

# GRAVITATIONAL LENSING

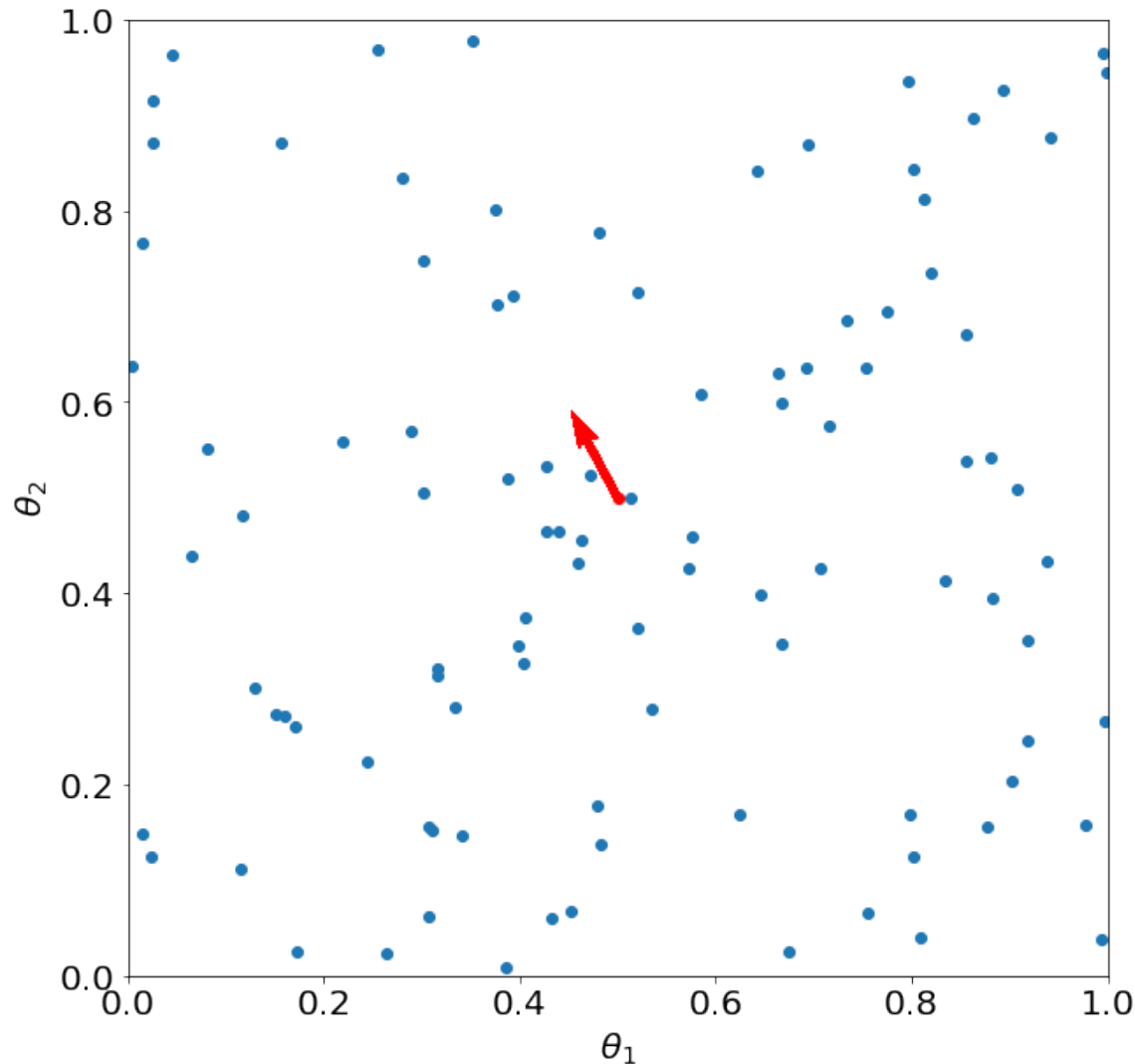
## MICROLENSING WITH COMPLEX LENSES

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# MULTIPLE POINT MASSES

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*We consider a system of  $N$  point masses at the same distance  $D_L$ .*

*As seen, a light ray crossing the lens plane at the position  $\vec{\theta}$  will experience the deflection*

$$\hat{\alpha}(\vec{\theta}) = \frac{4G}{c^2 D_L} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{M_i}{|\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_i|^2} (\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_i)$$

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- compared to an individual point mass, the spatial symmetry is broken
- The mass scale of the system is the total mass = sum of the individual masses
- We may use this mass to define an equivalent Einstein radius and use it to scale all angles

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$$M_{tot} = \sum_{i=1}^N M_i, \quad m_i = M_i / M_{tot}$$

$$\vec{\alpha}(\vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{D_{LS}}{D_L D_S} \frac{4GM_i}{c^2} \frac{(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_i)}{|\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_i|^2} \frac{M_{tot}}{M_{tot}} = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \frac{\theta_E^2}{|\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_i|^2} (\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_i)$$

*dividing by  $\theta_E$ :*

$$\vec{\alpha}(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i|^2} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i)$$

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*Complex lens equation*



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➤ Thus:

$$z_s = z - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{z^* - z_i}$$

➤ Taking the conjugate:

$$z^* = z_s^* + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{z - z_i}$$

- We obtain  $z^*$  and substitute it back into the original equation, which results in a  $(N^2 + 1)$ th order complex polynomial in the unknown  $z$ ,  $\mathbf{p}^{N^2+1}(z) = 0$
- This equation can be solved only numerically, even in the case of a binary lens

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- Note that the solutions are not necessarily solutions of the lens equations (spurious solutions)
- One has to check if the solutions are solutions of the lens equation
- Rhie (2001,2003): maximum number of images is  $5(N-1)$  for  $N > 2$

# JACOBIAN DETERMINANT

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*The Jacobian determinant is (on the real plane):*

$$\det A = \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_2} - \left( \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_2} \right)^2$$

*How do we write it in complex notation?*

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By taking the difference of these two equations:

$$\left( \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial z} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial z^*} \right) \left( \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial z^*} \right)^* = \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_2} - \left( \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_2} \right)^2 = \det A$$

# JACOBIAN DETERMINANT (OR INVERSE MAGNIFICATION)

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*Now, we can use the lens equation:*

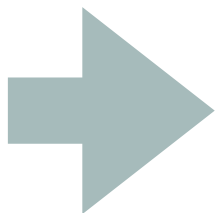
$$z_s = z - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{z^* - z_i^*}$$

*To obtain:*

$$\frac{\partial z_s}{\partial z} = 1 \quad \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial z^*} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{(z^* - z_i^*)^2}$$

*so that*

$$\left( \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial z} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial z^*} \right) \left( \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial z^*} \right)^* = \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_2} - \left( \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_2} \right)^2 = \det A$$



$$\det A = 1 - \left| \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{(z^* - z_i^*)^2} \right|^2$$



# CRITICAL LINES

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*From this equation:*

$$\det A = 1 - \left| \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{(z^* - z_i^*)^2} \right|^2$$

*We see that on the critical lines ( $\det A = 0$ )*

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{(z^* - z_i^*)^2} \right|^2 = 1$$

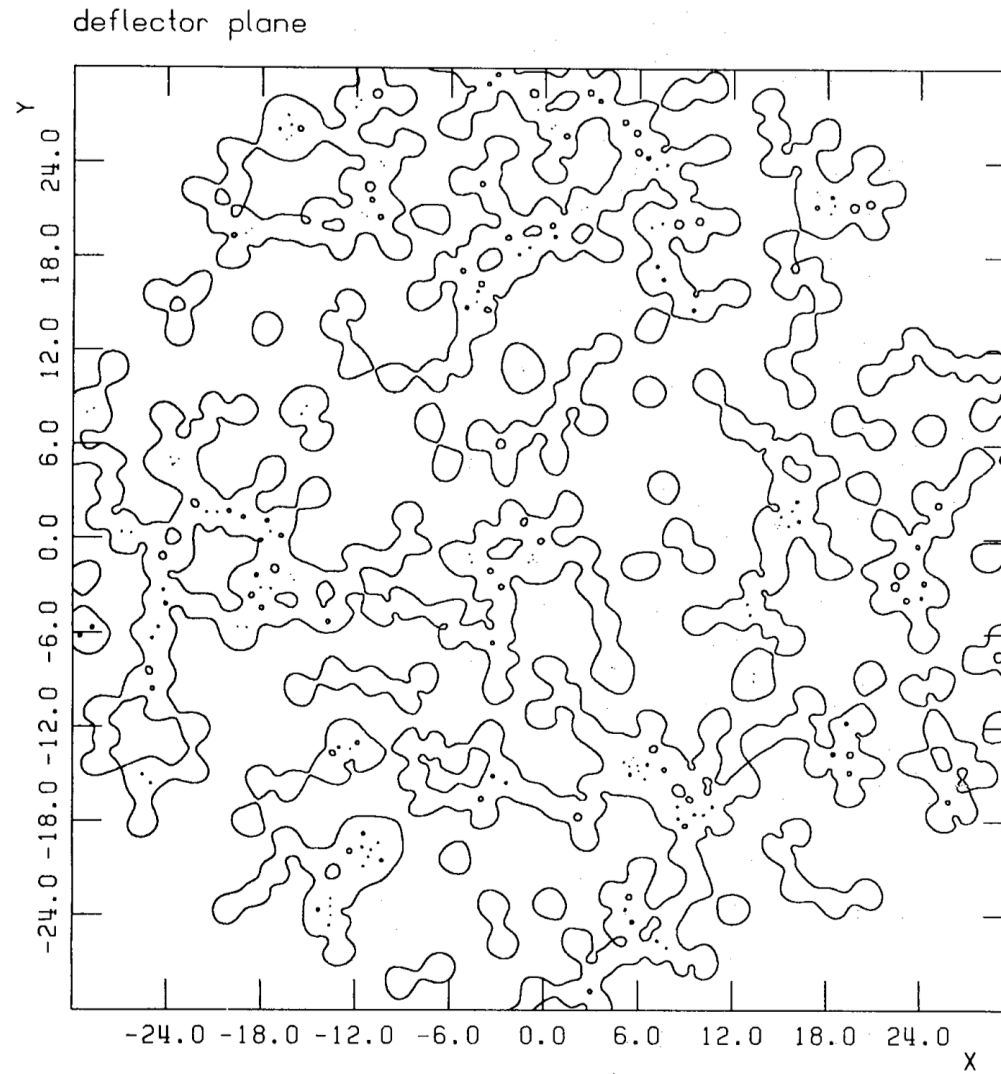
*This sum has to be satisfied on the unit circle:*

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{(z^* - z_i^*)^2} = e^{i\phi} \quad \phi \in [0, 2\pi)$$

*Getting rid of the fraction, this equation can be turned into a polynomial of degree  $2N$ : for each phase, there are  $\leq 2N$  critical points. Solving for all phases, we find up to  $2N$  critical lines.*

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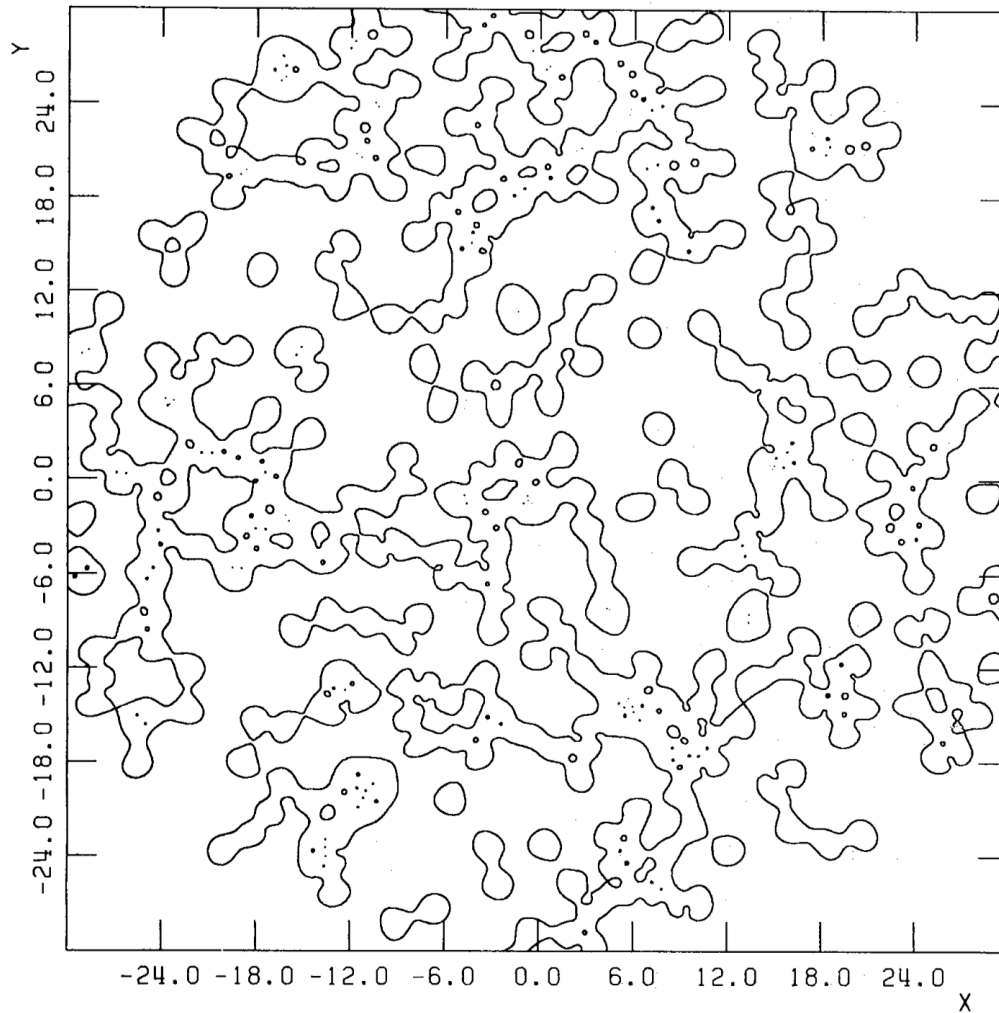
*critical lines originated by 400 stars*

*Witt, 1990, A&A, 236, 311*

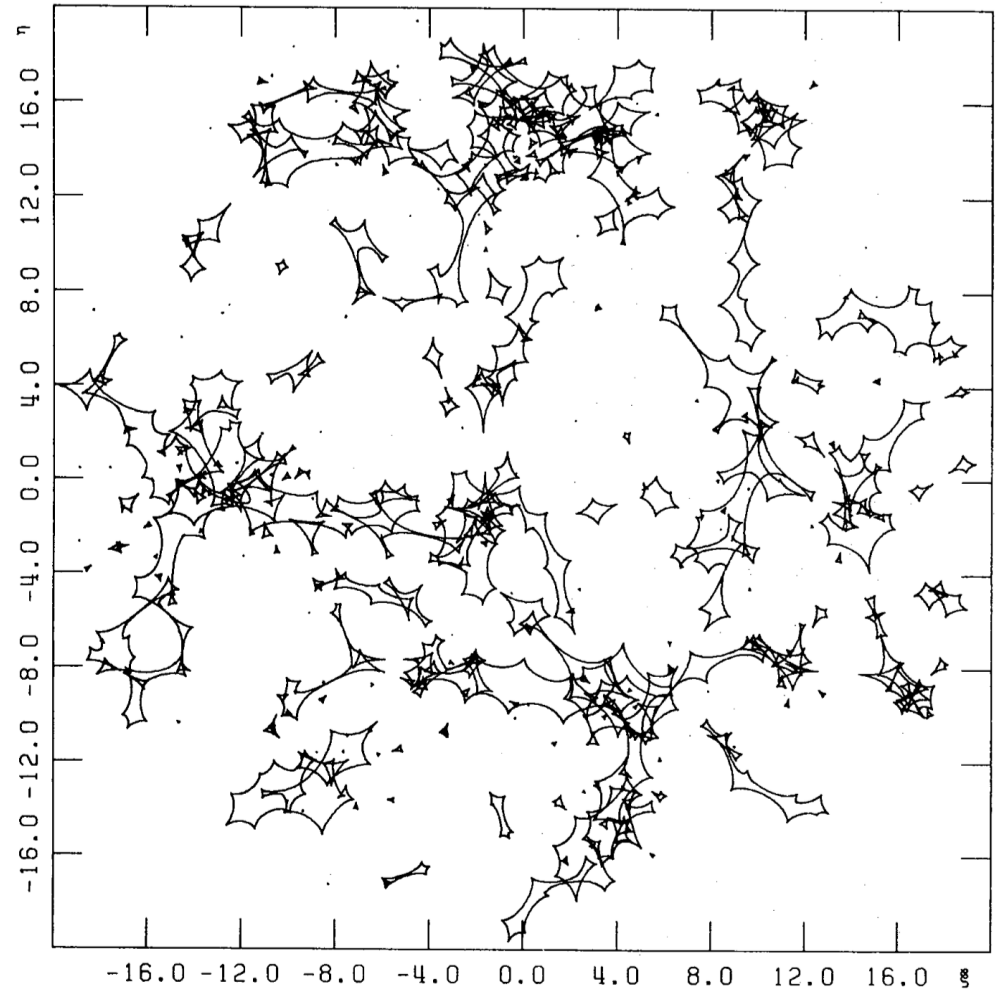
# CRITICAL LINES AND CAUSTICS

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deflector plane



source plane



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