X-raying AGN Found and Missed by SDSS Niel Brandt (Penn State)







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Utility of X-ray AGN Studies

X-ray emission nearly universal Many (most?) AGN are strong X-ray emitters.

Powerful way to find AGN

Minimize absn. bias and host-galaxy dilution

Highest density on sky – Chandra Deep Fields find ~ 6000+ per sq. deg.

Effectively probe immediate black-hole environ. and larger scale environment.

SDSS Connections

Powerful X-ray source identification "machine"

Large + well-defined samples for X-ray follow-up Reduced selection biases

Immediately have good supporting spectrum + imaging.

Primary X-ray Emission Region + Observed Spectra



Also can have substantial jet-linked X-rays.



Bulk X-ray Follow-up of SDSS Sources



X-ray Weak Quasars and the SDSS

X-ray absorption? Missing corona? Extreme variability?

"Blue" X-ray weak AGN Color-selected BQS sample Obscuring outflows as main cause

"Somewhat redder" X-ray weak AGN Grism-selected HQS sample Missing coronae as main cause?



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-ray absorption? Missing corona? Extrem

Red AGN, X-rays, and the SDSS





SDSS EDR quasars





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2 3 Redshift **Richards et al. (2003)**

Hard X-ray Selected AGN in SDSS Region





Combine hard X-rays + SDSS

Find local examples for detailed follow–up, so can place within unified model.

SDSS may "accidentally" observe 200+ of them.

Understand SDSS AGN selection effectiveness better.

Swift coming too; about 400 AGN in 10–150 keV band.

High–Redshift AGN Demography from SDSS and Deep X–ray Surveys



Deep X–ray surveys probe z > 4 AGN more than 30 times less luminous than SDSS.

More numerous + representative.

Minimal absorption bias.

No more than ~ 8 AGN at z > 4 per field. Alexander et al. (01), Barger et al. (03),

Cristiani et al. (03), Koekemoer et al. (03)

Contribution to z ~ 6 reionization small.

Better source statistics needed. E-CDF-S.

Future X-ray + SDSS Prospects







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Many other great X-ray projects... Narrow-Line Seyfert 1s **Double-peaked line emitters C IV blueshift-selected quasars LLAGNs Poststarburst quasars** High-redshift quasars + blazars "No-line" quasars Intrinsically red quasars Type 2 quasars **Unusual BALQSOs** Lots more too.