

A grayscale astronomical image showing a jet of material being strongly lensed by a foreground object. The jet appears as a series of curved, parallel lines on the left side of the image, bending towards the right. The background is a smooth, light gray gradient.

THE STORY OF STRONGLY LENSED JETS AND COSMOLOGY

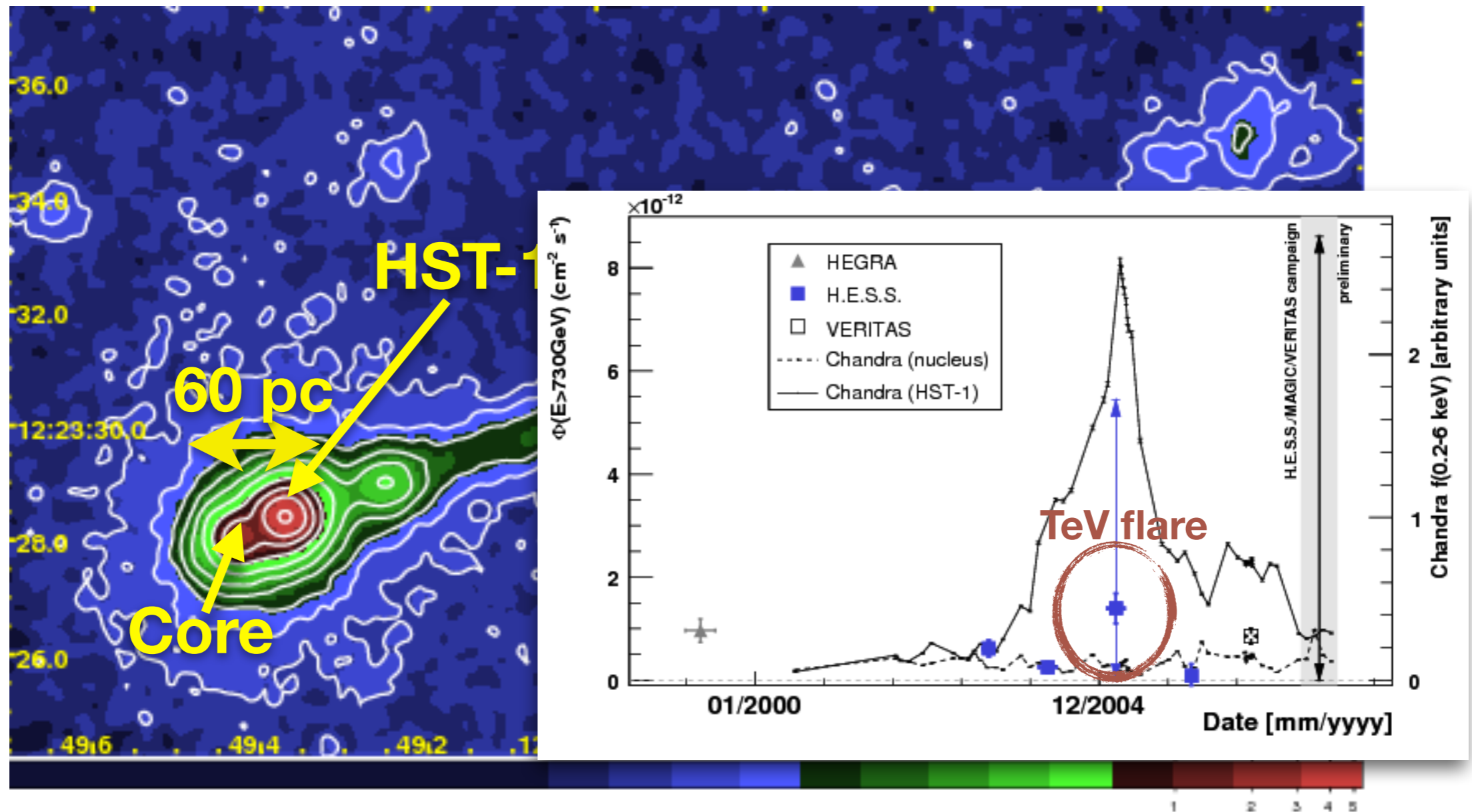
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EXTRAGALACTIC JETS - M87

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Increased x-ray emission by a factor of 50 from the HST-1 knot (Harris et al. 2006,2009)

Core and HST-1: Separation ~ 60 pc

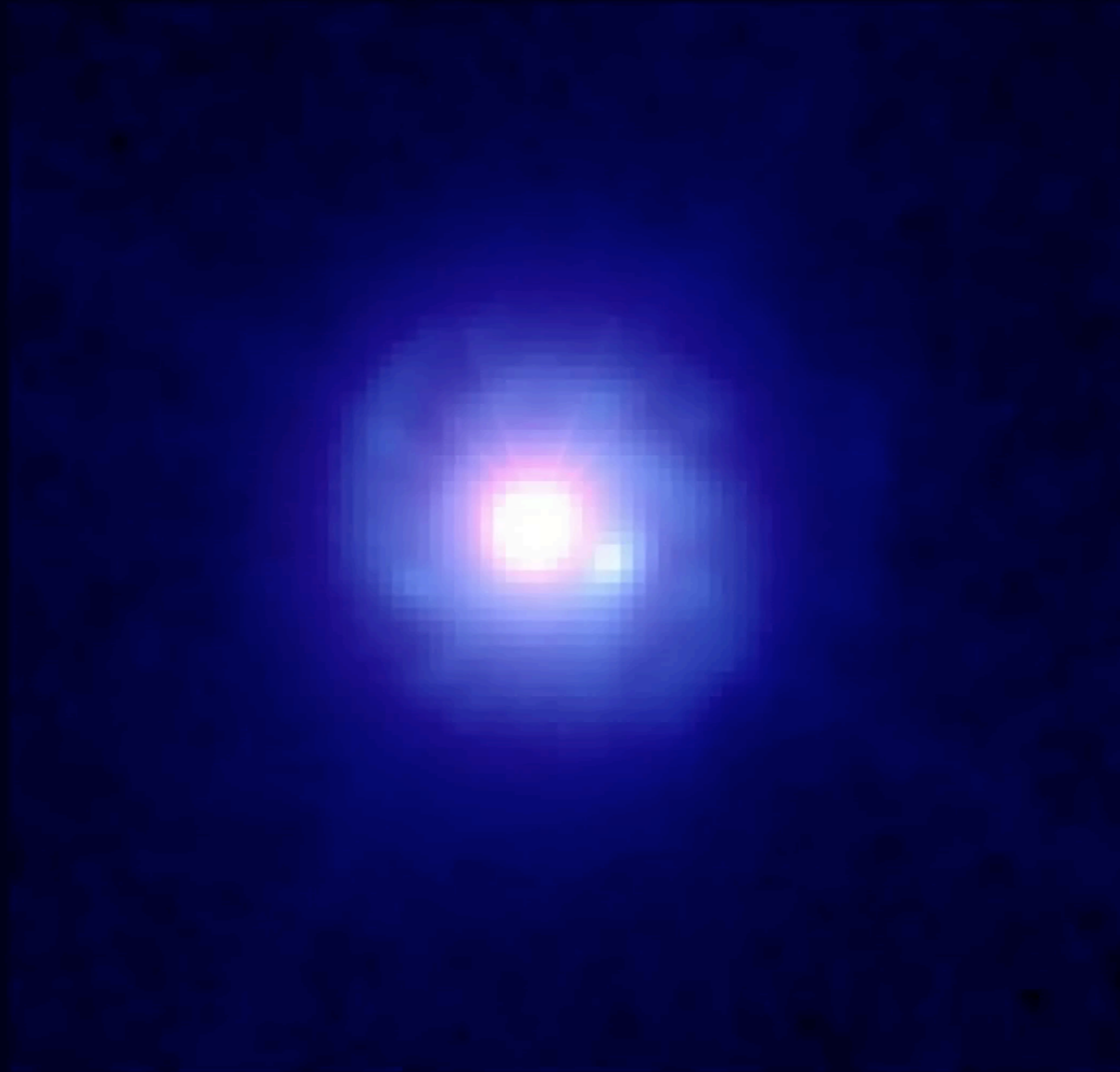


Flares from knots along the jets

SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES

- Frequency of M87-like variability
- Origin of gamma-ray flares

GRAVITATIONALLY LENSED JETS



Credit: NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

M87 AT $Z=1$

*Differences between the core and the HST-1:
difference in time delay: ~ 2 days*



GAMMA-RAY SPATIAL RESOLUTION

- Einstein Symposium 2015: **PKS 1830-211**
Effective Spatial Resolution $\sim 0.02''$ (\sim HST)
Barnacka, A., et al. (2015, ApJ, 809, 100)

- What if we could resolve gamma-ray emission with resolution of radio telescopes: $\sim 0.001''$?

COSMIC SCALE

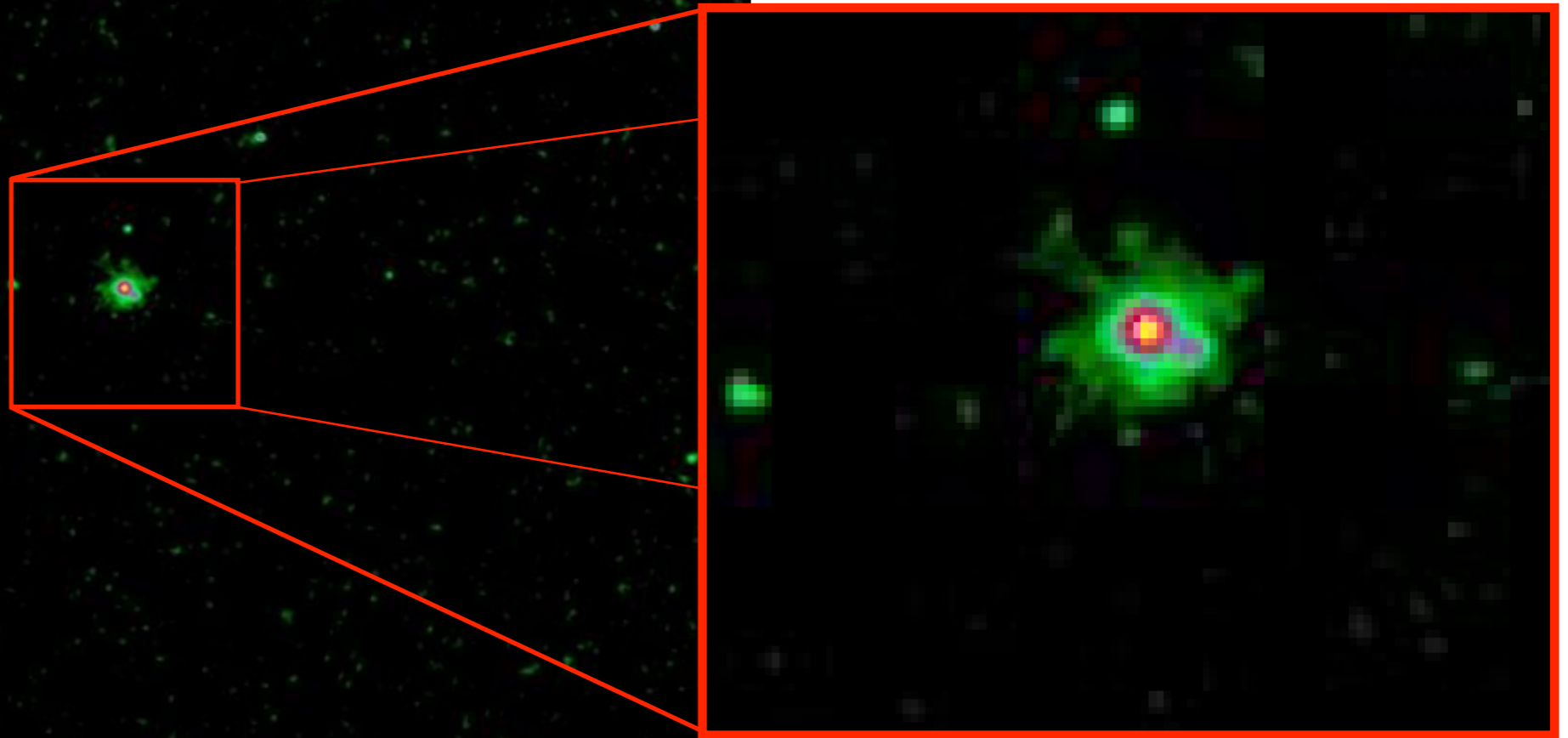
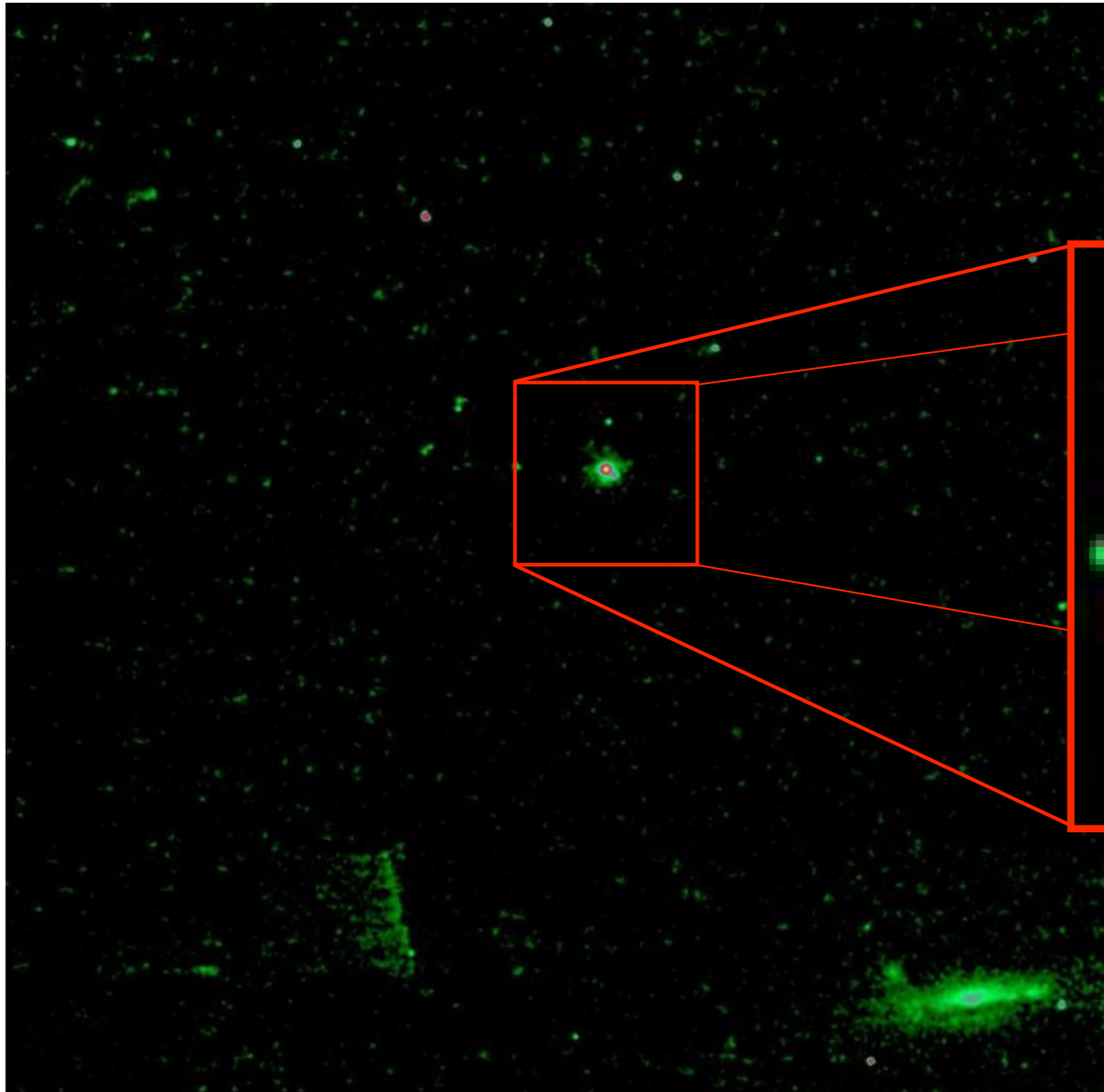
Time Delay + Position of the Images + Lens Model



Cosmic Scale: Hubble Parameter

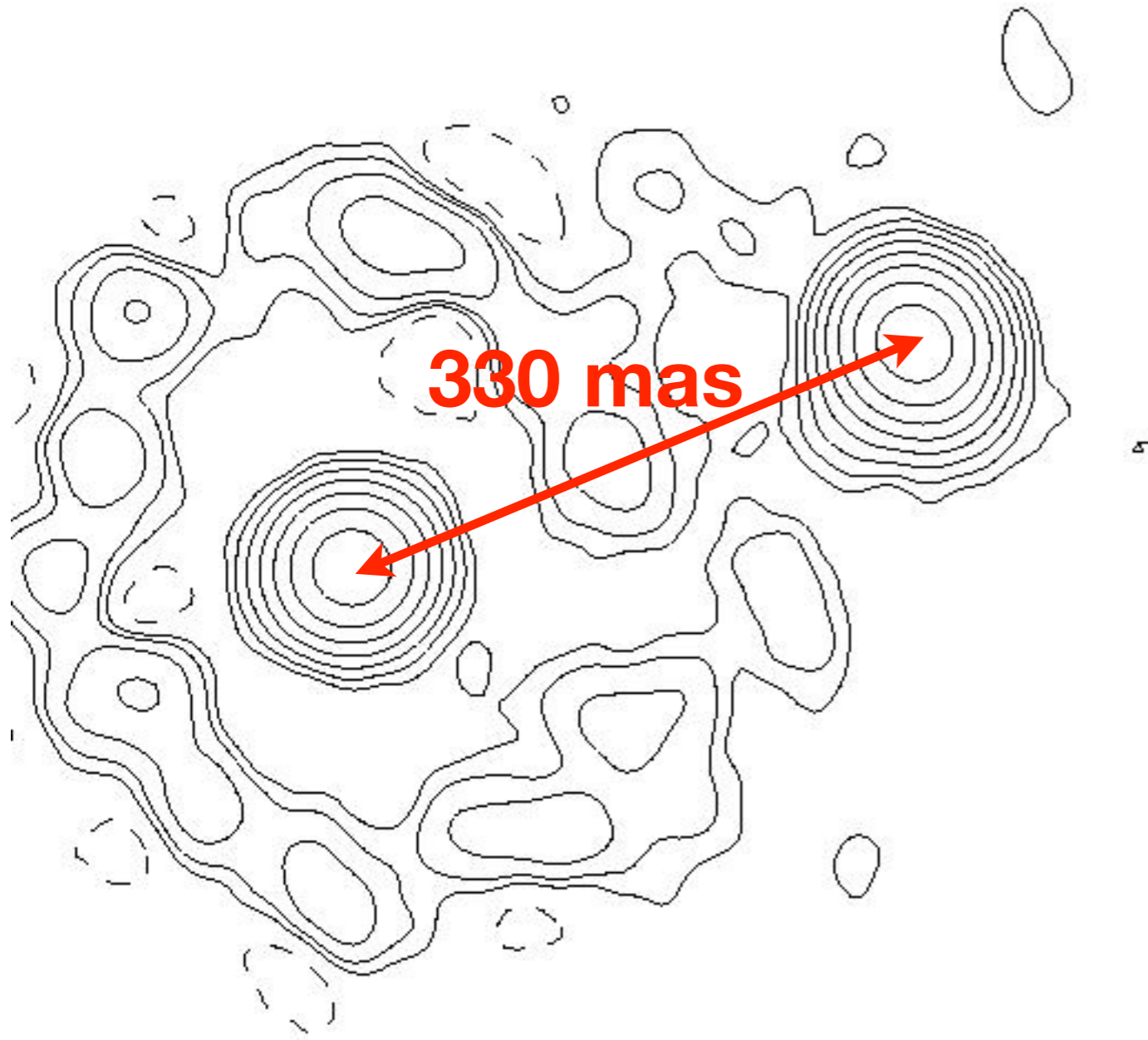
Offset between the resolved emitting region and the variable emitting region

OBSERVATIONS: B2 0218+35



HST

LENSED BLAZAR: B2 0218+35



1.687 GHz, Patnaik et al. (1992)

Source $z = 0.944$,

Lens $z = 0.6847$

Radio Time Delay

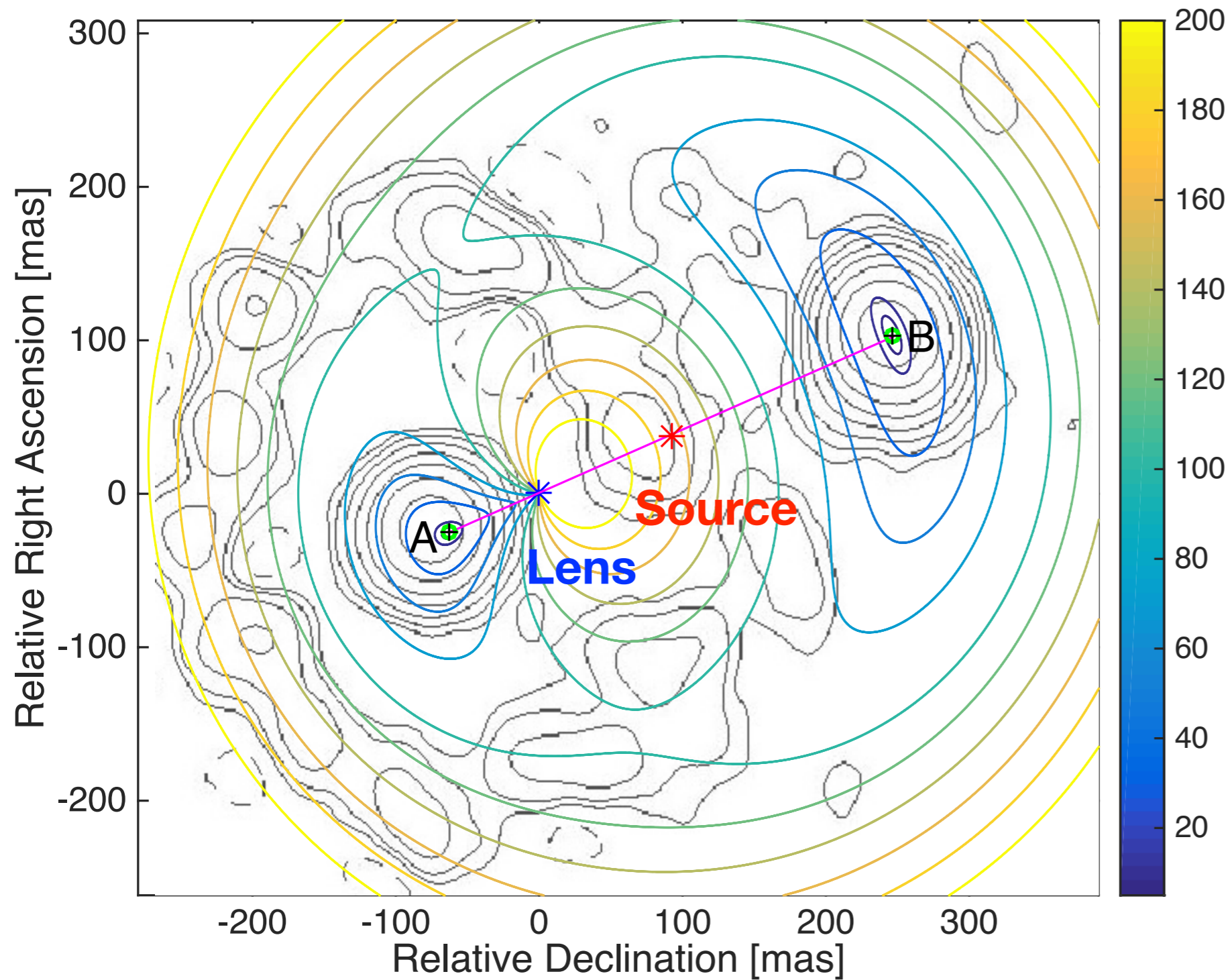
10.5 ± 0.5 days

Magnification Ratio

3.62 ± 0.06

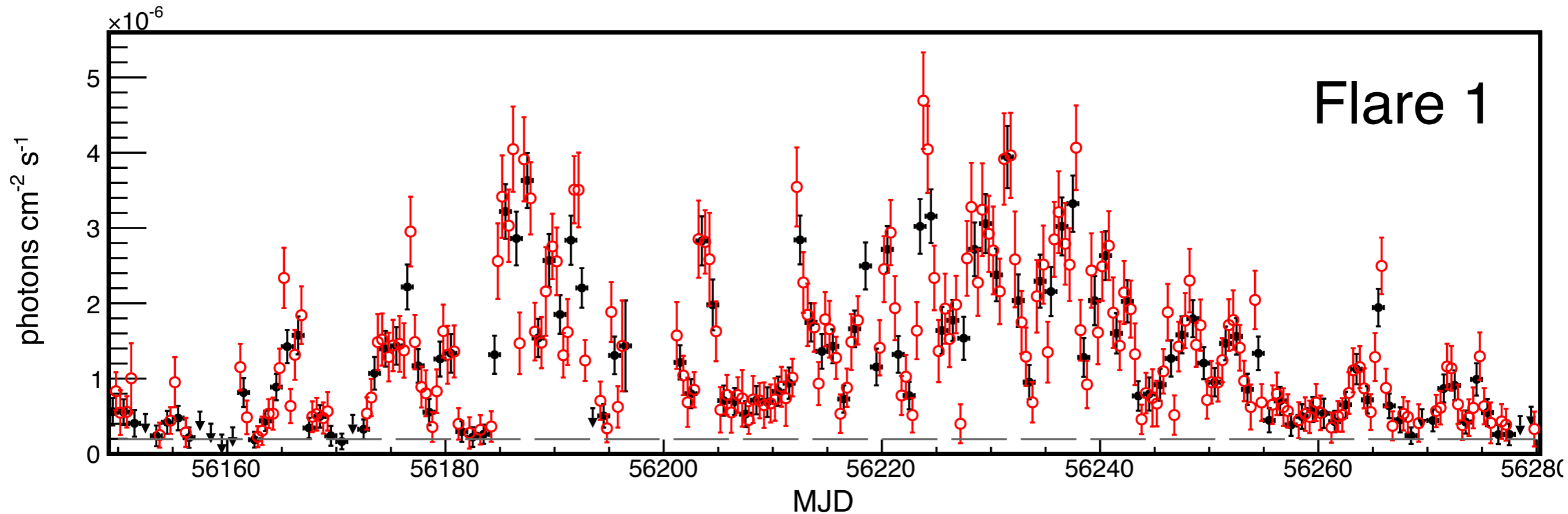
Radial Jet Projection

LENS MODELING



Reconstruction
~ 1 milliarcsecond

GAMMA-RAY TIME DELAY

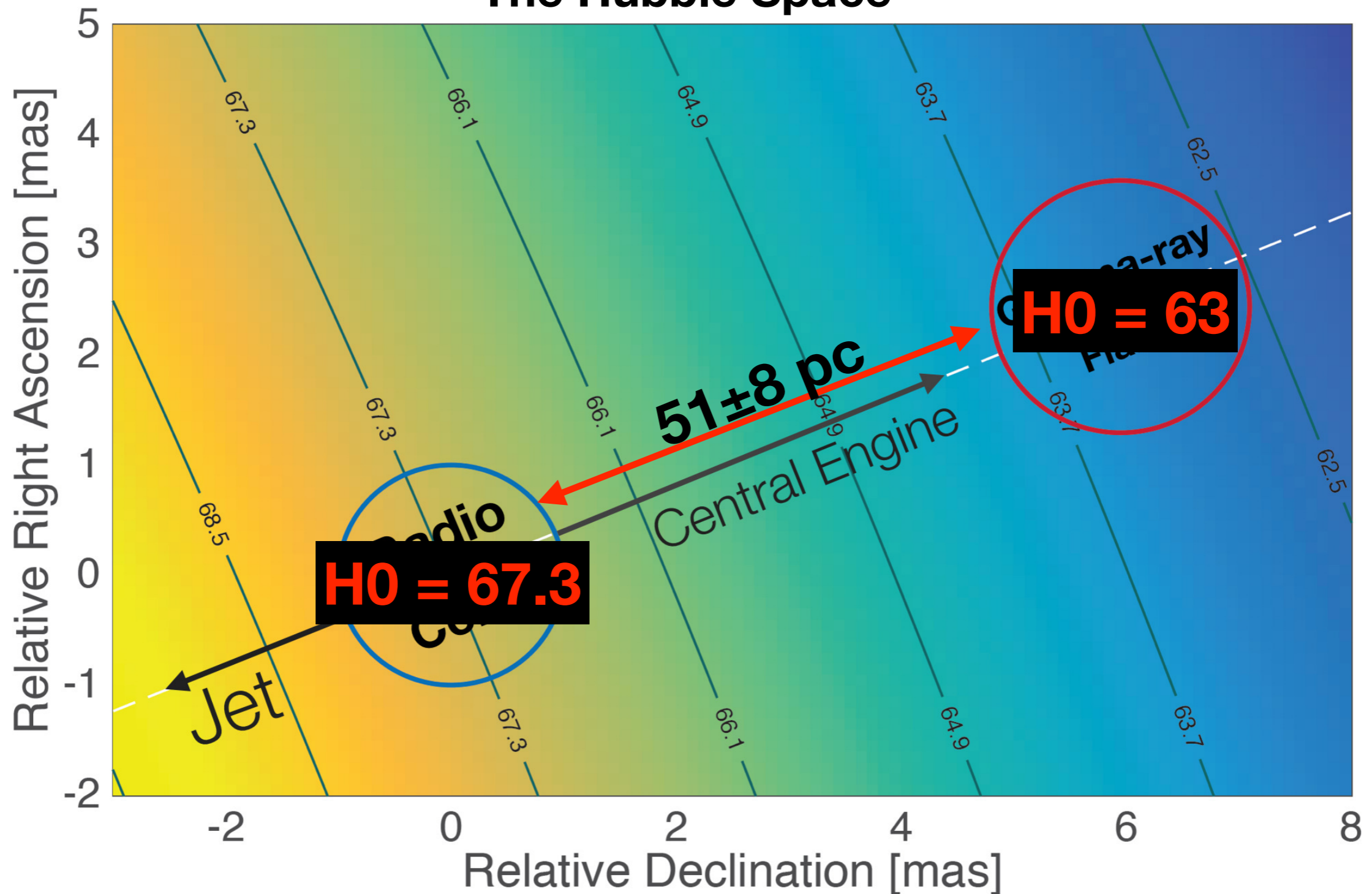


Time Delay = 11.38 ± 0.13 days (Barnacka et al., 2016)

Time Delay = 11.46 ± 0.16 days (Cheung et al. 2014)

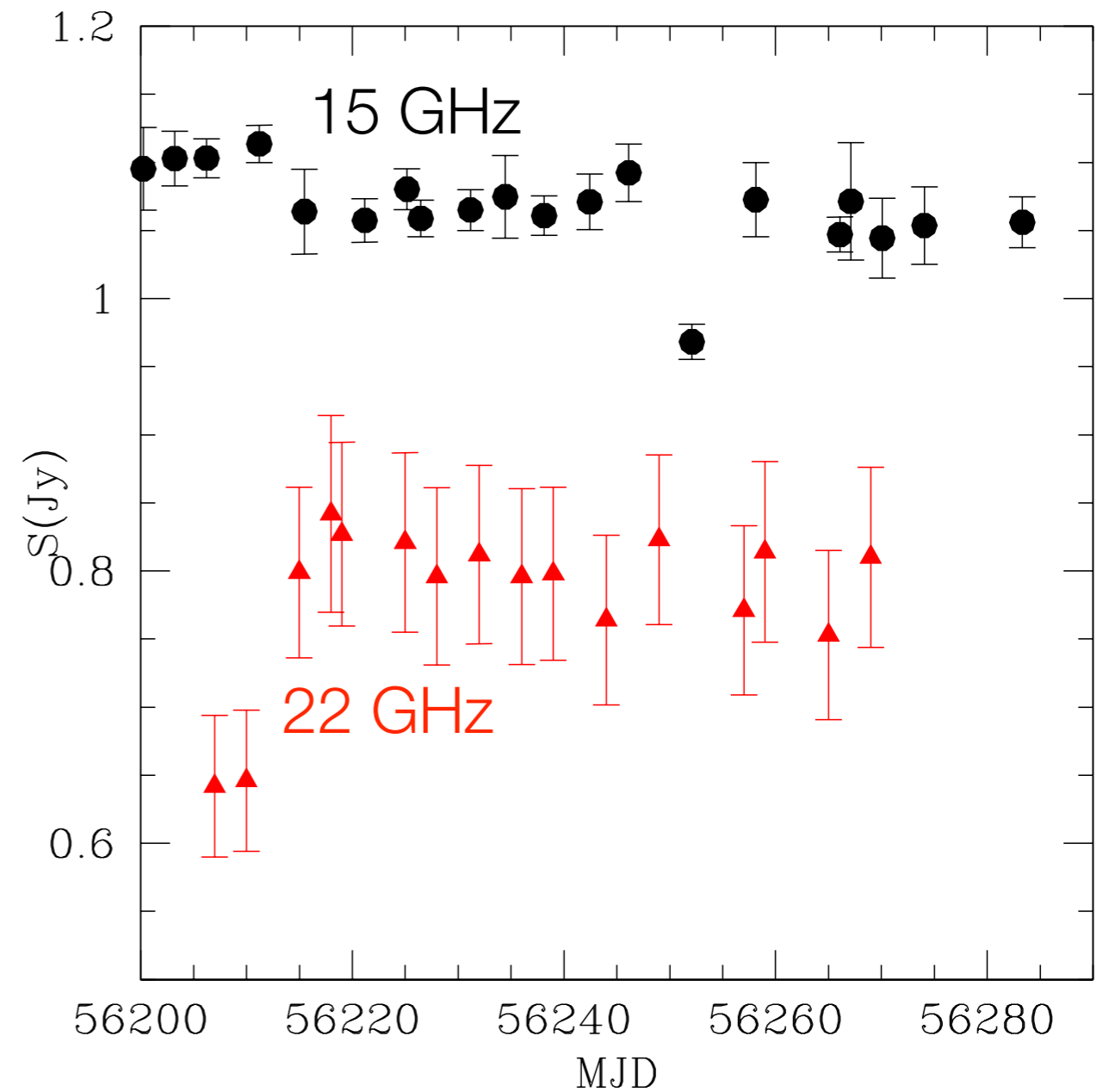
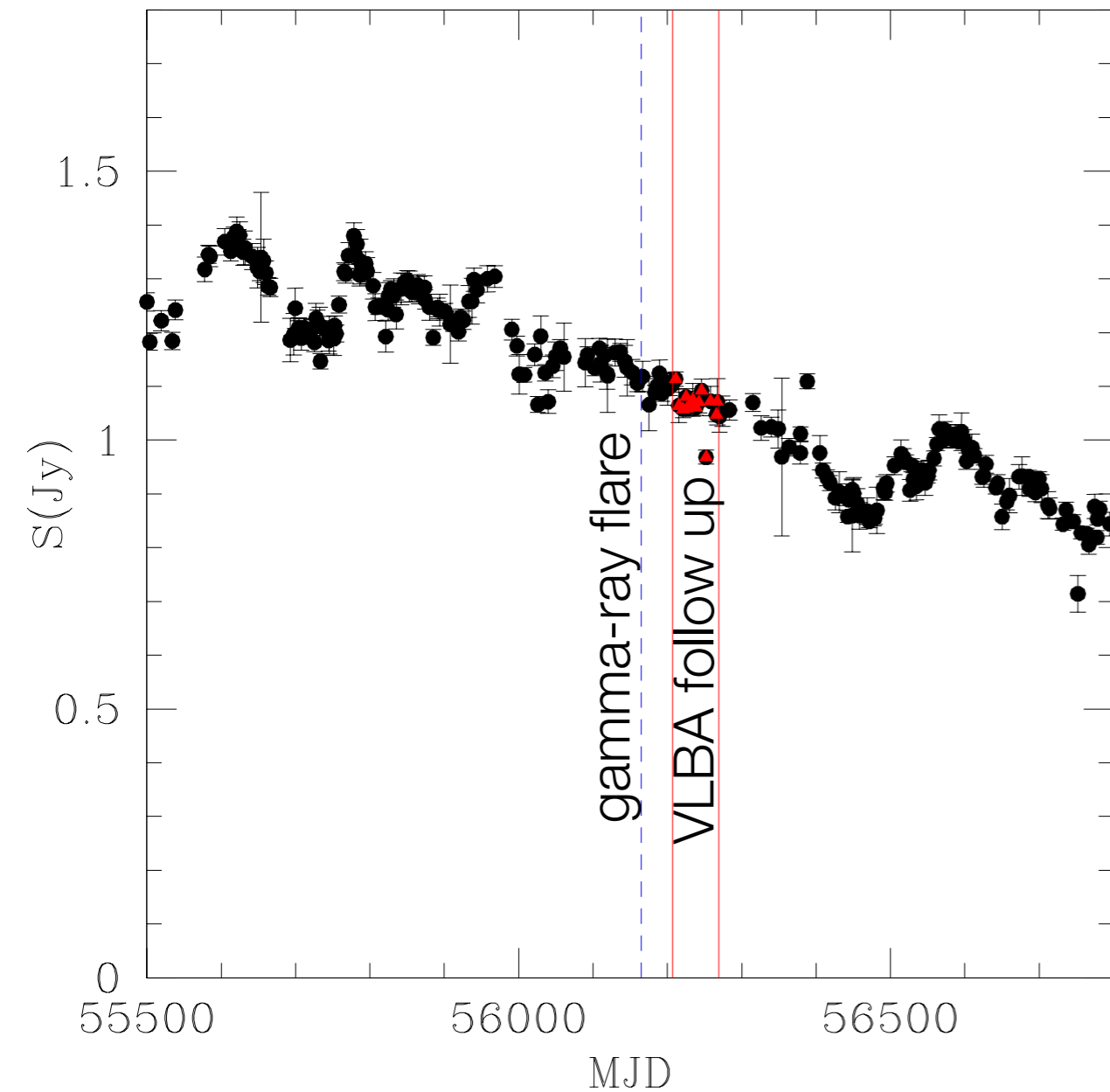
HUBBLE CONSTANT & GAMMA-RAY SOURCE CONNECTION

The Hubble Space



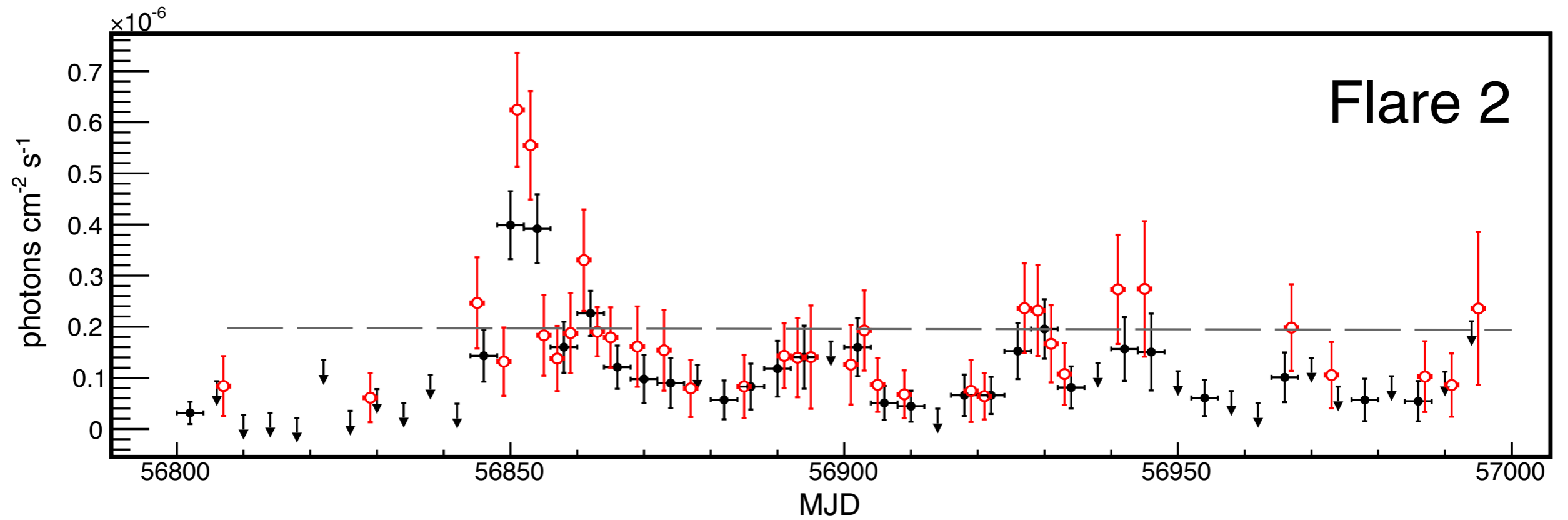
RADIO FOLLOW UP

40 M Telescope at the Owens Valley Radio Observatory (OVRO)



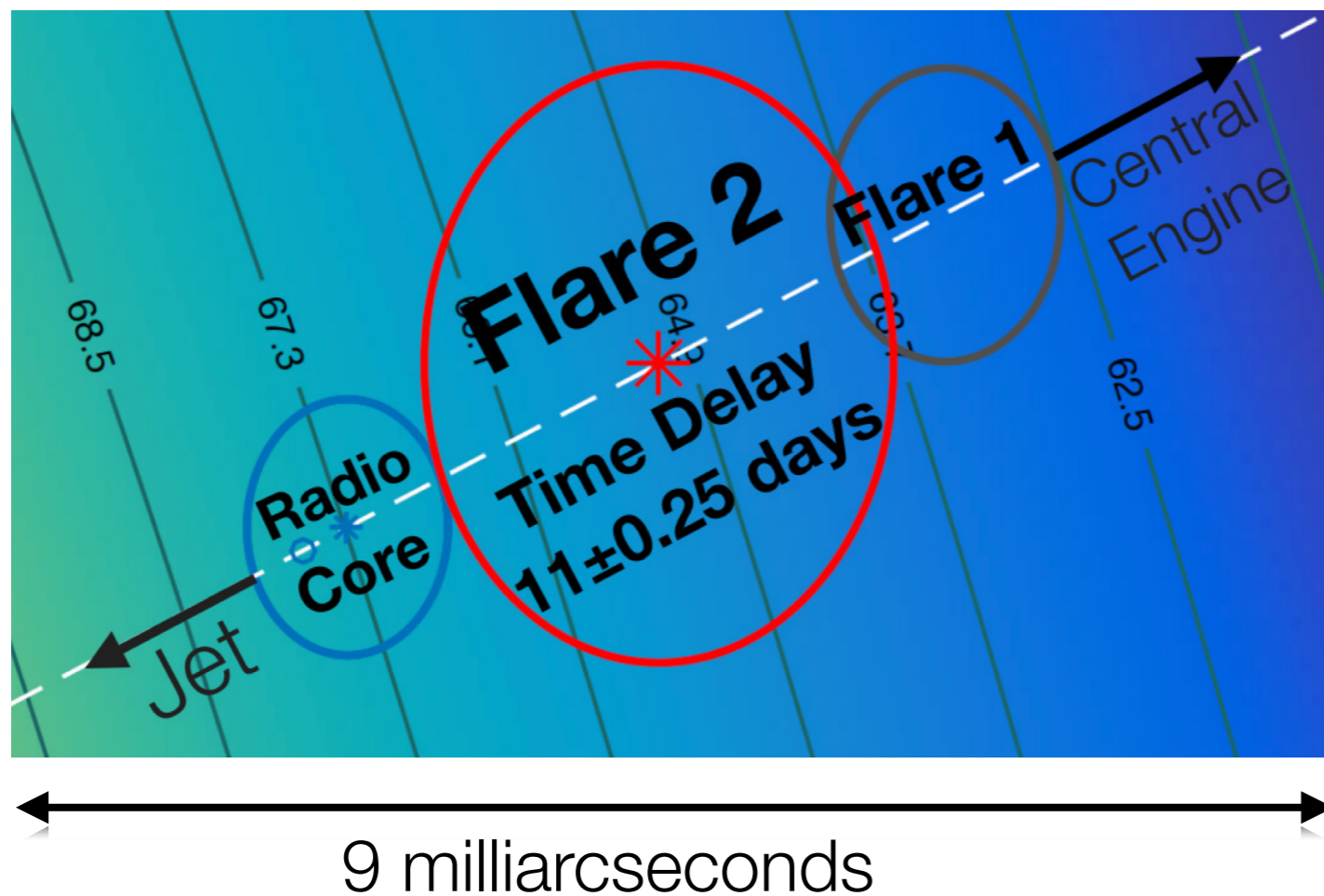
Spingola et al. (2016)

GAMMA-RAY FLARE 2



FUTURE FLARES

If Flare 1 and Flare 2 connected:



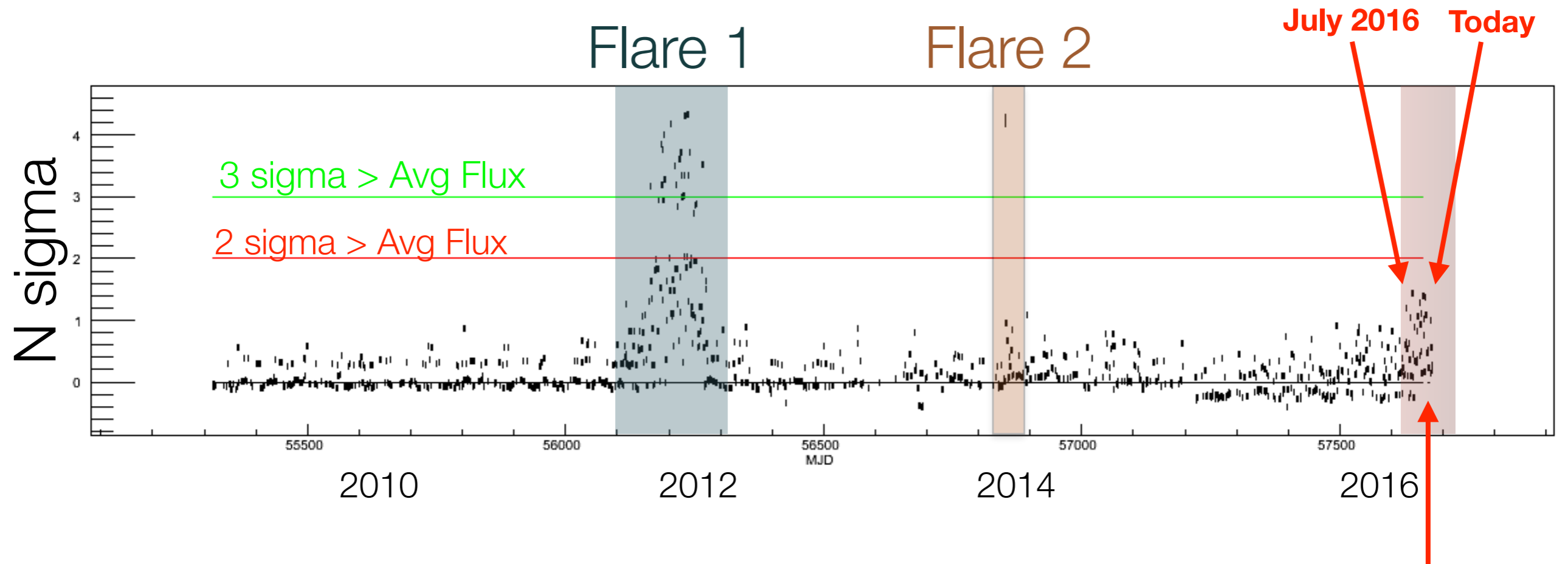
$$\beta_{app} = \frac{D_{projected}(1 + z_S)}{c \Delta t_{obs}}$$

$$\approx 70 \left(\frac{D_{projected}}{24 \text{ pc}} \right) \left(\frac{\Delta t_{obs}}{690 \text{ days}} \right)$$

If plasmoid continues its motion:

interaction with radio core ~ July 2016

MONITORING OF B2 0218+35 AT GAMMA RAYS



Since July 2016, 3 x more gamma-ray photons

THE TOOLS

- Radio:

- Excellent Angular Resolution

- Gamma Rays:

- Excellent Temporal Resolution

- Hubble Parameter:

- Cosmic Scale

- Gravitational Lensing:

- Combines the Above

THE RESULTS

- Multiple Time Delays: Source of Systematics for H_0
- Spatial resolution at gamma rays:
 - ~ 1 milliarcsecond
- Gamma-ray Flares not from Radio Core
- Radio Core not at Central Engine
- Prediction of Future Flares

Backup Slides

THE HUBBLE PARAMETER TUNING APPROACH

The Hubble parameter enters into distance ratio in the time delay calculation:

$$D \equiv \frac{D_{OL}D_{OS}}{D_{LS}} = h d$$

where: $H_0 = h \times 100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

For an Singular Isothermal Sphere gravitational potential :

$$h = \frac{d(1+z_L)(\theta_B^2 - \theta_A^2)}{2c \Delta t}$$

Mirage Image B → θ_B^2 θ_A^2 ← *Mirage Image A*

Time Delay between mirage image A and B → $2c \Delta t$