Shedding Light on the Dark Cosmos through Gravitational Lensing

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Puzzles in cosmology



What is the nature of dark energy and dark matter?

Is our Universe spatially flat?

How many relativistic species are present in the early Universe?

Measuring the Hubble constant (H₀) provides a way to address these questions

Hubble Constant: key parameter



[Riess et al. 2016]

Hubble constant H_0 - age, size of the Universe - expansion rate: $v = H_0 d$ **Tension?** New physics? Need more precise & accurate H_0

Need Independent methods to overcome systematics, especially the unknown unknowns

Distance Ladder

ladder to reach objects in Hubble flow ($v_{peculiar} \ll v_{Hubble} = H_0 d$)



[slide material courtesy of Adam Riess]

Distance Ladder Measurements

- Hubble Space Telescope Key Project [Freedman et al. 2001]
 - $H_0 = 72 \pm 8 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (10% uncertainty)
 - resolving multi-decade "factor-of-two" controversy
- Carnegie Hubble Program [Freedman et al. 2012]
 H₀ = 74.3 ± 2.1 km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹ (2.8% uncertainty)
- Carnegie-Chicago Hubble Program [Beaton et al. 2016]
 aim 3% precision in H₀ via independent route with RR Lyrae, the tip of red giant branch, SN Ia
- Supernovae, H₀ for the dark energy Equation of State "SH0ES" project [Riess et al. 2016]

H₀ from SH0ES



Cosmic Microwave Background

6000

CMB Temperature fluctuations



 $5000 \\ 4000 \\ 3000 \\ 2000 \\ 1000 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 10 \\ 30 \\ 500 \\ 1000 \\ 1000 \\ 1000 \\ 1500 \\ 2000 \\ \ell$

[Planck Collaboration 2016]

(1) Ratio of peak heights $\rightarrow \Omega_m h^2$, $\Omega_b h^2$ [h = H_0 / 100 km/s/Mpc] (2) Location of the first peak in **flat** \wedge **CDM** $\rightarrow \Omega_m h^{3.2}$

- Under **flat \landCDM** assumption, (1) and (2) yield $h = 0.678 \pm 0.009$ [Planck collaboration 2016]
- Without flat ΛCDM assumption, *h* highly degenerate with other cosmological parameters (e.g., curvature, *w*, *N*_{eff})

Standard Siren

Gravitational wave form \rightarrow luminosity distance D Measure recessional velocity of EM counterpart v $H_0 = v / D$



[Image credit: M. Garlick]



[LIGO, VIRGO, 1M2H, DES, DLT40, LCO, VINROUGE, MASTER collaborations, 2017]

Gravitational Lensing



Strong Optical Lensing



Image Credit: P. J. Marshall

Gravitational Strong Optical Lensing



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Gravitational Lens

HST image: SLACSJ0737+3216





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Marshall et al. (2007)

Strong Gravitational Lensing

B1608+656



Active galactic nucleus (AGN) in the source from accretion of material onto supermassive black hole:



Light emitted from AGN changes in time ("flickers")

Gravitational Lens Time Delays



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Gravitational Lens Time Delays



Time delay:



Obtain from lens mass model

For cosmography, need: (1) time delays (2) lens mass model (3) mass along line of sight

Advantages:

simple geometry & well-tested physics

- one-step physical measurement of a cosmological distance

HOLICOW H₀ Lenses in COSMOGRAIL's Wellspring

B1608+656

RXJ1131-1231





H₀ to <3.5% precision

HE0435-1223



WFI2033-4723



HE1104-1805



[Suyu et al. 2017]

HOLiCOWers



H0LiCOW: H₀ Lenses in COSMOGRAIL's Wellspring
→ Establish time-delay gravitational lenses as one of the best cosmological probes

HOLICOW H₀ Lenses in COSMOGRAIL's Wellspring



ongoing

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HOLICOW H₀ Lenses in COSMOGRAIL's Wellspring



Time Delays



[Cosmological Monitoring of Gravitational Lenses]

- monitoring lensed quasars since 2004 in the optical
- expect to have delays with a few percent error for ~10 lenses

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Univ. Nottingham: S. Dye
Now also in close collaboration (monitoring, microlensing) with: C. Kochanek, A. Mosquera (Ohio), C. Morgan, C. MacLeod, L. Hainline (USNA)



Time Delays



13-year light curve of HE0435-1223 Time delay with 6.5% uncertainty [Bonvin, Courbin, Suyu et al. 2017]

Lens environment

HE0435 has nearby mass structures at different redshifts [e.g., Morgan et al. 2005, Momcheva et al. 2015]

0.7

0.4

0.3

0.2



Wide-field spectroscopy for group identification [Sluse, Sonnenfeld, Rumbaugh et al. 2017]

- Wide-field imaging to get external mass distribution
- [Rusu, Fassnacht, Sluse et al. 2017]

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Lens mass modeling $t = \frac{1}{c} D_{\Delta t} \phi_{lens}$



Modeling with **GLEE** :) Gravitational Lens Efficient Explorer [Suyu & Halkola 2010]

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Lens mass modeling





Lens reconstruction



[Wong, Suyu, Auger et al. 2017]

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- collaboration agreed: when unblind, publish D_{∆t} without modification
- scheduled unblinding telecon on June 2
- scheduled again for June 16

Time-delay distance of HE0435



H₀ from 3 strong lenses



$$H_0 \in [0, 150] \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

 $\Omega_m = 1 - \Omega_{\Lambda} \in [0, 1]$
 $w = -1$

H₀ with 3.8% precision for flat ΛCDM

[Bonvin, Courbin, Suyu et al. 2017]

H₀ with 3 Lenses



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Lensing REALLY helps



[Bonvin, Courbin, Suyu et al. 2017]

Looking forward



- 2 more H0LiCOW lenses
- 4 more doubles with HST imaging in c23 (PI: Treu)
- follow-up data partly in-hand and partly pending
- HST image show Einstein ring

Expectation from H0LiCOW: <3.5% uncertainty on H₀ for most cosmologies with w=-1 (HST proposal aim of 3.8% achieved with 3/5 lenses thanks to the improved time delays from COSMOGRAIL)

How to get more lenses?

Dark Energy Survey

STRong-lensing Insights into Dark Energy Survey (PI: Treu)

4m Blanco Telèscope, ĆTIO, Chile

- 5000 deg² with i_{limit} ~24
- 2012-2017
- expect ~1100 lenses
 [Oguri & Marshall 2010]

Hyper Suprime-Cam Survey



8m Subaru Telescope Mauna Kea, Hawaii

- 1400 deg² with i_{limit}~26
 2014-2019
- expect ~600 lenses
 [Oguri & Marshall 2010]

1500 deg² with r_{limit}~25
2011-~2018

Kilo Degree Survey

2.6m VLT Survey Telescope, Paranal, Chile

Lensed quasars from the ground Space (HST)

ACS F814W в D

[Anguita et al. 2009]

Ground (Subaru)



How to tell if this is a lens? Use configuration of blended images and lens modeling

Image configurations of lenses

	Einstein Cross	Cusp Caustic	Fold Caustic	
Source Plane				
Image Plane				

[Image credit: A. Amara]

Ways to find lensed quasars

For a system to qualify as a lens candidate, it must be explained by a plausible lens model

Direct Modeling

• LensTractor [Marshall et al., in prep.] classification based on explicit model comparison

CHITAH

[Chan et al., 2015] classification based on simple lens model fitting

Machine Learning

implicit lens model (prior) enters via the training set [e.g., Agnello et al. 2014]

Citizen Science

[Marshall et al. 2015; More et al. 2015] citizens visually identify lenses after familiarizing with lens configurations 37

New hunter for lensed quasars





Probably a lens

Probably NOT a lens

James Chan has developed an automated and fast algorithm to use multiband imaging for lens classification [Chan, Suyu et al. 2015]

New hunter for lensed quasars



重力和影像探奧號 Chung-li He In-hsiang Tan Ao Hao

Testing CHITAH with mock lenses

	quad			double			d J	
	bright	faint	ultra-faint	bright	faint	ultra-faint		
large sep. $(r_{ein} > 1.1'')$		Bright >90% <3%						
(r _{ein} < 1.1″)		CHITAI quasar						
small sep.								
[Cha	Chan, Suyu et al. 2015]							

New lensed quasars systems



[Agnello et al. 2015]



[More et al. 2017]



[Lin et al. 2017]



[Ostrovski et al. 2017]



[Berghea et al. 2017]

Sugon: Survey of Gravitationally-lensed Objects in HSC Imaging]



[Sonnenfeld, Chan, Shu et al., 2017]

Strongly lensed supernova



MACS 1149.6+2223

[Kelly et al. 2015] 43

Supernova "Refsdal"

discovered serendipitously in November 2014



[Kelly et al. 2015] ₄₄

When will the other SN images appear?



Predicted magnification and delay



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HST observations in Oct 2015: no sign of SX in Nov 2015: no sign of SX...

Appearance of image SXDecember 2015[Kelly et al. 2016]



Magnification and delay



[Kelly et al. 2016] 50

Spot on!



[Kelly et al. 2016] ⁵¹

Successful prediction



[Kelly et al. 2016]

- Grillo et al. predicted successfully and precisely all three observables of image SX: time, magnification and location
- GLEE [Suyu & Halkola 2010] accurately and precisely predicted the appearance of SX as a result of its ability to reconstruct the entire SN host galaxy

First spatially-resolved lensed Type la

discovered in iPTF

[Goobar et al. 2017]



Lens model predictions

we modeled the HST image with GLEE [Suyu & Halkola 2010] and glafic [Oguri 2010] to estimate the time delays [More, Suyu, Oguri et al. 2017]



find maximum relative time delay to be <1 day [More, Suyu, Oguri et al. 2017]

Stay tuned of results of monitoring and follow-up observations from iPTF team 54

H₀ à la Supernova Resfdal

feasibility study of using SN Refsdal for H₀ measurement



- S1-S2-S3-S4 delays from Rodney et al. (2016)
- SX-S1 delay estimated based on detection in Kelly et al. (2016)



[Grillo, Rosati, Suyu et al. 2018] 55

Future Prospects

Experiments and surveys in the 2020s including Euclid and Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) will provide ~10,000 lensed quasars and ~100 lensed supernovae [Oguri & Marshall 2010]



High-resolution imaging & spectroscopy

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[Jee, Komatsu, Suyu, Huterer 2016]

Summary

- Time-delay distances $D_{\Delta t}$ of each lens can be measured with uncertainties of ~5-8% including systematics
- From 3 lenses in H0LiCOW, $H_0 = 71.9^{+2.4}_{-3.0}$ km/s/Mpc in flat Λ CDM, a 3.8% precision measurement independent of other probes
- Search is underway to find new lenses in HSC and DES surveys
- SN Refsdal blind test demonstrated the robustness of our cluster mass modeling approach and software GLEE
- First strongly lensed Type Ia discovered by iPTF team, but with small time delays
- Current and future surveys will have thousands of new timedelay lenses, providing an independent and competitive probe of cosmology

Thank you!