The (Elusive) Fossil Record of Black Hole Seeds



with Space Telescope Imaging Spectrographs

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BH - Galaxy Coupling

BH mass is ~0.2% Galaxy (bulge) mass

Coevolution over 2-3 magnitudes of mass

Best correlation for BH and galaxy bulge (old star component)

Only mature galaxies host SMBHs?



BH - Galaxy: Distant Universe

- No evolution in $M_{BH}/M \star$ with redshift
- BH first couples to total galaxy mass, bulge grows later?
- see also Jahnke+09, Cisternas+11 (COSMOS)

BH - galaxy coupling in place by teenage universe (z~2)



BH - Galaxy Flow Pattern

Herschel FIR -> galaxy SFR Chandra X-ray -> BH growth Outliers return to mean: "self-

to mean: "selfmaintained"

Duty cycle for rapid accretion onto BH: ~10%



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Measuring BH Mass: SDSS-RM

The next generation of reliable BH masses: Multi-Object Reverberation Mapping



~50 RM masses from SDSS-RM, at z<1.

(Full expected yield: ~200 masses at z<3.)

Coming soon: LSST! photometric RM for >10⁶ QSOs...

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Mix of under- / overmassive BHs in few galaxies with dynamical M_{BH}







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Finding Accreting Black Holes

Optical spectroscopy: hard ionization signature

- massive wide-field surveys: ~10³-10⁵ galaxies
- (mostly) insensitive to dust reddening
- also gives redshift, black hole mass*
- inexpensive observations from the ground



(Accreting) BH Detection



Galaxies w/ Growing BHs: Apparent

BPT AGN



- 320,000 SDSS galaxies (S/N_{line}>3), 0.01<z<0.1
- AGNs selected by BPT line ratios
- Preference for highmass green valley? (Kauffmann+03)
- Very few massive seeds in low-mass galaxies?

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Strong bias against BH detection at low mass: SF dilutes observed line ratios (also Moran+02)

Correct for BH Selection Bias



BH Seed Fossils: z~0 (SDSS)



320,000 SDSS galaxies with S/N_{BPT}>3, 0.01<z<0.1

Monte Carlo simulations, adding AGN to SF galaxies in each bin

Assumptions:

- power-law Edd ratio
- M_{BH} ~ $\sigma^{4.2}$
- $L_{bol} = 112L_{[OIII]}^{1.2}$
- "pure AGN" line ratios
- uniform dust
- avg AGN-SF correlation

"BH occupation": deviation from MBH-Mbulge relation (HR04)



BH occupation from 320,000 SDSS galaxies.



BH Seed Fossil Record, in X-ray



- See also Miller+15: low-mass AGN census from AMUSE X-ray survey
- Consistent occupation fraction, with fewer assumptions / weaker constraints

BH Seed Fossils: z~0 (SDSS)



Lower BH occupation in low-mass galaxies

Bimodal BH seeding: direct-collapse SMBHs rare in low-mass halos

But:

- indirect record at z~0
- low mass unconstrained
- uncertain assumptions...
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HST Imaging Spectroscopy



Wide Field Camera 3

- Installed in 2009 (Service Mission 4)
- IR slitless grisms: G102 (0.8-1.15 μm) & G141 (1.1-1.7 μm)
- HST spatial resolution (0.06"/pix)!



HST Imaging Spectroscopy

CANDELS + 3D-HST:

- 150 tiles (2'×2') of G141 spectroscopy (1.1-1.7 μm)
- High spatial res (0.06"/pix), low spectral res (R~200)
- 50 useable galaxies / tile (with Hβ+[OIII], 1.3<z<2.4)



Spatially Resolved BH Detection

Compare *nuclear* and *extended* emission-line ratios



High *nuclear* ionization -> AGN

Simulated BH+Galaxy, HST spectra

Simulate accreting BH + galaxy, characterize BH growth:

 $\log(\lambda_{\rm Edd}) = (-2.969 \pm 0.138) - (0.335 \pm 0.054)[\log(M_*) - 9]$

 $+ (0.289 \pm 0.056)[\log(\mathrm{sSFR}) + 10] + (5.367 \pm 0.426)\Delta\log(\mathrm{[O~III]/H}\beta)$



Spatially Resolved BH Detection

Much higher sensitivity than integrated BPT at low mass (Simulation of 2-orbit HST/WFC3 grism data, exploring a wide range of AGN strength and galaxy properties)



Spatially Resolved BH Detection

*Nuclear BH emission in M**~10⁹ *galaxies* (28 stacked HST/WFC3 G141 spectra in HUDF)



The Low-Mass AGN Census

7000 3D-HST galaxies, binned by mass and sSFR.



Spatially Resolved BH Detection: CANDELS + 3D-HST

Nuclear BH content by stacked galaxy mass and sSFR



"Collapse" lines into one spatial dimension



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Observational evidence for massive seeding



Many massive BH seeds:

- BH before galaxy: dominates primordial galaxy formation?
- BHs as missing reionization sources at z>6?
- Primordial BH collapse/merger gravitational wave signature



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Future of Spatially Resolved Spectroscopy Surveys



Sensitivity like Spitzer/IRAC... in spatially resolved spectroscopy!

- BH seed formation and growth
- Extended shocks / outflows
- Inside-out galaxy evolution
- First galaxies, physical conditions





BH Seed Census with JWST

 Spatially resolved detections of *individual* AGNs in 10⁸ M_{sun} hosts: direct census of seed distribution!



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Imaging Spectroscopy and Black Hole Seeds



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