

# ZTF24aahgqwk in NGC 3443

## Light Curve Notebook

This notebook begins with the 36 stacked images produced by our [Calibration Notebook](#), and produces a light curve, consisting of 18 Sloan r' and 18 Sloan g' data points.

See [a least squares notebook](#) for background for the method used below.

```
In [1]: import os
import numpy as np
from scipy.optimize import least_squares
from astropy import units as u
from astropy.nddata import CCDData
from astropy.io import fits
from ccdproc import ImageFileCollection
import astroalign as aa
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
from math import log10, floor, sqrt, log, exp, pi

# THIS COMMENT IS THE LONGEST A LINE CAN BE AND STILL RENDER COMPLETELY WHEN PRINTING IN LANDSCAPE MODE.
# THIS COMMENT IS 72 CHARACTERS WITHOUT COUNTING THE NEWLINE AT THE END.

# This notebook needs to be able to find the stacked images.

home_directory = os.path.expanduser('~')
supernova_project_directory = os.path.join(home_directory, 'Projects', 'supernova-observation')
stacked_directory = os.path.join(supernova_project_directory, 'analyses', 'ZTF24aahgqwk', 'stacked')

# The 36 images are in the stacked directory. There were 18 observation sessions with 2 filters each.

# filters
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filters = ['r', 'g']
filter_full_names = ["Sloan r'", "Sloan g'"]

# observation dates (UTC)

# GENERALLY SPEAKING, VARIABLES IN ALL_CAPS SHOULD BE EXAMINED AND POSSIBLY ALTERED IF APPLYING THIS
# NOTEBOOK TO A DIFFERENT SUPERNOVA.

OBSERVATION_DATES = [
    '2024-03-20',
    '2024-03-21',
    '2024-03-23',
    '2024-03-27',
    '2024-04-02',
    '2024-04-03',
    '2024-04-04',
    '2024-04-06',
    '2024-04-10',
    '2024-04-11',
    '2024-04-13',
    '2024-04-17',
    '2024-04-21',
    '2024-04-22',
    '2024-04-23',
    '2024-04-29',
    '2024-04-30',
    '2024-05-02'
]

IMAGE_WIDTH = 1381
IMAGE_HEIGHT = 939 # TODO: WAS THIS EXPECTED? THE CALIBRATION NOTEBOOK HAS 940.

# We will need to specify rectangles surrounding the target and the reference stars.

# use named tuples to improve readability

from collections import namedtuple
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Point = namedtuple('Point', 'x y')
Extent = namedtuple('Extent', 'width height')
Rectangle = namedtuple('Rectangle', 'center extent')

# Various utilities

def confirm_fits_header(image, dimensions, filter):
    header = image.header
    assert header['NAXIS1'] == dimensions[0]
    assert header['NAXIS2'] == dimensions[1]
    if filter:
        assert header['FILTER'].rstrip() == filter

def file_for_date_and_filter(date, filter):
    return os.path.join(stacked_directory, date + '-' + filter + '_stacked.fit')

def stacked_image_for_date_and_filter(date, filter):
    file = file_for_date_and_filter(date, filter)
    image = CCDData.read(file, unit=u.adu)
    confirm_fits_header(image, (IMAGE_WIDTH, IMAGE_HEIGHT), filter)
    return image

# Log stretch utility

def log_stretch_transform(black_point, saturation_range):

    log_saturation_range = log10(saturation_range)

    def fn(pixel_value):
        pixel_value -= black_point
        if pixel_value <= 1.0:
            return 0
        else:
            log_pixel_value = log10(pixel_value)
            if log_pixel_value >= log_saturation_range:
                return 255;
            else:
                return floor(256 * log_pixel_value / log_saturation_range)
```

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return fn
```

## Specify the Regions of Interest for the Target and Reference Stars

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In [2]: # Guarantee the extent widths and heights are odd so the loops do not have to handle even and odd cases.
EXTENT_HALF_WIDTH = 10
EXTENT_HALF_HEIGHT = EXTENT_HALF_WIDTH
EXTENT_WIDTH = 2 * EXTENT_HALF_WIDTH + 1
EXTENT_HEIGHT = EXTENT_WIDTH
EXTENT = Extent(EXTENT_WIDTH, EXTENT_HEIGHT)

CENTERS = [
    Point(708, 443), # target
    Point(177, 109), # reference star at far upper left
    # Point(112, 368), # reference star at far left
    # Point(585, 426), # reference star just left of center
    # Point(982, 591), # reference star right of center
    # Point(1271, 280), # reference star at far right
]
```

## Display a Representative Image

```
In [3]: first_image = stacked_image_for_date_and_filter('2024-04-03', 'r')

# Log stretch

stretch_function = log_stretch_transform(8, 50)
stretch_transform = np.vectorize(stretch_function)

stretched_image = stretch_transform(first_image.data)

# Display the image

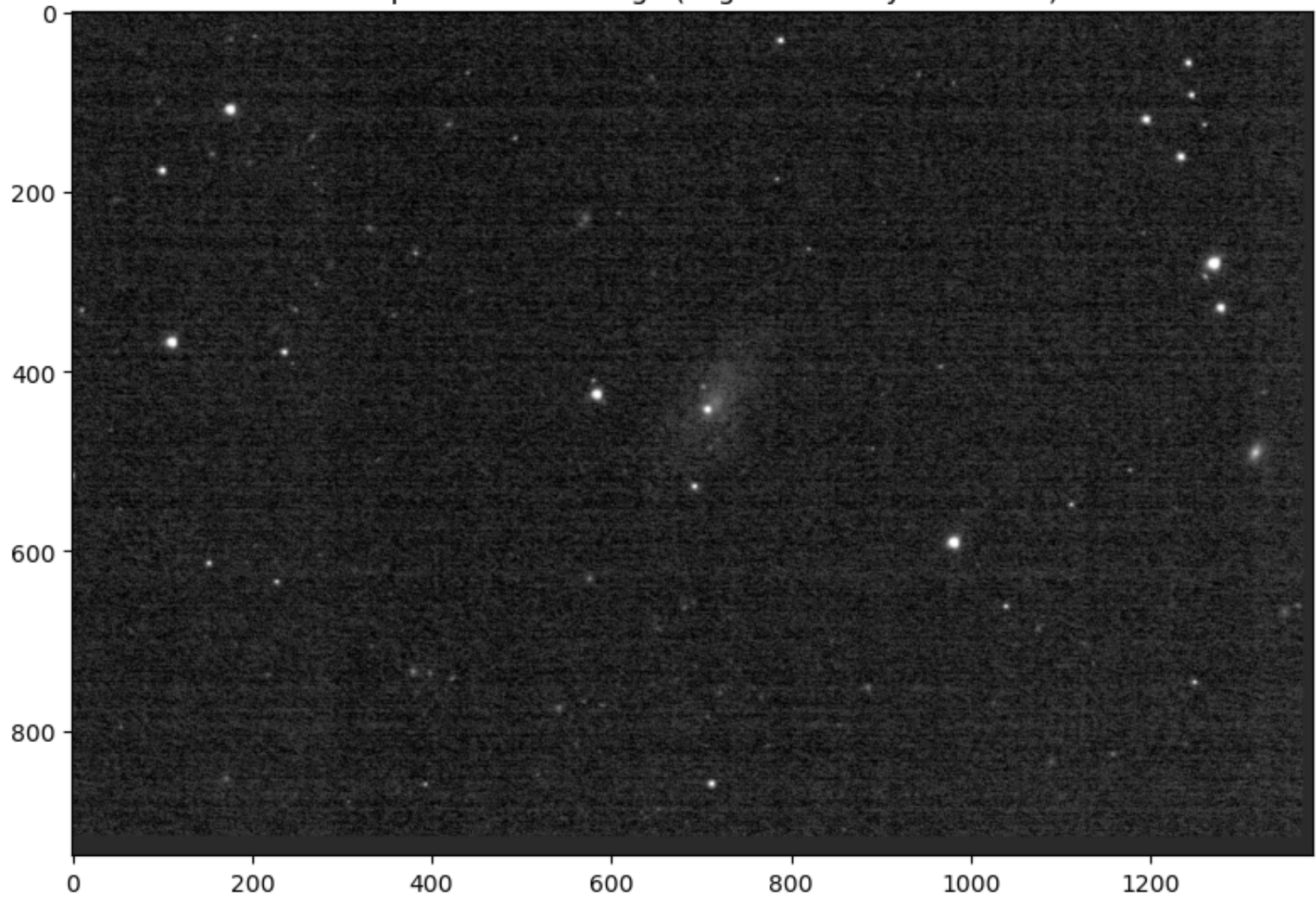
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(8, 8))

axes.imshow(stretched_image, cmap='gray')
axes.set_title("A Representative Image (Logarithmically Stretched)")

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

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WARNING: FITSFixedWarning: 'datfix' made the change 'Set MJD-OBS to 60403.212974 from DATE-OBS'. [astropy.wcs.wcs]
WARNING: FITSFixedWarning: 'obsfix' made the change 'Set OBSGEO-X to -2381449.053 from OBSGEO-[LBH]. Set OBSGEO-Y to -4483194.922 from OBSGEO-[LBH]. Set OBSGEO-Z to 3851220.317 from OBSGEO-[LBH]'. [astropy.wcs.wcs]
```

A Representative Image (Logarithmically Stretched)



## Display a Subframe of the Image

```
In [4]: DISPLAY_WHICH_CENTER = 0 # This determines what the subframe will be centered on

display_extent_half = 300
display_extent_width = 2 * display_extent_half + 1
display_extent_height = display_extent_width
display_extent = Extent(display_extent_width, display_extent_height)

display_center = CENTERS[DISPLAY_WHICH_CENTER]
display_left = display_center.x - display_extent_half
display_right = display_left + display_extent_width
display_top = display_center.y - display_extent_half
display_bottom = display_top + display_extent_height

subframe = stretched_image[display_top:display_bottom, display_left:display_right]

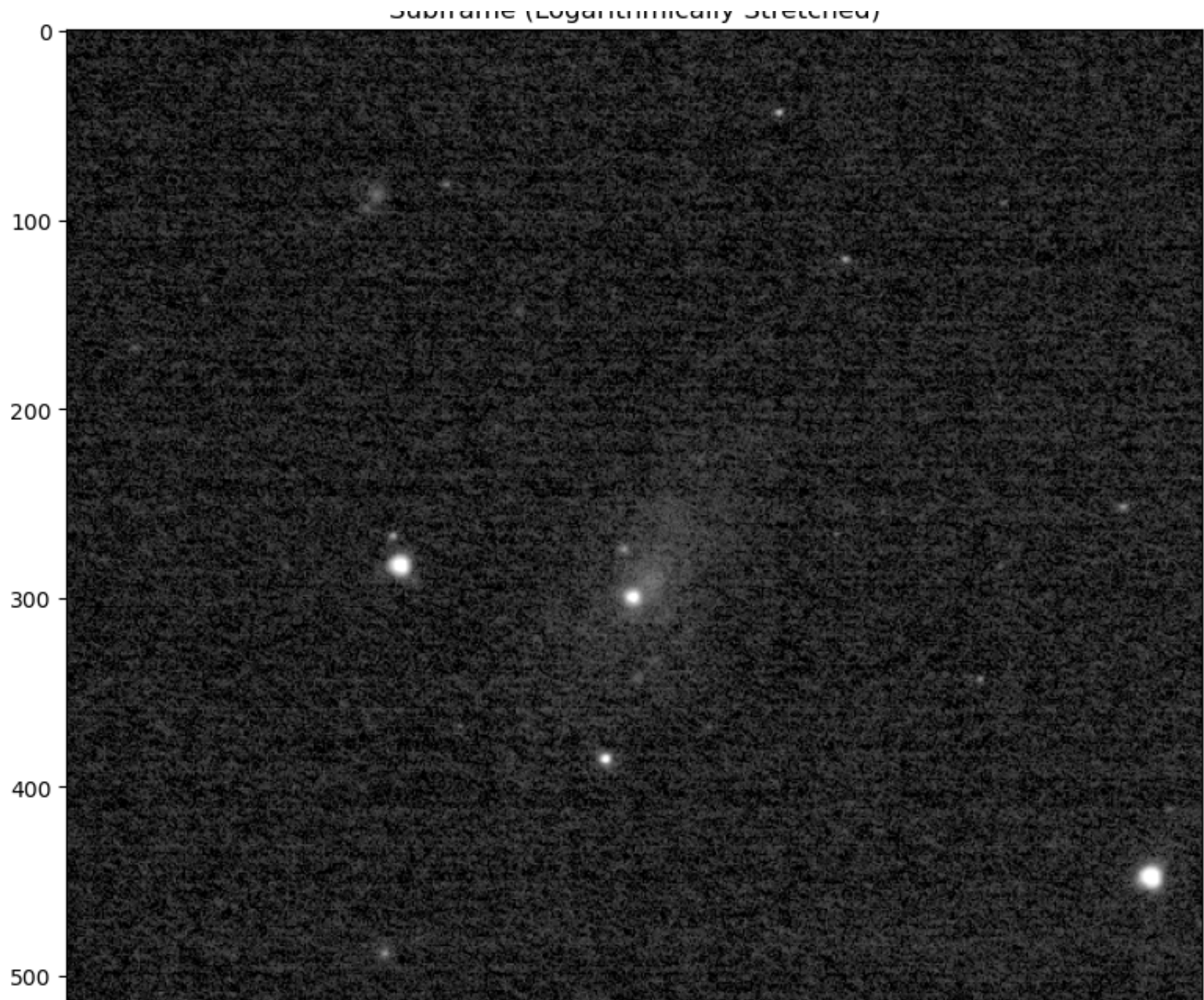
# Display the representative subtracted dark

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(8, 8))

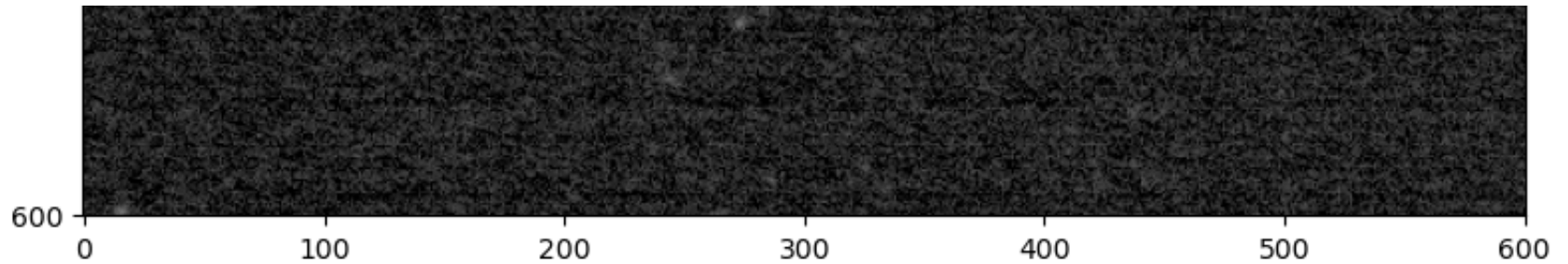
axes.imshow(subframe, cmap='gray')
axes.set_title("Subframe (Logarithmically Stretched)")

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Subframe (Logarithmically Stretched)







## Code for Least Squares Fit

```
In [5]: def sigma_squared_for_fwhm(fwhm):
        return fwhm**2 / (8 * log(2))

def make_gaussian(fwhm):
    sigma_squared = sigma_squared_for_fwhm(fwhm)
    normalization = 1 / (2 * pi * sigma_squared)
    def gaussian(x, y):
        return normalization * exp(-(x**2 + y**2) / (2 * sigma_squared))
    return gaussian

# The following mess of integers defines the parameter positions in the parameter vector
PINDEX_TARGET_BACKGROUND = 0 # NB: THE TARGET BACKGROUND IS IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL_BACKGROUND
PINDEX_GENERAL_BACKGROUND = 1
PINDEX_FWHM = 2
POFFSET_BASE = 3 # the number of indices above -- will grow if we further model target background
POFFSET_MULTIPLE = 3 # the number of indices below -- not expected to change
POFFSETINDEX_FLUX = 0
POFFSETINDEX_CENTER_RELATIVE_X = 1 # NB: THIS IS RELATIVE TO THE CENTER OF THE EXTENT
POFFSETINDEX_CENTER_RELATIVE_Y = 2 # NB: THIS IS RELATIVE TO THE CENTER OF THE EXTENT

def roi_model_for_parameters(extent, k, centers, parameters):
    fwhm = parameters[PINDEX_FWHM]
    target_background = parameters[PINDEX_TARGET_BACKGROUND]
    general_background = parameters[PINDEX_GENERAL_BACKGROUND]
    base_index_k = POFFSET_BASE + k * POFFSET_MULTIPLE
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flux = parameters[base_index_k + POFFSETINDEX_FLUX]
center_relative_x = parameters[base_index_k + POFFSETINDEX_CENTER_RELATIVE_X]
center_relative_y = parameters[base_index_k + POFFSETINDEX_CENTER_RELATIVE_Y]
background = target_background + general_background if k == 0 else general_background
model_roi_data = np.full((extent.height, extent.width), background) # height before width
gaussian = make_gaussian(fwhm)
for j in range(extent.height):
    for i in range(extent.width):
        model_roi_data[j, i] += flux * gaussian(
            i - extent.width // 2 - center_relative_x,
            j - extent.height // 2 - center_relative_y
        )
return model_roi_data

def view_extent_of_data(image_data, center, extent):
    left = center.x - extent.width // 2
    right = left + extent.width
    top = center.y - extent.height // 2
    bottom = top + extent.height
    view = image_data[top:bottom, left:right]
    return view

def make_image_data(width, height, centers, extent, parameters):
    general_background = parameters[PINDEX_GENERAL_BACKGROUND]
    image_data = np.full((height, width), general_background) # height before width in the array shape
    for k in range(len(centers)):
        # print('calling roi_model_for_parameters from make_image_data')
        model_roi_data = roi_model_for_parameters(extent, k, centers, parameters)
        view = view_extent_of_data(image_data, centers[k], extent)
        for j in range(extent.height):
            for i in range(extent.width):
                view[j, i] = model_roi_data[j, i]
    return image_data

def roi_residuals(image_data, k, centers, extent, parameters):
    roi_view = view_extent_of_data(image_data, centers[k], extent)
    # print('calling roi_model_for_parameters from roi_residuals')
    roi_model = roi_model_for_parameters(extent, k, centers, parameters)
    return roi_view - roi_model

```

```
def make_residuals_function(image_data, centers, extent):
    def residuals_function(parameters):
        all_roi_residuals = [
            roi_residuals(image_data, k, centers, extent, parameters)
            for k, center in enumerate(centers)
        ]
        raveled = np.concatenate(all_roi_residuals).ravel()
        # print('residuals vector')
        # print(raveled)
        return raveled

    return residuals_function
```

## Testing

We test the least squares fitting code above with generated data.

## Generate the Data

In [6]: *# The following are in all caps and prefixed TEST to avoid collisions with the real data.*

```
TEST_DATA_WIDTH = 300
TEST_DATA_HEIGHT = 200

TEST_EXTENT_HALF_WIDTH = 10
TEST_EXTENT_HALF_HEIGHT = TEST_EXTENT_HALF_WIDTH
TEST_EXTENT_WIDTH = 2 * TEST_EXTENT_HALF_WIDTH + 1
TEST_EXTENT_HEIGHT = TEST_EXTENT_WIDTH
TEST_EXTENT = Extent(TEST_EXTENT_WIDTH, TEST_EXTENT_HEIGHT)

TEST_CENTERS = [
    Point(20, 40), # test target
    Point(50, 150), # test reference star
]
```

```
TEST_CENTER_OFFSETS = [  
    Point(2, 6), # test target  
    Point(-2, -5), # test reference star  
]  
  
TEST_TARGET_BACKGROUND = 5.0  
TEST_GENERAL_BACKGROUND = 3.0  
  
TEST_FWHM = 6.0  
  
TEST_FLUXES = [  
    250.0,  
    1000.0  
]  
  
# The correct fit will be  
  
# (5.0, 3.0, 6.0, 250.0, 2.0, 6.0, 1000.0, -2.0, -5.0)  
  
TEST_PARAMETERS = [  
    TEST_TARGET_BACKGROUND,  
    TEST_GENERAL_BACKGROUND,  
    TEST_FWHM  
]  
  
for k in range(len(TEST_CENTERS)):  
    TEST_PARAMETERS.append(TEST_FLUXES[k])  
    TEST_PARAMETERS.append(TEST_CENTER_OFFSETS[k].x)  
    TEST_PARAMETERS.append(TEST_CENTER_OFFSETS[k].y)  
  
TEST_IMAGE_DATA = make_image_data(  
    TEST_DATA_WIDTH, TEST_DATA_HEIGHT,  
    TEST_CENTERS,  
    TEST_EXTENT,  
    TEST_PARAMETERS  
)
```

## Display the Test Image

Near, but exactly at (20, 40), we should see a target with flux 250.0. Around it the total background is 5.0 + 3.0.

Near, but not exactly at (50, 150), we should see a reference star with flux 1000.0. Around it the background is 3.0.

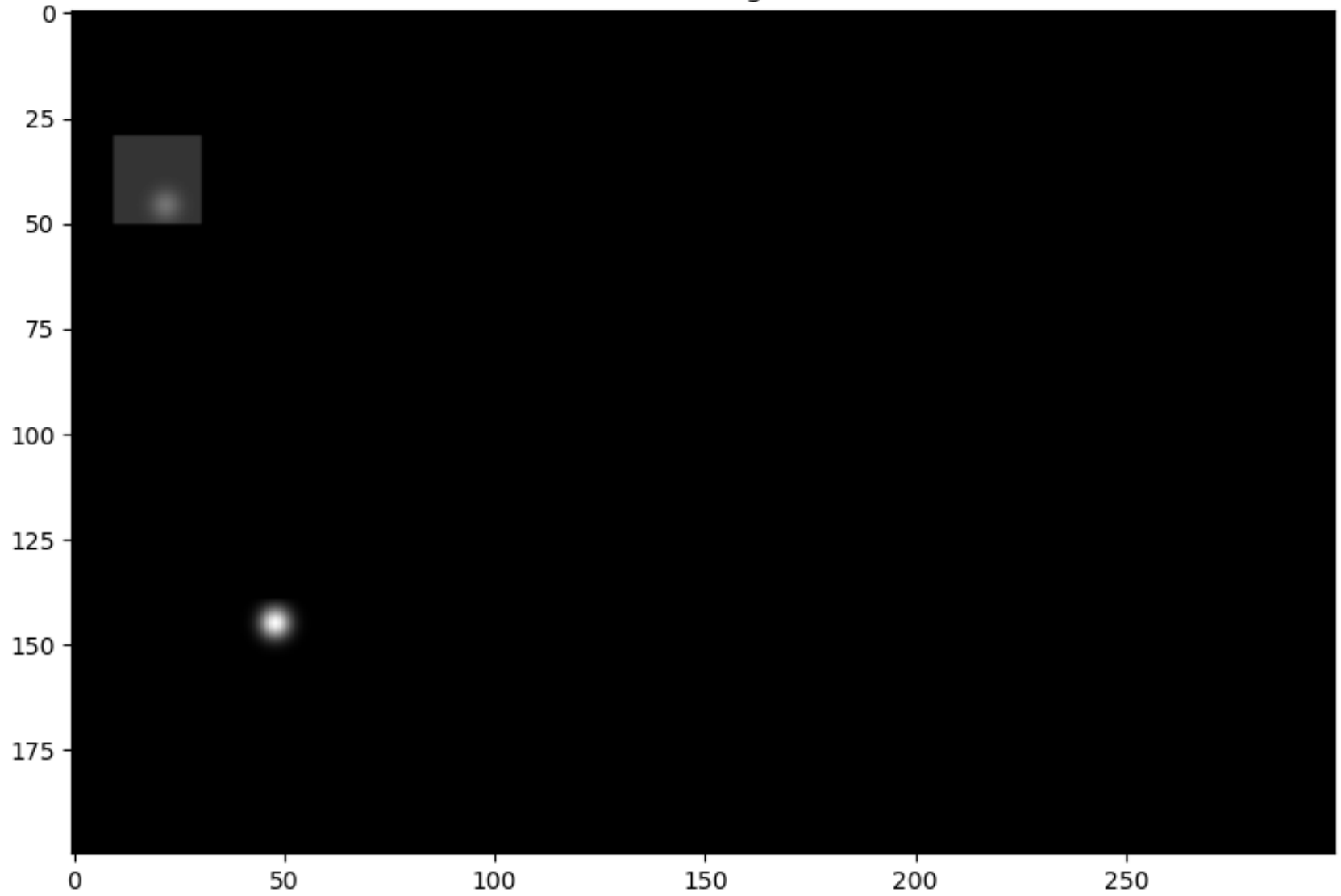
The FWHM should appear to be about 6.0.

```
In [7]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(8, 8))

axes.imshow(TEST_IMAGE_DATA, cmap='gray')
axes.set_title("Test Image")

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Test Image



## Fit the Test Image

The routine is doing perfectly with the test data, now that I have put bounds on the parameters. It was wandering off into nonsense before the bounds were provided.

TODO: We could put Poisson noise into the test data and see how robust the routine is.

```
In [8]: # The following are in all caps and prefixed TEST to avoid collisions with the real fit.

TEST_INITIAL_GUESS_FOR_TARGET_BACKGROUND = 0.0
TEST_INITIAL_GUESS_FOR_GENERAL_BACKGROUND = 0.0
TEST_INITIAL_GUESS_FOR_FWHM = 4.0

TEST_INITIAL_PARAMETER_VECTOR = [
    TEST_INITIAL_GUESS_FOR_TARGET_BACKGROUND,
    TEST_INITIAL_GUESS_FOR_GENERAL_BACKGROUND,
    TEST_INITIAL_GUESS_FOR_FWHM
]

for _ in range(len(TEST_CENTERS)):
    TEST_INITIAL_PARAMETER_VECTOR.append(10.0) # Initial guess for flux
    TEST_INITIAL_PARAMETER_VECTOR.append(0.0) # Initial guess for center_relative_x
    TEST_INITIAL_PARAMETER_VECTOR.append(0.0) # Initial guess for center_relative_y

TEST_RESIDUALS_FUNCTION = make_residuals_function(TEST_IMAGE_DATA, TEST_CENTERS, TEST_EXTENT)

# Global bounds
TEST_BOUNDS = [
    [
        # lower bounds
        0.0,
        0.0,
        1.0,
    ], [
        # upper bounds
        np.inf,
```

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    np.inf,
    15.0,
]
]

# Target bounds
for _ in range(len(TEST_CENTERS)):
    # lower bounds
    TEST_BOUNDS[0].append(0.0)
    TEST_BOUNDS[0].append(-TEST_EXTENT_HALF_WIDTH)
    TEST_BOUNDS[0].append(-TEST_EXTENT_HALF_HEIGHT)
    # upper bounds
    TEST_BOUNDS[1].append(np.inf)
    TEST_BOUNDS[1].append(TEST_EXTENT_HALF_WIDTH)
    TEST_BOUNDS[1].append(TEST_EXTENT_HALF_HEIGHT)

TEST_RESULT = least_squares(TEST_RESIDUALS_FUNCTION, np.array(TEST_INITIAL_PARAMETER_VECTOR), bounds=TEST_BOUNDS)

TEST_RESULT.x

# TEST_IMAGE_DATA[140:161, 40:61]

# Initial guess was
# (0.0, 0.0, 4.0, 10.0, 0.0, 0.0, 10.0, 0.0, 0.0)
# Hoping that TEST_RESULT.x will converge to
# (5.0, 3.0, 6.0, 250.0, 2.0, 6.0, 1000.0, -2.0, -5.0)

```

Out[8]: array([ 5., 3., 6., 250., 2., 6., 1000., -2., -5.] )

## Fit the Real Data

This is turning out to be a completely unexpected and incorrect fit still.

As an example, `result.x[PINDEX_FWHM]` is pegging at its lower bound.

In [9]: `initial_guess_for_target_background = 0.0`



```
initial_guess_for_general_background = 0.0
initial_guess_for_fwhm = 5.0

initial_parameter_vector = [
    initial_guess_for_target_background,
    initial_guess_for_general_background,
    initial_guess_for_fwhm
]

for _ in range(len(CENTERS)):
    initial_parameter_vector.append(100.0) # Initial guess for flux
    initial_parameter_vector.append(0.0) # Initial guess for center_x
    initial_parameter_vector.append(0.0) # Initial guess for center_y

residuals_function = make_residuals_function(first_image, CENTERS, EXTENT)

# Global bounds
bounds = [
    [
        # lower bounds
        0.0,
        0.0,
        1.0,
    ], [
        # upper bounds
        np.inf,
        np.inf,
        15.0,
    ]
]

# Target bounds
for _ in range(len(CENTERS)):
    # lower bounds
    bounds[0].append(0.0)
    bounds[0].append(-EXTENT_HALF_WIDTH)
    bounds[0].append(-EXTENT_HALF_HEIGHT)
    # upper bounds
    bounds[1].append(np.inf)
```

```
bounds[1].append(EXTENT_HALF_WIDTH)
bounds[1].append(EXTENT_HALF_HEIGHT)

result = least_squares(residuals_function, np.array(initial_parameter_vector), bounds=bounds)

result.x
```

```
Out[9]: array([ 6.91948840e-01,  2.26410992e+01,  1.00000000e+00,  9.70726615e+01,
        -3.45721824e+00, -2.45186073e+00,  3.31539508e+02,  2.74309409e-03,
         6.20073991e-03])
```

## Display the Fit

```
In [10]: fitted_image_data = make_image_data(IMAGE_WIDTH, IMAGE_HEIGHT, CENTERS, EXTENT, result.x)

# THIS COMMENT IS THE LONGEST A LINE CAN BE AND STILL RENDER COMPLETELY WHEN PRINTING IN LANDSCAPE MODE.

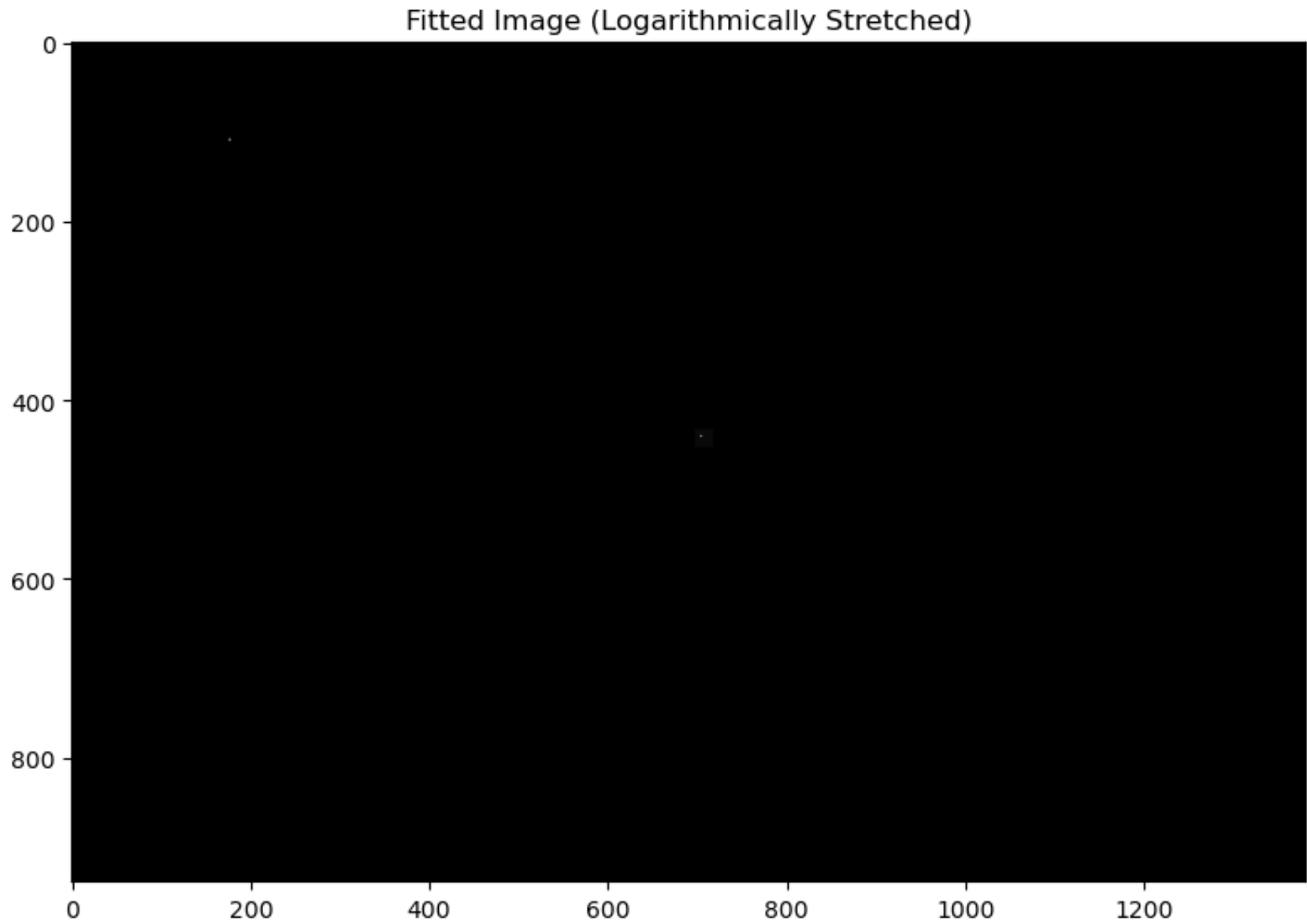
stretched_fitted_image = stretch_transform(fitted_image_data)

# Display the image

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(8, 8))

axes.imshow(stretched_fitted_image, cmap='gray')
axes.set_title("Fitted Image (Logarithmically Stretched)")

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



```
In [11]: result.x[PIINDEX_FWHM]
```

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Out[11]: 1.0000000000000007
```