The Origin of the Cosmic X-ray Background

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ROSAT PSPC The Moon June 29 1990

16 arcmin MPE 11/90.

Cosmic Background Radiation

Hasinger 2000



X-ray Spectrum of type-1 AGNs

primary continuum (power law with high-E cutoff)
absorption or emission from ionized gas
Reflection from accretion disk/BLR/torus



Effect of Obscuration (type 2 AGN)

- X-ray spectra become "hard" by photoelectric absorption in torus
- Hard X-rays (ideally E >10 keV) are the best band to catch the whole AGN population including heavily obscured (Compton-thick) AGNs



The Spectrum of the CXB

- The XRB is the integrated emission from all the AGNs in the universe, telling us the growth history of supermassive black holes.
- The energy density peaks at ~30 keV (coincidentally, it resembles a thermal bremsstrahlung of 40 keV)
- The shape of the XRB indicates that most of the AGNs are obscured.



Resolving CXB

- History of X-ray Astronomy= to detect X-ray sources constituting the CXB with better sensitivities in harder band (e.g., HEAO1, ASCA, XMM-Newton/Chandra in 2-10 keV)
- Indeed 2-10 keV CXB is dominated by obscured AGNs!
- Optical identification (determination of redshift) leads to determine their luminosity function
 ASCA Large Sky Survey (Ueda+98, Akiyama+00)









The CXB below 10 keV

- Now almost all of the CXB below ~10 keV is resolved, mostly into Compton-thin AGNs (N_H < 10²⁴ cm²) with ~10⁴ deg⁻²
- X-ray surveys are the most sensitive among those at any wavelengths
 Kushino+ 02







AGN X-ray Luminosity Function

 Luminosity function = comoving spatial number density as a function of luminosity and redshift
 AGN XLF is well described by Luminosity Dependent

Density Evolution (LDDE)



Results from AGN surveys at E<10 keV

"Downsizing" or "anti-hierarchical evolution"

- Apparently opposite to the bottom-up scenario predicted by CDM model
- Large number of obscured, lower luminosity AGNs
- Overall good match between star forming rate density and mass-accretion rate density, supporting "co-evolution"



Ueda+ 14

Absorption Distribution

In the local universe, Swift/BAT (14-195 keV) survey gives tightest constraint on the column density distribution

It depends on luminosity (or Eddington ratio) and redshift



Swift/BAT 9-month (Ueda+ 14)

Swift/BAT 70-month (Ricci+ 15)



Population Synthesis Model of the CXB (Ueda+14)

- CXB = (luminosity function) × (absorption distribution)
- Assumptions
 - Broadband spectra (1-1000 keV)

 Compton thick AGNs follow the same evolution as Compton thin AGNs



Remaining Issues on the CXB

Origin of the CXB above 10 keV
 Contribution of Compton thick AGNs

AGN evolution
 Do they "co-evolve" with galaxies? Why/how?
 Physical origin of cosmic downsizing

Coevolution of SMBHs and Galaxies

- Black holes: key players of cosmic evolution
 - Galaxies are shaped by tight interaction with central SMBHs
 - High energy astronomy is crucial to observe and characterize SMBHs
- Buried (or Compton thick) Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)
 - Key population to understand "coevolution"
 - Expected in rapid growth phase of BHs in intensively star-forming galaxies triggered by galactic mergers (unique tracers of mergers)
 - Hard to be found in optical
 - Their cosmological evolution is currently unknown



σ or bulge stellar mass



Key Population: Buried AGN

Covered by Compton thick material with large solid angle

- Narrow line regions are little developed because UV lights do not leak
- Sometimes AGN can be identified only by using X-rays (ex. NGC 4945)

Hard X-rays are the best band to catch such AGNs, thanks to

- Strong penetrating power against obscuration
- Little contamination from stars (cf. infrared band)









FORCE mission

Focusing On Relativistic universe and Cosmic Evolution

PI: Koji Mori (Miyazaki U) Target launch year ~2030

Wideband Hybrid X-ray Imager (WHXI)

- ✓ New Si sensor (SOI-CMOS) + CdTe hybrid
- Low BG with active shield, the same concept as the A-H's hard X-ray detector
- ✓ Wideband sensitivity of 1-80 keV

X-ray Super-mirror

 ✓ Light-weight Si mirror provided by NASA/GSFC
 ✓ Multi-layer coating directly on the Si mirror surface

angular resolution of <15" in hard X-ray

Cosmological Evolution of CTAGNs



CTAGNs rapidly increases at fluxes below the NuSTAR limit

- Fraction of CTAGN predicted from a standard CXB model (black line)
- NuSTAR results suggest a few times more CT AGNs than in the prediction
- Requirements to FORCE
 - Flux limit: to cover redshifts where the space number density peaks, 3x10⁻¹⁵ erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ (10-40 keV)

Outlook

What is your targeted physics in next decades?
Origin of SMBH-galaxy coevolution
Role of heavily obscured AGNs in cosmic history
Origin of SMBH "cosmic downsizing"

What do we need to accomplish?
 Build XRISM and FORCE (!)
 Systematic multiwavelength study of AGN
 Comparison with theories