25 YEARS AFTER THE DISCOVERY: SOME CURRENT TOPICS ON LENSED QSOs



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ON THE POSSIBILITY OF DETERMINING HUBBLE'S PARAMETER AND THE MASSES OF GALAXIES FROM THE GRAVITATIONAL LENS EFFECT*

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Summary

The gravitational lens effect is applied to a supernoval ying far behind and close to the line of sight through a distant galaxy. The light from the supernova may follow two different paths to the observer, and the difference Δt in the time of light travel for these two paths can amount to a couple of months or more, and may be measurable. It is shown that Hubble's parameter and the mass of the galaxy can be expressed by Δt , the red-shifts of the supernova and the galaxy, the luminosities of the supernova " images " and the angle between them. The possibility of observing the phenomenon is discussed.

1. Introduction.—In 1937 Zwicky suggested that a galaxy, due to the gravitational deflection of light, may act as a gravitational lens. He considered the case of a galaxy A lying far behind and close to the line of sight through a distant galaxy B. If the line of sight through the centre of B goes through A, the "image" of Awill be a ring around B, otherwise two separated "images" appear, on opposite sides of B. The phenomenon has later been discussed by Zwicky (1957) and Klimov (1963), and they both conclude that the possibility of observing the should be possible to observe every third year. The apparent magnitude of the "images" will be 21-23 for S_1 and 21-24 for S_2 . For greater values of a P(a) increase rapidly, in fact it is proportional to a^5 .

It is possible that our estimate of the mass of galaxies is too great. If we consider only elliptical galaxies as possible gravitational lenses, the estimate of \mathcal{M} is perhaps more realistic. About 20 per cent of all galaxies are elliptical, and the expected number of observable "double images" will be reduced by 80 per cent.

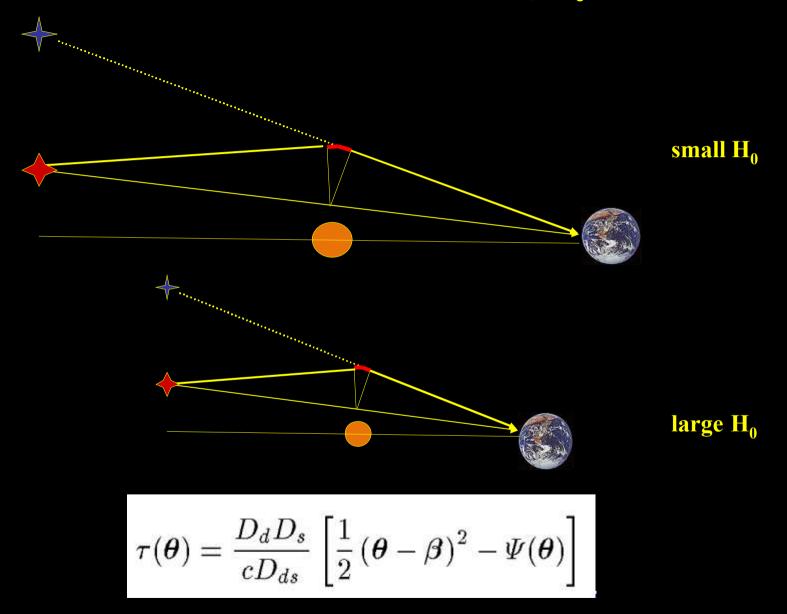
Star-like objects with intense emission both in the radio range and the optical range have recently been discovered (Greenstein 1963). Their absolute visual luminosity are of order -24, and it is possible that flashes occur in the optical region, lasting about one month, and with an amplitude about 0.5^{m} .

If so, observations at greater distances than with supernova will be possible. The distances may be so great that we can no longer assume Z to be small. The result of our calculations will then depend on the cosmological model we choose, giving a possibility of testing the different models. This will be discussed in a subsequent paper.

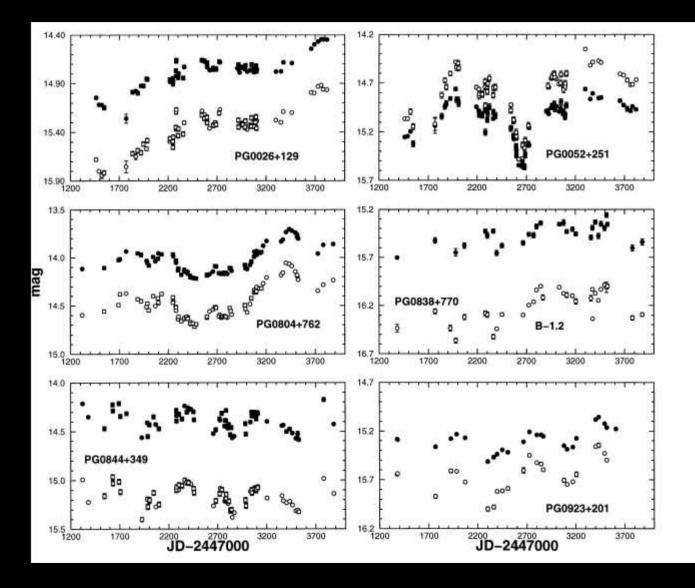
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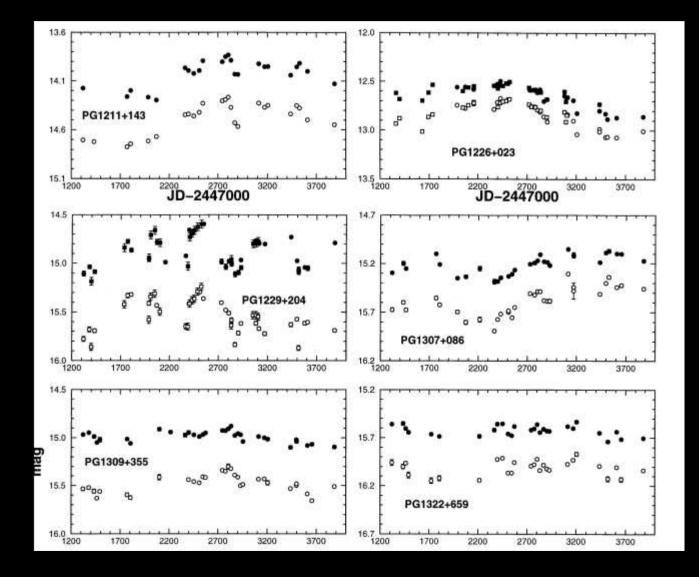
Lensed quasar time delays for measuring H₀



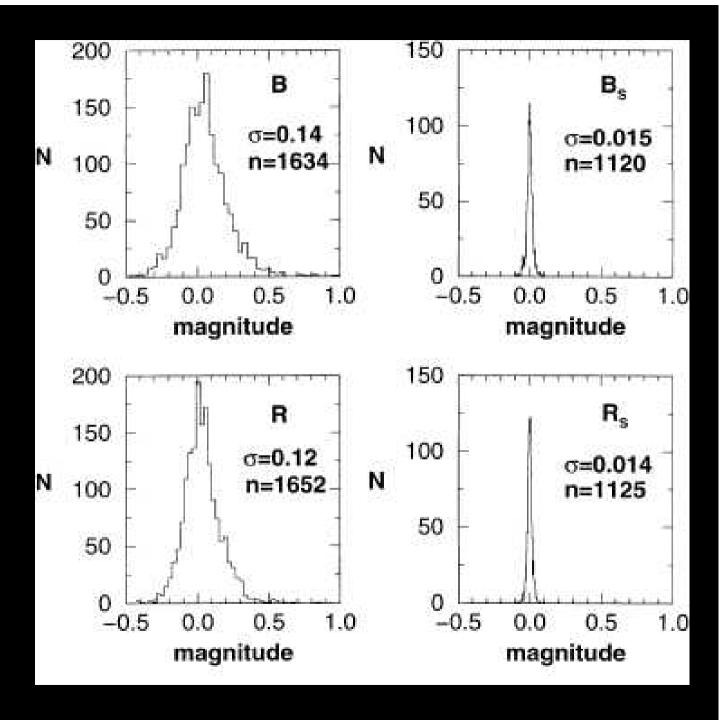
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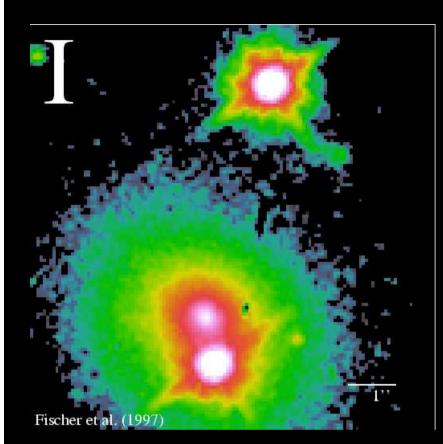


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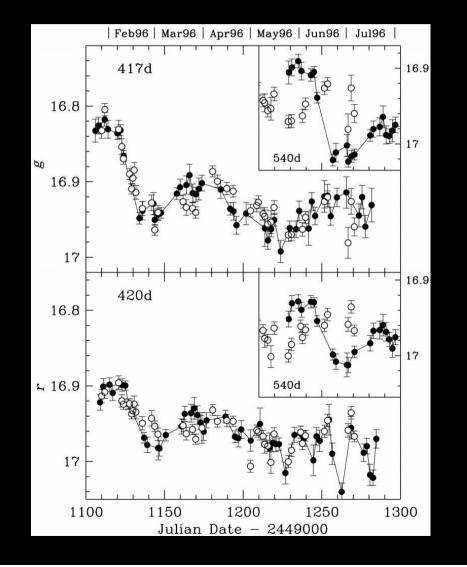


Distribution of mag differences





Q0957+561 Kundic et al. 1997



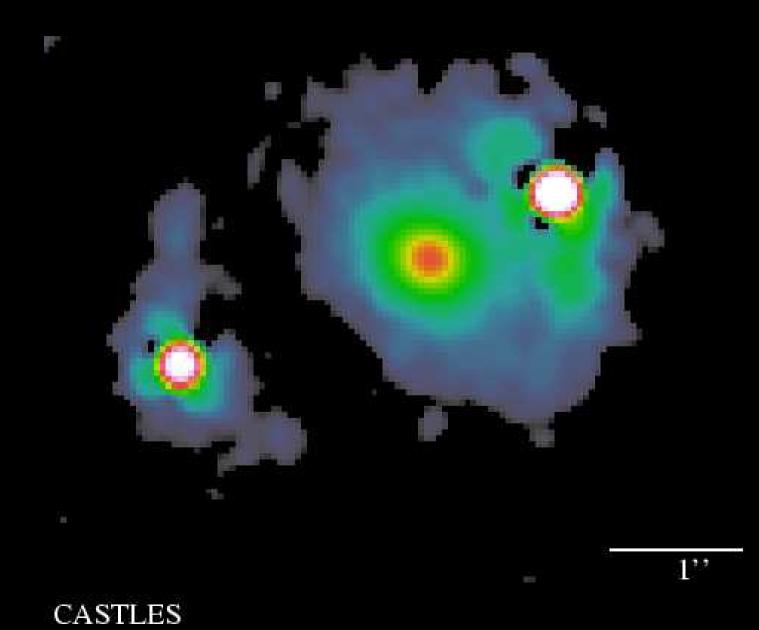
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Table B.1. Time Delay Measurements

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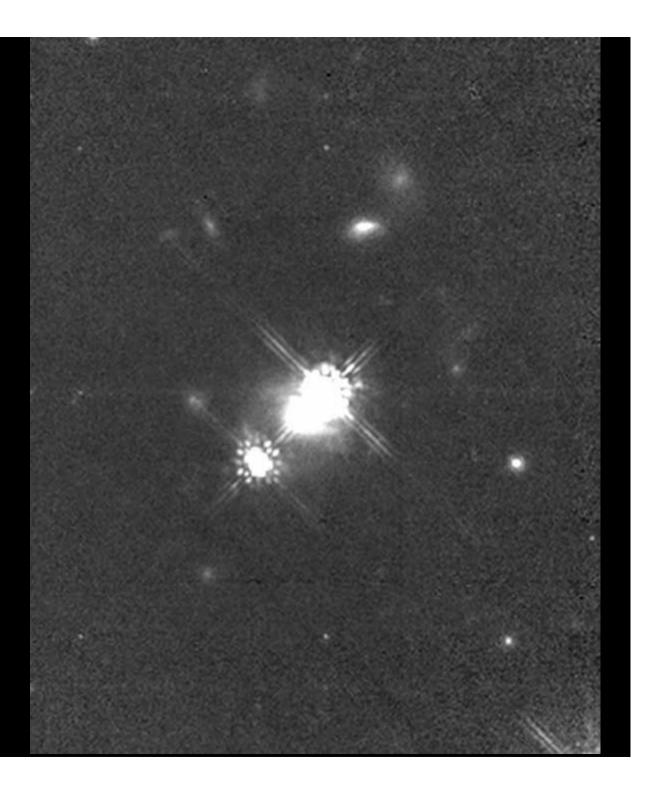
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HE1104 - 1805



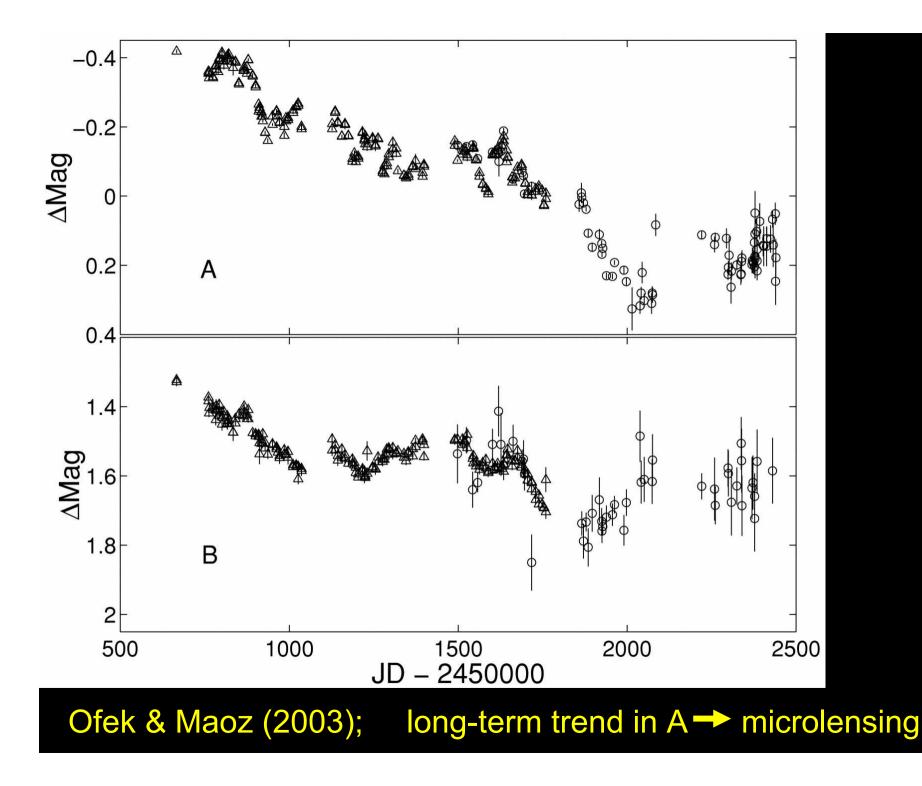
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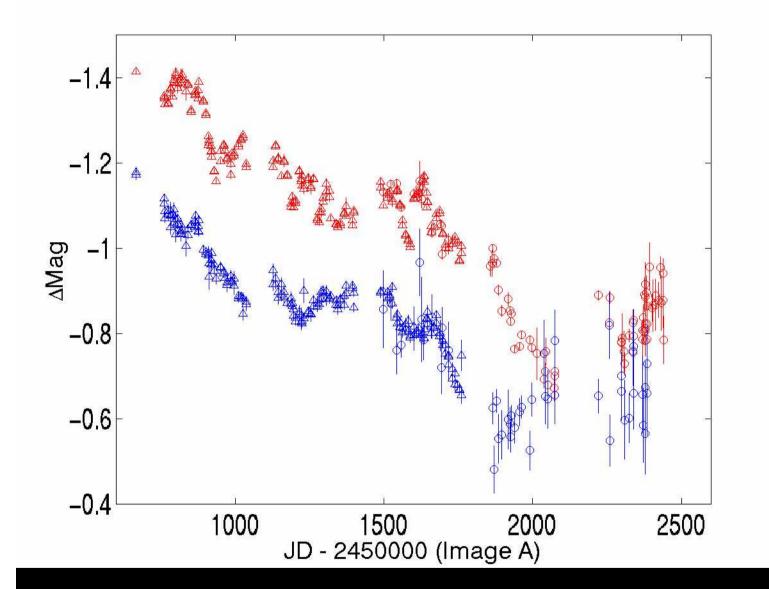
Kochanek et al., in prep.



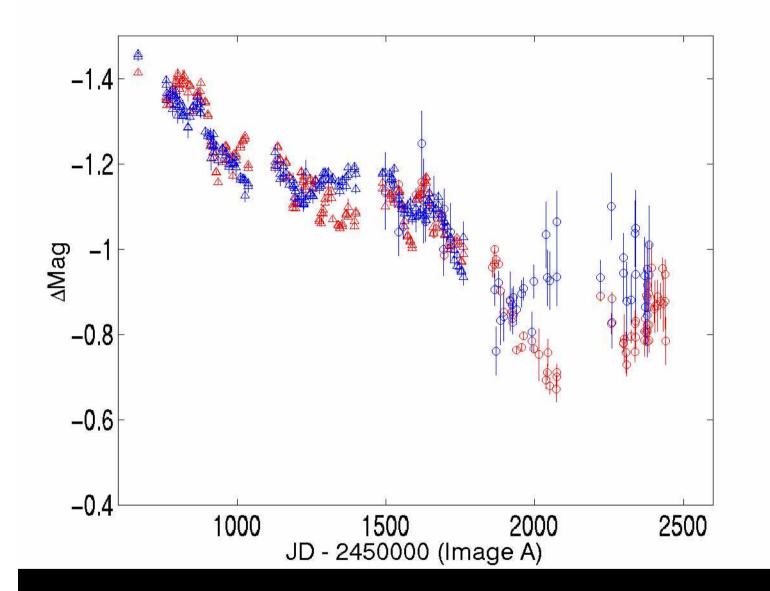
HE1104-1805 Time Delay History

Wisotski et al. (1998)-270 days, but -100 possibleGil-Merino, Wisotski, & Wambsganss (2002)-310+/- 20 daysPelt, Refsdal, & Stabell (2002)-255 to 330 daysSchechter et al. (2003)no clear delay

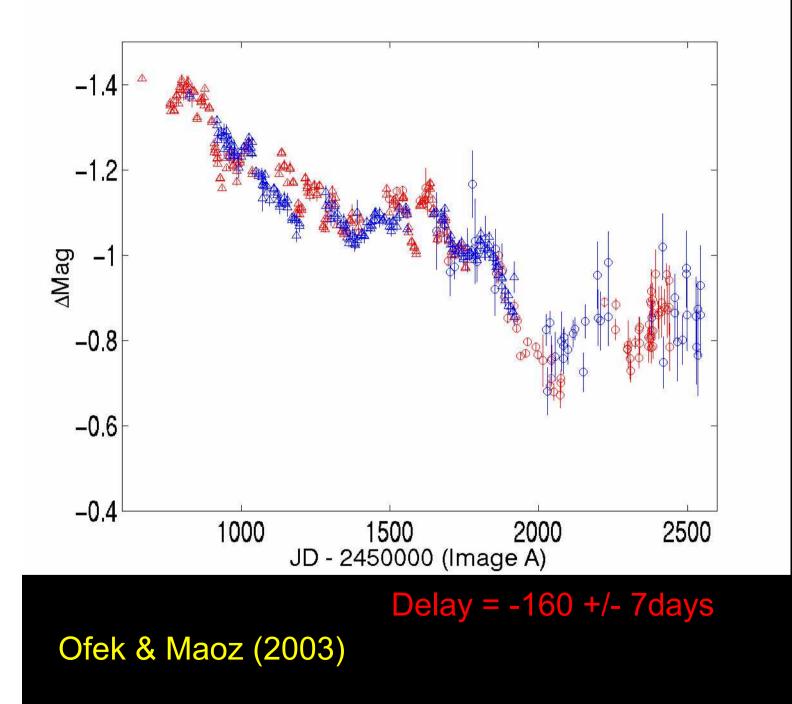




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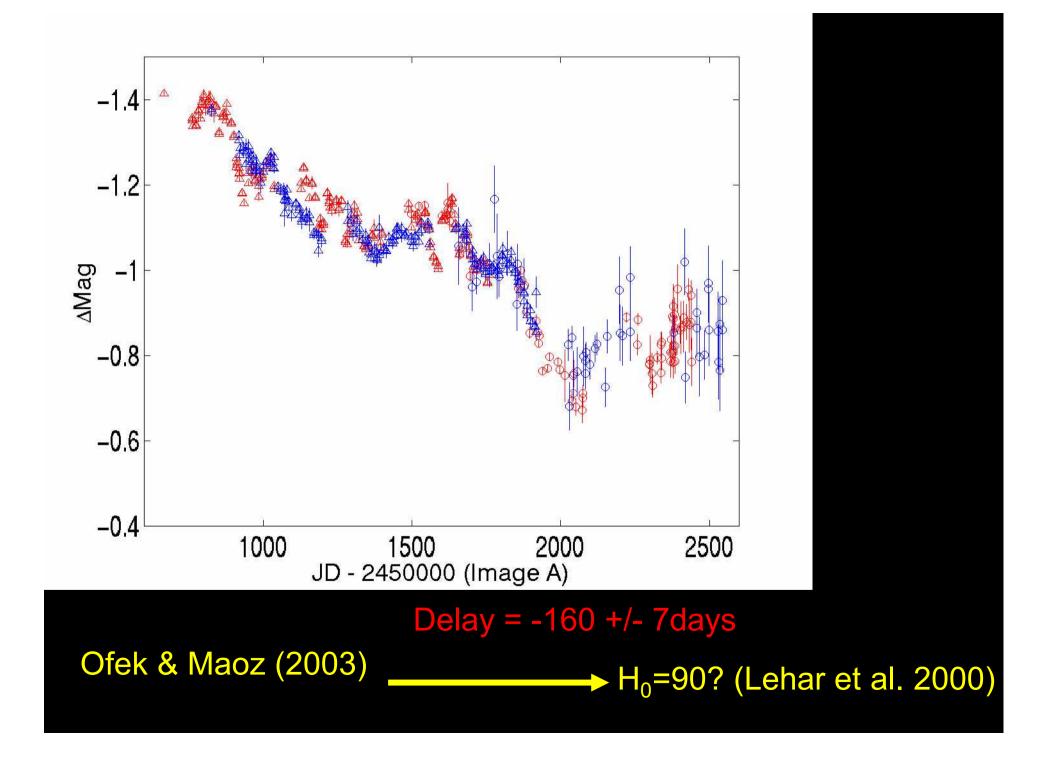


$\begin{aligned} & \textbf{Geometric delay} & \textbf{gravitational (Shapiro) delay} \\ & \tau(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{D_d D_s}{c D_{ds}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \right)^2 - \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right] \end{aligned}$

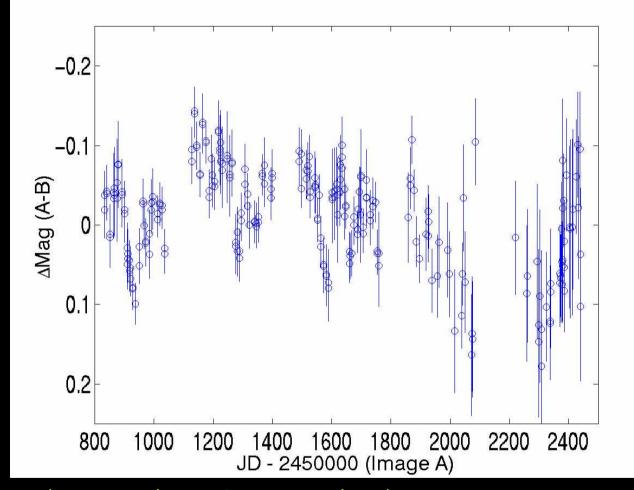
$$\Delta t_{SIS} = \tau_B - \tau_A = \frac{1}{2} \frac{D_d D_s}{c D_{ds}} \left(\theta_A^2 - \theta_B^2\right)$$

e.g., Kochanek 2002:

$$\Delta t(n) = (n-1)\Delta t_{SIS} \left[1 - \frac{(2-n)^2}{12} \left(\frac{\delta \theta}{\langle \theta \rangle} \right)^2 + \cdots \right]$$



Residuals in A - (delayed B):



1-month timescale, 0.07 mag amplitude

Microlensing by Jupiters? (Wythe & Loeb 2002)

Microlensing of relativistic motion in accretion disk? (Miralda-Escude & Gould

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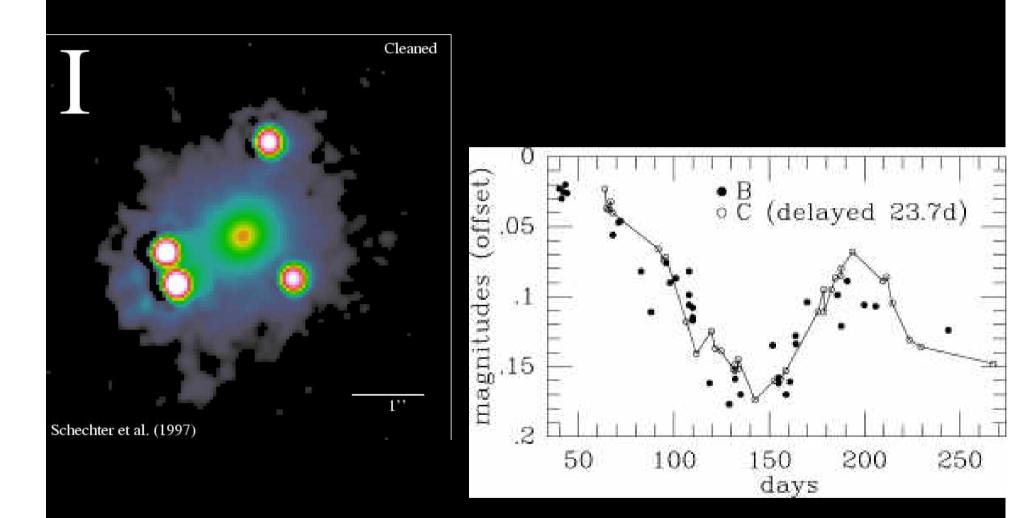
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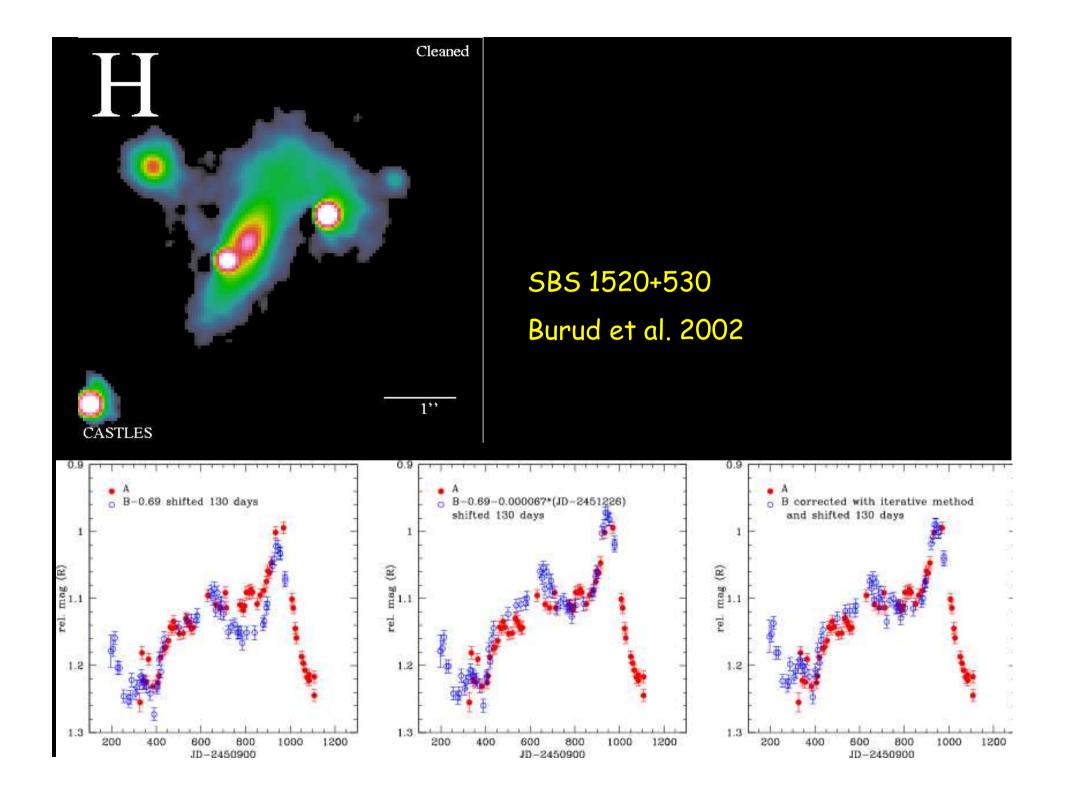
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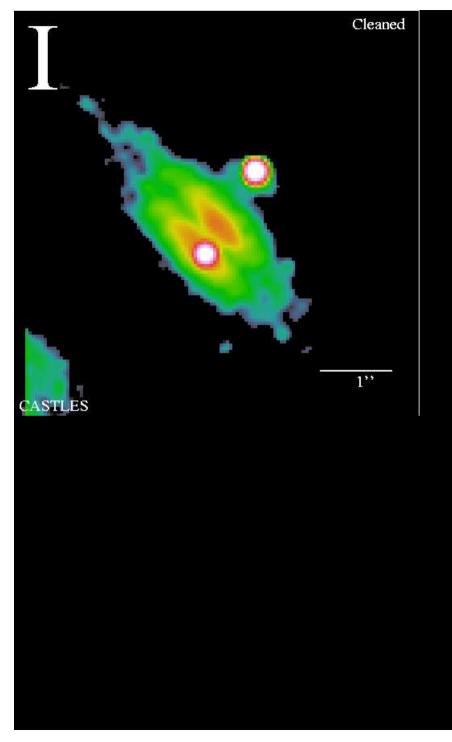
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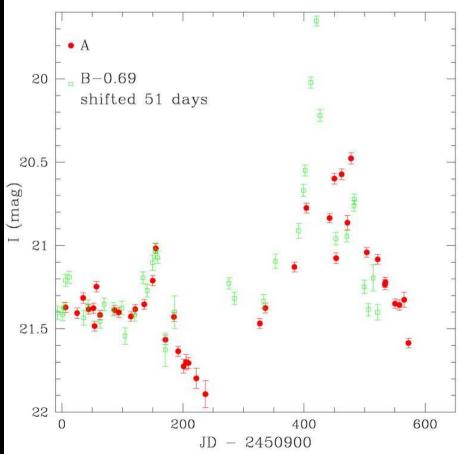
PG 1115+080 Schechter et al. 1997

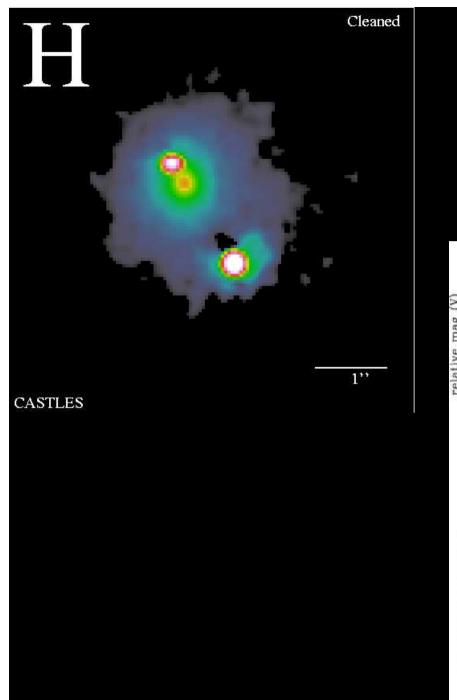




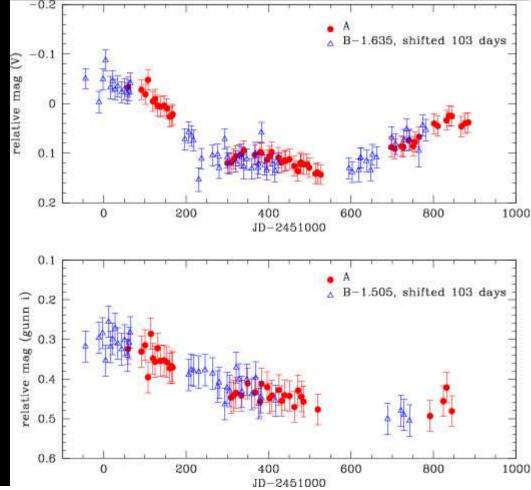


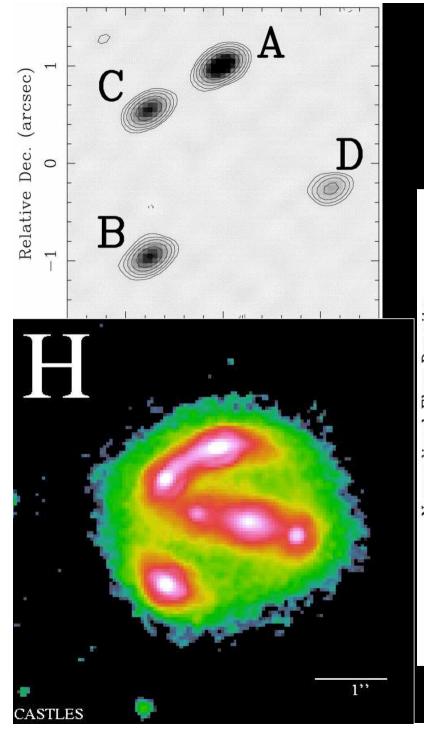
B1600+434 Burud et al. 2002 (Also Koopmans et al. 2000)



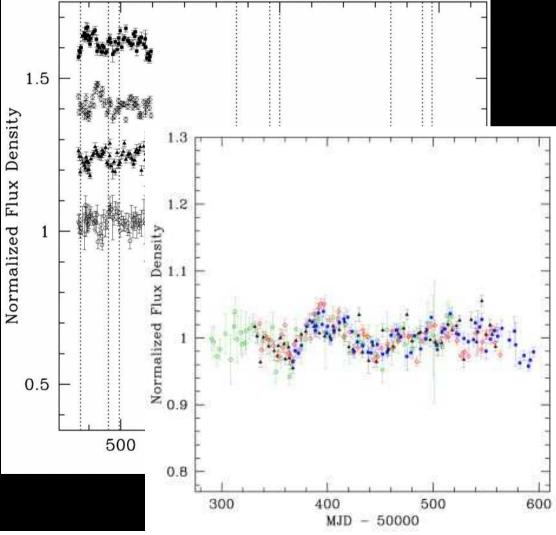


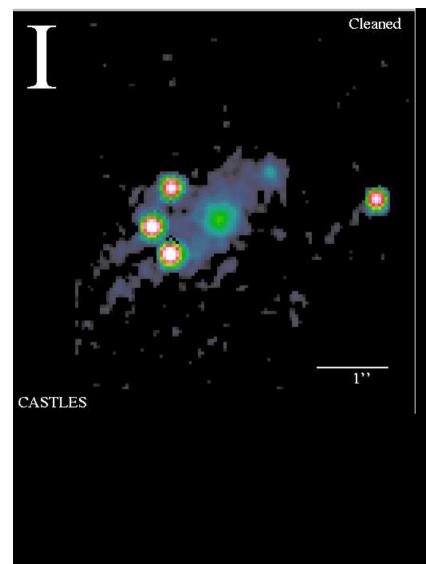
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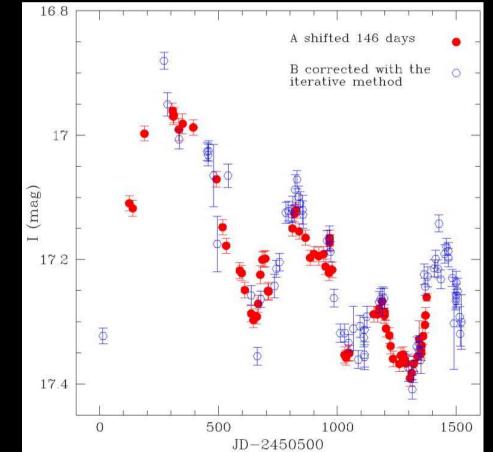


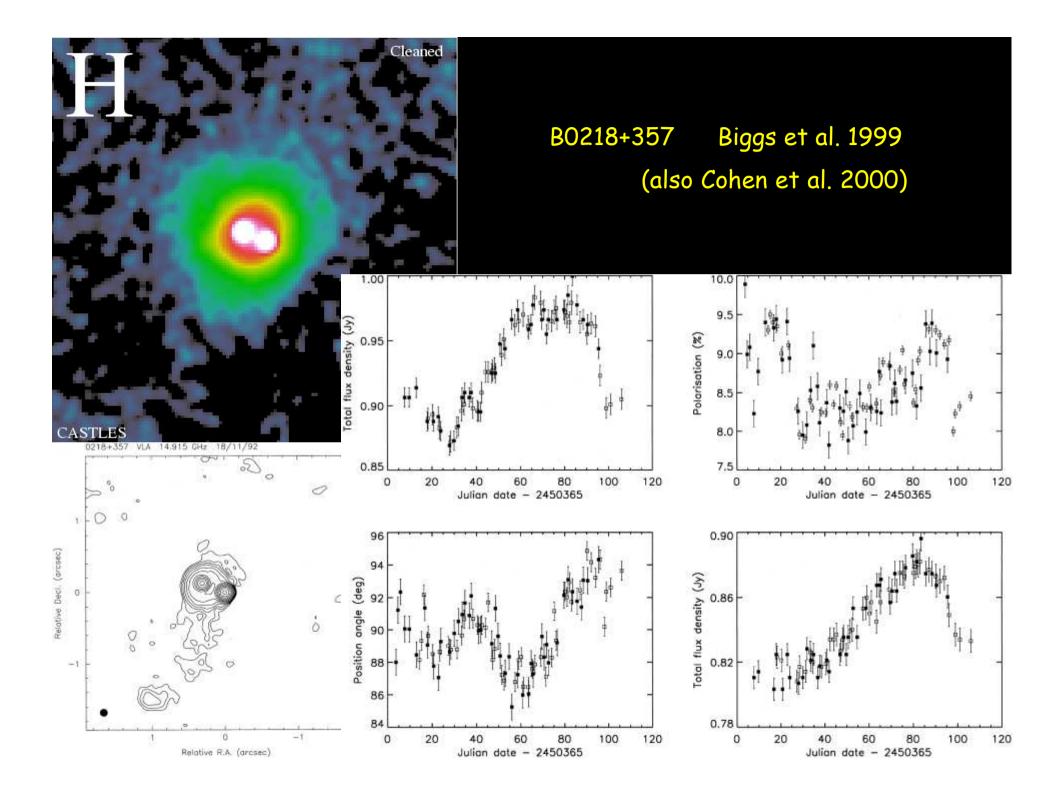


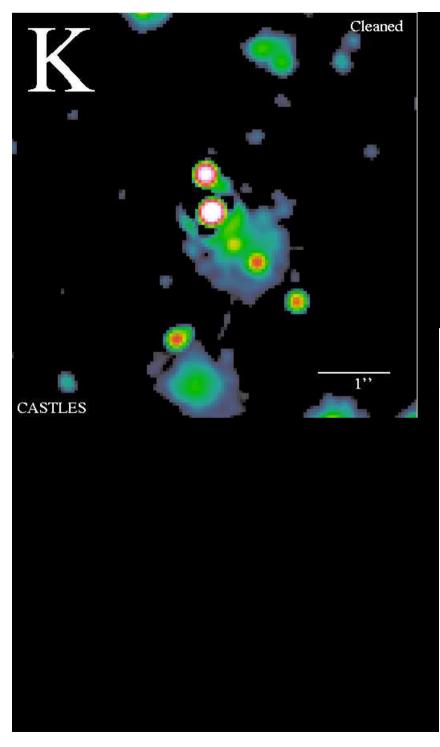




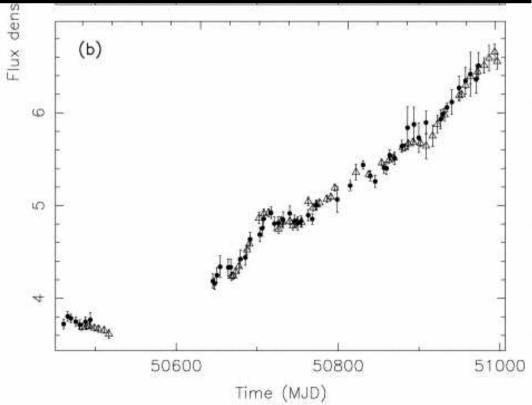
J0911.5+0551 Hjorth et al. 2002

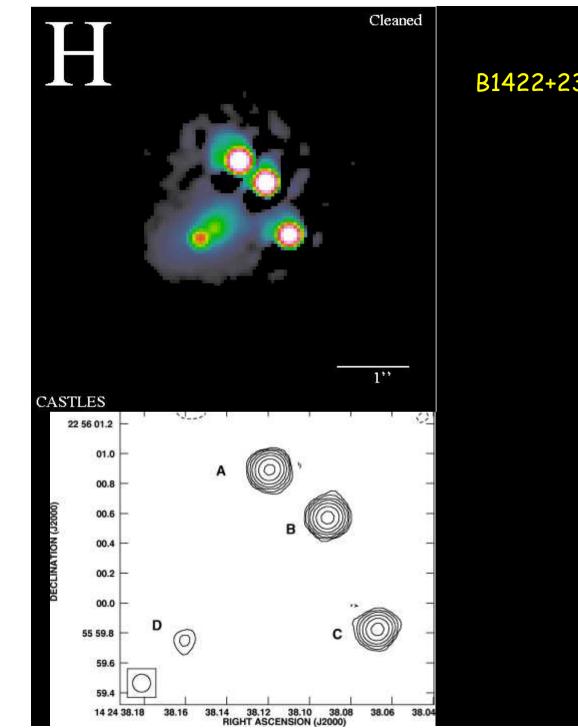




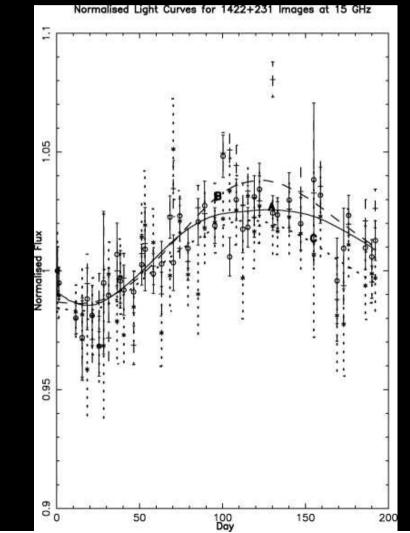


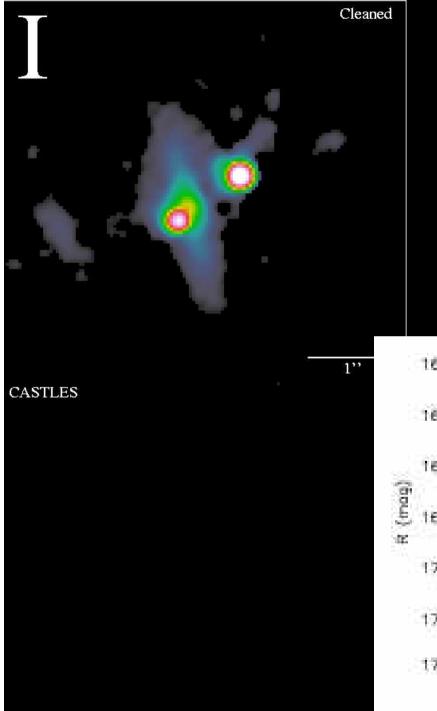
PKS1830-211 Lovell et al. 1998



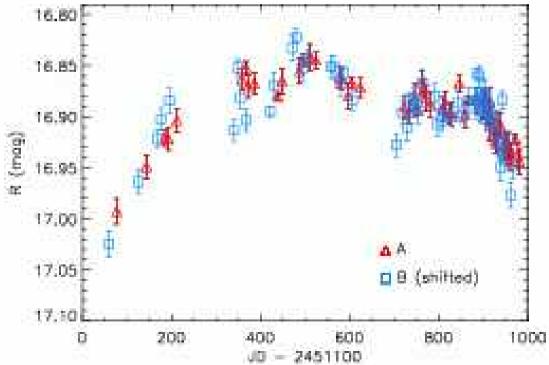


B1422+231 Patnaik & Narasimha 2001









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Lensed-quasar time-delays: Lots of progress in past few years; Massive Ongoing Programs: VLA, Wise, NOT, MDM, Maidanak, Calar Alto Increasing fraction of systems will have delay measurements.

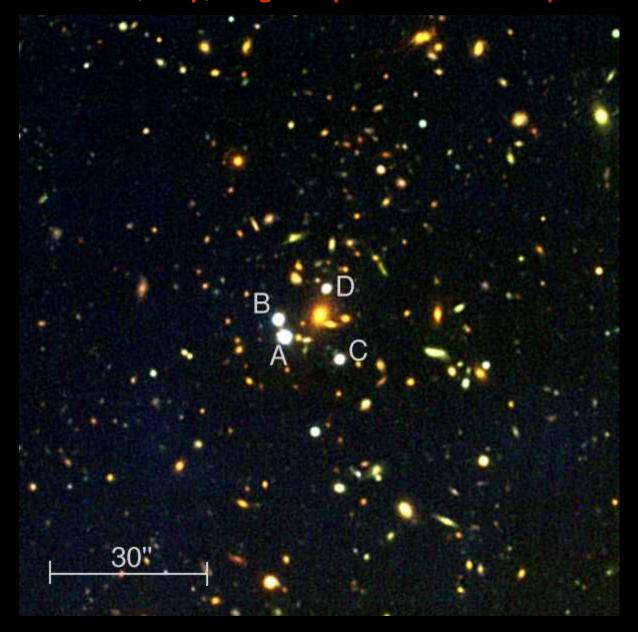
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How can some of the fundamental problems be overcome?

Large-separation, cluster-lensed, quasars

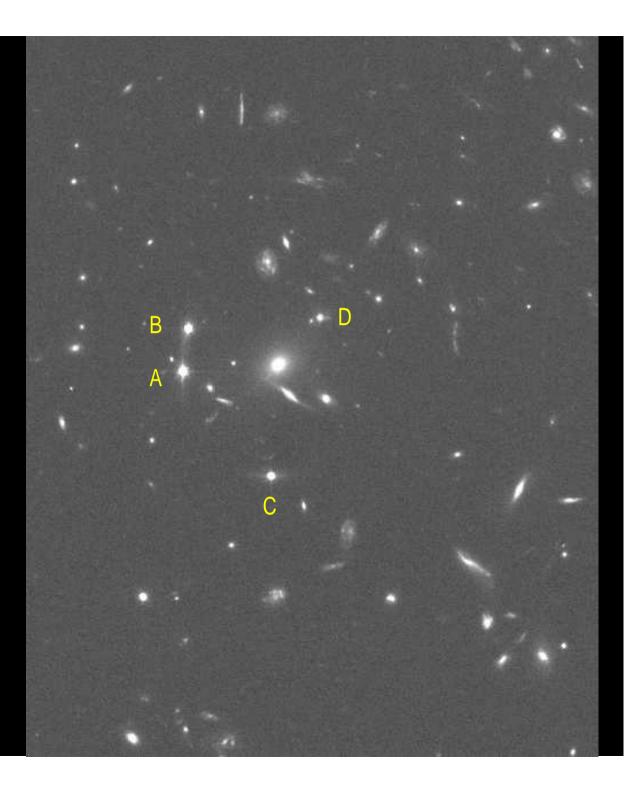
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Oguri et al. 2004 SDSS 1004+4112 the first (truly) large-separation lensed quasar



SDSS 1004+4112

HST/ACS F814W Kochanek et al., in prep.



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Also good for time delays/Ho:

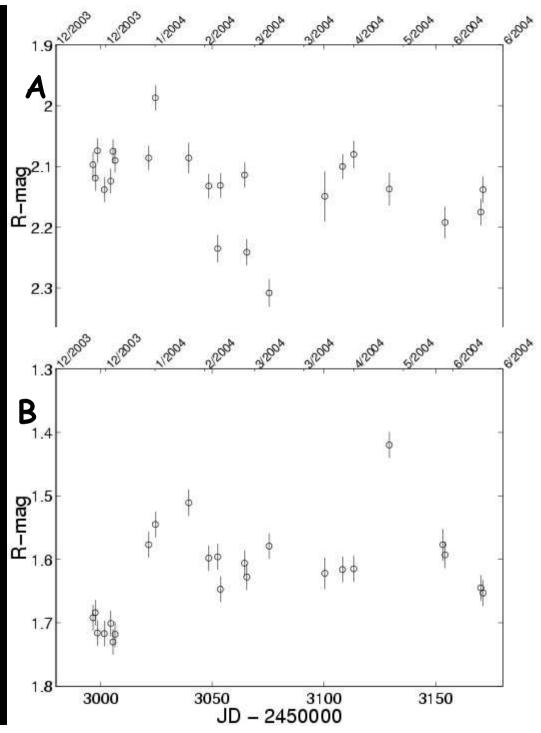
No microlensing

No dust (flux ratios reliable)

Multiple sources, lots of constraints

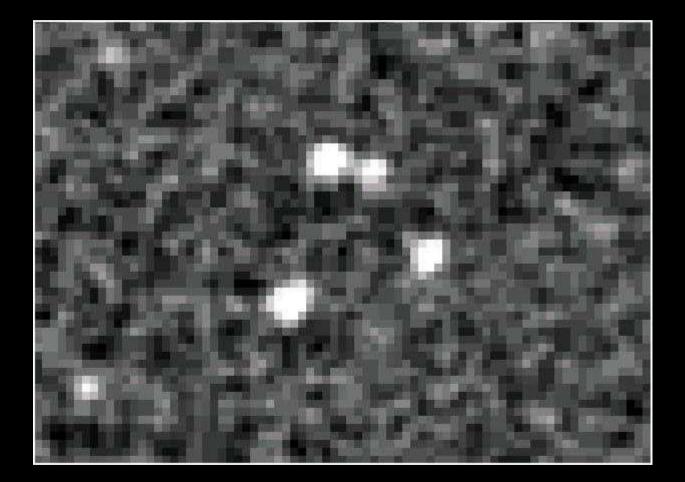


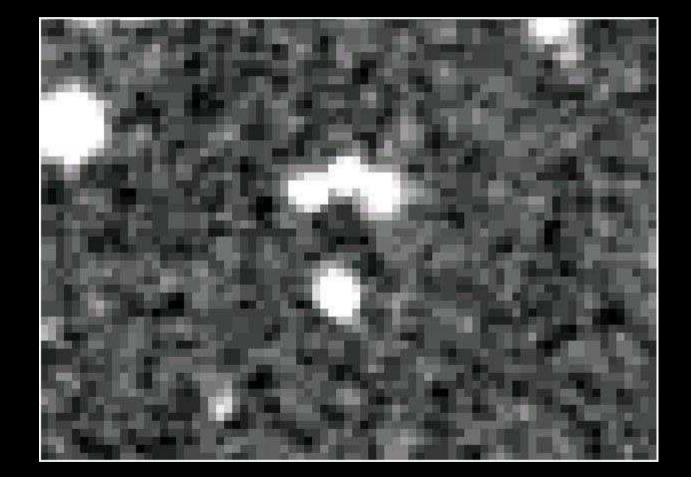
Delay (A -B) > 2 weeks

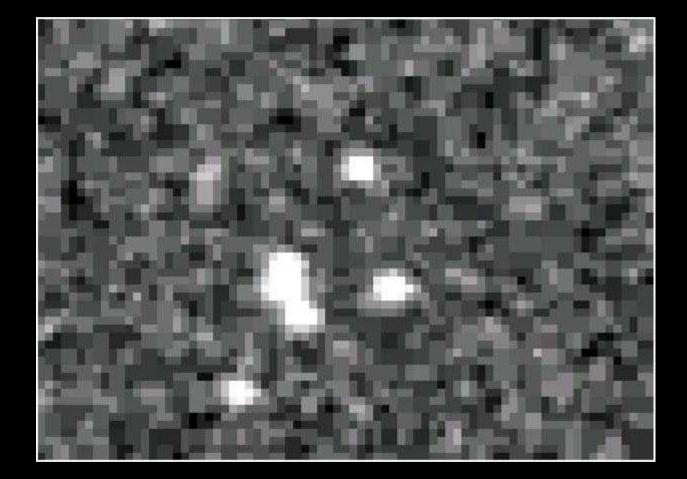


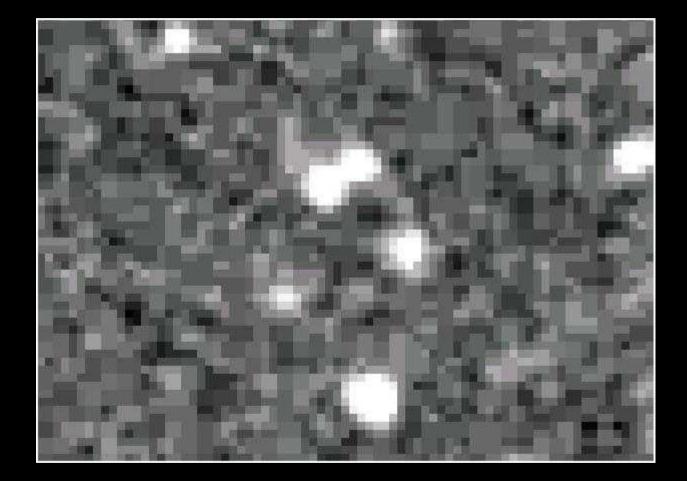
Searching for more QSOs lensed by rich clusters

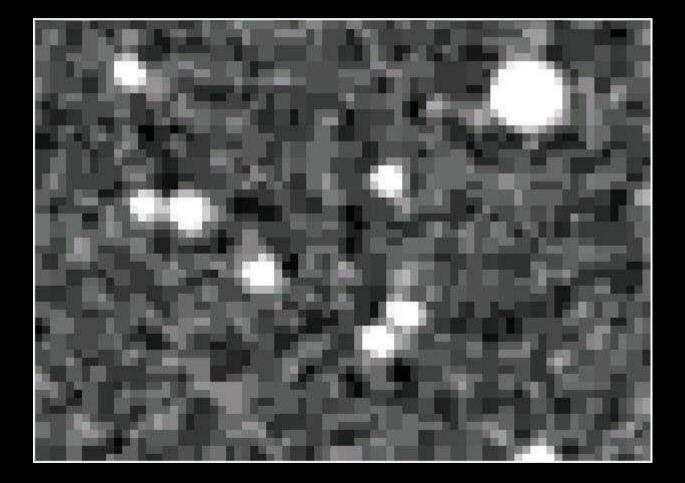


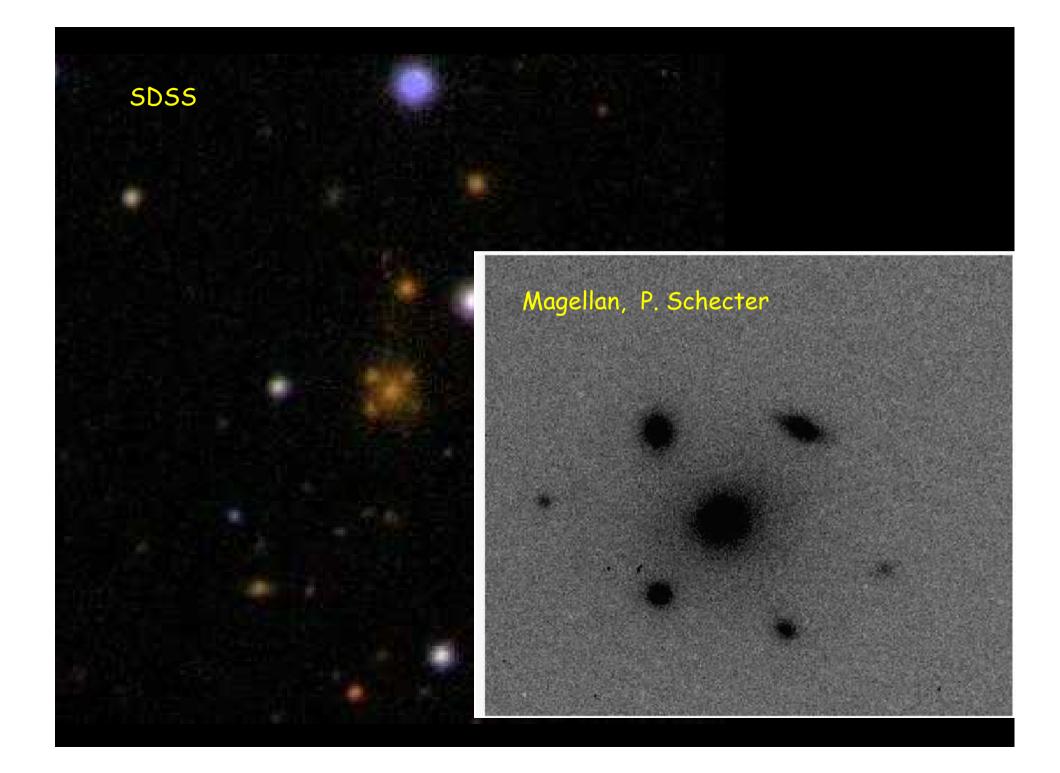












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Two predictions/speculations

- Measured time delays will become available for most systems, will play role in understanding galaxy structure and perhaps H0, after all.
- 2. Additional quasars lensed by clusters will be discovered / will have time delays, and may prove particularly useful.

