

Gravitational Lensing

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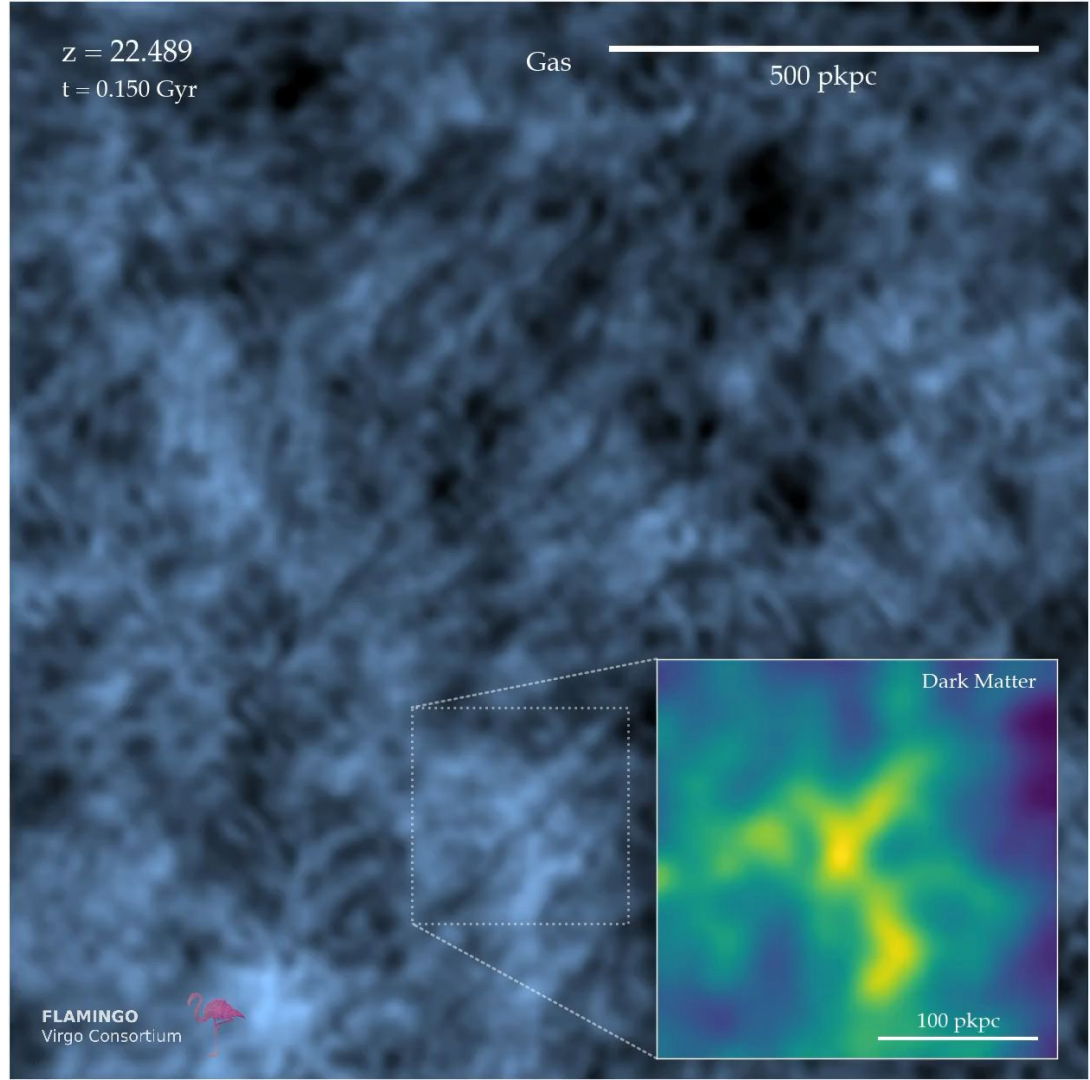
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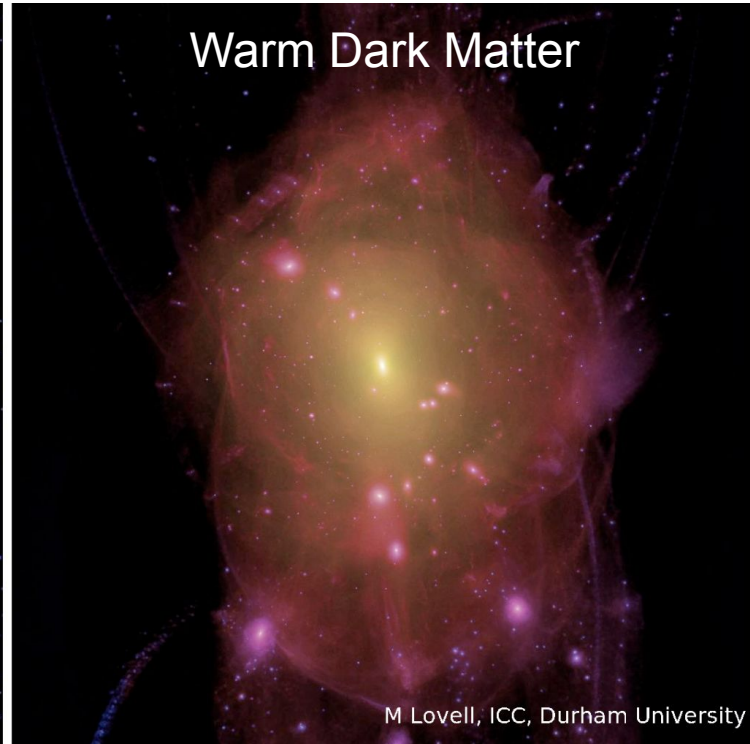
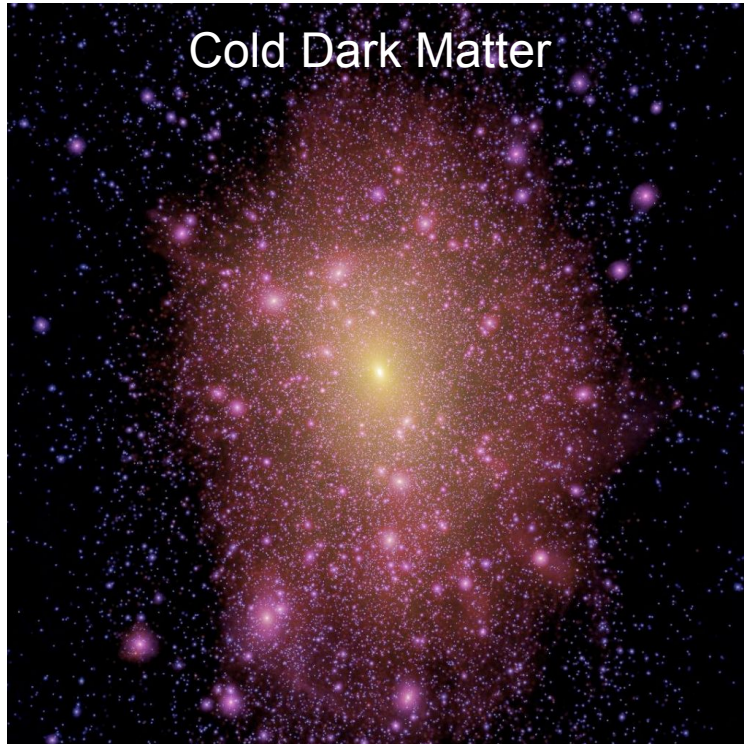
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Structure formation
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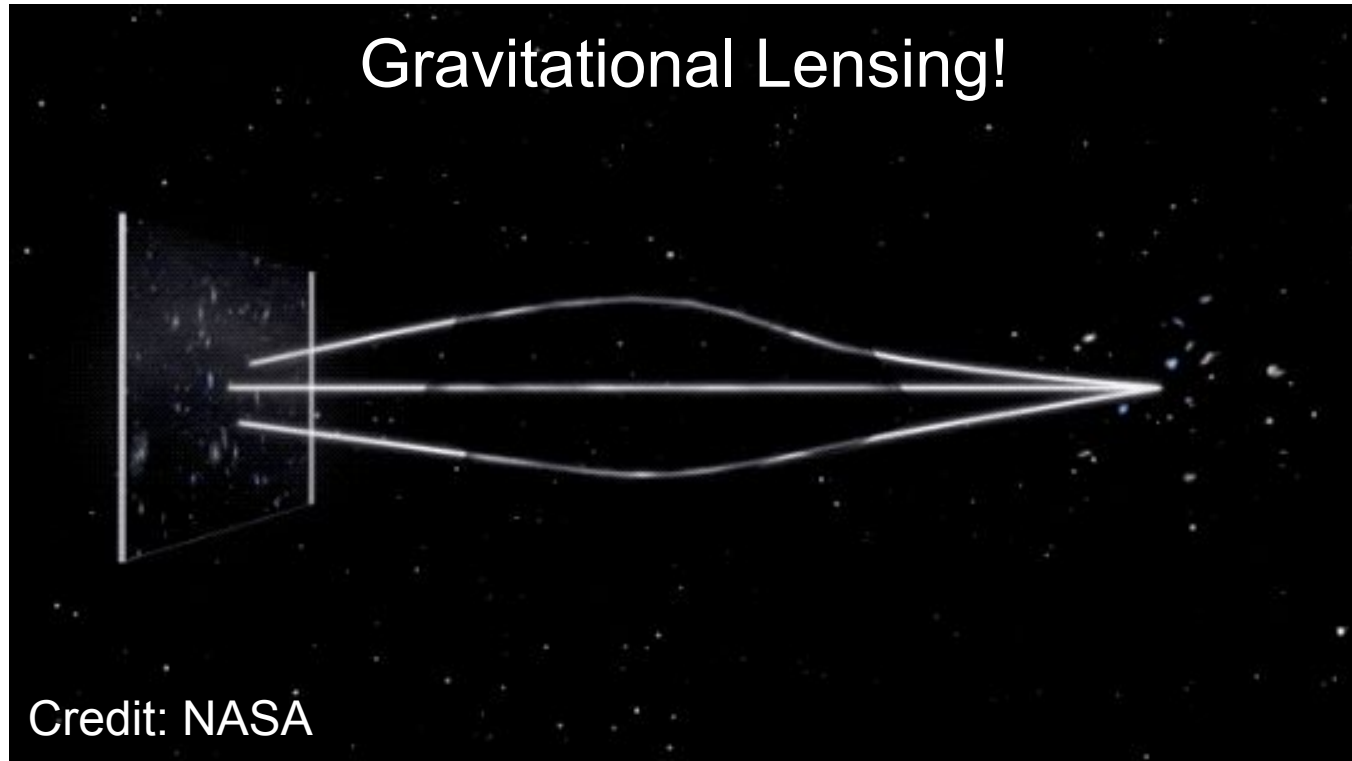


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Structure formation at galactic scales (substructure)



How do you see invisible matter?



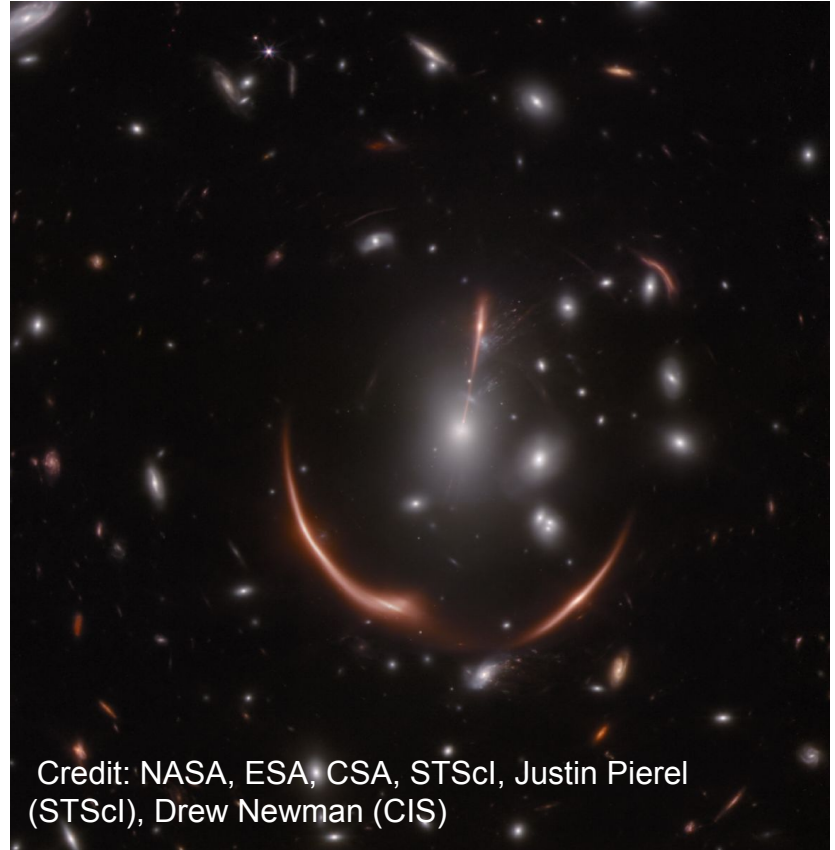
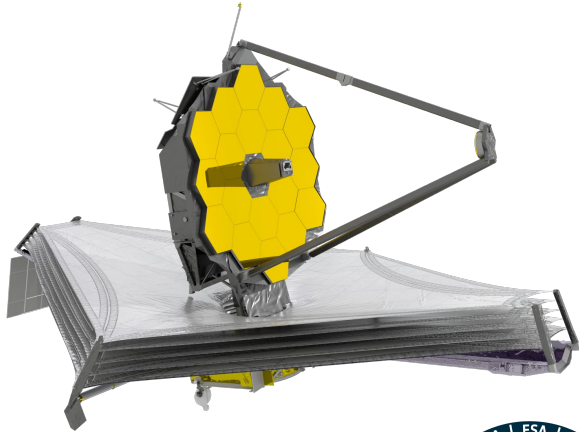


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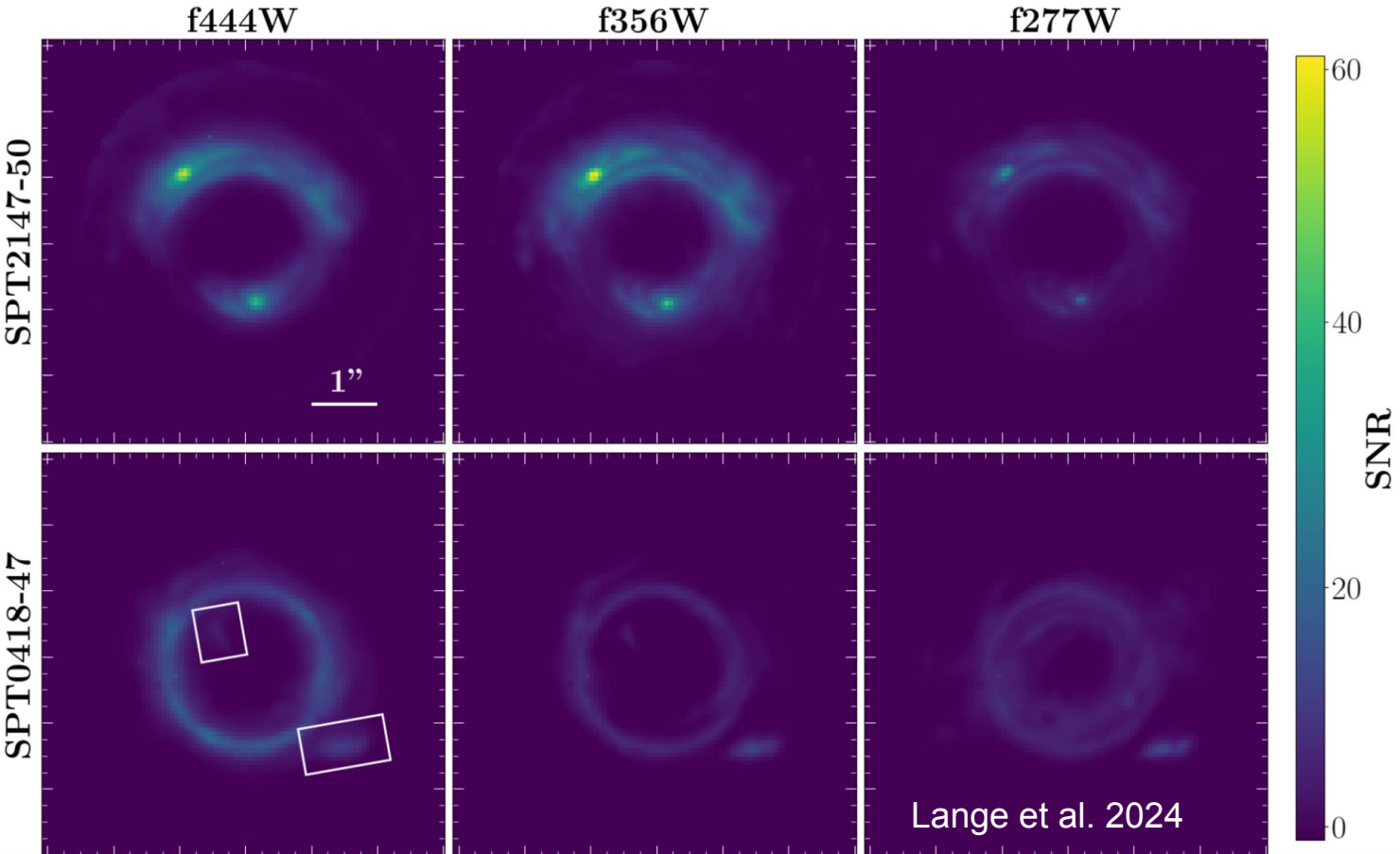
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NASA/ESA/CSA
James Webb Space
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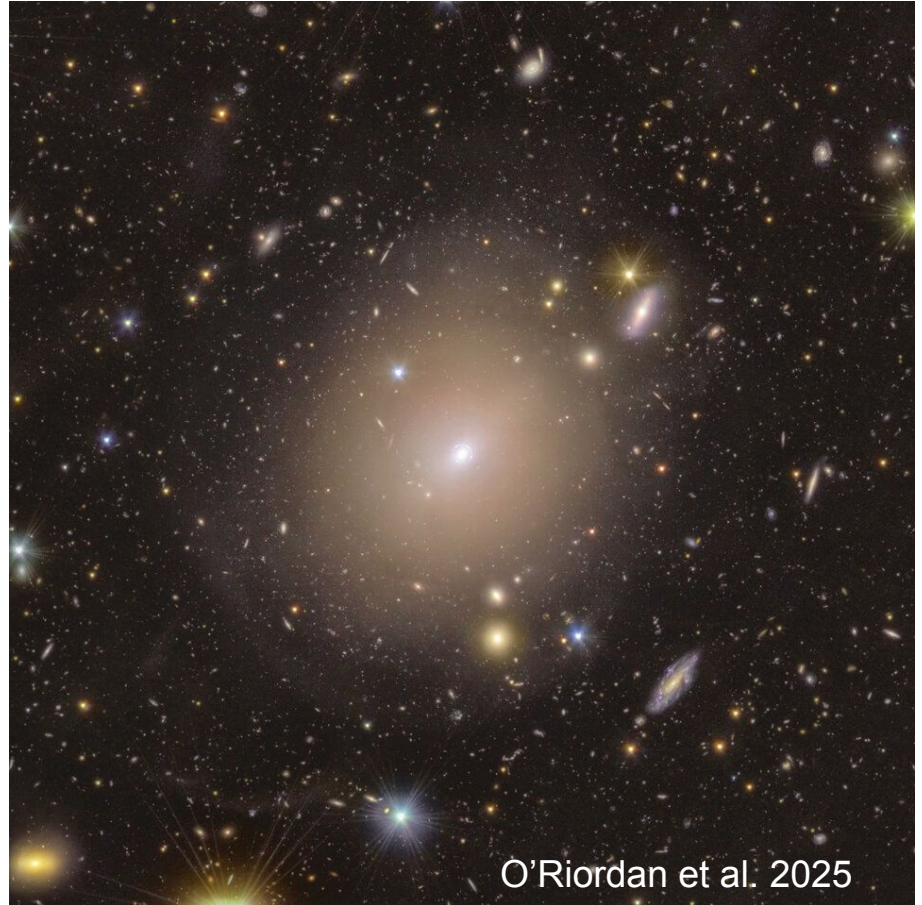
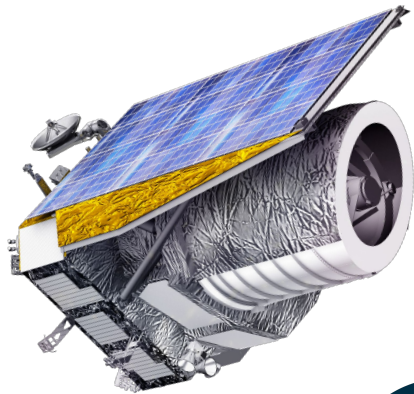
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Substructure Search with JWST



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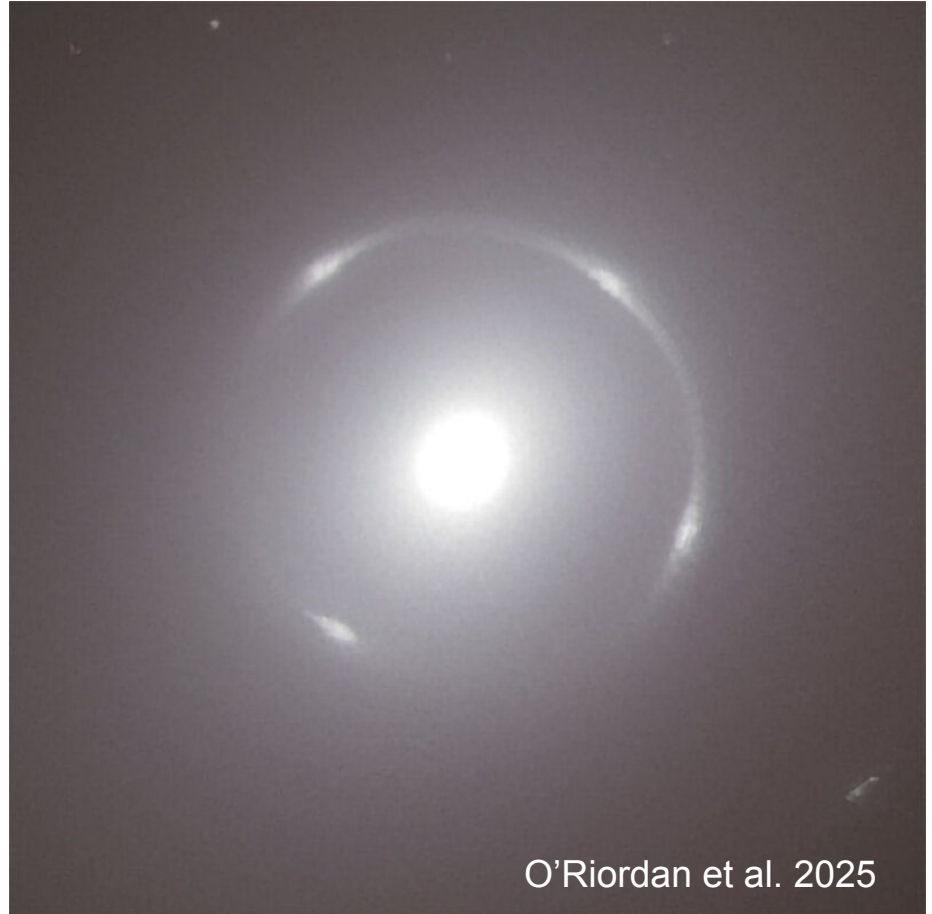
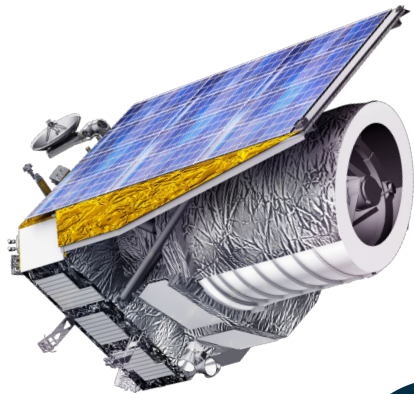
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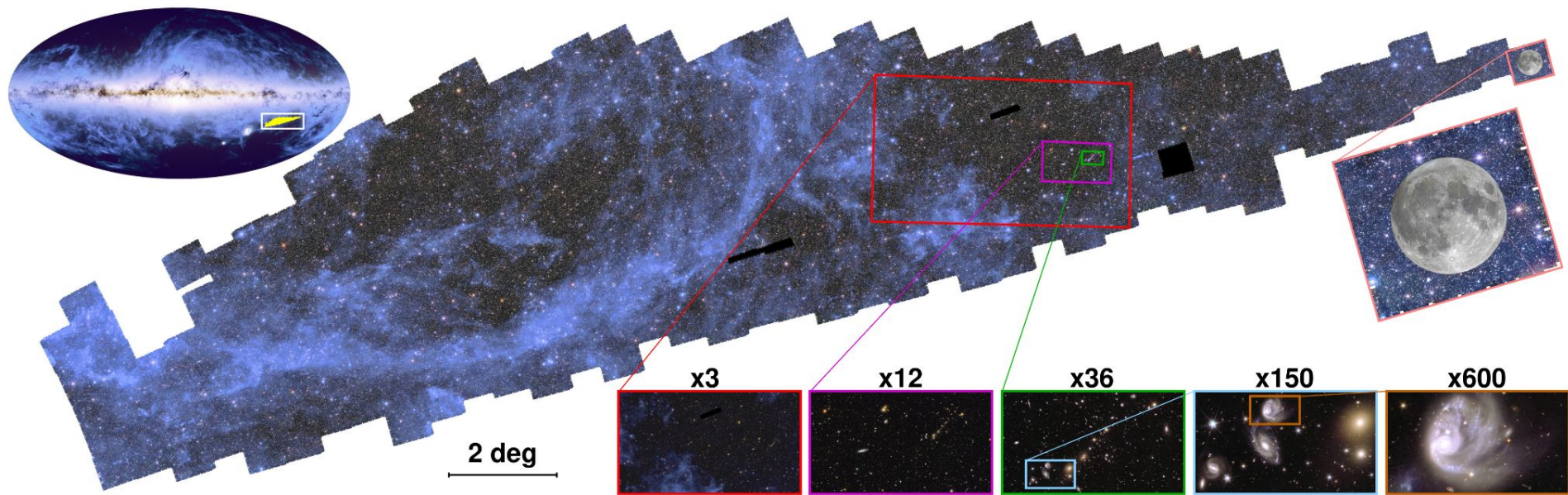
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Euclid will observe:

- The entire extragalactic sky
- 2 billion galaxies (1.9 billion more than previously known)
- 200,000 galaxy-scale strong lensing systems (currently only know ~1000)

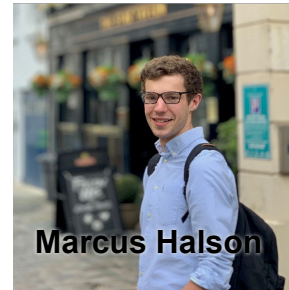
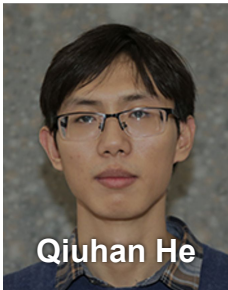
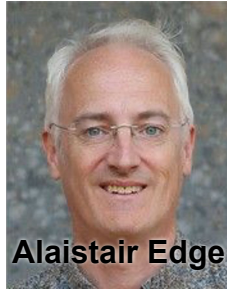


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