

# Measuring dark matter halos in strong lenses with truncated marginal neural ratio estimation

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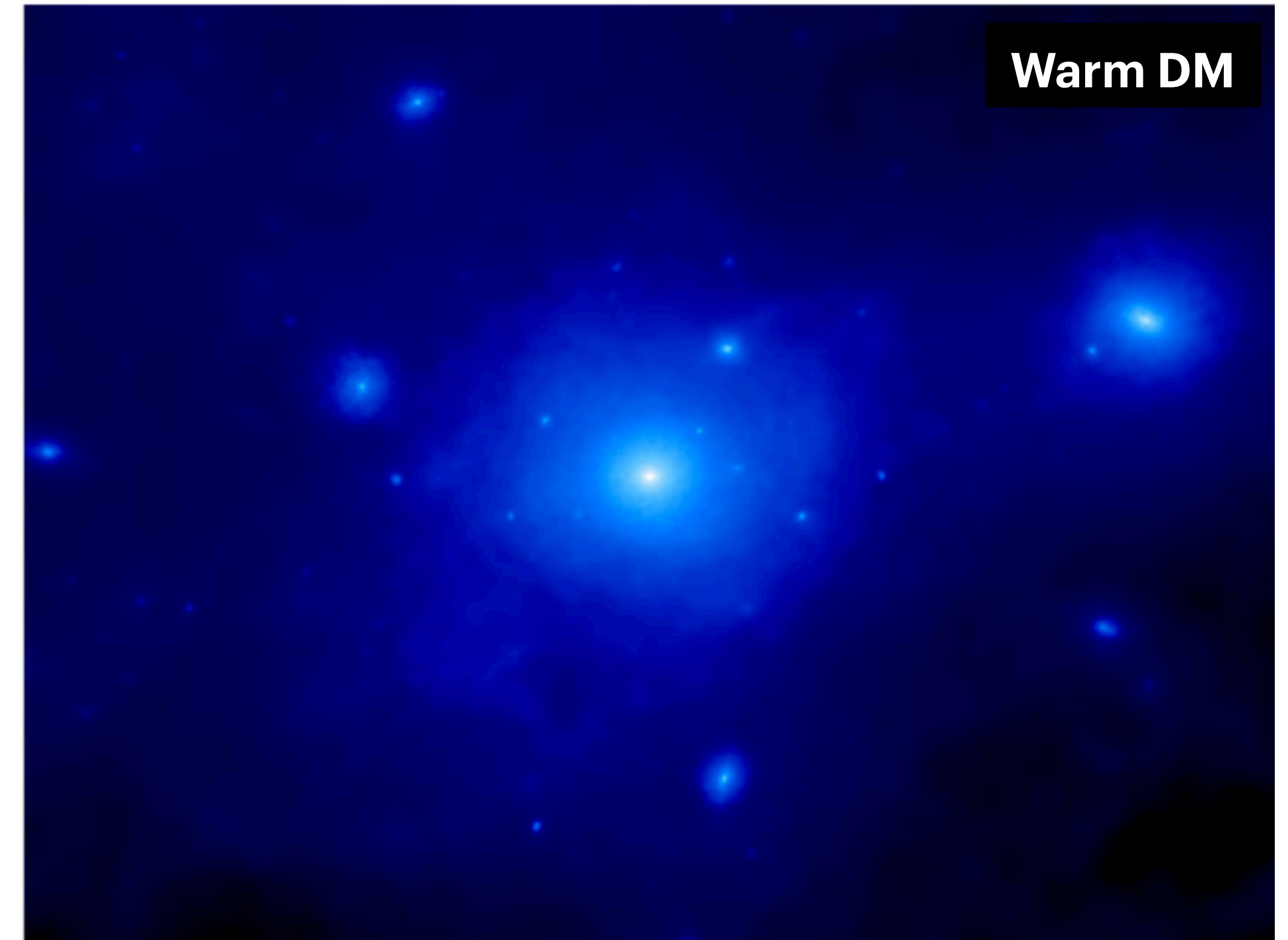
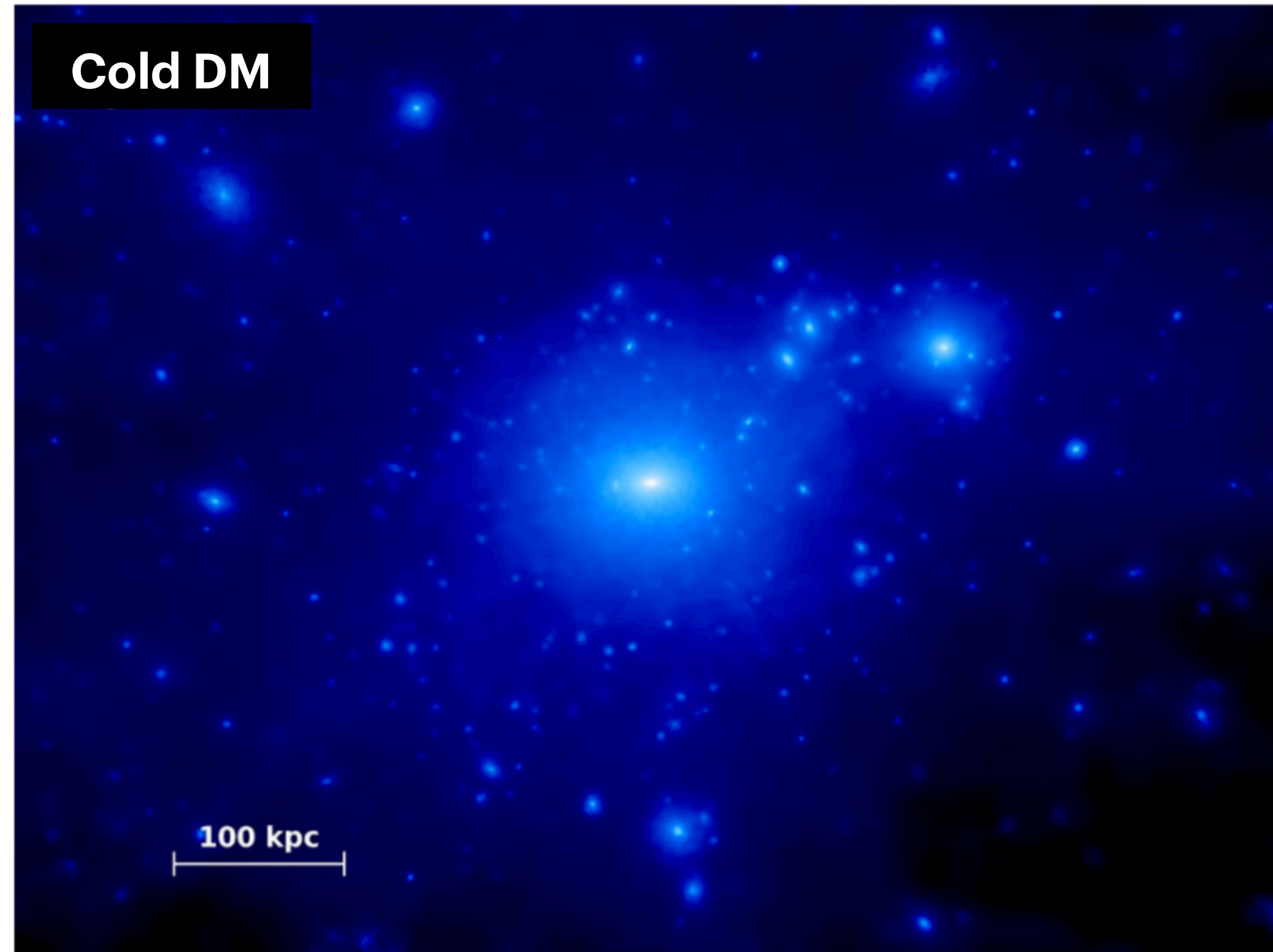
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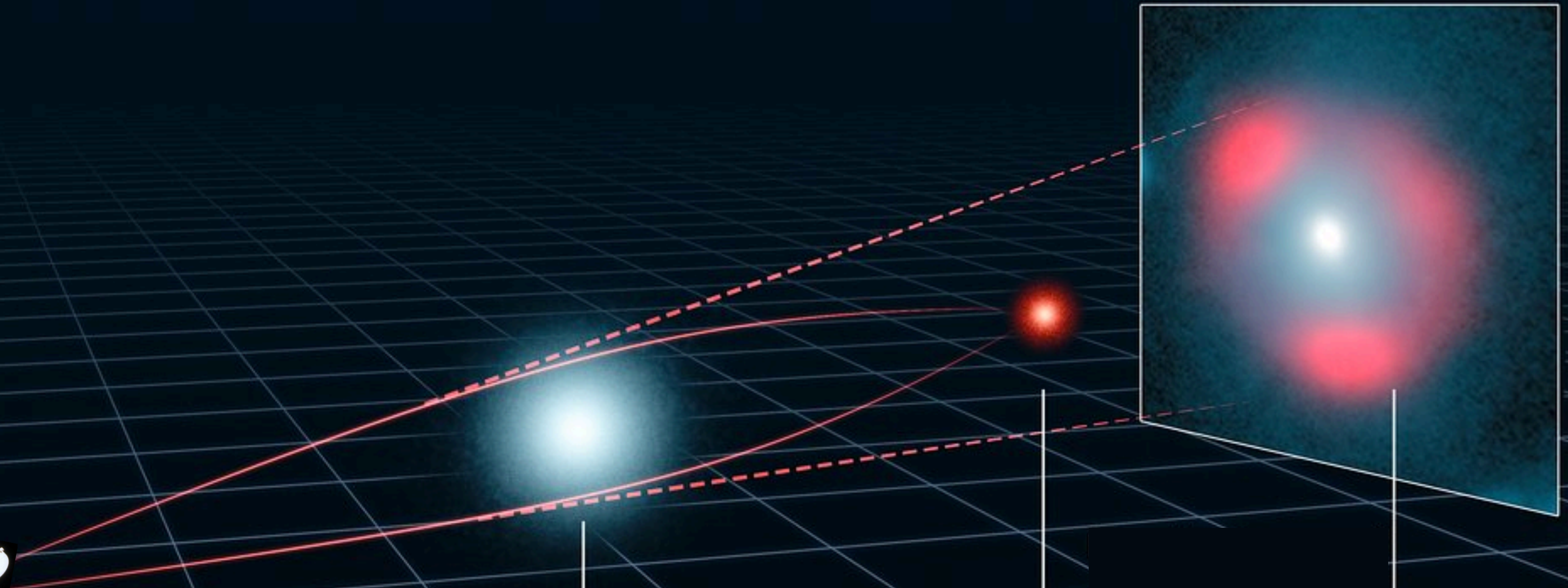
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# Halos probe dark matter





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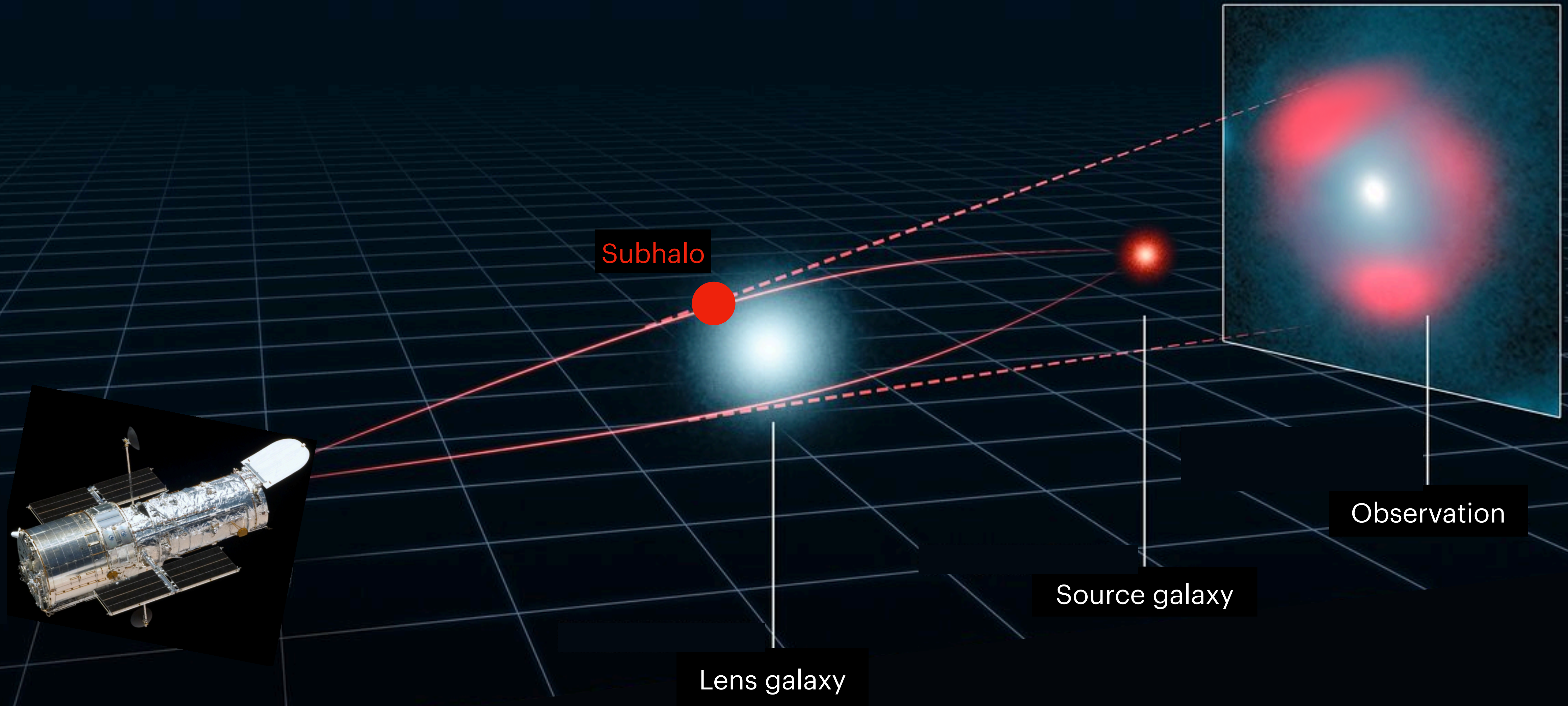
Lens galaxy

Source galaxy

Observation



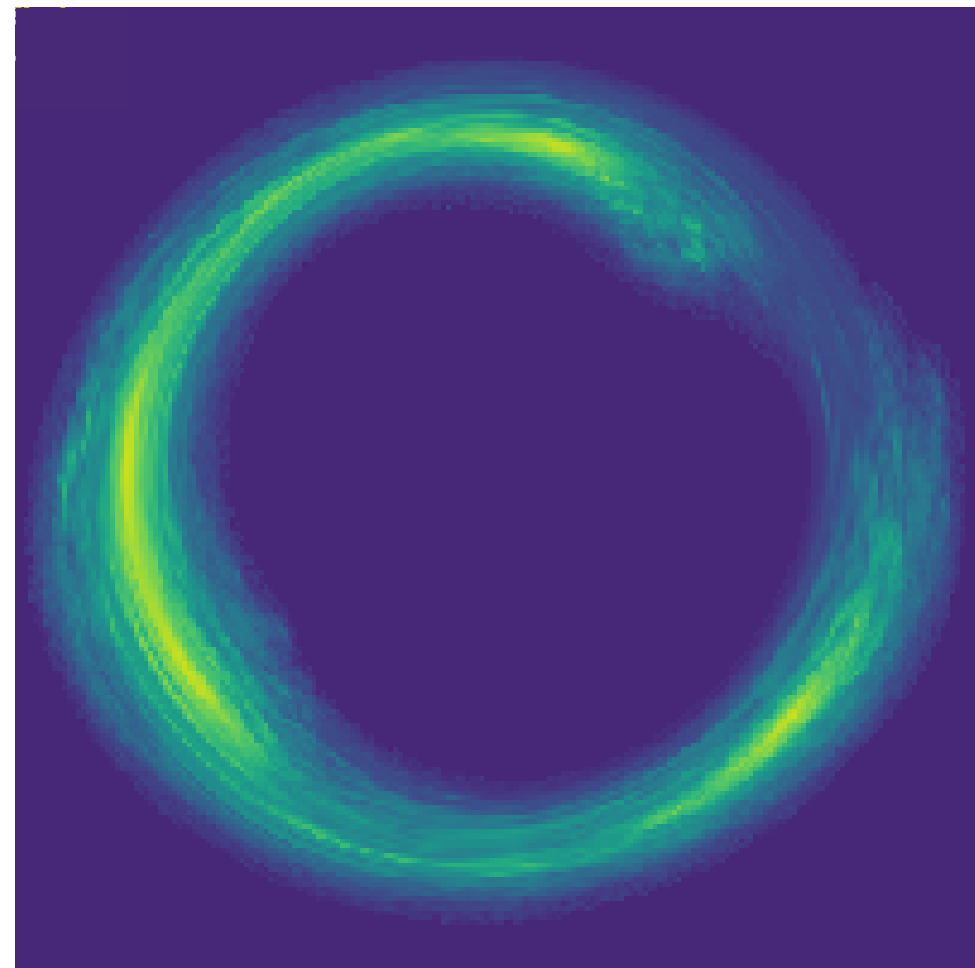
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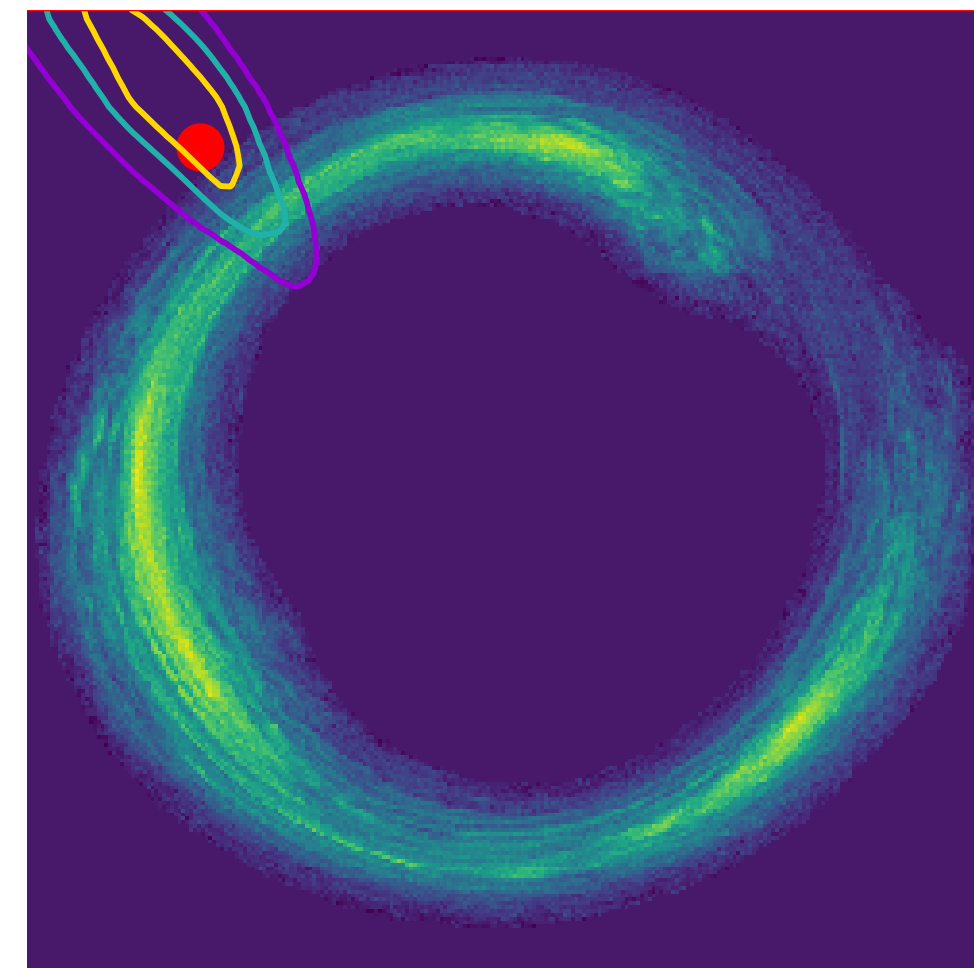
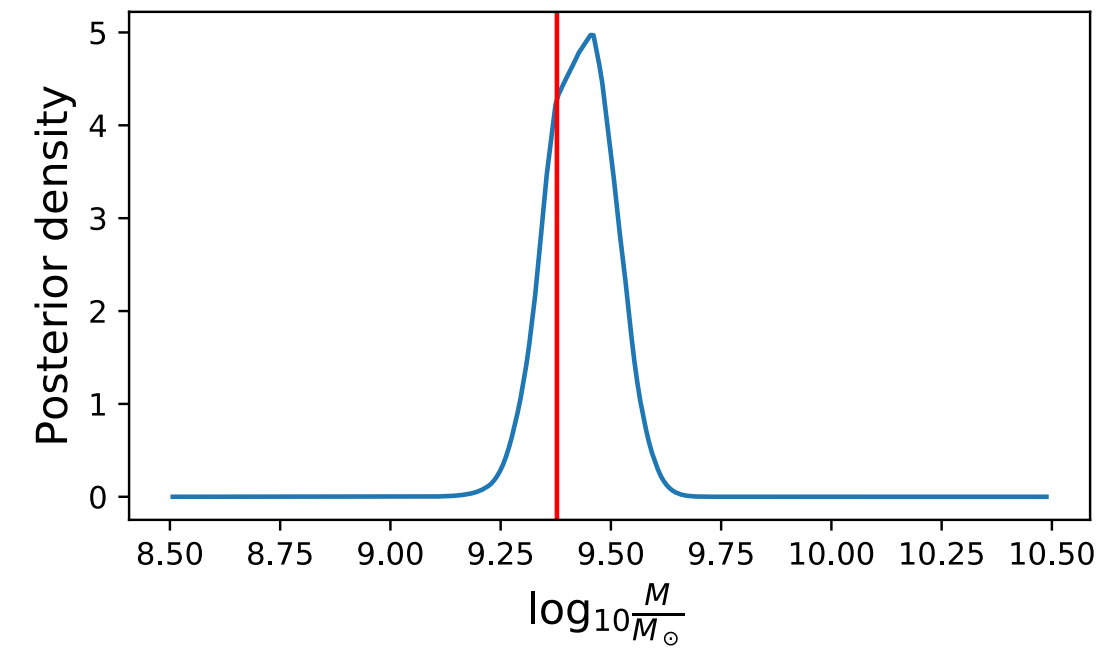


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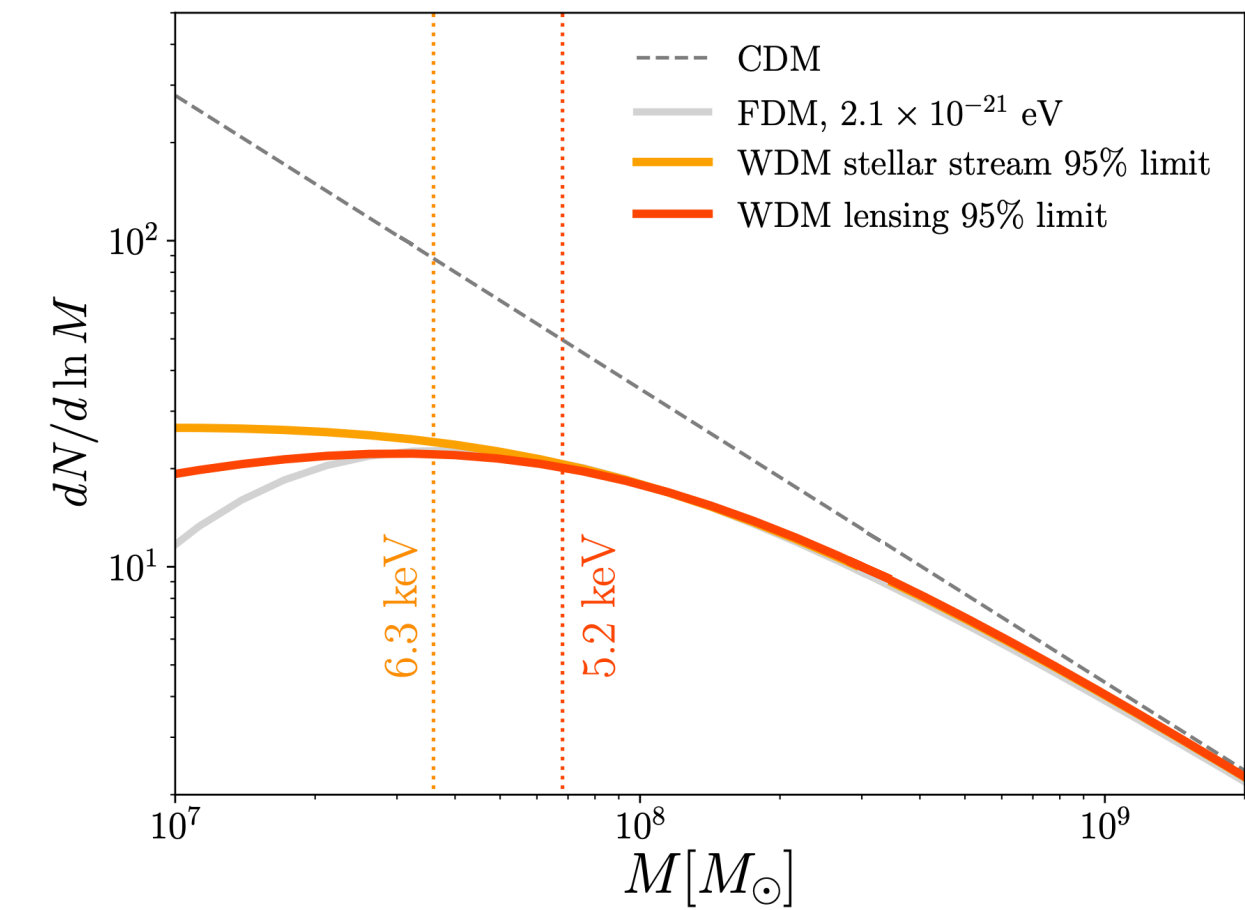
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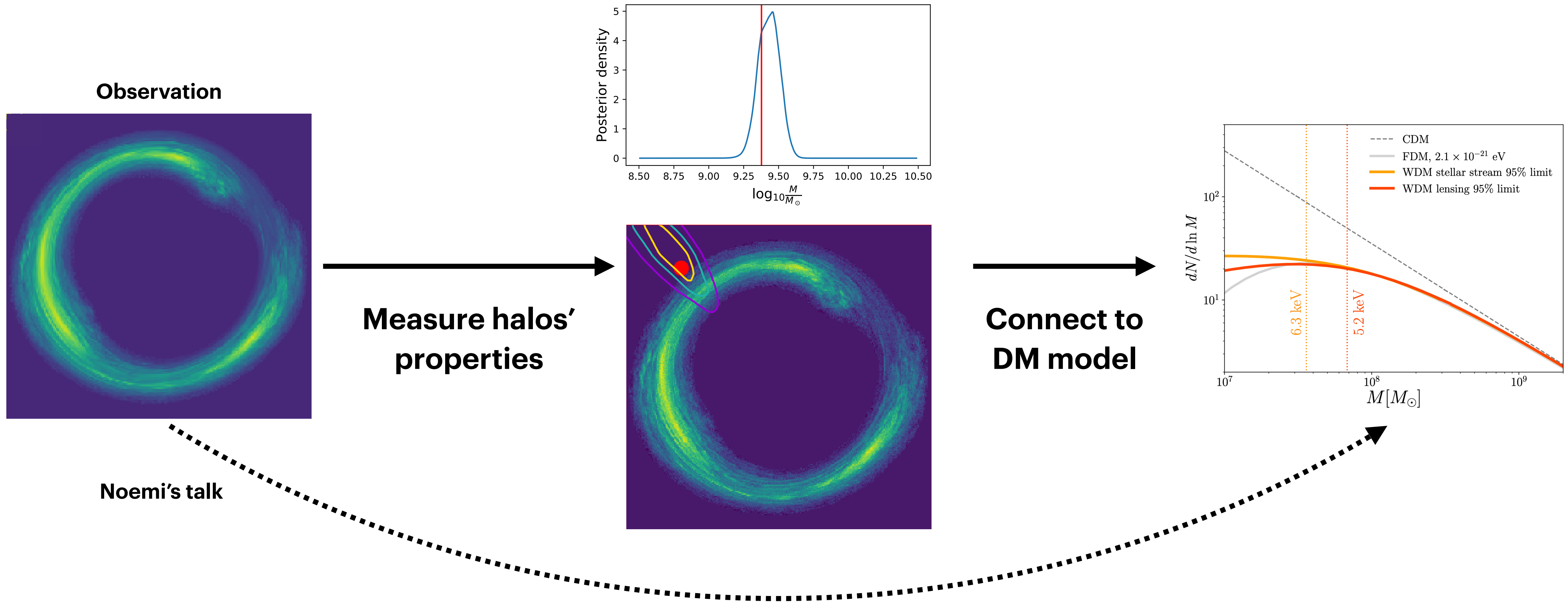


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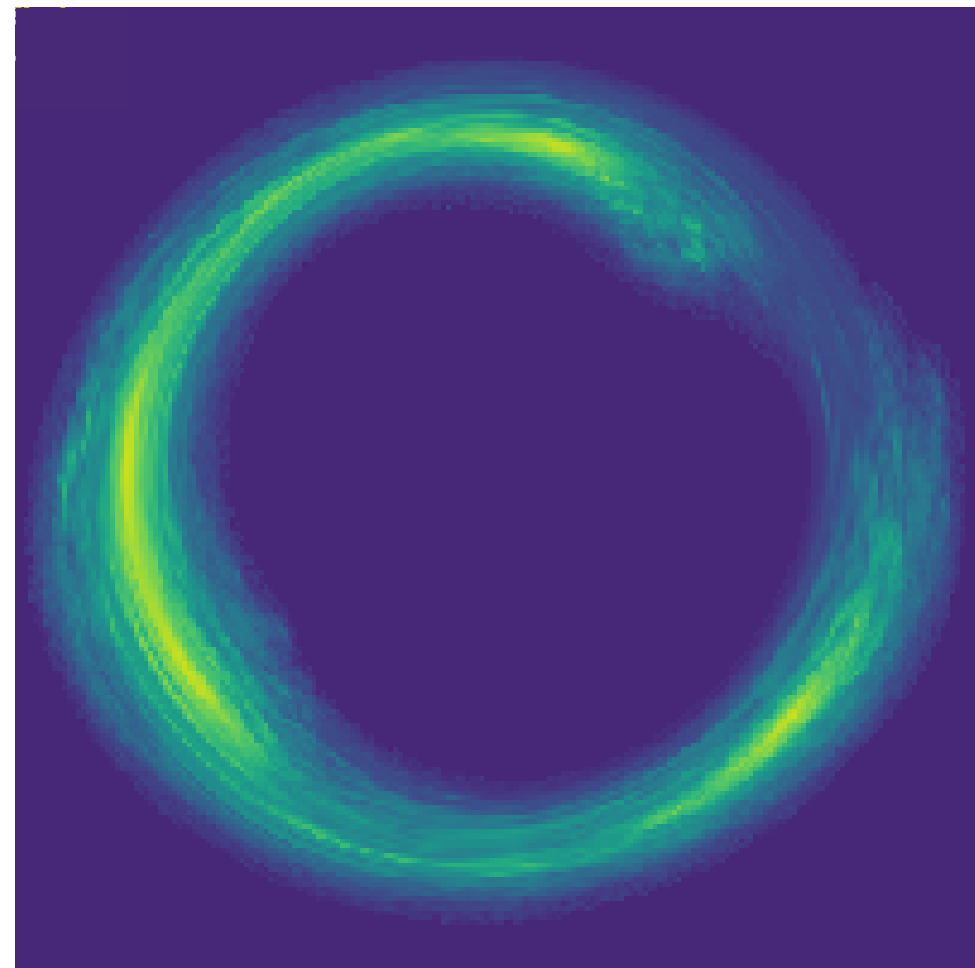
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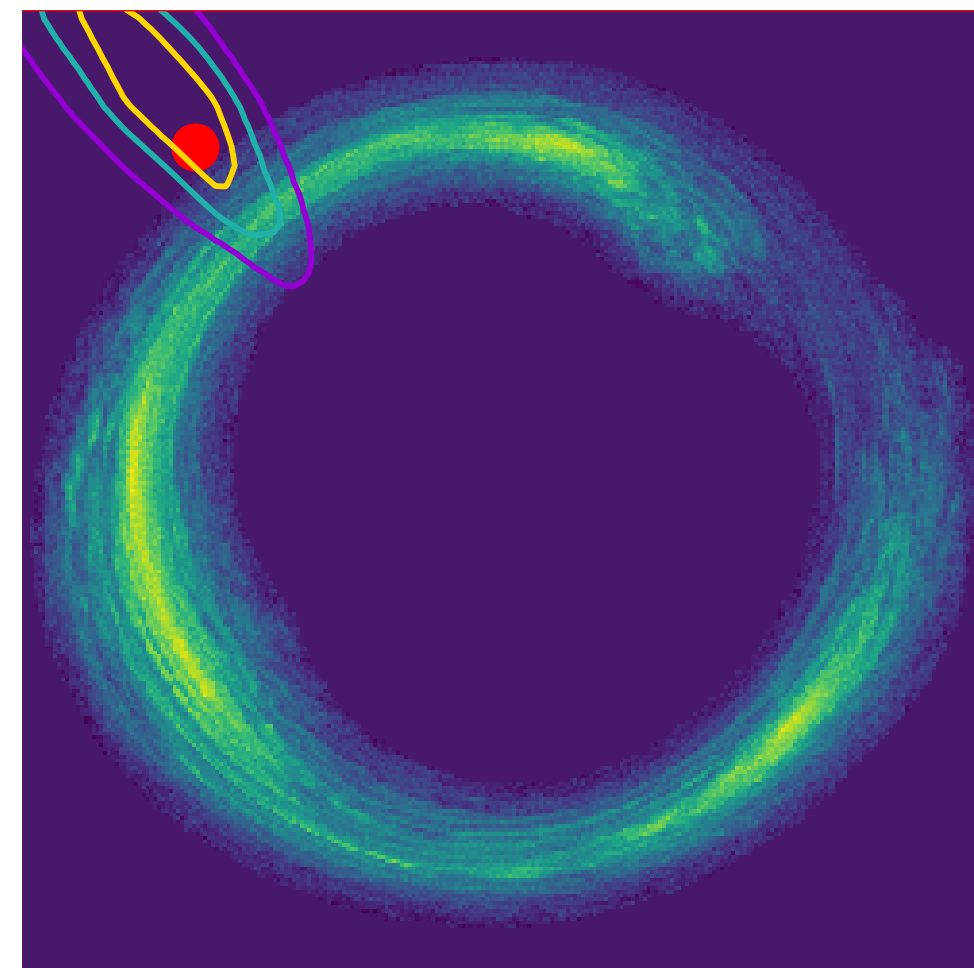
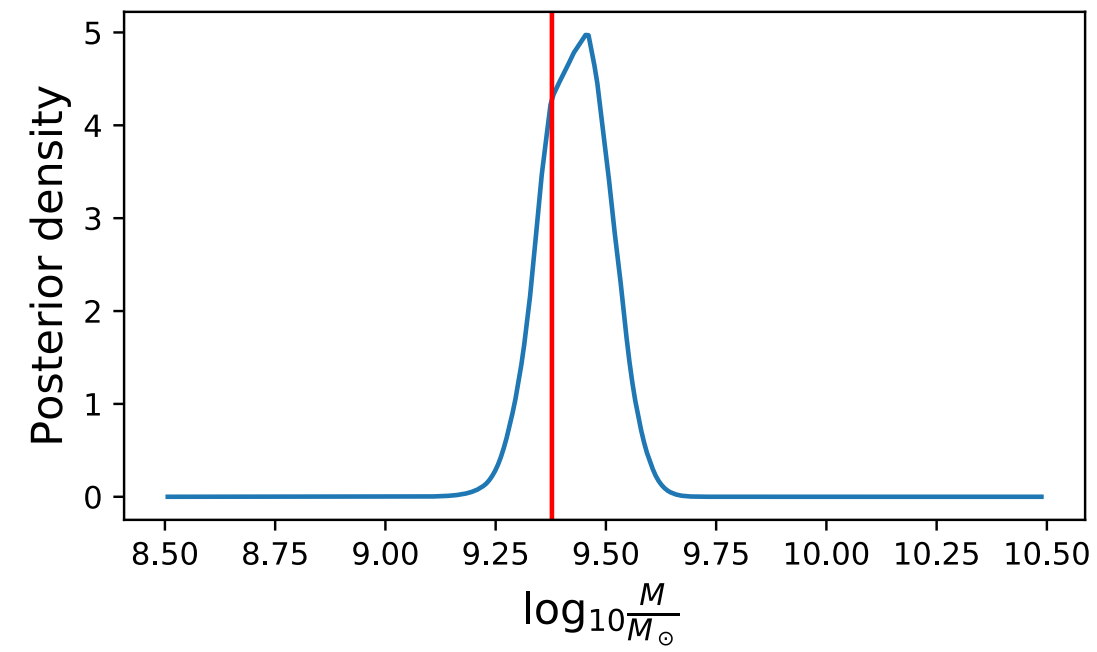


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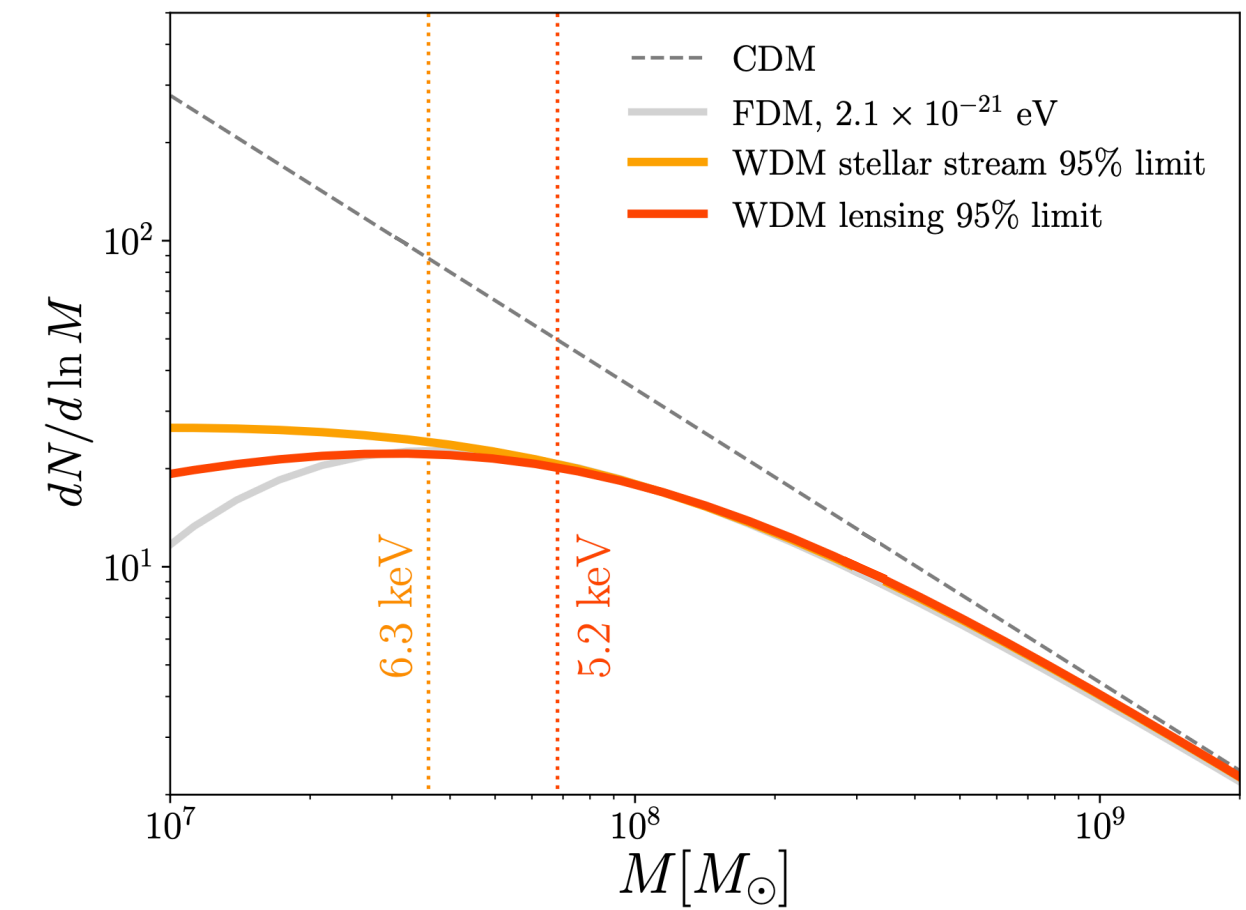
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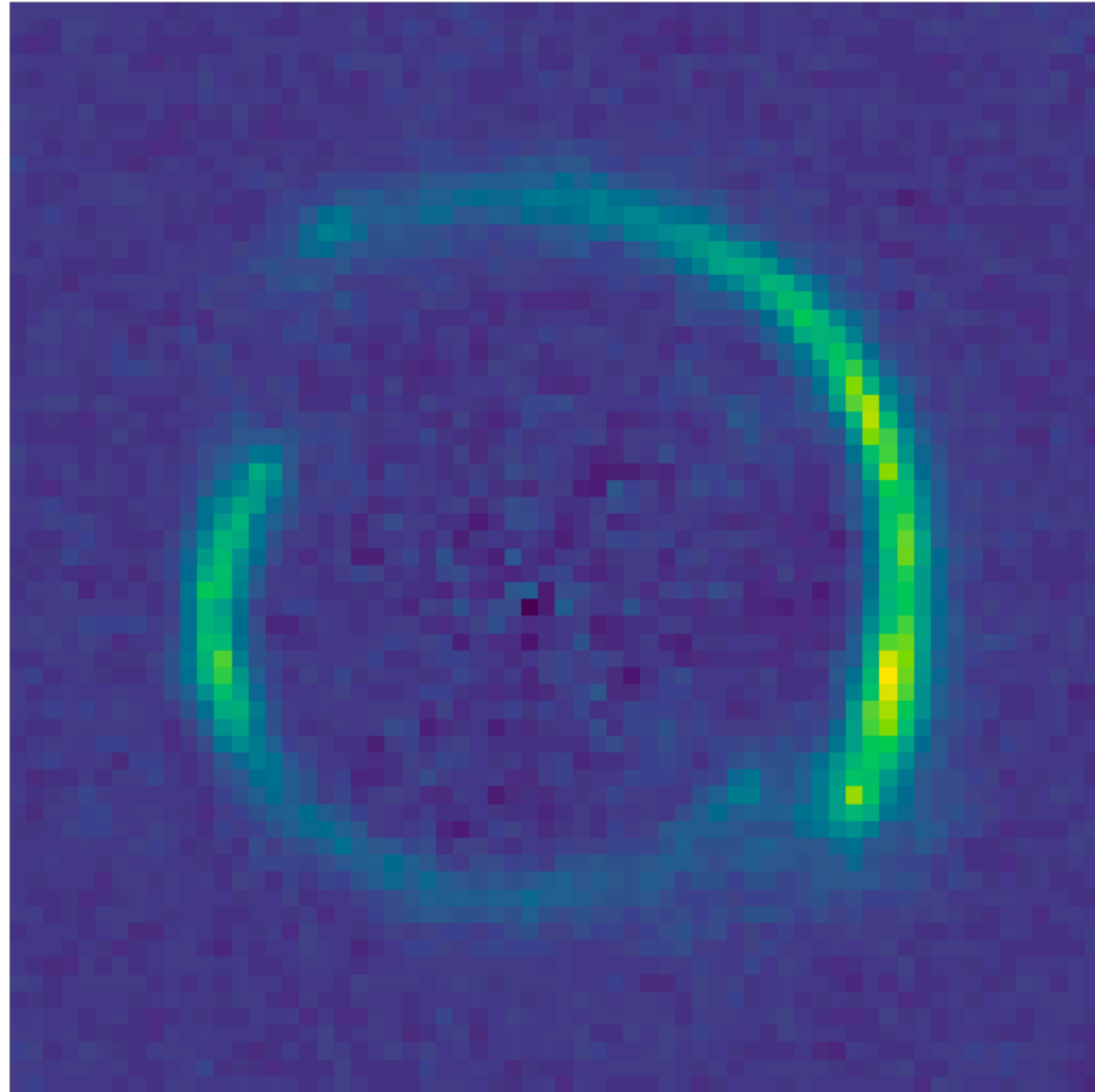


Noemi's talk

Measuring the subhalo distribution function: Elias' talk

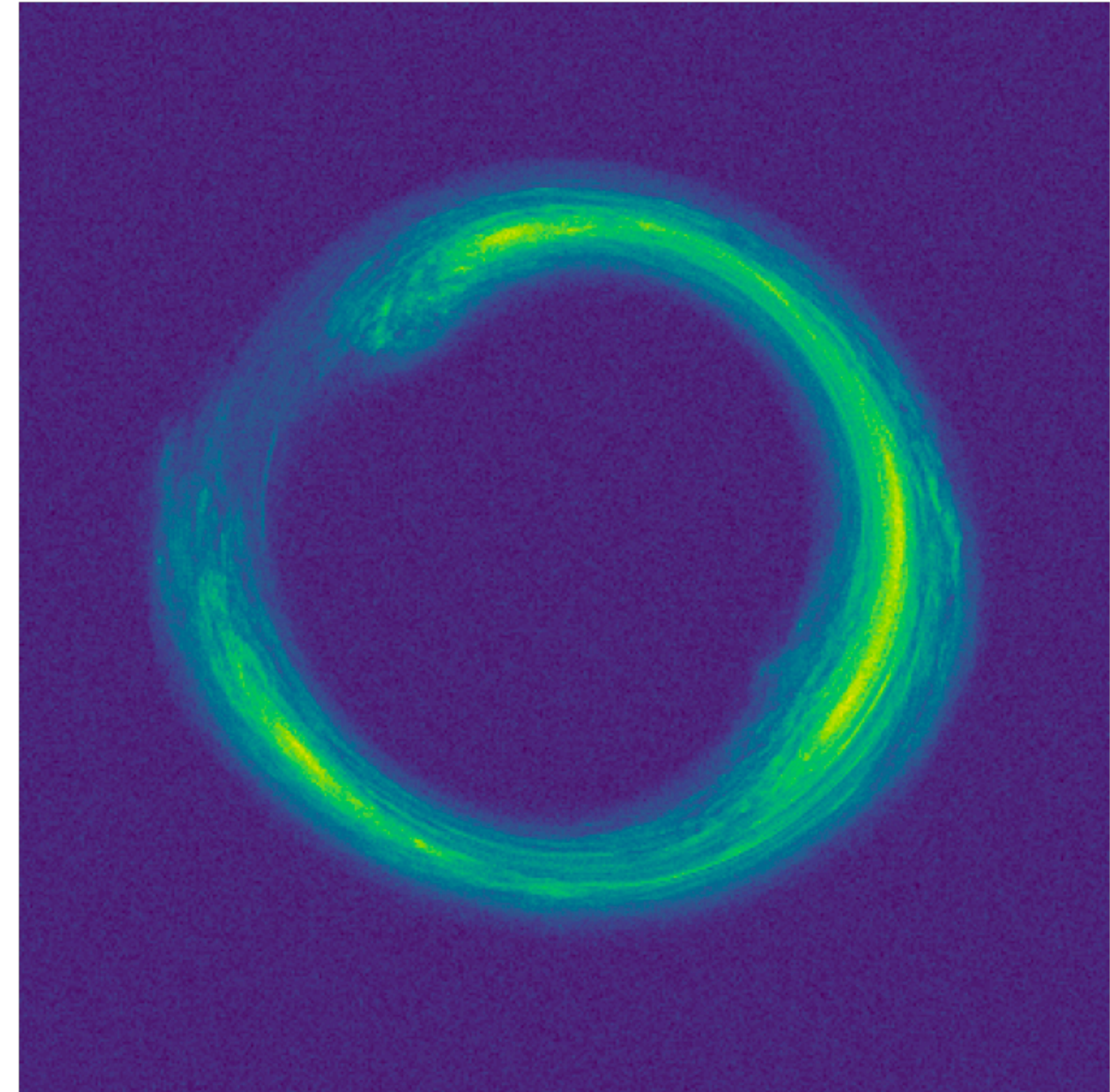


**At present**



× 100  
(HST, Keck)

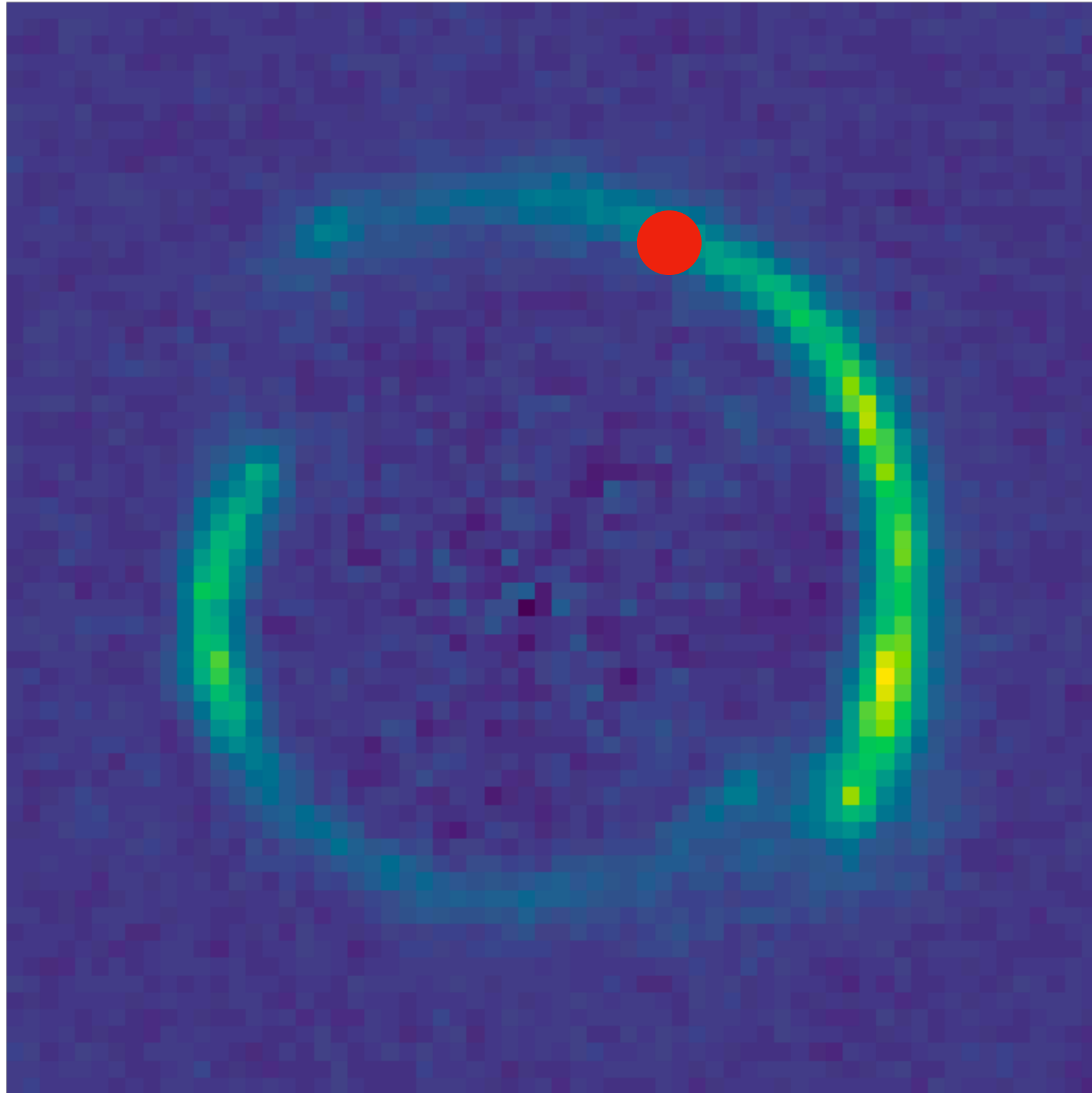
**2020s**



× 100,000  
(Euclid, Rubin, JWST, ELT)

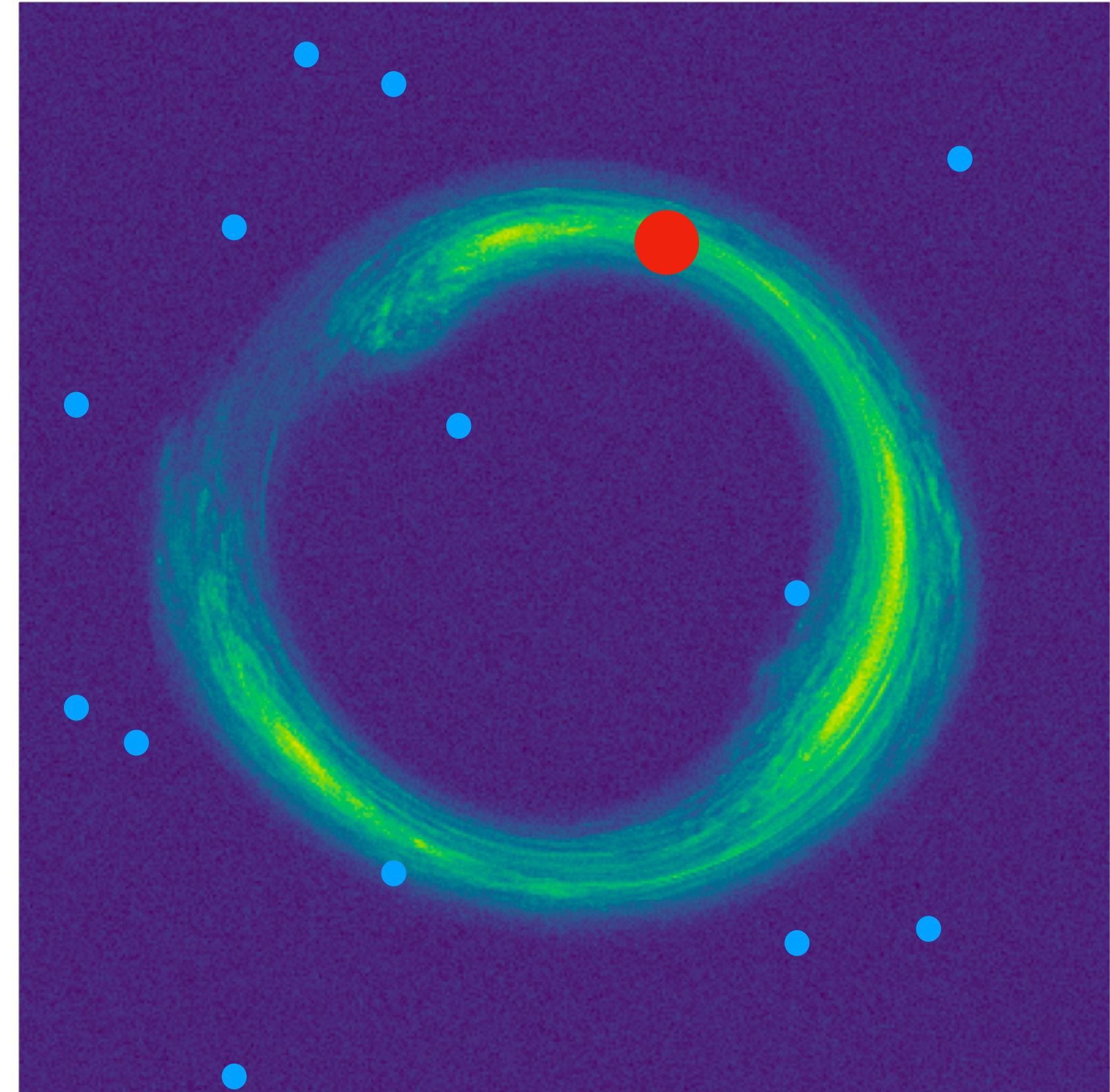


## Current analyses



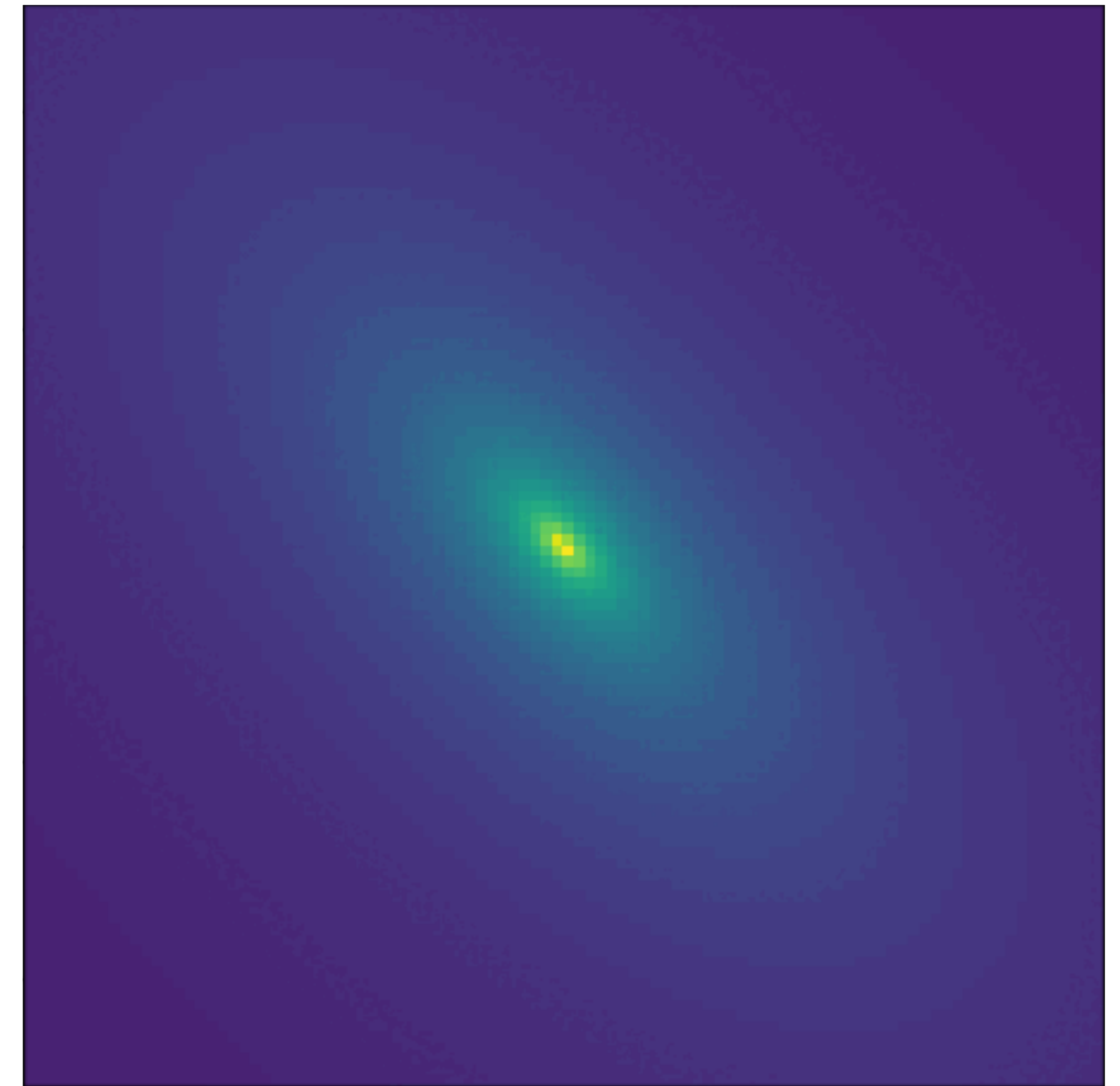
Measures a single halo's properties,  
marginalized over *particular* lens model

## Goal



Marginalize over full halo population  
and generic lens model

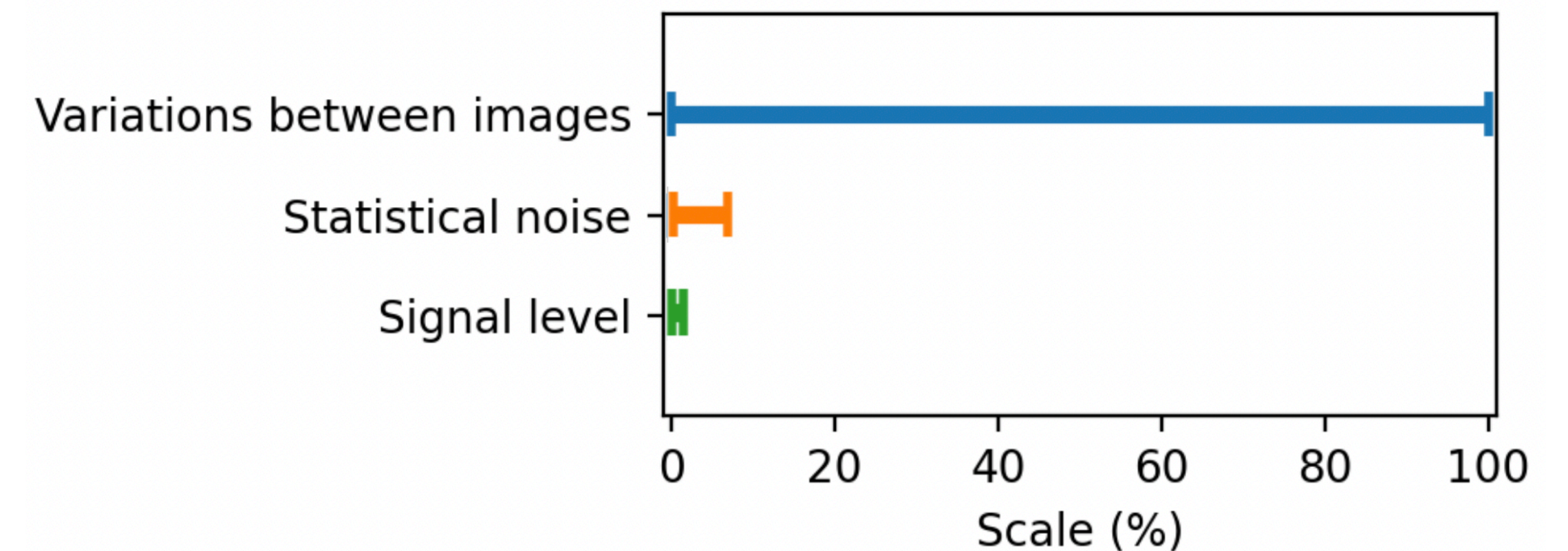
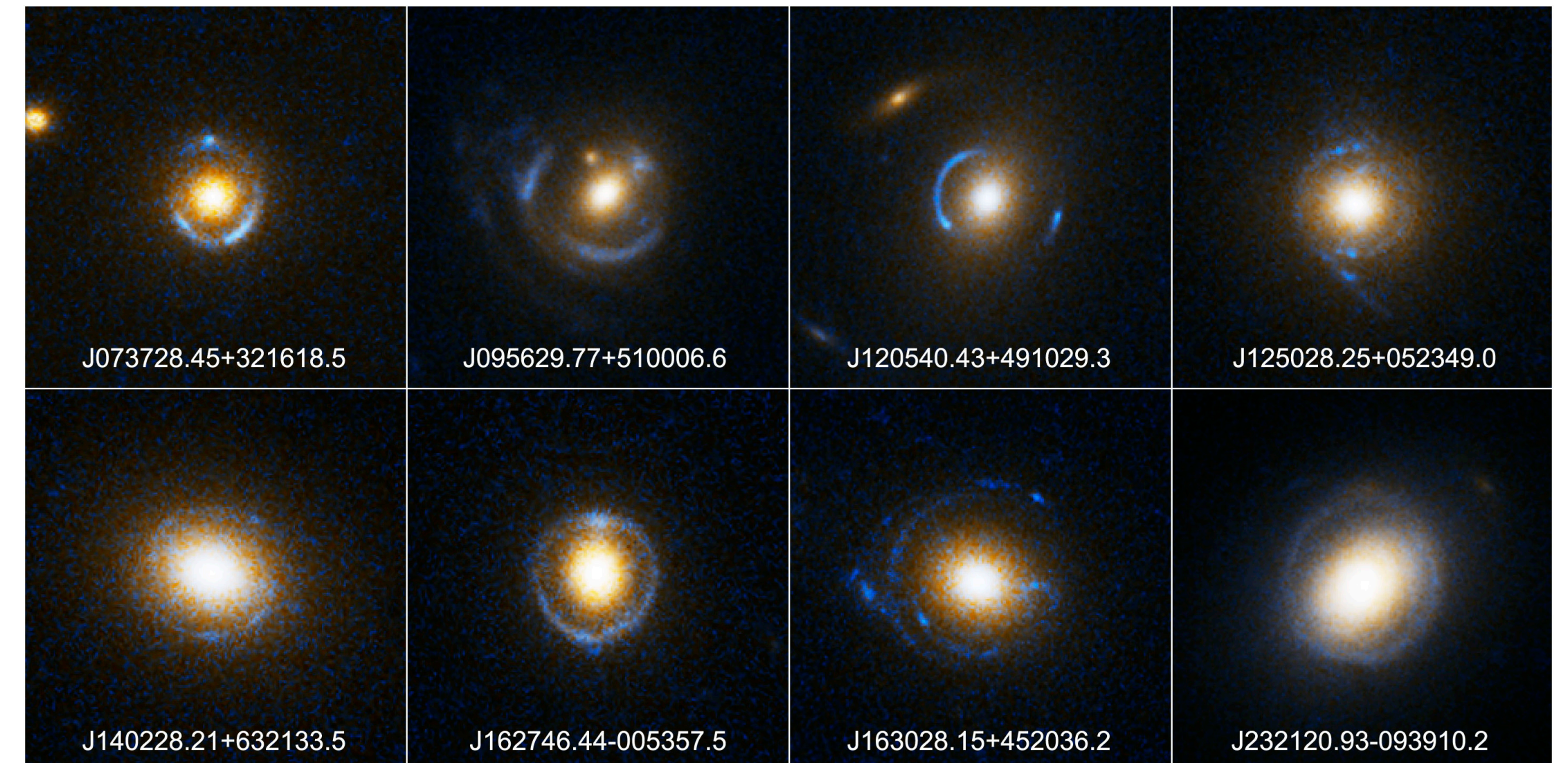
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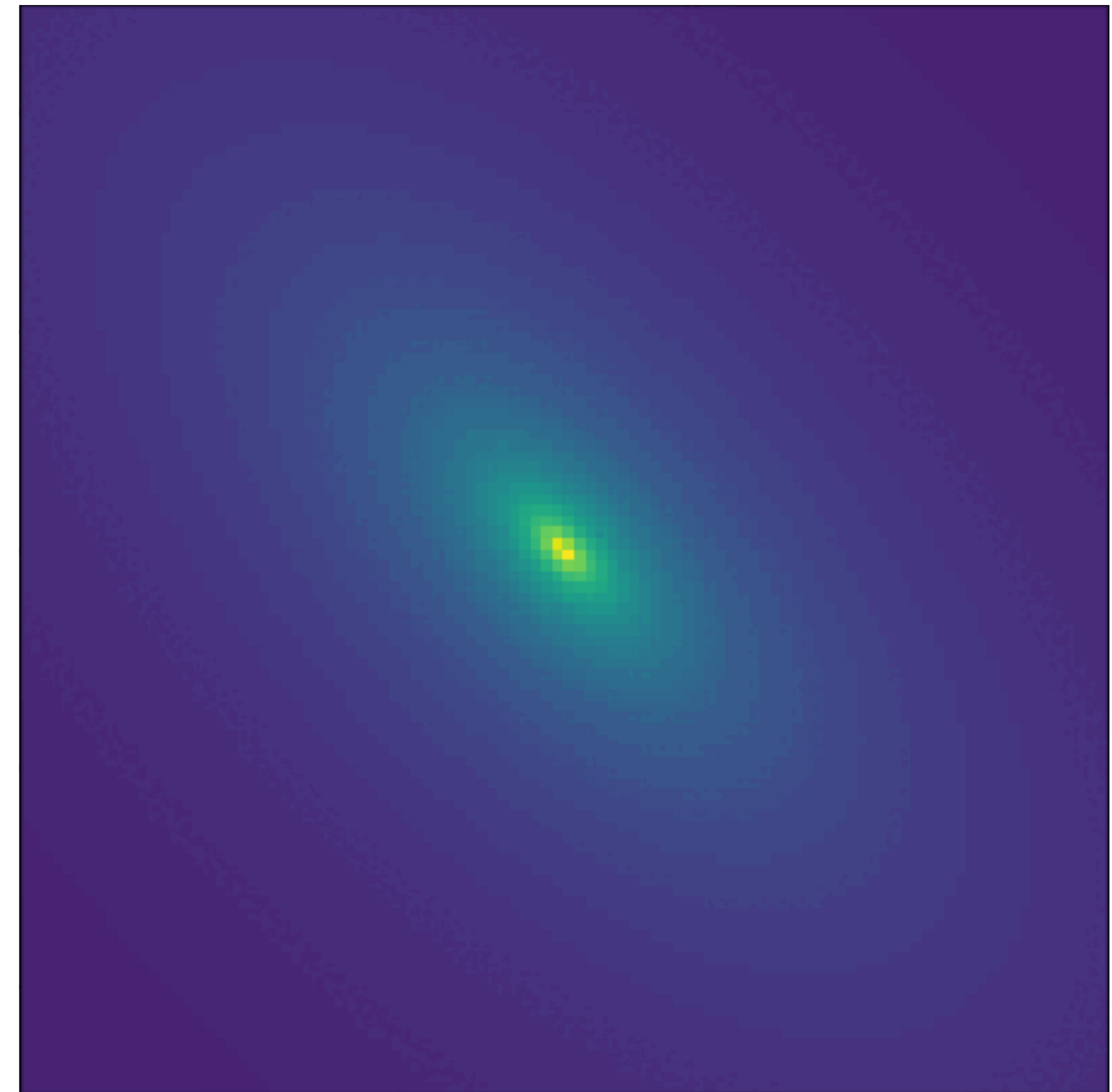
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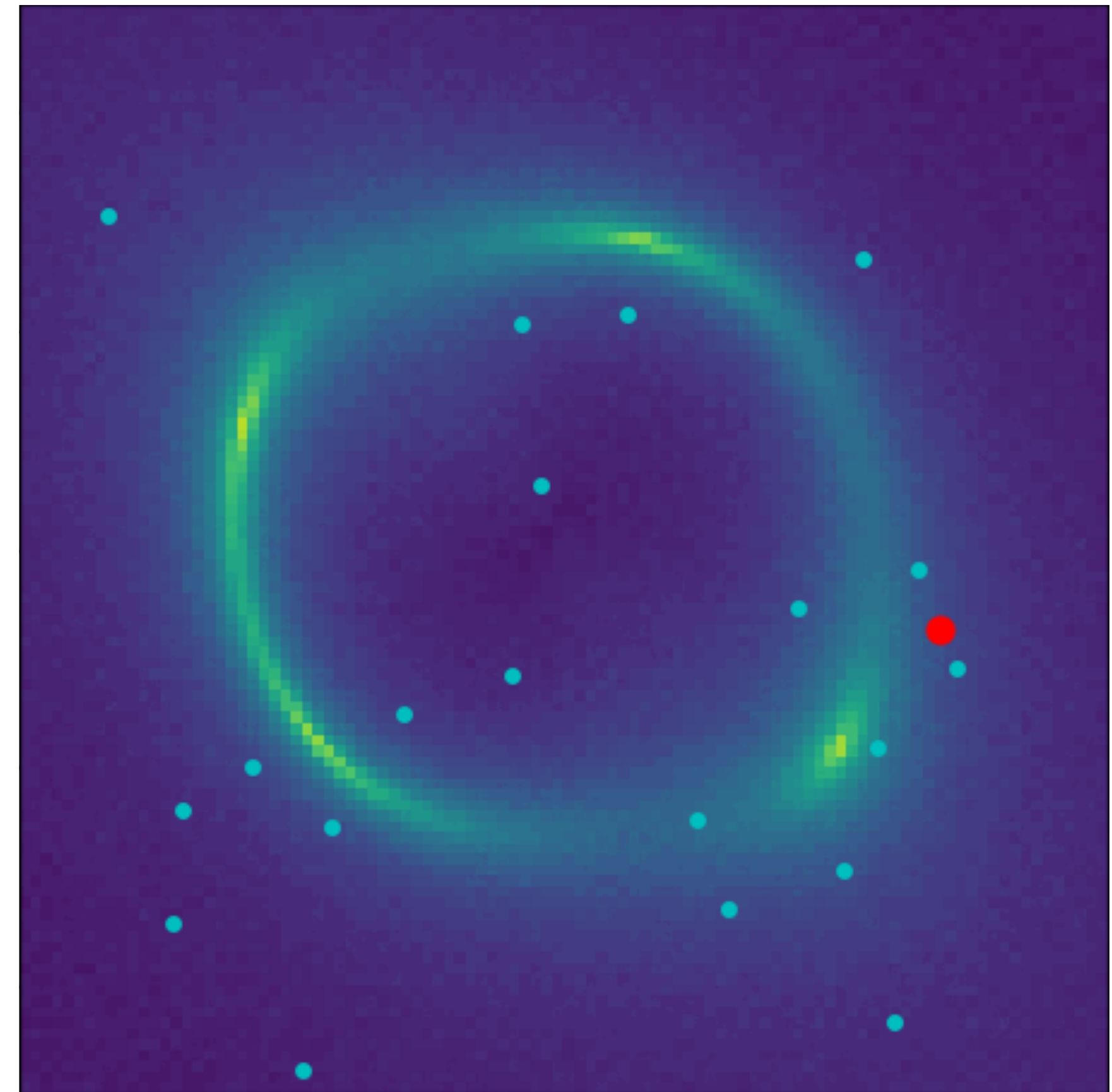
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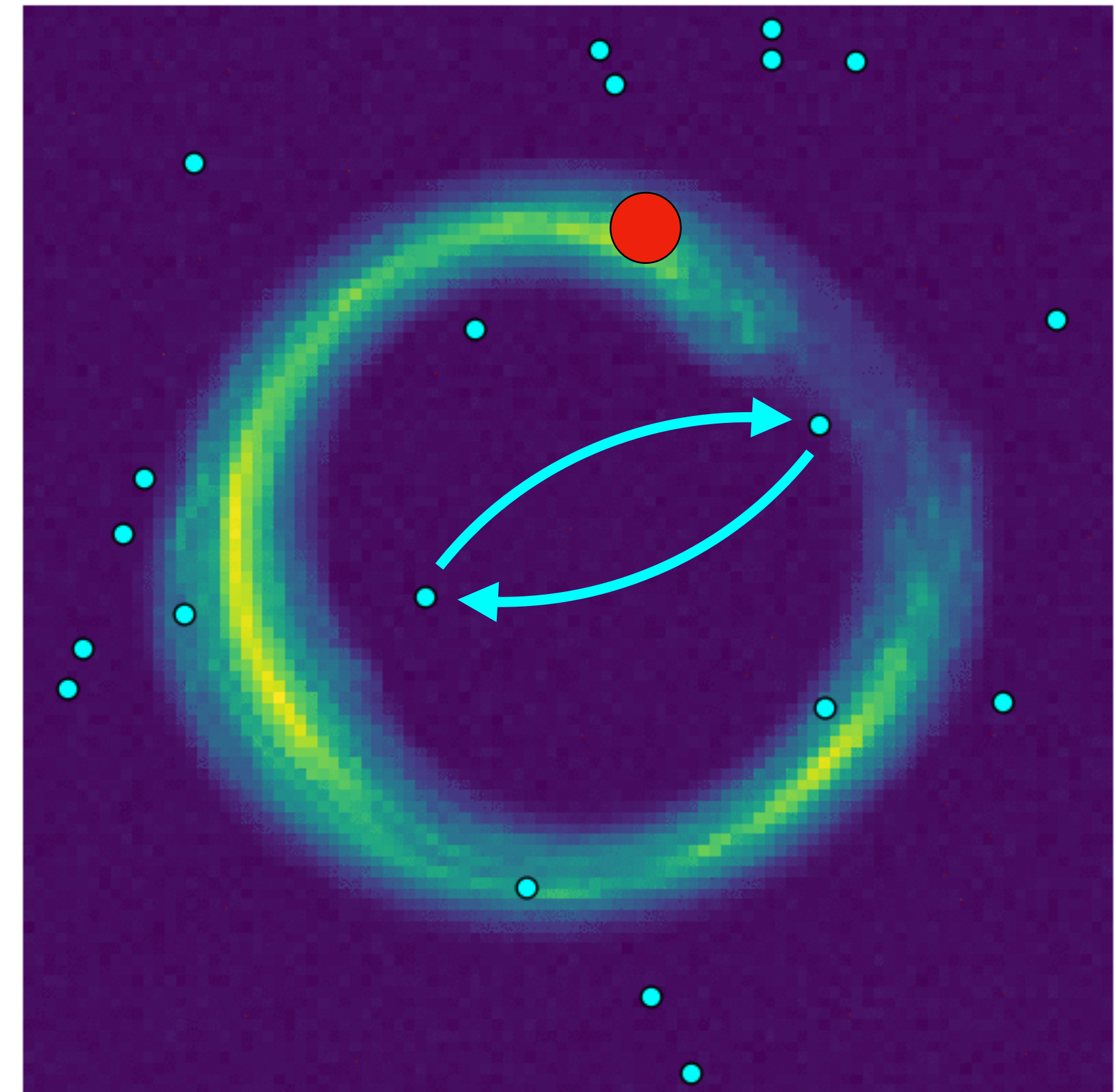
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- Joint posterior has  $\sim N_{\text{sub}}!$  **modes**; likelihood can be **intractable**





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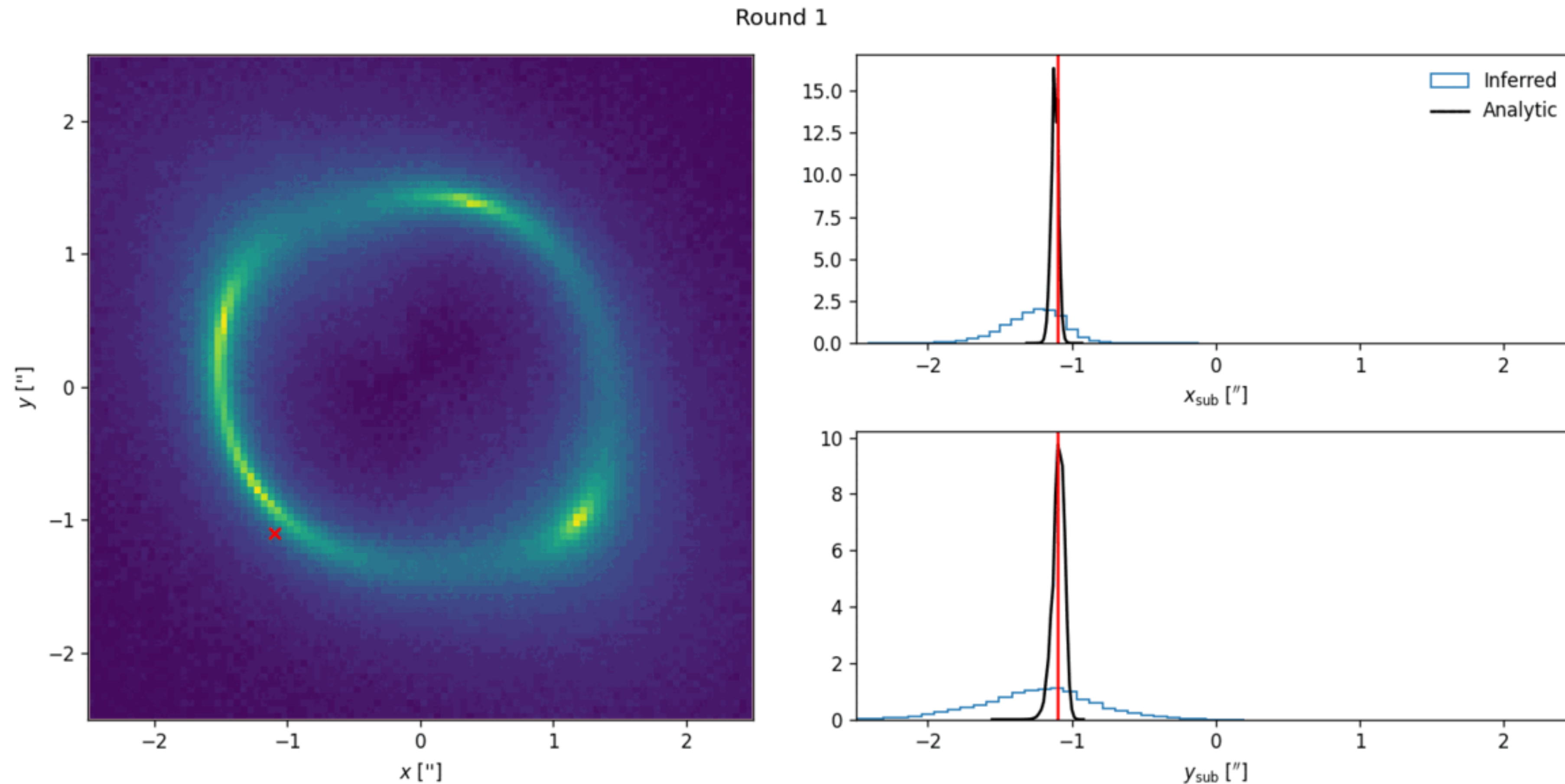
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- Can leverage simple classifier CNNs and the swyft package



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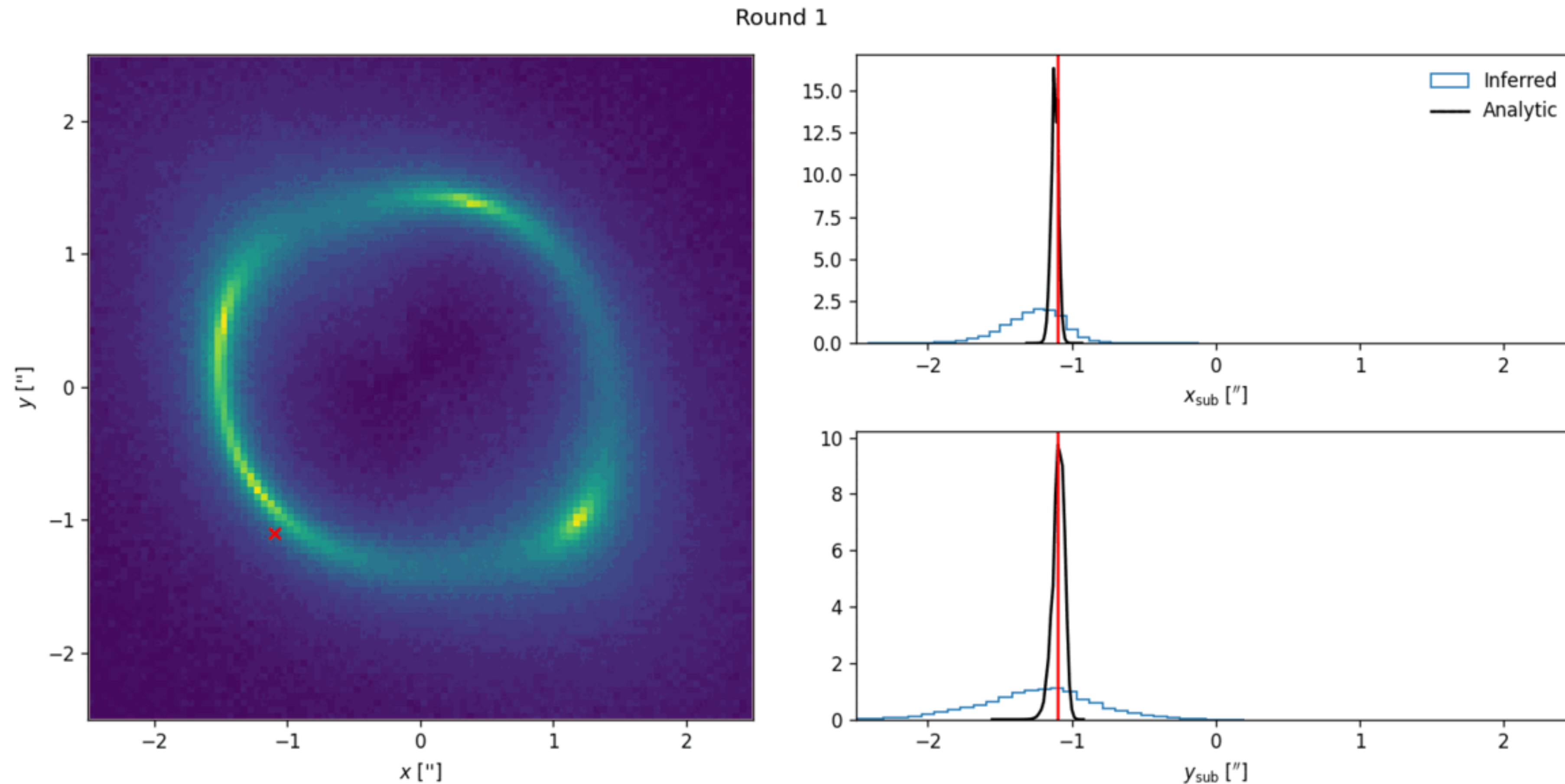
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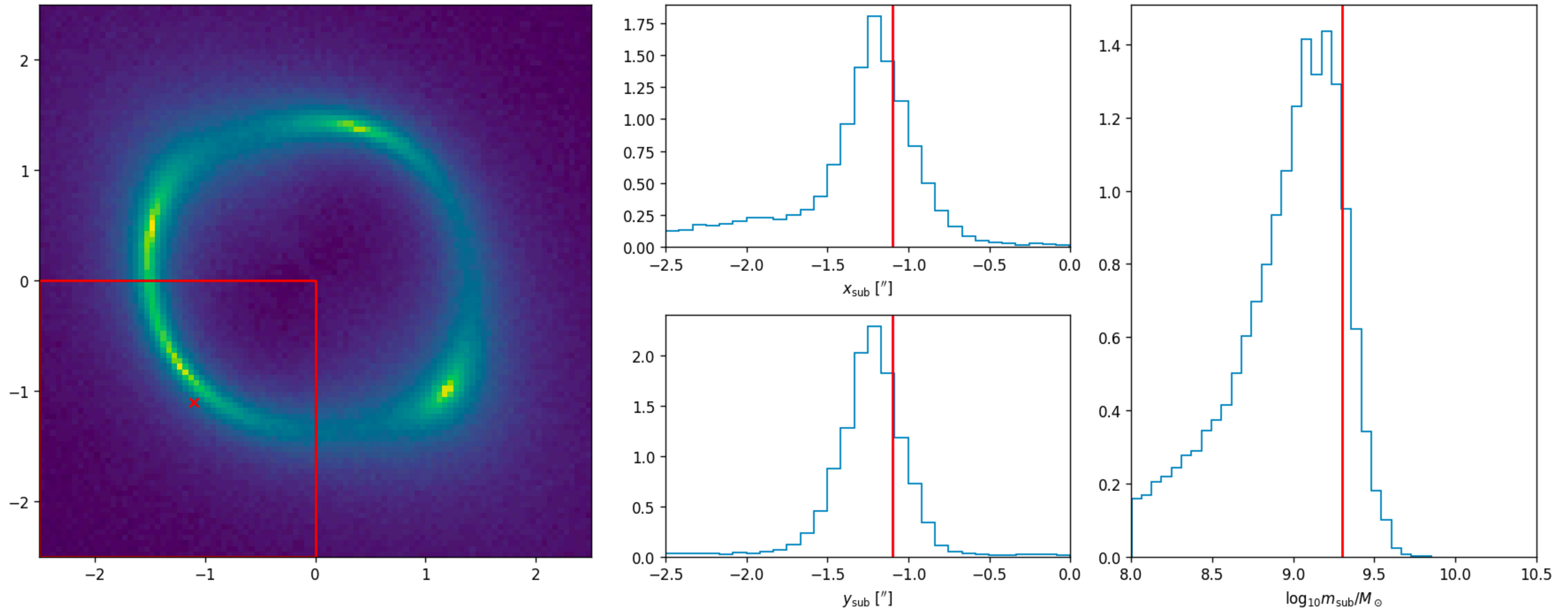
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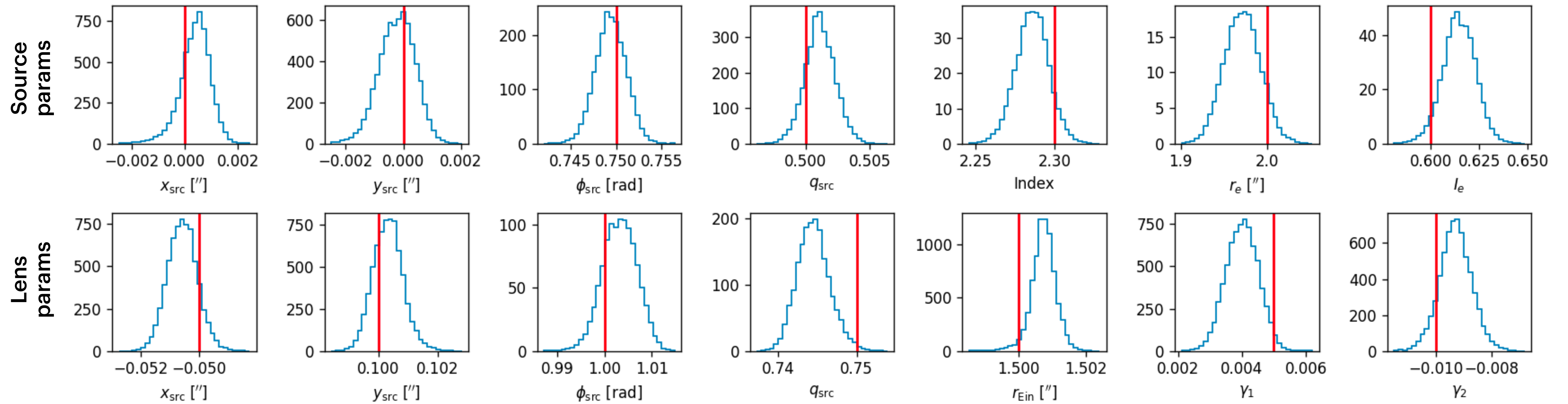


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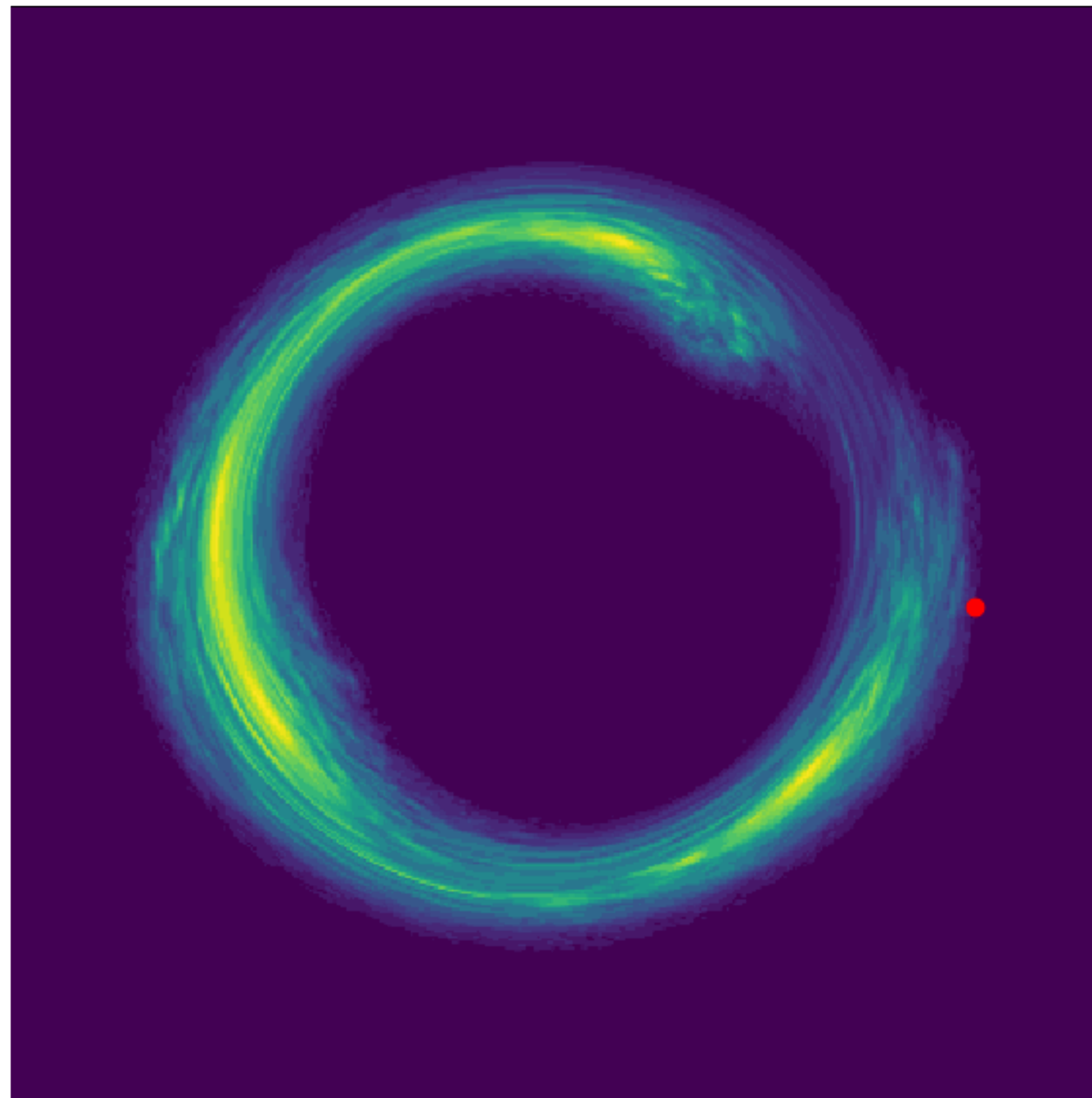
...and simultaneously infer their posteriors



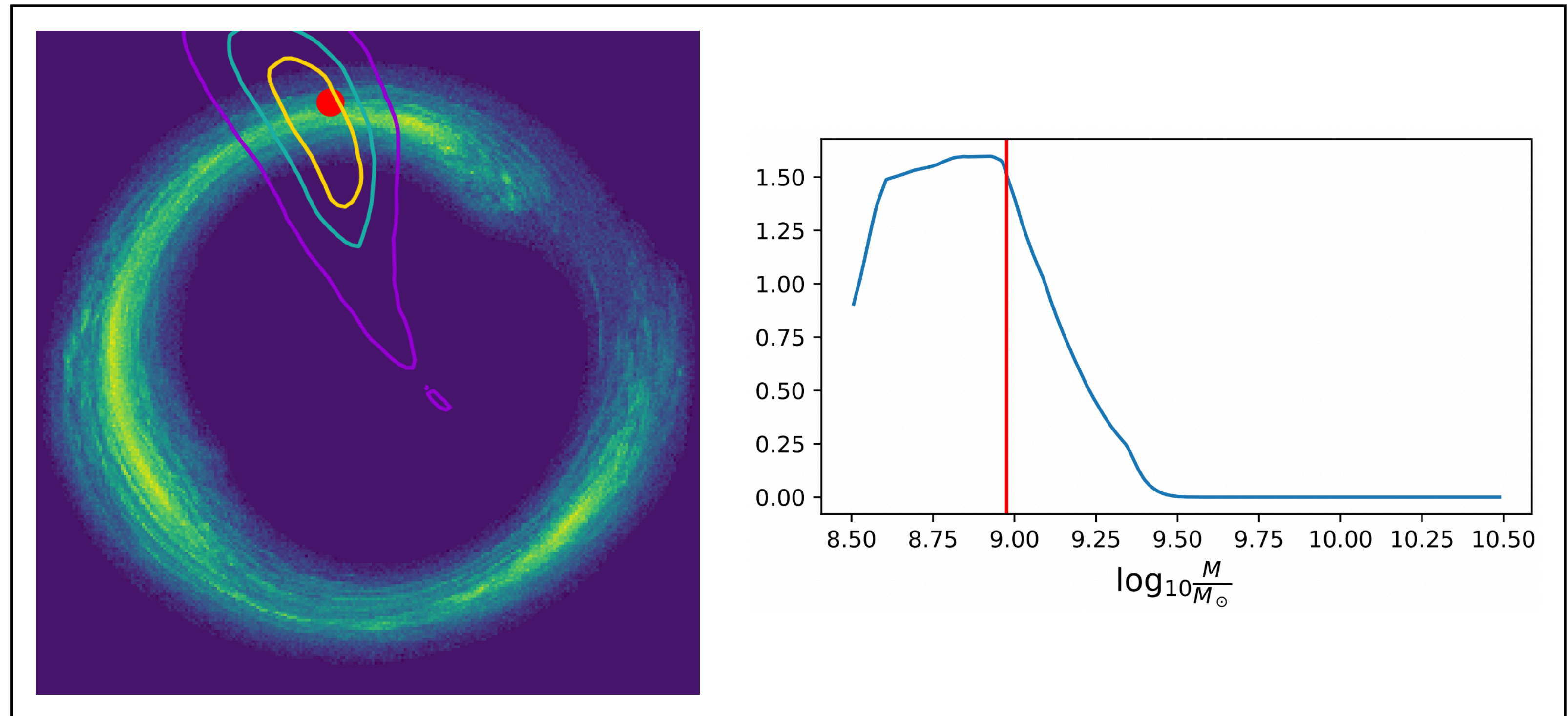
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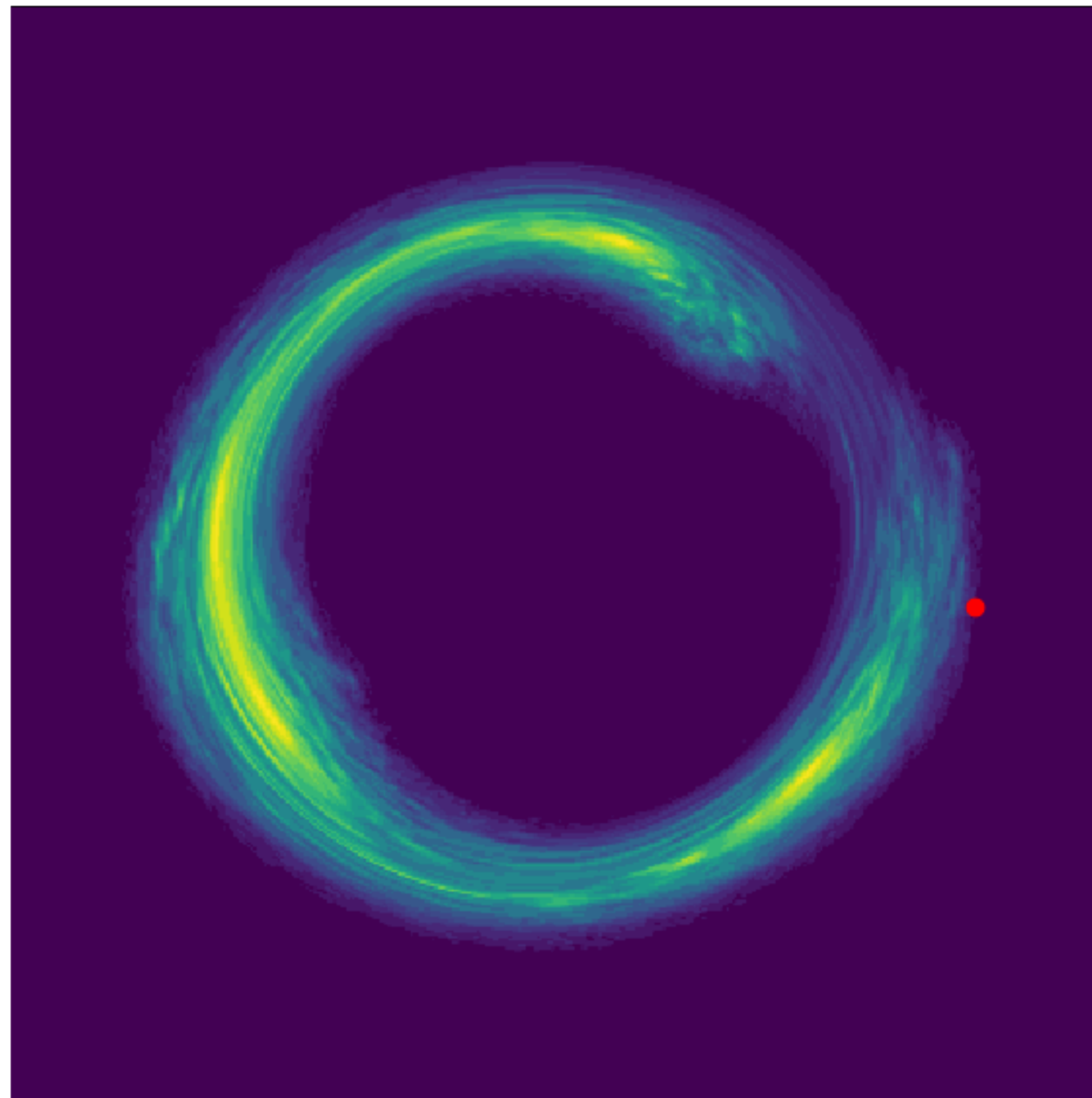


Marginalized over  $O(10^5)$  source and lens parameters

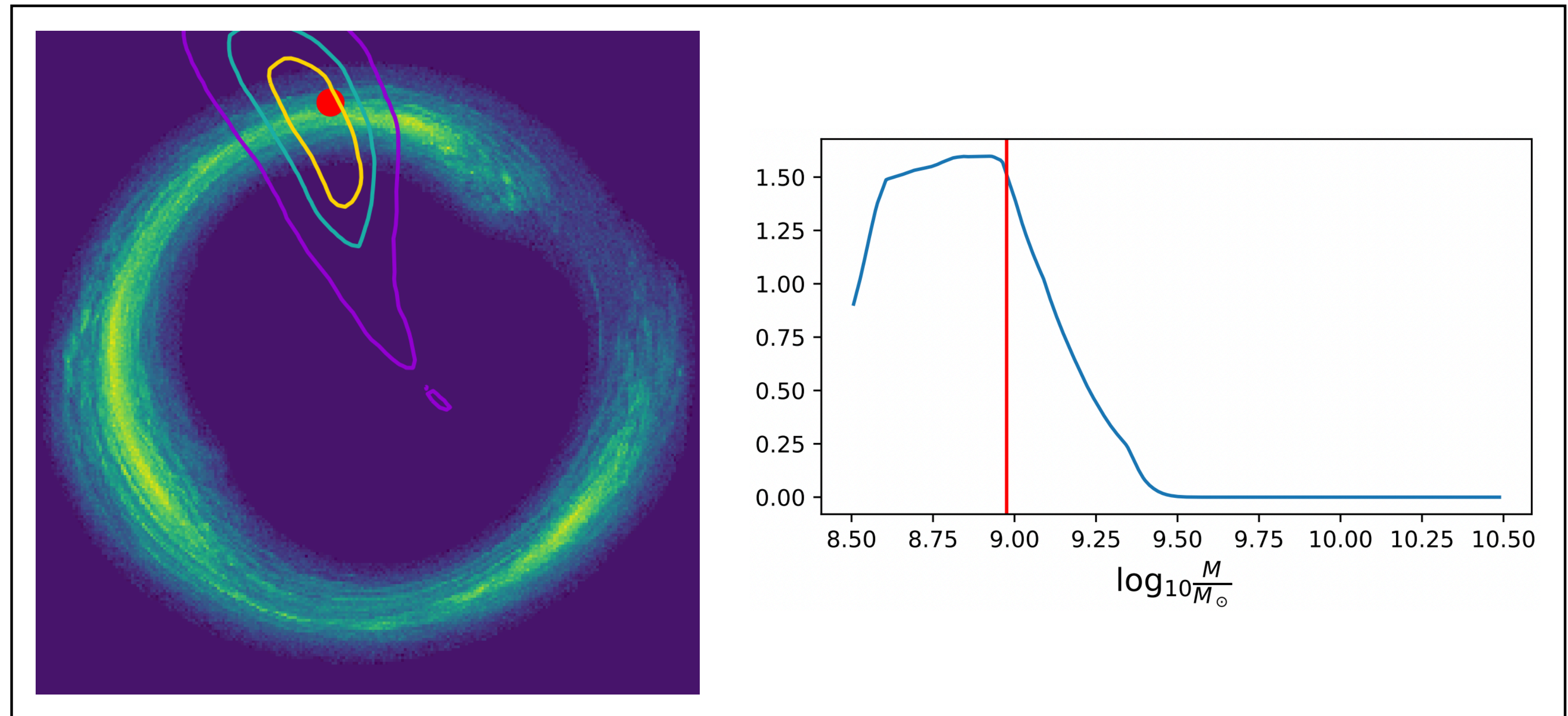
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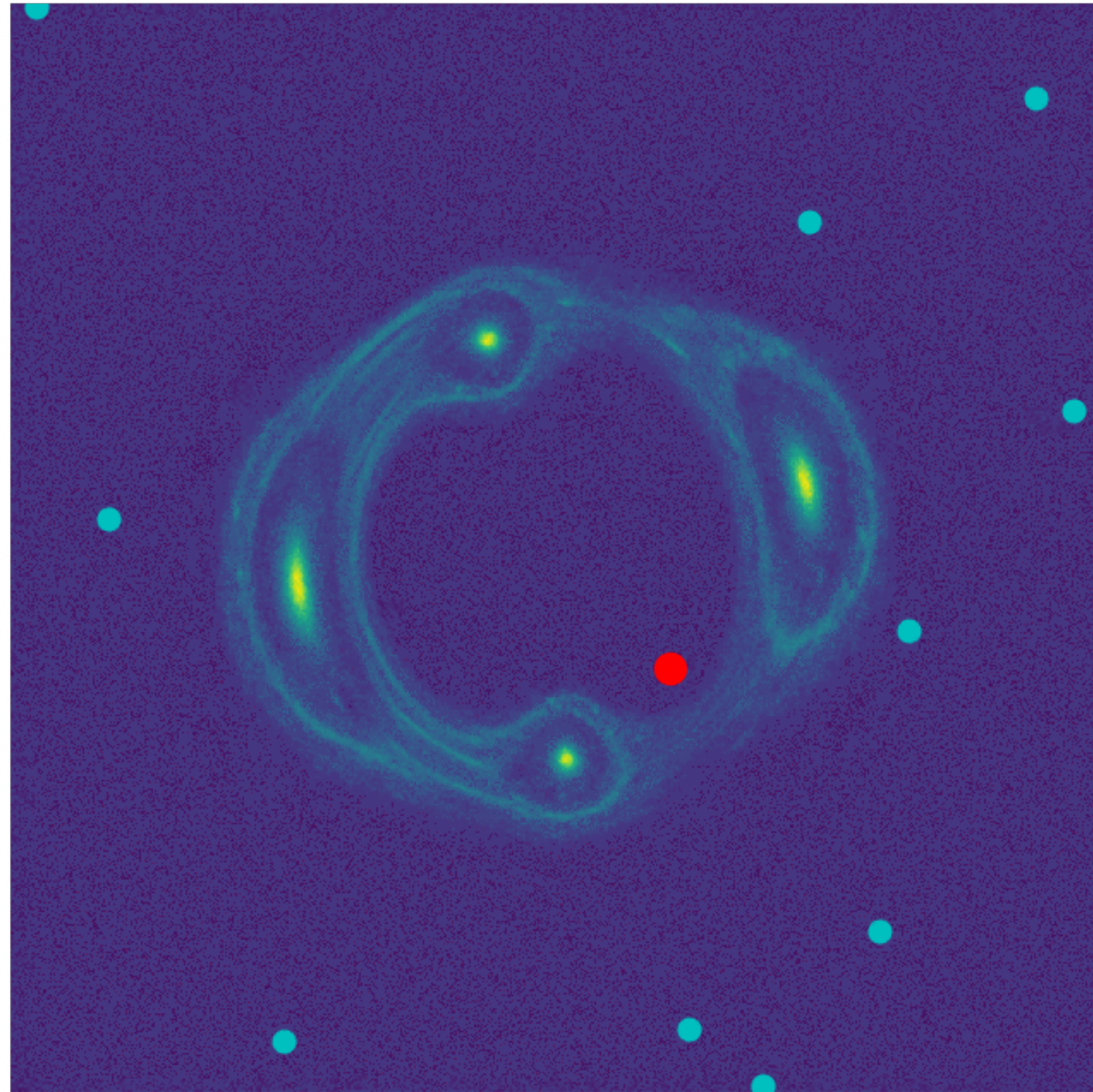


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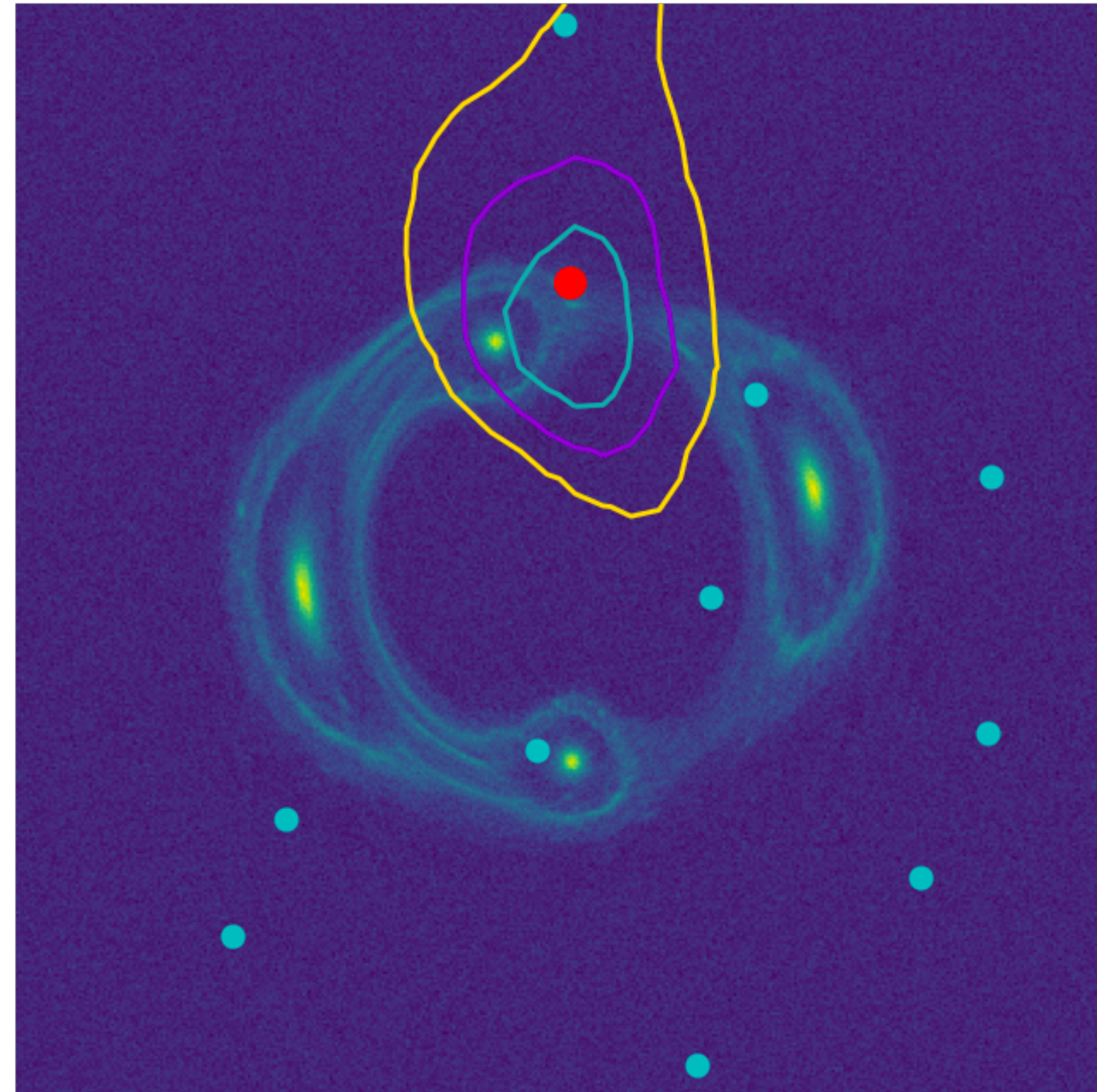


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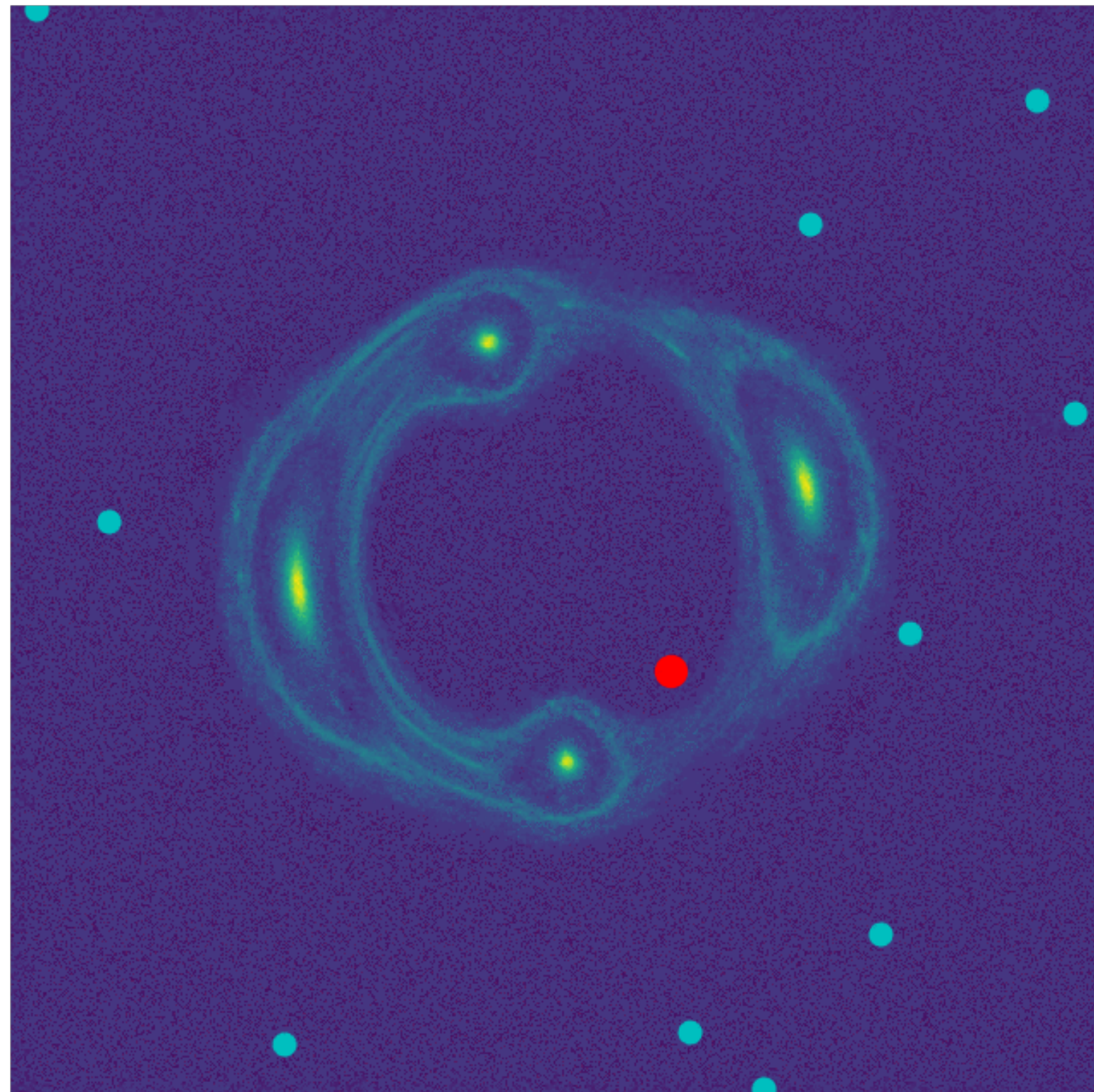


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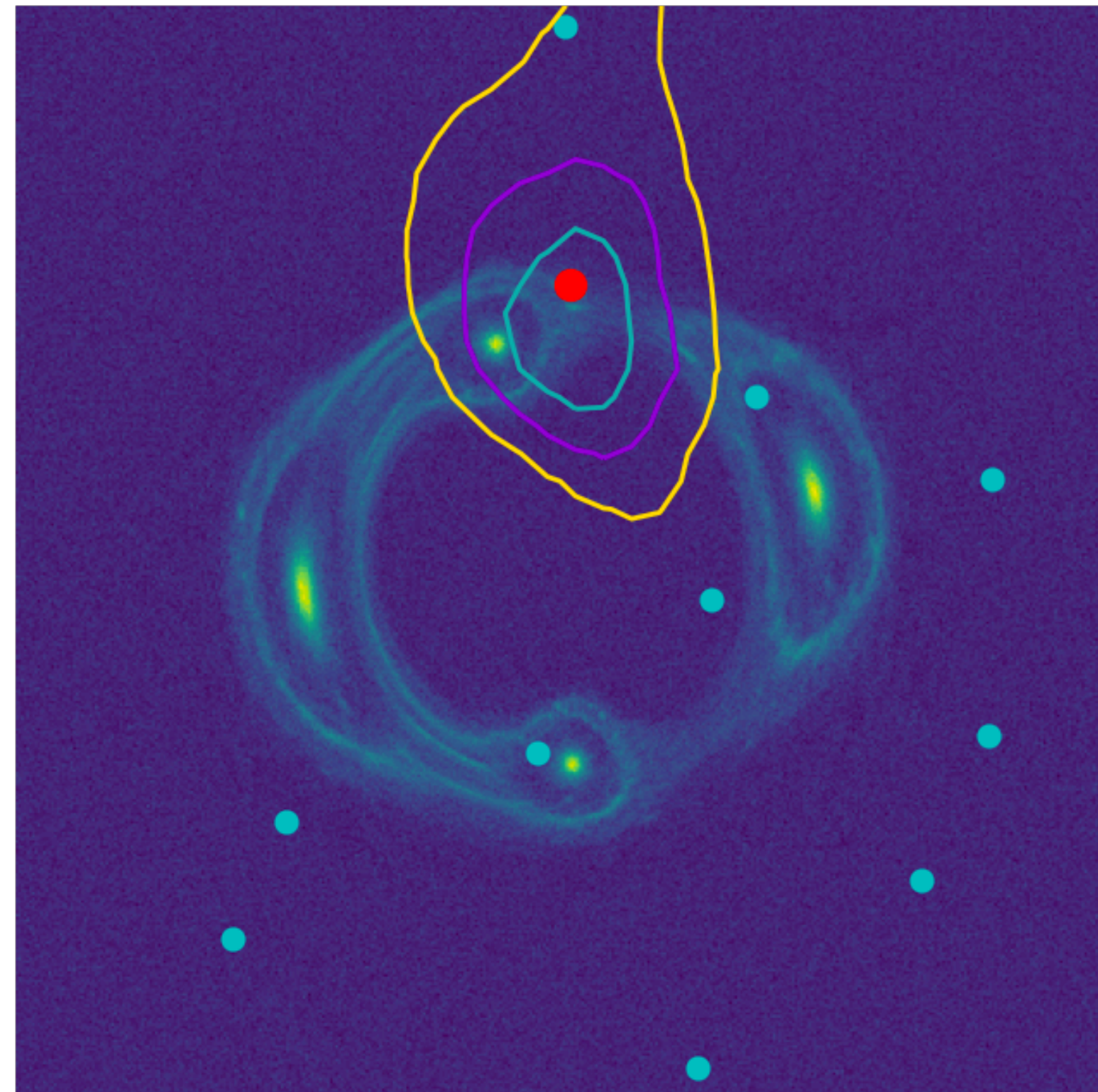


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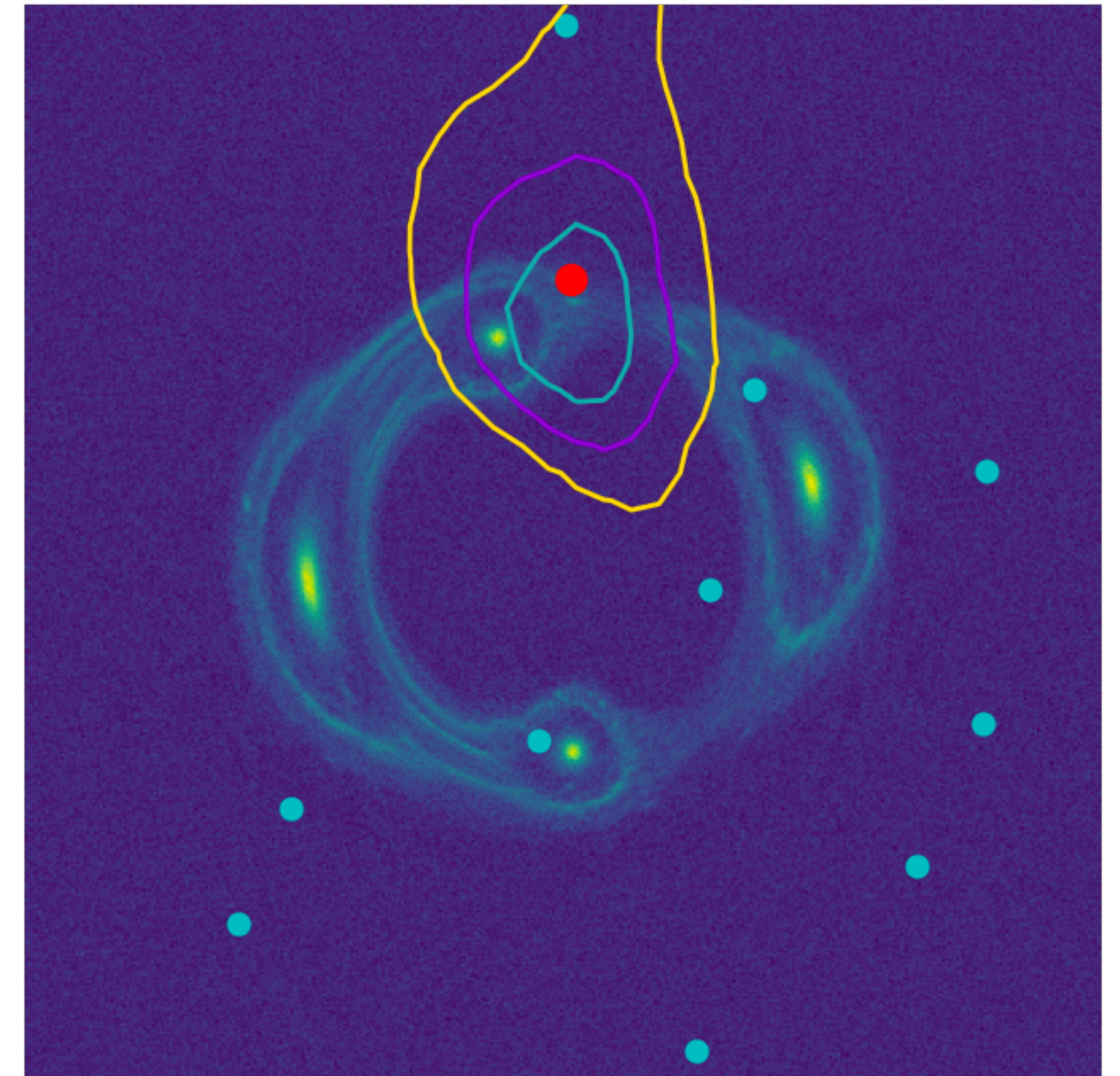


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# Conclusions

- Measuring individual halos is an important component of dark matter lensing analyses
- TMNRE enables fully marginalizing over lens, source *and halo population*
- Next steps: replace variational inference step with TMNRE, integrate with other subhalo analyses, and apply to real data



Thank you!