Cosmology from Gravitational Lens Time Delays



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The Standard Model of Cosmology

Important Parameters

 H_0 - sets expansion rate of universe Ω_m - matter density Ω_Λ - dark energy density Ω_k - curvature *w* - dark energy equation of state parameter

Standard model is the "flat Λ CDM" cosmology, where $\Omega_k = 1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_\Lambda = 0$, w = -1

Extensions to flat \land CDM include nonzero curvature, $w \neq -1$, time-varying w, different number of relativistic neutrino species, etc.

Planck mission measures cosmological parameters by observing the cosmic microwave background (CMB)





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Independent H₀ Measurements

- The Hubble Constant (H₀) sets the expansion rate of the universe
- Planck flat ACDM results suggest an H₀ value lower than other measurements
- Independent distance ladder results (Riess+2016) favor a higher H₀
- Tension? New physics? Need more precise and accurate measurement of H₀



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Strong Gravitational Lensing

- Background object (source) magnified by foreground object (lens)
- Multiple images \rightarrow create lens model
- What can we learn about lens and source?
 - Total mass (within Einstein radius)
 - Mass profile slope
 - Ellipticity/orientation
 - Intrinsic (unlensed) source flux
 - Can detect/resolve source features by taking advantage of magnification
 - Cosmology!





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Gravitational Lensing Time Delays

- If source is variable, there is a "time delay" between the multiple images
- Can determine "time-delay distance", inversely proportional to H₀
- One-step method to infer H₀, *independent* of CMB and distance ladder
- e.g., lensed supernovae (e.g. Kelly+2015, Goobar+2016), but very rare!



SNe "Refsdal"

$$\Delta t = \frac{1}{-D} \Delta t \phi_{lens}$$

$$C / D_{\Delta t} \phi_{lens}$$
Time-delay distance
$$D_{\Delta t} \propto H_0^{-1}$$



Gravitational Lensing Time Delays

- Lensed quasars
 - variable on short timescales (~days)
 - can be monitored to measure time delay
 - bright and easy to detect
- To constrain H₀, need:
 - Measured time delay
 - Accurate lens model
 - Estimate of mass along line of sight (LOS)



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HOLICOW: H₀ Lenses in COSMOGRAIL's Wellspring

- Detailed analysis of five time-delay lenses (Suyu+2017)
 - long term monitoring from COSMOGRAIL
 - high-resolution *HST* imaging for detailed lens modeling
 - imaging/spectroscopy to characterize mass along line of sight
- Will constrain H_0 to < 3.5% precision
- Four additional lenses tentatively will be added to sample (~2% precision on H₀)
- First two lenses previously analyzed (Suyu+2010, 2013), latest results on 3rd lens, HE 0435-1223



B1608+656 RXJ1131-1231 HE 0435-1223



WFI2033-4723 HE 1104-1805

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Latest Results from HE0435

- Extensive dataset
 - HST imaging in 3 bands (F555W, F814W, F160W)
 - 13-year monitoring by COSMOGRAIL for accurate time delays
 - Lens velocity dispersion from Keck/LRIS to mitigate lens model degeneracies
 - Spectroscopic data on LOS galaxies to get perturber redshifts
 - Multiband photometry to get photo-zs and stellar masses of LOS galaxies
- Full analysis and results:
 - Sluse+2017 (LOS galaxy spectroscopy)
 - Rusu+2017 (LOS photo-zs/stellar masses)
 - KW+2017 (Lens model)
 - Bonvin+2017 (Time-delay measurements)



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Accurate Time Delays

- COSMOGRAIL: long-term monitoring of time-delay lenses using small (1-m and 2-m) telescopes (Courbin+2011)
- Well-tested algorithms for time-delay measurements (Tewes+2013)
- Time delays of HE0435 from 13 years of monitoring (Bonvin+2017)
 - Long time baselines needed to minimize effects of microlensing





Lens Model

- Accurate lens model using 3-band of HST imaging (KW+2017)
- High-resolution needed to model quasar host galaxy
- Account for nearby perturber using multi-plane lensing formalism
- Influence of LOS perturbations from weighted galaxy number counts (Rusu+2017)
- Velocity dispersion of lens galaxy from Keck/LRIS spectrum to break model degeneracies



Blind Analysis



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Results from HE0435



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Combined Results from 3 H0LiCOW Lenses



~3.8% precision on H₀ from 3 H0LiCOW lenses H₀ = 71.9^{+2.4}_{-3.0} km/s/Mpc for flat Λ CDM cosmology

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Ongoing/Future Work

WFI2033-4723

- Analysis of WFI2033 ongoing, HE1104 to follow
- Four additional lenses with time delays and HST data
 - ancillary data (velocity dispersion, LOS spec/photo) in progress
 - full sample of 9 lenses will constrain H_0 to ~2%





Model

Data

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Summary

- Time-delay lenses are a one-step probe of H₀, independent of the CMB and the distance ladder
- Blind analysis of HE0435
 - time delays from COSMOGRAIL
 - deep HST imaging
 - wide-field imaging & spectroscopy
 - velocity dispersion from Keck/LRIS
- With 3 time-delay lenses from H0LiCOW: $H_0 = 71.9^{+2.4}_{-3.0}$ km/s/Mpc in flat Λ CDM
- Full H0LiCOW sample: H₀ to < 3.5% precision from 5 lenses (possibly ~2% precision from 9 lenses)
- Current and future surveys will find thousands of new time-delay lenses, providing competitive probe of cosmology



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H0LiCOW Publications

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