

# RESOLVING HIGH ENERGY UNIVERSE USING STRONG GRAVITATIONAL LENSING

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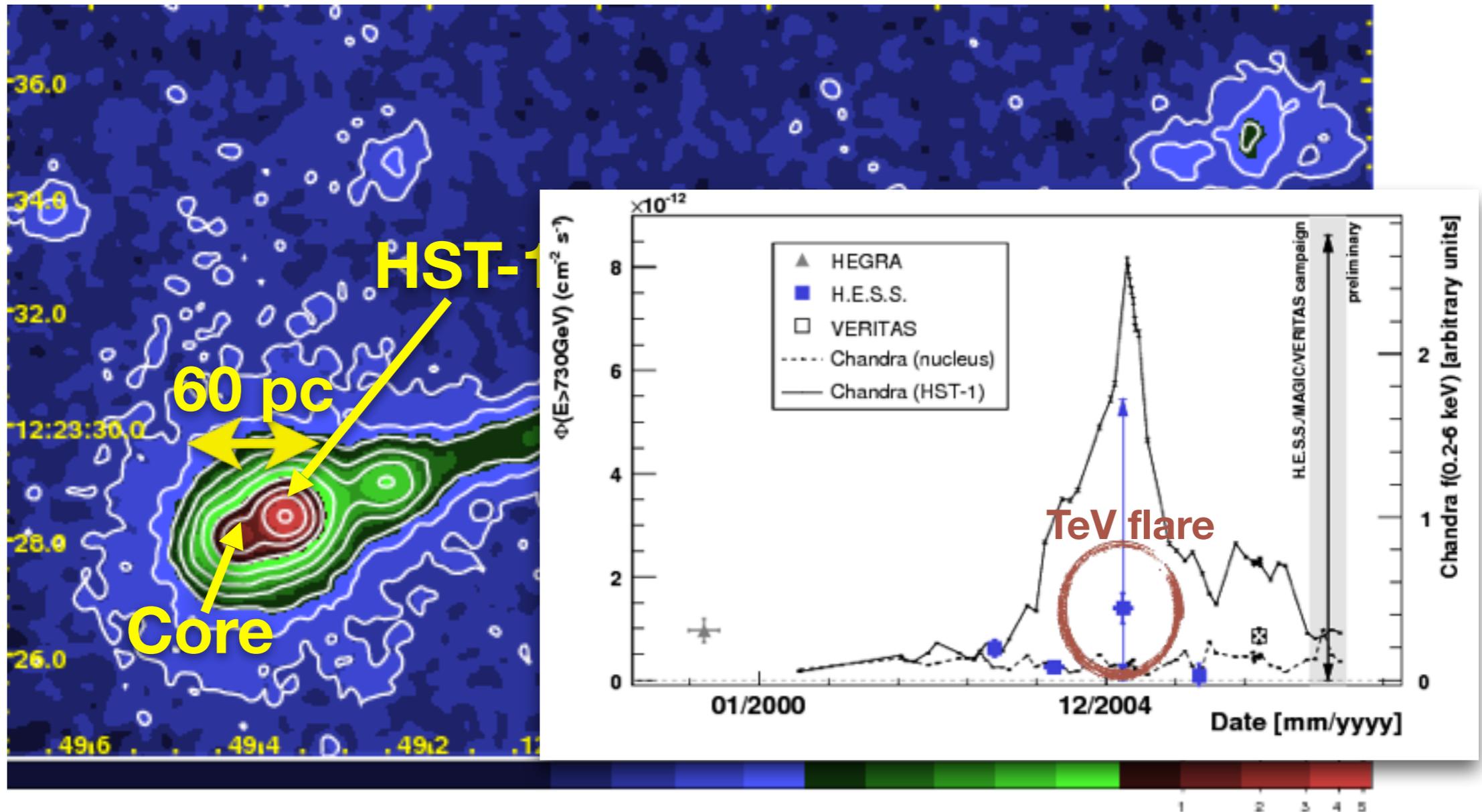
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# EXTRAGALACTIC JETS - M87

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Increased X-ray emission by a factor of 50 from the HST-1 knot (Harris et al. 2006,2009)

Core and HST-1: Separation  $\sim 60$  pc



*Flares from knots along the jets*

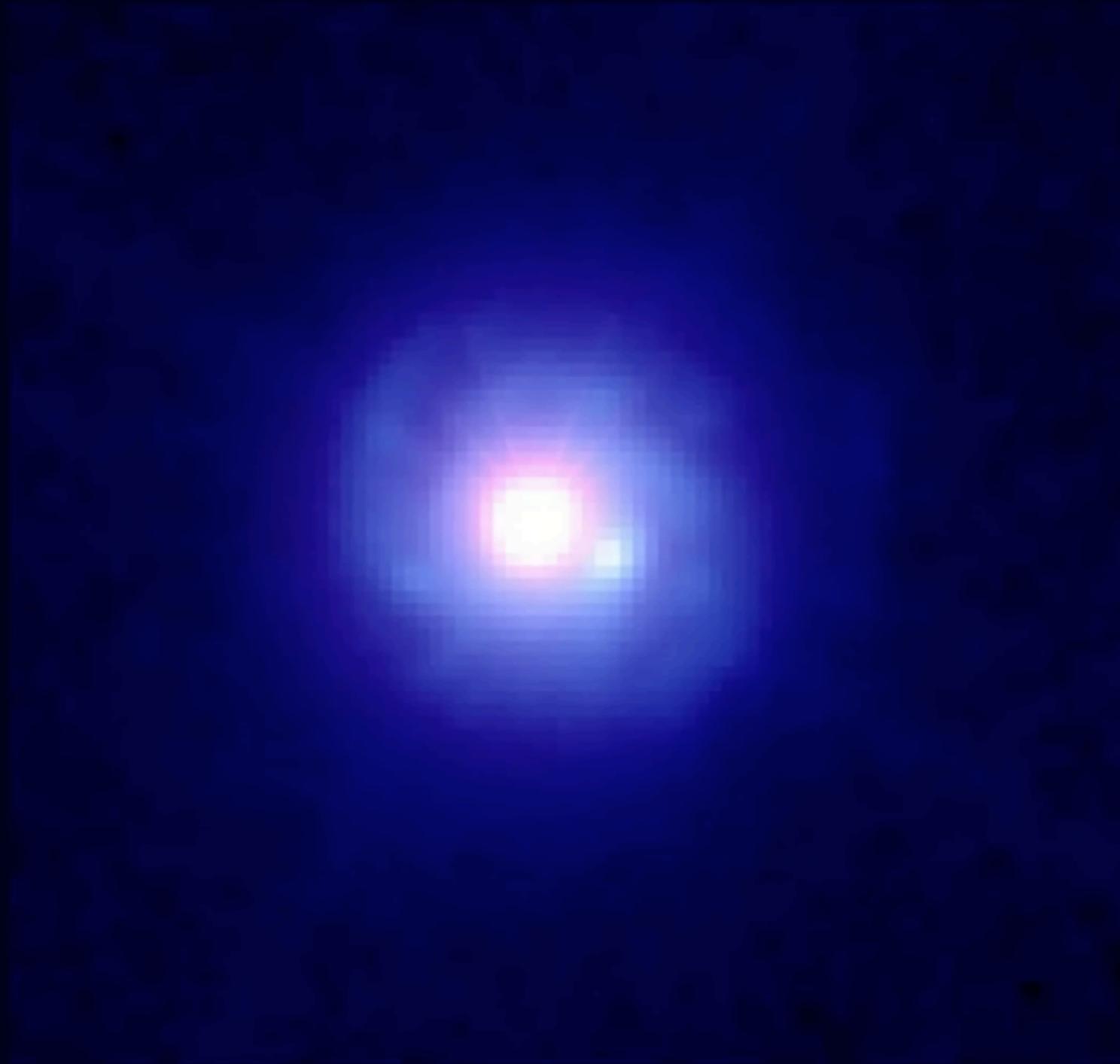
## SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES

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- Frequency of M87-like variability
- Origin of gamma-ray flares

# GRAVITATIONALLY LENSED JETS

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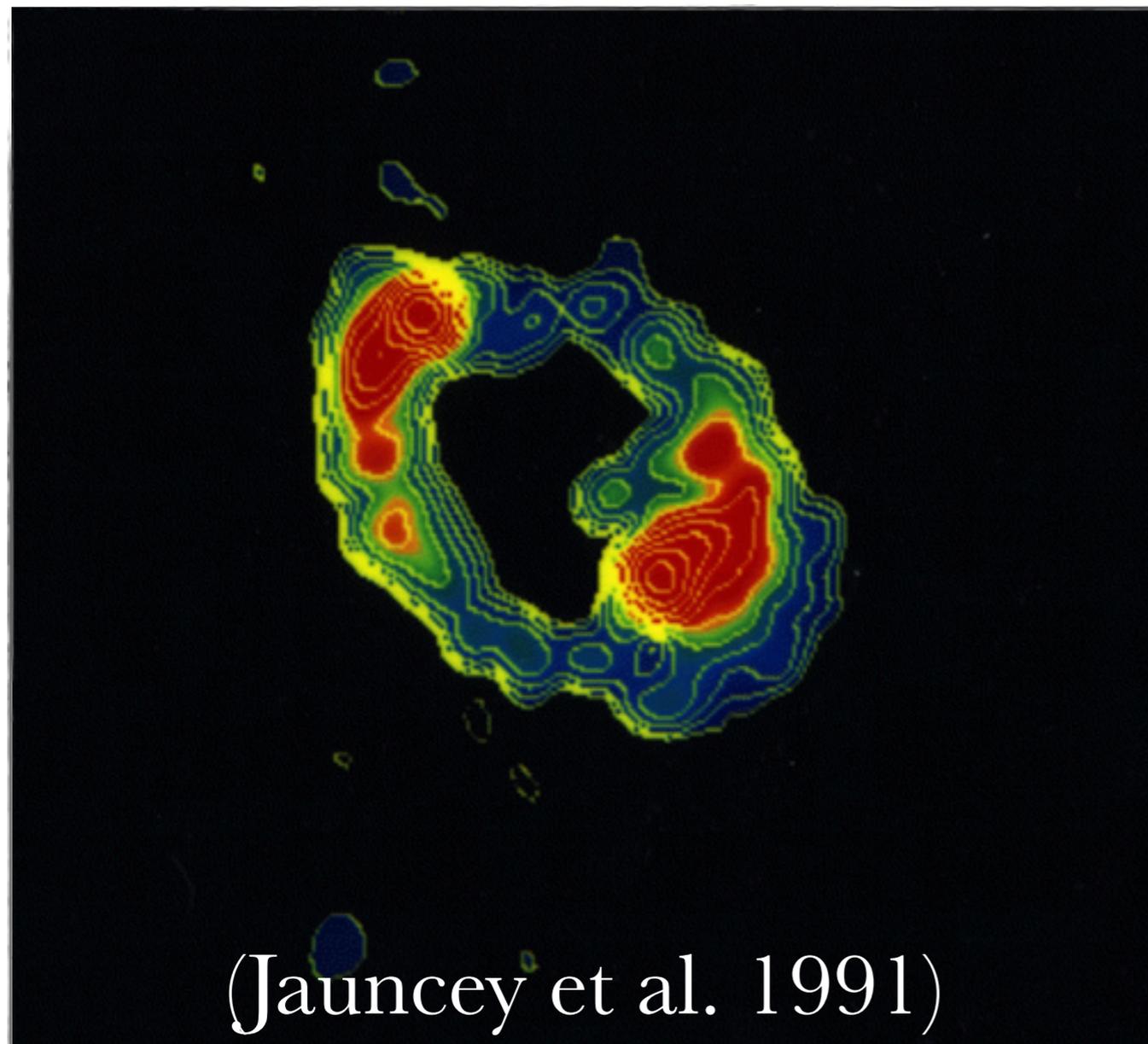
Credit: NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

# IMAGINE M87 AT $z=1$

Differences between the *core* and the *HST-1*:  
difference in time delay:  $\sim 2$  days

# LENSED GAMMA-RAY JETS: PKS 1830-211

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Source  $z = 2.5$ ,  
Lens  $z = 0.9$

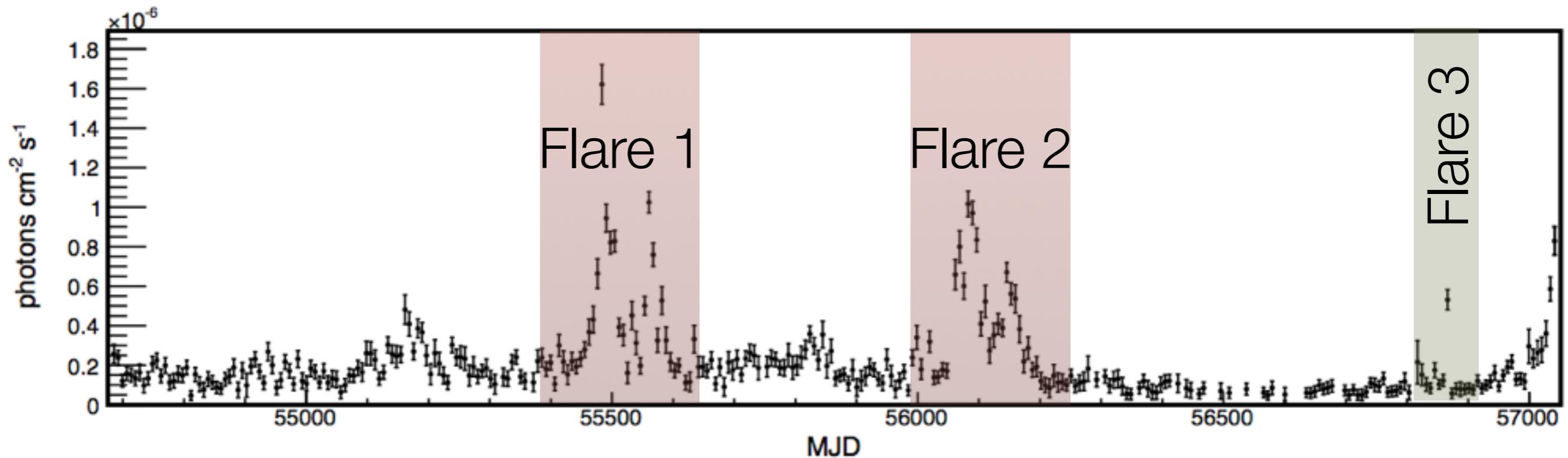
Radio Time Delay  
 $26 \pm 5$  days

The first evidence of  
lensing at gamma-rays  
(Barnacka et al. 2011)

- **Time Delay =  $27 \pm 0.5$  days**

# GAMMA-RAY FLARES: TIME DELAYS

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**$23 \pm 0.5$  days**

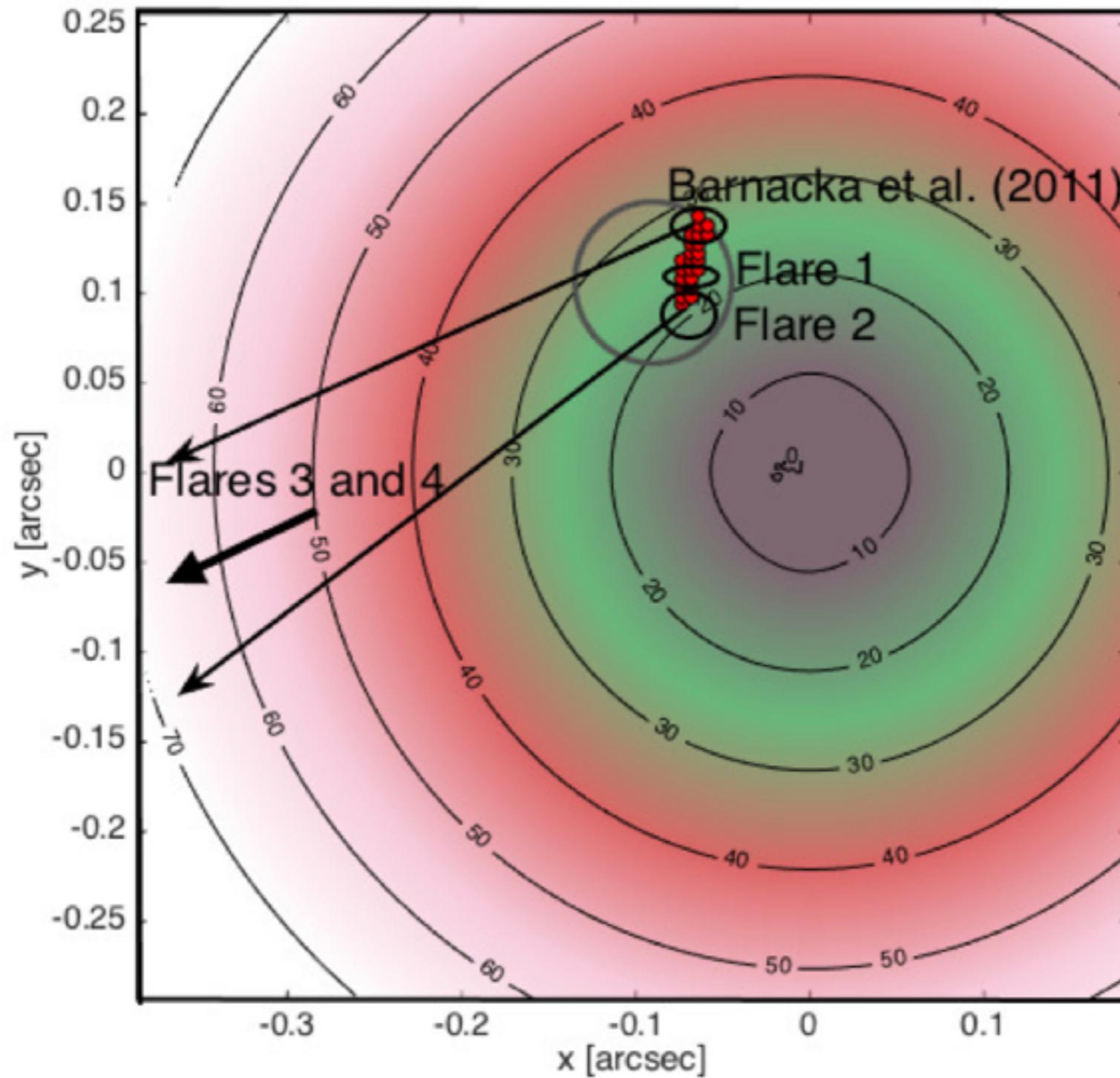
**$19 \pm 1.2$  days**

**$> 50$  days**

# SPATIAL ORIGIN OF GAMMA-RAY FLARES

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## Time Delay Map



# GAMMA-RAY SPATIAL RESOLUTION

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## ➤ **PKS 1830-211**

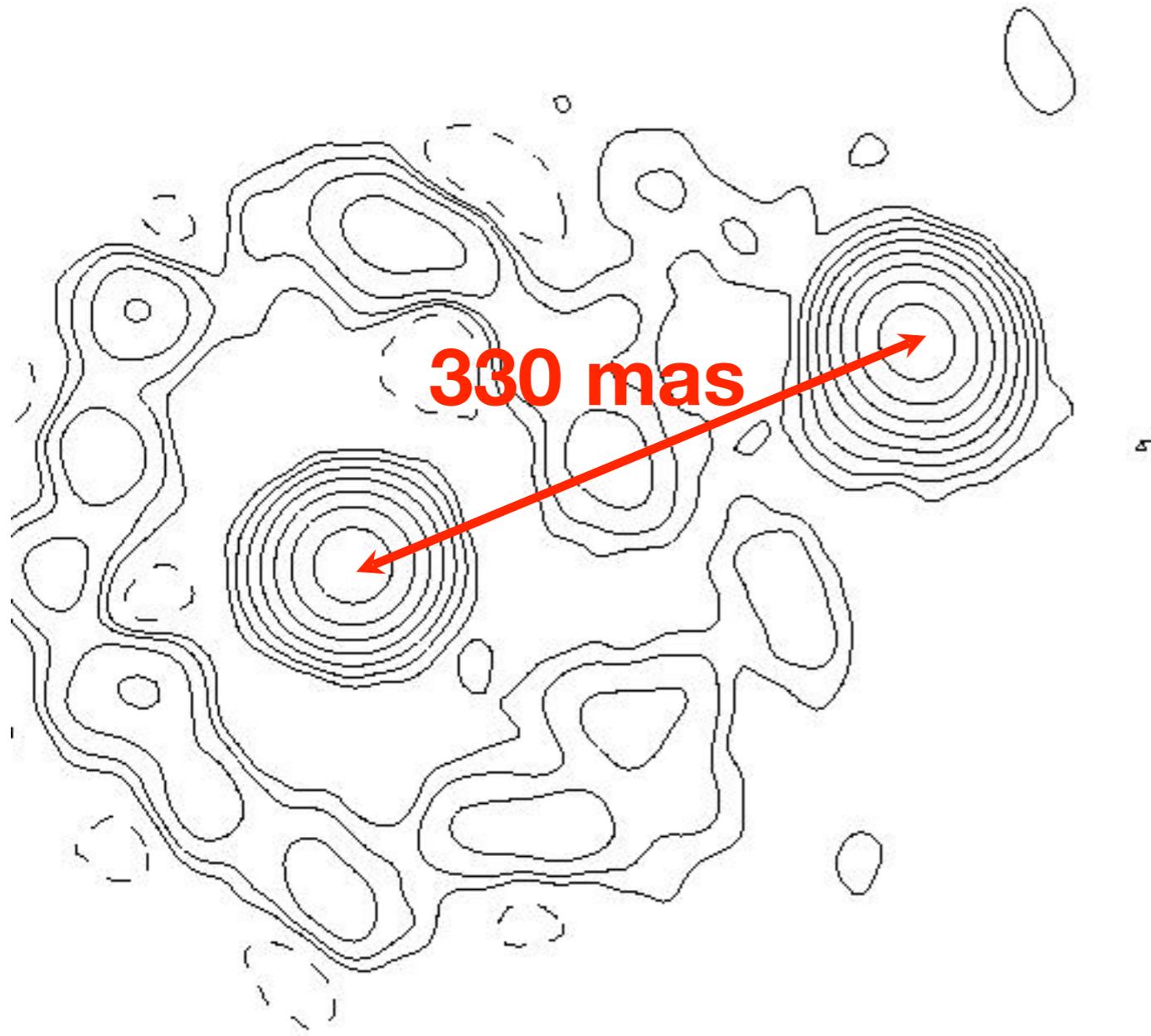
➤ Effective Spatial Resolution  $\sim 0.02''$  ( $\sim$  HST)

Barnacka, A., et al. (2015, ApJ, 809, 100)

➤ What if we could resolve emission  $\sim 0.001''$ ?

# LENSED BLAZAR: B2 0218+35

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1.687 GHz, Patnaik et al. (1992)

Source  $z = 0.944$ ,

Lens  $z = 0.6847$

Radial Jet Projection

**Reconstruction**

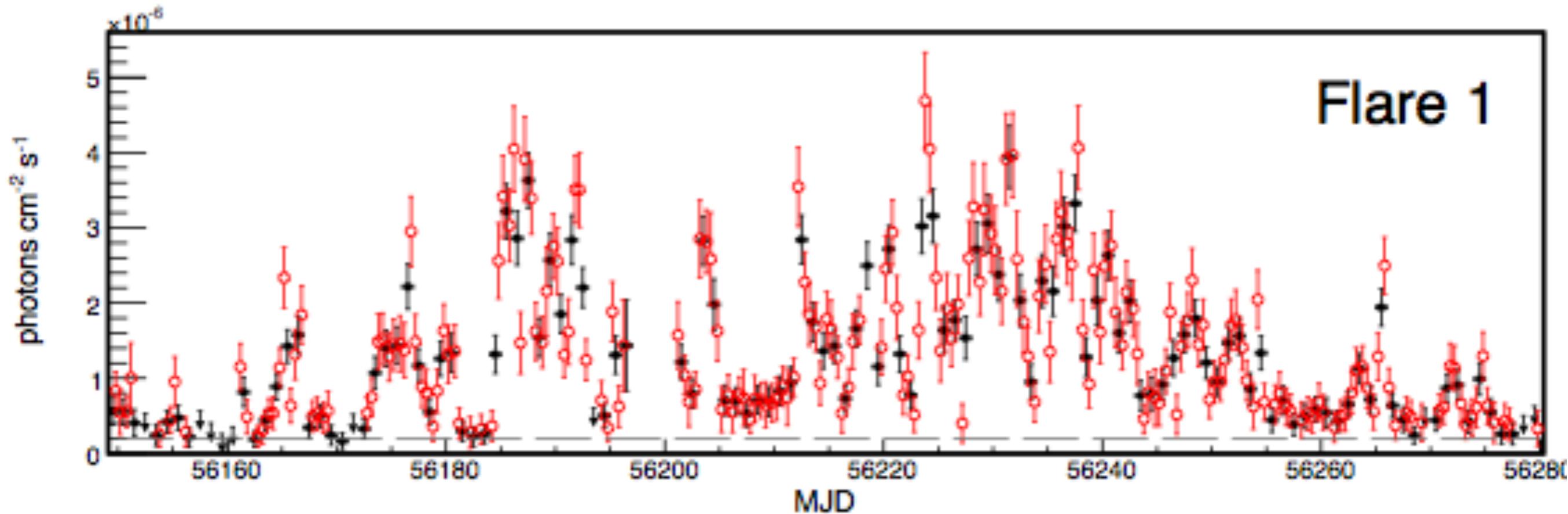
**~ 1 milliarcsecond**

Radio Time Delay

$10.5 \pm 0.5$  days

# GAMMA-RAY TIME DELAY

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Time Delay =  $11.38 \pm 0.13$  days (Barnacka et al., 2016)

Time Delay =  $11.46 \pm 0.16$  days (Cheung et al. 2014)

# COSMIC SCALE

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Time Delay + Position of the Images + Lens Model

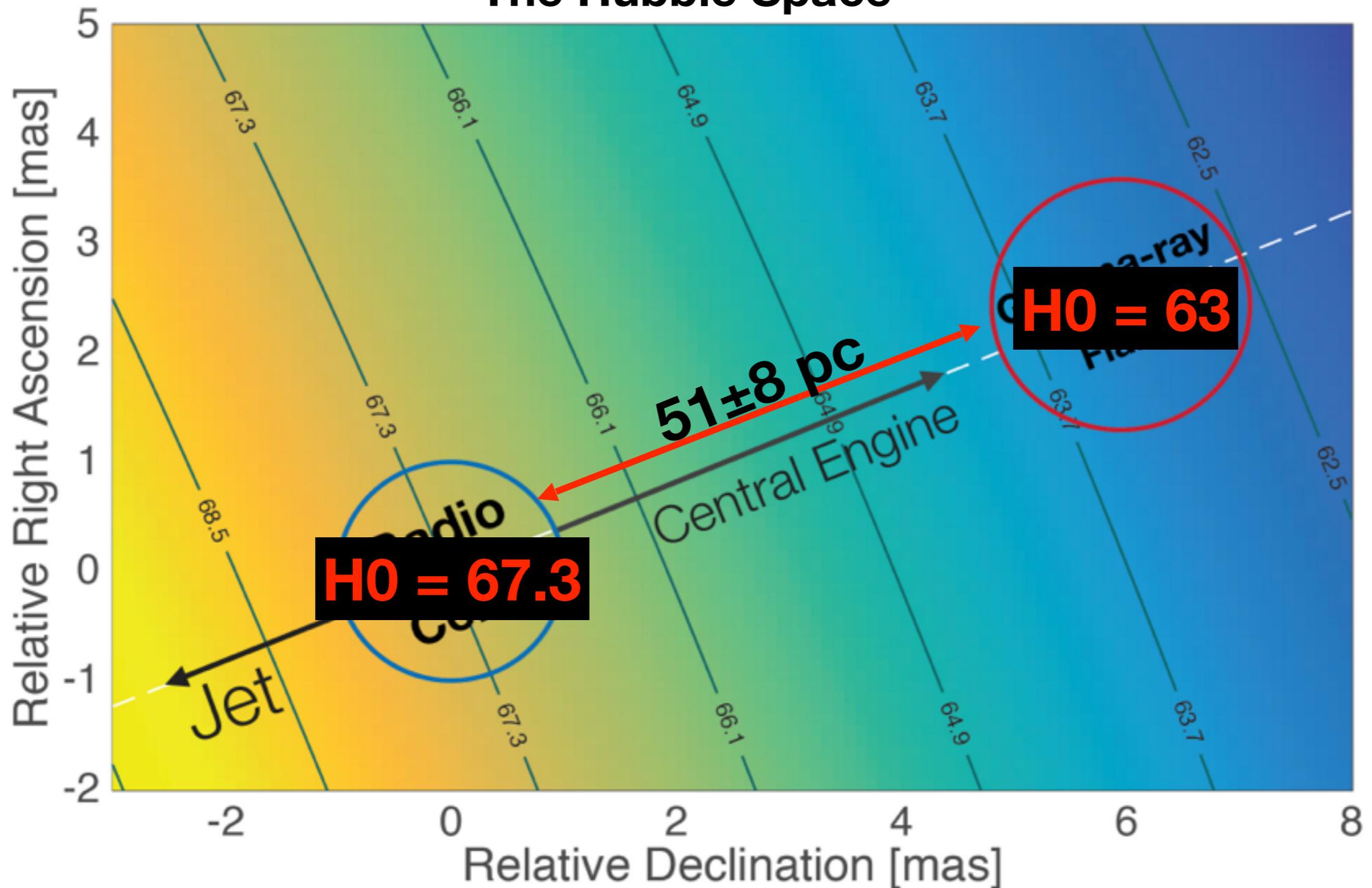


*Cosmic Scale: Hubble Parameter*

Offset between the resolved emitting region and the variable emitting region

# HUBBLE CONSTANT & GAMMA-RAY SOURCE CONNECTION

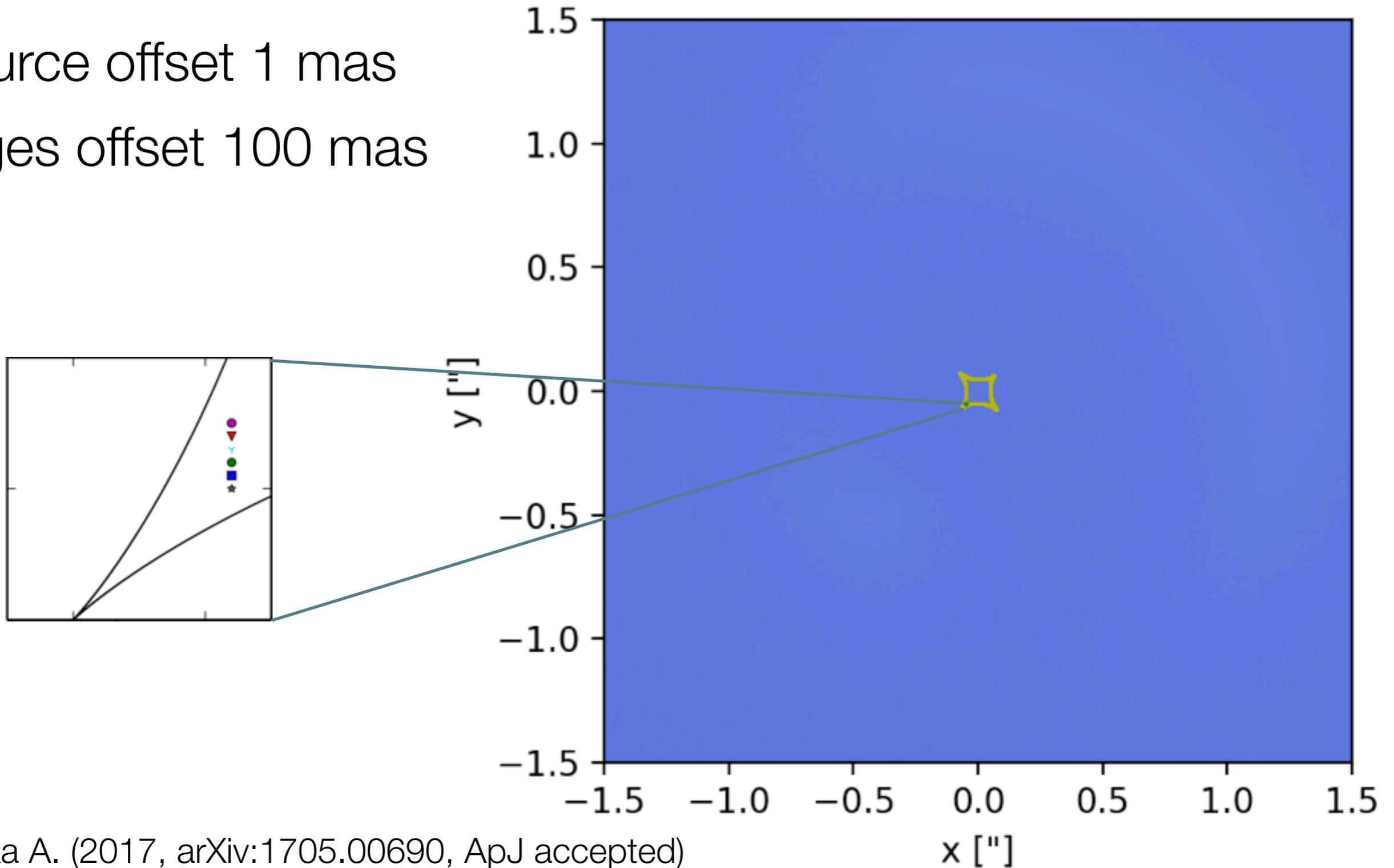
## The Hubble Space



# GALAXIES AS HIGH-RESOLUTION TELESCOPES

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Source offset 1 mas  
Images offset 100 mas

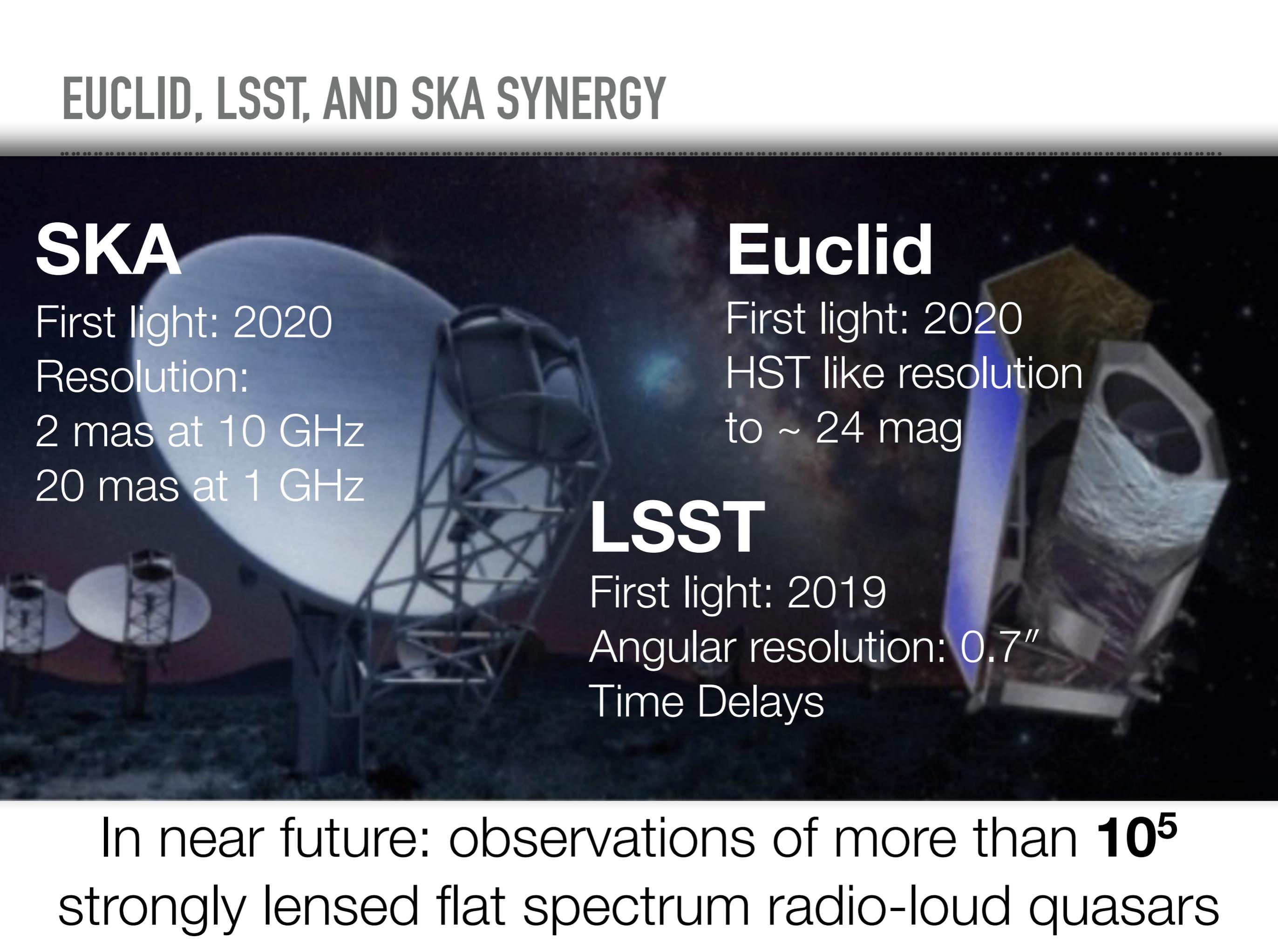


# LENSED QUASARS IN CAUSTIC CONFIGURATION



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# EUCLID, LSST, AND SKA SYNERGY



## SKA

First light: 2020

Resolution:

2 mas at 10 GHz

20 mas at 1 GHz

## Euclid

First light: 2020

HST like resolution  
to ~ 24 mag

## LSST

First light: 2019

Angular resolution: 0.7"

Time Delays

In near future: observations of more than  **$10^5$**   
strongly lensed flat spectrum radio-loud quasars

# SUMMARY

- ▶ Spatial Resolution at Gamma Rays:
  - ▶ ~1 milliarcsecond
  - ▶ Gamma-ray Flares not always from Radio Core
  - ▶ Radio Core not at Central Engine
- ▶ Caustic Configuration:
  - ▶ >50 x Flux Magnification
  - ▶ >50 x Offset Amplification
- ▶ Insight into inner parts of active galaxies at high redshifts
- ▶ Currently: dozen of sources
- ▶ Near future: SKA and Euclid dozen of thousands of sources

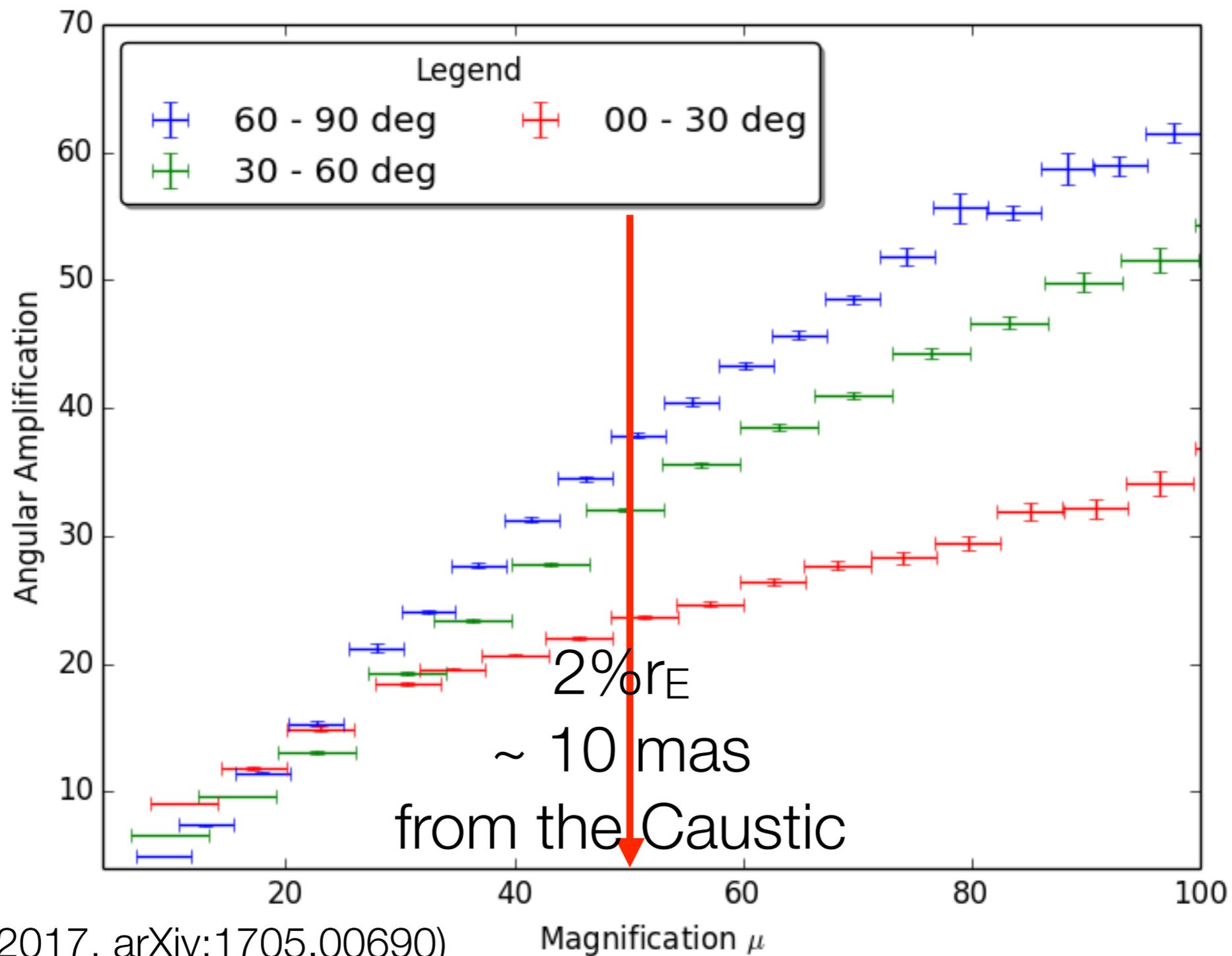
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Galaxies as High Resolution Telescopes

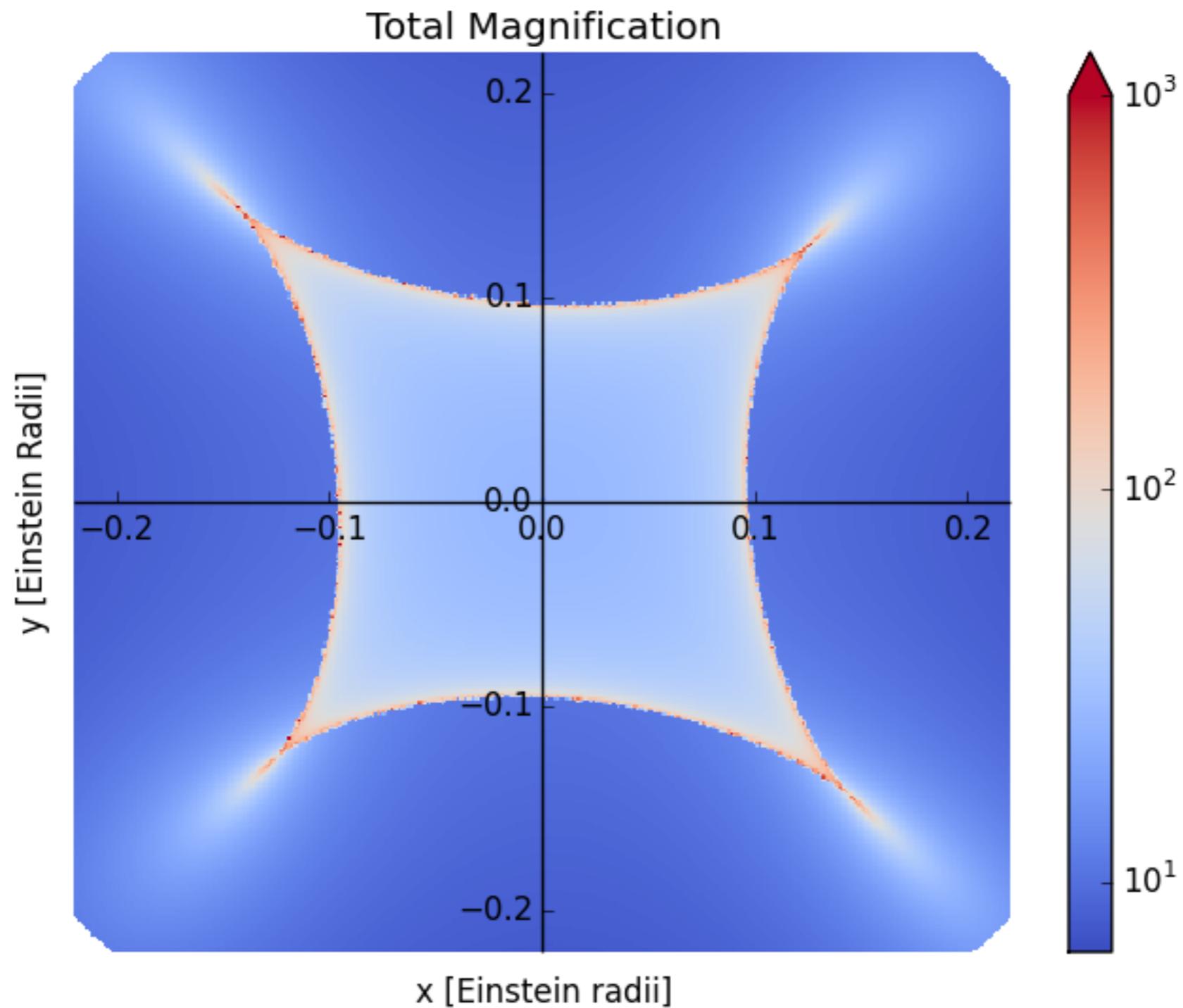
# ANGULAR AMPLIFICATION IN CAUSTIC REGION

Monte Carlo Simulations of  $10^6$  pair of offset sources



# FLUX MAGNIFICATION IN CAUSTIC REGION

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# THE HUBBLE PARAMETER TUNING APPROACH

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The Hubble parameter enters into distance ratio in the time delay calculation

$$D \equiv \frac{D_{OL} D_{OS}}{D_{LS}} = h d$$

where

$$H_0 = h \times 100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

For an Singular Isothermal Sphere gravitational potential :

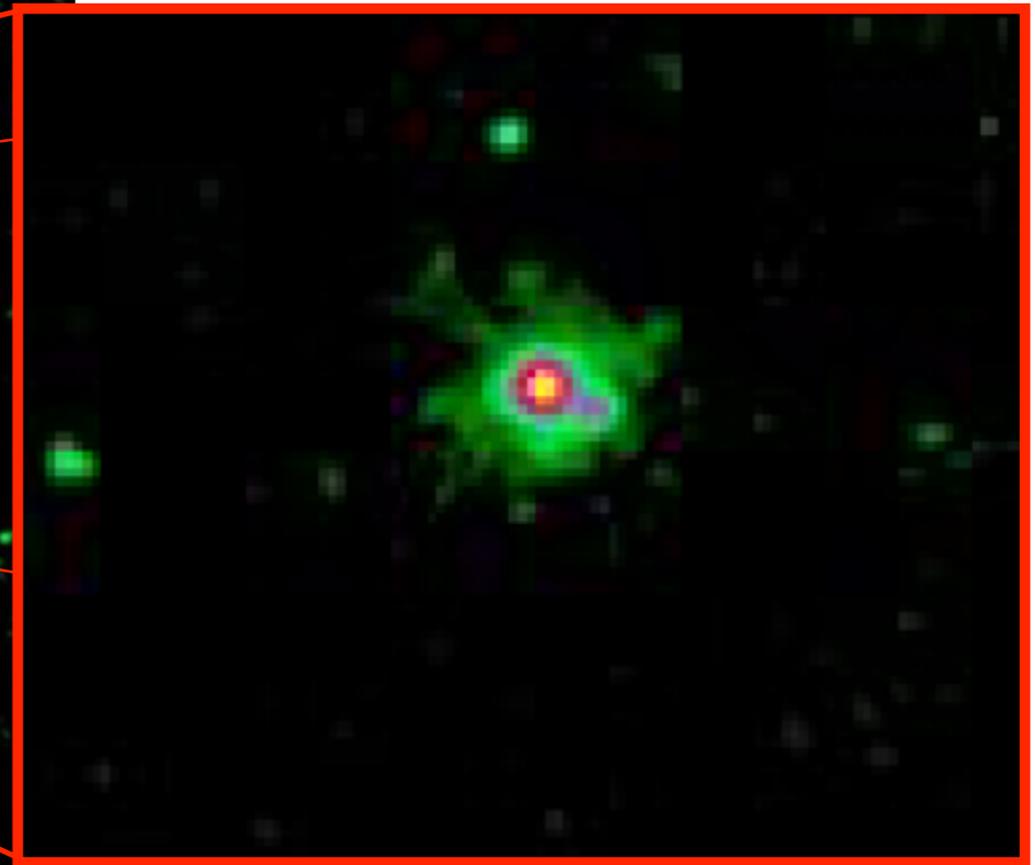
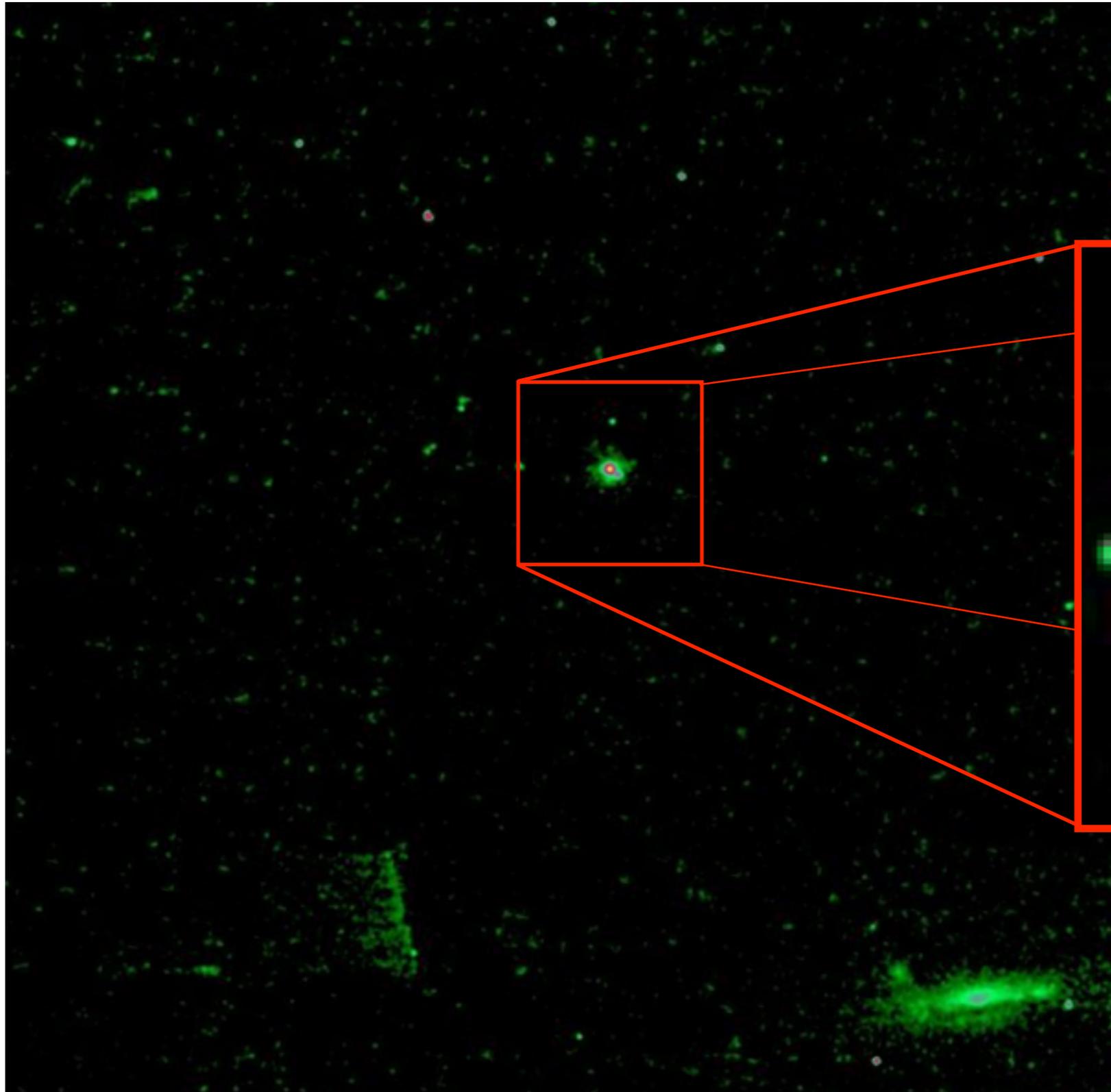
$$h = \frac{d(1+z_L)(\theta_B^2 - \theta_A^2)}{2c \Delta t}$$

*Mirage Image B* →  $\theta_B^2$       *Mirage Image A* →  $\theta_A^2$

←  $2c \Delta t$       *Time Delay between mirage image A and B*

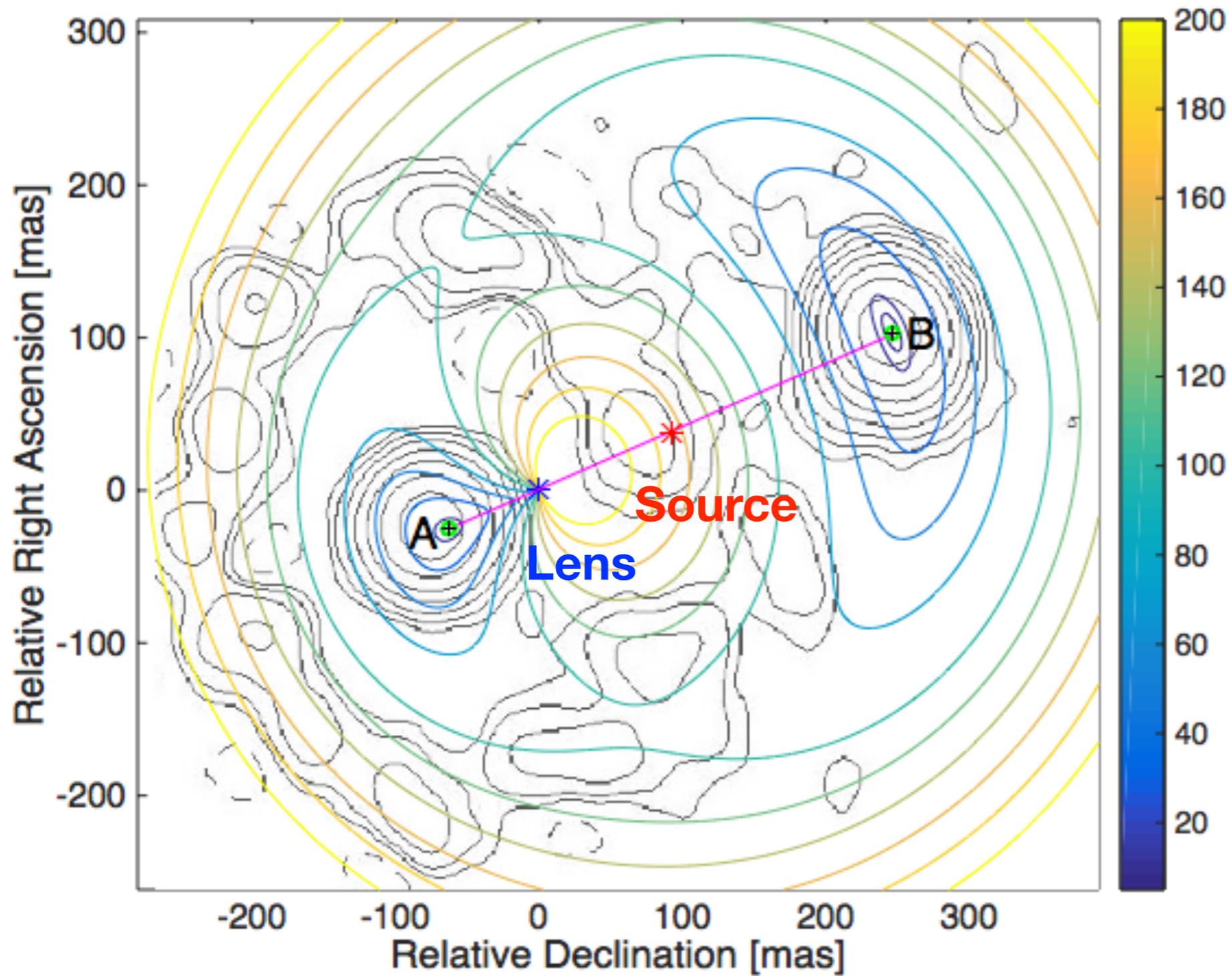
# OBSERVATIONS: B2 0218+35

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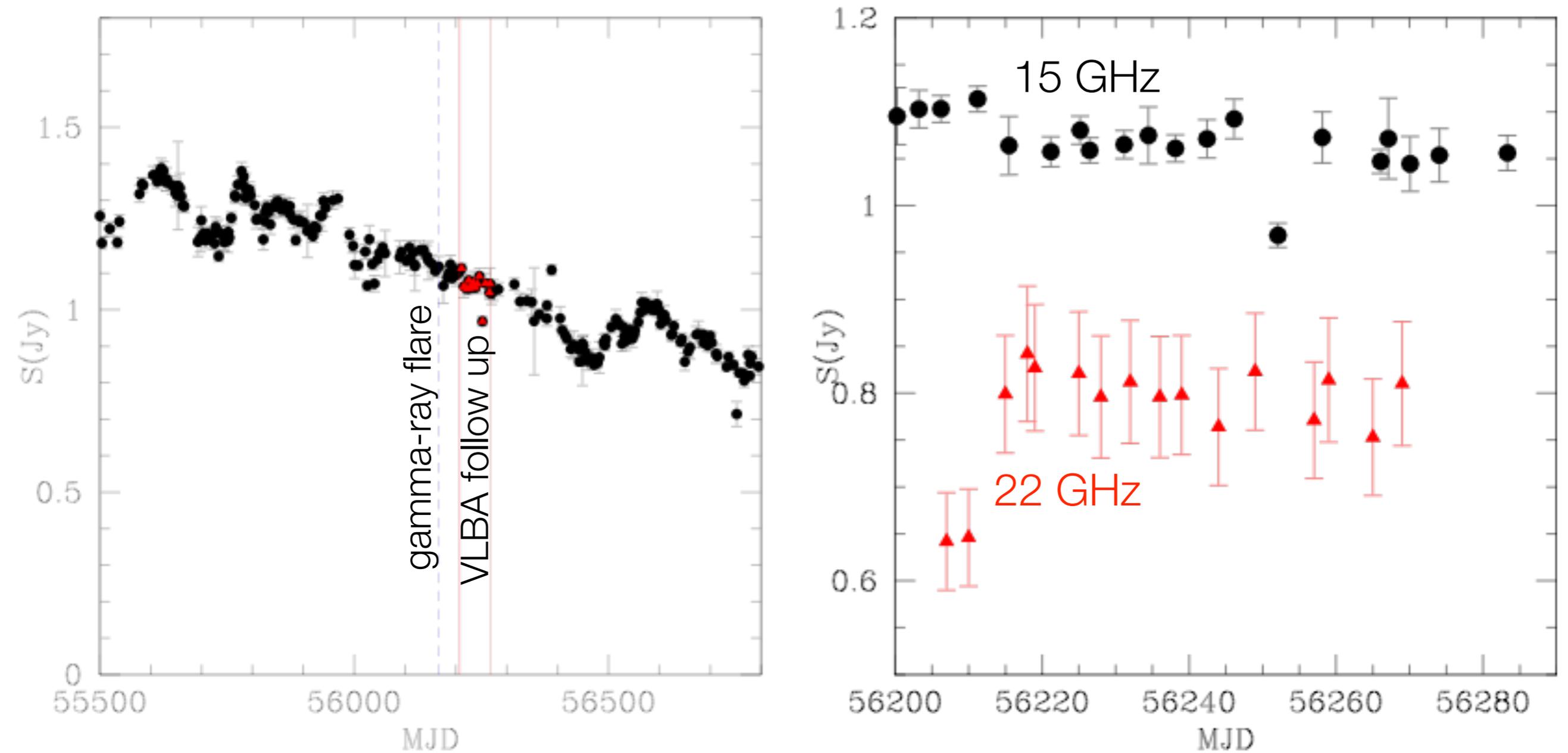
HST

# LENS MODELING



Reconstruction  
~ 1 milliarcsecond

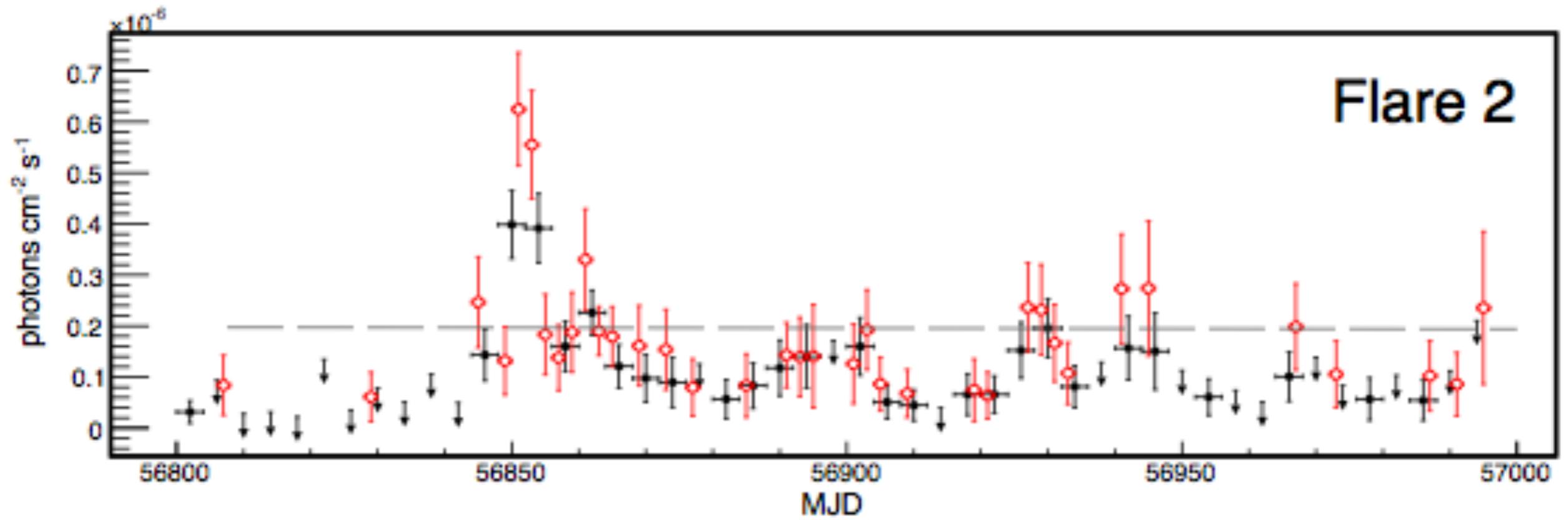
# RADIO FOLLOW UP



Spingola et al. (2016)

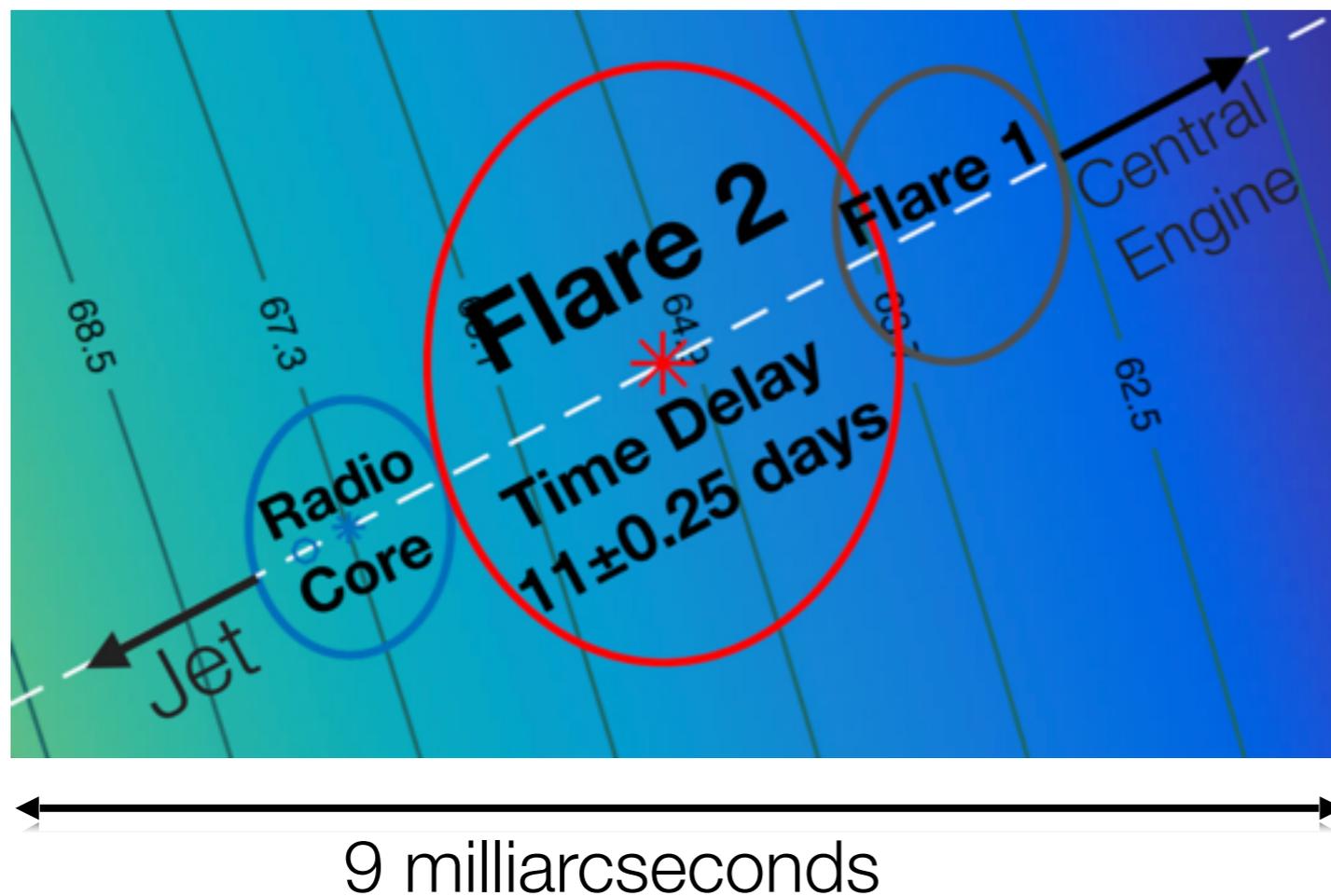
# GAMMA-RAY FLARE 2

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# FUTURE FLARES

If Flare 1 and Flare 2 connected:



$$\beta_{app} = \frac{D_{projected}(1 + z_S)}{c \Delta t_{obs}}$$

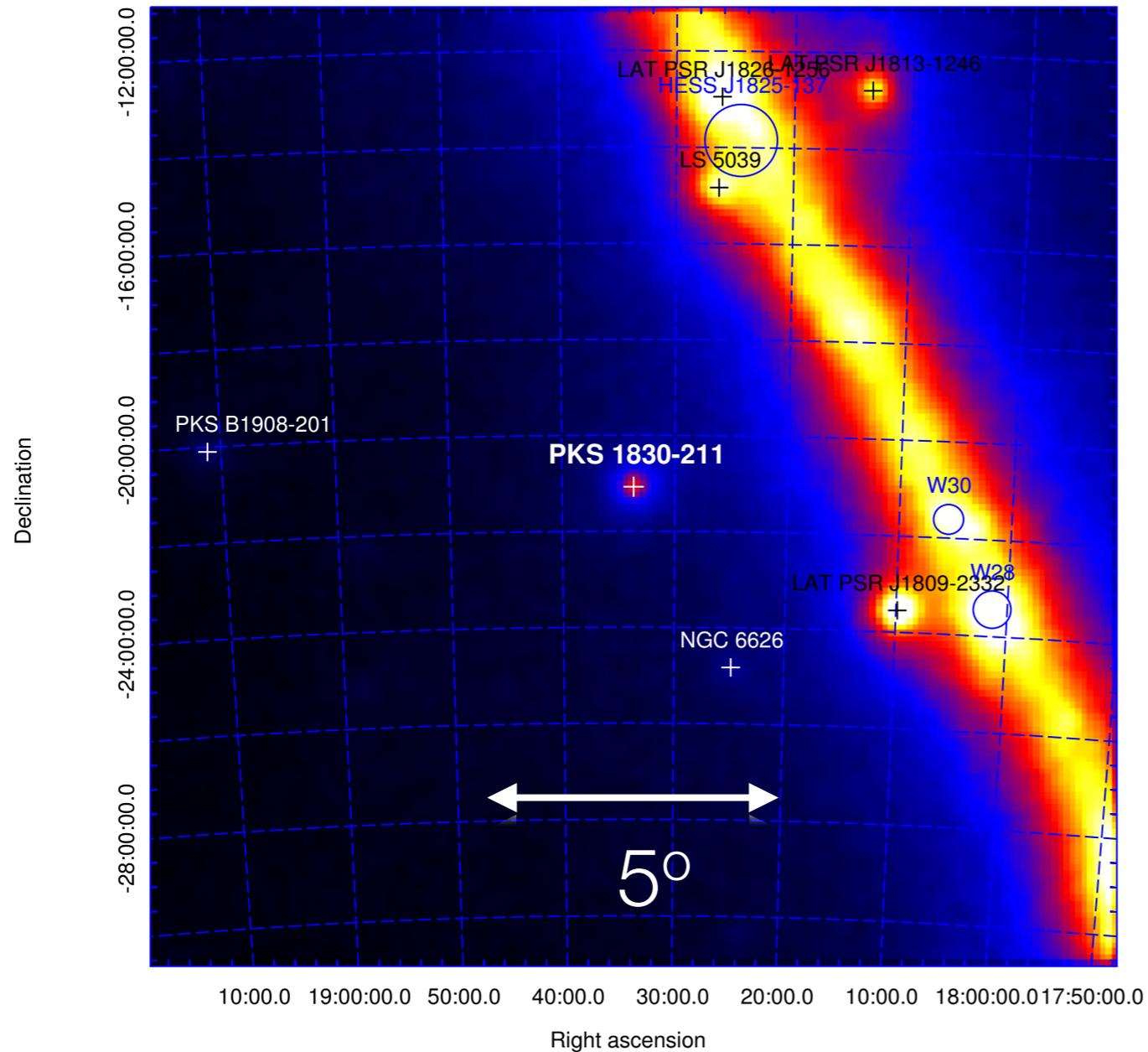
$$\approx 70 \left( \frac{D_{projected}}{24 \text{ pc}} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta t_{obs}}{690 \text{ days}} \right)$$

If plasmoid continues its motion:  
 interaction with radio core  $\sim$  July 2016

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# Lensed Gamma-Ray Jets: PKS 1830-211

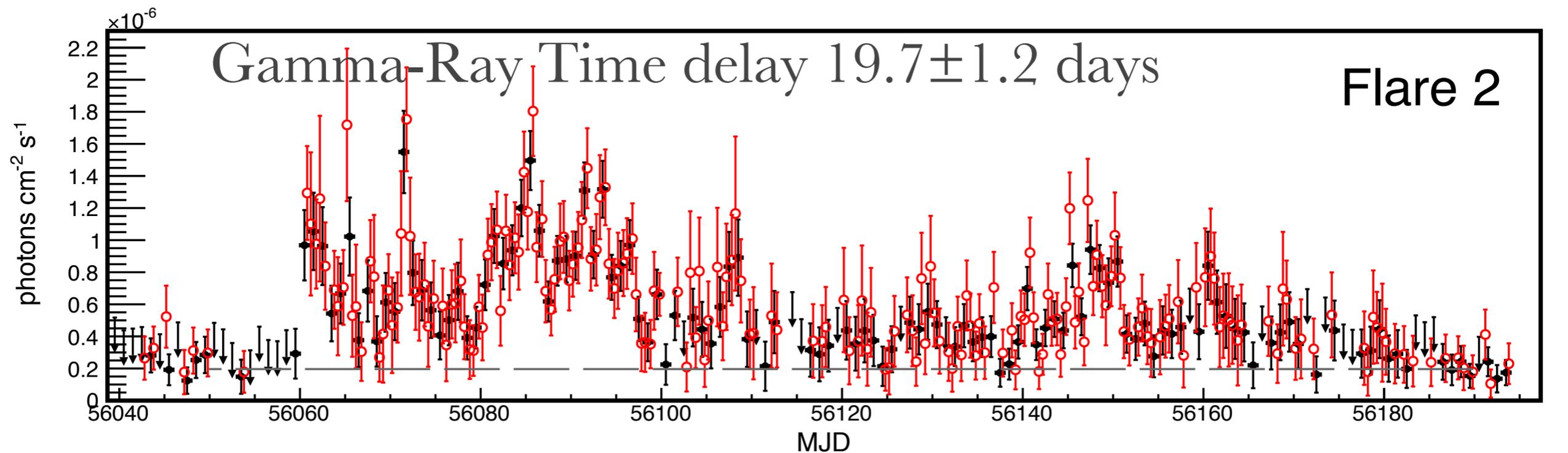
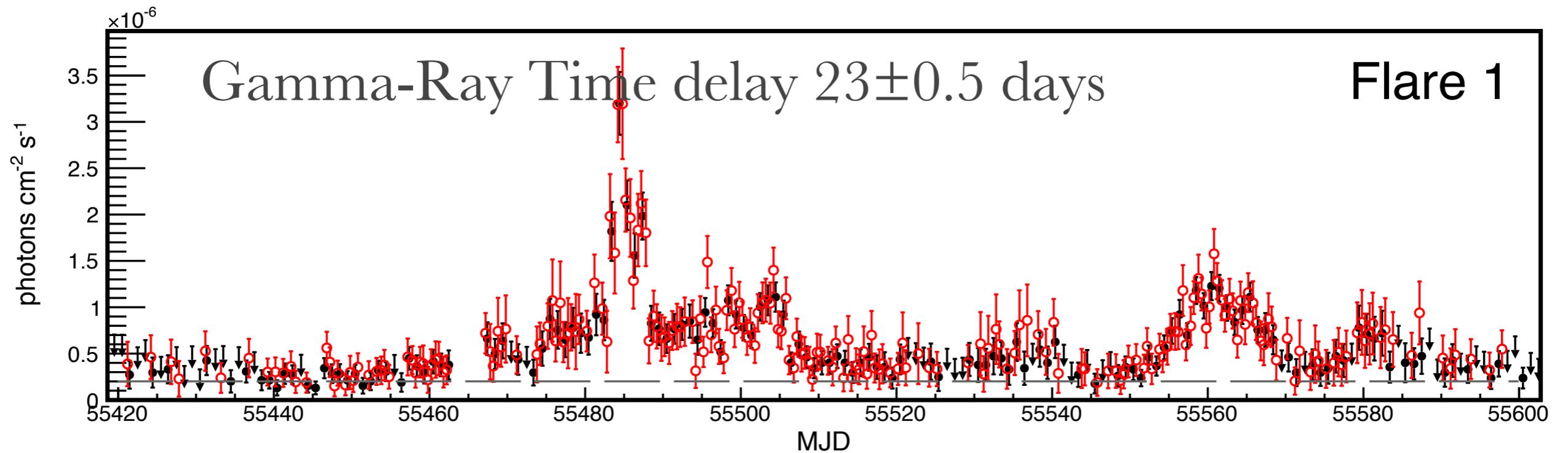


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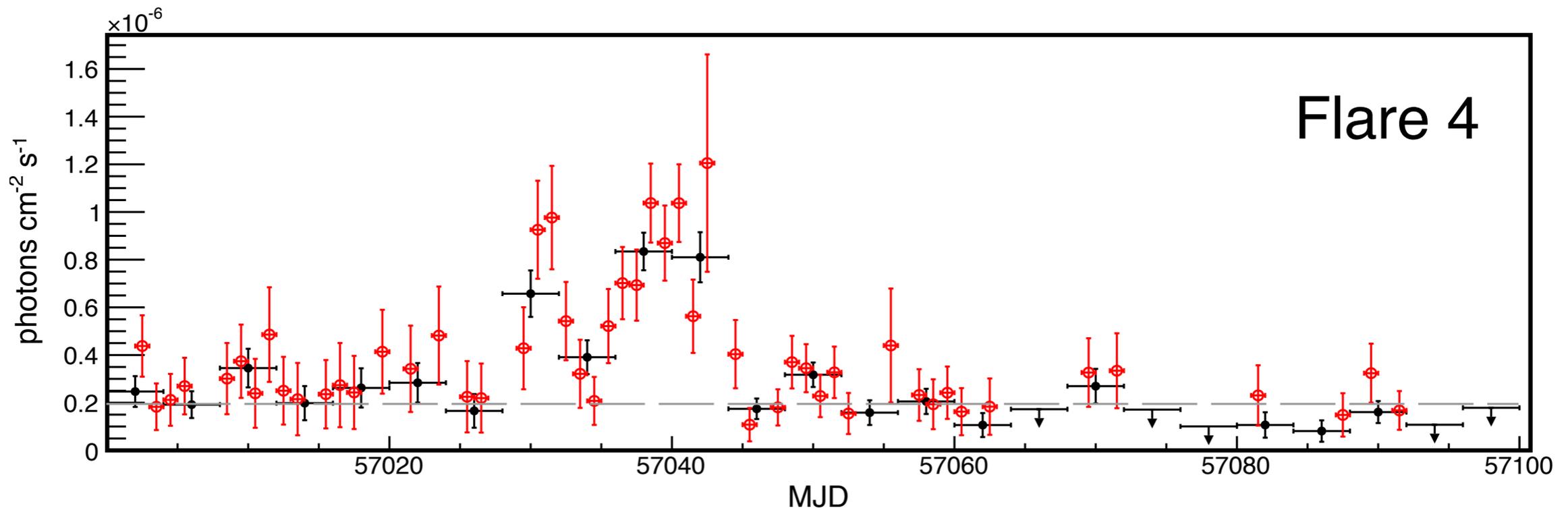
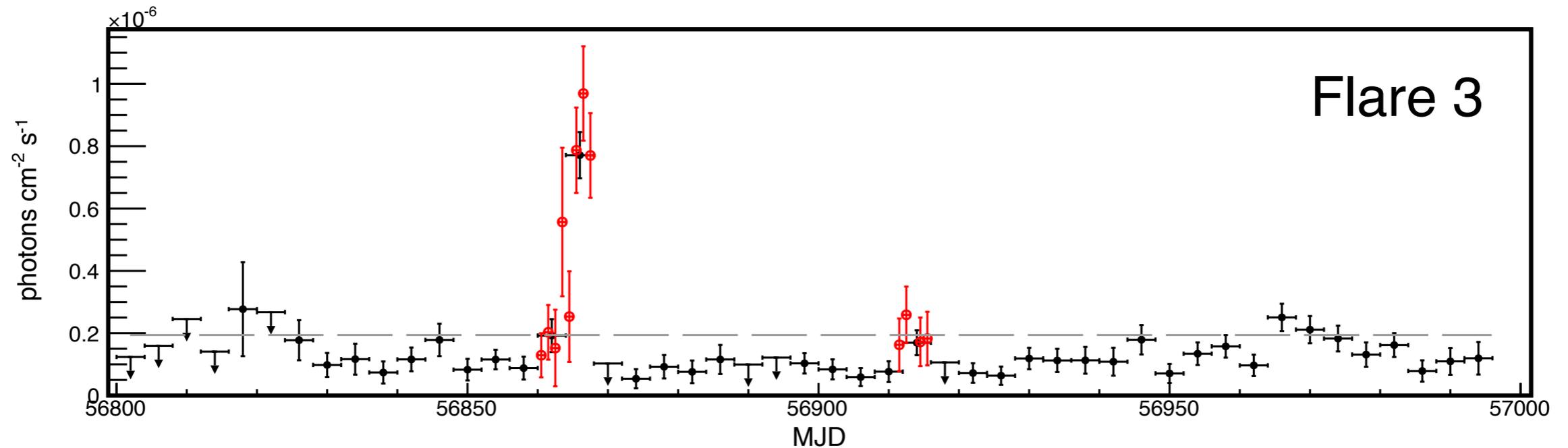
Gamma-Ray Time delay  $27.1 \pm 0.45$  days

**Gamma-ray Flares  
Time Delays ?**

# Gamma-ray Flare 1 and 2: Time Delays



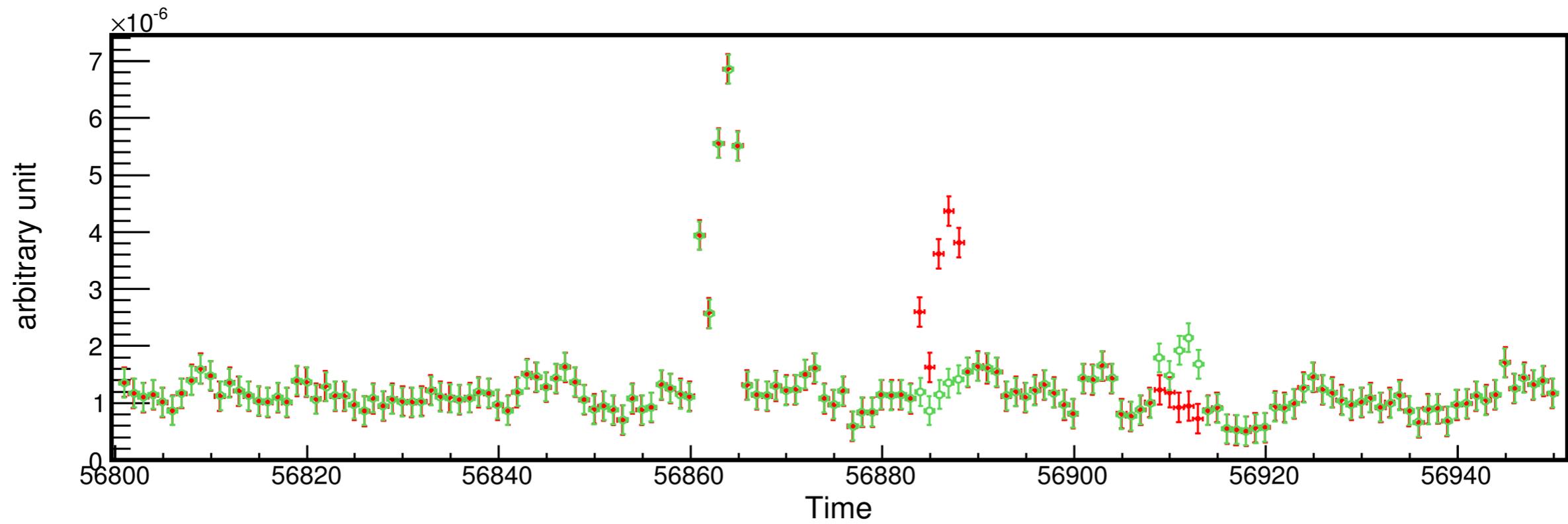
# Gamma-ray Flare 3 and 4: Time Delays



Gamma-Ray Time delay  $> 50$  days

# Monte Carlo Simulations

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# Application of strong lensing

