Comments on our (Virbhadra and Ellis) black hole lensing paper

- **V. Perlick**, Newsletter, Institute of Physics, Gravitational Physics Group, **4** 16 (2008).

  "Of all these simplified lens equations, the one by Virbhadra and Ellis [8] has found the biggest resonance in the literature. ... the Virbhadra-Ellis lens equaiton does not restrict the light rays to the asymptotic region where the spacetime is almost flat."

- **V. Bozza**, Phys. Rev. D **78** 103005 (2008).

  "With their outbreaking paper about the possibility of observing higher order images around the black hole at the center of our Galaxy [11], Virbhadra and Ellis have attracted great attention on gravitational lensing beyond the weak deflection approximation, inspiring new vitality in black hole gravitational lensing. They have also proposed a new lens equation that has become very popular in the scientific literature."

- **V. Perlick**, arXiv:gr-qc/07.08.017[gr-qc].

  "The Virbhadra-Ellis lens equation was originally applied to the Schwarzschild spacetime and later also to other spherically symmetric static spacetimes, ..."

  " The Virbhadra-Ellis lens equation might be called an "almost exact lens equation" ."

- **G. N. Gyulchev and S. S. Yazadjiev**, Phys. Rev. D **75** 023006 (2007).

  "In order to the Virbhadra-Ellis lens equation be valid, the spacetime must be asymptotically flat and both the observer and the light sources must be far away from the lens."

- **E. F. Eiroa**, gr-qc/0511004.

  "Since the publication of the paper of Virbhadra and Ellis[2], there has been a growing interest in the study of lensing by black holes. ..."

- **R. Whisker**, Phys. Rev. D **71** 064004 (2005).

  "The study of strong gravitational lensing was resurrected recently by Virbhadra and Ellis[12], who studies lensing by the galactic supermassive black hole, in an asymptotically flat background. ..."

- **S. E. Vazquez** and **E. P. Esteban**, Nuovo Cim. **119B** 489 (2004).

  "Recently, a paper by Virbhadra and Ellis have renewed interest in such images, which they called *relativistic images*[8]. ..."

- **V. Perlick**, Phys Rev. D **69** 064017 (2004).

  "... The Virbhadra-Ellis lens equation has found considerable interest. ..."

- **V. Bozza**, Phys.Rev. D **67** 103006 (2003).

  "A recent paper by Virbhadra and Ellis[5] has risen a new interest about gravitational lensing as a probe for strong gravitational fields generated by collapsed objects, providing a new important test for the full general relativity. ..."