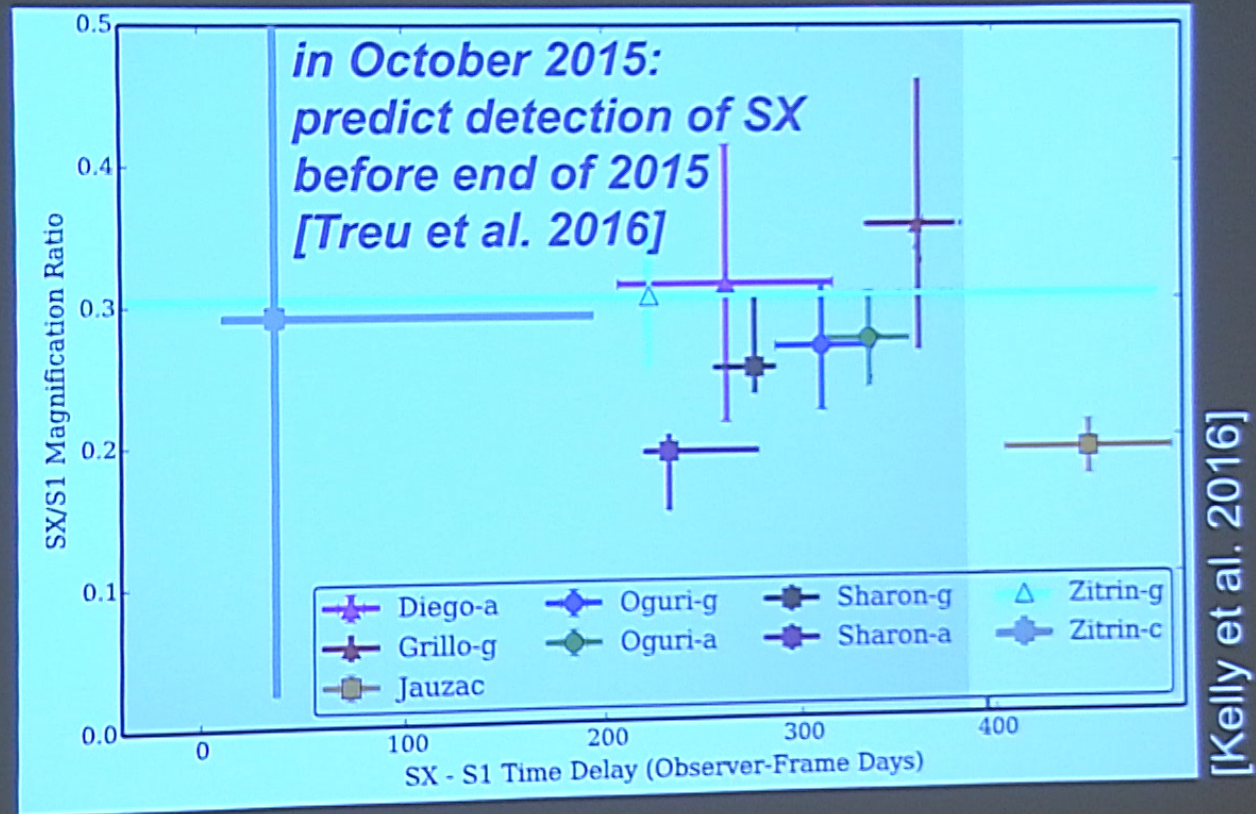
# Predicted magnification and delay



[Kelly et al. 2016]

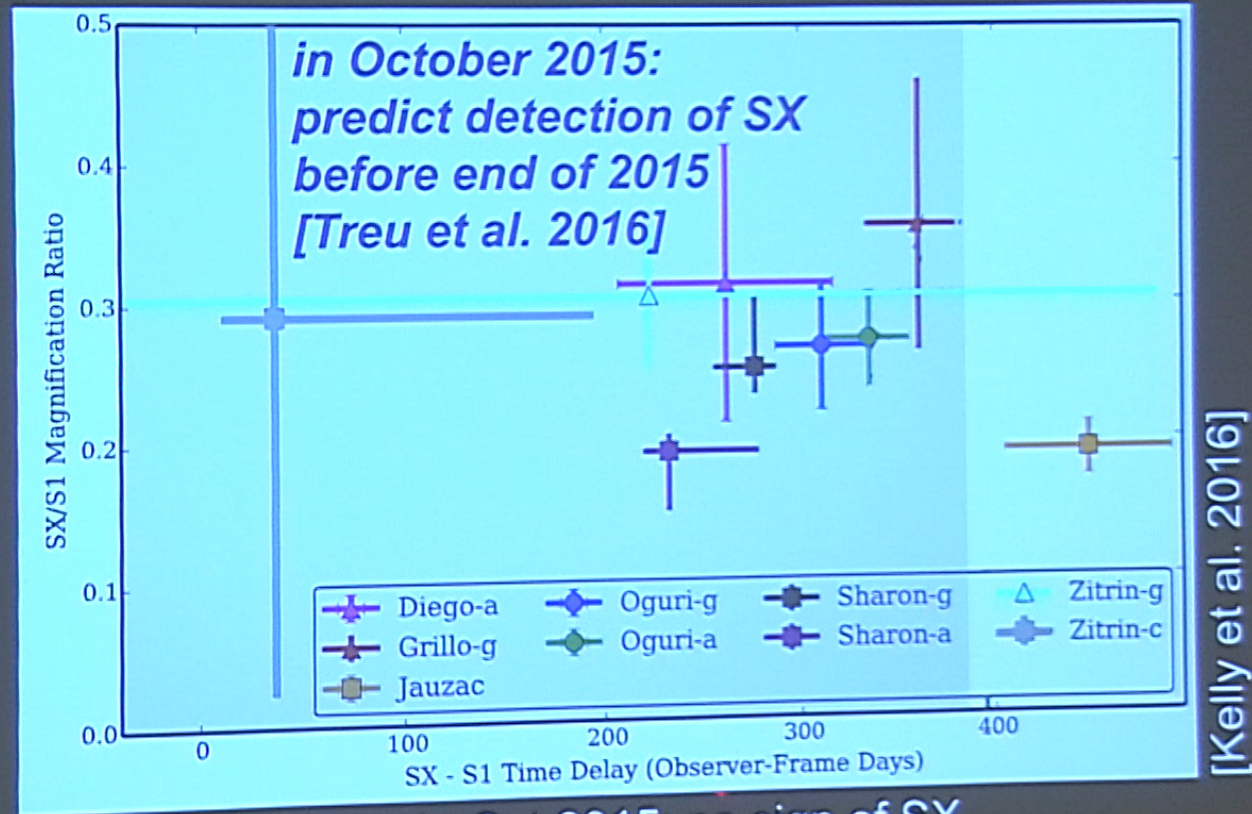
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# Predicted magnification and delay



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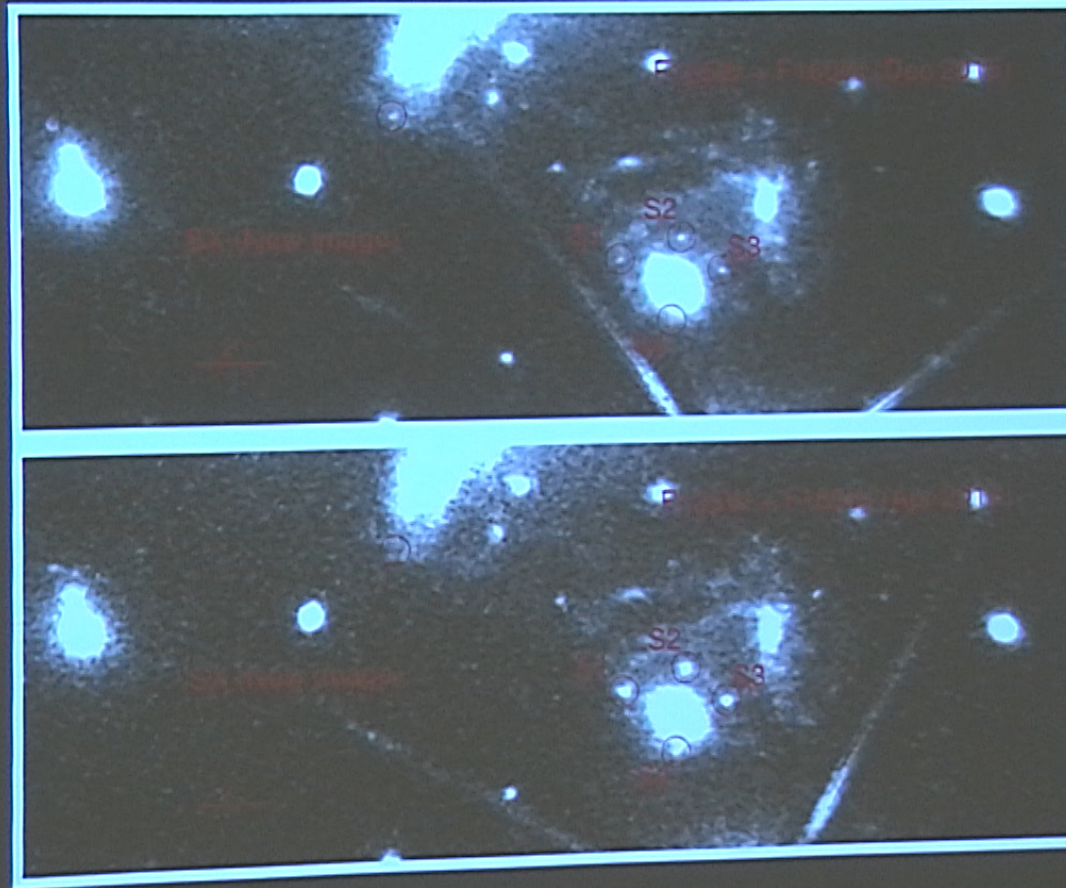
HST observations in Oct 2015: no sign of SX  
in Nov 2015: no sign of SX...

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# Appearance of image SX

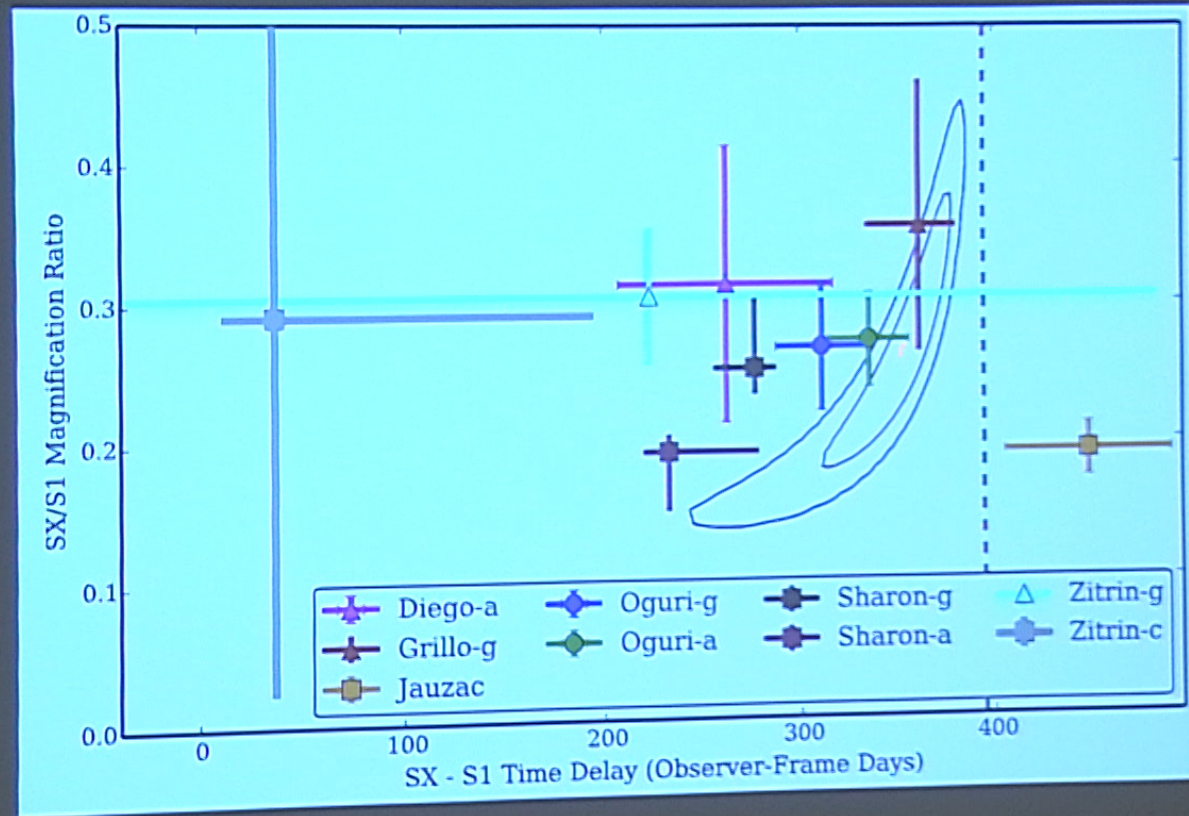
December 2015

[Kelly et al. 2016]



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# Magnification and delay



[Kelly et al. 2016] 36

# Spot on!



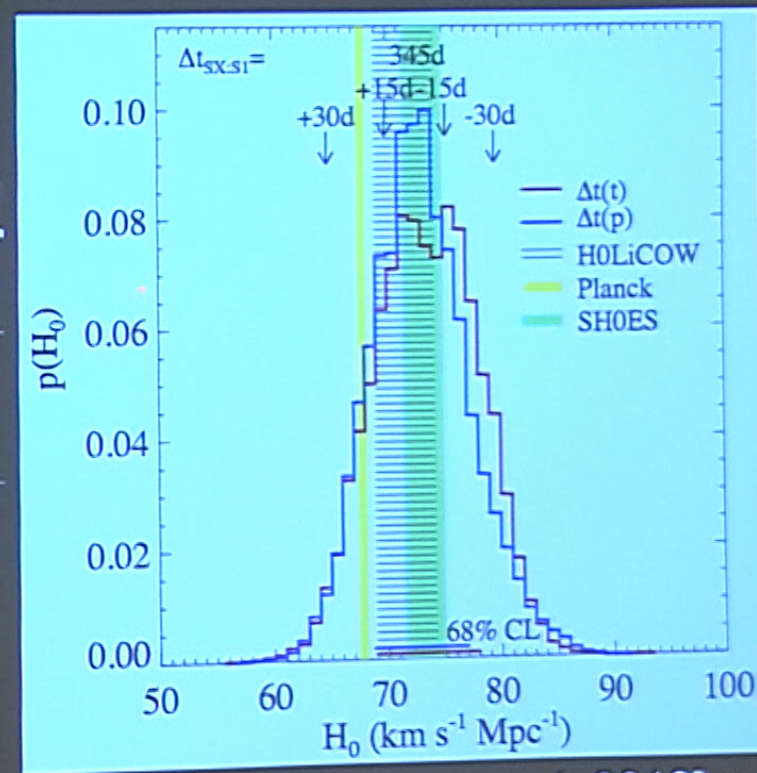
[Kelly et al. 2016]<sup>37</sup>

# $H_0$ from strongly lensed supernova

feasibility study of using Supernova Refsdal for  $H_0$  measurement



- S1-S2-S3-S4 delays from Rodney et al. (2016)
- SX-S1 delay estimated based on detection in Kelly et al. (2016)



[Grillo, Rosati, Suyu et al. 2018] <sup>38</sup>



# First spatially-resolved lensed Type Ia

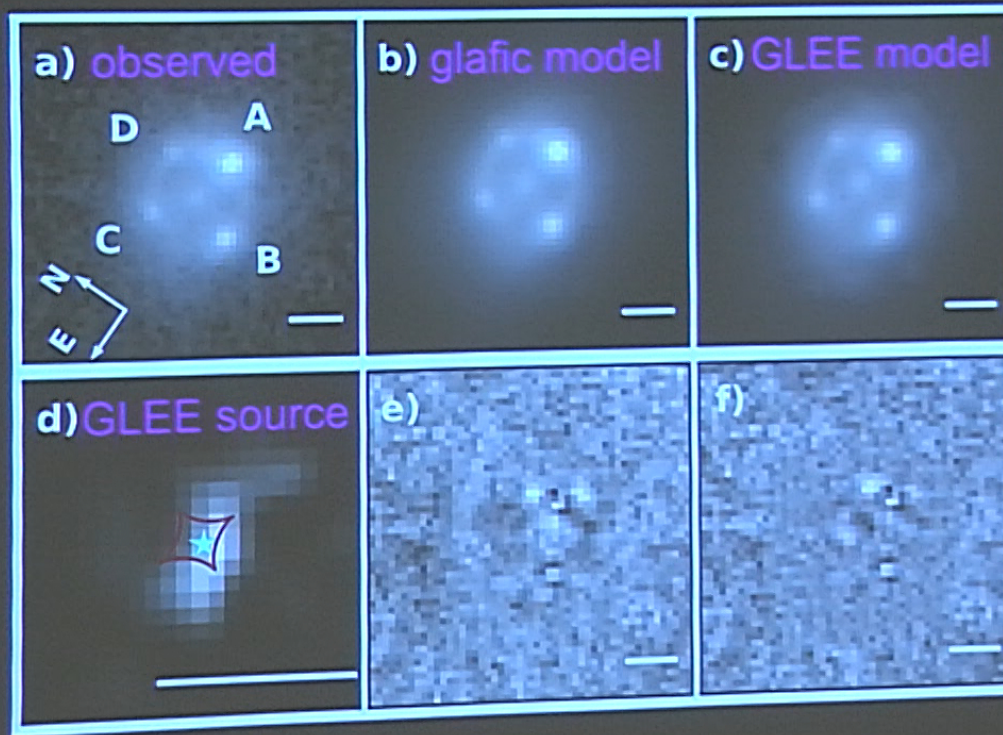
discovered in iPTF

[Goobar et al. 2017]



# Lens model predictions

Modeled the HST image with GLEE [Suyu & Halkola 2010] and glafic [Oguri 2010] to estimate the time delays [More, Suyu, Oguri et al. 2017]



find maximum relative time delay to be <1 day [More, Suyu, Oguri et al. 2017]

Stay tuned of results of monitoring and follow-up observations from iPTF team

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# Cosmic Fireworks Première: Unravelling Enigmas of Type Ia Supernova Progenitor and Cosmology through Strong Lensing

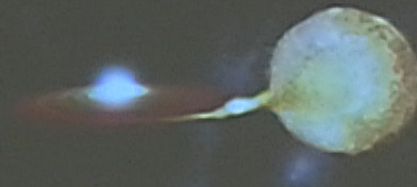


[funded by the European Research Council with 2 million Euros]

## Two longstanding puzzles:

1) What is the progenitor of Type Ia supernova?

single degenerate



White dwarf (WD) accreting from  
non-degenerate companion

double degenerate

or



WDs merging

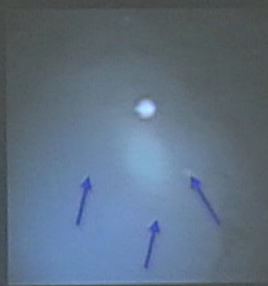
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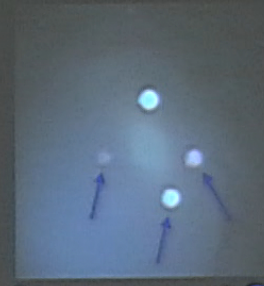
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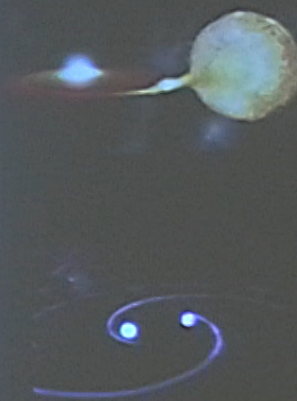
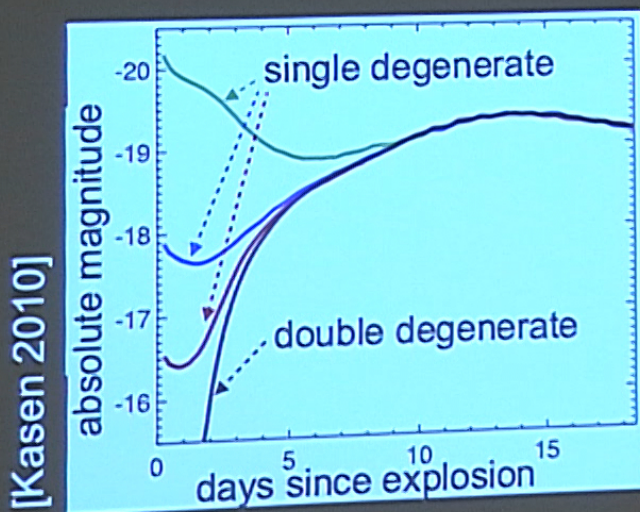
Detect first SN image



Predict location/time of next SN image(s)

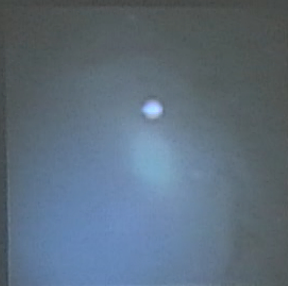


Observe next SN image(s) in entirety

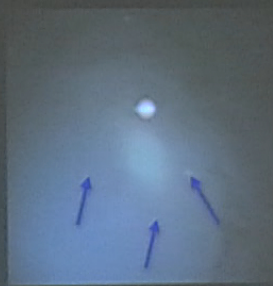


Observations of the first hours/days of SN are key to unveil the progenitor

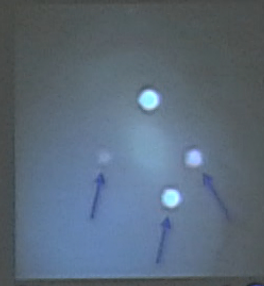
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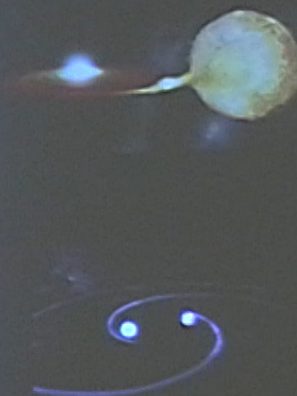
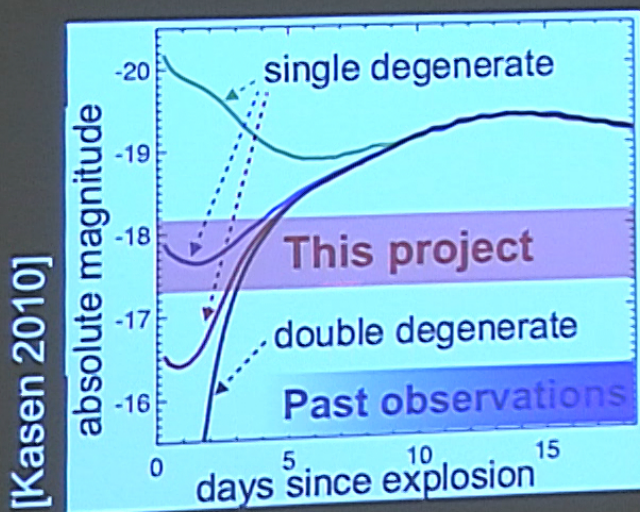
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→ Our project guarantees such observations

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# Cosmology with lensed SNe

## Advantages:

- SN has characteristic light curves, enabling time-delay measurement
- Lens mass modeling is more straightforward, after SN fades (quasars outshine other components)
- SN is a standard candle

## Challenges:

- Microlensing of SN by stars in the foreground lens
- Lensed SN is very rare

# Search for lensed SNe

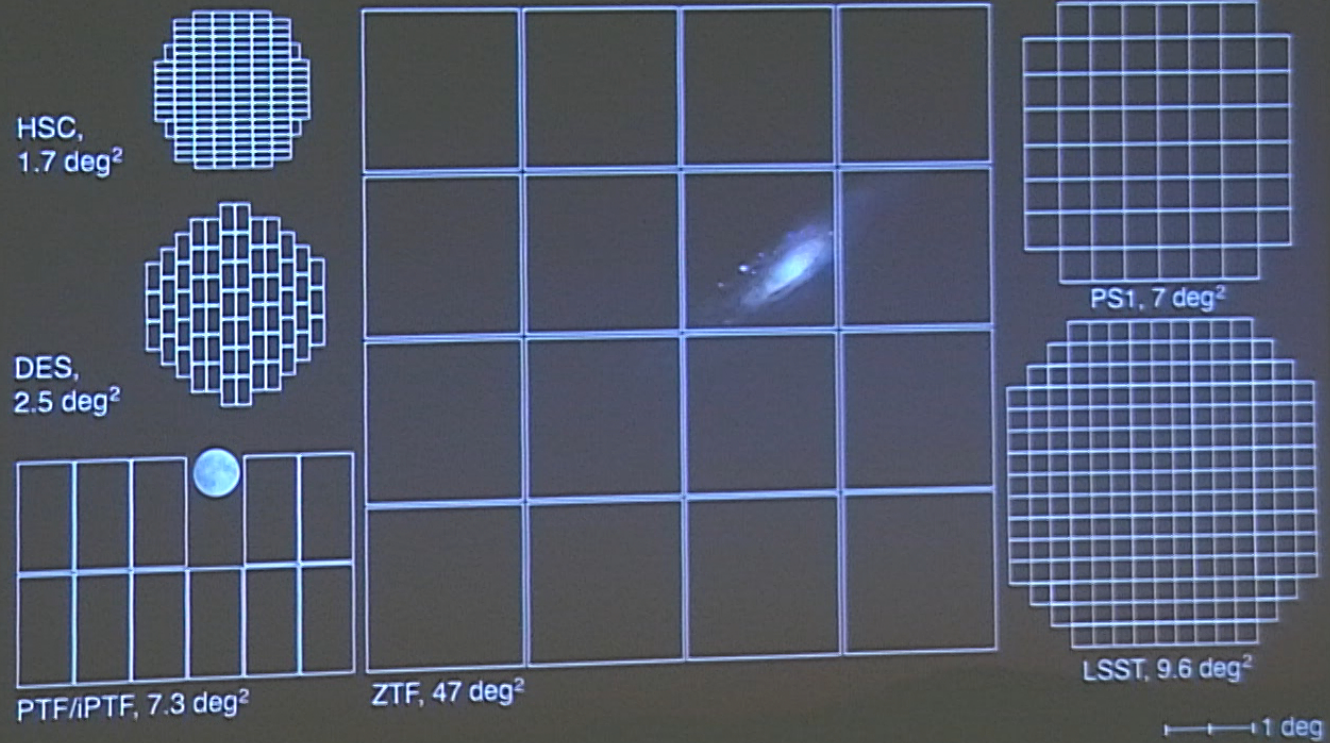


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Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF):



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# Search for lensed SNe



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## Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF):

- images entire northern sky every 3 days (public part of the ZTF)
- $\sim 10^5$  alerts of transients daily
- $\sim 10$  new supernovae daily
- poor angular resolution
- cannot resolve multiple images of lensed SNe

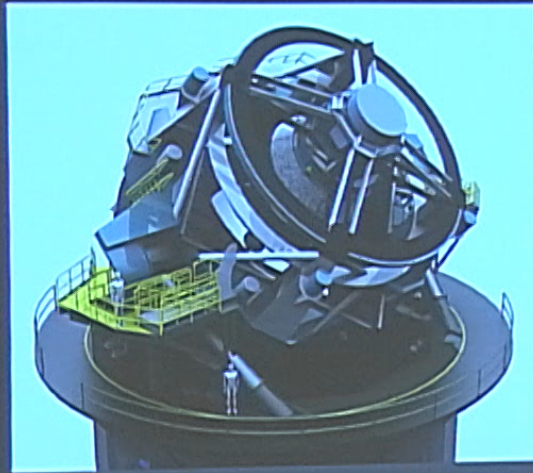
## Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS)

- *static* survey covers northern sky in  $\sim 0.2''$  pixel resolution
- can resolve lensed SNe systems (of wide separation)

**Combine ZTF + Pan-STARRS to search for lensed SNe**



# Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)

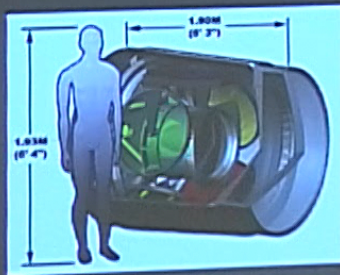


High etendue survey telescope:

- 6.7m effective aperture
- 10 sq degree field
- 24 mag in 30 seconds

Visible sky mapped every few nights  
Cerro Pachon, Chile: 0.7" seeing

*Ten year movie of the entire Southern sky*



120 Petabytes of data  
(1Pb = every book ever published)

First light ~2020, survey starts ~2022

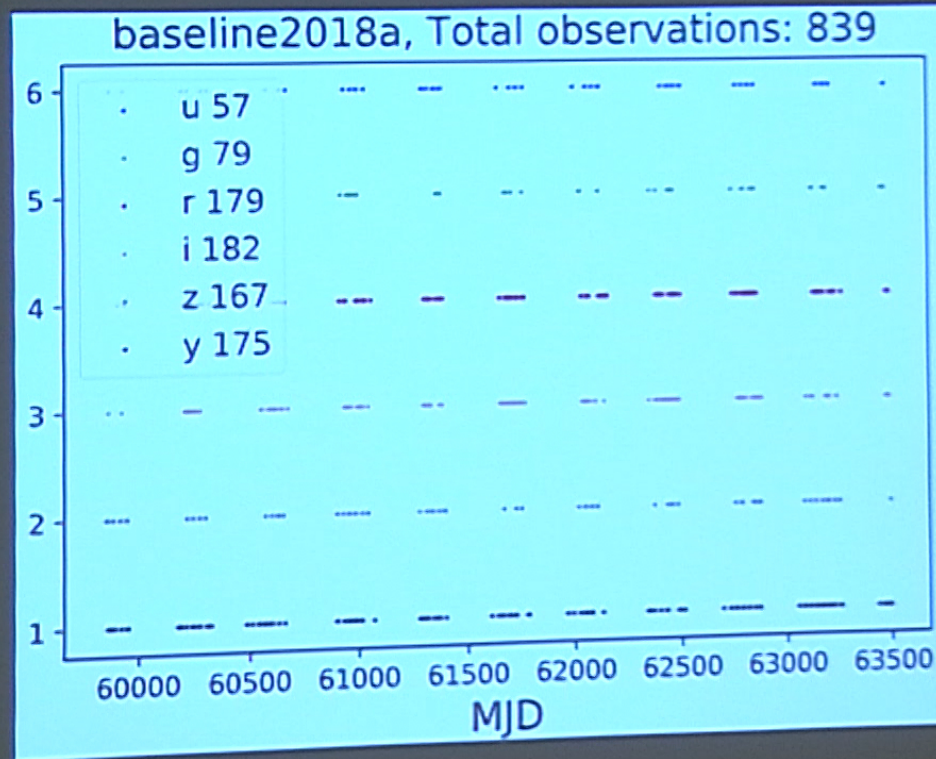
**Expect hundreds of lensed SNe in the 10-year LSST survey**  
[Oguri & Marshall 2010; Goldstein et al. 2017]

# LSST Cadence Strategy for Lensed SNe

- When, where, which filter to observe?
- Affects both number and time delays of SNe

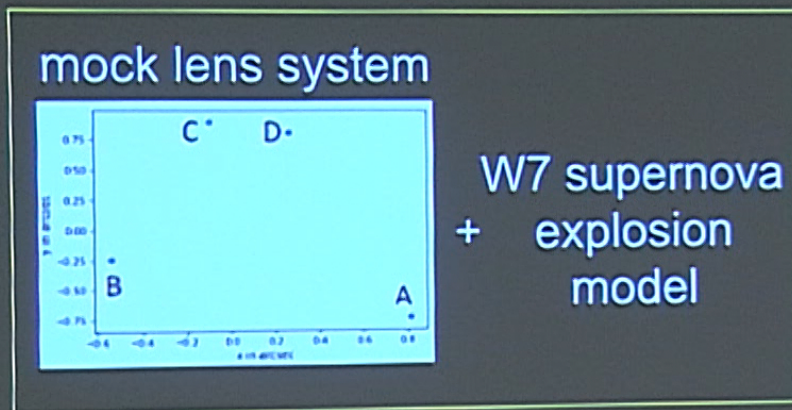


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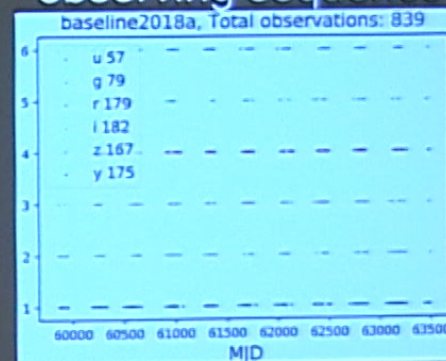


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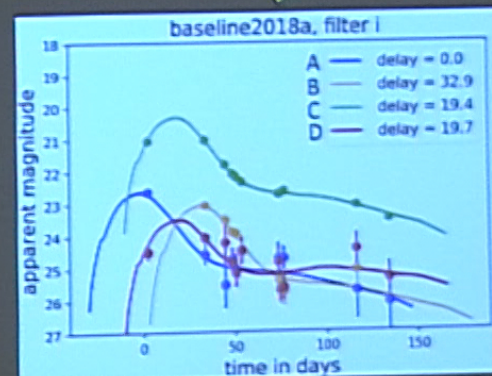
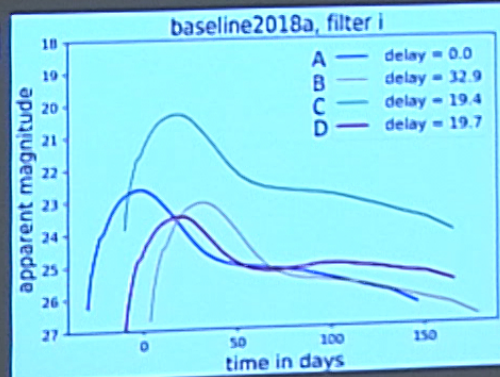
# Cadence Strategy for Lensed SNe



observing sequence



theoretical  
light  
curves



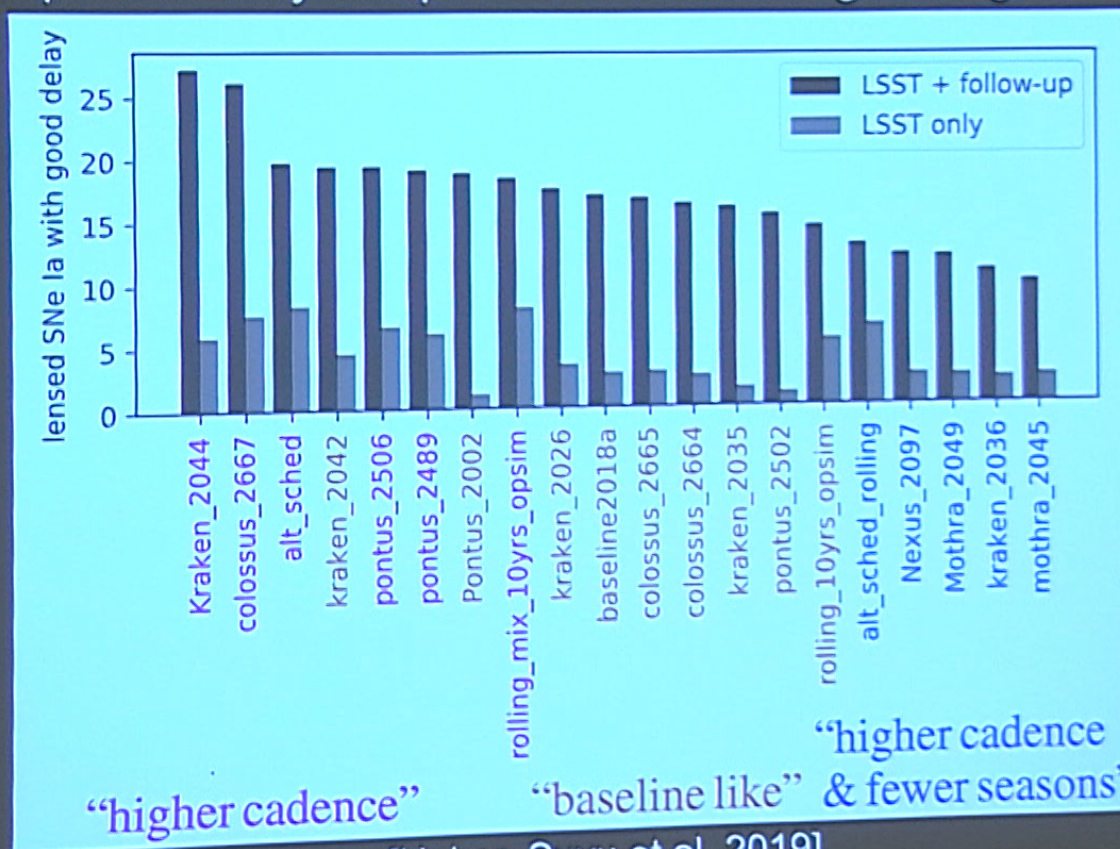
[Huber, Suyu et al. 2019]

# Cadence Strategy for Lensed SNe

quantitatively compare LSST observing strategies



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[Huber, Suyu et al. 2019]

# Lens modeling with machine learning

- simulate realistic lenses
- train neural network to infer lens mass parameters  
[Hezaveh et al. 2017; Levasseur et al. 2017]



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[Schuldt, Suyu et al., in prep.]

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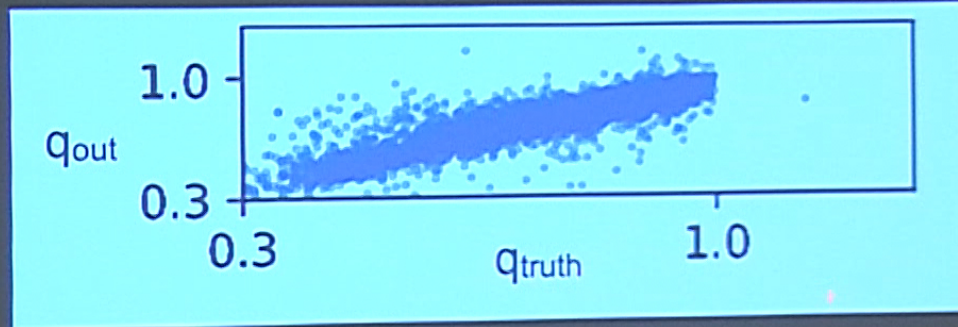
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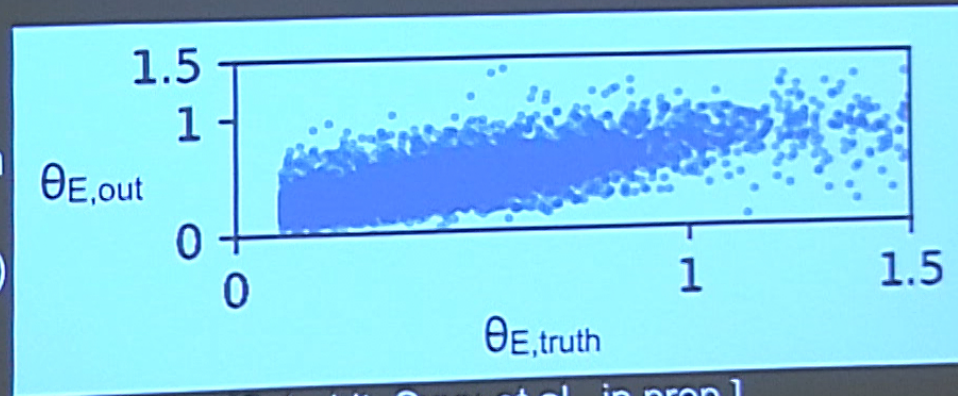


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lens  
axis  
ratio



lens  
Einstein  
radius  
(~mass)



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# Future Prospects

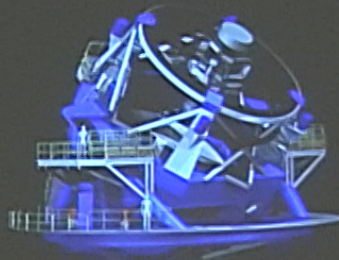
Experiments and surveys in the 2020s including Euclid, LSST, and WFIRST will provide ~10,000 lensed quasars and ~100 lensed supernovae [Oguri & Marshall 2010]

Euclid



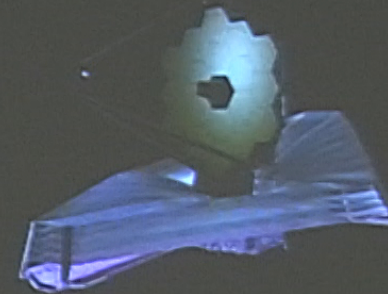
Discovery  
Imaging  
Spectroscopy

LSST



Discovery  
Time delays  
Imaging

JWST



High-resolution imaging  
& spectroscopy

# Summary

- With 4 time-delay lenses, a 3% measurement  
 $H_0=72.5^{+2.1}_{-2.3}$  km/s/Mpc in flat  $\Lambda$ CDM
- Stellar kinematics really helps in lens mass modeling
- New method to find lensed quasars through their variability
- SN Refsdal blind test demonstrated the robustness of our cluster mass modeling approach and software GLEE
- New ERC project: lensed SNe for cosmology and supernovae physics
- Search for new lensed SNe in ZTF and PanSTARRS underway
- LSST cadence strategies for lensed SNe:  
higher cadence, longer cumulative season length
- Developing method to model lenses with machine learning
- Current and future surveys will have thousands of new time-delay lenses, providing an independent and competitive probe of cosmology and stellar physics

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