The HMXB Z-z connection Connecting the metallicity dependence and redshift evolution of HMXBs





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Local LHMXB-SFR correlation

Star-forming (high sSFR) galaxies



Mineo+2012

Chandra XX

sSFR=SFR/M



The little z: L_{HMXB}/SFR evolves with redshift



Lehmer+2016



High- \mathcal{Z}

Low-Z









High- \mathcal{Z}

Low-Z









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Evidence of \mathcal{Z} -dependence

- Local galaxies exhibit
 L_X-SFR-Z correlation,
 but samples may be
 biased
- Redshift evolution of HMXB relation could be effect of *Z*dependence or driven by other factors



 $\overline{\mathcal{Z}}$ proxy for HMXBs .

Is redshift evolution of HMXBs driven by metallicity?



The MOSDEF Survey

 Rest-frame optical spectra for ~1500 galaxies at z~2 in fields with deep X-ray data



Chandra extragalactic surveys

AEGIS-X 800 ks exposure



Deep Field North 2 Ms exposure



Alexander+2003



Deep Field South 7 Ms (80 day) exposure

Nandra+2015

Going deeper with existing data





Individual detections of small number of objects





Average X-ray properties for large sample of objects

The MOSDEF sample

- O3N2 Z indicator
- · Ha SFR
- Exclude X-ray, IR, and optical AGN
- Chandra PSF<3.5"
- 79 galaxies
- Stacked exposures: 20-50 Ms (200-600 days!)



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Redshift evolution consistent with previous studies



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HMXBs exhibit *Z*-dependence at z~2



- First evidence for \mathcal{Z} -dependence at z>0 (97% confidence)
- Likely driven by HMXBs rather than LMXBs
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The Z-z connection



HMXB-only normalization consistent with z=0 relation

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Evidence favors *Z*-z connection

- But is the local L_X -SFR- \mathcal{Z} relation biased?
- Can we improve measurements of this relation to provide better constraints for theoretical models?

Studying \mathcal{Z} dependence at low z





Galaxy information from two spectroscopic surveys: hCOSMOS (z=0.1-0.4) zCOSMOS (z=0.5-0.9)

Studying \mathcal{Z} dependence at low z

- hCOSMOS sample: 858 galaxies at z=0.1-0.4
- zCOSMOS sample: 787 galaxies at z=0.5-0.9
- R23 Z indicator
- SED (UV+IR) SFR
- Exclude X-ray, IR, and optical AGN



Different redshifts, same story

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- Further support that z-evolution driven by metallicity
- Theoretical models with high L_X/SFR are in disagreement but SFR systematics are important

The \mathbb{Z} -z connection: summary & outlook



We have measured the HMXB Z-dependence at z>0.

 $\mathcal{Z}\text{-dependence}$ at different redshifts is consistent and accounts for the observed z-evolution of $L_{\text{HMXB}}/\text{SFR}$

hCOSMOS+ survey











Larger, deeper X-ray surveys