

COOL-J1241+2219

## The Brightest Galaxy in the Redshift $> 5$ Universe

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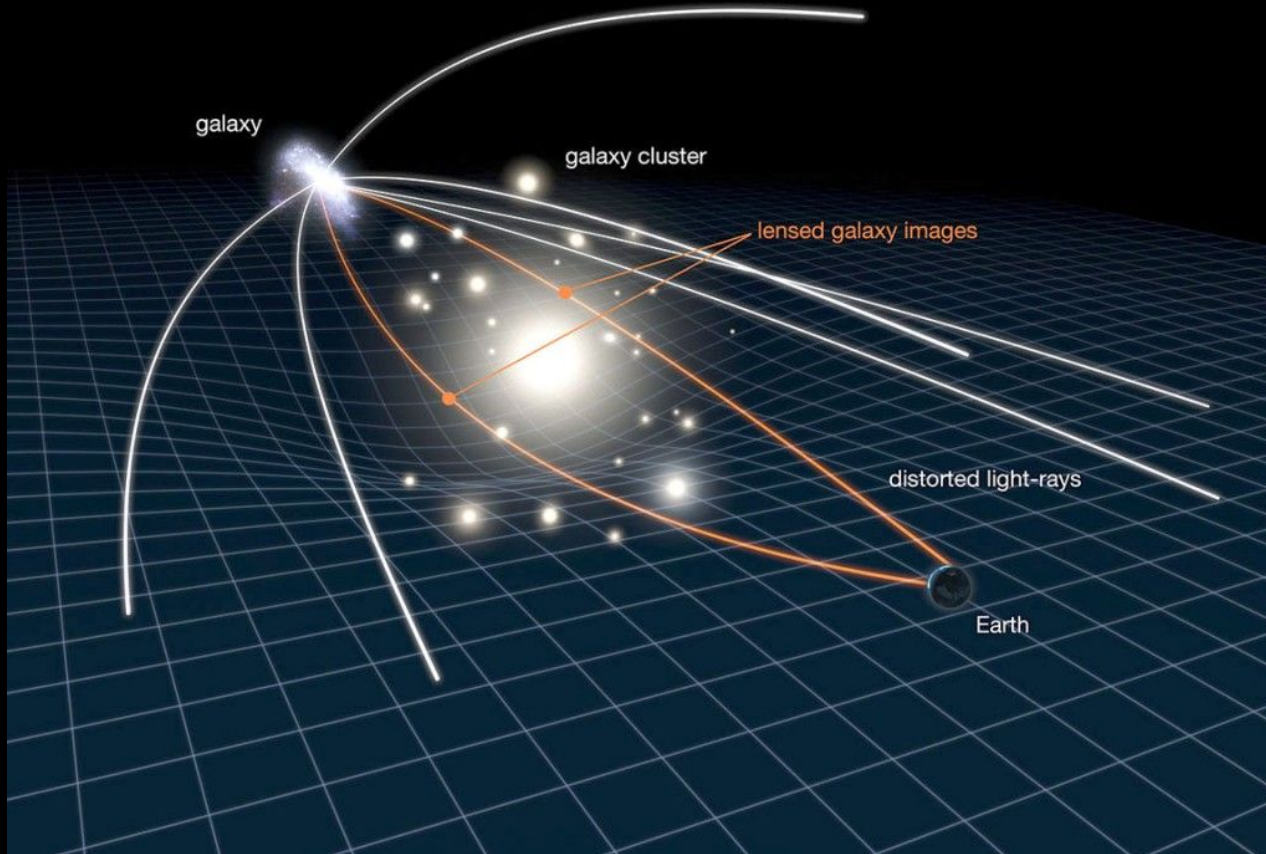
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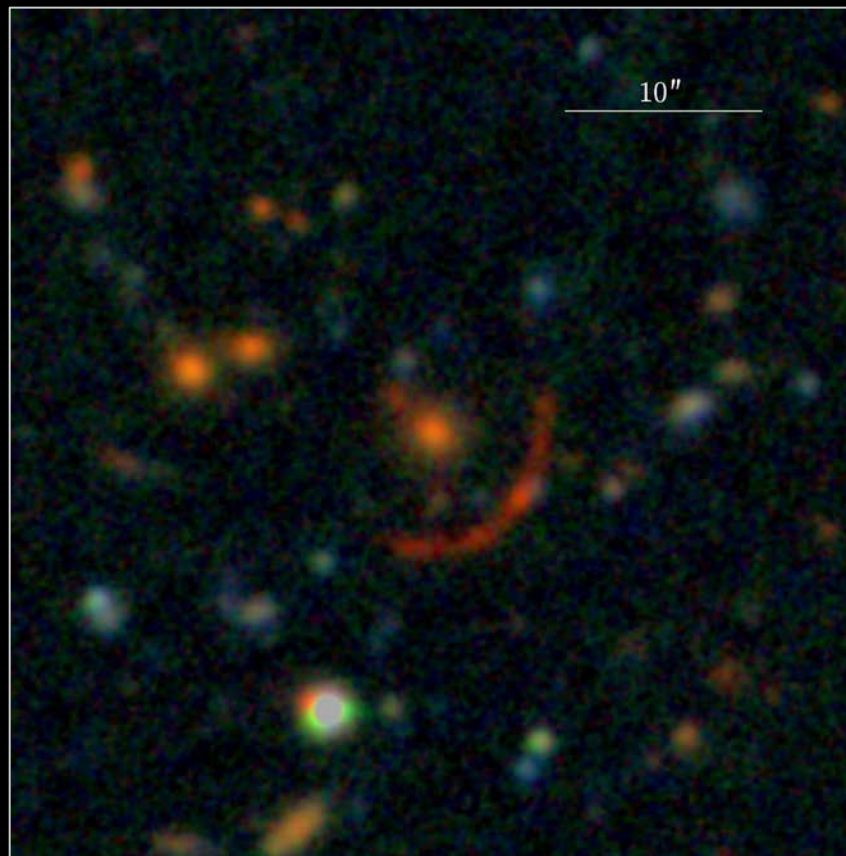
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# Gravitational lensing magnifies distant galaxies

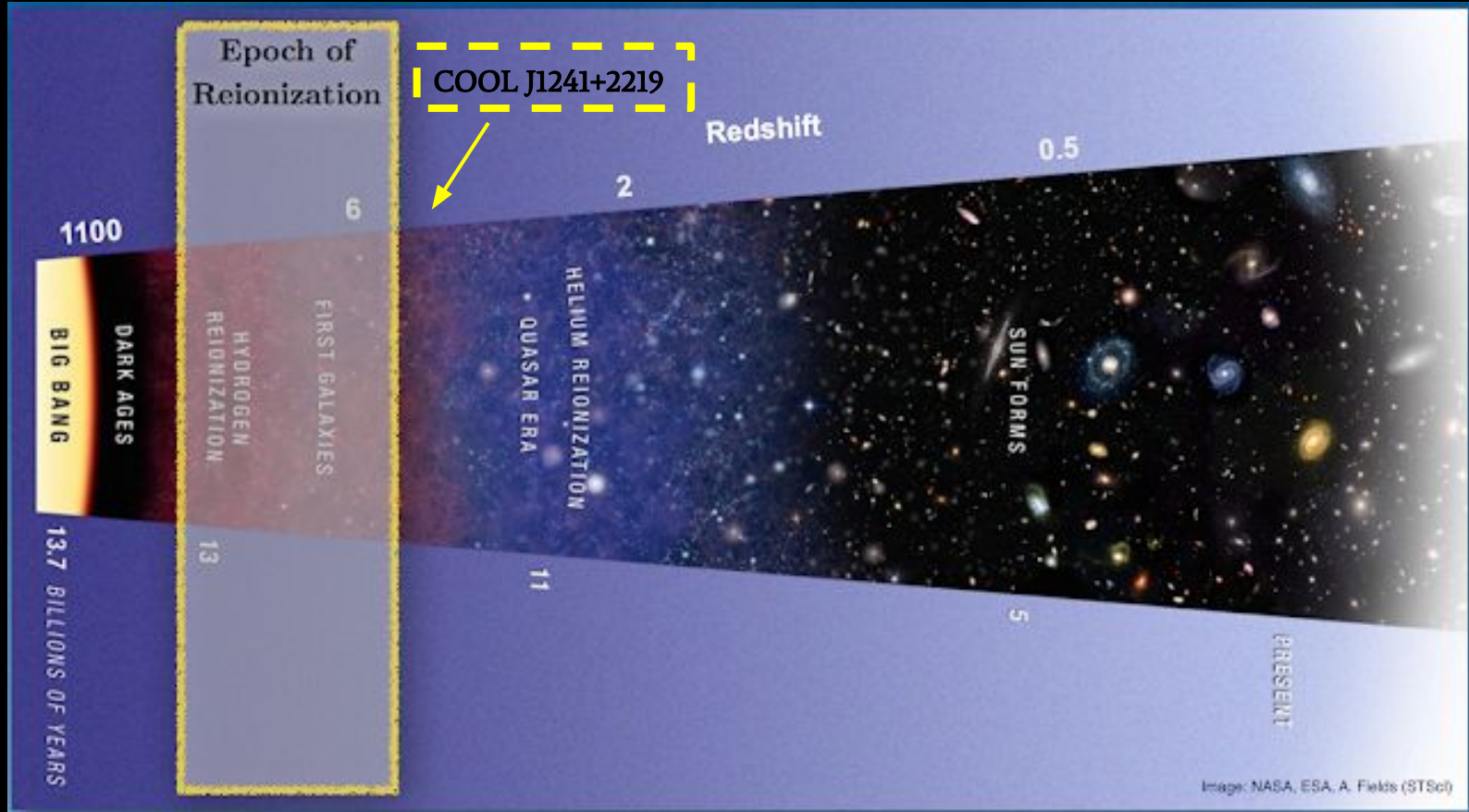


Credit:  
NASA, ESA &  
L. Calçada

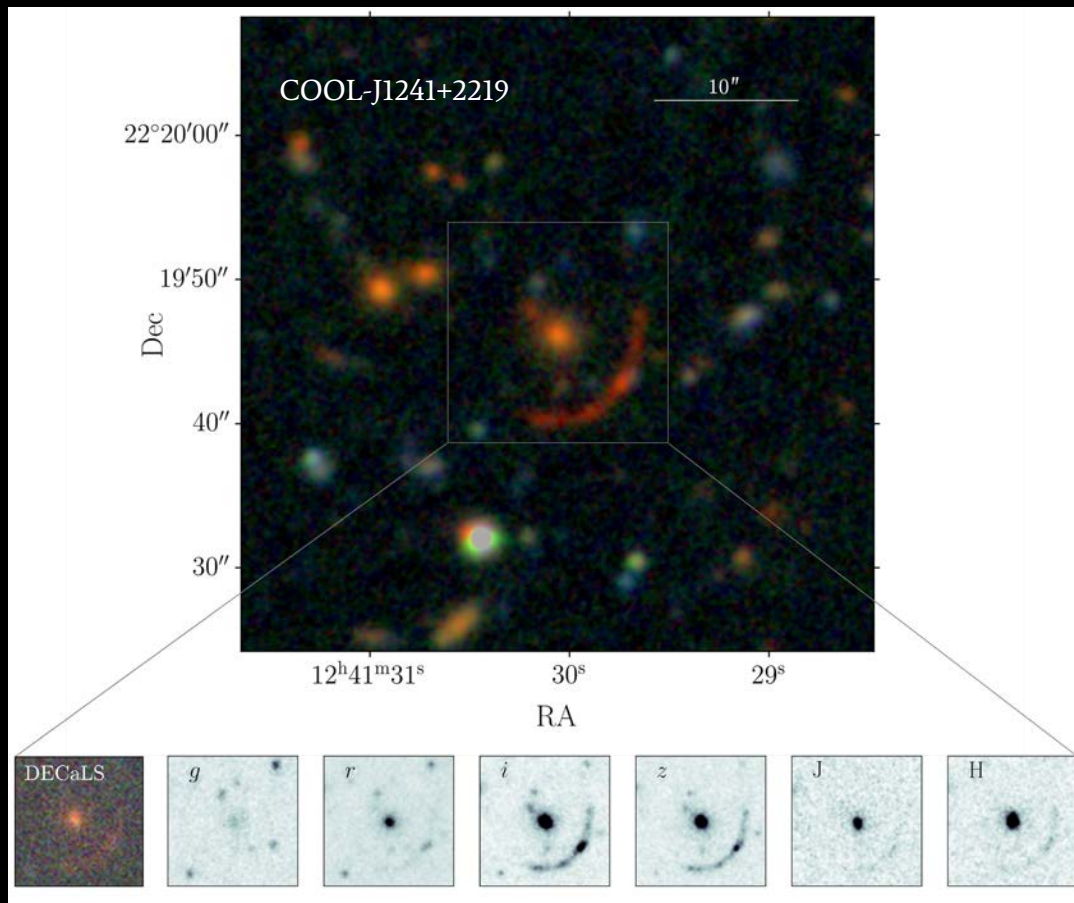
COOL J1241+2219 is the brightest galaxy observed from when the Universe was  $< 1.2$  billion years old ( $< 1/10$ th of its current age!)



# A massive extremely bright galaxy near the epoch of reionization

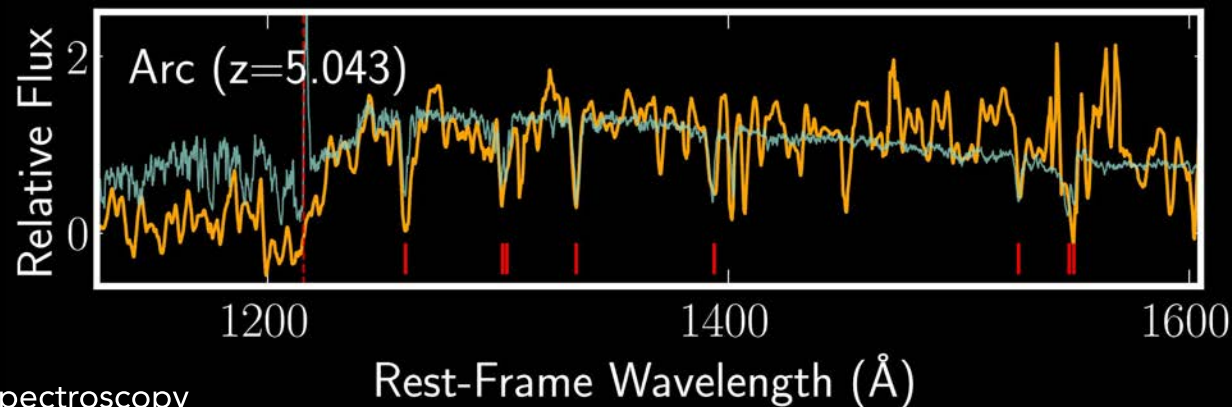


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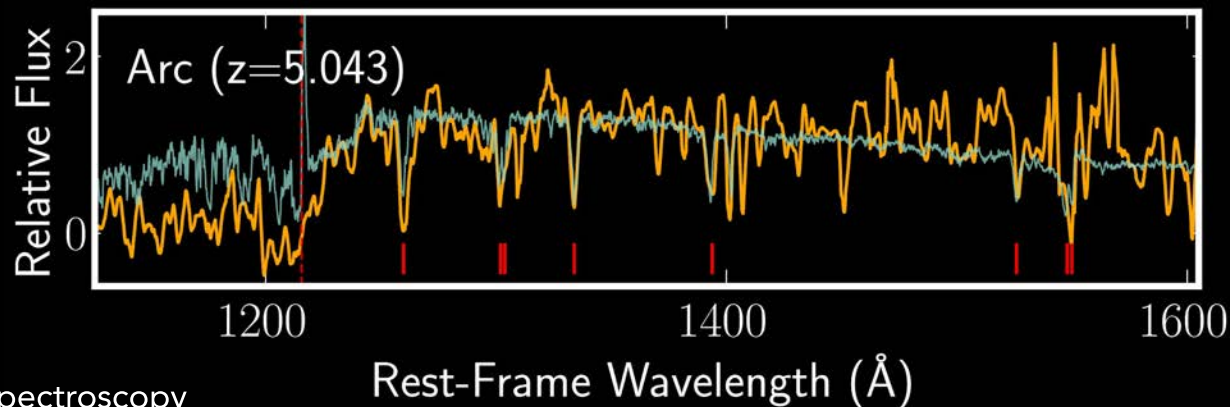
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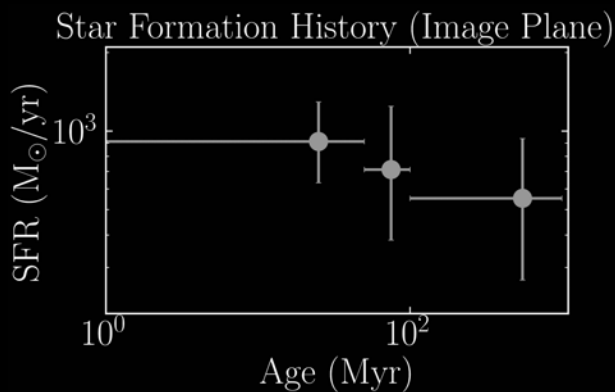
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We model this galaxy using stellar population synthesis.

Consistent with a constantly star-forming galaxy, that has formed stars within a few times that of the Milky Way, in 1/10th the time, and at a much earlier time in the Universe!

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Finding strong gravitational lenses in recent public imaging data

Objects at the margins of the distributions of source color and brightness

Rapid visual examinations of  $\sim 0.5$  million lines-of-sight

Central focus of undergraduate research class  
at The University of Chicago

PI/Instructor: Mike Gladders

Teaching Assistant and lead graduate student: Gourav Khullar (me!)

11 undergraduate students at UChicago, 11 external collaborators at UMichigan, Center for Astrophysics (Harvard), Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, NASA Goddard, University of Cincinnati, University of Oslo

# COOL-LAMPS at AAS

Check out the talks below:

240.06. COOL-LAMPS: Characterizing the brightest known galaxy in the redshift  $> 5$  Universe (G Khullar, Tuesday 5:20 pm EST)

432.01. The COOL-LAMPS Collaboration: A proposed model for inclusive undergraduate teaching and research (G Khullar, Thursday 4:10 pm EST)

347.01 Searching for lensed quasars in the COOL-LAMPS survey.  
Publication in prep: *Michael Martinez, Mike Gladders..Gourav Khullar et al.*

347.02 Multi-wavelength characterization of COOL J1231, an early-type lensed galaxy at  $z = 1$  to constrain mass, size and star formation history.  
Publication in prep: *Ezra Sukay, Gourav Khullar, Mike Gladders et al.*

Paper link: [arXiv:2011.06601](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.06601)

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