Searches for AGN at z>5 from X-ray to radio Steve Warren Imperial College London



Motivation

- Finding bright sources as beacons to study reionisation
- Following the history of black-hole accretion activity
 - Black hole mass function
 - Relation between black hole growth and star formation
 - Contribution to reionisation



z=7.085 quasar Mortlock et al, 2011



Treister et al. 2011 Detection of obscured z>6 AGN from X-ray stacking analysis of photo-z redshifts

- Substantial black-hole growth at z>6 in star-forming galaxies
- Most high-z black-hole growth is obscured
- But see counterclaims by Fiore et al (2011), Barger et al (2011)



Searches for AGN at z>5

 Current status and next few years at X ray Mid-ir

Radio (radio quasars, radio galaxies)

- 2. Current status in the optical / near-ir Reionisation Decline in space density
- 3. Prospects with Euclid

X rays: current status

Motivation

• A census of SMBH accretion activity, including obscured AGN

• Results

- z=5.19 (Barger et al 2002)
- z=5.40 (Steffen et al 2004)
- z=6.19 candidate CDF-S

X rays: current status



X rays: the near future

Predictions using the hard X-ray luminosity function of Aird et al. (2010)



X rays: the near future



X rays: the near future

eROSITA all-sky survey could find a number of z>6 AGN, but

- numbers uncertain
- very substantial follow-up required





Mid-ir: current status

- Motivation
 - Avoiding selection biases
- Results
 - z=5.39, 5.53, 5.85 (Cool et al 2006)
 - z=6.12 (Stern et al 2007)

• Drawback z>6.4

- Near-ir data needed
- Brown dwarf contamination
- WISE too faint



Radio: current status

- Motivation
 - Targets for 21cm forest
- Results quasars
 - z=5.19 (McGreer et al 2009)
 - z=5.47 (Romani et al 2004)
 - Z=5.95 (Ziemann et al 2011)
 - z=6.12 (McGreer et al 2006)
- Results galaxies
 - z=5.19 (Van Breugel et al 1999)



Radio: the near future

- LOFAR wide survey (2012)
 - Radio quasars flat spectrum, Pan-STARRS blank
 - Radio galaxies PanSTARRS, WISE blank, very faint in K
 - Predicted numbers very uncertain
 - Very extensive follow-up needed

Current status in the optical / near-ir

- Over 50 quasars z>5.8 so far discovered
- First z>6.5 quasar discovered by UKIDSS z=7.08 (Mortlock et al. 2011)
- Two further z>6.5 quasars discovered by VISTA z=6.8, 6.8 (Venemans et al. in prep.)
- First z>5.7 quasar discovered by PanSTARRs (Morganson et al. 2011)







From SDSS at z=6.2: $f_{HI}=10^{-3}$

From WMAP: z(reion)=10.5+/-1.2

z=6.5 is SDSS limit





Completeness calculation





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z=7.085 from MgII Mortlock et al, 2011 Nature



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Transmission profile resembles damping wing of the IGM with neutral fraction f>0.1

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Decline in space density z>6.4 from UKIDSS

6.4<z<7.2 predict 3.2 quasars compared to 1 found.

For predicted 3.2 quasars probability of detecting 0 or 1 is 16% i.e. no evidence for accelerating decline beyond z=6.4.



Predictions for future surveys z>6.4

Survey	Area	Depth Y (Vega)	Number	complete
UKIDSS	3800	19.6	6	2012
VIKING	1000	20.8	9	2015
PanSTARRS 10 sigma	20000	19.6	33	2015

Summary of UKIDSS results

- Probable detection of the red damping wing of the IGM in z=7.08 quasar: the first quasar in the epoch of reionisation. But note that reionisation is predicted to be very inhomogeneous
- Detection of 2x10⁹Msol BH at z=7.08: problem of formation
- Decline in space density of quasars 3<z<6 continues to z=7, with no strong evidence yet of acceleration

The scope of the Euclid surveys

- Wide survey 15,000 deg² YJH_{AB}=24 would take 680 years with VISTA or 66 years with SASIR (2017)
- Deep survey 40 deg² YJH_{AB}=26 would take 72 years with VISTA or 7 years with SASIR
- The Euclid surveys are >100 times more ambitious than anything underway and at least >10 times more ambitious than anything else currently conceived

Bright quasars z>8 J<22 from Euclid imaging



Euclid will find 30 z>8.1 quasars J<22 and 55 quasars J<22.5