

Survey of High-redshift Quasars with IMS

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High-redshift Quasars

• High-redshift (z>5) Quasars

- Quasars are energetic sources in the universe
- Through surveys of them suggest
 - Significant fraction of intergalactic medium (IGM) is reionized
 - Formation of ~10^{8-10} M_{sun} SMBHs just ~1 Gyr after Big Bang



High-redshift Quasars

Unsolved Issues on High-redshift Quasars

- How did high-redshift quasars contribute to cosmic reionization?
 - Main contributors (Giallongo+15) or not (Willott+10b; Kashikawa+15)



High-redshift Quasars

Unsolved Issues on High-redshift Quasars

- Are high-redshift quasars growing fast? Or simply a tip of iceberg?
- High Eddington ratio (λ_{Edd}) of high-redshift quasars
 - Key to solve theoretical challenges on the growth to 10⁹ Msun?
 - Result of bias?



[1] How Did High-redshift Quasars Contribute to Cosmic Reionization?

[2] Are High-redshift Quasars Growing Fast?

Infrared Medium-deep Survey (IMS)

Description of IMS

- Imaging survey at J_{AB}<23 mag, 120 deg² (+Y-band data)
- UKIRT WFCAM observation (2009-2013)
- CFHT Legacy Survey optical data (ugriz, ~25 mag)
- Discovery of high-z quasars, galaxy clusters, and transients









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Color Selection Method

- Red colors due to Lyman break with Intergalactic Medium (IGM) attenuation
 - (i-z) for $z\sim6$ quasars, and (r-i) for $z\sim5$ quasars
- Robust sample from broad-band data (CFHTLS + IMS)



Color Selection Method

- Follow-up medium-band observations
- SQUEAN (SED camera for QUasars in the Early Universe; Kim S.+15)
 - On Otto Struve 2.1m Telescope, McDonald Observatory, TX
 - Improve identification rates from 60% (broad band) to 90%





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Spectroscopic Identification of Quasars

- GMOS/Gemini 8 m Telescope
- IMACS/Magellan Baade 6.5 m Telescope

Discovered Quasars with IMS So Far

- 3 quasars at z~6 (a quasar newly discovered)
- ~30 quasars at z~5 (~10 quasars newly discovered)





Constraints on Cosmic Reionization at z~6

- Expected number of quasars in SA22
- Fraction of required UV photons for Reionization
 - It is likely to be <15% of ionizing photons



BH Growth in the Early Universe

• Deep NIR Spectroscopy of IMS J2204+0112

- IMS J2204+0112: One of the Faint quasars at $z\sim6$ (L_{bol}~10⁴⁶ erg/s)
- FIRE on Magellan Baade 6.5 m Telescope
 - 5.0 hrs exposures for CIV λ 1549 detection



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Binned spectrum

Best-fit model

BH Growth in the Early Universe

• The lowest Eddington Ratio (λ_{Edd}) Quasar at z~6

- λ_{Edd} ~ 0.1 of IMS J2204+0112
 - Only chance of 0.03% (3.5 σ) with the intrinsic λ_{Edd} distribution from Willott+10



BH Growth in the Early Universe

• What is the Intrinsic λ_{Edd} Distribution of z~6 Quasars?

- 2D fitting for density map on M_{BH} -L_{bol} plane
 - QLF-adapted observations vs. Mock 10⁶ quasars
- λ_{Edd} at z~6 could be lower than before, but still slightly higher (0.35 dex) than λ_{Edd} at z~2

Implications for SMBH Evolution?

- For ~ $10^2 M_{sun}$ seed BH,
 - Episodic high super-Eddington accretion (λ_{Edd} > 10) within short time scale
- For ~10⁵ M_{sun} seed BH,
 - Eddington-limited accretion until z~7, and then reduces to λ_{Edd} ~ 0.2 at z~6



Summary

Faint High-redshift Quasars

- IGM ionization source
- SMBH growth probe

Survey with IMS

- We discovered one z~6 quasar and ~10 of z~5
- M_{BH} & λ_{Edd} measurements

High-redshift Quasars for Cosmic Reionization?

• They are probably too few to fully account for the IGM ionization at $z \sim 6$

• High-redshift Quasars for Early SMBH Growth?

Not all quasars are accreting materials at maximal rates