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RADIATIVE FEEDBACK



Solution of the star formation and the cooling flow at the center of ellipticals

e.g. Ciotti & Ostriker 2001, Sazonov et al. 2005

 \Rightarrow It is not enough to reproduce e.g. the M_{BH}- σ relation

e.g., Ciotti et al. 2009

MECHANICAL FEEDBACK



collimated, radiatively bright, relativistic radio jets

Heat the IGM and the ICM, quench the cooling flow in rich Clusters of Galaxies

e.g. Fabian et al. 2009, Sanders et al. 2009

⇒ Involve ~10% of AGN, and are highly collimated: low global impact for L/L_{Edd} > 0.01

e.g., Ciotti et al. 2009



wide angle, radiatively dark, (slow?) massive winds

e.g., Silk & Rees 1998

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UV Broad Absorption Lines: BAL QSOs



e.g., Weymann et al. 1981, 1991

~10% of optically selected QSOs

e.g., Hewett & Foltz 2003, Knigge et al. 2008, Gibson et al. 2009

~20% of radio and NIR selected QSOs

e.g., Becker et al. 2000, Shankar et al. 2008

~40% estimated intrinsic fraction

e.g., Allen et al. 2011

 $\Im \log \xi \sim 0 \text{ erg cm s}^{-1}$

e.g., C IV, N V, O VI

- ⊃ logN_H ~ 21-23 cm⁻²
- ⊃ v_{out} ~ 0.01-0.2 c

$$\xi = \frac{L_{ion}}{4\pi nR^2} \propto \frac{n_{\gamma}}{n_H}$$

$FWHM > 2,000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

UV mini-Broad Absorption Lines: mini-BAL QSOs



e.g., Barlow et al. 1997

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e.g., Misawa et al. 2007, Ganguly & Brotherton 2008

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500 km s^{-1} < FWHM < 2,000 km s^{-1}

UV Narrow Absorption Lines: NAL QSOs



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X-ray Warm Absorbers

e.g., Halpern 1984, Reynolds 1997



50% of local AGN

e.g., McKernan et al. 2007

50% of bright QSOs

e.g., Piconcelli et al. 2005

1 to 1 correspondence with low- υ UV NALs

e.g., Crenshaw et al. 2003

Ο logξ ~ 0-4 erg cm s⁻¹

e.g., C VI, N VII, O VIII

⊃ logN_H ~ 20-22 cm⁻²

≎ υ_{out} ~ 0.001-0.01 с

FWHM ~ 300-3,000 km s⁻¹

X-ray high velocity (Ultra Fast) outflows



Ο log ξ ~ 3-5 erg cm s⁻¹

e.g., Fe XXV, Fe XXVI

⊃ logN_H ~ 23-24 cm⁻²

 $v_{out} \sim 0.03 - 0.3 c$

FWHM ~ 4,000-10,000 km s⁻¹

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40% of local bright AGN

Tombesi et al. 2010

X-ray Broad Absorption Lines



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A handful of BAL and mini-BAL QSOs

e.g., Chartas et al, 2003, 2007, 2009

e.g., Fe XXV, Fe XXVI

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 $v_{out} \sim 0.1-0.4$ C

FWHM >20,000 km s⁻¹

SMBH Gravity vs Gas, Radiation, or Magnetic Driving

Rude rule of thumb: the fastest the wind terminal velocity, the closest to the SMBH the launching point

Thermal Pressure



Able to explain **low velocity** outflows as X-ray warm absorbers and **low-** v_{out} UV NALs (e.g., Krolik & Kriss 2001, Chelouche & Netzer 2005)

Radiation Pressure



UV line driving: effective **if the wind is shielded** against the central ionizing continuum (e.g., Murray et al. 1995)



A "**shield**" of highly dense gas **naturally arises** in hydrodynamical simulations of highly accreting AGN (e.g., Proga et al. 2000, 2004)

Magnetic Field



No need for shielding to launch the wind (e.g., Konigl & Kartje 1994, Everett 2005, Fukumura et al. 2010)

A FEEDBACK MECHANISM BETWEEN THE SMBH AND ITS ENVIRONMENT



UNDERSTANDING THE AGN STRUCTURE AND THE PHYSICS OF ACCRETION/EJECTION

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Green et al. 1995 ApJ 450, 51

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Brandt et al. 2000 ApJ 528, 637

BAL QSOs X-ray weakness correlates with EW(C IV) and is thus consistent with being due to absorption







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Research Strategy

X-ray observations of BAL QSOs are challenging:





- large samples at <z>~2 : statistical studies
- substantial samples at <z>~0.5 : detailed spectral analyses
- the best candidate at z<0.1 : time resolved spectral analyses



The archival SDSS/2XMM sample and the NAL QSO sample



Giustini et al. 2008 A&A 491, 425

"On the absorption of X-ray bright BAL QSOs"

• SDSS × 2XMM: large sample of distant (1 < z < 4) sources

• 54 BAL and mini-BAL QSOs : X-ray spectral and Hardness ratio analyses, and UV/X-ray photometry : N_{H} , Γ , α_{ox} , v_{uy} , ...



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- No evolution of properties with redshift
- Cold X-ray absorption proportional to the X-ray weakness







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PG 1535+547 C



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$\square \alpha_{ox}$ is variable!



PG 2112+059

The new observational campaign on PG 1126-041



Giustini et al. 2011, A&A submitted

"Variable X-ray absorption in the mini-BAL QSO PG 1126-041"

XMM Archive: 33 (28) ks, December 2004 (PI: N. Schartel)

XMM AO-7: 31 (3) ks, June 2008 (PI: M. Giustini)

XMM AO-7: 12 (4) ks, December 2008 (PI: M. Giustini)

XMM AO-8: 134 (92) ks, June 2009 (PI: M. Giustini)

The longest X-ray look ever at a mini-BAL QSO

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Strong variability on time scales of months and hours

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Two distinct spectral components
• Fit to a simple power law





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• Adding a moderately ionized absorber





A highly ionized absorber

A highly ionized outflowing absorber



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• temporally resolved spectral analysis of the 2009 Long Look observation



0.2-1.5 keV and 1.5-10 keV light curves binned to 2 ks

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<u> </u>		What's next?				
	And So W	What's up so far?				
		Theoretical analyses				
3	How?	A new observational campaign				
		Archive: nearby bright sources and distant large samples				
2		Insights on the wind dynamics, $\varDelta v_{out}$				
	What?	Constraints on the wind kinematics, $v_{\scriptscriptstyle ext{out}}$				
		X-ray observations of AGN with powerful winds: $N_{H'}$ ξ , $L_{\rm ion'}$, Γ , $\alpha_{\rm ox'}$,				
		and the physics of accretion/ejection				
	Why?	Understanding the AGN structure				
		A feedback mechanism between the SMBH and its environments				

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unveiling the physics of accretion onto SMBH

how much energy is carried by the wind?



Spanning the widest possible range of QSO properties across the cosmic time

Thanks for your attention!



POPULATION STUDIES

Minimum 2-10 keV flux to constrain (N_w , ξ) within (20%, 10%) in a 100 ks observation



INDIVIDUAL DETAILED STUDIES

The ATHENA view of a mini-BAL QSO



UNVEIL THE DYNAMICS OF THE INNER ACCRETION/EJECTION FLOW



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Hot, low density polar flow

very high ionization state negligible contribution to M_{out}

Transitional, struggling zone

hot, highly variable, sporadic high-v ejections

Warm, dense equatorial outflow

inner region: failed wind outer region: fast stream





The NAL QSO sample



Chartas et al. 2009 NewAR 53, 128

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- Typical continuum $< \Gamma > \sim 1.9$
- Very low measured neutral absorbing $< N_H > \sim < N_{H,GAL} >$
- All X-ray bright





S which is the behavior as a population, i.e. their role in the QSO life?

Bigger samples, better statistics: new X-ray telescopes?



Radiation pressure probably plays a role



	warm absorbers	U NA	V Ls	UV mini-BALs	UV BALs	X-ray UFOs	X-ray BALs	
logξ	0 4	-2	. 0	-2 0	-2 0	3 5	3 5	erg cm s ⁻¹
logN _H	20 22	20.	. 22	21 23	21 23	23 24	23 24	cm -2
$\text{log}\upsilon_{\text{out}}$	2 3	2	4	3 4	3 4	4 5	4 5	km s ⁻¹
%	50 %	30	? %	30? %	20 %	40 %	? %	

pc-scale and beyond: torus/NLR	pc-scale and within: accretion disk			
Thermal driving	Radiation/Magnetic driving			








2011

And so what?							
80s 90s 2000	BAL QSOs • discovered • X-ray Weak • first RL BAL QSO • X-ray absorbed • complex X-ray absorption	Warm Absorber • discovered • 50% of type I AGN • outflowing	mini-BAL QSOs • discovered • complex X-ray absorption	Low-v UV NALS • discovered High-v UV NALS • discovered	X-ray UFOs • discovered	X-ray BALs • discovered	
	• typical underlying SED			 first X-ray study 			
2008	 X-ray bright subpopulation Emerging outflows 	• In RL AGN as well	• X-ray bright and variable	• X-ray bright	 Statistically established In RL AGN as well 	 Statistically established Monitoring 	
2011	 Variable fraction with z 		deep analysis: flow dynamics		• discovered in a mini-BAL		

Scenario: radiatively driven accretion disk wind



Density gradient along the line of sight

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