Microlensing with exquisite astrometry



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Microlensing

- Microlensing occurs when the light of a background star is deflected by the gravitational field of a foreground object.
- Photometric and astrometric signals.





Photometry

Astrometry

Planets with Microlensing

• 204 Planets up to present (Han et al. 2022)



• Small Icy planets: Bond, VB et al. (2017)



Multi-planetary systems: Gaudi et al. (2008)



Microlensing planets

- Planets beyond the snow line
- Planets around cold
 M-stars



Free-floating planets



Detections of astrometric microlensing

- White dwarfs by HST (Sahu et al. 2017, Mcgill et al. 2022)
- Proxima Centauri by VLT (Zurlo et al. 2018)





OGLE-2011-BLG-0462: an isolated BH of 7 M $_{\odot}$ by HST Sahu, VB et al. (2022), Lam et al. (2022)



Microlensing with Gaia

- Most detailed three-dimensional map of the Milky Way
- More than 350 microlensing events detected (Wyrzykowski et al. 2022)
- Over 1700 predicted using astrometric simulations (*Klüter et al. 2022*)





Gaia21blx (Rota, VB et al., submitted)

- Dense follow-up by OMEGA key project at LCOGT.
- Four degenerate microlensing models by photometry.
- Singled-out the correct one using Gaia parallax and proper motion.





Gaia16aye (Ribicki, ..., VB et al., 2022)

- Very long event due to binary stellar system.
- Orbital motion detected and parameterized.





- The astrometric time series perfectly confirms the photometric model.
- Gaia DR4 will provide astrometric time series for each microlensing source.



Nancy Grace Roman Telescope



- Roman will carry 6 x 60 days
 time-domain surveys of the bulge
- Each field will be imaged every 15 minutes.
- Two-filters 0.9 2.4 μm
- 0.28 deg² FoV
- 0.16" FWHM
- 0.11" pixel

https://roman.gsfc.nasa.gov/

Telescope: 2.4m aperture Wide Field Instrument

- Vis/Near IR (0.48 2.3 micron)
- Field of view 0.281 deg² (~200× HST WFC3-IR)

Orbit: Sun-Earth L2 Launch: before May 2027



Roman Galactic Exoplanet Survey

Microlensing expectations:

- ~ 1500 bound planets.
- ~ **300** free-floating planets.
- Planets in the outer habitable zone.
- Analogues of Solar System.
- Galactic distribution of planets.
- Sensitivity to exomoons.
- Remnant mass function



- Roman Galactic Exoplanet Survey Project Infrastructure Team (PI: S. Gaudi)
 - Develop simulations, reduction and modeling pipelines, statistics
 - All computations based on VBBinaryLensing (VB 2010; VB et al. 2018; 2021) <u>https://github.com/valboz/VBBinaryLensing</u>
 - Modeling pipeline based on **RTModel** (*VB 2024*). <u>https://github.com/valboz/RTModel</u>

Gaia-NIR

- K-band observations allow to study **heavily extincted** regions of the bulge and the disk.
- Stellar, planetary and remnant distributions in the denser regions!
- Astrometric information crucial to break degeneracies and measure masses!





- Sparse sampling is insufficient for microlensing characterization.
- Need to design follow-up resources in NIR bands.





(Kerins, Robin, Marshall 2009)

Lensing by Sgr A*

- Sgr A* is a black hole with $M = 4.3 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$
- Lensing shifts are of several mas for sources several arcminutes away (Wardle & Yusef-Zadeh 1992).





- Detailed lensing depends on the mass distribution.
- Possibility of weak lensing reconstruction!

Chandra image of Galactic center in X-rays

Conclusions

- Microlensing has been very effective within Gaia mission.
- Study of stellar binaries and planets with accurate parameters.
- Astrometry is the key to break degeneracies and determine the masses of the lenses.
- Black holes particularly benefit!
- Future microlensing mission Roman will observe in NIR and discover thousands events.
- Gaia-NIR may extend previous microlensing studies to heavily extincted regions.
- Need for follow-up.
- Lensing by the Sgr A* region may allow a detailed mass reconstruction.

BHTOM workshop in Vietri sul Mare (SA)

- 15 April 2024
- Hands-on sessions to learn BHTOM, an invaluable tool for follow-up telescopes.
- https://gsawg.wiki.ast.cam.ac.uk/index.php?title=BHTOM-IT-2024:main
- Organizing committee

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