

Time delays (supernovae and gravitational lens)

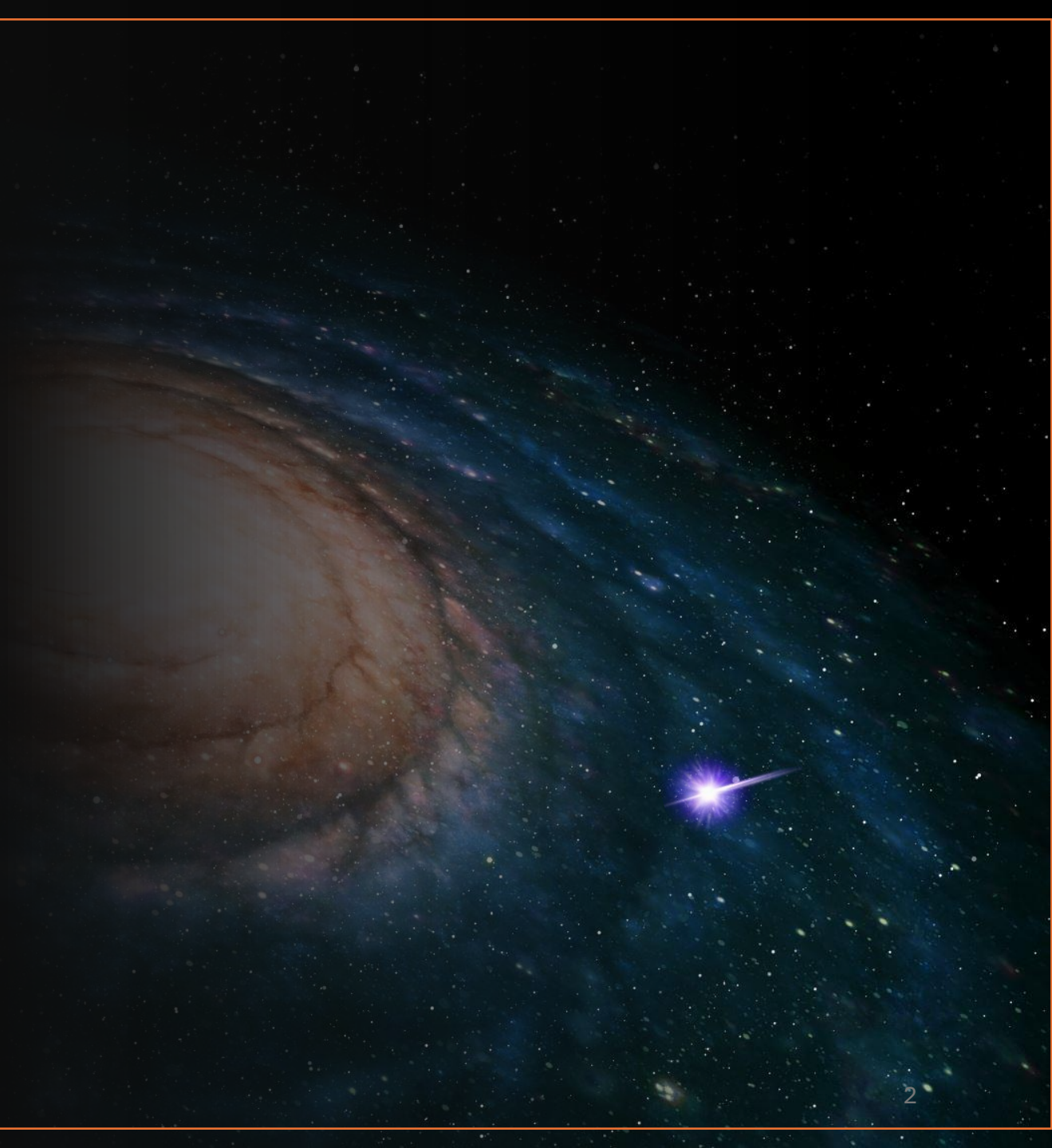
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Time Delay - Basic

NASA, ESA, CSA, Mikako Matsuura,
Richard Arendt Claes Fransson, Josefin
Larsson, Alyssa Pagan

Time Delay - Basic

- HST image of SN1987A in narrow [O III] filter
 - IUE detected highly ionized oxygen ~90 days after initial explosion.
 - Rose to a maximum ~400 days.
 - Combination of line reprocessing + inclination.
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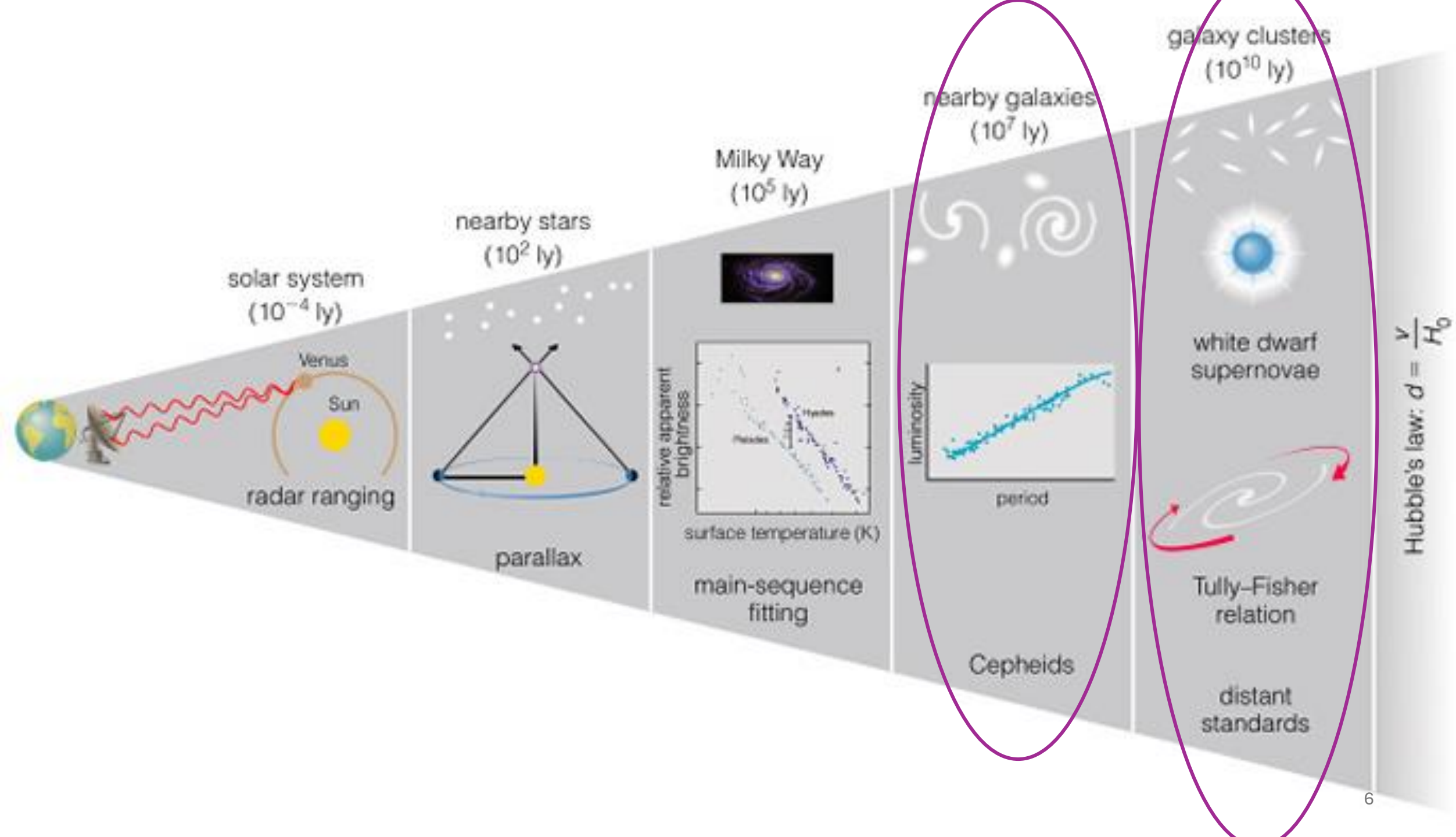


(Panagia 1991)

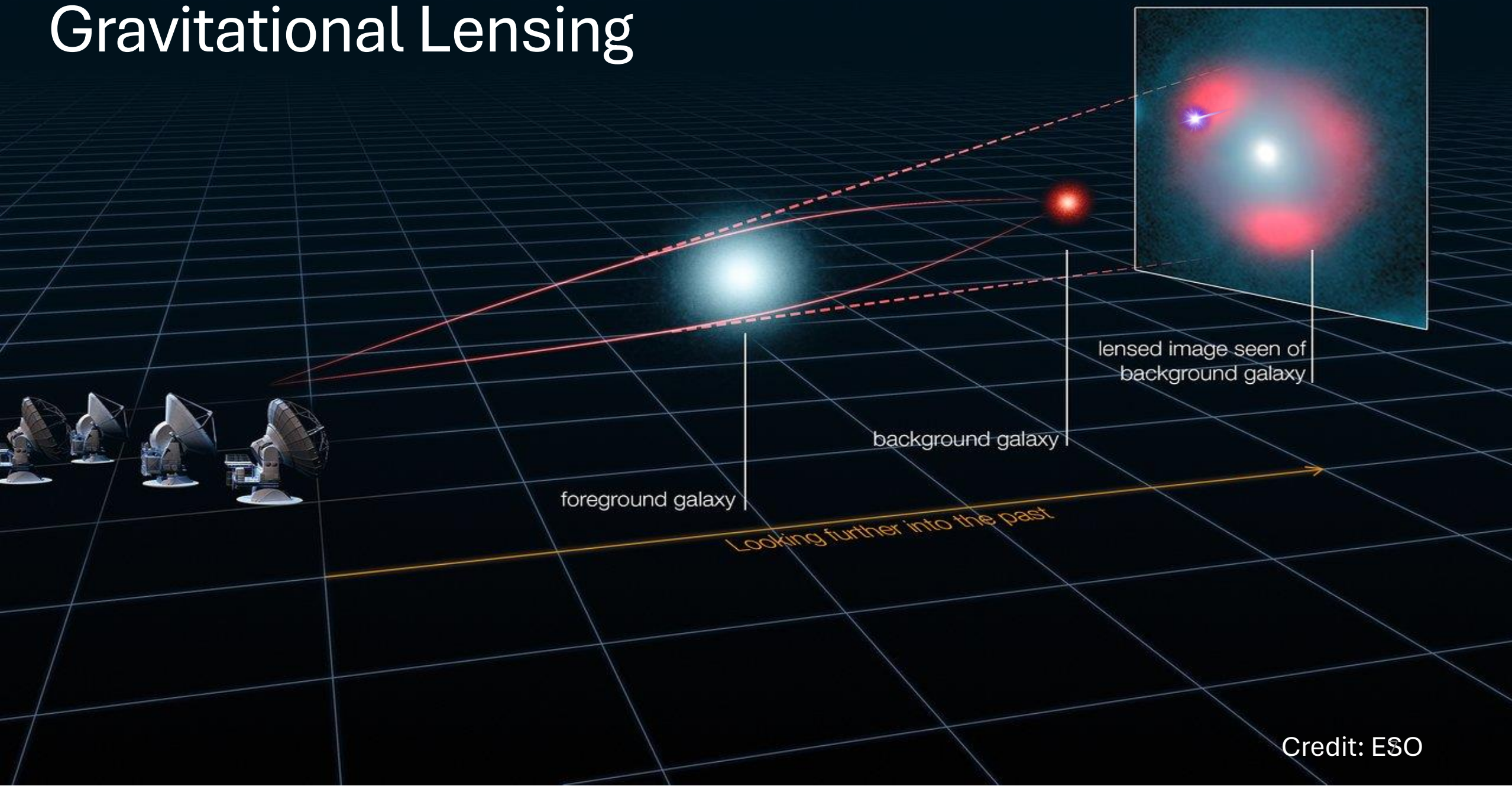
Time Delay - Basic

- $t_0 = \frac{r_{ring}}{c} (1 - \sin(i))$
 - $t_{max} = \frac{r_{ring}}{c} (1 + \sin(i))$
 - Solve for r_{ring} and i .
 - Get θ_{ring} from angular size on HST image.
 - $r_{ring} / \theta_{ring} = D$ by simple trig.
 - $0.42pc / 1.66arcsec = 52 \pm 3 kpc$.
 - $i = 42 \pm 5^\circ$.
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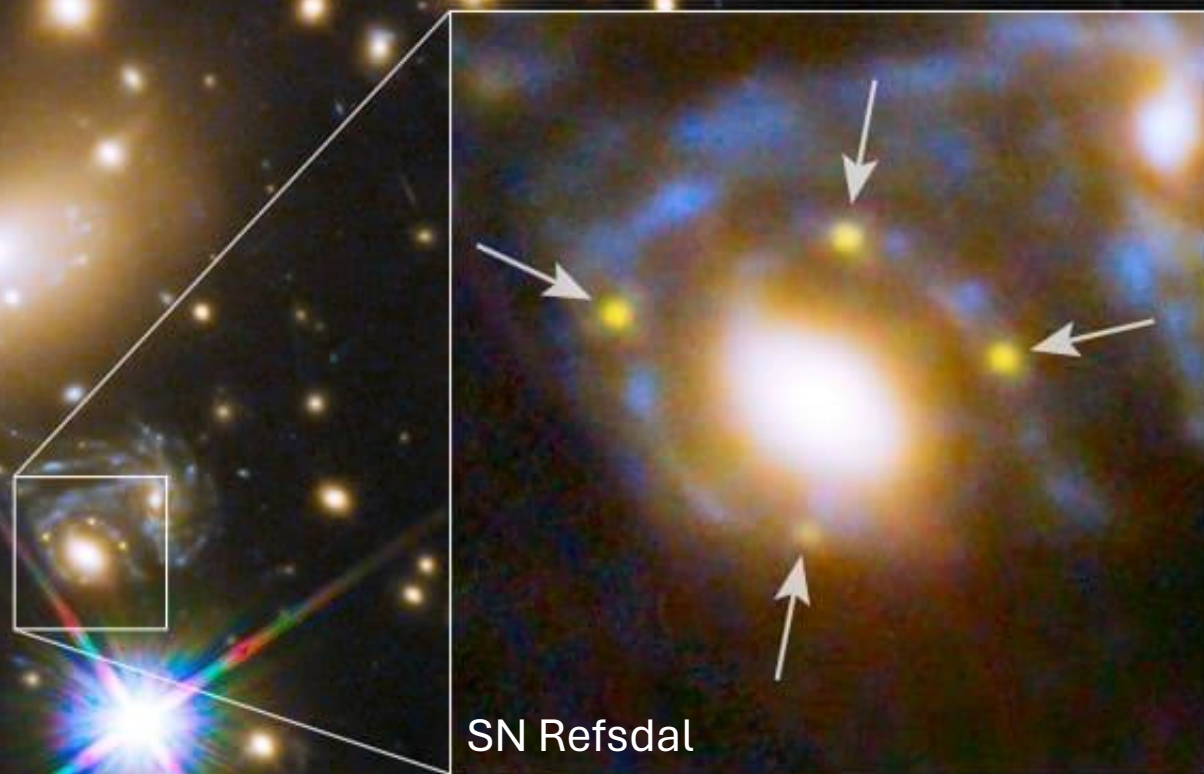


Gravitational Lensing



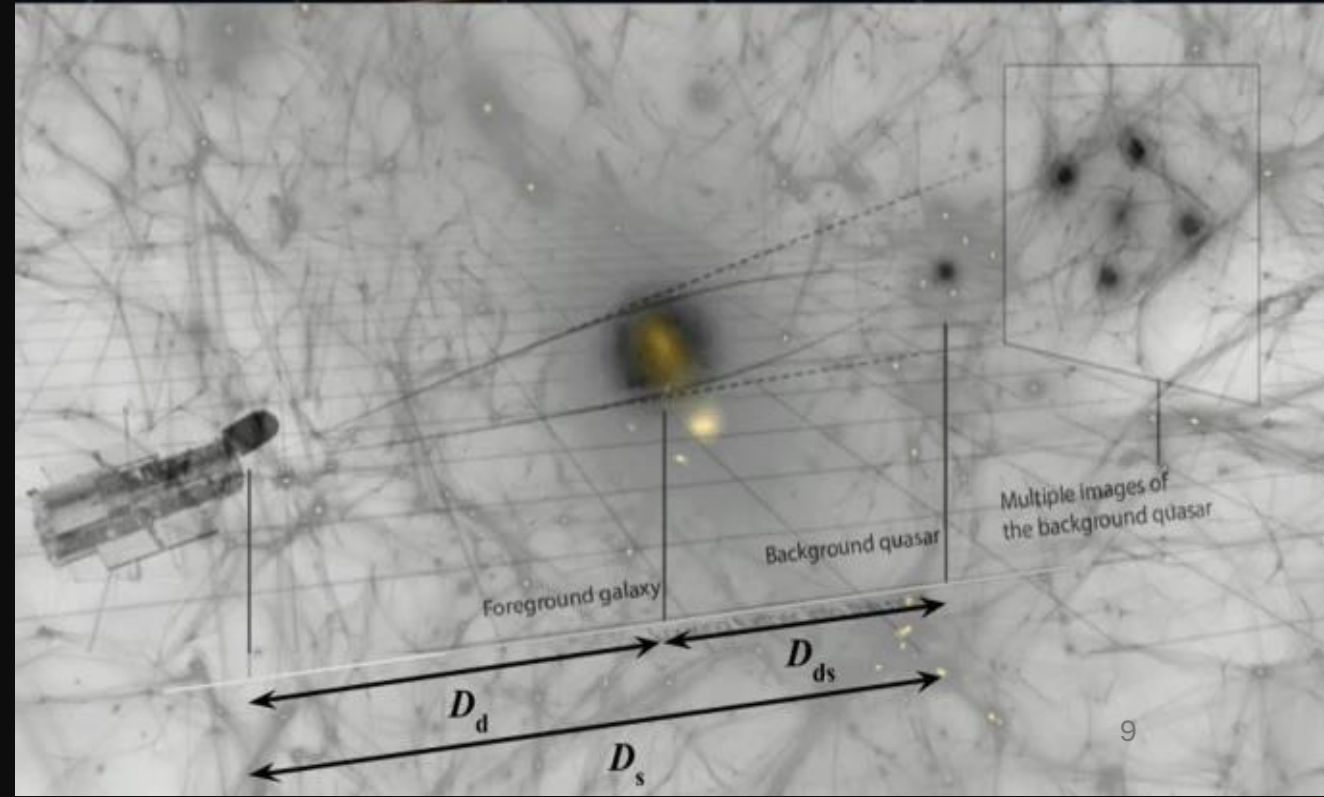
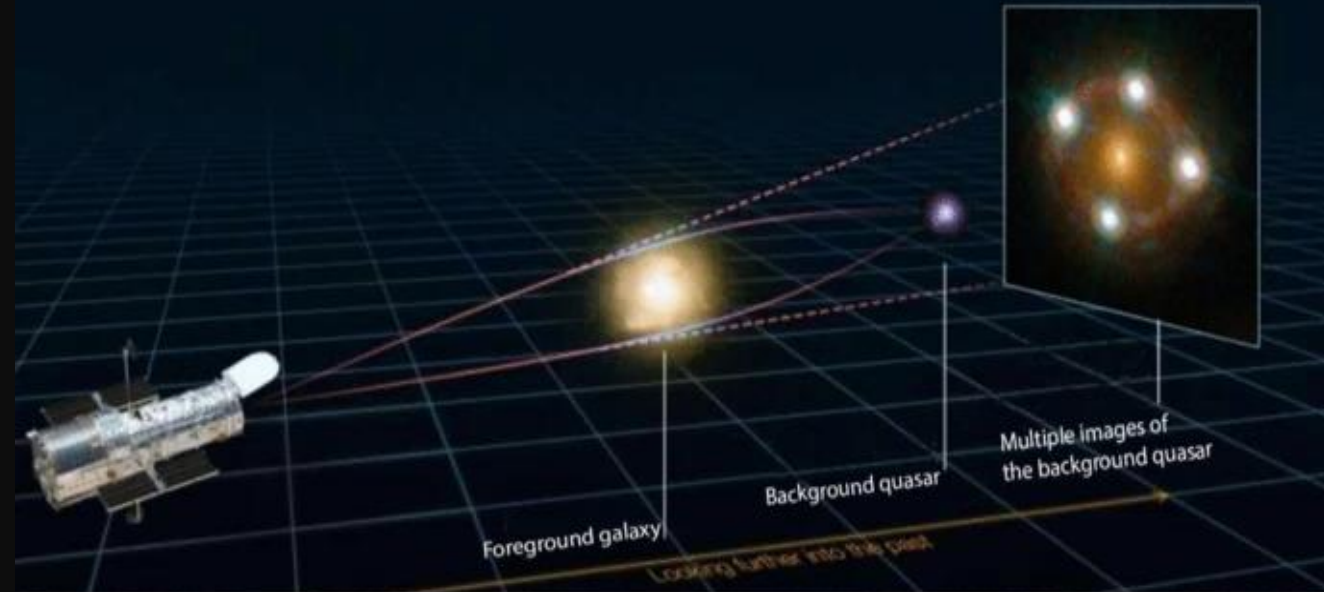
Time Delay – Lensing Supernovae

- Delays in between the leading image and trailing images are caused by two main effects:
- Difference in lengths of optical paths
- Shapiro delay – “difference in gravitational potential experienced by two separate paths of photons”



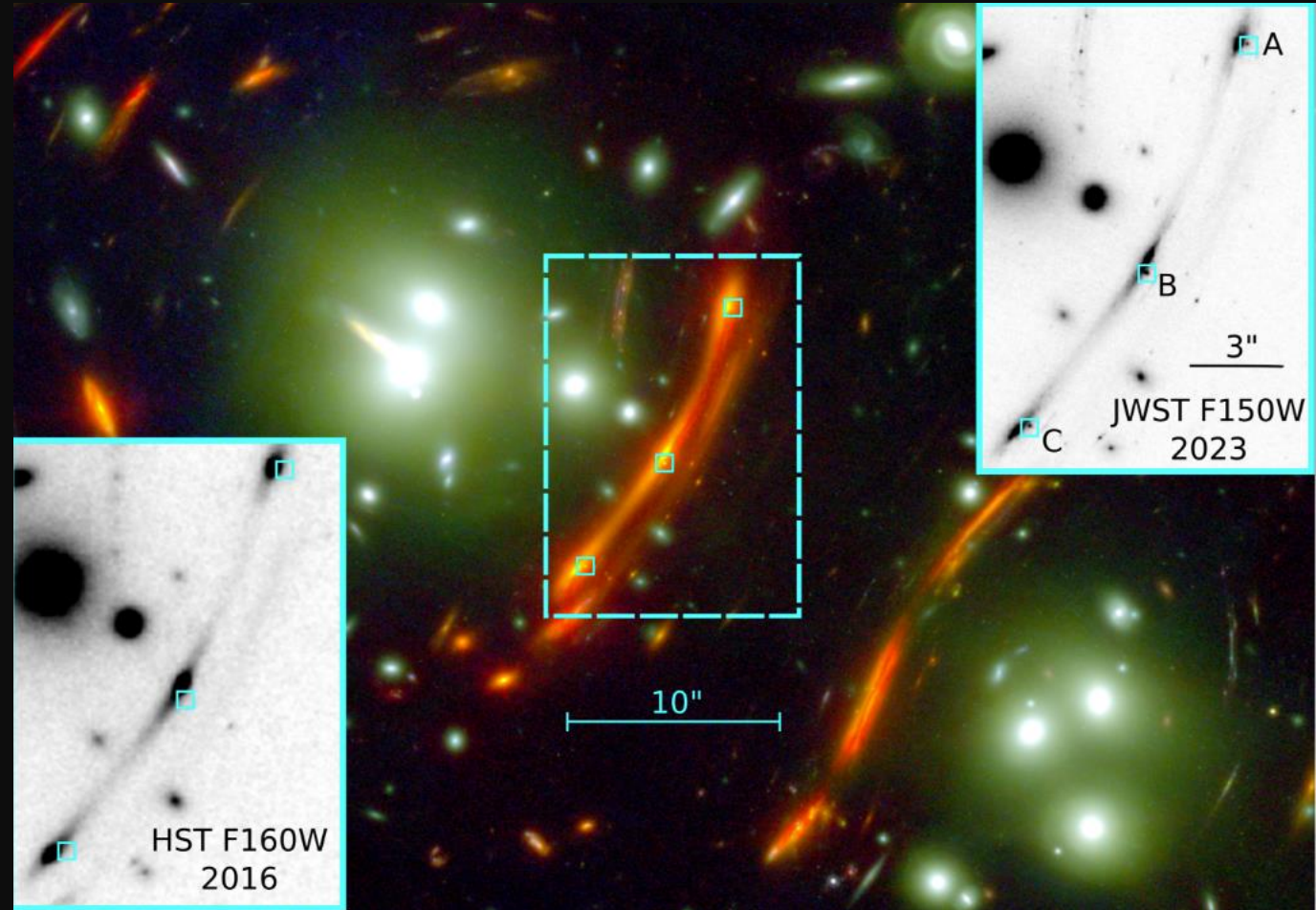
Time Delay - Lensing

- $\Delta\tau_{AB} = \frac{D_{\Delta t}}{c} \Delta\phi_{AB}$
- $\Delta\tau_{AB}$ -> time delay between brightness fluctuations of image A and B
- $\Delta\phi_{AB}$ -> Fermat potential
- $\Delta\phi_{AB}$ -> "lens" model predicts this
- $D_{\Delta t}$ -> Time delay distance
- $D_{\Delta t} \equiv (1 + z_d) \frac{D_d D_s}{D_{ds}}$
- $D_{\Delta t} \propto H_0^{-1}$



“SN H0pe”

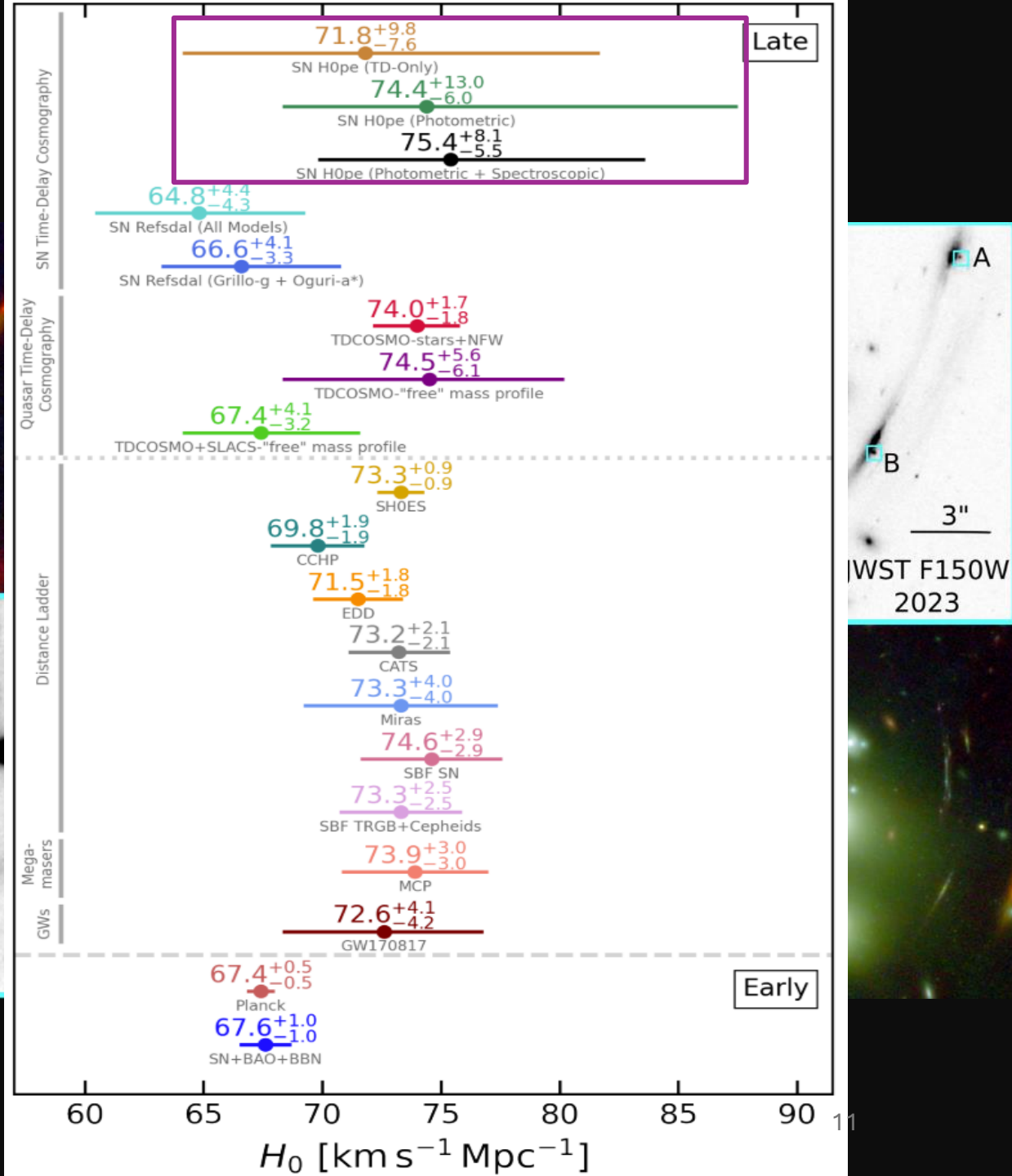
- Galaxy-cluster field PLCK G165.7+67.0 ($z = 0.348$, ~ 1.4 Gpc).
- Triply-imaged SN Ia discovered at ($z=1.78$, ~ 3.6 Gpc), (spectroscopic redshift distance.)
- Goal to measure and constrain H_0



Frye et. al (2024)

“SN H0pe”

- Seven different teams constructed lens models.
- All supplied same initial input parameters:
- 21 image systems, some with spectroscopic redshifts, 161 cluster member galaxies with the same positions, F200W brightnesses, and morphological parameters
- No teams knew of time delay or magnification measurements.



Problems - Rarity

- 1/1000 SNe are strongly lensed.
- Assume every galaxy has the same SNe rate as the MW (2/century)
- 1/500000 SNe/yr per galaxy could be lensed.
- Hubble on its own observed about 100 billion galaxies. (NASA)
- ~200 strongly lensed SNe.
- Only 7 confirmed and measured (Sheu et. al 2023).

Problems – Models and Observations

Observations:

- Need follow-up campaigns.
- New lensed images can take up to ~years to appear.
- Need lots of high res images and more sky coverage.

Models:

- Uncertainties in mass distributions of lenses. (very difficult to model!)

Problems – Hubble Constant

- Hubble Tension – Different ways to measure and constrain the expansion rate of the Universe yields different values (more than a few σ disagreements).
- Signals either new physics, or a mistake in measurements/models.
- With incoming larger samples with the newly launched Euclid + upcoming Vera Rubin and Nancy Roman, in combination with more follow-up JWST programs, it is expected time delay cosmography will reach precisions of $\sim 1\%$ on H_0 .



Questions