



Combining *Spitzer* Parallax and Keck II Adaptive Optics Imaging to Measure the Mass of a Solar-like Star Orbited by a Cold Gaseous Planet Discovered by Microlensing

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Abstract

To obtain accurate mass measurements for cold planets discovered by microlensing, it is usually necessary to combine light curve modeling with at least two lens mass–distance relations. The physical parameters of the planetary system OGLE-2014-BLG-0124L have been constrained thanks to accurate parallax effect between ground-based and simultaneous space-based *Spitzer* observations. Here, we resolved the source+ lens star from sub-arcsecond blends in H-band using adaptive optics (AO) observations with NIRC2 mounted on Keck II telescope. We identify additional flux, coincident with the source to within 160 mas. We estimate the potential contributions to this blended light (chance-aligned star, additional companion to the lens or to the source) and find that 85% of the NIR flux is due to the lens star at $H_L = 16.63 \pm 0.06$ and $K_L = 16.44 \pm 0.06$. We combined the parallax constraint and the AO constraint to derive the physical parameters of the system. The lensing system is composed of a mid-late type G main sequence star of $M_L = 0.9 \pm 0.05 M_\odot$ located at $D_L = 3.5 \pm 0.2$ kpc in the Galactic disk. Taking the mass ratio and projected separation from the original study leads to a planet of $M_p = 0.65 \pm 0.044 M_{\text{Jupiter}}$ at 3.48 ± 0.22 au. Excellent parallax measurements from simultaneous ground-space observations have been obtained on the microlensing event OGLE-2014-BLG-0124, but it is only when they are combined with ~ 30 minutes of Keck II AO observations that the physical parameters of the host star are well measured.

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1. Mass–Distance Relations for Microlensing

Gravitational microlensing is unique in its sensitivity to exoplanets down to Earth mass beyond the snow line (Mao & Paczynski 1991; Gould & Loeb 1992), where the core accretion theory predicts that the most massive planets will form. However, the major limitation of most of the 51 exoplanetary microlensing analyses published to date has been the relatively low precision measurements of physical parameters of the system, owing to uncertainty of the host star mass and its distance. By contrast, the relative physical parameters (mass ratio, projected separation relative to the angular Einstein ring radius) are usually known with high precision. In the vast majority of microlensing events, the Einstein ring radius crossing time t_E is the only measurable parameter constraining the lens mass, lens distance, and relative lens-source proper motion μ_{rel} , which are therefore degenerate. For binary microlensing events, it is possible to accurately measure the

mass ratio q and the projected separation d in units of Einstein ring radius. The source star often transits the caustic, providing the source radius crossing time t_* . Moreover, the angular radius of the source star θ_* can be estimated from the surface brightness relation (Kervella et al. 2004; Boyajian et al. 2013, 2014), so the measurement of t_* yields the angular Einstein radius, $\Theta_E = \theta_* t_E/t_*$.

These constraints lead to a mass–distance relation between lens mass M_L at distance D_L , with the form

$$M_L = \theta_E^2 / (\kappa \pi_{\pm\text{rel}}) \quad (1)$$

where $\pi_{\pm\text{rel}} = (\text{au}) (D_S - D_L) / (D_S D_L)$ and $\kappa = 8.144 \text{ mas } M_\odot^{-1}$.

There is also a relation between the parallax π_E and the mass,

$$M_L = \theta_E / (\kappa \pi_E). \quad (2)$$

This allows the elimination of θ_E to give a useful mass–distance relation for the case when we have well-defined

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parallax π_E but unknown θ_E :

$$M_L = \pi_{\pm\text{rel}} / (\kappa \pi_E^2) \quad (3)$$

An independent mass–distance relation can be applied if the flux from the lens system can be reliably measured and compared to stellar models. Using high angular resolution observations with Keck II, SUBARU, or *HST*, it is possible to separate the contributions of the source and lens stars from blended stars at the sub-arcsecond level. We can then measure the lens apparent magnitude $m_L(\lambda)$ and combine it with isochrones (e.g., Bertelli et al. 2008) to get another mass–distance relation:

$$m_L(\lambda) = 10 + 5 \log(D_L / 1 \text{ kpc}) + A_L(\lambda) + M_{\text{isochrone}}(\lambda, M_L, \text{age}, [\text{Fe}/\text{H}]) \quad (4)$$

where $M_{\text{isochrone}}$ is the predicted absolute magnitude of the lens assuming a given mass, age, and metallicity, and $A_L(\lambda)$ is the wavelength-dependent interstellar extinction along the line of sight to the lens.

In practice, the parallax vector is often not well constrained and there is a degeneracy with orbital motion, while the Einstein ring radius is usually known to about 10%. Therefore, it is quite common to combine the mass–distance relations from adaptive optics (Equation (4)) and θ_E (Equation (2)) to measure the masses. This has been done on a number of planetary microlensing events (Janczak et al. 2010; Kubas et al. 2012; Batista et al. 2014, 2015; Bennett et al. 2015). In the favorable cases, it is possible to constrain the physical parameters of the system to within $\approx 5\%$. Recently, Koshimoto et al. (2017a) presented the discovery of a sub Saturn-mass planet and estimated the mass by combining parallax measurements (Equation (3)) and adaptive optics measurement, without a good measurement of θ_E . In this particular case, the accuracy of the parallax is the limiting factor determining the accuracy of the derived physical parameters. This is often the case for ground-based measurements, where only the parallax component parallel to the Earth acceleration is well measured, while the other is uncertain.

In order to overcome this limitation, a natural way forward is to obtain accurate parallaxes, by making simultaneous ground and space observations, as proposed first by Refsdal (1966) and further developed by Gould (1992). In contrast with observations from the ground alone, both components of the parallax vector could be well constrained. Three observing campaigns of simultaneous ground-based and *Spitzer* observations were completed in 2014–2016 (Yee et al. 2015a, 2015b; Calchi Novati et al. 2015).

2. The Planetary System OGLE-2014-BLG-0124

A very favorable case was OGLE-2014-BLG-0124, in which a system with a star plus planetary companion with mass ratio $q \sim 7 \times 10^{-4}$ and projected separation $d \sim 0.94$ was detected by the OGLE survey. It was observed simultaneously by a fleet of ground-based telescopes (MOA, LCOGT, Wise 1 m, MINDSTEP, and SAAO 1 m), and by the *Spitzer* space telescope. It should be emphasized that this event was very favorable for parallax detection given its long timescale. During the ongoing microlensing event, models were circulated to characterize the nature of the event and optimize requests for complementary observations from follow-up telescopes.

Udalski et al. (2015) presented the analysis of OGLE and *Spitzer* data. OGLE captured the overall geometry of the microlensing light curve, a source transiting close to a resonant caustic. Although their model was ultimately based on OGLE and *Spitzer* data alone, it was completely consistent with the models created during the event, including data collected by the fleet of follow-up telescopes. Unfortunately, the original study failed to acknowledge this contribution from the community.

The OGLE data on its own allowed a π_E measurement to $\pm 20\%$. The inclusion of *Spitzer* data improved this by a factor seven, making OGLE-2014-BLG-0124 the most precise microlensing parallax measurement to date. Unfortunately, the trajectory of the source star did not make any caustic crossings; Udalski et al. (2015) showed that t_* is uncertain, which transfers into a poorly known θ_E , and hence a large uncertainty on physical mass of the host star. It was also discussed by Yee (2015).

As a result, the system has two published solutions, which overlap within the errorbars. The first, for $u_0 > 0$, has an $M = 0.71 \pm 0.22 M_\odot$ star located at 4.1 ± 0.6 kpc in the galactic disk, orbited by a planet of $M = 0.51 \pm 0.16 M_{\text{Jupiter}}$ at 3.1 ± 0.5 au; The second one ($u_0 < 0$), has an $M = 0.65 \pm 0.22 M_\odot$ star located at 4.23 ± 0.59 kpc in the galactic disk, orbited by a planet of $M = 0.47 \pm 0.15 M_{\text{Jupiter}}$ at 2.97 ± 0.51 au. We remark that the microlensing parameters (mass ratio, projected separation) are very close and that the small difference in the physical parameters is coming mostly from the Bayesian modeling.

2.1. Source Star Properties

Udalski et al. (2015) fitted the source magnitude $I_S = 18.59 \pm 0.02$ with a bright blend contribution of $I_{\text{Blend}} = 17.79 \pm 0.01$. They estimated the extinction to be $A_I = 1.02$, so $A_H = 0.236$ and $A_K = 0.17$, which leads to a dereddened source color of $(V - I)_{S0} = 0.70$. Using the relations in Bessell & Brett (1988), we derived $(I - H)_{S0} = 0.765$ and $(H - K)_{S0} = 0.055$. Knowing the extinction in the different bands, we predict the source magnitudes to be $H_S = 17.04 \pm 0.05$ and $K_S = 16.985 \pm 0.05$.

A direct measurement of the near-infrared magnitude of the source+ lens therefore allows us to find the flux of the lens, and then to use Equation (4) to get a new mass–distance relation. We follow Bennett et al. (2015) and Beaulieu et al. (2016) to estimate the extinction toward the lens. We adopt as a scale height of the dust toward the galactic bulge $\tau_{\text{dust}} = (0.120 \text{ kpc}) / \sin(|b|)$, where $b = -2^\circ 9' 16.7''$ is the galactic latitude. Then we write the lens extinction A_{HL}

$$A_{\text{HL}} = (1 - e^{-D_L / \tau_{\text{dust}}}) / (1 - e^{-D_S / \tau_{\text{dust}}}) A_{\text{HS}}. \quad (5)$$

2.2. VVV K-band Light Curve of OGLE-2014-BLG-0124

We extracted H and K cubes of images centered of the target collected by the 4 m VISTA telescope at Paranal during the VVV survey (Minniti et al. 2010). The data set is composed of 1 H and 312 K-band epoch. Using our standard procedure, we perform PSF photometry on all of the frames and calibrated them (Beaulieu et al. 2016; J.-B. Marquette et al. 2017, in preparation).

We use both VVV, OGLE, and *Spitzer* data to fit a binary-lens microlensing model using Markov Chain Monte Carlo, in order to double-check the initial study by Udalski et al. (2015) and to derive an estimate of the K_S band calibrated source flux

Table 1
Microlensing Model of OGLE-2014-BLG-124 Based on OGLE,
VVV, and *Spitzer* Light Curves

Parameter	$u_0 > 0$	$u_0 < 0$
t_0 [HJD']	6836.28 ± 0.04	6836.16 ± 0.03
u_0	0.176 ± 0.004	-0.174 ± 0.005
t_E [days]	150.8 ± 2.8	154.6 ± 4.2
$\rho[10^{-3}]$	0.88 ± 0.53	0.88 ± 0.52
π_{EN}	-0.005 ± 0.005	-0.015 ± 0.002
π_{EE}	0.145 ± 0.004	0.155 ± 0.006
α [rad]	4.510 ± 0.002	1.775 ± 0.002
ds/dt	-0.111 ± 0.015	-0.109 ± 0.017
$d\alpha/dt$	-0.7 ± 0.6	0.1 ± 0.6
s	0.944 ± 0.003	0.943 ± 0.004
q [10^{-3}]	0.69 ± 0.06	0.71 ± 0.05
I_s	18.60 ± 0.03	18.61 ± 0.04
K_s	16.93 ± 0.03	16.94 ± 0.04
χ^2	7017.1	7020.6

(see Figure 1). We perform these calculations for the two configurations described by Udalski et al. (2015), $u_0 > 0$ and $u_0 < 0$, corresponding to the two allowed trajectories of the source (Table 1) relative to the caustics. The microlensing parameters we find are in excellent agreement with those presented in Table 1 of Udalski et al. (2015), as they are all within 1σ . We derive $K_S(\text{fit}) = 16.93 \pm 0.03$, with the blend magnitude $K_b(\text{fit}) = 15.99 \pm 0.01$. This is in agreement with our estimates of $K_S = 16.985 \pm 0.05$ from the previous section.

As it is a direct measurement, we adopt in the following the fitted K-band source flux to be $K_S = 16.93 \pm 0.03$. The difference between the direct measurement and the extrapolation reflects the level of systematics errors in our procedure. We keep the H-band estimate with $H_S = 17.04 \pm 0.05$.

2.3. Keck II Adaptive Optics Observations of OGLE-2014-BLG-0124

On 2016 August 4, we observed OGLE-2014-BLG-0124 using NIRC2 mounted on the Keck II telescope on Mauna Kea. We used the wide camera, with a pixel scale of 0.04 arcsec. We took two frames with an exposure time of 3×10 s at each of the five dithered positions in H and K. We followed the data reduction and calibration procedures described by Beaulieu et al. (2016).

We correct for dark and flatfield using standard procedures and stack the images using SWarp from the AstrOmatic suite of astronomy tools (Bertin 2010). We cross identify the VVV and the Keck II sources and estimate the calibration constant. We estimate the uncertainty on the zeropoint to be 0.008 mag in H and 0.01 in K. We apply this zeropoint to the Keck II catalogs.

We identify the source+ lens star at the position marked on Figure 2. It has several blends at the ~ 2 arcsec level. The total magnitude is $H_{VVV} = 15.75 \pm 0.07$ and $K_{VVV} = 15.66 \pm 0.10$ in the VVV images.

At the predicted position of the source, we measure $H_{\text{Keck}} = 15.95 \pm 0.04$ and $K_{\text{Keck}} = 15.79 \pm 0.03$. The PSF is slightly elongated due to the observing conditions; the ellipticity is identical to the PSF of nearby stars. As the source has $H_S = 17.04 \pm 0.05$ and $K_S = 16.93 \pm 0.03$, we estimate the

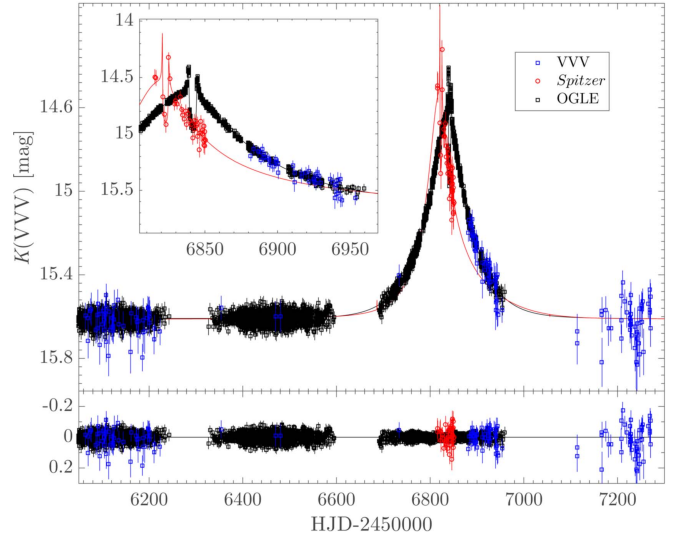


Figure 1. OGLE I band, *Spitzer*, and VVV K-band light curves and model of OGLE-2014-BLG-0124. We show the data, model, and residuals of the fit in the lower panel.

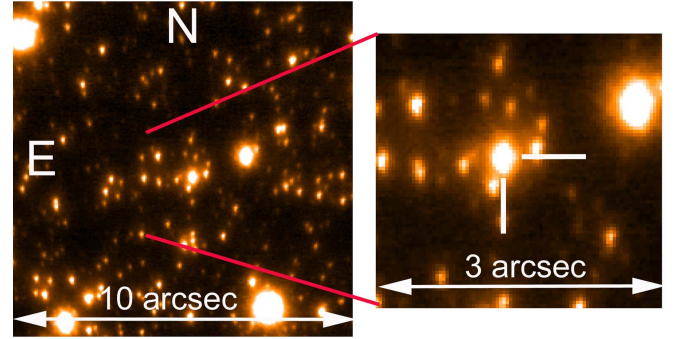


Figure 2. Keck II H-band observation of OGLE-2014-BLG-0124. At the position of the source, we detect significant additional flux within 150 mas, which is most likely the lens. The elongation seen on the image is consistent with the PSF shape of other nearby field stars.

blended light to be $H_{\text{Blend}} = 16.45 \pm 0.06$ and $K_{\text{Blend}} = 16.26 \pm 0.05$.

3. Lens Star Properties

We detected blended light aligned with the source to an order better than the 160 milliarcsecond PSF full-width at half-maximum, so we must estimate if it is likely to be the lens star alone, or has contributions from:

1. the lens;
2. an ambient star (aligned with source and lens not associated with either);
3. a companion to the lens; and/or
4. a companion to the source.

We decided to compute the contribution to the blended light using two different methods and compare them.

3.1. Estimating Contaminants, Batista et al.'s Approach

We follow the Bayesian analysis described in V. Batista et al. 2018 in preparation. First, we calculate the probability for

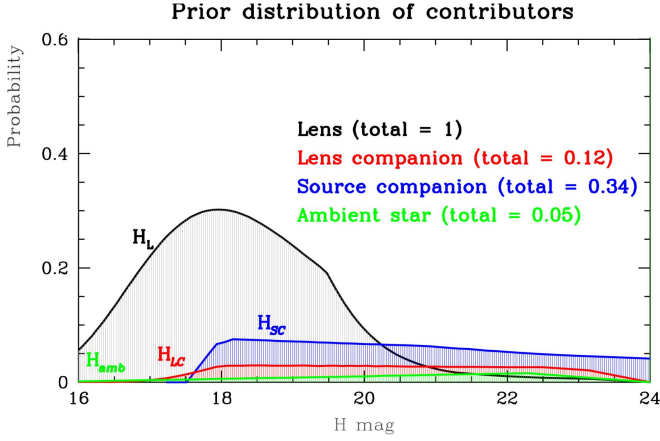


Figure 3. Prior distribution of contributors in H-band flux, lens, ambient star, companion to source, and companion to lens.

an unrelated star in the magnitude range $H = 15$ – 21 to be aligned by chance with the lens and the source. We assume that stars with a separation larger than $0.8 \times \text{FWHM}_{\text{Keck}} = 130$ mas would be resolved. The probability of a field star contribution to the extra NIR flux is then equal to the surface number density of stars multiplied by the area ratio between a circle of 130 mas and the entire field.

While the upper limit to the separation is observationally given by $0.8 \times \text{FWHM}_{\text{Keck}}$, the appropriate lower limits differ between a lens companion and a source companion. For a lens companion, we consider lower limits given the absence of signature from a source and a lens companion in the light curve, following the approach of Batista et al. (2014). We take a conservative lower limit to the separation by considering the upper limit on the microlensing shear that would be induced by an additional caustic,

$$\gamma = \frac{q}{s^2} < 10^{-3}.$$

For a source companion, the lower limit is given by the minimum separation for which the companion would not produce an additional perturbation in the light curve,

$$s \geq 1/4 \theta_E \sim 0.23 \text{ mas}.$$

The source and lens companions prior distributions of flux are calculated following the properties of binary star populations described by Duchêne & Kraus (2013, see V. Batista et al. 2017 in preparation for details). The distributions of the four potential contributors (lens, ambient star, source, or lens companion) are shown in Figure 3.

We combine the expected flux contributions from the four potentially luminous objects into 500,000 chains, weighted by their distributions and the Keck measurement. We extract a sample of the 1000 best fits and conclude that the most likely value of the lens contribution to the extra NIR flux is 85%. Figure 4 gives the posterior probability distribution of the sources of extra flux, with the inset showing the most probable contribution of each source to the detected object within a 160 mas separation.

3.2. Estimating Contaminants, Koshimoto et al.’s Approach

The same calculation has also been done following the approach of Koshimoto et al. (2017b); these authors also use the multiplicity estimates from Duchêne & Kraus (2013), but

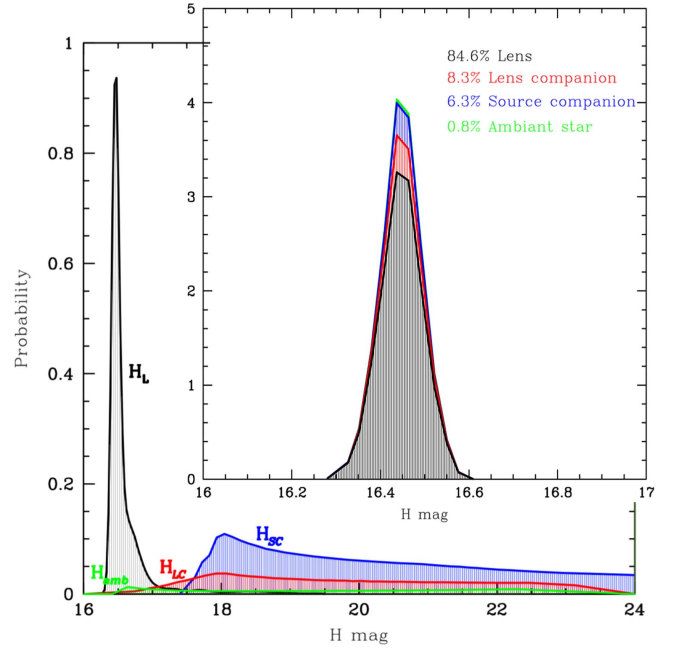


Figure 4. Posterior magnitude distribution of contributors to H-band flux: lens, ambient star, source companion, and lens companion. The insert shows the fraction of different flux sources accounting for the measured blended light. The dominant source is the lens, but companions to the source and the lens each have a significant expected contribution. Here, they account for 15% of the measured blended flux.

the treatment of the surface density distribution of field stars is slightly different. The two approaches also slightly differ in their a priori distributions: Koshimoto et al. (2017b) use a continuous law that is a function of the primary mass, whereas V. Batista et al. 2017 in preparation use a set of distinct laws associated to different mass bins.

Moreover, Koshimoto et al. (2017b) use a Galactic model in their calculation, while V. Batista et al. 2017 in preparation use the best-fit parameters from Udalski et al. (2015) for M , D_L , Π_E , and θ_E , and the OGLE calculator for D_S . Finally, the treatment of the Keck measurement in their Bayesian analysis slightly differs, as Koshimoto et al. (2017b) use it as a selection criteria of their flux combinations, while V. Batista et al. 2017 in preparation use it as an a priori distribution.

Nevertheless, prior and posterior distributions are very similar, and the fraction of the blended flux attributed to the lens is in agreement with the approach we adopted. The different contributions are estimated to be 79.3% for the lens, 2.4% for a chance-aligned star, 10% for a companion to the source, and 8% for a companion to the lens. This would lead to a lens less massive by $\sim 0.005 M_\odot$ than using the approach adopted in the previous paragraph. We repeat the same calculation for the K-band data and obtain very similar results.

We conclude that the lens contributes to the great majority of the excess NIR flux detected in the Keck adaptive optics images, regardless of minor variations to the calculation of contamination probabilities.

4. Discussion and Conclusions

We estimated that 85% of the blended flux is due to the lens in H; therefore, $H_L = 16.63 \pm 0.06$. A similar result is obtained for K, so $K_L = 16.44 \pm 0.06$. We present in Figure 5 the constraints on mass and distance obtained for

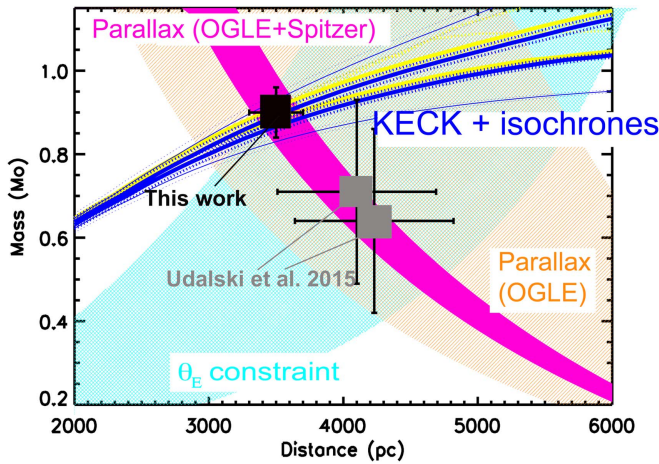


Figure 5. H-band isochrones in blue (Bertelli et al. 2008) for the $H_L = 16.63 \pm 0.06$ lens brightness for first planetary event with a *Spitzer* microlensing parallax measurement, OGLE-2014-BLG-0124. K-band isochrones for $H_K = 16.44 \pm 0.06$ are plotted in yellow. The parallax mass–distance relation from OGLE alone and OGLE + *Spitzer* are shown in orange and magenta, respectively. The mass–distance from Einstein ring radius θ_E estimate is shown in cyan. The gray squares mark the mass and distance estimates for the two solutions presented in the discovery paper. We plot our estimate as a black square with its error bar.

OGLE-2014-BLG-0124, via the three different routes summarized in Equations (2)–(4), namely: parallax, constraint on θ_E , and measuring the light from the lens. First, we use the mass–distance relation from θ_E and OGLE parallax; this gives a poor constraint on mass and distance of the system. However, the parallax constraint coming from OGLE combined with *Spitzer* is much stronger (drawn in pink). The gray squares indicate the two solutions for $u_0 > 0$ and $u_0 < 0$ presented by (Udalski et al. 2015), combining the accurate ground-space parallax with the mass–distance relation from θ_E (blue band). The latter constraint is quite weak due to the absence of caustic crossings in the source trajectory, with the consequent uncertain fitted value of t_* .

Our solution, plotted as a black square, relies on well determined parameters from adaptive optics measurements and *Spitzer* parallax and is in good agreement with the loose θ_E constraint. The lens star is an $M_L = 0.90 \pm 0.05 M_\odot$ at a distance of $D_L = 3.5 \pm 0.2$ kpc. The microlensing fit gives two solutions, for $u_0 > 0$ and $u_0 < 0$. The parallax is nevertheless very close, as we get $\Pi_E = 0.148 \pm 0.0064$ and $\Pi_E = 0.146 \pm 0.006$, which give two mass–distance relations that are overlapping. The crossing of these constraints with the mass–distance relation coming from the detection of the lens gives the same solution for the lens mass. At this mass, the lens star would be a typical mid-late type main sequence star in the disk. Age constraints are weak, but most compatible with a typical age for disk stars, in the range ~ 4 –7 Gyr, assuming solar metallicity. Using the lens mass M_L , distance D_L , and the parallax Π_E we can recalculate that $\Theta_E(\text{calc}) = 1.03 \pm 0.06$ mas, corresponding to 3.69 ± 0.21 au. We then use mass ratios and projected separation presented by Udalski et al. (2015) for the $u_0 > 0$ and $u_0 < 0$ cases. The two solutions for the physical parameters are very close (mutually consistent within error-bars), so we conclude that $M_p = 0.65 \pm 0.044 M_{\text{Jupiter}}$ at 3.48 ± 0.22 au.

This study shows the power of high angular resolution observations for constraining the host star properties in

planetary microlensing events. It is also a cautionary tale showing that it is important to carefully estimate the potential contribution of source and lens companions that may potentially bias the inferred host properties if they are not accounted for. We note that for fainter lenses, these contributions will be more dramatic, like the case of MOA-2016-BLG-227 (Koshimoto et al. 2017b); a dedicated study will have to be performed in the framework of Euclid and WFIRST. Not accounting for these potential companions might lead to a bias toward higher inferred lens masses. In this case, because the lens star is bright, doing so would have resulted in a host mass $\sim 0.02 M_\odot$ larger. This will become even more important in the case of fainter source and lens stars.

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