A Radio Absorption Study of AGN Tori

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Multiple ingredients in AGN tori



Density [cm-3]

H₂O maser

VLBA 5 GHz

Gallimore+97,04



Dust



Core of Galaxy NGC4261 MiC33-47 - 67 Sci C/12 - December 4, 1999 R. Foel and L. Fertaness (JHD), KASA

HST - WFPC2

Molecular gas



Neutral gas (H_l)



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Plasma free-free absorption



optical depth is proportional to the emission measure

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Plasma free-free absorption survey



- 19 GPS sources
 - (young radio galaxies)
- five-frequency
 - VSOP + VLBA obs.
- 6/19 show torus-like FFA

Plasma free-free absorption survey





Spatial coincidence of FFA and H₂O masers

Masers (XDR) locate where $\tau_{FFA,~22~GHz} \sim 0.2$ Amplification of background jet radiation



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Source	Host galaxy	FFA	Dust disk	Emission	Absorption
NGC 1052	E	Y	Y	CO	CO, HCN, HCO ⁺ , SO, CS, CN, H ₂ O, HCS ⁺
NGC 4261	E	Y	Y	CO	CO, HCN, HCO+, CS
NGC 6328	SAB	?	Y	CO, HCO+, CS	HCO+
IC 1459	E	?	Y	-	CO, HCO+ (?)
3C 75	E, binary	?	?	_	CO (?)

NGC 1052



Host galaxy

Distance

Velocity

E4 B_T=11.41 mag

20.3 Mpc, 1"=98 pc

Vsys(LSR, Radio) = 1471 km s⁻¹

Molecular gas distribution and velocity (CO)

CO (3-2) total intensity map





CND (CircumNuclear disk) rotation



radius ~ 100 pc
rotation speed ~ 150 km s⁻¹
enclosed mass = 5x10⁸ M⊙

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Long-baseline view



NGC1052_B7C0spw0.mom0-raster



High-resolution velocity field



CO line profile toward the nucleus



Absorption features



Spectra toward the nucleus



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CO, HCN, HCO+, CS, SO, and CN

Optical depths



- Mostly redshifted w.r.t. Vsys
- Wider than CND

 $V \text{sys}_{-100}^{+250} \text{ km s}^{-1}$

HCN deeper than CO

$$\mathrm{EW} = \int \tau(v) \ dv = 24.4 \ \mathrm{km s^{-1}}$$

Absorption features are likely to originate in a molecular torus

Presence of vibrationally excited lines



HCN J=4-3 and HCO⁺ J=4-3

- line ratio (v=0 to v2=1) : R=0.6
- if optically thin, $T_{ex} = 520 \text{ K}$
- IR (14 μ m) pumping from hot dust?



Sakamoto+2010, ApJL, 725, L228

Locating HCN absorption with KVN

Sawada-Satoh+2016: HCN absorption with KVN





- absorption feature toward receding jet
- clumpy, with a filling factor ~ 0.03



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Absorption features and H₂O maser







- Asymmetric profile
 - sharp red edge
- Less redshifted than H₂O maser
- Inside molecular torus?



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NGC 4261

(a) NGC 4261



Host galaxy E2-3 30.56 Mpc, 1"=181 pc Distance Velocity Vsys(LSR, Radio) = 2214 km s⁻¹ Radio continuum 0.21 Jy@345 GHz Free-free absorption (Haga+16)

NGC 4261 : CO emission in CND





- Keplerian rotating disk
- M_{enc} = 8x10⁸ M_{\odot} = 1.6 M_{BH}
- Coincidence with the dust disk



NGC 4261 : absorption lines

NGC 4261 Band 7



NGC 6328

http://hla.stsci.edu

Hubble Legacy Archive

Host galaxySABDistance61.25 Mpc, 1"=306 pcVelocityVsys(LSR, Radio) = 4324 km s^{-1}Radio continuum0.2 Jy@345 GHzGHz-Peaked Spectrum source (Tingay+97)H2 molecular absorption (Maccagni+16)



CO (J=3-2) emission



- Galactic arm structure
- Coincidence with the dust lane



NGC 6328 : molecular lines

NGC 6328 Band 7





IC 1459 : CO and HCO⁺ absorption (?)

IC 1459 Band 7

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-0.004

-0.002

0.002

0.004

Optical Depth 0.000

2200

3C 75

Double radio galaxy (projected separation= 7.2 kpc) Both have extended double-sided jets

VLA 5 GHz (Owen+85)

ALMA 340 GHz (this work)

3C 75 : high-velocity CO absorption?

LSR Velocity [km/s]

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3/5 confident + 2/5 marginal detections

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