

E-Merlin and strong lensing

Outline

- why look at lenses at all?
- the e-MERLIN legacy programme: core images and submm lenses
(more on core images: talk by Jonathan Quinn)
- radio imaging of radio-quiet objects (JVLA, and soon e-MERLIN, programme
- and the future

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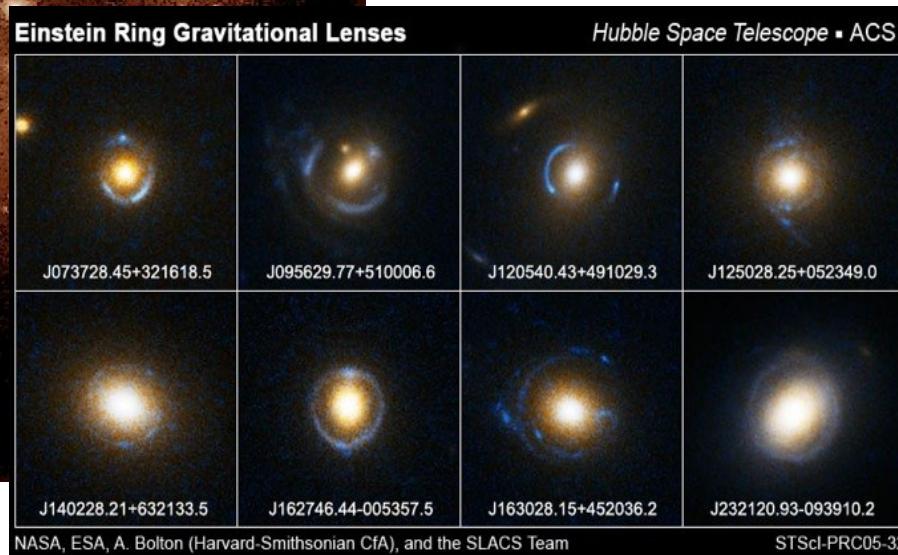
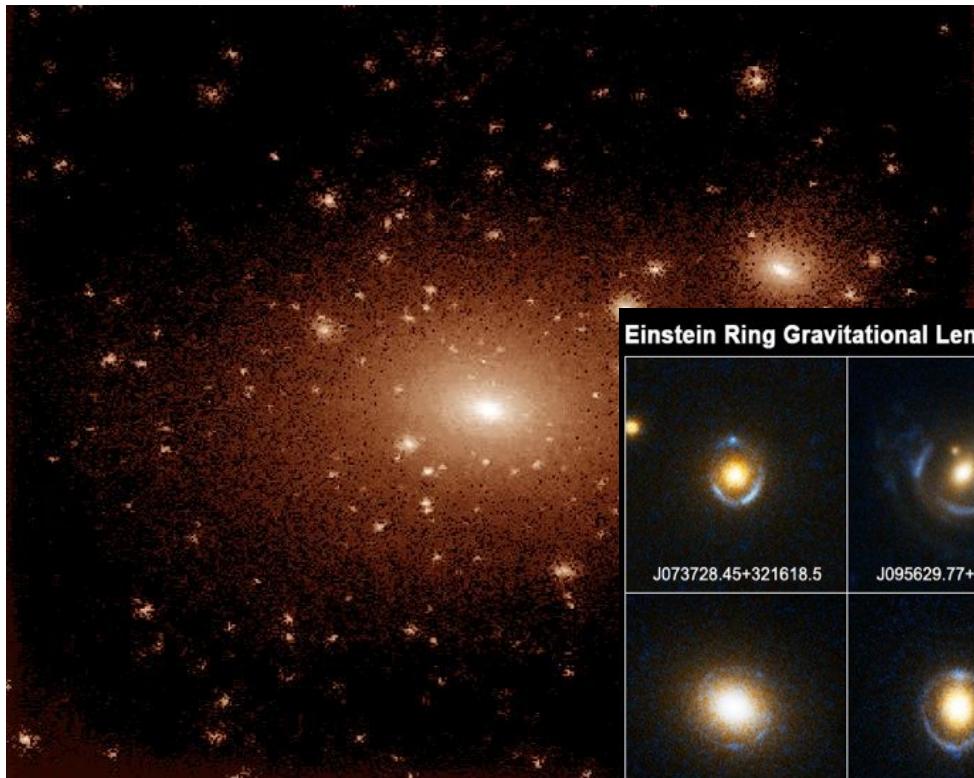
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Moore et al. 1999

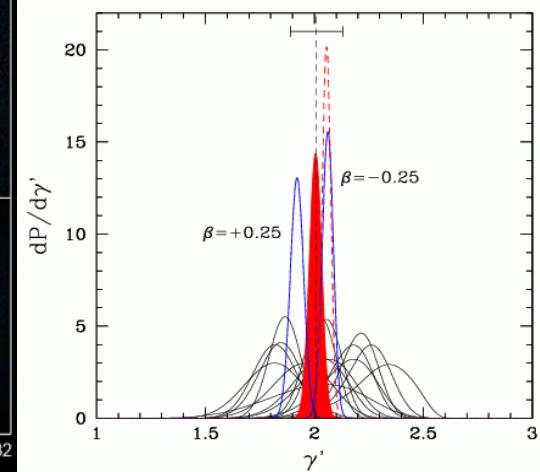
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Overall shape of dark matter halo?
Dark matter subhalos?

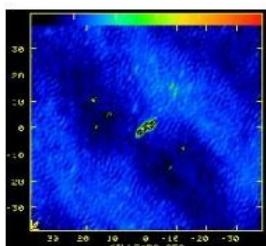


SLACS survey: mass slope (Bolton et al. 2006,
Koopmans et al. 2006): “isothermal conspiracy”

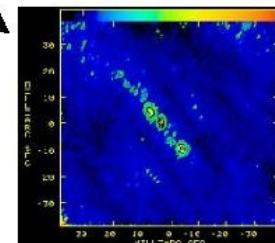
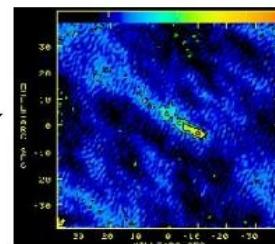
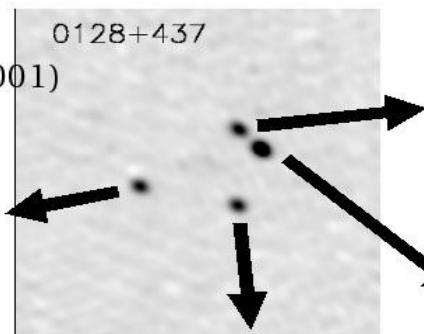
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Merlin 5GHz
(Phillips et al 2001)



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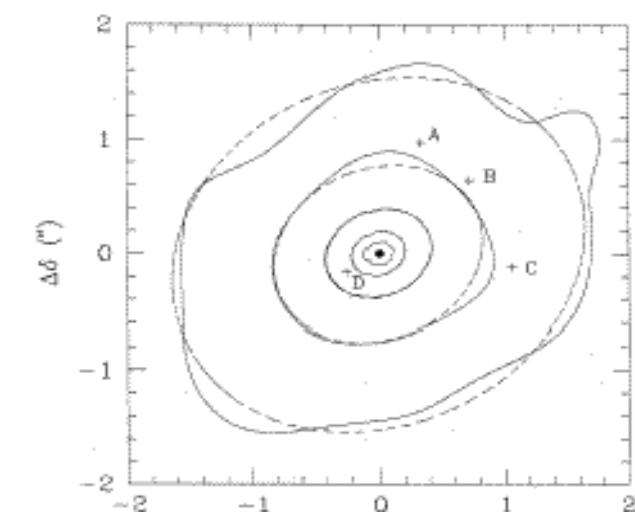


New global VLBI
(Zhang et al.)

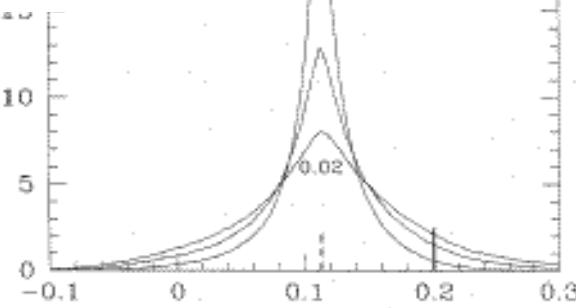


Moore et al. 1999

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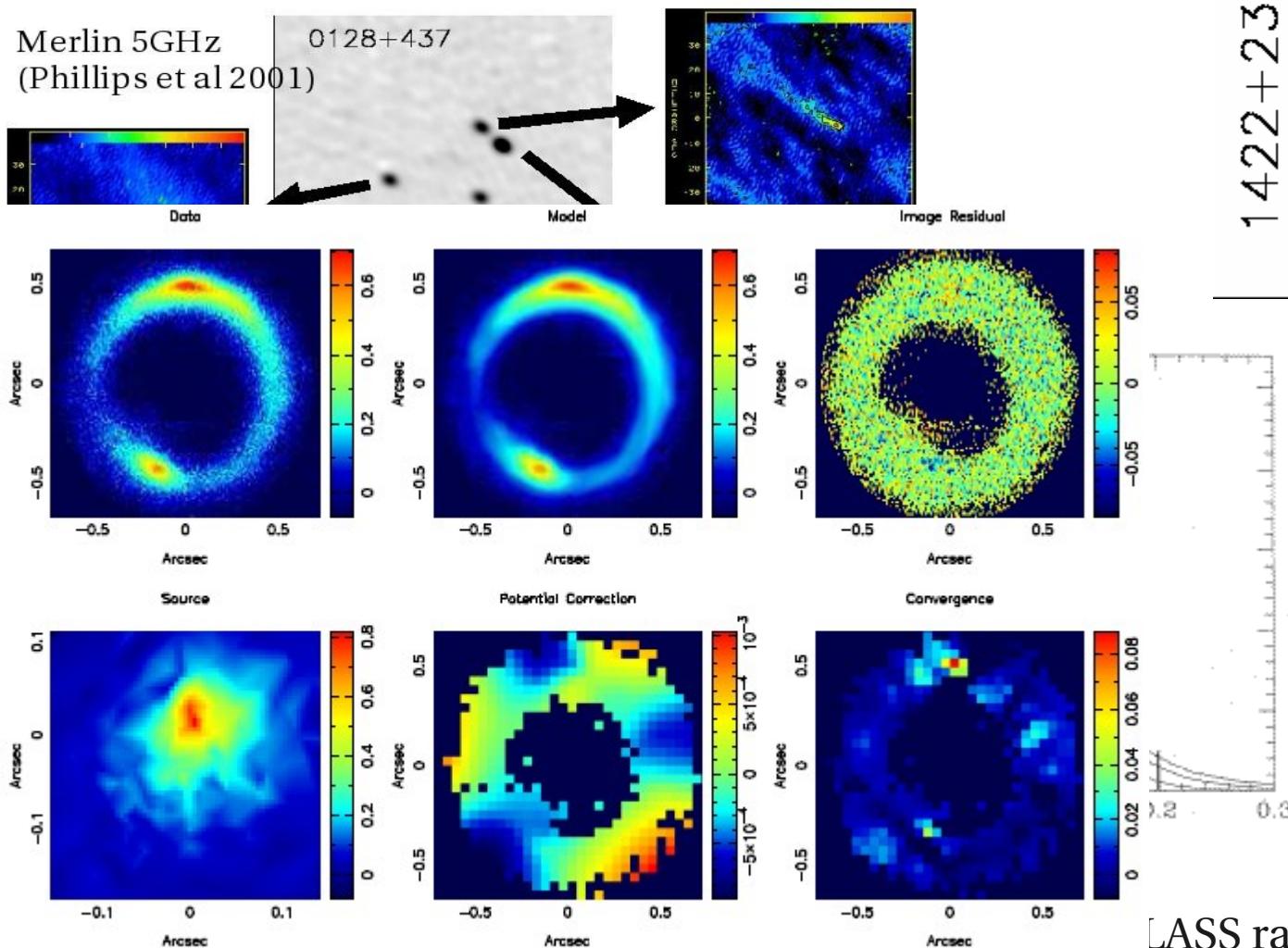


Mao et al. 1998 (CLASS radio survey lens B0128+437)



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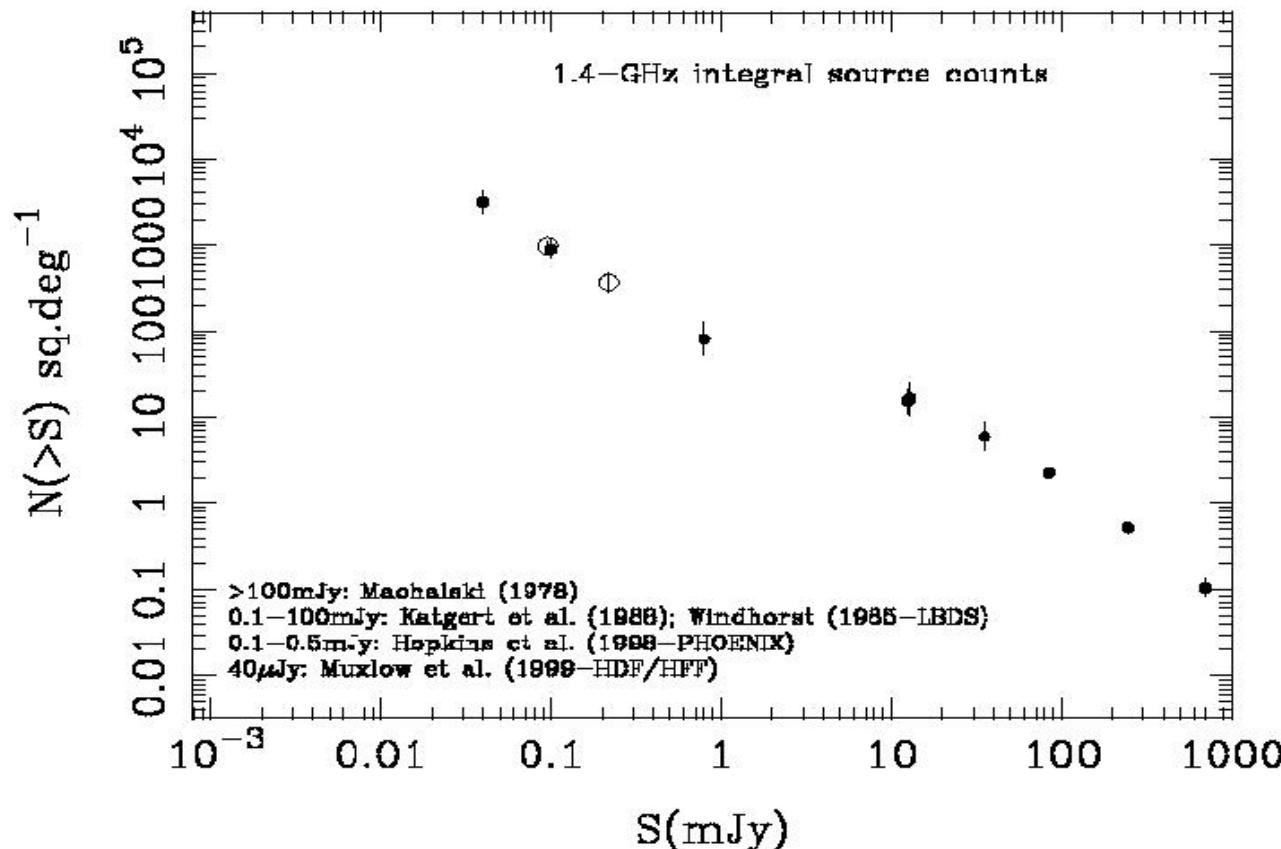


LASS radio survey lens B0128+437

Vegetti et al. 2012: modelling of extended optical lens

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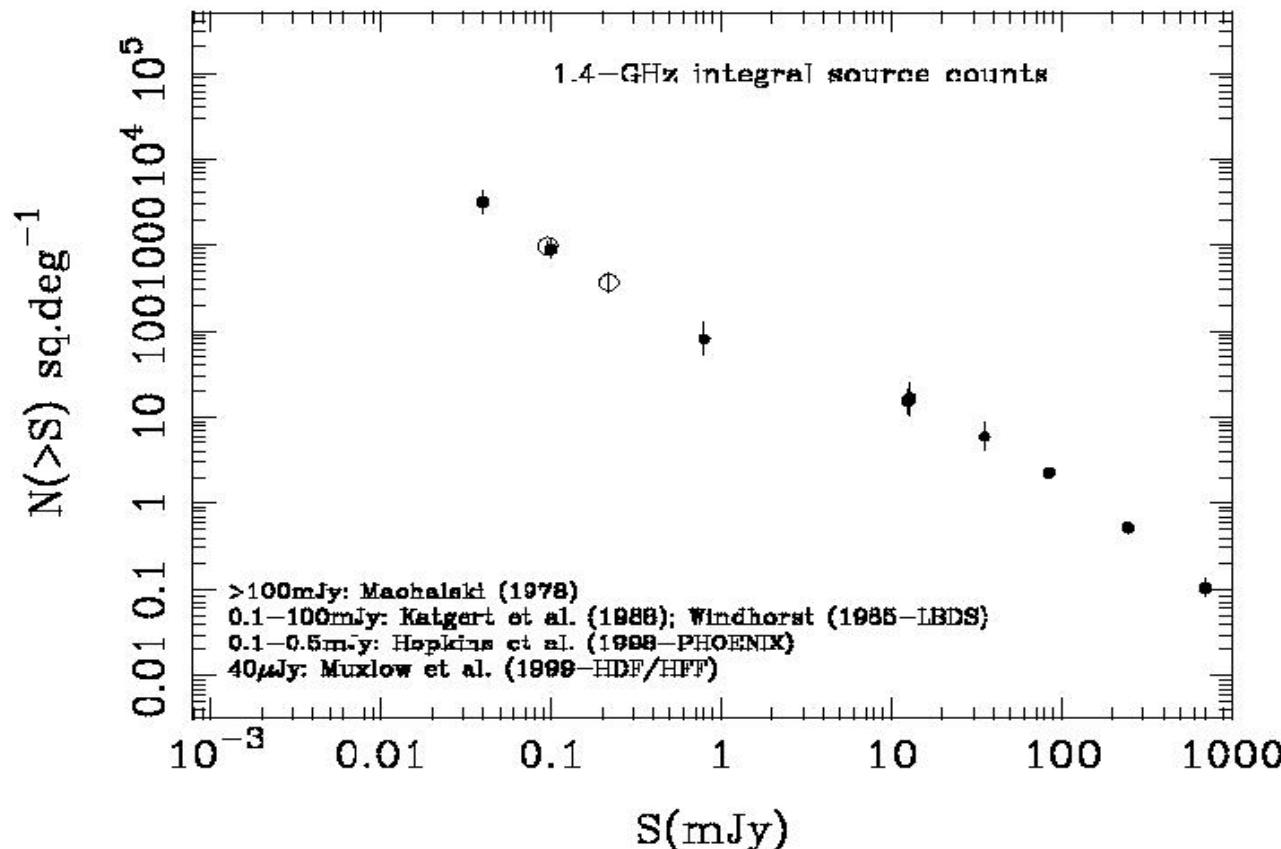


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SKA will catch up in 2020! (then can look at fainter lenses of course)

The e-MERLIN Lensing Legacy Programme

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- Use of high sensitivity to detect core images (204h)
- Followup of H-ATLAS submm detections (24h)
- Programme started (first results e-MERLIN/JVLA)
- Awaits 2-GHz C-band for full programme

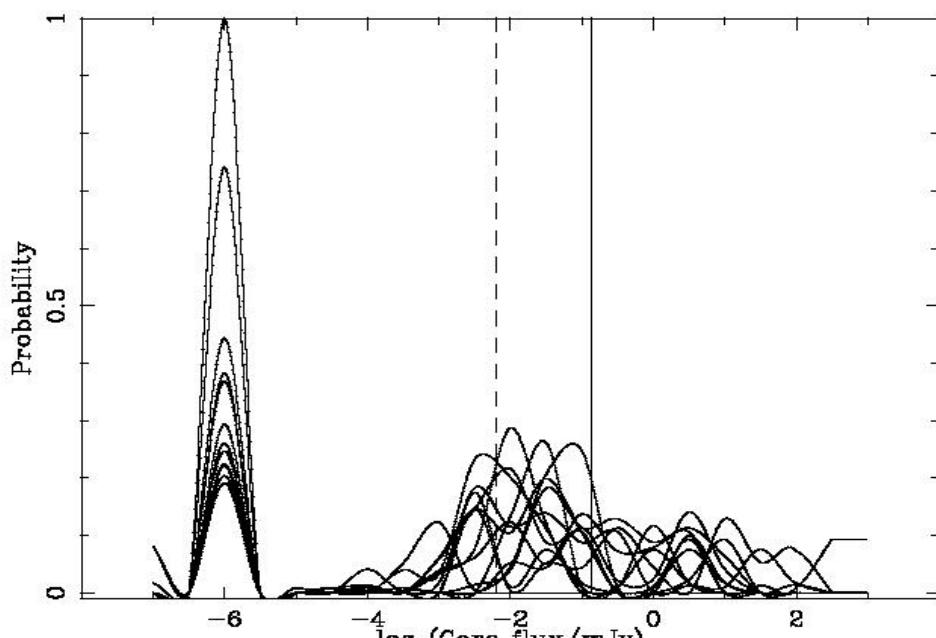
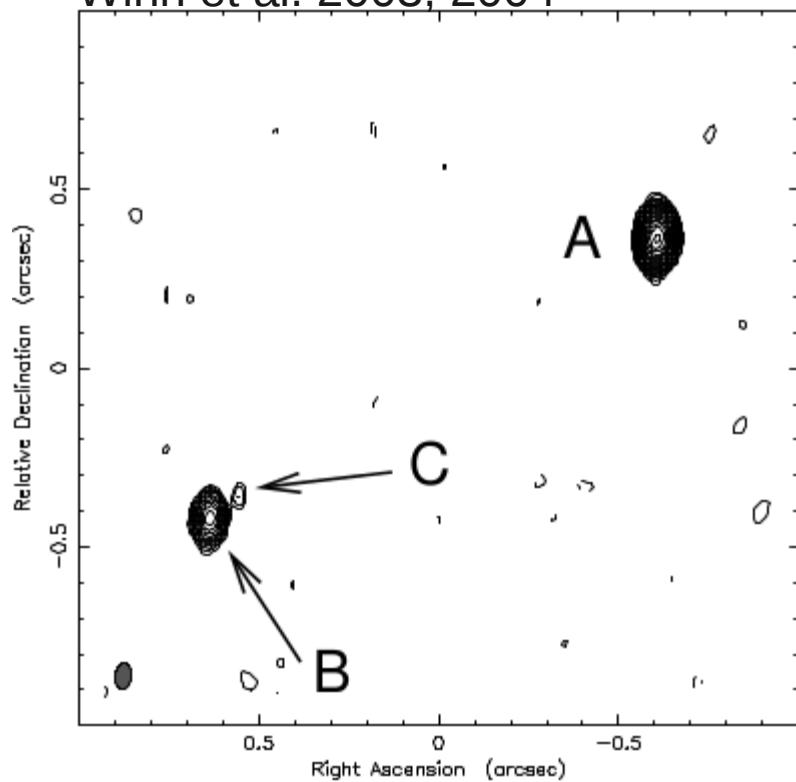
JVLA/e-MERLIN

- Observations of radio-quiet objects (first JVLA observations, E-MERLIN to follow)
- Spacewarps lens

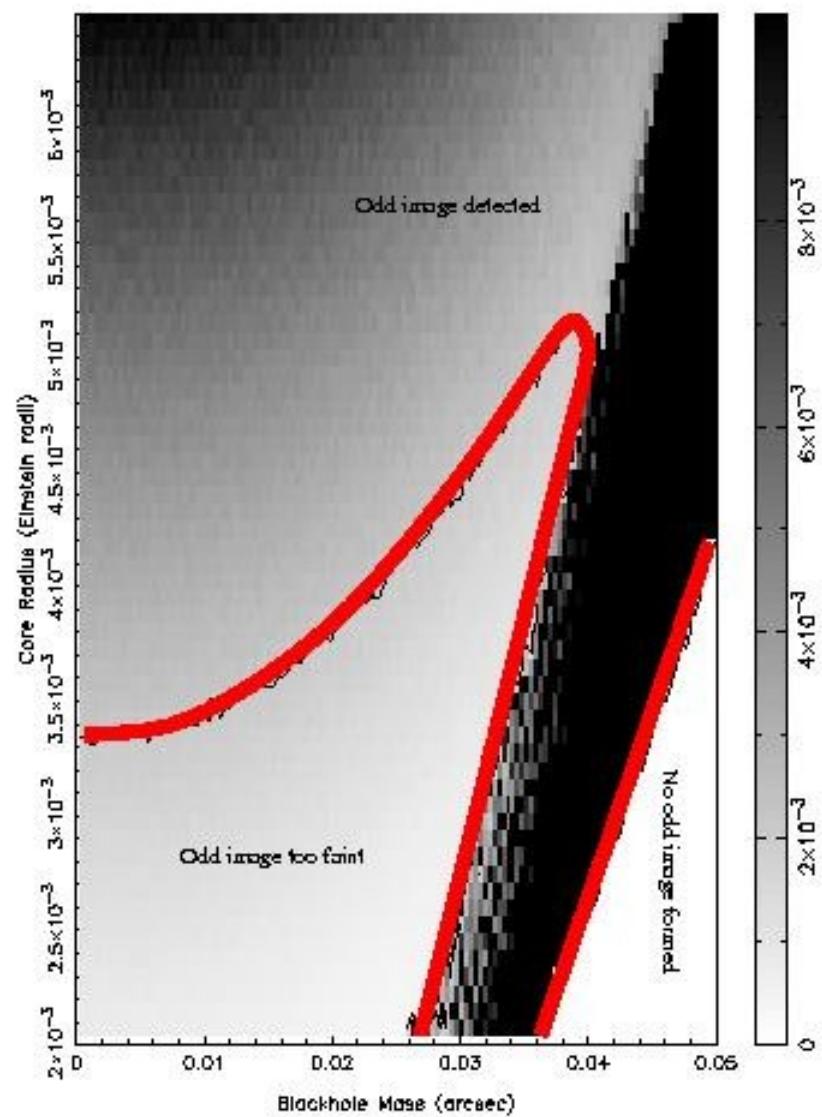
SKA

- Next-generation discovery programmes

Winn et al. 2003, 2004

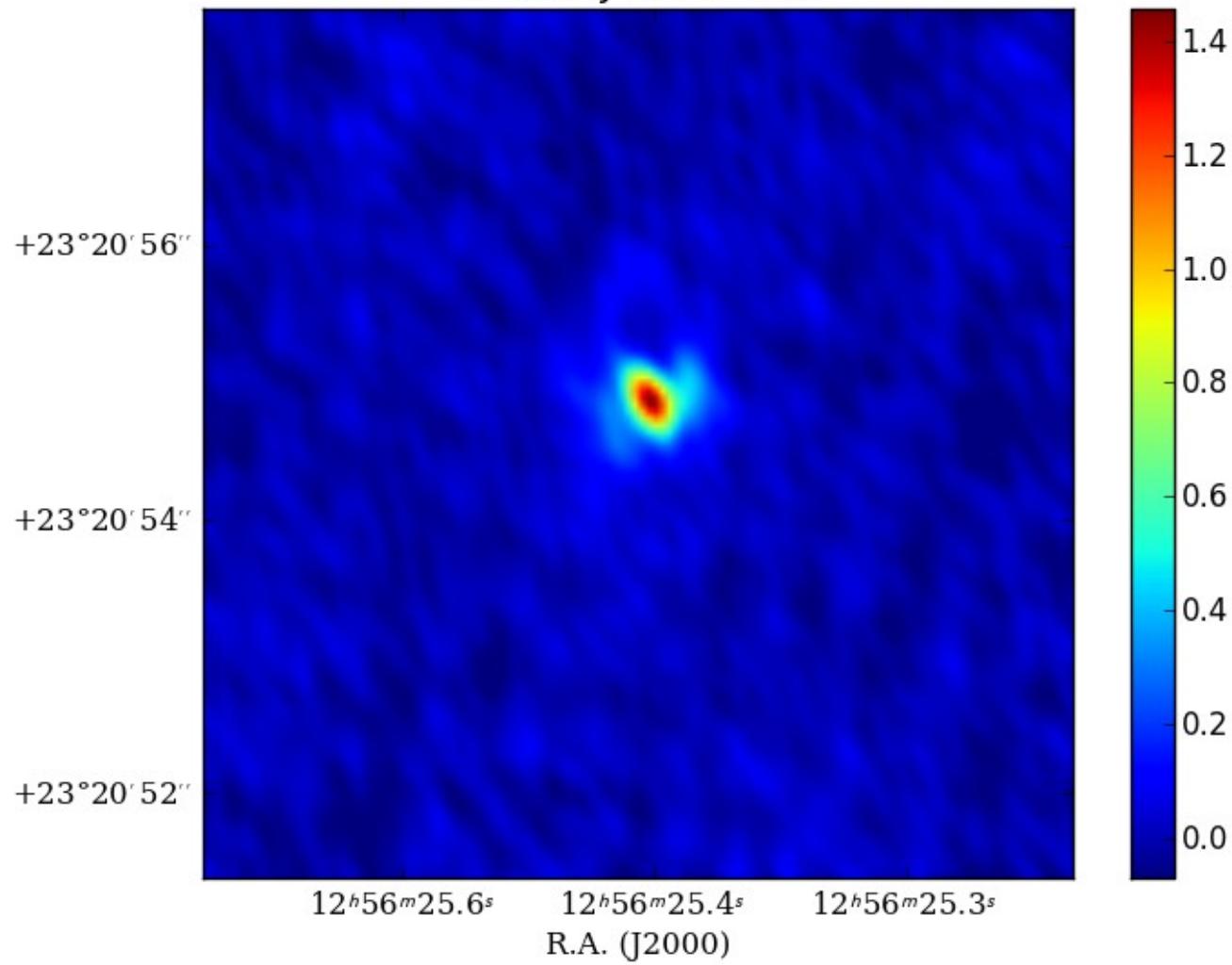


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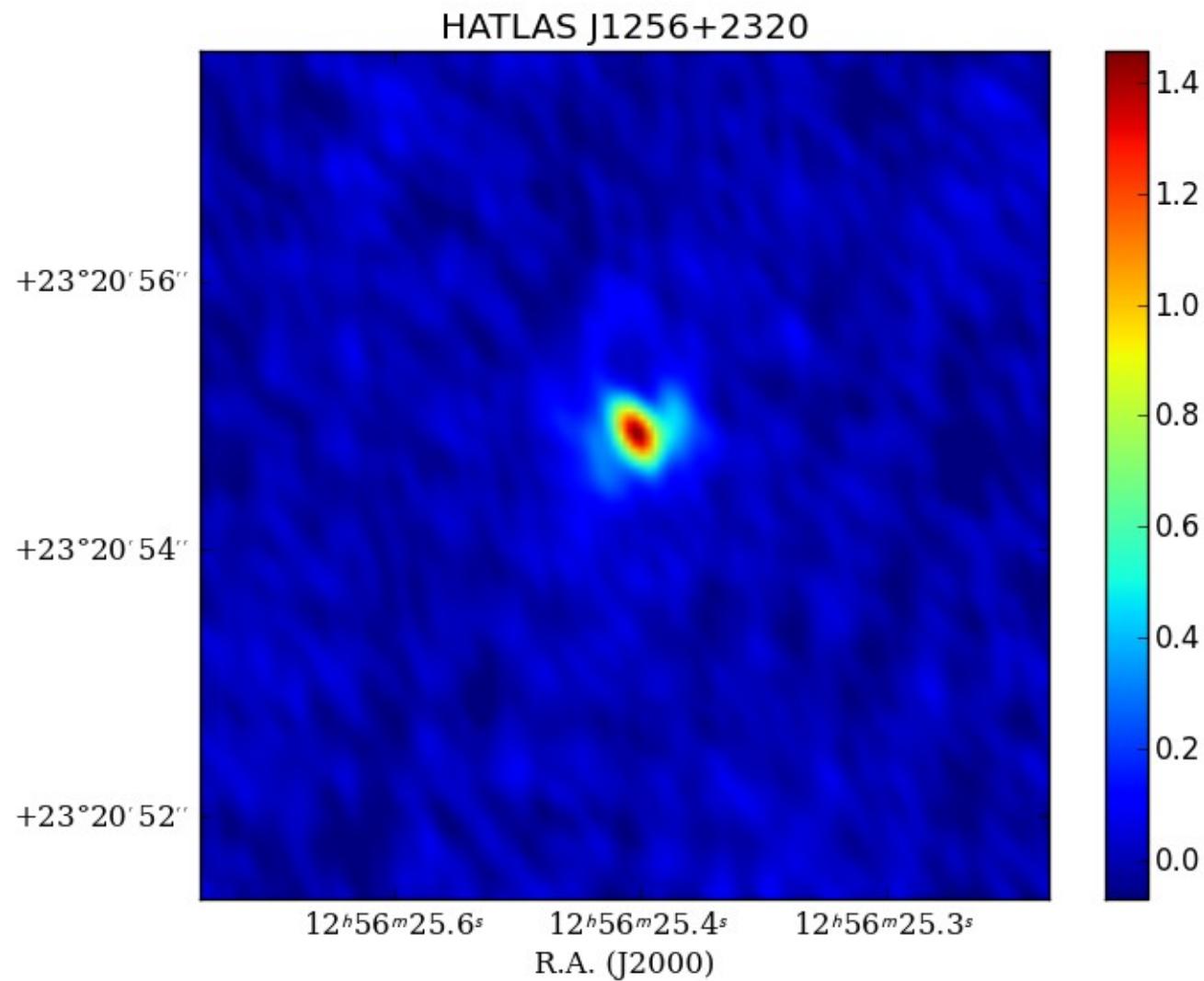


Norbury 2005

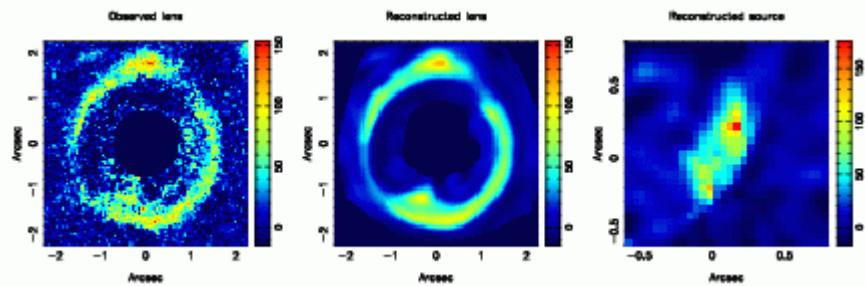
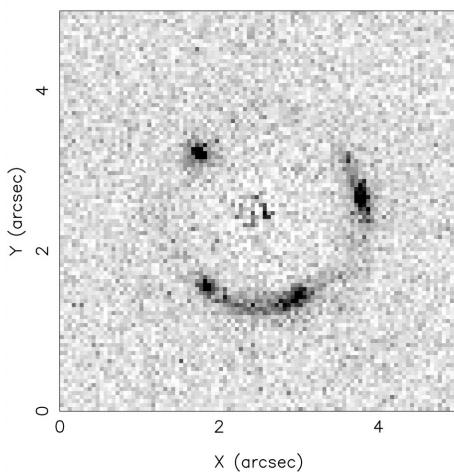
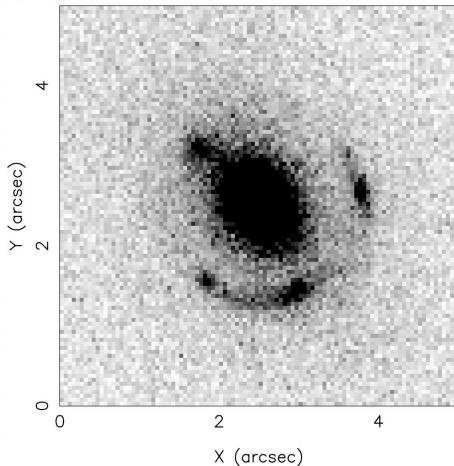
HATLAS J1256+2320



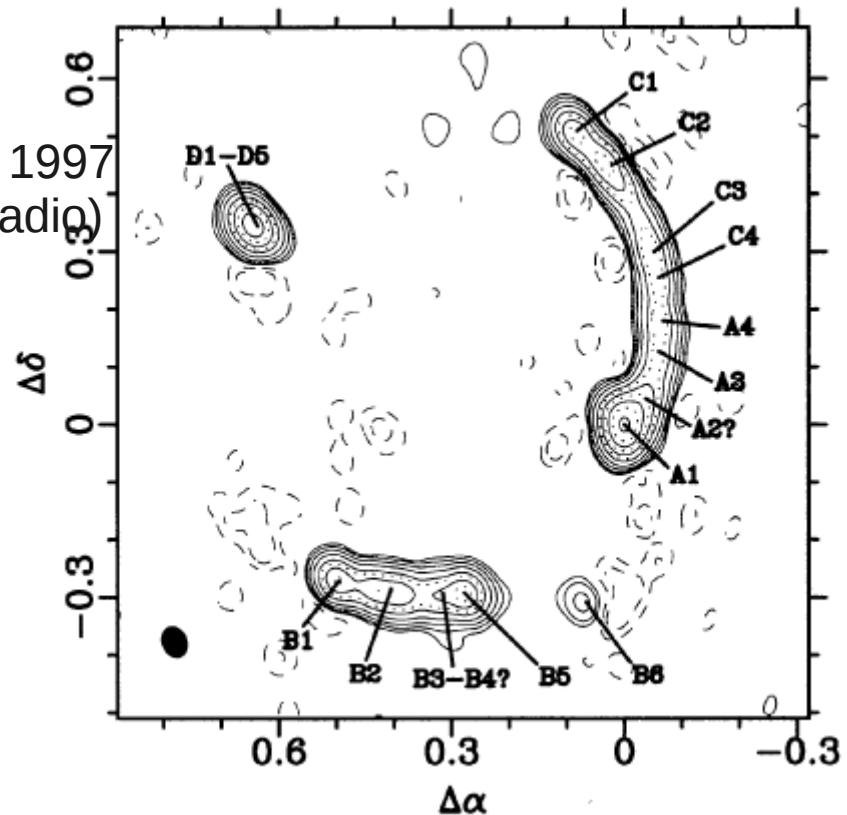
e-MERLIN 1.4GHz track (Mk2,Pi,De,Da,Kn,Cm)



Expect ~50% lens discovery efficiency, hence next one will be a lens

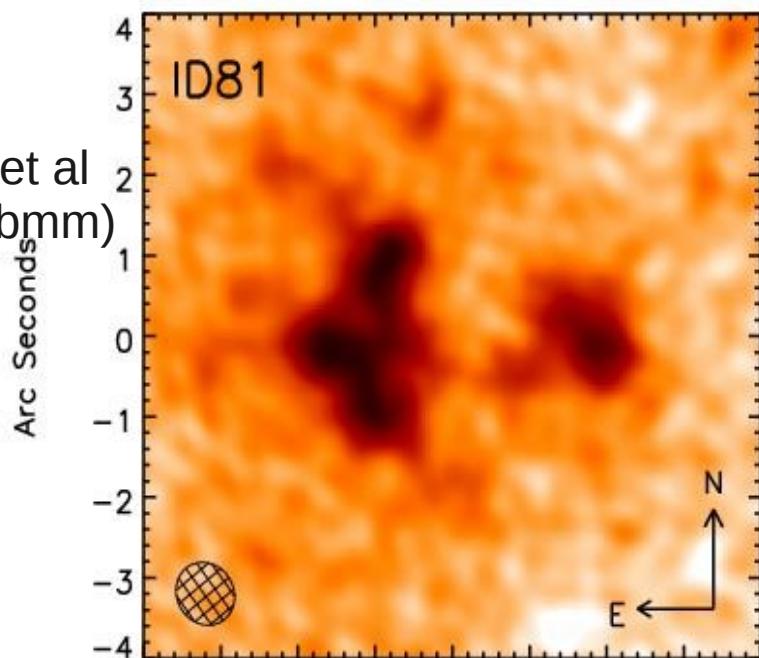


Lehar et al 1997
MG0751 (radio)

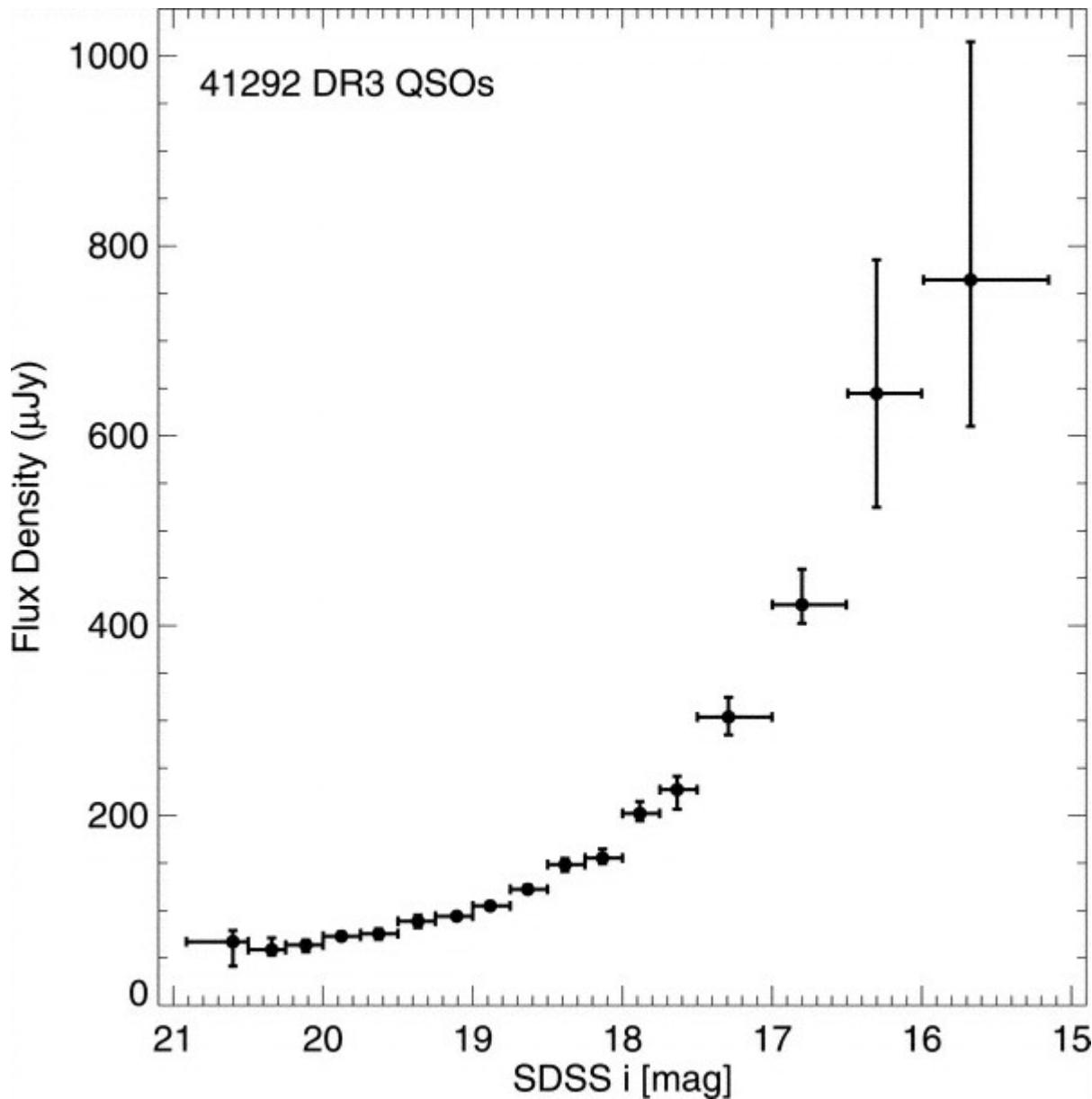


Dye & Warren 2005
(optical)

Negrello et al
2009 (submm)



Vegetti et al. 2012, Barnabe et al. 2009



White et al. 2007 (“Signals from the Noise...”) stacking of the FIRST survey

THE FAINTEST RADIO SOURCE YET: EVLA OBSERVATIONS OF THE GRAVITATIONAL LENS
SDSS J1004+4112

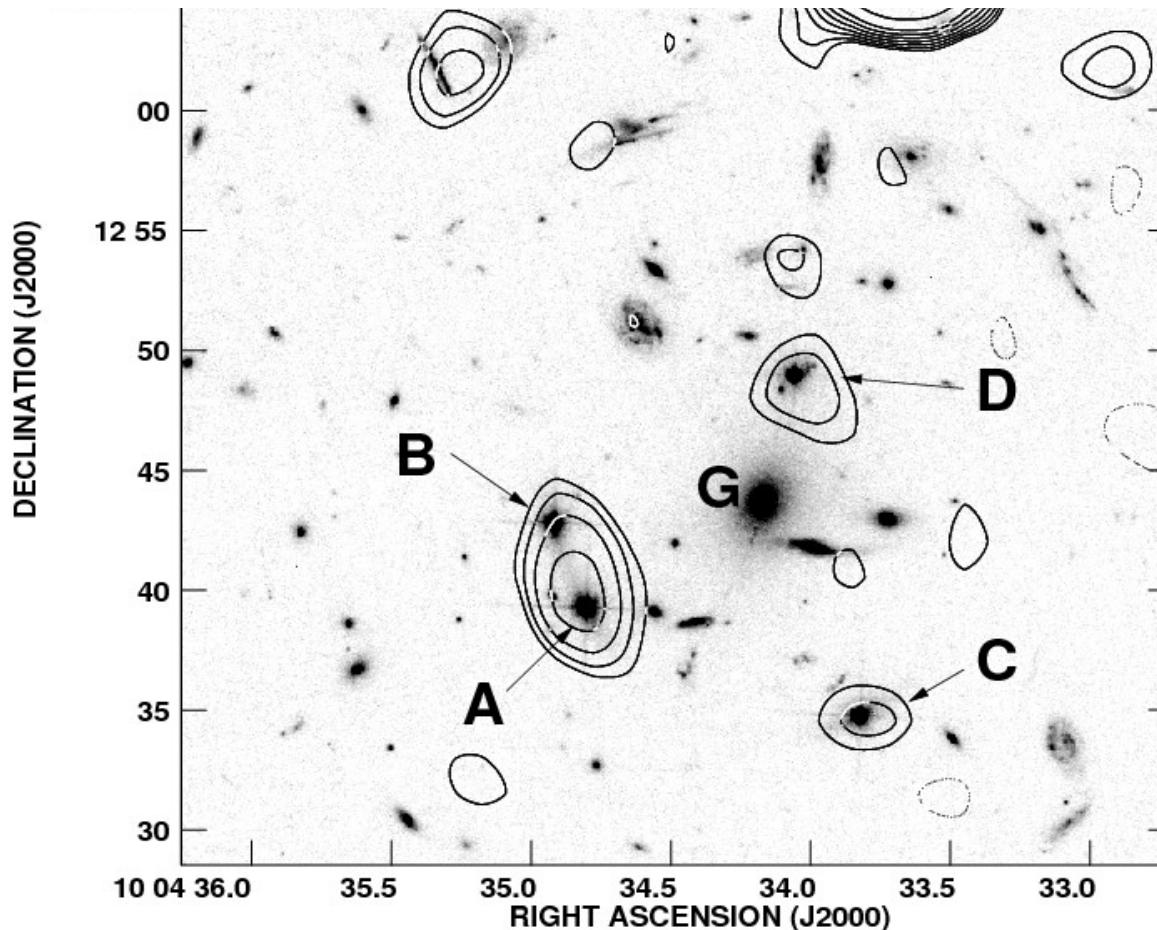
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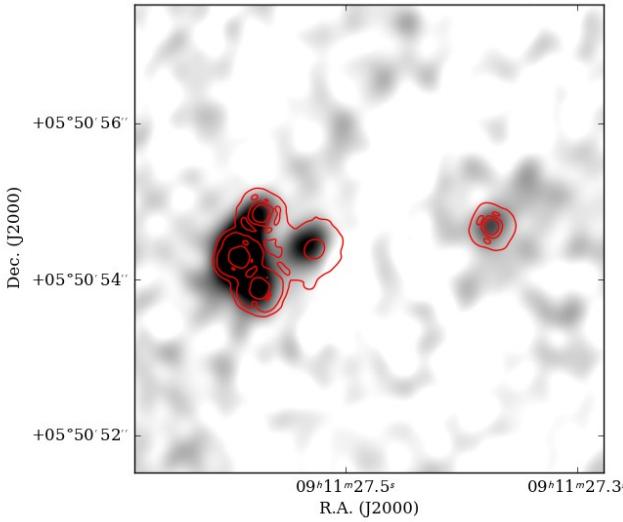
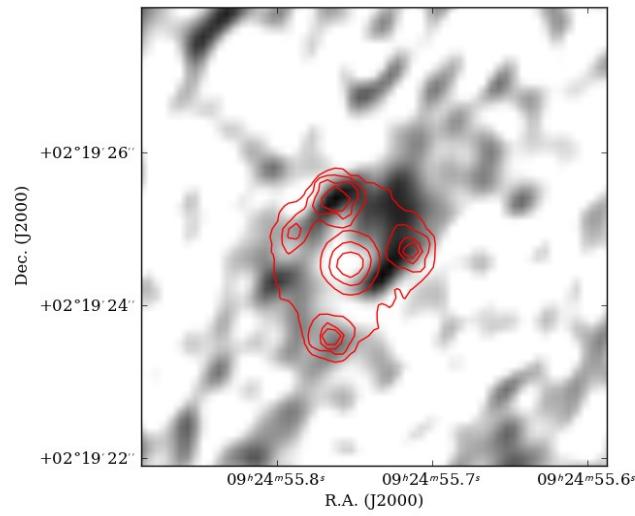
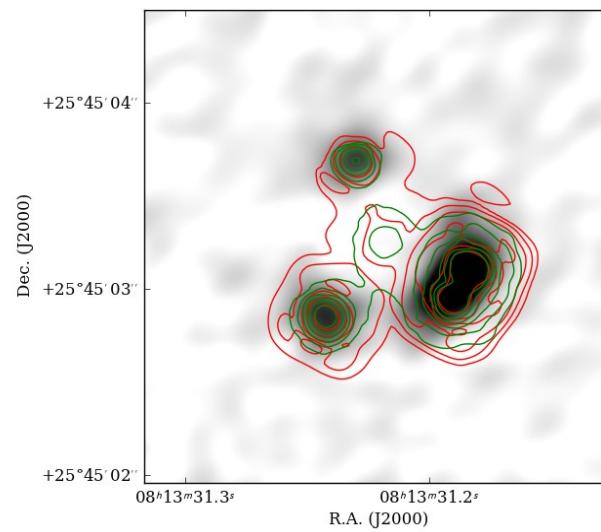
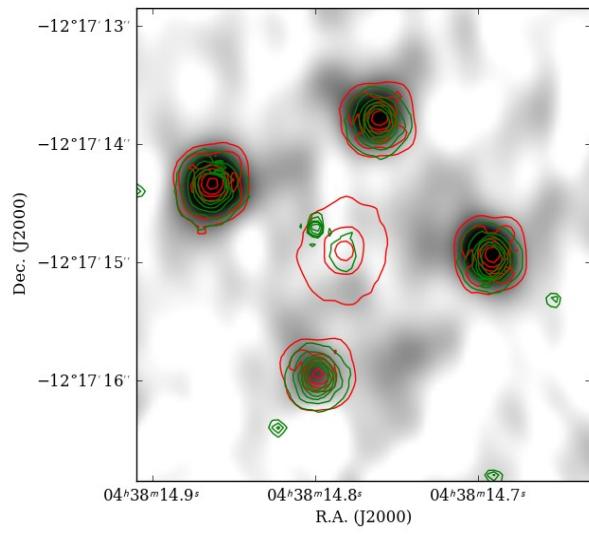
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ABSTRACT

We present new radio observations of the large-separation gravitationally-lensed quasar SDSS J1004+4112, taken in a total of 6 hours of observations with the Extended Very Large Array (EVLA). The maps reach a thermal noise level of approximately $4\mu\text{Jy}$. We detect four of the five lensed images at the $15\text{-}35\mu\text{Jy}$ level, representing a source of intrinsic flux density, after allowing for lensing magnification, of about $1\mu\text{Jy}$, intrinsically probably the faintest radio source yet detected. This reinforces the utility of gravitational lensing in potentially allowing us to study nanoJy-level sources before the advent of the SKA. In an optical observation taken three months after the radio observation, image C is the brightest image, whereas the radio map shows flux density ratios consistent with previous optical observations. Future observations separated by a time delay will give the intrinsic flux ratios of the images in this source.

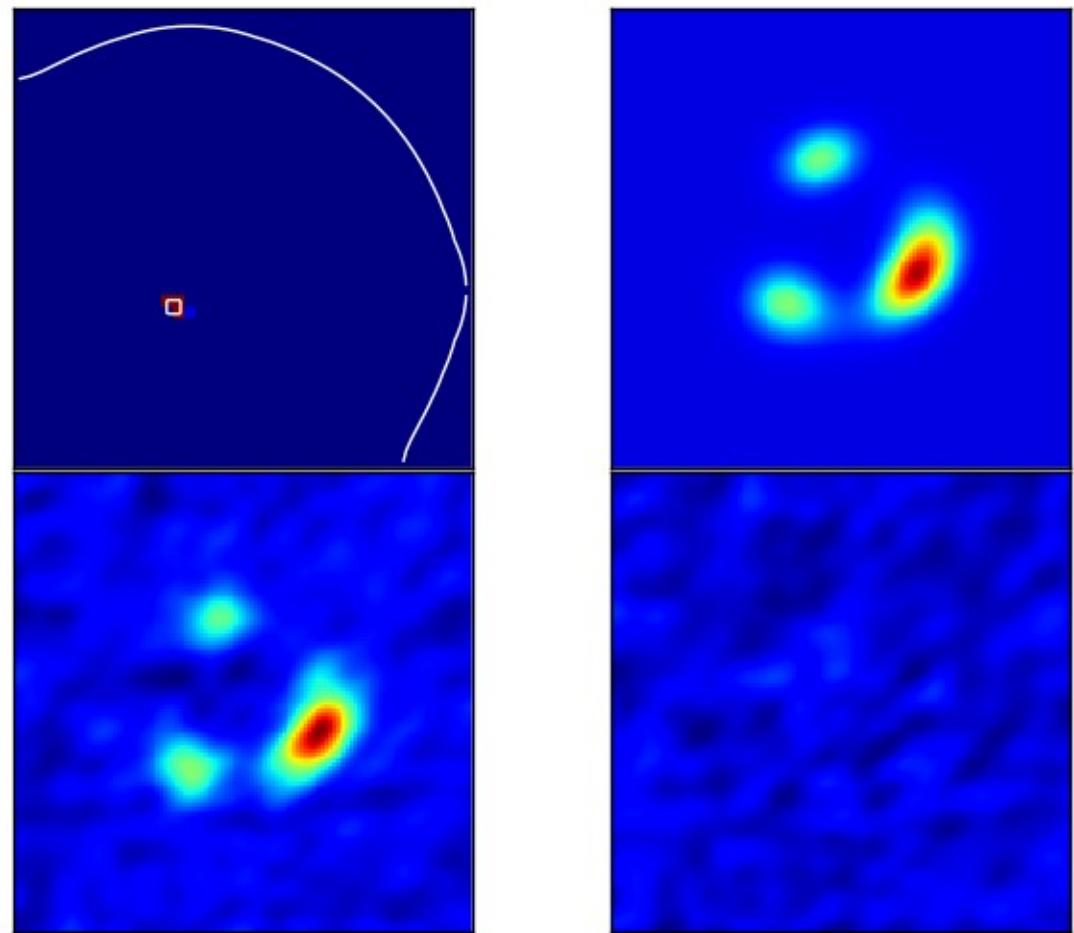
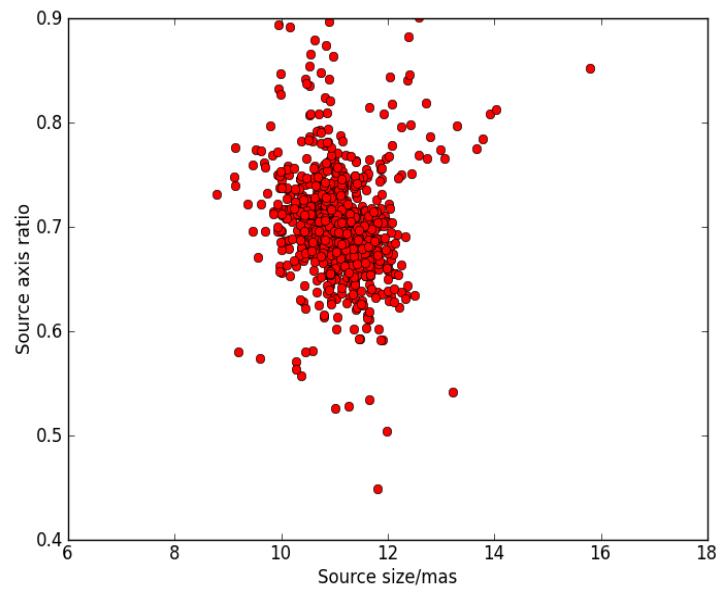
Subject headings: gravitational lensing: strong — quasars: individual(SDSS J1004+4112) — radio continuum: galaxies





JVLA imaging of four of the targets; all microJy radio sources intrinsically

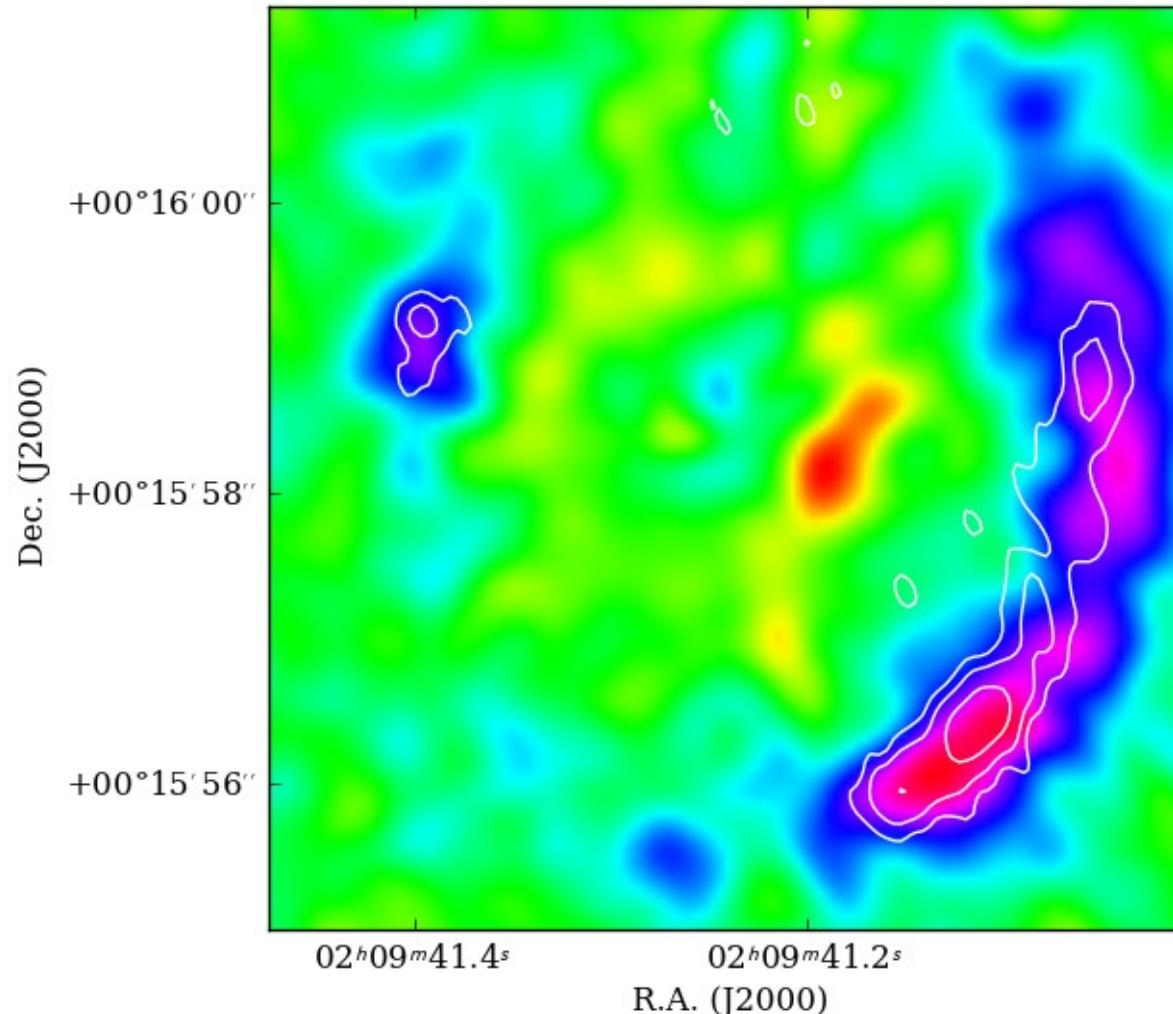
Modelling of 0810 with SIE: good fit with simple model, source is extended and ~11mas



Need to combine with higher-resolution image (e-MERLIN will help a lot!)

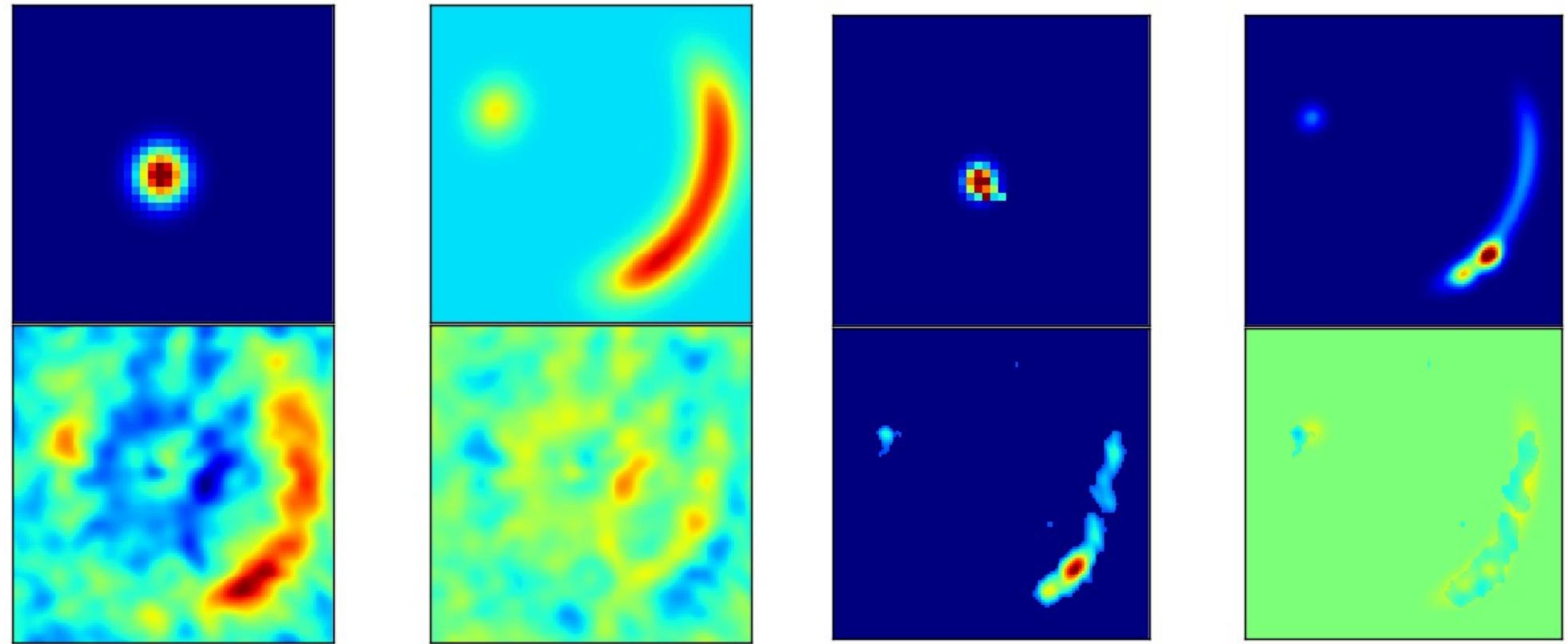
SPACEWARPS citizen science project lens (Stargazing Live)

PIs: A. More (IPMU), A. Verma (Oxford), P. Marshall (KIPAC):
<http://spacewarps.org>



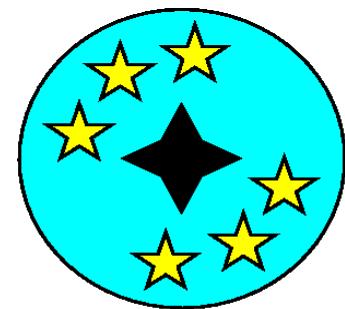
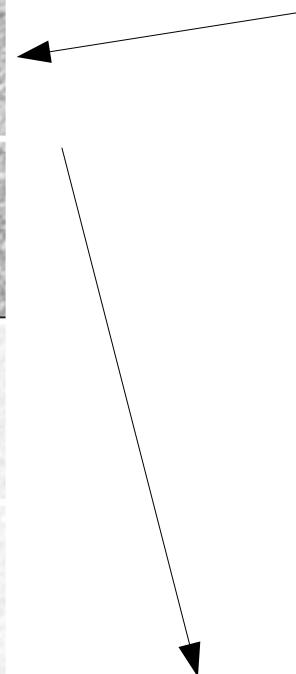
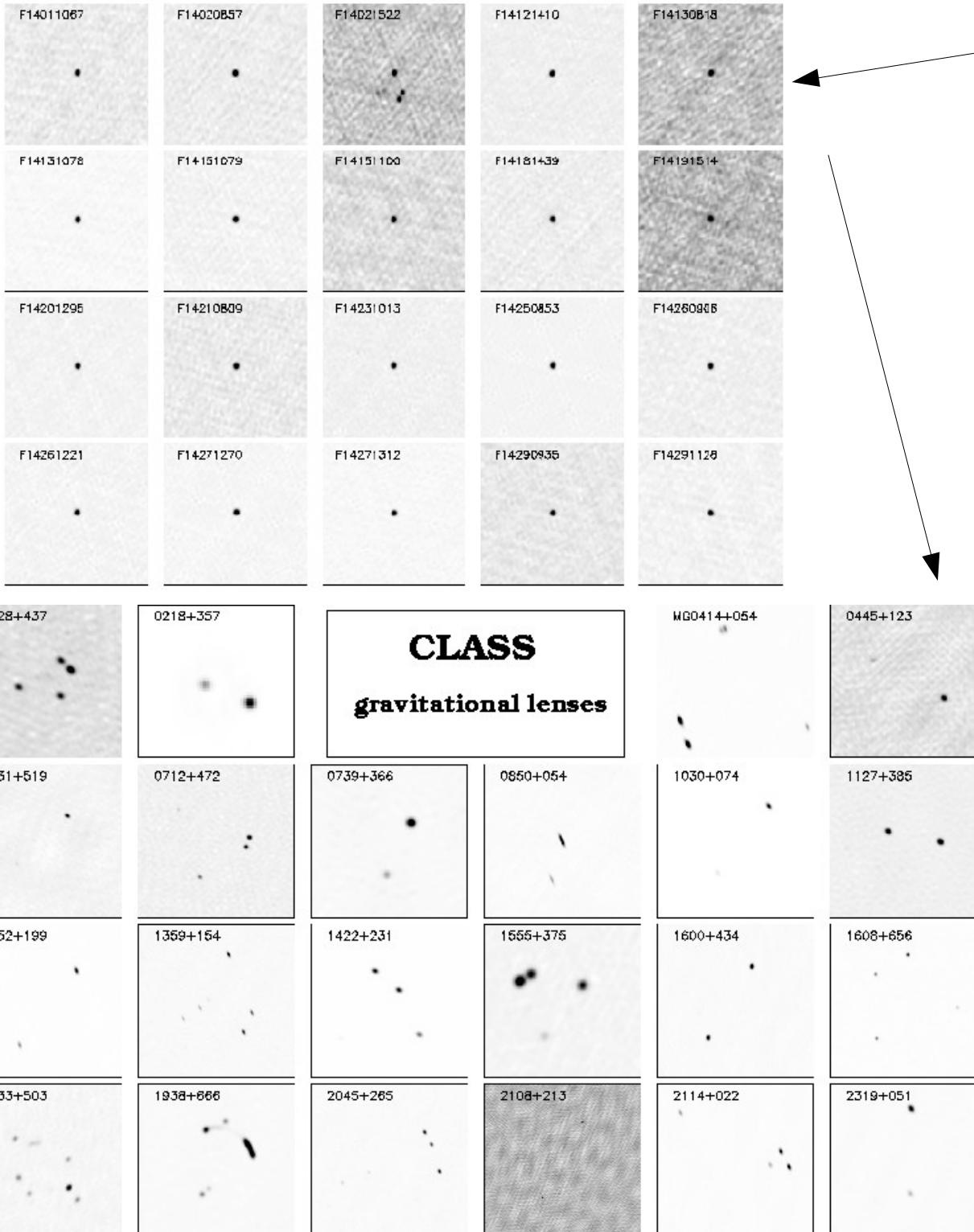
Contours: radio e-MERLIN 1.4GHz (map by Tom Muxlow)

IR image: J.Geach and the VICS82 team/TERAPIX/CNRS/INSU/CASU

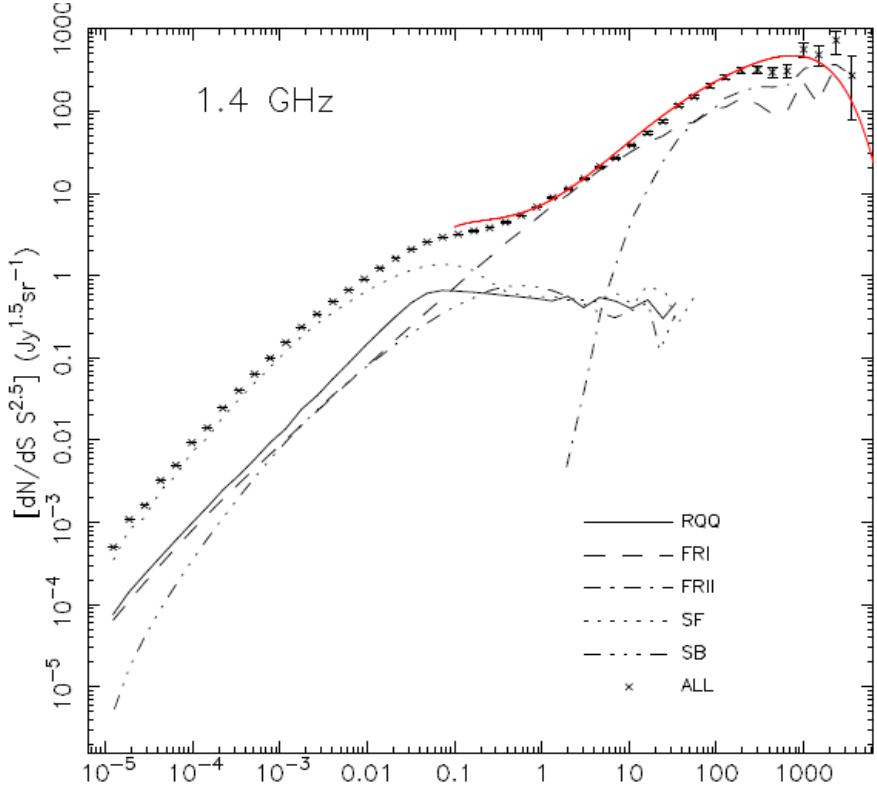


Left: model of IR image (source, model, image, residual)

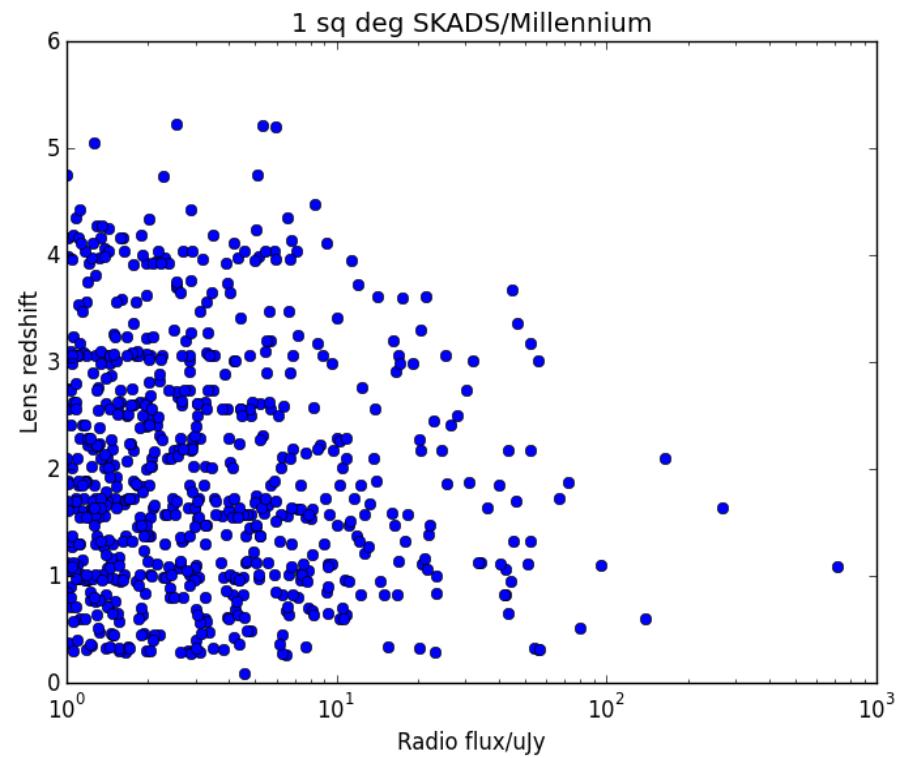
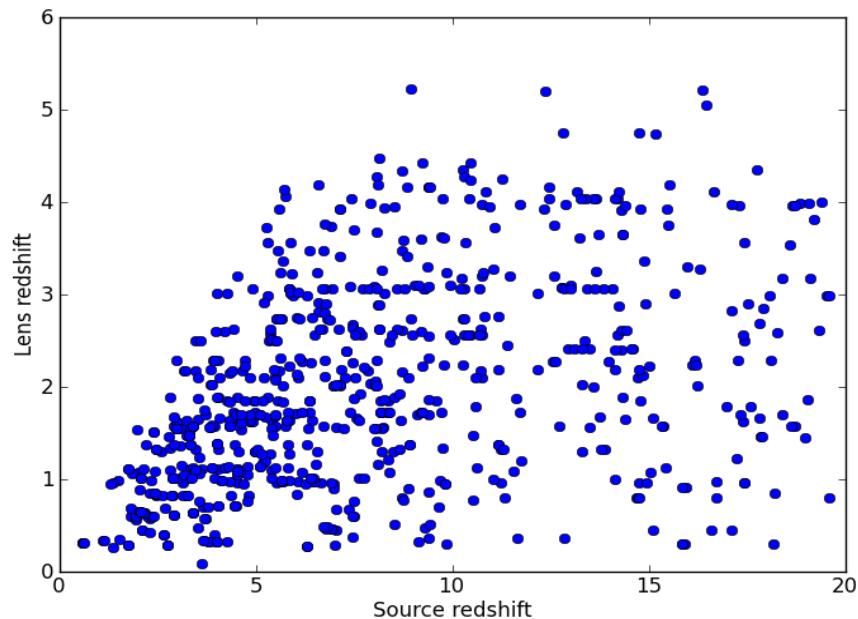
Right: model of radio image (source, model, image, residual)



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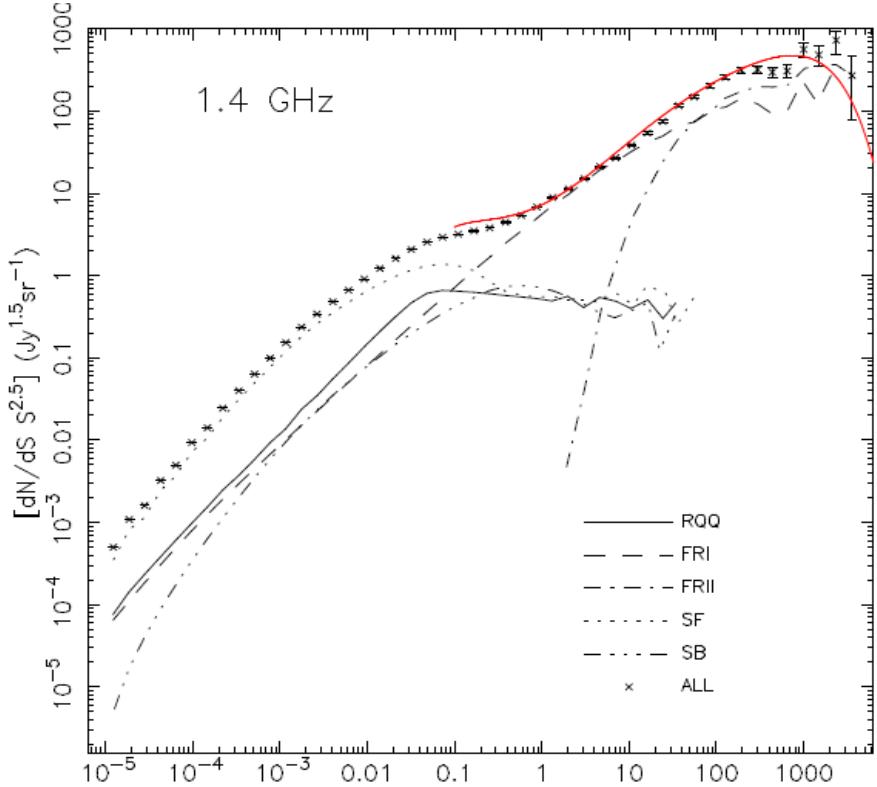


Source counts/model: Wilman et al. 2007

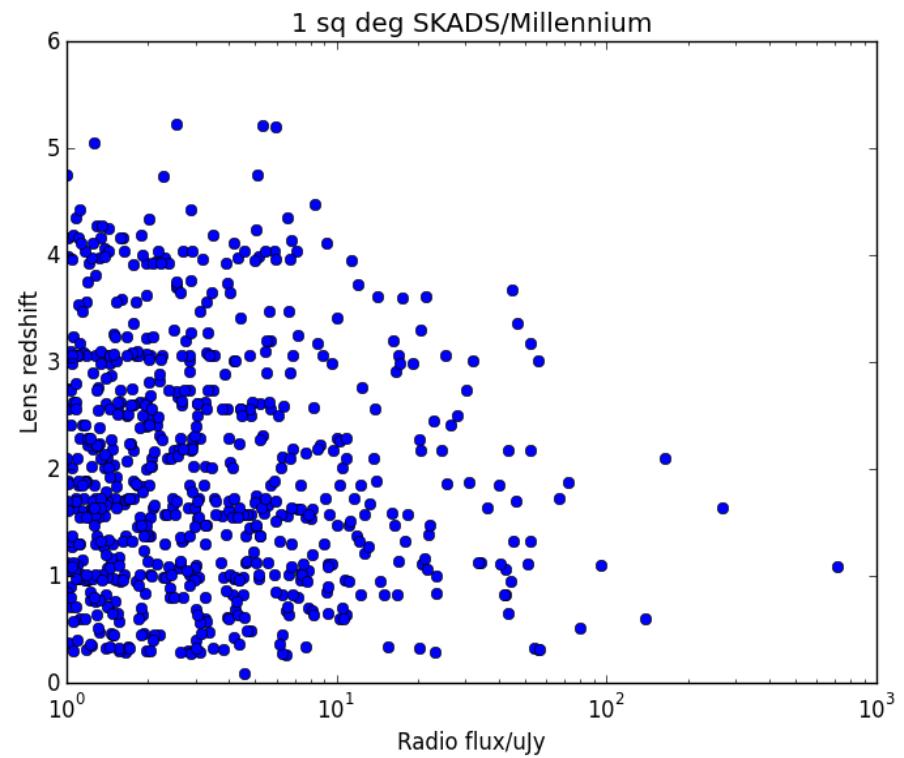
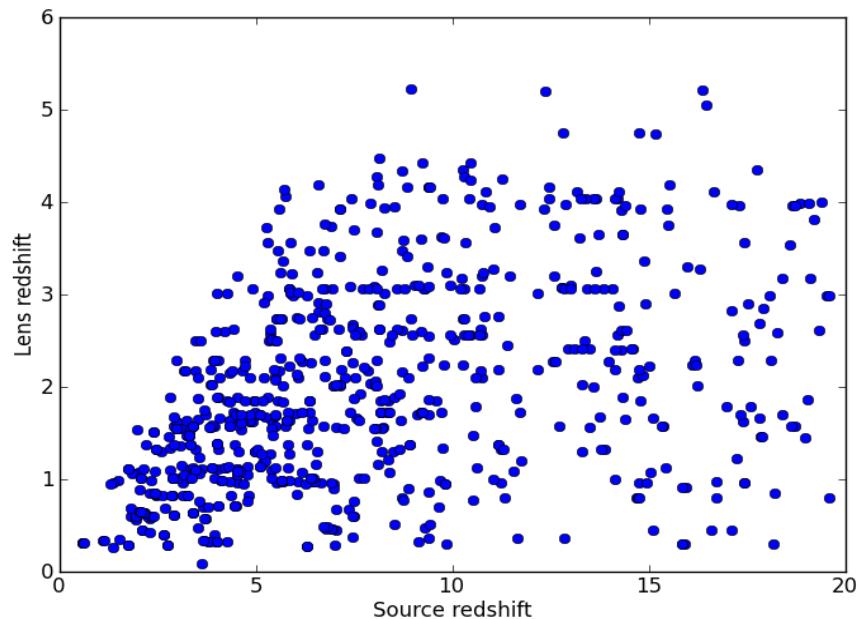


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**SKA book chapter (McKean, Jackson et al;
 Co-authors welcome)**