

Tidal Disruption Events in OGLE and Gaia surveys

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Unbiased OGLE and Gaia hunt for TDEs

OGLE

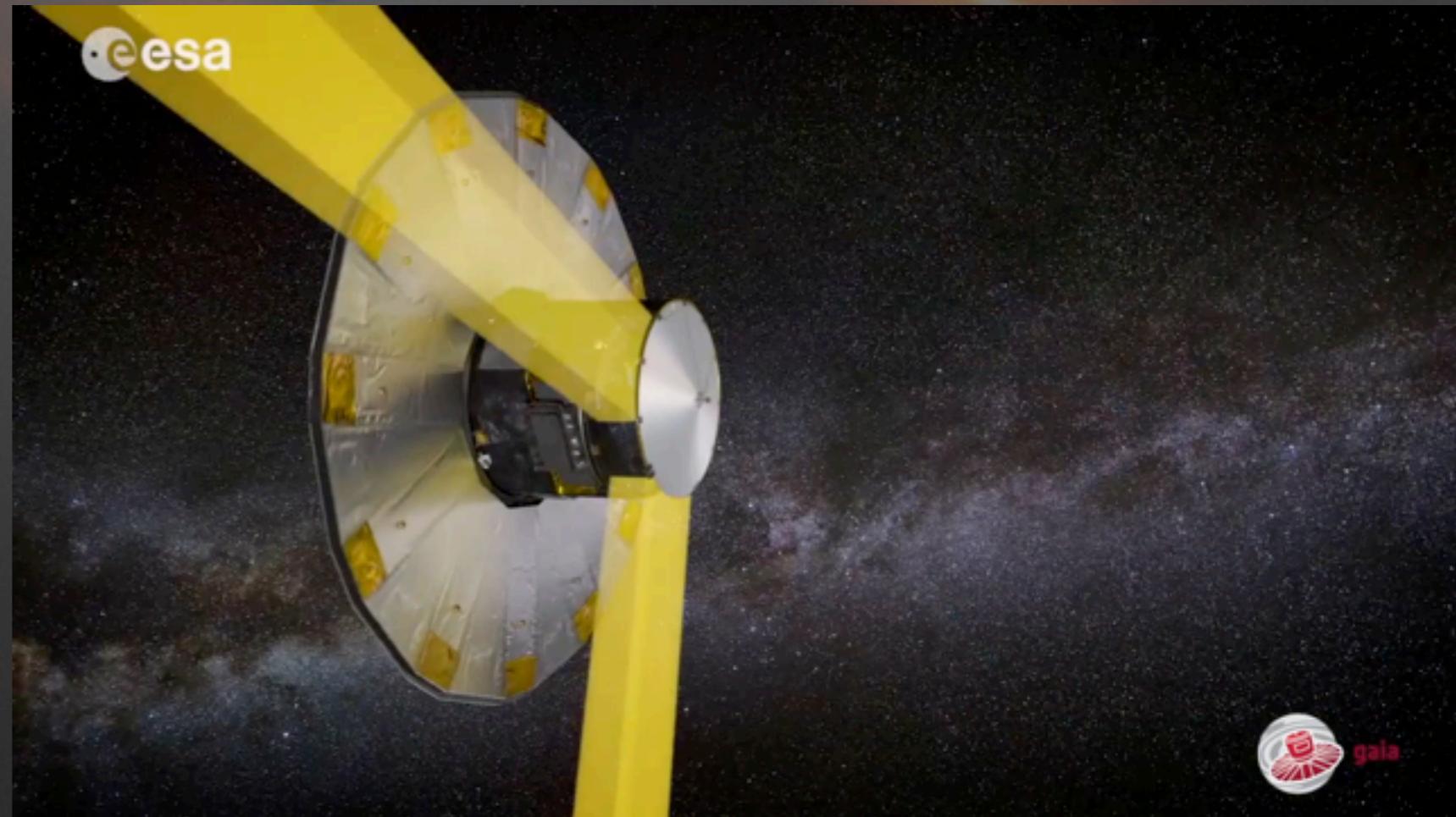
<http://ogle.astrouw.edu.pl>



Polish 1.3m dedicated telescope
in Las Campanas, Chile
Surveying continuously since 1992.

Gaia Science Alerts

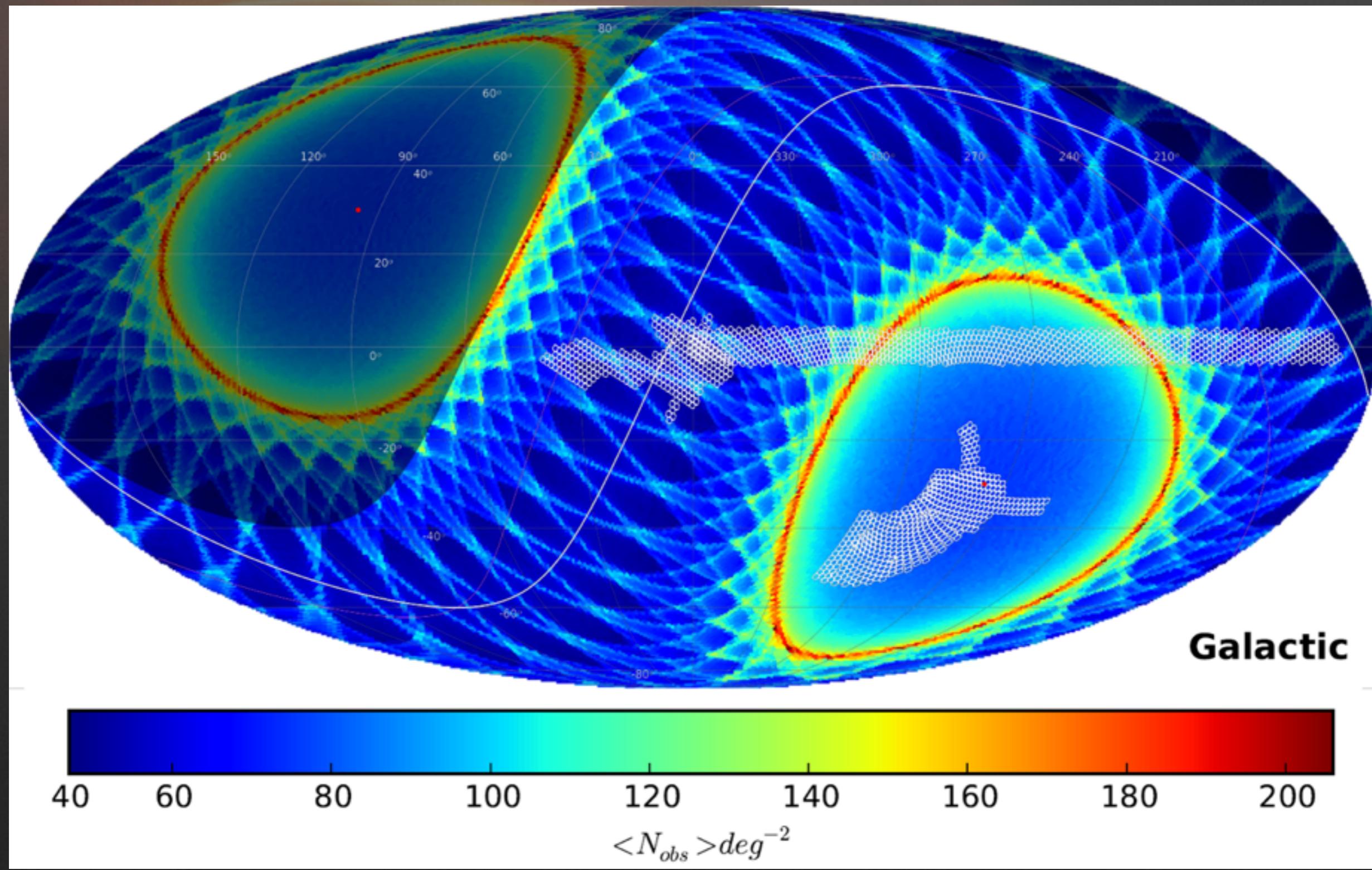
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ESA space mission with 2x1.4m telescopes located in L2.
In operation since 2014.

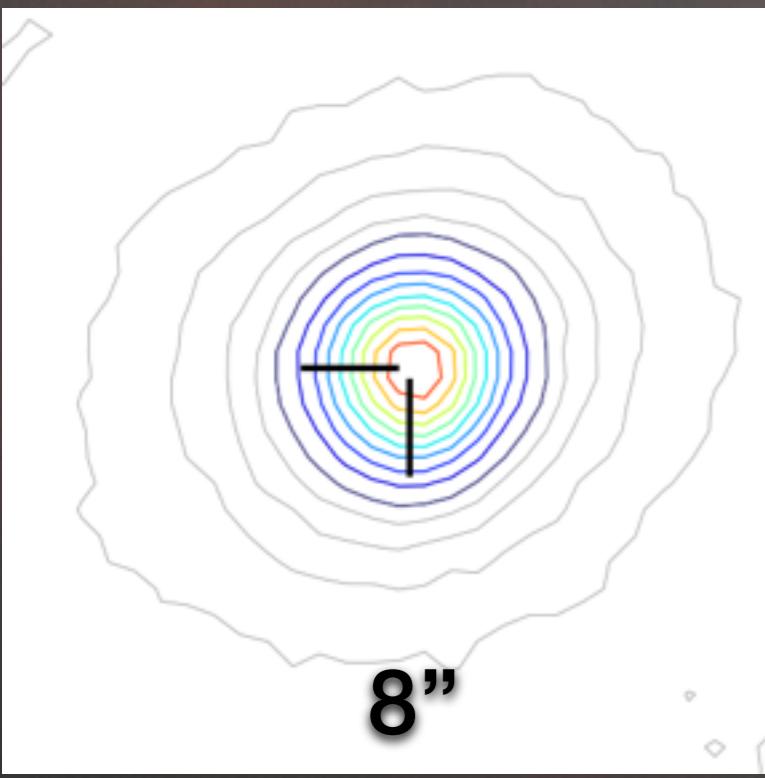
First Gaia Data Release: 14.Sep 2016

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Gaia figure by Nadia Blagorodnova, OGLE fields by Jan Skowron

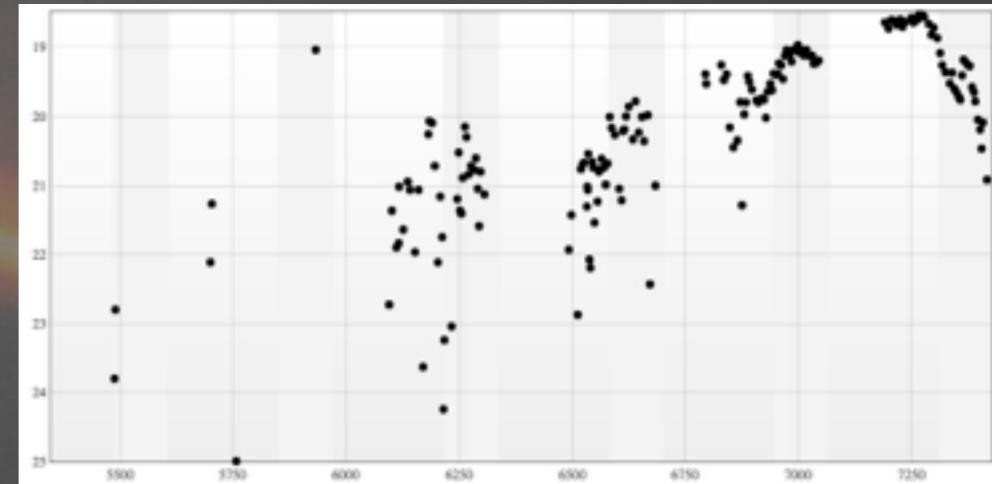
OGLE Nuclear Transients



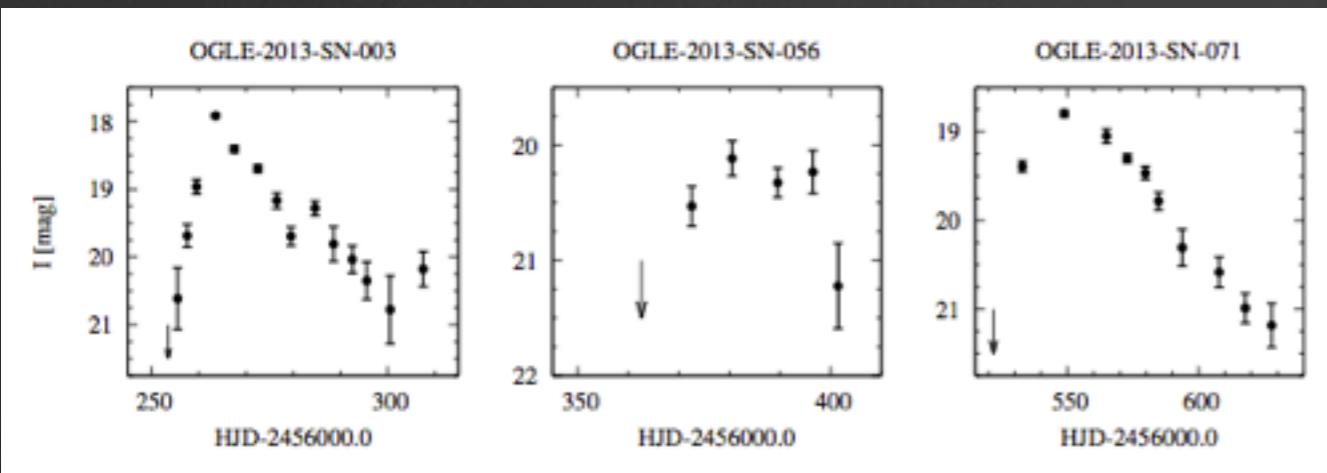
Real-time
and archive search.
[http://ogle.astroww.edu.pl/ogle4/
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Difference Imaging
data for 6 million
centres of galaxies.

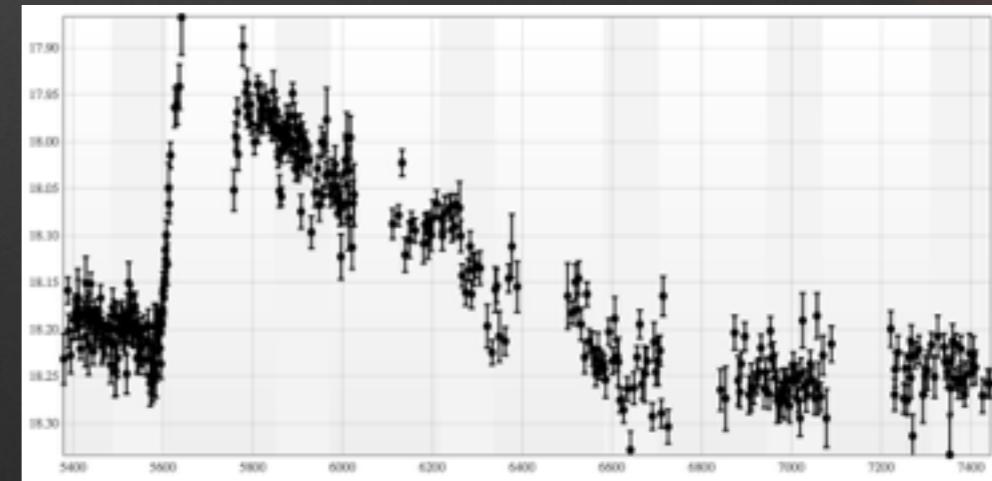
Astrometric accuracy
130mas



Example AGN light curve
6 years of photometry

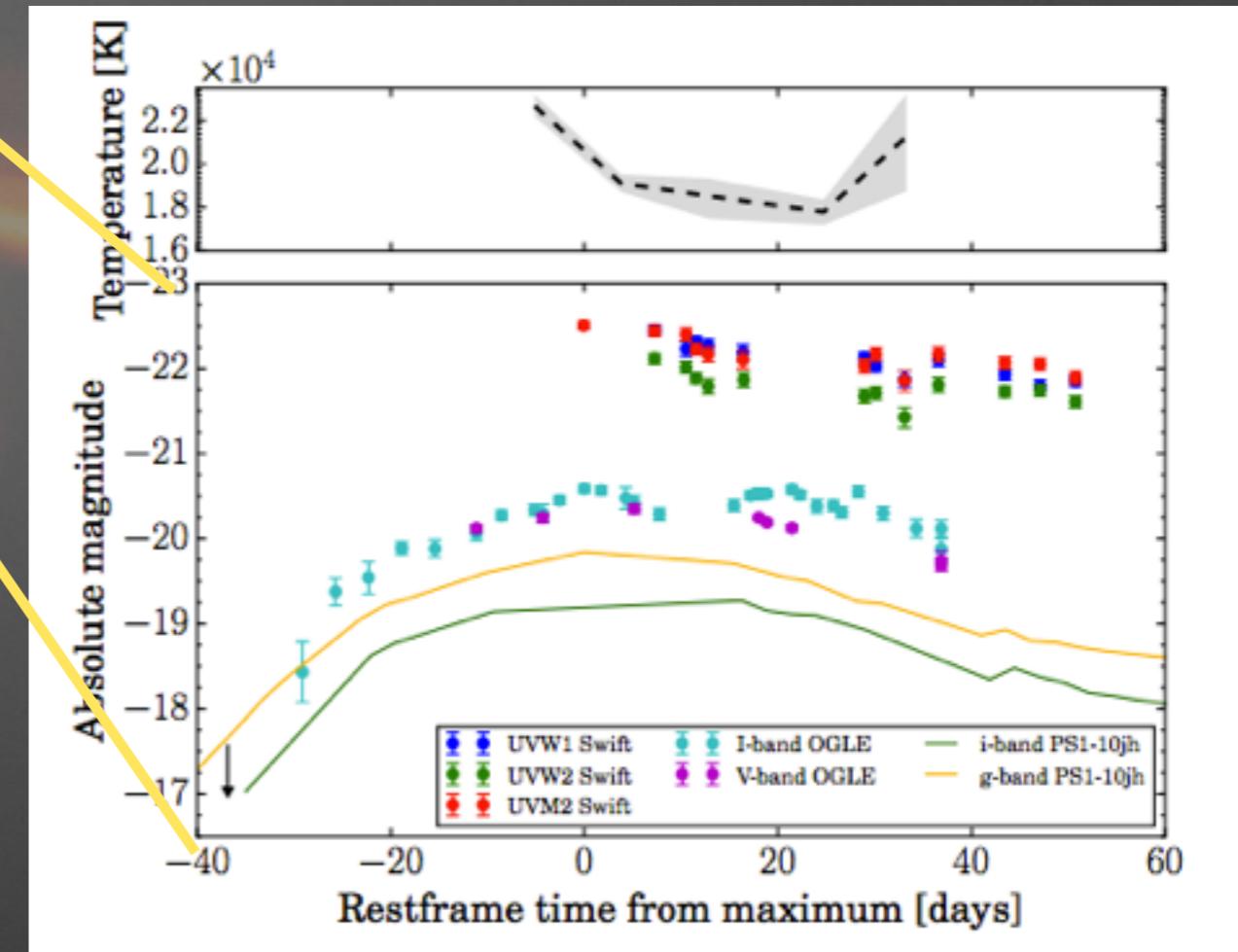
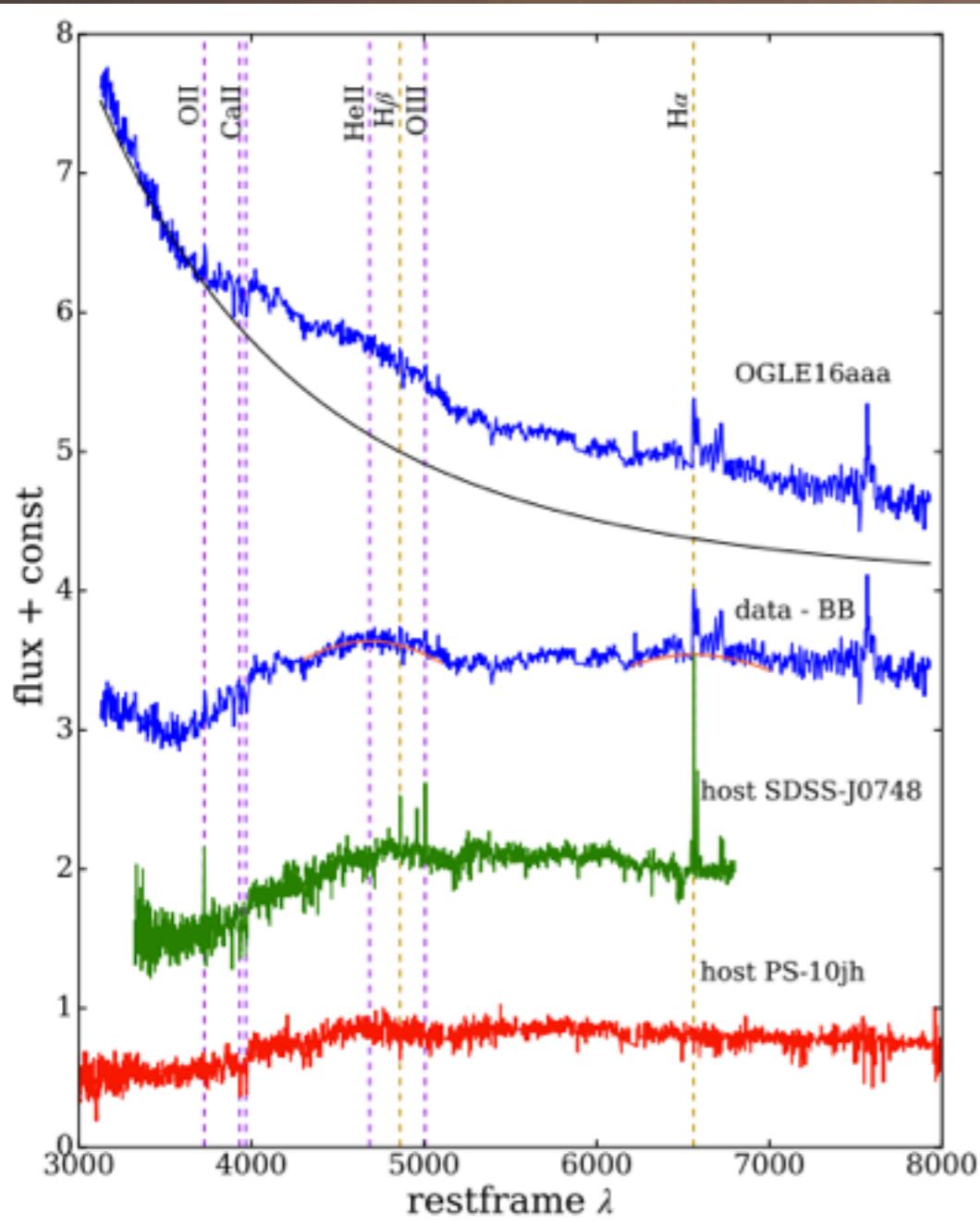
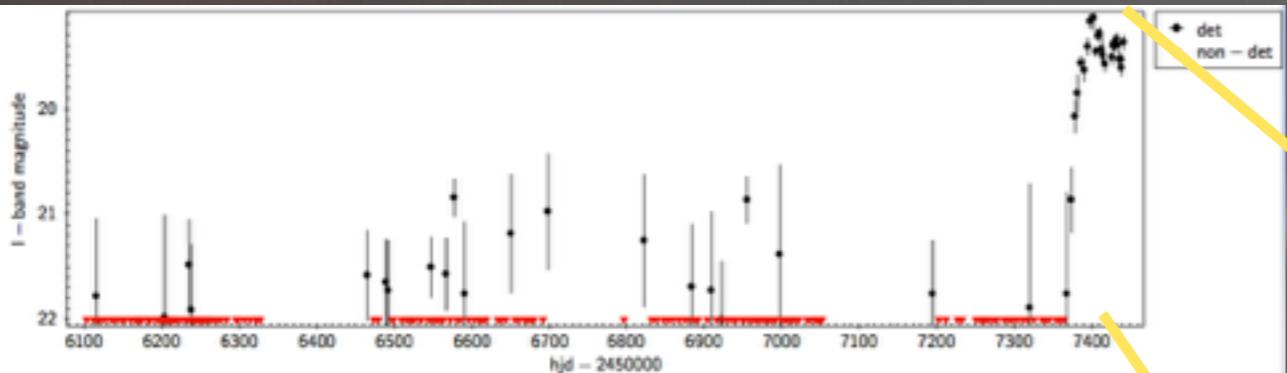


mysterious short nuclear transients:
- TDEs of low mass stars?
- low mass black-holes?



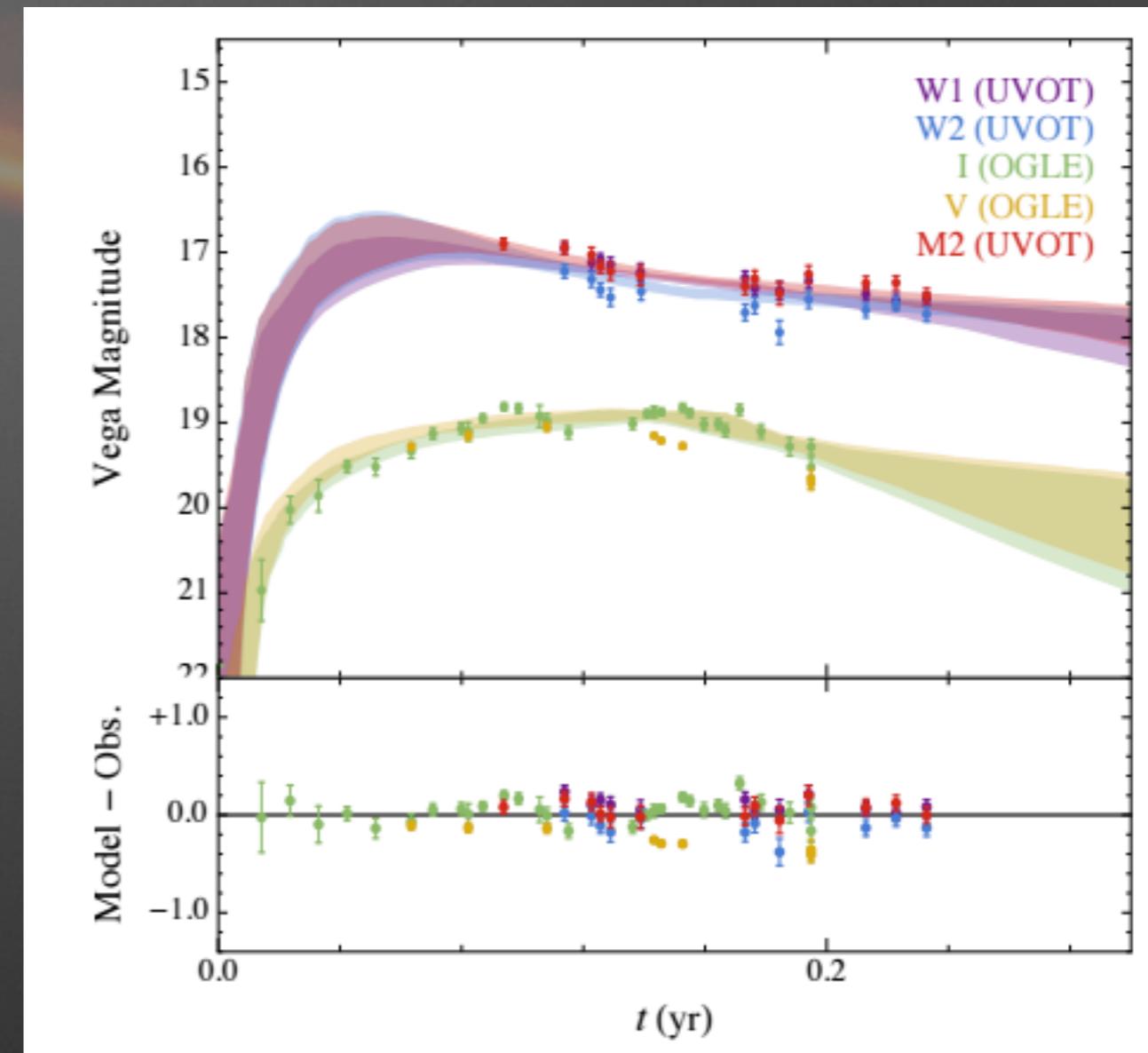
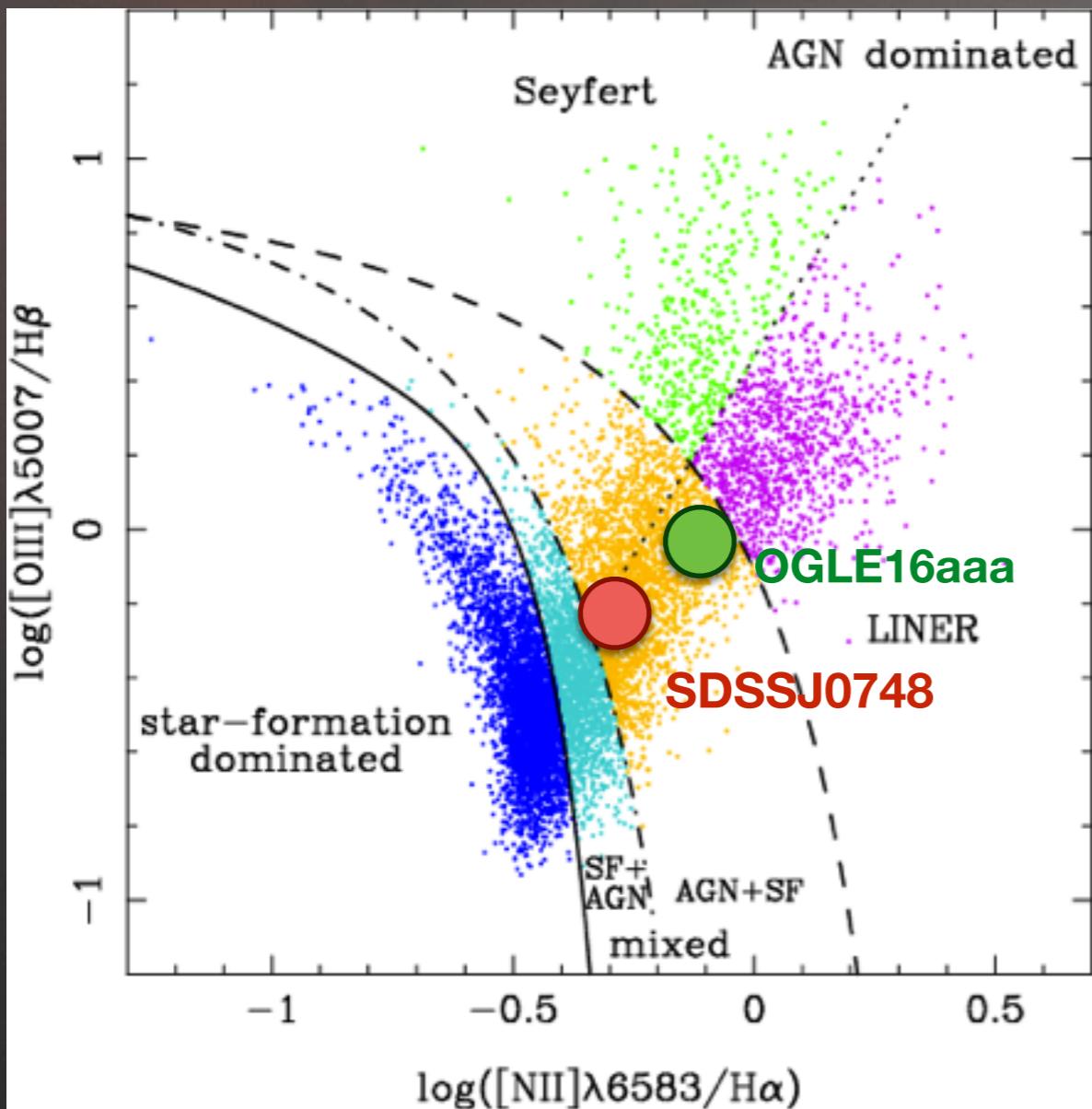
Candidate TDE
4 years long nuclear flare

OGLE16aaa - Hungry SMBH



- $z=0.167$, peak absolute mag $M=-20.5$
- slowly rising I-band light curve (~ 30 d)
- very broad HeII and H α emission
- hot black-body flare spectrum: 22,000K
- host shows weak narrow AGN lines
(not E+A)
- no photometric activity in 3.5 yrs prior to the flare
- possible variability?

OGLE16aaa - Hungry SMBH



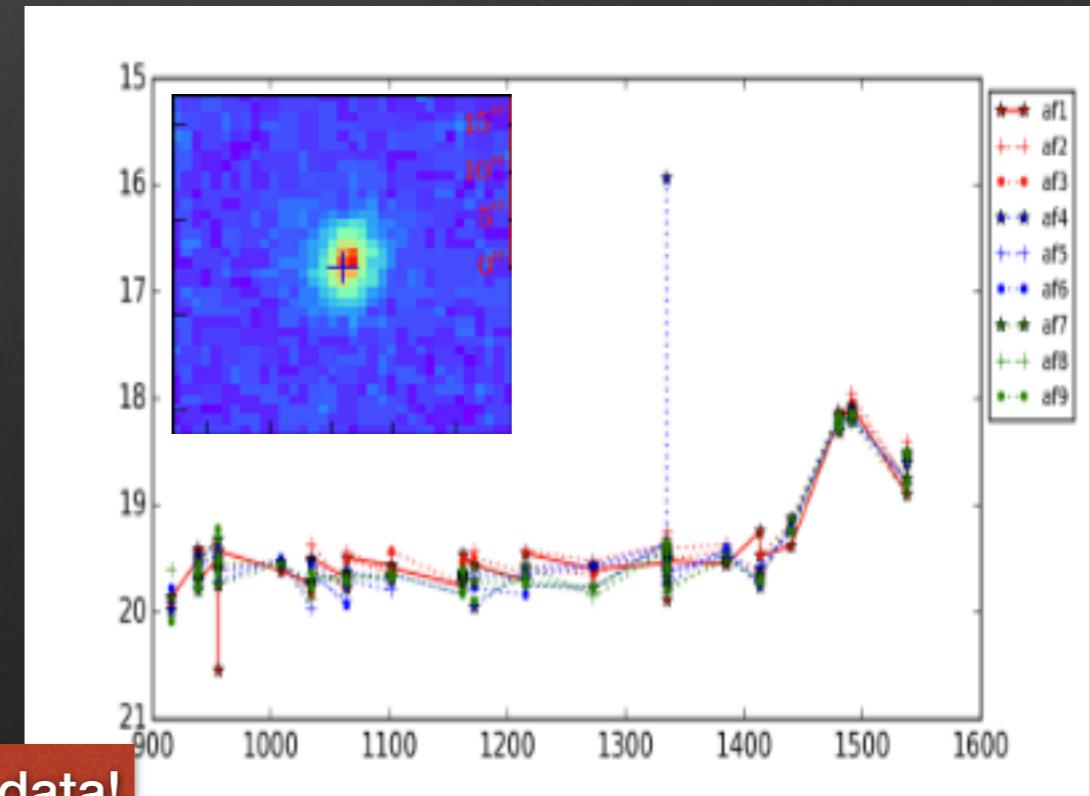
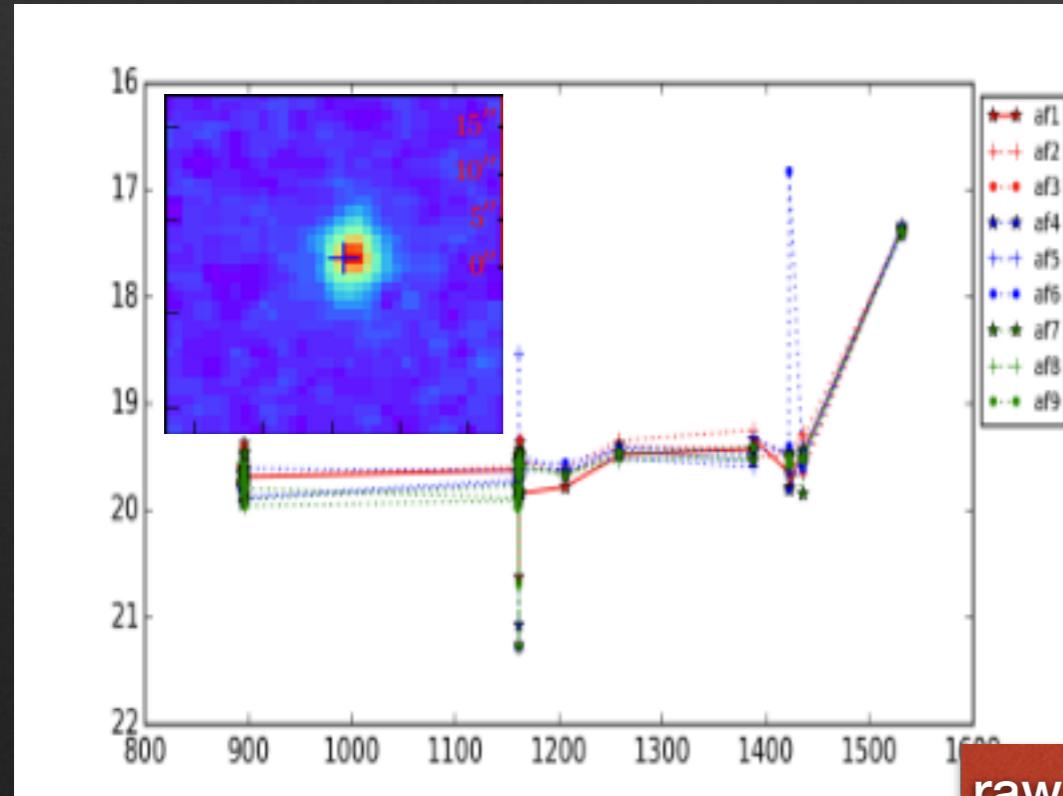
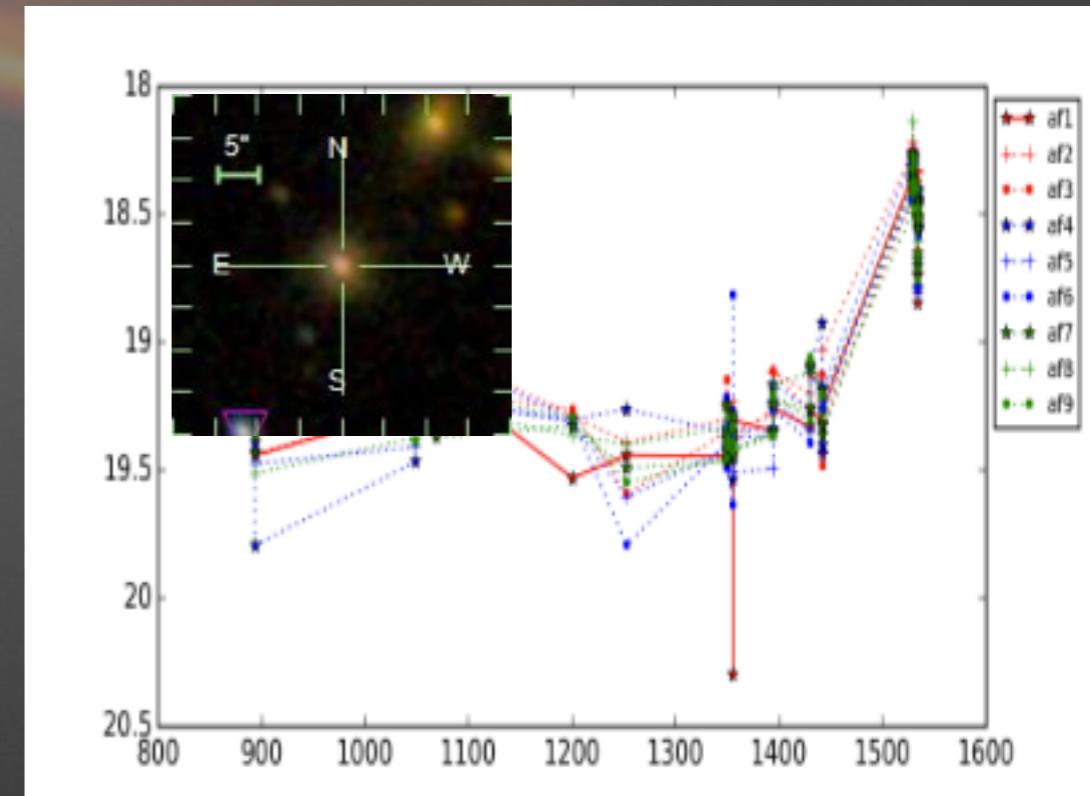
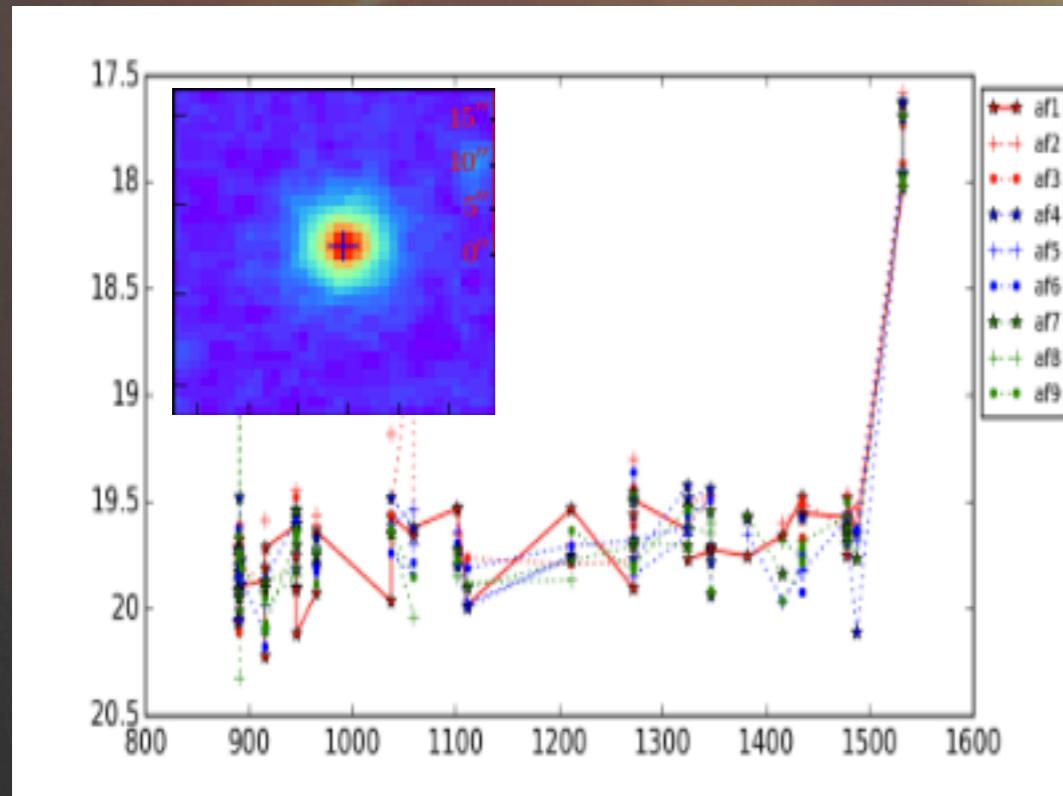
SMBH: $10^{6.5}$ MSun, star: 0.3 MSun

TDE in a weakly active SMBH?
left-overs from previous TDE?

Bias in optical-TDEs selection?

Nuclear transients in Gaia

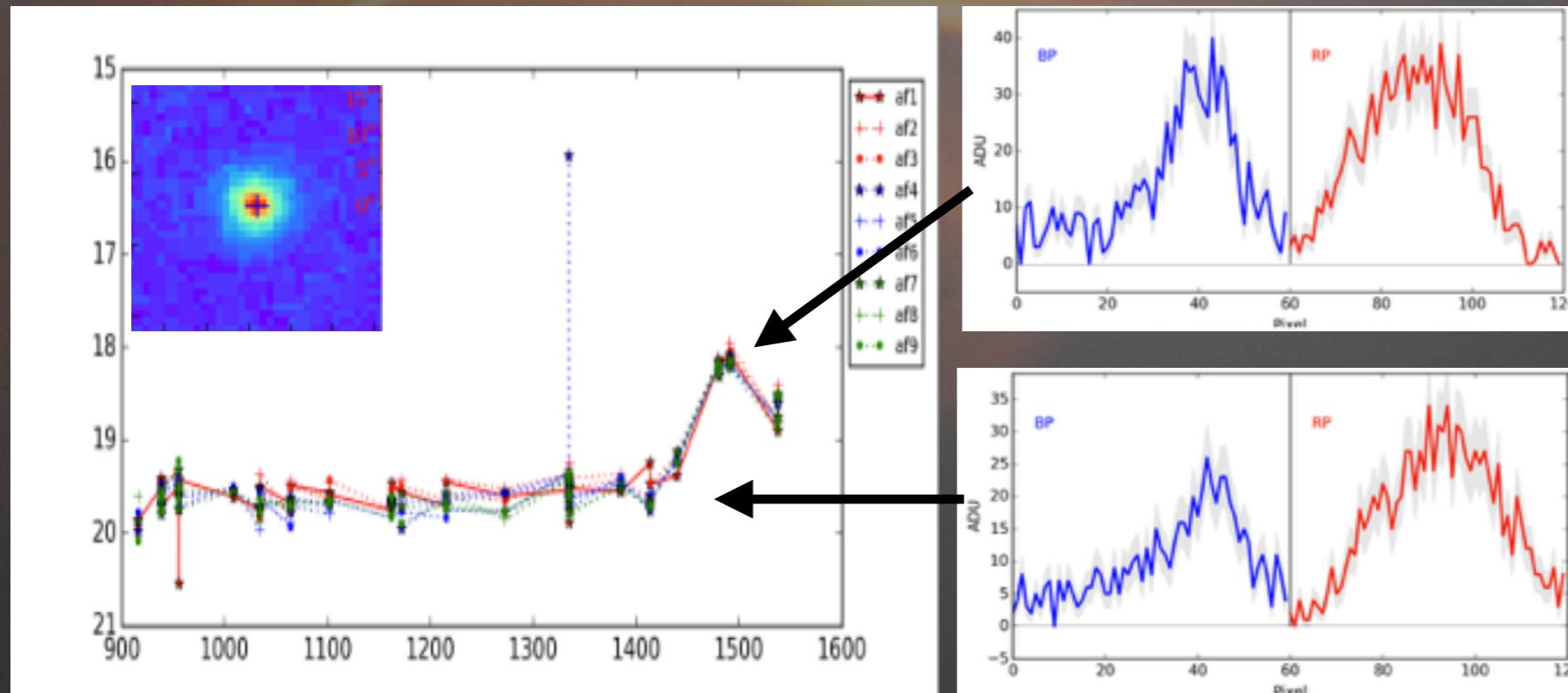
Gaia's advantage: superb astrometry



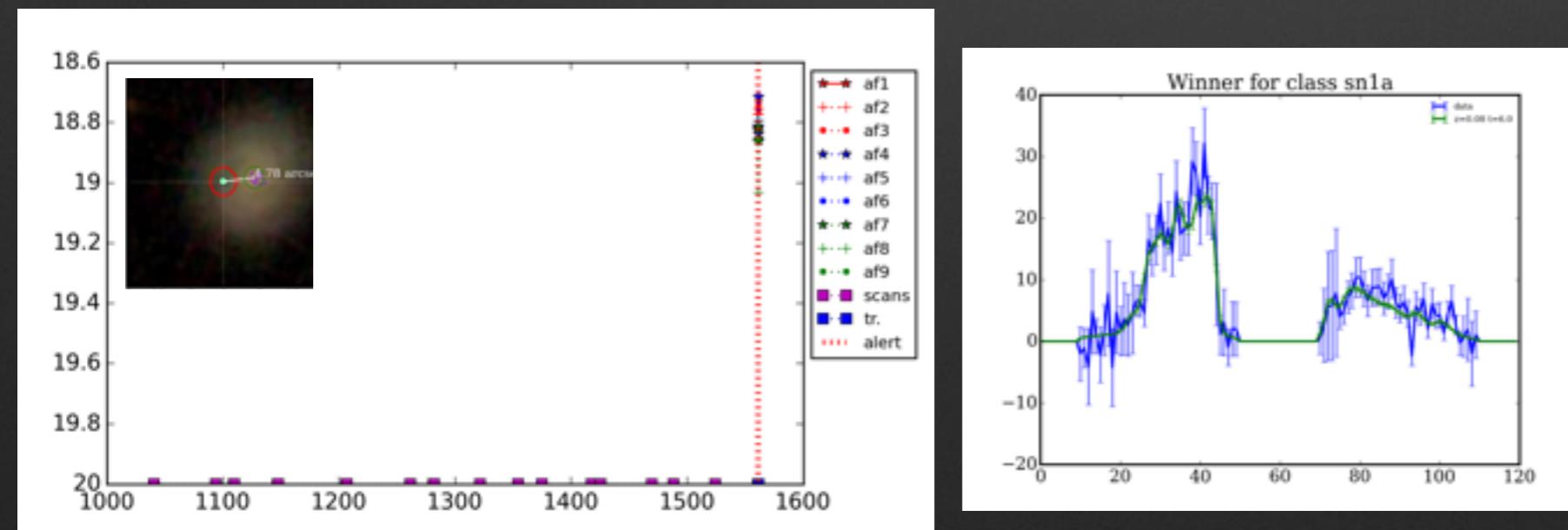
raw public Gaia data!

Nuclear transients in Gaia

Gaia's advantage: instantaneous low-res spectra



even raw BPRP spectra
indicate the detected
flare is blue

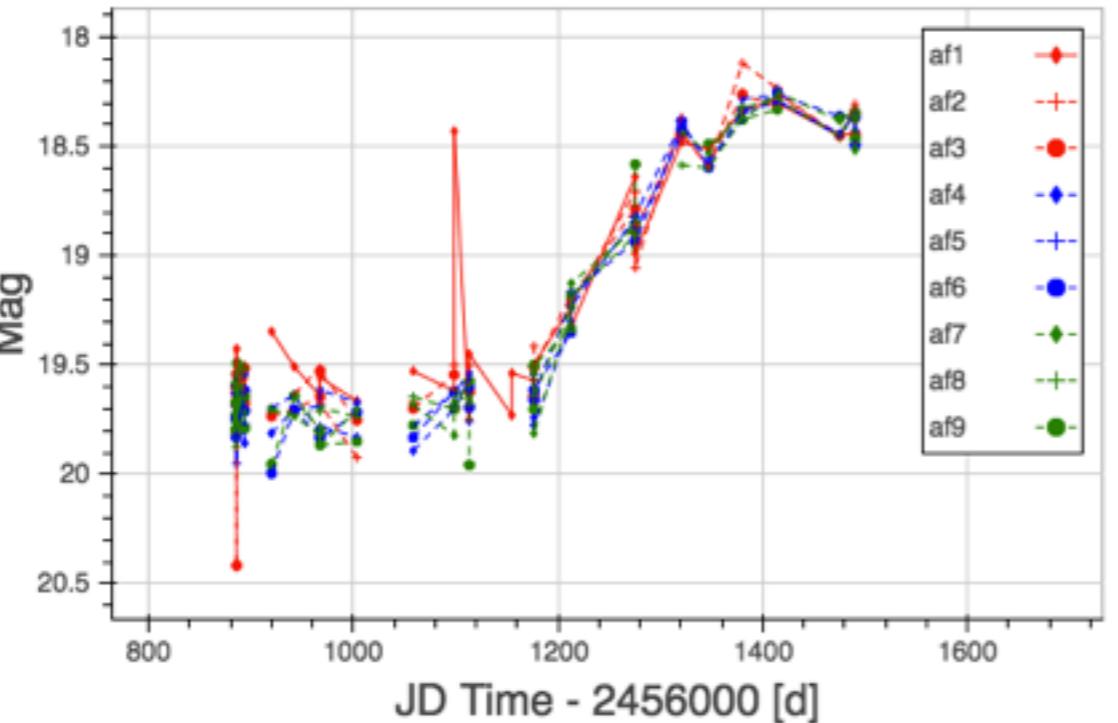


single BPRP spectra
at <19mag can recognise
SN Ia from other types

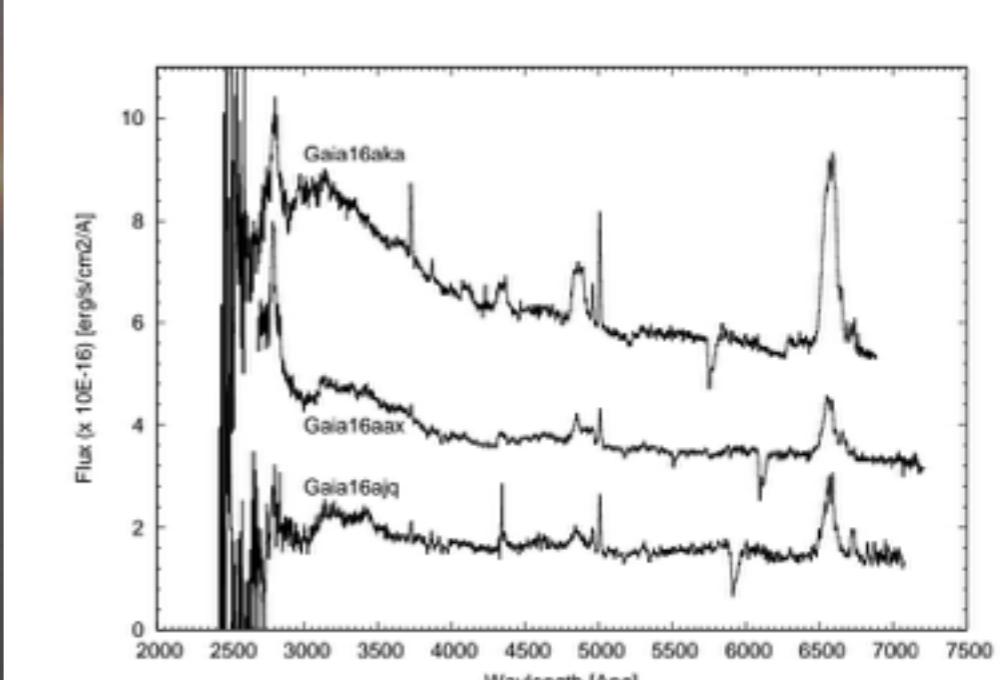
Gaia16aax

Changing-Look QSO or Stripping (Partial) TDE

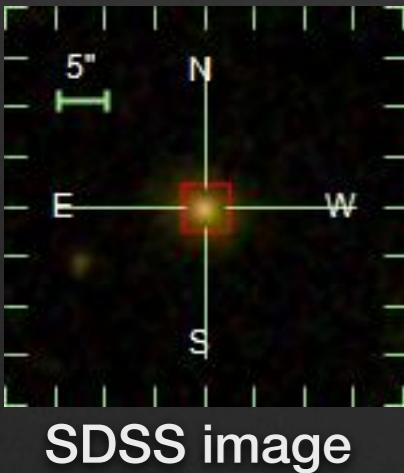
with: P.Hewett, J.Pringle, P.Jonker, M.Fraser



Gaia alert light curve



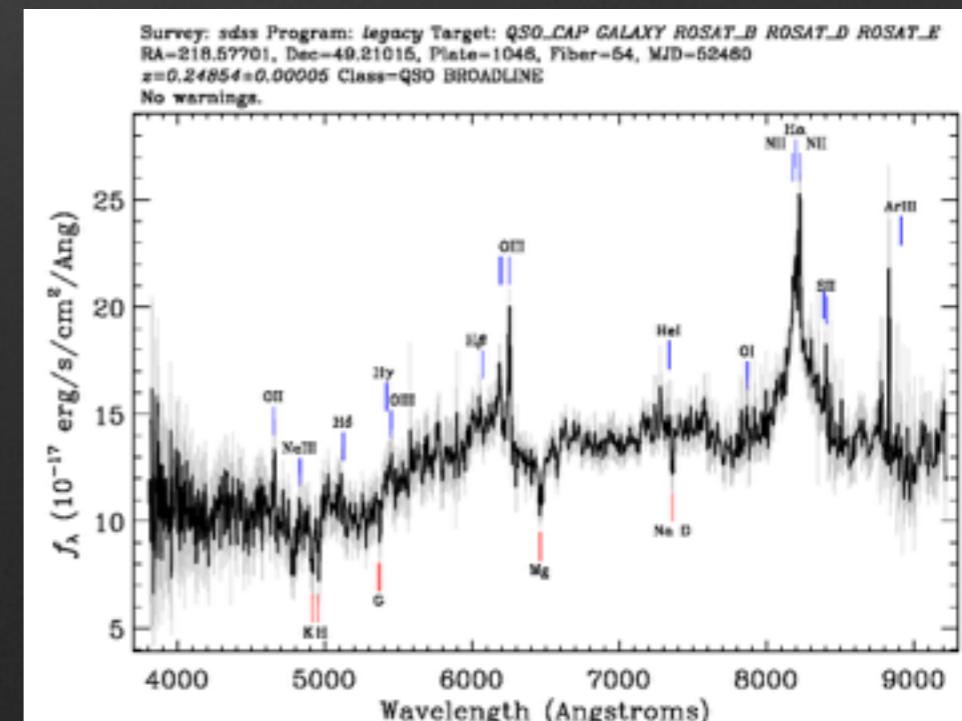
NUTS@NOT (Feb 2016)



Light curve and spectra
consistent with $A_V=1\text{mag}$
change in extinction (hole in
the dust?) but the time-scale
way too short!

*Follow-up: Gaia
NOT, WHT (spec+grizJHK)
XMM*

work in progress

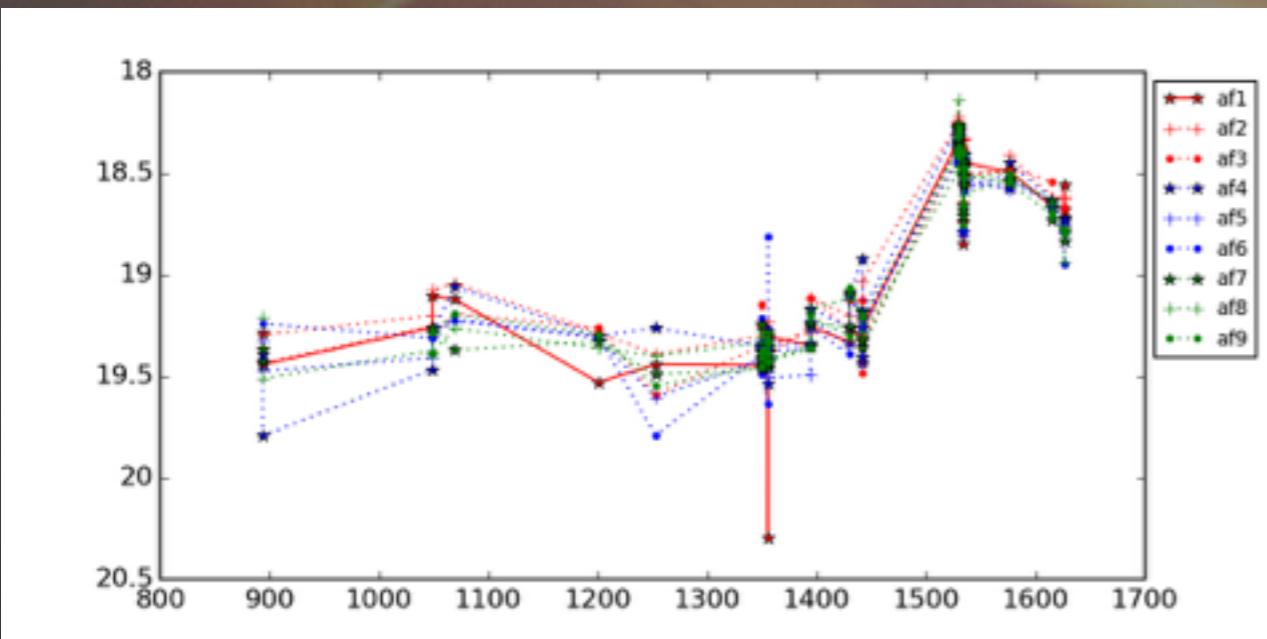


Archival (low-state) SDSS spectrum

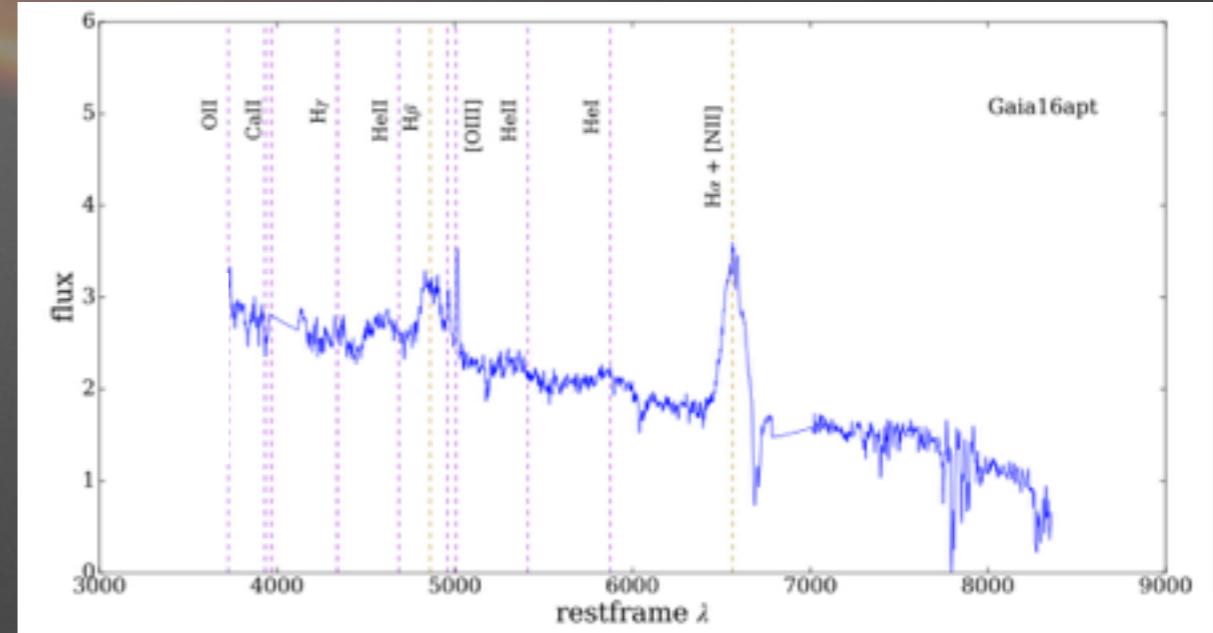
Gaia16apt

TDE? AGN Flare?

with: A.Hamanowicz, N.Britavsky



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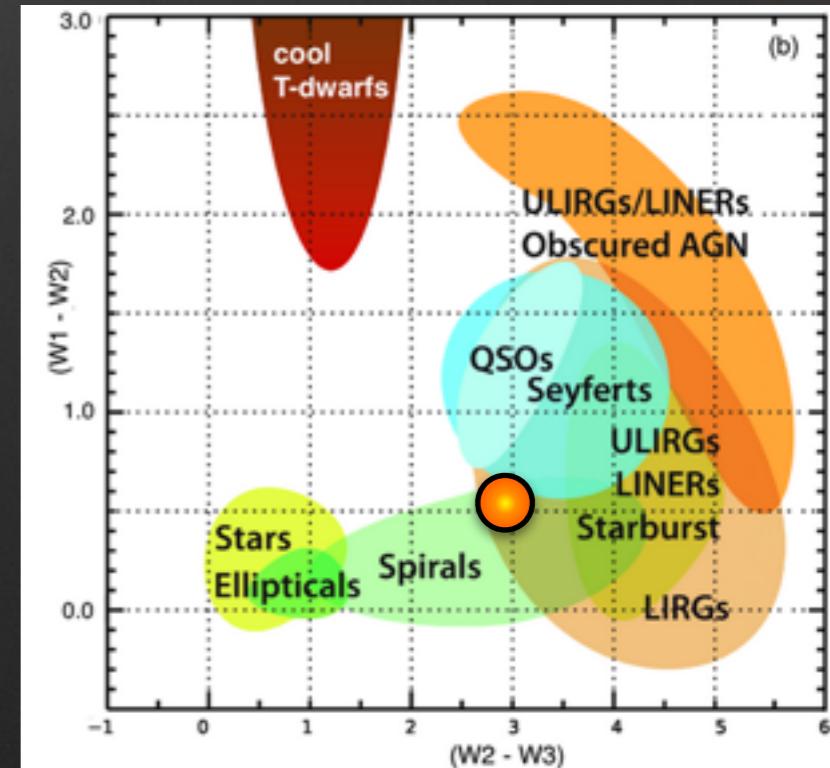
SALT spectrum, July 2016
blue continuum, broad lines



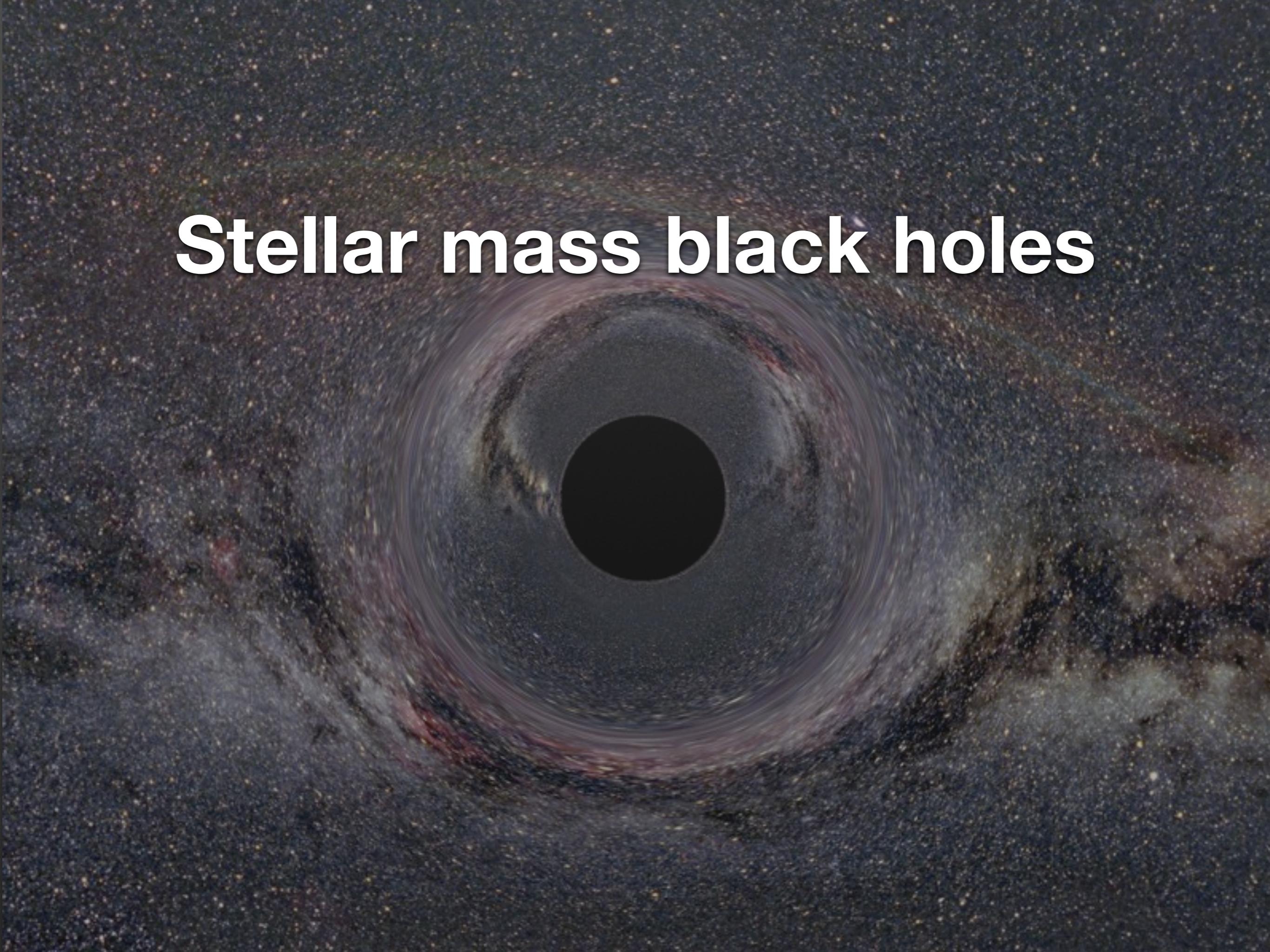
SDSS image

1mag flare, slow decline
WISE colours = AGN Flare?
broad Ha, Hb, Hell?
 $z=0.136$
abs mag about -19.6 (no host)

work in progress

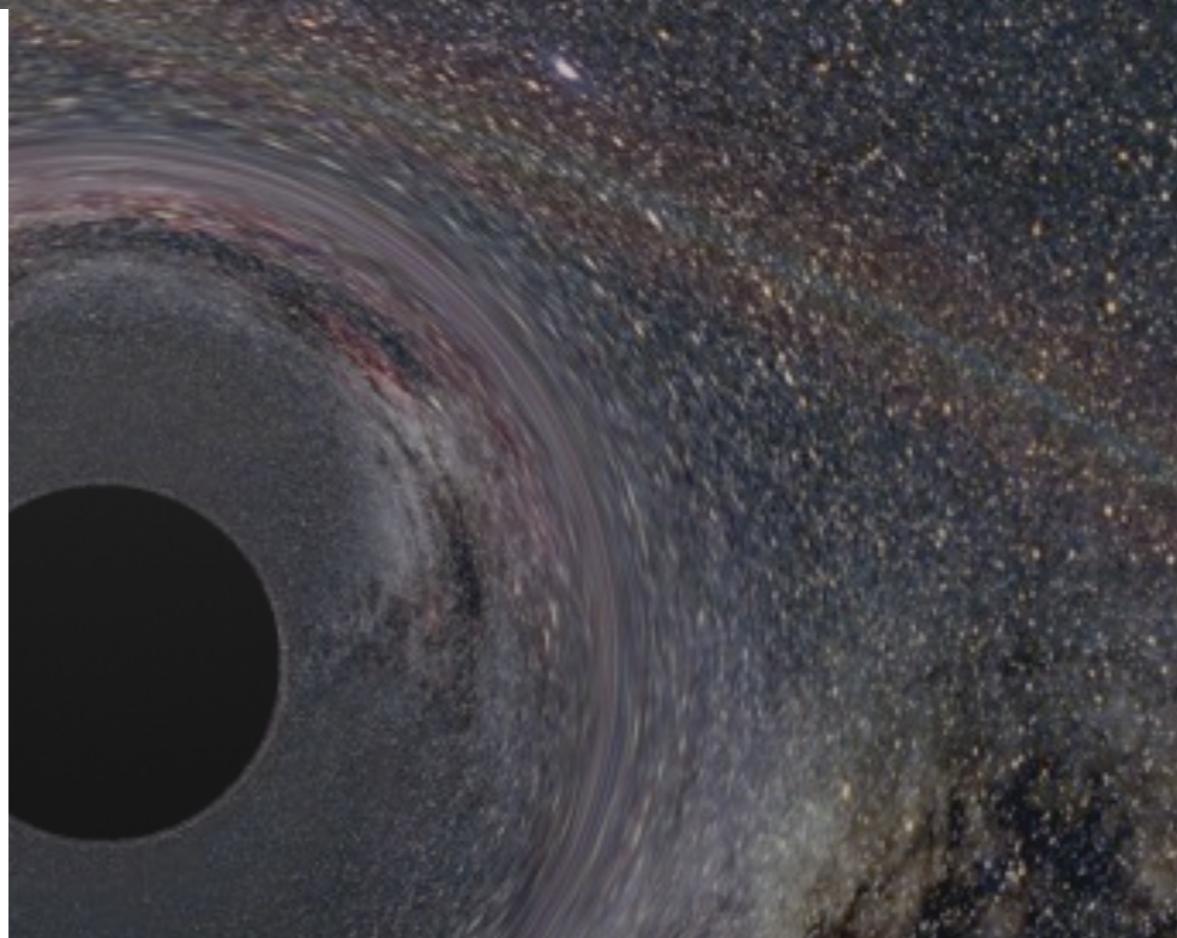
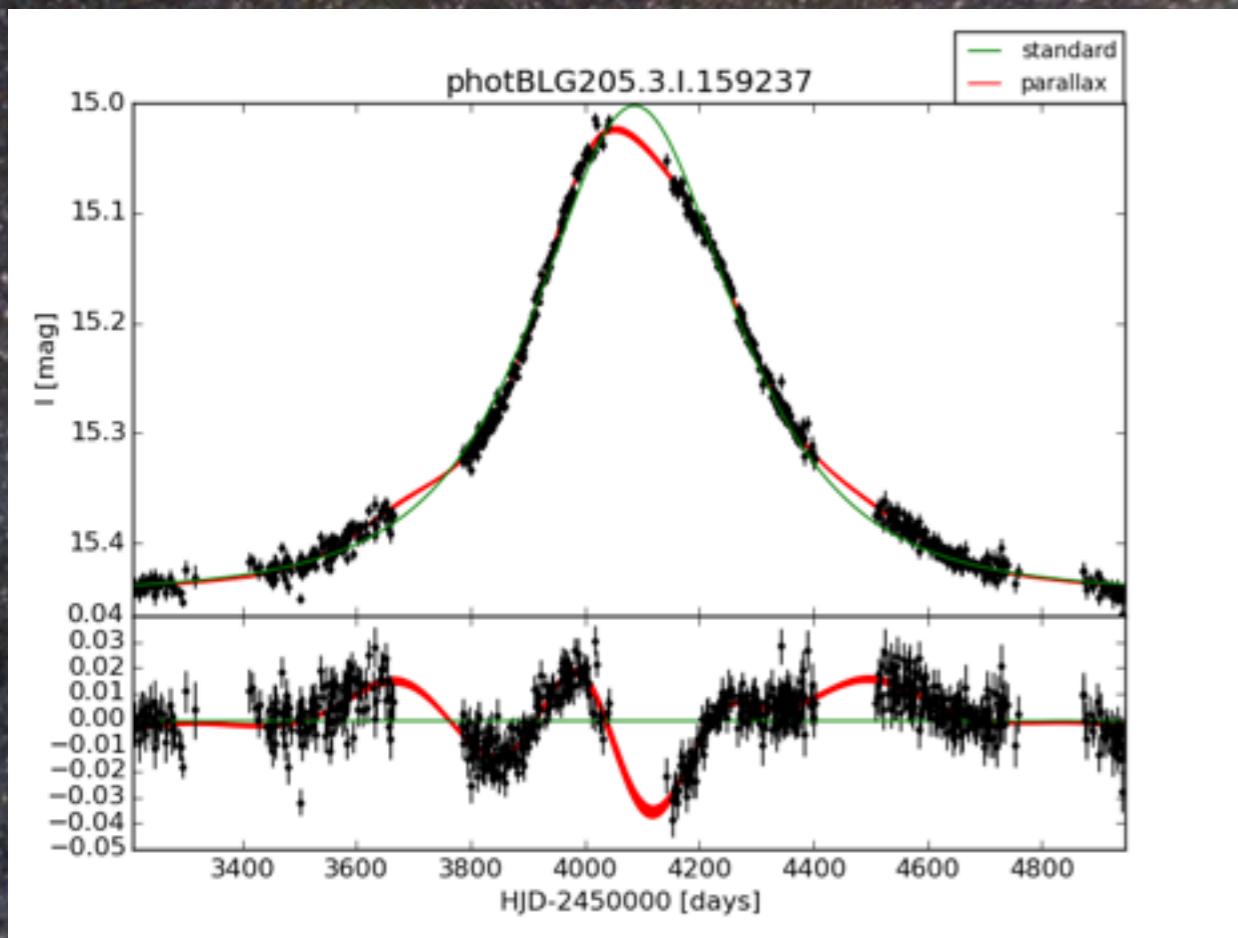


Stellar mass black holes



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OGLE3-ULENS-PAR-02 - candidate $\sim 9\text{MSun}$ BH



OGLE photometry
from 2001-2008
and microlensing model



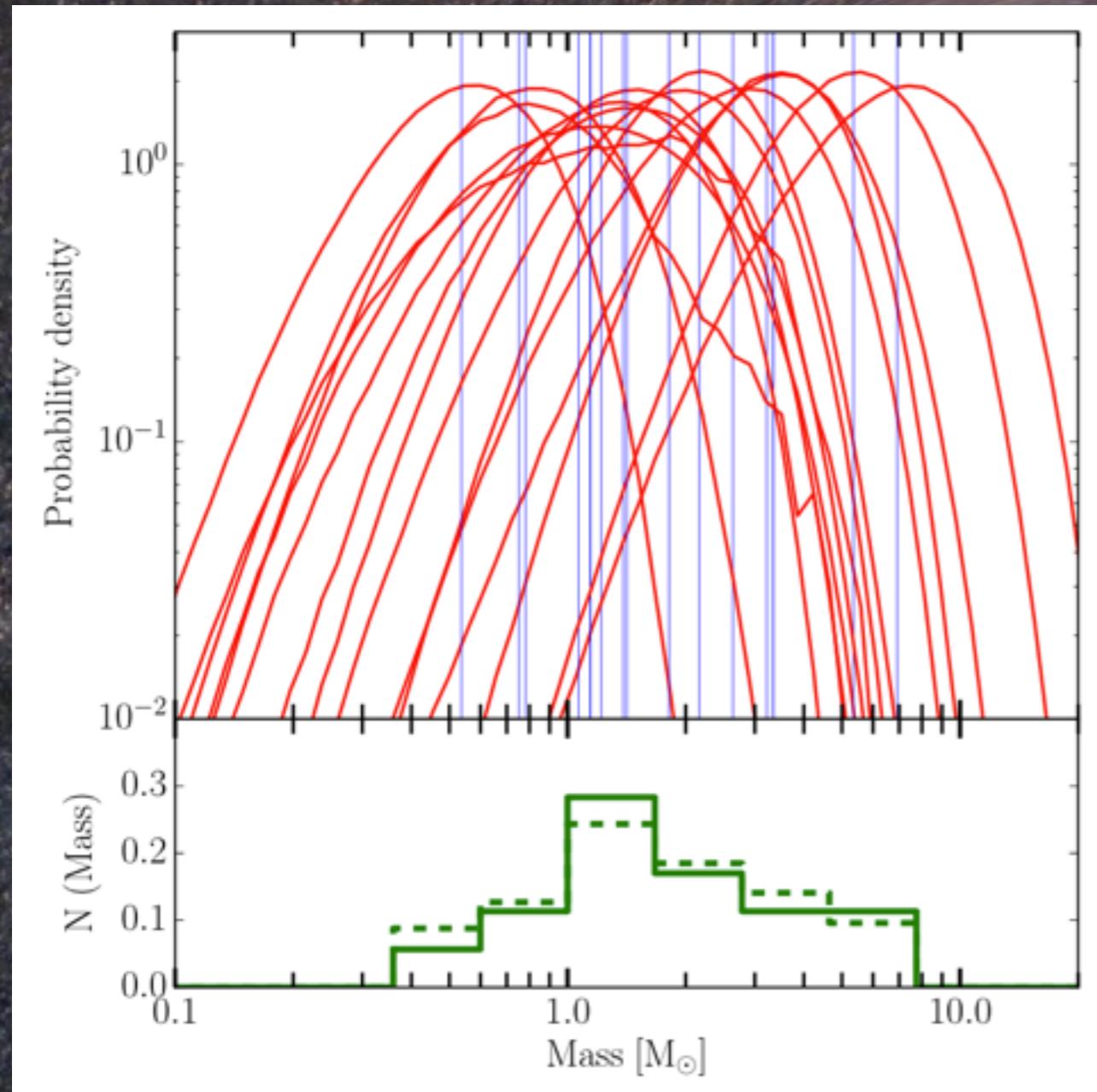
Mass, Distance

(estimate)

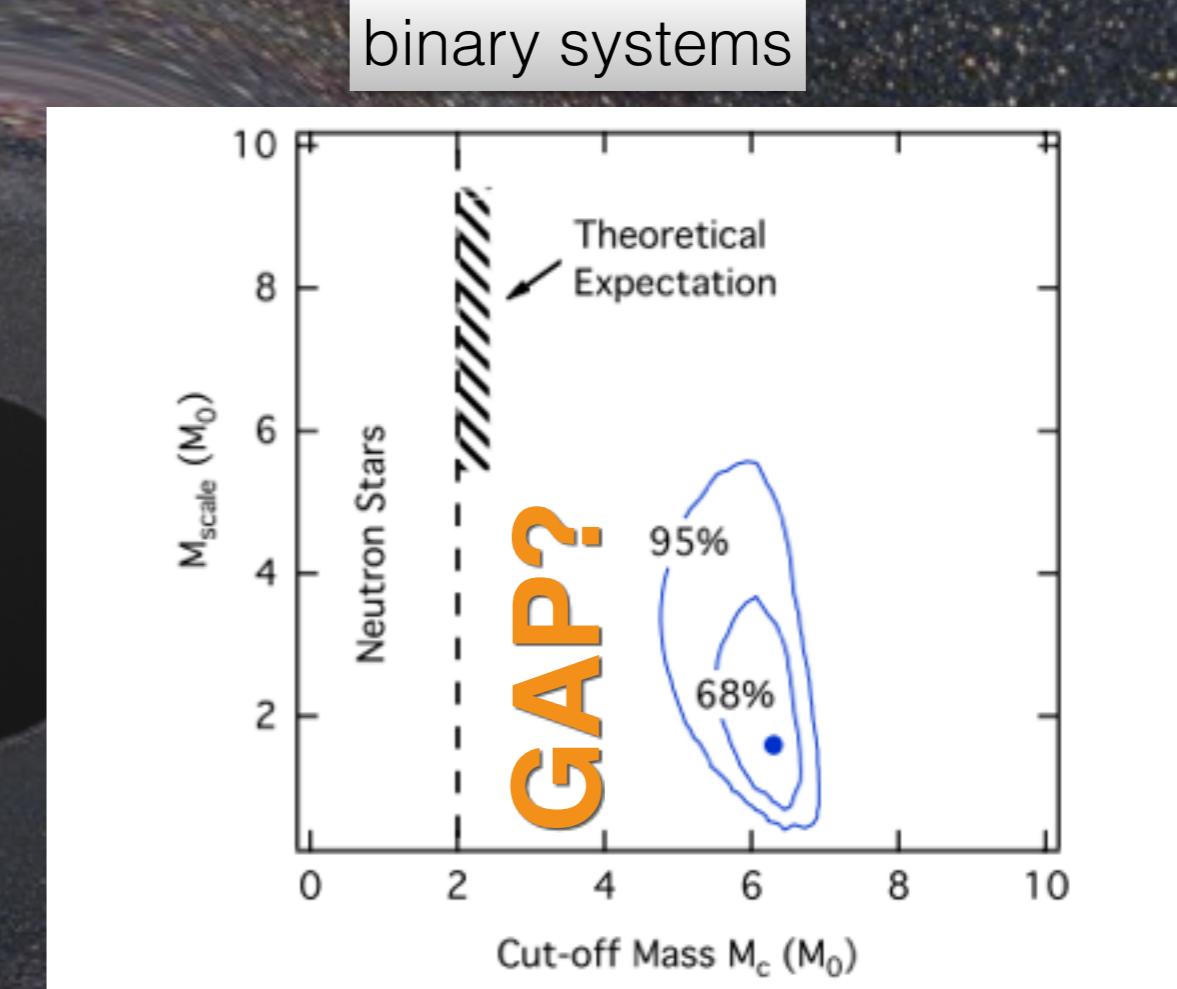
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OGLE-III long microlensing events with parallax effect

single



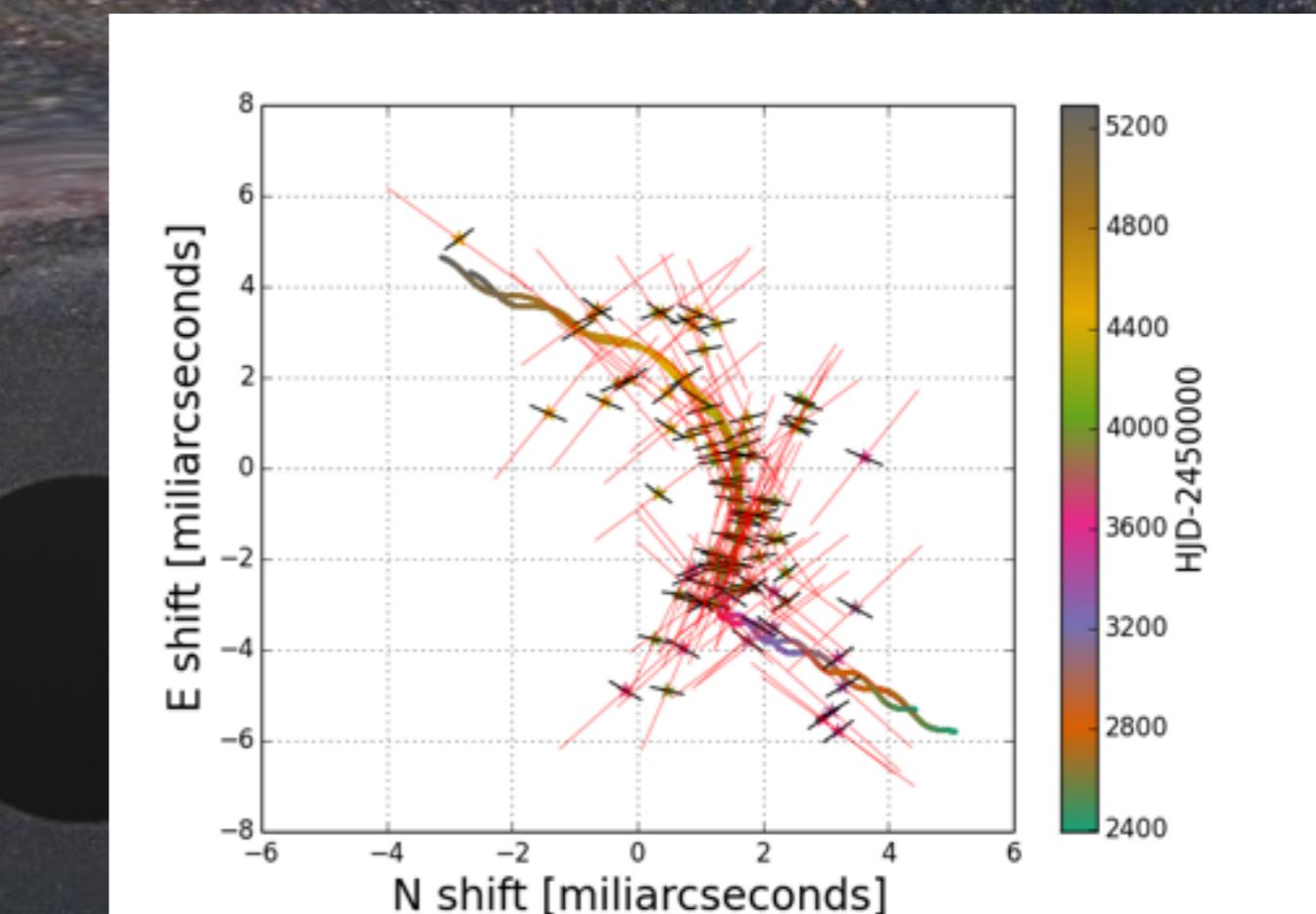
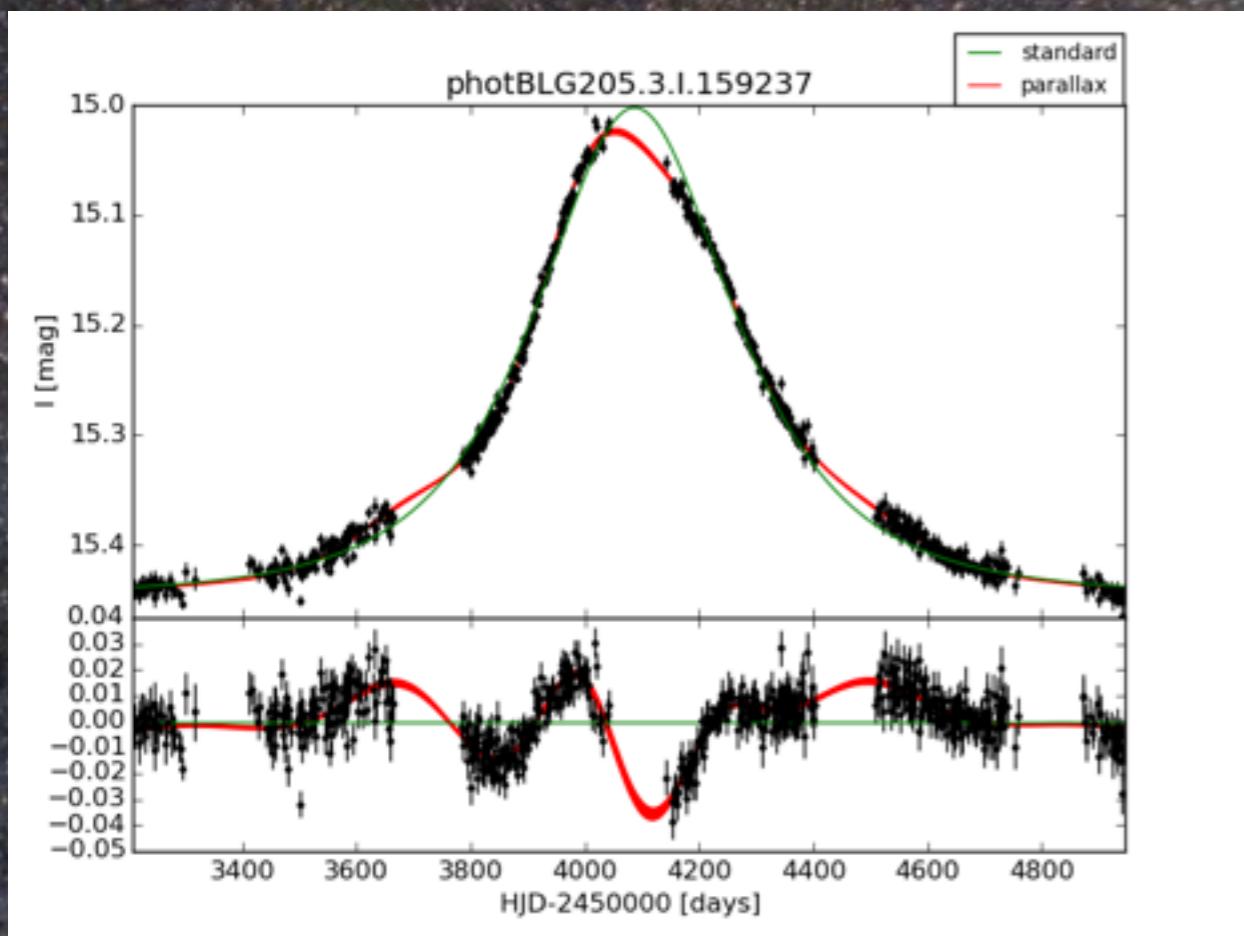
binary systems



Ozel+2010

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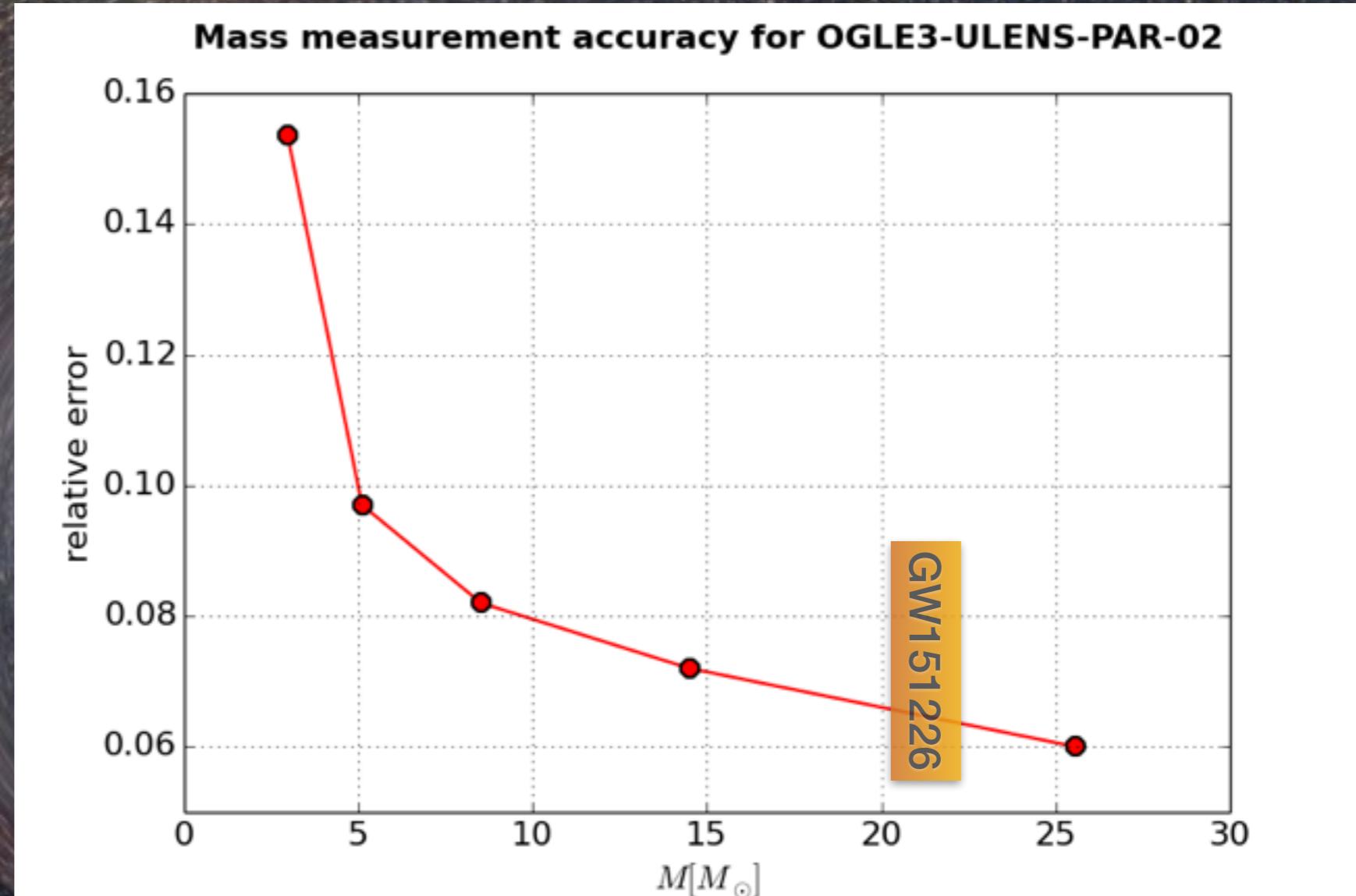
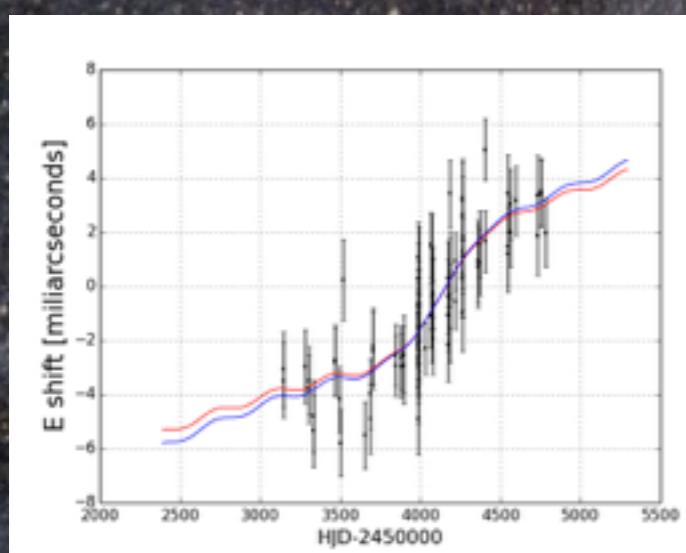
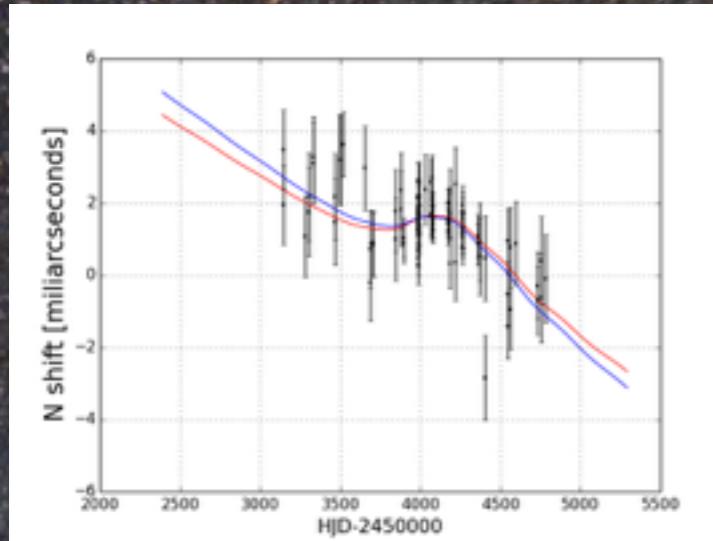


predicted
Gaia astrometry
for similar event

Mass, Distance

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Combination of ground-based photometry and Gaia astrometry for long events will yield masses of black holes accurate to $\sim 1\%$ percent.

Summary

- OGLE and Gaia are well suited for finding transients in galaxy centres
- Superb astrometry (Gaia,OGLE)
Instantaneous low-res spectra (Gaia)
- TDEs can be found also around active black holes
(OGLE16aaa) - TDE rate bias?
- Future: spectral follow-up of candidates on
VLT, SALT, NOT, WHT
- Gaia will help find galactic single/binary stellar mass BHs
via microlensing



THANK YOU!