



OGLE-2015-BLG-1649Lb: A Gas Giant Planet around a Low-mass Dwarf

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Abstract

We report the discovery of an exoplanet from the analysis of the gravitational microlensing event OGLE-2015-BLG-1649 that challenges the core accretion model of planet formation and appears to support the disk instability model. The planet/host-star mass ratio is $q = 7.2 \times 10^{-3}$ and the projected separation normalized to the angular Einstein radius is $s = 0.9$. We conducted high-resolution follow-up observations using the Infrared Camera and Spectrograph (IRCS) camera on the Subaru telescope and are able to place an upper limit on the lens flux. From these measurements we are able to exclude all host stars greater than or equal in mass to a G-type dwarf. We conducted a Bayesian analysis with these new flux constraints included as priors resulting in estimates of the masses of the host star and planet. These are $M_L = 0.34 \pm 0.19 M_\odot$ and $M_p = 2.5^{+1.5}_{-1.4} M_{\text{Jup}}$, respectively. The distance to the system is $D_L = 4.23^{+1.51}_{-1.64}$ kpc. The projected star–planet separation is $a_L = 2.07^{+0.65}_{-0.77}$ au. The estimated relative lens–source proper motion, $\sim 7.1 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$, is fairly high and thus the lens can be better constrained if additional follow-up observations are conducted several years after the event.

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1. Introduction

More than 4000 exoplanets have been confirmed since the discovery of the first exoplanet orbiting a main-sequence star, 51 Pegasi b, in 1995 (Mayor & Queloz 1995). A great portion of these planets were discovered using the radial-velocity (Butler et al. 2006) and the transit methods (Borucki et al. 2011). While these methods are most sensitive to giant planets in close orbits, the *Kepler* mission (Borucki et al. 2010), using the transit technique, demonstrated sensitivity to planets as small as Mercury with semimajor axes of about 1 au. A consequence of the limited sensitivity range of these dominant techniques is that the relative number of known exoplanets with wide separation is small, thus our knowledge about such planets is still poor. This paucity of detections is especially marked for the population of planets beyond the snow line (Ida & Lin 2004; Laughlin et al. 2004; Kennedy et al. 2006), usually defined as the distance from the host star in a stellar nebula at which water may condense into solid ice grains.

Detecting exoplanets using gravitational microlensing was proposed by Liebes (1964) and Mao & Paczyński (1991) though it was described in notebooks and private communications as early as 1915 by Albert Einstein as a means to test his theoretical work regarding the deflection of light by mass. When a background source star is closely aligned with a foreground lens star, the gravity of the lens bends the light from the source star to create unresolved images of the source, yielding an apparent magnification of the source star brightness. The relative motion of the lens and source stars result in a light curve with brightness changing as a function of time. If the lens star has a planetary companion lying close to one of the source images, the gravity of the planet perturbs the image, producing an anomaly in the observed light curve. Microlensing is sensitive to planets (Bennett & Rhie 1996) orbiting faint and/or distant stars and exhibits unique sensitivity to planets with orbital radii of 1–6 au, just outside the snow line, with masses down to that of Mercury.

The results of the statistical analysis of planets discovered from the MOA-II microlensing survey conducted during the 2007–2012 period suggest that cold exo-Neptunes are the most common type of planets beyond the snow line (Suzuki et al. 2016, 2018). These studies used the planet–host mass ratio, the primary observable in all planetary microlensing events,

to determine the exoplanet frequency. Other information is needed to obtain the actual masses of the system bodies from these measurements. A statistically robust sample of masses of planets beyond the snow line is important because it may permit more meaningful results to be drawn from a demographic understanding of exoplanets. In particular, such measurements hold the potential to provide a crucial calibration of planet formation theory.

Obtaining such a robust sample of planet masses beyond the snow line is made particularly challenging due primarily to the difficulty in determining the masses of lens stars M_L and the distances to the lens systems D_L for general microlensing events. If we measure both the angular Einstein radius, θ_E , and the microlensing parallax, π_E , the mass and distance of the lens star may be uniquely determined (Gould 1992; Gaudi et al. 2008; Muraki et al. 2011). The angular Einstein radius is defined as $\theta_E \equiv (4GM/c^2 D_{\text{rel}})^{1/2}$, where M is the mass of the lens system, $D_{\text{rel}}^{-1} \equiv D_L^{-1} - D_S^{-1}$, and D_S is the distance to the source star. The microlensing parallax, measured from two separated locations in the observer’s plane, is defined as $\pi_E \equiv \text{au}/(\theta_E D_{\text{rel}})$. The angular Einstein radius may be directly measured for events in which the caustic crossing features in the lensing light curve are resolved. Here the term caustic refers to a closed locus of points in the magnification pattern created by the lensing system for which magnification formally approaches infinity. Using these techniques, we are able to obtain two different mass–distance relations from θ_E and π_E thereby permitting us to resolve the degeneracy naturally arising in the mass ratio. The measurement of microlensing parallax is, however, relatively rare for events observed using only ground-based telescopes due to the short baselines between observatories, diurnal phase differences at observatory sites, and deleterious observing conditions that may frustrate these time-critical measurements.

Without the measurement of the microlensing parallax, one can still obtain an additional mass–distance relation from the lens flux using a mass–luminosity relation. Because the source stars are located in crowded stellar fields of the Galactic bulge, it is difficult to resolve the lens from nearby blended stars. However, the contamination of the flux by blended stars can be greatly reduced if the flux is measured in high-resolution images obtained using ground-based telescopes equipped with an adaptive optics (AO) system or space telescopes (Batista et al. 2014, 2015; Bennett et al. 2015). However, even in

high-resolution images, the ambient stars or a companion to the source or lens star can be blended with the lens or the lens and source (Bhattacharya et al. 2017; Koshimoto et al. 2017). In the case where the lens and the source are not separated sufficiently to be resolved, we can measure the excess flux f_{excess} , which is defined as $f_{\text{excess}} \equiv f_{\text{target}} - f_{\text{S}}$, where f_{target} is the target flux obtained from high-resolution images, and f_{S} is the source flux obtained from the light-curve fitting. Koshimoto et al. (2017, 2019) developed a method to evaluate the probability distributions of fluxes of the contaminants and the lens in the excess flux. If the contamination probability is sufficiently small, the excess flux can be regarded as the lens flux, and we can uniquely measure the lens mass, M_{L} , and the distance to the lens system, D_{L} , from any combinations of θ_{E} , π_{E} , and the lens flux.

In this paper, we report the discovery of a planet found from the analysis of the microlensing event OGLE-2015-BLG-1649. We estimate the lens mass from the angular Einstein radius together with the excess flux measurement in the high-resolution images obtained from follow-up observations using the Subaru telescope with an AO system. We describe the observations by the microlensing survey and follow-up teams in Section 2. Section 3 explains our data reduction procedure. The light-curve modeling is described in Section 4. Section 5 presents the source star radius estimate. In Section 6, we present the Subaru observations and our analysis. We evaluate the excess flux in Section 7. Section 8 shows the Bayesian analysis we used to estimate the posterior probability density distribution of the lens properties with the consideration of contamination probabilities to the lens flux. Finally, our discussion and conclusions are given in Section 9.

2. Observations

On 2015 July 18, $\text{HJD} - 2450000 \equiv \text{HJD}' = 7221$, the microlensing event OGLE-2015-BLG-1649 was discovered and alerted by the Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment (OGLE; Udalski et al. 2015) Early Warning System (EWS). The source star of the event is located at $(\alpha, \delta)(2000) = (18^{\text{h}}04^{\text{m}}49^{\text{s}}.21, -32^{\circ}37'58''.90)$, which correspond to Galactic coordinates: $(l, b) = (-1^{\circ}.124, -5^{\circ}.422)$. The Microlensing Observations in Astrophysics (MOA; Bond et al. 2001; Sumi et al. 2003) collaboration independently found the event, which was named as MOA-2015-BLG-404, and alerted the discovery on 2015 July 30.

In the fourth phase of their survey, the OGLE collaboration is observing the Galactic bulge using the 1.3 m Warsaw telescope located at Las Campanas Observatory in Chile (Udalski et al. 2015). The observations by OGLE were carried out in the I band and occasionally in the V band. In the following analysis, we use the V -band data only for independent color measurement of the source.

The MOA collaboration is also conducting a microlensing exoplanet search toward the Galactic bulge, using the 1.8 m MOA-II telescope at Mt. John Observatory (MJO) in New Zealand. MOA conducts an efficient, nightly, high-cadence survey using a wide 2.2 deg^2 field of view (FOV) with a $10\text{k} \times 8\text{k}$ pixel mosaic CCD camera, MOA-cam3 (Sako et al. 2008). The observations by MOA were mainly with a custom broad $R + I$ -band filter called MOA-Red and with a V -band filter called MOA-V. MOA also conducted follow-up observations using the 61 cm Boller & Chivens (B&C) telescope at MJO with simultaneous g -, r -, i -band imaging.

The MOA collaboration noticed an anomaly, which appeared to be a caustic entry, on 2015 August 11, $\text{HJD}' = 7246.1$, and issued an alert, prompting follow-up observations. The RoboNet collaboration (Tsapras et al. 2009) conducted follow-up observations in the I band using the Las Cumbres Observatory Global Telescope (LCOGT) Network 1.0 m telescopes sited at CTIO/Chile, SAAO/South Africa, and Siding Spring/Australia (Brown et al. 2013). In addition, the Microlensing Network for the Detection of Small Terrestrial Exoplanets (MiNDSTeP) conducted follow-up observations using the 1.54 m Danish Telescope at the European Southern Observatory in La Silla, Chile (Dominik et al. 2010). The MiNDSTeP data were collected using an EMCCD camera with a long-pass filter i_{dk} resembling an extended SDSS- $i + \text{SDSS-}z$ filter with a low-wavelength cutoff at 6500 \AA (Skottfelt et al. 2015; Evans et al. 2016).

The light curves for these data sets are shown in Figure 1. The number of data points are also shown in Table 1.

We conducted high-resolution imaging observations to constrain the lens flux 40 days after detection of the anomaly using the Subaru telescope. We describe the details of the Subaru observations and the analysis in Section 6.

3. Data Reduction

The OGLE and MOA data are reduced with the OGLE Difference Image Analysis (DIA) photometry pipeline (Udalski 2003) and MOA's implementation of a DIA pipeline (Bond et al. 2001), respectively. The RoboNet and MiNDSTeP data are reduced using DanDIA (Bramich 2008; Bramich et al. 2013). The DIA method has an advantage for the photometry of stars located in crowded fields such as the Galactic bulge field. It also produces better photometric light curves, because it is more efficient in dealing with the effect of blending compared to traditional point-spread function (PSF) photometry.

It is known that the nominal error bars calculated by the pipelines are incorrectly estimated in such crowded stellar fields for various reasons. We employ a standard empirical error bar normalization process (Yee et al. 2012) intended to estimate proper uncertainties for the lensing parameters in the light-curve modeling. This process, described below, does not affect the lensing parameters. We renormalize the photometric uncertainty using the formula

$$\sigma'_i = k \sqrt{\sigma_i^2 + e_{\text{min}}^2}, \quad (1)$$

in which σ'_i is the renormalized uncertainty in magnitude, while σ_i is uncertainty of the i th original data point obtained from DIA. The variables k and e_{min} are renormalizing parameters. For preliminary modeling, we search for the best-fit lensing parameters using σ_i . We then construct a cumulative χ^2 distribution as a function of lensing magnification. The e_{min} value is chosen so that the slope of the distribution is 1. The k value is chosen so that $\chi^2/\text{dof} \simeq 1$. In Table 1, we list the so-derived error bar renormalization parameters.

4. Light-curve Modeling

The caustic entry of this event is well observed by MOA. (See Figure 1.) Unfortunately, while MOA was unable to observe the caustic exit, LCOGT data sample the critical caustic approach feature at $\text{HJD}' = 7249.5$.

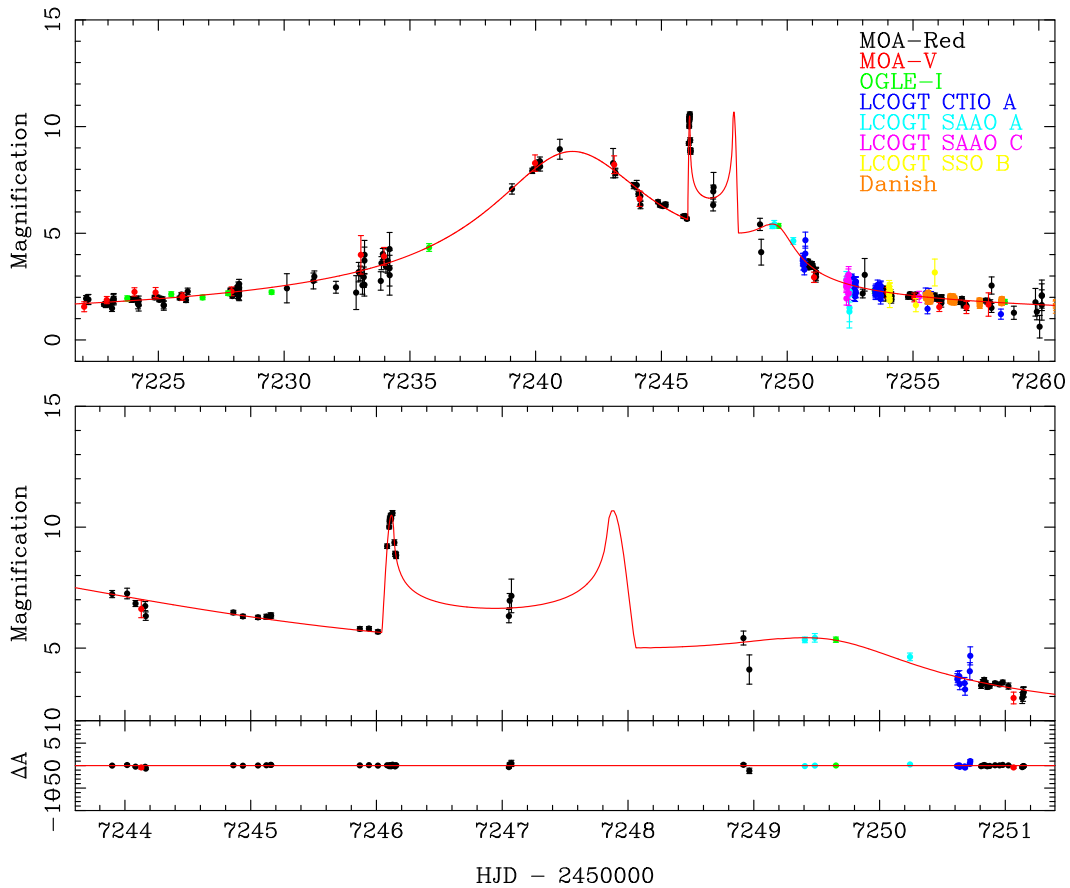


Figure 1. Light-curve data of event OGLE-2015-BLG-1649 with the best-fit model. The best-fit model is indicated by the red line. The bottom panel show the details of the planetary signal and the residual from the best-fit model. The data points taken by the B&C telescope are not shown for display purposes but models have been fitted to these data, as well as the data from all other sources.

Table 1

Data Sets for OGLE-2015-BLG-1649 and the Error Correction Parameters

Data Set	Band	k	e_{\min}	u_{λ}	Number of Data
MOA	$R + I$	1.236825	0	0.53645	2668
	V	1.031747	0.038893	0.6556	184
OGLE	I	1.270605	0	0.4953	870
	g	0.728458	0	0.7276	125
B&C	r	0.857322	0	0.6004	129
	i	0.760140	0	0.5152	125
	I	1.031747	0	0.4953	56
LCOGT CTIO	I	1.206830	0	0.4953	12
LCOGT SAAO A	I	1.128980	0	0.4953	15
LCOGT SAAO C	I	1.454571	0	0.4953	10
LCOGT SSO B	i_{dk}	0.491530	0	0.4543	86

There are five microlensing parameters for a point-source point-lens (PSPL) model: the time of the closest lens-source approach t_0 , the Einstein radius crossing timescale t_E , the impact parameter in units of the Einstein radius u_0 , the source flux f_S , and the blend flux f_B . There are three more parameters for a point-source binary-lens model: the planet–host mass ratio q , the projected planet–host separation in units of the Einstein radius s and the angle between the trajectory of the source, and the

planet–host axis α . In the case where the finite size of the source is considered (finite source effect), we include a source size in units of the Einstein radius $\rho \equiv \theta_*/\theta_E$, where θ_* is the angular source radius, and θ_E is the angular Einstein radius of the lens. If microlensing parallax due to Earth’s orbital motion is detected during the event, the north, $\pi_{E,N}$, and east, $\pi_{E,E}$, components of the microlensing parallax vector, π_E , are added. If effects from both finite source size and microlensing parallax are detected, we can uniquely determine the lens mass and the distance (Muraki et al. 2011; Street et al. 2019).

We conduct light-curve modeling using the Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithm of Verde et al. (2003). For the computation of finite source magnification, we use the image-centered ray-shooting method (Bennett & Rhie 1996; Bennett 2010) implemented by Sumi et al. (2010). The overall shape of the lensing light curve is parameterized by (q, s, α) . We conduct a grid search for these parameters, starting from 9680 grid points, while we search for the remaining parameters using a downhill simplex method. Subsequently, we search for the best model among the leading 100 candidate models from the initial grid search by allowing all parameters to vary. In microlensing event OGLE-2015-BLG-1649, we detect a finite source effect and use linear limb-darkening coefficients for a solar type star in the initial grid search and subsequent runs. Once a candidate model is found, we further refine it with updated linear limb-darkening coefficients based on source color to obtain the best-fit model. The stellar effective temperature T_{eff} , computed from the source color presented in

Table 2
Best-fit Parameters and 1σ Errors

Parameter	Units	Value	Error (1σ)
t_0	HJD-2450,000	7241.170	0.033
t_E	days	28.312	0.339
u_0	10^{-1}	1.146	0.028
q	10^{-3}	7.227	0.212
s	...	0.902	0.001
α	radians	3.080	0.007
ρ	10^{-3}	1.265	0.055
θ_*	μas	0.703	0.062
θ_E	mas	0.556	0.055
μ_{rel}	mas yr^{-1}	7.138	0.674
d.o.f.	...	4251	...
χ^2	...	4256.214	...

Section 5, is $T_{\text{eff}} = 5777 \pm 571$ K (González Hernández & Bonifacio 2009). We assume $T_{\text{eff}} \sim 5750$ K, a surface gravity of $\log g = 4.5$ (g is in a unit of cm s^{-2}), the microturbulent velocity as $v_t = 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, and a metallicity of $\log[M/H] = 0$. We use the corresponding limb-darkening coefficients from the ATLAS stellar atmosphere models of Claret & Bloemen (2011), where the limb-darkening coefficients, u_λ , for these data sets are shown in Table 1.

In Table 2 and Figure 1, we present the lensing parameters and the model of the best-fit solution, respectively. In Figure 2, we also present the lens system configuration in which the source trajectory with respect to the binary-lens caustic is shown. We find that the best-fit model has a planetary mass ratio of $q = (7.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$ and a projected separation of $s = 0.902 \pm 0.001$.

Our analysis suggests that the proper motion of the source star causes it to cross the lensing system’s caustic with the caustic entry and one crossing well sampled by the MOA data. Because the infinitesimally thin caustic effectively resolves the source star, inclusion of the finite source effect improves the fit by $\Delta \chi^2 = 597.3$. In contrast, the inclusion of the microlensing parallax effect improves the fit by only $\Delta \chi^2 = 5.4$, i.e., less than 2σ . We therefore adopt the best model, including the finite source effect while excluding parallax, in the subsequent analysis.

5. Color–Magnitude Diagram and Source Radius

In this section, we estimate the angular Einstein radius $\theta_E = \theta_*/\rho$ from the combination of ρ and θ_* , where the normalized source radius is measured from the light-curve modeling and the angular source radius is estimated from the color and brightness of the source. We obtain the source color and magnitude by fitting the light curve to the MOA-Red band and MOA-V band data. Figure 3 shows the OGLE-III ($V-I$, I) color–magnitude diagram (CMD) of stars within $2'$ around the source (Szymański et al. 2011). It also shows the deep CMD of Baade’s window observed by the *Hubble Space Telescope* (*HST*; Holtzman et al. 1998). The *HST* CMD is aligned to the ground-based CMD considering the distance, reddening, and extinction to the OGLE-2015-BLG-1649 field using red clump giants (RCG) as standard candles (Bennett et al. 2008). We convert the best fit MOA-Red and MOA-V source magnitude to the standard Cousins I and Johnson V magnitudes by cross-referencing stars in the MOA field with stars in the OGLE-III photometry map (Szymański et al. 2011) within $2'$ of the event. We

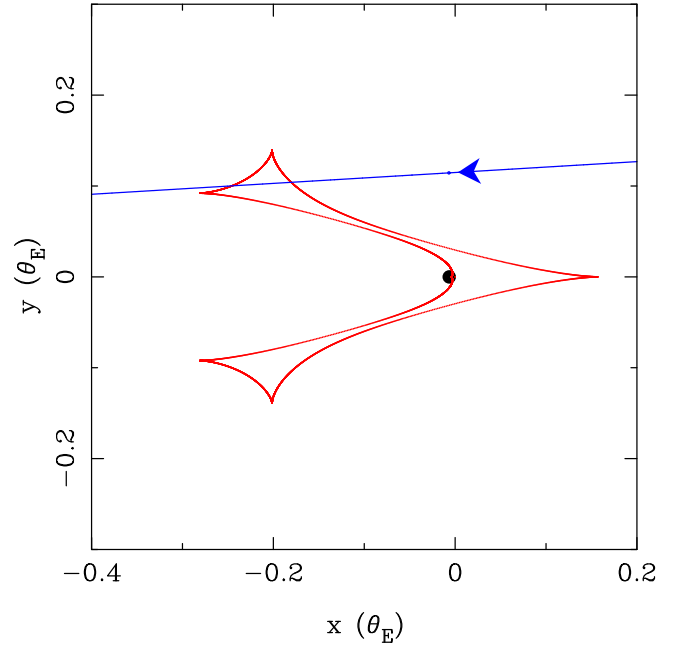


Figure 2. Caustic geometries for the best-fit model indicated by the red curve. The blue line shows the source trajectory with respect to the lens system. The blue circle indicates the source star size. The origin of the coordinate system corresponds to the barycenter of the lens system. The planet is located at $(s, 0)$.

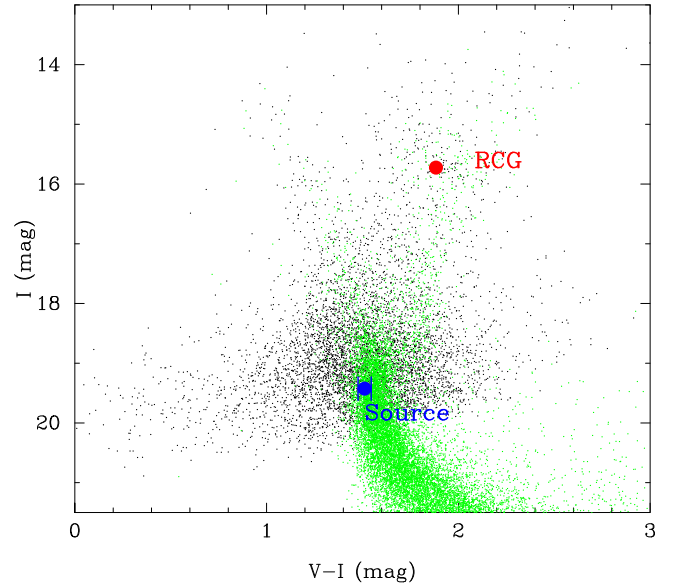


Figure 3. Color–magnitude diagram (CMD) of OGLE-III stars within $2'$ of OGLE-2015-BLG-1649 (black dots). The green dots show the *HST* CMD (Holtzman et al. 1998). The red point indicates the centroid of the red clump giants, and the blue point indicates the source color and magnitude.

find the source color and magnitude to be $(V-I, I)_{\text{S,OGLE}} = (1.51 \pm 0.03, 19.43 \pm 0.02)$. We independently measure the source color using OGLE- I and V light curves and we found $(V-I)_{\text{S,OGLE}} = 1.52 \pm 0.09$, which is consistent with above value. We use $(V-I)_{\text{S,OGLE}} = 1.51 \pm 0.03$ in the following analysis. The centroid of RCG color and magnitude in the CMD are $(V-I, I)_{\text{RCG}} = (1.88 \pm 0.03, 15.73 \pm 0.06)$ as shown in Figure 3. Comparing these values to the expected extinction-free RCG color and magnitude at this field of $(V-I, I)_{\text{RCG},0} = (1.06 \pm 0.07, 14.51 \pm 0.04)$ (Bensby et al. 2013; Nataf et al. 2013), we get the reddening and extinction to the source

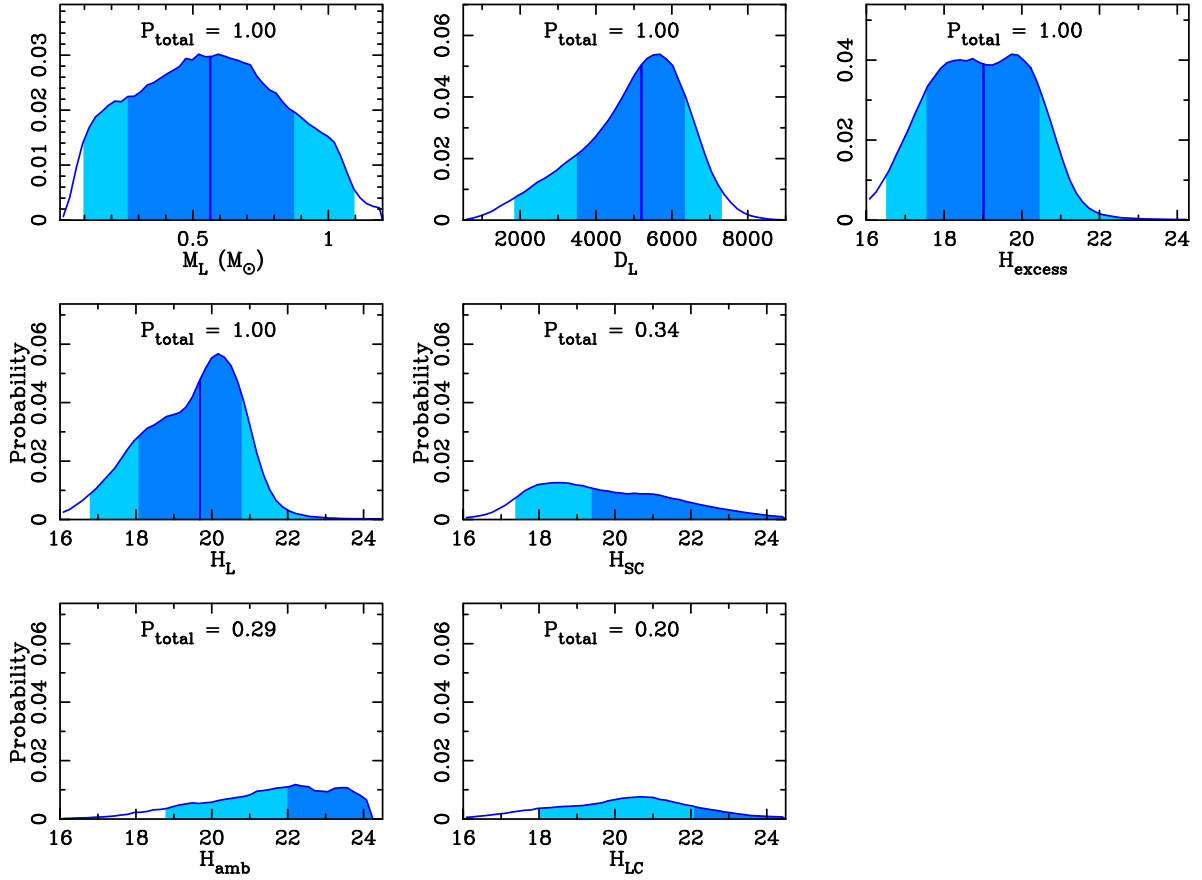


Figure 4. Posterior probability distributions of the lens mass M_L , the distance to the lens system D_L , total magnitude of contamination H_{excess} , magnitude of the lens star H_L , magnitude of source companion H_{SC} , magnitude of ambient star H_{amb} , and magnitude of lens companion H_{LC} . The dark and light blue regions indicate the 68% and 95% confidence intervals, respectively. The vertical blue lines indicate the median values of each of the distributions. These distributions have not been constrained by the excess brightness limit.

of $(E(V-I), A_I) = (0.82 \pm 0.08, 1.22 \pm 0.07)$. Therefore, we estimate the extinction-free source color and magnitude as $(V-I, I)_{\text{S},0} = (0.69 \pm 0.08, 18.21 \pm 0.07)$. By using the empirical formula, $\log(2\theta_*) = 0.5014 + 0.4197(V-I) - 0.2I$ (Boyajian et al. 2014; Fukui et al. 2015), we estimate the angular source radius to be

$$\theta_* = 0.70 \pm 0.06 \mu\text{as}. \quad (2)$$

From this θ_* and other fitting parameters, we calculate the angular Einstein radius θ_E and the lens-source relative proper motion $\mu_{\text{rel}} = \theta_E/t_E$, as

$$\theta_E = 0.57 \pm 0.06 \text{ mas} \quad (3)$$

$$\mu_{\text{rel}} = 7.14 \pm 0.67 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}. \quad (4)$$

6. Infrared Camera and Spectrograph AO Images

We conducted high-resolution imaging follow-up observations of OGLE-2015-BLG-1649 using the Infrared Camera and Spectrograph (IRCS; Kobayashi et al. 2000) with the AOs system AO188 (Hayano et al. 2010) mounted on the 8.2 m Subaru Telescope on 2015 September 18 at 5:17–6:05 UT (HJD' = 7283.7). We employed the high-resolution mode of IRCS, which delivers a pixel scale of 20.6 mas/pixel and a $21'' \times 21''$ FOV. For AO correction, we use a bright star located close to the source star. We obtained 15 exposures in the H and K' bands with 24 s exposures with a five-point

dithering and 15 J band with 30 s exposures with a five-point dithering. The AO-corrected seeing was $0''.37$, $0''.22$, and $0''.19$ for the J , H , and K' images, respectively.

Image reductions are carried out in a standard manner, including flat-fielding and sky-subtraction. We then combine all single-exposure images to form deep stacked images in each passband. The stacked images are further aligned with the Visible and Infrared Survey Telescope for Astronomy (VISTA) Variables in the Via Lactea (VVV; Minniti et al. 2010) images for astrometric calibration. We estimate the flux of OGLE-2015-BLG-1649 using aperture photometry. We conduct calibration in a photometric ladder manner: we first calibrate the photometry of IRCS stacked images against the VVV data, and then scale to the Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS; Skrutskie et al. 2006) photometric system. We find that the brightness of the event at the time of the AO observation is

$$J_{\text{target}} = 18.467 \pm 0.189, \quad (5)$$

$$H_{\text{target}} = 17.870 \pm 0.217, \quad (6)$$

$$K'_{\text{target}} = 17.667 \pm 0.127. \quad (7)$$

7. Excess Flux

The measured angular Einstein radius provides a mass–distance relation, i.e., $M = (4G/c^2)^{-1}\theta_E^2 D_{\text{rel}}$. A second mass–distance relation may be estimated in the case where the lens

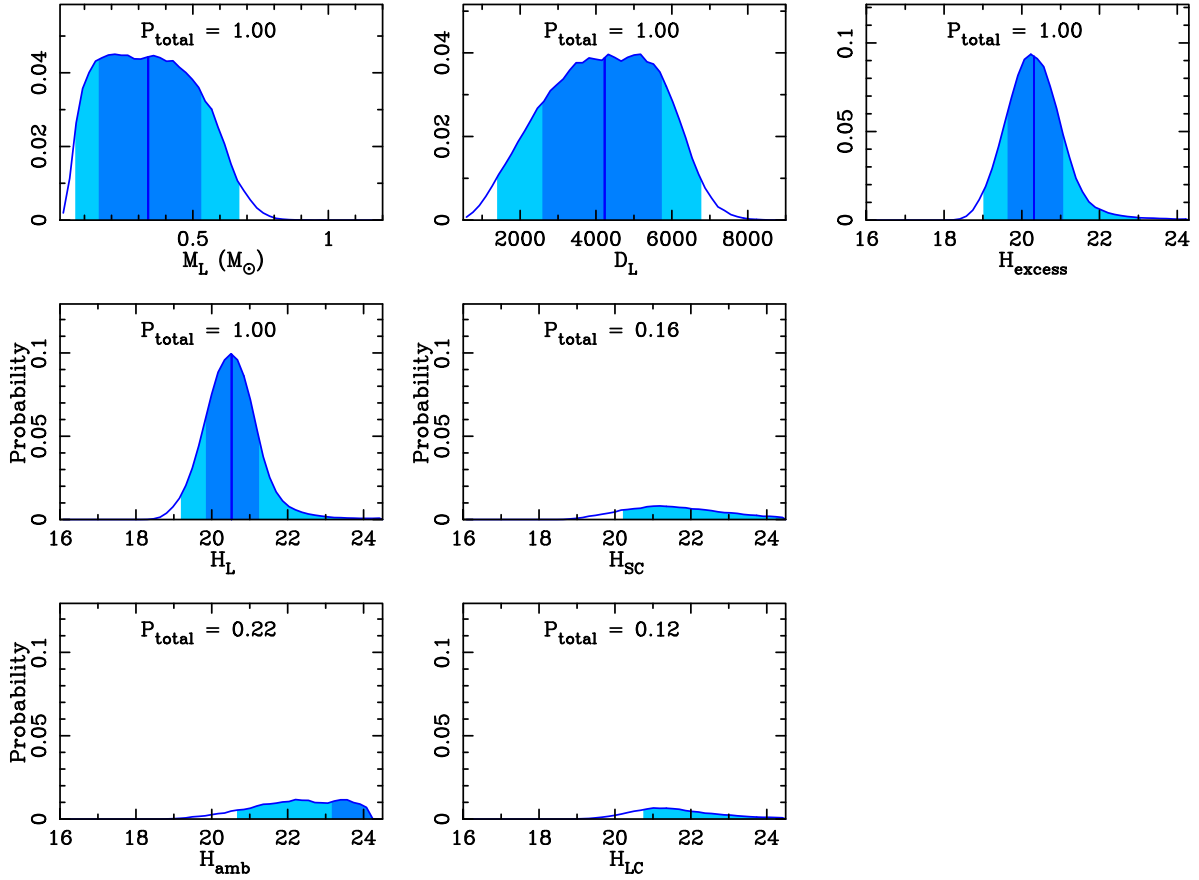


Figure 5. Posterior probability distributions narrowed by the additional constraint of the excess brightness limit. The panel in the upper left suggests that the host star is almost certainly less massive than a G dwarf.

Table 3

Lens Properties Calculated from the Posterior Probability Distribution with and without the Subaru AO Data

Parameter	Units	Without the Subaru Data		With the Subaru Data	
		Median	1σ Range	Median	1σ Range
H_L	mag	19.68	18.07–20.79	20.52	19.85–21.25
M_L	M_\odot	0.56	0.26–0.87	0.34	0.15–0.53
M_p	M_{Jup}	4.27	1.96–6.61	2.54	1.15–4.02
D_L	kpc	5.20	3.50–6.34	4.23	2.59–5.74
a_\perp	au	2.57	1.77–3.14	2.07	1.30–2.72
a_{3d}	au	3.13	2.04–4.89	2.56	1.56–4.03

flux is detected. If both relations can be measured, the lens mass can be uniquely determined. High-resolution imaging with IRCS/Subaru gives us the combined flux from the lens, source, and other blended stars. If we can obtain the source flux from light-curve fitting, the total flux from the lens and blend can be calculated by subtracting the source brightness from the combined flux (Equations (5)–(7)). We do not have light-curve data in the J , H , and K bands. Therefore, we derive the source magnitude in the H band as $H_{S,0} = 17.57 \pm 0.12$ by converting $(V-I, J)_{S,0} = (0.69 \pm 0.08, 18.21 \pm 0.07)$ with the color-color relation by Kenyon & Hartmann (1995). We use the CMD of VVV to derive the extinction value in the H band, A_H . We subsequently compare the centroid of RCG on the CMD and the intrinsic position of RCG derived by Nataf et al. (2016) resulting in an extinction value of $A_H = 0.41 \pm 0.12$.

The magnification at the time of the Subaru observation is $A = 1.128$ according to the best-fit model. The apparent H -band magnitude of the source at the time is expected to be $H_{S,AOtime} = 17.84 \pm 0.15$ in the 2MASS system (Janczak et al. 2010; Carpenter 2001). This suggests that the H -band flux observed by Subaru mainly comes from the slightly magnified source. We can place the 1σ upper limit of the excess brightness of $H_{excess} > 19.11$. Using a similar process, we obtain 1σ upper limits of excess brightness $J_{excess} > 20.18$ and $K_{excess} > 19.21$.

8. Lens Properties through Bayesian Analysis

To estimate the properties of the lens system, we consider the probability of possible sources of contamination (unrelated ambient stars, a companion to the source star, and a companion to the lens star) in the estimated excess H -band flux, H_{excess} (Batista et al. 2014; Fukui et al. 2015; Koshimoto et al. 2017). Following the method of Koshimoto et al. (2017), we determine the posterior probability distributions of these sources for the origin of the excess flux. We use the Galactic model of Han & Gould (1995) as our prior distribution and the measured θ_E and t_E to constrain the posterior probability distributions of lens parameters. Figure 4 shows the posterior probability distributions of the lens mass M_L , the distance to the lens system D_L , total magnitude of contamination H_{excess} , magnitude of the lens star H_L , magnitude of ambient star H_{amb} , magnitude of source companion H_{sc} , and magnitude of lens companion H_{LC} .

With the upper limit on lens brightness, we can make the posterior probability distribution much narrower. We use the probability distributions in Figure 4 to extract combinations of the parameters that satisfy the 1σ upper limit of $H_{\text{excess}} > 19.11$. Figure 5 shows the posterior probability distributions with the additional constraint of the excess brightness limit. Table 3 shows the median and 1σ range of H_L , M_L , D_L , the values of the planet mass M_p , the projected separation a_\perp , and the 3D star–planet separation a_{3d} for the posterior probability distribution with and without the excess brightness limit. The intrinsic orbital separation a_{3d} is estimated assuming a uniform orientation of the planets, i.e., $a_{3d} = \sqrt{(3/2)} \times a_\perp$. More details can be found in Koshimoto et al. (2017).

While our Bayesian treatment of these data do not exclude the probability of a G-dwarf host (Figure 4, upper left), examination of the posterior distribution obtained with the constraint of the excess brightness limit (Figure 5) allows us to assert that the host star is almost certainly less massive. These results are consistent with similarly derived distributions for the *J* and *K* bands.

The posterior distribution with an excess brightness limit shows that the most likely lens brightness is $H_L = 20.52$. Since the uncertainty of the source star magnitude in the *H* band is relatively large, we would have failed to detect the excess flux even if the seeing conditions were better during the Subaru observations. Consequently, the lens and source stars must be spatially resolved to measure the *H*-band lens flux. For this reason, this event is one of the high-priority candidates for follow-up observations with high-resolution imaging because of the high relative proper motion and relative faintness of the source star.

9. Discussion and Conclusion

We have here described the discovery of a planetary system, OGLE-2015-BLG-1649L, composed of a giant planet with $M_p = 2.5_{-1.4}^{+1.5} M_{\text{Jup}}$ and an M or late K-dwarf host with $M_L = 0.34 \pm 0.19 M_\odot$. Our analysis suggests that it is likely that the brightness values of possible sources of contamination are, in the aggregate, fainter than the brightness of the lens star. This suggests that the color-dependent centroid shift is likely to be caused by the lens itself. We estimate that the color-dependent centroid shift for this event will be $dx \sim 2.1$ mas in 2019 using the relation $dx = dt \times (f_H - f_V) \times \mu_{\text{rel}}$, in which $f_H = 0.09$ and $f_V = 0.01$ are the fraction of the lens + source flux that is due to the lens in the *H* and *V* bands, respectively (Bennett et al. 2007; Hirao et al. 2016). Although our Subaru AO observations were carried out when the source star was still magnified, we can yet obtain the source magnitude in the *H* band directly if additional Subaru observations are conducted in the near future. Considering the high relative proper motion, image elongation could be also measured with high-resolution observations in a few years time (Bhattacharya et al. 2018). For these reasons, this planetary microlensing event should be one of the highest priorities for future observation using a high-resolution instrument.




























To derive the cold planet frequency as a function of physical parameters, such as, host star mass, Galactocentric distance, and planet mass function, it is manifestly desirable to use planet mass data that has been tightly constrained. IRCS AO observations permitted an estimate of an upper limit on the

excess flux. This, in turn, provided a significantly tighter constraint on the lens flux than using the blending flux alone. While the planetary parameters we have estimated here depend greatly on the prior distribution, our Bayesian analysis permits us to exclude lens models in which the host star is a G dwarf or a more massive star with relatively high credibility. In this study, we successfully demonstrated that we can reduce the uncertainty in host star mass using an upper limit on the lens flux from AO images. Collecting AO imaged microlensing event data will be important for studying the planet mass function before the Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST; Penny et al. 2019) era.

Finally, according to the standard core accretion model (Safronov 1972; Hayashi et al. 1985; Lissauer 1993), gas giant planets should seldom form around low-mass stars. By contrast, the disk instability model (Boss 1997) suggests no such restriction. Taken together with other gas giant/low-mass dwarf planetary systems that have been discovered (e.g., Koshimoto et al. 2017), OGLE-2015-BLG-1649L poses a challenge the former and appears to support the latter.

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