

High-resolution imaging follow-up of doubly imaged quasars

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ABSTRACT

We report upon 3 years of follow-up and confirmation of doubly imaged quasar lenses through imaging campaigns from 2016 to 2018 with the Near-Infrared Camera2 (NIRC2) on the W. M. Keck Observatory. A sample of 57 quasar lens candidates are imaged in adaptive-optics-assisted or seeing-limited K' -band observations. Out of these 57 candidates, 15 are confirmed as lenses. We form a sample of 20 lenses adding in a number of previously known lenses that were imaged with NIRC2 in 2013–14 as part of a pilot study. By modelling these 20 lenses, we obtain K' -band relative photometry and astrometry of the quasar images and the lens galaxy. We also provide the lens properties and predicted time delays to aid planning of follow-up observations necessary for various astrophysical applications, e.g. spectroscopic follow-up to obtain the deflector redshifts for the newly confirmed systems. We compare the departure of the observed flux ratios from the smooth-model predictions between doubly and quadruply imaged quasar systems. We find that the departure is consistent between these two types of lenses if the modelling uncertainty is comparable.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Strong gravitational lensing is the production of multiple images of a distant object due to gravitational deflection of light by a foreground massive object. When this foreground massive object is a galaxy, we refer to these systems as galaxy-scale lenses (hereafter, lenses). Lenses are useful for their numerous astrophysical applications – from quantifying the dark matter and baryonic fraction in galaxies to resolved studies of distant lensed sources (e.g. Falco et al. 1999; Auger et al. 2010; Sonnenfeld et al. 2015, 2018). Strongly lensed quasars are particularly useful for measuring the Hubble constant, detecting dark matter substructure, and studying the stellar initial mass function (e.g. Nierenberg et al. 2014; Schechter et al. 2014; Shajib et al. 2020; Birrer et al. 2020).

Despite the usefulness of lensed quasars, these systems are relatively rare, with ~ 200 discovered so far making up a very heterogeneous sample (Lemon et al. 2019) and much brighter than what in principle is allowed by the depth of current imaging surveys

(Treu et al. 2018). Moreover, each science case – e.g. galaxy masses, cosmography – has rather stringent requirements on the lensing configuration and quality of ancillary data. Therefore, assembling large and *complete* samples of lensed quasars is still an active effort. To expedite the discovery of these rare systems, multiple techniques of data-mining from large-area sky surveys – such as the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS; York et al. 2000), the VLT Survey Telescope ATLAS (VST-ATLAS; Shanks et al. 2015), the Dark Energy Survey (DES; Flaugher et al. 2015) – have been recently developed (e.g. Agnello et al. 2015; Williams, Agnello & Treu 2017; Williams et al. 2018; Agnello et al. 2018a). Most recently, the combination of ESA-*Gaia*'s high spatial resolution and population-mixture selection techniques on ground-based survey data has led to new lensed quasar discoveries in the DES, the Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS; Chambers et al. 2016), and the Kilo-Degree Survey (KiDS; de Jong et al. 2013) footprints (e.g. Agnello et al. 2018b; Spiniello et al. 2018; Treu et al. 2018; Lemon et al. 2019).

To extract scientific information from these strongly lensed quasar systems, dedicated follow-up observations are necessary. First, spectroscopic observations are required to obtain the redshifts of

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Table 1. Coordinates, exposure time, and observation date for the modeled sample of doubly imaged quasars.

Name	RA (deg)	Dec (deg)	Exposure time (s)	Observation date	Reference(s)
HE 0013–2542	3.93292	−25.43806	300	2016 Sept 21	This paper
HE 0047–1756	12.61580	−17.66930	3780	2013 Aug 31	Wisotzki et al. (2004)
PS J0140+4107	25.20420	41.13331	1500	2018 Jan 02	Lemon et al. (2018)
Q0142–100	26.31940	−9.75475	1020	2013 Aug 30	Surdej et al. (1987)
WGA 0235–2433	38.86426	−24.55368	420	2017 Oct 04	Agnello et al. (2018a), Lemon et al. (2018)
WGD 0245–0556	41.35651	−5.95015	1740	2018 Jan 02	Agnello et al. (2018b)
SDSS J0246–0825	41.55083	−18.75139	2160	2013 Aug 30	Inada et al. (2005)
PS J0417+3325	64.49683	33.41700	1140	2018 Jan 02	Lemon et al. (2018)
SDSS J0806+2006	121.59867	20.10874	1500	2014 Mar 18	Inada et al. (2006)
PS J0840+3550	130.13842	35.83334	1140	2018 Jan 02	Lemon et al. (2018)
PS J0949+4208	147.47830	42.13381	1140	2018 Jan 02	Lemon et al. (2018)
SDSS J1001+5027	150.36876	50.46595	3240	2014 Mar 19	Oguri et al. (2005)
LBQS 1009–0252	153.06625	−3.11750	420	2018 Jan 02	Hewett et al. (1994)
SDSS J1128+2402	172.07705	24.03817	1140	2018 Jan 02	Inada et al. (2014)
SDSS J1650+4251	252.68100	42.86369	1620	2013 Aug 30	Morgan, Snyder & Reens (2003)
HS 2209+1914	332.87625	19.48690	2550, 1200	2013 Aug 29, 2016 Sept 21	Hagen, Engels & Reimers (1999)
ATLAS J2213–2652	333.41012	−26.87419	420	2017 Oct 04	Agnello et al. (2018a)
SDSS J2257+2349	344.35586	23.82510	300	2016 Sept 22	Williams et al. (2018)
PS J2305+3714	346.48239	37.23899	420	2017 Oct 04	Lemon et al. (2018)
WISE 2329–1258	352.49114	−12.98303	420	2016 Sept 21	Schechter et al. (2017)

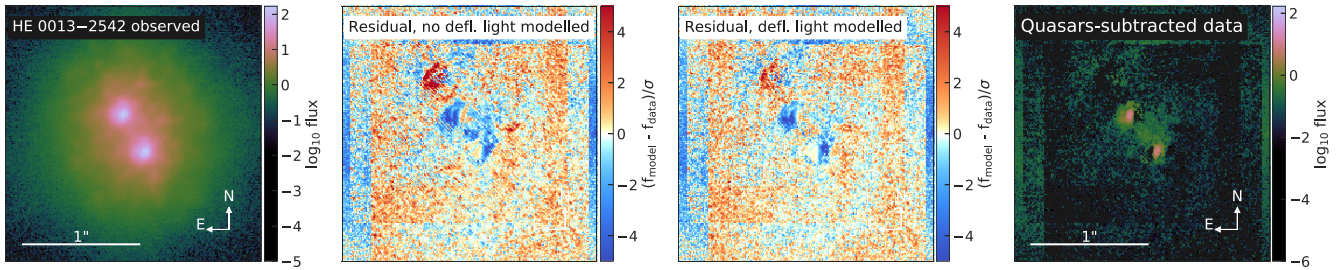


Figure 1. First panel: Observed NIRC2 image of HE 0013–2542. Second panel: Noise-normalized residual of the model without the deflector (defl.) light modelled. There are residuals at the quasar image positions from imperfect PSF reconstruction, however there is additional residual in between the quasar image positions indicating the presence of the deflector galaxy. The close proximity of the quasar images combined with irregular shape of the AO PSF makes the PSF reconstruction a difficult task, thus some imperfection in the PSF reconstruction is expected. We detail the modelling and the PSF reconstruction procedures in Section 3. Third panel: Noise-normalized residual of the model with the deflector light modelled. There is no central residual in this case, although the residual at the quasar image positions from imperfect PSF reconstruction persists. As a result, the evidence for the presence of the deflector galaxy is strengthened, as opposed to the hypothesis that the central residual in the second panel is also a result of imperfect PSF reconstruction. Fourth panel: The observed image with the quasar light subtracted using the model from the third panel. Additional light from the deflector galaxy is noticeable in between the two bright points that are remnants from the quasar light subtraction.

the deflector and the source. Secondly, multi-band high-resolution imaging is necessary to obtain robust photometry and astrometry, and to model the mass distribution in the deflector galaxy (e.g. Shajib et al. 2019). Thirdly, long-term monitoring is needed to measure the time-delays between the quasar images for cosmographic applications (e.g. Eigenbrod et al. 2005).

In this paper, we report on a sample of confirmed doubly imaged quasar lenses (hereafter, doubles) from a follow-up imaging campaign obtained over a three year period. We acquired 57 lens candidates from data-mining through various surveys. We followed up these candidates with the Near-Infrared Camera2 (NIRC2) imager on the W. M. Keck Observatory. These observations enabled us to identify lensed arcs and rings in part of the sample, as well as the confirmation of small-separation lenses (down to ~ 0.3 – 0.5 arcsec). Out of these 57 candidates, we confirm 15 as doubles. We model these doubles and provide astrometry, photometry, and

inferred lens properties to facilitate future planning of follow-ups to obtain ancillary data. We also present data and models from a previous pilot program in 2013–14, where 7 known lensed quasars were imaged with NIRC2 in search of lensed arcs from the quasar host galaxies.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we describe the imaging campaign to follow up and confirm lensed quasar candidates. Then in Section 3, we explain the modelling procedure for the sample of confirmed doubles. In Section 4, we provide astrometry, photometry, and lens properties for the sample of doubles. Finally in Section 5, we conclude the paper.

2 KECK NIRC2 IMAGING CAMPAIGNS

We followed up 57 lens candidates with NIRC2, a near infrared imager on the W. M. Keck Observatory. These candidates are

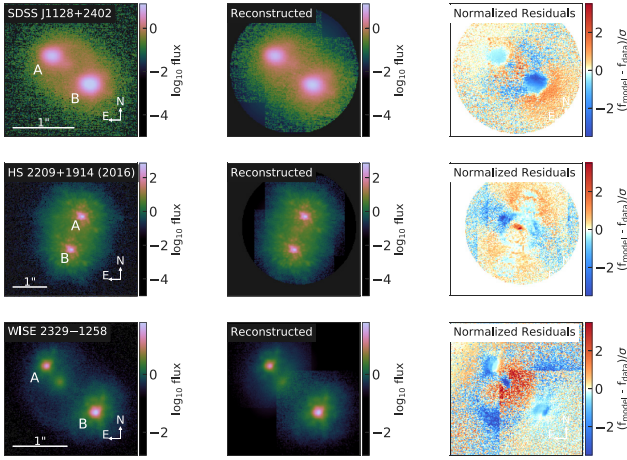


Figure 2. Lens models of the systems HS 2209+1914, SDSS J1128+2402, and WISE 2329–1258 without including the quasar host galaxy light in the model. The image residuals show arc-like negative (blue) residuals, which is indicative of the faint lensed arcs from the host galaxy. Therefore, we include the quasar host galaxy light profile in the model. The final models for these lens systems are illustrated in Fig. 5.

identified in object catalogues from VST-ATLAS, DES, Hamburg-ESO (HE; Wisotzki et al. 1996), Pan-STARRS, and SDSS. Searches in the SDSS were based on the population-mixture approach of Williams et al. (2017); searches in Pan-STARRS (PS1) and DES relied on multiplet recognition from the *Gaia*-DR1 catalog (Agnello et al. 2018b; Lemon et al. 2018); and a suite of different methods were applied in the VST-ATLAS searches (Agnello et al. 2018a).

We used the laser guide star adaptive optics whenever available (Wizinowich et al. 2006; van Dam et al. 2006), and observed in seeing-limited mode otherwise. The images were taken with the K' filter on 2016 September, 2017 October, and 2018 January. The field of view (FOV) of the NIRC2 imager is 10×10 squared arcsec in the narrow camera. In this case, the pixel scale is 9.94 mas/pixel. We took an exposure sequence of three 120-s exposures. These three exposures were dithered in a way such that the target lies near the centers of the upper right, upper left, and lower right quadrants of the FOV. We avoided dithering the target into the bad pixel region of the detector in the lower left quadrant of the FOV. In some cases, we also coadded the 60-s exposure – that was used for target acquisition – to the final reduced image, if the system is fully contained within the good pixel regions. In ideal circumstances, we aimed for a total exposure time of 1080 s for each lens system, to achieve a sufficiently high signal to noise to detect the deflector’s light. The total exposure times for each lens system are tabulated in Table 1.

By visually identifying the presence of a deflector galaxy between the two quasar images, we confirmed 3 lenses out of the 32 observed in 2016, 5 lenses out of the 12 observed in 2017, and 7 lenses out of the 13 observed in 2018. Thus in total, 15 lenses were confirmed as real lenses through imaging follow-up out of the 57 candidates. For the remaining 42 candidates, 6 were inconclusive with the rest ruled out as non-lenses. The quasar HE 0013–2542 was previously observed to be a pair at Magellan in August 2003, and was re-observed in the following two seasons, but no lensing galaxy could be isolated in Sloan i exposures, despite excellent seeing. In Fig. 1, we demonstrate that there is additional light in the NIRC2 data in between the quasar image positions that cannot be accounted for by the quasar pair. This additional light provides evidence for the presence of the deflector galaxy in between the quasar pair confirming

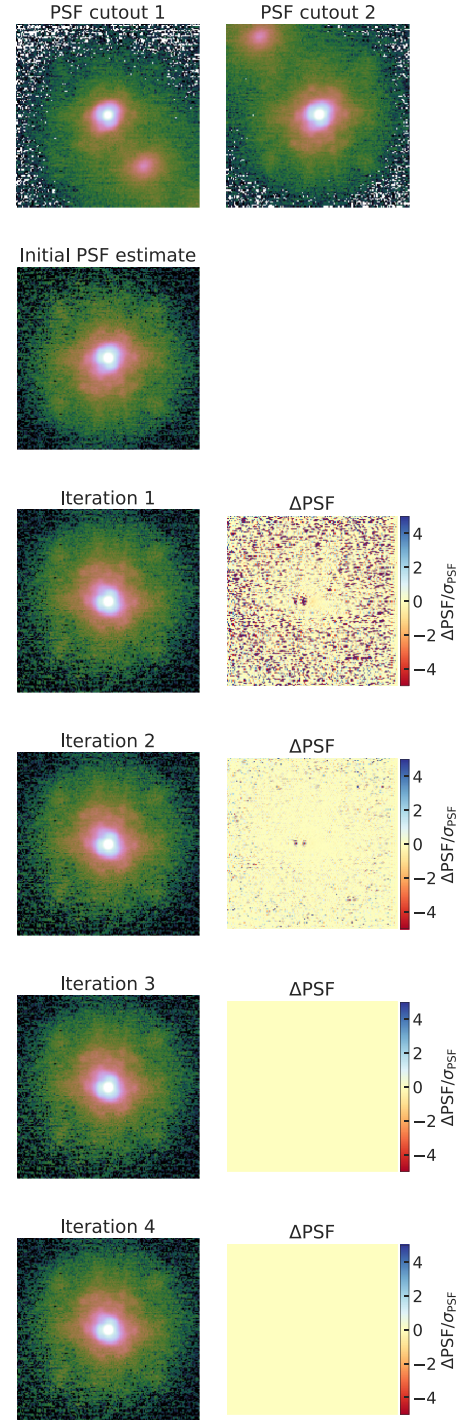


Figure 3. Estimation of the initial PSF and PSF reconstruction through an iterative algorithm. This example is shown for the system PS J0140+4107. The top row shows two cutouts centered at the quasar images. The contamination in the cutouts are removed through a weighted sum of the two cutouts to obtain the initial PSF estimate in the second row. The third to last rows show the reconstructed PSF through an iterative procedure (first column) described in Section 3.3 and the difference between the current PSF iteration with the previous one (second column). The reconstructed PSF typically converges after two to three iterations.

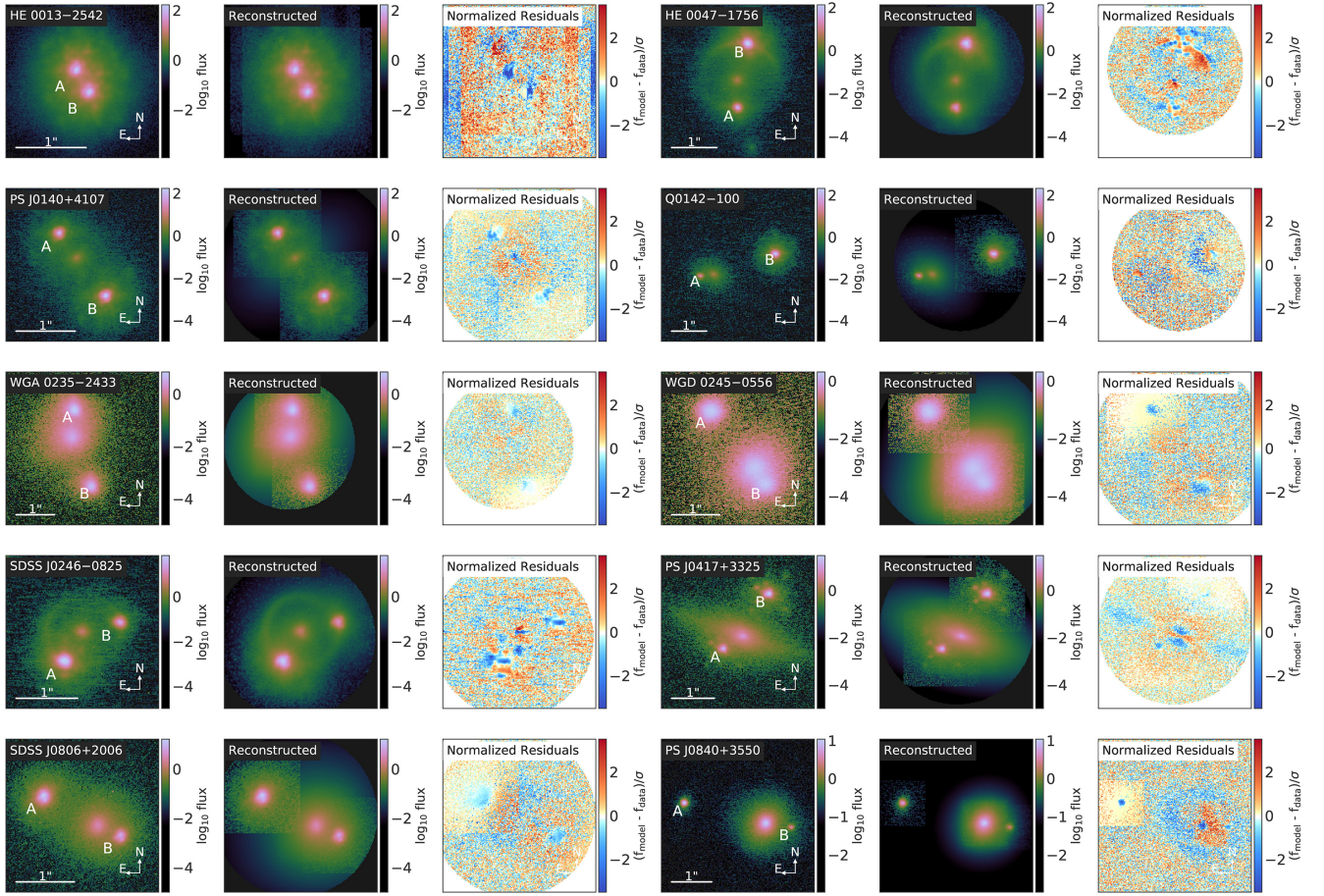


Figure 4. Observed image and model for the first 10 doubles. The first and the fourth columns show the observed Keck/NIRC2 images of the lens systems. The second and the fifth columns show the models. The third and the sixth columns show the noise-normalized residuals. The whitened out areas in the residual maps are due to our adopted masks.

this system as a lensing system. One of the confirmed lens candidates from the 2018 campaign was later identified as a previously known system, LBQS 1009-0252. The higher incidence of lenses in the later campaigns is due to stricter candidate vetting – which is also based on false-positive recognition from the 2016 campaign objects – and due to complementary information from separate, spectroscopic-confirmation campaigns. The full candidate list and outcome of the follow-up imaging is given in Appendix A.

Additionally, we present imaging data from a pilot study carried out in 2013–14 to identify lensed arcs from extended host galaxies in 7 previously known doubles for cosmological applications. These systems were imaged with the NIRC2 K' filter in 2013 August and 2014 March (Table 1). These systems were observed for a relatively longer total exposure time (1500–3780 s) to identify the presence of lensed arcs in these systems.

Out of the 15 newly confirmed systems, two systems had poor image quality in seeing-limited conditions. As a result, the reduction procedure failed to produce science-grade co-added images for them. These two systems are WGA 0146-1133 and WGA 0259-2338, and they have been further confirmed to be lenses through a later spectroscopic follow-up (Agnello et al. 2018a). We model the reduced images of the other 13 systems. We add to this sample the seven previously known doubles from the 2013 to 2014 campaign. Thus, the size of our final sample that we model in the next section is 20. We list the coordinates, observing dates, exposure times, and discovery papers for these 20 systems in Table 1.

3 LENS MODELLING

In this section, we describe our lens modelling procedure. We model all the lenses in our sample uniformly. We describe the model components in Section 3.1, the procedure to estimate the initial point spread function (PSF) in Section 3.2, and the optimization and inference procedure in Section 3.3.

3.1 Model components

We assume a singular isothermal ellipsoid (SIE) mass profile for the deflector galaxy. The SIE profile is given by

$$\kappa_{\text{SIE}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\theta_E}{\sqrt{q_m \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2 / q_m}}, \quad (1)$$

where θ_E is the Einstein radius and q_m is the axial ratio. The coordinates (θ_1, θ_2) are rotated by position angle PA_m relative to the on-sky coordinate systems (RA, dec) to align with the major axis of the projected mass distribution.

We model the light distribution in the deflector galaxy with elliptical de Vaucouleurs' profile (de Vaucouleurs 1948). We parametrize the axial ratio of the deflector light distribution with q_L and the position angle with PA_L . For two lenses, PS J0417+3325 and SDSS J2257+2349, the deflector galaxy's light distribution fits poorly to the de Vaucouleurs' profile. As these two galaxies appear disk, we adopt an additional exponential profile to model the disk component. For

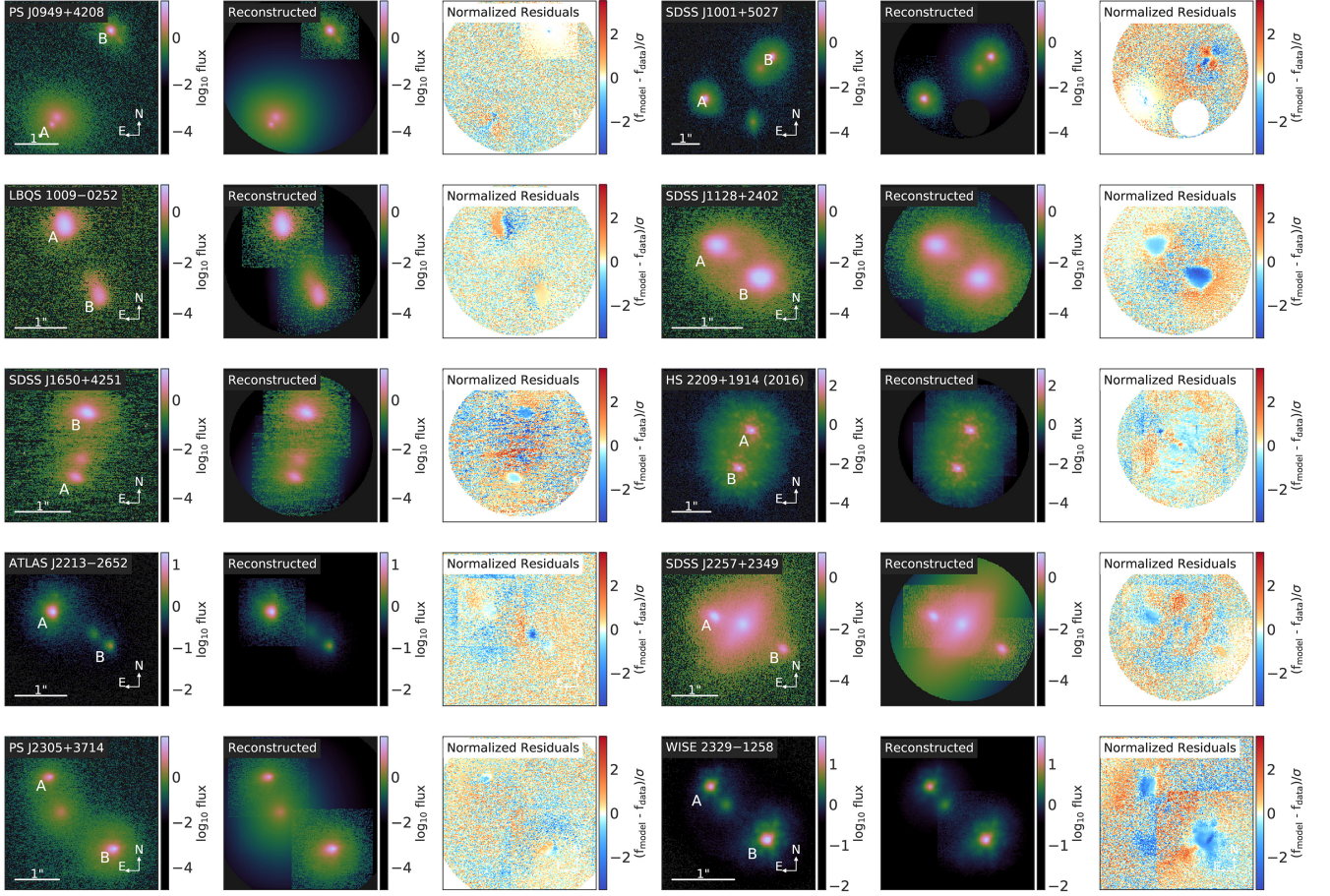


Figure 5. Continuation of Fig. 4 for the last 10 doubles. We show only the 2016 image of HS2209+1914. However, both images from 2013 and 2016 were simultaneously used to model this system.

simplicity, we take the exponential profile and the de Vaucouleurs’ profile to have the same axial ratio q_L and position angle PA_L . Only for HE 0013–2542, we adopt a circular de Vaucouleurs’ profile, because an elliptical de Vaucouleurs’ profile makes the lens model unstable due to poor constraints as the deflector galaxy’s light is vastly overshadowed by the quasar images in close proximity.

We treat the lensed quasar images as point sources and we model them on the image plane. The HE 0047–1756 and SDSS J0246–0825 systems have prominent arcs. For some other systems, the fit was poor when the host galaxy light was not explicitly modelled at first, and residuals from the lensed arcs were noticeable by eye in the difference between the data and the model-based-reconstruction (Fig. 2). For these systems, we adopt an elliptical Sérsic profile on the source plane to capture the extended light distribution of the quasar host galaxy (Sérsic 1968). These systems are HS 2209+1914, SDSS J1128+2402, and WISE 2329–1258. In these systems, the lens models are constrained from the image positions, the deflector centroid, and the lensed arcs. For the remaining systems, the lens model is only constrained from the image positions and the deflector centroid.

3.2 Estimation of initial PSF

An accurate PSF is necessary to model the quasar images with point sources. To reconstruct the PSF for each lens, we first estimate an initial PSF that we then iteratively optimize (as we will describe in Section 3.3). Given the limited FOV of the NIRC2 imager, we do not have nearby stars within the observed image to use as the initial PSF

estimate. Although the lensed quasars themselves are point sources, often times their light distributions are blended with the deflector galaxy’s light or with the lensed arcs from the quasar host galaxy. We adopt the following strategy to minimize the contamination of the deflector’s light in the initial PSF estimated from the two quasar images. We first take the cutouts of two quasar images. These cutouts often include the extended light from the deflector. As the two quasar images do not have the same magnitude, we scale up the the fainter quasar image’s cutout so that the two cutouts have the same peak value. At the pixel with the peak value within each cutout, the contamination fraction from the deflector is minimum. However, the contamination fraction from the deflector light would increase towards the deflector’s position. For each pair of corresponding pixels between the two cutouts, we take a weighted average of the two pixels with weight 1 for the lower value and weight $\exp(-\Delta I^2/(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2))$ for the higher value, where ΔI is the difference between the the pixel values between corresponding pixels, and σ_1, σ_2 are noise levels for the two pixels. This weighting scheme assumes that the pixel with the lower value within the pair is the ‘reliable’ measurement and then weights the other pixel value by its probability under the probability distribution of the ‘reliable’ measurement. We use this weighted average of the two quasar image cutouts as the initial PSF estimate. The noise map for the initial estimate is also obtained considering the same weights while combining noise from the two cutouts. As we will eventually reconstruct the PSF by iterative optimization, this initial estimate only needs to be close enough to the truth so that the iterative optimization can successfully converge. The first two rows

of Fig. 3 demonstrate an example of this algorithm to estimate the initial PSF from two cutouts with contaminants.

For the HE 0047–1756 and SDSS 0246–0825 systems, the contamination from the prominent lensed arcs cannot be sufficiently minimized using the above strategy to allow for a successful reconstruction. For that reason, we use the reconstructed PSF from SDSS J1001+5027 as the initial PSF estimate for these two systems, which leads to a better model fit; although residuals are still noticeable in the difference between the data and the model-based-reconstruction. We choose the reconstructed PSF from SDSS J1001+5027 due to its relatively smooth profile and nearly circular shape, which are preferable features in an initial PSF estimate when a more reliable one is lacking.

3.3 Optimization and inference

We model the lenses with the lens modelling software LENSTRONOMY (Birrer, Amara & Refregier 2015; Birrer & Amara 2018). LENSTRONOMY is an open-source software available online at GitHub.¹ We first iteratively reconstruct the PSF by alternatively optimizing the lens model and the initial PSF estimate (Birrer, Amara & Refregier 2016; Chen et al. 2016; Shajib et al. 2019; Birrer et al. 2019). For each iteration, the lens model is first optimized using the currently estimated PSF. Then, the PSF is optimized by subtracting the modelled deflector light (and the lensed quasar host if in the model), and then minimizing the image residuals around the quasar image positions. After two to three such iterations, the image likelihood does not increase with further iterations of the PSF reconstruction. Therefore, we take four such iterations to be sufficient for reliable convergence of the PSF reconstruction. The bottom four rows of Fig. 3 demonstrate an example of the reconstructed PSF at each iteration.

We optimize the lens model during the PSF reconstruction using particle swarm optimization (Kennedy & Eberhart 1995). After the PSF reconstruction, we execute a Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) using EMCEE to obtain the posterior probability distributions of the model parameters (Goodman & Weare 2010; Foreman-Mackey et al. 2013). We confirm the convergence of the MCMC chain by checking that the median and the standard deviation of the EMCEE walkers at each step have stabilized for $\mathcal{O}(10)$ times the autocorrelation length (Foreman-Mackey et al. 2013).

The HS 2209+1914 system was imaged in two different campaigns. To model this system, we simultaneously use images from both 2013 and 2016 with separately reconstructed PSF for each.

We compare the model-reconstructions with the observed images for all 20 systems in Figs 4 and 5. The irregularity of the AO PSF in our images makes it difficult to accurately reconstruct the PSF. As a result, prominent residuals in Figs 4 and 5 are noticeable, specially around the quasar image positions. A more accurate PSF reconstruction similar to Chen et al. (2016), Chen et al. (2019) would require careful treatment on a lens-by-lens basis. In this paper, we focus on uniform modelling of a large sample, thus a lens-by-lens treatment of the PSF reconstruction is beyond the scope and requirement of this paper.

4 ASTROMETRY, PHOTOMETRY, AND MODEL PARAMETERS

From the lens models, we provide relative astrometry and relative photometry of the deflector galaxy and the quasar images in Table 2.

The initial PSF estimate in our modelling is not centered within the central pixel with the peak value. This can lead to a potential systematic error, if the model is over-optimized to the initial PSF estimate in the first iteration of the PSF reconstruction process. Therefore, we add a systematic uncertainty of 0.005 arcsec – which is approximately half the pixel size – to the statistical uncertainty of the astrometric positions in quadrature. We obtain the total flux of the deflector galaxy by analytically integrating the modelled surface brightness profile up to infinity. We use the NIRC2 zero-point magnitude $m_0 = 24.74$ to convert the total flux into apparent magnitude.² We add $\sigma_{m_0} = 0.025$ uncertainty in quadrature to the statistical uncertainty to account for the typical error in the zero-point magnitude correction (Gautam et al. 2019, see fig. 19 therein). Note, we generally did not observe in photometric condition. Thus, the reported magnitudes can potentially be affected by atmospheric extinction and instrumental transmission. We are unable to correct for these extinction effects as NIRC2’s narrow FOV did not allow us to simultaneously observe a standard star for photometric calibration.

We tabulate the Einstein radius, the effective radius, and the ellipticities and position angles for both mass and light distributions in Table 3. For the lenses with de Vaucouleurs’ + exponential profile fits, we numerically compute the half-light radius as the effective radius. We also provide the Fermat potential difference between the quasar images in Table 3. The Fermat potential difference is given by

$$\Delta\phi_{AB} = \frac{(\theta_A - \beta)^2}{2} - \frac{(\theta_B - \beta)^2}{2} - \psi(A) + \psi(B), \quad (2)$$

where θ is the image position, β is the source position, and ψ is the deflection potential. If the redshifts of the source and the deflector are known, then the time-delay Δt_{AB} between the images can be computed for a given cosmology as

$$\Delta t_{AB} = \frac{(1 + z_d)}{c} \frac{D_d D_s}{D_{ds}} \Delta\phi_{AB}. \quad (3)$$

Here, c is the speed of the light and z_d is the deflector redshift. The angular diameter distances are D_d : between the observer and the deflector, D_s : between the observer and the source, and D_{ds} : between the deflector and the source. For quick reference, we also provide the corresponding time-delays in unit of days assuming fiducial redshifts $z_d = 0.5$ for the deflector, $z_s = 2$ for the source, and a fiducial flat Λ CDM cosmology with $h = 0.7$, $\Omega_m = 0.3$ (Table 3).

5 DISCUSSION

In this paper, we present lens models of 20 doubly imaged quasar systems. 13 of these systems were imaged with NIRC2 in 2016–2018 and confirmed as lenses from a pool of 57 observed candidates. The other seven systems were imaged as part of a pilot program to identify doubles with extended arcs for cosmological applications. From their lens models, we provide astrometry and photometry of the deflector galaxies and the quasar images. We also present the estimated lens model parameters – e.g. Einstein radii and effective radii – and the Fermat potential differences between the images. This information will facilitate planning of future follow-up observations to gather ancillary data for various astrophysical applications. We also report on a new lens system HE 0013–2542 for the first time in the literature.

We compare the observed and model-predicted flux ratios between the quasar images in Fig. 6. The observed flux ratio can depart from

¹ <https://github.com/sibirrer/lenstronomy>

² <https://www2.keck.hawaii.edu/inst/nirc2/filters.html>

Table 2. Astrometry and photometry of the lens galaxy and quasar images. ΔRA and Δdec of the images are computed taking $(\text{RA}, \text{dec})_G \equiv (0, 0)$. A systematic uncertainty of 0.005 arcsec is added in quadrature to the astrometric positions to account for potential systematic due to not centering the initial PSF estimate within the central peak pixel. The magnitude of the deflector galaxy is computed from integrating the modelled surface brightness profile up to infinity.

Name	ΔRA_A (arcsec)	Δdec_A (arcsec)	ΔRA_B (arcsec)	Δdec_B (arcsec)	m_A (mag)	$m_B - m_A$ (mag)	$m_G - m_A$ (mag)
HE 0013–2542	$0.116^{+0.002}_{-0.003}$	$0.162^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$-0.065^{+0.002}_{-0.003}$	$-0.155^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	13.18 ± 0.03	-0.0715 ± 0.0004	4.61 ± 0.03
HE 0047–1756	$-0.0031^{+0.0004}_{-0.0005}$	$-0.6014^{+0.0004}_{-0.0084}$	$-0.2336^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$	$0.8108^{+0.0001}_{-0.0101}$	15.10 ± 0.04	-1.69 ± 0.02	-0.05 ± 0.08
PS J0140+4107	$0.2908^{+0.0003}_{-0.0002}$	$0.4260^{+0.0001}_{-0.0100}$	$-0.4897^{+0.0002}_{-0.0001}$	$-0.6340^{+0.0001}_{-0.0098}$	14.60 ± 0.03	-0.597 ± 0.001	0.61 ± 0.04
Q0142–100	$0.3813^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	$-0.0380^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	$-1.7535^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	$0.5815^{+0.0002}_{-0.0003}$	15.59 ± 0.03	-2.098 ± 0.003	-0.90 ± 0.01
WGA 0235–2433	$-0.041^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.698^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$-0.485^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$-1.287^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	14.87 ± 0.03	0.312 ± 0.002	-1.01 ± 0.01
WGD 0245–0556	$0.9145^{+0.0004}_{-0.0003}$	$1.1733^{+0.0001}_{-0.0002}$	$-0.2359^{+0.0002}_{-0.0002}$	$-0.3009^{+0.0002}_{-0.0003}$	15.63 ± 0.03	0.377 ± 0.003	-0.99 ± 0.01
SDSS J0246–0825	$0.2842^{+0.0003}_{-0.0002}$	$-0.4814^{+0.0004}_{-0.0002}$	$-0.6117^{+0.0017}_{-0.0004}$	$0.1486^{+0.0004}_{-0.0008}$	14.14 ± 0.03	1.79 ± 0.02	1.77 ± 0.03
PS J0417+3325	$0.4536^{+0.0004}_{-0.0004}$	$-0.2972^{+0.0003}_{-0.0002}$	$-0.6029^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	$0.9917^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	15.58 ± 0.03	-0.577 ± 0.002	-1.732 ± 0.005
SDSS J0806+2006	$0.9259^{+0.0002}_{-0.0001}$	$0.4982^{+0.0001}_{-0.0025}$	$-0.3888^{+0.0003}_{-0.0002}$	$-0.1779^{+0.0003}_{-0.0004}$	15.44 ± 0.03	0.969 ± 0.002	-0.51 ± 0.01
PS J0840+3550	$2.02818^{+0.00002}_{-0.00002}$	$0.49711^{+0.00004}_{-0.00001}$	$-0.6305^{+0.0004}_{-0.0004}$	$-0.1017^{+0.0005}_{-0.0004}$	16.40 ± 0.03	1.18 ± 0.01	-2.655 ± 0.002
PS J0949+4208	$0.1126^{+0.0005}_{-0.0004}$	$-0.1667^{+0.0004}_{-0.0005}$	$-1.2572^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	$2.0253^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	17.06 ± 0.03	-1.63 ± 0.01	-2.95 ± 0.01
SDSS J1001+5027	$2.0403^{+0.0002}_{-0.0002}$	$-1.1206^{+0.0003}_{-0.0002}$	$-0.4223^{+0.0002}_{-0.0002}$	$0.4331^{+0.0002}_{-0.0002}$	14.17 ± 0.03	0.112 ± 0.001	0.626 ± 0.003
LBQS 1009–0252	$0.54^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$1.11^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$-0.16^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$-0.25^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	14.81 ± 0.03	1.37 ± 0.01	1.77 ± 0.15
SDSS J1128+2402	$0.229^{+0.003}_{-0.002}$	$0.147^{+0.003}_{-0.004}$	$-0.385^{+0.003}_{-0.002}$	$-0.327^{+0.003}_{-0.005}$	15.56 ± 0.03	-0.16 ± 0.02	1.38 ± 0.12
SDSS J1650+4251	$0.08947^{+0.01010}_{-0.00005}$	$-0.30819^{+0.00003}_{-0.00031}$	$-0.1226^{+0.0100}_{-0.0001}$	$0.8519^{+0.0001}_{-0.0002}$	16.10 ± 0.06	-1.45 ± 0.03	-0.50 ± 0.33
HS 2209+1914	$-0.227^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.387^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.099^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$-0.599^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	12.43 ± 0.03	0.139 ± 0.001	3.30 ± 0.04
A2213–2652	$0.764^{+0.008}_{-0.002}$	$0.3842^{+0.0097}_{-0.0004}$	$-0.356^{+0.008}_{-0.002}$	$-0.2783^{+0.0099}_{-0.0003}$	14.68 ± 0.03	2.12 ± 0.02	-0.63 ± 0.10
SDSS J2257+2349	$0.6194^{+0.0002}_{-0.0002}$	$0.1753^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	$-0.8792^{+0.0002}_{-0.0002}$	$-0.5433^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	15.23 ± 0.03	0.945 ± 0.003	-1.96 ± 0.01
PS J2305+3714	$0.267^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.793^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$-1.182^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$-0.835^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	15.26 ± 0.03	-1.204 ± 0.002	-0.98 ± 0.01
WISE 2329–1258	$0.2411^{+0.0003}_{-0.0004}$	$0.298^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$-0.6557^{+0.0003}_{-0.0004}$	$-0.555^{+0.001}_{-0.002}$	15.34 ± 0.03	-1.00 ± 0.01	0.56 ± 0.01

the model-predicted one due to microlensing by foreground stars or mililensing by dark matter substructure, due to dust extinction, or due to the arrival time-delay coupled with intrinsic variability [see Schneider, Kochanek & Wambsganss (2006) for a detailed description]. We quantify the departure of the observed flux ratio from the model-predicted one with a χ^2 quantity

$$\chi_f^2 \equiv \frac{(f_{\text{model}} - f_{\text{data}})^2}{\sigma_{f,\text{model}}^2 + \sigma_{f,\text{data}}^2}, \quad (4)$$

where f is the flux ratio $f \equiv F_{\text{dimmer}}/F_{\text{brighter}}$ with F being the flux of the lensed image, and σ_f is the uncertainty on the flux ratio. Due to the large model uncertainty in the majority of the lenses, the χ_f^2 quantity is mostly consistent with the smooth-model prediction (Fig. 6). In comparison, the quadruply imaged quasar systems (quads) from Shajib et al. (2019) show clear departure from the smooth-model prediction, as quads have tighter constraints on the lens model. However, the doubles that have tight constraint on the lens model do show clear departure from the smooth-model prediction creating an extended tail toward larger values in the χ_f^2 distribution. Thus, given similar model uncertainty, doubles and quads have comparable departure in the observed flux ratio from the smooth-model prediction, which agrees with the prediction by Schechter & Wambsganss (2002).

We compare our observed flux ratios in the three systems – Q0142–100, SDSS J0246–0825, and SDSS J0806+2006 – with previously measured values in K -band, K' -band, or H -band (F160W filter of the *Hubble Space Telescope*) in Fig. 7. Our observed values are largely consistent with the ones from the most recent past observation of Fadely & Keeton (2011). The variation in the flux ratio over 5–10 years baseline can be explained by the change in the microlensing

magnification pattern due to the movement of the foreground stars in the deflector galaxy.

Our relative astrometry between the quasar images are discrepant by ~ 0.02 arcsec from previous AO-assisted observations of SDSS J0806+2006 (Sluse et al. 2008) and SDSS J1001+5027 (Rusu et al. 2016). Such a discrepancy can potentially arise from incorrect centering in our sub-optimal PSF. This discrepancy level is negligible for planning future observations, however caution should be taken when using our reported astrometry in studies sensitive to the astrometric accuracy.

Lens model of the SDSS J0246–0825 system from Inada et al. (2005) constrained only by the image positions and the flux ratio suggested that there might be a small faint lensing object near the primary lensing galaxy. This model closely traced the lensed arc, but no attempt was made to model its intensity. In contrast, no second lensing galaxy is seen in the data presented in this paper, but our approach models the ring intensity and as a result, reconstructs the host galaxy. As illustrated in Fig. 8, the quasar is quite close to the inner diamond-shaped caustic, and small changes to our model would result in a four image system rather than two, with two new images appearing at the brightest spot on the lensed arc.

For time-delay cosmography, an ideal double would require (i) prominent lensed arcs to provide tight model constraint on the mass density profile, and (ii) a long time delay to minimize the fractional uncertainty in the time-delay measurement. Although a number of doubles in our sample have noticeable lensed arcs, none of these systems have ideally long (~ 100 days) time delays. Out of the systems with noticeable lensed arcs, WISE 2329–1258 has the longest predicted time-delay with ~ 25 days. This is comparable to the time delay of PG 1115+080 with 8.4 per cent uncertainty on a single time-delay measurement, which has been analyzed to

Table 3. Model parameters and estimated Fermat potential difference $\Delta\phi_{AB}$ for the lens systems. A conservative systematic uncertainty of 0.01 arcsec is added in quadrature to the statistical uncertainty of the Einstein radius θ_E to account for potential systematic caused by an uncentered initial PSF estimate. The position angles PA_m and PA_L are North of East. We restrict the reference axis for PA within a particular quadrant and allow the axial ratio q to be > 1 , which corresponds to case when the PA refers to the orientation of the minor axis. This convention helps to avoid bi-modality in the PA distributions for some systems. The HE 0013–2542 system is modelled with a circular deflector light profile, thus no axial ratio for the deflector light is provided. Furthermore, we only provide a 95 per cent upper limit on the effective radius. The reported time delays Δt_{AB} are computed using fiducial redshifts $z_d = 0.5$ for the deflector, and $z_s = 2$ for the source, and for a fiducial flat Λ CDM cosmology with $h = 0.7$, $\Omega_m = 0.3$. Positive Δt_{AB} implies that image B leads image A, and negative value implies the opposite.

Name	θ_E (arcsec)	q_m	PA_m (deg)	θ_{eff} (arcsec)	q_L	PA_L (deg)	$\Delta\phi_{AB}$ ($\times 10^{-13}$)	Δt_{AB} (d)
HE 0013–2542	$0.18^{+0.04}_{-0.01}$	$1.13^{+1.04}_{-0.63}$	60^{+3}_{-2}	<0.103	–	–	$-1.34^{+0.24}_{-0.30}$	$-0.47^{+0.08}_{-0.11}$
HE 0047–1756	$0.745^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.840^{+0.003}_{-0.008}$	$86.3^{+1.4}_{-0.3}$	$0.50^{+0.01}_{-0.06}$	$0.77^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	-38^{+2}_{-9}	$41.16^{+0.06}_{-0.09}$	$14.58^{+0.02}_{-1.09}$
PS J0140+4107	$0.65^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$1.06^{+1.23}_{-0.29}$	53^{+6}_{-1}	$0.67^{+0.01}_{-0.07}$	$0.56^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	-32^{+1}_{-1}	$44.16^{+0.63}_{-0.03}$	$15.64^{+0.22}_{-0.01}$
Q0142–100	$1.26^{+0.13}_{-0.08}$	$0.55^{+0.14}_{-0.15}$	-3^{+9}_{-4}	$0.453^{+0.004}_{-0.003}$	$0.748^{+0.004}_{-0.007}$	34^{+1}_{-1}	$383.80^{+0.14}_{-0.17}$	$135.92^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$
WGA 0235–2433	$0.97^{+0.04}_{-0.02}$	$0.54^{+0.18}_{-0.15}$	-22^{+4}_{-11}	$0.52^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.72^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	-40^{+1}_{-1}	$164.85^{+0.32}_{-0.37}$	$58.38^{+0.11}_{-0.13}$
WGD 0245–0556	$0.89^{+0.09}_{-0.03}$	$1.41^{+0.87}_{-0.62}$	$52.1^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	$0.42^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.63^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	-52^{+1}_{-1}	$-242.86^{+0.10}_{-0.11}$	$-86.00^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$
SDSS J0246–0825	$0.5877^{+0.0005}_{-0.0009}$	$0.901^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	83^{+1}_{-1}	$0.26^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.89^{+0.42}_{-0.02}$	-28^{+13}_{-6}	$9.83^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$	$3.48^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$
PS J0417+3325	$0.80^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$0.52^{+0.16}_{-0.13}$	29^{+3}_{-8}	$0.335^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.349^{+0.002}_{-0.003}$	$18.0^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	$123.73^{+0.08}_{-0.10}$	$43.82^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$
SDSS J0806+2006	$0.76^{+0.10}_{-0.07}$	$0.85^{+1.09}_{-0.35}$	26^{+4}_{-3}	$0.44^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.95^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	-76^{+4}_{-3}	$-108.41^{+0.28}_{-0.04}$	$-38.39^{+0.10}_{-0.06}$
PS J0840+3550	$1.39^{+0.17}_{-0.12}$	$1.08^{+0.94}_{-0.54}$	14^{+5}_{-9}	$0.420^{+0.001}_{-0.002}$	$0.929^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	-31^{+2}_{-1}	$-464.51^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$	$-164.50^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$
PS J0949+4208	$1.25^{+0.19}_{-0.05}$	$0.79^{+0.86}_{-0.38}$	31^{+6}_{-2}	$0.544^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$0.831^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	-16^{+1}_{-1}	$662.96^{+0.20}_{-0.17}$	$234.78^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$
SDSS J1001+5027	$1.39^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	$0.59^{+0.13}_{-0.17}$	70^{+11}_{-5}	$0.686^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$0.845^{+0.004}_{-0.003}$	-85^{+1}_{-1}	$-593.77^{+0.19}_{-0.17}$	$-210.27^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$
LBQS 1009–0252	$0.74^{+0.11}_{-0.03}$	$1.34^{+0.96}_{-0.72}$	66^{+9}_{-12}	$0.40^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$	$2.00^{+0.12}_{-1.20}$	-9^{+4}_{-50}	$-166.67^{+2.87}_{-3.45}$	$-59.02^{+1.02}_{-1.22}$
SDSS J1128+2402	$0.394^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.91^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	16^{+2}_{-2}	$0.35^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$	$0.66^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$	-52^{+11}_{-8}	$21.28^{+0.68}_{-0.55}$	$7.54^{+0.24}_{-0.20}$
SDSS J1650+4251	$0.580^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$0.84^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$	-9^{+5}_{-6}	$0.35^{+0.24}_{-0.03}$	$0.53^{+0.05}_{-0.02}$	-42^{+1}_{-6}	$74.95^{+0.02}_{-0.67}$	$26.54^{+0.01}_{-0.24}$
HS 2209+1914	$0.505^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.73^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$10.9^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	$0.17^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.64^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	30^{+3}_{-3}	$19.62^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.95 ± 0.07
A2213–2652	$0.63^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	$1.32^{+0.97}_{-0.46}$	27^{+11}_{-11}	$3.00^{+0.18}_{-0.53}$	$0.68^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	49^{+3}_{-2}	$-61.98^{+0.61}_{-3.56}$	$-21.95^{+0.22}_{-1.26}$
SDSS J2257+2349	$0.85^{+0.13}_{-0.07}$	$1.11^{+0.89}_{-0.60}$	28^{+6}_{-10}	$0.41^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.360^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$-56.6^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	$76.84^{+0.08}_{-0.09}$	27.21 ± 0.03
PS J2305+3714	$1.26^{+0.13}_{-0.22}$	$0.62^{+1.96}_{-0.15}$	64^{+13}_{-22}	$0.77^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.77^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	79^{+1}_{-1}	$163.77^{+0.42}_{-0.49}$	$58.00^{+0.15}_{-0.18}$
WISE 2329–1258	$0.618^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.889^{+0.002}_{-0.003}$	-80^{+2}_{-2}	$0.123^{+0.005}_{-0.003}$	$0.67^{+0.04}_{-0.02}$	-61^{+1}_{-4}	$69.54^{+0.59}_{-0.13}$	$24.63^{+0.21}_{-0.05}$

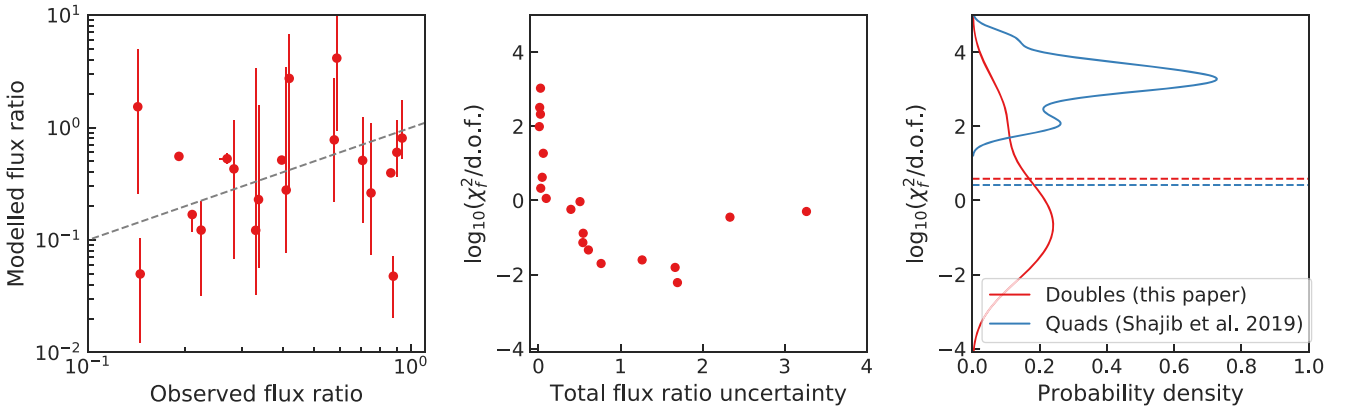


Figure 6. Left-hand panel: Comparison of the observed and modelled flux ratios of the doubly imaged systems in this paper. The dashed grey line traces the one-to-one ratio. For most of the lenses, the model uncertainty is much larger than the observed uncertainty, because only two images positions are under-constraining for the model parameters. Middle panel: Correlation between flux ratio departure $\chi^2_f \equiv (f_{\text{model}} - f_{\text{data}})^2 / (\sigma_{\text{model}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{data}}^2)$ from the smooth-model prediction and the total uncertainty ($\sigma_{\text{model}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{data}}^2$). The degree of freedom (d.o.f.) for doubly imaged quasars is 1. Expectedly, the lenses with large total uncertainty leads to less departure of the flux ratio from the smooth-model prediction. Right-hand panel: Distribution of the flux ratio departure from the smooth-model prediction for the doubly imaged quasars (doubles, red) in this study and the quadruply imaged quasars (quads, blue) from Shajib et al. (2019). The d.o.f. for the χ^2 quantity is 3 for quads. The dashed lines show the 95th percentile for the expected distribution for a smooth mass density profile. The distribution for the quads demonstrate a clear departure from the prediction of the smooth model. However, the flux ratios of the doubles is more consistent with the smooth-model prediction due to the large model uncertainty. There is an extended tail in the distribution for doubles toward higher χ^2_f , which correspond to the systems with lower model uncertainty and is consistent with the quads' distribution in departing from the smooth-model prediction.

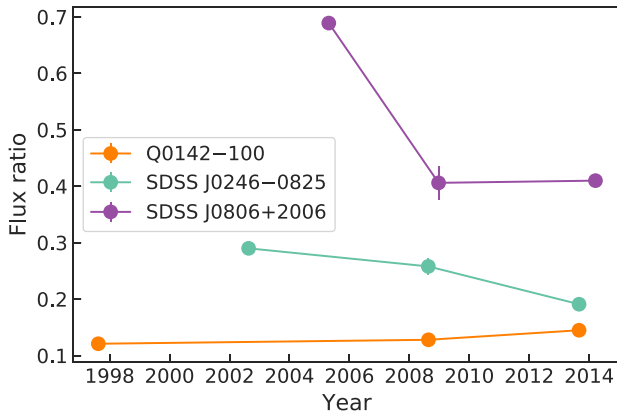


Figure 7. Comparison of our measured flux ratios of three lens system with previous observations. Our observed values are the right-most points for each lens. The middle values are from K -band observation with Gemini North 8-m telescope (Fadely & Keeton 2011). The left-most observation for Q0142-100 is from the *Hubble Space Telescope* observation in the F160W filter (Lehár et al. 2000). The left-most observations for SDSS J0246-0825 and SDSS J0806+2006 are from K' -band observation with NIRC on the Keck telescope (Inada et al. 2005, 2006). Our observed values are largely consistent with those from Fadely & Keeton (2011), whereas the observed variations can be attributed to the movement of the foreground stars causing a variation in the microlensing magnification.

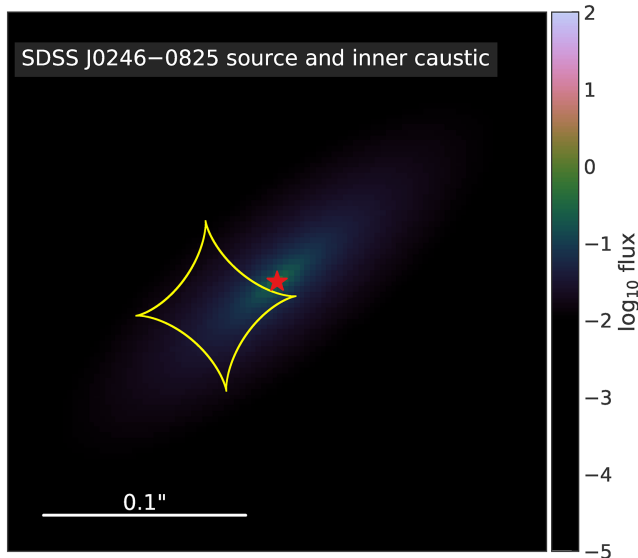


Figure 8. Reconstructed flux distribution of the quasar host galaxy in the SDSS J0246-0825 system. The red star marks the position of the central quasar. The yellow line traces the inner caustic.

measure the Hubble constant (Bonvin et al. 2018; Chen et al. 2018). Since the modelling uncertainty for one double is also ~ 8.5 per cent (Birrer et al. 2019; Wong et al. 2020), this system would lead to a ~ 12 – 13 per cent Hubble constant measurement assuming a 3–5 per cent uncertainty coming from the external convergence estimate. However, the large modelling uncertainty of the double SDSS 1206+4332 largely stemmed from a number of nearby perturber galaxies, the modelling uncertainty for other doubles with less crowded nearby environment would potentially be tighter than ~ 8.5 per cent.

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6 DATA AVAILABILITY

The NIRC2 data used in this paper are publicly available from the Keck Observatory Archive. The lens modelling software LENSTRONOMY used in this paper is an open-source software publicly available on Github.

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APPENDIX A: OUTCOMES OF IMAGING CONFIRMATION CAMPAIGNS

Tables A1 and A2 list the systems that were observed with NIRC2 on 2016 September, 2017 October, and 2018 January, with their coordinates, outcomes, and parent surveys. Contaminants – labeled ‘cont.’ – are objects that are revealed as non-lenses (e.g. star and quasar, or point source and galaxy) either through our high-resolution imaging or spectroscopy. Nearly identical quasar (NIQ) pairs are putative lenses where no sign of the deflector is found in imaging data (Schechter et al. 2017; Agnello et al. 2018a). They could be veritable lenses with faint deflectors, or close pairs of quasars at the same redshift, with same lines and monotonic flux-ratios with wavelength. The inconclusive systems are labeled as ‘inconcl.’ in Tables A1 and A2.

Table A1. Summary of 2016 September imaging observations. Object coordinates are given in the first two columns, followed by imaging classification and parent survey. The lens HE 0013–2542 has been selected by P.L. Schechter in the VST-ATLAS survey, as a possible quasar pair or lens, starting from a sample of Hamburg-ESO (HE) quasars. Parent Survey shorthand – A: VST-ATLAS, D: DES; P: Pan-STARRS1, S: SDSS.

Name	RA (deg)	Dec (deg)	Outcome	Parent Survey
J0001+1411	0.31665	14.18974	Cont.	S
J0005+2031	1.49748	20.52355	Cont.	S
J0013–2542	3.93292	– 25.43806	Lens	HE
J0024+0032	6.1838018	0.53931	Cont.	S
J0037+0111	9.33269	1.18742	Cont.	S
J0048+2505	12.14571	25.08965	Cont.	S
J0252+3420	43.07300	34.33824	Inconcl.	S
J0252–0855	43.08799	– 8.92101	Inconcl.	S
J0340+0057	55.19833	0.95997	Cont.	S
J0502+1310	75.61556	13.18222	Cont.	S
J1700+0058	255.10005	0.97087	Cont.	S
J1704+1817	256.13547	256.13547	Cont.	S
J1738+3222	264.70178	32.37678	Cont.	S
J1810+6344	272.51841	63.74072	Cont.	S
J2036–1801	309.21955	– 18.02927	Cont.	S
J2044+0314	311.20357	3.24864	Cont.	S
J2045–0101	311.40236	– 1.03000	Cont.	S
J2055–0515	313.87530	– 5.25045	Cont.	S
J2103+1100	315.84197	11.00532	Cont.	S
J2111–0012	317.78773	– 0.21647	Cont.	S
J2121–0005	320.37559	– 0.09087	Cont.	S
J2123–0050	320.87278	– 0.84804	Cont.	S
J2146+0009	326.55547	0.15857	Cont.	S
J2158+1526	329.67363	15.43747	Cont.	S
J2209+0045	332.27882	0.76218	Cont.	S
J2238+2718	339.53716	27.31368	Cont.	S
J2246+3118	341.69171	31.30472	Cont.	S
J2257+2349	344.35586	23.82510	Lens	S
J2329–1258	352.49125	– 12.98306	Lens	A, P
J2350–0749	357.51073	– 7.82589	Cont.	S
J2353–0539	358.46255	– 5.66552	Cont.	S
J2358–0136	359.58584	– 1.60291	Cont.	S

Table A2. Summary of 2017 October and 2018 January imaging observations. Object coordinates are given in the first two columns, followed by imaging classification and parent survey. Short-hands for parent surveys are the same as in Table A1.

Name	RA (deg)	Dec (deg)	Outcome	Parent Survey
J0116+1446	19.06358	14.77958	Cont.	P
J0146–1133	26.63708	– 11.56083	Lens	A, D, P
J0235–2433	38.86426	– 24.55368	Lens	A, D, P
J0259–2338	44.88965	– 23.63383	Lens	A, D, P
J2003–2111	300.75063	– 21.18501	Inconcl.	P
J2029–0706	307.33973	– 7.10646	Cont.	P
J2041+0722	310.39218	7.37083	Cont.	P
J2057+0217	314.46716	2.29670	Cont.	S, P
J2155+1903	328.75684	19.05074	Cont.	P
J2213–2652	333.41012	– 26.87419	Lens	A
J2303+3453	345.91142	34.89518	Inconcl.	P
J2305+3714	346.48239	37.23899	Lens	P
J0140+4107	25.20420	41.13330	Lens	P
J0245–0556	41.35651	– 5.95015	Lens	D
J0407–1931	61.97413	– 19.52254	Cont.	D
J0417+3325	64.49683	33.41700	Lens	P
J0723+4739	110.93660	47.65260	Cont.	P
J0740+2926	115.05603	29.44677	Cont.	P
J0812+3349	123.22844	33.83062	Cont.	P
J0840+3550	130.13842	35.83334	Lens	P
J0949+4208	147.47830	42.13381	Lens	P
LBQS 1009–0252	153.06625	– 3.11750	Known	A
J1112–0335	168.18096	– 3.58592	NIQ	A
J1128+2402	172.07705	24.03820	Lens	S
J1132–0730	173.03091	– 7.51178	NIQ	A

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