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研究成果の概要(和文)：私の研究は強重力レンズ(重力による光線の偏向)を使用して宇宙の物理的特性を研究することに焦点を当てています。遠いクェーサーのレンズイメージを観測して、宇宙の膨張率を測ります。「ハッブル定数」と呼ばれるこの値は、物理学の理解に重要な意味を持ち、様々な議論が成されています。私はTDCOSMOの一環として働いて、今までに重力レンズを使用したハッブル定数の最も正確な測定を行いました。さらに、私はすばるHSCサーベイの強重力レンズワーキンググループのリーダーを務めています。このサーベイでは、私は従来の方法と機械学習の両方を使用し、すでに何百もの新たな重力レンズ天体を発見し、さらなる発見が期待されます。

研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義

The expansion rate of the Universe has major implications for its age, energy content, and future. My research using gravitational lensing to calculate the expansion rate provides a key independent measurement to check for error in other methods, which have been in tension with each other.

研究成果の概要(英文)：My research primarily focuses on using strong gravitational lensing (the deflection of light rays by gravity) to study the physical properties of our Universe. By using strongly-lensed images of distant quasars, I worked to constrain the expansion rate of the Universe. This value, called the "Hubble constant", is highly debated, and has important implications for our understanding of physics. I have been working as part of the TDCOSMO collaboration, which has provided the most precise measurement of the Hubble constant using strong gravitational lensing to date. In addition, I have been a leader of the strong lensing working group for the Subaru Hyper Suprime-Cam survey. This large imaging survey provides a great opportunity to search for new strong lenses for a variety of science goals. I have worked on lens searches in the HSC survey using both traditional algorithms and new machine-learning approaches, helping to discover hundreds of new gravitational lenses.

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1. 研究開始当初の背景

(1) Our best current cosmological model is consistent with many observational probes. Recently however, a $>5\sigma$ tension has emerged in measurements of the expansion rate of the Universe (the “Hubble constant”, H_0) inferred from observations of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) compared to that inferred from the “distance ladder” in the local Universe. If unresolved, this tension may lead to a rejection of our cosmological model (the so-called “flat Λ CDM” model) in favor of new physics. Strong gravitational lensing of a background quasar by an intervening galaxy allows us to measure the “time delay” between the multiple images. By measuring the time delay and accurately modeling the mass distribution of the lens galaxy, we can determine H_0 independent of the CMB and the distance ladder. This technique, called “time-delay cosmography”, can provide a key independent constraint to test for systematic uncertainties in the other methods.

(2) Strong gravitational lenses are useful not just for cosmology but for a variety of science goals including studies of galaxies, dark matter, and the evolution of structure. However, strong lenses are rare, requiring a chance alignment of a massive galaxy with a bright background source. The best datasets to search for lenses are deep, wide, multiband imaging surveys. The Hyper Suprime-Cam Subaru Strategic Program (HSC SSP) is an ideal dataset for this purpose, as it covers a large area ($>1000 \text{ deg}^2$) of the sky with five filters (*grizy*-bands) to very faint depths. However, searching such large datasets manually is unfeasible, so various search methods need to be developed. Increasing the overall sample size will have benefits for all of the above science goals.

2. 研究の目的

(1) As part of the TDCOSMO collaboration, I have worked to construct mass models of several lensed quasars to determine H_0 . These mass models are constrained by high-resolution imaging data, as well as spectroscopy to characterize the kinematics of the galaxy and an estimate of the mass along the line of sight to the lens. Our goal is to obtain a precise constraint on H_0 that is competitive with probes such as the CMB and distance ladder. Our most recent results can constrain H_0 to $\sim 2\%$ assuming certain parameterized lensed mass profiles, or a maximally conservative $\sim 8\%$ constraint if we relax this assumption. Reaching $\sim 1\%$ precision from a sample of ~ 40 time delay lenses is the long-term goal, putting this method at a similar precision to the best other methods.

(2) I have been working as part of the HSC SSP Strong Lensing Working Group to search for new gravitational lenses. We use a variety of search methods, including automated algorithms, citizen science, and machine learning. Since strong lenses are rare, discovering them in large imaging surveys is the most efficient way to increase the sample size for a variety of science goals. We expect to discover several hundred lensed galaxies, at both the galaxy- and group/cluster-scale, as well as \sim tens of lensed quasars. The lensed quasars we discover in the HSC SSP could potentially be used for time-delay cosmography with future follow-up observations.

3. 研究の方法

(1) I have used high-resolution imaging from the *Hubble Space Telescope (HST)* to constrain the mass models of lensing galaxies in the TDCOSMO sample. Such imaging is required to accurately constrain the slope of the mass profile of the lens, and to separate out the bright quasar light from the underlying host galaxy. I used the lens modeling code “GLEE” (Suyu & Halkola 2010; Suyu et al. 2012) to model the lens system WGD 2038-4008. I am also working on modeling of three additional systems that will be published in the future. I also use the Subaru telescope to obtain spectroscopy on future lens systems that may be added to the TDCOSMO sample.

(2) To discover new lenses in the HSC SSP, I have used both automated arc-finding algorithms and machine learning techniques. I have run the arc-finding algorithm “YattaLens” (Sonnenfeld et al. 2018) on the latest data release to find new lens candidates and classify them. I also use machine learning tools such as TensorFlow to develop a convolutional neural network (CNN) for lens finding.

4. 研究成果

(1) As part of TDCOSMO, I was one of the primary authors on a lens model comparison of the lensed quasar WGD 2038-4008 (Shajib et al. 2022). I led one of two independent teams to predict the time delay of this lens (which had not yet been measured at the time) using both a power-law and composite (stars+dark matter) model. The purpose of having two independent teams model this system was to evaluate systematic uncertainties associated with the choice of lens modeling codes and assumptions. At the moment, systematic uncertainties are the primary limitation, and this was a key test of one of the most important parts of the analysis. Our results show that the predicted time delays (and therefore, cosmological constraints) between the two teams agree to within $\sim 1\sigma$.

(2) Following a new measurement of the time delay for the WGD 2038-4008 system, I am leading a

cosmological inference from this lens using the models previously developed. The analysis is complete, and the paper has been submitted for publication (Wong et al. 2024, submitted). I performed the inference on the time-delay distance and H_0 for this paper, and we obtain a constraint of $H_0 = 65.6^{+22.6}_{-13.8}$ km/s/Mpc (Figure 1) in a flat Λ CDM cosmology. The uncertainty is dominated by the time delay measurement uncertainty due to the low variability of the source quasar. Nevertheless, this lens will contribute to an upcoming TDCOSMO hierarchical analysis of the entire lens sample that will provide the most robust constraint to date on H_0 from time-delay cosmography.

(3) I proposed for and was awarded observing time on the Subaru telescope to use the FOCAS instrument to obtain spectroscopy of several lenses that will be added to the TDCOSMO sample. These lensed quasars lack redshifts for the lens galaxy, which is crucial for converting angular quantities from lens modeling to physical quantities. Although I was awarded four separate observing nights, one of them was lost due to weather, and two others were lost due to technical problems at Subaru. Despite only getting a fraction of the time I had been awarded, I was able to measure new redshifts for four lensed quasars. These lenses already have all of the other necessary data to be analyzed, and will be a part of the TDCOSMO cosmological sample in the future.

(4) As a leader in the HSC SSP Strong Lensing Working Group, I have been involved in several recent papers with hundreds of newly-discovered strong lens candidates from the survey (Chan et al. 2020, 2024; Jaelani et al. 2020, 2024 submitted; Sonnenfeld et al. 2020). I personally led one of these lens searches using the arc-finding algorithm YattaLens, which resulted in the discovery of tens of new galaxy-scale lens candidates (Wong et al. 2022).

(5) I mentored an undergraduate student, Yuichiro Ishida (now a graduate student at the University of Tokyo), on a project to develop a machine-learning based lens search in the HSC SSP. He worked to develop a CNN (Figure 2) that has already been included as part of a comparison of various lens search algorithms (Holloway et al. 2024) and will also be included in an upcoming comparison of lens-finding CNNs (More et al. 2024, submitted). Under my supervision, he also developed a new technique to subtract the central galaxy light from the input imaging sample before training. The purpose of this is to enhance the contrast between any lensed images and the background. By combining this galaxy-subtracted images with the original fiducial images, he found that the performance of his CNN could be improved compared to training on just the original data. This technique can be applied to future lens searches using CNNs to improve classification performance. He led a paper on this project that has been submitted for publication (Ishida et al. 2024, submitted).

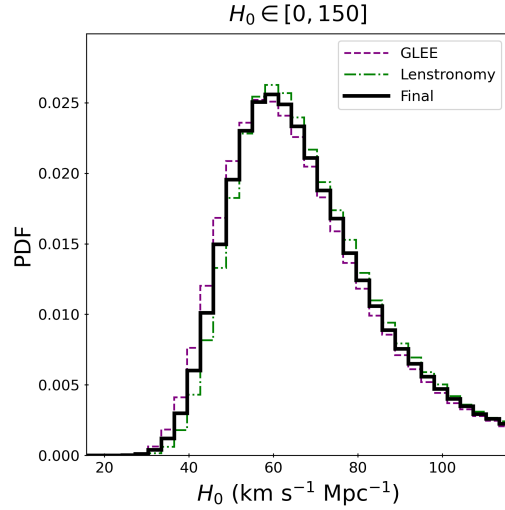


Figure 1: Constraint on H_0 from the lensed quasar WGD 2038-4008 (Wong et al. 2024, submitted). We find $H_0 = 65.6^{+22.6}_{-13.8}$ km/s/Mpc in a flat Λ CDM cosmology.

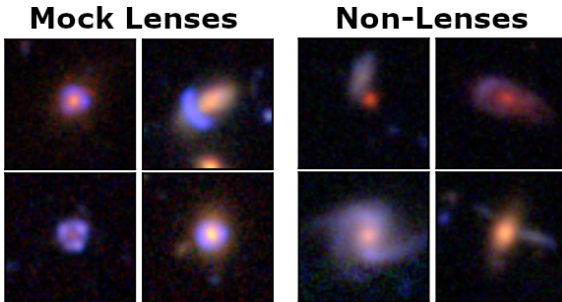


Figure 2: Sample mock lenses (*left*) and non-lenses (*right*) constructed using HSC SSP imaging data that has been used to train CNNs that have discovered hundreds of new lenses in the dataset (Jaelani et al. 2024, submitted). These objects are also used as part of the training sample for a lens-finding CNN being developed by Ishida et al. (2024, submitted).

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