Combining neural networks and galaxy light subtraction for discovering strong lenses with HSC

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What is strong lensing?

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The phenomenon that we can see the multiple images of background galaxy when a foreground galaxy and bright background galaxy are aligned.

Usage of strong lenses

- The mass structure of galaxies
- The properties of dark matter
- High-resolution studies of distant sources
- The measurement of cosmological parameters

(e.g., Refsdal 1964; Wong et al. 2020)



Tanaka et al. (2016)

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Training Dataset

Mock Lens

Non-Lens



Test Dataset

Real Lens Non-Lens Nomal image Nomal image Subtracted image Subtracted image

(Sonnenfeld et al. 2018, 2020; Wong et al. 2018)













Comparison of neural networks optimized for each dataset



Fid vs. Sub vs. Stack (lens)

lens samples from test dataset (fid vs. sub vs. stack)

O(fid) - O(sub) - O(stack)



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Collaboration Work

- Ensemble method (Holloway et al. 2023)
 - Our prediction is used for Ensemble method

Combined Classifier : Citizen Science (Sonnenfeld et al. 2020)

CNNs (Canameras et al. (2021), Shu et al. (2022), Jaelani et al. (2023), Ishida et al. (in prep))

- Comparison of different neural network with common test dataset (More et al. in prep)
 - compare our network with other CNNs (Canameras et al. (2021), Shu et al. (2022), Jaelani et al. (2023)) to evaluate performance

Summary and Future Work

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 - We subtract the lens galaxy light to improve the performance of CNNs for discovering strong lenses in the HSC SSP
 - <u>combining subtracted images and fiducial images gives better performance (Ishida et at. in prep)</u>
- Future Work
 - We will reduce residuals in the center of subtracted images to improve the performance
 - We will explore the specific examples more to investigate characteristics of misclassified objects.
 - investigate other methods of light subtraction

	AUROC
model_fid (using fiducial imaging data)	0.808
model_sub (using imaging data with light subtraction)	0.712
model_stack (the combination of "fid" and "sub")	0.837