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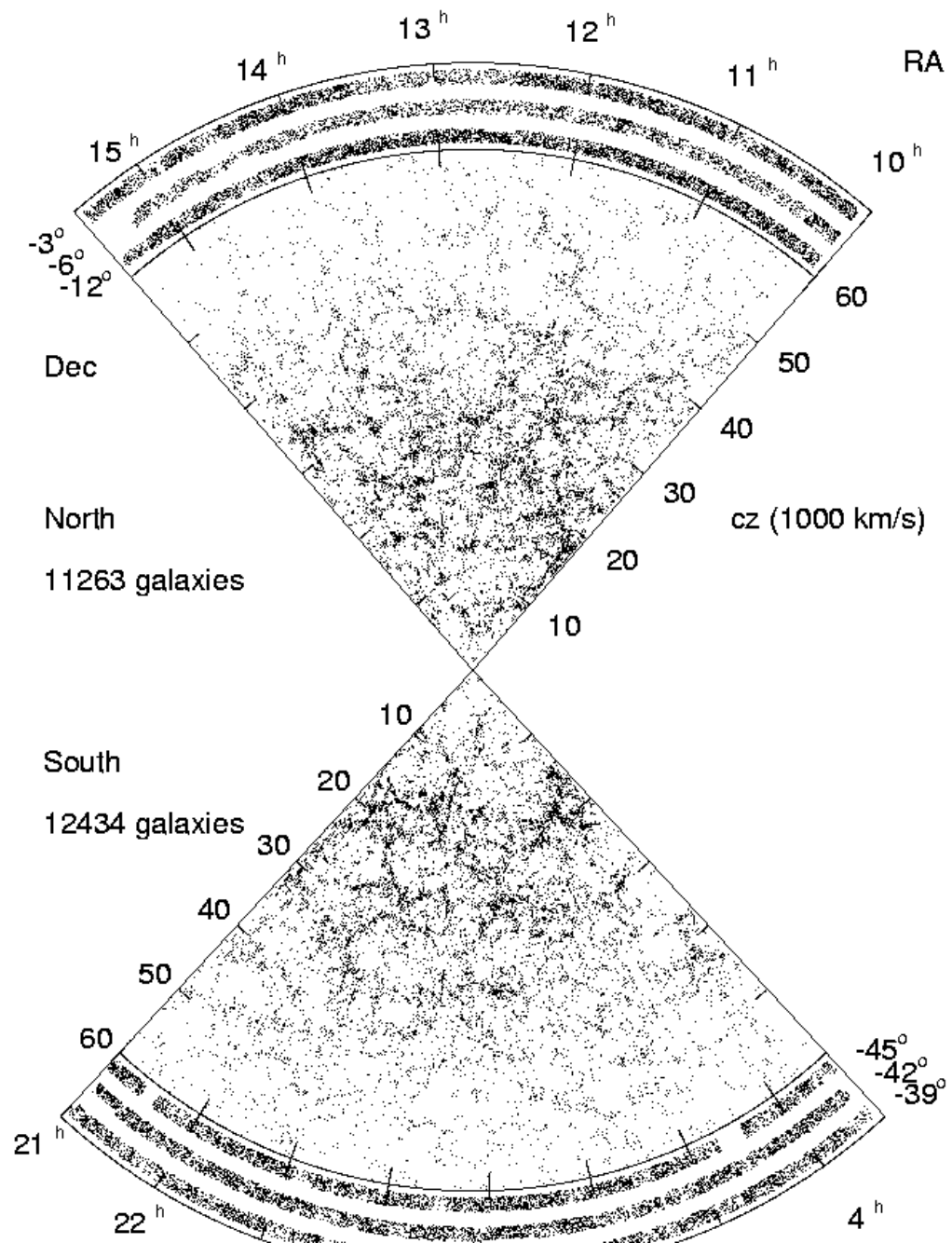
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- Black holes, gravitational lensing, gravitational waves

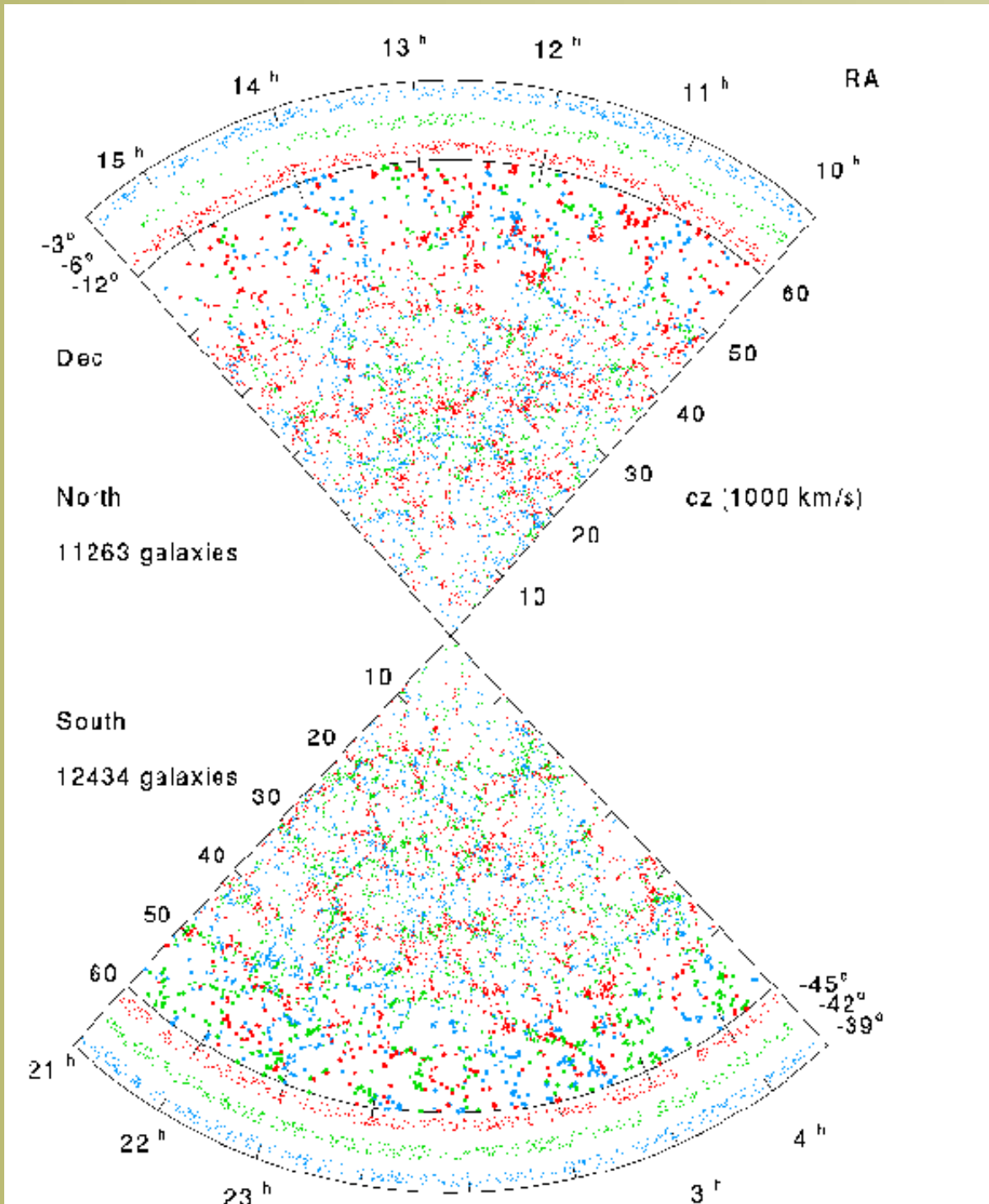
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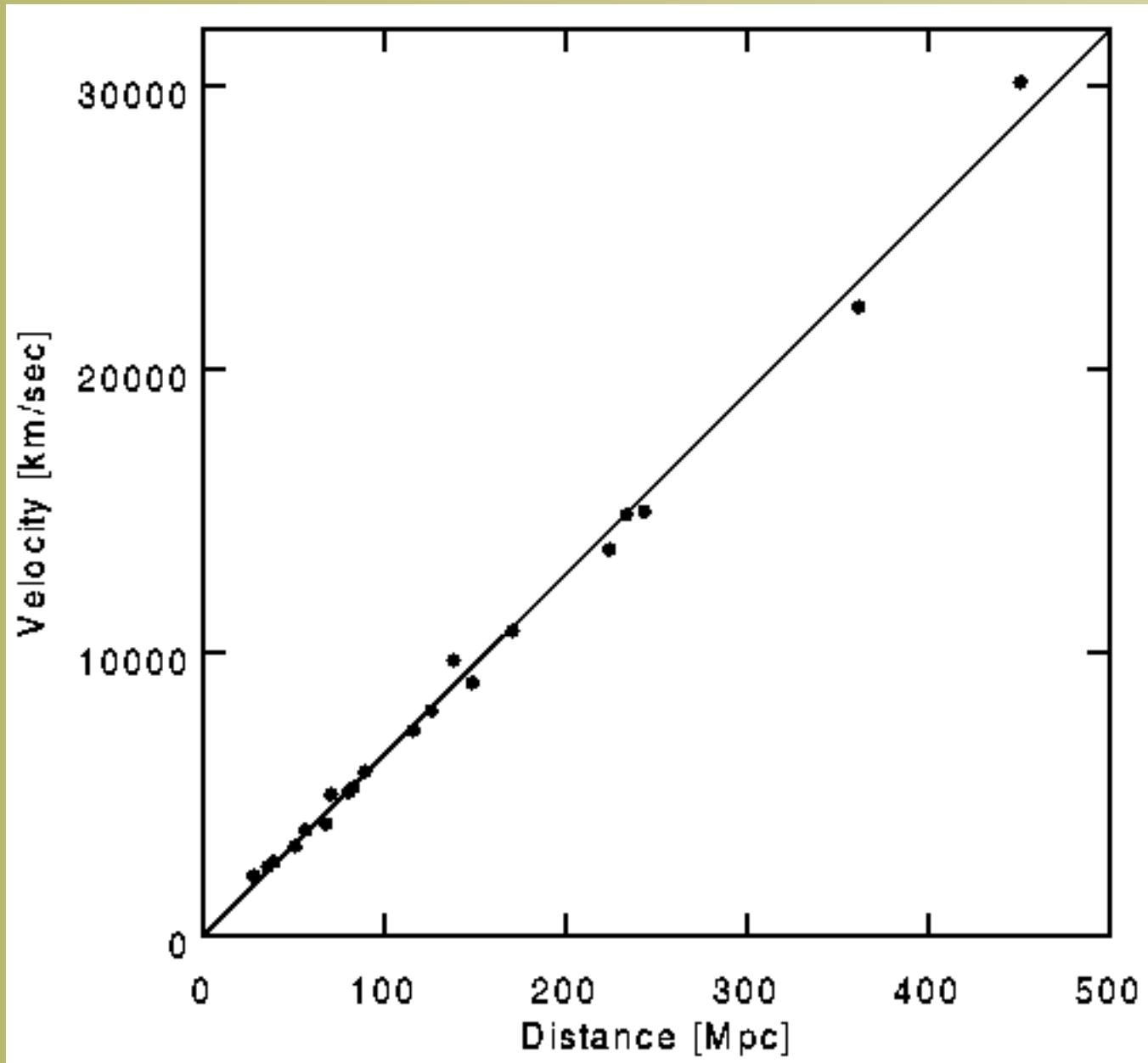
Cosmology

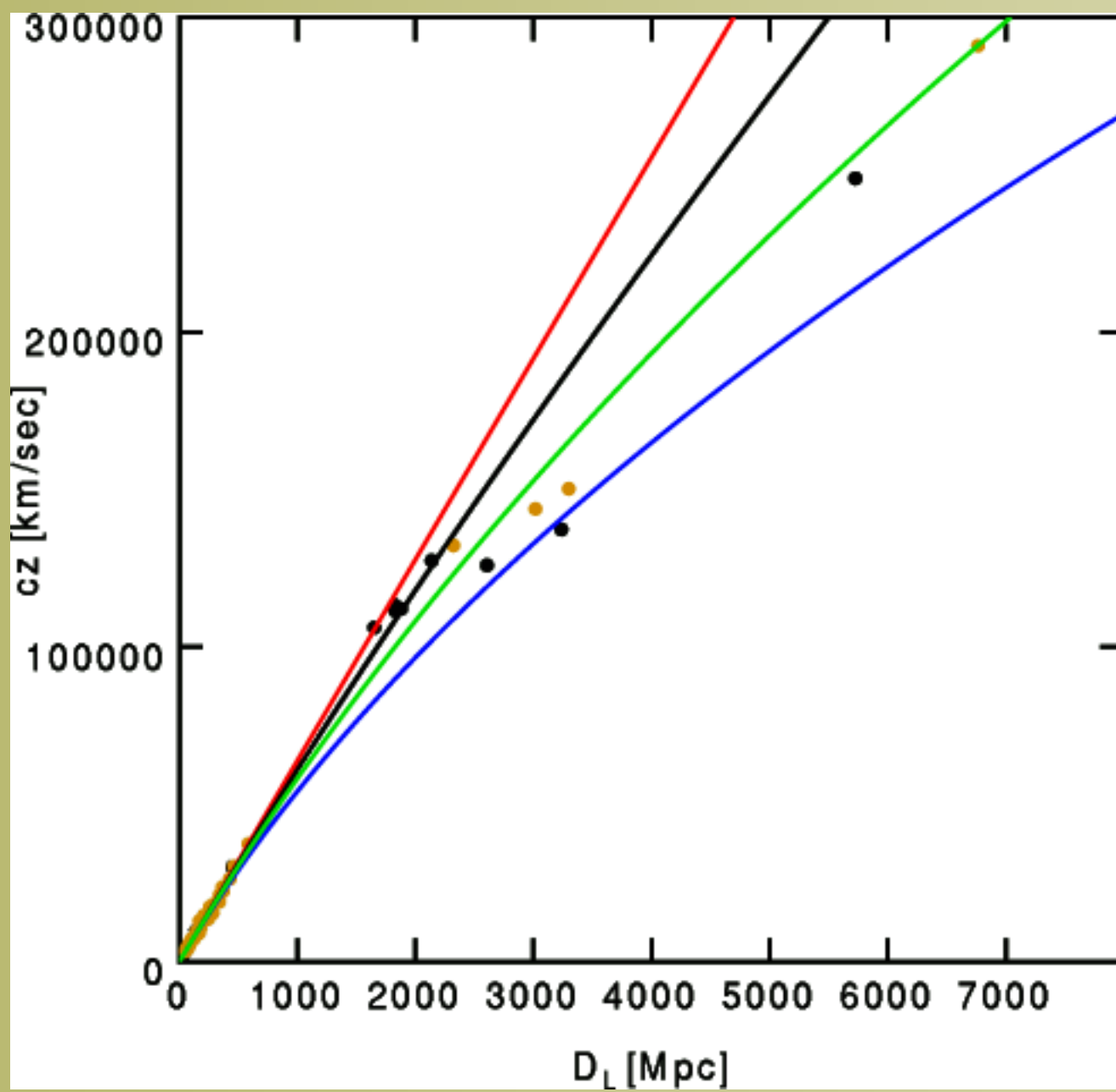
The expanding universe

- Homogeneity, isotropy
- Hubble law

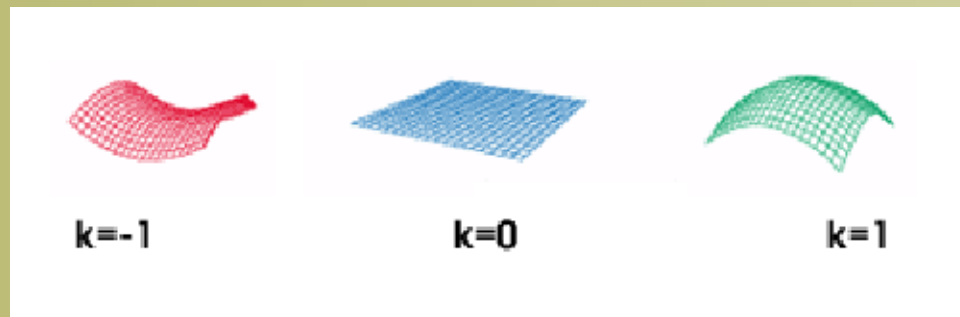








$k = 0, \pm 1$ curvature constant : flat, spherical or hyperbolic geometries



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 - ★ The rest minuscule but calculable

(pic)

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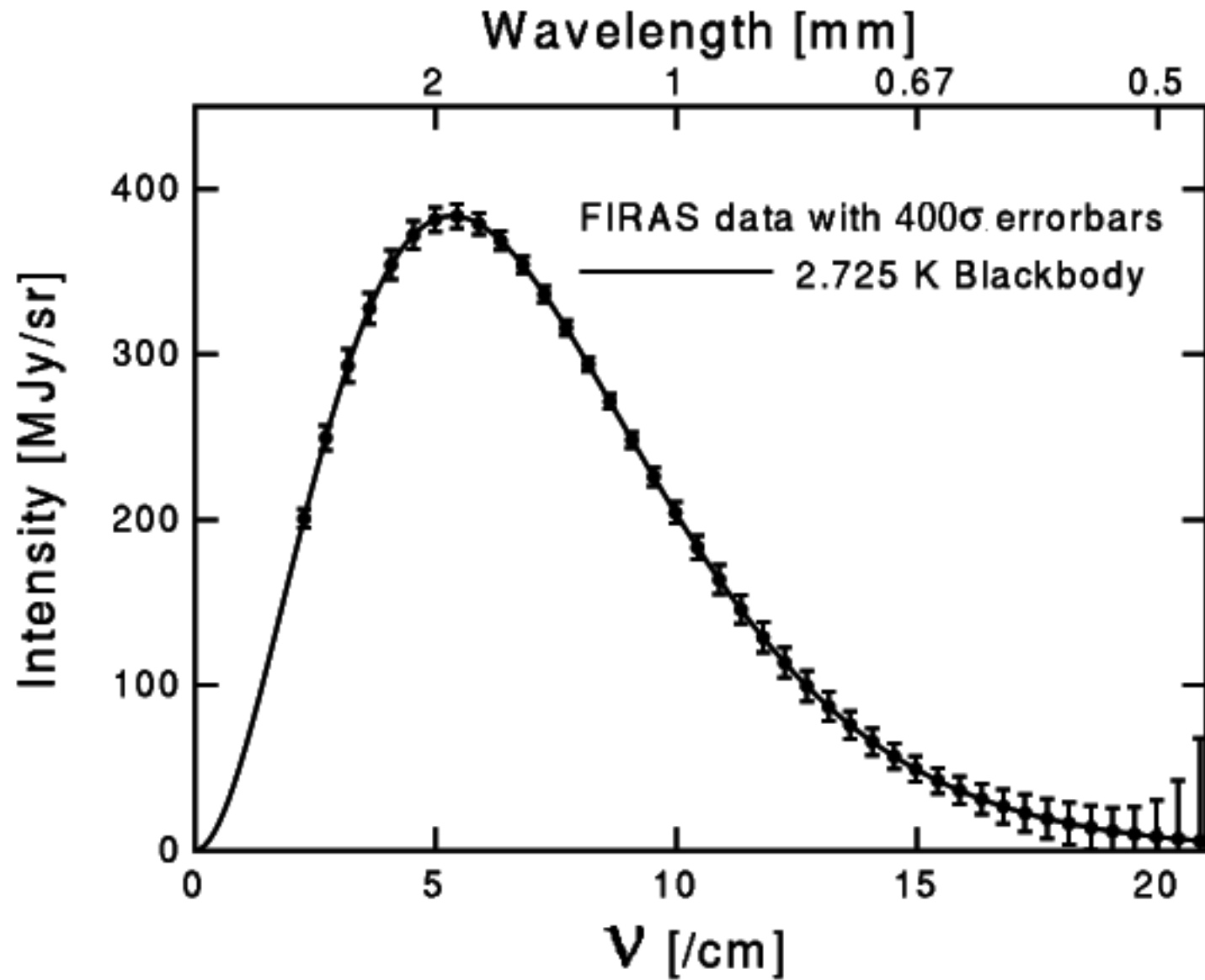
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More signals from cosmic frontier

Cosmic book keeping of contents

$$H^2 + \frac{k}{R^2} - \Lambda = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho \quad \text{where } \rho = \text{Total energy}$$

another way of writing ...

$$1 + \frac{k}{H^2 R^2} = \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_\rho$$

- ✓ Today LHS seems to be 1
- ✓ So in the curvature term, $k = 0$

Signals ...

- ✓ Λ term seems to dominate, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$
- ✓ But most of ρ is not baryons! Let $\Omega_\rho = \Omega_{DM} + \Omega_B$
 - ✓ Baryons contribute only $\Omega_B = 0.03$
 - ✓ $\Omega_{DM} = 0.27$ So much is the “Dark Matter”

Dark Matter and Dark Energy

Evidence for Dark Energy – acceleration in expansion rate

show movie

What can Dark Matter be?

It could have been neutrinos, but that would be too light ...

All other particles thoroughly searched at High Energy accelerators

Signature of new physics? Supersymmetry?

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-BC cartoon

Black Holes

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If a given mass is concentrated to R less than its Schwarzschild radius it cannot be stopped from collapsing

R_s for the sun is

R_s for a 100kg person is

Total time of falling to $r = 0$ is finite

At $r = 0$ there is a ferocious singularity of space-time curvature.

show 2 movies

Gravitational lensing

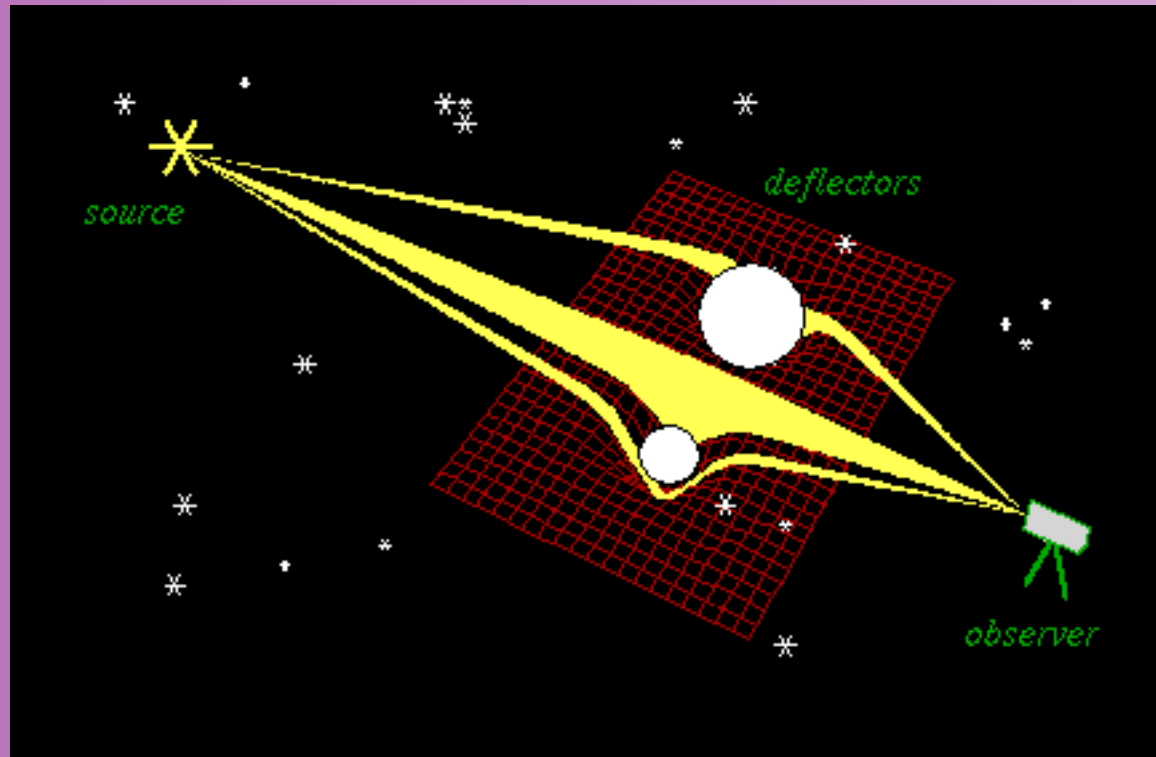
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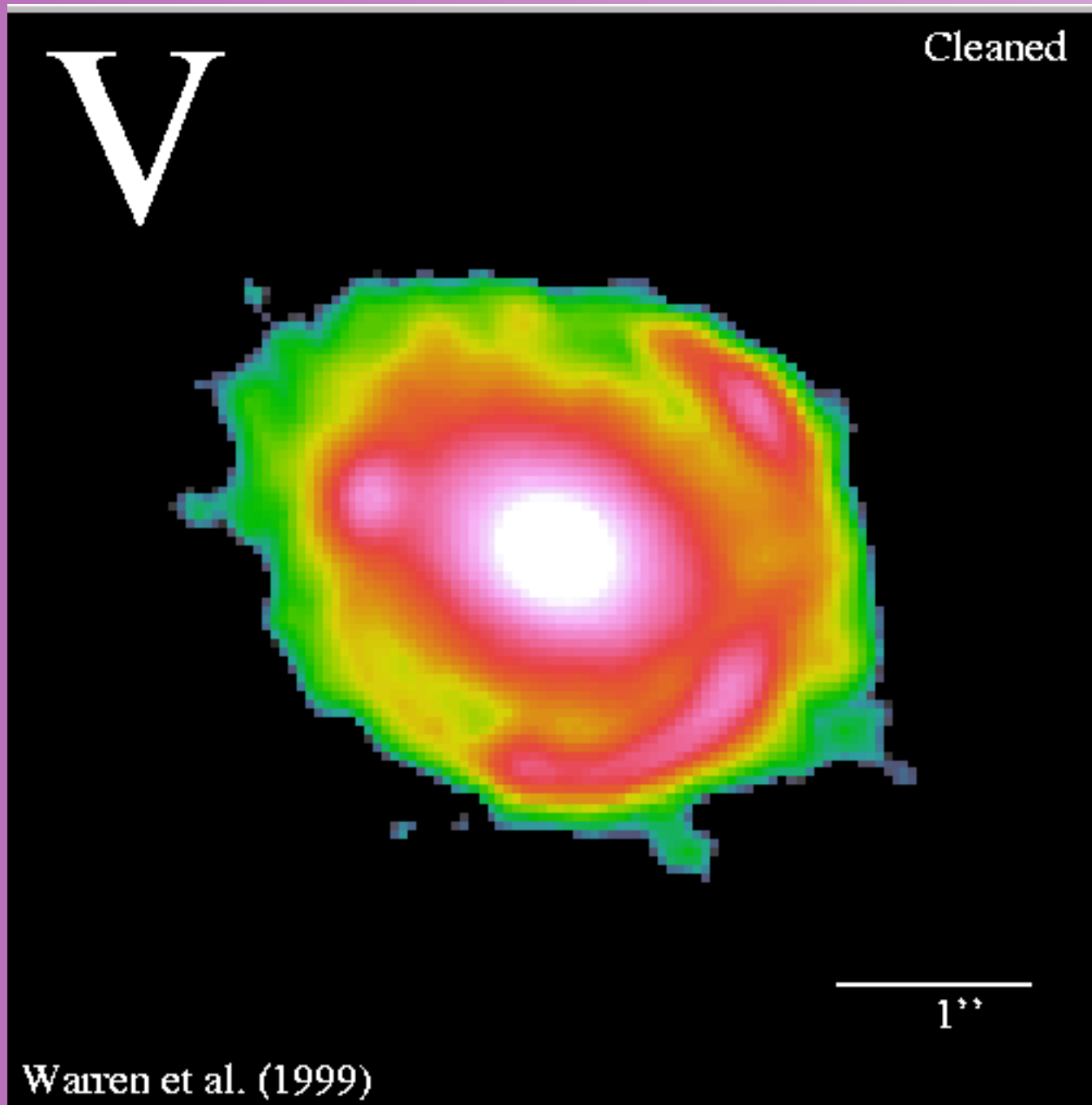
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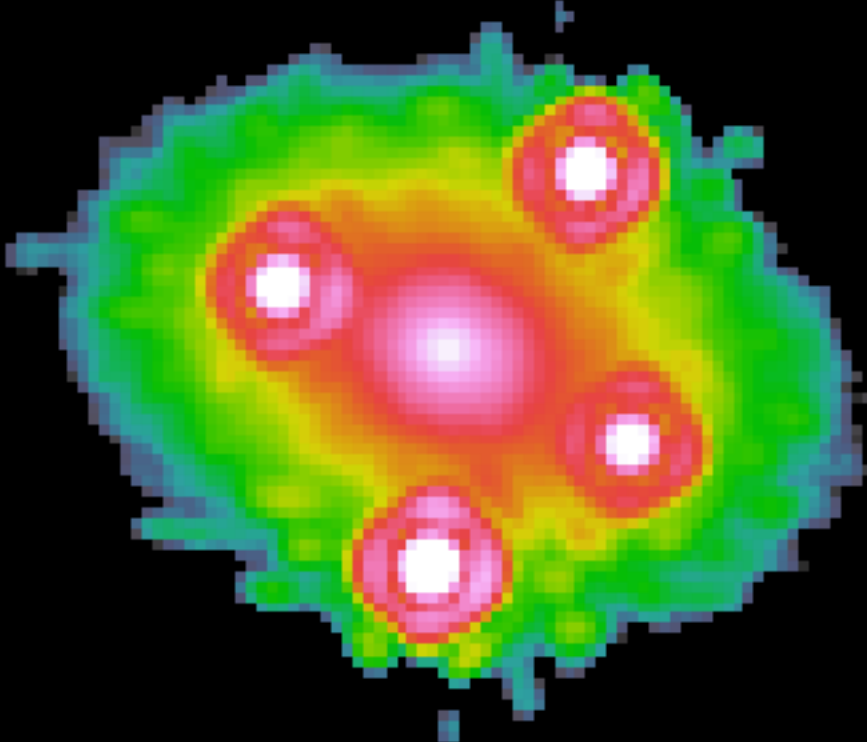
Physics argument



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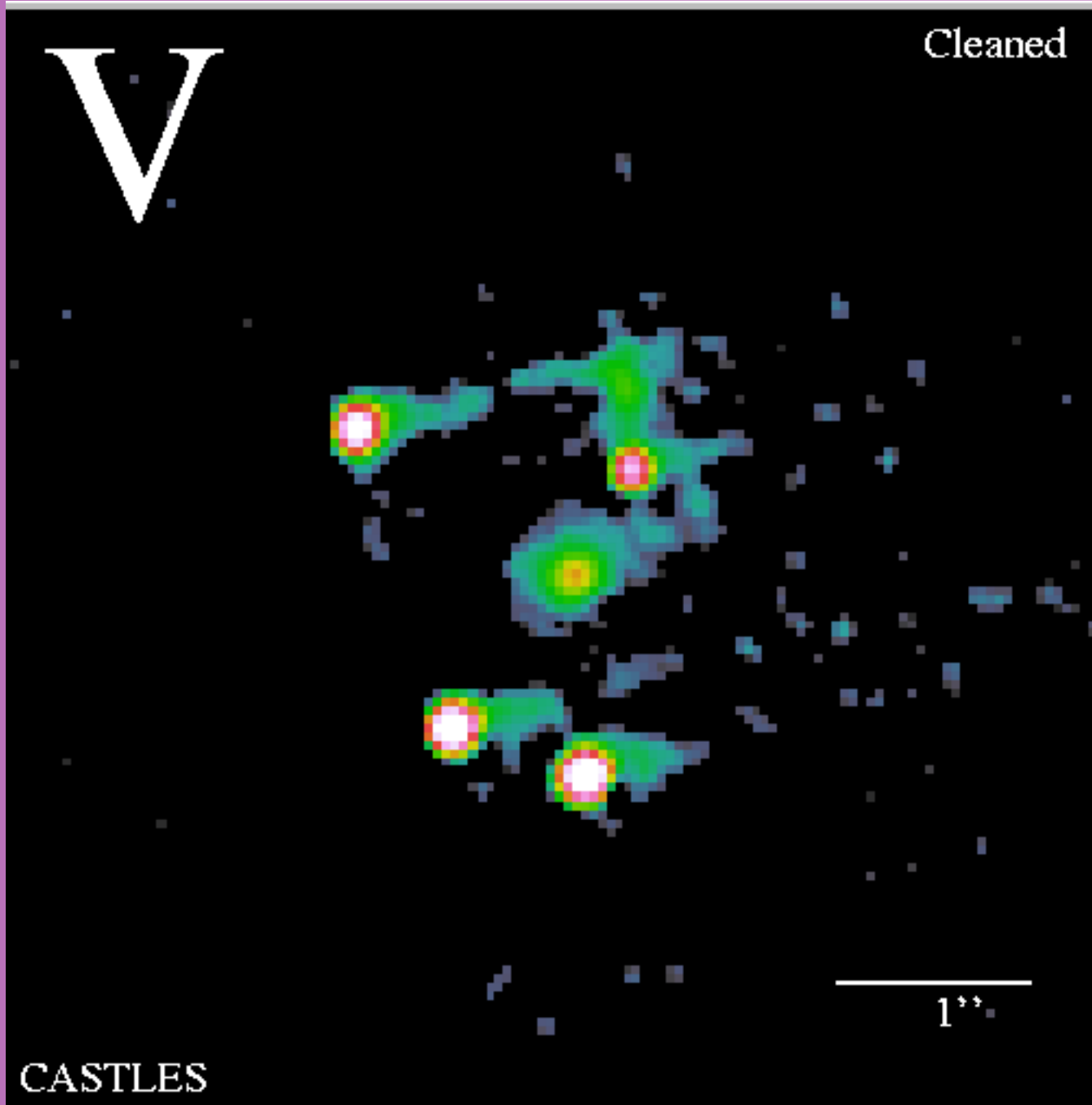


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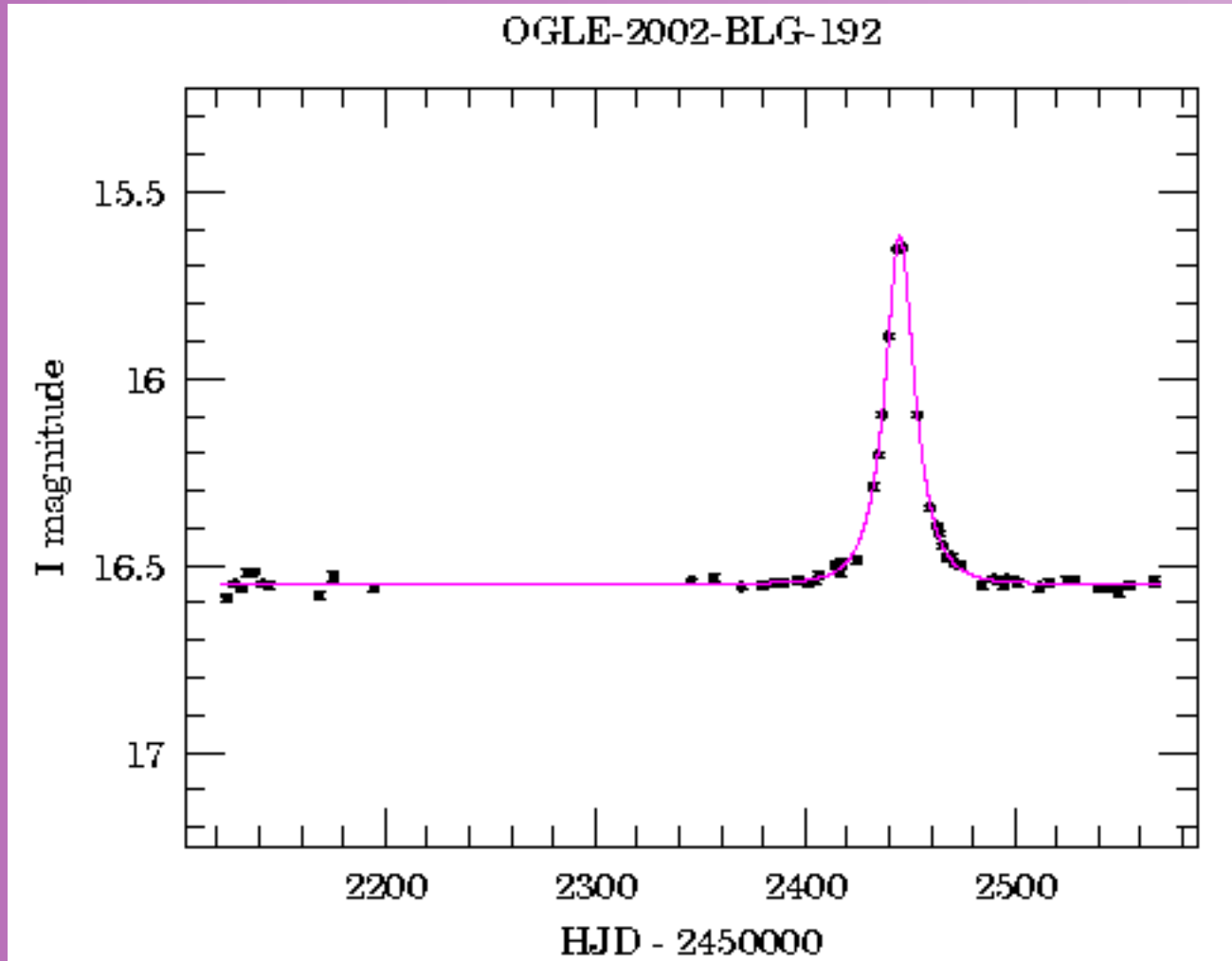
Microensing

Lens much closer, but of small mass

Gives information about small optically invisible objects :

- *within our galaxy by lensing objects far away*
- *Planet occluding its larger partner star, both within our galaxy*

From OGLE project Poland, Chile, US ...



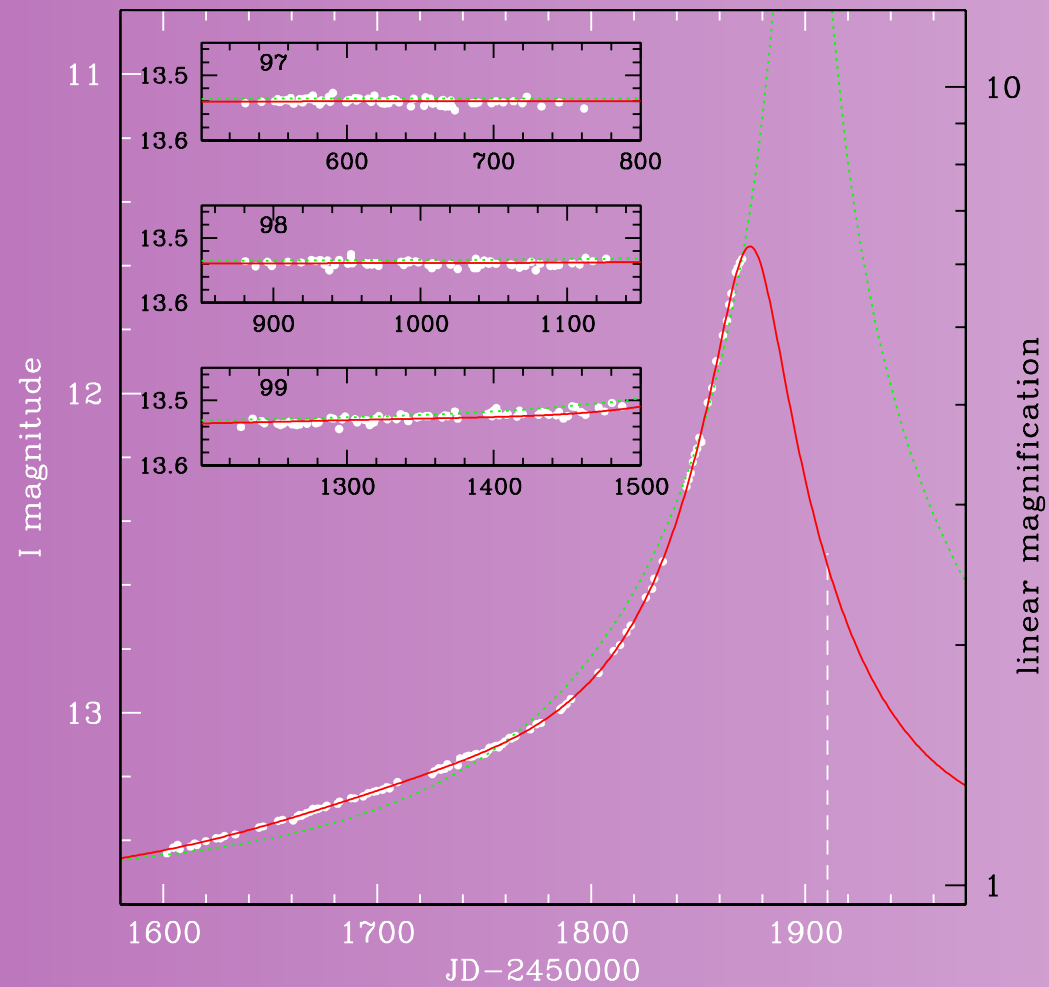


FIG. 2.— *I*-band light curve for the microlensing event OGLE-2000-BUL-43. The magnitude scale is shown on the left *y*-axis, while linear magnification is shown on the right *y*-axis. The dotted line is the standard model while the solid line is the best-fit model that takes into account the parallax effect and blending (second row in Table 1). The vertical dashed line marks January 1, 2001, OLT. The three insets

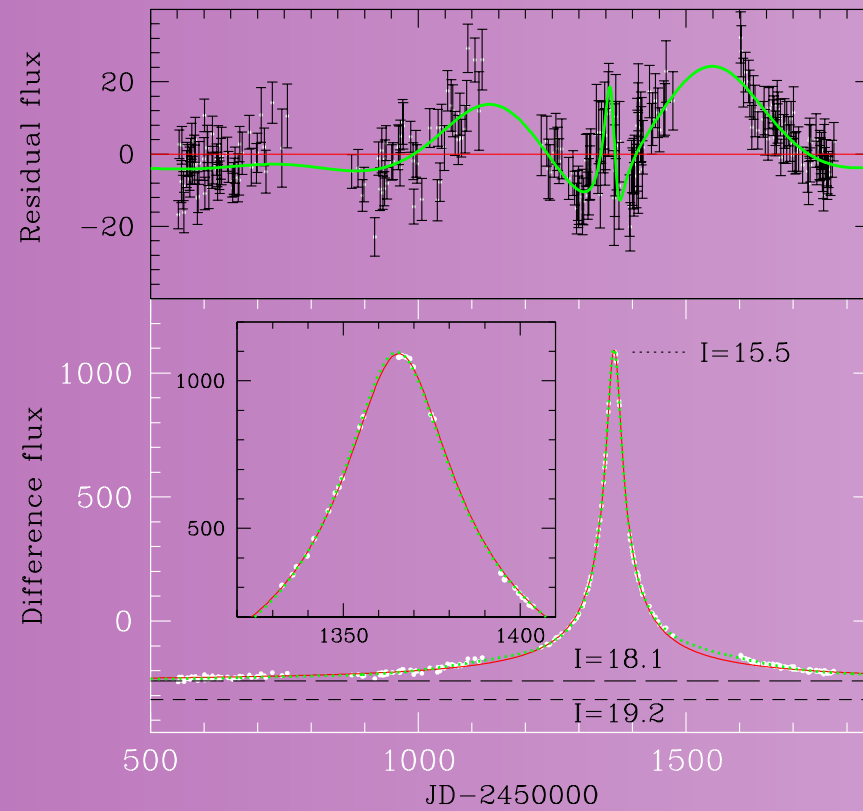
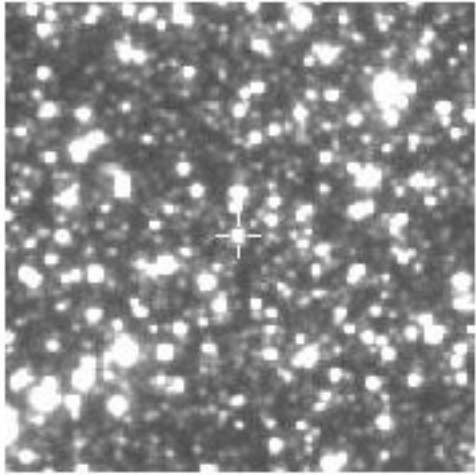
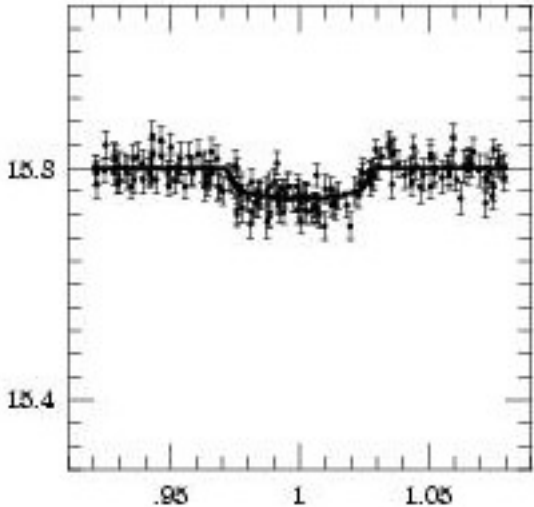
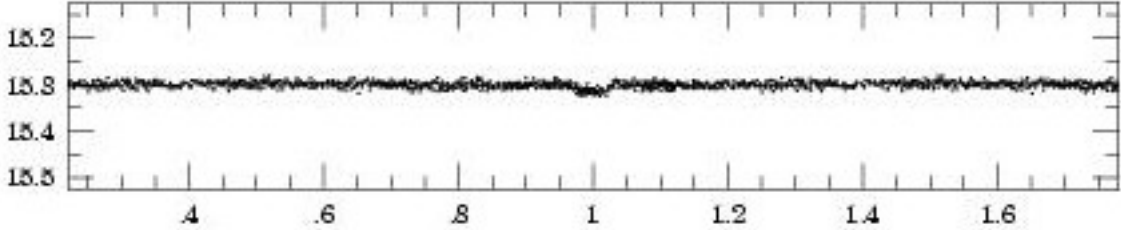


Figure 2. The I -band light curve for OGLE-1999-BUL-32 from difference image analysis. The solid and dotted lines are for the standard and parallax fits, respectively. The short-dashed line shows the baseline flux of the lensed star while the long-dashed line shows the total baseline flux of the lensed star and nearby blend(s). The approximate I -band magnitudes are indicated for these two baselines, together with the peak I -band magnitude. The inset shows the the light curve close to the peak. The top panel shows the residual flux (the observed data points subtracted by the standard model). Clearly the standard model shows systematic discrepancies. The curved solid line shows the prediction of the parallax model.

OGLE-TR-56 P=1.21190 (days)



Gravitational waves



Upper Limits

E7 Data Analysis Working Groups

- Compact binary inspiral: *“chirps”*
- Supernovae / GRBs: *“bursts”*
- Pulsars in our galaxy: *“periodic”*
- Cosmological Signal *“stochastic background”*

Reports scheduled at the LIGO I Meeting this Thursday