X-ray observations of NGC 1365: Time-resolved eclipse of the X-ray source Guido Risaliti INAF - Arcetri Observatory, Italy & Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

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NGC 1365: The best laboratory to investigate the absorber in obscured AGN

Hard X-ray observations:

ASCA (1995)40 ksBeppoSAX (1997)30 ksChandra (Dec 2002)15 ksXMM 1 (Jan 2003)17 ksXMM 2 (Jan 2003)10 ksXMM 3 (Aug 2003)15 ksXMM 4 (Jan 2004)60 ksXMM 5 (Aug 2004)60 ks

Chandra (Apr 06) 6x15 ks

XMM 6 (May 07) 4.5 days



NGC 1365: Summary of past spectral variability



Eight Years with Chandra - Oct 23-25, 2007

New Chandra observations



Complete occultation in ~ 2 days



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 \rightarrow Dimensions of the X-ray source: D = V x T

If V ~ 10^4 km/s ----> D ~ 10^{14} cm

→Can't be much higher (to avoid overionization, from iron line width)

 \rightarrow If lower, even smaller X-ray source

Black hole mass in NGC 1365:

Log $M_{BH} / M_{sun} = 7.3$ (0.3,0.3) from M-sigma corr (Ferrarese et al. 2005) Log $M_{BH} / M_{sun} = 7.86$ (0.15,0.3) from M-L_K corr (Marconi & Hunt 2003)

---> X-ray source within ~ 10 R_G from the black hole ---> X-ray C-thick absorber at ~ a few 10¹⁵ cm from the BH

NGC 1365: long XMM-Newton observation



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NGC 1365: uniqueness



few bright sources with $10^{23} < N_{\rm H} < 10^{24} \ cm^{-2}$

Few other known cases of changing-look AGNs

A new Chandra campaign on UGC 4203

Systematic analysis of XMM-Newton catalog to search for NH variations within single observations