Quasar Microlensing with OGLE

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- "The *other* microlensing": What is quasar microlensing? similarities, differences
- A few historic remininscenes w/r to quasar microlensing Chang/Refsdal (1979, 1984), Gott (1981), Paczynski (1986a)
- Quasar microlensing and OGLE's important contributions

opening the time domain (!), quasar size, dark matter fraction

Concluding remarks

## Celebrating 25 years of the OGLE project

## Quasar Lensing: Geometry



## Nature Vol. 279 31 May 1979

# 0957 + 561 A, B: twin quasistellar objects or gravitational lens?

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0957 + 561 A, B are two QSOs of mag 17 with 5.7 arc s separation at redshift 1.405. Their spectra leave little doubt that they are associated. Difficulties arise in describing them as two distinct objects and the possibility that they are two images of the same object formed by a gravitational lens is discussed.



## 1979 Chang & Refsdal:

Received 29 August; accepted 2 October 1979.

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Nature Vol. 282 6 December 1979

## Flux variations of QSO 0957 + 561 A, B and image splitting by stars near the light path

#### K. Chang & S. Refsdal

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If the double QSO 0957+561 A, B is the result of gravitational lens actions by a massive galaxy, stars in its outer parts and close to the light paths may cause significant flux changes in one year. One star can split a QSO image into two to four images with angular separations of  $\sim 10^{-5}$  arc s.



### 1984 Chang & Refsdal

Astron. Astrophys. 132, 168-178 (1984)

#### ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

#### Star disturbances in gravitational lens galaxies

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Summary. Image splitting and flux changes caused by a single star in an extended gravitational lens galaxy are investigated. Earlier investigations (Chang and Refsdal, 1979) showed that an image can split into two or four sub-images. We here find, by a more general investigation, that the number of sub-images in some cases can be zero, so that one of the gravitational lens images of the equivalent "smoothed out" galaxy disappears completely due to the inhomogeneity represented by a star (or a globular cluster). The missing third image in the double QSO 0957 + 561 A, B may be due to this effect.

## Gott (1981)

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#### ARE HEAVY HALOS MADE OF LOW MASS STARS? A GRAVITATIONAL LENS TEST

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#### ABSTRACT

A test to determine whether the heavy halos of galaxies are made of low mass stars is proposed. A galaxy at intermediate redshift can act as a gravitational lens to produce a double image of a large-redshift QSO. The QSO 0957 + 561 A, B is almost certainly an example of this phenomenon. We show that in such a case if the intervening galaxy has a heavy halo made of low mass stars in the range  $4 \times 10^{-4} M_{\odot}$  to 0.1  $M_{\odot}$ , then these stars acting as individual gravitational lenses must produce fluctuations of order unity in the intensities of the QSO images on time scales of 1-14 years.

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## Paczyński (1986a)

#### GRAVITATIONAL MICROLENSING AT LARGE OPTICAL DEPTH

BOHDAN PACZYŃSKI<sup>1</sup> Princeton University Observatory Received 1985 June 24; accepted 1985 August 20

#### ABSTRACT

A large number of numerical models of gravitational microlensing by stars in the lensing galaxy has been calculated, and properties of the models are described. The expected light intensity variations are more rapid when optical depth (i.e., the surface mass density expressed in proper units) to microlensing is large, but the time scale is a few years in the best cases, and much longer in a typical case. However, microlensing introduces considerable scatter, up to 2 or 3 orders of magnitude, to the intensity of macroimages expected at any given time, and this may considerably complicate the analysis of the observed lenses.

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It was a wonderful occasion and a great honor and pleasure for me to work with **Bohdan Paczyński** from 1987 onward:

- we wrote 13 joint papers (5 out of my first 10)
- · Bohdan was incredibly influential for me, my career, my life
- Thank you, Bohdan!

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#### PHOTOMETRIC VARIATIONS IN THE Q2237+0305 SYSTEM: FIRST DETECTION OF A MICROLENSING EVENT<sup>(a),b)</sup>

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#### ABSTRACT

We present new photometric data for the gravitationally lensed quasar system 2237 + 0305, which shows unambiguous evidence for a change in brightness of one of the four component images. This represents the first detection of a microlensing event.

Irwin et al. (1989)

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	r <sup>1</sup> 1986 September 28	r <sup>2</sup> 1987 September 25	R <sup>3</sup> 1988 August 18	<i>R</i> <sup>3</sup> 1988 September 16		
A B C D	$\begin{array}{c} 17.58 \pm 0.2 \\ 17.48 \pm 0.2 \\ 17.91 \pm 0.2 \\ 18.41 \pm 0.2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 17.62 \pm 0.02 \\ 17.77 \pm 0.03 \\ 18.06 \pm 0.04 \\ 18.40 \pm 0.06 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 17.03 \pm 0.05 \\ 17.56 \pm 0.05 \\ 18.17 \pm 0.05 \\ 18.40 \pm 0.05 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 17.18 \pm 0.05 \\ 17.59 \pm 0.05 \\ 18.15 \pm 0.05 \\ 18.38 \pm 0.05 \end{array}$		
<sup>1</sup> Schneider <i>et al.</i> (1988). <sup>2</sup> Yee (1988). <sup>3</sup> This paper.						

# Quasar Microlensing: Angular Scale, **Time Scale** angular Einstein radius: $\theta_E = \sqrt{\frac{4GM}{c^2} \frac{D_{LS}}{D_r D_s}} \approx 1.8 \sqrt{\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}}$ microarcsec $r_E = \sqrt{\frac{4GM}{c^2}} \frac{D_S D_{LS}}{D_I} \approx 4 \times 10^{16} \sqrt{M/M_{\odot}} \,\mathrm{cm}_{e}$ physical Einstein radius: **Einstein time:** $t_E = r_E / v_\perp \approx 15 \sqrt{\frac{M}{M_\odot}} v_{600}^{-1}$ years OGLE25 — Warsaw, July 28, 2017 — Joachim Wambsganss: "Quasar Microlensing with OGLE"

## Two regimes of Microlensing:

 compact objects in the Milky Way, or its halo, or the local group acting on stars in the Bulge/LMC/SMC/M31:

> stellar microlensing Galactic microlensing local group microlensing optical depth: ~10<sup>-6</sup>



• compact objects in a **distant galaxy**, or its halo acting on even more distant (multiple) **quasars** 

quasar microlensing extragalactic microlensing cosmological microlensing optical depth: ~1



Two regimes of Microlensing:					
	stellar, Galactic, Local Group microlensing	quasar, extragalactic, cosmological microlensing			
main lenses:	stellar mass objects in Milky Way, SMC, LMC, M31, halo	stellar mass objects in lensing galaxy			
sources:	stars @ 10-100kpc	quasars (SNe) @ Gpc			
Einstein angle:	0.5 milliarcsec	1 <b>micro</b> arcsec			
Einstein time:	weeks-months	weeks-months-years			
optical depth:	low: 10 <sup>-6</sup>	high: of order 1			
proposed:	(Einstein 1936) Paczynski 1986b	Chang & Refsdal 1979, 1984 Gott 1981, Paczynski 1986a			
first detected:	OGLE, MACHO, (EROS) 1993	Irwin et al. 1989			
way of detection:	photometrically, spectroscopically, astrometrically	photometrically, spectroscopically, (astrometrically)			
signal:	simple	complicated			
good for:	machos, stars, <b>planets</b> , (moons?) stellar masses/profiles, structure	quasar structure: size/profile machos, dark matter			



# How do I know that quasar variability is due to microlensing?

(... rather than intrinsic variability of the quasar ...)

All quasars are variable (more or less ...)

→ yesterday by Laurent Eyer

→ next talk by Szymon Kozłowski

- For an isolated quasar:
  - very difficult to distinguish "intrinsic" from "extrinsic" variability variability! (there some hints, though ...)

• For a double/multiple quasar:

• intrinsic variability affects ALL images, after certain time delay!

 $\Rightarrow$  shift lightcurves in time ( $\Delta t$ ) and magnitude ( $\Delta m$ ):

 $\Rightarrow$  determine difference lightcurve:

if flat → no microlensing

• if variable  $\rightarrow$  microlensing

One (wo)man's signal is another (wo)man's noise ... (Paul Schechter)



#### Efficient Inverse Ray Shooting: A Tree-Code Approach

(Wambsganss 1990, 1999)

Deflection angle for n lenses:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{ji} = \frac{4G}{c^{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{n} M_{j} \frac{\boldsymbol{r}_{ij}}{r_{ij}^{2}}$$

Number of computational operations:

 $N_{\rm total} = N_{\rm op} \times N_{\rm pix} \times N_{\rm av} \times N_{*} \simeq 10 \times 2500^2 \times 500 \times 10^6 \approx 3 \times 10^{16}$ 

Calculation of deflection angle for N\* lenses split into two parts:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_*} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_i \approx \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\mathrm{L}}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_j + \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\mathrm{C}}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_k =: \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{\mathrm{L}} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{\mathrm{C}}.$$

The *N*'s denote the following:

- $N_*$  is the number of all lenses,
- $N_{\rm L}$  the number of lenses to be included directly,
- $N_{\rm C}$  the number of cells (= pseudo-lenses) to be included.

#### → suggested to me by Bohdan Paczyński in 1987

## Quasar microlensing: typical magnification patterns

L = 100 R<sub>E</sub>









Movie made by Luke Weisenbach (student of Paul Schechter @ MIT)

## The quadruple quasar Q2237+0305 (also known as "Einstein Cross" or "Huchra's lens")



## z(quasar) = 1.695, z(galaxy) = 0.039 image separation 1.7 arcsec (HST)







# Quasar Microlensing at high magnification: suppressed saddlepoints and the role of dark matter

![](_page_28_Picture_1.jpeg)

## MG0414+0534:

close pairs of bright images:

should be about equal in brightness

they are not!

saddle point image demagnified!

at least 4 similar systems

what's going on?!?

microlensing? substructure? DM ?

(Schechter & Wambsganss 2002)

## Quasar Microlensing at high magnification: suppressed saddlepoints and the role of dark matter

![](_page_29_Picture_1.jpeg)

PG1115+080: 0.48",  $\Delta m = 0.5$  mag (Weymann et al. 1980) SDSS0924+0219: 0.66",  $\Delta m = 2.5 \text{ mag}$ (Inada et al. 2003)

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#### The Dark-Matter Fraction in the Elliptical Galaxy Lensing the Quasar PG 1115+080

Pooley, Rappaport, Blackburne, Schechter, Schwab, Wambsganss; ApJ 697, 1892 (2009)

Determination of most likely dark-matter fraction in elliptical galaxy lensing quasar PG 1115+080:

based on analyses of the X-ray fluxes of individual images in 2000 and 2008:

![](_page_32_Picture_4.jpeg)

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Microlensing magnification map for image A<sub>2</sub>

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## Accretion disk profile from quasar microlensing (Eigenbrod et al. 2008)

studying chromatic variations in the UV/optical continuum of quadruple quasar Q2237+0305, images A and B,

![](_page_35_Figure_2.jpeg)

# OGLE V-band data, fitted with different microlensing lightcurves

![](_page_35_Figure_4.jpeg)

our spectroscopic data, reproduced as 6 "filters": 39 epochs of spectrophotometric monitoring

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# Astrometric Microlensing of Quasars

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# Astrometric microlensing of quasars:

(Treyer & Wambsganss 2004)

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## Summary

Quasar microlensing has developed into a very useful astrophysical tool in the last 38 years ...

- determination of size/temperature structure of quasar: optical/X-ray accretion disk, BLR
- prime candidate: Q2237+0305 (aka "Einstein Cross", "Huchra's lens")
- measuring effects (masses, motions) of compact objects along line of sight
- detection and quantification of smoothly distributed dark matter

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## played a key role in last 20 years!

The unbelievable effectiveness of **OGUR** quasar monitoring:

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**OGLE** monitoring of Q2237+0305 & HE1104 –1805: two data points per week

- $\rightarrow$  about 0.2% of observing time (10 min per week) !
- → 5(+1) papers: Wozniak+ (2000a,b); Udalski+ (2006) Wyrzykowski+ (2003); Schechter+ (2003)
- more than 250 citations !

#### extreme extrapolation exercise:

0.2% of time	monitor 2 lensed quasar	5 papers	250 citations				
1% of time	monitor 10 lensed quasars	25 papers	1,250 citations				
10% of time	monitor 100 lensed quasars	250 papers	12,500 citations				
100% of time	monitor 1,000 lensed quasars	2,500 papers	125,000 citations				
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### The Optical Gravitational Lens Experiment

## ogle defined for English-language learners:

to look at (something) in a way that suggests strong interest or desire (Merriam-Webster, Learners' Dictionary)

ogle defined for kids:

to look at in a flirting way or with unusual attention or desire (Merriam-Webster, Word Central)

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My personal connection with OGLE (since 2004):

## 50 (!) joint papers of J.W. with Andrzej Udalski, Michal Szymański (and OGLE members)

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I congratulate

Andrzej Udalski, Michał Szymański, OGLE team !

I thank

Andrzej Udalski, Michał Szymański, OGLE, Bohdan Paczyński !

I bow in admiration and adoration and appreciation:

![](_page_45_Picture_6.jpeg)

what a wonderful, unbelievable, incredibly successful project!

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