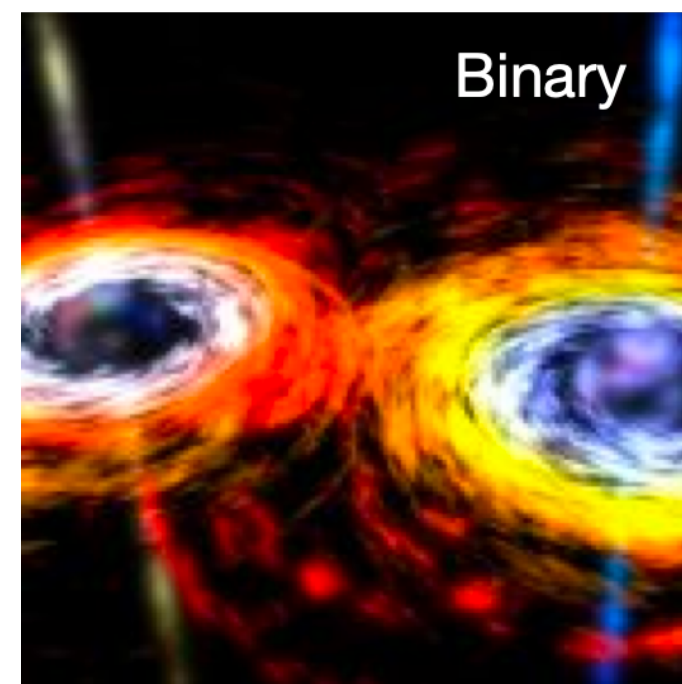




Rare Gems in Big Data: Exploring the Uncharted



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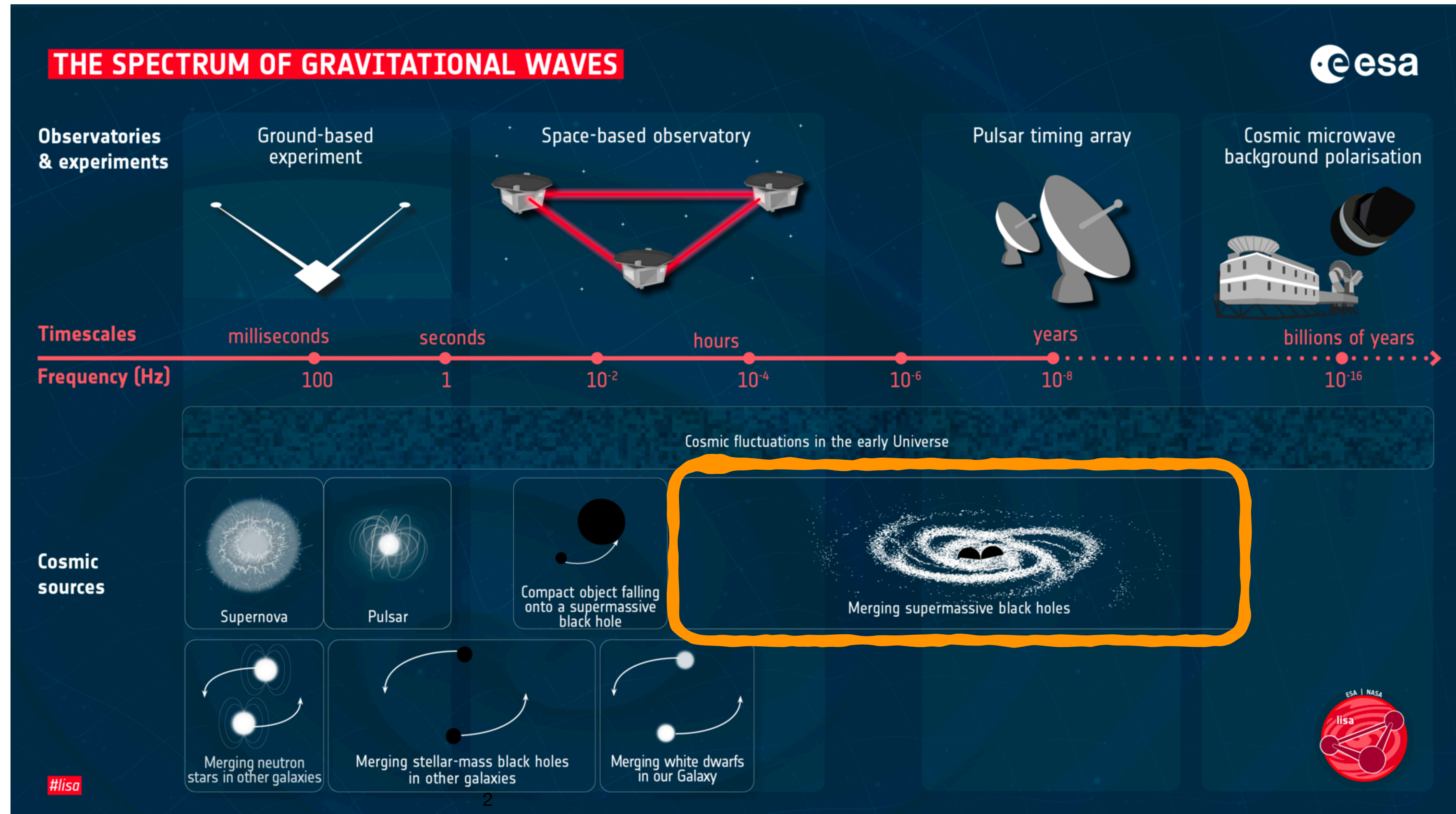
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Science Theme: New Messengers and New Physics

Priority Area: New Windows on the Dynamic Universe



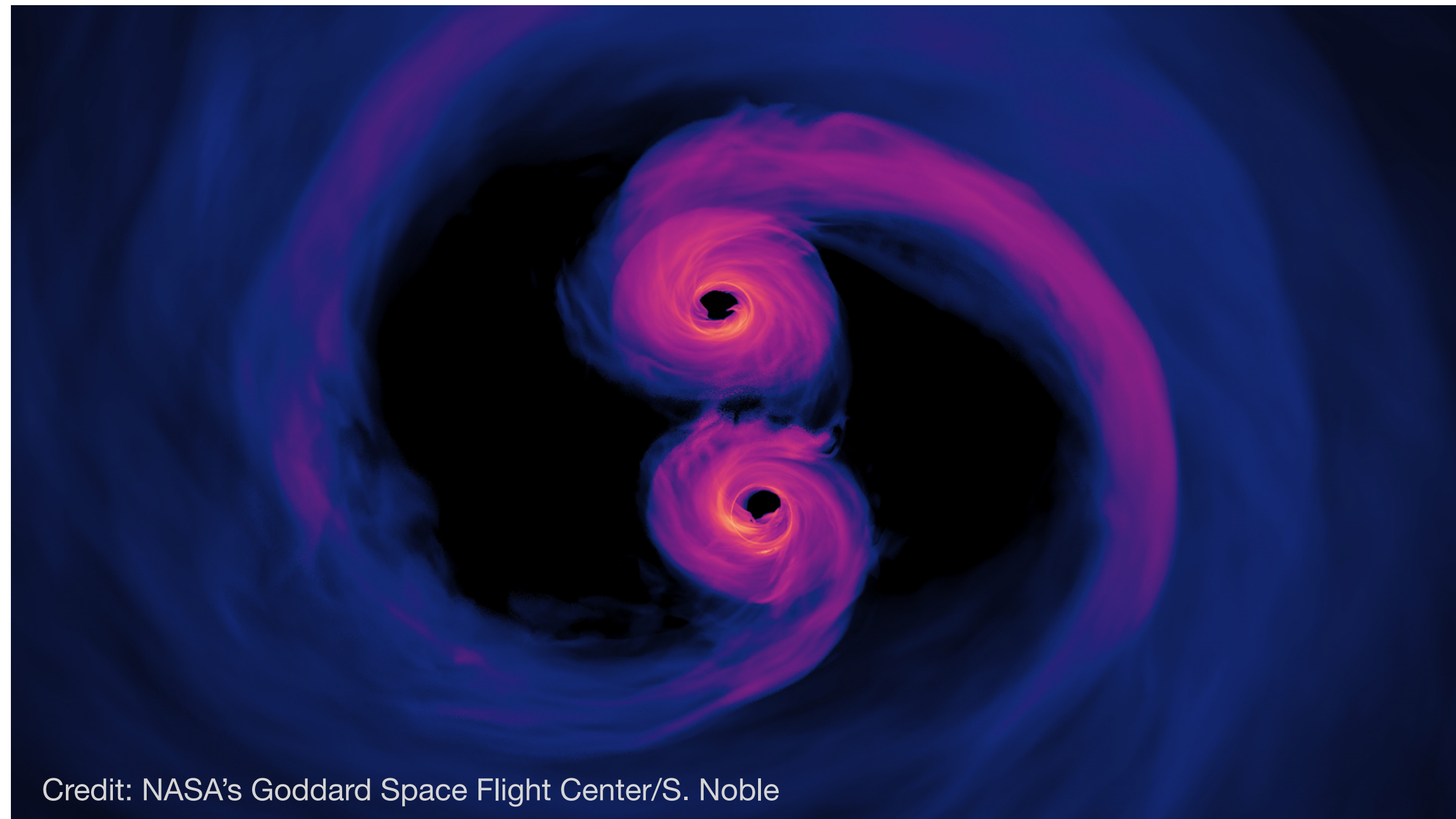
Discovery space for the coming decade: multi-messenger and time domains



Synergy between GW and EM facilities

Major differences between LISA and LIGO BBH observations:

- Coalescing MBHs expected in gas-rich environments: EM signals expected
- LISA designed to detect inspiraling MBHs in “slow motion”: provide forewarnings to EM and particle detectors for MMA



EM observations help LISA localize sources and measure redshifts

- **Efficient EM observations and data analysis tools needed for realizing the full discovery potential in the multi-messenger and time domains**

Credit: NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center/S. Noble

EM Searches of Dual/Binary MBHs: Analogy with Exoplanets

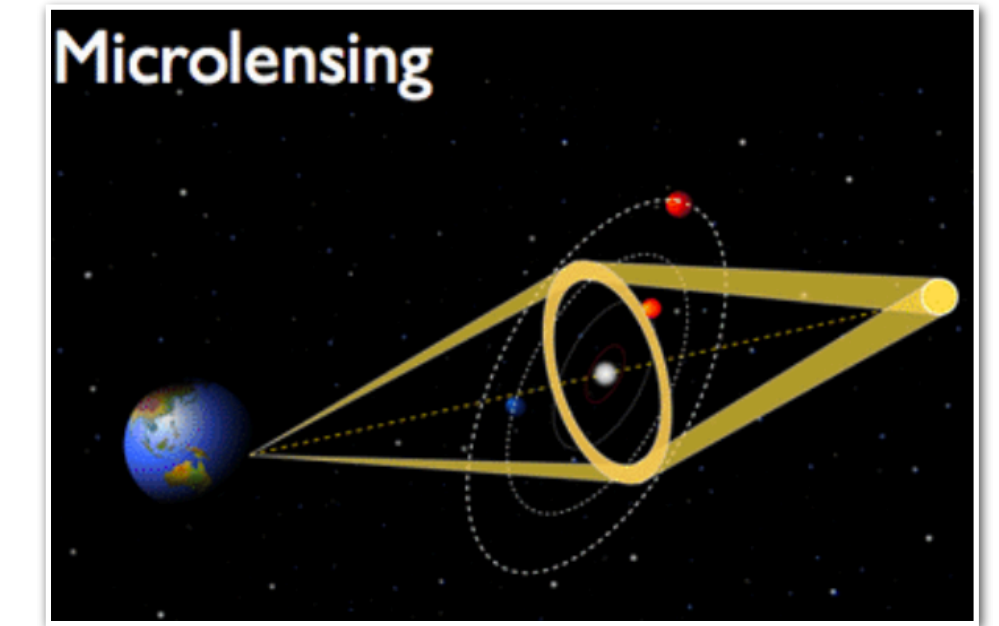
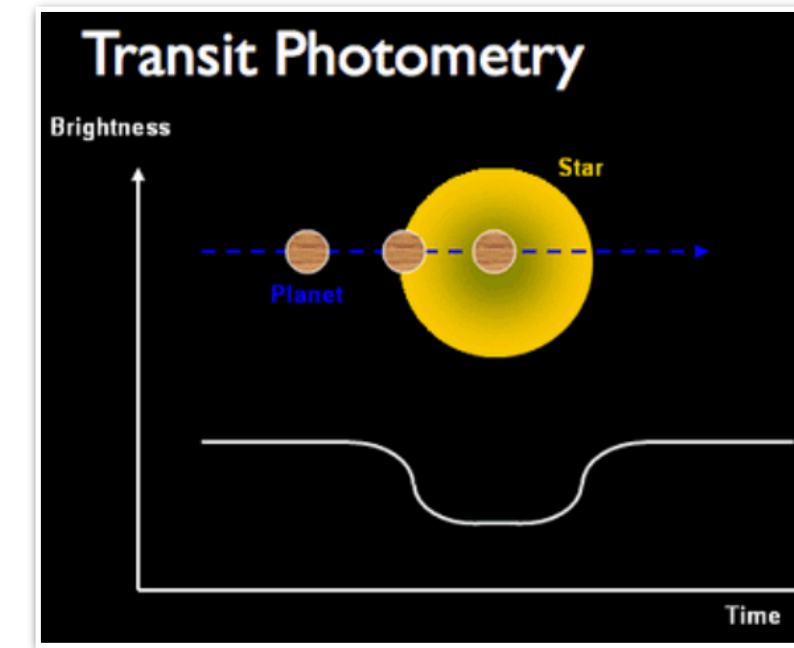
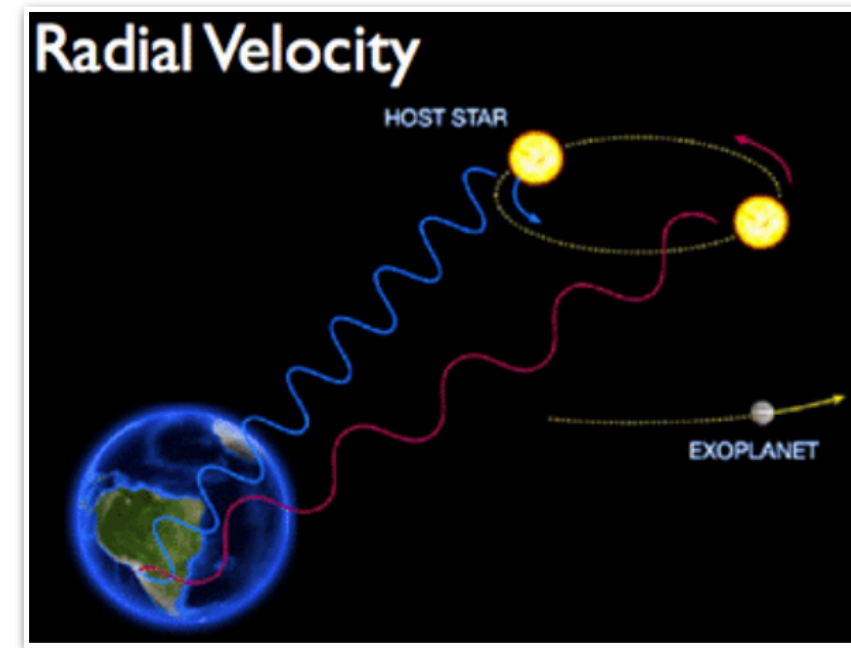
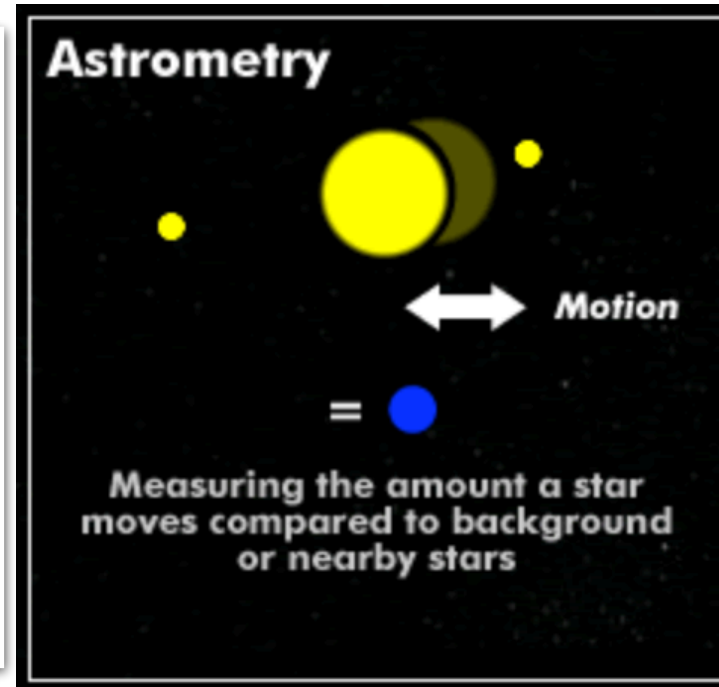
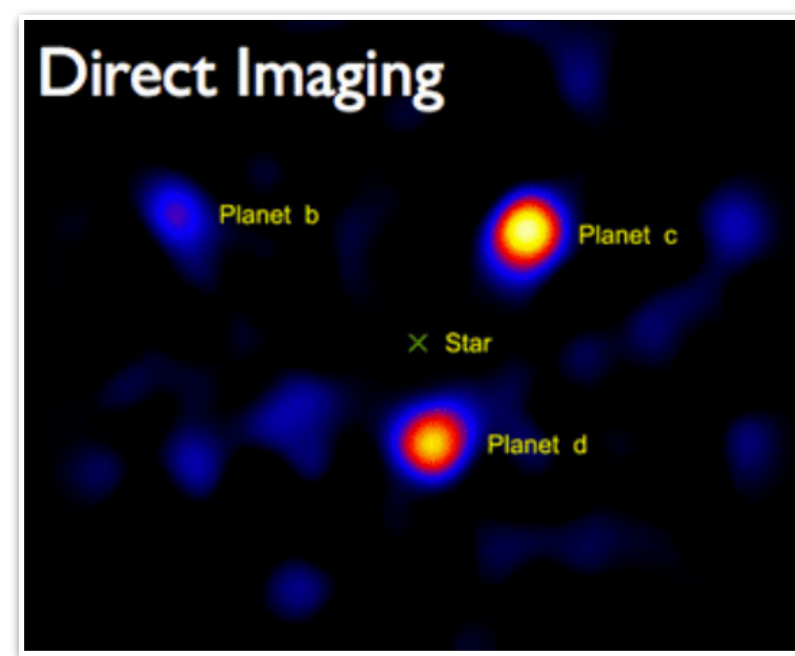
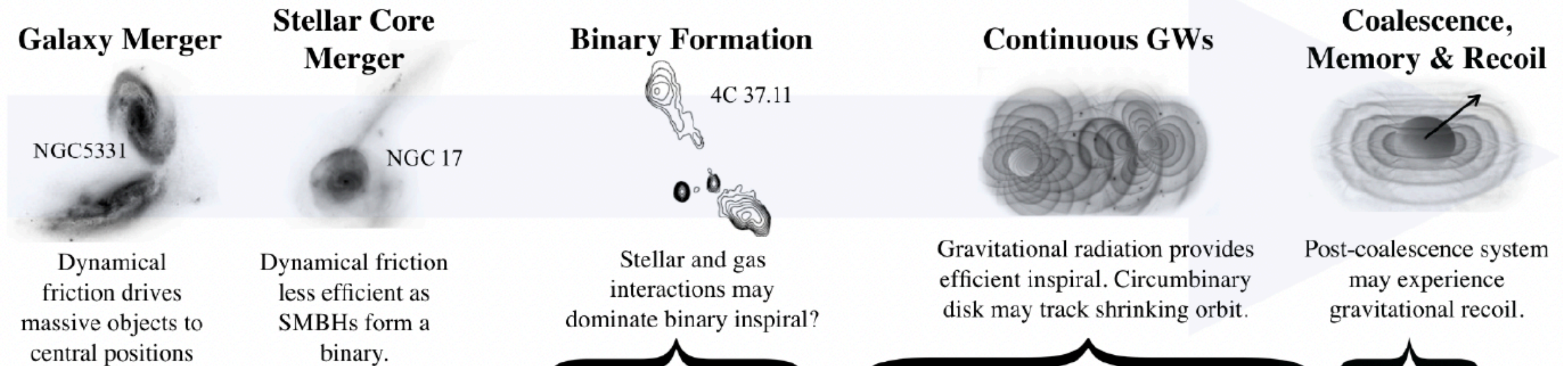
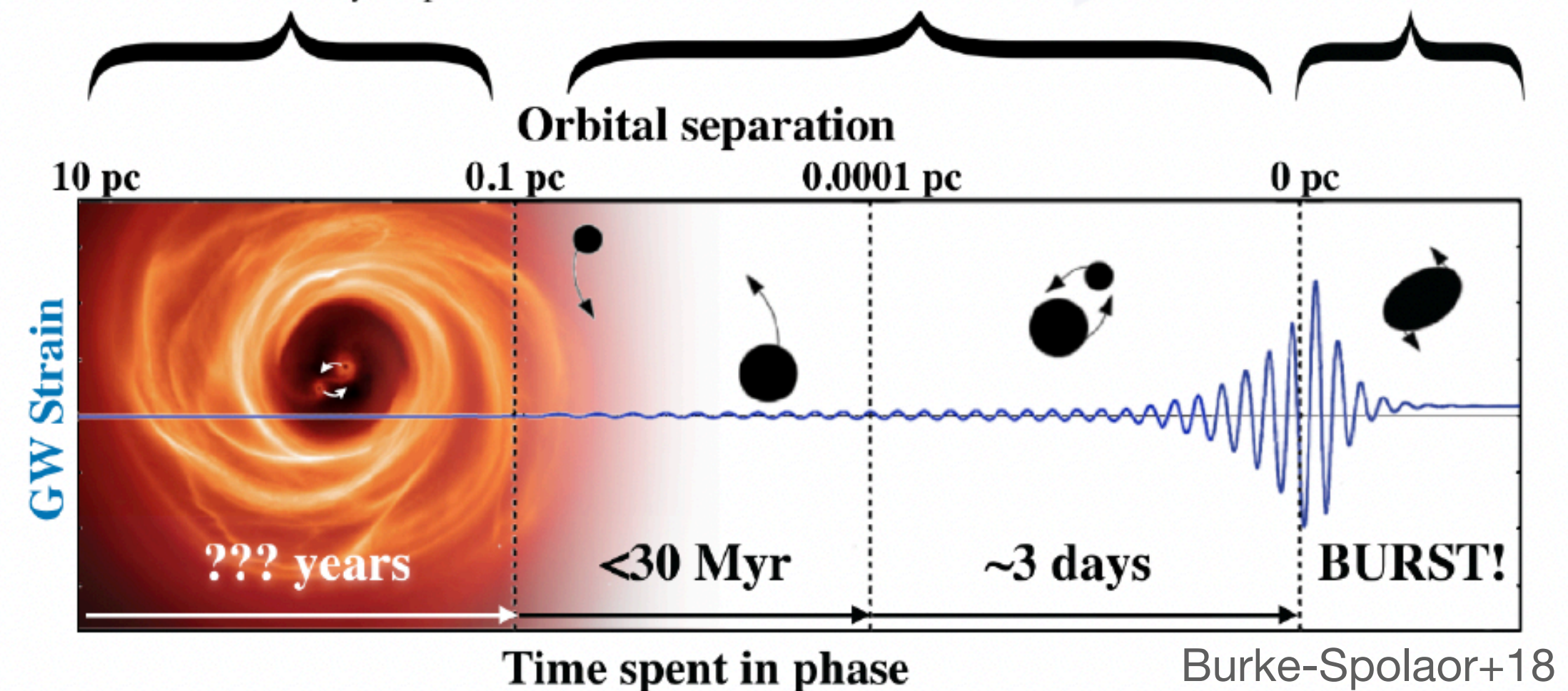


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A multi-scale interdisciplinary problem: connecting cosmology, galaxy evolution, dynamics, accretion disk physics, GRMHD, and multi-messenger astronomy

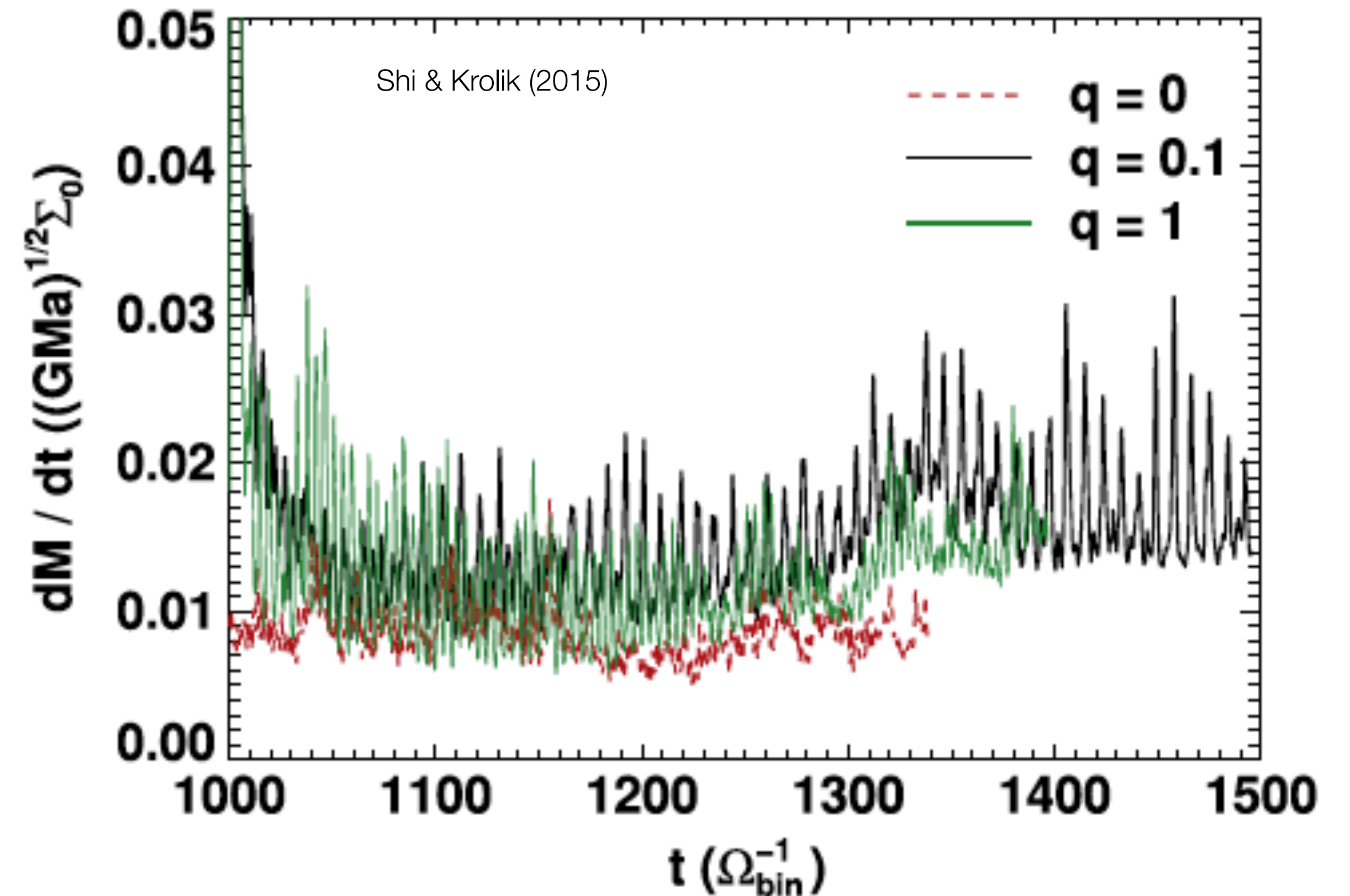
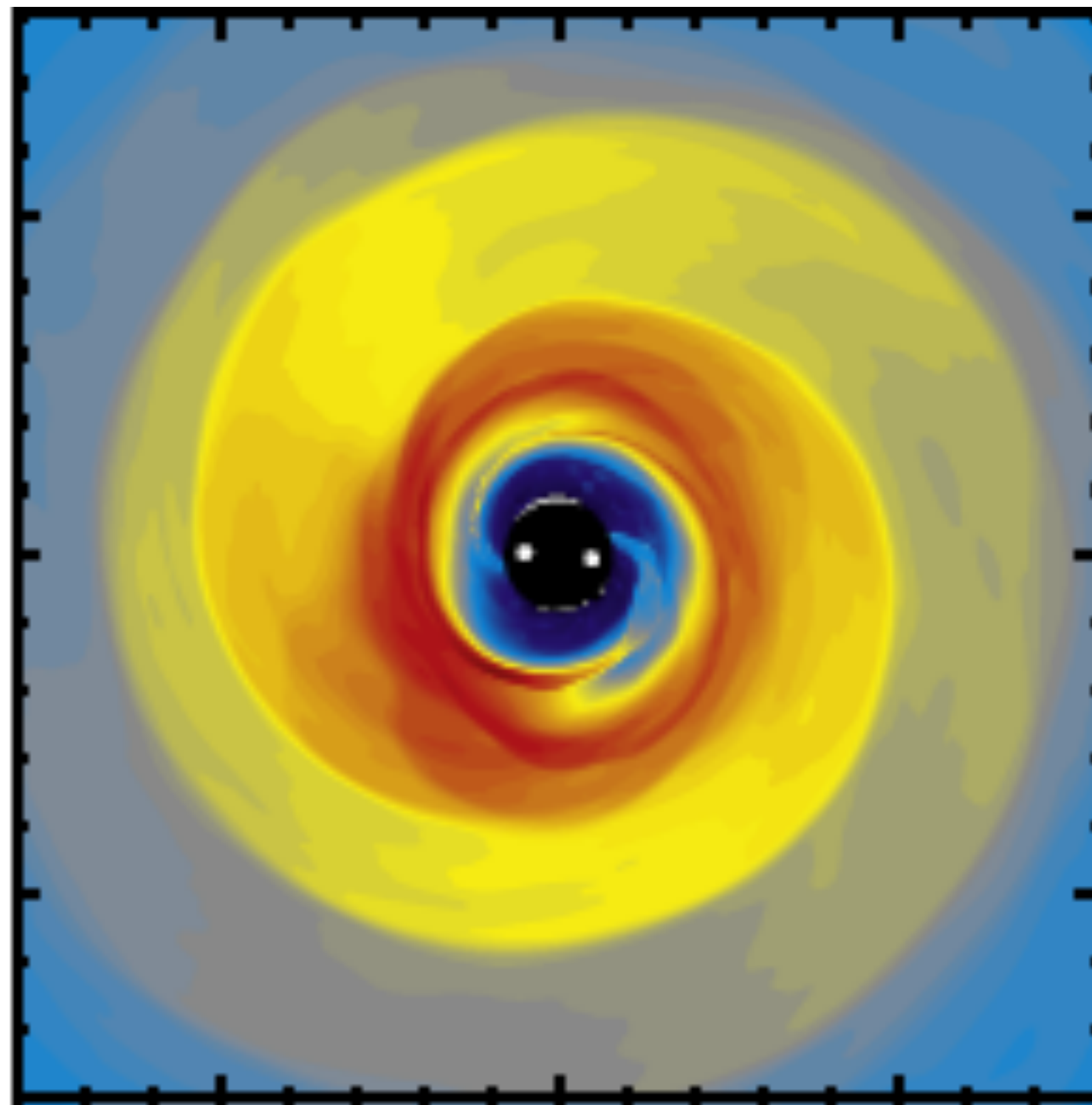


The Lifecycle of Binary Supermassive Black Holes



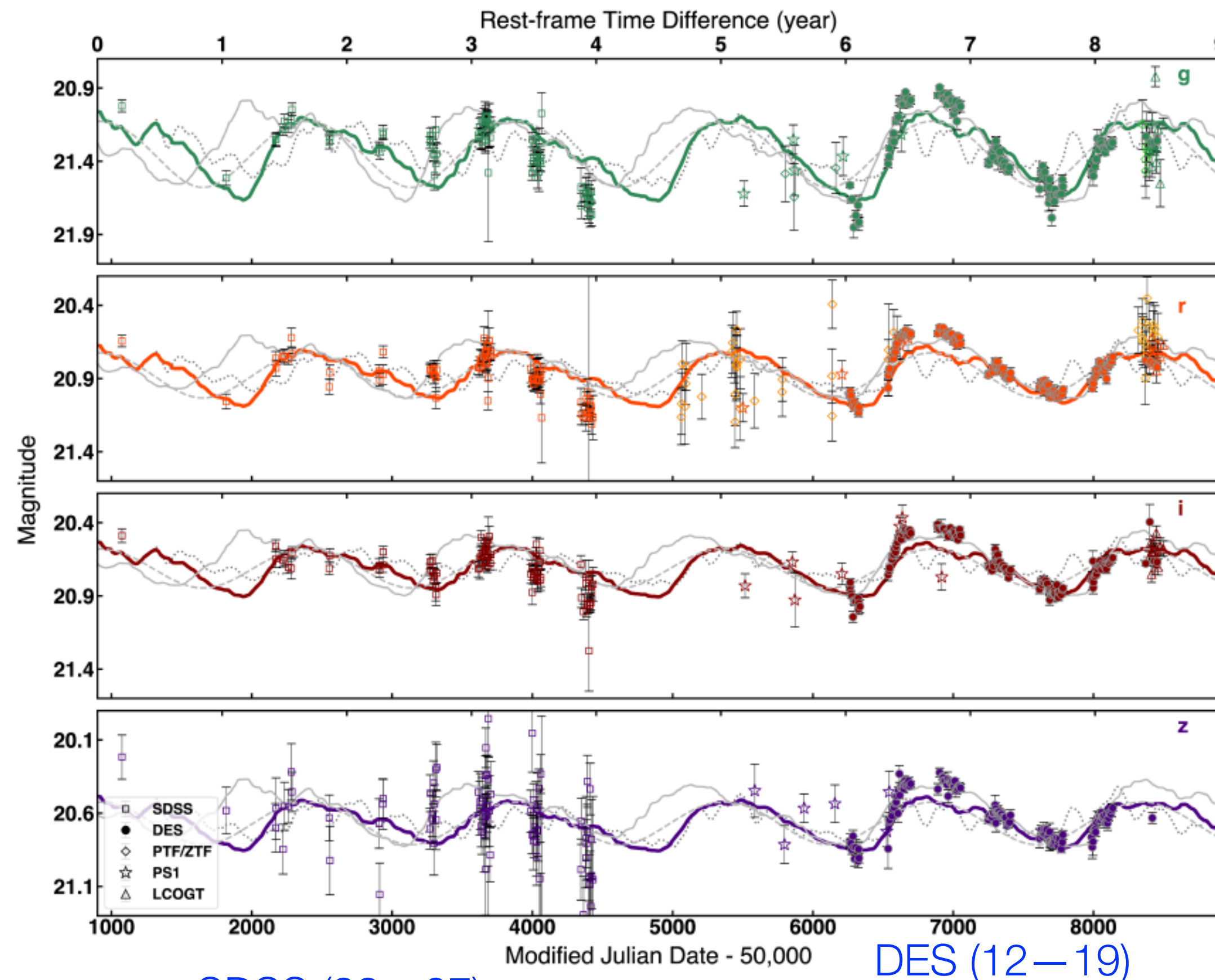
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SDSS (98–07)

DES (12–19)

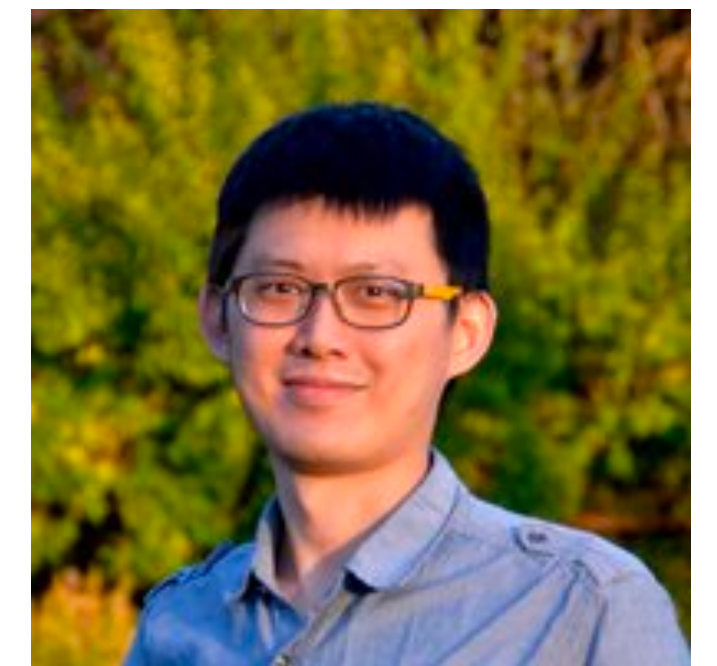
DECam (19-25) LSST (25+)

1. Continued monitoring to test red noise (DECam Long-term Programs)

Luo et al. in prep

2. Multi-wavelength follow-ups (VLA, XMM, NuSTAR) to test alternatives

Chen+21b, Foord+22

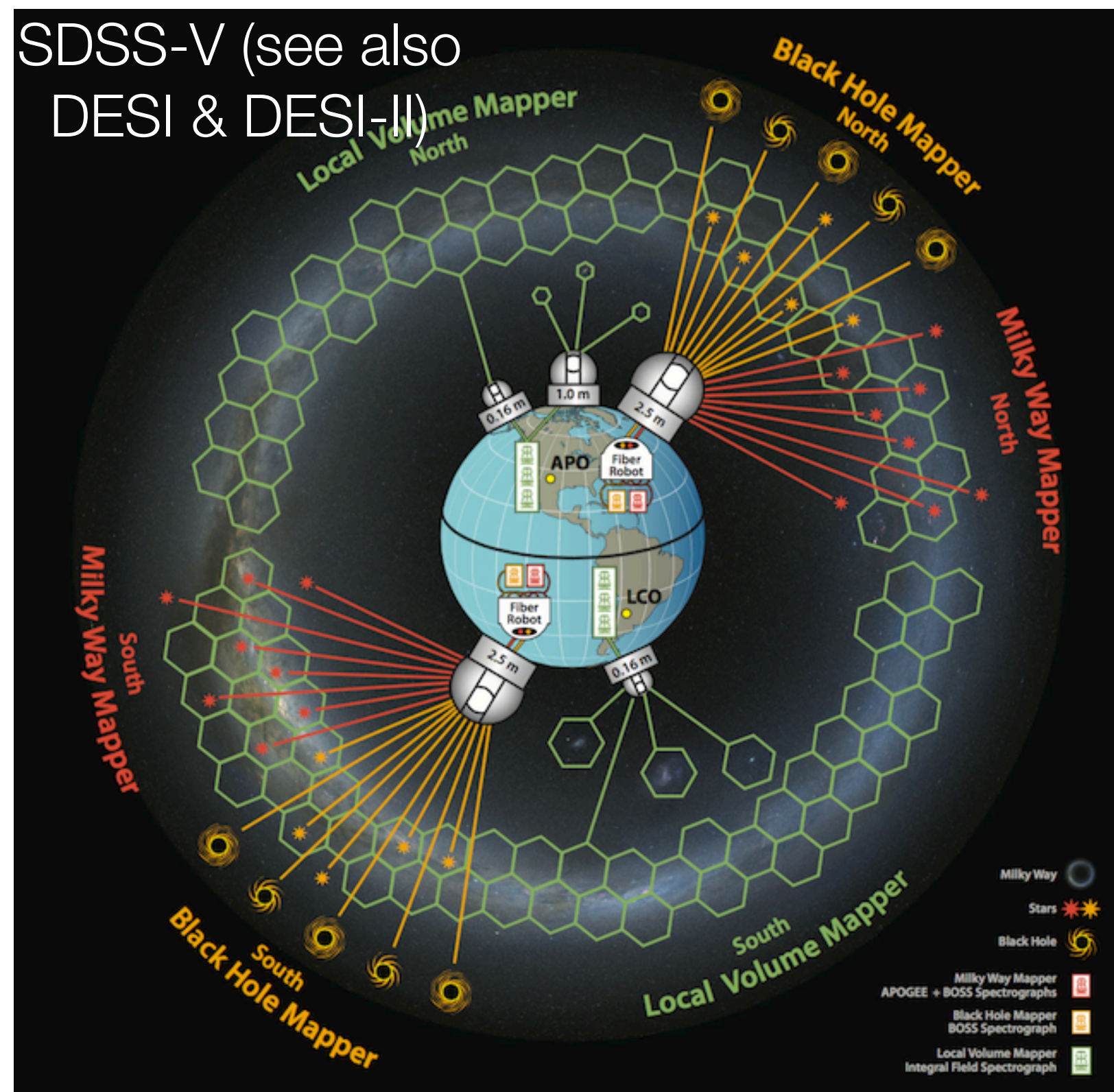


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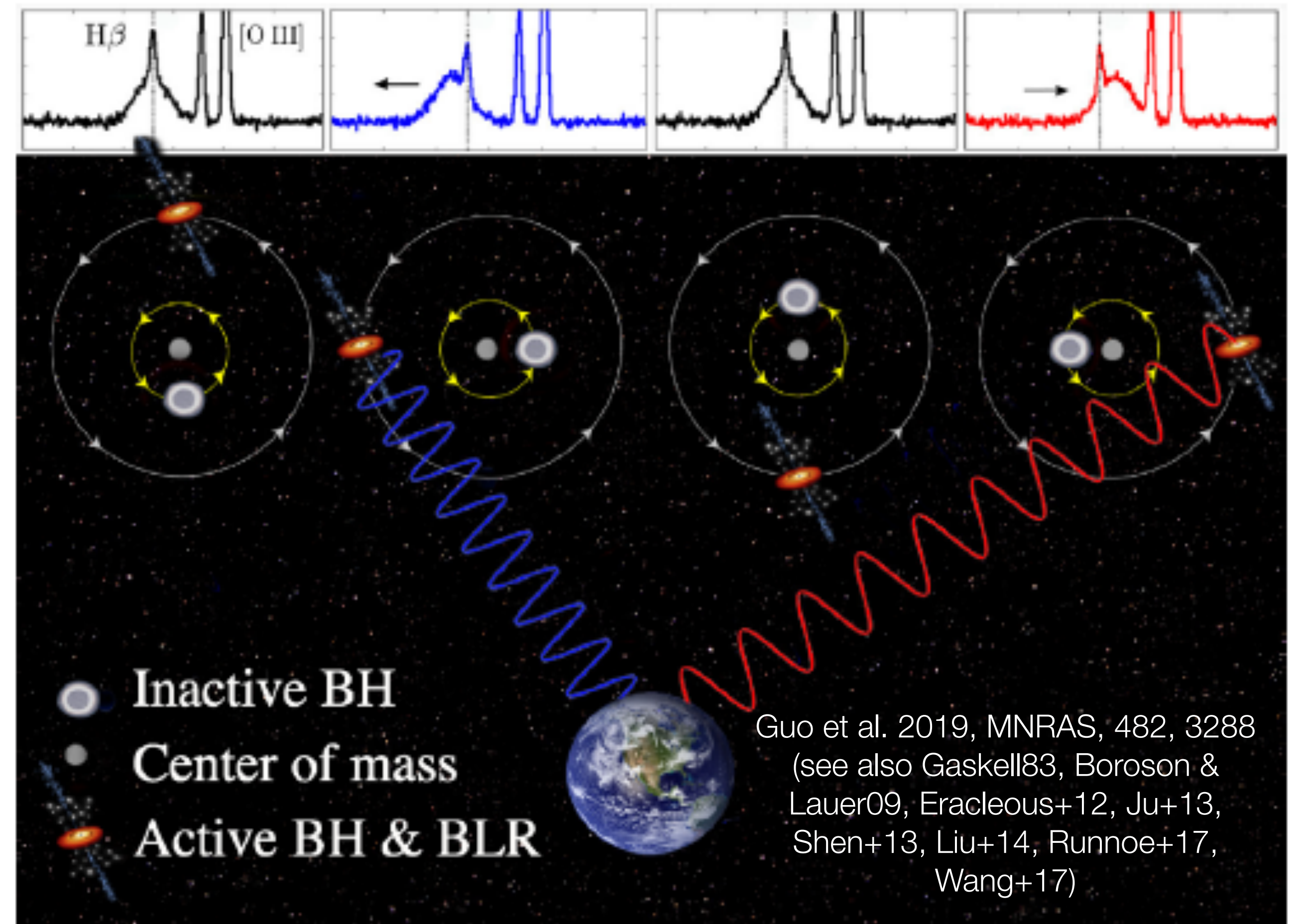


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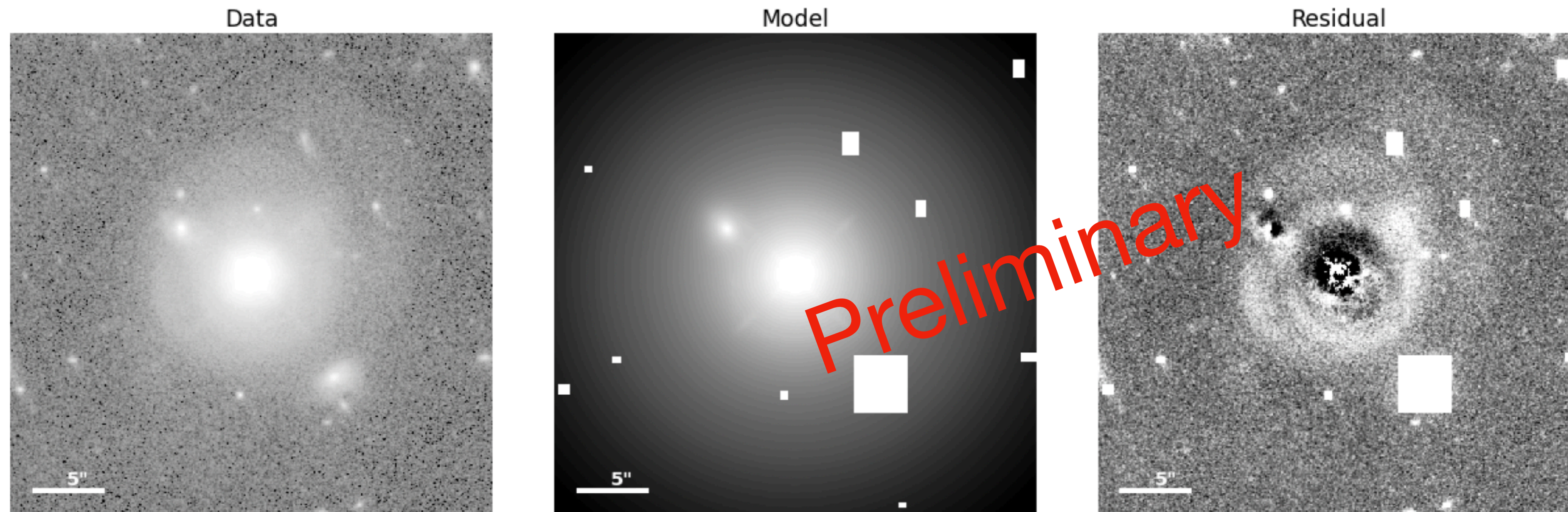
See also work by Antonella Palmese and talk by Stephanie Juneau



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HST Imaging: Complementary Test of the Binary Hypothesis

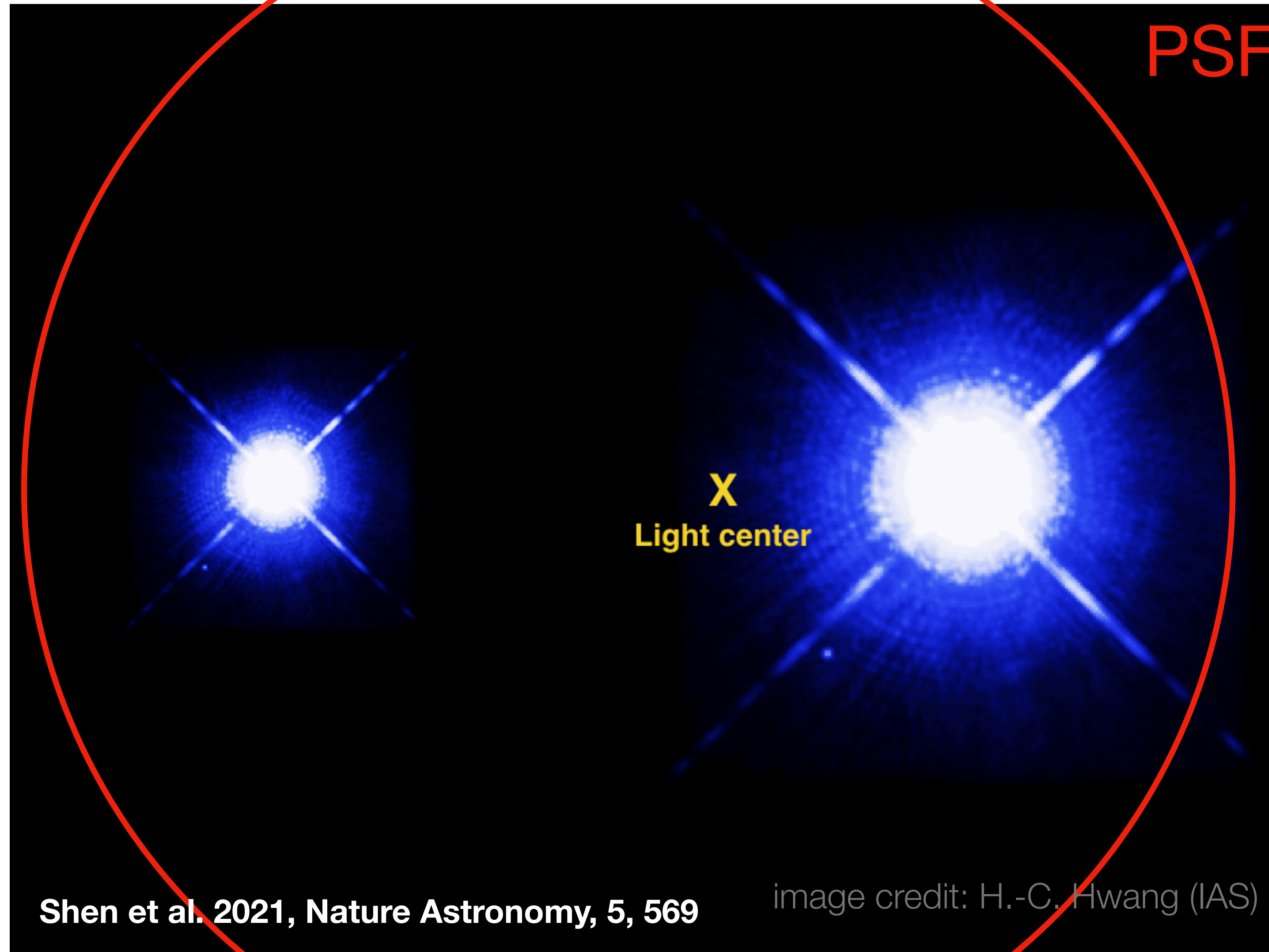


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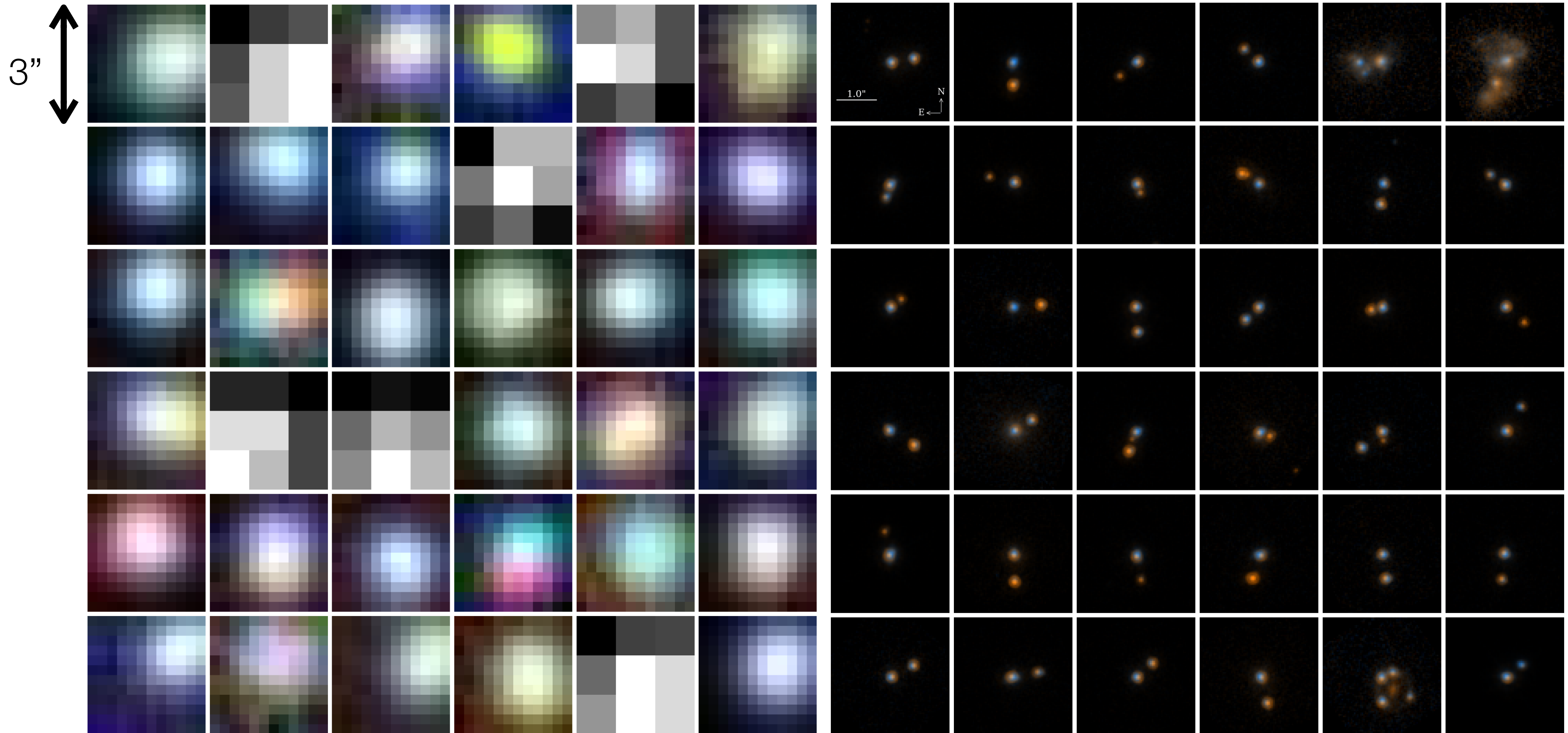


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HST SNAP 15900 (PI Hwang)

Chen, Hwang et al. 2022, ApJ, 925, 162

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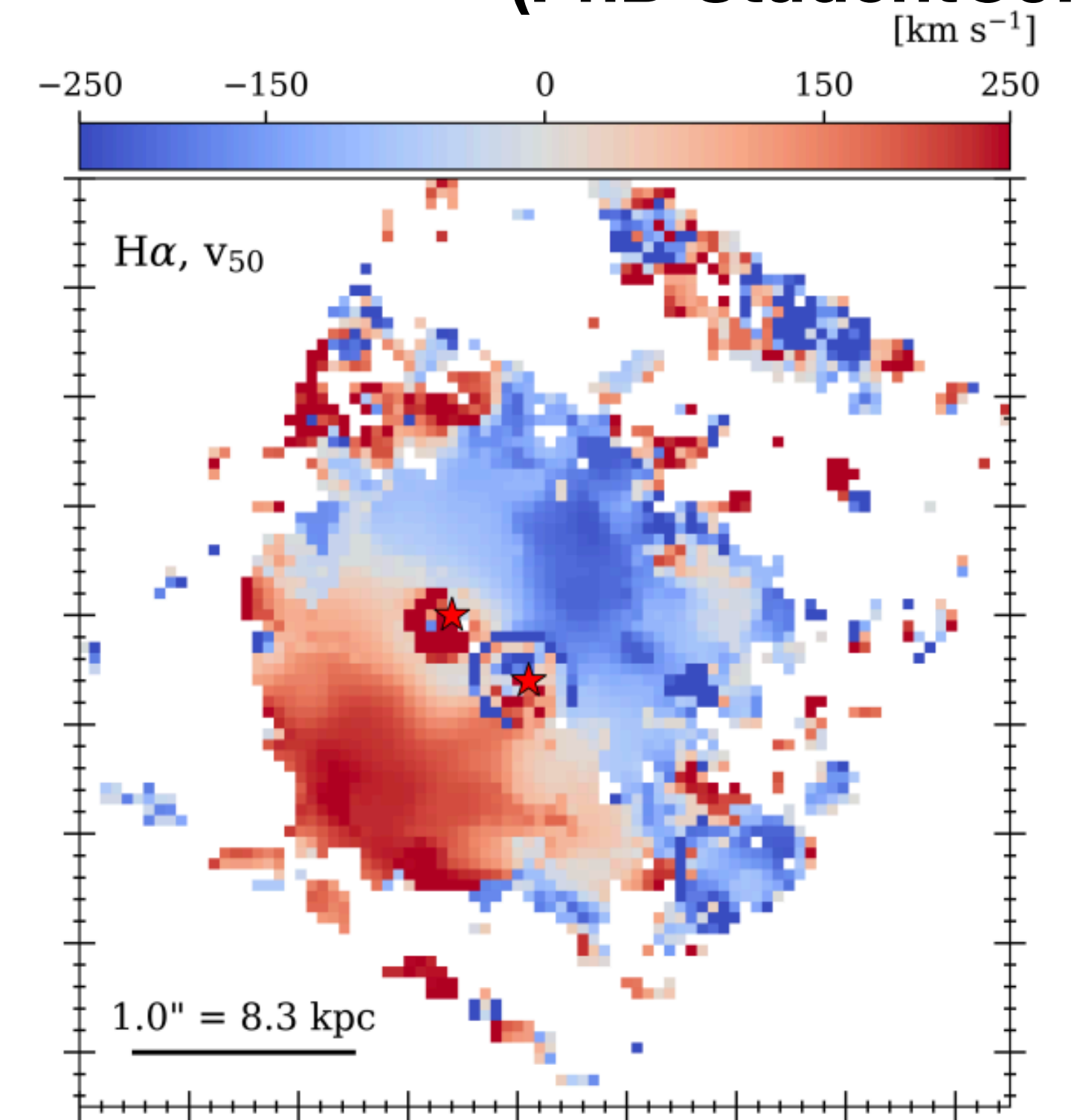
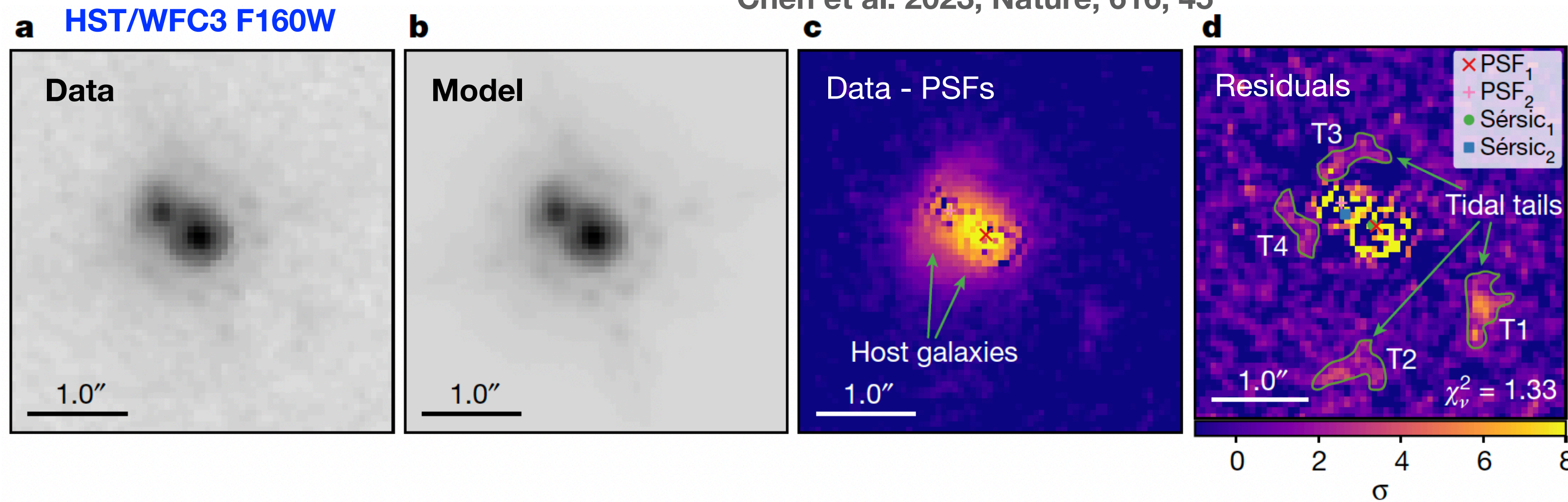
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A Close Quasar Pair in a Disk-Disk Galaxy Merger at $z=2.17$

Chen et al. 2023, Nature, 616, 45



JWST NIRSpec IFU
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Ishikawa et al. arXiv: 2403.08098

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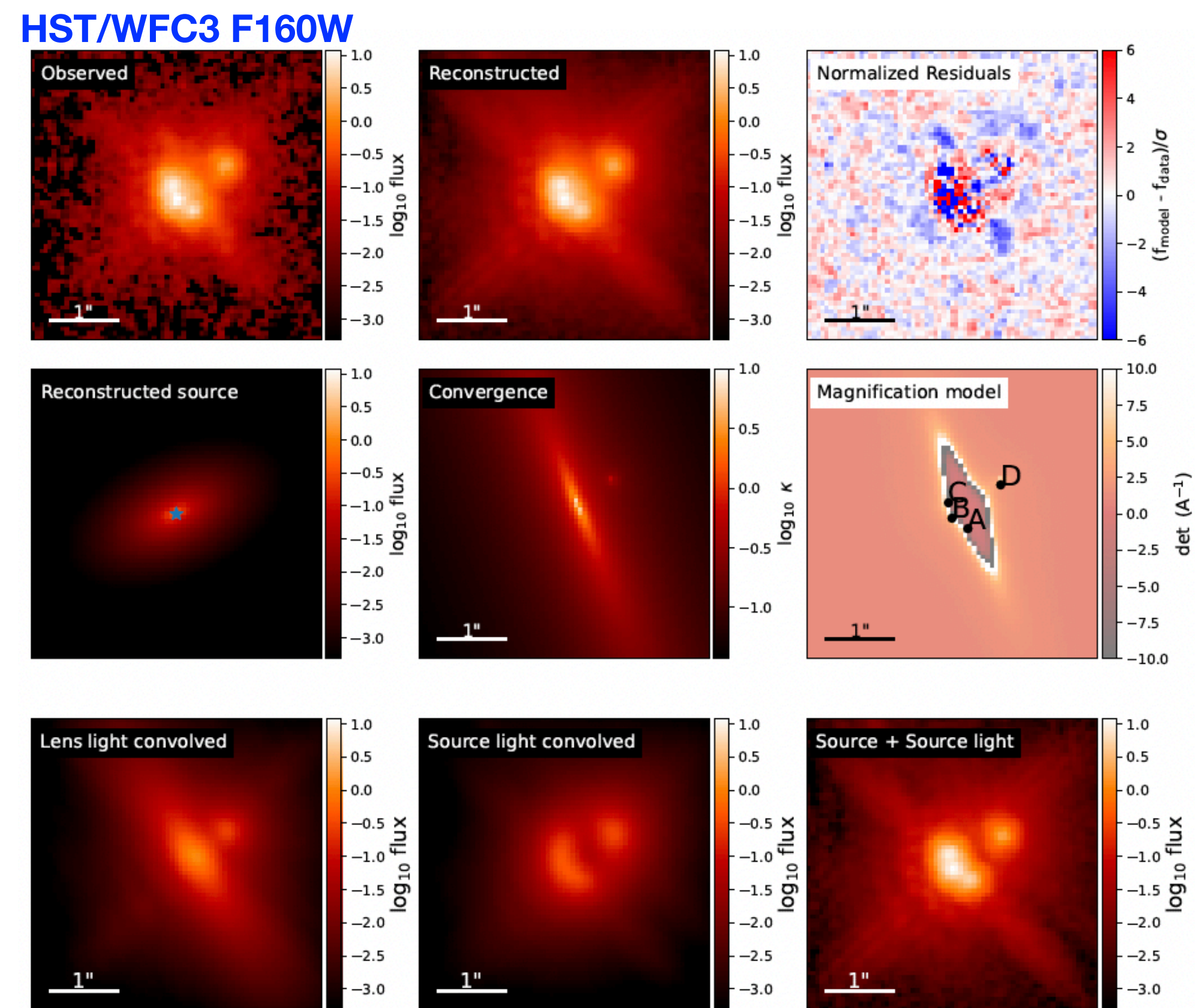
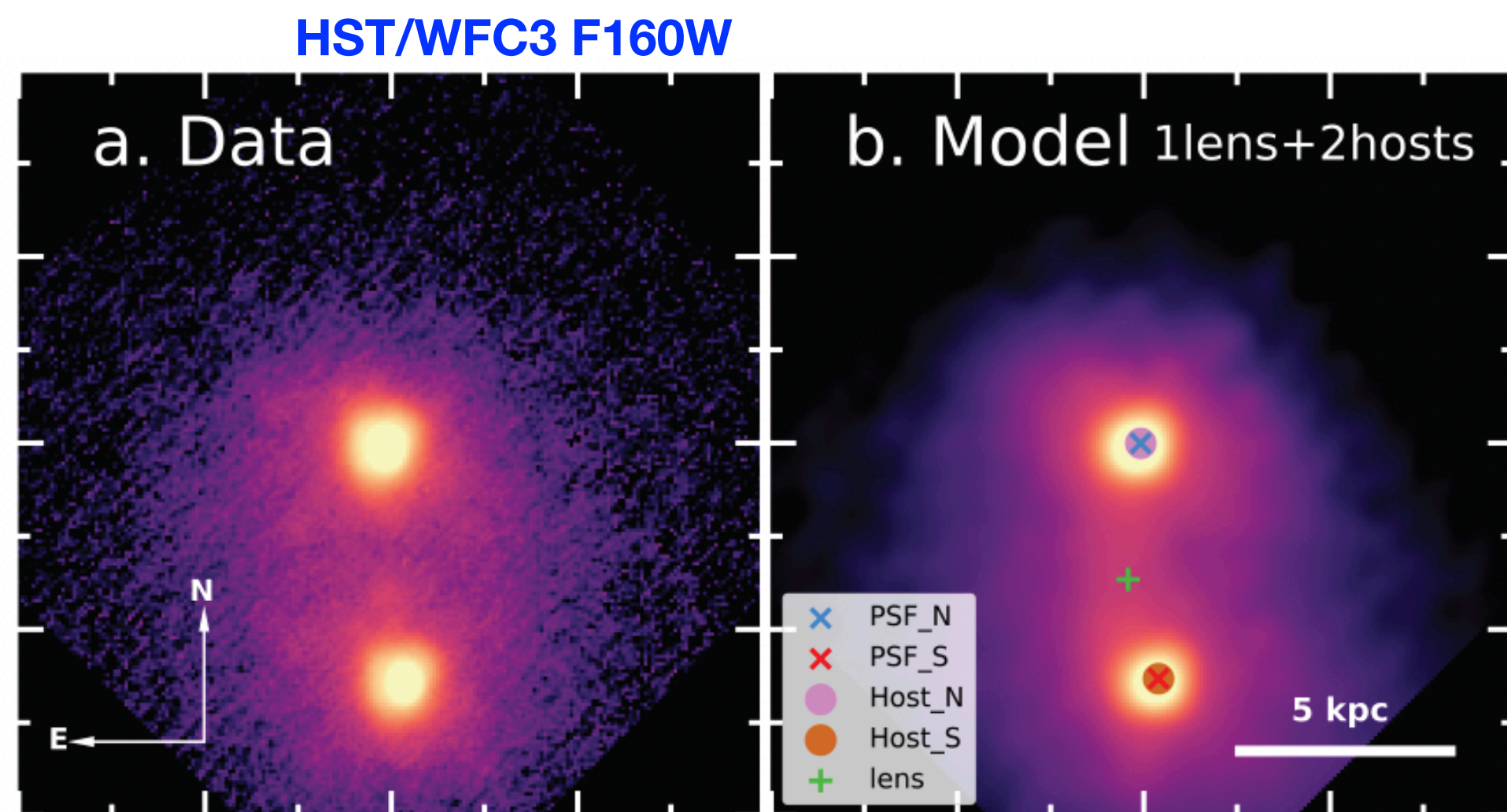


Arran Gross (Postdoc Fellow@UIUC)

Gross et al. 2023, ApJ, 956, 117

VODKA: SDSS J0823 at $z=1.81$: A Likely Lensed Quasar

Surprisingly nontrivial to distinguish dual and lensed quasars: high-resolution deep IR imaging is key



Li et al. (2023) ApJL, 955, 16

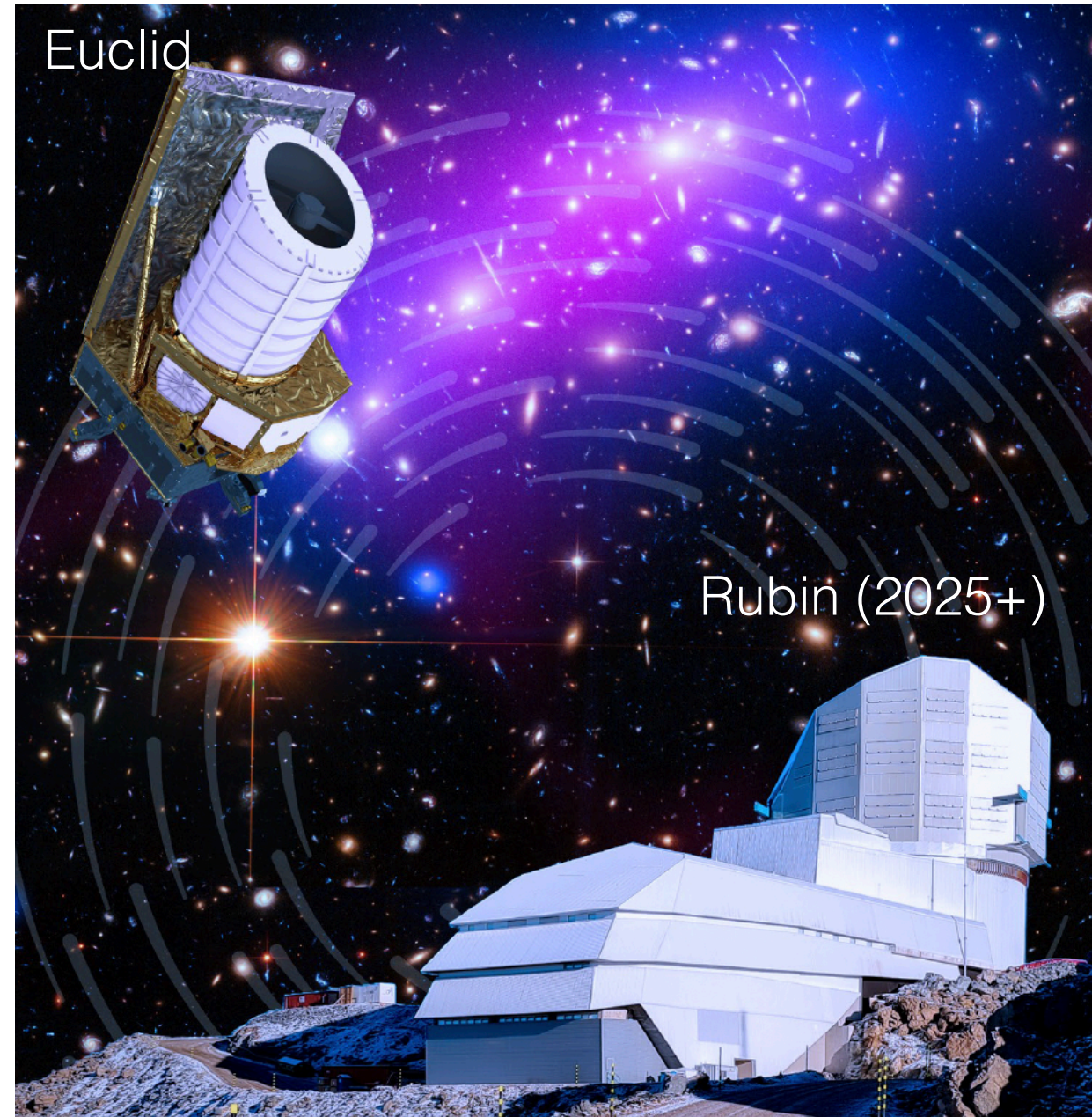
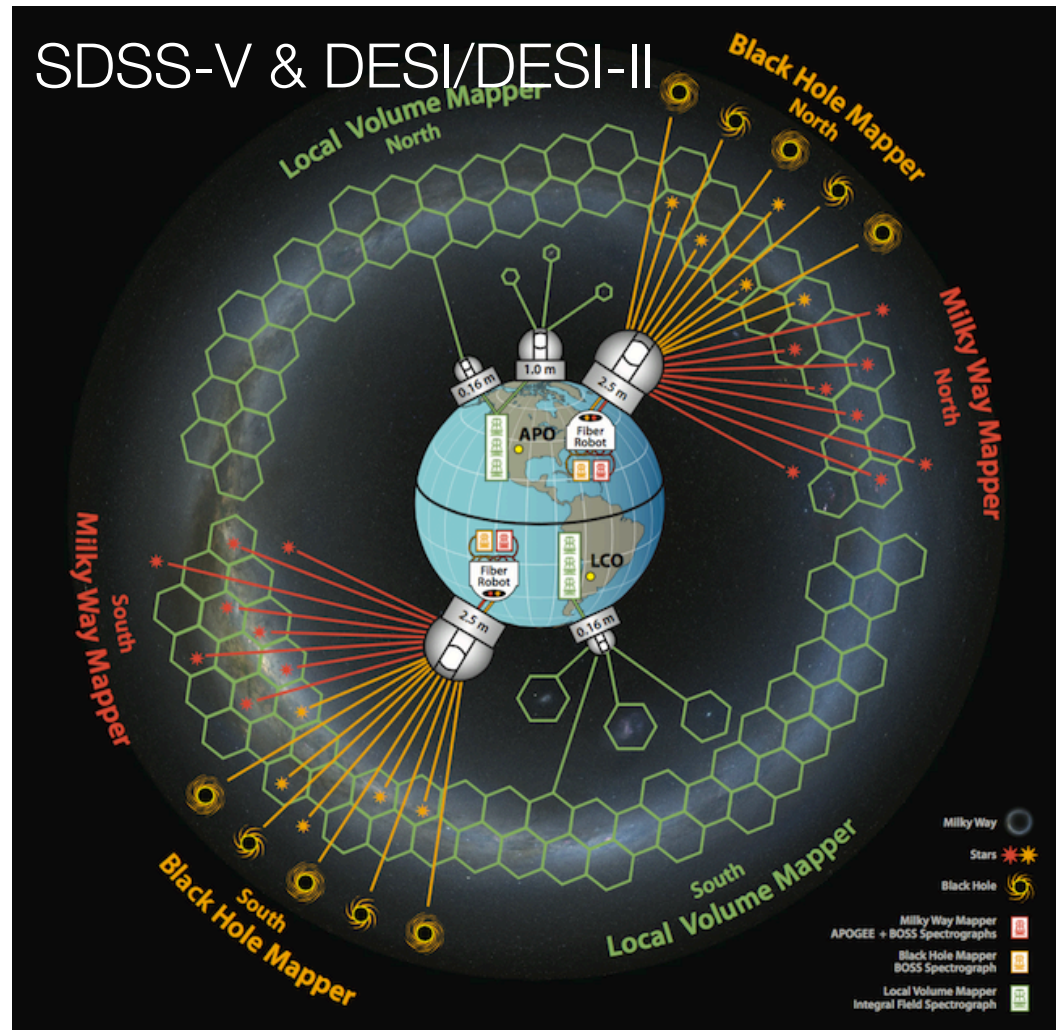
VODKA: SDSS J1608: A Sub-arcsec Quadruply Lensed Quasar at $z=2.58$



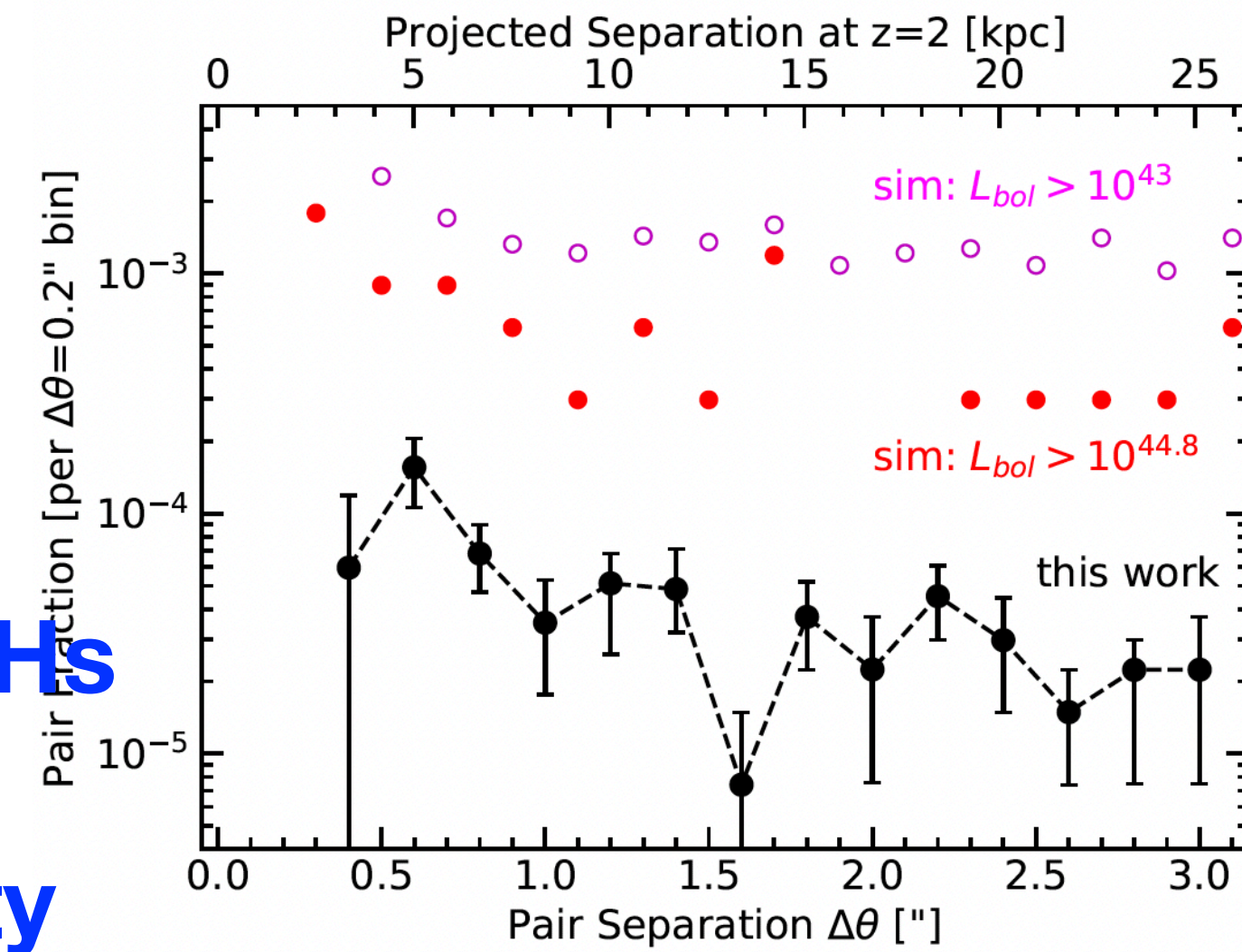
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Looking Forward & Takeaways

Euclid/Rubin/Roman will revolutionize the field in synergy w/ PTA & LISA, but only their combined power can maximize the discovery potential for Rare Gems!

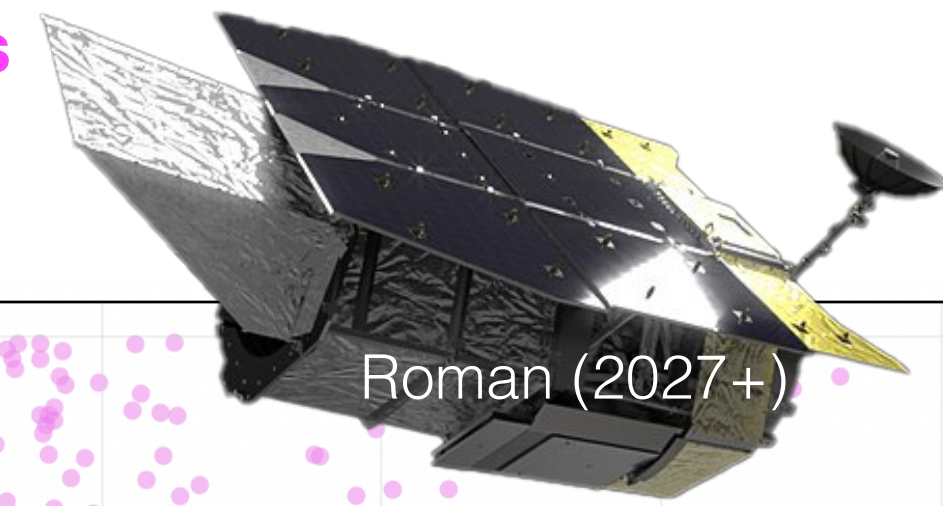


Dual/lensed/offset MBHs from high-res deep photometry & variability



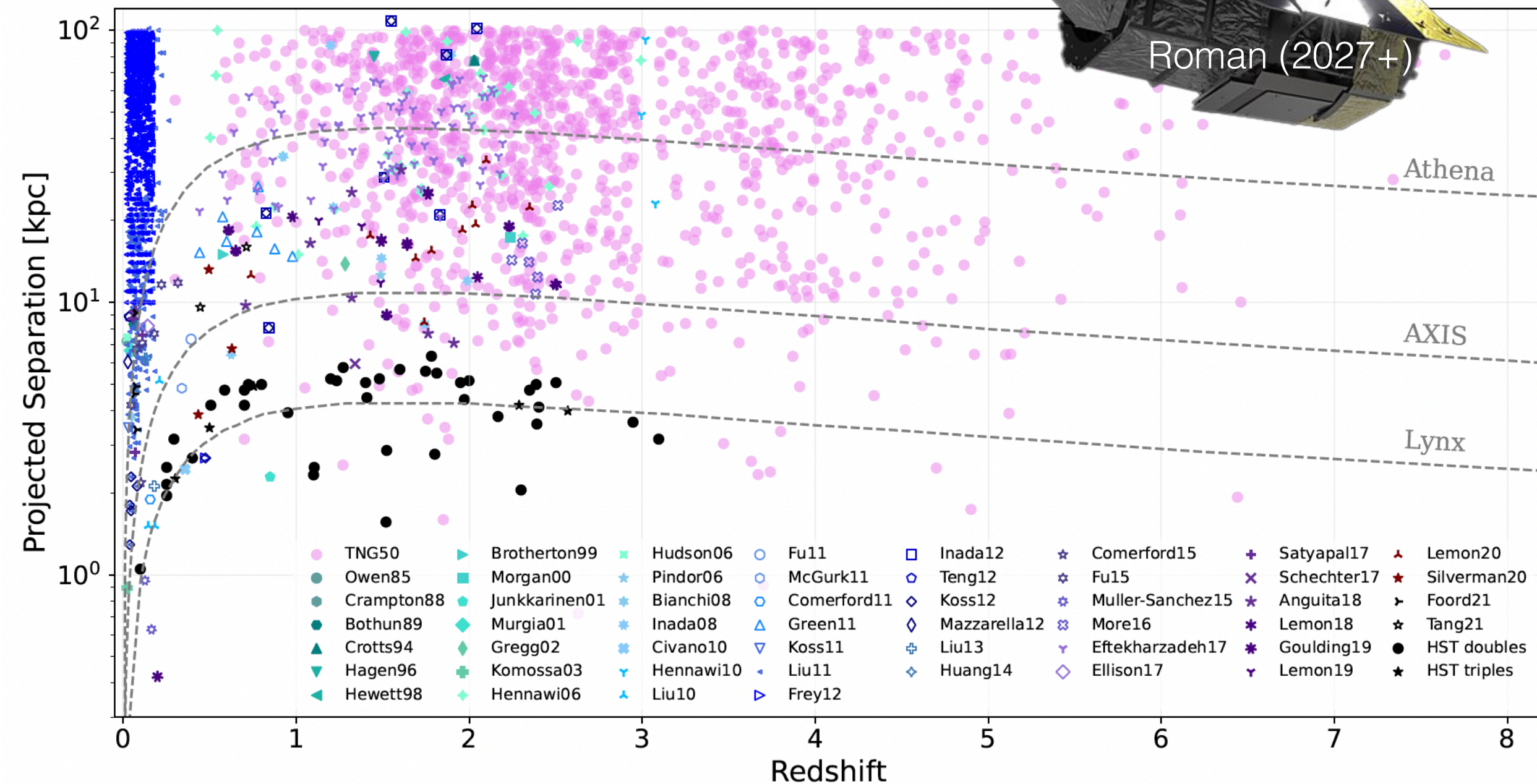
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Roman Core Community Survey White Papers
Binary MBH: Haiman et al. arXiv:2306.14990
Dual MBH: Shen et al. arXiv: 2306.15527



Sub-pc binary MBH candidates from long-term spectroscopic monitoring (VLTI/Gravity+)

Milli-pc binary MBH/IMBH candidates from periodic variables/transients (also partial TDEs, EMRIs)



See also Guy et al. (2022) for Euclid-Rubin synergy

Deblending and classifying astronomical sources with Mask R-CNN deep learning

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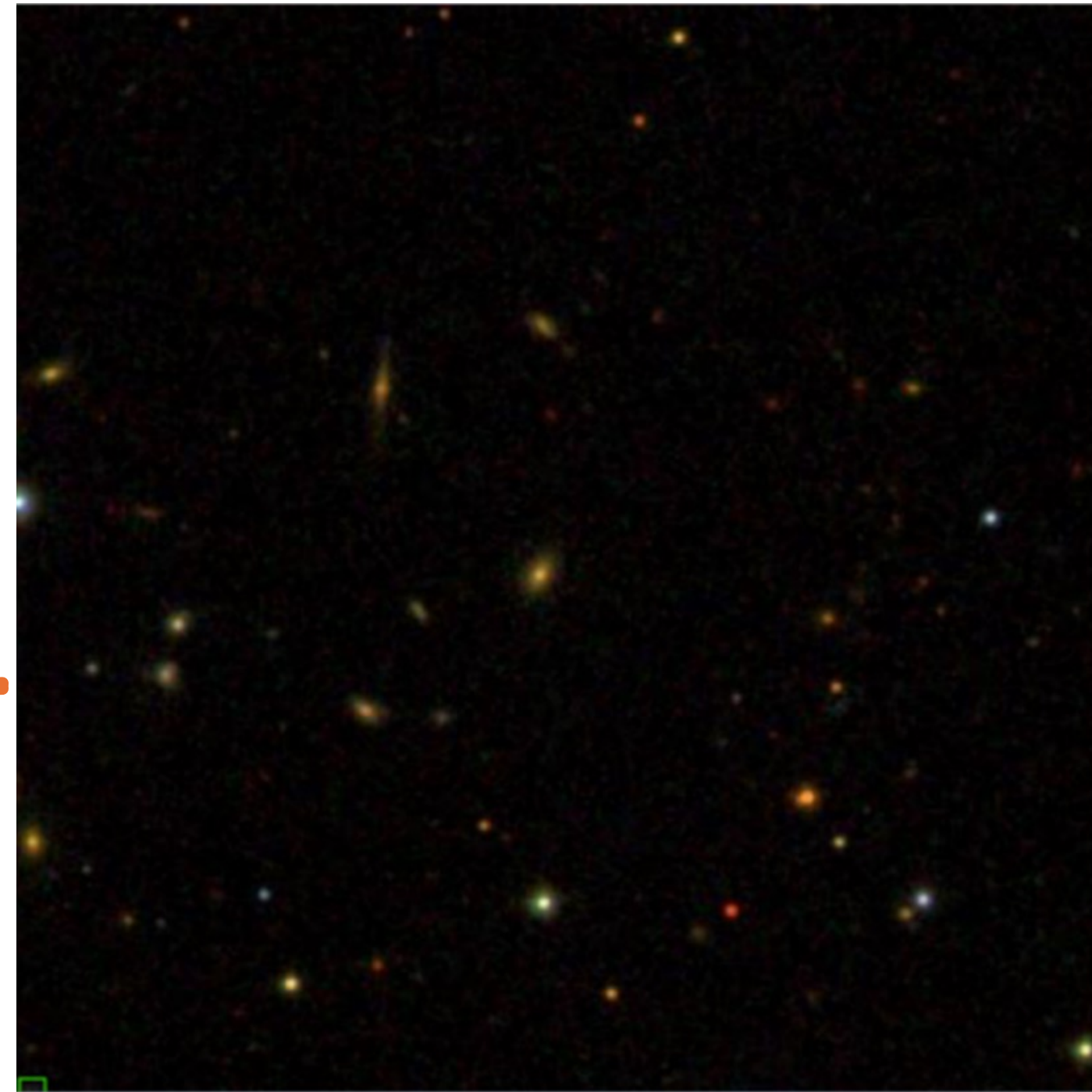


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Problem & Significance

- Efficient (real-time) and robust deblending techniques are necessary in the era of upcoming massive, deep surveys (LSST, Roman)

SDSS



HSC (LSST-like)

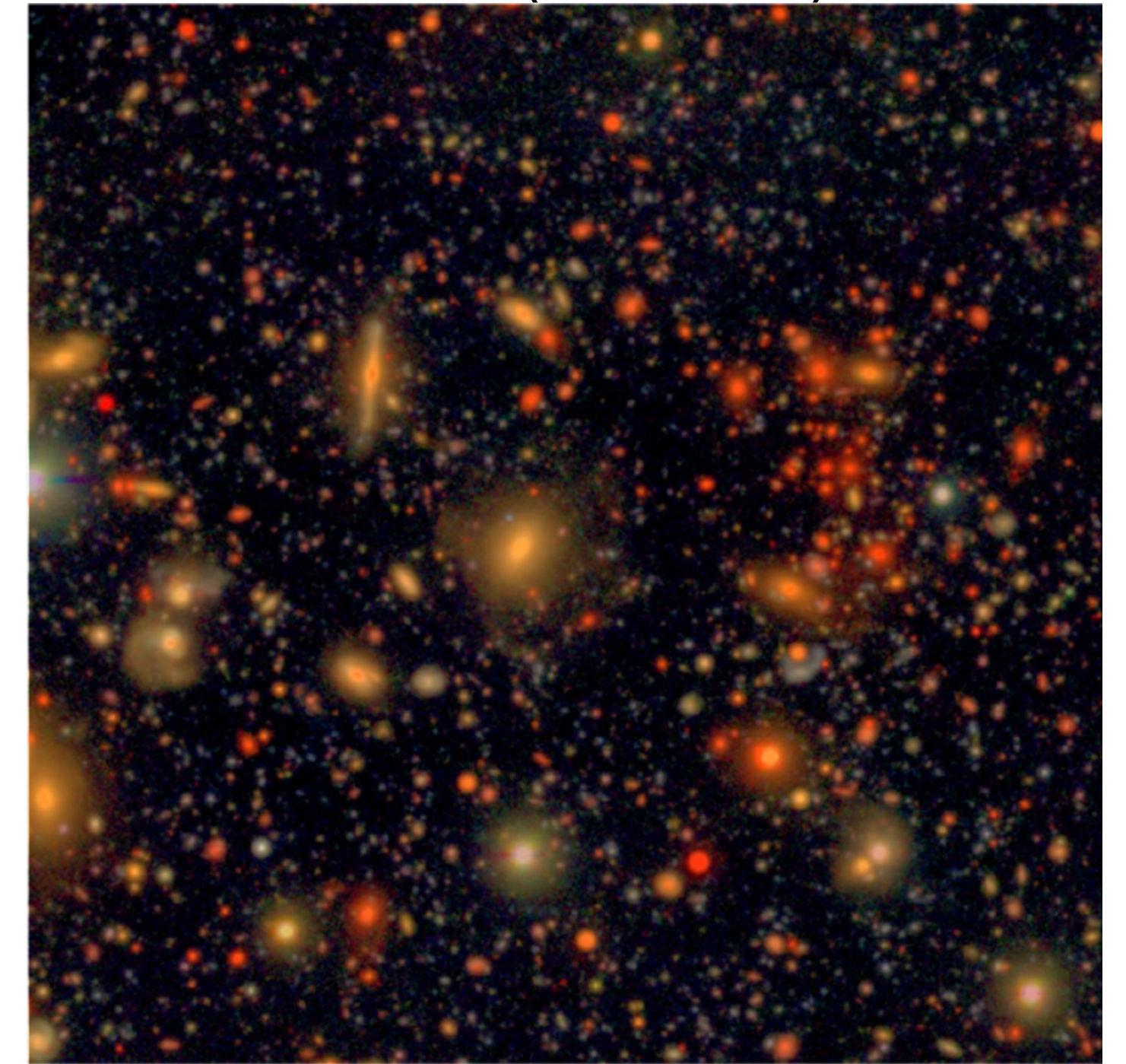


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<https://github.com/facebookresearch/detectron2>

See also Melchior (2021)

From proof of principle to production-level codebase

See also: Merz et al. (2024), DeepDISC photo-z , in prep

Check out Grant's talk at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HgyugrV0xA&list=PLnaABBT-hhFb0c_Hp2rbO6EC4JDxEkstz&index=14

Detection, instance segmentation, and classification for astronomical surveys with deep learning (DEEPDISC): DETECTRON2 implementation and demonstration with Hyper Suprime-Cam data

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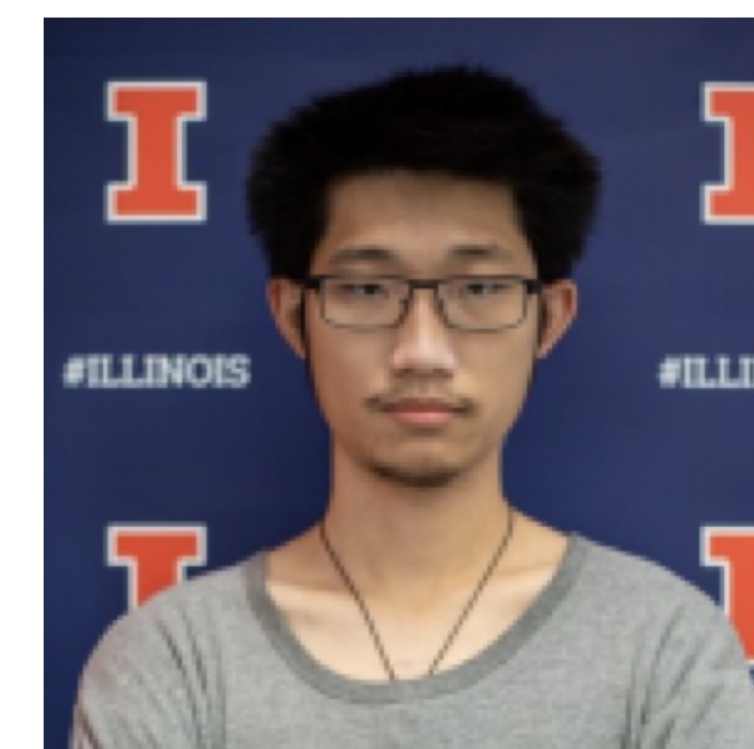
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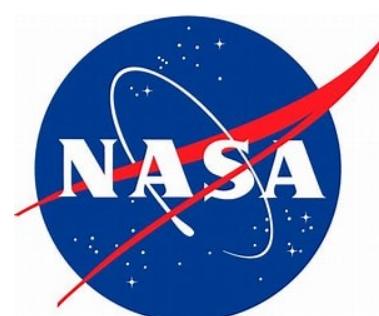
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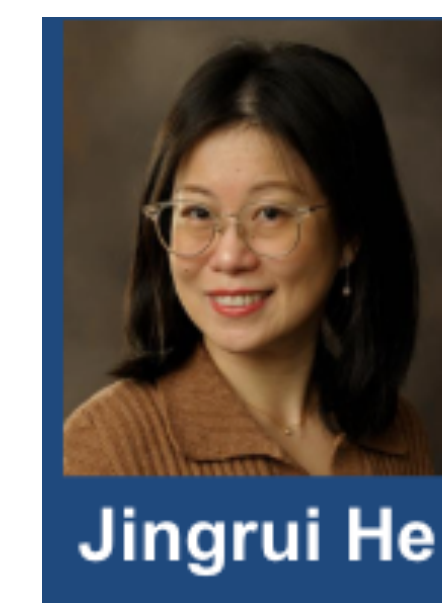
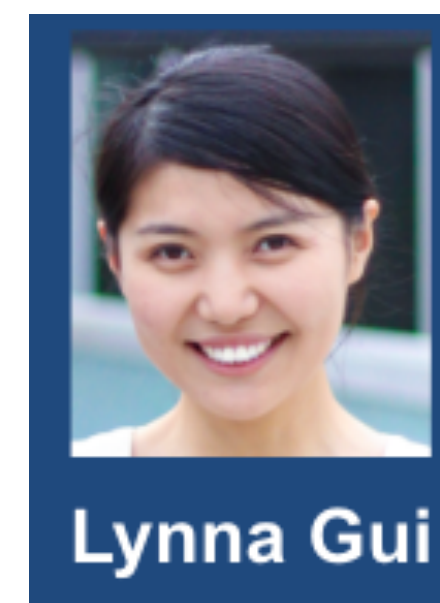
Looking Forward & Takeaways

Expecting the Unexpected: AI/ML for Anomaly Detection

- Self-supervised algorithms for more versatile hierarchical representations to intricately encode the scene-object-part compositions inherent in complex images and time series
- Harness multimodal data
- Address complex data structures
- Handle highly imbalanced data
- Enhance interpretability
- Leverage “open-world” AI, adapting to previously unknown objects
- Enable real-time analysis & decision-making for time-sensitive follow-ups

[See also talk by Alex Razim](#)

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