Linking Black-Hole Growth with Host Galaxies

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Local universe: M_{BH} M_{bulge}



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BH vs galaxy growth

Total BH accretion rate (\dot{M}_{BH}) and starformation rate (\dot{M}_{\star}) are proportional

Coevolution?



AGN variability: Theory



AGN Variability: Observation



Yang et al. 2016

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Overcome variability: Sample average



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Ilustris simulation: Vogelsberger et al. (2014)

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Environment (density field) can be measured for distant galaxies!

Ивн vs. Environment

-2.00All Density > median -2.25 $Density \leq median$ え ⊙ −2.50 𝔊 −2.75 ((HAR)) -3.25 -3.50 -3.75 -3.75 z = 0 - 19.5 10.0 10.5 11.0 11.5 9.0 $\log(M_*)$ (M_{\odot}) Yang et al. in prep.

BHs do not know their environment

$\dot{M}_{BH}-M_{\star}$: the key

- M
 _{вн} vs. M
 × (Yang et al. 2017а)
- M_{BH} vs. environment × (Yang et al. in prep.)
- Ḿвн vs. M × ✓ (quantified in Yang et al. 2017b)

Yang et al. (2017b)

\dot{M}_{BH} - M_{\star} : and its cosmic evolution (up to z=4)

At a given $M \star$: \dot{M}_{BH} **always rises** toward high z

AGN activity decreases in the early universe? Probably not

Aird et al. (2015)

Davidzon et al. (2017); also see Vito et al. (2017)

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Outstanding questions

- M_{BH} vs. galaxy morphology?
- *M*_{BH} growth from mergers?
- \dot{M}_{BH} from Compton-thick AGNs?