Probing the Inner Density Profile of Galaxy Clusters with Strong Lensing and MUSE Spectroscopy

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GALAXY-CLUSTER

Strong lensing distorts the light from background sources to multiple positions around the cluster



We use the positions of multiply imaged background sources to solve the lensing equation and map the mass distribution in the cluster

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THE 'CORE-CUSP' PROBLEM

- Observations suggest constant-density 'core'
- CDM simulations predict increase into a 'cusp'
- Hydrodynamical simulations like BAHAMAS, Cluster-EAGLE, FIRE, etc. demonstrate that the central baryon concentration cannot be neglected (see McCarthy et al. 2017, He at al. 2020, Bose et al. 2019, etc)
- Need more observational data points to compare against simulations!



MUSE

- MUSE: Multi Unit Spectroscopic Explorer
- Integral Field Spectrograph
- Located at the Very Large Telescope (VLT)
- 24 identical spectrographs sample the same ~1arcmin FoV over nearly the entire optical domain (~480-930 nm)
- 3D views with a spectrum for each pixel as the third dimension







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- NEW: MUSE Kaleidoscope Survey
 - Spectroscopic redshifts for radial arcs
 - Cluster member identification
 - Stellar kinematics of BCG



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LENSTOOL MODELING



- Parametric MCMC modeling
- Positions and redshifts of multiplyimaged arcs are constraints
- Three components of mass:
 - 1) Cluster-scale DM halo
 - 2) Galaxy-scale DM halos in areas with strong lensing
 - 3) Cluster galaxies modeled with pseudo-isothermal ellipsoidal mass distribution (PIEMD) halos

STRONG LENS MODELS

- Modeled with Lenstool (parametric MCMC)
- Three components: cluster-scale DM halo, galaxy-scale perturbers, cluster member galaxies







DENSITY PROFILE

Radial arcs allow Lenstool to reach into the inner ~20kpc

Lenstool cannot break degeneracy between baryonic stellar mass and cluster DM

Inner 10kpc can be improved with...

- 1. Stellar Kinematics (MUSE)
- 2. Photometry (HST)



STELLAR KINEMATICS

Effectively probes mass distribution from stardominated to DM-affected areas

- pPXF used to fit spectra
- Indo-US Stellar Template Fitting
- Experimented with creating various apertures and selecting kinematic features to improve S/N of spectroscopic fit





STELLAR KINEMATICS

- Measure velocity dispersion profile of stars in BCG
- Profile from MUSE (IFU, 1hr exposure, variable quality) is comparable to the quality of data from Keck (long-slit, 8hr exposure, high quality)



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THANKS FOR LISTENING!

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