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RESOLVING THE BARYON-FRACTION PROFILE IN LENSING GALAXIES

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1. INTRODUCTION

The physics driving the evolution from the collapse of gas and dark matter halos to the formation of galaxies remains one of the open questions in astrophysics. In general, star formation efficiency — viewed as the stellar to total mass fraction within the virial radius of a halo — is highest for galaxies similar to the Milky Way, with an efficiency decreasing towards higher and lower masses (Moster et al. 2010). The lower escape velocities in less massive galaxies allow the gas to be ejected by stellar feedback (Larson 1974; Dekel & Silk 1986). Supernova-induced winds are energetic enough to significantly impede galaxy formation at baryonic masses below $10^{11} M_\odot$ (Brooks et al. 2007). Such feedback regulates the star formation efficiency, which is responsible for the mass-metallicity relation (Tremonti et al. 2004). For more massive galaxies, an Active Galactic Nucleus (AGN) is believed to account for the decreasing efficiency (see e.g. Di Matteo et al. 2005). This feedback mechanism explains the exponential cut-off in the luminosity function, either by the thermal coupling of AGN outflows with gas (e.g. Labar & Binney 1993; Croton et al. 2006; Bower et al. 2006), or by mechanical feedback that prevents gas cooling (Sijacki et al. 2007).

Observational estimates of the stellar baryon fraction are thus an essential piece of the puzzle and provide important constraints on simulations, especially at the sub-grid level that describes the baryon physics of galaxy formation. It also helps to understand the nature of the scaling relations, such as the Fundamental Plane and its projections. Currently, most of the studies that resolve the central regions of galaxies on scales below 10 kpc are based on dynamical models applied to the kinematics of stars (see e.g. Cappellari et al. 2006; Coccato et al. 2009). Similarly, lensing studies on galaxy scales are usually based on a parametric decomposition of the stellar and dark matter component (see e.g. Auger et al. 2010; Trott et al. 2010), with its inherent degeneracies. Over larger scales, Guo et al. (2010) and Moster et al. (2010) match the stellar mass function of SDSS galaxies with the distribution of dark matter halos from numerical simulations to find stellar baryon fractions $f_b \sim 3 - 4\%$ — significantly lower than the cosmological fraction $f_b = \Omega_b / \Omega_m = 0.17$ (Dunkley et al. 2009) — with a maximum for galaxies with halo masses around $10^{12} M_\odot$. However, this approach is only valid for masses enclosed within the virial radius, and cannot resolve the radial dependence, which offers valuable information about how baryons build galaxies. For instance, the velocity dispersion analysis of Lintott et al. (2006) on a sample of SDSS early-type galaxies gives a low baryon fraction ($f_b \sim 8\%$) which is lower than the cosmological value, but twice as...
large as determined within the virial radius, illustrating the importance of a resolved estimate of the baryon fraction within galaxy halos. Galaxy formation models combining the evolution of the dark matter and gaseous components along with a set of sub-grid prescriptions for star formation and feedback (see e.g. [Kaufmann et al. 1993; Cole et al. 1994; Croton et al. 2006]) are only indirect methods with considerable uncertainties. Indeed, robust observational estimates of the baryon fraction on galaxy scales are needed to properly constrain the recipes included in these models.

Gravitational lensing opens a door to smaller scales over which baryonic processes are important. For instance, one can explore concentrations and baryon fractions giving good evidence of adiabatic contraction, as done e.g. by [Jiang & Kochanek (2007)]. They analyze the relation between stellar baryon fraction and concentration in adiabatic and non-adiabatic models. Mandelbaum et al. (2006) present a galaxy-galaxy weak lensing analysis of a large sample of early and late-type galaxies. They obtain stellar surface masses depending on radius with a resolution down to 10 kpc. However, their approach is also based on a halo-model to describe the relation of galaxies and dark matter.

The use of mass models and model-based prescriptions introduces hard-to-quantify deviations from real mass distributions, especially over the scales of a few R_e that we want to investigate. Assuming a mass model for a lensing system excludes mass distributions which are not accessible in the parameter-space of the model and introduces the problem of model non-uniqueness. To avoid this, free-form methods are necessary. In this paper, we use the PixieLens method of [Saha & Williams 2004; Coles 2008] to reconstruct the surface mass density of a sample of lensing galaxies. For the stellar component — which represents the vast majority of the baryons in the inner regions of early-type galaxies — the photometric data is used to constrain a large volume of stellar population synthesis (SPS) models (Ferreras et al. 2005, 2008). The combination of both lensing and stellar mass in a pixel-based manner allows for a two-dimensional mapping of the baryon fraction. Choosing a sample of moderate redshifts enables us to determine the lensing profile out to a few R_e. The CASTLES sample fulfills this requirement. We present in this paper an analysis of the stellar and total mass content in a sample of 21 lensing galaxies out to a radial distance of \( \sim 1.5 - 2 \) times the Einstein radius, i.e. up to several R_e.

In section we discuss briefly the lensing sample with respect to environment, lens morphology and photometric properties. By means of three lens systems, arguably rather extreme, we illustrate the subtleties of photometric modelling and the authenticity of lenses. The latter point will give clues on how an unlensed double quasar can be distinguished from a real doubly imaged quasar in our analysis. We test the reliability of our photometry-based results by comparing inferred stellar surface mass densities with equivalent results from Ferreras et al. (2009) and Shen et al. (2003).

Section presents the results of this study regarding the radial dependence of stellar versus total mass. We continue in section with a closer examination of the stellar and total mass concentration and define a simple model to study the energetic evolution of early type galaxies. The conclusion and discussion section summarizes our findings and puts them into the context of recent work on galaxy formation.

2. CONCERNING LENSES

In the following we compare lensing samples in general with respect to their environment. We also explain how the environment affects the lensing systems and continue with a detailed one-by-one study of the lenses used in this analysis according to their photometric and morphological properties. In order to get a clear view on lensing galaxies, whose baryonic content we want to determine, one needs to free the data from light, originating from the quasar images, by means of PSF subtraction and masking. Constraining the SPS models using photometry in several bands is desirable, although we note that our reference H-band is the F160W filter of HST/NICMOS. For the redshift of most of the lenses, this band maps a rest-frame region that does not change very much for the colours found in these galaxies. We also discuss in this section the available multiband data and respective PSFs used for the modelling of the surface brightness distribution. Finally we discuss outliers and special cases for comparison. All information regarding lensing galaxy properties, their environment and photometry are given in Table 1 and Table 2.

2.1. The Environment

To describe a lens with respect to its environment, one has to keep in mind that the lensing shear required by (parametric and non-parametric) lensing models can be due to physically interacting galaxies or to line-of-sight objects. Regarding the former, one could draw some conclusions on how the environment of the lensing galaxy evolved in its recent past, whereas any line-of-sight objects are naturally unrelated to the local region of the lens. Nevertheless these two sources for shear are hard to distinguish. If located in a group or cluster environment, X-ray measurements are expected to give reliable constraints on the DM content [Buote & Tsai 1993] and thus a hint about the direction and strength of the shear. Only a few lens environments have been studied so far for CASTLES lenses (e.g. [Fassnacht et al. 2006; Momcheva et al. 2006]).

The environment for a sample of 70 SLACS lenses has been studied by [Treu et al. 2009]; they find \( 17 \pm 5\% \) are in overdense regions. For our sample of 21 CASTLES lenses we find that 7 galaxies are located in groups and 3 in clusters. Two galaxies have one close galaxy or possible companion with which they may interact gravitationally. For the remaining 9, no large shear contribution is required and no close galaxies have been found. Thus we find that \( \sim 50\% \) of our galaxies lie in overdense regions. The lower fraction found by [Treu et al. 2009] could be explained by the smaller redshift range of SLACS (up to \( z \approx 0.5 \)) and the property of the SDSS selection function to pick lenses whose Einstein radius is about the fibre-radius of the SDSS spectrograph (3 arcsec).

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2.2. The Sample

In the following we briefly discuss the lensing sample. In addition to the previous paragraph we provide information about the environment which in fact influences both the mass model and the light profile and yields important insights into the evolution of early-type galaxies. The method used to model the lenses is explained in detail in section 3.3. In order to get an impression on how the free-form mass models look like see Fig. 15.

For 9 lensing systems all three bands were used to put constraints on a large number of SPS models, which consequently sets constraints on the colour-to-mass relation. Another 8 lenses could be analysed in H and I band. The remaining 4 lenses had suitable data in H band only.

First, we describe the 9 lenses with suitable data in all three wavebands. The four-image lens system (“quad”) B0712+472 is one of the few lenses for which a TinyTim PSF was sufficient to remove quasar images in H band. In V and I band the quasar images could all be masked out. Lens models found in previous studies require significant external shear, which can be attributed to 9 or more galaxies in a local group found by [Fassnacht & Lubin (2002)].

The quads B1422+231, B2045+265, Q0047-2808, Q2237+030 undergo the following treatment. In both I and V bands, TinyTim provided a suitable PSF. In the H band an isolated star taken from the same or a contemporary NICMOS image was used for convolution and point-source fitting if needed. B1422 is in a poor group with 5 nearby galaxies mostly south east of the lens that cause a significant shear ([Momcheva et al. (2006); Hogg & Blandford (1994)]. The group is visible in X-rays at 0.5 – 2 keV ([Momcheva et al. (2006)]. B2045 as found by [Fassnacht et al. (1994)] might be influenced by a group of galaxies west of the lens. A shear in this direction is also required by the lens model. The lens might also be affected by a close dwarf galaxy causing anomalous flux ratios ([McKean et al. (2007)]. Q0047 is a lens with only a small shear required by lensing models. To date there are no external objects known that could have a physical impact on the lens potential. In the case of the Einstein Cross Q2237 the bulge of a spiral galaxy is responsible for the lensing. The system shows only a mild external shear due to the disk of the spiral galaxy. For spirals in general, dust reddening is a bigger issue than in early-type galaxies. For this study, however, dust leads to rather small changes, as explained in Appendix B.

For lenses BR10952-0115, Q0142-100 and PG1115+080 extensive use of the iteration method described in section 3.1 was made if the quasar images could not be masked out. The environments of the double imaged quasars BR10952 and Q0142 have been studied by [Lehár et al. (2000); Leger et al. (2000); Moncheva et al. (2006); and Eisenhardt et al. (2007)] and found to have no dominant impact on the total shear beyond a cosmological (large-scale structure) contribution of 0.02 which is additionally confirmed by lensing models. BR10952 was previously thought to reside in a region loosely bound to a poor group with 5 members ([Momcheva et al. 2004]), a later study found it is at higher redshift and thus not connected with the group ([Eisenbrod et al. 2007]). For Q0142 there is not much known about the closer group environment, although there are some galaxies near the line-of-sight, whose redshifts are mostly unknown. ([Surdej et al. (1987]; Surdej et al. (1987)]) speculate that a galaxy about 10” away from the lens may be a group member. The environment of the quad PG1115 is thoroughly analyzed by [Momcheva et al. (2006)] and [Eisenhardt et al. (2007)]. They find 13 galaxies in a local group with elongated group emission in X-rays according to [Grant et al. (2004)]. The closest 6 members of the group are located on an axis with a position angle of −30° (where 0° denotes West and +90° North) of the lensing mass which accounts well for the shear required in our lensing model.

The two-image lens HS0818+1227 requires special treatment as we use an isolated PSF of image B1030 to fit the quasar image in the H band. In the I and V bands, the quasar images are used for fitting. Iteration as it is used for enhancing PSFs of other lenses does not provide better model fits for the lens because of the large distance between images and lens. The image separation amounts to 2.56”, and the median is ~ 1.4”. Hence the reduction process is further simplified by masking. Since its discovery by [Hagen & Reimers (2000)], no further insights into the environmental properties of the lens are available. Nevertheless, [Hagen & Reimers (2000)] found a close galaxy 5” north of the lens which appears to have the same redshift of z = 0.39, which explains the external shear required by our lens model. A chain of galaxies following at a distance of 10” north-east could also be associated with the lensing galaxy.

Next, we describe the 8 lenses with suitable data in two wavebands. For the quad B1608+656 and the doubles HE1104-1805 and HE2149-2745 H and I band data could be used to isolate the lensing galaxy. According to [More et al. (2009)], MG2016+112 exhibits quadruply imaged features of the quasar jet which can be distinguished only in radio band. We take account of the rather complex structure in the lensing part of our analysis. For all their H band images, a sufficiently isolated star with fitted background extracted from the image of MG0414 was used to remove the quasar images with an acceptable goodness of fit. B1608 resides in the middle of a galaxy group with 8 other group members according to [Fassnacht et al. (2006)].

The photometry shows an object close to the main galaxy, which constitutes a second lensing galaxy. This is confirmed by the reconstructed mass map (Fig. 15) as it predicts a conspicuously elongated mass distribution towards NE. Images also show a prominent dust lane between the two galaxies. The impact from dust reddening on our results is however small, as shown in Appendix B. MG2016+112 is known to be a giant elliptical galaxy in a cluster with 69 probable photometrically selected members of many different galaxy types ([Toft et al. 2003]). Among them is a significant fraction of merging cluster galaxies, which is direct evidence for a hierarchical formation history ([van Dokkum et al. (2000)]. Most of the neighbouring objects within 30” lie on an east-west axis and thus explain the major shear direction. HE1104 features the second highest image separation of 3.19” and a distinct lensing galaxy (the me-
dian separation is $\sim 1.5''$). Furthermore the lens appears to be near the bright image which is rather unusual and implies the presence of a group or cluster enhancing the separation (Lehár et al. 2000). Parametric as well as free-form mass models also suggest that an external shear is mandatory to reproduce the image configuration (e.g. Wisotzki et al. 1998). The lensing galaxy remains quite unaffected by quasar light allowing for a nice fit. However, the photometric redshifts of a few neighbouring galaxies described in Faure et al. (2004) indicate that such cluster galaxies are probable companions of the lensed quasar rather than of the lens. The double HE2149 might be a member of a cluster as inferred by Lopez et al. (1998) by a large number of red non-stellar objects in R-band images of the field around the lens. Considering recent estimates of the lens redshift from Eigenbrod et al. (2007) ($z_{\text{lens}} = 0.603$) and the environment survey from Moncheva et al. (2004) HE2149 could be in a group with 3 neighbouring objects. The morphology of the lens however shows no sign of strong external shear.

The doubly imaged quasar SBS1520+530 is treated like the previous doubles but with a star from the same image file in preference to other PSFs. This lens is a member of a galaxy group with at least 4 other members as stated in Auger et al. (2008).

For the two quads MG0414+0534, RXJ0911+0551 and the double Q0957+561 we obtain good residual maps by means of the iteration method. MG0414 at $z = 0.960$ is the second most distant lens of our sample. Judging by its luminosity and colour, the lens is likely to be a passively evolving early-type galaxy (Tonry & Kochanek 1999). Schechter & Moore (1993) find an object close to image B visible only in I-band, which might contribute to the lensing effect. Our reconstructed mass map also shows increased surface density at the position of the object. RXJ0911 is located on the outskirts of a cluster (Morgan et al. 2001). Chandra observations of the cluster suggest a complex non-spherical cluster mass distribution at a temperature of roughly 2.3 keV. The lensing galaxy Q0957, found by Wevmann et al. (1979), is special in several ways. First there is a doubly imaged galaxy component in addition to the famous double quasar used to calculate the projected mass map. Secondly Q0957 is a cD galaxy located in the centre of a cluster. The nearest cluster member lies within 10$''$ East of the lensing galaxy. However a simple external shear is insufficient to describe the effect of the environment on the image positions. Breaking the degeneracy between the shape of the galaxy and the cluster shear takes advantage of arc features (Keeton et al. 2000) and X-ray data as attempted by Chartas et al. (1998).

Finally, we describe all the lenses with suitable data in only one waveband.

**B1030+071, B1152+200** and **B1600+434** are treated similarly with regard to the fitting routine, i.e. the isolated outermost quasar image was used for subtraction and convolution. The three doubles have comparable angular image separations and average velocity dispersions as well as intermediate luminosities. Observed substructures in B1030 indicate the presence of an interacting galaxy system (Jackson et al. 2000) although firm statements about the environment cannot be made (Lehár et al. 2000). However, shear is not strongly required by our mass model. For B1152 there is no information about the composition of the environment. Judging by the morphology of the image-source system no strong shear is expected. B1600 is located in a denser group with at least 6 late-type galaxies (Auger et al. 2007) which cause significant shear. The absence of X-ray emission is suggestive of a not relaxed group, a conclusion strengthened by the elongated morphology of the group. Furthermore B1600 appears to be viewed almost edge-on.

For the doubly imaged quasar LBQS1009-0252 the star in the H-band image of MG0414 is used again as a PSF with sufficient quality of the fit. Lehár et al. (2000) locate the lensing galaxy close to quasar image B and find that the host galaxy of the quasar can dominate the external shear of $\gamma \sim 0.053$ when the lens is modeled by a Singular Isothermal Ellipsoid. Using a singular isothermal sphere model (Claeskens et al. 2001) determine a smaller shear of $\gamma = 0.017 \pm 0.009$. Faure et al. (2004) state that there is no significant galaxy overdensity in the field. This is in agreement with the free-form lensing models of this study, which do not require external shear for this lens.

### 2.3. Outliers And Special Cases

We now briefly describe three special cases, **B0218+357, B1933+503** and **RXJ0921+4529**. With the first two we want to demonstrate the impact properties like small image separations and interfering luminous structures can have on the goodness of the SPS. The third lens shows how spurious lenses, i.e. galaxies with nearby quasars which are not lensed images of the same background object, behave in this analysis. All three lenses are excluded from our analysis.

For B0218 as for 10 other systems in our sample a star was used to fit the quasar images in the H-band. Since B0218 is the system with the smallest image separation (0.33") known, it is extremely difficult to separate the lensing galaxy from the images of the background quasar. The system is an extreme case in several aspects and a good example for showing the impact of degeneracies between the magnitudes of overlapping objects. B0218 unlike any other lens in the sample did not yield reasonable Sersic profile parameters as the wings of the quasar PSFs overlap with the lens. For an unconstrained fit the combined light from the quasar images and lensing galaxy results most likely in an overestimated magnitude of the PSFs. However after attempting to fit the lens system only by PSFs, a Sersic profile is needed to achieve a sufficiently fitted residual map. Even though one cannot obtain zero residuals by fitting only two point sources, there are several combinations of Sersic profile magnitudes and two PSF magnitudes that result in the same total surface brightness profile. Bearing this in mind, we take the fitting parameters with the best $\chi^2$, which also yields an acceptable residual map, to carry out the SPS. The projected total mass map shows that external potentials induce a shear in B0218 that was studied in Lehár et al. (2000). They find 13 possibly perturbing galaxies inside a radius of 20"
located roughly along the axis which connects the two quasar images. It should be mentioned that B0218 is according to [Lehár et al. (2000)] a late-type galaxy which causes the SPS to predict a different mass content.

B1933, discovered by [Sykes et al. (1998)], has 10 distinct images formed from a three-component source, promising an exceptionally well-constrained mass profile. A star in the same H-band image was used for convolution. There is as yet no study of the environment of the lens but according to the mass reconstruction, no strong shear is necessary to explain the morphology. The resolved features of the lensed background object cannot be fitted by PSF but are taken out of the fitting routine by using circular masks with a 5 pixel radius, a size chosen to cover features distinguishable from background and still show enough of the lensing galaxy to allow for a reasonable fit. The trade-off between light contamination due to minimal masking and information loss due to aggressive masking is in any case problematic. In the case of B1933 almost the whole inner region is surrounded by masked regions causing the fit parameters $R_e$ and $n$ to diverge. Setting a constraint on the Sersic index ($n \leq 4$) is necessary. Despite all attempts at modelling this lens, it remained a persistent outlier, and hence is removed from the analysis.

The double RXJ0921, has the highest angular image separation ($6.93''$) compared to any other lens in the sample. According to [Munoz et al. (2001)] it is probably a member of an X-ray cluster. From model fits of the host galaxy [Peng et al. (2000)] conclude that RXJ0921 is a binary quasar rather than a gravitational lens. Also [Popović et al. (2010)] find quite different spectral properties in the spectra of the two components. For now we assume the system is a lens. Since even the smaller lens-image distance is above 3'' the quasar images are isolated, we obtain a high-quality fit by taking the quasar image as a PSF for both overall convolution and quasar subtraction. No constraints are necessary. There are 16 neighbouring objects within 20'' from the lensing galaxy. Only for three of them a redshift close to the one of the lens could be determined. The mass model however does not require an external shear. In contrast to all other lenses, RXJ0921 (when treated as a lens) turns out to exhibit an unusually low stellar-mass fraction and an almost constant $M_I(< R)$ profile. The peculiar properties of RXJ0921 can be taken as further evidence against the lens hypothesis as suspected in aforementioned studies.

3. ANALYSIS TECHNIQUE

In this section we describe necessary steps to obtain baryon-fraction profiles. As explained before we need to free the lensing galaxies in given multiband data from interfering light, originating from quasar images, to obtain best-fitting surface brightness profiles. This reduction step is shown in the following paragraph. The output is used to constrain SPS models and to estimate pixel-by-pixel the stellar mass via the colour-to-mass relation, as described in section 3.2. Combining stellar mass estimates and pixel-based mass reconstruction (section 3.3) yields baryon-fraction profiles for the given set of lensing galaxies.

3.1. Preparing Photometry

The problems arising during this procedure can be assigned to one of the following categories: (a) finding an appropriate PSF for convolution and point-source reduction, or (b) removing perturbing light sources that negatively affect the fitting procedure. The latter includes masking of image regions as well as fitting of additional light profiles to structures which clearly do not belong to the lens. Since we use photometric data in different filters (V,I and H bands), one of the following PSF-picking procedures has to be suitably chosen for each band.

1. Find an isolated star from the same or a contemporaneous (as nearly as possible) image and extract it and a sufficiently large surrounding region not contaminated by light from the lens system or other sources; hereafter referred to as the star-picking method.

2. Select the outermost image of a lens system and use it for the quasar image fitting. While the lensing galaxy and the other quasar images are fitted with GALFIT [Peng et al. (2002)], the residual image, showing only the previously chosen outermost image without any contaminating light, can then be taken as a qualitatively refined PSF. This step can be repeated until we reach the desired level of enhancement. This procedure will be referred to as the iteration method. In some cases, when the picked quasar image was sufficiently isolated, iteration brought no further improvement.

3. Using a synthetic PSF generated by TinyTim [Krist (1993)] yields better results for WFPC2 images rather than for NICMOS data (presumably due to the higher stability of WFPC2 PSFs).

Methods (i) to (iii) were combined with masking of quasar images or any other luminous structure interfering with the fit. To prevent the fit from diverging, in some cases further constraints are necessary.

Details of the constraints applied to each lens can be found in Table 2. In the following, we give an overview of the types of constraints we have applied to the sample:

- fixing the sky background for the already reduced images to a value we determined with SExtractor, since estimating the background is essential to extract a meaningful profile of the lens [Häussler et al. (2007)], (low signal-to-noise objects are thus neglected, increasing the goodness of the fit for the generally bright lensing galaxy),
- fixing the surface brightness profiles to previously determined $(x,y)$ positions,
- constraining $R_e$ and/or the Sersic index $n$, since both parameters are degenerate, being basically inversely related, i.e. constraining $R_e$ to a low value causes $n$ to diverge and vice versa,
- constraining the position angle and the axis ratio to a physically appropriate range of values, and finally
For lenses with stellar mass-to-light ratios ($\Upsilon$) determined by population synthesis models constrained by the available photometry. Even though GALFIT does a parametric search to get the best fit, for this analysis we are just interested in the 2D distribution that minimises the residuals, regardless of the parameters themselves, i.e., we are less sensitive to the inherent degeneracies associated with parametric fits. For each lens we ran a grid of $32 \times 32 \times 32$ models, where the star formation history is described by a decaying exponential, defined by three free parameters — the quantities in parentheses denote the range explored for each one: formation epoch (defined as a redshift $2 < z_{\text{FOR}} < 10$); exponential timescale ($-1 < \log(\tau/\text{Gyr}) < 1$); and metallicity ($-1 < \log([\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < +0.3$). Models from Bruzual & Charlot (2003) are used, assuming a Chabrier (2003) initial mass function (IMF). For each choice of the three parameters, a composite population is obtained, transformed to the redshift of the lens, and folded with the passband response of the HST V (F555W, WFPC2), I (F814W, WFC2) and H (F160W, NICMOS) filters to compare with the observed colours and to extract a mass-to-light ratio in the observer-frame H band. The colours are corrected for Galactic extinction using the dust maps of Schlegel et al. (1998).

We extract the stellar mass densities from the H-band image (NICMOS F160W). Whenever model fits of the lens were available for I or V, the colours were used on a pixel by pixel basis to constrain $\Upsilon_H$. Otherwise, we used integrated colours within an elliptical aperture defined by the half-light radius $R$, of the H-band image (see Table I). In general, broadband photometry alone cannot be used to constrain the ages and metallicities of the lensing galaxy. However, the stellar masses, when estimated via “red” $M/L$ ratios, are less sensitive to the age-metallicity degeneracy (see e.g., Ferreras et al. 2005). For comparison, we provide the (total) stellar mass-to-light ratio in the rest-frame V-band $M_\nu/L_\nu$ in Table I. Colours and magnitudes are in agreement with comparable quantities in Rusin et al. (2003). The F160W band corresponds to a rest-frame wavelength between 0.8 and 1.2$\mu$m (except for Q2237, which roughly samples rest-frame H-band). Hence, for the sample considered here, the mass-to-light ratios are not affected by the presence of young stars, an issue that becomes important when dealing with optical or NUV indicators (see e.g., Rogers et al. 2010). From the modelling of the old stellar populations that these systems feature (except for lens Q2237 — which is a bulge — the other lenses are early-type galaxies), an uncertainty of $\Delta \Upsilon \lesssim 0.15$ dex is expected (Gallazzi & Bell 2009). Dust reddening, as we explain in Appendix B, does not change the stellar mass estimates significantly. The number of lenses which exhibit dusty features (e.g., B1608) is, nevertheless, quite small. The most significant systematic error relates to the choice of the Initial Mass Function, especially the low-mass end, which does not contribute to the light, but can contribute very significantly to the total mass content. However, fre-

![Image](image_url)
Early-type galaxies with stellar mass above $10^{10}M_\odot$ (open circles) selected from the Hubble Space Telescope/Advanced Camera for Surveys images of the Great Observatories Origins Deep Survey (GOODS) are shown together with our lensing sample (filled squares). The dashed line denotes the stellar mass to size relation from SDSS which accounts for early-type galaxies at $z \sim 0.1$. We show as squares with error bars. One can see that 14 out of 18 lensing galaxies are located inside a 1$\sigma$-band around the best fit of the GOODS sample. We also provide the SDSS relation from Shen et al. (2003). The local density gradient must point no more than $45^\circ$ away from the centre of brightness. Since the central regions of galaxies are expected to be dominated by stars, it seems safe to assume that the mass and light peaks coincide.

To compare our lensing (early-type) galaxies with a typical field sample, we show in Fig. 2 the equivalent to the Kormendy relation (this time defined with respect to the surface stellar mass density). We show as open dots the sample of ACS/GOODS early-type galaxies from Ferreras et al. (2009), and our lensing galaxies as squares with error bars. One can see that 14 out of 18 lensing galaxies are located inside a 1$\sigma$-band around the best fit of the GOODS sample. We also provide the SDSS relation from Shen et al. (2003) as a local ($z \sim 0.1$) reference. The obvious preference of the lensing sample to be at larger effective radius and smaller surface mass density is due to a selection bias, which is a combination of the lensing bias and additional requirements, such as a sufficient distinguishability from surrounding quasar images.

Furthermore, as we show later in this paper, the slope of the Fundamental Plane relation $M^p \sim L$ can be recovered from our data. Thus we consider the lensing sample representative for early-type galaxies in general.

3.3. Reconstructing the total-mass profiles

For each lens, the projected total-mass distribution is reconstructed on a circular field made up of 750 square tiles or pixels, each pixel consisting of a uniform non-negative mass distribution with a mass density of a few times the critical density. We provide mass reconstruc-

![Stellar Surface Mass density versus effective radius.](image)

**Fig. 2.** Stellar Surface Mass density versus effective radius. Early-type galaxies with stellar mass above $10^{10}M_\odot$ (open circles) selected from the Hubble Space Telescope/Advanced Camera for Surveys images of the Great Observatories Origins Deep Survey (GOODS) are shown together with our lensing sample (filled squares). The dashed line denotes the stellar mass to size relation from SDSS which accounts for early-type galaxies at $z \sim 0.1$. Shen et al. (2003).

In addition, the mass distribution must satisfy the following prior conditions.

1. The local density gradient must point no more than $45^\circ$ away from the centre of brightness. Since the central regions of galaxies are expected to be dominated by stars, it seems safe to assume that the mass and light peaks coincide.

2. The circular average (around the centre) of the projected density, falls off as $R^{-1/2}$ or faster. The three-dimensional mass profiles of galaxies are thought to be invariably steeper than $r^{-1.5}$, so again this appears to be a safe prior assumption.

3. No pixel is allowed to be more than twice the mean of its neighbours, except for the central pixel, which can be arbitrarily high to mimic central density cusps.

4. Unless the lens shows indications of asymmetry, the mass distribution is required to be symmetric under a $180^\circ$ rotation around the centre.

In practice, there are infinitely many mass models that satisfy all the above conditions, because solutions of the lens equation are highly non-unique (Falco et al. 1985; Saha 2000; Liesenborgs et al. 2008). Accordingly, for each lens we generate an ensemble of 300 models, by a random-walk technique in model space. The random walk implicitly defines a prior measure in model space, a random-walk technique in model space.
but becomes more uncertain farther in or out. Note that the butterfly shape is less prominent or even distorted for low symmetric lensed image configuration. The steep limit of the butterfly shape is expected to be roughly $M(< R) \sim R^{1.5}$, resulting from the minimal steepness of $R^{-0.5}$ in the projected density. The shallow limit of the butterfly shape is given by the steepest model in the ensemble.

4. RADIAL DEPENDENCE OF STELLAR VERSUS TOTAL MASS

Comparing three pairs of lensing galaxies for small, intermediate and high total masses which enclose roughly the same total mass $M_s$, it turns out that the computed enclosed stellar masses show a quite diverse behaviour that is totally uncorrelated to the enclosed lensing mass $M_L$. Additionally, $M_s(< R_{\text{enc}})$, whereas PG1115 turns out to have only 51% of Q0047's stellar mass. The ratio of their total masses differs by a factor of two in the projected density. The shallow limit of the butterfly shape is expected to be roughly $\sim \frac{1}{2} R_s$, whereas PG1115 has $0.51 R_s$.

Looking at the comparison of the enclosed mass profiles of the two low mass lenses Q0047 and PG1115 (Fig. 3), it turns out that the computed lensing mass profiles, differing by 1% or less. Both lensing galaxies have one of largest and B1030 the lowest stellar-mass fraction.

Fig. 3.— Cumulative stellar mass and total lensing mass content against radius in terms of $R_s$ for the low mass lenses Q0047 and PG1115. The thin dotted vertical line marks the outermost image position $R_{\text{enc}}$.

Fig. 4.— As in Fig. 3 for the intermediate mass lenses B1030 and MG0414.

Fig. 5.— As in Fig. 4 for the high mass lenses RXJ0911 and HE1104.

matching stellar profiles on baryonic scale with very different total mass is also possible.

An extreme example of the latter would be a comparison between RXJ0911 and Q0142 with equal $M_s(R/R_s)$ but total mass profiles differing by a factor of two in maximum. The baryon fractions approach $f_s \approx 0.17$ for MG0414 and $f_s \approx 0.05$ for B1030 at their respective outermost radius. In the intermediate mass range of our sample (roughly $5 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$ to $15 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$), MG0414 has one of largest and B1030 the lowest stELLar-mass fraction.

Comparing the two intermediate mass lenses B1030 and MG0414 in Fig. 4 we find that their cumulative total mass curves are almost identical. Enclosed within $2 R_{\text{enc}}$, both lenses have $1.26 \times 10^{12} M_\odot$. However, the stellar mass of B1030 is just $\sim 30\%$ that of MG0414, independent of the radius. As $M_s(< R_{\text{enc}})$, we find $M_s(0414)/R_s > M_s(1030)/R_s$ and for the stellar mass ratio the same behaviour as in the low mass case. At $2 R_s$, MG0414 has $\sim 1$ stELLar mass of B1030, that is $M_s(< 2 R_{\text{enc}})$ at $R_s$.

As an aside, it should be noted that the opposite behaviour, namely
which might lead to a lensing mass estimate slightly larger than the actual virial mass of the lens galaxy. At $6.5R_e$, i.e. $\sim 2R_{\text{env}}$, HE1104 has 12% less total mass than RXJ0911. At $\sim 3R_e$, i.e. $R_{\text{env}}$, the difference is still 6%. In terms of stellar-mass fraction HE1104 exhibits small values of $f_s \approx 0.07$ and RXJ0911 of $f_s \approx 0.06$. In the high mass regime ($> 15 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$) the range of possible stellar-mass fractions appears to be small compared to low and intermediate masses, and always close to 0.05. Those two lenses are thus representative for low $f_s$ lenses.

Looking at these three case studies one can already conjecture an anti-correlation between total mass and stellar-mass fraction, which will be studied in detail later on. We conclude that the relations of basic galaxy properties $M_L$, $M_s$ and $R_{\text{env}}$ for two different galaxies appear to be even qualitatively unpredictable. This might be a result of the lens environment and its history. See also Table 1 column ‘Env’ and section A for information on the local lens environment. However, the phenomenon of same $M_L$ but different $M_s$ becomes less prominent for larger total lens masses. Nevertheless, global trends and interdependencies might be revealed by analysing the whole set of lenses, which is done below.

Using our sample of 21 lensing objects we consider the following relations to highlight the interdependencies in the $(M_L,M_s,R)$ parameter space:

1. The enclosed total mass $M_L(< R)$ as a function of enclosed stellar mass $M_s(< R)$ at a fixed radius $R$,

2. The stellar-mass fraction as a function of radial distance, $f_s(R) = M_s(< R)/M_L(< R)$,

3. The stellar-mass fraction as a function of the total mass $M_L$,

4. The stellar-mass fraction as a function of redshift.

Fig. A shows the first relation for a range of radial positions from 0.25$R_e$ to 5$R_e$, parametrized by the dimensionless quantity $x = R/R_e$. For reference, we list in Table 1 the enclosed stellar and lensing mass within 2$R_e$ with error bars.

The universal baryon fraction according to WMAP5, $f_b = \Omega_B/\Omega_M = 0.17 \pm 0.02$ [Hinshaw et al. 2009], is included as two dashed lines for the upper and lower bounds. The solid line denotes a stellar-mass fraction of one, i.e. the total mass content consists of 100% stellar mass. Note that the data points refer to baryonic matter in stars and do not account for other baryonic content like gas and dust. The gas content of our lensing sample – mostly early type galaxies – is expected to be small. But for the Einstein Cross (Q2237), which is the bulge of a spiral galaxy, and B1600, which is likely to be a late-type galaxy viewed edge-on, one can indeed expect deviations from the obtained $M_s$ values.

The galaxy B1608 shows an unreasonably high stellar-mass fraction for radii $\lesssim 0.75R_e$ (e.g. left panel in top row of Fig. B). This might be due to a poorly modelled central region of the light profile. The light profiles of the two modelled components of the lens (see Section C) likely yield an overestimate of the stellar content in a region where the neighbouring galaxy, which is also responsible for light deflection, interferes with the fit. The prominent $f_s$ curve of B1422 — starting at twice the value of most other lensing galaxies — might also be caused by light contamination. This time it originates from the innermost quasar image which lies just 0.25″ away from the galaxy centre, an extreme among the 21 lenses studied in this paper.

In the online material of this paper we provide a movie version of Fig. G to visualize the trend of the stellar-baryon fraction with increasing radius. See also Appendix A for further explanations. The lensing galaxies reveal the following properties:

1. Most lenses populate a band of $0.1 < f_s < 0.4$ within 5$R_e$.

2. The slope of the enclosed $M_L$-to-$M_s$ relation of Fig. F becomes steeper for larger enclosed radii.

3. Between 2 (1.5) and 2.5$R_e$ (2$R_e$) for most lenses with total mass below (above) $6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$ the dark matter halo overtakes the stellar content, that is they move primarily toward increasing total mass. The turning point depends thus on the halo mass. The dark matter halos of more massive galaxies start to dominate the matter balance at larger radii (in units of $R_e$) than those of less massive galaxies.

The latter result can also be illustrated by plotting the slope $\eta$ determined from $M_s \propto M_L^\eta$ so that it represents light as a function of mass. We find that $\eta$ asymptotically approaches 0.75, as one can see in Fig. S which is in agreement with previous studies of the fundamental plane within error bars (e.g. Guzman et al. 1993; Jørgensen et al. 1996; Leier 2009). A bootstrapping method for a large and a reduced sample is used to determine the $M_s$-to-$M_L$ relation and its standard errors respectively. Both runs are done with 10$^4$ realizations. The 19-lens sample contains all the lenses except for the outlier B1608 and the late-type galaxy Q2237. Further out in radius, the number of lenses with profiles extending to a particular radius decreases. Because of that, Fig. S also shows the number of lenses used for each fit. As a consequence of changing sample size discontinuities appear between 2.25 and 3.5$R_e$ and at 4.5$R_e$. The most extreme ones are caused by B0712 (2.5$R_e$) and B1030 (4.5$R_e$) falling out of the sample. The small sample instead comprises all 8 lenses being probed out to 5$R_e$. From $M_s \propto M_L^{1.24\pm0.14}$ at 0.25$R_e$ the reciprocal slope $\eta(R)$ declines as 1/R and ends up at 5$R_e$ with the relation $M_s \propto M_L^{0.76\pm0.07}$. We expect only small deviations from this slope for larger radii since we run out of stars, and additional mass from the dark matter halo shifts the distribution upwards, whereas possible baryonic contributions from gas shift the whole population further to the right of Fig. D. Additionally, for the 19-lens sample a weighted best fit for $\eta(R)$ suggests that the function approaches asymptotically a constant value of 0.77 ± 0.01. Note that the change in slope from small to large radii is significant for both the 19-lens and the 8-lens sample.

All the stellar-mass fraction curves in the left and right hand panel of Fig. G turn over to a similar stellar-mass fraction between 1.5 and 2.5 $R_e$, a fact also reflected by $\eta(R)$ in Fig. S. With increasing radius, the stellar-mass fractions of high mass galaxies ($M_L \gtrsim 6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$) tend
Fig. 6.— The panels show the enclosed $M_L$ against enclosed $M_*$ plane for a number of apertures, defined by the radial distance $xR_e$ to the centre of the lensing galaxy, labelled by '$x$' in the top-left corner of each panel. We cover a radial distance from $0.25 \times R_e$ to $5 \times R_e$ from upper left to lower right panels in conveniently chosen steps. The solid line denotes the equality of total and stellar mass, whereas the dashed lines represent the upper and lower limit of the global baryon fraction (Hinshaw et al. 2009).

towards lower values in the majority of cases, meaning $f_s < 0.15$. Low mass galaxies ($M_L \leq 6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$) show a larger range of possible stellar-mass fractions at high and low radii, which are in a range between 0.1 and 0.35 (see left hand panel of Fig. 7). This is the reason for the large scatter of enclosed stellar-to-total enclosed masses at small radii in Fig. 6.

Averaged over the whole lensing sample we find that the stellar-mass fraction declines with increasing radius from a maximal value $f_{s,\text{max}}$ (mostly determined at the innermost pixel) to only $\sim 57\%$ of $f_{s,\text{max}}$ at $2R_e$, $\sim 47\%$ at $3R_e$, $\sim 41\%$ at $4R_e$ and finally $\sim 36\%$ at $5R_e$. Splitting the sample with respect to total mass as done before yields a different picture: For lenses with $M_L \geq 6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$ 78$\%$ of the maximal stellar-mass fraction remains at $2R_e$, 68$\%$ at $3R_e$, 61$\%$ at $4R_e$ and finally 56$\%$ at $5R_e$. For lenses with $M_L \geq 6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$ 42$\%$ of the maximal stellar-mass fraction is found at $2R_e$, 31$\%$ at $3R_e$, 25$\%$ at $4R_e$ and finally 21$\%$ at $5R_e$. From this we can conclude the following.

1. Low mass galaxies show a shallower decline in their enclosed stellar-mass fraction than high mass galaxies: either their stellar content is less concentrated than in high mass galaxies or their dark matter content is more concentrated. This point becomes clearer in Section 5 where we calculate concentration indices of stellar and total mass profiles.

2. High mass galaxies lose 1.9 to 2.7 times larger relative stellar-mass fraction than low mass galaxies within $5R_e$ from the centre, or in other words:

$$\frac{f_s(< R_e)}{f_{s,\text{max}}} \bigg|_{M_L \geq 6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot} \approx \frac{f_s(< R_e)}{f_{s,\text{max}}} \bigg|_{M_L < 6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot} - 0.3 \quad (1)$$

for $R_e < R < 5R_e$.

The latter phenomenon becomes more evident when plotting the stellar-mass fraction at fixed radii against.
Fig. 7.— Left panel: Stellar-mass fraction against radius in effective radii for lenses with lensing mass below $6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$. Right panel: Stellar-mass fraction against radius in effective radii for lenses with lensing mass above $6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$.

Fig. 8.— Slope of the $M_s$-to-$M_L$ relation taken from Fig. 4 plotted against the distance to the centre in terms of effective radii. The median slopes are determined via a bootstrapping fitting method with 10⁴ realizations to compute meaningful standard errors for a sample of 19 lenses (filled squares) and a reduced 8 lens sample (open squares). The numbers at the filled squares give the number of lenses probed out to the respective radius. The dotted line represents a weighted best fit of $\eta(R) \sim 1/R$.

the total mass as done in Fig. 4. From left to right the panels show the $f_s$-$M_L$ relation at discrete radii of 0.5, 1.0, 2.5 and 4.0 $R_\text{vir}$. It should be emphasized that the solid line fit does not imply a physical relation extendable to the high or low mass end of the plot. Note that the relation has a tendency to steepen gradually over a wide range of radii and the scatter decreases with increasing radius. Comparing this to recent results from Guo et al. (2010) where the ratio of total enclosed stellar mass and halo mass $M_{\text{halo}}$ is analyzed with an abundance matching method, we find that their stellar-mass fraction curve shows a peak at a halo mass of around $6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$ and decreasing fractions towards lower and higher halo masses. This is overplotted in the last panel of Fig. 7. The effective height of the curve $f_s$ is reduced in contrast to our results owing to the fact that there is significant dark matter in the halo extending up to the virial radius, which is defined as

$$R_{\text{vir}} = \left( \frac{G M_{\text{halo}}}{100 H^2(z)} \right)^{1/3}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

$R_{\text{vir}}$ is roughly a hundred times larger than the region probed in this study. We list $R_{\text{vir}}$ values deduced from $M_\odot$ of this study given their $M_\text{vir}$-to-$M_{\text{halo}}$ relation in Table 1 which allows for additional implications on the lens environment, provided that the lens behaves like an SDSS-Galaxy plus simulated halo counterpart of respective stellar mass. To visualize how the computed stellar-mass fractions change between our resolution range and the virial radius we multiply a constant factor by the stellar-mass fraction curve from Guo et al. (2010) and divide its total mass by the same factor (here we use 5). The slope of the high mass end of their curve agrees with our best fit of $M_{L}^{-0.16\pm0.04}$ within error bars. Scaling to lower radii makes the mismatch for lower $M_L$ even more prominent. However, we conclude that down to a certain level the $M_\text{s}$-to-$M_{\text{halo}}$ from Guo et al. (2010) is scalable. In the $5R_\text{vir}$-to-$R_\text{vir}$-range, the lower-mass lensing galaxies need to decrease their stellar-mass fractions by a larger amount than high mass galaxies in order to match with the results from Guo et al. (2010). Note that scaling our lensing sample instead towards higher total masses and lower stellar-mass fractions yields the same result.

We should point out that this direct comparison of our results with Guo et al. (2010) is imperfect, since $M_{\text{halo}}$ and $M_L$ are differently defined and the spatial distribution of dark matter in a region not directly addressed in either paper is unknown. On the other hand the steepest part of the total mass profiles is already enclosed and the cumulative mass profiles saturate, i.e. the slope of the $M_L$-$f_s$ relation is only slowly changing beyond $5R_\text{vir}$. These different trends for $f_s$ at lower masses could be indicative of an underestimated stellar-mass fraction.
towards smaller halo masses or an overestimated baryonic content towards higher halo masses. If the aforementioned study of the \(f_s\)-to-\(M_L\) dependency is correct, then our findings give rise to the question of what makes the stellar-mass fraction of low mass galaxies decline less strongly within 5\(R_e\) than in the range from 5\(R_e\) up to the virial radius, in contrast with high mass galaxies. Expressed in terms of stellar mass content we find a steeper decrease of stellar-mass fractions towards larger \(M_s\) than our results predict.

The above defined virial radius \(R_{vir}\) becomes smaller for lower stellar mass content. Low \(M_s\) galaxies reside in halos with larger \(f_s\) than high \(M_s\) galaxies, meaning the mass in the dark matter halo relative to \(M_s\) is even larger, i.e. small galaxies have more concentrated dark matter halos than larger ones (see also Section 5).

Since the total mass \(M_L\) depends on its environment one can expect deviations for both ordinate and abscissa in Fig. 9 which are taken into account in the error bars.

In order to investigate the influence of the distance-bias, we also show the redshift dependence of the stellar-mass fraction in Fig. 10. A possible correlation strongly depends on a number of outliers and shows no significant difference throughout all radial distances.

5. DIAGNOSTICS OF BARYON COOLING

We now consider two different measures of the stellar and total-mass profiles, with a view to gaining insight on the evolution of lensing galaxies from formation to observation redshift.

5.1. Concentration index

Our spatially resolved stellar and total mass maps allow us to study the difference in concentration of the baryon and the total mass distribution. We define a concentration index (see e.g. Bershady et al. 2000) as \(c = R90/R50\), where \(R90\) and \(R50\) denote the radii enclosing 90 and 50 percent of the mass (either stellar or lensing mass). For the luminous component, a concentration index above 2.4 indicates an early-type galaxy, whereas indices below 2.4 refer to late-type galaxies (see e.g. Fig. 1 in Ferreras et al. 2005). Previous studies based on the surface brightness distribution use the Petrosian radius (or a given number of Petrosian radii) to define the total brightness. In our case, we redefine \(c\) and take the respective radii of our cumulative stellar mass and total mass profiles instead — 100% corresponding to enclosed masses at 2\(R_{pet}\) (except for Q0957 and HS0818 where it is 1.5\(R_{pet}\)). In Fig. 11 we show concentration versus redshift in the light-hand panel with no obvious correlation and the frequencies per concentration bin in the right-hand panel.

From Fig. 11 the frequency distribution of \(c_{M_s}\) peaks between 3.0 and 3.5 which is in agreement with most concentration studies of early-type galaxies (e.g. Yamauchi et al. 2005; Deng et al. 2010). That is, even with the redefined concentration quantities one can distinguish the lensing galaxies morphologically. Evidence is given by the two early-type galaxies Q2237 and B1600 which indeed lie below 2.6. For the two merging galaxies in the lens B1608, the interfering potential (for \(c_{M_L}\) or light (for \(c_{M_L}\), causes the concentration values to be decreased, pushing \(c_{M_s}\) down to 2.6. For the same reason we obtain rather large error bars on the lensing mass.

One could check in detail now if the strong correlation between \(c\) and Hubble-type is maintained for the newly defined \(c_{M_s}\). However, for \(c_{M_s}\) one finds a totally different behaviour. If we define a concentration parameter.
by means of the total mass profiles we expect a totally
different distribution. Even more so, since our findings
in Section 3 were already suggestive of a dissimilarity
between the two. Most lenses exhibit c_M values in a
narrow region between 1.5 and 2. However, neither in
c_M nor in c_L can a clear evolutionary trend be found.
Figure 12 shows that the concentration parameter for
stellar mass c_M has a rising trend with total lensing
mass, whereas c_M clearly declines with lensing mass.

Note that the error bars of c_M and c_L are the standard
errors of the R90/R50 values of each model in the
ensemble multiplied by student’s t for a 95% confidence
interval. This was done since the ensemble can be seen
as being part of a normal population. The horizontal
error bars are the M_L errors at the outermost radius of
the reconstructed mass profile. As we can see at low total
lensing masses the distributions of M_L and M_L are almost
the same, which means that the M_L profile approaches
the distribution of the baryonic matter. An interaction
between the baryonic and dark matter distribution seems
to be a reasonable explanation, since already in Section
4 we find that the stellar-mass fractions of less massive
lenses are larger than for the more massive lenses.

5.2. Energy ratio

By means of the stellar mass content one can approach
the subject of galaxy formation from a different view-
point. The first question is: “is it feasible to determine
a characteristic quantity which gives us the amount of
energy lost between the collapse of an initial sphere of
homogeneously distributed baryons and its later state as
a lensing galaxy?” One could ask as well for a ratio of
the radius of the pre-collapse sphere and an observable
spatial quantity, like the effective radius. Even though
this is a rough estimate, one can gain insight in the evo-
lution process of galaxies.

At the time of collapse t_1, a region decouples from
the expansion of the surrounding universe. The baryons
which are assumed to be homogeneously distributed in
this sphere are now assumed to make up the whole
stellar content of the later lensing galaxy, neglecting any
kind of active evolution such as caused by mergers, ram
pressure, tidal stripping, etc. The radius r_1 of such a

sphere at t_1 is

\[ r_1 = \left( \frac{M_b}{\frac{4}{3}\pi\rho_b c} \right)^{1/3} \left( 1 + z_1 \right)^{-1} \]

where \( \rho_b = 0.0441 \pm 0.0030 \) is the baryonic energy density
in terms of critical density according to Hinshaw et al.
(2009) and \( \rho_c \approx 143.87 M_\odot/kpc^3 \). The average Newtonian
energy per unit mass at t_1 consists only of the potential energy per unit mass, which is

\[ E_1 = -\frac{GM_{tot}}{r_1}. \]

The total mass M_{tot} is defined here as

\[ M_{tot} = \Omega_m \rho_c (1 + z_1)^3 \frac{4}{3} \pi r_1^3 \]

As the collapse goes on the baryons start to fall in to
build a more tightly bound structure. At the observation
redshift, i.e. at time t_2, we find mostly objects which are
in virial equilibrium, that is \( E = -T \), where \( T \) denotes
kinetic energy. Thus we can determine the total energy
per unit mass of the galaxy at t_2 to be

\[ E_2 = -T_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{lens}^2}{\rho_c} \]

where

\[ \sigma_{lens} = \sqrt{GM_L(< R)/R} \]

is a velocity dispersion inferred from lensing (see Table
4). The latter quantity was shown to be an appropriate
surrogate for the observed kinematic velocity dispersion
Leiel (2003). Thus,

\[ \frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{2G M_{tot}}{\sigma_{lens}^2 r_1} = \frac{G \Omega_m \rho_c (1 + z_1)^3 \frac{4}{3} \pi r_1^3}{\sigma_{lens}^2} \]

using Eq. 3

\[ \frac{E_2}{E_1} \propto \frac{\sigma_{lens}^2}{M_s^{2/3}} \]
Note that the radial quantity $r_1$ is equal to $R_{\text{benc}}$. Thus we get a quantity $\propto R_{\text{benc}} \times M_s^{2/3}/M_L$ or $R_{\text{benc}}M_s^{-1/3}f_s$. This is reminiscent of the Kormendy relation, except that it relates to three-dimensional rather than projected densities. For definiteness, we assume a formation redshift $z_1 = 5$, but the value only implies a multiplicative constant. Plotting the energy ratio against the stellar-mass fraction, we find a strong correlation (Fig. 13) regardless of the enclosure radius. The slope changes only marginally, but the scatter decreases with increasing radius.

However, $E_2/E_1$ appears to be uncorrelated with the enclosed stellar and total mass. For different radii one obtains Fig. 14. The fact that $E_2/E_1$ exhibits such a tight correlation with $f_s$, but no clear correlation to contributing masses, can be interpreted as insensitivity of the star formation in early-type galaxies to active evolution processes over the time span from $z_1$ to $z_{\text{lens}}$.

6. DISCUSSION

A resolved, model-independent and thus non-degenerate (w.r.t. $M_s$ and $M_L$ for fixed $f_s$) estimate of stellar versus total mass within galaxy halos is crucial to constrain current galaxy formation models and prescriptions of baryon-dark matter interactions used therein. Besides dynamical methods to explore scales below 10 kpc the combination of strong gravitational lensing and population synthesis used in this paper is most promising to give robust estimates of stellar-mass fractions.

The analysis of the radial dependence of the mass profiles of 21 CASTLES lenses presented in this paper allows us to draw the following conclusions.

The relation between basic galaxy properties, i.e. $M_L$, $M_s$ and $R_{\text{benc}}$ cannot simply be scaled with their mass. The scatter in this parameter space turns out to be especially large for galaxies of smaller size. The study of $M_s$ versus $M_L$ and of the stellar-mass fractions ($f_s = M_s/M_L$) enables us to discriminate between lensing galaxies below and above $6 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$. The high mass class populates a lower and narrower $f_s$ regime (0.05 to 0.15) on given scales and runs earlier out of stellar mass (i.e. at lower enclosed radius) than low mass lenses. The latter exhibit a more inhomogeneous behaviour with a wider range in $f_s$ (0.1 to 0.5) and respective slopes.

We conclude that between 1.5 and 2.5$R_e$ dark matter halos start to dominate the matter balance depending on their total mass. This $M_L$-dependence causes high mass galaxies to gain mass primarily in the form of dark matter already at lower radii than low mass galaxies. Therefore the slope of the mass-to-light relation, which is a projection of the fundamental plane — or our equivalent representation, $M_L^n \propto M_s$ — becomes shallower with increasing radius and asymptotically approaches a slope of $\eta = 0.76 \pm 0.07$. Thus the FP tilt can be recovered as a gradually growing process with radius. Equivalently, the stellar-mass fraction shows a strong correlation to the total mass. As we contrast $f_s(M_L)$ with a comparable curve deduced by abundance matching from [Guo et al. (2010)] dissimilarities for low $M_L$ galaxies become more evident the smaller the enclosed region gets. This is likely to be a result of different halo definitions, physical properties and processes, like baryon-dark matter interactions and adiabatic contraction which is beyond the scope of aforementioned study. However, the $f_s$-to-$M_{\text{halo}}$ relation scaled down to 4$R_e$ agrees quite well with lenses with $M_L \sim 10^{12} M_\odot$, since the biggest part of stellar matter is still enclosed.

Another important result of this study addresses the
concentration of stellar ($c_{M*}$) and total ($c_{ML}$) mass profiles. The rule-of-thumb delimiter of $c = 2.6$ which separates early-type galaxies ($c > 2.6$) from late-types ($c < 2.6$) holds also for the concentration parameter ($c_{ML}$) defined by means of stellar mass instead of luminosity. In the low mass regime $< 6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$ both, $c_{M*}$ and $c_{ML}$, tend to similar values around $2.6$. This means that the total mass profile is likely to be influenced by the distribution of baryonic matter in stars. From $10^{10} M_\odot$ upwards, $c_{M*}$ and $c_{ML}$ diverge, due to a stronger confinement of stars in more massive dark matter halos. The $c_{ML}$ values above $6 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$ stay around $\sim 2$ instead.

The results presented in this paper are critical to ongoing studies about the reliability of parametric lens models and prescriptions used in galaxy-formation models. The radially resolved stellar to dark matter fractions should thus also serve as benchmarks for future simulations.

APPENDIX

ANIMATED RESULTS

An animated version of Fig. 6 is provided in the online material of this paper. The movie contains three panels. The left panel shows the enclosed $M_L$ against enclosed $M_s$ plane depending on the size of the aperture, defined by the radial distance $xR_e$ to the centre of the lensing galaxy. The solid black line denotes the equality of total and stellar mass, whereas the dashed lines represent the upper and lower limit of the global baryon fraction (Hinshaw et al. 2009). The upper right panel shows the lens PG1115+080 which is highlighted by a red label in the left panel. The lower right panel shows stellar baryon fraction versus radius as in Fig. 7. The solid black line denotes the baryon fraction curve of PG1115. With each time step of the movie the enclosure radius increases indicated by the factor $x$ in the legend of the left panel and the red lines in the two right-hand panels. We cover a radial distance from $0.125 R_e$ to $5 R_e$ in 40 time steps.

DUST REDDENING

In this section we study the impact of dust reddening. Fig. 16 shows what happens when dust is included in the analysis of B1608. The models are reddened according to a single parameter – $E(B-V)$ – that follows a Galactic reddening curve (e.g. Fitzpatrick 1999), assuming $R = A_V/E(B-V) = 3.1$ (other reddening laws will not introduce significant differences). In general we do not expect any major contribution from dust for most of the lensing (early-type) galaxies in the sample. B1608, however, could be an exception. We find that in the modelling, dust “conspires” with age such that an increase in dust is compensated by a younger age (to give the same colours), yielding lower mass estimates. One would expect higher masses if dust only changed. Most importantly, the value of $\chi^2$ worsens for high amounts of reddening. Hence we can safely say that even in the case of B1608, the systematics on the stellar mass cannot be any larger than about 0.3 dex in $\log(M_*)$.

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TABLE 1

FULL SET OF GRAVITATIONAL LENSES USED FOR THIS ANALYSIS. ALL QUANTITIES IN THE TABLE ASSUME $H_0 = 72 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$, $\Omega_M = 0.3$ and $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.7$. THE UNDERLINED VALUES SHOW MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM. $\Delta\theta$ IS THE IMAGE SEPARATION. FOR SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN TWO IMAGES THE MAXIMAL IMAGE SEPARATION BETWEEN TWO IMAGES IS GIVEN. COLUMNS $R_{\gamma}$ AND $R_{\text{max}}/R_{\gamma}$ CONTAIN PETROSIAN RADIUS DETERMINED IN THE OBSERVED $H$-BAND WITH 1 $\sigma$ ERROIS BARS. THE TOTAL AND STELLAR MASSES ENCLOSED WITHIN $2R_{\gamma}$ ARE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING TWO COLUMNS. THE STELLAR MASS-TO-LIGHT RATIOS IN THE REST-FRAME $V$-BAND ARE MEDIAN VALUES OF ALL MODELS. $\sigma_{\text{mass}}$ DENOTES THE VELOCITY DISPERSION AT $R_{\text{max}}$. COLUMN $R_{\text{vir}}$ GIVES THE VIRIAL RADIUS CALCULATED USING EQ. [2] AND OUR STELLAR MASS VALUES IN COMBINATION WITH THE $M_*/M_{\text{halo}}$ RELATION FROM GUO ET AL. (2010). THE COLUMN LABELED Env CONTAINS ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION. “CL” DENOTES A CLUSTER ENVIRONMENT AND “[1]” A GALAXY WITH ONLY ONE KNOWN COMPANION. IF KNOWN THE NUMBER OF GROUP MEMBERS IS GIVEN IN PARENTHESES. REFERENCES FOR GIVEN VALUES ARE MENTIONED IN SECTION 3. COLOURS AND MAGNITUDES ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH COMPARABLE QUANTITIES IN RUSIN ET AL. (2003).
| Lens | Im. | Bands | PSF | fitting | masking | constraints |
|------|-----|-------|-----|---------|---------|-------------|
|      |     | I     | V   | H      | I     | V   | H | I  | V   | H | I  | V   | H |
| Q0047 | 4   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | tt tt | A(1030) | - | - | - | 4P | - | - | - | - |
| Q0142 | 2   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | it tt | it | 2P | 1P | 2P | - | 1P | - | - | n | - |
| MG0414 | 4   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | it tt | it | 4P | 4P | - | - | m |
| B0712 | 4   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | tt tt | tt | - | - | 1P | 4P | 4P | 3P | R, | R, |
| HS0818 | 2   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | A A(1030) | 1P | 1P | 2P | B | B | - | PA | - |
| RXJ0911 | 4   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | it it | 4P | 4P | - | - | - | n | S | xy |
| BR0952 | 2   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | it it | 2P | 2P | 2P | - | - | b/a | - | b/a | |
| Q0957 | 2+2 | ✓ ✓ ✓ | it it | 1P | 2P | A | - | - | - |
| LBQS1009 | 2 | ✓ ✓ ✓ | *(0414) | - | - | - | n | - |
| B1030 | 2   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | A | 1PIS | 1P | - | - | b/a | PA | xy |
| HE1104 | 2   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | A *(0414) | 1P | 2P | - | - | - | n | R, |
| PG1115 | 4   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | tt it | it | - | - | 4P | 4P | 4P | - | - | n | R, |
| B1152 | 2   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | A | 1PIS | 1P | - |
| B1422 | 4   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | tt tt *(0414) | 1P | 1P | 4P | 3P | 3P | - | R, | R, | b/a | b/a |
| SBS1520 | 2 | ✓ ✓ ✓ | it *(1520) | 2P | 2P | - | - | 1* | 1* | |
| B1600 | 2   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | A | 1PIS | 2P | - |
| B1608 | 4   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | tt *(0414) | 1PIS | 1PIS | 3P | 3P | - | R, | S | n, R, S, xy |
| MG2016 | 2+4 | ✓ ✓ ✓ | tt tt *(02045) | - | - | - | - | 1P | 3P1b | 3P | 3P1b* | - | - | n | |
| B2045 | 4   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | tt tt *(02045) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| HE2149 | 2   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | it *(0414) | 2P | 2P | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Q2237 | 4   | ✓ ✓ ✓ | tt tt *(1654) | - | - | 4P | 4P | 4P | - | - | PA | S |

**Table 2**

List of lens systems and how they were treated to obtain surface brightness profiles of the lensing galaxies. From left to right the Lens-ID, the number of lensed images, the bands for which fitting was feasible, the PSF picking method, fitted and masked objects and necessary constraints are given. The column PSF includes the abbreviations tt for a PSF created with TinyTim, A for the outermost and thus fairly isolated quasar image, *(0414) for an isolated star close to lens MG0414, it for the iteration method applied to the most isolated image and A(1030) for an isolated quasar image taken from lens B1030 used for subtracting quasar images and for the convolution of the whole image. In column fitting we summarize the number of objects, not significantly contributing to the lensing mass, which are fitted with previously picked PSFs (P) and Sersic profiles (S). In column masking xP refers to a number of x masked out point sources, mostly quasar images, b denotes resolved but indistinct objects which are not necessarily connected to the lensing mass and henceforth excluded from each fit. Point sources like foreground stars indicated by * are also masked out. A,B refer to quasar images which could be masked out given their separation from the lensing galaxy. The last column states the type of constraint used if necessary to prevent each fit from diverging. The constrained parameters are: effective radius $R_e$, Sersic index $n$, axis ratio $b/a$, magnitude $mag$, position angle PA, sky background $S$ and position of the Sersic profile $xy$.

Parameters fixed at a certain value are underlined.
object B0712+472
redshifts 0.41 1.34
shear -45
gquad
-0.013 -0.804
0.747 -0.292 0
-0.391 0.367 0

object B1422+331
redshifts 0.337 3.620
shear +45
gquad
1.079 -0.095
0.367 0.973 0
0.742 -0.056 0
-0.205 -0.147 0

object E0404-265
redshifts 0.870 1.280
shear +30
double
0.846 1.097
-0.110 -0.369 51

object B1152+200
redshifts 0.439 1.019
shear +30
double
0.549 0.978
0.387 -0.268 0

object B1422+231
redshifts 0.600 1.540
shear -45
double
0.846 0.814
-0.110 -0.369 51

object B1512+200
redshifts 0.42 1.34
shear -90
double
0.549 0.978
-0.387 -0.268 0

Fig. 15.— PIXELENS input data and projected mass distribution for the lensing sample. The black dots mark the multiple images. All maps have a radius of 15 pixel. All mass maps have a radius of 2 $R_{\text{Ein}}$, which corresponds roughly to 2 $R_{\text{lens}}$. All lens properties as well as respective length specifications are in Table I.
Fig. 16.— From top to bottom: Age, stellar mass and minimum $\chi^2$ versus reddening for the lens B1608.