## XMM-2dF Wide Angle Serendipitous Survey





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# Introduction

- XMM-Newton X-ray serendipitous surveys XID program
- 2dF optical spectroscopic characterisation of X-ray sample
  - Provisional ID statistics
  - z-distribution
- Unique science examples: rare objects
   e.g. any BAL QSOs?
- Opt/IR imaging follow-up
  - 1XMM/SDSS/UKIDSS test case
- Summary



# The XMM-Newton serendipitous sky survey

- XMM-Newton with EPIC cameras
  - large FOV
  - large throughput
  - excellent high energy response
- Every new XMM-Newton pointing discovers ~30-150 serendipitous X-ray sources.
- 700 pointings/year ⇒ about 50,000 new X-ray sources/year

Angular resolution worse than Chandra • depth limited by confusion ( $f_x \sim 4 \ge 10^{-16}$ , T $\sim 100$  ksec) But higher s/n X-ray spectra at medium/faint fluxes





# **SSC XID programme**

- statistical identifications for the whole XMM-Newton  $\bullet$ serendipitous catalogue
- **Core programme: spectroscopic IDs** (1000 sources/sample): igodol
  - High b faint sample ( $\sim 10^{-15}$  erg cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>)
  - High b medium sample ( $\sim 10^{-14}$  erg cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) => AXIS (PI Barcons) + 2dF
    - -> bulk of objects contributing to X-ray background are at fluxes ~ 10<sup>-14</sup> : depth of XMM serendipitous survey
  - High b bright sample ( $\sim 10^{-13}$  erg cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) => Della Ceca et al 04
  - <u>Galactic Plane Sample</u> ( $\sim 7 \ 10^{-15} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) => PI Motch
- **Imaging programme** (u,g',r',i',Z,H): a large number of XMM-Newton ۲





## **2df ID Motivation – Characterise X-ray Sky**

- AXIS (PI Barcons, IFCA) making a major contribution towards characterising the XMM medium sample in North
- Striving for an unbiased survey with statistical completeness
- But 1000 sources with spectral IDs ambitious!
- Solution: 2dF at the AAT in South
  - Complement AXIS
  - Very high observing efficiency
  - simply aim for the maximum identification rate

# What do we get?



# How much have we observed?

- 27 pointings with 2dF
- 68 XMM fields including LSS fields some multiple exposures
- Typically 1hr exposures
  - **any** X-ray source with an optical counterpart that could be allocated a fibre
  - Prioritise according to X-opt offset
  - 1/2 of fields have WFC/WFI multiband opt imaging

### In total > 3000 X-ray sources observed and reduced

- Identification stage almost complete and we have certainly beaten the barrier of 1000 sources brighter than  $F_{0.5-4.5} > 10^{-14} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 
  - Opens up unique areas of parameter space



# **Distribution of 2dF fields on sky**











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## **Unique science example:** Broad Absorption Line QSOs

- **3-5%** of optically selected QSOs (SDSS ~10-15%?)
- Virtually absent in previous X-ray surveys because of absorption
  - None in ROSAT surveys!
- But are there any which are *transmissive* enough to be picked up in current X-ray surveys?
  - Certainly will require a large survey to have a hope of detecting more than one or two
  - Not heavily obscured in the optical perfect area to be addressed by 2dF medium survey

# **Example BALQSOs found with 2dF**



### XMM: F<sub>0.5-4.5</sub>=9.4x10<sup>-15</sup>ergs<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-2</sup>



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## **Results: Broad absorption line QSOs**

- ~10-20 BALQSOs found cf ~1000 QSOs
  - 1-2% of the X-ray QSO population
  - 1/3 the fraction found in past optical surveys
    - this is suprisingly large... but new SDSS result?
    - ~15% optical QSO population, 1.7<z<3.5 (Reichard et al 03)
- The X-ray selected ones will have the lowest X-ray absorption of the BALQSO population
  - Are their optical absorption lines typical of the optically selected population?
  - What are their X-ray column densities?
    - Homogeneous reprocessing of all 2dF XMM data completed
      - Current public pipeline
      - 2XMM test pipeline

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with Silvia Mateos, Mike Watson



X-ray colour selection  $\rightarrow$  obscured source  $\rightarrow$  ID with NELG z=0.23



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## **BLAGN**

- What are their X-ray spectra? => XMM reprocessing complete >150 BLAGN spectra EPIC counts >200 e.g. stack, bin spectra - Fe line?
- What is the space density of z~4 QSOs in X-ray surveys do they decline at z
  > 2 in the same way that optical QSOs do?
- How common is X-ray absorption?
- Ly-alpha in optical red, relatively easy objects to identify spectroscopically, but fairly rare on the sky 2dF survey ideal
- WFC,ESO mags for some fields photo-z (Astrogrid VO tools), dropouts
- Supercosmos, Sloan correlations via AstroGrid, Vizier etc







## Z=3.052 BLAGN

 $F_X = 5 \times 10^{-15}$  cgs, power law = 1.66,  $N_H = 10^{20}$ Bj=22.46

#### broad Lyb, Lya/NV/SiII + weak abs, broad CII SiIV/OIV CIV [NIII] CIII]

with Pam Derry



# **Stacked BLAGN spectra**





# **XID Imaging Programme**

With McMahon, Yuan (IoA); Watson; Schwope (AIP) 80% IDs with INT WFC data





- multicolour optical data for 33/68 2dF XMM fields (WFC+ESO)
  - magnitudes, colours, morphology, redshifts
- 2 mag. deeper than SDSS (INT WFC  $i' \approx 23^{m}$ ; SDSS  $i' \approx 21^{m}$ )
- *photometric* IDs for ~1500 XMM sources !



### **UKIDSS LAS and the XMM Serendipitous Catalogue**



- Single UKIDSS Tile
  - 4 point mosaic
  - SV target L/T dwarf?
- XMM pointing on Abell 1750 cluster (redshift z=0.085)





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### **UKIDSS LAS and the XMM Serendipitous Catalogue**

- One 1XMM field 'by chance' overlapped with the UKIDSS LAS Science Verification observations
  - UKIDSS Target was a L/T dwarf
  - XMM target was Cluster Abell 1750 (z=0.075)
    - non-ideal XMM field but illustrative
- 50 sources with Fx>2x10-14cgs
- UKIDSS/SDSS Identification statistics
  - Search radius 5"; ~2sigma radius for 1XMM sources
  - 40 1XMM sources have ids in SDSS DR4 (id rate=80%)
  - Normal blank 'field' ID rate is 30% so maybe ids associated with cluster of galaxies
  - No 'new' UKIDSS LAS ids i.e. all SDSS blank fields were blank in LAS
  - 26 of SDSS ids have UKIDSS LAS detections (65%)

#### **Conclusions:**

LAS will provide YJHK photometry for 65% of 1XMM SDSS identifications

- 20% of all XMM sources in LAS
- 10% of all 2XMM sources will lie within LAS region(4000deg2) after 2yrs
  - Assuming 20% LAS ID rate
  - 2% of all XMM sources will have both SDSS and LAS photometry
  - 3000 sources from 2XMM catalogue



# Summary

### • 2dF ID >1000 sources brighter than $F_{0.5-4.5} > 10^{-14} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

- Homogeneous X-ray data reprocessing completed
  - Current public pipeline + test 2XMM
- Characterise XRB source population
- Optical multiband imaging complete for 1/2 fields (WFC,ESO...)
  - Opt mag dropouts?
  - 2 mags deeper than SDSS
- Excellent statistical ID training sample
- XMM serendipitous survey = WIDE coverage!
  - Larger no of rare objects than deep, narrow surveys to date, e.g.
    - X-ray selected BAL QSOs => SDSS agreement?
    - High-z AGN

