Subaru FOCAS IFU observations of two $z \approx 0.12$ strong-lensing elliptical **galaxies from SDSS MaNGA[∗]**

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ABSTRACT

We present new observations of two $z = 0.12$ strong-lensing elliptical galaxies, originally discovered from the SDSS-IV MaNGA survey, using the new FOCAS IFU spectrograph on the Subaru Telescope. For J1436+4943, our observations confirm the identification of this system as a multiple-image lens, in a cusp configuration, with an Einstein radius $\theta_{\text{Ein}} = 2.0$ arcsec. For J1701+3722, the improved data confirm earlier hints of a complex source plane, with different configurations evident in different emission lines. The new observations reveal a previously unseen inner counter-image to the [O III] arc found from MaNGA, leading to a smaller revised Einstein radius of $\theta_{\text{Ein}} = 1.6$ arcsec. The inferred projected masses within the Einstein apertures (3.7–4.7 kpc) are consistent with being dominated by stars with an initial mass function (IMF) similar to that of the Milky Way, and a dark matter contribution of ∼35 per cent as supported from cosmological simulations. These results are consistent with 'pure lensing' analyses of lower redshift lenses, but contrast with claims for heavier IMFs from combined lensing and dynamical studies of more distant early-type galaxies.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Strong gravitational lensing is a key tool for measuring extragalactic masses and probing the distribution of dark and luminous matter in galaxies (e.g. Treu [2010\)](#page-5-0). Analysing a sample of $z \sim 0.2$ stronglensing elliptical galaxies, Treu et al. [\(2010\)](#page-5-1) found that their velocity dispersions and projected lensing masses could only be reconciled with a universal dark matter profile if the stellar mass-to-light ratio, *ϒ*, was larger than expected for an initial mass function (IMF) like that in the Milky Way (e.g. Kroupa [2001\)](#page-4-0). By contrast, for the few known nearby $(z = 0.03{\text -}0.07)$ strong lenses, lensing *alone* constrains *ϒ* to be close to the value expected from the Kroupa IMF (Collier, Smith & Lucey [2018\)](#page-4-1). In these low-redshift systems, the arcs are formed at smaller physical radius, minimizing the contributions from dark matter, which obviates the need for dynamical information to separate dark and stellar components. One possible resolution of the tension between the above results, discussed by Sonnenfeld et al. [\(2019\)](#page-5-2), is that steep inner gradients in *ϒ* may inflate the central velocity dispersion, causing the combined lensing and dynamics analysis to assign too much mass to the stellar component and too little to the dark halo.

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Establishing well-constrained lenses at intermediate distances should help to solve the apparent discrepancy between the nearby and distant samples. Smith, Lucey & Conroy [\(2015\)](#page-5-3) presented the first use of integral field unit (IFU) spectroscopy as a tool to discover lensed line-emitting sources behind bright foreground galaxies. This method, applied to individually targeted lens candidates, has also been adapted to the VLT MUSE spectrograph (Smith et al. [2015;](#page-5-3) Collier et al. [2018,](#page-4-1) [2020\)](#page-4-2). A complementary approach is to exploit data from large multi-IFU surveys. The SDSS-IV MaNGA survey (Bundy et al. [2015\)](#page-4-3) is acquiring IFU observations for thousands of nearby galaxies, including hundreds of massive ellipticals, which are the most effective gravitational lenses.

Two groups have searched the MaNGA data cubes for lens systems. Smith [\(2017\)](#page-5-4) (and unpublished extensions) conducted a semi-automated search in the MaNGA data releases DR13– DR15, restricted to ∼600 galaxies with a velocity dispersion σ > 200 km s⁻¹, which dominate the total strong-lensing crosssection. Independently, Talbot et al. (2018) searched all targets in DR13–DR14 using a more automated source detection method, though retaining a manual inspection step. Smith [\(2017\)](#page-5-4) reported the discovery of a lensed source behind J1701+3722, apparently showing a near-complete Einstein ring in [O II], but only a single 'arc' in [O III]. He estimated an Einstein radius of 2.3 arcsec, but noted that this is uncomfortably large compared to the measured velocity dispersion. The Talbot et al. [\(2018\)](#page-5-5) search yielded seven new apparent multiple-imaging systems as well as confirming

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the identification of $J1701+3722$. In a subsequent reanalysis of the data, we could not convincingly reproduce many of these systems (see discussion in Smith, Lucey & Collier [2018\)](#page-5-6), but J1436+4943, which was missed in Smith's visual search, is a compelling candidate for further study.

In this letter, we present follow-up observations of J1436+4943 and J1701+3722, obtained with the new IFU mode of the FO-CAS spectrograph at the Subaru telescope (Section 2). The new observations have much higher spatial resolution than the MaNGA discovery data, and also higher spectral resolution, enabling a more detailed reanalysis of the two lenses (Sections 3 and 4). Combining the measured Einstein radii with photometry and estimates for the dark matter contributions and likely stellar ages, we derive results on the total and stellar mass-to-light ratios, and constraints on the IMF through the mass-excess factor (Section 5). The work is briefly summarized in Section 6.

We adopt the cosmological parameters from Planck Collaboration VI [\(2018\)](#page-4-4).

2 SUBARU FOCAS IFU OBSERVATIONS

We observed J1436+4943 and J1701+3722 using the Subaru FOCAS IFU during its first night of scientific operations, on 2019 June 26. The design and characteristics of the IFU are fully described by Ozaki et al. [\(2014,](#page-4-5) and in preparation). Briefly, the unit is an image slicer that reformats a 10.1×13.5 arcsec² field of view into 23 slices of width 0.44 arcsec, sampled with 0.2 arcsec pixels; the IFU feeds the existing FOCAS spectrograph (Kashikawa et al. [2002\)](#page-4-6). We observed with the VPH900 grism, providing a wavelength coverage of 7600–10 600 Å over most of the field of view, with a spectral resolution $R \approx 2800-3300$, sampled at 0.74 Å pixel−¹ in wavelength.

For J1436+4943, we acquired six exposures totalling 2943 sec integration, with sub-pixel dithers to improve sampling in the across-slice dimension. The seeing was ∼0.75 arcsec FWHM, estimated from focus-sequence images of a star taken close to the observation time. For J1701+3722, a single 900 sec exposure was obtained, and the seeing was ∼0.5 arcsec; hence, the PSF in this observation is severely undersampled by the 0.44 arcsec slices.

The data were reduced using the observatory pipeline software. The wavelength calibration solution was obtained from the science frames themselves, using the numerous night-sky emission lines as a simultaneous reference source. No flux calibration has been performed.

3 SDSS J143607.49+494313.2

The J1436+4943 system was first identified as a possible multipleimaging system by Talbot et al. [\(2018\)](#page-5-5). The foreground galaxy is an elliptical at redshift $z_1 = 0.125$, with a velocity dispersion $\sigma = 282 \pm 10$ km s⁻¹ from the single-fibre SDSS spectrum (Abazajian et al. [2009\)](#page-4-7). MaNGA revealed background [O II] emission at $z_s = 1.231$, apparently forming two separate arcs east and west of the target galaxy (Talbot et al. [2018\)](#page-5-5).

Fig. [1](#page-1-0) shows the net [O II] emission-line image for the source, from the Subaru data. The lens light has been subtracted using the neighbouring continuum, and a correction has been made to remove a radial trend in the net image (caused by gradients in spectral features in the lens galaxy). The [O II] image confirms the presence of an extended arc (labelled A and B) to the east, and a western counter-image (C), suggesting a cusp lens configuration. Fig. [2](#page-1-1) shows the [O II] doublet in the spectra for the three labelled

Figure 1. Net emission-line image for the $z_s = 1.231$ [O II] doublet in the background source of MaNGA lens system J1436+4943. North is at the top, east at the left, and axis ticks are spaced by 1 arcsec. Coloured crosses mark the centres of regions used to extract the spectra in Fig. [2.](#page-1-1) The dashed red circle indicates the derived Einstein radius $\theta_{\text{Ein}} = 2.03$ arcsec.

Figure 2. Extract from the spectrum of the J1436+4943 system showing the $z_s = 1.231$ $z_s = 1.231$ $z_s = 1.231$ [O II] doublet from the three regions identified in Fig. 1. Pixels with increased noise due to sky lines are shown in grey. The flux scale is arbitrary.

regions.

To derive the Einstein radius, we have fitted simple lensing models to the net [O II] image using PYAUTOLENS (Nightingale et al. [2018a;](#page-4-8) Nightingale, Dye & Massey [2018b\)](#page-4-9). The source galaxy is parametrized with an elliptical Sérsic profile, while the lens is treated as a singular isothermal ellipsoid (SIE), with centre, ellipticity, and position angle fixed to those of the lens galaxy light. Fitting for the lens normalization, we obtain $\theta_{\text{Ein}} = 2.02 \pm 0.02$ arcsec; allowing a free external shear term does not affect the fit. Fitting with a pixelized source, we find $\theta_{\text{Ein}} = 2.08 \pm 0.04$ with no shear, or 2.05 ± 0.03 with a free shear term that is fitted to be 3 ± 2 per cent. The reconstructed source is compact and unstructured in each case. For the calculations in Section 5, we adopt $\theta_{\text{Ein}} = 2.03 \pm 0.04$, averaging the results from pixelized and parametric models with shear, with the error reflecting the variation between models.

Figure 3. Net emission-line images for the $z_s = 0.791$ background source in MaNGA lens system J1701+3722. Orientation and scale are as in Fig. [1.](#page-1-0) The left-hand and central panels are centred on [O III] and H *β* for the source that forms images A, B, and C. The right-hand panel is offset to shorter wavelength, isolating the Hβ-bright contaminating source, D. Coloured crosses mark the centres of regions used to extract the spectra in Fig. [4.](#page-2-0) The dashed red circle indicates the derived Einstein radius $\theta_{\text{Ein}} = 1.63$ arcsec.

Figure 4. Extracts from the spectrum of the J1701+3722 system showing the *z*^s = 0.791 [O III] and H *β* lines from the four arcs as identified in Fig. [3.](#page-2-1) Regions of increased noise are shown in grey. Note the small velocity offset (∼60 km s−1) and very different line ratios in the spectrum of arc D.

4 SDSS J170124.01+372258.1

J1701+3722 was identified as a multiple-image lens by Smith [\(2017\)](#page-5-4), and also recovered in the Talbot et al. [\(2018\)](#page-5-5) search. The foreground galaxy is an elliptical at redshift $z_1 = 0.122$, with a velocity dispersion $\sigma = 258 \pm 8$ km s⁻¹ from the single-fibre SDSS spectrum. MaNGA detected the [O II], [O III], and H *β* emission lines from a background source at $z_s = 0.791$.

As discussed by Smith (2017) , the MaNGA data for $J1701+3722$ posed two puzzles. First, although the system exhibited a nearcomplete Einstein ring in the [O II] and $H \beta$ lines, only a single south-eastern 'arc' was visible in [O III]. Secondly, the estimated Einstein radius of $\theta_{\text{Ein}} = 2.3$ arcsec derived from the [O II] ring was substantially larger than the ∼1.5 arcsec predicted for an isothermal profile matching the stellar velocity dispersion.

Fig. [3](#page-2-1) (left) shows the net emission-line image for the background [O III] 5007 Å line. The south-eastern arc identified from MaNGA is resolved by FOCAS into two distinct sections, labelled A and B, at ∼1.8 arcsec from the lens centre. Additionally, a probable faint counter-image, C, is now visible at smaller radius, ∼1.1 arcsec. Turning to the H β line, Fig. [3](#page-2-1) (centre) shows that features A, B, and (marginally) C are all detected, but the situation is complicated by an additional arc, D, at a radius ∼2.4 arcsec, which is very faint in the [O III] image. This feature clearly corresponds to the northern arc seen in $H \beta$ and [O II] in MaNGA. Note that the [O II] doublet falls shortwards of our spectral coverage with FOCAS.

Fig. [4](#page-2-0) shows spectra from the regions discussed. The spectrum of the putative counter-image C is indistinguishable from those of A and B (similar line ratios and *<*20 km s−¹ velocity difference), supporting the origin of all three in a single source. The spectrum of arc D, however, not only exhibits the very different [O III]-to-H *β* ratio already seen in the images, but is also offset to lower velocity, by 60 ± 10 km s⁻¹. Clearly, D does not originate from the same part of the source plane as A, B, and C; it is presumably a neighbouring galaxy (at separation ∼7 kpc, for the lens model derived below). In Fig. [3](#page-2-1) (right), we exploit the velocity offset by selecting a slightly bluer and narrower wavelength interval, to isolate arc D. (The image position shifts, indicating a velocity gradient along this arc.) Given the Einstein radius of the lens derived in the following section, we should expect a counter-image to D, at a radius of ∼0.7 arcsec, but we cannot confidently identify such a feature in the present data.

Even after excluding the contaminating $H \beta$ source, it is difficult to fit our data for J1701+3722 using pixelized lensing models. Specifically, we find that the optimization always favours slightly

Table 1. Adopted parameters and derived quantities from the mass-to-light ratio calculations. The aperture magnitude is quoted before and after correction for the PSF. Luminosities and mass-to-light ratios all refer to the rest-frame SDSS *i* band and include correction for band-shifting and galactic extinction. *ϒ*ref is the expected stellar mass-to-light ratio for a Kroupa IMF, given our assumptions for age and metallicity.

Quantity	Unit	$J1436+4943$	$J1701 + 3722$
Z lens		0.125	0.122
Z src		1.231	0.791
θ_{Ein}	arcsec	2.03 ± 0.04	1.63 ± 0.16
$i_{\rm Ein}^{\rm raw}$	ABmag	16.62 ± 0.02	16.76 ± 0.07
$i_{\text{Ein}}^{\text{corr}}$	ABmag	16.51 ± 0.02	16.66 ± 0.07
σ SDSS	$km s^{-1}$	282 ± 10	258 ± 8
$\theta_{\rm Eff}$	arcsec	3.78	4.30
R_{Ein}	kpc	4.72 ± 0.09	3.71 ± 0.37
$M_{\rm Ein}$	10^{10} M _{\odot}	28.2 ± 1.1	18.8 ± 3.7
L_{Ein}	10^{10} L _{\odot}	6.72 ± 0.10	5.56 ± 0.35
$(M/L)_{\text{Ein}}$	$(M/L)_{\odot}$	4.19 ± 0.10	3.38 ± 0.46
Υ_{ref}	$(M/L)_{\odot}$	2.93 ± 0.26	2.93 ± 0.26
α_{max}		1.43 ± 0.14	1.16 ± 0.19
$M_{\rm DM}$	10^{10} M _{\odot}	9.6 ± 1.8	6.6 ± 1.6
Υ	$(M/L)_{\odot}$	2.76 ± 0.27	2.20 ± 0.41
α		0.94 ± 0.13	0.75 ± 0.16

improving the fit to arcs A and B, at the expense of not producing any counter-image at C. This is not a failing of the modelling method, but reflects the limitations of our data for this system, e.g. undersampled PSF and strongly correlated pixels (after rebinning on to square pixels), due to the lack of dithered pointings.

We proceed on the assumption that C is genuinely a counterimage to A and B, and crudely enforce this 'qualitative' aspect of the model by artificially reducing the noise map values around C, to assign it greater weight. With this approach, we obtain acceptable fits to an SIE with geometry (centre, axial ratio, and position angle) fixed to the lens light, and a sizeable shear of amplitude ∼12 per cent (representing angular structure in the mass not captured in the SIE, and/or external perturbations). For a pixelized source, we obtain $\theta_{\text{Ein}} = 1.62 \pm 0.01$ arcsec. Fitting with a parametrized Sersic source yields $\theta_{\text{Ein}} = 1.64 \pm 0.01$ arcsec. We adopt the average of these values in Section 5. However, to reflect the greater systematic uncertainty in modelling $J1701+3722$, we impose a 10 per cent error on θ_{Ein} ; deeper and (especially) cleaner data are still required for this lens.

5 MASS -TO -LIGHT RATIOS

Here, we derive estimates of the total mass-to-light ratio within the Einstein radius, $(M/L)_{\text{Ein}}$, for each lens, and (with assumptions for the dark-matter contribution and the galaxy age) the stellar massto-light ratio, *ϒ*, and the IMF mass-excess factor, *α*.

The first part of Table [1](#page-3-0) details the observed parameters used in the calculations, i.e. the lens and source redshifts, the Einstein radius, and the Einstein-aperture magnitudes in the *i* band, as measured from the SDSS imaging. For reference, we also note the effective radius and velocity dispersion. We have applied corrections of ∼0.1 mag for the ∼1 arcsec SDSS PSF, derived from fits with GALFIT (Peng et al. [2010\)](#page-4-10). The second part of the table reports the projected Einstein radius in kpc, and the corresponding projected mass (M_{Ein}) and luminosity (L_{Ein}). The luminosities assume galactic

extinction corrections of ∼0.04 mag in *i* from Schlafly & Finkbeiner [\(2011\)](#page-5-7), a band-shifting correction of ∼0.09 mag derived using EZGAL (Mancone $&$ Gonzalez [2012\)](#page-4-11), and a solar absolute magnitude of M_{\odot} , $i = 4.53$ from the same source.

In the third part of Table [1,](#page-3-0) we compute the total lensing massto-light ratio in the Einstein aperture, which includes contributions from dark matter (and, in principle, from a central black hole, gas, etc., but these are expected to be negligible). To compare this with the value expected from the stars alone, *ϒ*ref, we used EZGAL to derive the latter for stellar population models from Conroy, Gunn & White [\(2009\)](#page-4-12), for metallicities $(1.0-1.5) \times$ the solar value and ages 8–12 Gyr (corresponding to formation redshift $z_f > 1.5$). The full range in *ϒ*ref spanned by these models is 2.41–3.46; our calculations adopt this as the 2σ interval, i.e. we assume $\Upsilon_{\text{ref}} = 2.93 \pm 0.26$. These assumptions are supported by fits of single-burst models from Conroy & van Dokkum [\(2012\)](#page-4-13) to the Einstein-aperture spectra from MaNGA, which favour ages 9–10 Gyr for both galaxies (Fig. [5\)](#page-4-14). If all of the lensing mass is attributed to stars, the derived *maximum* IMF mass factor, $\alpha_{\text{max}} = M/(L\Upsilon_{\text{ref}})$, is intermediate between the values of $\alpha = 1.0$ for a Kroupa IMF and $\alpha \approx 1.65$ for an unbroken power-law IMF with the Salpeter [\(1955\)](#page-4-15) slope.

The final part of Table [1](#page-3-0) records the correction for dark matter, and its effect on the derived stellar mass-to-light ratio, *ϒ*. The corrections are based on the scheme described in Smith et al. [\(2015\)](#page-5-3), which uses the projected dark-matter profiles in the EA-GLE cosmological simulation, for haloes hosting galaxies with $\sigma \gtrsim 250 \,\mathrm{km \, s^{-1}}$ (Schaller et al. [2015\)](#page-4-16). The estimated contributions are 35 ± 6 per cent of M_{Ein} for the MaNGA systems, roughly twice the fraction obtained for the much closer Smith et al. lenses. (The error here derives from the scatter among haloes in the simulation.) After subtracting the halo contribution, we arrive at values for the stellar mass-to-light ratio *ϒ* and the IMF mass-excess factor $\alpha = (M - M_{DM})/(L\Upsilon_{\text{ref}}) = \Upsilon/\Upsilon_{\text{ref}}$. For J1436+4943, the resulting α is consistent with unity, i.e. the lensing mass is compatible with a Kroupa IMF and the dark matter expected from EAGLE. For J1701+3722, the derived result is lighter than the Kroupa IMF prediction. Heavier-than-Salpeter IMFs are excluded at the *>*4*σ* level.

Our estimates are subject to the usual systematic uncertainties affecting this method. For example, using Maraston [\(2005\)](#page-4-17) models for $γ_{ref}$ would increase *α* by ∼12 per cent; adopting the Bennett et al. [\(2014\)](#page-4-18) cosmological parameters would increase *α* by 3.5 per cent. The recovered α anticorrelates with the adopted stellar population age; however, consistency with a Salpeter IMF ($\alpha \gtrsim 1.6$) would require ages 4–5 Gyr, which are excluded by the weakness of the H $γ$ and H $δ$ absorption lines.

Although the IMF constraints for the two galaxies studied here are similar to those obtained from lower redshift lenses (Newman et al. [2017;](#page-4-19) Collier et al. [2018\)](#page-4-1), we stress that the current results apply at larger radius (3.7–4.7 kpc, compared to \sim 2 kpc), and are more dependent on the accuracy of the dark-matter correction.

6 SUMMARY

We have presented Subaru observations of two $z_1 = 0.12$ strong lenses originally identified from the SDSS-IV MaNGA survey. For each of these systems, the increased signal-to-noise and resolution greatly improve on the previous data. We have definitively established J1436+4943 as a multiple-image lens, with a secure Einstein radius. For J1701+3722, we have confirmed that two background sources are present, as suspected from MaNGA, and removed the

Figure 5. Einstein-aperture spectra for the lens galaxies extracted from the MaNGA data cubes, showing the blue spectral range that is most sensitive to the stellar population age. The fits shown in black were derived from full-spectral fitting to the Conroy & van Dokkum [\(2012\)](#page-4-13) simple stellar population models. The legend indicates the fitted ages, and the element abundances [Mg/H], [Fe/H], [C/H], and [N/H]. The fit residuals are shown beneath. Note that the spectral fits support old ages for both galaxies. The vertical lines highlight the age-sensitive H δ , H γ , and H β lines.

contamination from the second source to derive a new lensing model that is more consistent with the velocity dispersion.

After correction for the dark-matter contributions expected from cosmological simulations, the lensing-derived stellar mass-to-light ratios for the two galaxies are consistent with (or even lighter than) a Kroupa [\(2001\)](#page-4-0) IMF like that in the Milky Way. At face value, this $z = 0.12$ application of 'pure lensing' (without dynamical information) supports the 'lightweight' IMFs derived from lenses at $z = 0.03 - 0.07$ (Newman et al. [2017;](#page-4-19) Collier et al. [2018\)](#page-4-1), albeit at a larger physical radius, and with a greater reliance on the correctness of our estimated dark-matter contributions.

The observations described here demonstrate the suitability of the FOCAS IFU for galaxy-scale lensing science. The MaNGA systems were observed as validation targets during a Subaru search for low-redshift strong-lensing ellipticals; the results of the search programme will be presented in a future paper.

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