



# **Astrophysical Q-balls and their gravitational microlensing signature**

**Lalit Singh Bhandari**

arXiv:2302.11590

Collaborators: Arhum Ansari and Dr. Arun M. Thalapillil

Department of Physics,

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Pune, Pune, India

Dec. 20, 2023

# Outline

- Theoretical framework for Q-balls
- Maximum radius using Jeans Stability criteria
- Constraints on parameters from non-gravitational condition
- Gravitational lensing of astrophysical Q-balls
- $f_{\text{DM}}$  constraint on astrophysical Q-balls

# Q-balls

- Q-balls are non-topological solitons which arise in theories with conserved global charge and their potential satisfies certain conditions.

Coleman (1985)

- We consider U(1) theory whose Lagrangian is given by,

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \Phi \partial^\mu \Phi^\dagger - U(\Phi^\dagger \Phi) .$$

- Q-balls exist when  $U(\Phi^\dagger \Phi)/\Phi^\dagger \Phi$  has minimum at  $\Phi_Q$ ,

$$0 \leq \left| \frac{U(\Phi_Q)}{\Phi_Q^2} \right| \equiv \omega_Q^2 < m^2 .$$

- Energy density of profile ,

$$\rho_Q^M(r) = 2\omega^2 \phi(r)^2 + \frac{2}{3} \phi(r)'^2 .$$

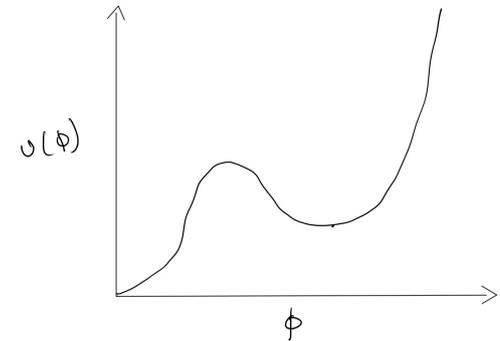


Fig. 1: Potential for Q-balls.

$$\Phi(r, t) = \phi(r) e^{i\omega t} .$$

# Q-balls

- We consider the sextic potential,

$$U(\phi) = m^2\phi^2 + \lambda\phi^4 + \zeta\phi^6 . \quad \lambda < 0 . \quad \text{Heeck (2021)}$$

- Local minima at ,

$$\phi = \phi_Q \equiv \sqrt{\frac{|\lambda|}{2\zeta}} .$$

- Q-balls existence criteria,

$$\omega_Q = m\sqrt{1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4m^2\zeta}} < m .$$

- Equation of motion,

$$\phi'' + \frac{2}{r}\phi' = -\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \left[ \frac{1}{2}\omega^2\phi^2 - U(\phi) \right] .$$

- Q-balls exist for,

$$\boxed{\omega_Q < \omega < m} .$$

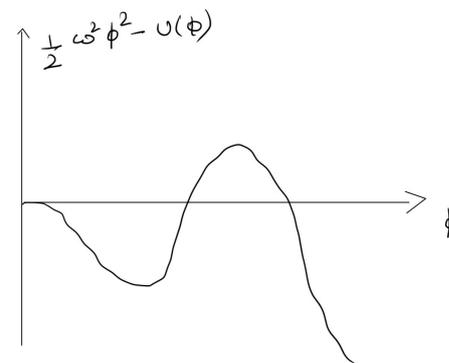


Fig. 2: Effective Potential for Q-balls.

# Q-balls Profile

- Coleman solution (Thin wall Q-Balls),

$$\phi^{\text{TW}}(r) = \begin{cases} \phi_Q & r \leq R_Q, \\ 0 & r > R_Q. \end{cases}$$

Coleman (1985)

- Beyond Thin wall profile,

$$\phi(r) = \frac{\phi_*}{\sqrt{1 + 2 \exp [2\sqrt{m^2 - \omega_Q^2} (r - R_Q)]}}.$$

Heeck (2021)

where,

$$\phi_*^2 = \frac{\phi_Q^2}{3} \left[ 2 + \sqrt{1 + 3 \left( \frac{\omega^2 - \omega_Q^2}{m^2 - \omega_Q^2} \right)} \right].$$

- Radius ,

$$R_Q = \frac{\sqrt{m^2 - \omega_Q^2}}{\omega^2 - \omega_Q^2}.$$

# Jeans instability criteria for Q-balls

- The astrophysical Q-balls should be stable against gravitational collapse.
- If Q-ball is compressed, the internal outward pressure will counteract the compression.
- The jeans length is given by,

$$d_Q^J = v_Q^s t_Q^g \simeq \frac{v_Q^s}{\sqrt{G_N \rho_Q^M}} .$$

where, the velocity of sound is

$$v_Q^{s,2} \equiv \frac{dP_Q}{d\rho_Q^M} = \frac{\lambda^2}{4m^2\zeta} .$$

- The jeans length is,

$$d_Q^J = \sqrt{\frac{|\lambda|}{4m^4 G_N \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4m^2\zeta}\right)}} \equiv R_{Q, \max}^J .$$

- For stability of astrophysical Q-balls,

$$R_Q < d_Q^J .$$

# Non-gravitational criteria for Q-balls

- The effects due to gravity are negligible compared to the attractive self-interactions.

- Weak field limit metric is given by

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}(x) = (1 + 2\varphi^G, -1, -1, -1) .$$

- Consider the field as ,

$$\Phi(r, t) = (2E/N)^{-1/2} \psi(r) e^{-iEt} .$$

- The equation of motion becomes ,

$$E_B \psi = -\frac{1}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + m\varphi^G \psi + \frac{N\lambda}{2m^2} \psi^3 + \frac{3\zeta N^2}{8m^3} \psi^5 .$$

- Comparing the attractive self-interactions and gravity,

$$|m\varphi^G| < \frac{N\lambda}{2m^2} \psi^2 \simeq \frac{M_Q \lambda}{2\omega m^2} \psi^2 .$$

- Criteria of non-gravitational astrophysical Q-balls,

$$\boxed{\frac{G_N m^3 \omega \lambda}{2\zeta \left( \omega^2 - m^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{4\zeta} \right)^2} < 1} .$$

# Gravitational lensing

- Light passing near a heavy objects bends due to gravity, the phenomenon is called gravitational lensing.

- For point mass, deflection angle is given by

$$\hat{\theta}_D = \frac{2}{c^2} \int \nabla_{\chi} \varphi^G dz = \frac{4G_N M}{c^2 |\vec{\chi}|} \hat{\chi} .$$

- For extended mass source ,

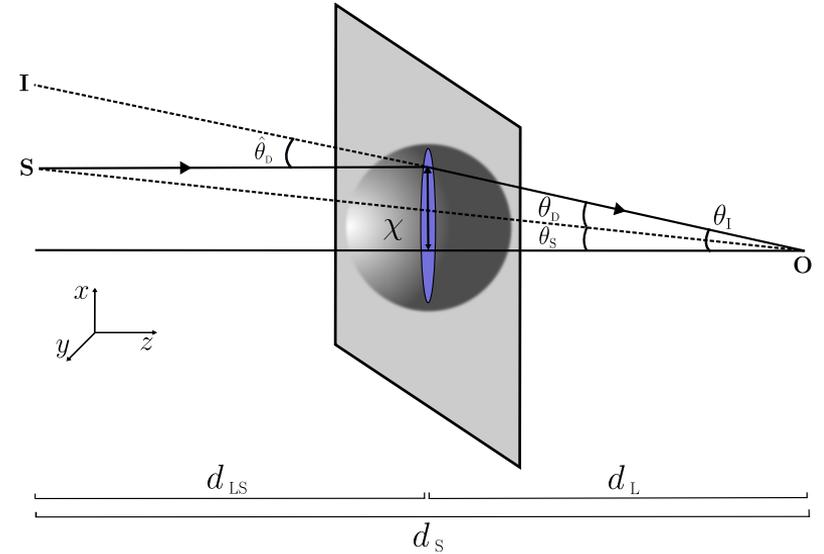
$$\hat{\theta}_D(\chi) = \frac{4G_N \tilde{M}(\chi)}{c^2 \chi} .$$

where ,

$$\tilde{M}(\chi) = \int_0^{\chi} d^2 \chi' \sigma(\chi') , \quad \sigma(\chi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(\chi, z) dz .$$

- Lens equation,

$$\theta_S = \theta_I - \frac{d_{LS}}{d_S d_L} \frac{4G_N \tilde{M}(\theta_I)}{c^2 \theta_I} .$$



**Fig.1** A diagrammatic representation of a lens, observer and source lensing system showing the various relevant quantities involved.

# Gravitational lensing

- For point lens,

$$\theta_S = 0, \quad \theta_I = \theta_E \equiv \frac{R_E}{d_L}, \quad \theta_{I\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \theta_S \pm \sqrt{\theta_S^2 + 4\theta_E^2} \right).$$

where  $R_E$  is the Einstein radius

$$R_E = \left( \frac{4G_N M d_L d_{LS}}{c^2 d_S} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

- Magnification of the image,

$$m_I = \frac{\theta_I}{\theta_S} \frac{d\theta_I}{d\theta_S}.$$

- Total magnification,

$$m = \sum_I |m_I|.$$

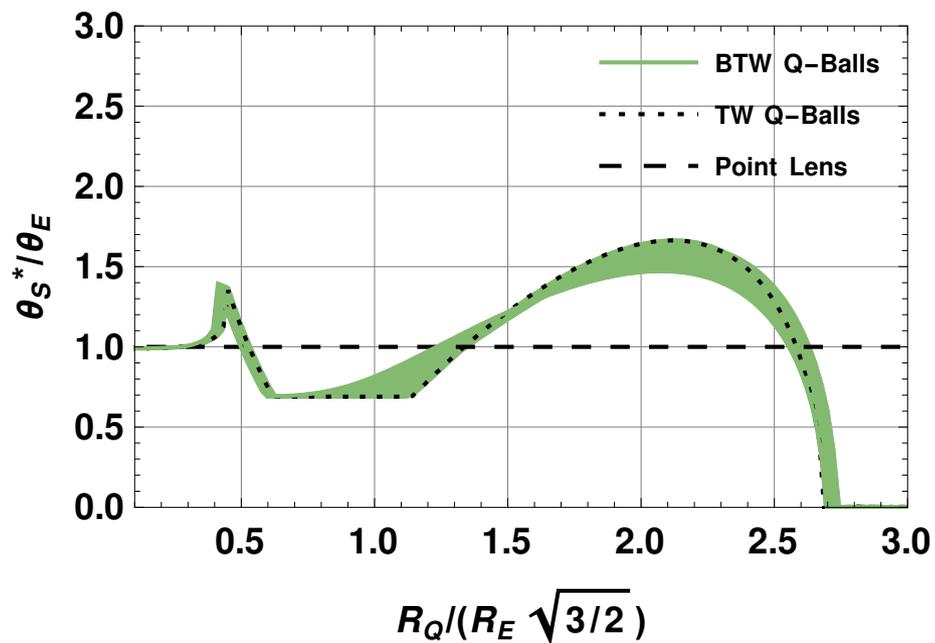
- For point lens,

$$m_{\text{point}} = \frac{\theta_S^2/\theta_E^2 + 2}{\theta_S/\theta_E (\theta_S^2/\theta_E^2 + 4)^{1/2}}.$$

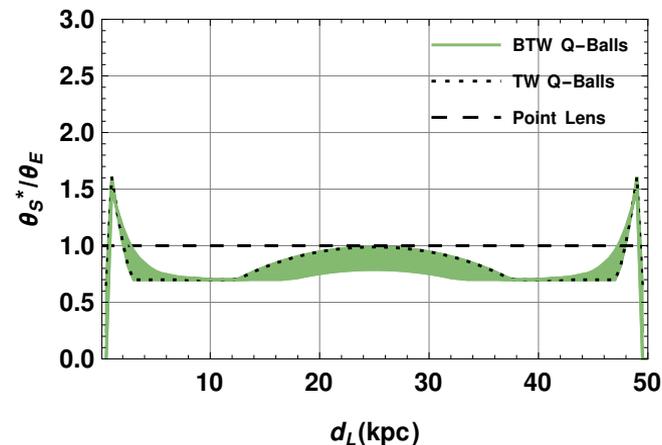
For  $\theta_S = \theta_E$ ,

$$m_{\text{point}} \approx 1.34.$$

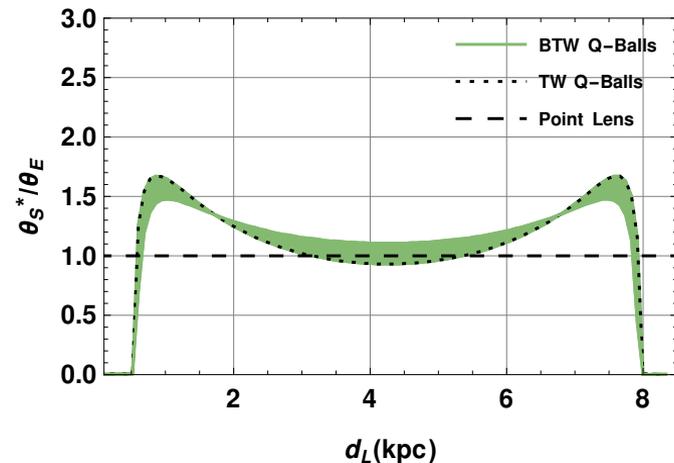
# Threshold impact parameter for Astrophysical Q-Balls



**Fig. 1:** The threshold value of the source position, below which one obtains a total magnification 1.34 as a function of Q- ball radius.



**Fig. 2a:** Large Magellanic Cloud (for EROS)



**Fig. 2b:** Milky Way Galaxy (for OGLE and WFIRST)

# $f_{\text{DM}}$ constraint for astrophysical Q-balls

- For a single background source, for differential event rate for unit exposure time is given by

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{d\gamma d\tau} = \frac{2d_s e(\tau)}{v_\odot^2 M_Q} f_{\text{DM}} \rho_{\text{DM}}(\gamma) v_Q^4(\gamma) e^{-v_Q^2(\gamma)/v_\odot^2} .$$

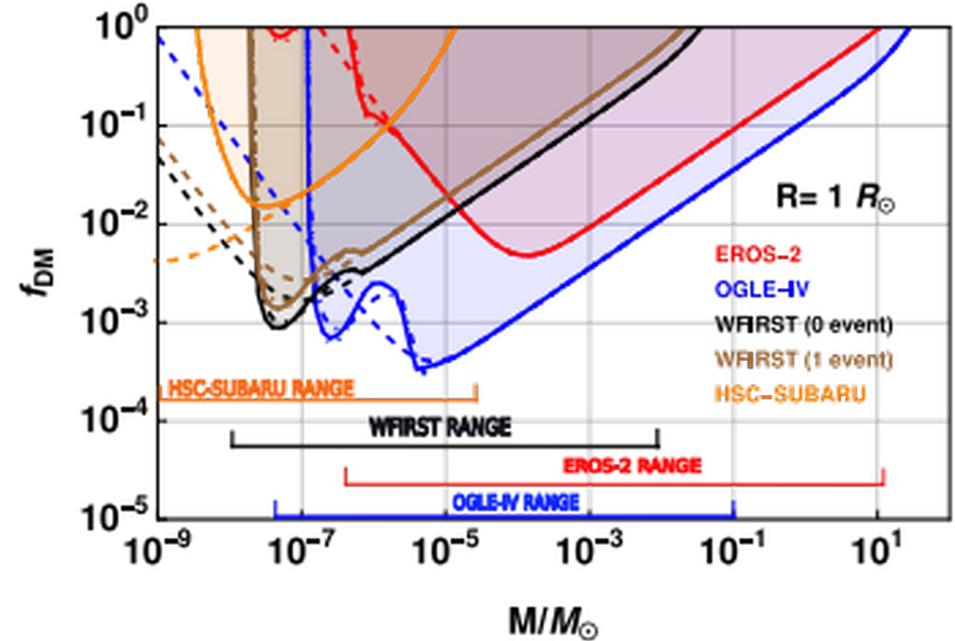
Griest (1991)

where,

$$v_Q \equiv \frac{2\theta_s^*(\gamma) d_L}{\tau}, \quad \gamma \equiv d_L/d_S .$$

- The total no. of expected astrophysical Q-balls events are,

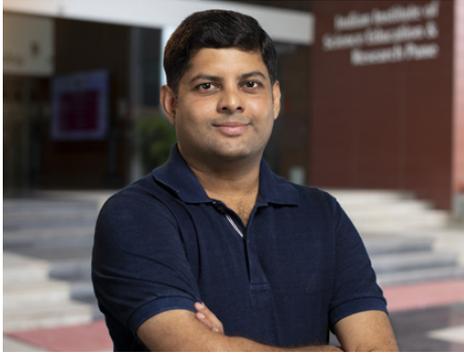
$$N_{\text{exp}} = N_s T_o \int dR_* \int_0^1 d\gamma \int_{\tau_{\text{min}}}^{\tau_{\text{max}}} d\tau \frac{dn}{dR_*} \frac{d^2\Gamma}{d\gamma d\tau} .$$



**Fig. 1:** Bounds on the fraction of dark matter comprised of astrophysical Q-balls are shown from various microlensing surveys. The point lens and TW astrophysical Q-balls are shown by the dashed and dotted lines, respectively. While the solid and dashed-dotted lines represent the two BTW Q-balls .

# Summary

- Astrophysical Q-balls
  - Based on gravitational stability, we have found condition for maximum radius of Q-balls, which in directly constrains the coupling parameters and mass.
  - Furthermore, we have found condition on coupling and mass for non-gravitational Q-balls.
  - From various gravitational microlensing survey we have put bounds on the fraction of dark matter composed of Q-balls



Dr. Arun M. Thalapillil



Arhum Ansari

**Thank You**

# Q-balls (Review)

- Q-balls are non-topological solitons which arise in theories with conserved global charge and their potential satisfies certain conditions.

Coleman (1985)

- We consider U(1) theory whose Lagrangian is given by,

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \Phi \partial^\mu \Phi^\dagger - U(\Phi^\dagger \Phi) .$$

- Q-balls exist when  $U(\Phi^\dagger \Phi)/\Phi^\dagger \Phi$  has minimum at  $\Phi_Q$ ,

$$0 \leq \left| \frac{U(\Phi_Q)}{\Phi_Q^2} \right| \equiv \omega_Q^2 < m^2 .$$

- The Q-balls have the time dependence,

$$\Phi(r, t) = \phi(r) e^{i\omega t} .$$

- Energy density of profile ,

$$\rho_Q^M(r) = 2\omega^2 \phi(r)^2 + \frac{2}{3} \phi(r)'^2 .$$

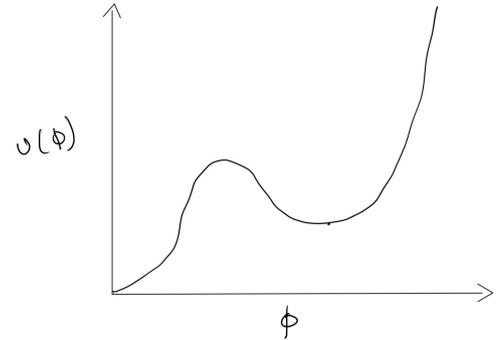


Fig. 1: Potential for Q-balls.

# Q-balls (Review cont.)

- We consider the sextic potential,

$$U(\phi) = m^2\phi^2 + \lambda\phi^4 + \zeta\phi^6 . \quad \lambda < 0 . \quad \text{Heeck (2021)}$$

- Local minima at ,

$$\phi = \phi_Q \equiv \sqrt{\frac{|\lambda|}{2\zeta}} .$$

- Q-balls existence criteria,

$$\omega_Q = m\sqrt{1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4m^2\zeta}} < m .$$

- Equation of motion,

$$\phi'' + \frac{2}{r}\phi' = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} [\omega^2\phi^2 - U(\phi)] .$$

# Q-balls (Review cont.)

- Coleman solution (Thin wall Q-Balls),

$$\phi^{\text{TW}}(r) = \begin{cases} \phi_Q & r \leq R_Q, \\ 0 & r > R_Q, \end{cases} .$$

Coleman (1985)

- Beyond Thin wall profile,

$$\phi(r) = \frac{\phi_*}{\sqrt{1 + 2 \exp [2\sqrt{m^2 - \omega_Q^2} (r - R_Q)]}} .$$

Heeck (2021)

where,

$$\phi_*^2 = \frac{\phi_Q^2}{3} \left[ 2 + \sqrt{1 + 3 \left( \frac{\omega^2 - \omega_Q^2}{m^2 - \omega_Q^2} \right)} \right] .$$

- Radius ,

$$R_Q = \frac{\sqrt{m^2 - \omega_Q^2}}{\omega^2 - \omega_Q^2} .$$

# Jeans instability Criteria

- The astrophysical Q-balls should be stable against gravitational collapse.
- If Q-ball is compressed, the internal outward pressure will counteract the compression.
- The jeans length is given by,

$$d_Q^J = v_Q^s t_Q^g \simeq \frac{v_Q^s}{\sqrt{G_N \rho_Q^M}} .$$

where, the velocity of sound is

$$v_Q^{s2} \equiv \frac{dP_Q}{d\rho_Q^M} = \frac{\lambda^2}{4m^2\zeta} .$$

- The jeans length is,

$$d_Q^J = \sqrt{\frac{|\lambda|}{4m^4 G_N \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4m^2\zeta}\right)}} \equiv R_{Q, \max}^J .$$

- For stability of astrophysical Q-balls,

$$R_Q < d_Q^J .$$

# Non- gravitational criteria

- The effects due to gravity are negligible compared to the attractive self-interactions.

- Weak field limit metric is given by

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}(x) = (1 + 2\varphi^G, -1, -1, -1) .$$

- Consider the field as ,

$$\Phi(r, t) = (2E/N)^{-1/2} \psi(r) e^{-iEt} .$$

- The equation of motion becomes ,

$$E_B \psi = -\frac{1}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + m\varphi^G \psi + \frac{N\lambda}{2m^2} \psi^3 + \frac{3\zeta N^2}{8m^3} \psi^5 .$$

- Comparing the attractive self-interactions and gravity,

$$|m\varphi^G| < \frac{N\lambda}{2m^2} \psi^2 \simeq \frac{M_Q \lambda}{2\omega m^2} \psi^2 . \quad \varphi^G \sim -\frac{G_N M_Q}{R_Q} . \quad \psi^2 \sim 1/R_Q^3 .$$

- Criteria of non-gravitational astrophysical Q-balls,

$$\frac{G_N m^3 \omega \lambda}{2\zeta \left( \omega^2 - m^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{4\zeta} \right)^2} < 1 .$$

# Gravitational lensing (for point source)

- Light passing near a heavy objects bends due to gravity, the phenomenon is called gravitational lensing.

- For point mass, deflection angle is given by

$$\hat{\theta}_D = \frac{2}{c^2} \int \nabla_{\chi} \varphi^G dz = \frac{4G_N M}{c^2 |\vec{\chi}|} \hat{\chi} .$$

- For extended mass source ,

$$\hat{\theta}_D(\chi) = \frac{4G_N \tilde{M}(\chi)}{c^2 \chi} .$$

where ,

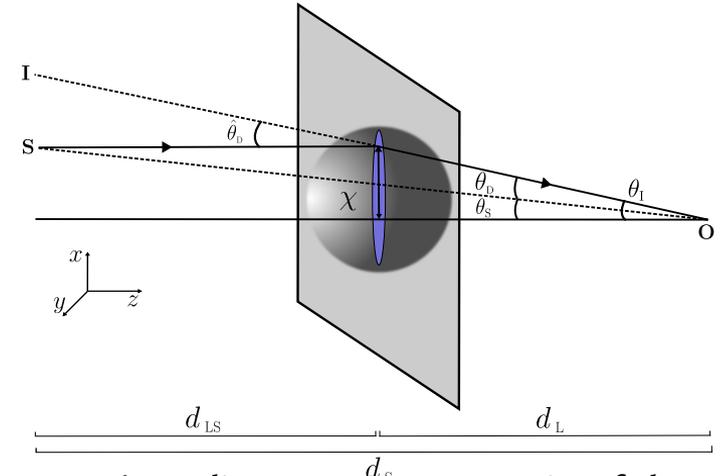
$$\tilde{M}(\chi) = \int_0^{\chi} d^2 \chi' \sigma(\chi') , \quad \sigma(\chi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(\chi, z) dz .$$

- The angular source position and angular image positions are related,

$$d_S \theta_I = d_S \theta_S + d_{LS} \hat{\theta}_D .$$

- Lens equation,

$$\theta_S = \theta_I - \frac{d_{LS}}{d_S d_L} \frac{4G_N \tilde{M}(\theta_I)}{c^2 \theta_I} .$$



**Fig.1** A diagrammatic representation of a lens, observer and source lensing system showing the various relevant quantities involved.

# Gravitational lensing (for point source cont.)

- For point lens,

$$\theta_S = 0, \quad \theta_I = \theta_E \equiv \frac{R_E}{d_L}, \quad \theta_{I\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \theta_S \pm \sqrt{\theta_S^2 + 4\theta_E^2} \right).$$

where  $R_E$  is the Einstein radius

$$R_E = \left( \frac{4G_N M d_L d_{LS}}{c^2 d_S} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

- Magnification of the image,

$$m_I = \frac{\theta_I}{\theta_S} \frac{d\theta_I}{d\theta_S}.$$

- Total magnification,

$$m = \sum_I |m_I|.$$

- For point lens,

$$m_{\text{point}} = \frac{\theta_S^2/\theta_E^2 + 2}{\theta_S/\theta_E (\theta_S^2/\theta_E^2 + 4)^{1/2}}.$$

For  $\theta_S = \theta_E$ ,

$$m_{\text{point}} \approx 3.14.$$

# Gravitational lensing (for extended source)

- For extended circular source, we project the source onto lens plane

$$R_s = \frac{d_L R_*}{d_S} .$$

- The angular position of a point on the edge of this circle is ,

$$\theta_s(\phi) = \sqrt{\theta_{s,0}^2 + 2r_s^2 + \theta_{s,0}r_s \cos \phi} . \quad r_s \equiv \frac{R_s}{R_E} ,$$

- Lens equation,

$$\theta_s(\phi) = \theta_I(\phi) - \frac{d_{LS}}{d_S d_L} \frac{4G_N \tilde{M}(\theta_I(\phi))}{c^2 \theta_I(\phi)} .$$

- Total magnification,

$$m = \sum_i \frac{\eta}{2\pi r_s^2} \int_{\phi=0}^{\phi=2\pi} d\Psi(\phi) y_{I,i}^2(\phi) .$$

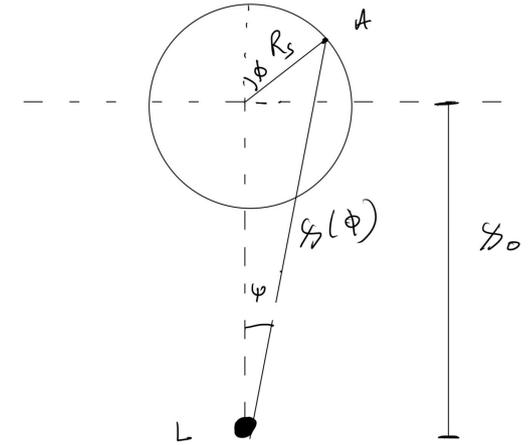
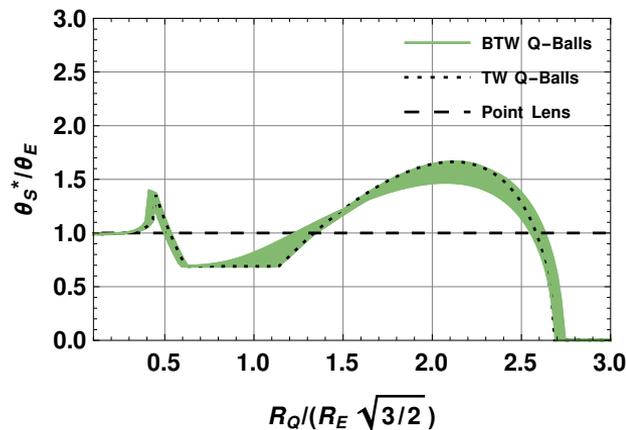


Fig. 1: Schematic for extended lens source.

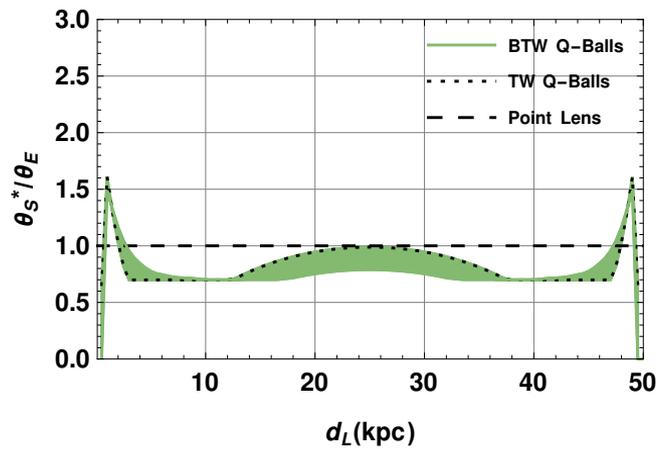
Witt (1994)

$$\Psi(\phi) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{r_s \sin \phi}{\theta_{s,0} + r_s \cos \phi} \right) .$$

# Threshold impact parameter for Astrophysical Q-Balls(for point source)

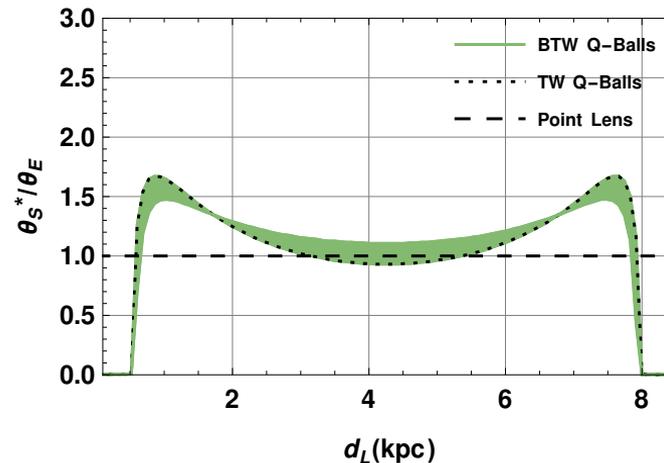


**Fig. 1:** The threshold value of the source position, below which one obtains a total magnification 3.14 as a function of Q- ball radius.



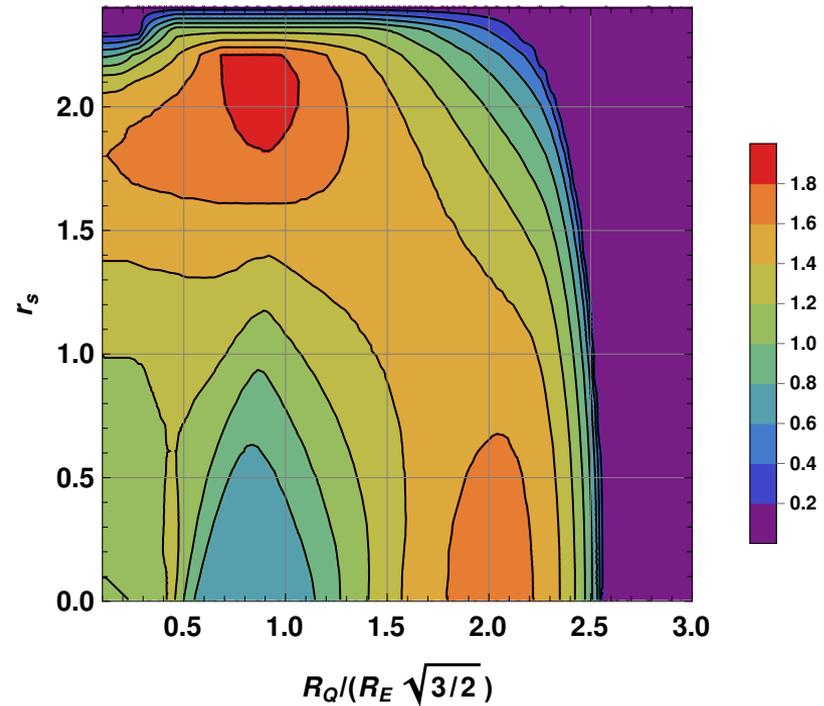
**Fig. 2a:** Large Magellenic Cloud (for EROS)

**Fig. 2:** The threshold value of the source position, below which one obtains a total magnification 3.14 as a function of Q- ball distance.



**Fig. 2b:** Milky Way Galaxy (for OGLE and WFIRST)

# Threshold impact parameter for Astrophysical Q-Balls (for extended source)



**Fig. 1:** The threshold value of the source position, below which one obtains a total magnification 3.14 as a function of Q- ball radius and source radius.

# Constraints on astrophysical Q-balls

- For a single background source, for differential event rate for unit exposure time is given by

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{d\gamma d\tau} = \frac{2d_s e(\tau)}{v_\odot^2 M_Q} f_{\text{DM}} \rho_{\text{DM}}(\gamma) v_Q^4(\gamma) e^{-v_Q^2(\gamma)/v_\odot^2} . \quad \text{Griest (1991)}$$

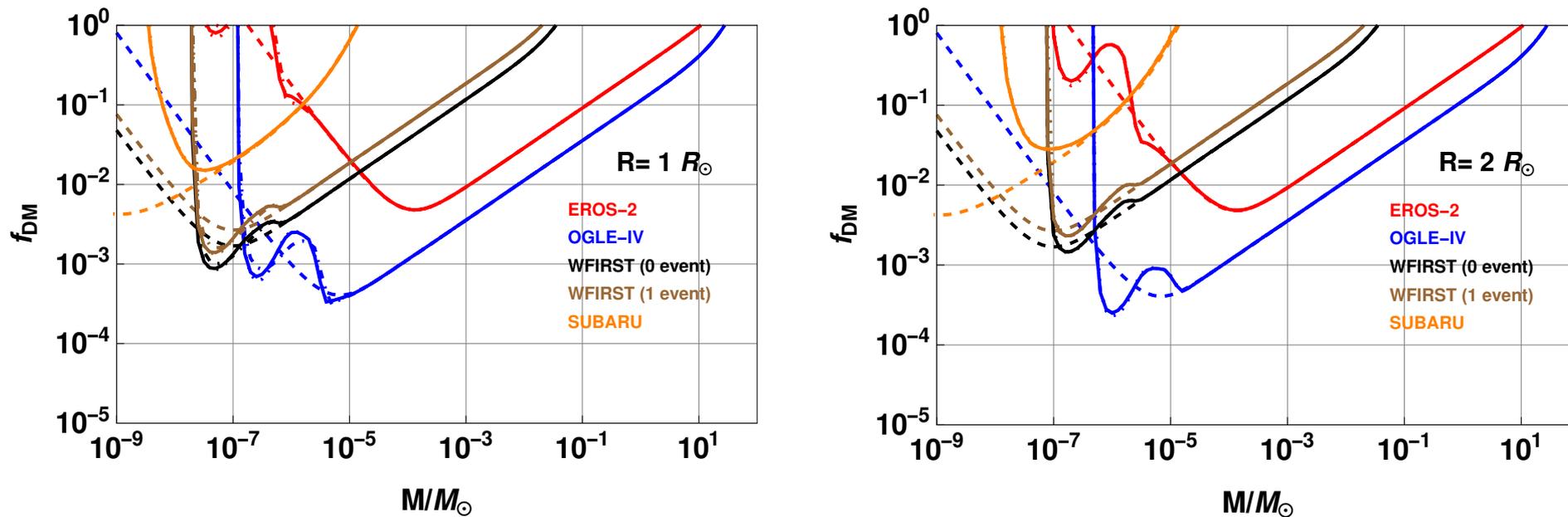
where,

$$v_Q \equiv \frac{2\theta_s^*(\gamma) d_L}{\tau}, \quad \gamma \equiv d_L/d_s .$$

- The total no. of expected astrophysical Q-balls events are,

$$N_{\text{exp}} = N_s T_o \int dR_* \int_0^1 d\gamma \int_{\tau_{\text{min}}}^{\tau_{\text{max}}} d\tau \frac{dn}{dR_*} \frac{d^2\Gamma}{d\gamma d\tau} .$$

# $f_{\text{DM}}$ constraint plots for astrophysical Q-balls



**Fig. 1:** Bounds on the fraction of dark matter comprised of astrophysical Q-balls are shown from various microlensing surveys. The point lens and TW astrophysical Q-balls are shown by the dashed and dotted lines, respectively. While the solid and dashed-dotted lines represent the two BTW Q-balls. .