AGN Search From Multicolor Photometric Observations of Faint ROSAT X-ray Sources in a One Square Degree Field

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Abstract. We report that a volume-limited, X-ray selected AGN sample, including 49 QSO like and starburst galaxies (SBs) at the 0.1-2.4 keV flux level of $\gtrsim 5.3 \times 10^{-14}$ ergs cm⁻²s⁻¹ was formed with photometric redshifts.

1. Introduction

75 cataloged X-ray sources from a medium deep ROSAT survey (Molthagen et al. 1997) were found in a 1 sq.deg. field, centered at 09:56:24.46, +47:35:08.4 (J2000). The field has been heavily CCD imaged with 15 intermediate-band filters covering the wavelength range 3360-9745 Å. Full identification of the sample sources will not only extend the results of the ROSAT All-Sky Survey to a fainter limit, but also test recent results of Chandra Deep Surveys in a different larger sky field.

2. Results

In total we have made 67 optical identifications from 75 X-ray sources with several extragalactic populations. The result is summarized in Table 1., and the procedure of identification illustrated in Figure 1.

Table 1. Identification Summary		
Population	Numbers	Fraction $(\%)$
All	75	100.0
AGNs	25	33.3
\mathbf{SBs}	24	32.0
Galaxies	9	12.0
Stars	9	12.0
Unknown	8	10.7

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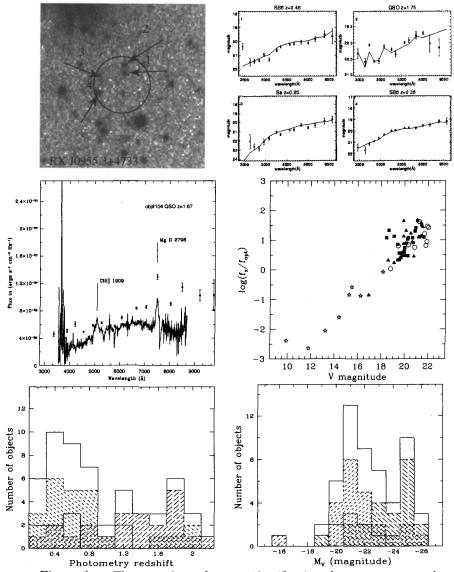


Figure 1. The procedure of source identification shown as an example in top left: 4 optical associations were found within the error circle of RX J0955.3+4733 and their SEDs were measured in 15 colors; top right: 4 sources were classified based on SED fitting with AGN, normal galaxy and star SED templates; middle left: Object 2 was identified with RX J0955.3+4733, and the follow-up spectrum confirms it is a new QSO at z = 1.67. Middle right: X-ray to optical flux ratio vs. visual magnitude of the sample. AGNs: solid squares; SBs: solid triangles; normal galaxies: circles; stars: stars. Bottom left & right: the redshift and visual luminosity distributions of identified extragalactic populations. Thick Solid: the total; long dashed: QSOs; short dashed: SBs; thin solid: normal galaxies.