Nuclear Emission and Outbursts from SMBHs in Normal Galaxies

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Cavities and shocks in the hot X-ray gas in galaxies and clusters provide a fossil record of AGN activity



NGC4636 Virgo elliptical

Hot X-ray atmospheres often provide the primary evidence of AGN activity

Observe outburst frequency - common >50% clusters (Dunn,Fabian)>30% galaxies
Measure total power - mechanical (cavities and shocks) >> radiative
Measure outburst duration and age
Understand interaction of outbursts
with surrounding gas
Insight into high redshift universe
Growth/formation of galaxies
Growth of SMBH
Feedback from AGN

X-ray cluster/group/galaxy studies are key Extending to galaxies with lower mass black holes

Perseus Cluster core -Shocks and Ripples (Fabian et al. 2002, 2003, 2005)

M87/Virgo cluster core -Bubbles, shocks and filaments (Forman et al. 2005, 2007, 2009)



•Chandra shows repeated outbursts

•Generally from X-ray observations, the outburst power is estimated from the size of the cavities and the surrounding gas pressure.

Outburst age from buoyancy rise time.

•(only with deep Chandra of bright clusters can one directly constrain outburst power, duration, and age from X-ray

Normal massive Early-type galaxies – 30% have cavities



Outburst energies $\sim 10^{55} - 10^{58}$ ergs Outburst ages $10^{6} - 10^{8}$ years

Components of X-ray Emission in Early type Galaxies

Hot gas dominates the emission in (most) massive galaxies (unless gas blown out by outburst - see Lanz et al. poster on Fornax A)

In less luminous, gas-poor systems, LMXBs and coronally active stars dominate emission.

Much of LMXB emission can be resolved by Chandra, but emission from stars cannot be resolved.



Luminous (massive) E/S0 Galaxies have hot coronae and are **NOT** gas poor

- ~200 E/S0 nearby galaxies
- X-ray components
- LMXB's (some resolved)
- •CV's and active stars
- •Hot gas
 - •kT~0.5-1.5 keV
 - •Dominates at high mass
 - Provides fuel for SMBH
 - •Captures energy from SMBH outbursts
 - •30% have cavities
 - •Measure PV =AGN outburs energy



Measuring AGN activity in Early type Galaxies

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X-ray luminous, massive galaxies, measure X-ray cavities, shocks to determine AGN kinetic energy

Less luminous, gas-poor systems, (or gas rich galaxies with no cavities/shocks) measure nuclear X-ray and radio emission to determine AGN radiative energy



Measuring X-ray Components in E/S0 Galaxies



Fit diffuse ISM + point source in 0.3-2 keV (where ~1 keV ISM is bright)

Use 0.3-2 keV fit of ISM to measure hard emission (2-7 keV) from nucleus

Green = point source/AGN Magenta = diffuse/hot gas Red = sum Blue=galaxy light

Measuring AGN emission in normal E/S0 Galaxies



Red = LMXB's Black = diffuse/hot gas

Galaxies with X-ray cavities (30% of lumious systems)

Jets in Normal Gas-rich Early-type galaxies



NGC1386 double jets 4.92" radius

Often short, stubby X-ray Jets (compared to radio jets) in Normal Gas-rich Early-type galaxies



For 7 galaxies, X-ray jets are 0.24 to 4.2 kpc (ngc4261) in length

SMBH X-ray Luminosities in normal Early type Galaxies



The most massive galaxies host the more luminous SMBH's

Luminosities range from $\sim 10^{38}$ - 10^{42} erg s⁻¹ (none > 10^{42} erg s⁻¹)

SMBH X-ray Luminosities in normal Early type Galaxies



Nuclear X-ray emission detected in 70% of SMBHs in galaxies with gas and from 75% of SMBHs in gas-poor galaxies Eddington ratios for nuclear X-ray emission in normal early type galaxies



Eddington ratios $\sim 10^{-5}$ to 10^{-9} in these low luminosity AGN

(for QSO's ~0.3)

SMBH X-ray and Radio Luminosities in normal Early type Galaxies



Nuclear X-ray emission detected in 70% of SMBHs in galaxies with gas Radio emission (1400 MHz) detected in 83% of gas rich galaxies (only three galaxies brighter than -25 not detected in radio (or X-ray) 15

Three Luminous (Kmag <-25) ellipticals with no detected radio or X-ray nuclear emission



IGC4325_0.3-2.5 keV

MKW4 = 0.3, 2.5 keV

Randall et al. 2009

M86 falling into Virgo core with supersonic velocity.





20"

Russell et al.

Summary - Emission and Outbursts from SMBHs in Normal Early type Galaxies

Kinetic energy from outbursts in galaxies 10⁵⁵-10⁵⁸ ergs (~ 5 10⁴² erg s⁻¹)
30% of gas rich galaxies have had recent (< few 10⁷ years) outbursts

Most gas-rich galaxies have nuclear X-ray (70% of galaxies) and nuclear radio emission (83% of galaxies) Nuclear X-ray emission 10³⁸-10⁴² ergs s-1

•AGN feedback key to galaxy evolution - truncate star formation

Problems that outbursts "solve"



Cooling flow problem

Radiative cooling times are short in cluster cores ≻Large mass cooling rates

AGN outbursts reheat cooling gas



AGN Outbursts in Groups and Galaxies



NGC5813 Multiple outbursts - 3 sets of cavities plus sharp outer edge from shock (Forman et al 2009)

Shock velocity 480 km s⁻¹ (M ~1.15). ~10⁵⁵ ergs to produce middle cavities (~5 kpc diameter). Outburst age 22 10⁶ yrs AGN Outbursts in Normal Early type Galaxies

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Scatter in L_x -opt mag relation is partly due to gas removal and partly due to environment (galaxies in the centers of₂groups

Outbursts from Clusters to Galaxies

SOURCE	SHOCK RADIUS	ENERGY	AGE	MEAN POWER	ΔΜ
	(kpc)	(10 ⁶¹ erg)	(My)	(10 ⁴⁶ erg/s)	(10 ⁸ M _{sun})
MS0735.6	230	5.7	104	1.7	3
Hercules A	160	3	59	1.6	1.7
Hydra A	210	0.9	136	0.2	0.5
M87	14	0.0005	12	0.0012	0.0003
NGC4636	5	0.00006	3	0.0007	0.00003

Growth of SMBH by accretion in "old" stellar population systems with star formation to maintain M_{BH} - M_{bulge} relation

Mechanical outburst power balances radiative cooling AGN outbursts deposit energy into gas through shocks and bubbles

M87 properties of outburst (2-5 10⁶ yr duration and slowly expanding)