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The Lyman Continuum Escape Fraction and the Legacy of Deep Extragalactic HST UV Imaging Surveys

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#### Rest-frame far-UV: vital tracer of star formation Directly Samples light from hot (O and B) stars



#### Time Scales

- Measure of star-formation on time scales of 100 Myr
- Necessary to understand starformation history in combination with e.g. Balmer line measurements of instantaneous SFR
- Sensitive to continuous star formation scenarios



# M33: GALEX (blue) and Spitzer (red)

My favorite image: Full Color UDF (13 bands UV-NIR)





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#### **QSO** Contribution to Ionizing Background

- QSOs are prodigious sources of ionizing radiation
  - Lyman Continuum (LC)  $\lambda < 912 \text{ AA}$
- Dominate ionizing flux at z<2</p>
- Steep decline in number of QSOs at z>3

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 Star formation probably caused reionization Data points are measurements from Lyman- $\alpha$  forest.



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QSO proximity effect

Lya forest opacity

Inferred stellar contribution

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Interactions





#### LyC absorbed by intervening HI



Z=6

Z=3 Z=1.3 Z

Z=0.7

"Lyman Break Galaxies (LBGs)"

#### **IGM Transmission**



## Measuring LyC at z=1-2



I.Can't measure f<sub>esc</sub> at z~6 because of intervening IGM (very challenging at z>3.5)

- 2.Statistical problem with absorbers at z>2 (Steidel et al. 2018)
- 3.Lower z LC-emitters are easier to study
- 4.Evolution of typical  $f_{esc}(z)$ means strong emitters are rare at  $z\sim 0$
- 5.At z<2, LC needs to be observed from space



### The escape fraction: fesc



I. fesc = fraction of lyman continuum photons which escape galaxy.

2. fesc,rel = fraction of lyman continuum photons which escape galaxy divided by fraction of 1500Å photons escaping galaxy20 IMPU

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#### 10 years of searching for the Lyman Continuum



#### Early results: z~3 Lyman Break Galaxies Keck spectroscopy

- Lyman Break Galaxies (LBGs): UV-selected, star forming galaxies at z>3
- Steidel et al. (2001) stack of 29 LBG spectra at <z>~3.4
  - Biased toward blue LBGs
  - Significant Ly-alpha emission
- Shapley et al. (2006) z~3 LBGs
  - 2/14 have high fesc,rel ~ 1
- Bogosavljevic et al. (2009) have many more spectra (100+), with ~10% fesc detected
- Shockingly high fesc,rel ~ I



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#### Early Results: Narrow-Band Imaging at Keck and Subaru telescopes

- Iwata et al. (2008), Shapley et al. (2009), Nestor et al.(2011, 2013)
- NB imaging of SSA22 field, many NB detections
- Possible spatial offset of LC from FUV
- Very high f<sub>esc</sub> in Ly-a emitters





# Early results: FUV Imaging from space (z~I.3)

- HST/STIS imaging of λ~1500Å (λ<sub>rest</sub> ~ 700 Å)
- || Starbursts at z>|.|
- No Detections
- Similar limits obtained by stacking GALEX data (Cowie et al. 2008)



#### Malkan, Webb, & Konopacky (2003)







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## Summary of Previous f<sub>esc</sub> Measurements when we started



### Deepest UV observations with HST

 Understanding the escape of Lyman continuum photons from galaxies

 350 orbits in 6 programs (Teplitz & Siana)





FUV Imaging of the Hubble Deep Fields

HDF and UDF
ACS/SBC (1600 AA)
3 sigma AB=27 to 29



•f<sub>es,c,rel</sub> limits <0.5 to <0.1 in individual objects
•Stack limit, f<sub>esc,rel</sub> < 0.08</li>
•Siana et al. (2007)



### New Survey: brighter sources, deeper images

- Imaging of 14 blue galaxies at z~1.3 as luminous as LBGs
- 5 orbits/target; AB>29, 3σ
   ⇒deepest f<sub>esc</sub> survey to at z~I

- Detect f<sub>esc,rel</sub> down to ~3%,
- But <u>no detections</u>! (0/15)
- new stack limit f<sub>esc,rel</sub> < 1.8%</p>
- Siana et al. (2010)



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## HST Far-UV Prism z=0.7 LBG Analogs

- 22 SBC prism spectra near 912AA
- Rare objects with high escape fractions (f<sub>esc,rel</sub> > 20%)?
- II5 orbits; <u>No detections</u>
- Bridge et al. (2010)





 $f_{esc}(z \sim I) = 0$ 

 HST gave me 300 orbits and all I got was this lousy tshirt....

### **f**<sub>esc</sub> evolves with redshift



- High-z galaxy density suggests f<sub>esc</sub>>20% to reionize the Universe
- Multiple detections of high f\_esc at z~3
  - How does LyC escape in these galaxies?





- We (Siana et al. 2015) resolve F336W from galaxies identified as candidate LyC emitters in Keck NB imaging
- Yielded more accurate slit position for spectra to identify interlopers
  - Keck spectroscopy rules out all 6 detections!
  - In a separate study, Mostardi et al. (2015) confirm 1/16 candidates
- Conclusion: LyC rarely comes from these bright LBGs
- Warning: HST resolution needed to confirm ground-based candidates!



Vanzella et al. (2010) show a significant probability of low-z contamination of z~3 LyC detections: analysis of the GOODS-S field predicting the probability of contamination (y-axis) as a function of the fraction of the same (x-axis)

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#### **Gravitational lensing**

#### **Abell 1689**

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#### Cycle 18 & 20 ; PI=Siana

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# No galaxies with detected LyC escape behind Abell 1689 (0 of 12)

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# Strongly Lensed Low-Luminosity Galaxies at redshifts z=1.3-3

Riley, et al. (2020)



- Lensed sources at I.3<z<3.1, observed with ACS/SBC FI50LP and WFC3 UVIS F390W
- No detections ( $f_{esc} < 5\%$ ) from 7 sources

# Targeting high-EW sources at z~1.3 with HST

- Cycle 23 program
- 8 targets, z~1.3, ACS/SBC imaging
- Selected from 3D-HST to have high-EW
- Would detect fesc in individual sources
- No detections



Atek et al. 2014; ELGs in 3DHST+WISPs; high EW (>200 AA) indicated by black circles



Alavi et al. (2020)





# Comparison with other surveys

Non-detections PROBABLY span the same range of moderate  $H\alpha$  EW values as some of the LyC leakers

Non-detections span the same range of OIII EW as LyC leakers





# HST results by other groups



## **Detections of Individual Sources**



- Naidu et al. (2017)
- 4 non-AGN candidates at z~2.4 in F275W from HDUV
- High fesc (~60%)

#### z~0.3-0.4 (lzotov et al. 2016,2018)



- COS spectrum of "green pea"-like galaxies
- Range of f<sub>esc</sub> (few % up to 70%
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# Detections of Individual Sources at z>3

F336W F435W pix 0.03" pix 0.03"

Lyman Continuum



F606W

pix 0.03"

- HST follow-up of candidates (Vanzella et al. 201, 2016, 2018; Ji et al. 2020)
- z=3.212, 3.794, 4.0
- High [OIII]λ5007/[OII]λ3727 and [OIII]+Hbeta EW
- "ion I" LyC is spatially offset
- Includes S/N~10 detection, spatially unresolved
- High escape fraction depends upon unknown IGM transmission



- Detection of 20% of sources in sample of 61 Lyα emitters at z=3.1 (Fletcher et al. 2019)
- f<sub>esc</sub> ranges 15-60%, with 20% for stack
- LyC peak separated from
   Lyα peak

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# Rare, very high redshift detections

#### Second object at z=4.4









- Some studies suggest faint AGN at z>3 imply QLF with much higher source density at high redshift (e.g. Giallongo et al. 2015,2019; but see Parsa et al. 2018)
- Khaire et al. (2016) suggest this higher density would be enough to explain AGN-driven reionization
- Smith et al. (2020, in press) find significant LyC detection from weak AGN in ERS field within GOODS-S



- Steidel et al. (2018) Figure 11: "transmission spectra, in the rest frame of the source, for (z) = 3.05 for an ensemble of 10000 lines of sight assuming the CGM+IGM opacity model. The various color-coded spectra represent averages within per- centile ranges of t900."
- Bottom 25% of sightlines are opaque to LyC
- The paper suggests that

   30 sightlines need to be considered together in order to reduce
   systematic IGM correction uncertainty to 10%



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## Implications

- Our group did not make an unambiguous detection of escaping LyC radiation from this z~I sample,
- Non-detections constrain the absolute Lyman continuum escape fraction, fesc < 3%</li>
- We measure an upper limit of fesc< 9:6% from a sample of SFGs selected on high H $\alpha$  equivalent width (EW> 200A), which are thought to be close analogs of high redshift sources of reionization.

- Other surveys have more success
- If the LyC escape fraction increases with redshift, SFGs remain plausible candidates for reionization
- Some indication that high [OIII]/[OII] ratio predicts LyC escape
- Strong Hα EW (~100-500 Å), on its own is insufficient diagnostic tool for the leakage of LyC photons, but extreme values (>1000 Å) may be indicative



#### Introducing: The HST Low-Redshift Lyman Continuum Survey

134 orbits, 66 new galaxies 100 low-z LyC measurements Radiation-hydro simulations PI: Jaskot



#### HST Low-Redshift Lyman Continuum Survey





# UVCANDELS



- Definitive extragalactic UV imaging of the four premier HST deep-wide survey fields best suited to JWST observations.
- Targets the key processes of galaxy evolution during the epoch of vigorous star formation at 0.5 < z < 3:
  - Study the structural evolution of galaxies and create 2D maps of their star-formation history.
  - Combine UVCANDELS with Herschel legacy data to trace the evolution of the dust content of moderate z galaxies.
  - Probe the role of environment in the evolution of low-mass starforming galaxies.
  - Investigate the decay of star-formation in massive early type galaxies and the role of minor mergers.
  - Stack images to constrain the escape fraction of ionizing radiation from galaxies at  $z\sim2.5$  to better understand how star-forming galaxies reionized the Universe at z > 6.



## UVCANDELS



GOODS-South



GOODS-North



Note: (1) GOODS already has B-band coverage, but COSMOS and EGS do not; UVCANDELS will obtain deeper F435W images in the CANDELS-Deep regions of GOODS where previous UV and NIR are deeper, rather than in the new UV area; (2) In EGS, we will target the area with full

NIR+ACS/V+I coverage, as shown by the red

F275W: 3 orbits B435W: 3 orbits (par) NIR footprint

ERS UV HDUV





Figure 7: differential number density for objects detected at  $\geq 3\sigma$  in GOODS-N F275W from *UVCANDELS* and HDUV.

Figure 7 shows the number counts in F275W from the published HDUV catalog (Oesch+18) and our UVCANDELS catalog. The measurements are in good agreement up to  $m_{F275W} \sim 26$ . The number counts from UVCANDELS are slightly below those from HDUV at fainter magnitudes because of the deeper F160W and F275W data in the GOODS-N Deep region. The numbers of detections at very faint magnitudes slightly increases for UVCANDELS, since we adopt the hot+cold mode photometry approach which is more robust in segmenting very faint sources (Barden+12).



Figure 8: RGB image of a  $25'' \times 25''$  region in GOODS-N.

# **UVCANDELS:** preliminary results

Individual  $f_{esc,rel}$  limits for galaxies in GOODS-N with strong [OIII]/[OII] (Rutkowski et al., in prep)





# The limits of what HST can do



F\_esc > 100% depends on assumption of IGM and intrinsic flux ratio



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## **Conclusions/Summary**

- LyC escape is important factor in understanding reionization.
- Requires UV observations & space-quality imaging (to rule out contamination)
- Detections support star-forming galaxies producing sufficient ionizing photons
- Strong evidence that the LyC escape fraction evolves with redshift
- Low luminosity (low metallicity) galaxies are focus of LyC observations
  - High [OIII]/[OII] may predict LyC escape
  - High EW lines may not be enough
- Lensing may offer new way advantage, but need more data
- Differential sightlines require statistically significant sample
- We need more UV data!