X-ray Observations of the Early Universe

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X-ray Observatories - Outline

- **Current generation:** The early Universe at high energy
- The next generation (2015+): NASA's Constellation-X (+ ESA's XEUS)
- 2025 and beyond... NASA's vision mission (Generation-X)



If that first slide was baffling...

Two ARA&A articles:

- Paerels & Kahn (2003) ARA&A
 (High-resolution X-ray spectroscopy)
- 2. Brandt & Hasinger (2005) ARA&A(Deep X-ray Surveys)





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A Quick Primer on X-ray Optics:

They are extremely heavy.



CHANDRA	XMM-NEWTON
0.5"	14"
18500 kg/m ²	2300 kg/m ²
A _{eff} @ 1 keV	A _{eff} @ 1 keV

credit: Marcos Bavdaz, ESA-XEUS team

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The High Redshift Reach of *Current* X-ray Observatories

- X-ray surveys efficiently find AGN (sky densities of nearly 6000 deg⁻²)
- Many AGN cannot be optically identified (Barger et al. 2003)
- Sensitivity to reach AGN at z~10 already achieved

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Star Formation at High-z in the X-rays

- Tight L_X-SFR correlation holds up to z=1 (Bauer et al. 2002,Seibert, Heckman & Meurer 2002, Ranalli et al. 2002, Cohen et al. 2003, Hornschemeier et al. 2005)
- L_X-SFR correlation may extend up to z=3-4 based on stacking analyses (Brandt et al. 2001, Nandra et al. 2002, Seibert, Heckman & Meurer 2002, Reddy and Steidel 2003, Lehmer et al. 2005)



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Extragalactic Background Radiation (EBR) Studies



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X-ray/Submm Studies: Coeval SMBH-Spheroid Growth?

- Tight M_{SMBH} M_{Spheroid} relationship (e.g., Tremaine et al. 2002) in local galaxies implies causal connection
- If components form together: expect strong SFR and AGN in same galaxies
- Submm galaxies are sites of some of the highest SFR at high-*z*, but extremely optically faint, difficult to identify (Chapman et al. 2002)

X-ray/Submm Studies: Coeval SMBH-Spheroid Growth?

850 micron SCUBA image

At least 5 are AGNs (38% of bright submm galaxies) → almost all appear to be Compton-thin moderate-luminosity AGNs
AGN X-ray luminosity not high enough to power submm emission
confirms/extends results of Hornschemeier et al. (2000)

Borys et al. (2003)

7 (54%) of the sources are X-ray detected In 2 Ms CDF-N (Alexander et al. 2003)

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X-ray Properties of AGN at z>4

6 photons per day!

- X-ray emitting properties (e.g. α_{OX} and spectral shape) are same at z>4 as in nearby Universe
- SMBH similar to local AGN formed and were actively accreting when the Universe was < 1 Gyr old





The Next Generation

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NASA's X-ray Astronomy Roadmap



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Use X-ray spectroscopy to observe

- Strong gravity & inner accretion-disk physics
- Dark Matter and Dark Energy
 - Evolution of Supermassive Black Holes & Galaxies
- Production and recycling of the elements

Mission parameters

- Telescope area: 3 m² at 1 keV
 25-100 times XMM/Chandra for high resolution spectroscopy
- Spectral resolving power: 300-1,500
- -Band pass: 0.25 to 40 keV

Enable high resolution spectroscopy of faint X-ray source populations

An X-ray VLT







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Beyond Einstein: Probing Strong Gravity with Constellation-X

- The Iron fluorescence emission line is created when X-rays scatter and are absorbed in dense matter, close to the event horizon of the black hole.
- Test of General Relativity in the strong field regime



Theoretical 'image' of an accretion disk.



 ^a The quantity λ_0 is the wavelength quoted from literature (e.g., Behar et al. 2001; Brown et al. 1998; Drake 1988).

^b The fluxes shown are the total for the blend of lines at each $\lambda_{\text{observed}}$.



Cosmology with Con-X: tracing dark matter, baryons & metals in groups, clusters and the WHIM

- Studies of intra-group and intra-cluster medium (where large fraction of all baryons live!) will soon be revolutionized by ASTRO-E2 (non-dispersive highresolution spectroscopy)
- Temperature, abundance, and density distribution of the hot IGM will be detected via absorption lines in spectra of background quasars





ESA's Next Generation: XEUS

- 10 m² telescope effective area at 1 keV (revolutionary pore optics, ≈3× area Con-X)
- Wide Field Imager (WFI), 2"-5" HPD PSF



Thanks to Guenther Hasinger & Arvind Parmar











Simulated Constellation-X/ XEUS Spectroscopic Observations of AGN





XEUS/Constellation-X Simulation, 1 Ms: Submm Galaxy at z~2.5



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Constellation-X "Simulation"

using XMM-Newton Lockman Hole observations



Stacked XMM spectrum of 53 Type 1 AGN



The future of X-ray Astronomy: *Simulated XEUS IMAGING Observations of Galaxies*

Simulations of XEUS HDF 1 million sec observation at different angular resolutions



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Simulated Generation-X Deep Survey Observations (thanks to Roger Brissenden, SAO)



Gen-X View of the Hubble Deep Field

100 m² effective area and 0.1" PSF



• Simulated 1Ms exposure of the HDF shows most of the 3000 galaxies detected by Hubble



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Conclusions (2nd to last slide)

- High-resolution X-ray spectroscopy will become available for a large number of sources with the launch of Constellation-X
- A merged NASA-ESA mission is under consideration, with particularly high stakes for high-*z* studies
- The Generation-X mission is planned to detect the first black holes and galaxies at high energy



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Submit a Constellation-X "Proposal"

- Members of the community are invited to submit "mock proposals" to the Constellation-X project : http://constellation.gsfc.nasa.gov
- Look for "Observation Design Reference Mission"
- Questions? Email me: annh@milkyway.gsfc.nasa.gov



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