



The HST Archive Galaxy-scale Gravitational Lens Search

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Overview

- Introduction and motivation:
strong lens survey science in the wide-field era
- The HAGGLeS survey field definition – and the image processing performed so far. We are an HST Archive Legacy Project(TM)...
- Automated lens detection: the HAGGLeS robot
Testing on :
 - 1) simulated data
 - 2) the EGS survey fields
 - 3) known CASTLeS lenses
- Preliminary results from the GO archive

Strong lensing survey science

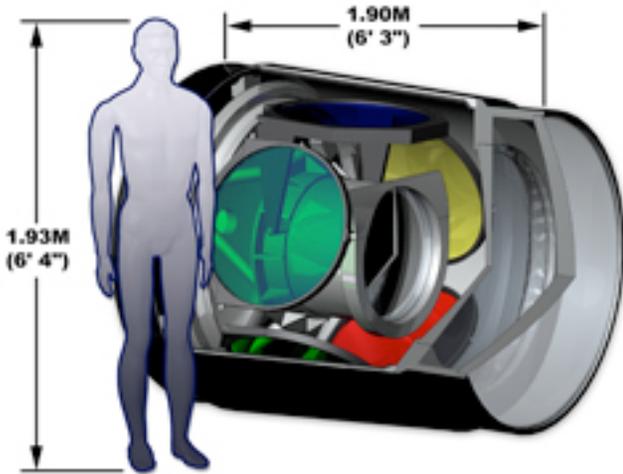
Current sample: c. 200 lenses

We can aim to enlarge this by at least 2 orders of magnitude with future facilities like **LSST**, Dune and **SNAP**...

An INCOMPLETE list of projects possible with ENORMOUS statistical samples:

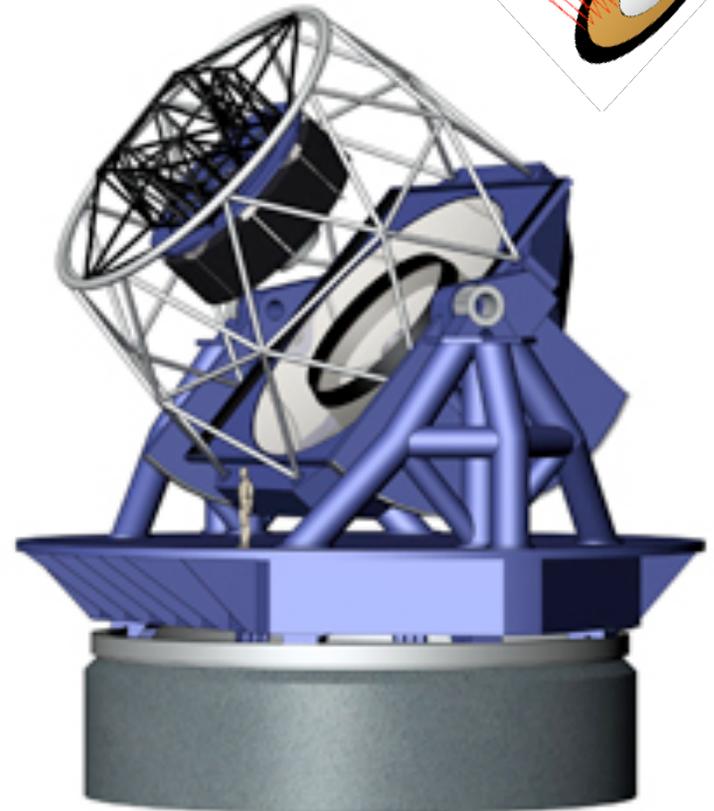
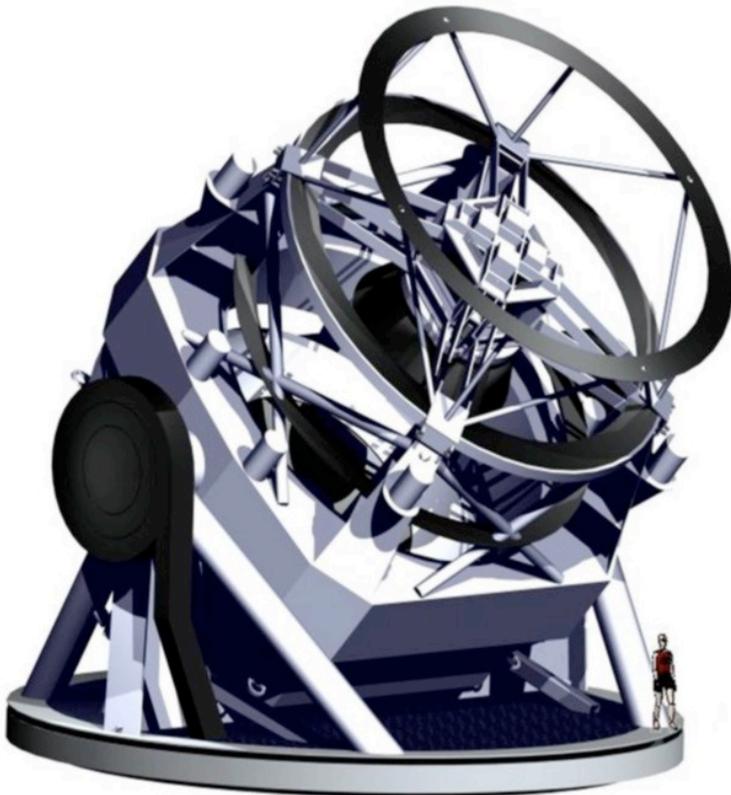
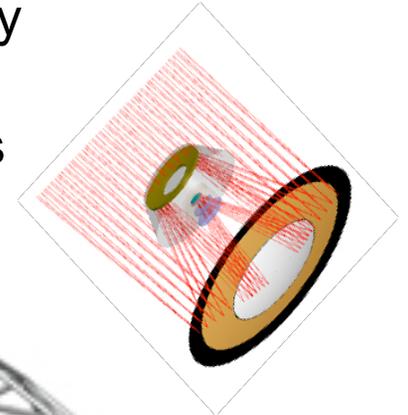
- **Lens statistics:** galaxy mass profiles and their evolution with high precision, simultaneous inference of cosmological parameters?
- **Image separations:** galaxy mass profiles and their evolution with high precision, simultaneous inference of cosmological parameters?
- **Time delays:** lensed AGN, supernovae – simultaneous inference of H_0 , microlensing statistics, lens environments, galaxy mass profiles etc
- **Sub-galaxy scale substructure:** anomalous magnification ratios (best in radio), extended source deformations
- **Redshift distribution** of the faintest galaxies, sizes and structure
- **Rare events:** higher order catastrophes, lensed exotica, the unexpected...

Strong lensing with LSST



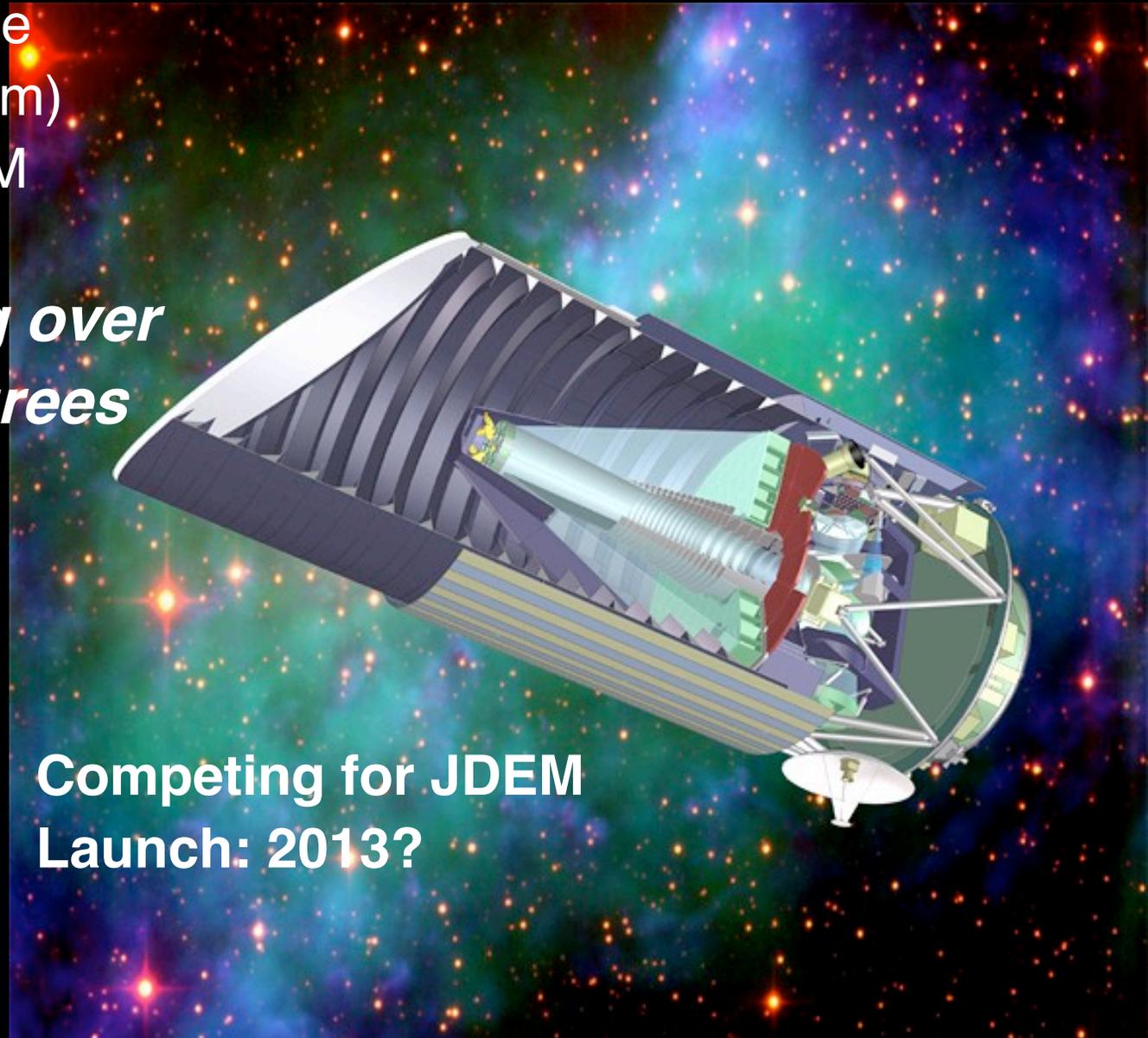
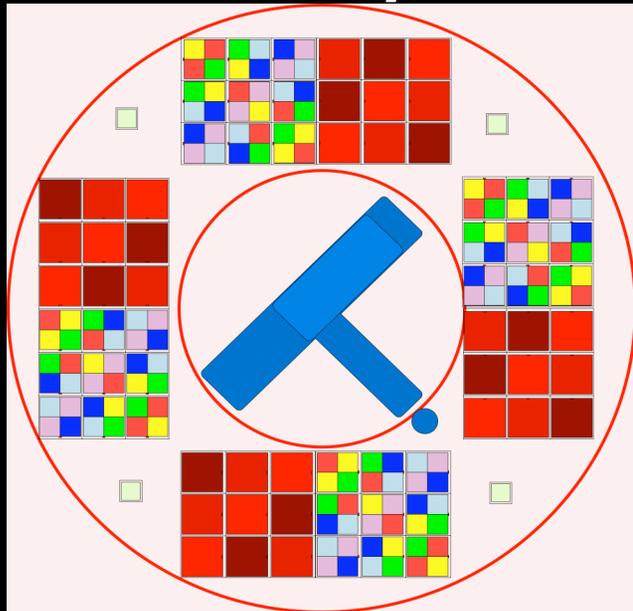
High etendue survey telescope

- 6m effective aperture
- 10 sq deg field, 20,000 sq deg survey
- 24.5 mag in 30 seconds, ugrizY
- Visible sky mapped every four nights
- Ten year *movie* of the sky
- $\sim 10^5$ lenses



SNAP

- 2m class telescope, 0.7 sq degree field of view
 - IF Spectrograph for SNe
 - 9 filters (350nm–1700nm)
 - PSF 0.13 arcsec FWHM
 - 0.1 arcsec pixels,
- HST-quality imaging over
1000 square degrees***



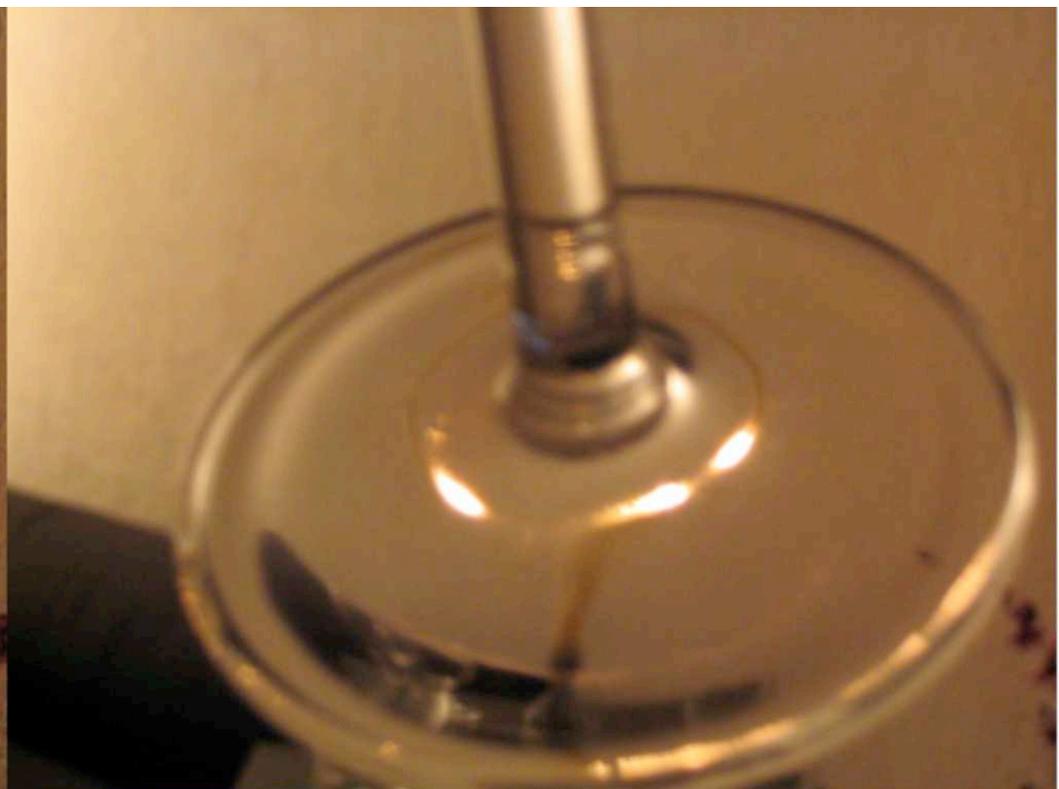
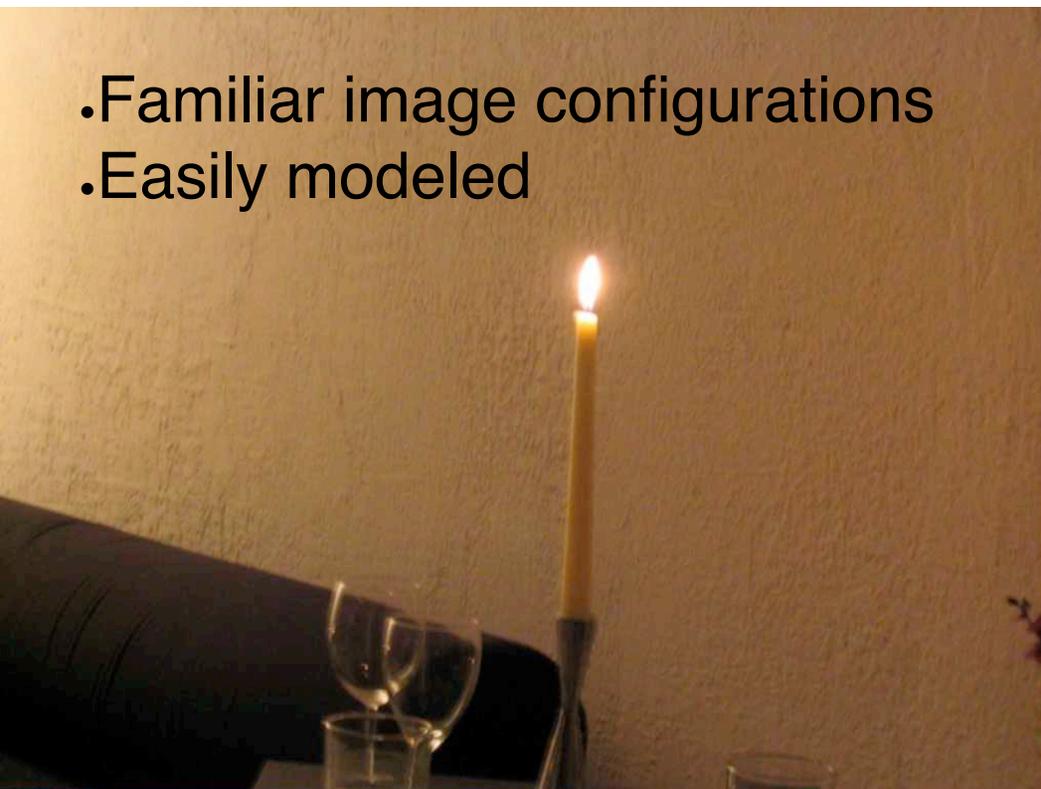
**Competing for JDEM
Launch: 2013?**

Examining elliptical galaxies

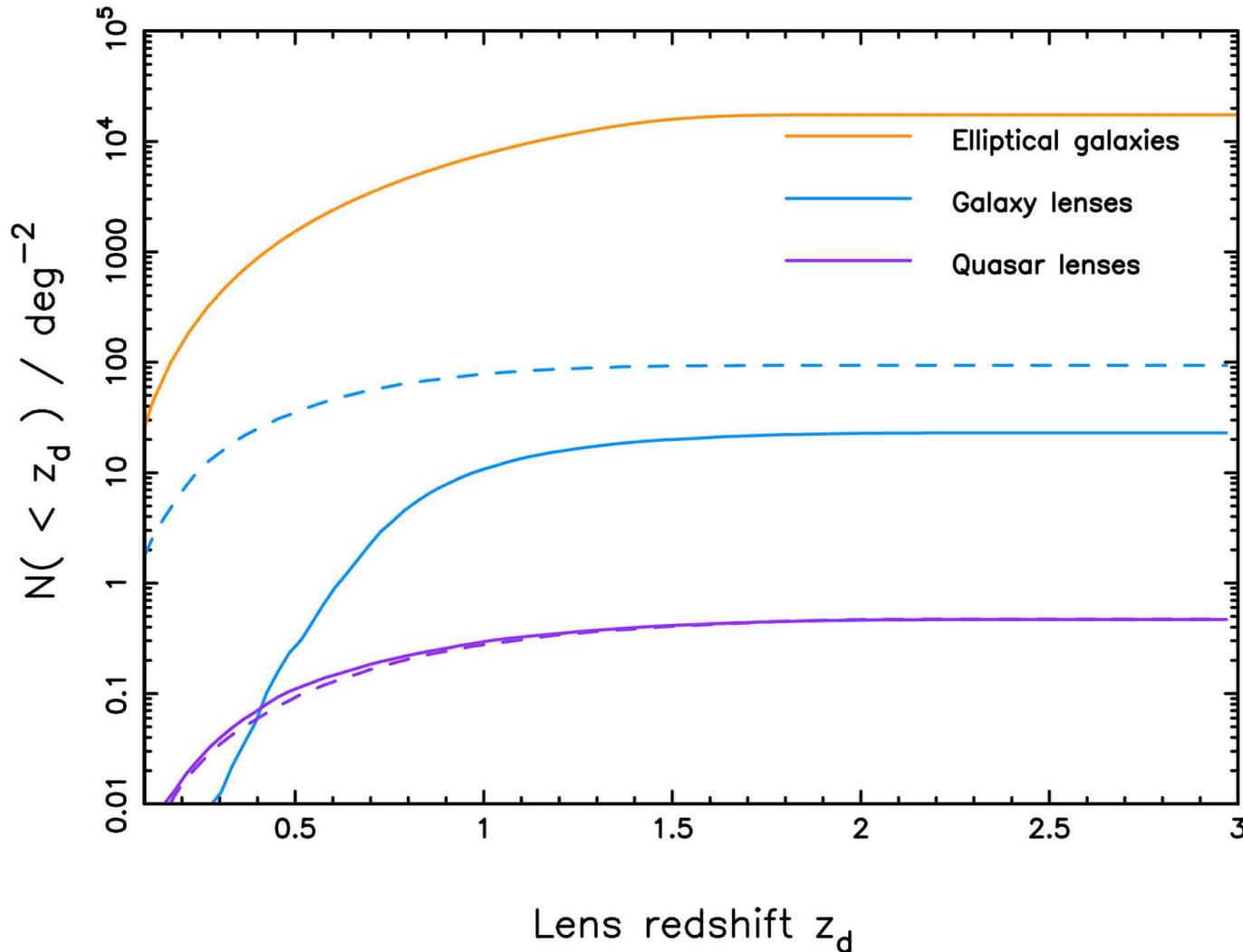
Most of the lensing cross-section in the universe is in **massive elliptical galaxies**; most of the sources are **faint blue galaxies**

- Optimise search for these “typical” lenses

- .Familiar image configurations
- .Easily modeled



Examining elliptical galaxies



1 in 40000
elliptical
galaxies is
lensing a
quasar,

1 in 200 is
lensing a normal
galaxy
(but you may only
realise it once
every 5 times)

Predict:

*c. 20 lenses per
square degree
with SNAP*



We are searching the entire HST/ACS imaging archive for galaxy-scale gravitational lenses

- Exposure time > 2000 s in each of at least 2 filters – register and stack to maximise depth and fidelity
- Parallel fields, individual galaxies, clusters, GRBs, large surveys etc etc - *a range of lens environments*
- Predict ~ 10 strong gravitational lenses per sq degree - some will already be known...
- With one eye on the bigger picture – automate the search
- This is the **ONLY** precursor dataset for SNAP

<http://www.slac.stanford.edu/~pjm/HAGGLeS>

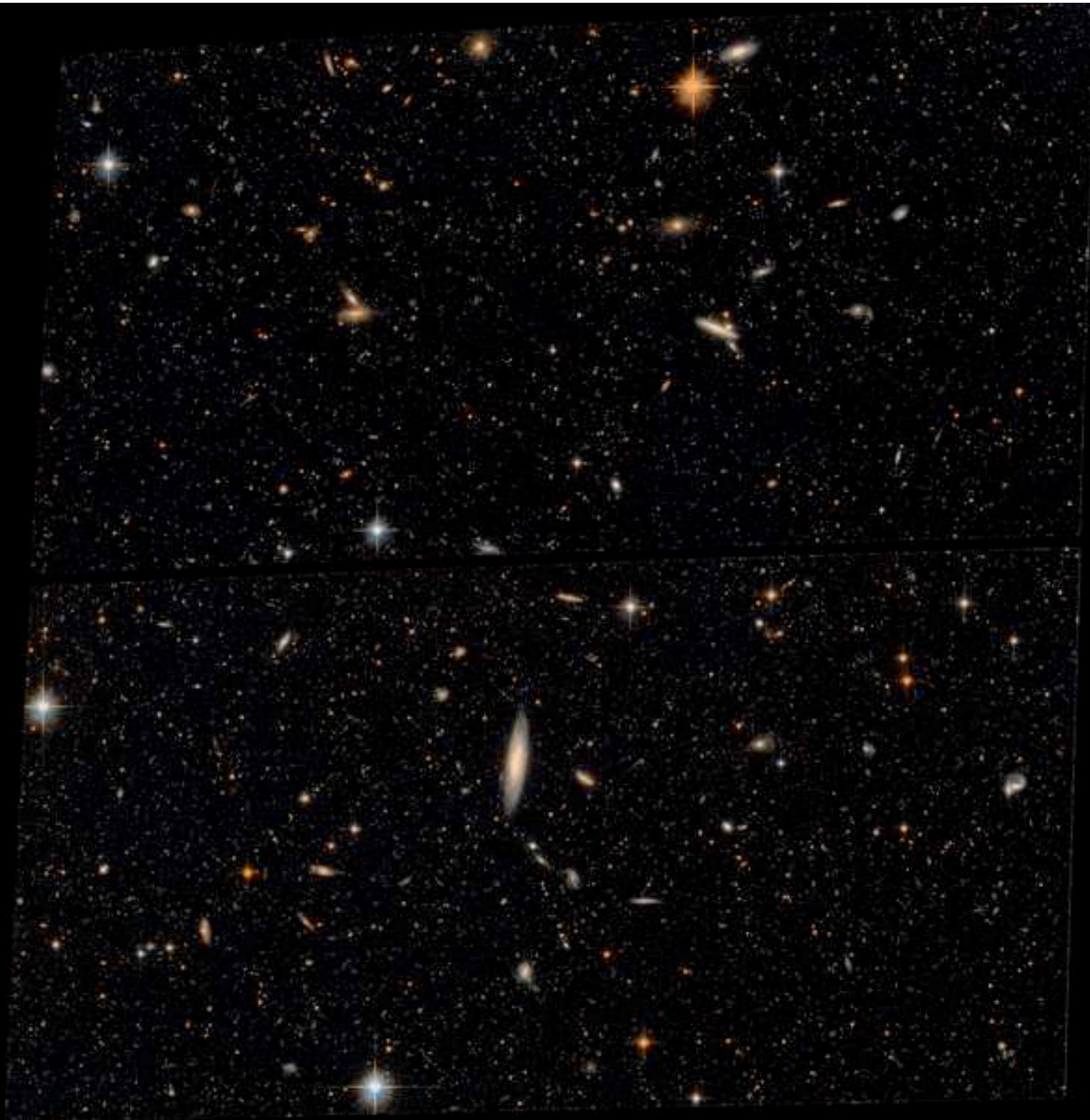
Image processing

Lens searching requires deep, high quality stacked images: this is one of the project's legacies to the community

- We are aggressively combining ACS exposures from many proposals and epochs, to make the “ultimate” image
- Tim Schrabback is leading the weak lensing effort – and enforcing high standards!
- Extension to single filter data to follow: see Cecile Faure’s talk on the COSMOS candidates
- The high level science product images will be returned to MAST later this year for public use
- Aim to show the status of the image processing here
- Keep an eye open for lenses!

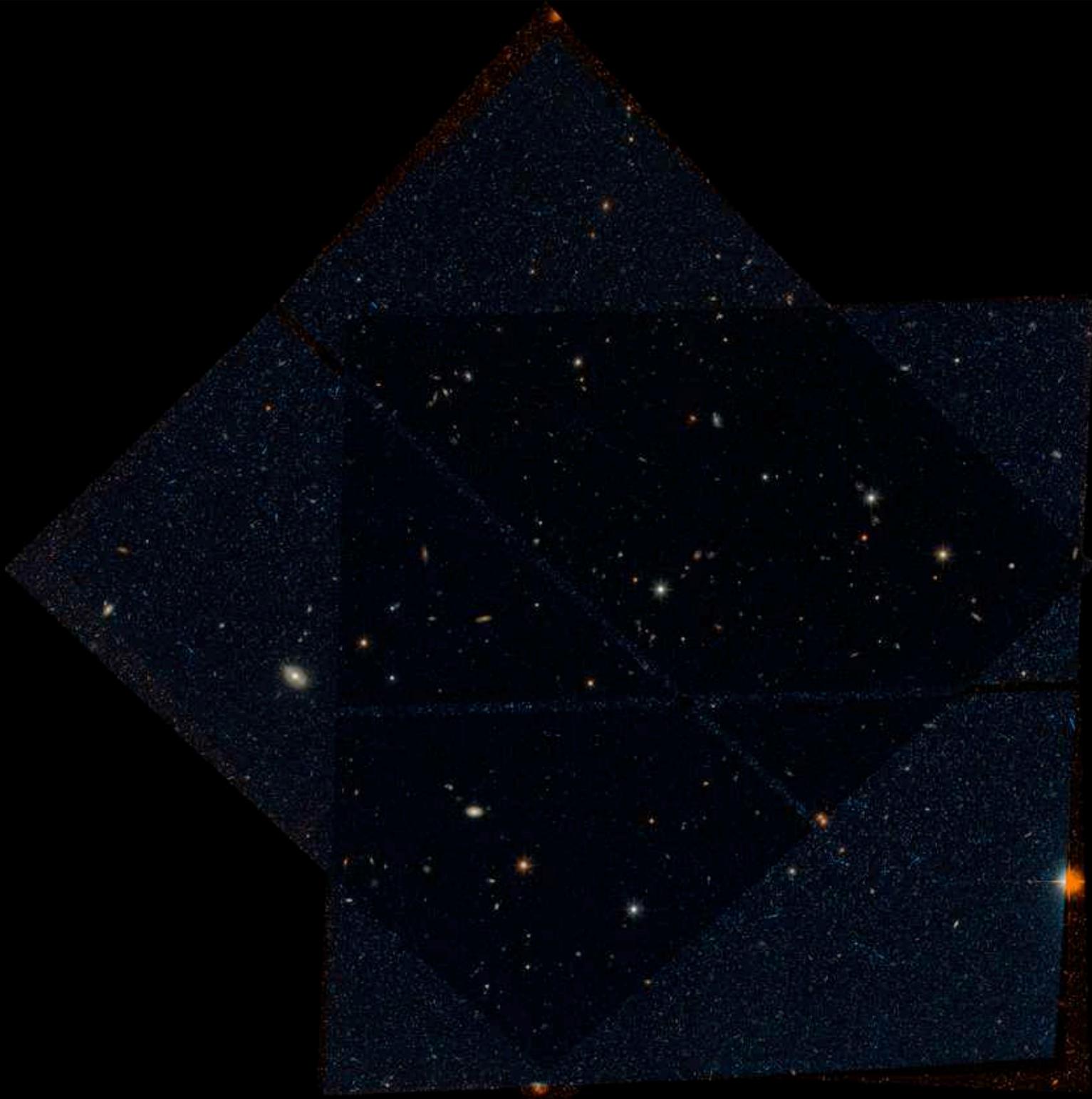
HAGGLEs: 224 fields (0.690 square degrees)

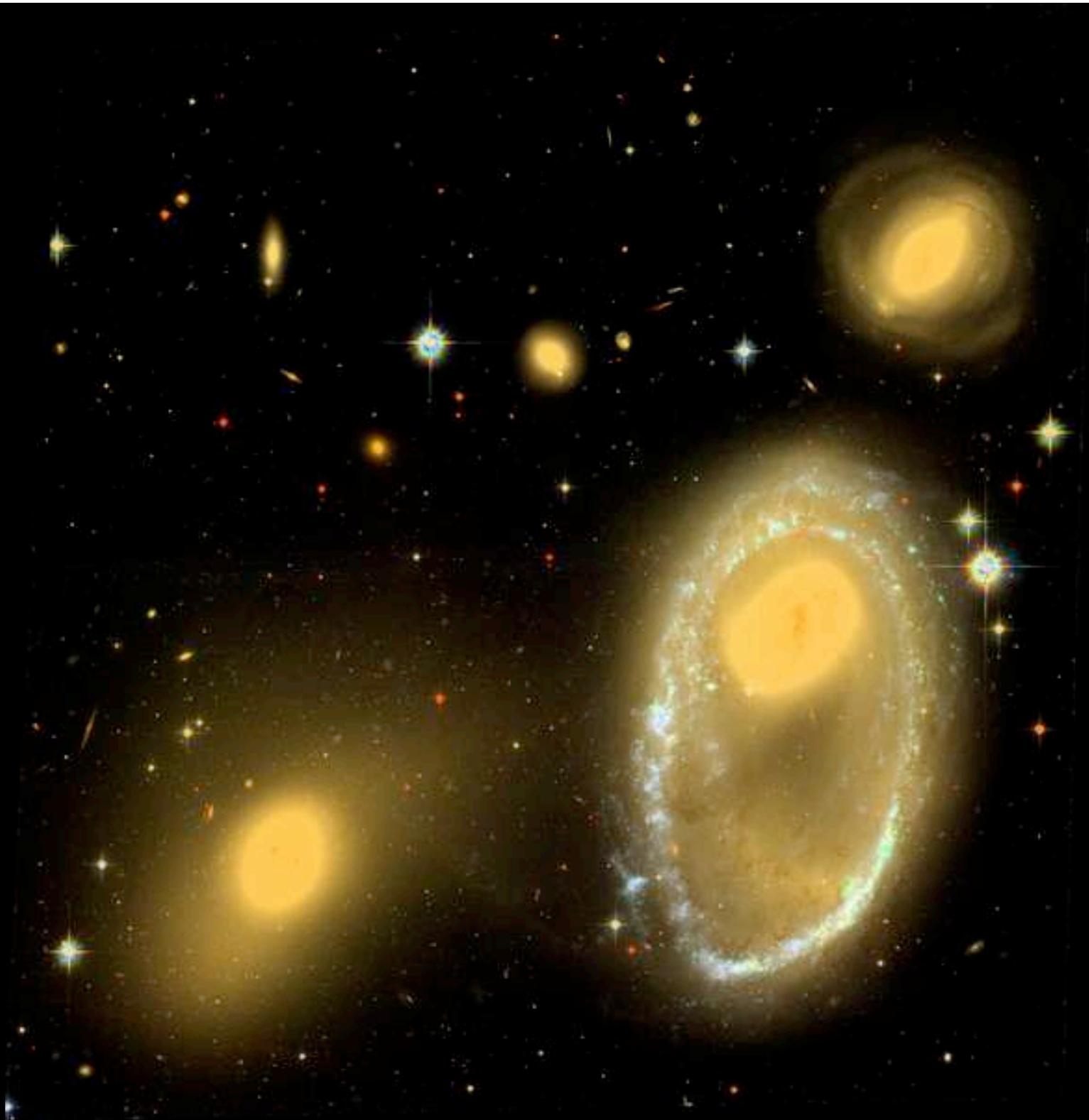
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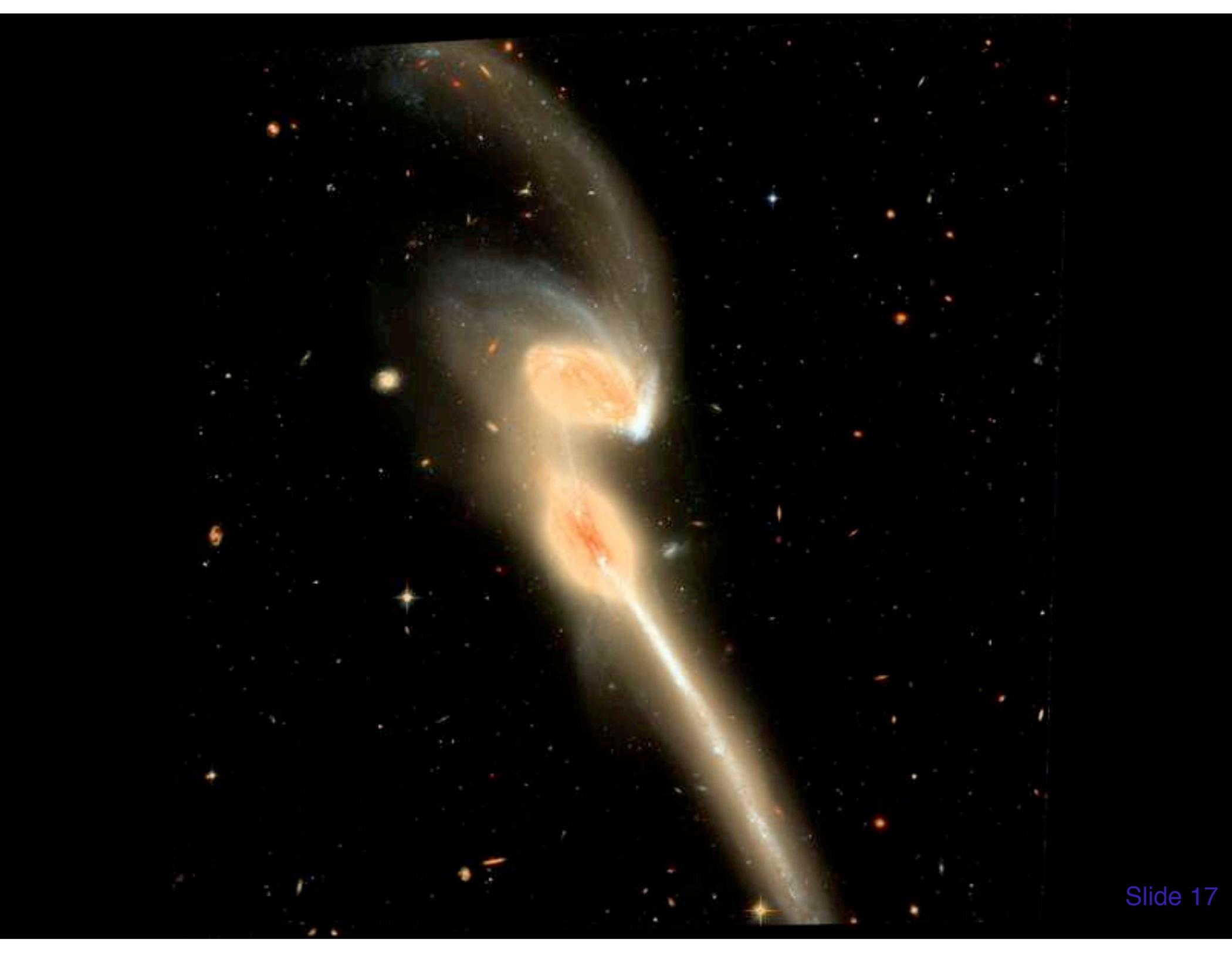




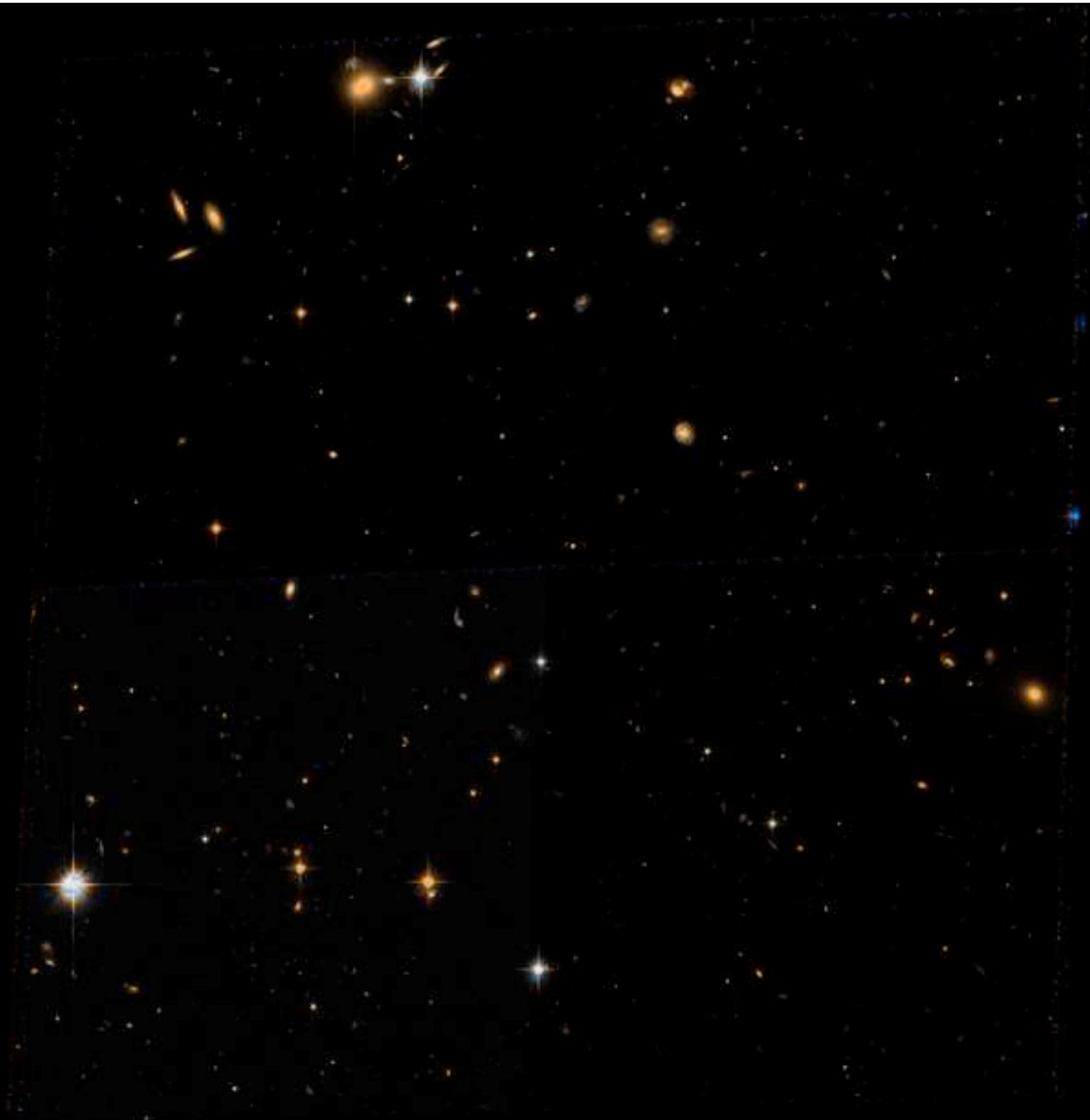






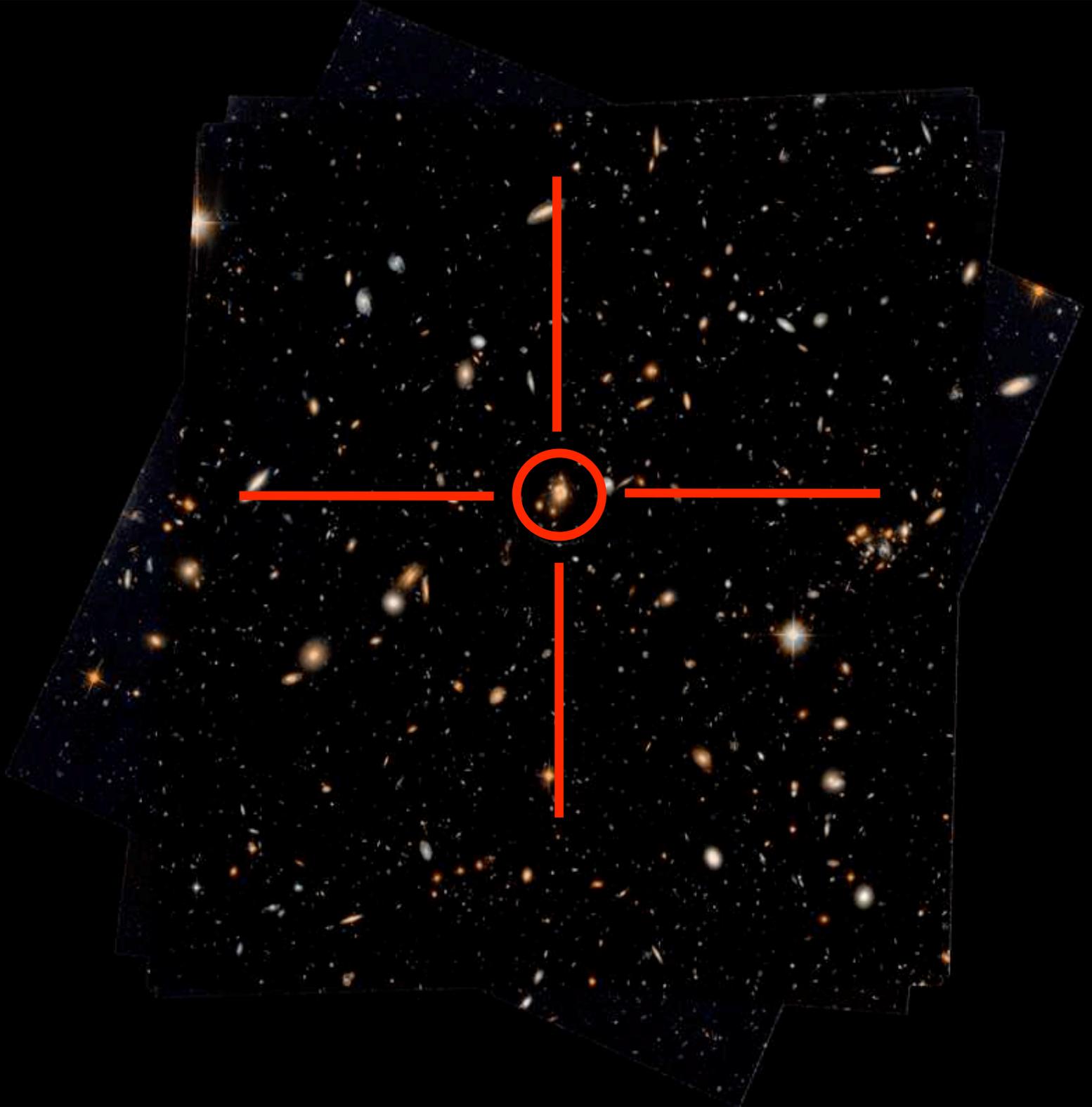












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Even better to have a robot do it for you

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IDEA:

MODEL EVERY OBJECT AS IF IT WERE A LENS

Trace flux back to source plane using assumed model, measure mean brightness of *minimum* image, vary model parameters (mass, shear) to maximise flux of source, rank and present to human QC...

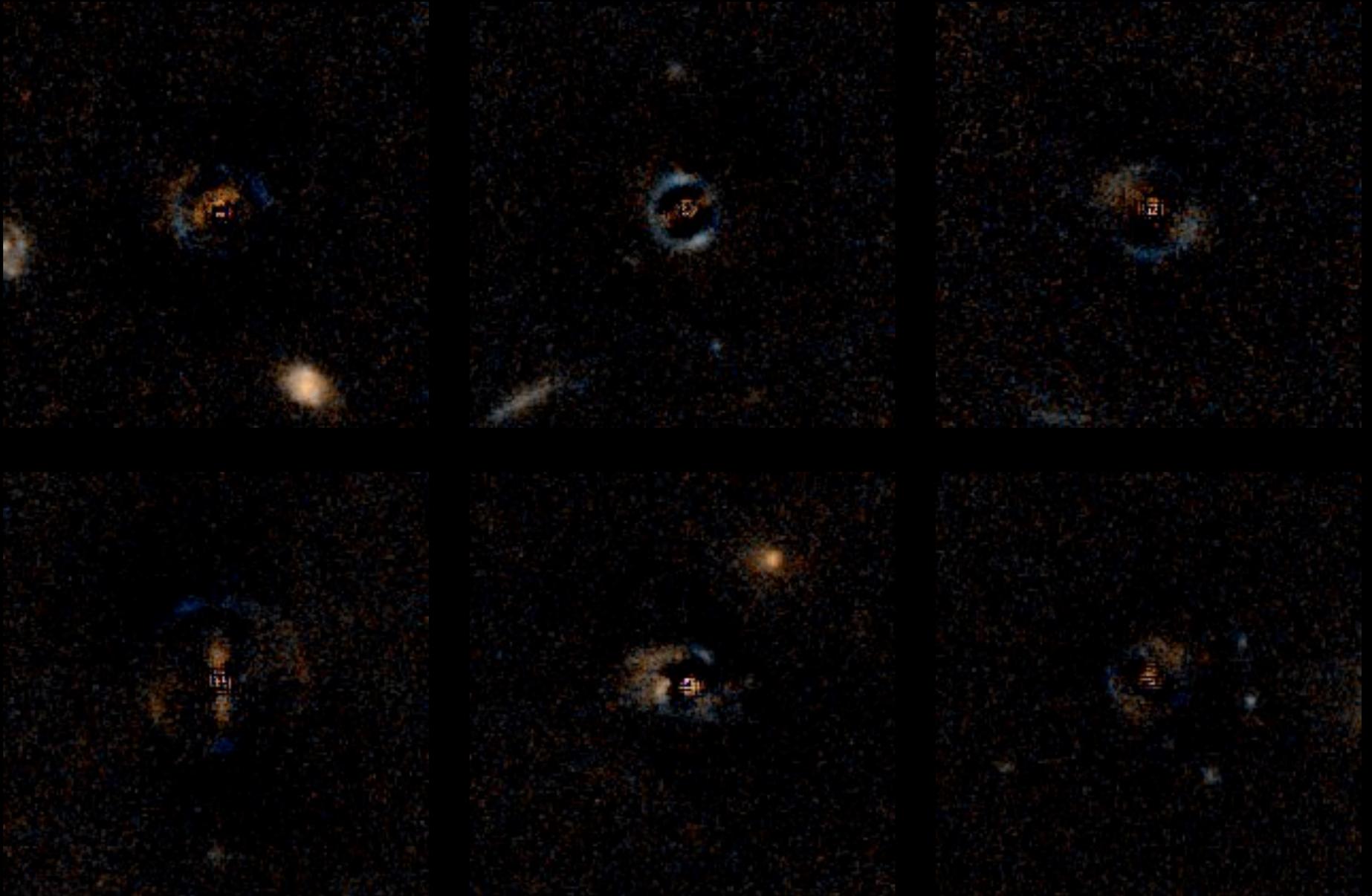
Demonstration 1: simulated lenses

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- Model with robot, learn from results...

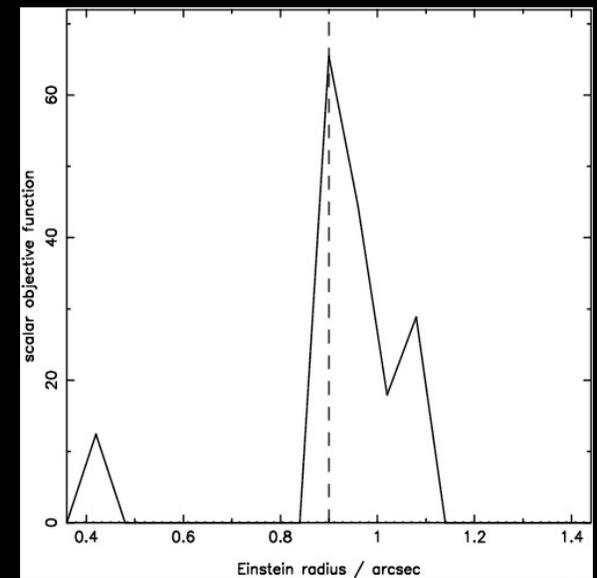
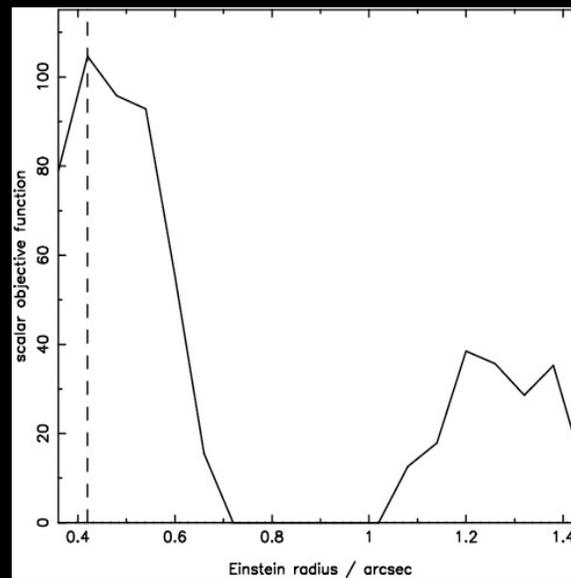
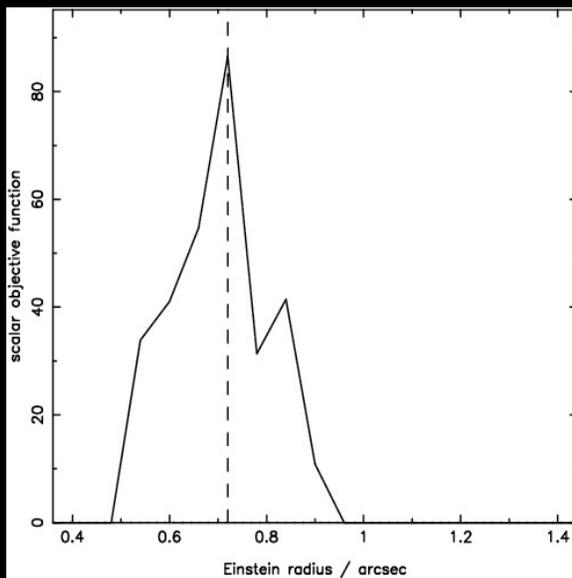
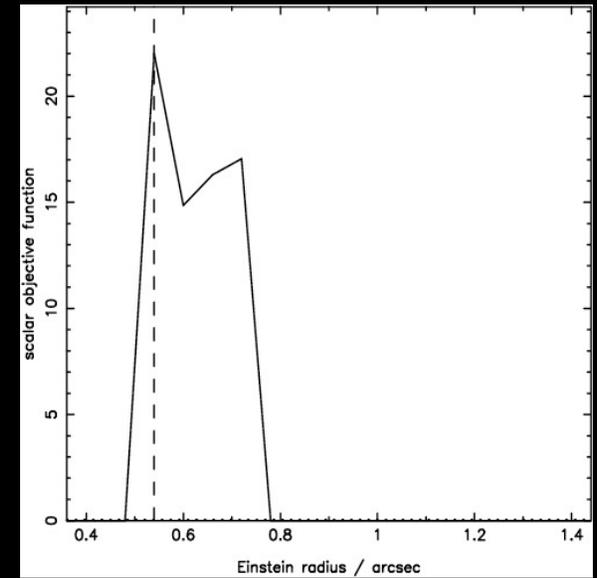
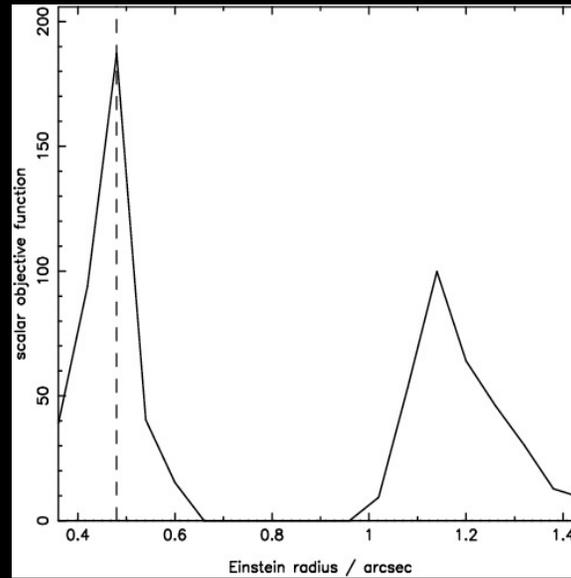
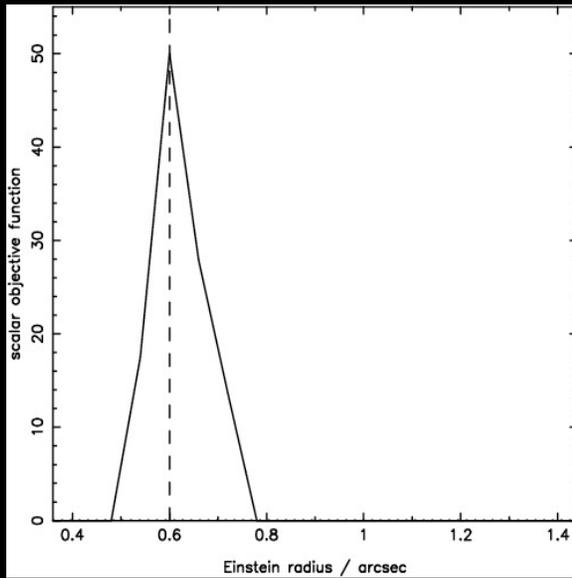
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- Robot accurately recovers realistic lensed features when the lens galaxy is simple
- Preliminary results suggest that up to 50% of lenses have morphology (disks, satellites) that is confusing enough to cause a false negative— the robot can be improved! Eventually this study will give us the robot selection function - but how does it compare with Lexi?

Demonstration 2: the EGS survey

- 63 ACS pointings, 0.19 sq deg, F606W+F814W
- Moustakas et al (2007) inspected all the frames by eye and identified 3 “A-list” lenses (2 not previously known), and 4 “B-list” candidates
- A useful testing ground! Calibrate the robot on Lexi's A-list, and see what else we get...
- The HAGGLeS robot finds, from 1032 bright red objects, 310 “B-list” candidates, and 11 “A-list” candidates

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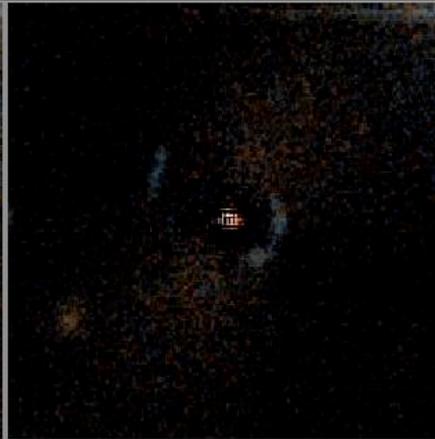
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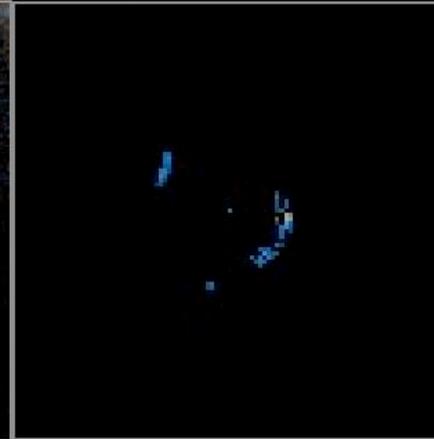
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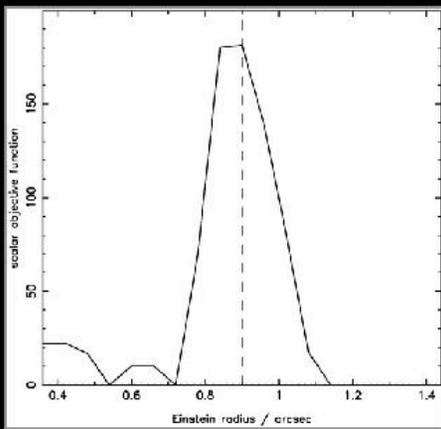
Color residual image



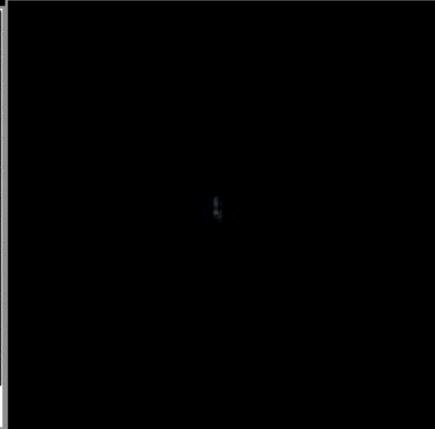
Masked input image



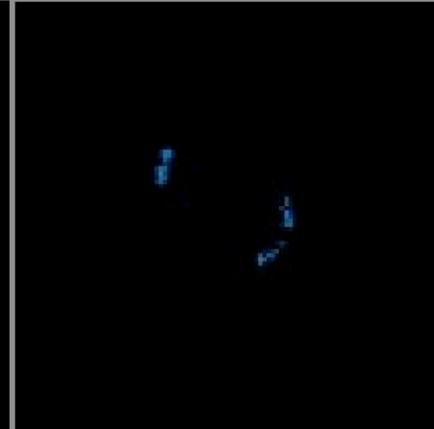
Scalar objective (min)



Corresponding (min) source



Reconstructed (min) image



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HSTJ141820.84+523611.2

thetaE = 0.6 arcsec, xgamma = 0, xtheta = 0 rad

scalar = 617.751, source F606W mag = 28.311286, goodness of fit (sigmas) = 13.002473

Basic color image



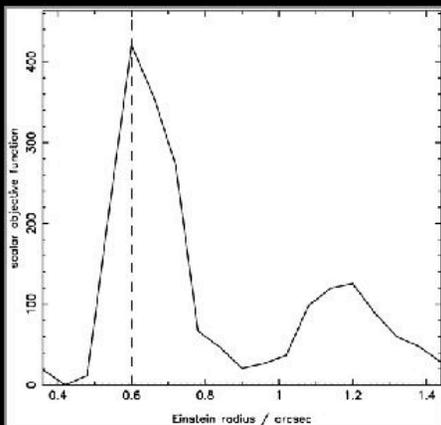
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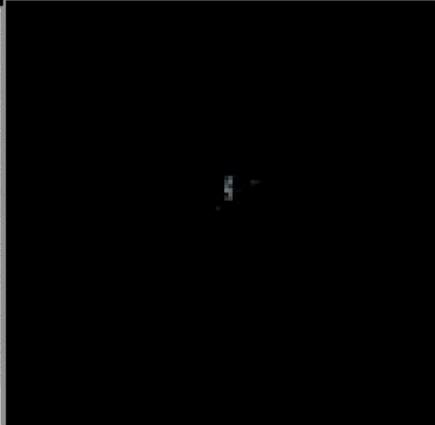
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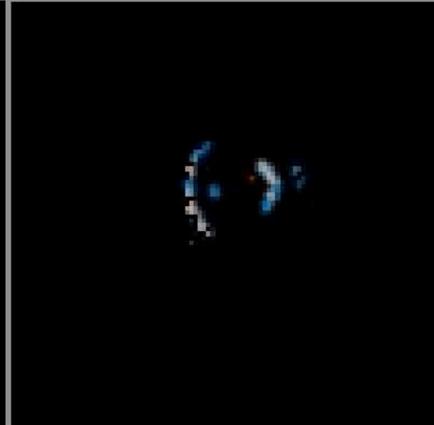
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- A-list has purity $\sim 20\%$ and is $\sim 70\%$ complete
- A+B-list has purity $\sim 1\%$ but is $\sim 90\%$ complete (and contains all 3 Moustakas et al confirmed lenses by design)
- Human classification of the A+B sample (321 objects) picked out all the Moustakas et al candidate lenses therein – and one new object:

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Basic color image



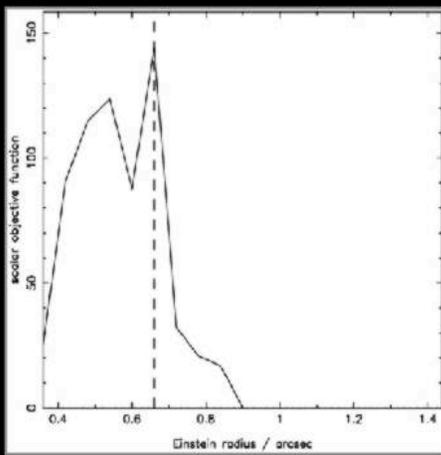
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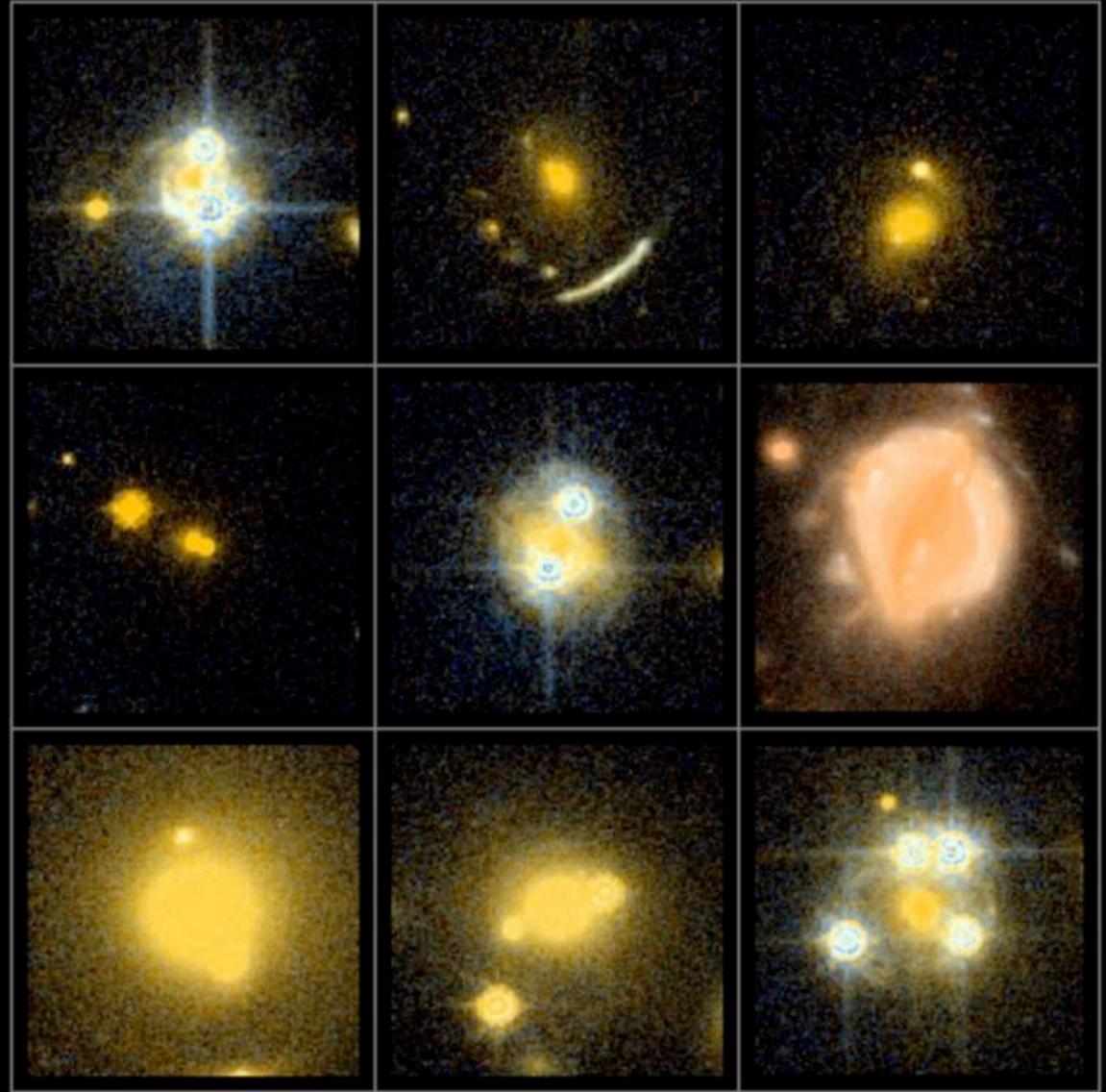
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Robots make classification fast

- 2 square degrees is covered by
- 650 ACS pointings
- containing 700,000 galaxies
- of which 20,000 are bright and red
- but only ~20 of those are actually lenses;
- the robot thinks 30% = ~6000 might be lenses, is “sure” about ~200 of them, and is right about ~14 of those.
- Robot-aided human classification is fast (~few seconds per object via a cgi-bin interface): only looking at the A+B-list robot output, the whole HAGGLEs survey will take 6 Lexi-hours
- At the same rate, SNAP-wide would take 75 Lexi-weeks – becoming feasible, but some way to go yet...

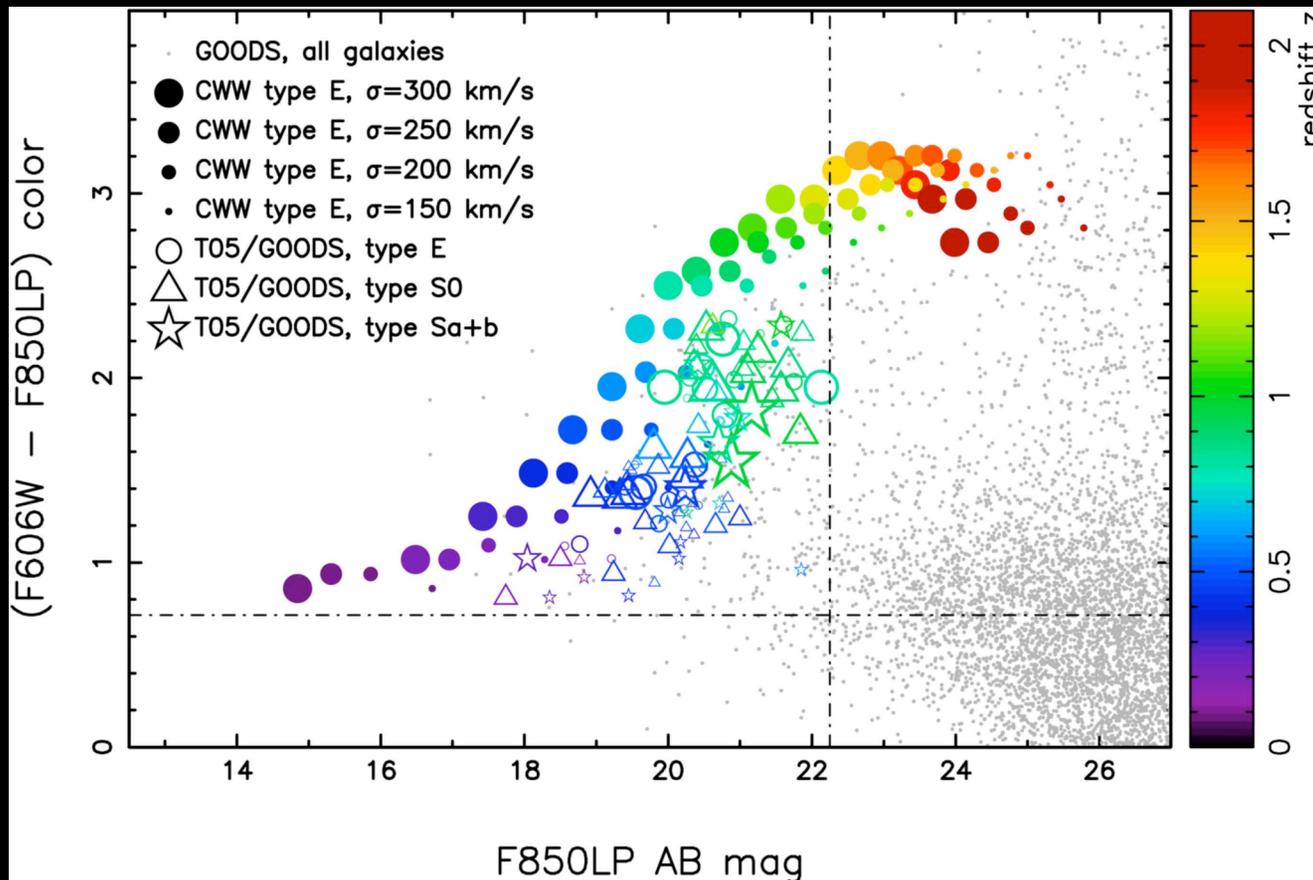
Demonstration 3: CASTLeS lenses

- 9 CASTLeS lens fields processed to date
- Note the different appearance...
- The HAGGLeS robot fails to identify ANY of these as lenses!
- It is blinded by the quasars: the high S/N ratio demands a better lens model than the robot can provide
- The CASTLeS objects are *atypical lenses* – our starting aim was to find *typical lenses*



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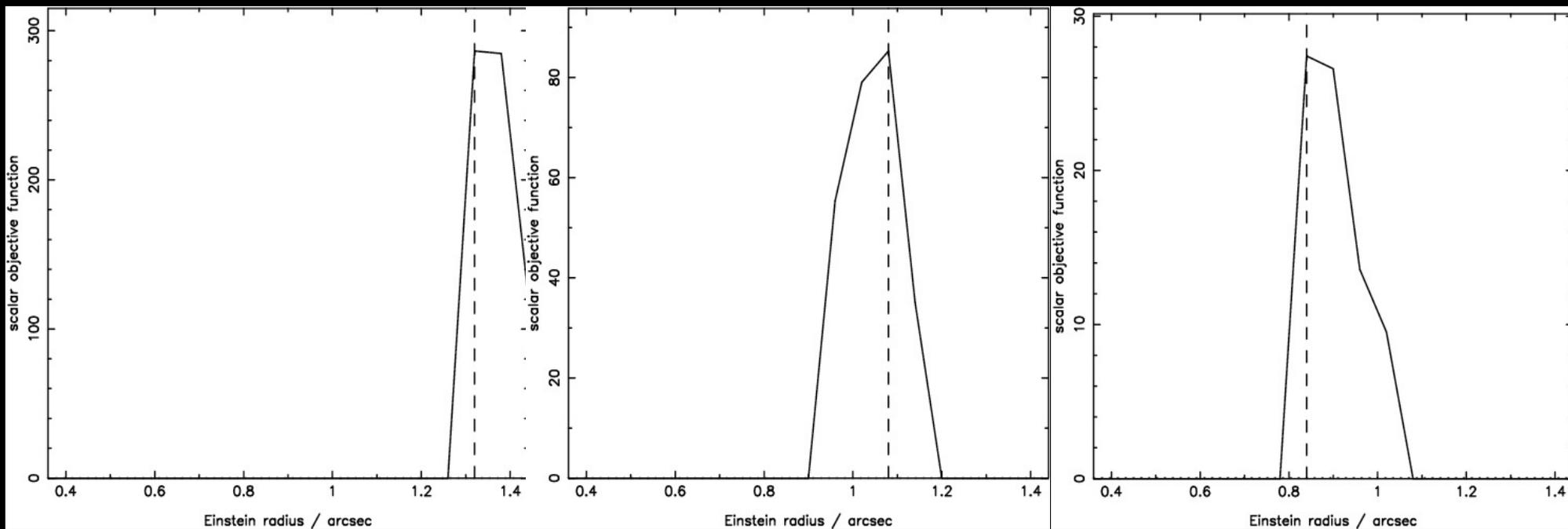
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- But what do YOU think?!
- Having multi-filter high-resolution imaging but no spectroscopy *may* be a situation we have to get used to – then the lens model is all we have!

Conclusions

- We have reprocessed $\sim 20\%$ of the deep, multi-filter, GO HST-ACS archive, aggressively combining exposures to make deep, high quality images – the rest are being processed as we speak
- Calibrating our lens-detection robot to simulations and the EGS eyeball survey of Moustakas et al (2007), we expect completeness of $\sim 70\%$ but purity of 1% - these numbers can be improved upon!
- By automated searching of the HST archive data we have, to date, discovered 4 new lens candidates
- The appropriateness of the model for the data will be our only “confirmation” in the absence of massive spectroscopic follow-up
- *It is already possible to model every single lens candidate as part of the survey process:* classifying the SNAP wide lenses should eventually be feasible on timescales \sim few days

WL: 628 fields (1.93 square degrees)

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