Spectroscopic Confirmation of the Fifth Image of SDSS J1004+4112 and Implications for the $M_{\text{BH}}-\sigma_*$ Relation at $z = 0.68^*$

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Abstract

We present the results of deep spectroscopy for the central region of the cluster lens SDSS J1004+4112 with the Subaru telescope. A secure detection of an emission line of the faint blue stellar object (component E) near the center of the brightest cluster galaxy (G1) confirms that it is the central fifth image of the lensed quasar system. In addition, we measure the stellar velocity dispersion of G1 to be $\sigma_* = 352 \pm 13$ km s$^{-1}$. We combine these results to obtain constraints on the mass $M_{\text{BH}}$ of the putative black hole (BH) at the center of the inactive galaxy G1, and hence on the $M_{\text{BH}}-\sigma_*$ relation at the lens redshift $z_l = 0.68$. From detailed mass modeling, we place an upper limit on the black hole mass, $M_{\text{BH}} < 2.1 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$ at 1σ level ($< 3.1 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$ at 3σ), which is consistent with black hole masses expected from the local and redshift-evolved $M_{\text{BH}}-\sigma_*$ relations, $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^9 - 10^{10} M_\odot$.

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1. Introduction

Quasars lensed by foreground clusters of galaxies serve as a powerful probe of the mass distributions of clusters. SDSS J1004+4112 is the first example of such quasar-cluster lens systems (Inada et al. 2003; Oguri et al. 2004; Ota et al. 2006). It consists of four bright quasar images ($z = 1.734$) with a maximum image separation of $14.7''$ produced by a massive cluster at $z = 0.68$. In addition to the quasar images, multiply-imaged background galaxies are also observed (Sharon et al. 2005). An advantage for using lensed quasars is that they can provide time delays, which have been actually detected for this system (Fohlmeister et al. 2007; Fohlmeister et al. 2008), containing unique information on the lens potential.

What makes the quasar lens SDSS J1004+4112 particularly unique is the probable central fifth image (component E) of the lensed quasar system. High-resolution Hubble Space Telescope (HST) Advanced Camera for Survey (ACS; Clampin 2000) images show a blue point source located $0''2$ from the center of the brightest cluster galaxy G1 (Inada et al. 2005). The central lensed image, if confirmed, has several important implications for the central structure of lensing objects. For instance, central images can constrain the inner mass profiles of lensing galaxies, particularly the masses of the central supermassive black holes (e.g., Mao et al. 2001; Rusin & Ma 2001; Keeton 2003; Rusin et al. 2005). While the correlation between the black hole mass ($M_{\text{BH}}$) and the stellar velocity dispersions ($\sigma_*$) of the host galaxies has been established for local galaxies (Ferrarese & Merritt 2000; Gebhardt et al. 2000; Tremaine et al. 2002), measurements of the redshift evolution for the correlation, derived for galaxies hosting active galactic nuclei, are still controversial (e.g., Peng et al. 2006; Shen et al. 2008; Woo et al. 2008). Thus independent constraints from central images are thought to provide insights into this relation.

In this Letter, we present results of two deep spectroscopic follow-up observations for SDSS J1004+4112, conducted at the Subaru 8.2-meter telescope. One is spectroscopy of component E to confirm its lensing nature, and the other is spectroscopy of galaxy G1 to measure its velocity dispersion. The latter observation is particularly important in separating the mass distribution of dark matter from that of baryons (e.g., Sand et al. 2008). We then attempt mass modeling of the lens system. Together with the measurement of $\sigma_*$ for galaxy G1, it provides a direct constraint on the $M_{\text{BH}}-\sigma_*$ relation at the lens redshift of $z = 0.68$. In what follows, we assume...
a standard flat universe with $\Omega_M = 0.26$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.74$, and $H_0 = 72\text{km/s/Mpc}$ (e.g., Tegmark 2006).

2. Observations and Data Analysis

2.1. Fifth Image

We conducted spectroscopic observations of the central fifth image (component E; see Figure 1) with the Faint Object Camera And Spectrograph (FOCAS; Kashikawa et al. 2002) at the Subaru 8.2-meter telescope on 2007 January 22. We used the 300B grism, the L600 filter, and a 1.0-width slit, under the 2×2 (spatial×spectral) on-chip binning mode. With this configuration the wavelength coverage is from 3650 Å to 6000 Å, which covers a strong emission line (CIV) of the lensed quasar with a spectral resolution of $R \sim 400$ and a pixel scale of 0.68 pixel$^{-1}$. Although component E is quite close to the center of galaxy G1 at $z = 0.68$ (0.62 from the center of G1), our blue spectroscopy minimizes the contamination from G1. The slit direction was aligned to pass through component D ($\sim 10\arcsec$ from component E, see Figure 1) of SDSS J1004+4112 which we adopt as a reference for the quasar emission lines. Given the faintness ($B \sim 24.5$) of component E, we used a total exposure time of 16,200 sec taken in excellent seeing conditions (FWHM of $\sim 0\arcsec$6). After removing cosmic rays using the Lacos spec task (van Dokkum 2001), we extracted 1-dimensional spectra of components E and D using the standard IRAF tasks. The spectra, normalized by the continuum level of each image, are shown in Figure 2. We find that the spectrum of component E shows a clear emission line just at the wavelength of the CIV emission line of component D. We note that there is no sky emission line near the wavelength of the CIV emission line (4200 Å). Thus our spectroscopic observations unambiguously confirm that component E is the central fifth image of the lens system, representing the first spectroscopic confirmation of central odd images among lensed quasars.

2.2. Velocity Dispersion of G1

To measure the velocity dispersion of galaxy G1, we also used FOCAS but with a different setup. We adopted the 600-650 VPH grism (High 650), the SY47 filter, and a 0.4-width slit. The wavelength coverage in this setup is from 5300 Å to 7700 Å, covering the Ca II H&K and G-band absorption lines of galaxy G1 at $z = 0.68$. The slit direction was aligned along the major axis of galaxy G1 (160.8 deg East of North). The spectrum, with a total exposure of 21,600 sec, was obtained on 2007 January 21, under the 3×1 on-chip binning mode (a spatial scale of 0.311 pixel$^{-1}$). The setup was chosen to achieve a spectral resolution of $R \sim 2500$. The seeing was $\sim 0\farcs7$ FWHM. Again, cosmic rays were removed by the Lacos spec task and the 1-dimensional spectrum of galaxy G1 was extracted by the standard IRAF tasks.

We measure the velocity dispersion of G1 following the procedure described in Falco et al. (1997). We adopted HD 8491, HD 83085, HD 94247, and HD 126778 in the coudé feed spectral library (Valdes et al. 2004) as template stars. We rebinned and smoothed the template spectra to match the observed spectral resolutions of our data. Both the spectrum of G1 and the resolution-matched template stars are normalized by the continuum levels. We then apply the Fourier cross-correlation method (Tonry & Davis 1979) of the IRAF FXCOR task, to the templates convolved with Gaussians. The resultant calibration curves describe the relation between the input velocity dispersion and the FWHM of the output cross-correlation peak measured by the FXCOR task. We used velocity disper-
sions from 200 kms$^{-1}$ to 450 kms$^{-1}$ with an interval of 10 kms$^{-1}$. The FXCOR task was also applied to the normalized rest-frame spectrum of G1 to obtain the width of the G-band absorption line, which we convert to the velocity dispersion using linear interpolation of the calibration curves. We find that 4 template stars yield similar velocity dispersions for G1 of 338–367 kms$^{-1}$. From the average and scatter (no weight for the 4 independent measurements), we determine the velocity dispersion to be $\sigma = 352 \pm 13$ kms$^{-1}$. Our measurement is consistent with $\sigma$ expected from the observed Faber-Jackson relation, $\sim 320 \pm 40$ kms$^{-1}$ (Liu et al. 2008).

3. Constraints on the $M_{\text{BH}}-\sigma_*$ Relation

The location and the brightness of the confirmed central image allow us to place constraints on the mass of the supermassive BH hosted by G1. This is made possible by the fact that central point masses (de-)magnify or even suppress central images (e.g., Mao et al. 2001; Rusin et al. 2005). Indeed the technique was applied to three-image galaxy-scale lens PMN J1632–0033 to derive an upper limit on $M_{\text{BH}}$ in the lensing galaxy (Winn et al. 2004), although the lack of the redshift measurement for the lensing galaxy makes the interpretation of this result somewhat difficult.

Before conducting detailed mass modeling, we can estimate the BH mass range from the distance between component E and the center of G1. It is given by the mass at which the Einstein radius of the central BH becomes comparable to this distance of $0^\prime 1^\prime$, corresponding to a BH mass of $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$. Thus, we naively expect $M_{\text{BH}} \lesssim 10^{10} M_\odot$.

To obtain more quantitative constraints, we fit the quasar images with the following mass model. We adopt an elliptical version of the (Navarro et al. 1997; NFW) density profile for the dark matter distribution of the lensing cluster. Changing the inner slope of the dark matter component is expected to have little effect on the fifth image, because the center of the dark halo appears to be offset from G1 (Oguri et al. 2004). The central position, ellipticity, position angle, concentration parameter, and total mass of the dark matter distribution are treated as free parameters. The central galaxy G1 is assumed to be an isothermal ellipsoid with varying core radius. We constrain the position angle to coincide with that of the light ($161 \pm 10$ deg East of North), but with no prior on the ellipticity. In addition we added a Gaussian prior on the velocity dispersion of the isothermal ellipsoid G1 from our measurement, $\sigma = 352 \pm 13$ kms$^{-1}$. The 16 galaxies other than G1, which we identify as cluster members using their colors, are included as truncated isothermal ellipsoids with an exact scaling relation, $\sigma \propto L^{1/4}$ and $r_{\text{trunc}} \propto L^{1/2}$. The overall normalization of $r_{\text{trunc}}$ is left as a free parameter. We take the ellipticities and position angles for these member galaxies from measurements in the HST ACS images.

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The G-band is the only line which we can use, because the Ca II H&K absorption lines are not suitable for measuring velocity dispersions (Tonry 1998; Ohyama et al. 2002).

Finally, we allow for an external shear following Oguri et al. (2004) to achieve better fits. For observational constraints, we adopt the positions and position errors of five quasar images and G1 derived in Inada et al. (2005). We also include flux ratios of quasar images as constraints, but with large errors of $\sigma(m_X-m_A) = 0.3$ (X represents images B–D) and $\sigma(m_E-m_A) = 0.8$, in order to allow small flux ratio changes due to time delays and microlensing. In addition, observed time delays, $\Delta t_{AB} = 40.6 \pm 1.8$ days (Fohlmeister et al. 2007) and $\Delta t_{AC} = 821.6 \pm 2.1$ days (Fohlmeister et al. 2008), are included.

We find that our model reproduces the data quite well (see Figure 3 for the critical curves of our best-fit model). With no BH, the best-fit chi-square is $\chi^2 = 2.57$ for 3 degree of freedom (20 constraints and 17 parameters). Thus the central BH is not required to fit the fifth image. We then place the BH (modeled by a point mass) at the center of galaxy G1, and we re-perform $\chi^2$ minimizations for each $M_{\text{BH}}$. We note that the central BH can produce a sixth image near the BH. In what follows we ignore the sixth image as it is much fainter than the observed fifth image in most of the situations considered here. We derive the upper limit of $M_{\text{BH}}$ from the $\chi^2$ differences, $\Delta \chi^2 = \chi^2(M_{\text{BH}}) - \chi^2_{\text{min}}$. Figure 4 plots $\Delta \chi^2$ as a function of $M_{\text{BH}}$, from which we derive constraints on the BH mass of $M_{\text{BH}} < 2.1 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$ at $1 \sigma$ and $M_{\text{BH}} < 3.1 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$ at $3 \sigma$. The steep increase of $\chi^2$ for large $M_{\text{BH}}$ means that the mass of the BH is limited to being a small fraction of the stellar mass interior to image E.

As shown in Figure 4, our constraints on $M_{\text{BH}}$ are consistent with the expected local $M_{\text{BH}}-\sigma_*$ relation (Tremaine et al. 2002) and also those inferred from the extrapolation of a possible redshift evolution measured by Woo et al. (2008). Although the constraints are model-dependent, in the sense that they are derived assuming a specific parametric mass model, we note that our mass model...
For instance, the flux of the sixth image is \( \sim \) our best-fit models for the sixth image becomes brighter with increasing constraints on the sixth image which we ignored, because however, improved constraints may be obtained by adding image suggests that it cannot be possible redshift evolution measured by Woo et al. (2008), \( \Delta \log M_{BH} = 3.1 \log (1 + z) = 0.70 \) for \( z = 0.68 \).

is quite flexible near the center of G1 because the core radius is a free parameter. Indeed, the best-fit core radius is correlated with \( M_{BH} \); the core radius evolves from \( \sim 0.01 \) for \( M_{BH} = 0 \) to \( \sim 0.3 \) for \( M_{BH} = 3 \times 10^{10} \). The rough agreement of this constraint with a simple order-of-magnitude argument also suggests that an upper limit to the BH mass of approximately \( 2 \times 10^{10} \) is generic. However, improved constraints may be obtained by adding constraints on the sixth image which we ignored, because the sixth image becomes brighter with increasing \( M_{BH} \). For instance, the flux of the sixth image is \( \sim 20\% \) of \( E \) in our best-fit models for \( M_{BH} \), whereas the \( HST \) image suggests that it cannot be \( \gtrsim 10\% \) of \( E \).

4. Summary

We have presented the results of two spectroscopic observations at the Subaru telescope. With the first observation, we confirmed that the central point source found by Inada et al. (2005) is indeed the central fifth image of the lensed quasar by detecting the C IV emission line of the quasar. This represents the first spectroscopic confirmation of the central odd image. In the second spectroscopic observation, we determined the stellar velocity dispersion of galaxy G1 to be \( \sigma_* = 352 \pm 13 \text{ km s}^{-1} \).

We used these results to derive constraints on the \( M_{BH}-\sigma_* \) relation at the lens redshift \( z = 0.68 \), assuming the presence of a BH at the center of the brightest cluster galaxy G1. With a parametric model which successfully reproduces the model constraints, we obtained limits of \( M_{BH} < 2.1 \times 10^{10} \) at \( 1\sigma \) and \( M_{BH} < 3.1 \times 10^{10} \) at \( 3\sigma \) that are consistent with \( M_{BH} \) expected from the extrapolation of the known \( M_{BH}-\sigma_* \) relation. It is worth noting that these constraints are derived for an “inactive” galaxy with no nuclear activity. Current studies of the redshift evolution of the \( M_{BH}-\sigma_* \) relation make use of the Balmer line widths, and therefore are restricted to BHs in active galaxies. Given possible differences in the \( M_{BH}-\sigma_* \) between active and inactive local galaxies (Greene & Ho 2006), constraints on \( M_{BH} \) for distant inactive galaxies from gravitational lensing will be essential to fully understand the origin of the relation.

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