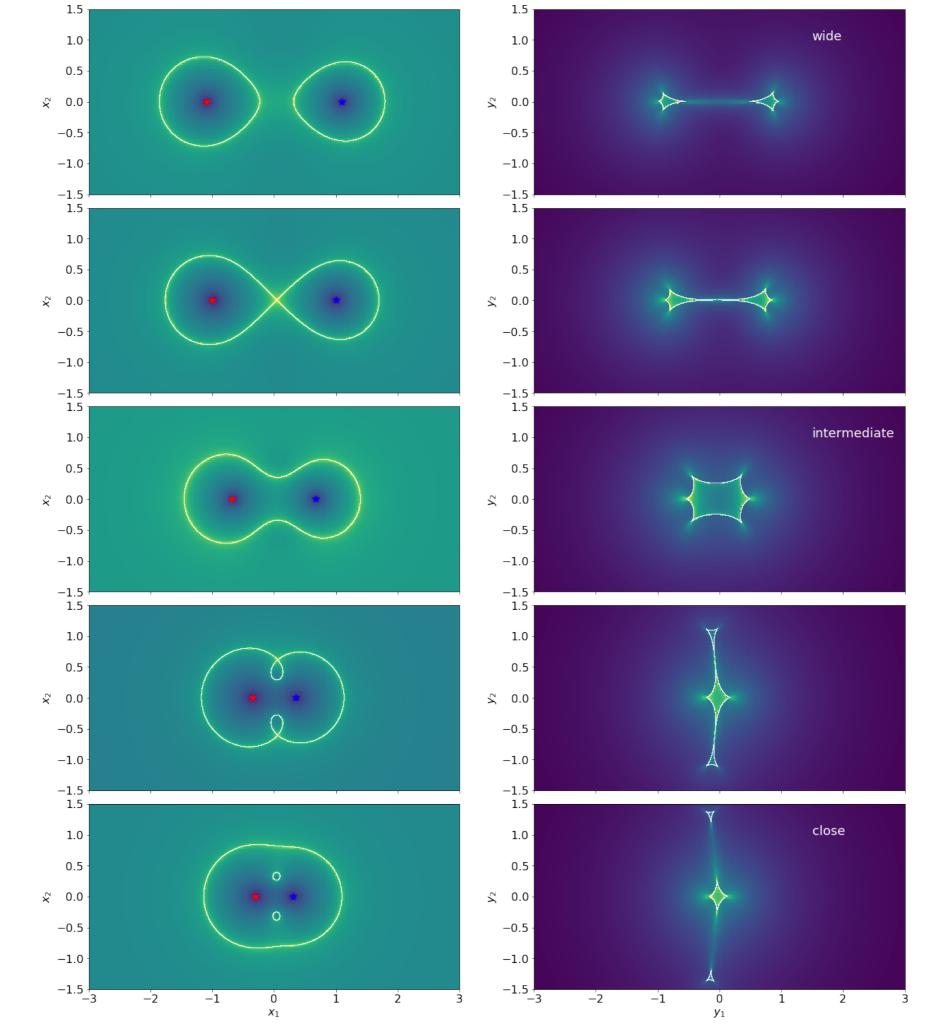
GRAVITATIONAL LENSING

16 - BINARY LENSES: PLANETARY MICROLENSING

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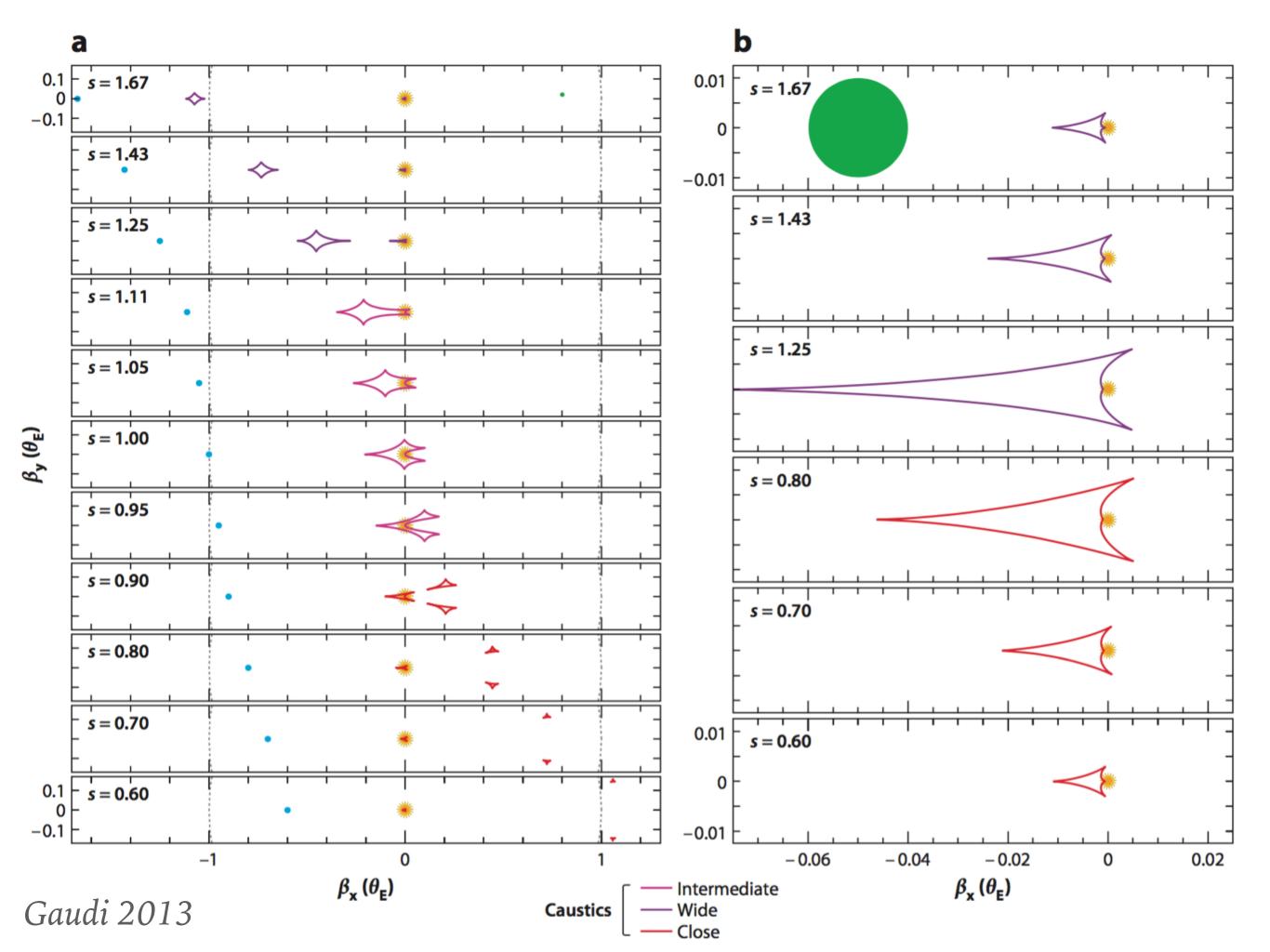


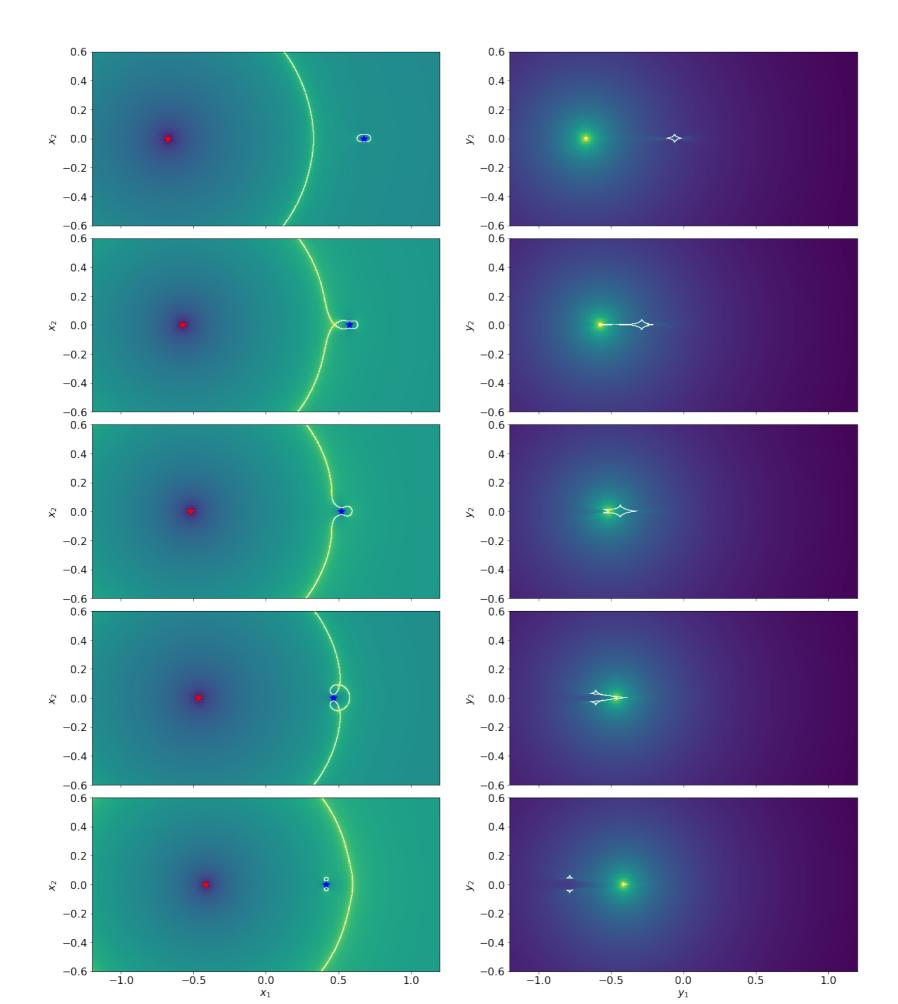
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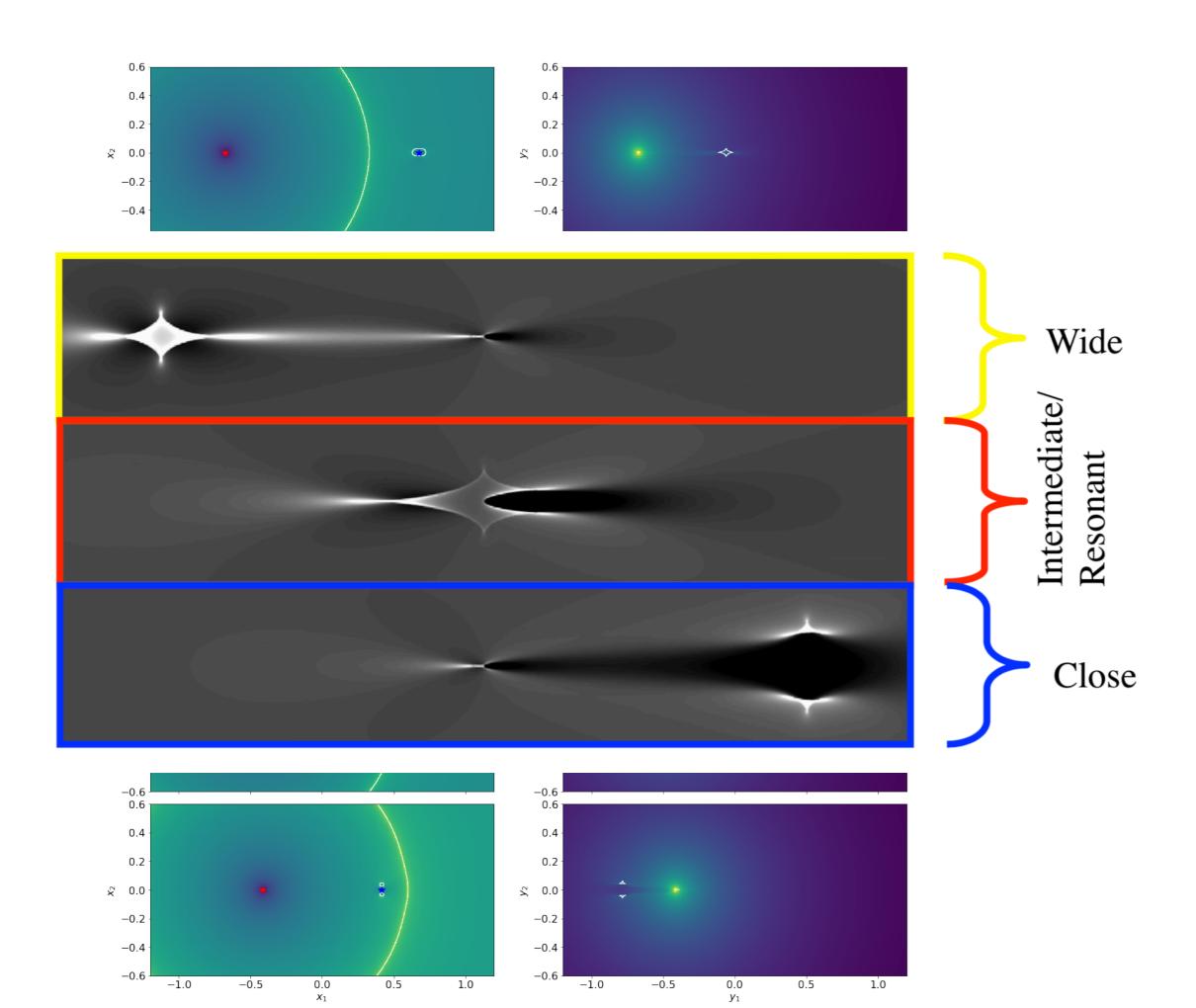
- ➤ Let us consider the system consisting of an host star and a planet orbiting around it.
- ➤ This is an example of binary lens
- ➤ The host star is of course much heavier than the planet!
 - \triangleright example: for a Jupiter-like planet q=0.001 (solar mass star)
 - > example: for a Earth-like planet q=0.000003

WHAT KIND OF SIGNAL?

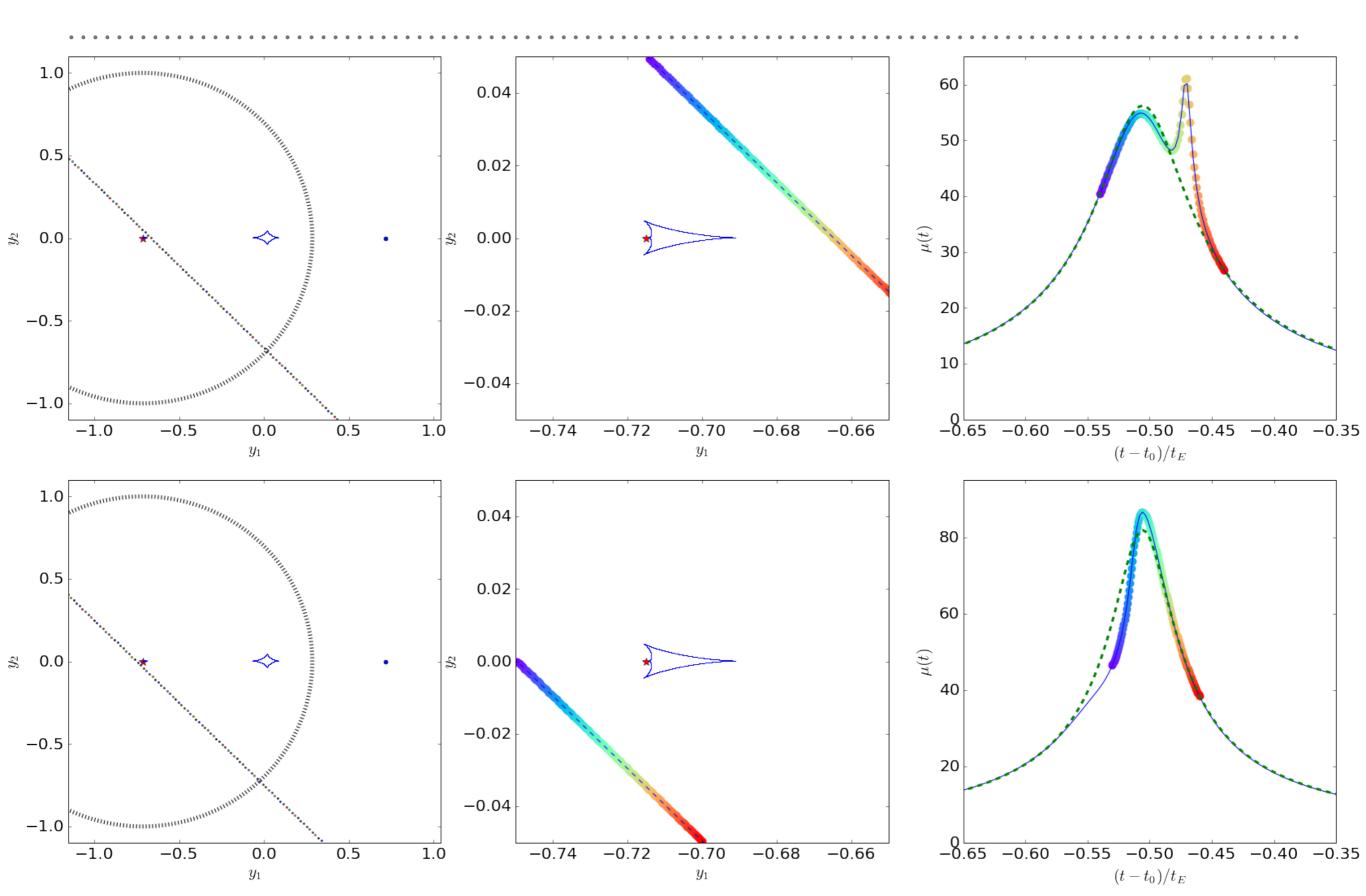
- ➤ The light curve is that of the star...
- ➤ The planet produces only a small perturbation to the magnification pattern, localized in a small region around the caustics
- ➤ Must cross one of these perturbed regions in order for the planet to be detected.
- ➤ The shape of the perturbation is determined by the caustic configuration...



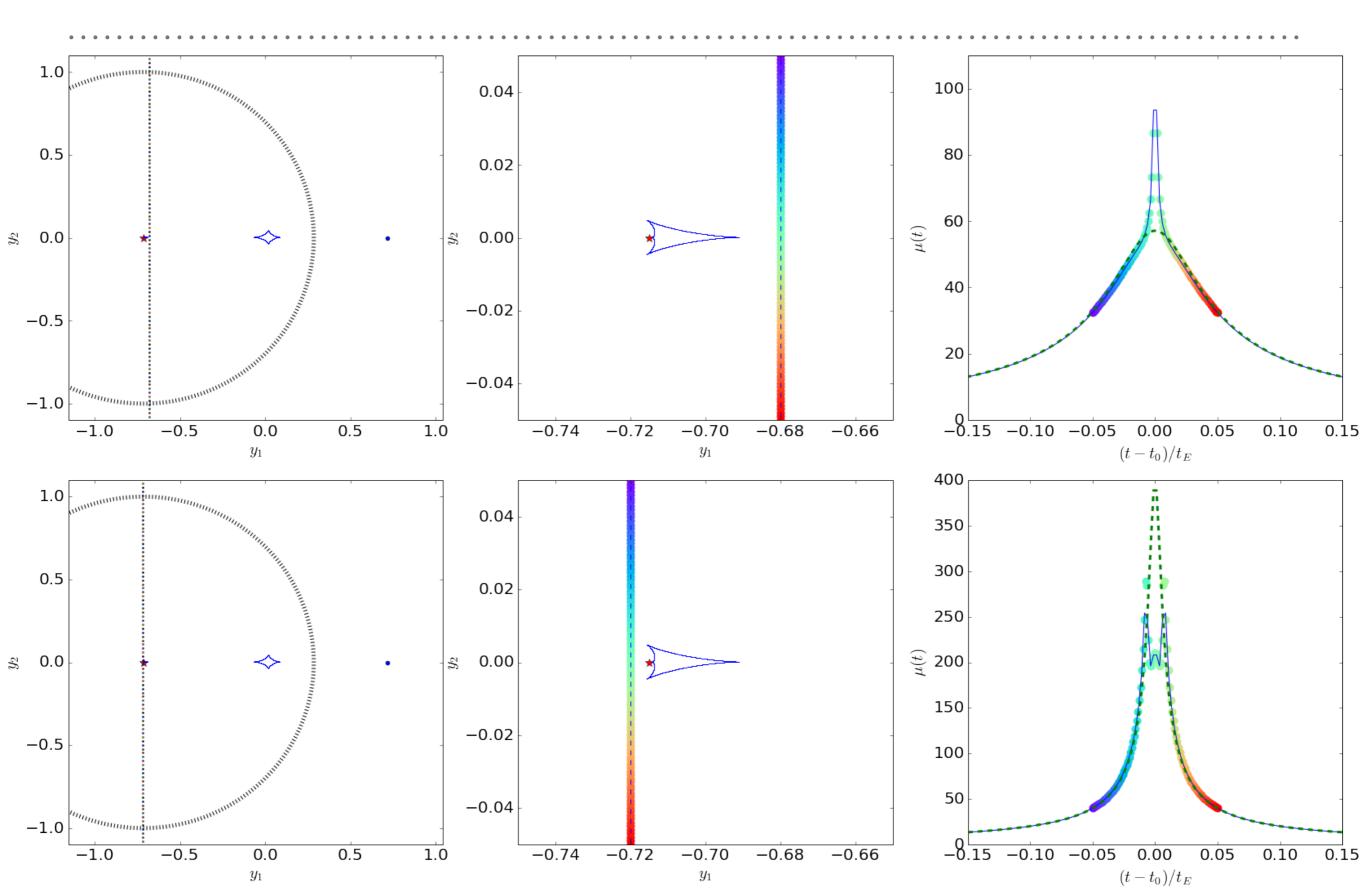




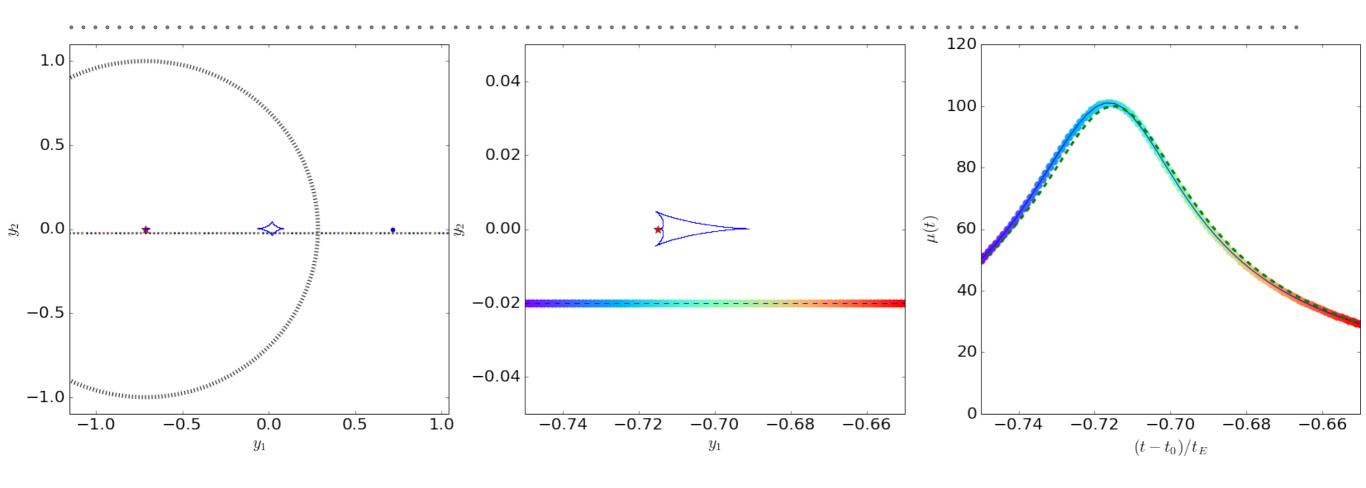
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PLANET DETECTION THROUGH CENTRAL CUSP PERTURBATIONS

- ➤ Only possible in the case of high magnification events (sources passing very close to the host stars)
- ➤ For this reason, they are rare events
- ➤ Advantages:
 - near the peak of the event
 - can sometimes be predicted in advance
 - high magnification makes possible to follow-up the events using small telescopes
 - > more accurate photometry (and easier separation of source and lens)
- ➤ Disadvantages:
 - degeneracy wide-close topologies

