Using gravitational telescopes to probe the faint and distant Universe



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MUSE observations of lensing clusters

- Faint and high-z sources
 - Important sources for the cosmic reionization and to understand of star formation in the early and faint Universe
- Narrow area, but deep \rightarrow Faint/common sources; complementary to works on non lensing fields
 - → We probe around 5% of the original field of view for z=5 and μ > 10
 - → log Lya[erg/s] > 40 41, for regions with μ ~ 5-10
 - → In regions with extreme magnifications (μ > 50) we can reach fainter detections
- Highly precise magnification maps can be achieved by combining deep MUSE spectroscopy in the core and high resolution photometric data HST.





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- Multiple images from the same source are the constraints of the SL model
- Members selection based on extensive spectroscopy
- Modelling using *lenstool* see Caminha+2017 A&A 600, A90

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New deep MUSE observations confirmed 11 new families Model can predict the position of all 137 multiple images with a precision of ~0.5 arcseconds Grillo+ 2015 (ApJ, 800, 38)

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SL model improvements



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2015: 15 spectroscopically confirmed multiply lensed systems



2017: 37 spectroscopically confirmed multiply lensed systems

- + improved membership selection
- + misidentification of multiple images removed



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Robust measurements of magnification factors



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ID14 is a system at z=3.22 with 6 confirmed multiple images 14a,b,c are highly magnified (μ >20)

When propagating the magnification of the less magnified image we have: $\mu_{14a}=41\pm7$ Directly from the SL model: $\mu_{14a}=33^{+38}_{-12}$

Predictions are under control when we have a large number of model constraints (multiple images)



Low magnified regions are less biased and have smaller intrinsic scatter



Ly-break galaxies and Ly-alpha emission



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What is the mechanism responsible for the Ly-alpha emission in the nebula?

- Fluorescence by Lyman continuum escaping in the transversal direction, or
- Star formation in situ.

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Lyman- α nebula around star forming galaxies

Lyman-break galaxies associated with Ly-alpha extended (off-centre) emission are relatively common

Z=3.04, Caminha+2017, A&A, 607, 93C





Observed $mag_{\rm H}=23.5,\ 22.4$, for 11a and G1 respectively. With HST+lensing we resolve clumps of ~2 kpc The total stellar mass of each component (G1, 11 and 11-2) is $\approx 10^8 - 10^9 {
m M}_{\odot}$

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Source plane mapping- HST and MUSE



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MICADO (SCAO) to detect SF clumps



Group of galaxies at z=4.3, spectroscopically confirmed with MUSE. $mag_{\rm H}=23.61~~\mu_{3b}\approx 10$

Good candidate to be targeted by MICADO (SCAO).



Discussions



- We have control of the lensing effect to recover intrinsic properties of lensed sources
 - See e.g. Caminha+2019 arXiv:1903.05103 (A&A accepted) for the work on the SL models and MUSE data
 - We are building a large sample of lensing clusters with good models, i.e. using extensive spectroscopy, that are providing targets to the new generation of telescopes
- In lensing fields with MUSE we are characterizing the UV part of the spectrum of sources at redshifts between 2.9 – 4.5 (higher S/N) and confirming with spectroscopy sources at z=5-6.7 from Lyman-alpha emission (faint sources) or Lyman break (bright sources or deep pointings)
 - Are we observing Lyman-continuum photons escaping in preferred directions?
 - Lessons learned at low z (< 6) are extremely valuable to explore the sources in the reionization epoch (6 < z < 10)
 - → With JWST we will easily access rest-frame optical lines for these system
 - → With ELT we can characterize the stellar population and the morphology of these systems
- Extend works on non lensing fields towards faint objects