

Wei Yan: X-ray reflection on galaxy scales

Chien-Ting Chen: AGN in dwarf progenitors

Athena

1960s: Discovery of the X-ray background





The diffuse character of the observed background radiation does not permit a positive determination of its nature and origin. However, the apparent absorption coefficient in mica and the altitude dependence is consistent with radiation of about the same wavelength as that responsible for the peak. Assuming the source lies close to the axis of the detectors, one obtains the intensity of the x-ray background as 1.7 photons $cm^{-2} sec^{-1} sr^{-1}$ and of the secondary maximum (between 102° and 18°) as 0.6 photon $cm^{-2} sec^{-1}$. In addition, there seems to be a hard component to the background of about 0.5 cm^{-2} sec⁻¹ sr⁻¹ which does not show an altitude dependence and which is not eliminated by the anticoincidence.

FIG. 1. Number of counts versus azimuth angle. The numbers represent counts accumulated in 350 seconds in each 6° angular interval.

Giacconi et al. (1962)



Origin of the cosmic X-ray background

The answer: The CXB is produced by growing black holes



Hard spectrum of the CXB, with peak at ~30 keV, requires a combination of unobscured and obscured AGN

(e.g., Gilli, Comastri & Hasinger 2007; Treister et al. 2009; Ballantyne et al. 2011; Ueda et al. 2014, Ananna et al. 2019)



Treister et al. (2009)







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OR

What was the first X-ray telescope you used in your career?

Sounding rockets Uhuru Einstein ROSAT ASCA Chandra XMM-Newton NuSTAR Other None, I'm a theorist

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COSMOS Legacy Survey (2.2 deg², 80-160 ks)







Chandra Deep Field South (01 deg²,7 Ms)

Luo et al. (2017)





Chandra Deep Field South (01 deg²,7 Ms)

50,000 sources deg⁻²

Faintest sources ~ 6 x10-18 erg cm-2 s-1 (0.5-2 keV)

Approximately one X-ray photon every. ten days!

o et al. (2017)





Hickox & Markevitch (2006)

What is the absolute unresolved background?

Requires careful subtraction of instrumental background

~80-90% of 0.5-8 keV background is resolved by Chandra



















Hickox & Markevitch (2007)



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What came first, the galaxy or the black hole?

The black hole ("Dominance") **A**

The galaxy ("Adjustment") **B**

They grew together ("Symbiosis") **C**

It depends widely on the system ("It's complicated")

We have absolutely no idea **E**

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Where are the growing black holes?

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X-rays identify weak or obscured AGN that are not detectable in the UV/optical/IR



optical

X-ray

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optical







HST images of Chandra X-ray AGN hosts



X-ray selected AGN are found in all kinds of galaxies

Kocevski et al. (2012)



AGN "flicker" over a wide dynamic range in Eddington ratio

Hickox et al. (2014), Schawinski et al. (2015), Jones et al. (2016, 2018, 2019)



[dex 2 \mathcal{M}_{*} $b(\gamma_{
m Edd})$ [dex 55 $\stackrel{*}{\succ}$ 0.0100 $p(\lambda_{
m Edd})$



Aird et al. (2012)



Hickox et al. (2014), Schawinski et al. (2015), Jones et al. (2016, 2018, 2019)



[dex 3 \mathcal{M}_{*} $b(\gamma_{
m Edd})$ [dex 25 \mathcal{M}^* $b(\gamma^{\rm Eqq})$

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Aird et al. (2012)



On average, black hole growth follows star formation in galaxies



Hickox et al. (2014)













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Composite AGN and galaxy SEDs and images for varying AGN dominance and obscuration





Hickox & Alexander (2018) "Obscured Active Galactic Nuclei" ARA&A, Volume 56

Direct constraints on obscuration from deep *Chandra* spectra (Liu et al. 2017)



ID=730,z=0.30 10-5 keV (Photons cm⁻² s⁻¹ keV⁻¹) 10-6 1 10 2 5 Energy (keV)





Powerful Comptonthick AGN not detected in even the deepest Chandra surveys



del Moro et al. (2016)



Updated modeling of the cosmic X-ray background













NuSTAR/COSMOS (Civano et al. 2015)





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What capabilities would you most like to see improved on a new X-ray observatory?

Effective area

Angular resolution

Spectral resolution

Energy coverage

None - we have nothing left to learn

Why do I have to choose? I want them ALL

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The Future











Chandra













HEX-P



1E-05 3E-05 5E-05 7E-05 9E-05

Hickox et al. (2019) Astro2020 White Paper

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Chandra (7 Ms, Luo et al. 2017)

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Summary

The deepest *Chandra* surveys have resolved the **X-ray background**, uncovered the **co-evolution** of galaxies and black holes, unveiled **heavily obscured AGN**, traced Xray emission from **normal galaxies** across cosmic time, and tracked the **growth of black holes at high redshift**

The future is bright!

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