"In medio stat virtus": the Chandra COSMOS Legacy Survey

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20 years of Chandra AGN surveys

Siemiginowska & Civano 2019 (Chapter 8, Chandra book)





Chandra COSMOS Legacy Survey

Civano+ 2016; Marchesi+ 2016

- \rightarrow 4.6 Ms = 1.8Ms (PI: Elvis) + 2.8 Ms (PI: Civano)
- \rightarrow 92 single observations; 2.2 deg²
- → 4016 sources (327,000 photons)
 3950 exgal sources + 66 stars
- → Unresolved emission: ~100,000 photons

0.5-2 keV 2.0-4.5 keV 4.5-7 keV Stefano Marchesi



Source Characterization

- Redshifts
- X-ray spectral analysis
- Galaxy Masses
- SFRs
- BH masses
- Accretion Rate

Marchesi, FC+ 2016a,b; Suh, FC+2017, 2019, 2020; Hasinger+2018



Compton Thick Obscuration
 BH Spin
 BH-Host relation at low and high-z
 SMBH progenitors

Obscured phase is important for co-evolution scenario



Alexander+Hickox 12, Sander+98, Hopkins+08



COSMOS searches of high-z CT AGN

Lanzuisi, FC+ 2018



1- Physically motivated modeling (Mytorus) of
>30 counts spectra
2 - MCMC parameter
estimation
3 - use of the full PDF

 →67 individual sources with >5% probability of being CT
 →41.5 true sources summing the P

Intrinsic CT AGN fraction to z=3.5

Lanzuisi, FC+ 2018

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Enhanced Merger fraction

Lanzuisi, FC+ 2018



Measuring black hole spin

P79 by M. L. Jones

- ➤ ~2000 sources
- > average broad Fe Kα line emission profile
- > We fit this average profile with:
 - Gaussian line model (xsgaussian)
 - Relativisitic line model (reline)
- We bin our sample into AGN observables: redshift, luminosity, obscuration, host mass

Note: Fitting Fe Ka with a relativistic line model provides a measurement of black hole spin magnitude and direction.



BH and host mass: scaling relation

Suh, FC, submitted^{BH} mass measurement from optical broad emission lines



- 100 broad line AGN
- Lbol/Ledd<=0.1 --> low accretion
- Low SFR

→BH/host mass ratio consistent with local →No evolution with redshift to z=2.5

→BHs and galaxies must have grown and assembled their mass at z>3

Probing BH masses at z~3.5

Trakhtenbrot, FC +2016



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Beyond z=5.5 no confirmed detections

COSMOS
2 spec-z
2 photo-z

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As a reference 0 AGN at z>5.5 in CDFS (Vito+2017)

CR-7: $z\sim$ 6.6 LAE M_{BH}~10⁶ M_{sun} DCBH candidate is NOT X-ray detected

Sobral+2015, Bowler+2016 Pacucci+2016, 2017



Many hours of Keck and VLT: not enough to see an emission line in the H and K bands

How to study the early BHs?

Low-mass galaxies in COSMOS

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Mezcua, FC+ 2016, 2018

Dwarf Galaxies Nuclear Luminosity Mezcua, FC+ 2016, 2018

- Significant nucler emission
- Detections to z=>2
- M_{BH} < 10⁶ M_{sun} (assuming Reines & Volonteri 2015)
- Four interesting sources: lowest IMBHs ever found

• Fairly accreting:

$$\lambda_{Edd} = L_{bol} / L_{edd} > 0.1$$

 $L_{XRB} \ \alpha \ SFR, \ M_{\star} \ (\text{Lehmer et al. 2010})$ $L_{hot \ gas} \ \alpha \ SFR \ (\text{Mineo et al. 2012})$

(Active) IMBH occupation fraction

Mezcua, FC+ 2016, 2018

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Active fraction decrease with redshift and mass (opposite of massive sources)
 → AGN in dwarf galaxies evolve differently than those in massive galaxies

Summary

---> Large area of the COSMOS field allow to do population studies with a large variety of rare sources

- 1. **Obscuration** --> CT fraction increases to z=3
- 2. BH Spin --> see M. Jones poster P79
- 3. Scaling relations at low and high-z --> SMBH all formed by z=3; pointed observations of CR7 would be informative
- 4. **SMBH progenitors** --> dwarf galaxies hosts IMBH which seems to be related to DCBHs

---> Our catalogs of X-ray sources and all multiwavelength properties are all available. Please used them.

Conclusion: the future is bright

