# Gravitational lensing of AGN with WSO-UV/ISSIS (latest design)



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# GRAVITATIONALLY LENSED QSOs (GLQs): THE SAMPLE & SOME KEY GOALS

From the CfA-Arizona Space Telescope LEns Survey (<u>CASTLES</u>: http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/castles/) and SDSS Quasar Lens Search (<u>SQLS</u>: http://wwwutap.phys.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~sdss/sqls/) databases in 2010, we select 41 optically bright GLQs at 1 < z < 3. These GLQs have at least two images with V < 20 mag, and they represent ~ 90% of the bright objects in the CASTLES+SQLS archive





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# **ISSIS: FUV OR NUV CHANNEL?**

The possible presence of high column densities of neutral hydrogen in intervening objects at  $z \le 1$  could greatly hinder or make impossible the detection of photons at  $\lambda \le 1824$  Å. For some GLQ, intervening systems at higher z may not even allow us to observe a part of its spectrum at  $\lambda > 1824$  Å. Hence, our GLQ programme focuses on the <u>NUV Channel</u>: 1850-



These observations would provide information to build an <u>UV data base of the CASTLES-</u> <u>SQLS sample</u>. For each GLQ, the scientific goals are to disentangle the nuclear and circumnuclear 10-eV emissions, i.e., to resolve the emissions at ~ 10-20 eV within a 0.3" radius, to compare with other observations (e.g., VLBI radio jets), to reconstruct the UV morphology of the central region in the active galaxy and to constraint the gravitational lens scenario

#### **NUV CHANNEL: SPATIAL RESOLUTION**



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## **SPATIAL RESOLUTION: FIRST SIMULATIONS**

<u>Source</u> at  $z \sim 1.5$  with flat continuum and  $F = 2 \times 10^{-15}$  erg cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> Å<sup>-1</sup> (V = 17 mag)





## **TIME-DOMAIN STUDIES**

Another main aim is the <u>UV monitoring of optically bright GLQs belonging to the</u> <u>CASTLES-SQLS sample</u>. For each selected GLQ, we want to study the intrinsic variability of the nuclear continuum (time delays between the lensed images, structure function analysis, etc), as well as the extrinsic effects caused by the main lensing galaxy (dust

extinction, microlensing magnification, etc)

Table 1 Exposure times required to obtain SNR = 100 (V = 18 mag)

