Binary Lenses in OGLE-III EWS Database. Season 2004

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ABSTRACT

We present 19 binary lens candidates from OGLE-III Early Warning System database for the season of 2004. We have also found five events interpreted as single mass lensing of double sources. The candidates have been selected by visual light curves inspection. Examining the models of binary lenses of this and our previous studies (10 caustic crossing events of OGLE-II seasons 1997–1999 and 15 binary lens events of OGLE-III seasons 2002–2003) we find one case of extreme mass ratio binary ($q \approx 0.005$, a known planetary lens OGLE 2003-BLG-235/MOA 2003-BLG-53) and almost all other models with mass ratios in the range 0.1 < q < 1.0, which may indicate the division between planetary systems and binary stars.

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1. Introduction

In this paper we present the results of the search for binary lens events among microlensing phenomena discovered by the Early Warning System (EWS – Udalski *et al.* 1994, Udalski 2003) of the third phase of the Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment (OGLE-III) in the season of 2004. This is a continuation of the study of binary lenses in OGLE-II (Jaroszyński 2002, hereafter Paper I) and OGLE-III databases (Jaroszyński *et al.* 2004, hereafter Paper II). The results of the similar search for binary lens events in MACHO data have been presented by Alcock *et al.* (2000).

The motivation of the study remains the same – we are going to obtain a uniform sample of binary lens events, selected and modeled with the same methods for all seasons. The sample may be used to study the population of binary systems in the Galaxy. The method of observation of the binaries (gravitational lensing) allows to study their mass ratios distribution, since they are directly given by the models. The binary separations are more difficult, because only their projection into the sky expressed in Einstein radius units enters the models. In small number of cases the estimation of the masses and distances to the lenses may be possible.

Cases of extremely low binary mass ratios ($q \le 0.01$) are usually considered as planetary lensing. Such events have been discovered in OGLE-III database for season 2003 (Bond *et al.* 2004) and 2005 (Udalski *et al.* 2005, Gould *et al.* 2006, Beaulieu *et al.* 2006), but are missing in season 2004.

Our approach follows that of Papers I and II, where the references to earlier work on the subject are given. Some basic ideas for binary lens analysis can be found in the review article by Paczyński (1996).

Paper I presents the analysis of 18 binary lens events found in OGLE-II data with 10 safe caustic crossing cases. Paper II gives 15 binary lens events.

In Section 2 we describe the selection of binary lens candidates. In Section 3 we describe the procedure of fitting models to the data. The results are described in Section 4, and the discussion follows in Section 5. The extensive graphical material is shown in Appendix.

2. Choice of Candidates

The OGLE-III data is routinely reduced with difference photometry (DIA, Alard and Lupton 1998, Alard 2000) which gives high quality light curves of variable objects. The EWS system of OGLE-III (Udalski 2003) automatically picks up candidate objects with microlensing-like variability.

There are 608 microlensing event candidates selected by EWS in the 2004 season. We visually inspect all candidate light curves looking for features characteristic for binary lenses (multiple peaks, U-shapes, asymmetry). Light curves showing excessive noise are omitted. We select 25 candidate binary events in 2004 data for further study. For these candidate events we apply our standard procedure of finding binary lens models (compare Papers I, II and Section 3).

3. Fitting Binary Lens Models

The models of the two point mass lens were investigated by many authors (Schneider and Weiss 1986, Mao and DiStefano 1995, DiStefano and Mao 1996, Dominik 1998, to mention only a few). The effective methods applicable for extended sources have recently been described by Mao and Loeb (2001). While we use mostly the point source approximation, we extensively employ their efficient numerical schemes for calculating the binary lens caustic structure and source magnification.

We fit binary lens models using the χ^2 minimization method for the light curves. It is convenient to model the flux at the time t_i as:

$$F_i = F(t_i) = A(t_i) \times F_s + F_b \equiv (A(t_i) - 1) \times F_s + F_0 \tag{1}$$

where F_s is the flux of the source being lensed, F_b the blended flux (from the source close neighbors and possibly the lens), and the combination $F_b + F_s = F_0$ is the total flux, measured long before or long after the event. The last parameter can be reasonably well estimated with observations performed in seasons preceding and following 2004, as a weighted mean:

$$F_0 = \frac{\sum\limits_{i'=1}^{N'} \frac{F_i}{\sigma_i}}{\sum\limits_{i'=1}^{N'} \frac{1}{\sigma_i}}$$
(2)

where F_i are the observed fluxes and σ_i their estimated photometric errors. The summation over i' does not include observations of 2004, and N' is the number of relevant observations.

In fitting the models we use rescaled errors (compare Papers I and II). More detailed analysis (*e.g.*, Wyrzykowski 2005) shows that the OGLE photometric errors are overestimated for very faint sources and underestimated for bright ones. Error scaling used here, based on the scatter of the source flux in seasons when it is supposedly invariable, is the simplest approach. It gives the estimate of the combined effect of the observational errors and possibly undetectable, low amplitude internal source variability. We require that constant flux source model fits well the other seasons data after error rescaling:

$$\chi^{2}_{\text{other}} = \sum_{i'=1}^{N'} \frac{(F_{i} - F_{0})^{2}}{(s\sigma_{i})^{2}} = N' - 1$$
(3)

where *s* is the error scaling factor.

The lens magnification (amplification) of the source $A(t_i) = A(t_i; p_j)$ depends on the set of model parameters p_j . Using this notation one has for the χ^2 :

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{((A_i - 1)F_s + F_0 - F_i)^2}{\sigma_i^2}.$$
(4)

The dependence of χ^2 on the binary lens parameters p_j is complicated, while the dependence on the source flux is quadratic. The equation $\partial \chi^2 / \partial F_s = 0$ can be solved algebraically, giving $F_s = F_s(p_j; \{F_i\})$, thus effectively reducing the dimension of parameter space. Any method of minimizing χ^2 may (in some cases) give unphysical solutions with $F_s > F_0$, which would imply a negative blended flux. To reduce the occurrence of such faulty solutions we add an extra term to χ^2 which

vanishes automatically for physically correct models with $F_s \leq F_0$, but is a fast growing function of the source flux F_s whenever it exceeds the base flux F_0 .

Our analysis of the models, their fit quality etc. is based on the χ_1^2 calculated with the rescaled errors:

$$\chi_1^2 \equiv \frac{\chi^2}{s^2} \tag{5}$$

which is displayed in the tables and plots below. For events with multiple models (representing different local minima of χ^2), we assess the relevance of each model with the relative weight $w \sim \exp(-\chi_1^2/2)$.

For most of the light curves we investigate the caustic crossings are not well sampled and we are forced to use a point source approximation in majority of our models. In three cases (events OGLE 2004-BLG-035, OGLE 2004-BLG-039, and OGLE 2004-BLG-207) the caustic crossings are resolved, so the extended source models can be fitted. In these cases the strategy resembling Albrow *et al.* (1999) for finding binary lens models can be used. It is based on the fact that some of the parameters (the source angular size, the strength of the caustic) can be fitted independently, so for an initial fit one can split the parameter space into two lower dimensionality sub-manifolds.

The binary system consists of two masses m_1 and m_2 , where by convention $m_1 \le m_2$. The Einstein radius of the binary lens is defined as:

$$r_{\rm E} = \sqrt{\frac{4G(m_1 + m_2)}{c^2} \frac{d_{\rm OL} d_{\rm LS}}{d_{\rm OS}}}$$
(6)

where *G* is the constant of gravity, *c* is the speed of light, d_{OL} is the observerlens distance, d_{LS} is the lens-source distance, and $d_{OS} \equiv d_{OL} + d_{LS}$ is the distance between the observer and the source. The Einstein radius serves as a length unit and the Einstein time: $t_E = r_E/v_{\perp}$, where v_{\perp} is the lens velocity relative to the line joining the observer with the source, serves as a time unit. The passage of the source in the lens background is defined by seven parameters: $q \equiv m_1/m_2$ ($0 < q \le 1$) – the binary mass ratio, d – binary separation expressed in r_E units, β – the angle between the source trajectory as projected onto the sky and the projection of the binary axis, b – the impact parameter relative to the binary center of mass, t_0 – the time of closest approach of the source to the binary center of mass, t_E – the Einstein time, and r_s the source radius. Thus we are left with the seven or six dimensional parameter space, depending on the presence/absence of observations covering the caustic crossings.

We begin with a scan of the parameter space using a logarithmic grid of points in (q,d) plane $(10^{-3} \le q \le 1, 0.1 \le d \le 10)$ and allowing for continuous variation of other parameters. The choice of starting points combines systematic and Monte Carlo searching of regions in parameter space allowing for caustic crossing or cusp approaching events. The χ^2 minimization is based on downhill method and uses standard numerical algorithms. When a local minimum is found we make a

Table 1

The binary lens models of season 2004 events

vear	event		χ_1^2/DOF	S	q	d	β	b	t_0	t _E	f
2004	035	b	216.0/236	2.12	9 0.119	1.019	57.35	0.15	3085.7	67.3	0.78
2004	035	b	399.0/382	2.12 1.94	0.094	1.165	174.39	-0.13	3083.7	38.9	0.78
2004	207	b	599.0/382	1.56	0.094	1.634	62.86	-0.11	3151.8	28.7	0.88
2004	207	b	361.3/309	1.30	0.308	1.401	296.26	-0.40	3131.8	28.7 32.9	0.64
2004	220	b	363.9/309	1.48	0.323	0.992	296.26 161.51	-0.40 0.16	3147.7	32.9 39.5	0.07
2004	250	b	276.9/274	2.04	0.078	0.992	155.04	-0.10		39.3 75.2	0.23
2004	230	b	241.0/233	2.04 1.93	0.703	0.850	63.99	-0.12	3160.8 3157.8	30.8	1.00
2004	275	b	182.2/241	2.34	0.450	2.052	03.99 139.49	0.00	3137.8	26.3	0.51
2004	280 309	b	230.6/296	2.34 2.35	0.435	1.293	139.49	-0.08	3193.1	20.5 60.4	0.51
2004	309 325		351.0/349				224.64			57.0	0.12
2004	325 347	b		1.62 1.47	0.528 0.879	1.193 3.091		0.06	3180.5 3263.9		0.52
2004	547	d	293.7/291				220.57	0.67		54.6	
2004	354	d	296.4/291	1.47 3.64	0.452	0.587	122.70	-0.35	3208.8	35.0	0.93 0.03
2004	354 362	b	343.4/335		0.681	1.869	74.34	0.85	3192.8	79.2	
2004		b	399.7/418	1.93	0.267	1.036	149.07	-0.27	3195.3	126.8	0.04
	366	b	213.9/218	1.98	0.242	0.897	39.96	-0.27	3198.7	187.0	0.05
2004	367	?	1422.0/295	1.36	0.052	0.633	97.64	-0.01	3180.8	44.7	0.20
2004	373	b	544.7/550	1.52	0.708	0.955	231.36	-0.09	3195.6	33.9	0.38
2004	379	b	432.0/339	1.41	0.687	0.821	226.94	0.14	3196.7	30.7	0.65
2004	406	b	422.7/405	1.44	0.575	0.885	214.84	-0.16	3190.0	22.7	0.23
2004		b	423.1/405	1.44	0.353	2.635	233.05	-1.28	3120.5	69.5	0.12
2004	444	d	209.6/240	1.98	0.675	1.282	241.57	-0.19	3186.8	41.0	0.02
2004	451	b	295.5/313	1.51	0.227	0.963	109.45	0.23	3224.4	35.7	0.13
2004	460	b	340.2/343	1.59	0.396	1.178	350.94	-0.20	3204.1	33.0	0.18
• • • • •	40.0	b	344.8/343	1.59	0.894	1.240	17.54	0.02	3200.4	31.3	0.21
2004	480	b	363.0/342	1.63	0.163	1.370	322.43	-0.15	3225.1	10.4	0.71
		b	367.3/342	1.63	0.038	0.797	200.47	-0.11	3225.3	14.2	0.41
2004	490	d	289.2/313	1.80	0.111	0.722	53.63	-0.17	3223.5	17.1	0.45
• • • • •		d	291.2/313	1.80	0.001	1.515	169.49	0.17	3223.0	18.5	0.36
2004	559	?	438.2/199	1.78	0.658	0.881	91.86	0.06	3269.4	17.9	0.27
2004	572	b	259.7/240	1.26	0.793	0.760	270.06	0.03	3288.0	31.0	0.16
2004	605	d	370.8/410	1.57	0.227	0.671	19.94	0.07	3309.9	80.6	0.16
		d	374.9/410	1.57	0.193	3.801	77.56	2.89	3477.3	264.8	0.12

Note: The columns show: the event year and EWS number, the event classification ("b" for a binary lens, "d" for a double source event, "?" for low quality fits and/or uncompelling cases), the rescaled χ_1^2 , number of DOF, the scaling factor *s*, the mass ratio *q*, the binary separation *d*, the source trajectory direction β , the impact parameter *b*, the time of the closest center of mass approach t_0 , the Einstein time t_E and the blending parameter $f \equiv F_s/F_0$.

small Monte Carlo jump in the parameter space and repeat the downhill search. In some cases it allows to find a different local minimum. If it does not work several times, we stop and try next starting point.

Only the events with characteristics of caustic crossing (apparent discontinuities in observed light curves, U-shapes) can be treated as safe binary lens cases. The double peak events may result from cusps approaches, but may also be produced by double sources (*e.g.*, Gaudi and Han 2004). In such cases we also check the double source fit of the event postulating:

$$F(t) = A(u_1(t)) \times F_{s1} + A(u_2(t)) \times F_{s2} + F_b$$
(7)

where F_{s1} , F_{s2} are the fluxes of the source components, F_b is the blended flux, and A(u) is the single lens amplification (Paczyński 1986). The dimensionless source – lens separations are given as:

$$u_1(t) = \sqrt{b_1^2 + \frac{(t - t_{01})^2}{t_{\rm E}^2}} \qquad u_2(t) = \sqrt{b_2^2 + \frac{(t - t_{02})^2}{t_{\rm E}^2}} \tag{8}$$

where t_{01} , t_{02} are the closest approach times of the source components, b_1 , b_2 are the respective impact parameters, and t_E is the (common) Einstein time.

4. Results

Our fitting procedures applied to selected 25 candidate events give the results summarized in Table 1. In a few cases we find concurrent models of similar fit quality and we give their parameters in the consecutive rows of Table 1. In the third column of the table we assess the character of the events. In 19 cases (of 25 investigated) the events are safe binary lens phenomena in our opinion (designated "b" in Table 1). There are three cases classified as double source events ("d" in Table 1) and three events with low quality fits ("?" in Table 1). The source paths and model light curves are shown in the first part of Appendix.

The results of double source modeling are summarized in Table 2. The double source modeling is applied to the majority of the binary lens candidates and some other non-standard events. While formally the fits are usually better for binary lenses, in a few cases we prefer double source models as more natural, giving less complicated light curves. The comparison of two kinds of fits is given in the second part of Appendix, and the well separated double source events – in the third.

Our sample of binary lenses includes now 10 + 15 + 19 = 44 events of Paper I, Paper II, and the present work, some of them with multiple models. Using the sample we study the distributions of various binary lens parameters. In Fig. 1 we show the histograms for the mass ratio and the binary separation. The mass ratio is practically limited to the range $0.1 \le q \le 1$ with very small probability of finding a model in the range $0.01 \rightarrow 0.1$ and a single planetary lens with q < 0.01.

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Parameters of double source modeling

Year	Event	χ^2/DOF	b_1	b_2	t_{01}	<i>t</i> ₀₂	$t_{\rm E}$	f_1	f_2
2004	004	1054./849	0.8803	0.0014	3048.75	3063.12	12.1	0.996	0.004
2004	226	404./312	0.0591	0.0067	3137.71	3148.21	71.1	0.109	0.014
2004	280	597./242	0.0684	0.0057	3167.15	3186.43	122.6	0.021	0.008
2004	328	244./277	0.7078	0.0080	3177.45	3255.48	12.9	0.935	0.065
2004	347	368./294	0.1749	0.0790	3204.96	3219.74	45.9	0.276	0.140
2004	354	1857./338	0.7987	0.4766	3176.11	3192.13	3.5	0.865	0.135
2004	362	746./419	0.0000	0.0259	3200.43	3210.20	483.3	0.000	0.005
2004	366	650./221	1.1336	0.0125	3169.15	3180.90	10.1	0.979	0.021
2004	367	2480./298	0.0151	0.0124	3179.86	3181.00	20.1	0.108	0.461
2004	406	546./408	0.1870	0.0000	3190.99	3195.64	8.8	1.000	0.000
2004	444	255./243	2.0329	0.0001	3190.11	3204.32	8.1	0.993	0.007
2004	451	405./314	0.0976	0.0001	3205.18	3225.93	28.1	0.079	0.007
2004	460	375./346	0.7770	0.0000	3199.70	3210.71	19.4	1.000	0.000
2004	480	501./343	0.0001	0.2528	3219.32	3225.11	10.5	0.099	0.901
2004	490	291./316	0.1745	0.0004	3222.93	3238.96	17.7	0.373	0.009
2004	559	3489./202	0.1343	0.1559	3258.82	3266.48	10.2	0.699	0.301
2004	572	399./243	0.1962	0.3326	3275.19	3301.65	27.6	0.374	0.626
2004	605	380./413	0.0002	0.0007	3297.45	3316.19	42.5	0.245	0.210

Note: The columns contain: the year and event number according to EWS, the rescaled χ^2 value and the DOF number, the impact parameters b_1 and b_2 for the two source components, times of the closest approaches t_{01} and t_{02} , the Einstein time t_E , and the blending parameters $f_1 = F_{s1}/(F_{s1} + F_{s2} + F_b)$ and $f_2 = F_{s2}/(F_{s1} + F_{s2} + F_b)$.

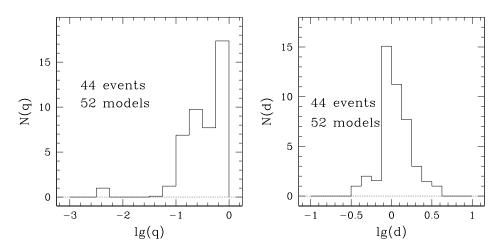


Fig. 1. Histogram of mass ratios (*left*) and separations (*right*) for binary lens events of OGLE-II (Paper I) and OGLE-III (Paper II and this work). The histogram includes 44 events, some of them with multiple models. The alternative models of any event have been assigned fractional weights.

5. Discussion

Our classification of the investigated events into the binary lens double source/ unknown categories needs further explanation. The binary lens model of the event 367 is rather superficial with its four maxima in the light curve, while there is only one in the data; the double source model is more natural, but we reject it on the basis of low fit quality. Both kinds of models for the event 444 are formally acceptable, but not compelling because of the low flux amplitude. In the case of 559, the binary lens model looks superficial (case similar to 367) and the double source model gives a very poor fit. We include event 347 in the double source category despite the better formal quality of the binary lens fit. We choose the binary lens interpretation for the event 280, since its light curve exhibits three maxima (two of them rather weak) and the double source interpretation because such models are simpler as compared to binary lens models, with formally similar quality. In the case of 226 we arbitrarily choose binary lens interpretation, despite the existence of the similar quality double source model.

Our sample of OGLE binary lens events contains now 44 cases. The bimodality of the mass ratio distribution and the lack of intermediate q values remains a valid interpretation of the data. We are not trying a statistical interpretation of mass ratio distribution in this paper skipping it into a future publication including events of 2005 season with another three planetary lenses.

We neglect parallax effect in the binary lens models included in this work. The inclusion of the effect improves some of the presented models, but the difference is never dramatic. Since simultaneous measurement of the parallax effect and the source size allows the lens mass estimation (An *et al.* 2002) we are going to investigate it with detail in a paper devoted to events with observations covering caustic crossings.

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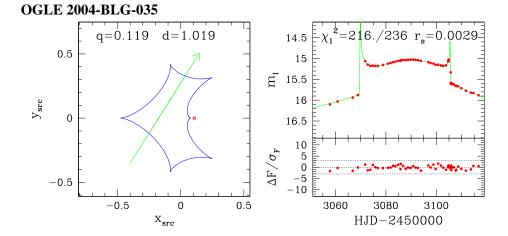
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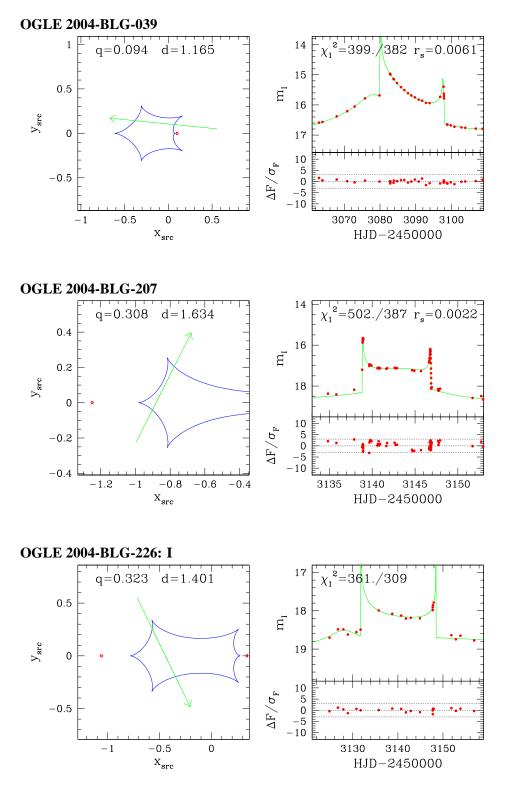
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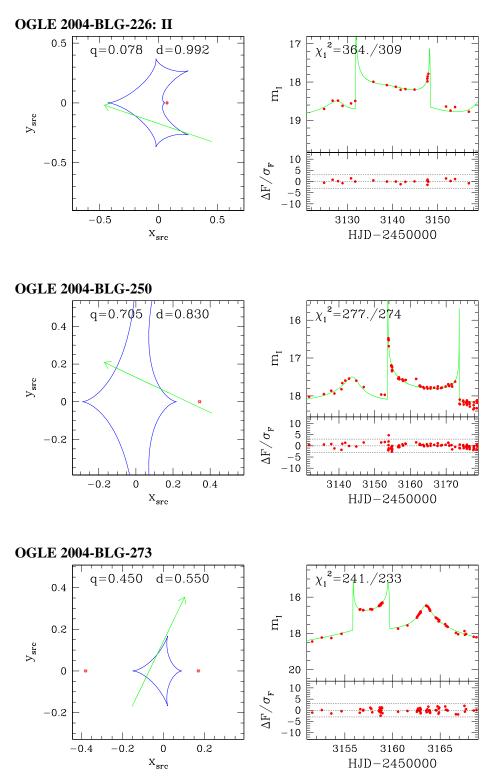
Below we present plots for the 25 events for which the binary lens modeling has been applied. Some of the events, especially cases of heavily blended sources or events without apparent caustic crossing, may have alternative double source models. In such cases we show the comparison of the binary lens and double source fits to the data in the next subsection.

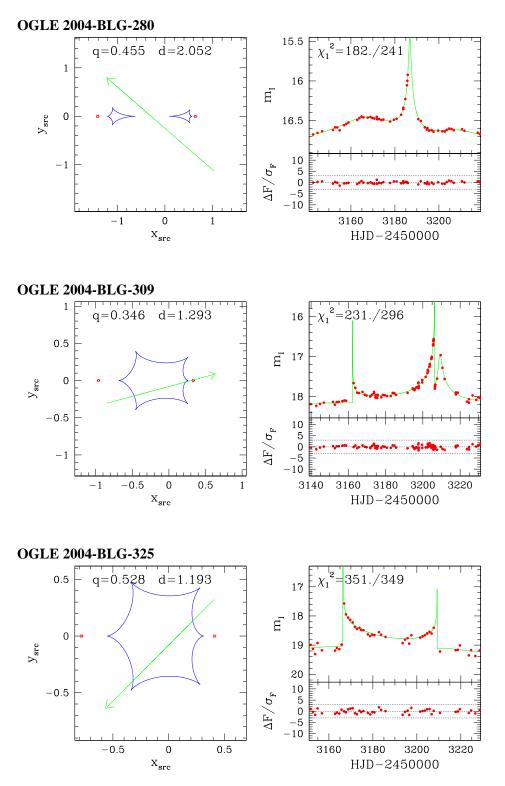
The events are ordered and named according to their position in the OGLE EWS database for the season 2004. Some events have more than one binary lens model of comparable fit quality (compare Table 1). We always show the best (first) model, and the second one only if it is not rejected at 95% confidence level based on the difference in its χ^2 value.

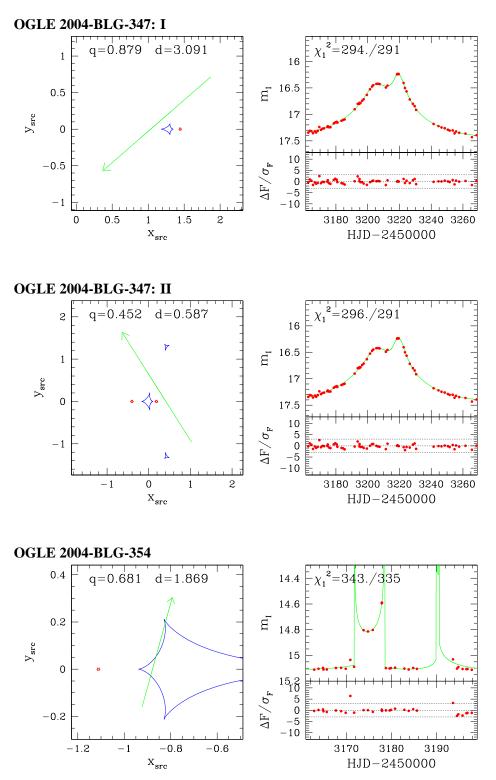
Each case is illustrated with two panels. The most interesting part of the source trajectory, the binary and its caustic structure are shown in the left panel for the case considered. The labels give the q and d values. On the right panels the part of the best fit light curve is compared with observations. The labels give the rescaled χ_1^2 /DOF values. The source radius (as projected into the lens plane and expressed in Einstein radius units) is labeled only for three events with resolved caustic crossings. Below the light curves we show the differences between the observed and modeled flux in units of rescaled errors. The dotted lines show the $\pm 3\sigma$ band.

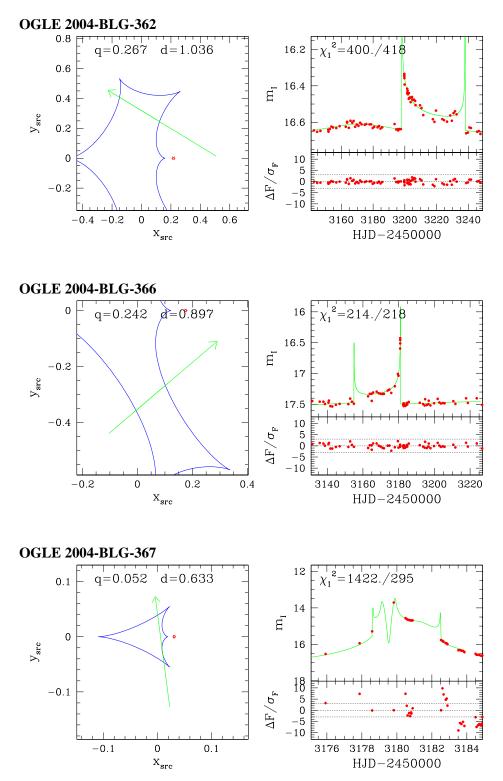


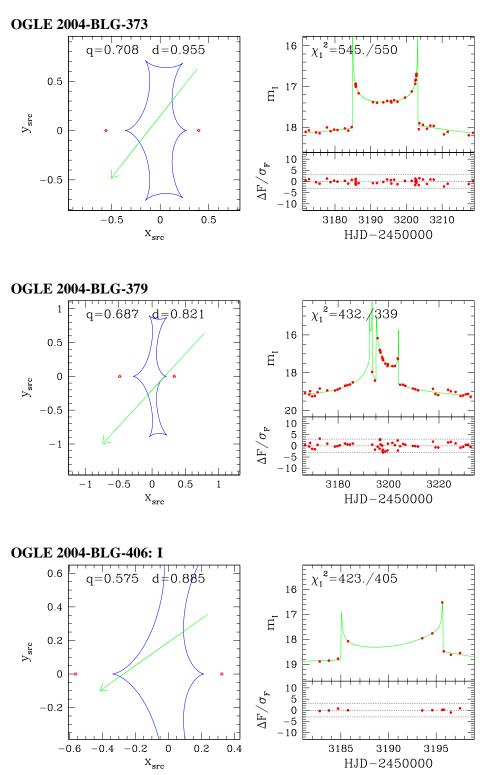


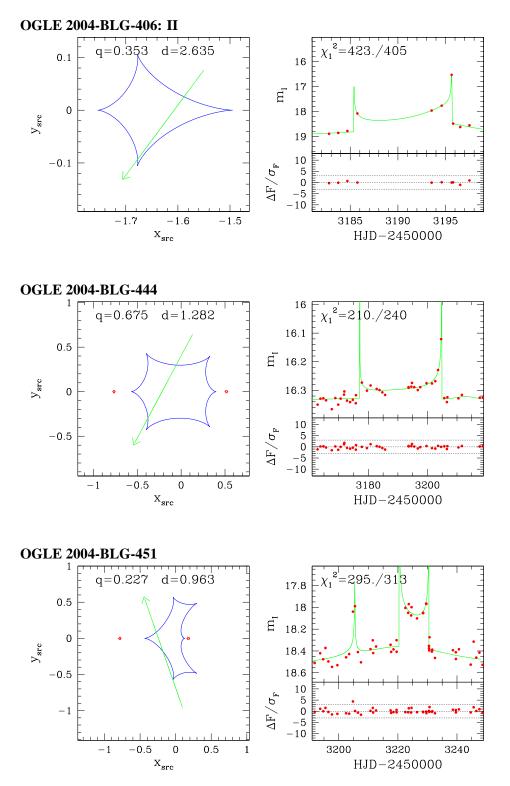


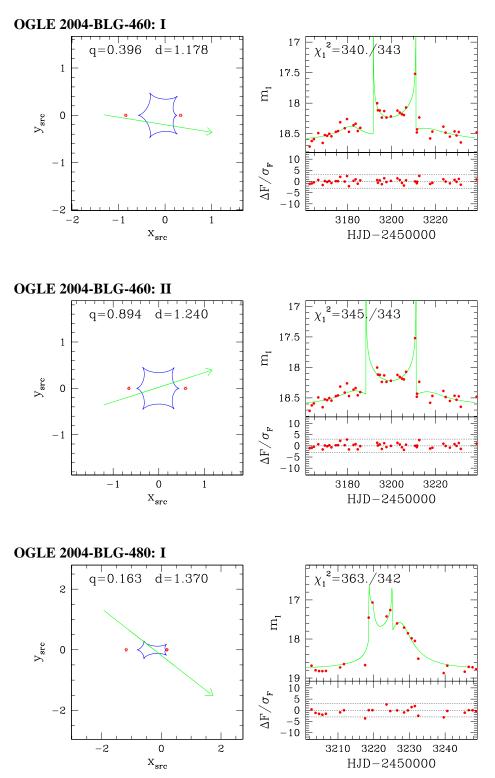


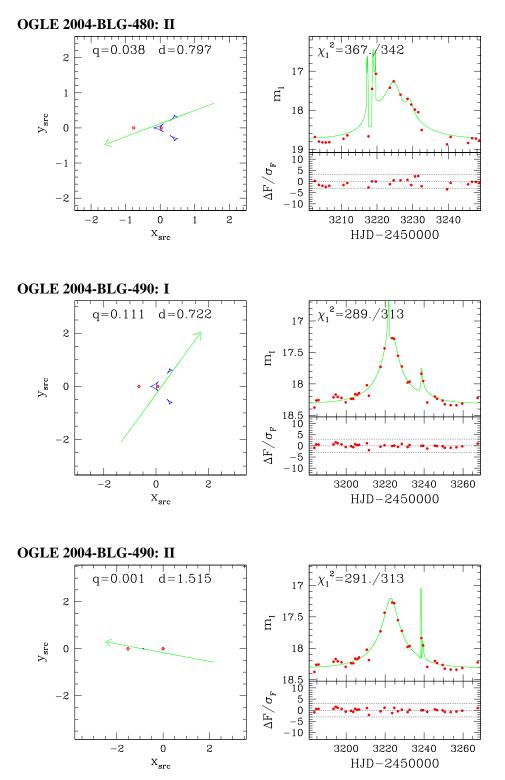


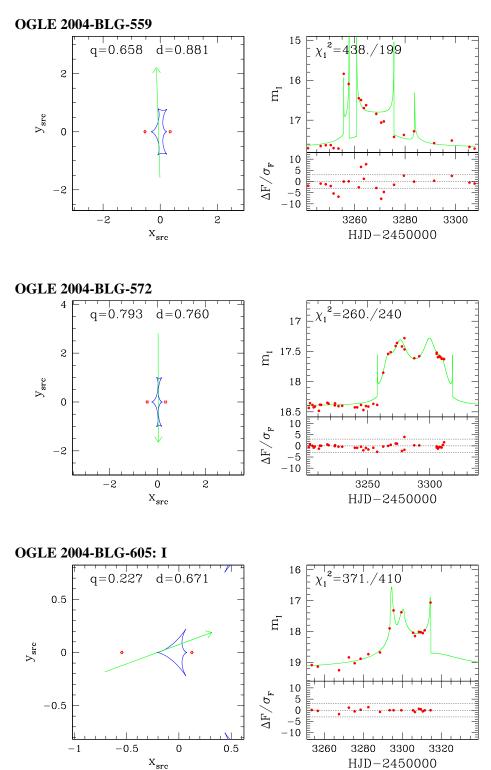


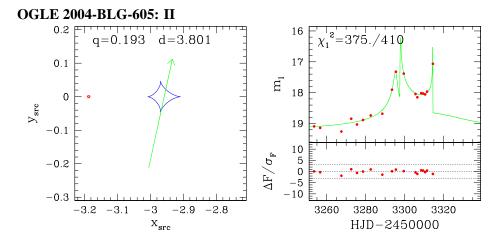






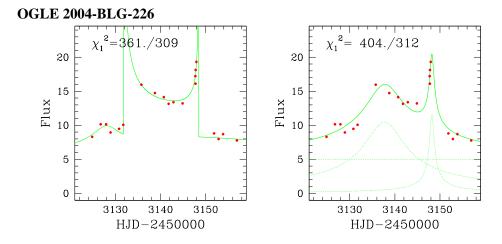


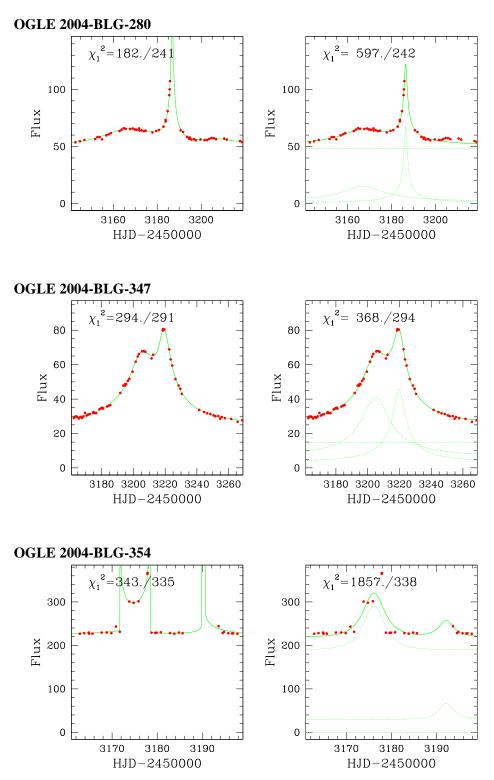


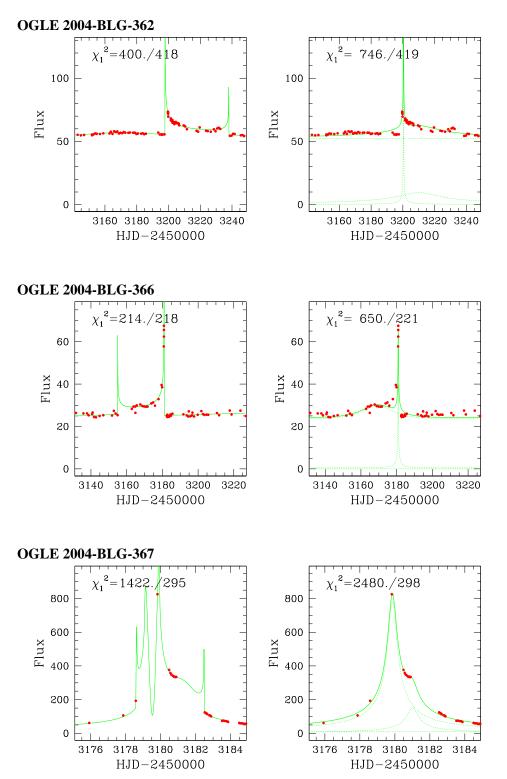


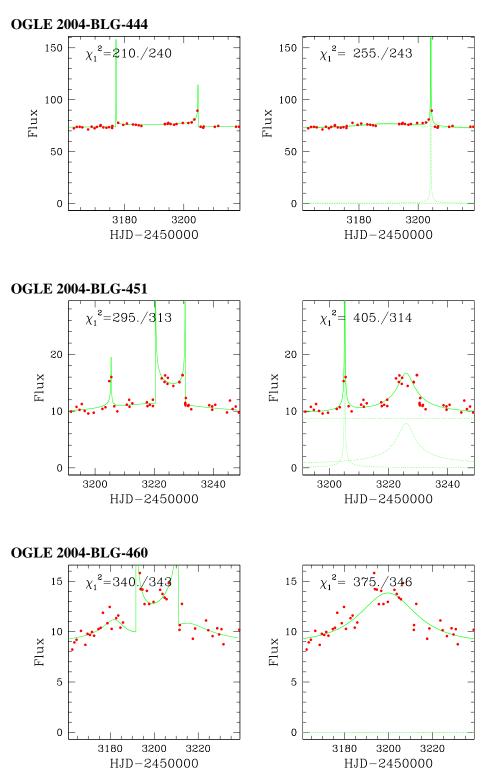
Ambiguous Binary Lens/Double Source Events

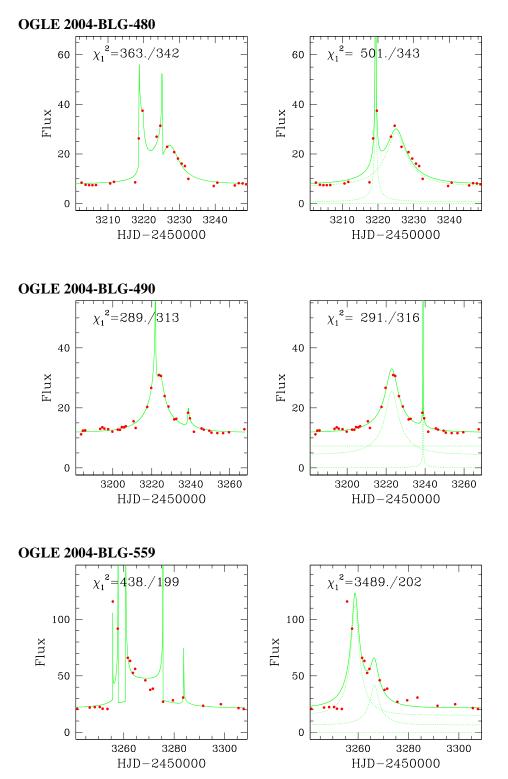
Below we show the binary lens (on the left) and double source (on the right) models of the light curves for some of the considered events. The light curve in a double source model is a sum of the constant blended flux plus the two single lens light curves for the source components, each shown with dotted lines. We use fluxes for both kind of models to ensure a better comparison. In majority of cases the binary lens models give formally better fits as compared to the double source models presented. On the other hand double source models, always producing simpler light curves, look more natural in some cases.

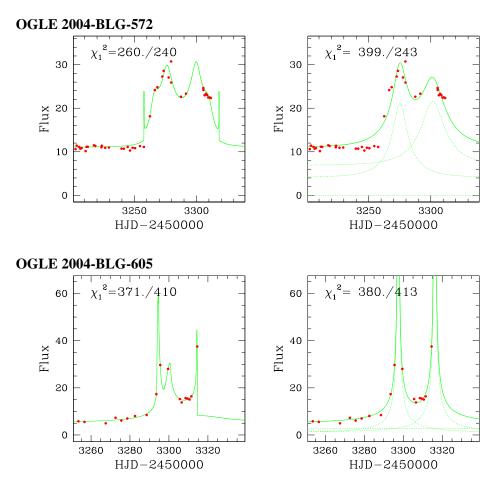












Double source events

