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What Does This Rise In SF Galaxy Counts Tell Us About Galaxy Evolution?

• X-ray number counts for star-forming galaxies can be modeled using the X-ray luminosity function (XLF) and its redshift evolution.

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Cosmic Evolution of Star-Forming Galaxy Population





- To assess how the X-ray/SFR correlation evolves with redshift, we utilized the multiwavelength data to select galaxy populations in three SFR bins covering SFR = $1-100 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ and the redshift range z = 0-3.
- Using the 4 Ms CDF-S data we performed X-ray stacking to measure population averaged X-ray luminosities and sensitively measure how *L*_X/SFR changes with redshift.





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Conclusions

• The 4 Ms CDF-S have shown that the normal galaxy population rises quickly in source density at the faintest flux levels and make up ~40% of the normal galaxy number counts at 0.5-2 keV fluxes above 1.1×10^{-17} ergs cm⁻² s⁻¹.

• The increase in galaxy number counts is largely driven by star-forming galaxies with passive early-type galaxies playing a small role.

• Stacking of normal galaxy populations selected by SFR show that the X-ray/SFR correlation holds out to $z \sim 3$.

• The combination of the observed evolution of the stellar mass function, the relationship between stellar mass and SFR, and the nonevolution of the X-ray/SFR correlation provide a reasonable prediction for the cumulative number counts observed in the 4 Ms CDF-S.