

# GRAVITATIONAL LENSING

## 7 – TIME DELAYS

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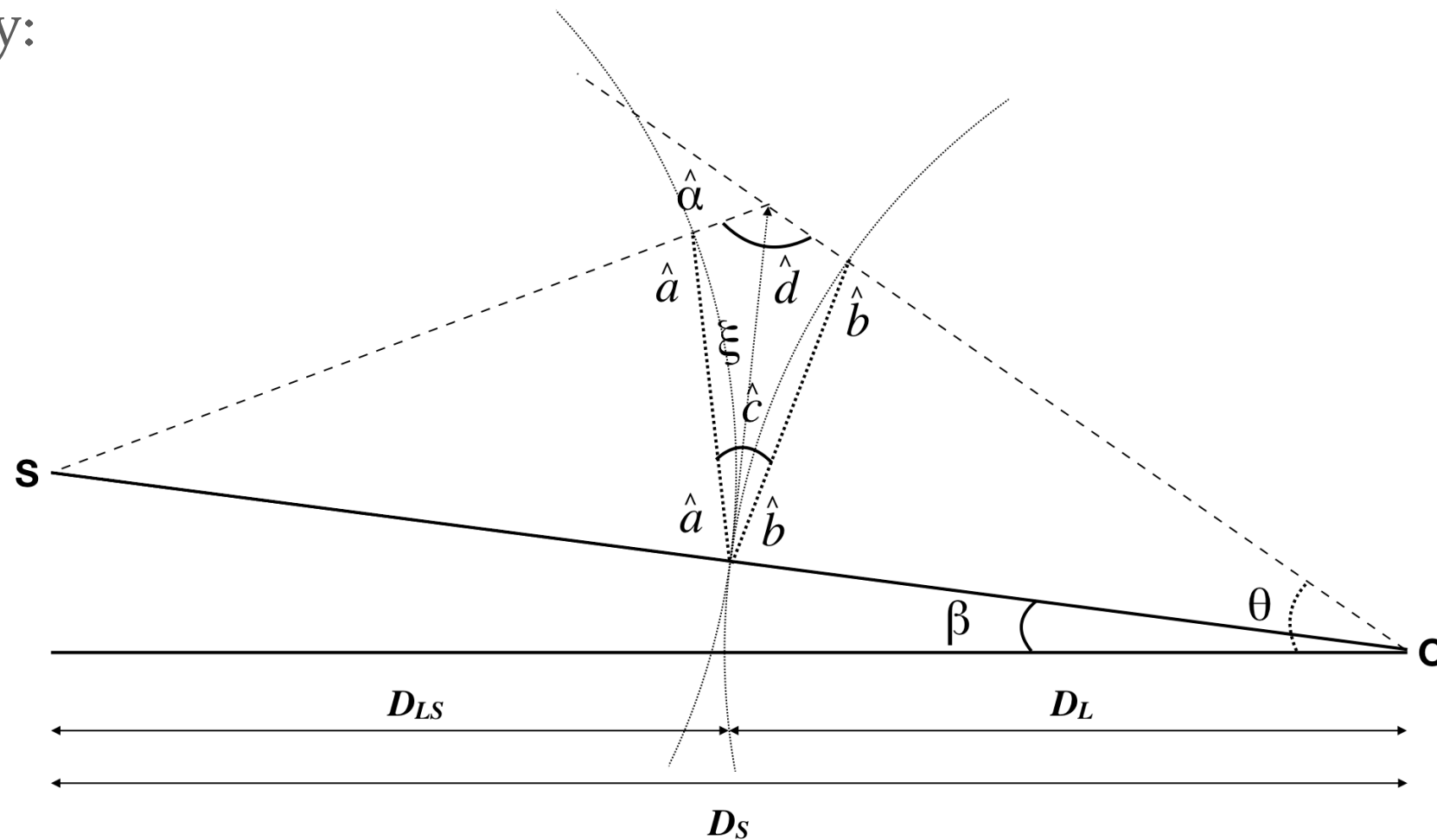
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*This time delay does not account yet for the different path of photons!*

# GEOMETRICAL TIME DELAY

- We need to combine the gravitational time delay to the so called *geometrical* time delay:

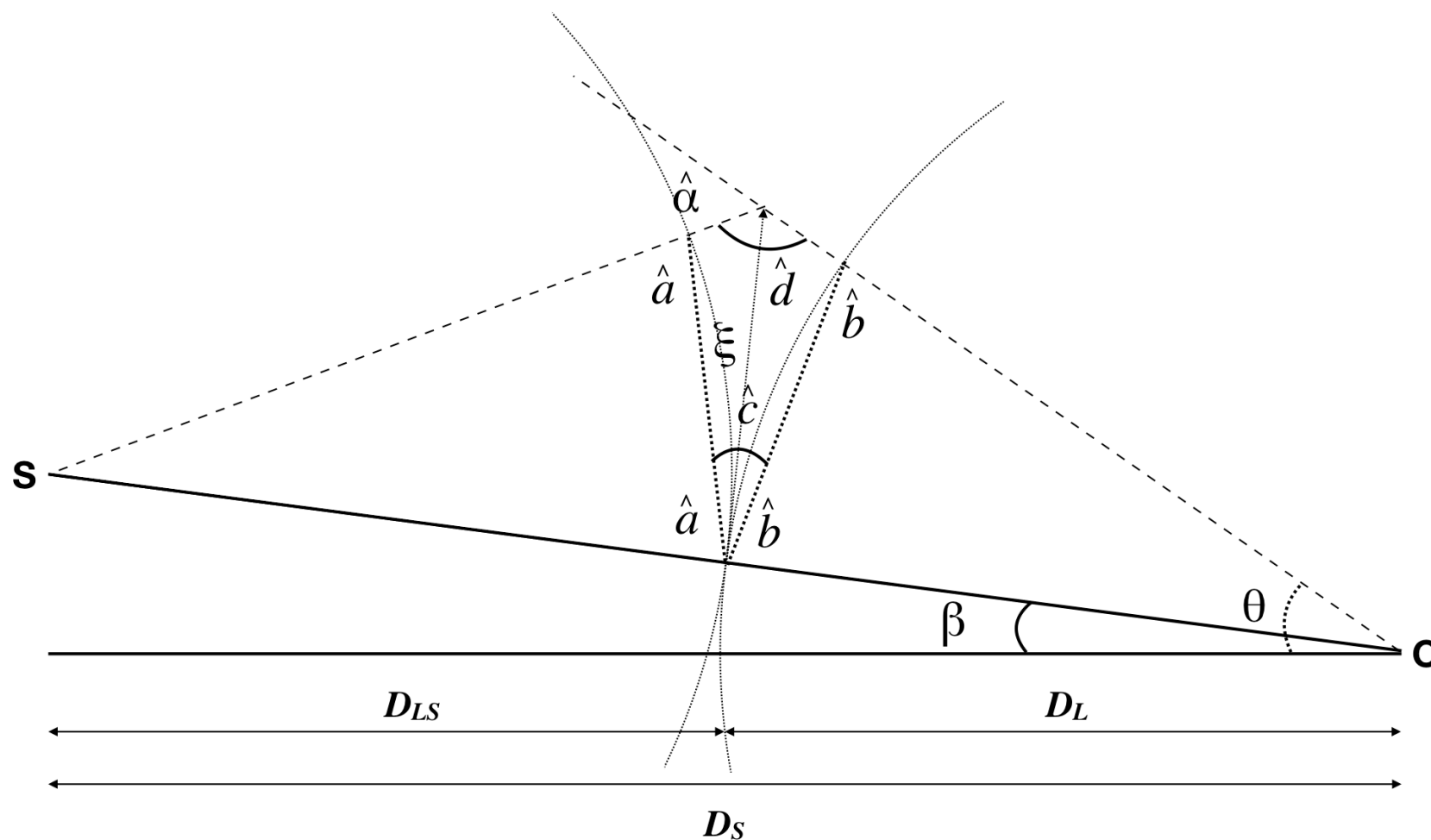


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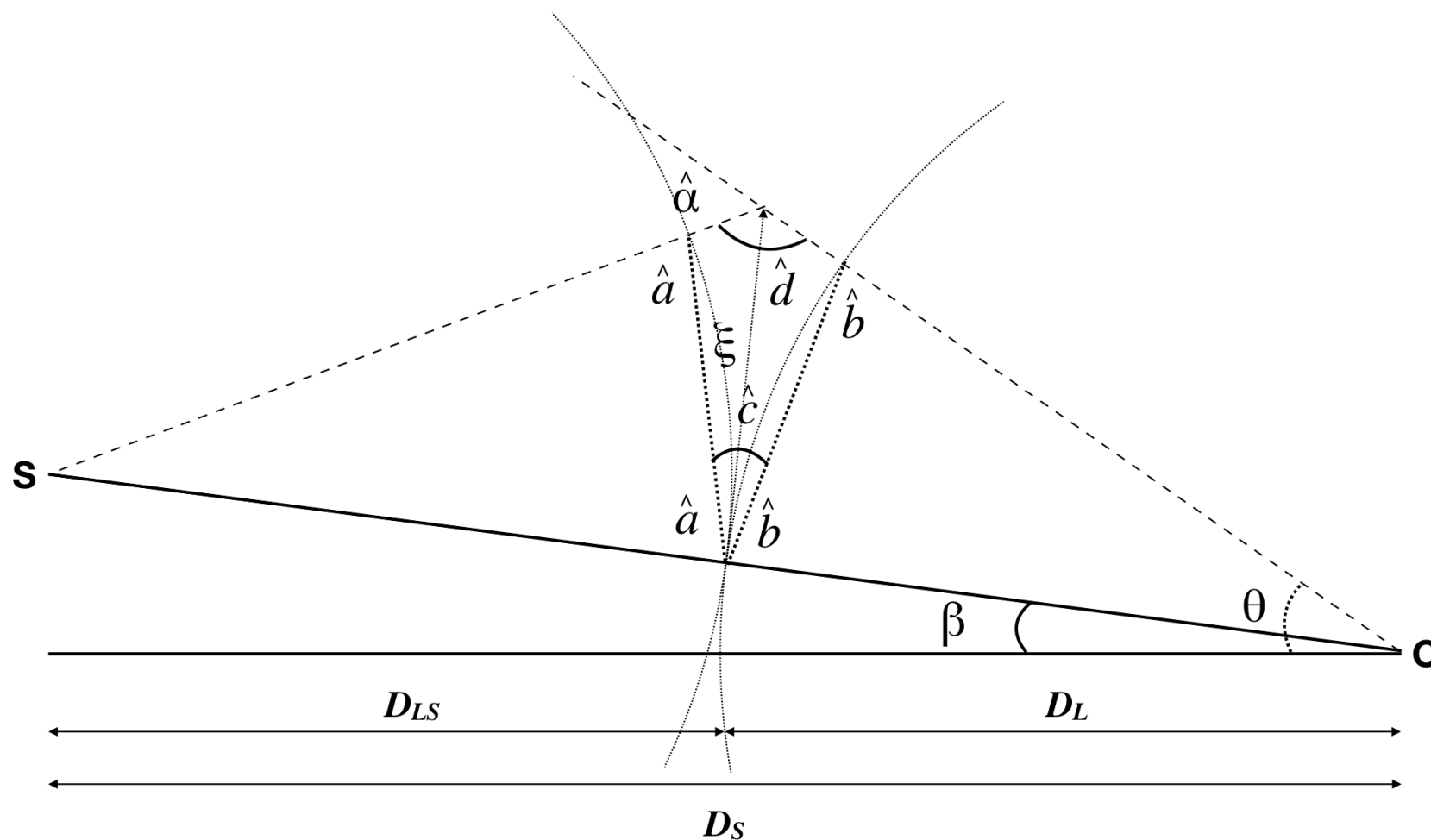
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$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \hat{c} &= \frac{\hat{\alpha}}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{D_S}{D_{LS}} \alpha \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{D_S}{D_{LS}} (\theta - \beta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= D_L (\theta - \beta) \\ t_{geom} &= \frac{1}{c} \xi \hat{c} \\ &= \frac{1}{2c} \frac{D_S D_L}{D_{LS}} (\theta - \beta)^2 \end{aligned}$$



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*Accounting for the expansion of the universe and for the fact that this is a surface:*

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*Fermat potential*

$$D_{\Delta t} = (1 + z_L) \frac{D_S D_L}{D_{LS}}$$

*Time delay distance*

# TIME DELAY SURFACE

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# TYPES OF IMAGES

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- minima (eigenvalues of  $A$  are both positive, hence  $\det A > 0$  and  $\text{Tr } A > 0$ ; positive magnification)
- saddle (eigenvalues have opposite signs, thus  $\det A < 0$ ; negative magnification)
- maxima (eigenvalues are both negative, hence  $\det A > 0$  and  $\text{Tr } A < 0$ ; positive magnification)
- Let see some examples...