Extragalactic Outflows

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Outline

- UV Pumping of Fluorescent Emission from Outflows
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- Velocity Dependent Covering Fraction of Outflows Collaborators: Nicolas Bouche
- Outflow Properties

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Outflows, Star Formation, and Stellar Mass at 0.6 < z < 1.4

- Blue (Keck) spectra of B < 24 galaxies in DEEP2 fields.
- Resolution of 280 to 440 km/s FWHM, and SNR ~ 10.
- Previous surveys at these redshifts focused on composite spectra (e.g., Weiner + 2009; Rubin + 2010).
- Lower redshift surveys use the optical Nal lines (Sato + 2009; Chen + 2010) rather than near-ultraviolet lines.
- Measure Doppler shifts to 30-40 km/s relative to [OII] emission-line (plus other nebular and stellar features).
- Sensitive to line equivalent widths ~ 100 mA or more.

Part I. UV Pumping of Fluorescent Emission

Spectra of z~1 Galaxies

Absorption in Fe II and Mg II resonance lines found in nearly all spectra (and composite)
What are the emission lines?



Spectra of z~1 Galaxies

- Mg II emission found in ~15% (not composite)
- Fe II* emission in a few spectra (strong in composite)
- Does the emission come from the outflow?



Energy-Level Diagram for Mg II

Outflow absorbs continuum photons and emits line photons.



Spherical Outflow: Mg II Emission vs. Absorption

Continuum Emission from
 Point Source



 $W_{EM} = W_{ABS}$

For every photon removed from the continuum, a line photon is emitted.
An observer on any side of the outflow must see the same spectrum.
The emission equivalent width should be as large as the absorption equivalent width in the same line.

Various Factors Reduce Emission

Extended Continuum Source



- Dust in the outflow
- Break spherical symmetry

 $W_{\text{EM}} \leq W_{\text{ABS}}$

Viewing Geometry

Bipolar Outflow or Streams

 Bipolar Wind Viewed Down the Outflow Axis





 $W_{EM} \ll W_{ABS}$

 $W_{EM} > W_{ABS}$

Example: Na I Emission

A. C. Phillips 1993 -- NGC 1808



- Dust shielding thought to play a role in the survival of Na I (Martin 2006, Figure 7)
- Grains absorb most emitted Na I photons
- Na I absorption has a component at systemic velocity (v=0) and an outflow component
- The systemic component is stronger in edge-on systems; and its strength is correlated with reddening (Chen + 2010)
- At low inclination, Chen et al find a hint of Na I emission.

Rare, but find Mg II $W_{em} > W_{abs}$



Detect Extended MgII Emission

- Spatial extent is at least 3.4" or 27 kpc
- Gas kinematics show the emission is not from the galactic disk.



Spectra of z~1 Galaxies

- Where is the Fe II emission that results from the Fe II absorption?
- Partly in the Fe II* emission lines.
- Upper levels of Fe II* transitions are populated by continuum absorption in ground state ions.





Energy-Level Diagrams for Fe II ($\Delta J=0,+1,-1$)





Mg II vs. Fe II Absorption

Does the Fe II and Mg II absorption come from the same gas?



Mg II vs. Fe II Absorption

- Can hide iron in grains.
- Find absence of Mg II absorption at low velocity



Fe II Curve of Growth



- The oscillator strength of Fe II 2382 is 10 times that of Fe II 2374.
- In some spectra, the 2374 line is stronger than 2382.
- Explain discrepancy by emission filling. The excited electron in ⁶F⁰ J=11/2 can only decay radiatively by emission of an 2382 photon.
- Fit N(Fe II) = 10^{16} cm⁻² and b = 50 km/s
- Compare Fe II* emission EW and absorption EW. Ask me.

The Shape of the Absorption Troughs

- Martin & Bouche 2009 ApJ, 703, 1394
- Optical Near UV Spectra of z~0.3 Outflows.
- Resolution ~ 100 km/s



Mg II 2796, 2803 Doublet

$$\begin{split} I_R(v) &= I_0 e^{-\tau_R(v)} \\ I_R(v) &= I_0 e^{-\tau_B(v)} \\ \tau_B &= 2\tau_R \end{split}$$

$$I_B(v) = I_R^2(v)$$

Partial Covering of Continuum Source by Low-Ionization Gas



$$\begin{split} I_{\mathbf{B}}(v)/I_{0} &= 1 - C_{f}(v) + C_{f}(v)e^{-2\tau_{R}(v)} \\ C(v) &= \frac{I_{R}^{2} - 2I_{R} + 1}{I_{B} - 2I_{R} + 1} \\ \tau(v) &= ln\left(\frac{C(v)}{I_{R}(v) + C(v) - 1}\right) \end{split}$$

Resolved Absorption Troughs: Variation in Outflow Properties with Velocity



- The absorption troughs in galaxy spectra remain optically thick out to the highest detected velocities.
- Their shape is determined by the gas covering fraction.
- Where the covering fraction of lowionization gas is low, the absorption trough will be too shallow to detect.



Origin of Low-Ionization Gas in Winds?



DeYoung & Heckman 2004

Need to Constrain Outflow v(r), ρ (r)

- Outflow kinematics distinguish acceleration mechanisms
- How far do winds propagate?
- How much material do they carry?
- Starburst outflows impact low-ionization gas in circumgalactic medium.

Complete outflow census provided by intervening absorbers.

We have d(Number)/dz ~ $n_{gal} \sigma_{wind}$.

- 1. z=0.69 -- (Rubin et al. 2010) -- Mg II detected at b = 7 kpc from starburst galaxy (80 M_o/yr)
- 2. $z \sim 1$ -- (Bouche et al. 2007) -- Mg II detected at b = 2 to 54 kpc from starburst galaxies (3-10 M_o/yr)
- z ~ 3 -- (Steidel et al. 2010) -- Si II detected to b=60 kpc and C IV to b=100 kpc
- z ~ 3 -- (Martin et al. 2010) -- Size of CIV regions is 150 kpc and v < 200 km/s

Geometrical Interpretation of the Velocity-Dependent Covering Fraction



<u>1. Fragments of uniform N(H) and v</u>₀

 For a spherical outflow geometry, the covering factor of "bricks" is diluted as

 $C_{f}(R) = C_{f}(R_{0}) (R_{0}/R)^{2}.$

- Observations require lower C_f at higher v, so the higher velocity low-ionization gas is at larger radii.
- But are shell fragments bricks?

The cold gas clumps expand, but ...

Not fast enough to prevent geometrical dilution.

• Adiabatic Expansion of cool clumps within a hot wind

 $P_h \propto R^{-2}$ $P_h \sim P_c$ $P(R_0)[V_c(R_0)]^{\gamma} = P(R')[V_c(R')]^{\gamma}$ $V_c(R') = \left(\frac{R'}{R_0}\right)^{2/\gamma} V_c(R_0)$ $A_c \propto V_c^{2/3} \text{ and } C_f \propto A_c(R)/R^2$

 $C_f(R')/C_f(R_0) = (R'/R_0)^{-1.2}$ for $\gamma = 5/3$

• $C_f(R') / C_f(R_0) = (R'/R_0)^{-2/3}$

- We have v increasing with decreasing C_f, and R increasing with decreasing C_f, so v increases with R.
- 2. Will be challenging to detect gas at highest velocity
- 3. Difficult to detect material at more than a few times the launch radius (due to dilution).

Scattered Emission Constrains the Wind Density

 Absorption Lines Alone: dM/dt = Ω v N m R_{min}
 ~ 37 Msun/yr (R_{min}/1 kpc) (v / 800 km/s)

- •Optical Depth of Scattered Line:
- $\tau = \kappa \rho v_{th} |dv/dr|^{-1}$
- Measure $r(\tau \sim 1) = 10 \text{ kpc}$
- •Δv = 200 to 800 km/s
- n(Mg II) ~ 5.6 X 10⁻⁹ cm⁻³ at b = 10 kpc
- n(H) ~ 1.5 X 10⁻⁴ χ^{-1} cm⁻³ at b=10 kpc
- Small Ionization correction (Murray + 2007)
- Mass loss rate (in low-ionization gas) $\rho(r_s) = dM/dt / \{\Omega(r_s) r_s^2 v(r_s)\}$ $dM/dt \sim 5.3 M_o/yr$
- Mass loss rate in low-ionization gas comparable to star formation rate
- Require launch at $R_0 \sim 0.14$ kpc
- Line Profiles (e.g., Castor, Abott, & Klein 1975; Murray & Chiang 1995)



Summary of Low-Ionization Outflows

Evidence for Fluorescent Emission from Outflows:

- Extended Mg II emission has kinematics that differ from disk
- Mg II absorption trough is partially filled in by emission
- Fe II absorption trough is partially filled in by emission
- Fe II* emission detected (another channel for de-excitation)

Evidence for Velocity - Dependent Covering Fraction:

- Covering fraction is lower at larger velocity
- Covering fraction is lower at larger radii (spherical geometry)
- Absorbing gas at higher velocity lies at larger radii

Physical Properties of Outflowing Gas

- Outflow velocity
- Column density
- Volume density
- Mass-loss rate (in low ionization gas)
- Launch radius