### Using Planck maps for a systematic search of ultra-bright high-z strongly lensed galaxies

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Unveiling the Early Universe: Using Planck Maps to Find Ultra-Bright High-Redshift strongly lensed galaxies



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#### Strong gravitational lensing



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#### Strong gravitational lensing

light rays



### Why lensed galaxies?

- Unique opportunity to get detailed information on the internal structure and kinematics of high-z galaxies during their most active, dust-enshrouded star-formation phase
- This information is crucial to understand the key processes governing the galaxy formation and early evolution
- The only way to get direct information on physical processes at work is to look inside the high-z star-forming galaxies.
- Strong gravitational lensing allows us to study high-z galaxies in extraordinary detail, otherwise beyond reach of present-day instrumentation, thanks to the flux magnification combined with a stretching of images

### Why lensed galaxies?

ALMA observation - Strongly lensed galaxy at z~3, µ~30, spatial resolution of ~60 pc



## The Planck Mission and CMB



# Lensed galaxies from Planck maps

- So far about ~40 strongly lensed galaxies have been discovered from Planck catalogues
- But in the full high Galactic latitude Planck sky we expect a total number of ~150 lensed galaxies
- This sample would offer a unique opportunity for statistical studies of the foreground lensing population

#### Selecting candidates from Planck maps

• Selecting at the three highest Planck frequencies: (353, 545, and 857 GHz)



#### Different sub-mm colours



High-z lensed galaxies are substantially redder

#### Candidate sample definition



### Machine-learning approach

Another possibility: machine-learning Massive simulations using the Planck Sky Model to produce a tailored training set.



# "Contaminants" in the final candidate sample

- Cold extended objects like cold clumps
- Proto-clusters of high-z dusty galaxies
- Positive fluctuations of the CIB

© 25-30% of the candidates are real gravitationally lensed galaxies

## Need of Follow-up observation (ATCA, NIKA2, SCUBA-2)

#### Highest resolution follow-up



#### Summary

- Using Planck data for discovering new high-z lensed galaxies
- These objects offer a unique opportunity to get detailed information on the internal structure and kinematics of high-z galaxies during their most active, dust-enshrouded star-formation phase
- This information is crucial to understand the key processes governing the galaxy formation and early evolution
- Strong gravitational lensing allows us to study high-z galaxies in extraordinary detail, otherwise beyond reach of present-day instrumentation
- We expect there are ~150 lensed galaxy in the full high Galactic latitude Planck sky
- Unique opportunity for statistical studies of the foreground lensing population

#### Summary

- We have developed a procedure for the selection of a sample of lensed galaxies candidates from the Planck maps
- We are observing them with ATCA, NIKA2, SCUBA-2 and NOEMA for verifying the existence of the sources and obtaining accurate positions. We have obtained preliminary results not public yet.
- Next step: observing the confirmed lensed galaxies with the highest resolution telescopes (ALMA, JWST, VLA...)

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