

International X-RAY Observatory (IXO)

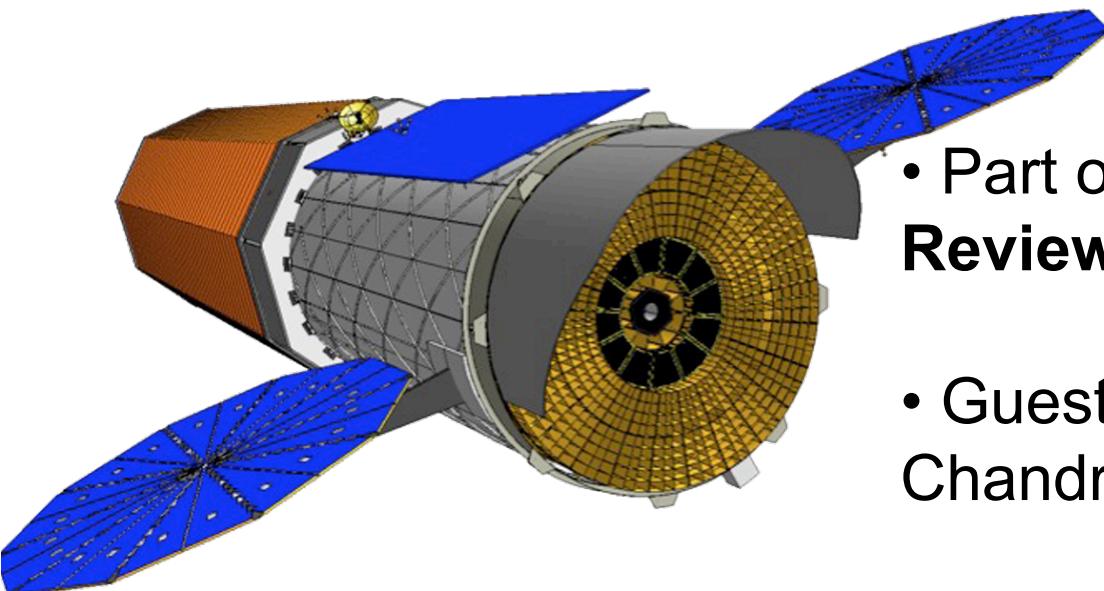
High-z obscured accretion

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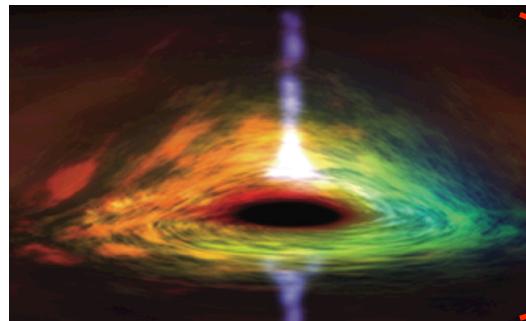
Basic Facts about IXO

- Merger of ESA/JAXA XEUS and NASA's Constellation-X missions
- Part of US Astro2010 **Decadal Review** and ESA **Cosmic Visions**
- Guest Observatory, like Hubble, Chandra, Spitzer, Suzaku, Astro-H
- Launch: No Earlier Than ~2021

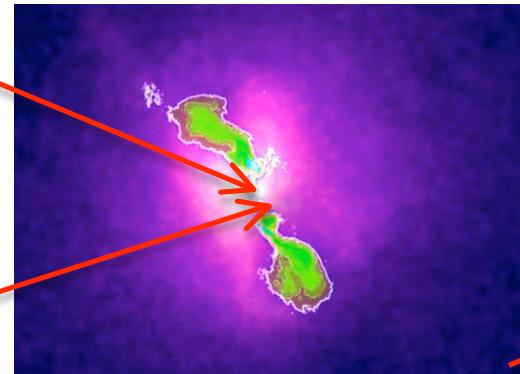


The International X-Ray Observatory (IXO) will address fundamental and timely questions in astrophysics:

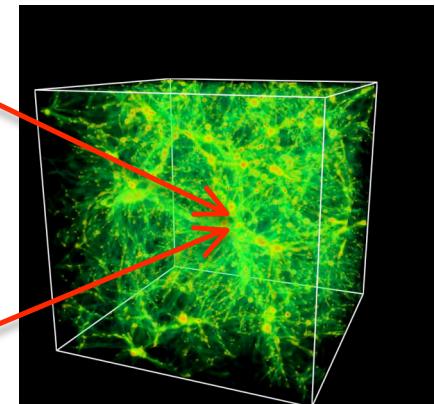
- What happens close to a black hole?
- When and how did super-massive black holes grow?
- How does large scale structure evolve?
- What is the connection between these processes?



Black Hole Accretion



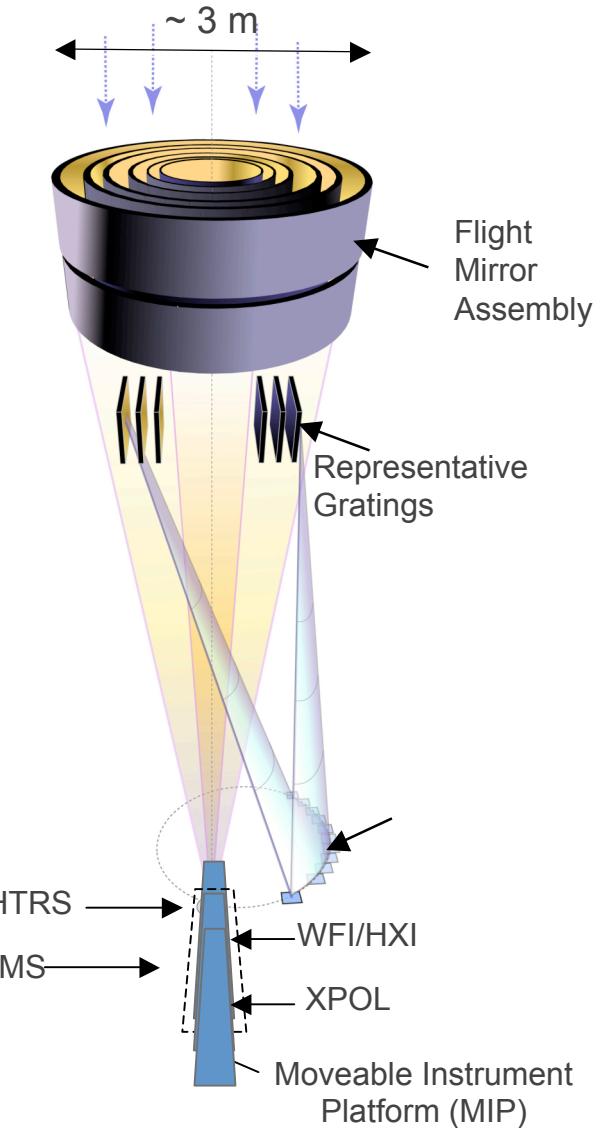
Hydra A Galaxy Cluster



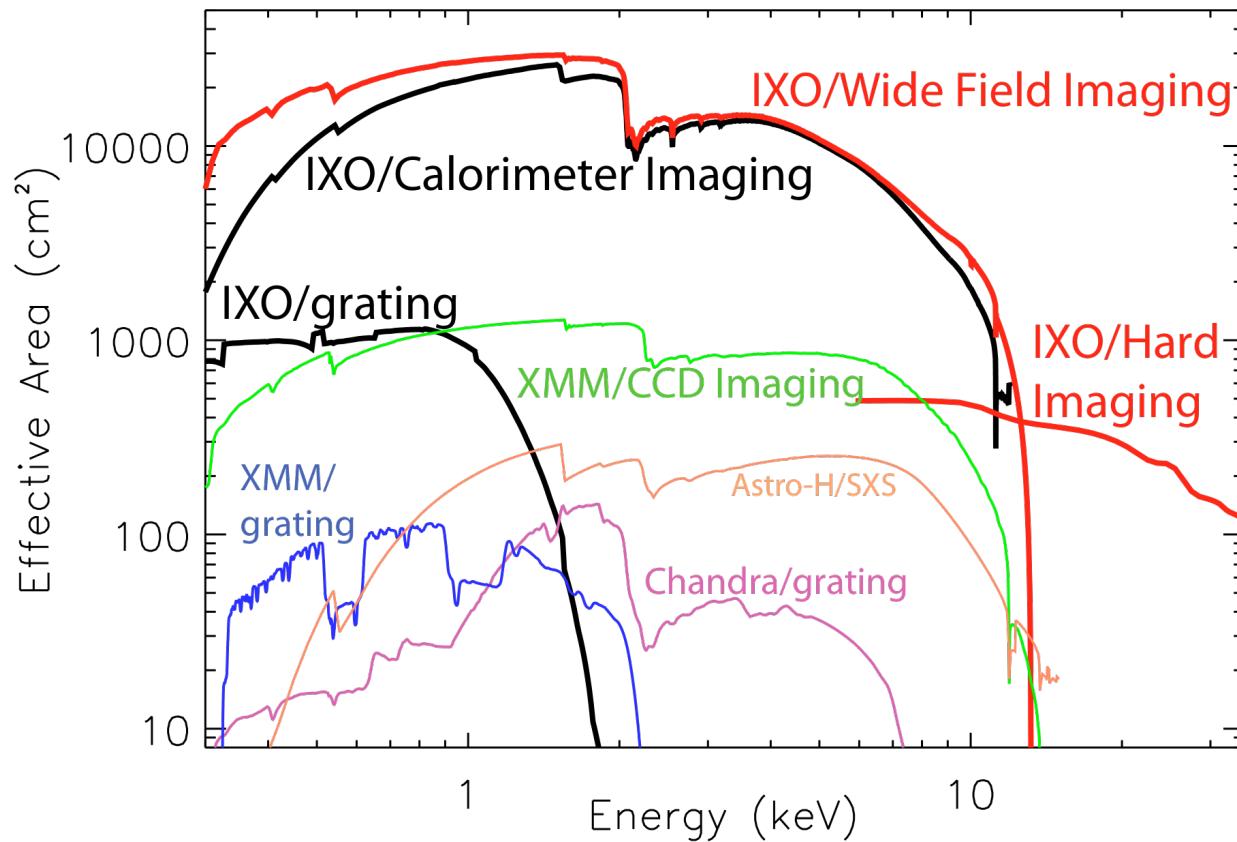
Cosmic Web

IXO Payload

- Flight Mirror Assembly (FMA)
 - Highly nested grazing incidence optics
 - 3 sq m @ 1.25 keV with a 5'' PSF
- Instruments
 - X-ray Micro-calorimeter Spectrometer (XMS)
 - 2.5 eV with 5 arc min FOV
 - X-ray Grating Spectrometer (XGS)
 - $R = 3000$ with 1,000 sq cm
 - Wide Field Imager (WFI) and Hard X-ray Imager (HXI)
 - 18 arc min FOV with CCD-like resolution
 - 0.3 to 40 keV
 - X-ray Polarimeter (X-POL)
 - High Time Resolution Spectrometer (HTRS)



IXO is a Vast Improvement over Existing Missions



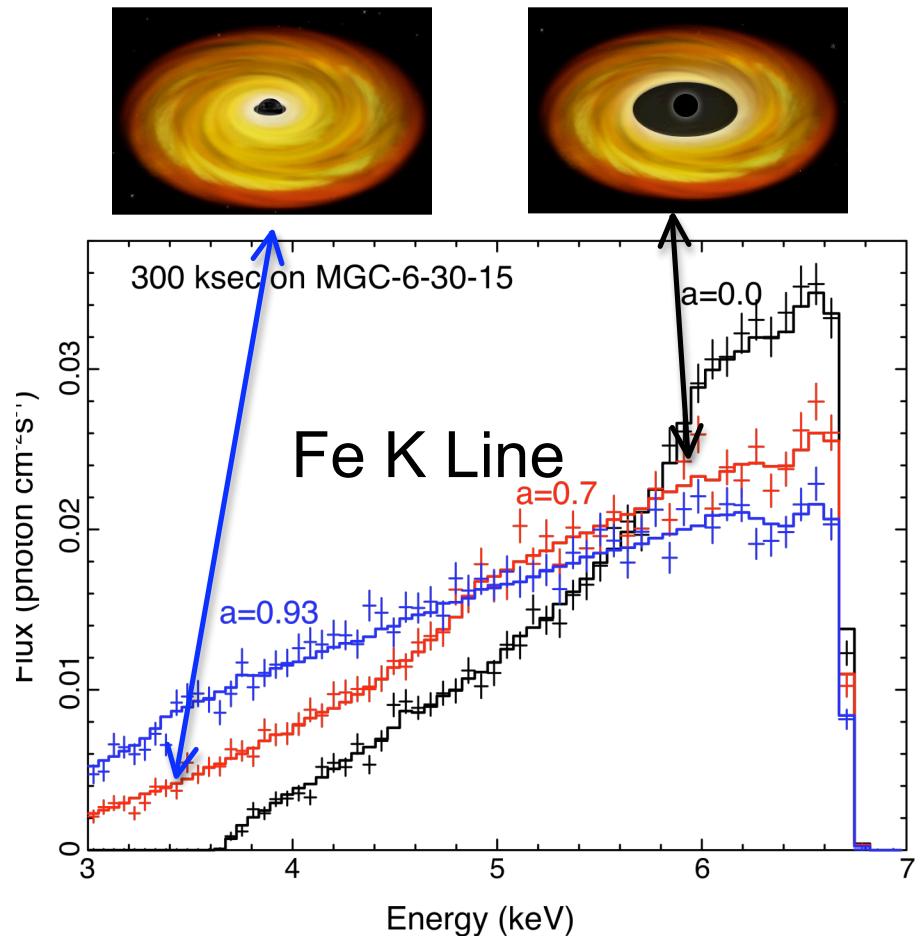
Effective area a factor of >10x of current missions
Spectroscopy capabilities >100x of current missions

Key Performance Requirements

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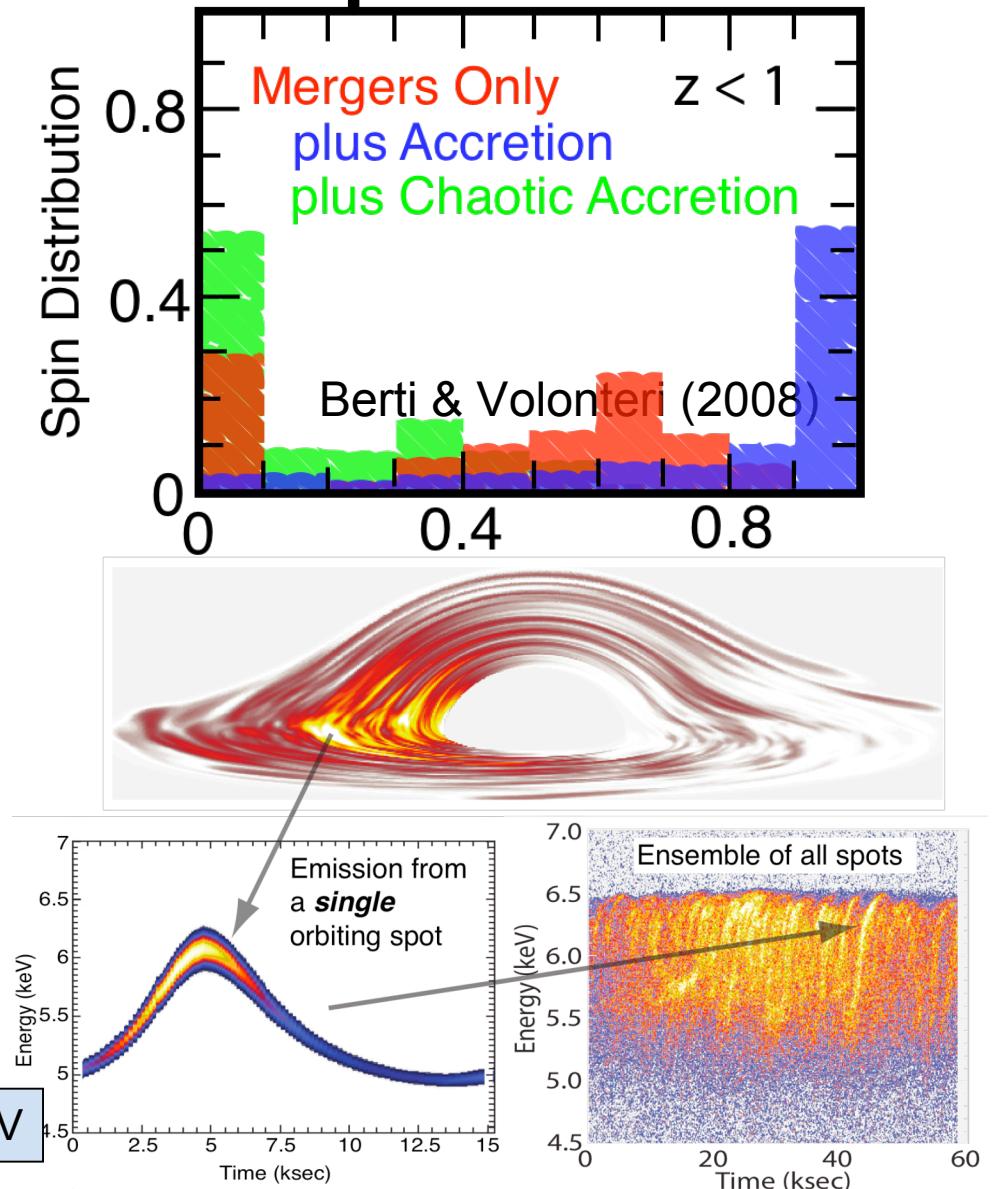
Mirror Effective Area	3 m ² @ 1.25 keV 0.65 m ² @ 6 keV with a goal of 1 m ² 150 cm ² @ 30 keV with a goal of 350 cm ²	Black hole evolution, large scale structure, cosmic feedback, EOS Strong gravity, EOS Cosmic acceleration, strong gravity
Spectral Resolution	$\Delta E = 2.5 \text{ eV}$ within $2 \times 2 \text{ arc min}$ (0.3 – 7 keV) . $\Delta E = 10 \text{ eV}$ within $5 \times 5 \text{ arc min}$ (0.3 - 7 keV) $\Delta E < 150 \text{ eV}$ @ 6 keV within 18 arc min diameter (0.1 - 15 keV) $E/\Delta E = 3000$ from 0.3–1 keV with an area of 1,000 cm ² with a goal of 3,000 cm ² for point sources $\Delta E = 1 \text{ keV}$ within $8 \times 8 \text{ arc min}$ (10 – 40 keV)	Black Hole evolution, Large scale structure Missing baryons using tens of background AGN
Mirror Angular Resolution	$\leq 5 \text{ arc sec HPD}$ (0.1 – 7 keV) $\leq 30 \text{ arc sec HPD}$ (7 - 40 keV) with a goal of 5 arc sec	Large scale structure, cosmic feedback, black hole evolution, missing baryons Black hole evolution
Count Rate	1 Crab with >90% throughput. $\Delta E < 200 \text{ eV}$ (0.1 – 15 keV)	Strong gravity, EOS
Polarimetry	1% MDP (3 sigma) on 1 mCrab in 100 ksec (2 - 6 keV)	AGN geometry, strong gravity
Astrometry	1 arcsec at 3σ confidence	Black hole evolution
Absolute Timing	50 μsec	Neutron star studies

Super-massive Black Hole Spin & Growth

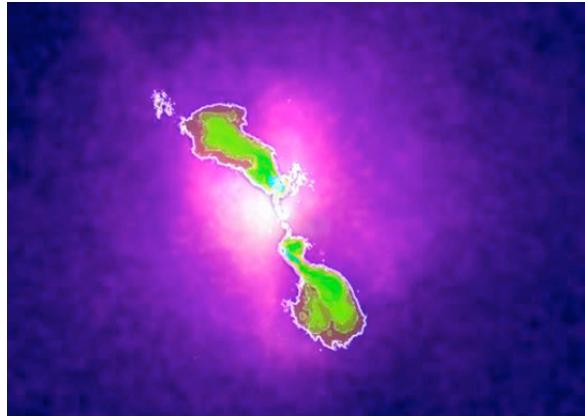


~ 300 AGN $z < 0.2$ constrain
The SMBH merger History

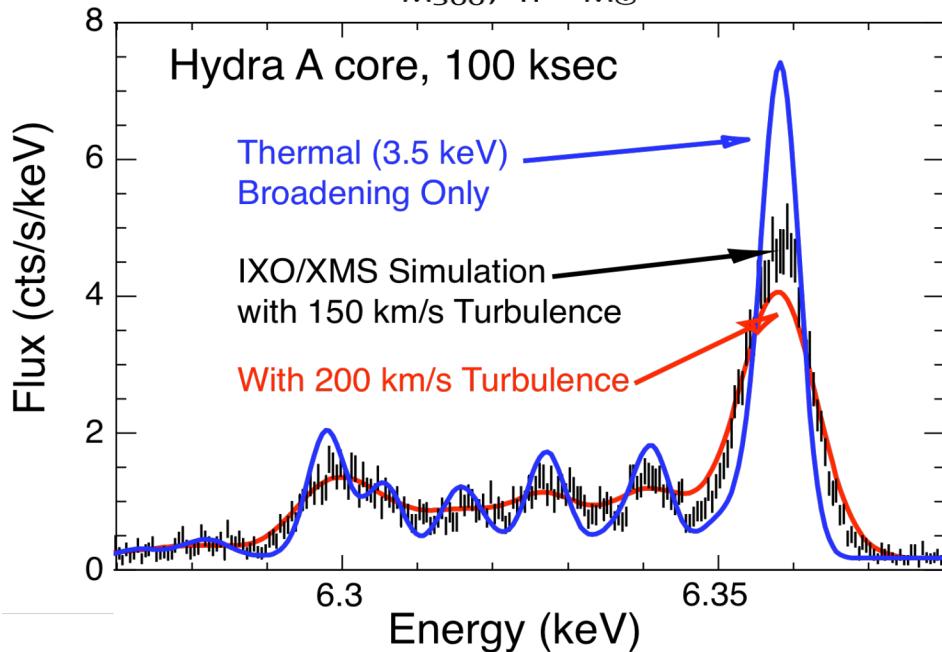
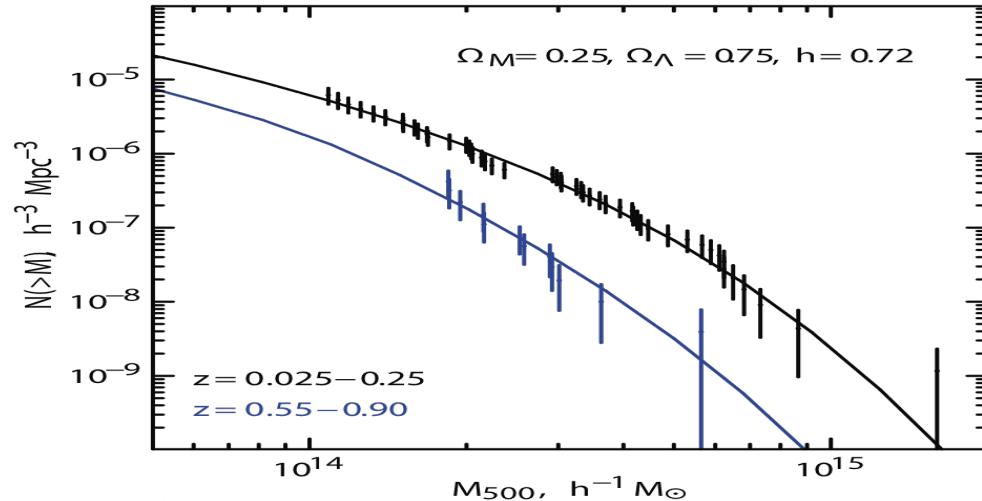
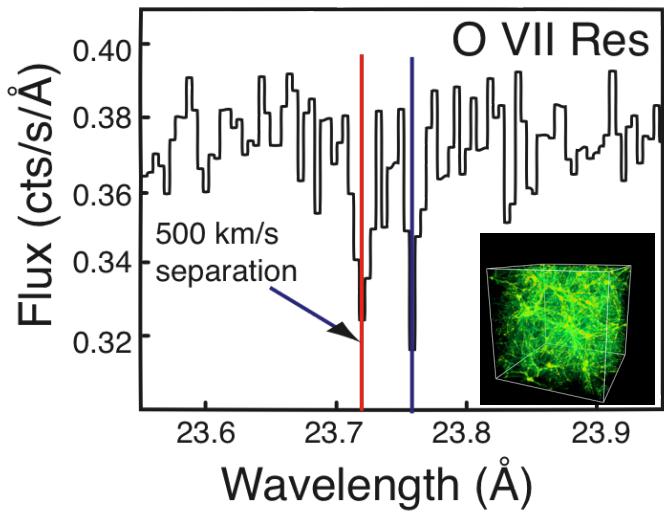
0.7sq m @ 6-7 keV



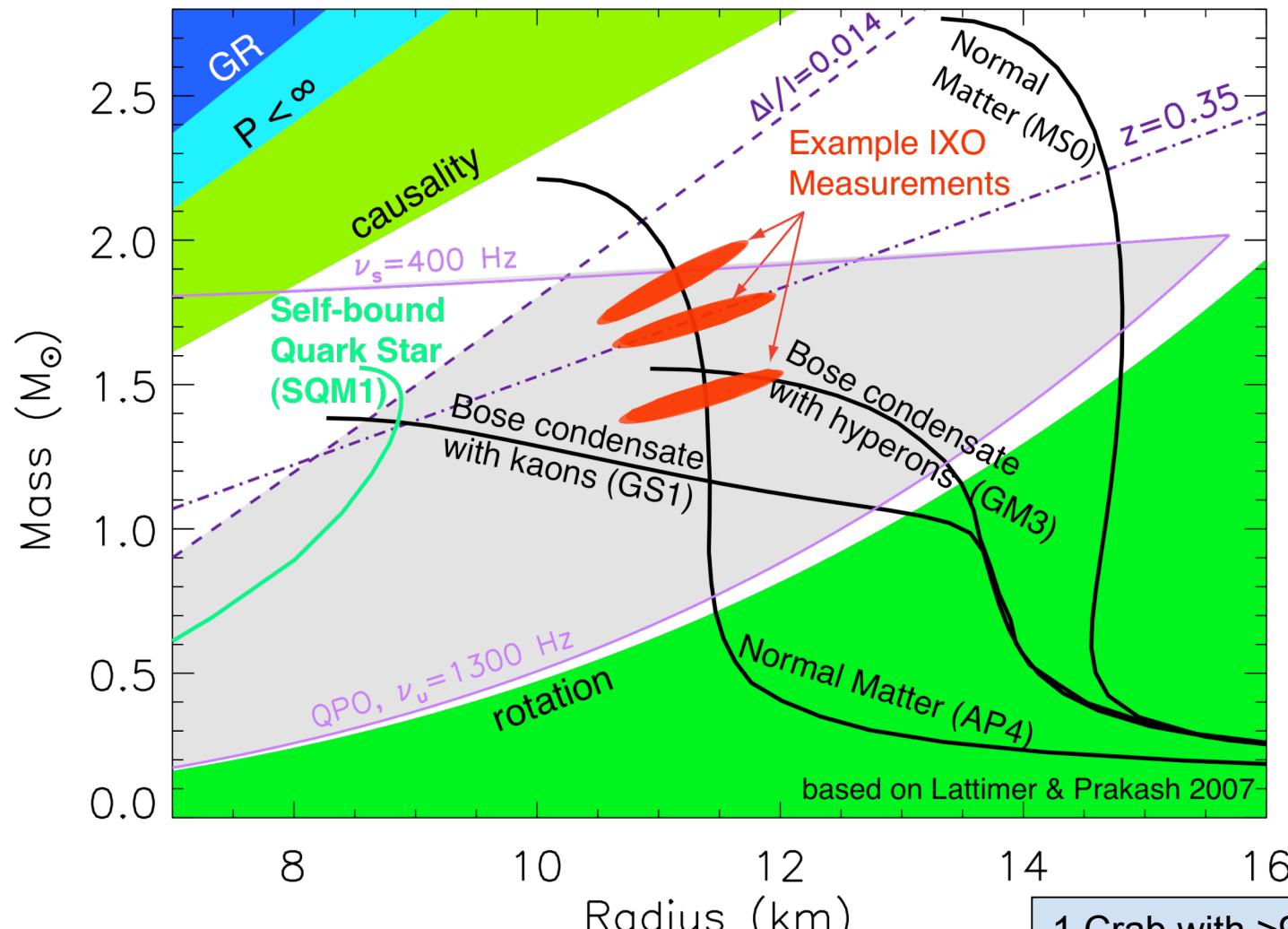
Hot and Warm Baryons Physics & Evolution



2.5 – 5 eV @ 6.4 keV
5 arc sec
5 arc min FOV

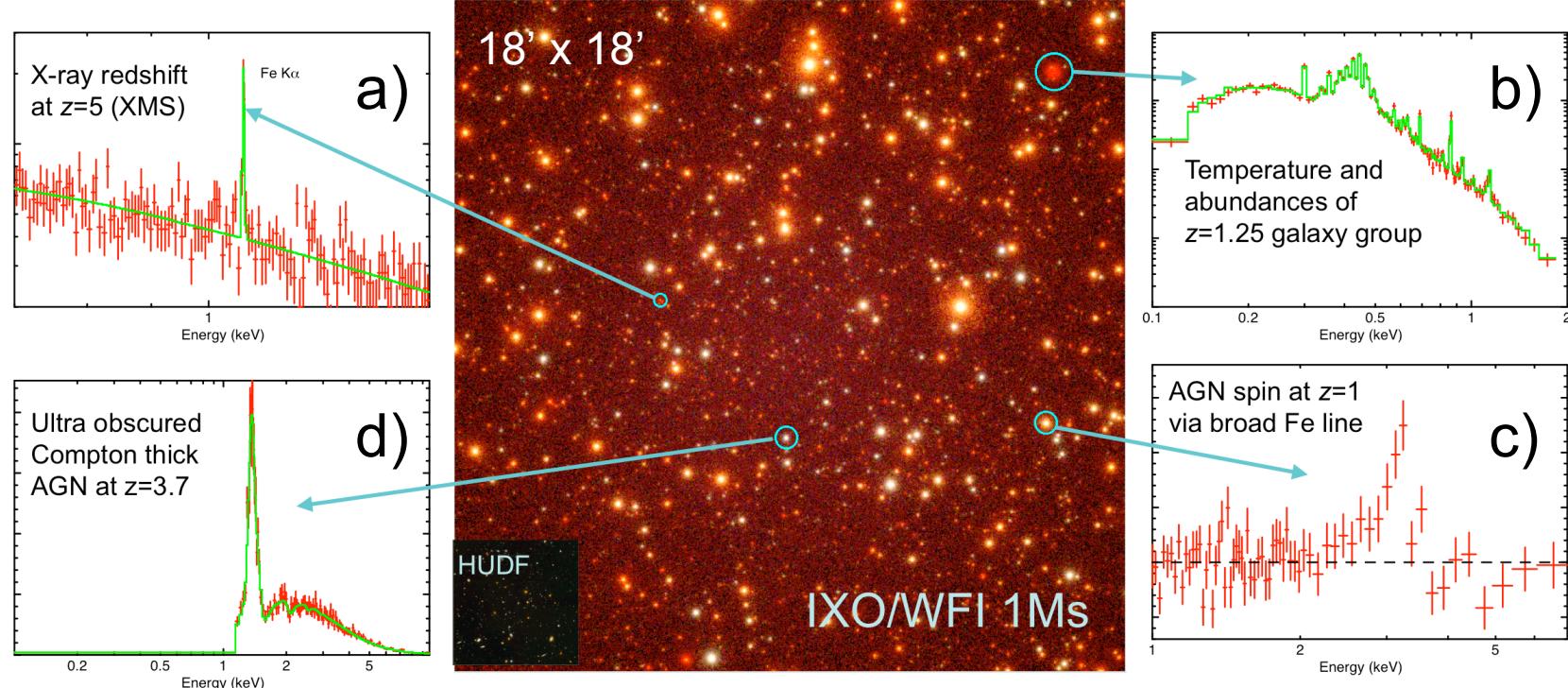


Neutron Star Equation of State



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Black Hole and Large Scale Structure Evolution with IXO

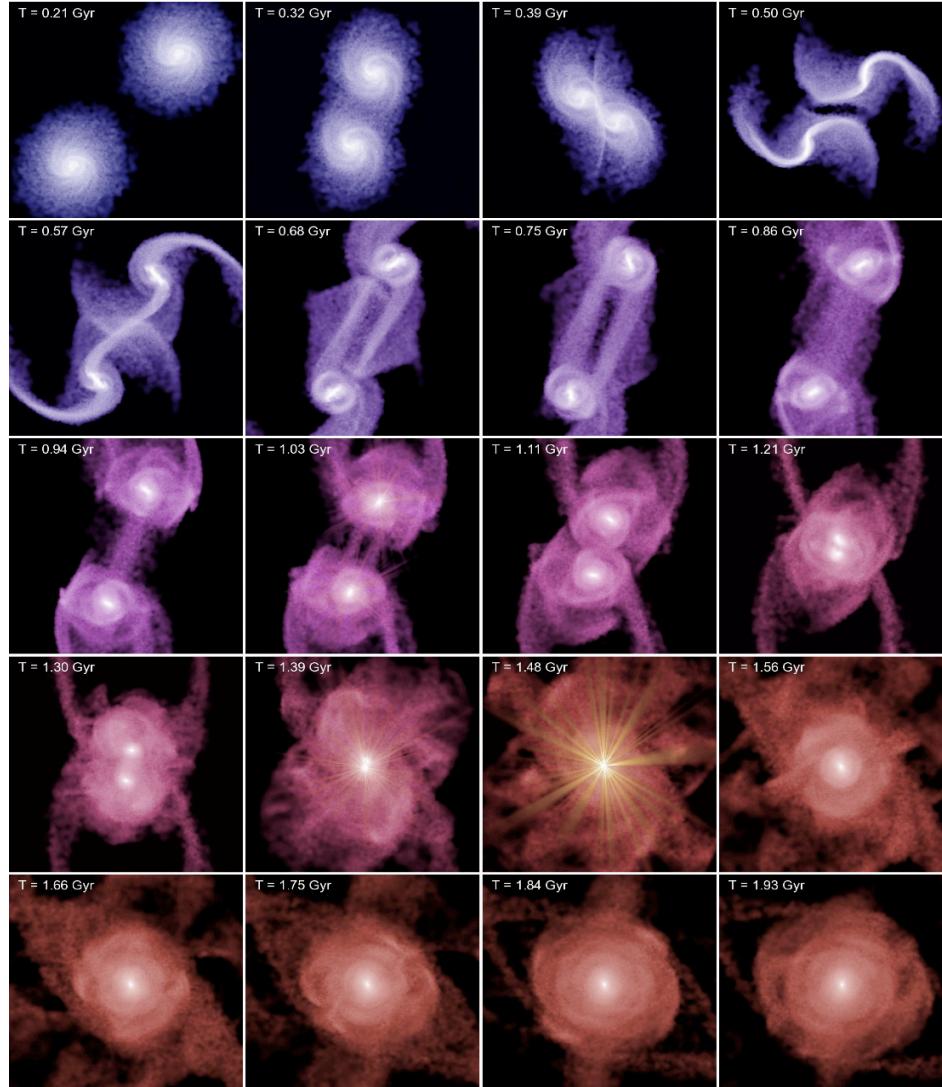


IXO will be 20 times faster than Chandra to make wide and deep surveys:

- a) determine redshift autonomously in the X-ray band
- b) determine temperatures and abundances even for low luminosity galaxy groups
- c) make spin measurements of AGN to a similar redshift
- d) uncover the most heavily obscured, Compton-thick AGN

3 sq m @ 1.25 keV
5 arc sec

Building a $\sim 10^9 M_\odot$ BH at $z \sim 6$

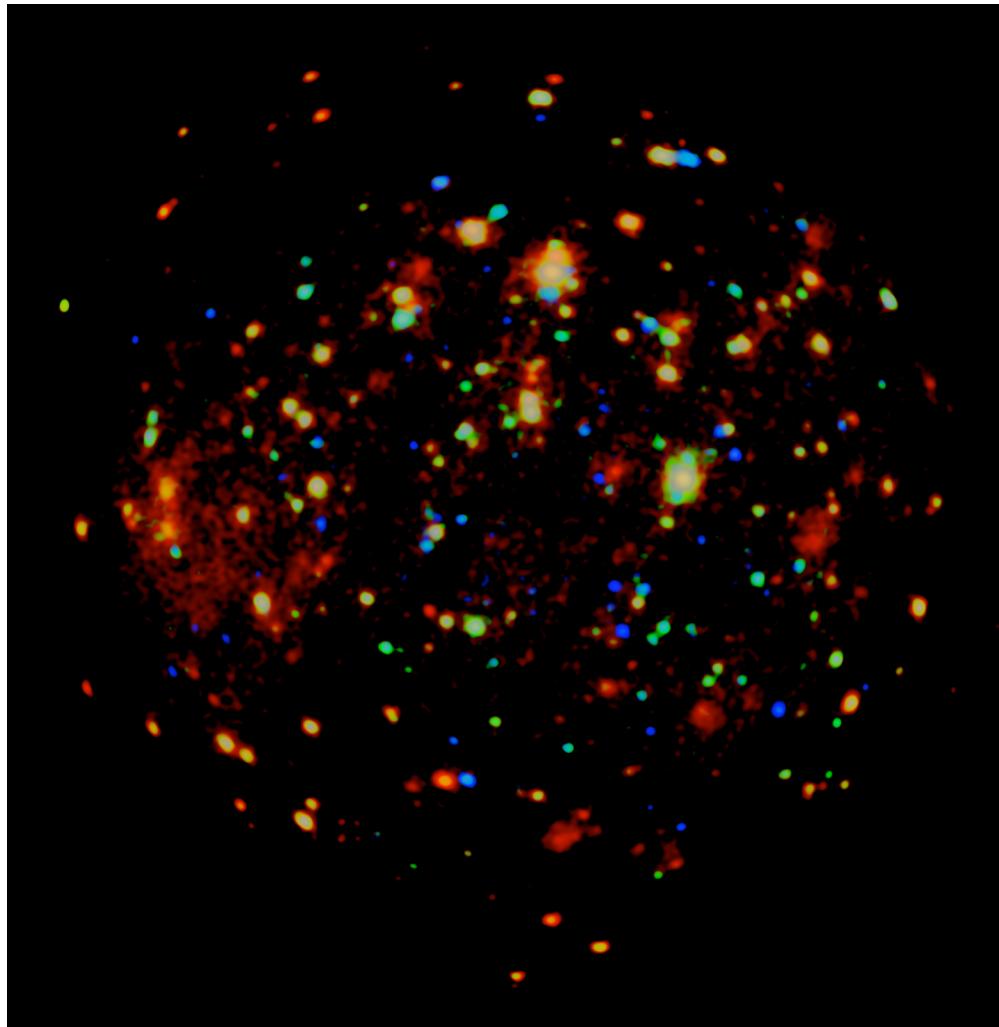


- Gas rich major merger
- Inflows trigger BH accretion & starbursts
- Dust/gas clouds obscure AGN
- AGN wind sweeps away gas, quenching SF and BH accretion
- IXO well tuned to follow and confirm/constrain this process

Hernquist (1989)
Springel+ (2005)
Hopkins+ (2006)
Menci+ (2008)

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Available Ultra-deep Fields



Chandra 2 Ms
(will be ~ 4 Ms
DDT time aims
at 10 ?)

10^{-17} cgs over
50 arcmin 2

XMM ~ 1.5 Ms
(AO7+AO8 ~ 3 Ms)

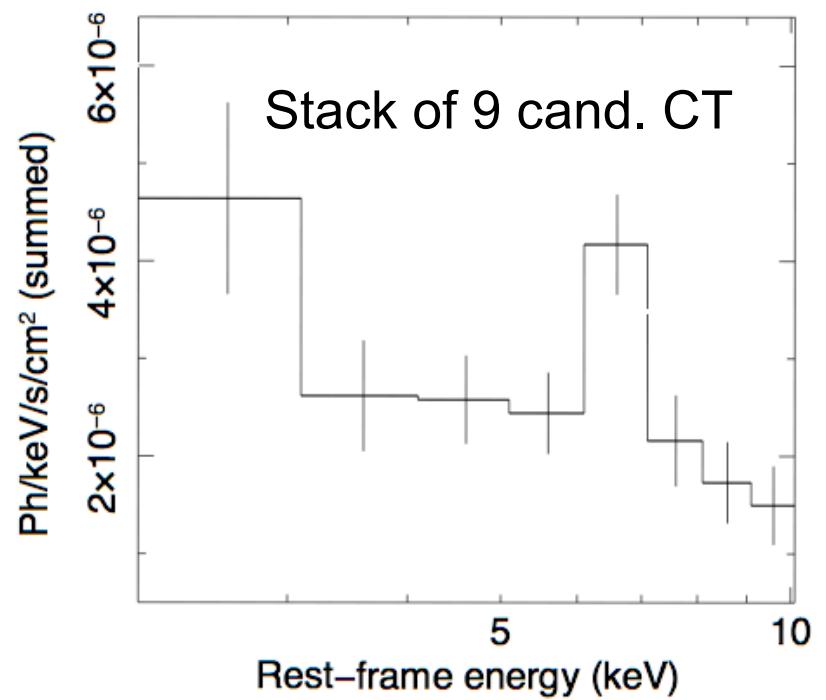
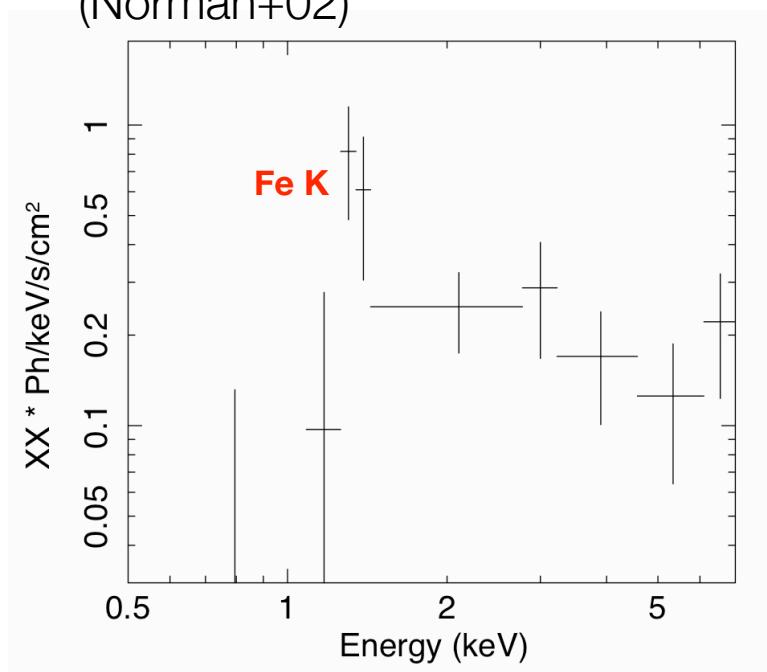
Confusion limited
> 5 keV

XMM observations of heavily obscured AGN in CDFS

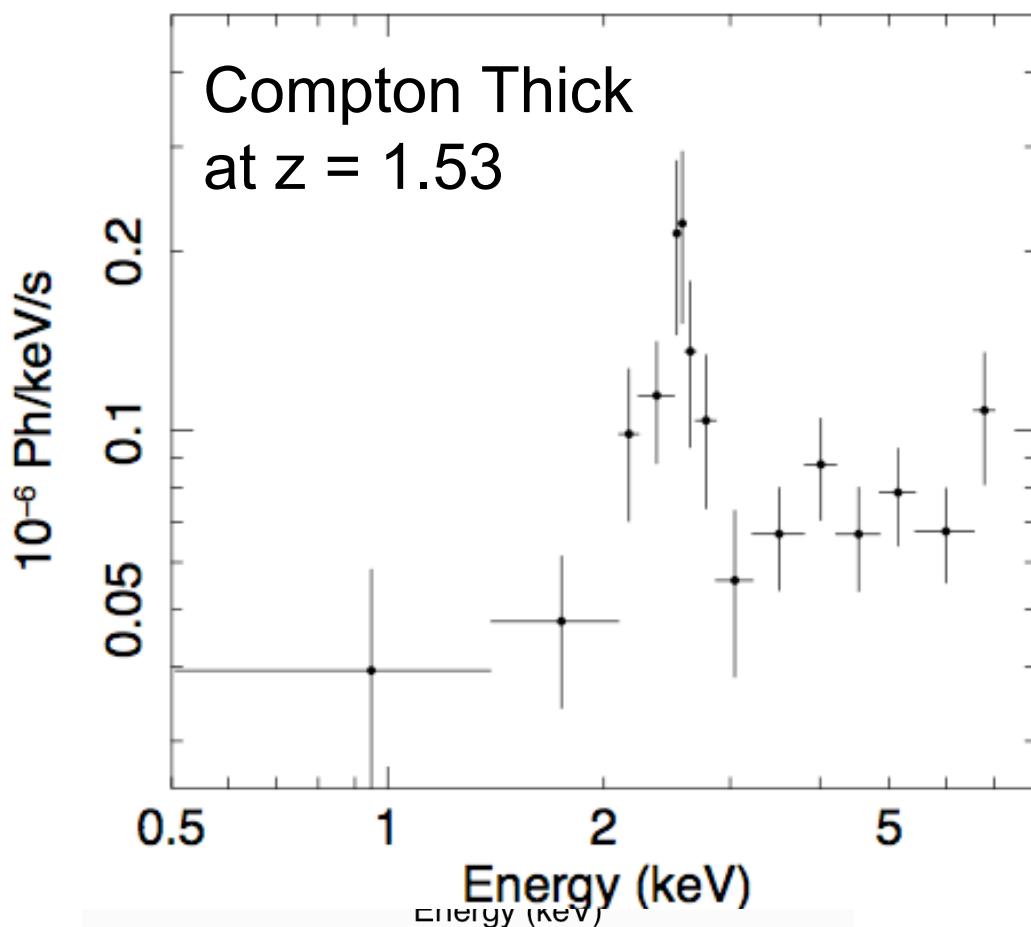
Fe K line sources
from Chandra observations (Tozzi+06)

◆ Type2 QSO $z = 3.7$
(Norman+02)

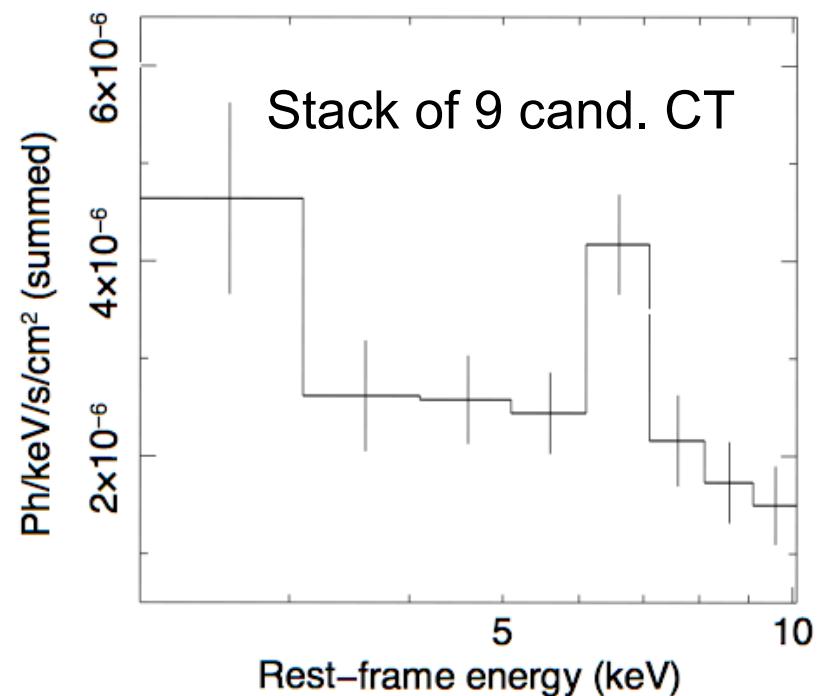
CDF-S #202
 $z = 3.7$



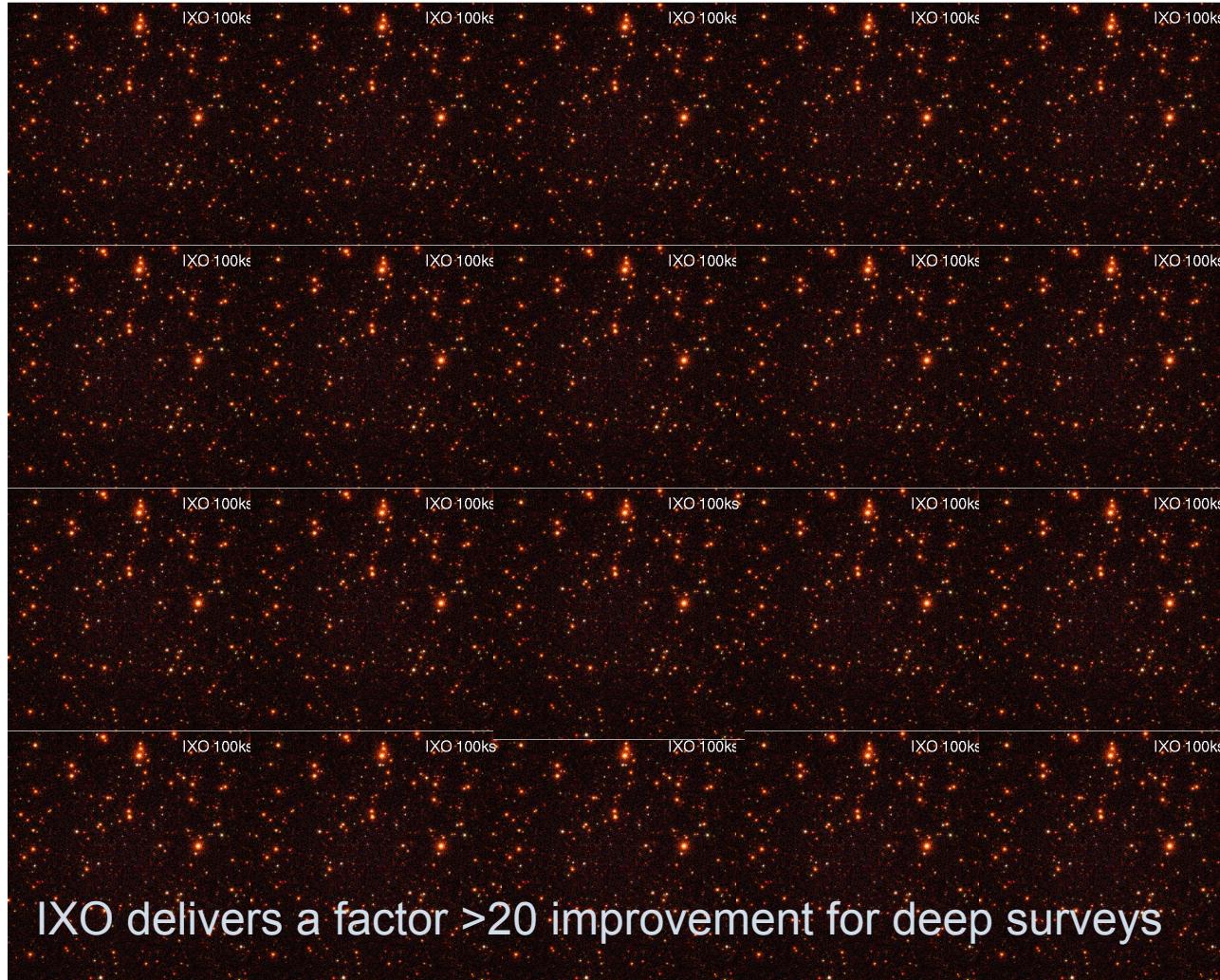
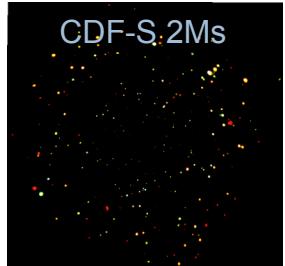
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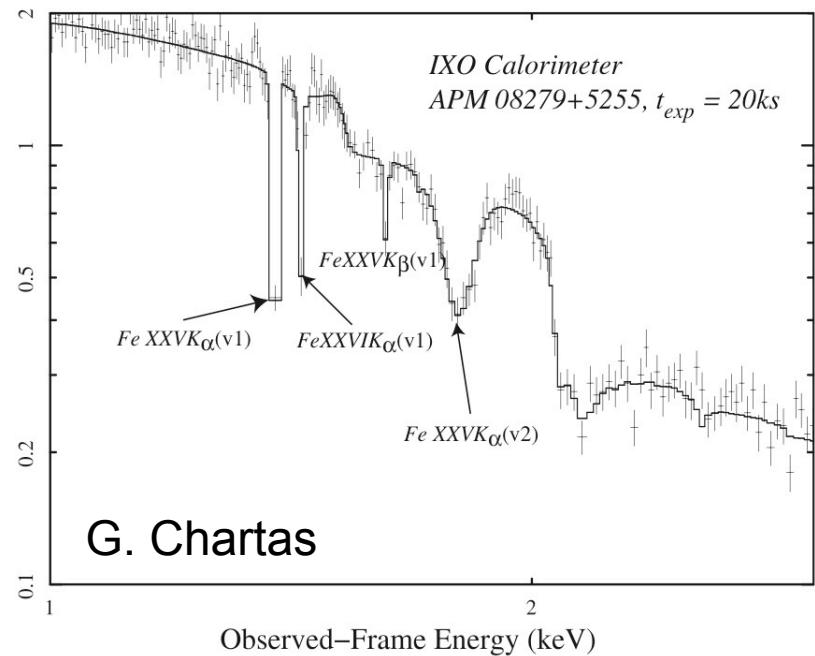
WHAT CAN IXO DO?



IXO delivers a factor >20 improvement for deep surveys

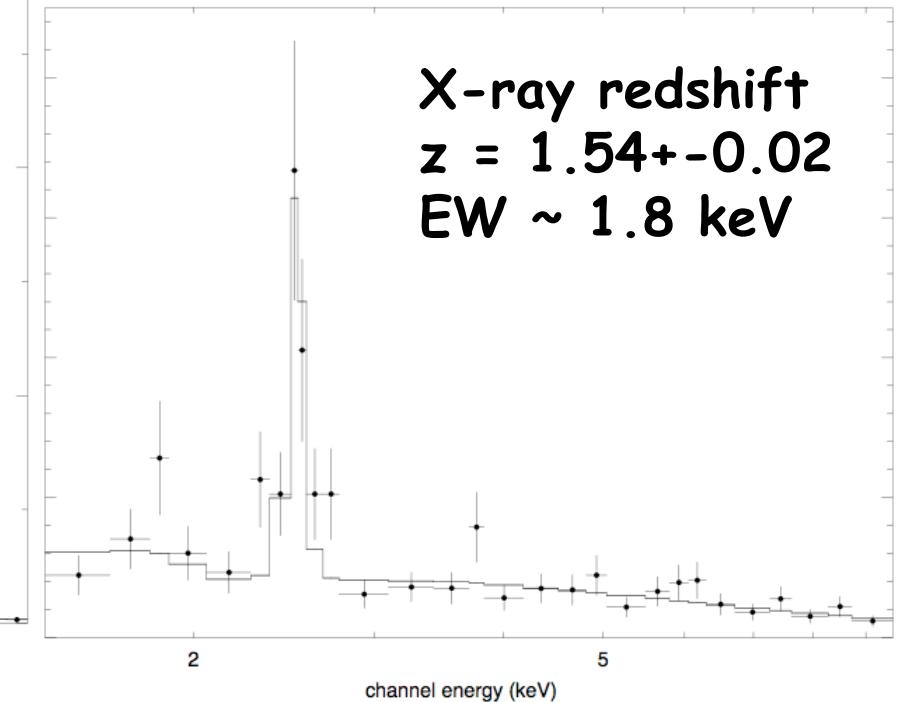
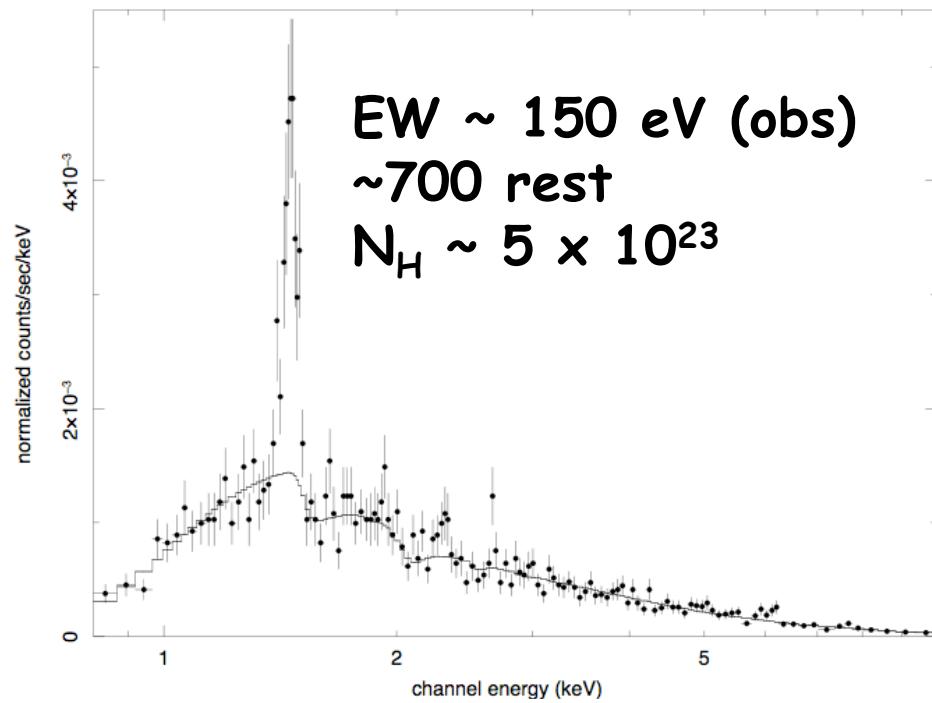
IXO SIMULATIONS

Feedback in Action?



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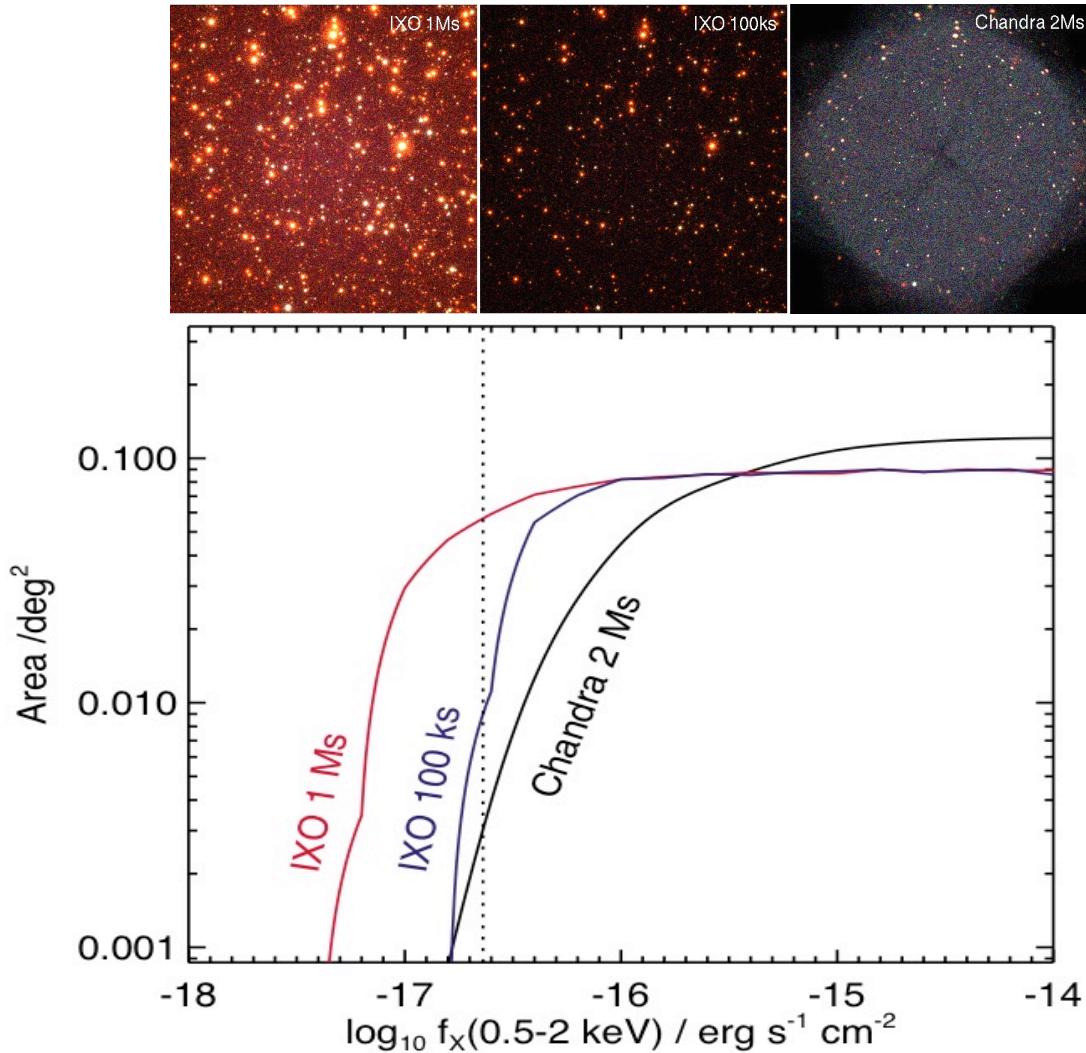
Buried AGN revealed

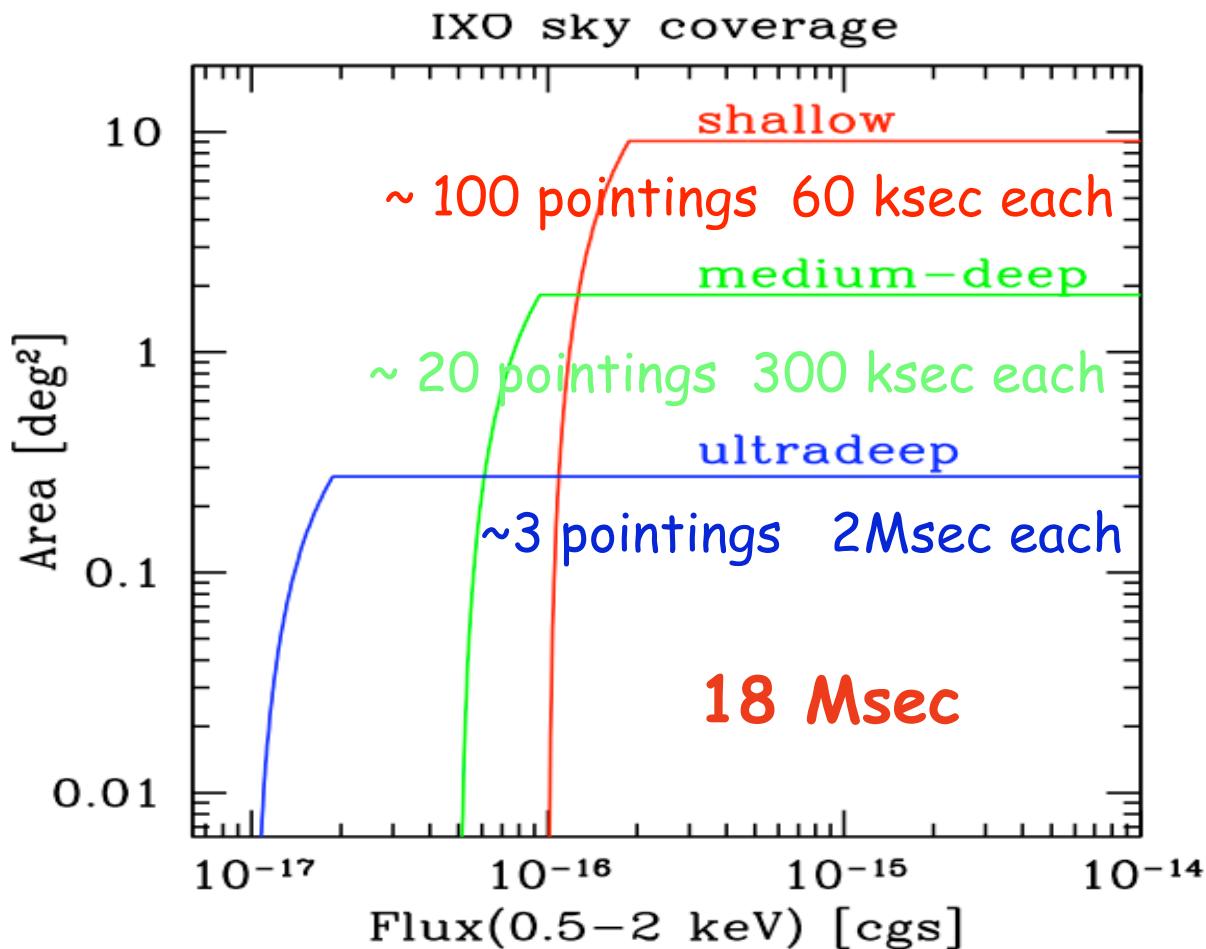


XMM CDF-S202 $z = 3.7$
1 Ms $F_{2-10} \sim 10^{-15}$

XMM CT $z = 1.53$
100 ks $F_{2-10} \sim 3 \times 10^{-15}$

IXO: SENSITIVITY





high-z AGN yields:

$$N_{\text{tot}} \approx S^{1-\alpha}$$

if $\alpha > 1$

deep in a single field

if $\alpha < 1$

wider areas

Confusion

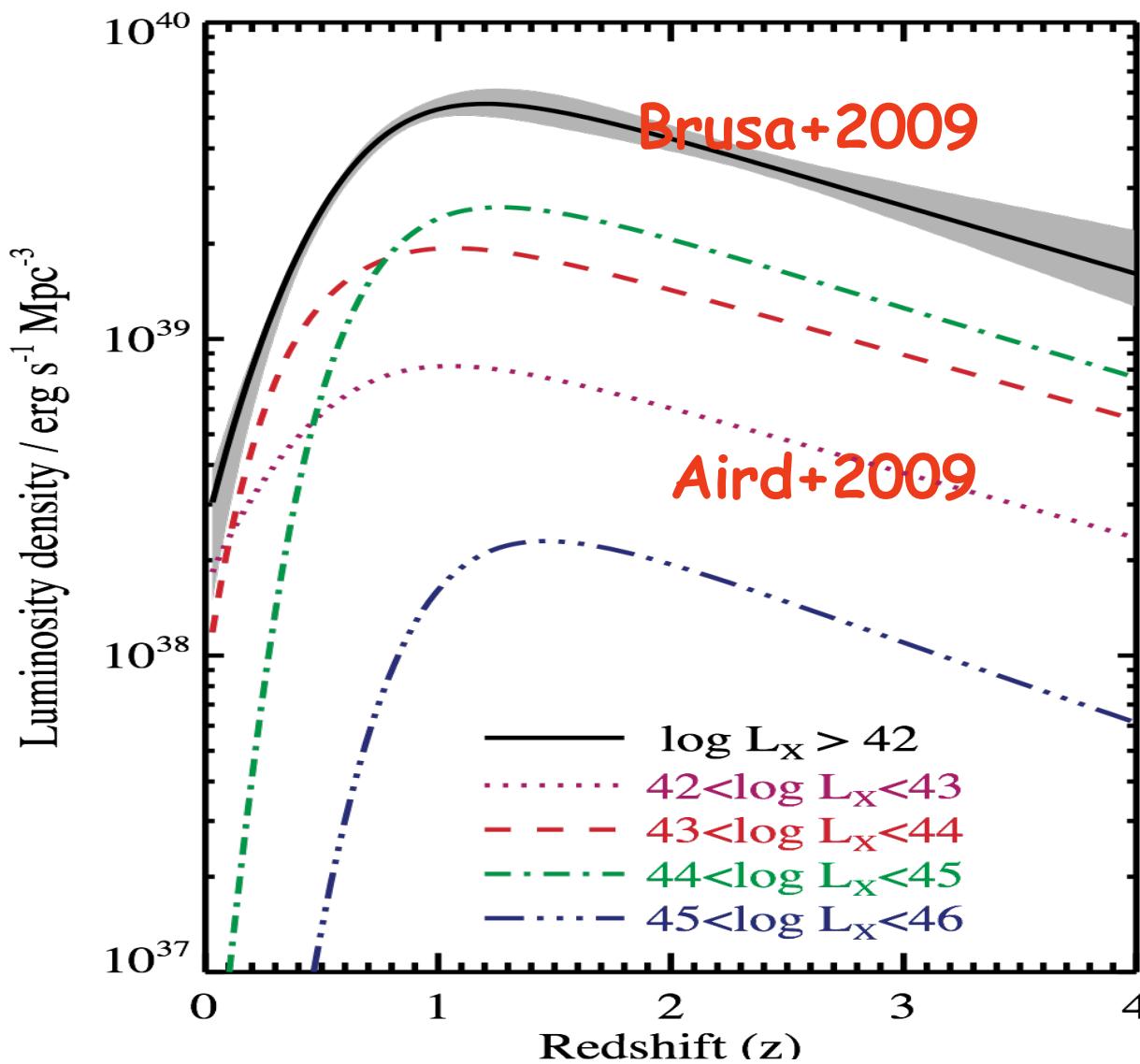
at $N(>S) \sim 2 \times 10^4 \text{ deg}^{-2}$,

i.e. $S < 10^{-17} \text{ erg/cm}^2/\text{s}$

in $\sim 2 \text{ Msec}$ (depending on the bkg level)

	Decline	maxLF	SAM
$z > 4$	355	1350	1375
$z > 6$	15	300	4

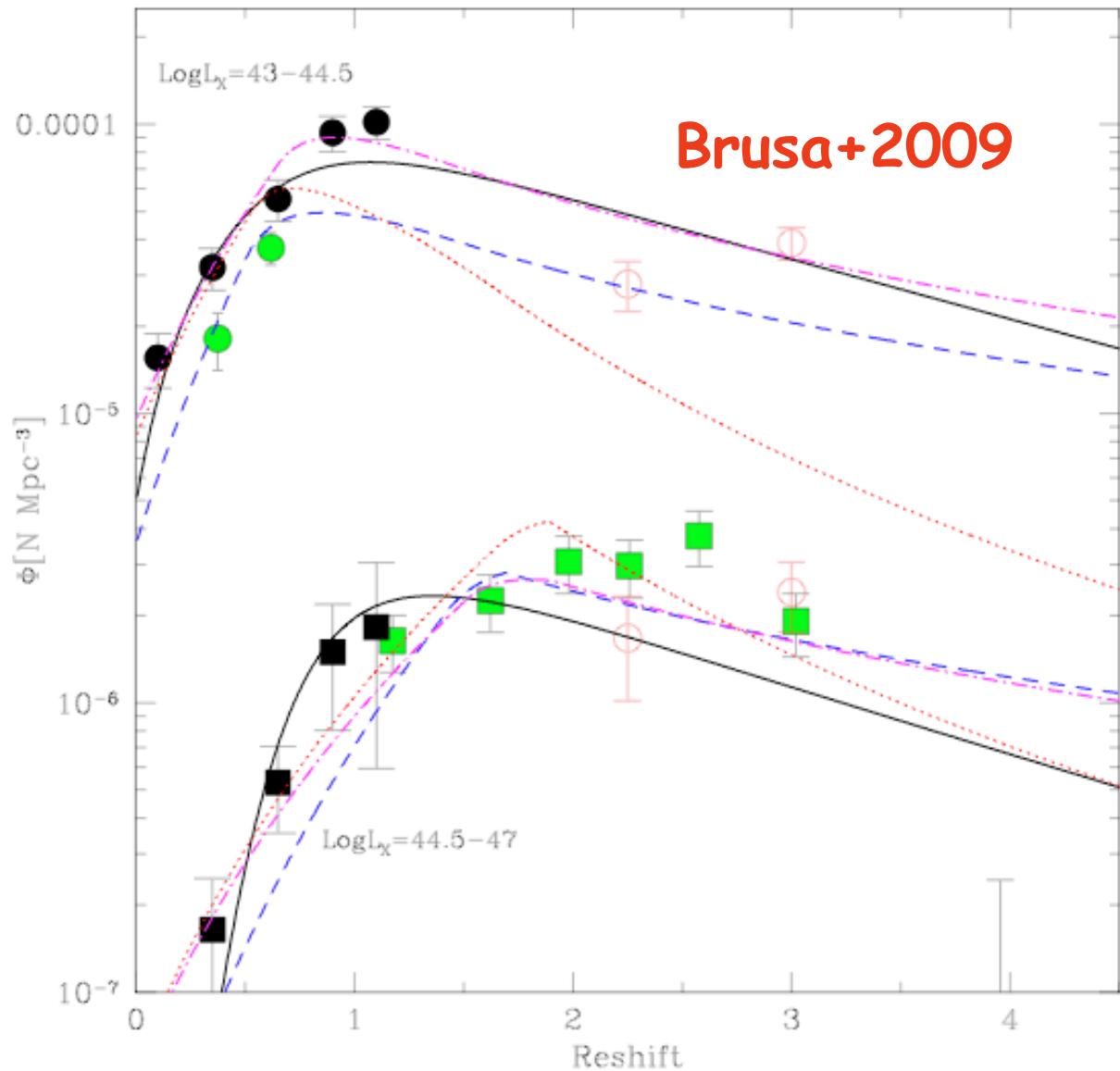
FOV $\sim 18' \times 18'$
(Vignetting Included)



XLF @ $z > 6$
would constrain the
physics of early BH
formation

BH seeds mass function,
accretion mechanisms

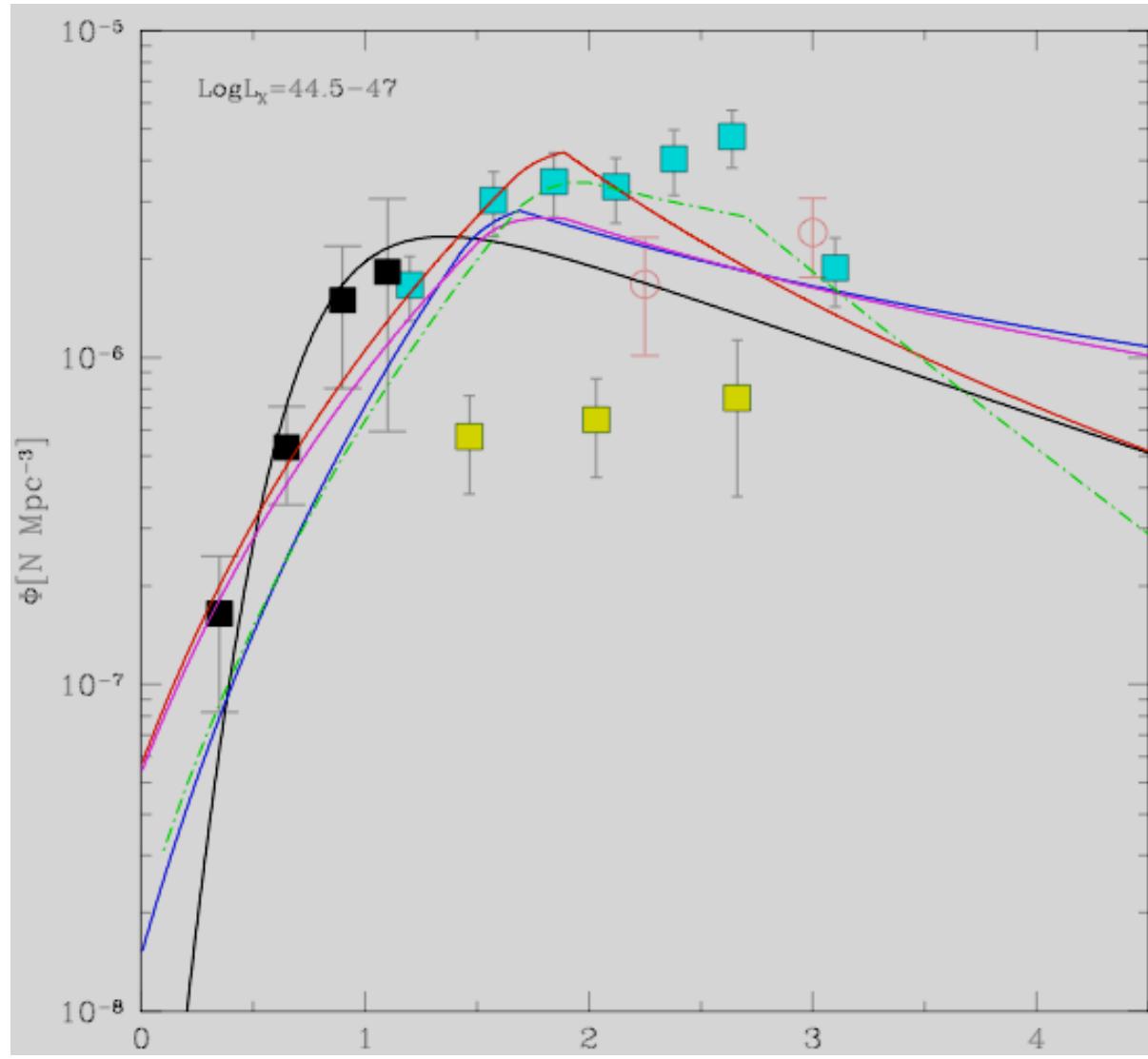
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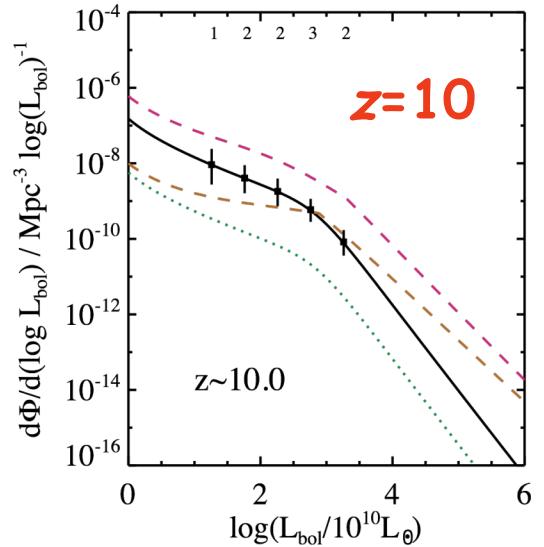
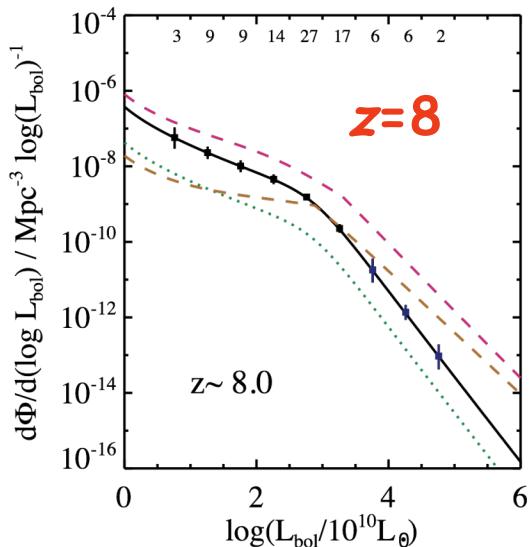
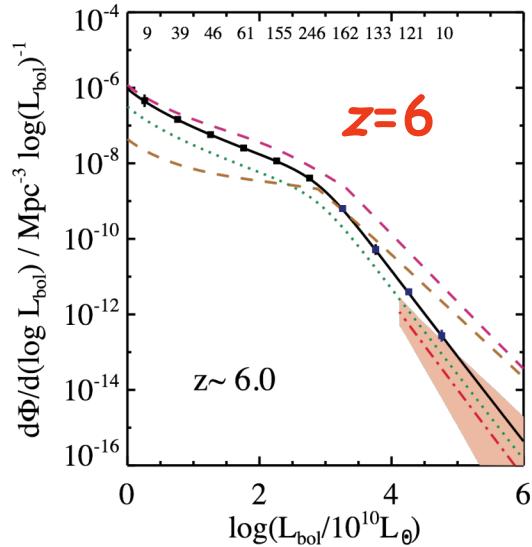


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IXO: PREDICTED XLF

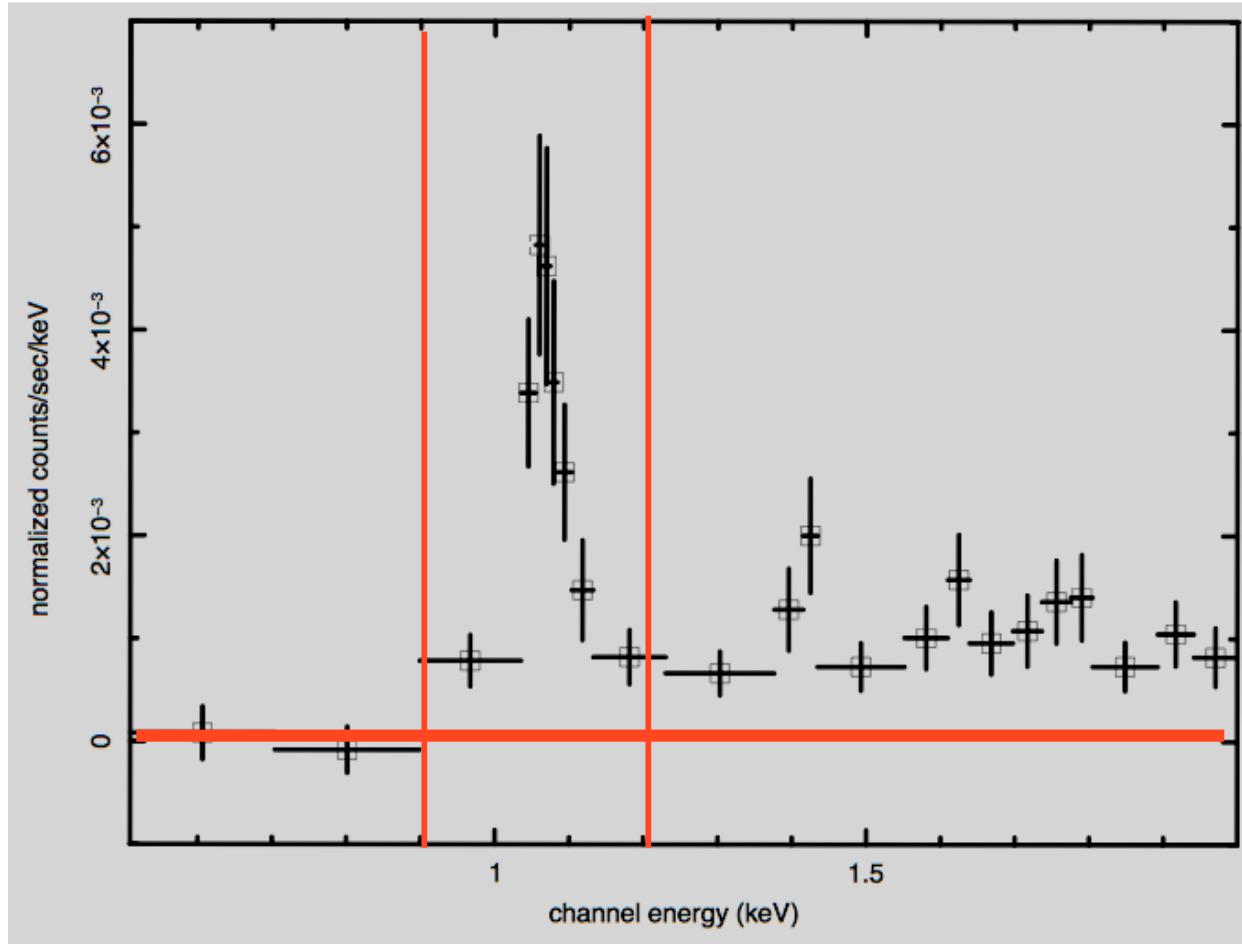


Observing Strategy
 $24 \times 100 \text{ ks} +$
 $12 \times 300 +$
 $2 \times 1000 = 8 \text{ Msec}$

170 $z \sim 6 \log L_X > 42.5$
 47 $z \sim 8 \log L_X > 43$
 15 $z \sim 10 \log L_X > 43.5$

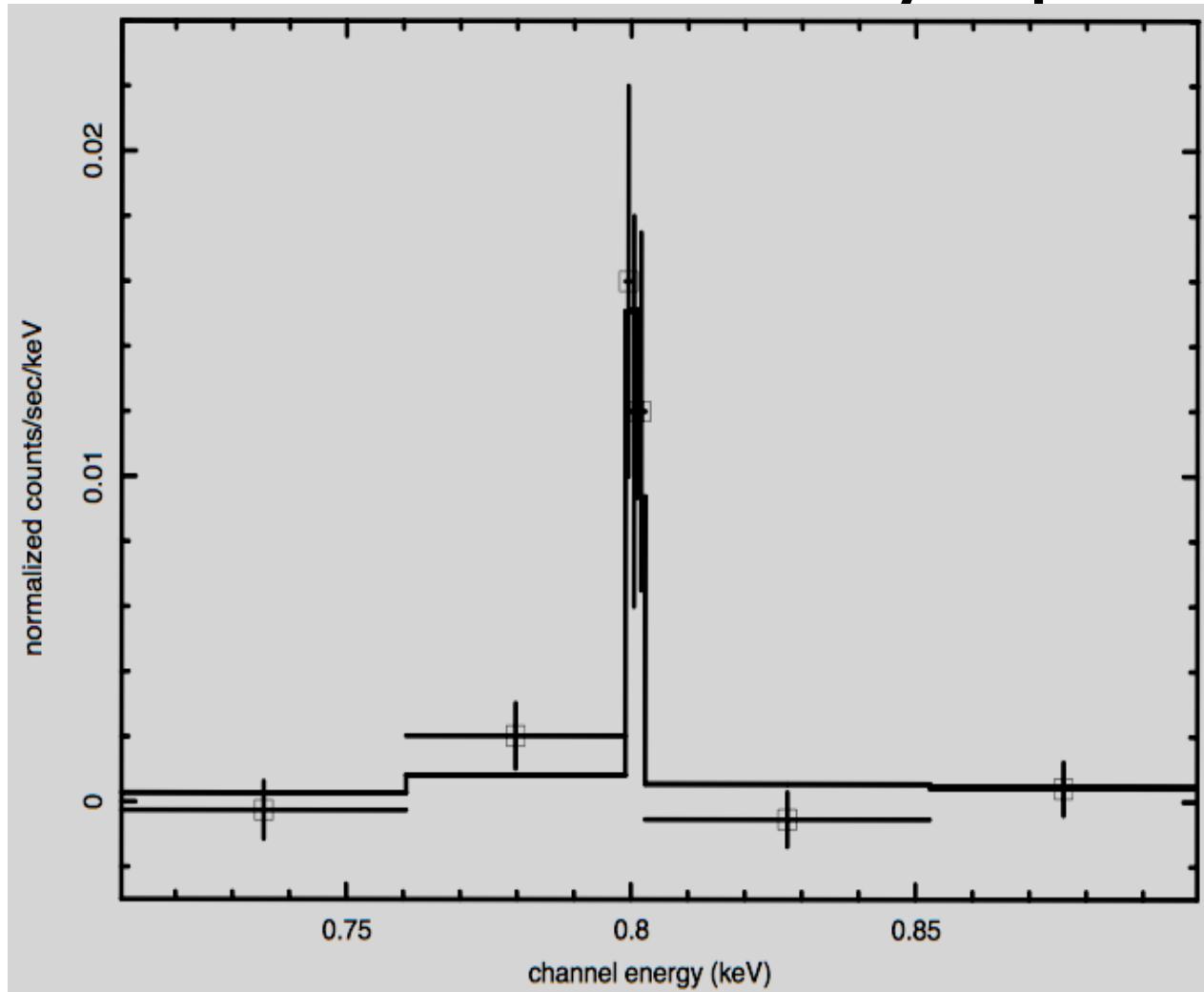
Detection of mini-QSO $10^6 M_{\text{SUN}}$ at $L/L_E \sim 1$

IXO X-ray Spectra



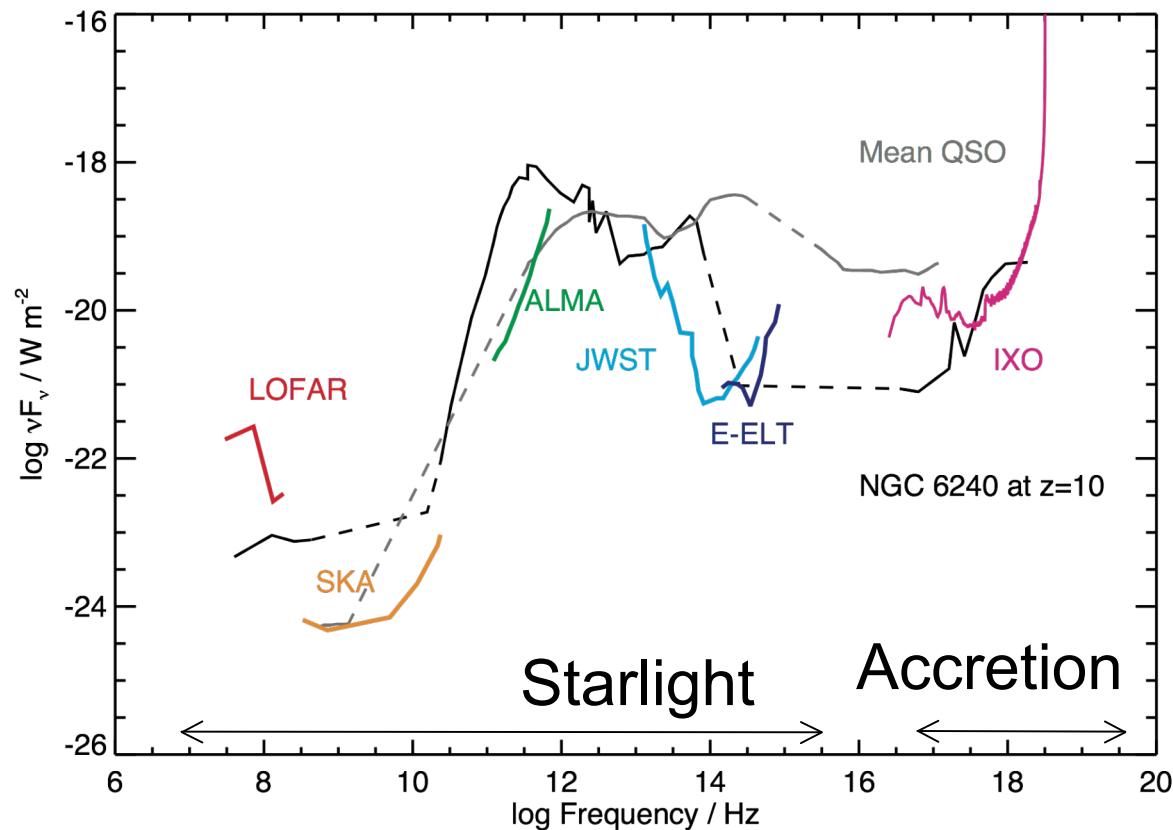
Compton Thick (N_H
 $\sim 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-2}$) AGN
at $z = 5$ ($L_X \sim 10^{43}$
cgs - $F_X \sim 10^{-16}$ cgs,
line EW $\sim 1 \text{ keV}$
(rest-frame))

IXO X-ray Spectra



XMS simulation of a
Compton Thick AGN
at $z = 7$, $L_x \sim 5 \times$
 10^{42} cgs - $F_x \sim 5 \times$
 10^{-17} cgs , line EW
 ~ 1.2 keV (rest-frame).

MULTIWAVELENGTH FOLLOWUP



The high- z is a key science driver of JWST & ALMA
E-ELT - TMT mainly SF

Accretion &
(co)-Evolution
X-rays

JWST, ELTs, ALMA will give host galaxy stellar ages, masses, populations etc. to constrain models of early SMBH formation

Issue(s)= Opt Id. (spurious), redshift (Ms with NIRSPEC)

Final remarks

- Trace SMBH growth at $z>6$ (to $z=8-10$)

Enough $z>6$ objects to build up an XLF and constrain early SMBH growth and feedback in formation of first galaxies (assuming a “clever” strategy is adopted and “enough” time is invested in surveys). IXO would provide spectra for moderately bright high- z QSOs.

- Provide complete census at $z<3$

AGN/Galaxy Co-evolution and SMBH regulation of star formation. Unique capability to identify through X-ray spectroscopy faint obscured AGN and Compton Thick objects at the peak of their activity

IXO is well matched to the sensitivity of other future facilities like JWST and ALMA to **recognize** high- z and heavily obscured SMBH. Dedicated follow up observations of high- z QSO identified by eROSITA - **WFXT** and/or Pan-STARRS , LSST ...