The formation of supermassive black holes across cosmic time

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Outline

- When do SMBH grow their masses?
 - Demographics of AGN as a function of redshift (AGN luminosity function).
- How do SMBH grow their masses?
 - Physical conditions of black hole growth across cosmic time
 - Statistical approach: link black hole accretion properties (e.g. accretion luminosity) to host galaxies properties (e.g. star-formation).

The "When" question: count AGN as a function of redshift



Challenge: Diversity of AGN SEDs

- Obscuration along the line of sight
- Host galaxy contamination
- Accretion physics

AGN luminosity function: Selecting AGN at X-ray wavelengths

- X-rays are least affected by obscuration
- Contamination by AGN host galaxy is unimportant at X-rays
- Sensitive to AGN over a wide Eddington ratio baseline
- Selection function can be accurately quantified

Comastri+11, Brightman & Ueda 2012, Georgantopoulos+13, Lanzuisi+15 Model AGN X-ray spectra at z=1



Obscuration parametrised by $N_{\rm H}$, Hydrogen column density along the line-of-sight.

 $N_{\rm H}$ is determined from data (X-ray spectra).

The most heavily obscured AGN (Compton thick, $N_{\rm H}$ >10²⁴cm⁻²) are represented in X-ray samples, albeit with small numbers.

X-ray luminosity function: open questions

- Space density of obscured AGN, particular deeply shrouded ones (Compton thick)
- Redshift dependence of obscured and Compton thick fraction
- AGN evolution at high redshifts, z>3

Analysis methodology and in partcular accounting for uncertainties in observed quantities is very imporant.

Modeling the X-ray luminosity function



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X-ray luminosity function: importance of error propagation

Ignoring uncertainties (e.g. photo-zs) leads to biases in XLF estimation



Bayesian X-ray spectral analysis approach



Multi-wavelength surveys

Explosion in quality and quantity of X-ray survey data:

- ✓ Chandra X-ray
- ✓ Optical/near-IR SEDs
- ✓ Large spec-z surveys
- ✓ HST (morphology)
- ✓ Spitzer mid/far-IR
- ✓ Herschel far-IR





Last comprehensive XLF measurement: Ueda+03 Past year 5 publications on XLF (Ueda et al. 2014, Miyaji et al. 2015, Aird et al. 2015, Buchner et al. 2015, Georgakakis et al. 2015).



AGN space density vs obscuration

Buchner+15



AGN space density evolution split by the level of obscuration First direct estimate of the Compton Thick AGN evolution

Accretion density of the Universe



- Rapid decline since z~1
- Broad plateau at z~1-3
- Decline at z>3
- Obscured and Compton thick AGN dominate
- Obscured and Compton similar contribution

Black hole mass density vs redshift



The "How" question: physical conditions black hole growth with cosmic time



- Rapid decline since z~1
- Broad plateau at z~1-3
- Decline at z>3
- What is the physical process driving this evolution?
 - Smaller BHs at lower redshift
 - Decreasing accretion rate
 - Decline of gaseous mergers
 - Different accretion modes at different epochs

Clustering properties of X-ray AGN



Typical halo mass ~10¹³ solar:

- AGN triggering, secular vs mergers.
- Physical conditions of BH growth.

Hickox+09, Allevato+11, Mountrichas+12, 13, Krumpe+12, Koutoulidis+13, Krumpe, Miyaji & Coil+13, Hütsi+14

GALFORM Semi-Analytic Model

GALFORM SAM: Bower et al. 2006, Fanidakis et al. 2011



Black hole fuelling modes to z=1: Large Scale Clustering of AGN



GALFORM Semi Analytic Model: Fanidakis+11, 12

UVJ diagram



Williams+09, Patel+12

X-ray AGN UVJ diagram

Georgakakis et al., 2014, MNRAS, 440, 339



Contours: galaxies Red symbols: X-ray AGN in passive galaxies Blue symbols: X-ray AGN in SF galaxies Crosses: Broad-line AGN X-ray AGN have diverse SF histories, see also Nandra+07, Silverman+11, Azadi+15, Mullaney+15



Eddington ratio distributions



 $M_{\rm BH}$ =0.002* $M_{\rm Bulge}$ (local scaling relation), $M_{\rm bulge}$ ~ $M_{\rm Star}$ for bulges $M_{\rm bulge}$ ~0.5* $M_{\rm Star}$ for disks (i.e. typical for Sbc galaxies)

Summary

- AGN demographics:
 - Compton thick and obscured sources dominate the growth of black holes in the Universe
 - Nearly half of the accretion density is associated with Compton thick sources
- AGN population properties:
 - AGN hosts have diverse star-formation histories.
 - Evidence for two black hole fueling modes that occur in galaxies with different star-formation histories.

Future prospects

- X-ray AGN demographics and population properties are severely limited by small samples: eROSITA All Sky Survey?
- Toward the Bolometric AGN LF: combination of multi-wavelength AGN selection methods (X-ray, UV, IR)
- Place AGN in the context of galaxy evolution. Type of host galaxies, link to large scale environment: generalise luminosity function models to include host galaxy properties, e.g. Φ(*L*_X, *z*, *N*_H, SFR, M*).

Obscured AGN fraction vs luminosity





- Non-monotonic relation between obscured fraction and luminosity
- Contradicts previous studies (e.g. Ueda+03, Akylas+06)

Obscured AGN fraction vs redshift



- Obscured AGN fraction increases with redshift
- Compton thick AGN fraction constant with redshift, global average ~40%.

X-ray luminosity function: z>3 evolution



Accretion density split into quiescent and star-forming hosts



Bulk of accretion density associated with star-formation

Quiescent hosts: 15-20% of accretion density independent of redshift

Georgakakis et al., 2014, MNRAS, 440, 339

Morphology of AGN hosts at $z\sim1$

Georgakakis et al. 2009



Also: Pierce+07, Cisternas+11, Kocevski+12, Villforth+14

AGN hosts lie on average on the main sequence of SF



Main Sequence: Rodighiero+11

Santini+09

also, Rosario+11, Rosario+13, Mullaney+12

Revisiting Herschel results on X-ray AGN SF properties



- Herschel stacking results biased to high values.
- SF properties of X-ray AGN hosts broad

Mullaney+15, arXiv:1506.05459

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Eddington ratio distributions



- Quiescent galaxies: probability of hosting high-λ AGN lower compared to SF galaxies
- BUT, all AGN hosts
 PL distribution at low accretion rates.

X-ray AGN colour-magnitude diagram





Nandra+07, Silverman+09, Schawinski+09, Xue+10, Aird+12, Azadi+14

Morphology of AGN hosts at $z\sim1$



- AEGIS, CDF-North and South
- Morphological classification of AGN hosts at z~1:

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BH growth due to disk instabilities is underestimated

Also: Pierce+07, Cisternas+11, Kocevski+12, Villforth+14

X-ray AGN UVJ diagram

Quiescent AGN hosts: mostly bulges



Star-forming AGN hosts: 50% disks

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- Eddington ratio distribution vs host galaxy properties. Apply Bayesian methods developed for LF calculation.

$$\begin{split} \Phi(L_{X},z) = \int dlog L_{X} \frac{dV}{dz} dz \int dlog M_{BH} \ \varphi(M_{BH},z) \ \lambda(L_{X},M_{BH},z) \\ \text{where } \ \varphi(M_{BH},z) \ \text{is BH mass function,} \\ \lambda(L_{X},M_{BH},z) \ \text{is Eddington ratio distribution} \end{split}$$

Black hole fuelling modes at z=0



AGN fueling/triggering modes: population properties of X-ray AGN host galaxies



Disk instabilities Cold gas accretion low mass BHs, high *M*dot spiral morphology young stars low density regions



Radio mode accretion

Hot gas accretion Massive BHs, low *M*dot Massive ellipticals evolved stars high density regions



Major mergers

cold gas accretion disturbed morphology ongoing star-formation Moderate density regions

X-ray survey data: observational challenges

Poisson nature of X-ray spectra: derived quantities ($N_{\rm H}$, $L_{\rm X}$) have complex and correlated uncertainties

Typically ~50% of the Xray AGN have photometric redshift estimates



XMM



Relevance of AGN activity to the evolution of galaxies





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