# Clustering properties of Type 1 and Type 2 AGNs at z~3 in COSMOS

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#### Large-scale Structure

#### Projected 2PCF $w_p(r_p)$

#### (Davis & Peebles 1983)

which measures the difference between the source distribution and an unclustered random distribution, as a function of the AGN separation;

#### AGN Bias

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(e.g. Sheth et al. 2001, Tinker et al. 2005)

which is related to the TYPICAL mass of hosting dark matter halos;



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• Luminous quasars  $logL_{bol} > 46 erg/s$ reside in DMHs with typical mass of ~ 12-12.5 M<sub>sun</sub>/h up to z = 2-3

e.g. Croom et al. 2005, 2009, Da Angela et al. 2005, 2008, Shen et al. 2008, Ross et al. 2009





This difference in halo mass is interpreted as evidence against cold gas accretion via major mergers in X-ray AGNs and/or as support for multiple modes of BH accretions.

Allevato et al. 2011, Fanidakis et al. 2013, Mountrichas & Georgakakis 2012



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AGN unification models no difference in the clustering VS Evolutionary models possible difference in the clustering



#### z > 2



At z > 2 the clustering is poorly investigated and the bias known with large uncertainty;

► Can we extend the results to z >2 ?



#### COSMOS field



#### Chandra Catalog

Civano et al. 2012, Elvis et al. 2009, Puccetti et al. 2009

- 0.92 deg<sup>2</sup>
- 1761 point-like sources
- spec-zs for ~60% of the sources
- phot-zs for ~96% of the sources Salvato et al. 2011

#### XMM Catalog

Brusa et al. 2010, Hasinger et al. 2007, Cappelluti et al 2009

• 2.13 deg<sup>2</sup>

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- 1822 point-like sources
- $\bullet$  spec-zs for ~50% of the sources
- phot-zs for all the sources Salvato et al. 2009





#### COSMOS AGNs at z>2.2

- Chandra-XMM COSMOS:
- 346 AGNs
- spec or phot-z > 2.2 ,  $\langle z \rangle = 2.9$
- $log\langle L_{bol} \rangle = 45.32 \text{ erg/s}$  Lusso et al. 2012







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<i>b</i>	${\rm logM}_h {\rm h^{-1}M_{\odot}}$
$3.85^{+0.21}_{-0.22}$	$12.37_{-0.09}^{+0.10}$
<i>b</i>	${\rm logM}_h {\rm h^{-1}M_{\odot}}$
$5.26_{-0.39}^{+0.35}$ $2.69_{-0.69}^{+0.62}$	$12.84_{-0.11}^{+0.10}$ $11.73_{-0.45}^{+0.39}$

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 At z~3 we observe a drop in the hosting halo mass of Type 1 and 2 AGN compared to z<2 XMM-COSMOS AGN with similar luminosities;



#### Why do we observe a drop?



 Progressive drop in the abundance of massive and rarer host halos at high redshift;

Mapping of moderate
 Iuminosity AGN in progressively
 less massive halos
 (e.g. White et al. 2008, Shankar et al. 2010)



#### Major Mergers at z ~ 3



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 Major merger model naturally reproduces the bias of moderate luminosity COSMOS AGNs at z~3;

 The evolution of the bias traced by the data points marginally confirms the luminosity-dependent bias predicted by major merger models;



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### Type 1 VS Type 2 AGNs



The difference in the bias factor between Type 1 and 2 AGNs can not be explained in terms of luminositydependent bias;

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◆Our results confirm that z~3 is the epoch when the hot-halo mode is still a negligible fuelling channel.





 ✓ An early phase of fast BH growth could be induced by cosmic flows or disk instabilities (Dekel 2006, 2009, Di Matteo et al. 2008, Dubois et al. 2012, Bournaud et al. 2012)

► High-z disks are different from nearby spirals, with a much higher gas fraction;

 Cold flows and disk instabilities in high-z galaxies operate on short timescales and are more efficient, producing a mass inflow similar to a major merger but spread over a longer period (high duty cycle);



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 At z<2, the bias of Type 1 AGN starts to follow the constant halo mass track;

#### Conclusions

Solution At z ~ 3, Type 1 and 2 COSMOS AGNs reside in DMHs with typical mass of  $10^{12.84}$  and  $10^{11.73}$  M  $_{\odot}$  /h. This result requires a drop in the halo masses at z ~ 3 compared to z<2 results;

Solution rightarrow At z ~ 3, Type 1 AGNs reside in more massive halos than Type 2 AGNs at 2.6 $\sigma$  level. In terms of unified model, this result rules out the simple picture that obscuration is purely an orientation effect;

 $\bigcirc$  A plausible explanation of the drop in the halo mass is that, unlike at z<2, COSMOS AGN at z ~ 3 are triggered by galaxy major mergers.

Solution Alternatively, Type 1 COSMOS AGNs at z~3 are possibly representative of moderate luminosity AGN associated to an early phase of fast growing BHs induced by cosmic cold flows or disk instabilities.
Following our results, these fast growing BHs at z~3 reside in DMHs with typical mass of ~ 10<sup>12.8</sup> M<sub>☉</sub>/h