An Observational View of the Relative Growth of BHs and Galaxies

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At what stage in their lives do galaxies feed their black holes?

What effect does black hole growth have on the evolutionary trajectory of galaxies?

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SFR = $\epsilon M_{gas}/t_{dyn}$



Evolution of an (early-type) galaxy following the Schmidt Law with typical dynamical time and gas fraction and a standard efficiency of 2%. No further outside gas accretion, no minor mergers and no mass loss allowed to replenish the gas reservoir.

Schawinski+09a, Kaviraj, Schawinski, Silk & Shabala 2010

Deviations from the Schmidt Law: Clues to Feedback Molecular gas mass M_H, CO(1–0) [M_©] (a) 10⁹ 10⁸ 0.01 0.10 1.00 10.00 Age of young burst t, [Gyr] Starforming Seyfert AGN AGN+SF

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Late-type galaxies (43% of AGN +46% indeterminates?)

- Most massive black holes most likely to accrete.
- Unlikely to be triggered by merger disks are stable.
- Host galaxies do NOT post-starburst stellar populations, but low SSFR?
- Are not transitioning from blue to red.
- Fuelling likely to be stochastic.
- Milky Way is archetype.

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80% have low Sersic indices - disk-dominated, not bulges, not mergers.

Possibly high Eddington ratios!

Very similar morphological mix as at z~0 - but *caveat emptor*!

Similar to Cisternas+11 at z<1 Now also Allevato+11(clustering), Mullaney+11, Kocevski, CANDELS+11 (submitted)





Mullaney+11 - SSFR of X-ray selected AGN indistinguishable from galaxies

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z>2 AGN hosts still very poorly understood and high-z universe just opening up:

- * *HST*/IR (imaging & grism)
- * ALMA
- * Chandra deep fields
- * Near-IR MOSs

Do we even capture all black hole growth? High obscuration a major problem and mid-IR selection still difficult and low-L systems still basically impossible to detect...

Search for z>6 AGN



z=6,7,8 drop-outs seen by HST, Bouwens+06,10a,10b

Effective 23 years of Chandra time!



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30%+ of z=6 galaxies host a growing black hole



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Very few if any sources can have lower obscuring colums, so (almost) all AGN at z=6 are Compton-thick at all viewing angles.



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Self-regulation = explicit link between accreted black hole mass and halo circular velocity

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Questions:

* Are there really multiple modes of co-evolution, and if so, why do they give the same result (scaling relations)?

* If a large fraction of black hole mass is accreted in disk galaxies, why do we have an M-sigma relation, rather than an M-disk mass or M-total mass relation?

* The "green valley conundrum": If there is such a large time lag between starburst and black hole accretion, how can we have feedback?