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Dusty Echoes of Nearby AGN

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Lag-Luminosity Relationship





Figure: A plot showing the lag-luminosity relationship from Koshida et al. 2014

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AGN as Standard Candles

• Use τ as a proxy for luminosity to create a Hubble Diagram.



Figure: A simulated AGN Hubble Diagram. Image credit: Hönig et al. 2017.

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- Use τ as a proxy for luminosity to create a Hubble Diagram.
- Need Low Intrinsic Scatter



The Sample

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- \blacktriangleright Low Redshift Type 1s, $z\sim 0.015$
- ▶ 15 AGN, 3 NLSy1s, 4 previously reverberation mapped
- Monitoring:
 - V ($\sim 0.5 \mu$ m) and K ($\sim 2 \mu$ m) band
 - SMARTS 1.3m telescope



Light Curves NGC3783



Figure: Light curve for NGC3783, V band in blue, K band in red.

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Light Curves ESO323-G77



Figure: Light curve for ESO323-G77, V band in blue, K band in red.

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Light Curves H0557-385



Figure: Light curve for H0557-385, V band in blue, K band in red.



Interpolations



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Figure: Matching Method at $\tau=0~{\rm days}$

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Figure: Matching Method at $\tau=1~{\rm day}$

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Figure: Matching Method at $\tau = 2$ days

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Figure: Matching Method at $\tau=3~{\rm days}$

Results NGC3783





Figure: Cross correlation function for NGC3783. The vertical lines on each plot show the result and the 1σ confidence boundaries.

Figure: Histogram showing the frequency distribution for the peaks CCFs NGC3783, $\tau = 100^{+29}_{-4}$ days.

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Results ESO323-G77

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Figure: Cross correlation function for ESO323-G77. The vertical lines on each plot show the result and the 1σ confidence boundaries.

Figure: Histogram showing the frequency distribution for the peaks CCFs ESO323-G77, $\tau = 89^{+11}_{-18}$ days.

Results H0557-385 Southampton



Figure: Cross correlation function for H0557-385. The vertical lines on each plot show the result and the 1σ confidence boundaries.

Figure: Histogram showing the frequency distribution for the peaks CCFs H0557-385, $\tau = 212^{+43}_{-39}$ days.

Discussion

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Figure: Our results with those from Koshida et al. 2014. The red line dashed line has a gradient of 0.5.

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Figure: Our results for the gradient of the slope, $\beta=0.38^{+0.079}_{-0.065}$ from Bayesian Analysis.

Figure: Our results for the intrinsic scatter $= 0.011^{+0.015}_{-0.0073}$, consistent with 0 scatter in a 95% confidence interval.

Summary & Future Work

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- \blacktriangleright Result for NGC3783 of $\tau = 100^{+29}_{-4}$ days, $R_{\rm sub} \sim 0.083~{\rm pc}$
- ▶ Result for ESO323-G77 of $\tau = 89^{+11}_{-18}$ days, $R_{\rm sub} \sim 0.075$ pc
- \blacktriangleright Result for H0557-385 of $\tau=212^{+43}_{-39}$ days, $R_{\rm sub}\sim 0.18~{\rm pc}$
- β consistent with 0.5 within 2σ : $0.38^{+0.079}_{-0.065}$
- Low intrinsic scatter: $0.011^{+0.015}_{-0.0073}$
- Repeat with other AGN in our sample

↓ Continue laying groundwork for VEILS.