The Zoo of AGNs and a coherent picture of AGN clustering (part two)

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Outline



1. **The Zoo of AGNs:** Multiwavelength AGN selection



2. **The big picture:** Halo masses and evolution of different classes of AGN



3. **A mystery:** Clustering of obscured and unobscured quasars

1. The Zoo of AGNs: Multiwavelength AGN selection





NGC4258



NGC4151





A wide variety of active galactic nuclei





Alexander & Hickox (2012) New Astronomy Reviews



The Eddington limit



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Radiation pressure

Gravity

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Radiation pressure

 $L_{Edd} \approx 10^{38} \mathrm{~erg~s^{-1}} ~M_{\mathrm{BH}}$ Larger black holes can grow more rapidly

Gravity

The Eddington ratio $\lambda = L/L_{Edd}$



Astronomy Reviews Model curves courtesy A. Merloni











Accretion state changes with Eddington ratio



Illustration from Done, Gierlinski & Kubota (2007) see also Churazov et al. (2005); Hopkins, et al. (2009)

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Also strongly affected by host galaxy contamination and other selection effects: Hopkins et al. (2009)

2. The big picture: Halo masses and evolution of different classes of AGN





Why measure AGN clustering? HOST BLACK GALAXY HOLE DM HALO

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The galaxy population



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 $M_{halo} \sim 10^{13} M_{\odot}$







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 $M_{\rm halo} \sim 10^{12} \, M_{\odot}$

 $t_{\rm COOI} > t_{\rm Hubble}$

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no cooling → quenched



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The need for black hole feedback



More luminous → Blanton (2006)

The need for black hole feedback



The need for black hole feedback



Multiwavelength and redshift surveys





XBootes/AGES (S. Murray/C. Kochanek)











See also:

X-ray (e.g., Nandra et al. 2007, Silverman et al. 2007, Alonso-Hererro et al. 2008, Georgakakis et al. 2008, Schawinski et al. 2009, Cardamone et al. 2010, Xue et al. 2010) as well as radio (Smolcic et al. 2009) optical (Kauffmann & Heckman 2009) and infrared (Goulding et al. 2009)

Hickox et al. (2009)



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see also Wake et al. (2008), Mandelbaum et al. (2008), Coil et al. (2009), Cappelluti et al. (2010), Fine et al. (2011), Hickox et al. (2011), Krumpe et al. (2012), Mountrichas et al. (2012), Koutolidis et al. (2013), Georgakakis et al. (2014), Geach et al. (2013)

Do AGN hosts lie in different halos compared to similar "normal" galaxies?

X-ray



Optical/IR



Slightly weaker or similar clustering

e.g., Li et al. (2006), Hickox et al. (2009) BUT see Mandelbaum et al. (2008)

No large difference

e.g., Coil et al. (2009), Hickox et al. (2009), Georgakakis et al. (2014)

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Radio

Stronger clustering

e.g., Wake et al. (2008), Donoso et al. (2010) BUT see Hickox et al. (2009)



galaxy/black hole/halo mass

AGN **follow** star formation in low-mass, cold gas-rich halos

AGN prevent cooling flows and star formation in massive halos

Stochasticity may produce weak luminosity dependence on clustering (e.g. Hickox et al. 2014)

Goulding et al. (2014)

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Unobscured

unified model "torus": no difference in clustering

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Obscured

galaxy-scale structures and interactions: **possible difference in clustering**

di Matteo et al. (2005), Springel, di Matteo & Hernquist (2005)

e.g., Sanders et al. (1988), figure from Alexander & Hickox (2012)

Previous studies of X-ray AGN

NO significant difference between obscured and unobscured X-ray AGN

(Gilli et al. 2009, see also Gandhi et al. 2006, Krumpe et al. (2012)) **Stronger** clustering for unobscured X-ray AGN

(Allevato et al. 2011, see also Cappelluti et al. ??)

Mid-IR selection of obscured quasars

Can be differentiated based on optical-IR color

Hickox et al. (2007)

IRAC-selected quasar clustering

The next step: Wide-Field Infrared Survey Explorer

Sensitive all-sky mid-IR survey with hundreds of thousands of **obscured quasars**

DiPompeo et al. (2014a)

Donoso et al. (2014)

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DiPompeo et al. (2014b, in prep)

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- Different luminosity and/OR obscuration
- Other selection effects
- Contamination by star-forming galaxies?

0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 z

Ideas to take away

1. **The Zoo of AGNs:** Multiwavelength selection is **required** to explore as much as possible of the AGN population

2. **The big picture:** Radiatively-dominated AGN follow star formation in low-mass halos, while mechanically-dominated AGN prevent star formation in massive halos

3. A mystery: Different clustering of obscured quasars indicates obscuring material beyond the unified model "torus".
Why difference from X-ray studies?

A couple thoughts

1. **Power of AGN clustering** in revealing interesting physical insights about black hole, galaxy, and halo evolution

2. Important to place observations into larger context

Thanks and looking forward to an exciting week!