RTModel: automatic fast real-time modelling of microlensing events

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Issues in microlensing modelling

- Microlensing is a **non-repeatable** phenomenon.
- Data quantity and quality cannot be improved if insufficient.
- The **computational time** of a single model point is long.
- The **number of** modelling **parameters** is large.
- There is an **extreme variety** of light curve morphologies.
- Chi square is **wildly sensitive** to small variations in the parameters.
- Many discrete and continuous **degeneracies** exist.
Since 2011 we have been running our computational platform RTModel on our good old 8-core workstation.

More than 600 events have been modelled in 4 years.

RTModel automatically responds to anomaly alerts by ARTEMIS.

Data are downloaded and pre-processed.

Initial conditions are automatically set.

Downhill fitting is performed and higher order effects are considered.

Models are automatically displayed on a public webpage.

The total time for a single run is kept within 3 hours.
Basic calculation

- First step: for given lens and source positions, we must compute the gravitational lensing magnification.
- **Inverse ray-shooting** amounts to shooting back light rays from the observer to the source plane.
- Light rays are counted if they hit the source disk.
- **Magnification maps** re-usable (save for orbital motion cases). Limb darkening naturally included. Optimizations are possible.

- We use **contour integration**: boundaries of the images are calculated; area is obtained by Green’s theorem.
- Elegant and fast. Limb darkening requires multiple contours.

- **Computational time** is somewhat less of ms.
- With thousands of points a single lightcurve may exceed one second.
Initial conditions

- **Grid search** might cover the interesting regions of the parameter space,
- but is always redundant and needs sufficiently small steps.

- **Template matching** *(Mao & Di Stefano 1995)* avoids redundancy and promises to be exhaustive.
- More vulnerable to the presence of local minima within a given class.

- Peaks in the datasets are identified and classified by their **prominence**.
- The two most prominent peaks are matched to the peaks in the templates.
- If there is only one peak in the data, the **anomaly alert** time is taken as the second “would-be” peak.
Classification of light curves

- The completeness of the template library is of crucial importance for the effectiveness of this approach.
- We have now published the first complete catalogue of light curves in equal-mass binary microlensing (Liebig, D’Ago, Bozza and Dominik arXiv:1501.02219).
- Every peak in a microlensing light curve can be traced to an interaction of the source with a caustic:
  - Fold crossing
  - Cusp crossing
  - Fold approach
  - Cusp approach
- Light curve morphologies are classified by their specific sequence of peaks.
In the equal-mass case, we have identified **73 different morphologies**, arising from 232 different regions of the parameter space.

We can link any observed morphology to the respective regions of the parameter space. The classification can be naturally extended to arbitrary mass-ratios.

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We have scanned the **parameter space** distinguishing all **regions** corresponding to different morphologies.
Fitting

• The nightmare of modellers is getting stuck in a local minimum.
• Local minima may exist within each region of the parameter space corresponding to a specific morphology class.
• But the presence of gaps in the data may copiously generate see-saw patterns in the chi square.
Fitting

- **Markov chains** have a finite probability (depending on the temperature) to jump out of a local minimum.
- However, they require the calculation of a large number of models from any given initial condition.
- We use a **Levenberg-Marquardt** algorithm (interpolating between Newton’s and steepest descent).
- In order to jump out of local minima, we fill the minima with **penalty functions** and let the fit roll to the next minimum.
Higher-order effects

- We refine the best static solutions by including **annual parallax** and **orbital motion**.
- For **parallax** we start from $\pi_\perp = \pi_\parallel = 0$, which is fine for not too large effects.
- For orbital motion we consider **circular orbits** with arbitrary inclination, parameterized by $(ds/dt)_{t0}$, $(d\alpha/dt)_{t0}$ and $(\omega_z)_{t0}$ starting from zero velocities.
- For comparison and completeness, we also calculate the following models:
  - PSPL
  - PSPL with parallax
  - Finite source – single lens
  - Finite source – single lens with parallax
  - Binary source
  - Binary source with parallax
  - Binary source with parallax and orbital motion.
Publication of the results

- A webpage at Salerno University is automatically updated with automatically generated plots

http://www.fisica.unisa.it/GravitationAstrophysics/RTModel/2014/RTModel.htm
Event webpage

RTModel
Real-Time Microlensing Modelling by Valerio Bozza

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Planetary with parallax

Binary lens models

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Binary lens models with parallax

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Model pdf file

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Maximizing results

• We are moved by the idea that the **science output** of microlensing could be strongly improved, given the potential in the collected data.

• In order to speed-up the **analysis and publication** of the interesting events, we should make most of the work in a completely **automatic** way.

• Automatic **pipelines** and **early warning systems** are examples working on very large scales.

• **Selecting anomalous events** for intense follow-up observations is a very delicate task (ARTEMIS).

• Unfortunately, yet most planetary microlensing events are only **discovered after the anomaly** is over.
Late-alert planets

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Real-time modelling service

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- Even if the final model may differ from those preliminary ones, the nature of the anomaly can be immediately guessed, ruling out competitors.

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A: 'ulens Analysis'
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Dear all

following ARTEMIS' alert, here are my first two models. It is a cusp approach or "cut", but, in practice, there are many many possibilities open.

Best wishes

Valerio
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Dear all

with just two data points by OGLE, the anomaly is still obscure. I can find many planetary and binary models at the same chi square level. Planetary models prefer zero or moderately negative blending, while binary mass ratios prefer positive blending.

Best wishes 

Valerio
Planetary Probability Indicator

- For ongoing microlensing events we can build a planetary probability.
  - Chi square
  - Non-negative Blending constraint
  - Source size
  - Parallax
  - Bayesian arguments

- A **quantitative indicator** to support follow-up decisions.

  **TO DO!**
Facing future challenges

- **NASA funded program** to develop highly automated modeling code for the analysis of microlensing events.  

- Build on experience and capabilities of **RTModel**
- Develop the capacity to model microlensing events from **WFIRST-AFTA**
- **Open Source** Project: code will be publicly available
- Extensive verification: **Data Challenge** to test performance against existing packages

- 3yr **post-doctoral position** offered at LCOGT: deadline Feb 1, 2015
- See: lcogt.net/job/post-doc-microlensing jobregister.aas.org/node/50222