

# MACS J1423 : Mass modelling with gravitational lensing

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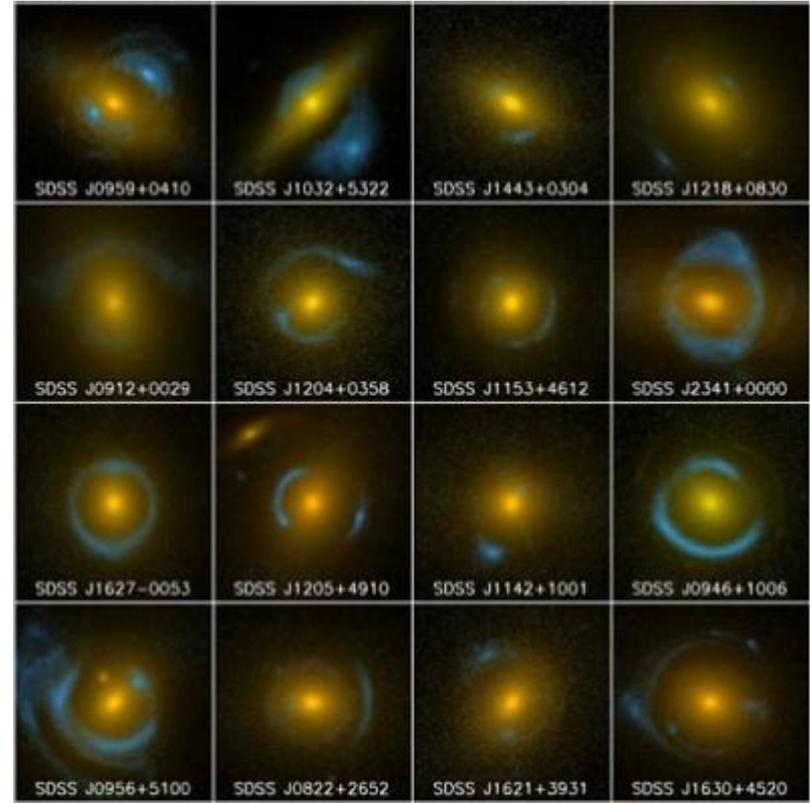
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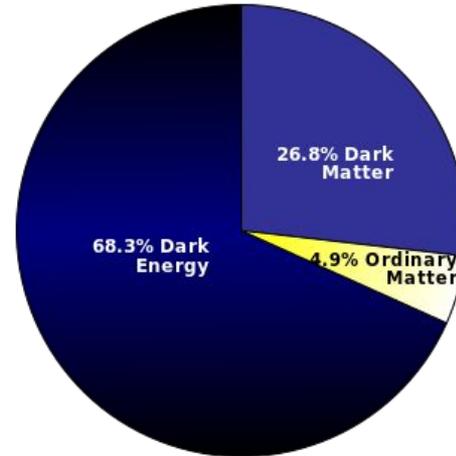
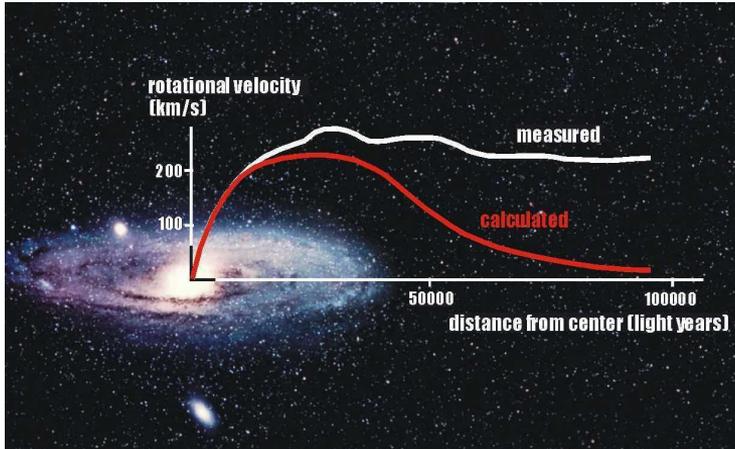
# Outline

- Galaxy Clusters
- Gravitational lensing
- Clusters as lenses
- Mass modelling of MACSJ1423
  - Strong lensing analysis
  - Weak lensing analysis



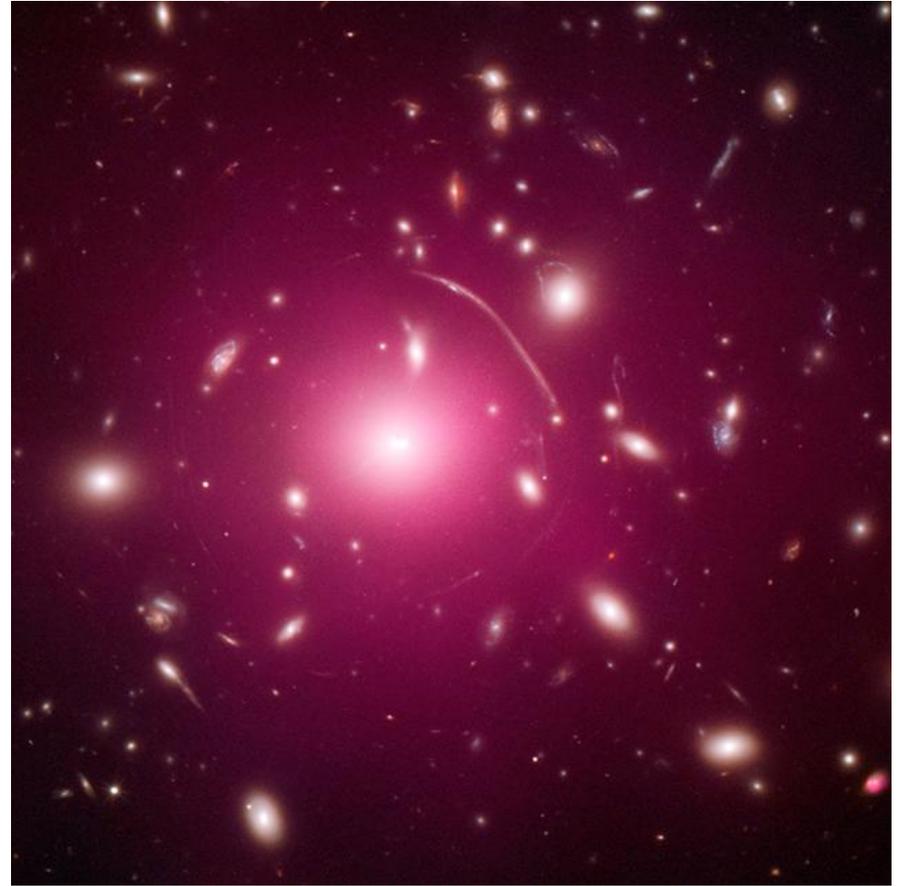
# Dark Matter

- Predicted by Fritz Zwicky in 1933
- Not confirmed until 1970 by Vera Rubin : velocity rotation curves
- $\Lambda$  Cold Dark Matter ( $\Lambda$ CDM) model : Dark matter dominated Universe



# Galaxy Clusters

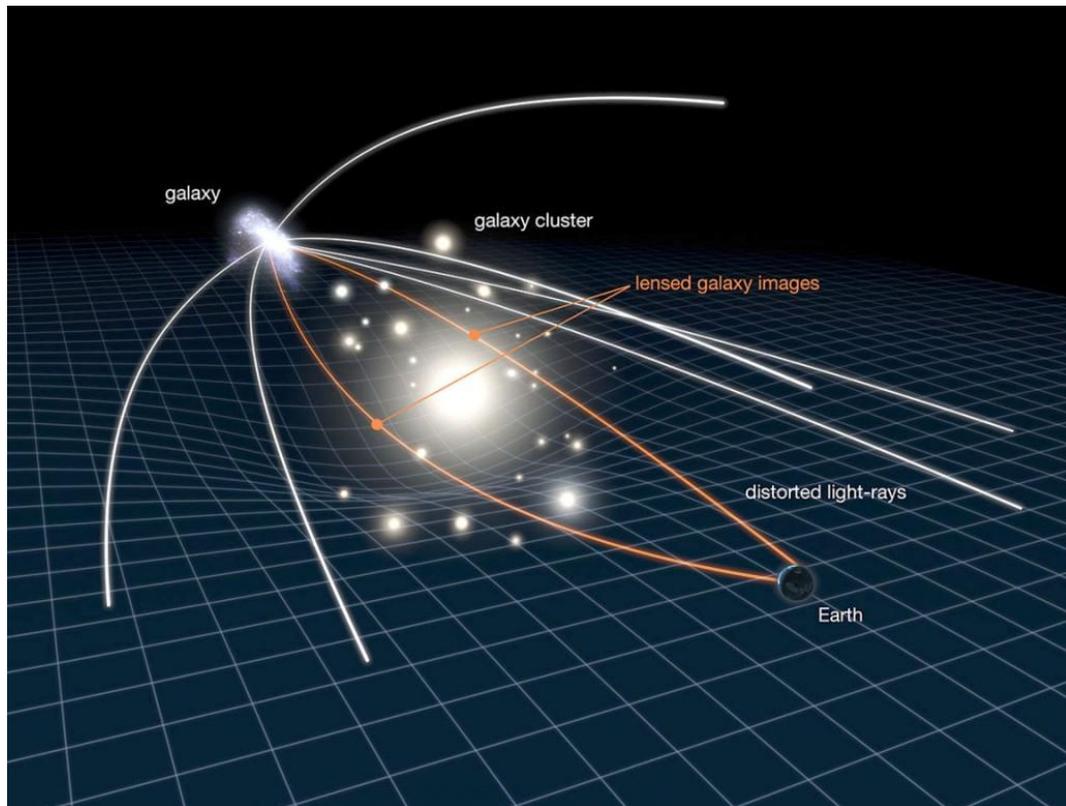
- Largest gravitationally bound objects in the Universe
- Dark matter + X-ray emitting gas (ICM) + tens to hundreds of galaxies
- Mass budget : 85% of dark matter + 15% of gas + 5% of stars (Gonzalez et al. 2007)
- Perfect laboratories to study dark matter



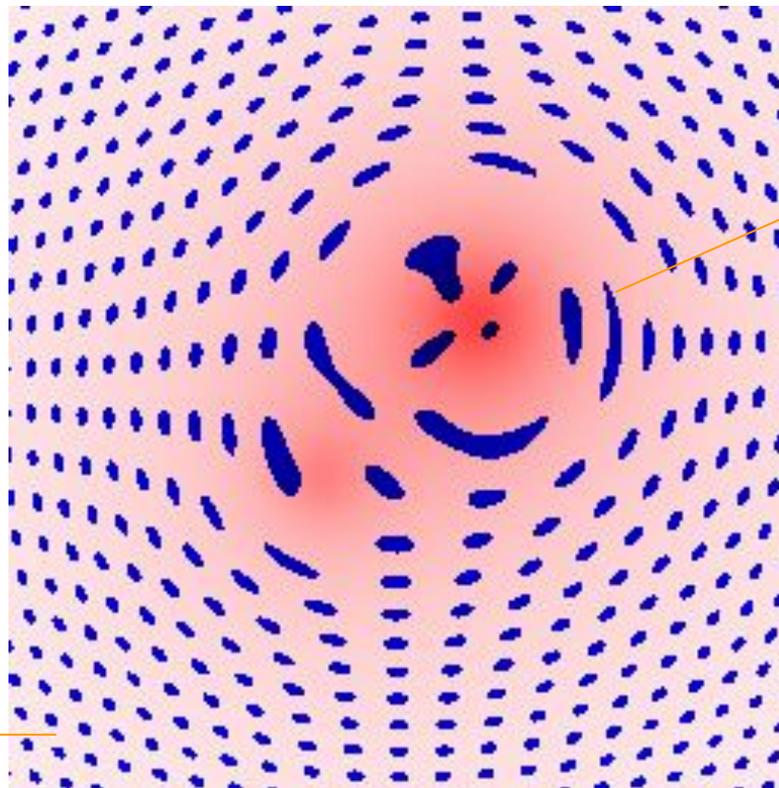
Abell 383 : X-ray + optical (Credit : Chandra, NASA)

# Gravitational lensing

- Deflection of light due to the distortion of space-time by an intervening mass concentration (called lens)
- Distorted, magnified and sometimes multiple images of background source (Kneib and Natarajan, 2011)



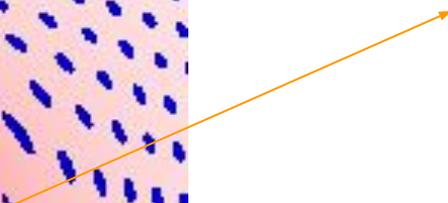
# Gravitational lensing



Weak lensing

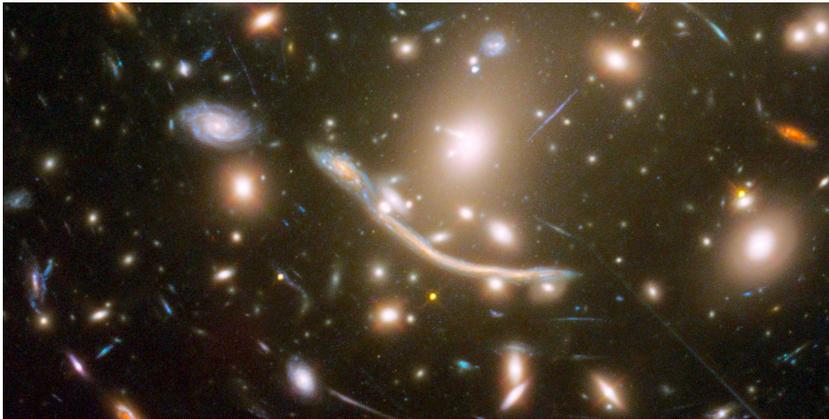


Strong lensing



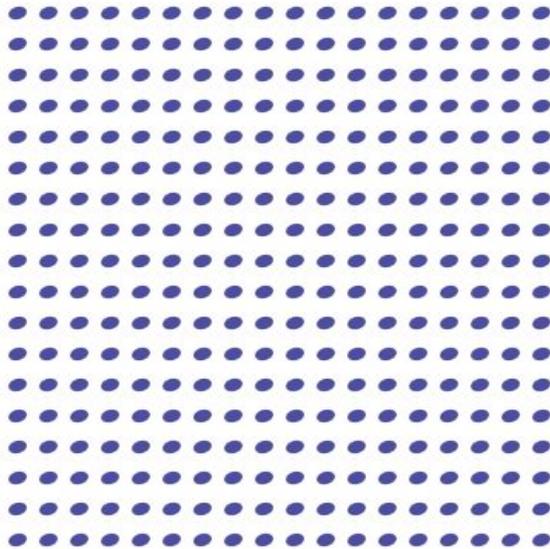
# Gravitational lensing : Strong lensing

- High density region
- Large distortions
- Magnified giant arcs, multiple images

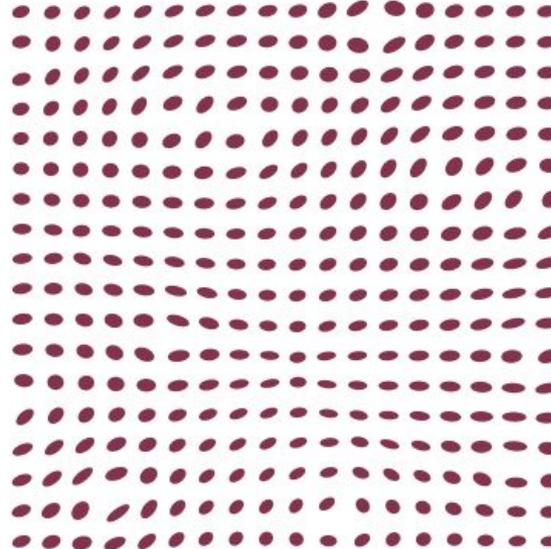


# Gravitational lensing : Weak lensing

- Low density region
- Minor distortions (shear) : Quantified statistically



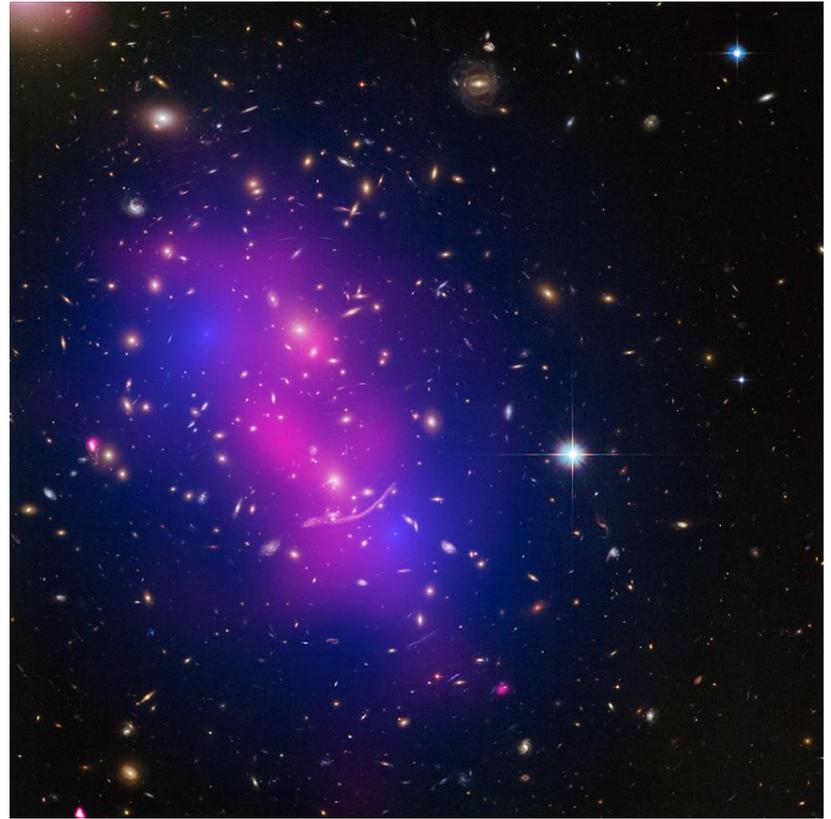
Unlensed sources



Weak lensing

# Clusters as gravitational lenses

- Most powerful lenses
- Highly distorts space-time
- Clusters + lensing
  - **Map dark matter distribution** in clusters
  - Study background sources
  - Understanding geometry of the Universe



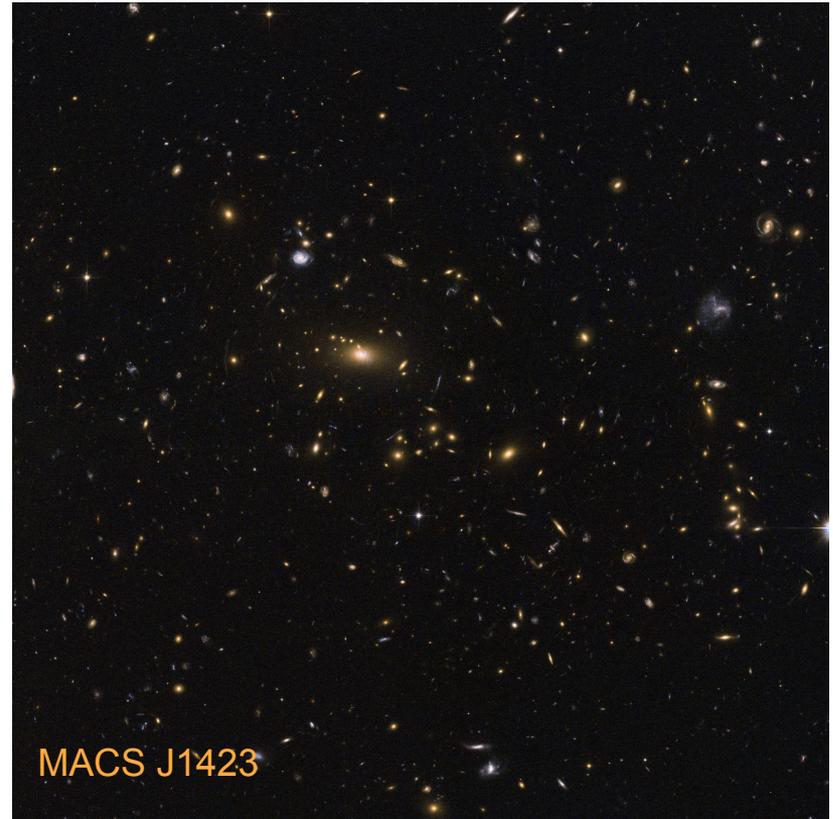
Abell 370 : X-rays + optical + lensing map  
(Credit : Chandra, NASA)

# The MASSive Cluster Survey (MACS)

- 124 X-ray luminous clusters
- $0.3 < z < 0.7$

## MACS J1423.8+2404 (MACS J1423)

- Massive, relaxed cluster
- $z = 0.54$
- ~7 Gyr after the Big Bang

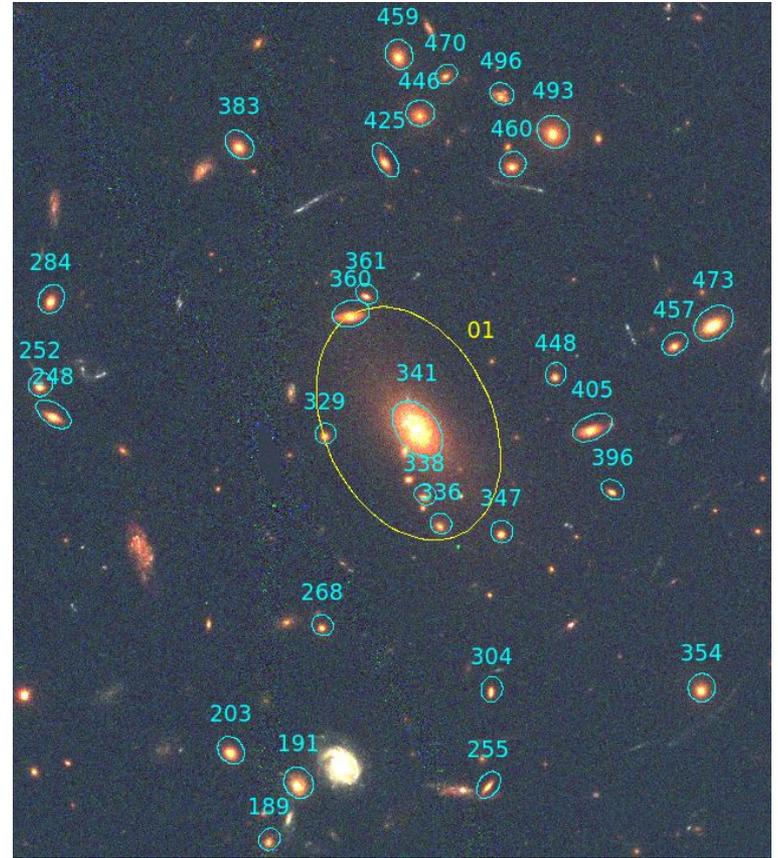


# Mass modelling : Strong lensing

Parametric mass distribution with two mass components

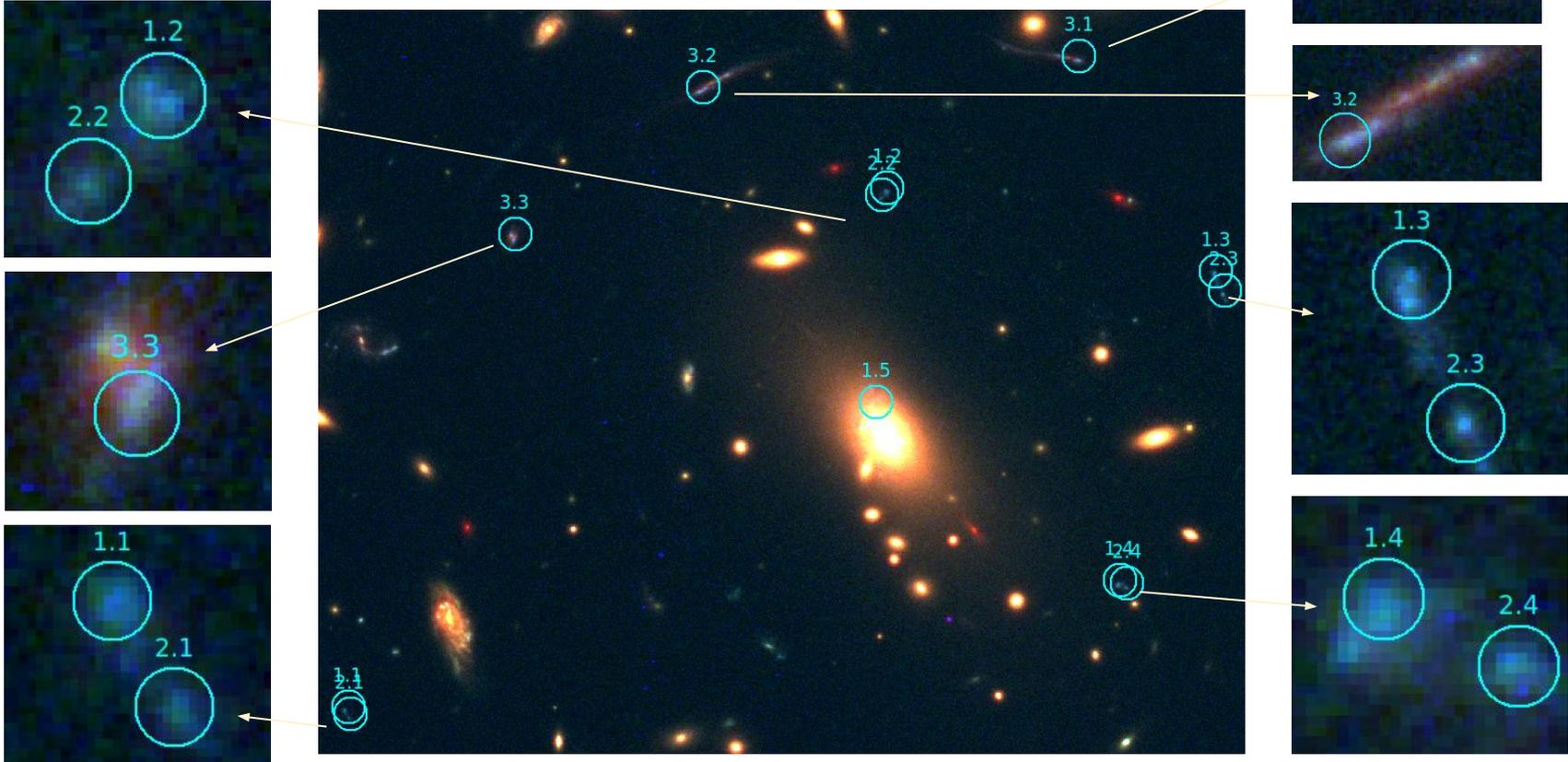
- **large-scale**
  - cluster dark matter halo
- **small-scale**
  - cluster galaxies

Density profile : dual Pseudo Isothermal  
Elliptical (dPIE) Mass Distribution



Large-scale (yellow) & small-scale (cyan)  
potentials

# Mass modelling : Strong lensing

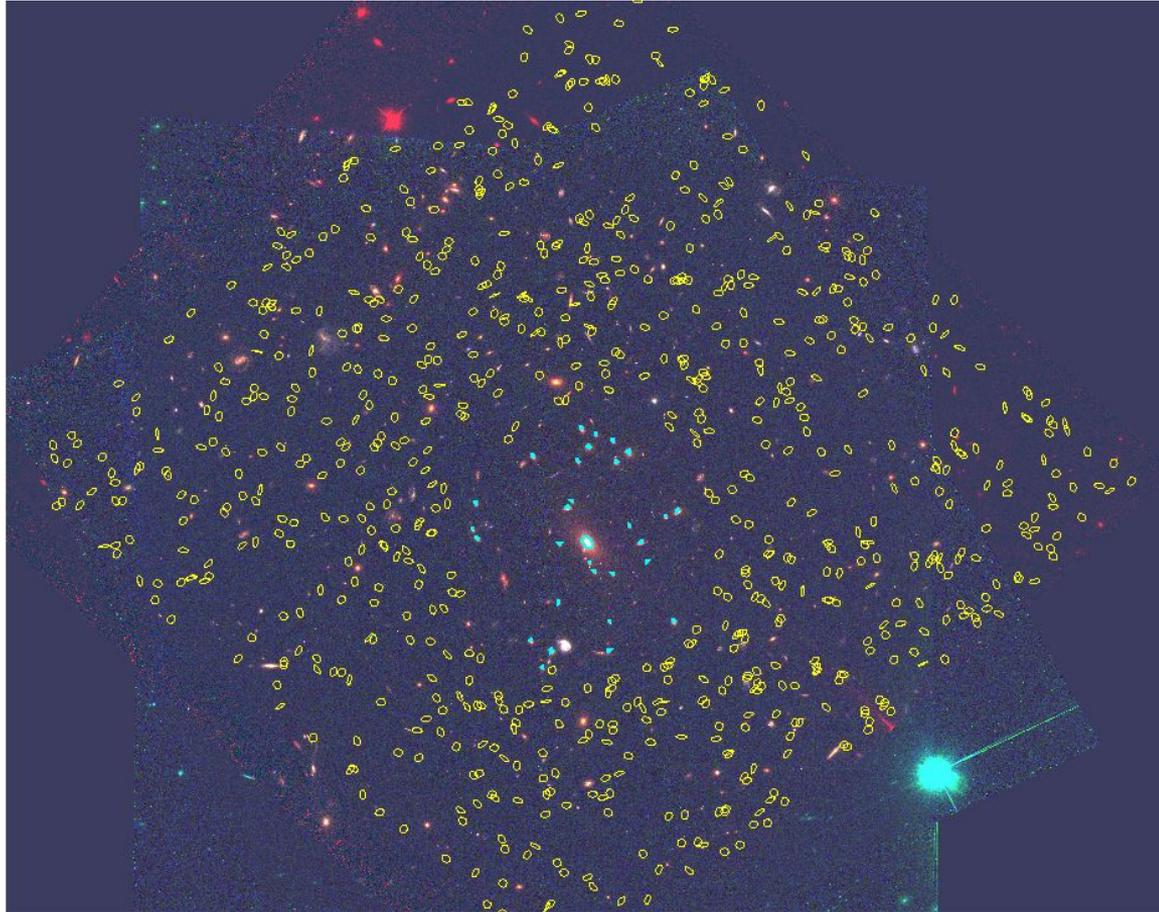


# Mass modelling : Strong lensing

The LENSTOOL software (Jullo et al. 2007; publicly available) is used to model the mass distribution.

- Mass within 65 arcsec :
  - LENSTOOL :  $M [ < 65'' (415 \text{ kpc}) ] = (4.15 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$
  - Limousin et al. 2010 (L10) :  $M [ < 65'' (415 \text{ kpc}) ] = (4.3 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$
- Mass enclosed for source redshift of  $z \sim 2$  at an effective Einstein radius of 20''
  - LENSTOOL :  $M = (0.97 \pm 0.006) \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$
  - Zitrin et al. 2011 (Z11) :  $M = (1.3 \pm 0.40) \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$
- Mass measurement from LENSTOOL and Z11 accounts for strong lensing only while L10 is a combination of strong and weak lensing.

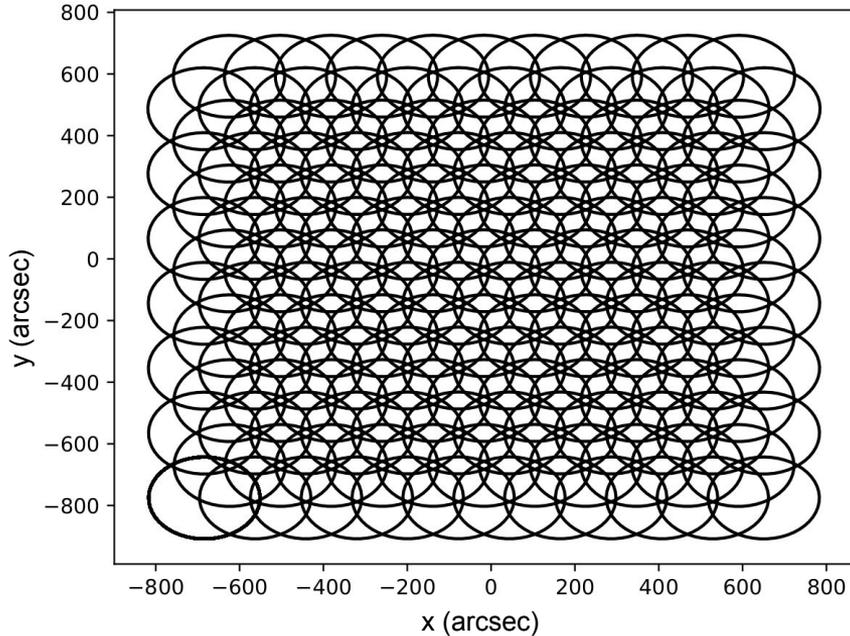
# Mass modelling : strong lensing $\rightarrow$ weak lensing



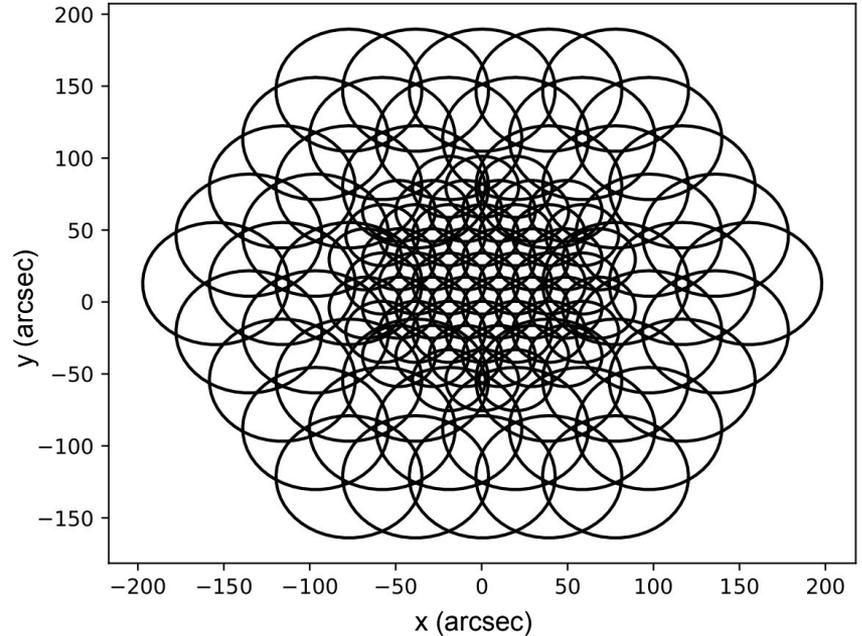
# Mass modelling : Weak lensing

Non-parametric grid

Regular grid

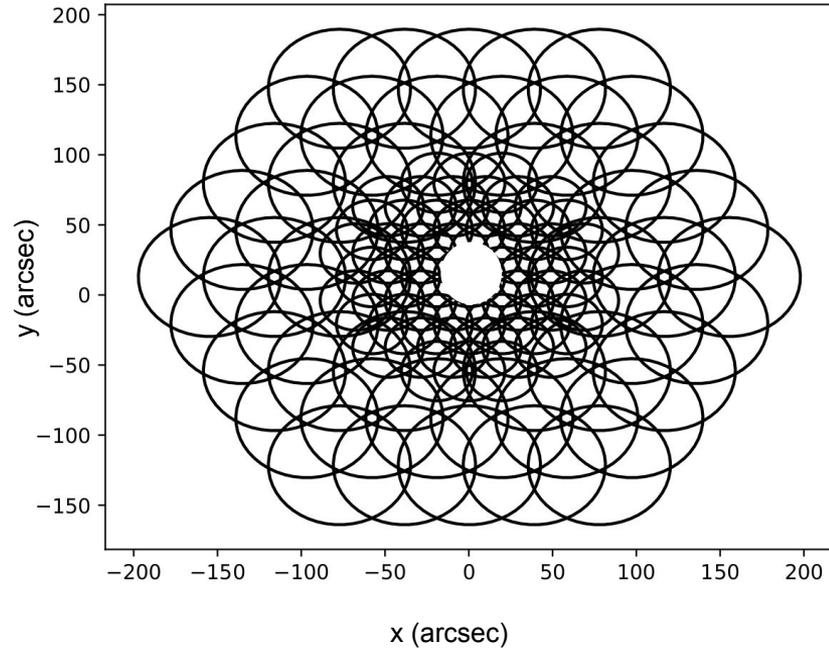


Multiscale Irregular grid



# Mass modelling : Weak lensing

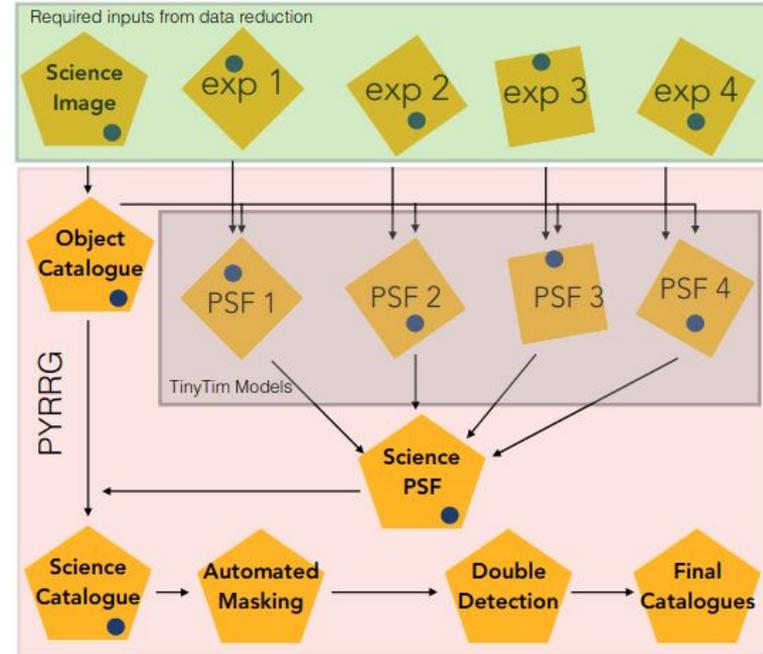
- Grid : weak lensing region
- Density profile
  - Truncated Isothermal Mass Distribution (TIMD)
- Optimization using LENSTOOL
  - Needs constraints



# Mass modelling : Weak lensing

Weak lensing shape measurement : pyRRG

- Detect sources
- Star-Galaxy Classification
- Shape Estimation
- Clean the catalogue



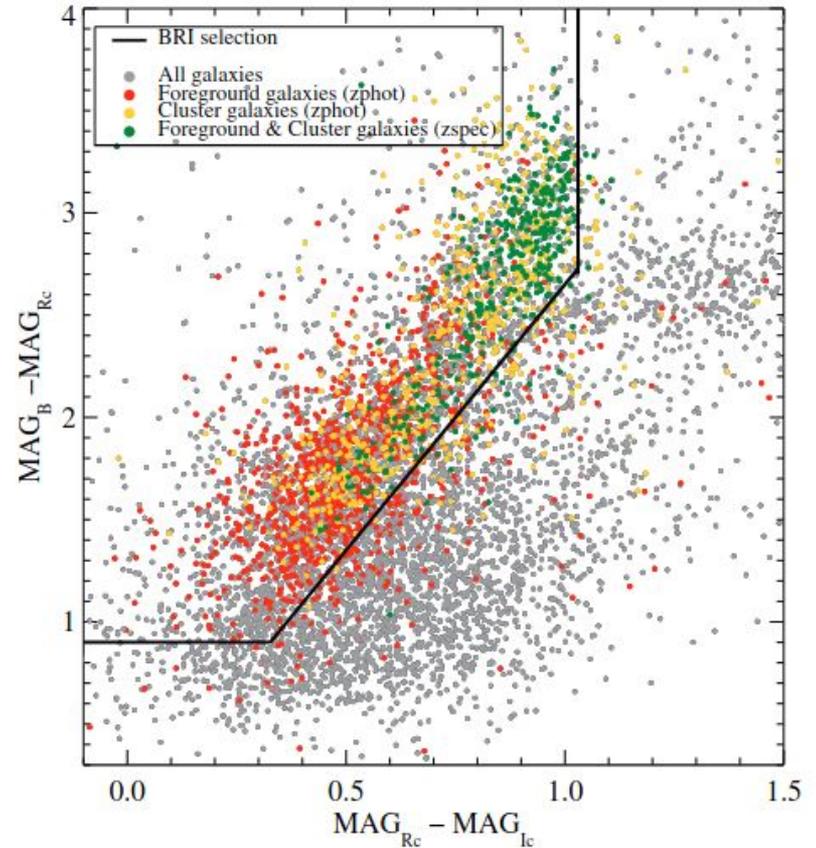
An overview of the pyRRG algorithm.

*Harvey, D et al. 2019*

# Mass modelling : Weak lensing

## Weak lensing Catalogue

- Background galaxies : lensing signal
- Remove
  - Cluster galaxies
  - Foreground galaxies
  - stars

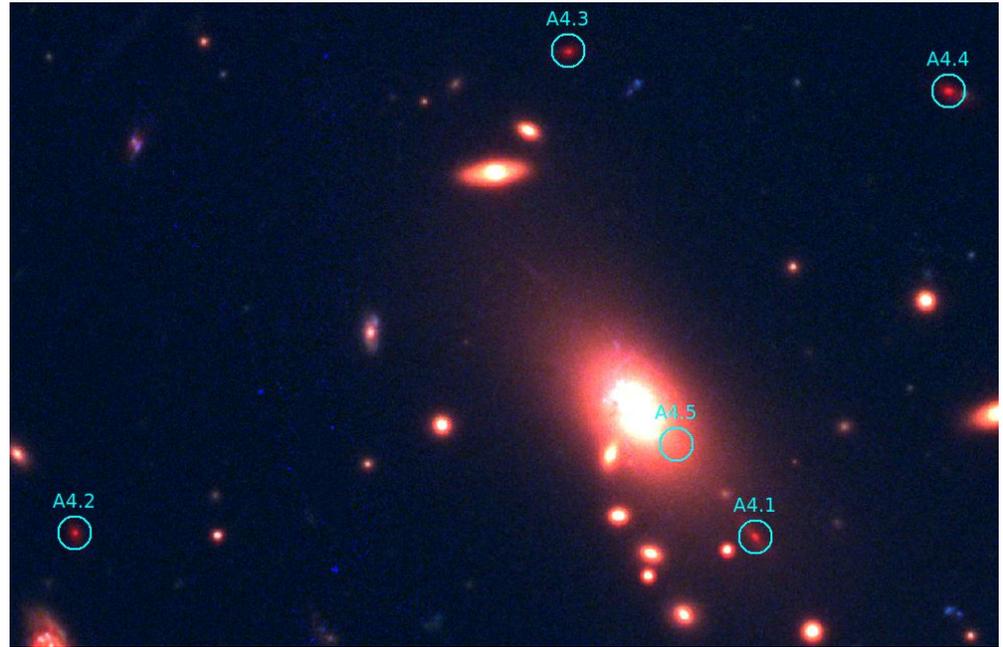


Colour-colour diagram for MACS J0717.

Jauzac, M et al. 2012

# Future Work

- MACS J1423
  - More strong lensing constraints
  - Combine strong & weak lensing



Fourth multiple image system in MACS J1423

# Summary

- Clusters + lensing → natural telescope
  - Study of dark matter
  - Observe distant Universe
  - Cosmology
- Mass distribution in clusters
- Mass modelling of MACS J1423
  - Strong Lensing
  - Weak Lensing



Credit : Hubble, NASA