



# Gaia22dkvLb: A Microlensing Planet Potentially Accessible to Radial-velocity Characterization

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## Abstract

We report discovering an exoplanet from following up a microlensing event alerted by Gaia. The event Gaia22dkv is toward a disk source rather than the traditional bulge microlensing fields. Our primary analysis yields a Jovian planet with  $M_p = 0.59^{+0.15}_{-0.05} M_J$  at a projected orbital separation  $r_{\perp} = 1.4^{+0.8}_{-0.3}$  au, and the host is a  $\sim 1.1 M_{\odot}$  turnoff star at  $\sim 1.3$  kpc. At  $r' \approx 14$ , the host is far brighter than any previously discovered microlensing planet host, opening up the opportunity to test the microlensing model with radial velocity (RV) observations. RV data can be used to measure the planet's orbital period and eccentricity, and they also enable searching for inner planets of the microlensing cold Jupiter, as expected from the “inner–outer correlation” inferred from Kepler and RV discoveries. Furthermore, we show that Gaia astrometric microlensing will not only allow precise measurements of its angular Einstein radius  $\theta_E$  but also directly measure the microlens parallax vector and unambiguously break a geometric light-curve degeneracy, leading to the definitive characterization of the lens system.

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## 1. Introduction

Almost 200 exoplanets have been detected with gravitational microlensing. In a microlensing event, the light from a background star (the “source”) is bent in the gravitational field of the foreground mass (the “lens”), and a planet in the lens system can be detected from a short-lasting signal in the microlensing light curve. Most of the exoplanets discovered with microlensing are near or beyond the snow line, and the majority of their host stars are significantly more distant than  $\sim 1$  kpc. In contrast, other detection methods overwhelmingly probe nearby hosts, and the two most prolific methods at present, transit and radial velocity (RV), predominantly find planets orbiting within the snow line. On the one hand, these distinguishing properties of the microlensing planetary systems provide a uniquely powerful probe of the Galactic exoplanet demography (see Zhu & Dong 2021 for a recent review). On the other hand, microlensing planetary systems are generally inaccessible to follow-up observations by other methods (except for a handful of potentially possible cases near the sensitivity limit of present RV capabilities, such as OGLE-2018-BLG-0740Lb at  $V \sim 18$  by Han et al. 2019), posing a limitation to further characterizing the detected planets and probing the existence of other planets in those systems.

The recent surge of time-domain surveys covering a considerable portion of the sky is opening up fresh possibilities of searching for microlensing planets in regions other than the traditional Galactic bulge fields. The first such discovery was a Neptune-mass planet inside the snow line (Nucita et al. 2018; Fukui et al. 2019) found in a near-field (source at  $\approx 660$  pc) microlensing event Kojima-1 (aka TCP J05074264+2447555), whose microlensing nature was recognized with the survey data of All-Sky Automatic Survey for Supernovae (Shappee et al. 2014; Kochanek et al. 2017). The interferometric observations (Dong et al. 2019) carried out by the GRAVITY instrument (GRAVITY Collaboration et al. 2017) mounted on the Very Large Telescope Interferometer (VLTI) enabled measuring the physical parameters of Kojima-1, revealing that the planet has mass  $M_{\text{planet}} = 19.0 \pm 3.0 M_{\oplus}$  at projected planet-host separation  $r_{\perp} = 0.78 \pm 0.05$  au orbiting the host star with mass  $M = 0.495 \pm 0.063 M_{\odot}$  at  $429 \pm 21$  pc (Zang et al. 2020).

In this paper, we report the discovery of an extrasolar planet from our follow-up observations of a near-field microlensing event Gaia22dkv detected by the Gaia mission, which has found hundreds of microlensing events over the entire sky (see, e.g., Wyrzykowski et al. 2023). Our primary analysis suggests that Gaia22dkvLb is a Jovian planet inside the snow line, and it is potentially accessible to high-precision RV facilities.

## 2. Observations and Data Reductions

Gaia22dkv was discovered by Gaia Science Alerts (Hodgkin et al. 2021) on 2022 August 16 UT and announced<sup>46</sup> as a microlensing candidate on 2022 August 19 UT. The event's equatorial coordinates are  $(\alpha, \delta)_{\text{J2000}} = (10^{\text{h}}07^{\text{m}}04^{\text{s}}.56, -66^{\circ}10'51.20)$ , corresponding to Galactic coordinates  $(l, b)_{\text{J2000}} = (287.36783, -8.41019)$ .

We followed up Gaia22dkv as part of an ongoing program to identify and characterize bright and long timescale microlensing events to be observed by VLTI-GRAVITY, and the main scientific goal of the program is to search for isolated dark stellar remnants (i.e., neutron stars and black holes). Our program started in 2018, and we have systematically processed microlensing alerts and performed photometric follow-up observations using the 1 m telescopes of the Las Cumbres Observatory global network (LCOGT; Brown et al. 2013) and several small telescopes.

At the time of the Gaia alert, Gaia22dkv was not accessible to LCOGT due to its high airmass. We began to take images in the *Blue* and *Red* bands (denoted as  $B'$  and  $R'$ , respectively, throughout the paper) of the Astrodon RGB filters on 2022 August 20 UT ( $\text{HJD}' := \text{HJD} - 2450000 \approx 9811.89$ ) using the 0.18 m Newtonian telescope (CHI-18) located at the El Sauce Observatory in Chile on every clear night. We also performed imaging observations with the 40 cm telescope at the Auckland Observatory (AO) in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)  $i'$  band since 2022 August 22 UT. Our LCOGT observations started on 2022 October 6 with a daily cadence in SDSS  $i'$  and  $r'$  bands.

VLTI-GRAVITY observations with the Auxiliary Telescopes (ATs) under the target-of-opportunity (ToO) program 108.220D.007 were carried out on 2022 November 3, 2022 November 30, and 2022 December 15. No fringe was found during the first epoch, and for the latter two epochs, fringes were present only for two baselines, inadequate for inferring the closure phase. Therefore, we obtain no useful VLTI data.

As the brightness of Gaia22dkv continued to decline and approached the baseline, the prospect of obtaining useful VLTI data with ATs diminished. On 2023 February 1, we thus decided to change the LCOGT observations to a weekly cadence, while the cadence of CHI-18 observations stayed unchanged. We perform real-time, automatic photometry on the LCOGT images. From an inspection of the LCOGT photometry on UT 2023 March 1 ( $\text{HJD}' \approx 10004.5$ ), we noticed a deviation from the single-lens microlensing model.

<sup>46</sup> <http://gsaweb.ast.cam.ac.uk/alerts/alert/Gaia22dkv/>

We subsequently confirmed the anomaly using the CHI-18 data after processing the images. On the same day, we alerted to Microlensing Follow-Up Network ( $\mu$ FUN) requesting high-cadence follow-up observations. Three sites associated with  $\mu$ FUN observed this event, including the 0.36 m telescope at the Farm Cove Observatory (FCO) with a clear (C) filter, the 0.36 m telescope at the Klein Karoo Observatory with a clear (C) filter, and the 0.6 m and 1.6 m telescopes in Pico dos Dias Observatory (OPD) with Johnson–Cousin *I*-band filter. This event was also independently followed up by a number of sites with the coordination via a web-based system named black hole Target and Observation Manager (BHTOM) based on Las Cumbres Observatory’s Target and Observation Manager Toolkit (Volgenau et al. 2022). BHTOM is a web platform for coordinating time-domain observations using a heterogeneous network of telescopes from around the world. The system collects the calibrated images from the telescopes and performs an automated point-spread-function (PSF) photometry as well as standardization to Gaia Synthetic Photometry filters. For Gaia22dkv, the following telescopes collected photometric data: Las Cumbres Observatory (1 m, SAAO South Africa, CTIO Chile, SSO Australia), PROMPT5 (0.4 m, CTIO, Chile), PROMPT6 (0.4 m, CTIO, Chile), PROMPT-MO-1 (0.4 m, Meckering Observatory, Australia), ROAD Observatory (0.4 m, Chile), UZPW (0.5 m, Chile), Go-Chile-GoT1 (0.4 m, Chile), Lesedi (1 m, SAAO, South Africa), Danish (1.54 m, La Silla, Chile). In total, BHTOM collected and processed 3189 data points for Gaia22dkv spanning 220 days between  $\text{HJD}' = 9814.42$  and  $10034.04$ . More details on the technical setup of the telescopes are available on the BHTOM webpage.<sup>47</sup>

We first check the quality of all acquired images and reject those taken under poor seeing ( $>10''$ ) conditions or with very low atmospheric transmission, and as a result, 175 out of 6003 CHI-18 images and 63 out of 1616 LCOGT images are excluded from further analysis. Using the PmPyeasy photometric pipeline (Chen et al. 2022), we conduct aperture photometry on LCOGT (including those collected via BHTOM, which were partly obtained by the OMEGA collaboration), CHI-18, FCO, and OPD data and PSF photometry on the AO data using DoPHOT (Schechter et al. 1993). The BHTOM images from sites other than LCOGT were processed with PSF photometry using CCDPhot and standardized with the Cambridge Photometric Calibration Server as described in Zieliński et al. (2019). These latter sets of BHTOM data show qualitative agreement with other data sets, including the region around the planetary anomaly, but they exhibit significantly larger scatters than the others and thus are not used in the subsequent analysis. The Gaia *G* photometric data downloaded from the Gaia Science Alerts website do not have photometric uncertainties, and we adopt  $\sigma_G = 0.02$  as suggested by Hodgkin et al. (2021) for a bright source ( $G \lesssim 13$ ). When modeling the light curves, we employ the commonly adopted procedure of rescaling the photometric errors (see, e.g., Yee et al. 2012) to reach  $\chi^2/\text{dof} \approx 1$  for each data set. On 2022 December 2 UT, we took a high-resolution spectrum with the 10 m Southern African Large Telescope (SALT; Buckley et al. 2006).<sup>48</sup> The observation was conducted close to the peak, at magnification  $A \sim 4.3$ . The High-Resolution Spectrograph (HRS; Crause et al. 2014) was used

in order to obtain the échelle spectrum registered in red and blue channels covering  $3700\text{--}8800\text{\AA}$ . The low-resolution mode of the HRS instrument ( $R \sim 15,000$ ) was applied. We took a 60 s exposure with a  $1.673''$  slit width and slow readout speed. The raw spectroscopic data were reduced in a standard way with the SALT MIDAS-based pipeline (Kniazev et al. 2016, 2017), i.e., bias-subtracted, flat-field normalized and wavelength calibrated by using a ThAr comparison lamp. The obtained spectrum is extracted to a 1D version, merged by orders, sky emission subtracted, and corrected for the heliocentric velocity. Then, we cleaned the spectrum by removing some artificial features and cosmic-ray spikes. In addition, due to the poor quality of the spectrum in the blue edge of the wavelength range, we removed some parts with  $\lambda < 4300\text{\AA}$  as well as between  $7590$  and  $7670\text{\AA}$ , which was problematic in a continuum fitting. In this way, the resulting spectrum used in further analysis covers the wavelength range  $4300\text{--}8800\text{\AA}$  with a signal-to-noise ratio ( $\text{S}/\text{N}$ )  $\sim 33$ , on average.

On 2023 April 23 UT, we took spectroscopic follow-up observation using the Magellan Inamori Kyocera Echelle (MIKE; Bernstein et al. 2003) spectrograph mounted on the Magellan 6.5 m telescope. We used a  $0.5''$  slit and took a 900 s exposure. We employ the CarPy (Kelson et al. 2000; Kelson 2003) package to reduce the raw spectroscopic data, following the standard procedures of bias subtraction, flat-field correction, automatic cosmic-ray removal, 1D spectral orders extraction, wavelength calibration, order merge, and applying heliocentric RV correction. Then we manually identify and remove uncleared cosmic rays and detector defects. The resulting spectrum covers  $3400\text{\AA}\text{--}9000\text{\AA}$ , with a spectral resolution of  $R \sim 40,000$  and a median  $\text{S}/\text{N} \sim 100$  on the red side and  $R \sim 55,000$  with a median  $\text{S}/\text{N} \sim 38$  on the blue side. Because the  $\text{S}/\text{N}$  is relatively low at blue wavelengths  $\lambda \lesssim 3800\text{\AA}$  and has serious telluric contaminations on the red side with  $\lambda \gtrsim 6800\text{\AA}$ , we use the spectrum between  $3800\text{\AA}$  and  $6800\text{\AA}$  for subsequent analysis.

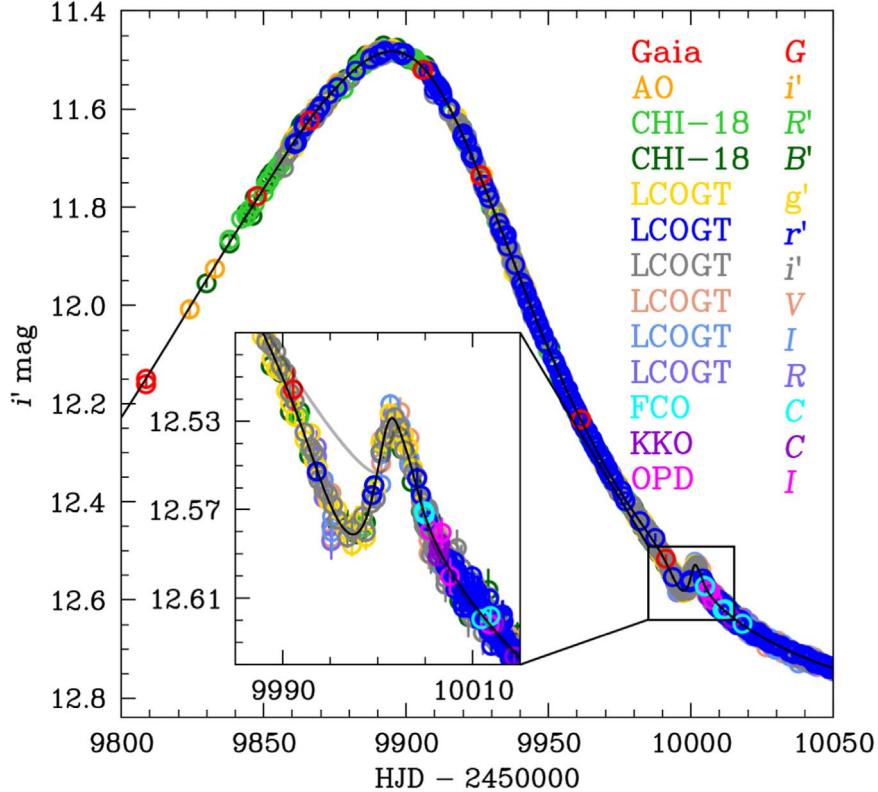
### 3. Microlens Modeling

The overall light curve of Gaia22dkv (see Figure 1) has a striking asymmetry, with the post-peak declining at a significantly steeper rate than the pre-peak rising. As discussed later in this section, this long-term deviation from the standard, symmetric point-source point-lens (PSPL) model (Paczynski 1986) is well explained by the annual microlens parallax effect due to the Earth’s orbital motion (Gould 1992). There is a short-duration anomaly on the light curve, and in the following, we show that it is the type of planetary microlensing signature as discussed in Gould & Loeb (1992).

Before performing the more complicated modeling necessary to interpret the anomaly, we fit the light curve by excluding the region in the neighborhood of the anomaly with  $\text{HJD}' = [9980, 10020]$  to PSPL models, including microlens parallax. The PSPL model includes five parameters  $\Theta_{\text{PSPL}} = (t_0, u_0, t_E, \pi_{E,N}, \pi_{E,E})$  to compute the magnification  $A$  of the background source star as a function of time  $t$ .  $(t_0, u_0, t_E)$  denote the time of the closest source-lens approach, the impact parameter normalized by the Einstein radius, and the timescale to cross the Einstein radius, respectively. The microlens parallax vector  $\pi_E = (\pi_{E,N}, \pi_{E,E})$  is expressed in terms of its north and east equatorial coordinates, as defined in Gould (2004). The observed flux  $f_i(t)$  for each data set  $i$  is

<sup>47</sup> <http://bhtom.space>

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**Figure 1.** Gaia22dkv’s light curve and the best-fit planetary microlensing model (black solid line) considering microlens parallax and orbital motion effects. Data points observed by various sites are shown as open circles in different colors, respectively. The magnitudes are transformed into the  $i'$  band using the magnifications from the best-fit model. The inset panel presents the zoomed-in view of the region in the neighborhood of the planetary anomaly. The gray line represents the best-fit binary-source (1L2S) model, which fails to match the anomaly.

modeled as  $f_i(t) = f_{S,i}A(t) + f_{B,i}$ , where the source flux  $f_{S,i}$  and the blended (i.e., unlensed) flux  $f_{B,i}$  within the PSF are the two flux parameters. The blended flux is referred to as the “blend” throughout the text. The microlens parallax solutions are subject to a twofold discrete “constant acceleration” degeneracy (Smith et al. 2003), and the two corresponding sets of solutions ( $u_0+$  and  $u_0-$ ) from grid searches are shown in the upper and lower panels of Figure 2, respectively.

In Section 3.1, we analyze the light curve using the binary-lens<sup>49</sup> (2L1S) model, and we consider the effects of microlens parallax and planetary orbital motion. We also explore alternative models, including the so-called xallarap effect that can mimic microlens parallax (Griest & Hu 1992; Smith et al. 2002) in Section 3.2, and the single-lens binary-source (1L2S) model that can sometimes produce a planet-like signal (Han & Gould 1997; Gaudi 1998; Hwang et al. 2013) in Section 3.3, respectively.

### 3.1. 2L1S Modeling

We start the 2L1S modeling analysis by employing the static-binary-lens model, which includes three parameters ( $s$ ,  $q$ ,  $\alpha$ ) to describe the binary systems:  $s$  is the projected separation between the binary components normalized to the angular Einstein radius  $\theta_E$ ,  $q$  is the binary mass ratio, and  $\alpha$  is the angle between the source trajectory and the binary-lens axis. An additional parameter relative to the PSPL model is  $\rho = \theta_{\text{ast}}/\theta_E$ ,

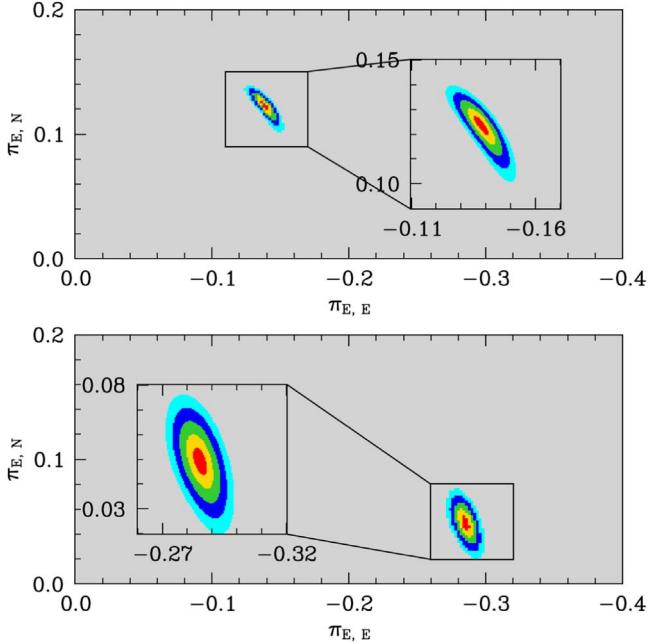
which is the angular source radius  $\theta_{\text{ast}}$  normalized by  $\theta_E$ , and it is used to model the finite-source effects when the light curve deviates from the point-source approximation ( $\rho = 0$ ).

We use the VBBinaryLensing package (Bozza et al. 2018) to compute the binary-lens magnification  $A(t; \Theta_{\text{2LIS}})$  at a given set of model parameters  $\Theta_{\text{2LIS}}$  and time  $t$ . VBBinaryLensing uses the optimized root solver by Skowron & Gould (2012) to perform the point-source (PS) calculations, and the advanced contour integration algorithm (Bozza 2010) for calculating the finite-source (FS) effects.

We probe the parameter space of 2L1S models on a fixed ( $\log s, \log q, \alpha, \log \rho$ ) grid of  $-0.8 \leq \log s \leq 0.8$ ,  $-5 \leq \log q \leq 0$  and  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 2\pi$  with 81, 51, and 181 equally spaced values, respectively. We set  $(t_0, u_0, t_{\text{eff}} \equiv u_0 t_E)$  free, which are fitted using Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) with the EMCEE ensemble sampler (Foreman-Mackey et al. 2013), and their initial values are seeded using their PSPL model estimates. The flux parameters  $(f_{S,i}, f_{B,i})$  for site  $i$  are determined by linear fits (see, e.g., Gould 2003). The parallax parameters  $(\pi_{E,N}, \pi_{E,E})$  are held fixed using the PSPL values. Due to the twofold degeneracy of microlens parallax, we perform two sets of grid searches for  $u_0+$  and  $u_0-$  solutions separately.

We conduct the 2L1S grid search for PS models and FS models fixed at  $\log \rho = \{-2.5, -1.5\}$ , respectively. Figure 3 shows the PS grid-search results with multiple minima in the planetary regime ( $\log q \lesssim -2$ ). The FS grid searches yield local minima in similar ( $\log s, \log q, \alpha$ ) regions. The  $u_0+$  and  $u_0-$  grid-search search results, as separately shown in the upper and lower panels of Figure 3, exhibit different patterns. The light-curve profile of the planetary anomaly critically depends

<sup>49</sup> As a common practice in the microlensing literature, a binary lens is a generic term referring to a lens system with two point masses, including a planetary lens for which the mass ratio is low.



**Figure 2.** Two degenerate microlens parallax solutions from PSPL analysis of the light curve with the region in the neighborhood of the planet anomaly removed. The upper and the lower panels display the  $u_0+$  and  $u_0-$  grid-search results, respectively. The solutions with  $\Delta\chi^2 < 1, 4, 9, 16, 25$ , and  $>25$  of the best fit are color coded with red, yellow, green, blue, cyan, and gray. The insets display zoomed-in views.

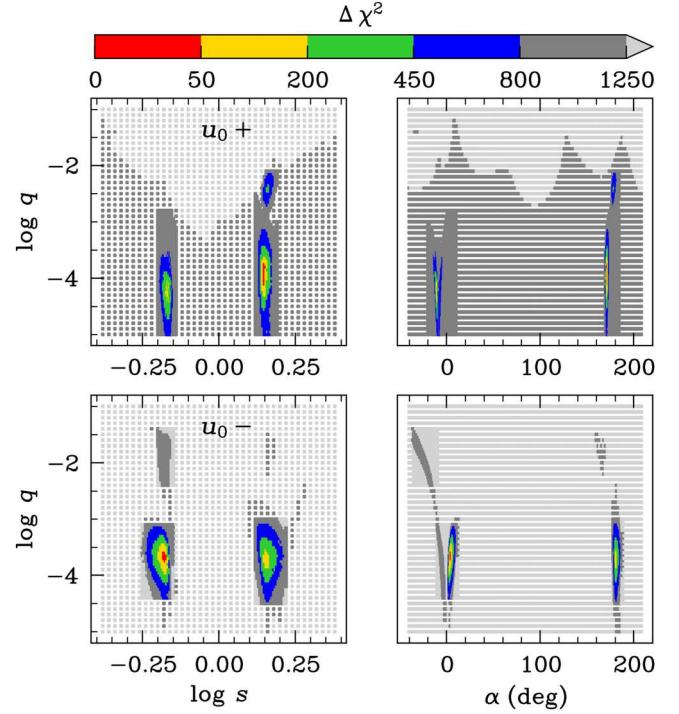
on the geometry of the source-lens trajectory when crossing/passing by the caustics, which differs for the  $u_0+$  and  $u_0-$  cases due to the presence of strong microlens parallax, giving rise to different perturbations.

We next analyze the binary orbital motion, which can also introduce significant distortions in the source-lens trajectory. We assume a circular orbit and use the parameterization adopted in VBBinaryLensing, which includes three parameters ( $w_1, w_2, w_3$ ) describing the first derivatives of  $s, \alpha$ , and the relative radial velocity at a reference time  $t_{0,\text{kep}}$ , respectively:

$$w_1 = \frac{1}{s} \frac{ds}{dt}, \quad w_2 = \frac{d\alpha}{dt}, \quad w_3 = \frac{1}{s} \frac{ds_z}{dt}.$$

See Skowron et al. (2011) and Bozza et al. (2021) for relevant discussions on the parameterization. We choose the reference time ( $t_{0,\text{kep}} = \text{HJD}' = 10001.8$ ) to be around the peak of the planetary bump. We seed all local minima from the static-binary grid searches to investigate the lens orbital motion effect using MCMC. All the local minima are listed in Tables 1 and 2, respectively.

We classify these solutions according to two types of degeneracies and label them accordingly in the first columns of Tables 1 and 2. The first type is a discrete degeneracy regarding the source size. For most solutions, the planetary bump is consistent with a cusp approach by a point source (i.e.,  $\rho = 0$  at  $<3\sigma$  level), and they have “PS” in the labels. In the table, we report the best-fit  $\log \rho$  values and their  $3\sigma$  upper limits. For other solutions, the source is resolved via caustic structures, corresponding to those with “FS” in the labels. The second type of degeneracy is related to the caustic topology. There is a well-known degeneracy between close ( $s < 1$ ) and wide ( $s > 1$ ) binaries (Griest & Safizadeh 1998; Dominik 1999; An 2005).



**Figure 3.**  $\Delta\chi^2$  map of the binary-lens point-source grid-search results on the  $(\log s, \log q)$  and  $(\alpha, \log q)$  planes. The upper and lower panels show  $u_0+$  and  $u_0-$  grid searches, respectively. The solutions with  $\Delta\chi^2 < 50, 200, 450, 800, 1250$ , and  $>1250$  compared with the best fits ( $\chi^2_{\text{min}} \approx 868$  for  $u_0+$  and  $\chi^2_{\text{min}} \approx 690$  for  $u_0-$ ) are color coded with red, yellow, green, blue, gray, and light gray, respectively.

The wide-binary solutions are labeled with the prefix “W.” For a close binary, there are a pair of planetary caustics, and depending on whether the source trajectory crosses/approaches the upper or lower planetary caustics, we label the solution with the prefix “U” and “L,” respectively. We also distinguish the solutions by putting their  $\log q$  values with one significant digit as the suffix. There are nine close-binary solutions, including four for  $u_0+$  and five for  $u_0-$ , which are listed in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. We also list the best-fit wide-binary solutions for  $u_0+$  and  $u_0-$  in the tables, respectively. Since all the wide-binary solutions are disfavored with  $\Delta\chi^2 > 50$ , we do not include them in the subsequent analysis.

The  $\chi^2$  value for each solution is given below its label in the first columns of Tables 1 and 2. The globally best-fit solution UPS-3.3( $u_0+$ ) is a point-source ( $\rho < 0.02$  at the  $3\sigma$  level), close-binary model with  $q \approx 5 \times 10^{-4}$ . There are five other solutions with  $\Delta\chi^2 < 9$  relative to UPS-3.3( $u_0+$ ). Among them, two point-source close-binary solutions have  $\Delta\chi^2 < 1$ , namely, LPS-3.0( $u_0-$ ,  $\Delta\chi^2 = 0.5$ ) and UPS-2.6( $u_0-$ ,  $\Delta\chi^2 = 0.9$ ), and the best-fit finite-source close-binary solution UFS-2.6( $u_0-$ ) has  $\Delta\chi^2 = 4.5$ . All nine solutions have  $\Delta\chi^2 < 12$ , with mass ratios covering a factor of  $\sim 30$  ( $1.5 \times 10^{-4} \lesssim q \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-3}$ ). We display several models and their corresponding source trajectories with their respective caustics for the  $u_0+$  and  $u_0-$  cases in Figures 4 and 5, respectively.

The planetary anomaly occurred follows a long interval ( $\sim 100$  days) after the event peak, which is a substantial fraction of the orbital period (e.g., circular orbital period  $P_{\text{circ}} = 2.96 \pm 0.20$  yr for the solution UPS-3.3( $u_0+$ )). This confirms the necessity to use the full orbital parameterization with three

**Table 1**  
2L1S Model Parameters and  $1\sigma$  Uncertainties for  $u_0+$

Model	$t_0$ (HJD')	$u_0$	$t_E$ (day)	$\log \rho$	$s$	$q$ $\times 10^3$	$\alpha$ (deg)	$\pi_{E, N}$	$\pi_{E, E}$	$w_1$ (yr $^{-1}$ )	$w_2$ (yr $^{-1}$ )	$w_3$ (yr $^{-1}$ )	$P_{\perp}$ (yr)
<b>UPS–3.3</b>	9894.96	0.208	177.0	−2.12	0.638	0.510	−14.1	0.119	−0.143	0.57	−3.14	0.50	1.58
<b>1918.0</b>	$+0.04$ $-0.03$	$+0.004$ $-0.004$	$+2.6$ $-2.8$	$<-1.69$	$+0.003$ $-0.004$	$+0.031$ $-0.031$	$+0.5$ $-0.5$	$+0.002$ $-0.003$	$+0.002$ $-0.002$	$+0.08$ $-0.11$	$+0.12$ $-0.10$	$+0.07$ $-0.06$	$+0.12$ $-0.09$
UPS–3.8	9894.88	0.197	185.1	−2.28	0.651	0.143	−10.8	0.128	−0.138	−0.47	−1.44	−0.06	2.02
1930.2	$+0.03$ $-0.03$	$+0.004$ $-0.004$	$+2.7$ $-2.8$	$<-1.96$	$+0.003$ $-0.003$	$+0.032$ $-0.032$	$+0.4$ $-0.4$	$+0.002$ $-0.002$	$+0.002$ $-0.002$	$+0.20$ $-0.19$	$+0.26$ $-0.20$	$+0.33$ $-0.24$	$+0.91$ $-1.01$
LPS–2.4	9895.28	0.216	173.1	−2.58	0.619	4.150	1.1	0.115	−0.142	4.80	10.93	−1.95	0.30
1928.0	$+0.13$ $-0.12$	$+0.004$ $-0.004$	$+2.8$ $-3.1$	$<-1.47$	$+0.003$ $-0.003$	$+0.305$ $-0.268$	$+0.6$ $-0.7$	$+0.002$ $-0.002$	$+0.001$ $-0.001$	$+0.75$ $-1.45$	$+0.99$ $-0.52$	$+1.24$ $-0.83$	$+0.08$ $-0.15$
LFS–2.6	9895.27	0.194	189.9	−1.56	0.639	2.776	1.1	0.127	−0.140	3.63	9.07	4.37	0.52
1927.7	$+0.11$ $-0.10$	$+0.006$ $-0.004$	$+4.6$ $-4.6$	$+0.09$ $-0.10$	$+0.003$ $-0.003$	$+0.486$ $-0.444$	$+1.2$ $-1.4$	$+0.003$ $-0.004$	$+0.002$ $-0.002$	$+0.57$ $-0.56$	$+0.62$ $-0.69$	$+0.44$ $-0.40$	$+0.06$ $-0.04$
WPS–4.0	9894.91	0.193	188.2	−3.29	1.487	0.099	172.2	0.129	−0.136	0.20	−0.01	9.68	0.65
1972.0	$+0.03$ $-0.03$	$+0.003$ $-0.003$	$+2.6$ $-2.5$	$<-2.61$	$+0.006$ $-0.006$	$+0.003$ $-0.003$	$+0.3$ $-0.3$	$+0.002$ $-0.002$	$+0.001$ $-0.001$	$+0.02$ $-0.02$	$+0.01$ $-0.01$	$+0.02$ $-0.01$	$+0.002$ $-0.002$

**Note.** The “FS” or “PS” contained in labels refer to solutions with significant finite-source effects or solutions consistent with point source. For PS solutions, we report the  $3\sigma$  upper limits in the  $\log \rho$  column. The wide solutions ( $s > 1$ ) are labeled with the prefix “W.” The close solutions ( $s < 1$ ) are labeled with the prefix “U” (upper planetary caustic) and “L” (lower planetary caustic) based on which planetary caustic the source trajectory crosses/approaches. The label and  $\chi^2$  of the globally best-fit solution UPS–3.3 are highlighted in boldface.

**Table 2**  
2L1S Model Parameters and  $1\sigma$  Uncertainties for  $u_0-$

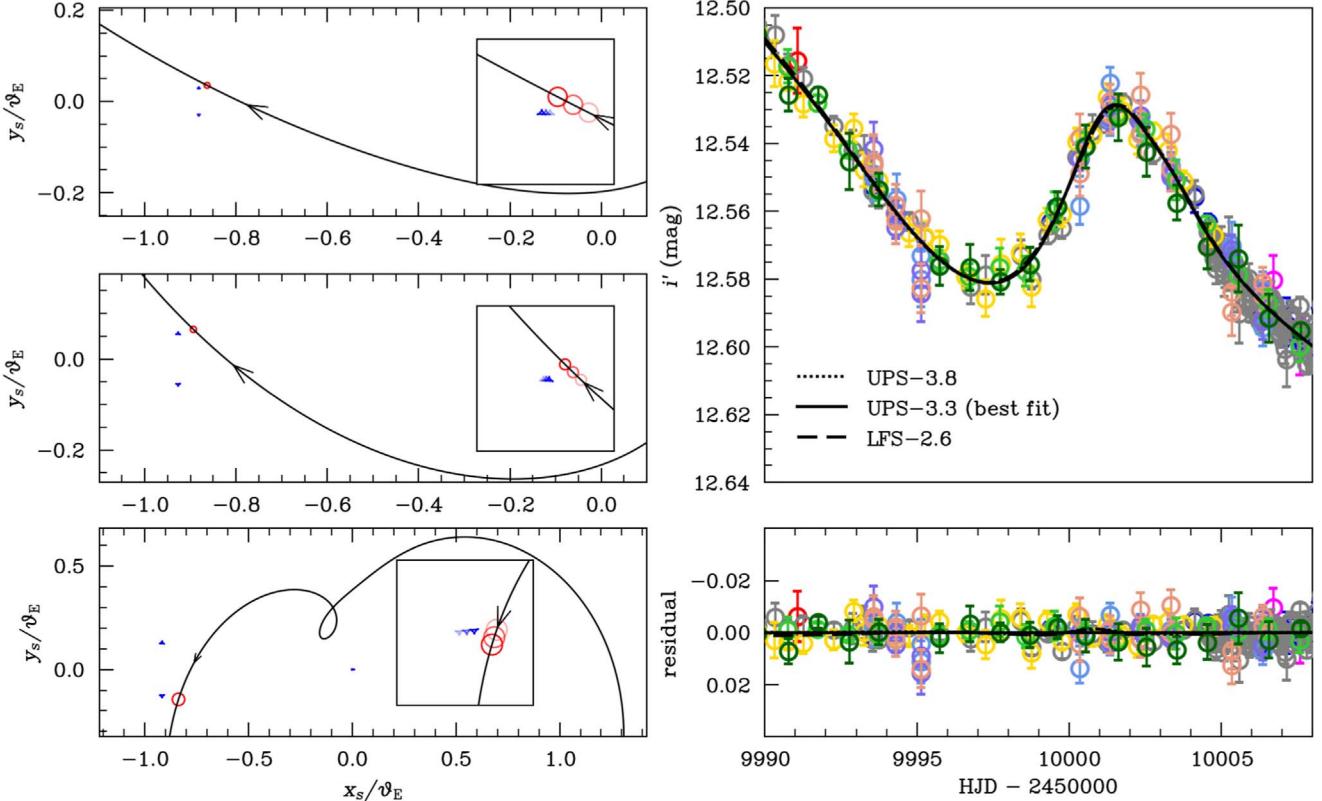
Model	$t_0$ (HJD')	$u_0$	$t_E$ (day)	$\log \rho$	$s$	$q$ $\times 10^3$	$\alpha$ (deg)	$\pi_{E, N}$	$\pi_{E, E}$	$w_1$ (yr $^{-1}$ )	$w_2$ (yr $^{-1}$ )	$w_3$ (yr $^{-1}$ )	$P_{\perp}$ (yr)
LPS–3.0	9895.16	−0.216	216.2	−1.71	0.630	1.047	9.9	0.045	−0.285	1.52	3.08	0.66	1.13
1918.5	$+0.08$ $-0.08$	$+0.005$ $-0.006$	$+7.5$ $-7.2$	$<-1.52$	$+0.004$ $-0.005$	$+0.041$ $-0.048$	$+0.3$ $-0.3$	$+0.004$ $-0.005$	$+0.001$ $-0.001$	$+0.08$ $-0.10$	$+0.08$ $-0.11$	$+0.15$ $-0.16$	$+0.13$ $-0.16$
LPS–3.9	9894.85	−0.200	242.3	−2.27	0.651	0.115	5.7	0.054	−0.289	−0.61	−0.57	0.31	4.47
1928.8	$+0.03$ $-0.02$	$+0.002$ $-0.002$	$+2.8$ $-3.1$	$<-2.02$	$+0.002$ $-0.002$	$+0.014$ $-0.026$	$+0.2$ $-0.3$	$+0.001$ $-0.002$	$+0.001$ $-0.001$	$+0.09$ $-0.14$	$+0.11$ $-0.30$	$+0.24$ $-0.42$	$+0.76$ $-2.24$
UFS–2.6	9894.87	−0.191	260.4	−1.62	0.646	2.180	−6.2	0.050	−0.291	3.30	−10.00	4.00	0.49
1923.5	$+0.14$ $-0.13$	$+0.005$ $-0.005$	$+11.0$ $-9.0$	$+0.07$ $-0.13$	$+0.003$ $-0.004$	$+0.344$ $-0.365$	$+1.0$ $-0.8$	$+0.003$ $-0.003$	$+0.002$ $-0.001$	$+0.51$ $-0.51$	$+0.65$ $-0.53$	$+0.33$ $-0.42$	$+0.05$ $-0.04$
UPS–2.6	9894.76	−0.209	227.1	−2.77	0.629	2.871	−5.5	0.052	−0.280	4.84	−10.56	1.40	0.28
1918.9	$+0.30$ $-0.21$	$+0.006$ $-0.006$	$+8.2$ $-7.3$	$<-1.62$	$+0.005$ $-0.004$	$+0.245$ $-0.208$	$+0.6$ $-0.5$	$+0.003$ $-0.004$	$+0.001$ $-0.001$	$+0.31$ $-0.28$	$+0.28$ $-0.33$	$+0.11$ $-0.18$	$+0.02$ $-0.03$
UPS–3.1	9895.32	−0.198	244.6	−1.86	0.648	0.738	−2.0	0.047	−0.287	1.19	−6.94	1.73	0.79
1924.8	$+0.25$ $-0.19$	$+0.004$ $-0.004$	$+6.7$ $-5.3$	$<-1.63$	$+0.004$ $-0.003$	$+0.029$ $-0.038$	$+0.5$ $-0.5$	$+0.003$ $-0.004$	$+0.001$ $-0.001$	$+0.08$ $-0.11$	$+0.13$ $-0.12$	$+0.06$ $-0.07$	$+0.03$ $-0.02$
WPS–4.8	9894.94	−0.193	253.4	−3.37	1.496	0.023	−176.7	0.055	−0.287	0.96	−2.01	6.56	0.91
1983.6	$+0.05$ $-0.05$	$+0.003$ $-0.003$	$+5.3$ $-5.4$	$<-2.74$	$+0.007$ $-0.007$	$+0.020$ $-0.008$	$+0.2$ $-0.1$	$+0.002$ $-0.002$	$+0.001$ $-0.001$	$+0.15$ $-0.25$	$+0.10$ $-0.06$	$+1.06$ $-0.79$	$+0.10$ $-0.10$

parameters rather than the linear approximation with two parameters. The orbital motion parameters may sometimes be strongly correlated with binary-lens parameters; for example,  $q$  differs significantly between static models and those considering binary orbital motions in the analysis by Han et al. (2022). This raises a possible concern that our preceding grid search based on static binaries may miss local minima by not including orbital motion effects. The long-term deviations from rectilinear motion for Gaia22dkv are dominated by the strong microlens parallax, which is taken into account in the static binary search, so the orbital motion effects are unlikely to bias the solution search. Nevertheless, we address this possible concern by performing new grid searches on a unidimensional grid of  $\log q$  with the lens orbital motion effects included. The  $(\log s, \alpha)$  are seeded based on the caustic geometry and the U/L degeneracies. We also attempt various initial  $\log \rho$  values corresponding to the PS/FS degeneracy. However, no new local minima are found from our extensive searches.

### 3.2. Xallarap Effects

If the source is in a binary system, its orbital motion can induce distortion of the microlensing light curve (Griest & Hu 1992; Han & Gould 1997). This so-called xallarap effect can perfectly mimic parallax signals when mirroring Earth’s orbital parameters (see, e.g., Smith et al. 2002). However, such finely tuned parameters are a priori unlikely when randomly drawn from broadly distributed binary star orbital distributions. We follow the procedures of the test in Dong et al. (2009) to assess whether the xallarap interpretation is preferable: the xallarap interpretation would be favored if the xallarap solution differed significantly from the Earth and having substantial  $\chi^2$  improvements over microlens parallax. Otherwise, parallax would be preferred.

We assume that the source is on a circular orbit, which requires five additional parameters to describe, namely, the period  $P$  of the binary motion, the ecliptic longitude and latitude of the binary-source orbit ( $\lambda, \beta$ ) and the xallarap vector’s components ( $\xi_{E,N}, \xi_{E,E}$ ).



**Figure 4.** (For  $u_0+$  cases) The source trajectories and light curves in the neighborhood of the planet anomaly for several  $u_0+$  solutions. Left: The upper and middle panels show the caustics and source trajectories for solutions UPS-3.8, UPS-3.3 (the global best-fit solution), and LFS-2.6, respectively. The trajectories with arrows indicating the direction of motion are plotted with respect to the binary-lens axis. The insets of each subpanel on the left display the caustics (blue) and source position (red) at  $t_0, t_0-1$  day,  $t_0$ , and  $t_0+1$  day with increasing opacities. The radii of the red circles indicate the best-fit source sizes (upper limits) for the FS (PS) solutions. Right: The light curves and best-fit models of the four solutions (UPS-3.8: dotted line, UPS-3.3: solid lines, LFS-2.6: dashed lines) are shown in the upper panel. The residuals are displayed in the lower panel.

The effects of binary-lens orbital motion can be entangled with parallax/xallarap effects, and to avoid such complications, we fit the light curve to PSPL models. Like the PSPL+parallax modeling, we mask the light-curve region in the neighborhood of the anomaly region and perform PSPL+xallarap fitting. We take advantage of the exact degeneracy  $\beta' = \beta + 180^\circ$ ,  $\xi_E = -\xi_E$  (Poindexter et al. 2005) and restrict our search to solutions with  $180^\circ \leq \beta < 360^\circ$ ,  $-90^\circ < \lambda \leq 90^\circ$ . We fix  $(\lambda, \beta, \log P)$  on a dense grid and allow  $(\xi_{E,N}, \xi_{E,E})$  together with PSPL parameters to vary freely in MCMC. Compared to parallax, the best-fit xallarap solution improves the fit by  $\Delta\chi^2 \sim 12$ . We find that most of the improvement comes from data set CHI-18  $R'$  ( $\Delta\chi^2 \sim 9$ ). In contrast, there is only a minor improvement ( $\Delta\chi^2 \sim 2$ ) in CHI-18  $B'$  despite their essentially identical coverages and similar photometric precision. This indicates low-level systematics commonly seen in parallax/xallarap modelings (Poindexter et al. 2005). To make a further check, we redo the modeling but with only Gaia and LCOGT/CTIO data sets. The best-fit xallarap solution improves the fit by a mere  $\Delta\chi^2 = 2.5$  with extra 3 degrees of freedom (dof). Figure 6 shows the  $\chi^2$  values of best-fit xallarap solutions as a function of the period  $P$ , and the  $\chi^2$  minima are in the range of  $P \in [1, 1.6]$  yr, which is consistent with Earth's orbital period of 1 yr. Figure 7 shows the  $(\lambda, \beta)$   $\chi^2$  map for the xallarap solutions at 1 yr period, and the Earth's parameters (black open circle) have  $\Delta\chi^2 < 4$ . Given the minor  $\chi^2$  improvement and the similarity between xallarap parameters with those of the Earth, we favor the microlens

parallax interpretation over xallarap. Nevertheless, our test does not rule out xallarap or a combination of xallarap and parallax.

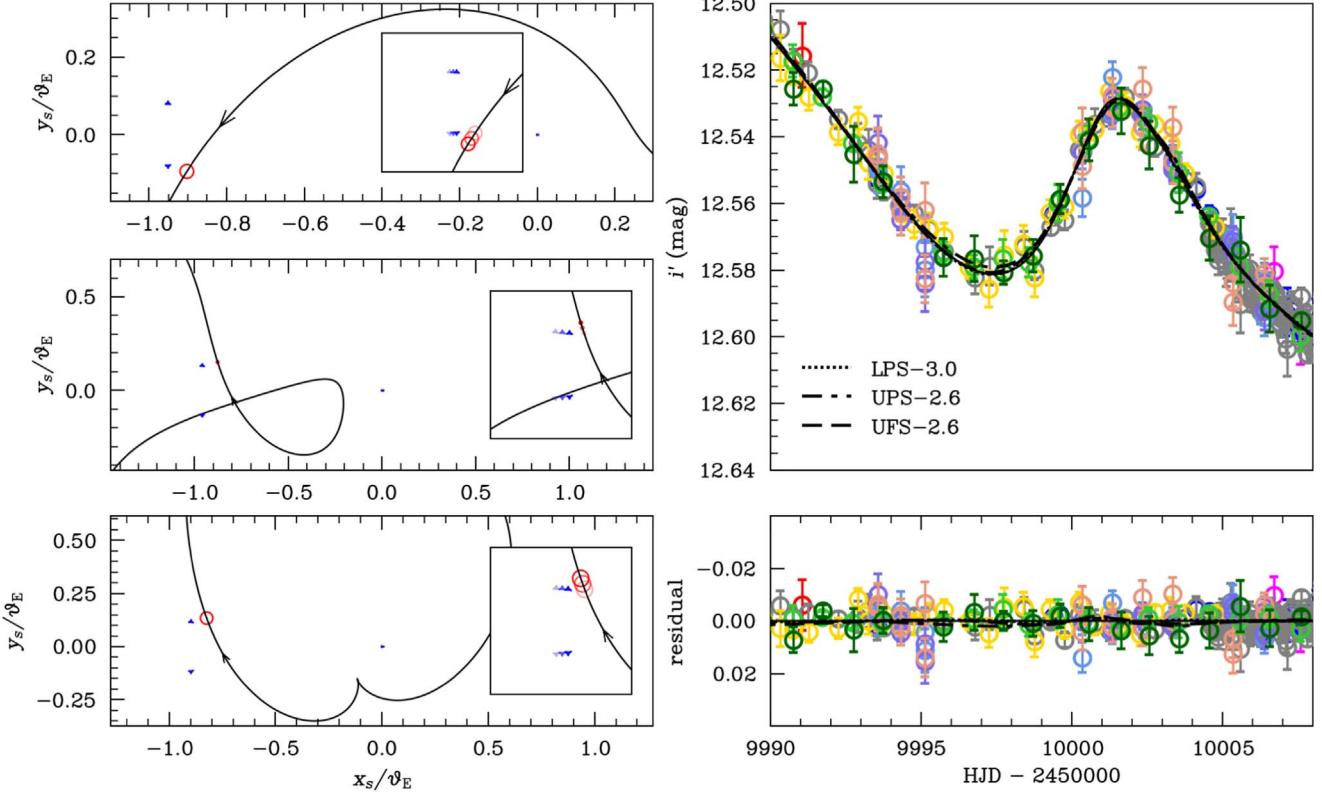
### 3.3. 1L2S Modeling

In this section, we analyze the data using a 1L2S model, involving a stationary, luminous binary companion of the source and a single lens, to assess whether it can explain the short-duration anomaly. The magnification  $A$  in the 1L2S model is the flux-weighted mean of the respective PSPL magnifications of the two sources,

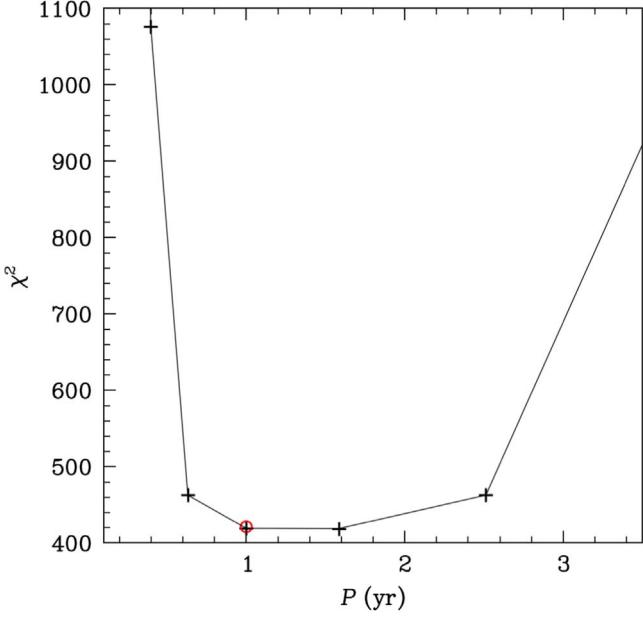
$$A_j = \frac{A_1 + q_{F,j} A_2}{1 + q_{F,j}}, \quad (1)$$

where  $q_{F,j}$  is the flux ratio in the passband  $j$  between the two sources. Note that the 1L2S magnification is wavelength-dependent unless the two sources have strictly the same color.

We first perform a linear regression between  $R'$  and  $B'$  band fluxes and find no evidence for deviation from a constant color, indicating that the two sources, if they existed, would have insignificant color differences. Therefore, we use the same flux ratio  $q_F$  for all bands. Since the light curve is well-characterized by 2L1S models with no obvious residual; if the light curve in one band, say the  $B'$  band, is well-fitted by a 1L2S model, the other bands should achieve a similar goodness of fit with a flux ratio identical to  $q_{F,B'}$ . For a 1L2S model to reproduce a short-

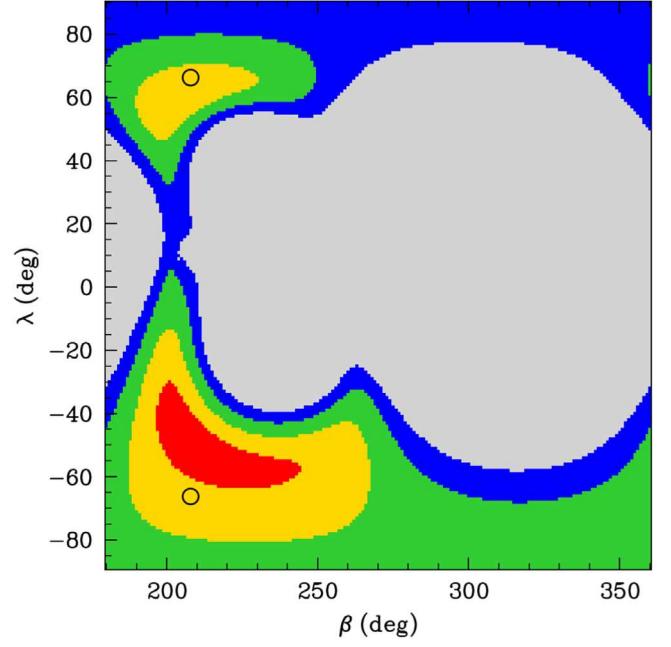


**Figure 5.** (For  $u_0-$  cases) The source trajectories and light curves for three  $u_0-$  solutions. Left: source trajectories and caustics for the LPS-3.0 (upper), UPS-2.6 (middle), and UFS-2.6 (lower) solutions. Right: light curves in the neighborhood of the planet anomaly and best-fit models (upper) and corresponding residuals (lower) for the LPS-3.0 (dotted lines), UPS-2.6 (dotted-dashed lines), and UFS-2.6 (dashed lines) solutions.



**Figure 6.** The black crosses connected by solid lines show the  $\chi^2$  distributions for best-fit xallarap solutions at fixed binary-source orbital periods  $P$ . The red open circle at  $P = 1$  yr shows the  $\chi^2$  for the best-fit microlens parallax solution.

duration planet-like bump, a high peak magnification of the fainter source is often needed, so we include the finite-source effect, which could be necessary for the high magnification. The best-fit 1L2S model is worse than the best-fit planetary model UPS-3.3( $u_0+$ ) by  $\Delta\chi^2 = 3269$  and is shown (gray



**Figure 7.** Results of the xallarap fits by fixing  $\beta$  and  $\lambda$  at period  $P = 1$  yr and setting  $u_0 > 0$ . The colors marked as red, yellow, green, blue, and gray represent solutions with  $\Delta\chi^2 < 1, 4, 9, 16$ , and 25 of the best fit. The ecliptic coordinates of Gaia22dkv, which represents the Earth parameter, are indicated by the black circles, with the lower and upper circles corresponding to the  $u_0 > 0$  and  $u_0 < 0$  cases due to perfect symmetry.

curve) in Figure 1. In particular, the 1L2S model fails to explain the region preceding the rising wing of the anomaly, which is the characteristic negative excess of a planetary

**Table 3**  
Physical Parameters Derived with Finite-source Effects for FS Solutions

Solution	$M_h$ ( $M_\odot$ )	$M_p$ ( $M_J$ )	$r_\perp$ (au)	$\mu_{N, \text{ hel}}$ (mas yr $^{-1}$ )	$\mu_{E, \text{ hel}}$ (mas yr $^{-1}$ )	$D_L$ (kpc)	$D_S$ (kpc)	$\theta_E$ (mas)	$P_\perp$ (yr)
$u_0+$	LFS-2.6	$0.303^{+0.076}_{-0.045}$	$0.886^{+0.276}_{-0.166}$	$0.48^{+0.11}_{-0.07}$	$1.15^{+0.29}_{-0.17}$	$-0.76^{+0.12}_{-0.18}$	$1.60^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$	$1.86^{+0.04}_{-0.02}$	$0.47^{+0.12}_{-0.07}$
$u_0-$	UFS-2.6	$0.219^{+0.056}_{-0.039}$	$0.507^{+0.128}_{-0.101}$	$0.52^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$	$1.09^{+0.28}_{-0.20}$	$-0.89^{+0.16}_{-0.23}$	$1.51^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	$1.98^{+0.08}_{-0.05}$	$0.53^{+0.13}_{-0.09}$

**Table 4**  
Physical Parameters Derived with Blend Flux and Gaia Parallax

Solution	$M_h$ ( $M_\odot$ )	$M_p$ ( $M_J$ )	$r_\perp$ (au)	$\mu_{N, \text{ hel}}$ (mas yr $^{-1}$ )	$\mu_{E, \text{ hel}}$ (mas yr $^{-1}$ )	$D_L$ (kpc)	$D_S$ (kpc)	$\theta_E$ (mas)	$P_\perp$ (yr)
$u_0+$	UPS-3.3	$1.23^{+0.03}_{-0.09}$	$0.67^{+0.05}_{-0.08}$	$1.53^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$	$4.61^{+0.28}_{-0.47}$	$-3.33^{+0.34}_{-0.20}$	$1.29^{+0.08}_{-0.06}$	$2.32^{+0.30}_{-0.26}$	$1.86^{+0.07}_{-0.16}$
	UPS-3.8	$1.16^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$0.17^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$	$1.53^{+0.13}_{-0.14}$	$4.45^{+0.23}_{-0.24}$	$-2.97^{+0.16}_{-0.15}$	$1.32^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$	$2.37^{+0.32}_{-0.29}$	$1.78^{+0.07}_{-0.08}$
	LPS-2.4	$1.23^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$5.36^{+0.34}_{-0.36}$	$1.48^{+0.10}_{-0.13}$	$4.53^{+0.18}_{-0.20}$	$-3.36^{+0.15}_{-0.13}$	$1.30^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$	$2.31^{+0.25}_{-0.26}$	$1.84^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$
$u_0-$	LPS-3.0	$1.13^{+0.03}_{-0.05}$	$1.23^{+0.07}_{-0.08}$	$1.60^{+0.10}_{-0.08}$	$5.46^{+0.29}_{-0.32}$	$-5.20^{+0.32}_{-0.28}$	$0.95^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$3.54^{+0.83}_{-0.53}$	$2.66^{+0.10}_{-0.12}$
	UPS-3.1	$1.04^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	$0.80^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	$1.63^{+0.09}_{-0.05}$	$5.06^{+0.25}_{-0.22}$	$-4.34^{+0.18}_{-0.21}$	$1.02^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$3.80^{+0.79}_{-0.35}$	$2.47^{+0.10}_{-0.08}$
	UPS-2.6	$1.10^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	$3.27^{+0.38}_{-0.34}$	$1.59^{+0.08}_{-0.10}$	$5.24^{+0.37}_{-0.34}$	$-4.82^{+0.35}_{-0.38}$	$0.99^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	$3.55^{+0.61}_{-0.64}$	$2.55^{+0.14}_{-0.14}$
	LPS-3.9	$1.05^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$	$0.15^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$1.62^{+0.10}_{-0.04}$	$5.25^{+0.26}_{-0.17}$	$-4.58^{+0.15}_{-0.23}$	$0.99^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$	$3.76^{+0.93}_{-0.32}$	$2.52^{+0.13}_{-0.08}$

**Table 5**  
Physical Parameters Derived with Blend Flux and Source Spectroscopic Distance

Solution	$M_h$ ( $M_\odot$ )	$M_p$ ( $M_J$ )	$r_\perp$ (au)	$\mu_{N, \text{ hel}}$ (mas yr $^{-1}$ )	$\mu_{E, \text{ hel}}$ (mas yr $^{-1}$ )	$D_L$ (kpc)	$D_S$ (kpc)	$\theta_E$ (mas)	$P_\perp$ (yr)
$u_0+$	UPS-3.3	$1.29^{+0.03}_{-0.05}$	$0.68^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$2.08^{+0.16}_{-0.18}$	$4.83^{+0.14}_{-0.17}$	$-3.44^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	$1.66^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$	$4.24^{+0.94}_{-0.63}$	$1.95^{+0.05}_{-0.07}$
	UPS-3.8	$1.30^{+0.03}_{-0.05}$	$0.20^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$2.04^{+0.12}_{-0.20}$	$4.97^{+0.11}_{-0.20}$	$-3.25^{+0.15}_{-0.10}$	$1.57^{+0.07}_{-0.10}$	$3.83^{+0.59}_{-0.63}$	$1.99^{+0.04}_{-0.08}$
	LPS-2.4	$1.29^{+0.04}_{-0.06}$	$5.67^{+0.39}_{-0.38}$	$2.01^{+0.16}_{-0.22}$	$4.73^{+0.15}_{-0.22}$	$-3.47^{+0.17}_{-0.12}$	$1.68^{+0.10}_{-0.12}$	$4.17^{+0.92}_{-0.74}$	$1.92^{+0.06}_{-0.09}$
$u_0-$	UPS-2.6	$1.04^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	$3.17^{+0.21}_{-0.22}$	$1.66^{+0.10}_{-0.12}$	$4.95^{+0.15}_{-0.12}$	$-4.49^{+0.16}_{-0.20}$	$1.09^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$	$4.35^{+1.35}_{-0.80}$	$2.42^{+0.07}_{-0.05}$
	UPS-3.1	$1.03^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.80^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$1.70^{+0.09}_{-0.11}$	$4.99^{+0.09}_{-0.11}$	$-4.34^{+0.11}_{-0.12}$	$1.07^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	$4.53^{+1.19}_{-0.83}$	$2.45^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$
	LPS-3.0	$1.06^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$	$1.15^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$	$1.64^{+0.09}_{-0.12}$	$5.13^{+0.23}_{-0.17}$	$-4.87^{+0.23}_{-0.34}$	$1.03^{+0.05}_{-0.07}$	$4.19^{+1.17}_{-0.82}$	$2.51^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$
	LPS-3.9	$1.04^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.15^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.68^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$5.17^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$	$-4.45^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	$1.04^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$4.29^{+0.27}_{-0.17}$	$2.49^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$

anomaly as discussed in Gaudi (1998). We conclude that the IL2S interpretation is ruled out.

#### 4. Physical Parameters

##### 4.1. Source Radius and the Finite-source Effects

The angular source size can be used as a “ruler” to measure or constrain the angular Einstein radius via the finite-source effects,  $\theta_E = \theta_{\text{ast}}/\rho$ . We follow the standard procedure by using the source’s de-reddened color and magnitude to estimate  $\theta_{\text{ast}}$  (Yoo et al. 2004). We employ the 3D extinction map by Guo et al. (2021) to estimate the extinction corrections. The target is in a low-extinction region, and given the range of probable  $D_S$  of  $\sim 2\text{--}6$  kpc (see Tables 3, 4, 5, and 6 for estimates), the extinction map yields  $E(B - V) = 0.132^{+0.025}_{-0.014}$ . Adopting the empirical selective-to-total extinction coefficients ( $R_i$ ,  $R_r$ ) = (1.791, 2.363) according to Zhang & Yuan (2023) for our field, we estimated  $A_{i'} = 0.236^{+0.045}_{-0.025}$  and  $E(r' - i') = 0.075^{+0.014}_{-0.008}$ . For the best-fit solution, we derive  $(r' - i', i')_{\text{s}, 0} = (0.335^{+0.008}_{-0.014}, 13.089^{+0.025}_{-0.045})$ . By using the surface brightness-color relation calibrated in the  $i'$  and  $r'$  bands (Boyajian et al. 2013; Bachelet et al. 2022),

$\log_{10}(2\theta_{\text{ast}}) = (-0.298 \pm 0.044) (r' - i')_0^2 + (0.919 \pm 0.058) (r' - i')_0 - 0.2i'_0 + (0.767 \pm 0.010)$ , we find that the source angular radius  $\theta_{\text{ast}} = 13.4 \pm 1.2 \mu\text{as}$ . For the FS solutions (i.e., in which  $\rho$  is detected at high significance), the physical parameters can be

unambiguously determined with

$$M_L = \frac{\theta_E}{\kappa \pi_E} = \frac{\theta_{\text{ast}}}{\kappa \pi_E \rho}, \quad D_L = \frac{\text{AU}}{\pi_L} = \frac{\text{AU}}{\pi_E \theta_E + \pi_S}, \quad (2)$$

where  $M_L$  is the lens mass,  $\pi_L$  and  $\pi_S$  are the trigonometric parallaxes of the lens at distance  $D_L$  and source at distance  $D_S$ , respectively, and  $\kappa = 4\pi G/(c^2 \text{AU}) = 8.14 \text{ mas}/M_\odot$  is a constant. We list the derived physical parameters for these solutions in Table 3. They all correspond to low-mass lenses with  $\sim 0.2\text{--}0.3 M_\odot$  at  $\sim 1.5\text{--}1.6$  kpc.

##### 4.2. Spectroscopic Source Distance

We estimate the source distance  $D_S$  by using the SALT/HRS spectrum and the source fluxes. The spectrum was taken at  $A \sim 4.3$  and dominated by the source, allowing us to determine the atmospheric parameters of the source with minimal contamination. We performed synthetic spectral fitting using the `iSpec`<sup>50</sup> package (Blanco-Cuaresma et al. 2014; Blanco-Cuaresma 2019), which integrates several well-known radiative transfer codes. We chose the SPECTRUM<sup>51</sup> code and generated a set of synthetic spectra based on a grid of MARCS atmospheric models (Gustafsson et al. 2008) and solar

<sup>50</sup> <https://www.blancocuaresma.com/s/iSpec>

<sup>51</sup> <http://www.appstate.edu/~grayro/spectrum/spectrum.html>

**Table 6**  
Physical Parameters Derived with Blend Flux Only

Solution	$M_h$ ( $M_\odot$ )	$M_p$ ( $M_J$ )	$r_\perp$ (au)	$\mu_{N, \text{hel}}$ (mas yr $^{-1}$ )	$\mu_{E, \text{hel}}$ (mas yr $^{-1}$ )	$D_L$ (kpc)	$D_S$ (kpc)	$\theta_E$ (mas)	$P_\perp$ (yr)
$u_0+$	UPS-3.3	$1.145^{+0.155}_{-0.078}$	$0.591^{+0.152}_{-0.052}$	$1.40^{+0.77}_{-0.34}$	$4.23^{+0.79}_{-0.35}$	$-3.09^{+0.29}_{-0.52}$	$1.27^{+0.43}_{-0.25}$	$2.12^{+2.59}_{-0.65}$	$1.71^{+0.28}_{-0.12}$
	UPS-3.8	$1.288^{+0.046}_{-0.272}$	$0.250^{+0.040}_{-0.139}$	$2.04^{+0.23}_{-1.11}$	$4.92^{+0.35}_{-1.14}$	$-3.18^{+0.70}_{-0.27}$	$1.58^{+0.10}_{-0.65}$	$3.82^{+1.08}_{-2.56}$	$1.97^{+0.10}_{-0.43}$
	LPS-2.4	$1.273^{+0.050}_{-0.200}$	$5.657^{+0.540}_{-1.340}$	$1.96^{+0.21}_{-1.11}$	$4.70^{+0.30}_{-0.87}$	$-3.54^{+0.68}_{-0.17}$	$1.66^{+0.11}_{-0.81}$	$3.95^{+1.10}_{-2.80}$	$1.90^{+0.10}_{-0.32}$
$u_0-$	UPS-2.6	$1.077^{+0.080}_{-0.053}$	$3.403^{+0.321}_{-0.571}$	$1.40^{+0.42}_{-0.23}$	$5.09^{+0.55}_{-0.31}$	$-4.62^{+0.26}_{-0.59}$	$0.89^{+0.23}_{-0.12}$	$2.43^{+4.05}_{-0.80}$	$2.50^{+0.20}_{-0.14}$
	UPS-3.1	$1.046^{+0.036}_{-0.092}$	$0.822^{+0.052}_{-0.105}$	$1.68^{+0.14}_{-0.56}$	$5.09^{+0.24}_{-0.57}$	$-4.45^{+0.50}_{-0.19}$	$1.04^{+0.07}_{-0.28}$	$4.21^{+1.83}_{-2.67}$	$2.49^{+0.09}_{-0.24}$
	LPS-3.0	$1.157^{+0.016}_{-0.074}$	$1.298^{+0.047}_{-0.151}$	$1.69^{+0.13}_{-0.31}$	$5.54^{+0.26}_{-0.46}$	$-5.36^{+0.48}_{-0.26}$	$0.98^{+0.09}_{-0.12}$	$4.27^{+2.16}_{-1.95}$	$2.72^{+0.05}_{-0.19}$
	LPS-3.9	$1.050^{+0.045}_{-0.067}$	$0.153^{+0.007}_{-0.012}$	$1.61^{+0.16}_{-0.44}$	$5.26^{+0.27}_{-0.36}$	$-4.50^{+0.33}_{-0.21}$	$0.98^{+0.06}_{-0.26}$	$3.61^{+1.60}_{-2.08}$	$2.51^{+0.11}_{-0.16}$

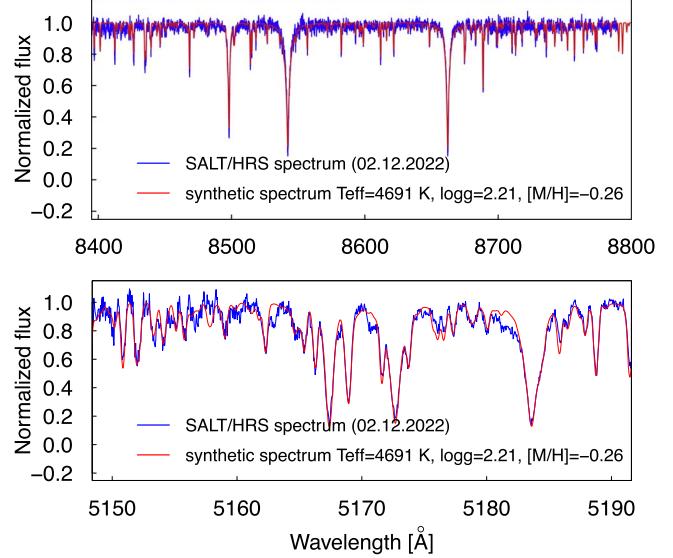
abundances taken from Grevesse et al. (2007). The synthetic spectra were fitted to the observed spectrum for  $>300$  carefully selected lines (e.g., H, Ca, Mg, Fe, Na, Ti). The best-fit parameters are:  $T_{\text{eff}} = (4691 \pm 139)$  K,  $\log g = (2.21 \pm 0.32)$ ,  $[\text{M}/\text{H}] = (-0.26 \pm 0.11)$  dex, and  $v_t = (1.16 \pm 0.22)$  km s $^{-1}$ . The spectrum and the fitted atmospheric parameters of the source are presented in Figure 8. We then estimated the source luminosity by feeding these parameters to the theoretical stellar isochrones. We employ the MIST package (Choi et al. 2016) and compute the atmospheric parameters for stars with masses between 0.1 and  $2 M_\odot$ , stellar ages between 1 and 15 Gyr, and metallicities [Fe/H] between  $-1.0$  and  $0.5$ . The stars matching with the measured spectroscopic parameters span a wide range of luminosities, with  $M_{r'} = -0.34^{+1.39}_{-0.44}$  and  $M_{i'} = -0.60^{+1.58}_{-0.45}$ , respectively. The source's color  $M_{r'} - M_{i'}$  is well constrained from the isochrone analysis as  $0.26 \pm 0.02$ , which is bluer than the de-reddened color  $(r' - i')_{s,0} = 0.335^{+0.008}_{-0.014}$  from our color–magnitude diagram (CMD) analysis in Section 4.1 at the  $3\sigma$  level, suggesting a possible bias in the derived spectroscopic parameters. A possible origin for the bias is the contamination from the blended light in spite of its low-level contribution ( $\lesssim 20\%$ ), and we plan to carefully investigate it in a future work. Given this issue, we do not use color constraints directly when estimating the source distance. Combining with the source fluxes and extinction coefficients adopted in Section 4.1, we estimate the source distance  $D_S = 5.56^{+1.28}_{-2.36}$  kpc for the  $i'$  band and  $D_S = 5.71^{+1.28}_{-2.70}$  kpc for the  $r'$  band, respectively.

### 4.3. The Blended Light

From the light-curve analysis, we detect significant blending (the green filled circle in Figure 9), which is nearly equally bright in Gaia  $G$  ( $\sim 14$ ) as the source. The blended light can be due to the lens, a binary companion to the lens or the source, a random interloper within the PSF, or some combination of these possibilities.

From the Gaia Data Release 3 (DR3) catalog (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2016, 2023), the number density is  $9.8 \times 10^{-5}$  arcsec $^{-2}$  for nearby field stars with  $G < 14$ . Thus the probability of a random field star falling in within  $1''$  of the source is  $\approx 3 \times 10^{-4}$ , suggesting that the blend is unlikely due to a random interloper.

In the following section, we assume that the blend is the lens and subsequently estimate the lens mass. We briefly discuss the possibilities of the blend as a companion of the source or the lens in Section 5.



**Figure 8.** Upper: spectrum from SALT/HRS (blue) and best-fit synthetic spectrum (red). Lower: zoomed region including Ca II (top) and Mg I (bottom).

### 4.4. Blend as the Lens

As discussed in Section 4.1, the FS solutions yield low-mass lenses at  $\sim 1.5$ – $1.6$  kpc, which are far too faint compared to the blended flux. In this section, we consider the scenario in which blend is the lens for the PS solutions.

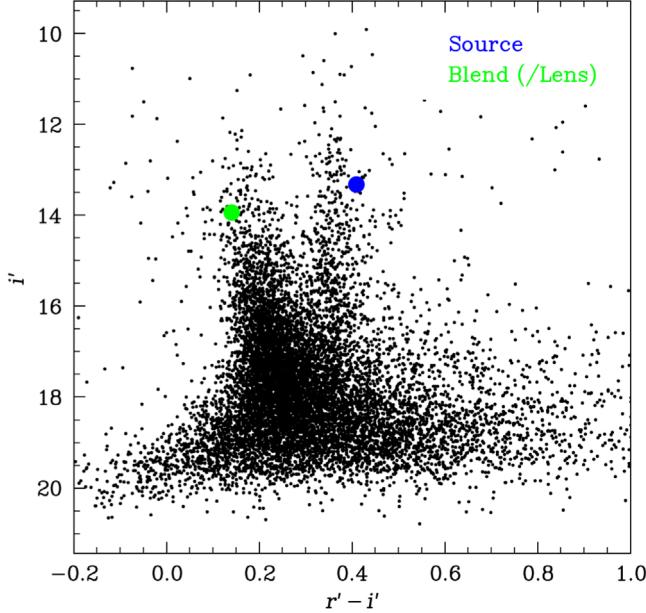
For the PS solutions (i.e., in which  $\rho$  is consistent with zero at  $<3\sigma$ ), we can constrain the lens mass using the measured blended fluxes and  $\pi_E$ . The  $\pi_E$  measurement constrains  $M_L$  and  $\pi_{\text{rel}}$ :

$$\pi_E = \sqrt{\frac{\pi_{\text{rel}}}{\kappa M_L}} = \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{D_L} - \frac{1}{D_S} \right) \frac{\text{AU}}{\kappa M_L}}, \quad (3)$$

where  $\pi_{\text{rel}}$  is the relative lens-source parallax. The trigonometric parallax of the baseline object measured by Gaia DR3 is  $\pi_{\text{base}} = 0.58 \pm 0.05$  mas, which is the flux-weighted mean parallax by the lens and source (Dong et al. 2019),

$$\pi_{\text{base}} = \eta_G \pi_L + (1 - \eta_G) \pi_S, \quad (4)$$

where  $\eta_G = f_{B,G}/(f_{S,G} + f_{B,G})$  is the fraction of blended flux in Gaia  $G$ . Gaia DR3 reports that it has a high renormalized unit weight error  $\text{RUWE} = 4.38 \gg 1$ , indicating significant departures from the astrometric fitting (Lindegren et al. 2021). The amplitude of astrometric microlensing as discussed in Section 5.2 is too small to be responsible for the large RUWE.

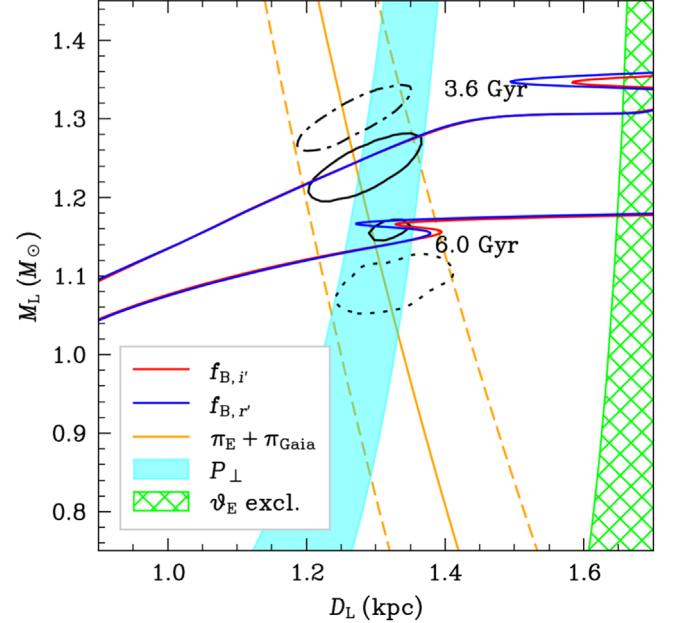


**Figure 9.**  $r' - i'$  vs.  $i'$  CMD using stars in the LCOGT template images ( $26.6' \times 26.6'$ ), calibrated with the ATLAS All-Sky Stellar Reference Catalog (Refcat2; Tonry et al. 2018) to the Pan-STARRS1 photometric system (Tonry et al. 2012). The blue and green filled circles represent the source and the blend (i.e., the unlensed light within the PSF), respectively. Our primary interpretation assumes that the blend is the lens.

In particular, the Gaia DR3 measurements are based on data collected between 2014 July 25 and 2017 May 28, during which, the microlensing astrometric signals were negligible.

Without the single-epoch observations, we cannot assess how the Gaia DR3 parallax is biased. In the following, we first carry out our analysis by adopting the Gaia DR3 parallax measurement. Then we also discard the Gaia DR3 parallax and adopt the SALT/HRS spectroscopic source distance.

The measured blend fluxes place another constraint on  $D_L$  and  $M_L$ . We employ the theoretical stellar isochrones in the MIST package to compute the expected lens luminosity for a given lens mass  $M_L$  at a certain stellar age and metallicity  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ . We sample the MCMC posteriors of blended fluxes in the  $i'$  and  $r'$  bands from the light-curve fitting and add the  $\chi^2$  compensations using the measured blended fluxes in both the  $r'$  and  $i'$  bands and expected lens fluxes on a grid of stellar ages and metallicities (Age,  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ ). We adopt two error terms  $(e_{\text{cal}}, e_{\text{iso}}) = (0.01, 0.01)$  mag to take the photometric calibration errors and theoretical uncertainties of the isochrones into account. We use the 3D extinction map by Guo et al. (2021) to estimate the extinction corrections at a given lens distance. We impose flat priors in metallicities in the range of  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \in \{-0.2, 0, 0.2\}$  and in stellar age between 1 and 15 Gyr. We also impose the constraint on  $D_S$  with measured source fluxes in  $r'$  and  $i'$ . The  $u_0+$  solutions generally yield lens masses  $M_L \sim 1.2 M_\odot$  and distances  $D_L \sim 1.3$  kpc, whereas the  $u_0-$  solutions favor  $M_L \sim 1.1 M_\odot$  at  $D_L \sim 1.0$  kpc. Figure 10 illustrates the constraints on  $M_L - D_L$  from the flux and the  $\pi_E$  constraints for the globally best-fit solution, and the best-fit  $M_L$  and  $D_L$  are compatible with the lower limit on  $\theta_E$  from the  $\rho$  upper limit. The metallicities and stellar ages are loosely constrained by the photometric data alone. The best-fit physical parameters derived using Gaia parallax are given in Table 4.



**Figure 10.** Physical constraints on  $M_L - D_L$  for the best-fit solution. The contours are  $1\sigma$  constraints by jointly fitting lens fluxes using isochrones, microlens parallax  $\pi_E$ , and Gaia parallax  $\pi_{\text{base}}$ . The dotted, solid, and dashed-dotted contours are constrained by isochrones at  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.2, 0$  and  $0.2$ , respectively. The red and blue lines show the isochrones for constraining fluxes in the  $i'$  and  $r'$  bands, respectively. We display isochrones with stellar ages at 3.6 Gyr and 6 Gyr, which are the  $1\sigma$  lower and upper limit of the posterior, respectively. The results are consistent with those from circular orbital motion using  $P_{\perp}$  (blue). The green shaded region shows the  $3\sigma$  exclusion region using the upper limit on  $\theta_E$  by fitting the finite-source effects, and it is also consistent with the lens' physical constraints.

We perform an alternative analysis by replacing the constraint of Equation (4) with the source spectroscopic distance estimated in Section 4.2. The corresponding physical parameters are given in Table 5. The estimated lens mass ( $M_L \sim 1.3 M_\odot$  for  $u_0+$  solutions) is broadly consistent with that derived from Gaia parallax, while the lens distance ( $D_L \sim 1.7$  kpc for  $u_0+$  solutions) is substantially larger and in  $\sim 3\sigma$  tension with the estimate adopting Gaia parallax. The tension may be due to possible biases in both the Gaia DR3 parallax measurement (as indicated by the large RUWE) and the spectroscopic parameters (as suggested by its discrepancy with the source color), and we are not able to make firm conclusions. Due to these caveats, we proceed with a conservative approach by not adopting either constraint. The results are given in Table 6. For all point-source solutions,  $M_L$  is broadly consistent with ranging over  $\sim 1.0 - 1.3 M_\odot$  at  $\sim 1.0 - 1.7$  kpc with the implied  $\pi_{\text{base}}$  being in the range of  $\sim 0.4 - 0.8$  mas.

#### 4.5. Physical Constraints from Circular Orbital Motion

The binary-lens orbital motion can place constraints on the physical parameters of the lens system (see, e.g., An et al. 2002; Dong et al. 2009). We carry out our analysis assuming circular orbits and evaluate the physical constraints under this assumption. We define the “projected” orbital period parameter  $P_{\perp}$ , which is directly related to observables and physical parameters,

$$P_{\perp} = (M_L/M_\odot)^{-1/2} (r_{\perp}/\text{AU})^{3/2} \text{ yr}, \quad (5)$$

where  $r_{\perp}/\text{AU} = s\theta_E/\pi_L = s\kappa M_L \pi_E/\pi_L$ .  $P_{\perp}$  values derived using the above equation are given in the last columns of Table 3 and Table 4 for the FS and PS solutions, respectively. The orbital period of a circular orbit and projected separation  $r_{\perp}$  can be expressed in terms of  $(w_1, w_2, w_3)$  as follows,

$$P_{\text{circ}} = \frac{2\pi\sqrt{w_1^2 + w_3^2}}{w_3\sqrt{w_1^2 + w_2^2 + w_3^2}}, \quad \frac{r_{\perp}}{r} = \frac{w_3}{\sqrt{w_1^2 + w_3^2}}. \quad (6)$$

Given that

$$P_{\perp} = P_{\text{circ}} \left( \frac{r_{\perp}}{r} \right)^{3/2},$$

$P_{\perp}$  is thus related to the orbital parameters  $(w_1, w_2, w_3)$ :

$$P_{\perp} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{w_1^2 + w_2^2 + w_3^2}} \left( \frac{w_3}{\sqrt{w_1^2 + w_3^2}} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (7)$$

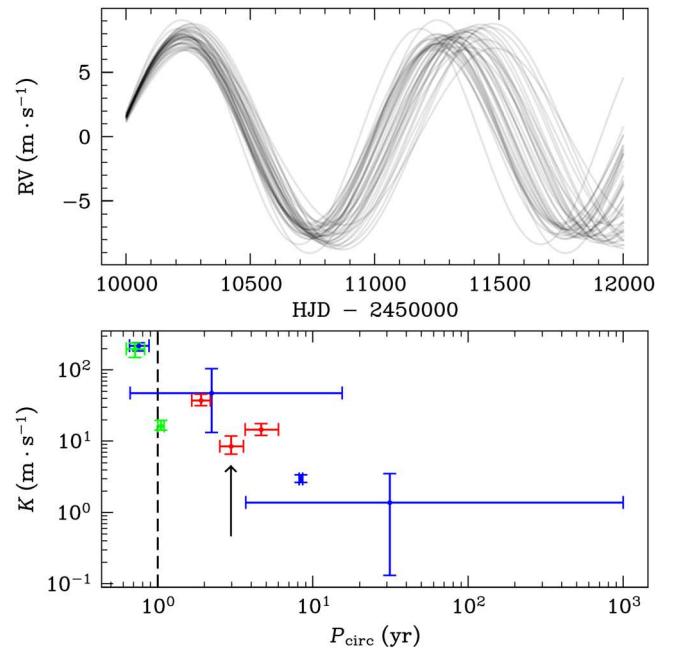
The best-fit  $P_{\perp}$  with uncertainties from the light-curve analysis are given in Tables 1 and 2. These estimates can be compared with the corresponding constraints via Equation (5) using the physical parameters derived in Section 4.4. For the globally best-fit solution UPS  $-3.3(u_0+)$ , the  $P_{\perp}$  value is in good agreement with those based on the blended flux (Table 6) and Gaia parallax constraint (Table 4). We show the  $P_{\perp}$  constraint (blue band) from Equation (7) on  $(M_L, D_L)$  in Figure 10. We note that it is in  $3\sigma$  disagreement with that based on the source spectroscopic distance constraint (Table 5). For some solutions, such as LPS-2.4( $u_0+$ ) and UPS-2.6( $u_0-$ ),  $P_{\perp}$  values are in disagreement with all physical constraints, suggesting that they are unphysical under the assumption of circular orbits.

## 5. Summary and Future Prospects

Our main interpretation of Gaia22dkv is under the assumption that the blend is the lens star itself and the microlens parallax effects rather than xallarp induce the light-curve distortions. Assuming circular planetary orbital motion, there are multiple degenerate planetary solutions with  $\Delta\chi^2 \lesssim 12$  from the light-curve analysis. For the best-fit solution, the lens is an  $M_L = 1.15^{+0.16}_{-0.08} M_{\odot}$  star at  $D_L = 1.27^{+0.43}_{-0.25}$  kpc orbited by a planet with  $M_p = 0.59^{+0.15}_{-0.05} M_J$  with a projected orbital separation of  $r_{\perp} = 1.41^{+0.76}_{-0.36}$  au and a circular orbital period  $P_{\text{circ}} = 2.96 \pm 0.20$  yr.

However, one or more of these assumptions may break down. The blend can be the binary companion of either the lens or the source, and the lens could be a low-mass star that is fainter than the blend. The lens could be an M dwarf lens as suggested by the FS solutions, and a low-mass lens could also be compatible with the lower limits on  $\theta_E$  for the PS solutions. Additionally, the large RUWE from Gaia DR3 might hint at the existence of the binary orbital motion of a companion. Besides the common follow-up observations by ground-based adaptive optics observations (see Gould 2022 for comprehensive discussions), there are extraordinary opportunities to robustly test our primary interpretation in the near future.

As discussed in Section 5.1, the exceptionally bright blend allows unprecedented opportunity for high-precision (on the order of meters per second) RV follow-ups of the planetary signal. More epochs of spectra with RV precision on the order

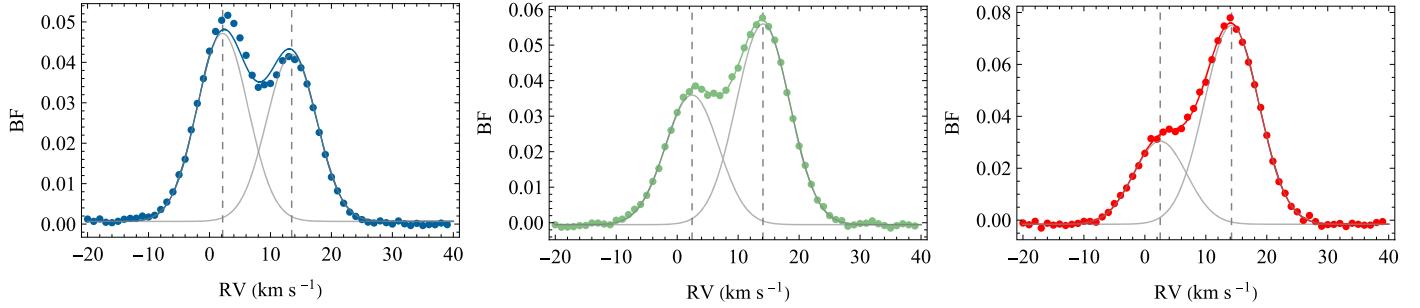


**Figure 11.** The upper panel displays the predicted radial velocity curves based on the orbital parameters of the best fit. The black lines represent the MCMC sample with  $\Delta\chi^2 < 1$ . The lower panel displays the RV semi-amplitude  $K$  and circular orbital period  $P_{\text{circ}}$  for all solutions. Each solution is shown as the color coded filled dots with error bars in red, yellow, green, and blue, representing  $\Delta\chi^2 < 1, 4, 9, 16$  compared with best fit, respectively. One year period is indicated as a dashed line. The best-fit solution UPS  $-3.3(u_0+)$  is marked out with a black arrow.

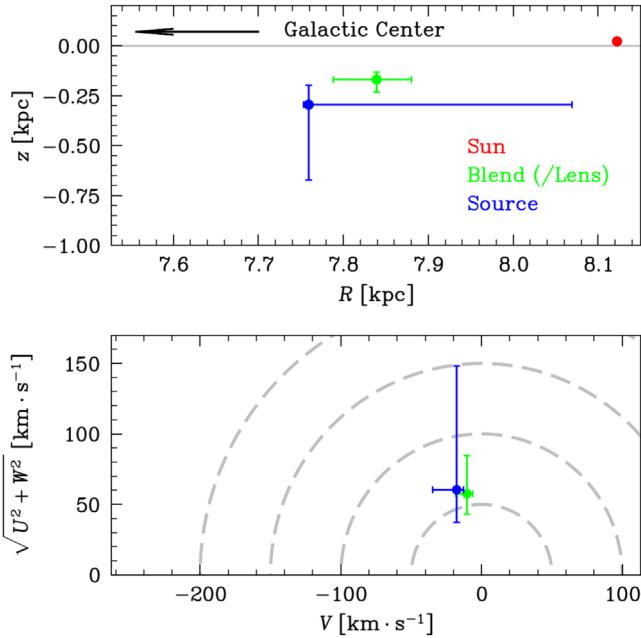
of kilometers per second can make stringent tests on the lens/source companion scenarios. The astrometric issues such as the high RUWE will be clarified with the release of single-epoch Gaia astrometric observations in the future. As shown in Section 5.2, Gaia astrometric data will not only be able to measure the  $\theta_E$  precisely, but also break the  $u_0 + -$  degeneracy and constrain  $\pi_E$  to high precision, so it has the potential to definitively measure the physical properties of the lens.

### 5.1. RV Expectations and Galactic Kinematics

There have been no microlensing planets characterized by RV observations. The primary difficulty is the faintness of the host (lens) star. One of the brightest microlensing planet hosts was OGLE-2018-BLG-0740 reached  $V \sim 18$  (Han et al. 2019), which is near the limit of achieving  $10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  by the Echelle SPectrograph for Rocky Exoplanet and Stable Spectroscopic Observations of the Very Large Telescope (Pepe et al. 2021), the most sensitive high-precision RV instrument. By contrast, the blend of Gaia22dkv has  $r \sim 14$  and  $V \sim 14$ , and if it is the lens, it is the brightest host for a microlensing planet to date. Furthermore, the best-fit planetary solution of Gaia22dkv yields a massive planet  $\approx 0.60 M_J$  on a relatively close-in orbit ( $\approx 1.4$  au), making it favorable for RV detections. For the globally best-fit solution (UPS  $-3.3(u_0+)$ ), we derive that the expected RV signals will have a semi-amplitude of  $\approx 8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  with orbital period of  $P_{\text{circ}} = 2.96 \pm 0.20$  yr (see the upper panel of Figure 11 for the RV forecast of this solution); the estimated RV amplitudes and periods for all solutions are shown in the lower panel of Figure 11. Note that a significant fraction of cold Jovian planets are on nearly circular orbits (Shen & Turner 2008; Zakamska et al. 2011), but they have a



**Figure 12.** Spectral BF for the blue (left), green (middle), and red (right) regions of Gaia22dkv's MIKE spectrum. We identify two distinct peaks on the BFs, which correspond to the source (larger RV) and the lens (smaller RV) respectively. In each panel, the dots are the computed BF values to which we fit a function (solid color curve) using the sum of two Gaussians (gray curves). The RVs values (i.e., the centers of the Gaussians) are marked with dashed lines. Note that the BFs include the contributions from the instrumental spectral resolution  $\sigma_{\text{instr}} \sim 5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , and thus the stellar line widths are smaller than the Gaussians.



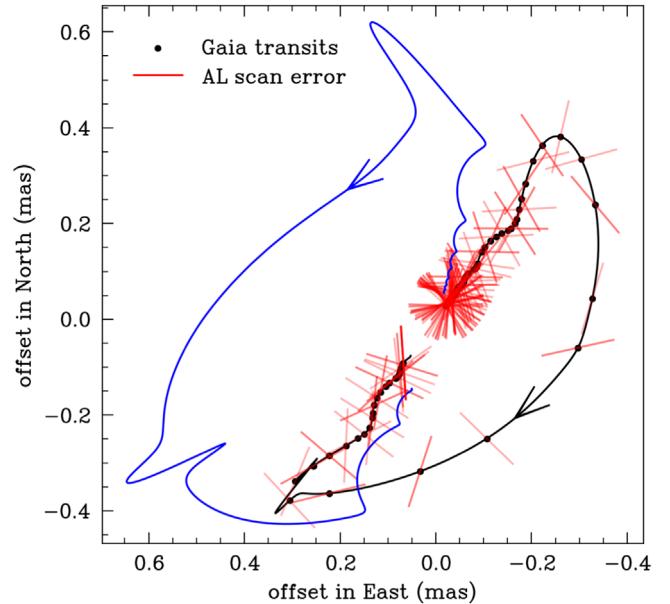
**Figure 13.** Galactic kinematics of the lens (green dot with error bar) and the source (blue dot with error bar) based on the best-fit solution. Upper: Galactocentric distance  $R$  and height  $z$  with respect to the Galactic plane positions (the red dot represents the Sun at  $z_\odot = 25 \text{ pc}$ ; Jurić et al. 2008). Lower: Toomre diagram. Dashed curves indicate constant peculiar velocities = 50, 100, 150, and 200  $\text{km s}^{-1}$ .

broad eccentricity distribution (Winn & Fabrycky 2015) with  $\bar{e} \sim 0.3$ . RV follow-up observations will be able to test the microlensing predictions, and in addition, RV data will enable measuring eccentricity and orbital period.

One possible complication for making precision RV observations of the lens is spectroscopically disentangling it from the source within the seeing disk. For Gaia22dkv, the source and blend are nearly equally bright, and thus, the feasibility of carrying out RV observations relies upon their separation in the velocity space.

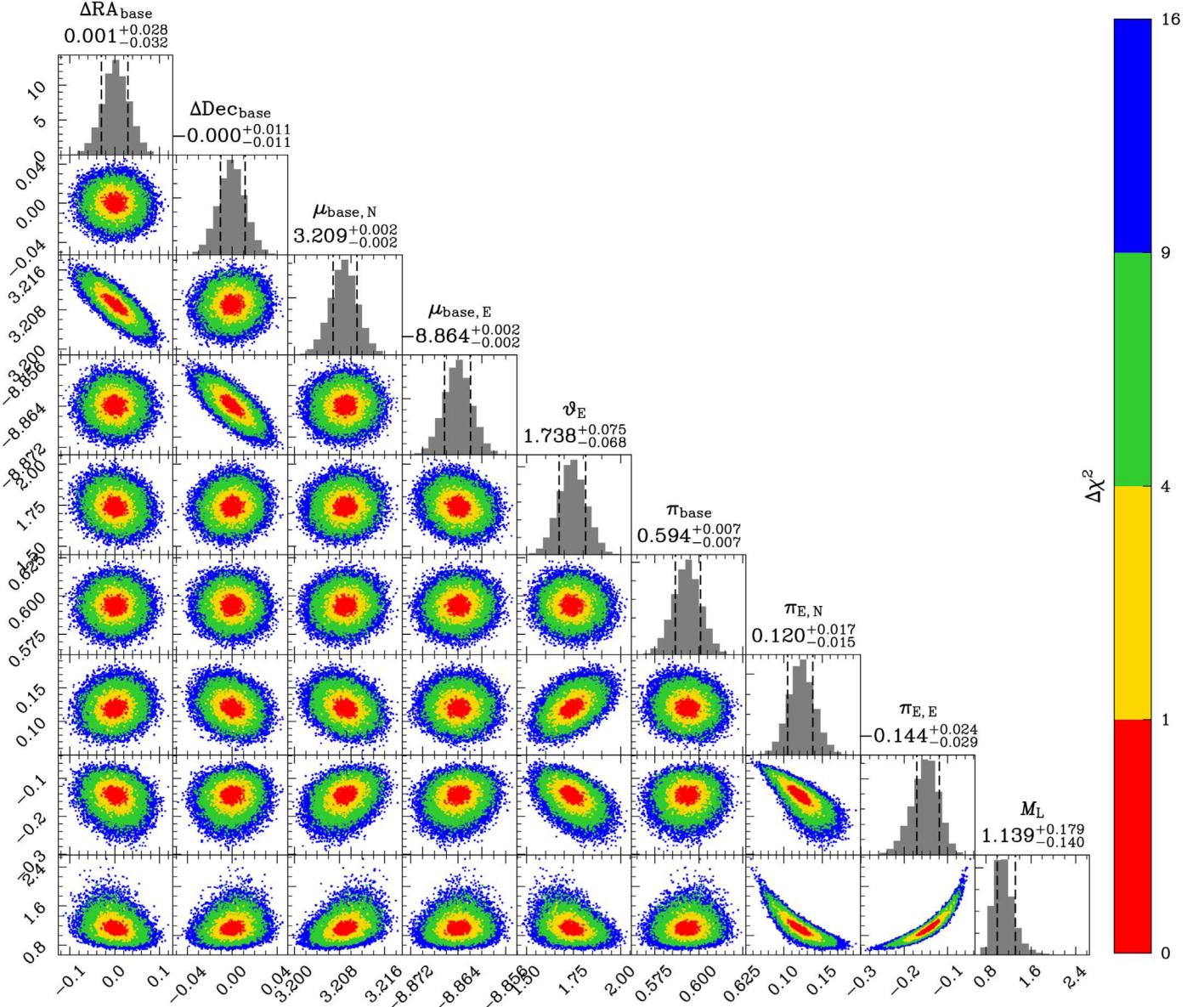
We plan to derive accurate stellar parameters, including the chemical abundances, by analyzing the MIKE spectrum in detail in a follow-up work. In this work, we present a preliminary analysis of the MIKE spectrum to primarily estimate the approximate RVs of the blend and the source.

We first make rough velocity estimates by using the spectral broadening function (BF) technique through linear inversion (Rucinski 1999), which convolves a sharp-line spectral template with BFs to fit the observed spectrum. We follow similar



**Figure 14.** Simulated Gaia astrometric data and fitted models of the microlens relative to those of the baseline object (i.e., subtracting the baseline coordinates and the effects of its trigonometric parallax and proper motion). The black dots and red lines display the simulated Gaia observations and AL error bars. The error bars in the AC direction are 2 orders of magnitude larger than those in the AL and are not shown. The black solid line represents the best-fit  $u_0+$  model. The blue line shows the best-fit  $u_0-$ , which has  $\Delta\chi^2 \approx 115$  higher than  $u_0+$ .

procedures in Yi et al. (2022) and use a grid of BT-Settl atmospheric models (Allard et al. 2012;  $T_{\text{eff}}$ : 4000 K–7000 K,  $\log g$ : 1.0 dex–5.0 dex,  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ : –1.0 dex–0.5 dex) as our sharp-line templates. We analyze the MIKE spectrum in three wavelength regions separately, 3800 Å–4800 Å (“blue”), 4800 Å–5800 Å (“green”), and 5800 Å–6800 Å (“red”), where the flux ratios between the source and blend vary due to their different temperatures. We calculate the BFs for all templates and visually inspect each one, and we consistently find two distinct peaks in most of the BFs for the blue, green, and red regions. The best-match templates have ( $T_{\text{eff}} = 5800 \text{ K}$ ,  $\log g = 3.0$ ,  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.5$ ), ( $T_{\text{eff}} = 5200 \text{ K}$ ,  $\log g = 2.5$ ,  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.5$ ), ( $T_{\text{eff}} = 4900 \text{ K}$ ,  $\log g = 2.5$ ,  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.5$ ) for blue, green, and red regions, respectively. Figure 12 shows the resulting BFs from the best-match templates. The two peaks correspond to the blend and the source: the peak with smaller relative amplitudes in redder regions compared to the other peak, so the former peak is from the blend, which is bluer than the

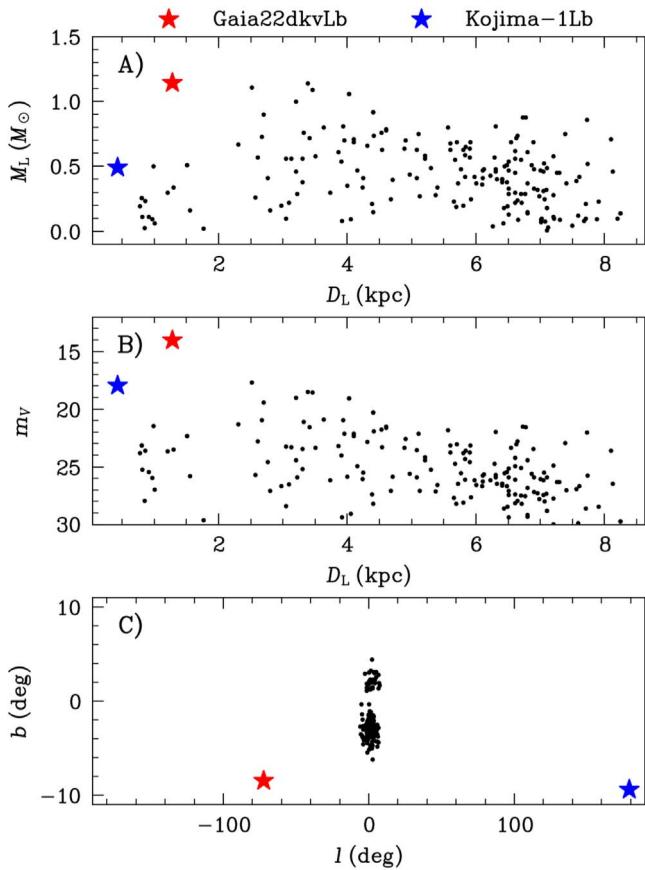


**Figure 15.** Posteriors of astrometric lensing model parameters from MCMC sampling. The red, yellow, green, and blue areas represent  $\Delta\chi^2$  within 1, 4, 9, and 16 of the best fit. The model parameters with light-curve priors, i.e.,  $(t_0, u_0, t_E, f_B/f_S)$ , are not shown.

source. We fit the BFs by the sum of two Gaussian functions and obtain the parameter uncertainties with the bootstrap method. The results from the three regions are consistent with each other, and by taking their weighted means, we get  $RV_B = 2.4^{+0.1}_{-0.1} \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $RV_S = 14.1^{+0.1}_{-0.1} \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for the blend and the source, respectively. The standard deviations of the best-fit Gaussian functions for the blend and the source are  $\sigma_B = 6.2^{+0.1}_{-0.1} \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $\sigma_S = 6.3^{+0.1}_{-0.1} \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , respectively. Note that the instrument spectral resolution ( $\sigma_{\text{instr}} \sim 5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) significantly contributes to the measured line widths, and thus the stellar line widths should be notably smaller.

Next, we perform MCMC fitting of the MIKE spectrum with a combination of two stellar templates. We adopt the RVs from the BFs results as priors, and for simplicity, we set  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  close to zero (allowing for small variations). The procedures for generating a model template are as follows: (1) For a given set of stellar

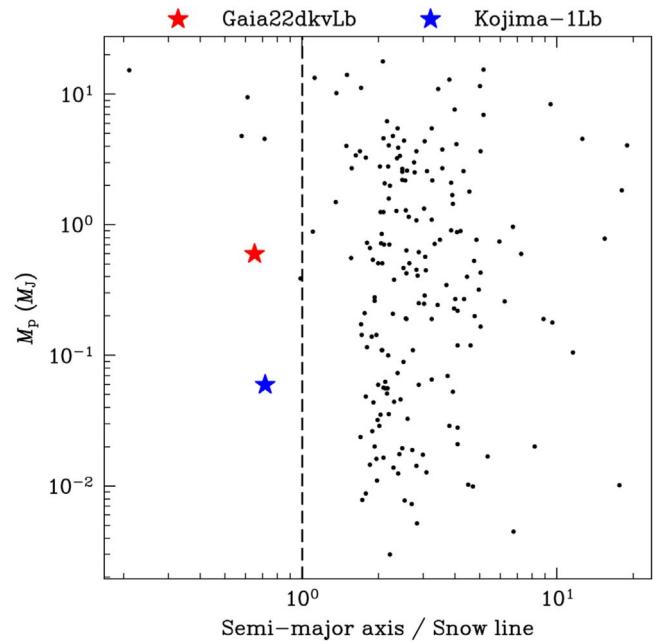
parameters ( $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\log g$ ,  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ ), a stellar template is derived from linear interpolation on the grid of synthetic spectra. (2) The source and blend stellar templates are generated independently, shifted by respective RVs, and broadened by Gaussian kernels with  $\sigma_{S/B}$ . (3) The two stellar templates are coadded after multiplying the source template by a flux ratio term. (4) The coadded template is rebinned onto the same wavelength grid as the MIKE spectrum and renormalized by a fitted fourth-order polynomial as the pseudo continuum. The best-fit stellar parameters ( $T_{\text{eff},S} = 4648 \text{ K}$ ,  $\log g_S = 3.0 \text{ dex}$ ;  $T_{\text{eff},B} = 6032 \text{ K}$ ,  $\log g_B = 4.2 \text{ dex}$ ) are broadly consistent with the photometry-based analysis in Section 4. We obtain the best-fit RVs for the blend and source as  $RV_B = 2.9 \pm 0.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $RV_S = 14.3 \pm 0.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , respectively. The best-fit standard deviations of the Gaussian profiles are  $\sigma_B = 8.2 \pm 0.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $\sigma_S = 6.2 \pm 0.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , respectively. Again, these line widths are considerably larger than the stellar line widths due to significant contributions by the instrumental spectral



**Figure 16.** Host properties of microlensing planets. We use the parameters of the default models (`modeldef = 1`) in the microlensing planet catalog of the NASA Exoplanet Archive for all discoveries in the bulge field (black dots). The host properties of Kojima-1Lb (blue star) are from Zang et al. (2020), and those of Gaia22dkvLb are based on the globally best-fit UPS-3.3( $u_0+$ ) in this work. Panel (A): host mass ( $M_L$ ) vs. distance ( $D_L$ ). Panel (B): host brightness in the  $V$  band ( $m_V$ ) vs. distance ( $D_L$ ). For the systems in the bulge field, we make crude  $V$ -band brightness estimates by assuming the lens star is a main-sequence star with stellar mass  $M_L$  at  $D_L$ . We use the isochrone at a stellar age of 5 Gyr from the Dartmouth Stellar Evolution Database (Dotter et al. 2008) to estimate the stellar luminosities. Then we apply the extinction corrections using the near-infrared extinction maps by Gonzalez et al. (2012) and convert it to  $A_V$  with the relationship in Cardelli et al. (1989). Panel (C): Galactic longitude ( $l$ ) vs. latitude ( $b$ ) distribution.

resolution ( $\sigma_{\text{instr}} \sim 5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ). Therefore, the blend appears to be distinctly separated from the source by more than  $\sim 11 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  in the velocity space, and with a high-resolution spectrograph, we may obtain high-precision RV data using the source as the velocity reference. We expect to improve the RV analysis and further assess the feasibility of high-precision RV characterizations in the follow-up work with detailed spectral modeling.

With the RVs available, we derive the Galactic kinematics of the source and the lens for the best-fit solution (blend = lens). The best-fit lens and source parallaxes are  $\pi_L = 0.79_{-0.20}^{+0.19} \text{ mas}$  and  $\pi_S = 0.47_{-0.26}^{+0.21} \text{ mas}$ , respectively. Thus, they are at heights  $z_L = -166_{-63}^{+37} \text{ pc}$  and  $z_S = -293_{-378}^{+98} \text{ pc}$  with respect to the Galactic plane (see the upper panel of Figure 13). Their velocities relative to the local standard rest (LSR) are estimated using the `pyasl` package in PyAstronomy adopting the peculiar velocity of the Sun as  $(U_{\text{LSR},\odot}, V_{\text{LSR},\odot}, W_{\text{LSR},\odot}) = (11.1, 12.24, 7.25) \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (Schöenrich et al. 2010). The lens and source have best-fit proper motions  $(\mu_{L,N}, \mu_{L,E}) = (5.72_{-0.20}^{+0.47}, -10.67_{-0.32}^{+0.16}) \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$  and  $(\mu_{S,N}, \mu_{S,E}) = (1.49_{-0.32}^{+0.14}, -7.61_{-0.11}^{+0.22}) \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ , respectively. Adopting  $RV_L = 2.9 \pm 1.0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $RV_S = 14.3 \pm 1.0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  derived from the



**Figure 17.** Semimajor axis (normalized to snow line) vs. planet mass distribution of microlensing planets (black dots: bulge field, red star: Gaia22dkvLb, blue star: Kojima-1Lb). We scale the projected separation by a factor of  $\sqrt{3/2}$  (the averaged value assuming random orbital orientation) to estimate the semimajor axis. The parameters are from the same sources as in Figure 16.

MIKE spectrum,<sup>52</sup> we obtain  $(U_{\text{LSR},L}, V_{\text{LSR},L}, W_{\text{LSR},L}) = (-57.57_{-27.32}^{+14.58}, -10.67_{-8.25}^{+14.30}, -3.35_{-2.51}^{+2.04}) \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for the lens and  $(U_{\text{LSR},S}, V_{\text{LSR},S}, W_{\text{LSR},S}) = (-53.96_{-70.47}^{+20.94}, -17.81_{-17.34}^{+4.92}, -27.91_{-42.76}^{+10.57}) \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for the source, respectively. The lower panel of Figure 13 shows the locations of the lens and the source in the so-called Toomre diagram. They are near the transition between the thin and thick disk populations with some preference for the former.

## 5.2. Gaia Astrometric Lensing

Our best-fit planetary solution lacks the  $\theta_E$  measurement due to the absence of a significant finite-source effect. Astrometric microlensing is an alternative channel to measure  $\theta_E$  (Hog et al. 1995; Miyamoto & Yoshii 1995; Walker 1995; Dominik & Sahu 2000). We perform a simplified PSPL analysis to evaluate the prospect of astrometric microlensing with the Gaia time-series data that will ultimately be released.

We simulate Gaia astrometric observations based on the PSPL parameters from our best-fit planetary solution (UPS-3.3 ( $u_0+$ )) along with the physical parameters estimated by assuming the blend to be the lens as evaluated in Table 4. The epochs of observation from the start of the Gaia mission to future predictions are based on output from the Gaia Observation Forecast Tool (GOST<sup>53</sup>). We adopt the along-scan (AL) astrometric precision of 0.08 mas for each epoch based on the estimate from Rybicki et al. (2018) for a target with  $G \sim 13$ . The across-scan (AC) error bars are 2 orders of magnitude larger than the AL errors, and we do not include AC errors in modeling. See the black

<sup>52</sup> The RV uncertainty ( $1.0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) is dominated by the drift in the wavelength solution over the course of the night.

<sup>53</sup> <https://gaia.esac.esa.int/gost/>

dots with red error bars in Figure 14 for the simulated data. Then we fit the simulated Gaia data with an astrometric microlensing model with 12 parameters, including four parameters ( $t_0$ ,  $u_0$ ,  $t_E$ ,  $f_B/f_S$ ) with priors derived from the fit to the light curve. We do not impose light-curve priors on the other eight free parameters ( $R.A_{\text{base}}$ ,  $\text{decl}_{\text{base}}$ ,  $\theta_E$ ,  $\pi_{E,N}$ ,  $\pi_{E,E}$ ,  $\mu_{N,\text{base}}$ ,  $\mu_{E,\text{base}}$ ,  $\pi_{\text{base}}$ ), where  $(R.A_{\text{base}}, \text{decl}_{\text{base}})$ ,  $\mu_{\text{base}} = (\mu_{N,\text{base}}, \mu_{E,\text{base}})$  are the coordinates and proper motion of the baseline object when unlensed at the same reference epoch of the Gaia DR3 catalog. In practice, we fit  $(\Delta R.A_{\text{base}}, \Delta \text{decl}_{\text{base}})$ , which are differences from the input Gaia DR3 coordinates.

We sample the posteriors using *dynesty* (Speagle 2020; Koposov et al. 2023), which implements Nested Sampling on the high-dimension parameter space. The posteriors of the eight free parameters of the astrometric model are displayed in Figure 15, and the centroid's trajectory from the best-fit model is shown as the solid black line in Figure 14. The expected  $1\sigma$  error of  $\theta_E$  from our MCMC posterior is  $\sim 0.1$  mas, and the corresponding uncertainty of lens mass is  $\sim 15\%$ . Interestingly, the astrometric data alone can also constrain  $\pi_E$  to a high precision ( $\sigma_{\pi_{E,N}} \approx 0.02$  and  $\sigma_{\pi_{E,E}} \approx 0.03$ ). We fit the simulated data to  $u_0-$  models and we find that the best-fit  $u_0-$  model has a  $\Delta\chi^2 = 115$  compared to  $u_0+$ . Therefore, the Gaia astrometric microlensing data can completely break the  $u_0+/-$  degeneracy and definitively determine the microlens parallax and thus the lens mass and distance.

## 6. Conclusion

Gaia22dkvLb is an extrasolar planet discovered from a microlensing event alerted by Gaia, and its location is far from the traditional bulge microlensing fields (see the bottom panel of Figure 16). The only other nonbulge microlensing planet Kojima-1Lb was found serendipitously, and it is difficult to quantify the detection efficiency and make statistical inferences. Both Gaia22dkvLb and Kojima-1Lb are brighter than  $V = 12$  at the peak, and according to Han (2008), the all-sky rate for such bright events is very rare, only  $\sim 0.1 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ . Therefore it is intriguing that exoplanets are (serendipitously) found in both events, probably implying a large planet frequency for near-field microlensing events based on the small number statistics of two events. Systematic all-sky surveys such as Gaia can open up the largely untapped discovery potential of near-field microlensing. Our primary interpretation reveals the lens to be a nearby ( $\sim 1.3$  kpc) turnoff star, making it the brightest microlensing planet host (see the middle panels of Figure 16). Thanks to the host's close distance and its high effective temperature, the Einstein radius of Gaia22dkv is well within the snow line, unlike most microlensing planets. As a Jovian planet orbiting a turnoff star, Gaia22dkvLb is one of the few microlensing planets detected inside the snow line (see Figure 17). Such near-field events can provide far richer opportunities for follow-up studies than planetary systems found in the bulge field. Gaia astrometric and host spectroscopic observations can yield detailed characterizations of the host's physical and kinematic properties and chemical abundance, which can offer significant clues regarding planet formation and dynamical evolutions (Zhu & Dong 2021). The combination of high planet mass, relatively small orbital separation, and the exceptionally bright host makes Gaia22dkvLb the most promising microlensing planet for RV follow-ups. Besides determining Gaia22dkvLb's

orbital period and eccentricity, precision RV data can also be used to search for much shorter-period planets and probe the planet architecture, which is generally impossible for microlensing by itself. While microlensing does occasionally detect two planets, their projected locations are typically near the Einstein ring at  $\sim 1\text{--}4$  au (see, e.g., Kuang et al. 2023), so it can hardly probe multiple planets with large semimajor-axis ratios. Kepler and RV observations have revealed tantalizing evidence for a strong "inner-outer" correlation:  $\sim 90\%$  of cold Jovian planets are found to be accompanied by close-in super-Earths in the same systems (Zhu & Wu 2018; Bryan et al. 2019). Such a correlation may have implications for understanding the physical processes of planet formation (see, e.g., Schlecker et al. 2021; Guo & Kokubo 2023). Future RV follow-ups can examine whether the cold Jovian planet of Gaia22dkvLb has an associated inner planet as would be likely according to the inner-outer correlation.

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