



Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)

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AGNs are powered by the release of gravitational energy related with the accretion of material onto a supermassive black hole (SMBH), with masses larger than 10⁶ M $_{\odot}$



Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN) - *ID*

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Ramos Almeida & Ricci (2017)

• Black Hole Mass $10^6 \lesssim M_{\rm BH} \lesssim 10^9 \, (M_{\odot})$

• Luminosity $10^{12} \lesssim L_{AGN} \lesssim 10^{15} (L_{\odot})$

• Spin $-1 \lesssim a_* \lesssim 1$

• Accretion rate $0.01 \lesssim \dot{M} \lesssim 10 \left(M_{\odot} / \mathrm{yr} \right)$

• Eddington ratio
$$0.01 \lesssim \frac{L}{L_{\rm Edd}} \lesssim 1$$

$$rac{\hat{L}}{L_{
m Edd}} \propto rac{L_{
m AGN}}{M_{
m BH}}$$

How can we reveal the inner structure?

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know?

AGN variability seems to be well described as a **stochastic process**: behavior that is not predictable forever as in the periodic case, but unlike temporally localized events (transient), variability is always there





for more details see Kozlowski et al. 2016

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fractals in time



I/f~fractals in time

Table 4.1 Nomenclature of noise spectra.

Power spectrum		Power index	Spectrum nomenclature		
	$P(v) \propto v^0$	p = 0	white noise		
	$P(\mathbf{v}) \propto \mathbf{v}^{-1}$	p = 1	pink noise, flicker noise, $1/f$ noise		
	$P(\mathbf{v}) \propto \mathbf{v}^{-2}$	p=2	red noise, Brown(ian) noise		
	$P(\mathbf{v}) \propto \mathbf{v}^{-3}$	p = 3	black noise		

Astronomical red noise



between continuum and line flux

time-delay = size of the broad line region (BLR)



Tornados of whirling space







Perfect storm: Fujiwhara effect



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ASTRONOMY MOVIE OF XXI CENTURY: ngEHT mid-2020 production



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ngEHT potential sites, Raymond+21

"WHERE ARE THEY ?" NAVIGATING PARAMETER HYPERSPACE OF BINARY SMBH



Ordered Information: Non-Face-on Binaries





Red Noise: Mimicking ordered information



Under the hood period detection unit: 2D Hybrid method

Under the hood periodicity detection-Sci case (data) supplied by CPG Inkind Team

- preprocessing with DGP, • ANN+DGP
- period detection with • WWZmatrix coefficients (inhomogenous cadence) + error and significance estimate
- period detection with SUPERLET • matrix coefficients (homogenous cadenced LC) + error and significance estimate

1.0

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2 0.0 0.00

Correlation peak





Object name	Туре	Z	Period	CLC	Sampling (days)	EV	Reference ^a
3C 390.3	BLRG	0.056	1994-2014	Continuum 5100 Å	11.6	0.1623	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
				Hα	34.5	0.1055	
				Hβ	20.5	0.1099	
			1978-1996	Continuum 1370 Å	64.4	0.1737	6,7
				Lya	64.4	0.2539	
				CIV	64.4	0.2167	
Arp 102b	LINER	0.024	1987-2010	Continuum 6200 Å	78.1	0.0080	8,9
				Hα	77.0	0.0245	
				Continuum 5100 Å	73.0	0.0073	8
				Hβ	60.0	0.0090	8
NGC 4151	Seyfert 1	0.003	1993-2006	Continuum 5100 Å	16.1	0.2847	10,11, 12
			1986-2006	Hα	39.6	0.0740	
			1993-2006	Hβ	19.2	0.1367	
NGC 5548	Seyfert 1	0.017	1972-2015	Continuum 5100 Å	6.9	0.0648	13
				Hβ	11.2	0.0917	
E1821+643	Quasar	0.297	1990-2014	Continuum 5100 Å	68.4	0.0357	14
				Hβ	68.4	0.0049	
				Continuum 4200 Å	114.9	0.0359	
				$H\gamma$	114.9	0.0356	

^a (1) Dietrich et al. (1998), (2) Shapovalova et al. (2010a), (3) Dietrich et al. (2012), (4) Sergeev et al. (2011), (5) Afanasiev et al. (2015), (6) Wamsteker et al. (1997), (7) O' Brien et al. (1998), (8) Shapovalova et al. (2013), (9) Sergeev et al. (2000), (10) Kaspi et al. (1996), (11) Shapovalova et al. (2010b), (12) Bon et al. (2016), (14) Shapovalova et al. (2016).

NGC 4151

53000 5 JD -2400000

54000

55000

52000

observed:

1994-2014

Continuum 5100 Å

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56000

Hα



50000

51000

CHECKING RESULTS ON 3 LEVELS

 1L>non linear least square fitting of multisinusoidal models to the observed light curves

 $y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_{i} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{p_{i}} + \phi_{i}\right) + B.$ • **2L**>comparison of *i*dynamics of observed light curves and timeseries models MODEL1 (linearly coupled oscillators of 2 units) MODEL 2 (linearly coupled oscillators of 3 units)

(10)

$U_a(t) = A(t)\sin(2\pi f_a t + \phi) + cp_{b\to a}$	(3)
$\times B(t)\sin(2\pi f_b t + 2\pi f_b \tau) + W(t)$	(4)
$U_b(t) = B(t)\sin(2\pi f_b t) + cp_{a\to b}$	(5)
$\times A(t)\sin(2\pi f_a t + 2\pi f_a \tau + \phi) + W(t).$	(6)
MODEL3 (nonlinearly coupled osc	cillators of 3 units)
$U_a(t) = A(t)\sin(2\pi f_a t + \phi) + cp_{b \to a}$	(16)
$\times B(t)\sin(2\pi f_b t + 2\pi f_b \tau) + W(t)$	(17)
$U_b(t) = B(t)\sin(2\pi f_b t) + cp_{a\to b}$	(18)

 $\times II(t)^2 + W(t)$

$U_a(t) = A(t)\sin(2\pi f_a t + \phi) + cp_{b \to a} \tag{7}$	7	1	1
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$$\times B(t)\sin(2\pi f_b t + 2\pi f_b \tau) + cp_{c \to a}$$
(8)

$$\times C(t)\sin(2\pi f_c t + 2\pi f_c \tau_1) + W(t)$$
(9)

$$U_{c}(t) = B(t)\sin(2\pi f_{b}t) + C(t)\sin(2\pi f_{c}t) + cp_{a\to b}$$
(10)

$$c A(t)\sin(2\pi f_a t + 2\pi f_a \tau + \phi) + c p_{a \to c}$$
(11)

$$\times A(t)\sin(2\pi f_a t + 2\pi f_a \tau_1 + \phi_1) + W(t).$$
(12)

3L of checking: HILBERT TRANSFORM



Figure 3.1. Instantaneous Amplitude, Phase Angle and Frequency in Complex Plane

ARP 102B





Simulation of two bidirectional coupled oscillators for the case of Arp 102B. Left: random realization of equation from two time series (black is $U_a = OP1$ and red is $U_b = OP2$) of amplitudes A = 5.29, B = 1.99, phase $\phi = 0.4174$ rad, coupling strengths $c_{Pa} \ _{a} = 0.4$, $c_{Pb} \ _{a} = 0.2$, time delay is 100 and periods are 500 and 300 arbitrarily chosen time units. Right: corresponding 2D correlation map.



Both curves are similar and non-closed, indicating either weak coupling or the absence of periodicity. They appear to intersect themselves due to projection on to 2D phase space.

 $\begin{array}{l} U_a(t) = A(t) \cdot \sin(2\pi f_a t + \phi) + cp_{b \rightarrow a} \cdot \\ B(t) \cdot \sin(2\pi f_b t + 2\pi f_b \tau) + W(t) \\ U_b(t) = B(t) \cdot \sin(2\pi f_b t) + cp_{a \rightarrow b} \cdot \\ A(t) \cdot \sin(2\pi f_a t + 2\pi f_a \tau + \phi) + W(t) \end{array}$



3C 390.3

2050 Periods Fent

3C 390.3

Periods Fent



34

- 34

BINARY SMBH

CANDIDATES





Figure 16. Simulation of two bidirectional coupled oscillators for the case of NGC 4151. Left: Random realization of Eq. (8) form two time series (black is $U_a = OP1$, and red is $U_b = OP2$) of amplitudes A = 6.09, B = 1.04, phase $\phi = 2.2$ rad, coupling strengths $cp_{a-b} = 0.7$, $cp_{b-a} = 0.6$, periods are 500, 300 and time delay is 100 arbitrarily chosen time units. Note the similarity of sharpness of this signal 'bursts' with features in the observed light curves. Right: corresponding 2D correlation map.



Figure 17. As in Fig. 13 but for the H α line of NGC 4151 and simulated OP1 curve described by Eq. (8) with parameter values as in (see Fig. 16). Note that phase curve of H α line is shifted by + 50 units on x axis for a better view. $U_a(t) = A(t) \cdot \sin(2\pi f_a t + \phi) + cp_{b \rightarrow a} \cdot B(t) \cdot \sin(2\pi f_b t + 2\pi f_b \tau) + W(t)$ $U_b(t) = B(t) \cdot \sin(2\pi f_b t) + cp_{a \rightarrow b} \cdot U_a(t)^2 + W(t)$ (8)

where the non-linear coupling is introduced by squared term $U_a(t)^2$. Simulated curves consists of sum and multiple of base sinus signals of periods of 500 and 300 arbitrary chosen time units. As a consequence, periods of 2 * 500, 2 * 300, 500, 300 are accompanied with an interference patterns 500 + 300, 500 - 300 (right plot in Fig. 16). Comparing this scenario with autocorrelation of periods in H α (see Fig. 7), the largest period of 13.76 yr can be interpreted as interference pattern (i.e. sum) of two smaller periods of 5.44 and 8.33 yr.





NGC 5548

Simulation of two bidirectional coupled oscillators for the case of NGC 5548. Left: random realization of equation (19) from two time series (black is $U_a = OP1$ and red is $U_b = OP2$) of amplitudes A = 5.92, B = 1.27, phases $\phi = 2.65$ rad, coupling strengths $c_{Pa \to b} = 0.7$, $c_{Pb \to a} = 0.2$, periods 500 and 300 and time delay is 100 arbitrarily chosen time units



Note the chaotic-like appearance of both curves.

$U_a(t) = A(t)\sin(2\pi f_a t + \phi) + cp_{b\to a}$	(16)
$\times B(t)\sin(2\pi f_b t + 2\pi f_b \tau) + W(t)$	(17)
$U_b(t) = B(t)\sin(2\pi f_b t) + cp_{a\to b}$	(18)
$\times U_a(t)^2 + W(t).$	(19)





NGC E1821+643

Its 2D correlation maps are similar to the case of NGC 4151. Particularly, if we look at phase portraits of the light curves normal ¹⁵ limit cycles are observed in the dynamics of E1821 + 643. They are similar to the phase portrait of regular sinusoids. We note the presence of two smaller elongated loops in all phase curves reflecting two smaller periods. Lyapunov Exponents & Recurrence Analysis: Quasar vs. Sinusoidal Signal

Fatovic et al +23







Complex Dynamics in Quasar Light Curves: A Recurrence Analysis Perspective

Pure Sinusoid



Quasar light curve



SUMMARY

- The integration of astronomical big data surveys with upcoming nHz GW observations is essential for revealing binary SMBH.
- The application of advanced methods on new astronomical big data can facilitate the detection of binary SMBH systems
- Given the intricacy of both binary and single AGN light curves, there's an emerging need for innovative observables (NOb).
- Novel methods, such as our 2D Hybrid approach, can detect periodicity of binary SMBH within a 2D correlation signal space, representing a potential NOb.
- Our recent pilot experiments using recurrence analysis of newly detected binary SMBH have indicated the stability and periodic signal characteristics of the observed object.