Kinematics of the Narrow-Line Regions in Nearby AGN Based on IFU Observations

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Before HST, the NLR was mostly unresolved.



(Veilleux, 1991, ApJS, 75, 357)

In the past, investigators claimed infall, rotation, outflows, parabolic orbits, etc.





Using HST's STIS, we developed biconical outflow models.



- A single long-slit spectrum is likely not enough.
- Kinematic maps of the NLR are needed.





IFUs (+ AO) can map the NLR kinematics.



Gemini's Near Infrared Field Spectrometer (NIFS):

- Spectra at R \approx 5000 covering 0.9 2.4 µm at ~ 0.1" angular resolution over a 3" x 3' FOV.
- Z band: [S III]; J band: [Fe II], P β ; K band: Br γ , H₂, CO stellar.

Other IFU Observations of AGN NLRs:

- Gemini GMOS: Storchi-Bergmann+, Rupke+
- *Keck* OSIRIS: e.g., Hicks+
- ESO VLT SINFONI: e.g., Davies+





What can kinematic mapping of the NLR tell us?

- Is the gas in the NLR rotating, infalling, or outflowing?
 - Yes. Depends on geometry, ionization state, AGN luminosity, distance from SMBH, etc.
- How are AGN fueled on NLR scales (1 1000 pc)?
 - IFU K-band observations of warm H₂ are important.
 (ALMA observations of cold component needed as well.)
- What is the origin of NLR outflows?
 - Do IFU observations confirm our claims of in situ acceleration of local material?
- Can NLR outflows provide significant AGN feedback?
 - Need to characterize mass outflow rates and kinetic luminosities.

Let's look at some examples \rightarrow



Mrk 509 (Seyfert 1) is being fueled by a minor merger.

HST [O III] Image





(Fischer + 2015, ApJ, 799, 234)



\rightarrow rotation and inflow

- Liu, Arav, & Rupke (2015) also find quasi-spherical *outflows* to ~1.2 kpc (~1.7") using GMOS.
- Emission properties similar to those of UV absorption outflows.





Mrk 573 (Seyfert 2): Dust spirals are lit up by AGN.



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HST F606W (1'' = 340 \text{ pc})
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Dust spirals in NLR are ionized as they enter the ionizing (~vertical in figure).

Gemini NIFS contours show correspondence of [S III] with [O III] and H_2 with dust lanes.











Outflows extend to \sim 750 pc, beyond which the ionized gas is rotating.

 \rightarrow Not sufficient to clear the entire bulge





As the *inner* dust spirals enter the radiation bicone, gas is ionized and accelerated away from the AGN.



The extended NLR (ENLR) is rotating and extends out to ~ 17 " (~ 6 kpc).



Apache Point Observatory DIS (Fischer+ 2017)

How significant are the outflows? \rightarrow





NGC 4151: Resolved mass outflow shows "in situ" acceleration.

HST [O III] image, STIS slit



Biconical outflow model



Images, spectra and photoionization models provide resolved outflow rates.



(Crenshaw+ 2015, ApJ, 799, 83)





Mrk 573 shows similar outflow rates on larger scales.



(Revalski+ 2017, in prep.)

NGC 4151: $log(L_{bol}) \sim 43.9$ Mrk 573: $log(L_{bol}) \sim 45.2$









How far do the emission-line clouds travel in Mrk 573?





Enclosed mass profile and photoionization models give equation of motion (radiative driving and gravitational decelerations):

$$v(r) = \sqrt{\int_{r_1}^r \left[6840L_{44} \frac{\mathcal{M}}{r^2} - 8.6 \times 10^{-3} \frac{M(r)}{r^2} \right] dr}$$

→ Nearly all of the clouds originated near dust/molecular gas lanes and traveled only tens of parsecs from their origins.



(Fischer+ 2017)



Questions

- Is the picture of in-situ acceleration of ionized gas from dust/ molecular spirals generally correct?
- Are NLR outflows extensive or powerful enough to clear the bulges of moderate-luminosity AGN?
- Are NLR outflows important for regulating the growth of SMBHs?
- What *spatially resolved* mass outflow rates and kinetic luminosities are important for AGN feedback?
- What are the pathways for fueling AGN? Can these be traced with kinematic maps of warm H₂ (even with *JWST*) or do we need *ALMA*?



