JOINT MICROLENSING AND REVERBERATION MAPPING ANALYSIS OF HE0435-1223: THE VERY EARLY DAYS

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HE0435-1223

- Quadruply-lensed quasar at z = 1.689
- First lensed quasar to be reverberation mapped
- Microlensing and reverberation mapping only viable method for probing the size scales of accretion disk and BLR
- So can be used to derive complementary size constraints of these emission regions.



Image credit: Wong et al. 2017

Main Science Questions

- Do the size constraints found from RM and microlensing agree?
- What does this tell us about BLR structure? Transverse vs radial size measurements.
- This object will be one of the highest redshift quasar RMed, does the found lag agree with previous findings/expectations from R-L relationship?
- Can we obtain line wings and line centre size constraints?
- Check whether we can perform snapshot microlensing without knowledge of underlying continuum variations?
- Do we see change in microlensing signal in the 6 month period?
- Geraint Can we see the changing in BLR size with luminosity in microlensing?

Original Program

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GMOS IFU data

- Gemini South
- 13 epochs
- Taken over 6 months
- C IV lag is estimated to be 24-70 days
- Delays (Bonvin et al 2017):
 - AB:-8.8 days
 - AC:-1.1 days
 - AD:-13.8 days

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Observed epoch

Inferred epoch

Observed epoch split into 2 half nights

Early Results

 Early Results – First night reduced (for the first and a half times)



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Major issue

- Flux calibration was supposed to be done using galaxy flux, compared to known HST flux. However, galaxy flux in IFU data low.
- Could we scale up to match Cosmograil data. Need a good knowledge of microlensing.
- Any help welcome!

