

GRAVITATIONAL LENSING

LECTURE 2

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DEFLECTION OF LIGHT IN GENERAL RELATIVITY

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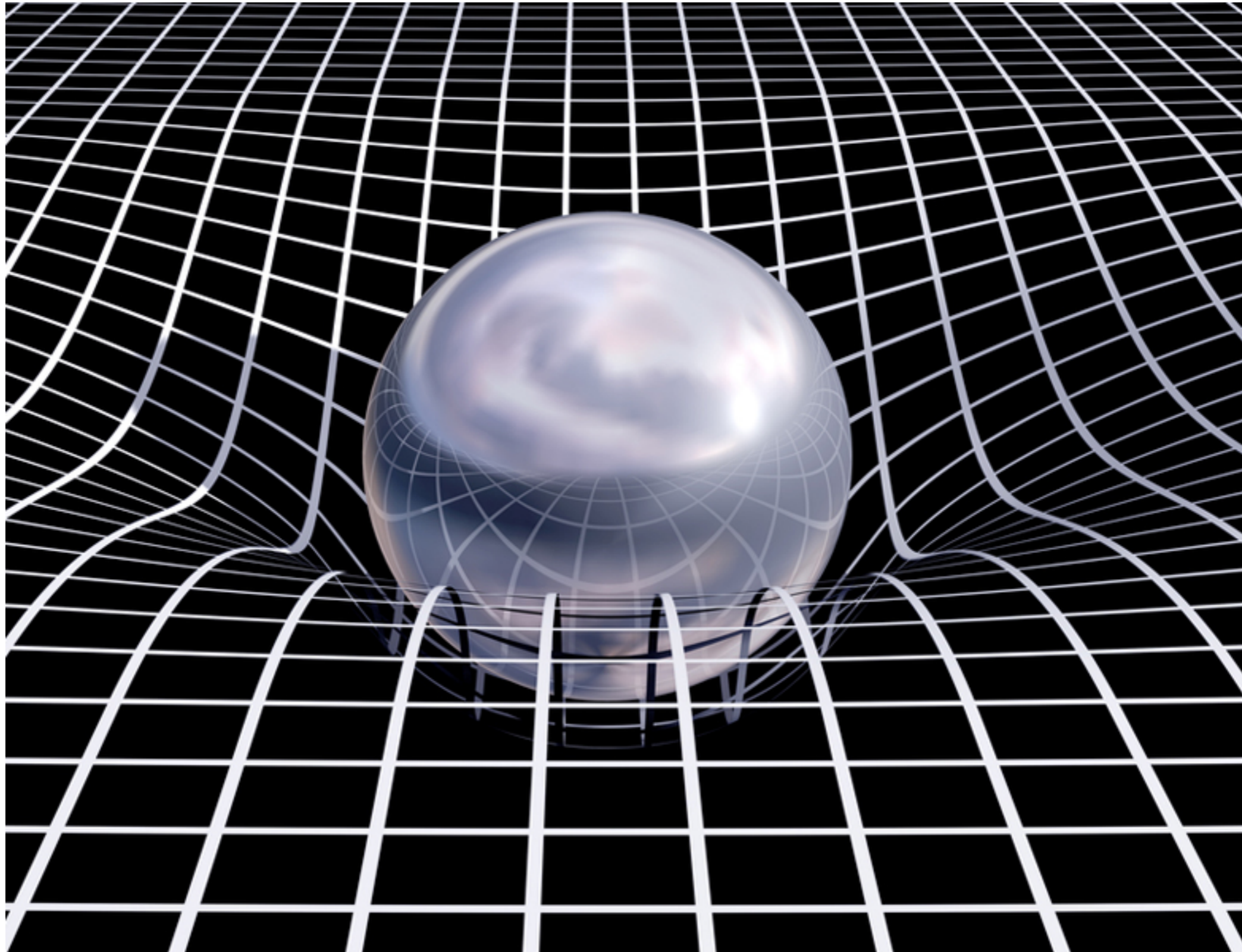
How to define the effective refraction index?

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \left(1 + \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}\right) c^2 dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}\right) (d\vec{x})^2$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}\right) c^2 dt^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}\right) (d\vec{x})^2$$

$$c' = \frac{|d\vec{x}|}{dt} = c \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}}{1 - \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}}} \approx c \left(1 + \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}\right)$$

DEFLECTION OF LIGHT IN GENERAL RELATIVITY



SCHWARZSCHILD METRIC

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{Rc^2}\right) c^2 dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{Rc^2}\right)^{-1} dR^2 - R^2(\sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + d\theta^2)$$

$$R = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2GM}{rc^2}} r$$

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

$$dl^2 = [dr^2 + r^2(\sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + d\theta^2)]$$

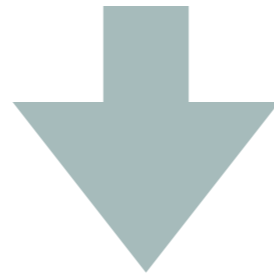
In the weak field limit:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{Rc^2}\right) &= 1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}}} \\ &\approx 1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r} \left(1 - \frac{GM}{c^2 r}\right) \\ &\approx 1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r} \end{aligned}$$

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SCHWARZSCHILD METRIC **IN THE WEAK FIELD LIMIT**

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$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{rc^2}\right) c^2 dt^2 - \left(1 + \frac{2GM}{rc^2}\right) dl^2$$

$$\Phi = -\frac{GM}{r}$$

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DEFLECTION OF LIGHT BY A BLACK HOLE

suggested reading: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/0911.2187v2.pdf>

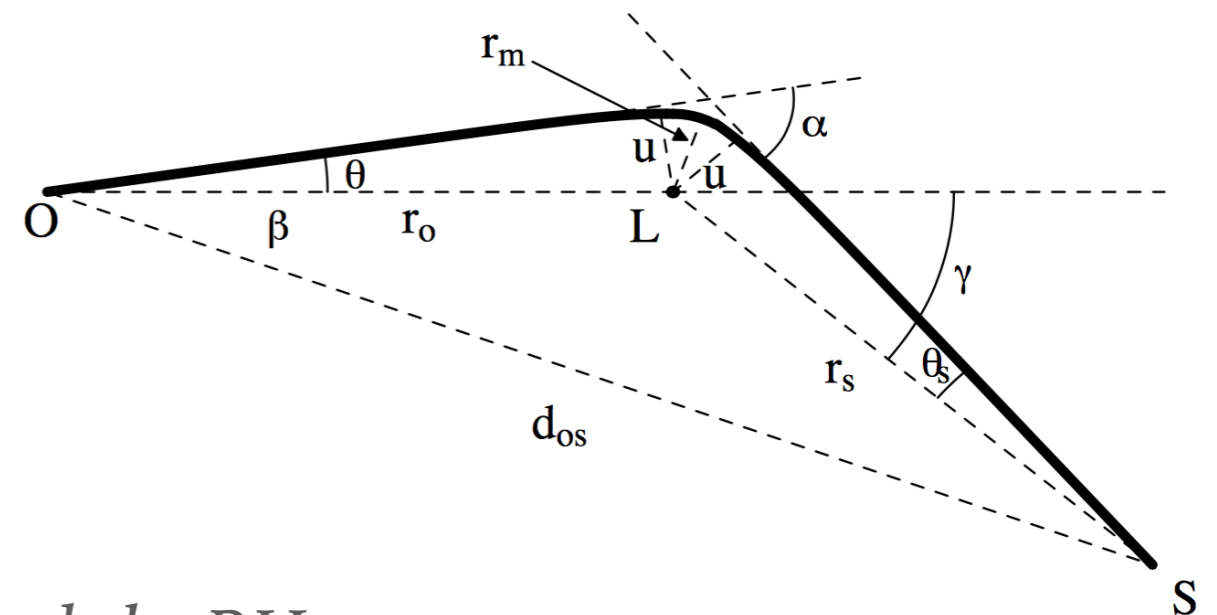
Generic static spherically symmetric metric:

$$ds^2 = A(r)dt^2 - B(r)dr^2 - C(r)(d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2 \vartheta d\phi^2).$$

$$\alpha = -\pi + 2 \int_{r_m}^{\infty} u \sqrt{\frac{B(r)}{C(r) [C(r)/A(r) - u^2]}} dr,$$

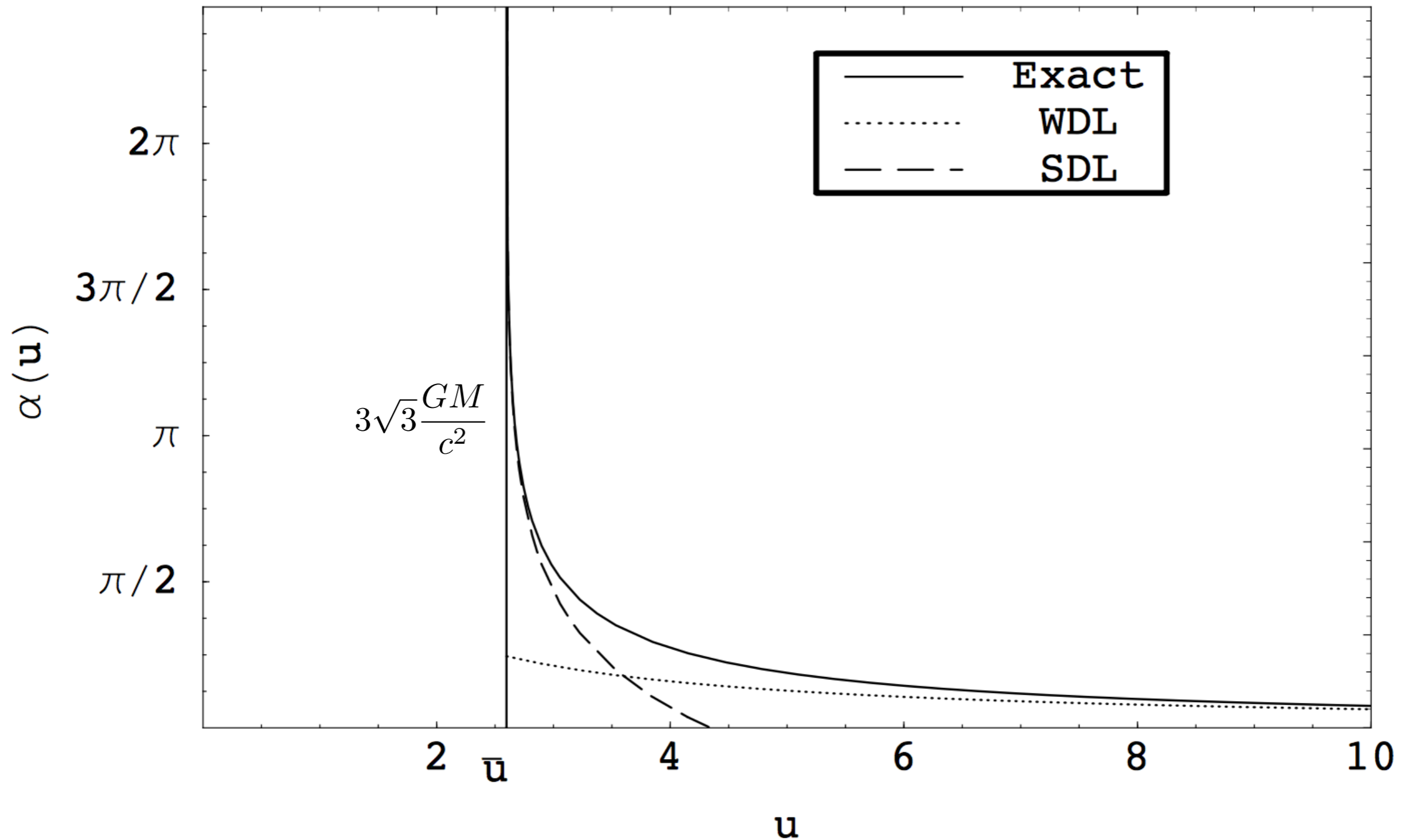
u = impact parameter

r_m = minimum distance between the photon and the BH



DEFLECTION OF LIGHT BY A BLACK HOLE

for the Schwarzschild metric

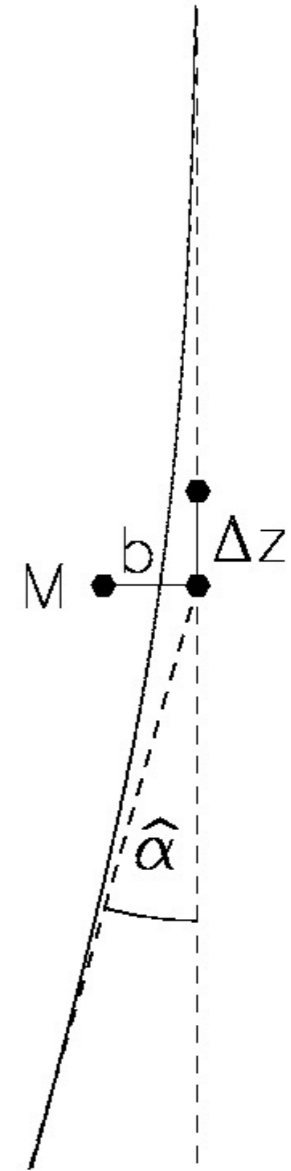


DEFLECTION ANGLE OF A POINT MASS

$$\hat{\vec{\alpha}} = \frac{2}{c^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{\nabla}_{\perp} \Phi dz$$

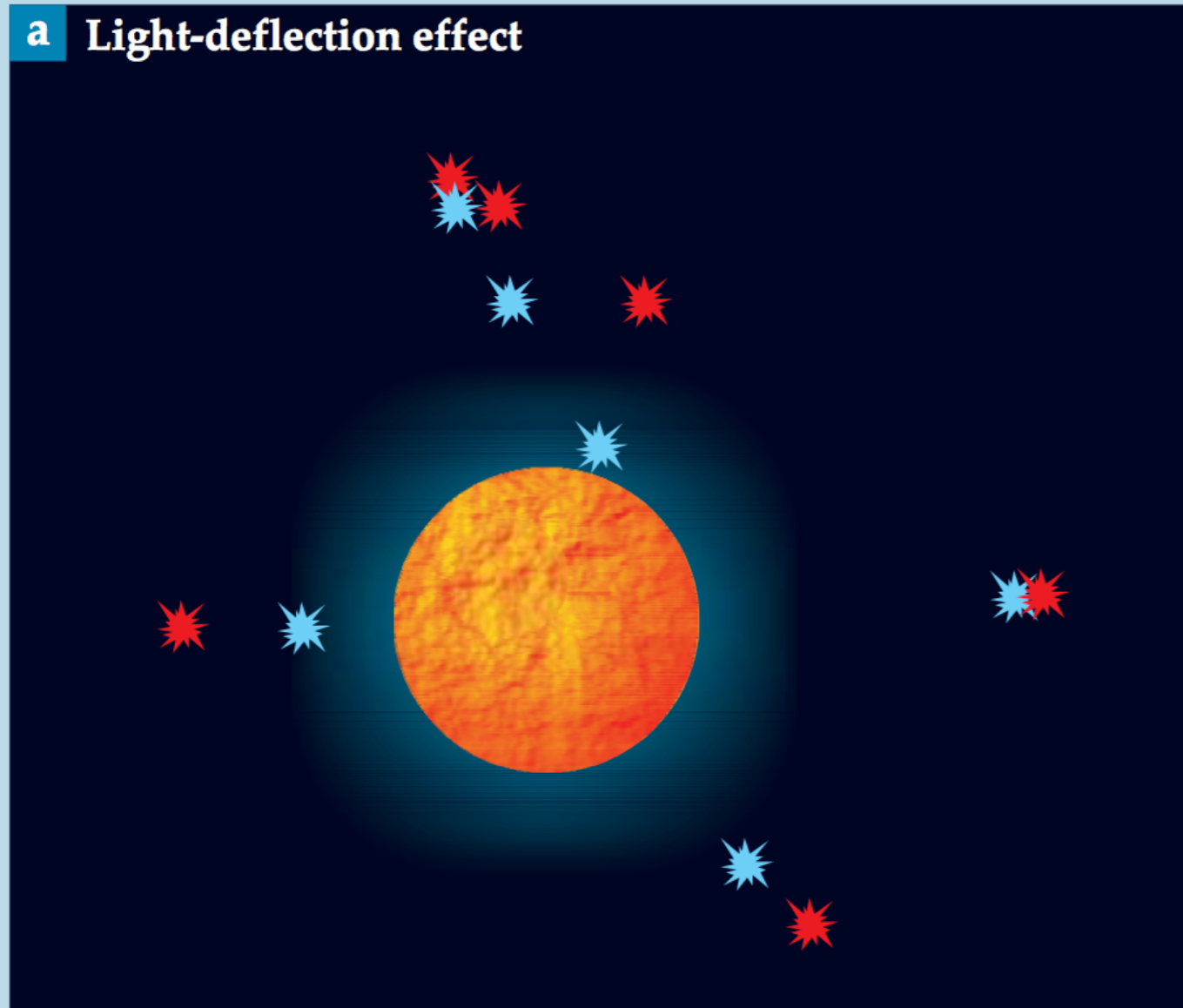
$$\Phi = -\frac{GM}{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\vec{\alpha}}(b) &= \frac{2GM}{c^2} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dz}{(b^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{4GM}{c^2} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \left[\frac{z}{b^2(b^2 + z^2)^{1/2}} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{4GM}{c^2 b} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi \\ \sin \phi \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



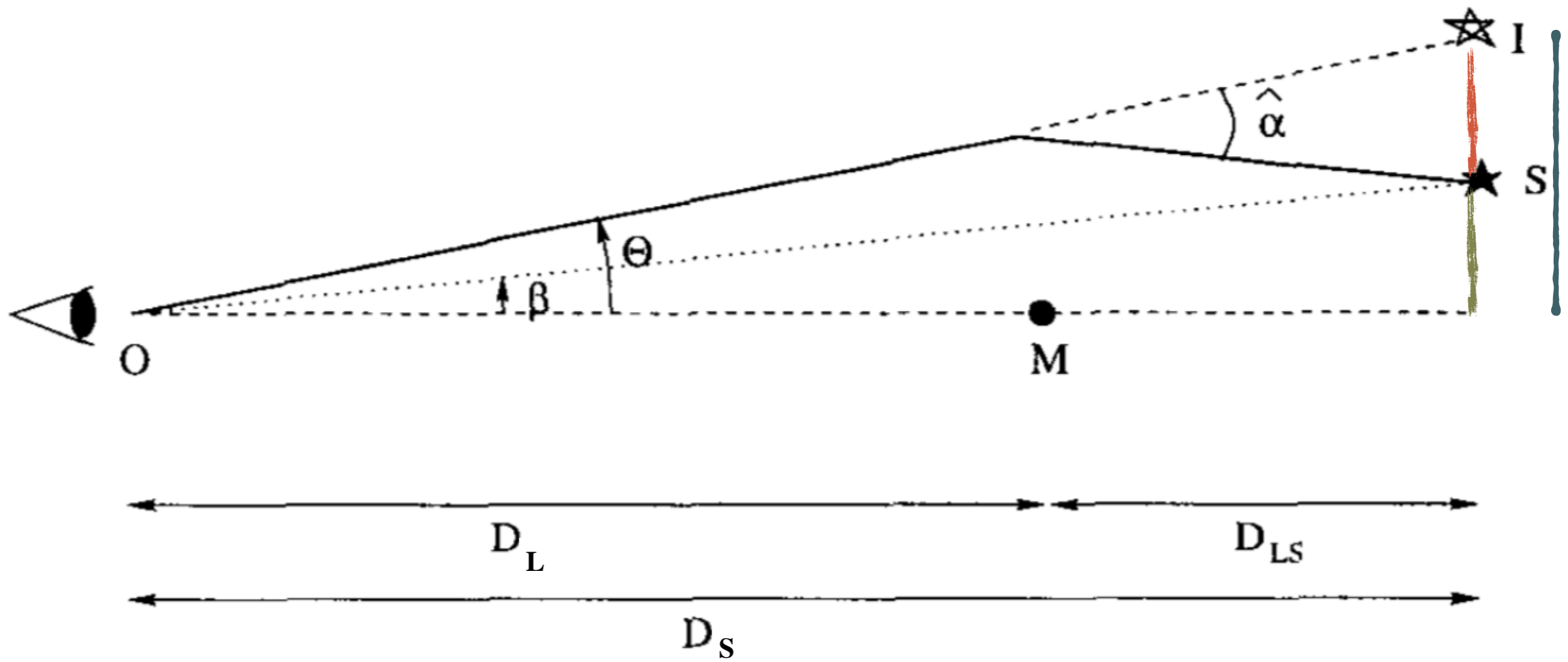
AGAIN ON THE EDDINGTON EXPEDITION

a Light-deflection effect



- The goal of Eddington expeditions was to measure a shift in the position of the Hyades stars due to solar deflection
- What is the exact shift we should expect to measure?
- What is the relation between the intrinsic and the apparent positions of the stars?

LENS EQUATION



COMOVING DISTANCE

suggested reading: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/astro-ph/9905116v4.pdf>

comoving distance (along the line of sight) = distance between two points which remains constant if the two points are moving with the Hubble flow

proper distance = distance between the two points measured by rulers at the time they are being observed

$$D_c = D_{pr}(1 + z)$$

$$E(z) \equiv \sqrt{\Omega_M (1 + z)^3 + \Omega_k (1 + z)^2 + \Omega_\Lambda}$$

$$\Omega_M \equiv \frac{8\pi G \rho_0}{3 H_0^2}$$

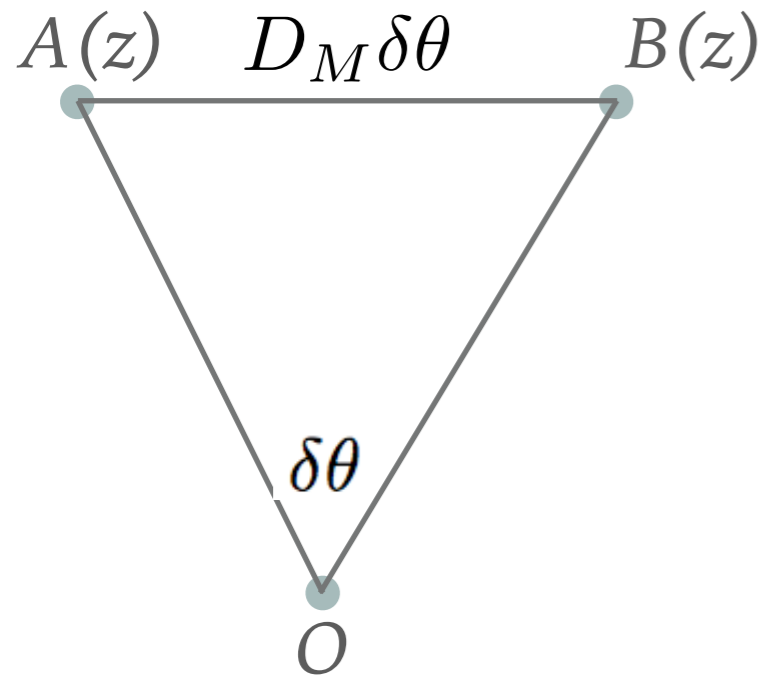
$$D_C = D_H \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E(z')}$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda \equiv \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3 H_0^2}$$

$$\Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_k = 1$$

$$D_H \equiv \frac{c}{H_0} = 3000 h^{-1} \text{ Mpc} = 9.26 \times 10^{25} h^{-1} \text{ m}$$

ANGULAR DIAMETER DISTANCE



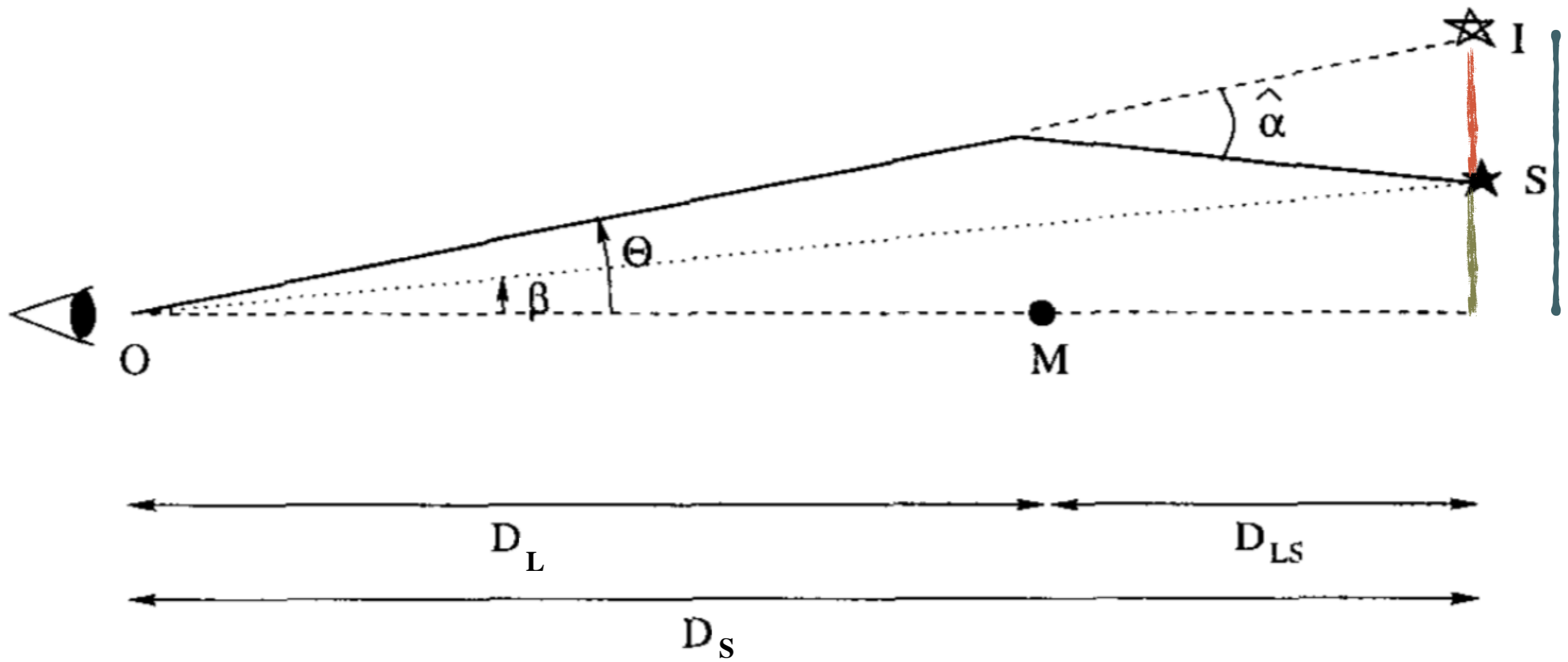
$D_M \delta\theta = \text{comoving transversal distance}$

$$D_M = \begin{cases} D_H \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_k}} \sinh \left[\sqrt{\Omega_k} D_C / D_H \right] & \text{for } \Omega_k > 0 \\ D_C & \text{for } \Omega_k = 0 \\ D_H \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\Omega_k|}} \sin \left[\sqrt{|\Omega_k|} D_C / D_H \right] & \text{for } \Omega_k < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$D_A = \frac{D_M}{1+z} = \text{angular diameter distance}$$

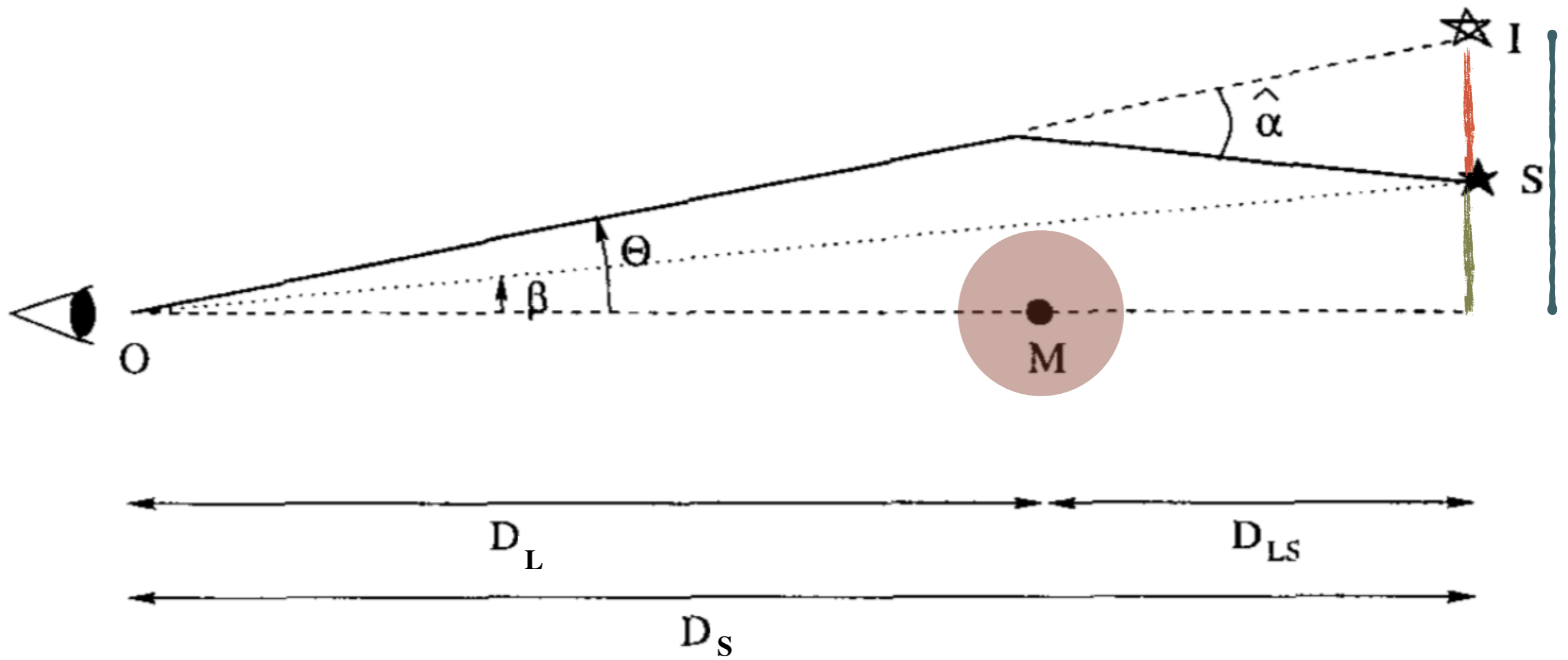
= ratio of the physical (proper) transverse size to its angular size

LENS EQUATION



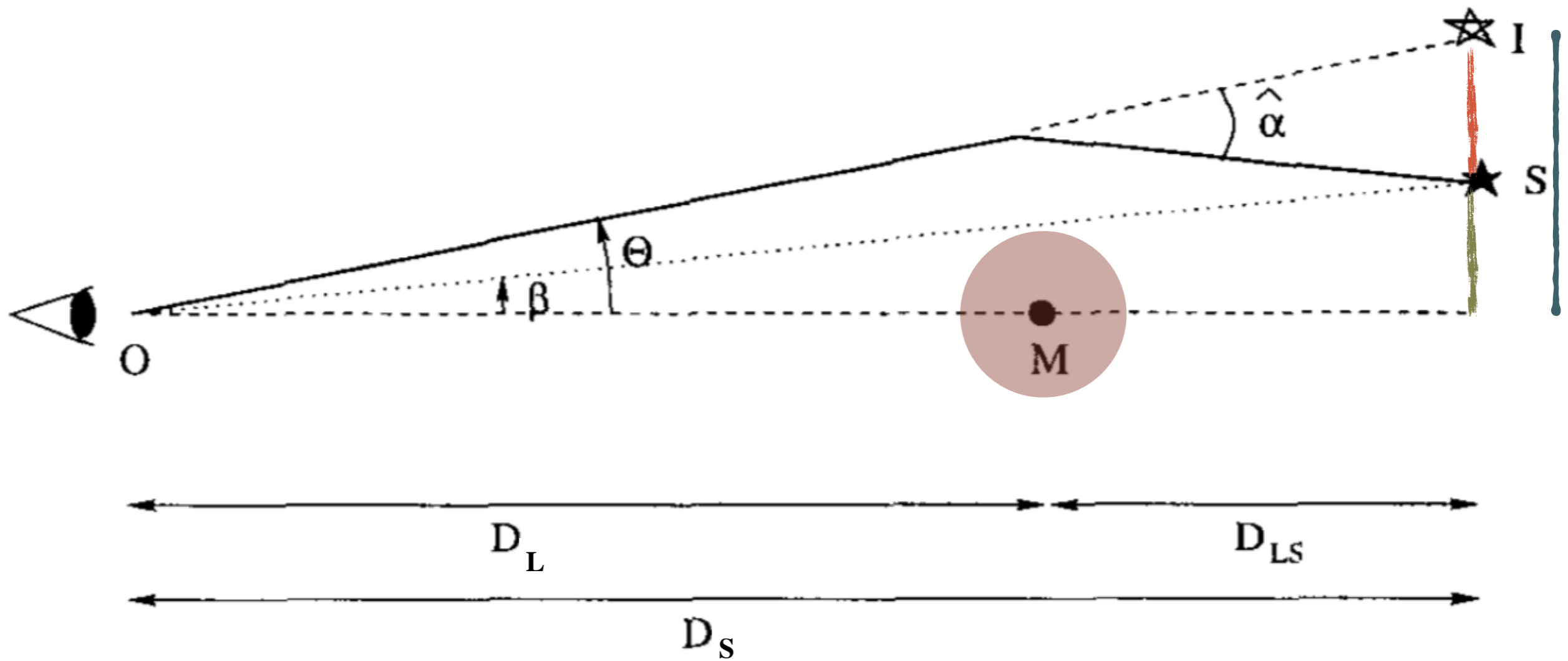
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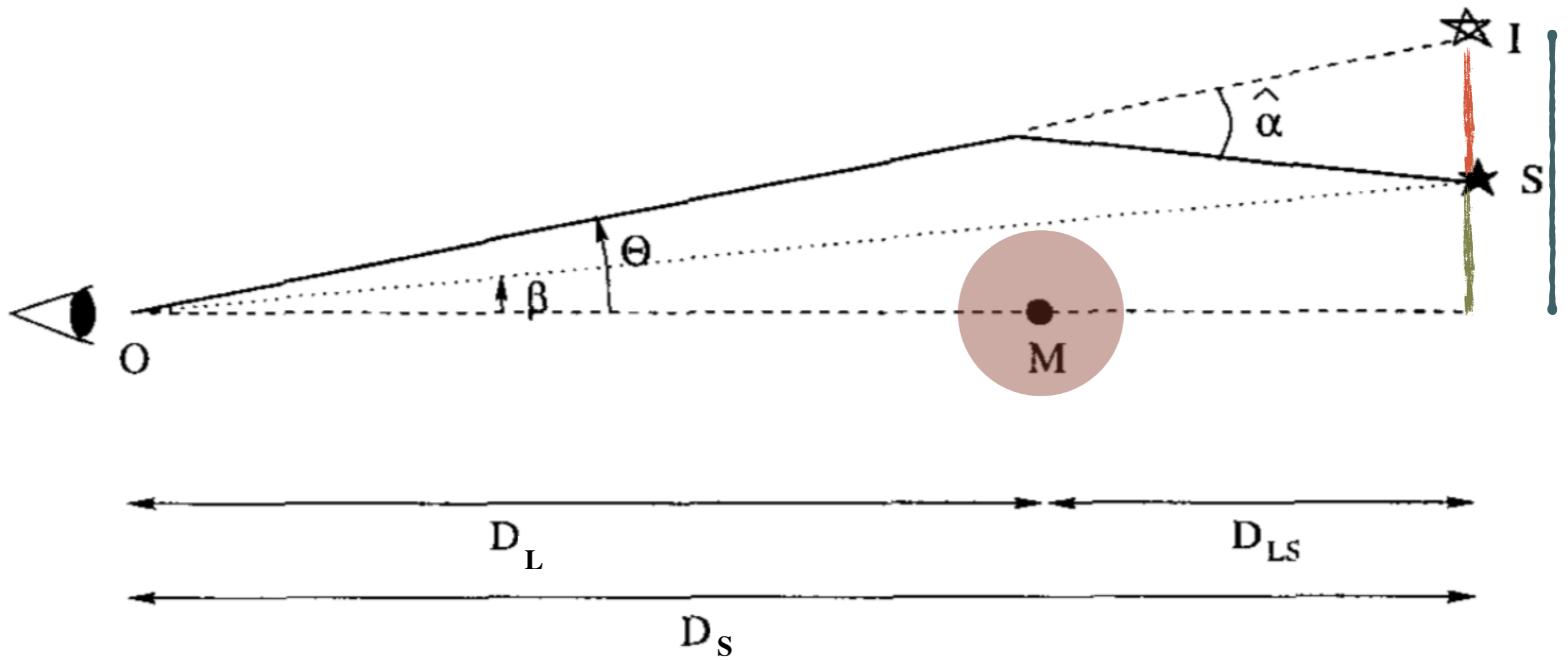
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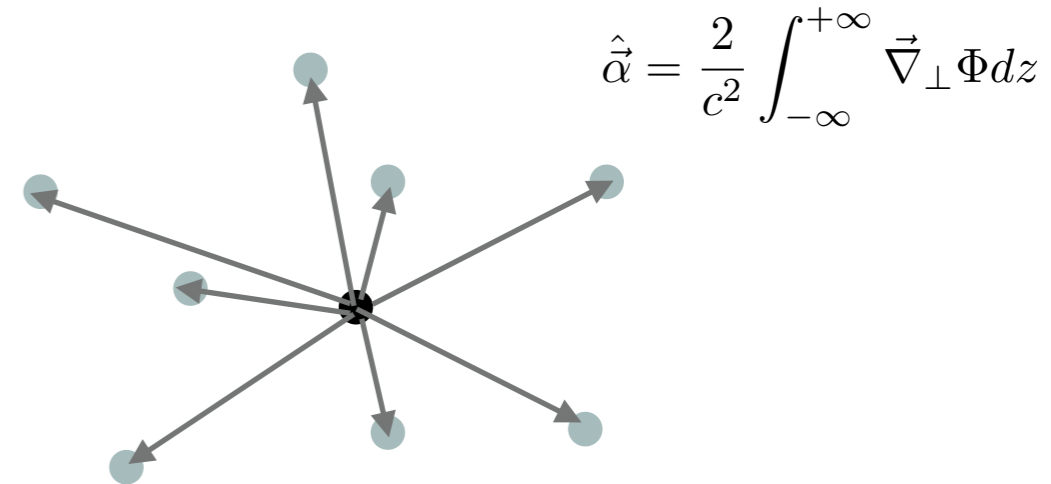
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DEFLECTION BY EXTENDED LENSES

- Remaining in the weak field limit, one can use the superposition principle
- The deflection angle by a system of point masses is the vectorial sum of the deflection angles of the single lenses
- This can be easily generalized to the case of a continuum distribution of mass
- Assumption: thin screen approximation



$$\hat{\alpha}(\vec{\xi}) = \sum_i \hat{\alpha}_i(\vec{\xi} - \vec{\xi}_i) = \frac{4G}{c^2} \sum_i M_i \frac{\vec{\xi} - \vec{\xi}_i}{|\vec{\xi} - \vec{\xi}_i|^2}$$

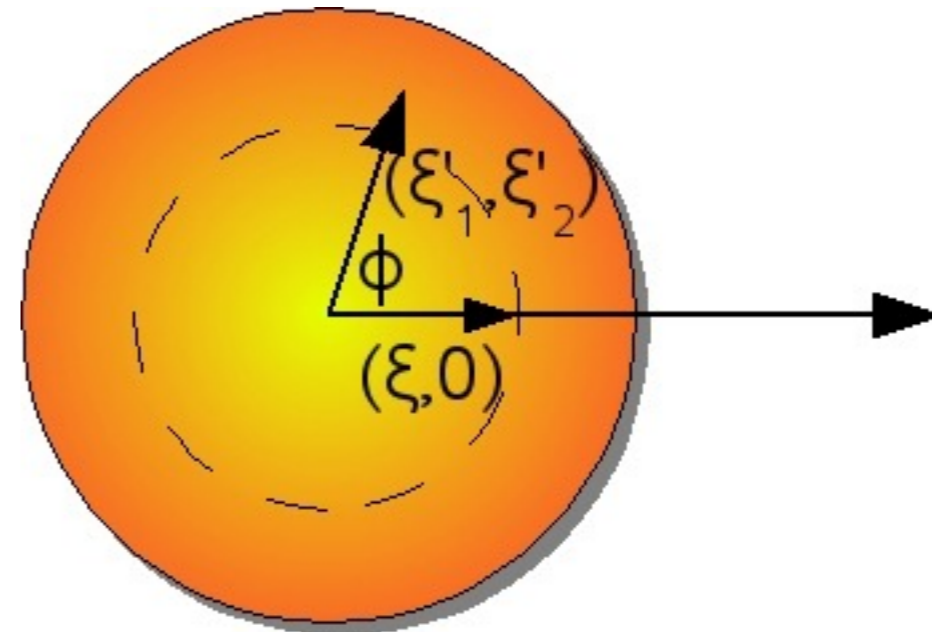
$$\Sigma(\vec{\xi}) = \int \rho(\vec{\xi}, z) dz$$

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DEFLECTION ANGLE OF AN AXIALLY SYMMETRIC LENS

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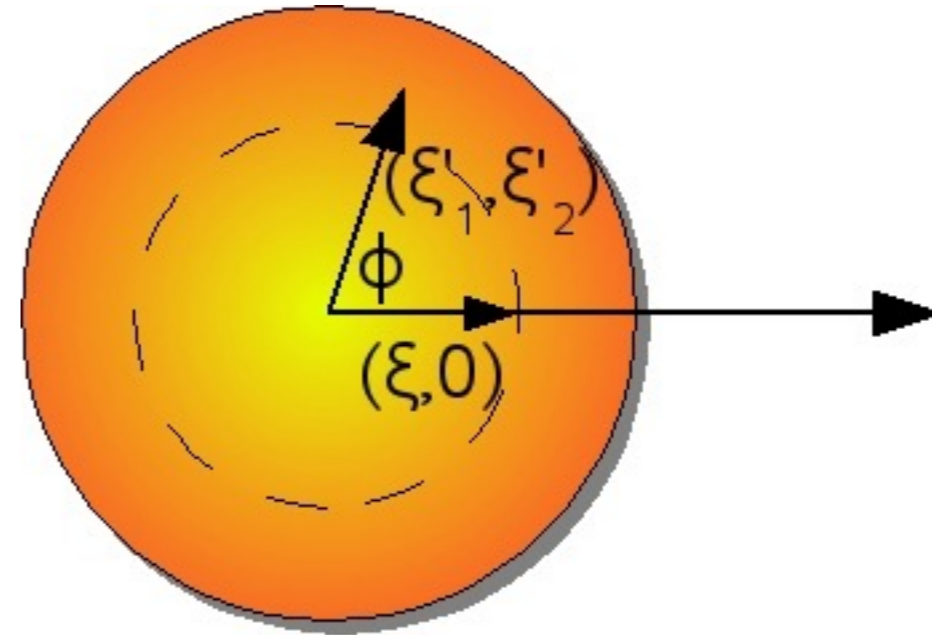
$$\hat{\alpha}_2(\vec{\xi}) = \frac{4G}{c^2} \int_0^\infty d\xi' \xi' \Sigma(\xi') \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \frac{-\xi' \sin \phi}{\xi^2 + \xi'^2 - 2\xi\xi' \cos \phi}$$

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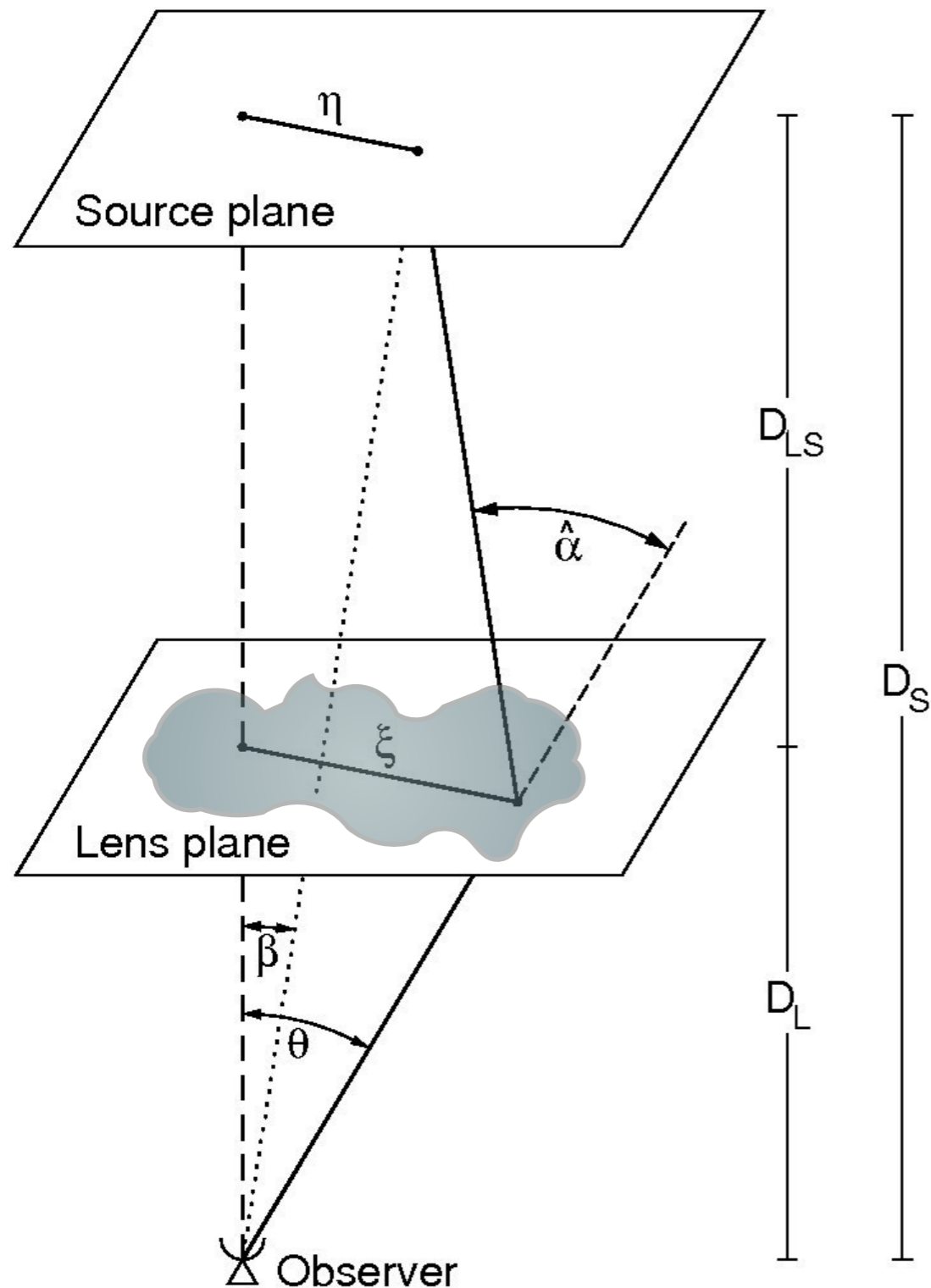
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LENS EQUATION



$$\vec{\beta} = \vec{\theta} - \frac{D_{LS}}{D_S} \hat{\vec{\alpha}}(\vec{\theta})$$

$$\vec{\theta} = \frac{\vec{\xi}}{D_L} \quad \vec{\beta} = \frac{\vec{\eta}}{D_S}$$

$$\vec{\alpha}(\vec{\theta}) = \frac{D_{LS}}{D_S} \hat{\vec{\alpha}}(\vec{\theta})$$

$$\vec{\beta} = \vec{\theta} - \vec{\alpha}$$

OTHER NOTATIONS

$$\vec{\theta} = \frac{\vec{\xi}}{D_L} \quad \vec{\beta} = \frac{\vec{\eta}}{D_S} \quad \vec{\alpha}(\vec{\theta}) = \frac{D_{LS}}{D_S} \hat{\vec{\alpha}}(\vec{\theta}) \quad \vec{\beta} = \vec{\theta} - \vec{\alpha}$$

$$\theta_0 = \frac{\xi_0}{D_L} = \frac{\eta_0}{D_S}$$



$$\vec{y} = \vec{x} - \vec{\alpha}(\vec{x})$$

$$\vec{\alpha}(\vec{x}) = \frac{\vec{\alpha}(\theta)}{\theta_0} = \frac{D_L}{\xi_0} \frac{D_{LS}}{D_S} \hat{\vec{\alpha}}(\vec{\theta})$$

LENSING POTENTIAL

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This formula tells us that the deflection is caused by the projection of the Newtonian gravitational potential on the lens plane.

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2 the lensing potential scales with distances

OTHER PROPERTIES OF THE LENSING POTENTIAL

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$$\kappa(\vec{x}) \equiv \frac{\Sigma(\vec{x})}{\Sigma_{\text{cr}}} \quad \text{with} \quad \Sigma_{\text{cr}} = \frac{c^2}{4\pi G} \frac{D_S}{D_L D_{LS}}$$