

Parallax Effect in Microlensing Events due to Free-Floating Planets

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ABSTRACT

One of most important applications of microlensing observations is detecting free-floating planets (FFPs). The time scale of microlensing due to FFPs (t_E) is short (a few days). Discerning the annual parallax effect in observations from these short-duration events by one observer is barely possible, though their parallax amplitude is larger than that in common events. In microlensing events due to FFPs, the lens-source relative trajectory alters because of the observer's motion by δu . This deviation is a straight line if $t_E \ll P_\oplus$, and its size is $\delta u \propto \pi_{\text{rel}}$ (P_\oplus is the observer's orbital period). So, most of observed microlensing events due to close FFPs have simple Paczyński lightcurves with indiscernible and valuable parallax. To evaluate destructive effects of invisible parallax in such events, we simulate ~ 9650 microlensing events due to FFPs with $t_E < 10$ days that are observed only by The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope (Roman). We conclude that in half of these microlensing events the missing parallax alters the real lightcurves, changing their shape and derived properties (by $\Delta\chi^2 \gtrsim 100$). By fitting Paczyński lightcurves to these affected events we evaluate the relative and dimensionless deviations in the lensing parameters from their real values ($\delta t_E, \delta \rho_\star, \dots$). We conclude that around 46 FFPs which are discovered by Roman have lightcurves highly affected by invisible parallax with $\delta t_E > 0.1$ and $\delta \rho_\star > 0.1$. Our study reveals the importance of simultaneous and dense observations of microlensing events viewed by Roman by other observers rotating the Sun in different orbits.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The annual parallax effect is referred to the Earth (the observer) rotation around the Sun which makes additional and apparent motions for close stars on the sky plane. Due to the parallax effect, the angular position of a star at the distance one kpc from us will alter by 2 mas during 6 months as measured from the Earth. Based on these apparent displacements of close stars in the sky plane, people even determine their distance from the Earth. Therefore, in astrophysical text books, the parallax effect has been introduced as one of primary methods for measuring distances of close stars (e.g., [Carroll & Ostlie 2006](#)). In this way, the Hipparcos and Gaia telescopes have measured the distances of over a hundred thousand stars, and around 1.5 billion stars in the Galaxy based on the parallax measurements ([Perryman et al. 1997](#); [Gaia Collaboration et al. 2023](#)).

Additionally, the parallax effect alters the transient astrophysical events from the Galactic stars, because it alters stellar trajectories from straight to cycloid ones (see, e.g., [Alcock et al. 1995](#)). The parallax-induced deviations in such events depend on two factors: (a) the stellar distances from the observer, and (b) durations of events. The angular extra motions of stars due to the parallax effect are scaled by $\pi_\star = au/D$, where D is the stellar distance from the observer. Also, the maximum displacements owing to the parallax effect occur during 6 months. Hence, in short-duration events (e.g., 1-2 days) from far stars the parallax-induced deviations and bending of stellar trajectories from straight ones are barely recognizable.

One example of transient astrophysical phenomena is the gravitational microlensing. It refers to the temporary brightness increase of a background star in the Galaxy, because its light is passing from the gravitational potential of a foreground and collinear object ([Einstein 1936](#); [Refsdal 1964](#); [Liebes 1964](#)). The most-

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common lenses in the Gravitational microlensing events toward the Galactic bulge are M-dwarfs with the masses $\sim 0.3 M_{\odot}$. These lens objects make microlensing events which last on average ~ 20 -30 days (see, e.g., Gaudi 2012; Dominik et al. 2008). In a simple microlensing event the magnification factor depends on three parameters which are: (i) ρ_{\star} the source radius normalized to the Einstein radius and projected on the sky plane, (ii) the brightness profile of the source disk, and (iii) u the lens-source relative trajectory normalized to the Einstein radius. Here, the Einstein radius is the radius of the images' ring at the time of complete alignment between the lens, source and the observer lines of sight. In these events, the parallax effect alters u from a straight line to a cycloid one. The amplitude of parallax-induced deviations in the lens-source trajectory is π_E (the so-called parallax amplitude). Discerning this parallax amplitude helps to resolve the known microlensing degeneracy, since π_E is a degenerate function of the lens mass and its distance (e.g., Refsdal 1966; Gould 1992; Smith et al. 2005). In joint ground-based and space-based observations from microlensing events, measuring up to three physical parameters of lenses is possible because of different parallax effects from different observers (Gould 1994, 1995, 1999). As some examples of realizing satellite parallax in real microlensing observations one can study An et al. (2002); Shvartzvald et al. (2019); Zang et al. (2020); Hirao et al. (2020).

One special class of microlensing events are the ones due to free-floating planets (FFPs) which have short durations (up to a few days) (e.g., Sumi et al. 2011; Mróz et al. 2017, 2020a,b; Koshimoto et al. 2023). In these events (i) the parallax amplitude is larger than that in common microlensing events due to M-dwarfs, and (ii) the observer trajectory with respect to the Sun is almost a straight line with ignorable bending. Therefore, in such events the straight lens-source relative trajectory varies with a considerable and straight deviation, i.e., $\mathbf{u}_{\odot} + \delta\mathbf{u}$. Accordingly, the parallax effect in these events alters the real light curves to other simple ones with indistinguishable parallax effects.

A considerable number of short-duration microlensing events due to FFPs will be discovered by the Roman Space Telescope during its microlensing survey (see, e.g., Penny et al. 2019; Johnson et al. 2020). We note that Sumi et al. (2023) presented the first measurement of the mass function of free-floating planets and predicted that Roman could detect a significant number of these objects with masses down to that of Mars. Since measuring their parallax effects is crucial to correctly extract the lens mass and its distance, possible joint observations by Roman, LSST (LSST Science Collaboration et al. 2009),

Euclid, and Chinese Space Station telescopes from these events were proposed by Bachelet & Penny (2019); Ban (2020); Bachelet et al. (2022); Yan & Zhu (2022). Also, Hamolli et al. (2013) simulated microlensing events due to FFPs by considering the parallax effect and discussed on the best position of the Earth in its orbit around the Sun for measuring the parallax effect.

Simultaneous observations are not possible for some of short-duration microlensing events. For instance, for the ones that either (i) their durations are very short, or (ii) their observing field is not observable by two telescopes simultaneously, or (iii) other telescopes have other priorities for their observations. Modeling such microlensing events leads to lensing parameters somewhat deviated from their real amounts. We study this point (how much invisible parallax is destructive while interpreting short-duration events due to FFPs) in this work numerically, and statistically evaluate the parallax-induced deviations on the inferred lensing parameters from observations.

In Section 2, we review the formalism for microlensing light curves by considering the parallax effect. In Section 3, we generate short-duration ($t_E < 10$ days) microlensing events due to FFPs toward the Galactic bulge, and assume these events are observed only by the Roman telescope during one 62-day observing season. We extract the parallax-affected events by evaluating $\Delta\chi^2$ values. To calculate the parallax-induced deviations in their lensing parameters, we fit simple Paczyński microlensing models to their simulated synthetic data. The statistical results are explained in Section 4. In the last section, we explain the results and conclusions.

2. FORMALISM: MICROLENSING AND PARALLAX

In a microlensing event due to a point-like source star, the magnification factor only depends on the lens-source relative distance projected on the sky plane and normalized to the Einstein radius, u , as given by:

$$A(u) = \frac{u^2 + 2}{u\sqrt{u^2 + 4}}. \quad (1)$$

We first assume the observer is on the Sun's center (the so-called heliocentric frame). The heliocentric coordinate system is specified by three normal axes, i.e., $(\hat{n}_1, \hat{n}_2, \hat{z})$, where \hat{z} is in the line of sight direction and toward the source star. (\hat{n}_1, \hat{n}_2) describe the sky plane, where \hat{n}_1 is in the direction of increasing the Galactic longitude, and \hat{n}_2 is toward the Galactic north pole. In this system, the components of lens-source relative trajectory projected on the sky plane \mathbf{u}_{\odot} are given by:

$$u_{\odot, \hat{n}_1} = \frac{t - t_0}{t_E} \cos \xi - u_0 \sin \xi,$$

$$u_{\odot, \hat{n}_2} = \frac{t - t_0}{t_E} \sin \xi + u_0 \cos \xi, \quad (2)$$

where, $u_{\odot} = \left(u_0^2 + (t - t_0)^2 / t_E^2 \right)^{1/2}$, t_0 is the time of the closest approach, u_0 is the lens impact parameter, ξ is the angle for projection of the lens-source relative trajectory on the \hat{n}_1 axis. t_E is the time to cross the angular Einstein radius with the lens-source relative velocity:

$$t_E = \frac{\theta_E}{\mu_{\text{rel}, \odot}}, \quad \theta_E = \frac{R_E}{D_1} = \sqrt{\frac{4 G M_1}{c^2} \frac{D_{\text{ls}}}{D_1 D_s}} \quad (3)$$

where, G is the Gravitational constant, c is the speed of light, D_1 , and D_s are the lens and source distances from the observer, and $D_{\text{ls}} = D_s - D_1$. $\mu_{\text{rel}, \odot}$ is the size of the lens-source angular velocity vector as measured in the heliocentric reference frame, which is given by:

$$\mu_{\text{rel}, \odot} = \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\text{s}, \text{p}} - \mathbf{v}_{\odot, \text{p}}}{D_s} - \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\text{l}, \text{p}} - \mathbf{v}_{\odot, \text{p}}}{D_1}, \quad (4)$$

where $\mathbf{v}_{\text{l}, \text{p}}$, $\mathbf{v}_{\text{s}, \text{p}}$, and $\mathbf{v}_{\odot, \text{p}}$ are the lens, source and the Sun velocity vectors projected on the sky plane. Since the Sun motion around the Galactic center during a lensing event is linear, the lens trajectory with respect to the source star (as measured in the heliocentric coordinate frame) is a straight line with a constant relative velocity $\mu_{\text{rel}, \odot}$.

Now, we assume the observer is rotating the Sun. The annual motion of the observer around the Sun changes $\mu_{\text{rel}, \odot}$ by:

$$\mu_{\text{rel}, \odot} = \mu_{\text{rel}, \odot} + \frac{\pi_{\text{rel}}}{\text{au}} \mathbf{v}_{\odot, \text{p}}, \quad (5)$$

where $\mathbf{v}_{\odot, \text{p}}$ is the observer velocity with respect to the Sun projected on the sky plane, and $\pi_{\text{rel}} = \text{au}/D_1 - \text{au}/D_s$ is the relative parallax amplitude. Accordingly, the observer motion around the Sun changes two components of \mathbf{u}_{\odot} as:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\odot, \hat{n}_1} &= u_{\odot, \hat{n}_1} + \pi_E \int_{t_0}^t \frac{v_{\odot, \hat{n}_1}}{\text{au}} dt, \\ u_{\odot, \hat{n}_2} &= u_{\odot, \hat{n}_2} + \pi_E \int_{t_0}^t \frac{v_{\odot, \hat{n}_2}}{\text{au}} dt. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

These parallax-induced deviations alter periodically (same as a sine function) with the known amplitude $\pi_E = \pi_{\text{rel}}/\theta_E = \sqrt{\pi_{\text{rel}}/\kappa} M_1$, where κ is a constant.

2.1. Case study: Short-duration Microlensing due to FFPs

Here, we aim to evaluate the second terms in Equations 6 (the parallax-induced deviations) in short-duration microlensing events due to FFPs. To project

the observer velocity vector on the sky, we first specify its components in the Galactic coordinate system. The Galactic coordinate system is described with three normal directions (U , V , W), which are radial toward the Galactic center, clock-wise tangential in the Galactic plane, and normal to the Galactic plane and toward the Galactic north pole, respectively. The observer velocity components in this coordinate system is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\odot, U} &= +V_o \sin \Omega \cos \theta_{\oplus}, \\ v_{\odot, V} &= -V_o \cos \Omega, \\ v_{\odot, W} &= -V_o \sin \Omega \sin \theta_{\oplus}, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where, $\theta_{\oplus} = \pi/3$ is the angle between the Earth orbital plane around the Sun and the Galactic plane, $V_o = R_o \omega$, $\Omega = \omega(t - t_0) + \phi_0$, $\omega = 2\pi/P_{\oplus}$ is the Earth angular velocity around the Sun, and $P_{\oplus} = 365.25$ days. ϕ_0 is an initial phase which describes the Earth velocity's vector at the time of the closest approach in the lensing formalism. R_o is the orbital radius of the observer around the Sun, which is the astronomical unit (au) when the observer is the Earth and 1.01 au for the Roman telescope (from L2 Lagrangian point). Here, we assumed that the observer is rotating the Sun in the Earth orbital plane and in a circular orbit.

According to the formalism introduced in Appendix of [Sajadian & Sahu \(2023\)](#), we derive the projected components of the Earth velocity on the sky plane (in the directions \hat{n}_1, \hat{n}_2) as:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\odot, \hat{n}_1} &= \sin \alpha v_{\odot, U} - \cos \alpha v_{\odot, V}, \\ v_{\odot, \hat{n}_2} &= \sin b \left[\cos \alpha v_{\odot, U} + \sin \alpha v_{\odot, V} \right] + \cos b v_{\odot, W}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Here, b is the Galactic latitude of the line of sight of the source star, $\alpha \simeq \pi - l$, and l is the Galactic longitude of this line of sight. Toward the Galactic bulge, $l \simeq 0$, $b \simeq 0$, and so $\alpha \simeq \pi$. Additionally, for short-duration microlensing events due to FFPs, $|t - t_0| \ll P_{\oplus}$. Considering these features and using Equations 8, two parallax-induced deviations (given in Equations 6) are:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta u_{\hat{n}_1} &\simeq -R'_o \pi_E (\sin \Omega - \sin \phi_0) \\ &\simeq -R'_o \pi_E [\omega(t - t_0) \cos \phi_0 - \frac{1}{2} \sin \phi_0 \omega^2 (t - t_0)^2], \\ \delta u_{\hat{n}_2} &\simeq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} R'_o \pi_E (\cos \Omega - \cos \phi_0) \\ &\simeq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} R'_o \pi_E [-\omega(t - t_0) \sin \phi_0 - \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 (t - t_0)^2 \cos \phi_0] \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where $R'_o = R_o/\text{au}$, and $\mathbf{u}_o = \mathbf{u}_{\odot} + \delta \mathbf{u}$. In these relations, although $\omega(t - t_0) \sim t_E/P_{\oplus}$ is very small, in short-duration microlensing events due to FFPs the parallax amplitudes ($\pi_E \propto 1/\sqrt{M_1}$) are considerable and larger

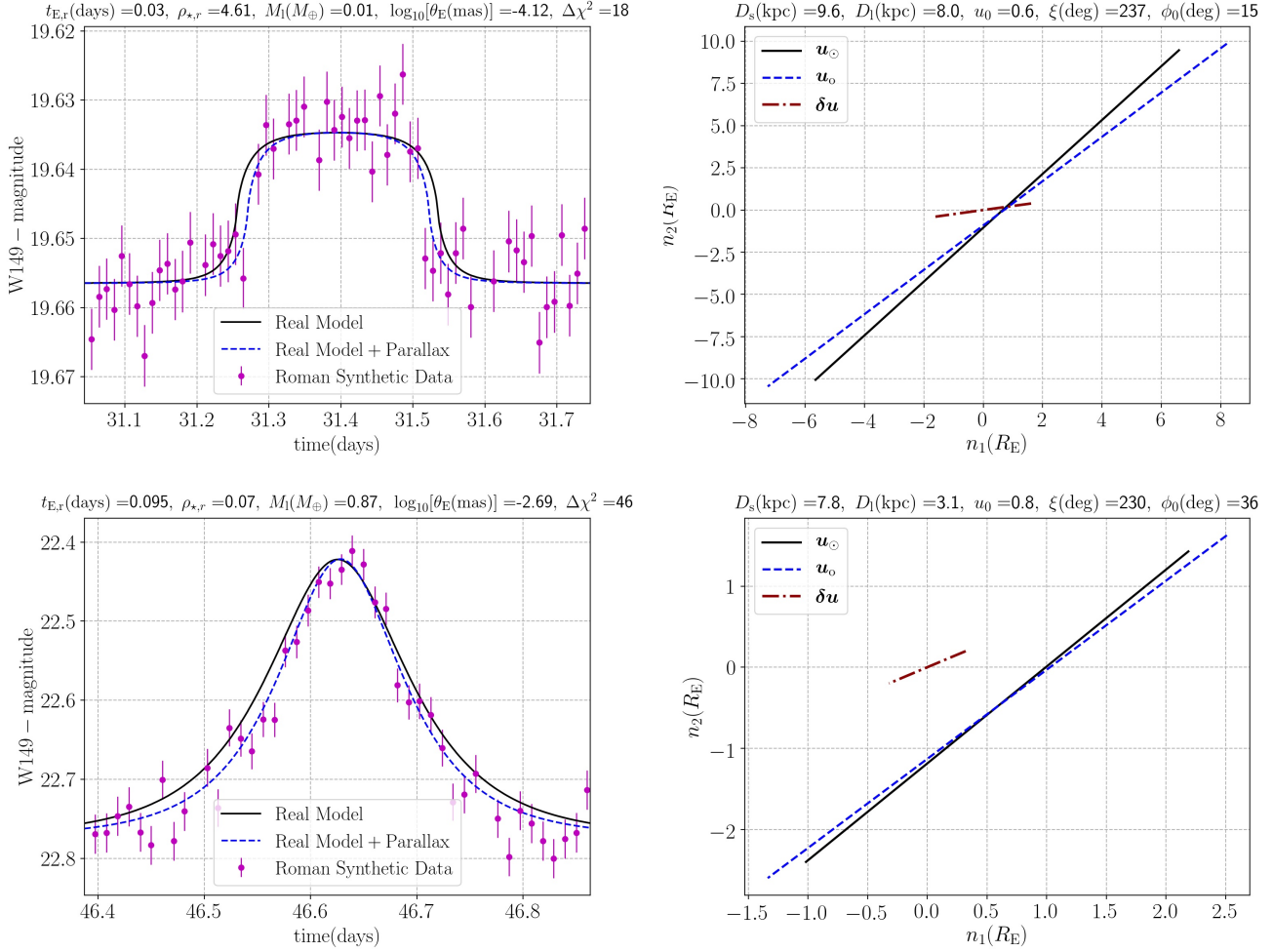


Figure 1. Left panels show two examples of microlensing light curves due to FFPs in which the parallax effects are not discernible. Right panels contain their lens-source relative trajectories projected on the sky plane without (black solid lines \mathbf{u}_\odot) and with (blue dashed lines \mathbf{u}_o) considering the parallax effect. In these panels, the dark-red dot-dashed lines are $\delta\mathbf{u}$. The index r for parameters refers to their values in the real models.

than those in the common microlensing events by 5 up to 3000 times for $M_l \in [0.01 M_\oplus, 15 M_J]$.

Hence, the parallax effect in microlensing events due to FFPs is not discernible, because two parallax-induced deviation terms (Equation 9) as far as $t_E \ll P_\oplus$ behave linearly versus time without any bending and acceleration (by considering only first-order terms). In that case, \mathbf{u}_o will be a straight line and the offered light curve will be symmetric with respect to its peak. However, if $\pi_E \times t_E$ has the same order of magnitude with P_\oplus , i.e., $\pi_E \times t_E (= \pi_{\text{rel}}/\mu_{\text{rel},o}) \sim P_\oplus$, then $\delta\mathbf{u}$ alters \mathbf{u}_\odot considerably, which means $A(u_o)$ and $A(u_\odot)$ are different whereas both of them are simple and symmetric. In such events parallax effect is indistinguishable and invisible, whereas it changes the observed light curve and its parameters considerably. Accordingly, in short-duration events due to FFPs, $\delta u \propto \pi_{\text{rel}}$ which means parallax can

make large deviations when FFPs are close to the observer with high π_{rel} values. We examine these points in the next section based on a Monte Carlo simulation.

3. MONTE CARLO SIMULATION: MICROLENSING DUE TO FFPS BY Roman

In this section we do a Monte Carlo simulation from microlensing events due to FFPs that can be detected during the Roman microlensing Survey. We assume that the Roman telescope is taking data from these events during one 62-day observing season in 7 lines of sight toward the Galactic bulge and there are no follow-up observations for these events.

The details of these simulations can be found in the previous papers (see, e. g., [Sajadian 2021a](#); [Sajadian et al. 2023](#); [Sajadian & Sangtarash 2023](#)), so we briefly

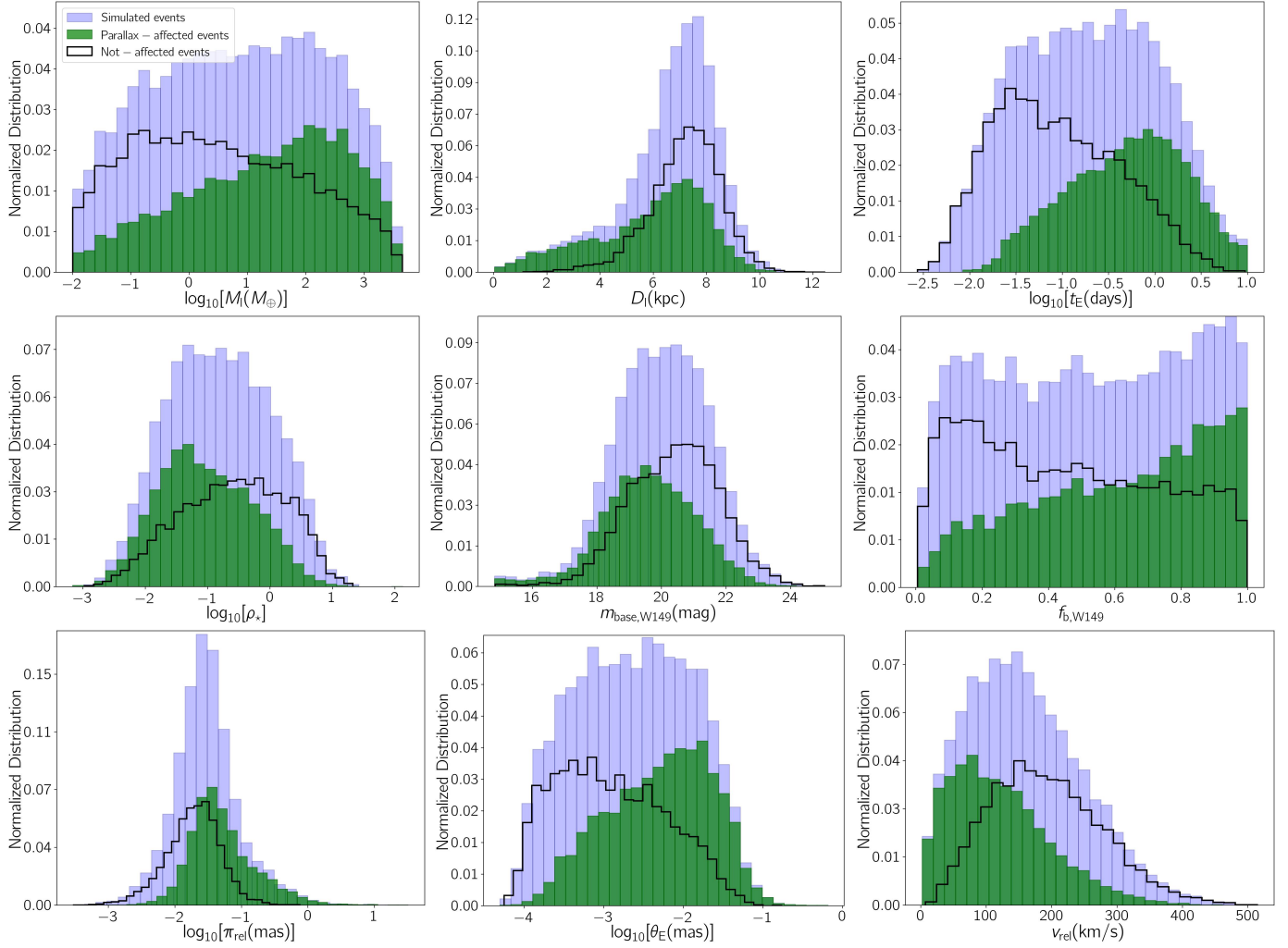


Figure 2. The light purple histograms are the normalized distributions of some parameters due to all simulated microlensing events which are described in Section 3. The normalized distributions of the events whose light curves are (and are not) affected with parallax effects are shown with green (and black step) histograms.

Table 1. The average values from the parameters whose distributions are shown in Figure 2.

Parameters / from events	$\log_{10}[\overline{M_1}]$	$\overline{D_1}$	$\log_{10}[\overline{t_E}]$	$\log_{10}[\overline{\rho_*}]$	$\overline{m_{\text{base}}}$	$\overline{f_{\text{bl}}}$	$\log_{10}[\overline{\pi_{\text{rel}}}]$	$\log_{10}[\overline{\theta_E}]$	$\overline{v_{\text{rel}}}$
	M_{\oplus}	kpc	days		mag		mas	mas	km/s
All events	2.33	6.58	-0.16	-0.14	20.02	0.53	-1.12	-2.09	159.10
Parallax – affected events	2.46	5.86	0.07	-0.40	19.60	0.61	-0.88	-1.90	120.91
Not affected events	2.16	7.19	-0.55	0.01	20.38	0.45	-1.55	-2.39	192.05

explain them here. To generate a microlensing event, we should choose (i) a source star in a given line of sight, and (ii) a lens object, and then (iii) determine the lensing parameters. We specify the distances of source stars (D_s) based on the overall mass density versus the distance from the observer in a given line of sight. Then, we determine the photometry properties of the source stars using the Besançon model, and according to the Galactic structure to which the source star belong (Robin et al. 2003, 2012). In the next step, we indicate the lens distance from the observer (D_l) using the microlensing event rate function. We limit the masses of lenses to the mass range $M_l \in [0.01M_\oplus, 15M_J]$ and select them using a log-uniform mass function $dN/dM_l \propto M_l^{-1}$, in the same way with Johnson et al. (2020); Sajadian (2021b). We determine the lens and source dispersion velocity components using the normal distributions whose widths given by Robin et al. (2003). In the short-duration microlensing events due to FFPs, the finite-source effect (Witt & Mao 1994) is considerable, since the angular source radius θ_* normalized to the angular Einstein radius is $\rho_* = \theta_*/\theta_E \propto M_l^{-1/2}$. Therefore, we determine the microlensing magnification factor by considering finite-source size and using the RT-model (Bozza 2010; Bozza et al. 2018). For these events we consider the parallax effect based on the formalism explained in the previous section. Since we aim to focus on the events affected by the parallax whereas this effect is unrecognizable while modeling (or when this effect should be ignored while inferring the lensing parameters), we exclude the events have $t_E > 10$ days. However, in the simulation 99% of simulated events due to FFPs with a log-uniform mass function had t_E less than 10 days.

In the next step, for each light curve we produce the synthetic data points taken by the Roman telescope. We consider an observing season with the duration $T_{\text{obs}} = 62$ day, and uniformly choose t_0 s from the range $[0, T_{\text{obs}}]$. For each data point we determine the error bar in the magnification factor using $\sigma_A = A|1 - 10^{-0.4 \sigma_m}|$, where A is the magnification factor. σ_m is the Roman photometric error which is a function of the apparent magnitude in the Roman filter (W149) (Fig. 4 in Penny et al. 2019). The cadence between data is fixed to 15.16 min.

In the simulation we determine the number of blending stars by integrating over the Galactic number density in a given line of sight to determine the projected surface one (Eq. 2, 3 in Sajadian & Poleski 2019). This surface density indicates the number of blending stars whose lights enter the source PSF (Point Spread Function). The blending in the lensing formalism is usually evalu-

ated by the factor f_{bl} which is the ratio of the source flux (itself) to total baseline flux enters the source PSF. The higher f_{bl} value, the less number of blending stars. We perform this Monte Carlo simulation, and generate 9646 microlensing events due to FFPs with $t_E < 10$ days which potentially are discernible by the Roman telescope. The detectability criteria were explained in Sajadian (2021b).

For some of these events, the parallax effect does not change the light curve shape and so ignoring the parallax effect for these events does not alter the inferred lensing parameters significantly. To extract these events we consider a criterion, i.e., the difference between χ^2_{real} and χ^2_{without} values from fitting the real model with parallax and the real model without parallax (respectively) be less than 100, i.e., $\Delta\chi^2 = |\chi^2_{\text{real}} - \chi^2_{\text{without}}| < 100$. Most of these events have either very short time scales (with sparse data points), or large finite-source sizes or faint source stars with high photometric error bars which all result small $\Delta\chi^2$ values. Additionally, when $D_l \simeq D_s$ which results very small π_{rel} values, the parallax amplitude decreases, and this effect will not change the microlensing light curve.

Two examples of these events can be found in Figure 1. In this figure, for two light curves (shown in the left panels), their lens-source relative trajectories with (blue dashed line \mathbf{u}_o) and without (black solid line \mathbf{u}_\odot) parallax effects are represented in their right panels. The parallax-induced deviations in the lens-source relative trajectories $\delta\mathbf{u}$ are depicted with the dark-red dot-dashed lines. The lensing parameters used to these light curves are mentioned at the top of plots. In these light curves high photometric errors and low number of data points cause the parallax-induced deviations to be undetectable.

46.3% of all simulated events have $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$ and $t_E < 10$ days. For these events the parallax effect is invisible, but changes their observed light curves considerably.

In Figure 2, we show the normalized distributions of some parameters from simulated microlensing events due to FFPs with light purple color. To study what kinds of simulated events are more affected with the parallax effect, in these plots the distributions of events with $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$ (and $\Delta\chi^2 < 100$) are plotted with green (and black step) histograms. To better compare these distributions, in Table 1 we report the average values of the parameters whose distributions are plotted in Figure 2. In this table three rows (from top to bottom) contain the average values due to all simulated events (with light purple histograms), parallax-affected events (green

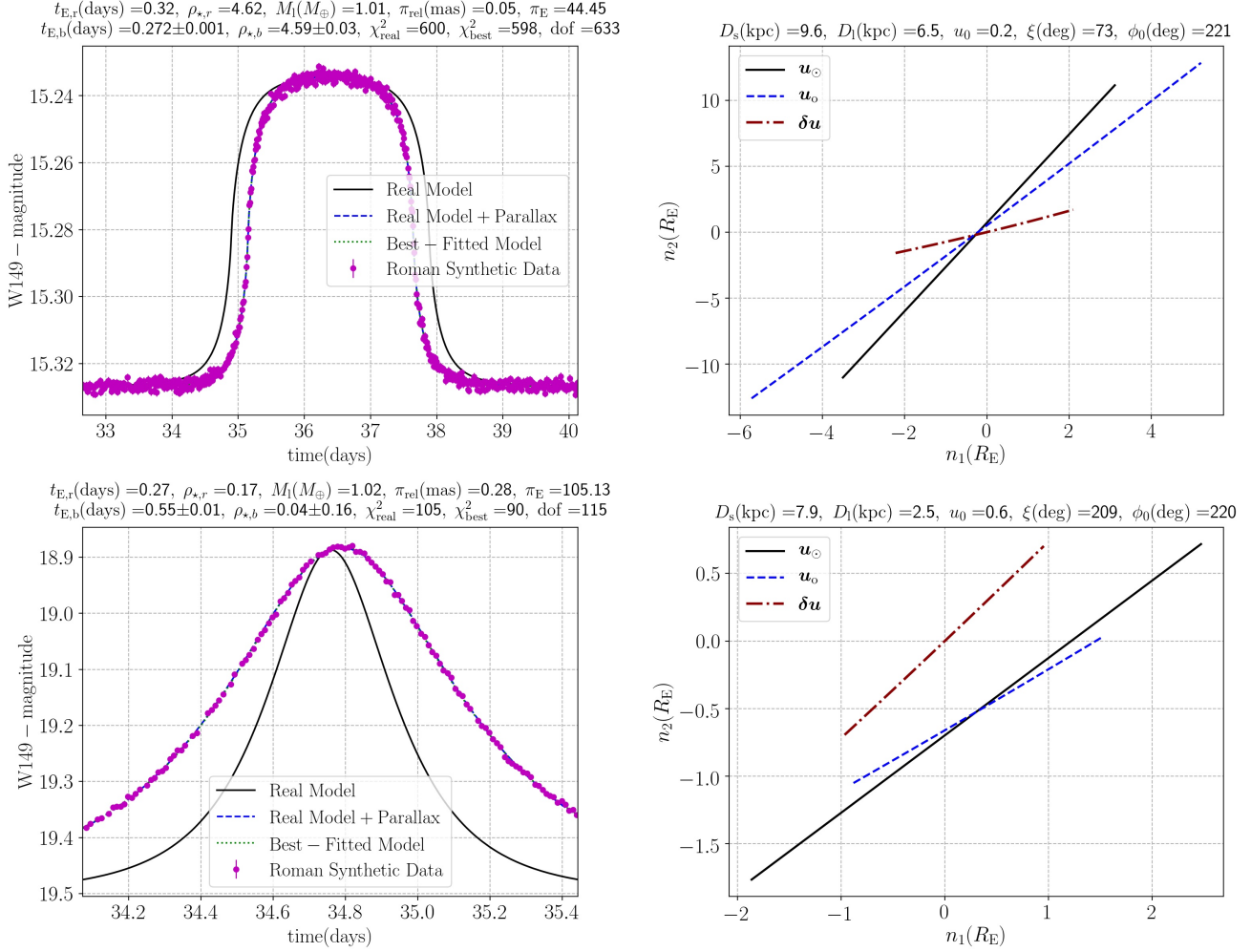


Figure 3. Similar to Figure 1. In these two short-duration microlensing light curves the parallax changes their widths significantly. The index b for t_E and ρ_* refers to their values in the best-fitted simple microlensing models. The best-fitted light curves are depicted by green dotted curves. In the titles 'dof' refers to the degree of freedom.

histograms) and not affected ones (black step ones), respectively.

Accordingly, most of events in which $D_l \lesssim 3$ kpc (or $\pi_{\text{rel}} \gtrsim 0.2$ mas), and $t_E \gtrsim 3$ days (which have more number of data points) are affected by parallax with $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$. Also, the events due to faint or highly blended source stars, or the ones with $\rho_* \gtrsim 3$ are less affected with parallax (e.g., the top event in Fig. 1). In fact, when the normalized source radius is large, the magnification factor is low as it is estimated by $1 + 2/\rho_*^2$ (Gould & Gauchere 1996; Agol 2003), so variations in the lens-source relative trajectory does not change the light curve much.

In the next section, we focus on the microlensing events with $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$ and study the parallax-induced deviations in their lensing parameters by finding the best-fitted simple Paczyński light curves for these events.

3.1. Fitting simple Paczyński microlensing models

For each of the simulated microlensing events due to FFPs with $t_E < 10$ days and $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$, we find the best-fitted simple Paczyński microlensing models using the python-based package `emcee`¹ (Foreman-Mackey et al. 2013). For fitting a simple microlensing model there are 5 parameters which are t_E , ρ_* , t_0 , u_0 , and f_b . We exclude the apparent baseline magnitude due to all blending stars in the W149 filter, m_{base} , because the parallax does not change this parameter. For finding the best-fitted microlensing models with 5 free parameters, 40 chains (i.e., $N_{\text{walkers}} = 40$ in the `emcee` code) and each chain with 10000 steps were sufficient. We ignore the limb-darkening effect for source stars, and simulate synthetic data points for light curves with $\rho_* < 1$ in the

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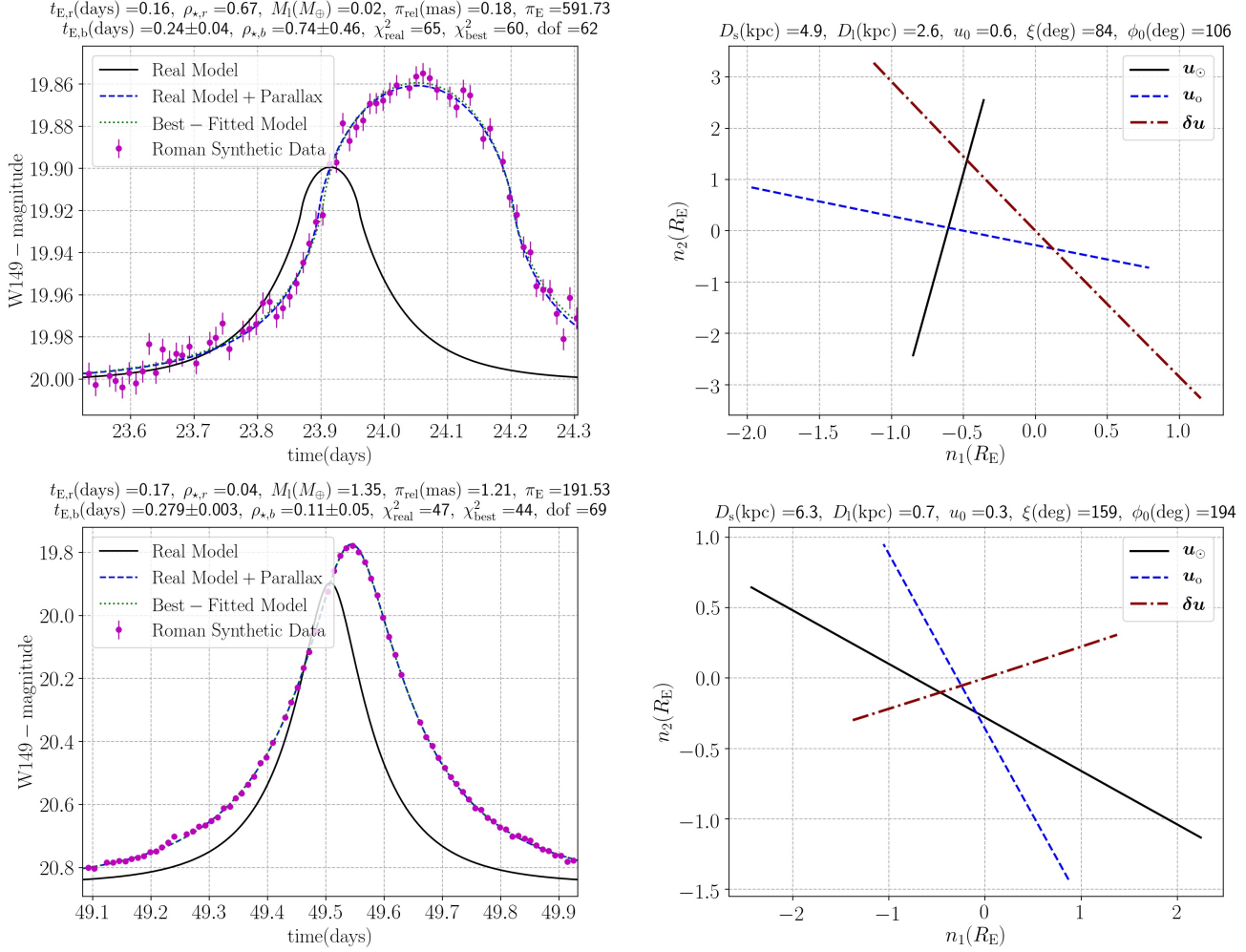


Figure 4. Similar to Figure 3. In these two microlensing events the parallax-induced deviations are significant, because in these events the lens object is close to the observer which results large π_{rel} values.

Table 2. The statistical results from the Monte Carlo simulation.

	δt_E	$\delta \rho_*$	δu_0	δt_0	δf_{bl}	δt_E and $\delta \rho_*$
> 0.02	73.7	83.6	63.2	3.6	52.1	62.6
> 0.05	46.7	75.6	43.3	1.5	31.8	36.8
> 0.1	26.8	68.8	29.4	0.7	18.6	19.8
> 0.3	8.0	56.9	14.7	0.2	4.8	4.9
> 0.5	3.8	48.7	10.1	0.1	1.9	1.9
> 0.7	1.9	41.3	7.5	0.1	0.8	0.8

NOTE—Each entrance is the fraction of simulated events with $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$ in which the given relative deviations (its column) are larger than the given threshold (its row).

time interval $[-2.5 t_E + t_0, 2.5 t_E + t_0]$, and the others in the time interval $[-2.5 t_* + t_0, 2.5 t_* + t_0]$, where $t_* = t_E \times \rho_*$.

Two parameters t_E and ρ_* are functions of the lens mass and its distance. Hence, the parallax-induced deviations from these two parameters directly lead to misinterpretation of the lens object. From simulations, we found that in events that u_\odot and δu are parallel, i.e., $|\xi - \phi_0| \simeq 0, 180^\circ$ the widths of observed light curves change significantly and lead to the highest deviations in either t_E or ρ_* . Two examples of such events are represented in Figure 3. In these light curves the best-fitted light curves are shown with green dotted curves. $t_{E,b}$ and $\rho_{*,b}$ are the Einstein crossing time and the normalized source radius due to the best-fitted models which are mentioned in the second lines of the left panels' titles. To evaluate the goodness of the fitted models, we report the χ^2_{real} and χ^2_{best} values due to the real, and best-fitted models (blue dashed, and green dotted curves respectively), and the number of degrees of freedom (dof) in the titles.

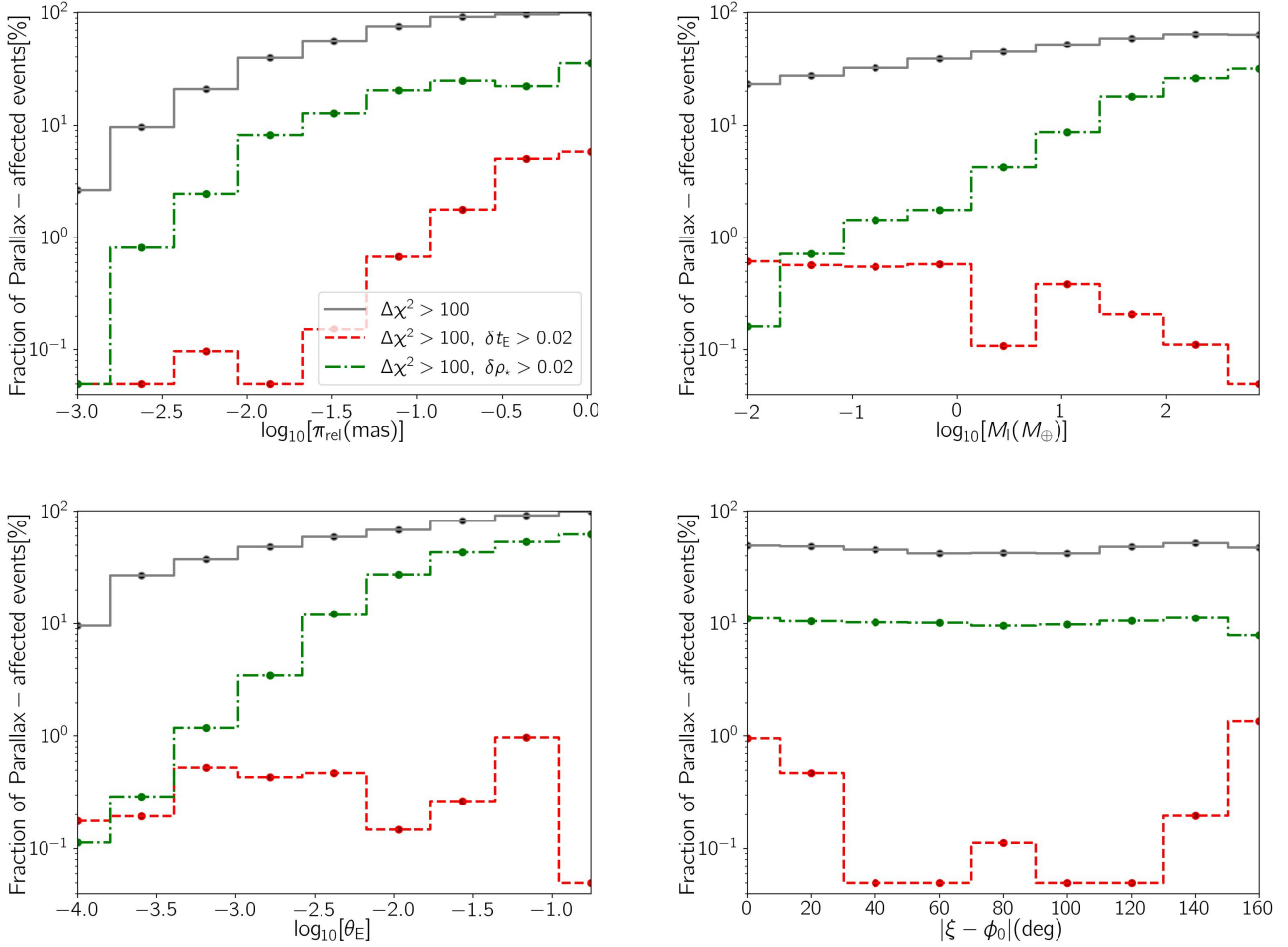


Figure 5. The fraction of the simulated events due to FFPs which are affected by parallax in percent. Here, we have three definitions to extract the parallax-affected events: (i) $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$ (gray solid lines), (ii) $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$ and $\delta t_E > 0.02$ (red dashed lines), and (iii) $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$ and $\delta\rho_* > 0.02$ (green dot-dashed lines).

As mentioned in the previous section, when π_{rel} is large (the lens object is close to the observer) the parallax-induced deviations in the microlensing light curves are relatively large so that most of lensing parameters due to the best-fitted models are different from real ones. Two examples of such events are represented in Figure 4. The statistical results from this Monte Carlo simulation are reported in the next section.

4. STATISTICAL RESULTS

After indicating the best-fitted simple models for the simulated events with $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$, we statistically investigate the fractions of events in which the best-fitted lensing parameters are considerably different from the real ones. These fractions are reported in Table 2. In this regard, we define the relative variations in the lensing parameters, e.g., $\delta t_E = |t_{E,r} - t_{E,b}|/t_{E,r}$. Here, $t_{E,r}$, and $t_{E,b}$ are the Einstein crossing times from the real lensing model with parallax and the best-

fitted simple model, respectively. Hence, the indexes r and b (throughout the paper) are referred to the real and best-fitted models. In the same way, we define the relative deviations in other lensing parameters as: $\delta\rho_* = |\rho_{*,r} - \rho_{*,b}|/\rho_{*,r}$, $\delta u_0 = |u_{0,r} - u_{0,b}|/u_{0,r}$, $\delta t_0 = |t_{0,r} - t_{0,b}|/t_{0,r}$, and $\delta f_{\text{bl}} = |f_{\text{bl},r} - f_{\text{bl},b}|/f_{\text{bl},r}$.

According to Table 2, the fraction of events in which the times of closest approach are shifted by $\delta t_0 \gtrsim 0.3$ is only 0.2%. The most-affected parameter (by parallax) is ρ_* . In 56.9% of events with $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$ the relative deviation $\delta\rho_*$ is larger than 0.3. 8.0% of the parallax-affected events have $\delta t_E > 0.3$. Deflections in t_E , and ρ_* lead to misinterpreting the lens object (its mass and distance). According to the simulation, we found that in 4.9% of simulated parallax-affected events with $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$, both relative deviations δt_E and $\delta\rho_*$ were greater than 0.3.

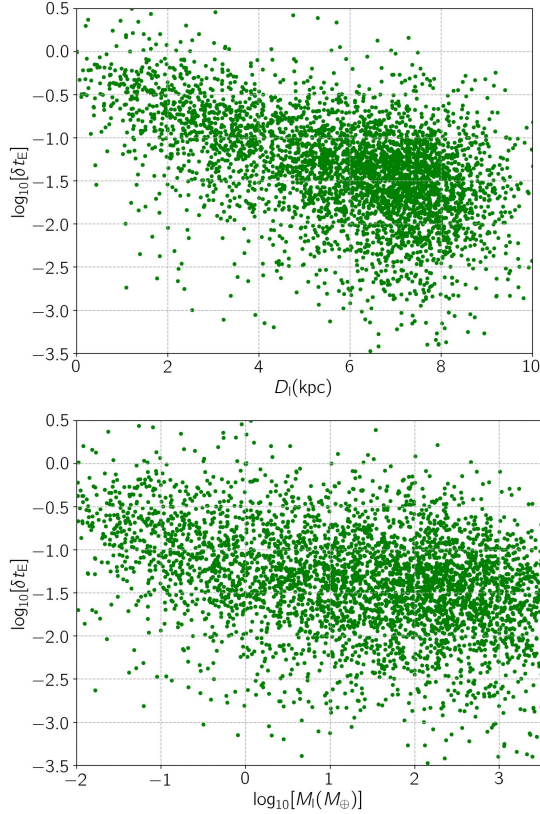


Figure 6. The scatter plot of the relative deviation in the Einstein crossing time δt_E versus two parameters D_l , and $\log_{10}[M_l(M_\odot)]$.

The fraction of parallax-affected events as a function of four relevant parameters are plotted in Figure 5. In each panel, three depicted lines are corresponding to three different criteria to extract the affected events which are: (i) gray solid lines show the fractions of events with $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$, (ii) red dashed lines represent the fraction of events with $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$ and $\delta t_E > 0.02$, and (iii) green dot-dashed lines reveal the fraction of events with $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$ and $\delta\rho_\star > 0.02$. Four points from different panels of this figure are mentioned in the following.

- According to the top-left panel: the events with higher π_{rel} values (due to closer lens objects) are more affected by the parallax effect. According to the discussion in the previous sections, in short-duration microlensing events due to FFPs the parallax-induced deviation $\delta\mathbf{u}$ is almost a straight line, and $\delta u \propto \pi_{\text{rel}}$. By increasing π_{rel} , the relative deviations in both t_E , and ρ_\star enhance. We also represent the scatter plot of δt_E versus D_l in the top panel of Figure 6 which emphasizes this point as well.

- More massive lens objects produce longer microlensing events with lower finite-source size and lower π_E . Hence, the lens mass has three effects on parallax-induced deviations. (i) Generally, longer events have higher numbers of data points, and $\Delta\chi^2$ values. (ii) For longer microlensing events the approximations in Equations 9 are not valid, and by considering more terms in these expansions, δu will reduce by the lens mass. (iii) The events with lower ρ_\star values have on average higher magnification factors and are more sensitive to variations in parameters, specially ρ_\star . Considering all of these points, longer events due to more massive lens objects have lower δt_E (see also the bottom panel of Figure 6), but higher $\delta\rho_\star$, as depicted in the top-right panel of Figure 5.

- According the bottom-left panel of Figure 5, the events with larger finite-source sizes (with smaller θ_E values) are less affected by parallax. As discussed in the previous section, magnification factor due to large ρ_\star is low and depends approximately on the source size itself (Gould & Gauchere 1996; Agol 2003), and different lens trajectories passing from large source disks have almost similar light curves. On the other hand, the magnification factor for such events is not high (very close to one) which causes on average higher photometric errors, and lower $\Delta\chi^2$ values. We note that considering (i) $\theta_E = \sqrt{\kappa M_l \pi_{\text{rel}}}$, and (ii) two factors of the lens mass and the relative parallax have inverse effects on δt_E , hence δt_E is not much sensitive to θ_E .

- The last panel of Figure 5 emphasizes that the relative deviation δt_E additionally depends on the angle between the lens-source relative trajectory and the parallax vector ($|\xi - \phi_0|$). When \mathbf{u}_\odot and $\delta\mathbf{u}$ are parallel ($|\xi - \phi_0| \simeq 0, 180$) the width of light curves and specially t_E changes considerably.

There are some other correlations between the real parameters and the relative deviations in the lensing parameters. These correlations reveal in what kind of short-duration microlensing events the indiscernible parallax effect rather changes each of lensing parameters. In Figure 7 we show the correlation matrix between relative deviations in the lensing parameters in the logarithmic scale (i.e., $\log_{10}[\delta t_E]$, $\log_{10}[\delta\rho_\star]$, $\log_{10}[\delta u_0]$, $\log_{10}[\delta t_0]$, and $\log_{10}[f_{\text{bl}}]$) and the eight relevant and physical parameters of simulated events (include $\log_{10}[M_l]$, D_l , $\log_{10}[t_E]$, m_{base} , $\log_{10}[\pi_E]$, $\log_{10}[\pi_{\text{rel}}]$, $\log_{10}[\theta_E]$, and $\log_{10}[\rho_\star]$). The correlation coefficients which are mentioned in the color bar are in the range $[-1, +1]$. The positive and negative correlations between two entrances mean values of the first one are rising as those in the

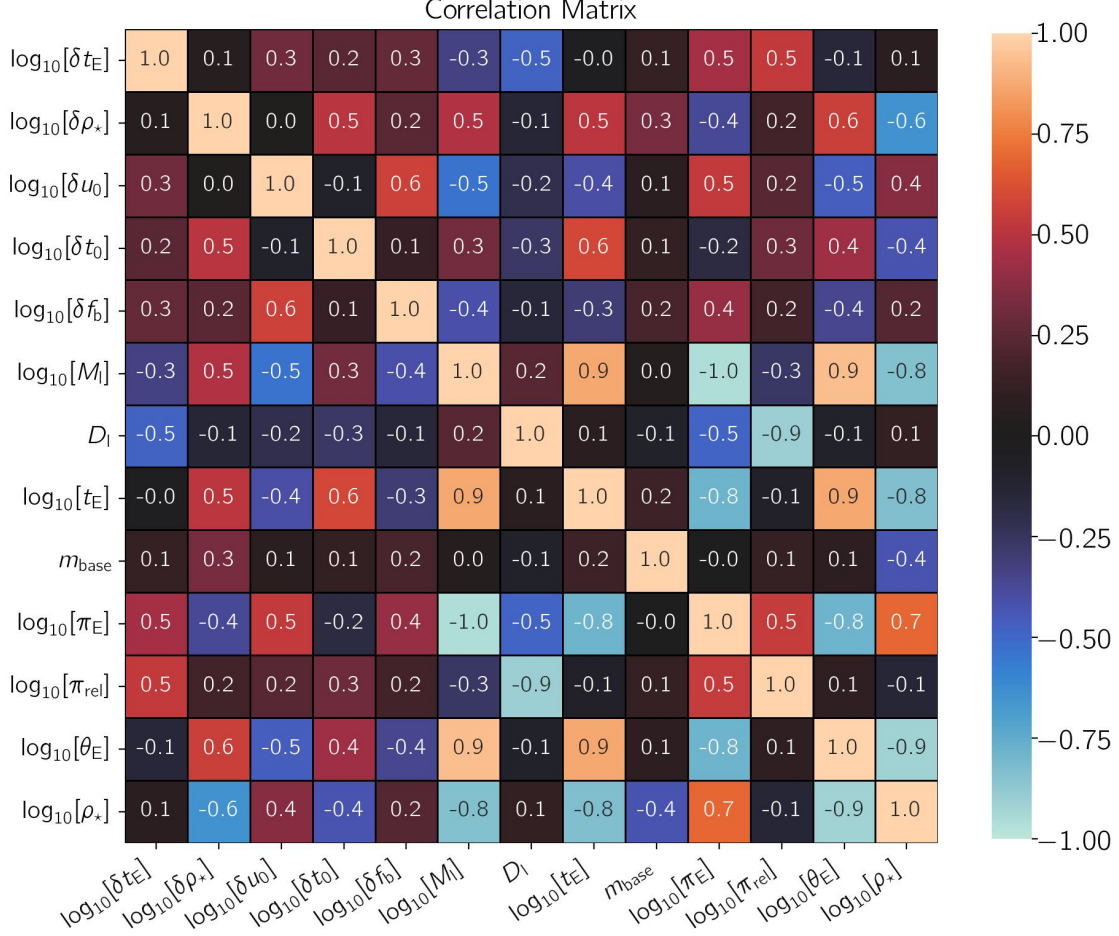


Figure 7. The correlation matrix between the relative deviations in the lensing parameters (the first five rows) due to the indiscernible parallax effects and the relevant and physical parameters of simulated events (the other rows).

second one increase, and vice versa. The zero correlation coefficient means there is no correlation between the given entrances.

The highest correlation for the relative deviations for the Einstein crossing time is 0.5 and with D_l , and as a result $\log_{10}[\pi_{\text{rel}}]$ and $\log_{10}[\pi_E]$, as emphasized in the previous section.

The relative deviation in the source radius is highly correlated with $\log_{10}[\theta_E]$ and $\log_{10}[\rho_\star]$ with the correlation coefficient ± 0.6 . There are weaker and positive correlations between it and $\log_{10}[t_E]$, and the lens mass.

The relative deviation in the lens impact parameter (δu_0) is correlated with $\log_{10}[\pi_E]$ and $\log_{10}[M_l]$ with the correlation coefficients ± 0.5 .

In the regard of relative deviation in the time of closest approach, the highest correlation is 0.6 and with $\log_{10}[t_E]$. Finally, the relative deviation in the blending factor is highly correlated with δu_0 which is 0.6. We note that the blending effect makes a degeneracy between parameters in microlensing events due to FFPs

specially the ones with considerable finite-source sizes (Mróz et al. 2020a; Sajadian 2023), which makes these correlations between relative deviations. The microlensing events due to fainter source stars have higher relative deviations in t_E , ρ_\star , t_0 , and f_b .

To estimate the number of FFPs will be detected by the Roman telescope through its microlensing survey so that their parameters are misinterpreted because of the indiscernible parallax effect, we use the predictions offered by Johnson et al. (2020). Accordingly, the Roman telescope will detect $N_{\text{FFP}} = 897$ FFPs in the mass range $[0.1M_\oplus, 1000M_\oplus]$ by assuming a log-uniform mass function for them (see Table (2) of Johnson et al. (2020)). According to our simulation in the same mass range, $f_1 = 36.5\%$ of such events have $\Delta\chi^2 > 100$. In $f_2 = 13.9, 3.1, 1.1\%$ of these events, indistinguishable parallax effects make the relative deviations in both t_E and ρ_\star larger than 0.1, 0.3, and 0.5 respectively. The number of parallax-affected FFPs detectable by the Roman telescope can be estimated by

$N = N_{\text{FFP}} \times f_1 \times f_2$. Hence, 46, 10, 4 of these FFPs which are discovered through Roman microlensing survey are affected by invisible parallax so that both δt_E , and $\delta \rho_*$ are larger than 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, respectively.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Our Galaxy contains trillions of FFPs (Sumi et al. 2023). Gravitational microlensing is the powerful technique to discover such isolated and dark objects even low-mass ones (see, e.g., Sumi et al. 2011; Mróz et al. 2017). Although, the James Web Space Telescope (JWST) can find planetary-mass objects as small as 0.6 Jupiter-mass which are very young and located in active stellar formation regions (Pearson & McCaughrean 2023), gravitational microlensing is still the only way to find cold and dark small bodies in our Galaxy regardless to their ages and locations.

In the short-duration microlensing events due to FFPs with planetary masses (i.e., $M_1 \in [0.01M_\oplus, 15M_J]$ where, M_J is the Jupiter’s mass), the parallax amplitudes are higher than those in common events (due to M-dwarfs with the mass $\sim 0.3M_\odot$) by [5, 3000] times. On the other hand, the duration of such events is very short as it is scaled by $t_E \propto \sqrt{M_1}$, mostly up to a few days. Considering the orbital period of the Earth rotation around the Sun (P_\oplus), in such short-duration events discerning parallax effect is barely possible.

In the first glance, the parallax effect is not recognizable in such events and can not help resolving the microlensing degeneracy. In another glance, although the duration of these events are short and we can not model and discern the annual parallax, this effect changes the shapes of observed light curves and their lensing parameters, because of large π_E values in these events.

In a short-duration microlensing events due to FFPs, if $t_E \ll P_\oplus$ we can expand the parallax-induced deviation in the lens-source relative trajectory ($\delta \mathbf{u}$). By considering only the first-order term in t_E/P_\oplus , this deviation makes a straight line without bending whose size is $\propto \pi_{\text{rel}}$. Hence, the observer motion around the Sun alters the lens-source relative trajectory in this event as $\mathbf{u}_o = \mathbf{u}_\odot + \delta \mathbf{u}$, and as a results its light curve. The point is that both light curves $A(u_o)$ and $A(u_\odot)$ are simple with different lensing parameters. If only one observer takes data from these short-duration events due to FFPs, the indiscernible parallax effect deviates the best-fitted lensing parameters from their real values.

In this work, we evaluated the parallax-induced deviations in these events statistically. We simulated microlensing events due to FFPs which have $t_E < 10$ days and assumed that the Roman telescope would be the only observer for these events. We expect that some of short-duration microlensing events which will be alerted by Roman are not followed up by other telescopes (rotating the Sun from different orbits), for instance the events with very short time scales, or follow up telescopes may have other priorities at the time of the Roman observations.

46.3% of these simulated events had $\Delta\chi^2 = |\chi_{\text{real}}^2 - \chi_{\text{without}}^2| > 100$ (where χ_{real}^2 and χ_{without}^2 are the χ^2 values from fitting the real model with and without the parallax effect). These events mostly were due to FFPs close to the observer $D_l \lesssim 3$ kpc (which had $\pi_{\text{rel}} \gtrsim 0.2$ mas). Also the events due to either faint or highly blended source stars, or ones with $\rho_* \gtrsim 3$ are less affected by parallax (see Figure 2). We found that when the parallax vector and the lens-source trajectory were parallel, the widths of light curves changed significantly (see Figure 3).

For parallax-affected events with $\delta\chi^2 > 100$, we inferred the best-fitted simple Paczyński microlensing models and evaluated the relative deviations in the lensing parameters, i.e., δt_E , $\delta \rho_*$, δu_0 , δt_0 , and δf_{bl} . We concluded that ρ_* is the most-affected parameter so that $\delta \rho_*$ was > 0.3 in 56.9% of events. Also, the time of the closest approach t_0 was the least-affected parameter, so that $\delta t_0 > 0.3$ occurred only in 0.2% events.

We estimated that 46 of microlensing events due to FFPs which will be discovered by Roman are affected by missing parallax so that both relative deviations in t_E and ρ_* are larger than 0.1. This number of FFPs whose light curves (and their lensing parameters) are affected by the parallax effect reveals the importance of doing simultaneous and dense (with a short cadence) observations from microlensing events alerted by Roman to capture the parallax deviations in short-duration microlensing events due to FFPs. In this regard, the extra observations should be done with the observers rotating the Sun in different orbits from the Roman orbit.

All simulations that have been done for this paper are available in the GitHub and Zenodo addresses: https://github.com/SSajadian54/FFPs_parallax/, and <https://zenodo.org/record/8342045/sajadian2024>.

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