

JWST-ER1: An Einstein Ring



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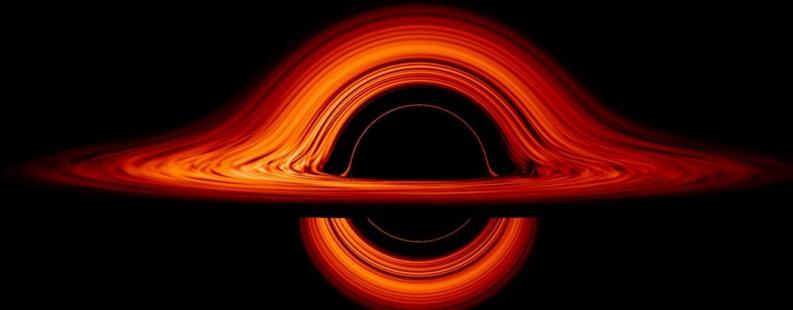
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Einstein Rings



Gravitational Lensing

- **Definition:** the bending of light due to spacetime curvature around a mass, causing background objects to appear magnified, distorted, or multiplied.



<https://science.nasa.gov/universe/black-hole-week/>

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{4GM}{c^2 b}$$

Deflection Angle

$$\beta = \theta - \alpha(\theta)$$

Lens Equation

$$\theta_E = \sqrt{\frac{4GM}{c^2} \frac{D_{LS}}{D_L D_S}}$$

Einstein Radius

$\hat{\alpha}$ = deflection angle (rad)
G = Gravitational Constant ($m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2}$)
M = Mass of object (kg)
c = Speed of light (m/s)
b = Impact parameter (m, pc, or AU)
β = True angular position (rad)
θ = Apparent angular position (rad)
$\alpha(\theta)$ = Reduced deflection angle (rad)
θ_E = Ring angular size (Einstein Radius)
D_{LS} = Distance from lens and object/source (m)
D_L = Distance from lens to observer (m)
D_S = Distance from source to observer (m)

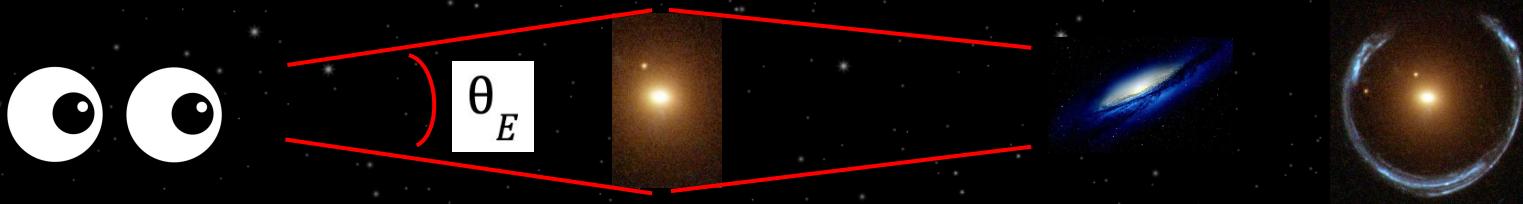
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Some History (Proving GR)

Eddington Experiment:

- **Goal:** test Einstein's General Relativity by measuring how much starlight bends near the Sun.
- **Method:** photograph stars during a total solar eclipse, when the Sun's light is blocked.
- **Eddington led two expeditions to observe the eclipse:**

Principe Island (off Africa)

Sobral, Brazil

- During the eclipse, starlight passing near the Sun's edge was measured and compared to their normal positions at night.
 - Newtonian gravity → 0.87 arcseconds of deflection
 - Einstein's GR → 1.75 arcseconds
- **Observed deflection matched Einstein's prediction, not Newton's.**
- **Result:** first major experimental confirmation of General Relativity.



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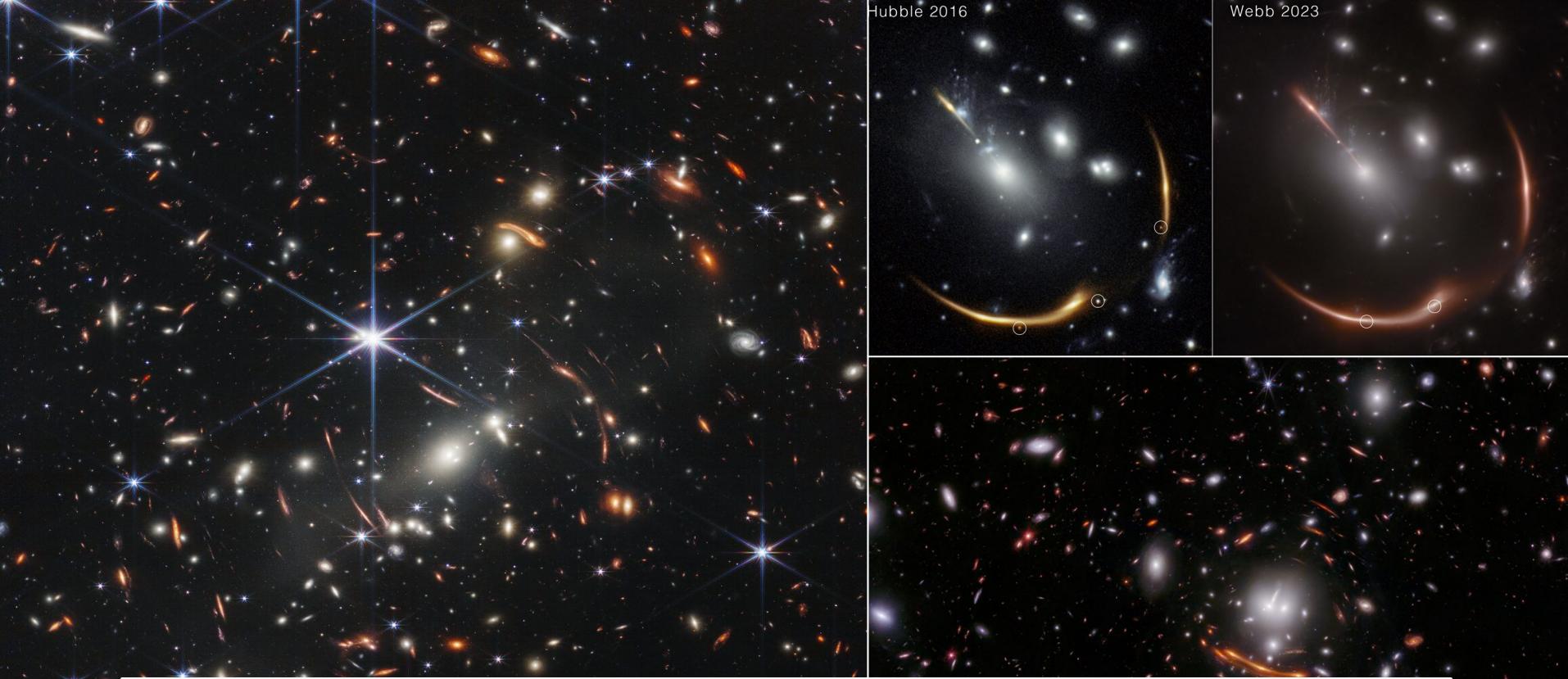
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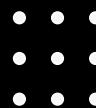
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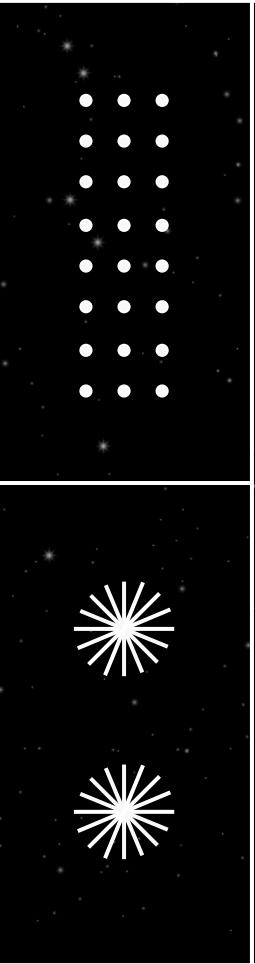
- **Lens Galaxy (JWST-ER1g):**
Photometric redshift: $z_L = 1.94 (+0.13 / -0.17)$
Effective radius: $r_e \approx 1.9 \pm 0.2$ kpc
Sérsic index: $n \approx 5.0 \pm 0.6$
Stellar mass (within Einstein radius): $\sim 1.1 \times 10^{11}$ solar masses
Total mass (within Einstein radius): $\sim 6.5 \times 10^{11}$ solar masses
Dark-matter mass (same region): $\sim 2.6 \times 10^{11}$ solar masses
Stellar population age: ~ 1.9 billion years
Star-formation rate: ~ 4 solar masses per year (quiescent)
Morphology: compact, round, early-type galaxy
- **Einstein Ring (JWST-ER1r):**
Observed diameter: $1.54 \text{ arcsec} \pm 0.02$
Corresponding physical radius: ~ 6.6 kpc
- **Background Source Galaxy:**
Photometric redshift: $z_S = 2.98 (+0.42 / -0.47)$

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JWST is great at finding lenses





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Research



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What's New

JWST Instrument metadata have changed. Now, the complete configuration is specified; for example, an Observation previously labeled "MIRI" might now be labeled "MIRI/IMAGE." This update brings JWST metadata in line with HST and allows for greater specificity in your search. See the [JWST Instrument Names](#) page for a full list of configurations.

Data from [FIMS-SPEAR](#), a joint Korean-US UV satellite, are now available in MAST. In addition to its invaluable spectral maps of the UV sky, FIMS-SPEAR has paved the way for us to ingest new cubesat, balloon, and small-rocket missions. Stay tuned as we add more of these missions to our collection!

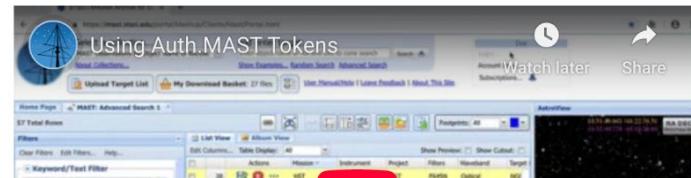
You can now [access the PLATO MAST Catalog](#) using the API or catalog search form.

Data Retrieval Notes

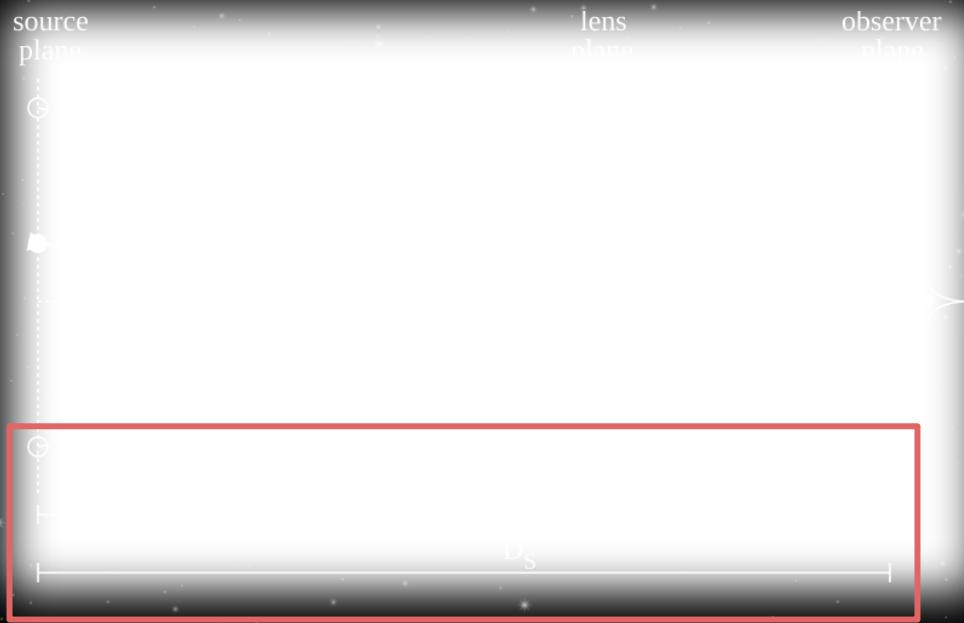
Currently available data collections:

- MAST Observations: Millions of observations from JWST, Hubble, Kepler, GALEX, IUE, FUSE, and more.
- Virtual Observatory: Search thousands of astronomical data archives from around the world for images, spectra, and catalogs.
- Hubble Source Catalog: A master catalog with a hundred million measurements of objects in Hubble images.
- MAST Catalogs: Access to catalog data such as Gaia and TESS Input Catalog, with more coming soon.

Featured tutorial: Using Auth.MAST, MAST's authorization token system.



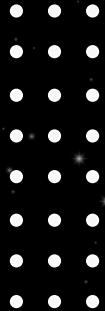
Einstein Radius



$$M(< \theta_E) = \frac{c^2}{4G} \frac{D_l D_s}{D_{ls}} \theta_E^2$$

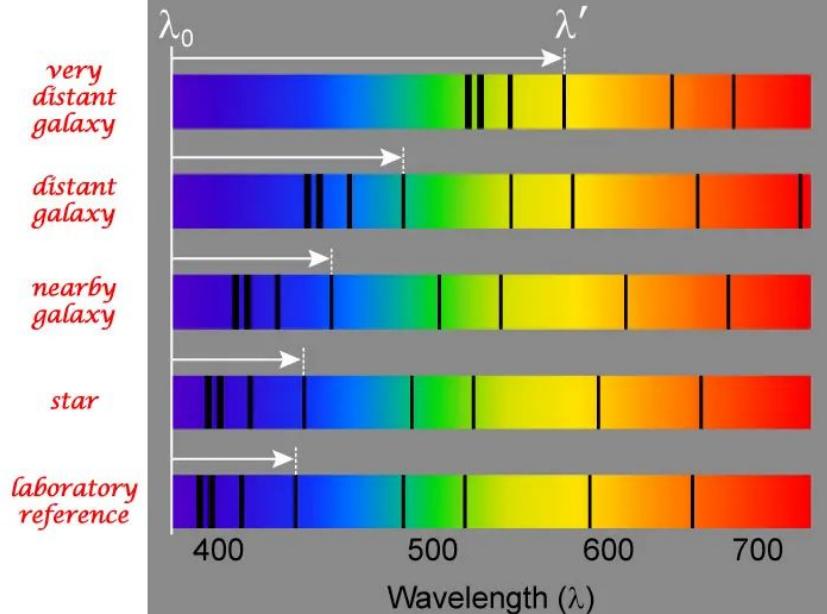
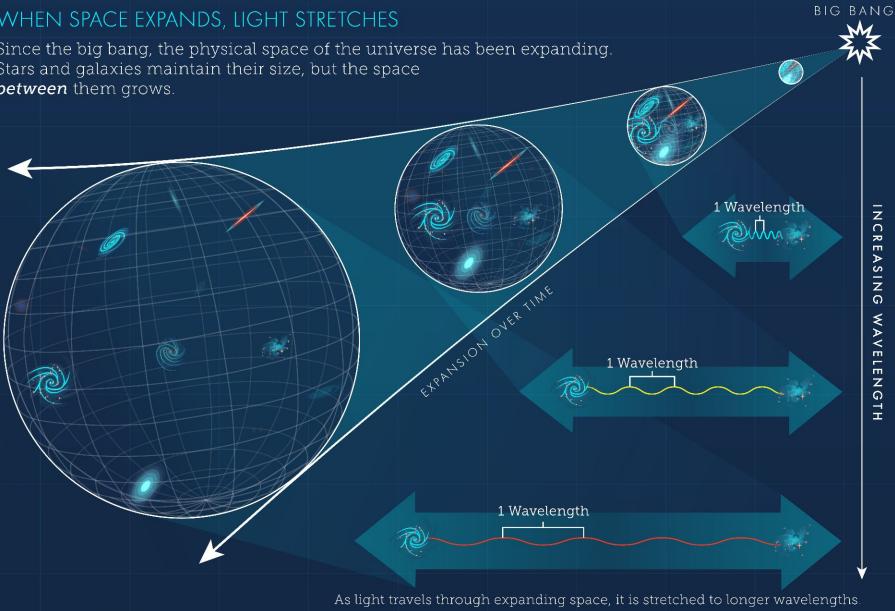
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Einstein_radius#/media/File:Gravitational_lens_geometry.svg

Spectroscopy!

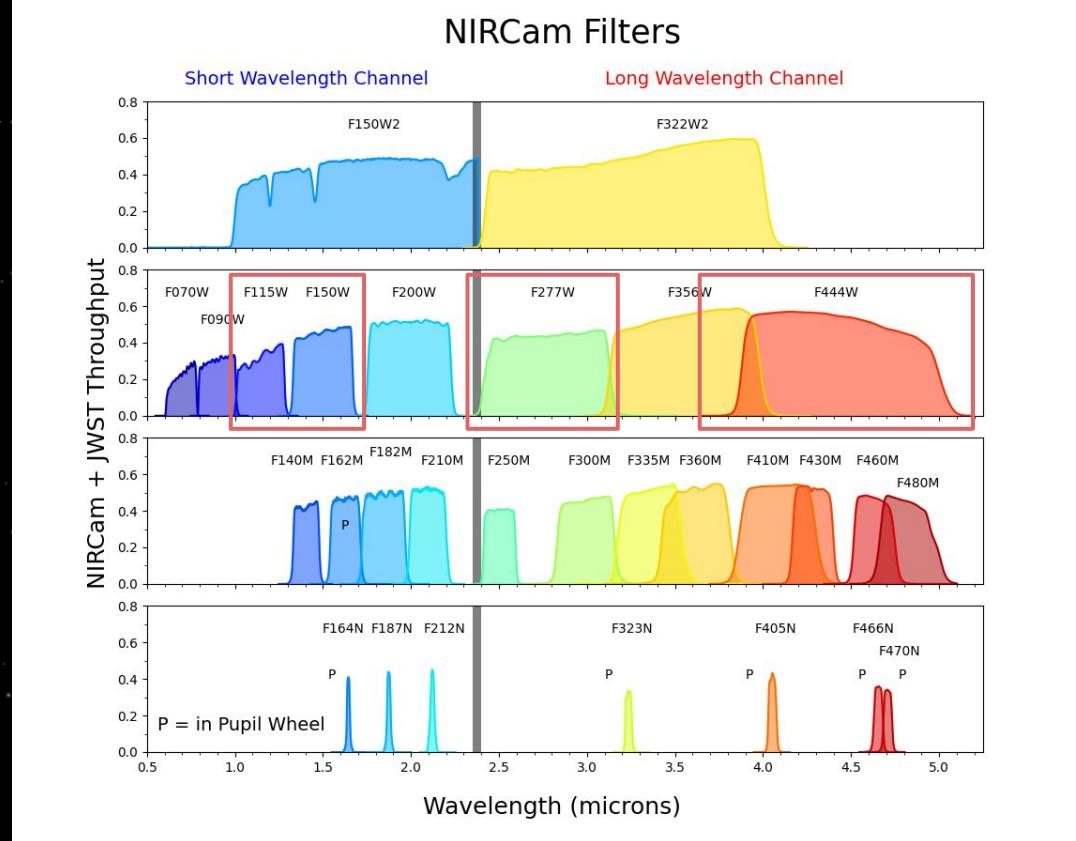
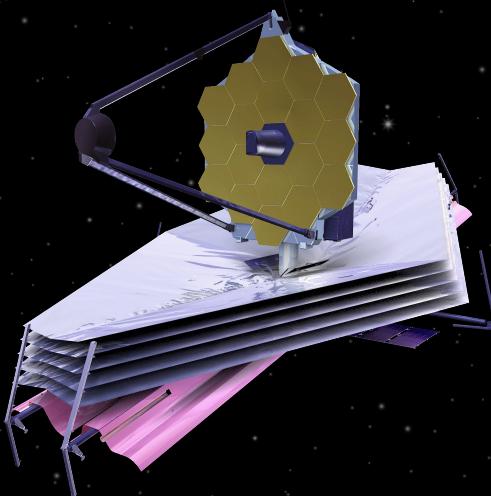


WHEN SPACE EXPANDS, LIGHT STRETCHES

Since the big bang, the physical space of the universe has been expanding. Stars and galaxies maintain their size, but the space *between* them grows.



*NOT ACCURATE COLORS



The following datasets were analyzed (nomenclature explanation):

Program ID **01727**, Observation ID **o140**, Target **t104** (the region where JWST-ER1 is located in the JWST data map). Focused on **nircam** data (0.6 - 5.0 μm | 2.07 - 0.248 eV), using no additional filters (**clear**).

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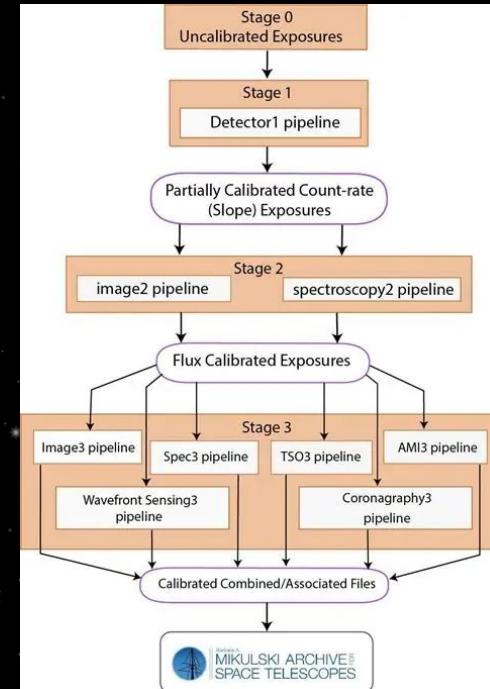
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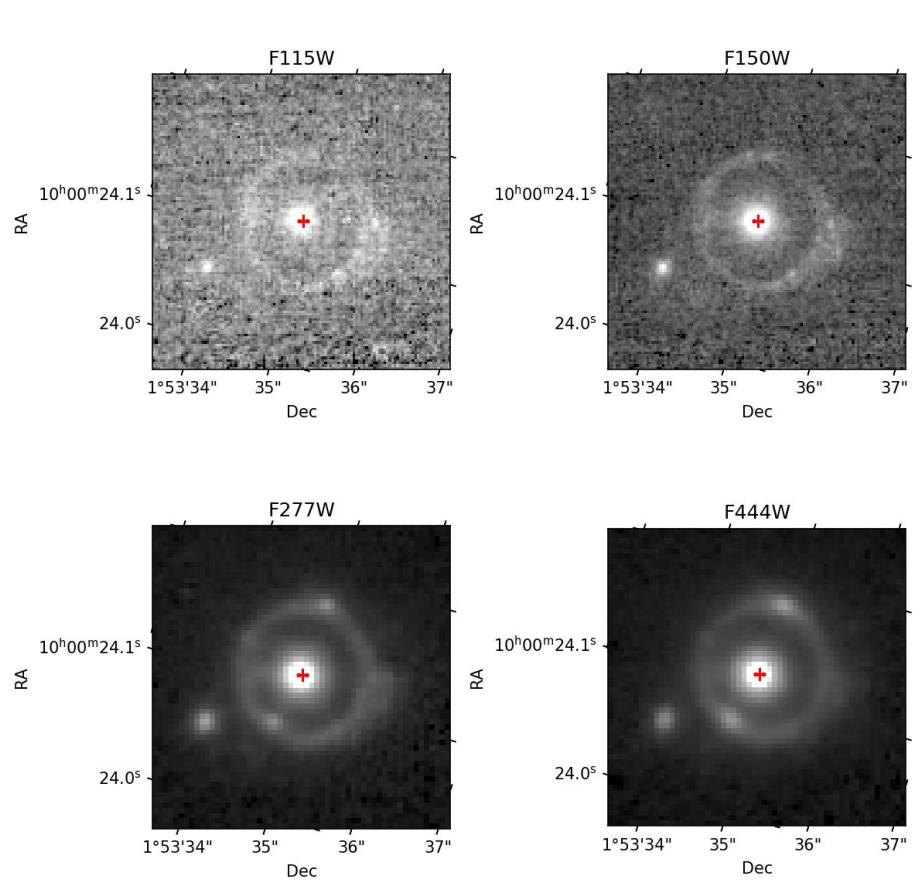


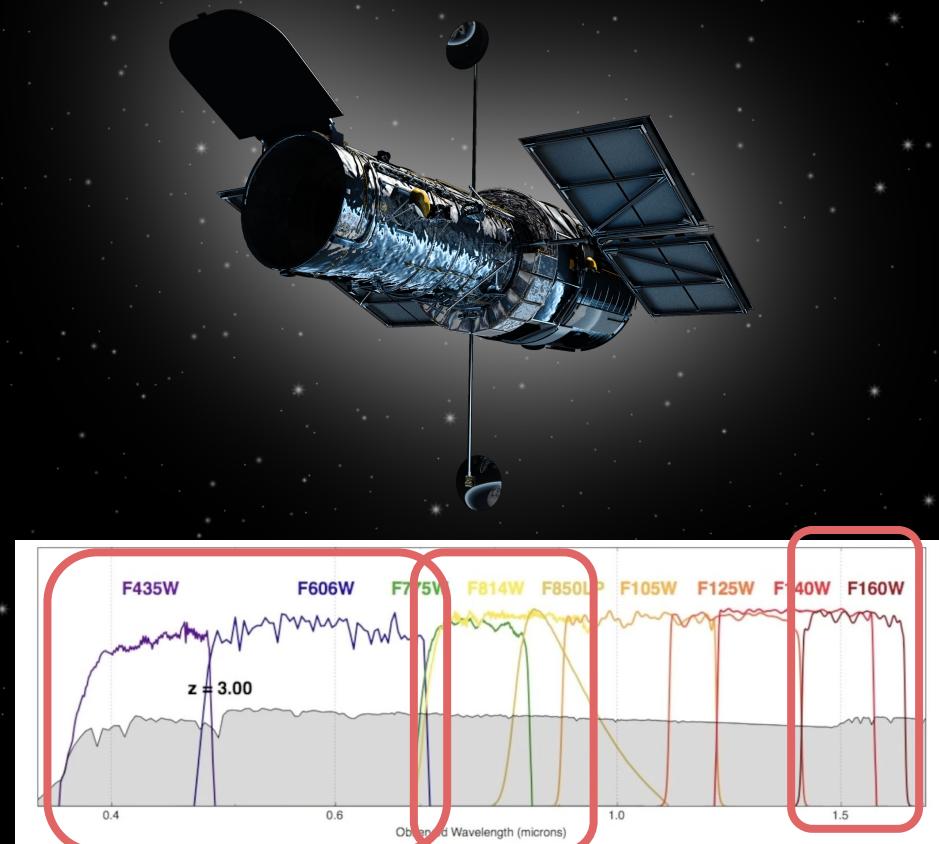
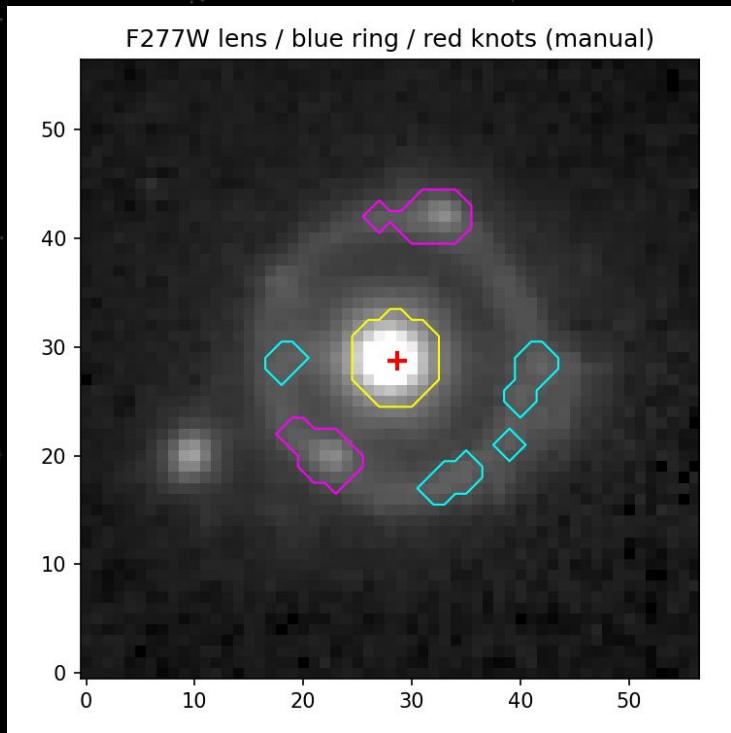
Extraction, Calibration, and Cleaning

- Utilized the filters previously mentioned:
 - f115W**: 1.013 - 1.282 μm | 1.225 - 0.968 eV
 - f150W**: 1.331 - 1.668 μm | 0.932 eV - 0.744 eV
 - f227W**: 2.422 - 3.131 μm | 0.512 - 0.396 eV
 - f444W**: 3.881 - 4.982 μm | 0.319 - 0.249 eV
- Stage 0**: Produces uncalibrated raw data products from single exposures in units of total DN (e.g., "uncal.fits")
- Stage 1**: Produces data products that have been corrected for certain detector effects and converted to units of DN/s (e.g., "rate.fits")
- Stage 2**: Produces calibrated data products from single or multiple exposures with world coordinates and photometric information (e.g., "cal.fits")
- Stage 3**: Produces calibrated data products resulting from the combination of multiple exposures into a single integrated product (e.g., "i2d.fits", "s3d.fits", "x1d.fits")

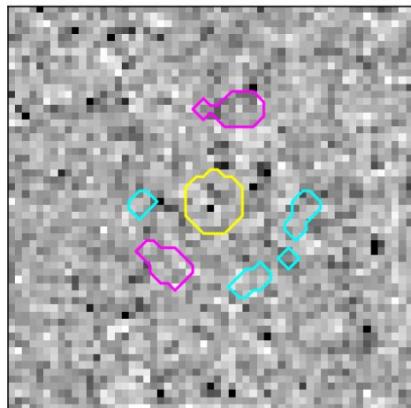


<https://jwst-docs.stsci.edu/jwst-science-calibration-pipeline#gsc.tab=0>

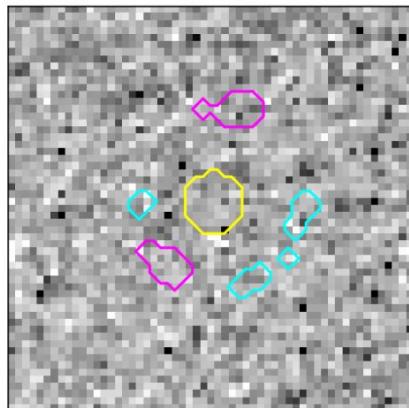




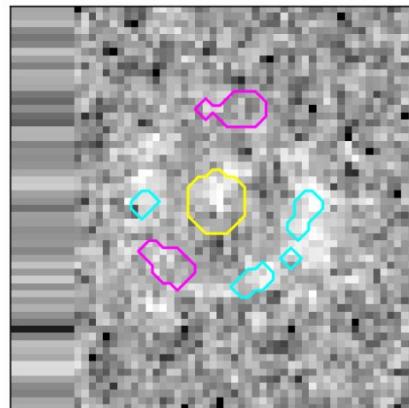
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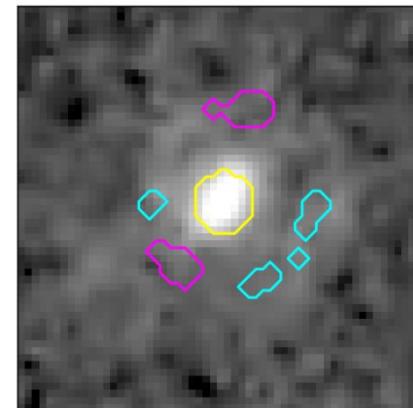
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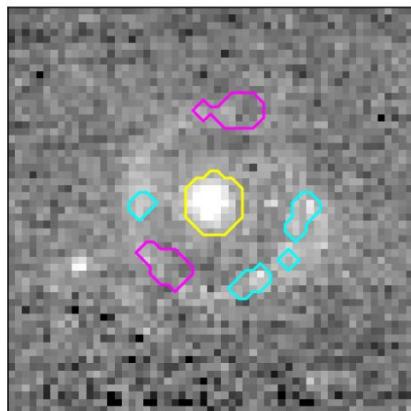
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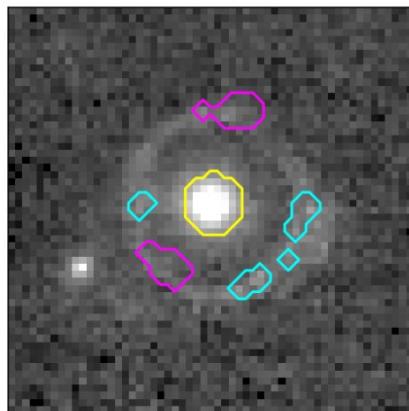
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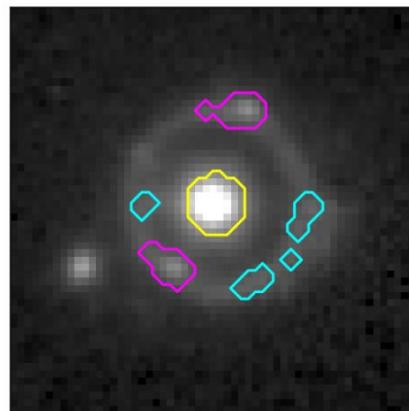
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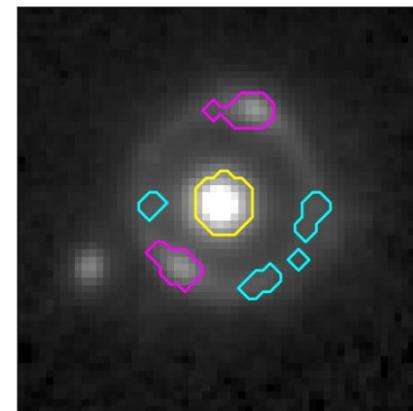
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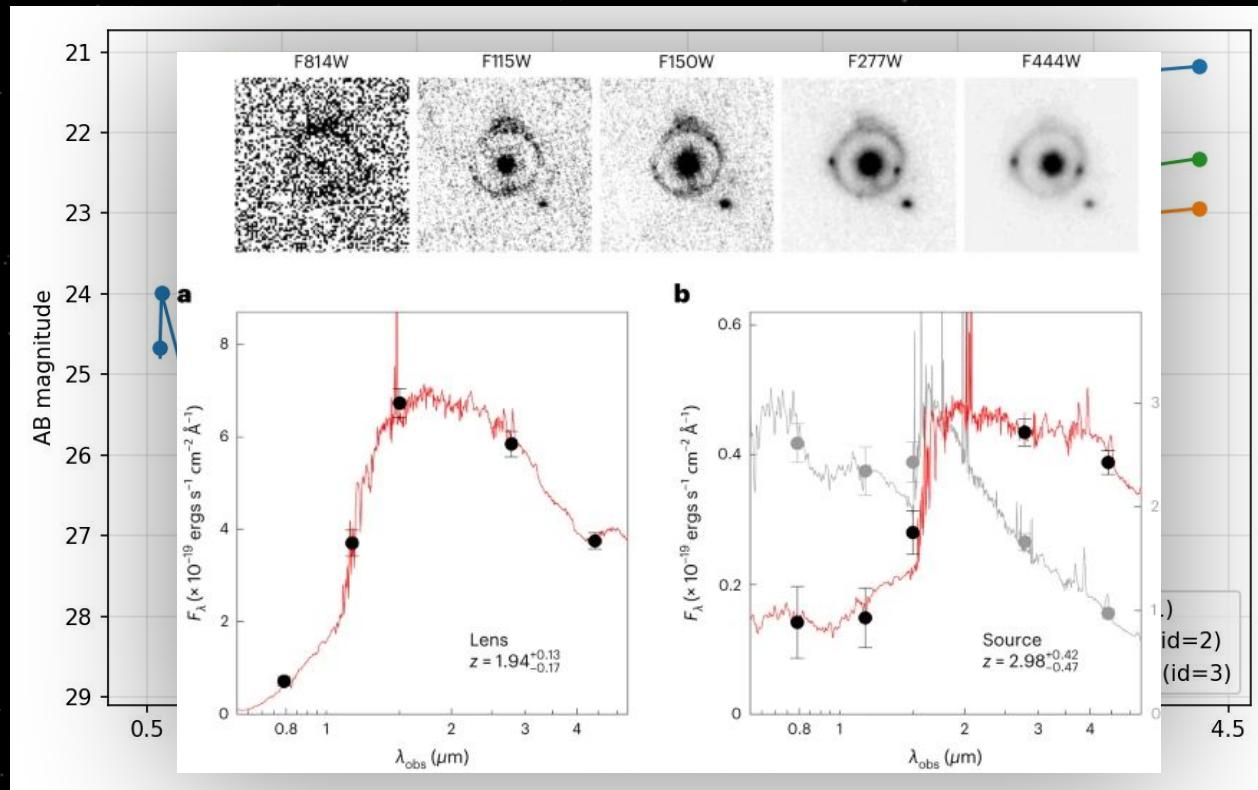
F277W



F444W



EAZY: A Fast, Public Photometric Redshift Code



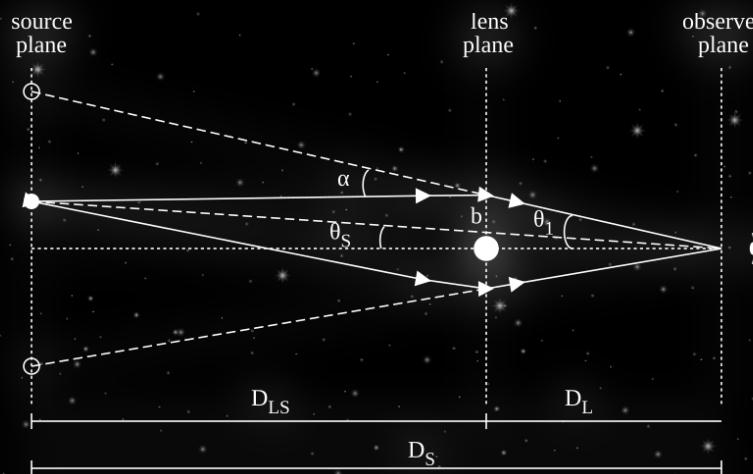
$$D_L = 1602.057 \text{ Mpc}$$

$$D_s = 1179.631 \text{ Mpc}$$

$$D_{LS} = 259.446 \text{ Mpc}$$

$$M(<\theta_E) = 3.220 * 10^{11} M_{\text{Sun}}$$

$$R_E (\text{physical}) = 4.66 \text{ kpc}$$



mass density profile. Results. population during the 10 Gyr of galaxy evolution between $z=2$ and $z=0$. We find a mass for the lens $M_{\text{lens}} = 6.5^{+3.7}_{-1.5} \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ within a radius of 6.6 kpc. The stellar mass within the



close enough!



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Conclusions



Conclusions

- Photometric Redshift fitting is HARD.
- Science can be overturned
- Gravitational lensing is cool
- This may have been overkill and we should have asked for more time

IT'S JOEVER



Just realized the reason no one's used these Hubble files to do analysis is because they were taken 10 DAYS AGO

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So we are actually doing new research

Check out the project code here:



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Thank you!

Questions?

