

Just a few really basic notes on AGN:  
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## 1 Where's the energy coming??

Note, very bright radio sources have flux densities of  $\sim$ a Jansky. An iPhone 6 has an RF output of  $\approx$ 30 dBm (at 824.2 - 848.8MHz and 1850.2 - 1909.8MHz) where a dBm is a decibel-milliwatt and 30dBm is 1.0 Watt<sup>1</sup>. So placing an iPhone on the Moon would give it a radio flux of...??

The Schwarzschild radius is:

$$R_{\text{Sch}} = \frac{2GM}{c^2} \quad (1)$$

The Event Horizon is at 2 Schwarzschild radii!!!

How much of the energy is coming from various Schwarzschild radii?? 3-5 or 3-10  $R_{\text{Sch}}$  vs.  $5-\infty R_{\text{Sch}}$ ??

$L = 4\pi\sigma R^2 T^4$ , so...

$$T = (Lc^4)/\sigma\pi G^2 \quad (2)$$

Working this all through...

$$L = 1.38 \times 10^{31} \text{ Watts } (M/M_{\odot}) \quad (3)$$

which with  $M_{\odot} = 2 \times 10^{30}$  kg is just

$$L = 6.37M. \quad (4)$$

in S.I. units.

$$\Delta E_p = \frac{GMm}{R} \quad (5)$$

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<sup>1</sup><https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DBm>

with  $R = 2GM/c^2$  gives

$$\Delta E_p = \frac{mc^2}{2} \quad (6)$$

but “of course” this won’t go all into ‘shining’, turns into K.E., and you need some friction... etc. etc. etc. :-). But then divide by two for rotation and divide by 3 for LSO (last stable orbit). ie.  $\sim 1/12$ .

$$E = \mu \Delta mc^2 \quad (7)$$

and thus

$$L = \mu \Delta \dot{m} c^2 \quad (8)$$

$\mu$  is 0.7% for nuclear fusion.

$\mu$  is 10-40% for grav. potential accretion.

And,  $L$  for BHs doesn’t depend on the mass of the BH (!!)

$L$  increases with  $\dot{m}$ , upto the Eddington Luminosity.

The luminosity itself cuts off itself the growth (in  $L$ ).

Use Wien’s Displacement Law such that:

$\lambda T = 2900$  ( $L$  in  $\mu\text{m}$  and  $T$  in K)

$\Rightarrow$  if  $T = 100,000\text{K}$  then  $\lambda = 0.03\mu\text{m}$ ,

i.e. and the EUV.

(Note, a photon with 12.6 eV of energy has a wavelength of 100nm.) So, you can expect the peak to be at  $\sim 300\text{\AA}$ .

However, we see the turnover at  $\sim 1000\text{\AA}$ , a little cooler than we’d expect...

Why??!!

## 2 Resources

Classic References:

Shakura & Sunyaev (1973) (and King (2009))

Pringle (1981)

(also e.g., Pringle & Rees (1972); Pringle et al. (1973); Pringle (1996))

Richards et al. (2006)

Kishimoto et al. (2008)

Lawrence (2012), and the paper trail therein...

Good links:

Schwarzschild radius: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schwarzschild\\_radius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schwarzschild_radius)

[www-astro.physics.ox.ac.uk/~garret/teaching/lecture7-2012.pdf](http://www-astro.physics.ox.ac.uk/~garret/teaching/lecture7-2012.pdf)  
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