

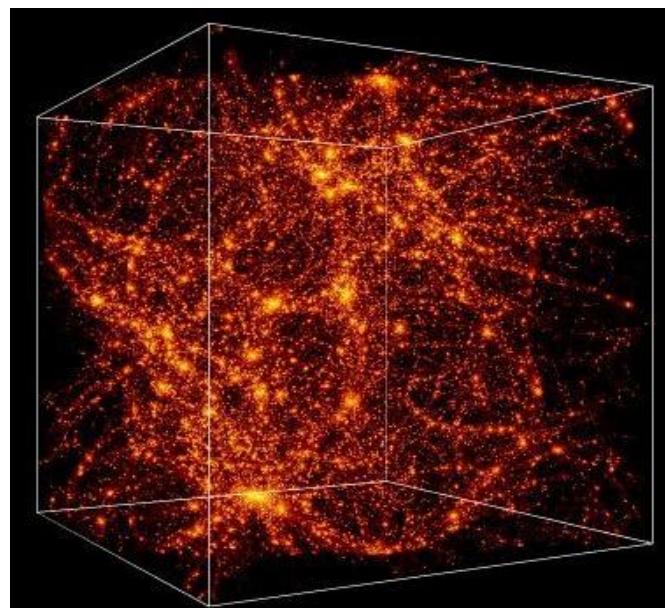
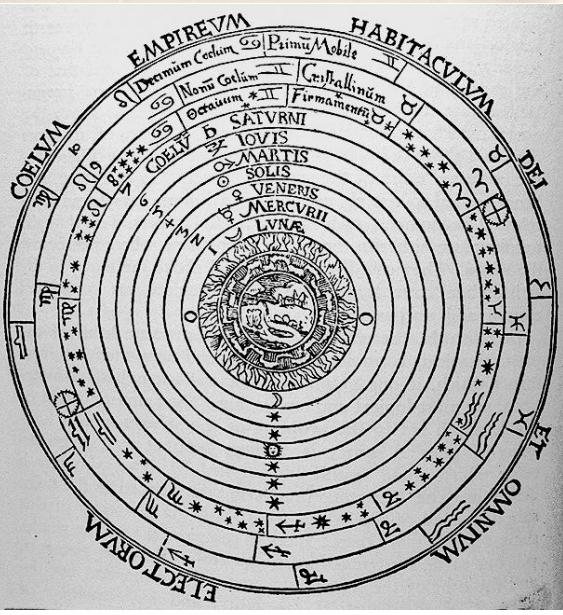
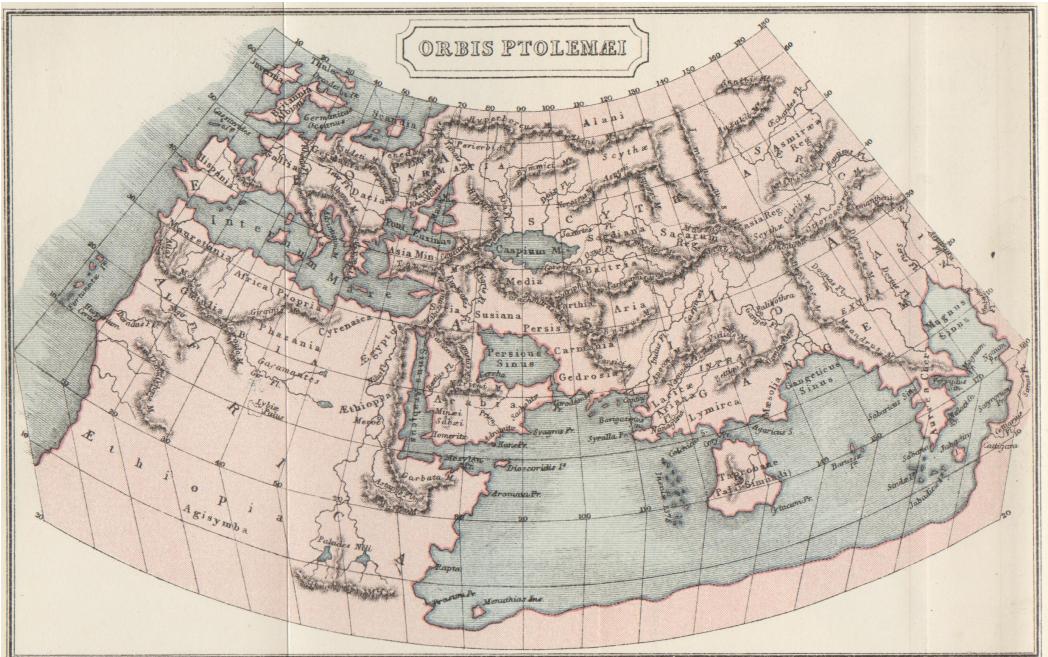
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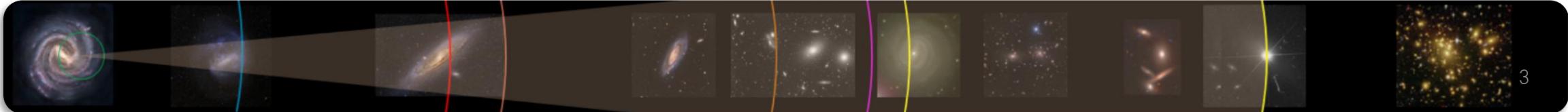
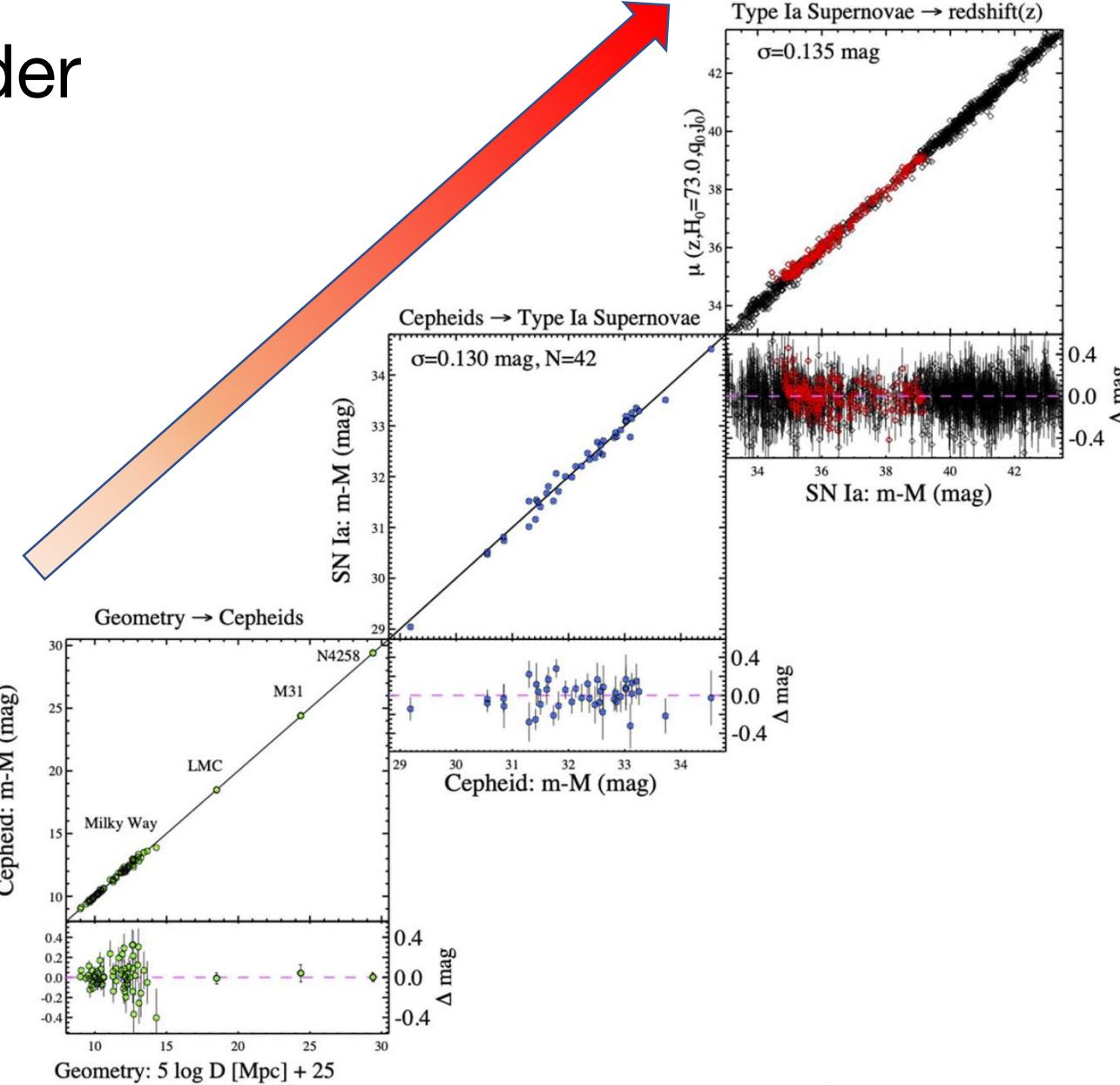
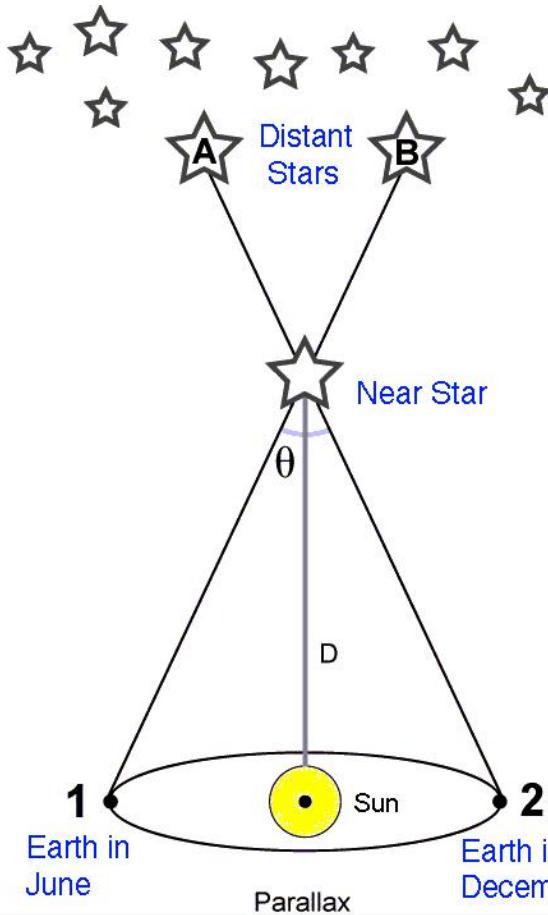
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Distance measurements hold the key



Cosmic distance ladder

geometric distance



Research Paper

Galactic calibration of the tip of the red giant branch

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Abstract

Indications from Gaia data release 2 are that the tip of the red giant branch (a population II standard candle related to the helium flash in low mass stars) is close to -4 in absolute I magnitude in the Cousins photometric system. Our sample is high-latitude southern stars from the thick disk and inner halo, and our result is consistent with longstanding findings from globular clusters, whose distances were calibrated with RR Lyrae stars. As the Gaia mission proceeds, there is every reason to think an accurate Galactic geometric calibration of tip of the red giant branch will be a significant outcome for the extragalactic distance scale.

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The goal of 1% accuracy in galaxy distances is now driven more by questions in fundamental physics than astronomy. A roadmap

1. Introduction

The goal of 1% accuracy in galaxy distances is now driven more by questions in fundamental physics than astronomy. A roadmap to reach this goal exists by means of observing and modelling cosmic microwave background anisotropies (Di Valentino et al. 2018). The astronomical distance ladder also has a path to reach this goal by calibrating the Cepheid period luminosity relation and the type Ia supernova standard candle. A second population

This means there is little to be gained by pursuing TRGB stars to great distances, where the relative errors are larger.

2.1. Database Query

We use as our input catalogue Data Release DR1.1 of the SkyMapper survey of the southern sky (Wolf et al. 2018) which incorporates crossmatch to Gaia DR2 catalogue and selected stars from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey in magnitude of $0 \leq r \leq 18$.



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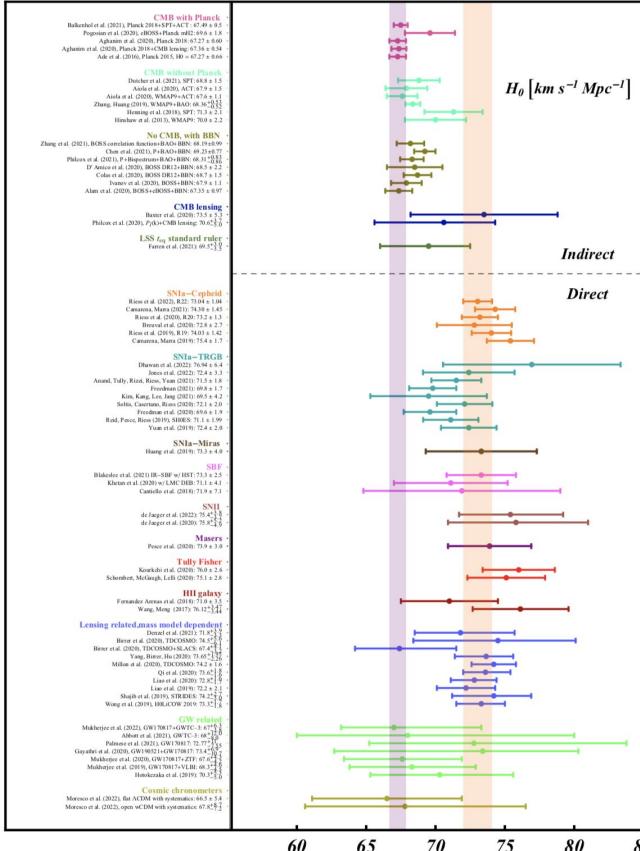
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Jeremy Mould

$$H_0 = 50-100 \text{ km/s/Mpc} \rightarrow \\ 72 \pm 8 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

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1%的目标来自基础物
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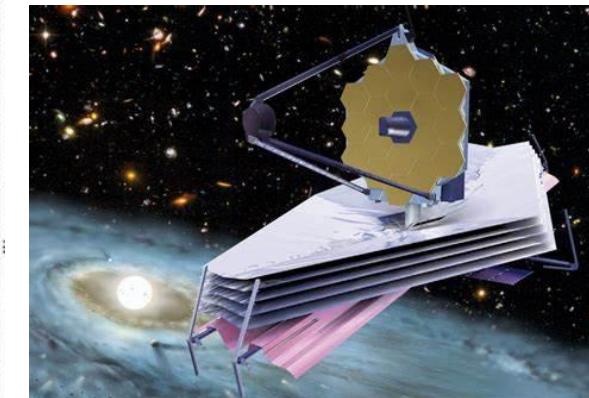
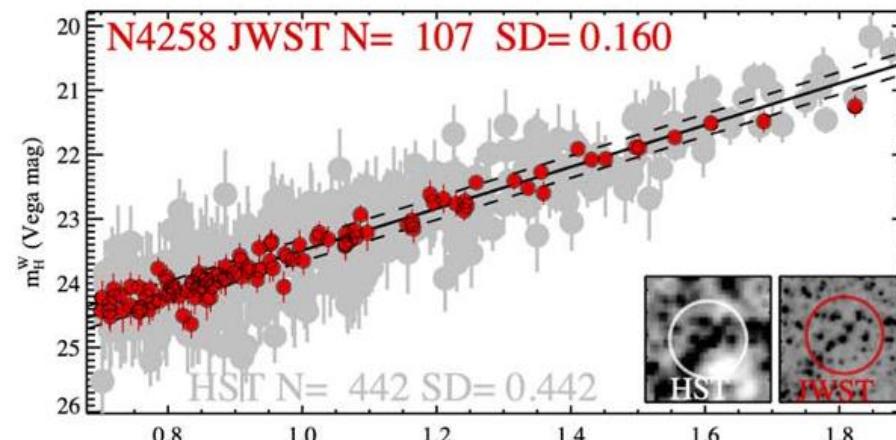
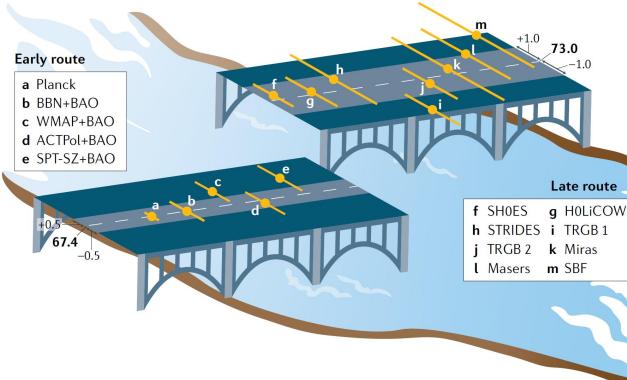
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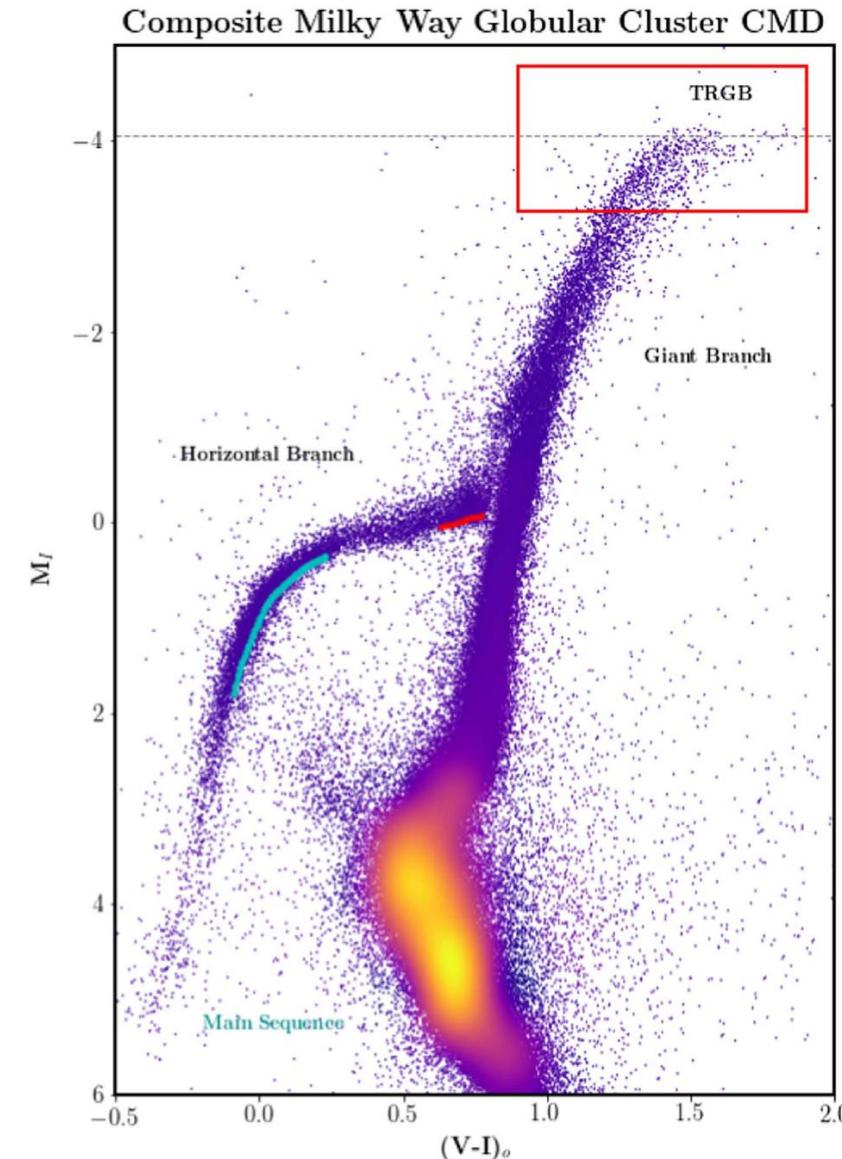
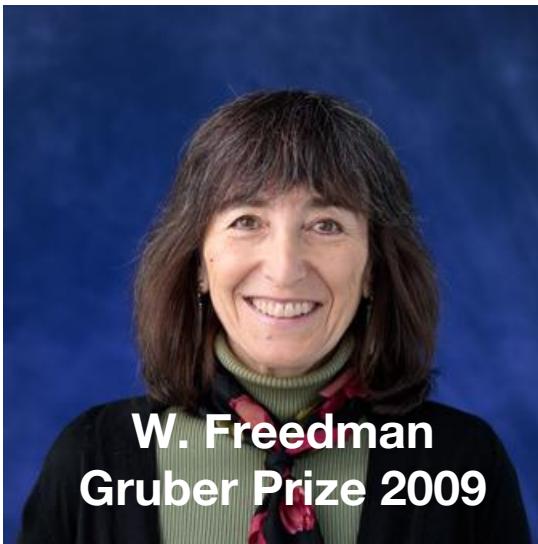
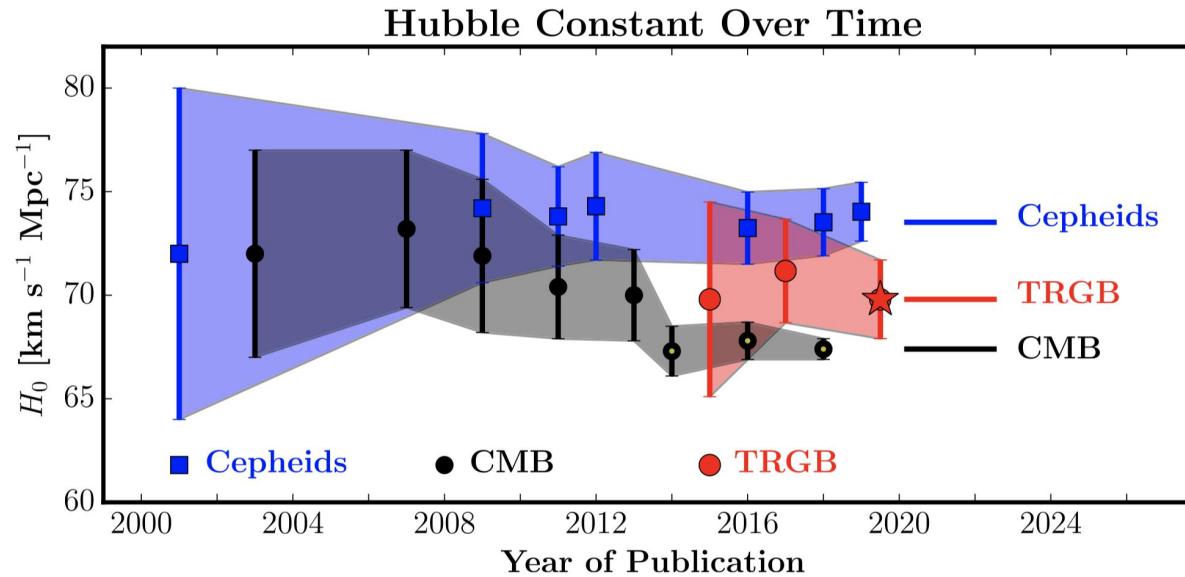
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“Hubble tension” calls for new cosmic probes



高精度距离阶梯：是否可以构建？

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A parallax distance to 3C 273 through spectroastrometry and reverberation mapping

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可以同时测量距离和黑洞质量 $d = \frac{\Delta R}{\Delta\theta}; M_{\text{BH}}$

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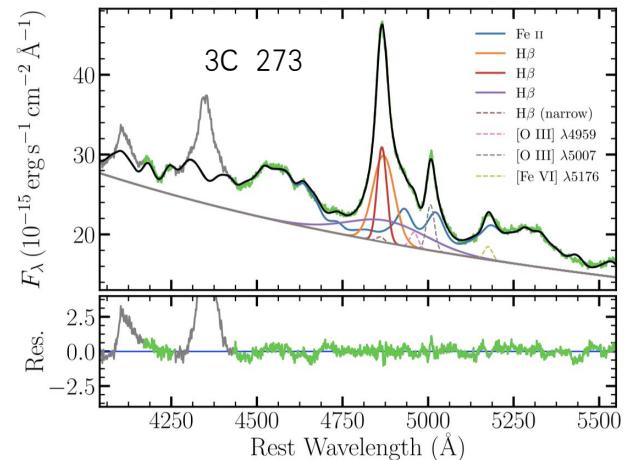
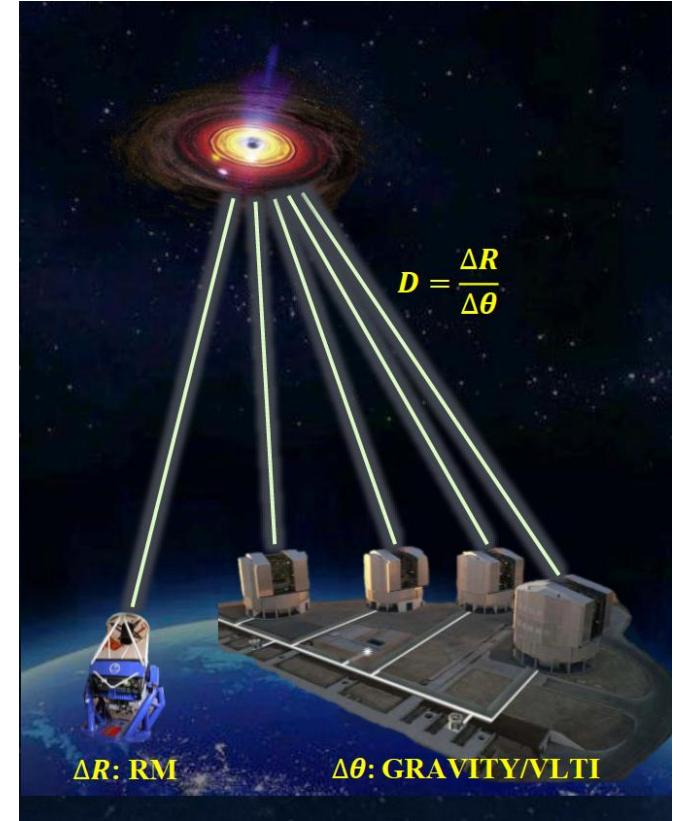
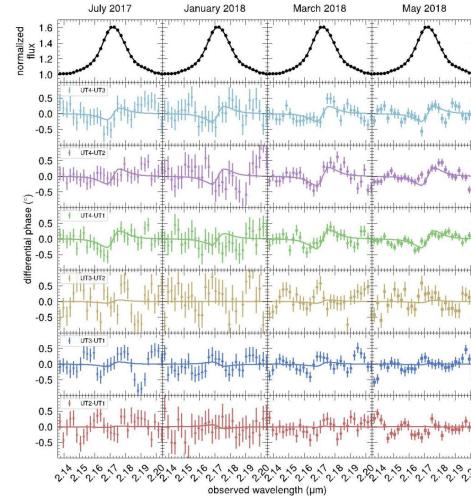
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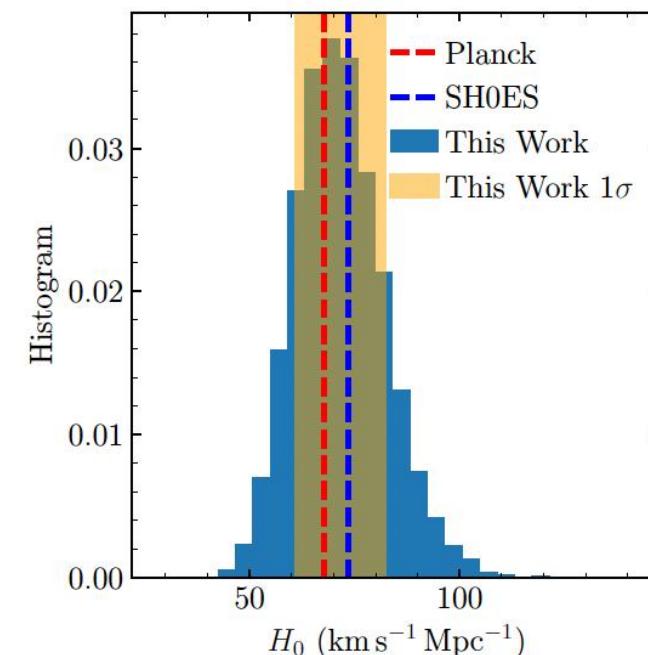
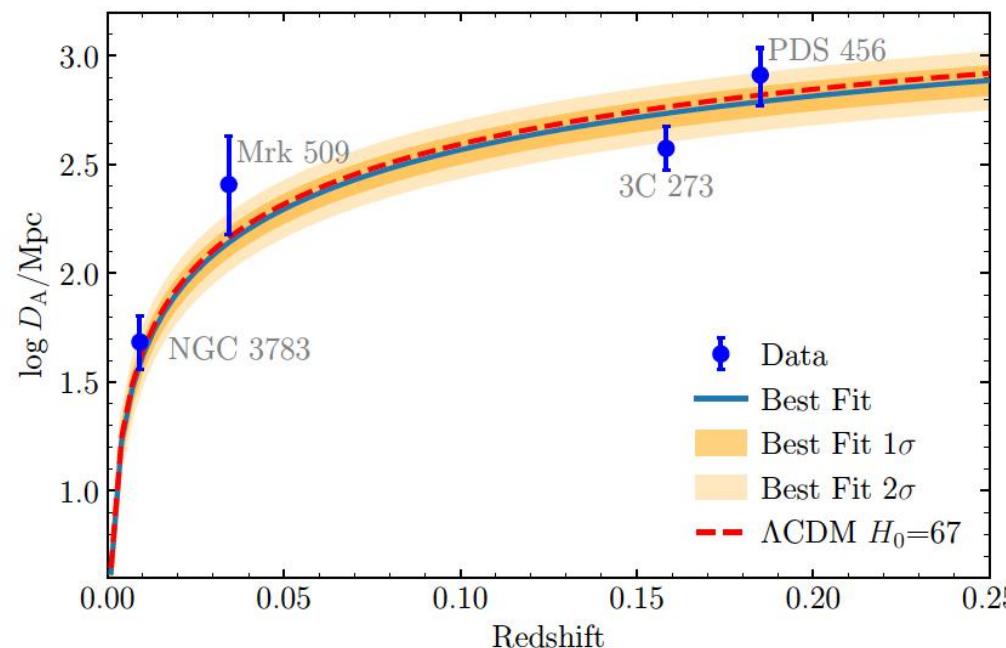
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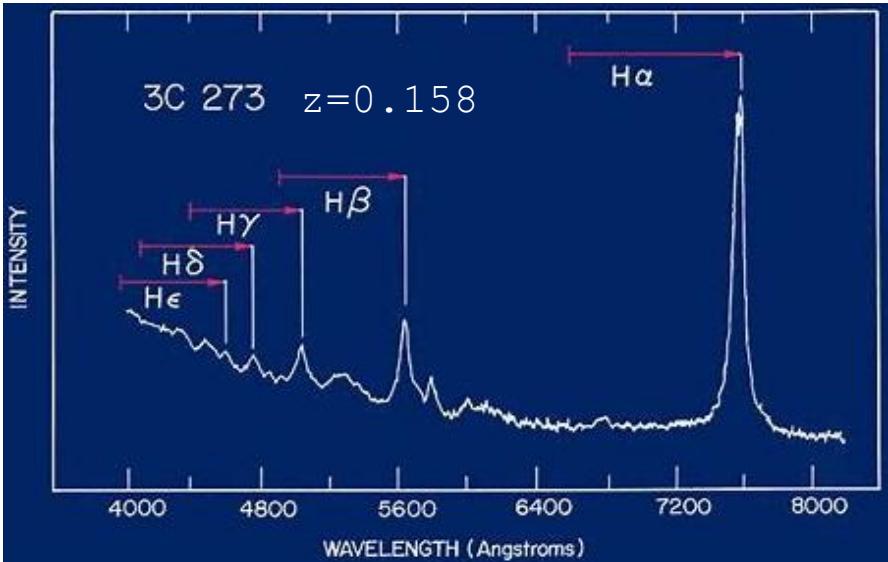
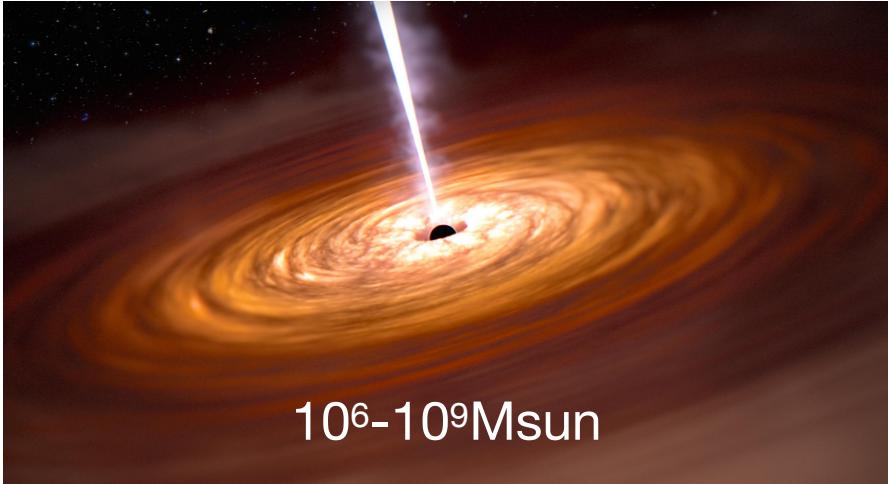
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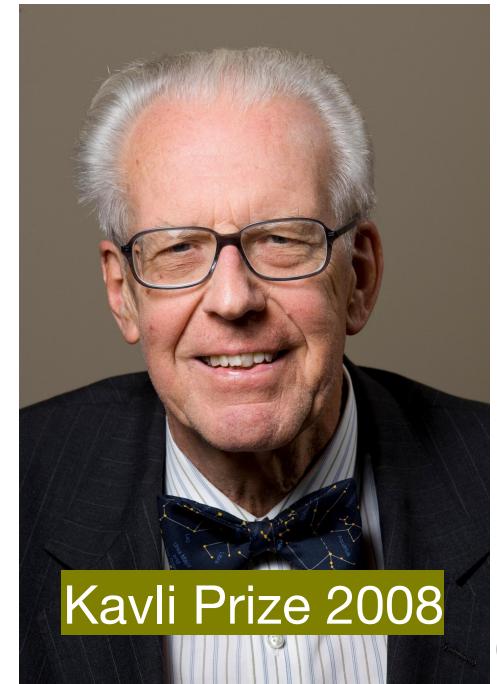
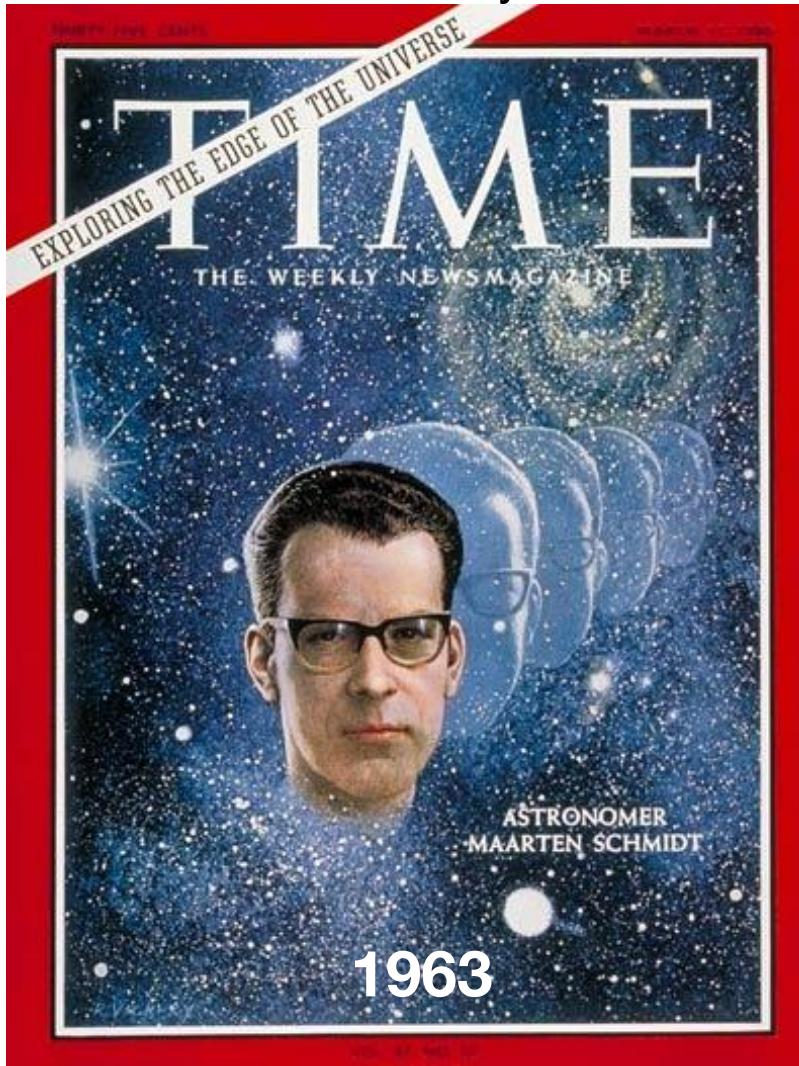


Quasars: accreting supermassive black holes

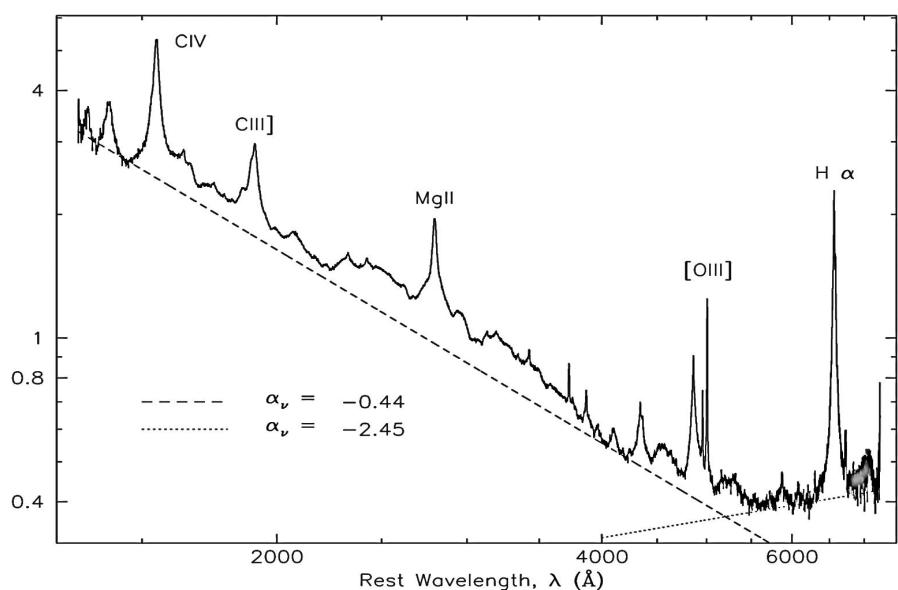
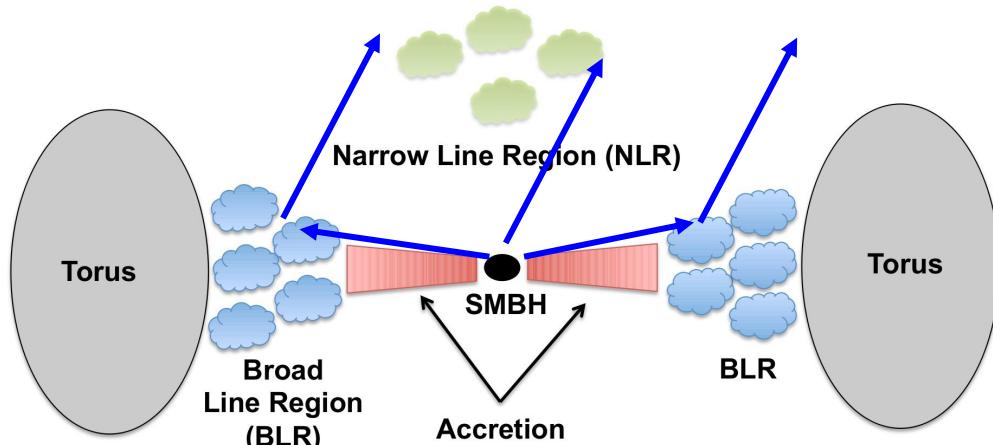
- First discovered in 1963 by M. Schmidt



- The most luminous, long-lived objects on the sky



Quasars: accreting supermassive black holes



- Accretion disk: $\sim 10^3 R_g$
- Broad-line region: $\sim 10 - 100$ light-day
- Torus: \sim pc

at 1Gpc (z=0.35)

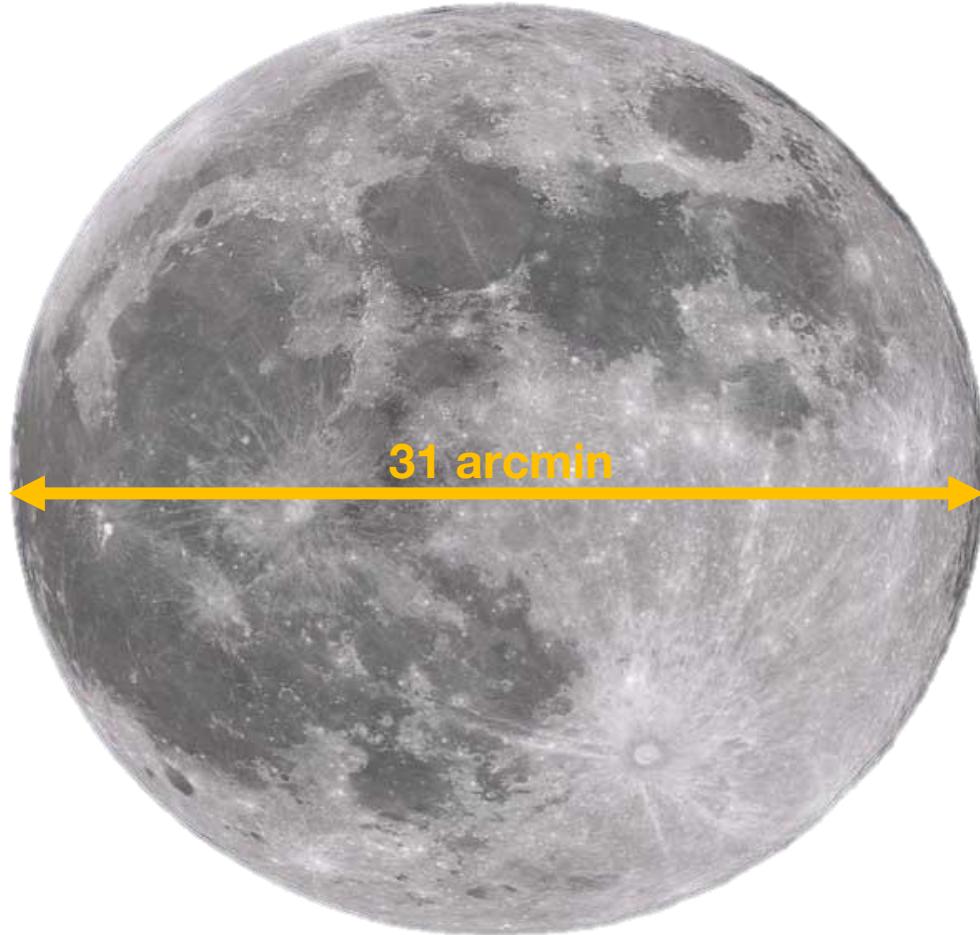
100light day —— 20micro-arcsec

1pc —— 200micro-arcsec

JWST 6m: ~ 0.1 arcsec

ELT 39m: ~ 5 milli-arcsec

Quasars: accreting supermassive black holes



Quasar angular size: $>10^8$ times smaller!

a small stone (2cm) vs. the moon

$(1.7 \times 10^8 \text{ cm})$

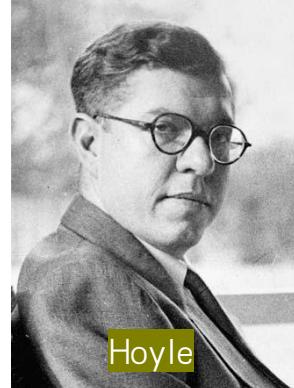
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After 1963, an epic history of looking for quasars as a cosmic probe; most approaches ineffective

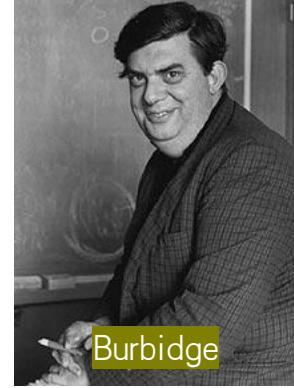
- Sandage (1965)
- Hoyle & Burbidge (1966)
- Longair (1967)
- Schmidt (1968)
- Weinberg (1972)
- Bahcall & Hills (1973)
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- Elvis & Karovska (2022)
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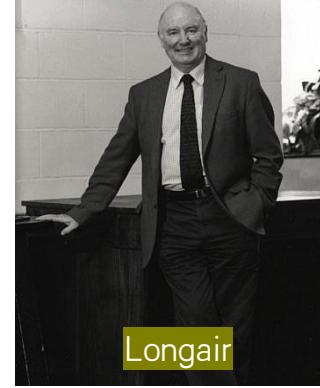
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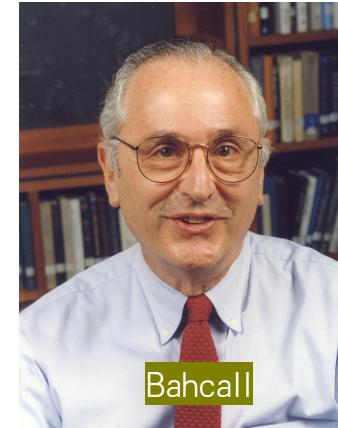
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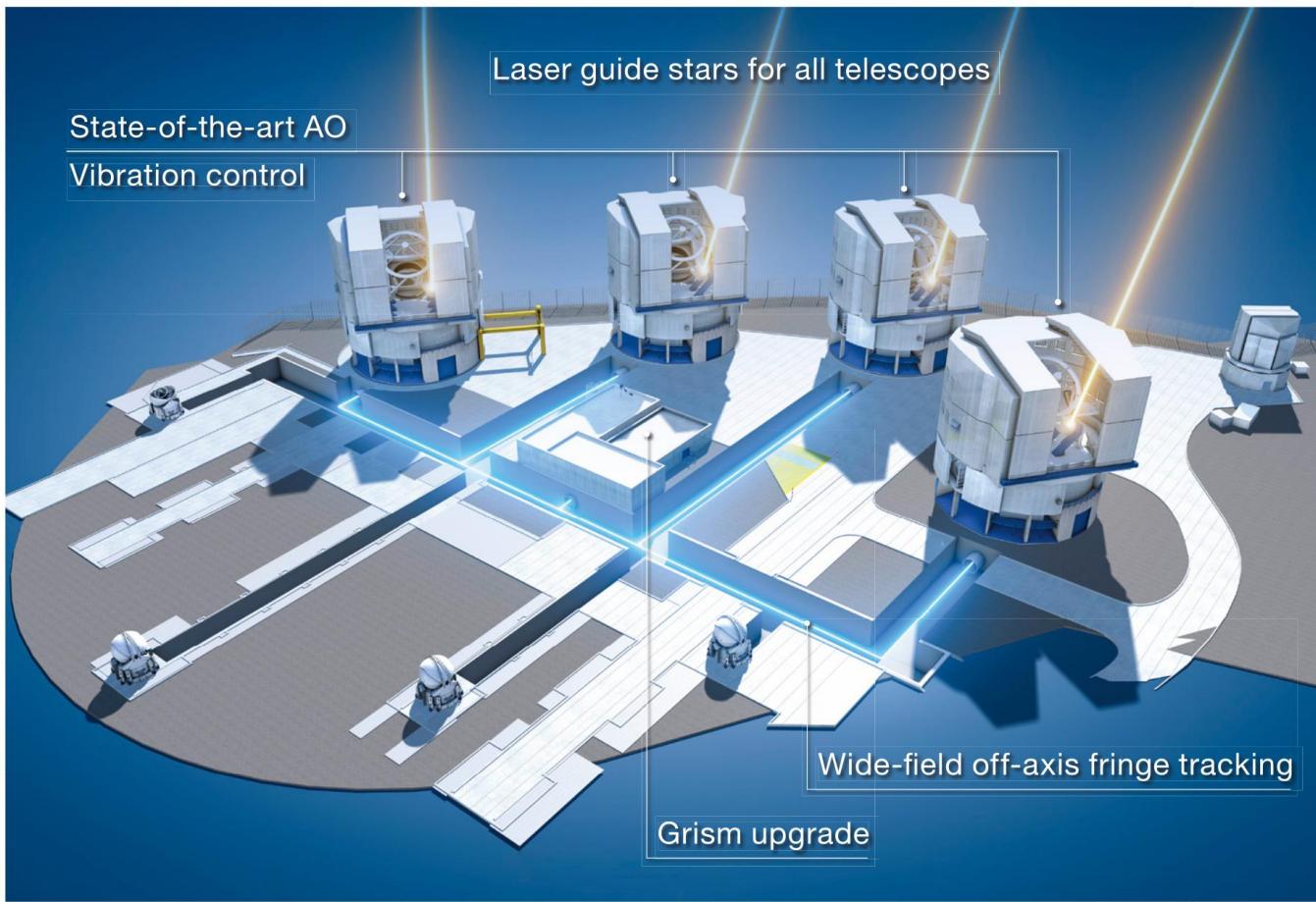


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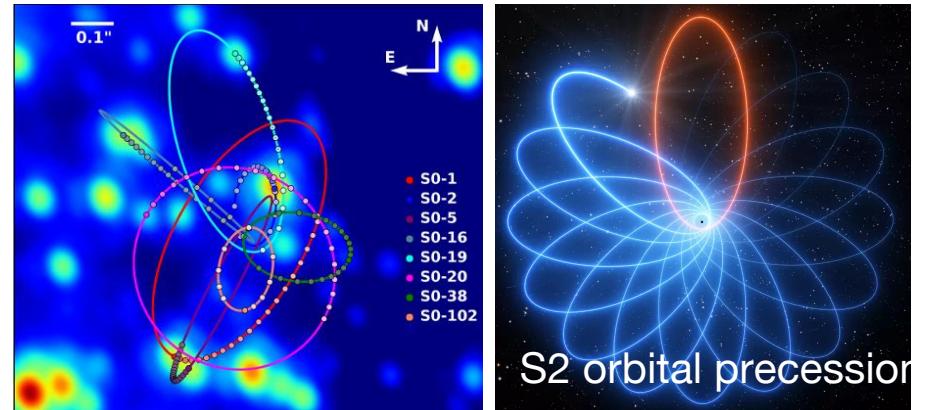


Baldwin

Breakthrough in 2017: infrared interferometry with VLTI



GRAVITY/VLTI, 4*8m, baseline ~100m
~ $10\mu\text{as}$ with spectroastrometry



Nobel physics prize in 2020

Breakthrough in 2017: infrared interferometry with VLTI

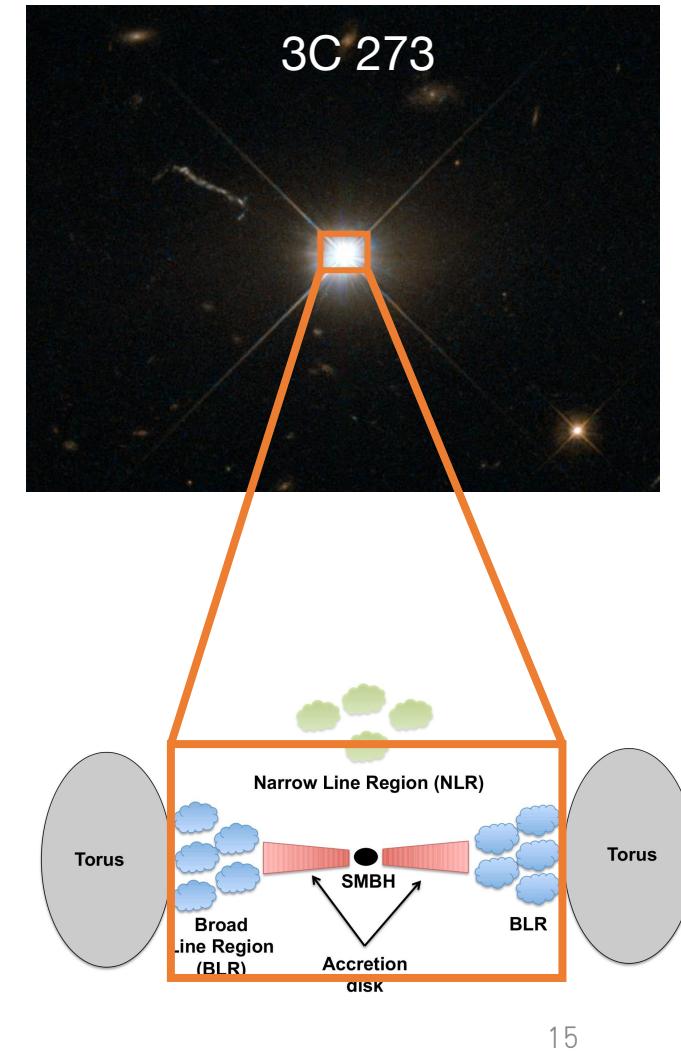
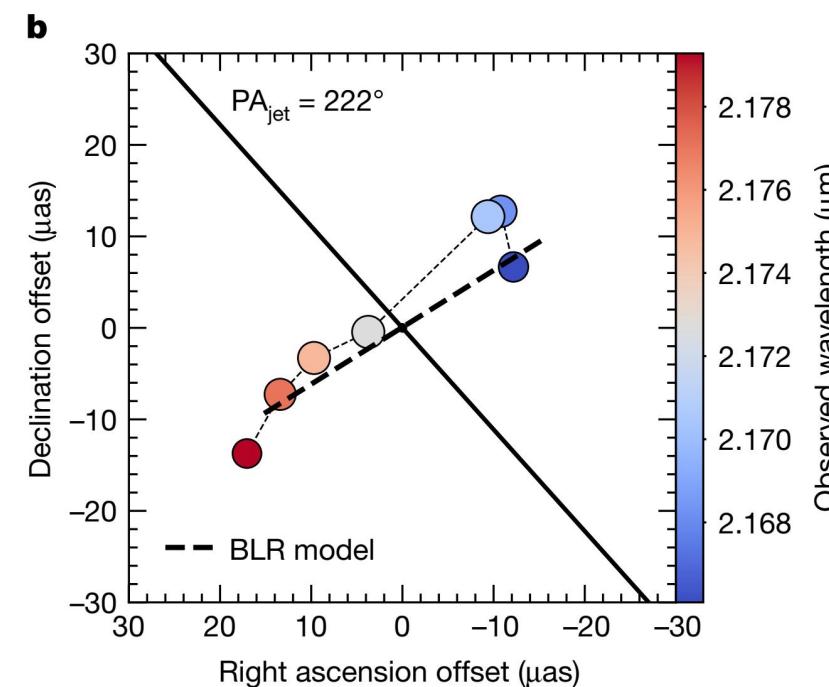
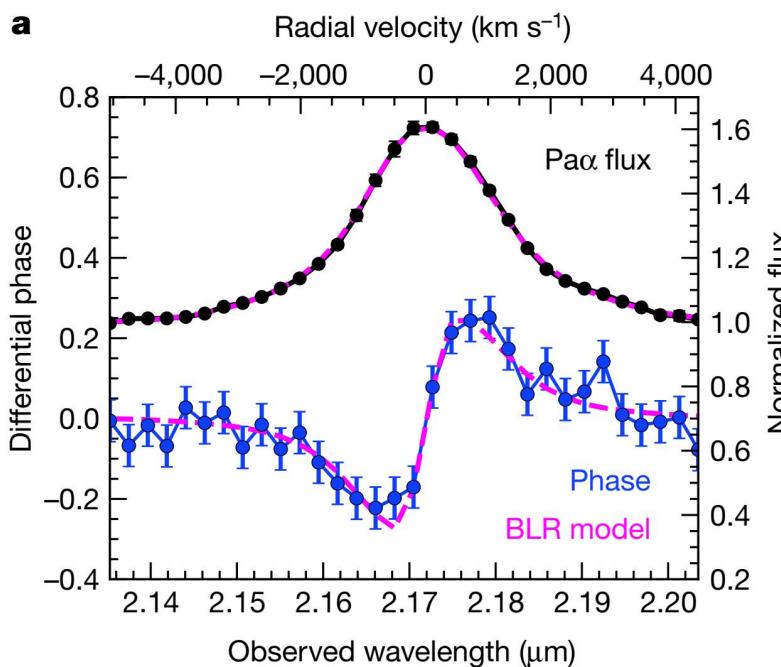
angular size: 46 μ as, precision: 10 μ as

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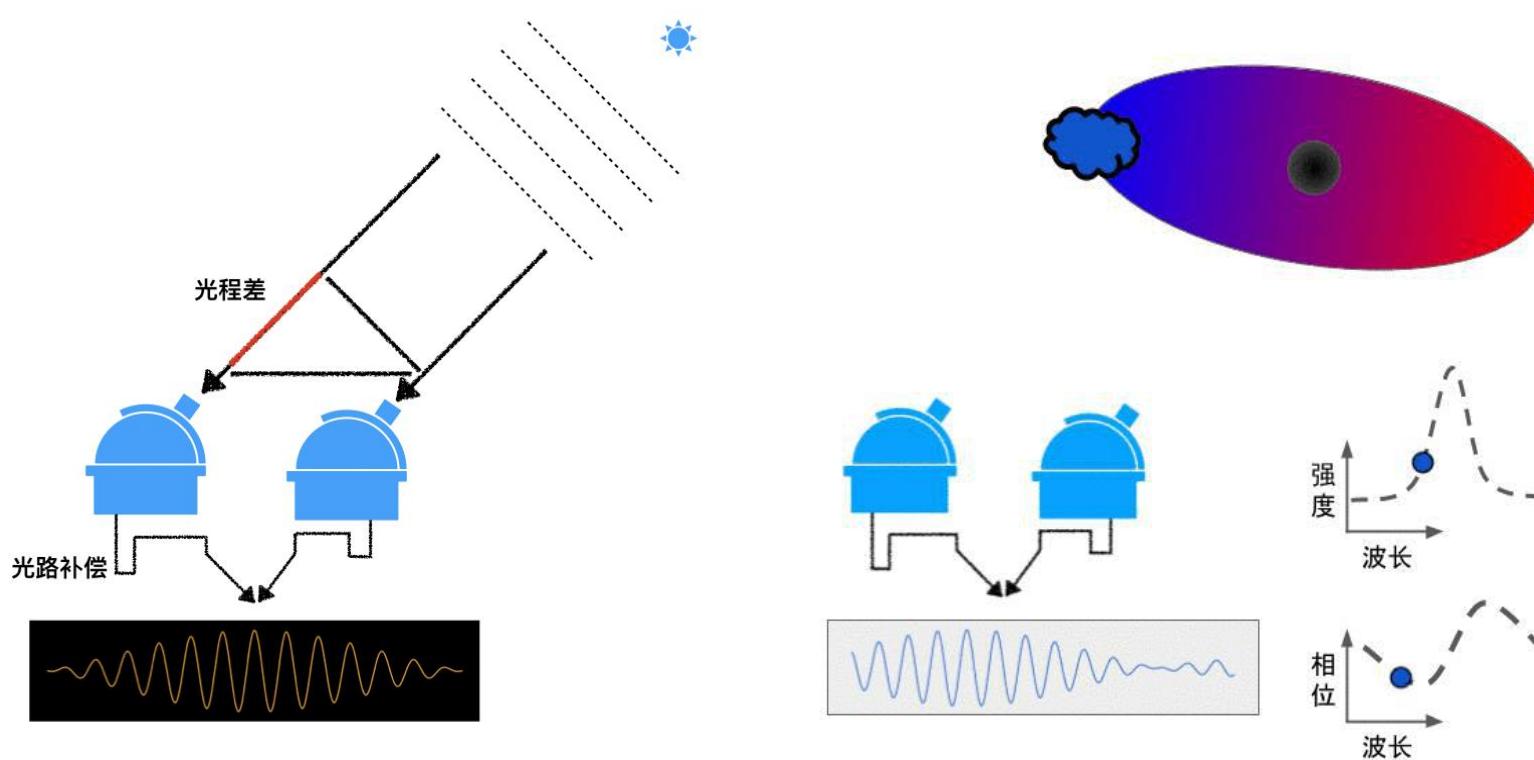
Spatially resolved rotation of the broad-line region of a quasar at sub-parsec scale

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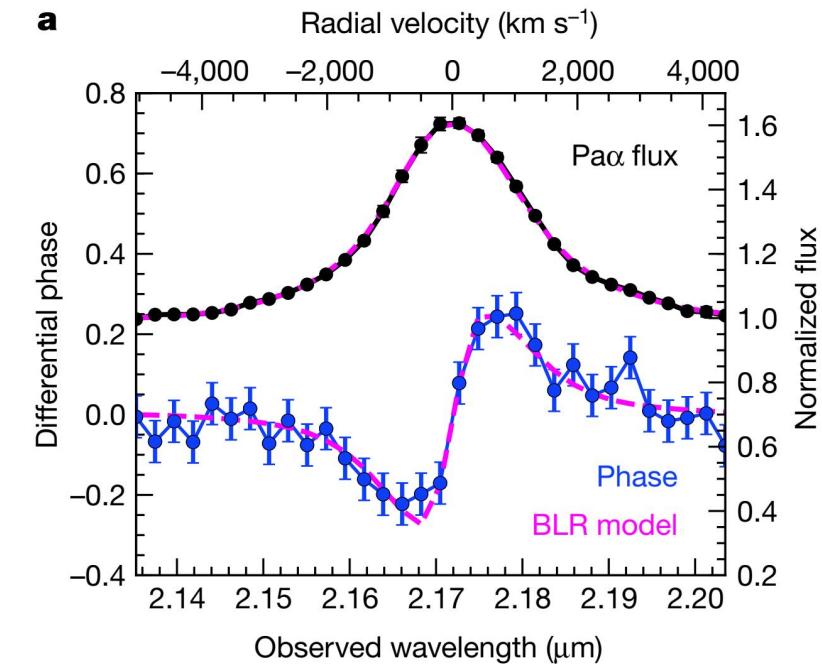
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- Spectroastrometry with interferometry: angular size

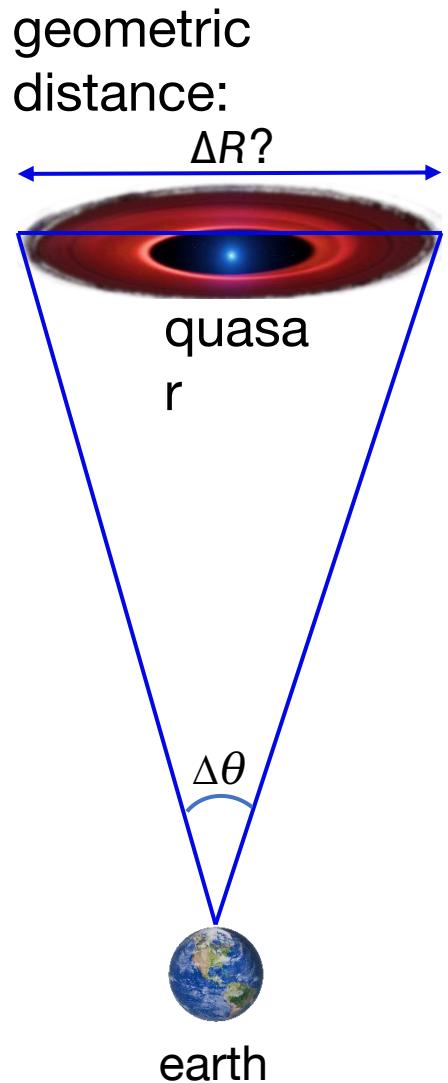


Resolution:

$$\sigma_s = \frac{\text{FWHM}_{\text{PSF}}}{2.35 \left(\frac{dN_{\text{ph}}}{d\nu} \right)^{1/2}}$$

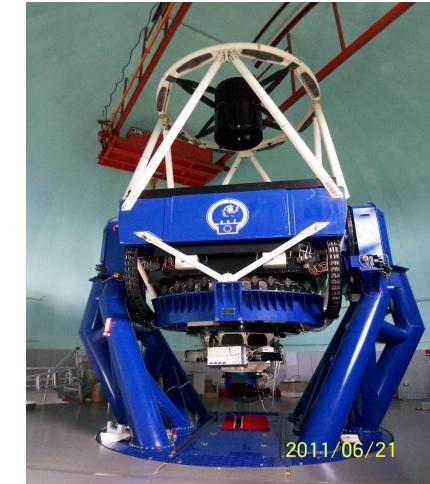


SARM approach: SpectroAstrometry + Reveberation Mapping

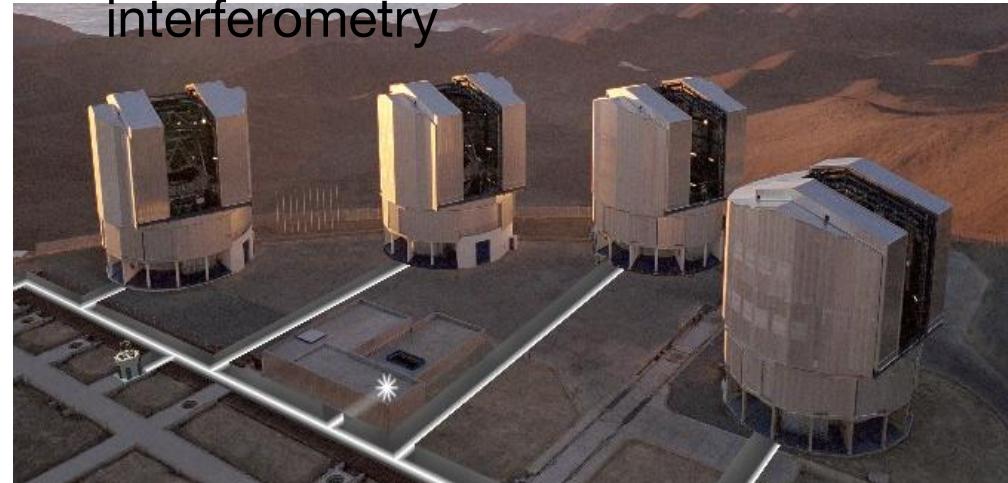


$$D = \frac{\Delta R}{\Delta\theta}$$

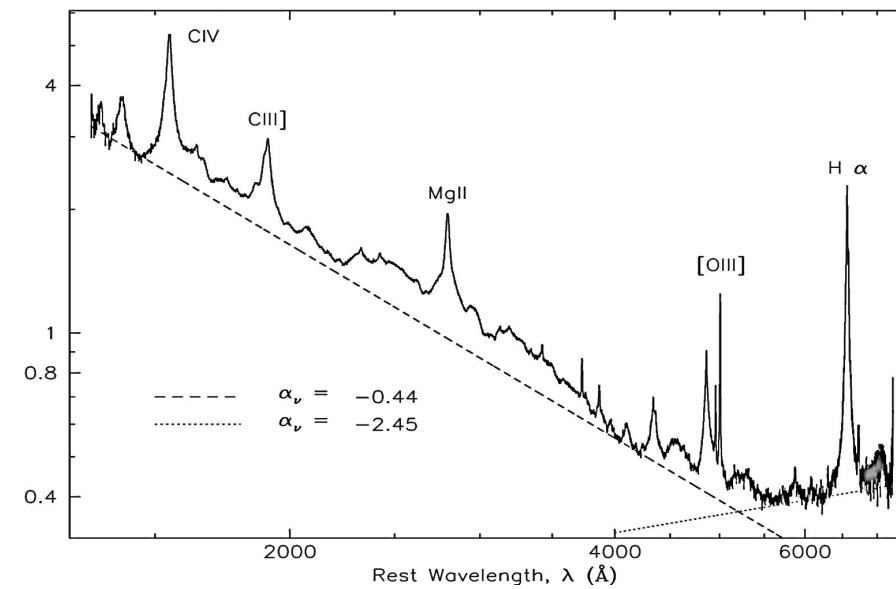
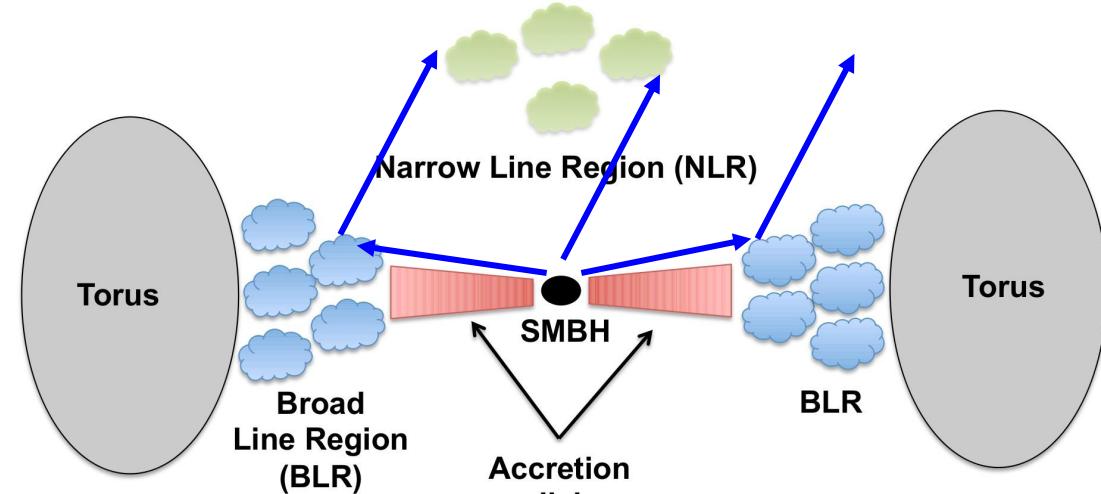
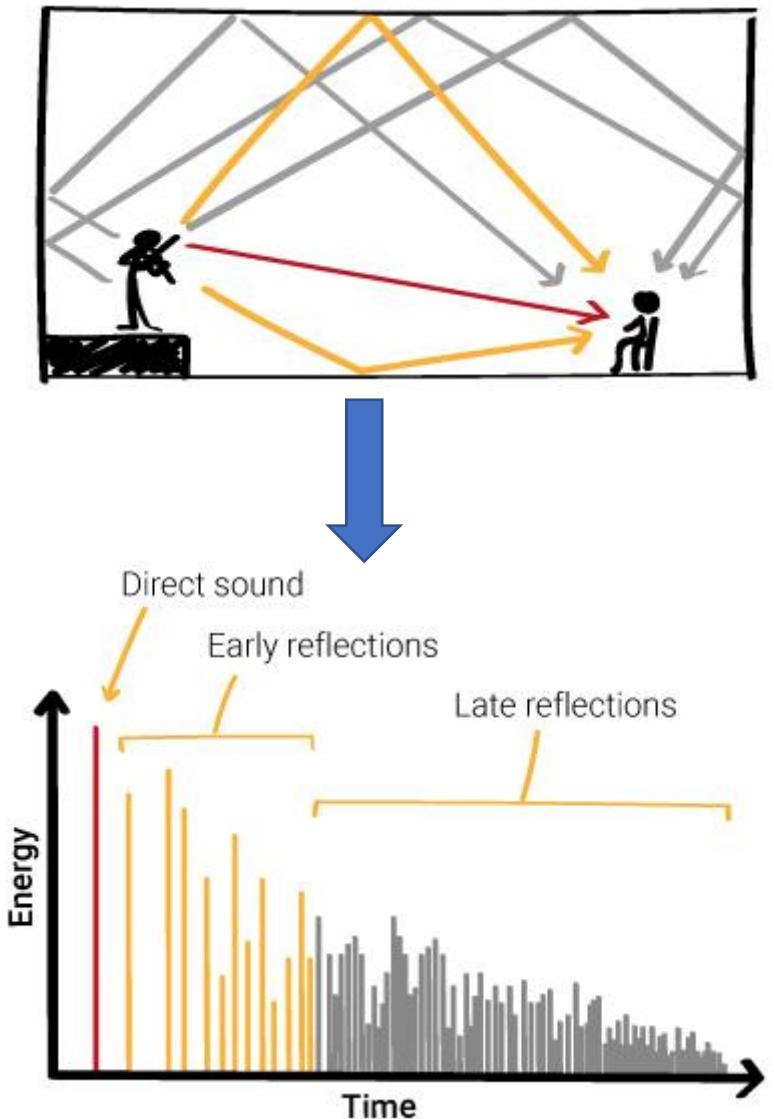
Reverberation Mapping with 2m telescopes



Spectroastrometry with interferometry



Reverberation Mapping

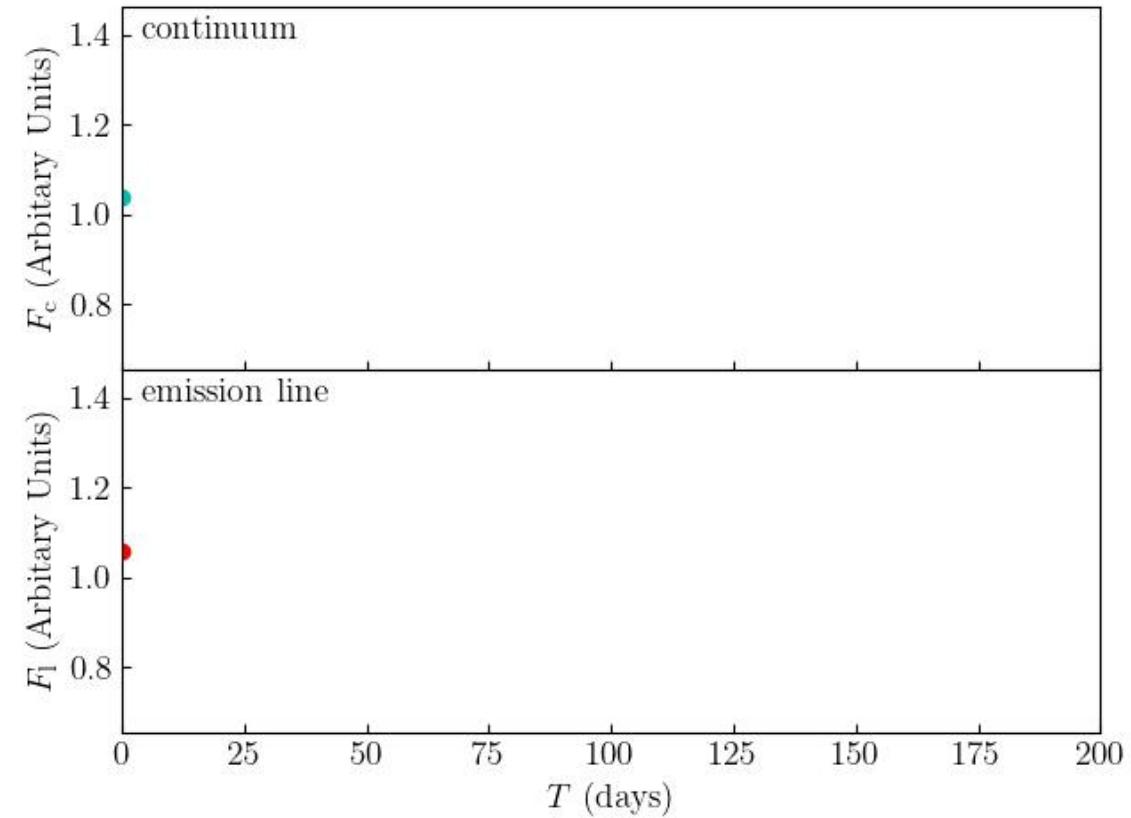
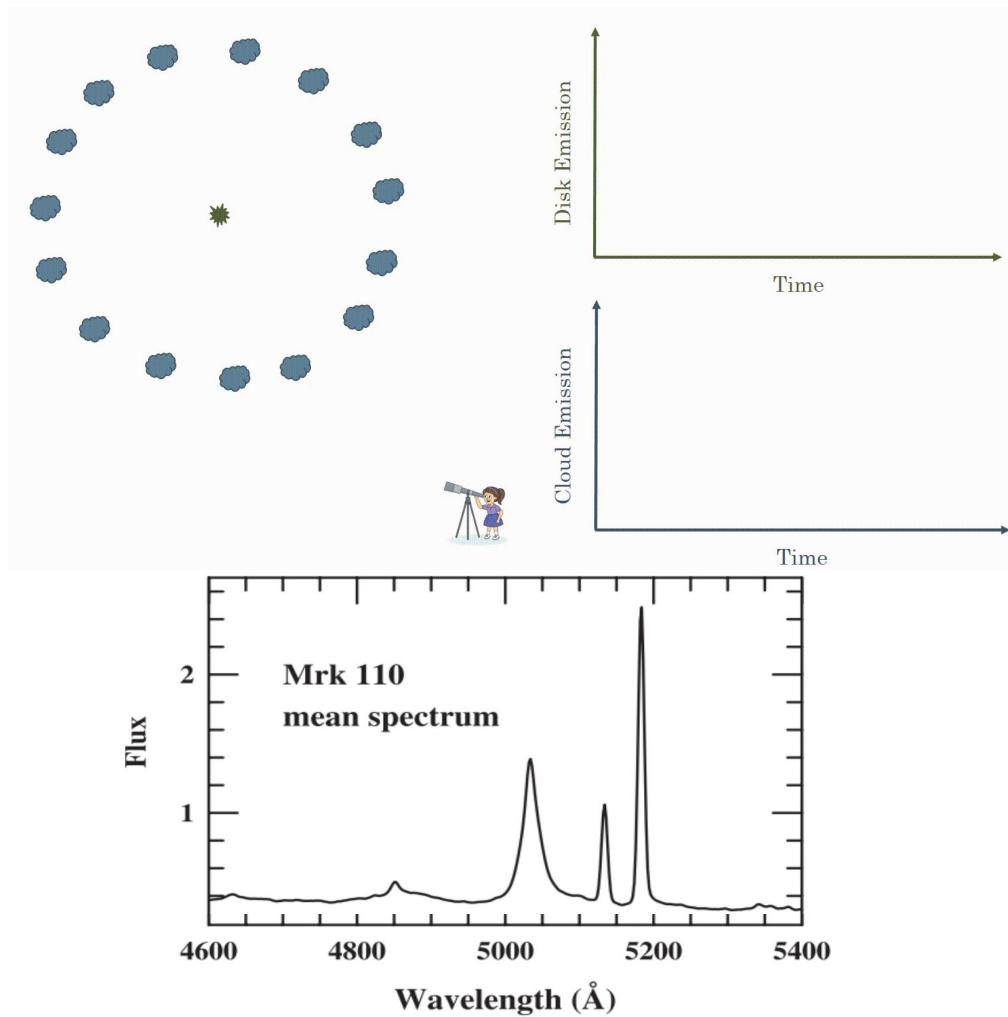


Reverberation Mapping

$$L(v, t) = \int \psi(v, \tau) C(t - \tau) d\tau$$

Time lag: τ 

Physical size: $\Delta R = c \times \tau$



- reverberation mapping of broad-line regions

Blandford & McKee (1982)

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REVERBERATION MAPPING OF THE EMISSION LINE REGIONS OF SEYFERT GALAXIES AND QUASARS

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- reverberation mapping of spectroastrometry

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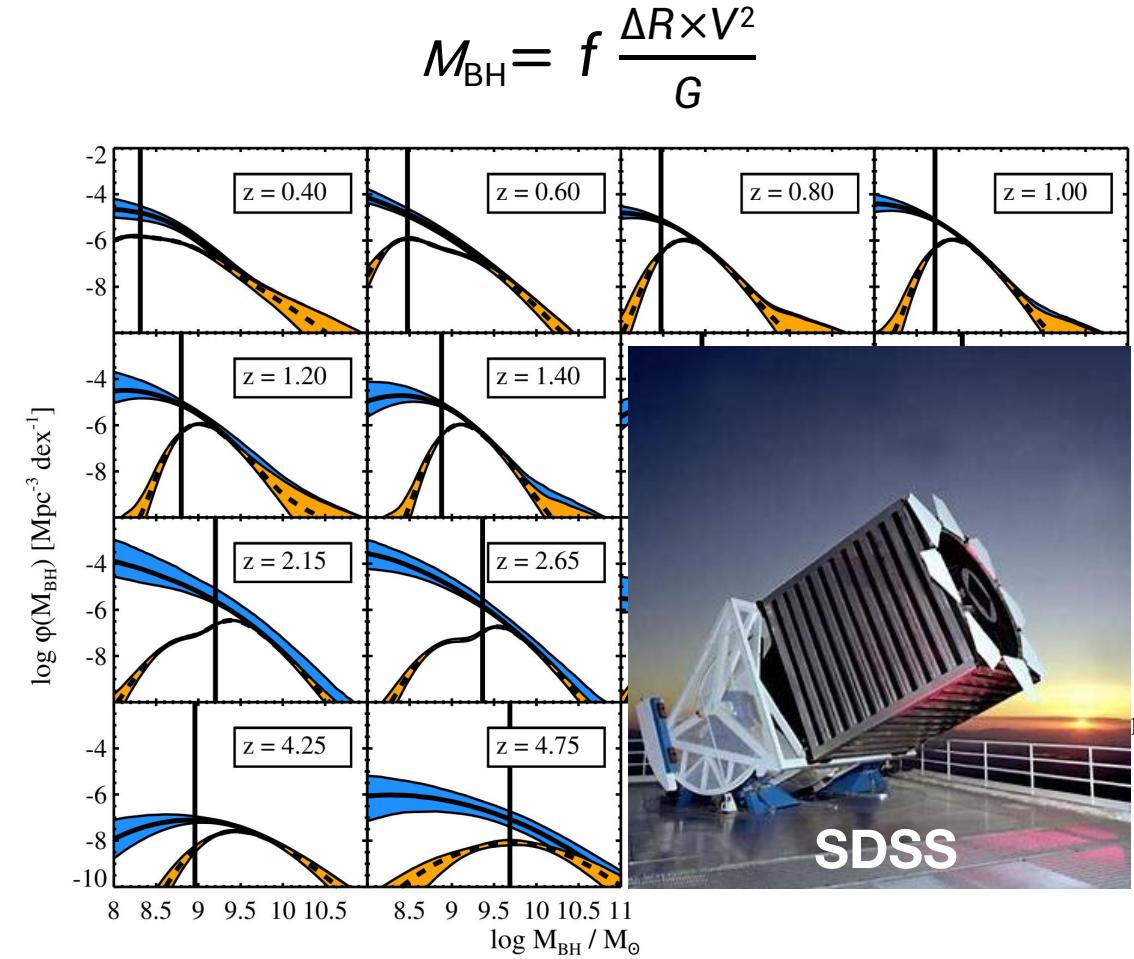
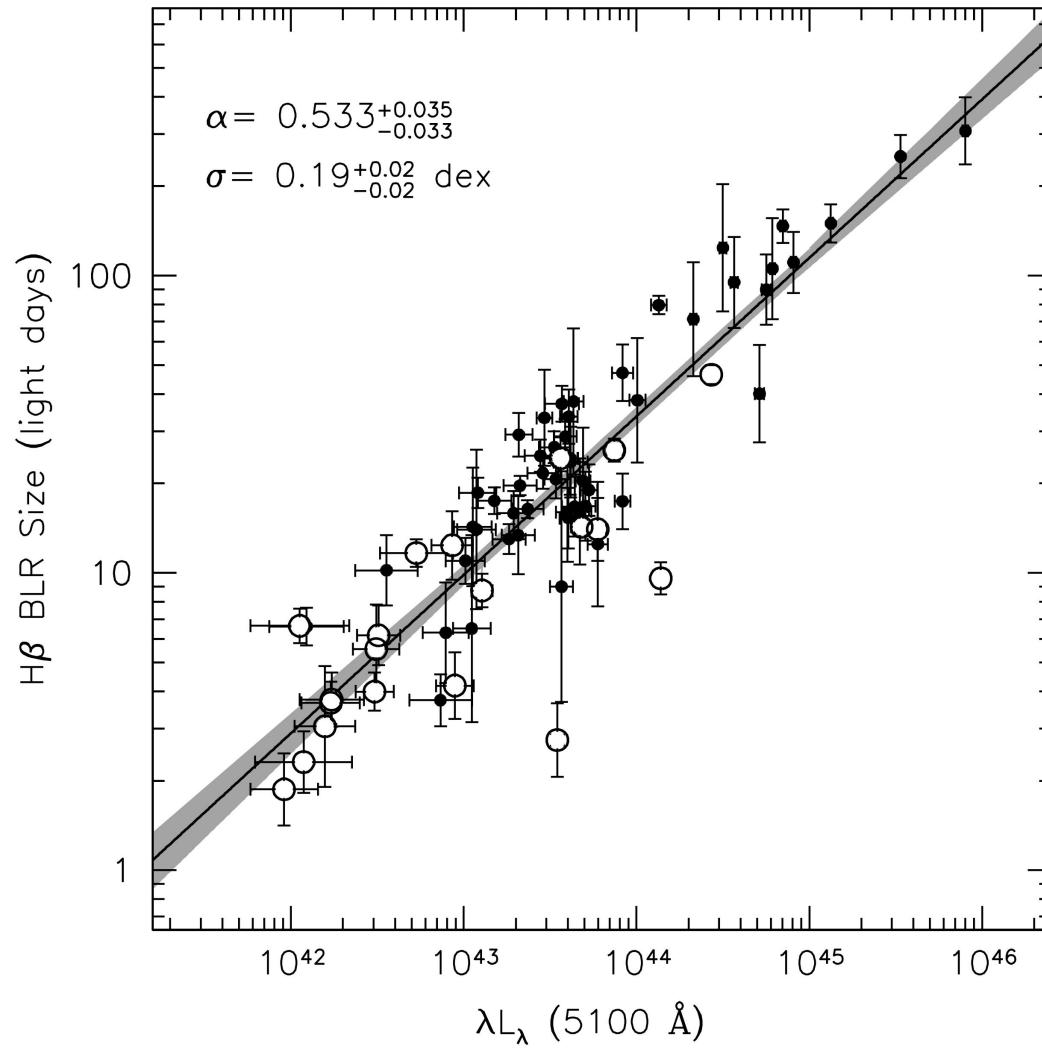
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Spectroastrometric Reverberation Mapping of Broad-line Regions

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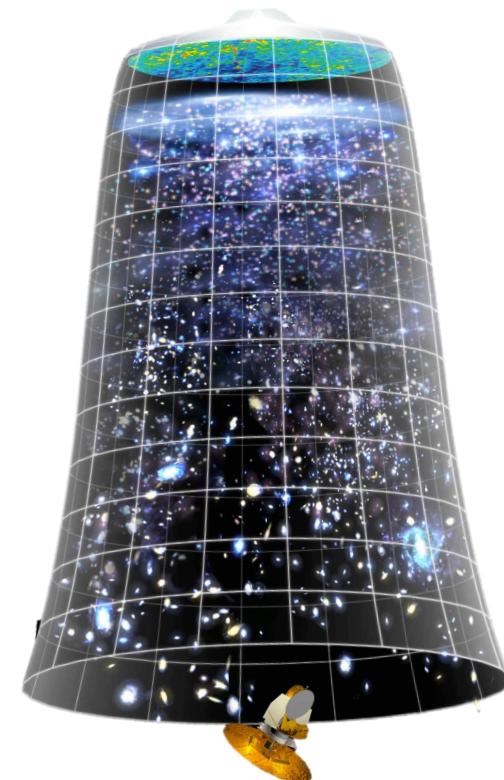
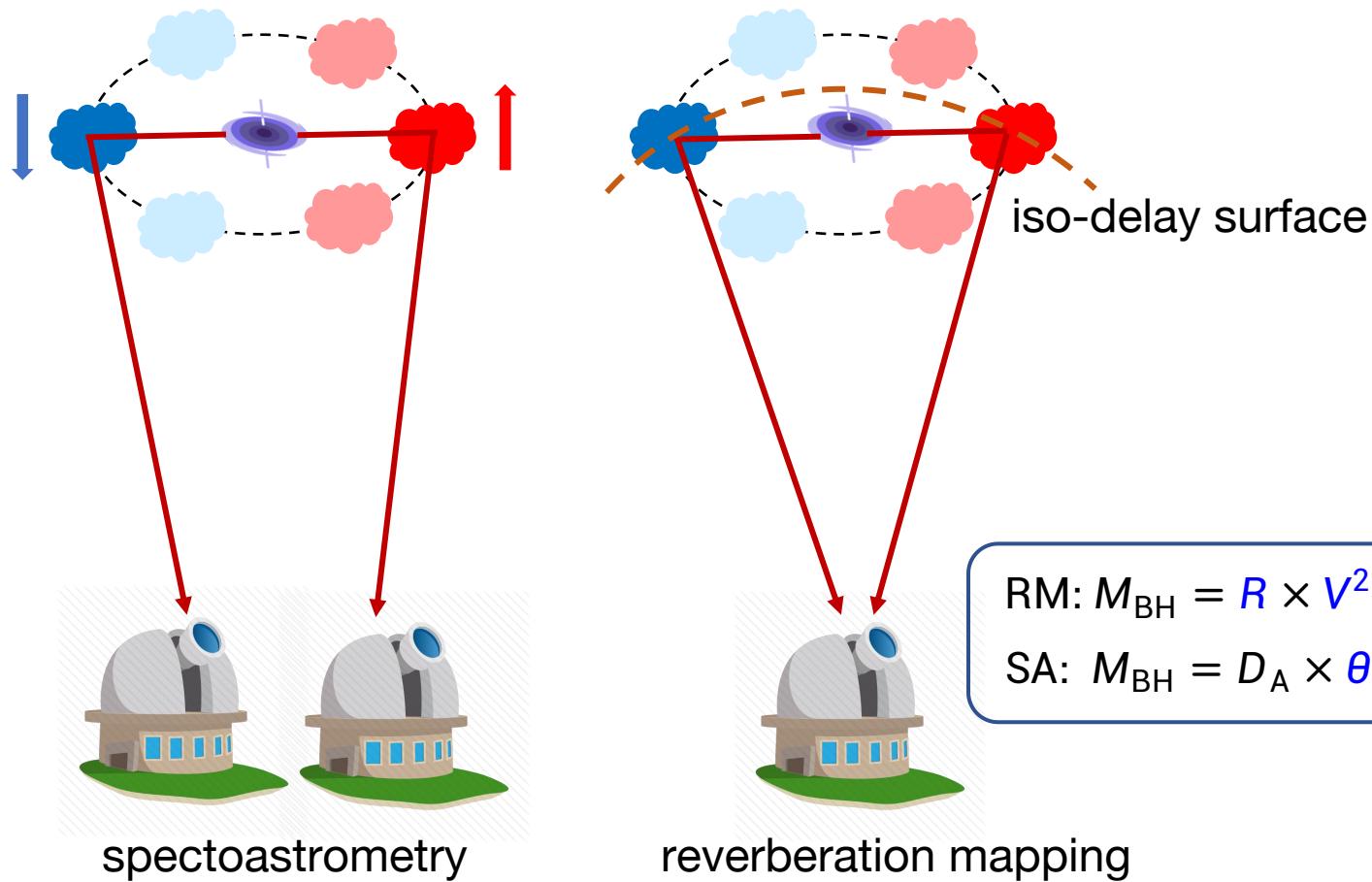
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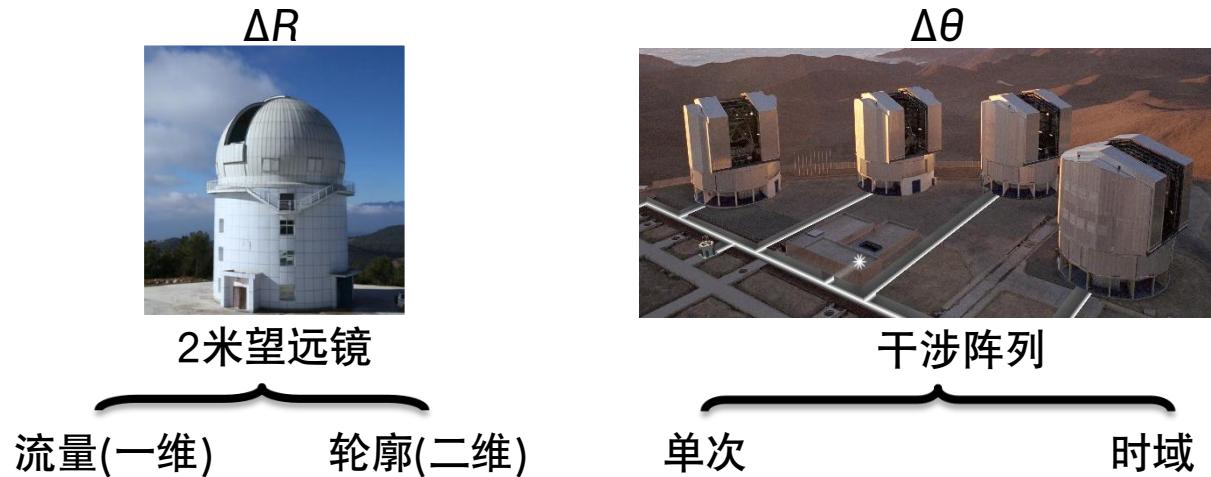
SARM: SpectroAstrometry+Reverberation Mapping

- SA: BLR structure perpendicular to LOS
- RM: BLR structure perpendicular to iso-delay surface

- SA: angular size $\Delta\theta$
 - RM: linear size ΔR
- $$D_{AD} = \Delta R / \Delta\theta$$



SARM方案：测量黑洞几何距离



- 一维SARM: 单次SA+一维RM (Wang, Songsheng, LYR, et al. 2020)
- 二维SARM: 单次SA+二维RM (LYR et al. 2022)
- 时域SARM: 时域SA+二维RM (LYR & Wang 2023)

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_{\text{BLR}}(\nu, t) \\ M_{\text{BLR}}(\nu, t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi(\nu, t) \\ \Pi(\nu, t) \end{bmatrix} \otimes F_c(t),$$

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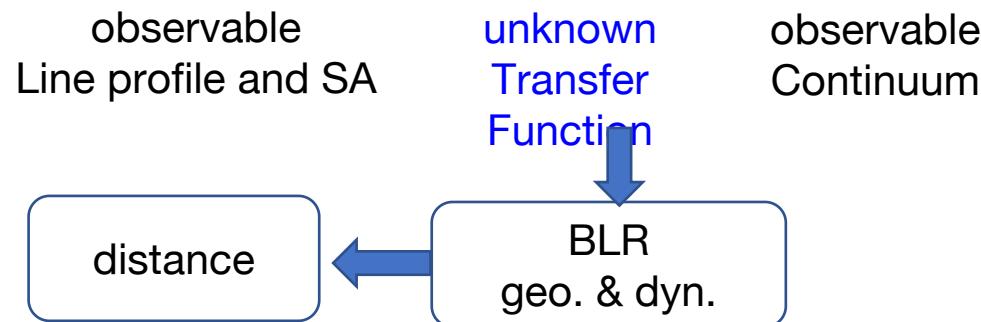
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- Basic equation (LYR & Wang 2023)

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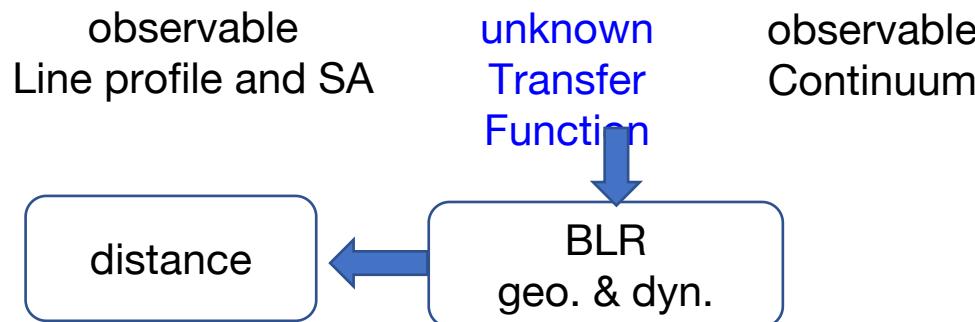
$$\text{Photocenter : } \Theta_{\text{BLR}}(\nu, t) = \frac{M_{\text{BLR}}(\nu, t)}{F_{\text{BLR}}(\nu, t)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{BLR}}(\nu, t) &= \iiint \epsilon(\mathbf{r}) F_c(t - \tau) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{w}) \delta(\nu + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \\ &\quad \times \delta\left(\tau - \frac{r - \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{c}\right) d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{w} d\tau, \\ M_{\text{BLR}}(\nu, t) &= \iiint \mathbf{r}_\perp \epsilon(\mathbf{r}) F_c(t - \tau) \\ &\quad \times f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{w}) \delta(\nu + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \delta\left(\tau - \frac{r - \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{c}\right) d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{w} d\tau \end{aligned}$$

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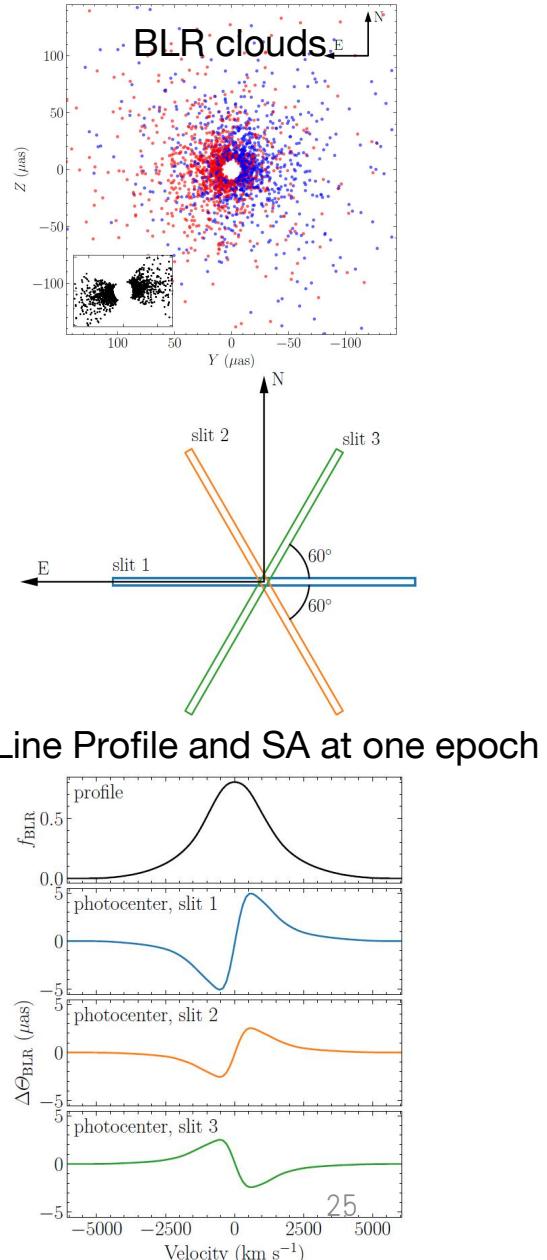
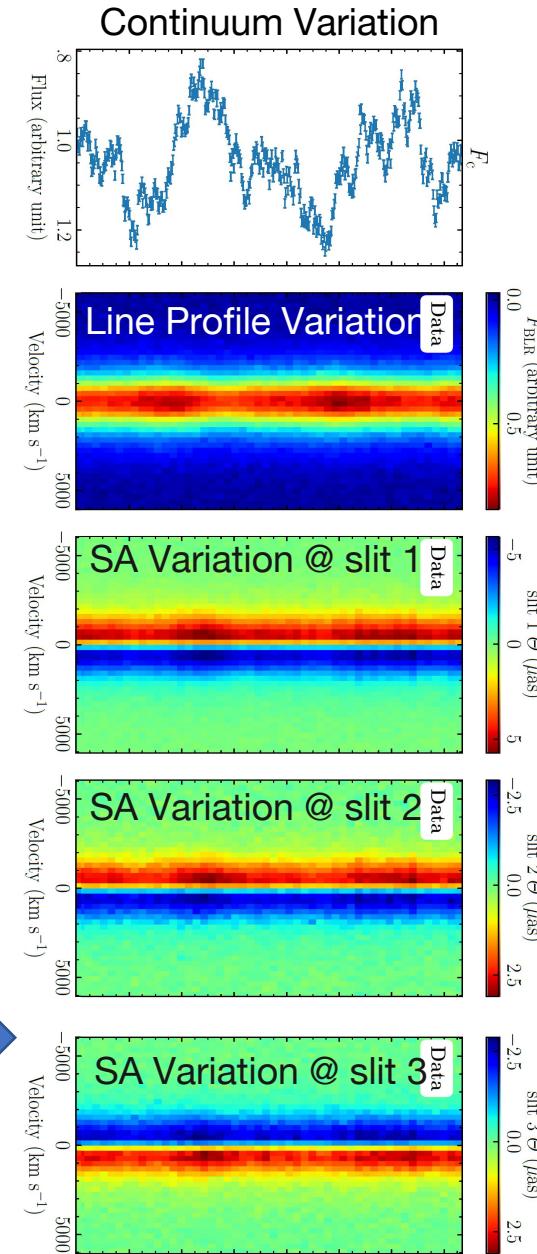


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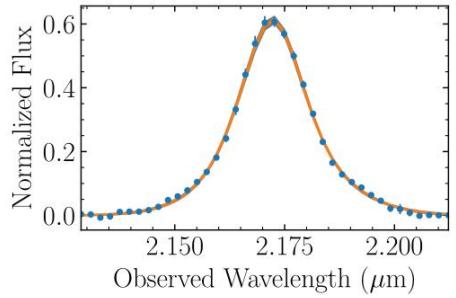
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Super-cluster

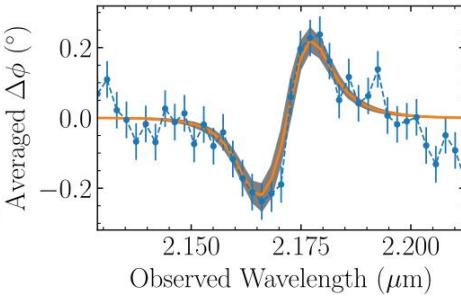


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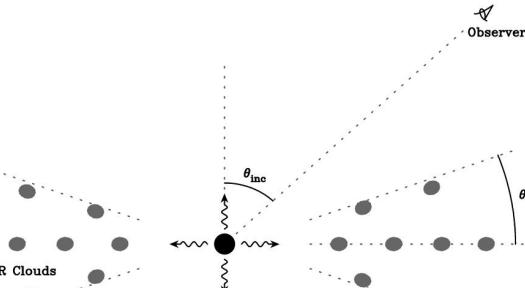
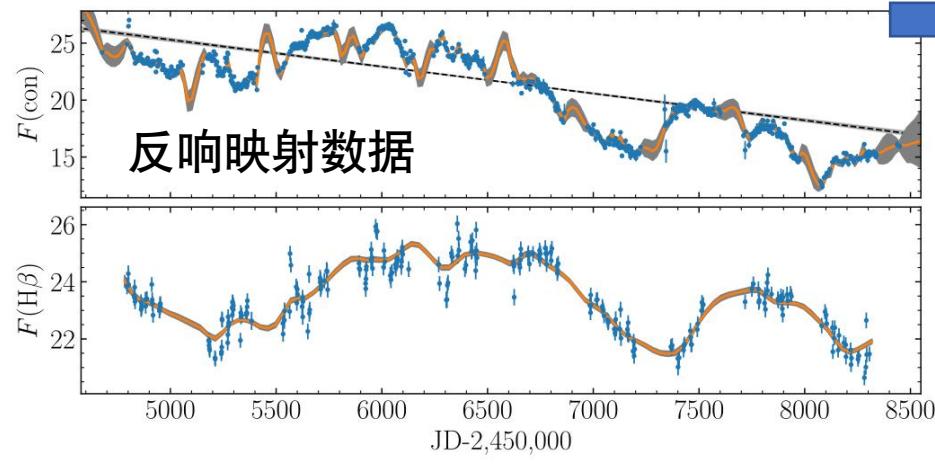
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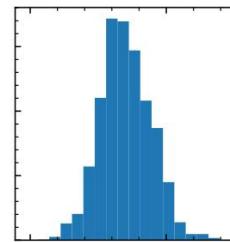
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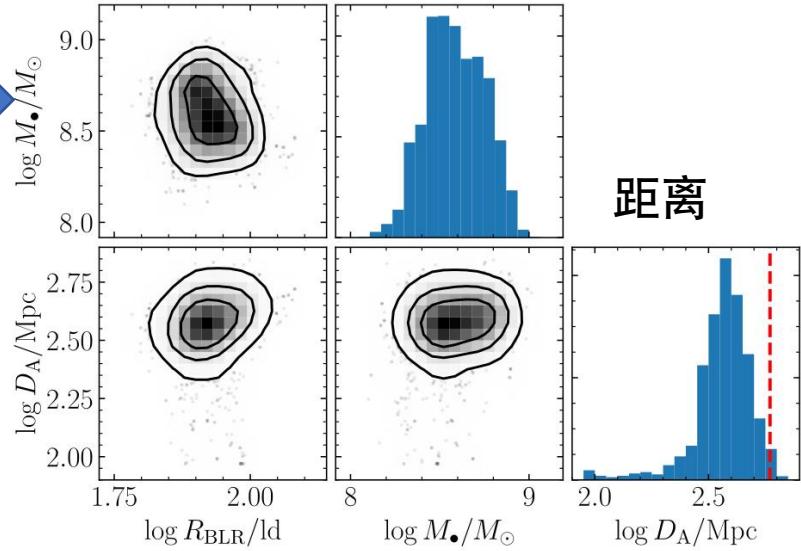
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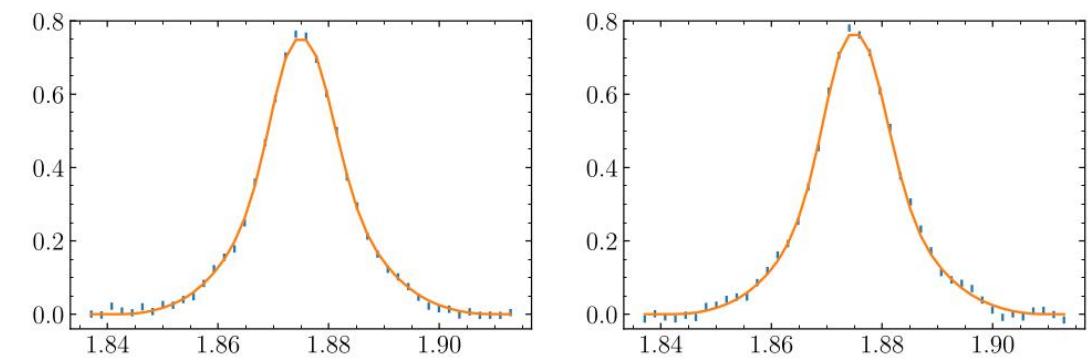
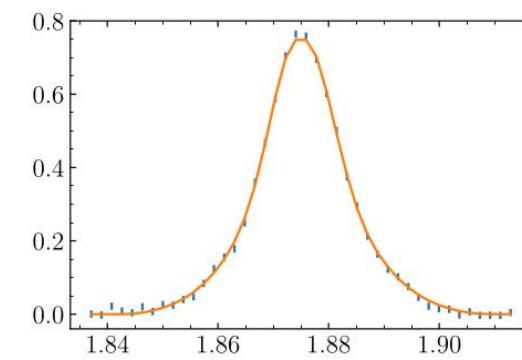
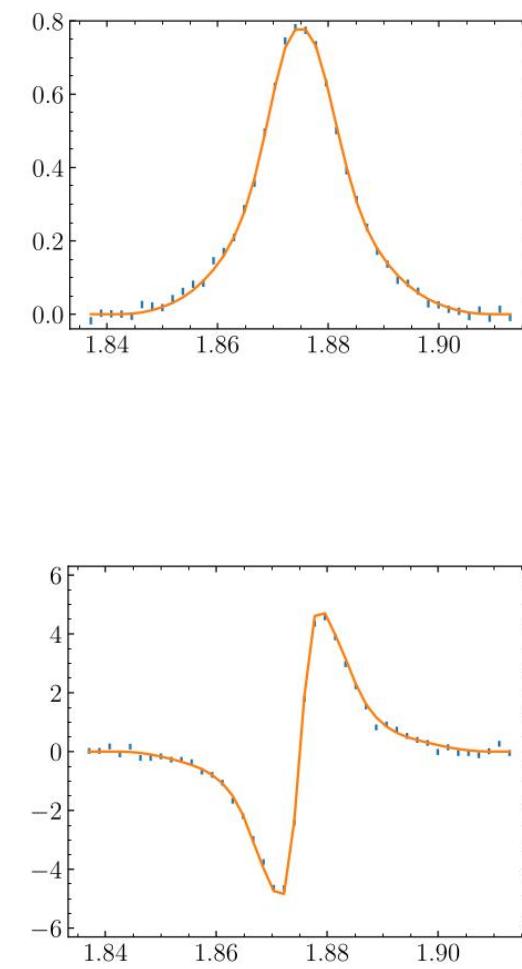
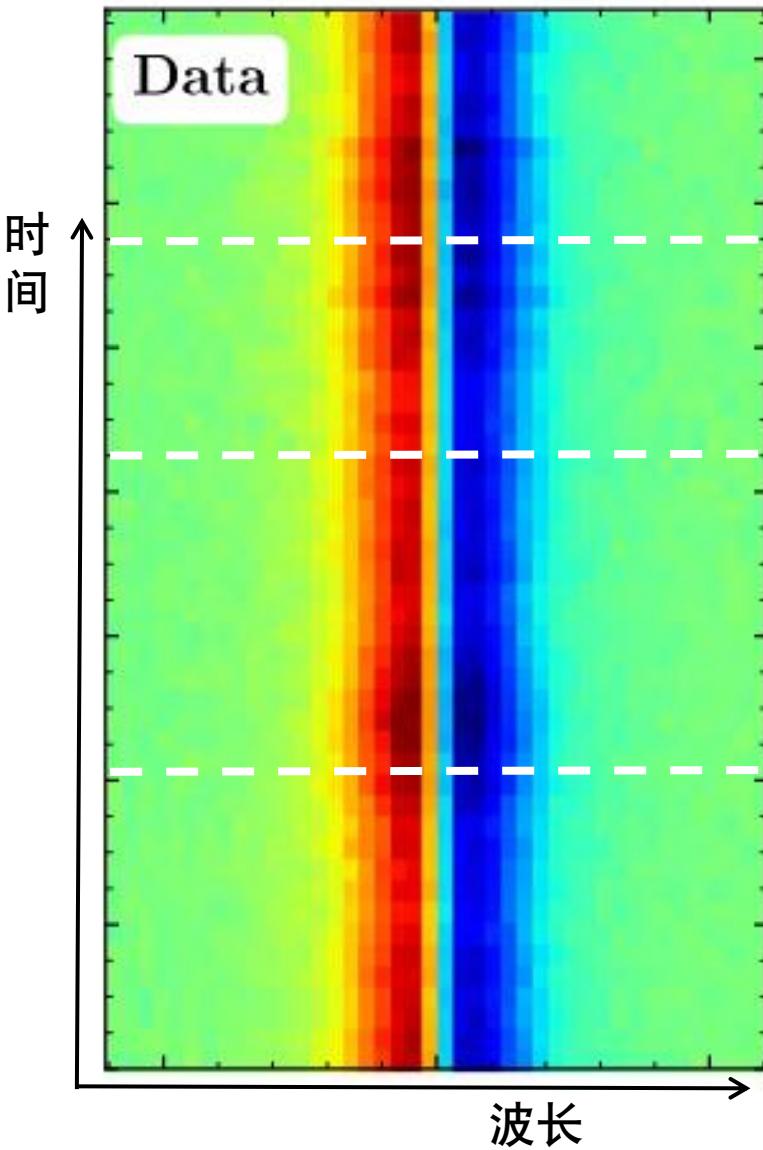


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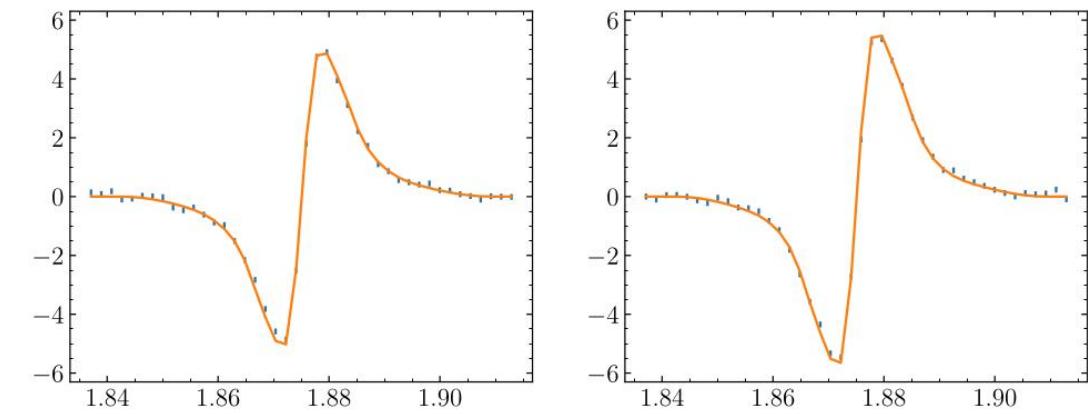
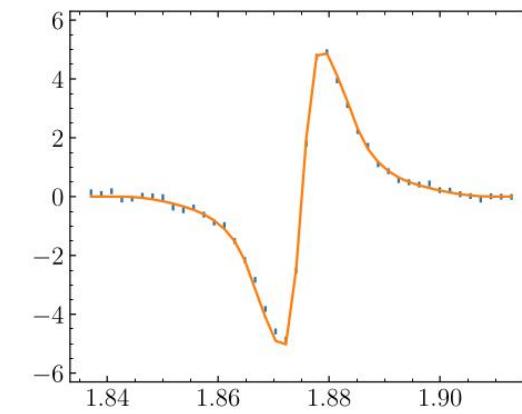
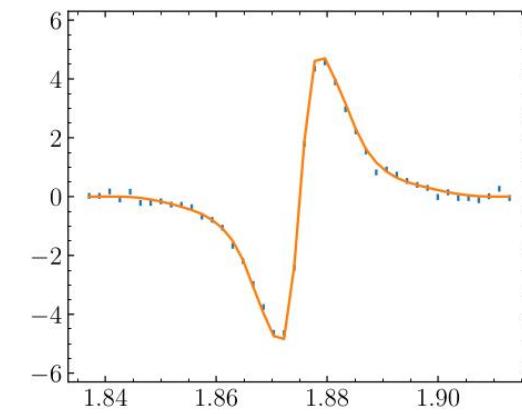


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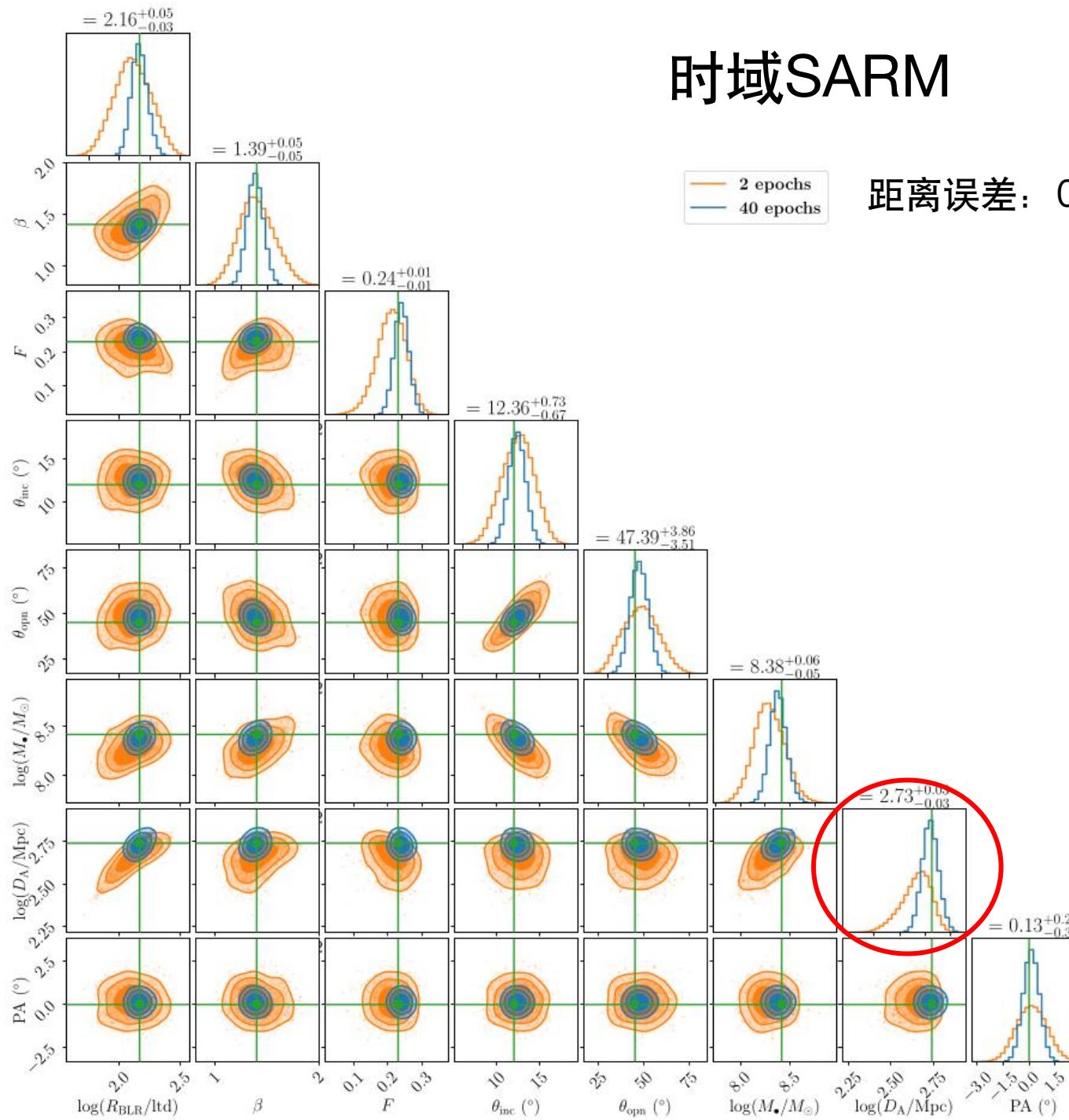


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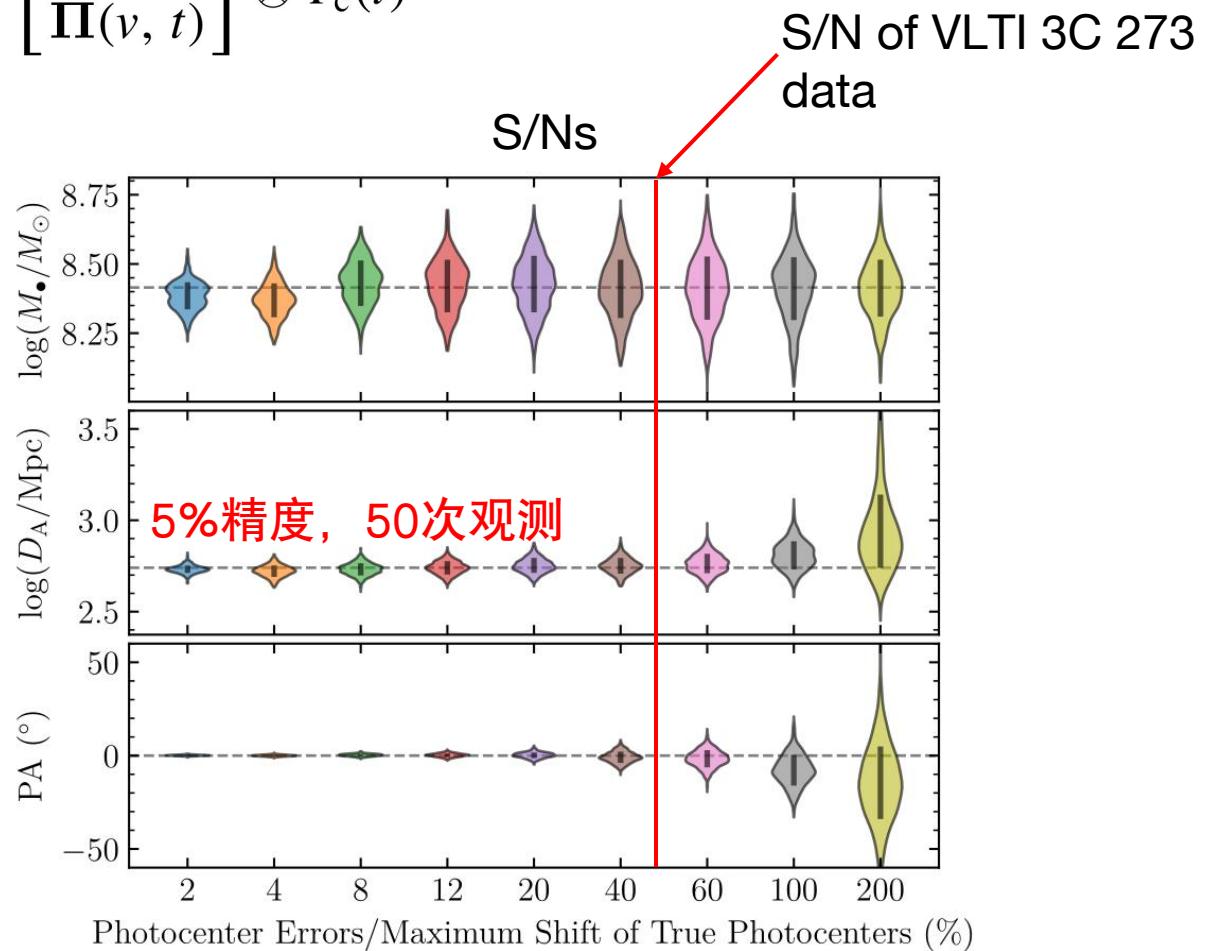
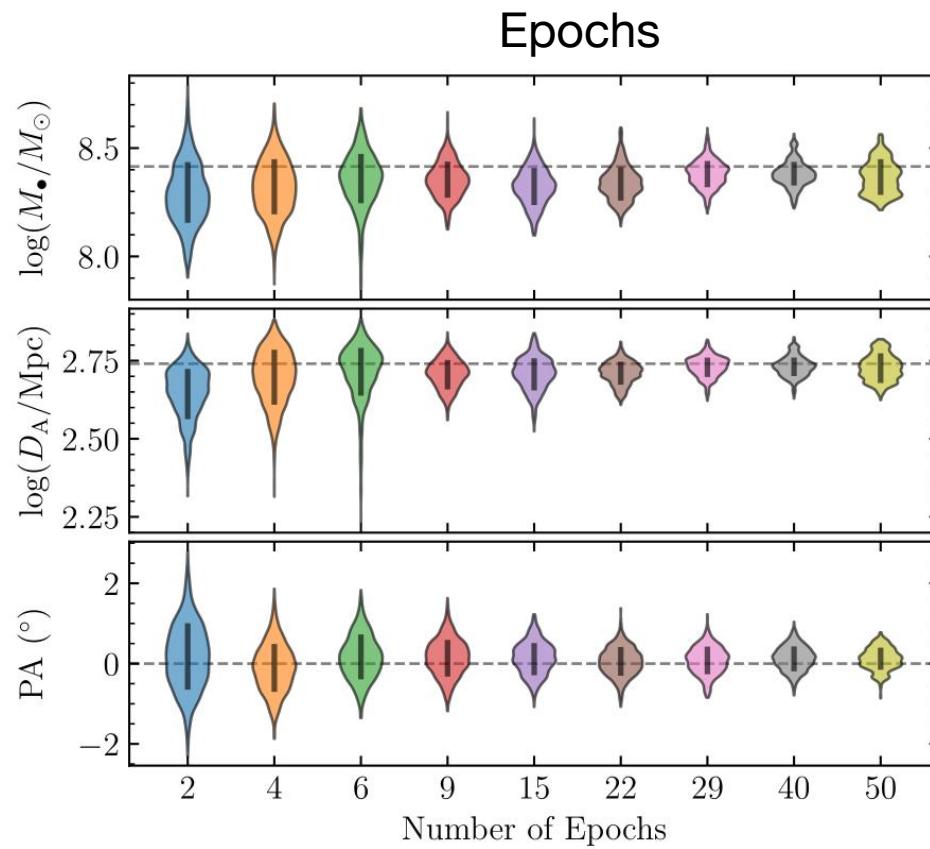


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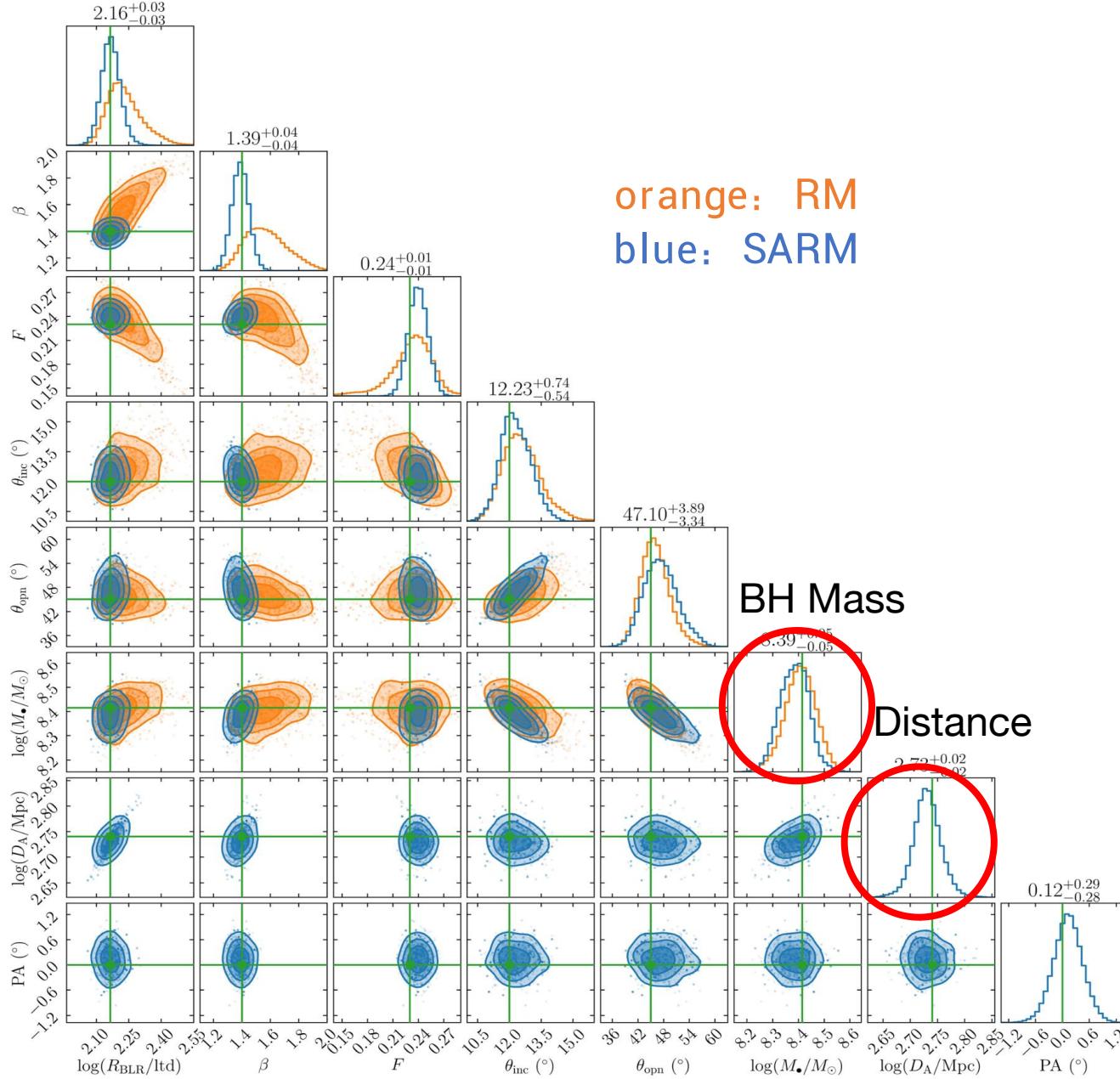
$18\% \rightarrow 7\%$

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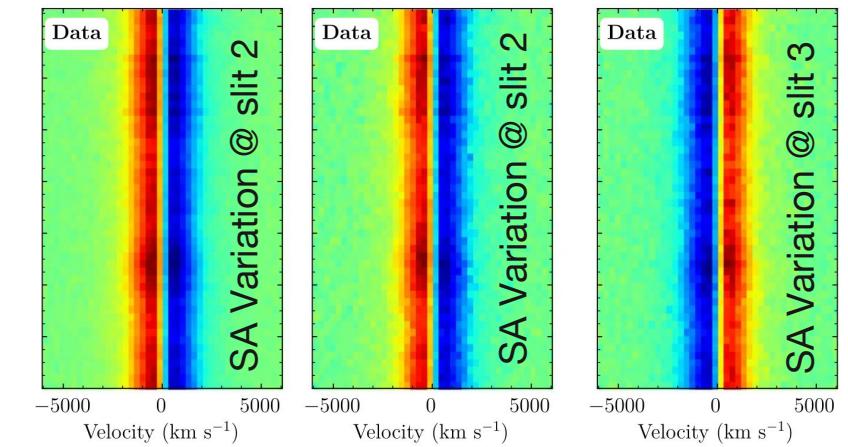
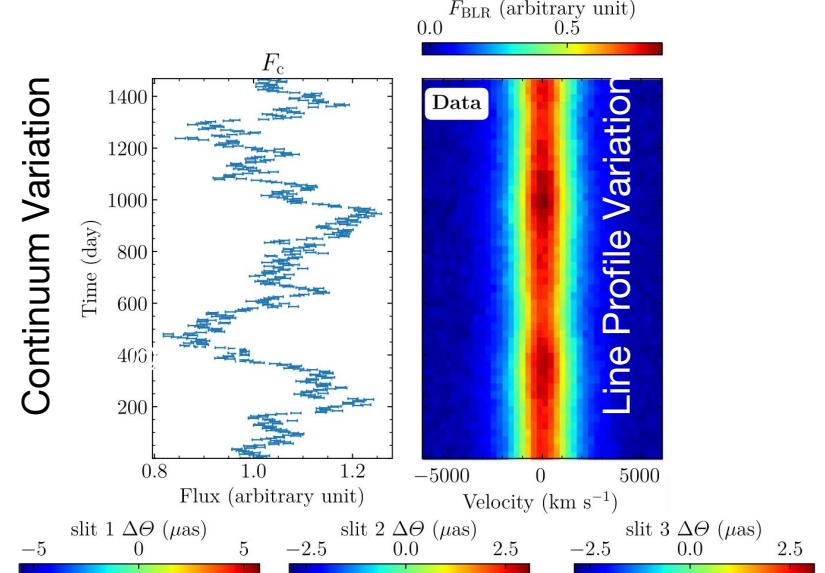
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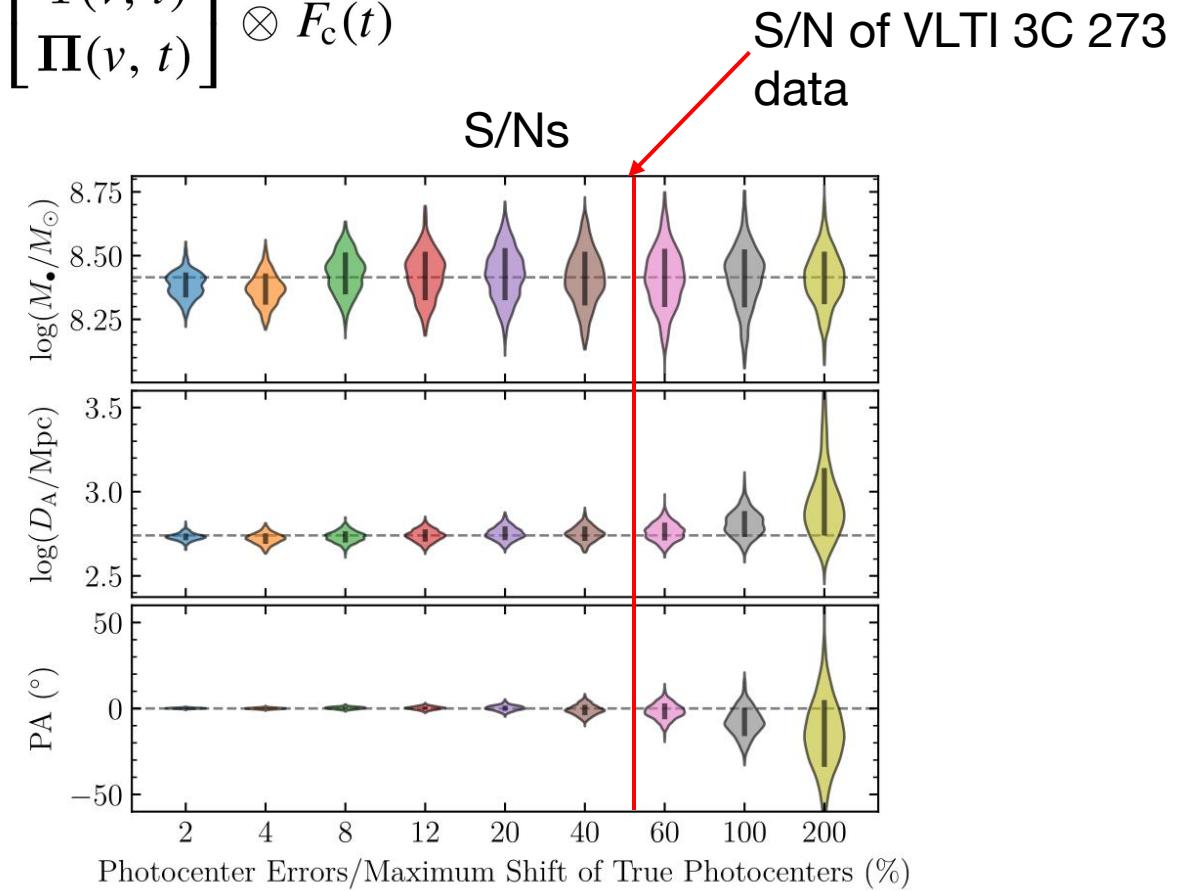
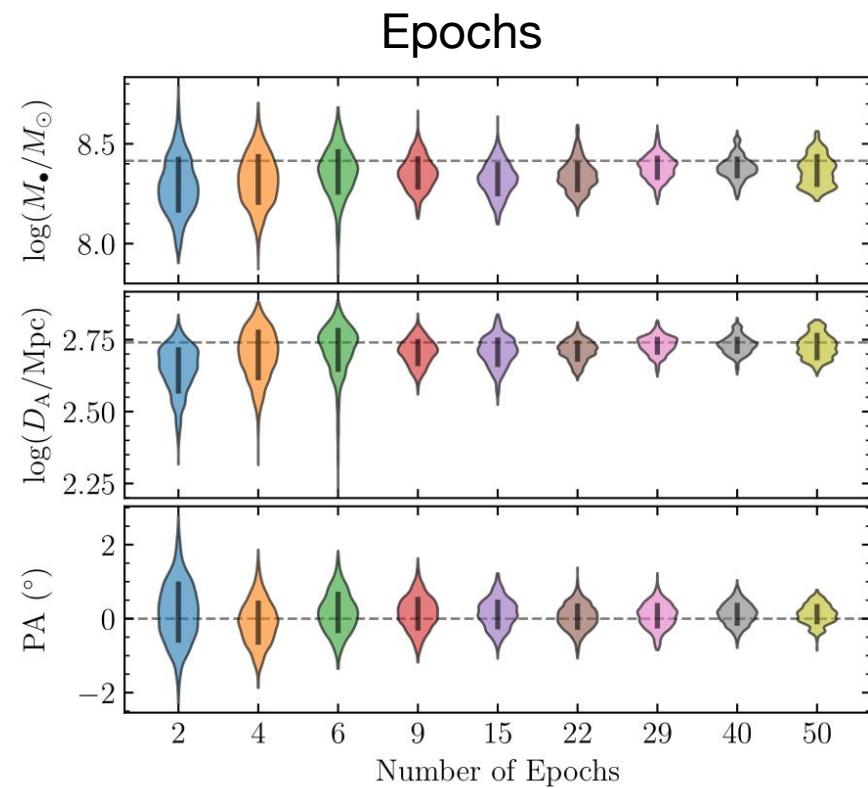


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Advantages: Serval SA epochs sufficient to constrain BLR
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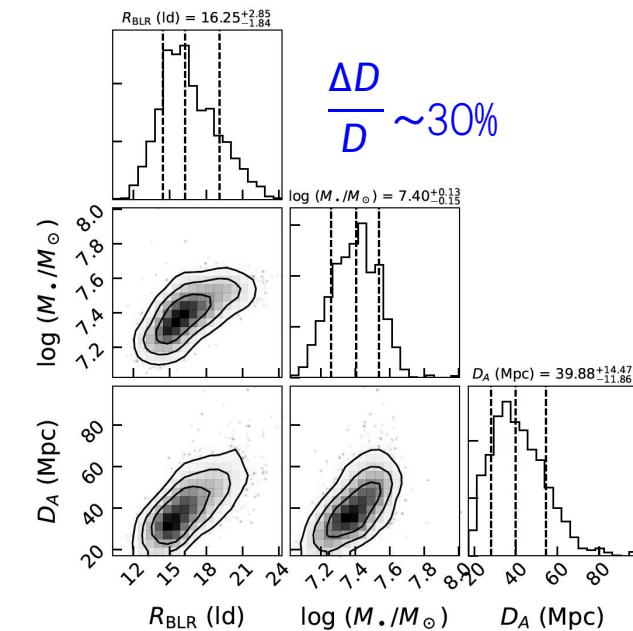
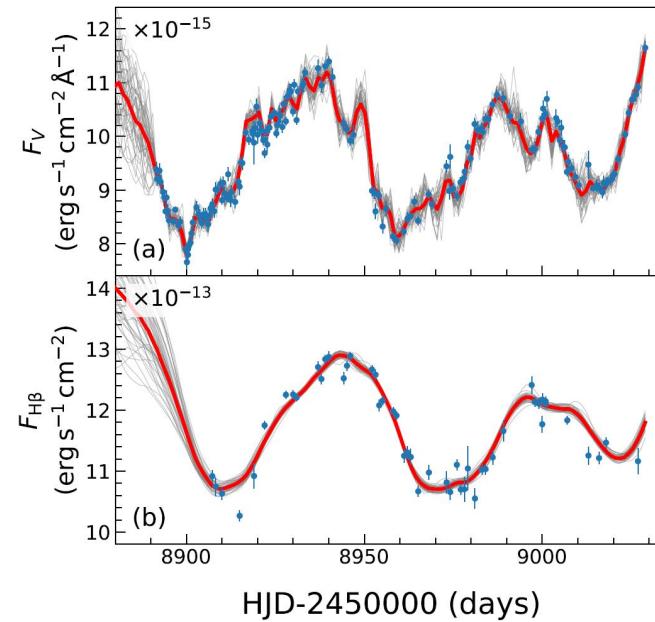
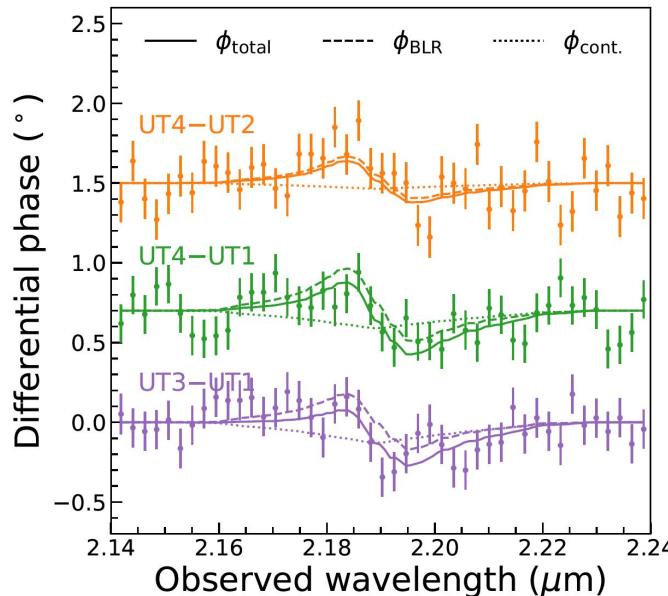
Application to NGC 3783

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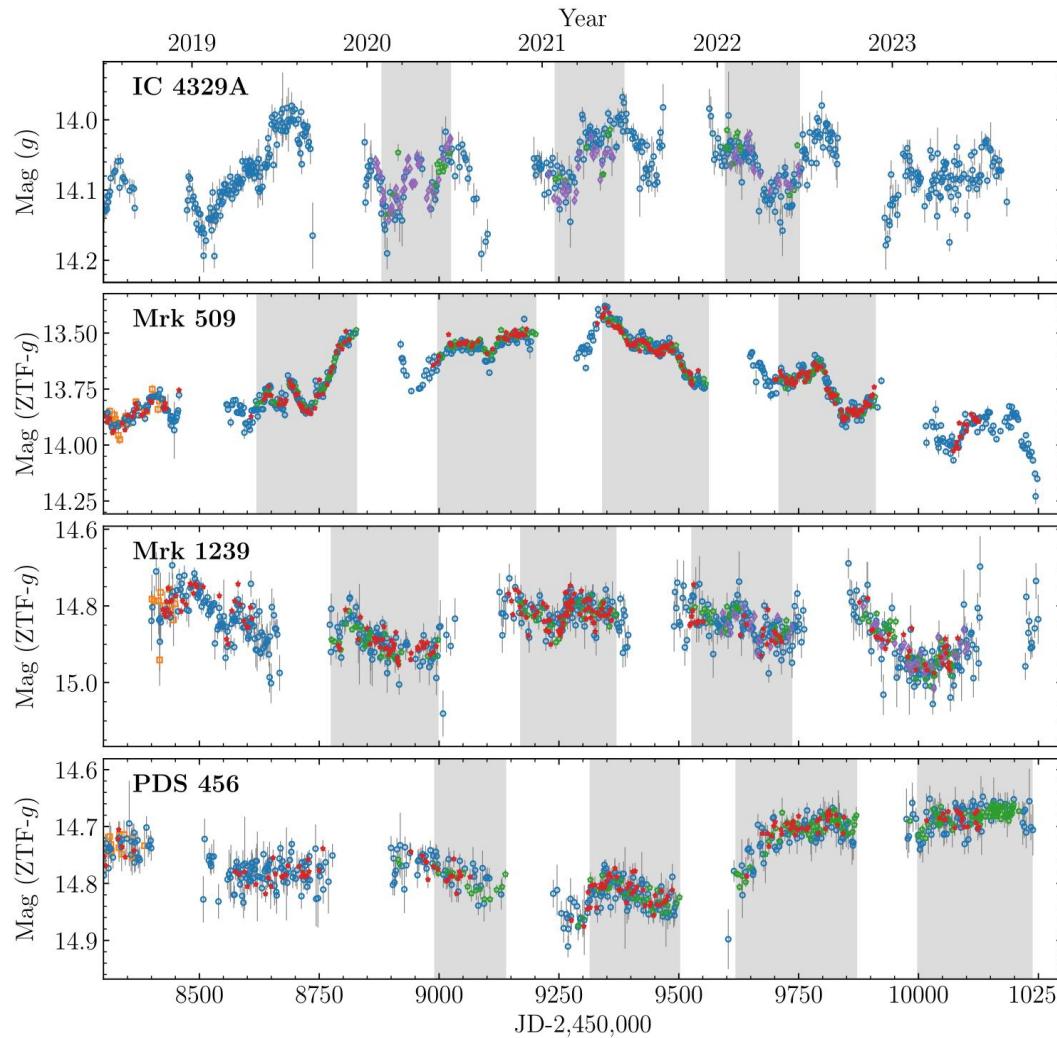
A geometric distance to the supermassive black Hole of NGC 3783

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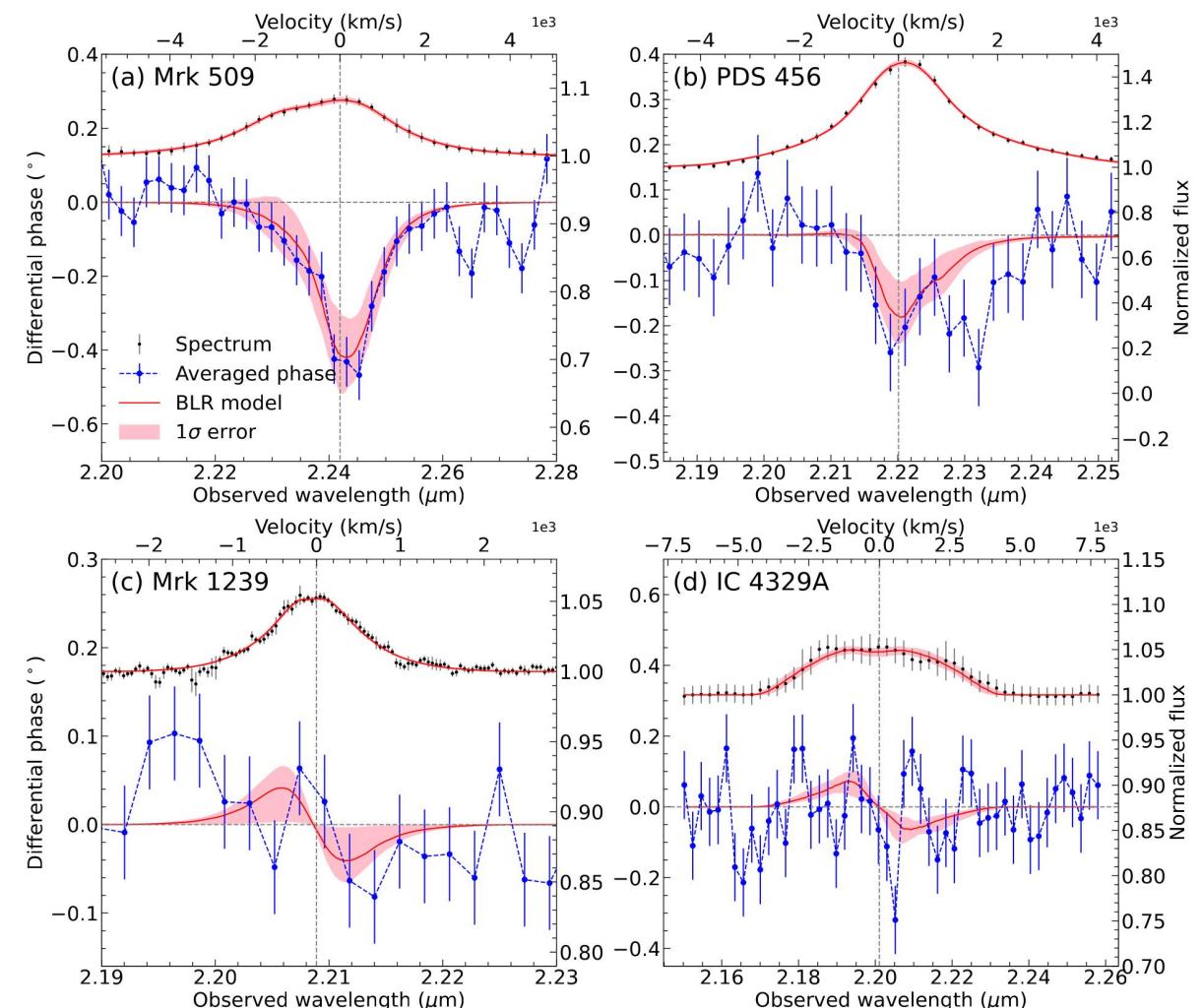


Application to more quasars

- SARM analysis on four quasars in collaboration with GRAVITY team



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Collaboration+2024

Future Perspectives

- GRAVITY+ by 2025: sensitivity $\times 15$; 300-500 quasars observable



R. Genzel



F. Eisenhauer

The Very Large Telescope in 2030

GRAVITY + : Towards faint science, all sky milliarcsec optical interferometric imaging

Ready to Go

Improved Sensitivity

Off Axis Tracking

Adaptive Optics

Laser Guide Stars

Considerations for the Future of Optical Interferometry at the VLT

Credit: ESO, Huedepohl

The diagram illustrates the VLT array in 2030, featuring four large telescopes and various auxiliary instruments. Red lines connect specific features to text boxes: 'Ready to Go' points to the telescopes; 'Improved Sensitivity' points to the central processing facility; 'Off Axis Tracking' points to one telescope; 'Adaptive Optics' points to another; and 'Laser Guide Stars' points to a small satellite-like structure. A yellow box labeled 'GRAVITY+' is positioned above the telescopes. A red box at the bottom contains the text 'Considerations for the Future of Optical Interferometry at the VLT'. A credit line 'Credit: ESO, Huedepohl' is at the bottom left.



Quasar as a cosmic probe

Geometric Distances of Quasars Measured by Spectroastrometry and Reverberation Mapping: Monte Carlo Simulations

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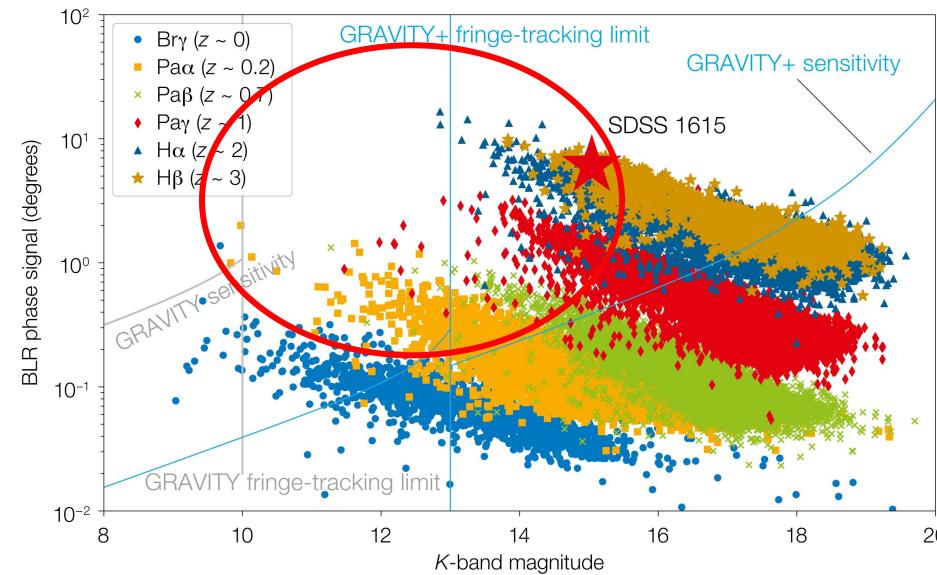
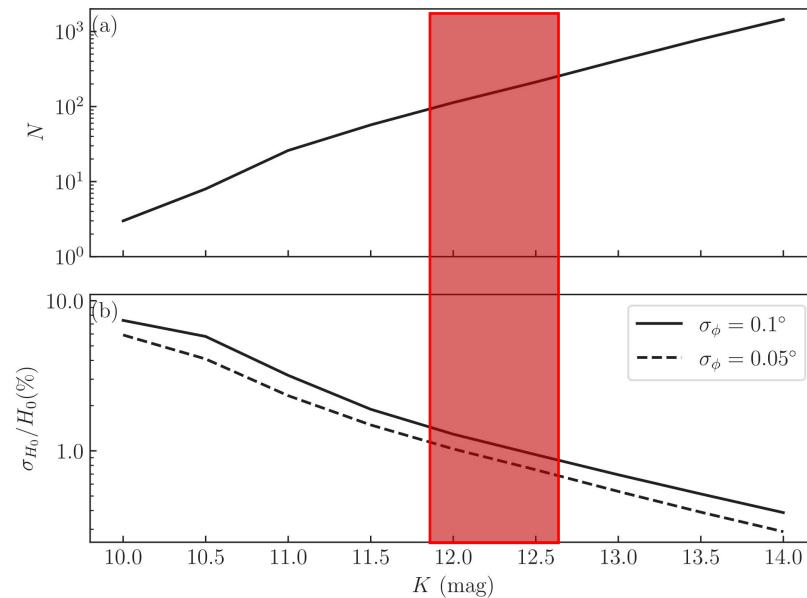
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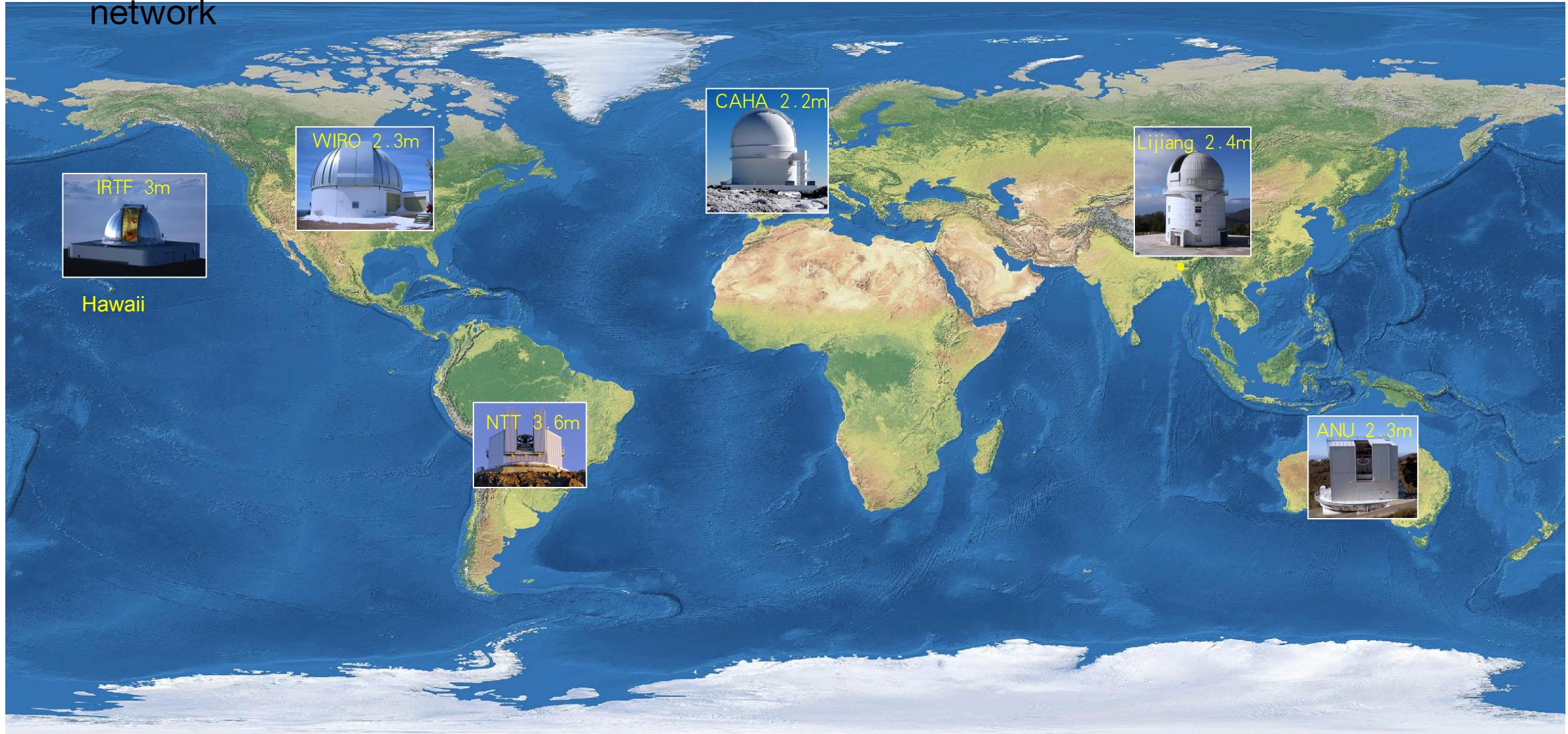
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- 100-200 quasars, Hubble constant with a precision ~1%



Quasar spectral monitoring campaign

- 2-3m class telescope network
- since 2012
- more than 150 quasars



Ten-Kilometer Baselines: Thousands m² Collecting Area Optical / IR



Credit: ESO/H. Heyer, L. Calçada

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A small, square image showing a dark, textured object, possibly a statue or a piece of equipment, resting on a light-colored surface.

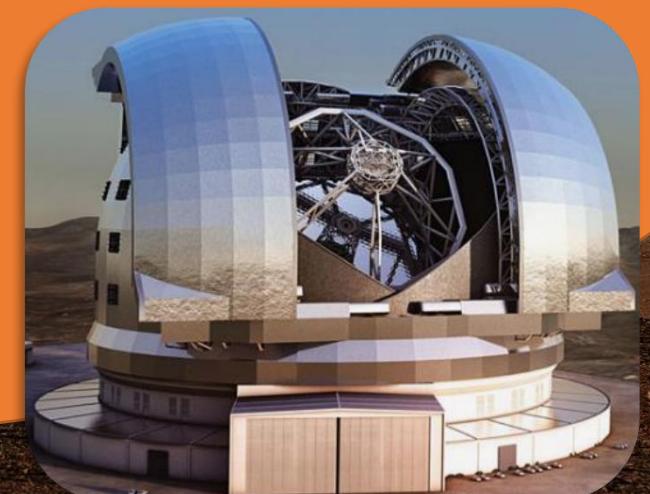


Resolution[~] $\lambda/B = 10 \mu\text{as}$

Sensitivity \sim ELT \sim 28 (23) mag_{AB}

Point Source Imaging (Spectroscopy), 10ks, 10σ

Astrometry \sim 0.1 μ as



From GRAVITY(+) Towards a Kilometers Baseline, Large Telescope Interferometer

10 μ as angular resolution

Fundamental Physics

Cosmology

Galaxies

Black Holes

Stars/-formation

Exoplanets

>1 Gpc 1/10 pc SN1987A

100 Mpc 1000 AU TDEs

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10 kpc 0.1 AU = 1 Schwarzschild R.

10 pc Earth

1 pc 1500 km Greenland

150 km

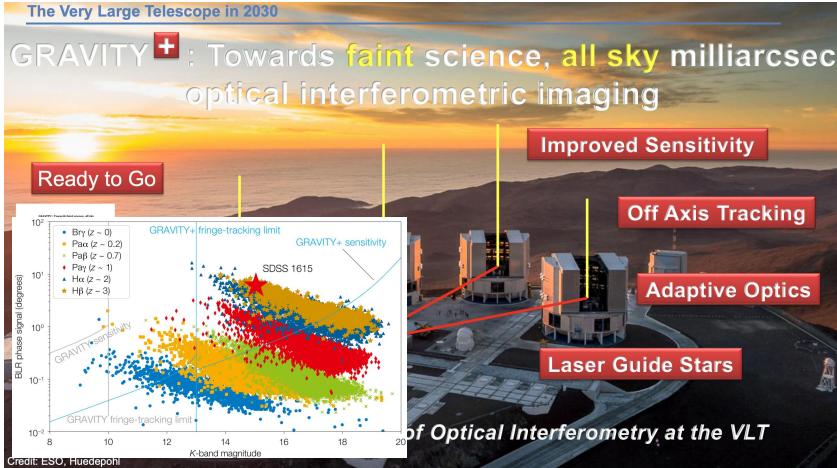
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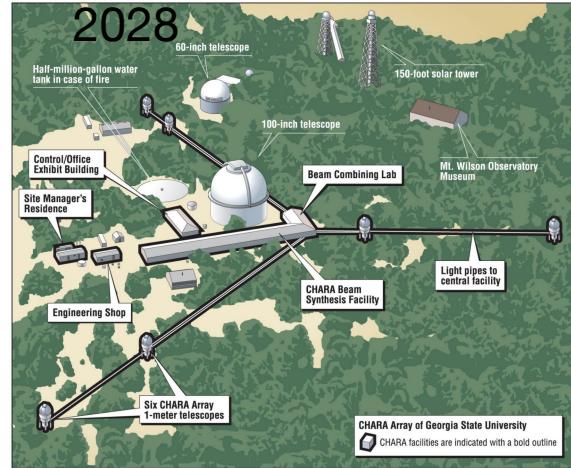
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Future SA observations

GRAVITY+: 4*8m, by 2025



CHARA: 12*2m, by



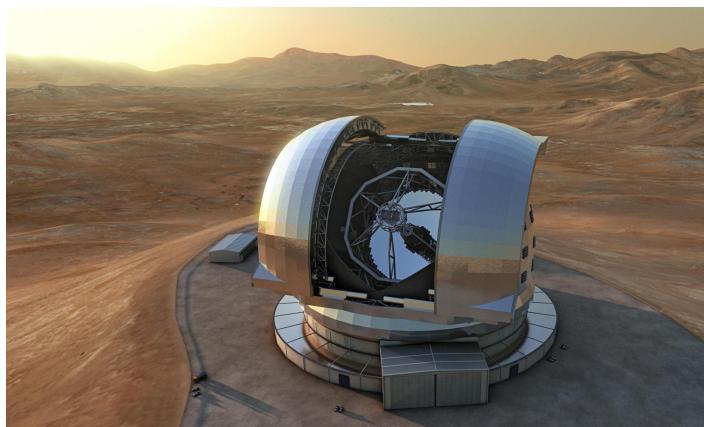
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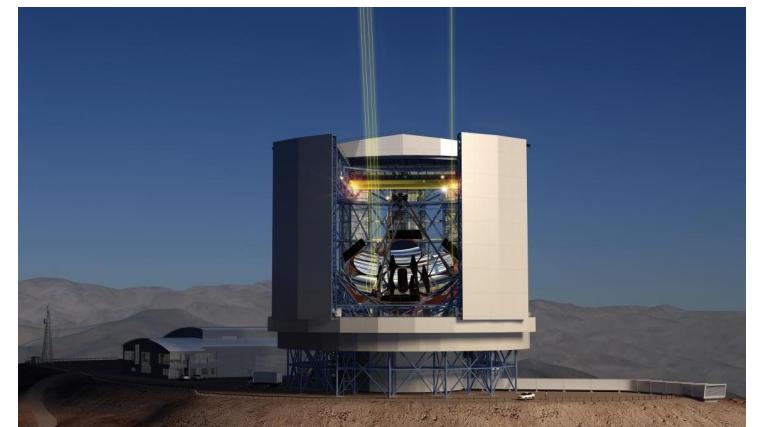
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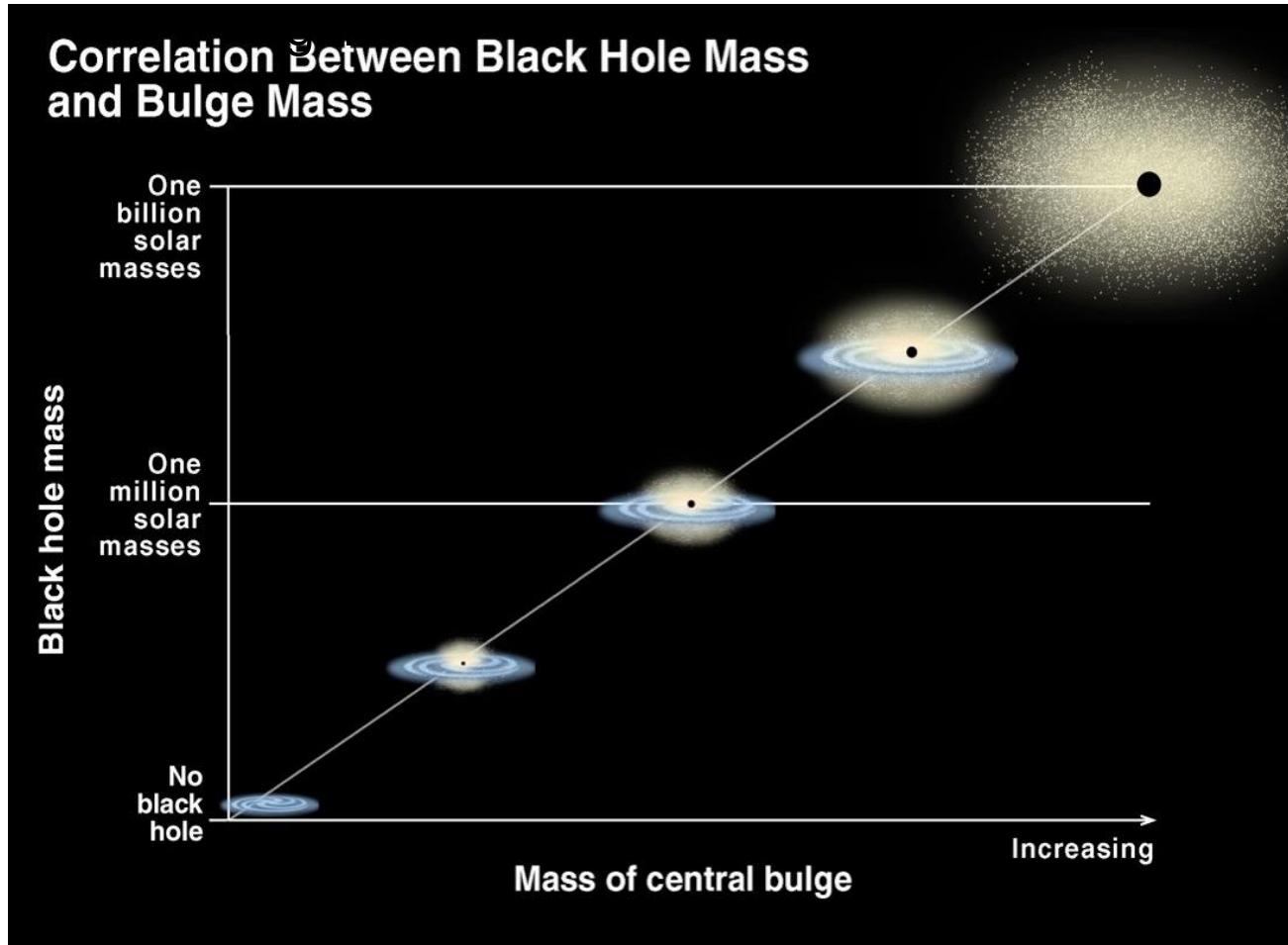


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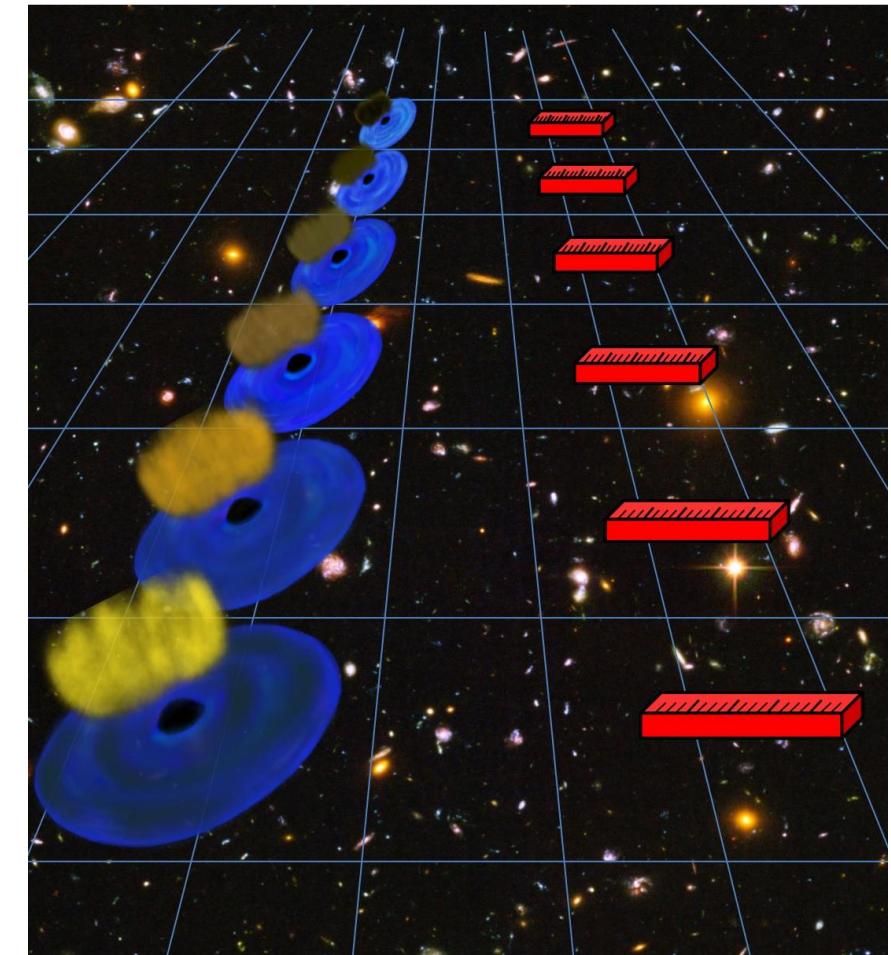


Quasars, galaxies and cosmology

Quasars coevolve with



Quasar rulers for cosmos



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