

## Probing the BLR and the Accretion Disk in Lensed Quasars using Microlensing

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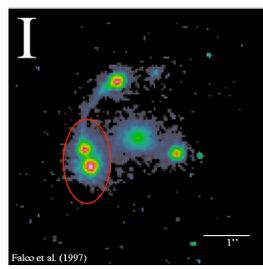
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## Lensed Quasars

- Gravitational lens effect is achromatic
- Images near the caustic should have similar brightness and colors



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## Flux (Color) Variation

$$m_{\text{obs}, i}^{\lambda}(t) = m_{\text{int}}^{\lambda} + (t - \tau_i) - 2.5 \log [\mu_{\lambda}^i(t)] + A_{\lambda}^i$$

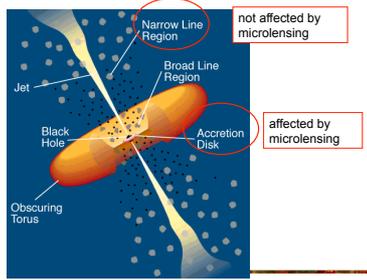
Intrinsic magnitude of the QSO
Magnification of image  $i$  (including microlensing)
Dust extinction at image  $i$

Time delay of image  $i$

months/years of broad-band monitoring

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## Spectroscopy



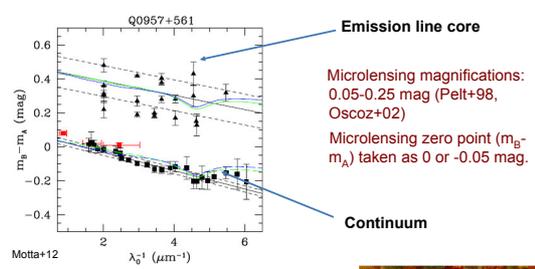
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## Problems and Limitations

- Spectrum Cross-contamination
- Long-slit Losses
- Complex emission line (narrow + broad)
- BEL microlensing
- Lens galaxy continuum contamination
- Time delay

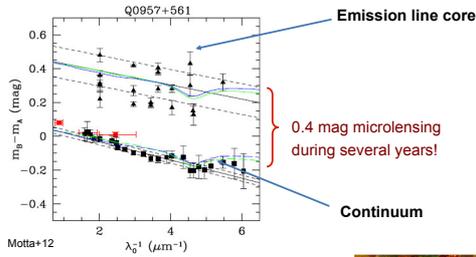
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## Spectroscopy: microlensing



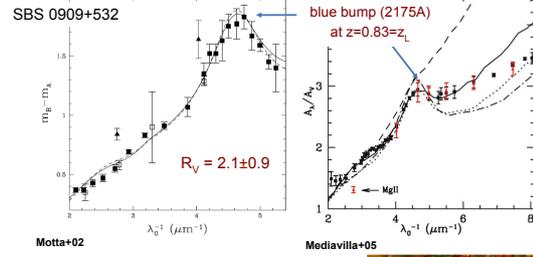
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## Spectroscopy: microlensing



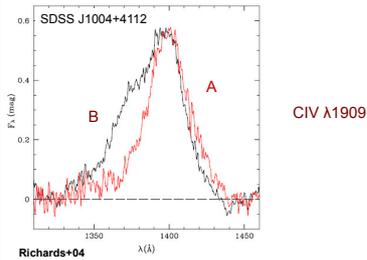
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## Spectroscopy: dust extinction



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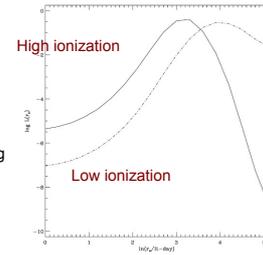
## BLR Microlensing



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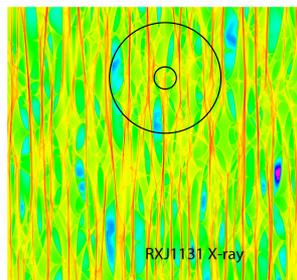
## Size of the BLR

$r_s \propto (M/M_{\text{sun}})^{1/2}$   
 Fraction of mass 5%  
 $M = 1 M_{\text{sun}}$   
 $r_s = 24^{+15}_{-15}$  lt-day (HIL)  
 $r_s = 55^{+150}_{-35}$  lt-day (LIL)  
 Agree with reverberation mapping estimates.



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## Chromatic Microlensing



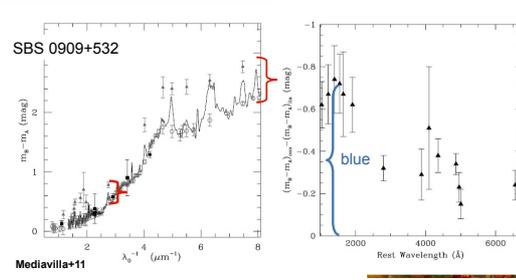
Microlensing magnification depends on the source size

Larger sources have smaller microlensing magnification

Image credit: X. Dai

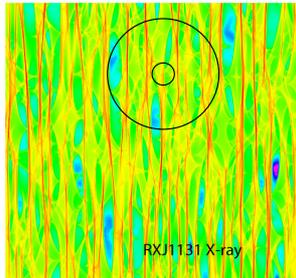
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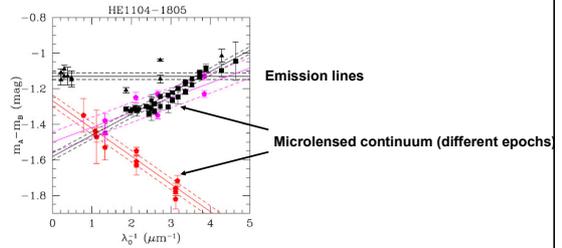
## Size of QSO Accretion Disk



Accretion disk:  $I \propto \exp(-R^2/2r_s^2)$ , radius:  $r_s \propto \lambda^p$   
 $\alpha = 0.1$   
 $M = 1M_{\text{sun}}$

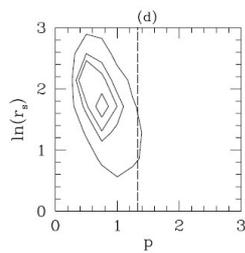
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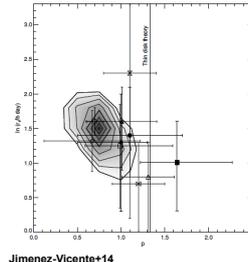
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Logarithmic grid in  $r_s$   
 $r_s = 6^{+2}_{-1}$  lt day  
 $15.5^{+5.2}_{-2.6} \times 10^{15}$  cm  
 $p = 0.7 \pm 0.1$

$r_s = R_{1/2}(\lambda 4311) = 8 \pm 2$  lt-day  
 $(76 \pm 19) \times 10^{17}$  cm

## Average Size of Accretion Disk



## Conclusions

- Spectroscopy provides simultaneous continuum and emission line measurements to distinguish microlensing in the continuum, BEL from dust extinction. It allow us to identify long lasting microlensing events.
- Chromatic microlensing allows to estimate the size of the emitting region and the temperature profile.

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