Search for intermediate mass black holes as dark matter using gravitational microlensing

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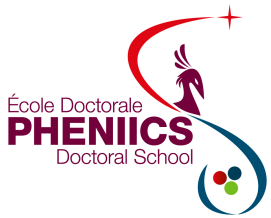

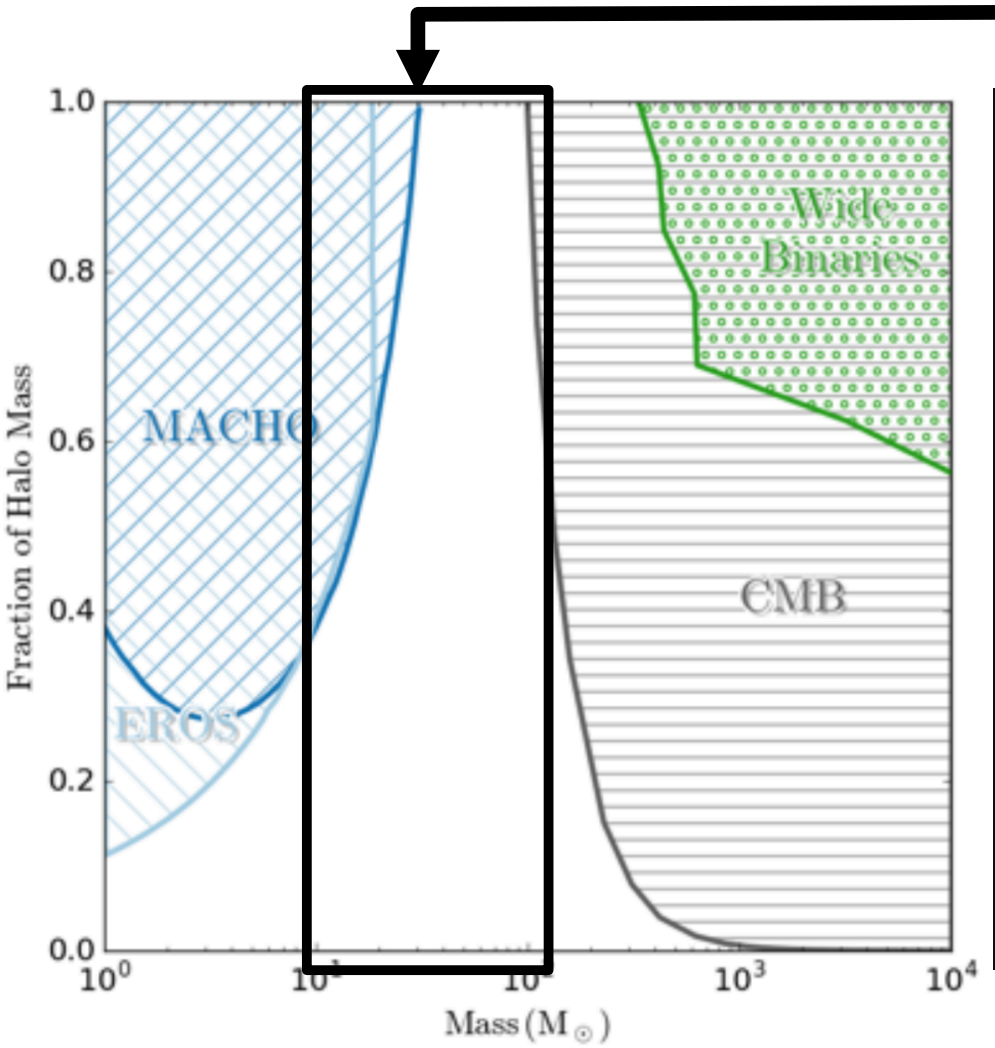

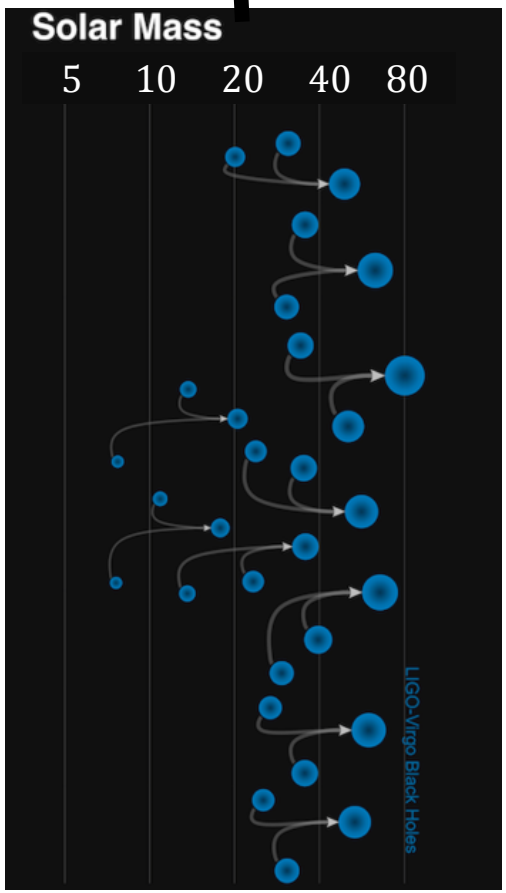

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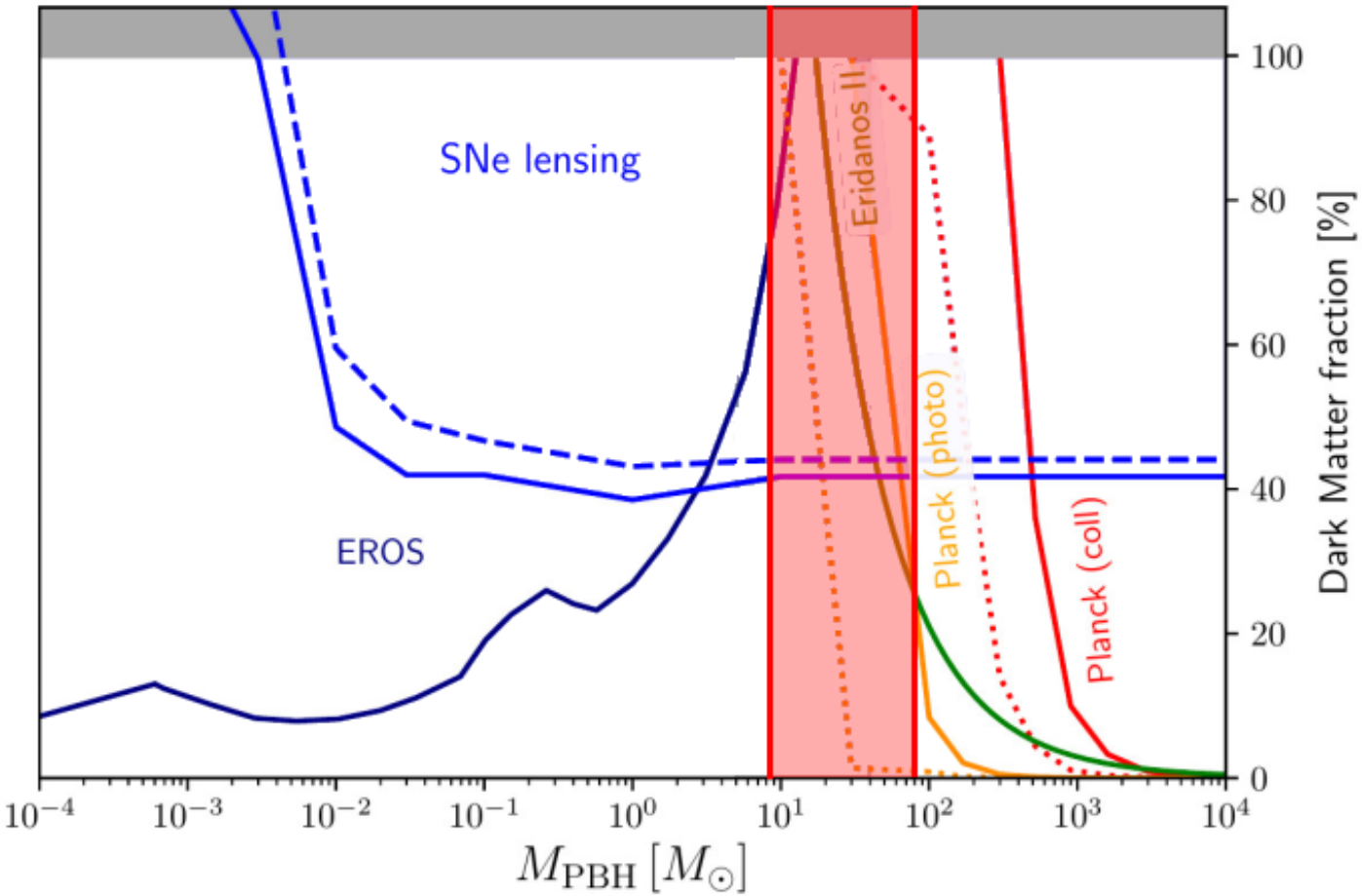

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Renewed interest in exploring this mass interval since those discoveries.

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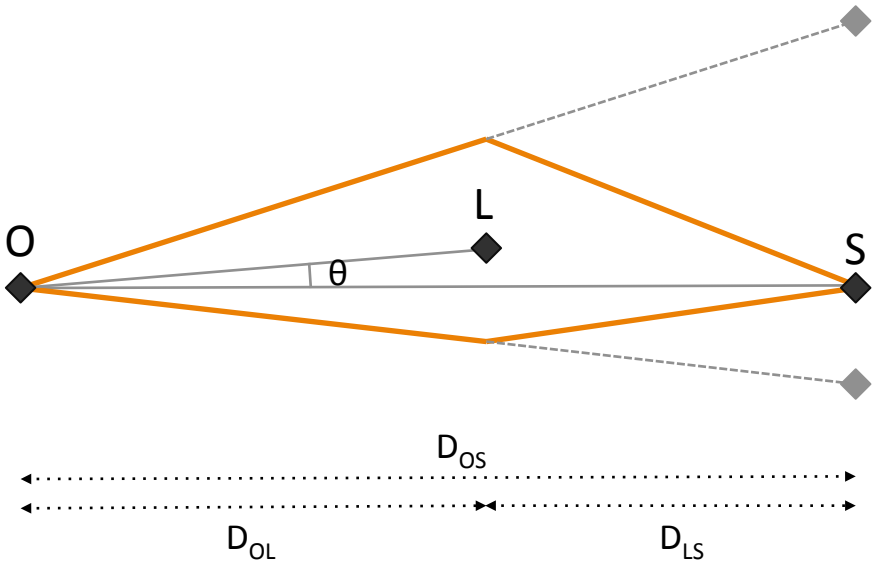
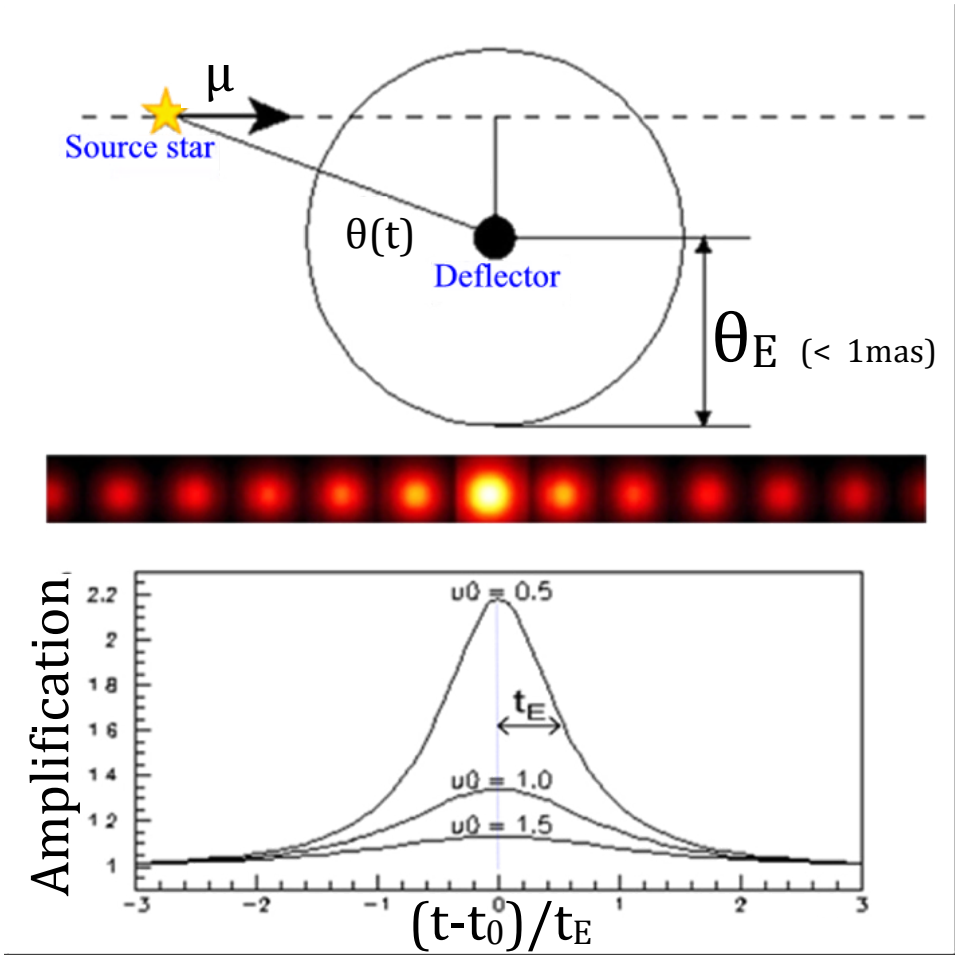
The Einstein time is the characteristic time : $t_E = \frac{\theta_E}{\mu} \propto \sqrt{M_L}$ (M_L is the deflector mass).





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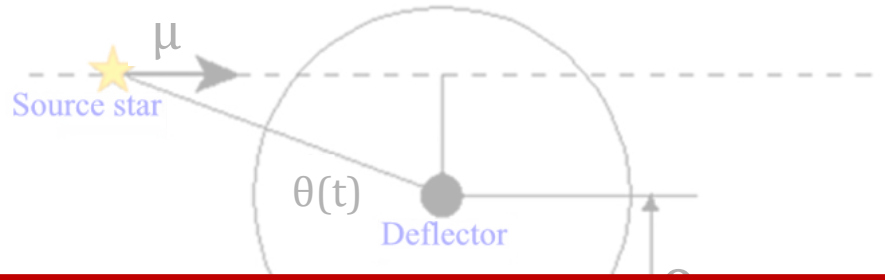
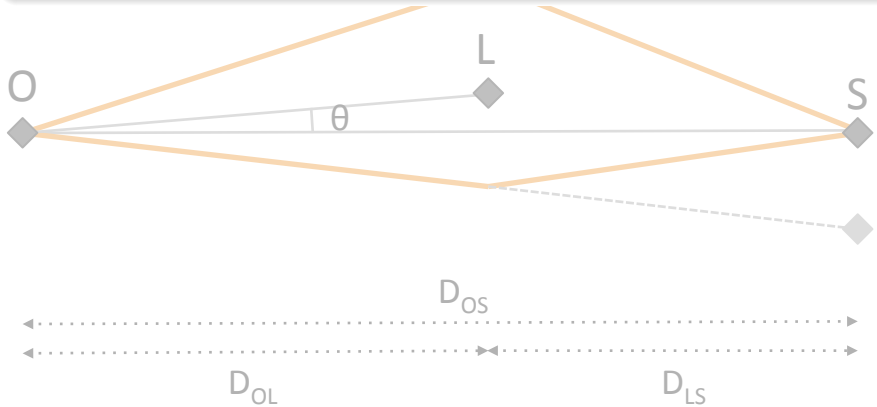
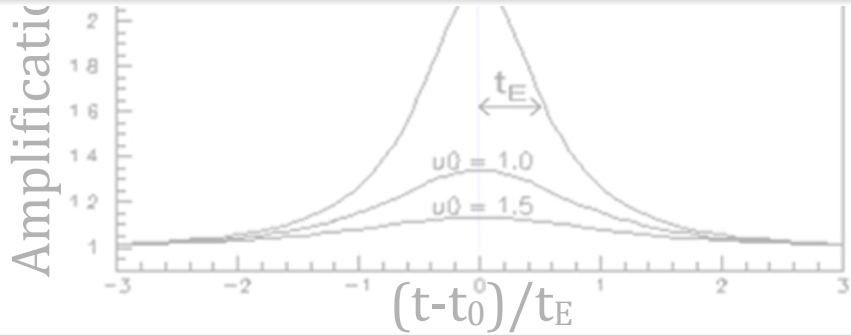


Important

Standard microlensing event light curves are **symmetric** and **achromatic**.
Microlensing events are **rare** (< 1 evt/10^6 stars toward LMC for halo compact objects).
$t_E \propto \sqrt{M_L} \implies$ need to monitor sources long enough.





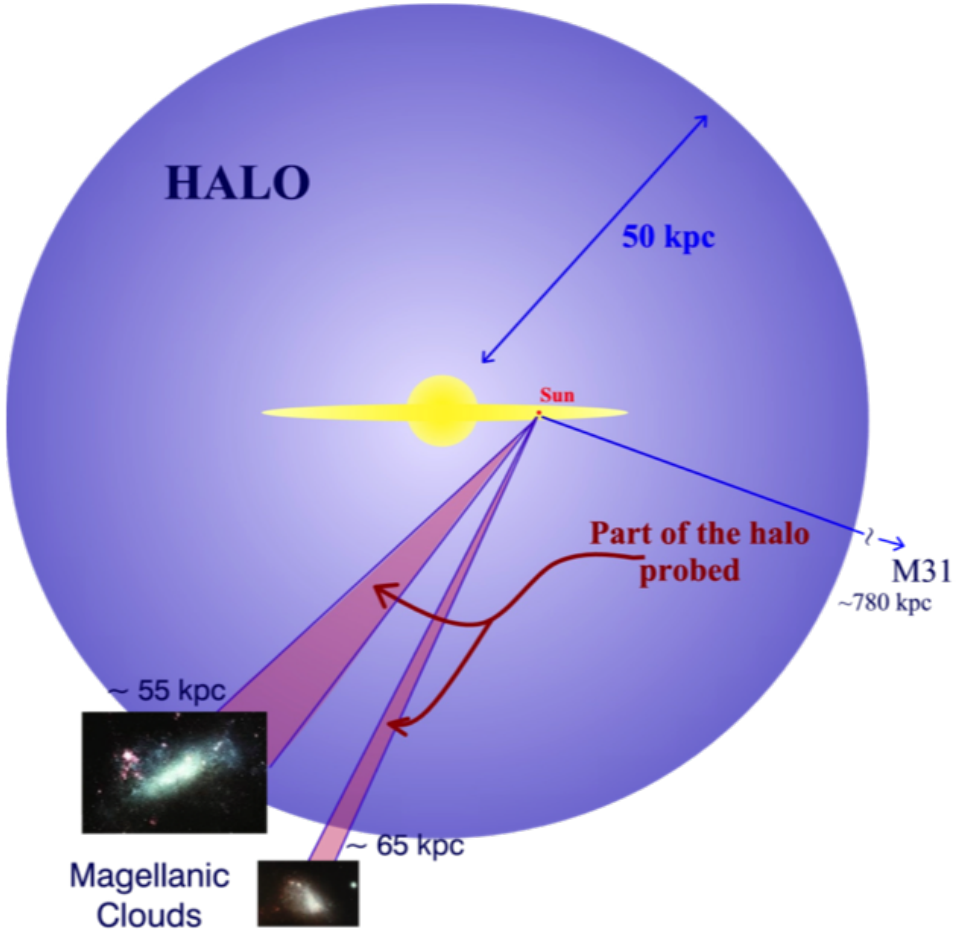
Dark matter search : How to use microlensing ?

The galactic dark matter halo could be composed of **massive compact objects**, too faint to be seen directly or invisible (free floating exoplanets, brown dwarves, black holes, accreted non-baryonic particles...).

Microlensing is used to search for **lenses too faint** to be seen directly.

Monitoring of the **Magellanic Clouds** stars proposed in the end of the 1980's.

Main searches during 1990's-2000's (MACHO, EROS, OGLE, ...).



Dark matter search : Current microlensing constraints

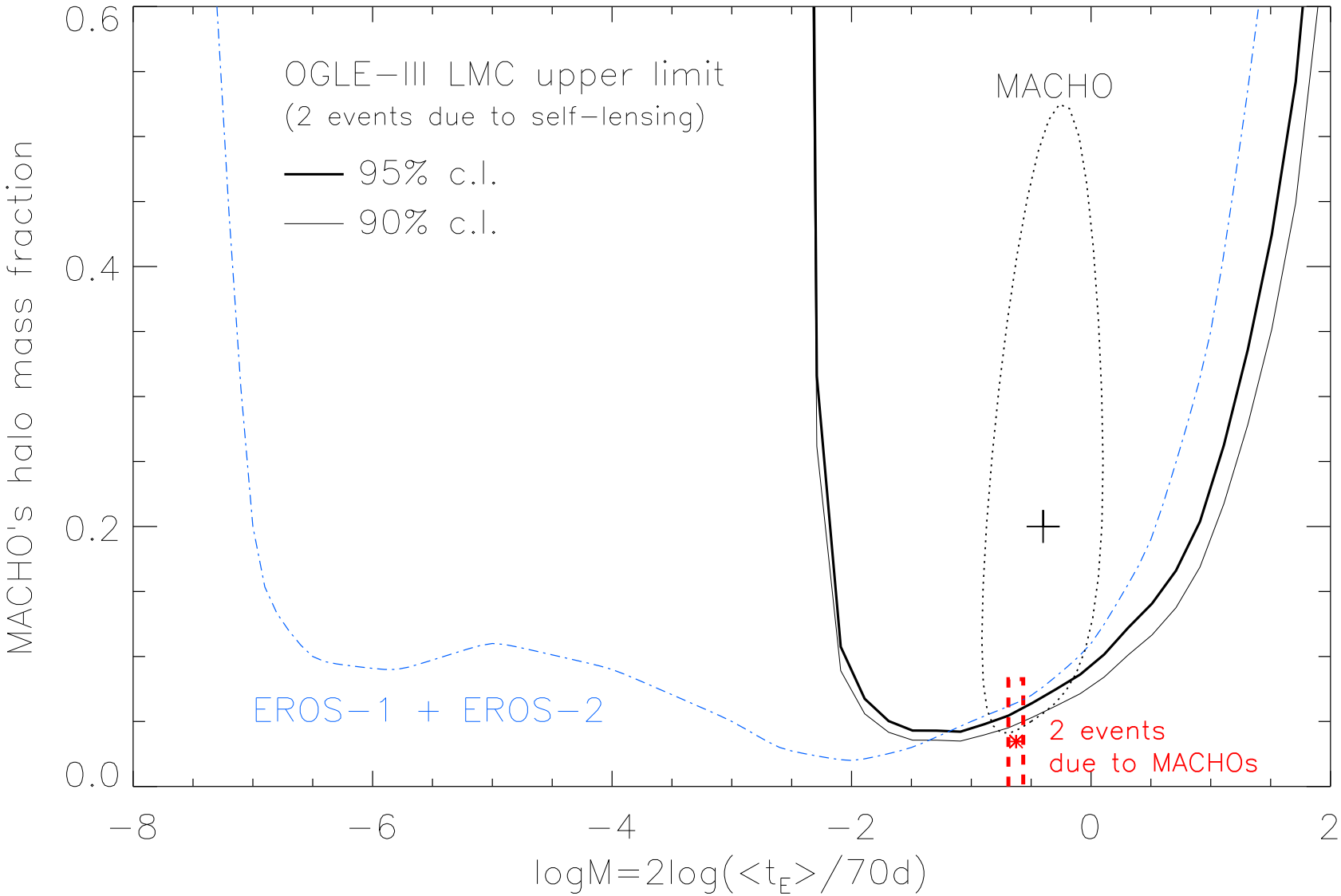
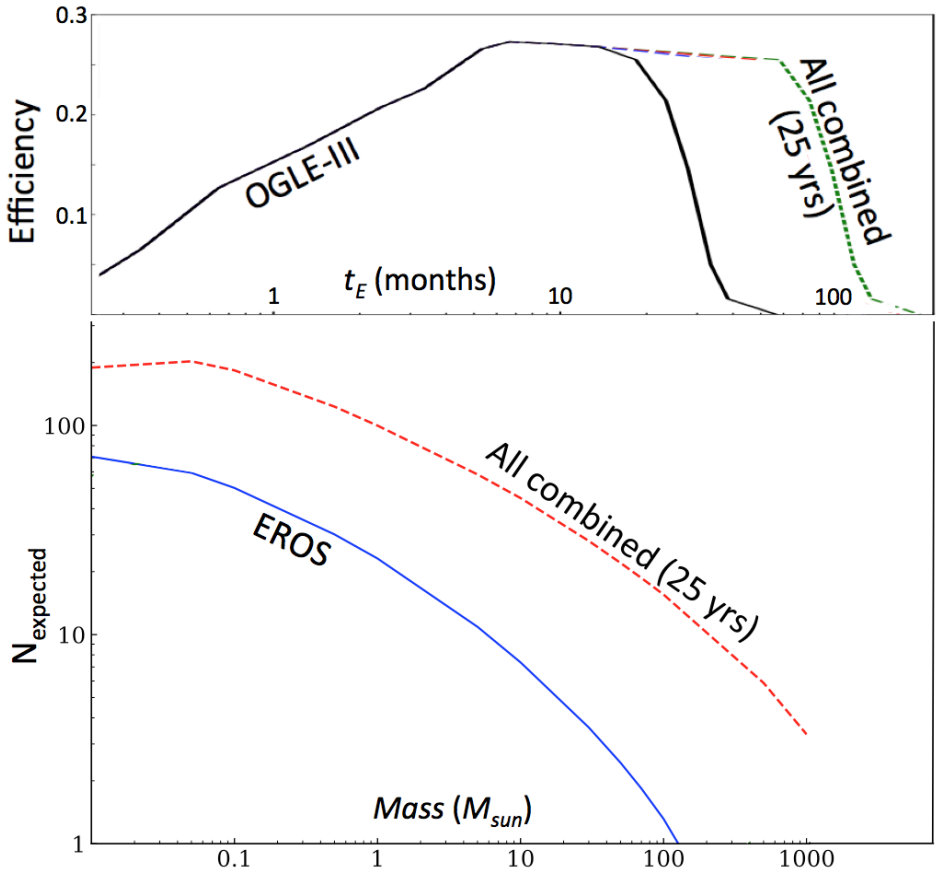


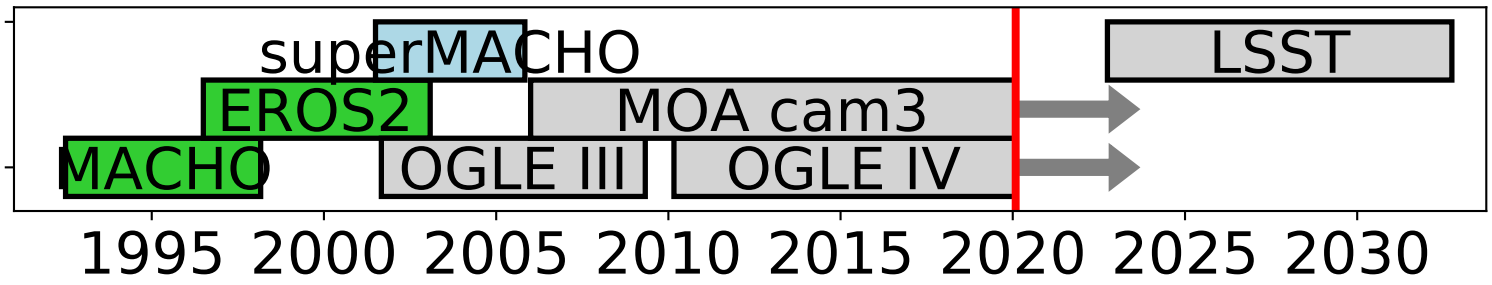
Figure from Wyrzykowski+2010



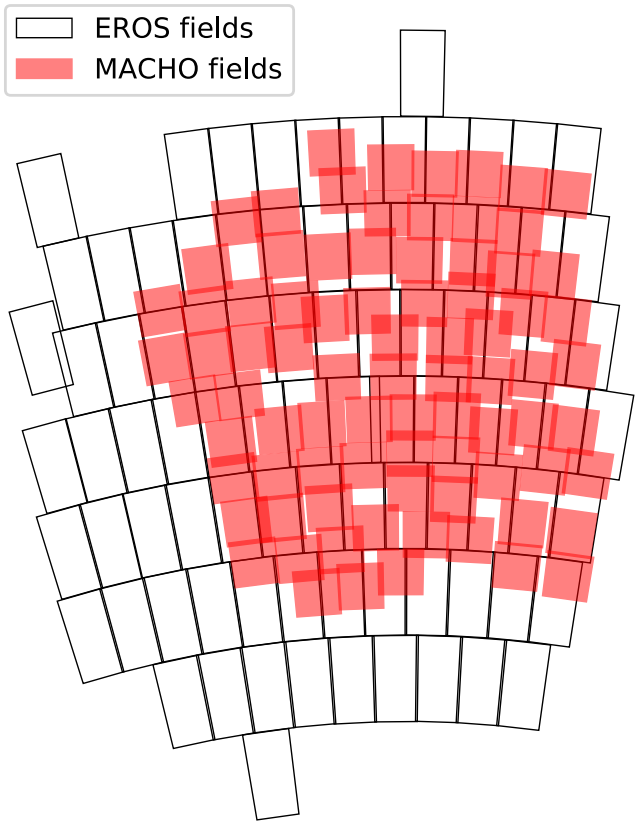
Adapted from Mirhosseini & Moniez 2018

$$\langle t_E \rangle = 70\text{d} \times \sqrt{\frac{M_L}{1 M_\odot}}$$

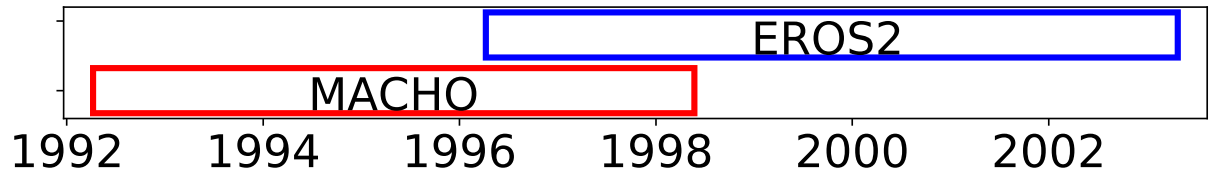
Past surveys had their efficiency limited by their duration.
We can merge them to extend the total time span.
Efficiency of merging existing catalogues has been estimated (MACHO, EROS2, OGLE-III and OGLE-IV).
Sensitivity up to $\sim$ 1000 $M_\odot$.



Catalogue merging : EROS2 and MACHO



We currently have only access to the MACHO and EROS2 databases.
Search for microlensing over **10.6 years** in a combined catalogue of **14.10^6 light curves.**
Each survey uses 2 non standard filters.
($\sim$ 1700 measures for each star, $\sim$ 700Go photometric database).
Combination using astrometry.



Survey	Dates	Duration (year)	Sky coverage (deg^2)	Number of stars ($x10^6$)
MACHO	07/92 - 01/00	5.7	40	22.3
EROS2	07/96 - 02/03	6.7	84	28.8
EROS2+MACHO	**07/92 - 02/03**	**10.6**	**$\sim$40**	**$\sim$14**

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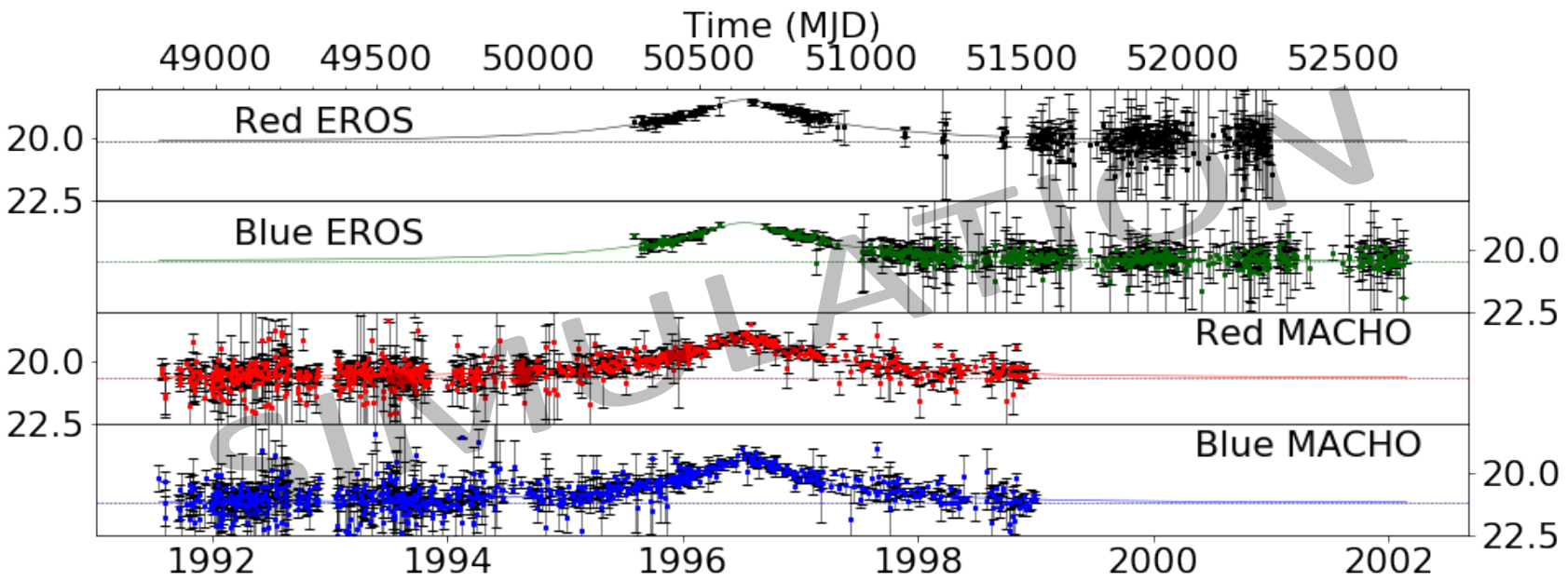

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The fit improvement is quantified by :

$$\Delta\chi^2 = \frac{\chi^2_{\text{flat}} - \chi^2_{\text{ml}}}{\chi^2_{\text{ml}}/N_{\text{dof}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N_{\text{dof}}}}$$

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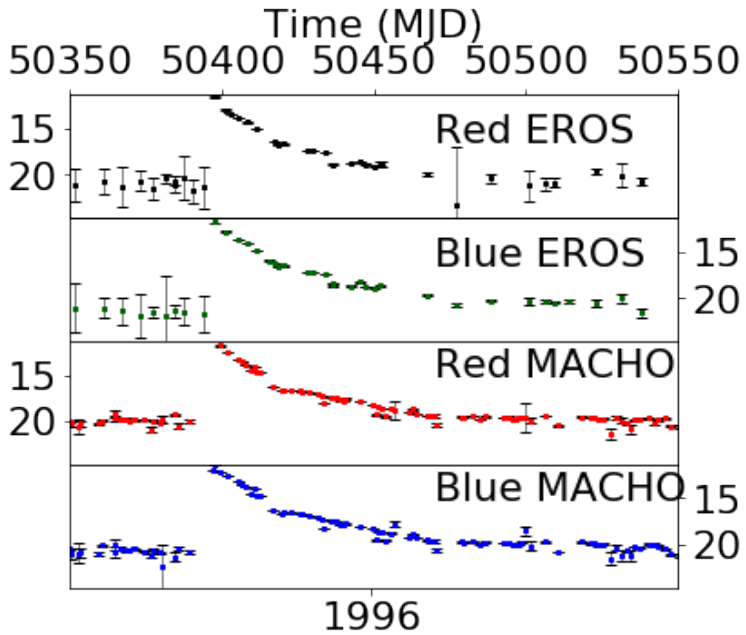
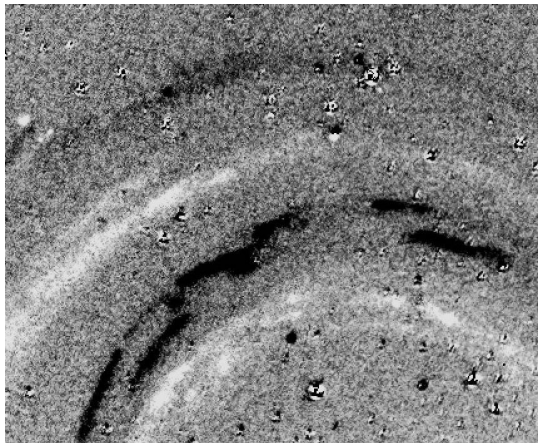
- SN1987A echoes : light from SN1987A diffused by dust clouds mimicking microlensing light curves. Removed by spatial exclusion around SN1987A ($0.15^\circ \times 0.15^\circ$).



Supernova lightcurve.



Difference of 2 EROS images taken 5 years apart near SN1987A remnant.

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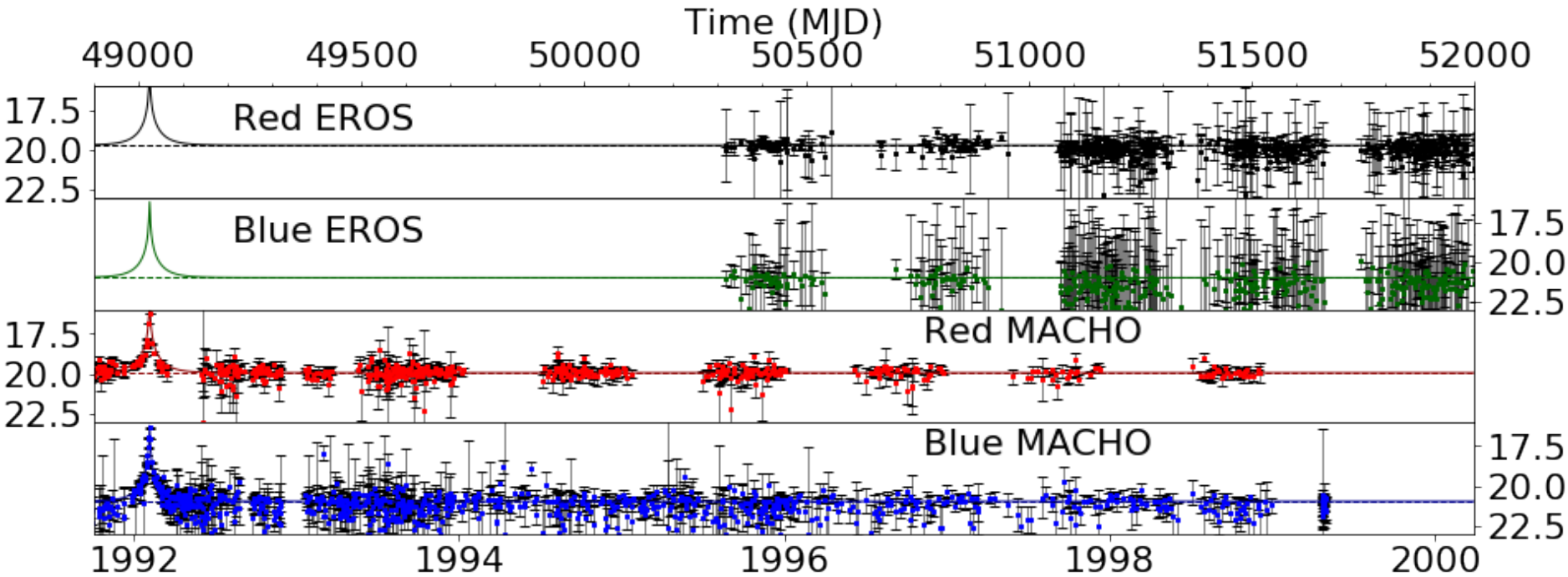
472 light curves remain.

We find again all the past candidates that have been published with light curves in both EROS2 and MACHO catalogues (8 events).



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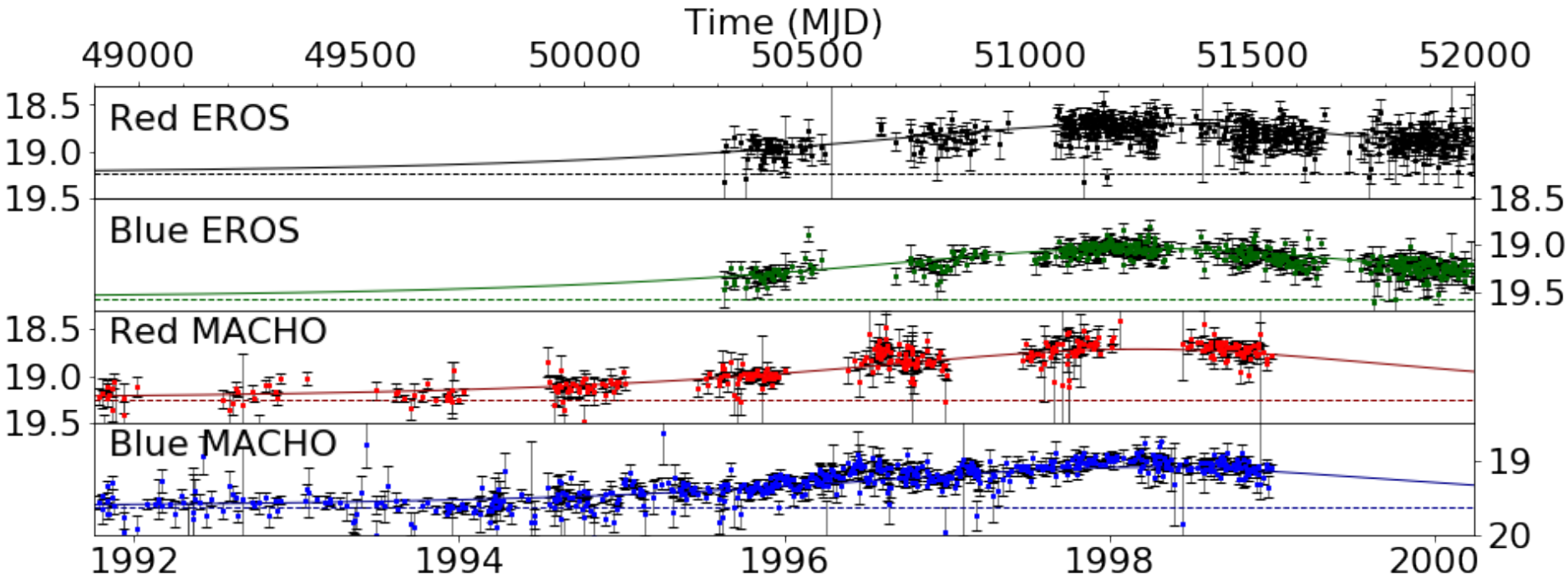

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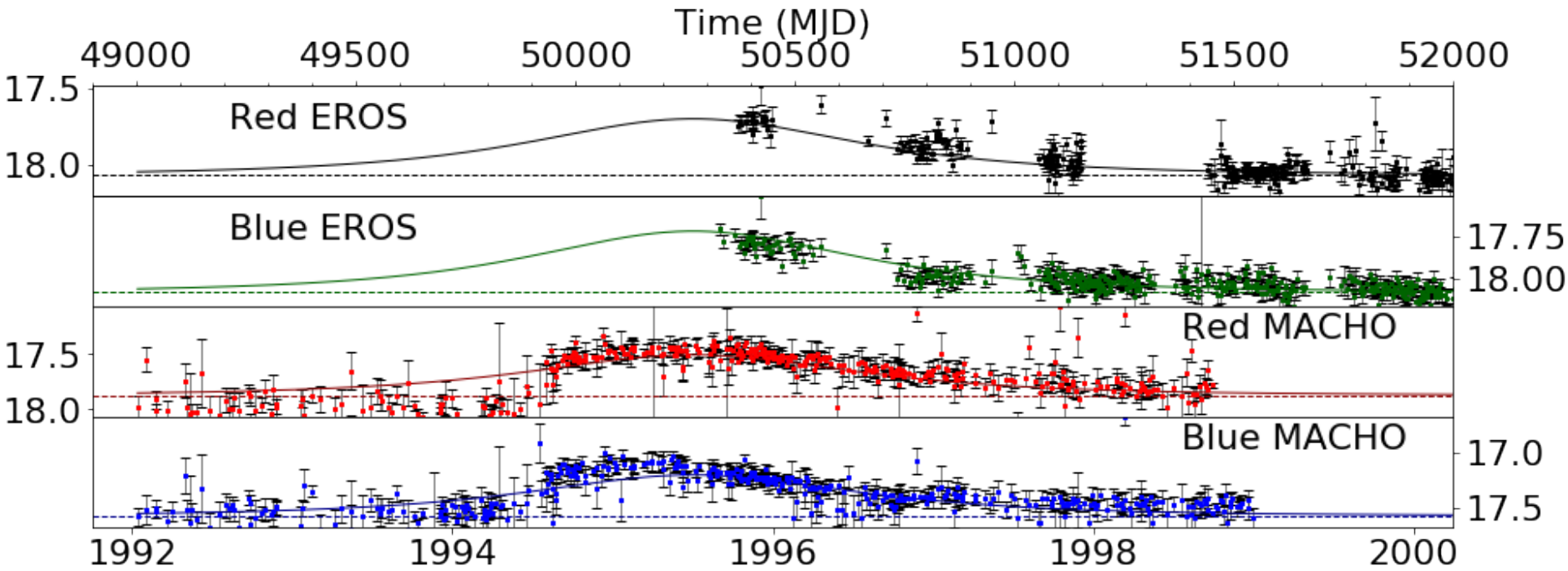

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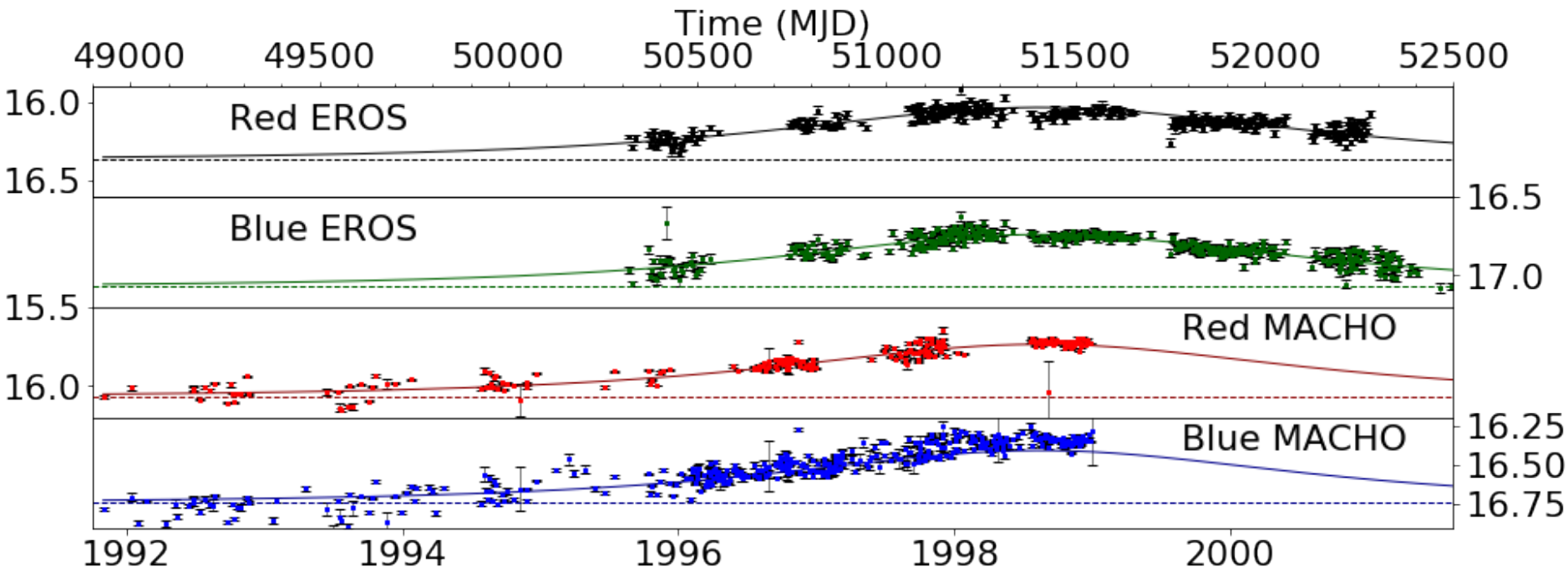

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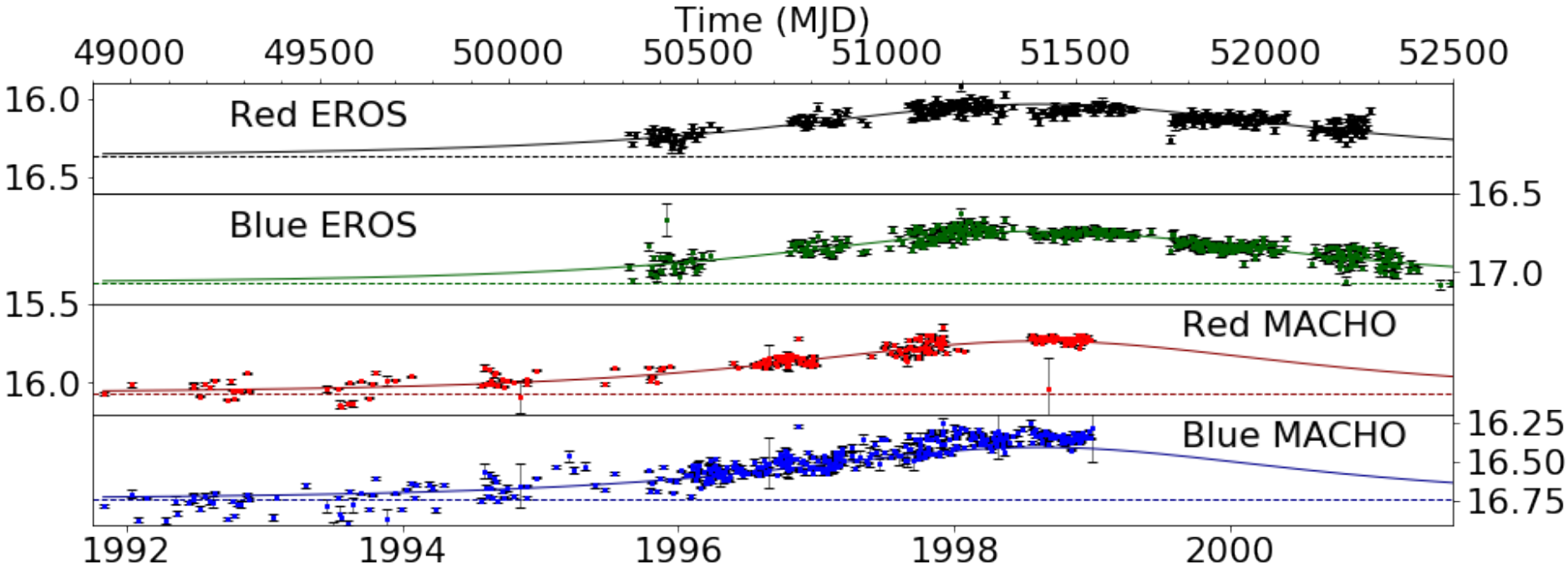

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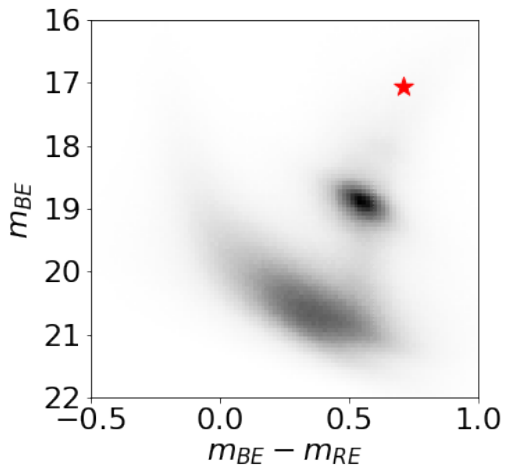

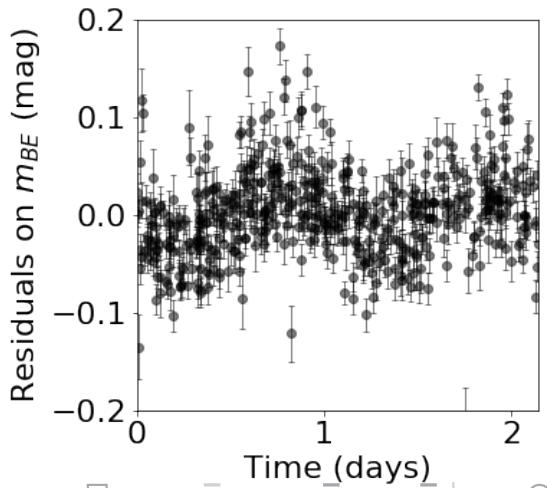

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Thanks for your attention !

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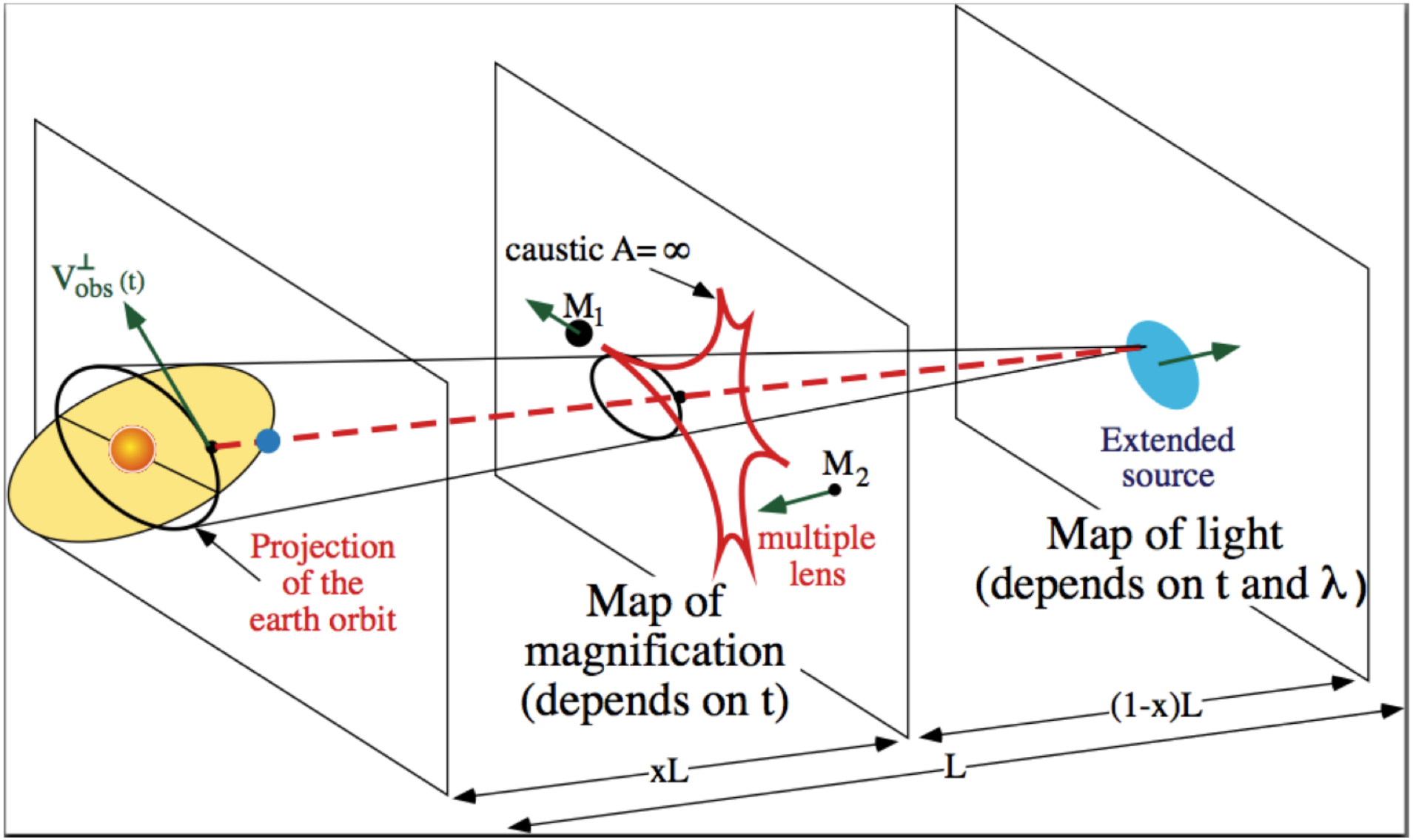
Other effects



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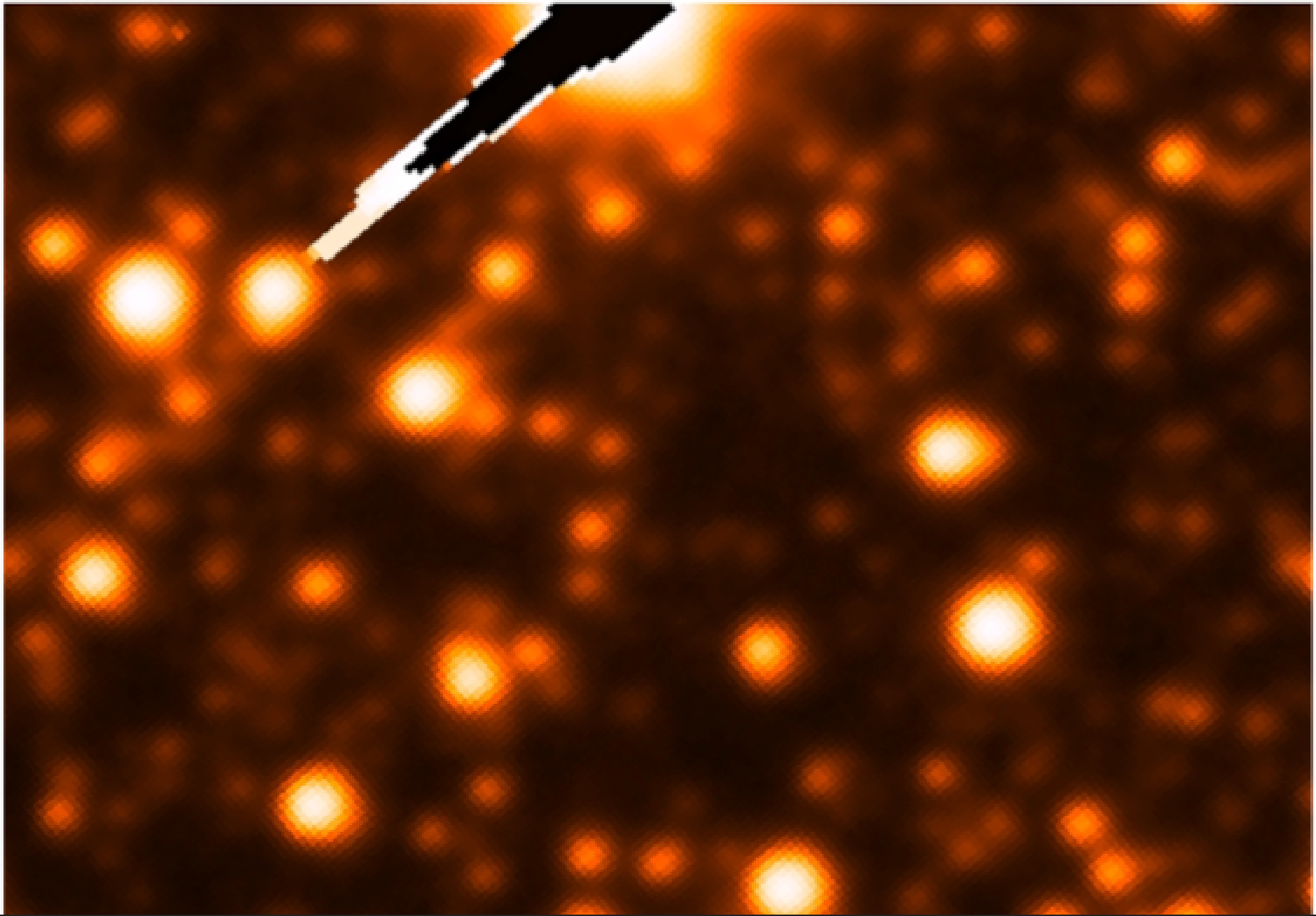

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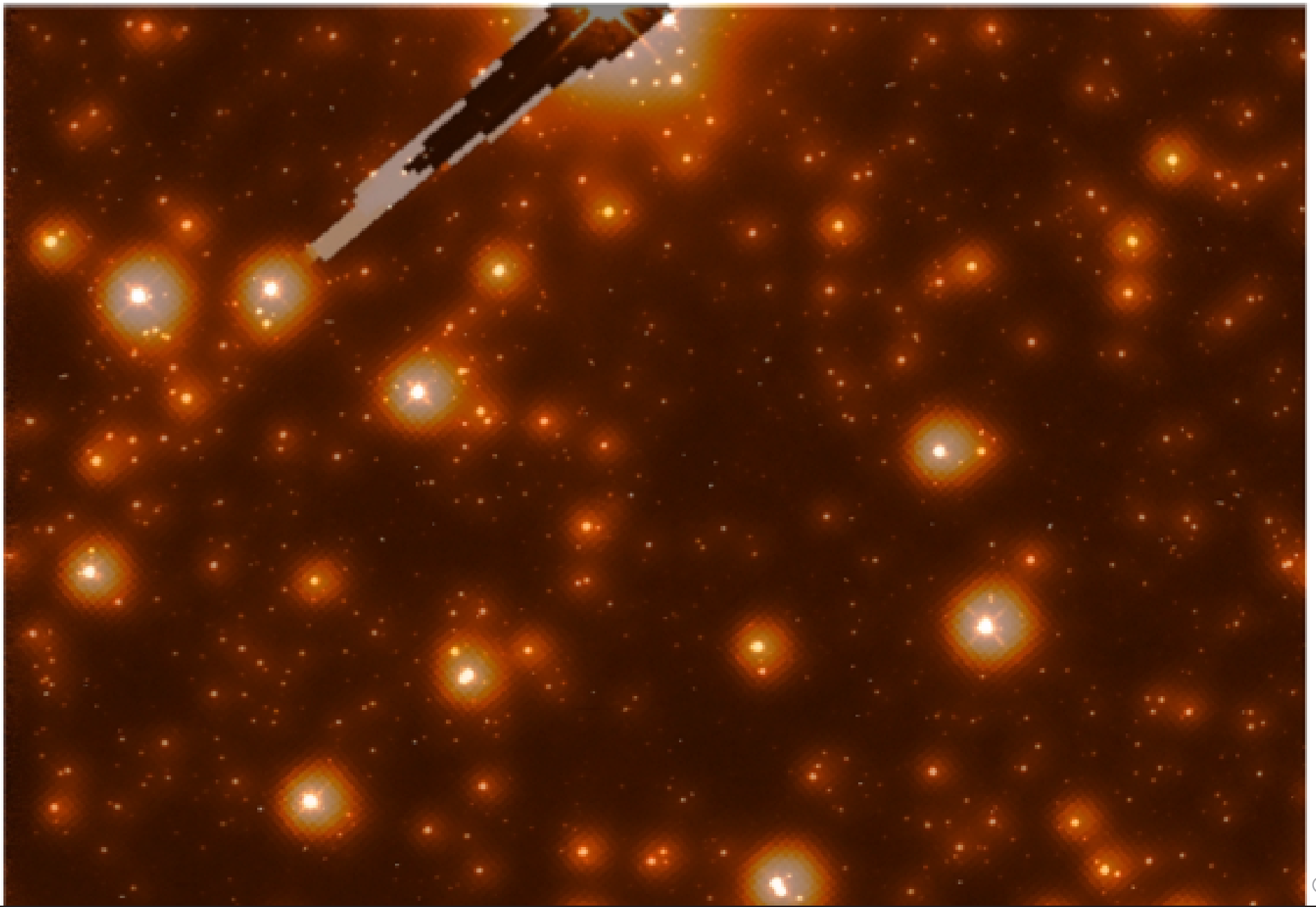

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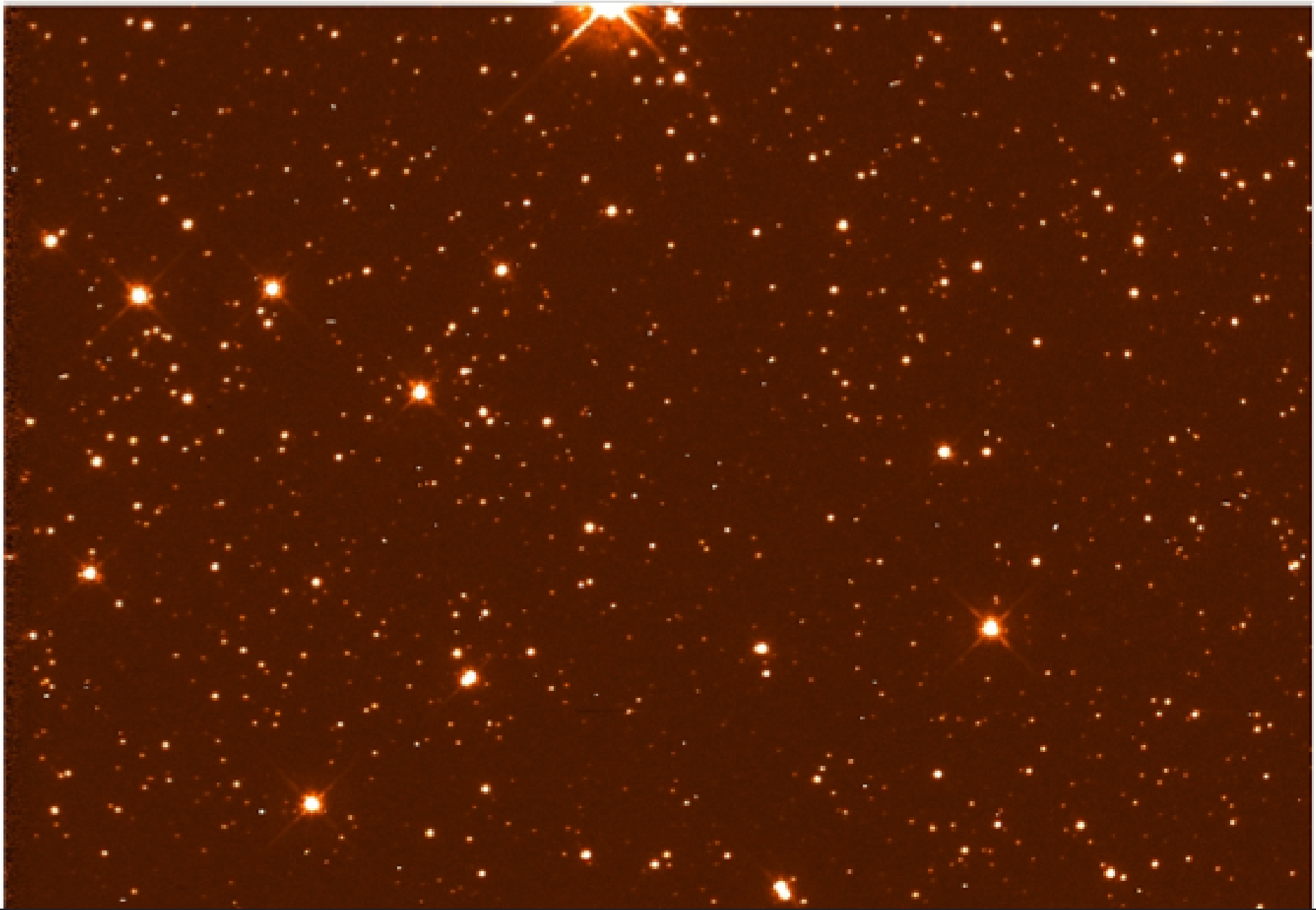

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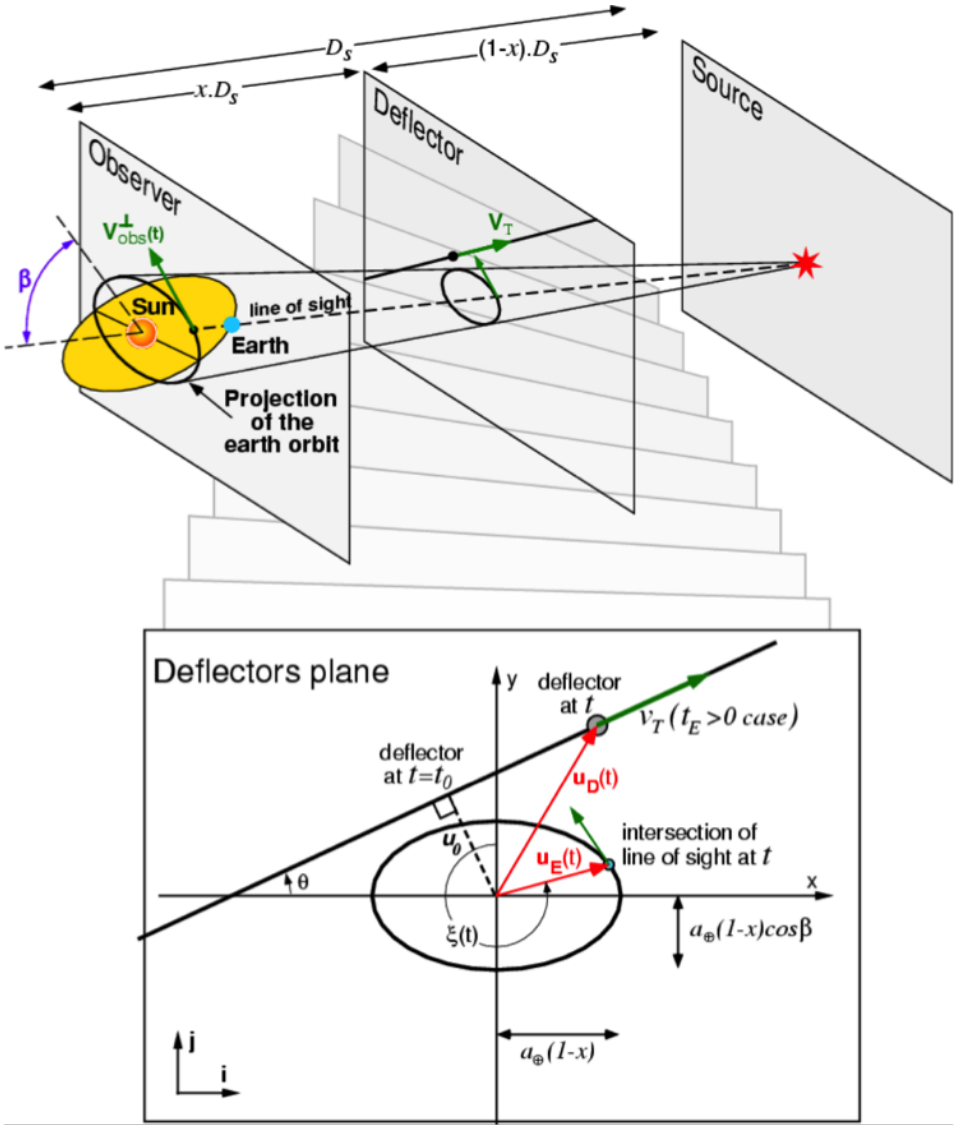
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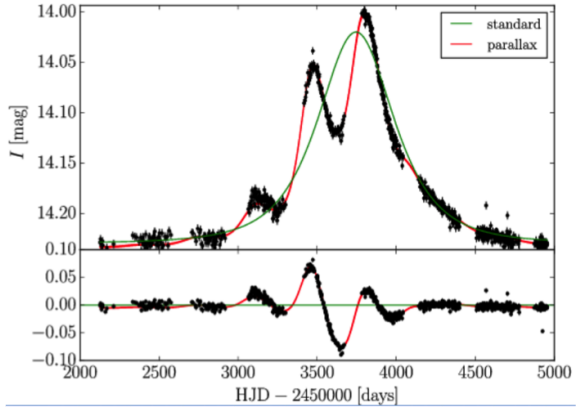
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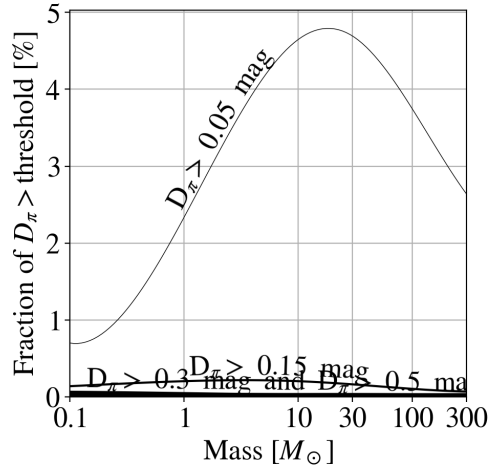
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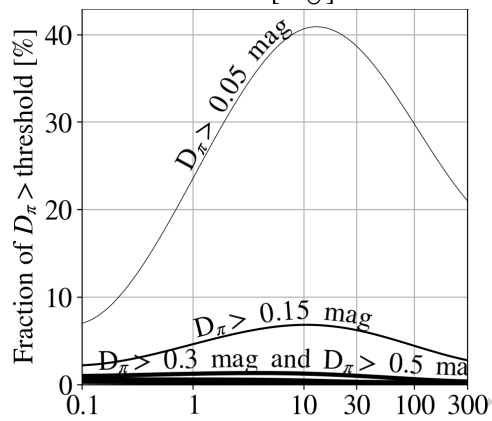
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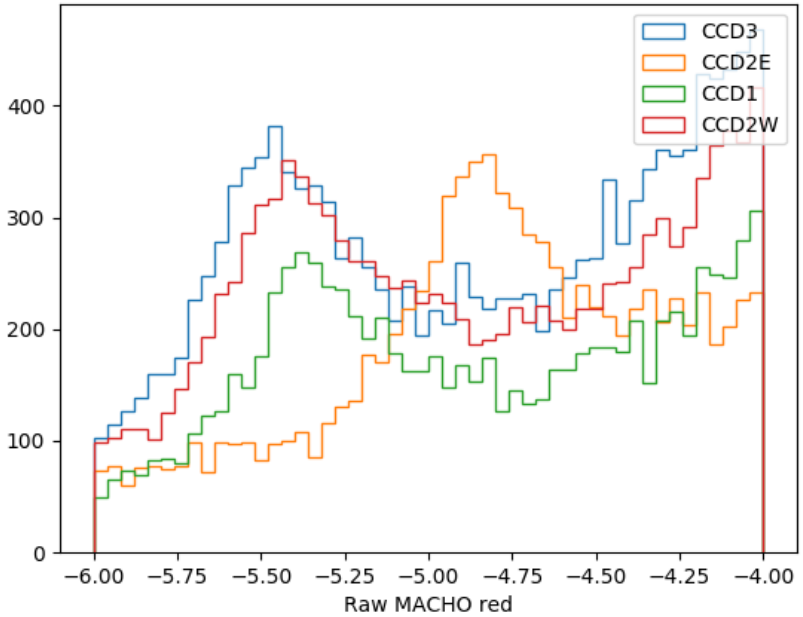
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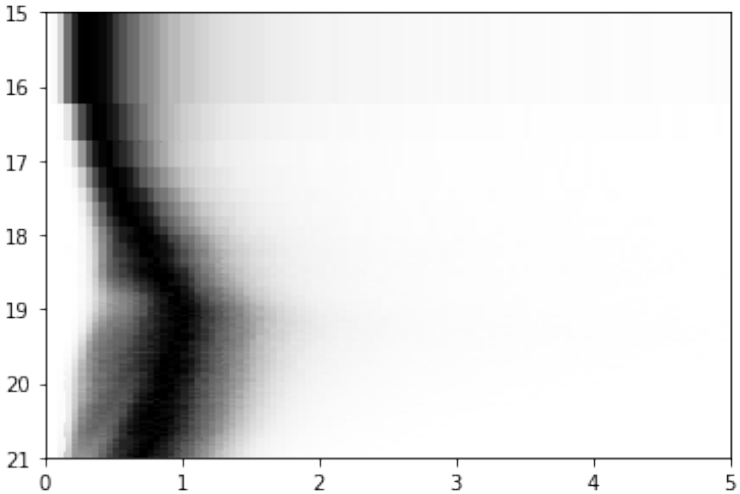
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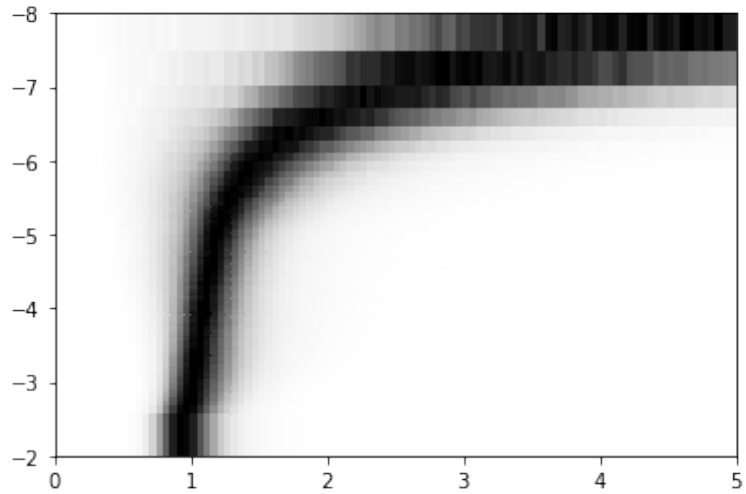
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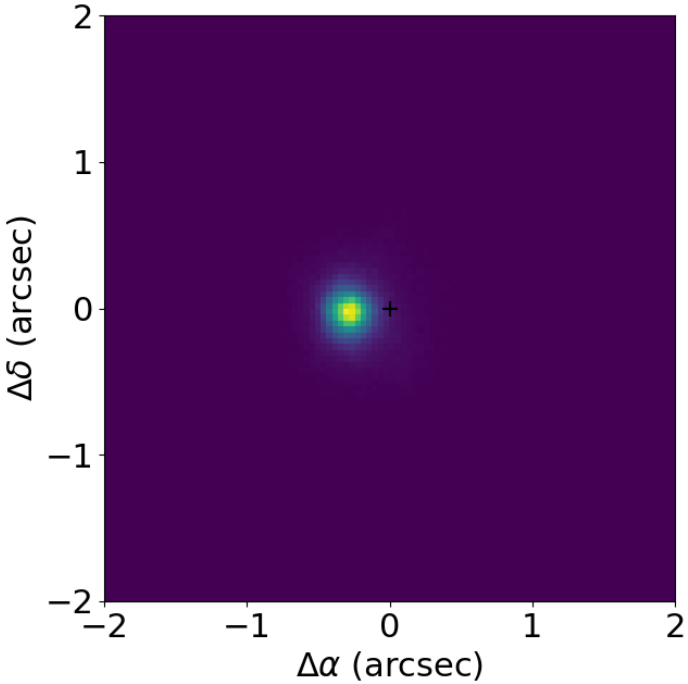

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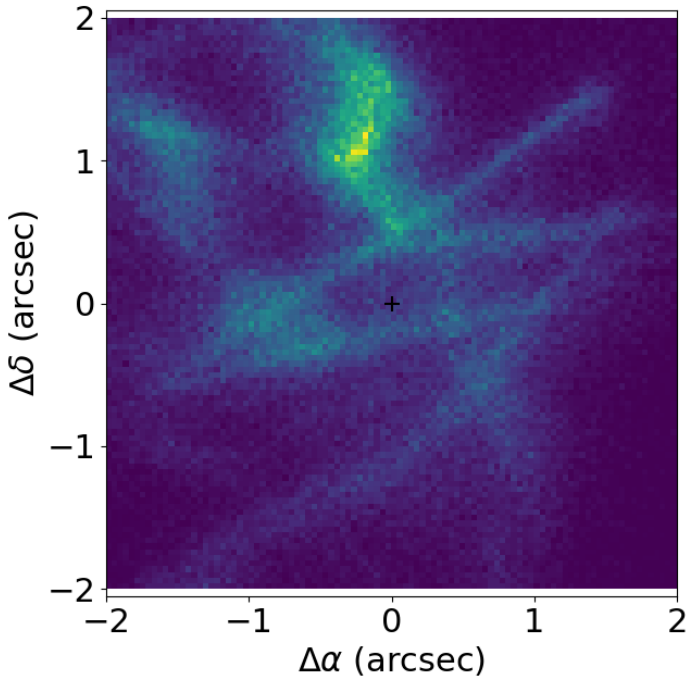

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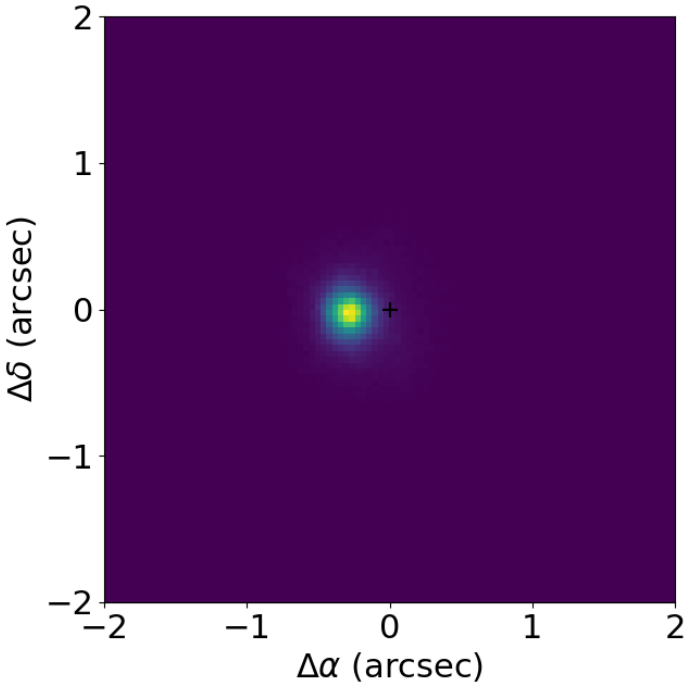

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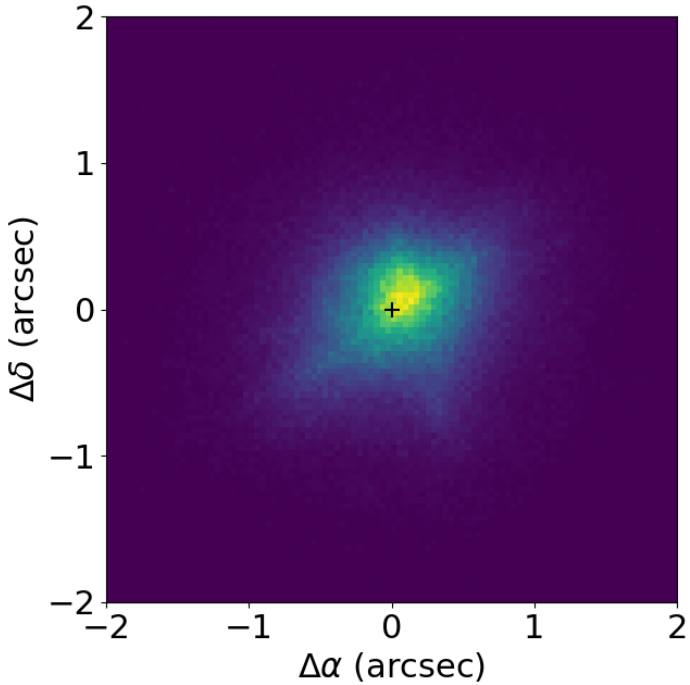

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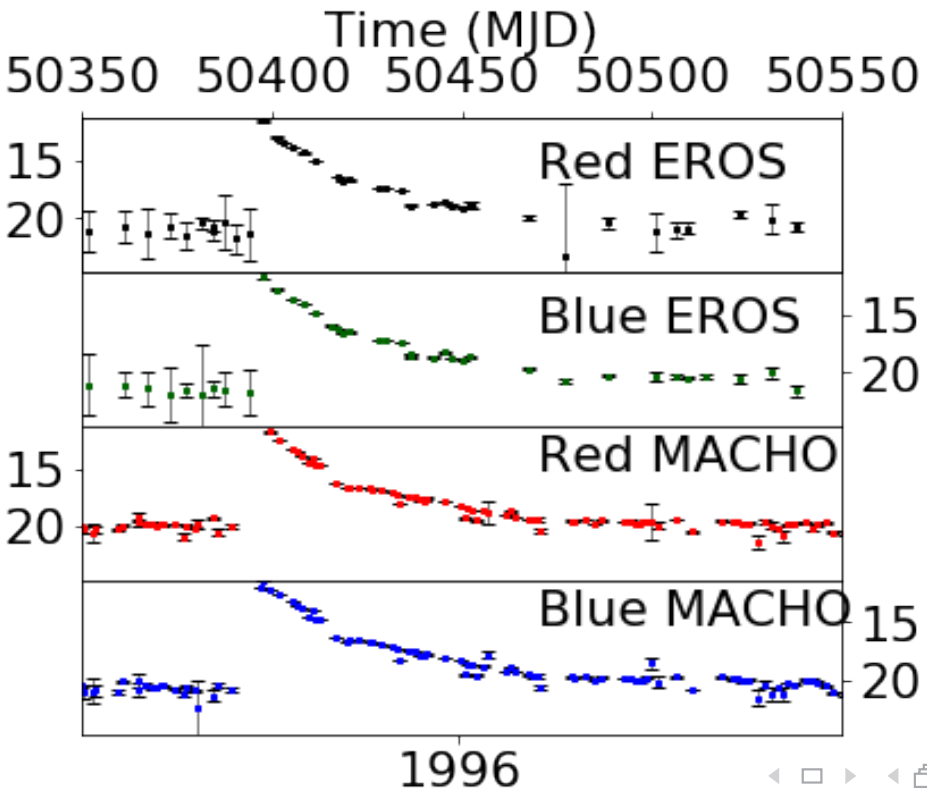

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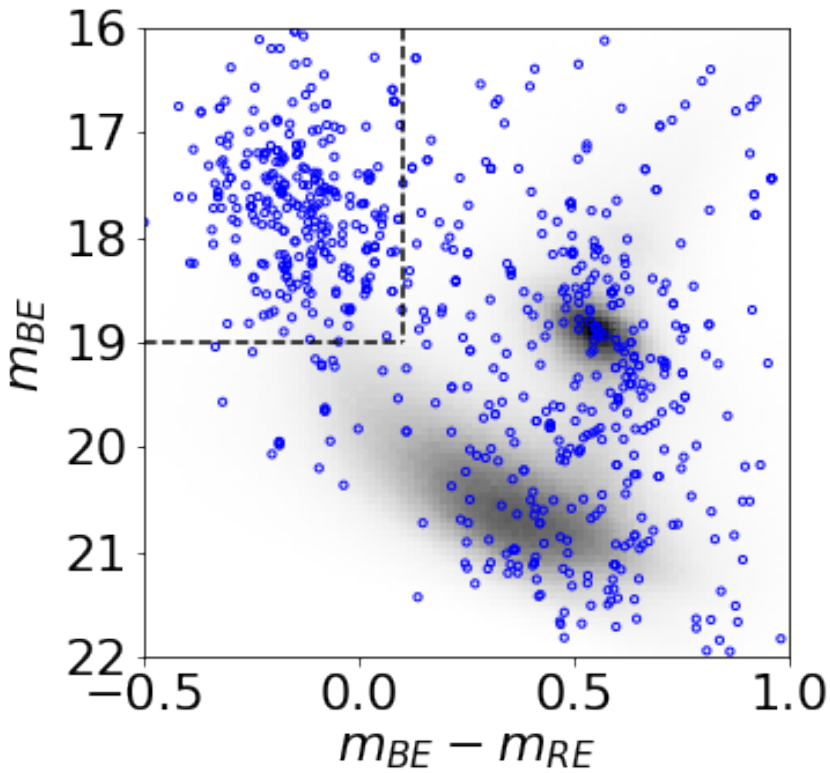

Color-magnitude diagram (grey scale).
Dots are light curves that pass all cuts (except SN1987A echoes).
Microlensing is independent of the source => the candidate col-mag distribution should follow the source distribution.
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Similar variabilities already identified:

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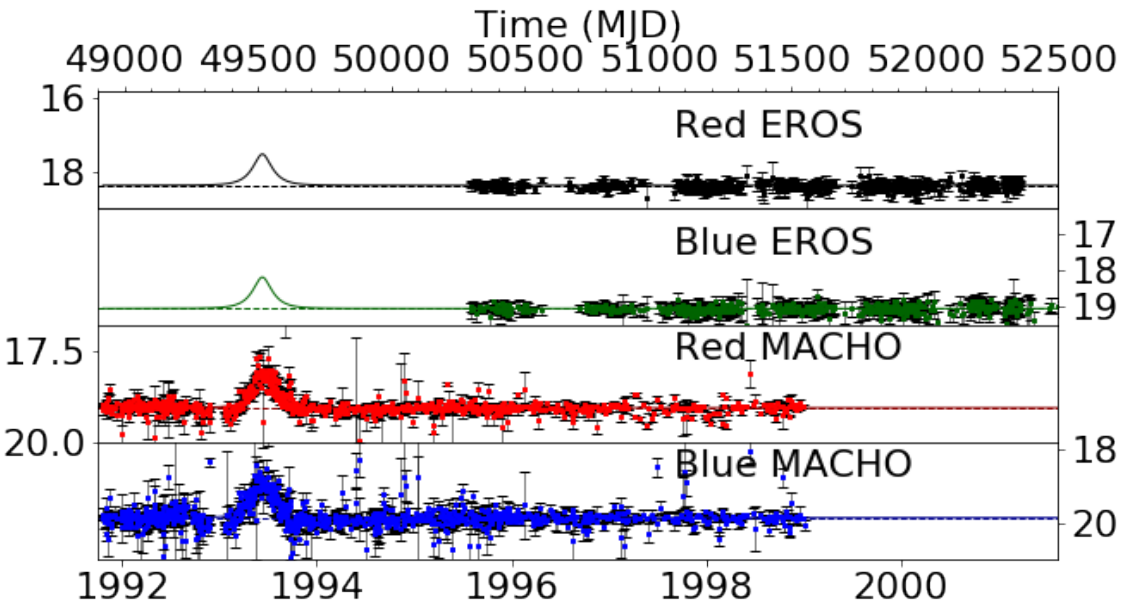

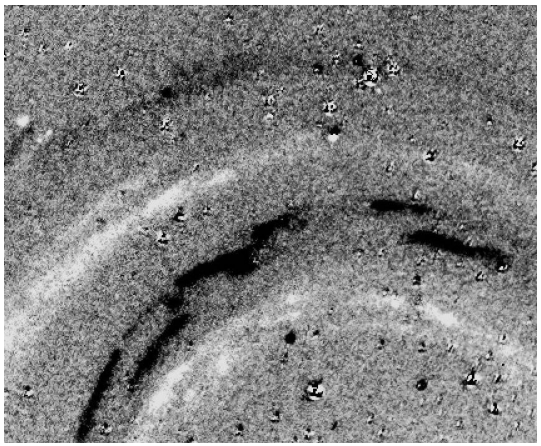

Difference of 2 EROS images taken 5 years apart near SN1987A remnant.