Probing AGN through host galaxy morphologies

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AGN Host Morphology Studies



Morphology Class Disturbance Class 80 AGN Control ţ 60 **†** Ī Fraction (%) 40 1 1 🛓 **₽** 20 Ē 0 Disturbed II Undisturbed Pure Disk Companion Disturbed All Disks Point-Like "" | bec Pureroid All Spheroids

> Kocevski et al. 2012, X-ray selected at 1.5<z<2.5

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Data Sets

- Near-IR and optical data for morphological decompositions: CANDELS-GOODSS in WFC3:H_{160W}, J_{125W}, Y_{105W} and ACS:Y_{098M}, I_{814W}, i'_{775W}, V_{606W},g'_{435W} (in addition to U_{CTIO}, U_{VIMOS}, K_{s ISAAC} and IRAC 3.6 and 4.5µm for photoz fitting).
- AGN catalogue : Kocevski 2012 (internal CANDELS catalogue) = Xue et al. 2011 4Ms Chandra + Donley et al. 2012 IR + Padovani et al. 2011 radio

Mass Matching:

- Binned in 0.5 redshift bins
- 1000 bootstrap samples
- Median of samples within each property bin





Morphological Model Fitting

CANDELS sample of ~400 galaxies at $M_*>10^{11}M_{\odot}$ at 1<z<3 in UDS and COSMOS, Bruce et al. 2012, 2014a, 2014b.



Validity of PSF Component







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single Sérsic + PSF



bulge+disk+ PSF



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Szokoly et al. 2004 FORS/FORS2 followup of X-ray detections in the 942 ks CDFS catalogue



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<u>Future Work</u>:

Fraction

0.40

- Identify Type 1 AGN from spectra and explore
 potential correlation between PSF fractions
 and these objects
 - Examine trends with AGN X-ray luminosity

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Multiple Sérsic Fits



light fractions



component sizes



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likelihood ratio fits



all bulge+disk(+PSF) >10% fits



likelihood ratio fits M>10¹¹M_{solar}



suggests that for comparing populations we should be using the all bulge+disk +PSF fits (as long as not biased - tbd)

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Multiple Sérsic Fits



Conclusions

- AGN hosts are bulgier (or less disky) than control sample galaxies at z>1.5 using both single component of single+PSF fits.
- Using decomposed fits AGN at z>2.5 are also bulgier.
- However fitted sizes show no difference.
- No strong evidence yet for a correlation between PSF components and AGN detections.
 Future Work
- Look for variations in trends at different wavelengths e.g. PSF and Sérsic indices in the bluer ACS bands.
- Explore trends with L_{X-ray}; are more luminous AGN bulgier?
- Do fitted PSF fractions vary with AGN type obscured, unobscured, Compton thick ?
- Conduct fully decomposed SED fitting to determine individual bulge and disk stellar masses and star-formation rates for comparison between control sample and AGN hosts.
- Also experiment with fitting PSF components with QSO templates in SED fitting.

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